

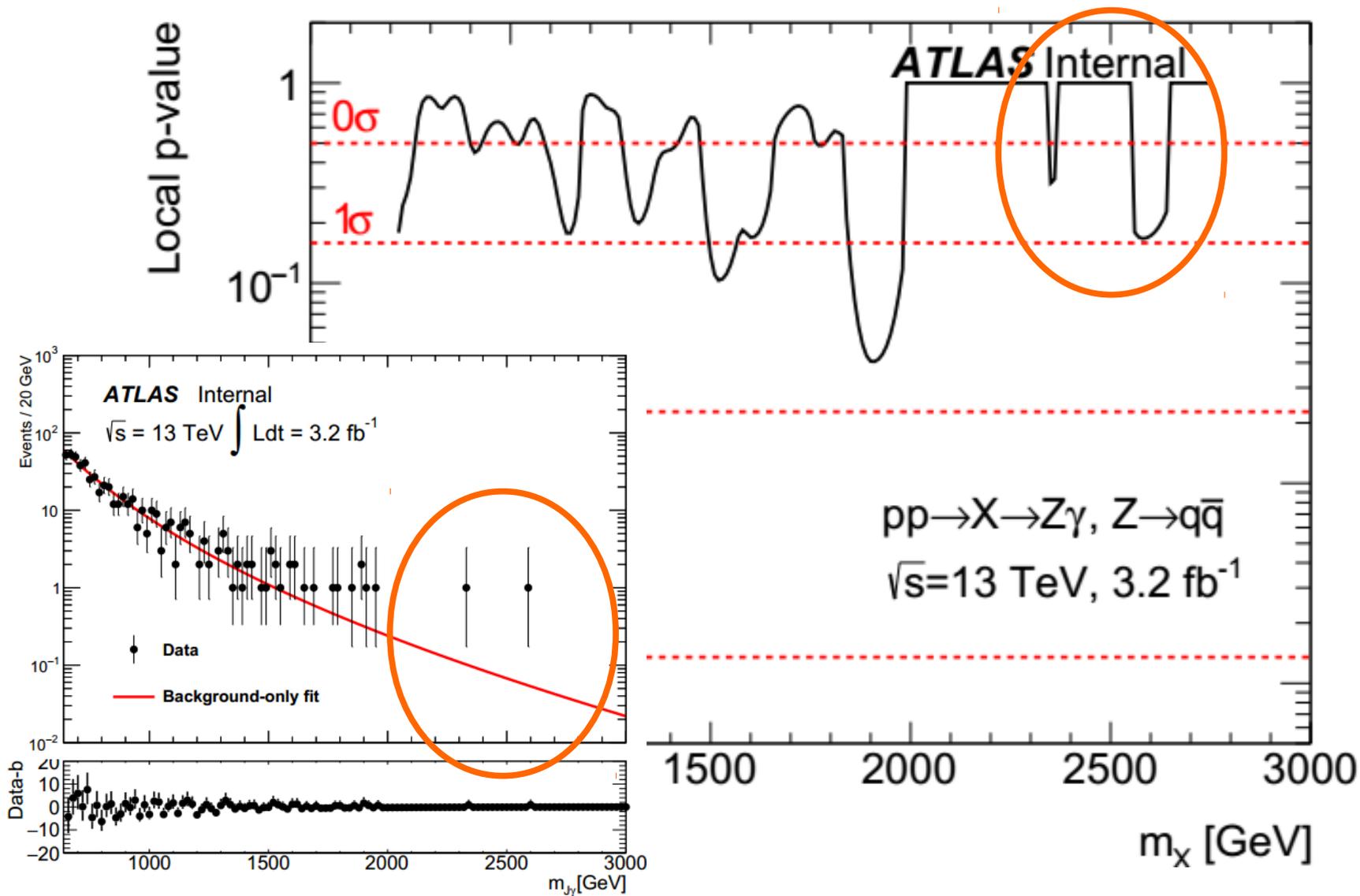
# **Unbinned fit in Z<sub>y</sub> boosted analysis**

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# p0 issue @ 2.6TeV

Bill asked:

**Fig 13 b shows p-values where the event at 2.35 TeV makes a delta-function spike, while that at 2.6 TeV is much broader.**



