

# Search for Higgs boson decays to BSM light bosons in four-lepton events with ATLAS at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

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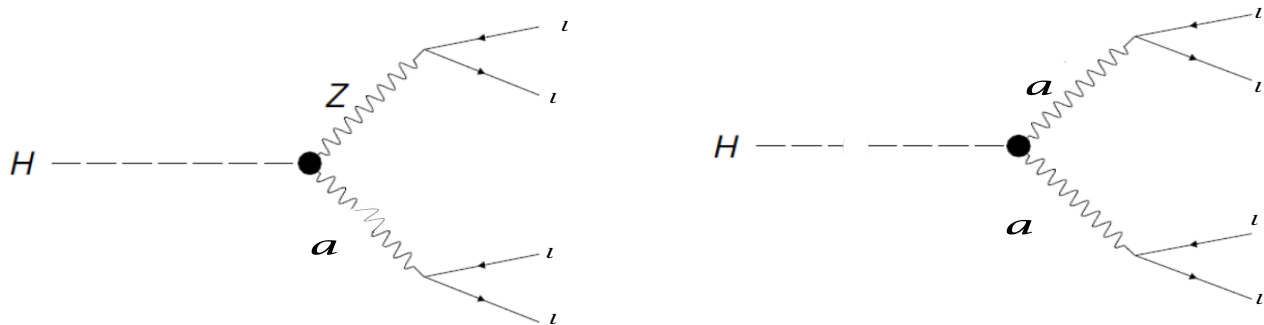
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- **2 BSM Bench mark model considered**

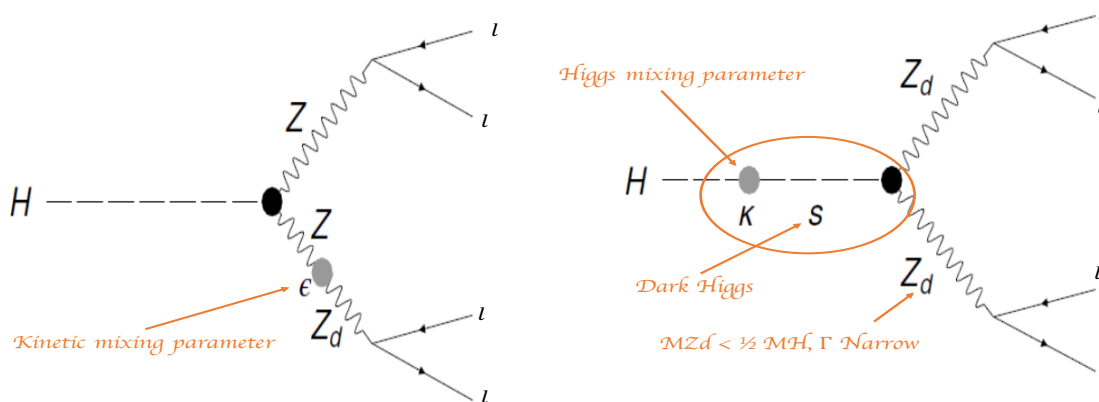
→ **2HDM+S** Curtin et al. ([Phys. Rev. D 90, 075004 \(2014\).](#))

- It predicts the decay of the Higgs boson to 1 or 2 pseudoscalar  $a$  which is the lightest of the higgs boson.
- Only  $a \rightarrow \mu\mu$  is considered and it's determined by Yukawa couplings of  $a$  to fermions.



