



Constraining the self-coupling of the Higgs boson from non-resonant HH production in the CMS experiment

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Higgs pair production in Standard Model

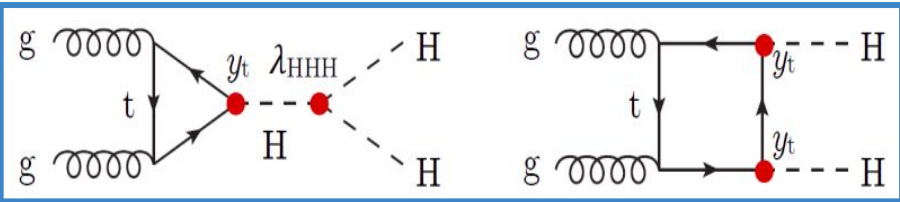
→ The shape of the Higgs potential directly related to the λ (self coupling of Higgs boson)

→ Non-resonant HH process can give the direct access of trilinear self Higgs coupling (λ_{HHH}) at the LHC

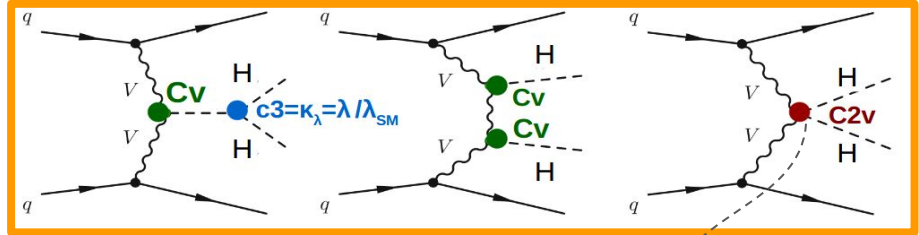
In SM :

$$\lambda_{HHH} = \lambda_{HHHH} = \frac{m_H^2}{2v^2} = 0.13$$

ggHH



VBFHH



C_i / \mathcal{K}_i ; modifier of SM coupling

Unique $C_{2V} \sim HHVV$
coupling

❖ Gluon-gluon fusion (ggHH) :

the largest production mode of HH at the LHC,

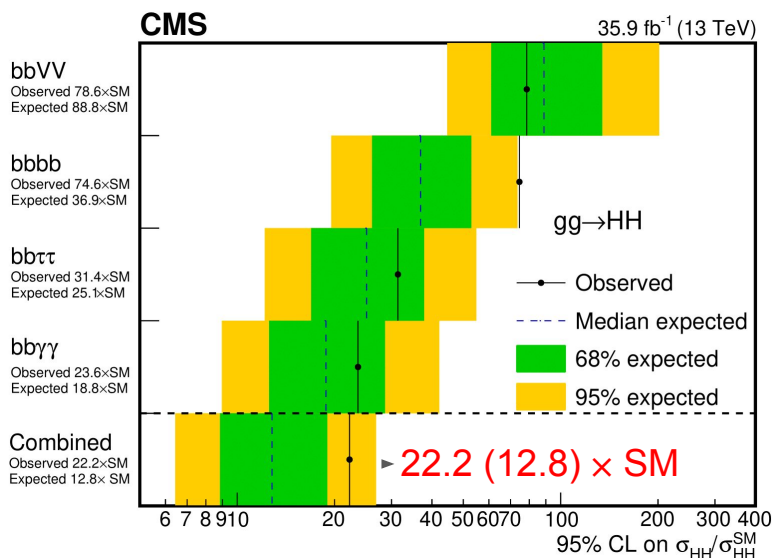
cross section with N²LO QCD accuracy, $\sigma_{ggHH} = 31.05 \text{ fb @13 TeV}$ [1].

❖ Vector Boson fusion (VBFHH) :

the sub-lead mode,
at N³LO, $\sigma_{VBFHH} = 1.73 \text{ fb}$ [2].

HH search in CMS

- Using **2016 (36 fb⁻¹)** data other published results from CMS (at least one H decays to bb)
 - HH → 4b
 - HH → bbττ
 - HH → bbVV (V = W/Z)
 - HH → bbγγ
- & combined**



- Full Run-2 data analysis from CMS luminosity 139 fb⁻¹ (4 times larger than 2016)

- Targets **VBF HH production** mode along with major **ggHH prod.** mode
 - Able to probe the **C_{2V} [HHVV] coupling**.
- Final state consisting one H → **WW/ττ** also includes, **4W, WWγγ, ττγγ**
- Analysis topology also covers **boosted regime** as well as resolved.

