

Search for a high mass neutral Higgs boson using
the ATLAS detector

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After the 125GeV Higgs boson discovery, an important question remains:

Is this the only Higgs boson?

- ➔ Extensions to the SM predict additional heavy Higgs boson(s) we could observe in proton-proton collisions at the LHC

In this presentation: The latest search limits from ATLAS of heavy neutral Higgs decaying in the diboson channels, using $20.3/fb$ at $\sqrt{s} = 8 TeV$

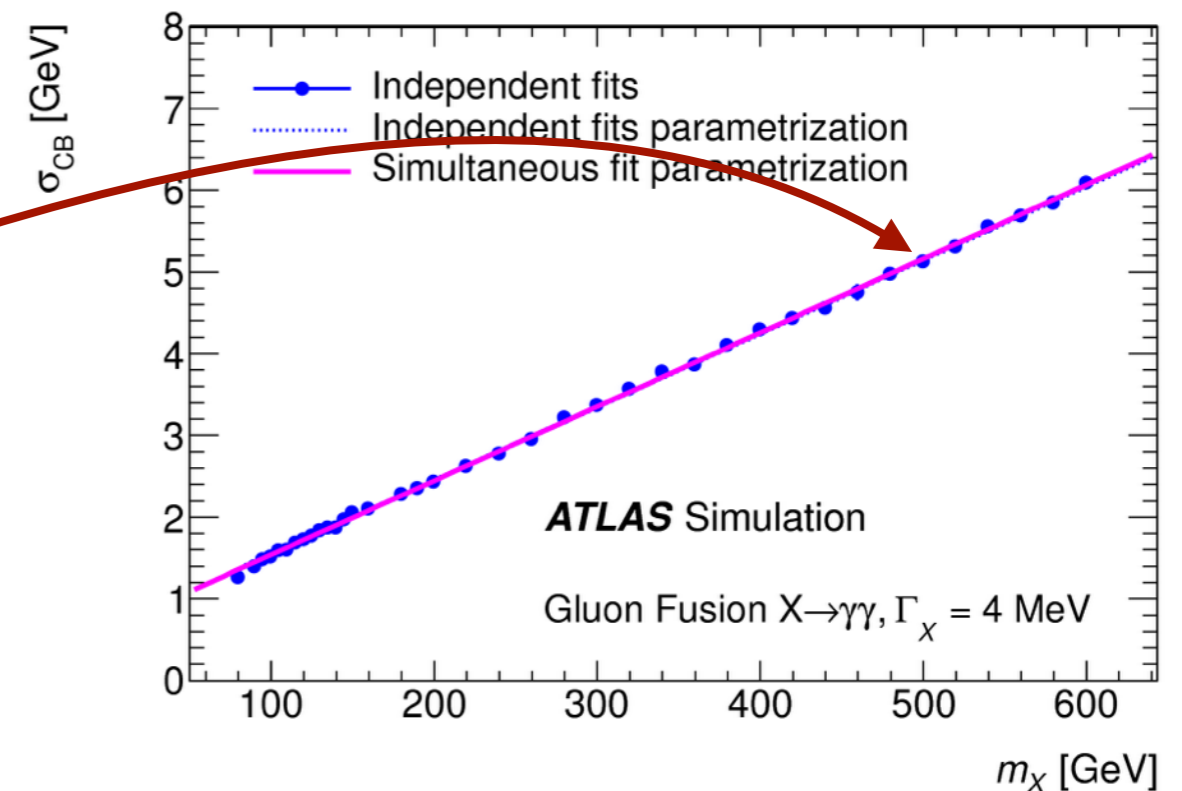
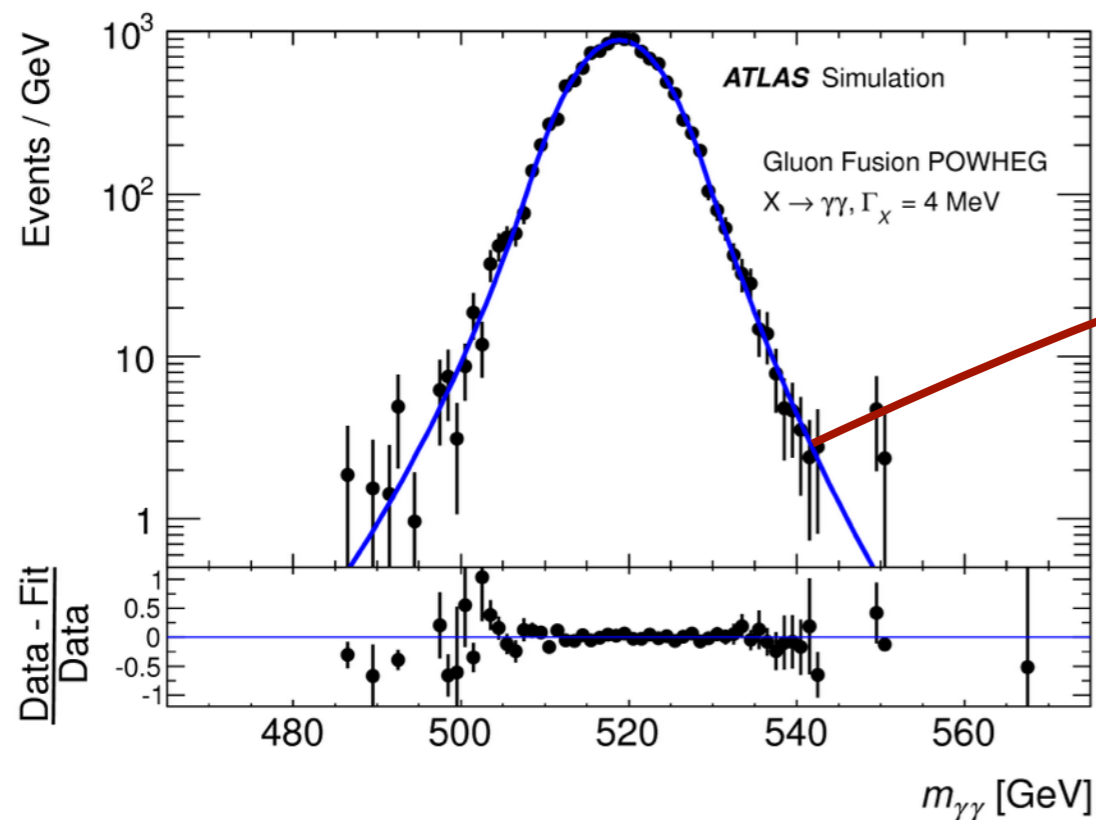
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (July 2014: [Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 171801](#))
- $H \rightarrow ZZ$ (July 2015: [arXiv:1507.05930](#))
- $H \rightarrow WW$ (August 2015: Preliminary results to be submitted)

As one discovery channel for the 125GeV Higgs, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ has additional importance in high mass searches (Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 171801)

➔ resonant signal on smooth background: clean search!

Signal Model:

- double-sided Crystal Ball with parameters fit on different simulated mass points
- All production modes use same PDF



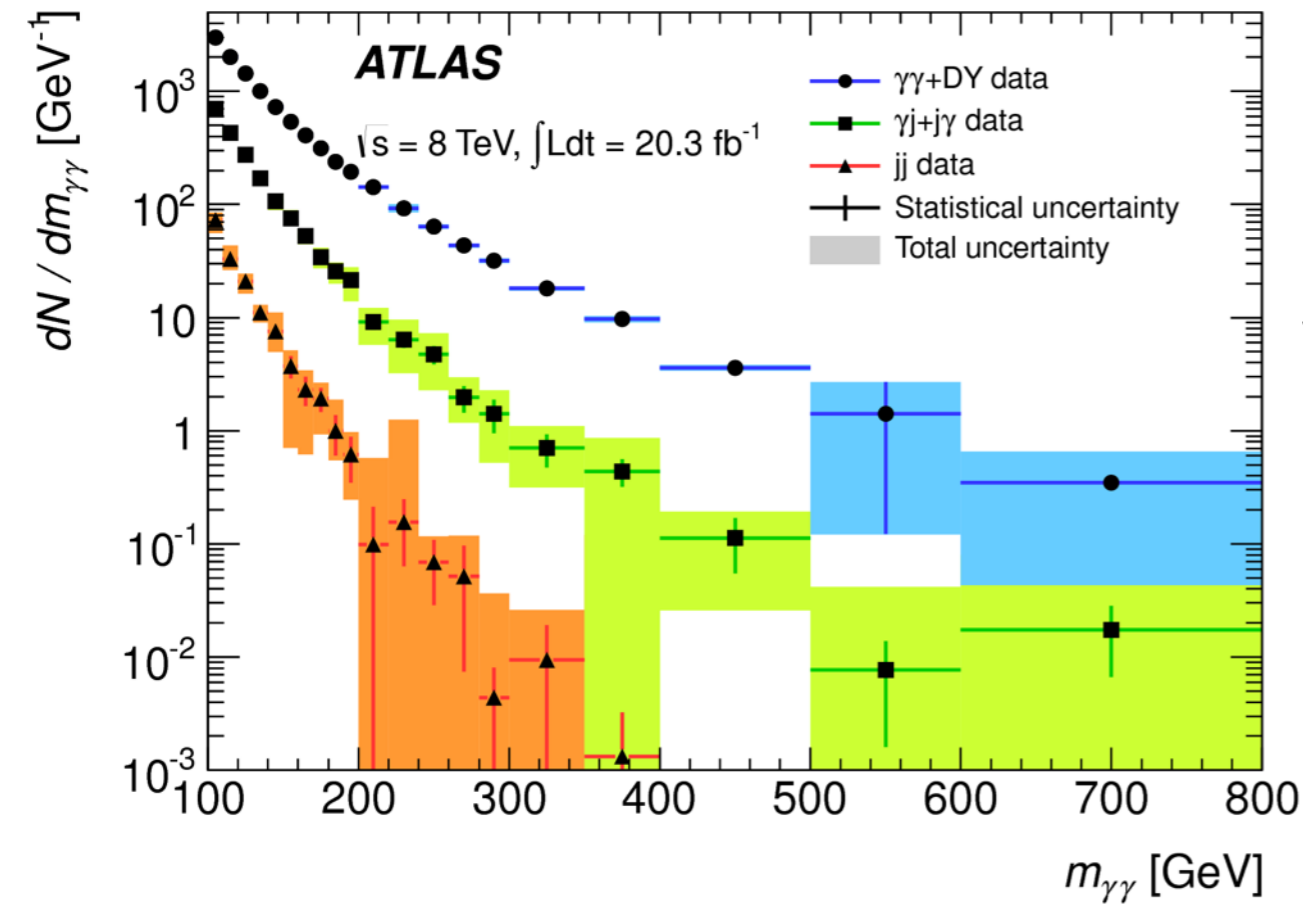
Backgrounds:

Composition in data:

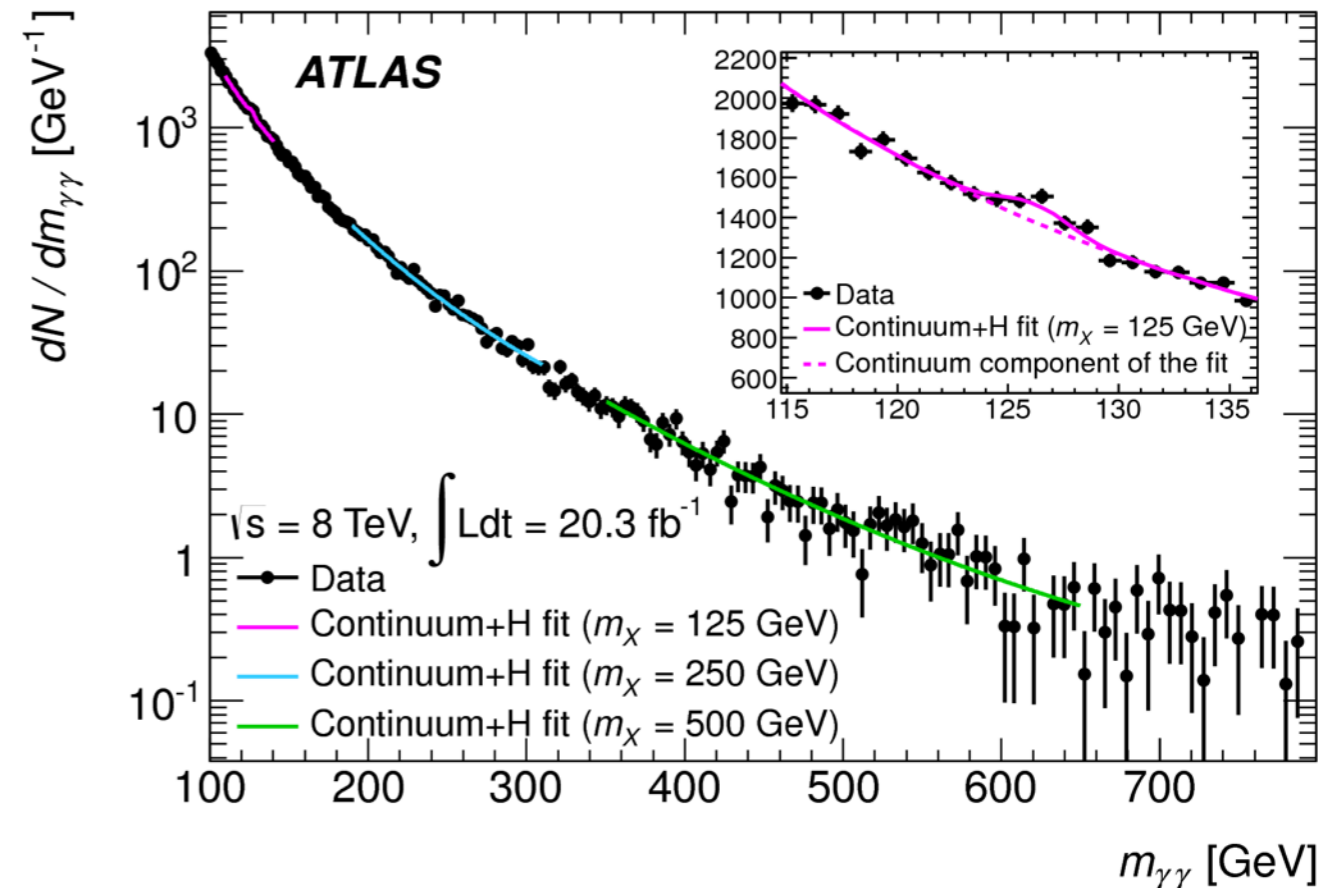
$$\gamma\gamma(83.7\%), \gamma \text{ jet}(15.1\%), \text{jet jet}(1.2\%)$$

Where $\gamma\gamma$ includes doubly-converted DY $Z \rightarrow ee$

Composition derived using a 2Dx2D sideband method in isolation vs identification for both photons [arXiv:1107.0581]



- Parameterized by pol-2 in sliding window
- Shape/window choice:
 - ◉ Fit S+B on background only spectrum
 - ◉ signal yield bias < 20% stat. error



Statistical Interpretation

- Limits are $95\%CL_s$ using the q_μ test statistic

Narrow-width approximation

For different mass hypotheses find limits on:

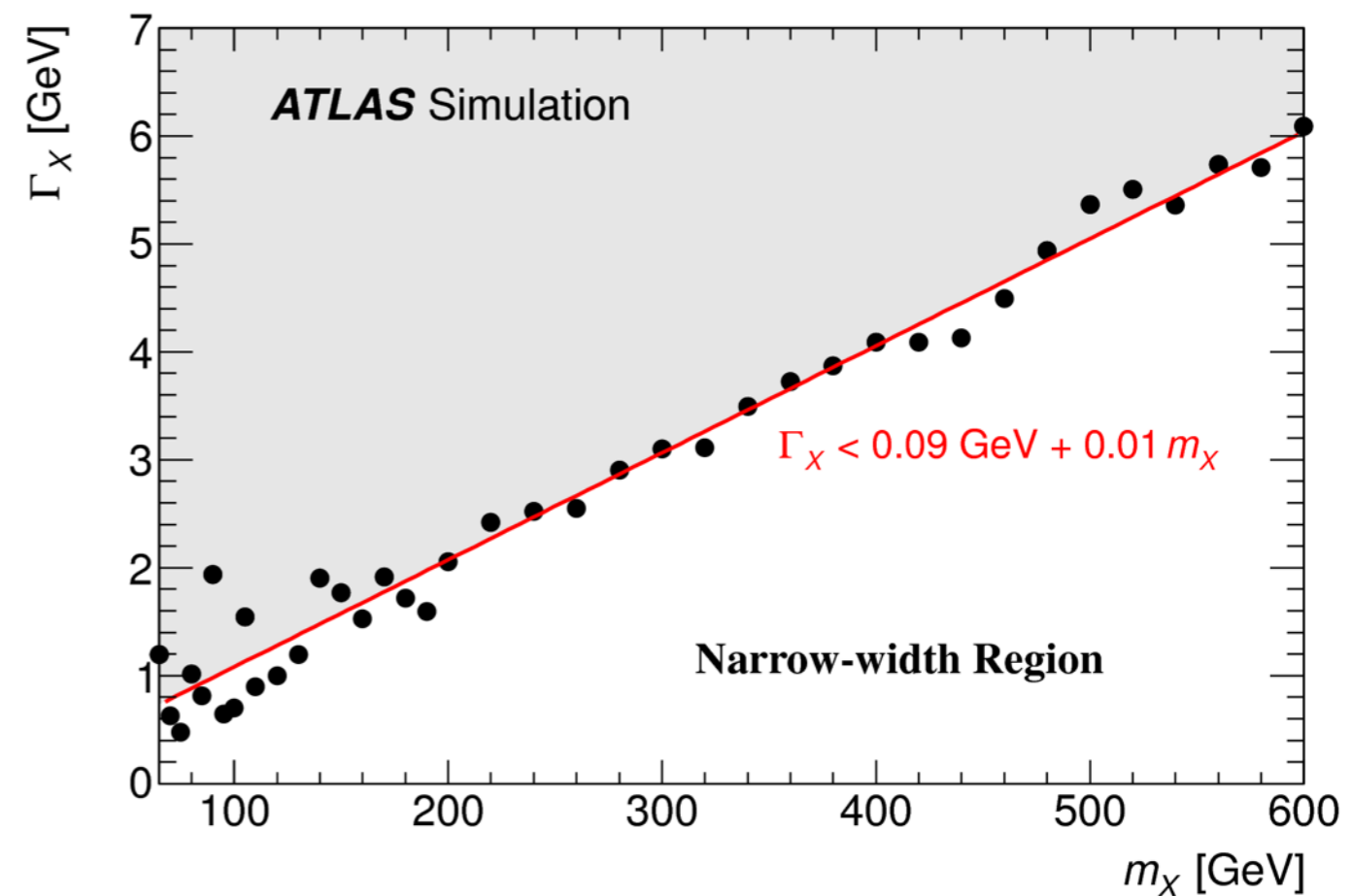
$$\sigma_{fid} \cdot BR(X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{N_{data}}{C_X \mathcal{L}}$$

Efficiency factor derived from MC ggF samples $C_X = \frac{N_{MC}^{reco}}{N_{MC}^{fid}}$

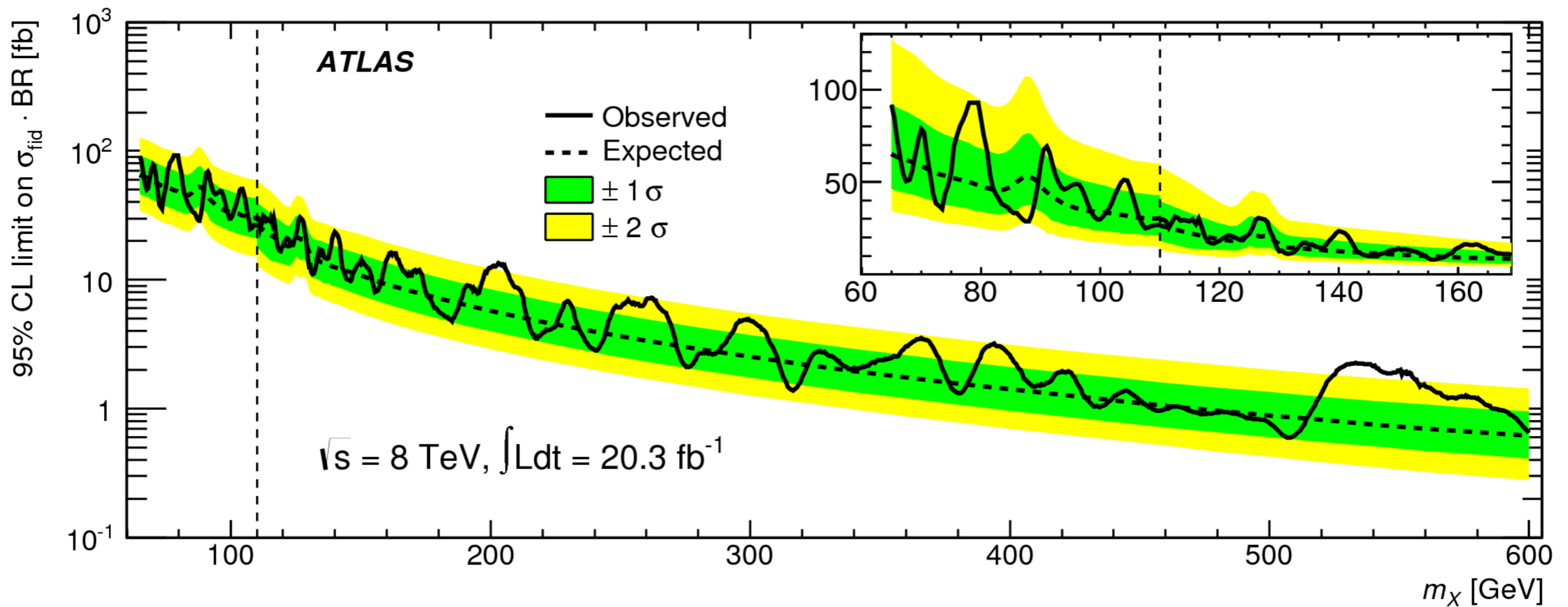
MC samples have $\Gamma_H = 4 \text{ MeV}$