# La cause et la solution

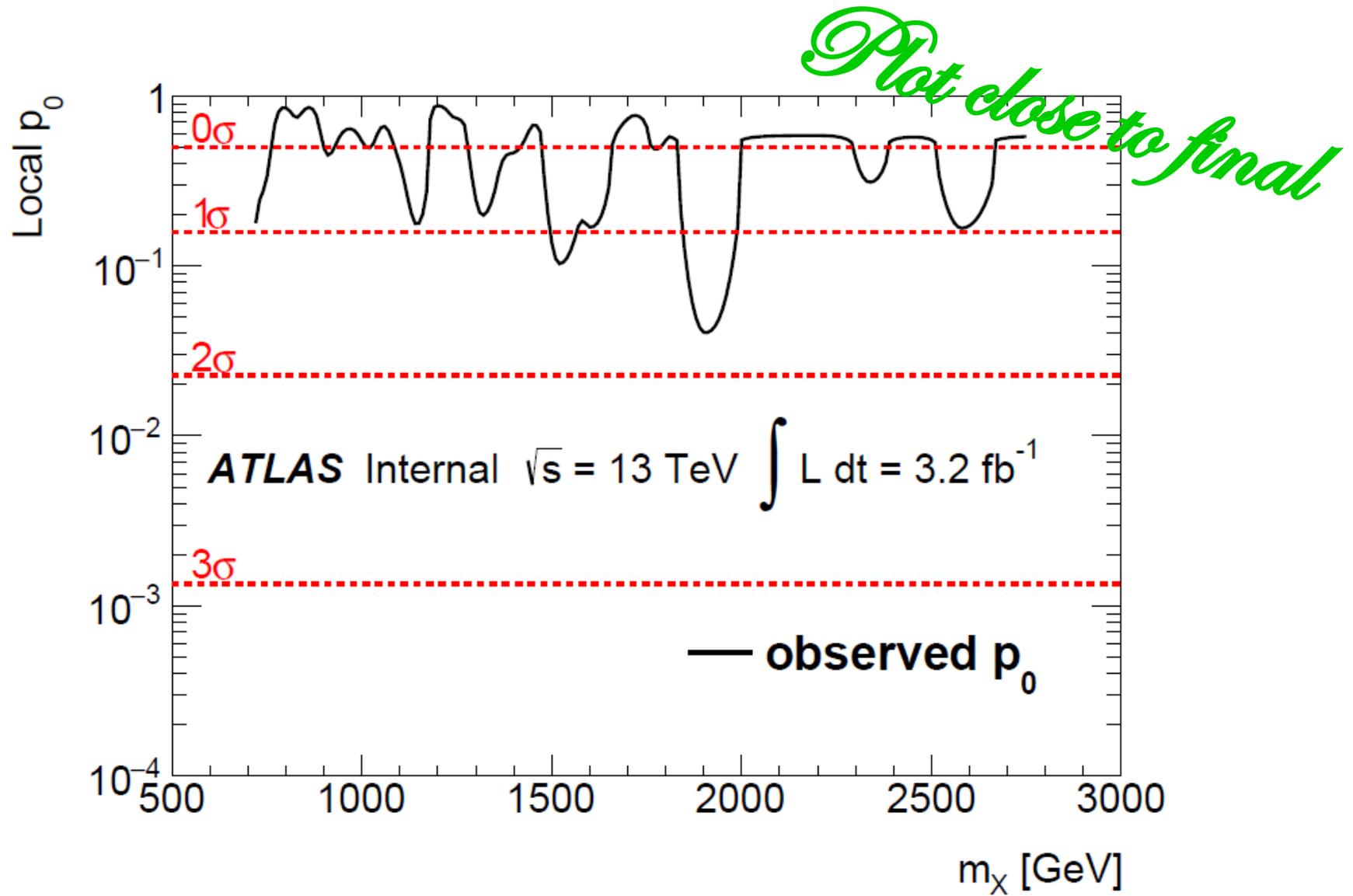
When fitting to the points with no data observed, the signal strength  $\mu$  can be pushed to a very negative number to balance the expected background

In high mass where observed data is few, one fits at a certain mass point, i.e.  $\mu \cdot S + B = 0$ , which is totally OK; BUT  $\mu \cdot S + B$  goes to negative in higher mass points, where the expected background is small (at the tail of power-law)

Negative pdf value causes fit failures and prevents proper calculation of TS, resulting in wrong  $p_0$  as you see in high mass