This talk will emphasize mostly the analysis techniques for HH → bbγγ, HH → 4b, HH → WWγγ and the results with combination in Run-2

New

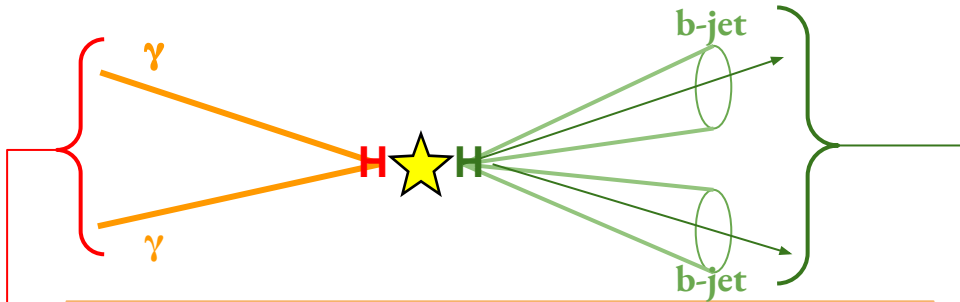
Mostly in early Run-2 + Full Run-2

	bb	WW	ττ	ZZ	γγ
bb	34%				
WW	25%	4.6%			
ττ	7.3%	2.7%	0.39%		
ZZ	3.1%	1.1%	0.33%	0.069%	
γγ	0.26%	0.10%	0.028%	0.012%	0.0005%

Full Run-2

HH → multilepton talk by Sandeep

General strategy for $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ analysis



→ Events are triggered by a **diphoton trigger** of **30 and 18/22 GeV**

→ At least 2 photons, with $p_T / m(\gamma\gamma) > 0.33$ (**0.25**)

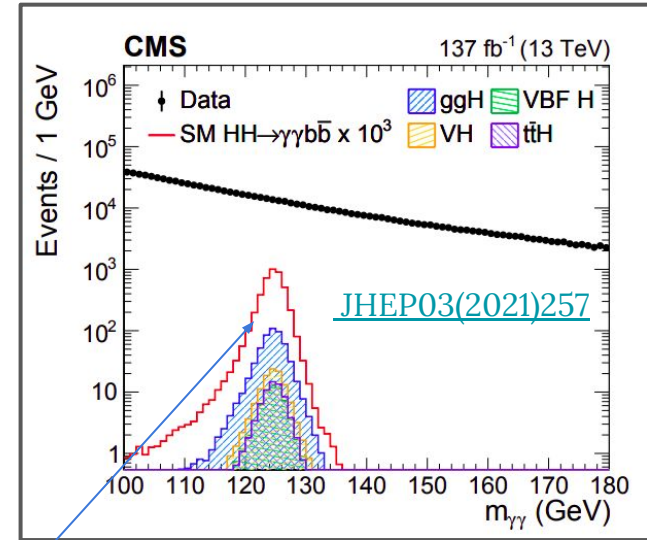
→ Finally diphoton Invariant mass of $100 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 180$ GeV

→ **Deep Neural Network (DNN) training** used to identify the b-jets from light quark or gluon jets

→ Two highest b-tagged **Anti- K_T** , **cone radius 0.4 (AK4)** jets selected within $|\eta| < 2.4/2.5$

→ Invariant mass of the b-tag jet pair, $70 < m_{bb} < 190$ GeV

→ Additionally **b-jet energy regression** applied to improve the **b-jet energy resolution** and **m_{bb} spectrum**.



→ Signal contribution submerged in continuum background, ($\gamma\gamma$ +jets/ γ +jets), due to very small x-sec.

→ **Boosted Decision Trees (BDT)** used to separate signal from backgrounds depends on kinematic features

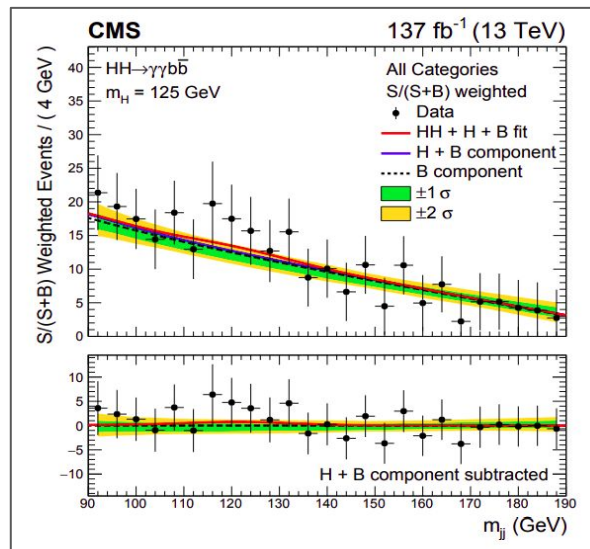
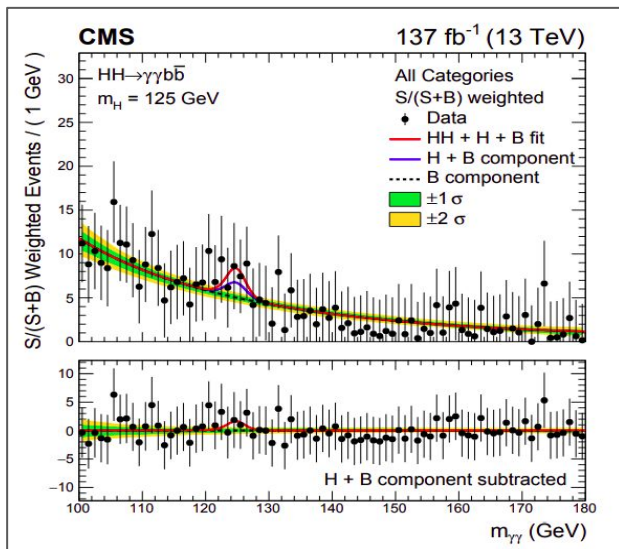
→ Events categorized in M_{HH} to probe SM and BSM

