

Vector-Portal to The Dark Sector

A Dark Matter Search at the LHC

Higgs Meeting

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Introduction

The Dark Matter Problem

• The DM searches are perused in three major fronts:

- Direct detection experiments
- Indirect searches

• **Collider searches** 

- Model-dependent searches
- EFT model-independent searches
- **Simplified model-independent searches** [1,2,3]

• The focus of my research is the **Spin 1-Vector portal** where a dark gauge boson interacts with an SM gauge boson through **kinetic mixing** between one dark and one visible Abelian gauge boson. This gauge boson is called the the dark Z (Z_D) [6].

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}B^{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B'^{\mu\nu}B'_{\mu\nu} - \epsilon B^{\mu\nu}B'_{\mu\nu}$$

- $B^{\mu\nu}$ is the SM electromagnetic field tensor
- $B'^{\mu\nu}$ The field tensor in the dark sector
- ϵ is the kinetic mixing parameter

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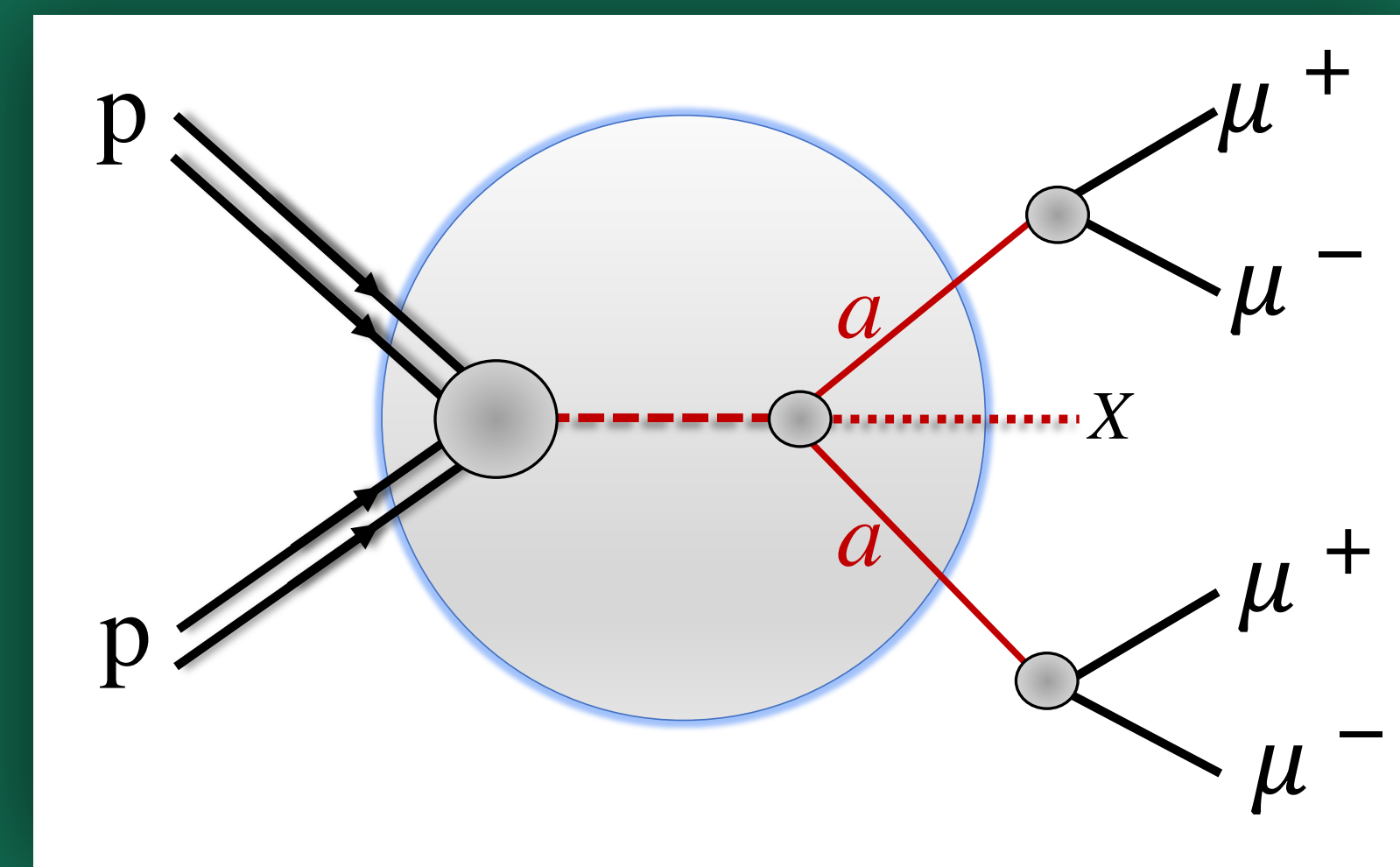


Figure1: Schematic example of the pp interaction that produces a pair of new bosons of which each decays into a muon pair. The grey circle indicate the dark sector interactions. The X particle is to signify any excess processes other than the four lepton final state.



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We have a CADI line with AN and draft paper based on Run II 2018 data:

- CADI: [HIG-21-004](#)
- Pre-approval talk: [Feb 16, 2021](#)
- Unblinded results: [Apr 28, 2021](#)
- Twiki: [HIG21004Run2](#)

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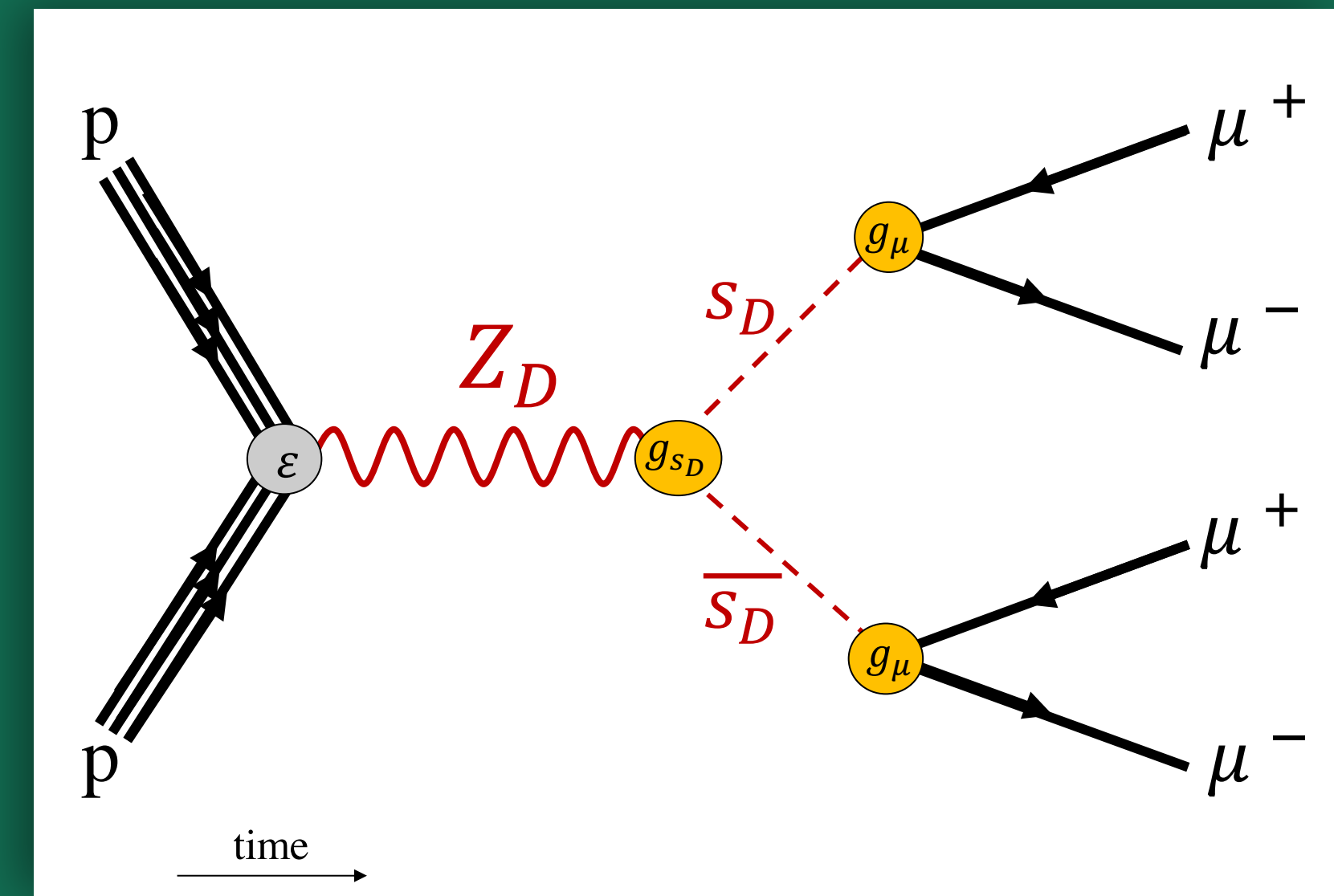


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- For the purposes of simplicity the branching fraction \mathcal{B} of s_D to muons is considered to be 100% [8, 9].
- Prompt signatures only

Kinematics of hard process simulation: App. H

Other bench-mark models in this search: App. A

$$pp \rightarrow Z_D \rightarrow s_D \bar{s}_D \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$$

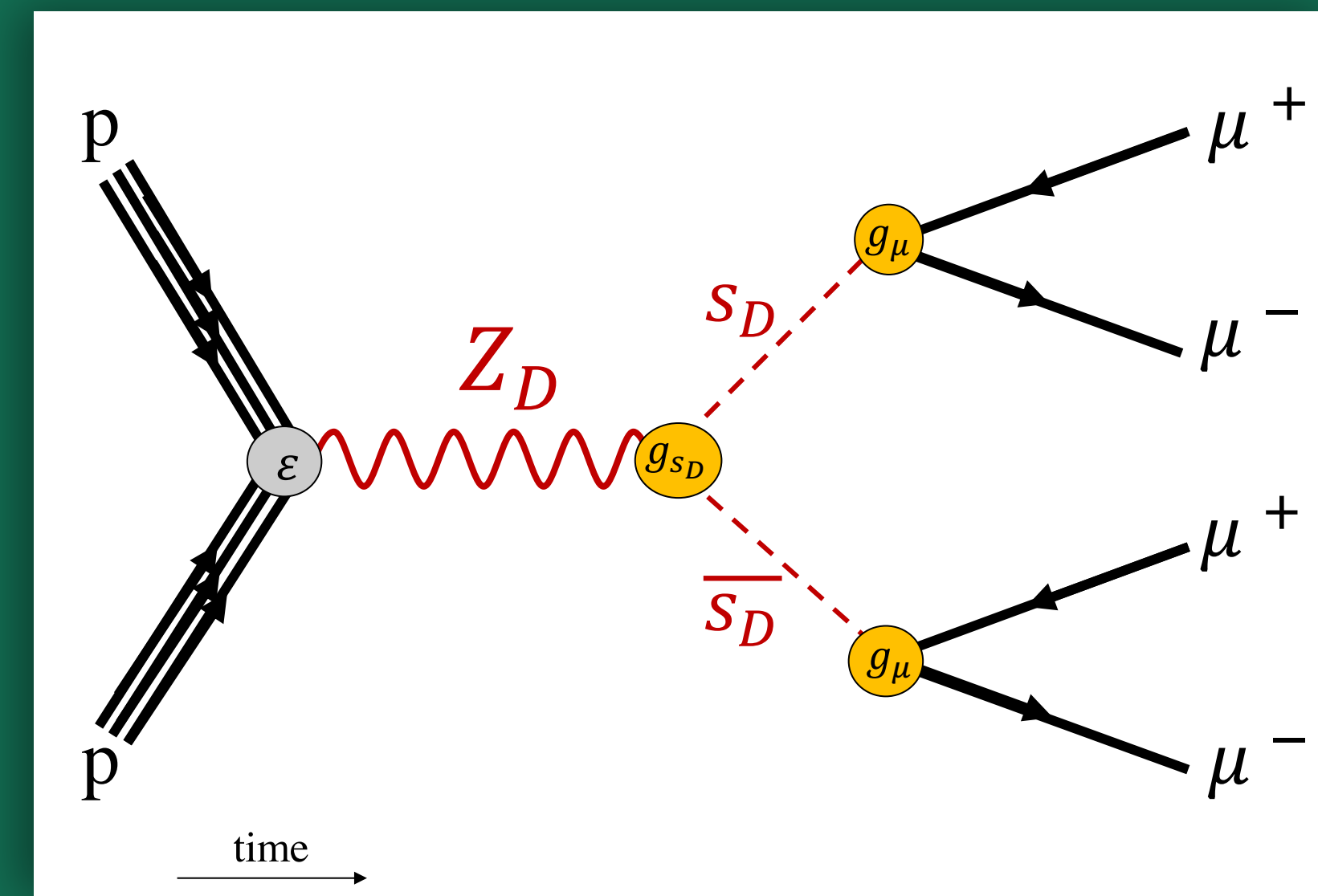


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/DoubleMuon/Run2018C-17Sep2018-v1/MINIAOD	34 565 869
/DoubleMuon/Run2018D-PromptReco-v2/MINIAOD	169 225 355
Total	314 348 890



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Muon selection

slimmedMuons in MiniAOD

PF Loose muon (≥ 3) + standalone-only (SA) muon (≥ 1)

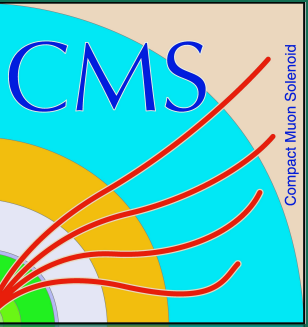
Two muons: $p_T > 24$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2$

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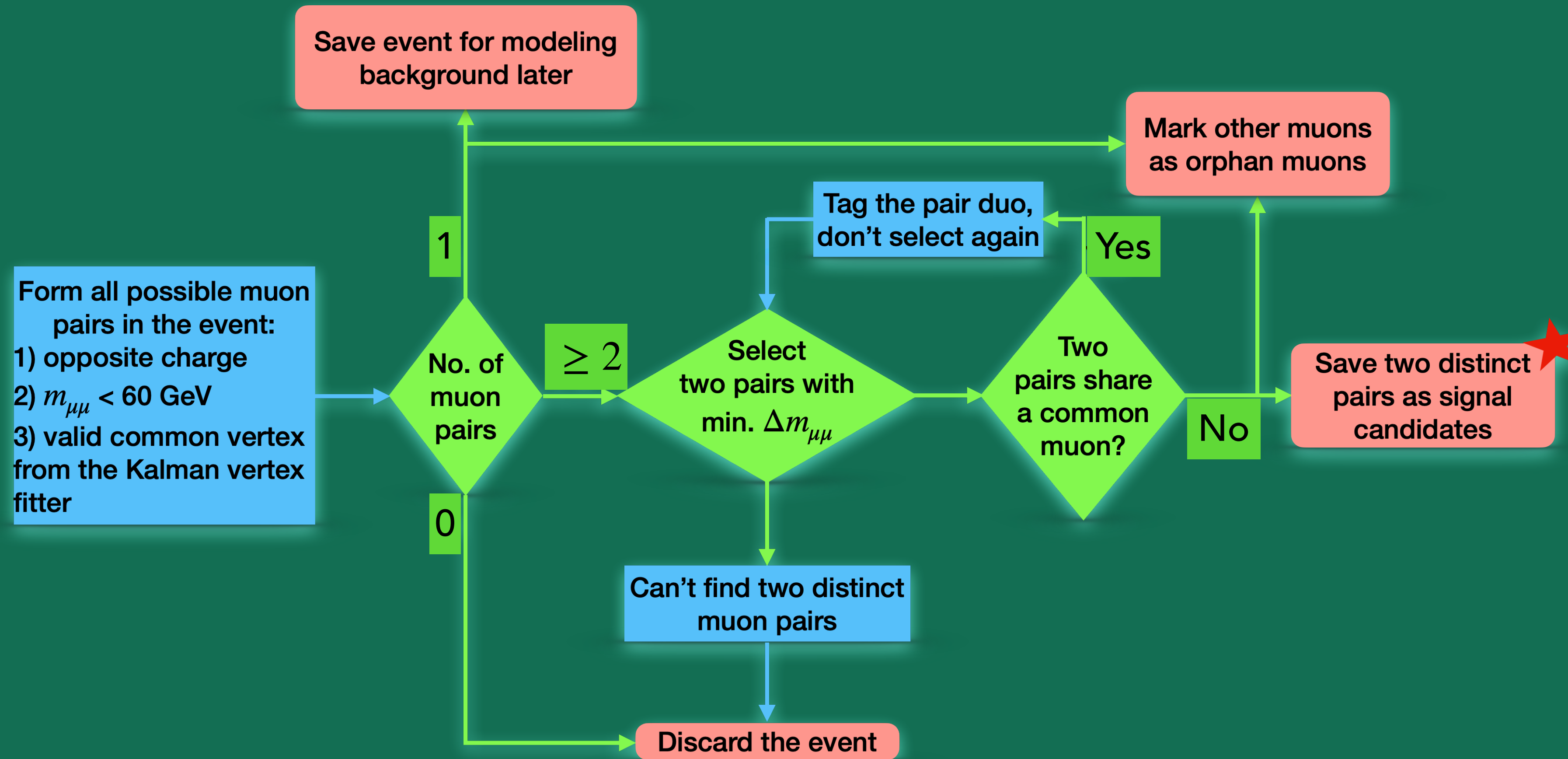
High-Level Selection



Selection	Description
Pixel Hit	Valid pixel hit for at least one muon in the muon pair: $L_{xy} < 16$ cm, $L_z < 51.6$ cm (See App. E)
Dimuon Vertex	Fit dimuon vertex of each muon pair using KalmanVertexFitter, $P_{\mu\mu} > P(L_{xy}, f(\Delta R), N_{SA-\mu})$ (See App. E)
Mass Window	Two signal dimuon required to have consistent invariant mass (See App. E)

Analysis

Muon Pairing Algorithm



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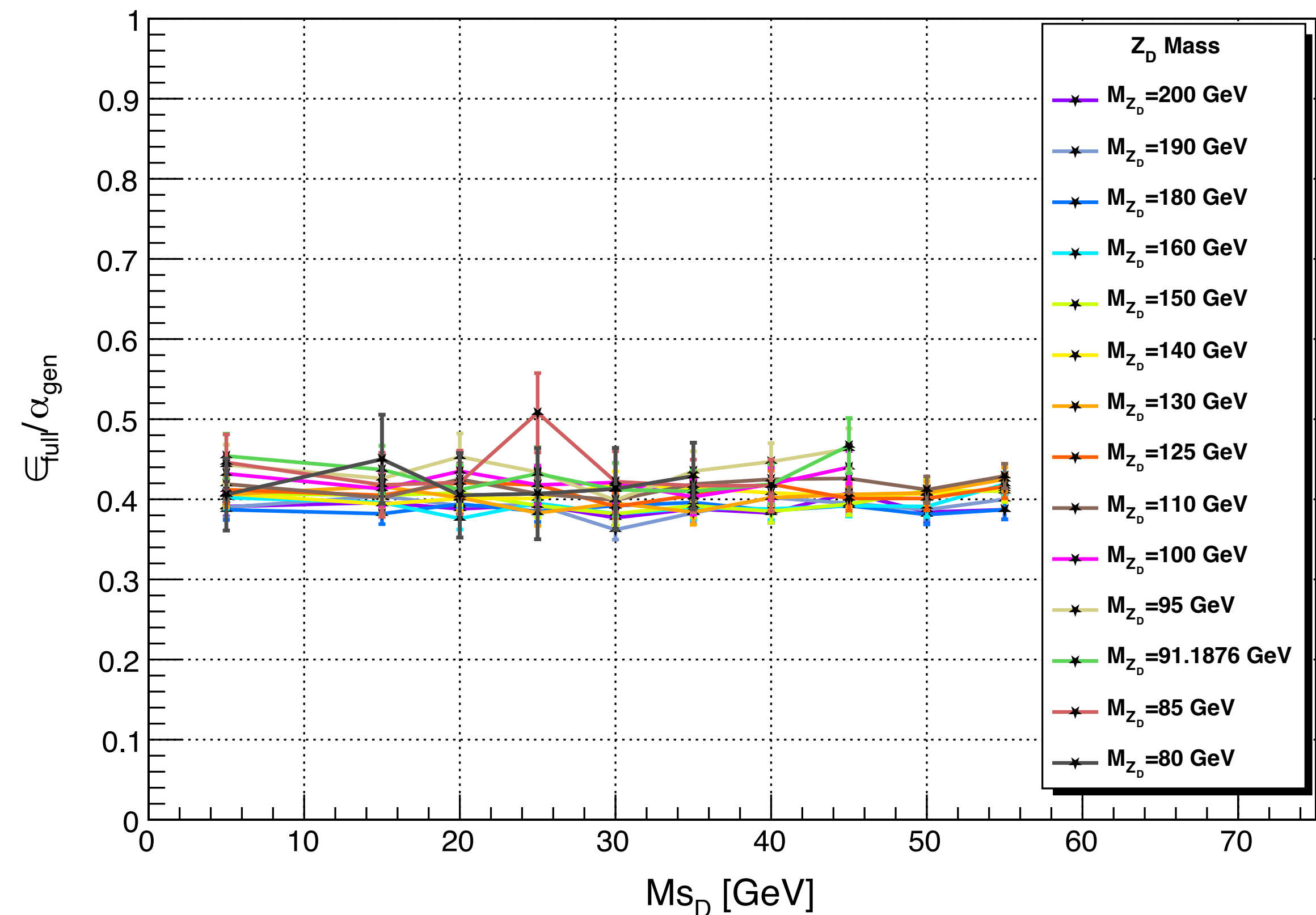


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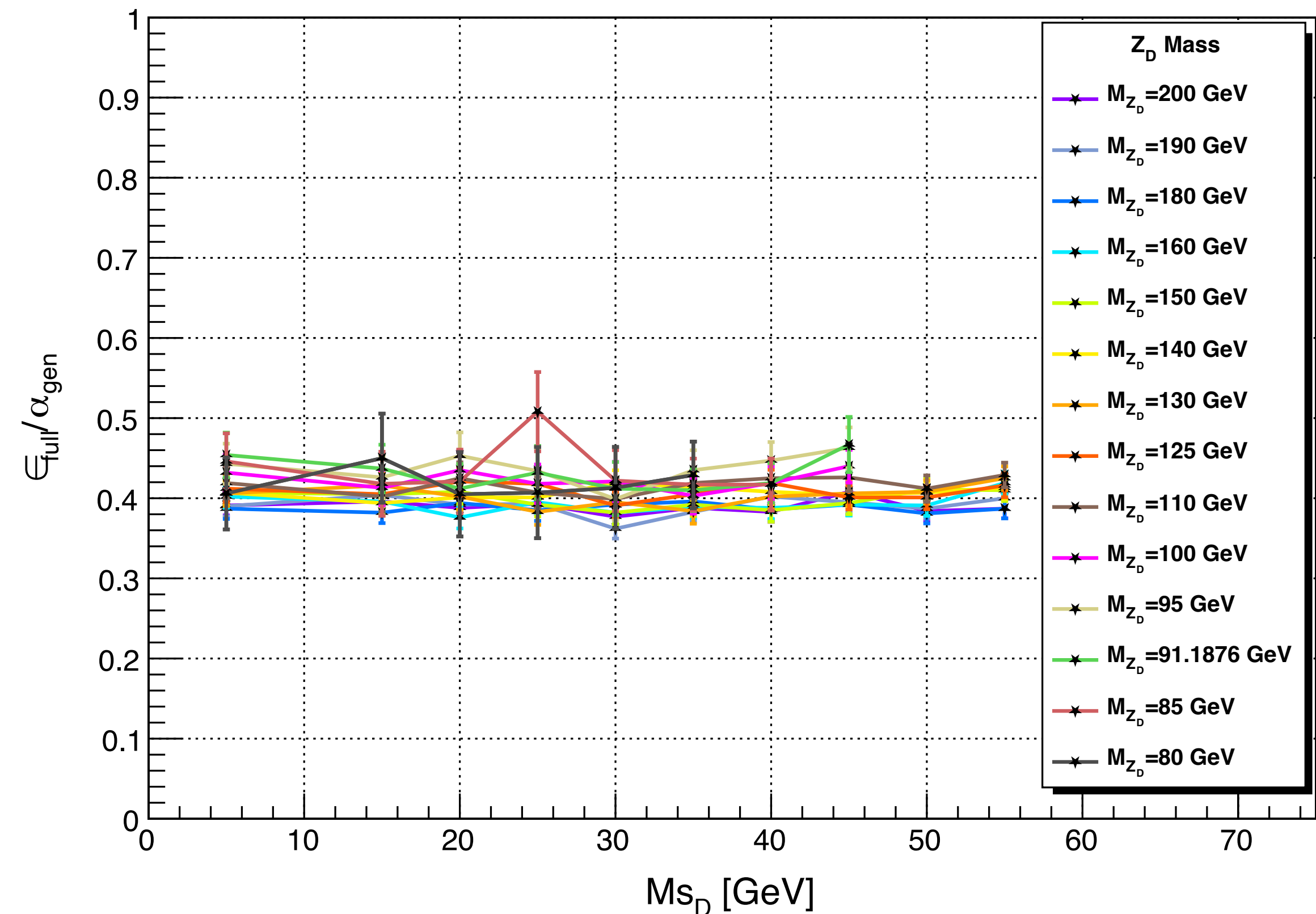


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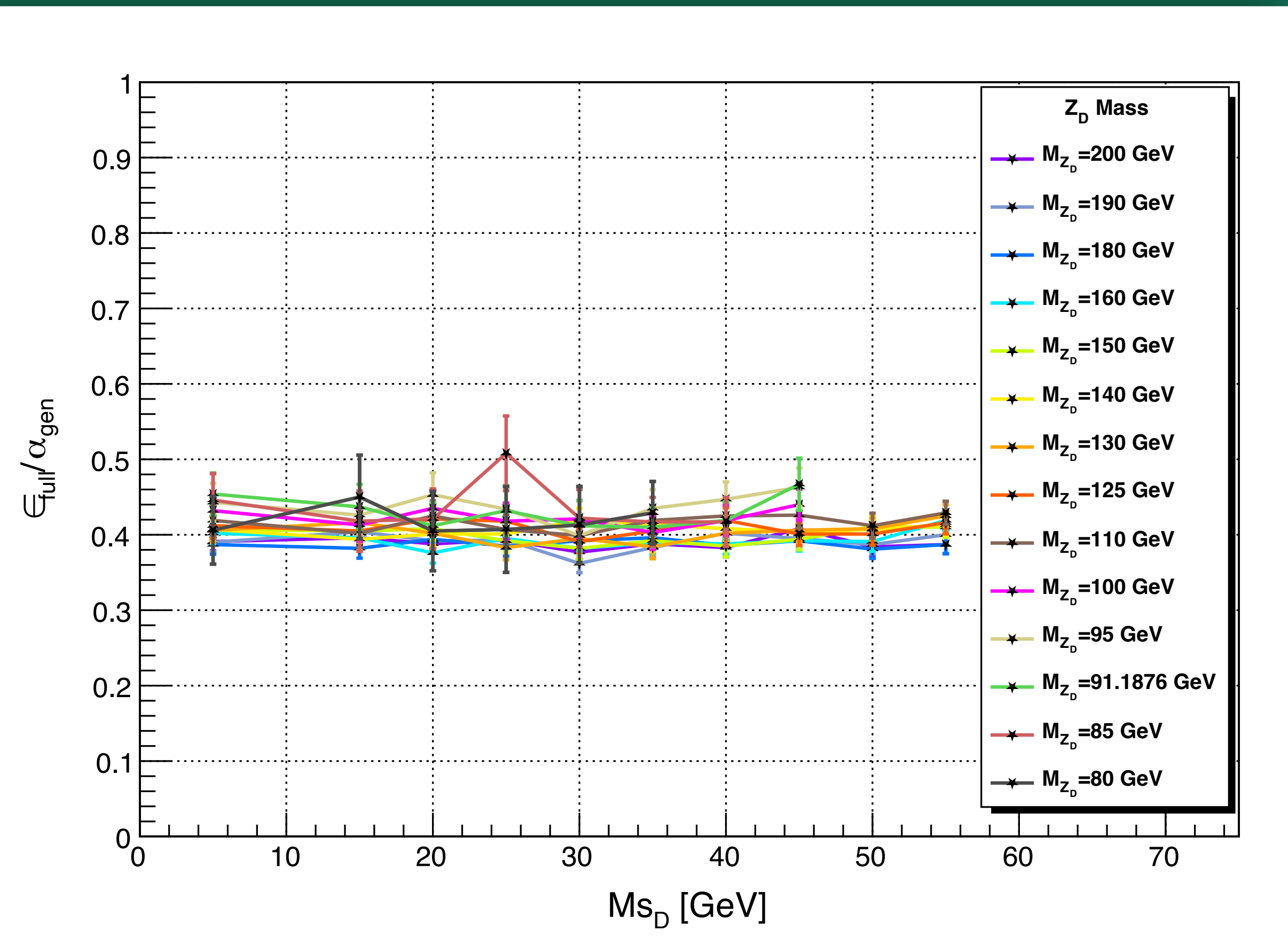


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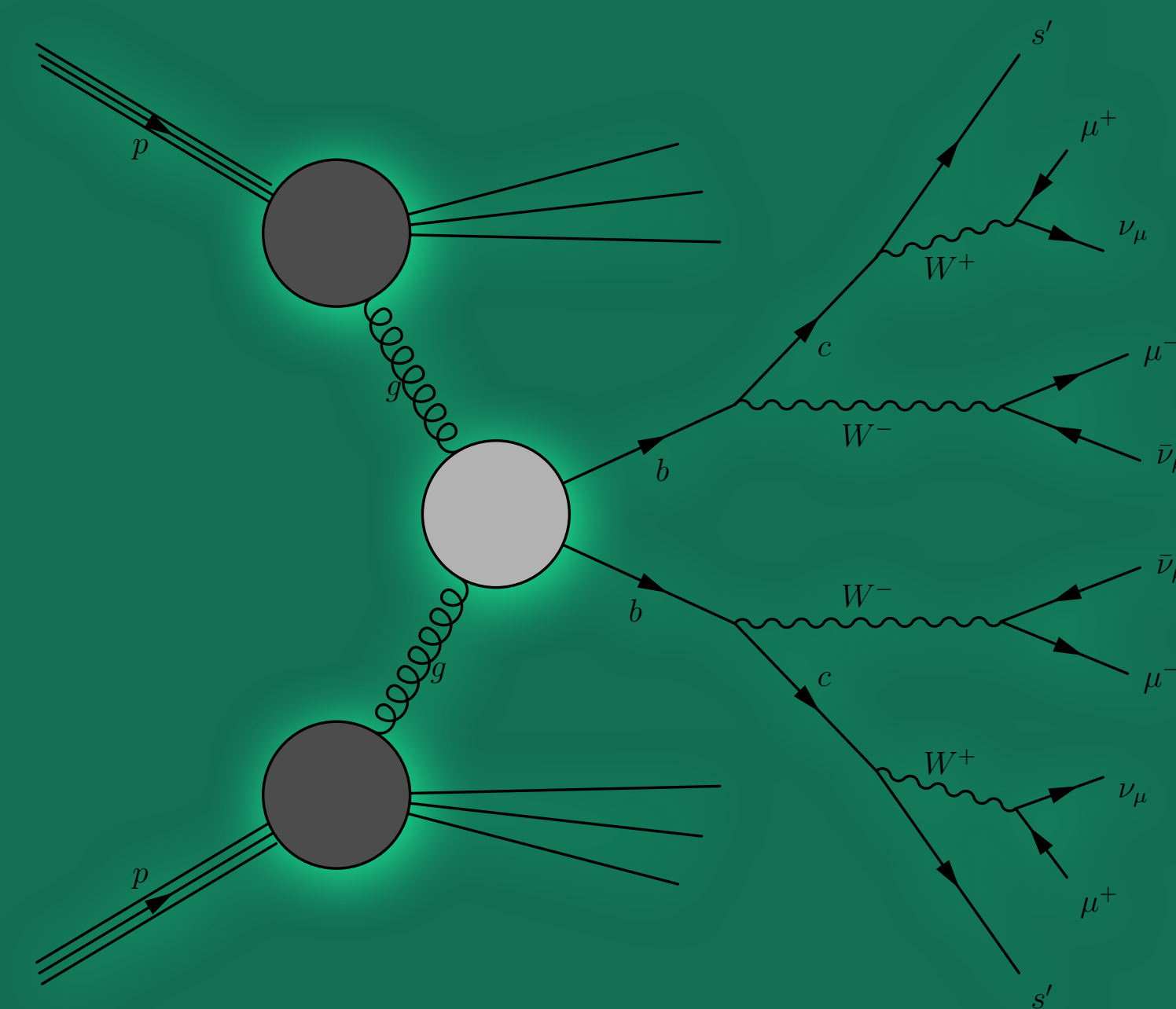


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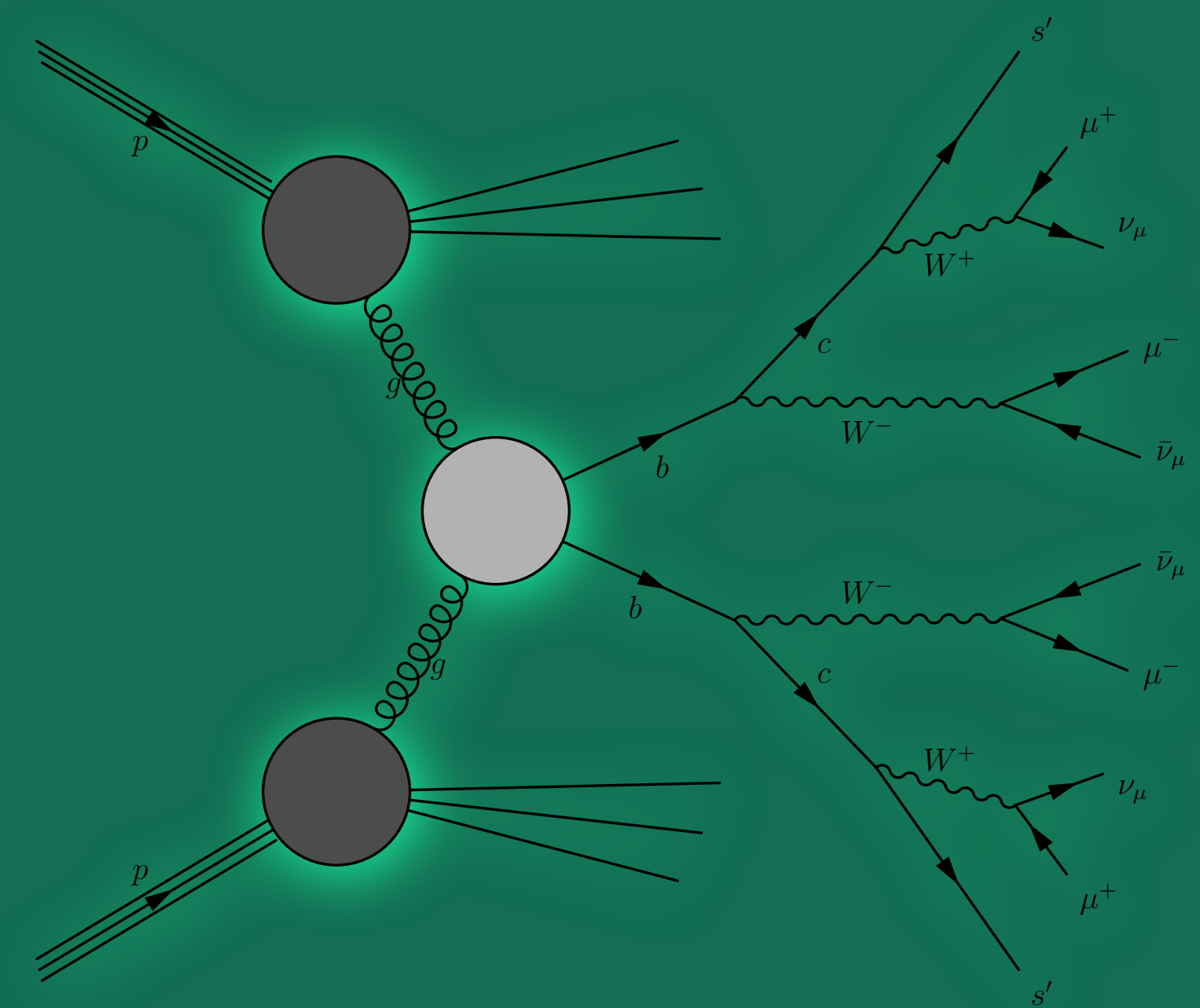