**Narrow-width limit:
bias < 10% signal yield**



Limits in Narrow Width Approximation



Largest excess corresponds to $z_0 = 2.2$ at $m_X = 530 \text{ GeV}$

The other discovery channel for the 125 GeV Higgs, $H \rightarrow ZZ$, is a powerful probe to search for additional heavy Higgs

Four decay channels enter ATLAS' search ([arXiv:1507.05930](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.05930))

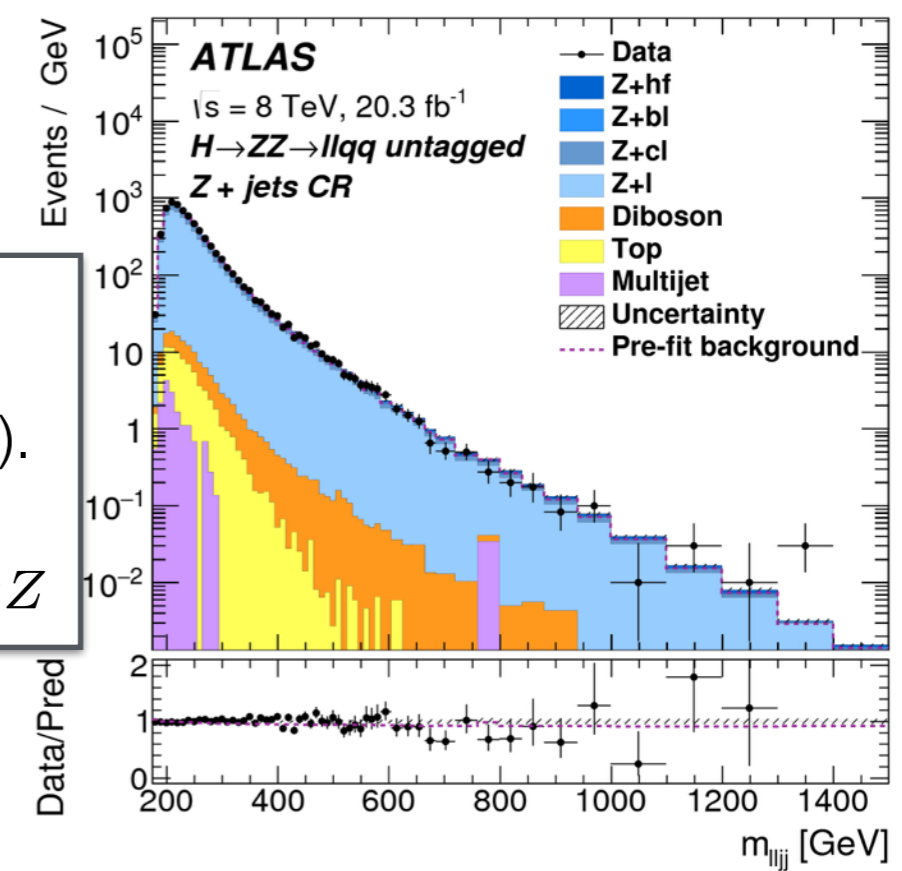
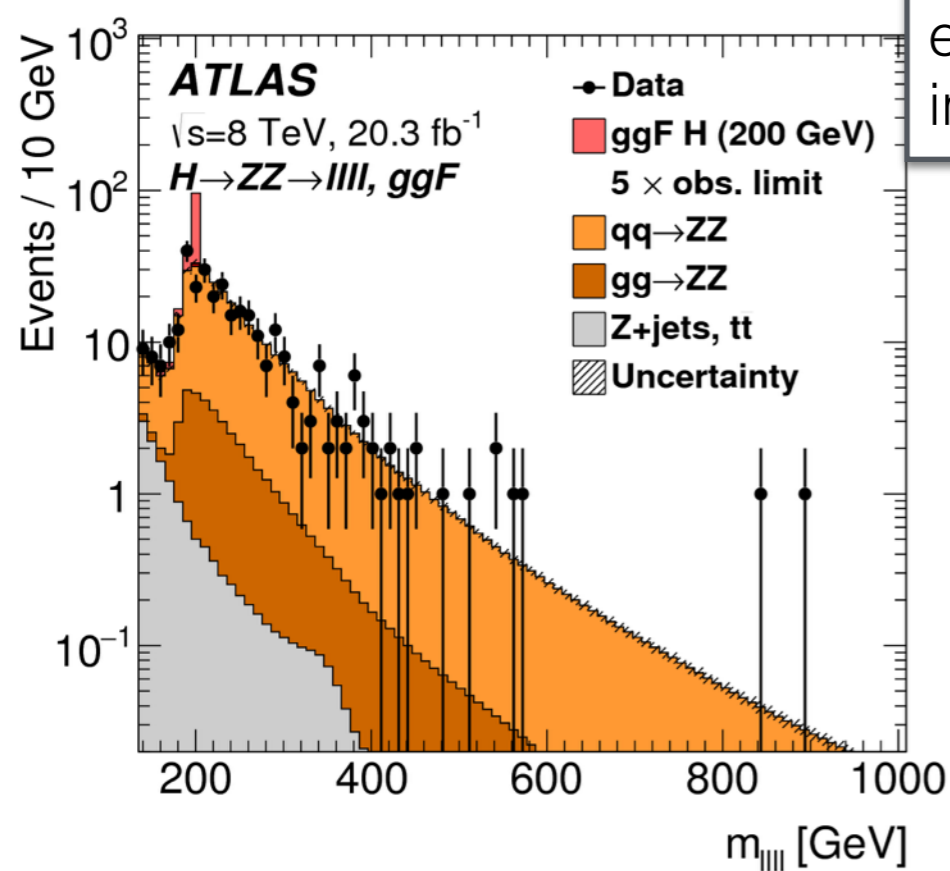
$$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llll, llqq, ll\nu\nu, \nu\nu qq$$

Some background processes modelled using MC simulation:

Others use **data-driven** estimates, often fit simultaneously between channels:

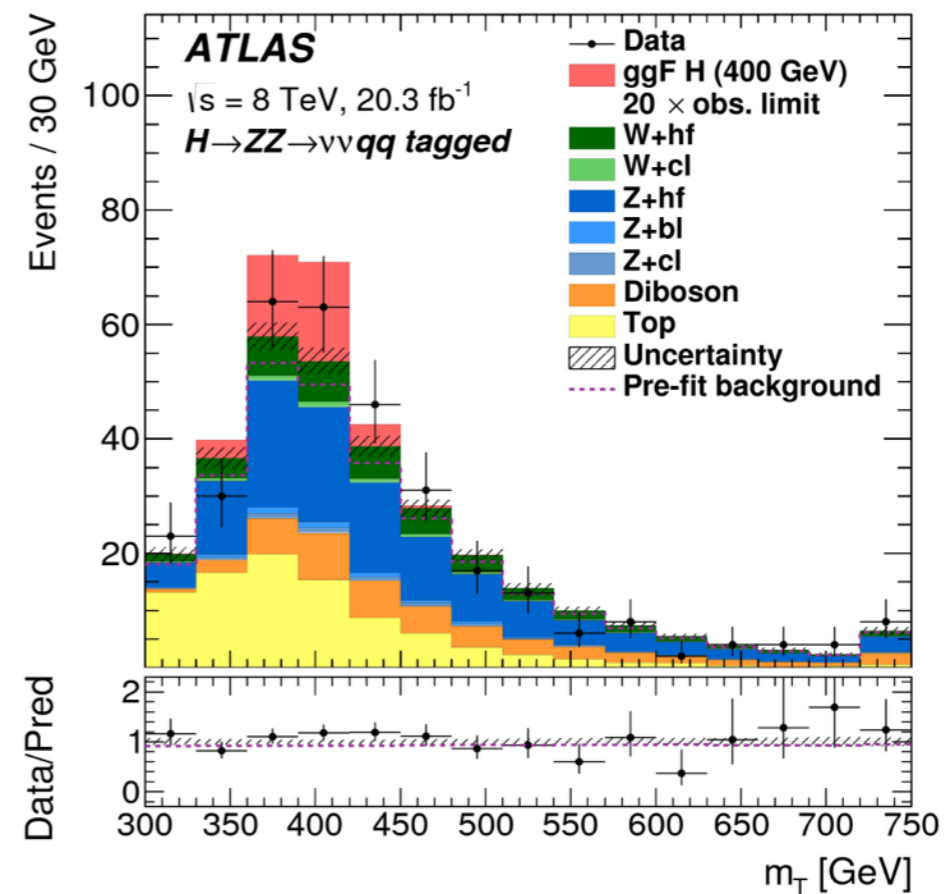
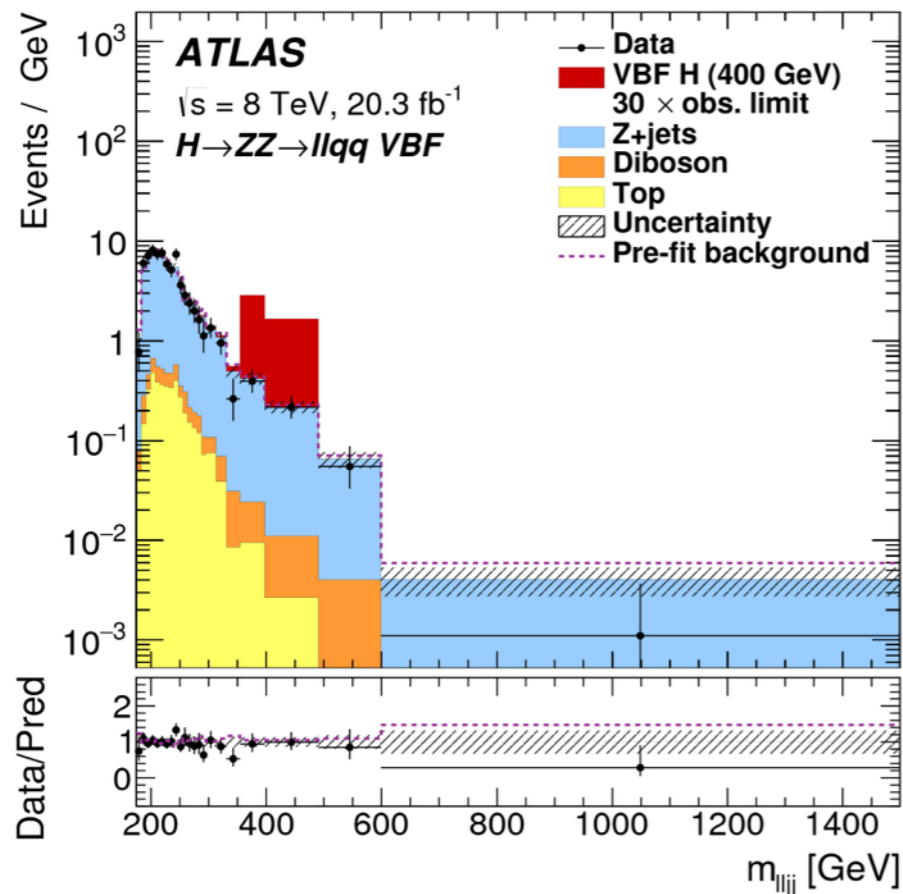
eg. $qq \rightarrow ZZ$
in $llll, ll\nu\nu, \nu\nu qq$

eg. $Z + Jets$ here in a sub-channel of $llqq$
(important in all channels).
Control region built by requiring m_{jj} far from m_Z



Analysis outline:

- Each channel ($llll$, $llqq$, $ll\nu\nu$, $\nu\nu qq$) has a discriminating variable sensitive to m_H



fully reconstructed channels: invariant mass

channels with neutrinos: transverse mass

- Distributions are made for signal & background in each channel
- Channels separate categories for ggF and VBF production based on additional jets in the event (except: $\nu\nu qq$ does not model VBF)
- Additional sub-channels designed to improve sensitivity based on lepton flavour, jet categorization

Statistical Interpretation

- The four channels enter a simultaneous fit
- Limits are $95\%CL_s$ using the \tilde{q}_μ test statistic
- Both interpretations derived using MC samples with $\Gamma_H = 4 \text{ MeV}$

Model-independent (narrow width) interpretation

No assumption is made on relative contribution of ggF and VBF to production

For different mass hypotheses find limits on parameters of interest:

$$\sigma_{ggF} * BR(H \rightarrow ZZ)$$

$$\sigma_{VBF} * BR(H \rightarrow ZZ)$$

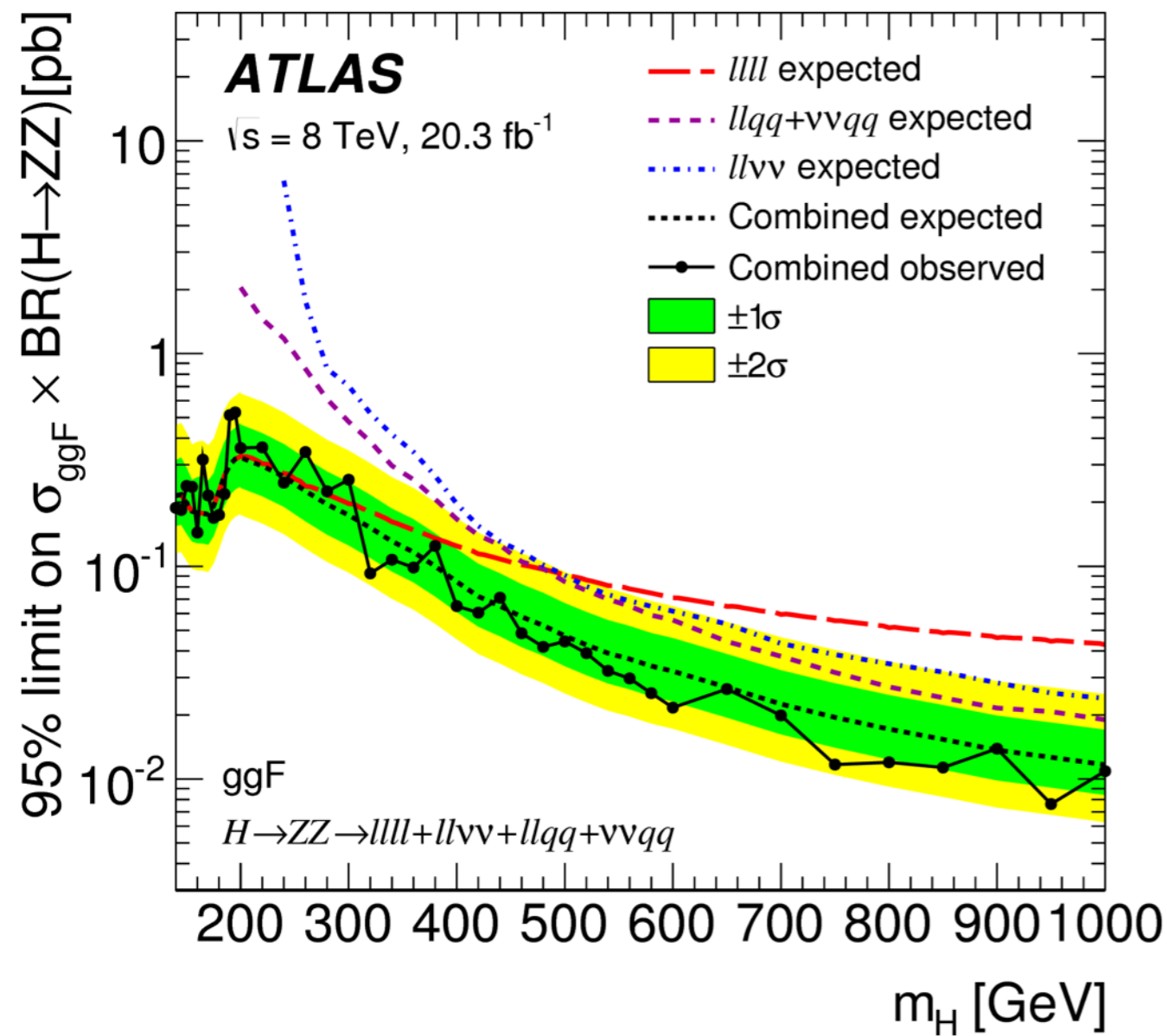
2HDM interpretation

Type-I and Type-II considered

Relative contribution of ggF and VBF, and branching ratios are fixed by 2HDM

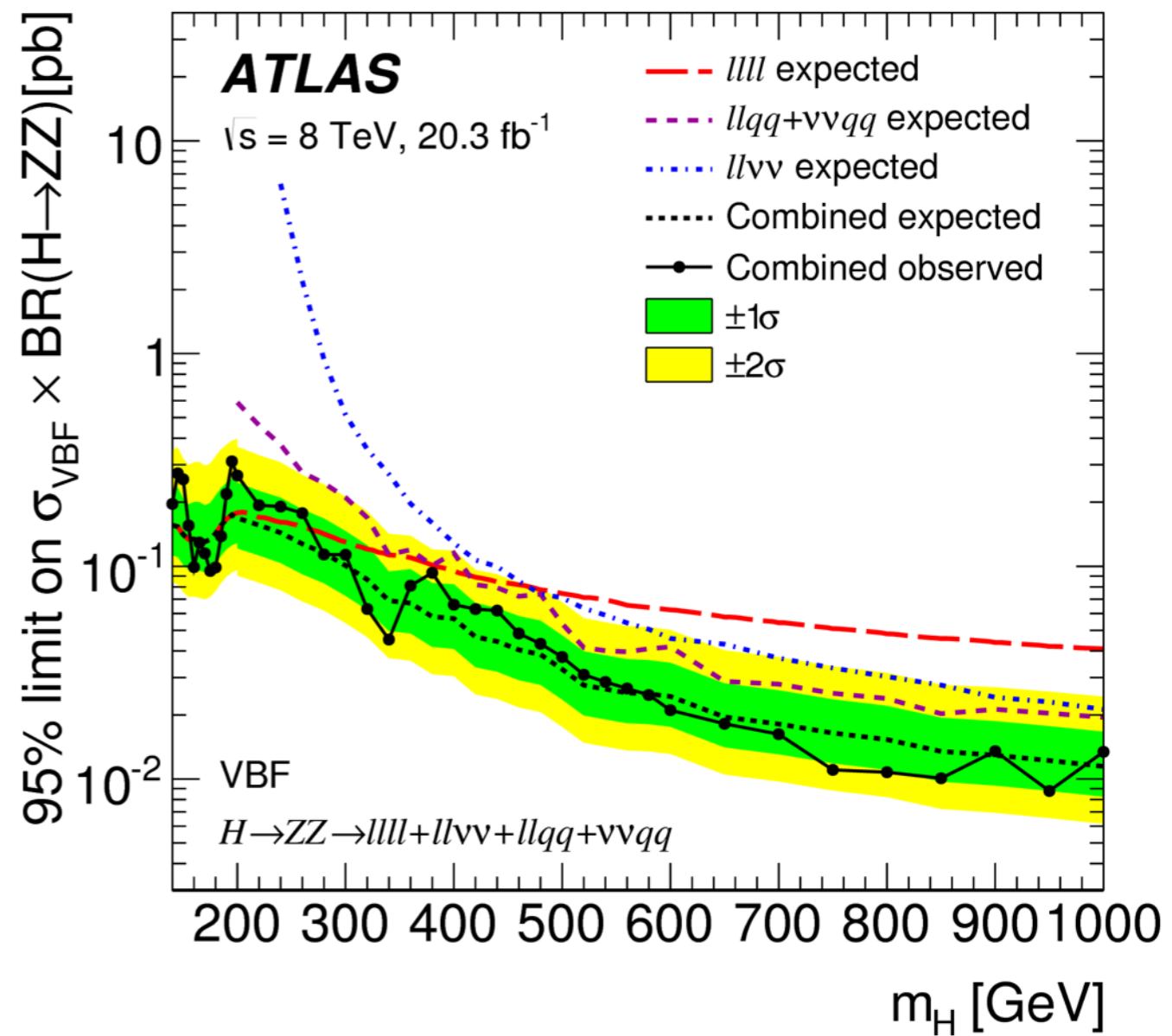
Limits set in parameter space of $m_H, \tan\beta, \cos(\beta - \alpha)$

