

# Search for a high mass neutral Higgs boson in fermion final states with the ATLAS detector

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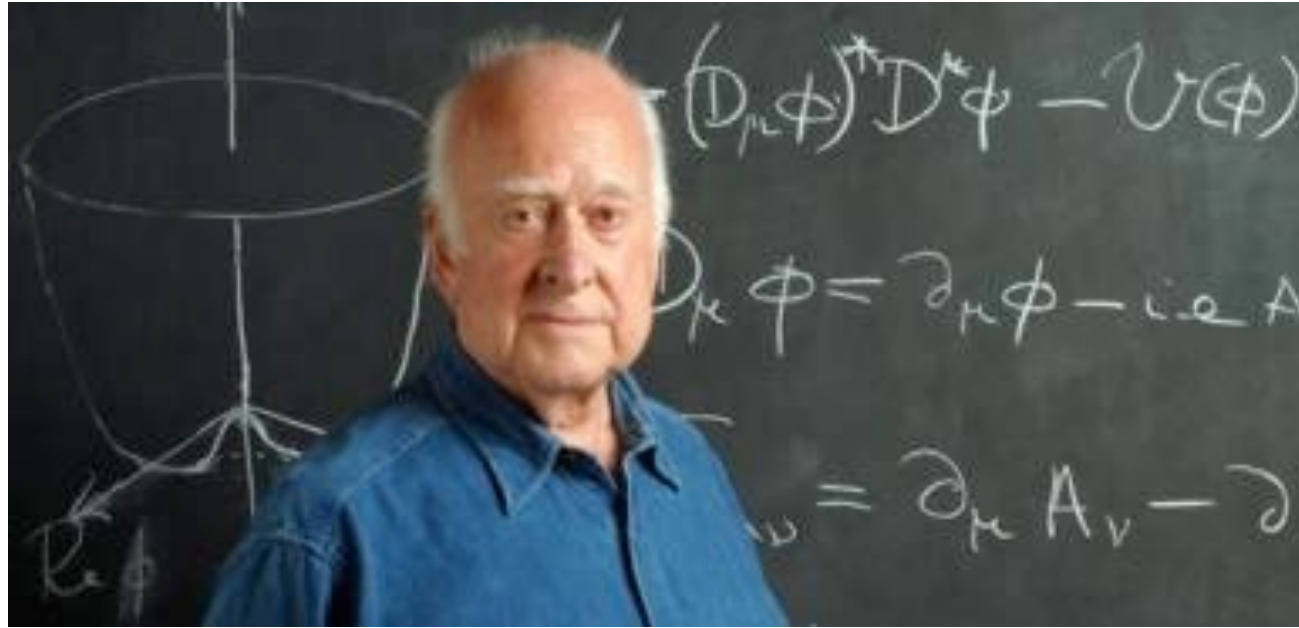
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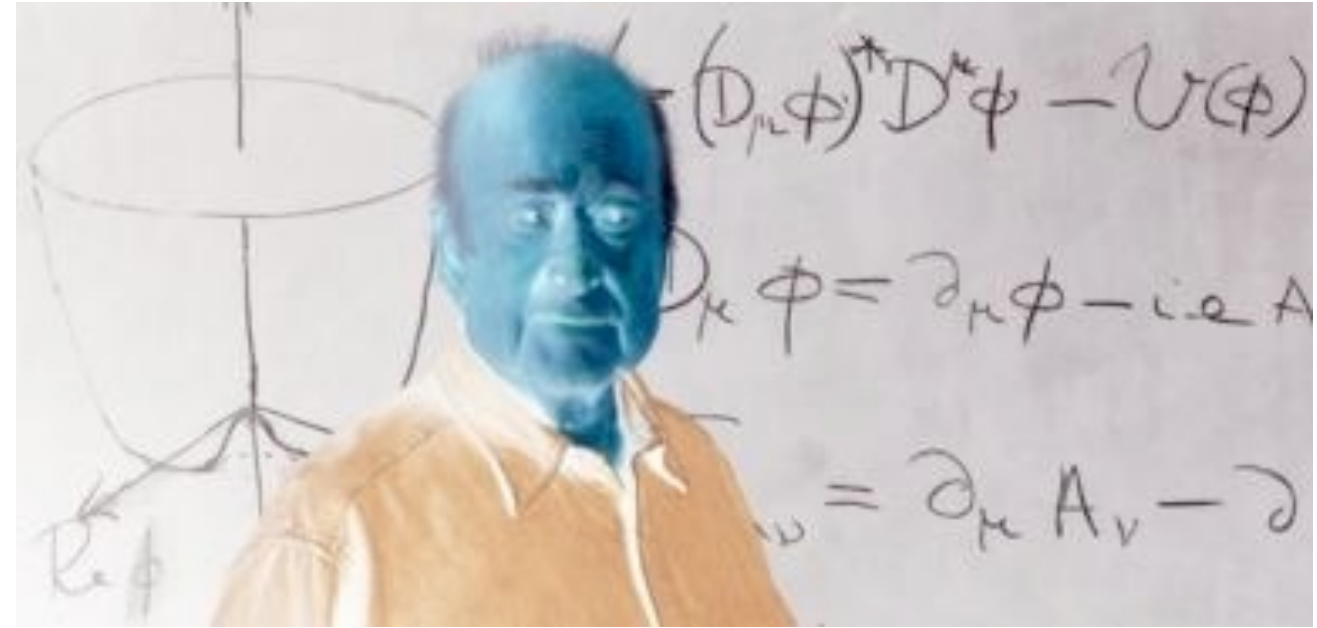
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# If the (light) Higgs mass is $\sim 125$ GeV, what next?



## Standard Model Higgs



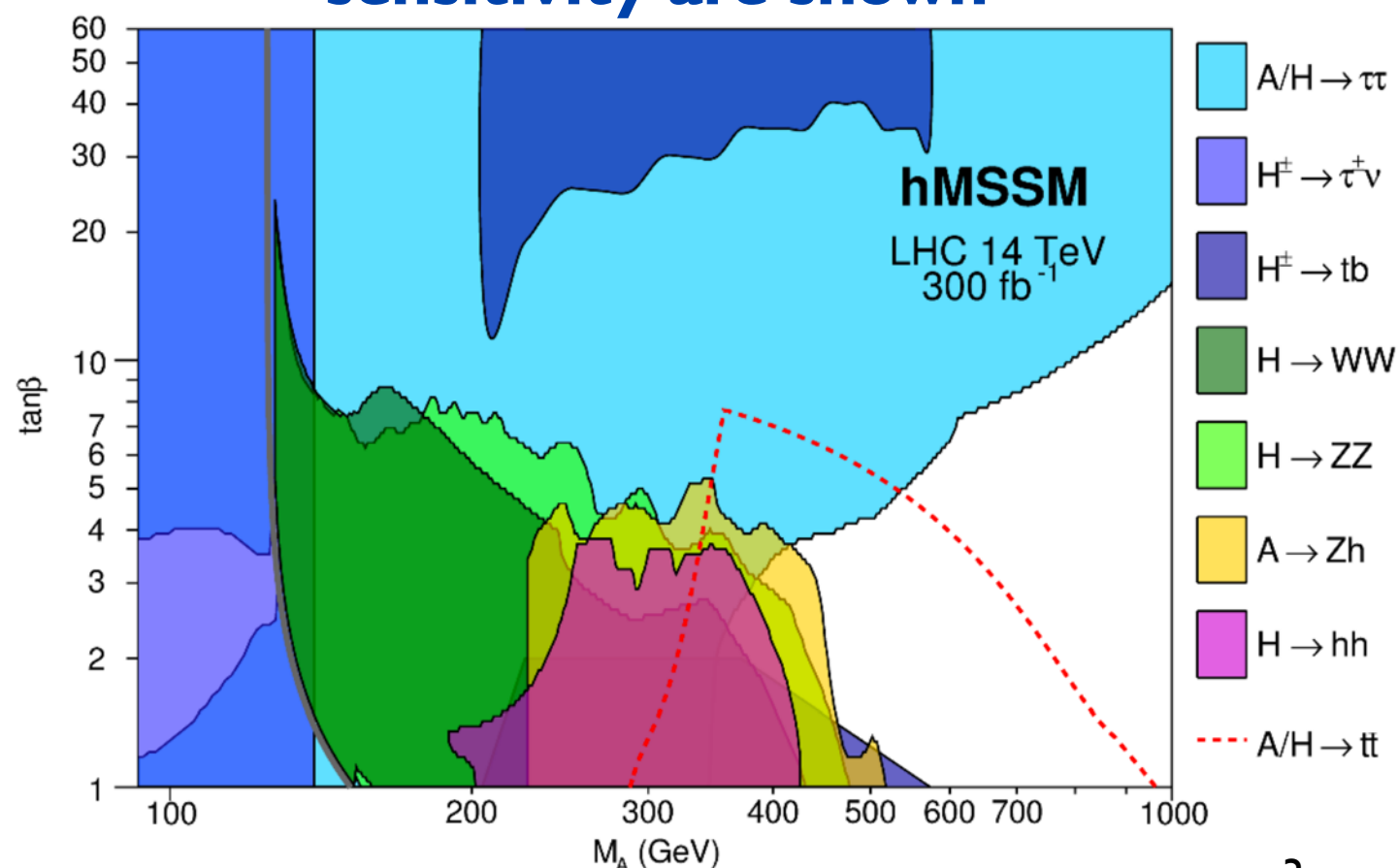
## Beyond the SM Higgs

- Suppose that this is not the Standard Model Higgs...
  - Higgs with different couplings?  $\Rightarrow$  2HDM, Fermiophobic, Higgs impostor
  - More complicated Higgs sector?  $\Rightarrow$  MSSM, Doubly-charged Higgs, Composite
  - Light scalar Higgs?  $\Rightarrow$  NMSSM (Next-to-Minimal SUSY extension to SM)
  - Hidden Higgs sector?  $\Rightarrow$  Higgs to long-lived particles / decays into Dark Matter

# Neutral MSSM Higgs Searches

- The MSSM ( $h, A, H, H^\pm$ ) is compatible with a 125 GeV Higgs... for example:
  - **hMSSM scenario:** the measured value of 125 GeV can be used to predict masses and decay branching ratios of the other Higgs bosons (all SUSY particles are heavy)
  - **$m_h^{\text{mod}}$  scenario:** top-squark mixing parameter is chosen such that the mass of the lightest CP-even Higgs boson is close to the mass of the one observed at the LHC (historical)
- Two recent ATLAS high-mass neutral Higgs searches using fermions to show you...
  - $A/H$  to  $\tau\tau$  using  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 13 TeV pp collision data [arXiv: 1709.07242](https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.07242)
  - $A/H$  to  $t\bar{t}$  using  $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 8 TeV pp collision data [PRL 119 \(2017\) 191803](https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.07242)

**Theory projections for  $2\sigma$  sensitivity are shown**

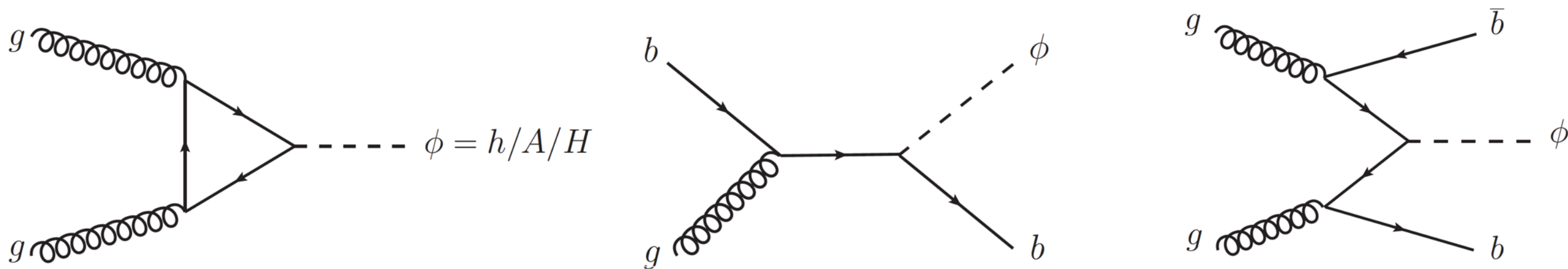


**$A/H$  to  $\tau\tau$  and  
 $A/H$  to  $t\bar{t}$  are  
each very important  
channels  
at mid- to high- $m_A$**

[Djouadi, A., Maiani, L., Polosa, A. et al.  
JHEP 06 \(2015\) 168](#)

# MSSM Higgs Search ( $A/H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ )






- Latest ATLAS MSSM neutral Higgs search uses  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 13 TeV data from Run-2
- Improvement on our limits from the result published in EPJC: [Eur. Phys. J. C \(2016\) 76: 585](#)
- New result recently submitted to JHEP: [arXiv: 1709.07242](#)
- Can use different categories to target main production mechanisms:
  - “no b-tag” targets gluon-fusion (dominant production mode at small  $\tan\beta$ )
  - “b-tag” (70%) targets b-associated production (dominant production mode at large  $\tan\beta$ )






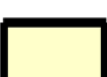

- Can also separate based on the  $\tau$  lepton decay mode (for a total of 4 categories):
  - Lepton-Hadron: high- $p_T$  single lepton triggers (e or  $\mu$ ); one hadronic tau (55%)
  - Hadron-Hadron: high- $p_T$  hadronic tau trigger; two hadronic taus (60%, 55%)
- Monte Carlo samples used:
  - $A/H$  to  $\tau\tau$  signal: Powheg-Box+Pythia8 (ggH) and MG5\_aMC@NLO + Pythia8 (bbH)
  - Backgrounds:
    - Powheg+Pythia8 (Z+jets, W+jets in lep-had, and top)
    - Sherpa (W+jets in had-had and dibosons)

# Background Estimation ( $A/H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ )

## lepton-hadron final state

-  Jet  $\rightarrow \tau$  fake
  - Largest background: Jets faking taus; not well-modeled in Monte Carlo
  - Separate fake factors are derived from data control regions for W+jets, top and multijets
  - These fake factors are parameterized by tau  $p_T$  and number of tracks
-   $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$ 
  - Z+jets, other top and diboson are estimated using Monte Carlo and the ttbar normalization is done using a top-rich control region in the data
-   $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ll$
-  Top
-  Diboson

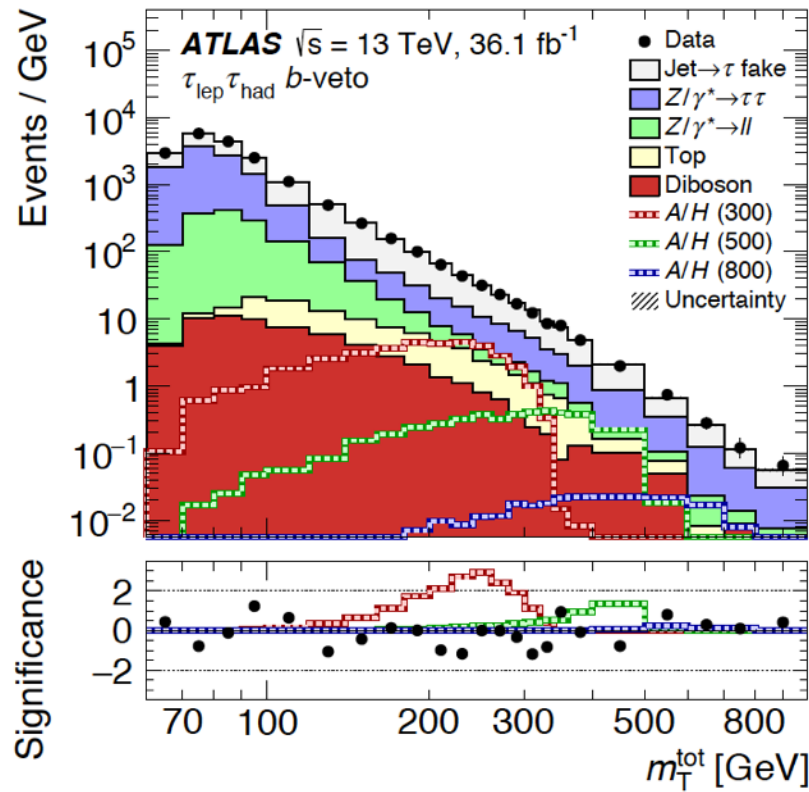
## hadron-hadron final state

-  Multijet
  - Largest background: Multi-jets faking taus; not well-modeled in Monte Carlo
  - A fake factor is derived from data control regions, and then applied to the anti-ID regions to obtain estimates for the signal regions
  - This fake factor is parameterized by tau  $p_T$  and number of tracks
-   $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$
-   $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$
-  Top
-  Others
  - For Z+jets, W+jets and top backgrounds, different dedicated data-driven corrections to Monte Carlo are used