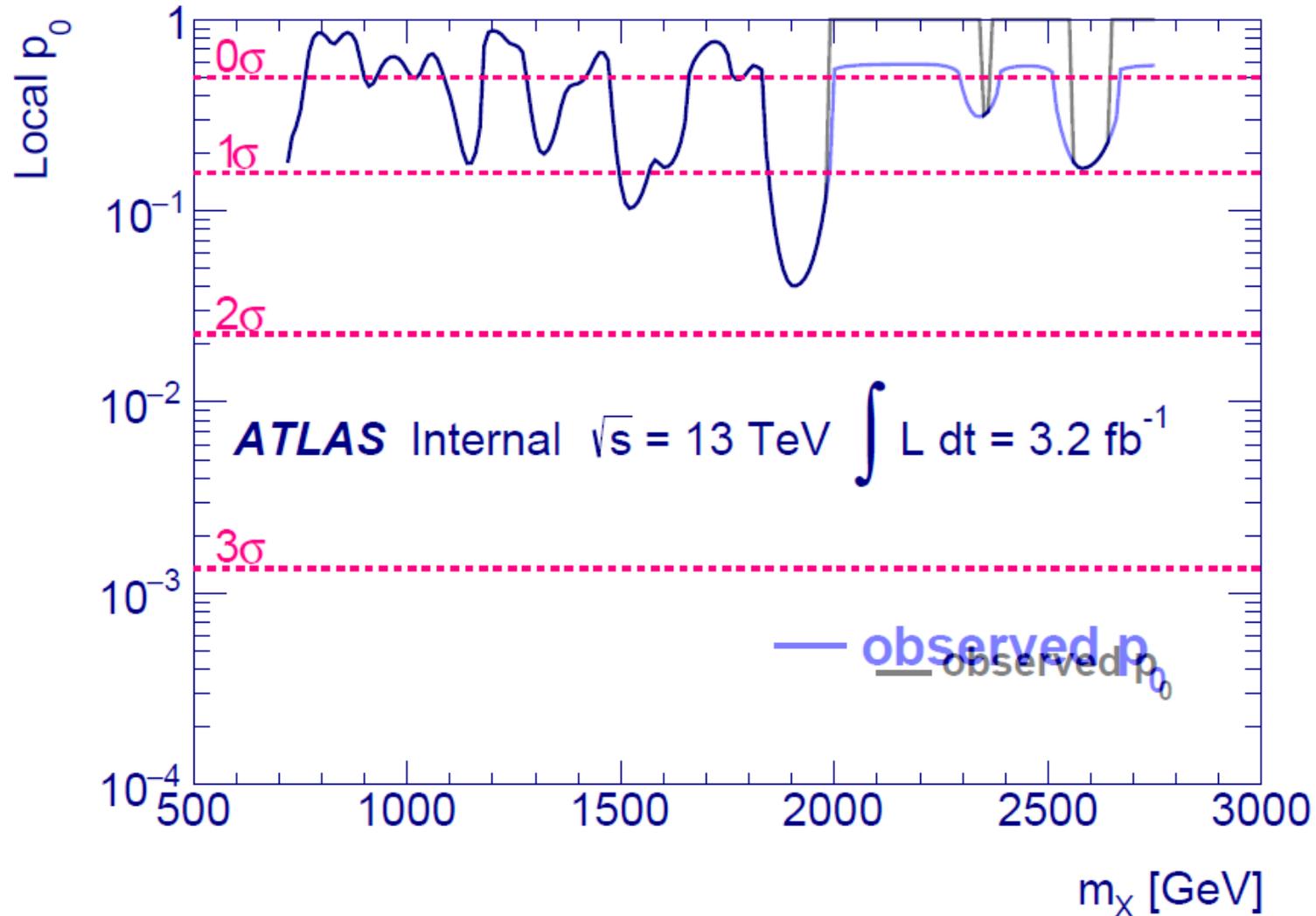
**We implemented Enrique's suggestion on limiting the negative boundary of  $\mu$ . This effectively protected pdf values.**

**Therefore,  $\mu$  is negatively limited in high mass region**



There is no failure in Minuit now :)  
Fit is healthy and  $p_0$  curve looks correct

