

# Discussion on “BSM Higgs Searches/Rare Higgs Decays”

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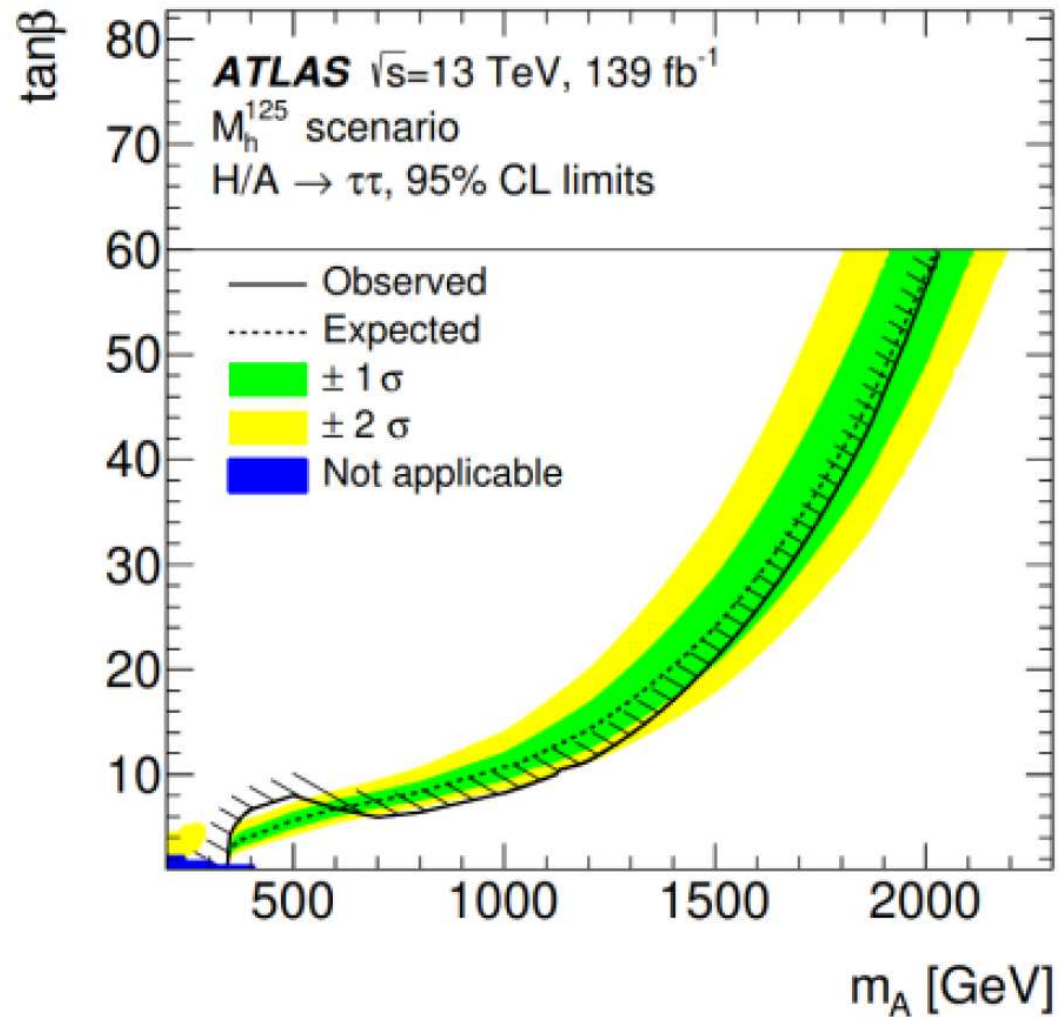
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## Talks:

- K. Li: ATLAS BSM Higgs searches
  - A. Attikis: CMS BSM Higgs searches
  - A. Milic: ATLAS rare and BSM decays
  - B. Marzocchi: CMS rare and BSM decays
- ⇒ no full ATLAS – CMS comparison ...
- ⇒ just a few (personally biased) examples ...

