



BSM Higgs

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Large group of analyses

Will only pick a few instructive and interesting ones

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The Higgs sector in the SM

Minimal request is one electroweak doublet

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_0 + i\phi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Necessary to provide mass (L polarization) to W^\pm and Z
- The extra d.o.f. originates the Higgs scalar

Many of the BSM scenarios deal with extra singlets/doublets/triplets

Disclaimer

Extending Higgs doublet necessary (not sufficient!) in many BSM scenarios

SUSY, DM, EWPT, ...

A perfect candle: many different theories need complicated Higgs sector

It can also just be that nature is non-minimal (shocker...)

Different people gravitate(d) around this topic for different reasons

From experimental point of view though better to think in terms of additional d.o.f. an extension provides

Next-to-minimal-ish: 2HDM

Additional electroweak doublet (optional: plus a singlet)

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \\ \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \phi' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_5 + i\phi_6 \\ \phi_7 + i\phi_8 \end{pmatrix}$$

At least 5 degrees of freedom available

→ **CP-even (h, H) CP-odd (A), H[±]**

With few assumptions, free parameters of the theory: $m_h, m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm}, \tan\beta, \alpha$

α is the mixing parameter between h and H

$$\tan(\beta) = \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle_0}{\langle \varphi' \rangle_0}$$

Difficult to produce common benchmarks

→ Extensive work within the **LHC HXSWG**

Parameters can be constrained in particular incarnations of 2HDM

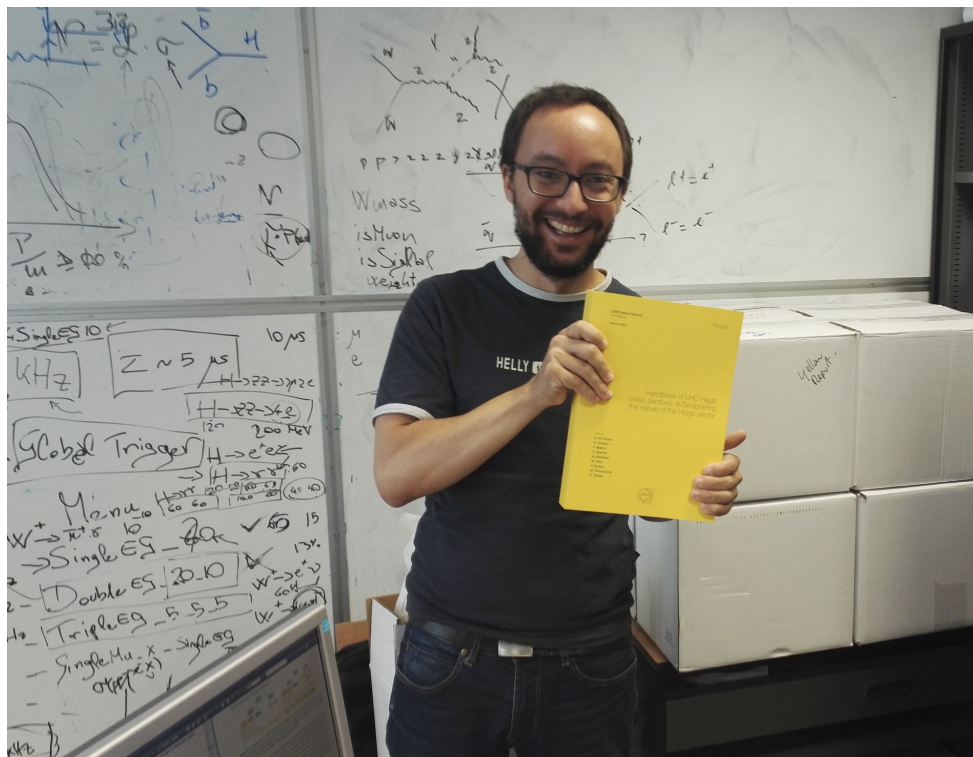
→ In **MSSM**, d.o.f. reduced to two parameters → m_A and $\tan\beta$

Necessary(-ish) but NOT sufficient
Sideways Standard Model!

YR4: Deciphering the Higgs sector

870 pages, a large fraction dedicated to Extended Higgs sector

A massive endeavour...



Couplings in 2HDM

All **mass eigenstates** couple to both h and H in all configurations, but couplings depend on model

	Type I	Type II	Lepton-specific	Flipped
ξ_h^u	$\cos \alpha / \sin \beta$	$\cos \alpha / \sin \beta$	$\cos \alpha / \sin \beta$	$\cos \alpha / \sin \beta$
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Different scaling of up
and down fermions

Different scaling of
leptons and quarks

Different scaling of up
and down quarks, leptons
flipped

$$g_{h, VV} \propto \sin(\beta - \alpha) \quad g_{H, VV} \propto \cos(\beta - \alpha)$$

Typical topologies

Signatures depend on mass hierarchy and coupling structure

High mass:

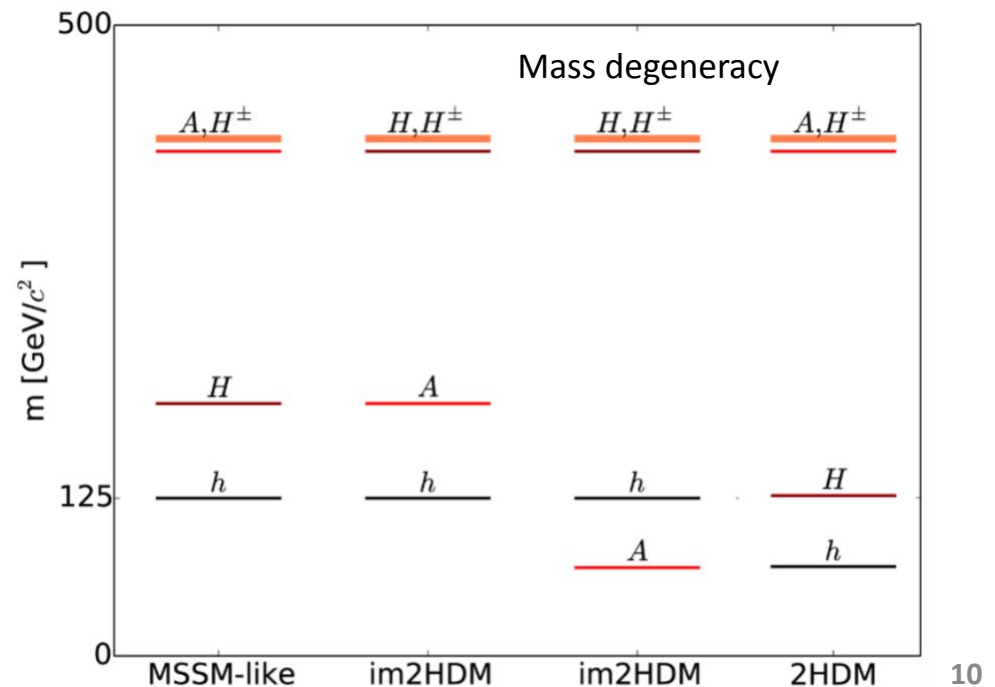
- $H \rightarrow hh, H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm Z, H \rightarrow AZ, A \rightarrow Zh, H \rightarrow tt \dots$

Mid-high mass:

- $A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau/bb/\mu\mu/WW/ZZ$

Low mass:

- $A \rightarrow \tau\tau/bb/\mu\mu$
- Overlap with low mass pseudoscalar (see later)



A/H \rightarrow $\tau\tau$

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Search in $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ and $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ channels in range [0.2,2.5] TeV