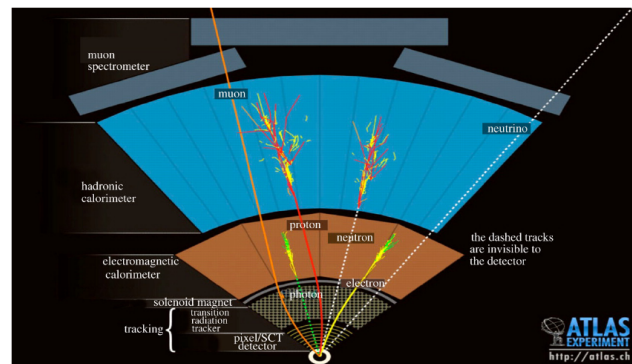
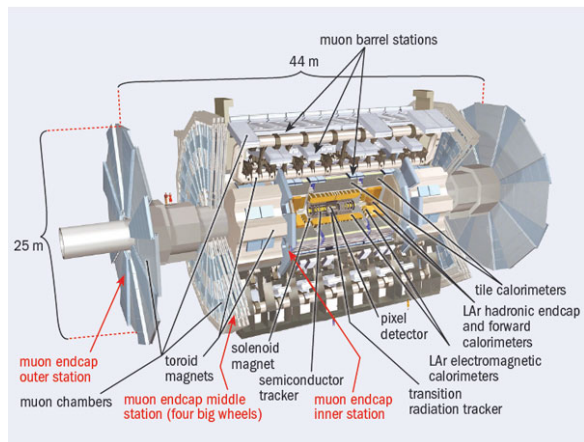
# Context and Objectives

- **HAHM** (Hidden Abelian Higgs Model  $\rightarrow$  Curtin et al. ([J. High Energy Phys. 02 \(2015\) 157.](#)))
  - Introduce an additional U(1) dark gauge symmetry mediated by a dark gauge boson  $Z_d$
  - $Z_d$  Interacts with the SM through kinetic mixing with hypercharge gauge boson ( $\rightarrow$  kinetic mixing parameter  $\epsilon$ )
  - Dark Higgs mechanism could spontaneously break the U(1) dark gauge symmetry ( $\rightarrow$  mixing between SM Higgs and dark Higgs  $\rightarrow$  mixing parameter  $\kappa$ )





# ATLAS Dectector



- Tracking System

- reconstruct charged particles trajectories

- Thin superconducting solenoid

- to compute particles impulsion

- electromagnetic calorimeter

- measure electromagnetic energy deposited by  $e^-$  and  $\gamma$

- muon system

- designed to identify and reconstruct muons

- trigger system

- choose either to keep or not events

- hadronic calorimeters

- measure hadronic energy deposited by hadronic system

- Detector surrounded by Magnetic

# Analysis overview

3 analyses are covered:  $X = Z_d/a$

- High mass region:  $XX \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu$  [ $15 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 60 \text{ GeV}$ ]
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## Labeling

$m_{12}$  is the invariant mass of the dilepton that is closer to the (SM) Z boson mass, and  $m_{34}$  is the invariant mass of the other dilepton in the quadruplet.

In the case of quadruplets formed from 4e or 4 $\mu$ , alternate pairings of same-flavour opposite-sign (SFOS) leptons can be formed, they are denoted  $m_{14}$  and  $m_{23}$

# Event Selection

	$H \rightarrow ZX \rightarrow 4\ell$ ( $15 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 55 \text{ GeV}$ )	$H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4\ell$ ( $15 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 60 \text{ GeV}$ )	$H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4\mu$ ( $1 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 15 \text{ GeV}$ )
4l selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require at least one SFOS quadruplet</li> <li>- Three leading-pt leptons satisfying <math>pt &gt; 20 \text{ GeV}</math>, <math>15 \text{ GeV}</math>, <math>10 \text{ GeV}</math></li> <li>- <math>3\mu</math> required to be reconstructed by combining ID and MS tracks</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The best quadruplet is required to have:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <math>50 \text{ GeV} &lt; m_{12} &lt; 106 \text{ GeV}</math></li> <li>- <math>12 \text{ GeV} &lt; m_{34} &lt; 115 \text{ GeV}</math></li> <li>- <math>m_{12,34,14,32} &gt; 5 \text{ GeV}</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- each lepton should fire at least 1 trigger.</li> <li>- In the case of multi-lepton triggers, all leptons of the trigger must match to leptons in the quadruplet</li> </ul>	
	$\Delta R(l, l') > 0.10$ (0.20) for same-flavour (different-flavour) leptons in the quadruplet		-
4l ranking	Select first surviving quadruplet from channels, in the order: $4\mu$ , $2e2\mu$ , $2\mu2e$ , $4e$	Select quadruplet with smallest $\Delta m_{\ell\ell} =  m_{12} - m_{34} $	
Event selection	$115 \text{ GeV} < m_{4\ell} < 130 \text{ GeV}$		$120 \text{ GeV} < m_{4\ell} < 130 \text{ GeV}$
		$m_{34}/m_{12} > 0.85$ Reject event if: $(m_{J/\Psi} - 0.25 \text{ GeV}) < m_{12,34,14,32} < (m_{\Psi(2S)} + 0.30 \text{ GeV})$ , or $(m_{\Upsilon(1S)} - 0.70 \text{ GeV}) < m_{12,34,14,32} < (m_{\Upsilon(3S)} + 0.75 \text{ GeV})$	
	$10 \text{ GeV} < m_{12,34} < 64 \text{ GeV}$ $4e$ and $4\mu$ channels: $5 \text{ GeV} < m_{14,32} < 75 \text{ GeV}$		$0.88 \text{ GeV} < m_{12,34} < 20 \text{ GeV}$ No restriction on alternative pairing

