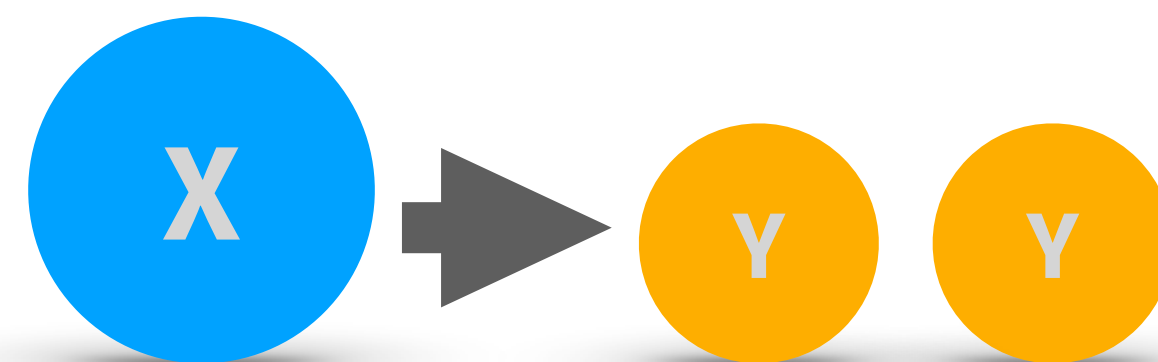
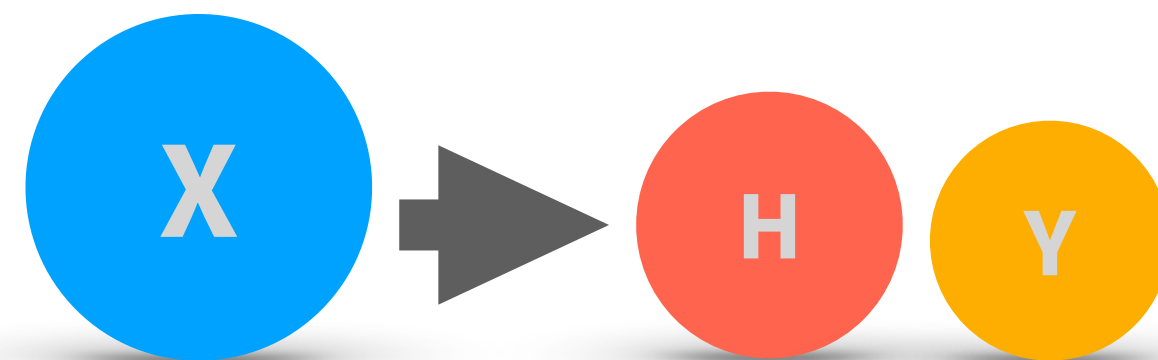
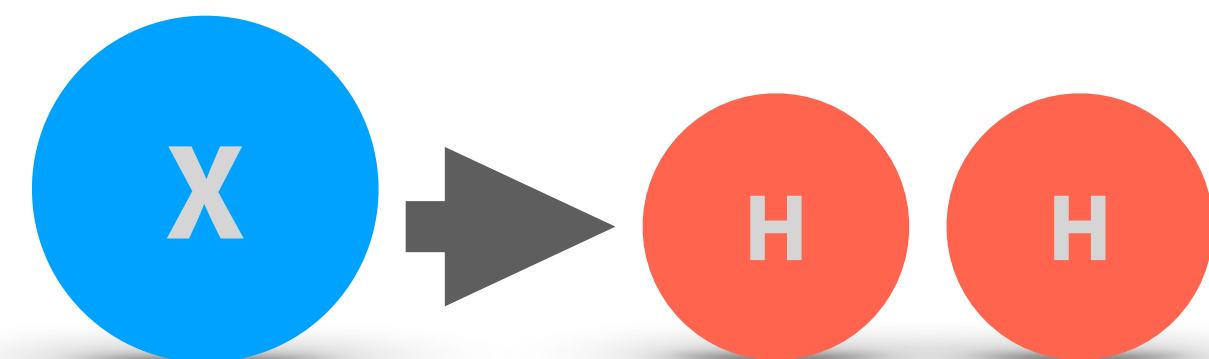
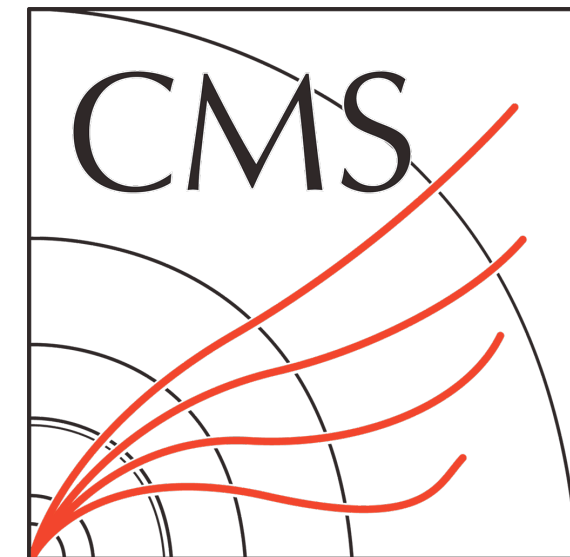




Resonant Di-Higgs Searches

Jan Steggemann for the ATLAS and CMS collaborations

Higgs 2023, Beijing

28 November 2023

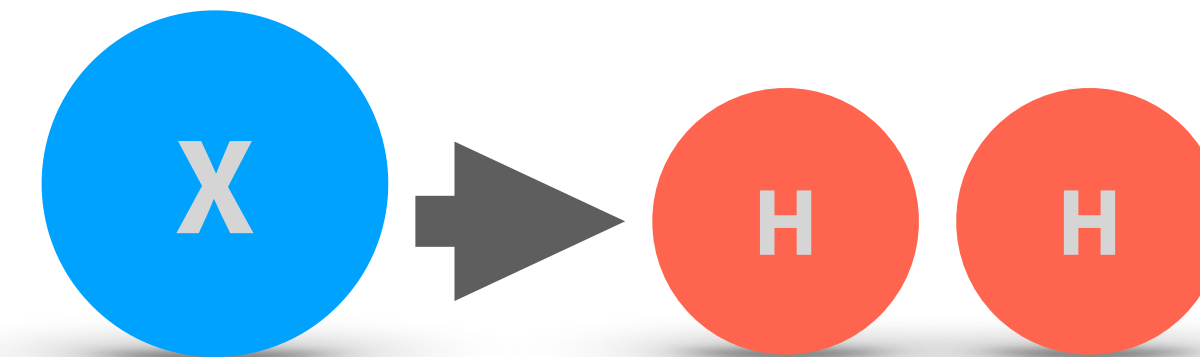
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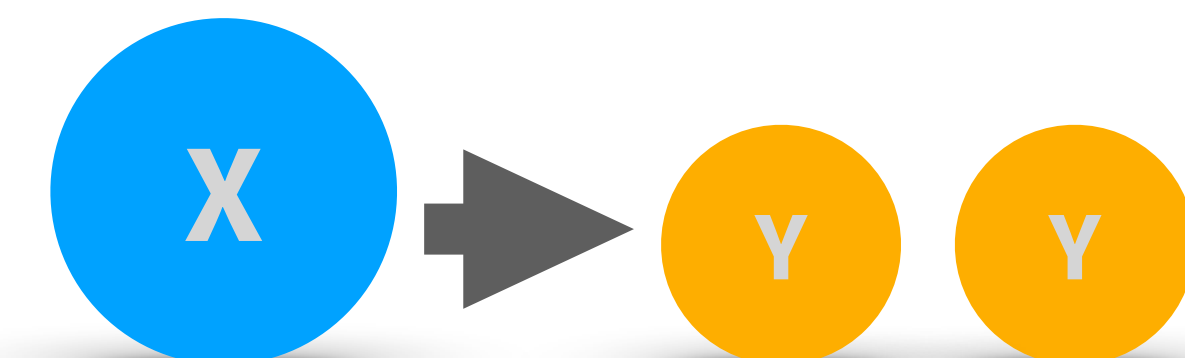
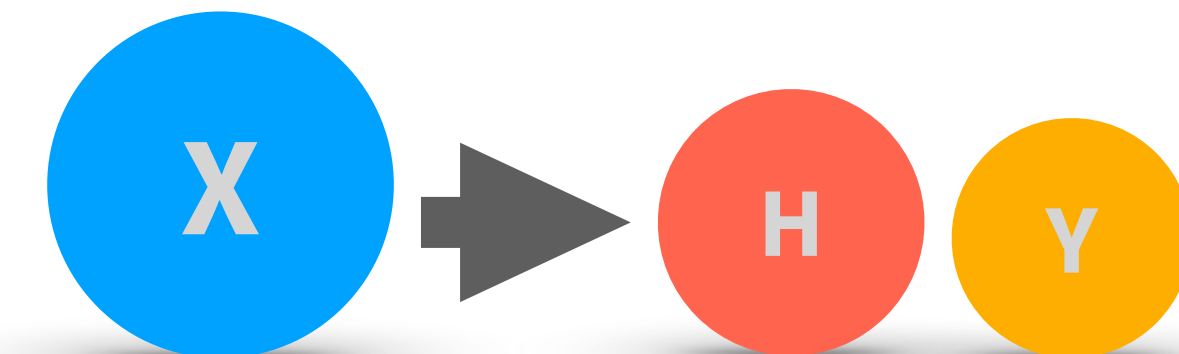
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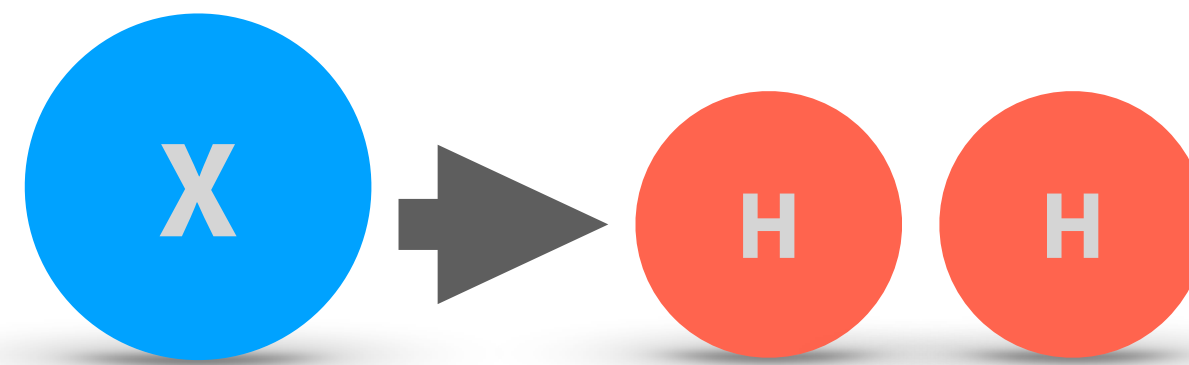
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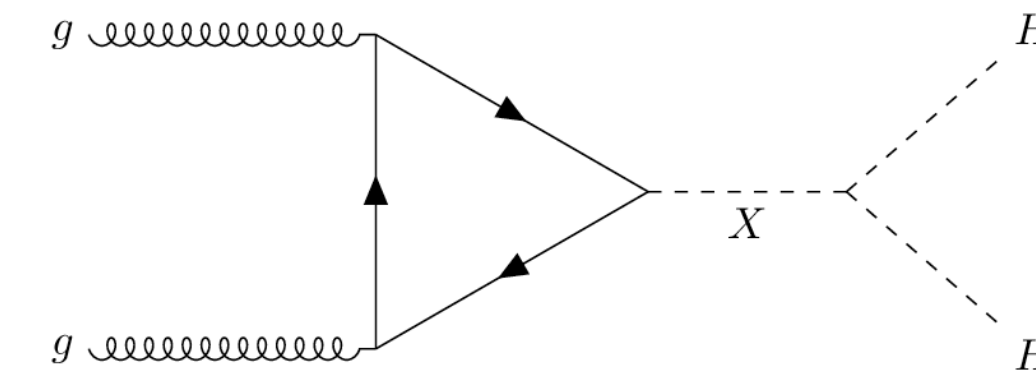
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$X \rightarrow HH$ summary: ATLAS



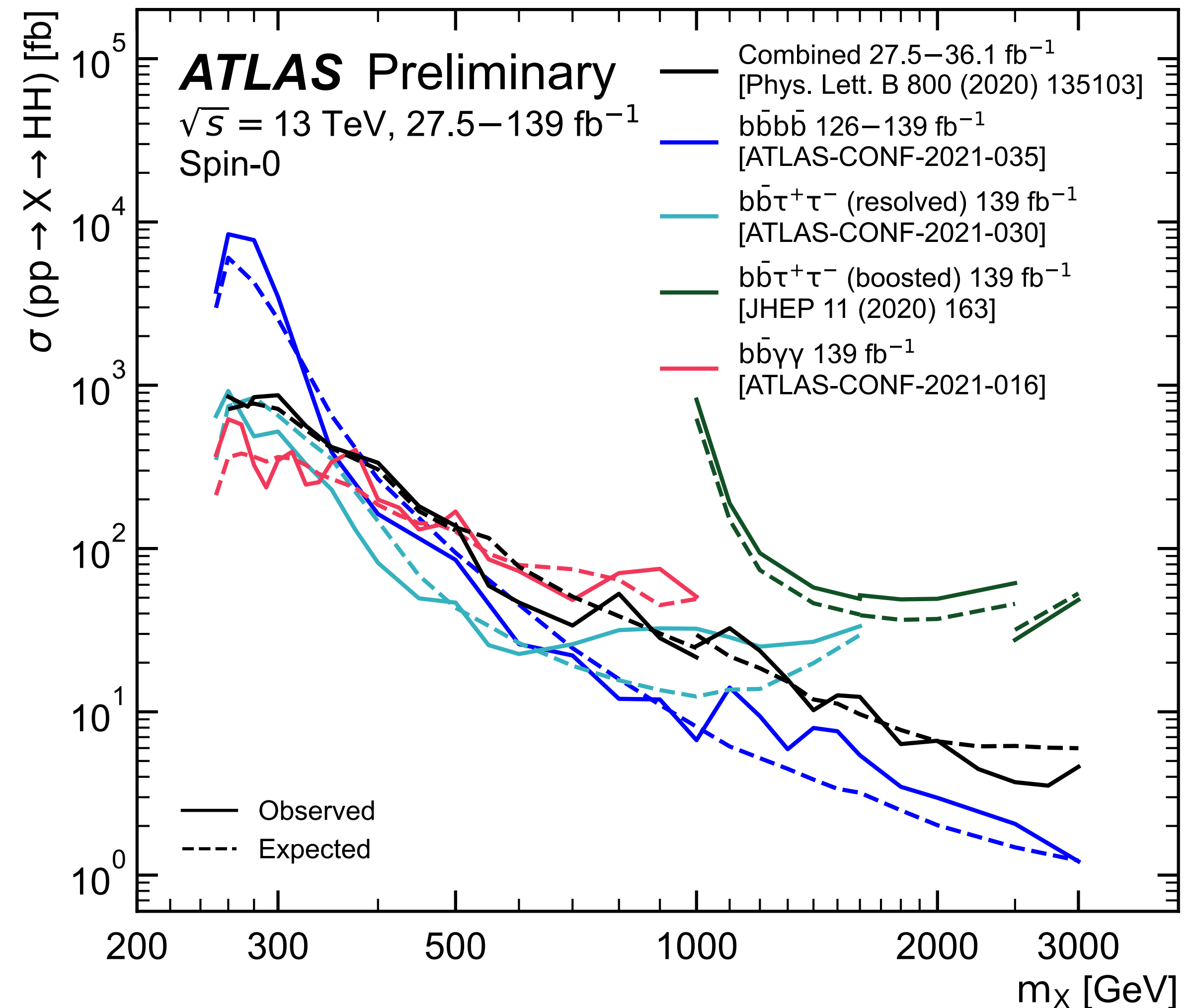
Three major final states:

$bb\gamma\gamma$, $bb\tau\tau$, $bbbb$ (from low to high mass)

ATLAS published results in all channels, all submitted more than year ago:

- $bb\gamma\gamma$ [Phys. Rev. D 106 \(2022\) 052001](#)
- $bb\tau\tau$ [JHEP 07 \(2023\) 040](#)
- $bbbb$ [Phys. Rev. D 105 \(2022\) 092002](#)
 - resolved ($R = 0.4$) and merged-jet ($R = 1.0$) topologies
- *also $bbbb$ in VX or $A \rightarrow ZX$* [Eur. Phys. J. C 83 \(2023\) 519](#)

Similar to non-resonant searches, except that mass resolution matters more!