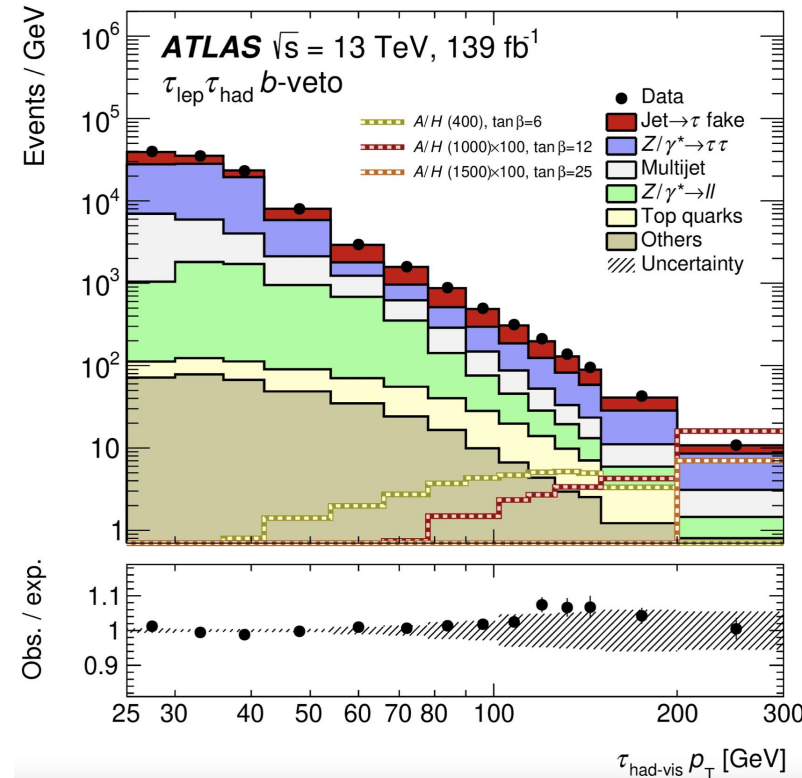
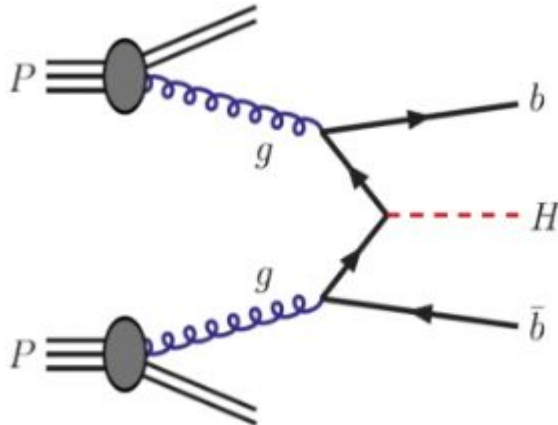
\rightarrow Single lepton triggers ~ 25 GeV, single τ around 150 GeV

“Bump” hunting over the transverse mass spectrum defined with missing energy

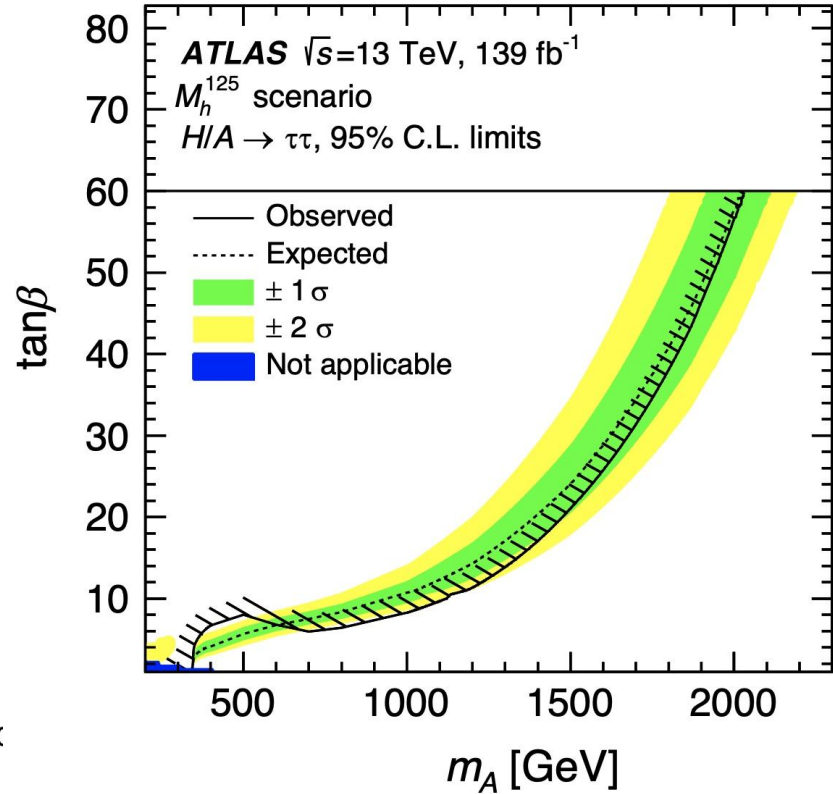
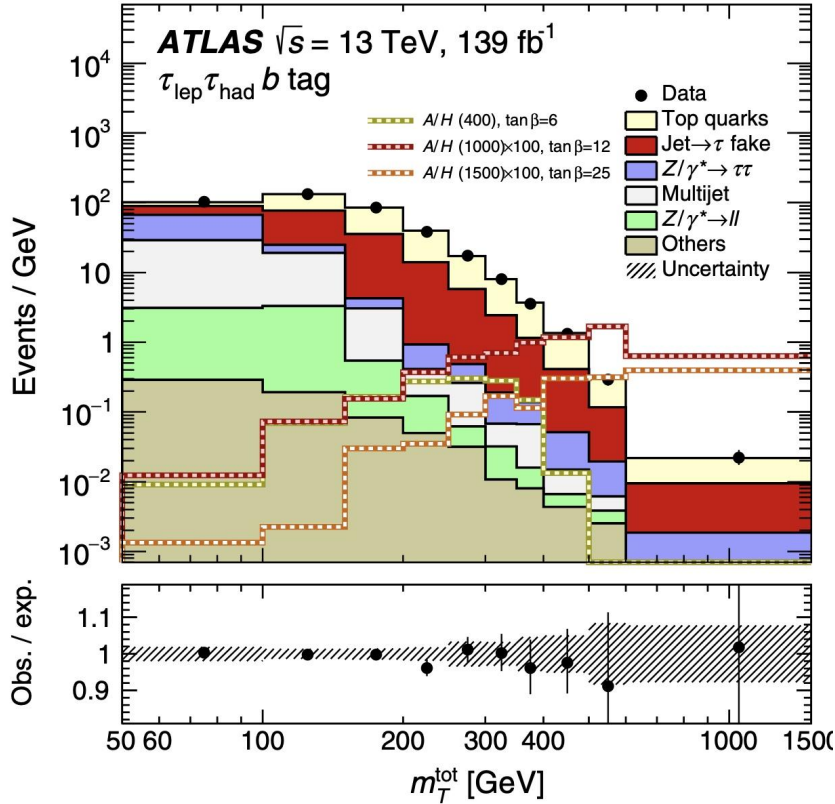
$$m_T^{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{(p_T^{\tau_1} + p_T^{\tau_2} + E_T^{\text{miss}})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_1} + \mathbf{p}_T^{\tau_2} + \mathbf{E}_T^{\text{miss}})^2}$$

