



# Higgs Boson search at CMS

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# Outline

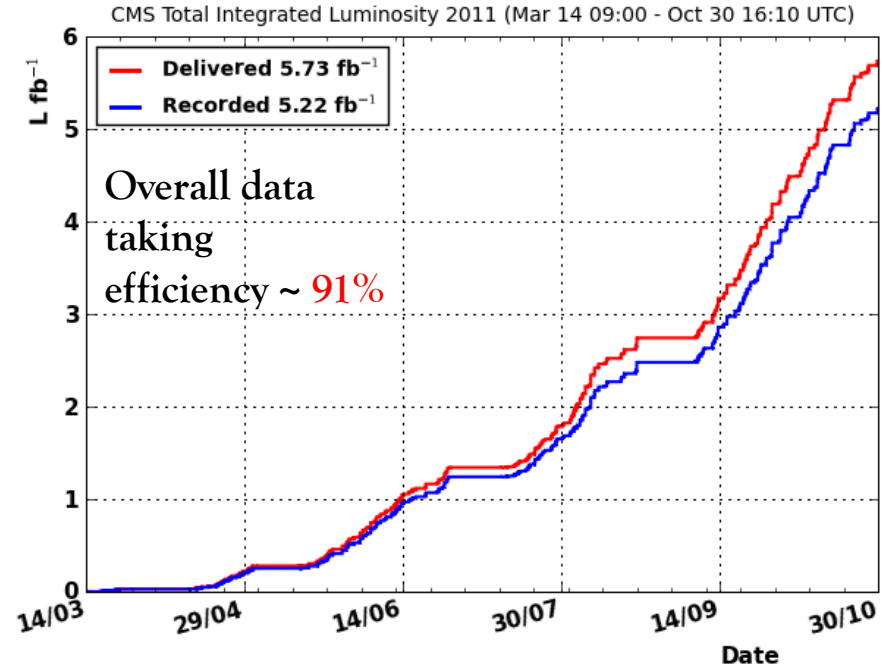
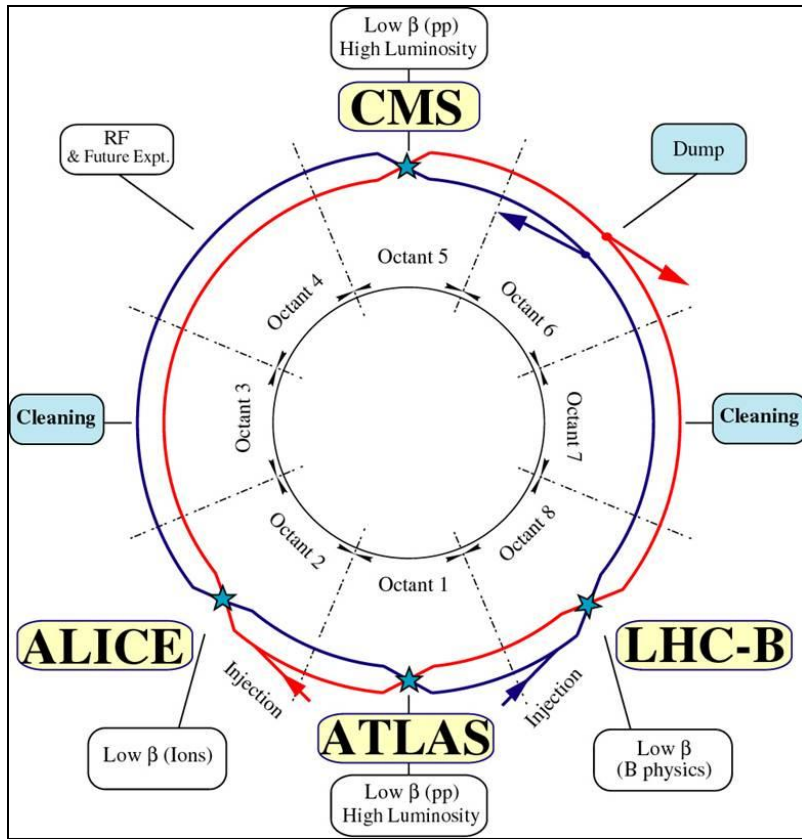
LHC & the CMS detector

Physics Objects

SM Higgs Boson Search

Beyond SM Higgs Search

Summary & Outlook



LHC 7 TeV pp run for 2011 reached successful conclusion on 30 October 2011

Delivering over  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  integrated lumi  
 Max instantaneous lumi  $3.54 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Machine performance better than expected

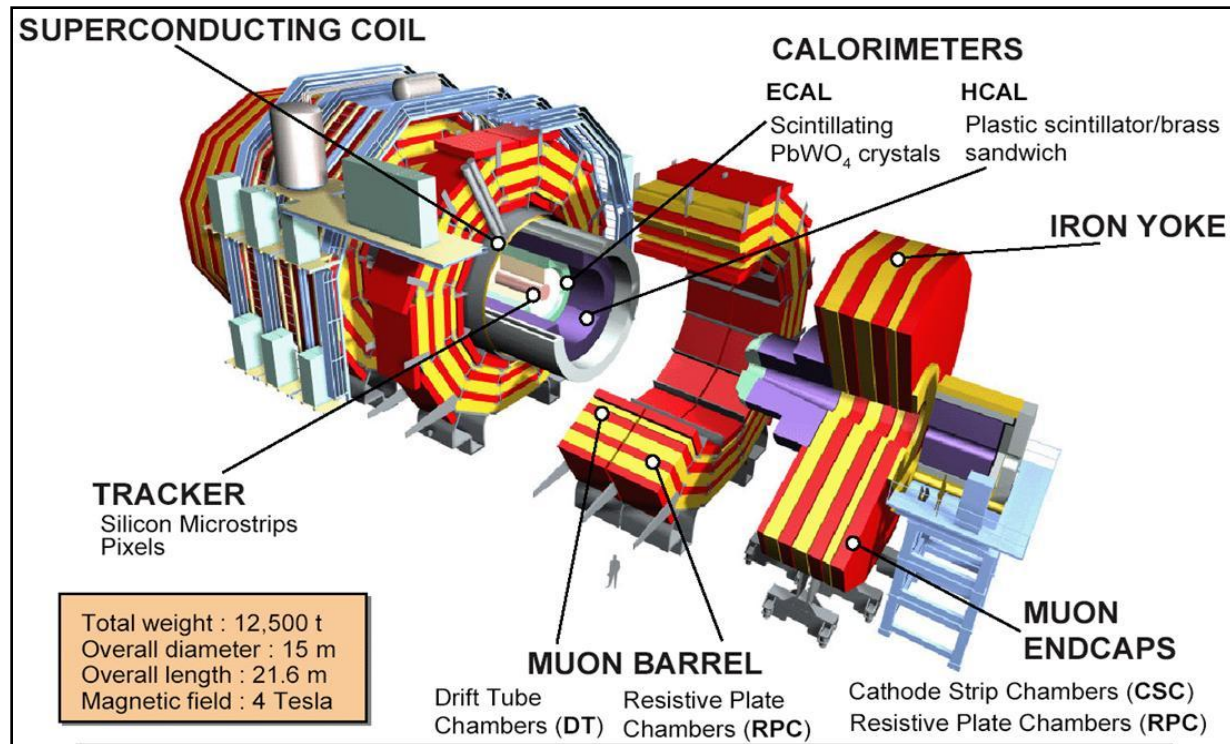
3.8 T superconducting solenoid envelop:

- Inner Tracker (silicon pixel and strip detectors)  $|\eta| < 2.5$

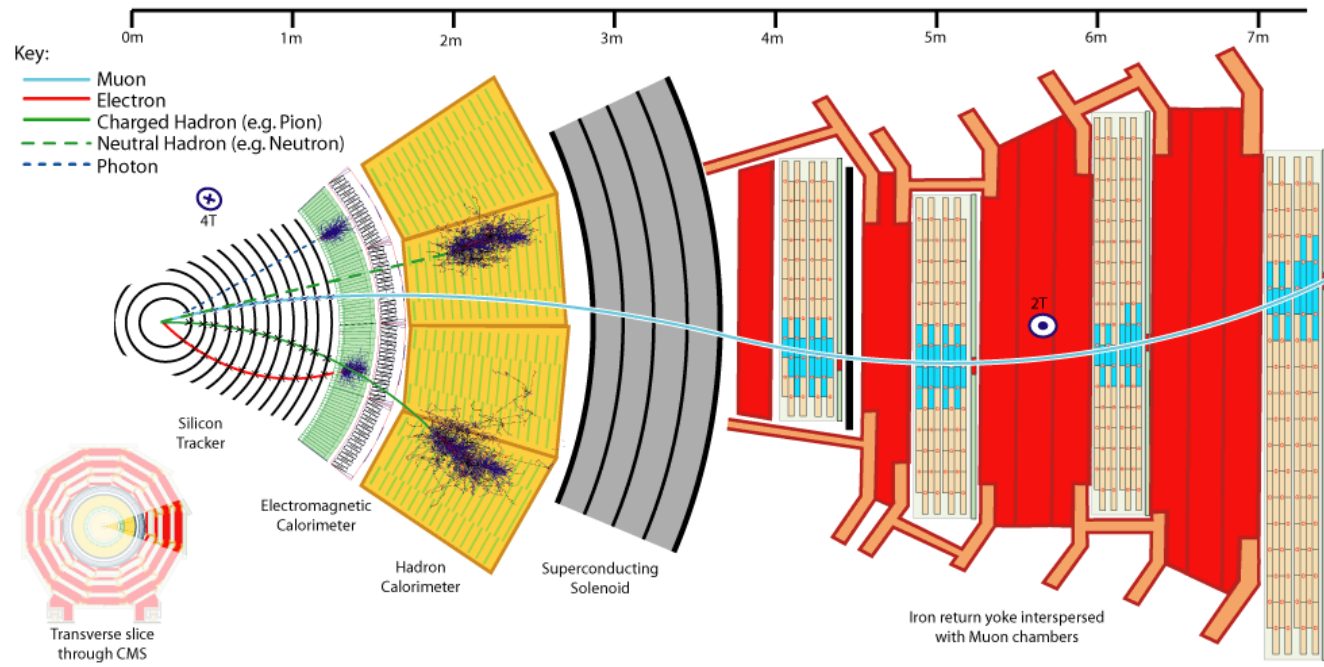
- ECAL (PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals) Barrel  $|\eta| < 1.48$  Endcap  $1.48 < |\eta| < 3.0$

- HCAL (brass/scintillator samplers)

- Muon Chambers – gas ionization detectors embedded in steel return yoke outside the solenoid,  $|\eta| < 2.4$  Drift Tubes, Cathode Strips and Resistive Plate Chambers



## Particle - Flow technique at CMS



### Basic physics objects :

**Muon:** Matching tracks in inner tracker and muon chambers

**Electron:** EM cluster with an associated track

**Photon:** EM cluster without a matching track

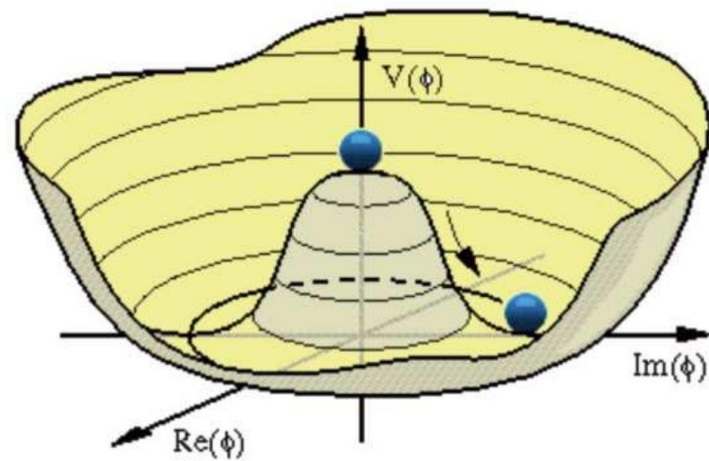
**Jet:** Cluster in EM and hadronic calorimeters (and inner tracker)

**Tau lepton :** Narrow jet with matching track(s)

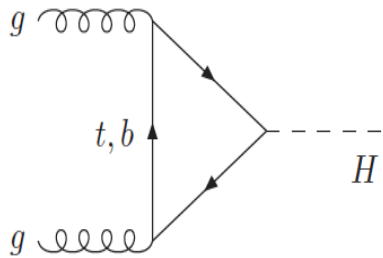
**MET:**  $p_T$  required to balance all of these



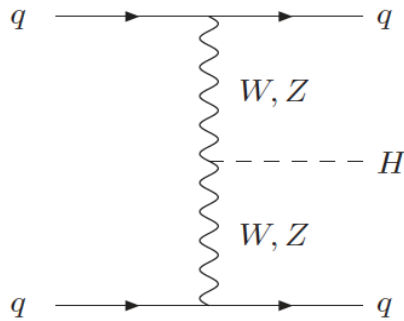
# Part 1: SM Higgs Boson



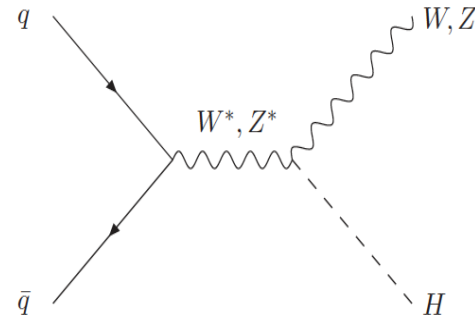
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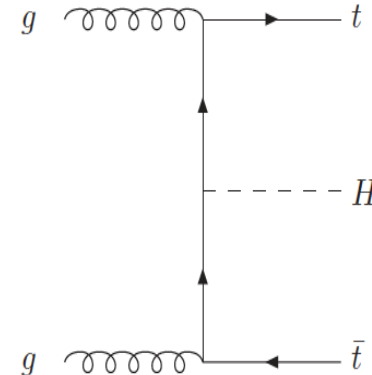
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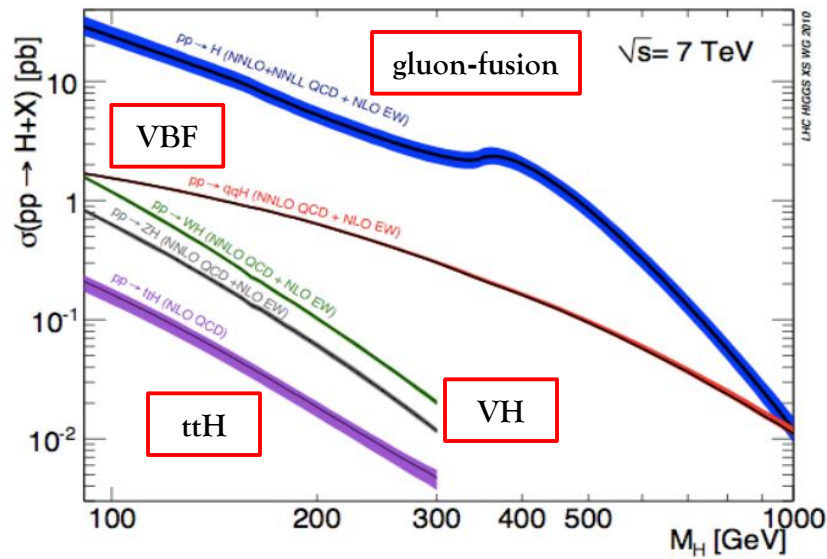
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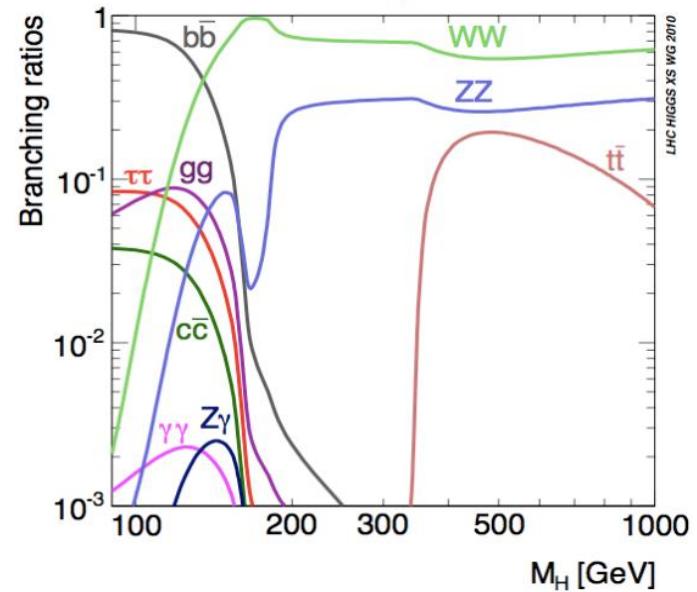
ttH



