

# Boosted $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$

R&D of GN3X taggers with  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel

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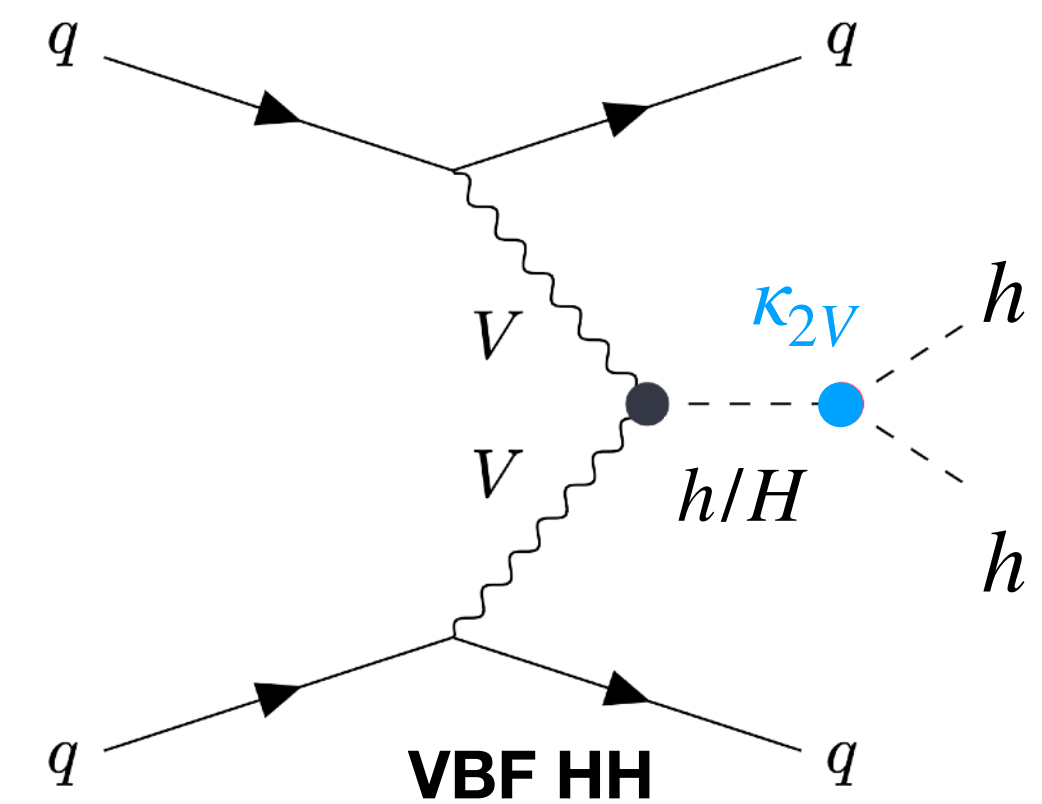
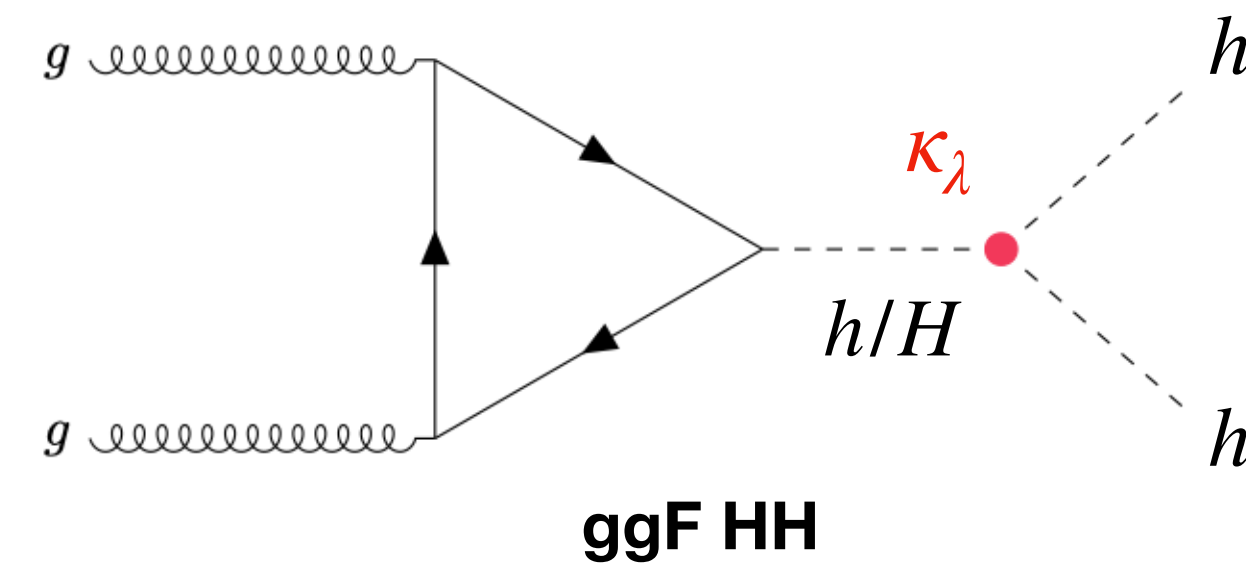


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# Motivation

## non-resonant

- ggF HH : Probe the higgs potential through  $\kappa_\lambda$
- VBF HH : Probe the structure of EWSB through  $\kappa_{2V}$

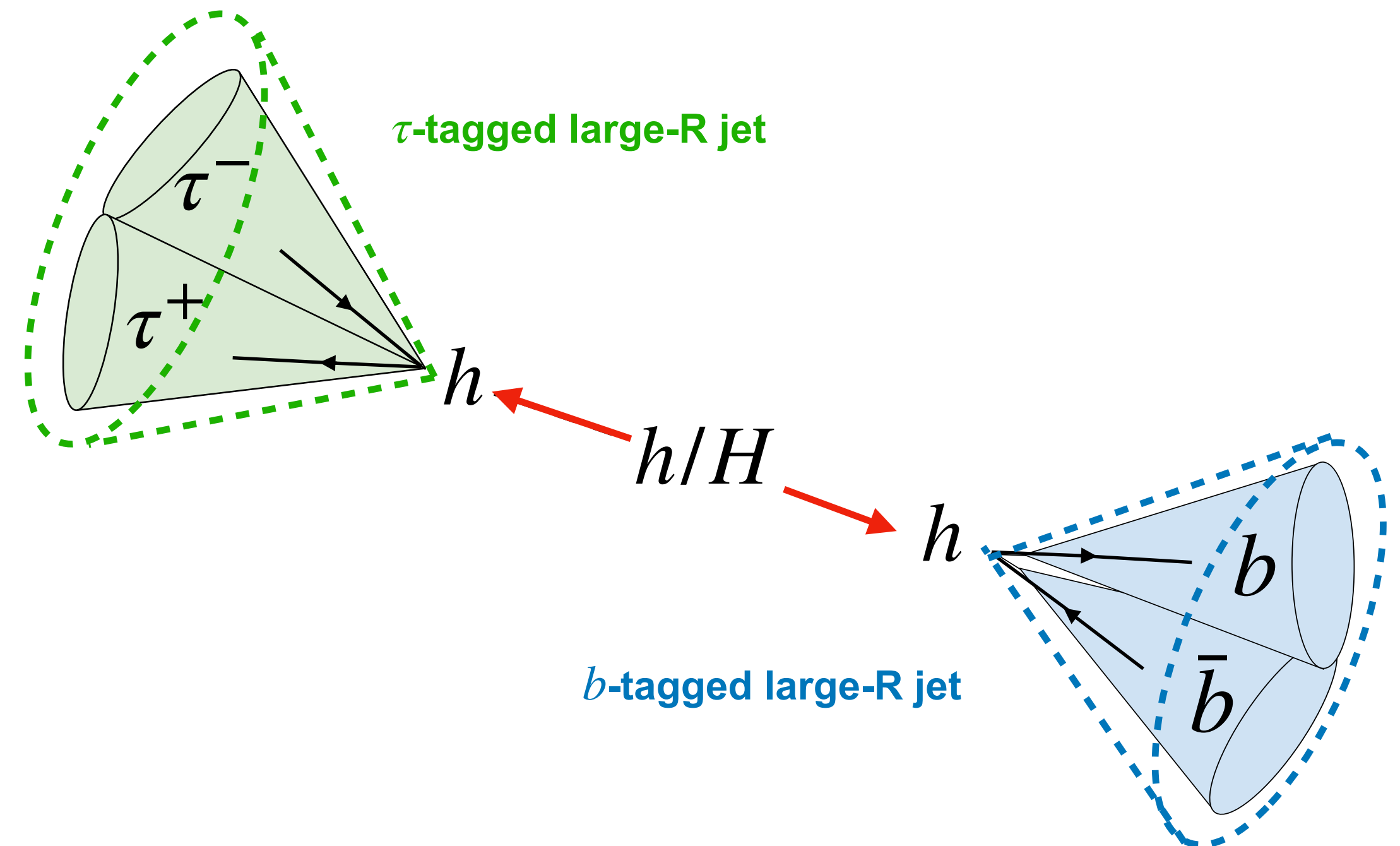


## Resonant

- Search for Spin-0 boson : Probe the extended Higgs sectors and physics beyond standard model
  - ➔ ex. Two-Higgs-Doublet Models (2HDM) , Supersymmetry, Electroweak baryogenesis, ...