N_{bjet} categorization to exploit different production mechanisms

\rightarrow Dependence on $\tan\beta$ for both b and τ

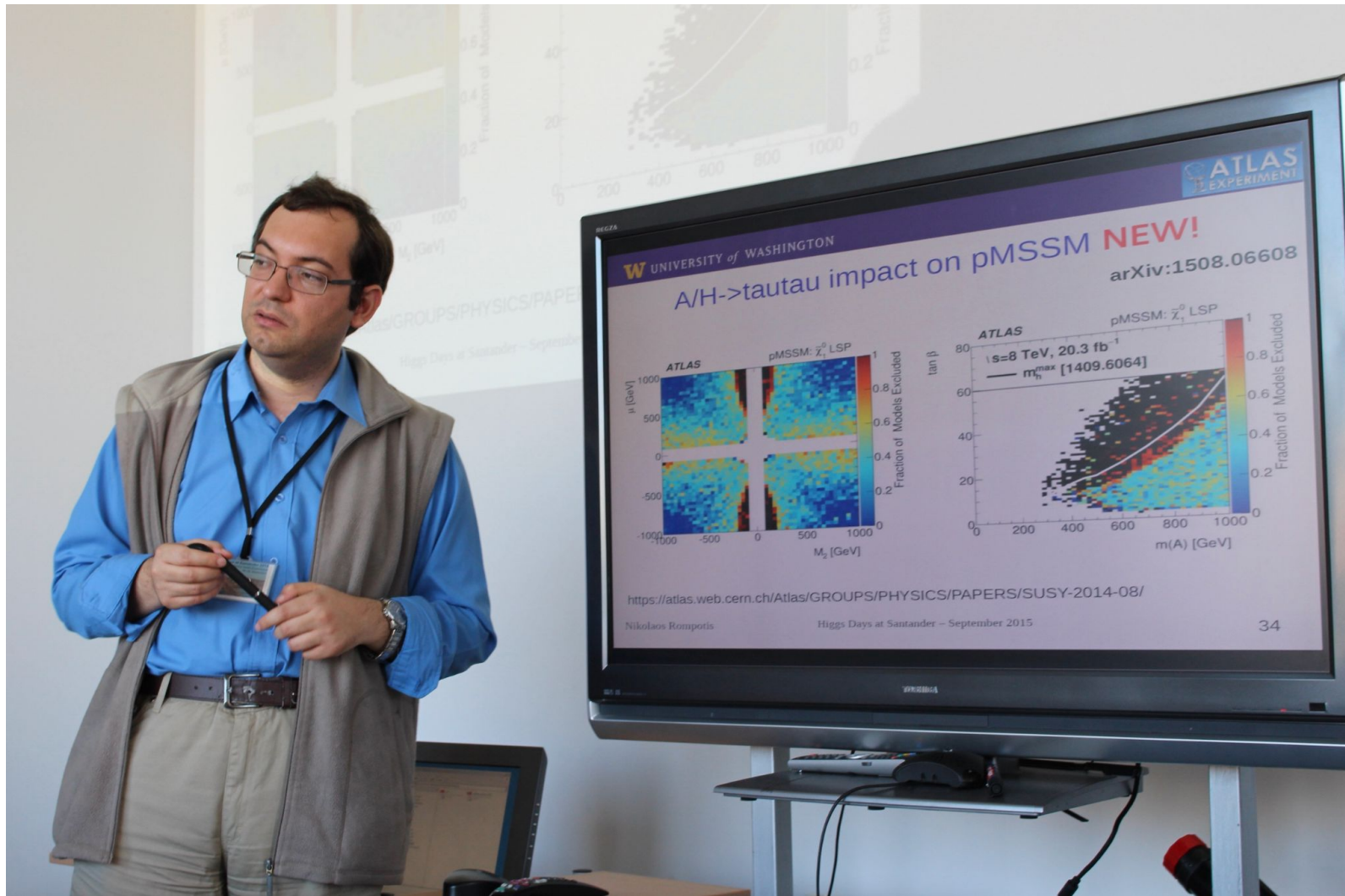


A/H \rightarrow TT



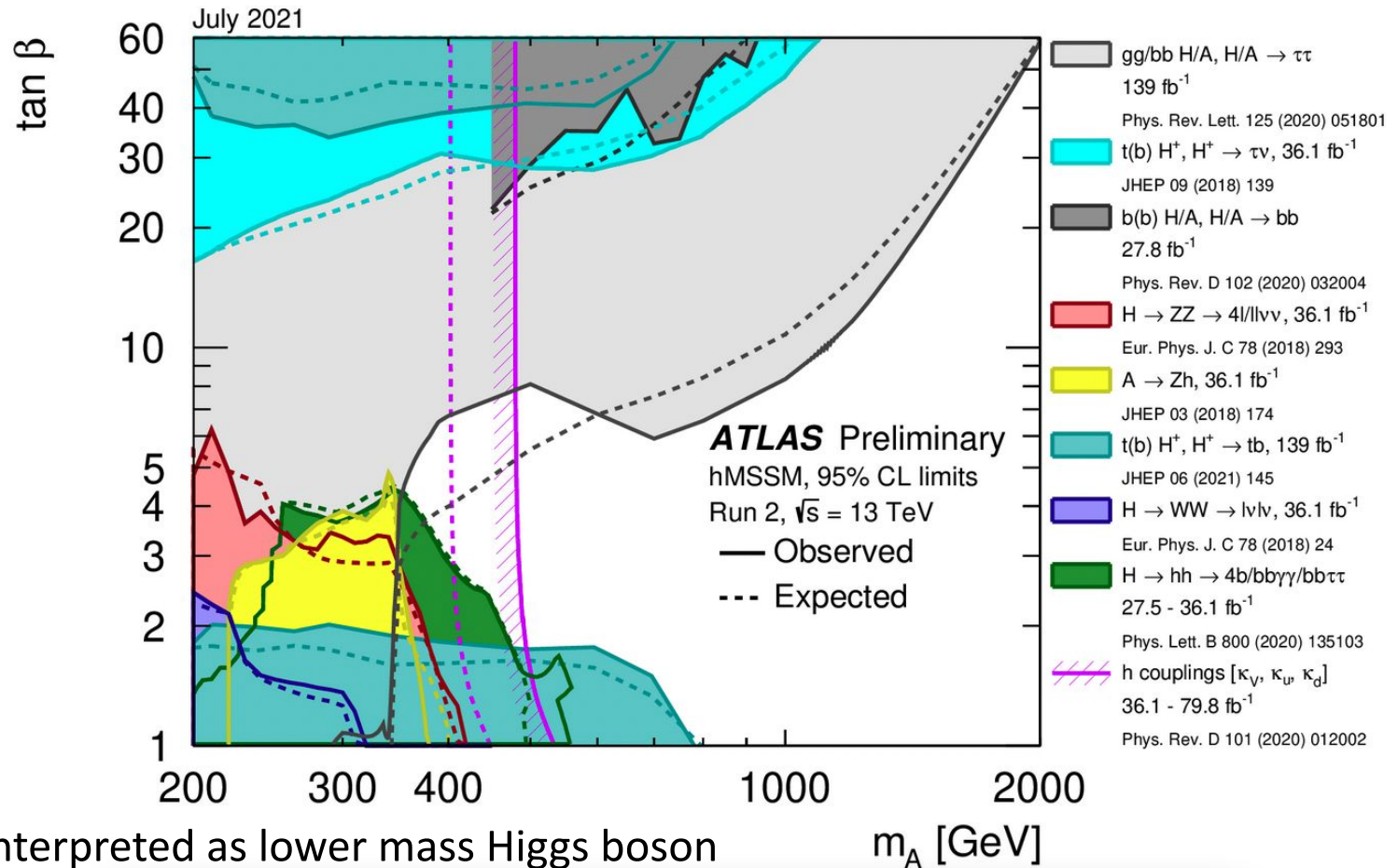
Source	ggF (400 GeV)	ggF (1 TeV)	bbH (400 GeV)	bbH (1 TeV)
Tau id. efficiency	0.14	0.16	0.12	0.08
Tau energy scale	0.33	0.09	0.22	0.03
Z+jets bkg. modeling	0.27	0.19	0.08	0.04
Mis-id. $\tau_{\text{had-vis}}$ bkg.	0.22	0.01	0.14	0.03
Others	0.09	0.04	0.11	0.02
Total	0.54	0.28	0.45	0.13

A new hope



Combining into hMSSM

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hMSSM:

- h_{125} interpreted as lower mass Higgs boson
- CP conserving Higgs sector
- Superpartners too heavy to contribute to production and decay

Strong limit provided by constraints from h_{125}

2HDM + S

Common extension (see for example NMSSM)

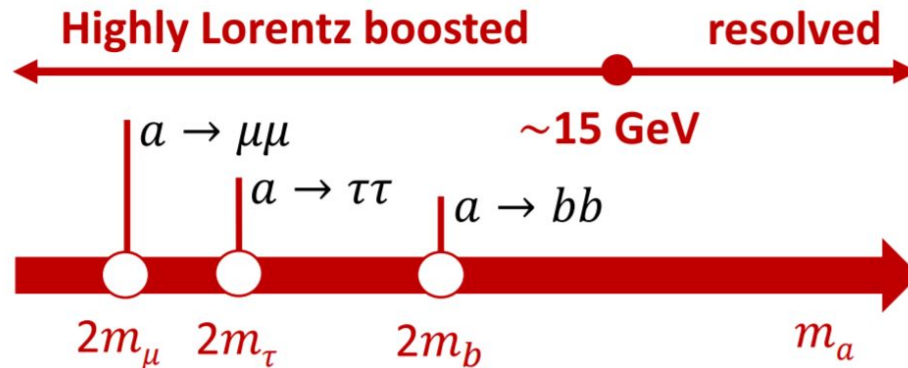
Helps solving the “ μ -problem”