Production



Decay



- 11 independent channels cover the mass range between 110 - 600 GeV
- gluon fusion, vector boson fusion and associated production mechanisms exploited

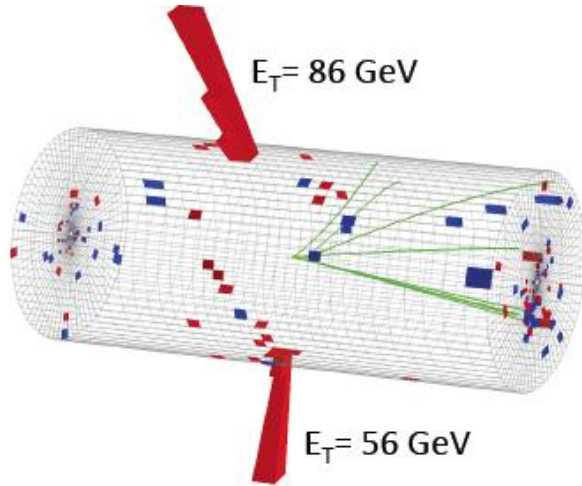
Low  
Mass



High  
mass

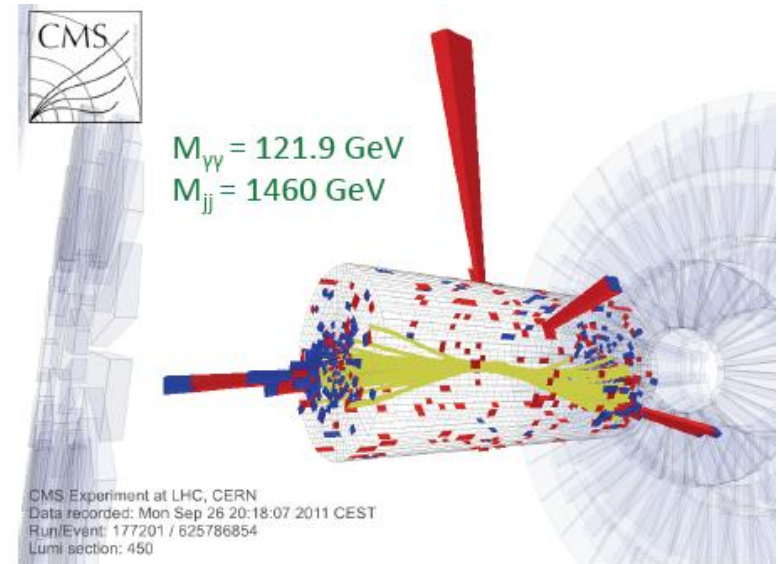
channel	mass range (GeV)
<b>H → γγ</b>	110 - 150
H → ττ → eτ <sub>h</sub> /μτ <sub>h</sub> /eμ + X	110 - 145
H → ττ → μμ + X	110 - 140
WH → eμτ <sub>h</sub> /μμτ <sub>h</sub> + ν	110 - 140
(W/Z)H → bb	110 - 135
<b>H → WW → ℓνℓν</b>	110 - 600
WH → W(WW*) → 3ℓ3ν	110 - 200
<b>H → ZZ → 4ℓ</b>	110 - 600
H → ZZ → 2ℓ2q	(130 - 164) + (200 - 600)
H → ZZ → 2ℓ2τ	190 - 600
<b>H → ZZ → 2ℓ2ν</b>	250 - 600





Signature: **Narrow γγ mass peak**  
 very good mass resolution **1 - 2%**  
 Two isolated **high E<sub>T</sub> photons**  
 over large smoothly decreasing background  
 Small Branching Ratio: ~ **2 × 10<sup>-3</sup>**  
**Irreducible**: 2 photon QCD production  
**Reducible**: γ + jet with one fake γ  
 DY with electrons faking photons

Event sample classified into: **Inclusive** and **VBF**: γγ with 2 forward jets  
 Cut-based analysis and Multivariate (MVA) analysis (**recent!**)  
**MVA Inclusive Category** => sub-divided on BDT output values



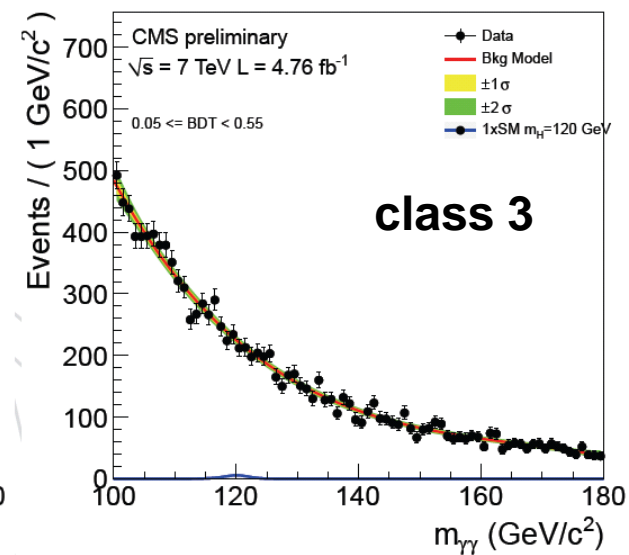
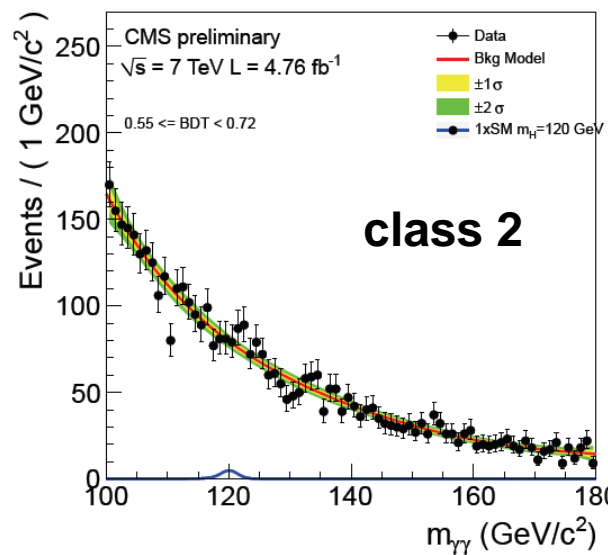
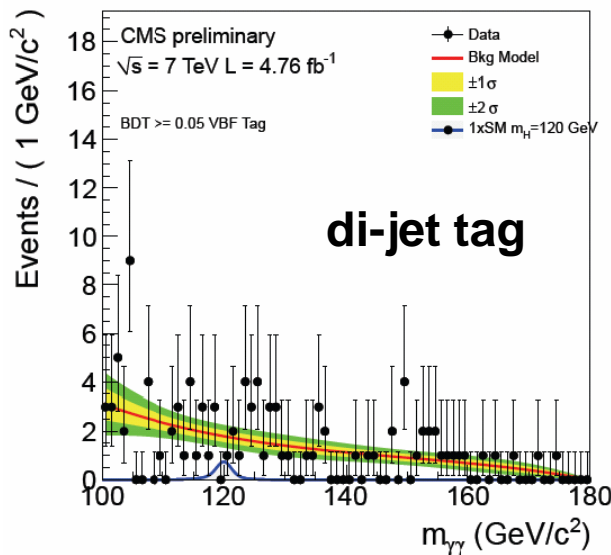
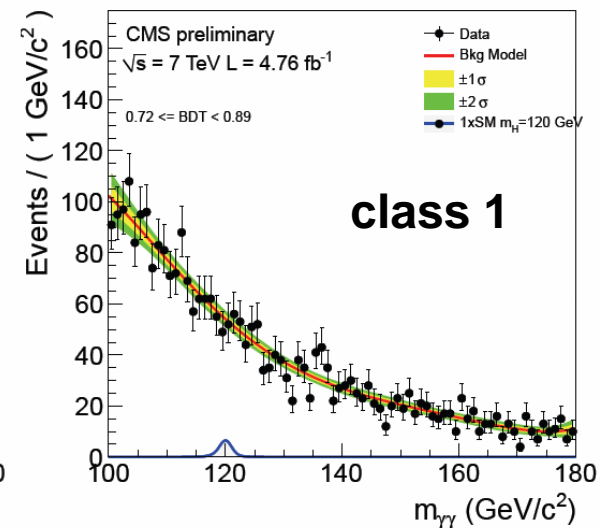
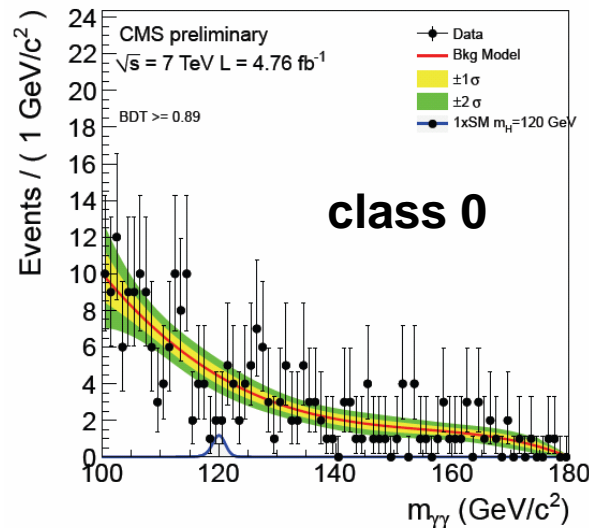
Multivariate analysis techniques improve  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  search sensitivity provides more optimal event classification

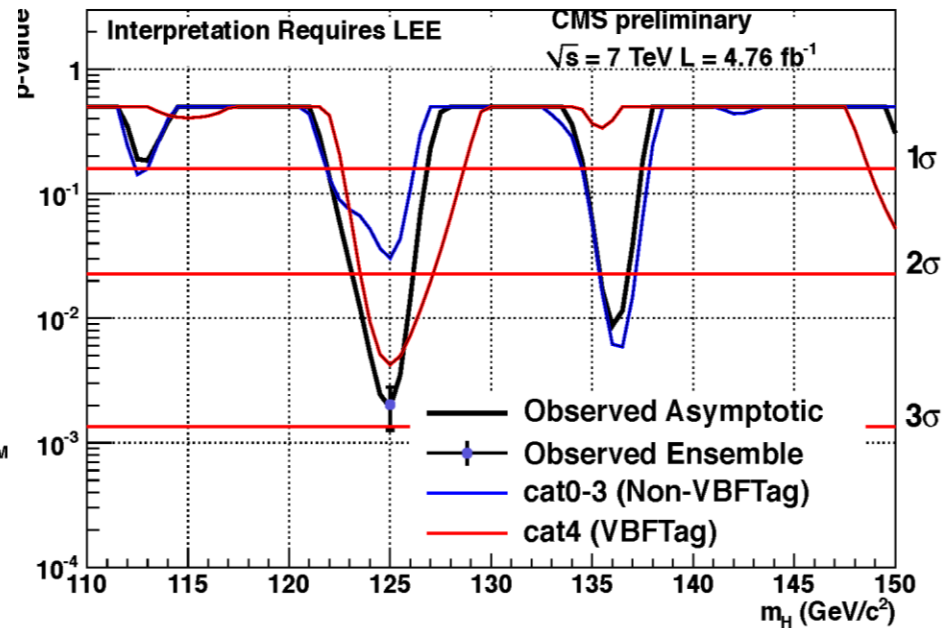
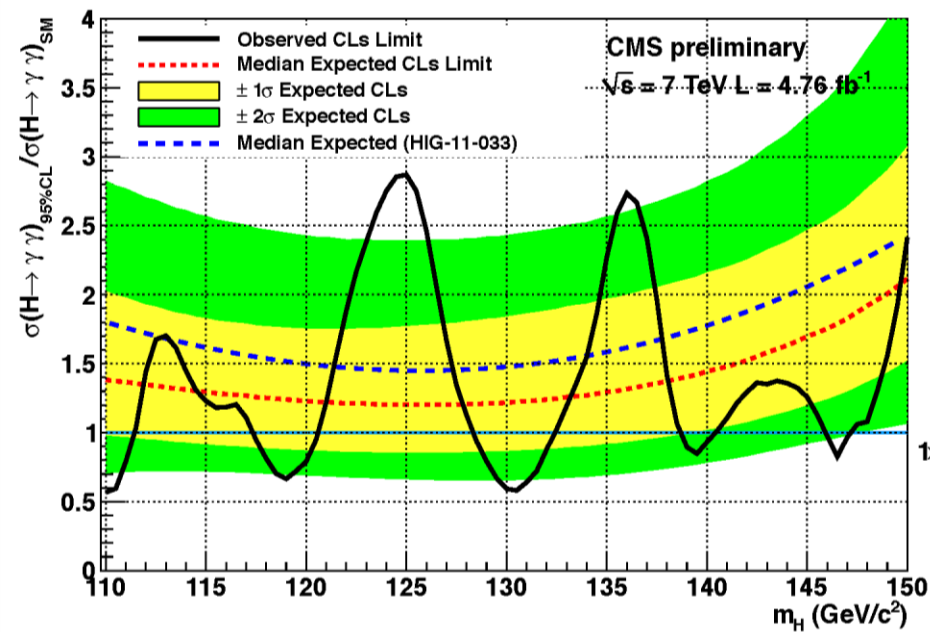
subdivided according to output value of a di-photon BDT

- ⇒ signal-like kinematic characteristics with a high score
- ⇒ good  $\gamma\gamma$  mass resolution events with a high score
- ⇒ high score from  $\gamma$  identification BDT with a high score
- ⇒ it should be  $\gamma\gamma$  mass independent

- Di-photon MVA trained to distinguish  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  events from background and to identify good resolution signal events
- Uses BDT method on MC background and Higgs boson signal events
- Training variables include photon ID, kinematics, right vertex probability and estimate mass resolution
- good resolution as desired feature weighting signal events by  $1/\text{estimate mass resolution}$
- MVA output used to make 5 categories with different S/B  
Inclusive & Separate di-jet tagged category to select VBF Higgs production
- MVA combines event level information into a classification variable categorizing in S/B and mass resolution

- Higgs mass modeled using MC with energy scale and resolution correction from  $Z \rightarrow ee$
- Background mass spectrum modeled by polynomial fit
- Polynomial order between 3 and 5 depend on event category statistics





**Expected 95% CL exclusion limit:**  
**1.2 – 2 x SM cross section**

High resolution channel sensitive to fluctuations of the background, accounted for by the “look elsewhere effect” (LEE)

Probability for same excess everywhere in the considered mass range

**p – value** : probability that a background only fluctuation is at least as large as the observation

⇒ Largest excess observed at **125 GeV** with **2.9 σ** local significance

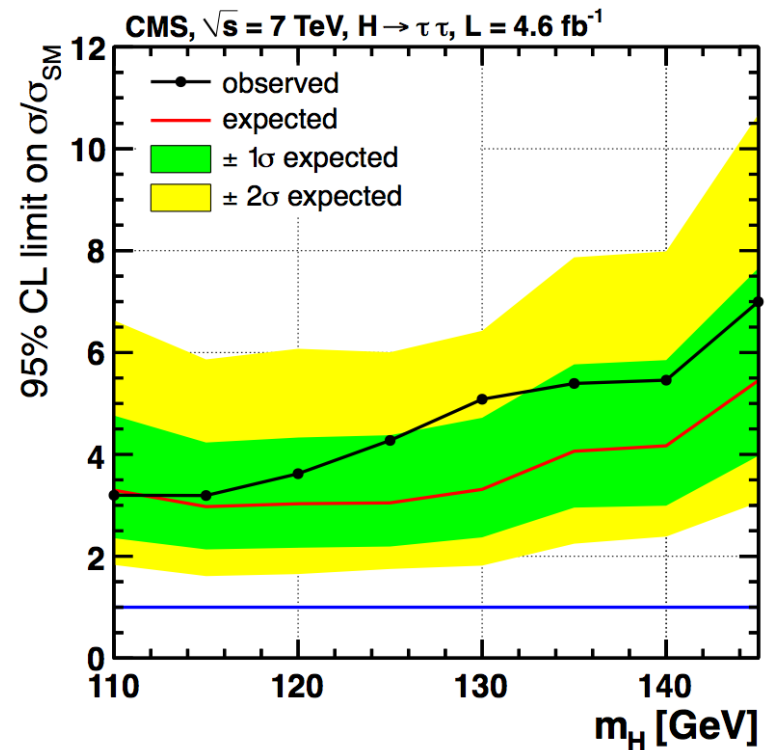
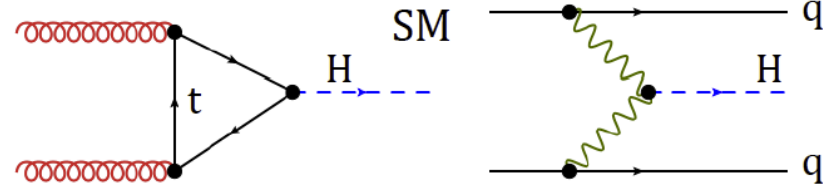
**Excess at 125 GeV for both Inclusive and VBF**

