

Review of (recent) ATLAS Results

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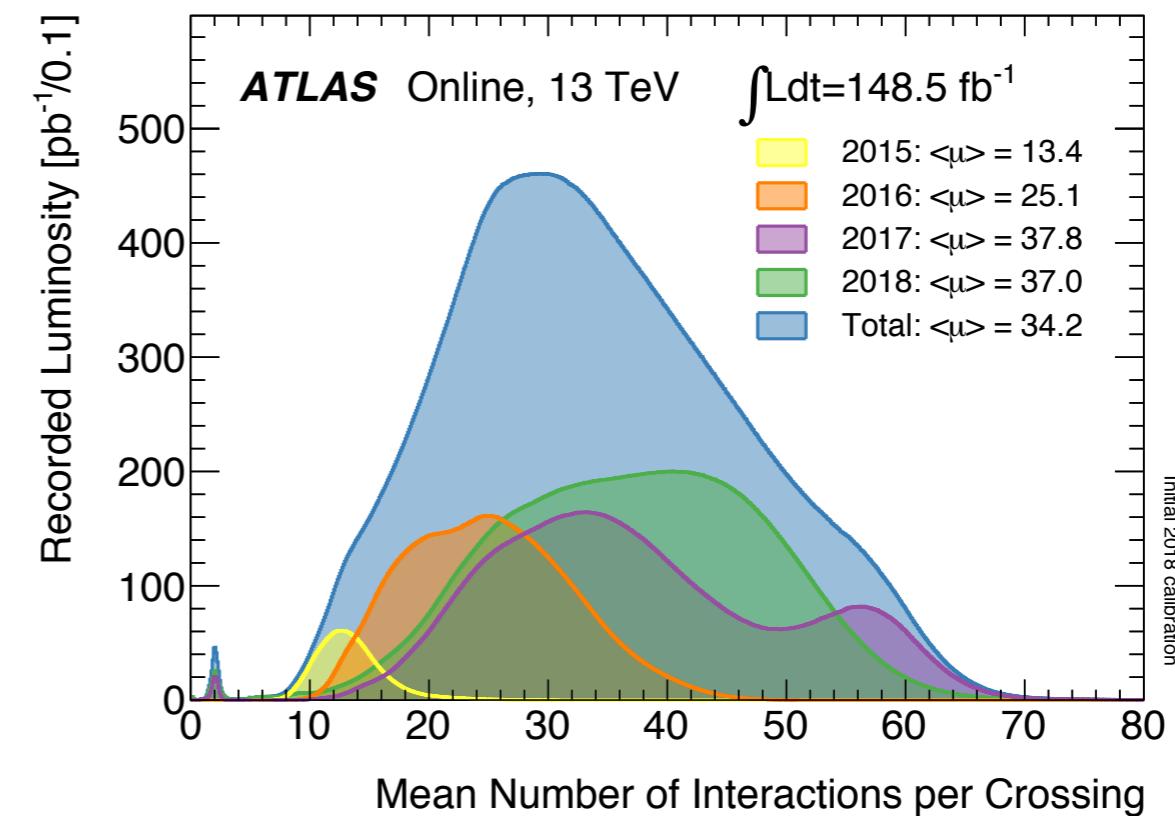
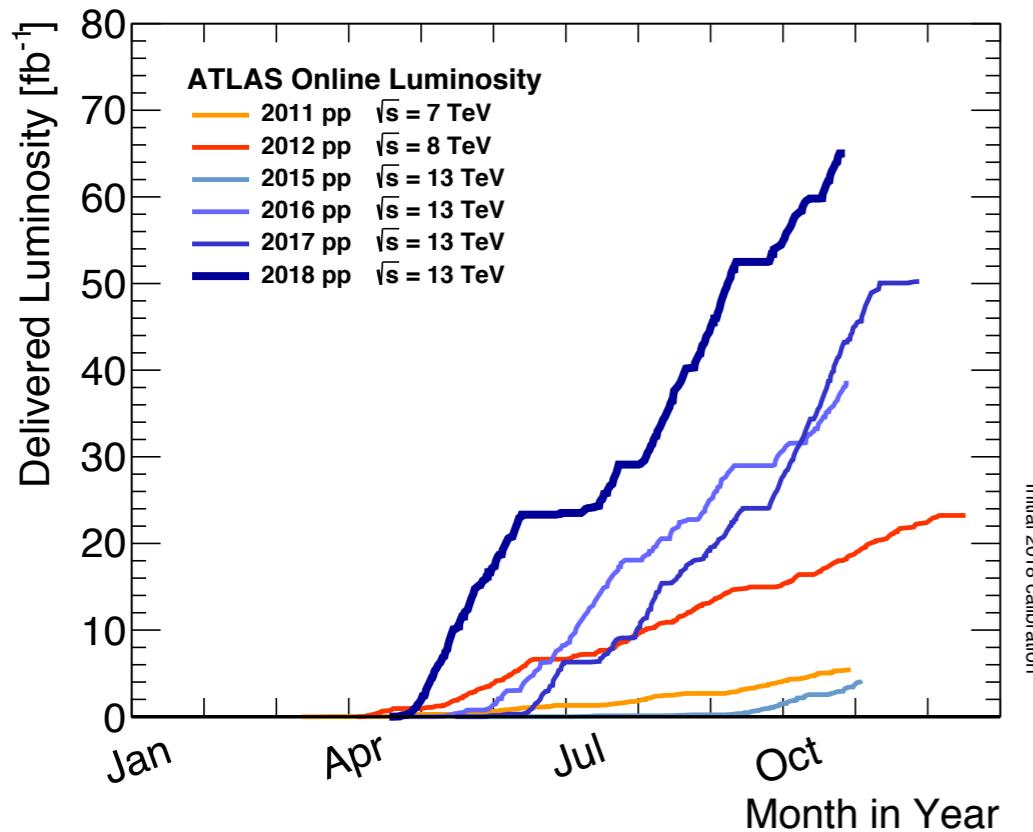
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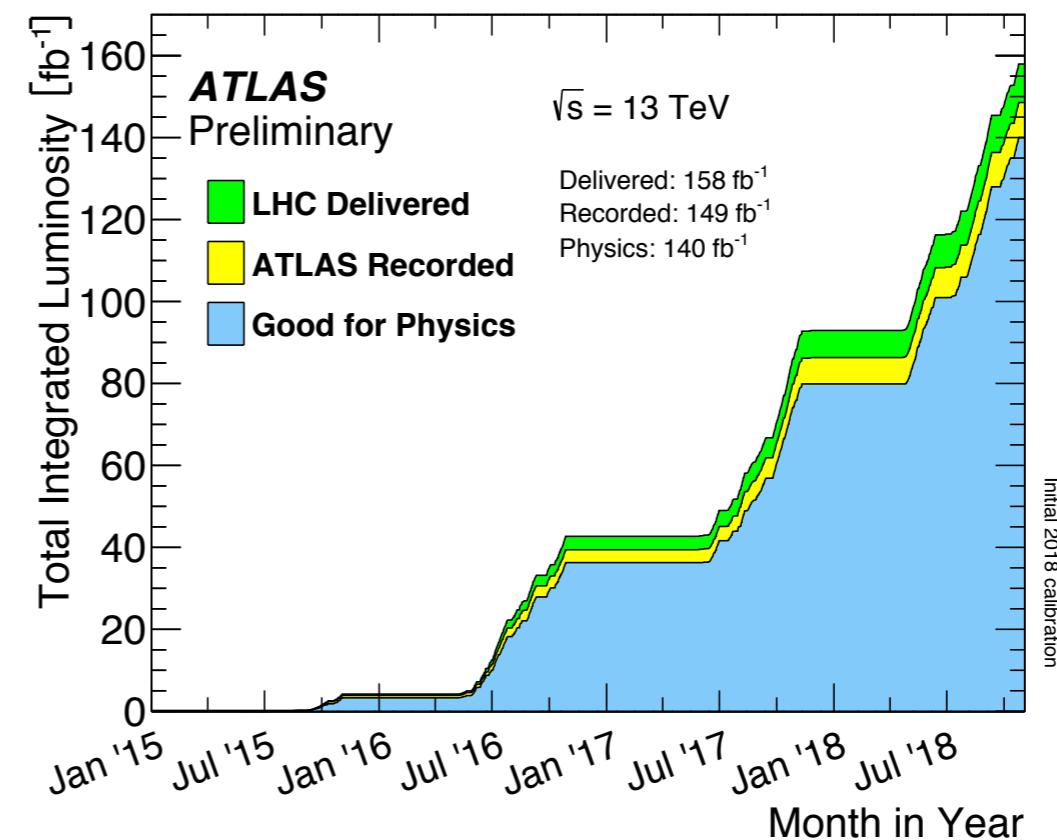
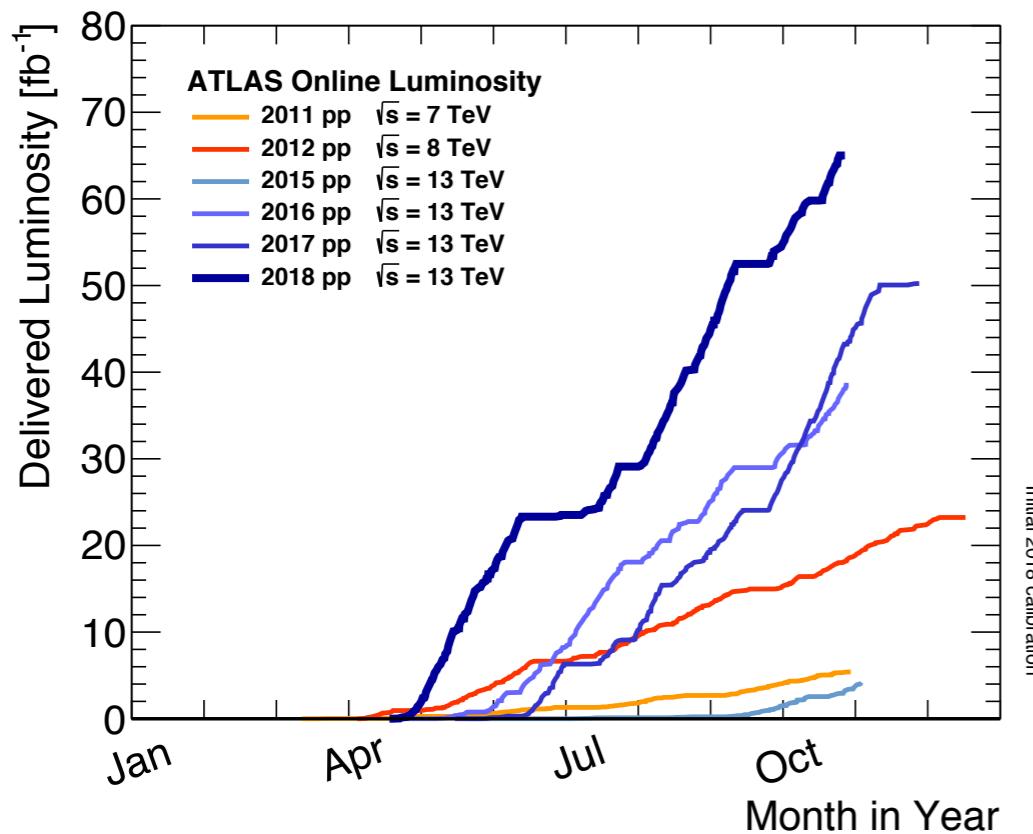
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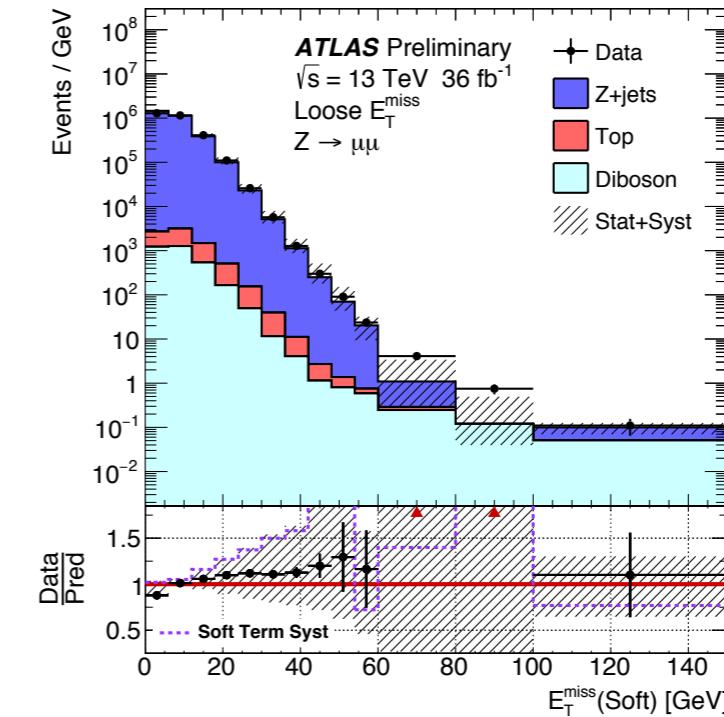
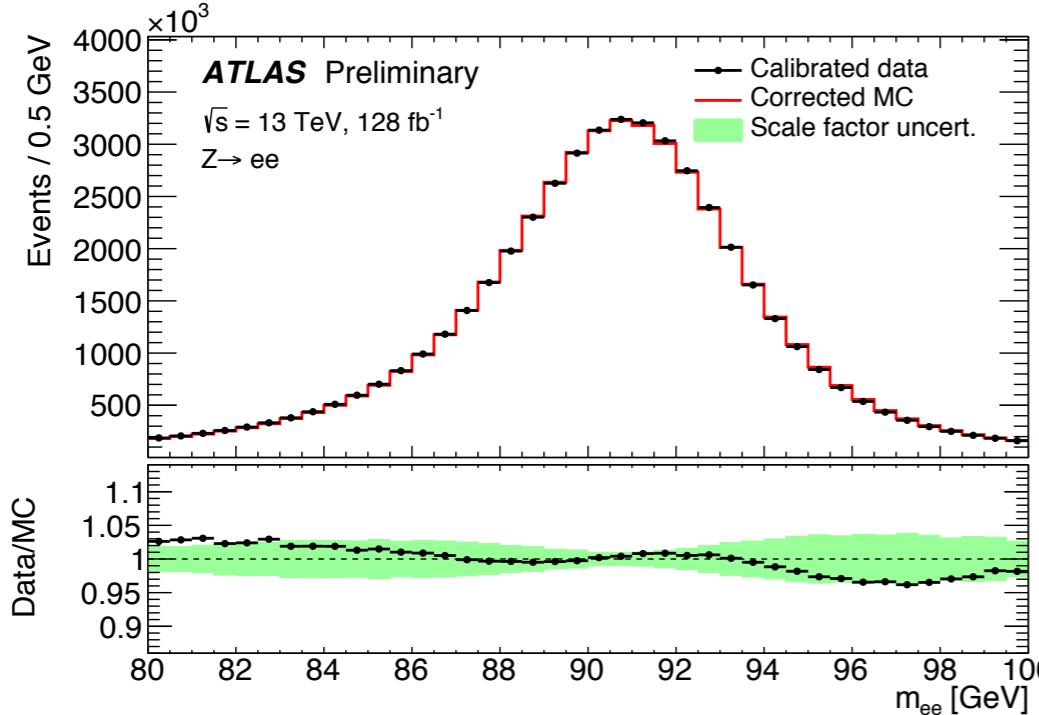
- usable for physics: $\sim 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

To come:

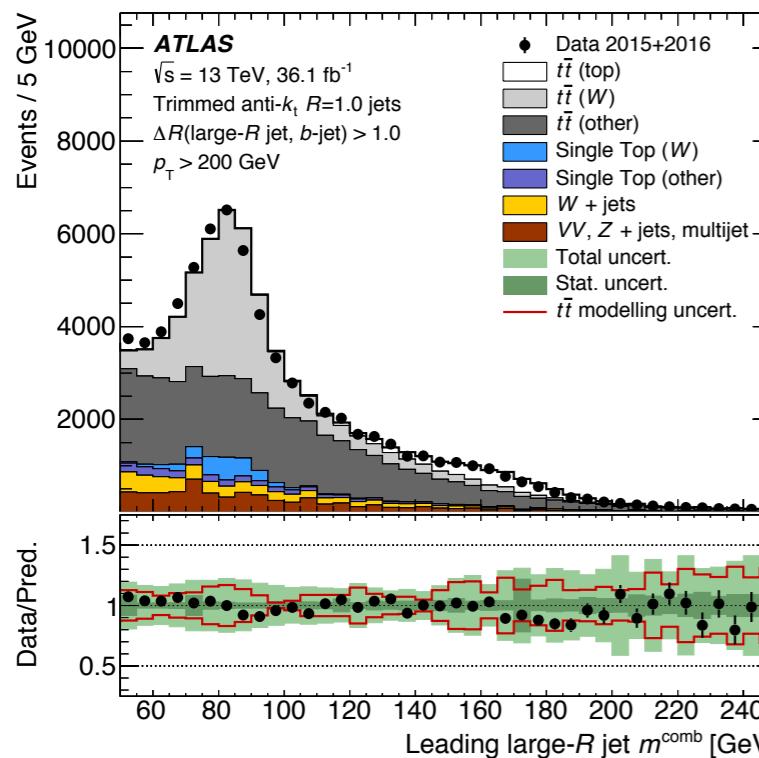
- Run 3: 2021—2023, 150 fb^{-1} at 14 TeV
- Run 4: 2027+, 3000 fb^{-1} at 14 TeV

Run 2: exquisite understanding

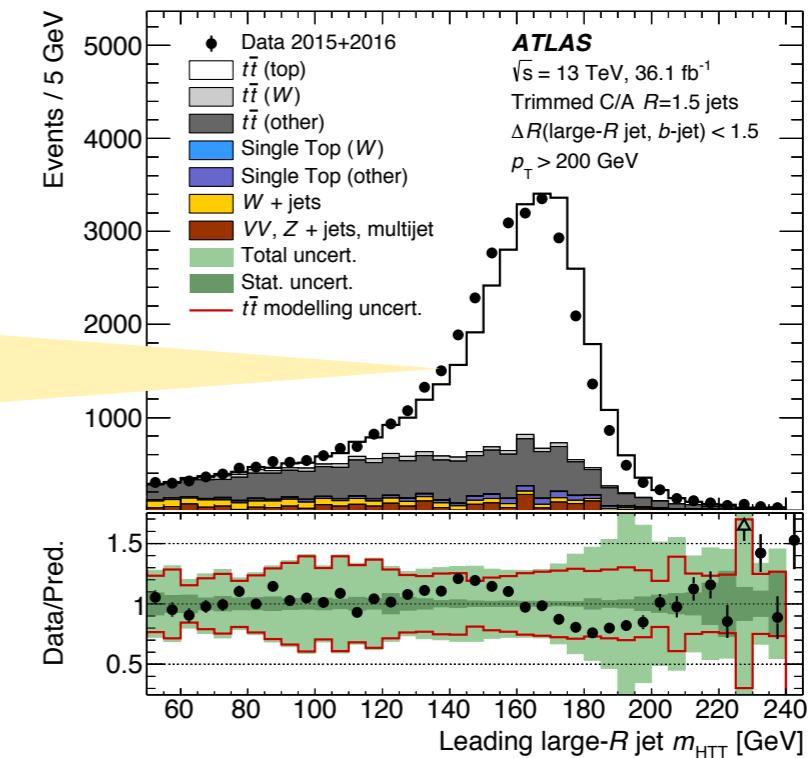
electron momentum scale & resolution; $p_T(\text{miss})$ resolution



tagging (boosted) hadronic W, top decays: moving to advanced techniques



limited by
parton shower &
hadronisation
systematics



ATLAS physics programme

Standard Model measurements:

- electroweak measurements
- top quark physics
- flavour-changing neutral current processes

Over 800 publications submitted by ATLAS in total (~100 in 2018)
Full details at
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic>

Searches for BSM physics:

- generic SUSY
- dark matter
- exotic signatures: long-lived heavy particles

Higgs boson physics:

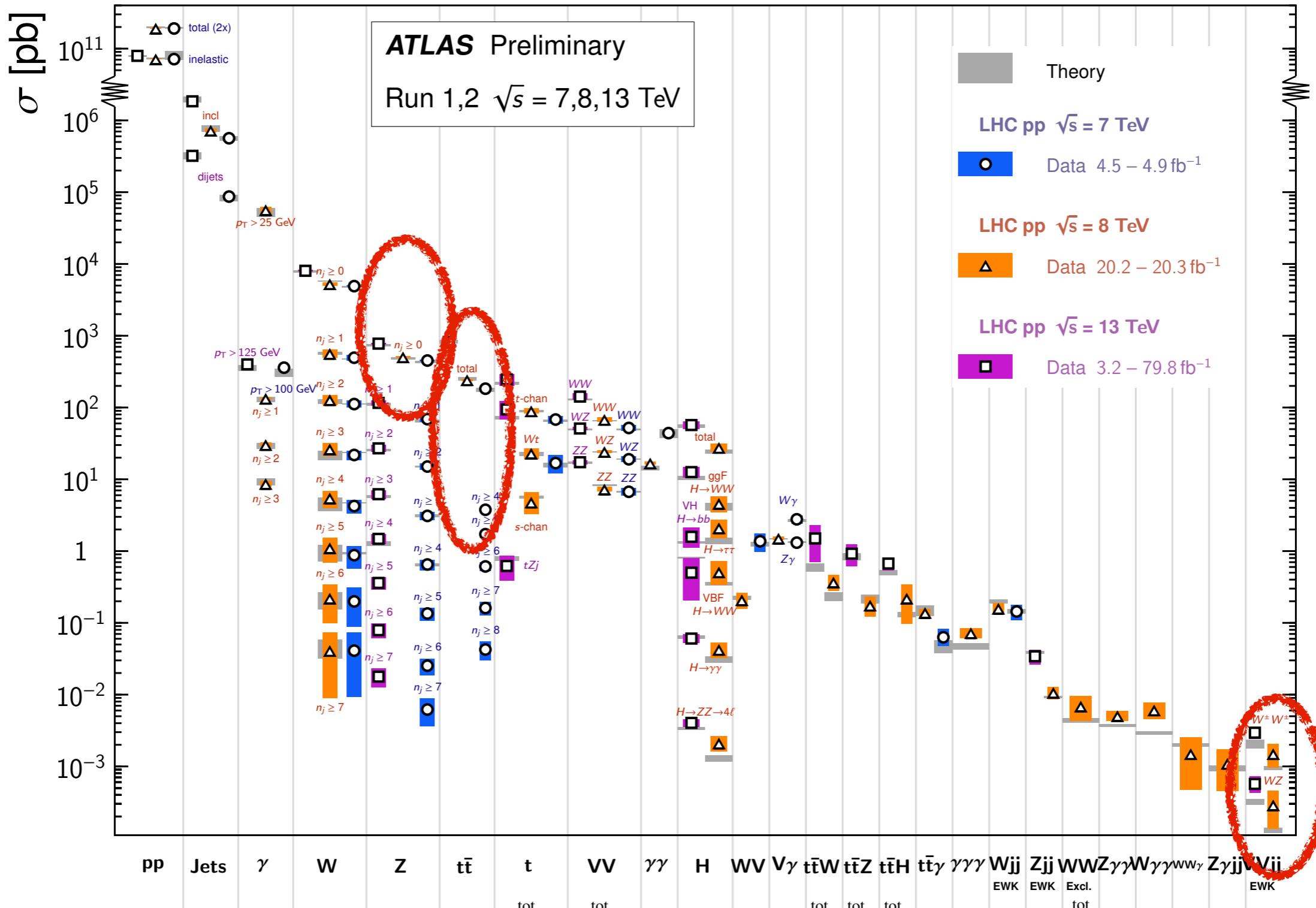
- $H(125)$ properties
- search for di-Higgs production

Heavy-ion physics

Standard Model measurements

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

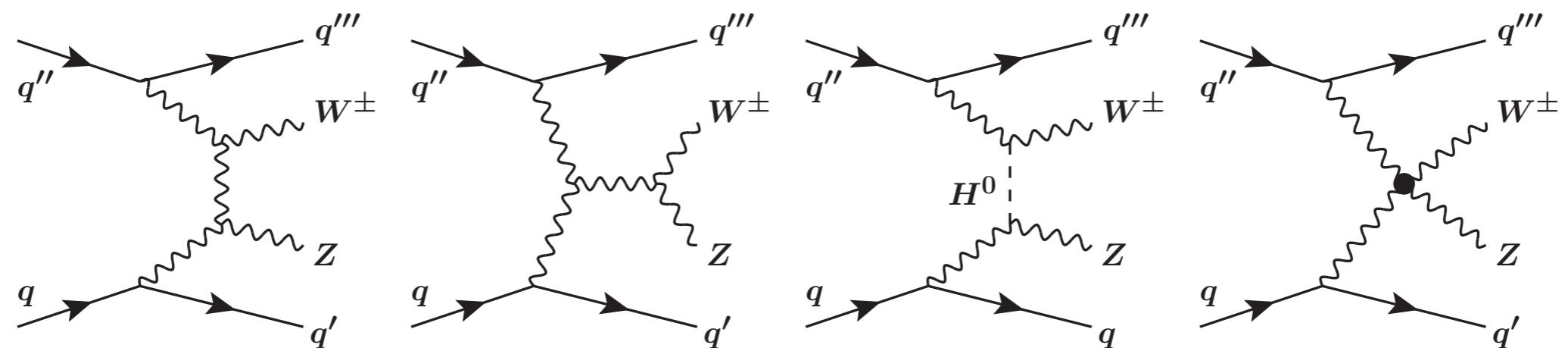
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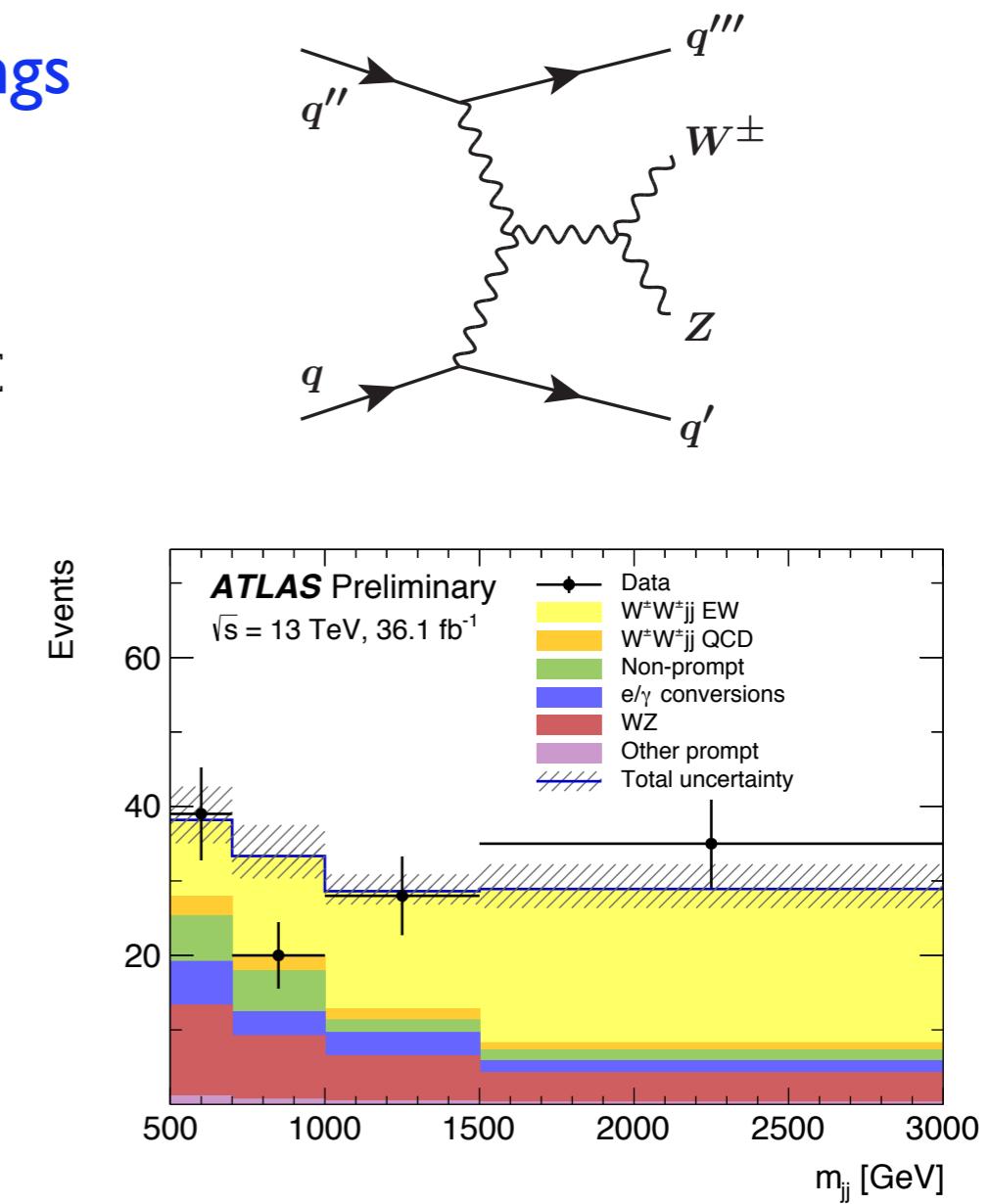
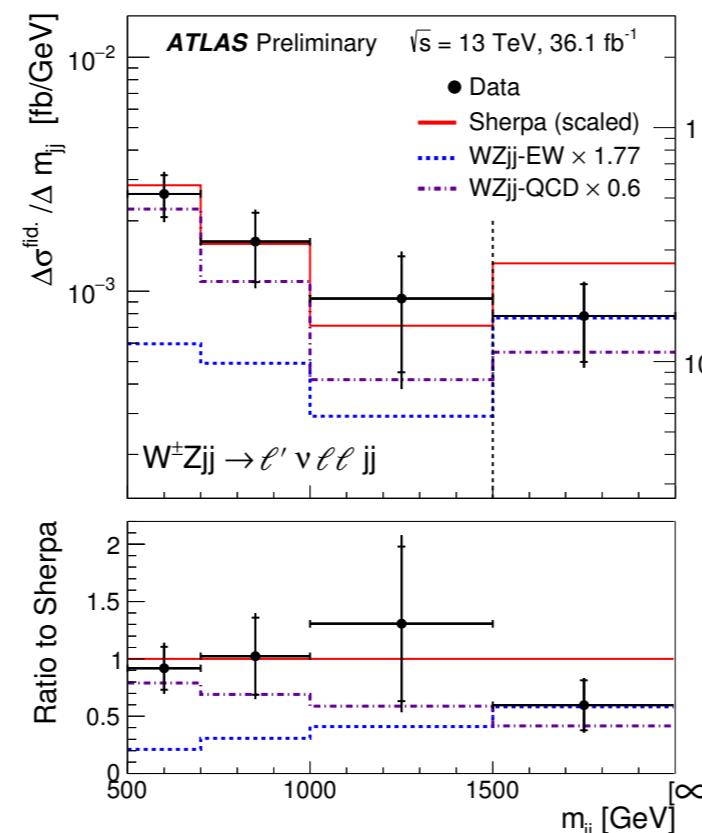
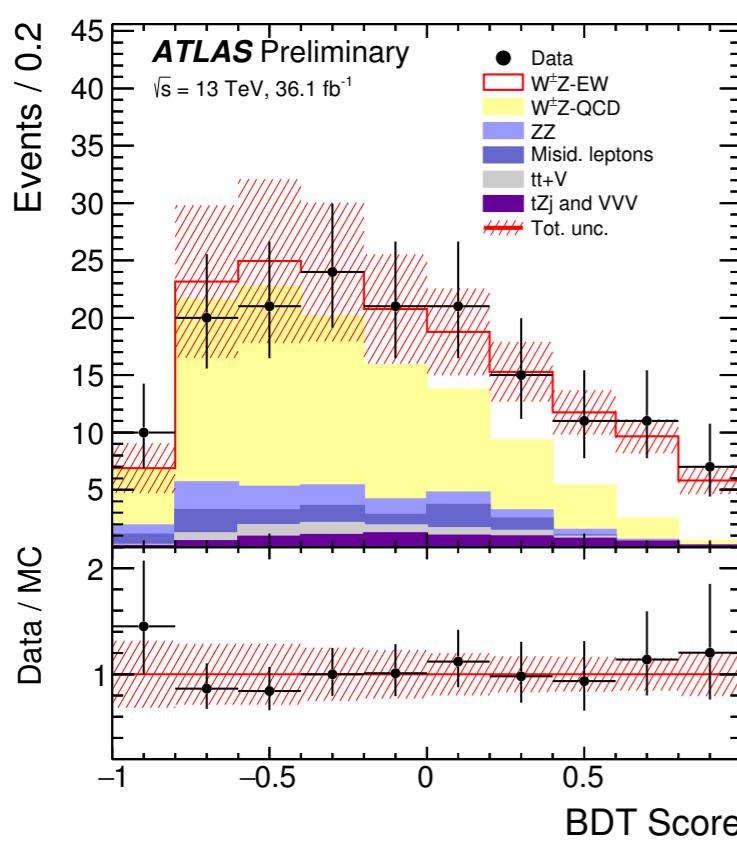
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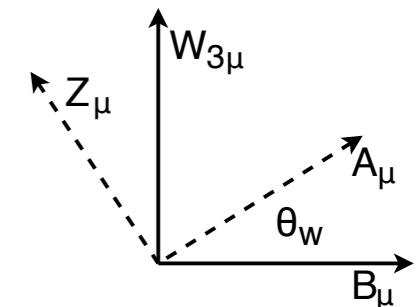
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Signal significances:

- WZ: 5.6σ observed (3.3σ expected)
- same-sign WW: 6.9σ observed (4.6σ expected)

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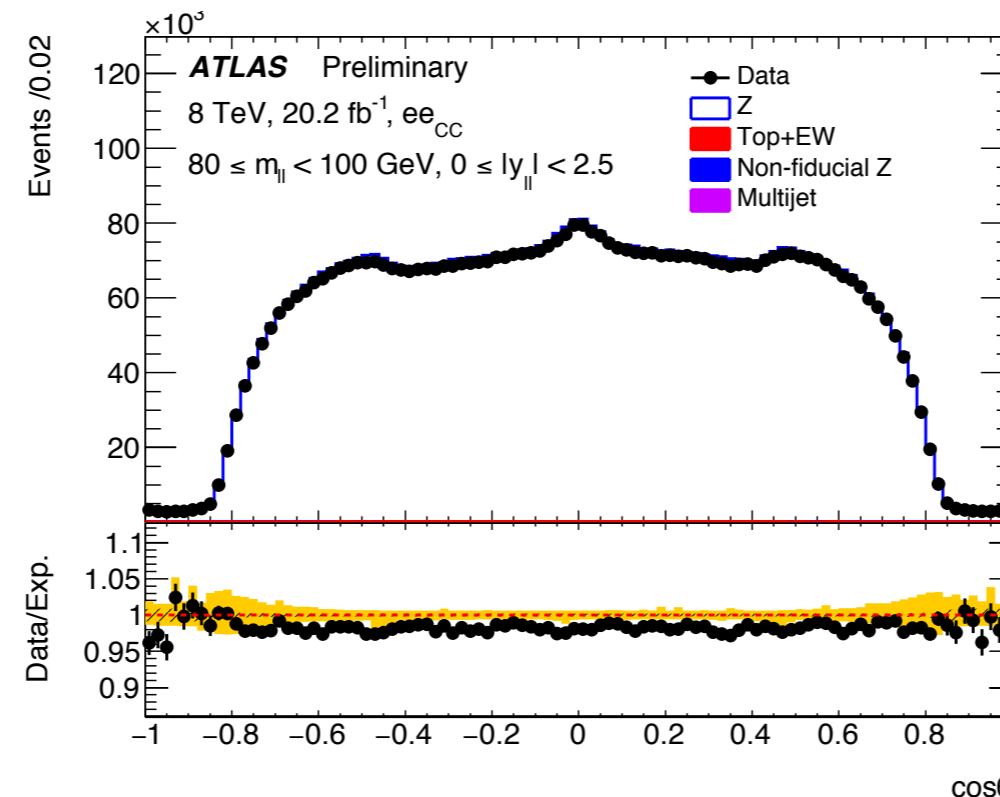
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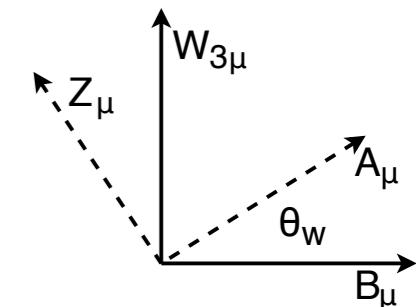
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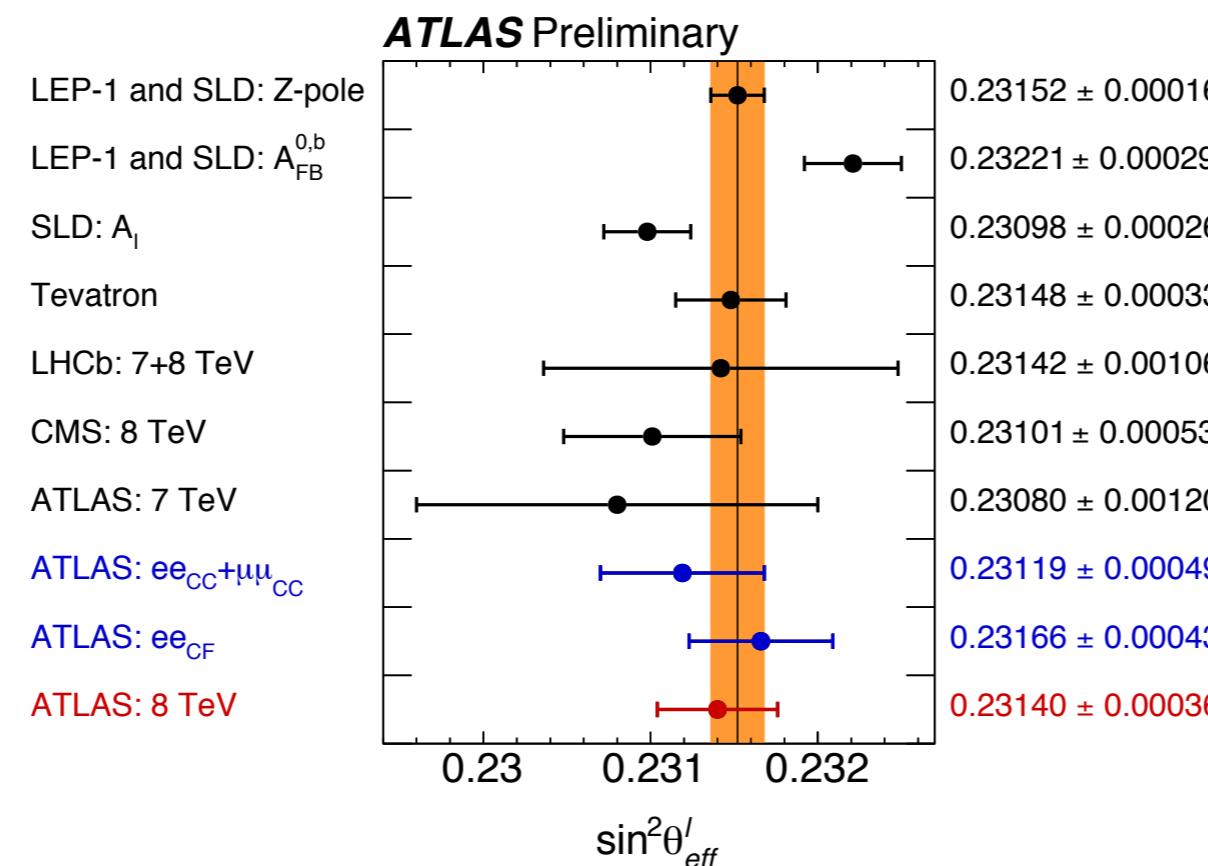
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$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \theta_{eff}^I &= 0.23140 \\ &\pm 0.00021 \text{ (stat.)} \\ &\pm 0.00024 \text{ (PDFs)} \\ &\pm 0.00016 \text{ (syst.)} \end{aligned}$$