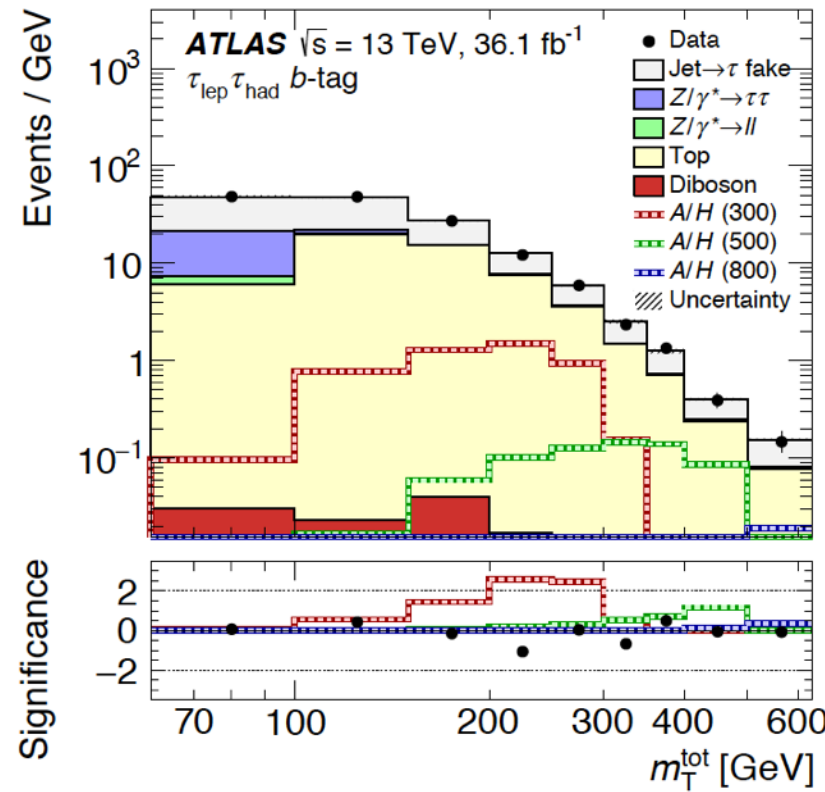


# Post-fit Plots for the 4 Categories ( $A/H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ )

**lep-had b-veto**

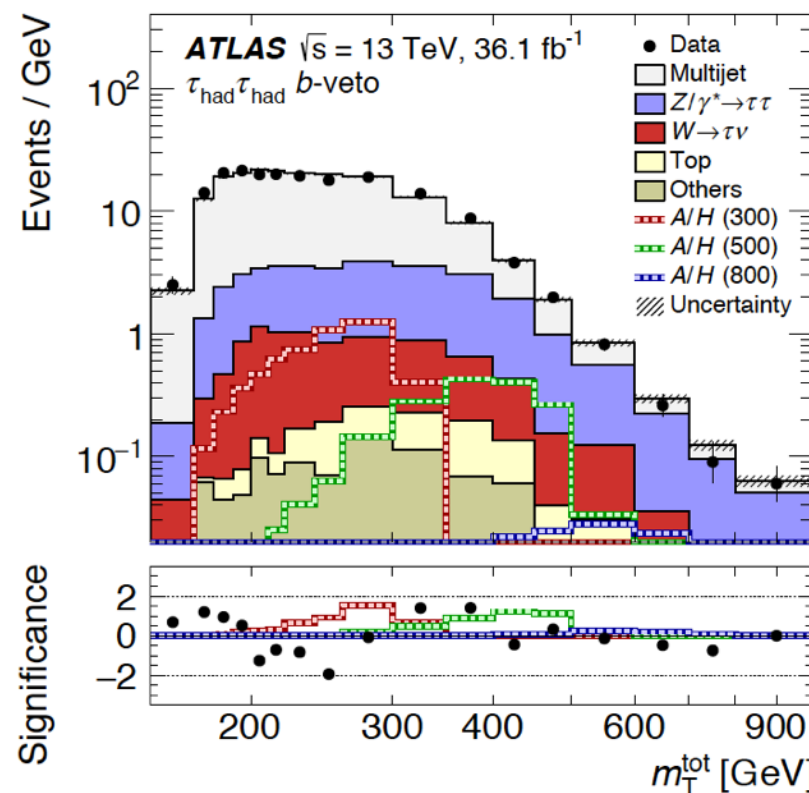


**lep-had b-tagged**

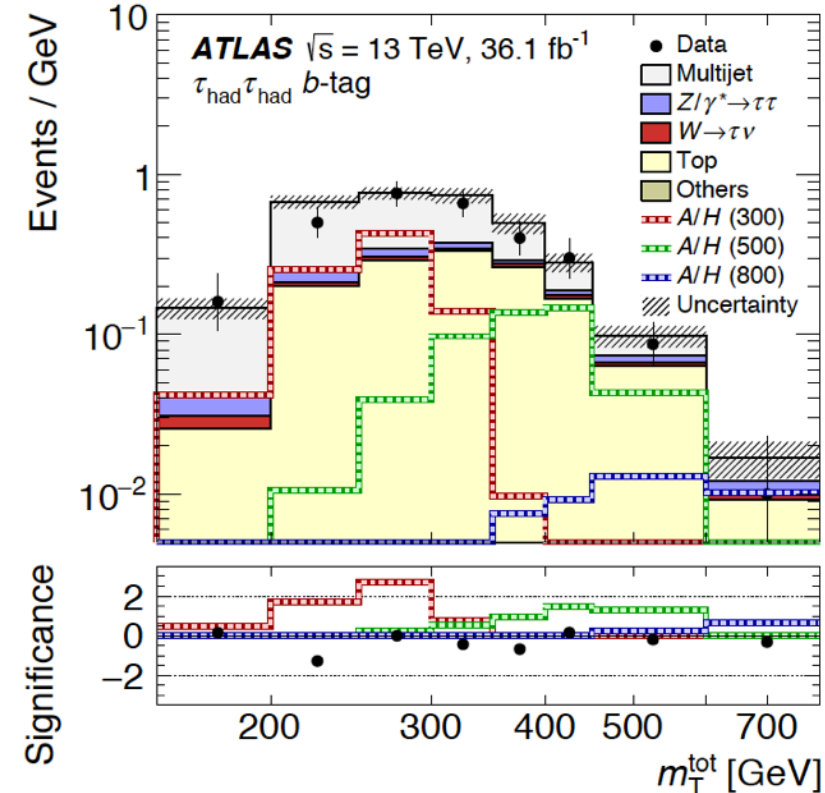


- Discriminant used is the  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$  variable, as it offers good separation of signal from backgrounds due to fake  $\tau$ s

**had-had b-veto**



**had-had b-tagged**

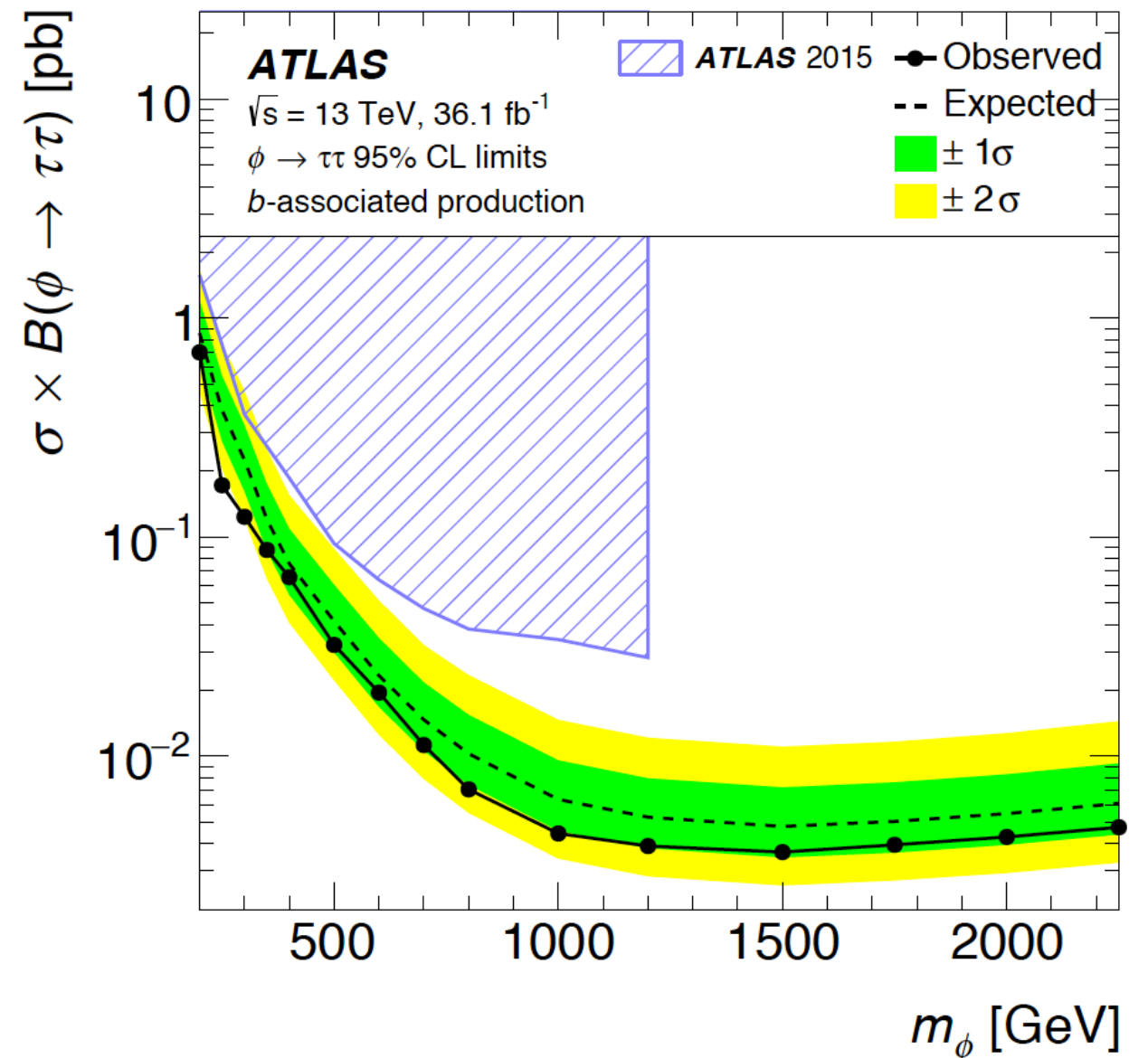
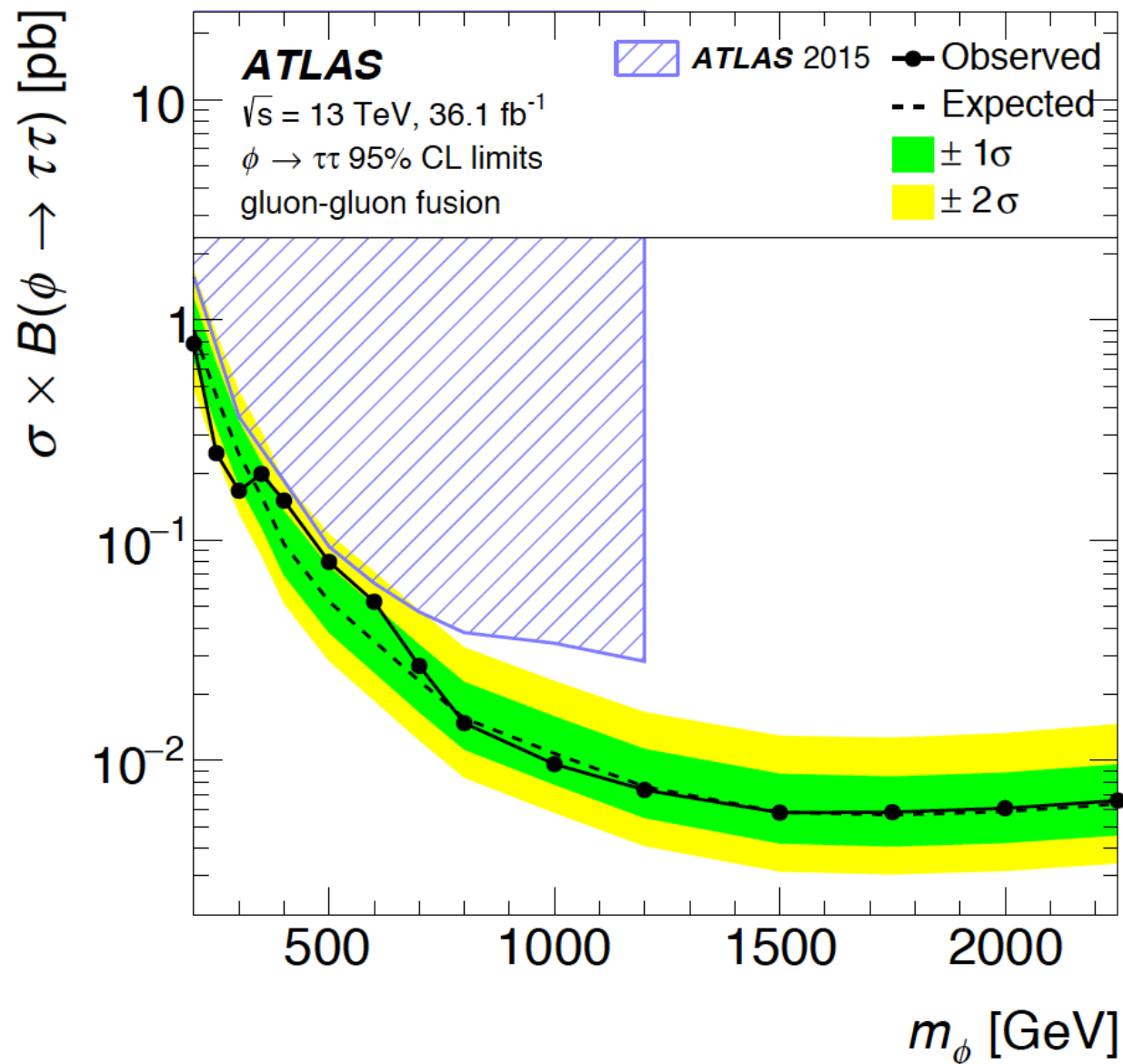


$$m_T^{\text{tot}} \equiv \sqrt{(p_T^{\tau_1} + p_T^{\tau_2} + E_T^{\text{miss}})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_1} + \mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_2} + \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}})^2}$$

- Signal superimposed with  $m_{A/H} = 300, 500$  and 800 GeV (assuming hMSSM and  $\tan\beta = 10$ )

# MSSM Neutral Higgs Search ( $A/H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ )

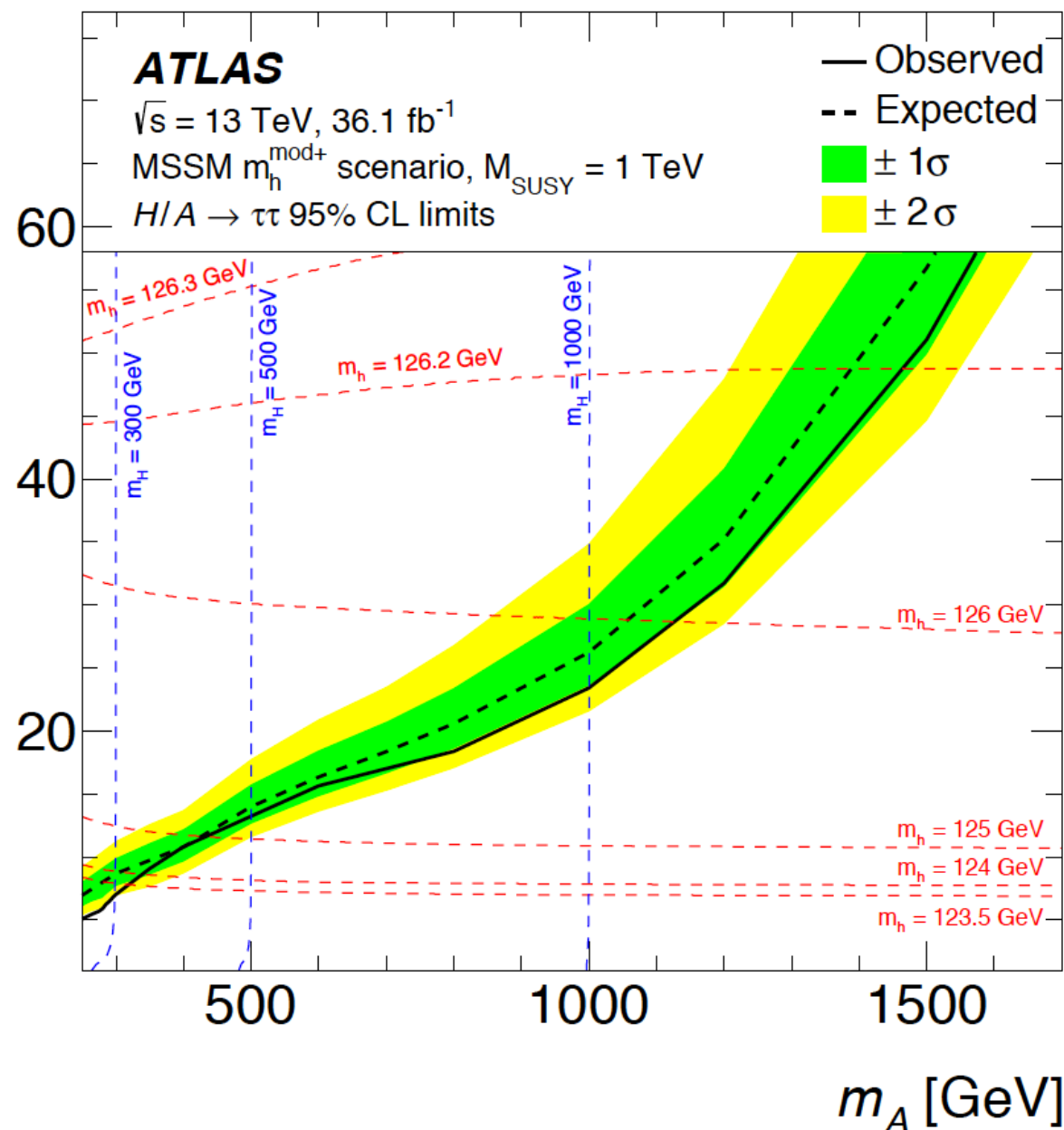
- Dominant systematics:  $\tau$  energy scale,  $\tau$  trigger (had-had),  $\tau$  identification efficiency, fakes
- Statistically combine the  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\text{-}\tau_{\text{had}}$  and  $\tau_{\text{had}}\text{-}\tau_{\text{had}}$  channels for one exclusion limit
- We determine a  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  limit ( $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ) for gluon-fusion and b-associated production
- Exclusions range from 0.78 pb – 5.8 fb for gluon-fusion and 0.70 pb – 3.7 fb for b-associated in the range of 200 GeV – 2.25 TeV