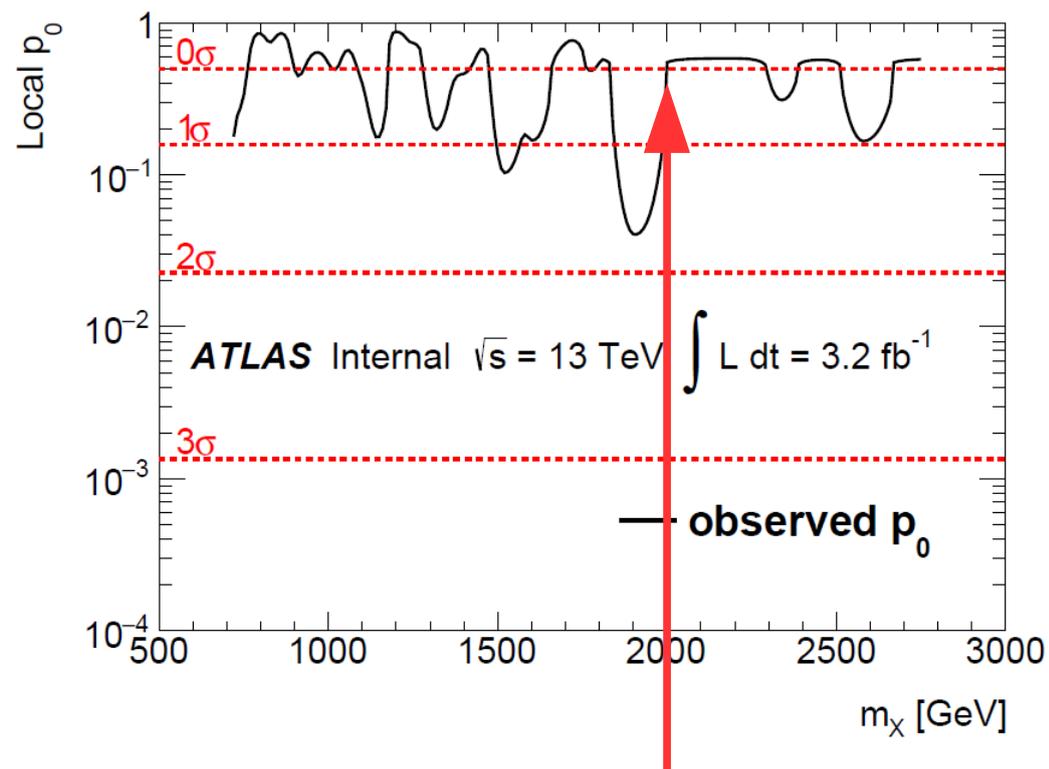
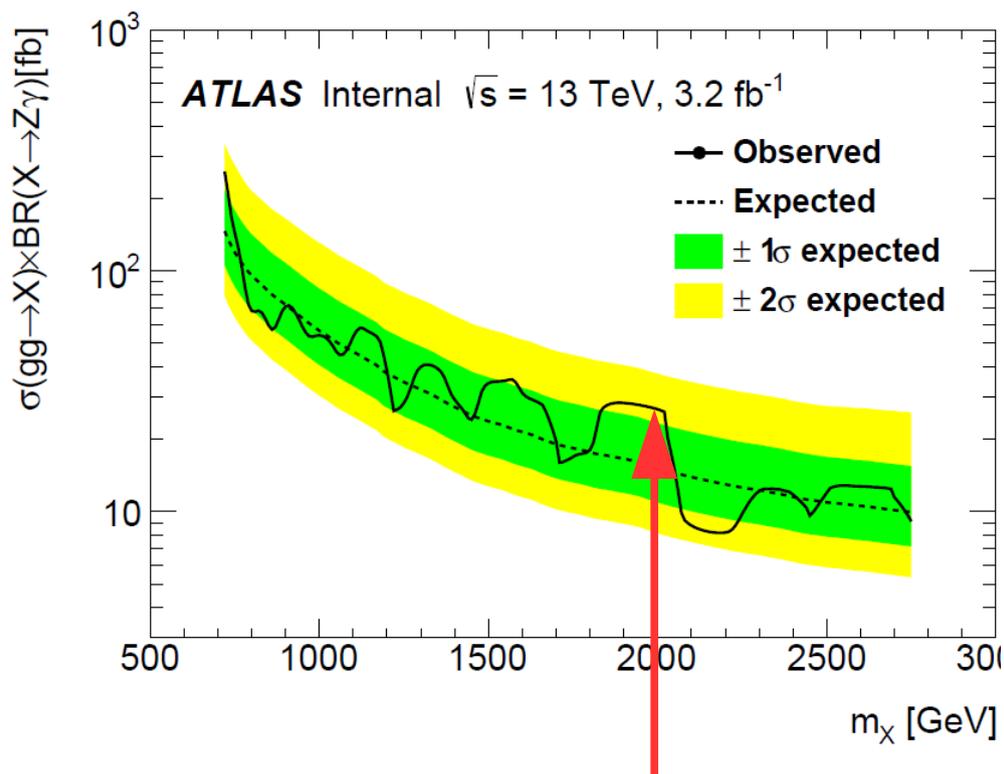
# Check with the last picture