Parameter ranges are set such that $\Gamma_H < 0.5\%m_H$ and the light Higgs couplings are not enhanced by more than 3 times the Standard Model



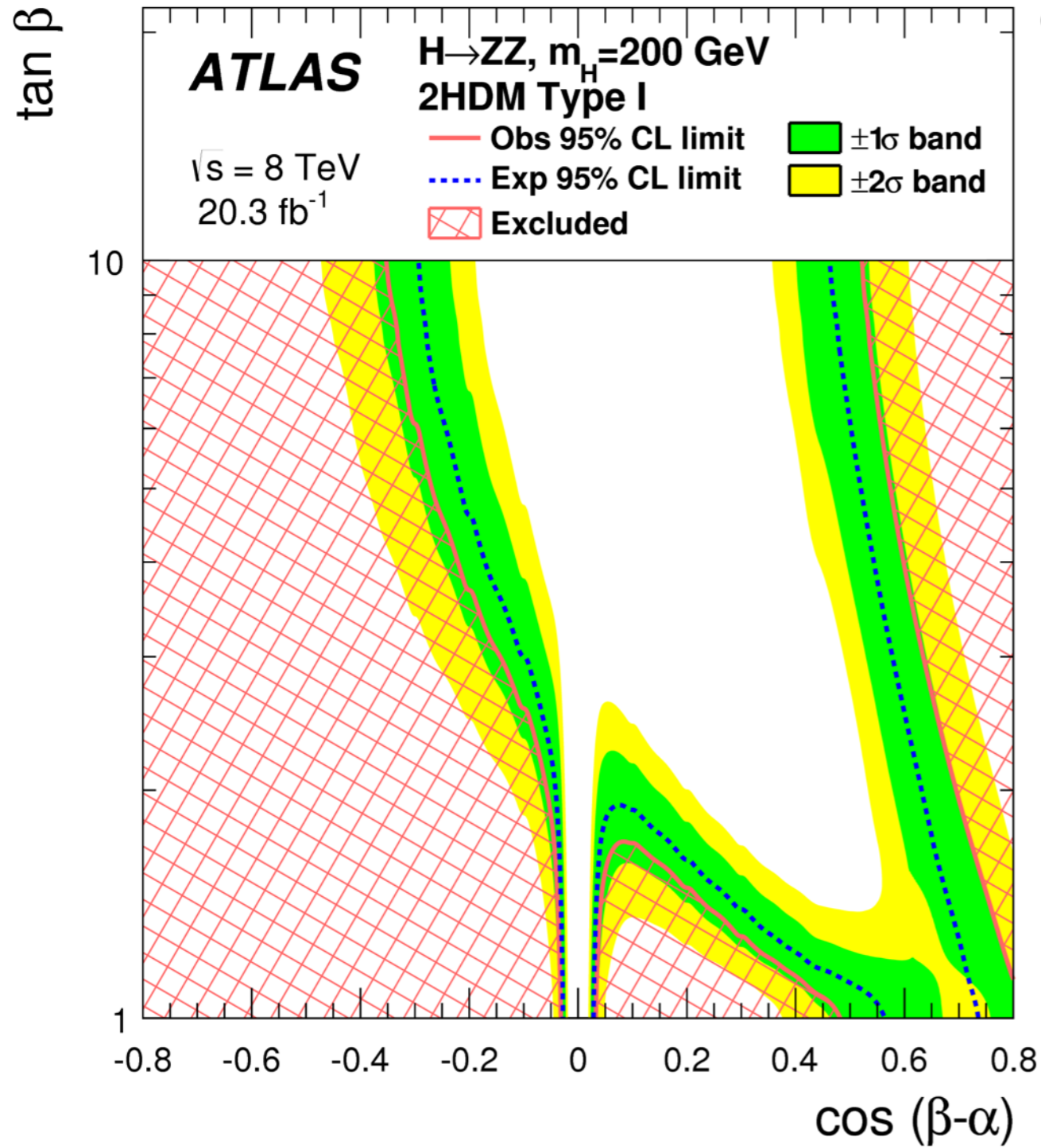
ggF limits

530 fb @ 195 GeV
 8 fb @ 950 GeV

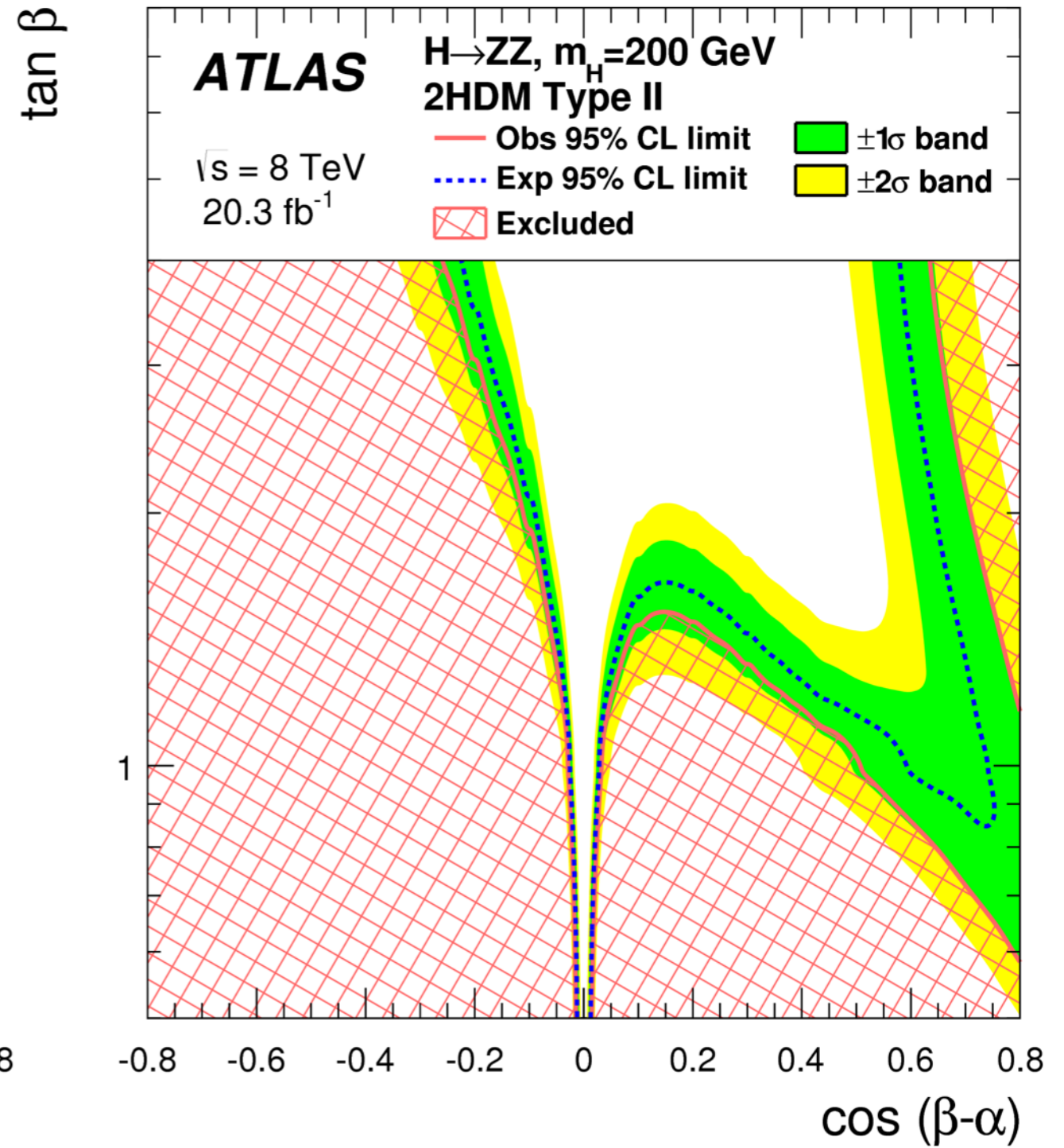


VBF limits

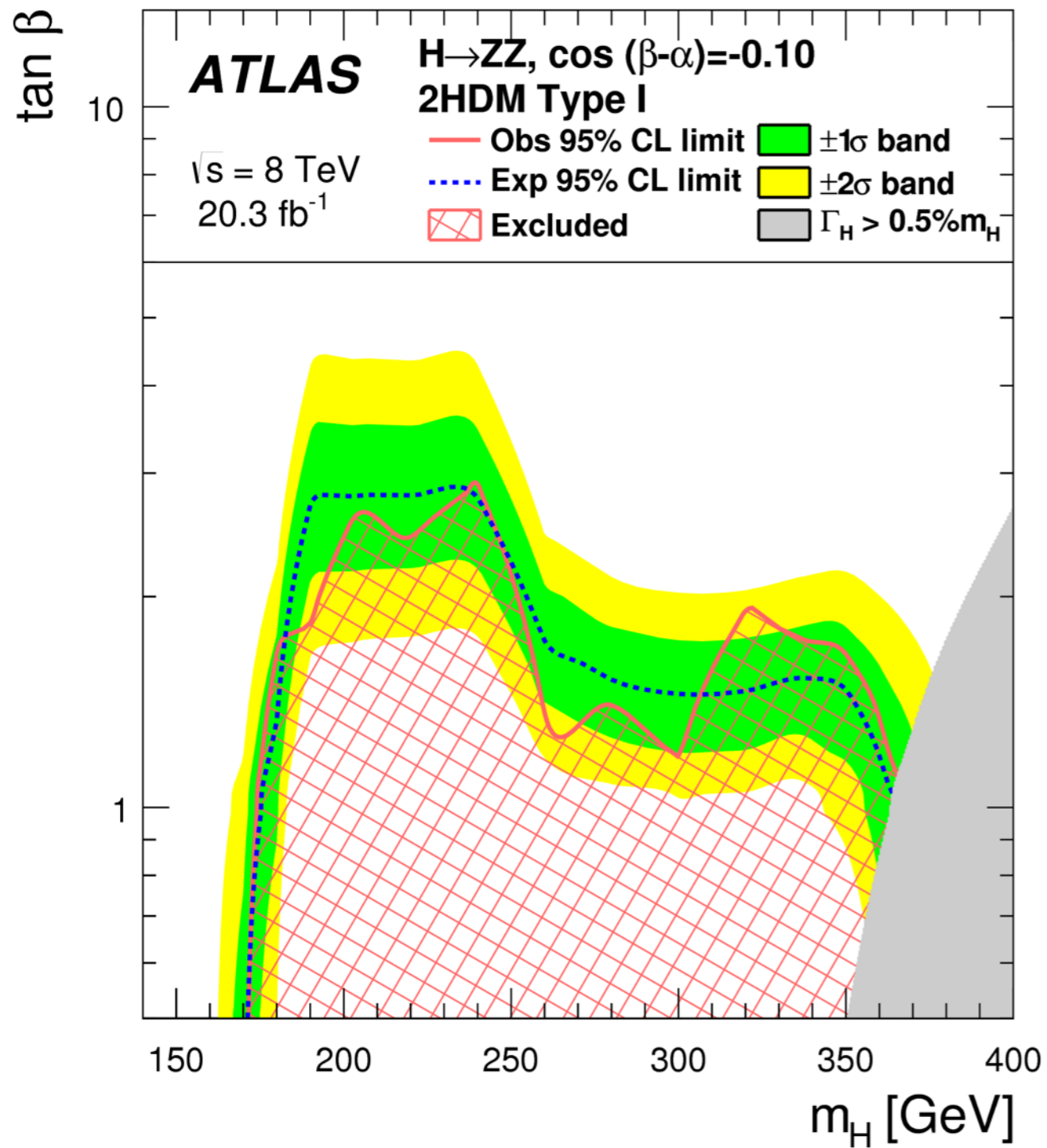
310 fb @ 195 GeV
 9 fb @ 950 GeV



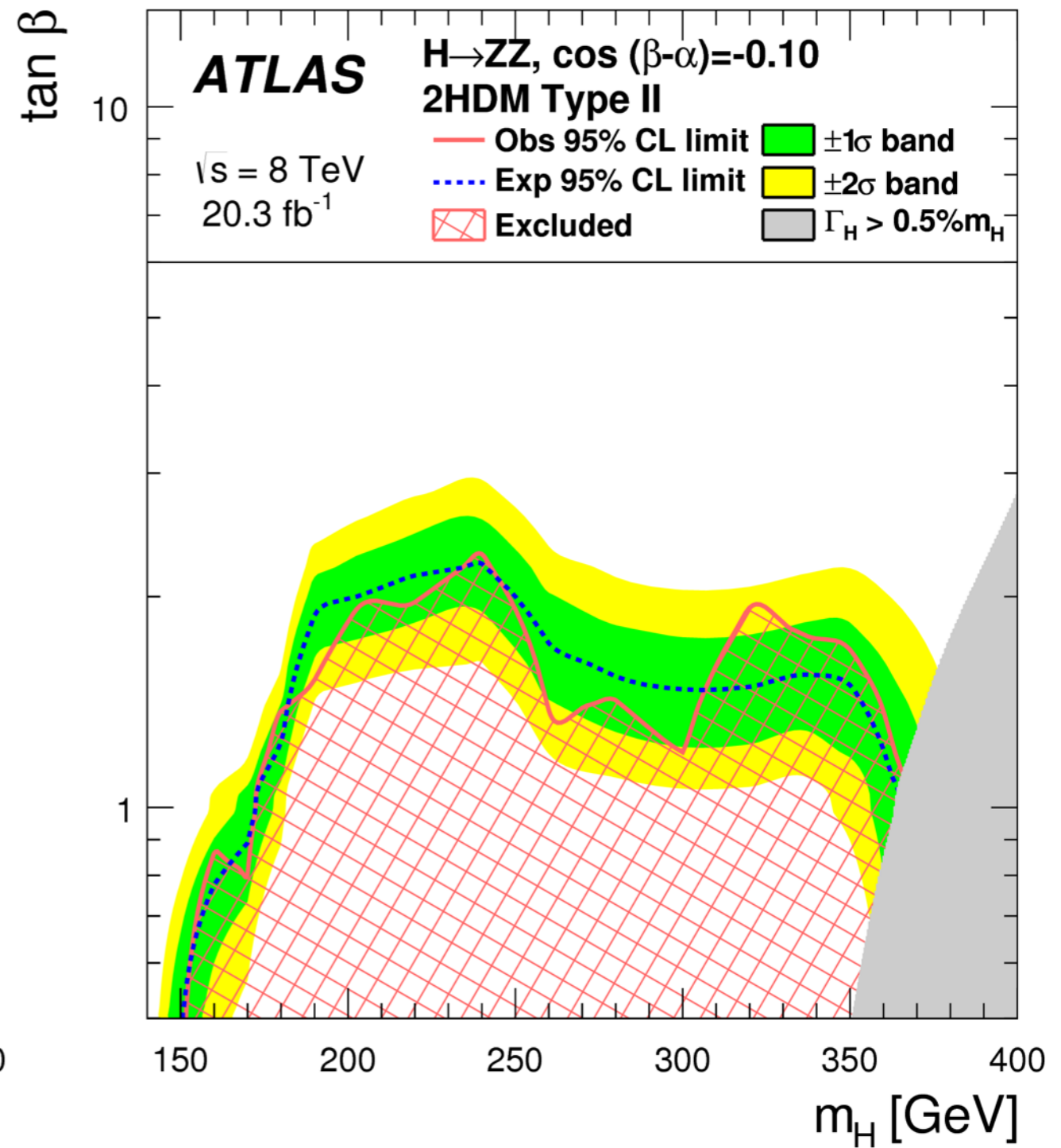
2HDM Type-I



2HDM Type-II



2HDM Type-I



2HDM Type-II

$H \rightarrow WW$ also very powerful due to high branching ratio ($\sim 60\%$ for masses probed)

Two decay channels enter ATLAS' search:

$$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu, \ell\nu qq$$

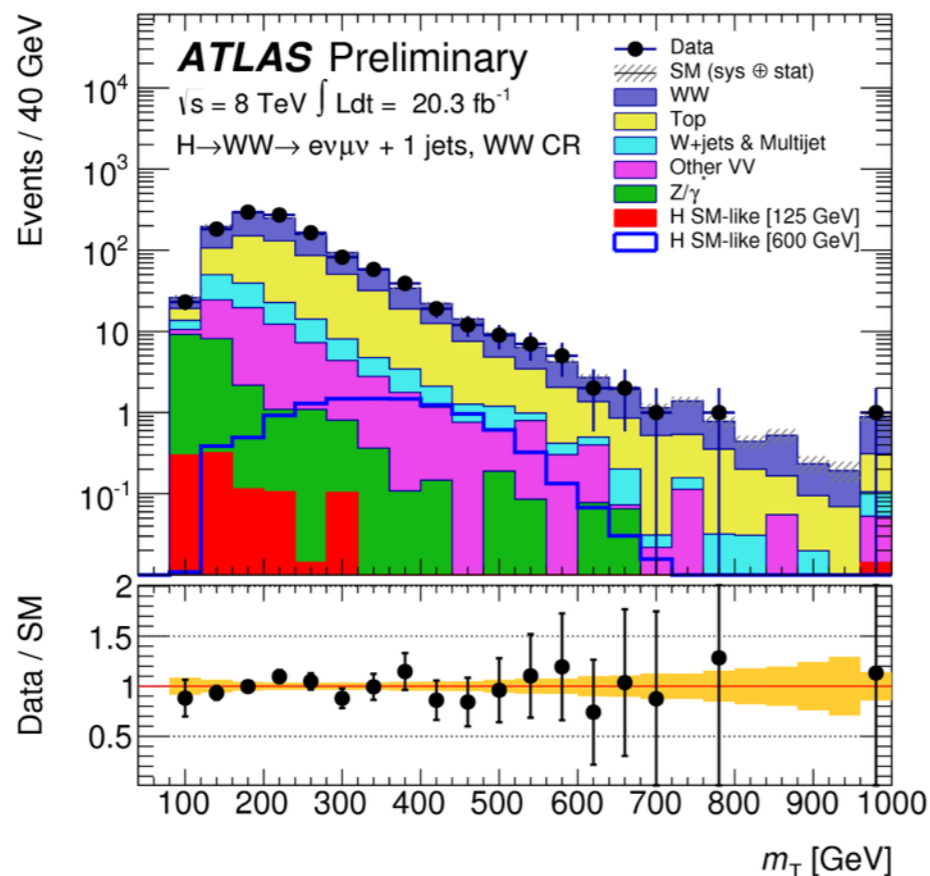
Different backgrounds dominate different channels: WW , Top , $W + jets$, $multijet$

Where possible, estimations are **data-driven**. General approach:

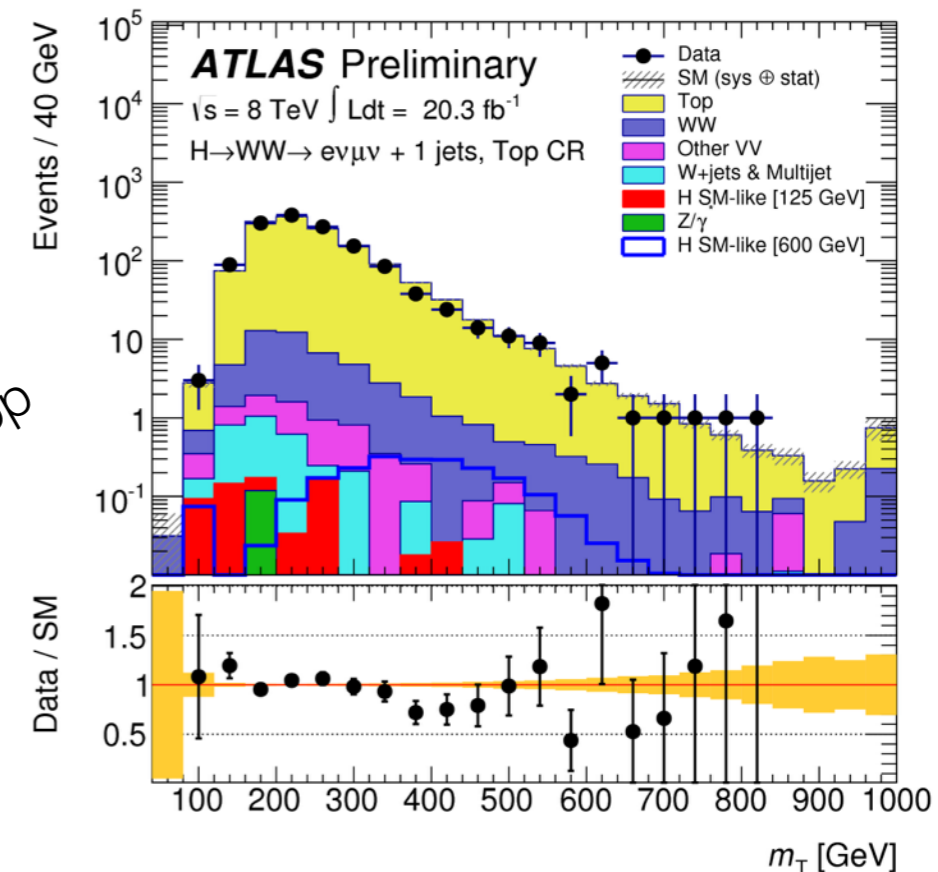
- build control regions to enrich each background
- extrapolation factors bring the fit result from the CR to the yield in the SR

e.g.