Angular analysis of $B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

FCNC process, of great (renewed) interest following LHCb 3.4 σ tension with SM predictions

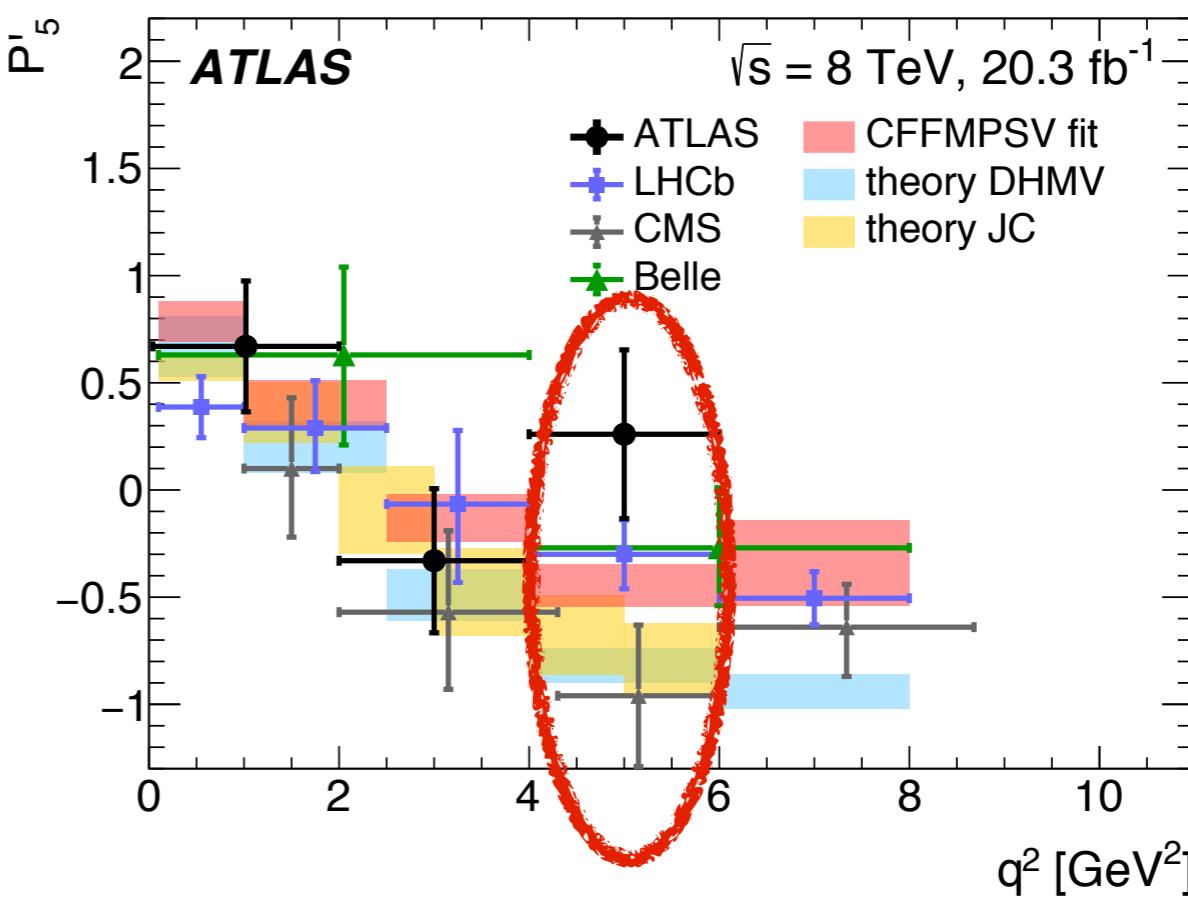
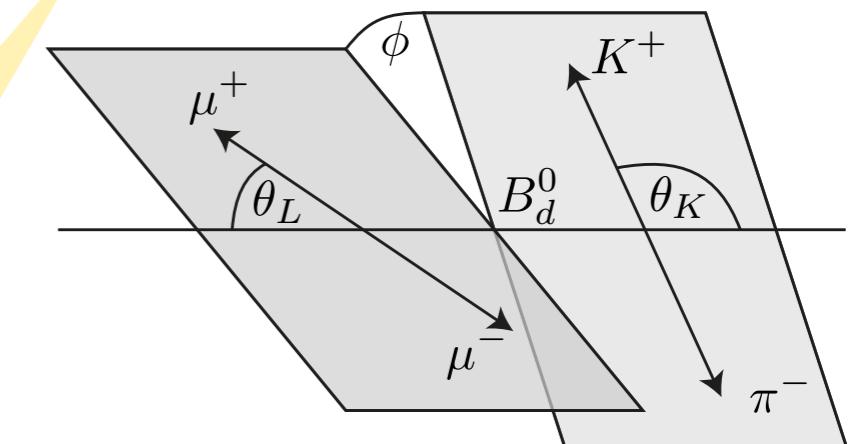
$$\frac{1}{d\Gamma/dq^2} \frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_L d \cos \theta_K d\phi dq^2} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left(\dots + \sqrt{F_L(1 - F_L)} P'_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_L \cos \phi + \dots \right)$$

fraction of longit. polarized K^*

1/7 Wilson coefficients

Measurement for $q^2 \equiv m_{\mu\mu}^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2$
(to avoid radiative J/ ψ tail) in 8 TeV data

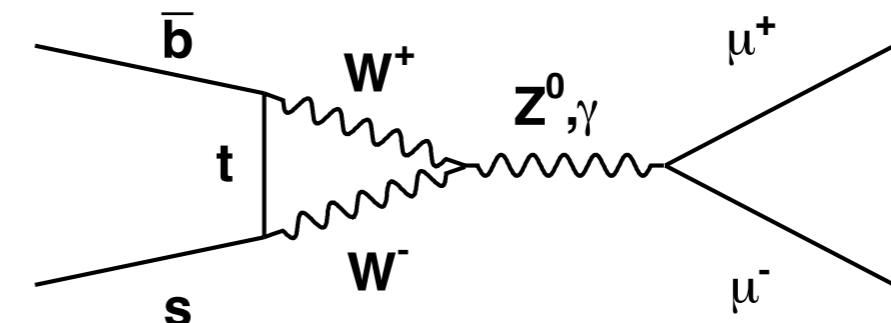
- most discrepant result for P_5' in 4 - 6 GeV^2 bin (2.7σ), but not precise enough to make a firm statement
- measurement statistically limited



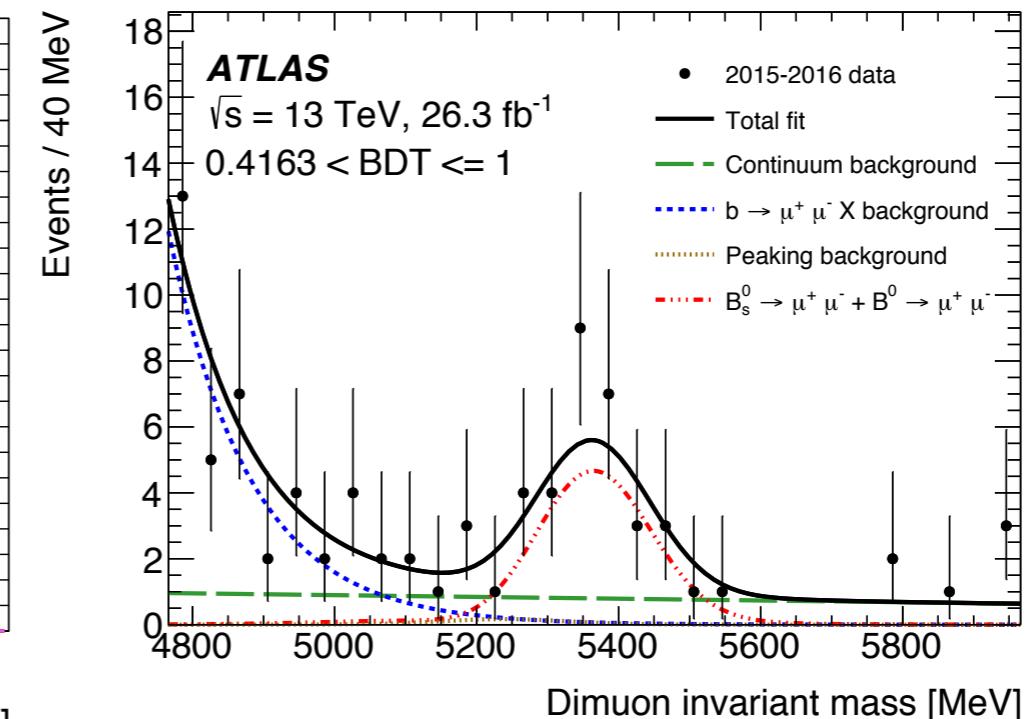
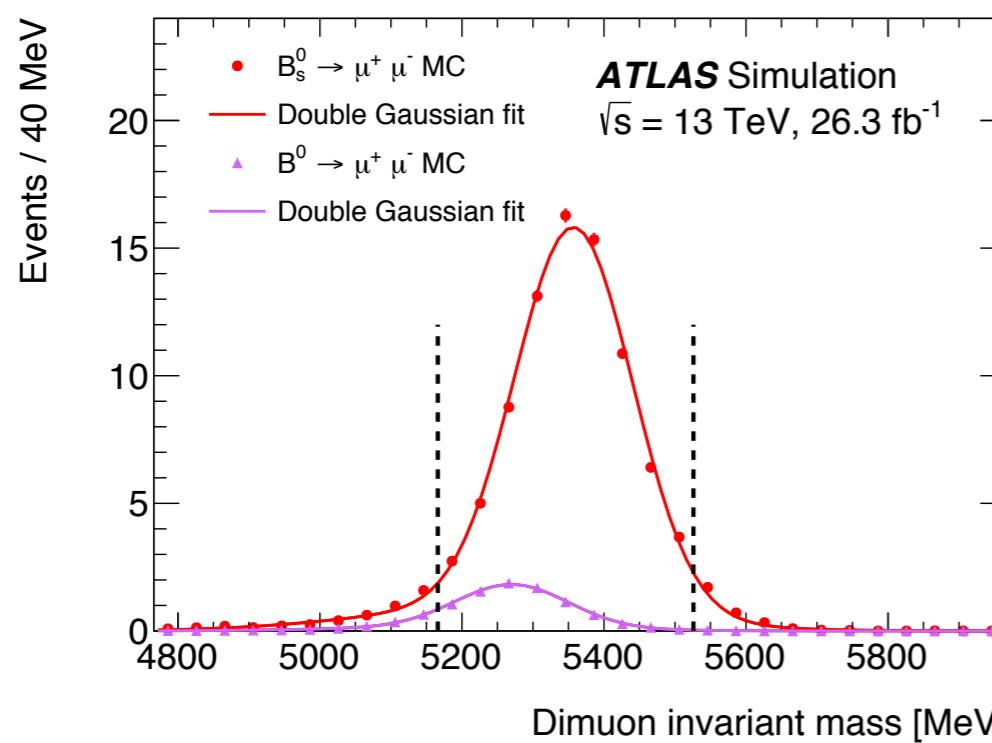
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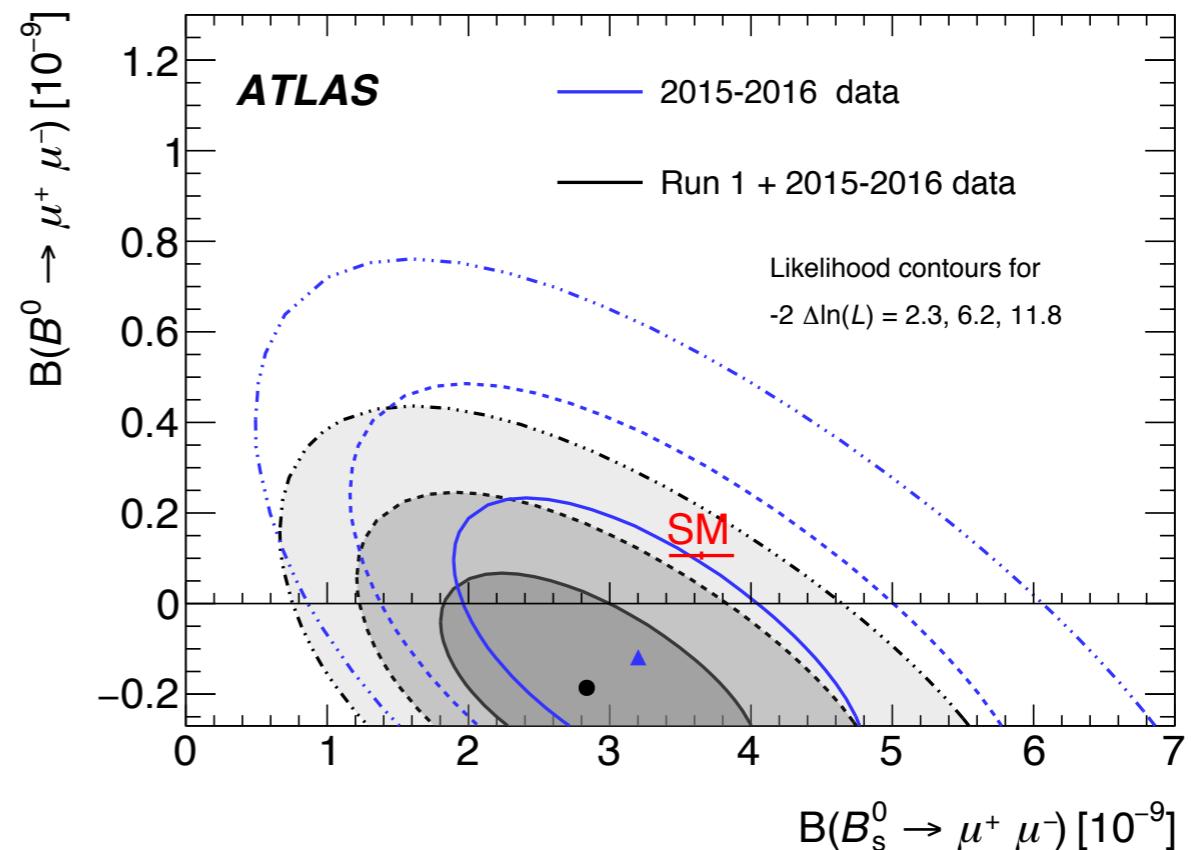
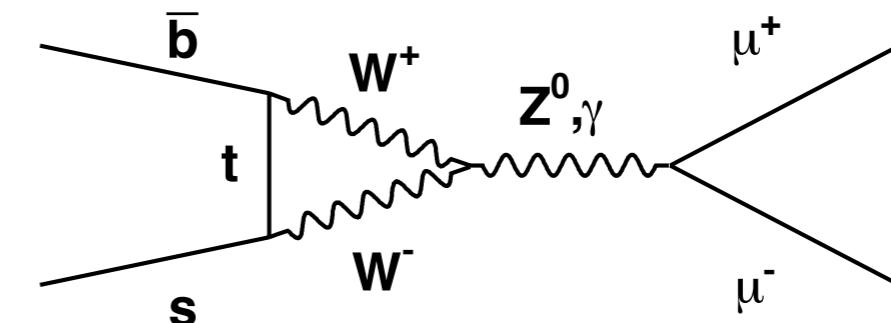
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- results (combined w/ Run I):

$$B(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 2.8^{+0.8}_{-0.7} \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$B(B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) < 2.1 \cdot 10^{-10}$$
- SM: $(3.65 \pm 0.23) \cdot 10^{-9}$, $(1.06 \pm 0.09) \cdot 10^{-10}$