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## $H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4l$ low mass

- Higgs boson was produced using POWHEG-Box and CT10 NLO PDFs then replaced by a Higgs boson for 2HDM+S model
- the same event generator as high mass was used.

# Backgrounds estimates and uncertainties

## Dominant background

- $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$
- Non resonant SM  $ZZ^*$

## Sub-dominant background

- WZ, ZZ dibosons processes
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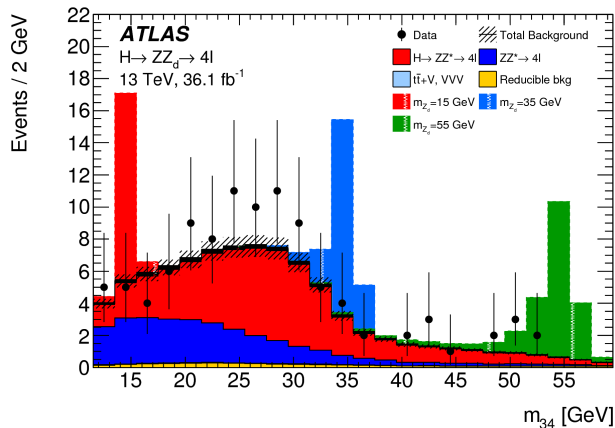
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## Uncertainties

- Data driven bkg uncertainty is  $\rightarrow$  up to 65%
- Statistical uncertainty
- Systematic uncertainties from: detector, theory  $\rightarrow$  up to 10%

# $H \rightarrow ZX \rightarrow 4l$ results



- Some excesses are observed but not statistically significant

Figure 3:  $m_{34}$  in the mass range  $m_{4\ell}$  in  $[115,130]$  GeV.

Process	$2\ell 2\mu$	$2\ell 2e$	Total
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	$34.3 \pm 3.6$	$21.4 \pm 3.0$	$55.7 \pm 6.3$
$ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$	$16.9 \pm 1.2$	$9.0 \pm 1.1$	$25.9 \pm 2.0$
Reducible background	$2.1 \pm 0.6$	$2.7 \pm 0.7$	$4.8 \pm 1.1$
VVV, $t\bar{t} + V$	$0.20 \pm 0.05$	$0.20 \pm 0.04$	$0.40 \pm 0.06$
Total expected	$53.5 \pm 4.3$	$33.3 \pm 3.4$	$86.8 \pm 7.5$
Observed	65	37	102

Table 1: Expected and observed of events at  $36.1 fb^{-1}$

# $H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4l$ high mass results

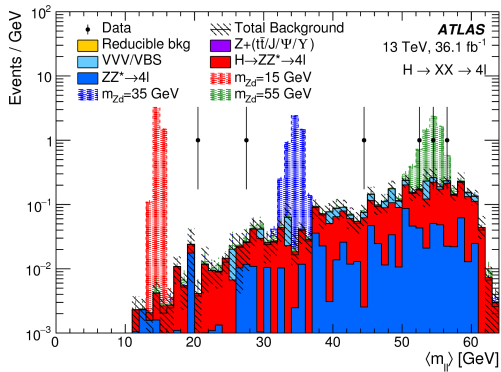


Figure 4:  $\langle m_{ll} \rangle$  in the mass range  $m_{4l}$  in  $[115,130]$  GeV.