Control region
enriched in WW



Control region
enriched in Top



- Analyses split into categories designed to increase sensitivity
- Signal production modes and background sources vary by category

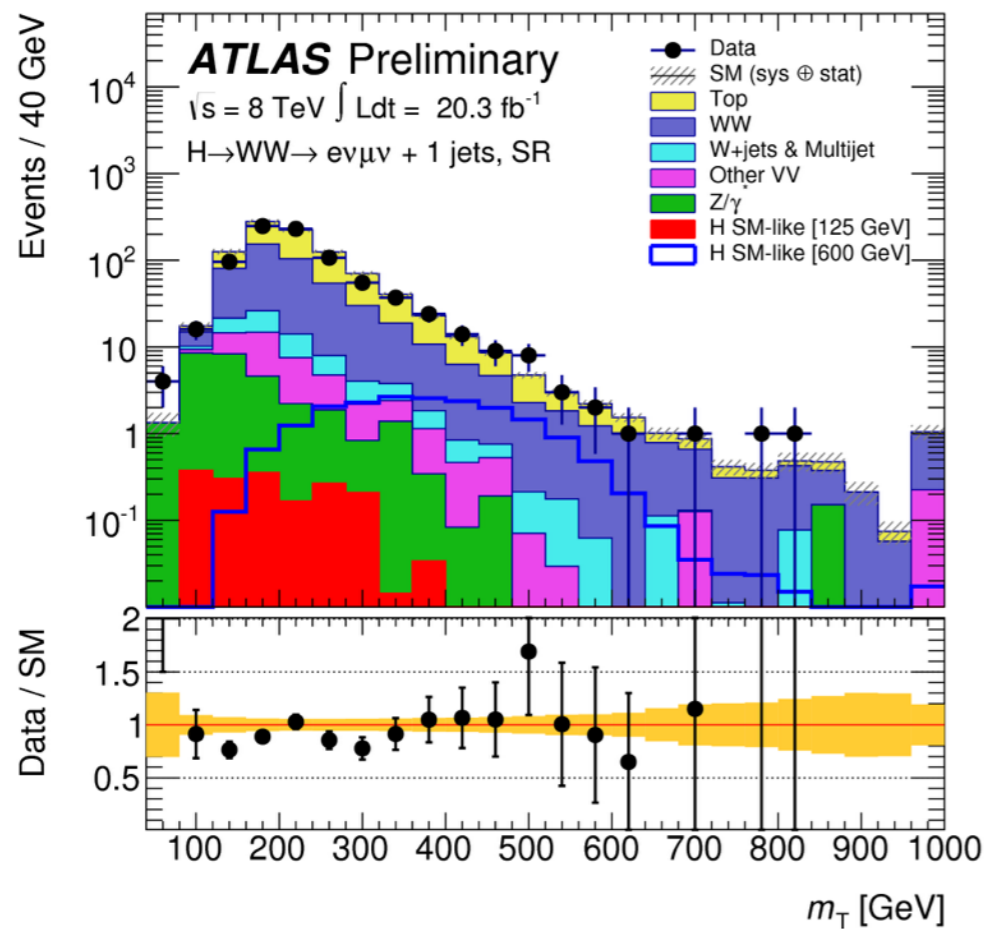
$l\nu l\nu$ is split by

- same/different flavour leptons
- $N_{jets} = 0, 1, \geq 2$

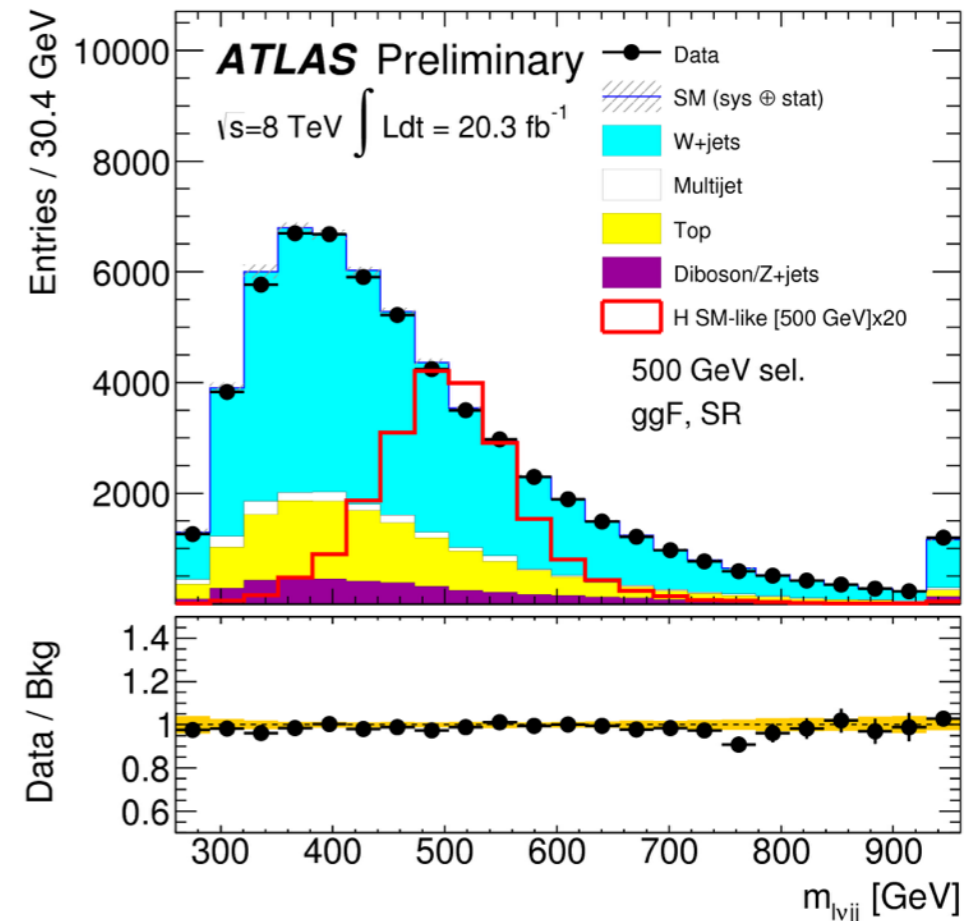
$l\nu qq$ is split by

- flavour/charge of lepton

Each channel calculates a mass discriminant on which the final fit is done:



Example of two of the signal regions post-fit:



$l\nu qq \rightarrow m_{l\nu jj}$

invariant mass where m_W, E_T^{miss} are used to constrain \vec{p}_ν

$l\nu l\nu \rightarrow m_T$
 transverse mass of l, l, E_T^{miss}

Statistical Interpretation

- Both channels $l\nu l\nu$, $l\nu qq$ enter combined limit setting

Narrow-Width Approximation

Width of resonance is fixed for all mass at $\Gamma_H = 4.07 MeV$

No assumption is made on relative contribution of ggF and VBF to production

Standard Model Width Scenario

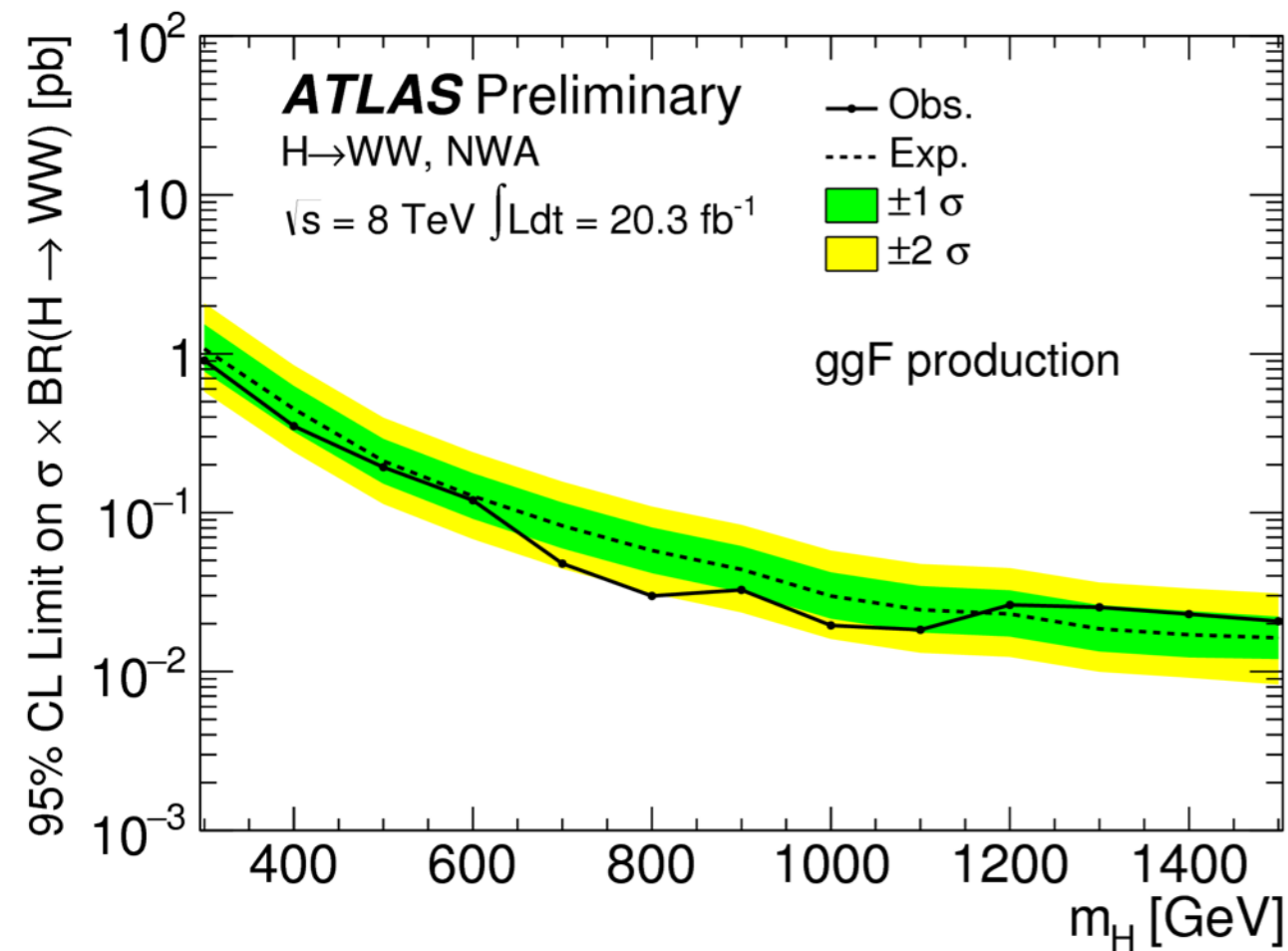
Width of resonance is the SM Higgs boson width for that mass $\Gamma_H = \Gamma_H^{SM}$

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Intermediate-Width Scenario

Width of resonance intermediate to above - parameterized as $\Gamma_H = \kappa'^2 \cdot \Gamma_{H,SM}$

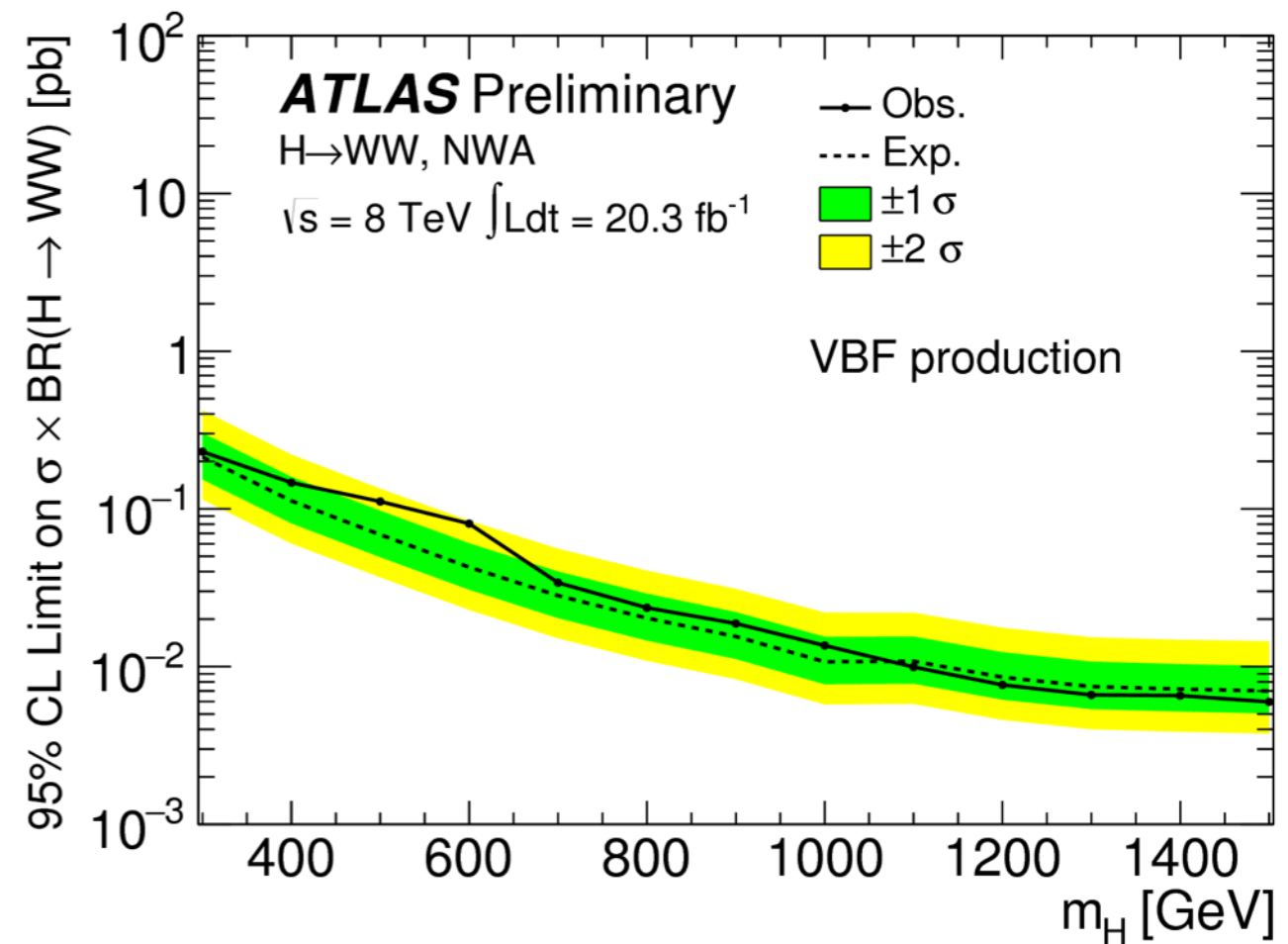
Limits in Narrow Width Approximation $\Gamma_H = 4.07 \text{ MeV}$



