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WG3: Exotic Higgs decays subgroup report

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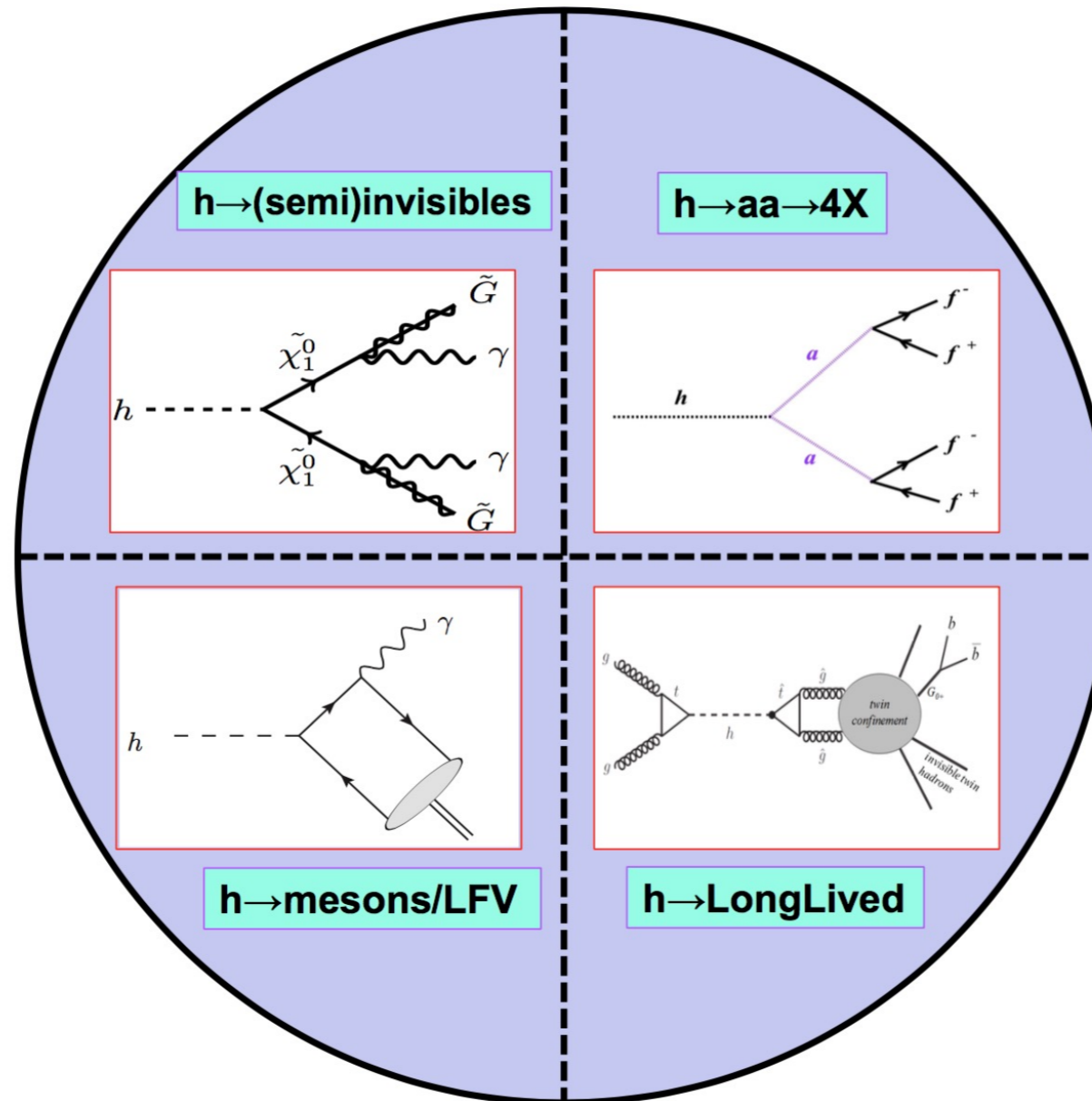
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Introduction

- Will give an overview of recent progress in theory and experiment in the exotic Higgs decays subgroup

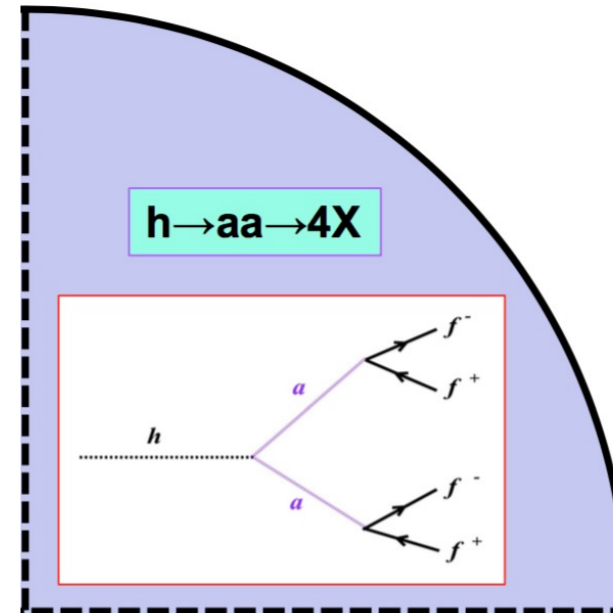


- Current constraint from fits to Higgs parameters is about $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \text{BSM}) < 26\%$

➔ **Still a lot of space for new physics in Higgs decays!**

([ATLAS-CONF-2018-031](#))

$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow xxyy$



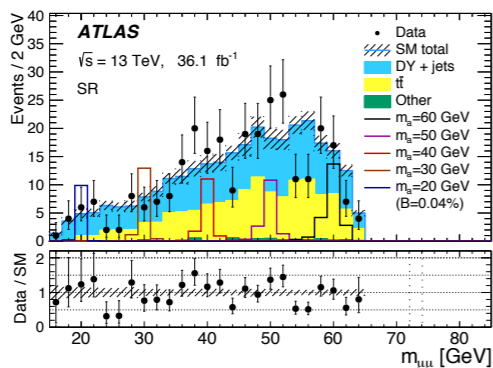


$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2b2\mu$



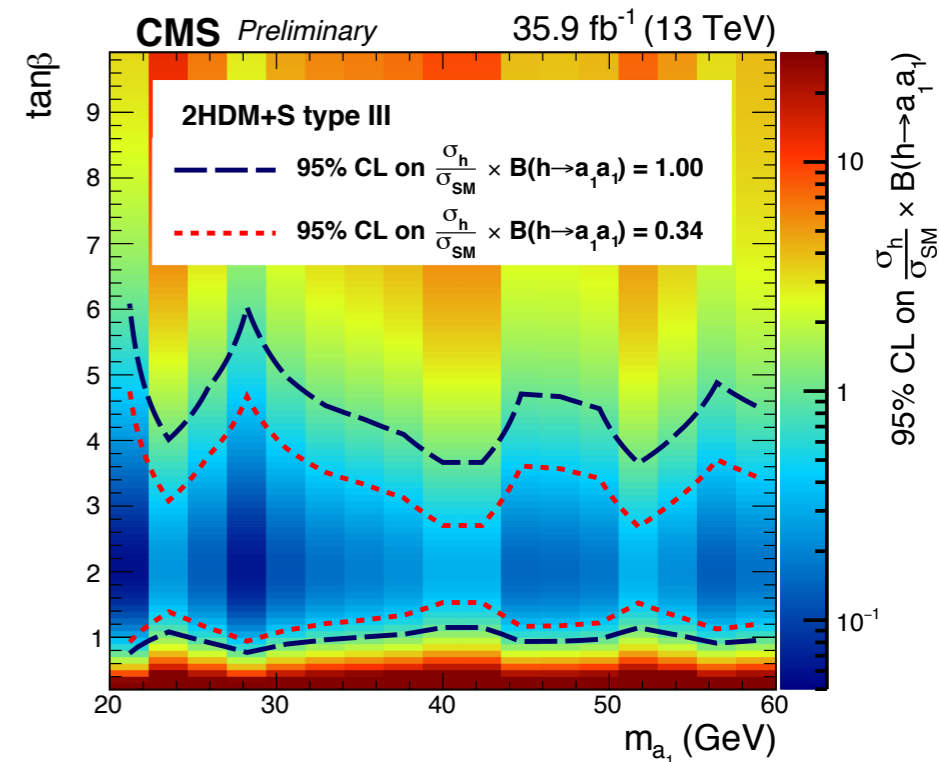
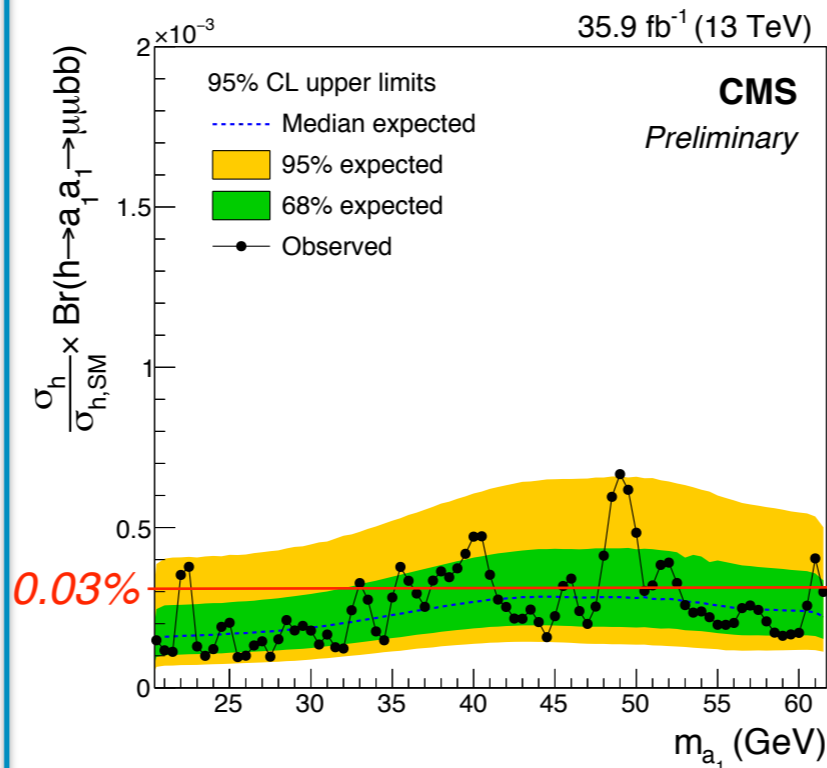
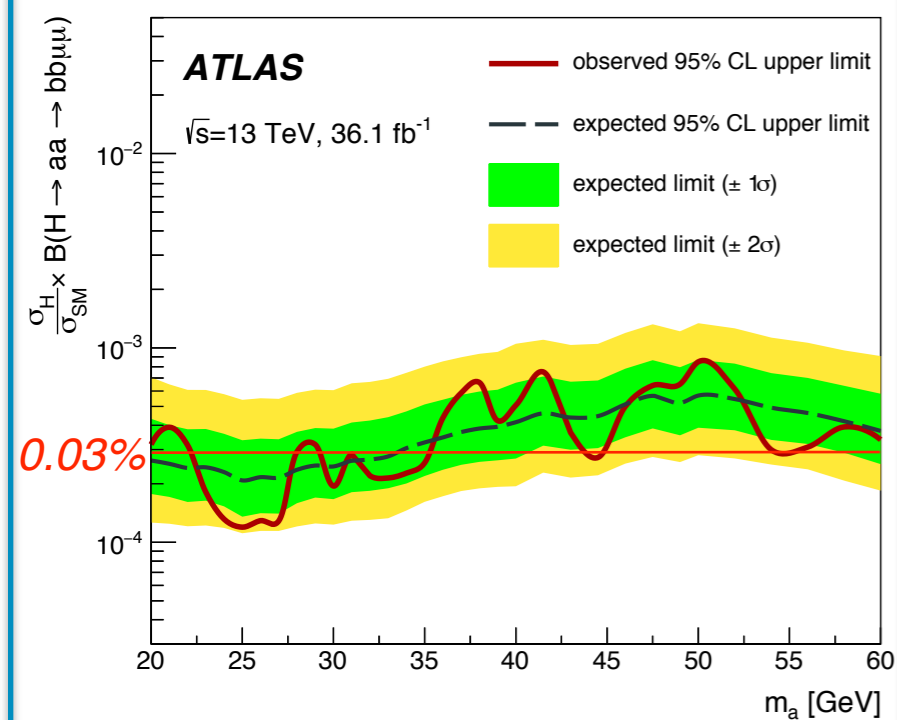
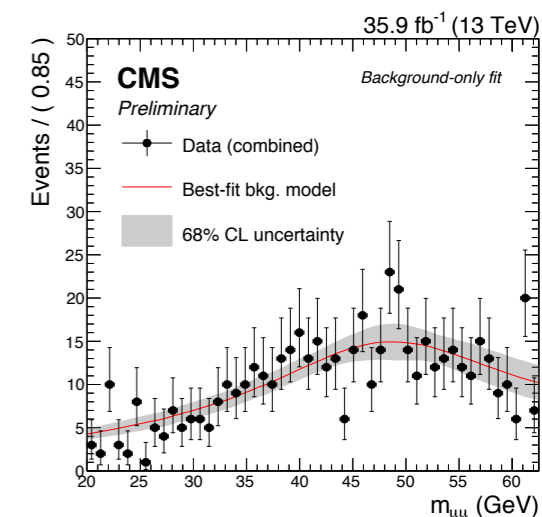
[arXiv:1807.00539](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.00539)

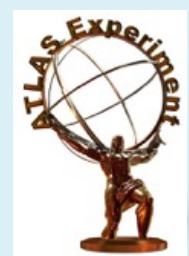
- First ATLAS $bb\mu\mu$ result
- Cut-and-count analysis, scan $m_{\mu\mu}$ in multiple bins



- Update of 8 TeV analysis
 - Using several categories of b-tagged events: loose-tight, tight-tight, tight-medium
 - Extend down to $m_a = 20$ GeV
- Unbinned fit to $m_{\mu\mu}$

[HIG-18-011-pas](#)