Process	Yield
$ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$	$0.8 \pm 0.1$
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$	$2.6 \pm 0.3$
VVV/VBS	$0.51 \pm 0.18$
$Z + (t\bar{t}/J/\Psi) \rightarrow 4l$	$0.004 \pm 0.004$
Other Reducible Background	Negligible
Total	$3.9 \pm 0.3$
Data	6

Table 2: Expected and observed of events at  $36.1 fb^{-1}$

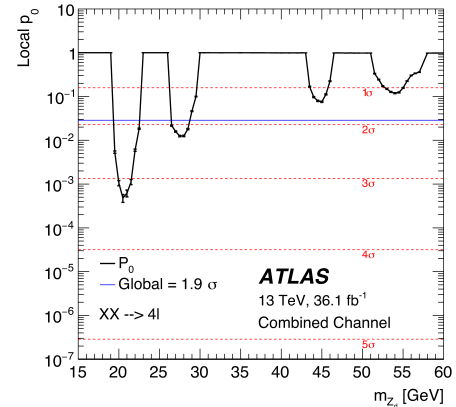
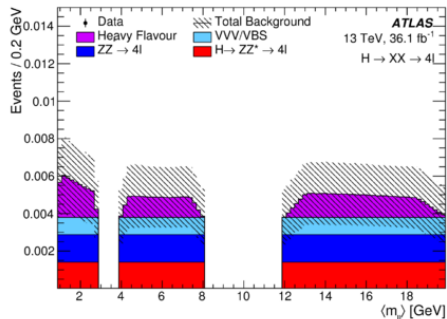


Figure 5: Observed local p-values under the background-only hypothesis

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# $H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4l$ low mass results



- No excess is observed for the low mass region

Figure 6:  $\langle m_{4l} \rangle$  in the mass range  $m_{4l}$  in  $[120,130]$  GeV.

Process	Yield
$ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$	$0.10 \pm 0.01$
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$	$0.1 \pm 0.1$
VVV/VBS	$0.06 \pm 0.03$
Heavy flavour	$0.07 \pm 0.04$
Total	$0.4 \pm 0.1$
Data	0

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# Interpretation: fiducial cross-section

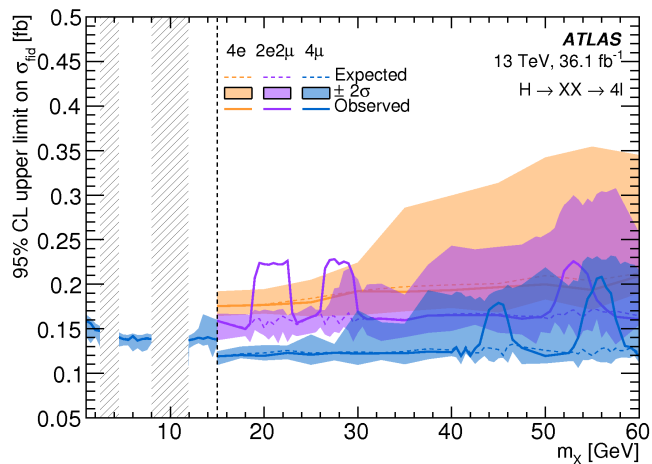


Figure 7: Upper limits at 95% CL on fiducial cross-sections for the  $H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4l$  process