ATLAS $X \rightarrow HH$ combination

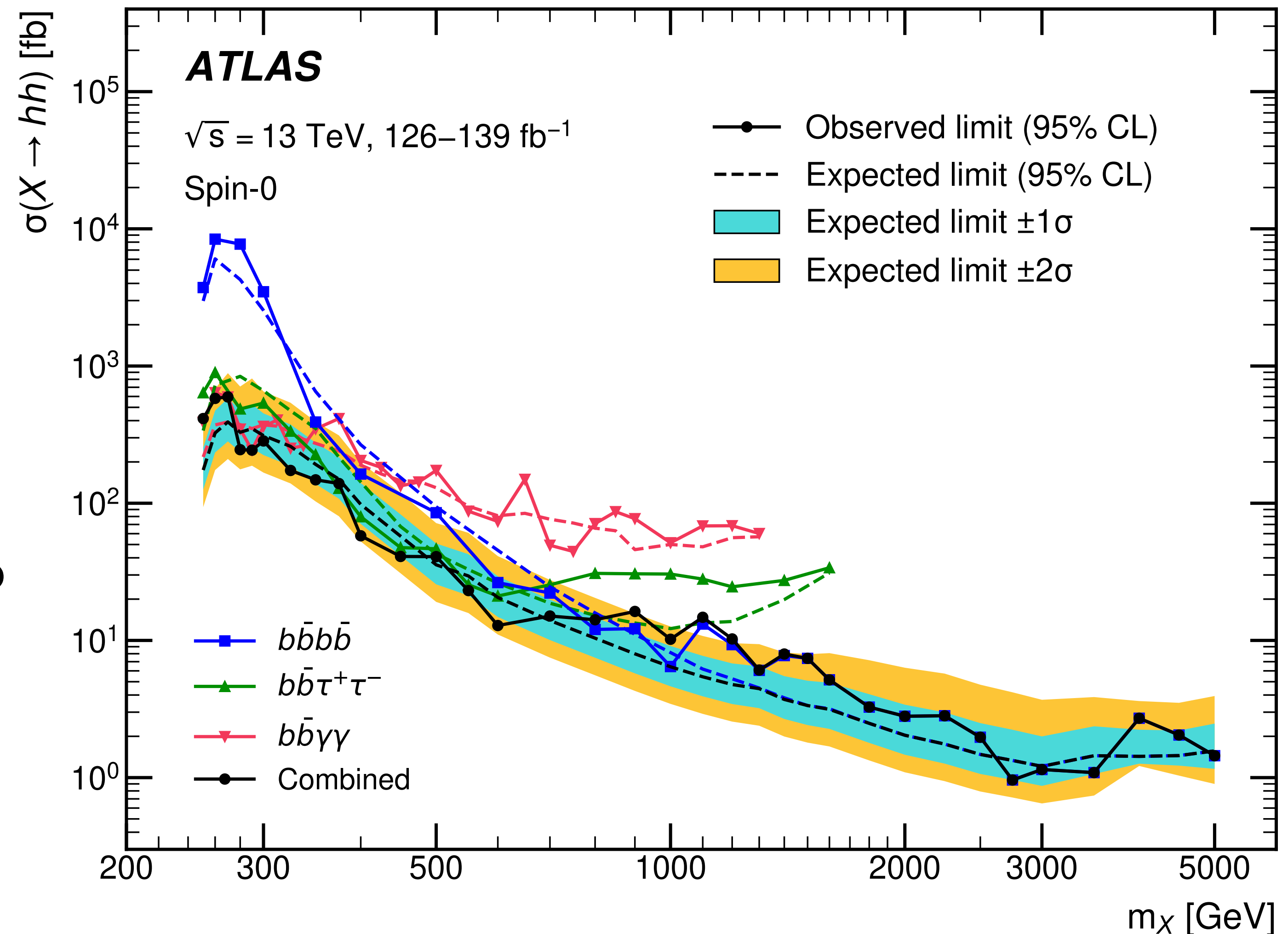


Combined $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$, $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ analyses

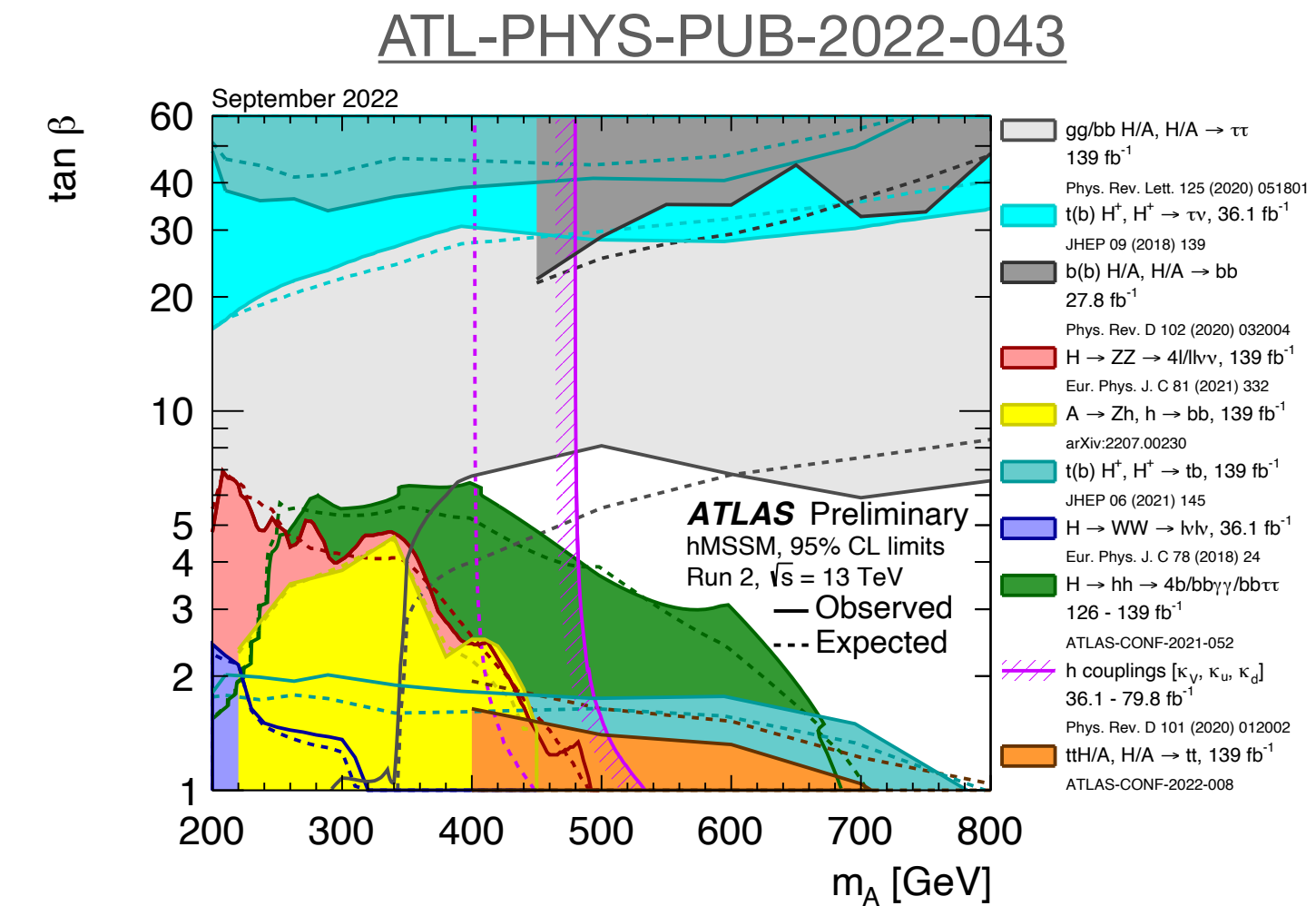
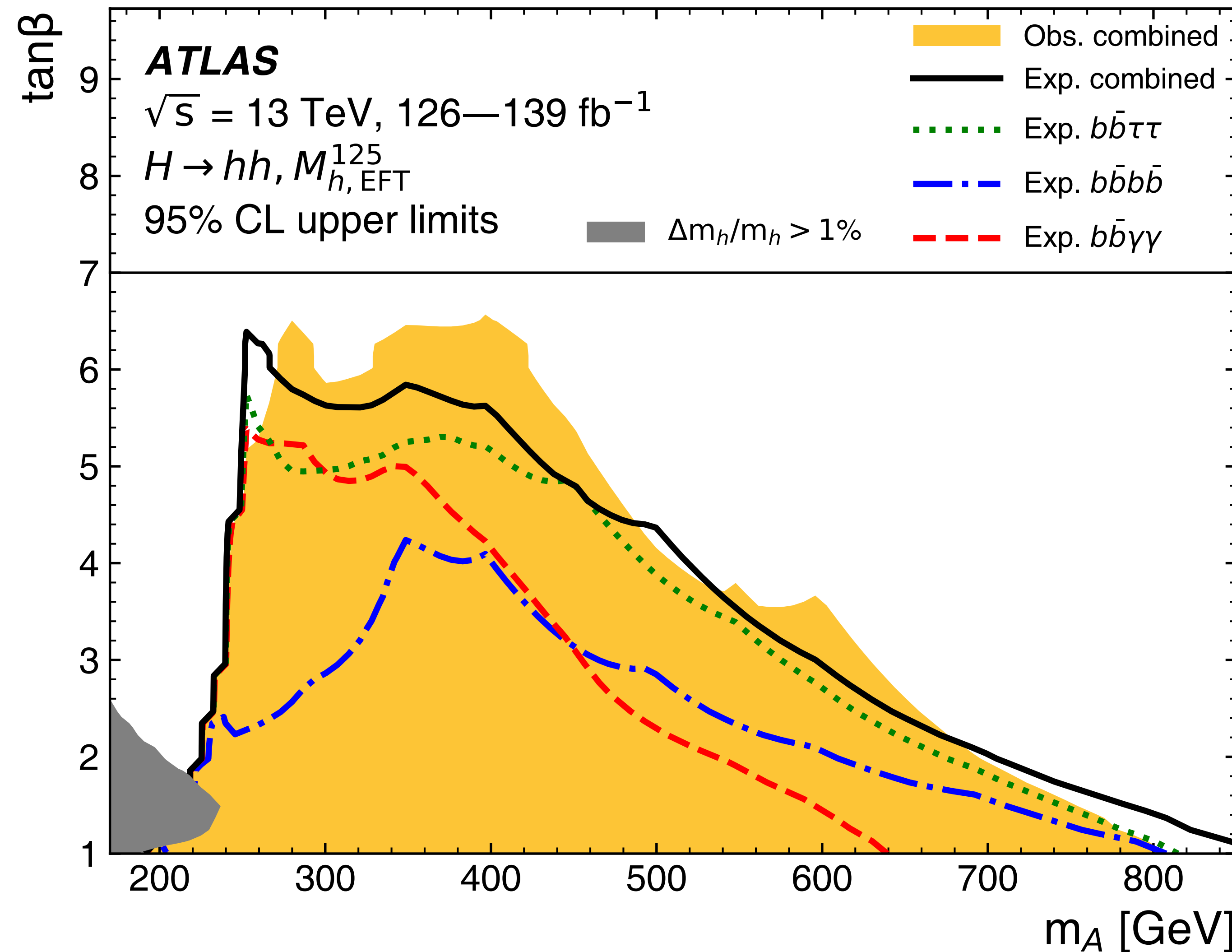
- $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$: Mass range extended to 1.3 TeV

Largest local (global) significance:
3.3 (2.1) σ at 1.1 TeV

Improvement by a factor of 2-5 compared to
previous ATLAS combination!