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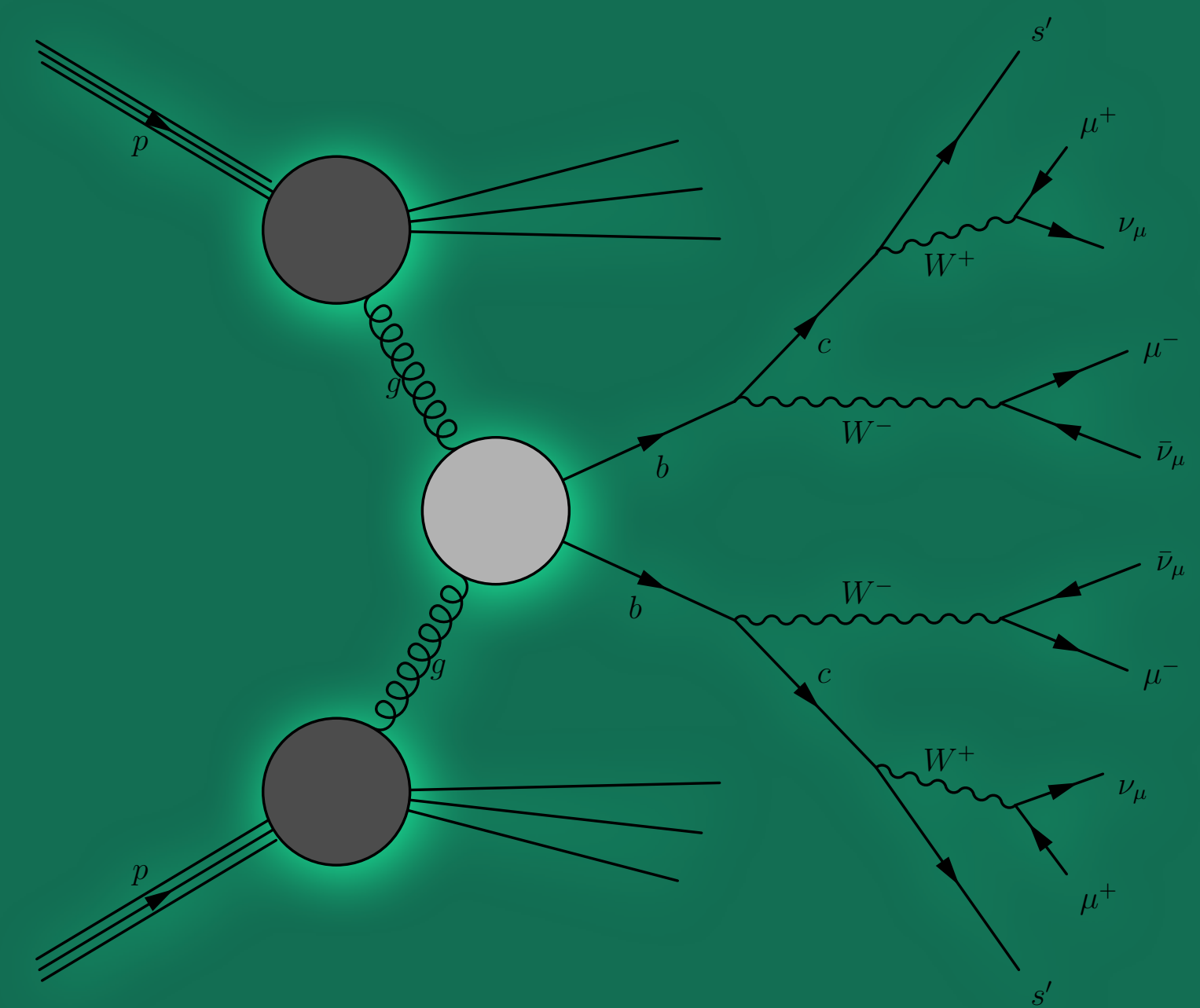


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- Estimate the number of background events in the signal region

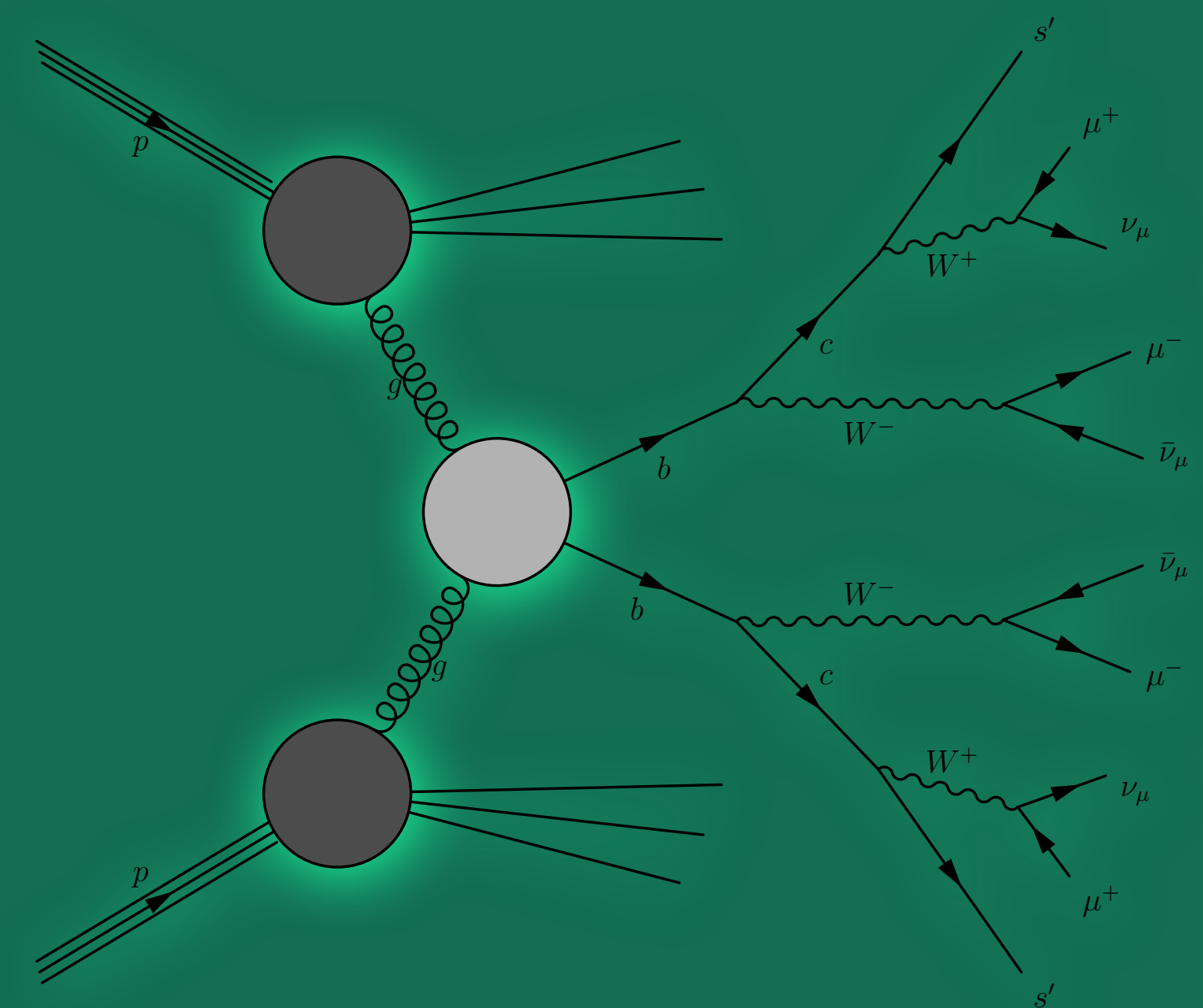


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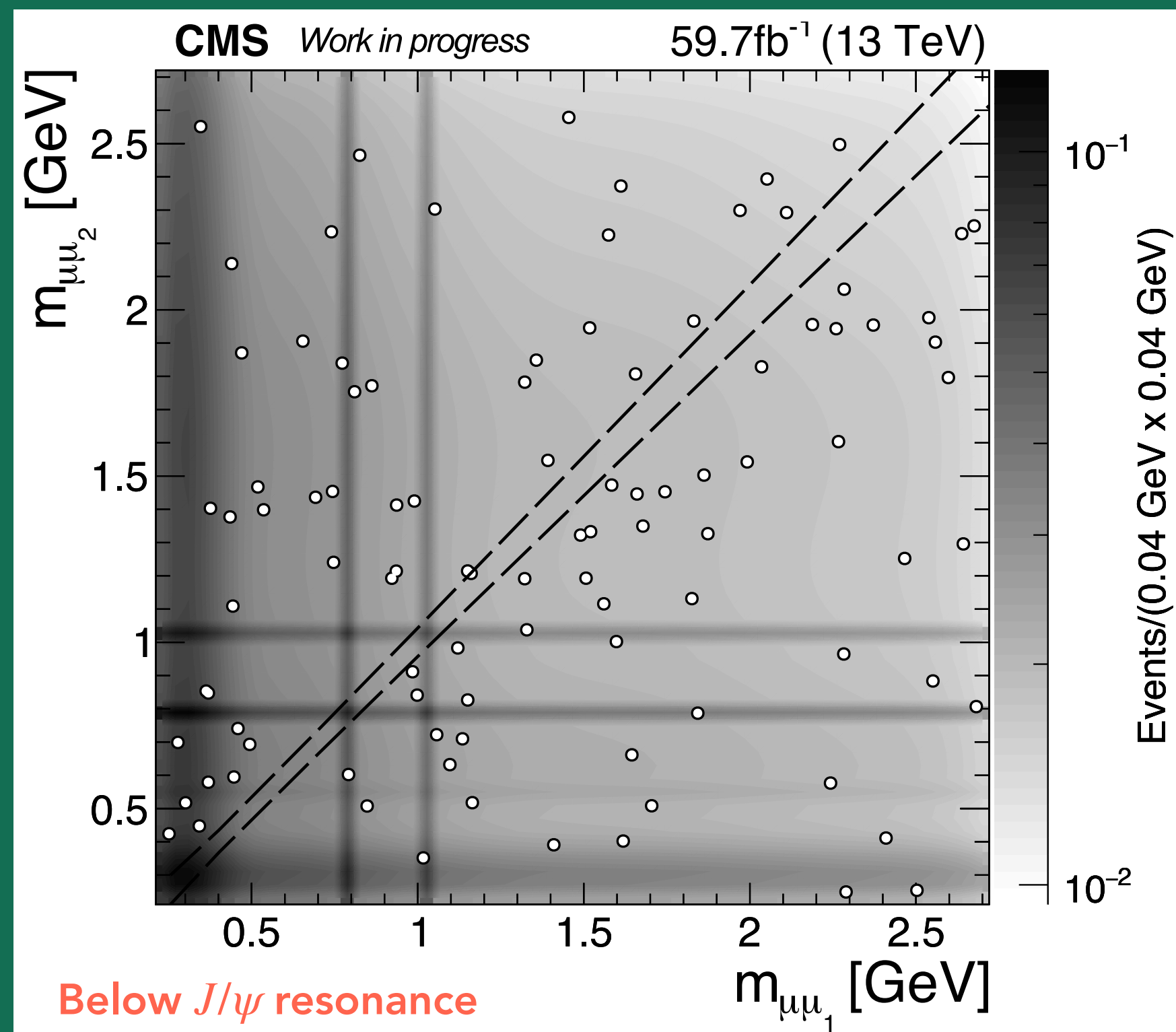
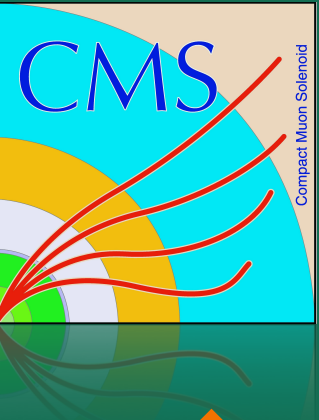
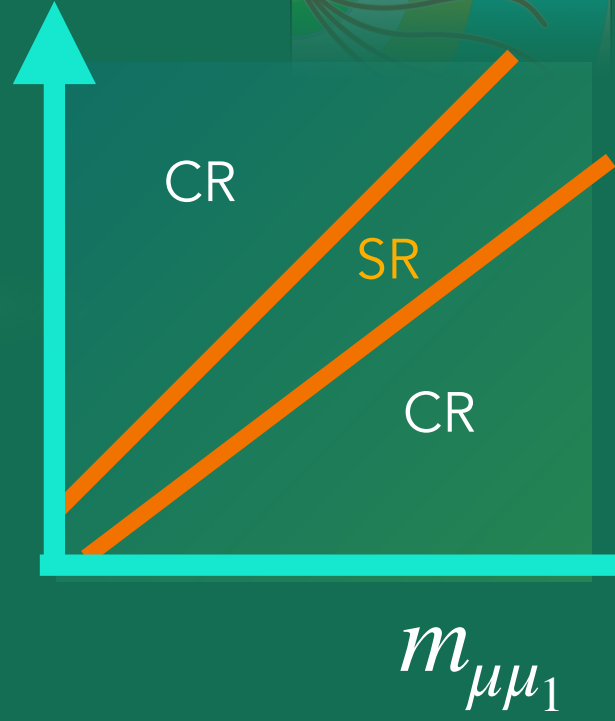


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Definition SR and CR: App. E

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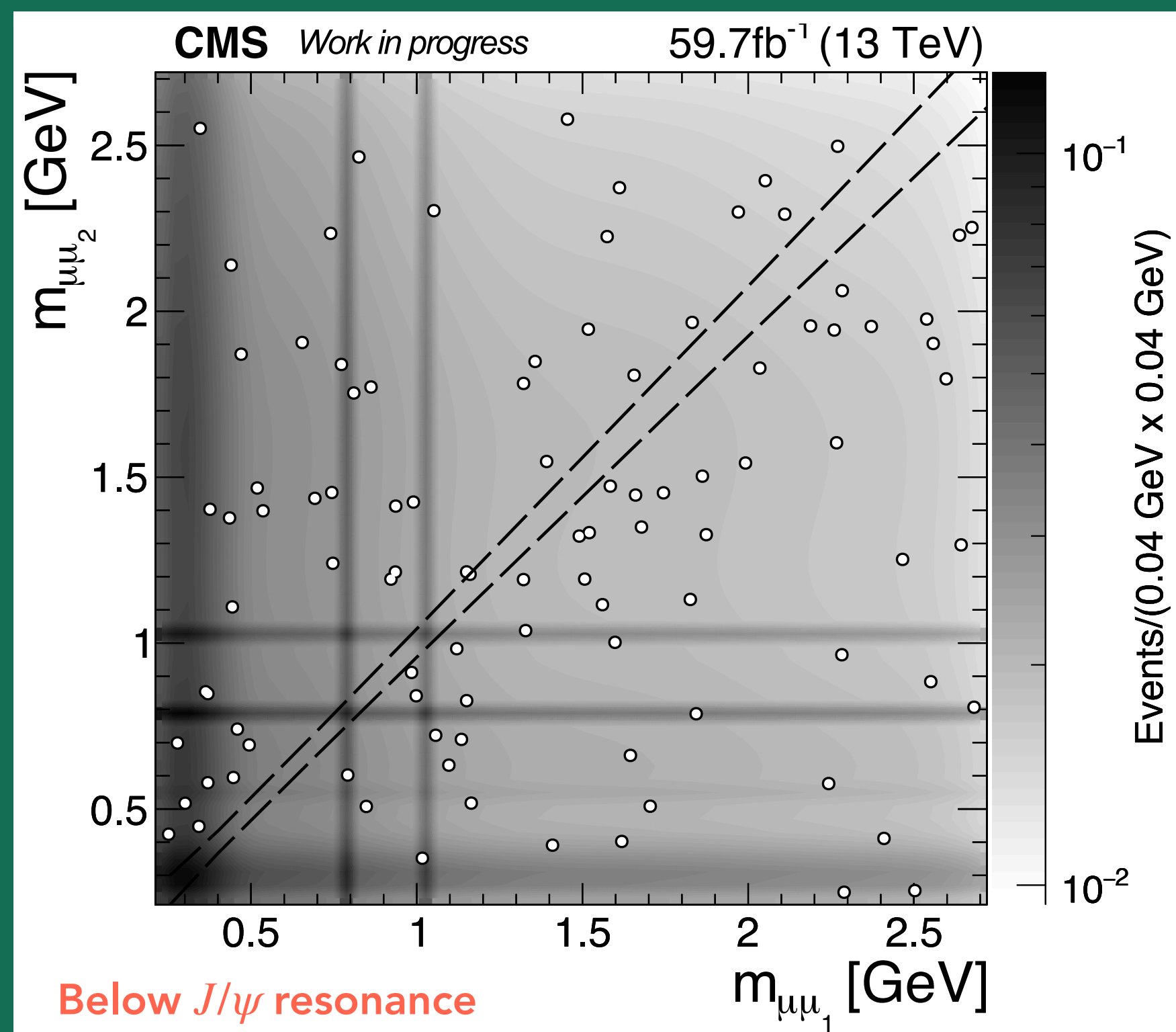
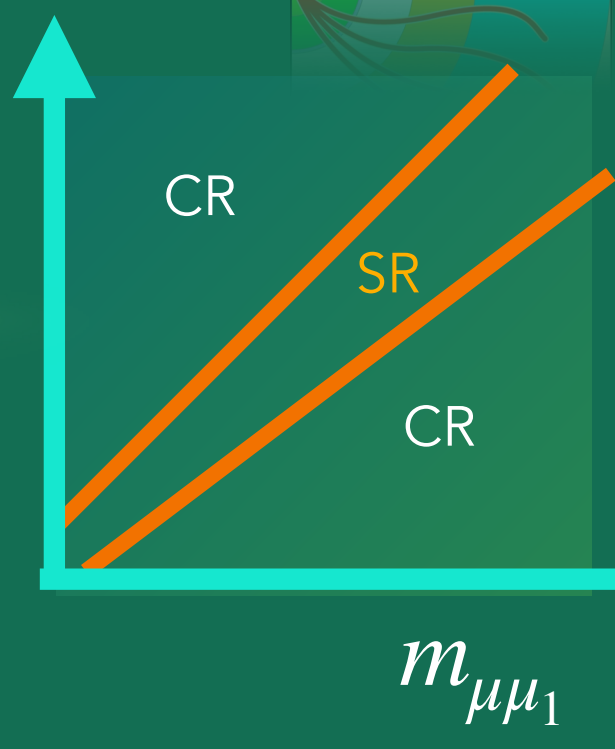


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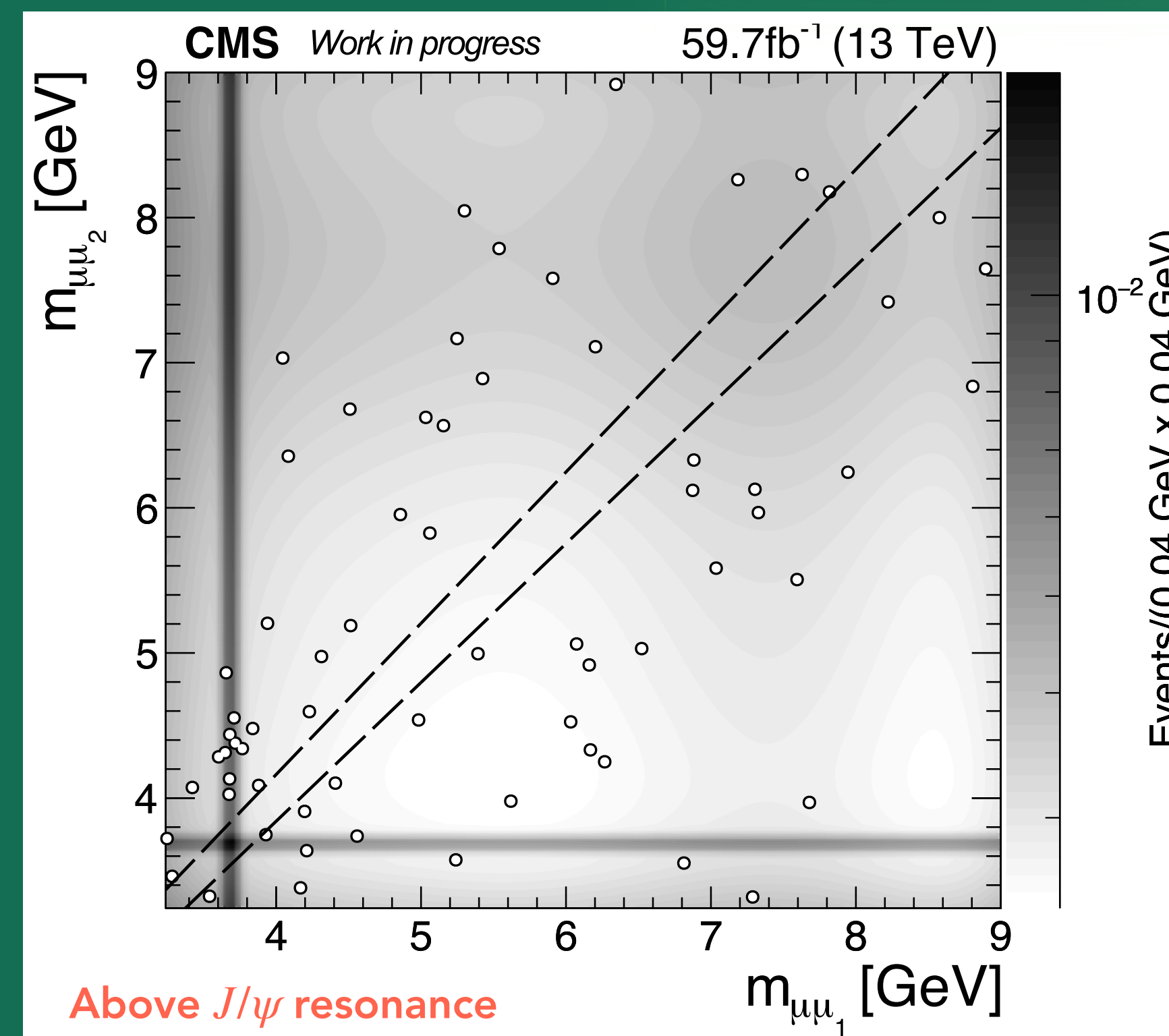
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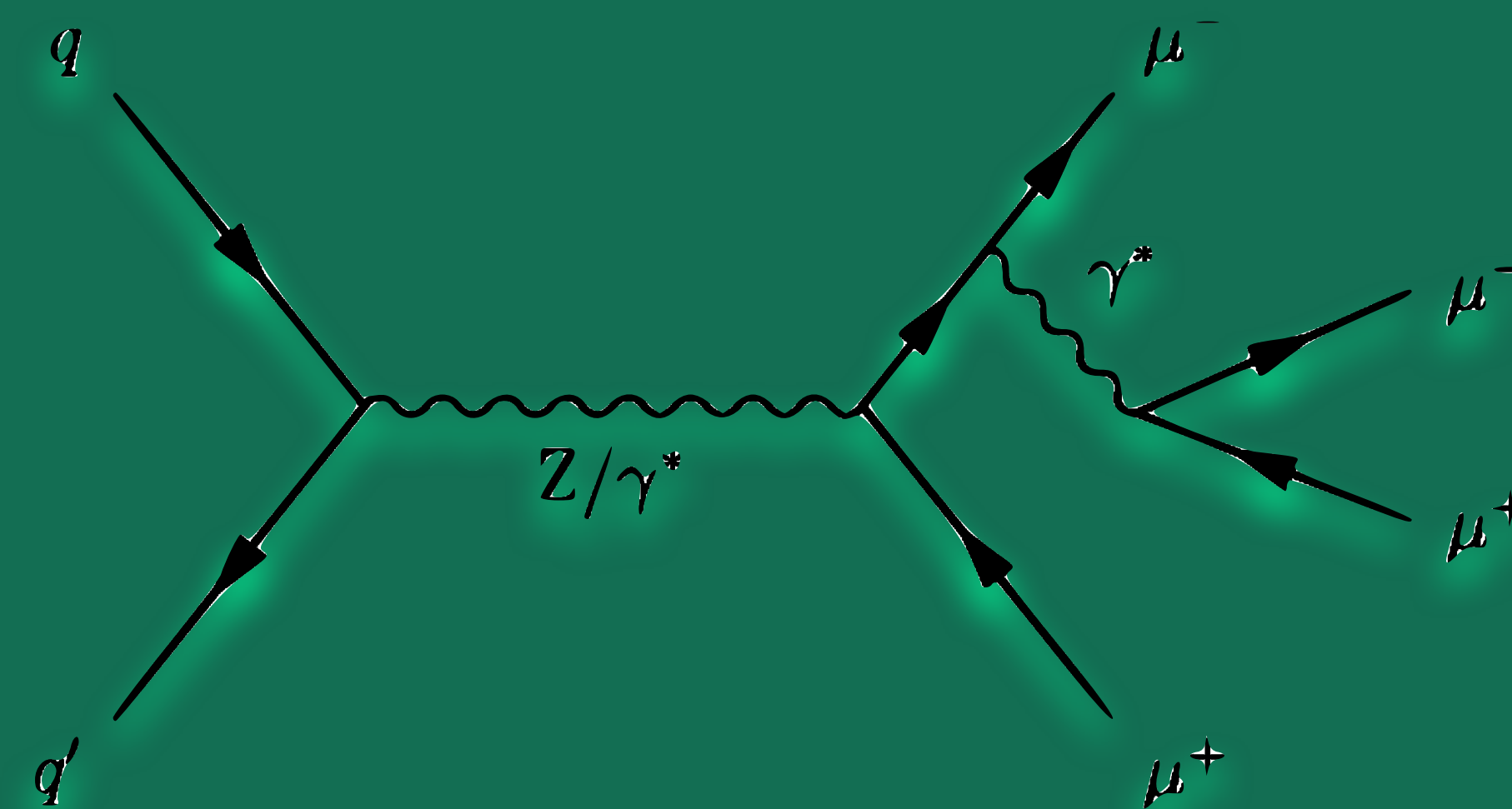


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- Reject the event if:

- Alternative pairing trailing mass < 3 GeV

- Alternative pairing trailing $\Delta R < 0.2$

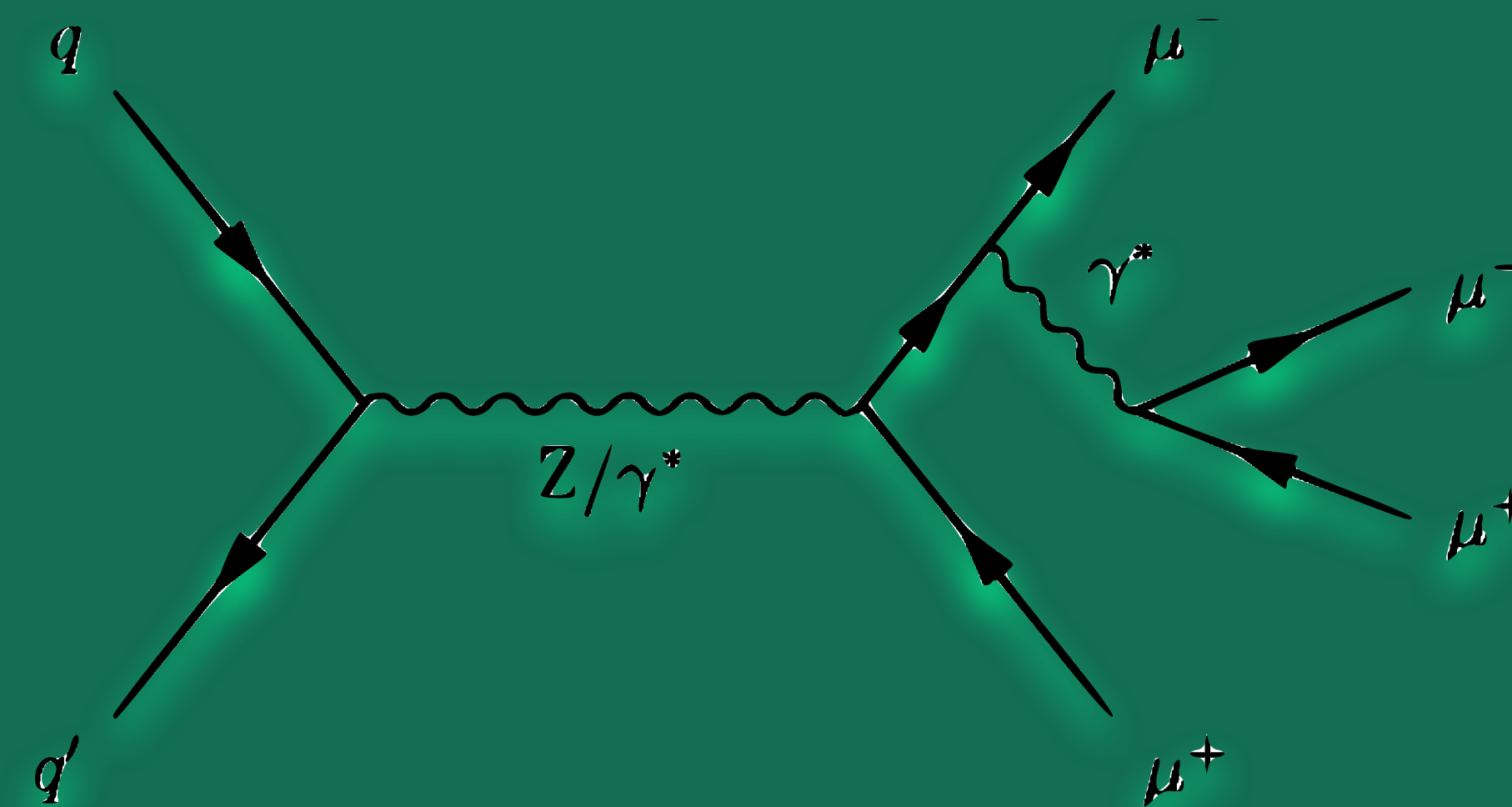


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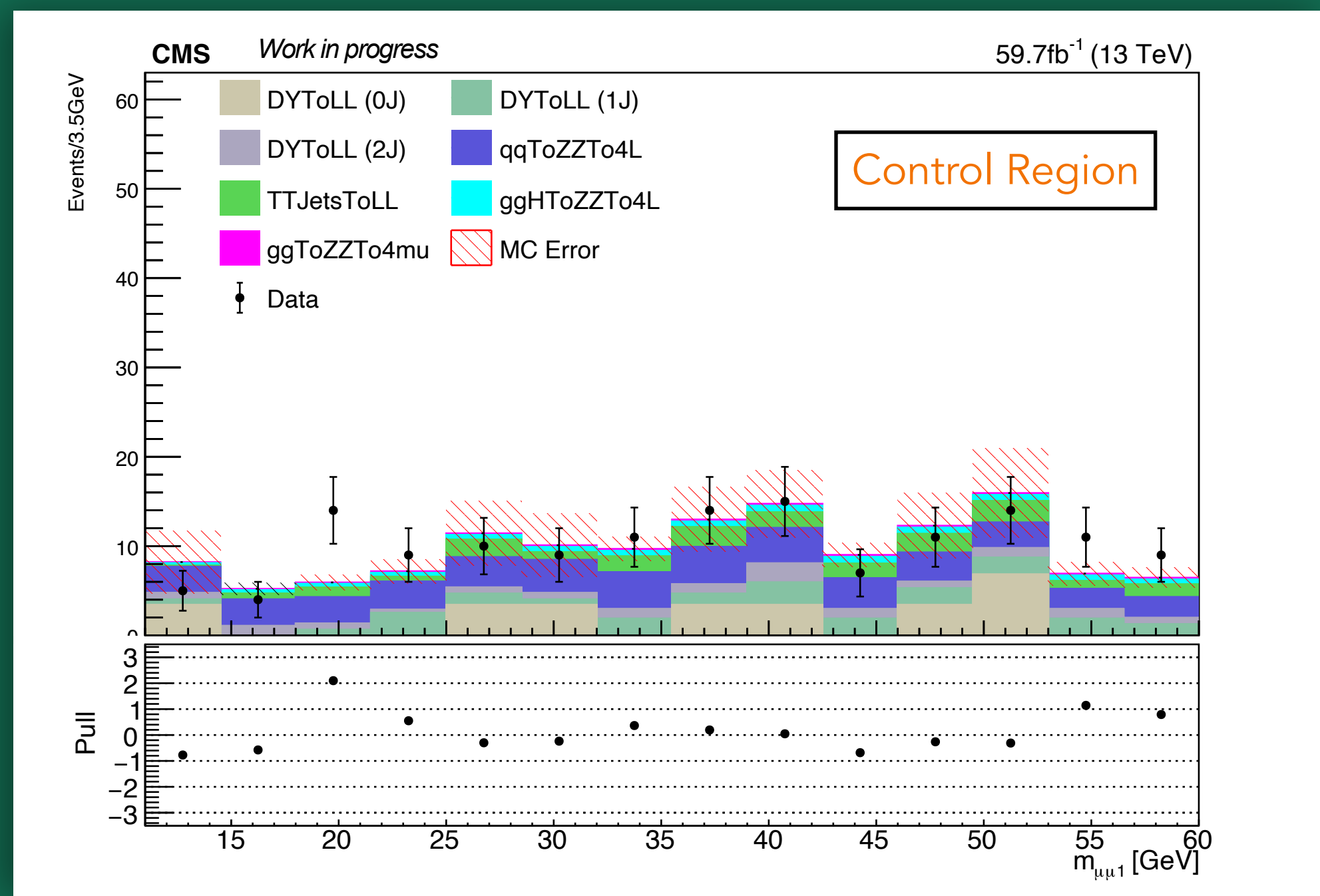
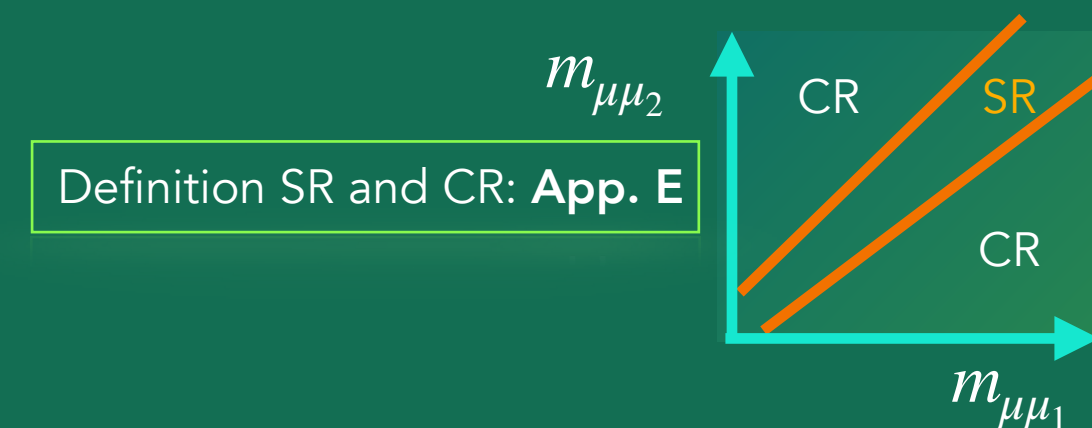