ggF limits

$\sim 900 \text{ fb @ } 300 \text{ GeV}$

$\sim 20 \text{ fb @ } 1500 \text{ GeV}$

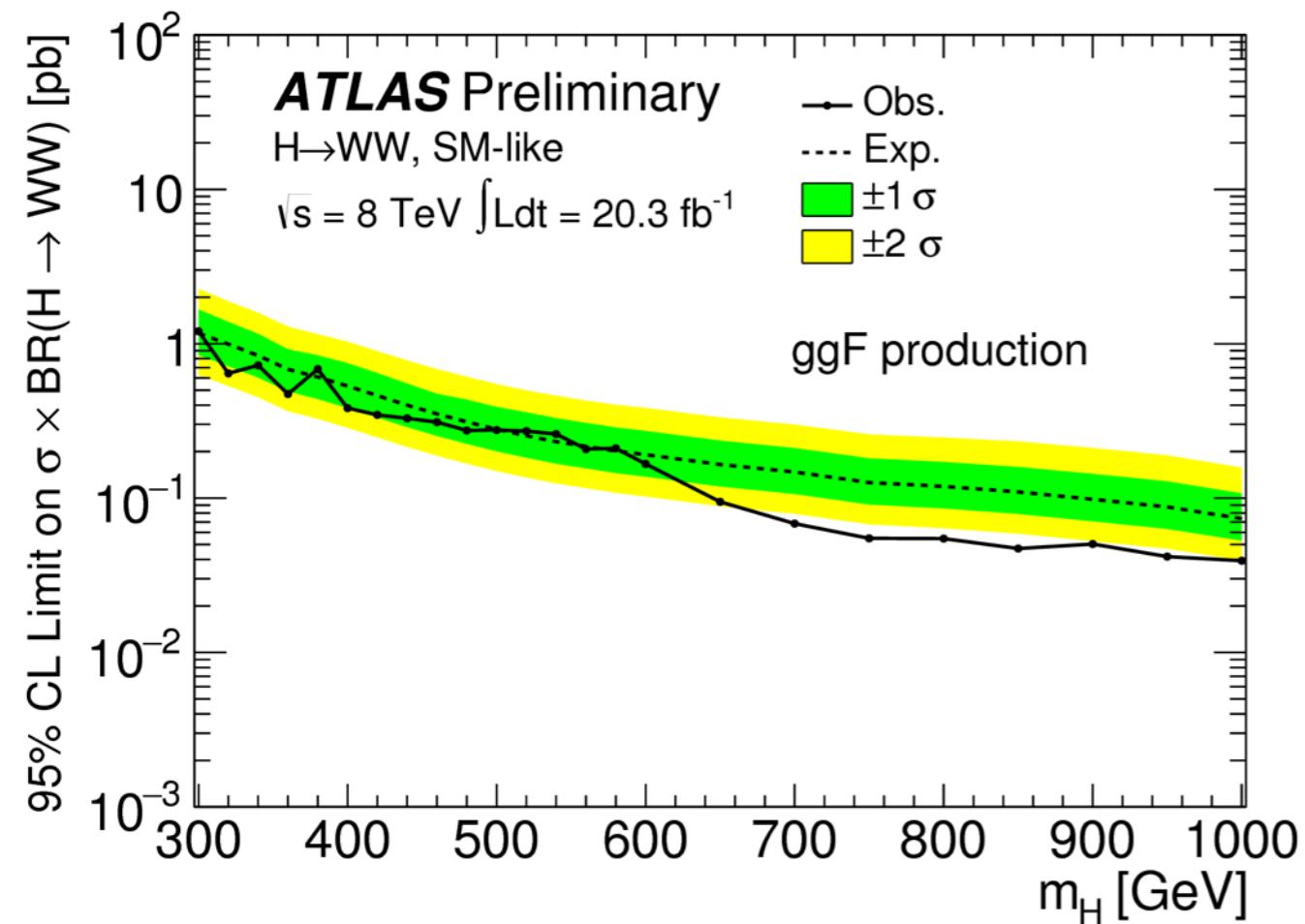


VBF limits

$\sim 230 \text{ fb @ } 300 \text{ GeV}$

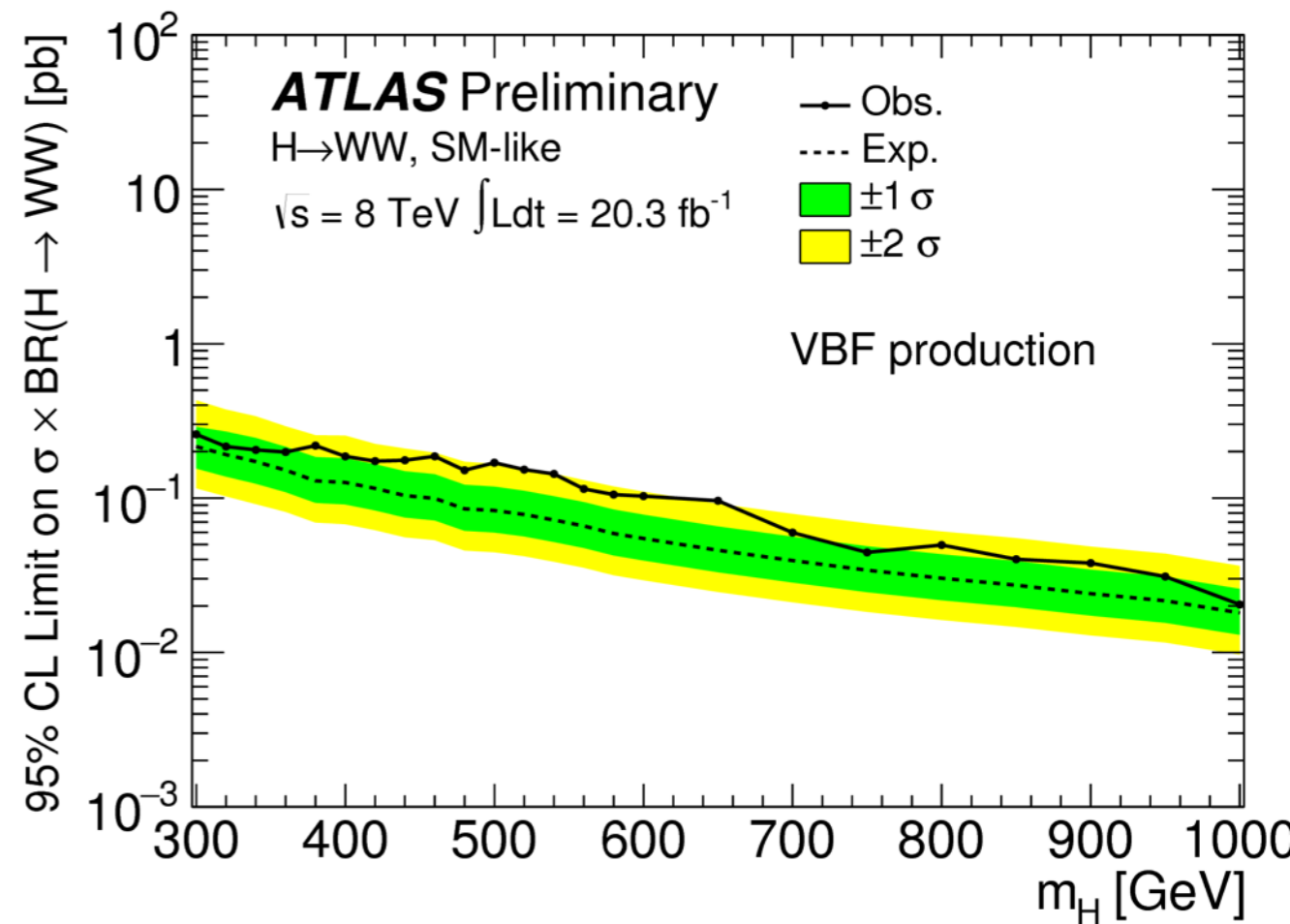
$\sim 6 \text{ fb @ } 1500 \text{ GeV}$

Limits in Standard Model-like scenario with $\Gamma_H = \Gamma_H^{SM}$



ggF limits

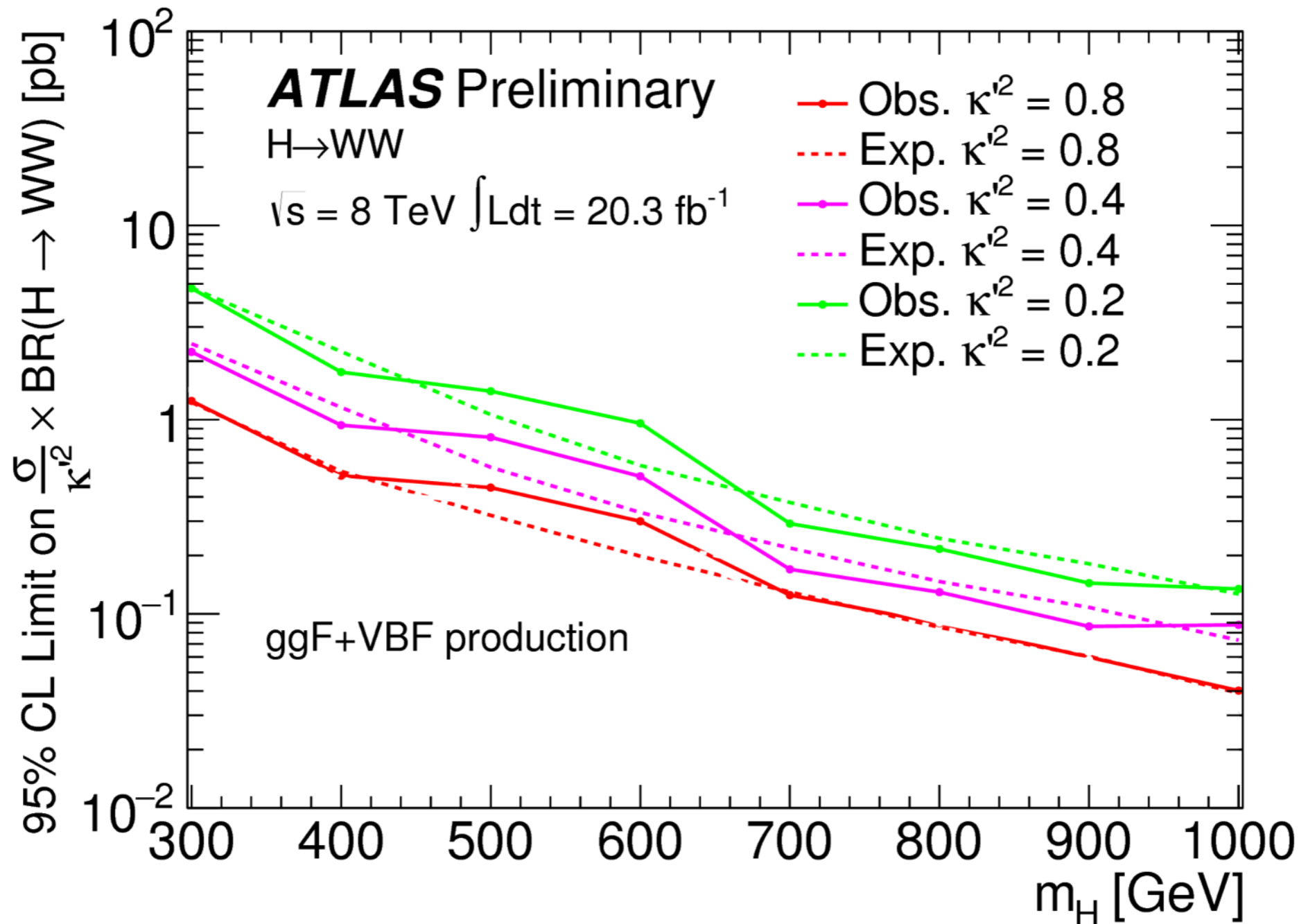
$\sim 1100 \text{ fb @ } 300 \text{ GeV}$
 $\sim 40 \text{ fb @ } 1000 \text{ GeV}$



VBF limits

$\sim 250 \text{ fb @ } 300 \text{ GeV}$
 $\sim 20 \text{ fb @ } 1000 \text{ GeV}$

Limits in Intermediate-Width Scenario with $\Gamma_H = (20\%, 40\%, 80\%) \cdot \Gamma_H^{SM}$



n.b. limit on $\frac{\sigma}{\kappa'^2} BR$ to separate otherwise overlapping results

Summary

Shown here were searches for high-mass neutral Higgs bosons decaying in the diboson channels using the full $20.3/fb$ of ATLAS data at $\sqrt{s} = 8 TeV$

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: limits set on $\sigma_{fid} \cdot BR(X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ for narrow resonances up to 600GeV.
- $H \rightarrow ZZ$: limits set on $\sigma_{ggF(VBF)} \cdot BR(X \rightarrow ZZ)$ for narrow resonances up to 1 TeV. Limits are also set in the 2HDM context providing the strongest ever exclusions in some of the parameter space probed. [See backup for MSSM interpretations]
- $H \rightarrow WW$: limits set on $\sigma_{ggF(VBF)} \cdot BR(X \rightarrow WW)$ for narrow resonances up to 1.5 TeV, and SM-width resonances up to 1 TeV. Limits are also set for intermediate widths for masses up to 1 TeV.

$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

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TABLE II. Summary of the systematic uncertainties

<i>Signal and Higgs boson yield</i>		<i>Z component of Drell–Yan</i>	
Luminosity	2.8%	Normalization ^b	9–25%
Trigger	0.5%	Peak position ^b	1.5–3.5%
γ identification ^a	1.6–2.7%	Template shape ^b	1.5–3%
γ isolation ^a	1–6%	<i>Higgs boson background</i>	
Energy resolution ^{ab}	10–40%	Cross-section ^c	9.6%
<i>Signal and Higgs boson peak position</i>		Branching ratio	4.8%
Energy scale	0.6%	<i>C_X factor</i>	
<i>Continuum $\gamma\gamma$, γj, jj, DY</i>		Topology ^a	3–15%
Signal bias ^a	1–67 events	Pile-up & U. E. ^a	1.4–3.2%

^a mass-dependent.

^b category-dependent.

^c factorization scale + PDF uncertainties [[1307.1347](#)]

Systematics

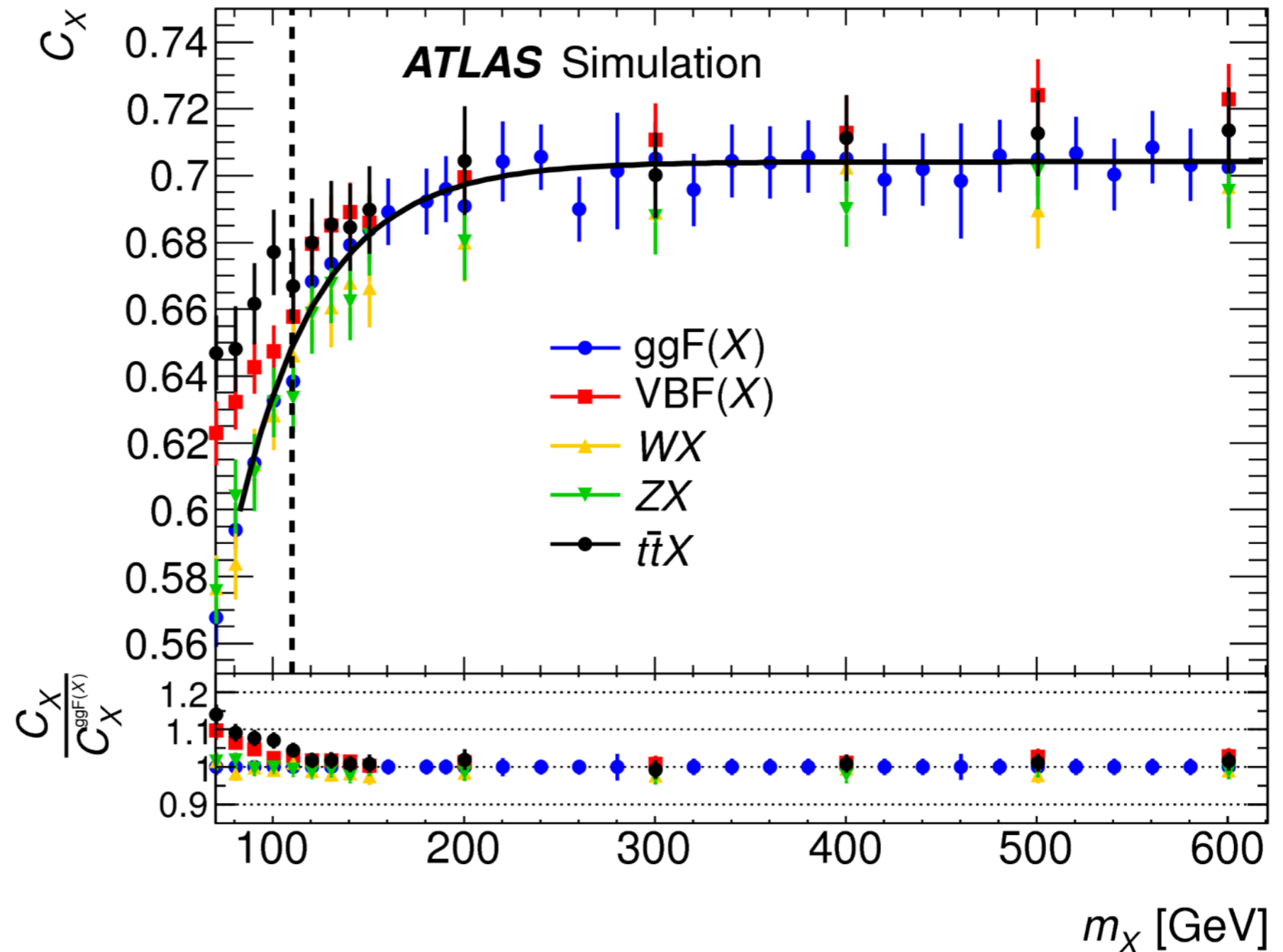
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Event Selection

- Primary Vertex with at least 2 tracks with $p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}$
- Two photons with $E_T > 22 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.37$ excluding barrel/endcap transition region with poor efficiency $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.56$
- ID: Shower shape criteria used to achieve efficiencies ranging from 70 - 99%
- Calorimeter isolation: $E_T^{iso} < 6 \text{ GeV}$ using a cone of $\Delta R = 0.4$
- Track Isolation: $p_T^{iso} < 2.6 \text{ GeV}$ using a cone of $\Delta R = 0.2$
- Invariant mass: $E_T^{\gamma_1(2)} / m_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.4(0.3)$

The Fiducial Cuts (used to calculate C_X) are identical except the following:

- Transition region $1.37 < |\eta| < 1.56$ is included
- Both isolation requirements replaced by requiring $p_T^{iso(no \nu)} < 12 \text{ GeV}$ in a cone of $\Delta R = 0.4$

$$C_X = \frac{N_{MC}^{reco}}{N_{MC}^{fid}}$$



- C_X from ggF is used in final fit
- Systematic uncertainty covers largest spread per bin in this plot

$$H \rightarrow ZZ$$

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ggF mode		VBF mode	
Systematic source	Effect [%]	Systematic source	Effect [%]
$m_H = 200$ GeV			
$gg \rightarrow ZZ$ K -factor uncertainty	27	$gg \rightarrow ZZ$ acceptance	13
Z +hf $\Delta\phi$ reweighting	5.3	Jet vertex fraction ($llqq/\nu\nu qq$)	13
Luminosity	5.2	$gg \rightarrow ZZ$ K -factor uncertainty	13
Jet energy resolution ($llqq/\nu\nu qq$)	3.9	Z + jets $\Delta\phi$ reweighting	7.9
QCD scale $gg \rightarrow ZZ$	3.7	Jet energy scale η modelling ($llqq/\nu\nu qq$)	5.3
$m_H = 400$ GeV			
$qq \rightarrow ZZ$ PDF	21	Z + jets estimate ($ll\nu\nu$)	34
QCD scale $qq \rightarrow ZZ$	13	Jet energy resolution ($llll/ll\nu\nu$)	6.5
Z + jets estimate ($ll\nu\nu$)	13	VBF Z + jets $m_{\ell\ell jj}$	5.5
Signal acceptance ISR/FSR ($llll/ll\nu\nu$)	7.8	Jet flavour composition ($llll/ll\nu\nu$)	5.3
$Z + b\bar{b}$, $Z + c\bar{c}$, $p_T^{\ell\ell}$	5.6	Jet vertex fraction ($llqq/\nu\nu qq$)	4.8
$m_H = 900$ GeV			
Jet mass scale ($llqq$)	7	Z + jets estimate ($ll\nu\nu$)	19
$Z + jj$ p_T^Z shape ($\nu\nu qq$)	5.6	Jet mass scale ($llqq$)	8.7
$qq \rightarrow ZZ$ PDF	4.3	$Z + jj$ $p_T^{\ell\ell}$ shape	7.3
QCD scale $qq \rightarrow ZZ$	3.5	Jet energy resolution ($llll/ll\nu\nu$)	4.4
Luminosity	2.6	Jet flavour composition (VV /Signal)	2.6

Systematics

Physics process	$H \rightarrow ZZ$ search final state	Generator	Cross-section normalization	PDF set	Tune
W/Z boson + jets					
$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- / \nu\bar{\nu}$	$llll/ll\nu\nu$	ALPGEN 2.14	NNLO	CTEQ6L1	AUET2
	$llqq^\dagger/\nu\nuqq$	SHERPA 1.4.1	NNLO	NLO CT10	SHERPA default
$W \rightarrow \ell\nu$	$ll\nu\nu$	ALPGEN 2.14	NNLO	CTEQ6L1	AUET2
	$\nu\nuqq$	SHERPA 1.4.1	NNLO	NLO CT10	SHERPA default
Top quark					
$t\bar{t}$	$llll/llqq/\nu\nuqq$	POWHEG-Box r2129	NNLO+NNLL	NLO CT10	PERUGIA2011C AUET2
	$ll\nu\nu$	MC@NLO 4.03			
s -channel and Wt	$llll/llqq/\nu\nuqq$	POWHEG-Box r1556	NNLO+NNLL	NLO CT10	PERUGIA2011C AUET2
	$ll\nu\nu$	MC@NLO 4.03			
t -channel	all	ACERMC 3.8	NNLO+NNLL	CTEQ6L1	AUET2
Dibosons					
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ(*)$	$llqq/\nu\nuqq$	POWHEG-Box r1508	NLO	NLO CT10	AUET2
	$llll/ll\nu\nu$	POWHEG-Box r1508	NNLO QCD NLO EW	NLO CT10	AUET2
EW $q\bar{q} (\rightarrow h) \rightarrow ZZ(*) + 2j$	$llll$	MADGRAPH 5 1.3.28		CTEQ6L1	AUET2
$gg (\rightarrow h^*) \rightarrow ZZ$	$llll$	MCFM 6.1	NNLO	NLO CT10	AU2
	$ll\nu\nu$	GG2VV 3.1.3	(for $h \rightarrow ZZ$)	NLO CT10	AU2
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow WZ$	$ll\nu\nu/llqq/\nu\nuqq$	POWHEG-Box r1508	NLO	NLO CT10	AUET2 SHERPA default
	$llll$	SHERPA 1.4.1			
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow WW$	all	POWHEG-Box r1508	NLO	NLO CT10	AUET2
$m_h = 125$ GeV SM Higgs boson (background) [‡]					
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- b\bar{b} / \nu\bar{\nu} b\bar{b}$	$llqq/\nu\nuqq$	PYTHIA 8.165	NNLO	CTEQ6L	AU2
	$llqq/\nu\nuqq$	POWHEG-Box r1508	NLO	CT10	AU2
Signal					
$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ(*)$	all	POWHEG-Box r1508	—	NLO CT10	AU2
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow H + 2j;$ $H \rightarrow ZZ(*)$	all	POWHEG-Box r1508	—	NLO CT10	AU2
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow (W/Z)H;$ $H \rightarrow ZZ(*)$	$llll$	PYTHIA 8.163	—	CTEQ6L1	AU2

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used in analysis

$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llll$

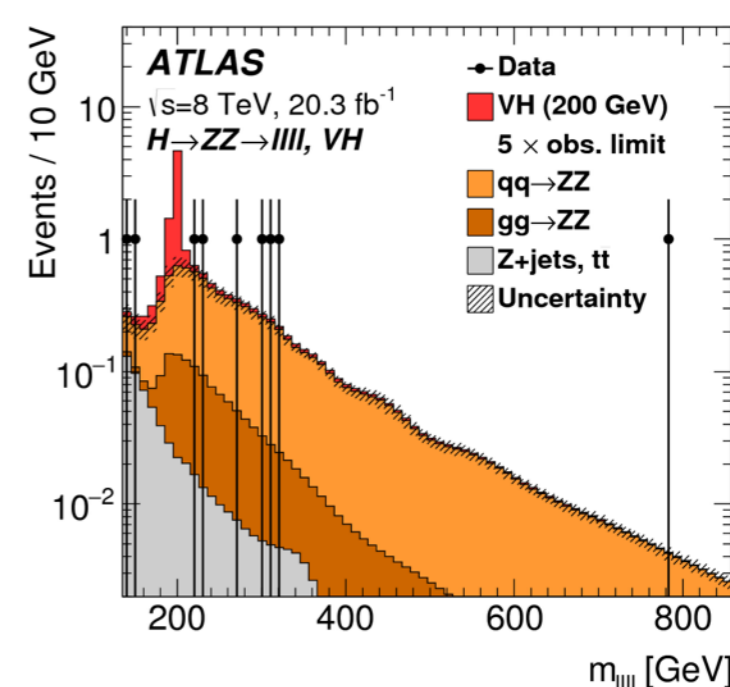
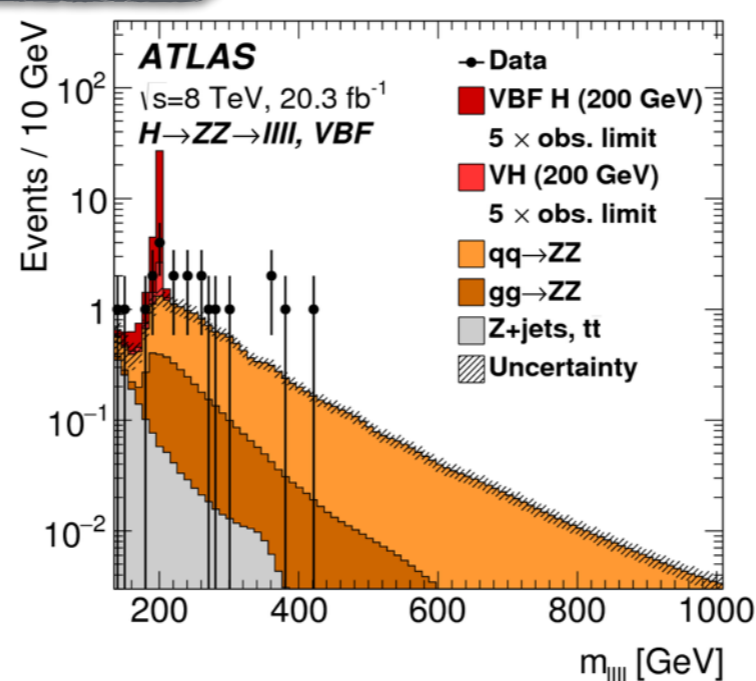
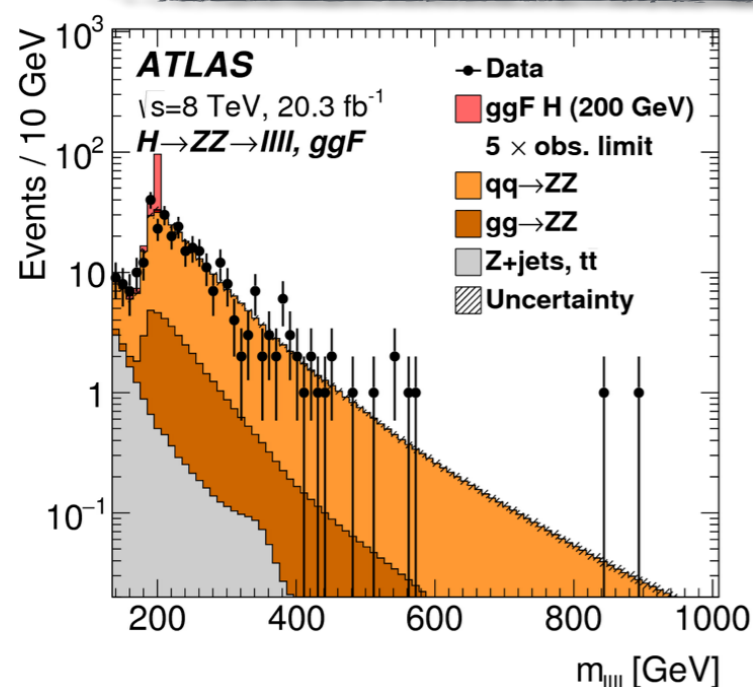
- Only channel which includes search for VH production: included for $m_H < 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Due to high resolution, only channel using unbinned likelihood fit