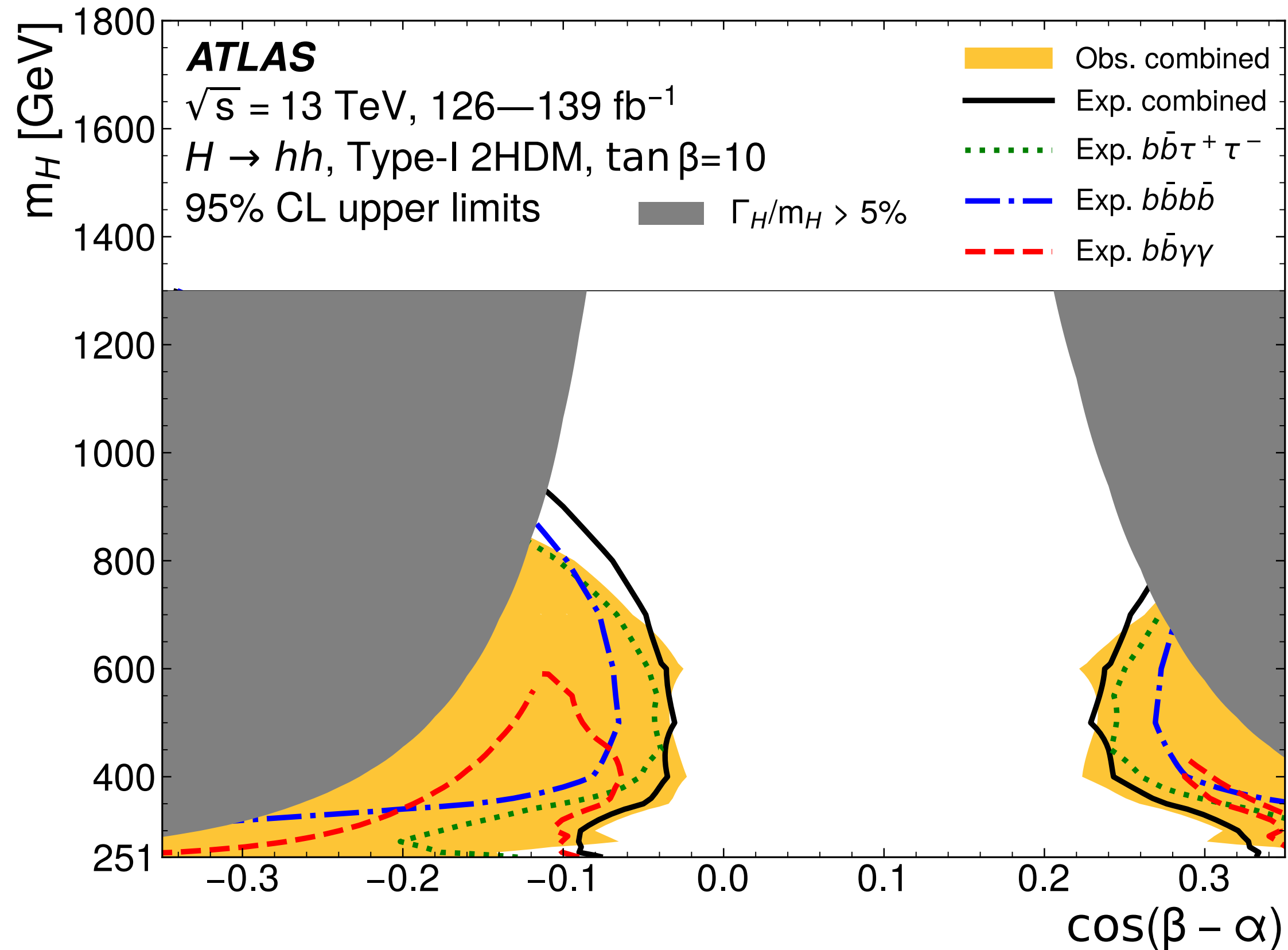


MSSM constraints

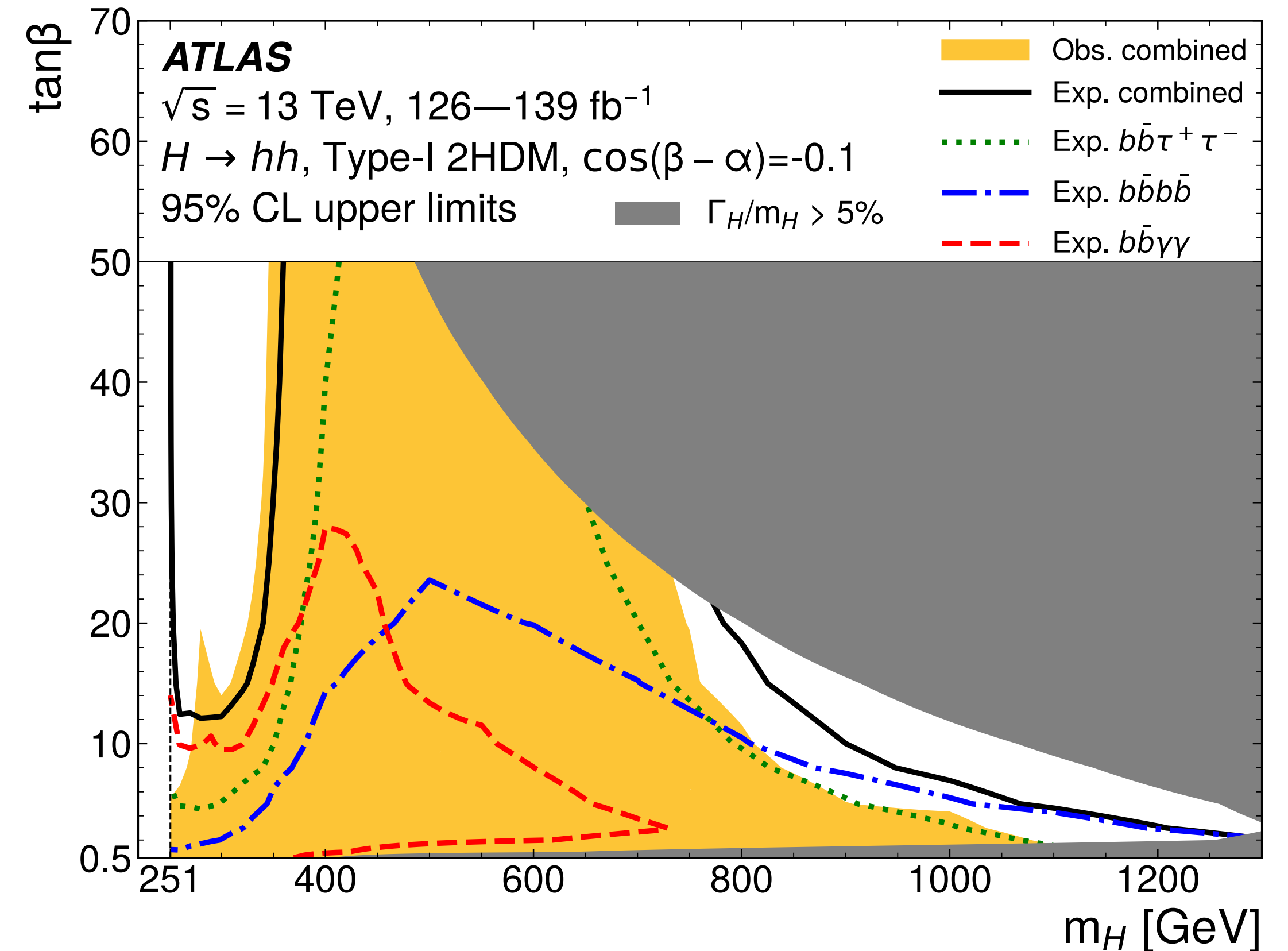


Most sensitive analysis
 for **intermediate $\tan\beta$**

2HDM type I constraints



Type I: Difficult to probe at high $\tan\beta$ since all SM couplings suppressed:
 Significant reach for $\tan\beta = 10$



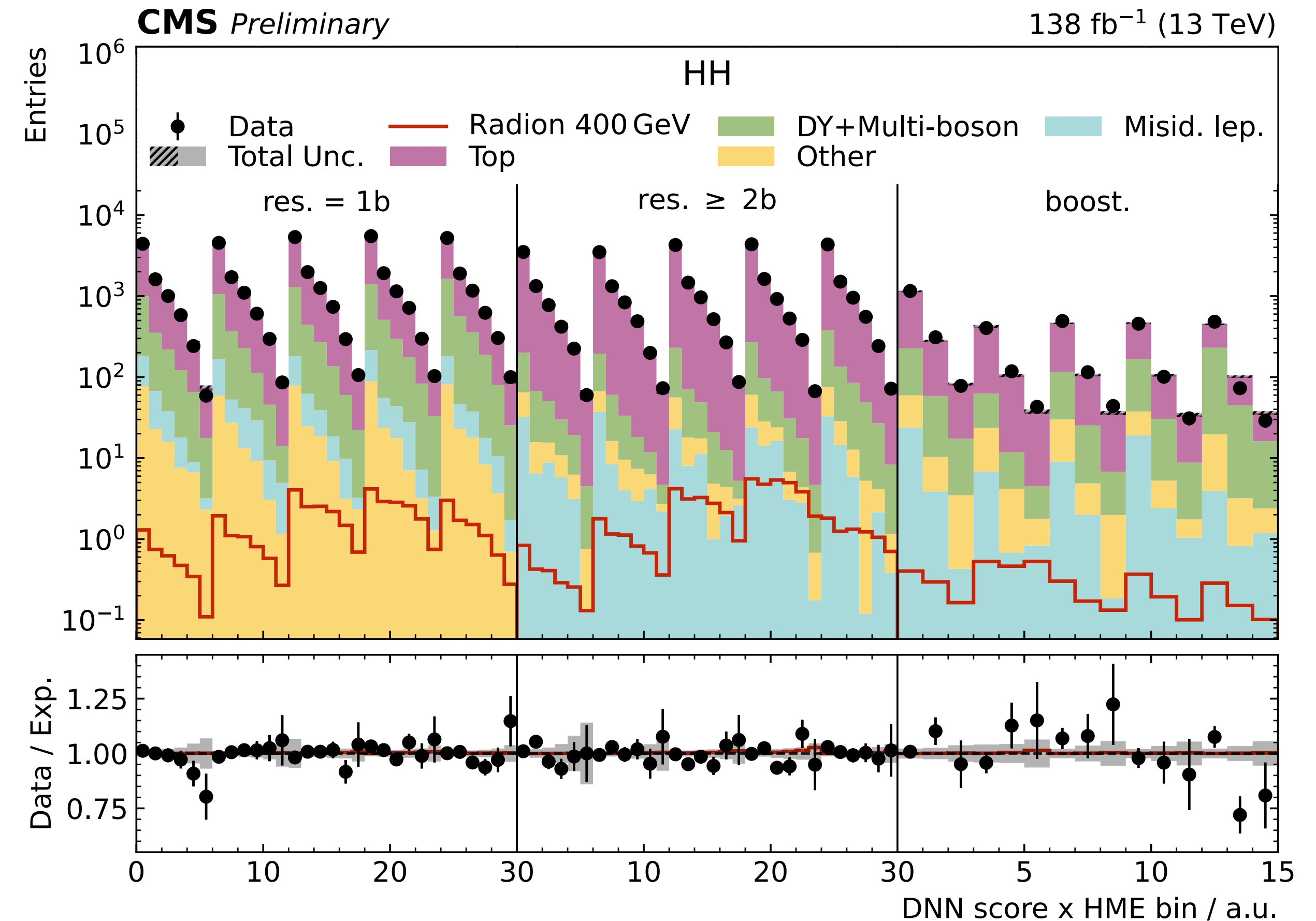
2HDM: Drives sensitivity in type I model for $\cos(\beta - \alpha) = -0.1$

$X \rightarrow HH \rightarrow bbWW$ resolved (CMS)

In addition to the three most important final states $bb\gamma\gamma$, $bb\tau\tau$, $bbbb$, also released results in **bbWW** and **multilepton** final states

bbWW resolved:

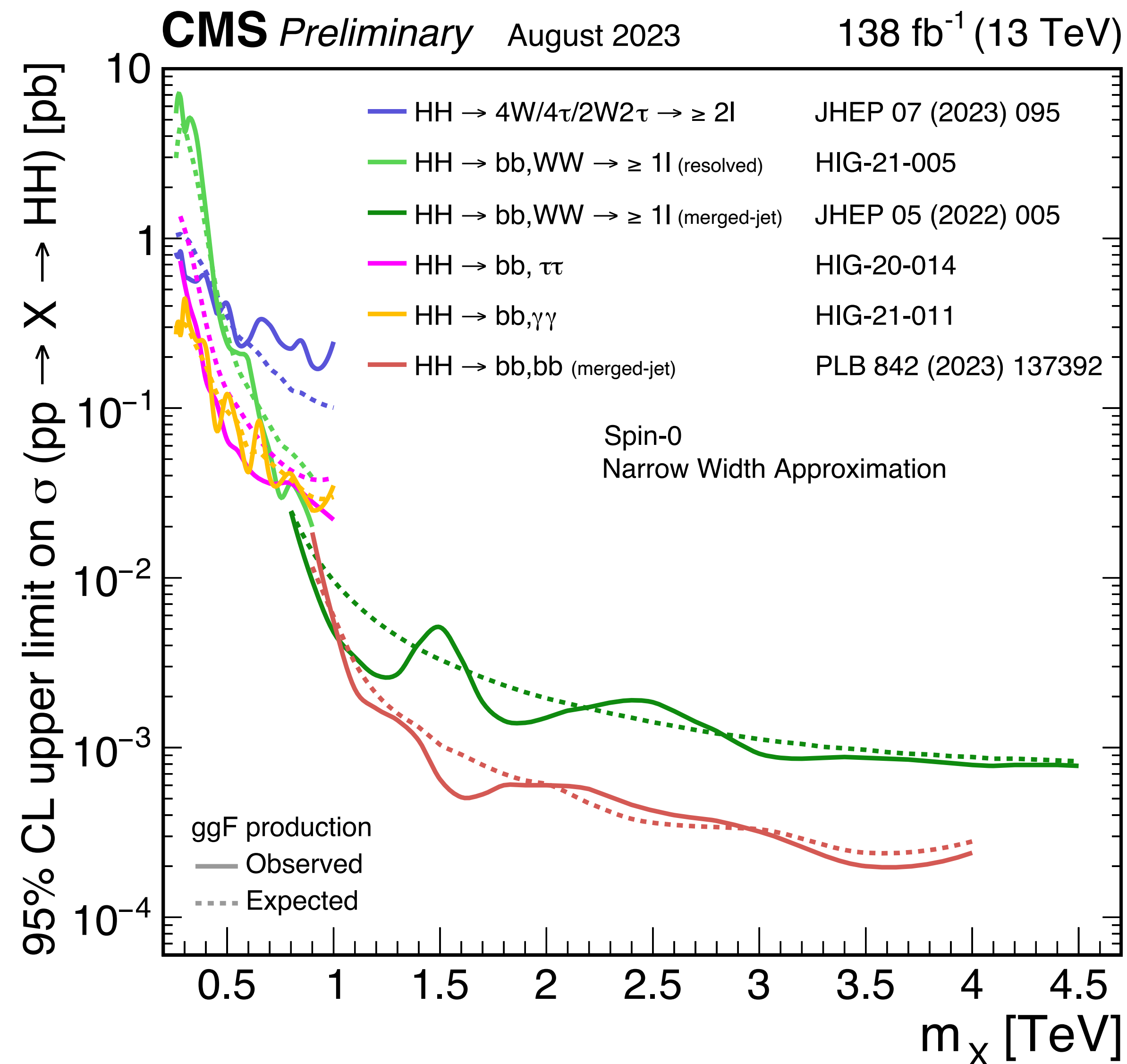
- Dilepton and single-lepton channels
- Fit DNN scores (times X mass estimator in dilepton channel) in three signal regions (1b, 2b, boosted) and two control regions
- $t\bar{t}$ is main background

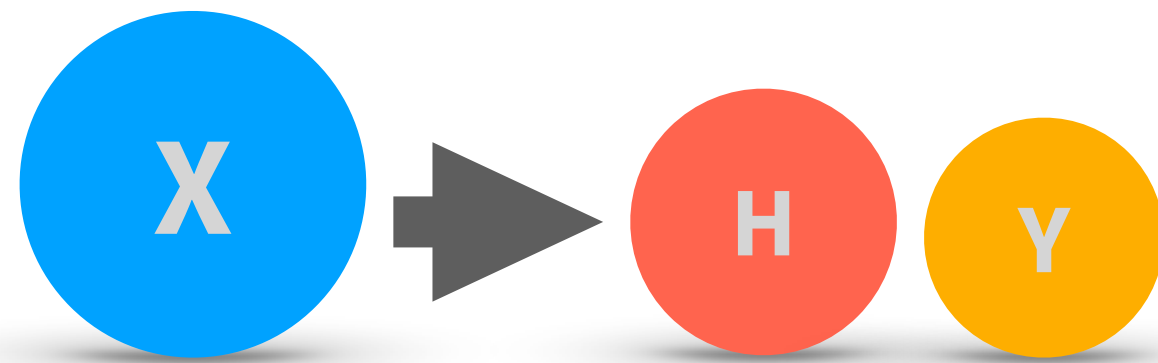


$X \rightarrow HH$ summary: CMS

- Similar to ATLAS, **bbyy** is strongest at low mass, and **bbbb** at the highest masses
➔ Increased reach in bbbb merged-jet analysis from using ParticleNet tagger - ATLAS excess at 1.1 TeV not confirmed
- **bbWW** helps in intermediate mass range - both resolved and merged-jet
- **Resolved 4b and more updates to watch out for!**