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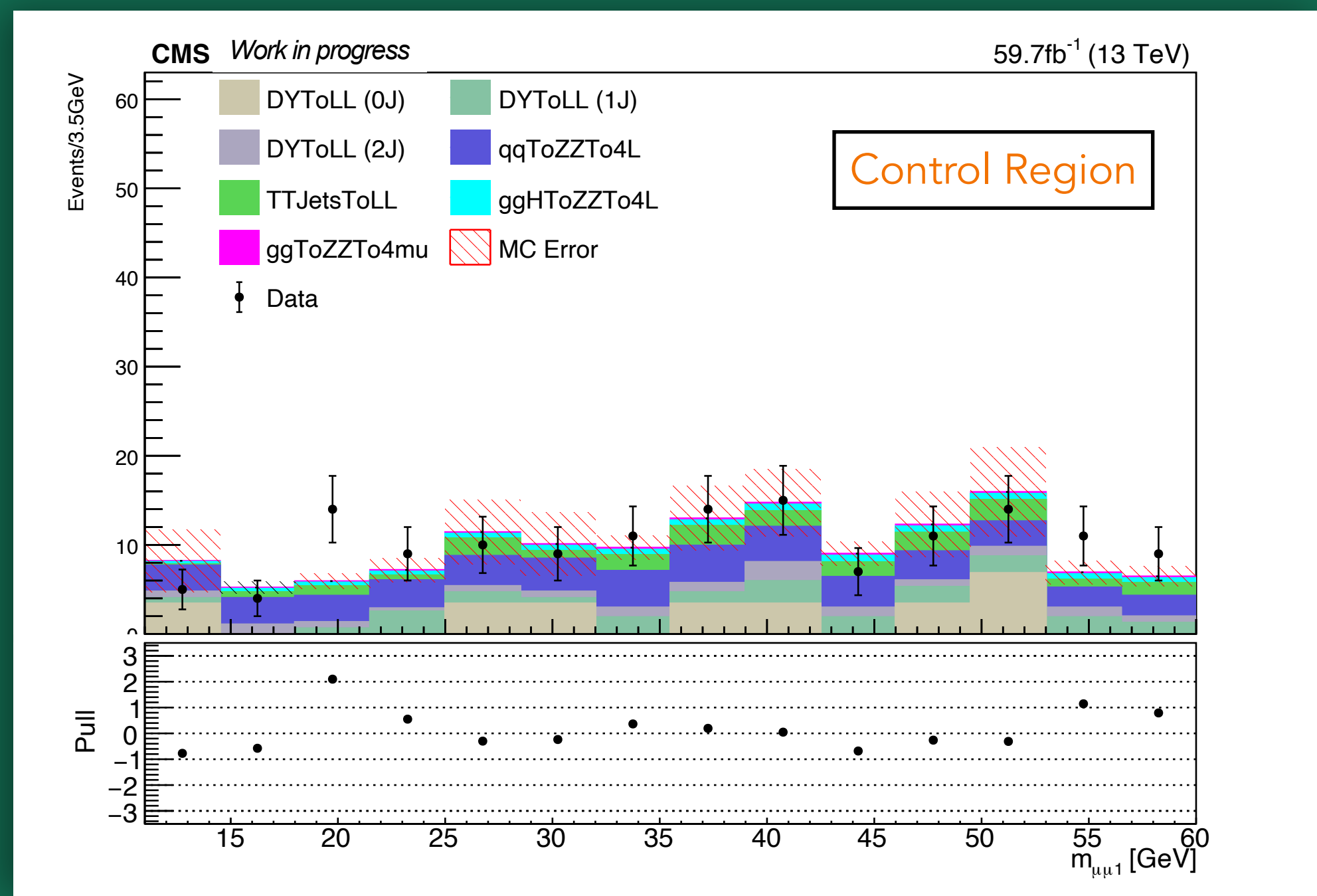
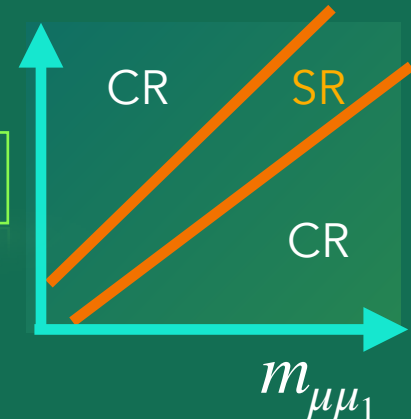


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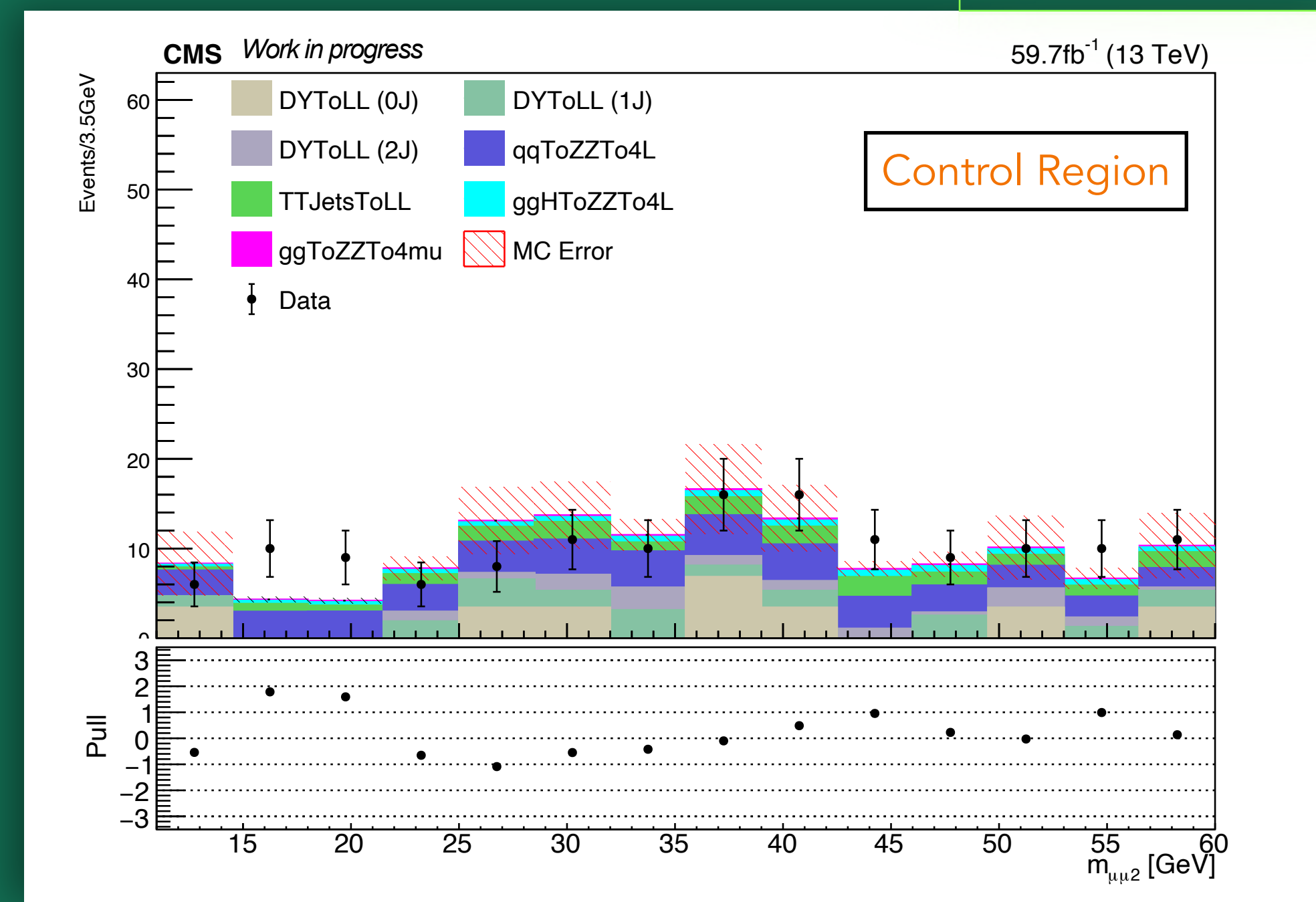


Figure9: MC simulation compared with the data in control region for muon pair 2.

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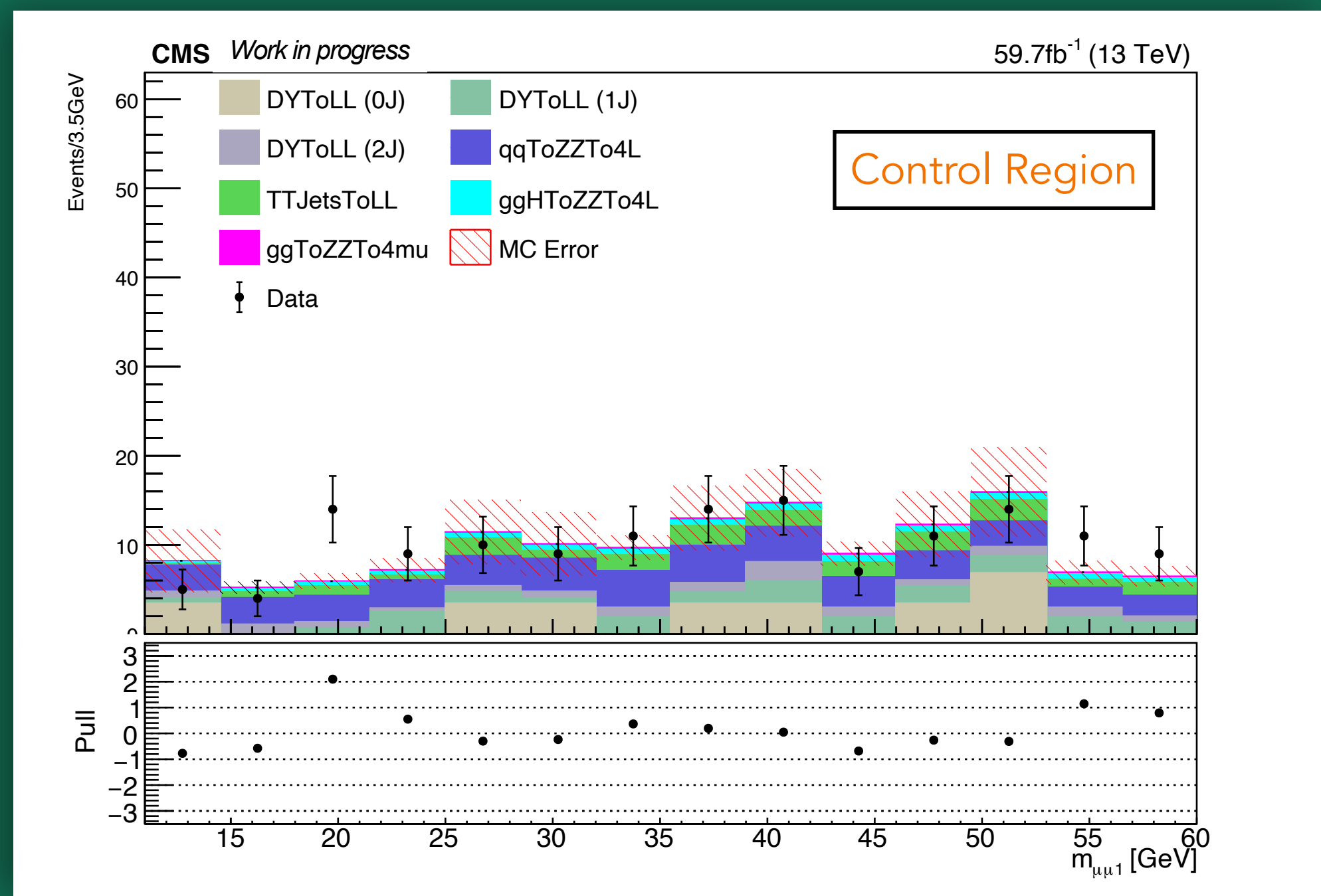
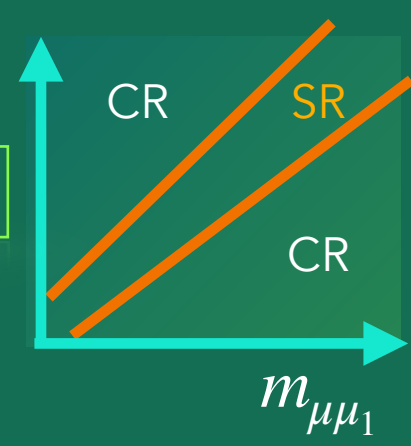


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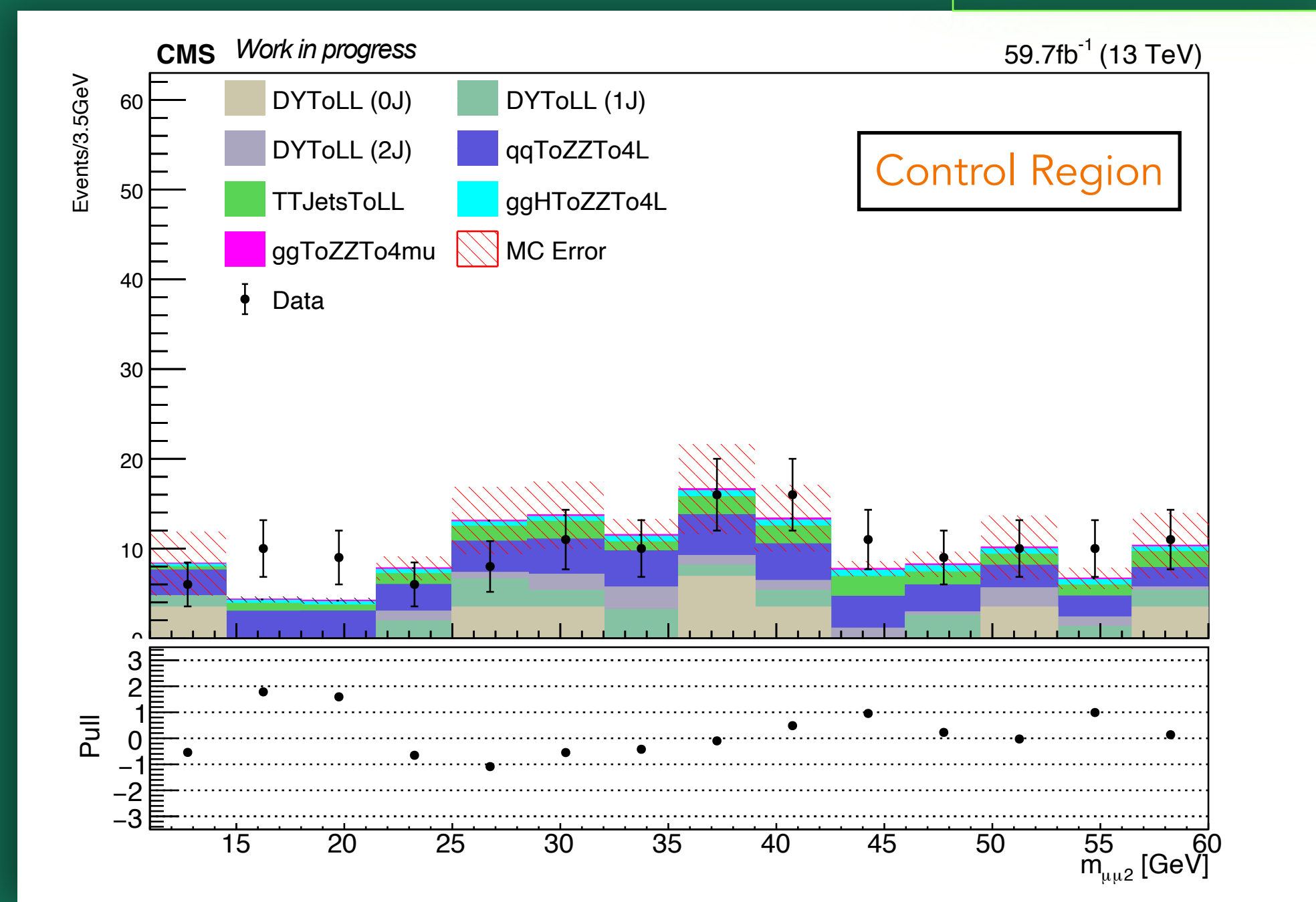


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Good agreement between data and MC in control region

$$\frac{data}{MC} = 1.05 \pm 0.12$$

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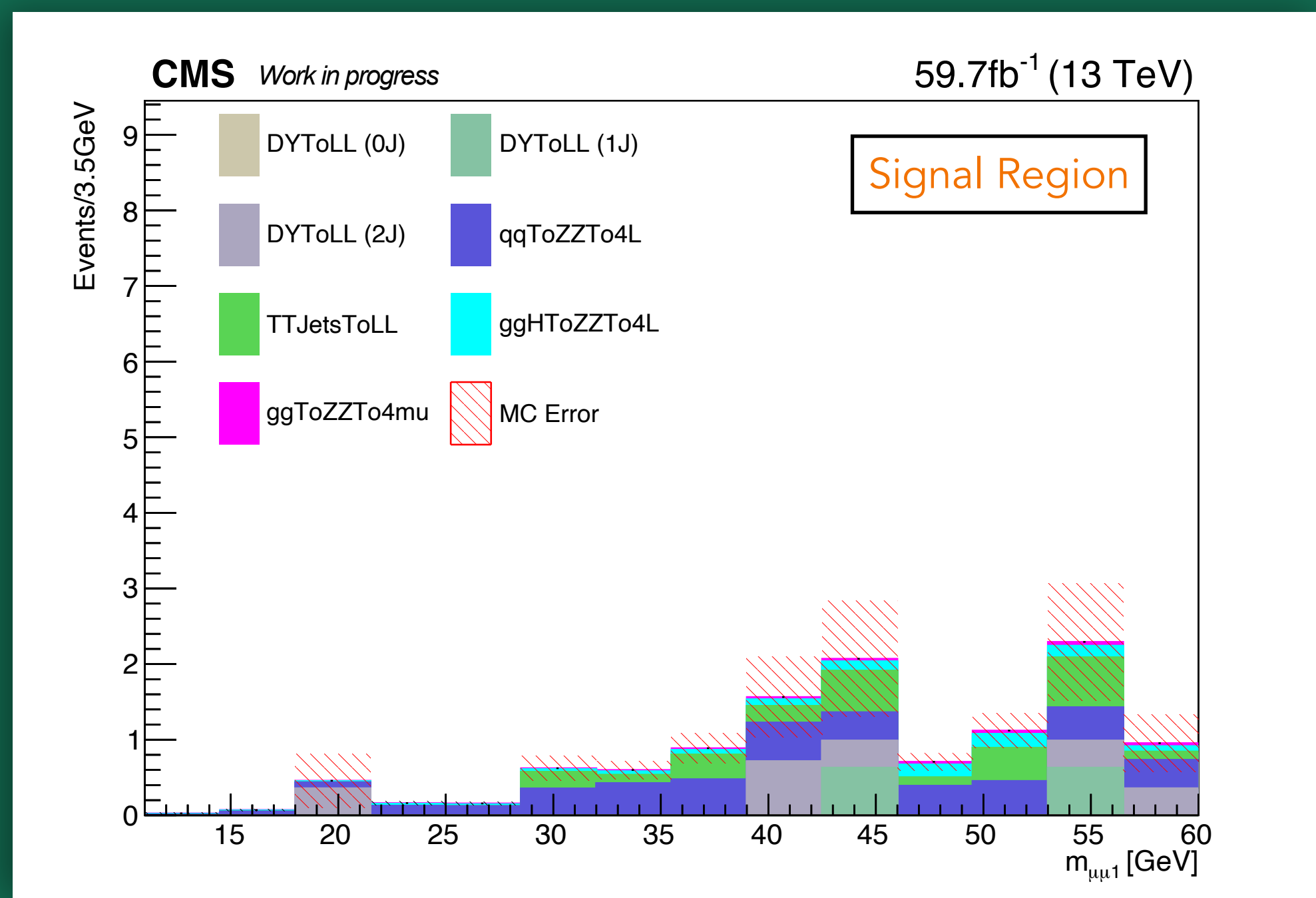
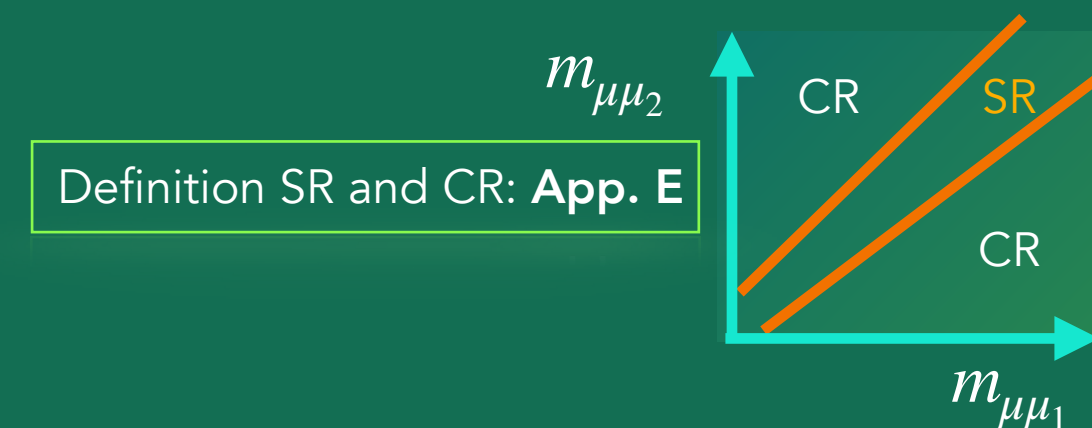


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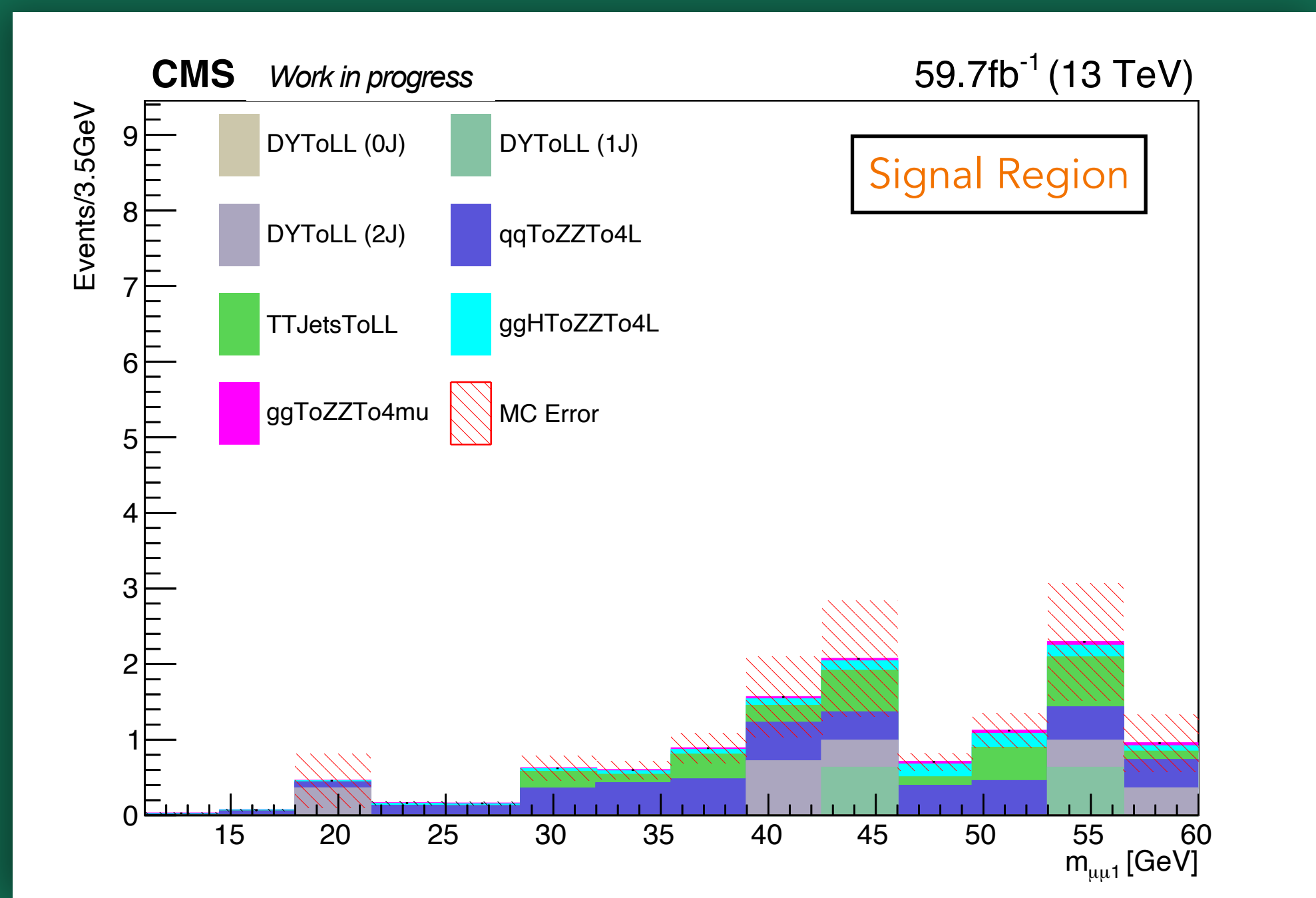
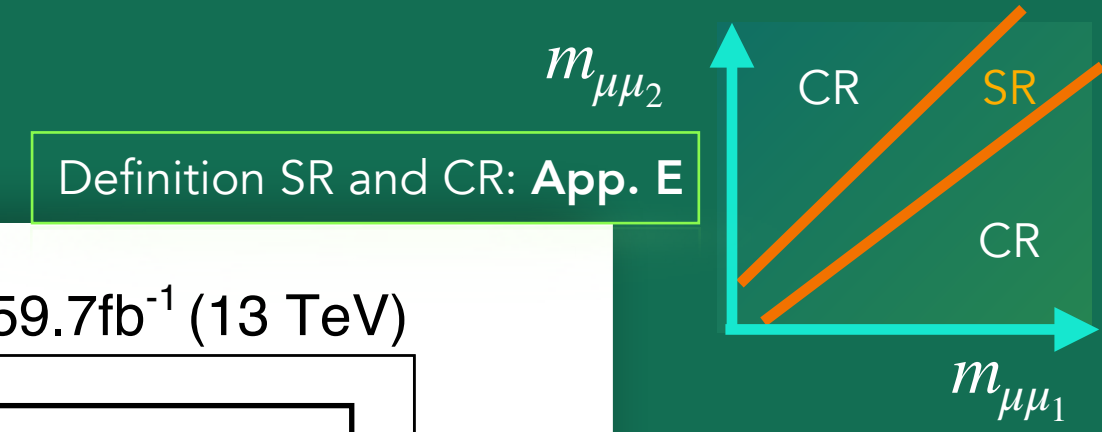


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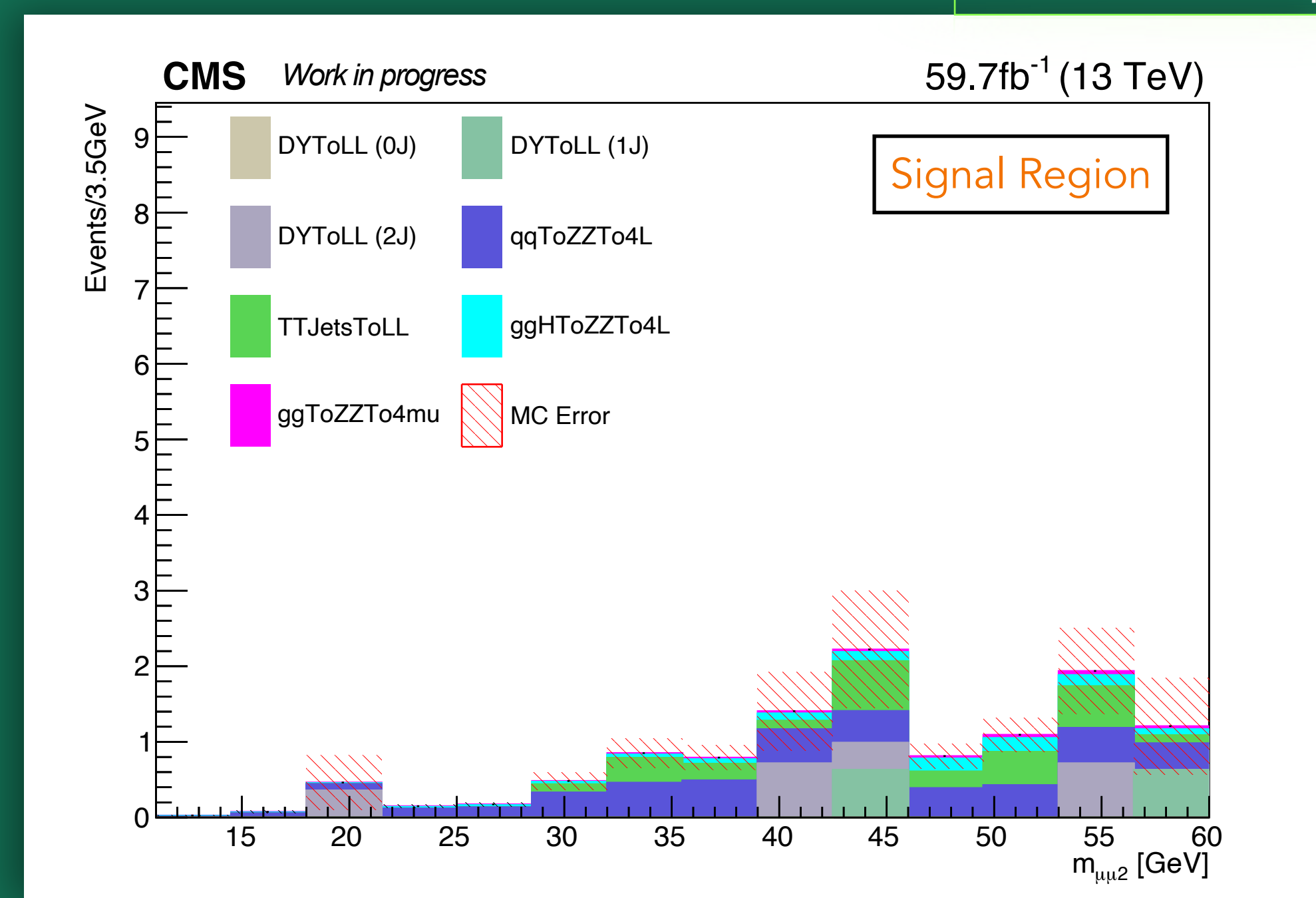


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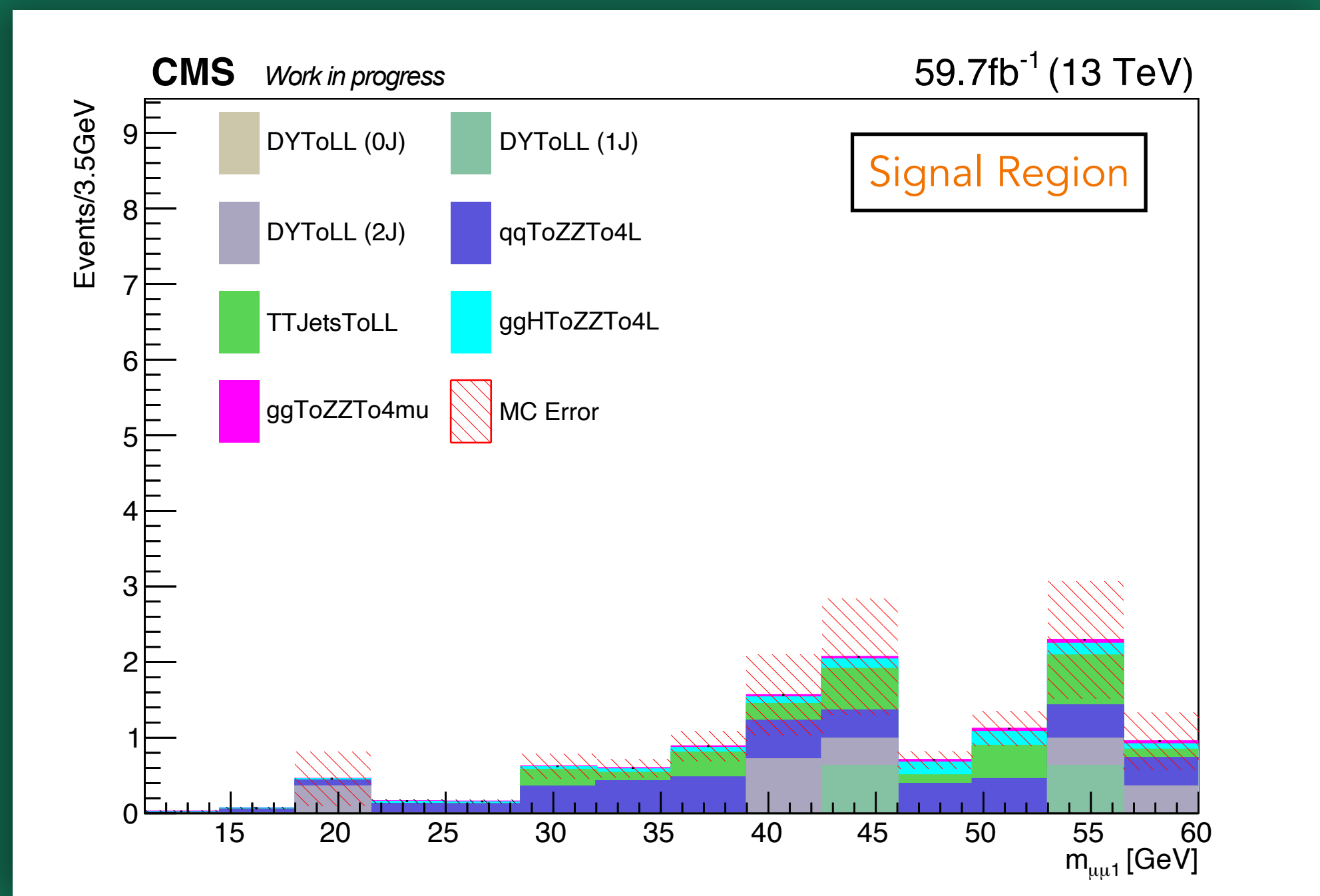
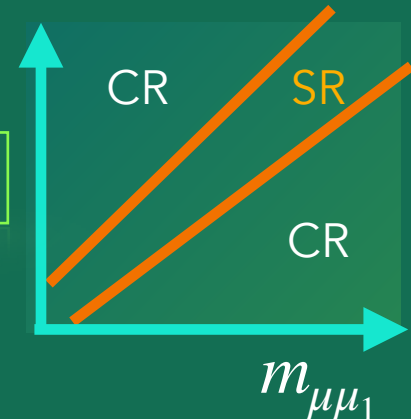


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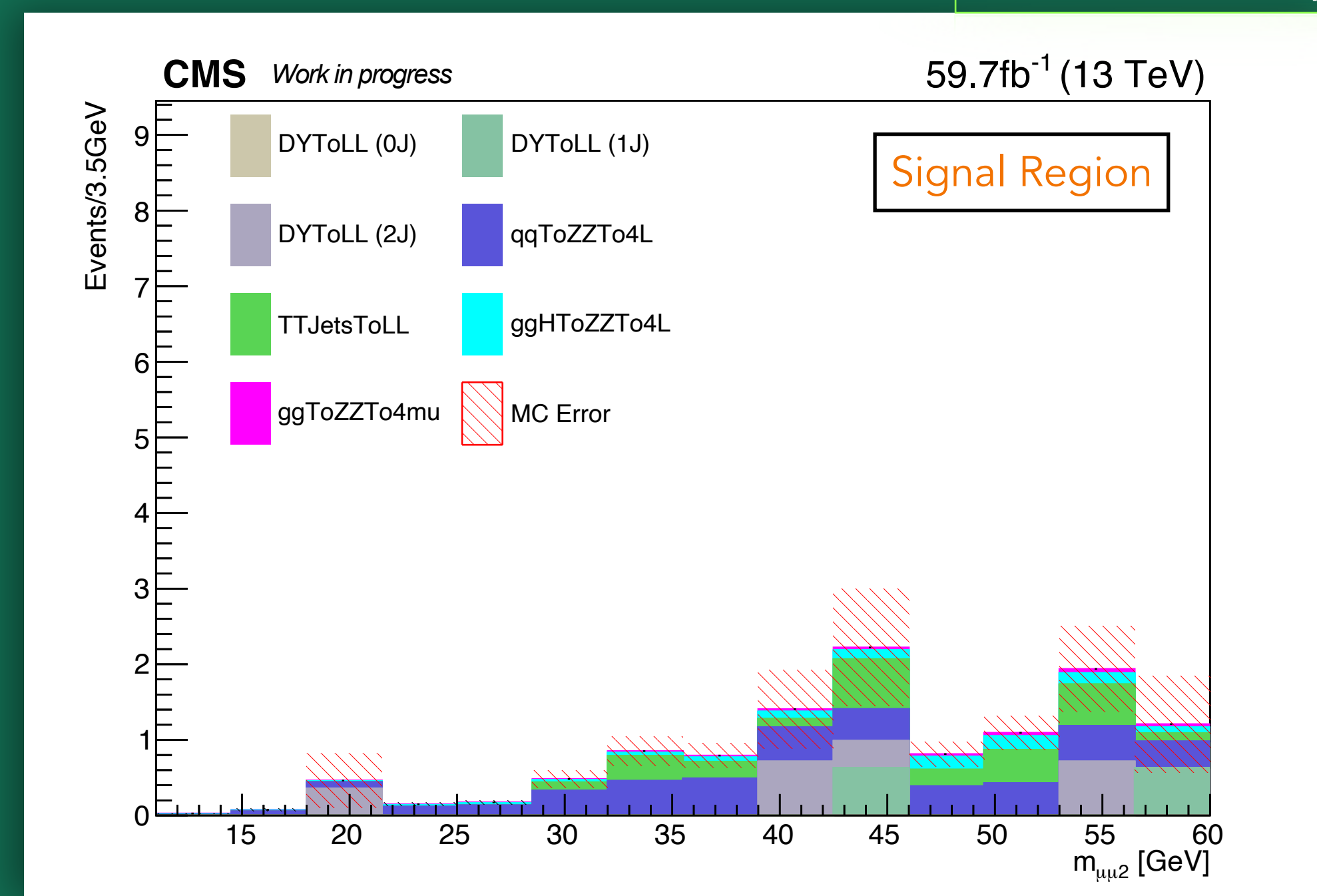