→ Further categorization based on **BDT score** in each M_{HH} region to increase the signal purity and analysis sensitivity

Fitting strategy



- Signal extracted using a parametric 2D fit of $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ and m_{bb} from each analysis category simultaneously.
- HH - Signal and single Higgs background contribution taken from monte carlo simulation by fitting $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ by **multi-gaussian** and m_{bb} by **Double Sided Crystal Ball (DSCB)** function.
- Continuum background estimated directly from data side-band region



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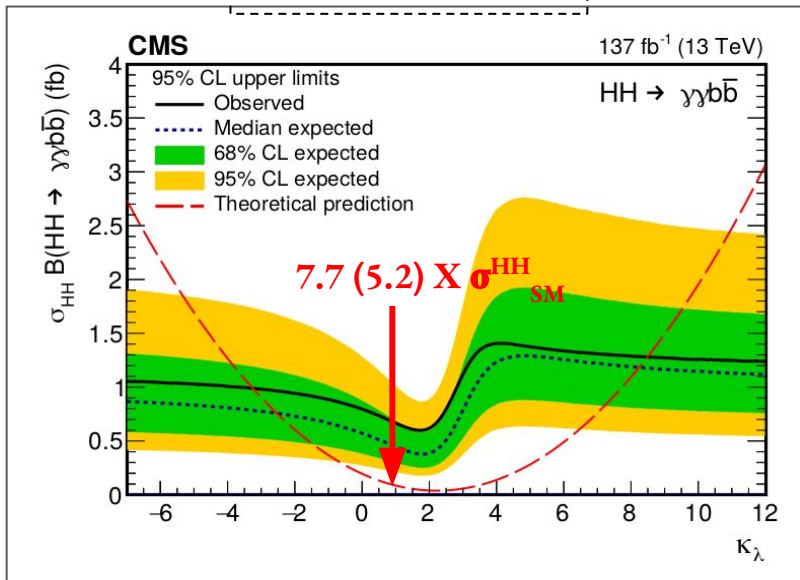
→ No significant excess observed

HH → bbȳγ results

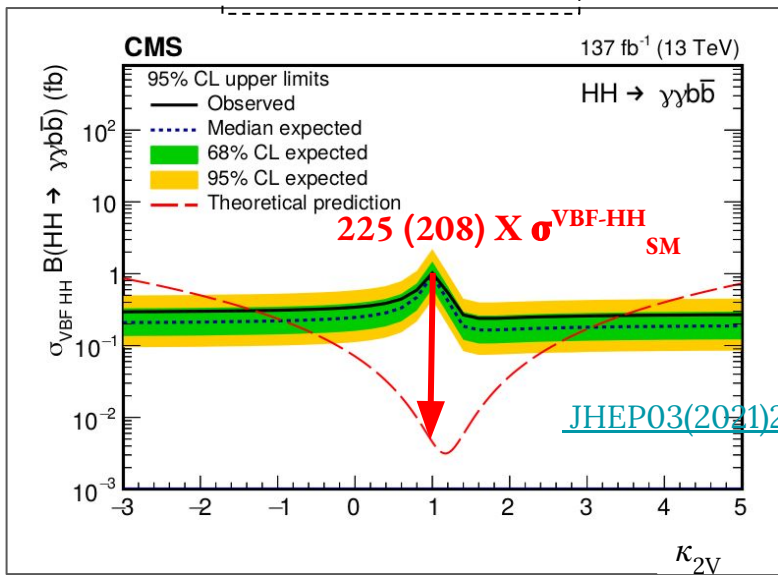
κ-framework

$$\kappa_\lambda = \lambda_{\text{HHH}}^{\text{obs}} / \lambda_{\text{HHH}}^{\text{SM}}$$

$$\kappa_{2V} = C_{2V}^{\text{obs}} / C_{2V}^{\text{SM}}$$



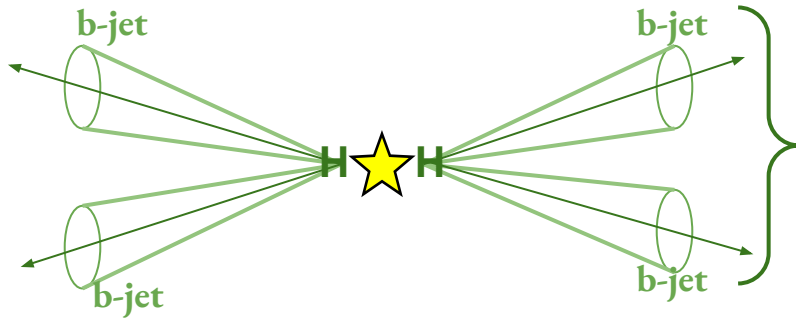
→ κ_λ values allowed at 95% CL
 [-3.3, 8.5] (expected [-2.5, 8.2])



→ κ_{2V} values allowed at 95% CL
 [-1.3, 3.5] (expected [-0.9, 3.1])

