



## ASFAP Particle Physics Day - PhD and postdocs day

Search for Higgs boson decays to beyond-the-Standard-Model light bosons  
in four-lepton final states with the ATLAS detector at the LHC

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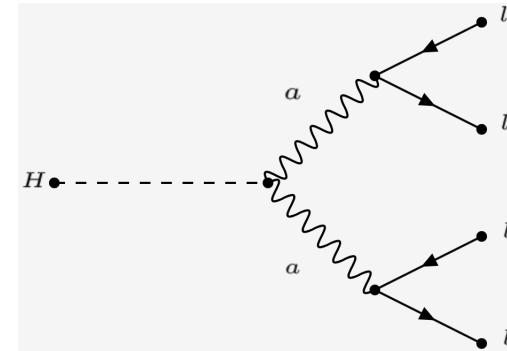
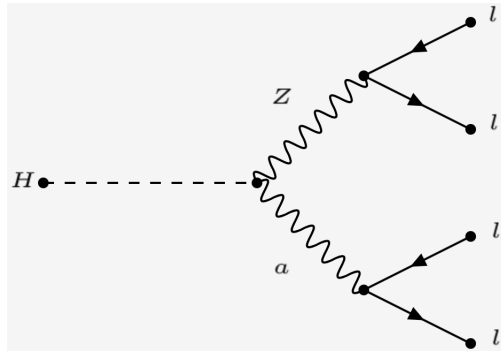
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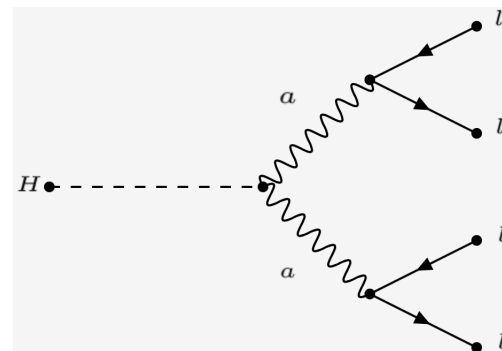
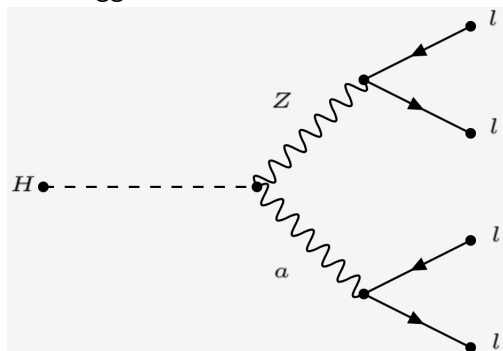
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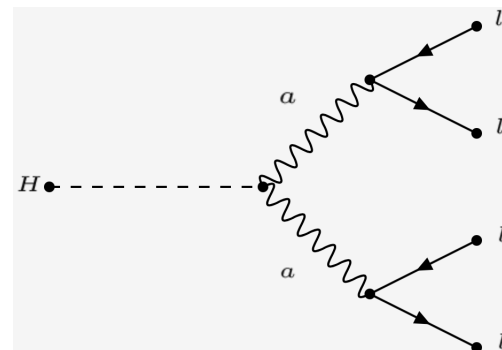
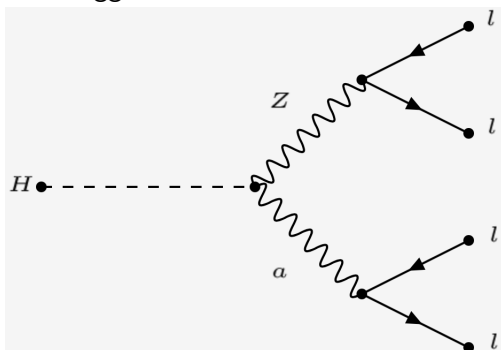


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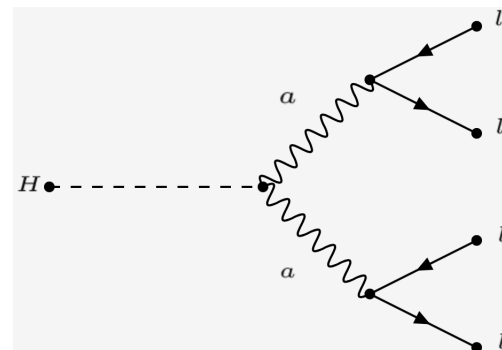
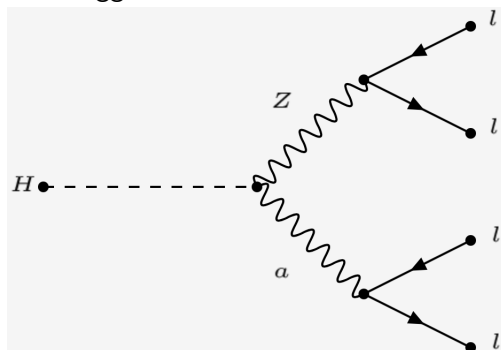
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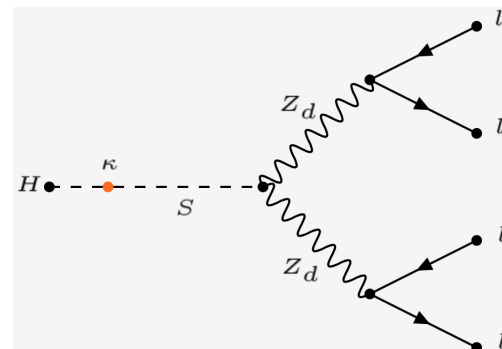
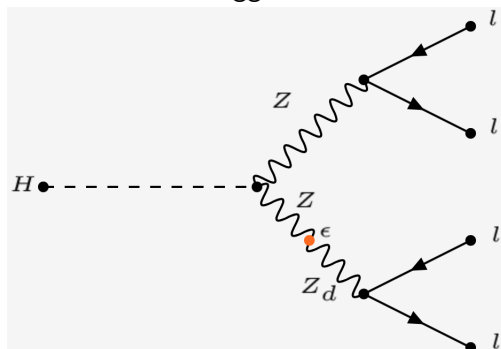
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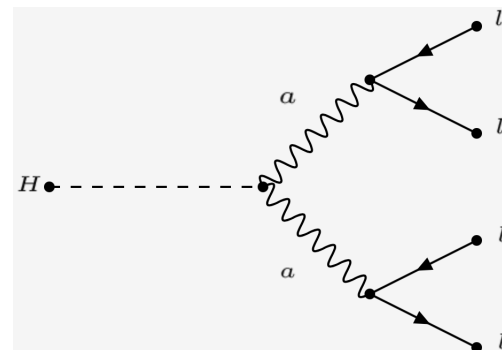
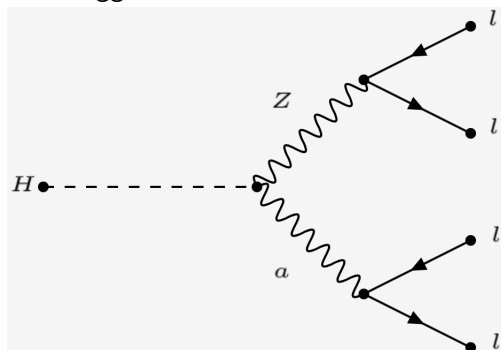