Perhaps slightly provocative ... :-)

My personal favorite:  $pp \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ :

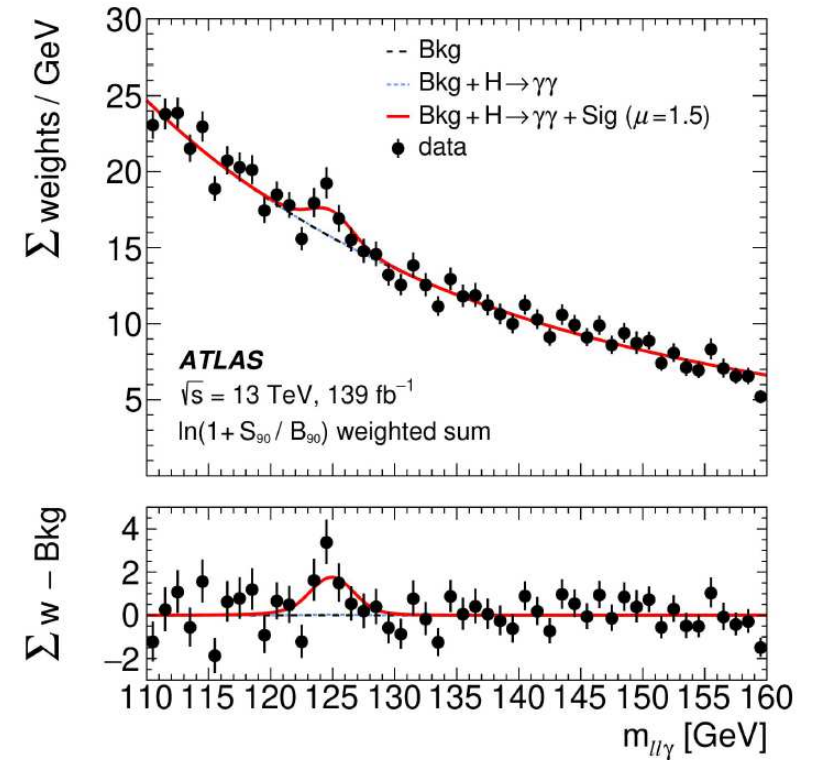


⇒ excess in  $ggH/A$  and  $b\bar{b}H/A$ ! (2.2, 2.7  $\sigma$ )

⇒ what about CMS??