⇒ Global significance **1.6 σ** [110 - 150] GeV

## 3 different channels with 3 states eτ, μτ and eμ

- gluon-gluon fusion with at most 1 jet
  - VBF: two additional forward jets
- 2 jets with large rapidity gap - better sensitivity due to the greatly reduced background from Z → ττ
- **Boosted Higgs: one jet with p<sub>T</sub> > 150 GeV** reduces background Z → ττ and improves resolution of tau-pair invariant mass
  - ττ mass reconstructed using kinematic fit of visible products and MET with likelihood constraints on decay kinematics
  - Z → ττ background from Z → μμ in data with μ replaced by simulated τ
  - W + jets and multi-jet background from large transverse mass and same-sign control regions, respectively

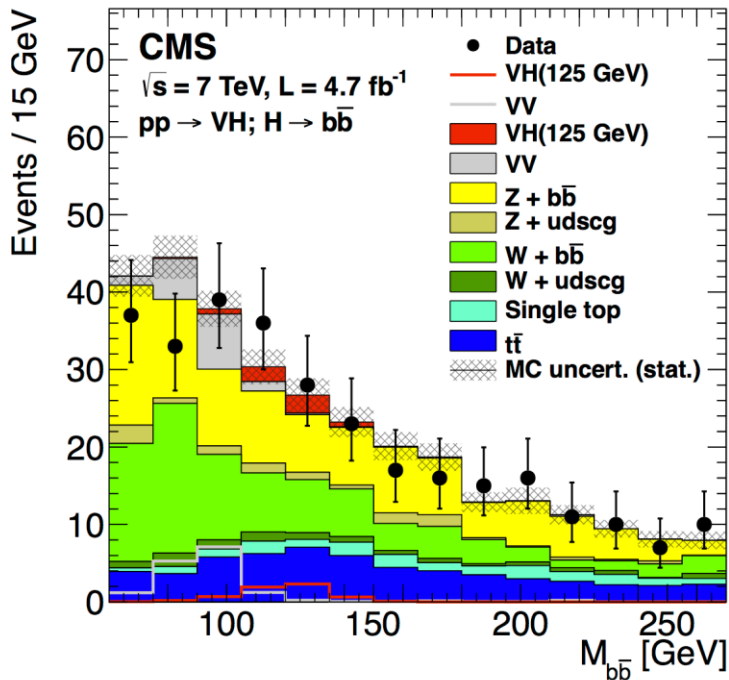
Mass resolution ~ 20%



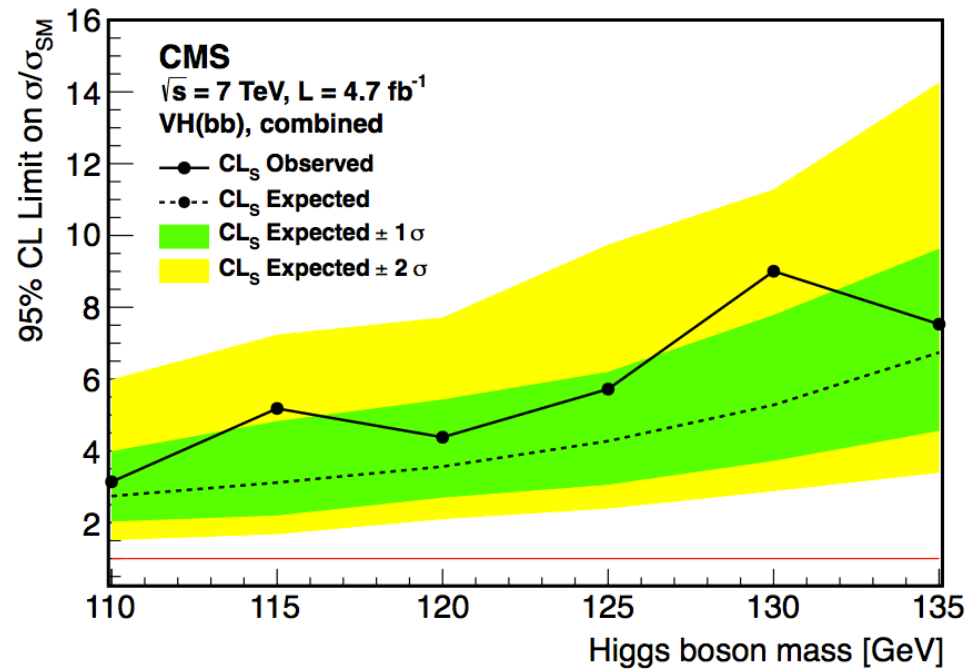


- high branching ratios but huge QCD backgrounds
- select  $W/Z + H, V \rightarrow (\ell\nu) (\ell\ell) (\nu\nu)$  events with significant  $W/Z$  boost
- Require two central b-tagged jets ( $p_T$  threshold dependent on final state)

- Cut and Count analysis on BDT output (dijet and  $W/Z$  kinematics)
- Background yields scaled to data in control regions from inverted b-tagging ( $W/Z +$  light flavour), tighter b-tagging plus extra jets ( $t\bar{t}$ ), low  $p_T^{W/Z}$  ( $W/Z + bb$ )



Mass resolution for bb channel ~ 10%



exclusion at 95% CL for 3-9  $\sigma_{SM}$

Excellent mass resolution  
and small background, S/B > 1

Select 2 lepton pairs with opposite  
charge and same flavour,

$$50 < m_{Z1} < 120 \text{ GeV},$$

$$12 < m_{Z2} < 120 \text{ GeV}$$

Electron acceptance :

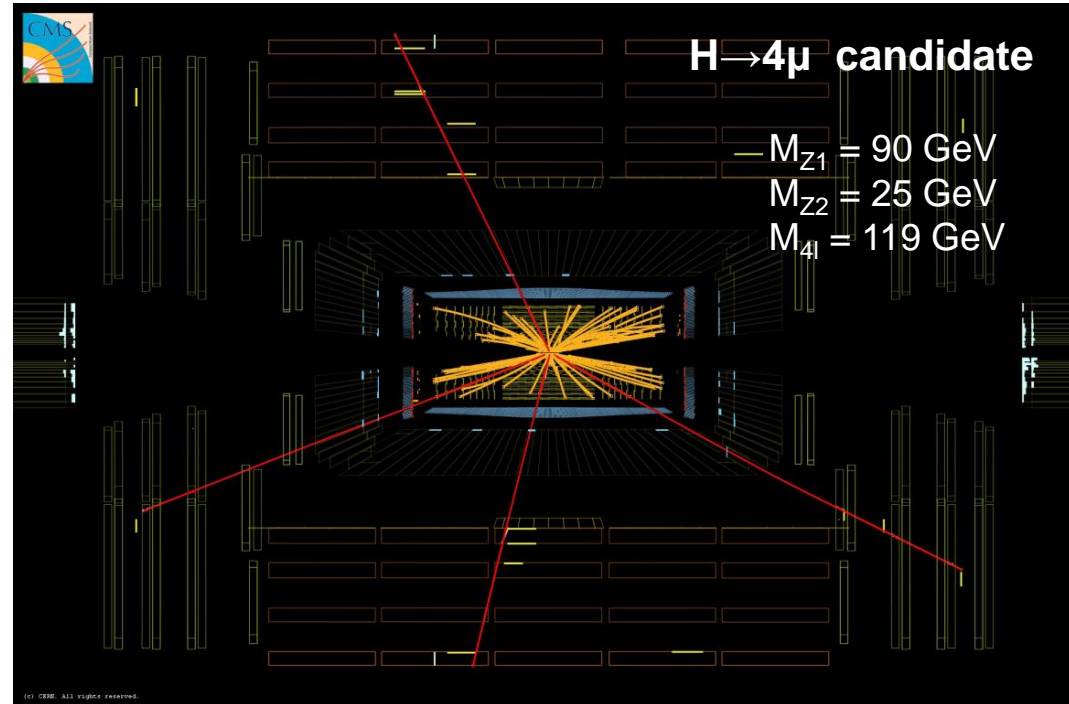
$$|\eta| < 2.5, p_T > 7 \text{ GeV}$$

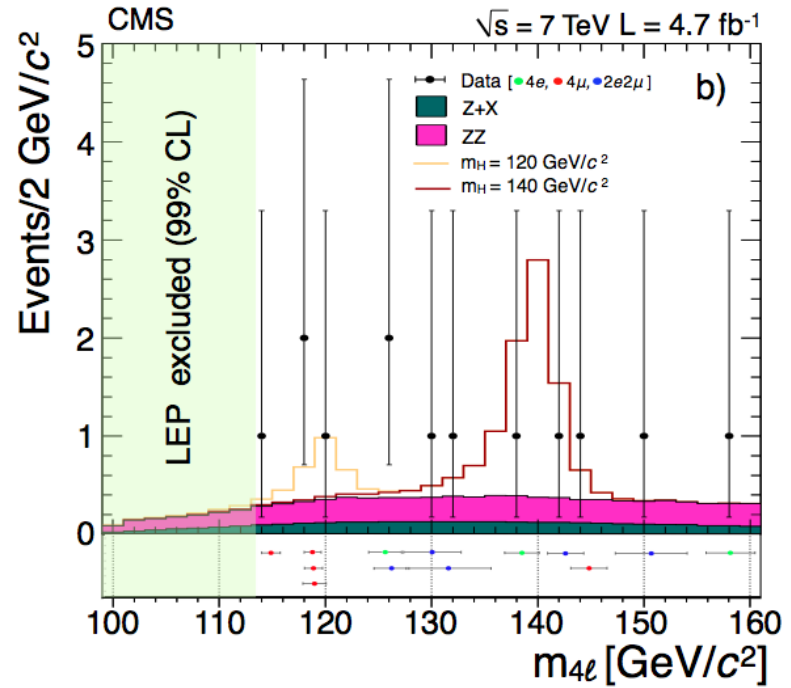
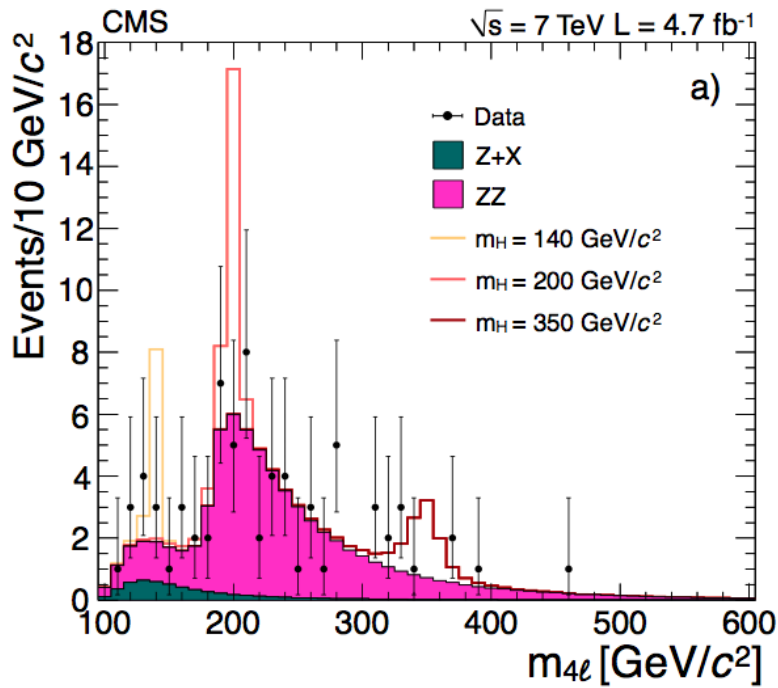
Muon acceptance :

$$|\eta| < 2.1, p_T > 5 \text{ GeV}$$

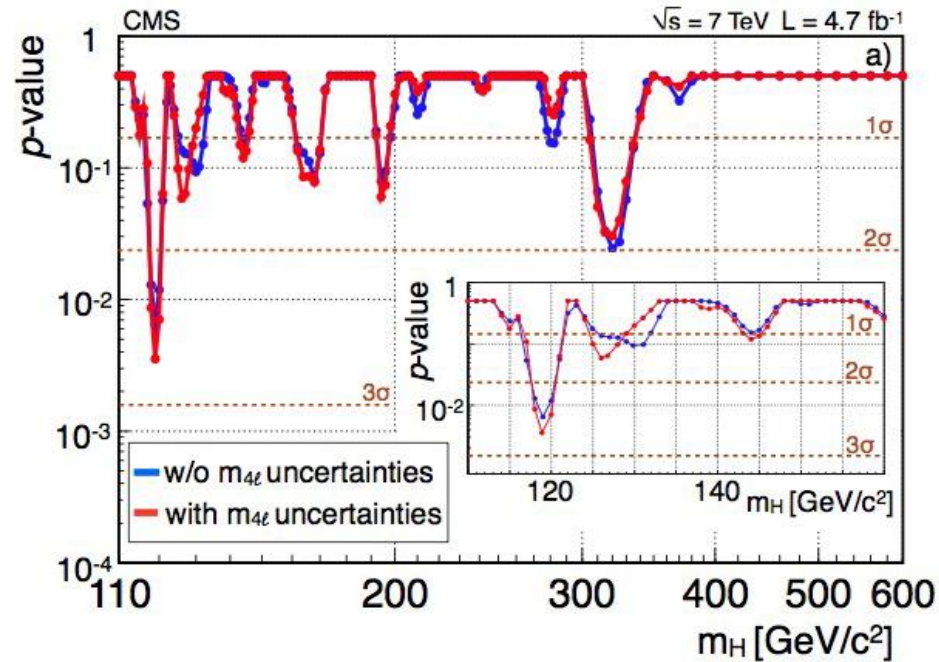
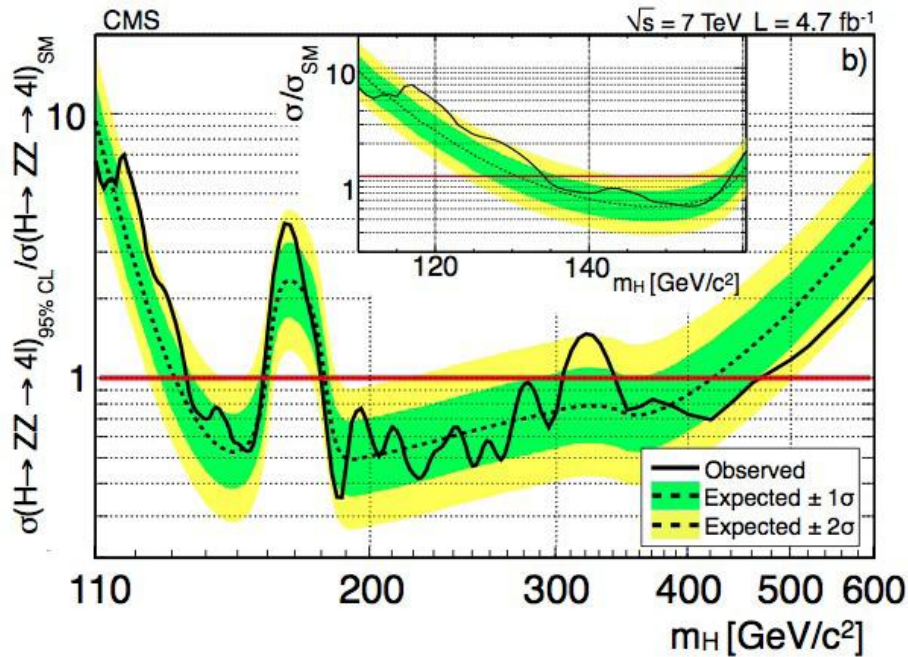
Irreducible ZZ → 4l continuum background  
estimated from MC normalized to Z + jets on  
data

Irreducible Z + bb and tt backgrounds  
estimated from Z + same-sign dilepton  
sample, with fakes rate from Z + loose  
lepton sample





Expected background  $67 \pm 6$  events, observed 72 events over the full mass range,  $9.5 \pm 1.3$  expected and 13 observed in [100 - 160] GeV