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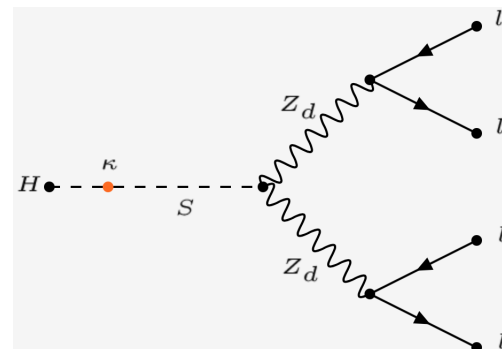
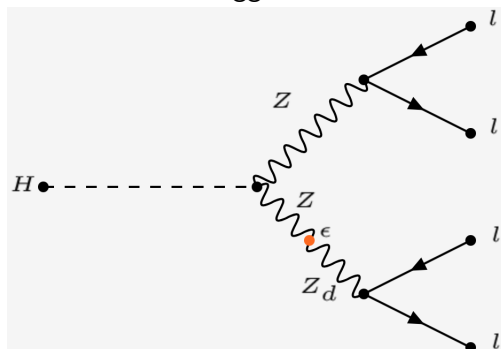
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- Introduce an additional  $U(1)$  dark gauge symmetry mediated by a dark gauge boson  $Z_d$ .
- The  $Z_d$  boson interacts with a SM gauge particle and the strength of this coupling is defined by the Kinetic mixing parameter  $\epsilon$ .
- When the  $U(1)_d$  is broken by a dark Higgs boson, the SM Higgs boson is then mixing with a dark Higgs boson and their coupling is controlled by the strength parameter  $\kappa$ .

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- The results using 2015-8 data ( $139\text{fb}^{-1}$ ) are published (using release 21) [\[ANA-HDBS-2018-55-PAPER\]](#)
- These results cover three channels with  $4e$ ,  $2e2\mu$  and  $4\mu$  in the final state:
  - | **High-Mass (HM):**  $H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d (aa) \rightarrow 4l$ ,  $15\text{ GeV} < m_{Z_d}(m_a) < 60\text{ GeV}$ .
  - | Low Mass(LM):  $H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d (aa) \rightarrow 4\mu$ ,  $1\text{ GeV} < m_{Z_d}(m_a) < 15\text{ GeV}$ .
  - |  $ZZ_d$ :  $H \rightarrow ZZ_d \rightarrow 4l$ ,  $15\text{ GeV} < m_{Z_d} < 55\text{ GeV}$ .

**Today**, we are going to focus on the **HM** channel.

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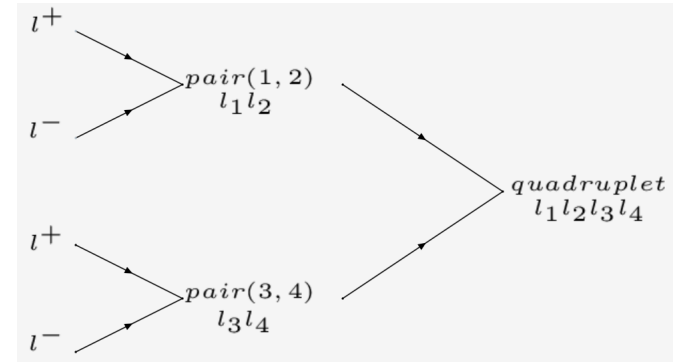
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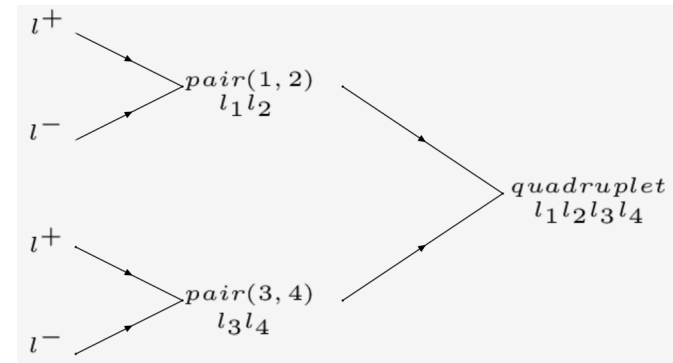


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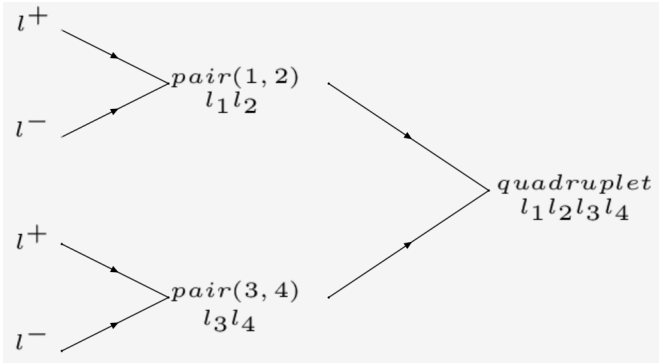
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- **Event selection**