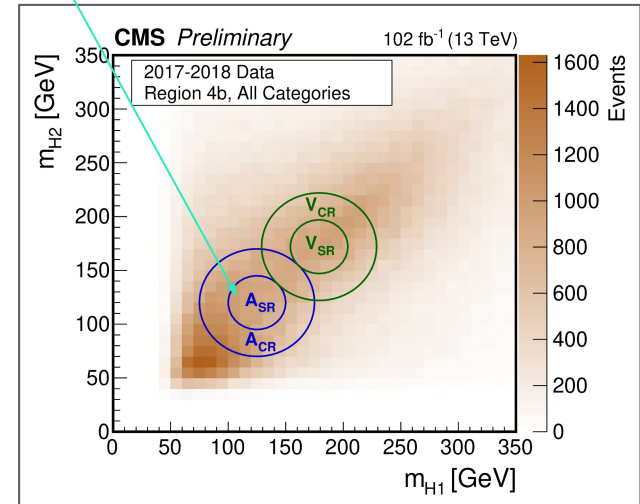
Strategy resolved 4b analysis

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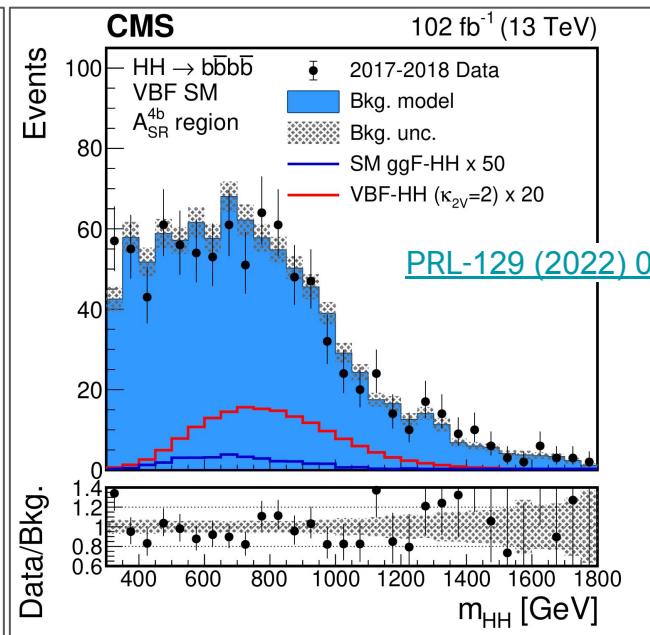
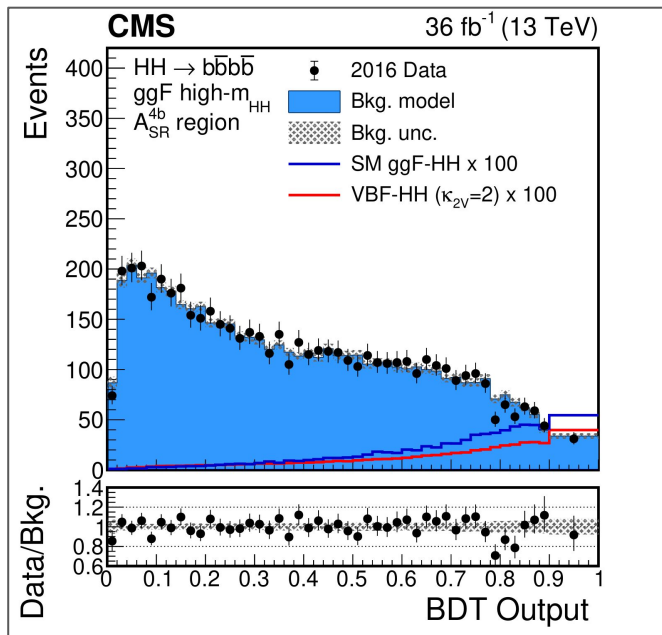
- Events are triggered with at least 4 jets criteria
- Jets should satisfy $p_{T} > 30(40)$ GeV and $|\eta| < 2.4/2.5$ for 2016 (2017, 2018)
- b-tagging performed using dedicated **DNN training**
- Additional leptons vetoed from the events
- Combine the each pair of jets from all combination into two H candidates.
- **96% accuracy for SM ggHH signal**

- Overwhelming background due to the **QCD induced multijet production** and **tt hadronic decay**.
- Hard to rely on the simulation due to mismodelling of QCD.
- **Data driven technique** used, estimated from the **control region (CR)**.
- **Signal region (SR)** and CR defined from **2D mass distribution of the two Higgs bosons**.