Add one singlet

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Typically searched in a “lower” mass boson in $\mu\mu/\tau\tau/bb$

- Of particular interest in $h \rightarrow aa$ decays



$h/H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau$

Search for collimated dilepton pairs

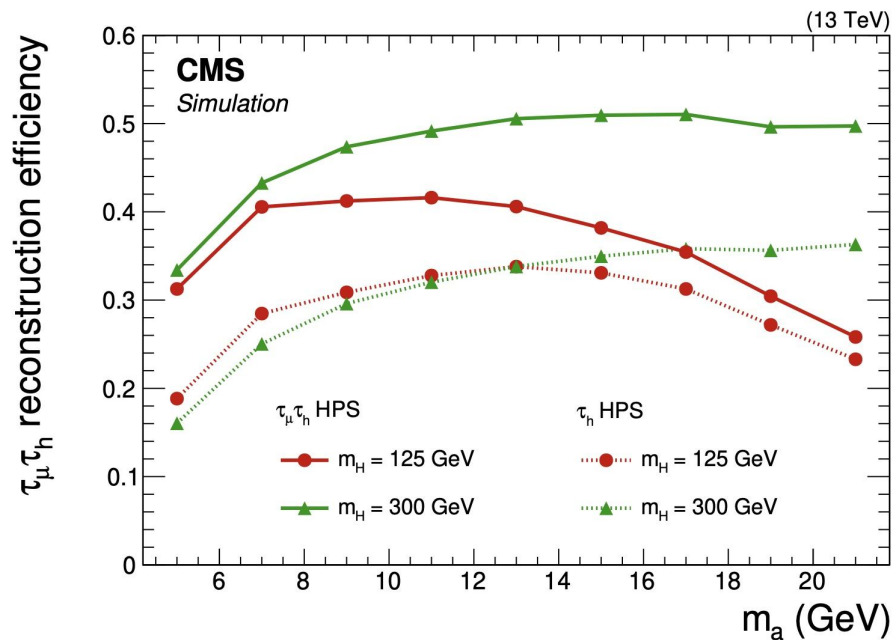
$$3.6 < m_a < 21 \text{ GeV}$$

Require isolated μ trigger with $p_T > 24 \text{ GeV}$

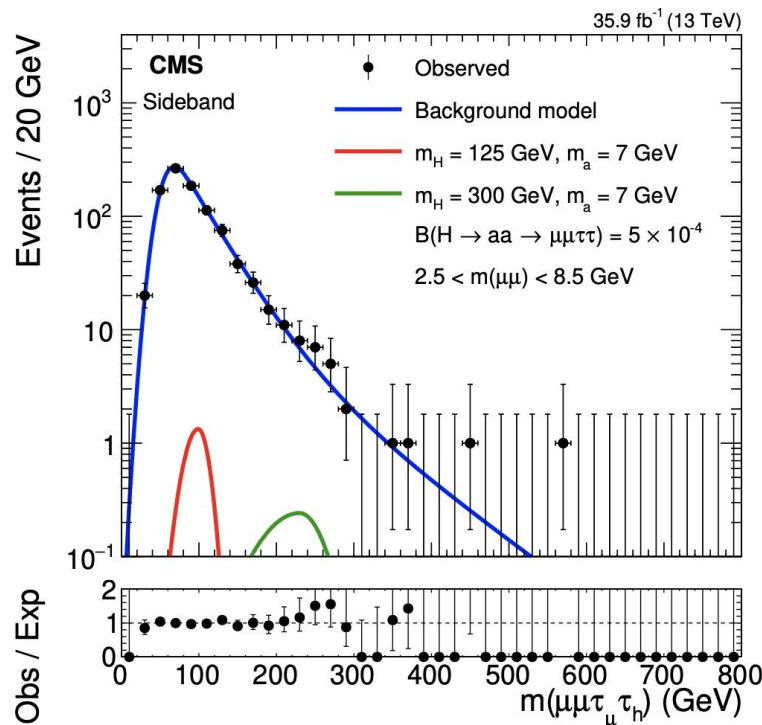
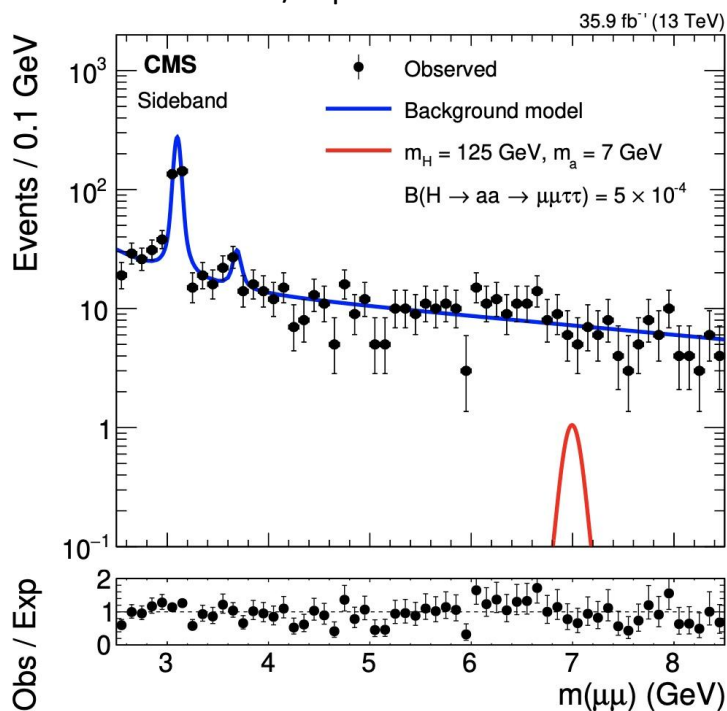
Custom τ -pair algo for collimated objects

→ allow for a non-isolated μ in one τ decay

Final state is $\mu\mu\tau_{h/e}\tau_{\mu}$



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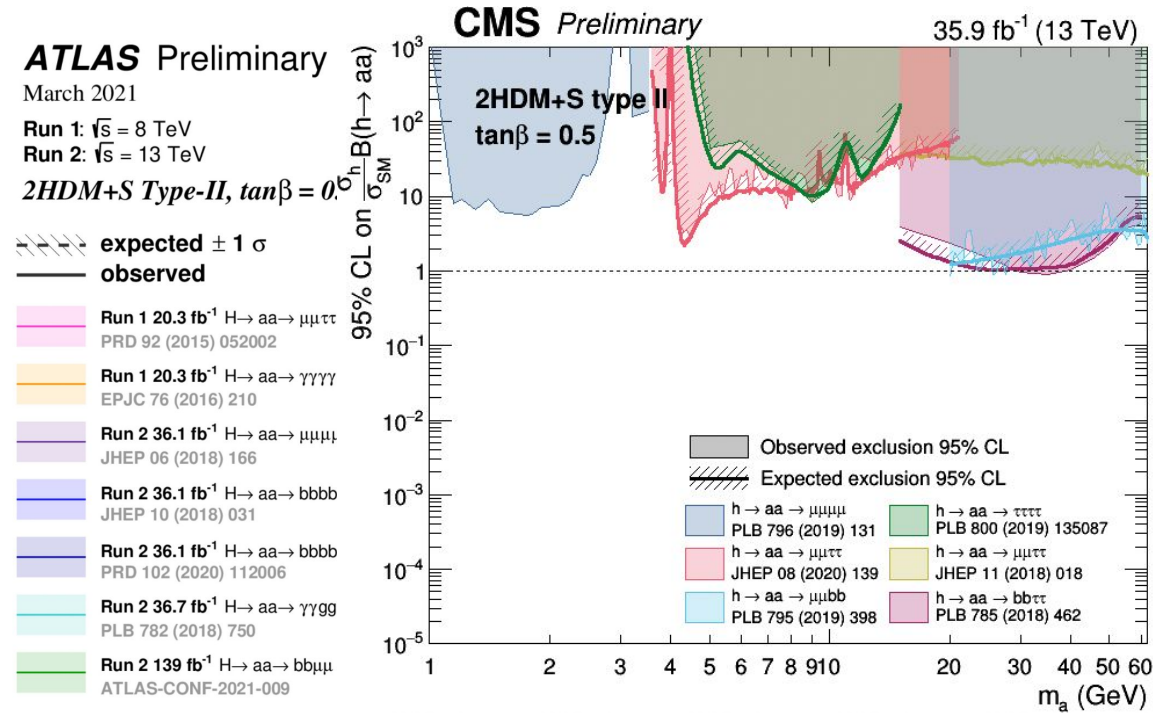
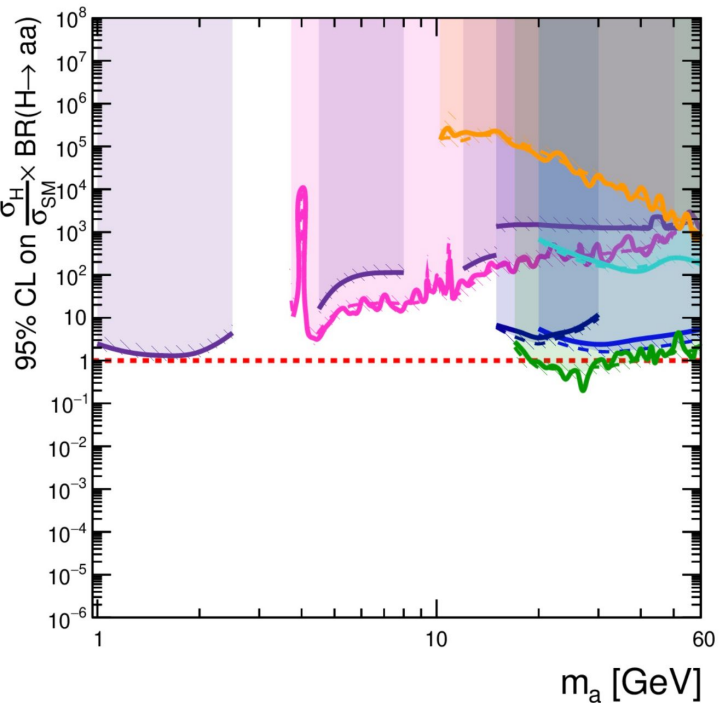