- Higgs boson mass window:  $115 \text{ GeV} < m_{4l} < 130 \text{ GeV}$
- Z veto:  $10 \text{ GeV} < m_{12,34} < 64 \text{ GeV}$  and  $5 \text{ GeV} < m_{14,32} < 75 \text{ GeV}$
- Quarkonia veto: event is rejected if either (or both) condition are fulfilled  $(m_{J/\psi} - 0.25 \text{ GeV}) < m_{12,34,14,32} < (m_{\psi(2S)} + 0.30 \text{ GeV})$  or  $(m_{\Upsilon(1S)} - 0.70 \text{ GeV}) < m_{12,34,14,32} < (m_{\Upsilon(3S)} + 0.75 \text{ GeV})$
- Medium Signal Region (SR):  $m_{34}/m_{12} > 0.85-0.1125f(m_{12})$

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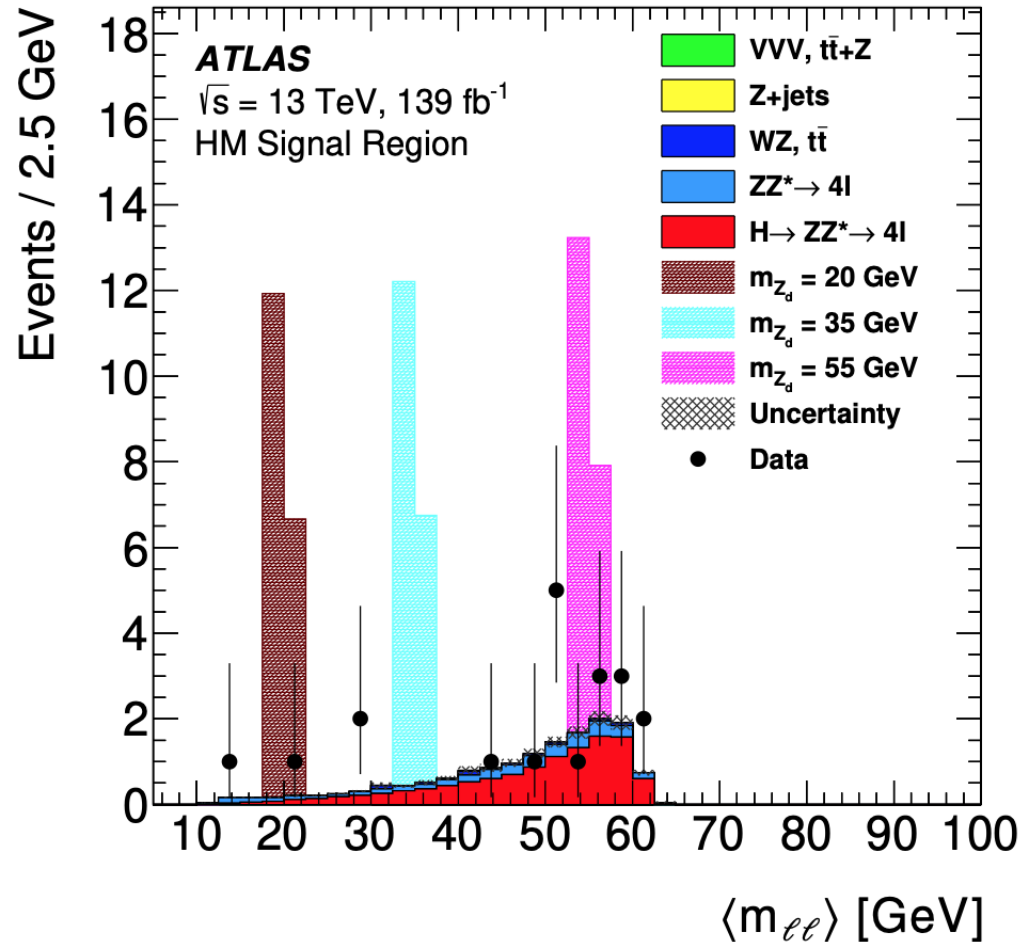
### Dominant backgrounds

- $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  represents 72% of the total
- non-resonant  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  represents 24% of the total

### Sub-Dominant backgrounds

- WZ, VVV/VBS processes
- $t\bar{t}$ ,  $t\bar{t}Z$  and  $Z+\text{Jet}$ (reducible background)

- All backgrounds estimates for this search rely basically on using MC simulations.
- Dominant backgrounds are cross-checked using validation regions.
- The data-driven ABCD method is used to estimate the reducible backgrounds.



Process	Yield
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	$11.12 \pm 0.05 \pm 1.02$
$ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	$3.38 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.25$
$t\bar{t}$	$0.47 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.09$
Z + jets	$0.43 \pm 0.39^{+0.17}_{-0.01}$
$Z + t\bar{t} \rightarrow 4\ell$	$0.09 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.02$
WZ	$0.05 \pm 0.03^{+0.05}_{-0.00}$
VVV/VBS	Negligible
Heavy flavour	Negligible
<b>Total</b>	<b><math>15.6 \pm 0.4 \pm 1.2</math></b>
<b>Data</b>	<b>20</b>

A total of 20 events are observed, with a total predicted background of  $15.6 \pm 0.4 \pm 1.2$  events.