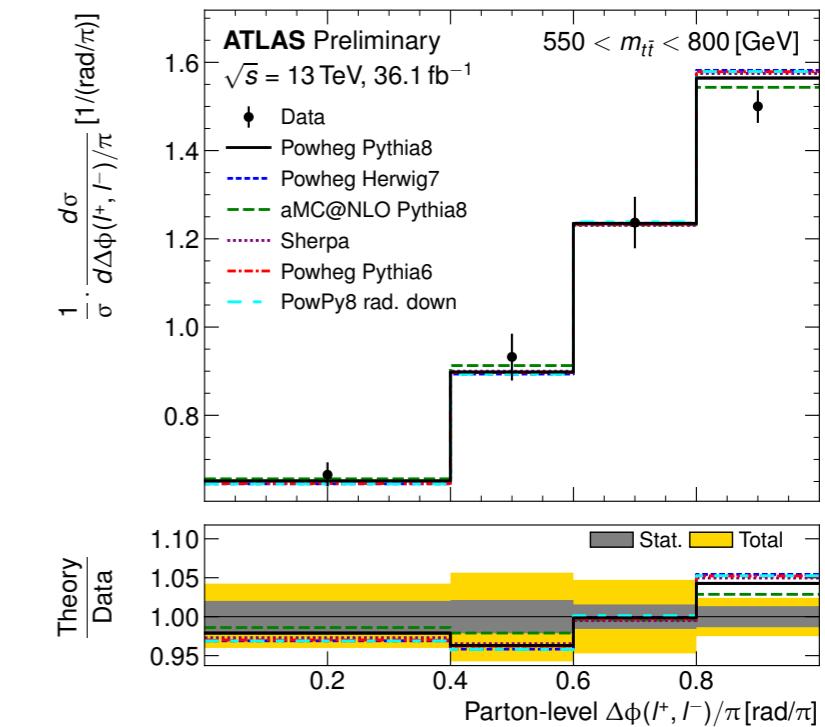
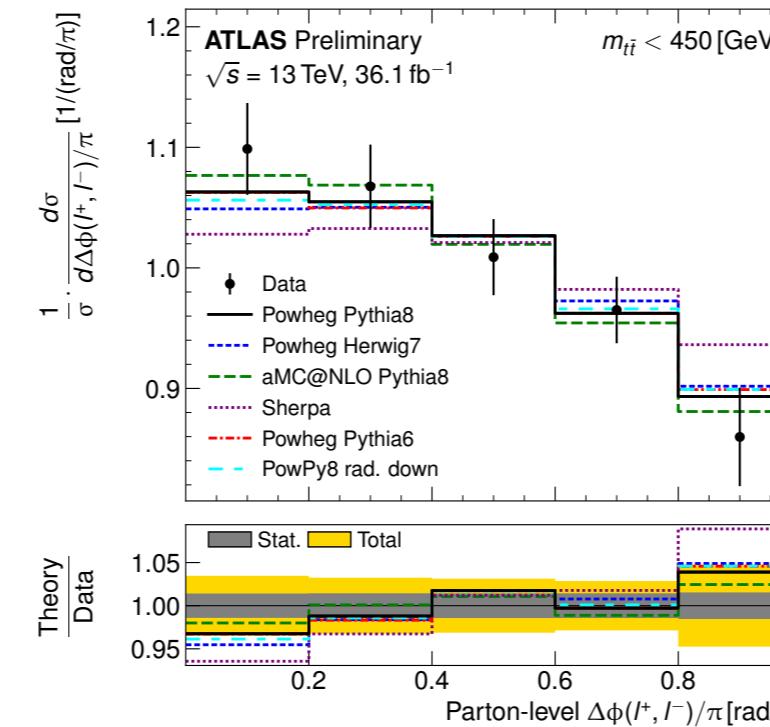
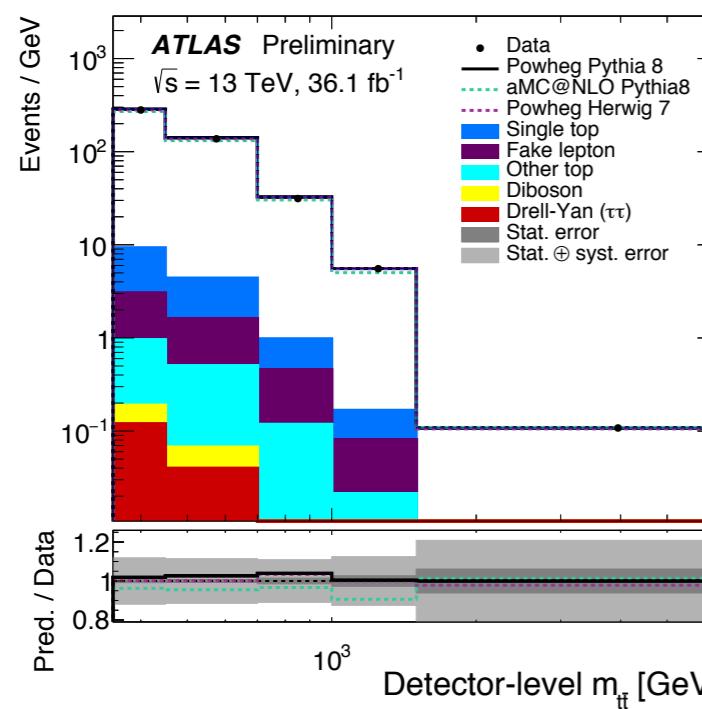
Spin correlations in $t\bar{t}$ decays

Top-quark spin transmitted to decay products, charged lepton is a sensitive probe \rightarrow also for spin correlations in dilepton $t\bar{t}$ events

- used earlier to search for stop pair production with $m(\tilde{t}) \approx m(t)$
- consider $\Delta\varphi(e,\mu)$ in lab frame
- integrated & in bins of $m(t\bar{t})$

Find stronger spin correlations than predicted by SM (3.2σ)

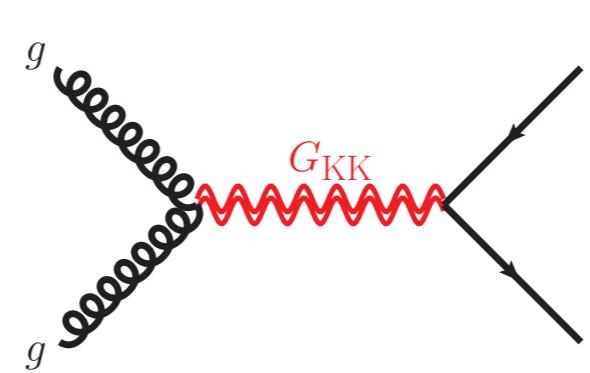
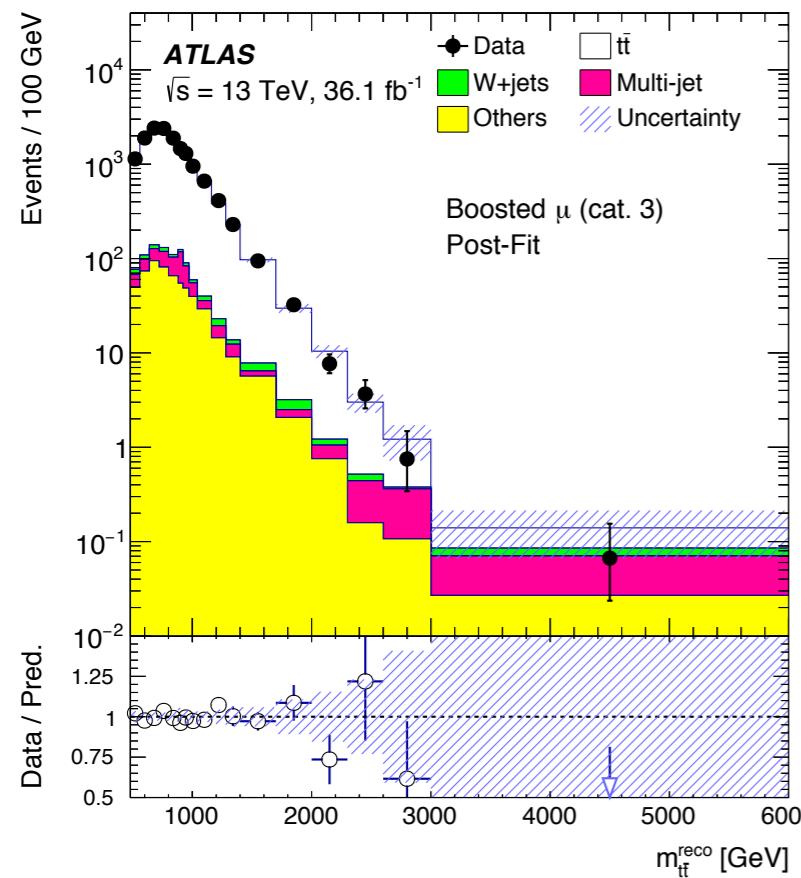
- possible hint for un-understood production (e.g. $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^* \rightarrow t\chi^0\bar{t}\chi^0$) or decay (e.g. $t \rightarrow H^+ b$) characteristics



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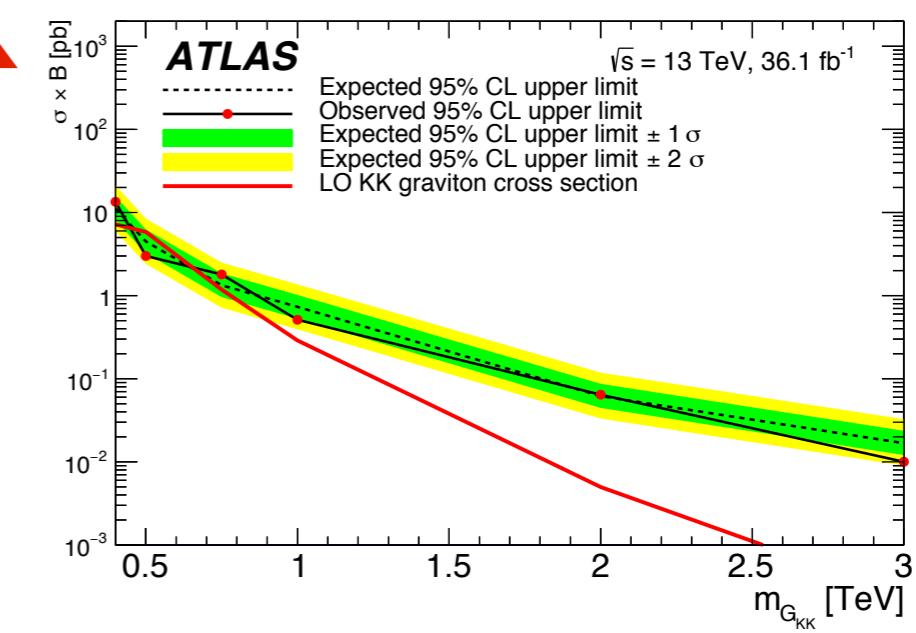
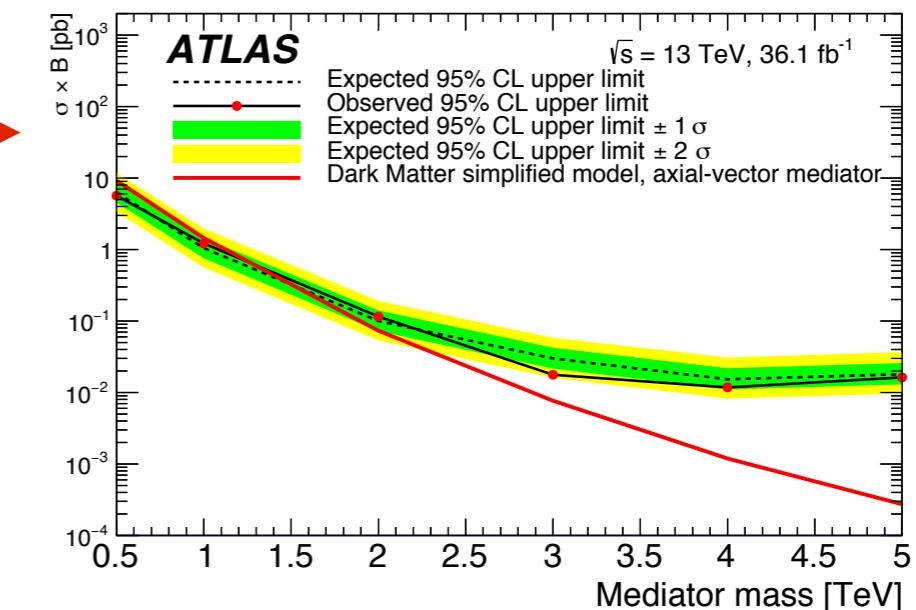
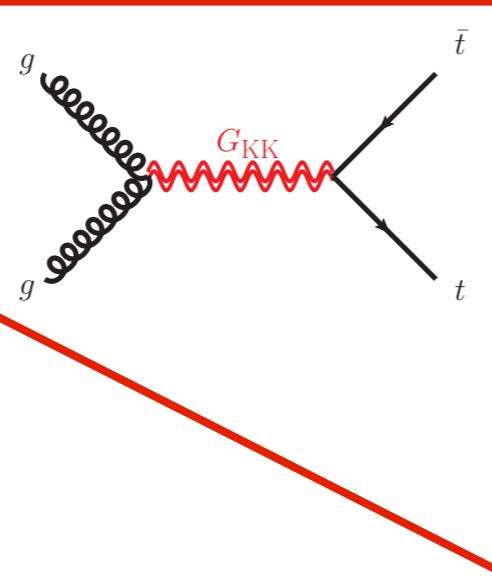
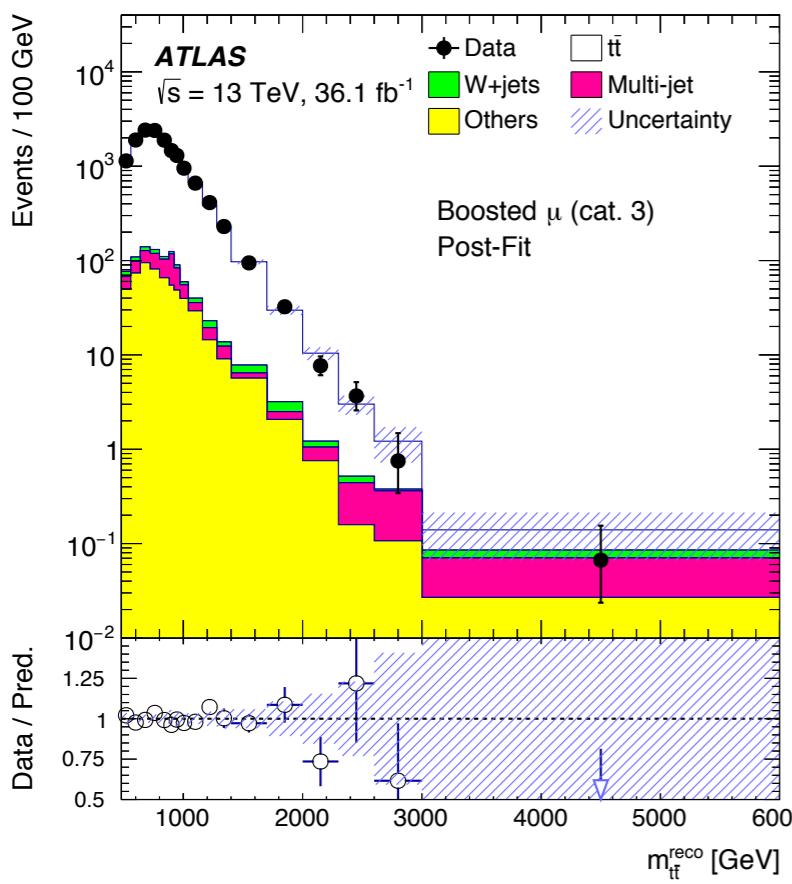
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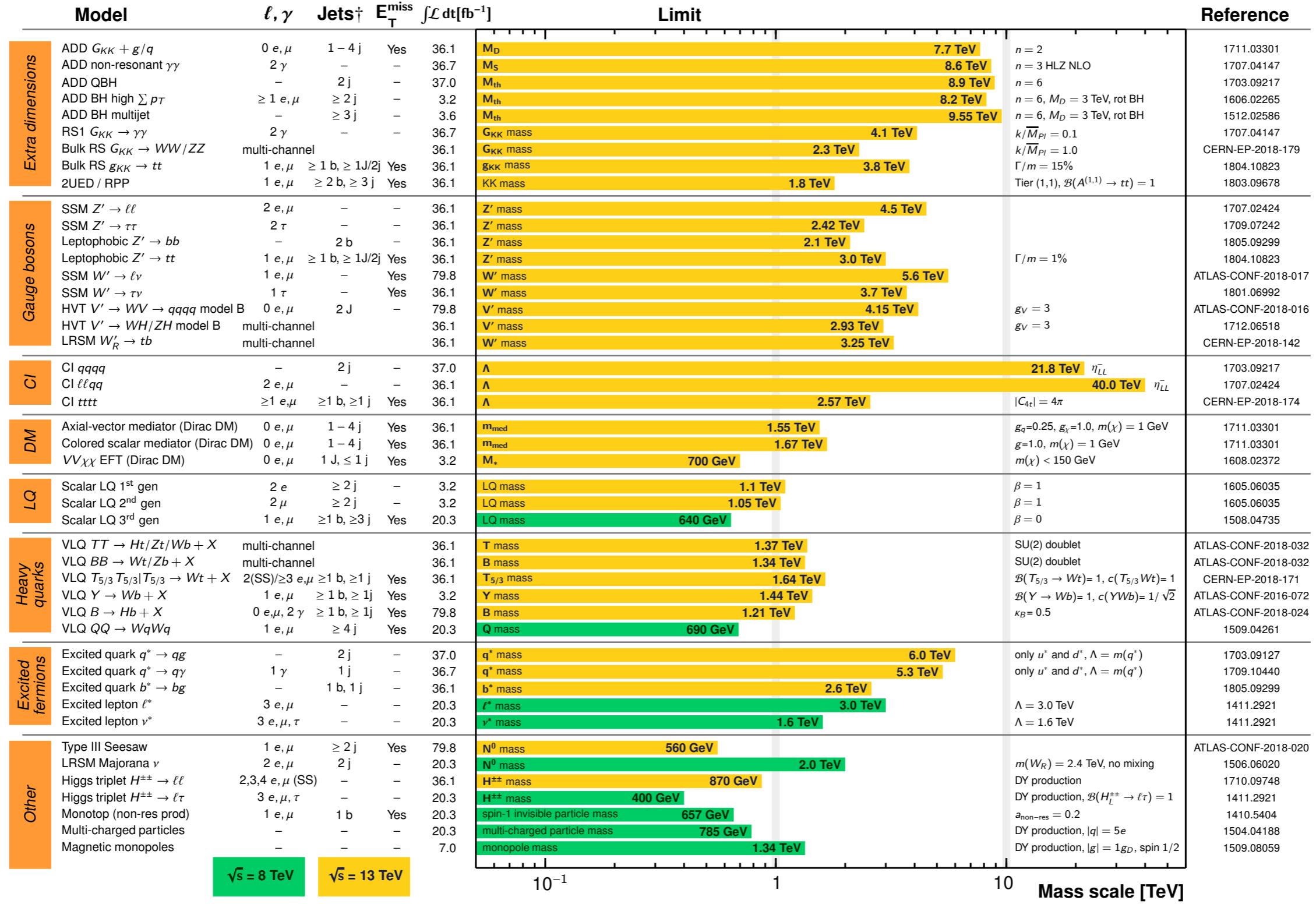
ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits