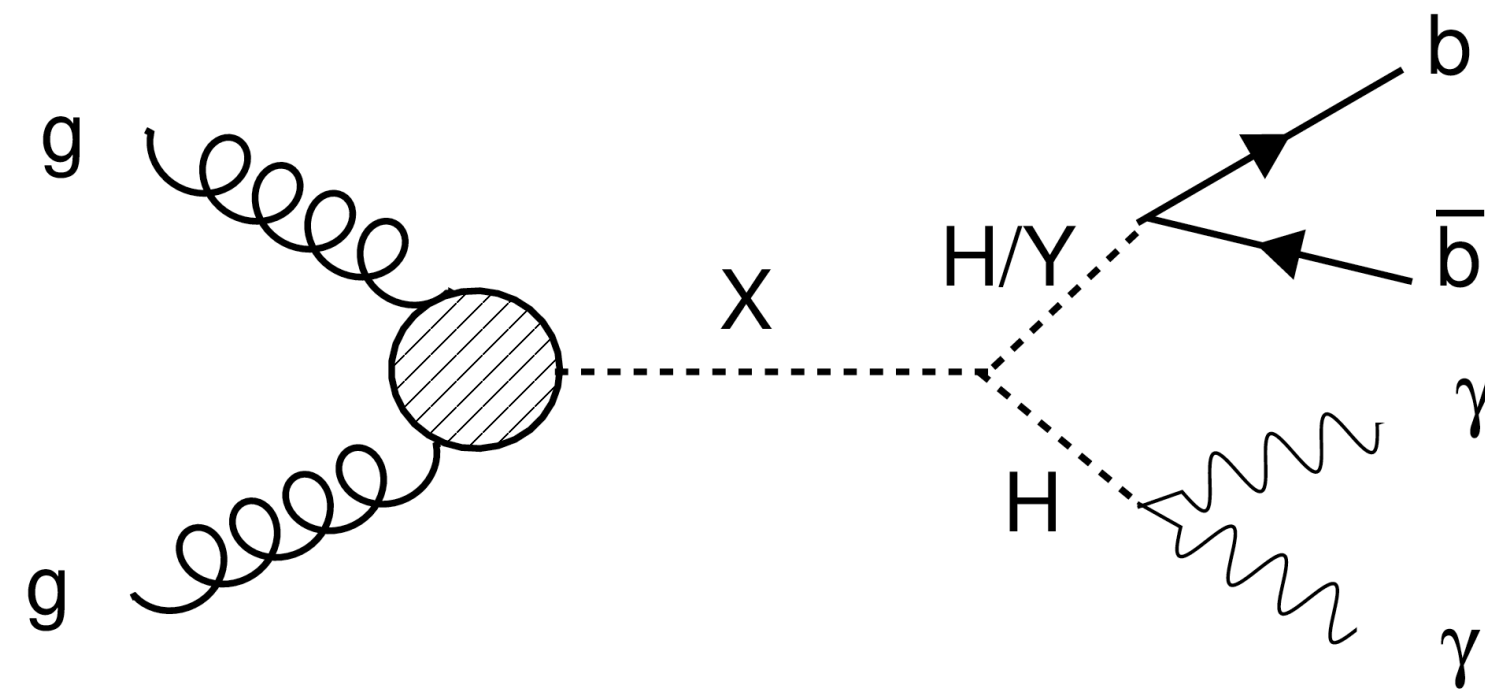
- bbyy [2310.01643](#) (subm. to JHEP)
- bb $\tau\tau$ [JHEP 11 \(2021\) 057](#)
- bbbb (merged-jet) [Phys. Lett. B 842 \(2023\) 137392](#)
- 4W/4 τ /2W2 τ [JHEP 07 \(2023\) 095](#)
- bbWW (merged-jet) [JHEP 05 \(2022\) 005](#)
- bbWW [HIG-21-005](#) (March 2023)





2) $X \rightarrow YH$ searches

$X \rightarrow YH$ overview



Compared to $X \rightarrow HH$:

- $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$, $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ generally still most important
- However, Y branching fractions can be very non-SM- H -like, so other final states can be most sensitive depending on Y mass and the model!
- Asymmetry: often only one H decay probed (e.g. $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ for public $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ result)
- Two masses to scan: Large phase space to probe, larger look-elsewhere effect

Public searches

No dedicated searches with early run 2 data!

First search: CMS **$b\bar{b}\tau\tau$** [JHEP 11 \(2021\) 057](#) (PAS early 2021)

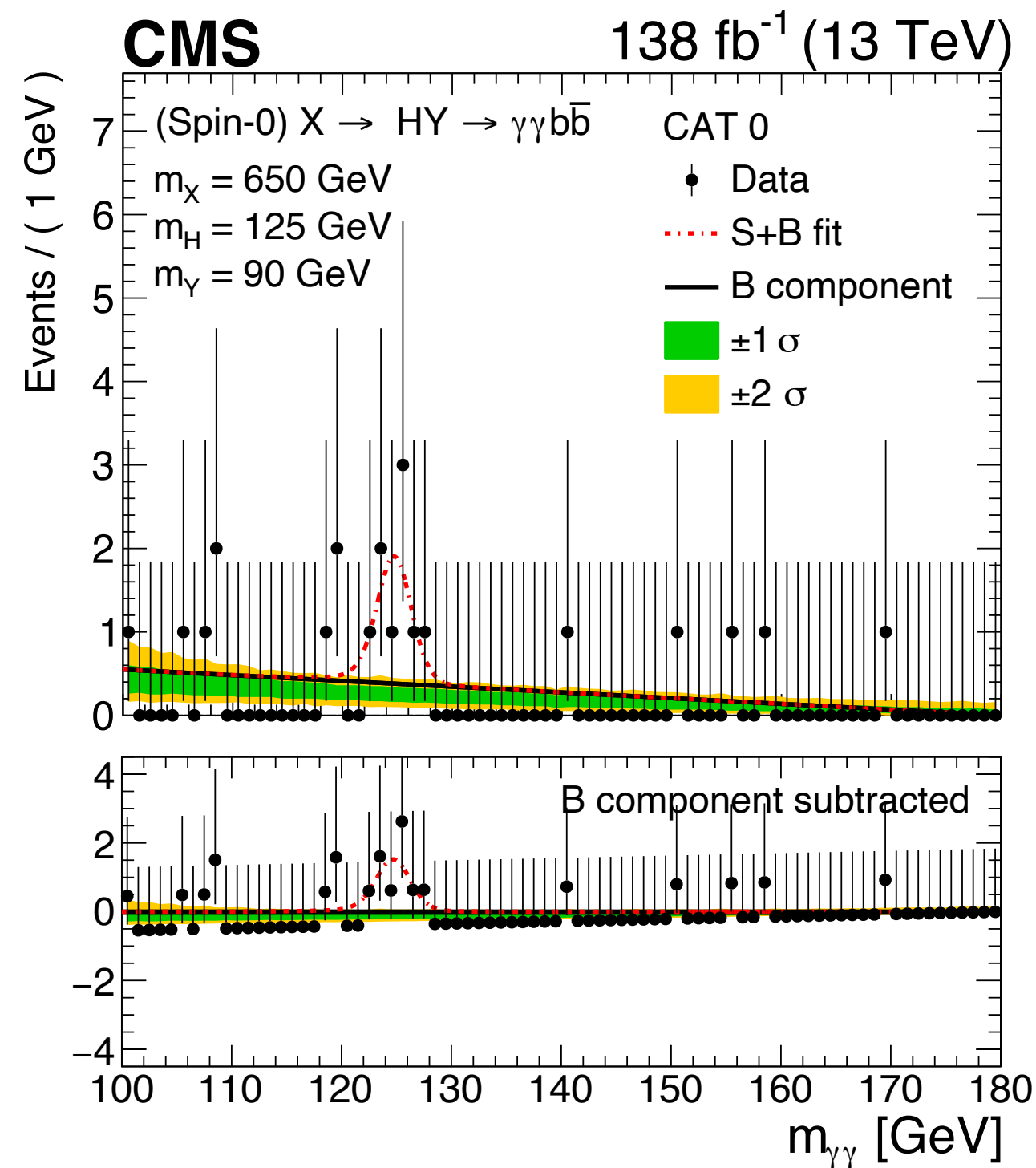
CMS **$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ merged-jet**: [Phys. Lett. B 842 \(2023\) 137392](#) (PAS late 2021)

CMS **$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$** [2310.01643](#) (subm. to JHEP) (PAS summer 2022)

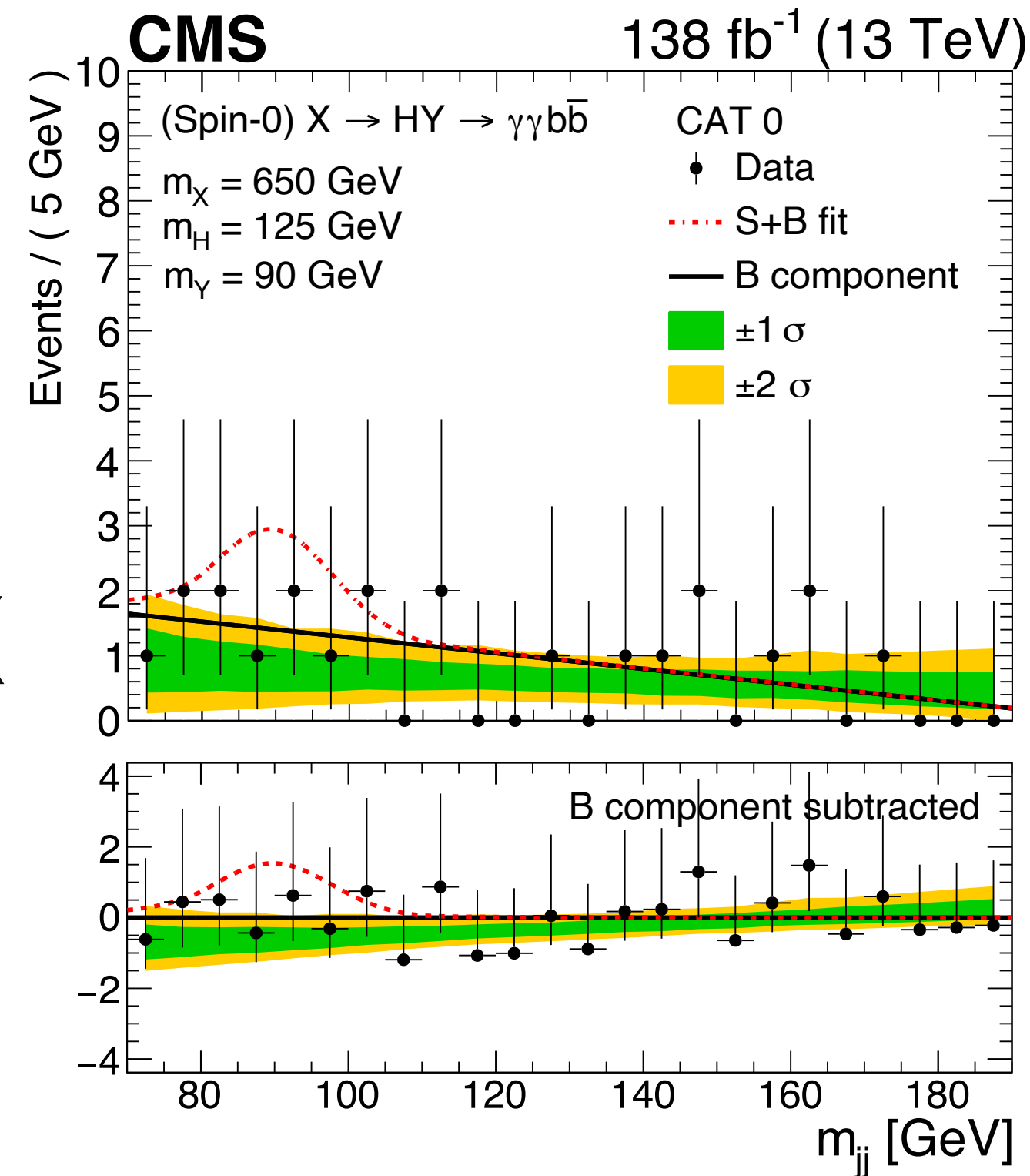
ATLAS **$b\bar{b}$ + generic hadronic** [Phys. Rev. D 108 \(2023\) 052009](#) (June 2023)

ATLAS **$\tau\tau$ + WW/ZZ** [JHEP 10 \(2023\) 009](#) (July 2023)

$X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$



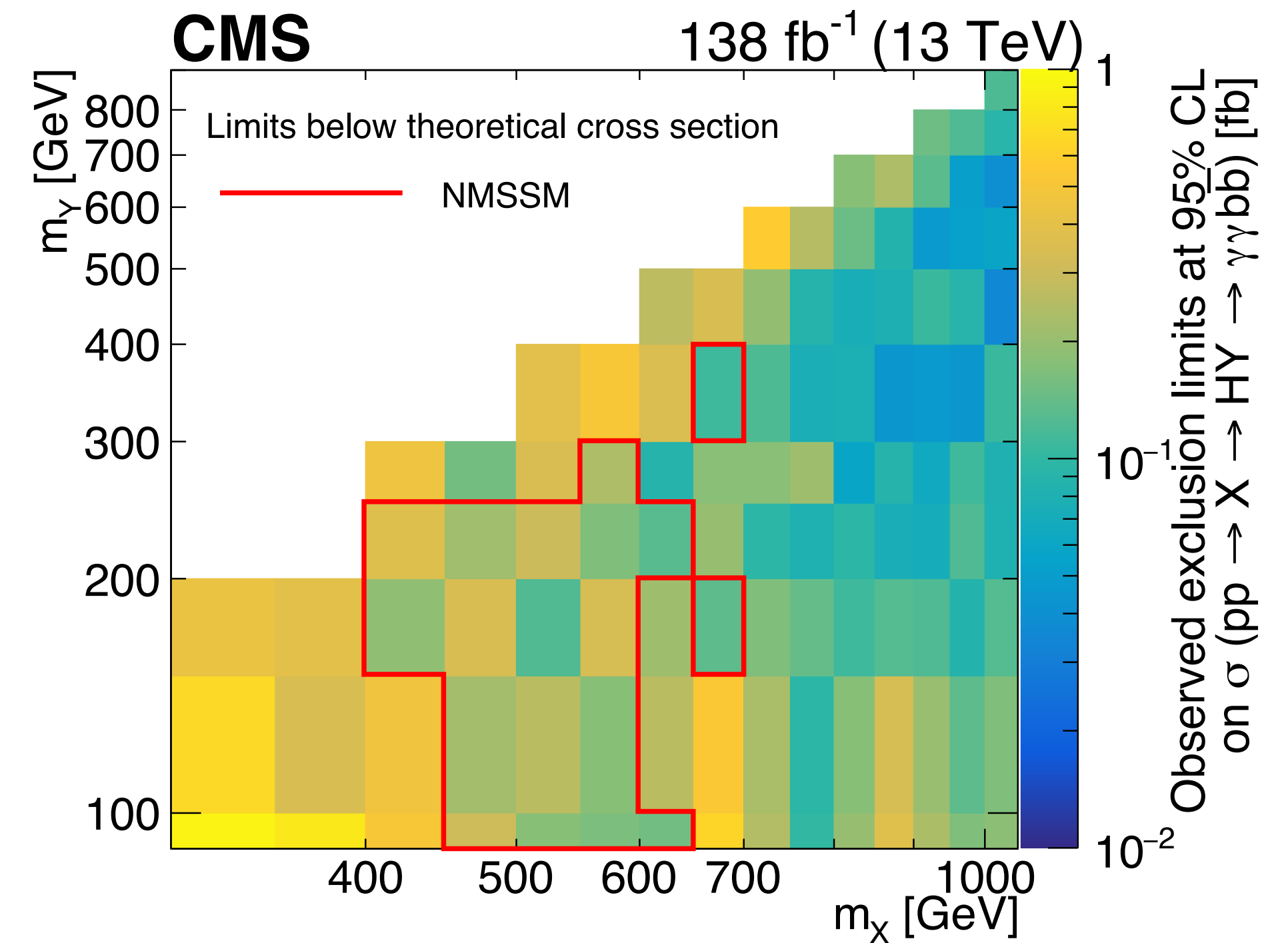
X



Largest excess at $m_X = 650$ GeV, $m_Y = 90$ GeV
 with 3.8 σ local/2.8 σ global significance