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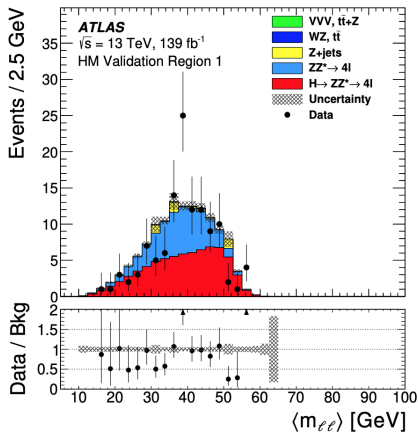


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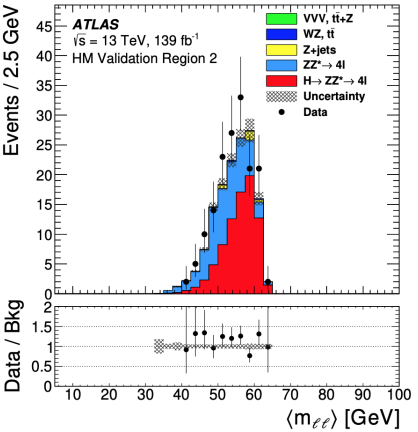


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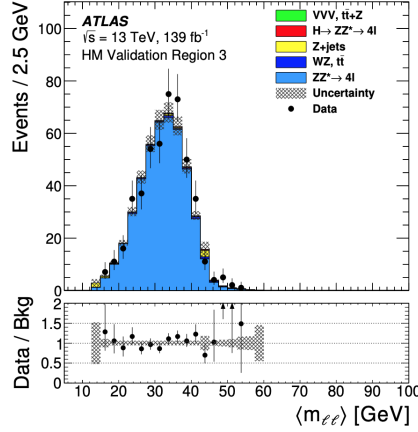


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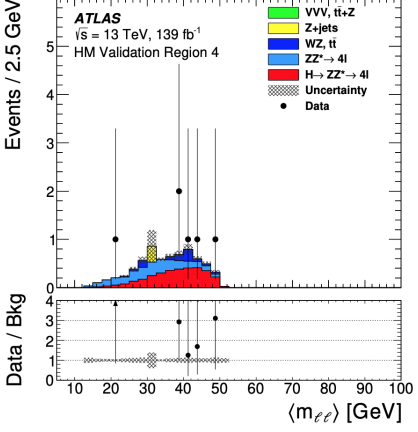


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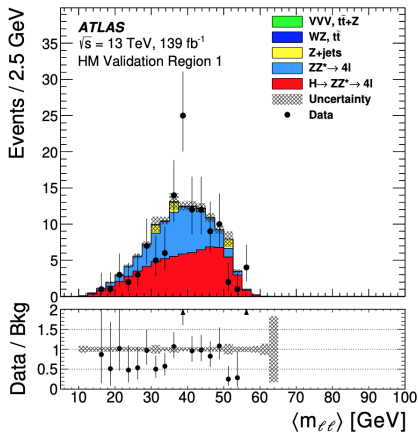


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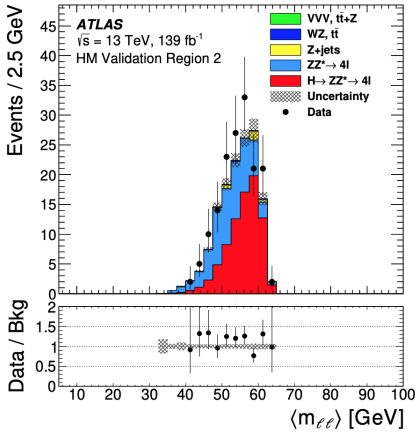


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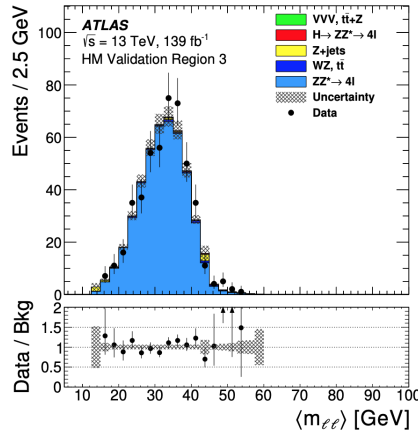


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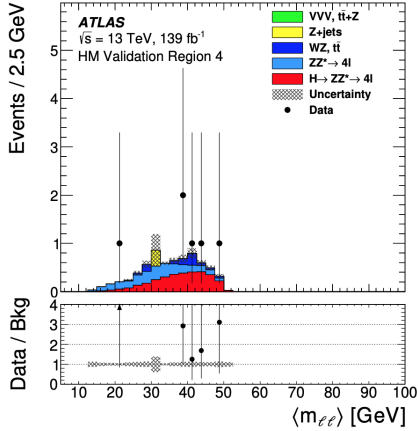


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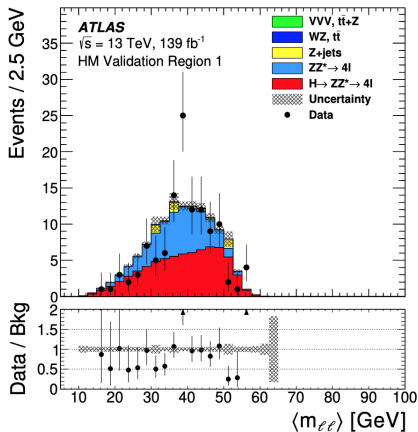


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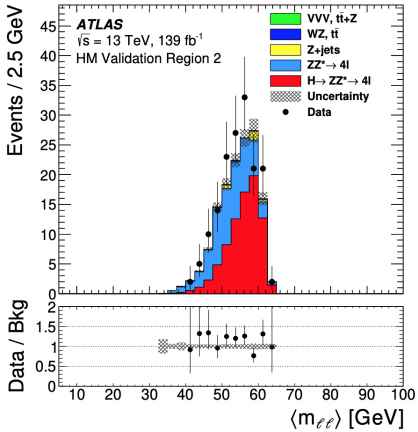


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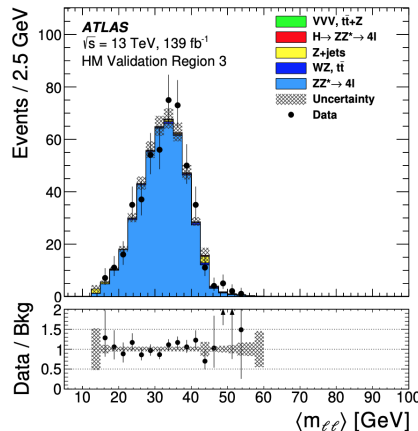