## Analysis strategy for this round

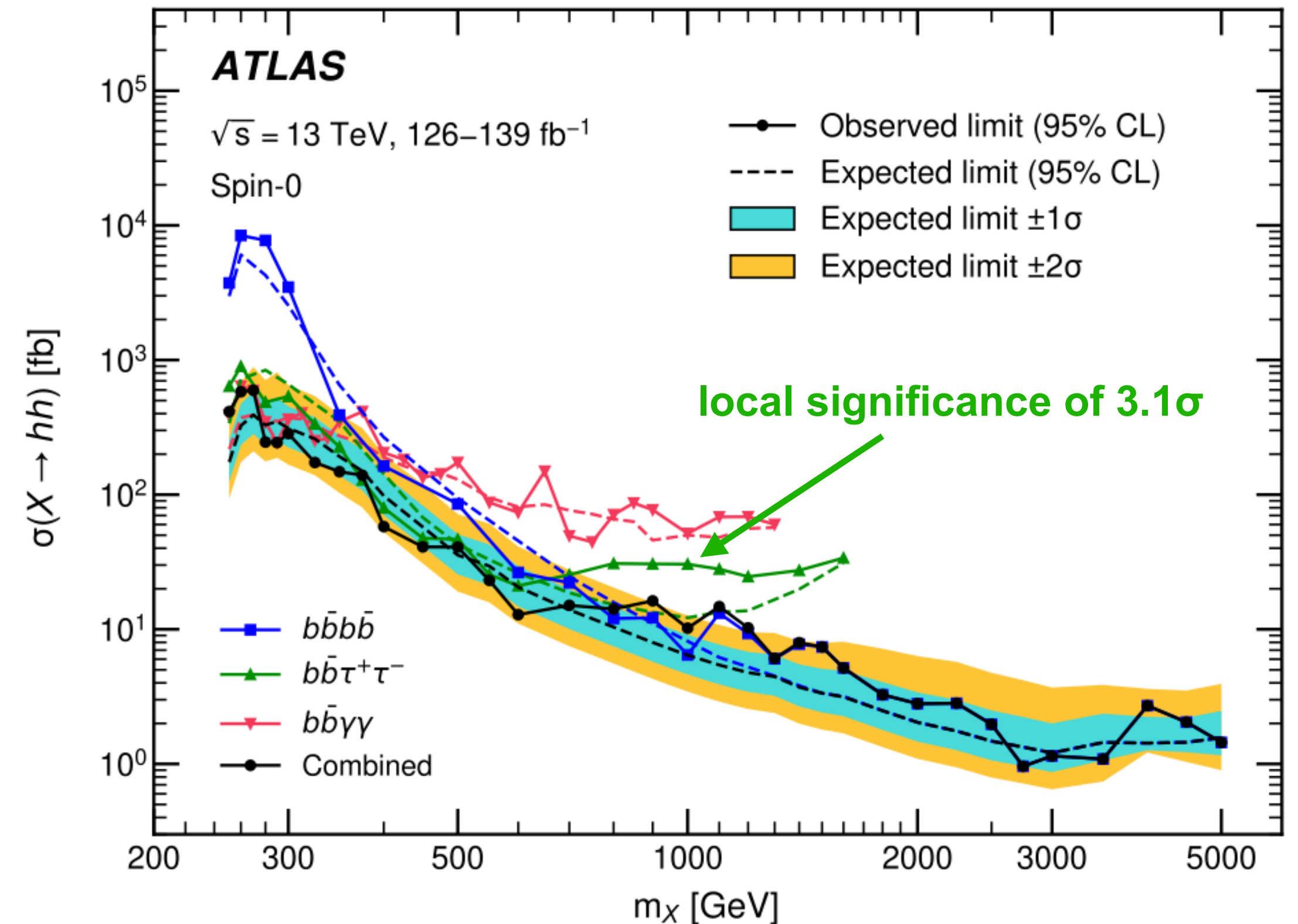
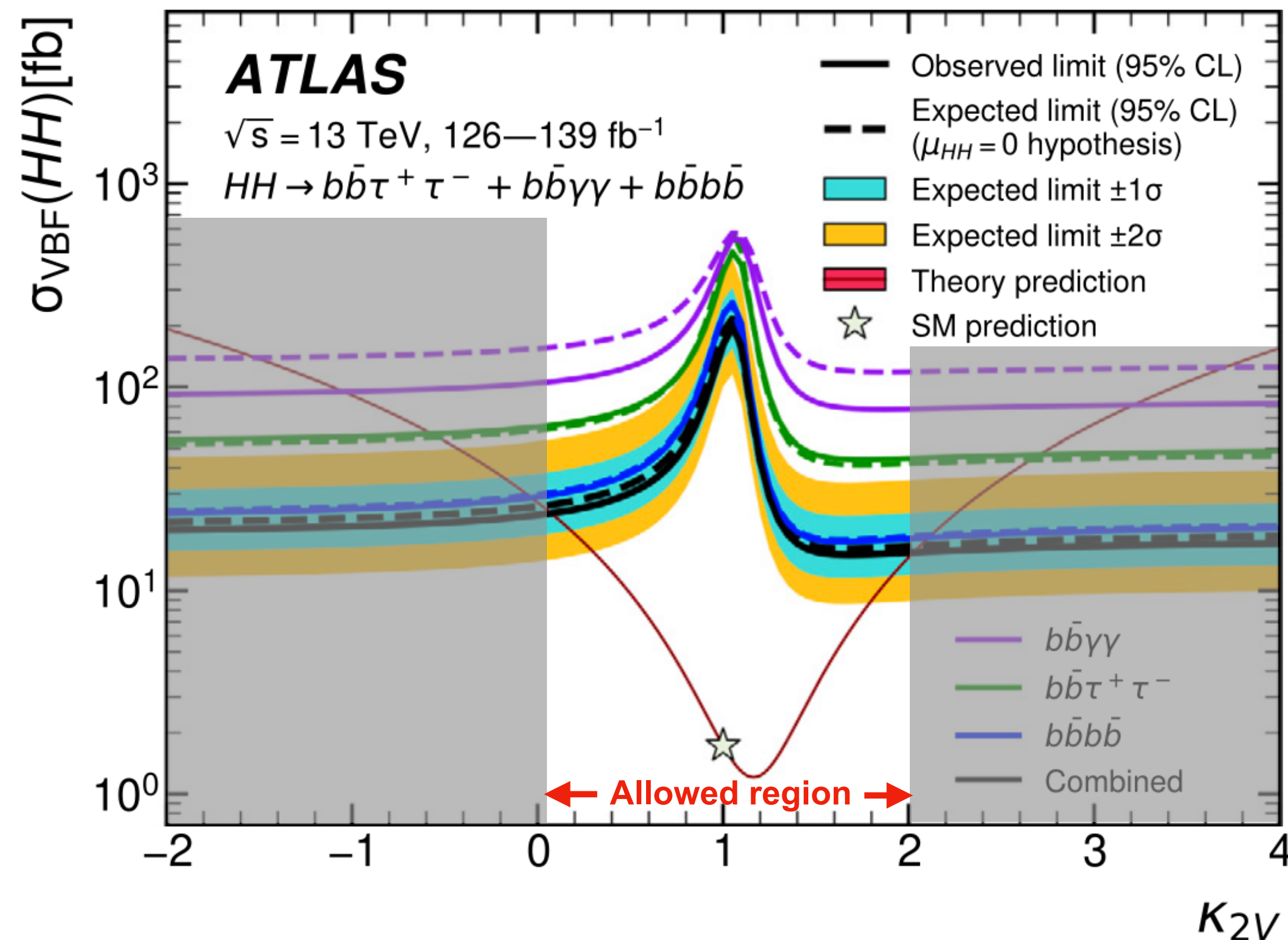
- Target : LHCP2027 (Jun 2027)
- Data : Run2 + partial Run3 (up to 2024)  $\approx 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Event are reconstructed as two large-R jets.
- Tagging large-R jets using GN3X
  - ➔ Boosted  $\tau\tau$  in the fully hadronic channel
- Main backgrounds are  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $ZH$ ,  $ZZ$ , Multi-jets.



# Di-Higgs Analysis in Run2

- Non-resonant : Constraint on  $\kappa_{2V}$  coupling  $0.1 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.0$ , using VBF process.
- Resonant : 95% CL upper limit on the  $X \rightarrow hh$  production cross-section.
  - bbtatau at  $m_X=1$  TeV : local significance of  $3.1\sigma$  , global significance of  $2.0\sigma$ .
  - bbbb at  $m_X=1.1$  TeV : local significance of  $2.3\sigma$ , global significance of  $0.4\sigma$

➡ Di-Higgs searches in the high mass region need to be improve for  $\kappa_{2V}$  and  $X \rightarrow hh$ .