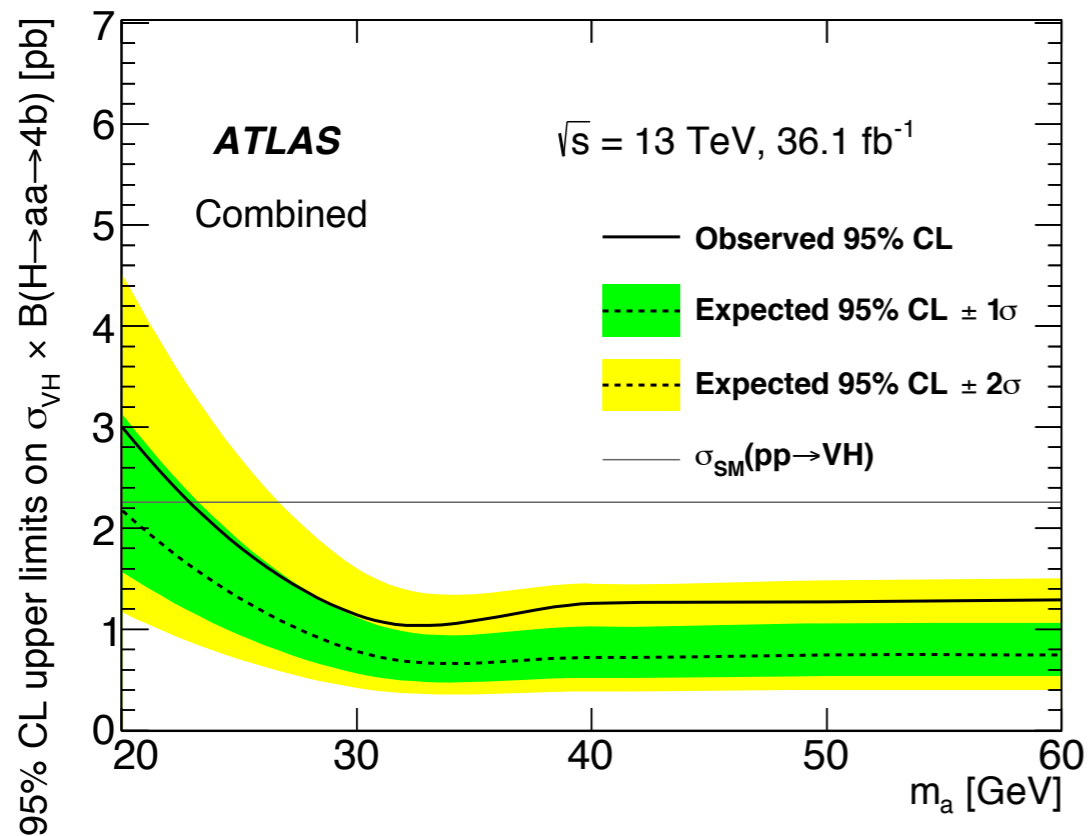




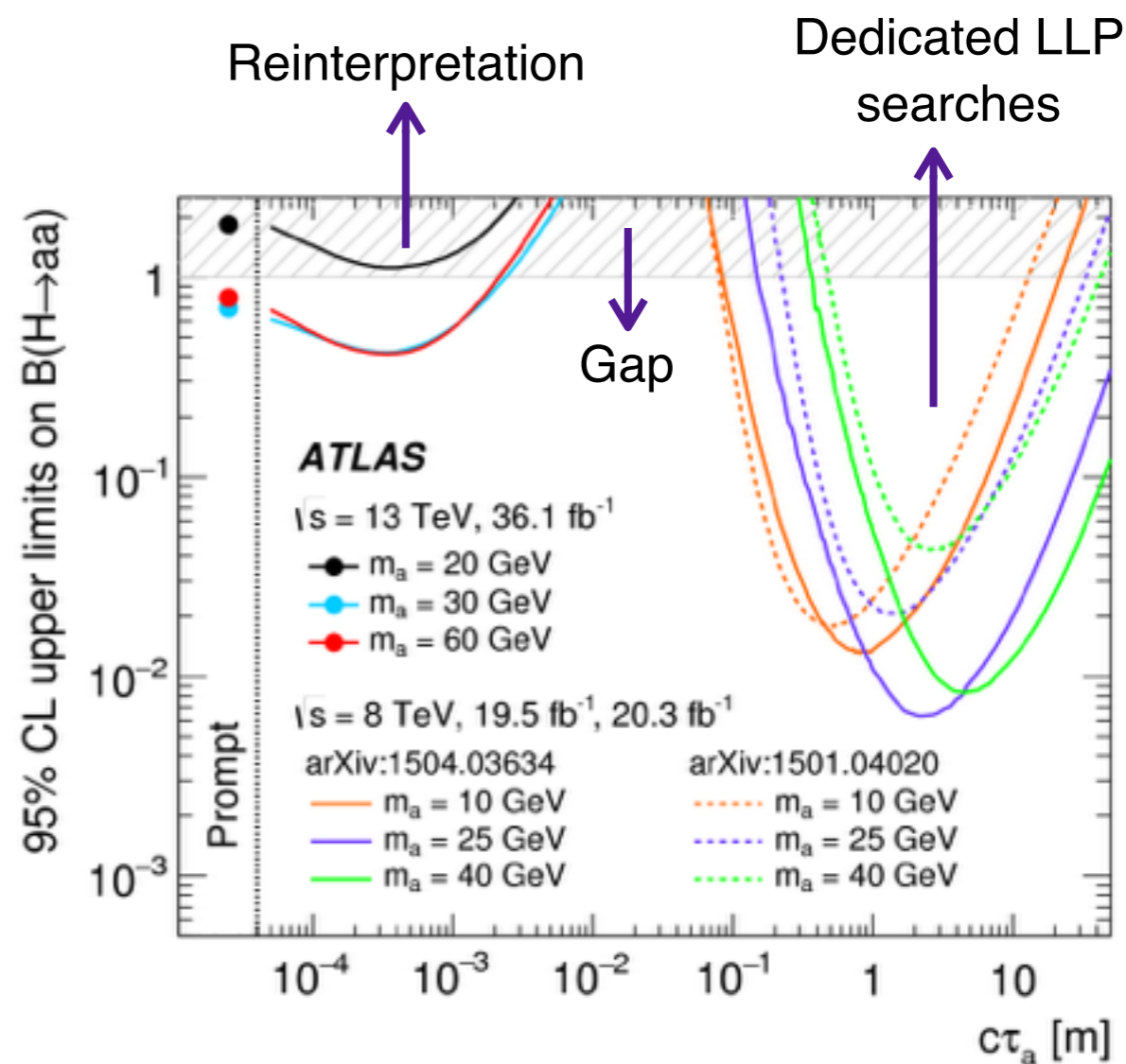
H → aa → 4b

[JHEP10\(2018\)031](#)

- Update of 13 TeV 4b analysis with 36 fb⁻¹
 - VH production - add ZH (lep-lep) category
 - Improved analysis technique: train BDT for each m_a - better sensitivity for low m_a



- Reinterpretation of the prompt analysis for slightly displaced signals
 - Explore the transition between prompt and long-lived searches

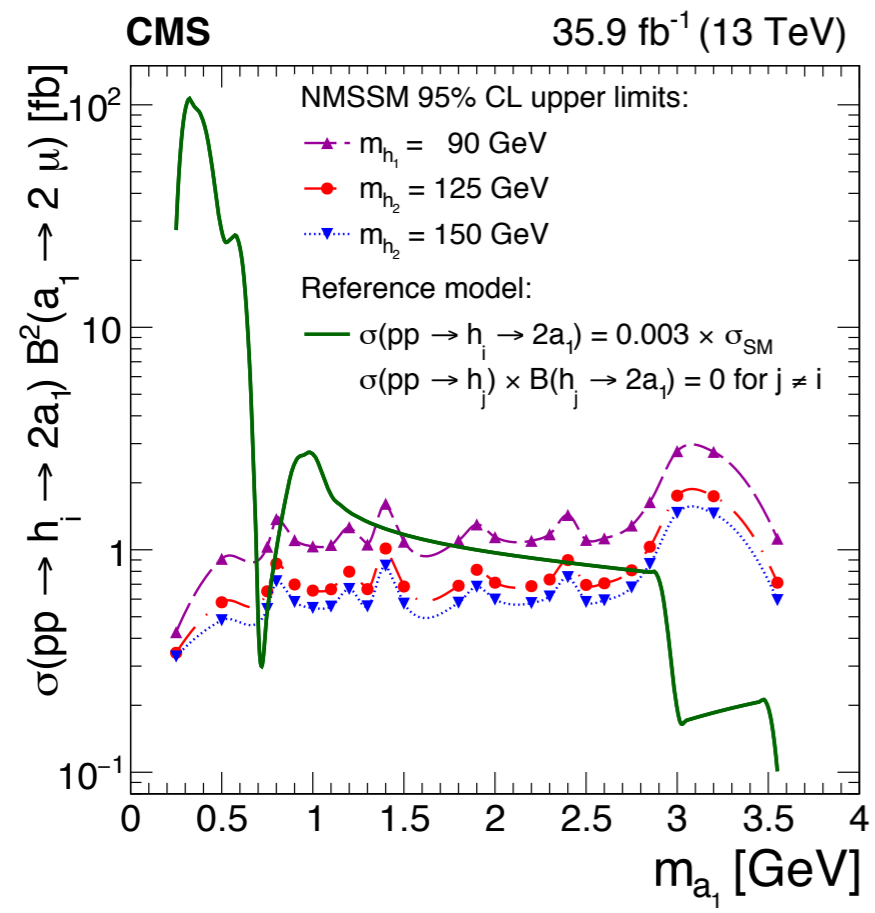


H → aa → 4μ

[arXiv:1812.00380](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.00380)

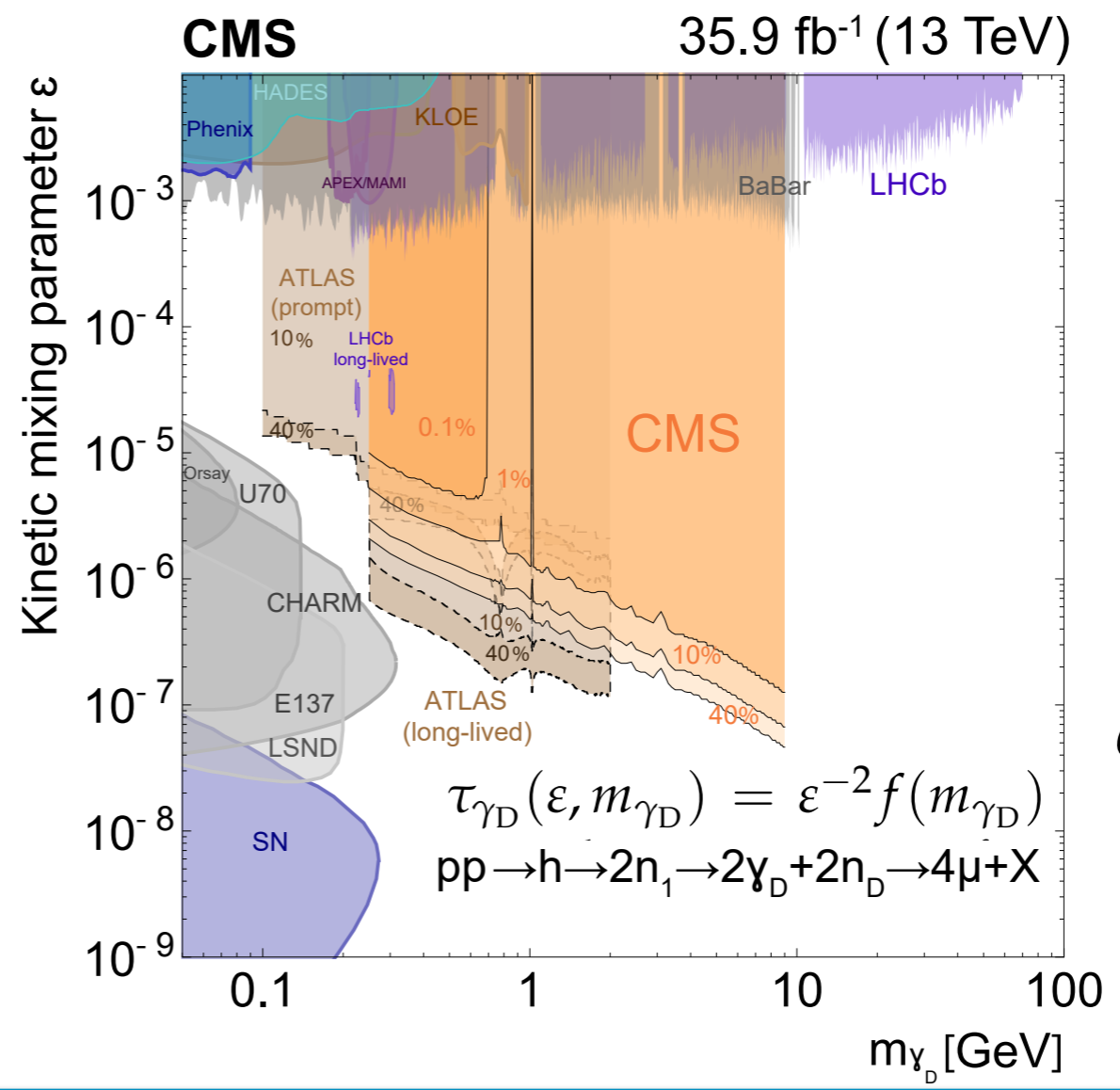
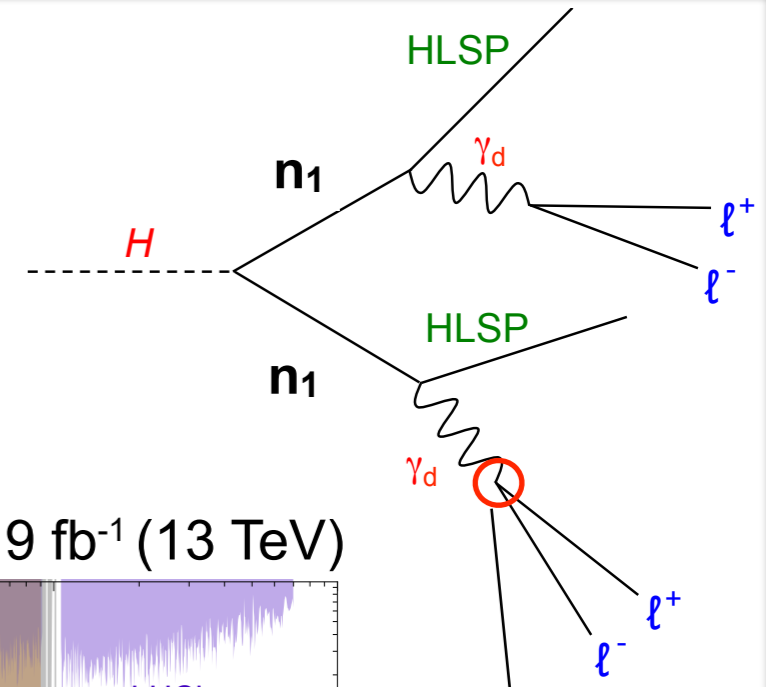
- Probing $0.25 < m_a < 8.5$ GeV
- New trigger with increased sensitivity to displaced vertices
- Interpretation in 2 models:

NMSSM: $\tan\beta = 20$



Dark SUSY scenario

- ATLAS 8 TeV:
 - prompt: [1511.05542](#)
 - long-lived: [1409.0746](#)

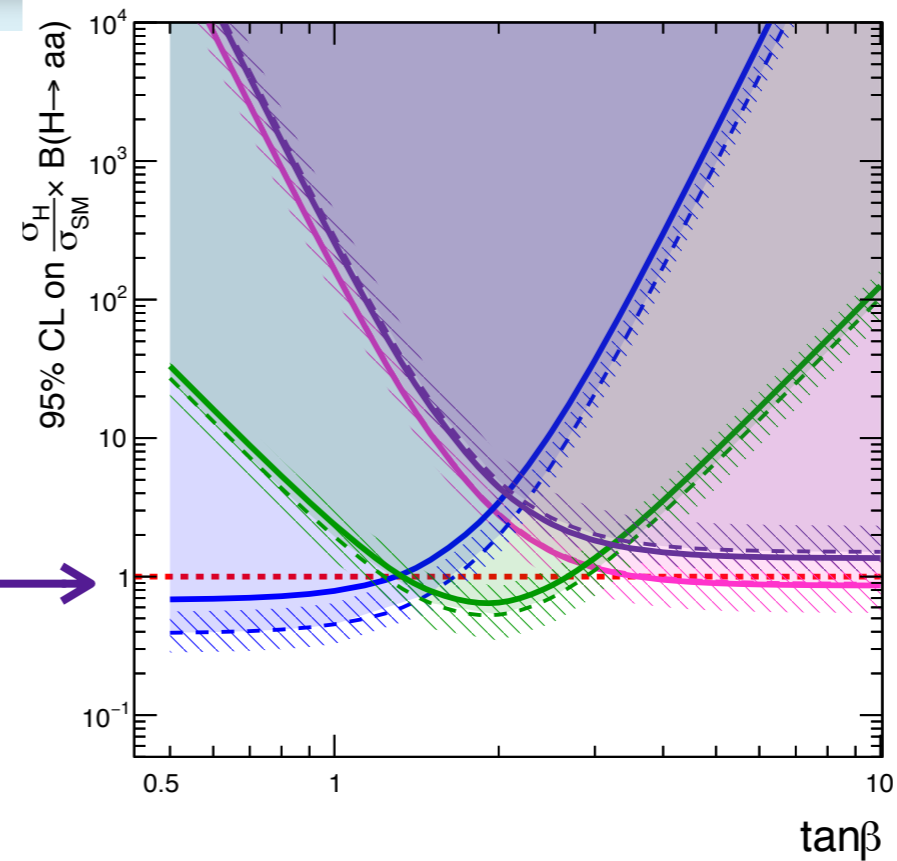


Coupling to SM via kinetic mixing ϵ

Covering up to $c\tau_{\gamma_D} = 100$ mm

- New:** ATLAS summary plots

- Showing the limits also in the quarkonia regions (using calculations from [JHEP3\(2018\)178](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.03388))
- Nice complementarity of different channels for different $\tan\beta$ values



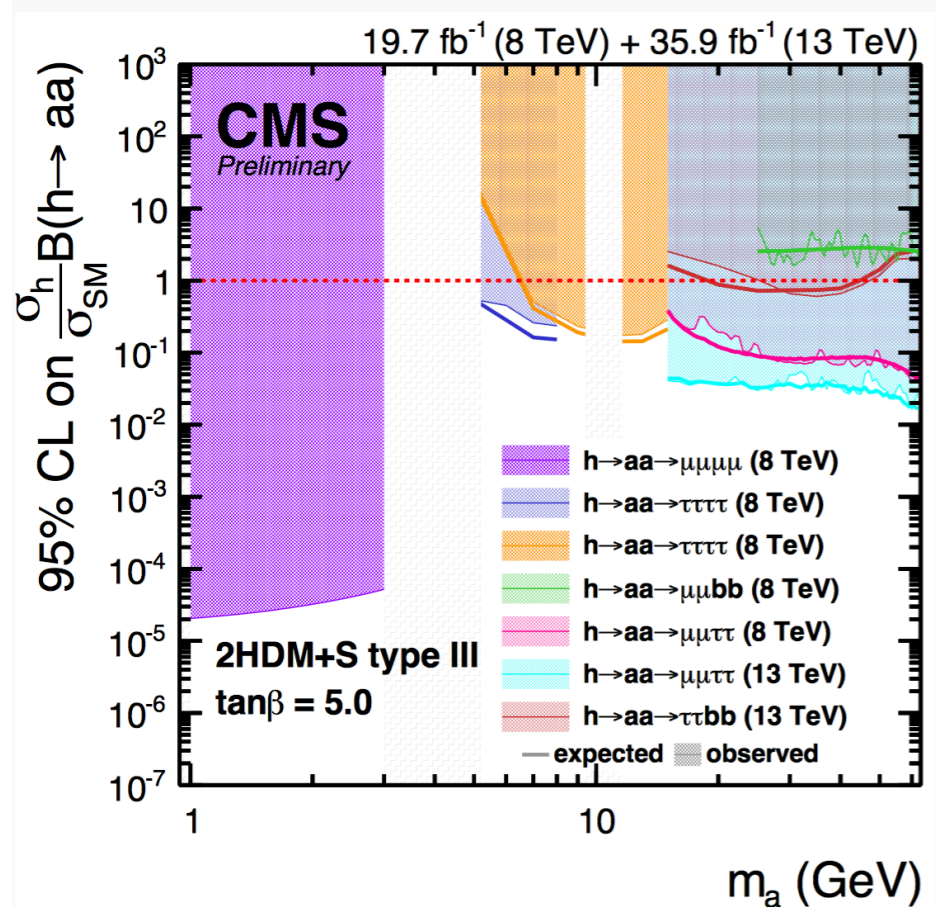
ATLAS Preliminary

Run 1: $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV, 20.3 fb⁻¹
 Run 2: $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, 36.1 fb⁻¹

2HDM+S Type-III $m_a = 40$ GeV

- expected $\pm 1 \sigma$
- observed
- Run 1 H → aa → μμττ
arXiv: 1505.01609
- Run 2 H → aa → μμμμ
arXiv: 1802.03388
- Run 2 H → aa → bbbb
arXiv: 1806.07355
- Run 2 H → aa → bbμμ
arXiv: 1807.00539