# Finally: $h_{125} \rightarrow l^+l^-\gamma$

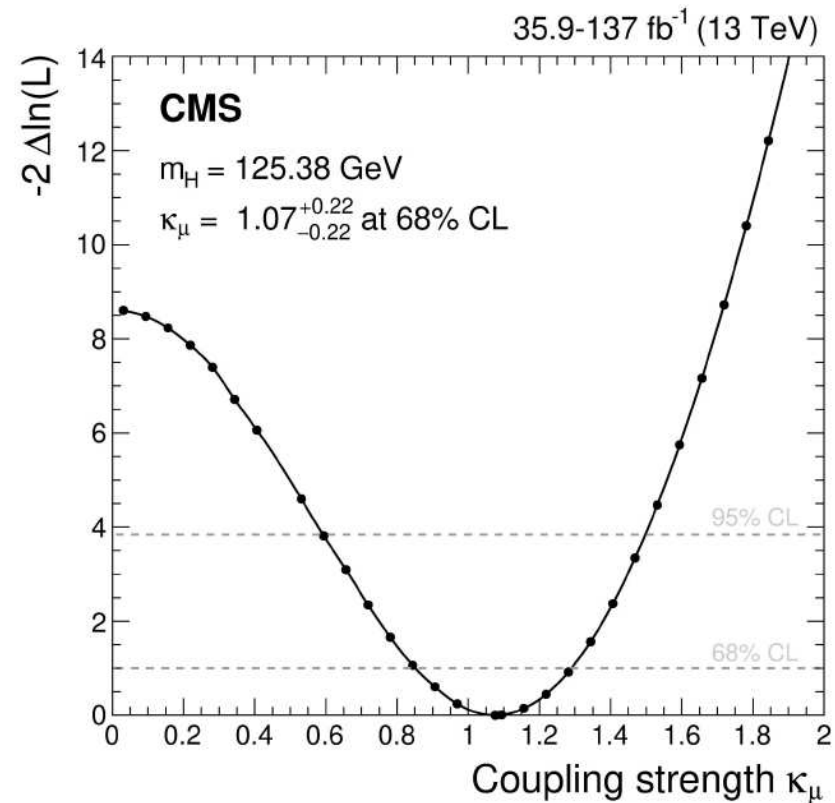
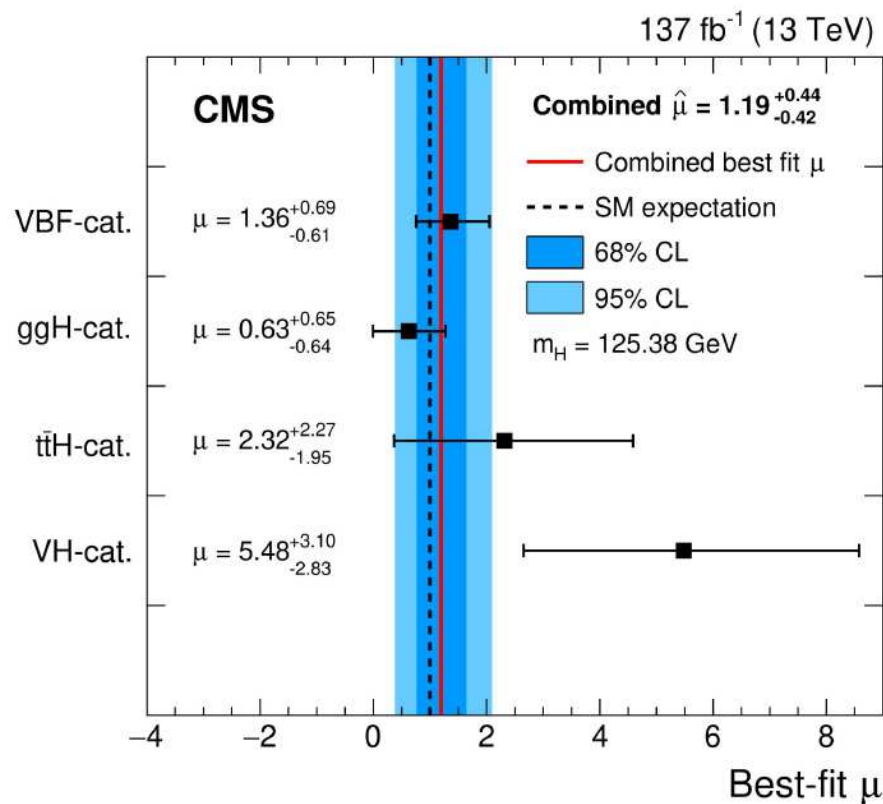
- First evidence for  $H \rightarrow ll\gamma$ !
  - $3.2 \sigma$  observed,  $2.1 \sigma$  expected
  - $\text{xsec} \times \text{BR} = 8.7^{+2.8}_{-2.7} \text{ fb}$
- Search statistically limited (syst. uncertainty 35% of stat. uncertainty)



$\Rightarrow$  agreed upon cuts??  $\Rightarrow$  in the LHCHWG we tried for years ...