Extraction of results Resolved HH \rightarrow 4b

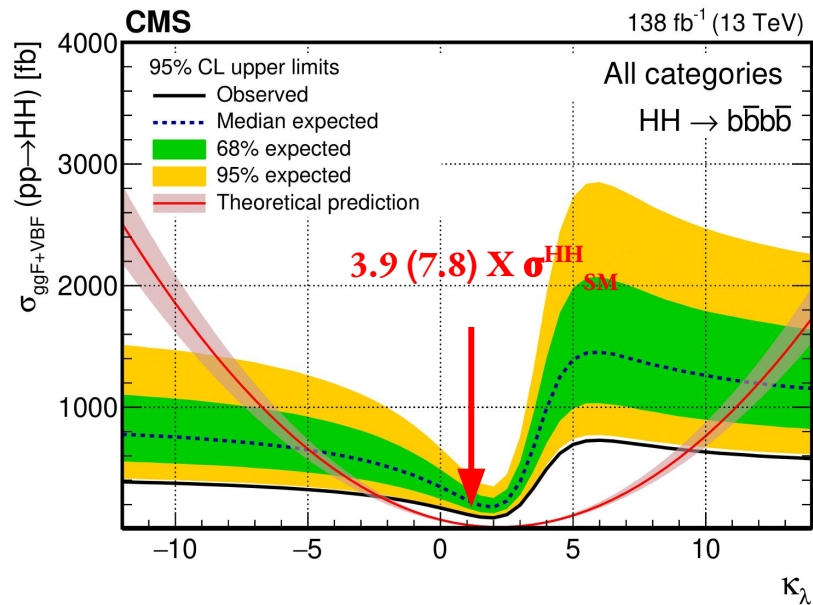
- **Boosted Decision Trees (BDT)** has been performed to discriminate signal from background.
- Signal extracted from the **BDT score in low and high m_{HH}** region separately for ggHH process, for VBFHH it is cut based analysis, m_{HH} is used to extract the results
- No excess observed over the background only expectation



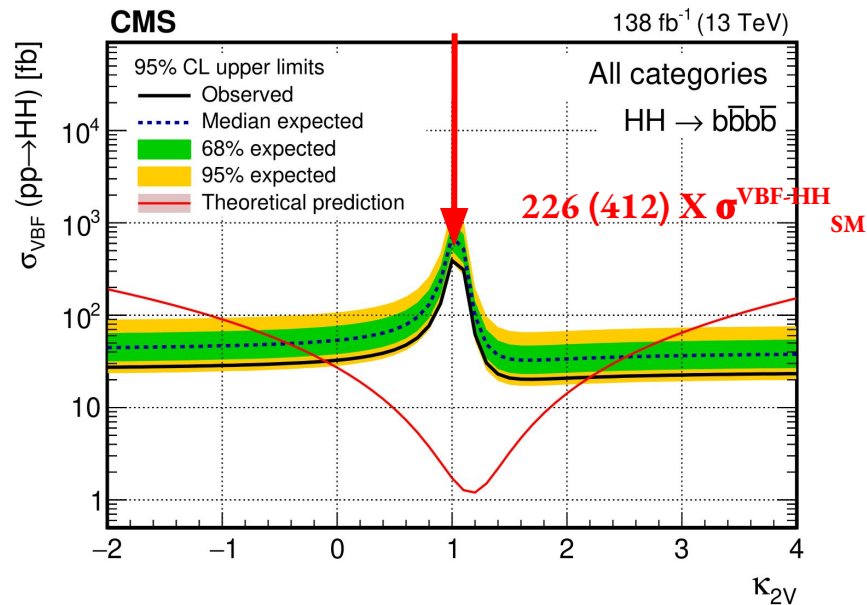
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Resolved $HH \rightarrow 4b$ results

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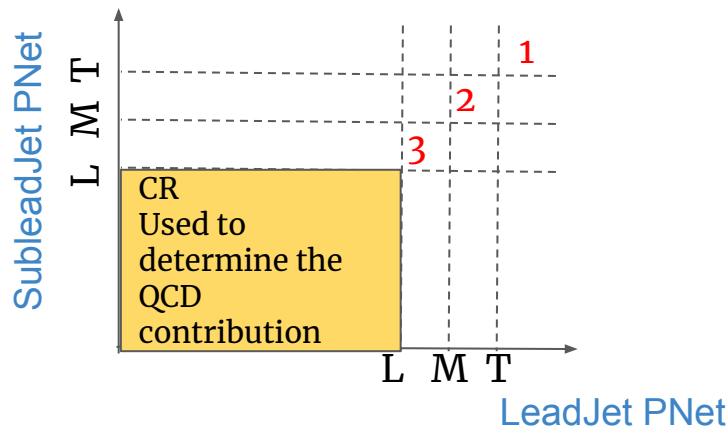
→ κ_λ values allowed at 95% CL
 $[-2.3, 9.4]$ (expected $[-5.0, 12.0]$)



→ κ_{2V} values allowed at 95% CL
 $[-0.1, 2.2]$ (expected $[-0.4, 2.5]$)

Boosted $HH \rightarrow 4b$ results arXiv:2205.06667

- Final state with two AK8 jets with $p_T > 500$ (400) GeV inside $|\eta| < 2.5$
- For VBF two extra jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV within $|\eta| < 4.7$
- Higgs candidate are chosen using Graph Neural Network based ParticleNet Tagger
- Main contributing backgrounds from QCD and $t\bar{t}$



Results

- Very good constraints on HH UL ~ 9.9 (5.1) \times SM
- κ_λ values allowed at 95% CL
 $-9.9(-5.1) < \kappa_\lambda < 16.9$ (12.2)
- Only single channel to exclude $\kappa_{2V} = 0$ at 95% CL
 0.62 (0.66) $< \kappa_{2V} < 1.41$ (1.37)