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Smooth background shape in the SR is obtained via adaptive Kernel Density Estimation (KDE). See **App. C**

Estimated number of background events in the SR
 $SR : 12.28 \pm 2.01$

Expected Limits

Expected Limit on Kinetic Mixing parameter

- Close to zero background analysis: expected 95% CL upper limit is ~ 3 events at each mass point

$$\bullet \sigma(pp \rightarrow Z_D) \mathcal{B}(Z_D \rightarrow s_D \bar{s}_D) \mathcal{B}^2(s_D \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \times \alpha_{gen} \leq \frac{N_{\mu\mu}}{L \times r}$$

- $N_{\mu\mu}$: 95% CL upper limit on the number of events

$$\bullet \mathcal{L} = 59.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}, \quad r = SF_{\epsilon_{Full}} \times \epsilon_{Full}^{MC} / \alpha_{Gen}$$

HLT SF calculation: **App.F**

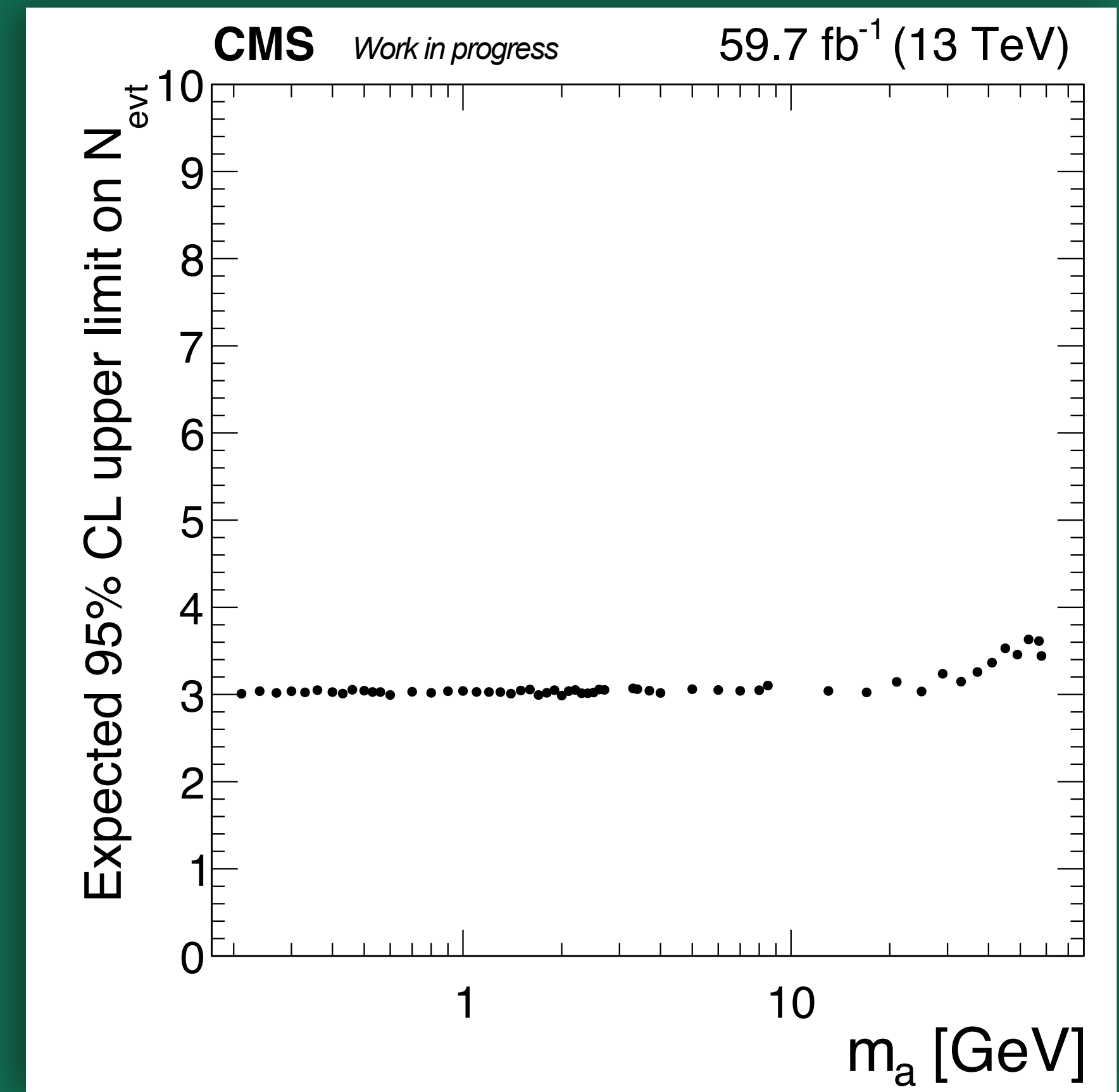


Figure 12A: 95% upper limit on expected number of events

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Expected Limit on Kinetic Mixing parameter

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- $N_{\mu\mu}$: 95% CL upper limit on the number of events

- $\mathcal{L} = 59.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, $r = SF_{\epsilon_{Full}} \times \epsilon_{Full}^{MC} / \alpha_{Gen}$ HLT SF calculation: **App.F**

- By translating the production cross-section to ϵ^2 , we set 95% CL limit on

$$\epsilon^2 \mathcal{B}(Z_D \rightarrow s_D \bar{s}_D) \mathcal{B}^2(s_D \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$$

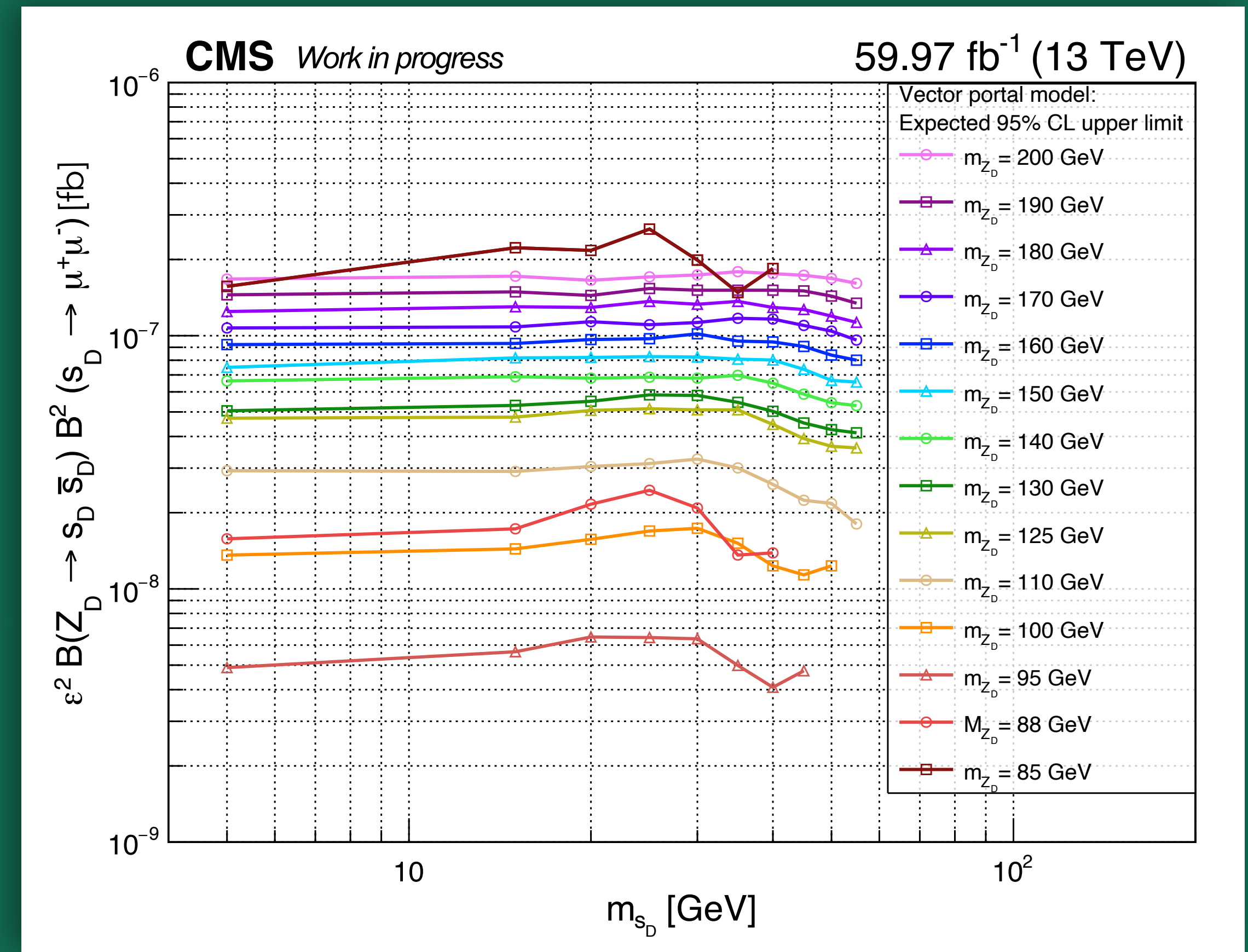


Figure 12B: The expected 95% CL upper limits function of the dark scalar mass m_{s_D} and the dark vector boson mass m_{Z_D}

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- By translating the production cross-section to ϵ^2 , we set 95% CL limit on

$$\epsilon^2 \mathcal{B}(Z_D \rightarrow s_D \bar{s}_D) \mathcal{B}^2(s_D \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$$

- The limit curves exhibit a structure with an increase and a dip as the s_D mass approaches the kinematic limit of $m_{Z_D}/2$.

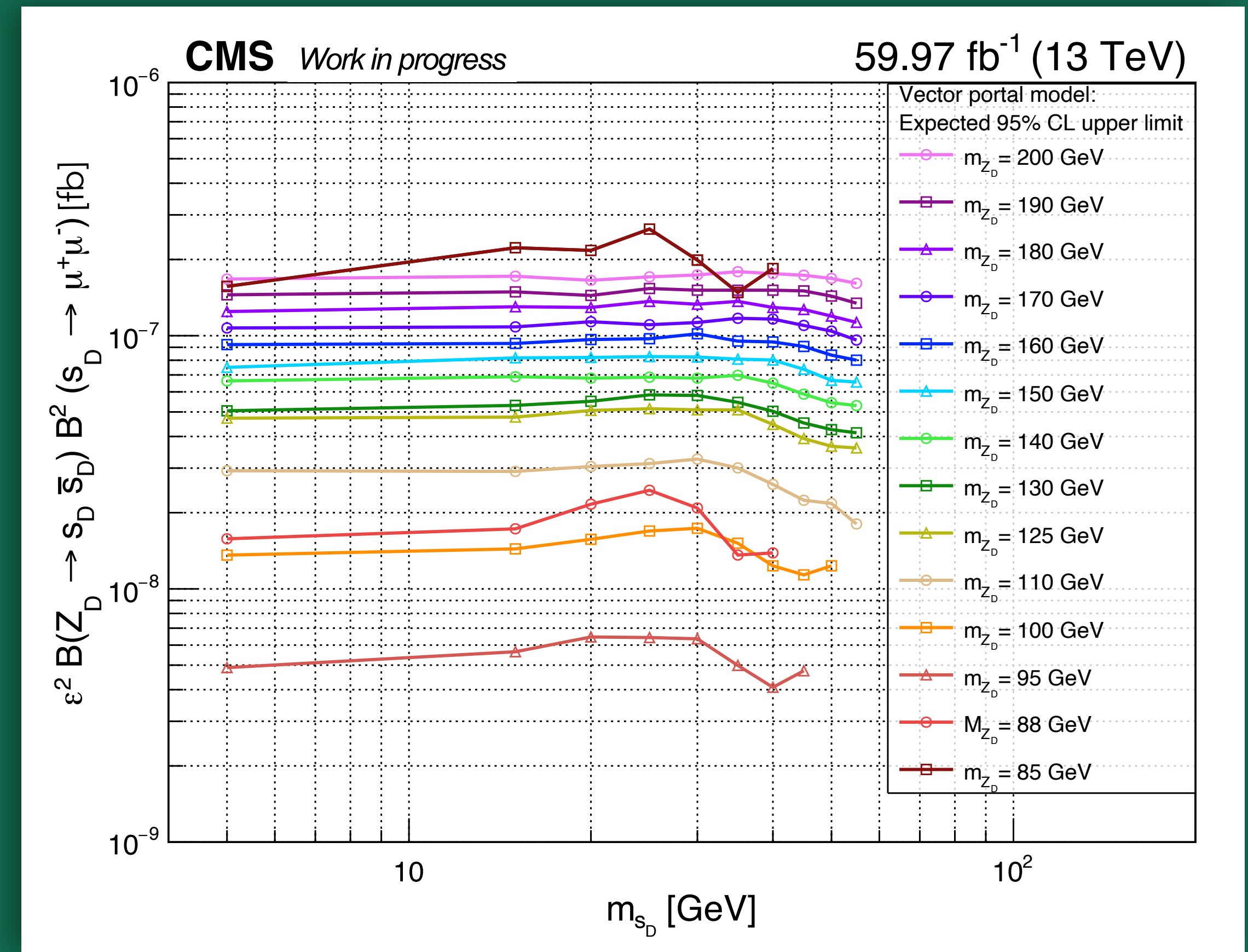


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Unblinding The Signal Region

Below Below Upsilon (Υ) Background

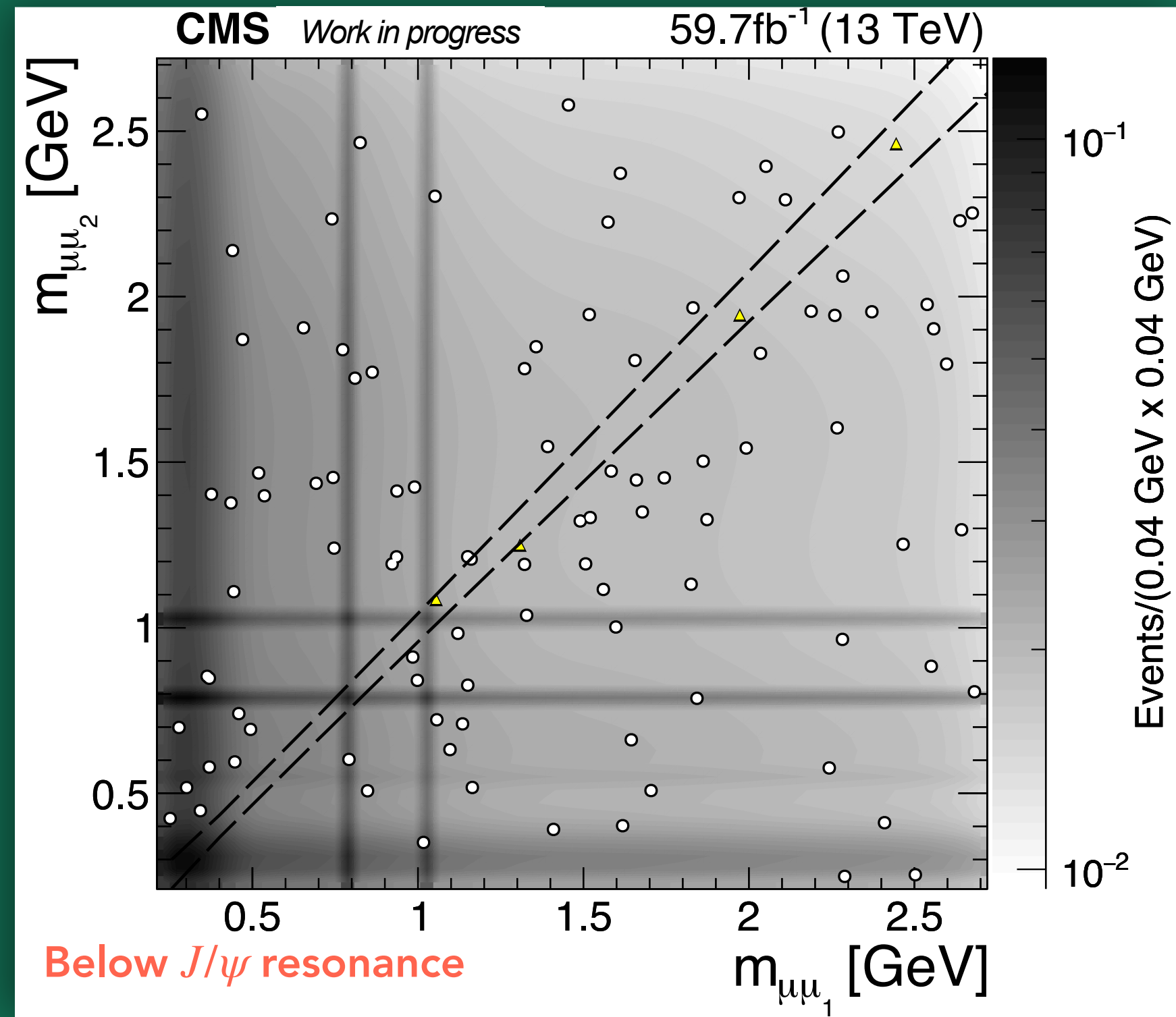


Figure13: 2D QCD background at SR

- Estimated Background events at SR:
 $4.34 \pm 0.44(stat.) \pm 0.18(sys.)$
- Observed: 4 events

Unblinding The Signal Region

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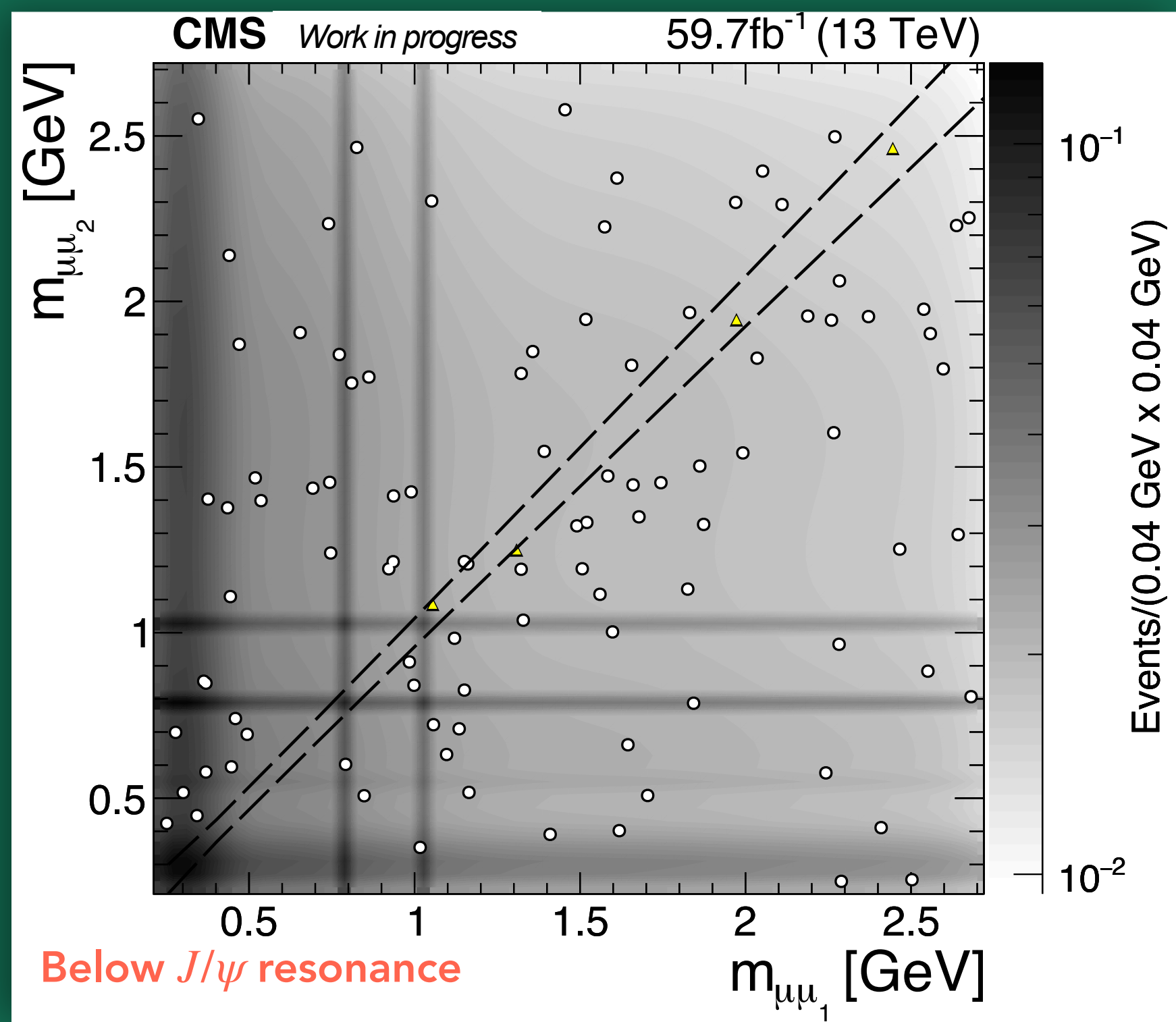


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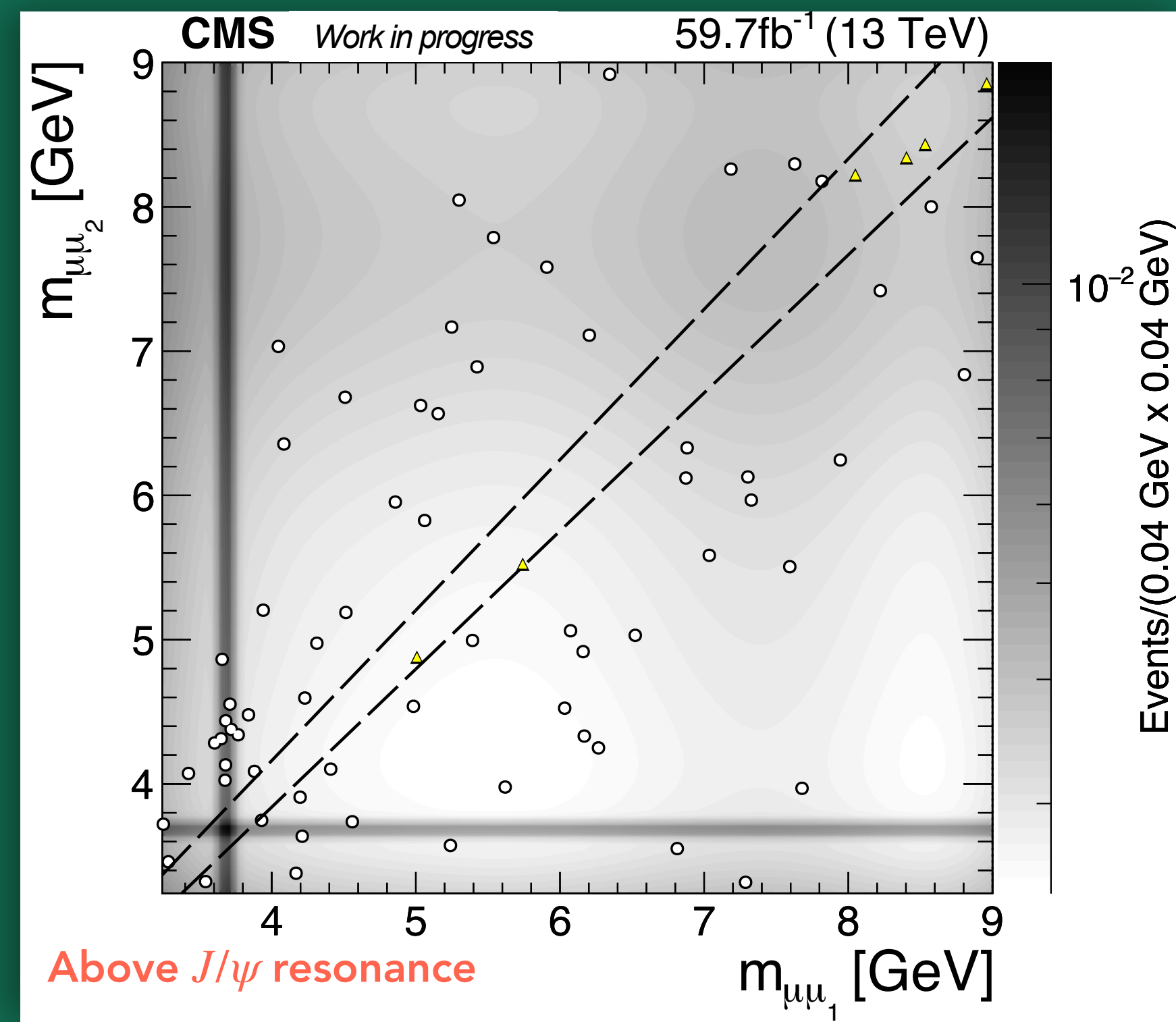


Figure14: 2D QCD background at SR

- Estimated Background events at SR:
 $6.16 \pm 0.76(stat.) \pm 0.09(sys.)$
- Observed: 6 events

Unblinding The Signal Region

Above Upsilon (Υ) Background

Definition SR and CR: **App. E**

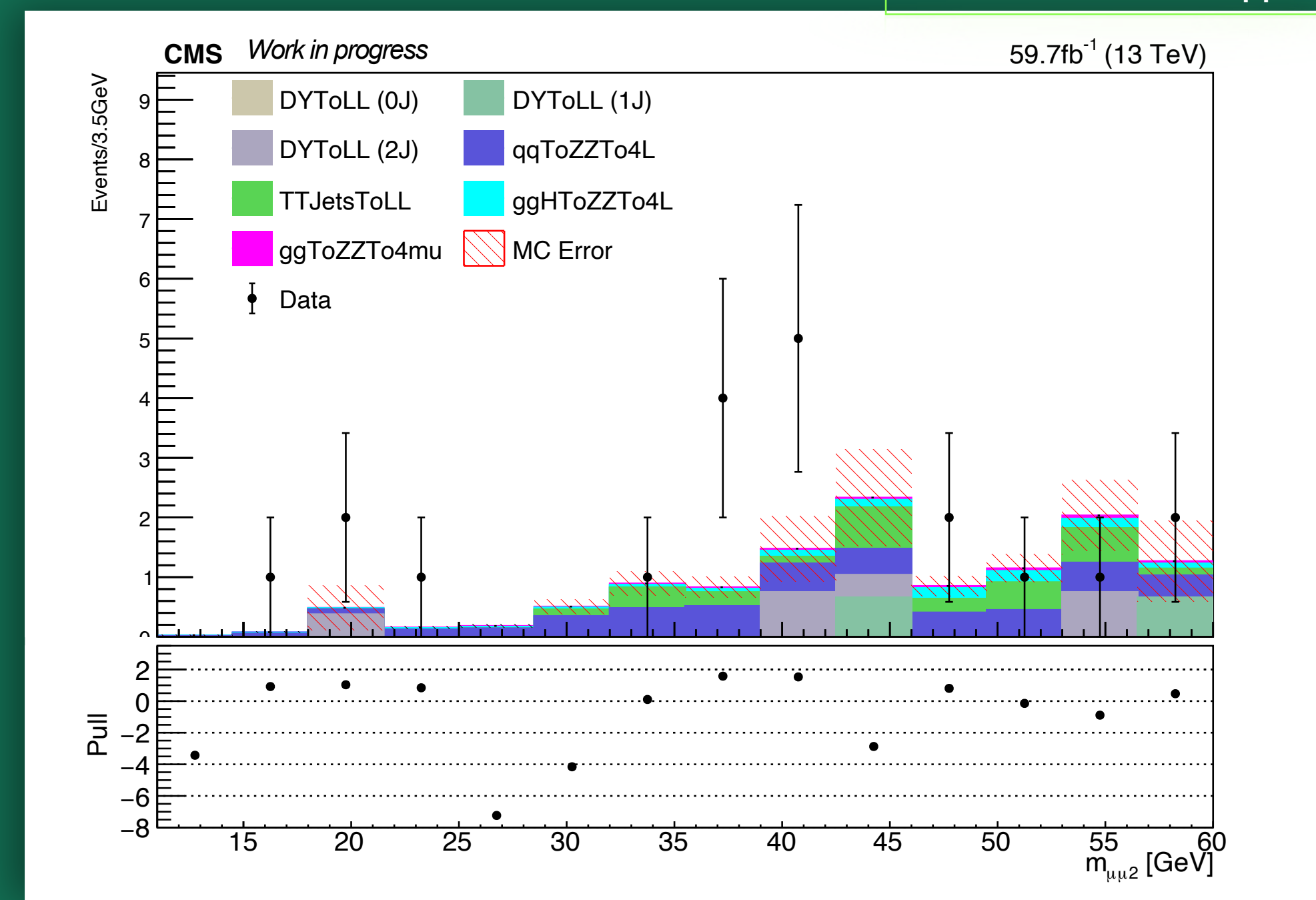
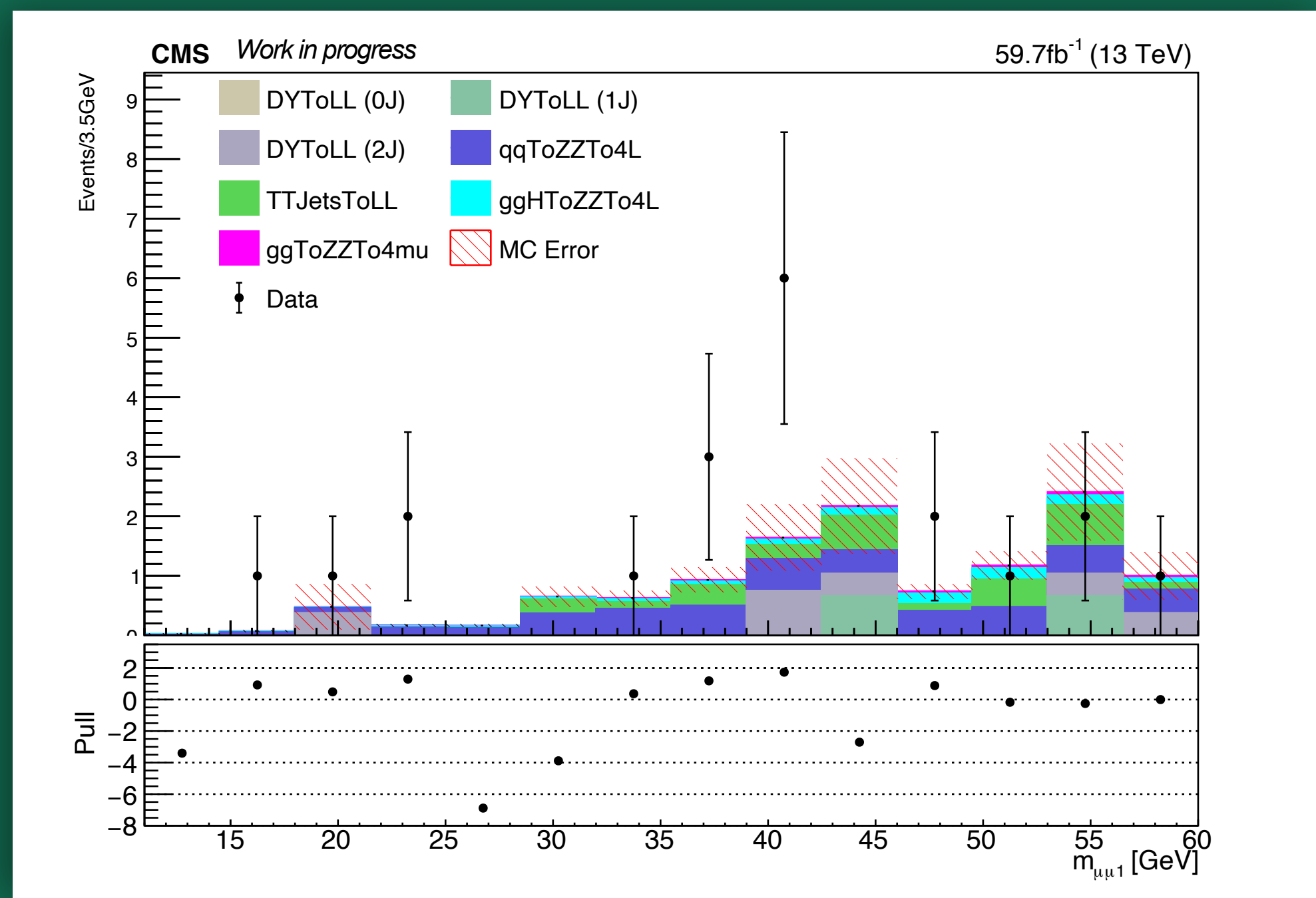
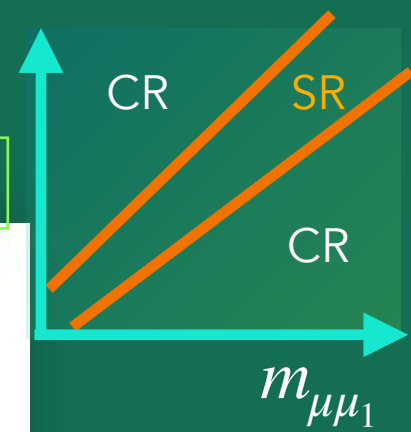


Figure15: MC simulation compared with observed data at SR

Figure16: MC simulation compared with observed data at SR

Estimated number of background events in the SR
SR : 12.28 ± 2.01
 Observed: 20 events