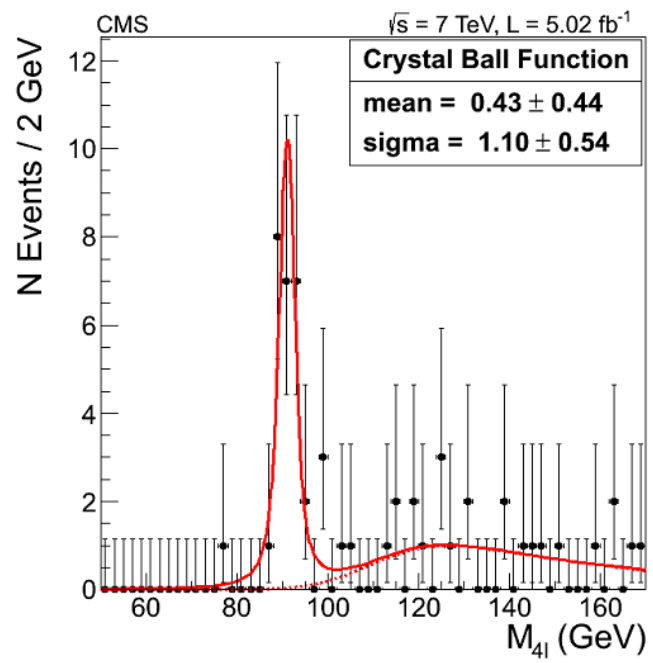
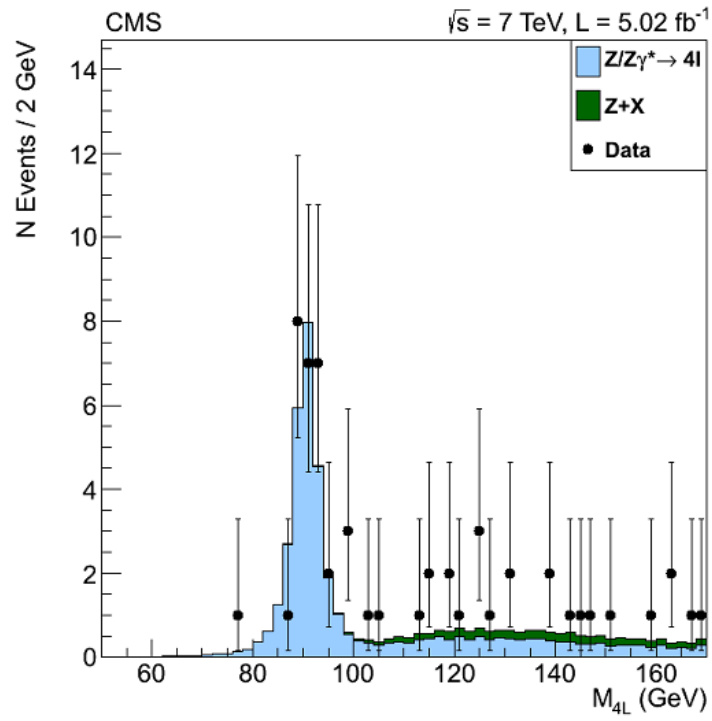
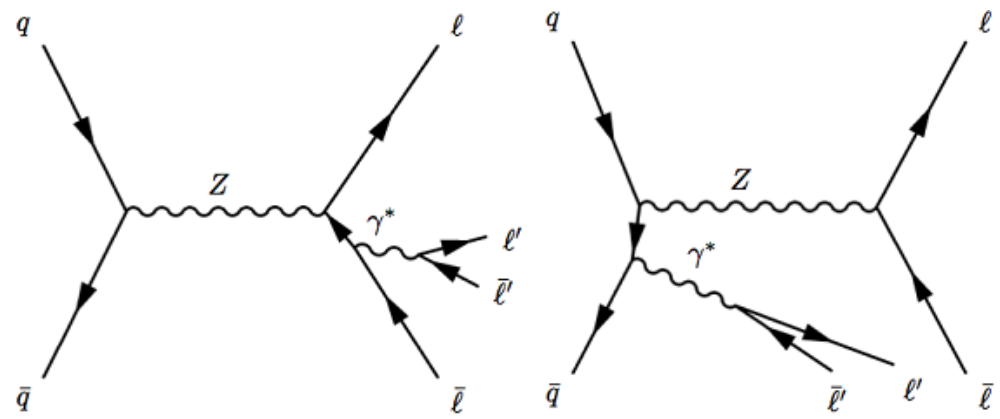


Largest excess observed **119.5 GeV** : Global significance **1.6  $\sigma$**   
 (2.5  $\sigma$  local)

**320 GeV** : Global significance **1.0  $\sigma$**  (2.0  $\sigma$  local)

Exclusion limit at 95% CL for  $M_H$  [134 - 158] , [180 - 305] and  
 [340 - 465] GeV

**Z → 4l** decays as a standard candle in the H → ZZ → 4l search mode



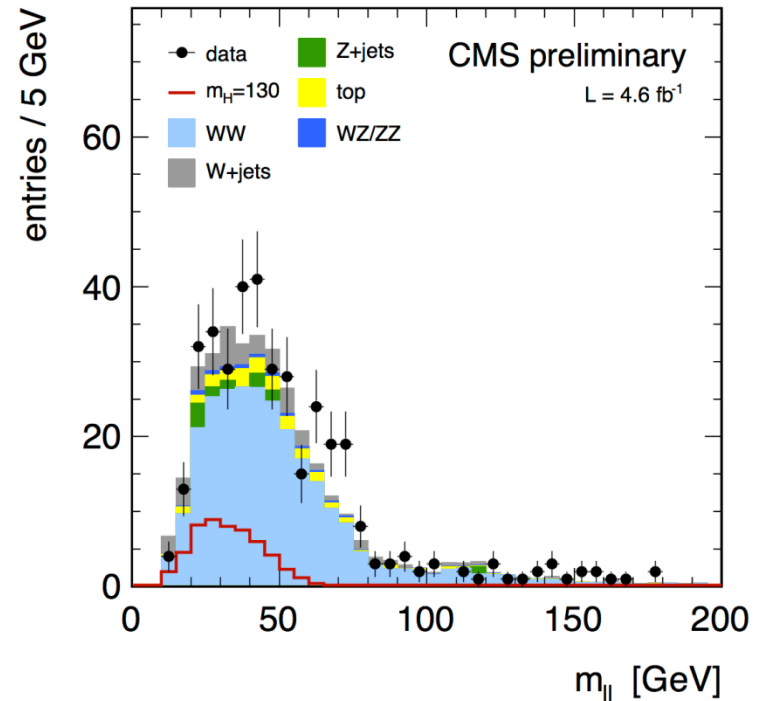
Z → 4l decay  
clean resonant  
peak in 4 lepton  
invariant mass  
distribution

statistical  
significance 9.7 σ

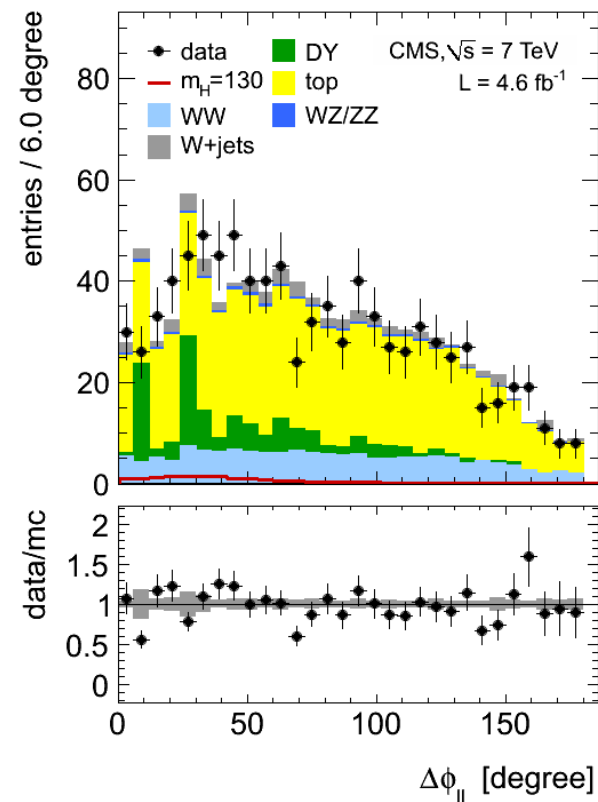
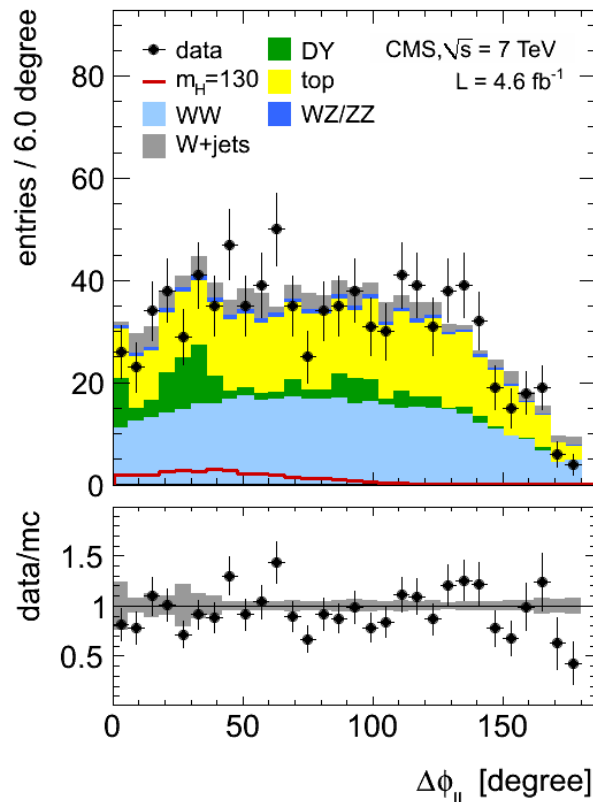
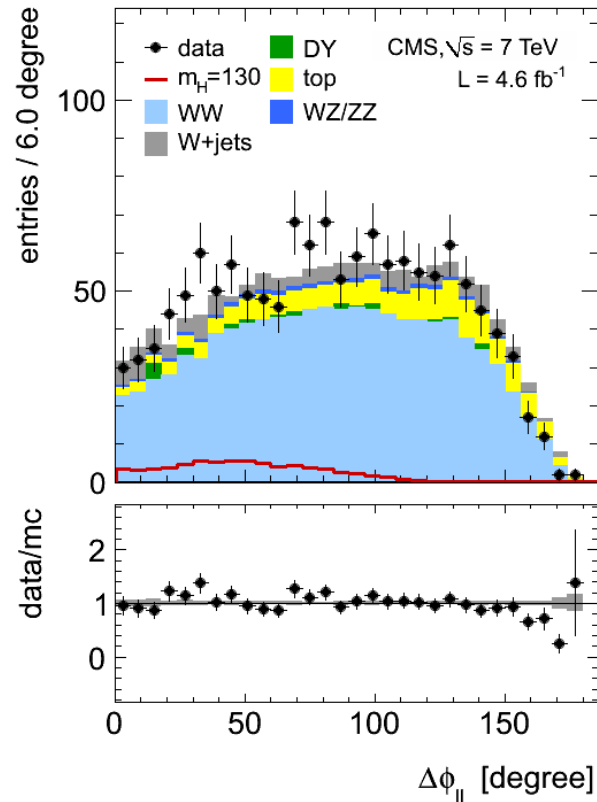
obs. 28 events  
exp. 29.4 events  
in 80 - 100 GeV  
mass window



- Two opposite charge isolated leptons with 20/10 (15) GeV  $p_T$  threshold for opposite-flavour (same flavour) events + MET (not compatible with a Z decay)
- Exclusive jet multiplicities (0, 1, VBF bins) and flavour (ee,  $\mu\mu$ ,  $e\mu$ )
- Main backgrounds: WW (irreducible), tt, Z+jets, W+jets, WZ, ZZ
- BDT-based shape analysis in 0,1 jet bins, cut and count in VBF
- BDT Input variables:  $p_T$  of leptons,  $M_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $\Delta R_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $M_T$  (for di-lepton system and each lepton)



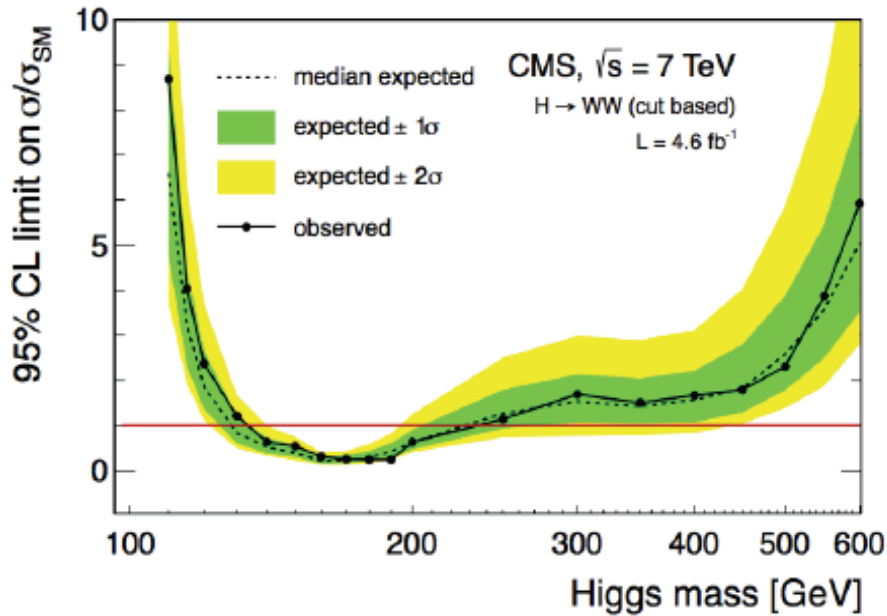
di-lepton invariant mass in the 0-jet bin at Higgs selection level



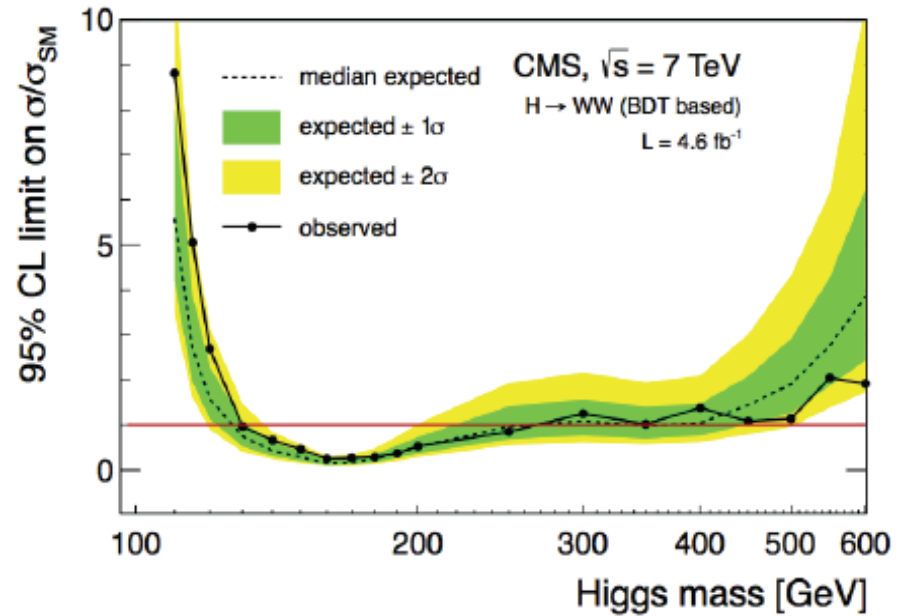
$\Delta\phi_{||}$  in the 0-jet / 1-jet / 2-jet bin at the Higgs selection level – dominance of different background contributions