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-045](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.03388)

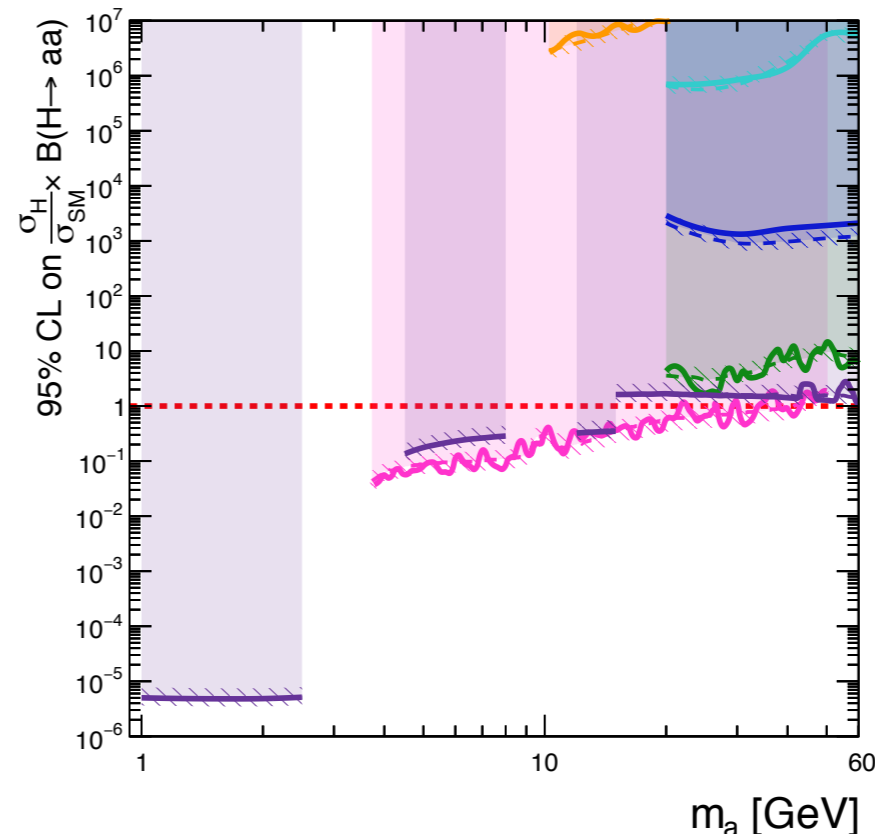


19.7 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV) + 35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

CMS Preliminary

2HDM+S type III
 $\tan\beta = 5.0$

- h → aa → μμμμ (8 TeV)
- h → aa → ττττ (8 TeV)
- h → aa → ττττ (8 TeV)
- h → aa → μμbb (8 TeV)
- h → aa → μμττ (8 TeV)
- h → aa → μμττ (13 TeV)
- h → aa → ττbb (13 TeV)
- expected
- observed



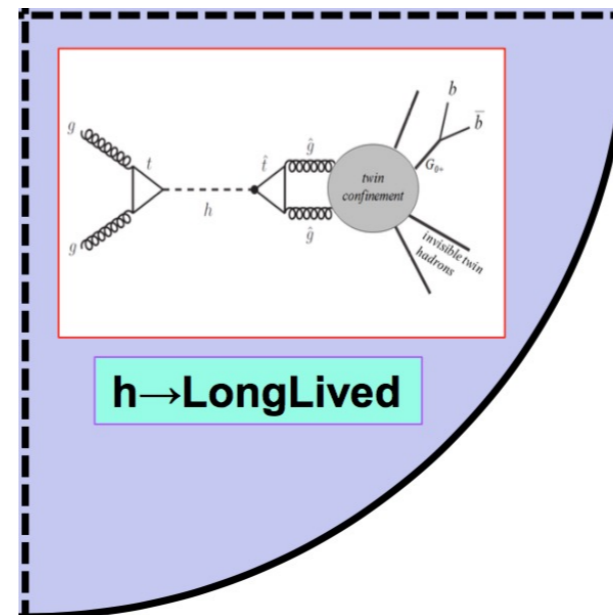
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arXiv: 1509.05051
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arXiv: 1802.03388
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H → LLP



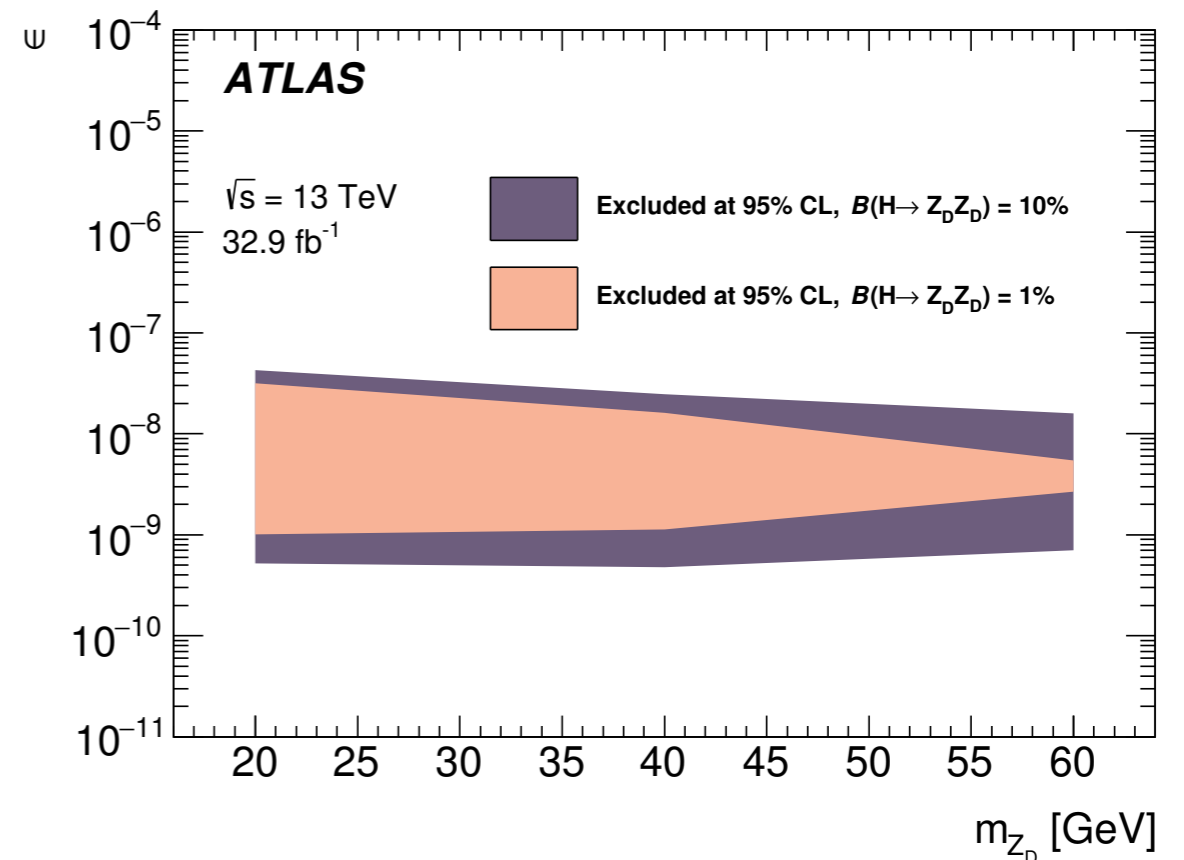
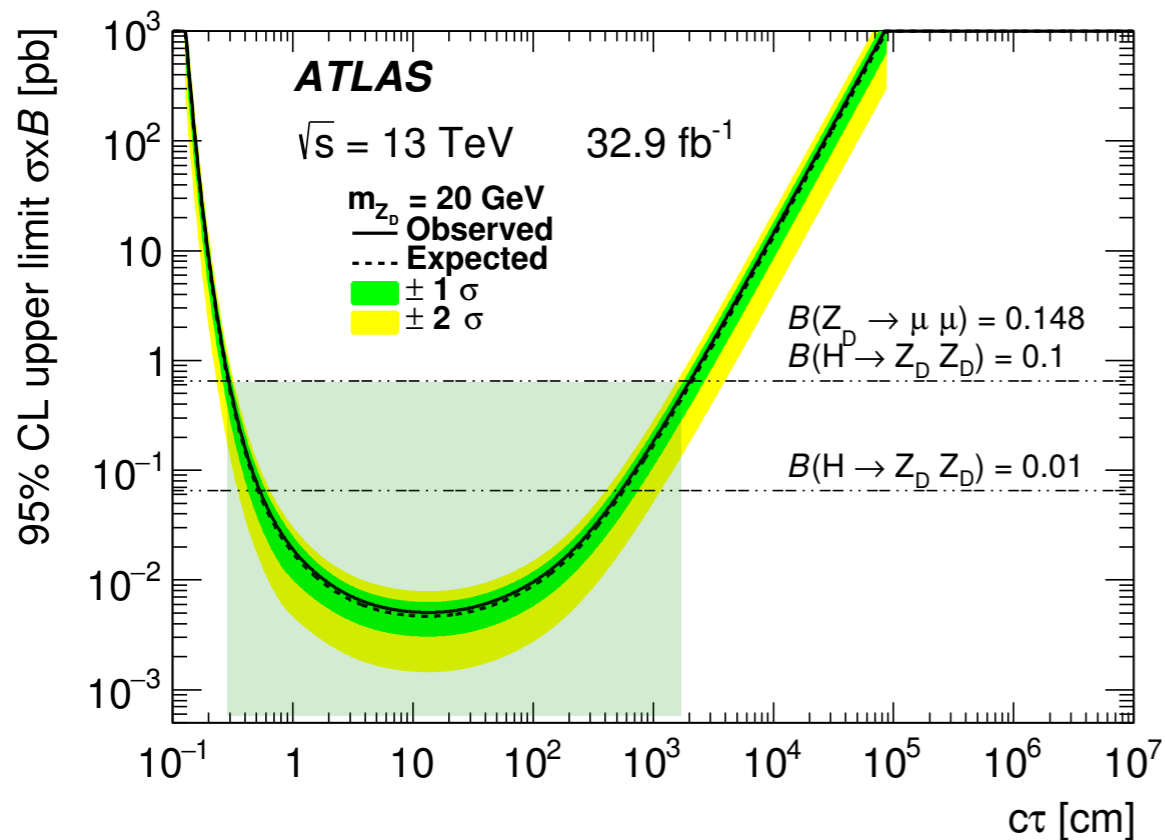
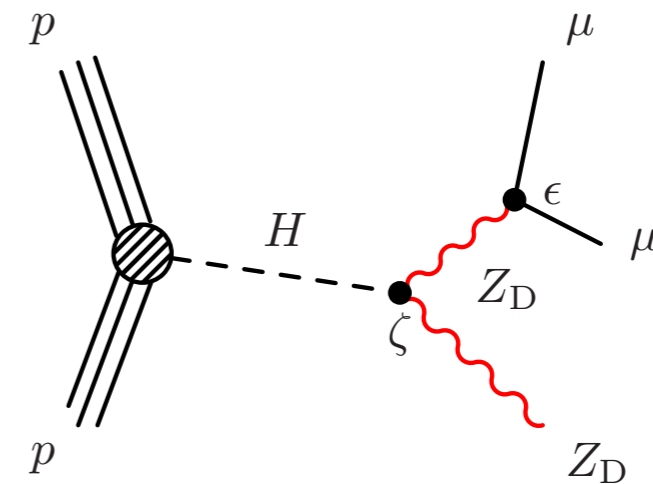


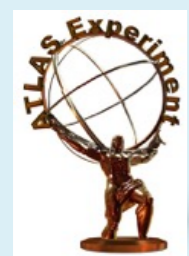
H → displaced muons

[arXiv:1808.03057](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.03057)

- Searching for displaced vertices (DV) using tracks of identified muon
 - ATLAS allows detection of dimuon DVs within a large decay volume
 - Low backgrounds

Hidden sector motivation/interpretation

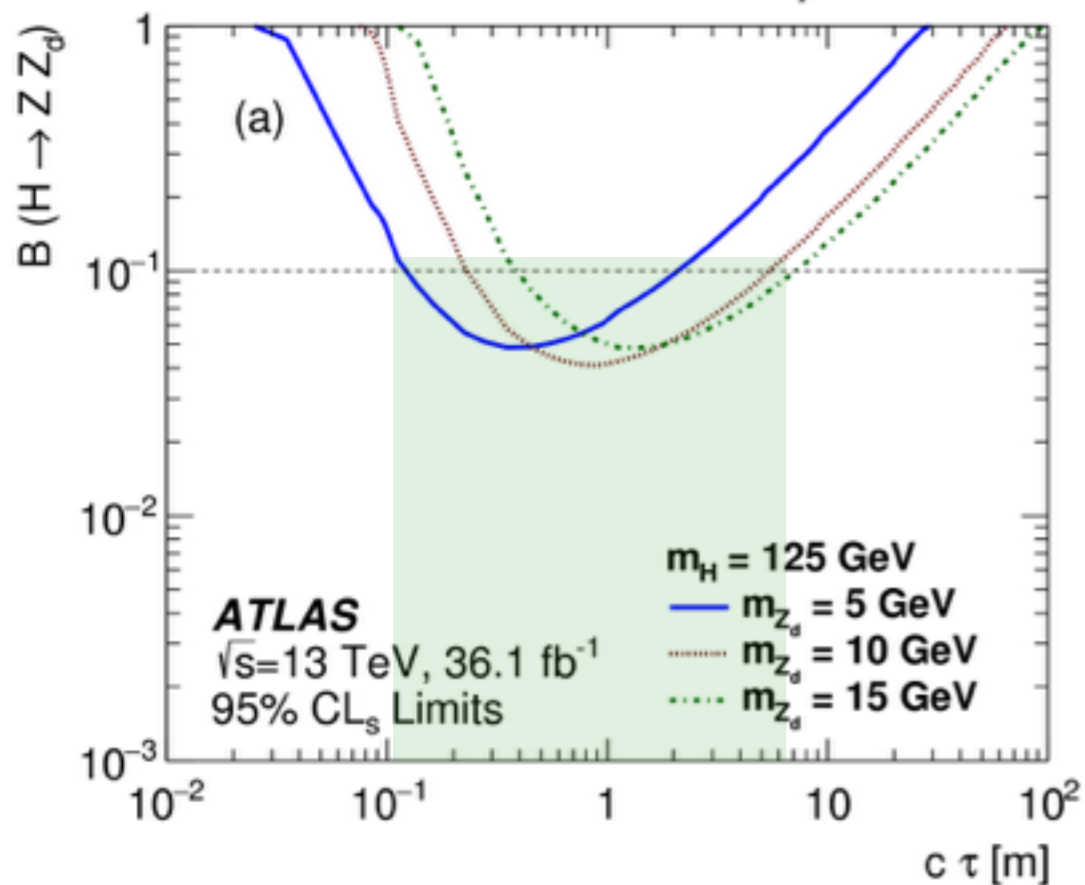
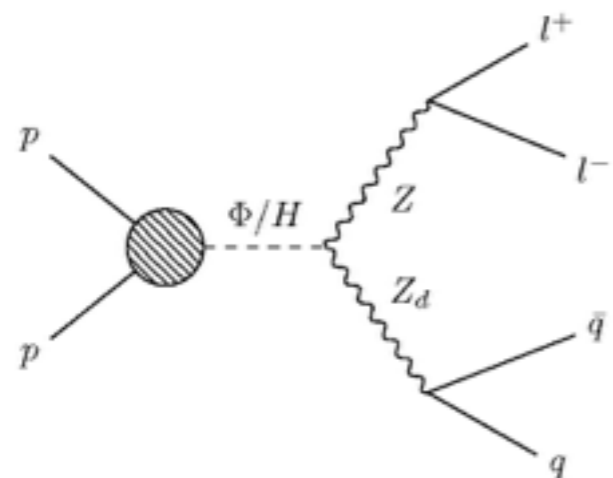