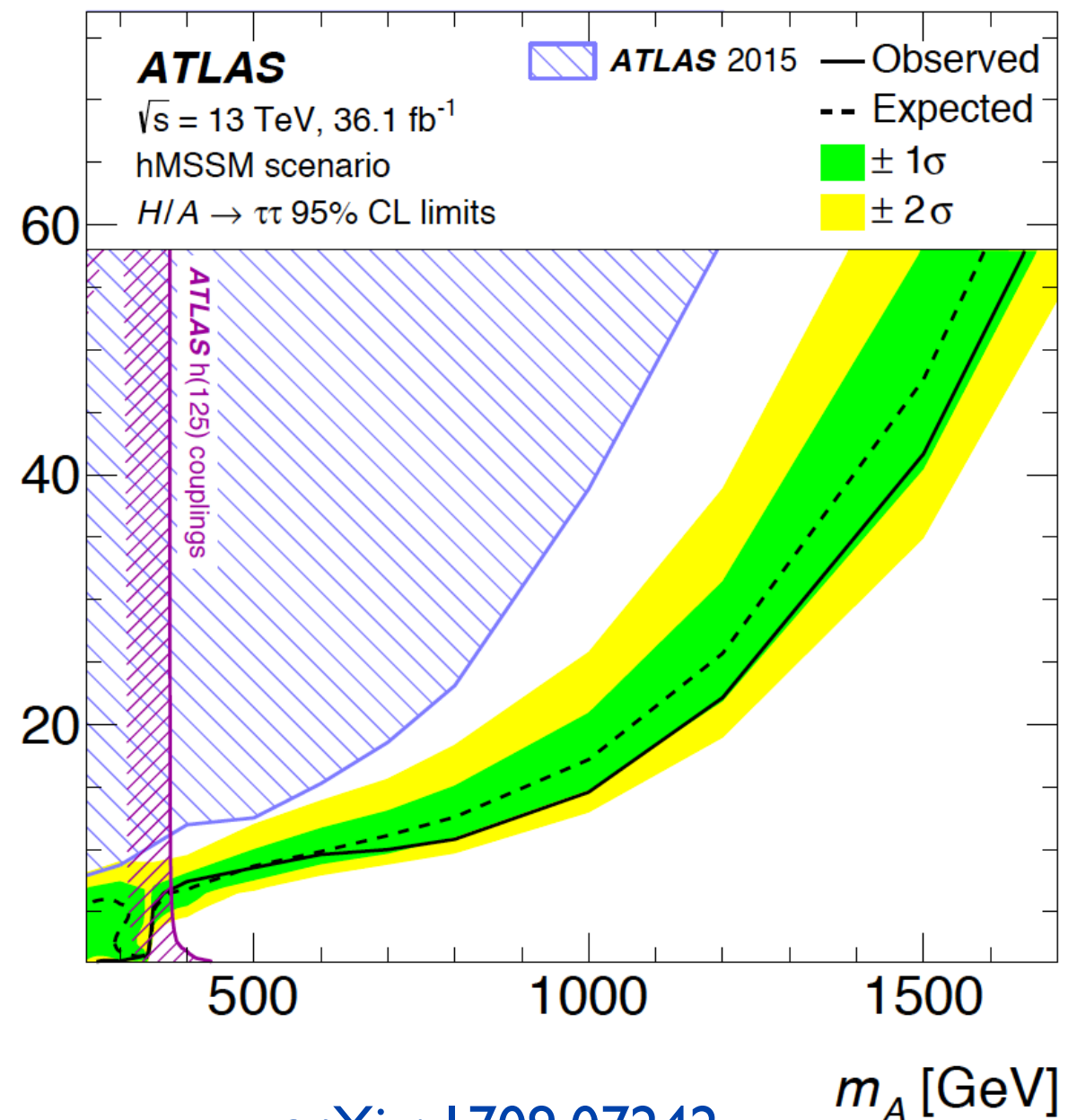
# MSSM Neutral Higgs Search ( $A/H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ )

- We also show limits in the  $m_h^{\text{mod+}}$  and hMSSM benchmark scenarios
- In the  $m_h^{\text{mod+}}$ , we exclude  $\tan\beta > 5.1$  for  $m_A = 250$  GeV and  $\tan\beta > 51$  for  $m_A = 1.5$  TeV
- In the hMSSM, we have sensitivity to exclude the low  $m_A$ -low  $\tan\beta$  corner and the island around 350 GeV. Note: the features around 350 GeV are related to the  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  evolution near the  $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  threshold
- hMSSM plot shows Run-I couplings exclusion ( $\kappa_V$ ,  $\kappa_u$  and  $\kappa_d$ )

$\tan\beta$



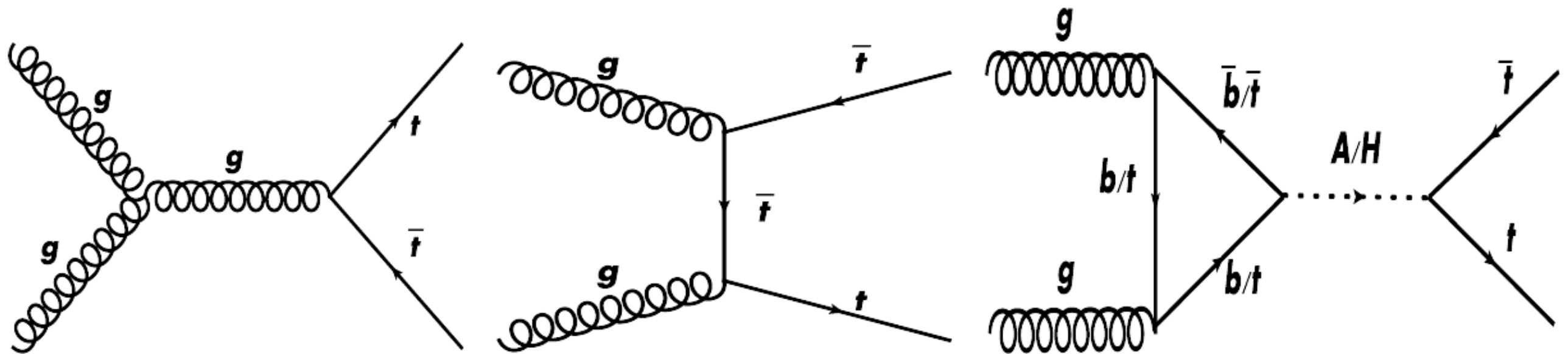
$\tan\beta$





# High-mass Higgs Search ( $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ )

- We revisit a Run-I generic scalar  $t\bar{t}$  resonance search that used  $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 8 TeV proton-proton collision data: [ATLAS collaboration, JHEP 08 \(2015\) 148](#)
- The 2017 analysis ([PRL 119 \(2017\) 191803](#)) uses the  $t\bar{t}$  lepton+jets channel, specifically targets  $A/H$ , and takes the interference between the signal and  $t\bar{t}$  background production modes into account for the first time

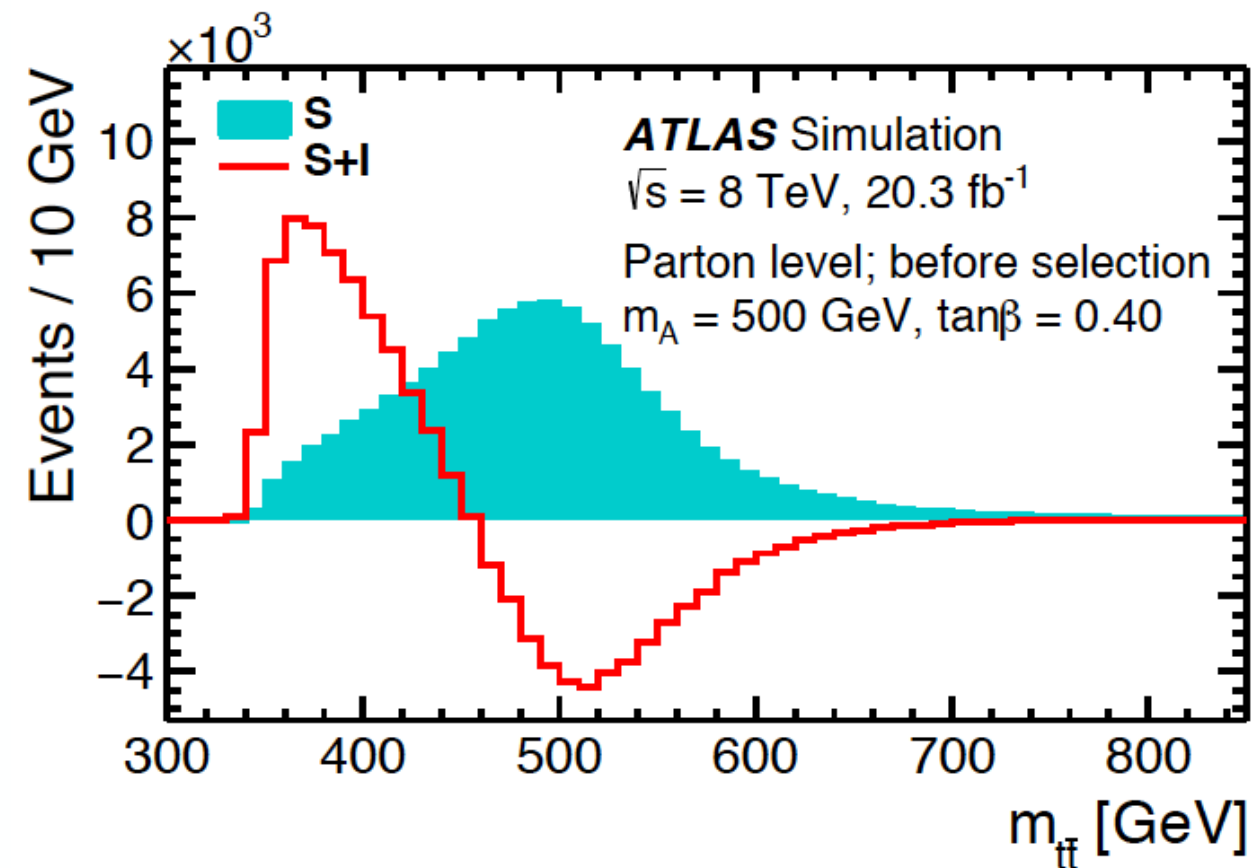
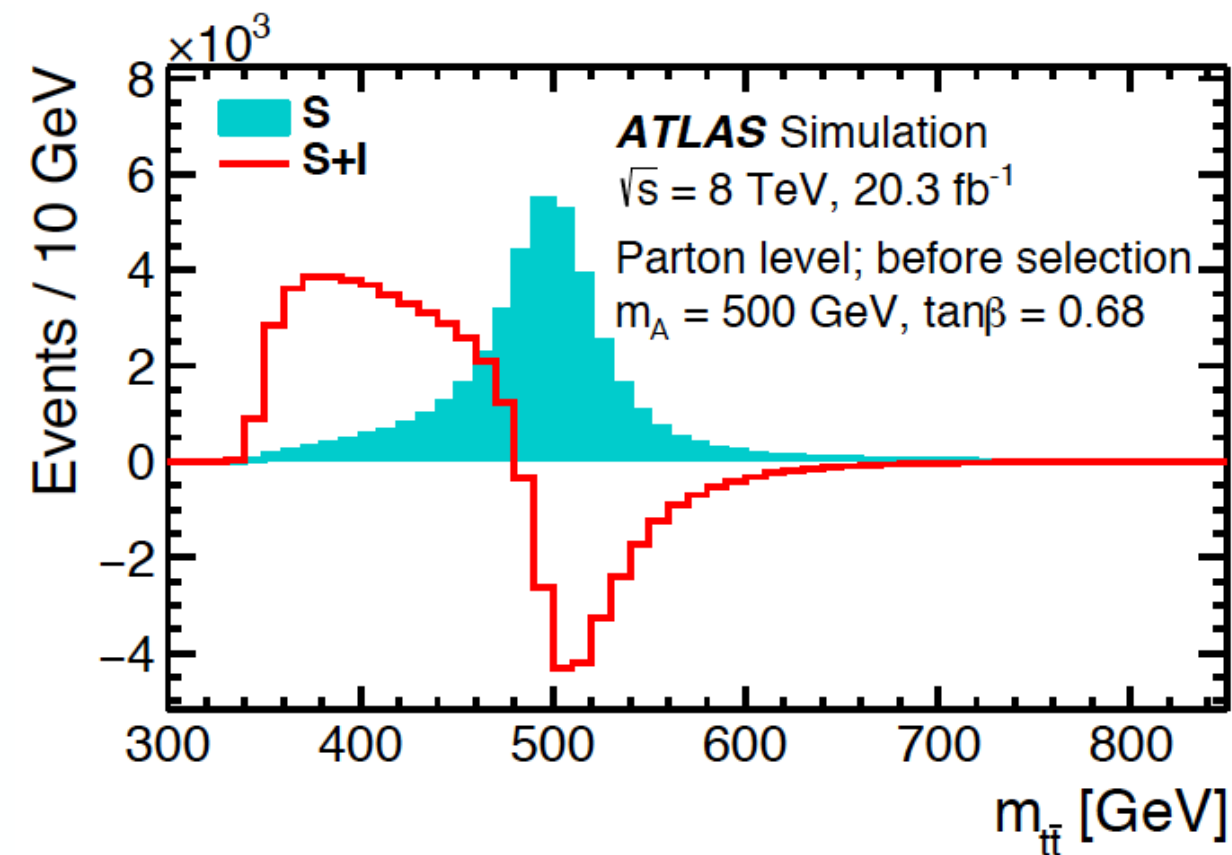


- Monte Carlo samples used:
  - $A/H$  to  $t\bar{t}$  signal: MadGraph5+Pythia6
  - Backgrounds:
    - $t\bar{t}$ : Powheg-Box+Pythia6
    - $t\bar{t}$  + V: MadGraph5+Pythia6
    - single top: Powheg+Pythia6
    - W+jets and Z+jets: Alpgen+Pythia6
    - Diboson: Sherpa

**MadGraph5 used for both “indirect” (S+I+B) and “direct” (S+I)  $A/H$  signal generation (direct used; difference taken as a modeling systematic)**

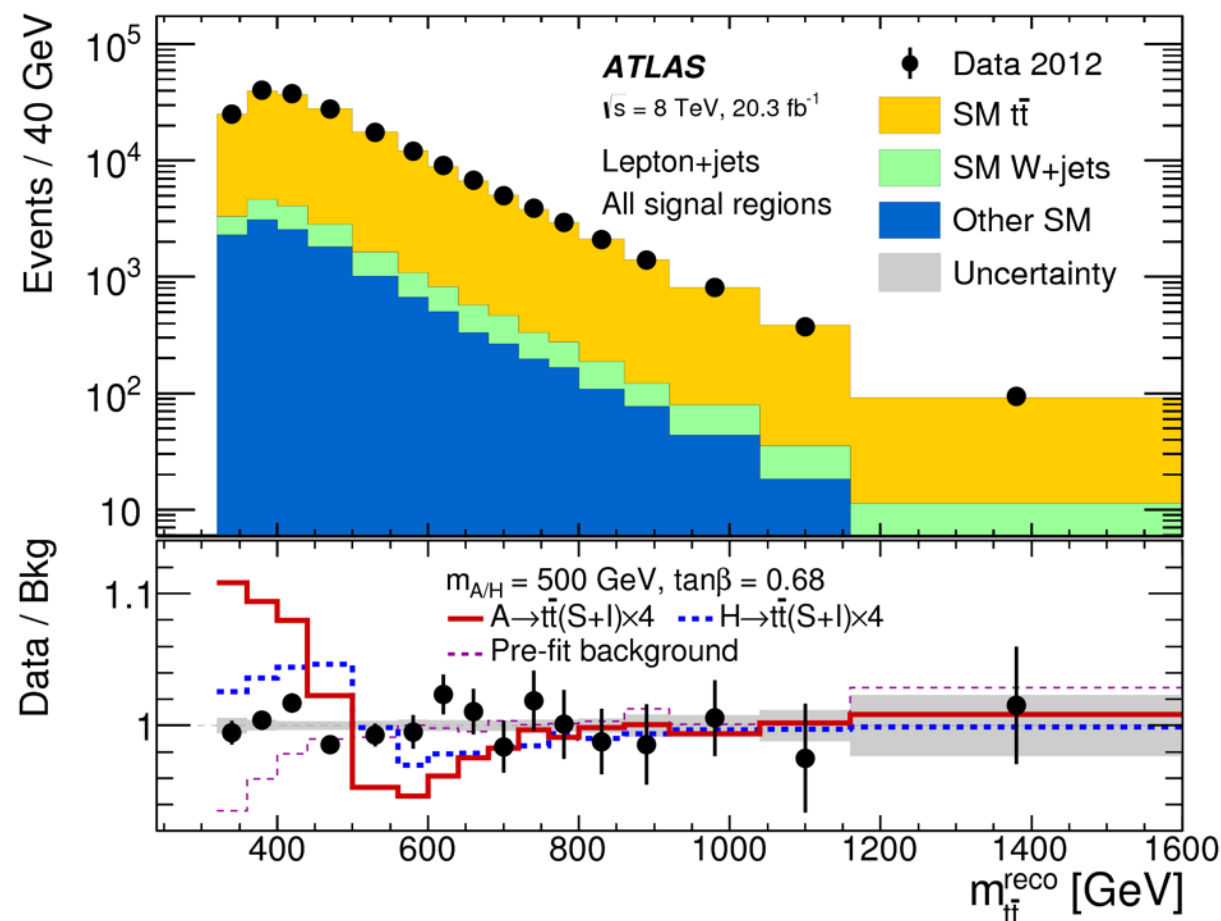
# Signal Modeling ( $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ )