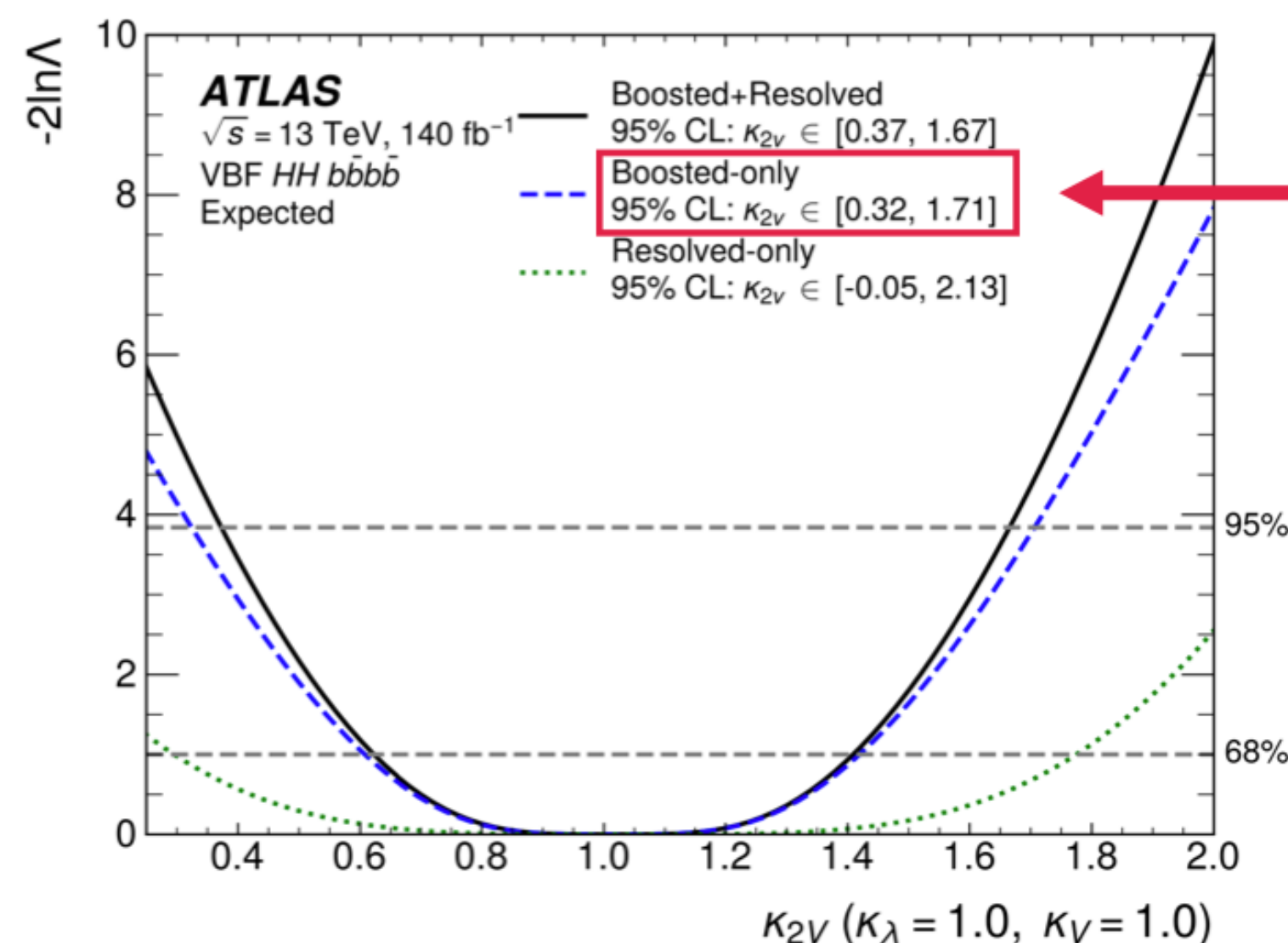
# Preliminary sensitivity in this round

- Non-resonant : Constraint on  $\kappa_{2V}$  coupling :  $0.31 < \kappa_{2V} < 1.54$
  - Resonant : Constraint on  $\sigma(X \rightarrow hh)$  :  $\lesssim 10^1$  fb
    - The resonant sensitivity can be further improved by optimizing the ML training.
- ➡ The boosted  $bb\tau\tau$  provides sensitivity comparable to the boosted  $bbbb$ .

Refer to our group presentation ([link](#))

## Comparison with 4b

➡ comparing with boosted HH->4b legacy Run 2 results (paper [link](#))

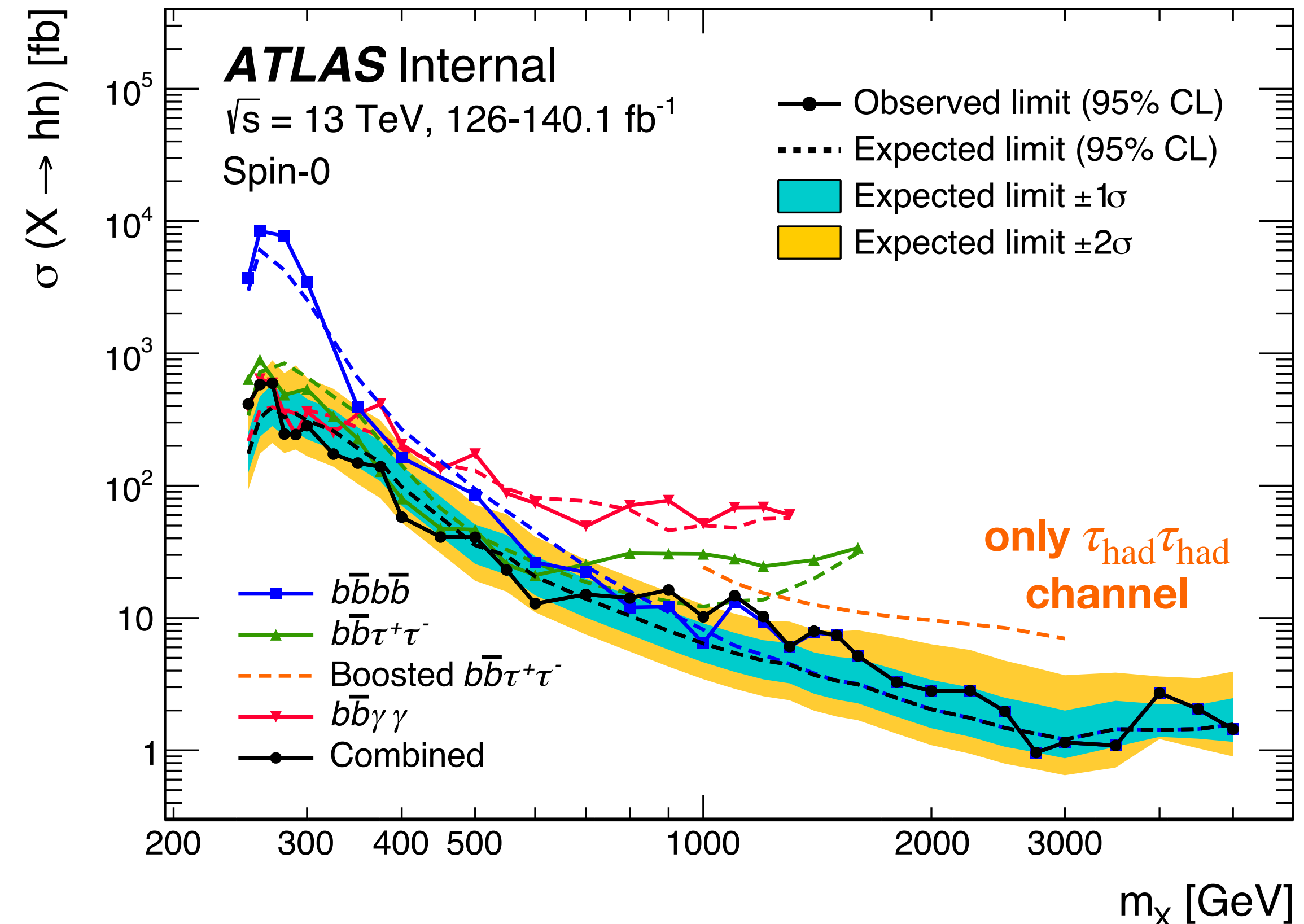


### Boosted $bb\tau\tau$

From Run2 only fit:  
 $\kappa_{2V} \in [0.31 ; 1.54]$  (95% CL)

- Results from legacy Run 2 analysis
- 4b including systematics
- Typically not yet using GN#X taggers