No significant excess in the full mass range

Cut based



MVA based

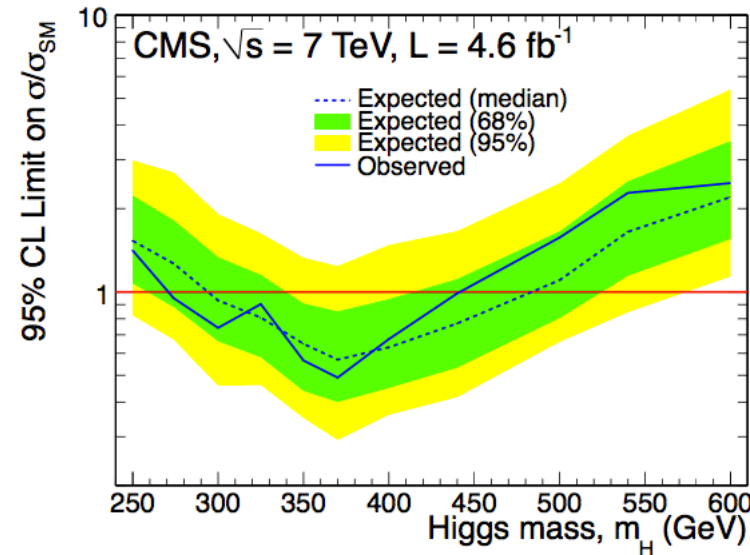
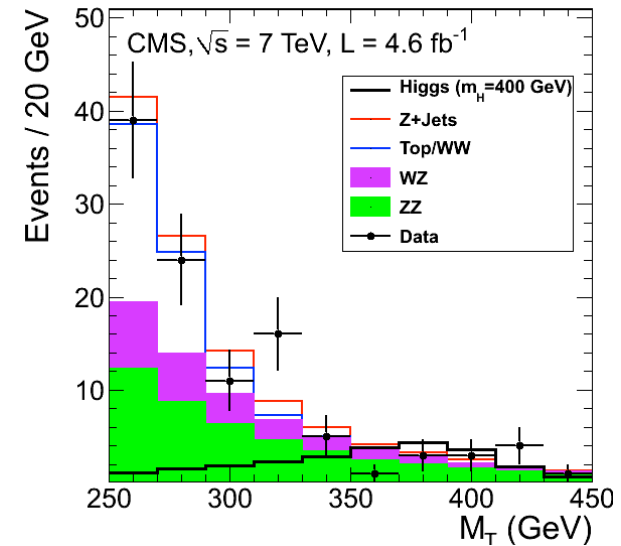
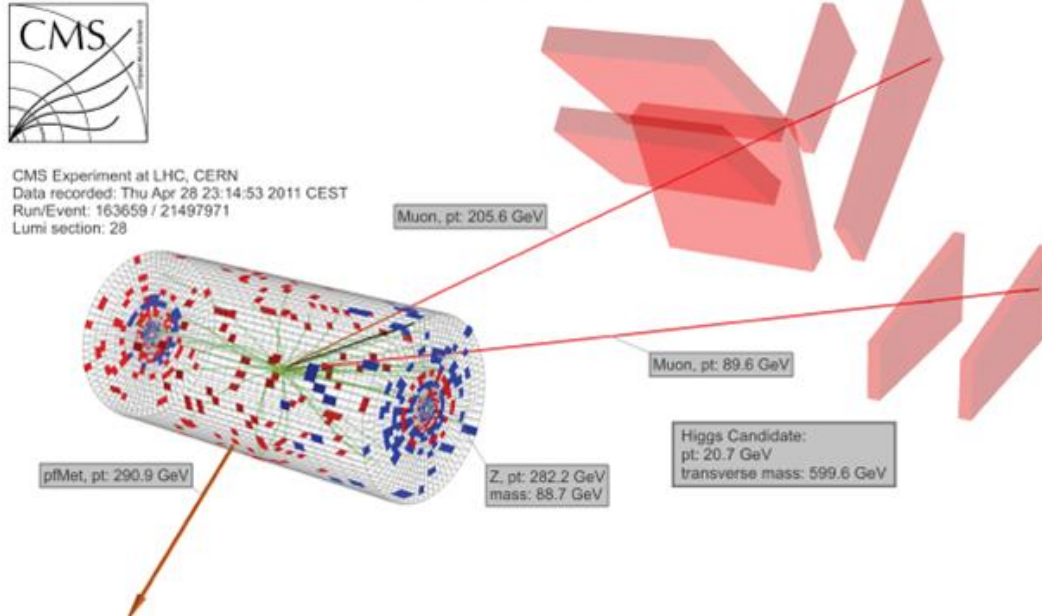


Multivariate analysis more sensitive → our baseline result

Slight excess seen at low mass

- 95% CL expected exclusion for  $M_H$  127 – 270 GeV
- 95% CL observed exclusion for  $M_H$  129 – 270 GeV

## H->ZZ->llvv candidate



Two analysis : **Cut & count** and **mass shape**

Discriminating variable for shape analysis : **transverse mass**

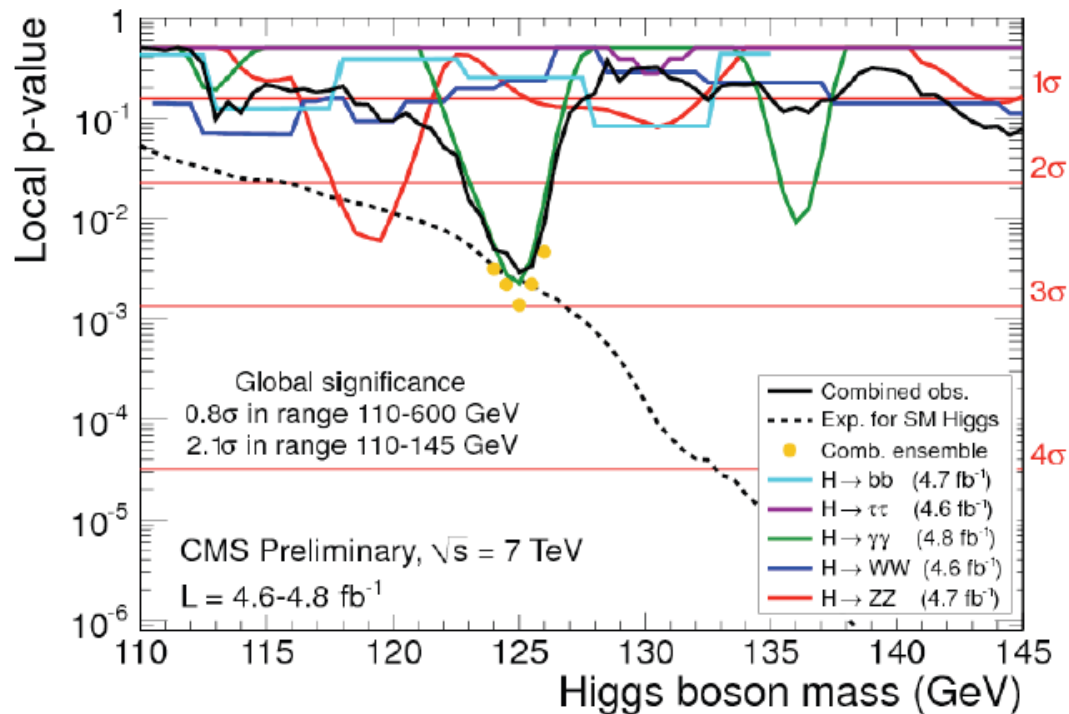
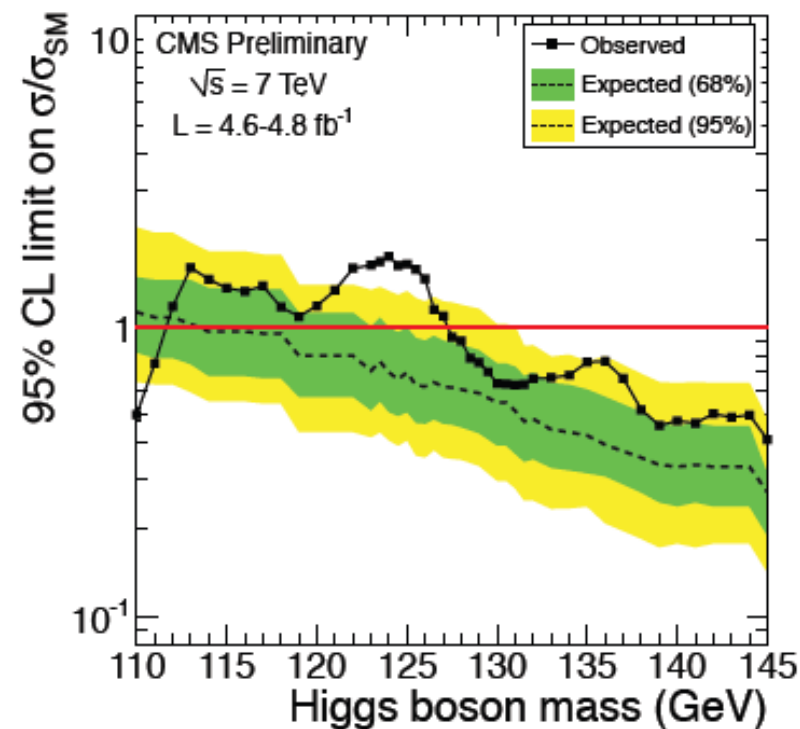
Background estimate :

- Z + jets estimated using  $\gamma$ -jet to model MET distribution
- Non-resonant background normalization from  $e\mu$  events
- ZZ and WZ from MC

Exclusion limits : **Expected 95% CL for  $M_H$  in [290-480] GeV**

**observed 95% CL for  $M_H$  in [270-440] GeV**

## Combination of all channels



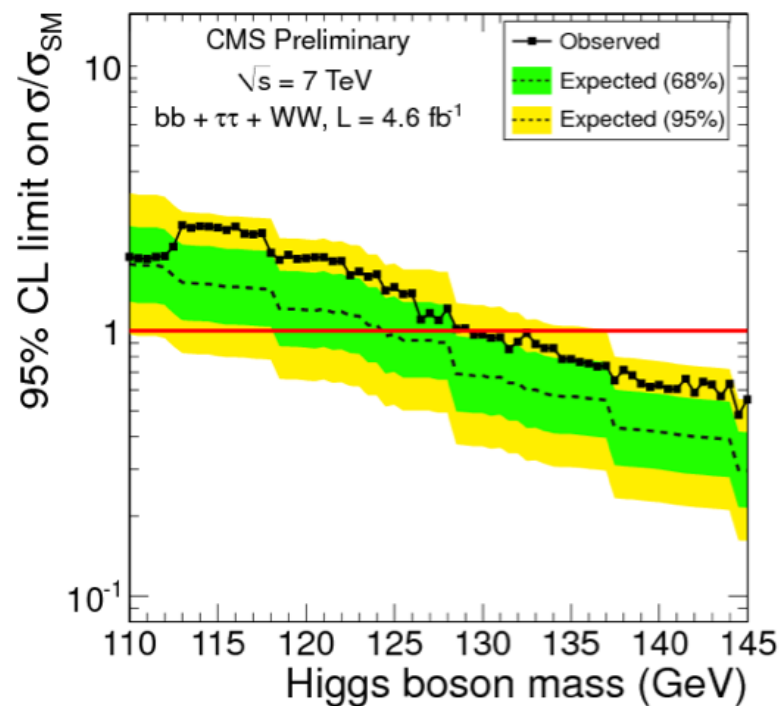
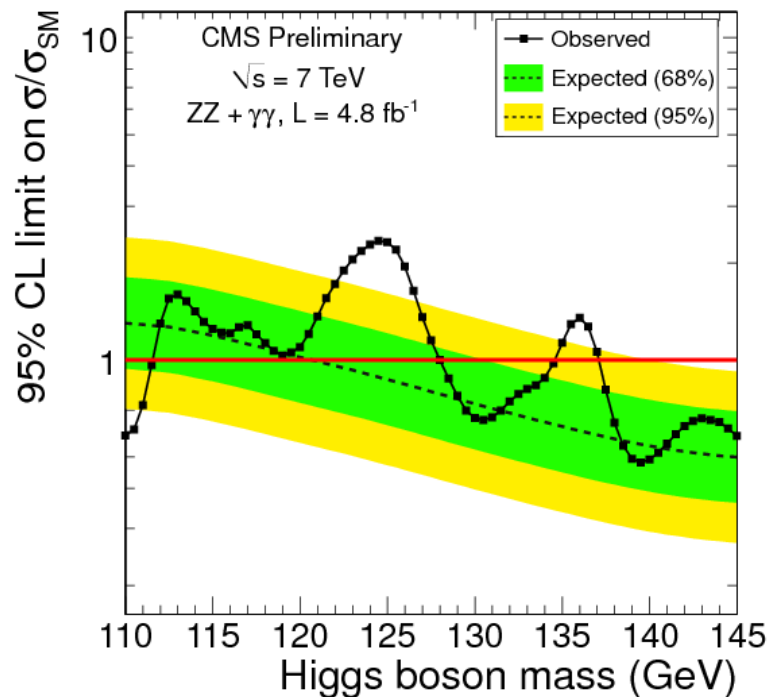
Minimum p-value observed at 125 GeV

Global significance  $2.1 \sigma$  [110-145] GeV ( $0.8 \sigma$  [110-600] GeV)

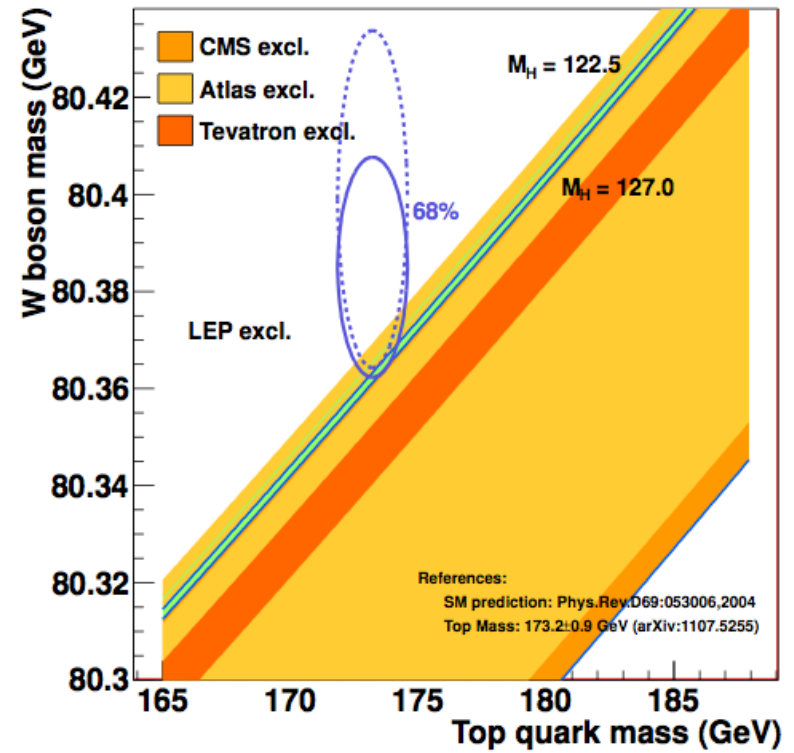
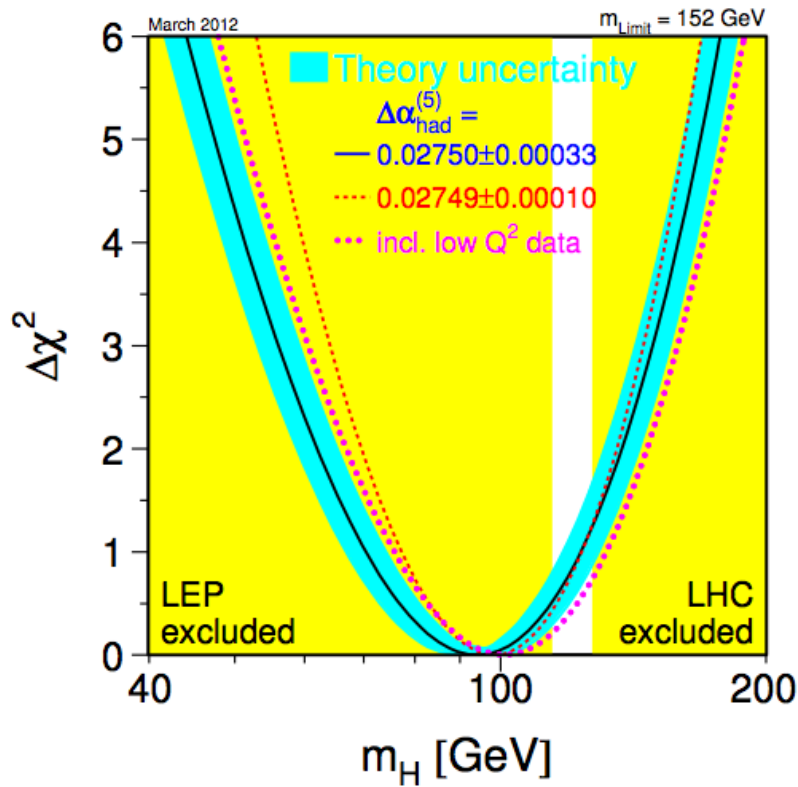
95% CL allowed mass range : [114.5 - 127.5] GeV