- The signal process is simulated using the generator MadGraph5 v2.0.1 with the Higgs Effective Couplings Form Factor model (implements the production of scalar and pseudoscalar particles through loop-induced gluon fusion)
  - Loop contributions from both bottom and top quarks are taken into account
  - Signal shape is distorted from a simple Breit-Wigner peak, to a peak-dip structure
  - Statistical interpretation of measured event rates in data are compared to the total sum of Signal + Interference + Background (S + I + B)
- The mass of the SM-like Higgs boson,  $h$ , is chosen to be 125 GeV and  $\sin(\alpha - \beta)$  is set to 1 (i.e., the “alignment limit”, where  $h$  has decays as expected in the SM)



# Event Selection / Mass Reconstruction ( $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ )

- Analysis targets the  $t\bar{t}$  lepton+jets channel (one  $W$  to hadrons one to leptons)
  - Single electron or single muon triggers are used—2 categories (one for  $e$ ; one for  $\mu$ )
  - One high  $p_T$  electron or muon; high MET from the escaping neutrino; presence of at least 4 high  $p_T$  jets in the event; at least one jet originating from  $b$  quarks must be tagged (70%)
- A chi-squared fit is used for assignment of the decay products, then  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  is reconstructed
  - Events further classified depending on the  $b$ -tagged jet(s) assignment—3 categories

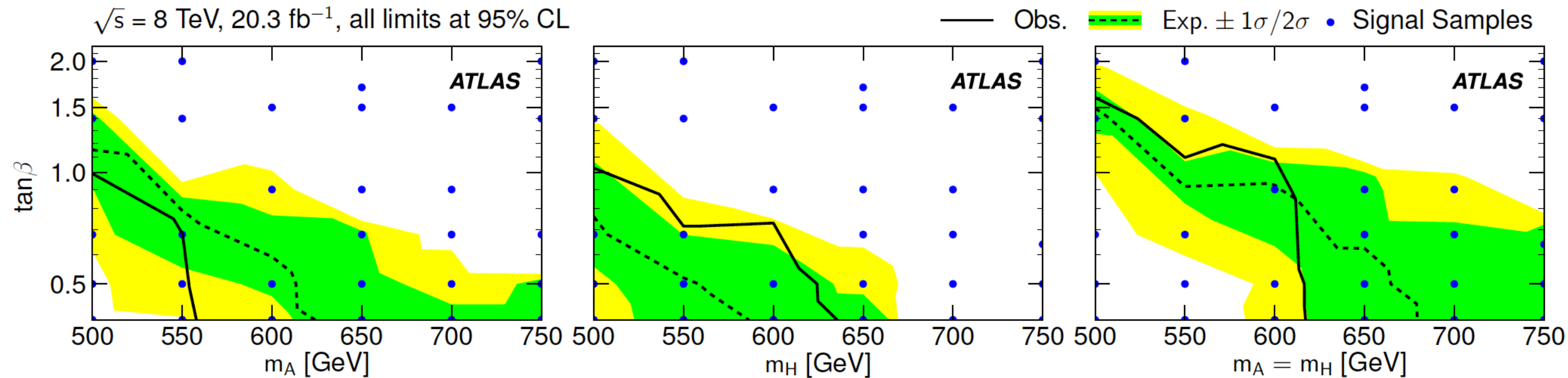


$$\chi^2 = \left[ \frac{m_{jj} - m_W}{\sigma_W} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{m_{jjb} - m_{jj} - m_{t_h - W}}{\sigma_{t_h - W}} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{m_{j\ell\nu} - m_{t_\ell}}{\sigma_{t_\ell}} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{(p_{T,jjb} - p_{T,j\ell\nu}) - (p_{T,t_h} - p_{T,t_\ell})}{\sigma_{\text{diff } p_T}} \right]^2$$

**6 categories in total  
 (2 lepton types) x  
 (3 b-tagging  
 classifications)**

# High-mass Higgs Search Results ( $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ )

- No significant excess or deficit from the Standard Model background expectation is observed
- The 95% CL expected and observed upper limits on the signal strength  $\mu$  are shown for a Type-II 2HDM in the alignment limit considering only a pseudoscalar  $A$  (left), only a scalar  $H$  (middle), and the mass-degenerate scenario  $m_A = m_H$  (right).
- Blue points indicate parameter values at which signal samples are available. Values at intermediate points are obtained from a linear triangular interpolation. The observed (expected) exclusion region for the Type-II 2HDM ( $\mu = 1$ ) is indicated by a solid (dashed) line.





# Conclusions and Outlook

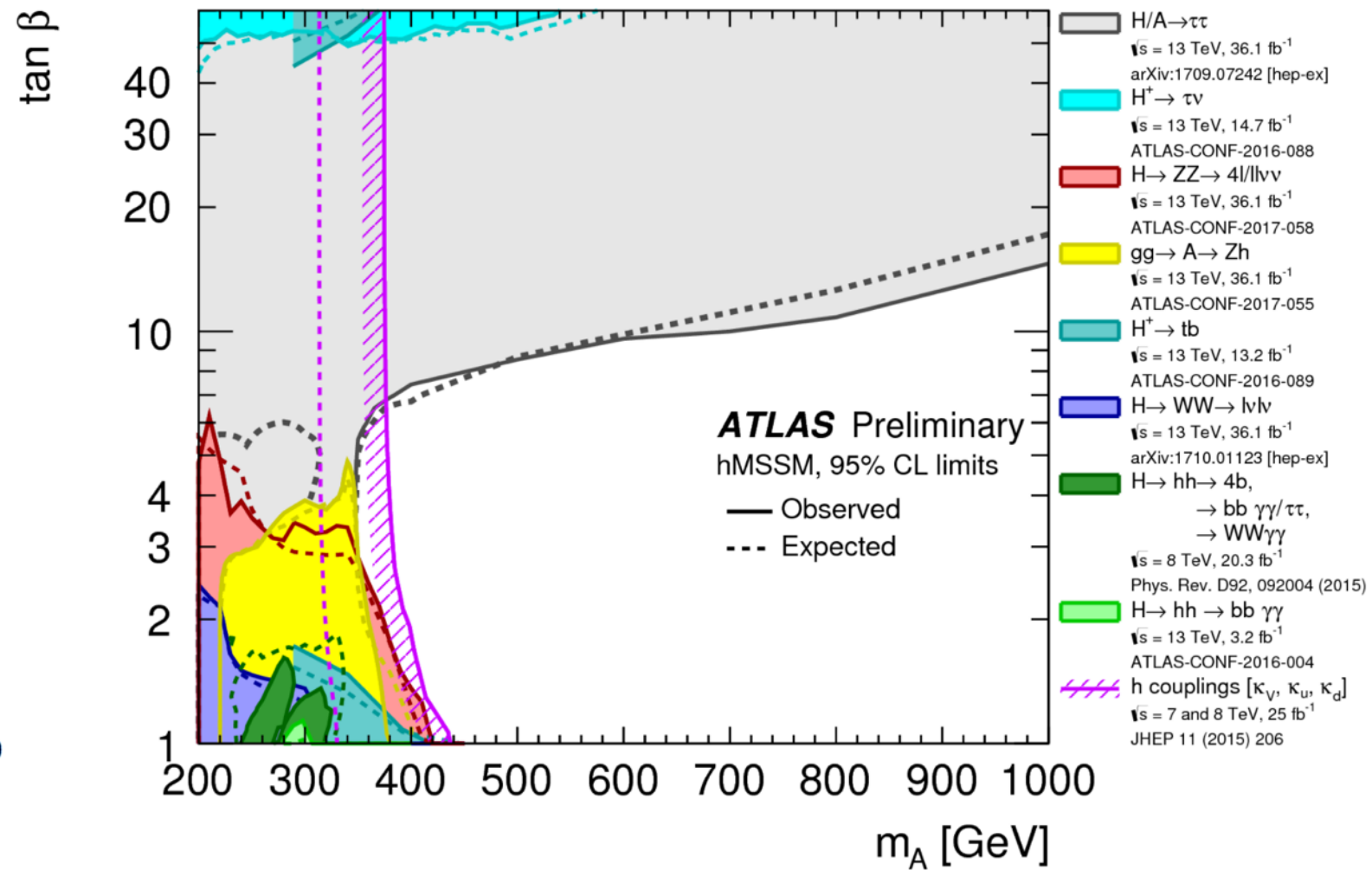
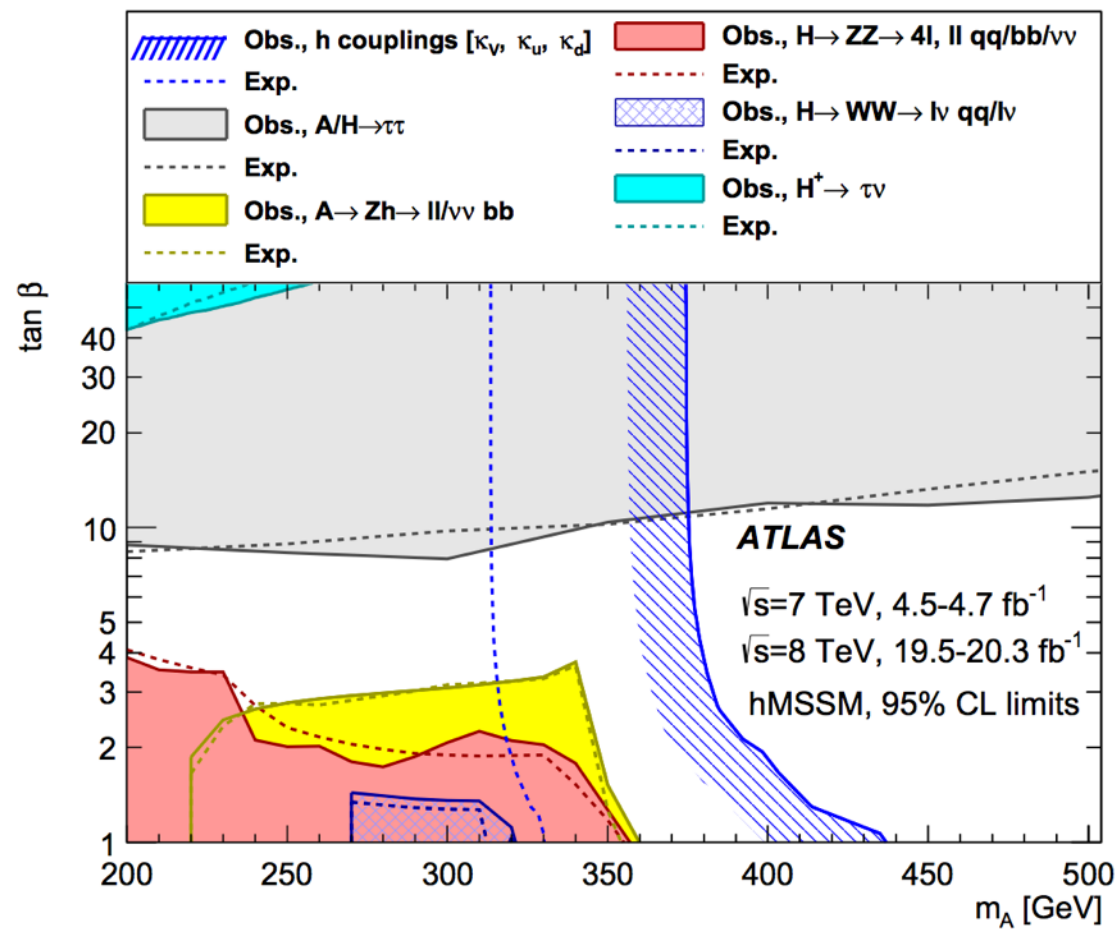
- ATLAS has performed new searches for high-mass neutral Higgs bosons decaying to fermions
  - The new  $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  analysis uses up to  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 13 TeV collision data recorded during Run-2; this result improves on an earlier ATLAS paper published in EPJC
  - The  $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  analysis is an extension of a generic Run-I scalar  $t\bar{t}$  resonance search in  $20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of 8 TeV data and takes the interference between  $A/H$  signal and ggF  $t\bar{t}$  into account for the first time
- No significant excess is observed in the data from either search, and 95% CL limits are set
  - $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : We determine a  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  limit for gluon-fusion and b-associated production separately; exclusions range from 0.70 pb – 3.7 fb for masses in the range of 0.2–2.25 TeV
  - $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : We also show limits in the  $m_h^{\text{mod+}}$  and hMSSM benchmark scenarios; e.g., in the hMSSM scenario the most stringent constraints exclude  $\tan\beta > 1.0$  for  $m_A=0.25 \text{ TeV}$  ( $>42$  for  $m_A=1.5 \text{ TeV}$ )
  - $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ : For the mass-degenerate case ( $m_A=m_H$ ) with a mass of 500 GeV, parameter values of  $\tan\beta < 1.55$  in the Type-II 2HDM (in the alignment limit) are excluded at the 95% CL.
- Stay tuned for more results from Run-II of the LHC; these are very exciting times!





# Back-up Slides

# ATLAS Run-I and Run-II hMSSM Exclusion



# The ATLAS Experiment at the CERN LHC

## 3-Level Trigger

Reducing the rate from  
40 MHz to 200-300 Hz

## Muon Spectrometer

( $|\eta| < 2.7$ ): Air-core toroids with gas-based muon chambers; Muon trigger and measurement with momentum resolution  $< 10\%$  up to  $p_\mu \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

## HAD calorimetry

( $|\eta| < 5$ ): hermetic and highly segmented; Fe/scintillator Tiles (central), Cu/W-LAr (fwd)  
Trigger and measurement of jets and missing  $E_T$   
E-resolution:  
 $\sigma/E \sim 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 0.03$

## Inner Detector ( $|\eta| < 2.5$ , $B=2\text{T}$ ):

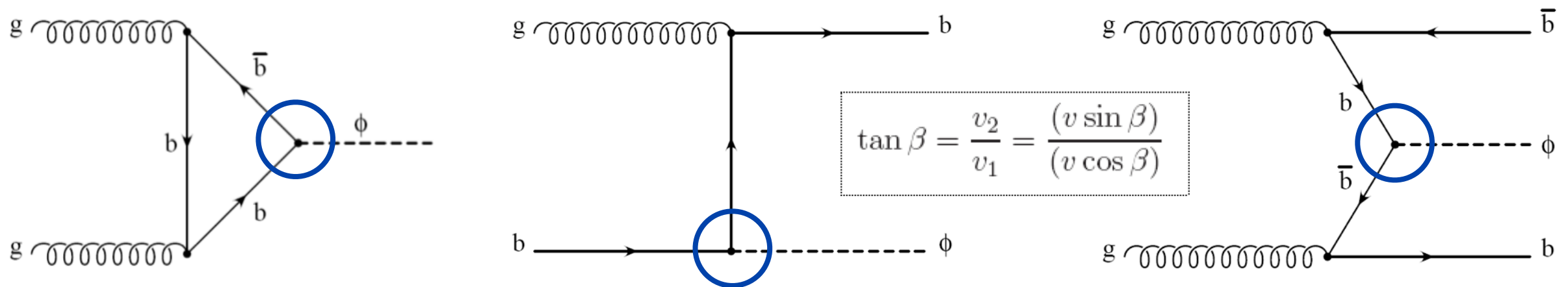
S Pixels, Si strips, Transition Radiation detector (straws); Precise tracking and vertexing, allows for  $e/\pi$  separation;  
Momentum resolution:  
 $\sigma/p_T \sim 3.8 \times 10^{-4} p_T (\text{GeV}) \oplus 0.015$   
i.e.  $\sigma/p_T < 2\%$  for  $p_T < 35 \text{ GeV}$