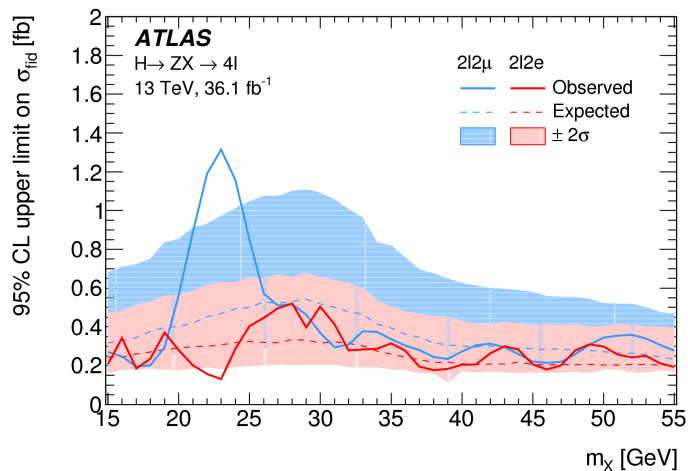
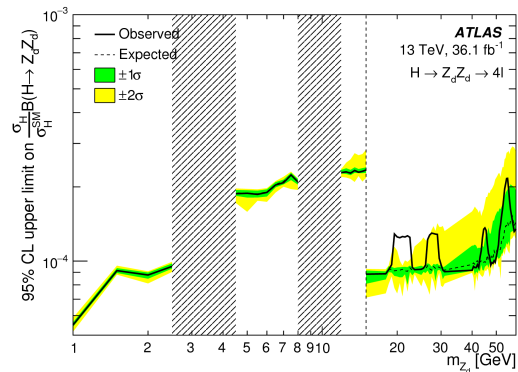
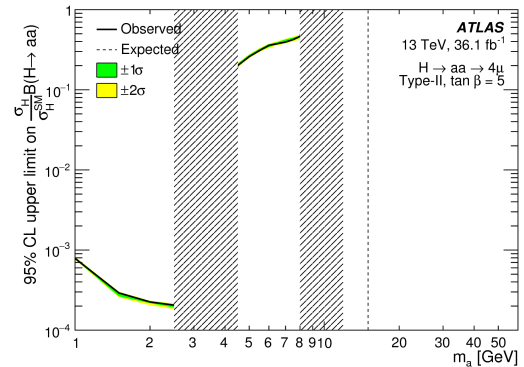
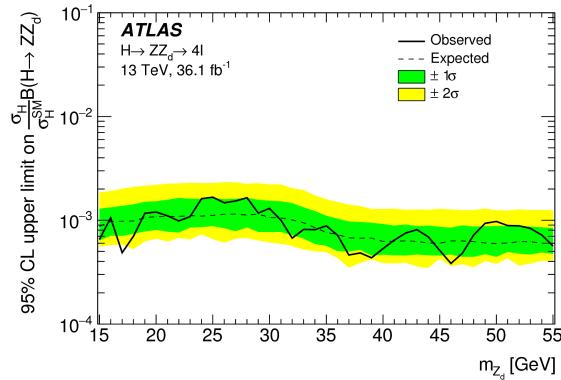


Figure 8: Upper limit at 95% CL on the fiducial cross-sections for the  $H \rightarrow ZX$  process.