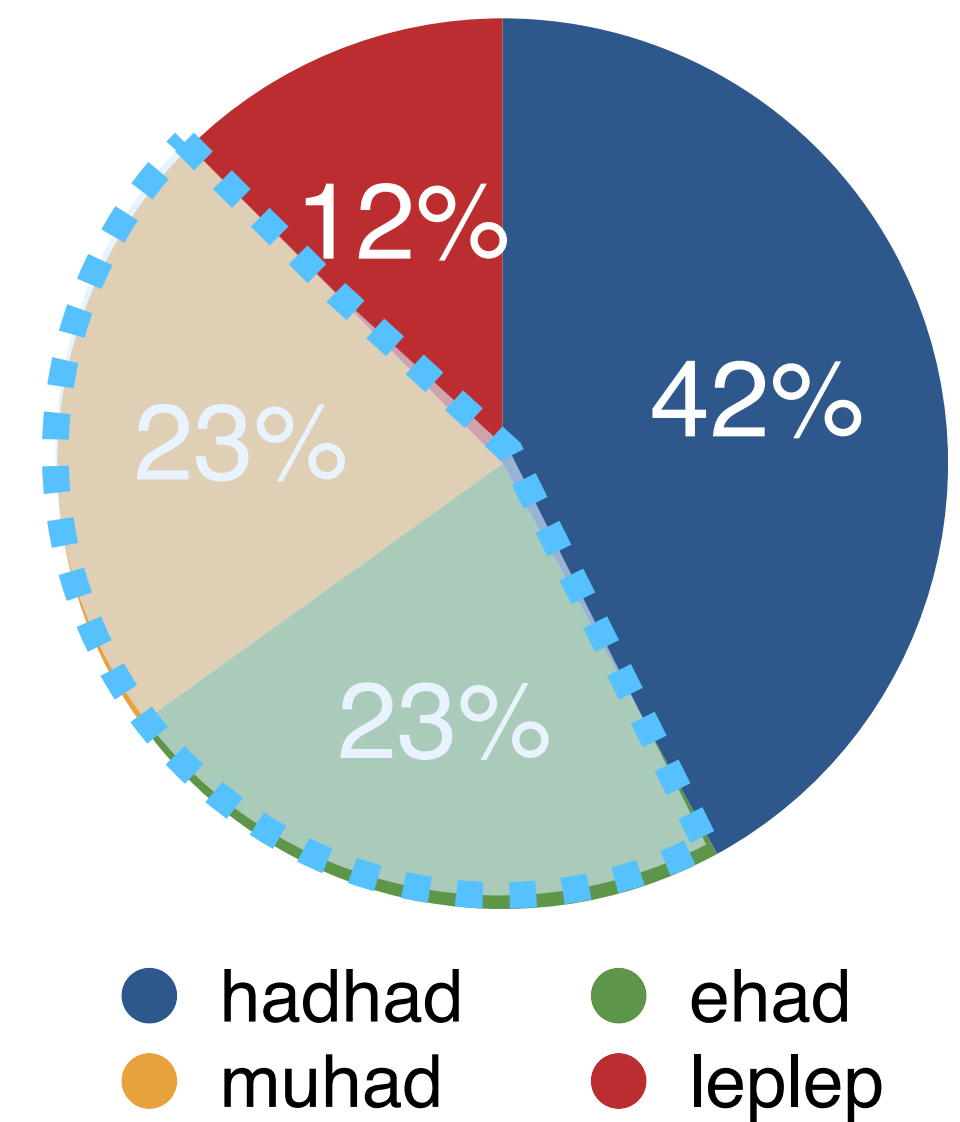
Yet our results are preliminary, so even if expecting improvements on the 4b side, should remain comparable



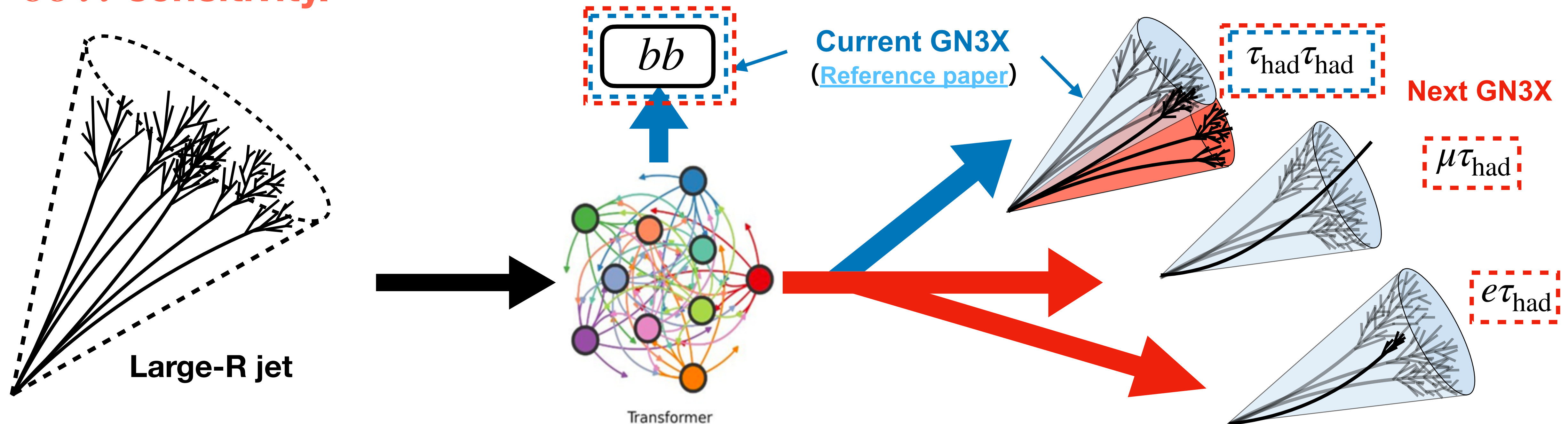
# R&D of GN3X with $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ in next round

- Current GN3X tagger targets only the  $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel.
  - input variable did not include electrons and muons.
- The branching ratio of  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  channel is  $\sim 46\%$ 
  - The signal yield could be increased by a **factor of  $\sim 2$** .

→ R&D of GN3X with  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  is important for increasing boosted  $bb\tau\tau$  sensitivity.



Branching ratio of  $\tau\tau$  decay



# Training setup

- New signal classes :  $h \rightarrow \tau_e \tau_{\text{had}}, h \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_{\text{had}}$
  - Update to the input variables :
    - Add **electron and muon inputs**.
    - Remove **leptonID** from the track input.
    - Include the **muon  $p_T$**  in the jet input.
- ➡ The transformer is trained to learn the relationship between leptons and hadrons.

Input number of jets each class

| Large- $R$ jet truth-matched class                 | Source process            | Training jets [ $10^6$ ] |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$                           | $ZH$ (flat-mass)          | 30                       |
| $H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$                           | $ZH$ (flat-mass)          | 30                       |
| $H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ | $ZH$ (flat-mass)          | 7                        |
| $H \rightarrow \tau_e\tau_{\text{had}}$            | $ZH$ (flat-mass)          | 4                        |
| $H \rightarrow \tau_\mu\tau_{\text{had}}$          | $ZH$ (flat-mass)          | 4                        |
| Top                                                | $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ | 35                       |
| $W(q, q')$                                         | $W' \rightarrow WZ$       | 2                        |
| QCD                                                | Multijet                  | 60                       |
| Total                                              |                           | 172                      |

New class

Input variable

| Jet Input            | Description                                                                                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $p_T$                | Large- $R$ jet transverse momentum <u>including the muon <math>p_T</math></u>                       |
| $\eta$               | Large- $R$ jet pseudorapidity                                                                       |
| Track Input          | Description                                                                                         |
| $q/p$                | Track charge divided by momentum (measure of curvature)                                             |
| $d\eta$              | Pseudorapidity of track relative to the large- $R$ jet $\eta$                                       |
| $d\phi$              | Azimuthal angle of the track, relative to the large- $R$ jet $\phi$                                 |
| $d_0$                | Closest distance from track to primary vertex (PV) in the transverse plane                          |
| $z_0 \sin \theta$    | Closest distance from track to PV in the longitudinal plane                                         |
| $\sigma(q/p)$        | Uncertainty on $q/p$                                                                                |
| $\sigma(\theta)$     | Uncertainty on track polar angle $\theta$                                                           |
| $\sigma(\phi)$       | Uncertainty on track azimuthal angle $\phi$                                                         |
| $s(d_0)$             | Lifetime signed transverse IP significance                                                          |
| $s(z_0 \sin \theta)$ | Lifetime signed longitudinal IP significance                                                        |
| nPixHits             | Number of pixel hits                                                                                |
| nSCTHits             | Number of silicon microstrip tracker (SCT) hits                                                     |
| nIBLHits             | Number of innermost pixel layer (IBL) hits                                                          |
| nBLHits              | Number of next-to-innermost pixel layer (B-layer) hits                                              |
| nIBLShared           | Number of shared IBL hits                                                                           |
| nIBLSplit            | Number of split IBL hits                                                                            |
| nPixShared           | Number of shared pixel hits                                                                         |
| nPixSplit            | Number of split pixel hits                                                                          |
| nSCTShared           | Number of shared SCT hits                                                                           |
| <del>leptonID</del>  | <del>Identifier based on whether the track was used in the reconstruction of an electron/muon</del> |
| UFO Input            | Description                                                                                         |
| $p_T$                | Transverse momentum of UFO constituent                                                              |
| energy               | Energy of UFO constituent                                                                           |
| $d\eta$              | Pseudorapidity of UFO constituent relative to the large- $R$ jet $\eta$                             |
| $d\phi$              | Azimuthal angle of UFO constituent relative to the large- $R$ jet $\phi$                            |
| Electron Input       | Description                                                                                         |
| $p_T$                | Electron transverse momentum                                                                        |
| $d\eta$              | Pseudorapidity of electron relative to the large- $R$ jet $\eta$                                    |
| $d\phi$              | Azimuthal angle of electron relative to the large- $R$ jet $\phi$                                   |
| $dR$                 | Azimuthal angle of electron relative to the large- $R$ jet $R$                                      |
| Muon Input           | Description                                                                                         |
| $p_T$                | Muon transverse momentum                                                                            |
| $d\eta$              | Pseudorapidity of muon relative to the large- $R$ jet $\eta$                                        |
| $d\phi$              | Azimuthal angle of muon relative to the large- $R$ jet $\phi$                                       |
| $dR$                 | Azimuthal angle of muon relative to the large- $R$ jet $R$                                          |