## Impressed to see:

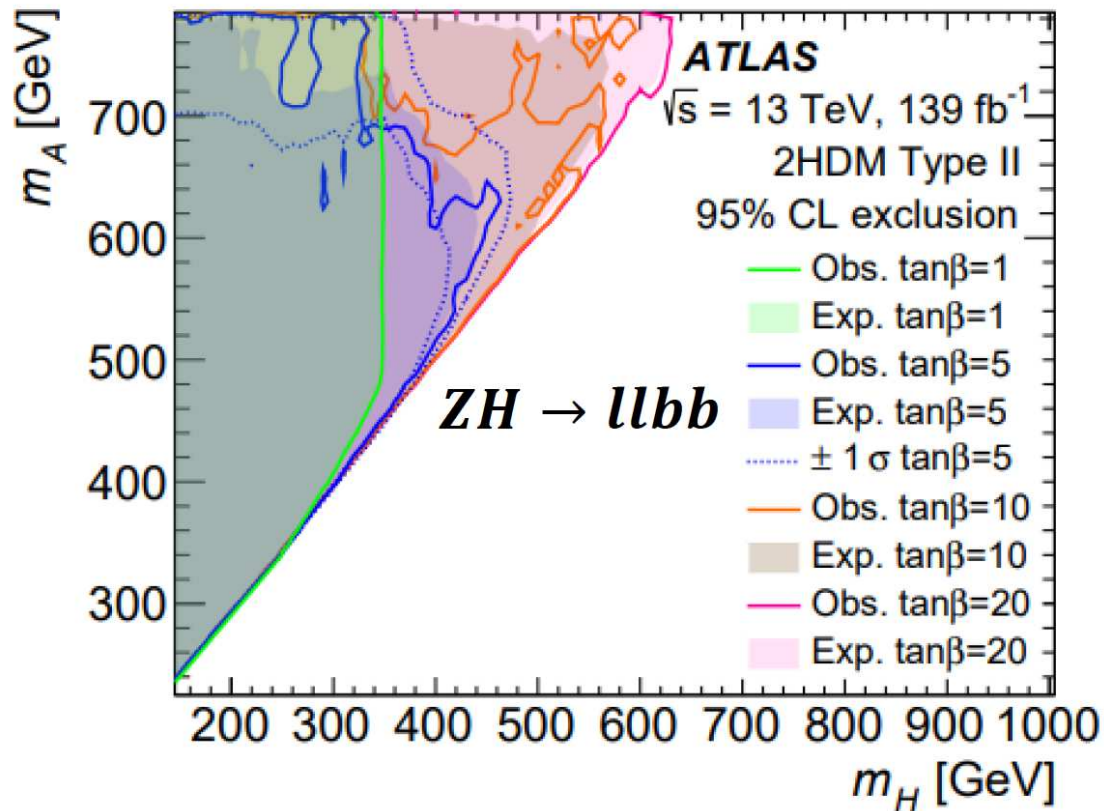
- Results: evidence of  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ 
  - p-value:  $3.0\sigma$  ( $2.5\sigma$  exp.)
  - $\mu = 1.19 \pm 0.40$  (stat)  $\pm 0.15$  (syst)  $\rightarrow$  statistically limited
  - No deviation from SM observed