# Interpretation: branching ratio



- Upper limits at 95% CL on model-dependent Branching Ratio for the 3 analyses

# Interpretation: $\kappa$ and $\epsilon$ parameter

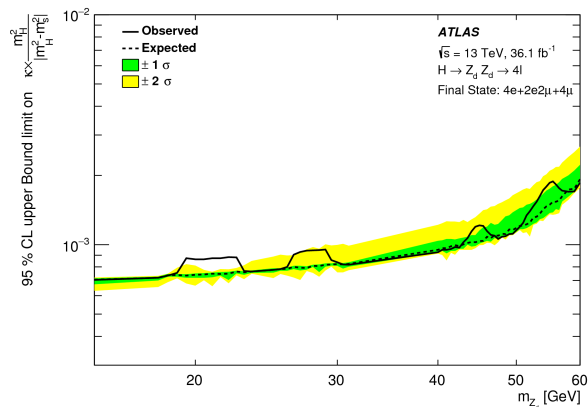


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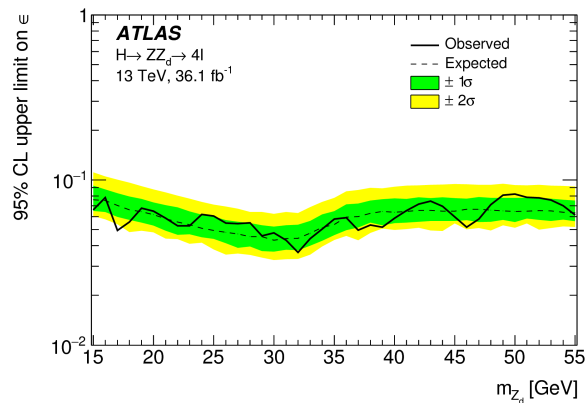


Figure 10: Upper limit at 95% CL on the branching ratio for the  $H \rightarrow ZZ_d$  process.

$$\kappa^2 = \Gamma(H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d) \frac{32\pi m_h^5}{v^2 [(m_h^2 - 2m_{Z_d}^2)^2 - 8(m_h^2 - m_{Z_d}^2)m_{Z_d}^2]} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{Z_d}^2}{m_h^2}}}$$

$$\kappa' = \kappa \times \frac{m_H^2}{|m_H^2 - m_S^2|}$$

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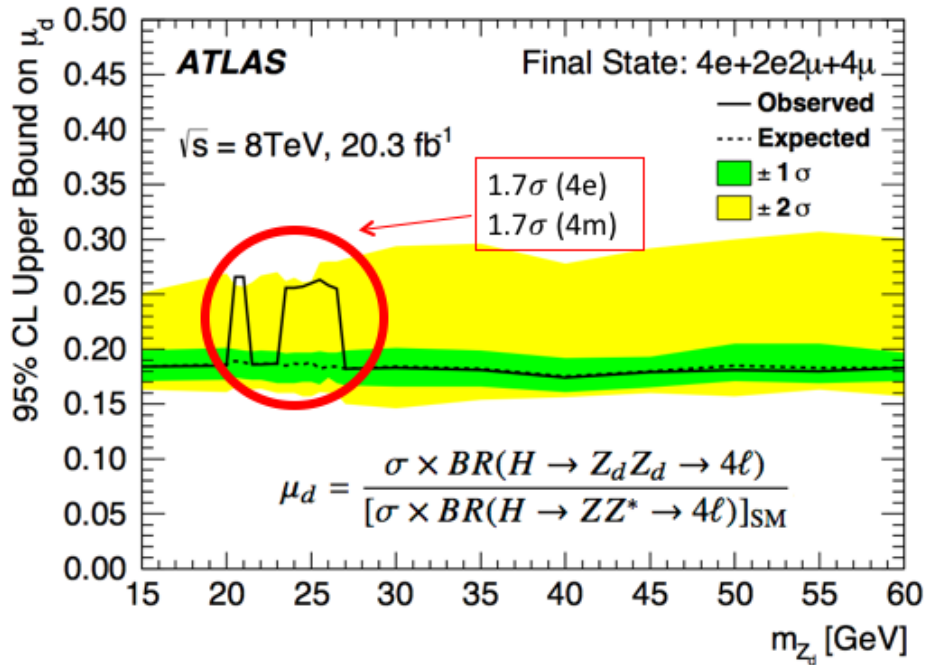
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## ② Plan

- research to heavier progenitor scalar
- Making use of a more sensitive
- Improving background estimation
- exploring  $4\tau$  channel in low mass region

# Result Run 1

See paper <http://journals.aps.org/prd/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevD.92.092001>



Excess seen at local 2 $\sigma$  level is not significant.  
Within Statistics, consistent with the SM