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ATLAS Preliminary

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Mass scale [TeV]

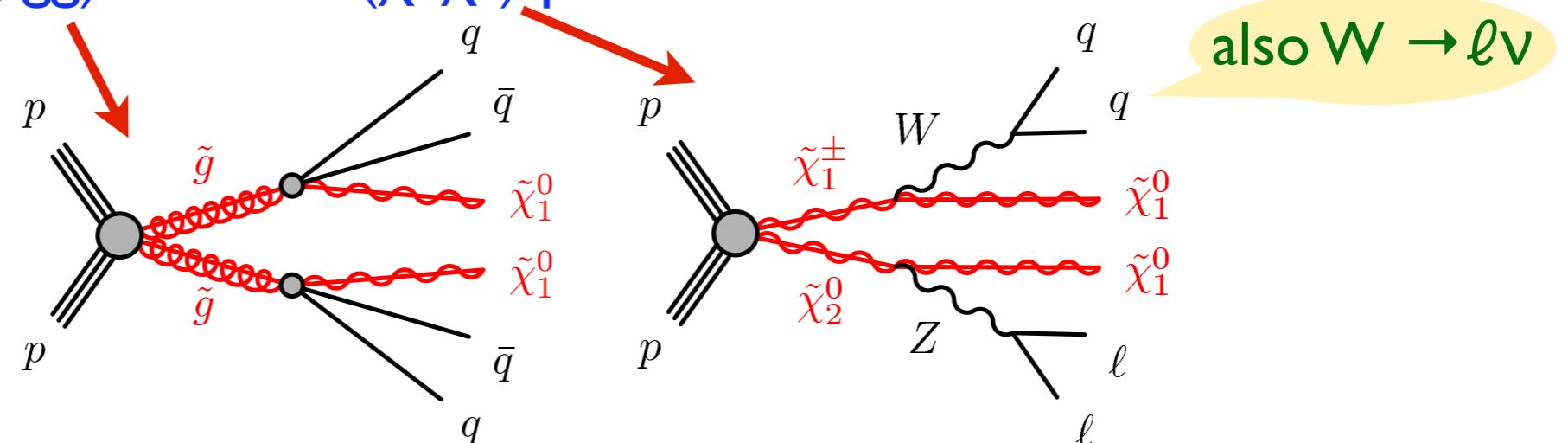
*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

[†]Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

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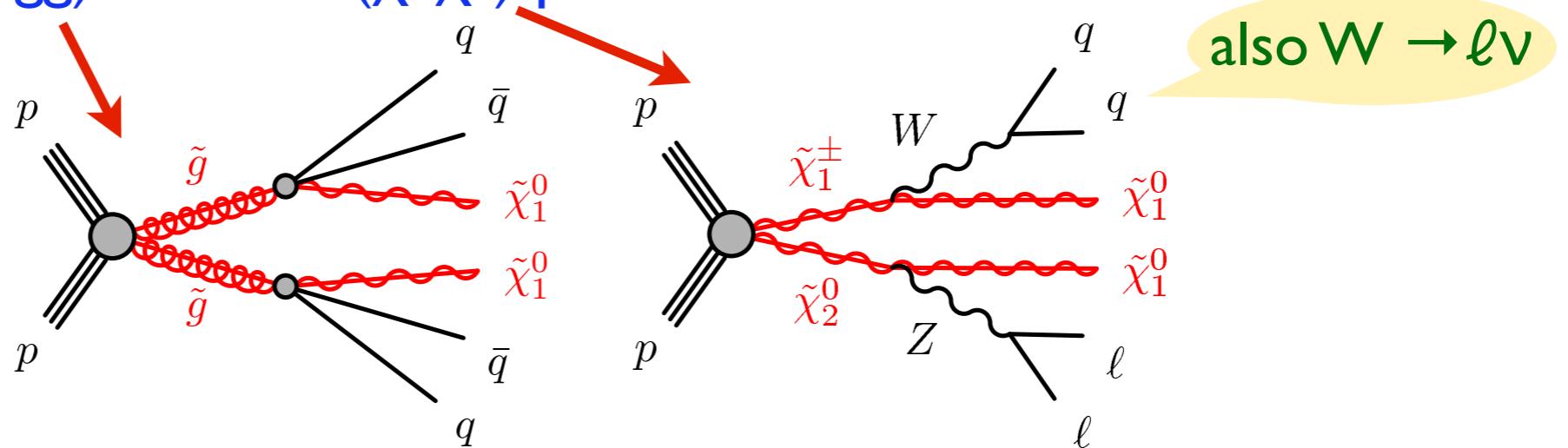
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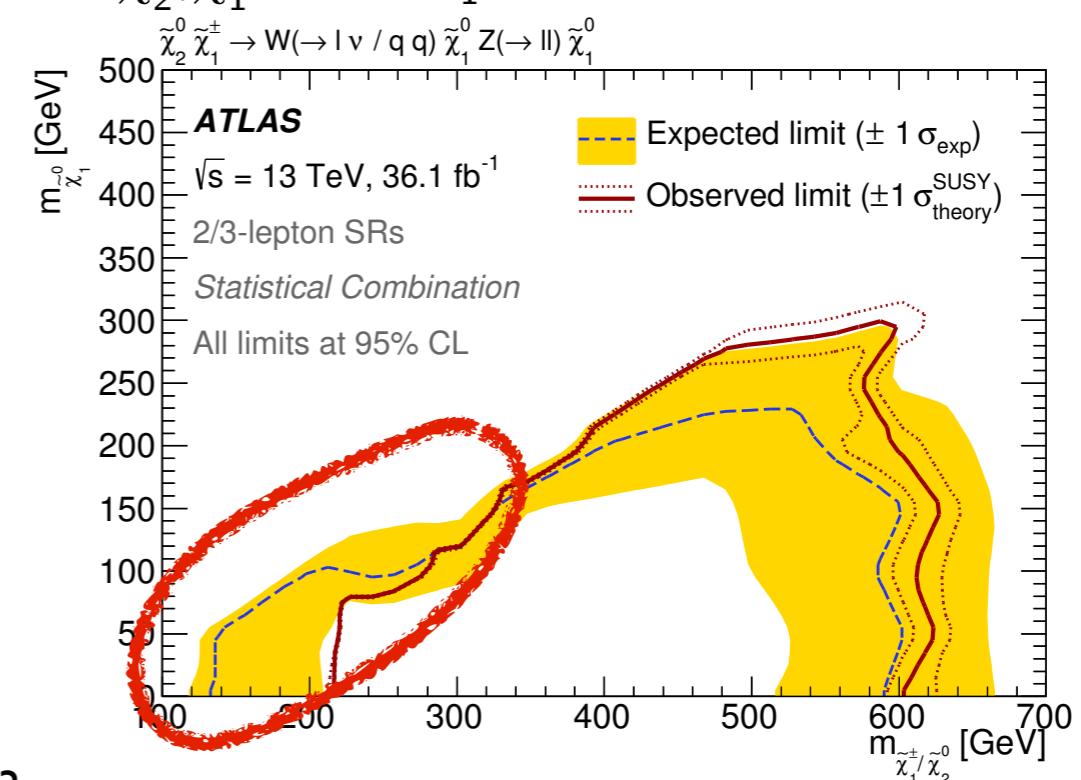
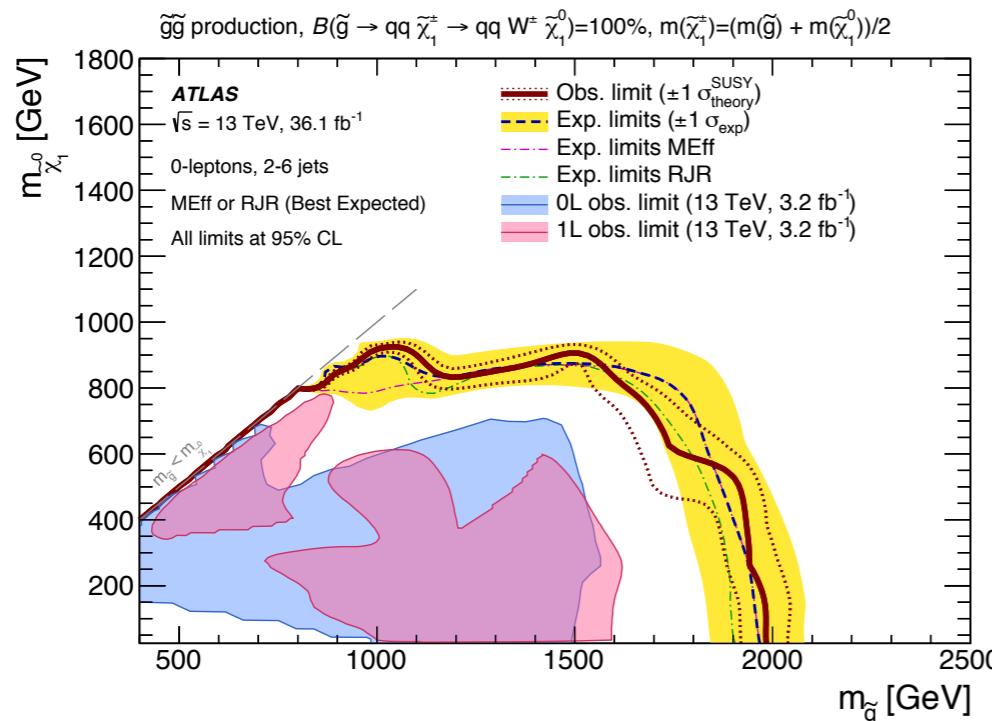
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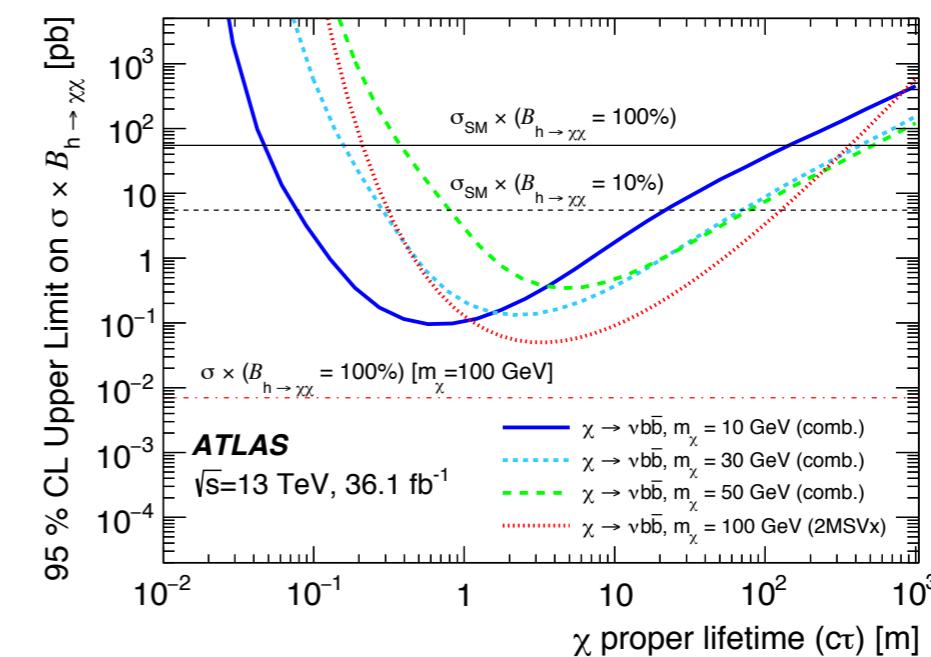
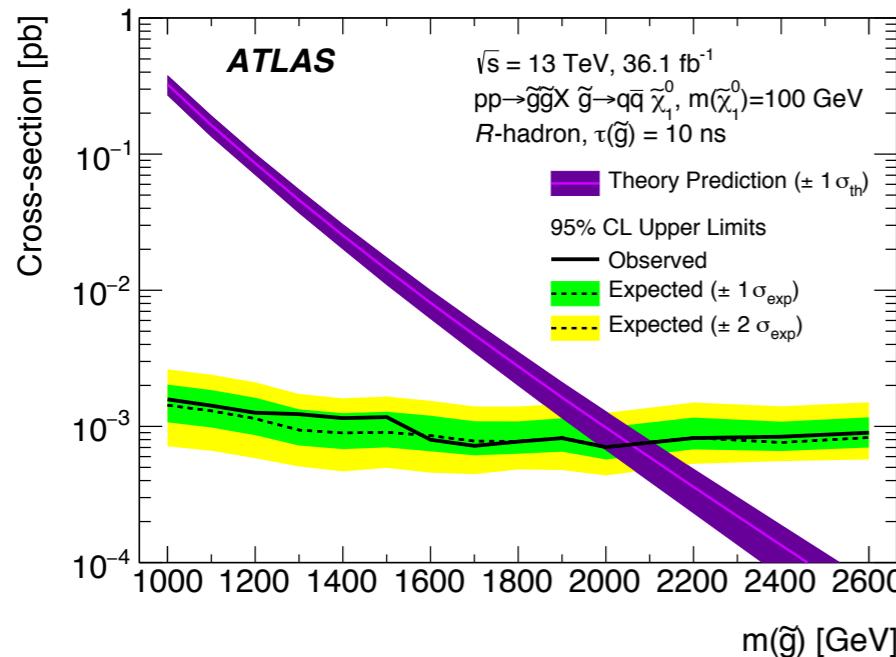
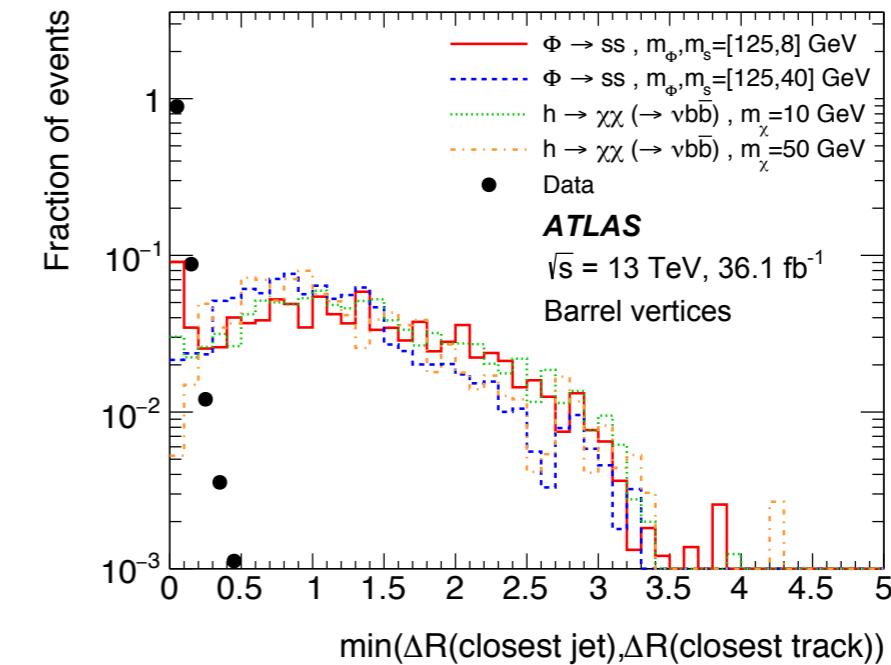
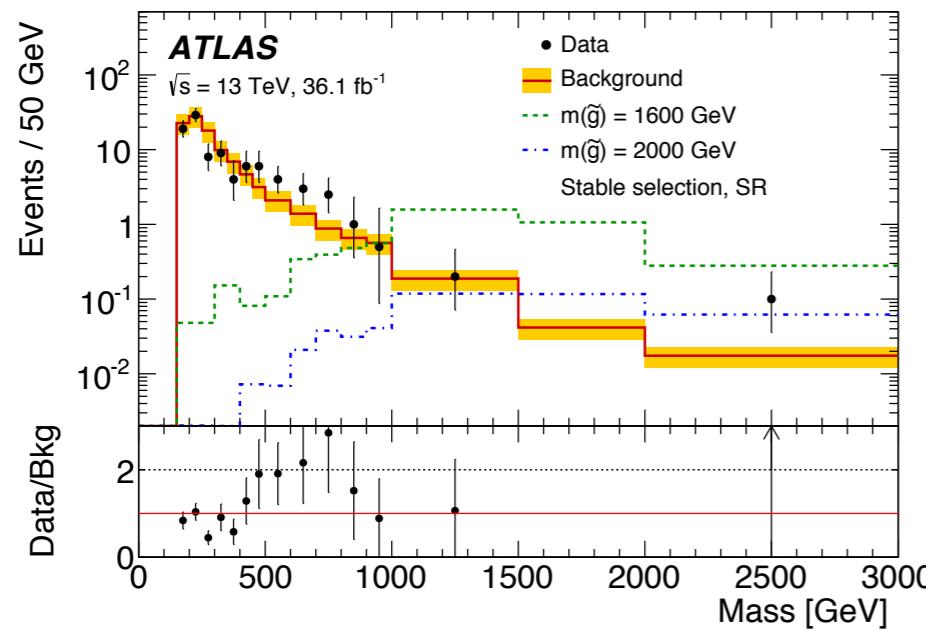
Significantly enlarged excluded region for strong production;
excess in EW search in both 2ℓ , 3ℓ regions (largest deviation: 3σ)

- compatible with compressed scenario ($m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$)