## EM Calorimeter ( $|\eta| < 3.2$ ):

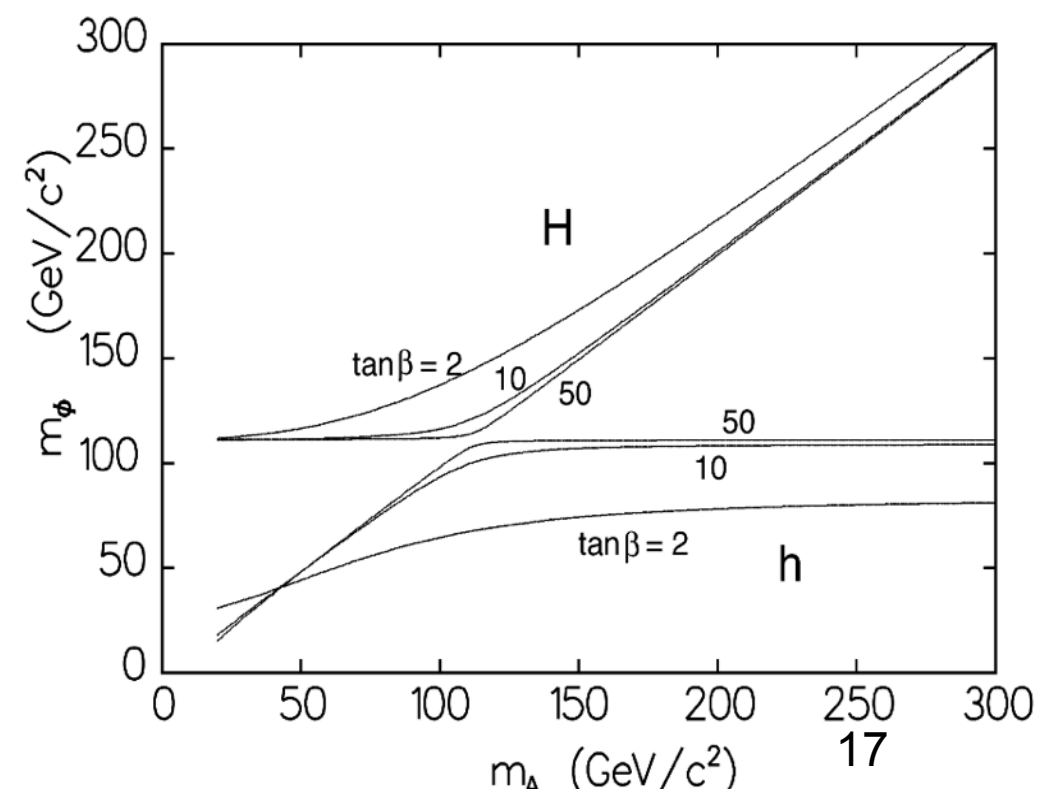
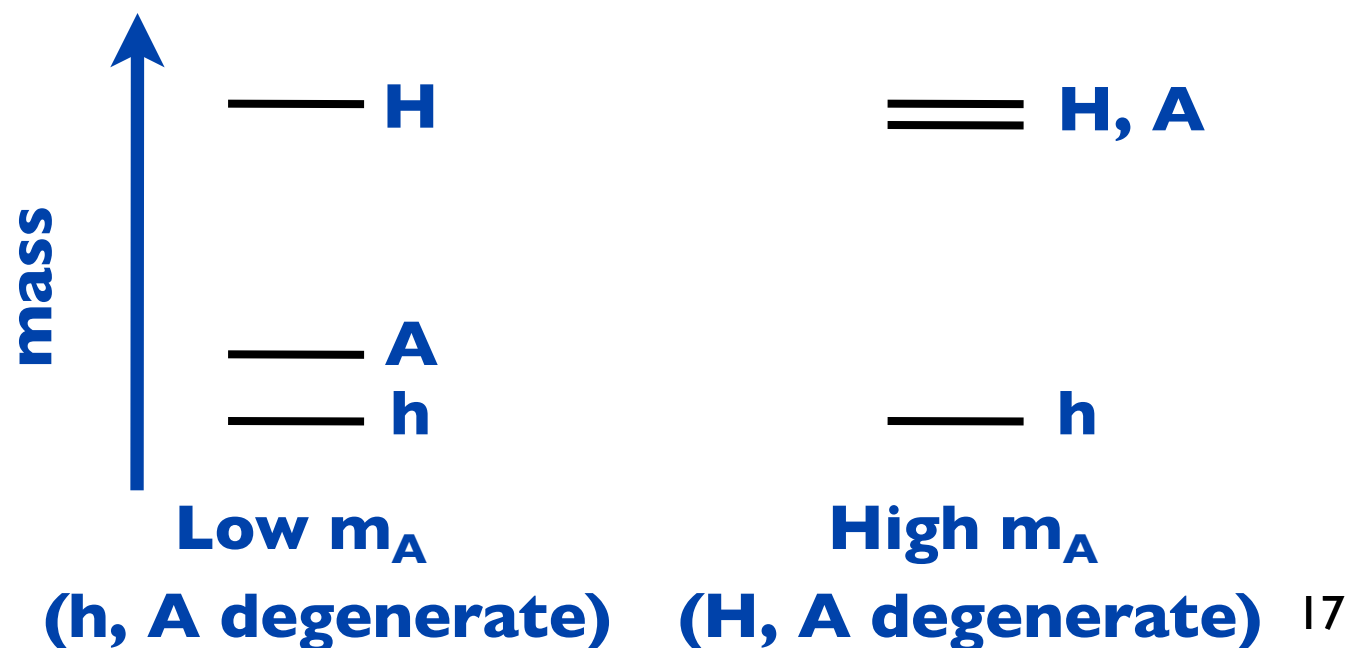
Pb-LAr Accordion; allows for  $e/\gamma$  triggering, identification and measurement;  
E-resolution:  $\sigma/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E}$

# MSSM Higgs Sector

- Consider the case of an MSSM Higgs at the LHC
  - 2 Higgs doublets give rise to 5 physical Higgs bosons:  $h, H, A, H^\pm$
  - Enhanced coupling to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation; strong coupling to down-type fermions (at large  $\tan\beta$  get strong enhancements to  $h/H/A$  production rates)
  - Diagrams with  $bb\phi$  vertex enhanced proportional to  $\tan^2\beta$  where  $\phi=h, H, A$



- Can parameterize the masses of the Higgs bosons with two free parameters:  $\tan\beta$  and  $m_A$  (at tree level)



# MSSM Benchmarks Used

- Alternative benchmark scenarios

[arXiv: 1302.7033v2](https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.7033v2)

$m_h^{\text{max}}$

$$\begin{aligned} m_t &= 173.2 \text{ GeV}, \\ M_{\text{SUSY}} &= 1000 \text{ GeV}, \\ \mu &= 200 \text{ GeV}, \\ M_2 &= 200 \text{ GeV}, \\ X_t^{\text{OS}} &= 2 M_{\text{SUSY}} \text{ (FD calculation)}, \\ X_t^{\overline{\text{MS}}} &= \sqrt{6} M_{\text{SUSY}} \text{ (RG calculation)}, \\ A_b &= A_\tau = A_t, \\ m_{\tilde{g}} &= 1500 \text{ GeV}, \\ M_{\tilde{l}_3} &= 1000 \text{ GeV} . \end{aligned}$$

$m_h^{\text{mod+}}$

$$\begin{aligned} m_t &= 173.2 \text{ GeV}, \\ M_{\text{SUSY}} &= 1000 \text{ GeV}, \\ \mu &= 200 \text{ GeV}, \\ M_2 &= 200 \text{ GeV}, \\ X_t^{\text{OS}} &= 1.5 M_{\text{SUSY}} \text{ (FD calculation)}, \\ X_t^{\overline{\text{MS}}} &= 1.6 M_{\text{SUSY}} \text{ (RG calculation)}, \\ A_b &= A_\tau = A_t, \\ m_{\tilde{g}} &= 1500 \text{ GeV}, \\ M_{\tilde{l}_3} &= 1000 \text{ GeV} . \end{aligned}$$

$m_h^{\text{mod-}}$

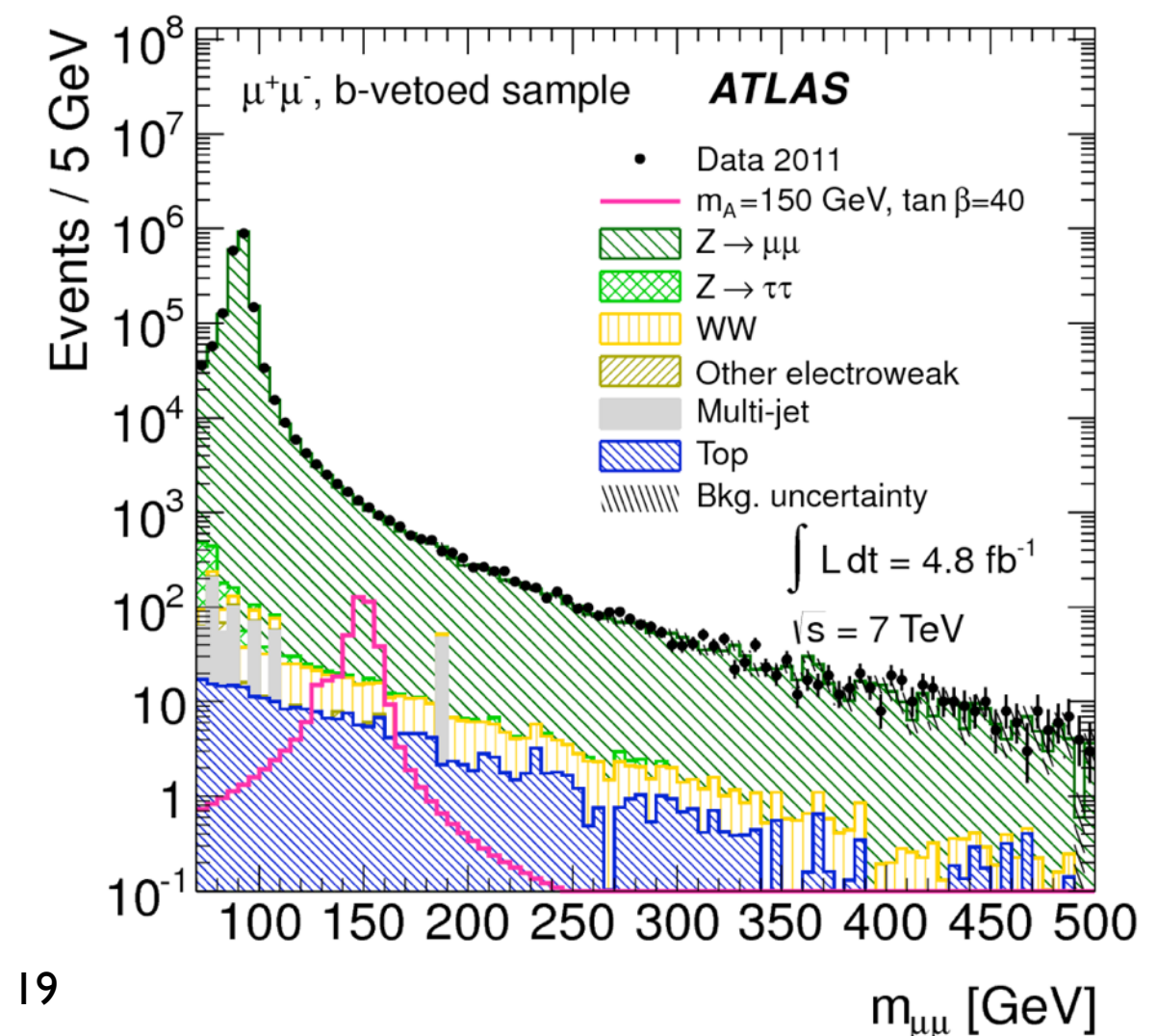
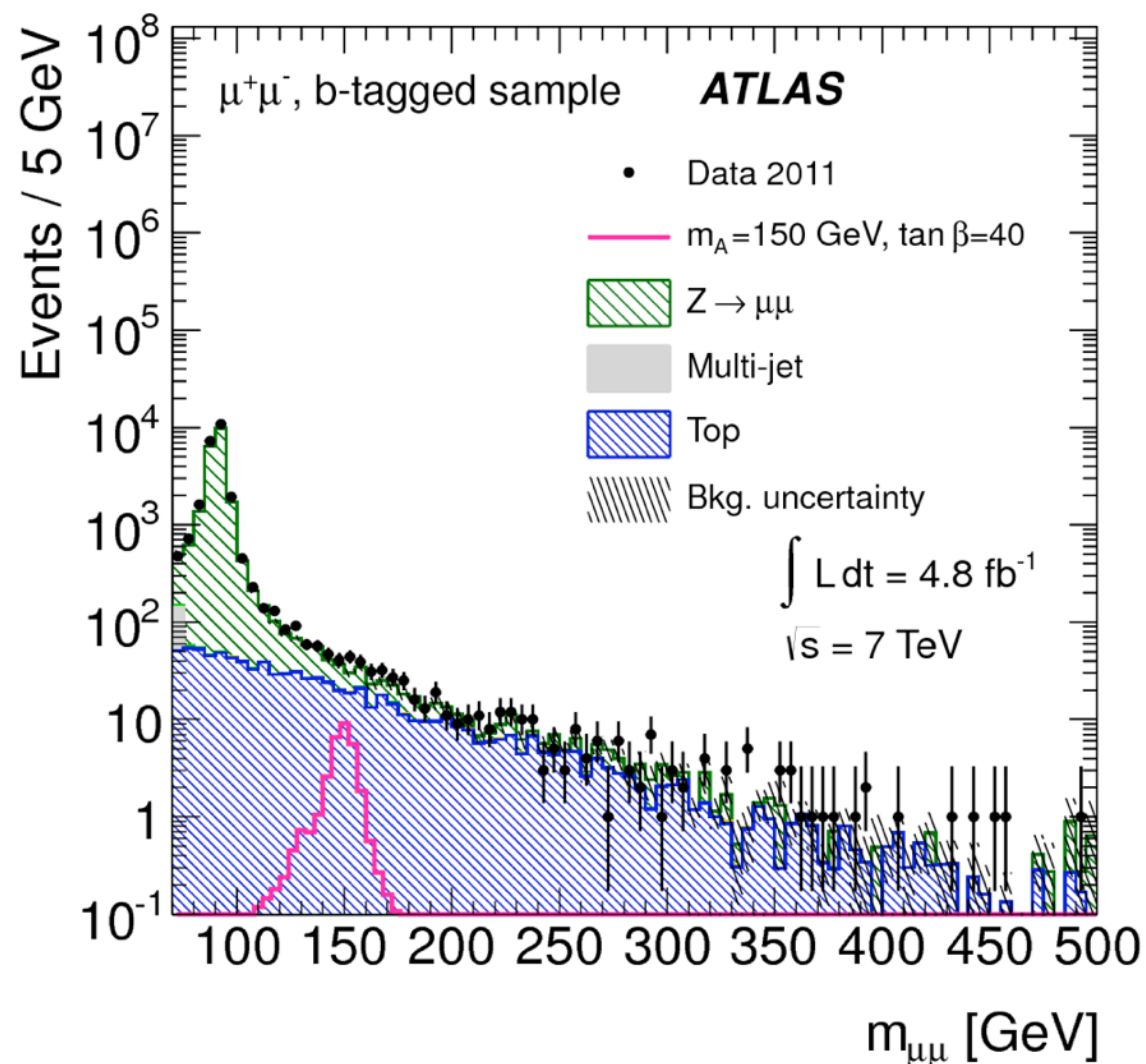
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# ATLAS Run-I MSSM Higgs Searches ( $\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ )

- MSSM  $\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  channels
- Small BR but very clean final state
- Main event selection:
  - Lowest unprescaled single muon trigger
  - 2 isolated muons of opposite charge with  $p_T > 20$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - MET < 40 GeV
- Again, separation into b-tagged and b-vetoed categories
- Total background from sideband fits to di-muon invariant mass spectrum