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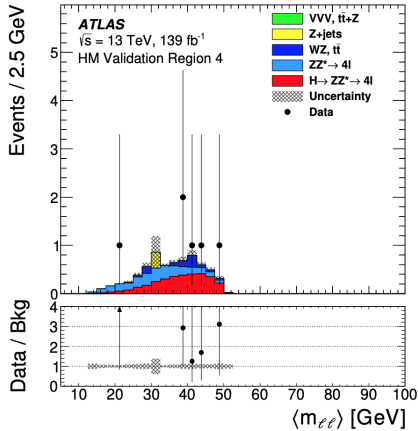


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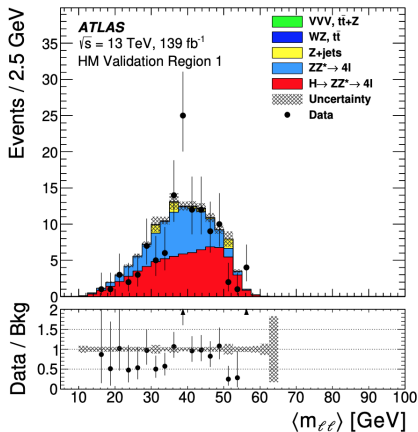


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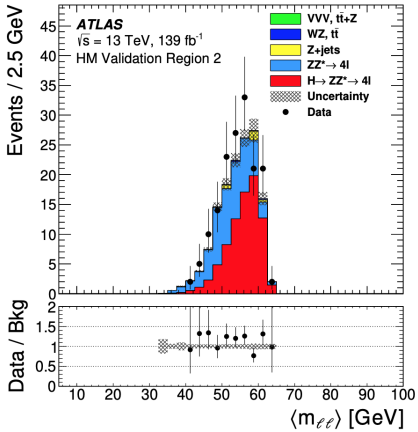


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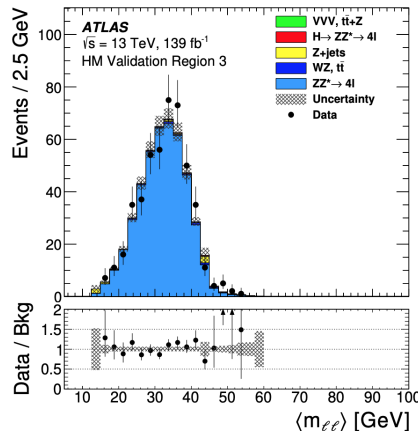


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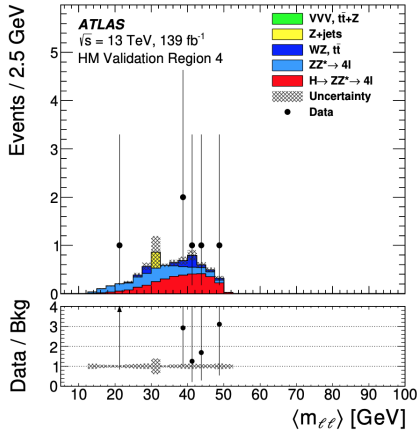


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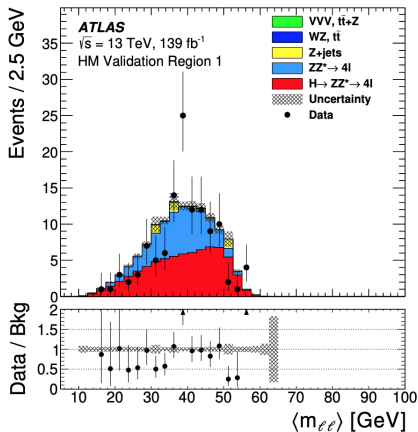


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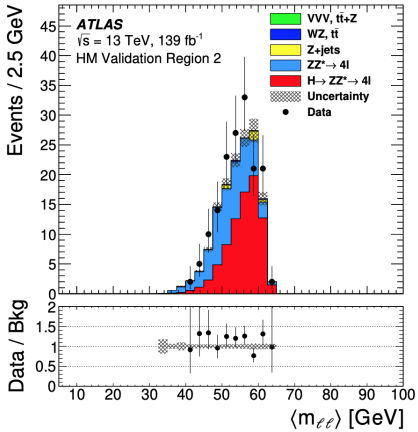


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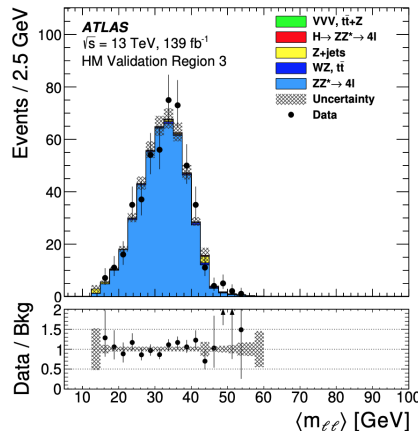


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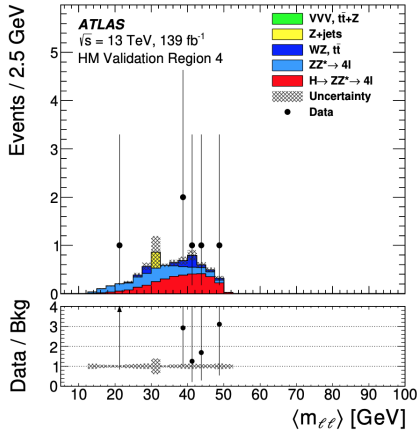


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  - | The final  $m_{34}/m_{12}$  compatibility requirement is inverted with the changed four dilepton mass requirements to  $m_{ll} < 55$  GeV
  - $\Rightarrow$  This region is dominated by  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  with a significant contribution from  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ .

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Set limits on total cross section for  $Z_d Z_d$  model.

- In that model, the total cross section for a specific model is in request:  $\sigma_H \mathcal{BR}(H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4l)$
- Model-dependent acceptance in "total phase space" of a given model:  $\alpha_c = \frac{N_{fid}^{Z_d c}}{N_{tot}^{Z_d c}}$
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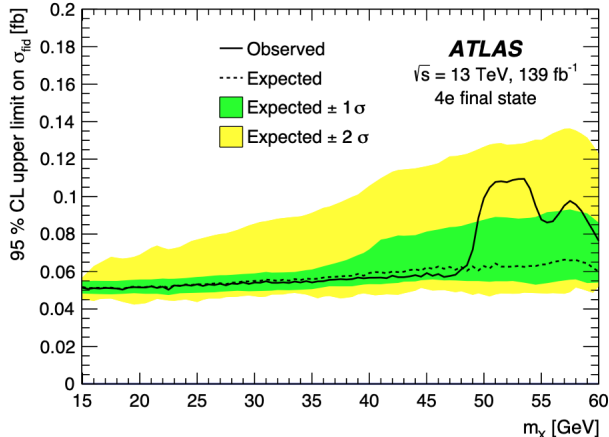


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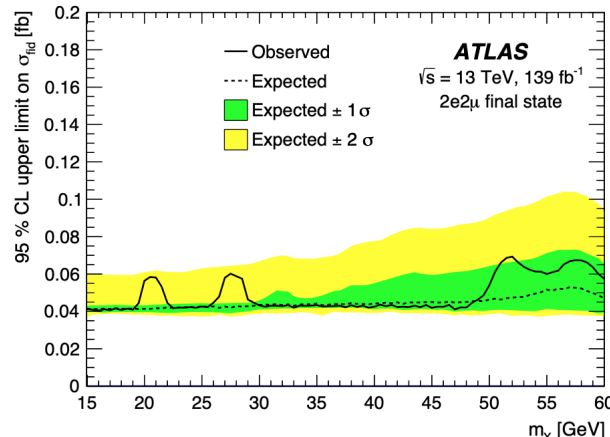


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- The step change in the  $4\mu$  channel at  $m_\chi = 15 \text{ GeV}$  is due to the change in efficiency caused by the change in fiducial phase-space definition
- The shaded areas are the quarkonia veto regions

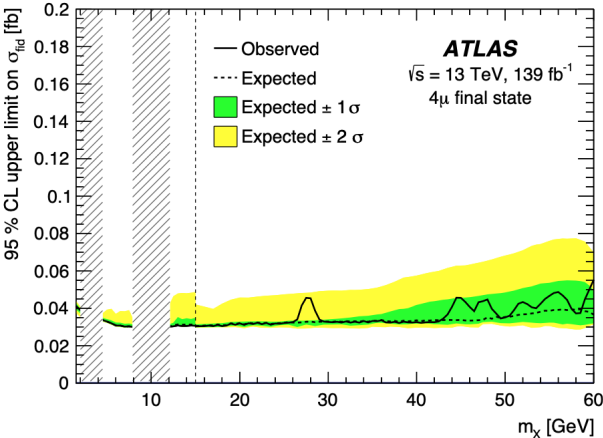


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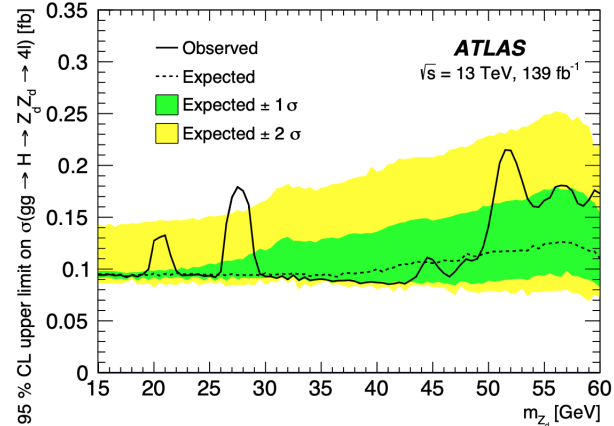


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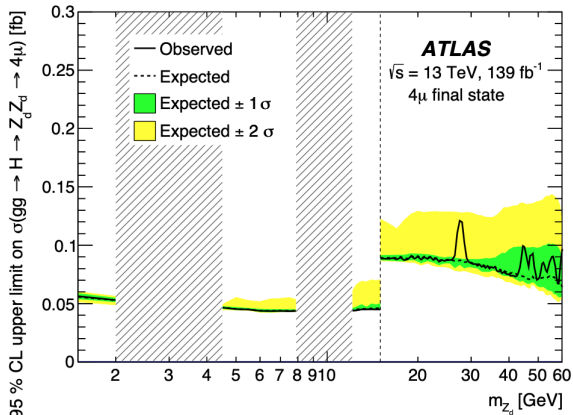


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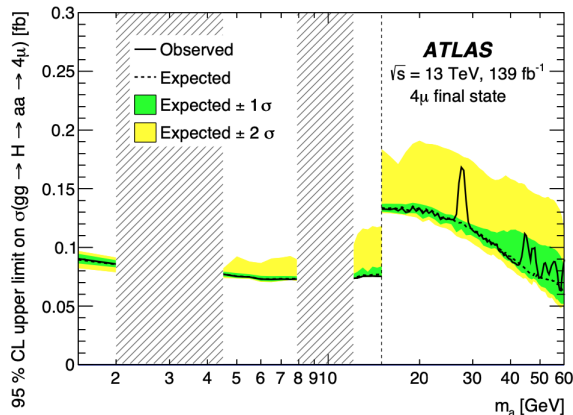


Figure: Limit on  $\sigma(H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\mu)$  process

- The step changes at  $m_{Z_d} = 15$  GeV are due to the change in selection from the LM to the HM analysis.