Searches for heavy, long-lived particles

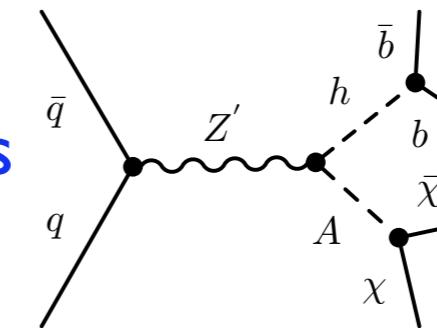
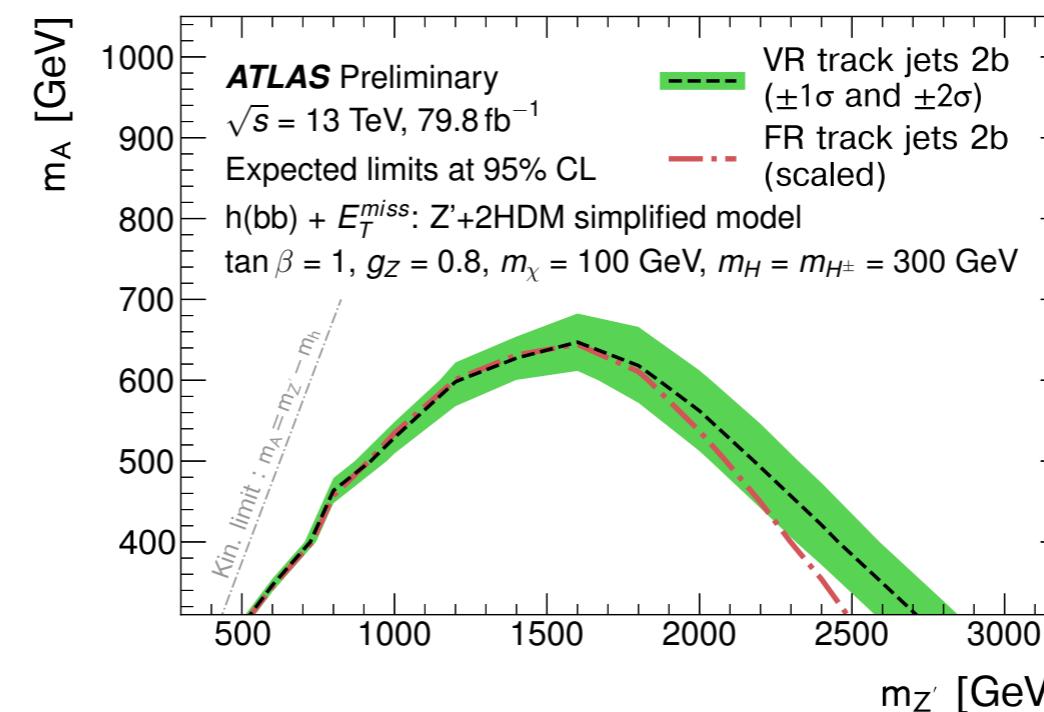
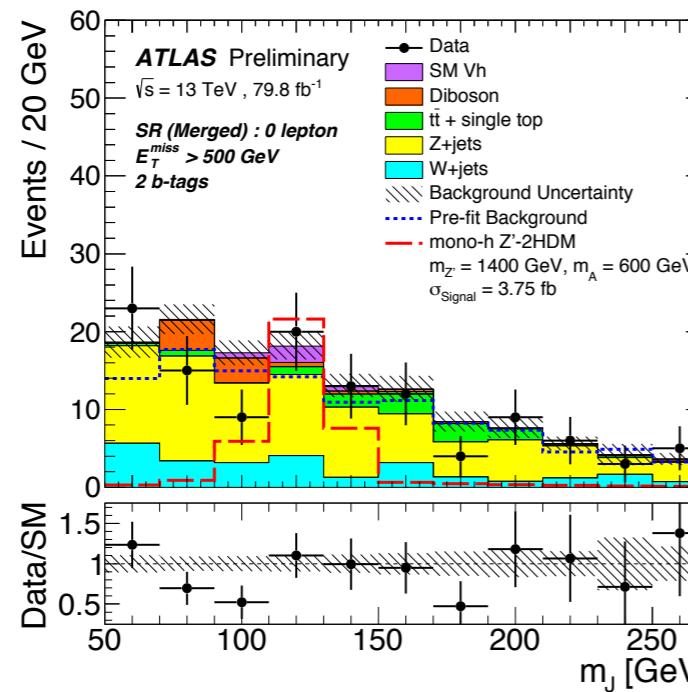
Arise in many BSM models (Hidden Valley, SUSY, ...); c τ poorly constrained
 ATLAS searches for both heavy charged (through dE/dx) & neutral particles
 (decays in Muon System)



Searches for Dark Matter

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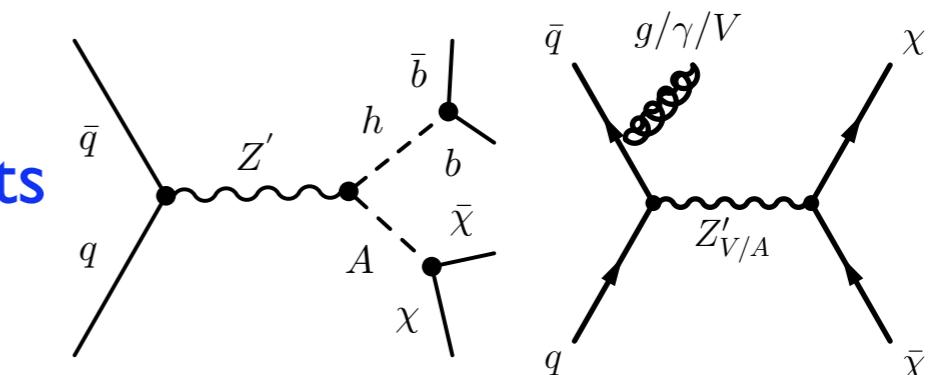
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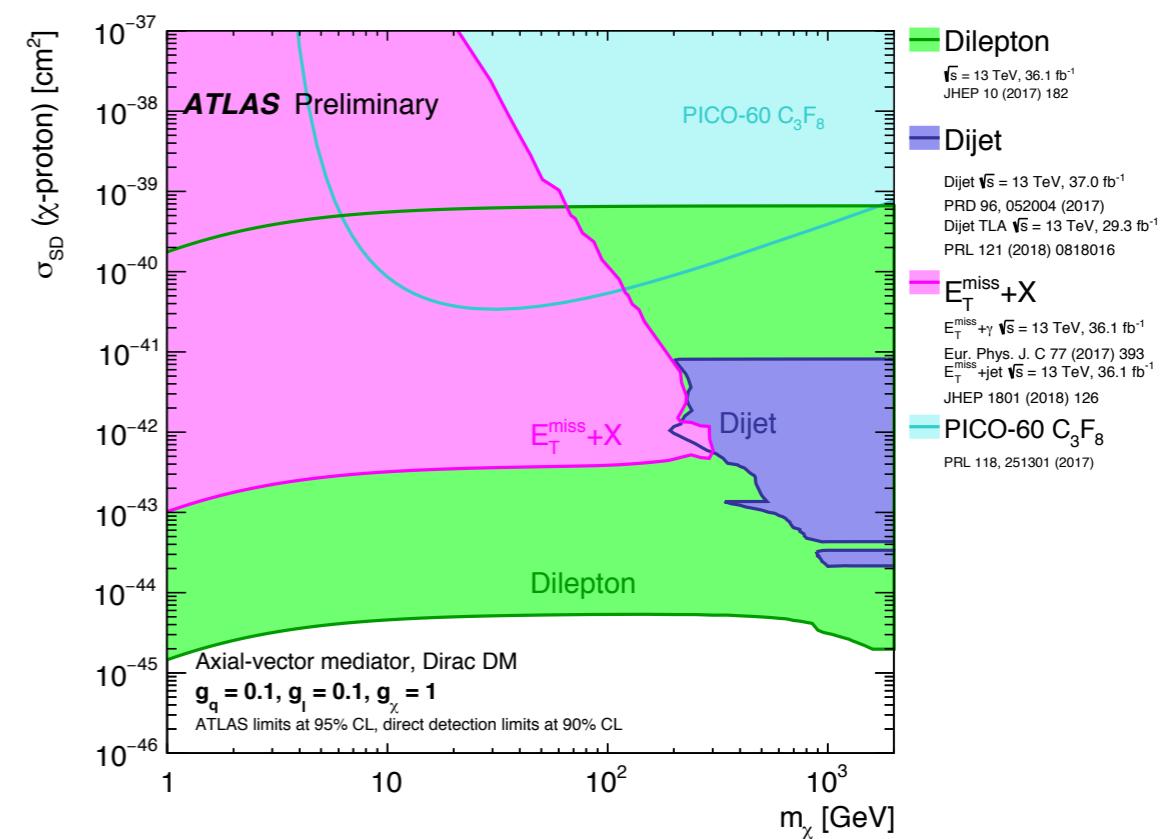
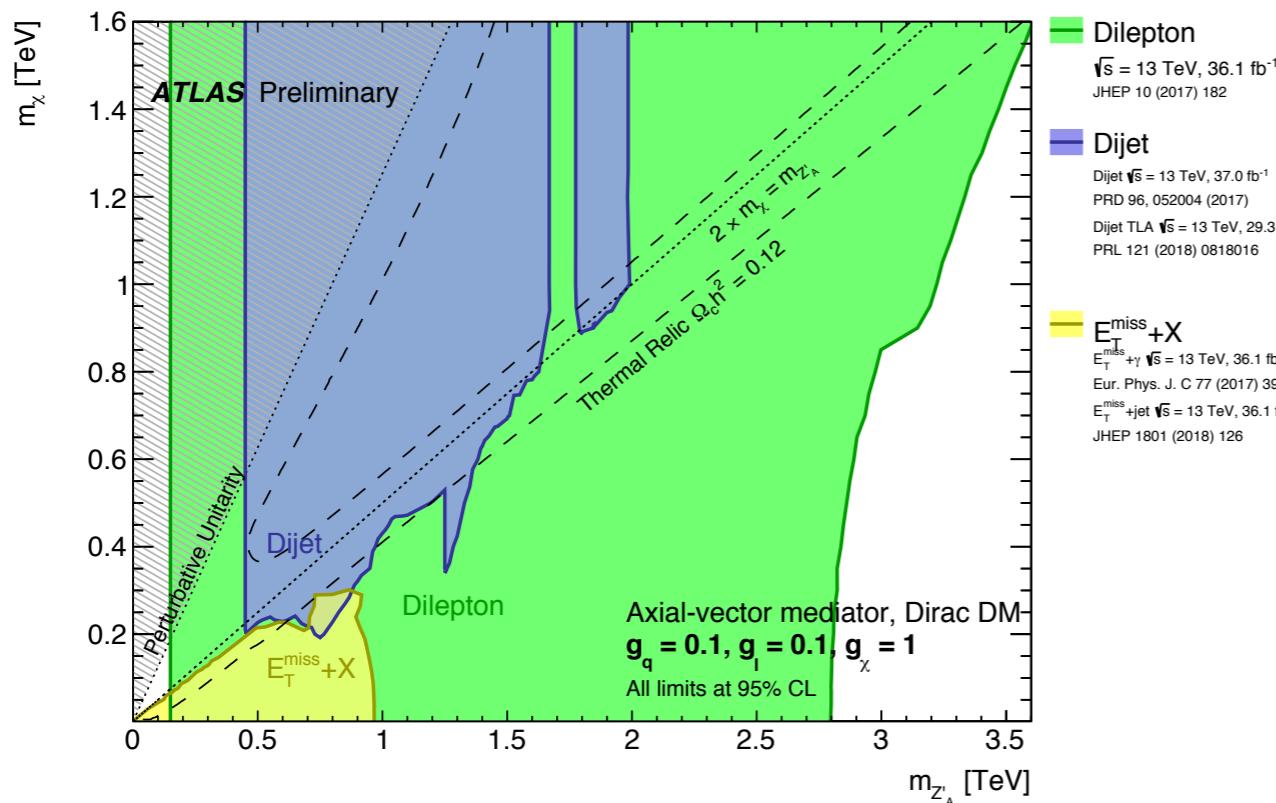
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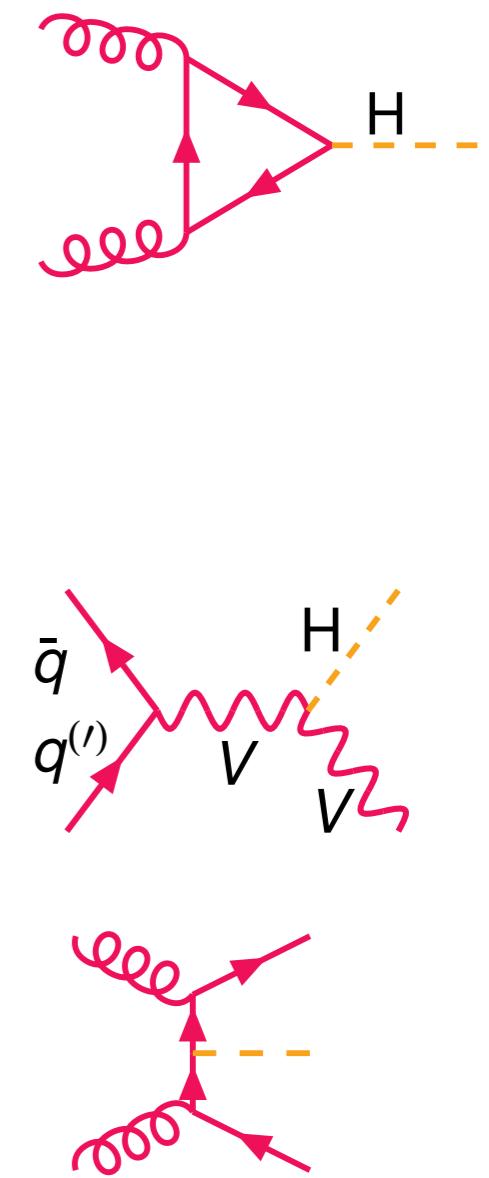
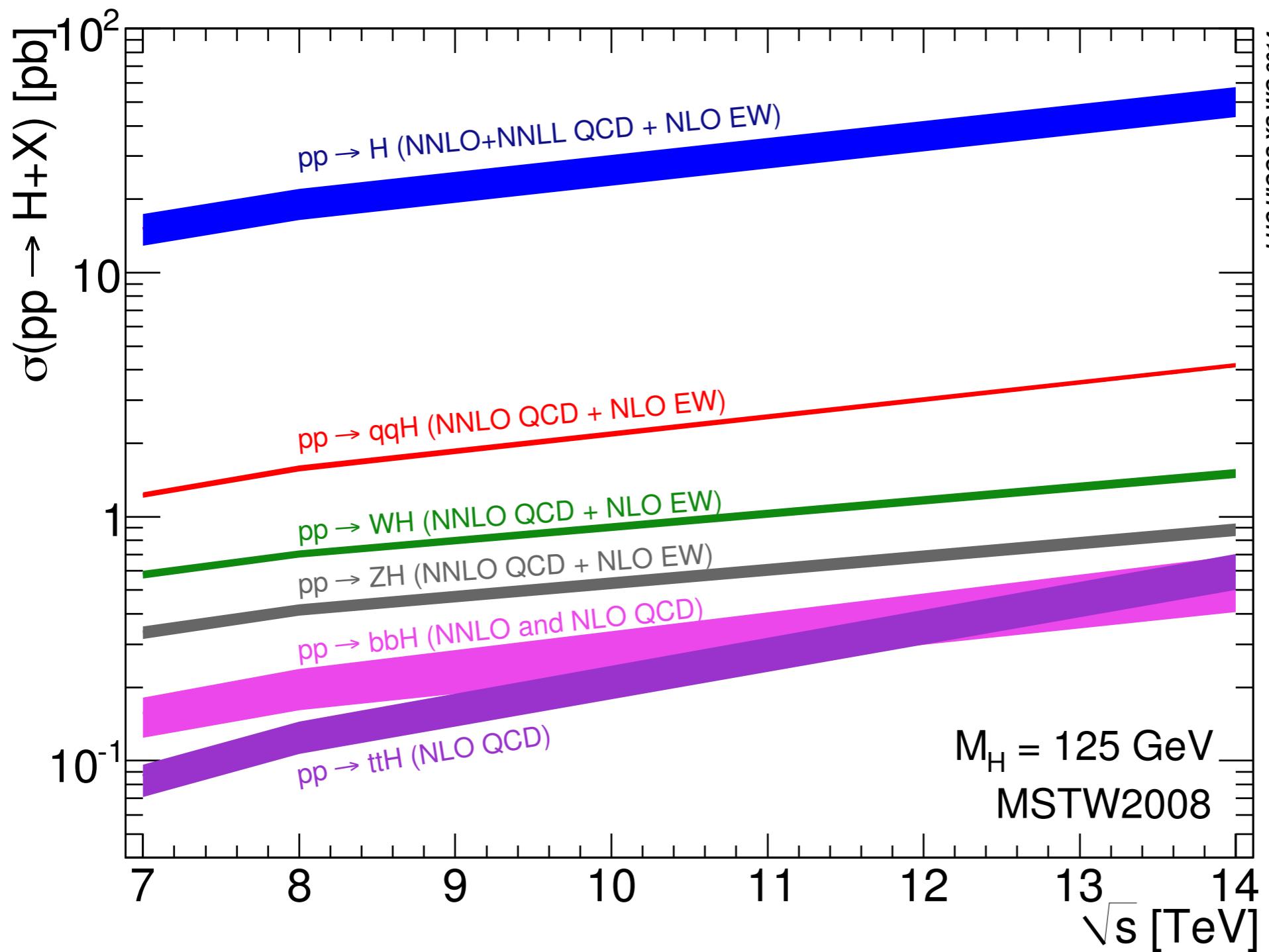
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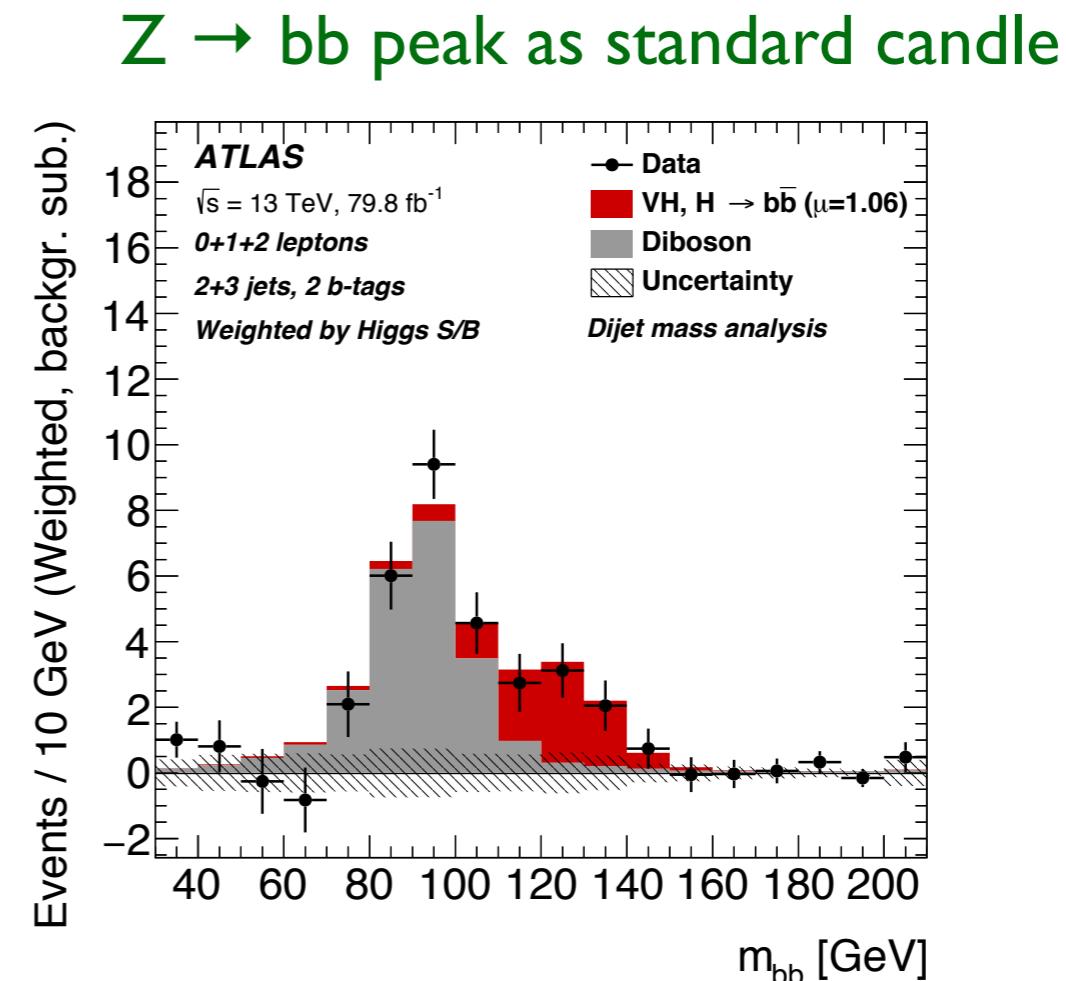
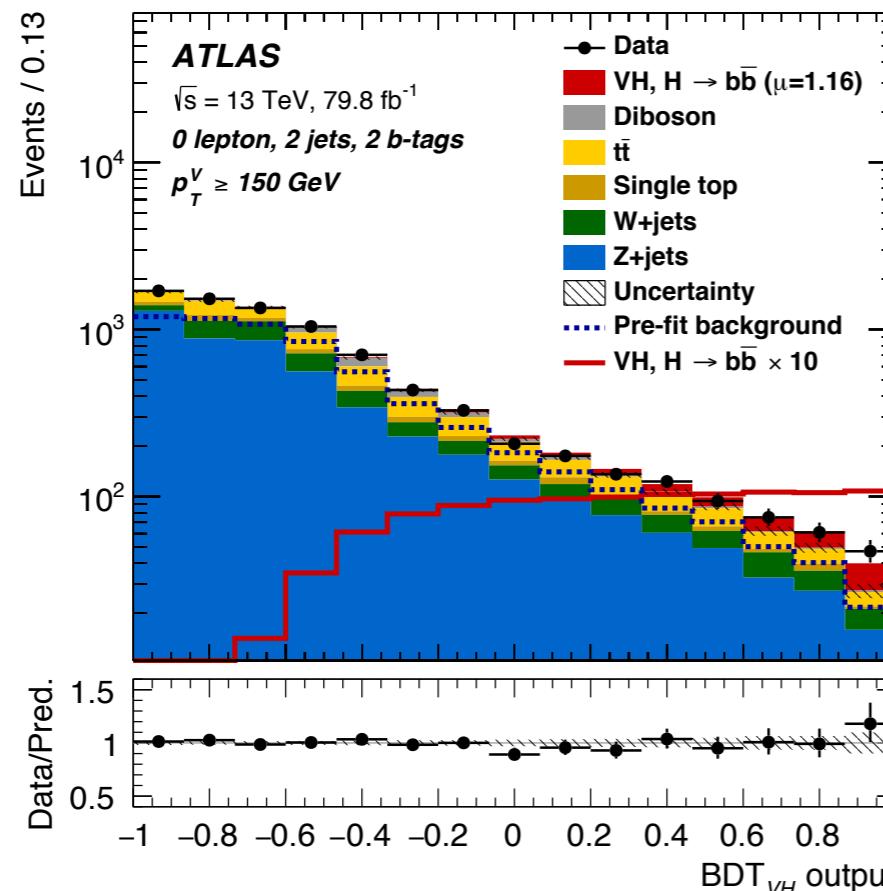