Unblinding The Signal Region

Below Below Upsilon (Υ) Background

Definition SR and CR: App. E

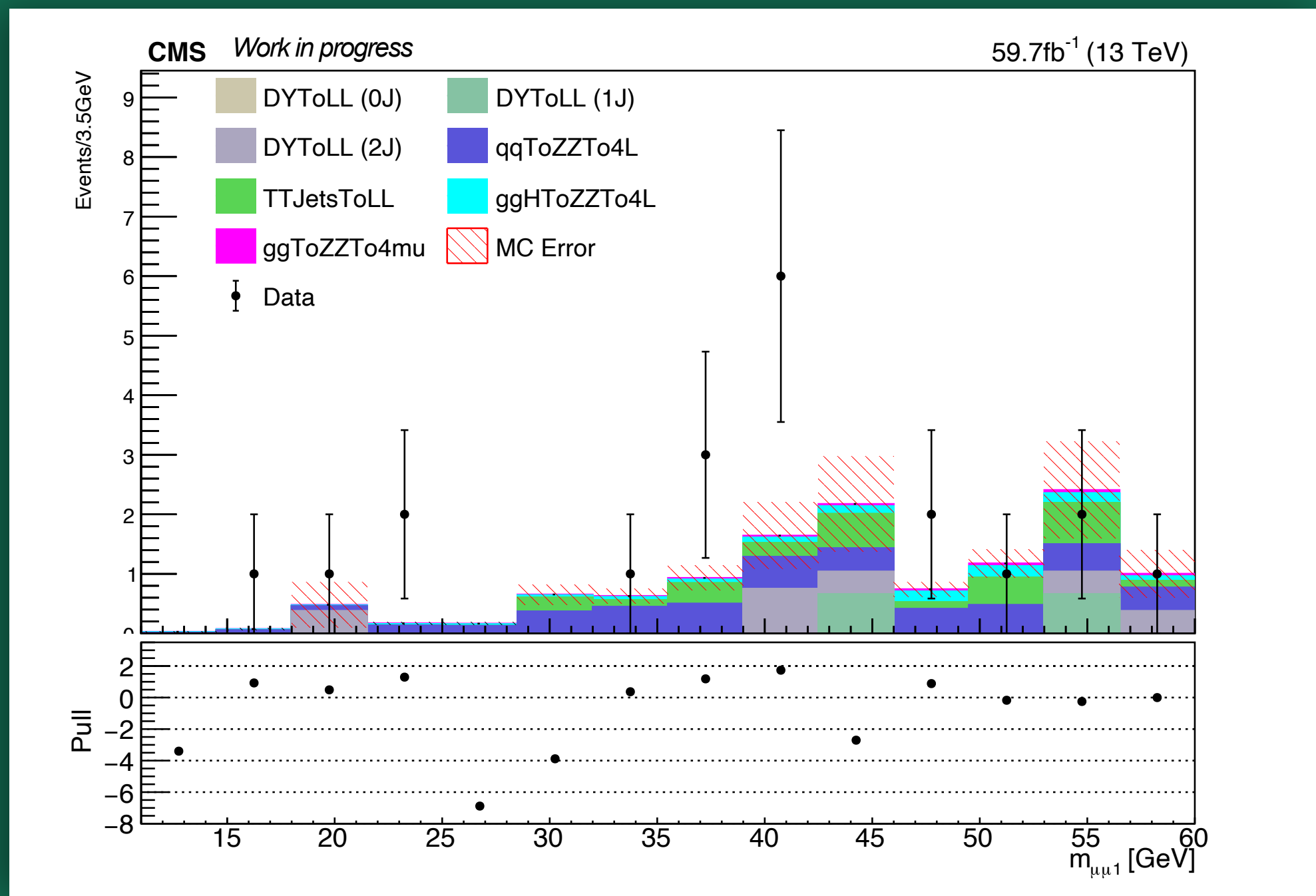
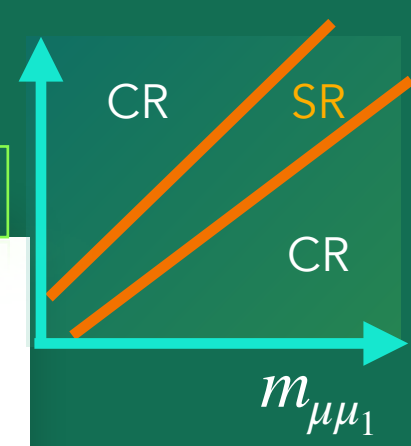


Figure15: MC simulation compared with observed data at SR

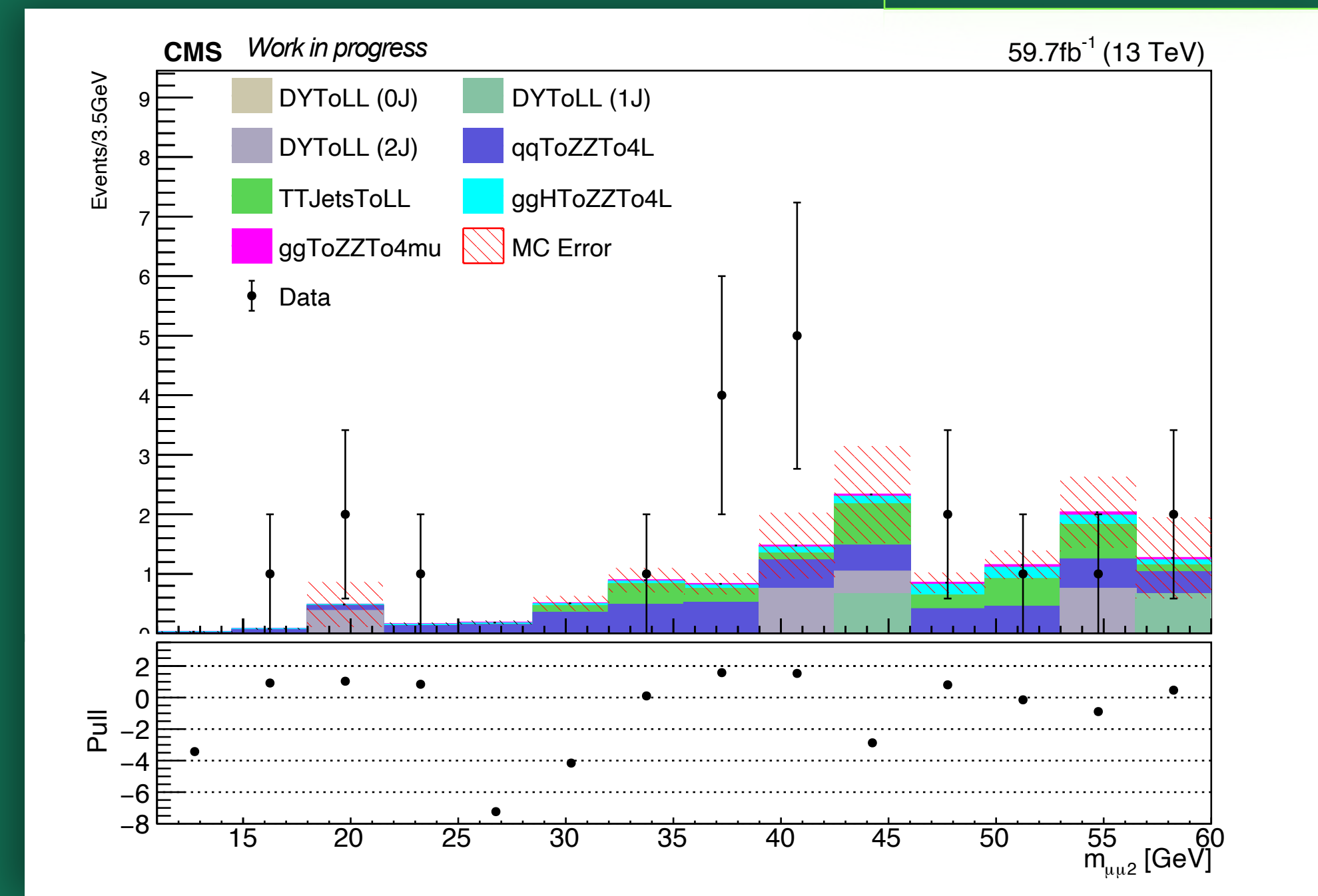


Figure16: MC simulation compared with observed data at SR

Estimated number of background events in the SR
SR : 12.28 ± 2.01
 Observed: 20 events



consistent with predicted background events,
 pulls within 2σ (only statistical errors considered)

Unblinding the Signal Region

Observed Limits

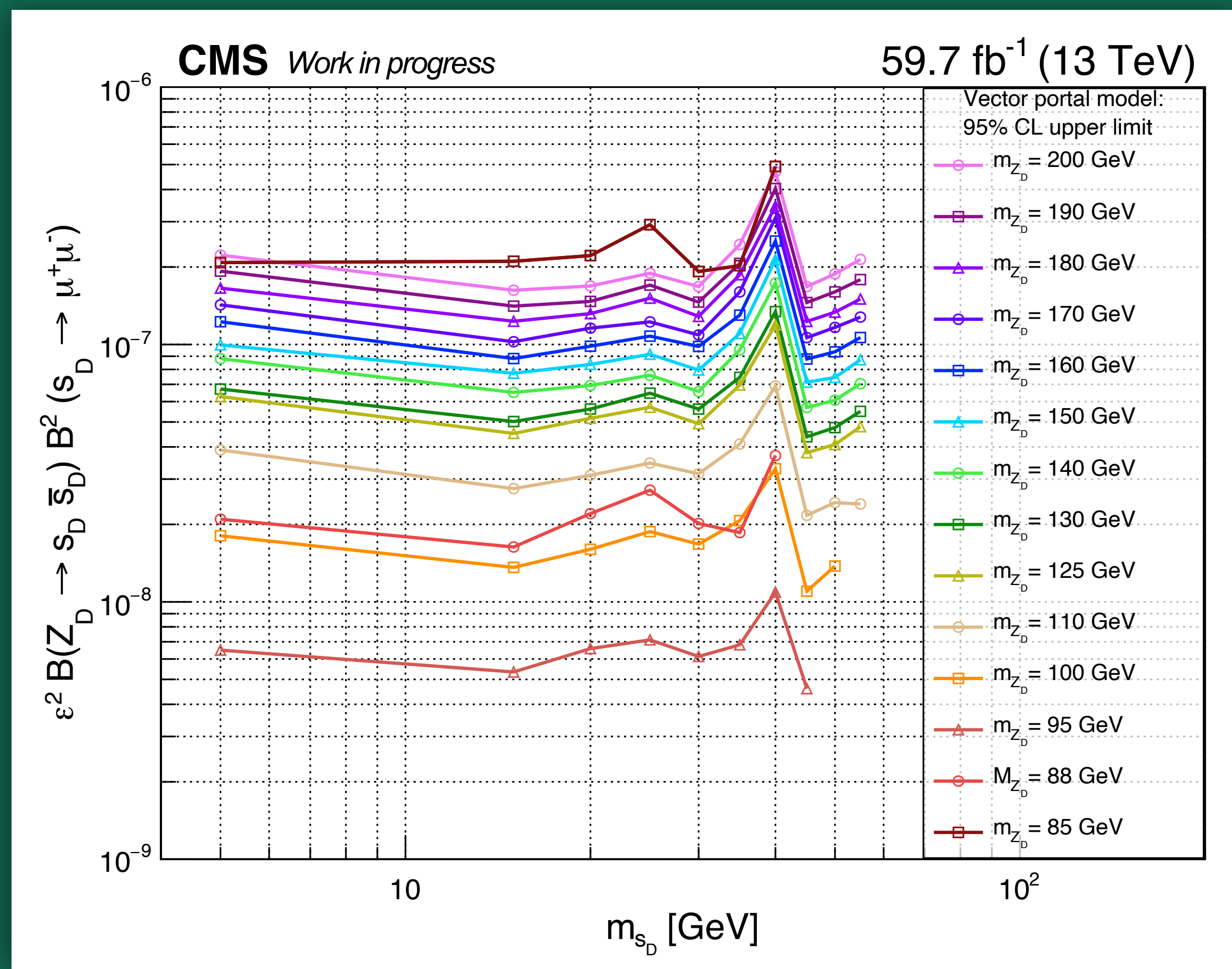


Figure17: Figure13: The observed 95% CL upper limits function of the dark scalar mass m_{s_D} and the dark vector boson mass m_{Z_D}

Unblinding the Signal Region

2018 Conclusion

- In 20-25 GeV region we observe 3 events
- The expected number of events in the said region is ~ 0.31
- Poisson probability for 0.31 fluctuating to 3 is 0.00364

Brazilian plots: **App.G**

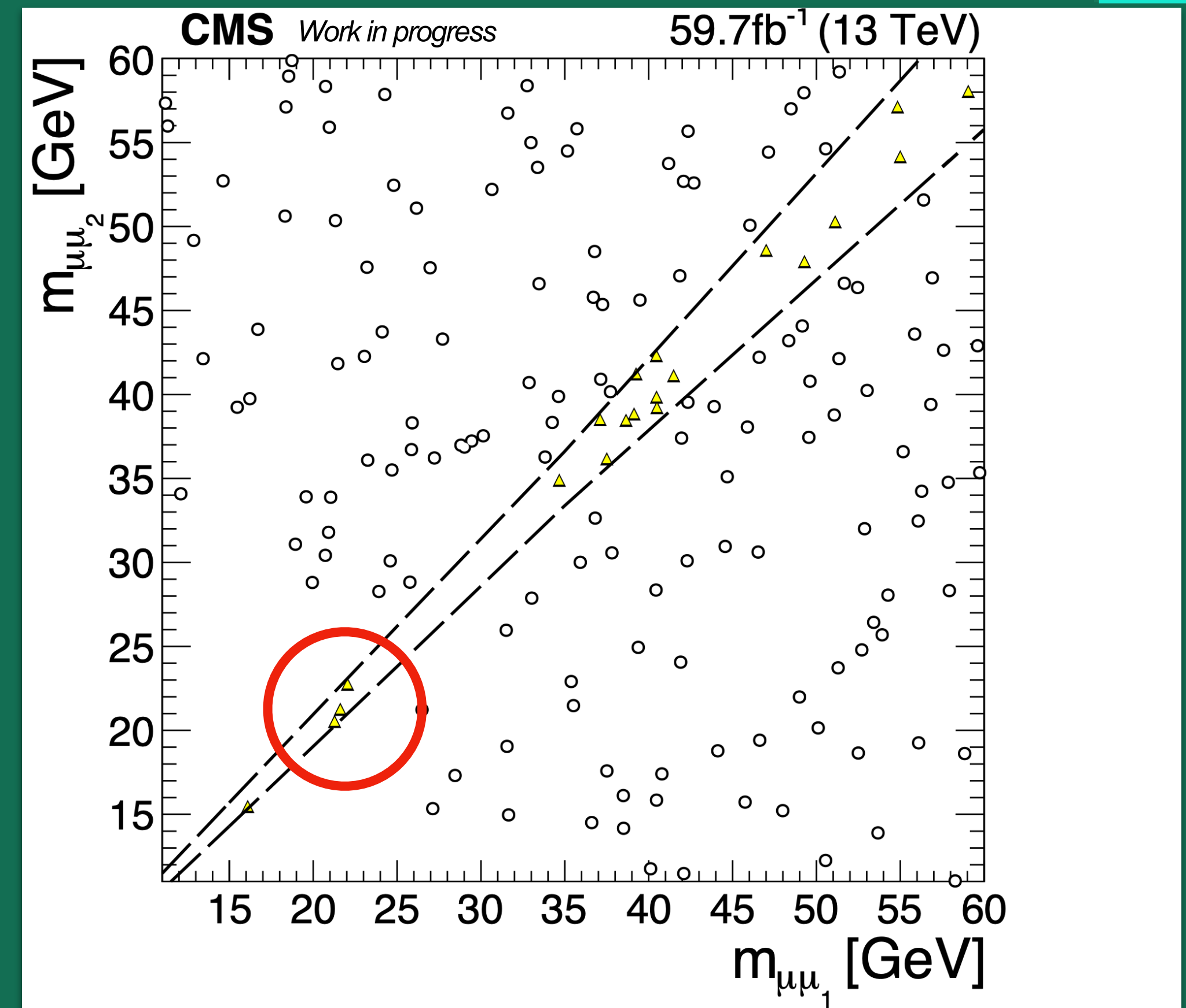


Figure18: Unblinded Signal Region above Υ resonances

Unblinding the Signal Region

2018 Conclusion

- In 20-25 GeV region we observe 3 events
- The expected number of events in the said region is ~ 0.31
- Poisson probability for 0.31 fluctuating to 3 is 0.00364
- This could mean the background may not have been well modeled in this region
- This observation lead our research to explore the addition of **2017** CMS data to the our analysis

Brazilian plots: **App.G**

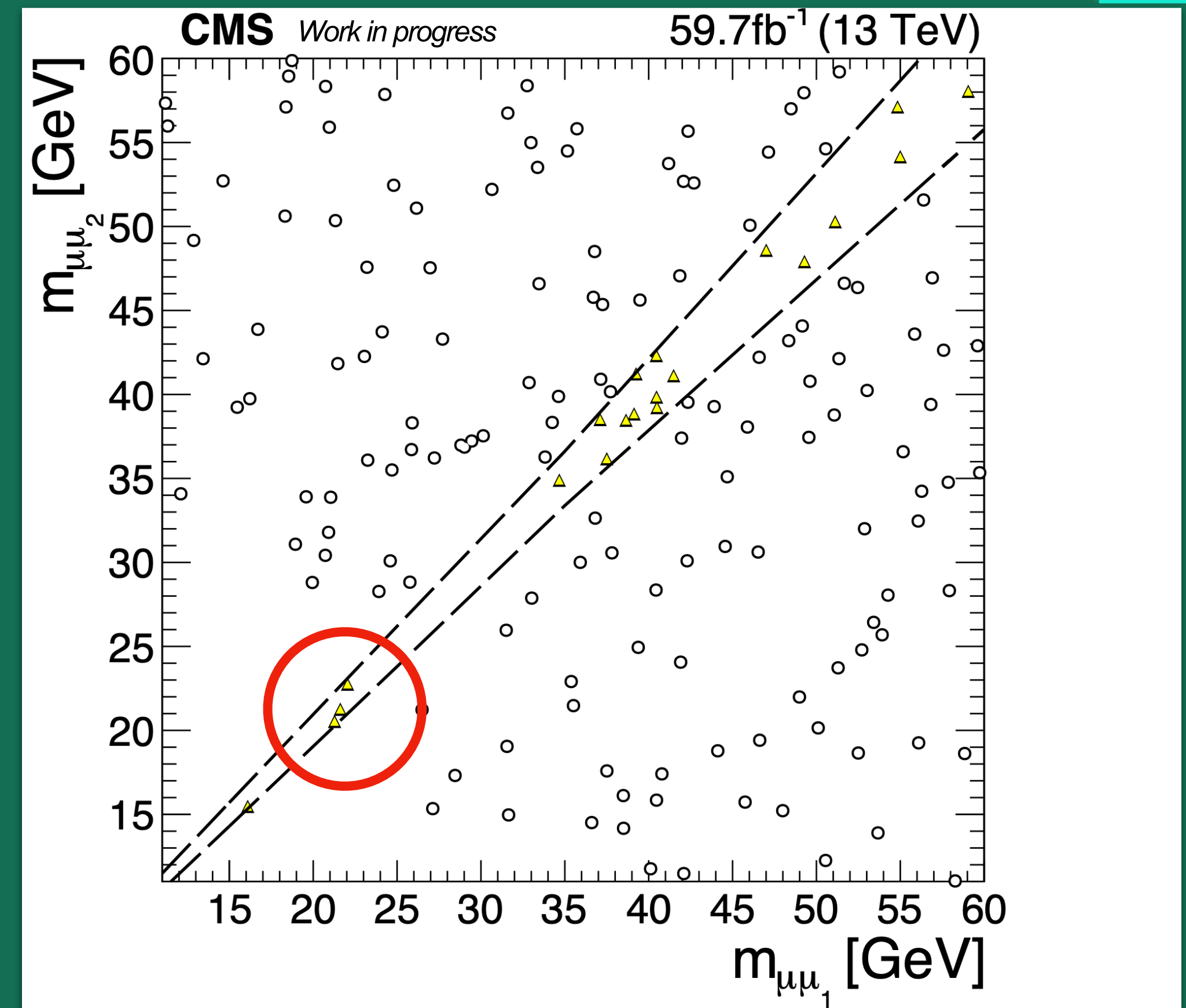


Figure18: Unblinded Signal Region above Υ resonances

2017 Analysis

Tigger Paths and Selections

Prompt Analysis

Trigger Paths

HLT_Mu23_Mu12 (HLT_DoubleL2Mu23NoVtx_2Cha in 2018)*

HLT_Mu18_Mu9_SameSign

HLT_TrkMu12_DoubleTrkMu5NoFiltersNoVtx

HLT_TripleMu_12_10_5

Muon selection

slimmedMuons in MiniAOD

4 PF Loose muon

Two muons: $p_T > 13$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2$

Four muons: $p_T > 8$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$

- *Major contribution (70%-90%) to overall trigger efficiency, important for very boosted signals (low mass large $c\tau$)
- Only available for 2018, main reason we chose not to include 2017 data because no replaceable trigger to use in 2017

2017 Data

Dataset Labels	Number of Events
/DoubleMuon/Run2017B-31Mar2018-v1/MINIAOD	14 501 767
/DoubleMuon/Run2017C-31Mar2018-v1/MINIAOD	49 636 525
/DoubleMuon/Run2017D-31Mar2018-v1/MINIAOD	23 075 733
/DoubleMuon/Run2017E-31Mar2018-v1/MINIAOD	51 589 091
/DoubleMuon/Run2017F-31Mar2018-v1/MINIAOD	79 756 560
Total	218 559 676

2017 Analysis

Model-Independance Performance

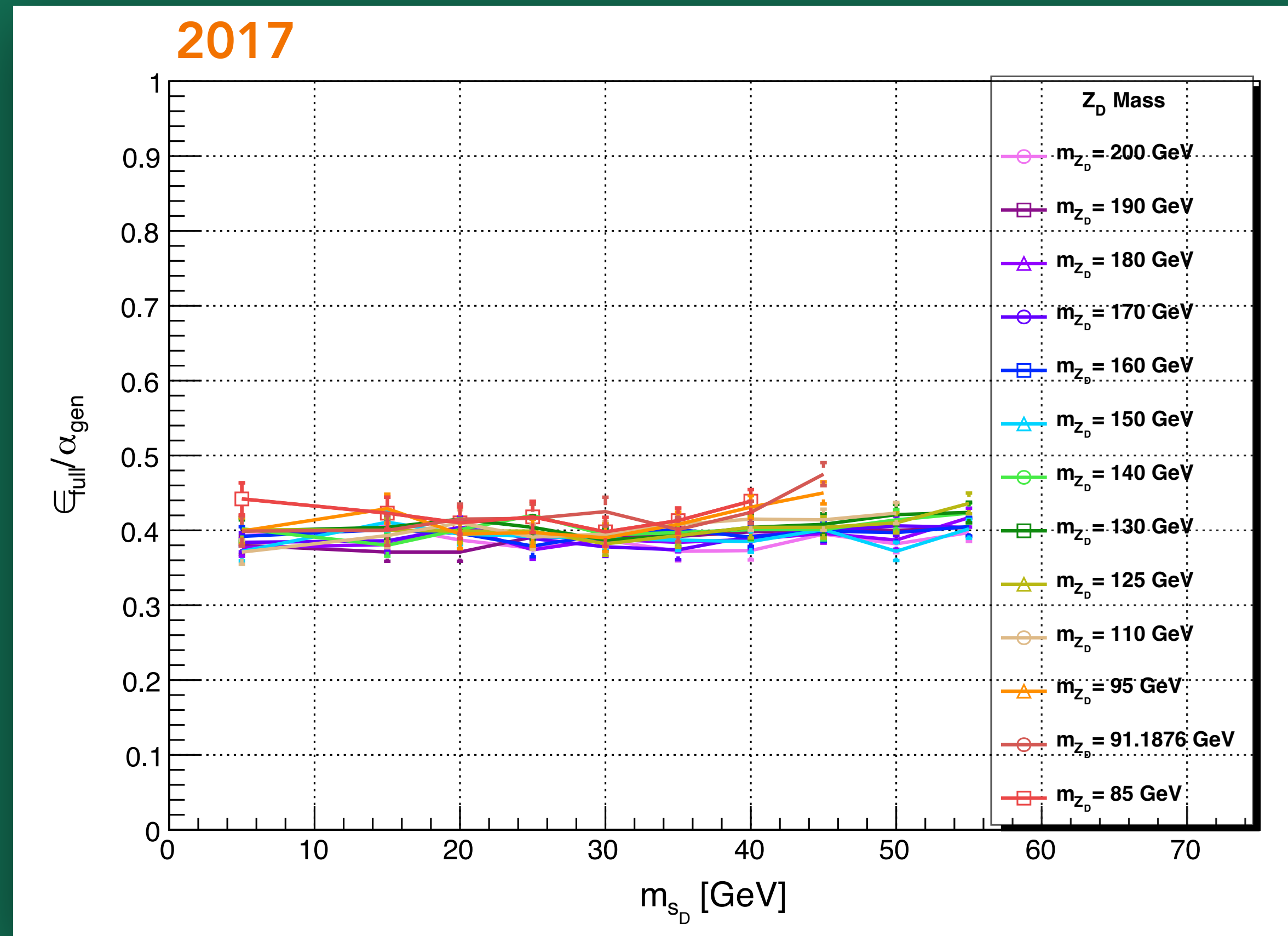
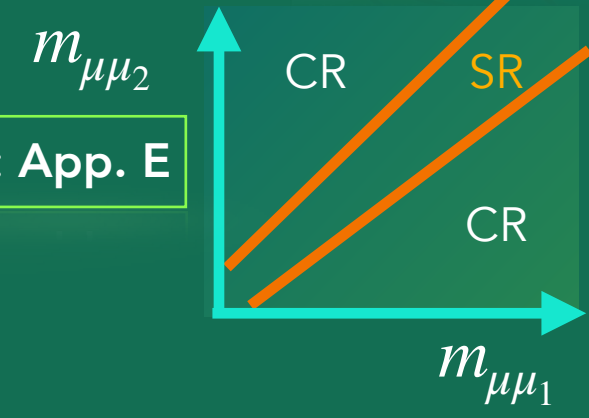


Figure 19: Total selection efficiency over generator level selection acceptance, $\epsilon_{Full}/\alpha_{gen}$ as a function of the s_D mass for various Z_D masses in the vector portal model. The KM parameter, ϵ , is 10^{-2}

2017 Analysis

Background: Below Υ Resonances



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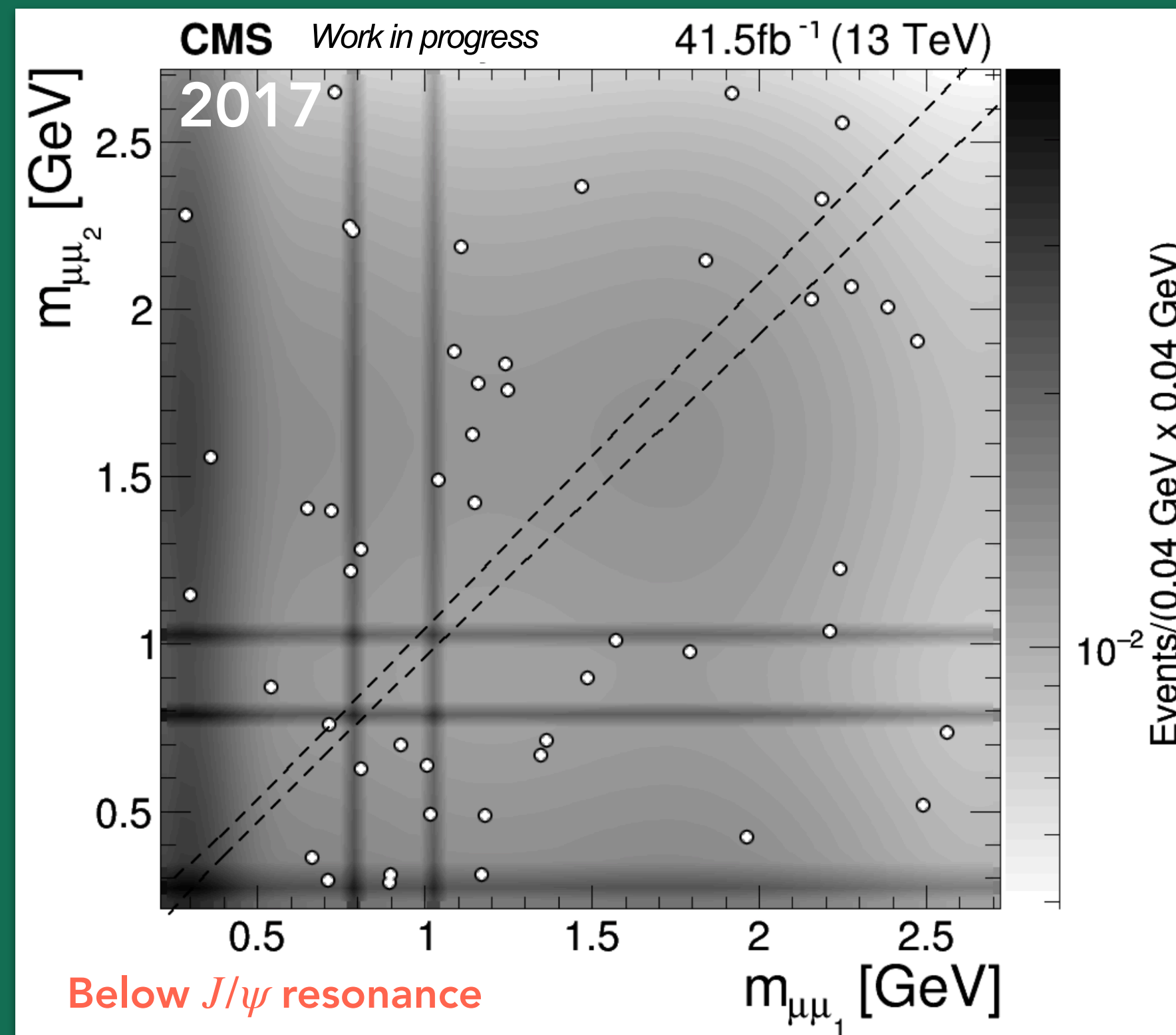


Figure20: 2D QCD background template + data at the CR

- 2D template integral SR/CR = 0.044/0.964
- 2-dimu events at CR: 49 (SR remain blinded)
- Estimated BKG events at SR: **2.26 +/- 0.32 (stat.)**

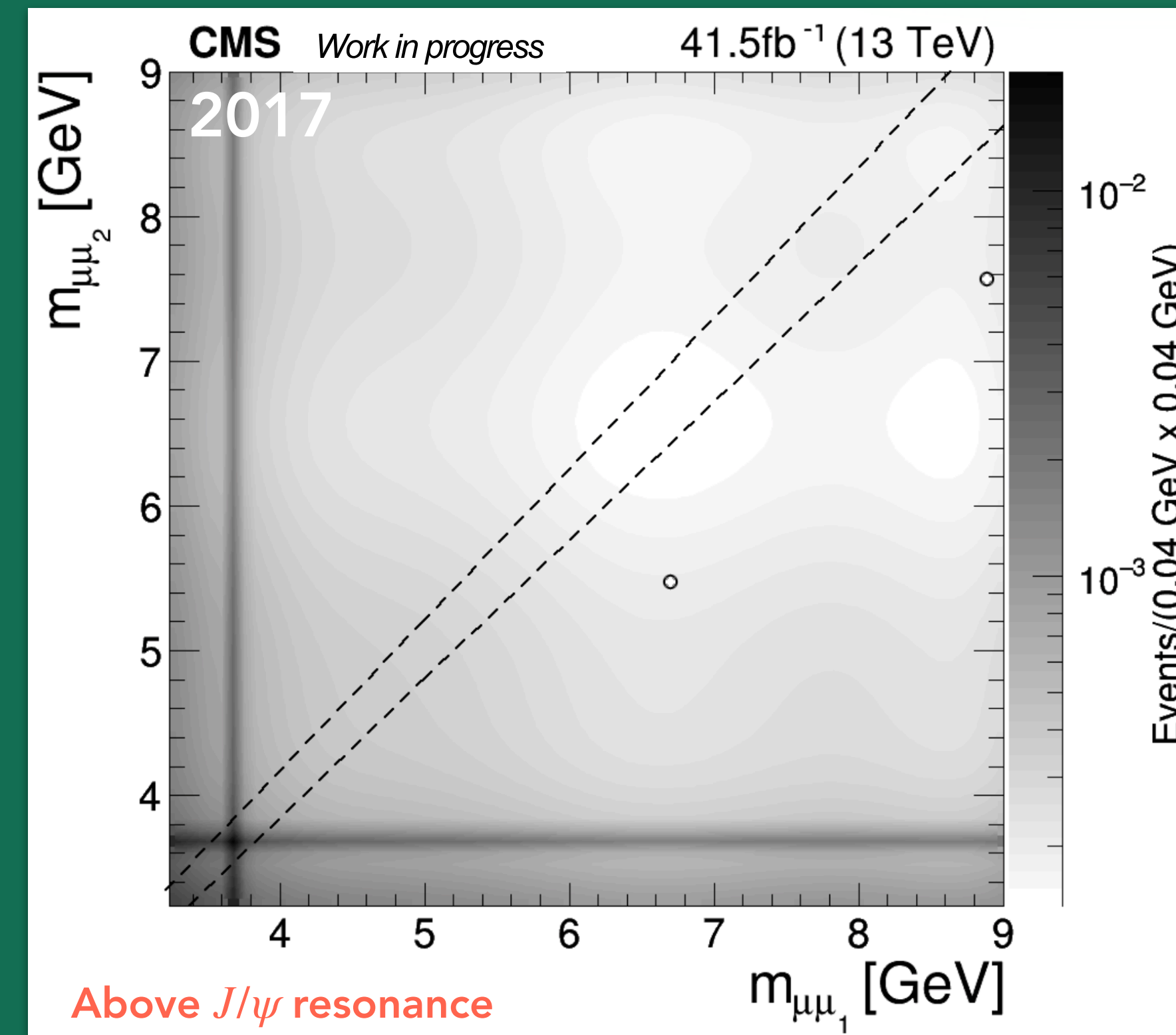


Figure21: 2D QCD background template + data at the CR

- 2D template integral SR/CR = 0.087/0.918
- 2-dimu events at CR: 2 (SR remain blinded)
- Estimated BKG events at SR: **0.19 +/- 0.13 (stat.)**

2017 Analysis

Background: Above Υ Resonances

- For 2017 analysis we used QED MC simulated samples in CR for $\mu\mu_1$ and $\mu\mu_2$ similar to the 2018 analysis
- Used Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) to fit the distributions

Definition SR and CR: App. E

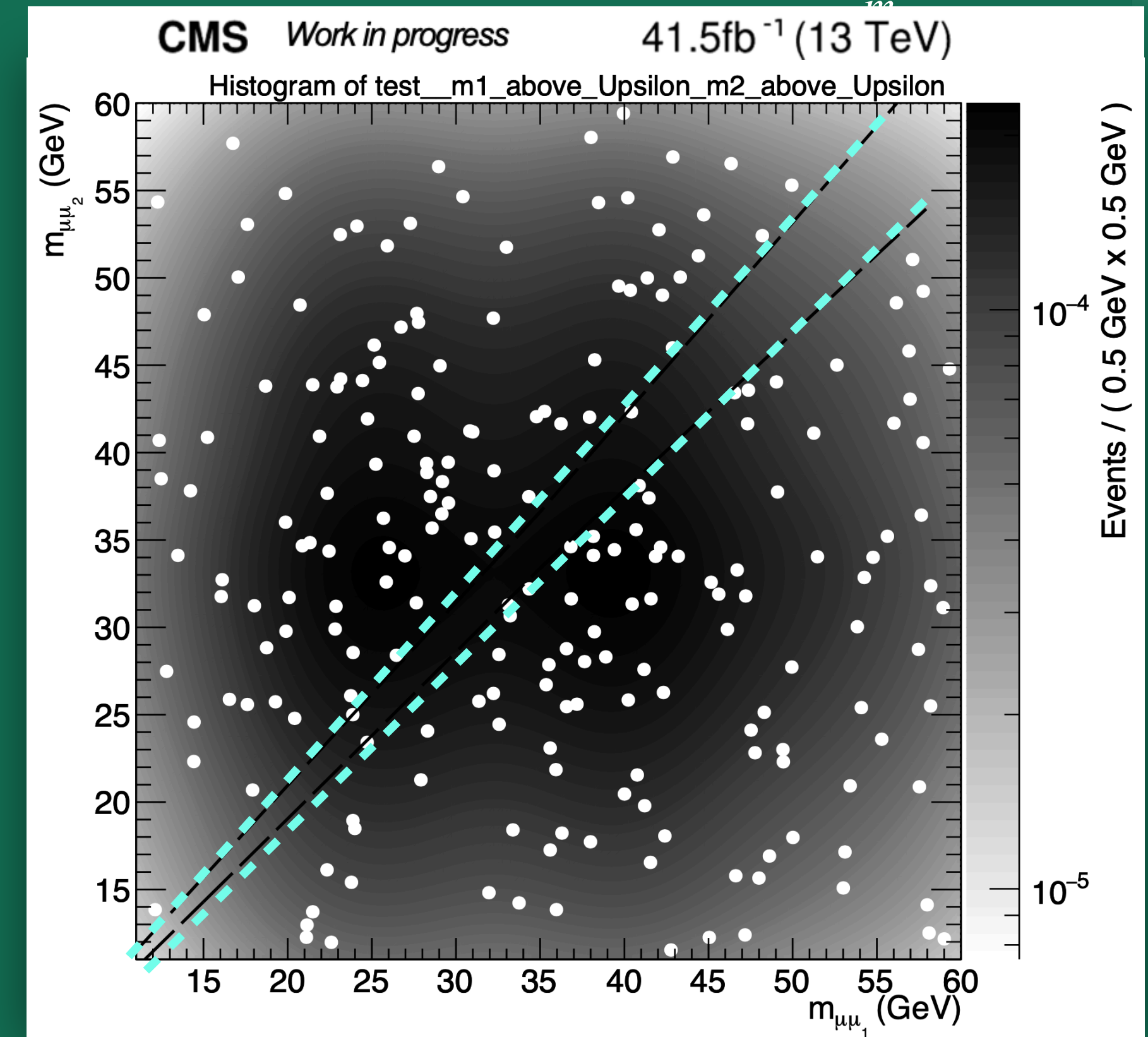
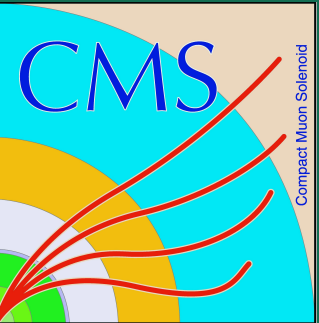
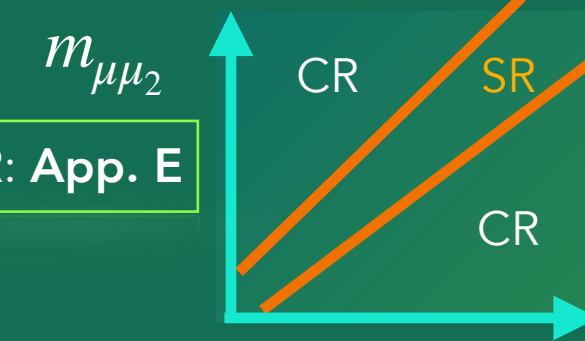