- Split in 3 production categories based on jets in event
- ggF split further into 4 channels to improve resolution ($4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu, 2\mu2e$)
- Dominant background $qq \rightarrow ZZ$ estimated using MC corrected to NNLO
- Other backgrounds:

$gg \rightarrow ZZ$ estimated using MC corrected to NNLO

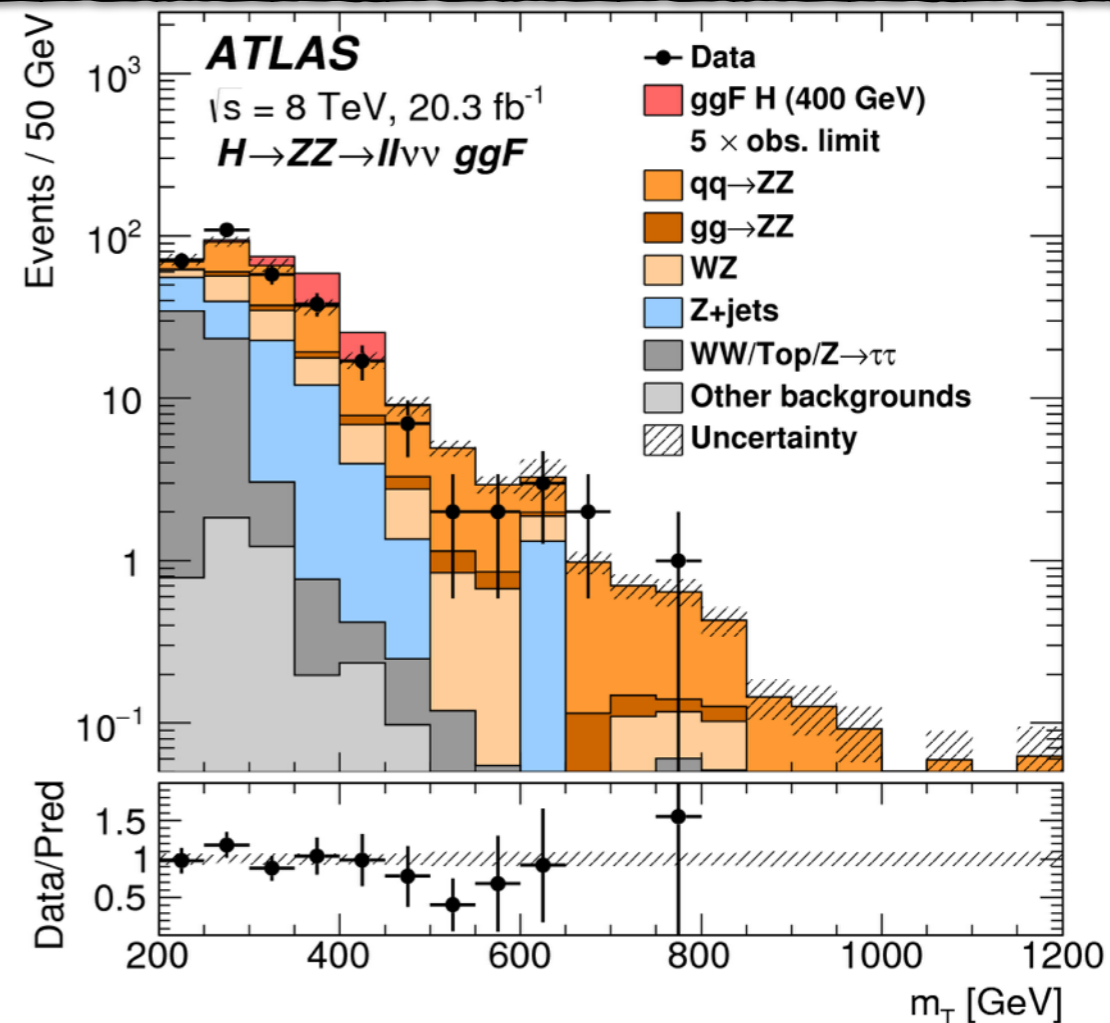
$Z + \text{Jets}, t\bar{t}$ estimated using fits to $m_{\ell\ell}$ distributions in control regions with inverted cuts for $ll\mu\mu$ or fits on inner detector variables in relaxed control regions for $lleee$ which are then extrapolated to the signal region

observable: invariant mass m_{llll}



$$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\nu\nu$$

- Events contain exactly 2 very high quality leptons with $76 < m_{\ell\ell}/\text{GeV} < 106$, and no additional high p_T leptons
- Events categorized as ggF or VBF based on additional jets
 - VBF: $m_{jj} > 550 \text{ GeV}$
 - ggF: maximum 1 jet $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$, $\eta_j < 2.5$
- Drell-Yan Z production suppressed by cut on $\Delta\phi(\vec{p}^{\ell\ell}, \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}})$
- Boosted Z's enriched by requiring $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell} < 1.4$



observable: transverse mass m_T^{ZZ} $(m_T^{ZZ})^2 = \left(\sqrt{m_Z^2 + |p_T^{\ell\ell}|^2} + \sqrt{m_Z^2 + |E_T^{\text{miss}}|^2} \right)^2 - |\vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell} + \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}|^2$

- Backgrounds
 - $gg/qq \rightarrow ZZ$ estimated as in $llll$
 - WZ estimated using MC (Powheg), validated on data containing additional leptons
 - $WW, t\bar{t}, Wt, Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ estimated from data using $e^\pm \mu^\mp$ pairs
 - $Z + \text{Jets}$ is estimated from data using an ABCD method on $\Delta\phi(\vec{p}^{\ell\ell}, \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}})$ and $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$

$$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell qq$$

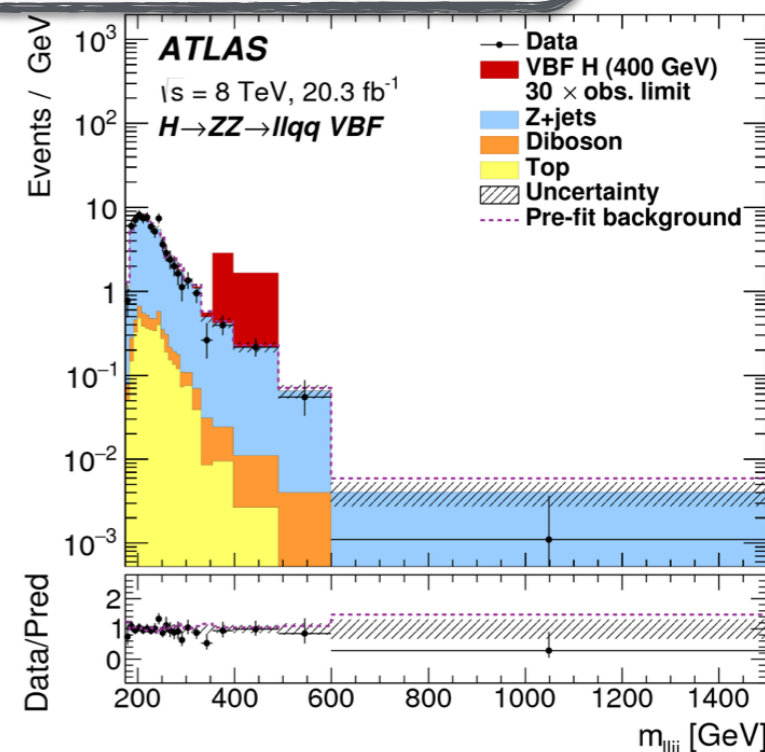
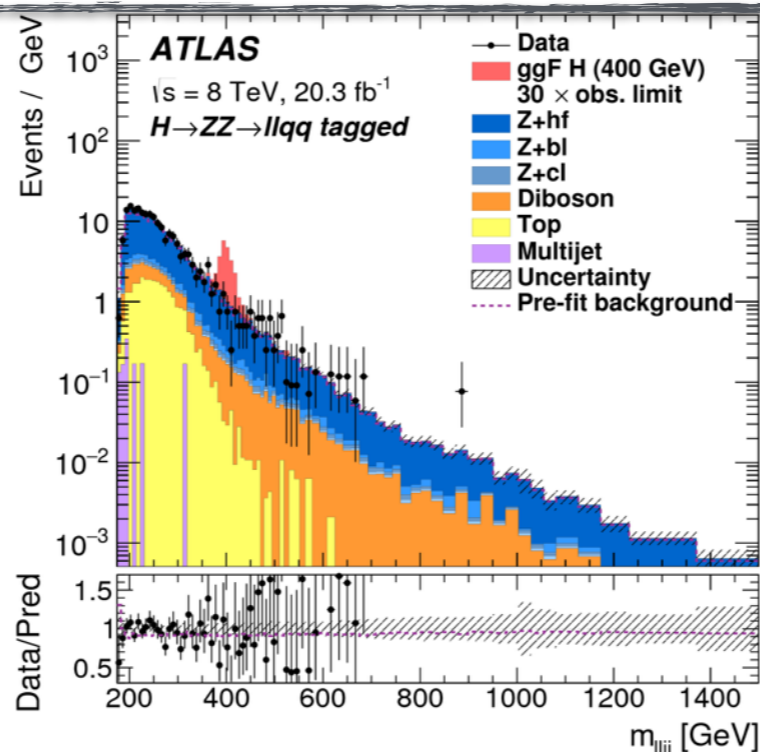
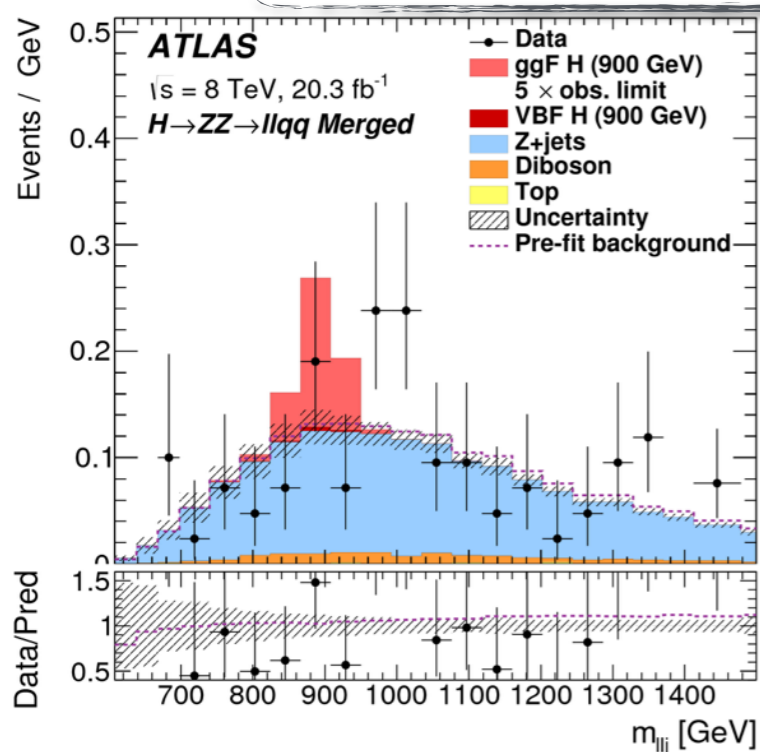
- Events contain exactly 2 very high quality leptons with $83 < m_{\ell\ell}/\text{GeV} < 99$, and no additional high p_T leptons
- ggF events are sub-categorized as *resolved* or *merged* to account that at high m_H , the jets from $Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ decay will overlap and not be resolved
- In the resolved channel, events are sub-categorized based on number of b-tagged jets
- Backgrounds:

$Z + \text{Jets}$ shape from MC, normalizations (in each category above) are nuisance params in final fit. Control regions are built by inverting cuts on m_{jj} and building pdfs in the b-tagging category.

ZZ/WZ taken from MC simulation; differences between generators treated as systematic uncertainty.

Top estimated using $e^\pm \mu^\mp$ pairs; top scaling fit simultaneously during final combination.

observable: transverse mass $m_{\ell\ell j(j)}$ in the merged (resolved) channel



$$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \nu\nu qq$$

- Events contain no leptons (as defined in $llqq$ search)
- Require $E_T^{miss} > 160 \text{ GeV}$, $70 < m_{jj}/\text{GeV} < 105$
- To suppress multijet backgrounds, require

$$\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{miss}, \vec{p}_T^{miss}) < \pi/2, \quad \Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{miss}, j_{nearest}) > 0.6$$

- Search divided into categories from number of b-tagged jets
- Sensitivity improved by a floating cut on p_T^j increasing linearly with the test mass m_H
- Jet momenta are scaled to bring $m_{jj} \rightarrow m_Z$

observable: transverse mass m_T^{ZZ}

$$(m_T^{ZZ})^2 = \left(\sqrt{m_Z^2 + |p_T^{jj}|^2} + \sqrt{m_Z^2 + |E_T^{miss}|^2} \right)^2 - \left| \vec{p}_T^{jj} + \vec{E}_T^{miss} \right|^2$$

the range of m_T^{ZZ} used in fit depends on m_H

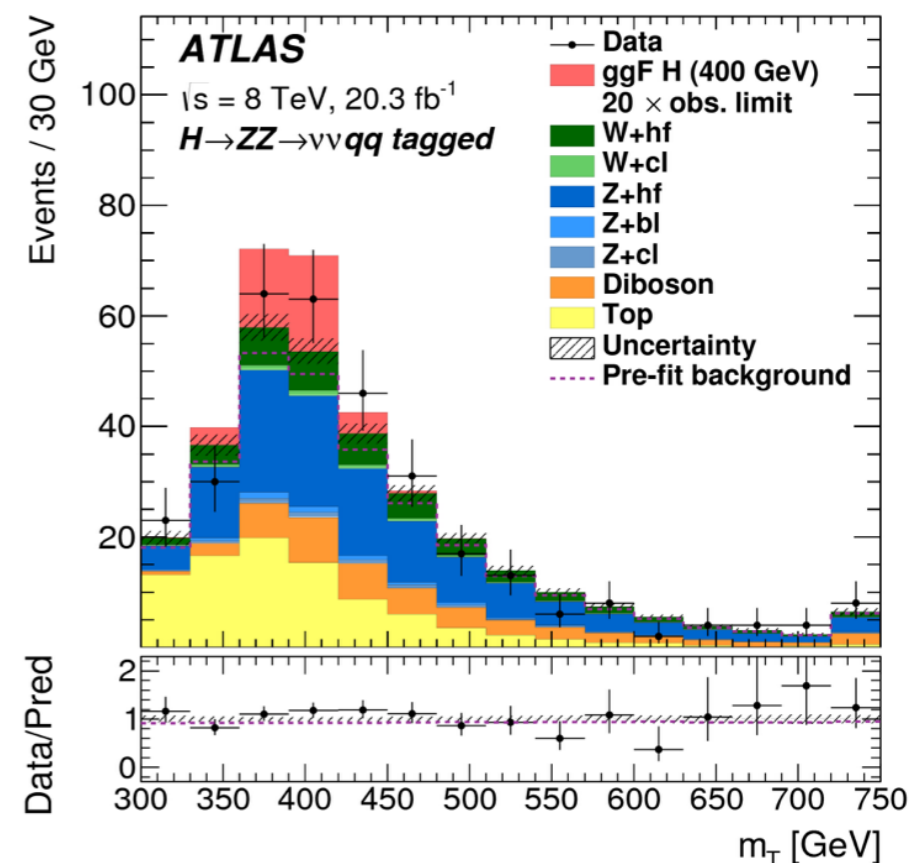
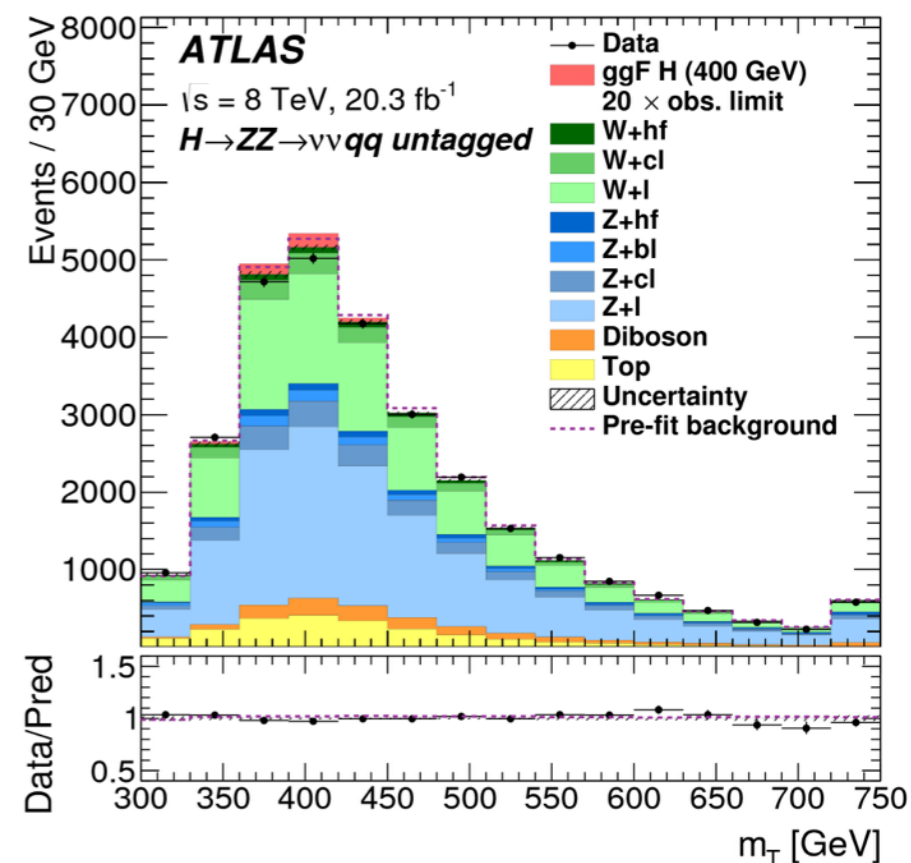
Backgrounds:

$W + Jets$ estimated from data using CR with exactly 1 loose muon, in each of several b-tagging categories of the jets

$Z + Jets$ same as with $llqq$ with an additional CR containing exactly 2 loose muons

A further E_T^{miss} -dependant function corrects the MC shape

$WW/WZ, Top$ same as other channels





2HDM Overview [\[arXiv:1106.0034\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1106.0034)

Two doublets Φ_1, Φ_2 couple to fermions as:

	Φ_1	Φ_2
Type I :		u, d, ℓ
Type II :	d, ℓ	u

5 physical Higgs bosons: CP-even h, H , one CP-odd A , two charged H^\pm

assumed to be the 125GeV Higgs high-mass Higgs under search

Additional parameters:

- $\tan \beta$ ratio between vacuum expectation value of two doublets
- α mixing angle of doublets