2HDM+S $h \rightarrow aa$ combination

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$\tan\beta = 0.5$

[Run2Summary@HDMS](#)



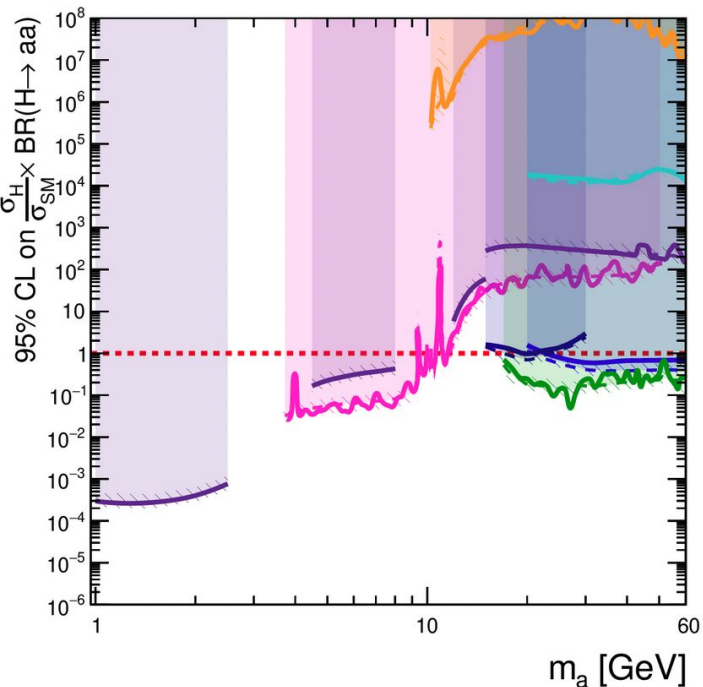
All topologies necessary to fully investigate the spectrum
Most are statistically limited

2HDM+S $h \rightarrow aa$ combination

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$\tan\beta = 2$

[Run2Summary@HDMS](#)



ATLAS Preliminary

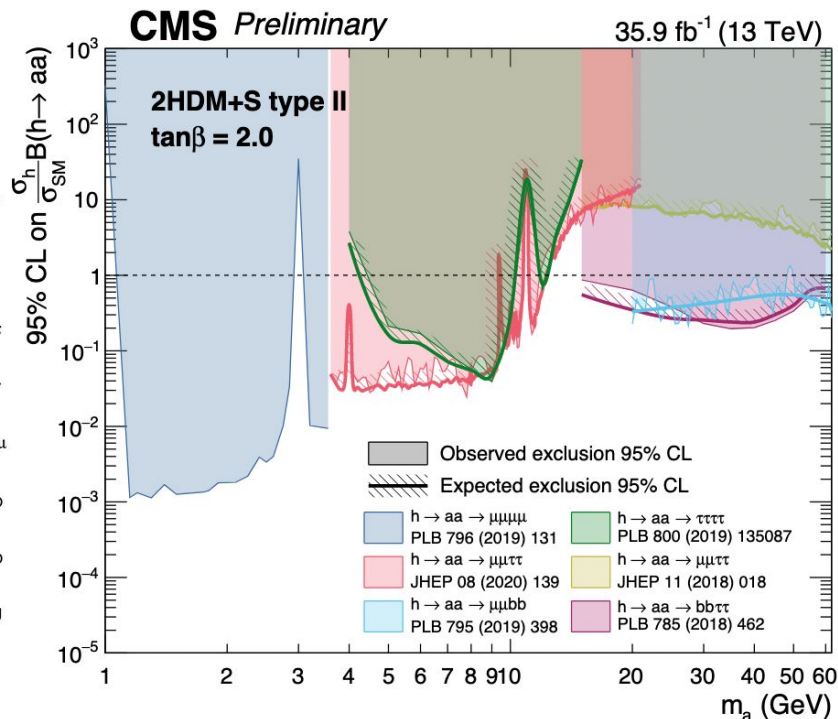
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Run 1: $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

Run 2: $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

2HDM+S Type-II, $\tan\beta = 2$

- expected $\pm 1 \sigma$
- observed
- Run 1 20.3 fb⁻¹ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau$
PRD 92 (2015) 052002
- Run 1 20.3 fb⁻¹ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$
EPJC 76 (2016) 210
- Run 2 36.1 fb⁻¹ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$
JHEP 06 (2018) 166
- Run 2 36.1 fb⁻¹ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bbbb$
JHEP 10 (2018) 031
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PRD 102 (2020) 112006
- Run 2 36.7 fb⁻¹ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$
PLB 782 (2018) 750
- Run 2 139 fb⁻¹ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\mu\mu$
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CMS Preliminary

35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

2HDM+S type II
 $\tan\beta = 2.0$

- Observed exclusion 95% CL
- Expected exclusion 95% CL
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$
PLB 796 (2019) 131
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau$
JHEP 08 (2020) 139
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu bb$
PLB 795 (2019) 398
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \tau\tau\tau\tau$
PLB 800 (2019) 135087
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau$
JHEP 11 (2018) 018
- $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$
PLB 785 (2018) 462

All topologies necessary to fully investigate the spectrum
 Most are statistically limited
 Strong dependence on $\tan\beta$ and sign choice for couplings