The last  $p_0$  curve is black on bottom  
The new  $p_0$  curve is bleu on top

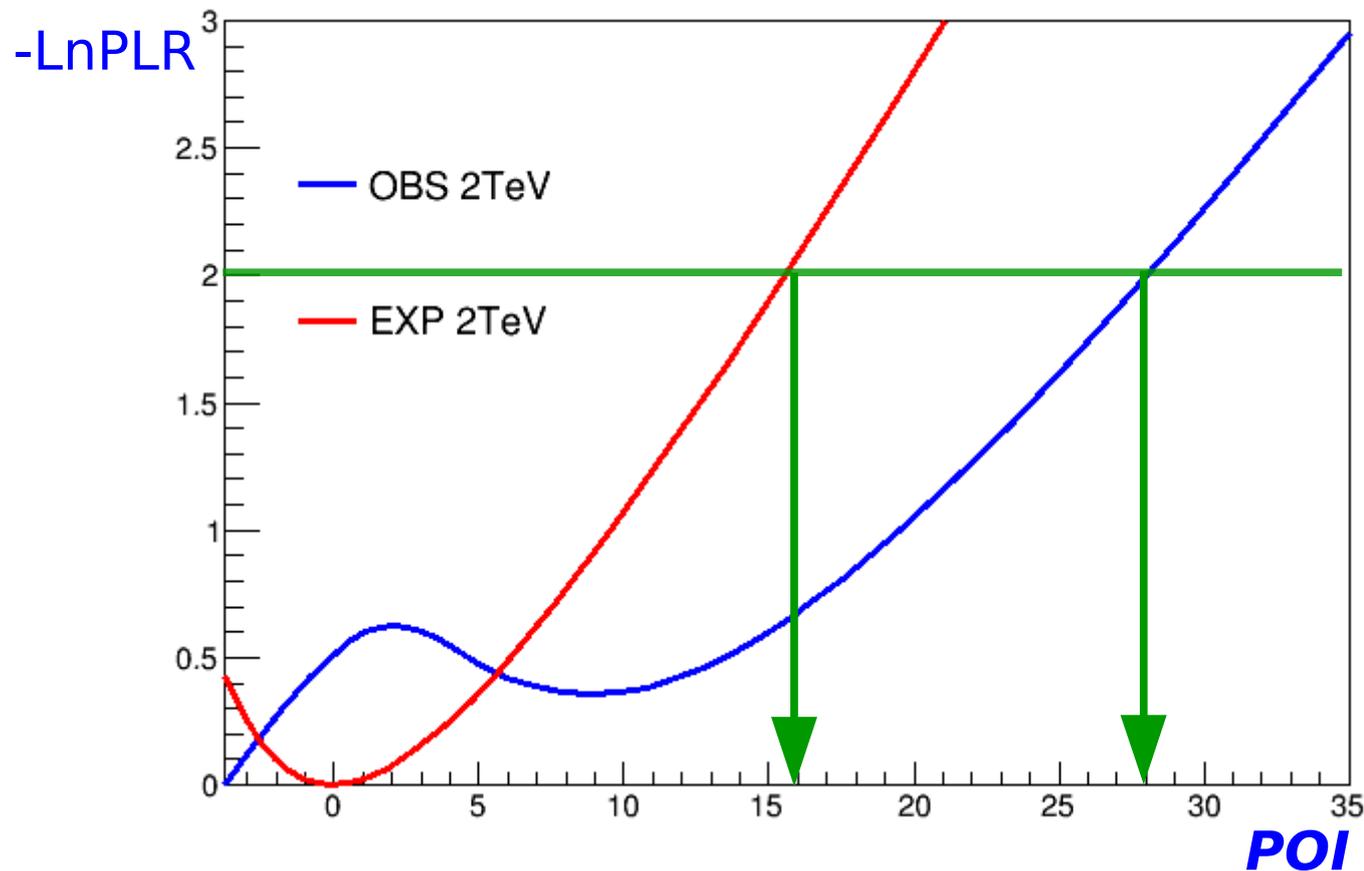
# Another question from Bill

Also, at 2 TeV the  $p$ -value of the 1.9 TeV bump falls back to 1 - no sign of it at all. While in the limit plot, fig 4, there is a remnant nearly to 2.1 TeV - but a flat 2.2 sigma from 1.9 to 2 TeV, which looks very different from the  $p$ -value.