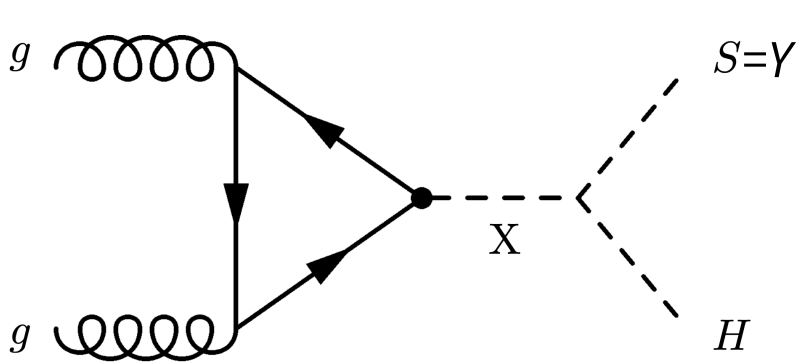
Strategy:

- BDT against non-resonant background
- DNN against ttH for $m_X < 550$ GeV
- Parametric fit in $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ - m_{bb} plane

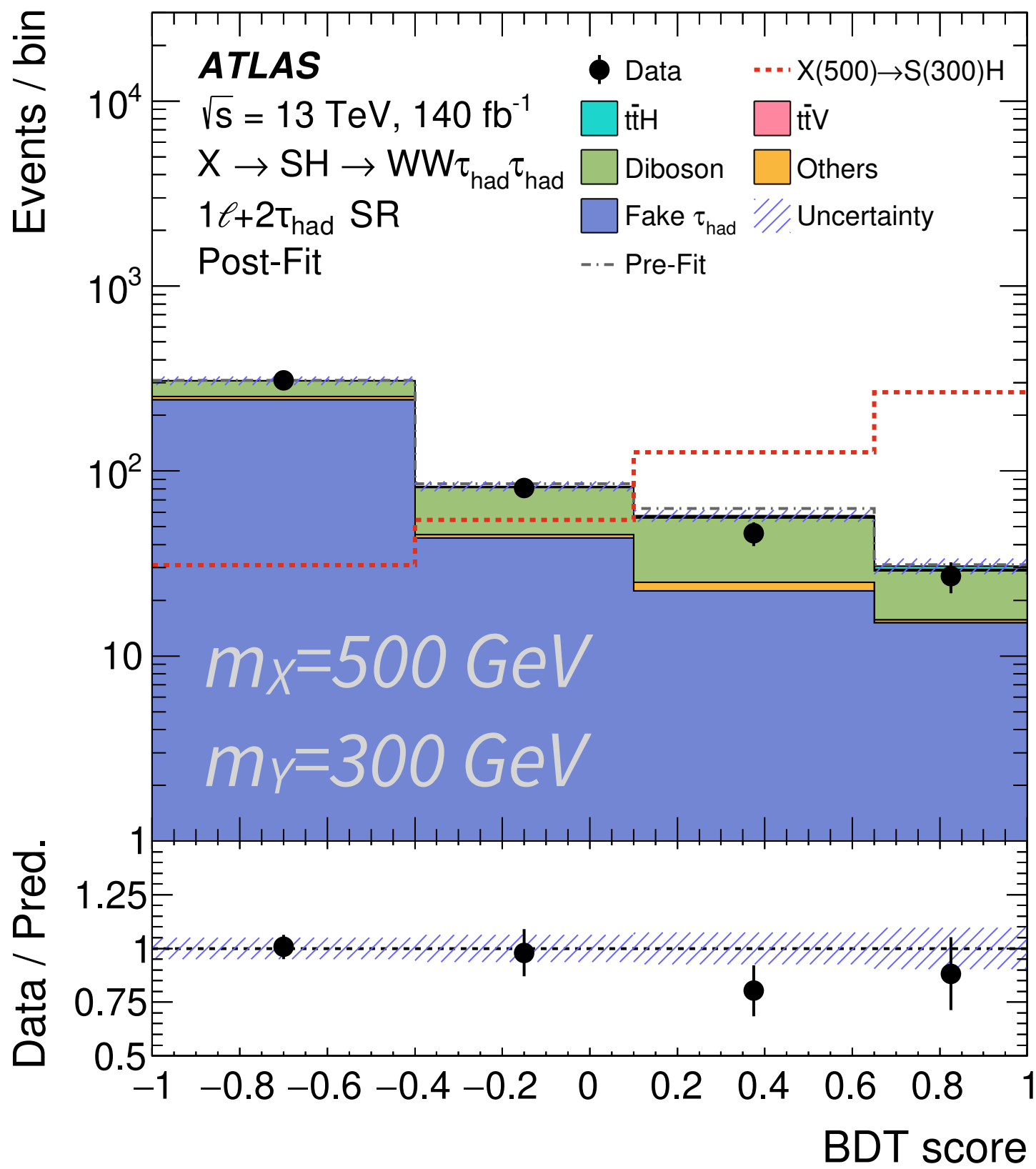


Sensitive to NMSSM predictions
 (max. allowed cross sections from [NMSSMTools 5.5.0](#))

$X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow WW/ZZ + \tau\tau$

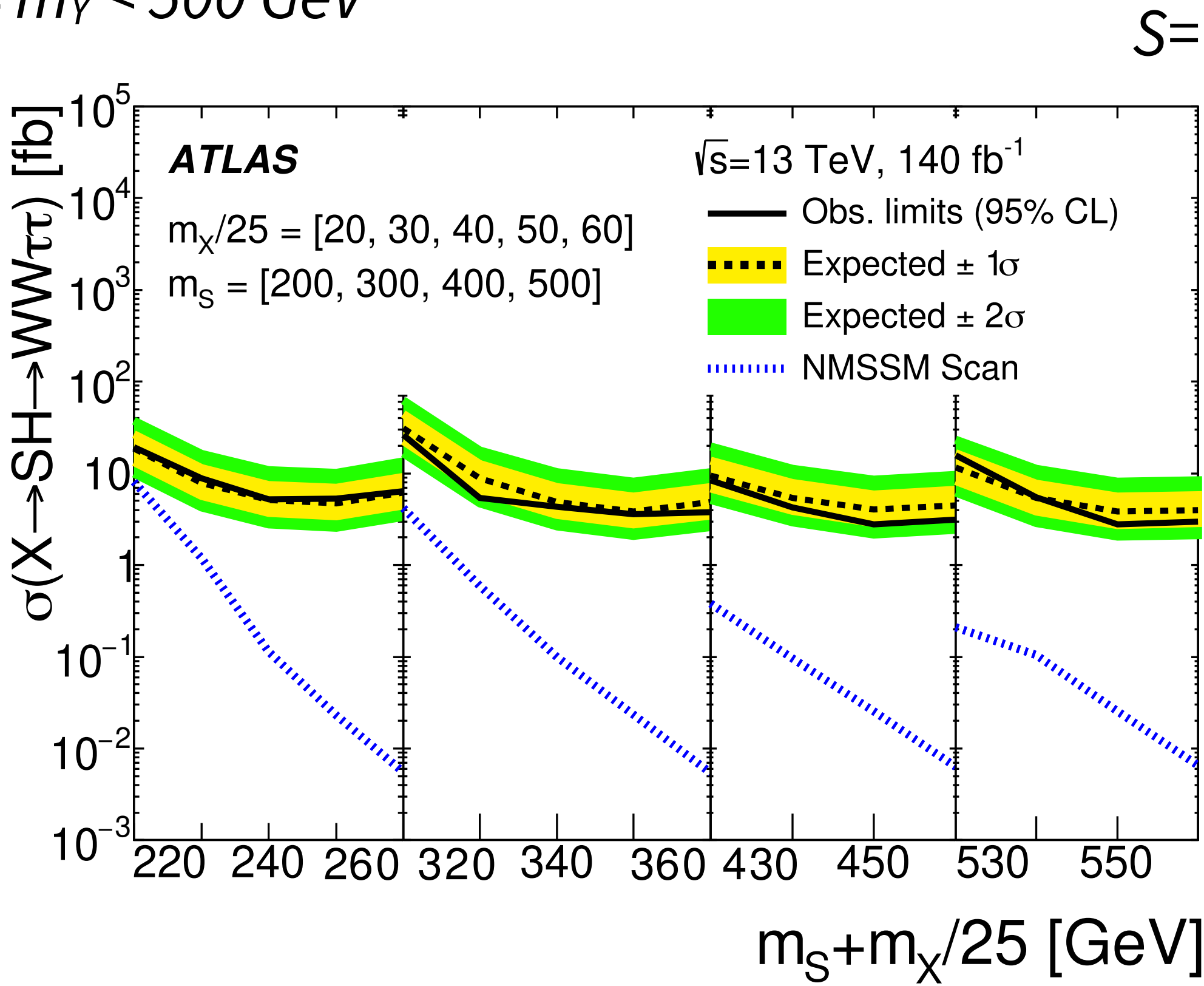


$Y \rightarrow WW/ZZ$: one or two light leptons
Dominant decay mode in tested range $200 < m_Y < 500$ GeV
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$: $\tau_h\tau_h$ final state



12 X-mass-parametrised
BDTs are trained

Results are extracted
from BDT score
distribution for each
considered m_X - m_Y pair



Approaching NMSSM cross sections
at the lowest masses

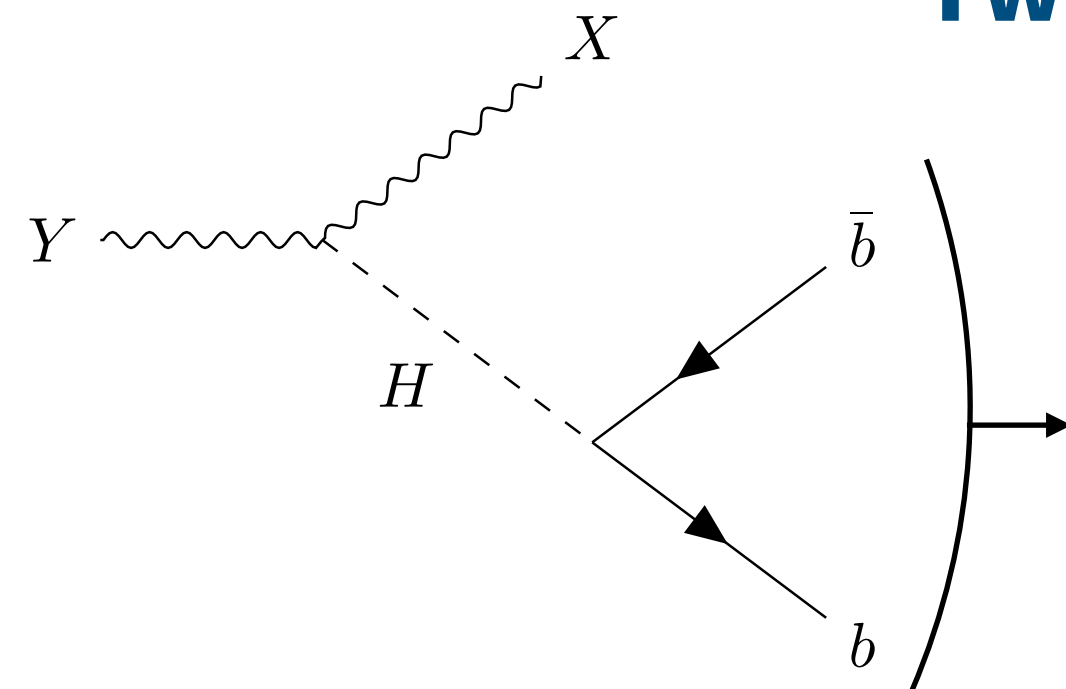
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$Y \rightarrow H X \rightarrow bb + \text{hadronic}$

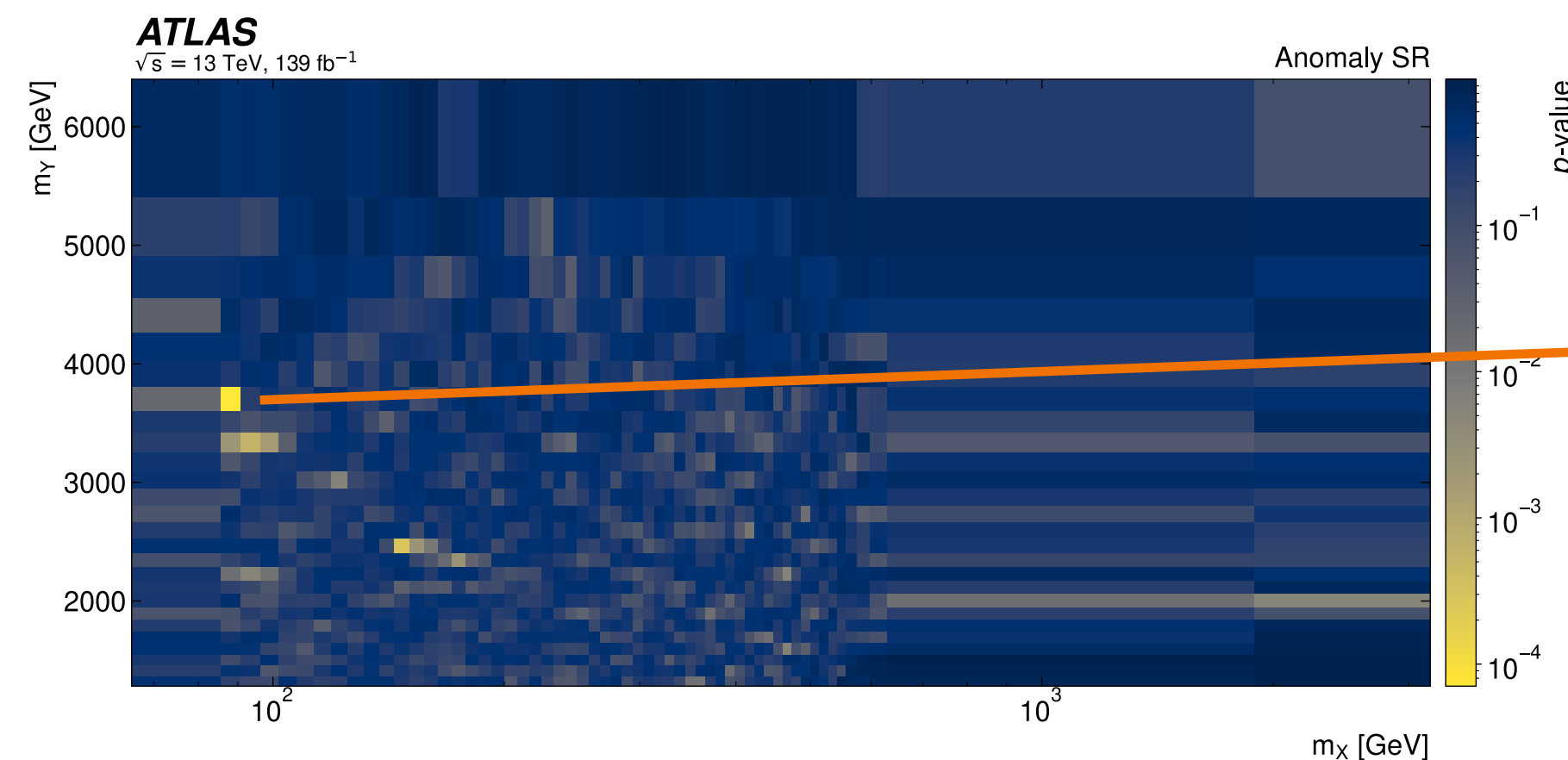
Targets high Y masses $\rightarrow$ two large-R jet taggers