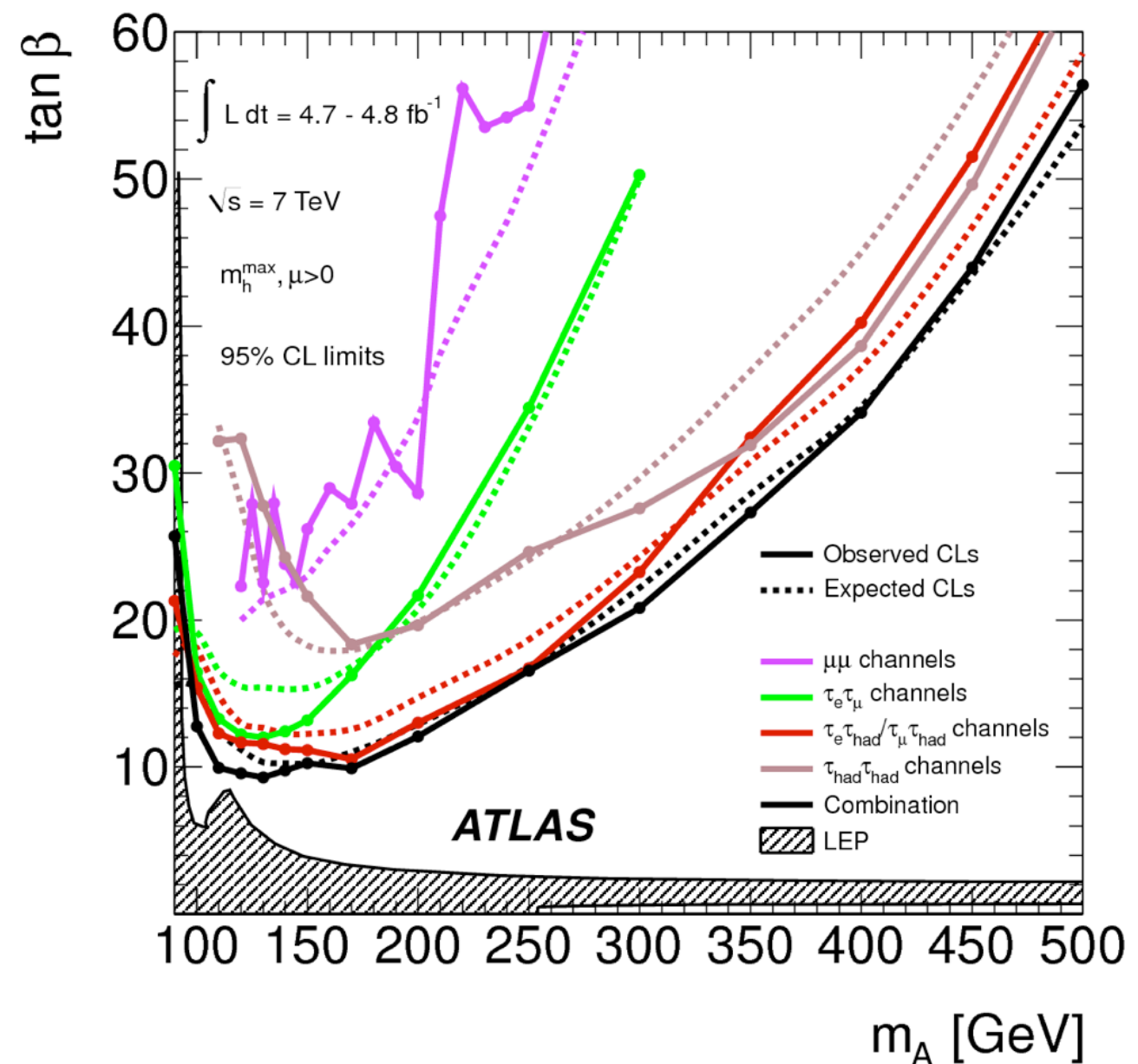
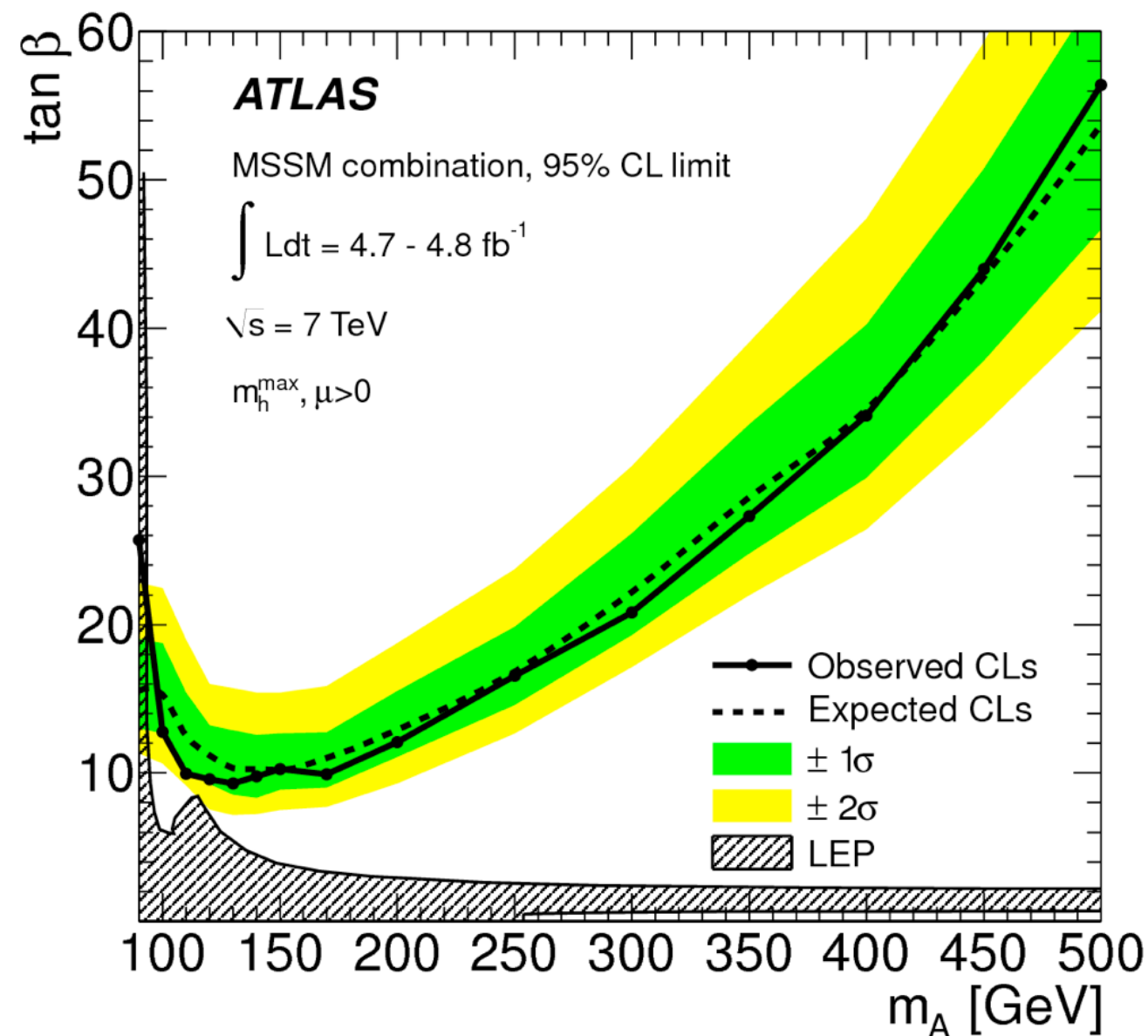
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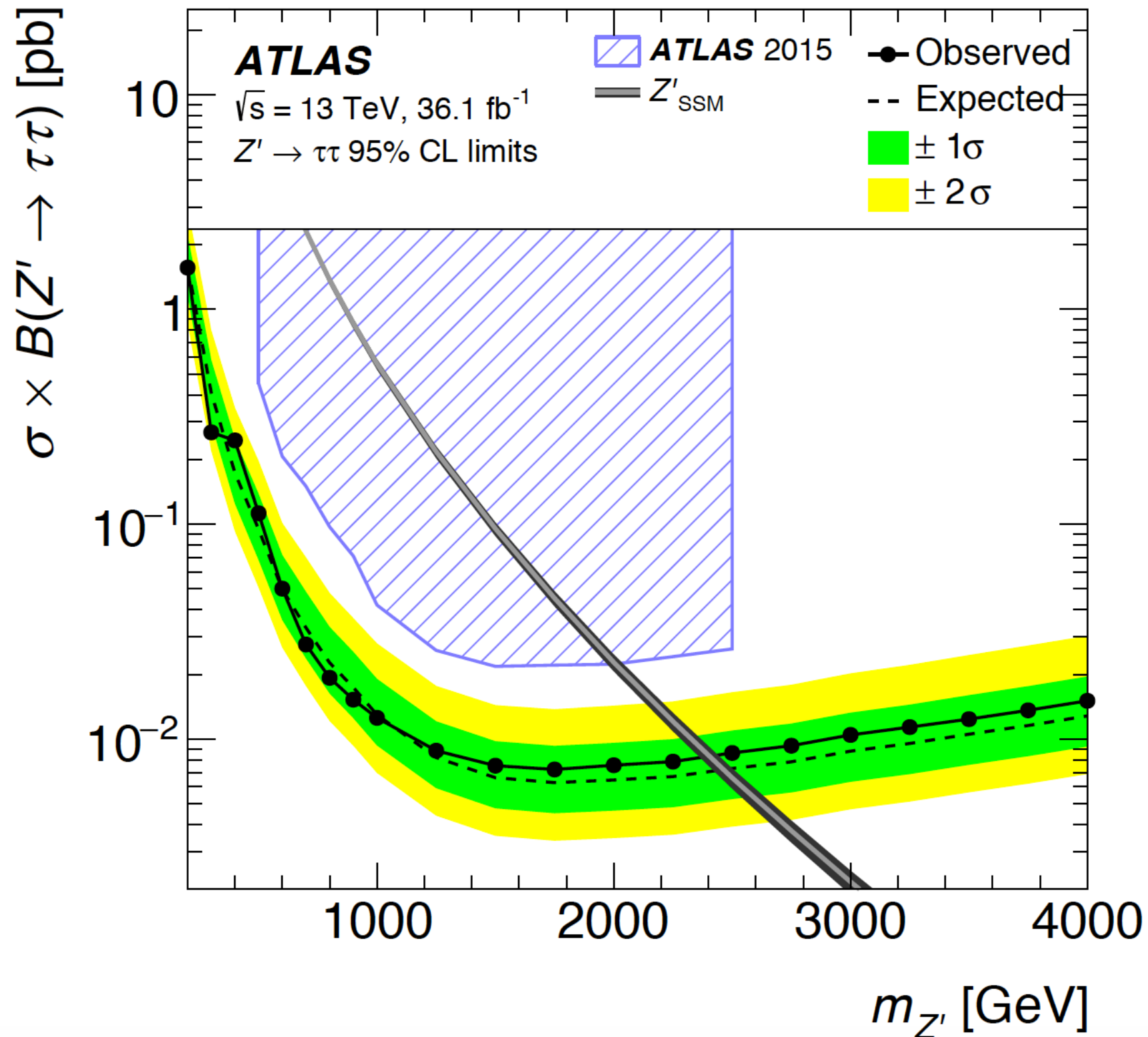
- Combine the  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\text{-}\tau_{\text{had}}$ ,  $\tau_{\text{had}}\text{-}\tau_{\text{had}}$ ,  $\tau_e\text{-}\tau_\mu$  and  $\mu\mu$  channels for one exclusion limit
- Limit with the  $m_h^{\text{max}}$  benchmark scenario
- Also determine a  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  limits

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## Backup Slides for $A/H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

# $Z' \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ Interpretation



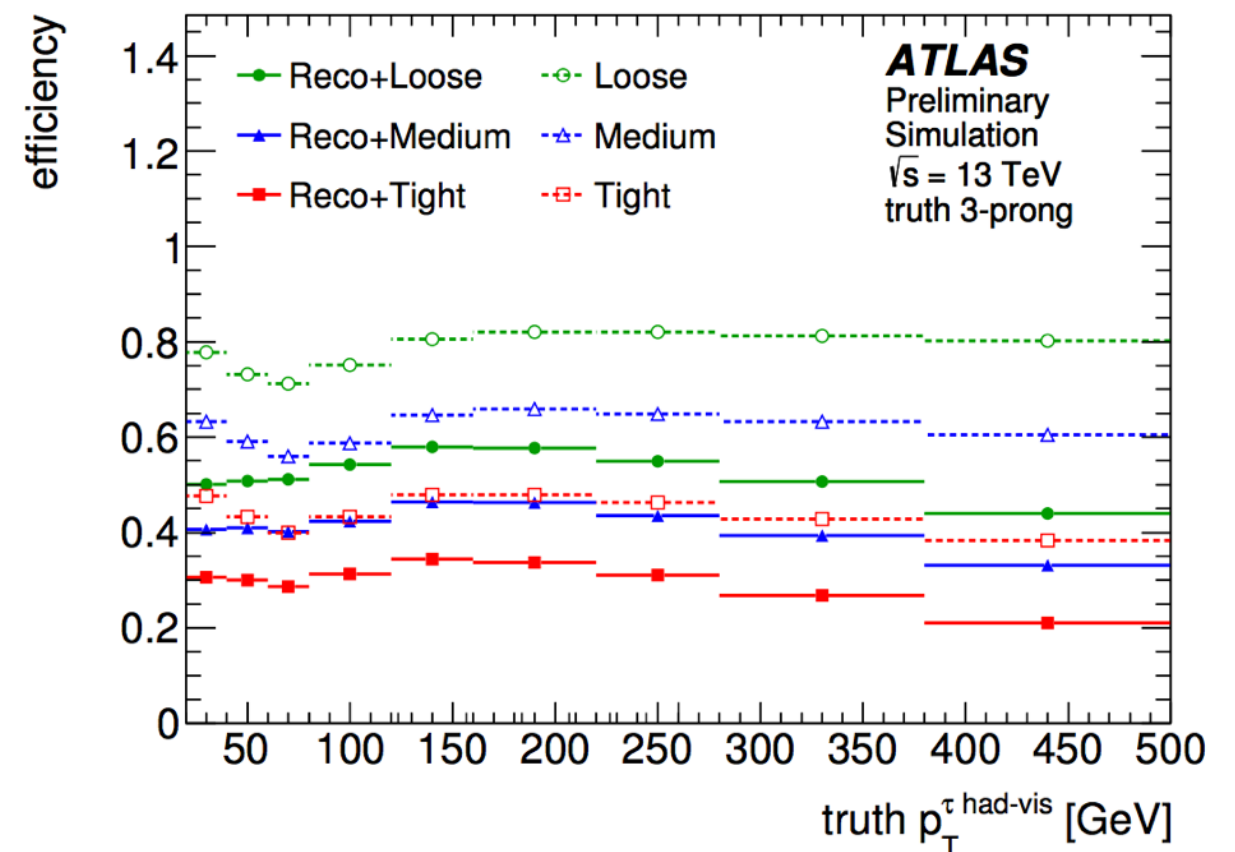
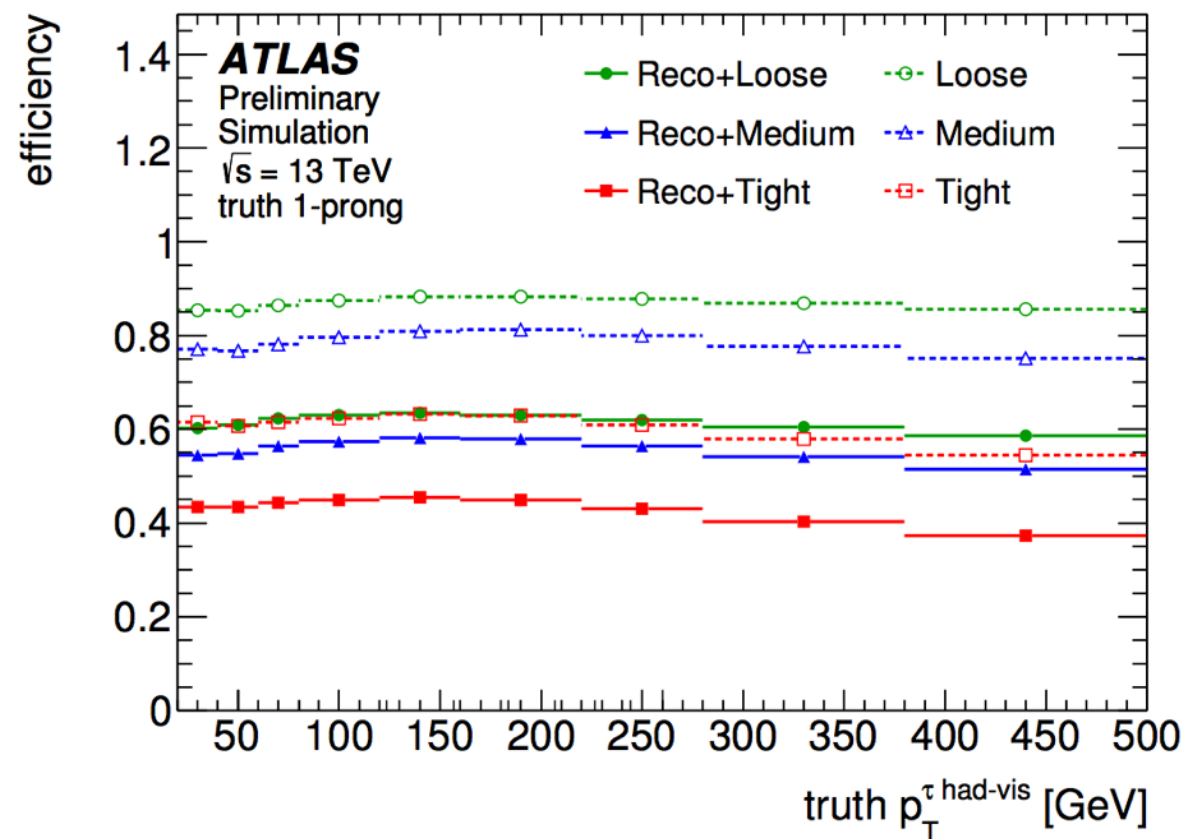
# Event Selection for the 4 Categories ( $A/H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ )

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had-had b-veto	had-had b-tagged
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the had-had analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single tau trigger with threshold of 80 GeV, 125 GeV or 160 GeV (depends on run period)</li> <li>Leading tau (55%) with <math>p_T</math> at least 5 GeV above the trigger level</li> <li>Second tau (60%) with <math>p_T &gt; 65</math> GeV</li> <li>Opposite charge requirement</li> <li>Veto events with a lepton</li> <li><math>\Delta\phi(\text{tau}_1, \text{tau}_2) &gt; 2.7</math></li> </ul> </li> <li><math>N_{b\text{-jets}} = 0</math> (b-veto)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>N_{b\text{-jets}} \geq 1</math> (b-tag; 70%)</li> </ul>