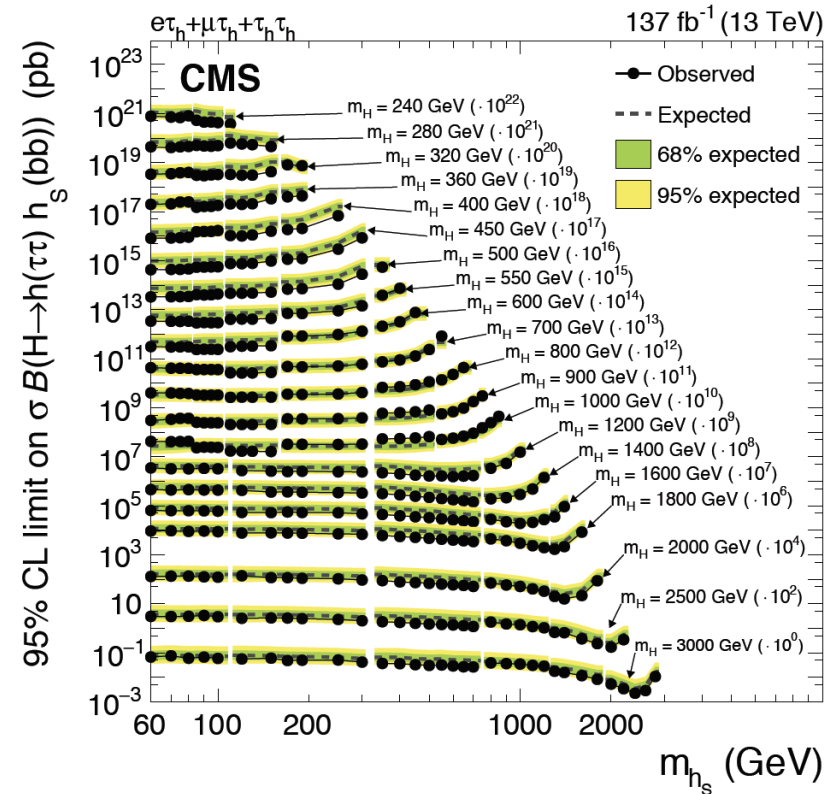
$\Rightarrow$  ATLAS is somewhat behind ...