New variables

# Discriminant of $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$

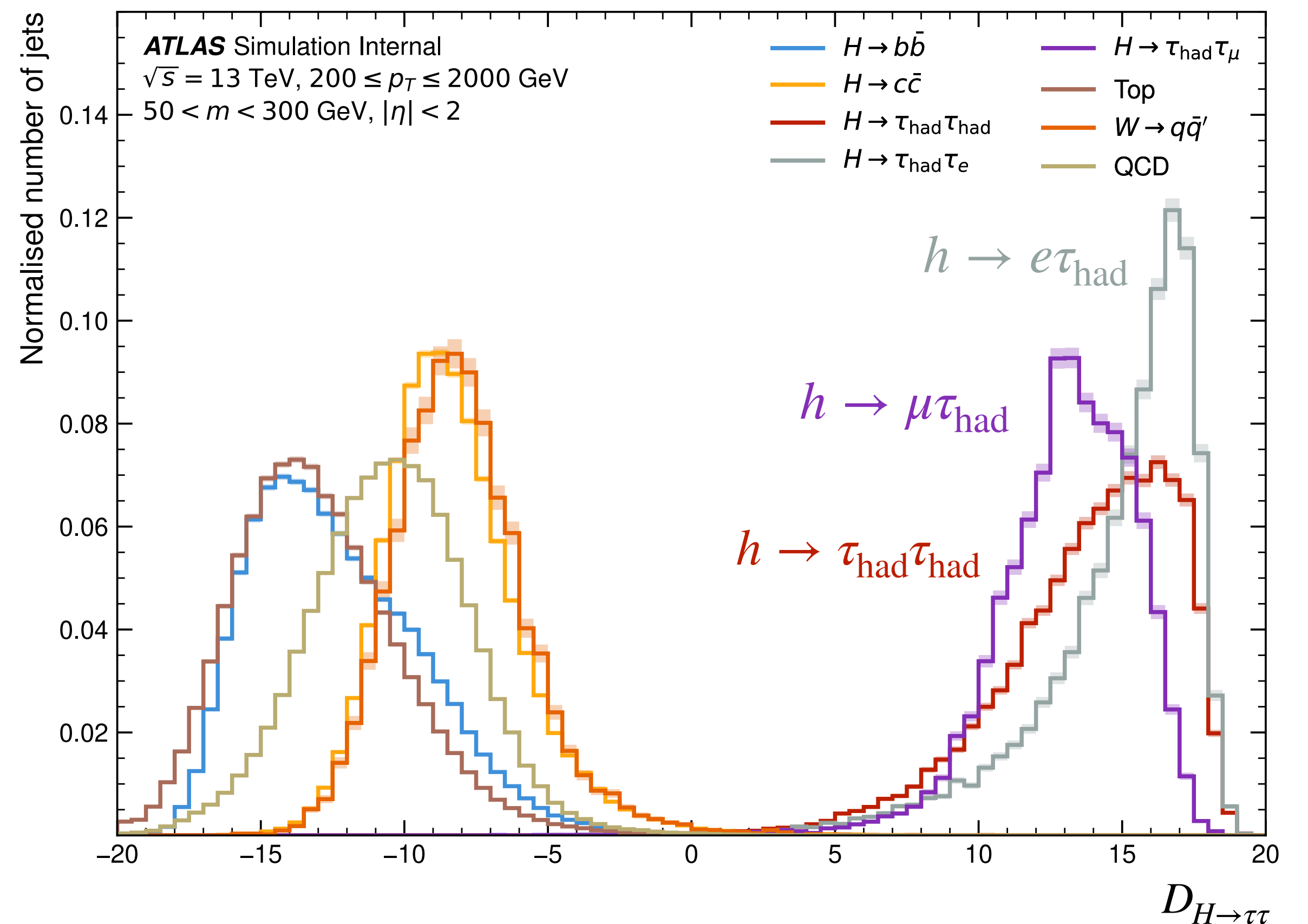
GN3X  $\tau$ -tagger 3-class discriminant definition:

$$D_{H \rightarrow \tau\tau} = \ln \left( \frac{P_{H\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}} + P_{H\tau_e\tau_{\text{had}}} + P_{H\tau_\mu\tau_{\text{had}}}}{f_{Hbb}P_{Hbb} + f_{Hcc}P_{Hcc} + f_{\text{Top}}P_{\text{Top}} + f_{Wqq}P_{Wqq} + f_{\text{QCD}}P_{\text{QCD}}} \right)$$

$$f_{Hcc} = f_{Hbb} = 0.02, \quad f_{Wqq} = 0.10, \quad f_{\text{Top}} = 0.25, \quad f_{\text{QCD}} = 0.55$$

- The  $P_X$  is output score of class X.
- $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$  discriminant is defined using 3 class  $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$  score in the numerator.

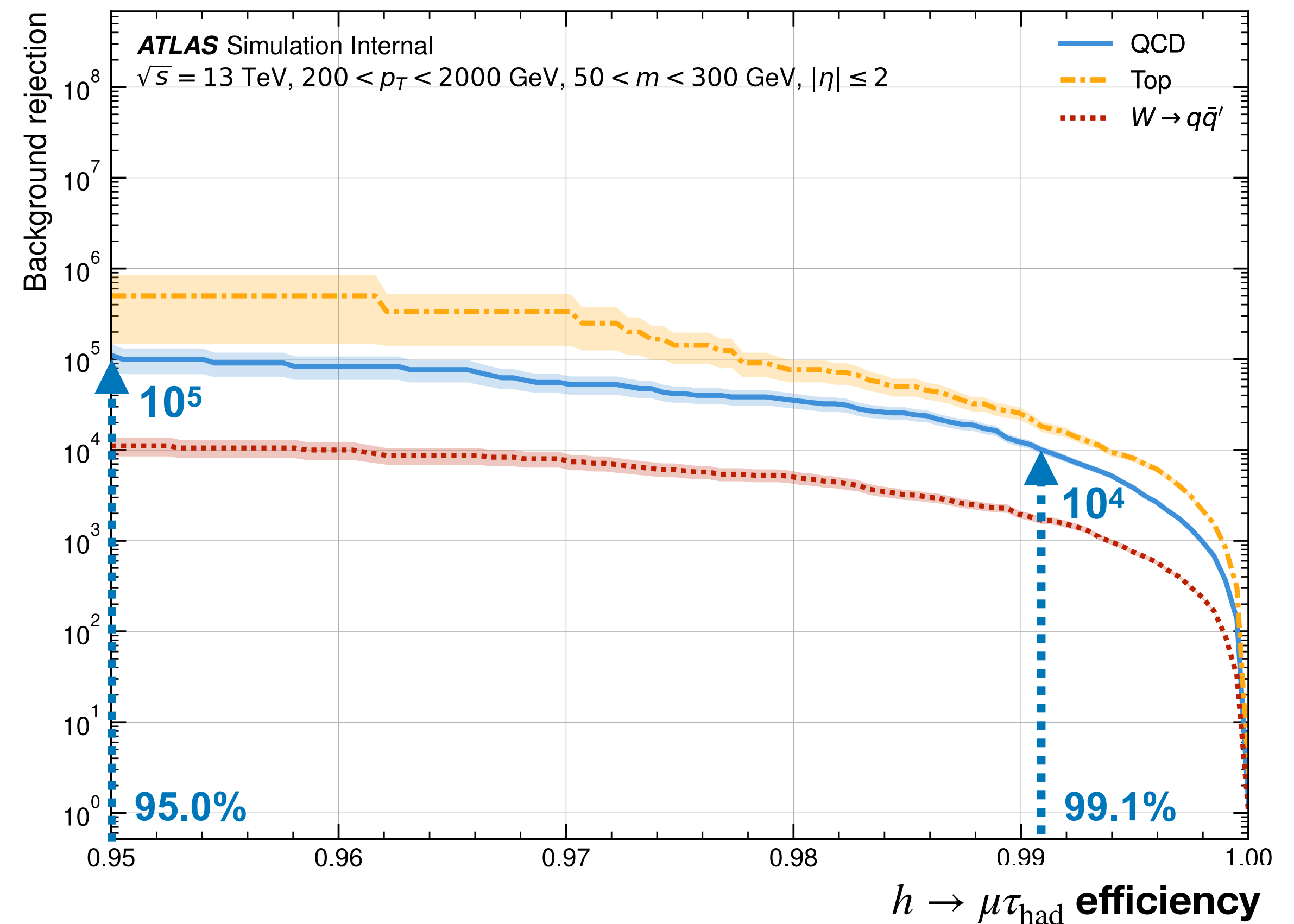
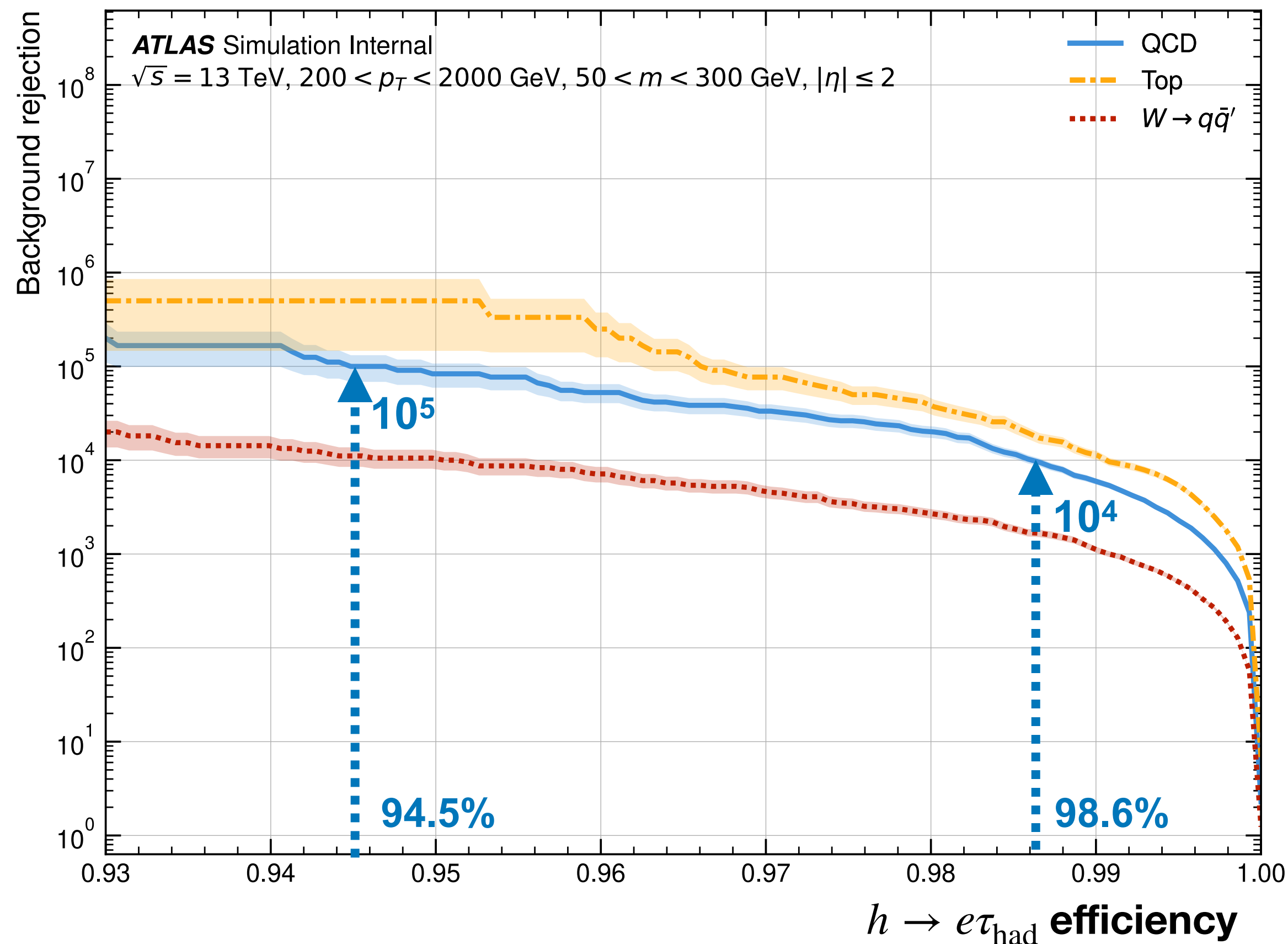
➡  $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$  discriminant clearly separates  $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$  from  $h \rightarrow bb/cc$  and other backgrounds.



