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Study of the rare decays of B_s^0 and B^0 mesons into muon pairs using data collected during 2015 and 2016 with the ATLAS detector¹ ANDREW FORBES, University of New Mexico, ATLAS COLLABORATION — A study of the decays $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ and $B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ has been performed using 26.3 fb¹ of 13 TeV LHC proton-proton collision data collected with the ATLAS detector in 2015 and 2016. Since the detector resolution in $\mu^+\mu^-$ invariant mass is comparable to the $B_s^0 - B^0$ mass difference, a single fit determines the signal yields for both decay modes. This results in a measurement of the branching fraction $\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = (3.2^{+1.1}_{-1.0}) \times 10^{-9}$ and an upper limit $\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) < 4.3 \times 10^{-10}$ at 95

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