# How to present results in the most confusing way?

ATLAS:  $A \rightarrow ZH$

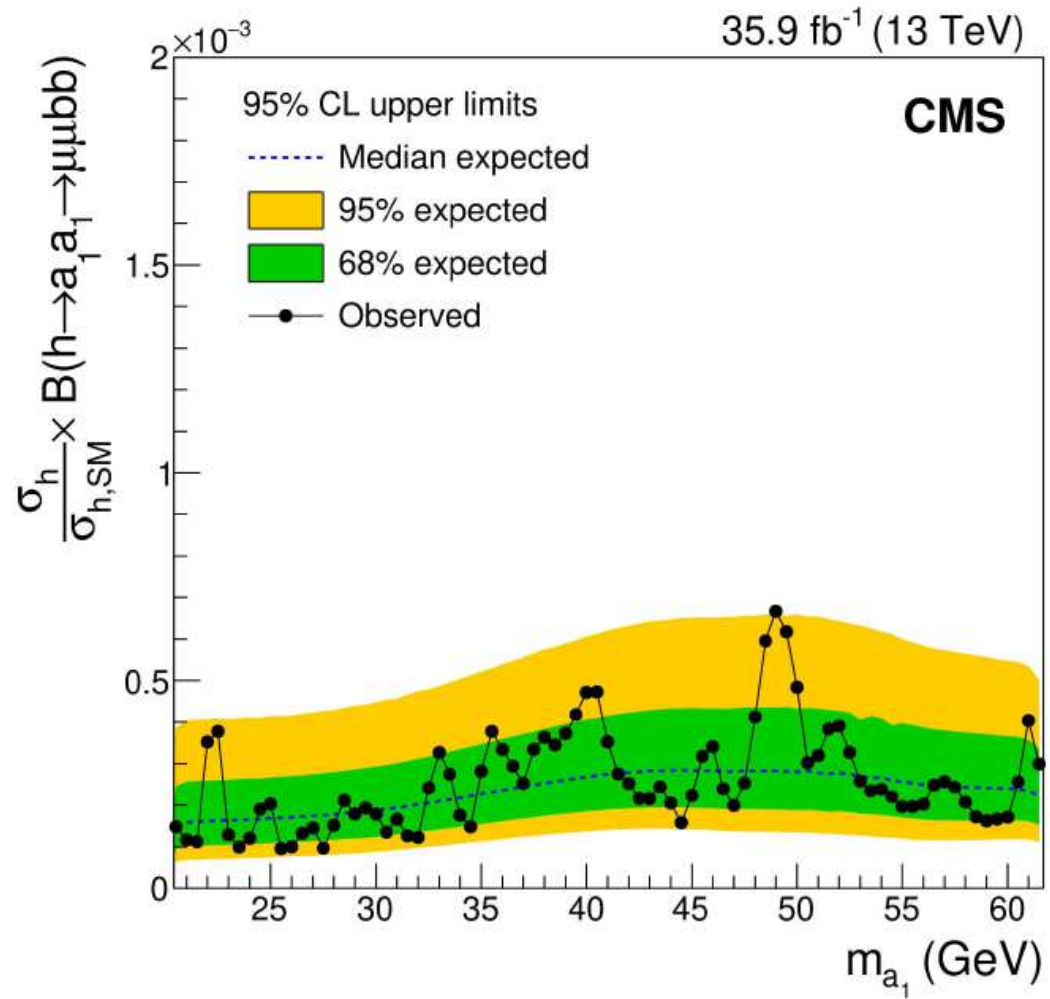
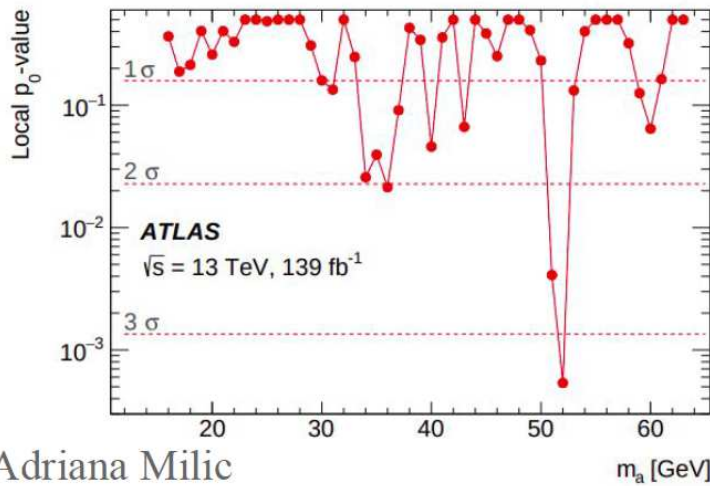
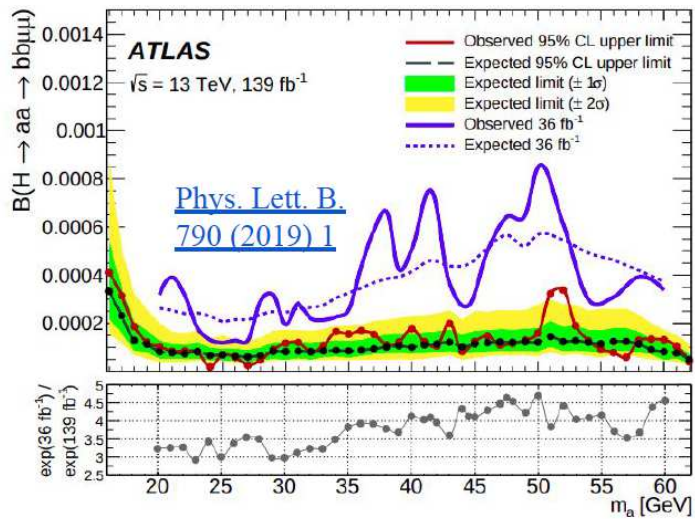