- Analysis categorization based on the ParticleNet score
- Finally m_{HH} used to extract the results

HH \rightarrow WW $\gamma\gamma$

New results from CMS

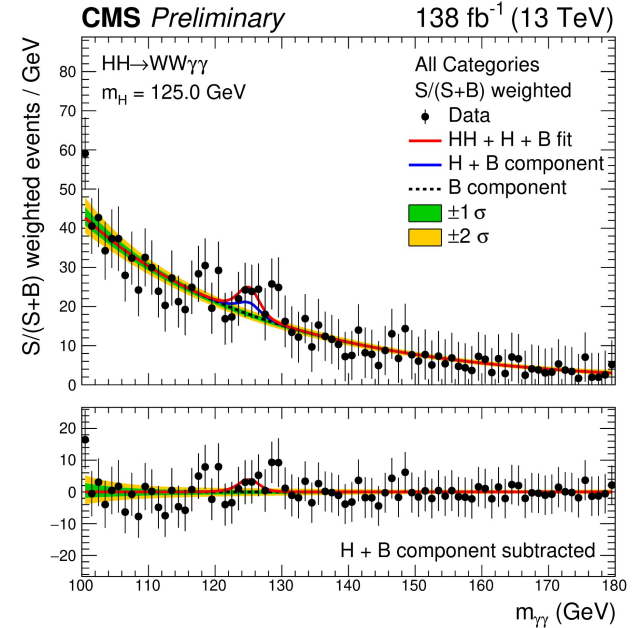


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- Analysis only targets ggHH production mode in Run-2 data
- Three orthogonal categories depending on W bosons decay
Different analysis strategy deployed.

- ❑ **Semi-Leptonic (1 L):** Multi-Class DNN to separate HH signal from single H and continuum background
- ❑ **Fully-Leptonic (2 L):** Cut-based -Because of the clean final state and low stats,
- ❑ **Fully-Hadronic (0 L):** 2 Binary DNN to separate signal from (i) contributing backgrounds and (ii) $bb\gamma\gamma$ signal

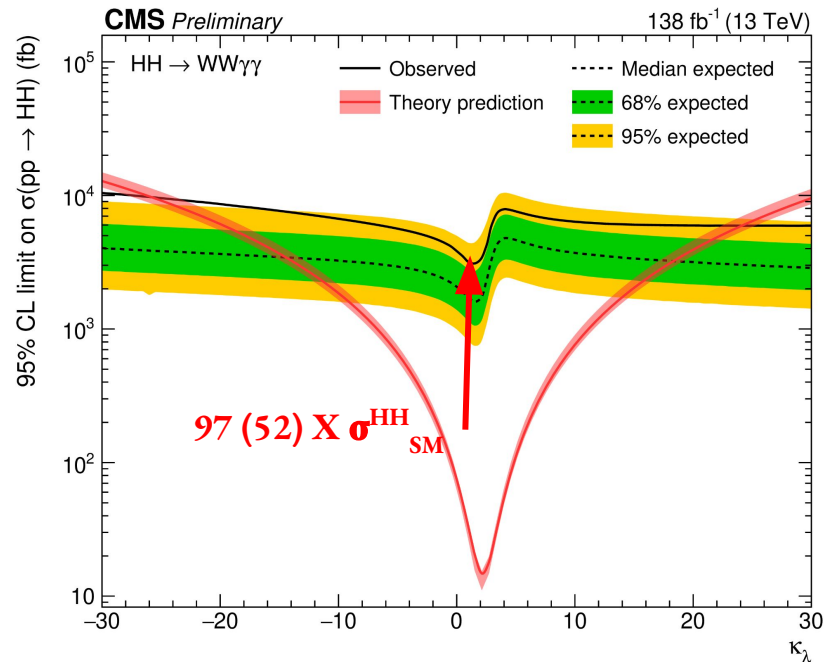
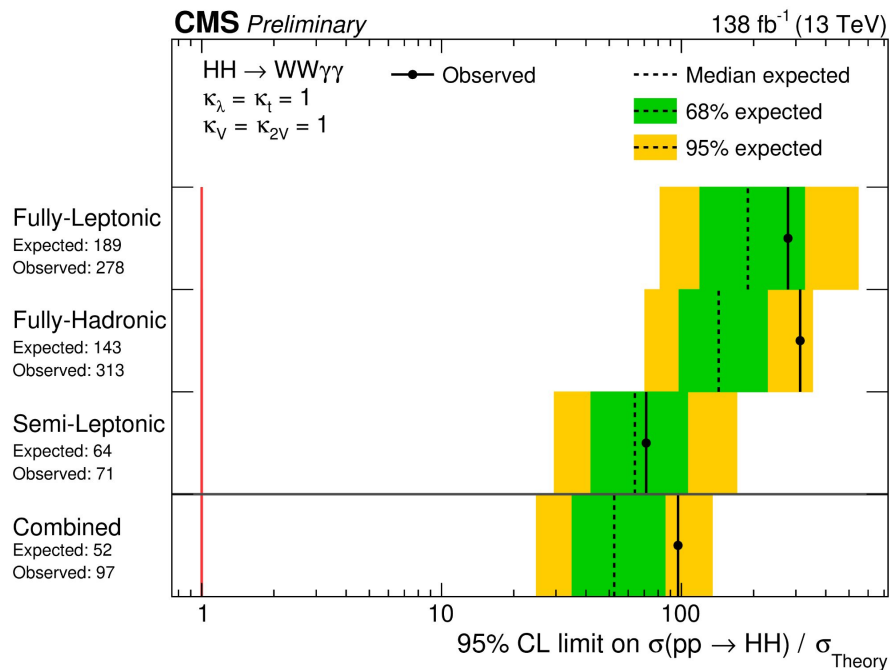
→ 1D Fitting method performed on $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ to extract the results