# Likelihood

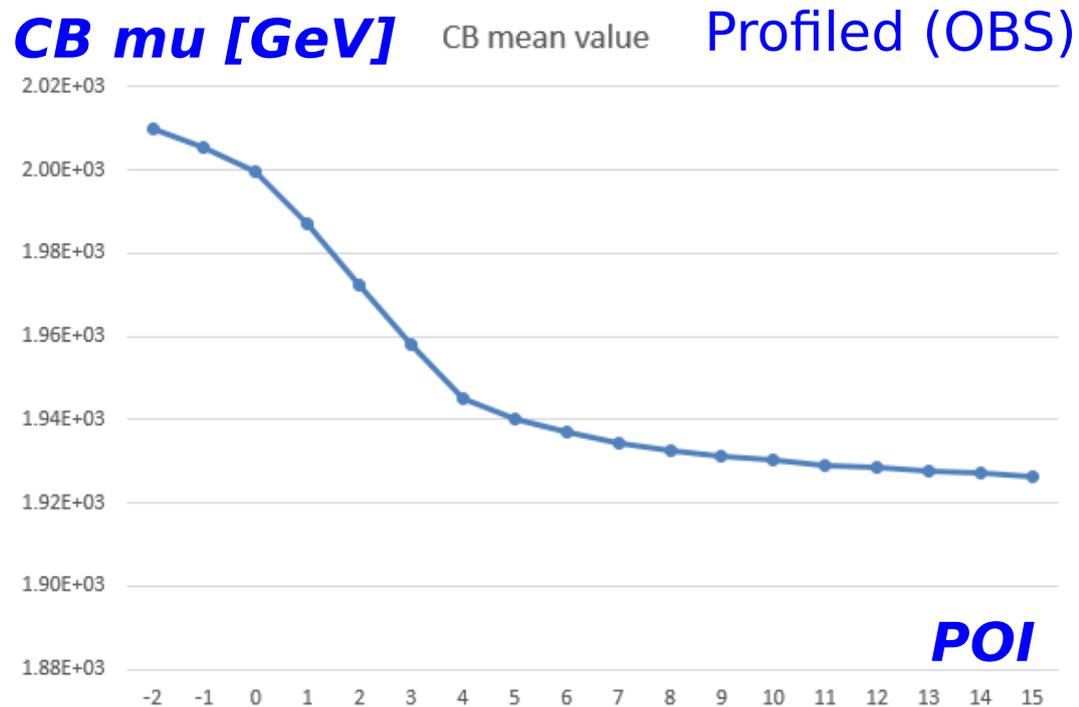
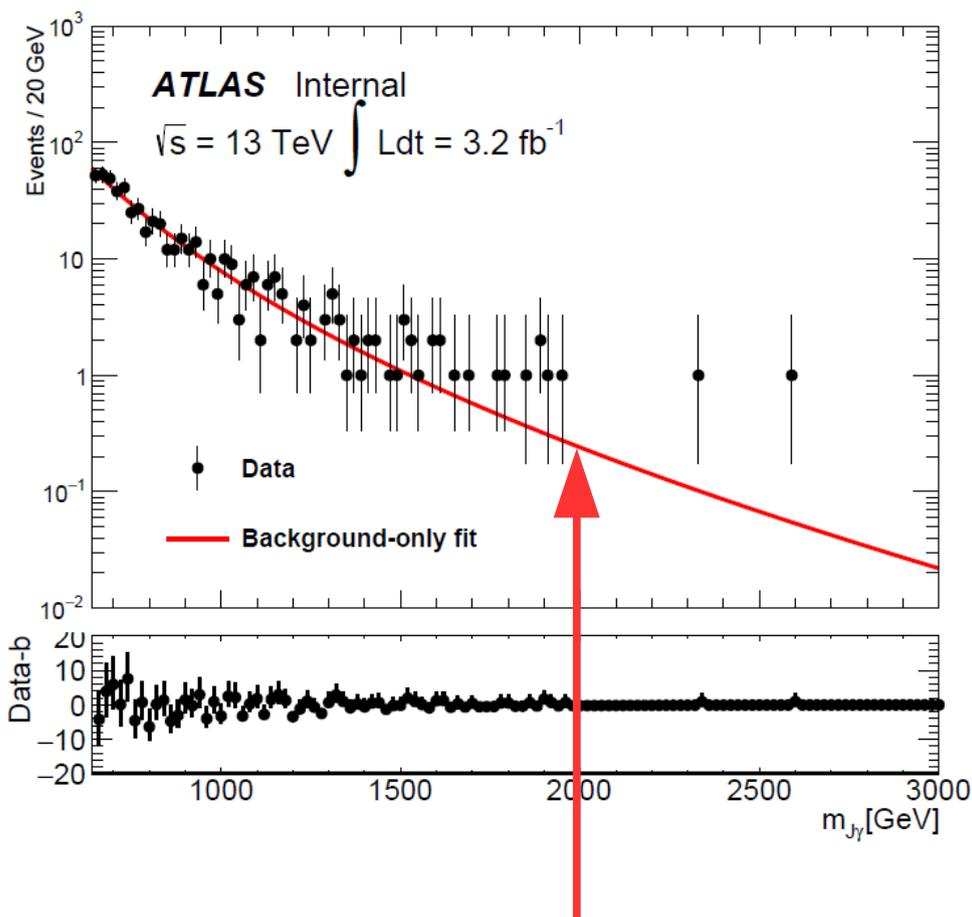
Best fitted POI is smaller in obs than in exp due to data deficit  
**But likelihood curve is broader in obs than in exp**  
Thus, limit is higher in obs than in exp



So far Bill's question is answered  
But there is a local minimum in obs → explained in next page