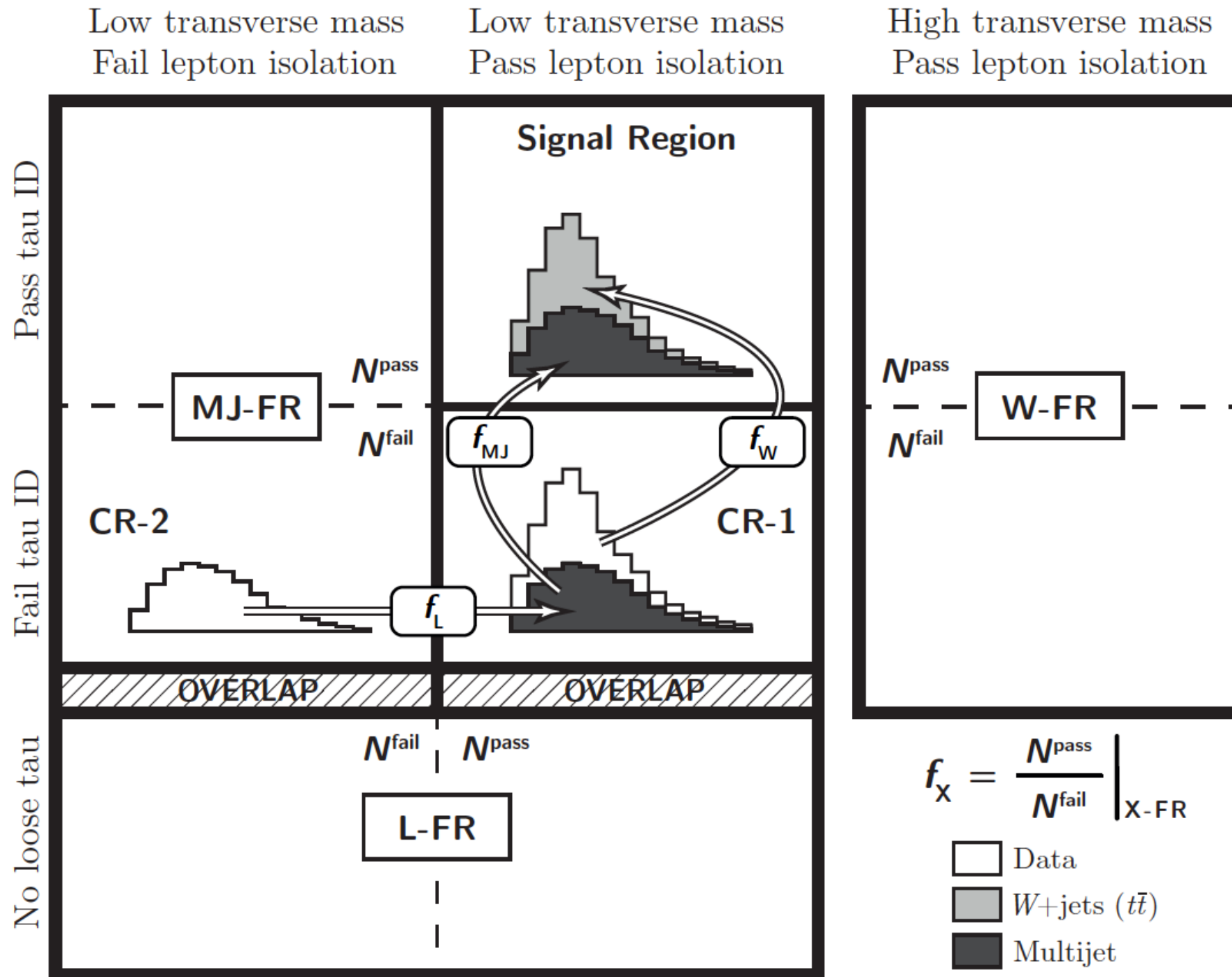
# Reconstruction of hadronic $\tau$ decays

- The signature of hadronic  $\tau$  decays are 1 or 3 tracks, collimated jet, possibly EM clusters
- Objects compatible with this signature are reconstructed
  - Seed from jet objects by considering each of them as a  $\tau$  candidate
  - Identify a vertex consistent with a  $\tau$  decay
  - Associate tracks within a core cone ( $\Delta R \leq 0.2$ ) of the  $\tau$  axis to jet objects



- Backgrounds from QCD jets, electrons and muons are rejected using dedicated algorithms (e.g., BDT used for rejection of jets) [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2015-045](#)
- Discriminate using tracking information and cluster topology variables

# Background Estimation

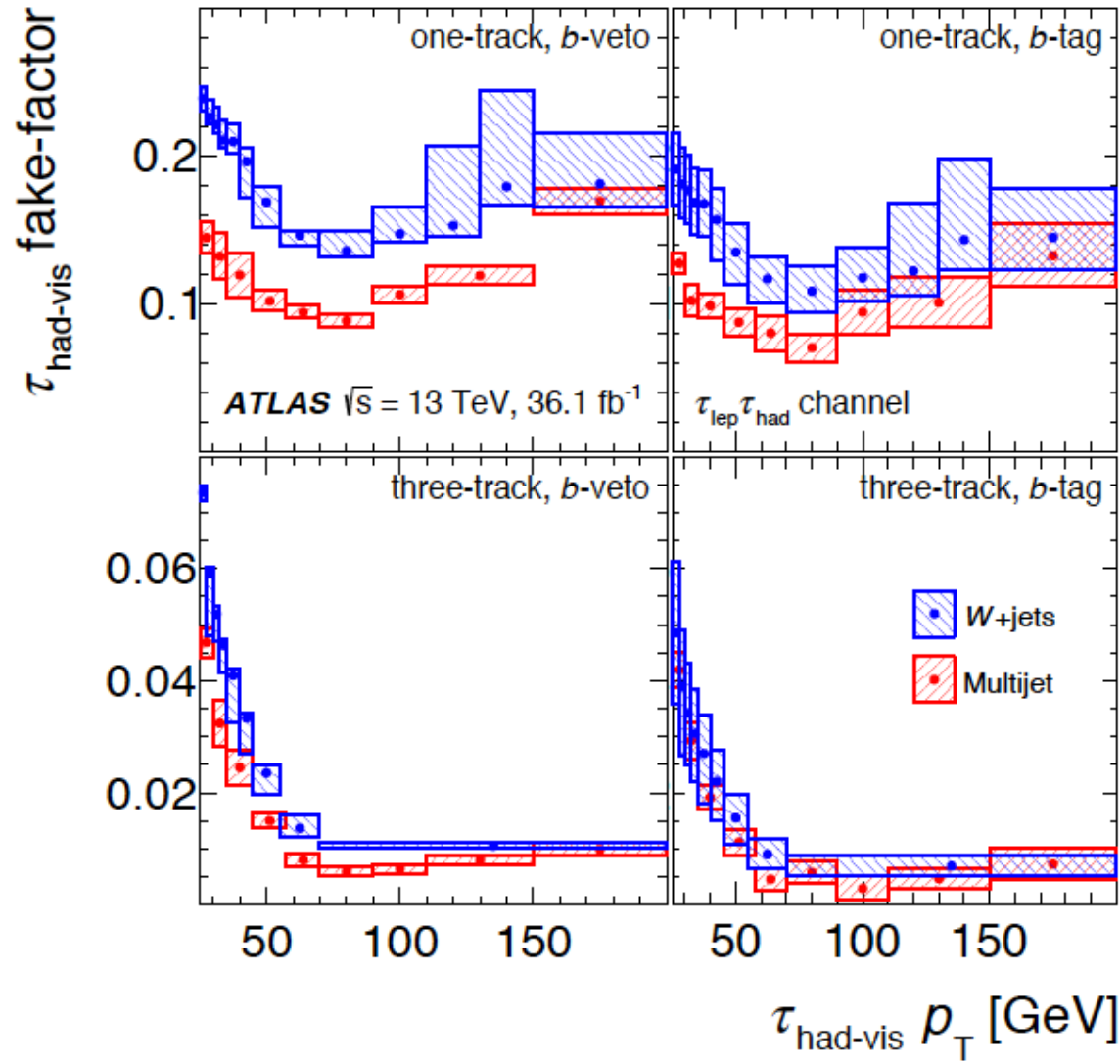


# Signal, Control and Fake Regions

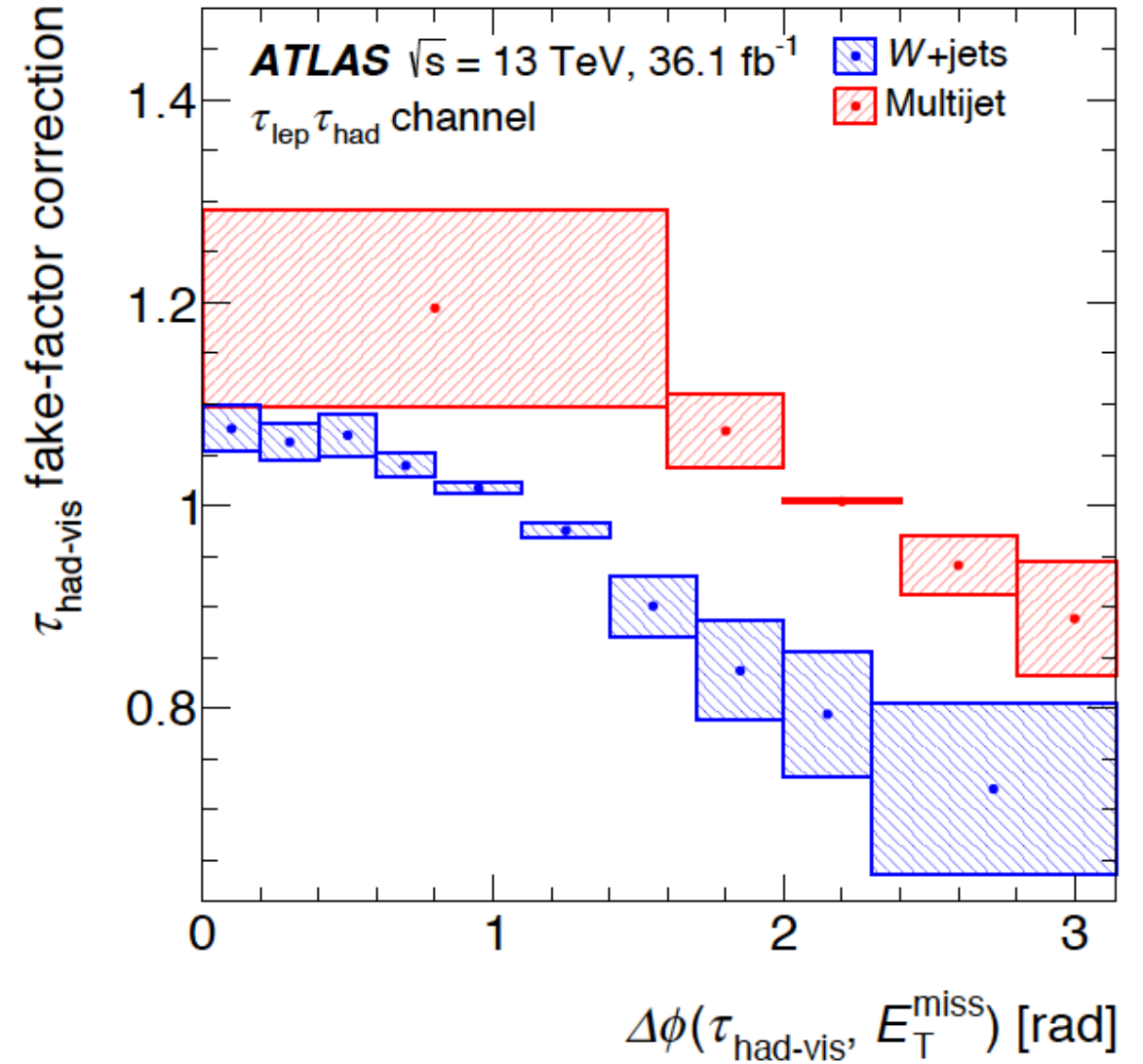
Table 1: Definition of signal, control and fakes regions used in the analysis. The symbol  $\ell$  represents the selected electron or muon candidate and  $\tau_1$  ( $\tau_2$ ) represents the leading (sub-leading)  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$  candidate.

Channel	Region	Selection
$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	SR	$\ell$ (trigger, isolated), $\tau_1$ (medium), $q(\ell) \times q(\tau_1) < 0$ , $ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^\ell, \mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_1})  > 2.4$ , $m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^\ell, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}) < 40 \text{ GeV}$ , veto $80 < m(\mathbf{p}^\ell, \mathbf{p}^{\tau_1}) < 110 \text{ GeV}$ ( $\tau_e\tau_{\text{had}}$ channel only)
	CR-1	Pass SR except: $\tau_1$ (very-loose, fail medium)
	CR-2	Pass SR except: $\tau_1$ (very-loose, fail medium), $\ell$ (fail isolation)
	MJ-FR	Pass SR except: $\tau_1$ (very-loose), $\ell$ (fail isolation)
	W-FR	Pass SR except: $70(60) < m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^\ell, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}) < 150 \text{ GeV}$ in $\tau_e\tau_{\text{had}}$ ( $\tau_\mu\tau_{\text{had}}$ ) channel
	CR-T	Pass SR except: $m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^\ell, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}) > 110(100) \text{ GeV}$ in the $\tau_e\tau_{\text{had}}$ ( $\tau_\mu\tau_{\text{had}}$ ) channel, $b$ -tag category only
$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	L-FR	$\ell$ (trigger, selected), jet (selected), no loose $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ , $m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^\ell, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}) < 30 \text{ GeV}$
	SR	$\tau_1$ (trigger, medium), $\tau_2$ (loose), $q(\tau_1) \times q(\tau_2) < 0$ , $ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_1}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_2})  > 2.7$
	CR-1	Pass SR except: $\tau_2$ (fail loose)
	DJ-FR	jet trigger, $\tau_1+\tau_2$ (no identification), $q(\tau_1) \times q(\tau_2) < 0$ , $ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_1}, \mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_2})  > 2.7$ , $p_T^{\tau_2}/p_T^{\tau_1} > 0.3$
	W-FR	$\mu$ (trigger, isolated), $\tau_1$ (no identification), $ \Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^\mu, \mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_1})  > 2.4$ , $m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^\mu, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}}) > 40 \text{ GeV}$ , $b$ -veto category only
$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	T-FR	Pass W-FR except: $b$ -tag category only

# Background Estimation



(a)  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$  fake-factors



(b)  $|\Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_{\text{had-vis}}}, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}})|$  correction

Figure 3: The  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$  identification fake-factors and the sequential  $|\Delta\phi(\mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_{\text{had-vis}}}, \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}})|$  correction in the  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel. The multijet fake-factors are for the 2016 dataset only. The bands include all uncertainties.