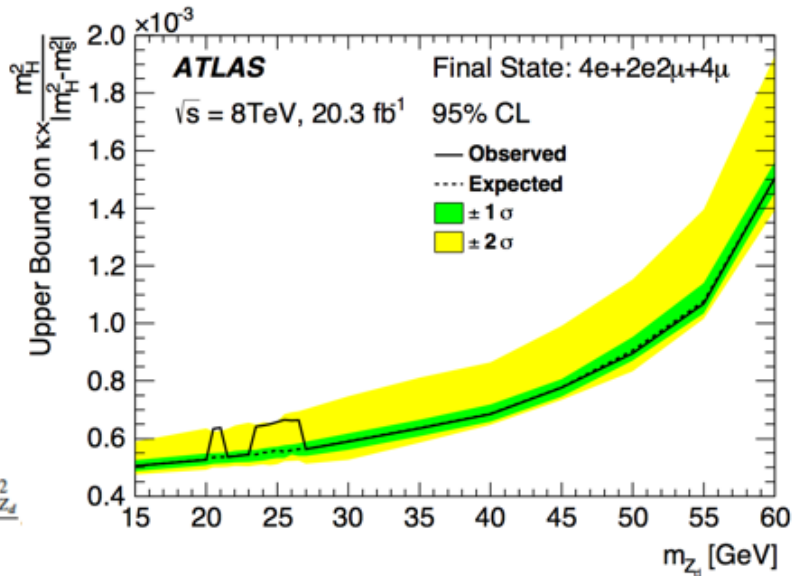
# Interpretation in term of Higgs mixing (Run 1)

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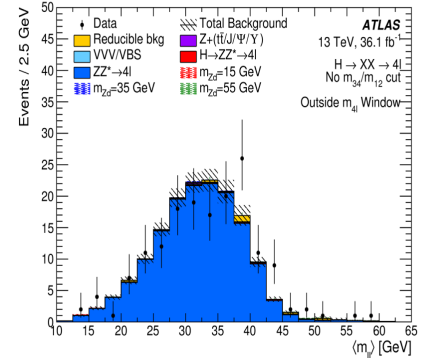
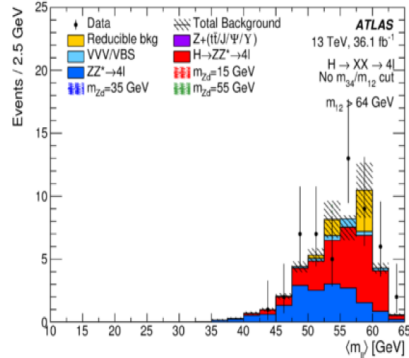
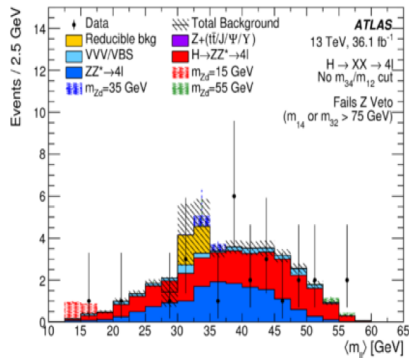
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# Irreducible background validation regions



- 3 Validations Regions:



Events failing the Z Veto



Events where  $m_{12} > 64\text{GeV}$



Events outside of the  $115 < m_{4l} < 130\text{GeV}$  window

- These distributions validated the  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  and  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  (Main backgrounds) process

# Systematics

In the case of a signal, we will determine the significance, and in the case of exclusion, we will set limits. Presented here are the relative uncertainties on the high-mass fiducial efficiency for three mass points. All uncertainties were estimated using the ZdZd signal samples