# Branching ratio limits(Model-dependent)

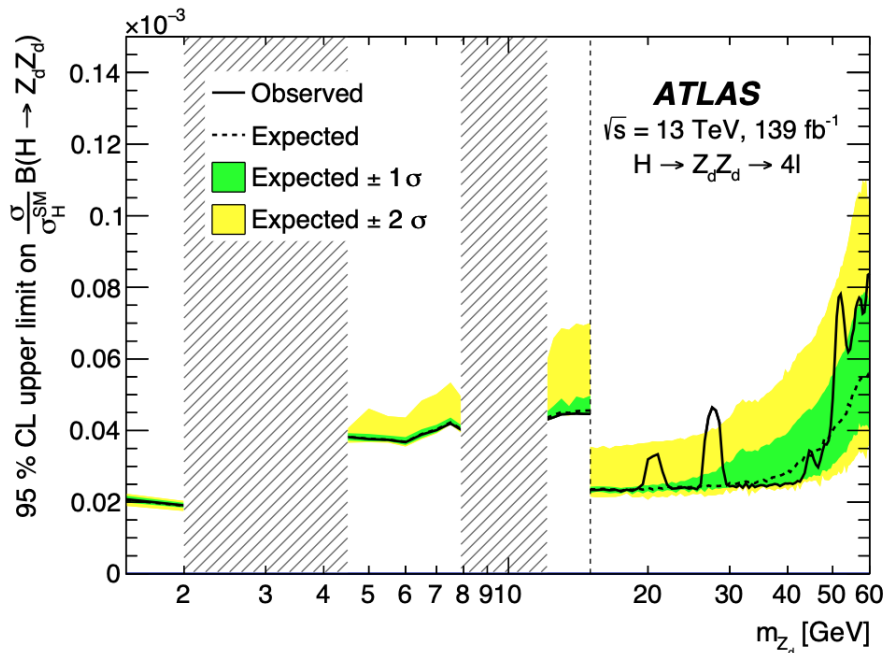


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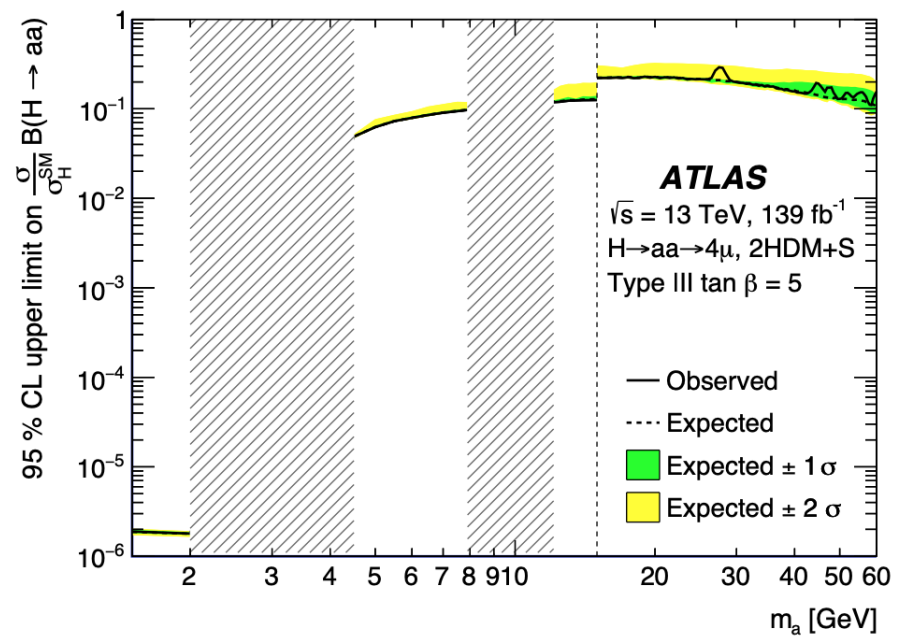


Figure: Limit on  $BR(H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\mu)$  process