# ROC curve : $h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$

- $h \rightarrow e\tau_{\text{had}}$  : QCD background rejection of  $10^5$  at ~94.5% signal efficiency.
- $h \rightarrow \mu\tau_{\text{had}}$  : QCD background rejection of  $10^5$  at ~95% signal efficiency.

➡ The GN3X tagger with  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  achieves strong separation from background.



# ROC curve : $h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$

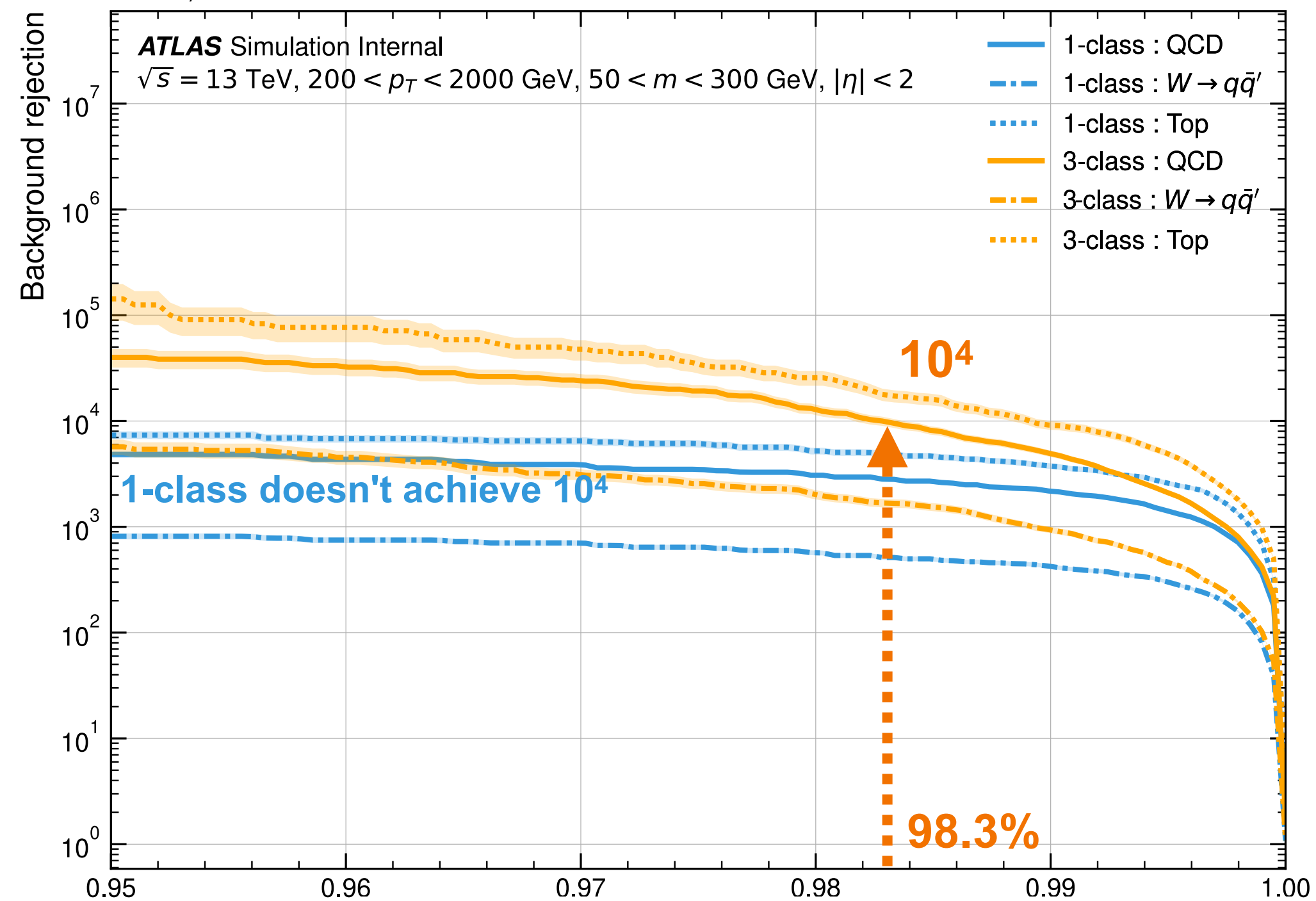
- $h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  : QCD background rejection of  $10^5$  at ~98.3% efficiency using 3-class discriminant.

➡ GN3X with  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  is comparable to the GN3X ([PubNote](#)).

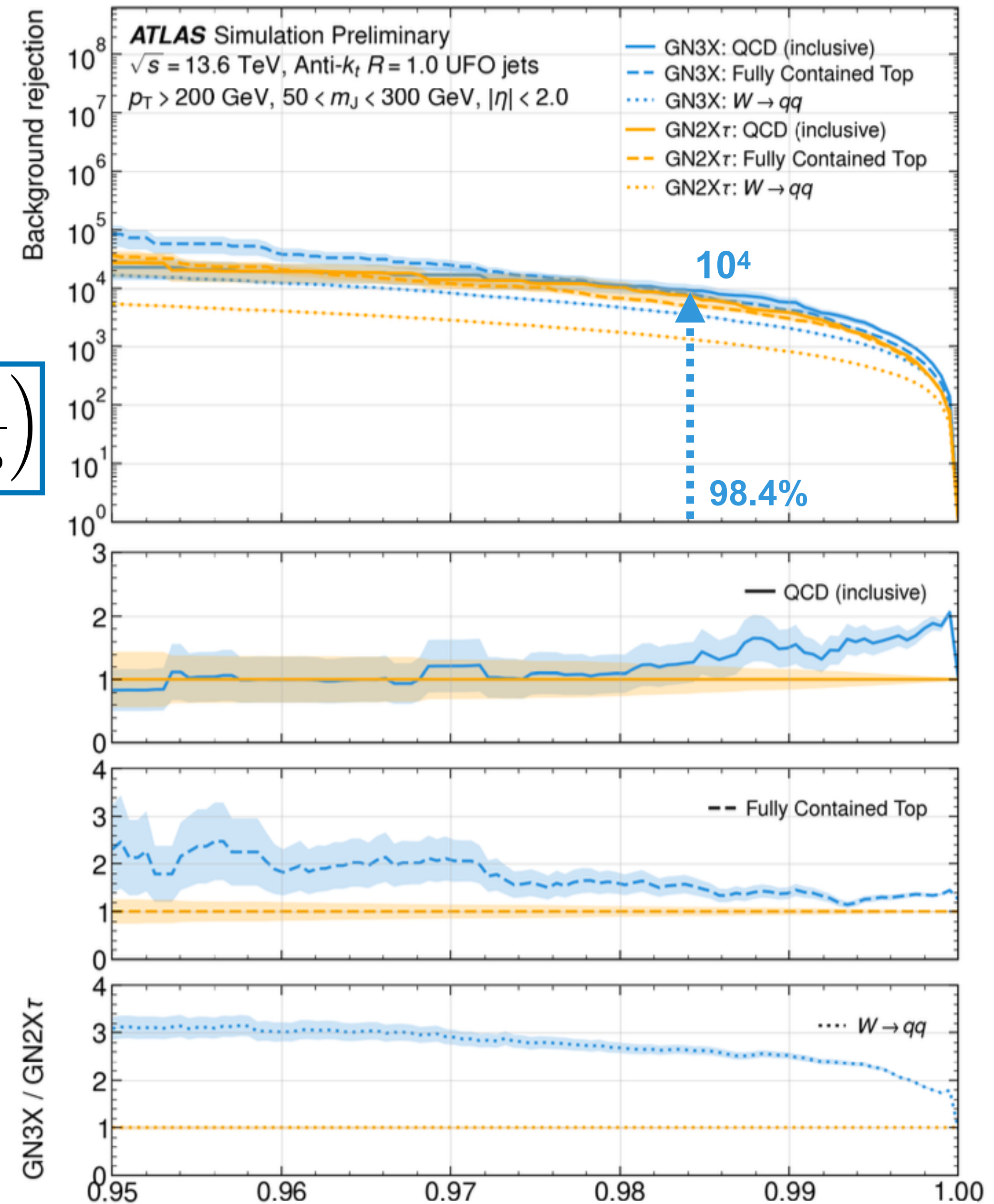
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GN3X with  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  :  $h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  efficiency