# Background Estimation

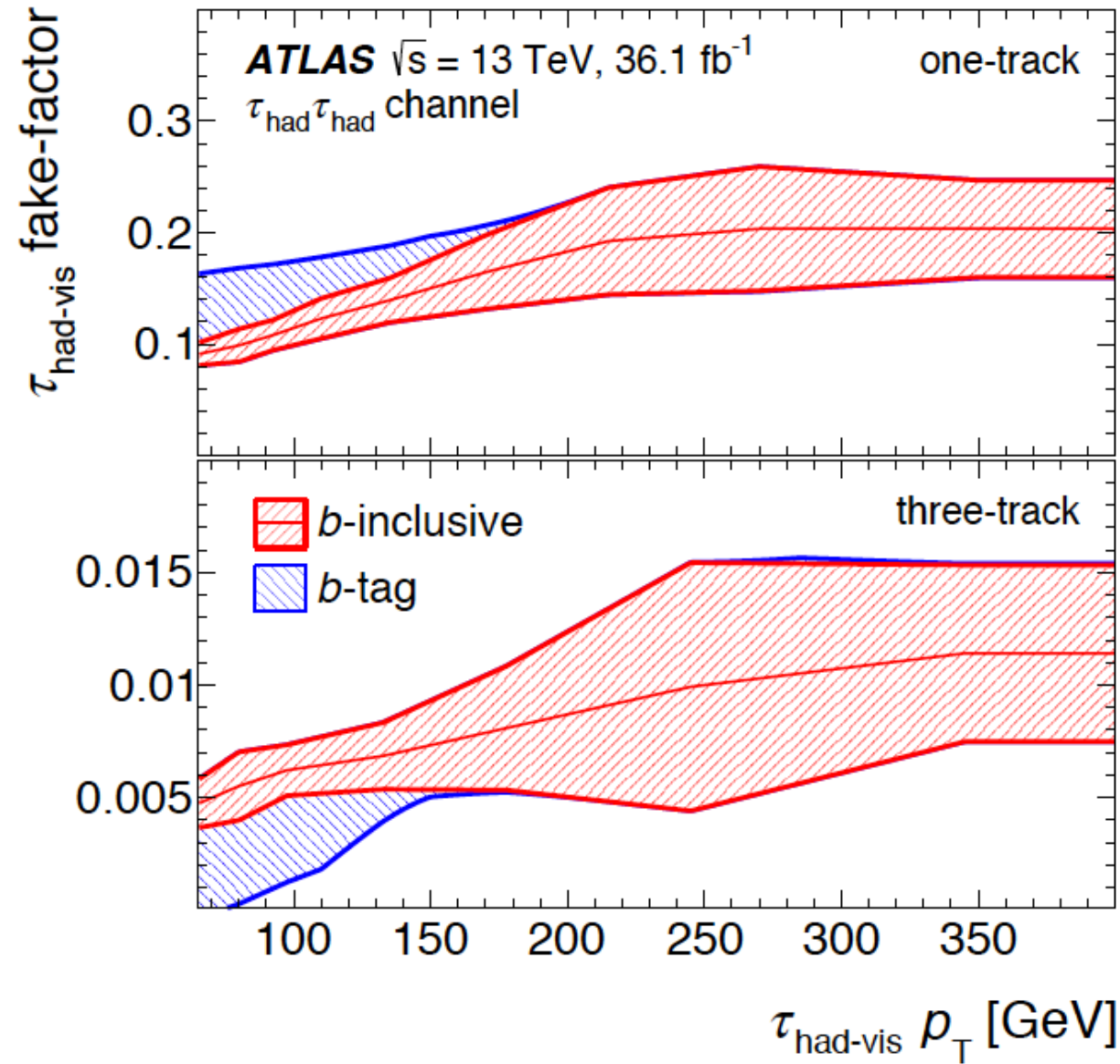
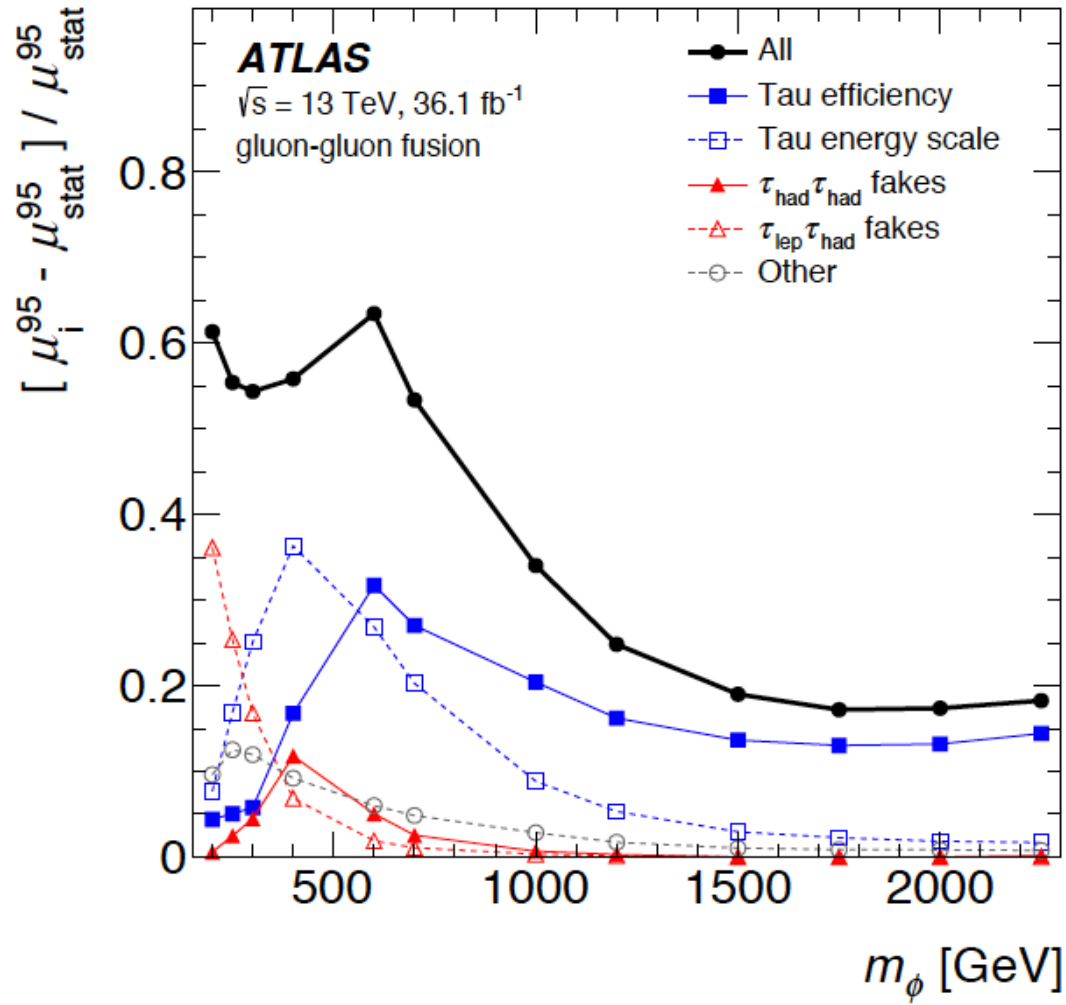


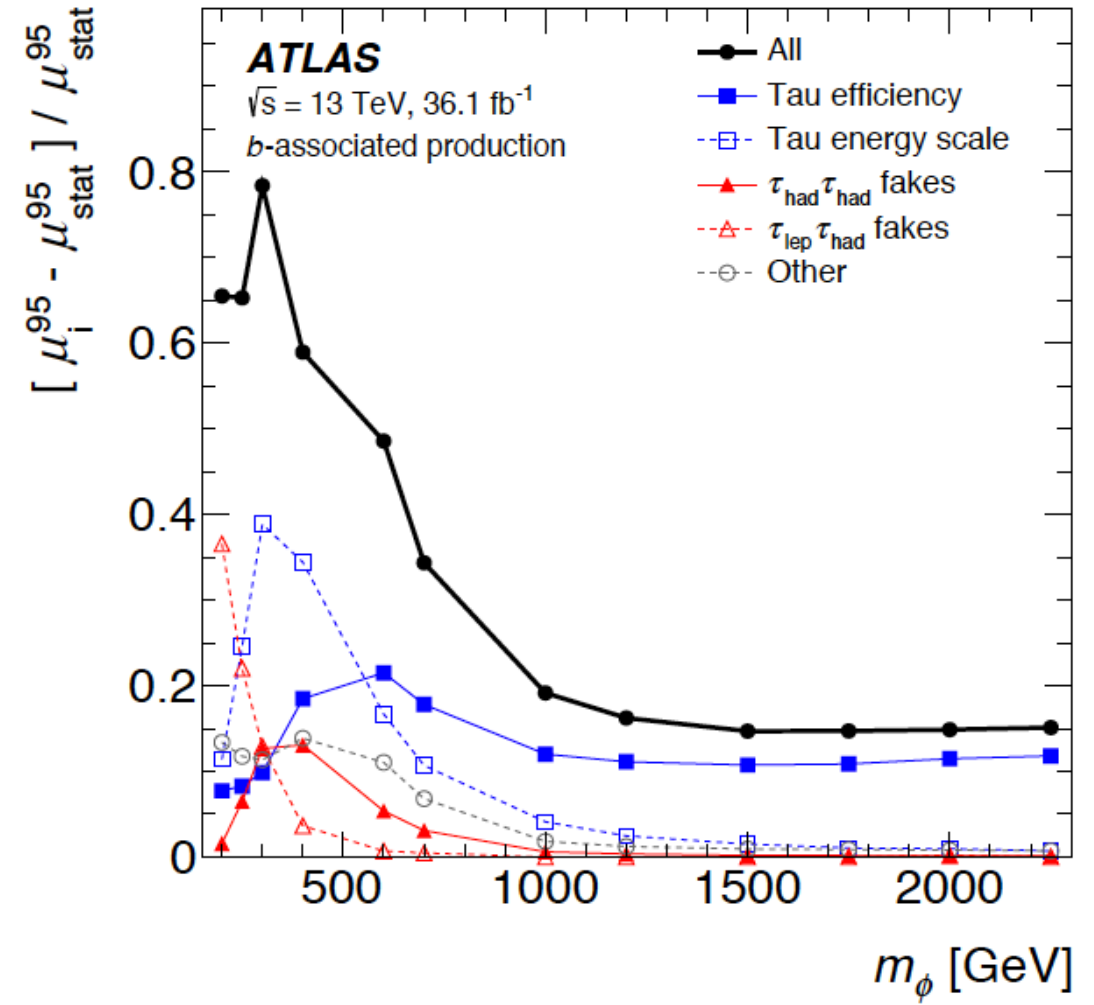
Figure 4: The  $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$  identification fake-factors in the  $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel. The red band indicates the total uncertainty when used with a  $b$ -inclusive or  $b$ -veto selection. The blue band indicates the additional uncertainty when used with a  $b$ -tag selection.



# Systematic Uncertainties



(a) gluon-gluon fusion production



(b) *b*-associated production

Figure 9: Impact of major groups of systematic uncertainties on the  $\phi \rightarrow \tau\tau$  95% CL cross section upper limits as a function of the scalar boson mass, separately for the (a) gluon-gluon fusion and (b) *b*-associated production mechanisms.

# A/H → $\tau^+\tau^-$ Expected and Observed Events

Channel	Process	<i>b</i> -veto		<i>b</i> -tag	
		pre-fit	post-fit	pre-fit	post-fit
$\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$92\,000 \pm 11\,000$	$96\,400 \pm 1600$	$670 \pm 140$	$690 \pm 70$
	Diboson	$880 \pm 100$	$920 \pm 70$	$6.3 \pm 1.7$	$6.5 \pm 1.4$
	$t\bar{t}$ and single top-quark	$1050 \pm 170$	$1090 \pm 130$	$2800 \pm 400$	$2680 \pm 80$
	Jet → $\tau$ fake	$83\,000 \pm 5000$	$88\,800 \pm 1700$	$3000 \pm 400$	$3390 \pm 170$
	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$15\,800 \pm 1200$	$16\,200 \pm 700$	$86 \pm 21$	$89 \pm 16$
	SM Total	$193\,000 \pm 13\,000$	$203\,400 \pm 1200$	$6500 \pm 600$	$6850 \pm 120$
	Data	203 365		6843	
	$A/H$ (300)	$720 \pm 80$	—	$236 \pm 32$	—
	$A/H$ (500)	$112 \pm 11$	—	$39 \pm 5$	—
	$A/H$ (800)	$10.7 \pm 1.1$	—	$4.8 \pm 0.6$	—
$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	Multijet	$3040 \pm 240$	$3040 \pm 90$	$106 \pm 32$	$85 \pm 10$
	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$610 \pm 230$	$770 \pm 80$	$7.5 \pm 2.9$	$8.6 \pm 1.3$
	$W(\rightarrow \tau\nu)$ +jets	$178 \pm 31$	$182 \pm 15$	$4.0 \pm 1.0$	$4.1 \pm 0.5$
	$t\bar{t}$ and single top-quark	$26 \pm 9$	$29 \pm 4$	$60 \pm 50$	$74 \pm 15$
	Others	$25 \pm 6$	$27.4 \pm 2.1$	$1.0 \pm 0.5$	$1.1 \pm 0.4$
	SM Total	$3900 \pm 400$	$4050 \pm 70$	$180 \pm 60$	$173 \pm 16$
	Data	4059		154	
	$A/H$ (300)	$130 \pm 50$	—	$44 \pm 19$	—
	$A/H$ (500)	$80 \pm 33$	—	$28 \pm 12$	—
	$A/H$ (800)	$11 \pm 4$	—	$5.1 \pm 2.2$	—

# Backup Slides for $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

# Signal Modeling for $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

- Indirect Approach:
  - Two large samples are generated using MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO:
    - One sample for the SM  $t\bar{t}$  background (B)
    - One sample in which all Feynman diagrams are taken into account (S + I + B)
  - Events selection and reconstruction are applied on each sample separately
  - The  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  invariant mass distributions are obtained
  - The difference of the two resulting histograms (S+I+B) - (B) corresponds to (S+I)
  - Disadvantage: one must generate and simulate a large S+I+B sample at each point in parameter space
- Direct Approach:
  - MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO code is modified to remove the SM  $t\bar{t}$  matrix element
  - This yields a pure S+I contribution on an event-by-event basis
  - Advantage: SM  $t\bar{t}$  background does not need to be generated for each signal parameter point, lower CPU and storage requirements
  - **The direct approach is the one used to generate all S+I samples used for this preliminary result**
  - Difference between direct and indirect is taken as a systematic for the signal modeling uncertainty



# Systematic Uncertainties for $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

Table 1: Average impact of the dominant uncertainties on the estimated yields for the total background and for a pseudoscalar  $A$  with  $m_A = 500$  GeV and  $\tan\beta = 0.68$  in percent of the nominal value. The spectra of the  $e$ +jets and  $\mu$ +jets channels are added. Only uncertainties with a yield impact  $> 0.5\%$  are shown. A bar (–) indicates that an uncertainty is not applicable to a sample.

Systematic uncertainties [%]	Total bkg	$S$	$S + I$
Luminosity [55]	1.7	1.9	1.9
PDF	2.5	2.1	12
$t\bar{t}$ initial-/final-state radiation	3.2	–	–
$t\bar{t}$ parton shower + fragmentation	4.9	–	–
$t\bar{t}$ normalization	5.7	–	–
$t\bar{t}$ event generator	0.5	–	–
Top quark mass	0.5	2.2	13
Jet energy scale	6.4	4.9	9.3
Jet energy resolution	1.3	1.6	1.7
$b$ -tagging: $b$ -jet efficiency	1.5	1.3	1.1
$b$ -tagging: $c$ -jet efficiency	0.2	0.2	0.8
Electron efficiency	0.3	0.4	0.7
Muon efficiency	0.9	1.0	1.0
Signal MC scales	–	7.3	7.3
Reweighting	–	–	5.0
MC statistical uncertainty	0.5	2.4	11
Total uncertainty	11	10	25

# Results for $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

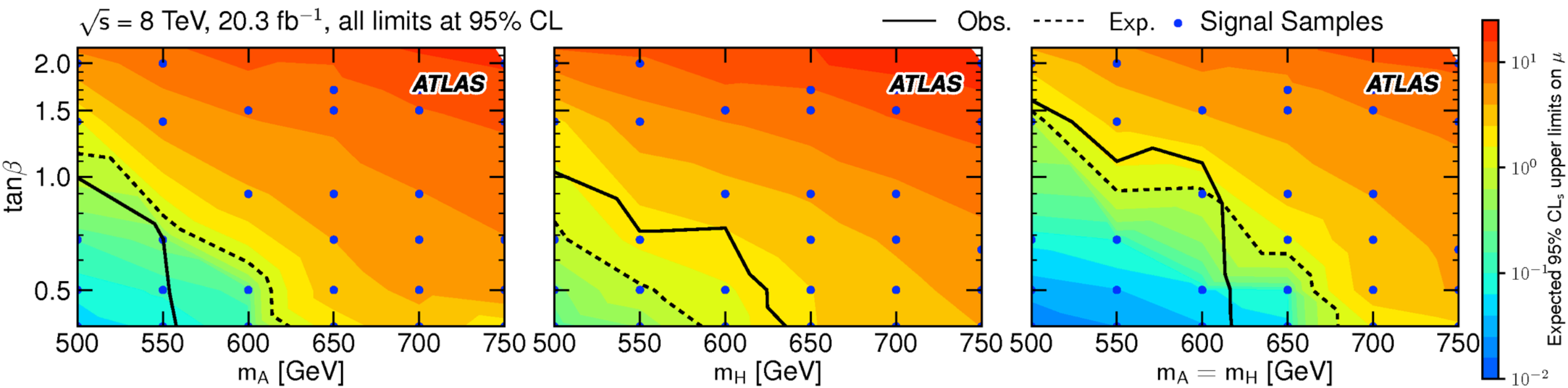
Table 2: Number of events observed in data and expected number of background events after the event selection, before the profile-likelihood fit to the full dataset. The uncertainty in the expected background yields is derived by summing all systematic and statistical uncertainties in quadrature. The “other bkg” component comprises single top quark,  $t\bar{t} + W/Z$ ,  $Z$ +jets, diboson and multijet production. Details of the estimation of these backgrounds are given in Ref. [17].

Type	$e$ +jets	$\mu$ +jets
$t\bar{t}$	$95\,000 \pm 11\,000$	$93\,000 \pm 11\,000$
$W$ +jets	$6600 \pm 2100$	$7200 \pm 2300$
Other bkg.	$11\,200 \pm 1400$	$6100 \pm 600$
Total	$112\,800 \pm 13\,000$	$106\,300 \pm 12\,000$
Data	115 785	110 218

- A binned profile likelihood ratio fit is carried out for the signal parameter  $\mu$ :

$$\mu \cdot S + \sqrt{\mu} \cdot I + B = (\mu - \sqrt{\mu}) \cdot S + \sqrt{\mu} \cdot (S + I) + B.$$

# High-mass Higgs Search Results ( $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ )



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Table 3: The 95% CL observed and expected exclusion limits on  $\tan\beta$  for a type-II 2HDM in the alignment limit considering only a pseudoscalar  $A$  (left), only a scalar  $H$  (middle), and the mass-degenerate scenario  $m_A = m_H$  (right). A bar (–) indicates that no value of  $\tan\beta \geq 0.4$  is excluded.

Mass [GeV]	$\tan\beta$ :	$m_A$		$m_H$		$m_A = m_H$	
		obs.	exp.	obs.	exp.	obs.	exp.
500		< 1.00	< 1.16	< 1.00	< 0.77	< 1.55	< 1.50
550		< 0.69	< 0.79	< 0.72	< 0.52	< 1.10	< 0.92
600		–	< 0.59	< 0.73	–	< 1.09	< 0.93
650		–	–	–	–	–	< 0.62