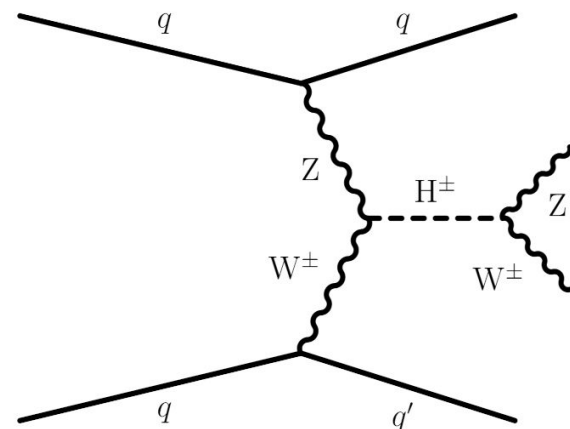
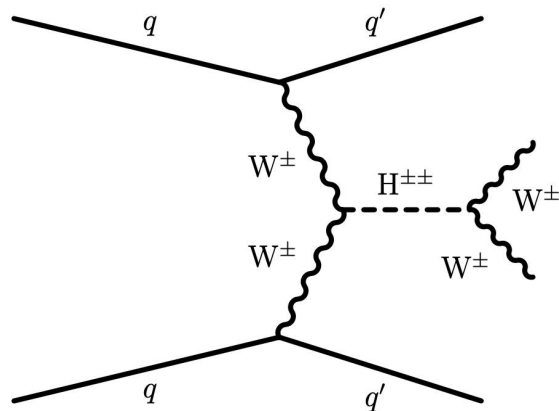
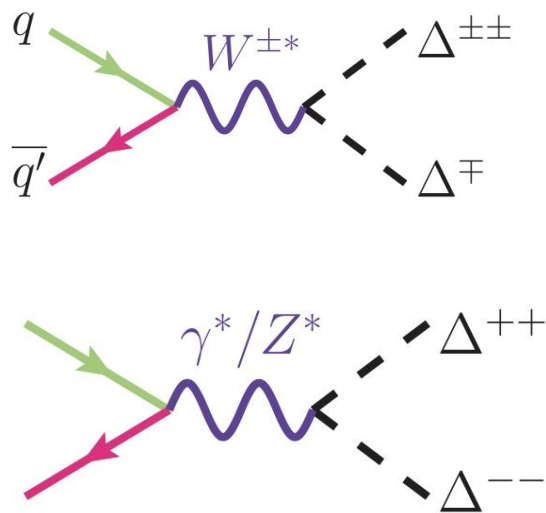
Higgs triplets

Higgs sector organized in triplets: a nice way to provide neutrino masses via type-II seesaw mechanism

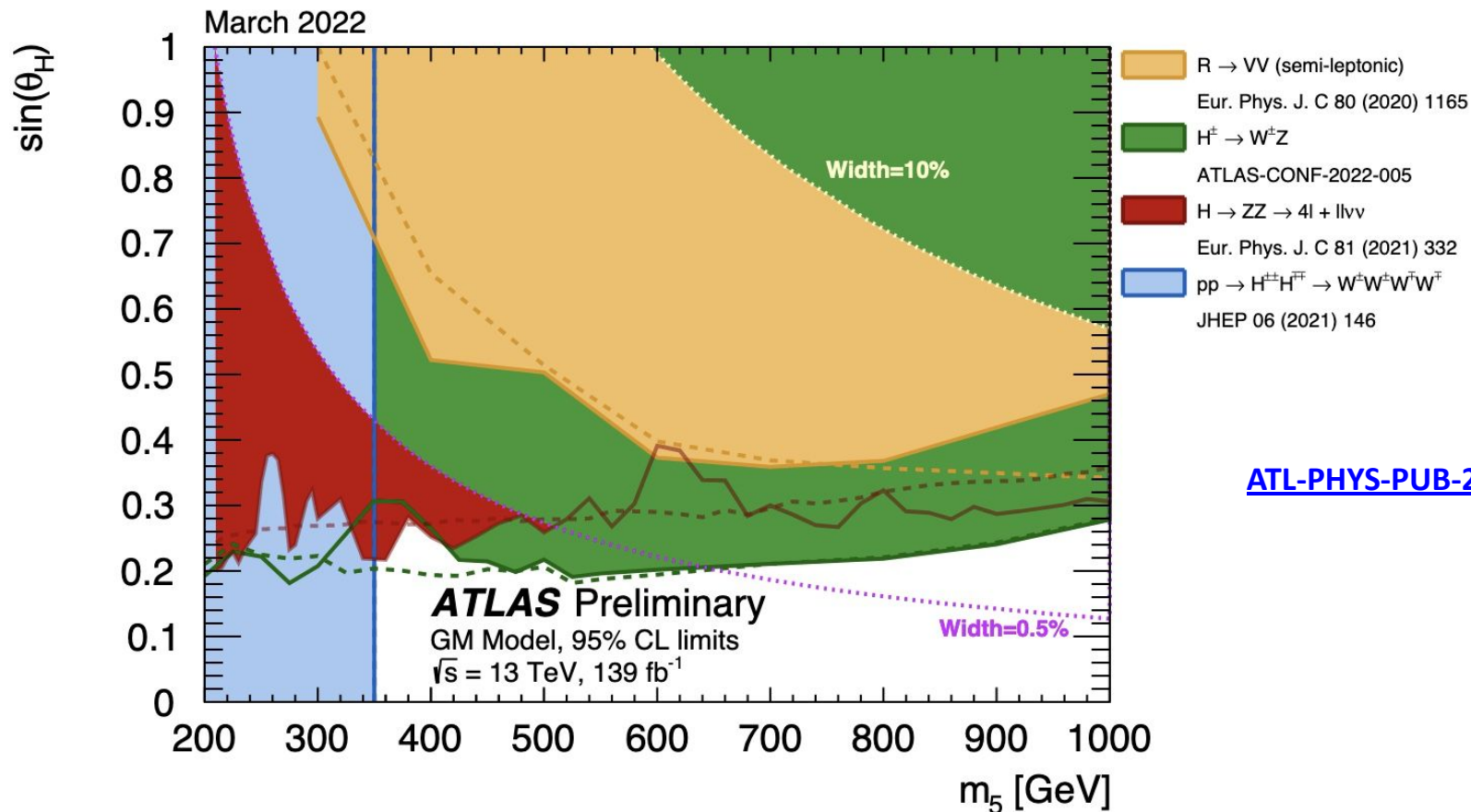
→ Generic forms suffer for large radiative corrections

Georgi-Machacek: two triplets, one real and one complex
 corrections preserved via custodial symmetry

Model predicts several new single and double charged scalars



Combining on the H_5 plane



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H5plane benchmark from the [LHCHXWG YR4](#)