Results $HH \rightarrow WW\gamma\gamma$

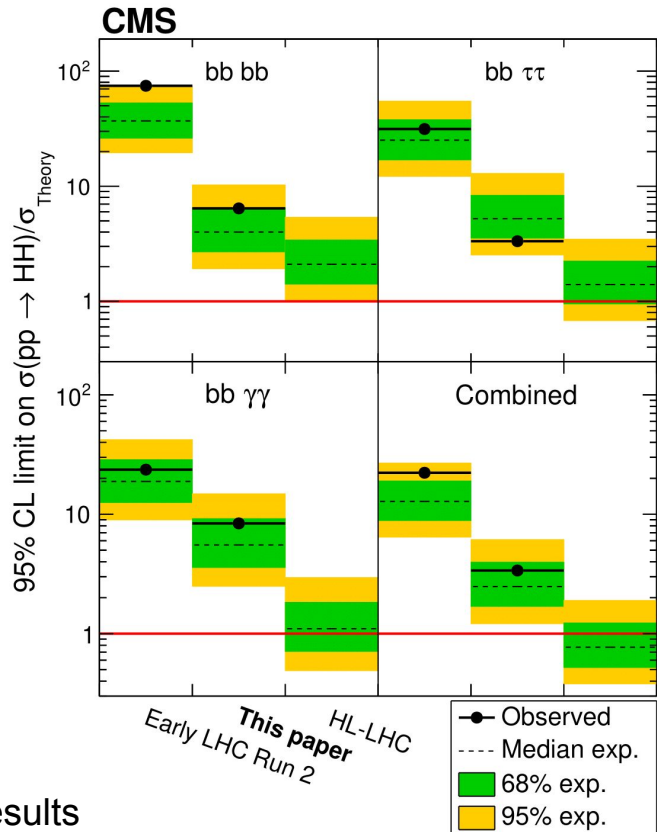
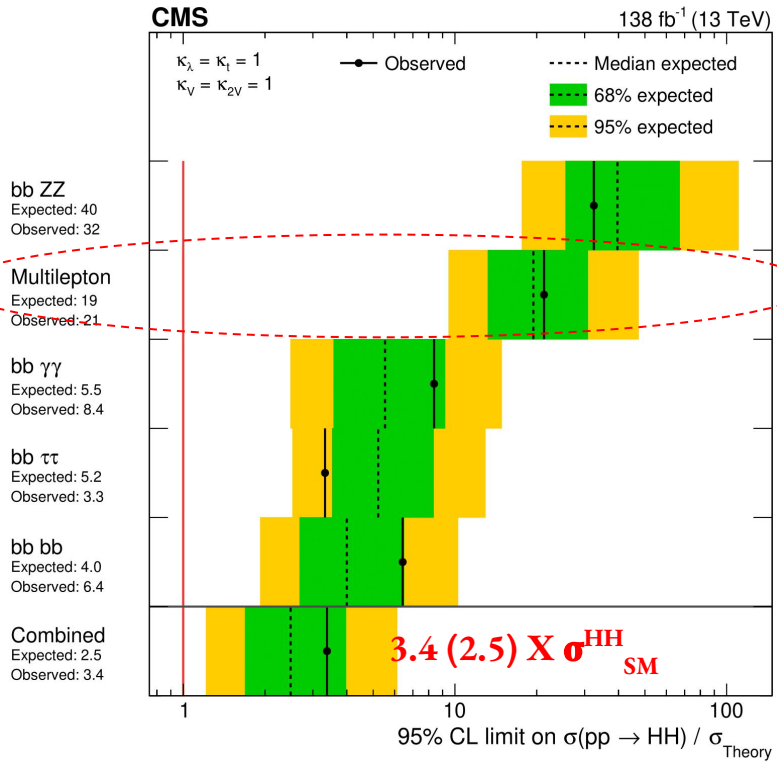
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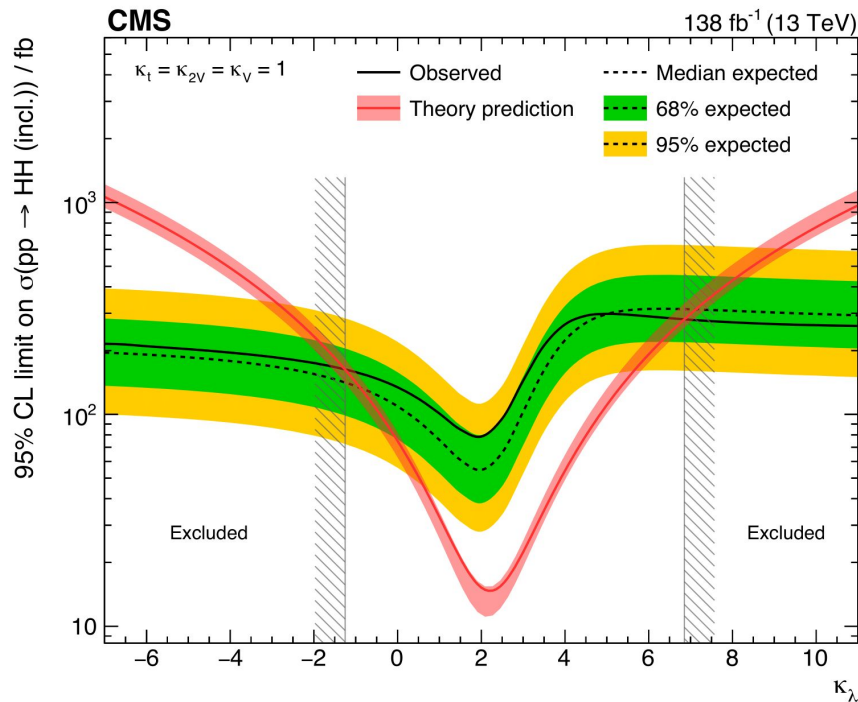
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 $[-25.8, 24.1]$ (expected $[-14.4, 18.3]$)