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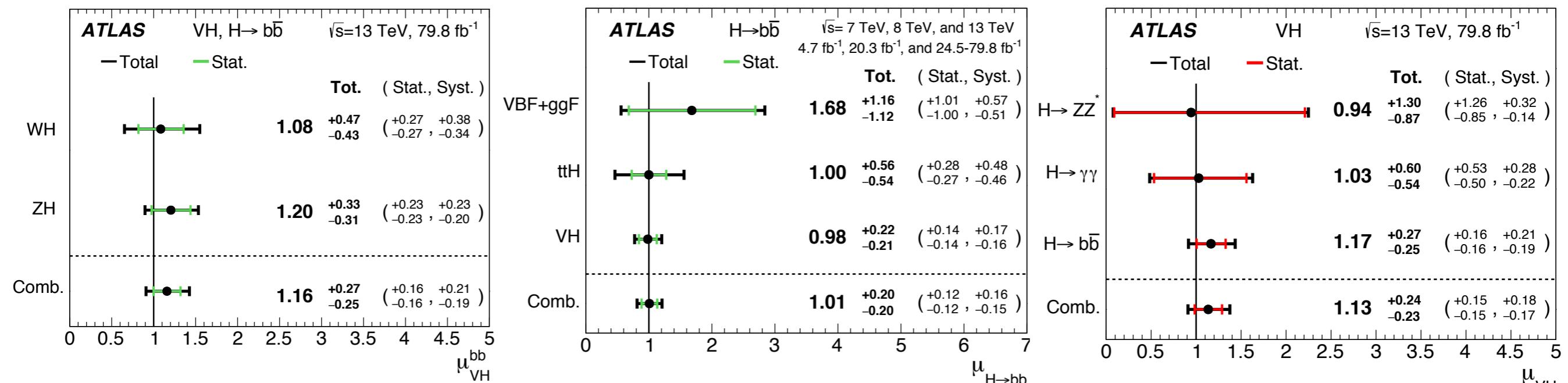


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- combination with other channels suffices to claim observation
 - VH: $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-\ell'^+\ell'^-$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
 - $H \rightarrow bb$: ttH, VBF



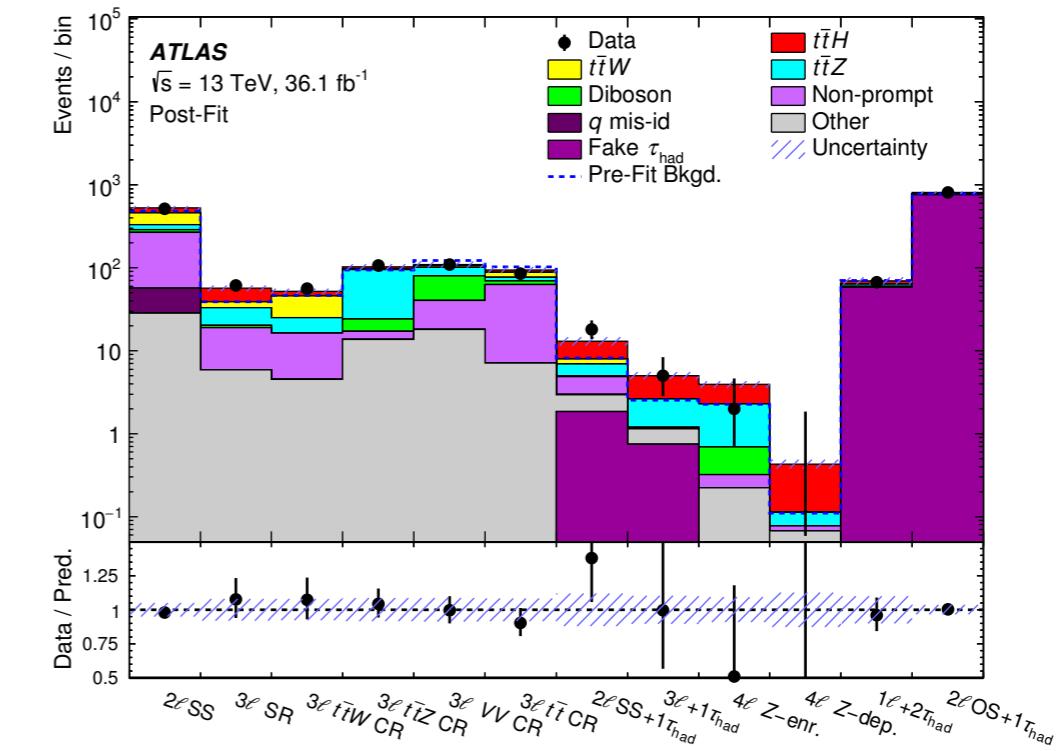
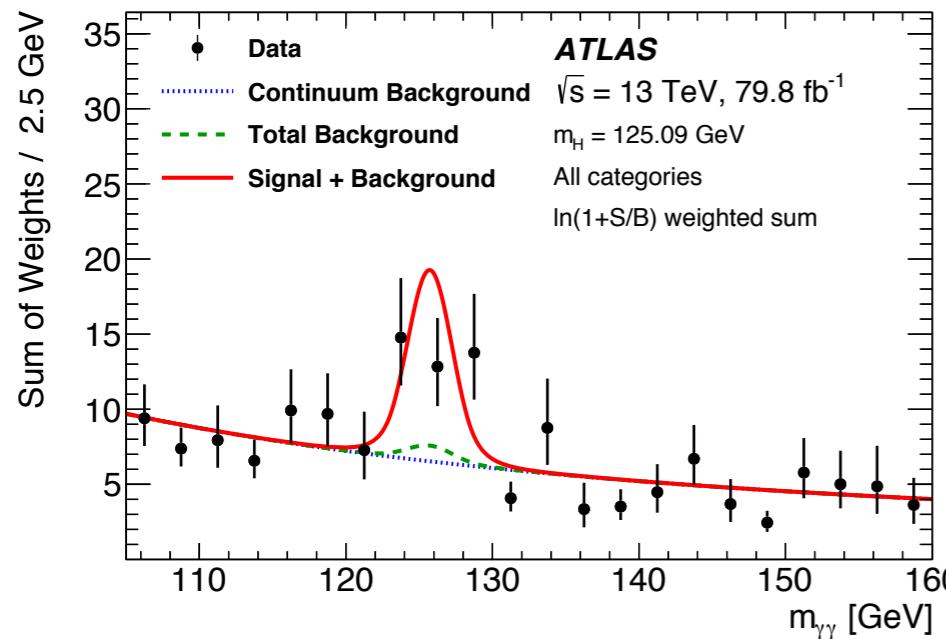
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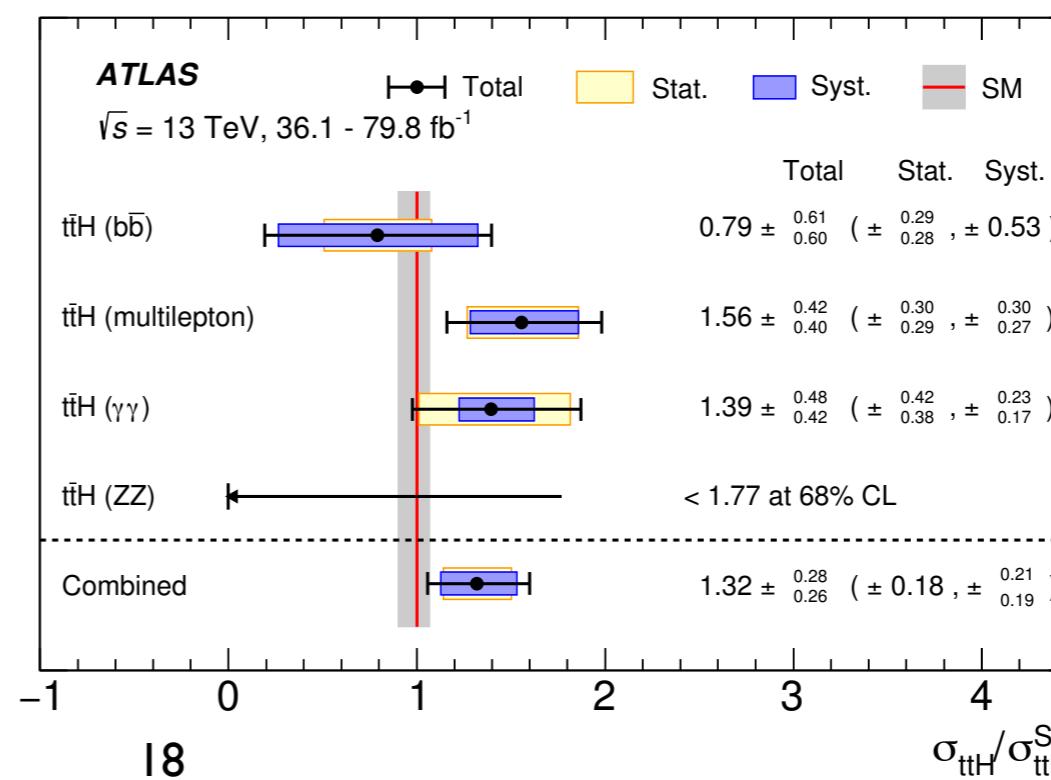
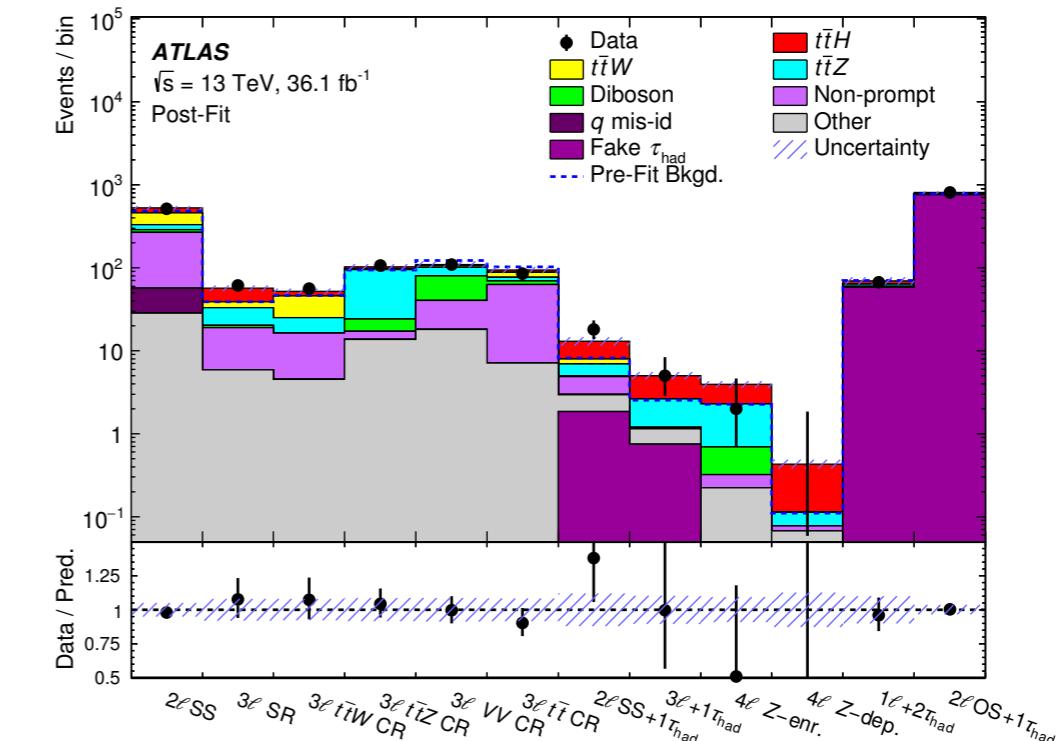
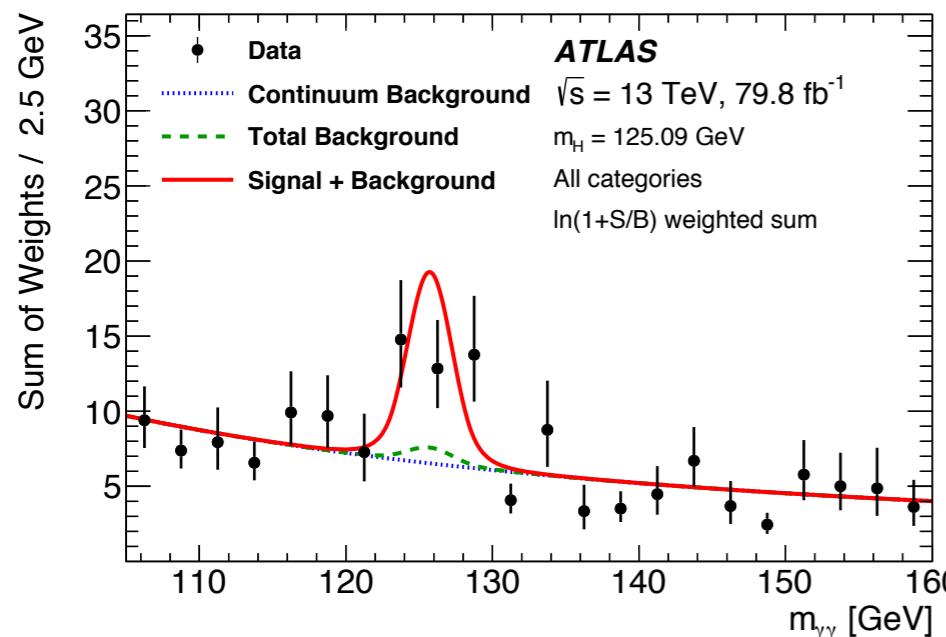
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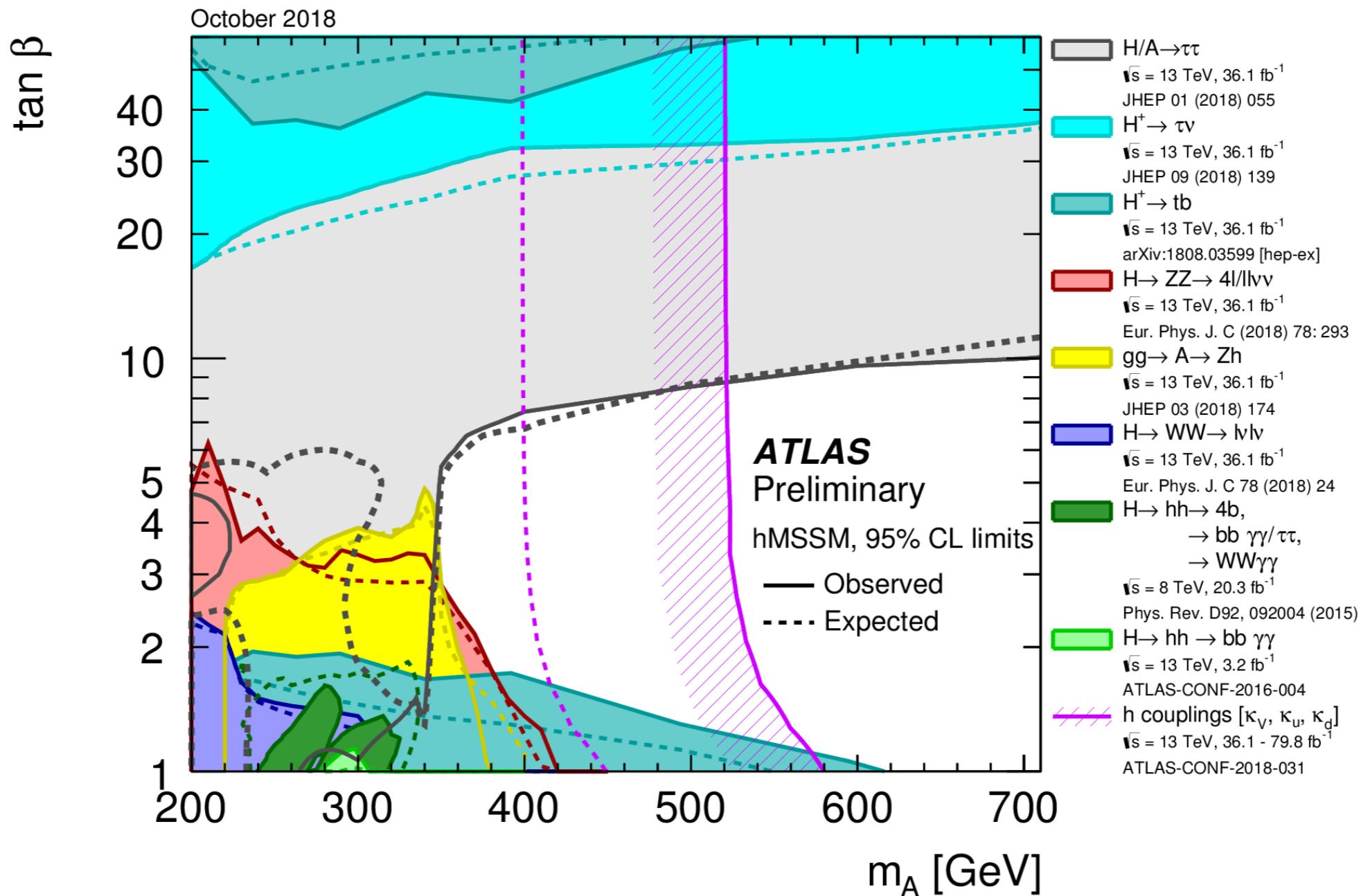
Observed significances:

- 5.8 σ w/o (6.3 σ w/) Run-I
- expected: 4.9 σ / 5.1 σ

BSM interpretations

Constraints both from H(125) measurements, searches for other Higgs bosons

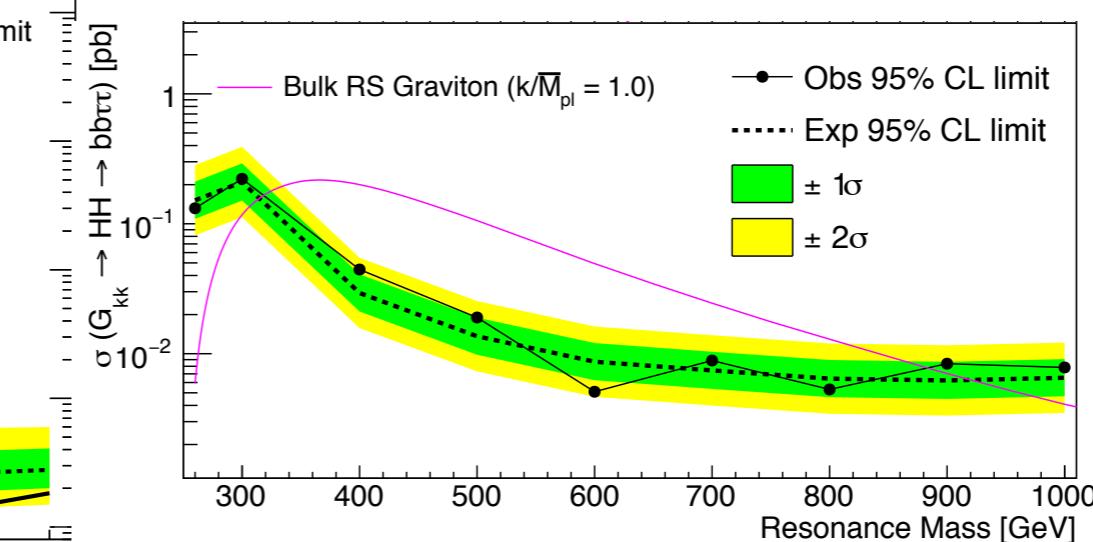
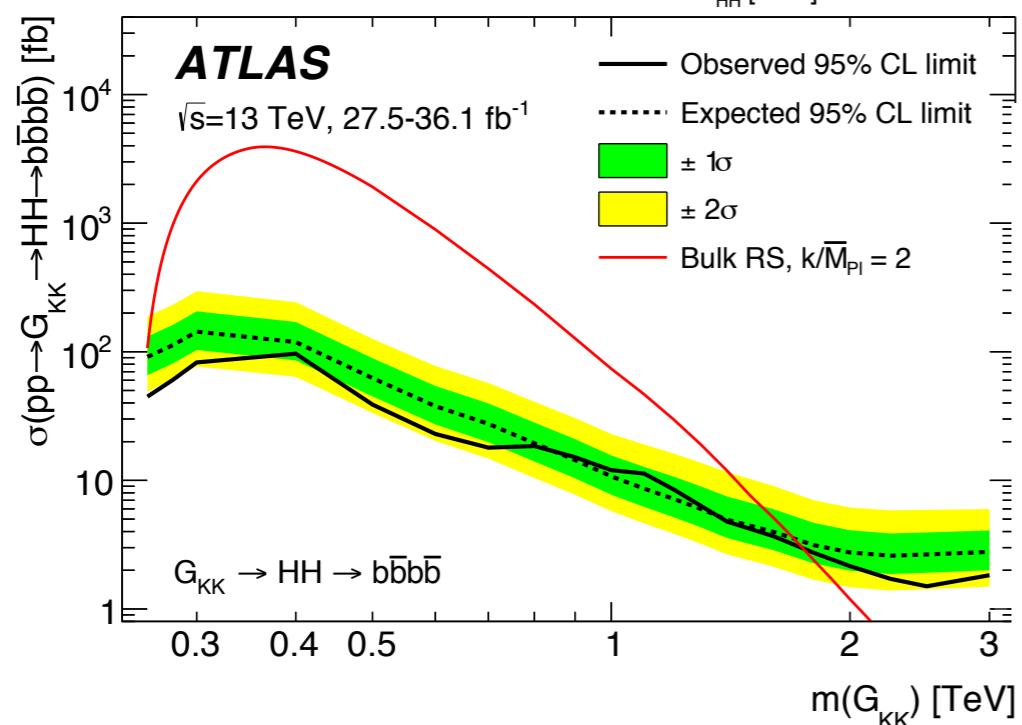
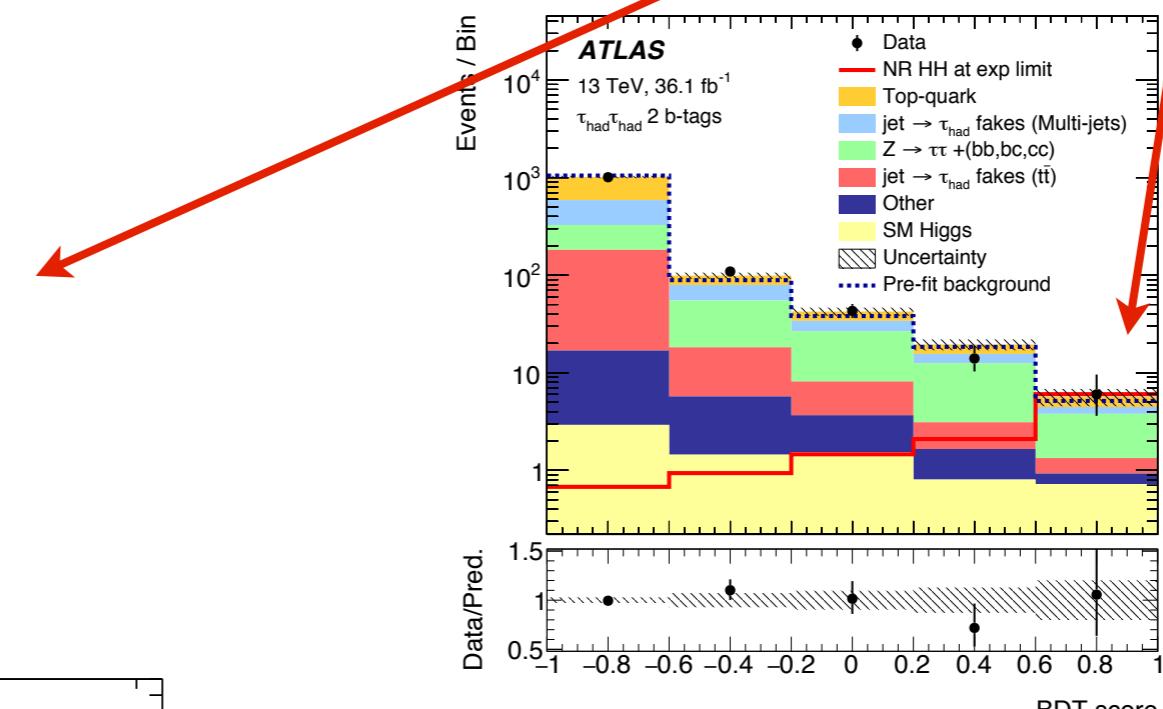
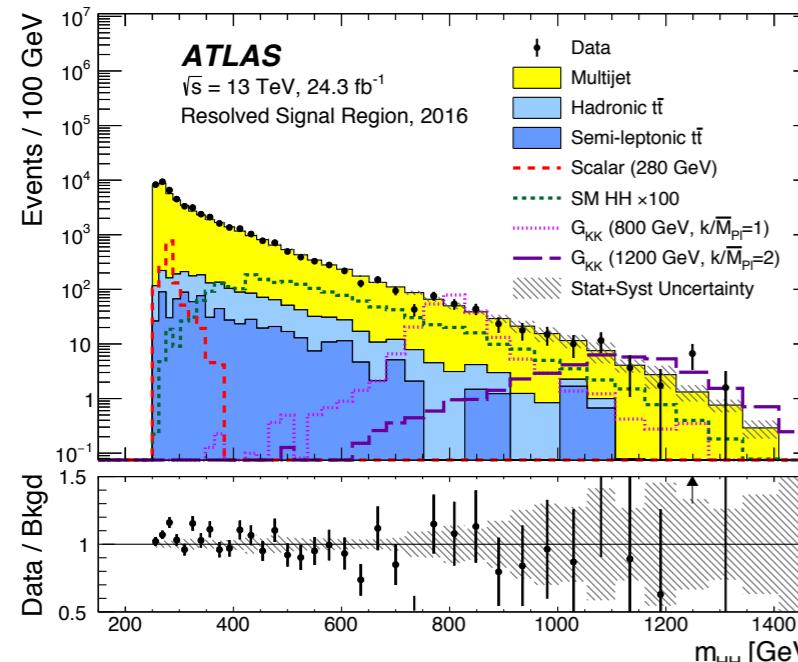
- example: hMMSM



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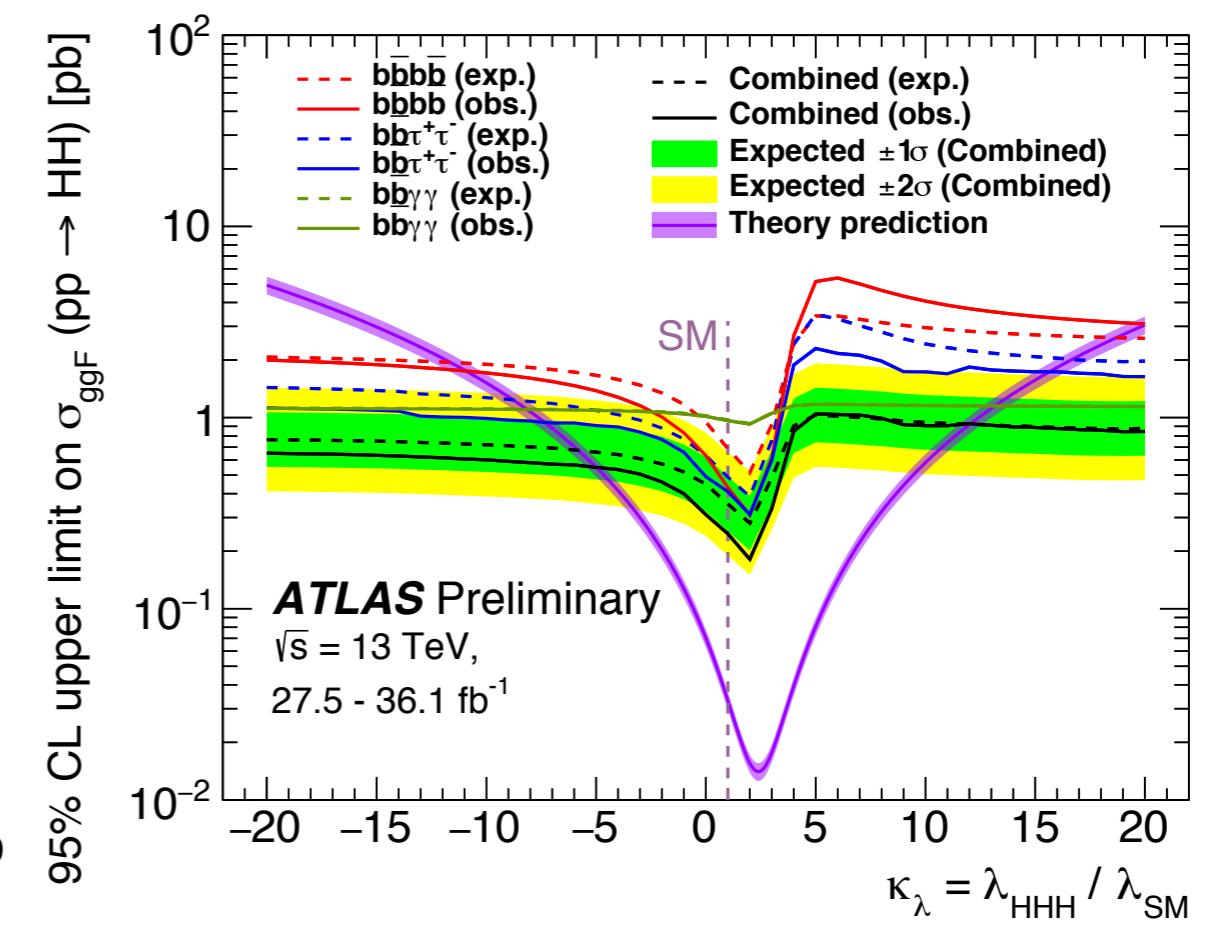
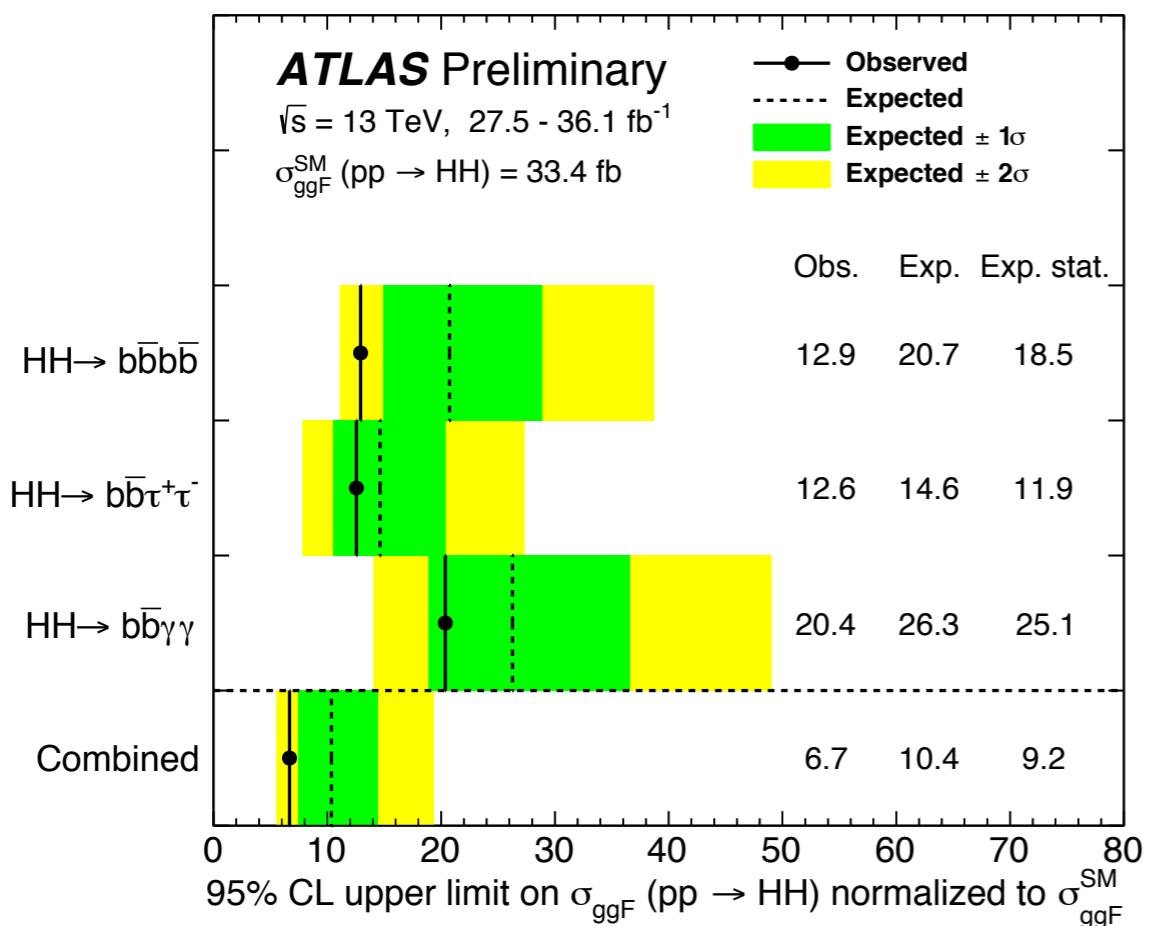
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Combination of multiple channels starts to yield interesting results

$$-5.0 < \kappa_\lambda \equiv \lambda_{H\bar{H}H}/\lambda_{H\bar{H}H, \text{SM}} < 12.1$$



Outlook

Many fresh results in both pp (and heavy ion!) collisions

- in this presentation could only cherry-pick from the highlights

Only a few results used even the 80 /fb 2015—2017 (pp) dataset

- next few years: expect many analyses to use the full Run-2 dataset..
- as well as the advances in understanding & reconstruction techniques