Figure22: 2D KDE background template for above Υ resonance masses

- 2D template integral SR/CR = 0.082/0.918
- 2-dimu events at CR: 212 (SR remain blinded)
- Estimated BKG events at SR: **18.97 +/- 1.3 (stat.)**

2017 Analysis

Background: Above Υ Resonances

- For 2017 analysis we used QED MC simulated samples in CR for $\mu\mu_1$ and $\mu\mu_2$ similar to the 2018 analysis
- Used Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) to fit the distributions
- Constructed 2D KDE templates
- The signal region in the corridor is still blinded

Definition SR and CR: App. E

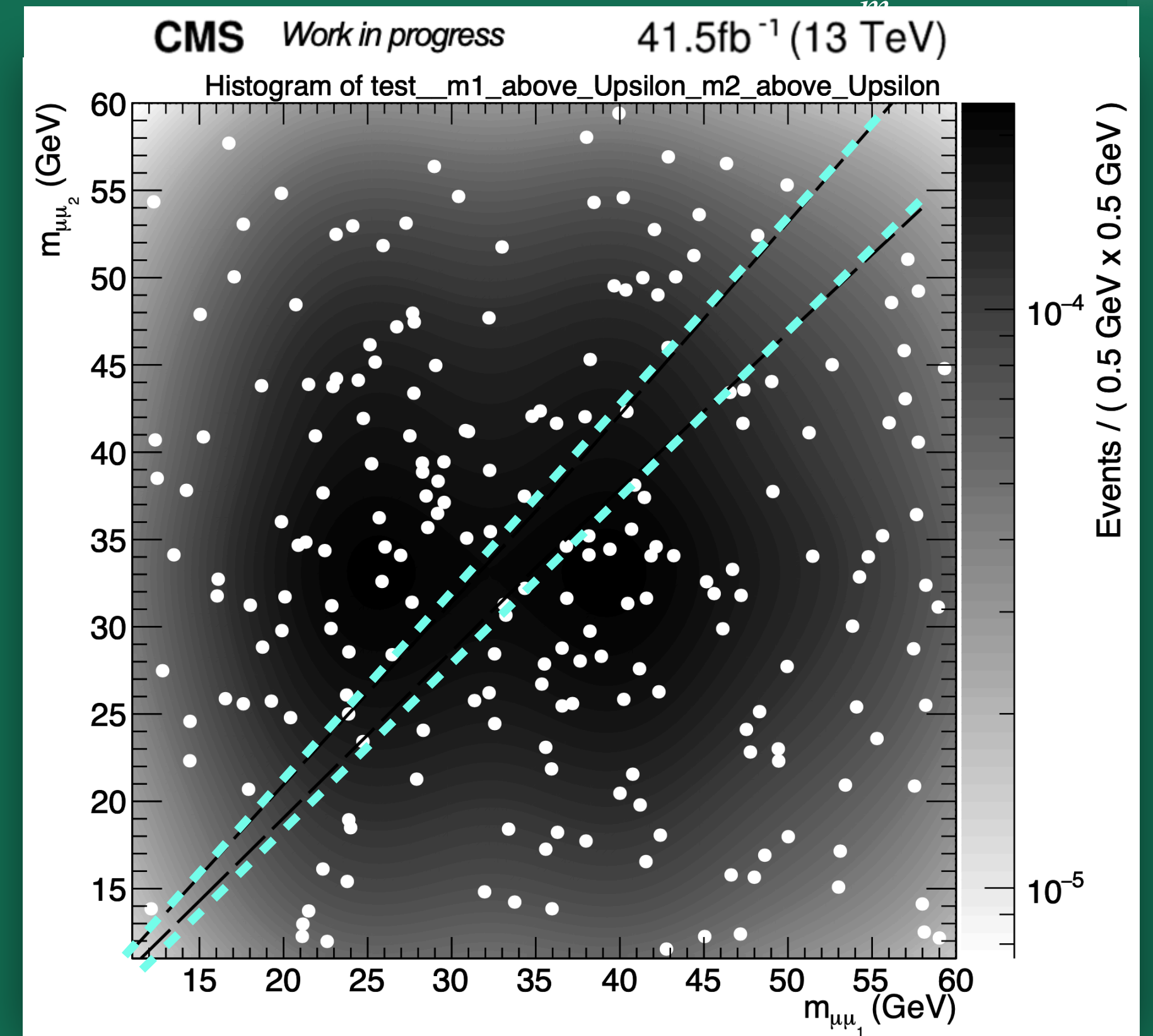
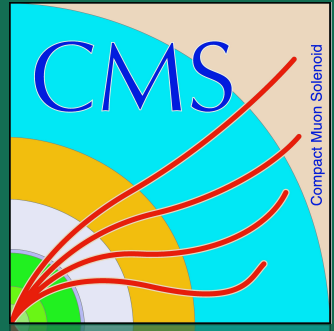
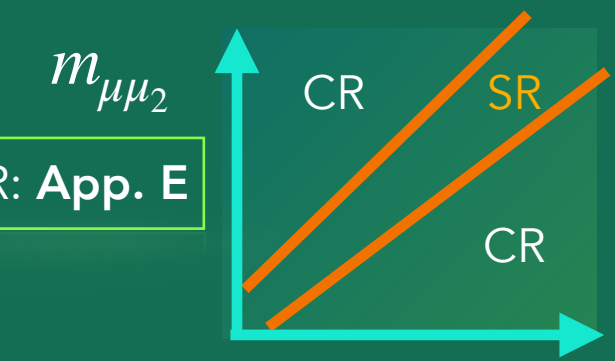


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- 2D template integral SR/CR = 0.082/0.918
- 2-dimu events at CR: 212 (**SR remain blinded**)
- Estimated BKG events at **SR: 18.97 +/- 1.3 (stat.)**

2017 Analysis

2017 Summary

- The expected limit is to be set after scale factor calculations, such as: HLT, NNLO, and reconstruction scale factors
- The results to be combined with 2018 and 2016 results using the Higgs combine tool

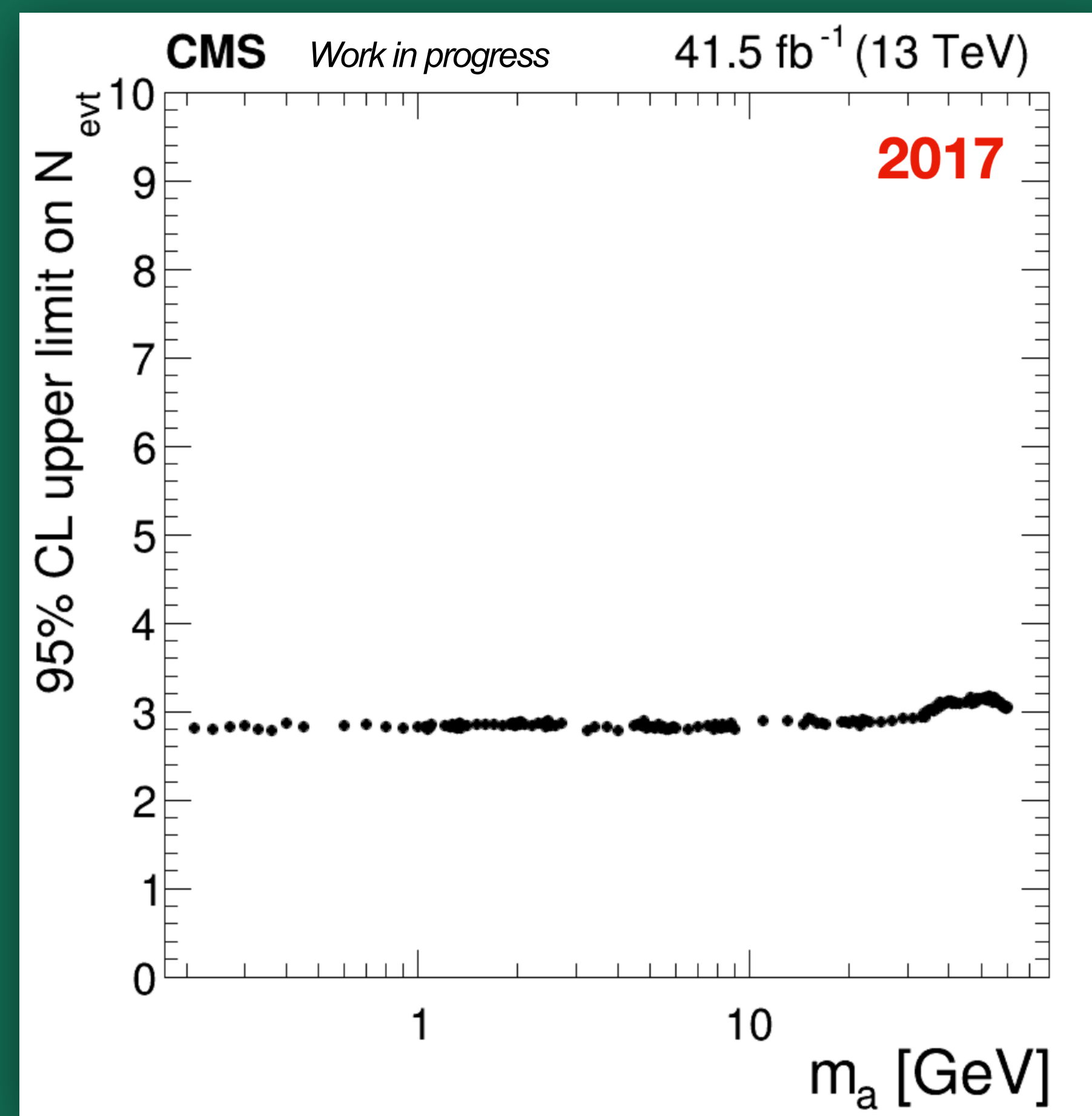


Figure 23: Expected model independent 95% CL upper limit on the number of events

2017 Analysis

2017 Summary

- The expected limit is to be set after scale factor calculations, such as: HLT, NNLO, and reconstruction scale factors
- The results to be combined with 2018 and 2016 results using the Higgs combine tool
- Unblind 2017 analysis and produce final limit
- The analysis remains approximately near zero background analysis

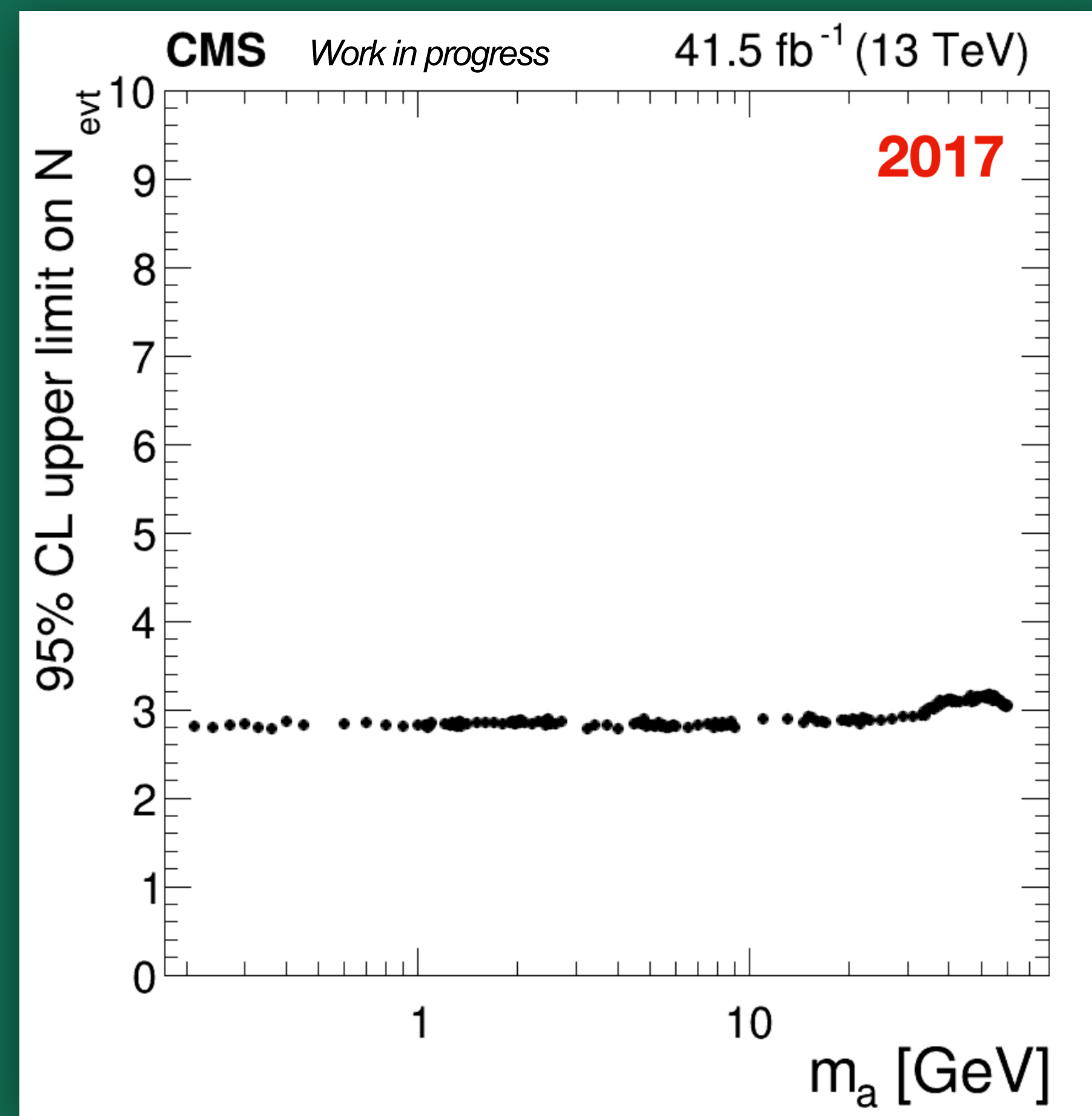


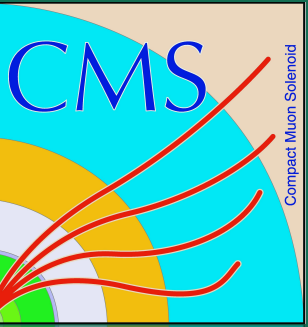
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Summary



- A model independent analysis for $pp \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow 4\mu$ is represented
- A vector-portal model is introduced as a benchmark dark matter model: $pp \rightarrow Z_D \rightarrow s_D \bar{s}_D \rightarrow 4\mu$
- Model independent upper limits on kinetic mixing parameter, cross-section branching ratio, and acceptance is set
- The 2018 data from CMS is analyzed
- We are adding 2017 data to the analysis to improve the background modeling

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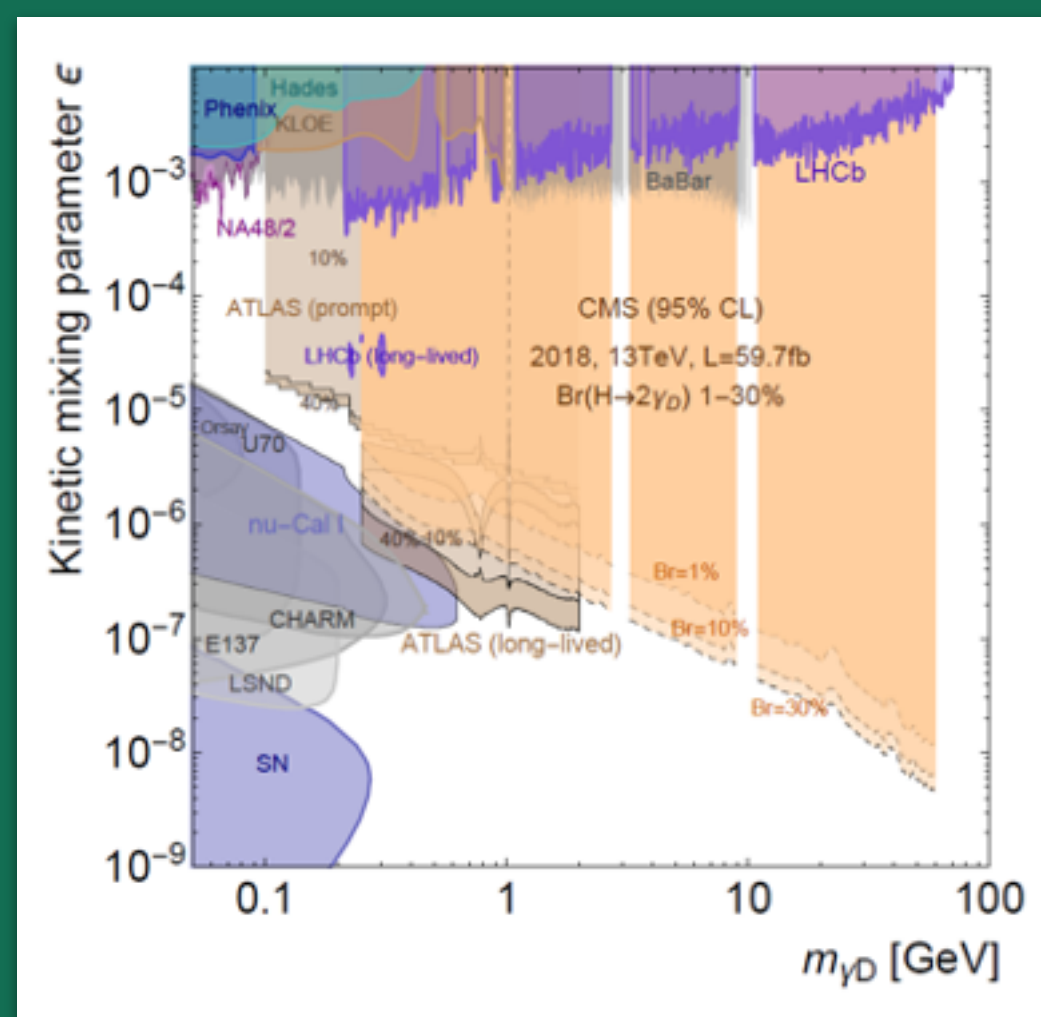
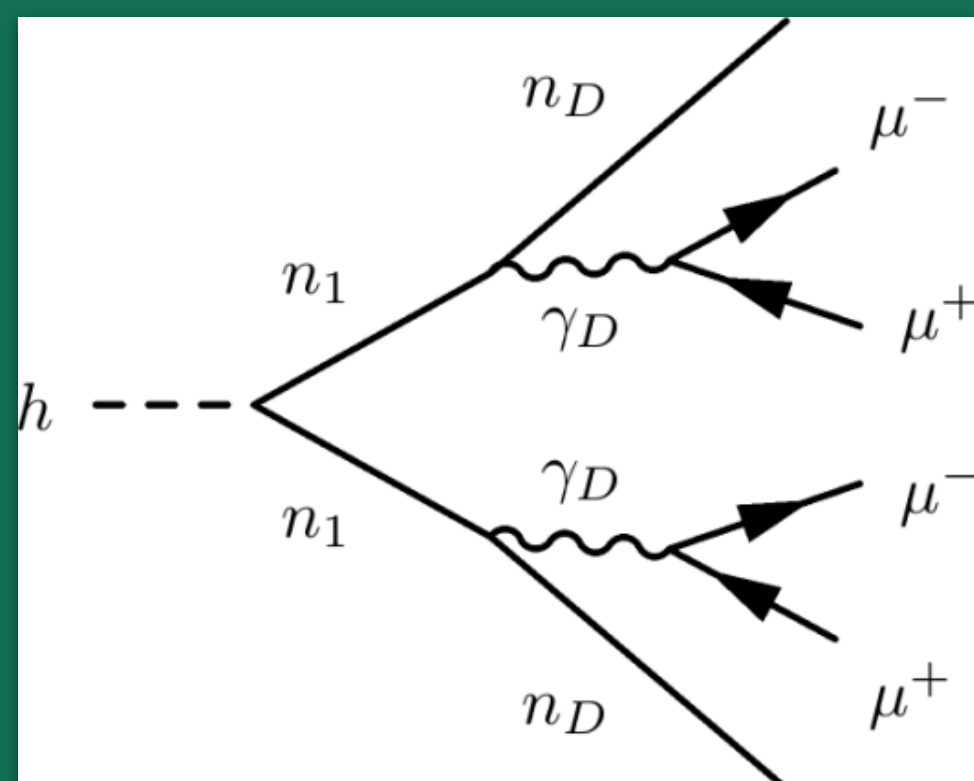


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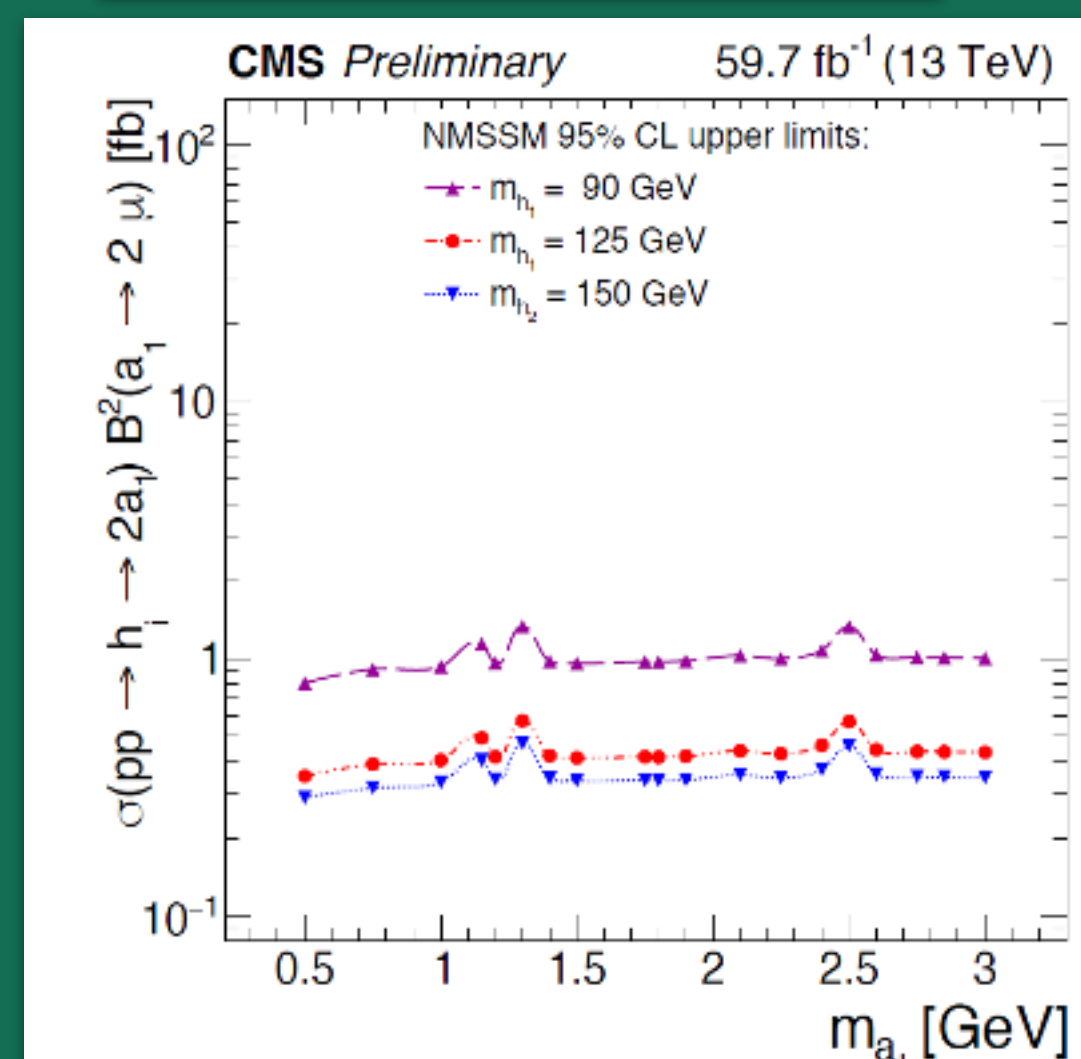
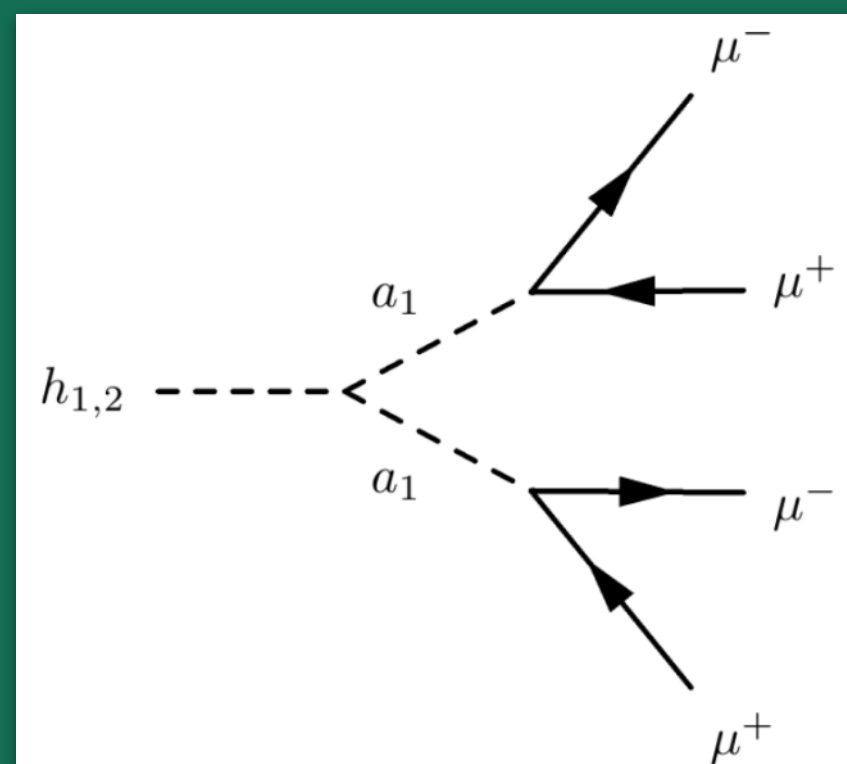
Appendix A

Benchmark Models

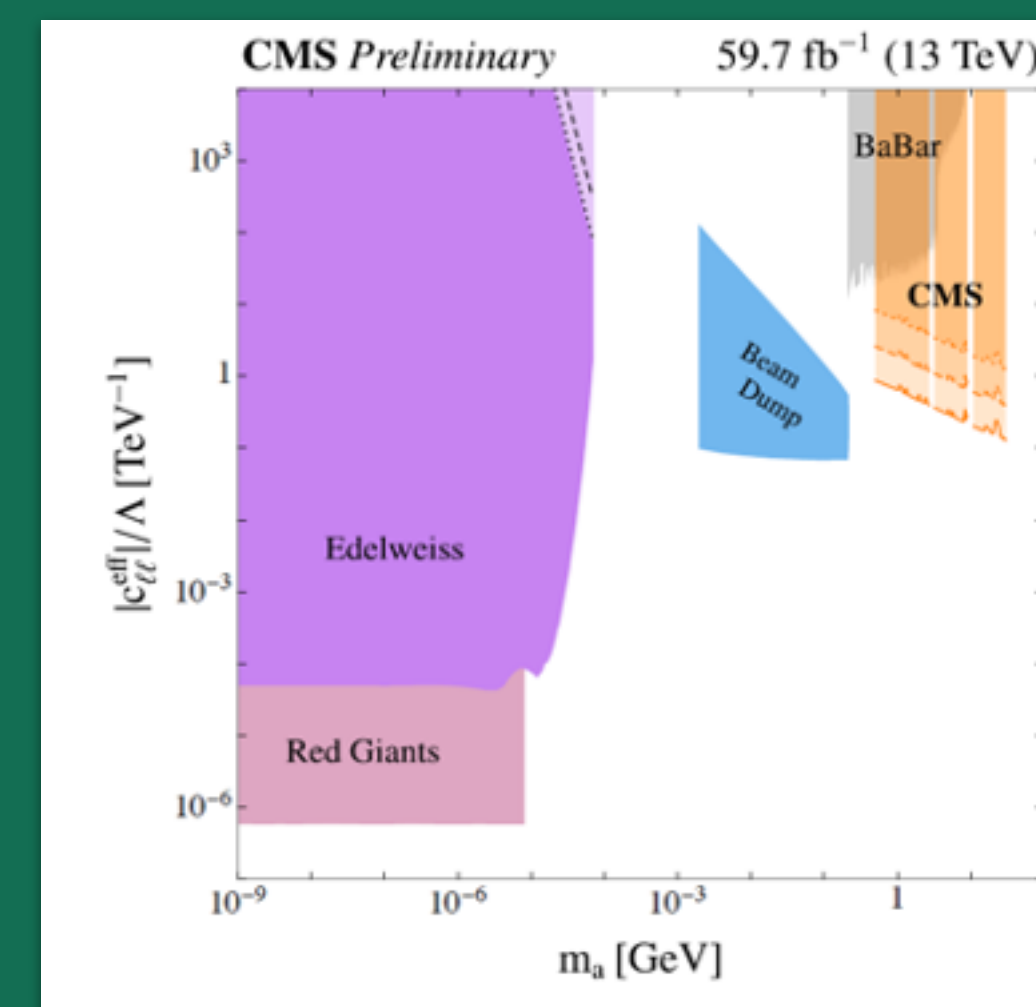
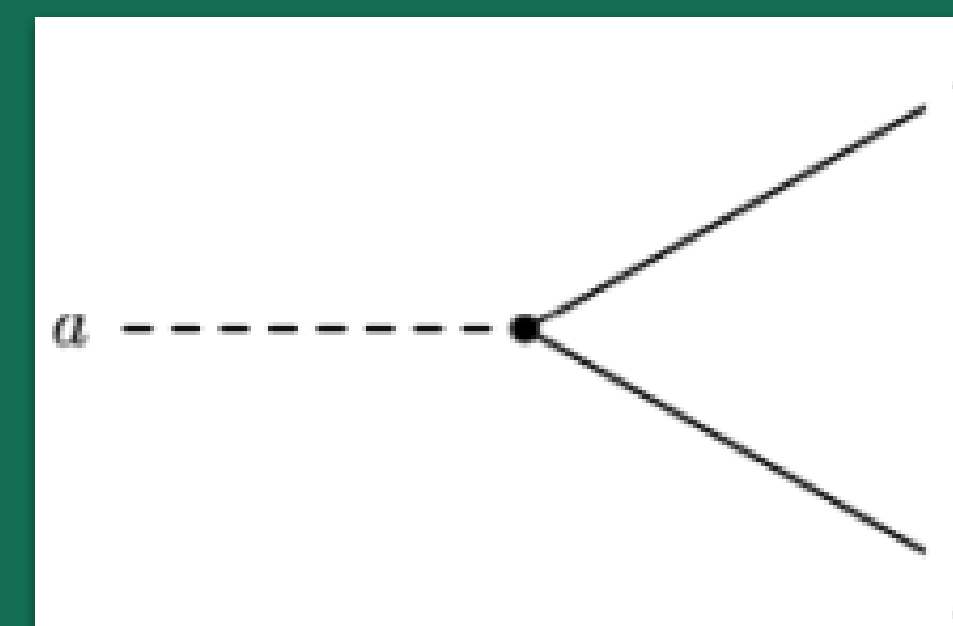
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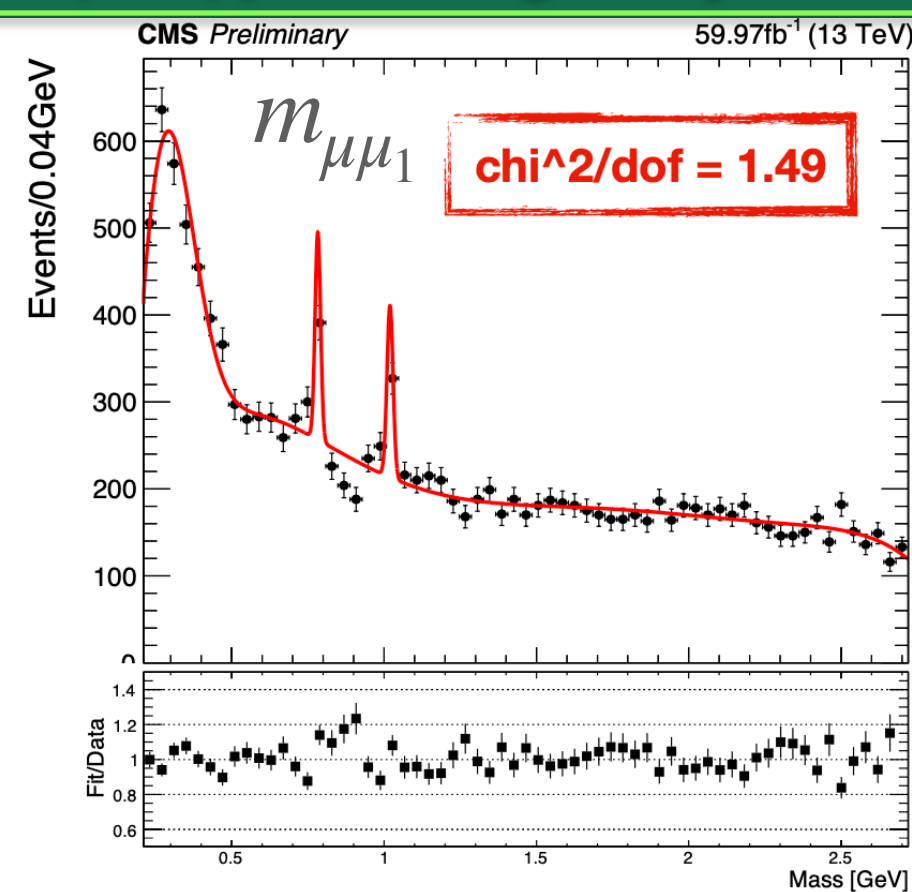
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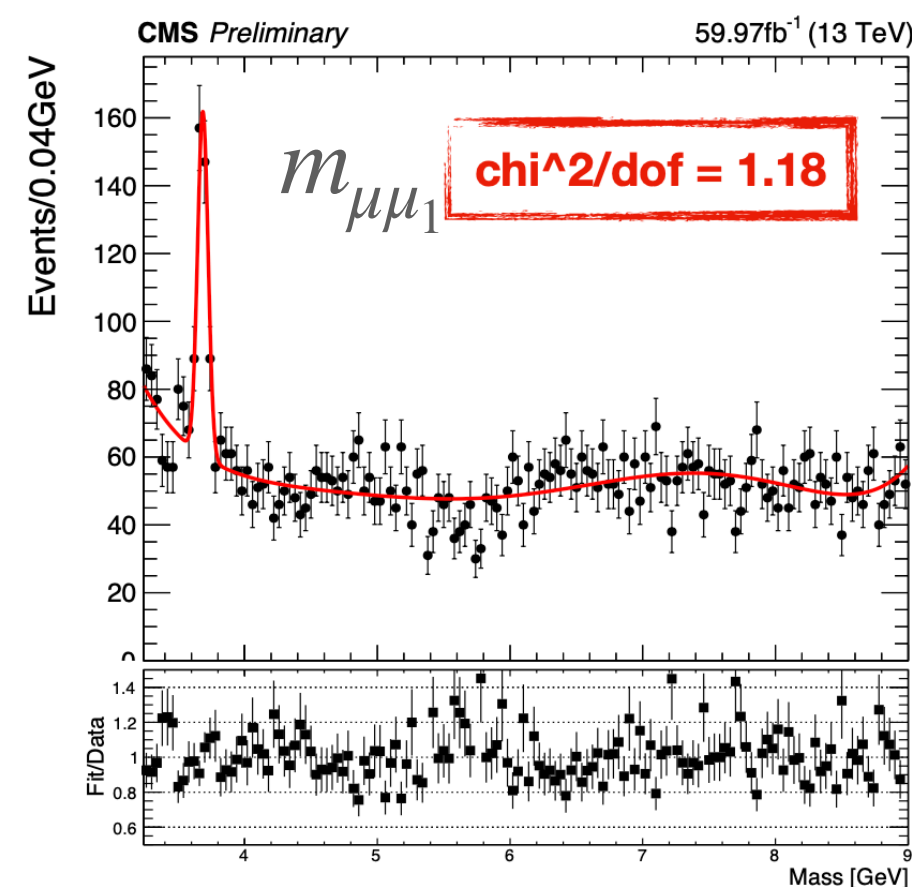
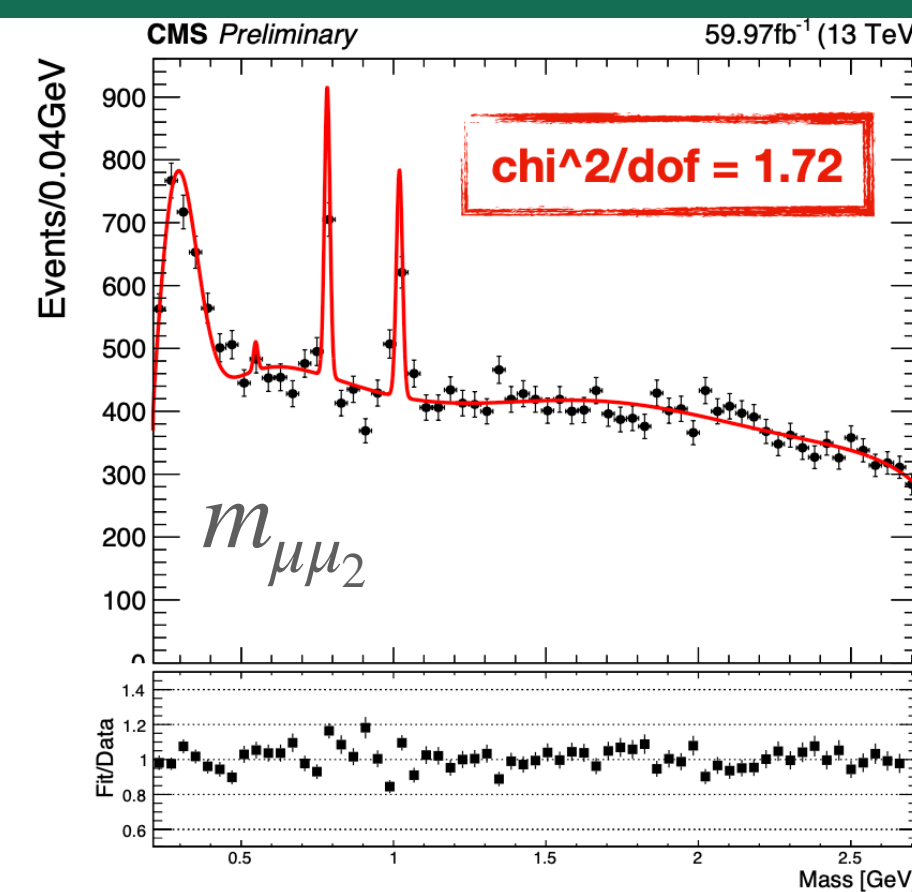
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Below Υ Resonance 1D Mass Templates