covered by Sandeep

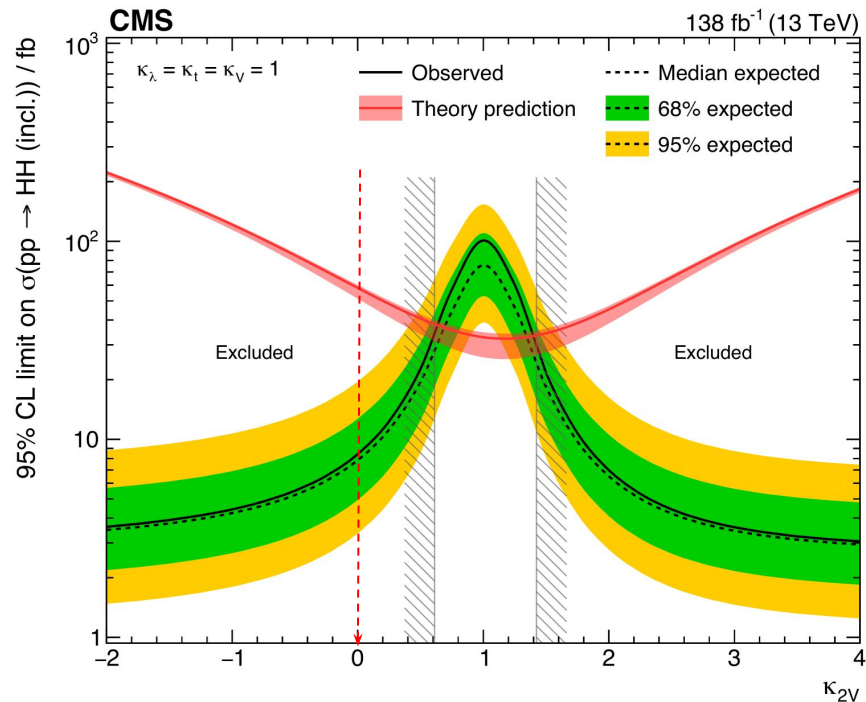


- Significant improvement comparing to early Run 2 results
- Sensitivity in HL-LHC sufficient to establish the existence of the SM HH production

Run-2 combination [Nature 607 \(2022\) 60](#)



→ κ_λ values allowed at 95% CL
 [-1.24, 6.49]



→ κ_{2V} values allowed at 95% CL
 [0.67, 1.38]
 → $\kappa_{2V} = 0$ excluded with 6.6σ

Summary

→ Non-resonant HH combination results in CMS with 138 fb⁻¹ data

→ Contributing channels :

bbbb (resolved+boosted), bb $\tau\tau$, bb $\gamma\gamma$, bbZZ(4l), multilepton

→ All results agree with SM prediction

→ Best sensitivity on HH production limits with the combination:

Observed (expected) **UL ~ 3.4 (2.5) \times SM @ 95% CL**

From ATLAS 2.4 (2.9) \times SM [arXiv](#)

→ Constraints on κ_λ with 95% CL : **[-1.24, 6.49]**

From ATLAS \rightarrow [-0.6, 6.6]

→ Constraints on κ_{2V} with 95% CL : **[0.67, 1.38]** with Exclusion of the $\kappa_{2V} = 0$ with 6.8σ (6.5σ)

From ATLAS \rightarrow [0.1, 2.0]

→ CMS also targets several other final states and also other production mode **VHH, ttHH**

Analyses are ongoing

final HH combination will be with all final states

→ Extension of HH search will be continued to explore more in Run-3 data, **Please stay tuned**