Anomaly

X tagger: **Two-prong (merged)**
Two-prong (resolved) $\rightarrow$ benchmark
 $X \rightarrow qq$ decay

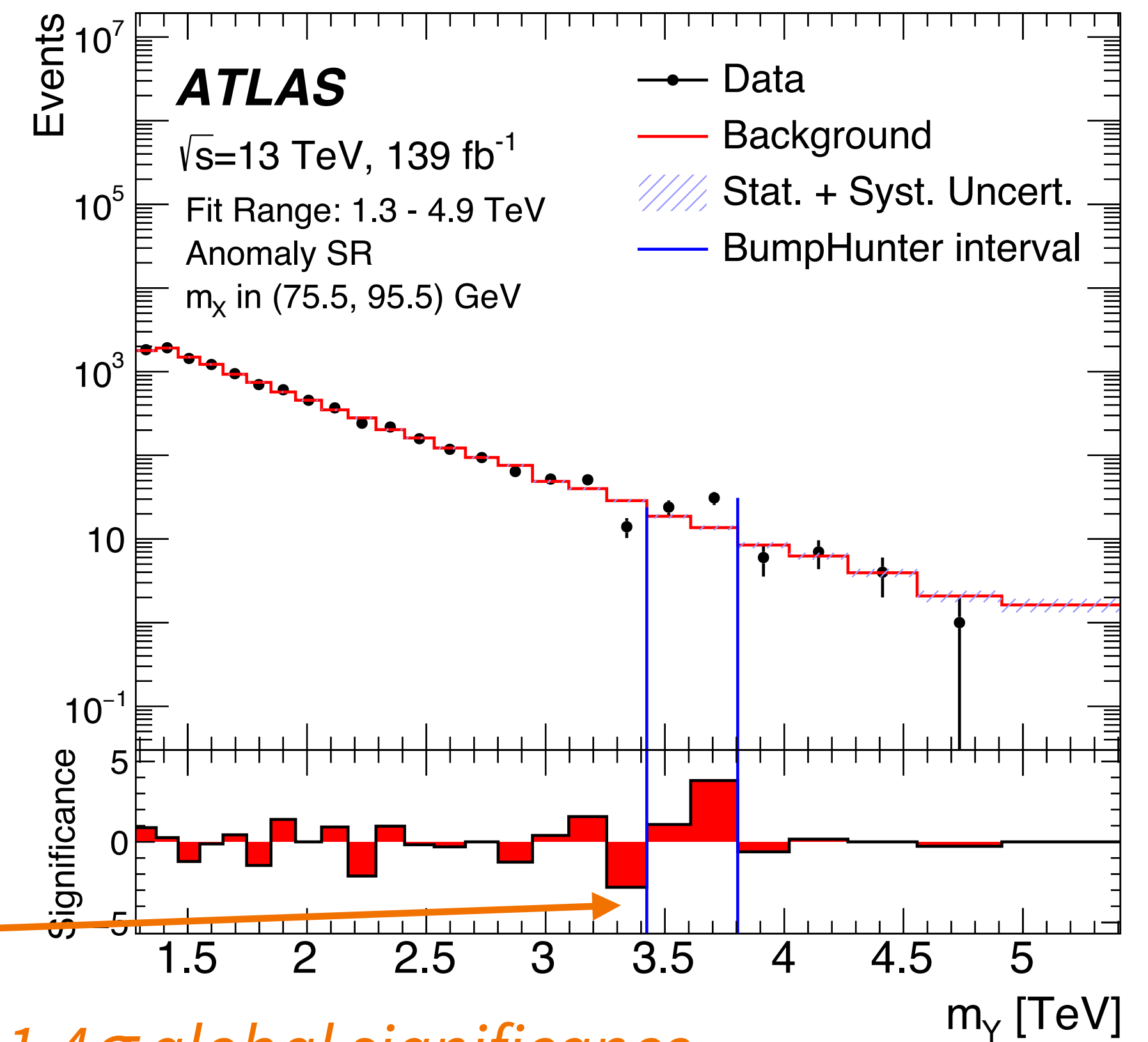


DNN $H \rightarrow bb$ tagger
(sidebands for BG estimation)

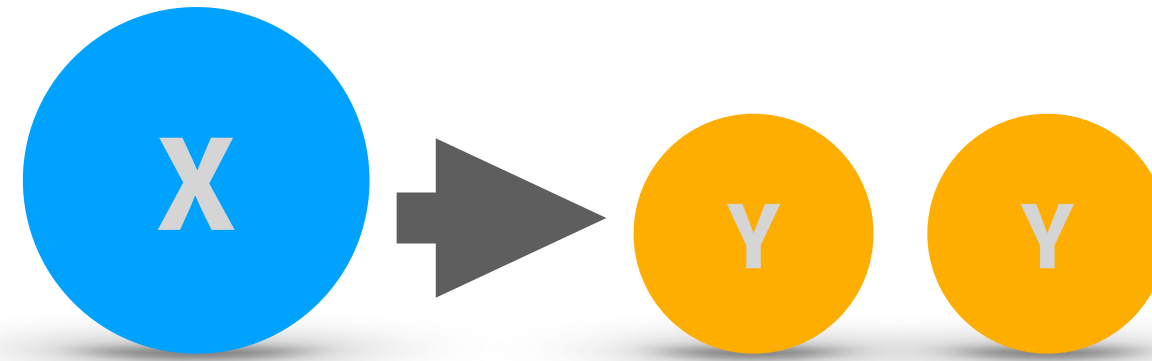


Anomaly signal region:

Targets generic signals -
non-compatibility with learned
background model



1.4 σ global significance



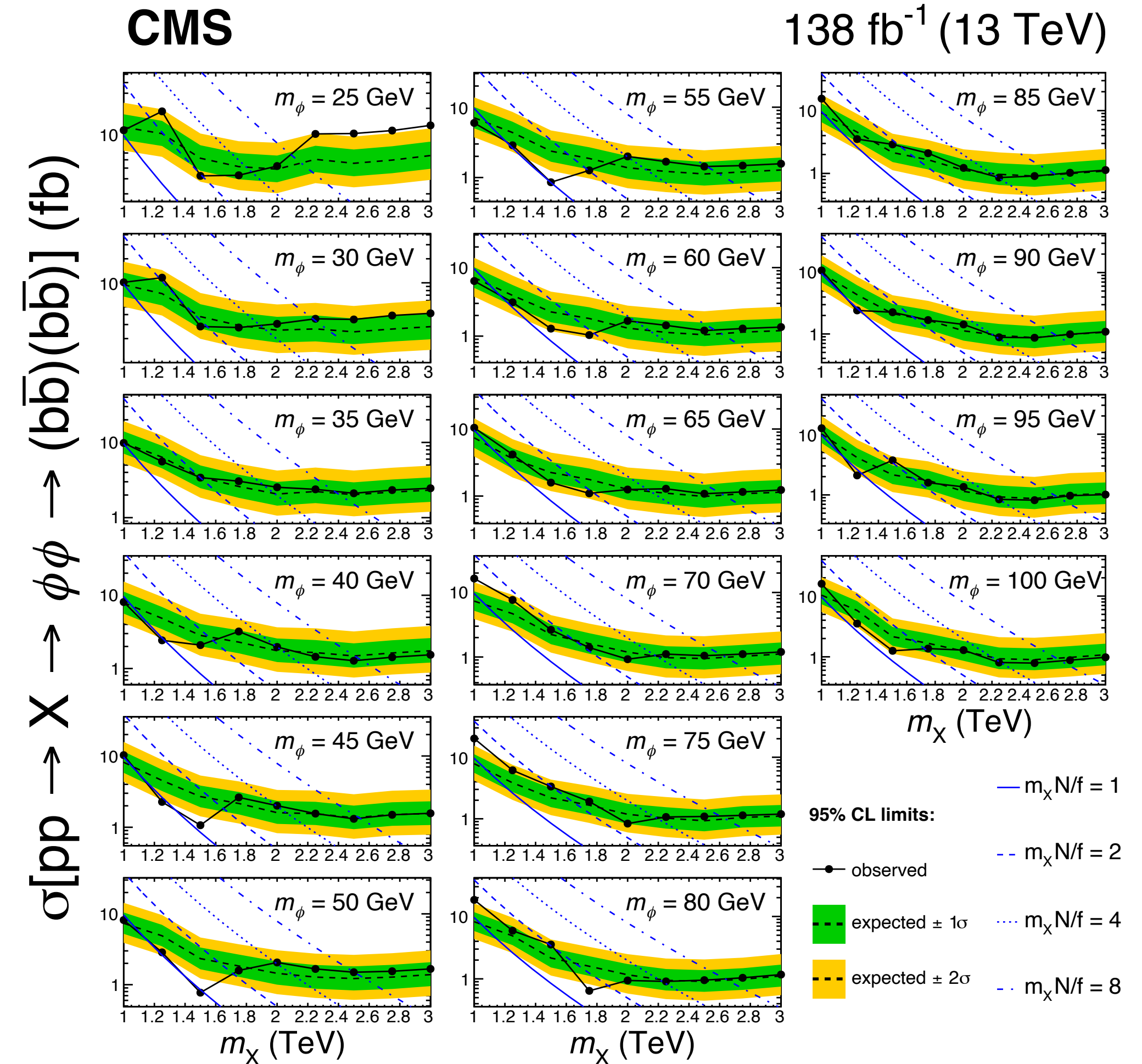
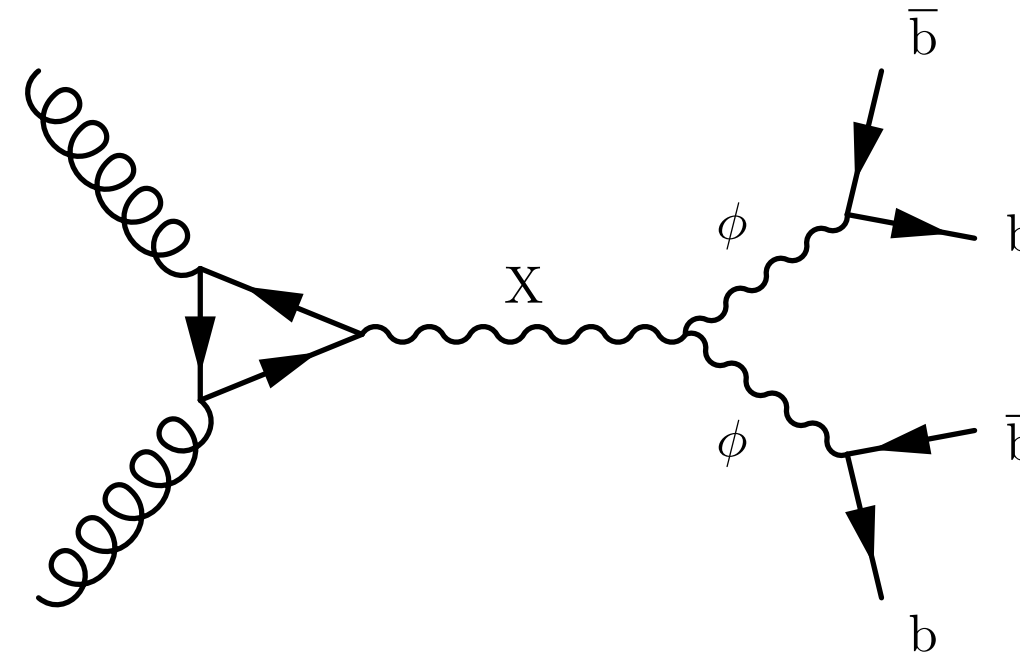
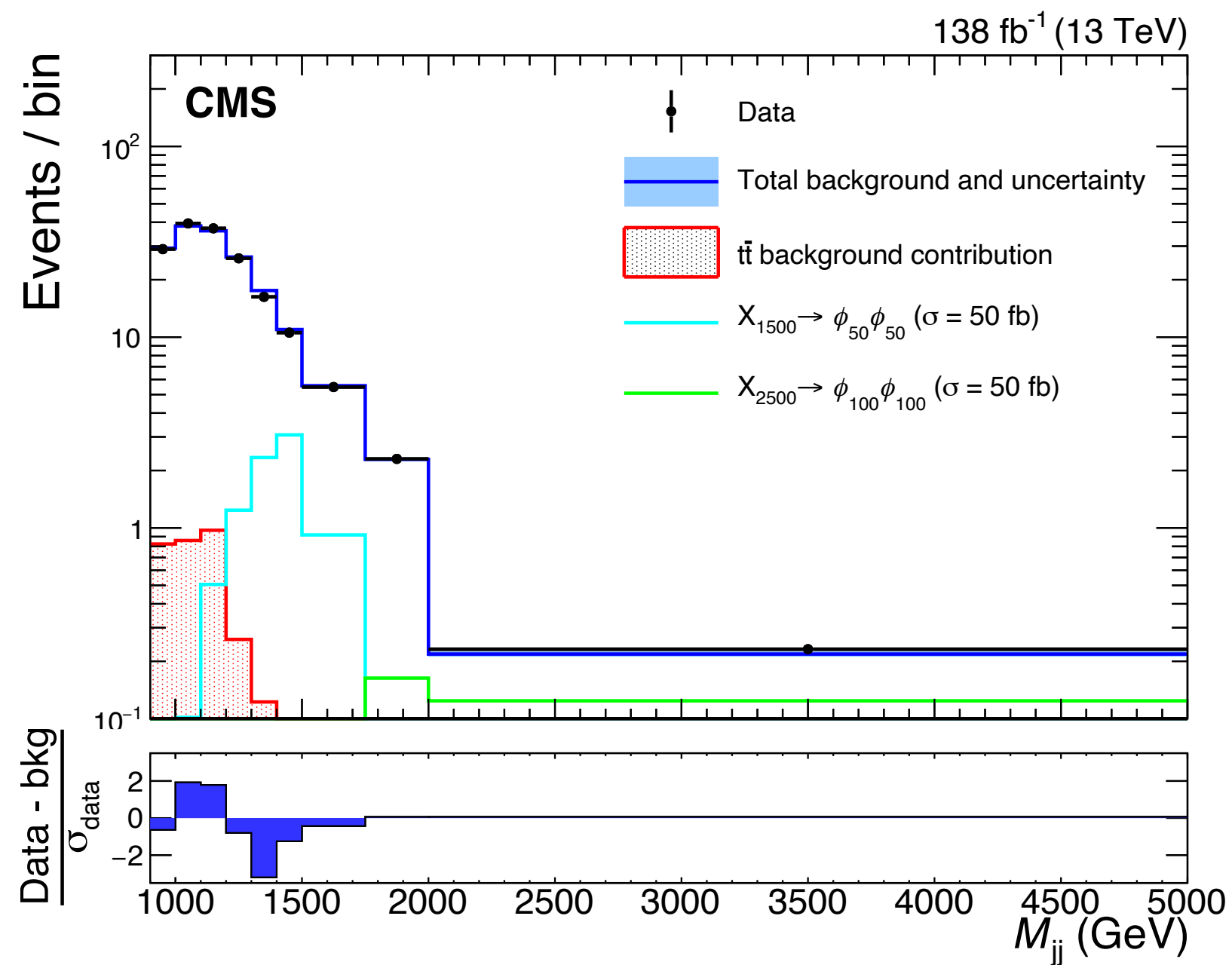
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CMS **bbbb merged-jet**: [Phys. Lett. B 835 \(2022\) 137566](#)