# Local minimum is due to data

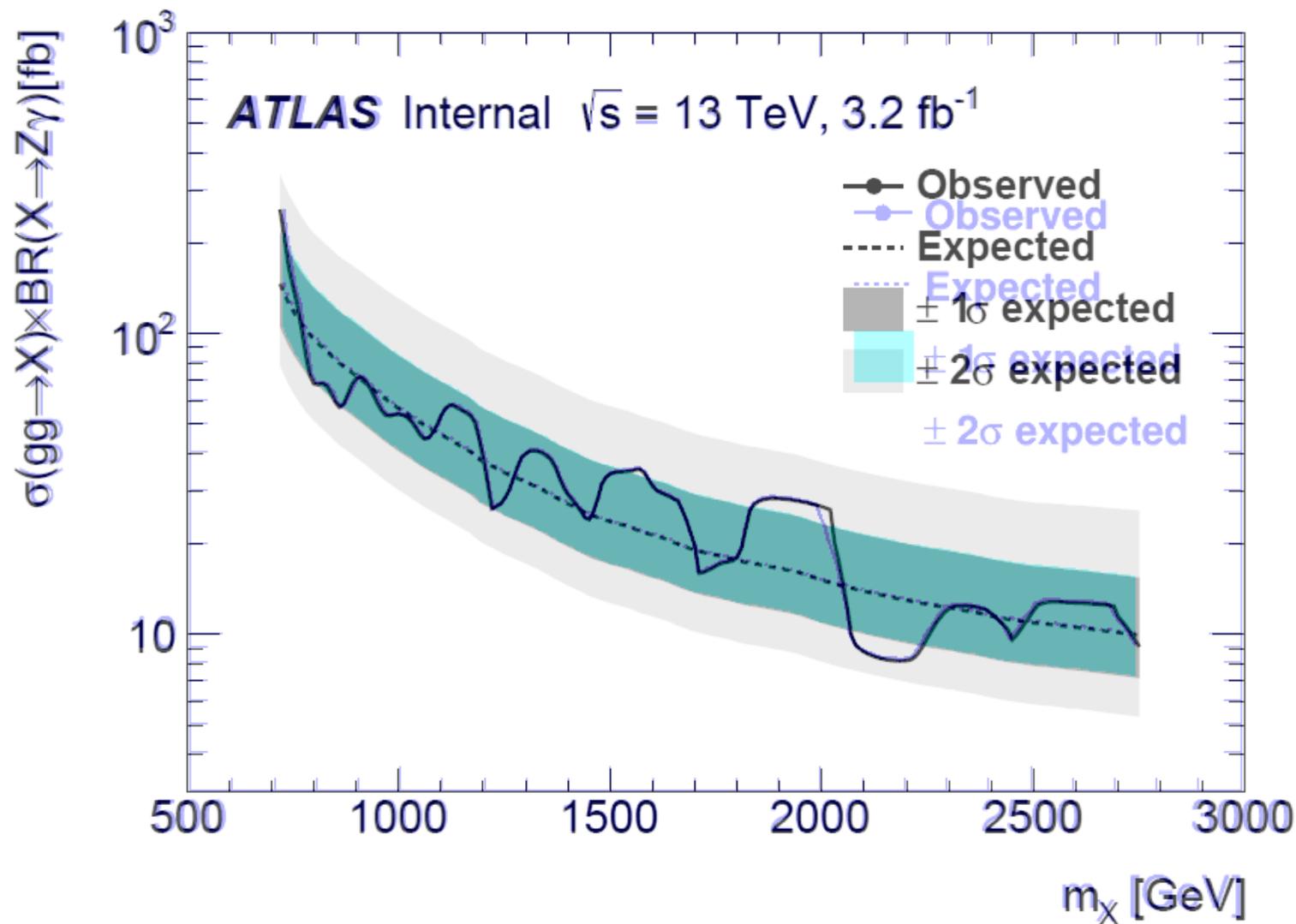
There is NO data; best fit is a negative  $\mu$   
 This is the global minimum in likelihood curve



At 2 TeV, minimize NLL as a func of POI  
 CB mean value is pulled to data  
 excess at 1.93 TeV  
 There we have a local minimum  
 And this makes PLR curve broader