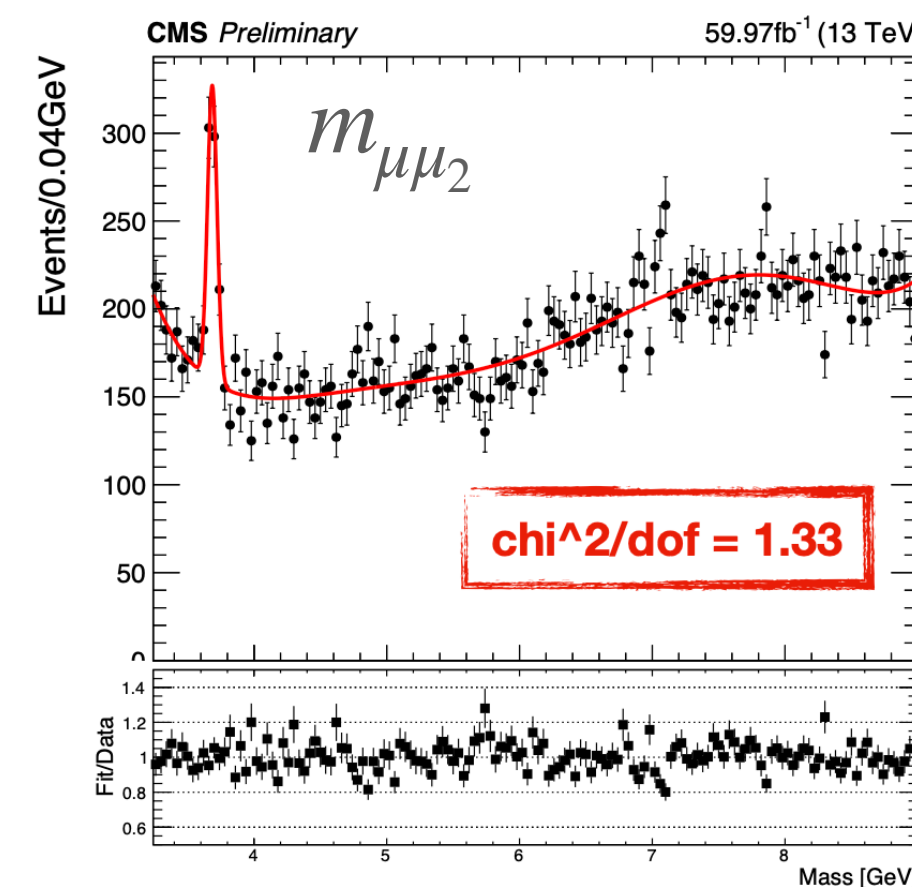
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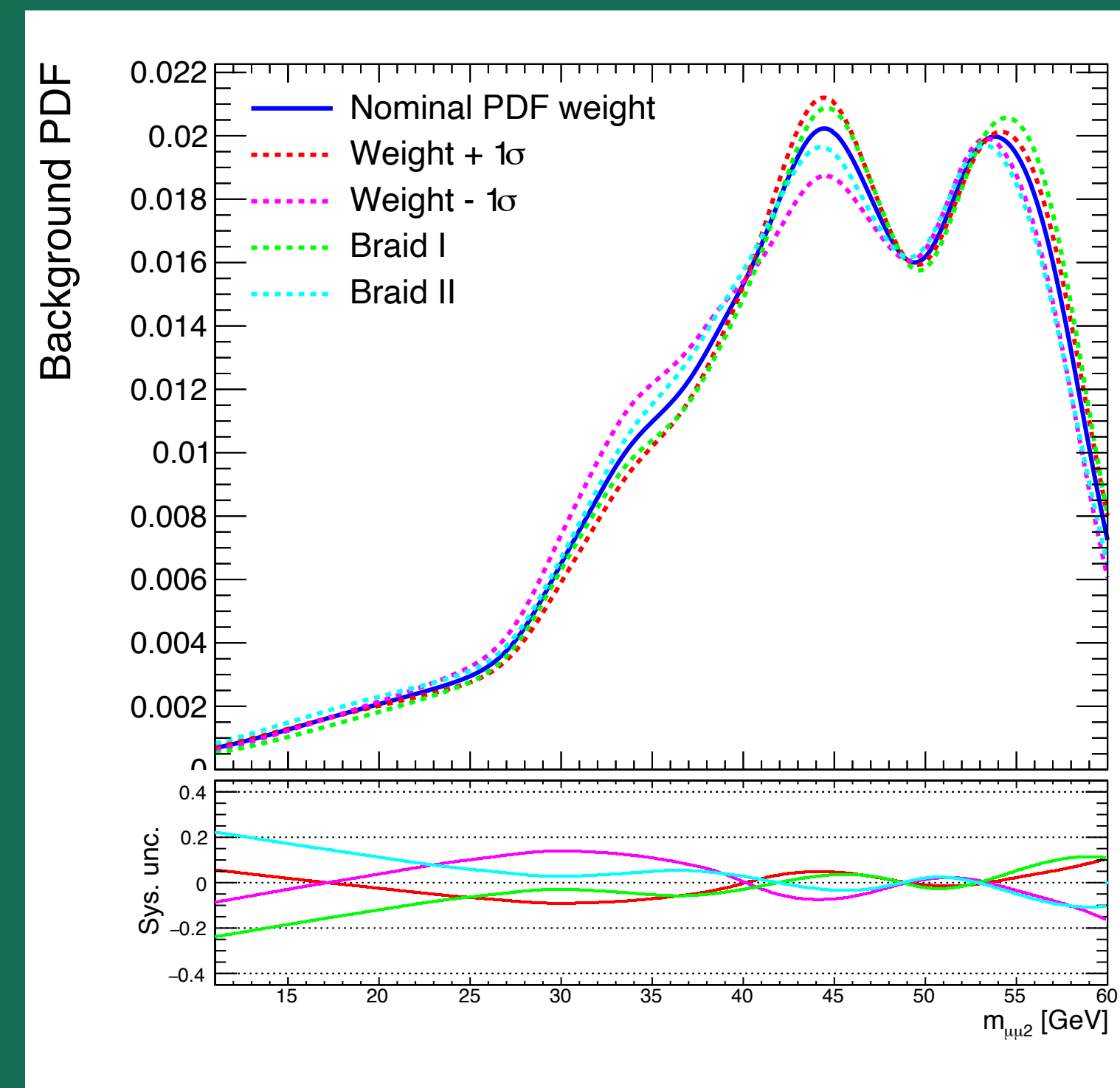
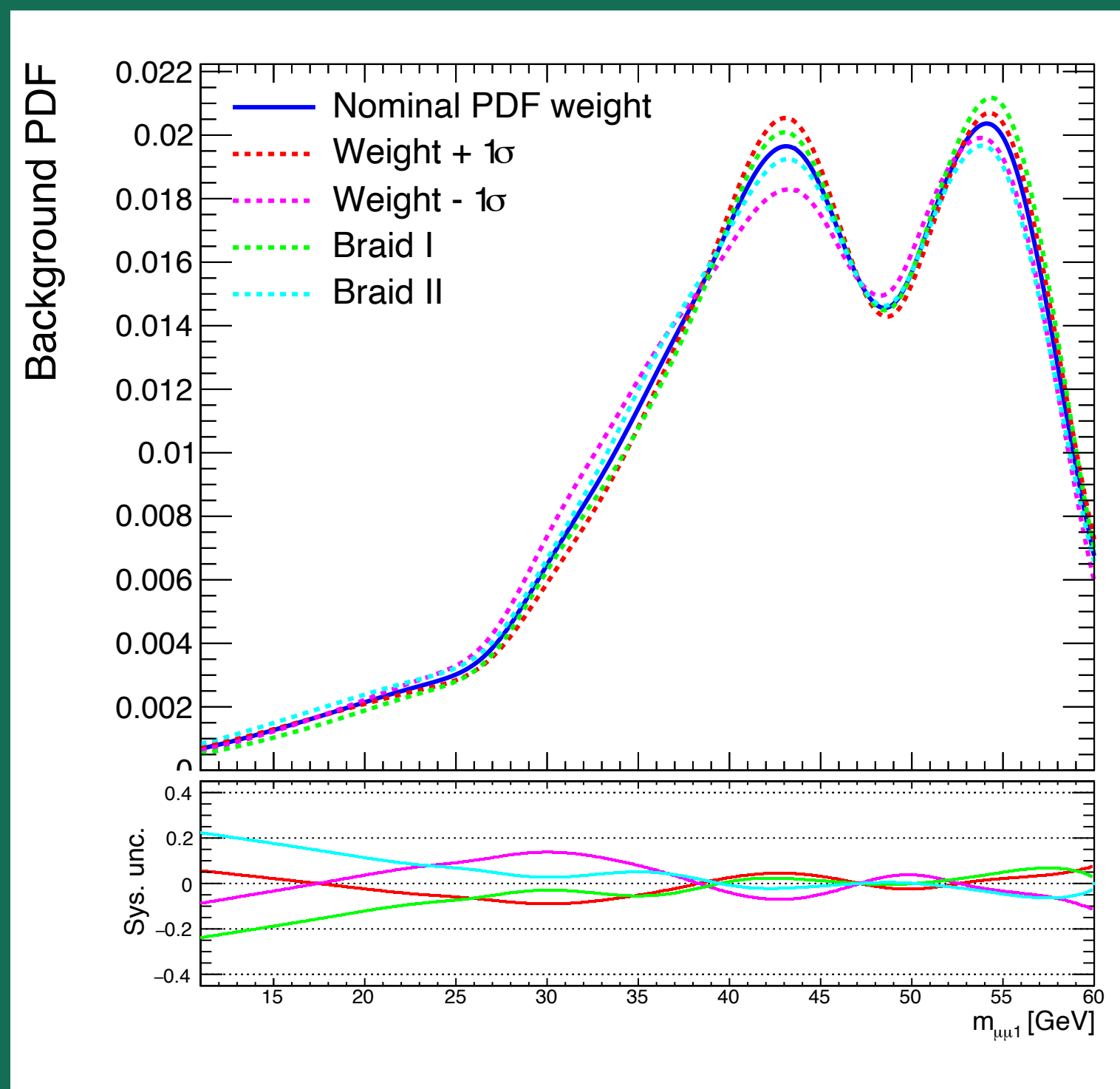


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Appendix C

Kernel Density Estimation Above Υ Resonance



Appendix D

Triggers

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 - Only available for 2018
- **HLT_Mu18_Mu9_SS, HLT_TrkMu12, HLT_TripleMu_12_10_5**
 - Lower p_T improves trigger efficiency
- 2017 Analysis:
 - **HLT_Mu23_Mu12** replaced **HLT_DoubleL2Mu23NoVtx_2Cha**

2018

Trigger Paths

HLT_DoubleL2Mu23NoVtx_2Cha

HLT_Mu18_Mu9_SameSign

HLT_TrkMu12_DoubleTrkMu5NoFiltersNoVtx,

HLT_TripleMu_12_10_5

2017

Trigger Paths

HLT_Mu23_Mu12 (HLT_DoubleL2Mu23NoVtx_2Cha in 2018)

HLT_Mu18_Mu9_SameSign

HLT_TrkMu12_DoubleTrkMu5NoFiltersNoVtx

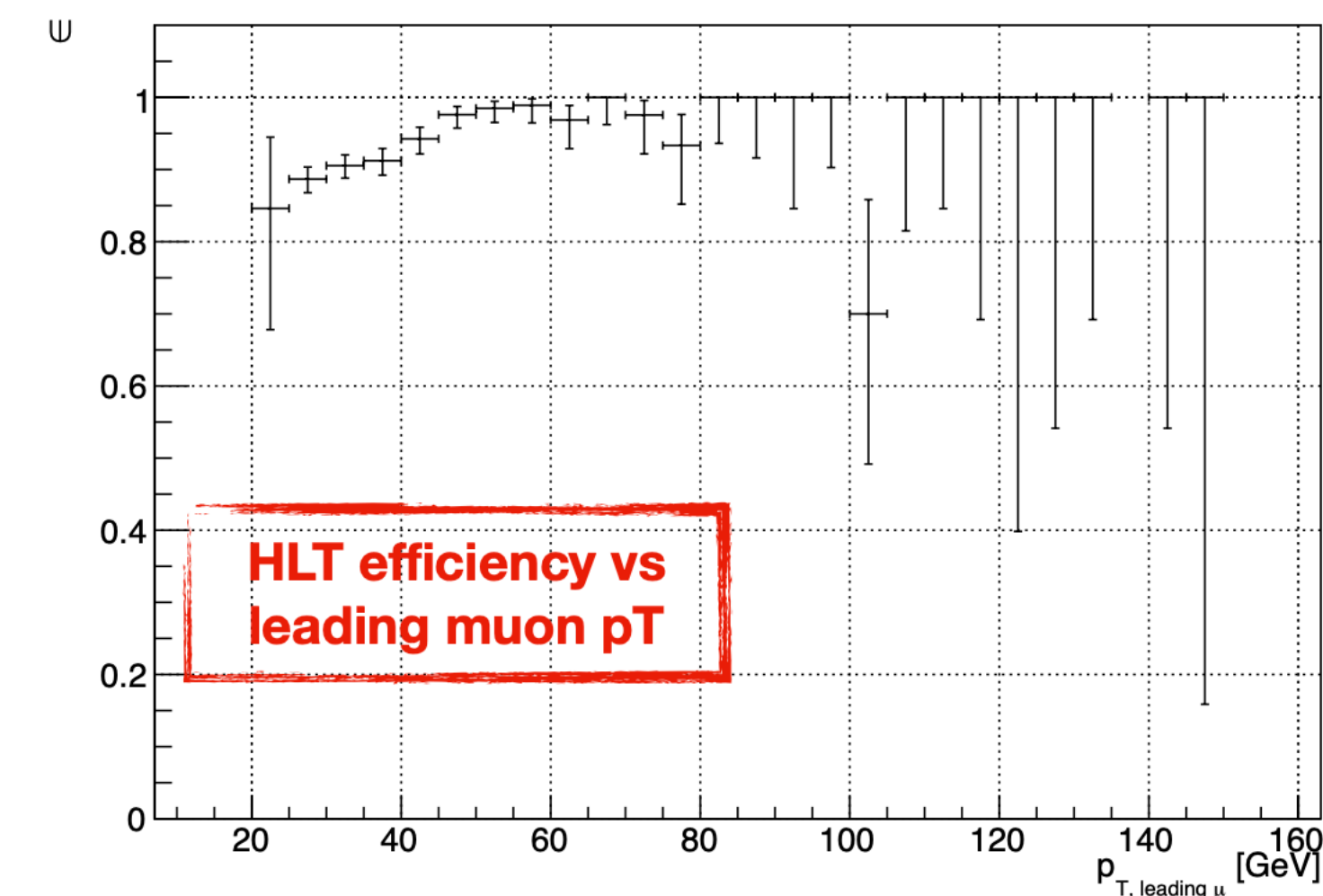
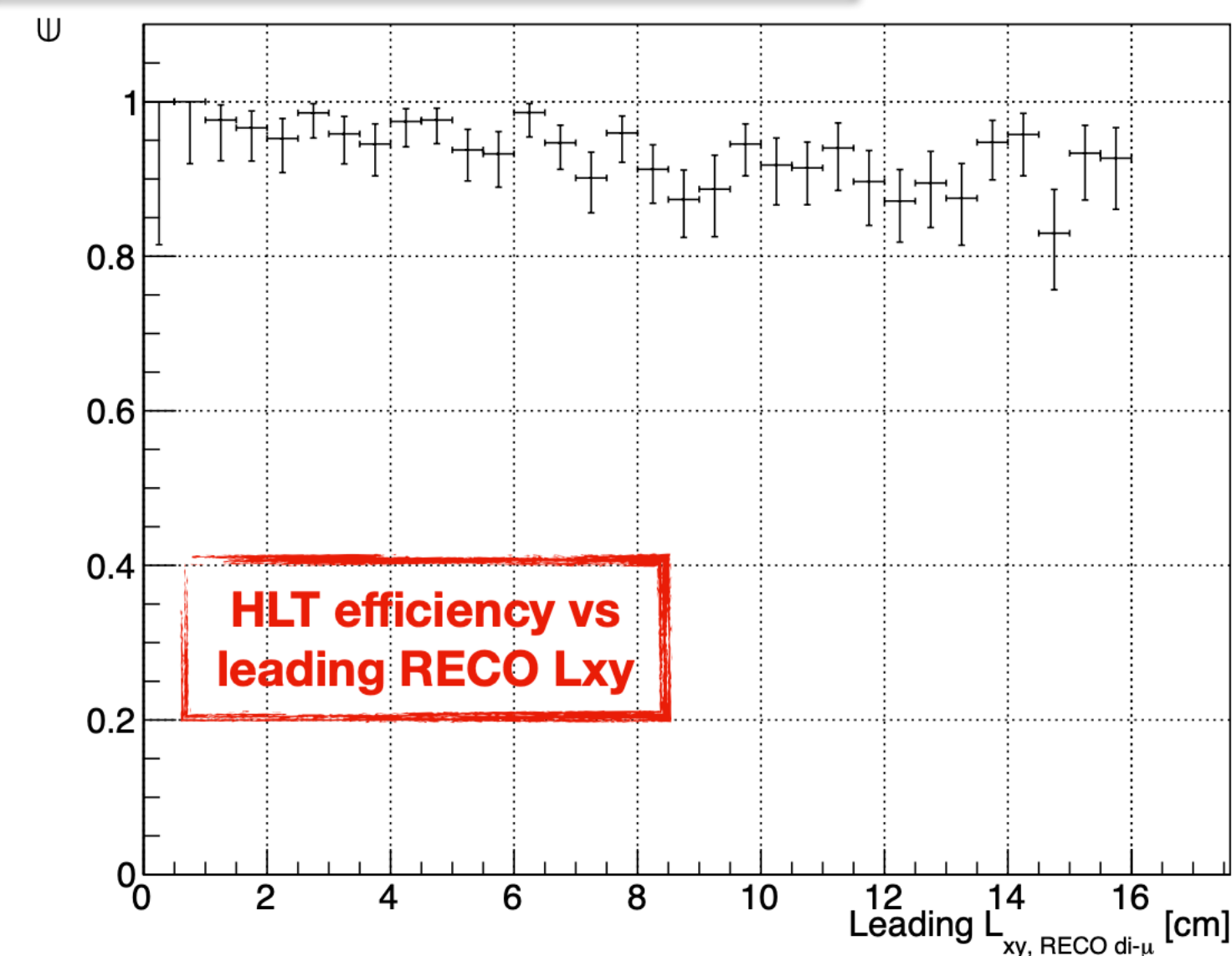
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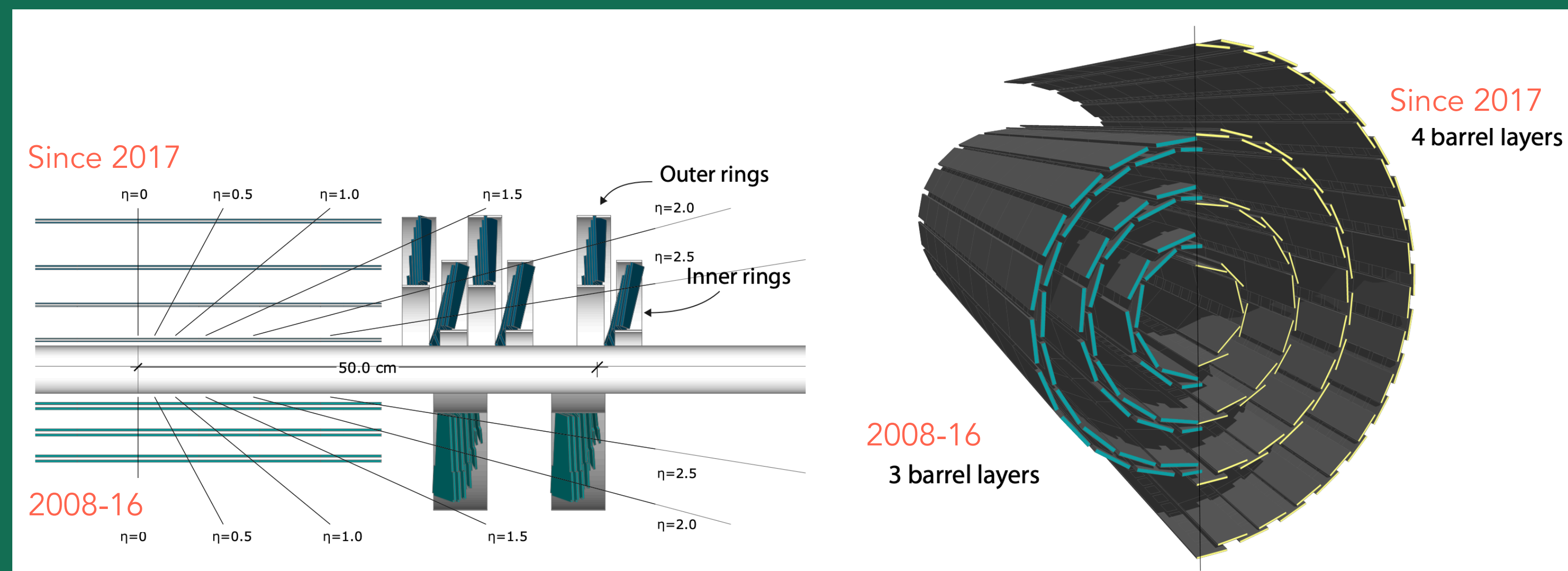
Appendix E

Pixel Hit

- Pixel detector went through and upgrade in 2016
- We require a valid pixel hit in phase-1 detector for at least one muon of each pair
- 4 barrel layers L_{xy} up 16 cm, and 3 forward layers $|L_z|$ up to 51.6 cm

Left: comparative layout of the pixel detector between the layers and disks, before and after the upgrade of pixel detectors.

Right: Transverse-oblique view comparing the pixel barrel layers in the upgraded detector versus pre-upgrade



Appendix E

Dimuon Vertex

- dimuon vertex fit probability from KalmanVertexFitter

$$P_{\mu\mu} > P(L_{xy}, f\sqrt{\Delta R}, N_{SA-\mu})$$

$$P(L_{xy}, f\sqrt{\Delta R}, N_{SA-\mu}) = P_0 \times (1 - N_{SA-\mu}) \times \exp\left[-\left(\frac{L_{xy}}{R_0}\right)^2 \times f(\sqrt{\Delta R})\right]$$

$$f(\Delta R) = p_0 + p_1 \times \sqrt{\Delta R} + p_2 \times (\Delta R)^2 + p_3 \times (\Delta R)^3 + p_4 \times (\Delta R)^4$$

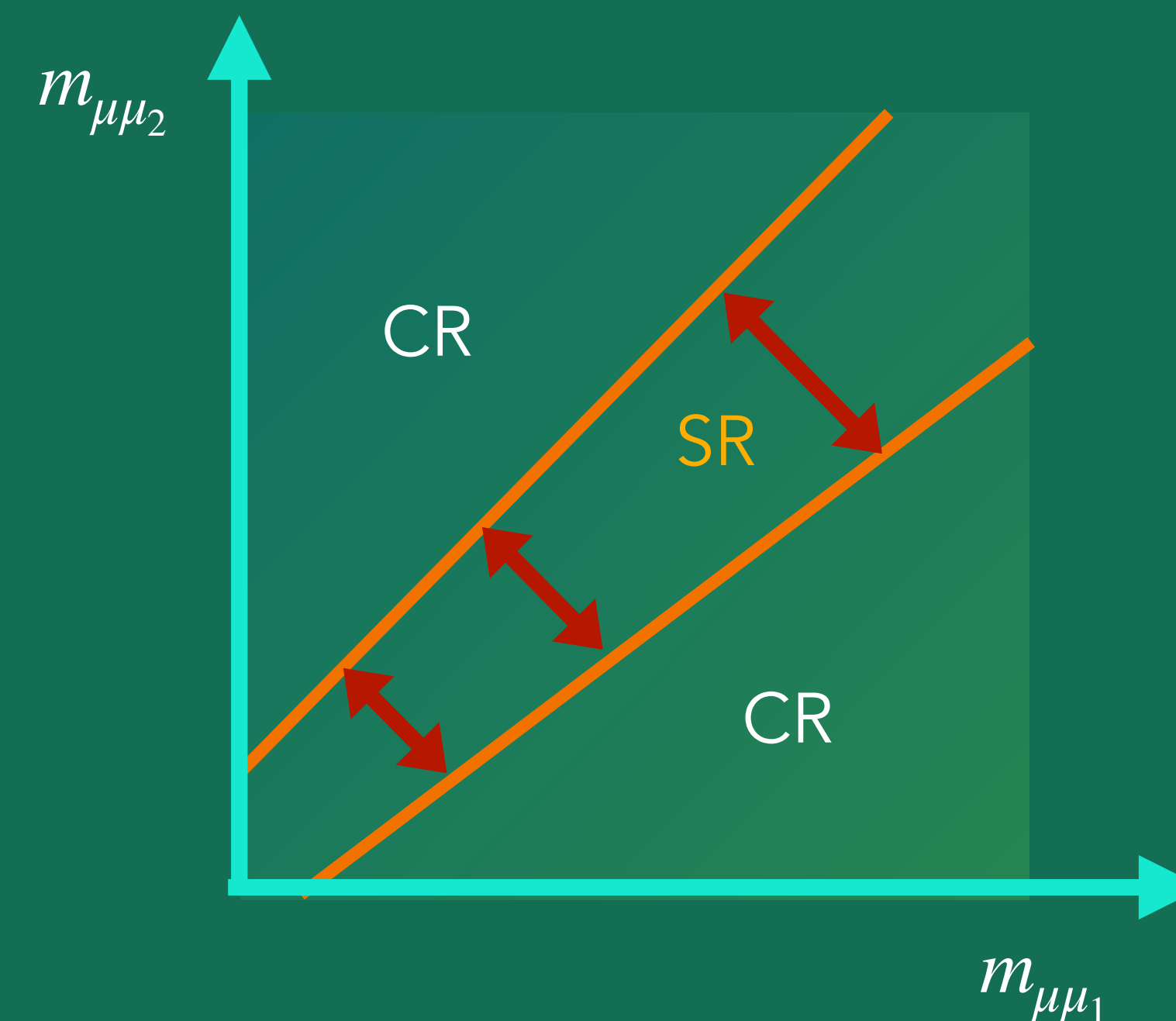
$$p_0 = 0.2, R_0 = 10cm, p_0 = 8.54, p_1 = -50.46, p_2 = 109.83, p_3 = -92.74, p_4 = 36.84$$

Appendix E

Defining Control and Signal Regions

- Since the muon pairs are produced from supposedly the same bosons with consistent masses, the invariant mass of muon pairs should be consistent as well
- Conventional way of defining a mass consistency window:
 - The width of the SR window is adjusted by the di-muon mass reconstruction resolution eg., a Gaussian fit to the di-muon mass and the standard deviation 3σ would result in $\sim 99\%$ signal efficiency
 - This method does not work for higher masses ($\gtrsim 10$ GeV)
 - Higher mass: radiative non-gaussian tails
- Instead we define the window width by the efficiencies that we desire

$$m_1 - m_2 = f\left(\frac{m_1 + m_2}{2}\right)$$



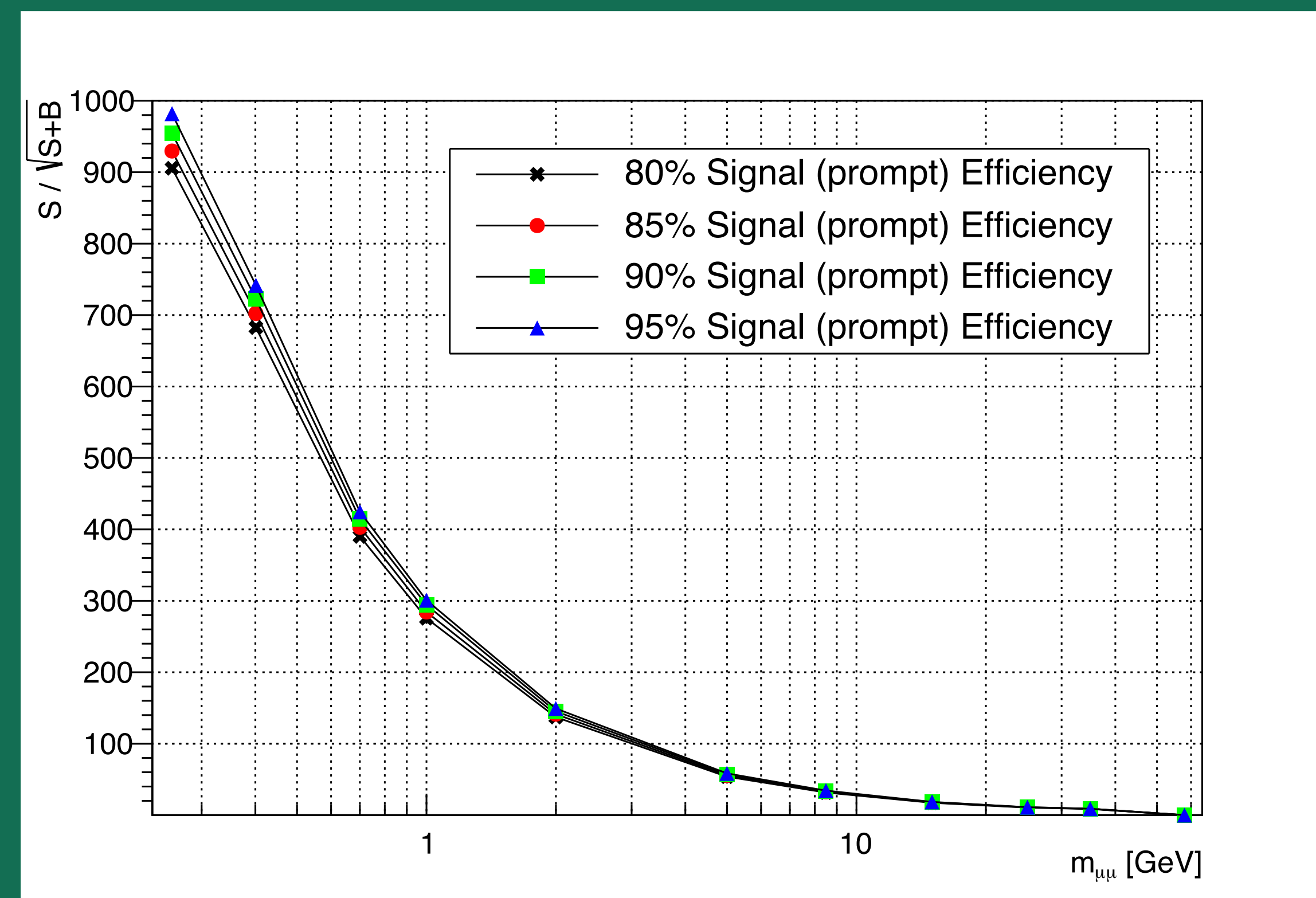
For more on mass window cut see App. E

Appendix E

Mass window

- Choose desired efficiency: calculate the signal significance ($s/\sqrt{S+B}$)
- Significance drops at higher masses
- We chose 90% signal efficiency
- Window size is determined based on desired 90% efficiency

$$f\left(\frac{m_1 + m_2}{2}\right)$$



Appendix F

HLT Scale Factor 2018

- Using orthogonal triggers on SingleMuon control dataset and MC simulated events.
- The efficiency of the signal triggers is determined on events passing a set of selection criteria optimized to select WZTo3LNu and ZZTo4l events.
- This is done both on the data and on the MC simulated events. Then the signal HLT efficiency is calculated on the surviving events.
- The cut-flow table of this process is shown on the right.
- The efficiency of the signal HLT on both MC samples is ~ 0.99 , while the efficiency of data is 0.986.
- This results in a trigger scale factor of $SF = 0.986/0.99 = 99.6\% \pm 0.6\%$ (stat.)