Very little dependence on h_{125}

Recasting of several analyses into this model

Conclusions

The complete structure of the Higgs sector remains an open question

It can be a powerful tool to hint at what BSM theories are viable

Extended Higgs sector is still a large topic of research with rich topologies

- Overlaps nicely with other BSM searches

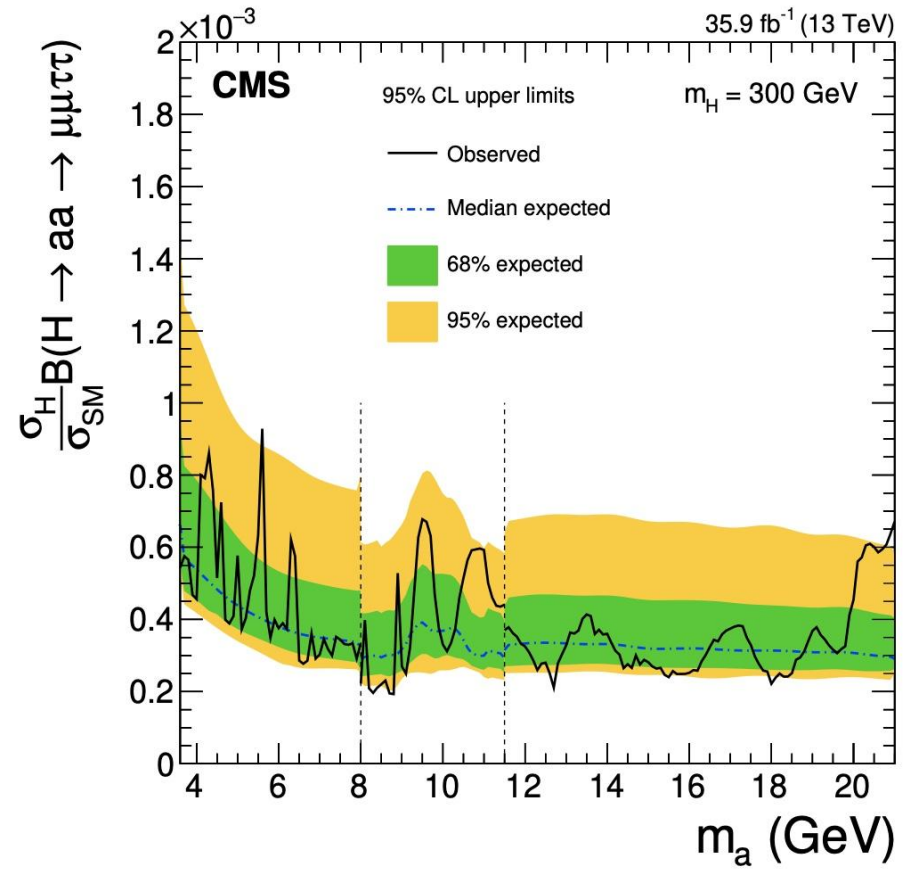
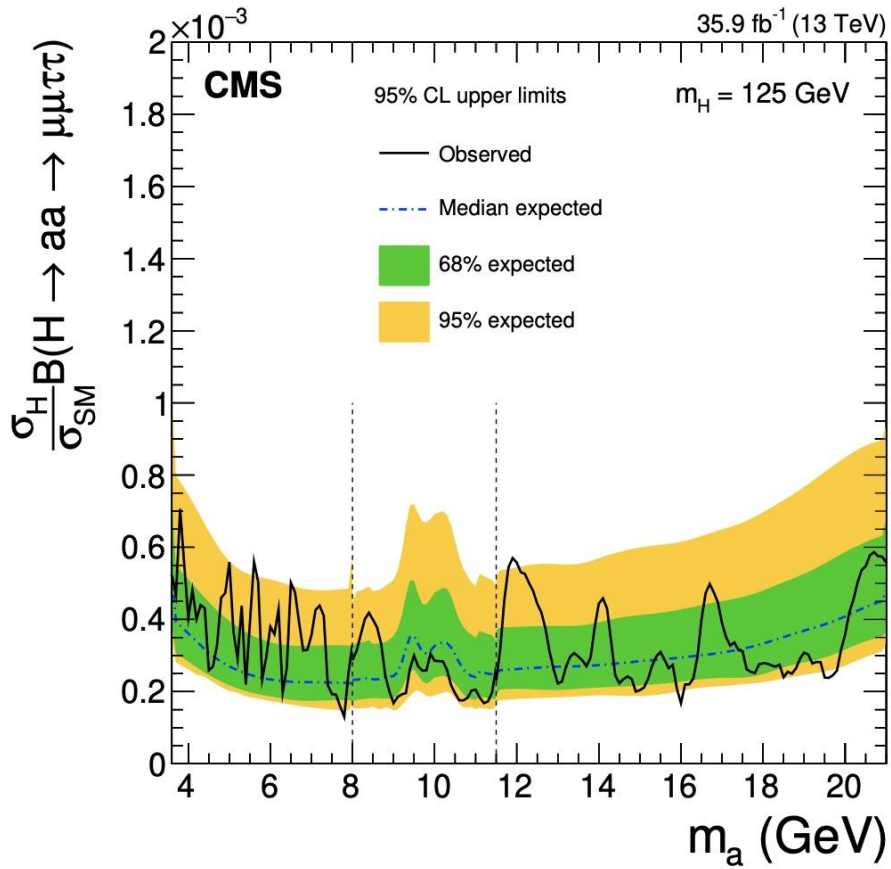
Experimentally, lots of issues to overcome

Pushes our detectors and techniques to their limit

Combination among collaborations still an open question

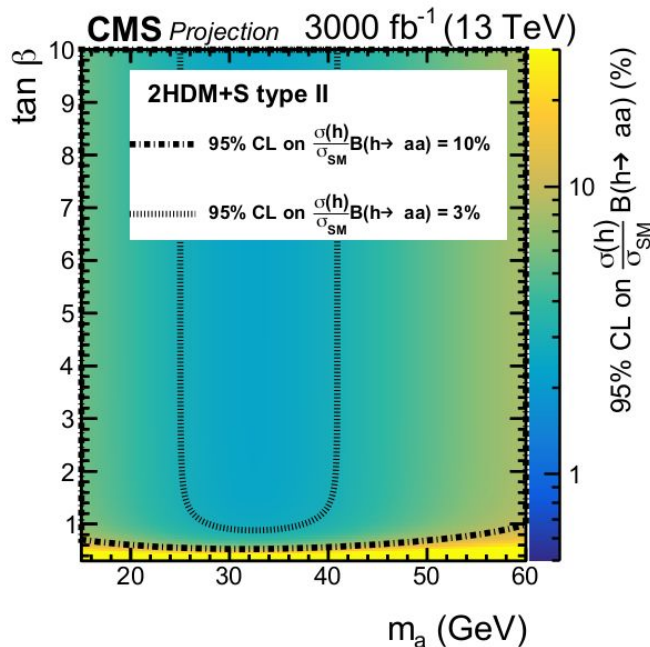
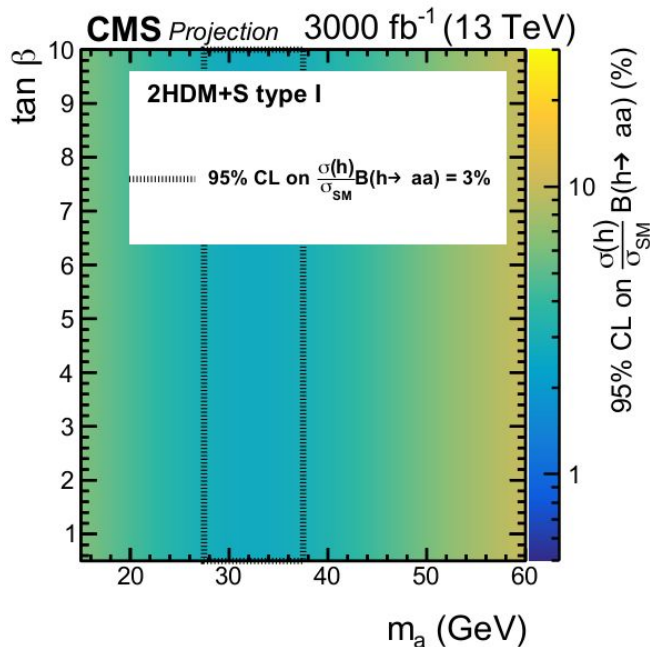
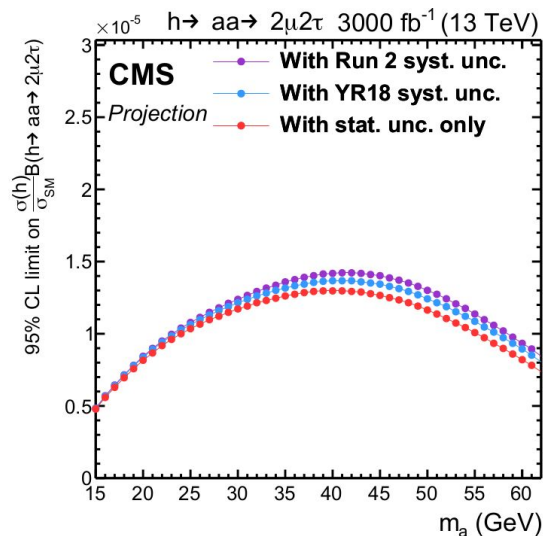
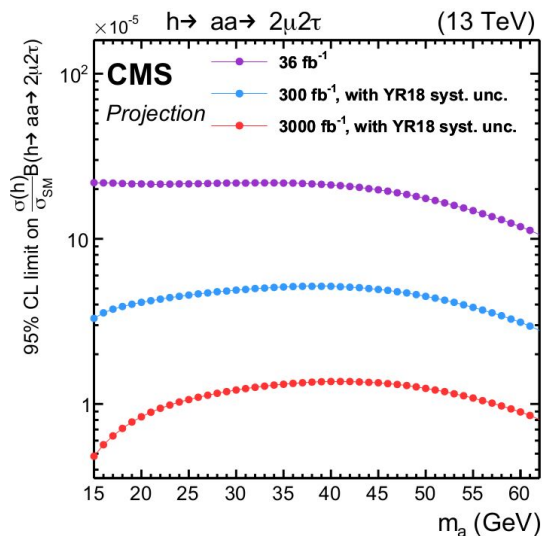
Backup

$h/H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau$



2HDM+S at HL-LHC

Projections for $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2\tau$
 and $2b2\tau$ channels
 Analyses are completely
 statistically limited