H → displaced jets

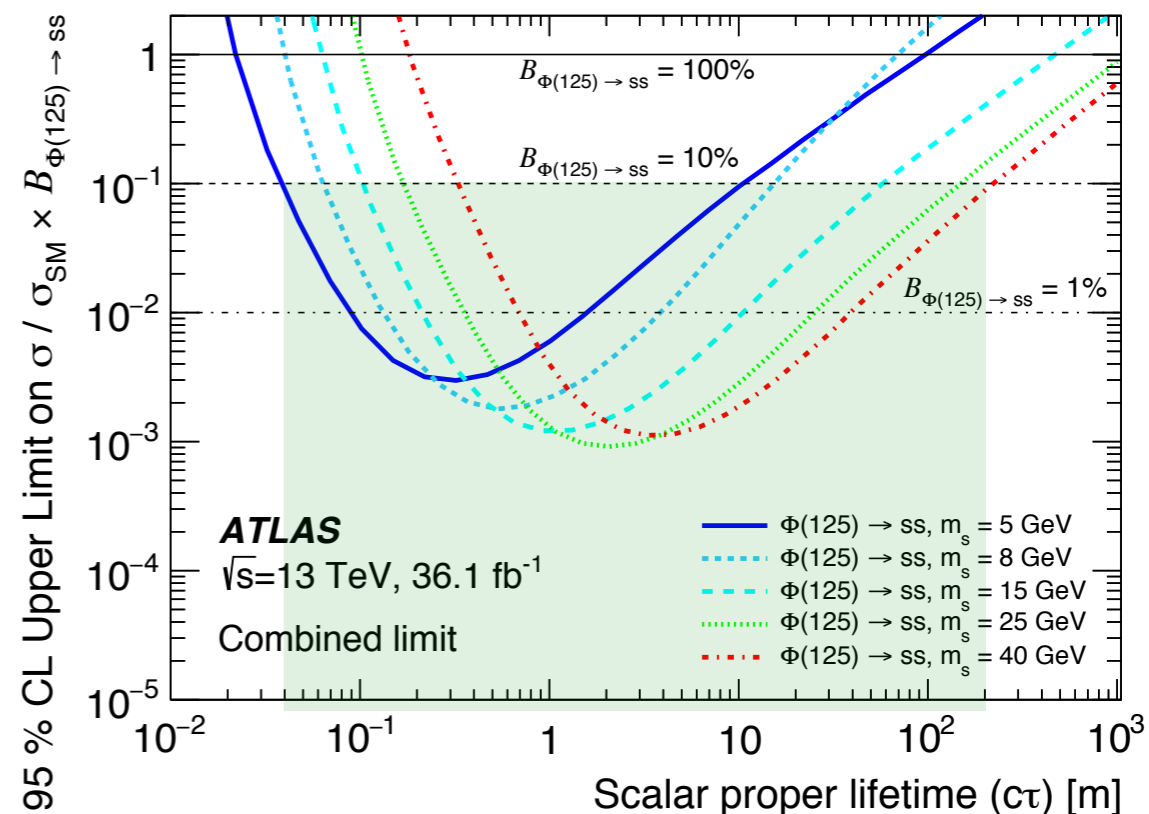
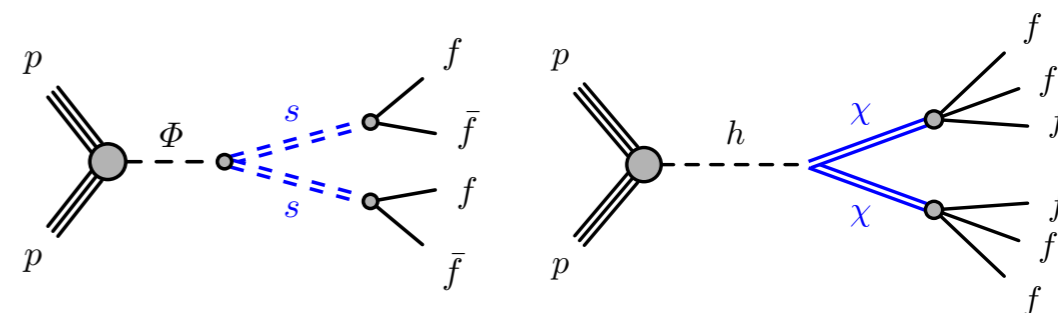
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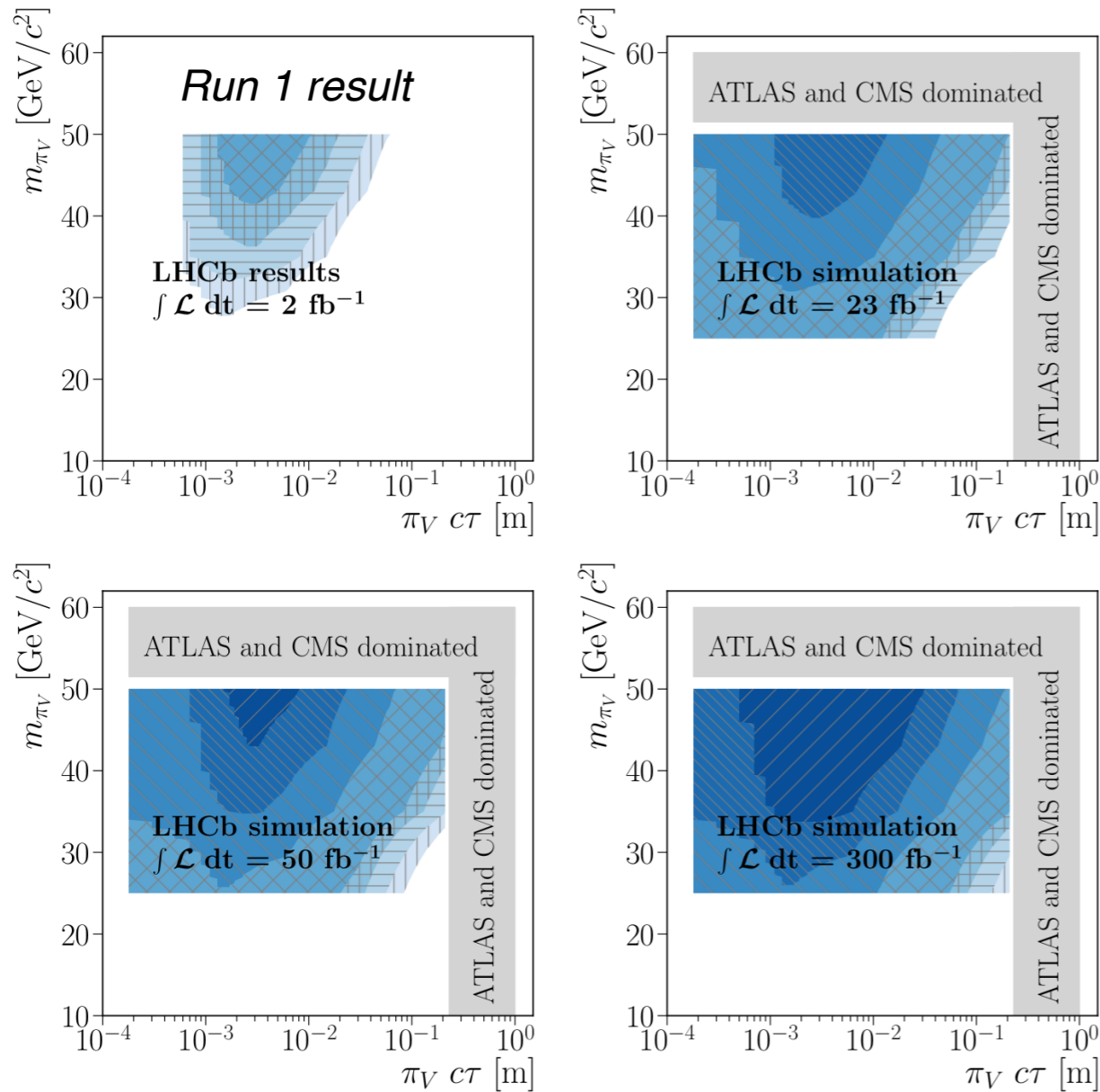
- LLPs decaying to jets in hadronic calo



[arXiv:1811.07370](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.07370)

- LLPs decaying into jets in the muon spectrometer
- 2 DV in MS, 1 DV in MS + 2 prompt jets, 1 DV in MS + MET





- New conference note prepared for HL-LHC Yellow Paper

- You can find more results at this link: [link](http://lhcbproject.web.cern.ch/lhcbproject/Publications/LHCbProjectPublic/LHCb-CONF-2018-006.html)
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Projected sensitivities of the search for HV pions decaying hadronically (jet pair) and produced through a Higgs boson exotic decay. Upper limits on Higgs Branching ratio.

Theory: LLP

Long-lived particles at the LHC: Catching Them In Time: [arXiv:1805.05957](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.05957)

- Jia Liu, Zhen Liu, Lian-Tao Wang

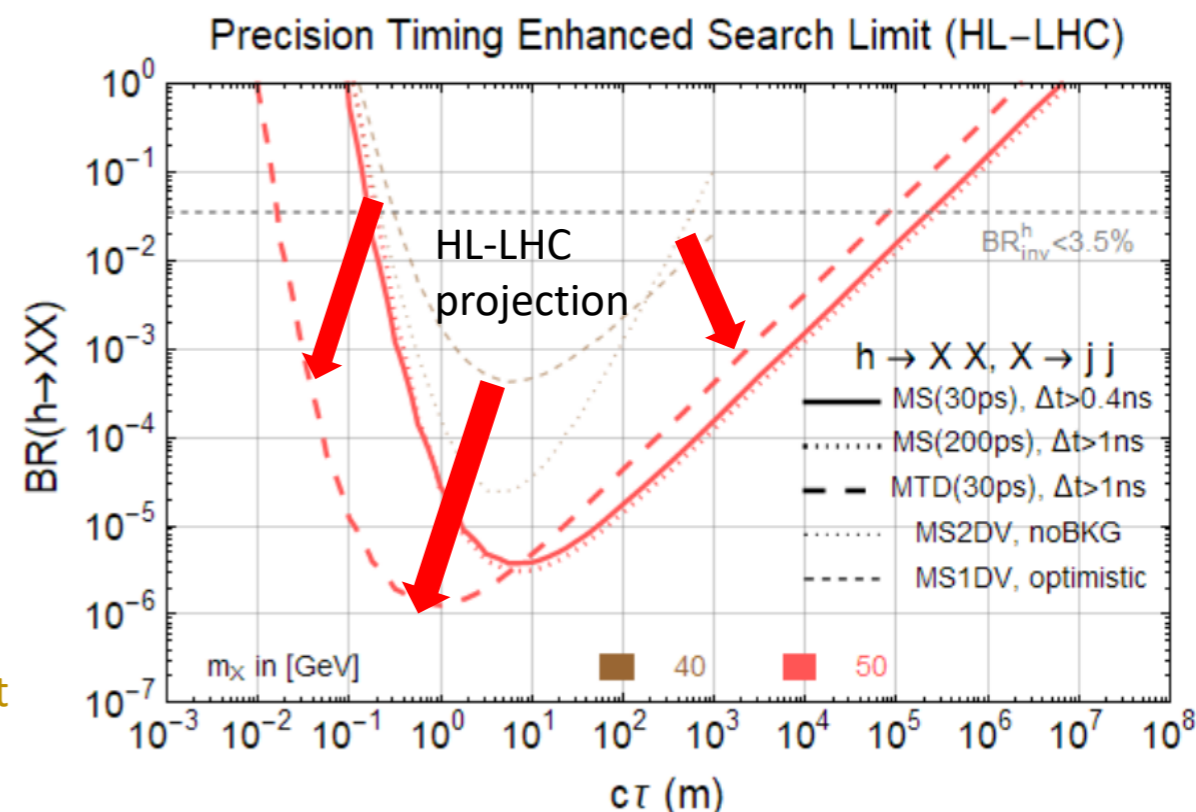
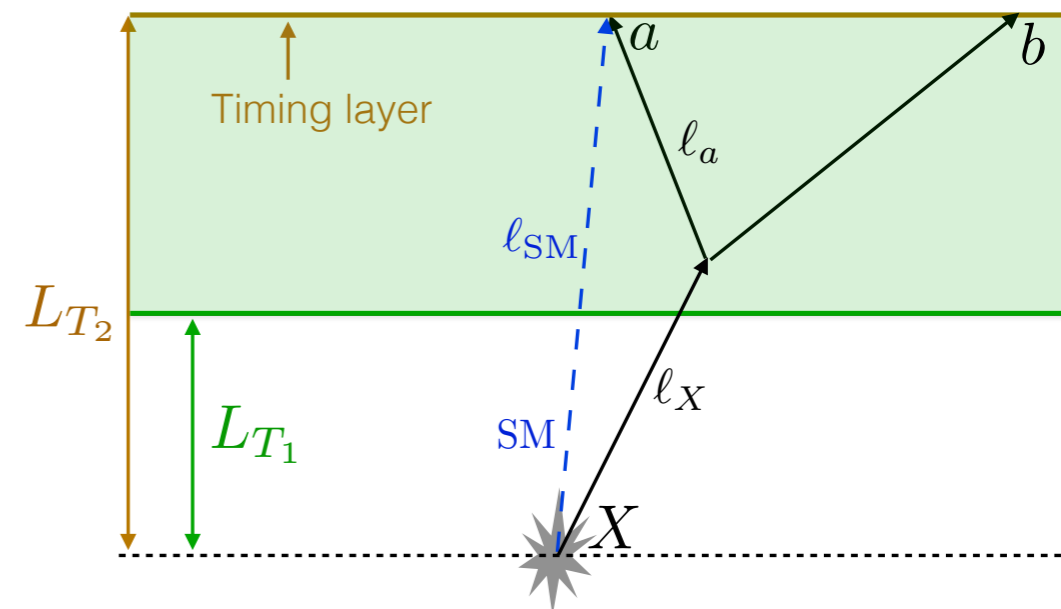
- LLPs (with mass > 10 s of GeV) typically have much slower motion
- Signal arrival time (vs. SM reference):

$$\Delta t = \frac{\ell_X}{\beta_X} + \frac{\ell_a}{\beta_a} - \frac{\ell_{SM}}{\beta_{SM}}$$

$\downarrow \sim ns$

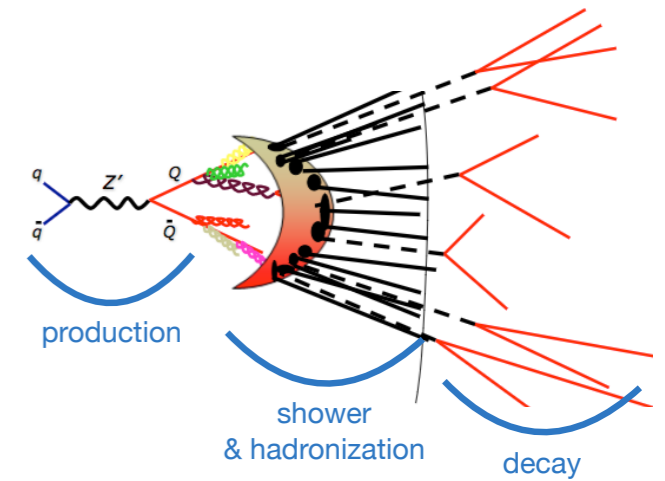
- Assuming ~ 30 ps timing resolution could be sensitive to $\sim 1\%$ level time delays wrt. SM particles travelling at c
- Projections using the timing information show significant improvement!

ATLAS MS LLP search (without timing) [arXiv:1811.07370](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.07370)



Theory: dark showers

- Largely unexplored territory
 - Hidden valley scenarios exhibiting confinement
 - Long-lived light hidden hadrons produced in showering process



- **Dark showers chapter in the upcoming LHC LLP white paper**

- Simon Knapen, Jessie Shelton, and Dong Xu

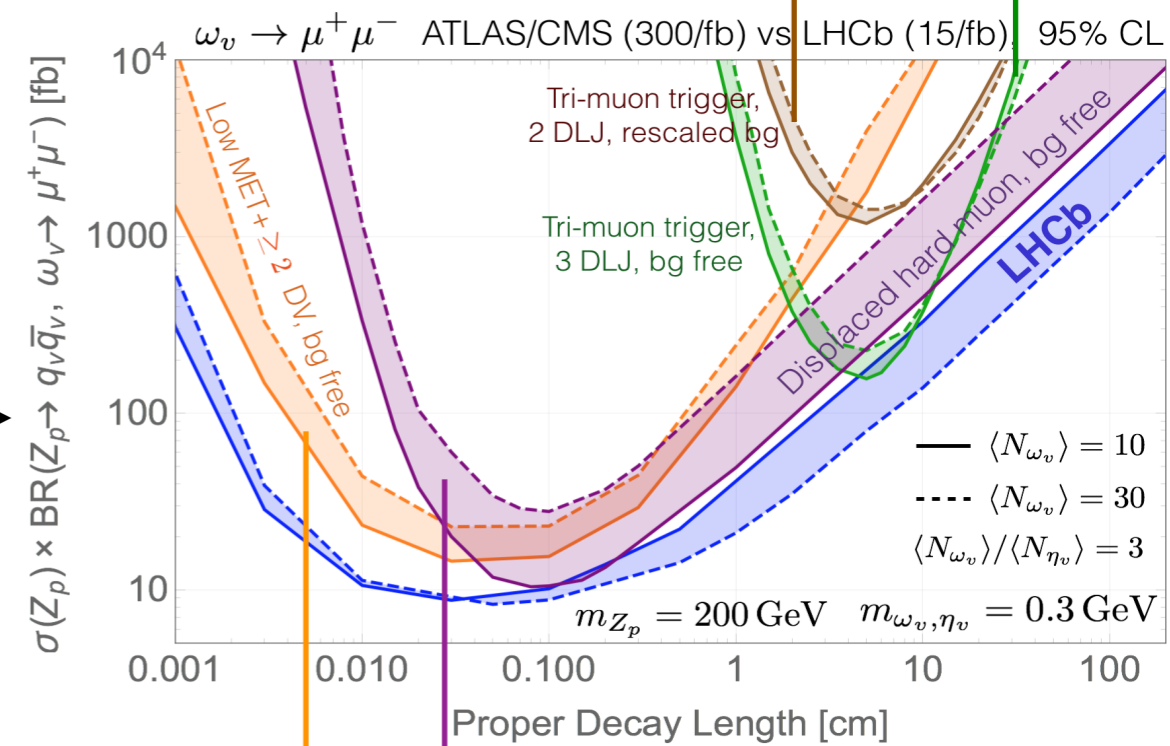
- Production mechanisms, decays, phenomenological models...