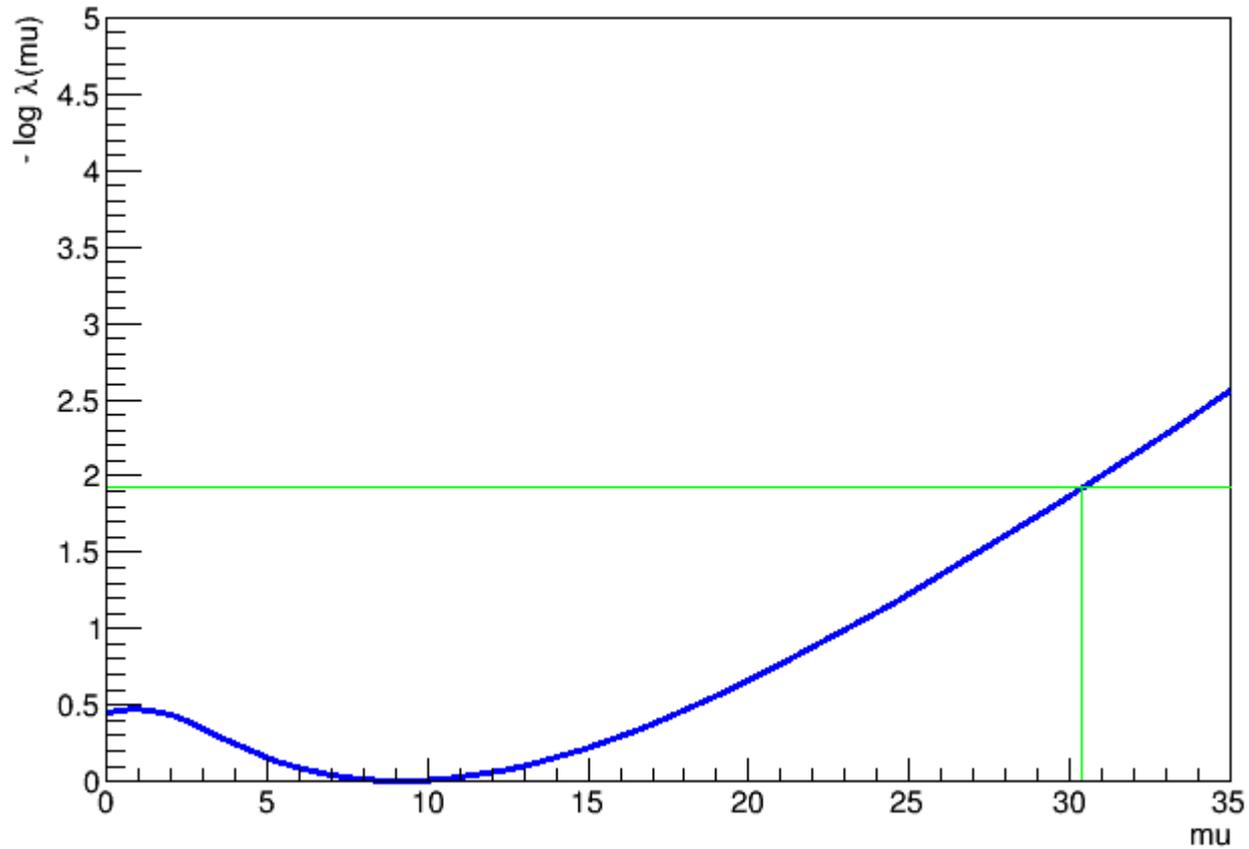
# Linear interpolation

1990-2070, points in between are linearly interpolated (obs limits)

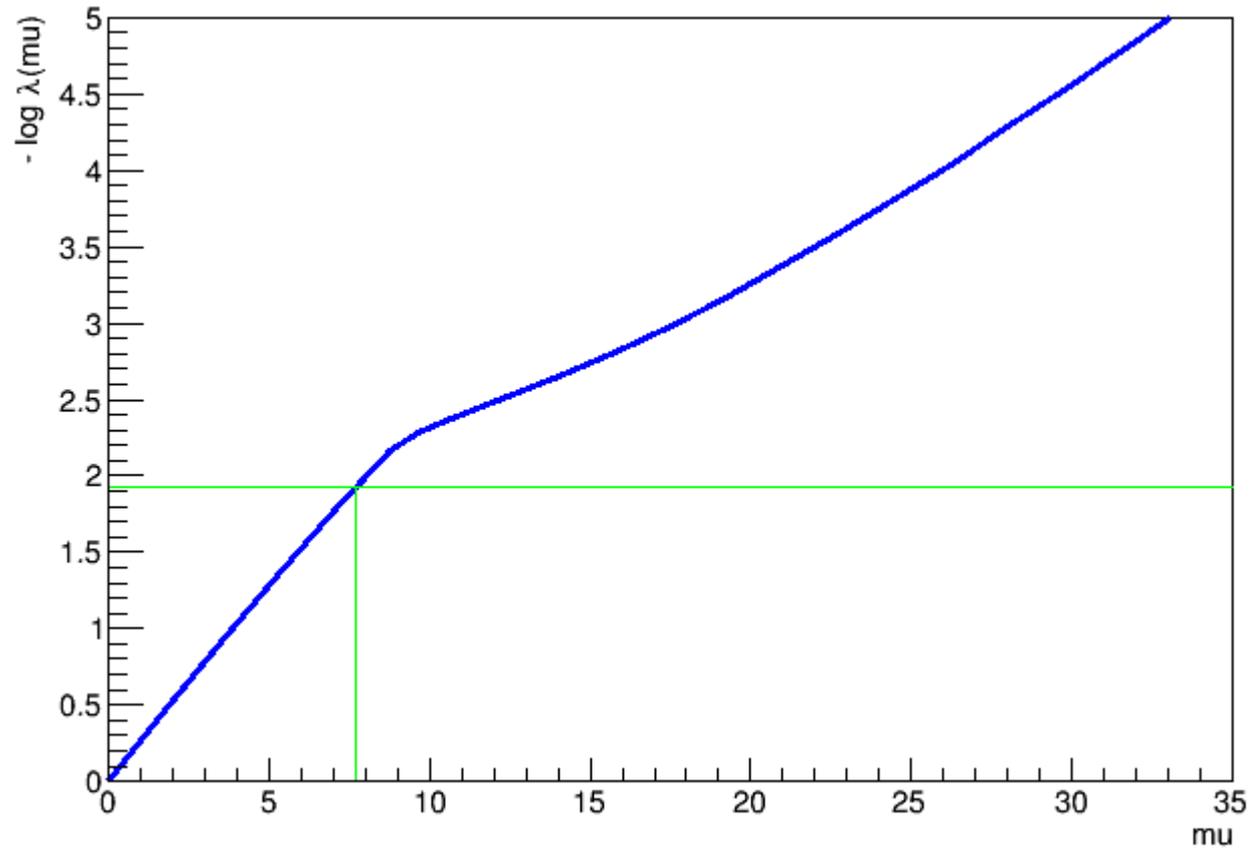


# 1990

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Interpolation starts from 1990



The local min moves out of  $-\text{Ln}\Lambda=2.0$  since 2070  
Interpolation ends at 2070

# Backup

# Try capped p0

The uncapped p0 (our default) is on bottom in black

The capped p0 is on top in blue (AsymptoticCalculator is used)

**Capped is much more stable in low stats region**

**But we are interested in uncapped p0**

**However, it tells how important the range of mu is**