BR limits will mostly
 get to < 10%

Difficult to be competitive
 at future (lepton) colliders

$H^{+(+)}$ \rightarrow vector bosons

VBF $H^+ \rightarrow W^+Z$ and $H^{++} \rightarrow W^+W^+$ in leptonic decays

Mass degeneracy

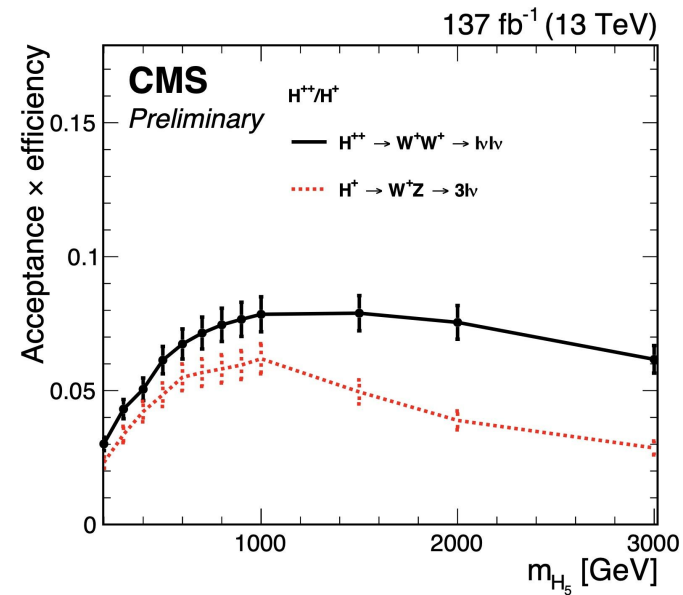
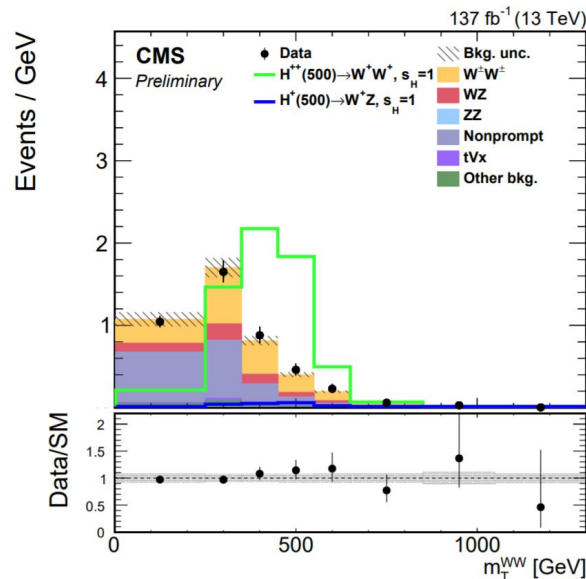
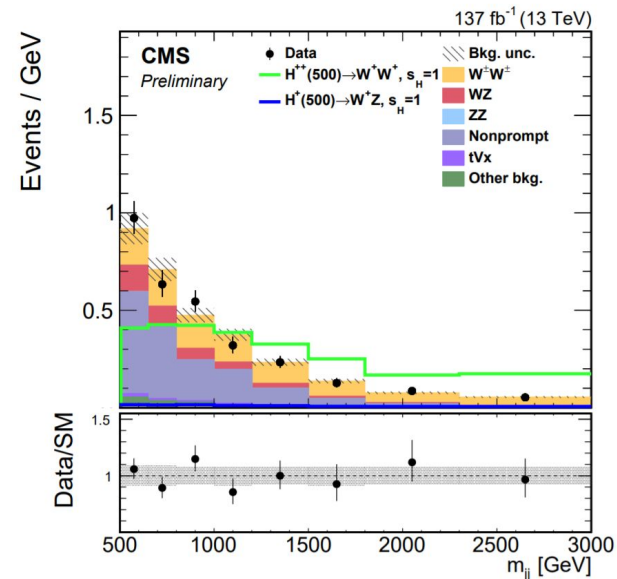
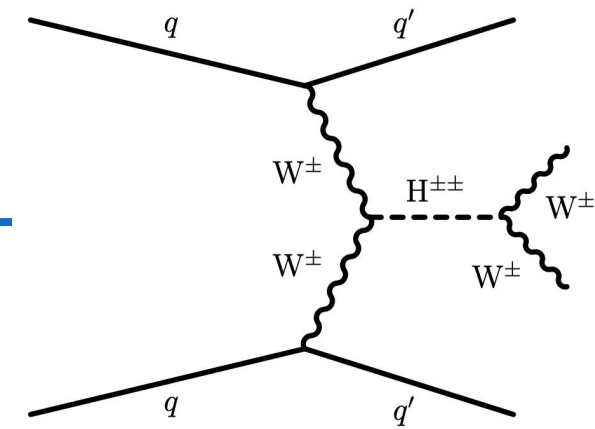
\rightarrow simultaneous search in $200 < m_{H_5} < 2000$ GeV range

tt , tZq and ZZ backgrounds estimated from data

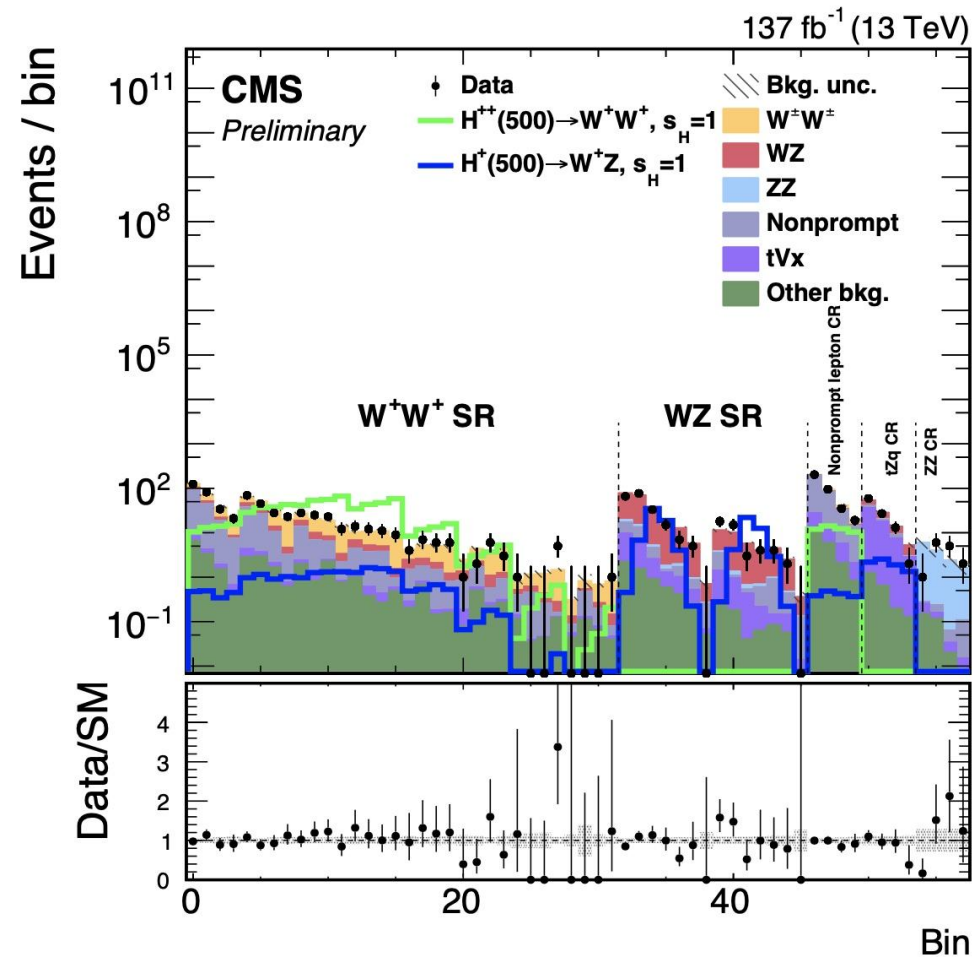
inverting b-tag and same-sign selections

Fit m_{jj} , m_T^{VV}

$$m_T^{VV} = \sqrt{\left(\sum_i E_i\right)^2 - \left(\sum_i p_{z,i}\right)^2}$$



$H^{++} \rightarrow$ vector bosons



Source of uncertainty	$\Delta\mu$ background-only
Integrated luminosity	0.002
Lepton measurement	0.003
JES and JER	0.003
Pileup	0.001
b tagging	0.001
Trigger	0.001
Limited sample size	0.005
Nonprompt rate	0.002
$W^\pm W^\pm / WZ$ rate	0.014
Other prompt background rate	0.002
Signal rate	—
Total systematic uncertainty	0.016
Statistical uncertainty	0.021
Total uncertainty	0.027

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