- **Searching for Confining Hidden Valleys at the LHC(b): [arXiv: 1708.05389](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.05389)**

- Aaron Pierce, Bibhushan Shakya, Yuhsin Tsai, Yue Zhao

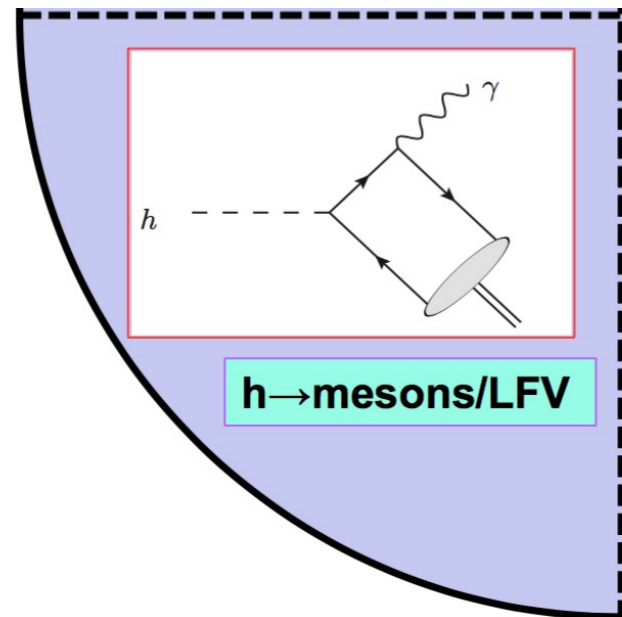
- LHCb: excellent vertex reconstruction, trigger, mass resolution, PID => ideal for soft long-lived particles

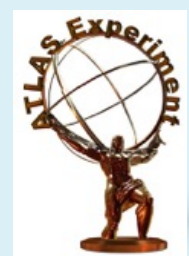
Projected bounds from displaced muon searches



Modified ATLAS MET+DV search

$H \rightarrow \text{mesons/LFV}$

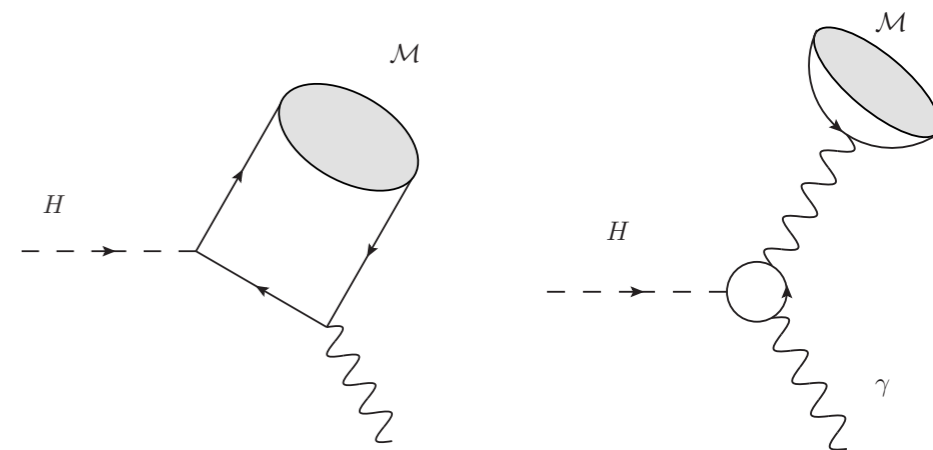




$H \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma, \psi(2s)\gamma, \Upsilon(nS)\gamma$

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- Allows access to 1st and 2nd generation Yukawa couplings
 - Currently direct evidence exists only for 3rd generation couplings

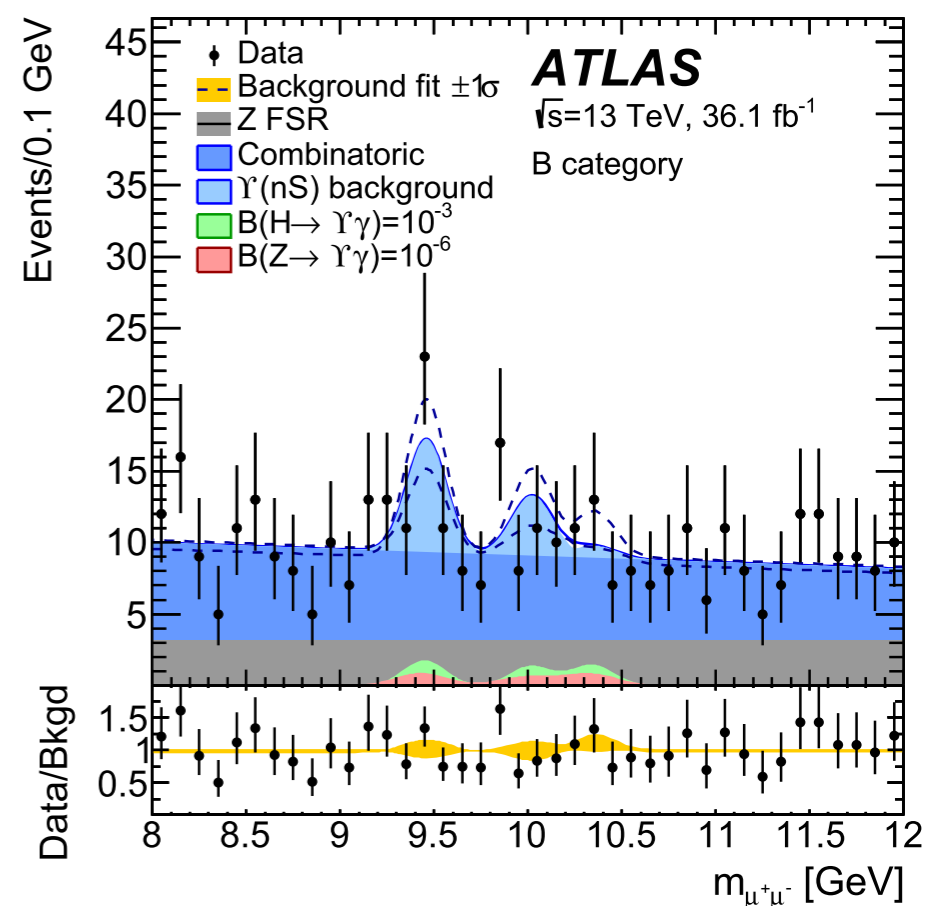


• Standard Model Predictions:

- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma) = (2.99 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-6} \dagger$
- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \psi(2S)\gamma) = (1.03 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-6} \dagger$
- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\gamma) = (5.2^{+2.0}_{-1.7}) \times 10^{-9} \dagger$

Branching fraction limit (95% CL)	Expected	Observed
$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma) [10^{-4}]$	$3.0^{+1.4}_{-0.8}$	3.5
$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \psi(2S)\gamma) [10^{-4}]$	$15.6^{+7.7}_{-4.4}$	19.8
$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\gamma) [10^{-4}]$	$5.0^{+2.4}_{-1.4}$	4.9
$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S)\gamma) [10^{-4}]$	$6.2^{+3.0}_{-1.7}$	5.9
$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S)\gamma) [10^{-4}]$	$5.0^{+2.5}_{-1.4}$	5.7

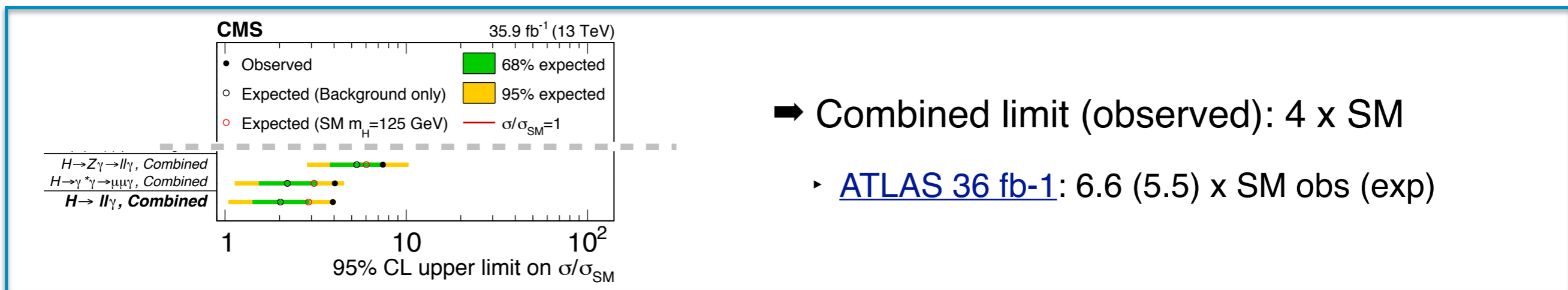
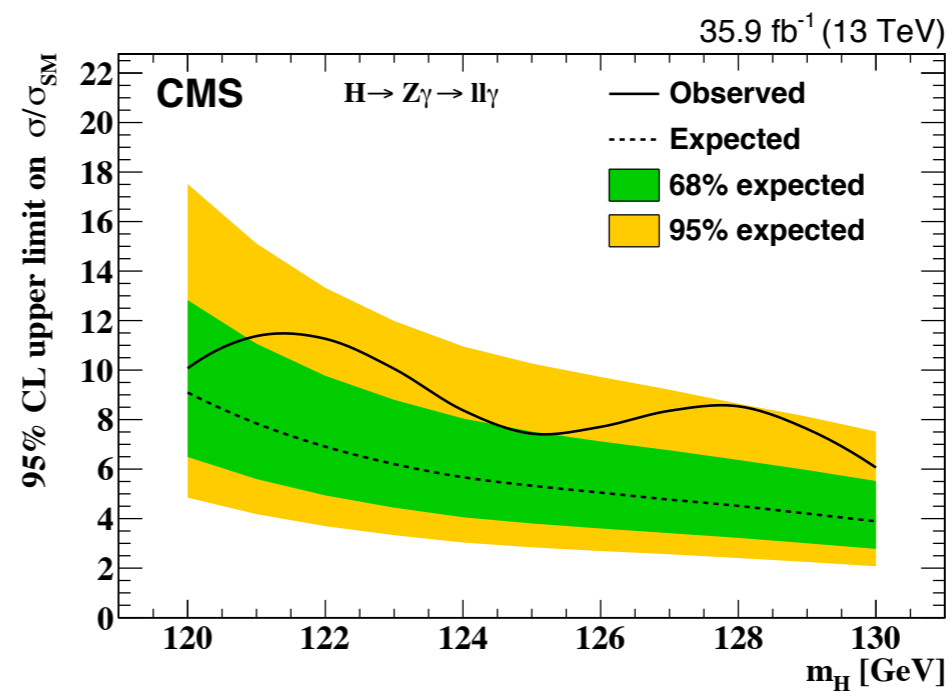
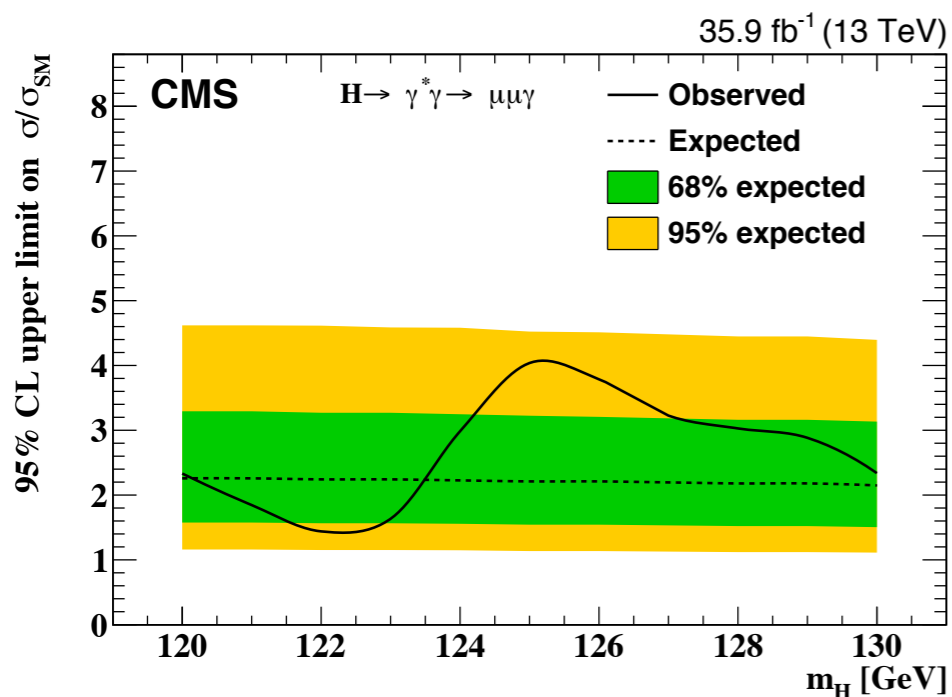
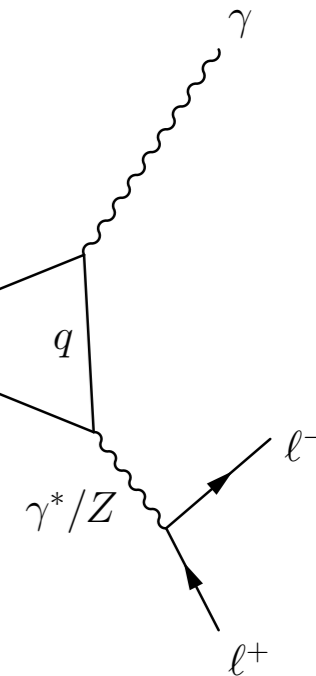
- Still 2-5 orders of magnitude above SM predictions



- Measurement of rare decays of SM Higgs:

[arXiv:1806.05996](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.05996)

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma)}{\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = (1.69 \pm 0.10)\%, \quad \frac{\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow Z\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma/\mu\mu\gamma)}{\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = (2.27 \pm 0.14)\%$$



➔ Combined limit (observed): 4 x SM

▸ [ATLAS 36 fb-1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.05996): 6.6 (5.5) x SM obs (exp)

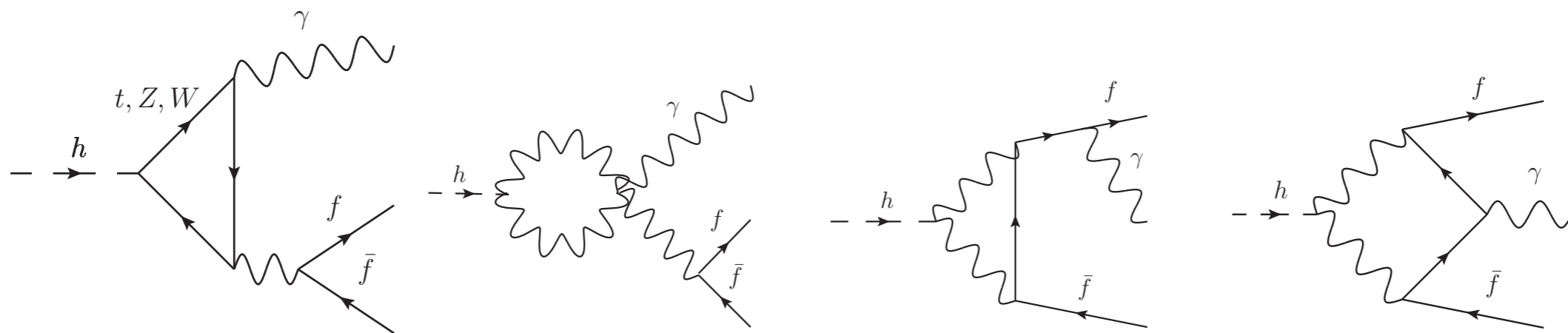
Theory: ff γ

Higgs to ff γ

Radiative Decays of the Higgs Boson to a Pair of Fermions [arXiv:1704.00790](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.00790)

[Tao Han](#) ([Pittsburgh U.](#) & [Tsinghua U., Beijing](#) & [CICQM, Beijing](#)), [Xing Wang](#) ([Pittsburgh U.](#))

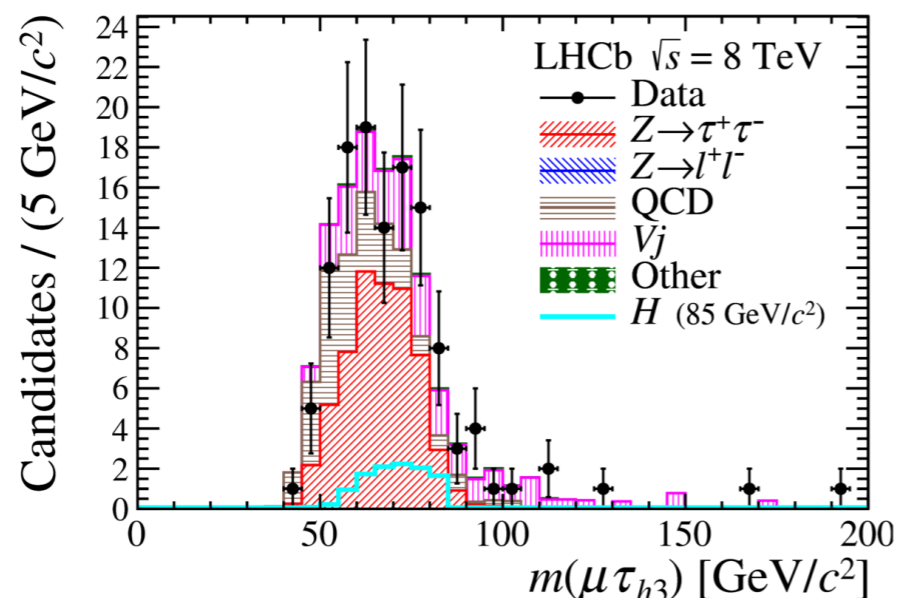
- Complimentary to Higgs decaying into mesons
 - Shall we ask for recommendations?
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- All the leptonic radiative decays potentially observable at the LHC Run 2 or the HL-LHC
 - $h \rightarrow c\bar{c}\gamma$ better than the $h \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$ channel in constraining the charm-Yukawa coupling