CMS:  $H \rightarrow h_{125}h_s$



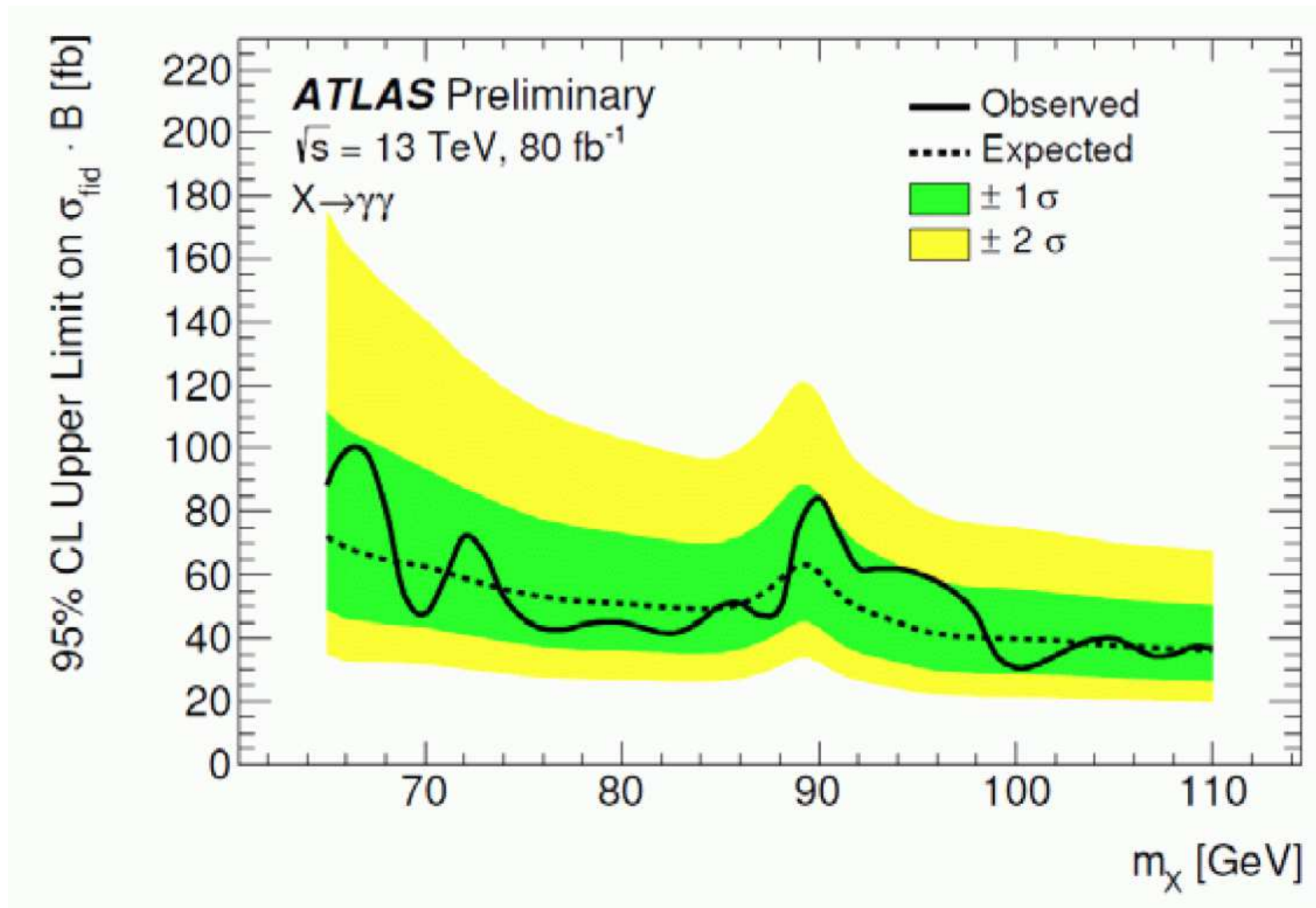
⇒ not sure who wins, ATLAS or CMS ...