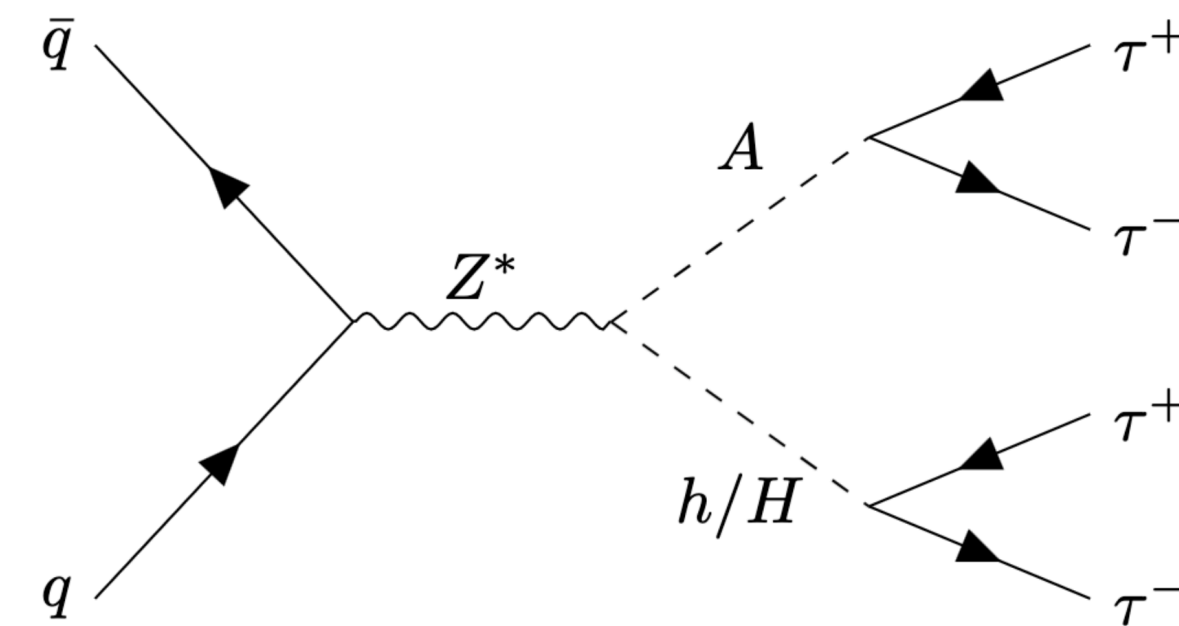
M_X : 1-3 TeV

M_Y : 25-100 GeV (highly boosted!)

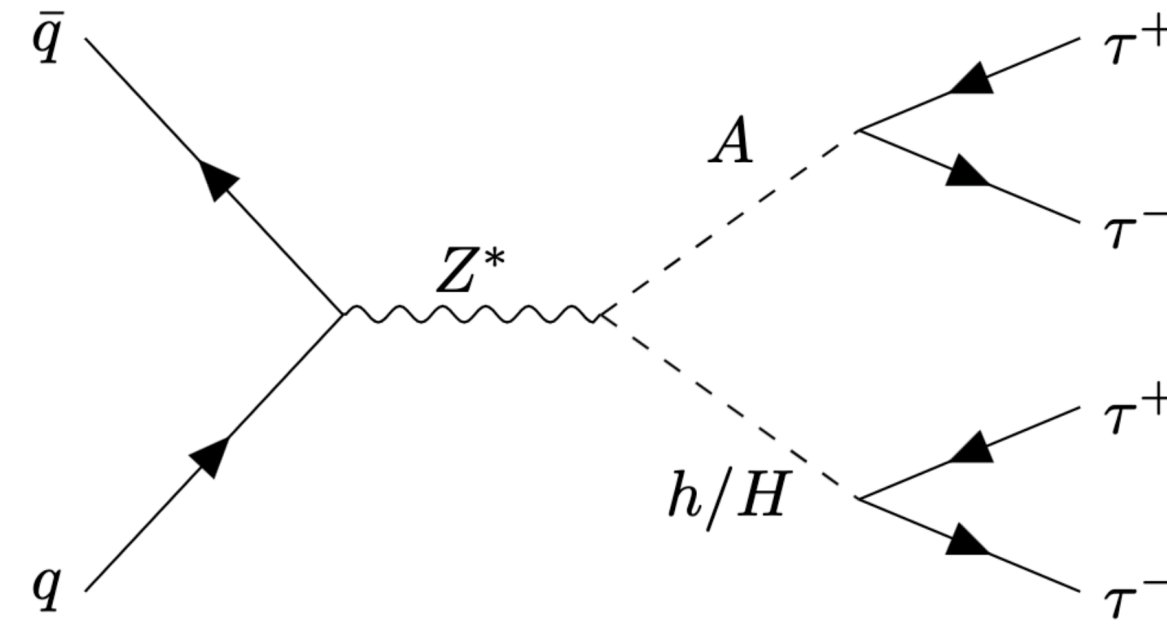


Only public search!

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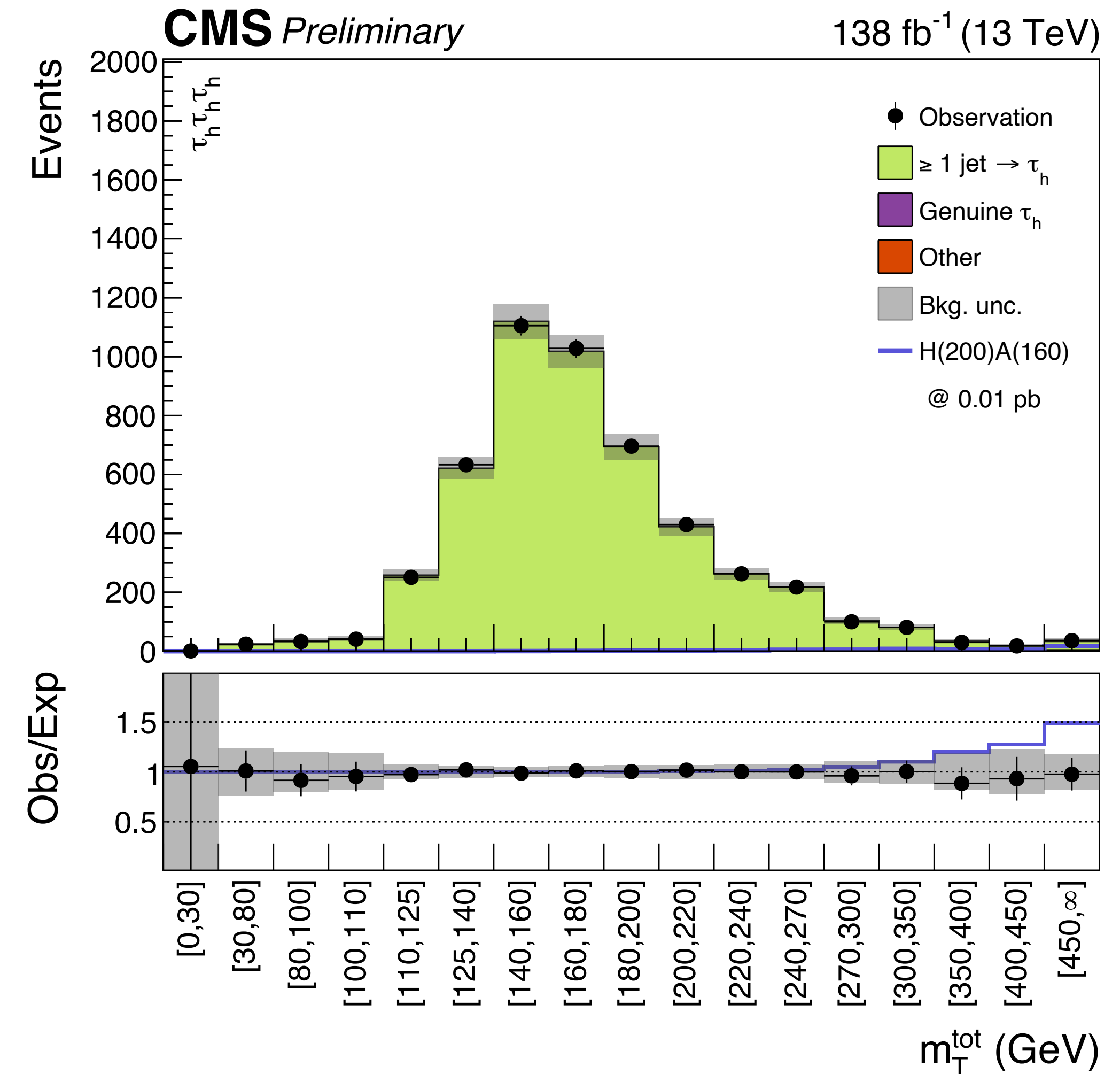
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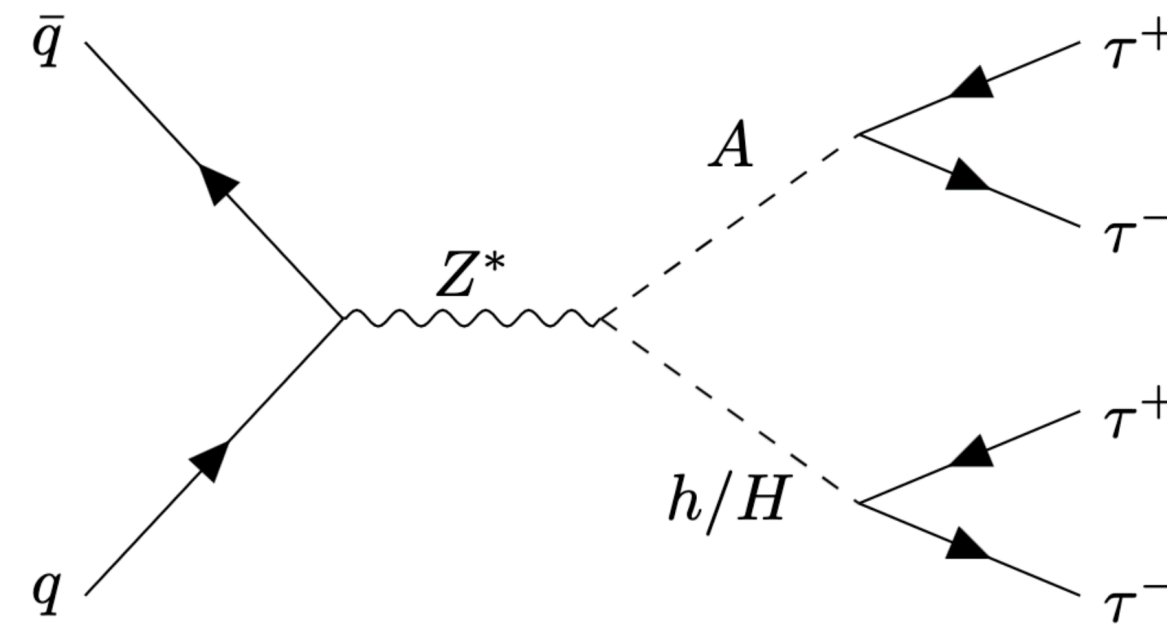
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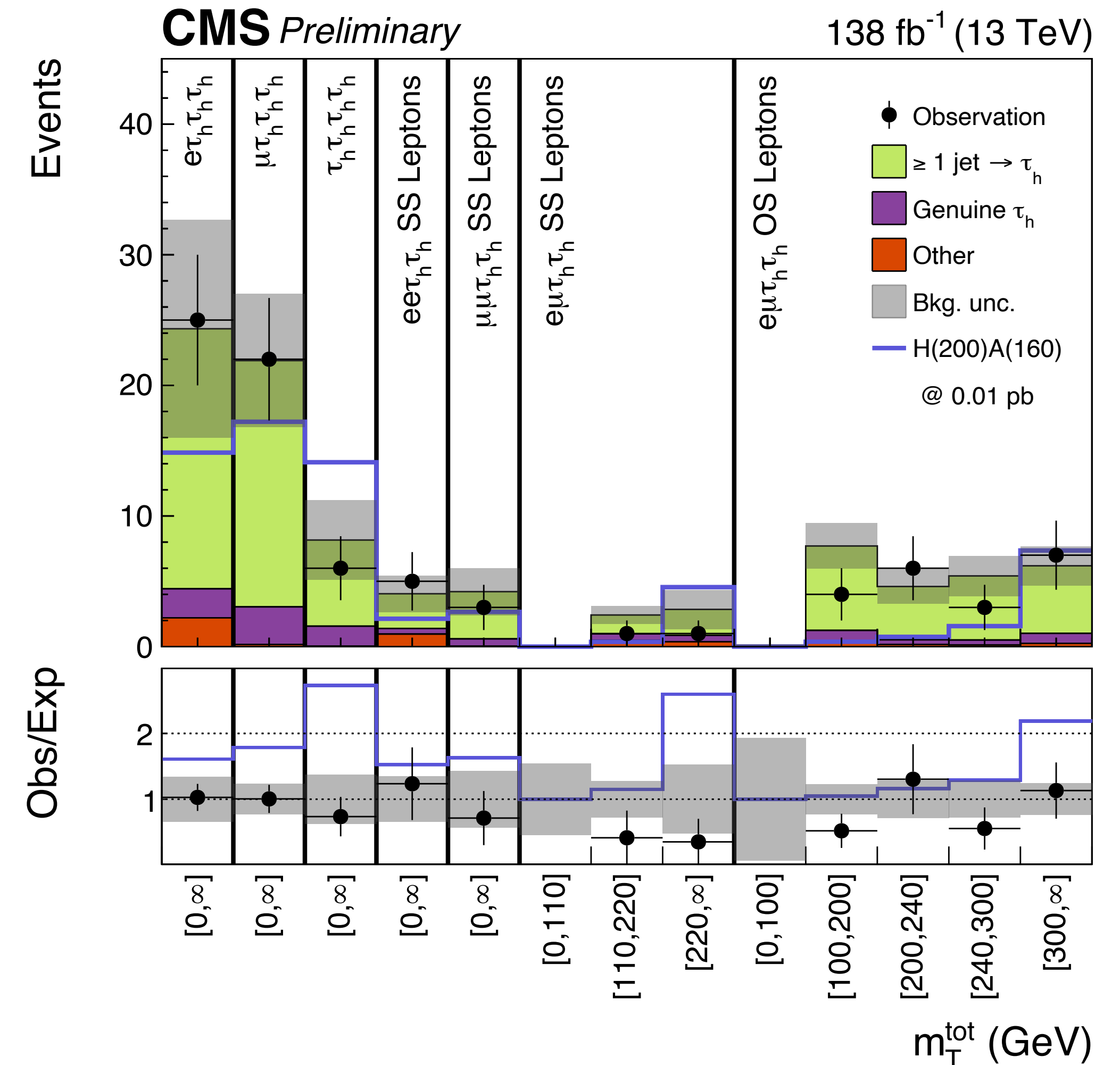
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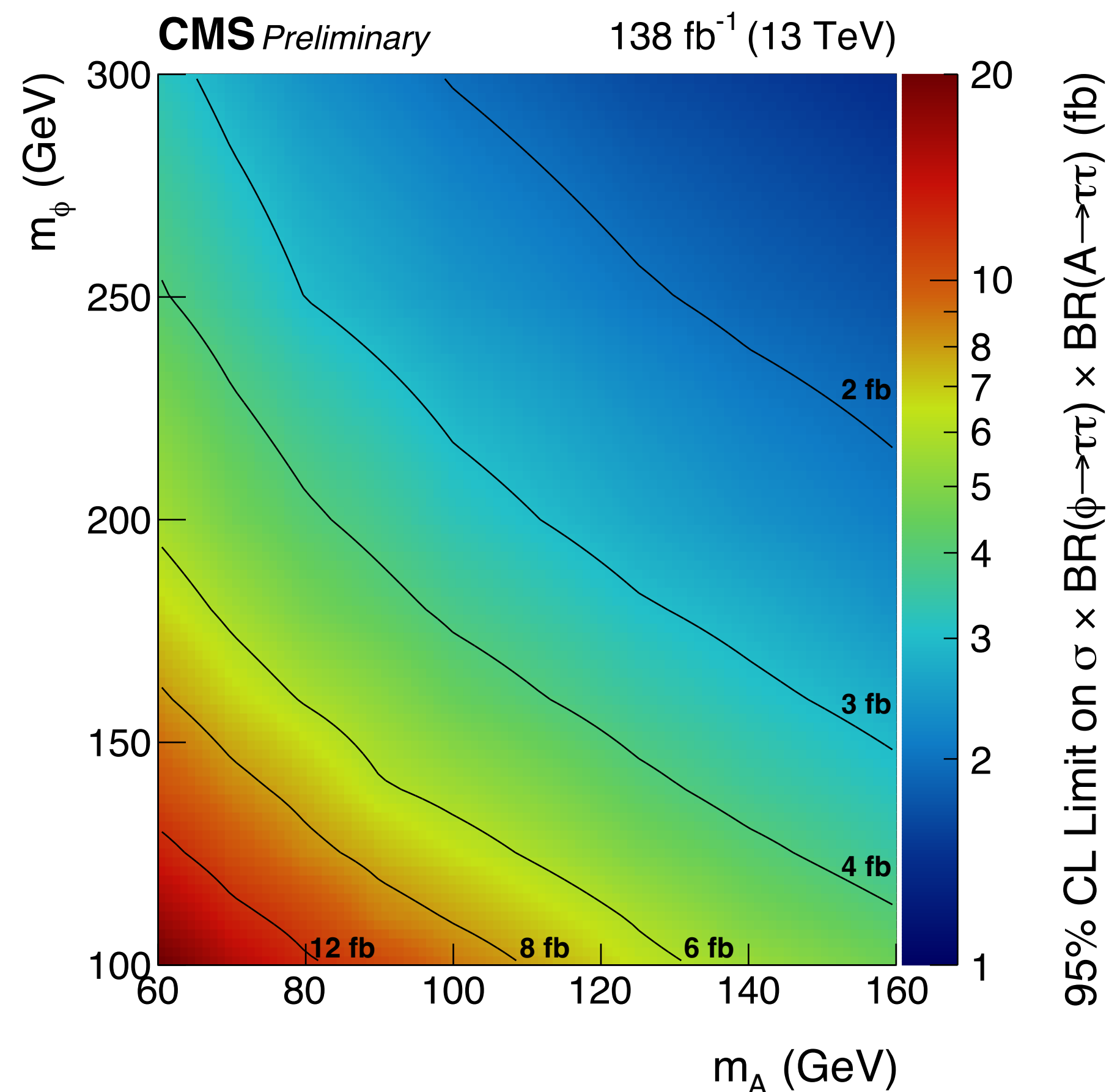
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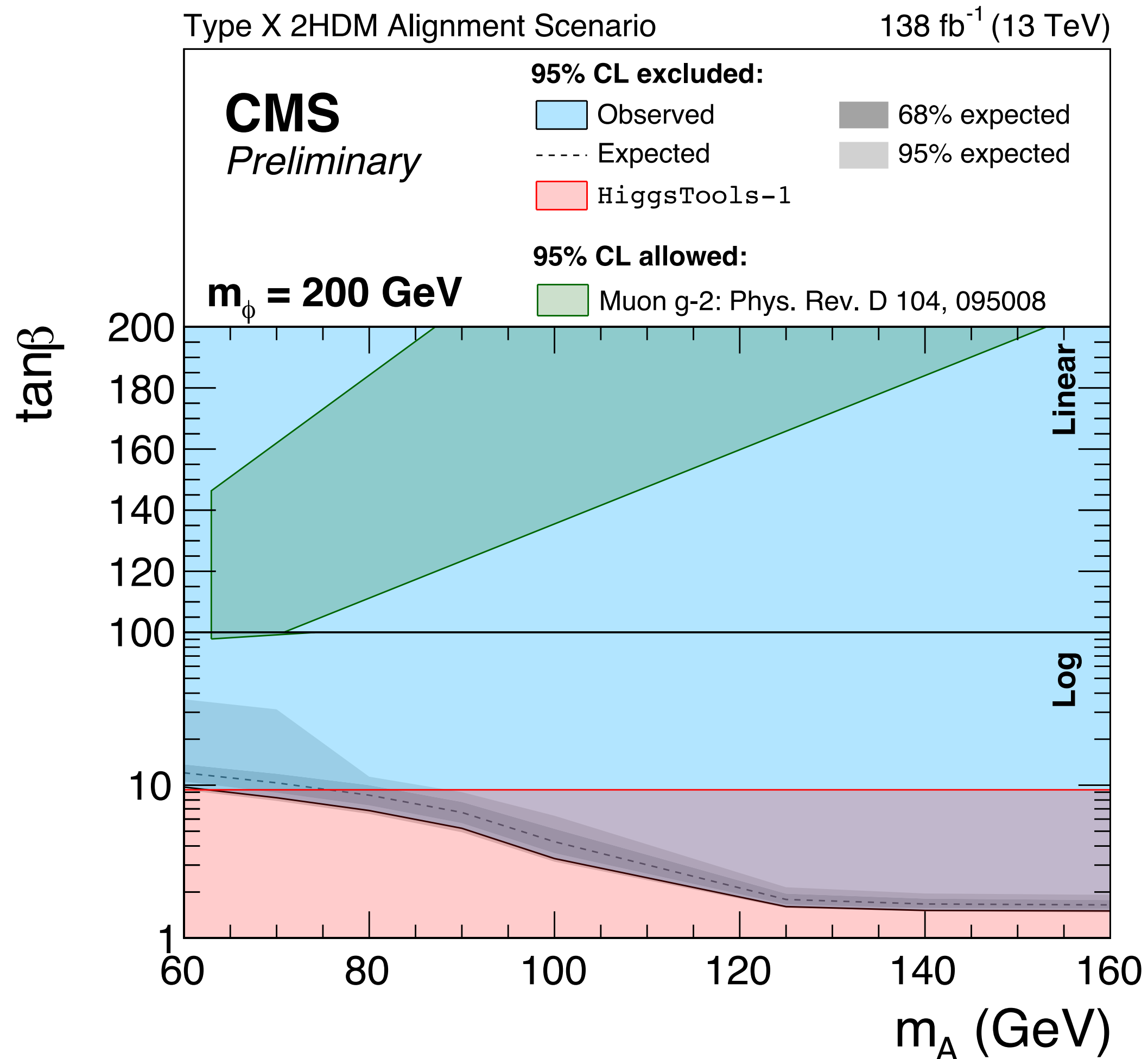
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$Z^* \rightarrow HA \rightarrow 4\tau$ - results