H → LFV

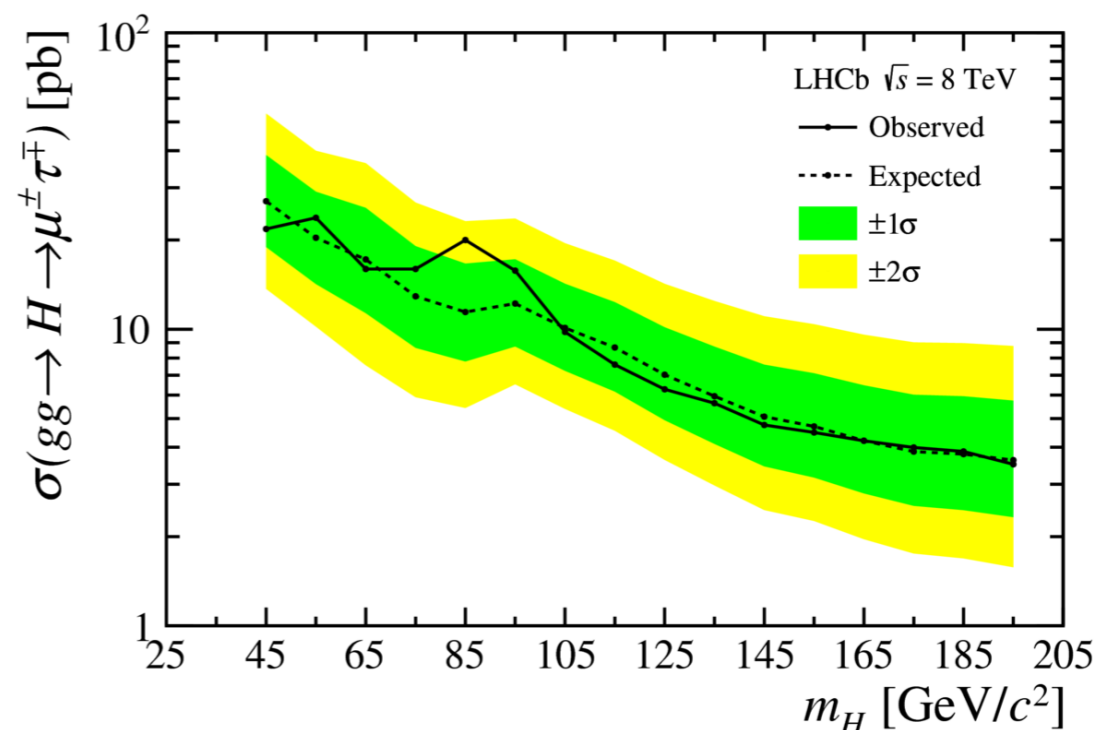


Search for $H \rightarrow \tau\mu$ in the forward region

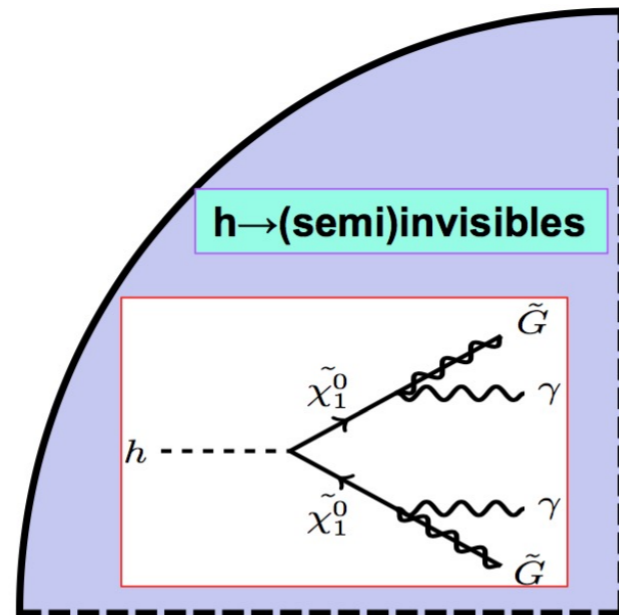


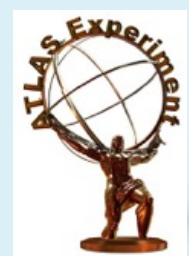
- Complementary wrt ATLAS and CMS: different phase space region.
- At 125 GeV upper limit $BR(H \rightarrow \tau\mu) < 26\%$
- Accepted for publication on EPJC.

- Search for lepton flavour violating Higgs decay.
- Taus are reconstructed in 4 different decay channels (muon, electron, hadron, 3-hadrons).
- Main background $Z \rightarrow \pi$



$H \rightarrow (\text{semi})\text{invisible}$

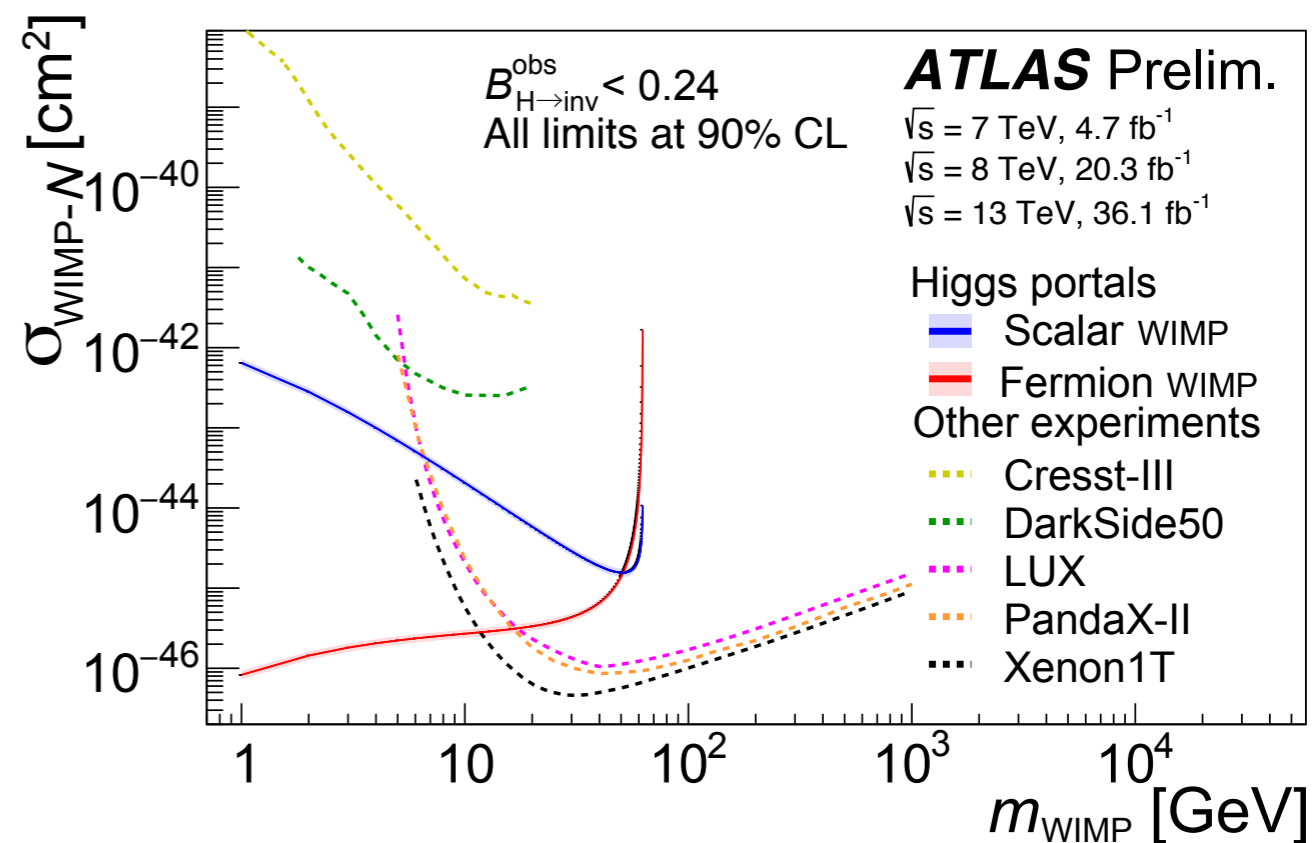
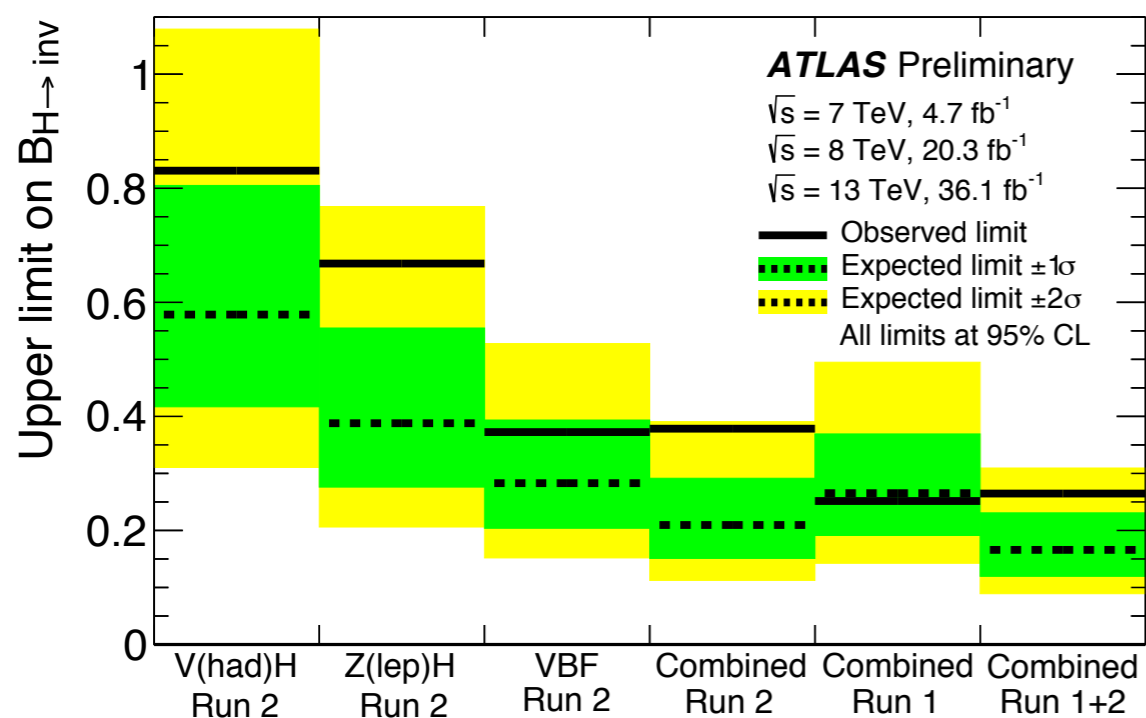




H → invisible

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- 7+8+13 TeV combination: **Br(H → inv) < 0.24**



Benchmarks

- Started collecting benchmarks on our [Twiki](#)
 - Include: motivation, relevant parameter calculations (e.g. Br), MC implementation

2HDM+S + Z_d models: so far used in $H \rightarrow xxyy$ interpretations



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H(125)→aa (ss) →XXYY	1802.02156	BR.tgz . Calculations provide Br(a→xx) values for multiple tan(beta) values and cover also the quarkonia regions. Please read the README.txt to know how to use them.		Ulrich Haisch
H(125)→2Zd→4 lep	1412.0018	Table2 of 1412.0018	hahm_mg	Jessie Shelton, Stefania Gori, David Curtin, Rouven Essig
H(125)→2Hd→4Ad→8 lep	Hto8lepChannel_Stolarski	Table2 of 1412.0018	hahm_mg	Daniel Stolarski
H(125)→aa (ss) → 4y/2j2y				
H(125)→aa (ss) →XXYY/invis	mixture of visible & invisible (DM) decays			

Benchmarks

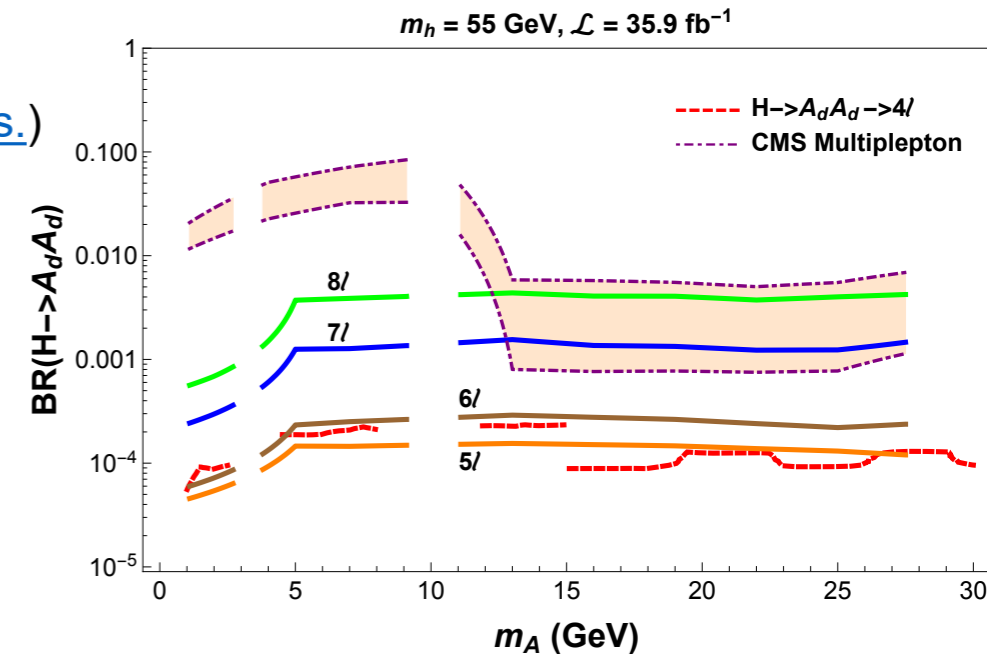
Higgs up to 8 Leptons

The Platinum Channel: Higgs Decays to as many as 8 Leptons

Eder Izaguirre (Brookhaven Natl. Lab.), Daniel Stolarski (Ottawa Carleton Inst. Phys.)

[1805.12136](#)

$$H \rightarrow h_d h_d \rightarrow A_d A_d A_d A_d \rightarrow 8f$$



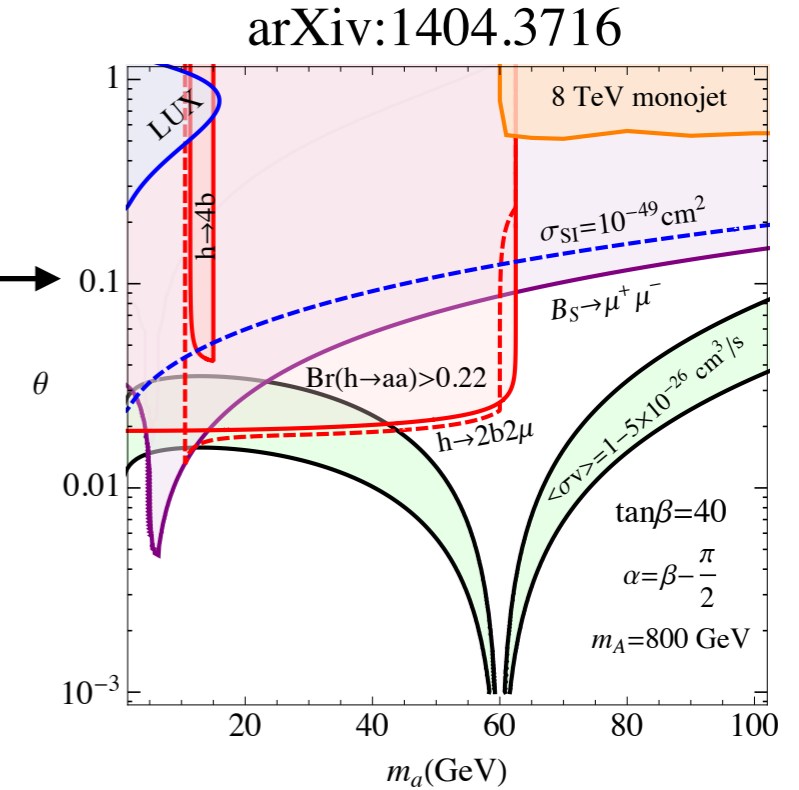
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Benchmarks

- $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \text{SM/DM}$
 - Can we come up with a benchmark where the mediator could decay to both DM and SM and then show all the constraints together?
- Meaningful model for $H \rightarrow 4\gamma/2j2\gamma$
 - ALPs? e.g. [1708.00443](#)

Wish-list from the experiment side:)



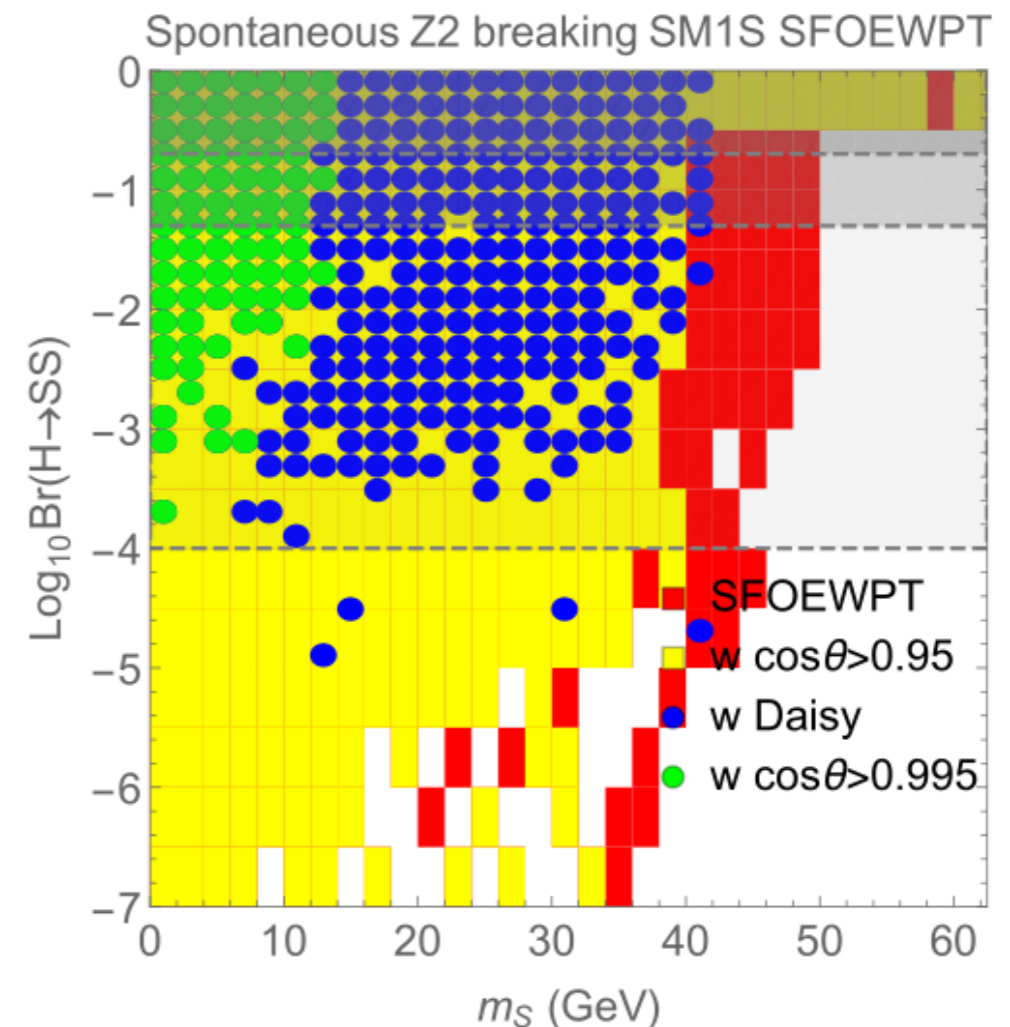
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$H(125) \rightarrow aa (ss) \rightarrow 4\gamma/2j2\gamma$				
$H(125) \rightarrow aa (ss) \rightarrow XXYY/\text{invis}$	mixture of visible & invisible (DM) decays			

H → ss benchmark

- Ongoing study by M. Carena, Z. Liu, Y.K. Wang;
- Ongoing study by J. Shelton, Jonathan Kozaczuk and Michael Ramsey-Musolf
- H → SS decays is well-motivated from the point of view of strongly first order electroweak phase transition;
- Successful EWPT predicts (in a general class of spontaneous Z2 breaking singlet extension of the SM) sizable amount of the H → SS branching fraction and can be tested at the LHC.

expecting paper early next year and recommendations coming after.