**Limit on  $\kappa'$  (Model-dependent)**

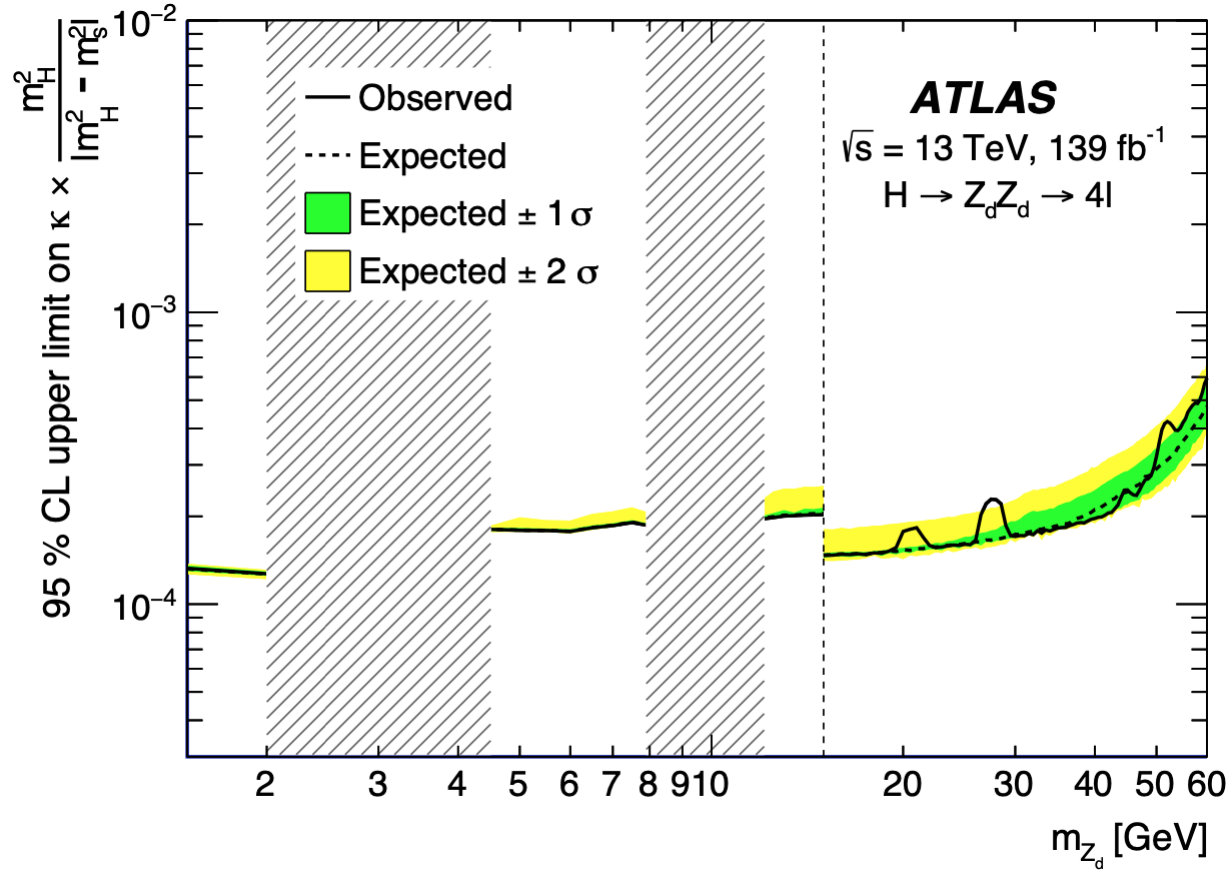


Figure: 95% Upper limit on  $\kappa'$  parameter

The upper limit on the effective higgs mixing parameter  $\kappa'$  is around 0.1%

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- Searches are performed for exotic decays of SM Higgs boson into two new spin-1 particles  $H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d$  and two new spin-0 particles  $H \rightarrow aa$
- The data are found to be globally consistent with the SM background expectations.
- Limits on fiducial cross-sections are computed in order to be used for testing other benchmark models than treated in this analysis.
- Upper limits as function of the intermediate exotic boson's mass are set on the branching ratio of Higgs boson to  $Z_d Z_d(aa)$  and on  $\kappa'$  parameter.





# BackUp

### Data-driven estimate for non-dominant processes with Fake leptons

Processes such as  $t\bar{t}$  and  $WZ$  may contribute to our selected events if non-lepton objects such as jets are incorrectly reconstructed as leptons.

- 1 Events are selected in an inverted signal region (region **B**): a region defined by identical cuts to the normal signal region (region **A**) except with a few cuts inverted: the selected quadruplet in the event must contain one or two (but not more) leptons that are:
  - ▶ Electrons failing the LooseLH identification working point or failing the FixedCutLoose isolation working point, but not failing both of these requirements, or
  - ▶ Muons failing the FixedCutLoose isolation working point or  $d_0$  significance requirement

⇒ Those are bad leptons
- 2 Events are selected in two regions that are rich in Z+jets events, where the event contains two leptons consistent with Z boson and exactly one other baseline reconstructed lepton. These third leptons, which are predominantly leptons faked by hadronic jets, either pass all requirements imposed in the standard analysis selection (the event then contributes to region **C**) or are leptons failing the cuts described above (the event contributes to region **D**).
- 3 Fake Factors are calculated as:  $f = \frac{N_C}{N_D}$
- 4 Those factors are applied to the events in region **B**: events with exactly one bad lepton (**B1**) receive a weight given by the fake factor corresponding to the bad lepton, and events with exactly two bad leptons (**B2**) receive a weight given by the product of the fake factors of the two bad leptons and an additional factor of -1:  $N_{B_1}f - N_{B_2}f_1f_2$
- 5 The contribution to this estimate from processes producing four (or more) real leptons is estimated from the MC contribution to the inverted signal region ( $N_{B_1}^{real}$  and  $N_{B_2}^{real}$ ) with fake factors applied.

$$N_A^{fake} = (N_{B_1}f - N_{B_2}f_1f_2) - (N_{B_1}^{real}f - N_{B_2}^{real}f_1f_2)$$

For more details, see [2226555](#)

## Fiducial phase-space definitions

	Single Z (ZX) analysis $H \rightarrow XZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ ( $\ell = e, \mu$ )	High-mass (HM) analysis $H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4\ell$ ( $\ell = e, \mu$ )	Low-mass (LM) analysis $H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4\mu$
Mass range	$15 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 55 \text{ GeV}$	$15 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 60 \text{ GeV}$	$1 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 15 \text{ GeV}$
Electrons	$p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta  < 2.5$		
Muons	$p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta  < 2.7$		
Quadruplet	Three leading- $p_T$ leptons satisfying $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}, 15 \text{ GeV}, 10 \text{ GeV}$		
	$\Delta R > 0.10$ (0.20) between same-flavour (different-flavour) leptons		—
	—	$m_{34}/m_{12} > 0.85 - 0.1125f(m_{12})$	$m_{34}/m_{12} > 0.85$
	$50 \text{ GeV} < m_{12} < 106 \text{ GeV}$ $12 \text{ GeV} < m_{34} < 115 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{14,23} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ (4e/4 $\mu$ )	$10 \text{ GeV} < m_{12,34} < 64 \text{ GeV}$ For 4e and 4 $\mu$ channels: $5 \text{ GeV} < m_{14,23} < 75 \text{ GeV}$	$1.2 \text{ GeV} < m_{12,34} < 20 \text{ GeV}$
	—	Reject event if $m_{12,34,14,23}$ in either: ( $m_{J/\psi} - 0.25 \text{ GeV}$ ) to ( $m_{\psi(2S)} + 0.30 \text{ GeV}$ ), or ( $m_{\Upsilon(1S)} - 0.70 \text{ GeV}$ ) to ( $m_{\Upsilon(3S)} + 0.75 \text{ GeV}$ )	
	—	—	Reject event if $m_{12,34}$ in either 2 GeV to 4.4 GeV, or 8 GeV to 12 GeV
	$115 \text{ GeV} < m_{4\ell} < 130 \text{ GeV}$	—	—