# Discovery?



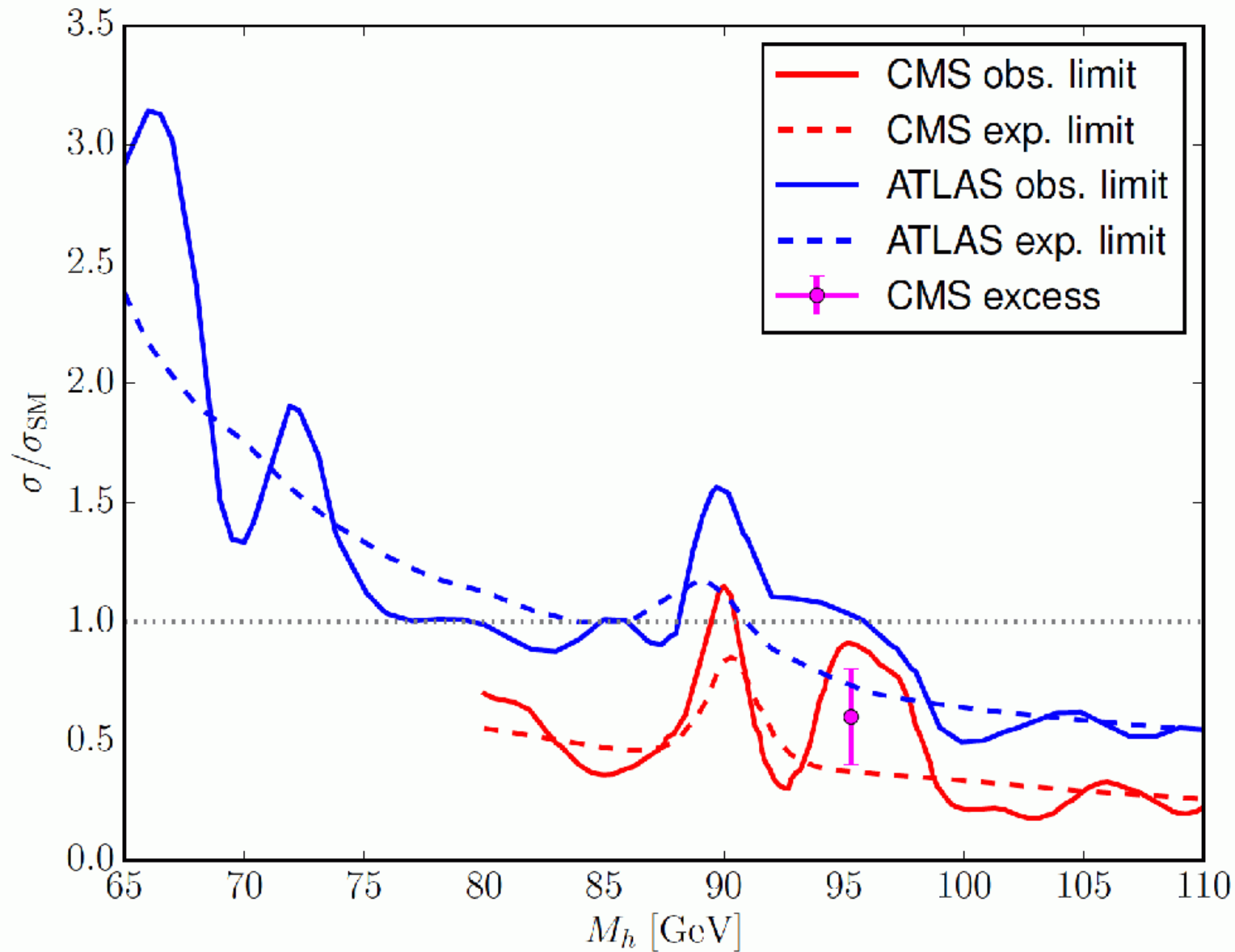
⇒ consistent? If so ...

One important questions since more than three:  $pp \rightarrow \phi_{96} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



⇒ no update, neither from ATLAS, nor CMS, ...

⇒ nothing about direct light Higgs production at HH21!



⇒ Can ATLAS and CMS (finally) clarify this?