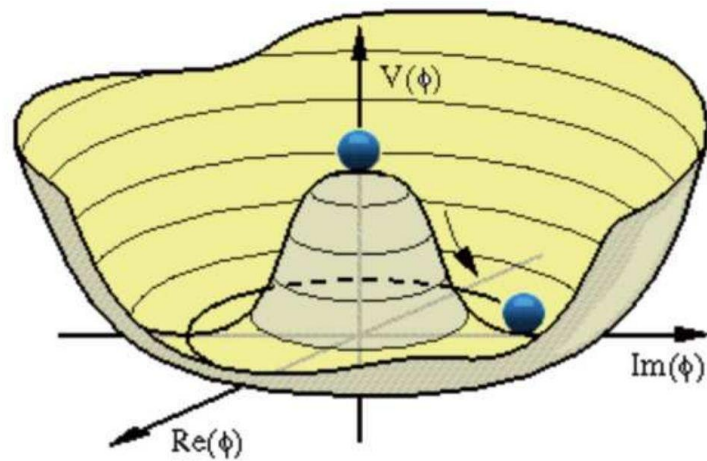
## Limits shown for two groups of channels



## Higgs search and the electroweak fits



## Part 2: BSM Higgs Boson



## Minimal Super-Symmetric Model (MSSM)

Two isospin Higgs doublets

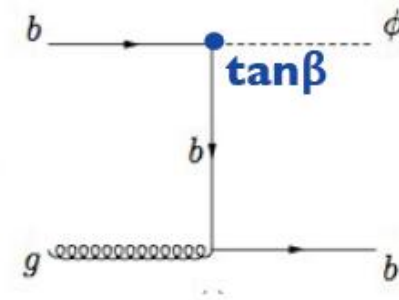
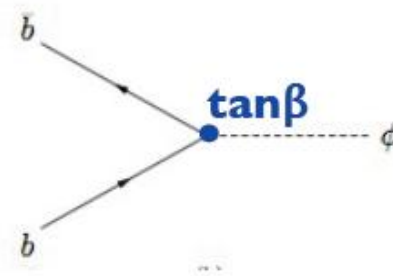
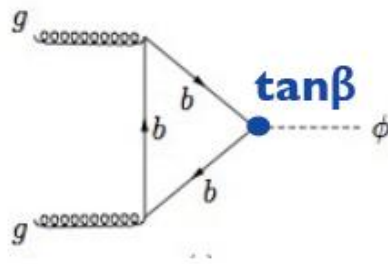
$$\mathbf{H}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} H_1^0 \\ H_1^- \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_2^+ \\ H_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2 Higgs doublets each with 4 degrees of freedom

EW symmetry breaking: 5 physical Higgs bosons

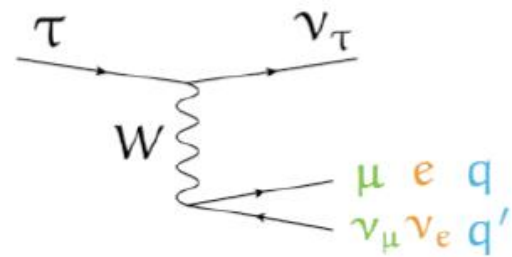
- $h, H$  (scalar, CP-even)
- $A$  (pseudo-scalar, CP-odd)
- $H^\pm$  (charged)

Production rate enhanced  $\times \tan^2\beta$   
 coupling  $bbA \sim \tan\beta$  at LO  
 $gg$  fusion with top/stop loops,  
 bottom/sbottom + associated  
 b quark production



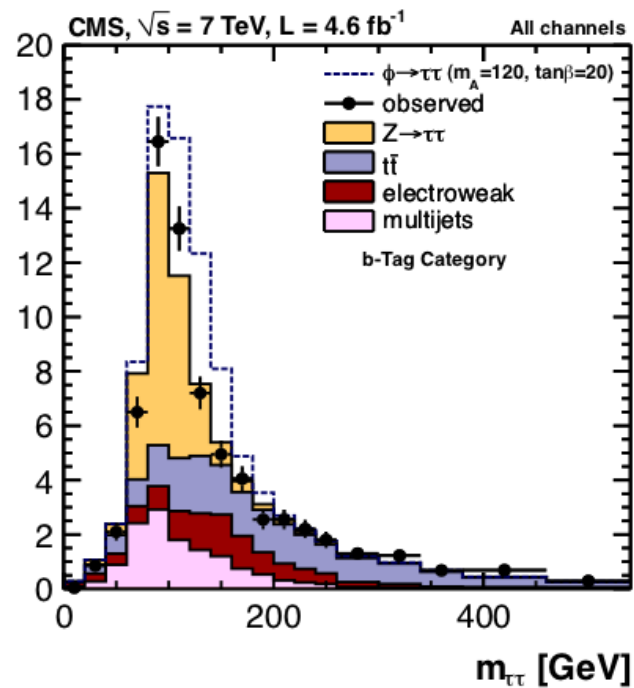
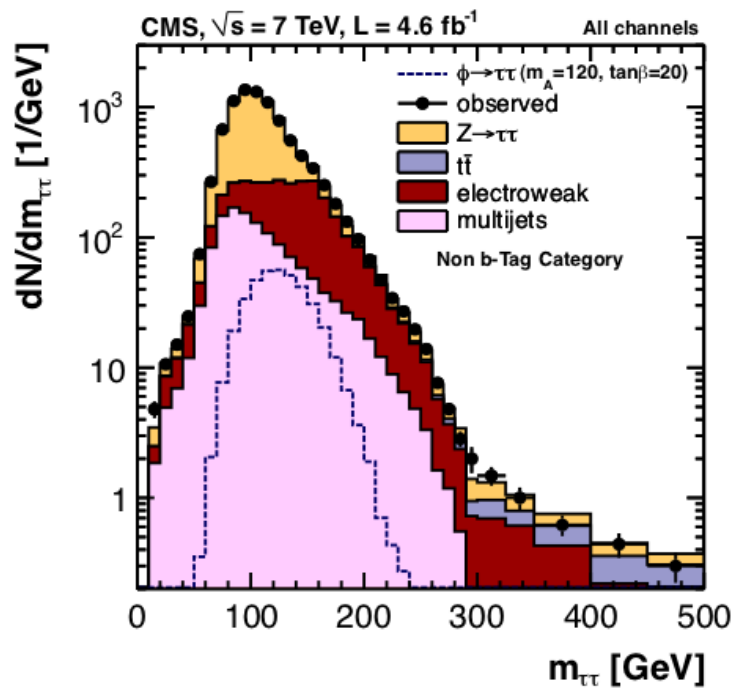
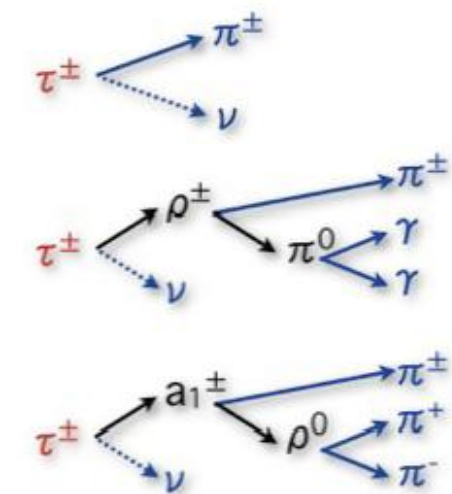
Decays to b-quark ( $\sim 90\%$ ) and  $\tau$  ( $\sim 10\%$ ) pairs  
 enhanced at all masses

2 parameters ( $M_A, \tan \beta$  – ratio of the two doublets)  
 study done in maximal mixing scenario

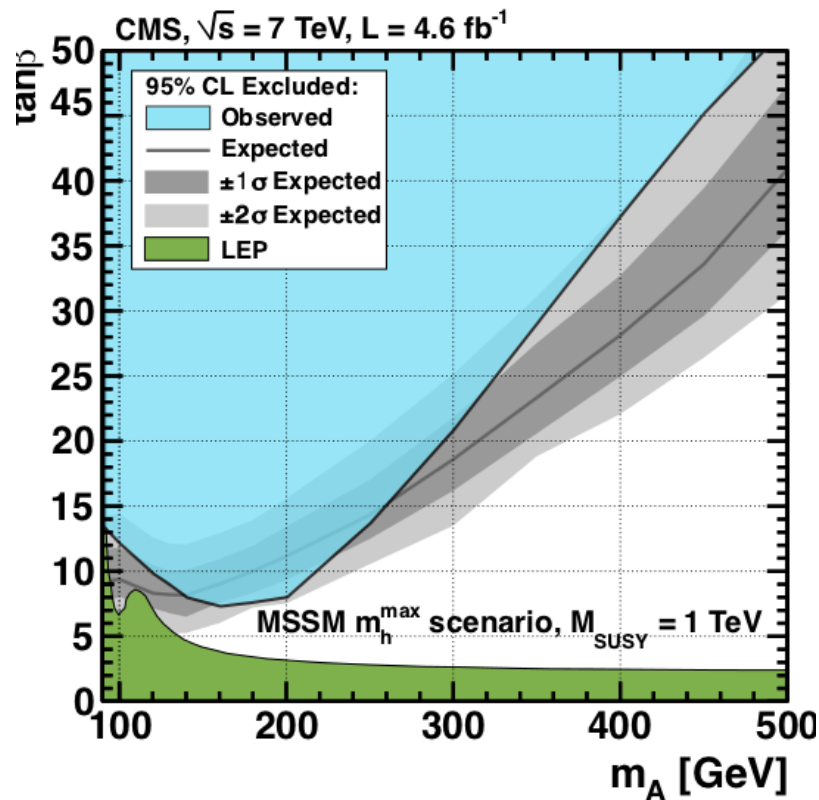


Tau pairs reconstructed in decays leptons (e/ $\mu$ )+ hadrons (1 or 3 prong) or e $\mu$

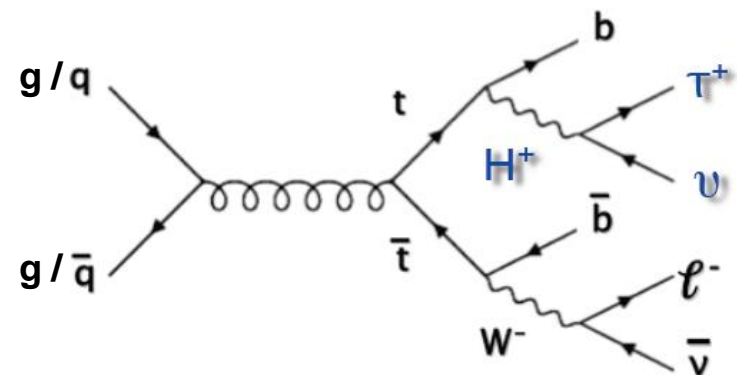
Two categories : non-b-tagged and b-tagged (to enhance bb $\Phi$  coupling)





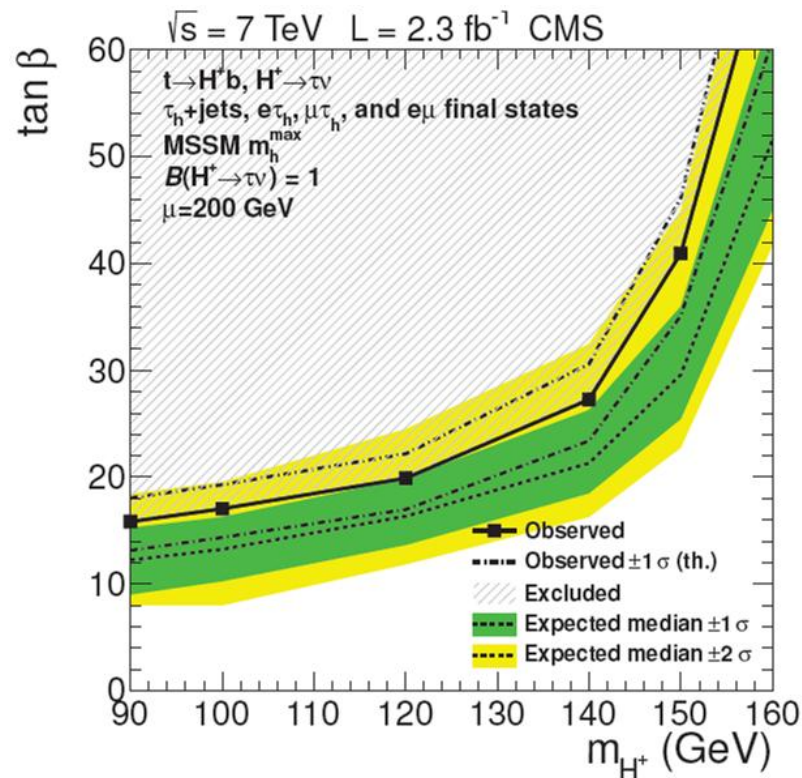
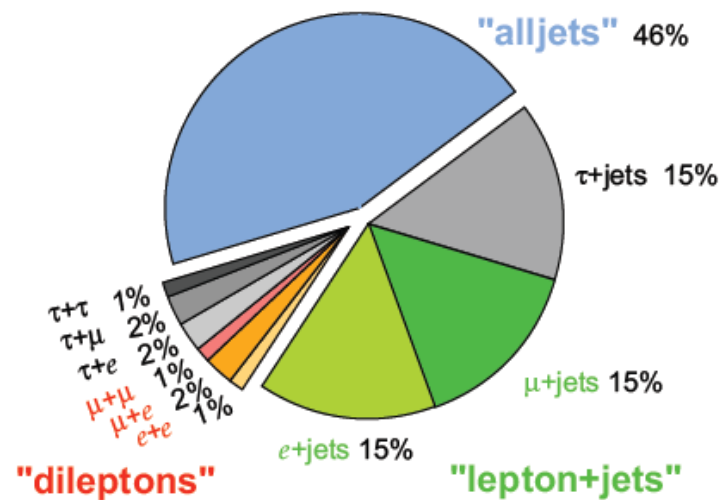


This excludes previously unexplored region:  
 reaching as low as  $\tan \beta = 7.1$  at  $m_A = 160 \text{ GeV}$



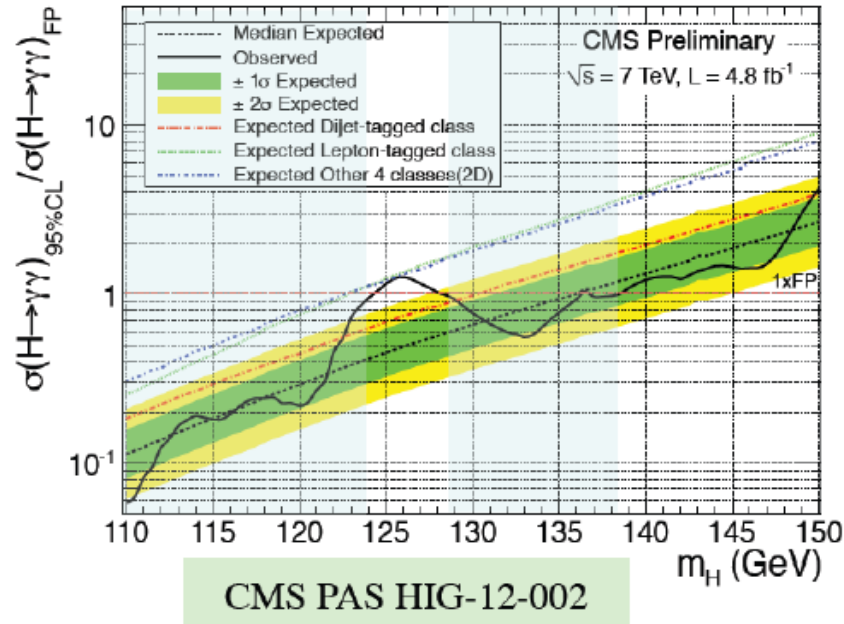
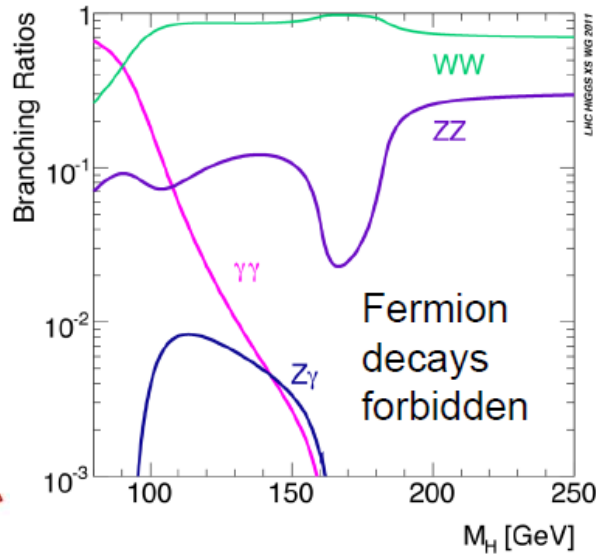
Event with ( $\tau + \text{MET}$ ) from  $H^\pm$ , 2 b-jets, 2 jets or ( $e/\mu + \text{MET}$ ) from W