Cross-section limits ranging from 1.4 to 20 fb, well below all predicted 2HDM type X cross sections



- **Excludes type X 2HDM as muon g-2 explanation**
- Excludes type X 2HDM in probed mass range

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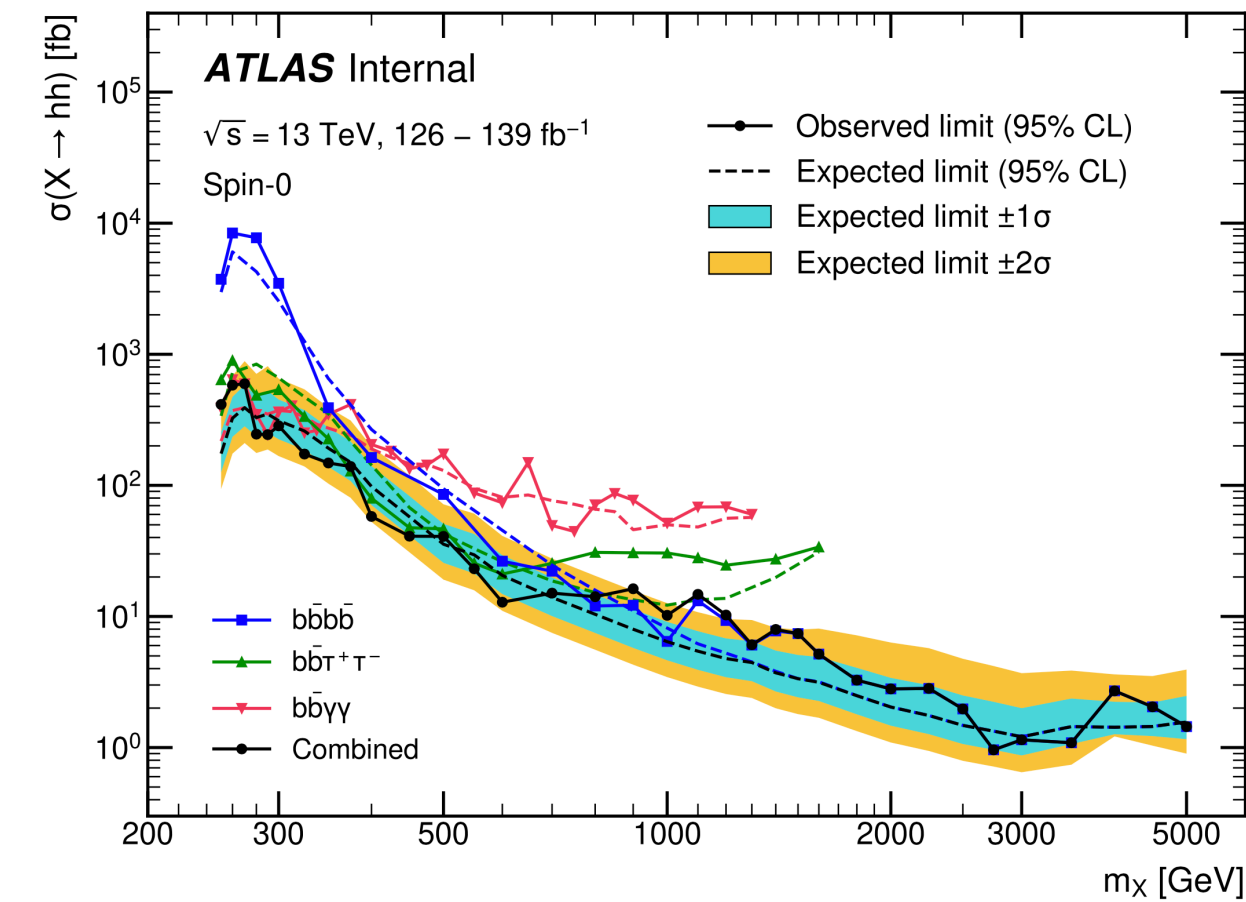
Brand new search for $Z^* \rightarrow HA$ (CMS):

Excludes large parts of lepton-specific 2HDM that were previously unprobed

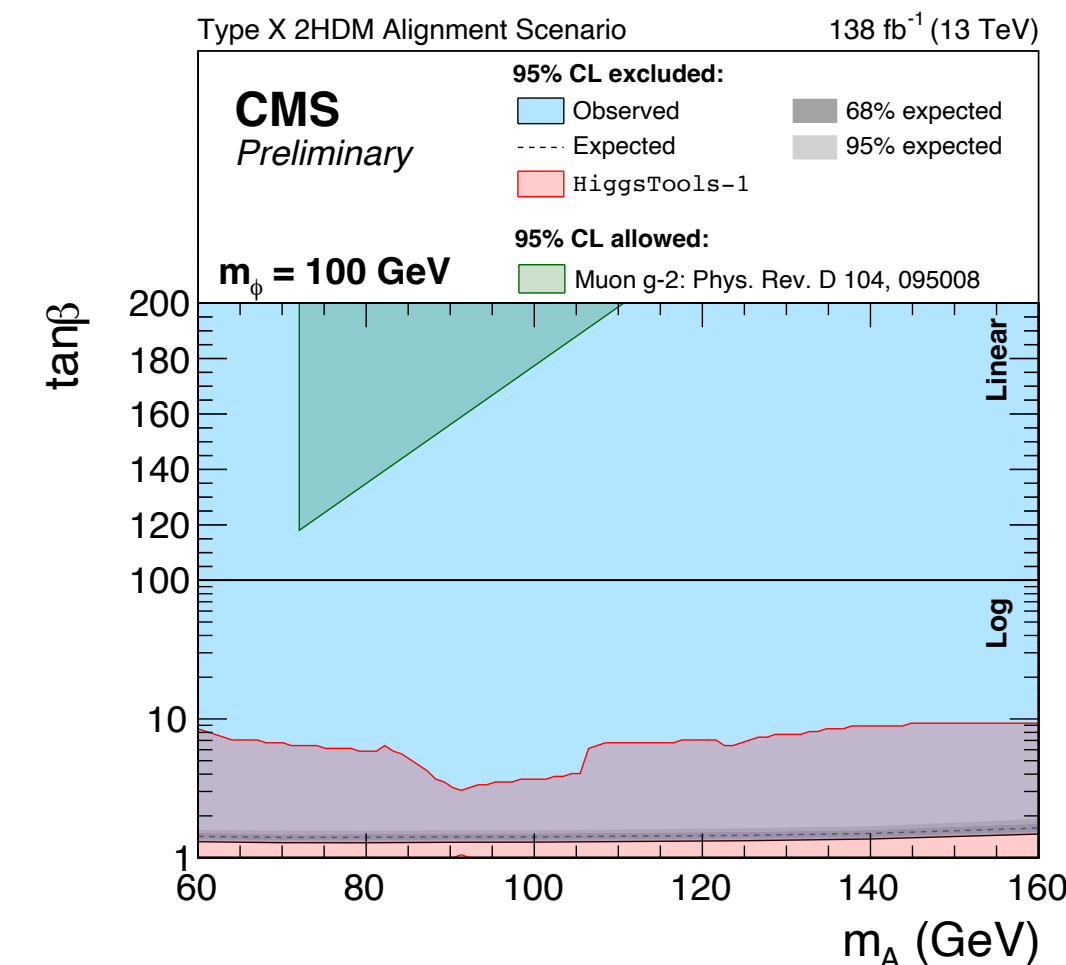
Many other searches for $X \rightarrow HH$, $X \rightarrow YH$, and $X \rightarrow YY$:

All are potential discovery channels

Looking forward to seeing more run 2 and first run 3 results!



NEW!



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See also:

Tue 12:10: Khawla Jaffel (CMS heavy Higgs)

Wed 16:30: Tobias Kramer (CMS HH/YH)

Wed 17:10: Olof Lundberg (ATLAS X- $\rightarrow$ HH/VV)

Thu 14:00: Yanwen Liu (ATLAS + CMS additional Higgs)

Fri 11:00: Zhengliang Guo (CMS HH/YH prospects)

Additional information

CMS $X \rightarrow YH$ summary plots

Higgs summary plots