→ HZZ coupling proportional to $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$

→ *Alignment Limit* $\cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$ leaves the h indistinguishable from a SM Higgs

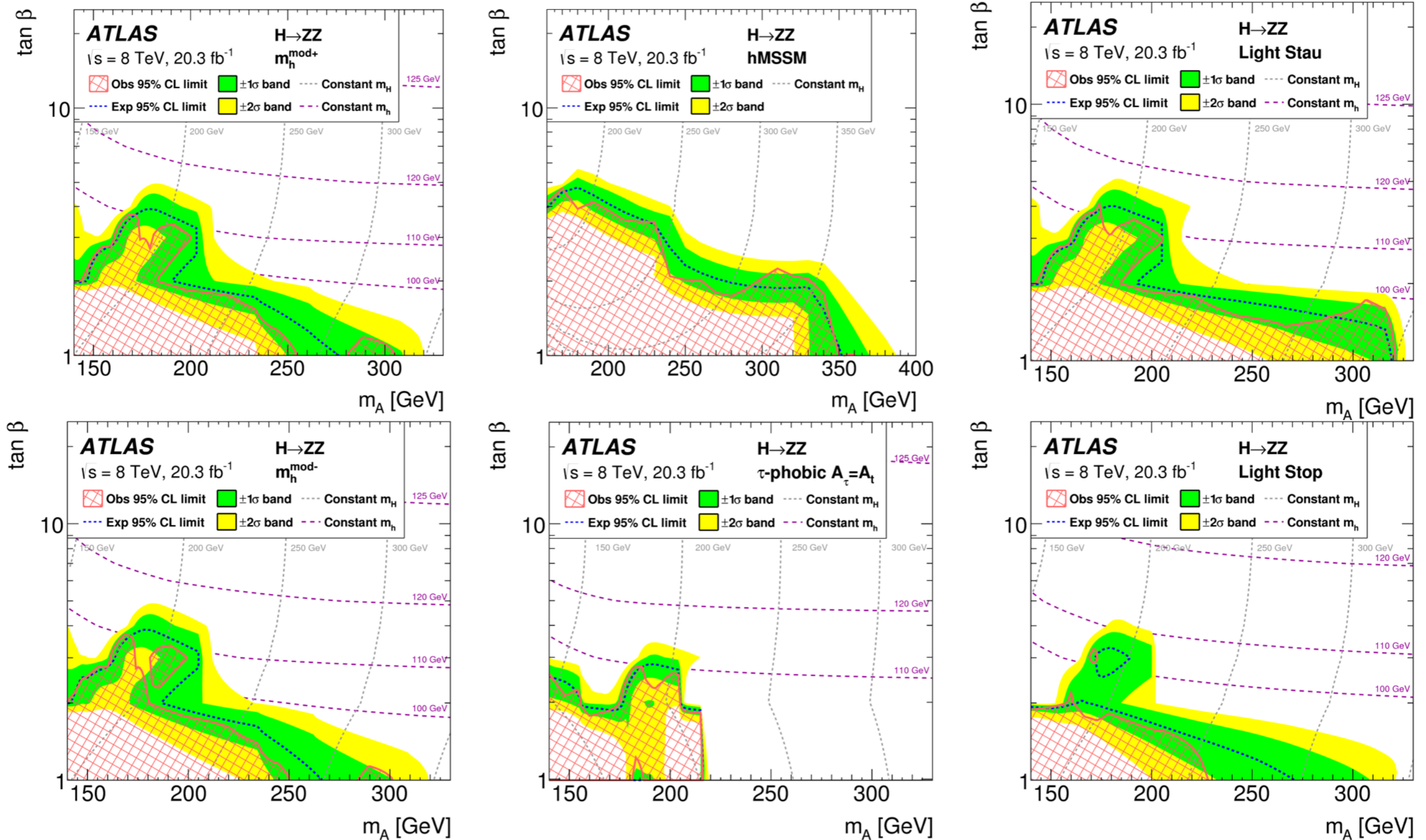
2HDM considered in presented limits:

$$m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_A = m_H = m_{H^\pm}, \quad m_{12}^2 = m_A^2 \tan \beta / (1 + \tan^2 \beta)$$

MSSM Interpretations

as defined in [1307.1347](#), [1302.7033](#), [1101.0593](#)

The value of m_A fully determines the value of m_H . For the lightstau model the trilinear coupling was set to $A_T = A_t$. The vertical dashed grey lines indicate contours of constant m_H , while the horizontal dashed purple lines indicate contours of constant m_h (for the hMSSM model $m_h = 125$ GeV for the entire phase space shown, so the constant m_h contours are not shown).



$$H \rightarrow WW$$

The following slides all represent ATLAS
Preliminary results: to be submitted

$$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$$

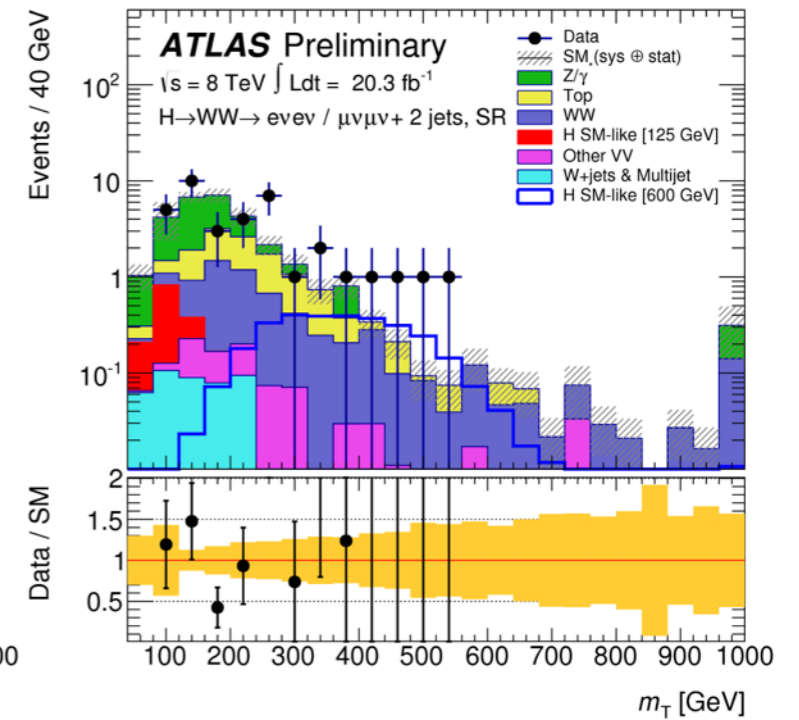
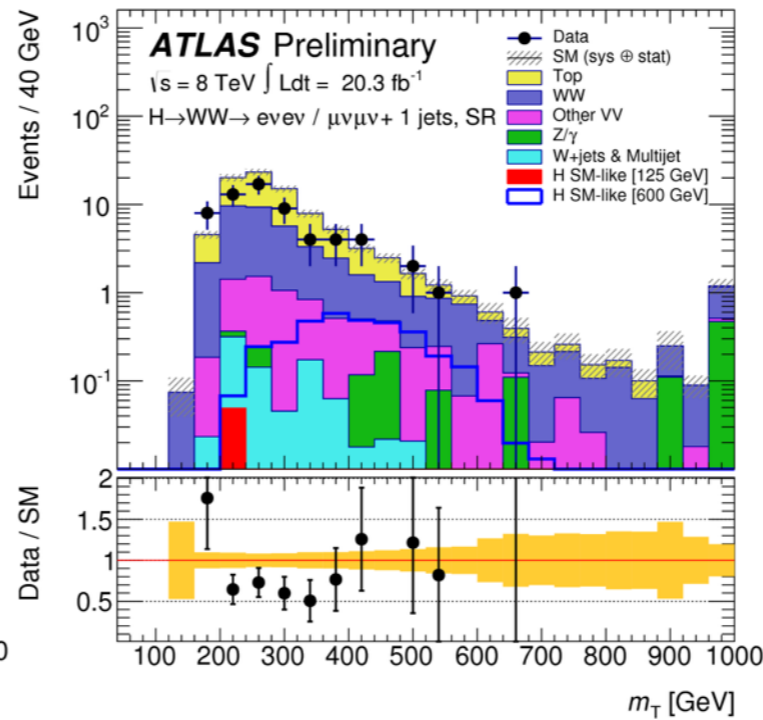
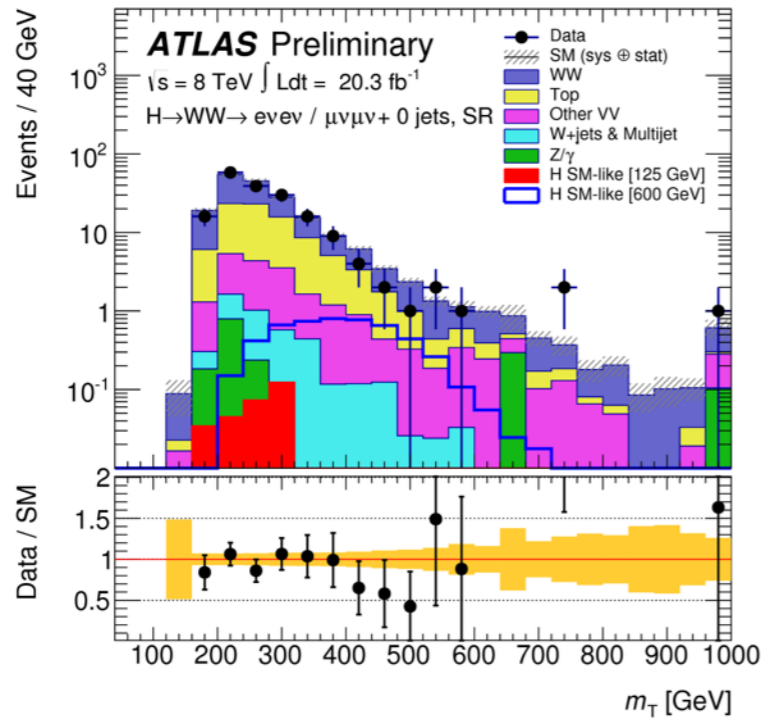
Signal Regions

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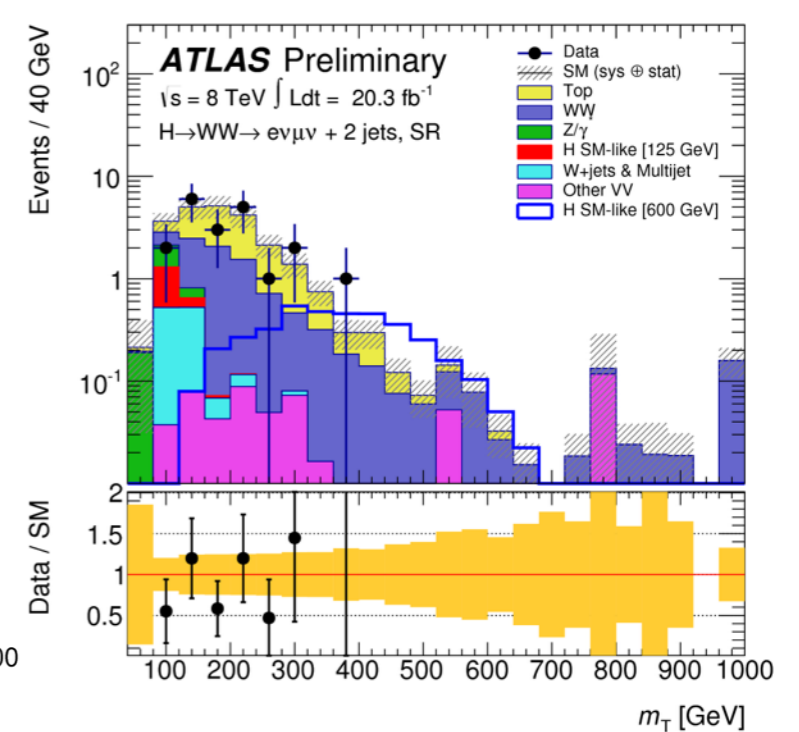
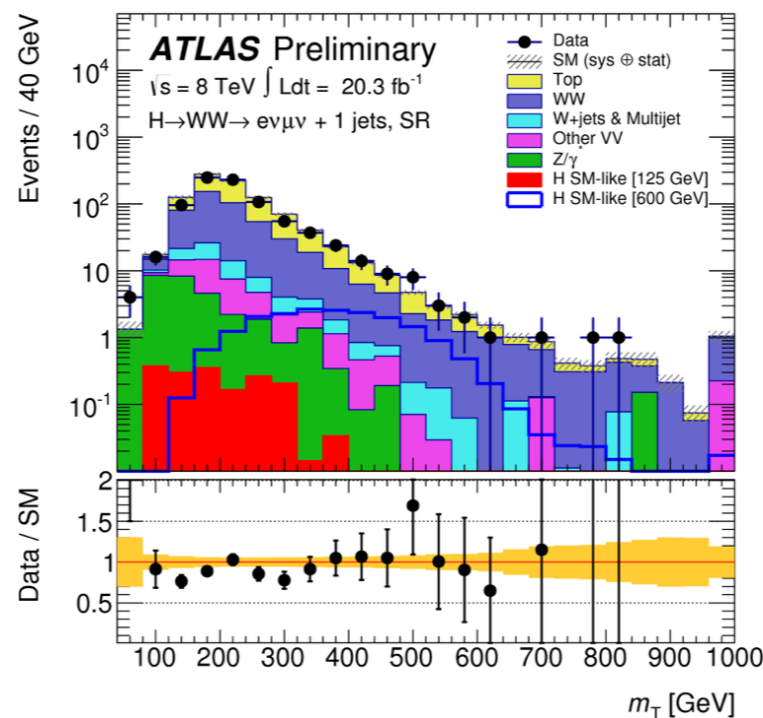
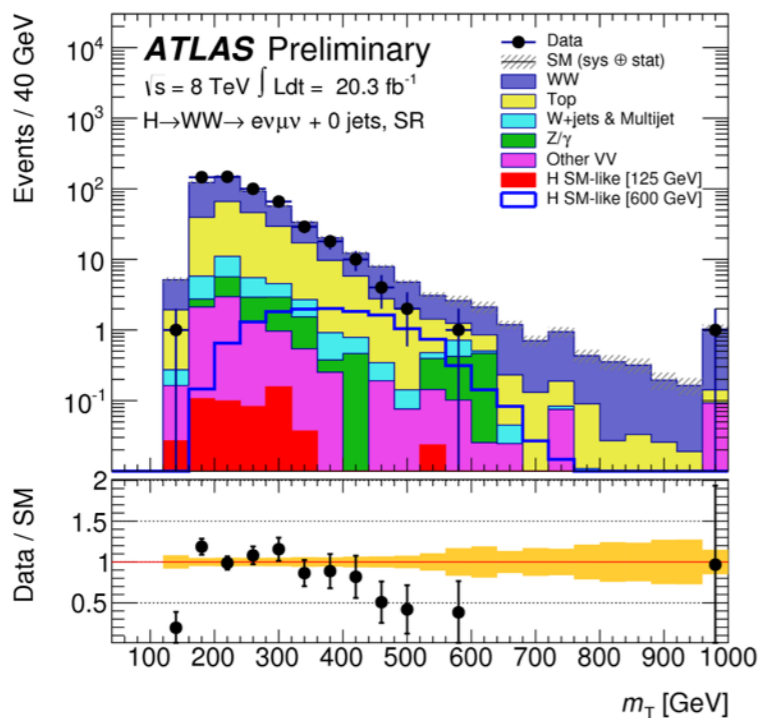
1 jet

2+ jets

same flavour

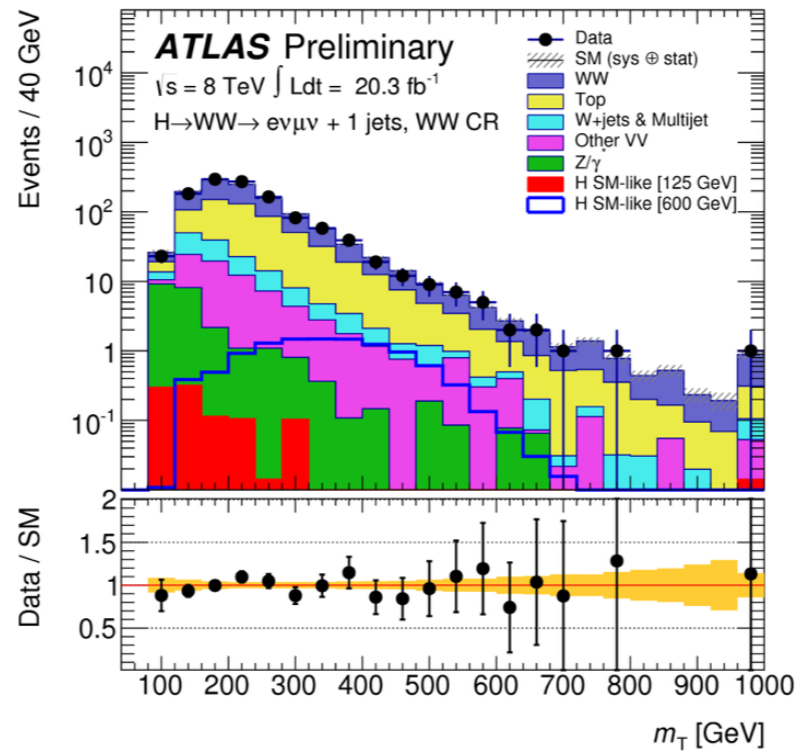
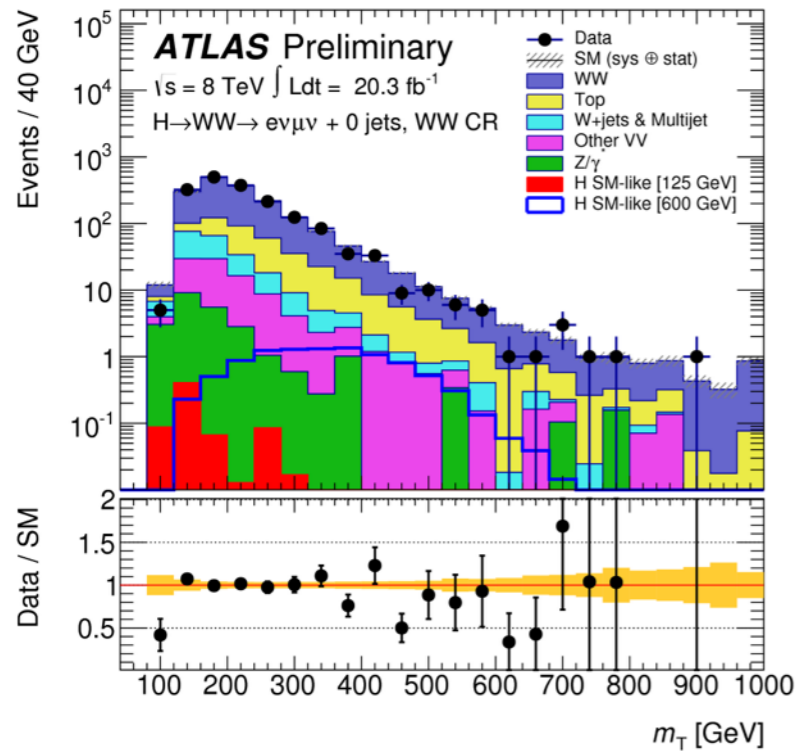