High-mass Selection	$m_X = 15 \text{ GeV}$			$m_X = 35 \text{ GeV}$			$m_X = 55 \text{ GeV}$		
	4e	2e2μ	4μ	4e	2e2μ	4μ	4e	2e2μ	4μ
STAT	±3.5	±1.7	±2.9	±3.3	±1.8	+2.7 -2.6	±2.9	±1.7	±2.3
EL_EFF_ID_TOTAL	+7.6 -7.3	±3.7	--	+8.3 -7.9	±4.1	--	+7.8 -7.4	+3.9 -3.8	--
EL_EFF_ISO_TOTAL	+1.3 -1.2	±0.7	--	±1.4	±0.7	--	±1.1	±0.6	--
EL_EFF_RECO_TOTAL	±3.1	+1.6 -1.5	--	+3.4 -3.3	±1.7	--	+3.1 -3.0	±1.5	--
MUON_EFF_STAT	--	±0.4	±0.7	--	±0.4	±0.7	--	±0.4	±0.8
MUON_EFF_STAT_LOWPT	--	±0.1	±0.2	--	±0.1	±0.2	--	±0.1	±0.2
MUON_EFF_SYS	--	±1.1	+2.4 -2.3	--	±1.1	+2.3 -2.2	--	±1.2	±2.4
MUON_EFF_SYS_LOWPT	--	±0.2	±0.3	--	±0.2	±0.3	--	±0.1	±0.2
MUON_ISO_STAT	--	±0.2	±0.4	--	±0.3	±0.5	--	±0.2	±0.4
MUON_ISO_SYS	--	±0.6	±1.1	--	±0.6	±1.1	--	±0.5	±1.1
MUON_TTVA_STAT	--	±0.5	±0.9	--	±0.5	±0.9	--	±0.4	+0.9 -0.8
MUON_TTVA_SYS	--	±0.8	±1.2	--	±0.8	±1.4	--	±0.5	±1.1
PRW_DATASF	+2.5 -3.0	+2.5 -2.8	+1.6 -1.1	+0.8 -1.2	+1.6 -1.3	+0.8 -1.4	+3.0 -2.4	+1.8 -2.0	+1.3 -1.0
EG_RESOLUTION_ALL	+0.6 -0.4	+0.2 -0.1	--	+0.0 -0.4	--	--	+0.5 -0.6	+0.0 +0.1	--
EG_SCALE_ALL	-0.5	±0.1	--	-0.6	+0.2 -0.3	+0.0 -0.1	+0.3 -0.6	+0.1 +0.0	--
MUONS_ID	--	±0.1	+0.3	--	±0.1	+0.3	--	+0.2	+0.1
MUONS_MS	--	+0.0	+0.3	--	--	+0.3	--	-0.2	-0.2
MUONS_SCALE	--	-0.1	-0.2	--	+0.0	+0.2	--	+0.0	+0.0
MUONS_SAGITTA_RESBIAS	--	--	-0.1	--	-0.1	-0.0	--	-0.1	-0.1
MUONS_SAGITTA_RHO	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

# Summary of the fiducial phase-space definitions

	$H \rightarrow ZX \rightarrow 4\ell$ (15 GeV < $m_X$ < 55 GeV)	$H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4\ell$ (15 GeV < $m_X$ < 60 GeV)	$H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4\mu$ (1 GeV < $m_X$ < 15 GeV)
Electrons	Dressed with prompt photons within $\Delta R = 0.1$ $p_T > 7$ GeV $ \eta  < 2.5$		
Muons	Dressed with prompt photons within $\Delta R = 0.1$ $p_T > 5$ GeV $ \eta  < 2.7$		
Quadruplet	Three leading- $p_T$ leptons satisfy $p_T > 20$ GeV, 15 GeV, 10 GeV		
	$\Delta R > 0.1$ (0.2) between SF (OF) leptons		-
	50 GeV < $m_{12}$ < 106 GeV 12 GeV < $m_{34}$ < 115 GeV 115 GeV < $m_{4\ell}$ < 130 GeV $m_{12,34,14,32} > 5$ GeV	$m_{34}/m_{12} > 0.85$	
		10 GeV < $m_{12,34}$ < 64 GeV 5 GeV < $m_{14,32}$ < 75 GeV if 4e or 4 $\mu$	0.88 GeV < $m_{12,34}$ < 20 GeV
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HLT\_mu40  
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HLT\_mu18\_mu8noL1  
HLT\_2mu10  
HLT\_e17\_lhloose\_mu14  
HLT\_e17\_lhloose\_2e9\_lhloose  
HLT\_3mu6  
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