Top Branching Fractions in SM

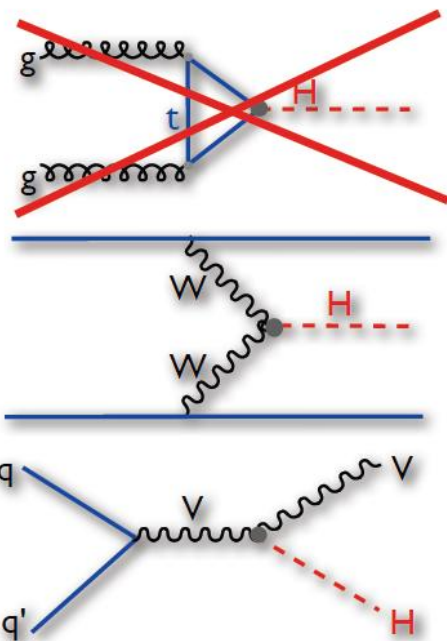


Significant constraint on  $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow H^+b) < 2 - 3\%$   
 Excludes a large region in  $m(H^+) - \tan \beta$  plane

**ggH forbidden, VBF or VH associated production only:**  
 exploit presence of 2 tag jets in forward region or associate W and Z (lepton-tag)



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**$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  enhanced by an order of magnitude wrt SM**  
 **$\gamma\gamma$  only expected exclusion  $m_H < 135$  GeV**  
**Small excess observed at 126 GeV**  
 **$2.7\sigma$  local significance,  $1.2\sigma$  global significance (LEE)**

**Combination VBF and VH with  $H \rightarrow WW, ZZ$  dilutes excess to  $< 1\sigma$**

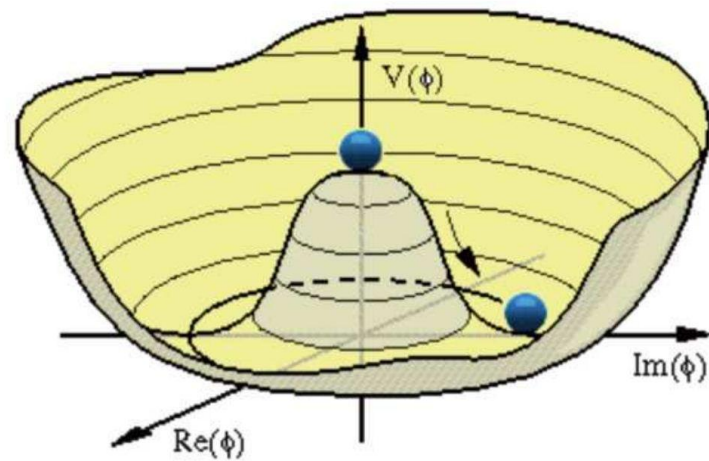
- SM Higgs boson search in 11 independent channels combined in CMS
  - Expected 95% exclusion for  $M_H$  114.5-543 GeV
  - Observed 95% exclusion for  $M_H$  127.5-600 GeV
- SM Higgs boson, if it exists, is limited at 95% CL to 114.5-127.5 GeV
- Excess observed around 125 GeV with local significance  $2.8 \sigma$  and global significance  $0.8\sigma$  (full search range) and  $2.1 \sigma$  (110-145 GeV)
- The excess is both consistent with a background fluctuation, or with the ‘birth’ of a signal for a Higgs Boson around 125 GeV
  
- Broad program of BSM Higgs searches with the CMS detector
- MSSM Higgs parameters constrained with  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- Small excess for the  $\gamma\gamma$  channel in the fermiophobic model
- No evidence for new BSM Physics in the Higgs sector so far

- No conclusive statement drawn on SM Higgs from 2011 data.
- 2012 data would have major impact! Analysis of 2012 data underway
- CMS has recorded over  $4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity at 8 TeV so far
- 2012 data will either discover the Higgs or exclude it completely in 114.5 – 127.5 GeV
- New techniques to further improve the analysis and results ongoing
- Expecting something sensational! Exciting time ahead of us!

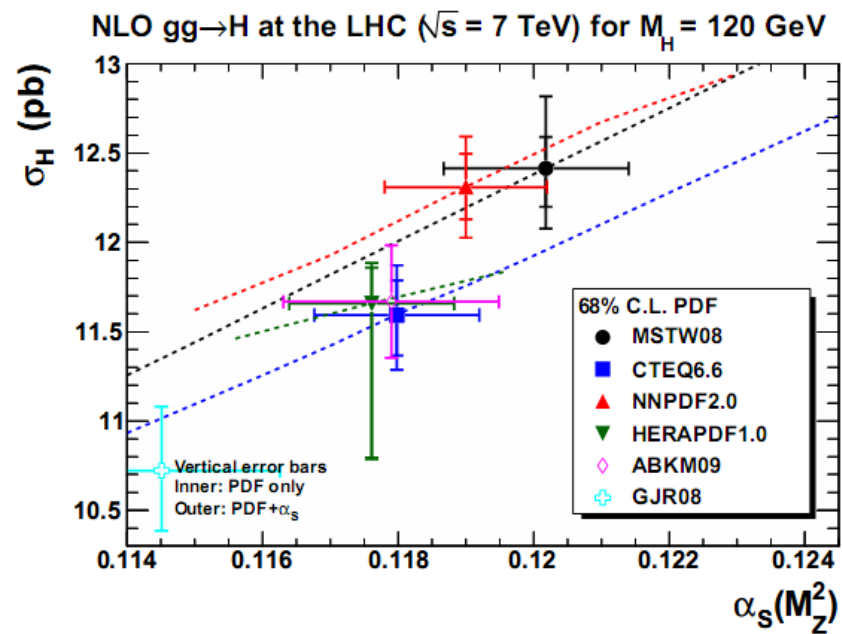
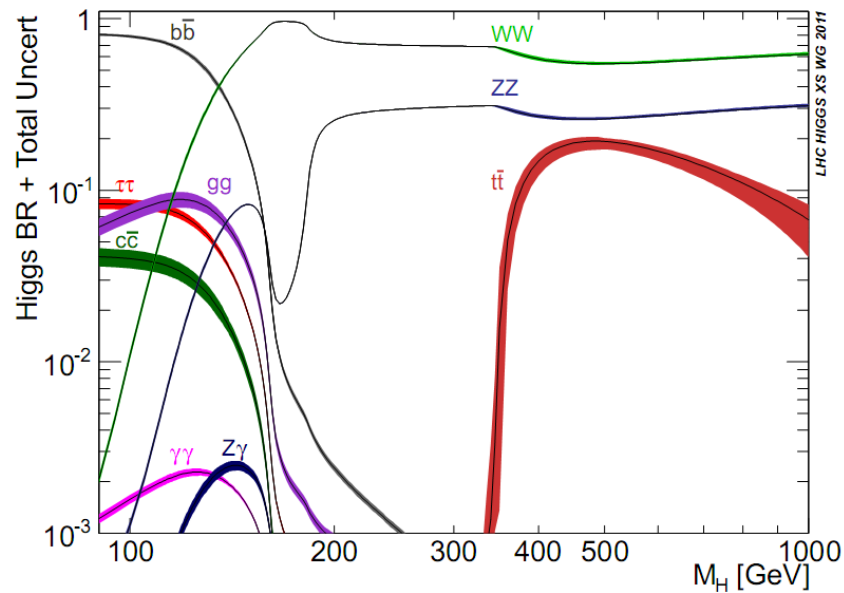
- 2012 data @ 8 TeV with  $15 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  expected to shed light on BSM Higgs
- Further scan of MSSM Higgs parameter space
- Fermiophobic, Doubly Charged Higgs, NMSSM scenarios
- Possibility of non-SUSY scenario investigation

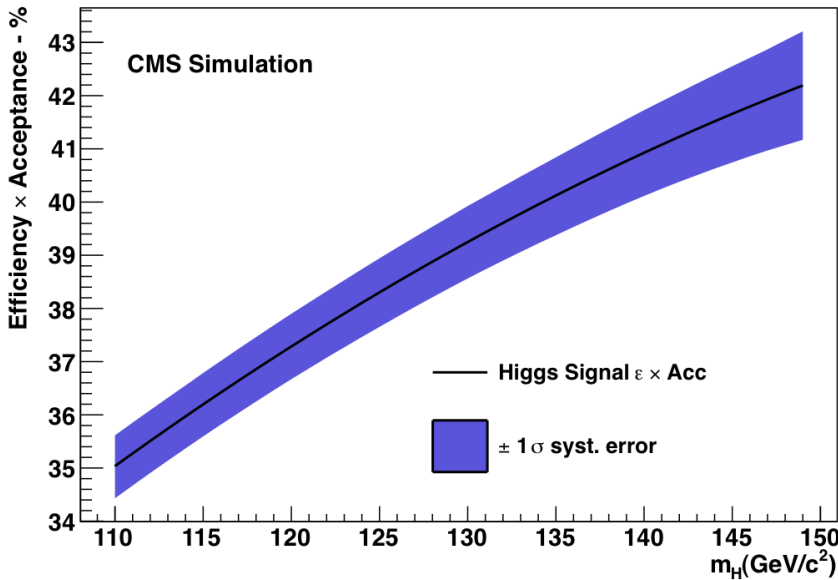
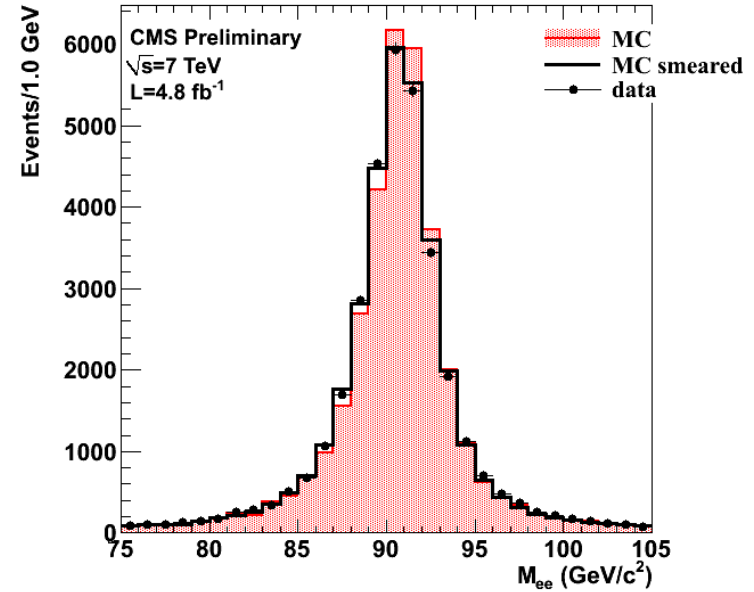
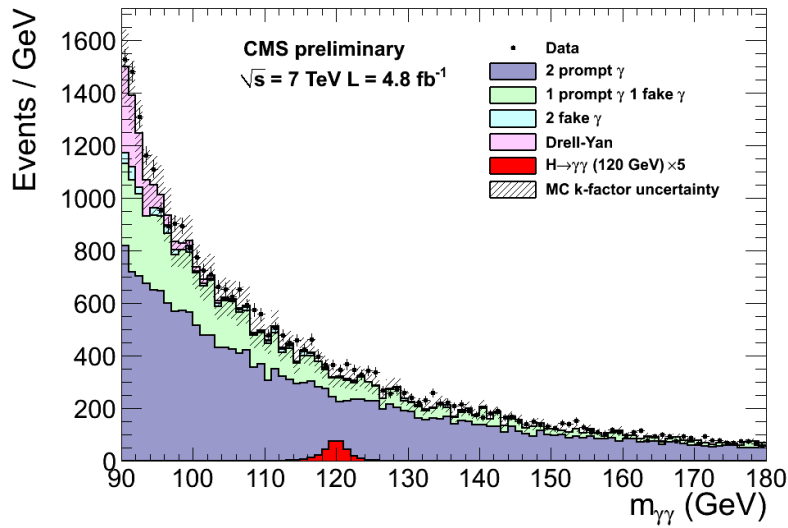


# Back-up Slides









Energy resolution in different regions of the detector  
 = smearing energies of electrons in MC simulated  $Z \rightarrow ee$   
 = comparing the resulting  $Z$  mass distribution with data.

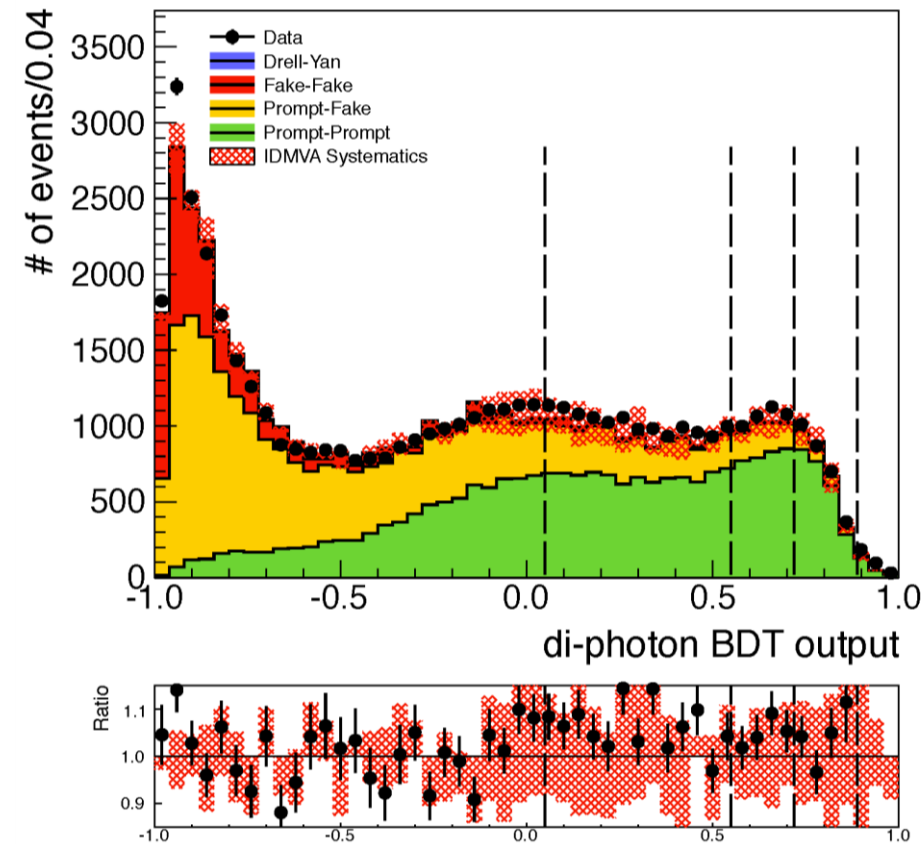
Photon identification efficiencies: using a tag and probe applied to  $Z \rightarrow ee$  events (for all requirements except the electron veto).

Both statistical and systematic errors for the data measurement combined quadratically to calculate error on ratio  $\text{eff}(\text{data})/\text{eff}(\text{MC})$ .