different flavour



$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$

Control Regions



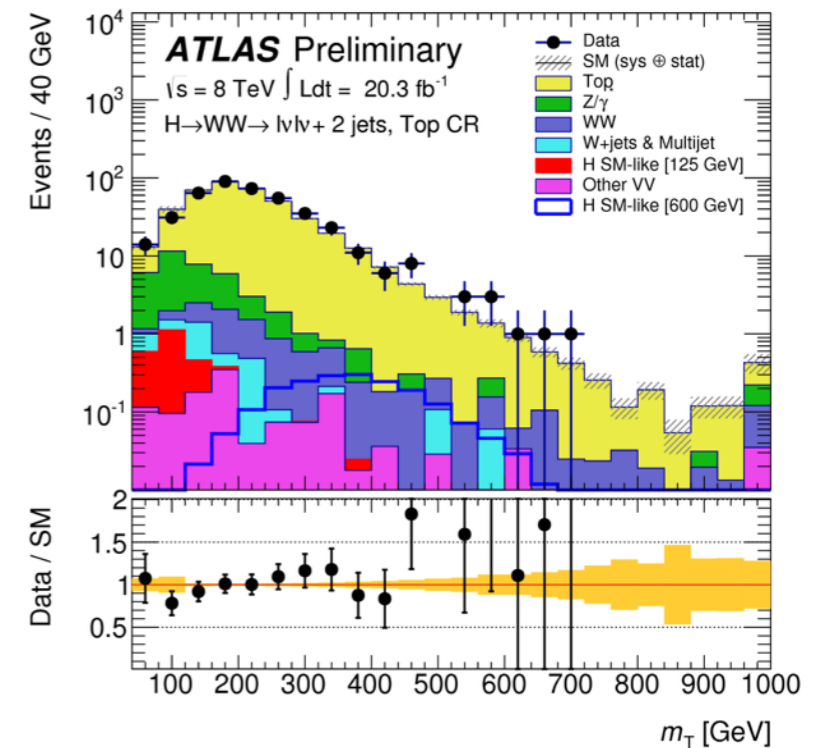
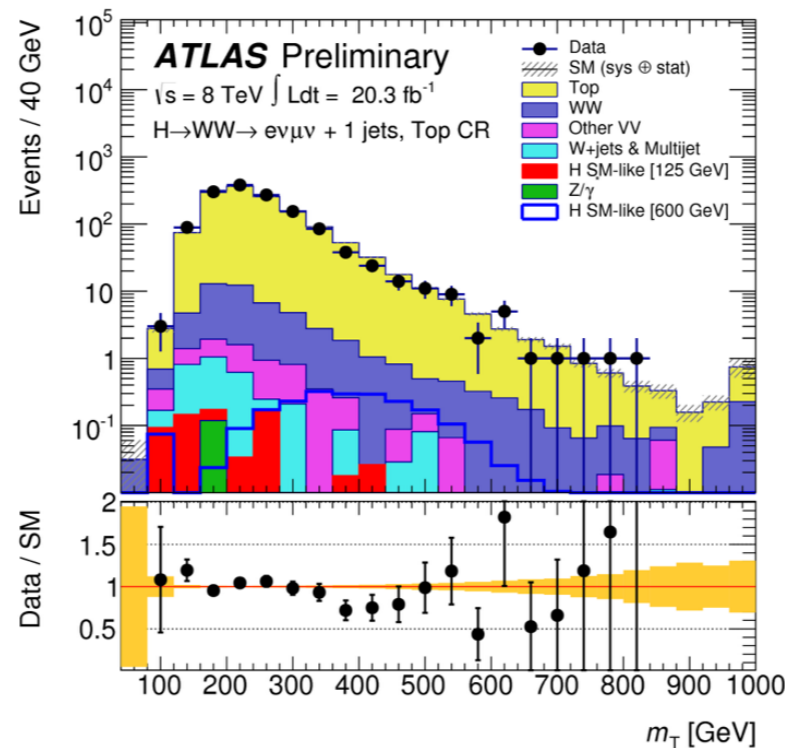
WW Control Regions

only different flavour final state is used

Top Control Regions

in 1-jet category, only different-flavour final state is used

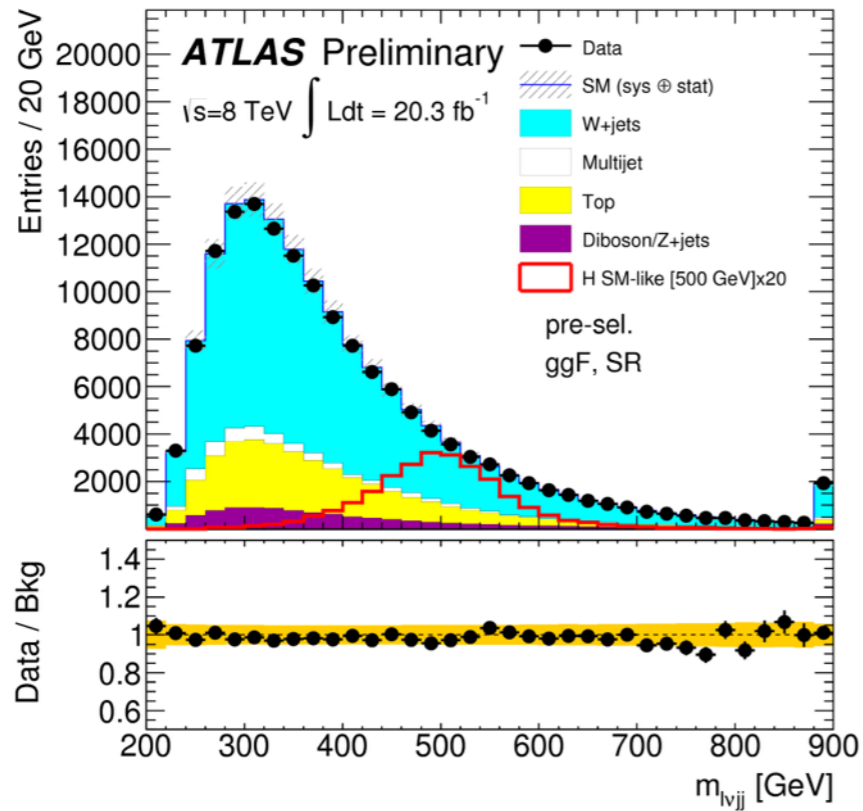
in 2+jet category, both different/same-flavour finals states are used



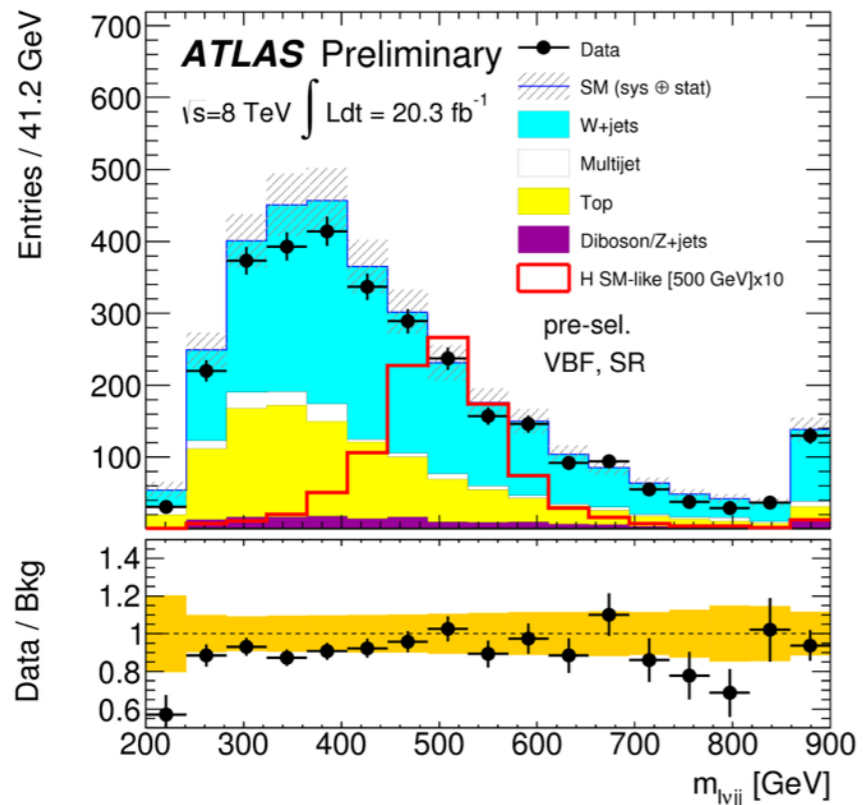
$$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$$

Signal Regions

ggF
category



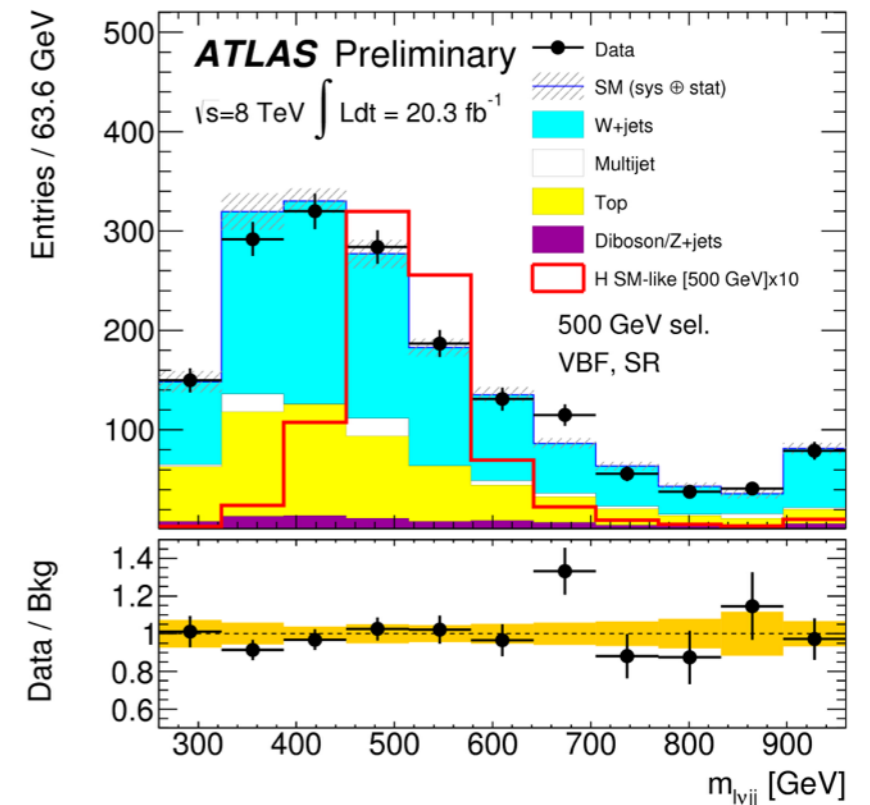
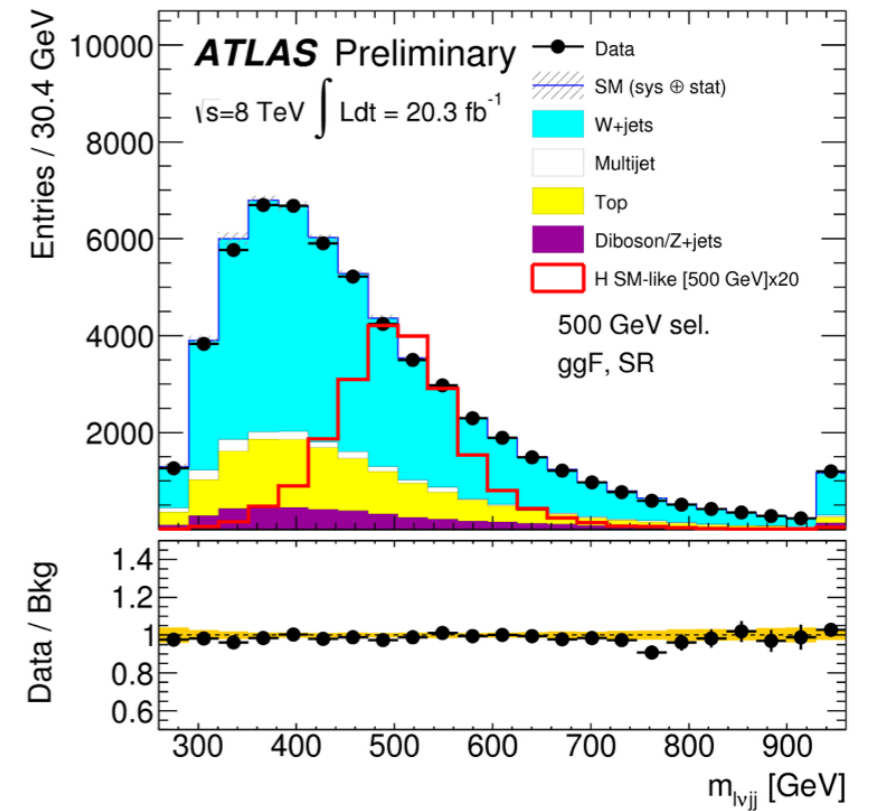
VBF
category



Signal regions have a mass hypothesis-specific selection to enhance sensitivity



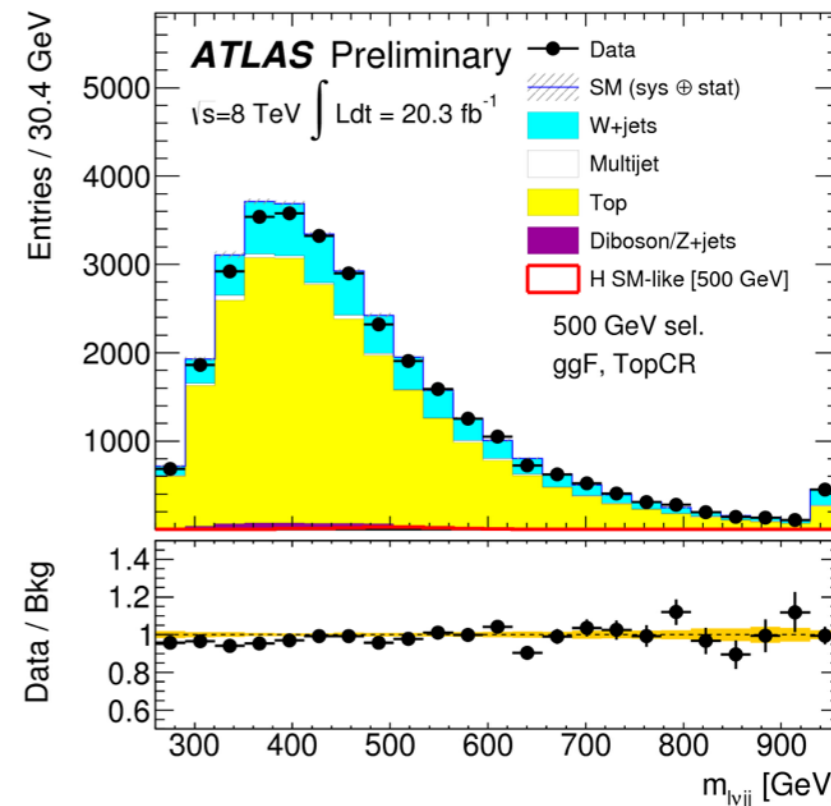
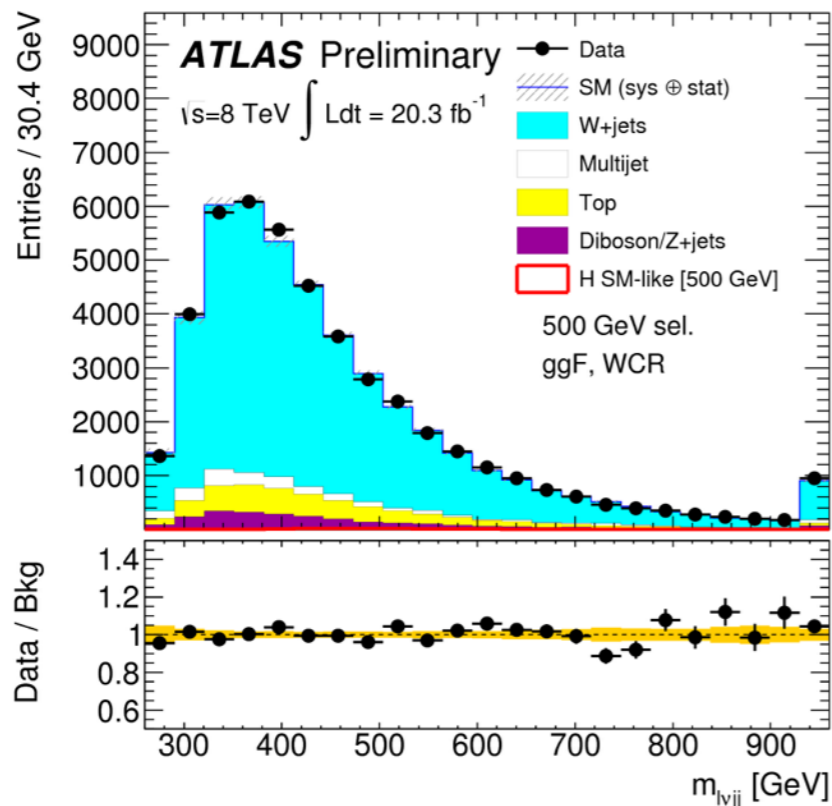
applying 500 GeV selection



$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$

Control Regions

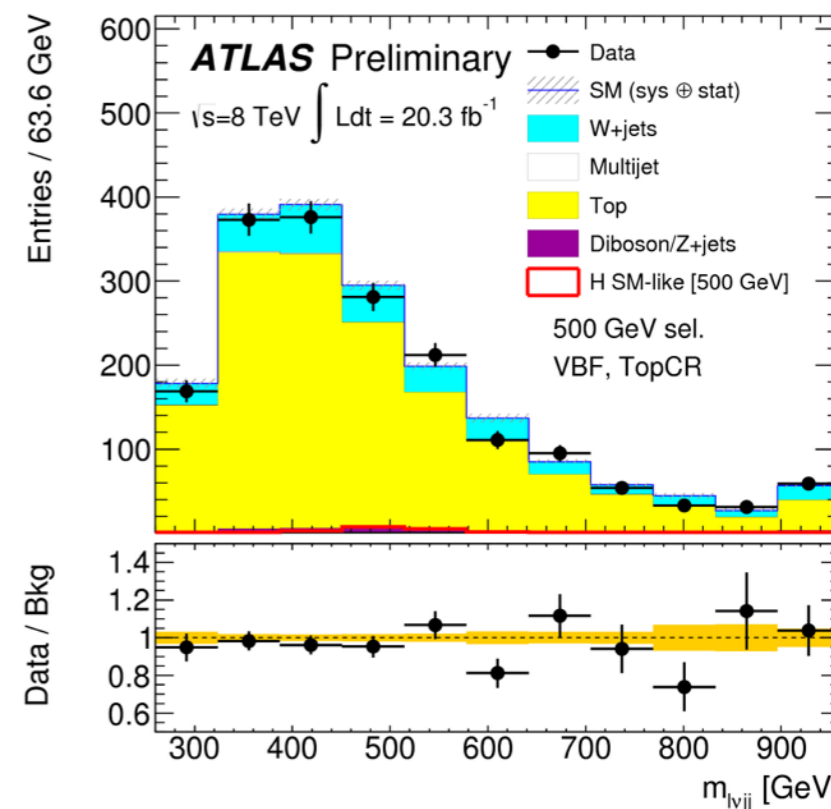
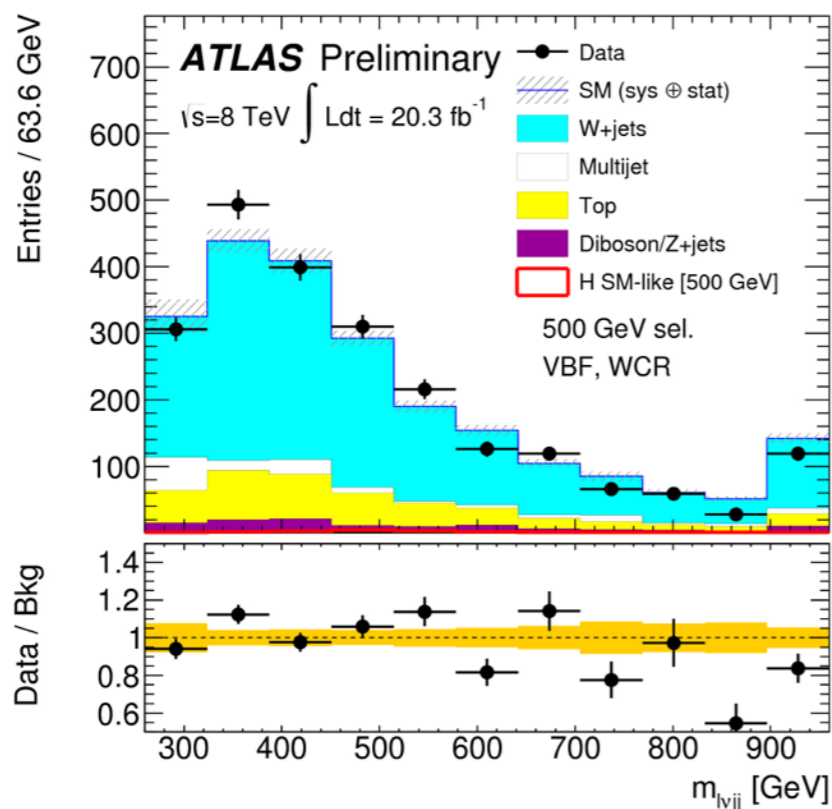
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← WW-enriched CRs

→ Top-enriched CRs

VBF category



Statistics used

(summarized from [arXiv:1503.07622](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.07622), [arXiv:1007.1727](https://arxiv.org/abs/1007.1727))

CL_s

$$\frac{\int_{q_{obs}}^{\infty} f(q|\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu, obs))dq}{\int_{q_{obs}}^{\infty} f(0|\mu, \hat{\theta}(0, obs))dq} = 5\%$$

➔ modified confidence interval (not actually a confidence interval) which protects against downwards fluctuations excluding arbitrarily small signal strengths

$$q_{\mu} \begin{cases} -2 \ln \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{q}_{\mu} \begin{cases} -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases}$$

➔ test statistics for upper limit setting. Defined around physical limitation $\mu > 0$, and common sense limitations - observing $\hat{\mu} > \mu$ should be treated as signal-like

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta})}{L(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} \quad \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) \begin{cases} \lambda(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \frac{L(\mu, \hat{\theta})}{L(0, \hat{\theta})} & \hat{\mu} < 0 \end{cases}$$