Selection	WZTo3LNu	ZZTo4Mu	Data
Pre-selection (if applicable)	301245.23	70517.53	18051620
Passes at least one orthogonal trigger	118895.45	22794.27	18014171
Exactly three muons	22819.88	4019.38	3405670
$ \eta_i < 2.4$	22819.88	4019.38	3405670
$p_{T,1} > 20 \text{ GeV}, p_{T,2} > 20 \text{ GeV}, p_{T,3} > 10 \text{ GeV}$	1007.26	116.17	373507
Two muons with opposite charge	999.81	115.70	337040
$ m_{\mu\mu} - m_Z < 10 \text{ GeV}$	835.89	73.05	222817
Medium muon ID	748.68	56.47	12627
$ d_{xy,i} < 0.005 \text{ cm}$	706.08	48.94	5269
$ d_{z,i} < 0.01 \text{ cm}$	603.32	39.64	3059
$RelIso_i < 0.1$	406.95	25.71	437
Passes at least one signal trigger	402.72	25.42	431

Appendix F

HLT Scale Factor 2017

- For 2017 we separate the run eras and emulate the triggers
- The cross-section weighted total MC is calculated
- For each run:

$$\bullet \text{Total MC}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\sigma_{WZ} \times WZ_{\#events} + \sigma_{ZZ} \times ZZ_{\#events}}{\sigma_{WZ} + \sigma_{ZZ}}$$

$$\bullet SF = \frac{\text{data}_{\text{eff}}}{\text{total MC}_{\text{eff}}}$$

- The lumi weighted total SF:

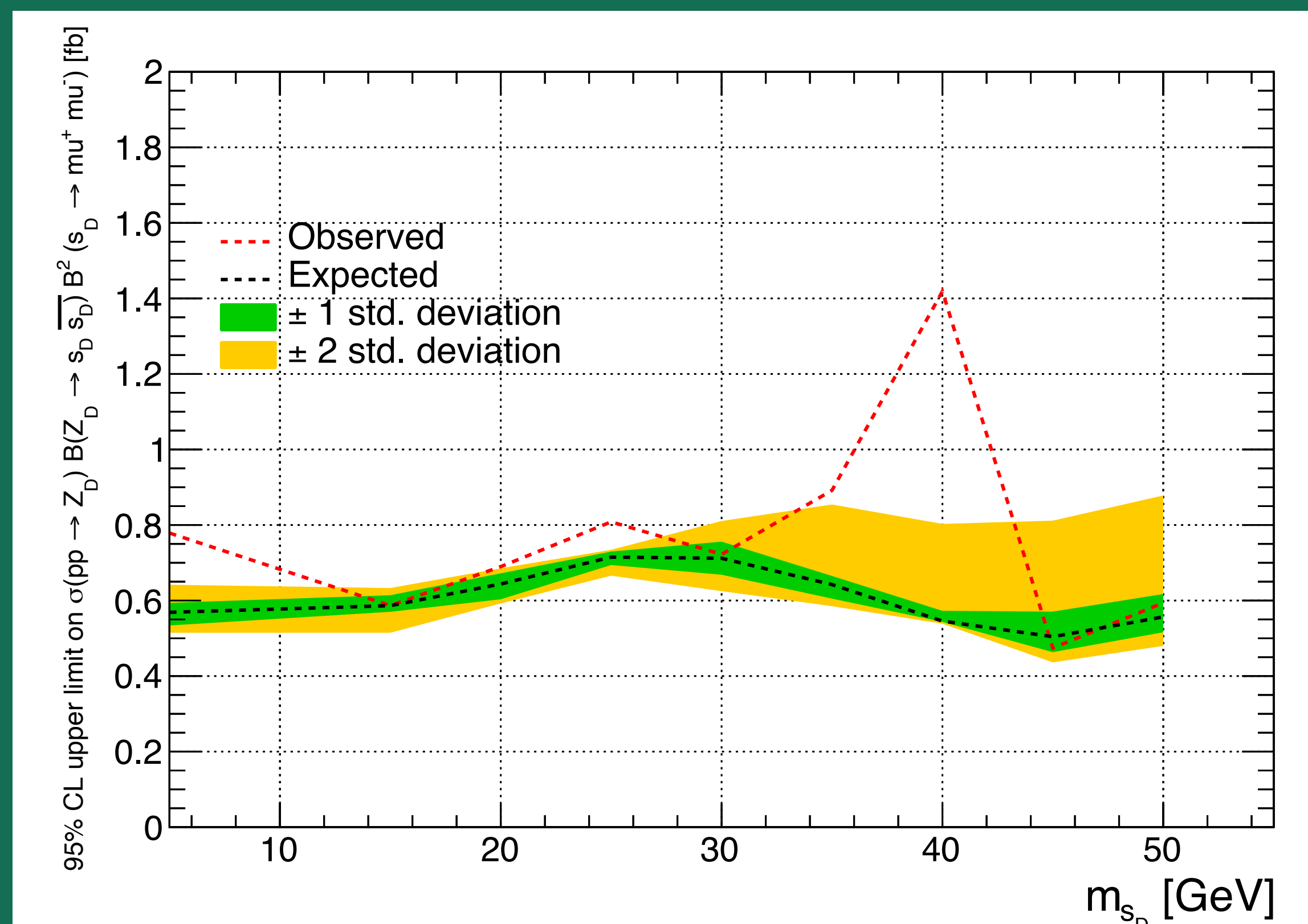
$$\bullet \text{Total SF} = \frac{(4.79 \times 0.908) + (23.19 \times 0.996) + (13.53 \times 0.956)}{41.5}$$

- That results in an overall **SF = 0.972**

	Lumi fb ⁻¹	WZ eff	ZZ eff	Total MC eff	Data eff	SF
Run B	4.79	0.902	0.912	0.904	0.821	0.908
Run C-E	23.19	0.95	0.96	0.955	0.95	0.994
Run F	13.53	0.996	0.995	0.996	0.953	0.956

Appendix G

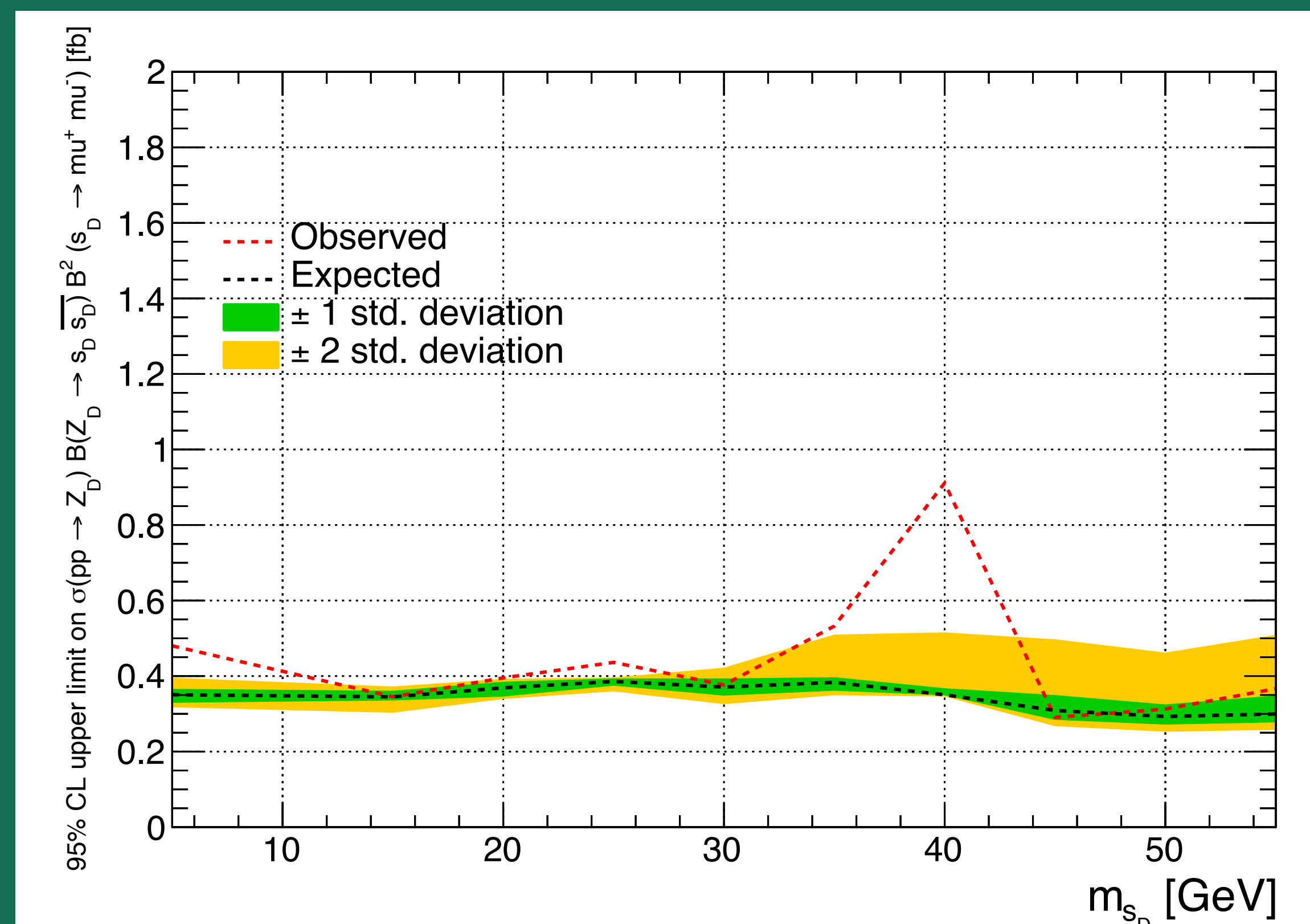
Brazilian Plot - Post Fit Observed Limits -2018



Brazilian bands for $m_{Z_D} = 100$ GeV. Expected limits after unblinding

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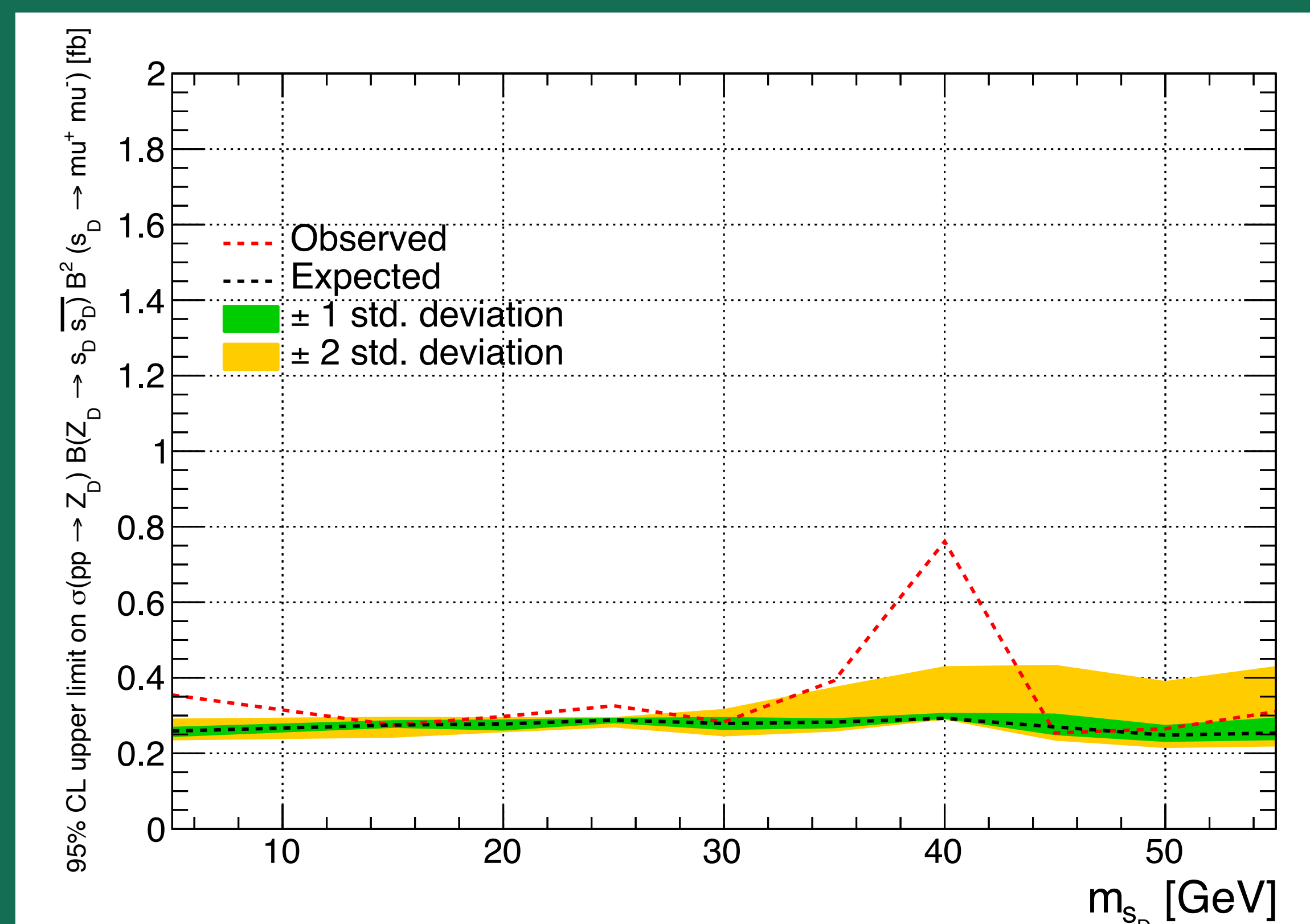
Brazilian Plot - Post Fit Observed Limits -2018



Brazilian bands for $m_{Z_D} = 125$ GeV. Expected limits after unblinding

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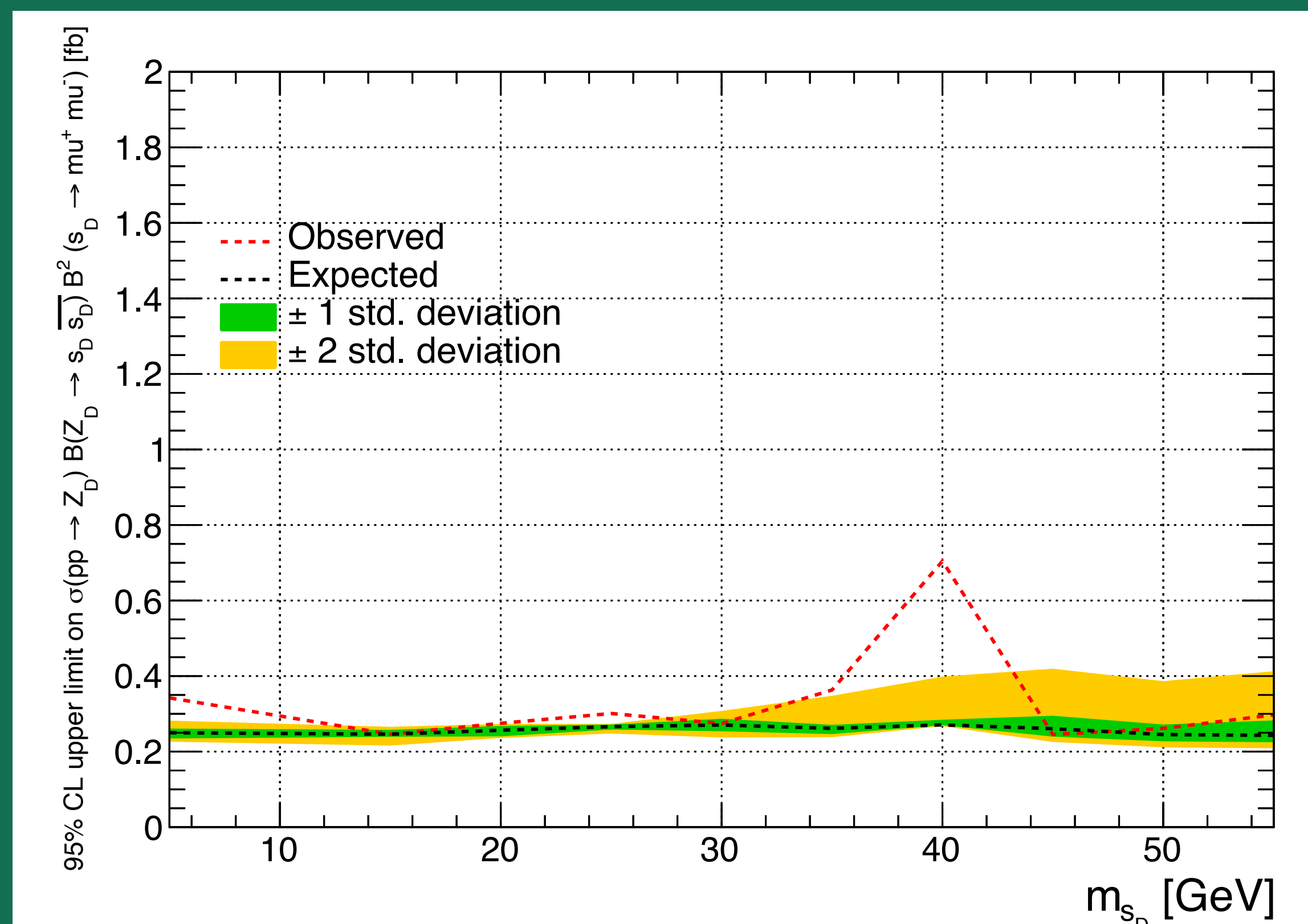
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Brazilian bands for $m_{Z_D} = 150$ GeV. Expected limits after unblinding

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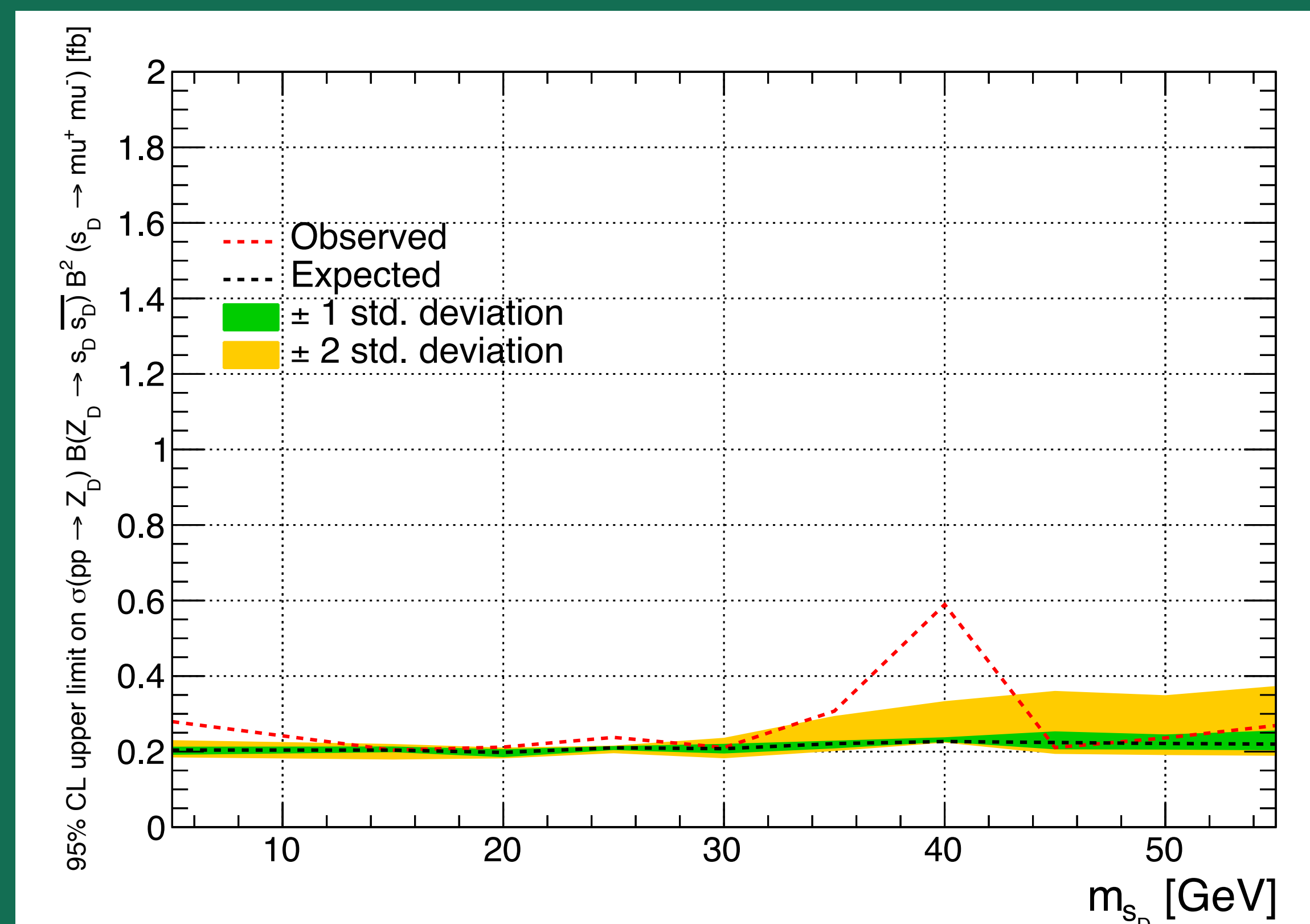
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Brazilian bands for $m_{Z_D} = 160$ GeV. Expected limits after unblinding

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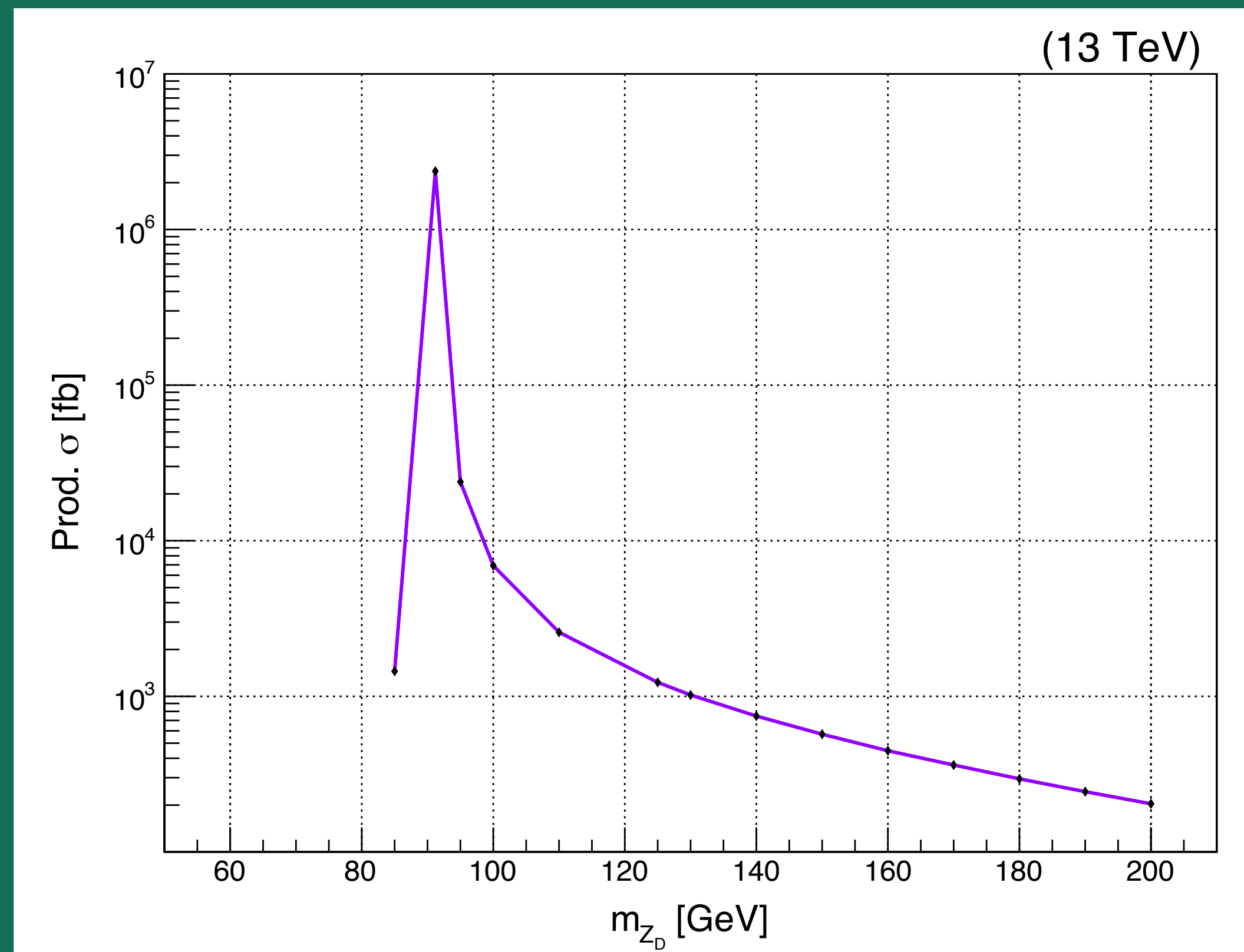
Brazilian Plot - Post Fit Observed Limits -2018



Brazilian bands for $m_{Z_D} = 200$ GeV. Expected limits after unblinding

Appendix H

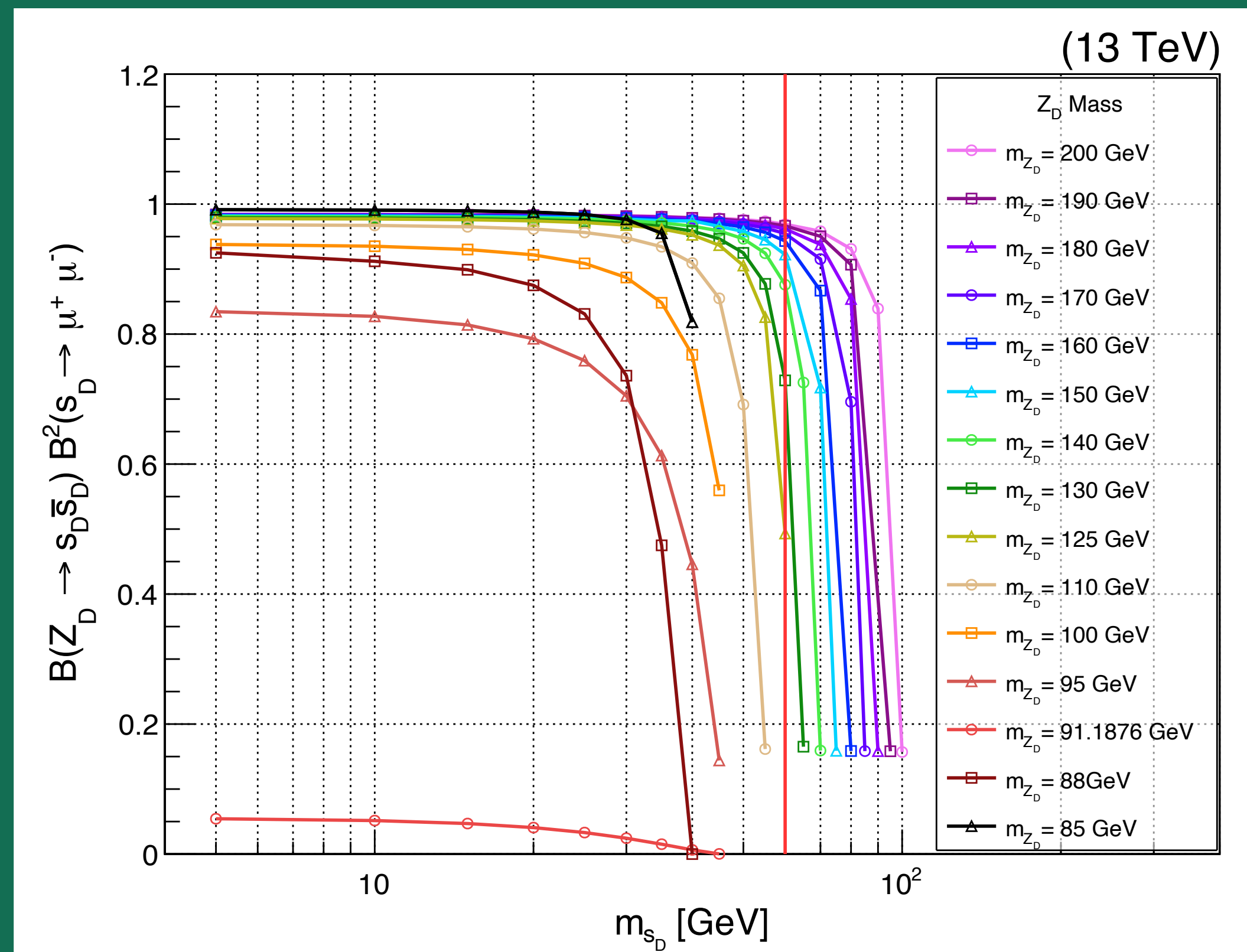
Kinematics of the Model - Hard Process Simulation



A scan of production cross-section for varying mass of Z_D

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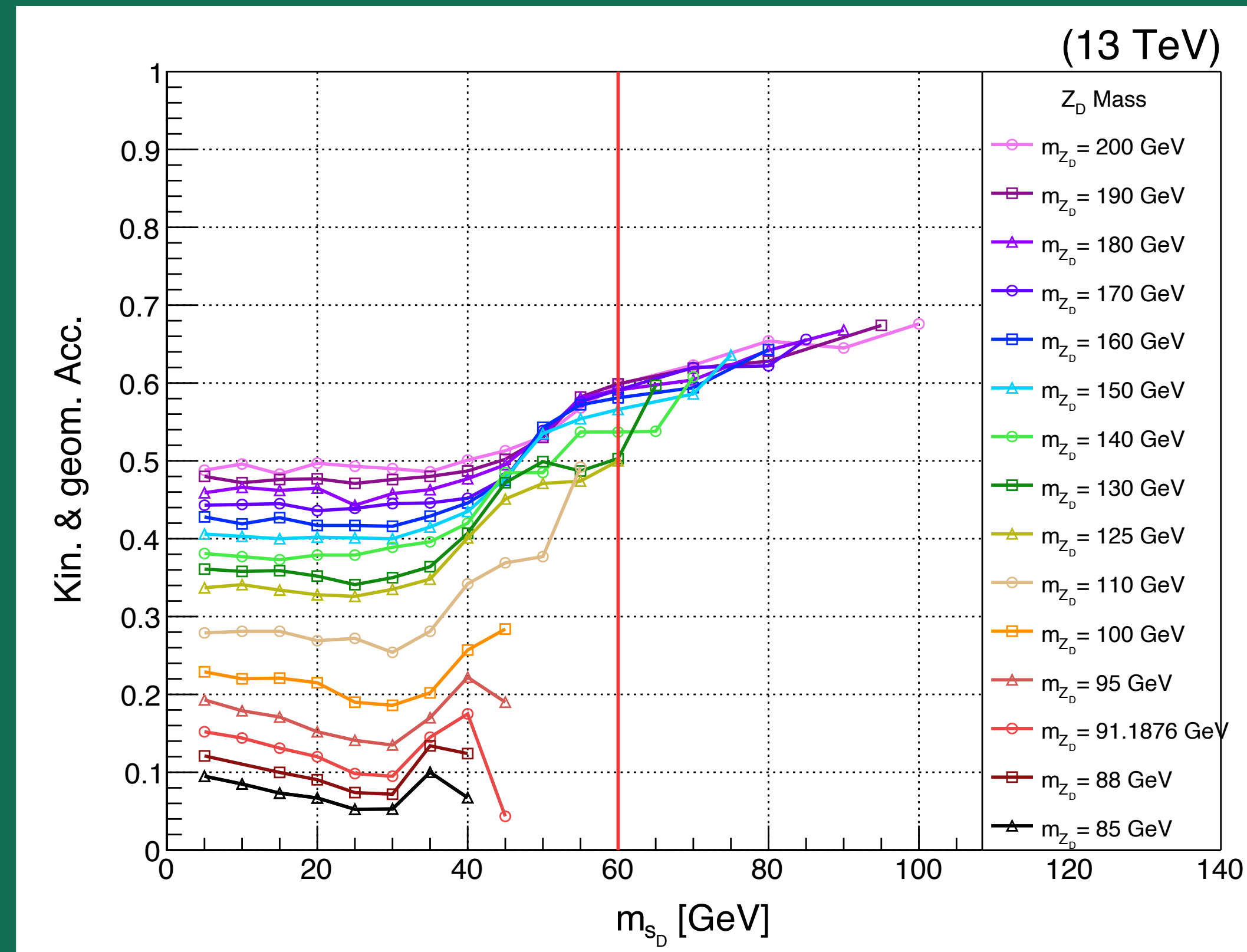
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A scan of branching fraction for varying mass of Z_D and s_D

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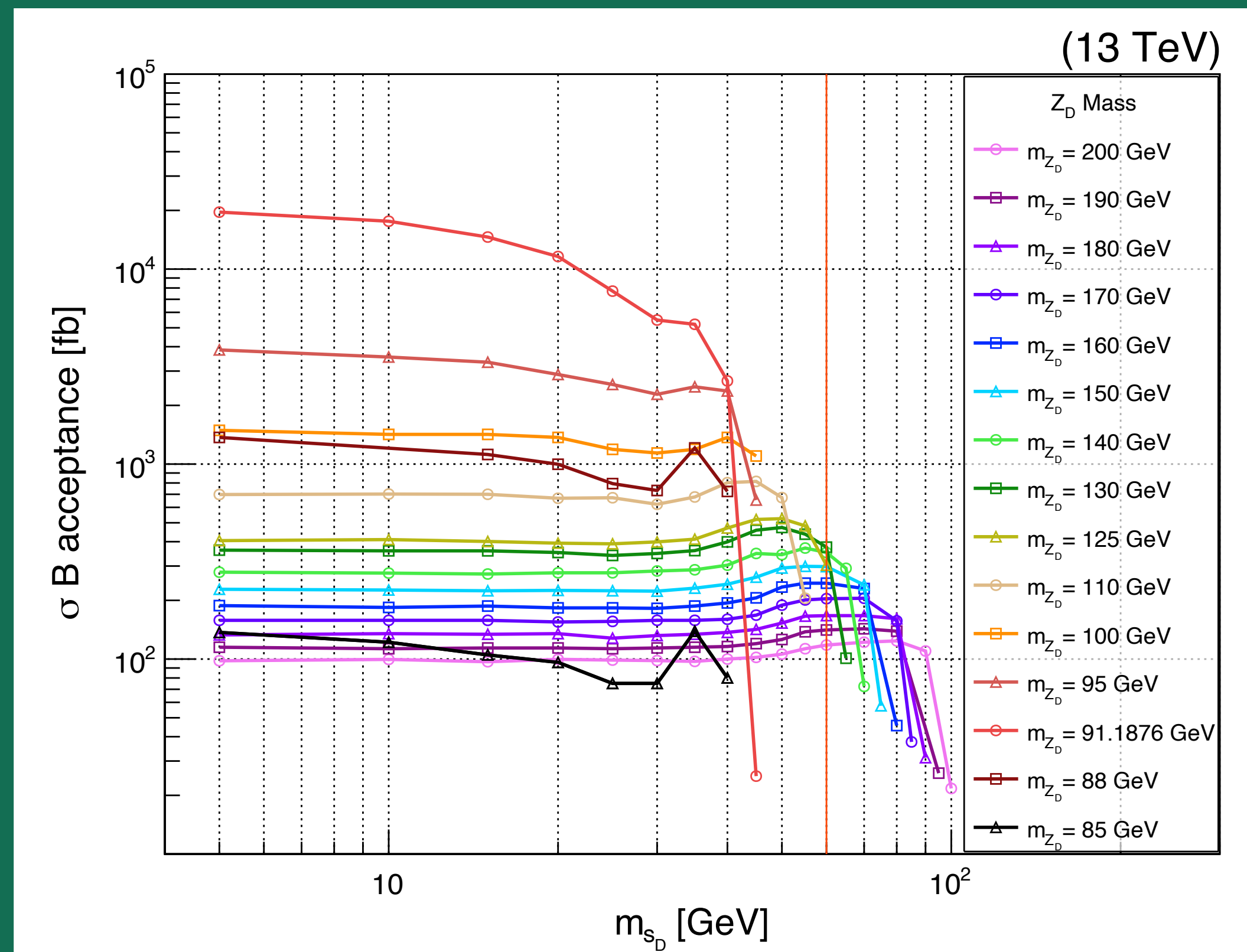
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A scan of geometrical and kinematic acceptance of the muon selection for varying mass of Z_D and s_D

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Kinematics of the Model - Hard Process Simulation



Multiplication production cross-section, branching fraction, and acceptance as an indication of sensitivity for varying mass of Z_D and s_D