Preliminary results by M. Carena, Z. Liu, Y.K. Wang



Blue and green points are to be tested by the exotic decay program.

Yellow regions covered by HL-LHC Higgs precision program.

Summary & plans

- Rich programme of signatures ongoing in experiments
- **Strong interest in reinterpreting prompt searches into LL signals** to see "how far we get" without a dedicated analysis and where the gaps are
 - Some nice examples already there ($H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4b$), plan to do more for future results in $H \rightarrow aa$
- **Thinking about new benchmark scenarios/signatures**
 - Especially ones that will benefit from the increased dataset ($H \rightarrow 8 \text{ lep}$)
 - New benchmarks for interpretation of existing (& future) searches: $H \rightarrow 4y/2j2y$ & $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \text{SM/DM}$
- **Preparing for HL-LHC:**
 - Developments in dark showers
 - Prospects for LLPs with upgraded detectors (e.g. timing) need studies by experiments
- See also our [Twiki to-do list](#)

Backup

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Ongoing analyses

- Long Lived Particles program (Run II):
 - Updated search for displaced di-jet resonances
 - Search for lepton flavour violating LLP
- Prompt di-jet scalar resonance searches (b and c di-jets)
- New trigger lines for Run III (di-jets, di-electrons, di-photons)

H → φγ, ργ

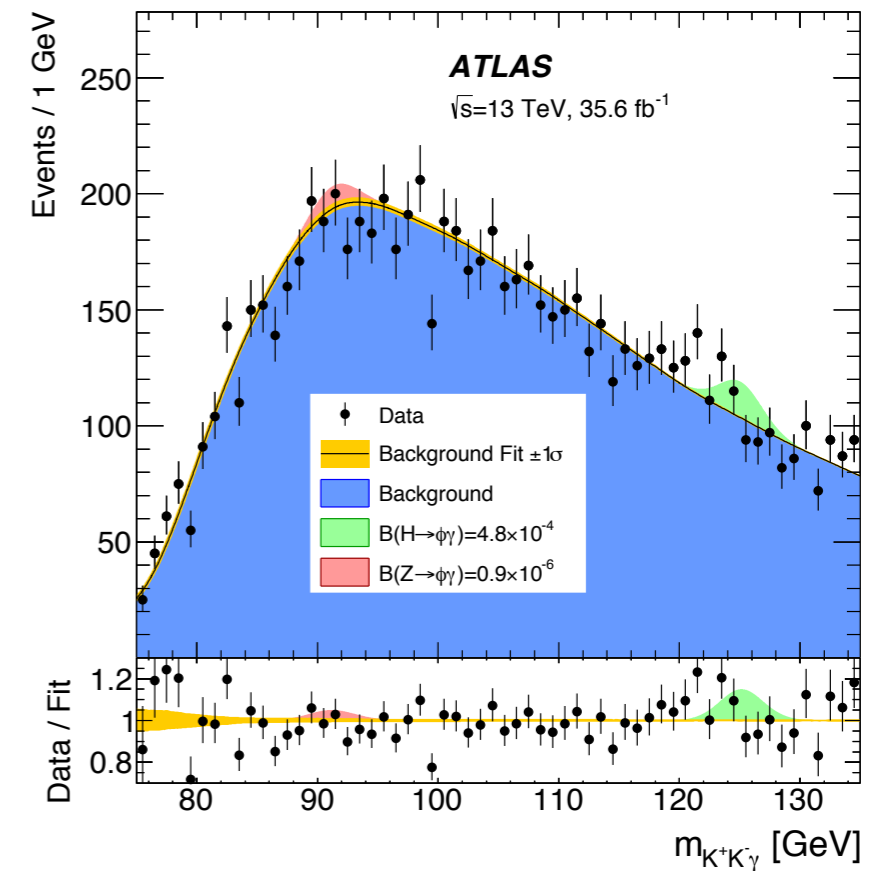
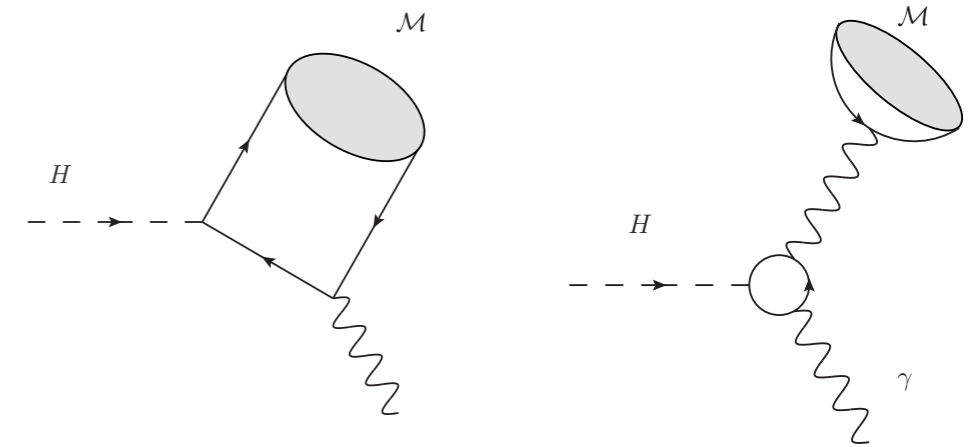
• 36 fb⁻¹ @ 13 TeV

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• SM predictions:

- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \phi\gamma) = (2.31 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-6}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \rho\gamma) = (1.68 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-5}$

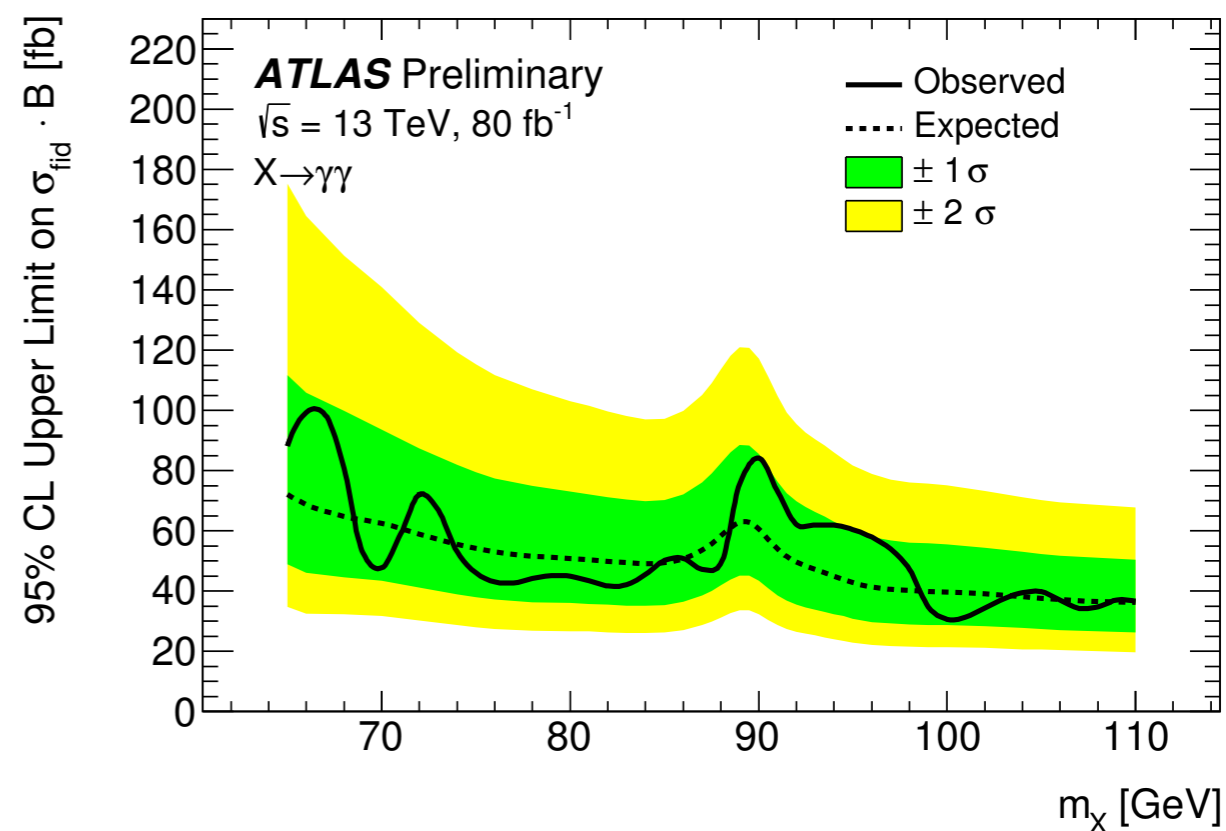
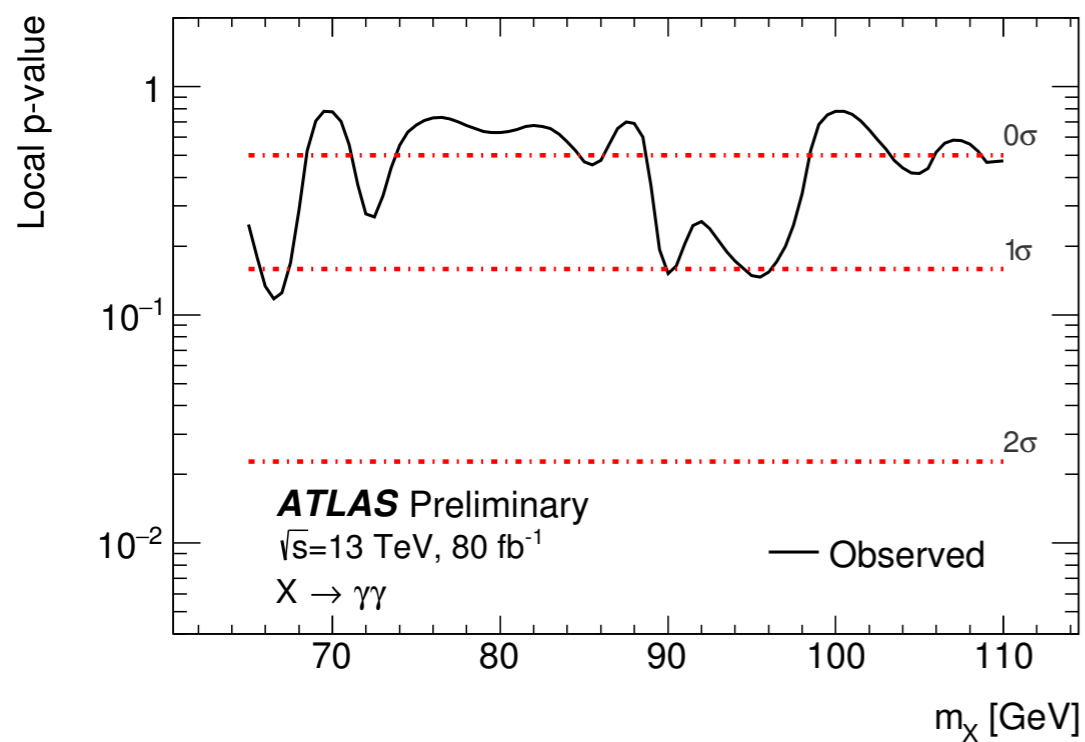
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$\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow \phi\gamma) [10^{-6}]$	$1.3^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$	0.9
$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \rho\gamma) [10^{-4}]$	$8.4^{+4.1}_{-2.4}$	8.8
$\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow \rho\gamma) [10^{-6}]$	33^{+13}_{-9}	25



Low-mass $\gamma\gamma$

- 80 fb^{-1} @ 13 TeV

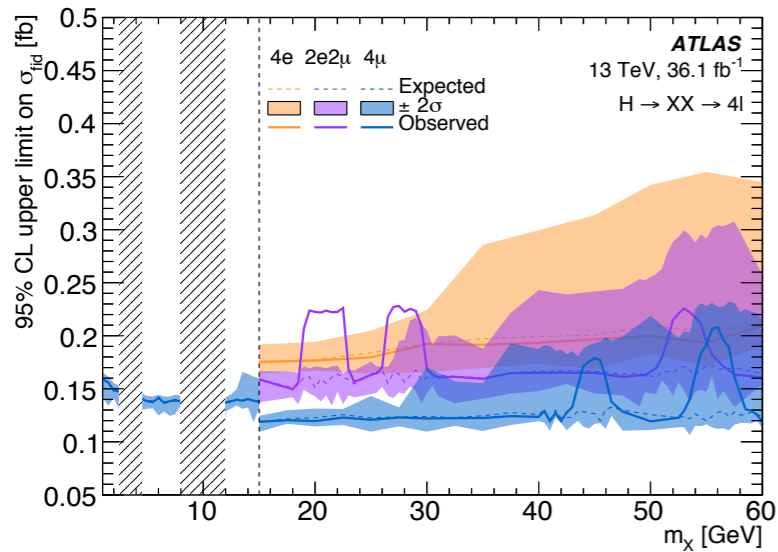
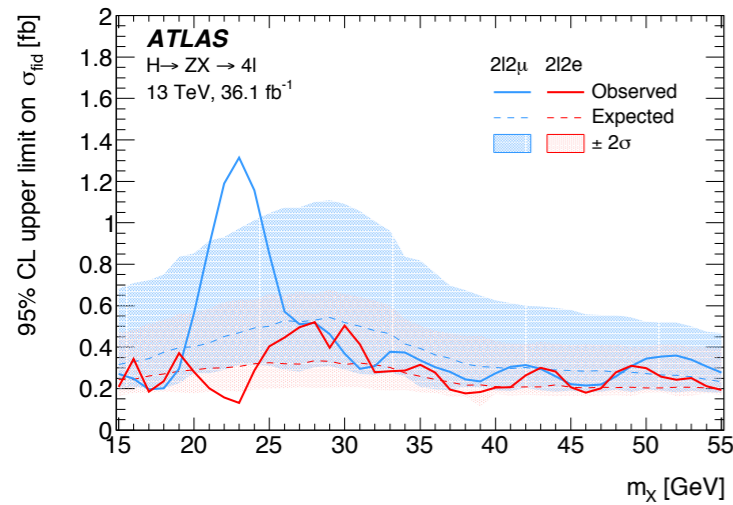
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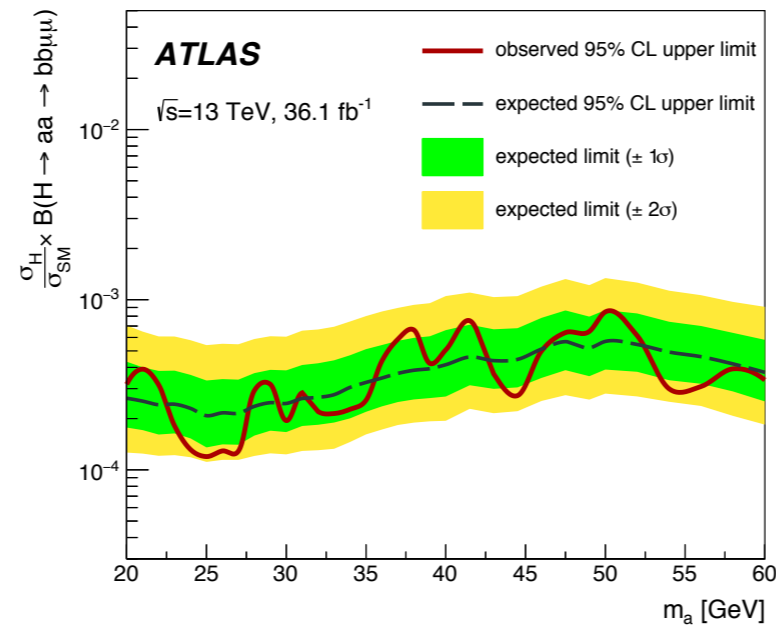
H → aa → XXYY