GN3X ([PubNote](#)) :  $h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  efficiency

# ROC curve : $h \rightarrow bb$

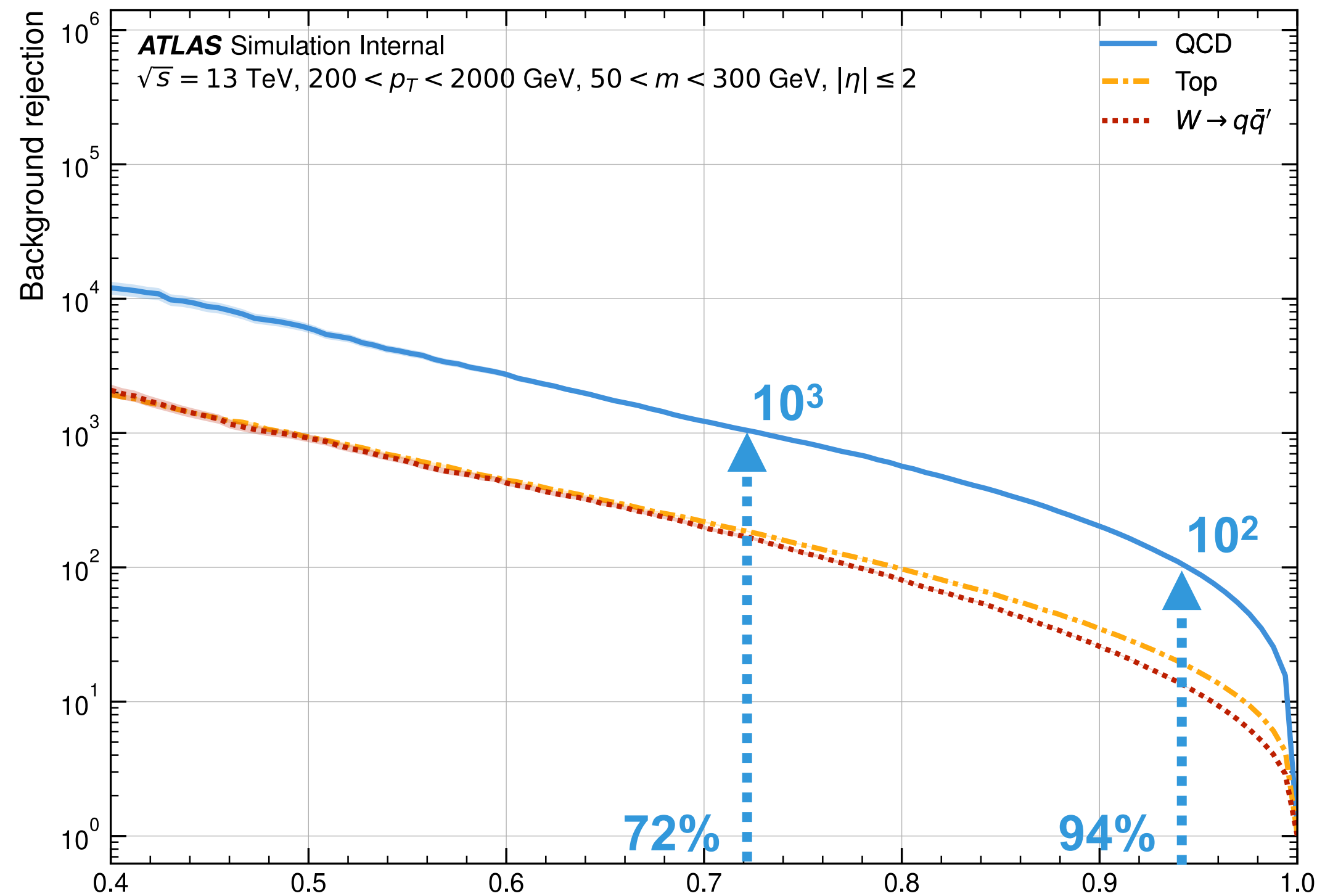
-  $h \rightarrow bb$  : QCD background rejection of  $10^2$  at  $\sim 94.0\%$  efficiency.

➡ GN3X with  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  show better performance to the GN3X ([PubNote](#)).

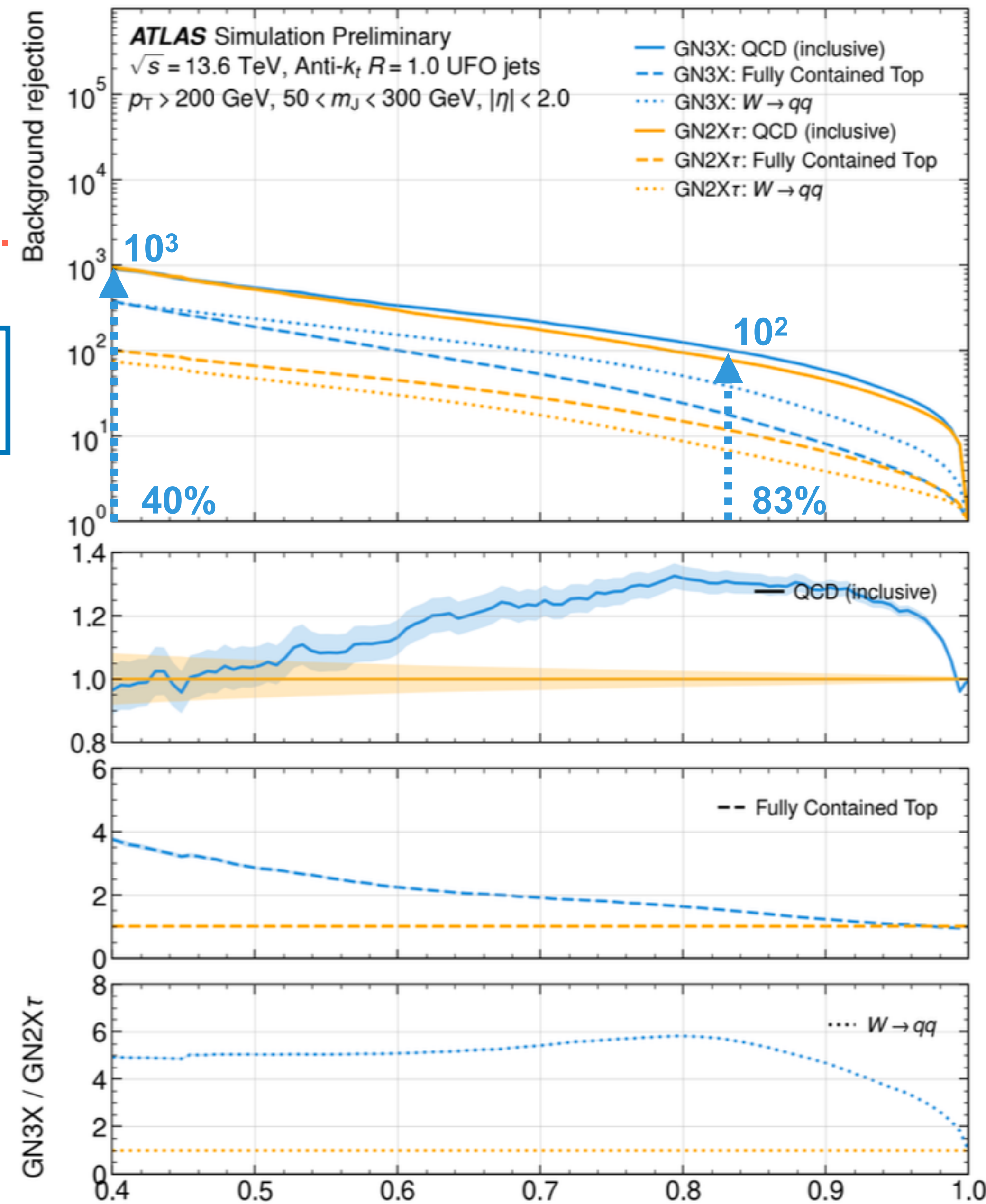
GN3X  $b$ -tagger 1-class discriminant definition:

$$D_{H \rightarrow bb} = \ln \left( \frac{P_{bb}}{f_{Hcc}P_{Hcc} + f_{H\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}}P_{H\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}} + f_{H\tau_e\tau_{\text{had}}}P_{H\tau_e\tau_{\text{had}}} + f_{H\tau_\mu\tau_{\text{had}}}P_{H\tau_\mu\tau_{\text{had}}} + f_{\text{Top}}P_{\text{Top}} + f_{Wqq}P_{Wqq} + f_{\text{QCD}}P_{\text{QCD}}} \right)$$