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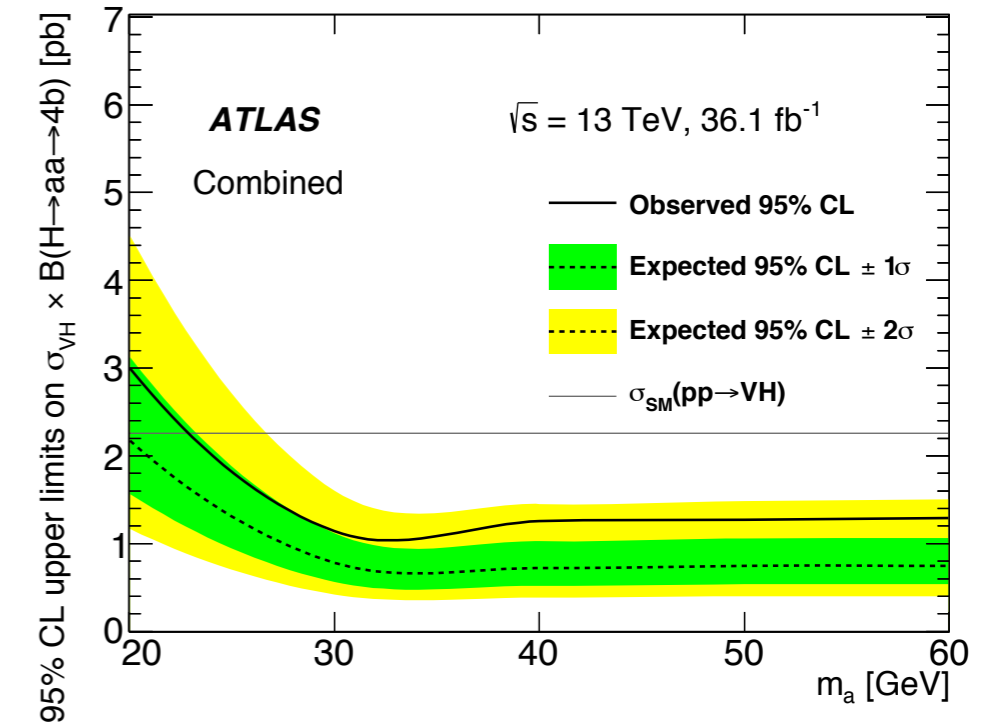
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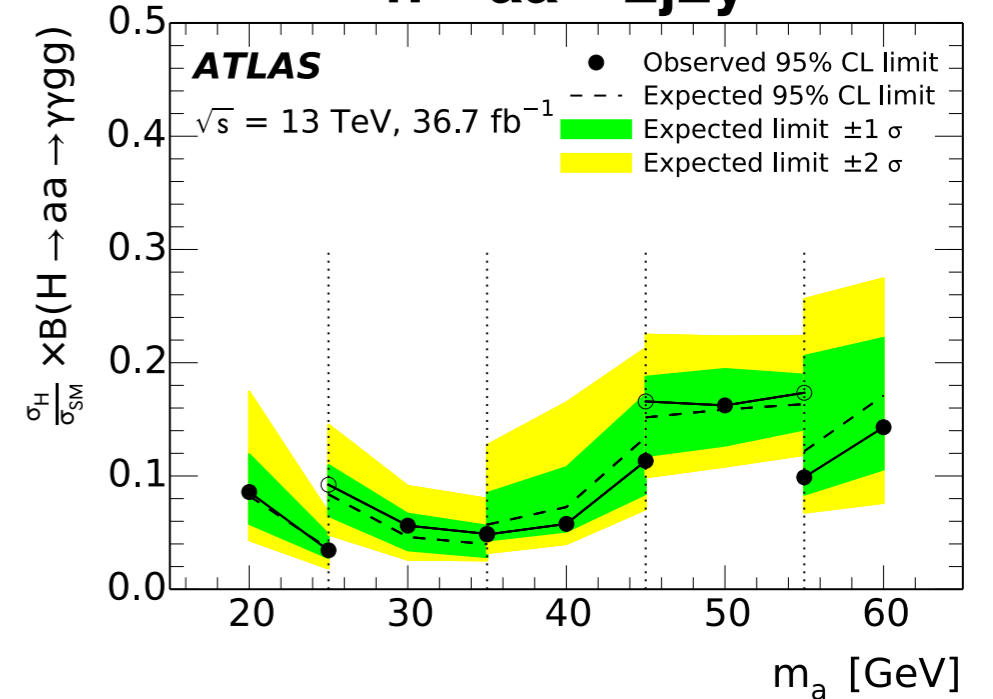
h → aa → 2b2μ



h → aa → 4b

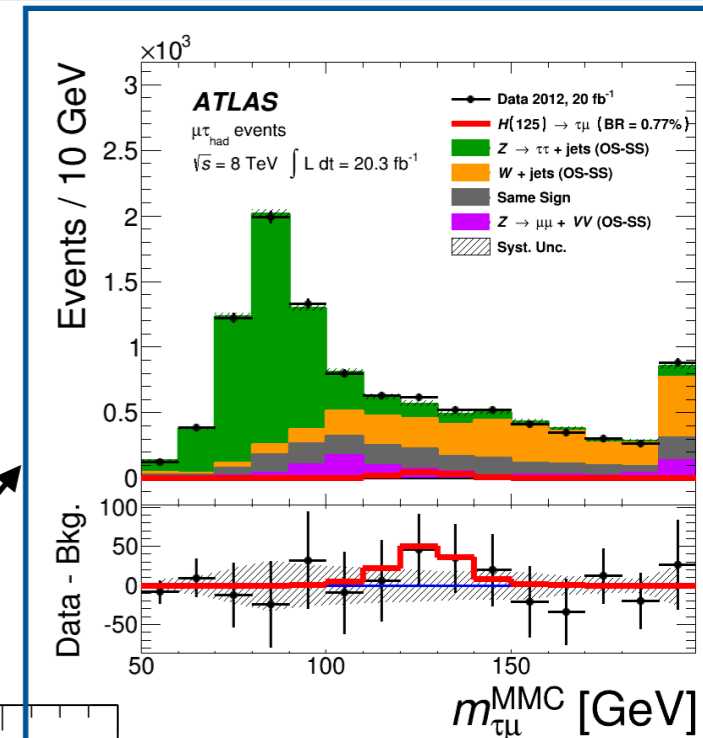
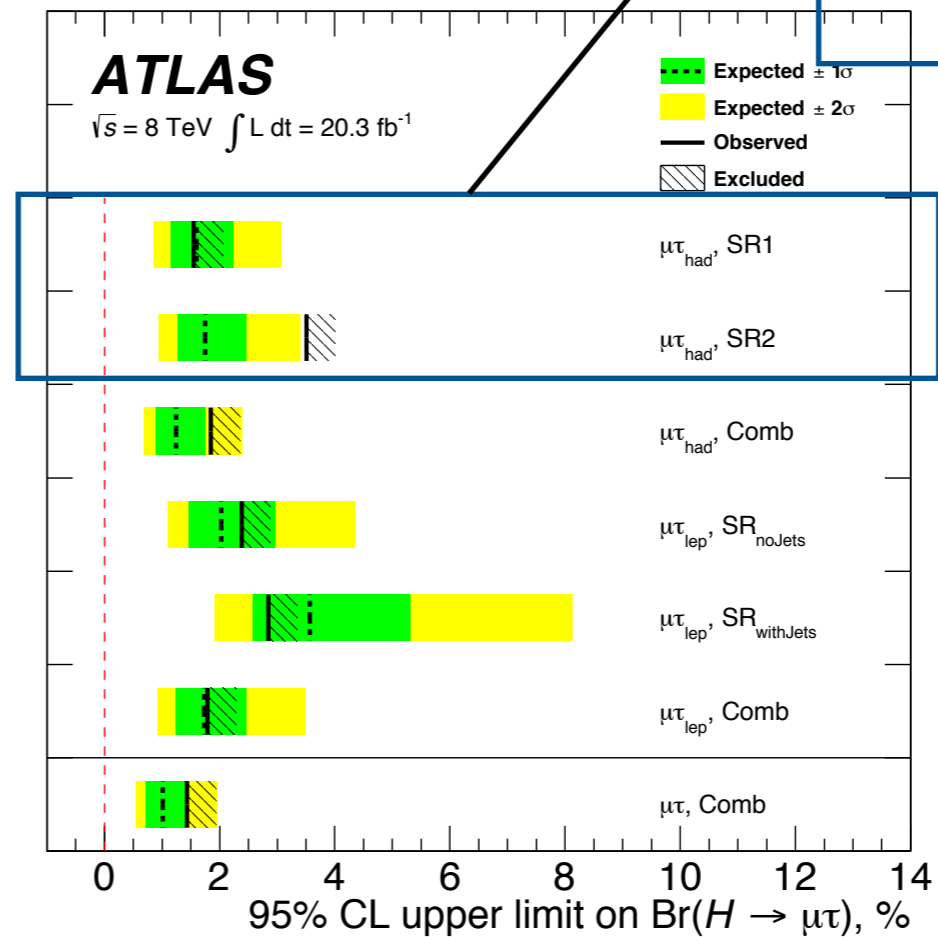
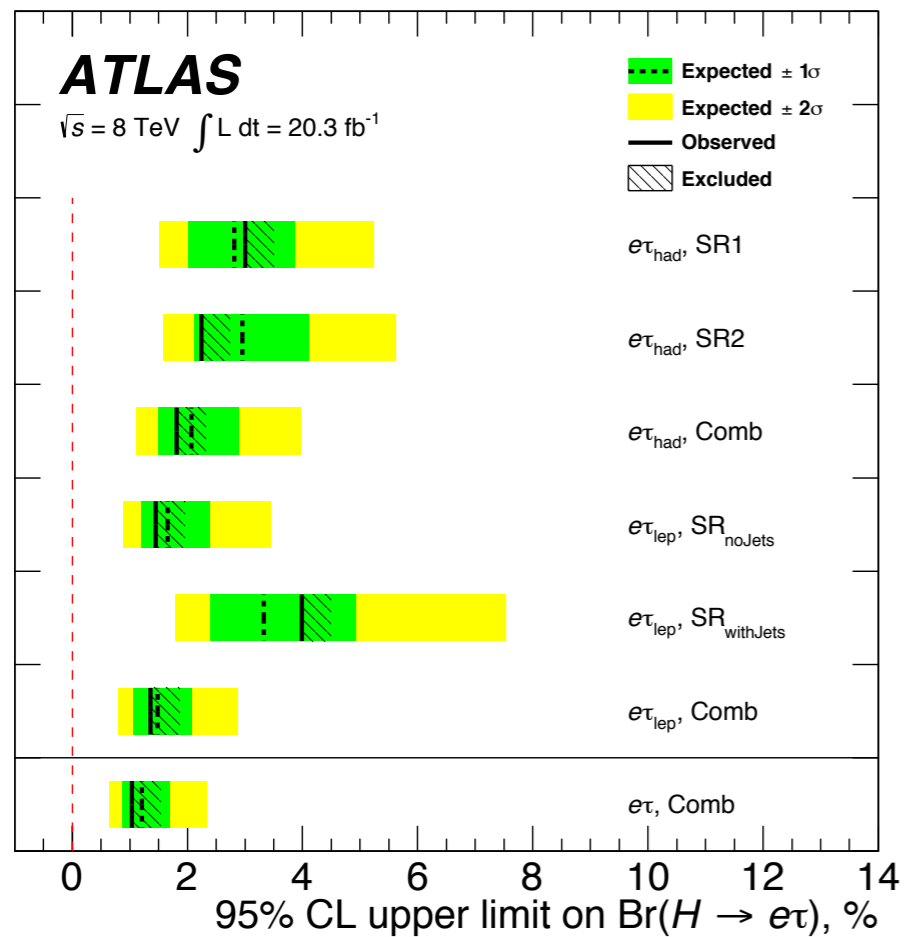


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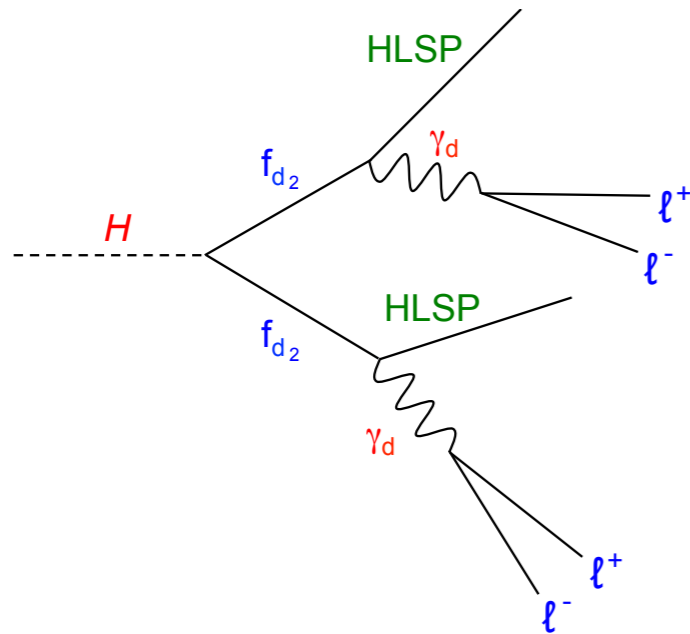


H → e/μ τ

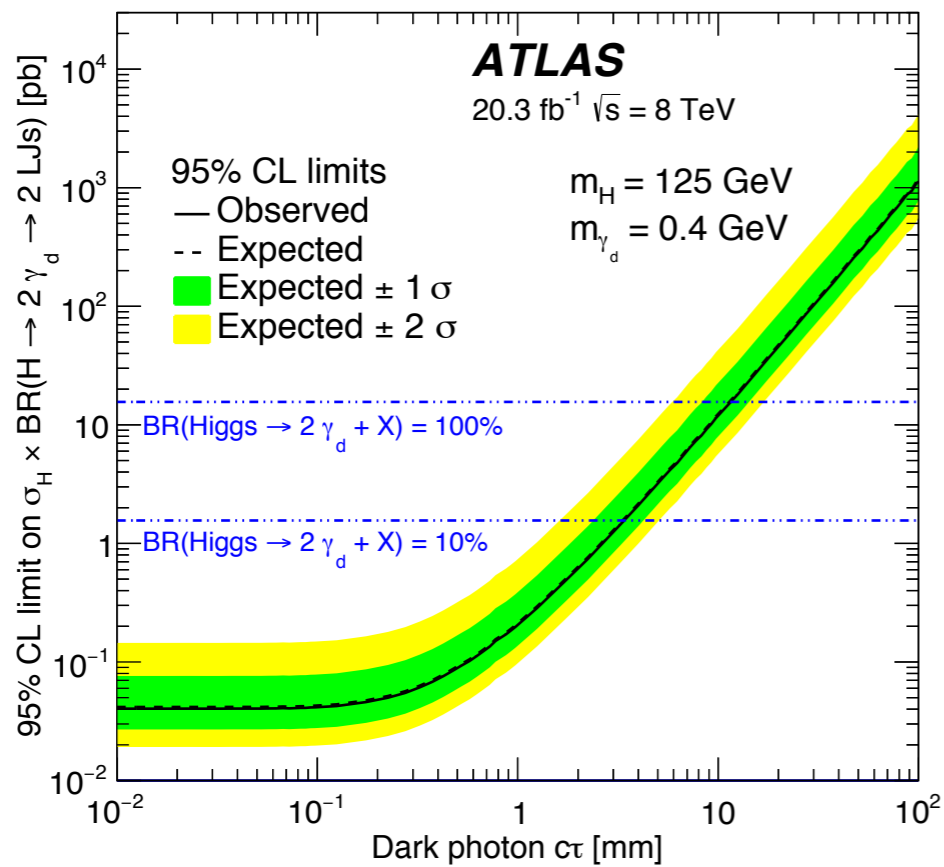
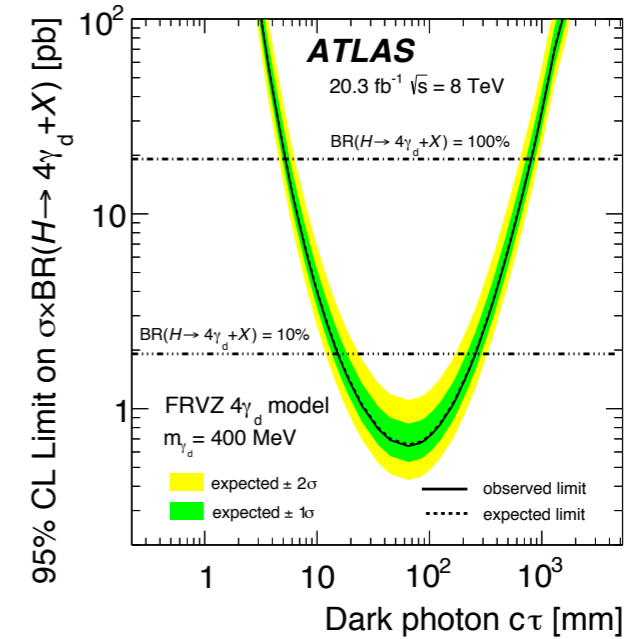
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Lepton jets



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