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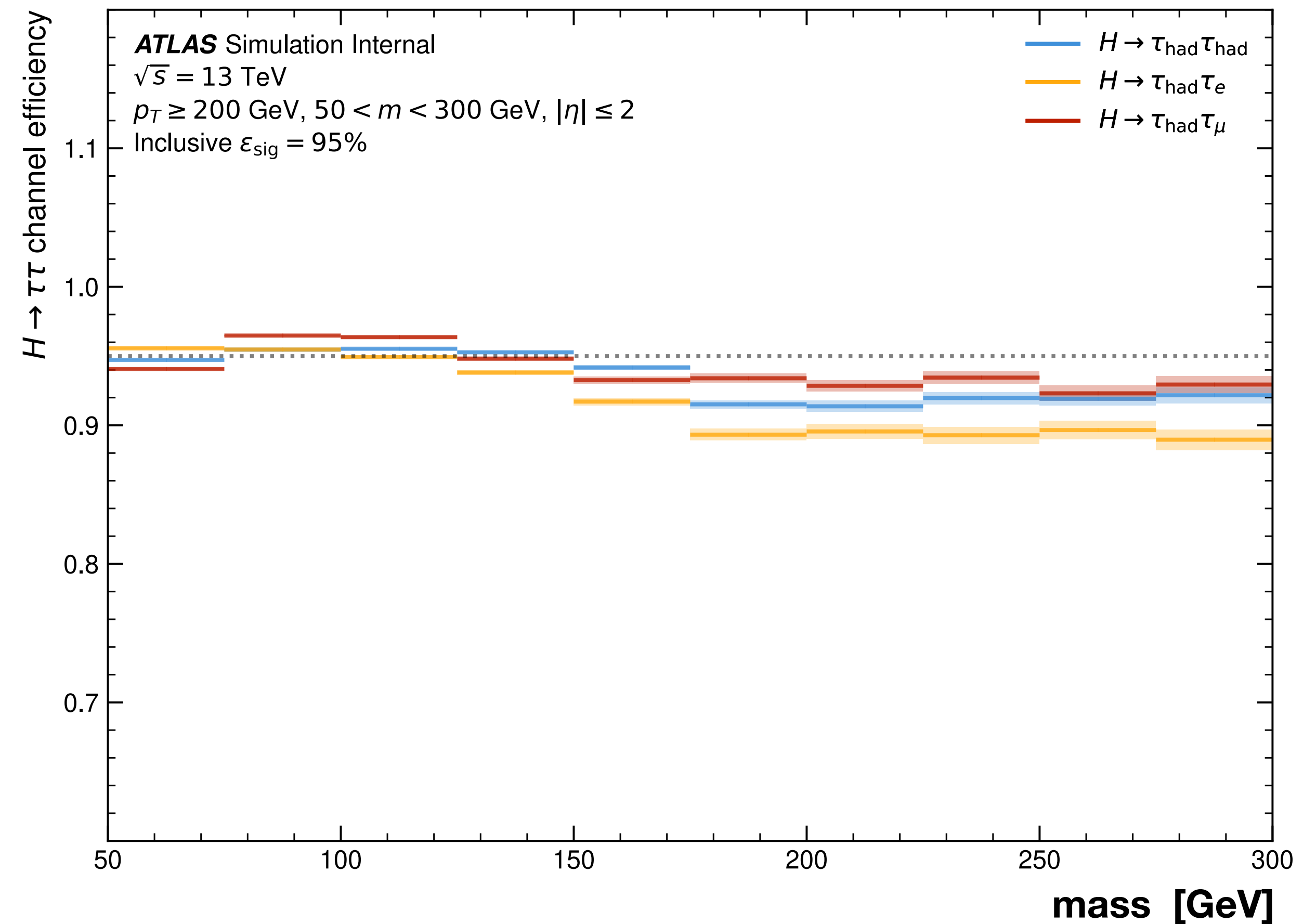
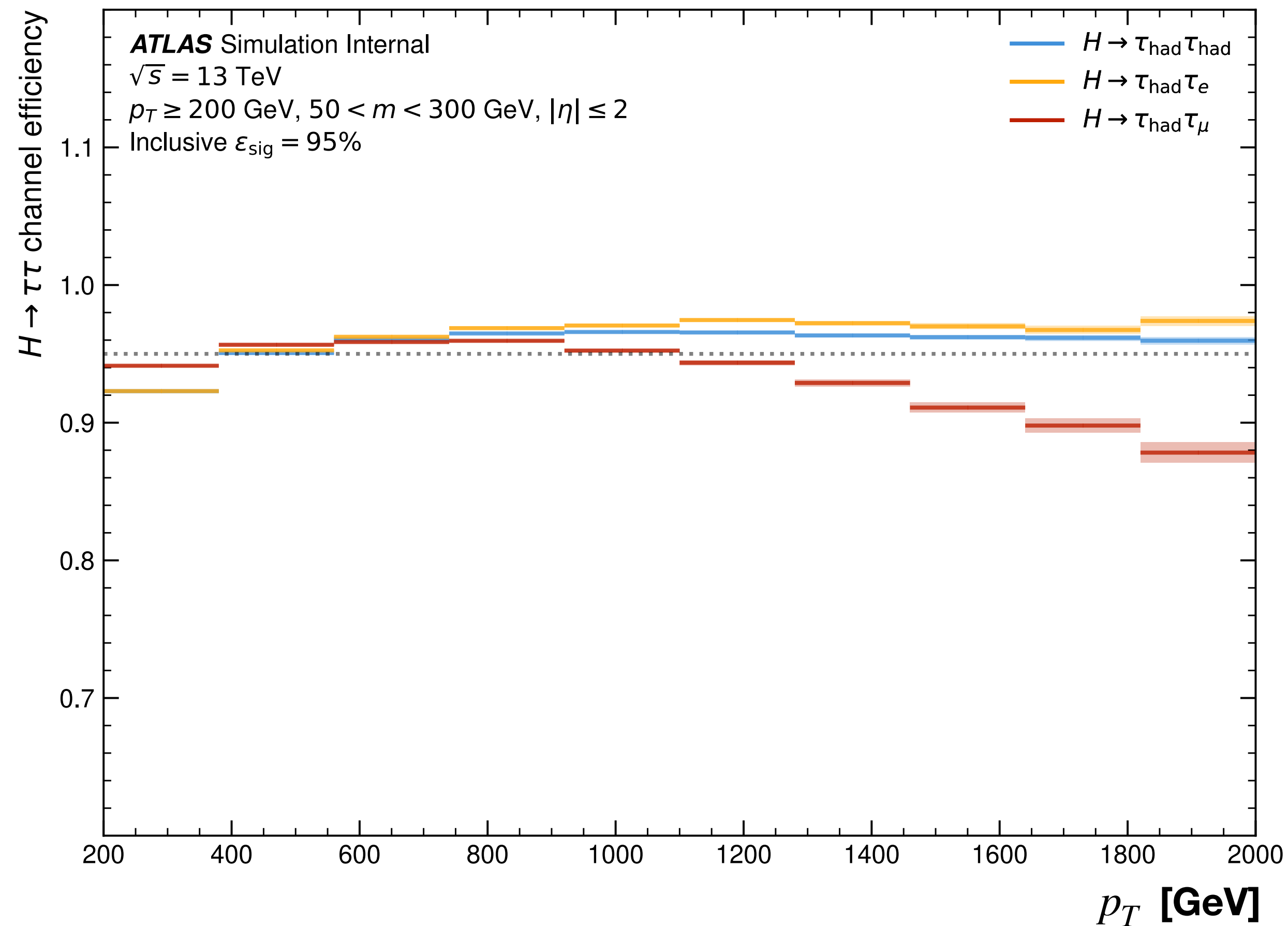
GN3X with  $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  :  $h \rightarrow bb$  efficiency



GN3X ([PubNote](#)) :  $h \rightarrow bb$  efficiency

# Efficiency : $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$  efficiency in each channel as function of jet  $p_T$  and mass at the 95% WP.
  - $h \rightarrow \mu\tau_{\text{had}}$  efficiency decreases in the high  $p_T$  region, but remains around ~90%.
- ➡ GN3X with  $h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  maintains a stable tagging efficiency.



# Summary

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  - GN3X with  $h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$  maintains a stable tagging efficiency.
- Under investigation : which parameters contribute most to this performance.