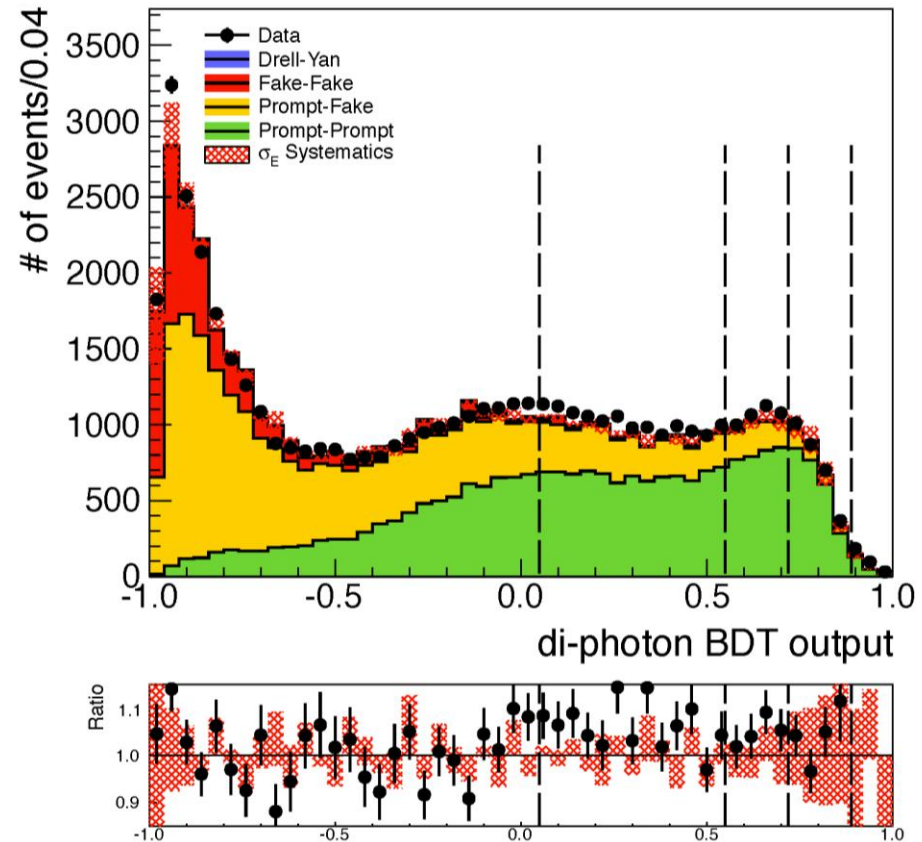
Category	$\epsilon_{\text{data}}$ (%)	$\epsilon_{\text{MC}}$ (%)	$\epsilon_{\text{data}}/\epsilon_{\text{MC}}$
Barrel, $R_9 > 0.94$	$89.26 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.04$	$90.61 \pm 0.05$	$0.985 \pm 0.001$
Barrel, $R_9 < 0.94$	$68.31 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.55$	$68.16 \pm 0.05$	$1.002 \pm 0.008$
Endcap, $R_9 > 0.94$	$73.65 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.39$	$73.45 \pm 0.12$	$1.002 \pm 0.006$
Endcap, $R_9 < 0.94$	$51.25 \pm 0.11 \pm 1.25$	$48.70 \pm 0.08$	$1.052 \pm 0.026$

Number of selected events in different event classes, for a SM Higgs boson signal ( $m_H = 120$  GeV) and mass resolution, and for data at 120 GeV

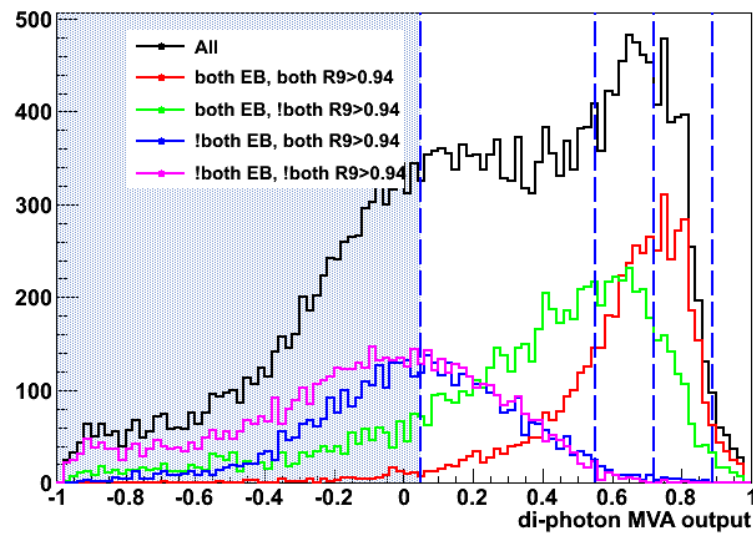
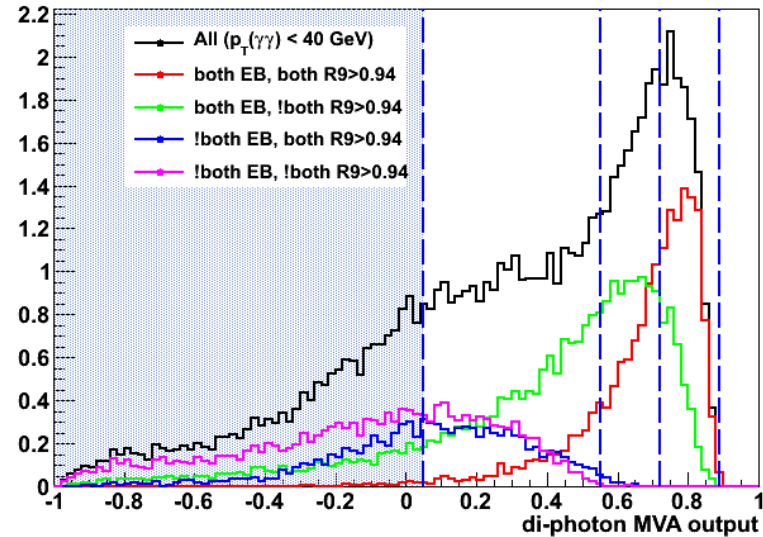
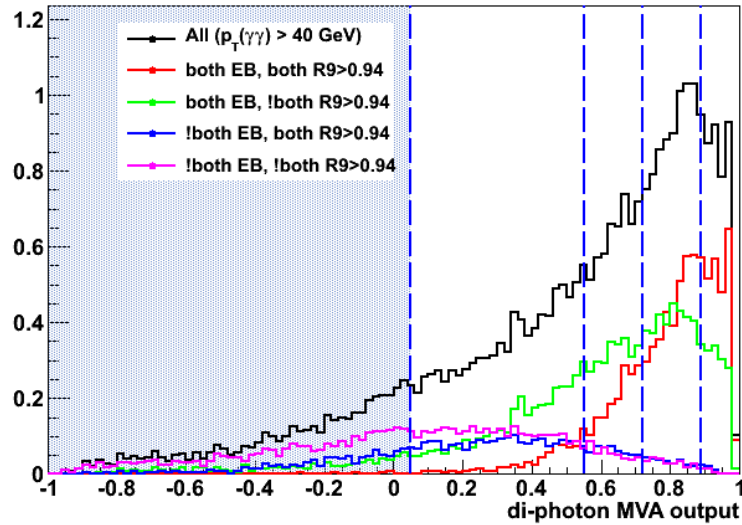
	Both photons in barrel		One or both in endcap		Dijet tag
	$R_9^{\min} > 0.94$	$R_9^{\min} < 0.94$	$R_9^{\min} > 0.94$	$R_9^{\min} < 0.94$	
SM signal expected	25.2 (33.5%)	26.6 (35.3%)	9.5 (12.6%)	11.4 (14.9%)	2.8 (3.7%)
Data (events/GeV)	97.5 (22.8%)	143.4 (33.6%)	76.7 (17.9%)	107.4 (25.1%)	2.3 (0.5%)
$\sigma_{\text{eff}}$ (GeV)	1.39	1.84	2.76	3.19	1.71
FWHM/2.35 (GeV)	1.19	1.53	2.81	3.18	1.37

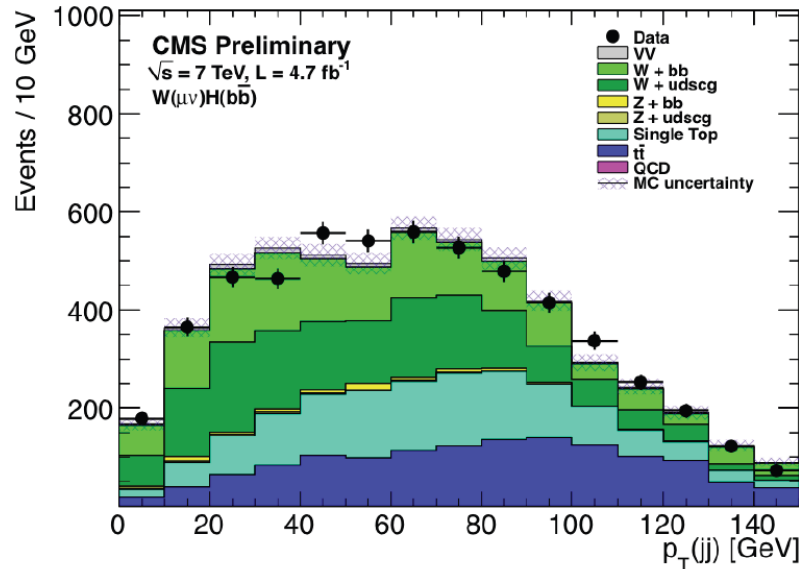


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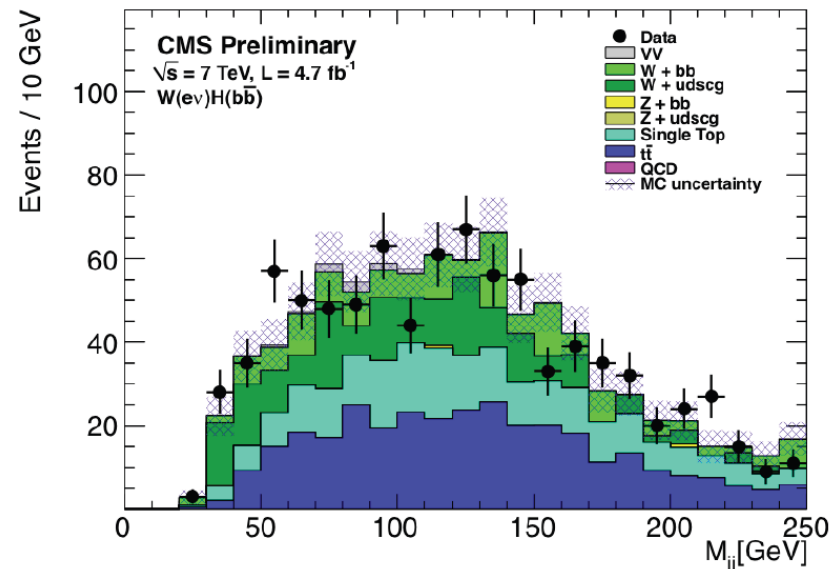


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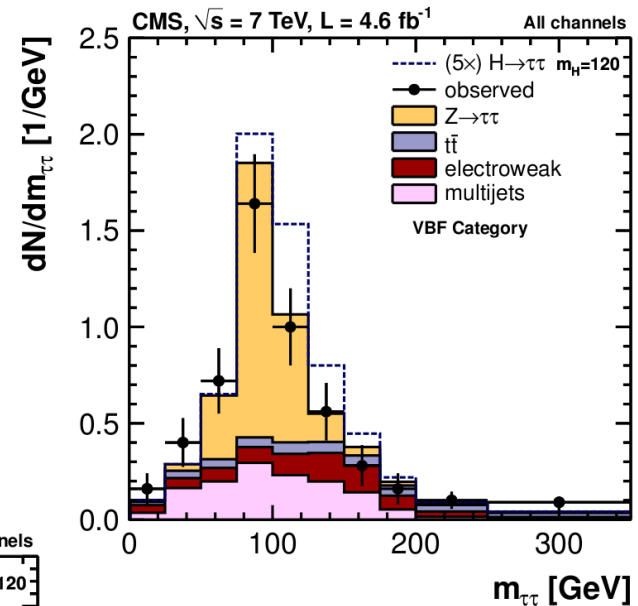
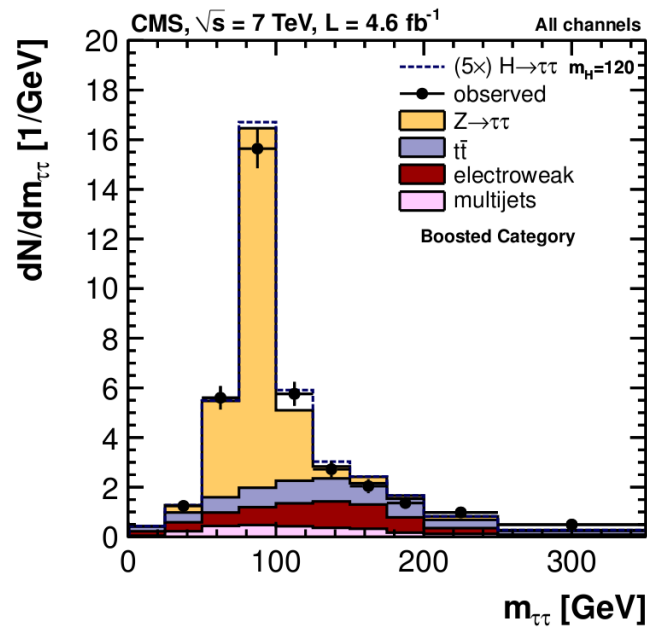
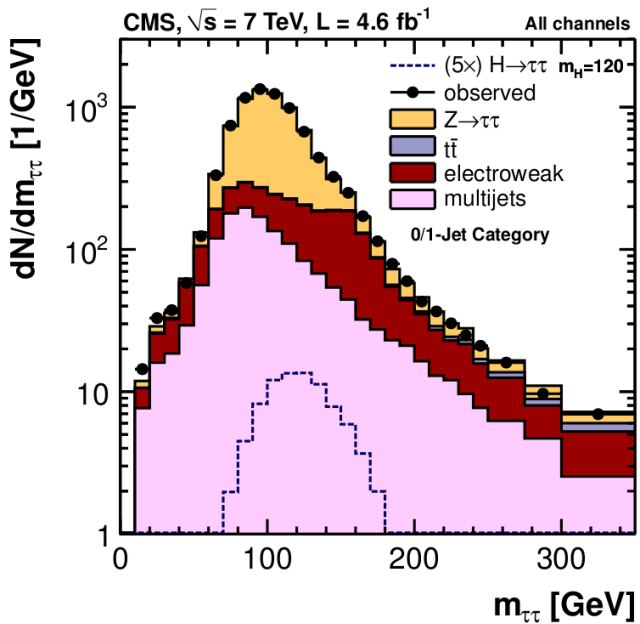


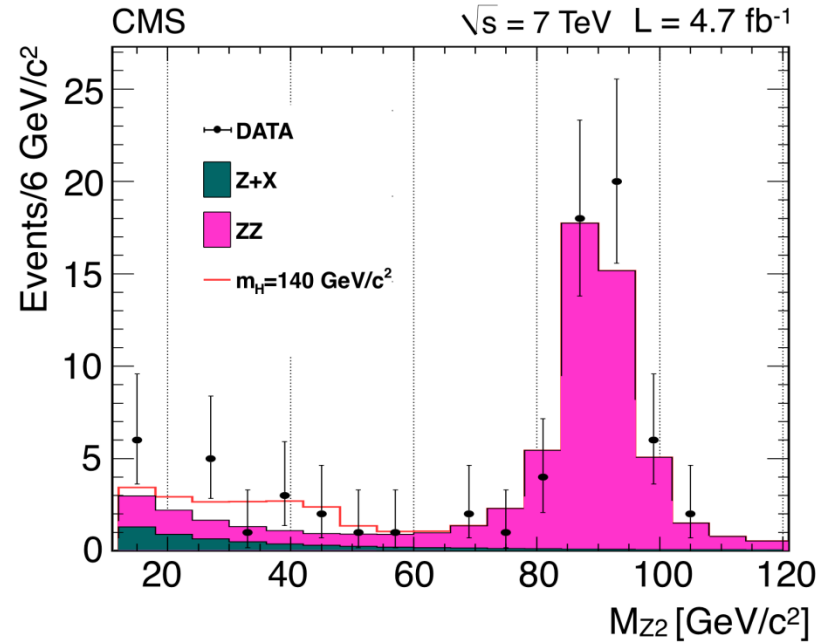
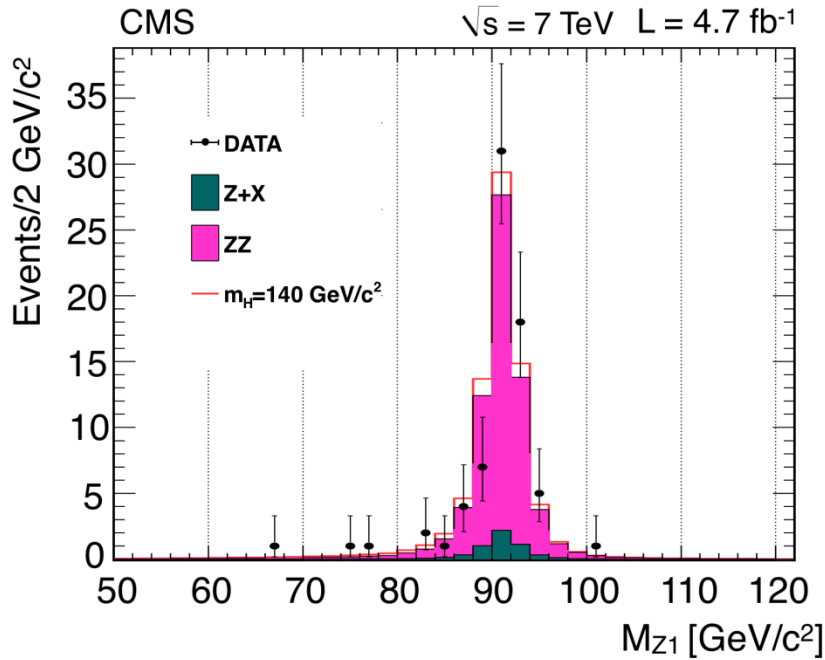
Di-jet  $p_T$  in the W + bb control region for  $W(\mu\nu)H(bb)$



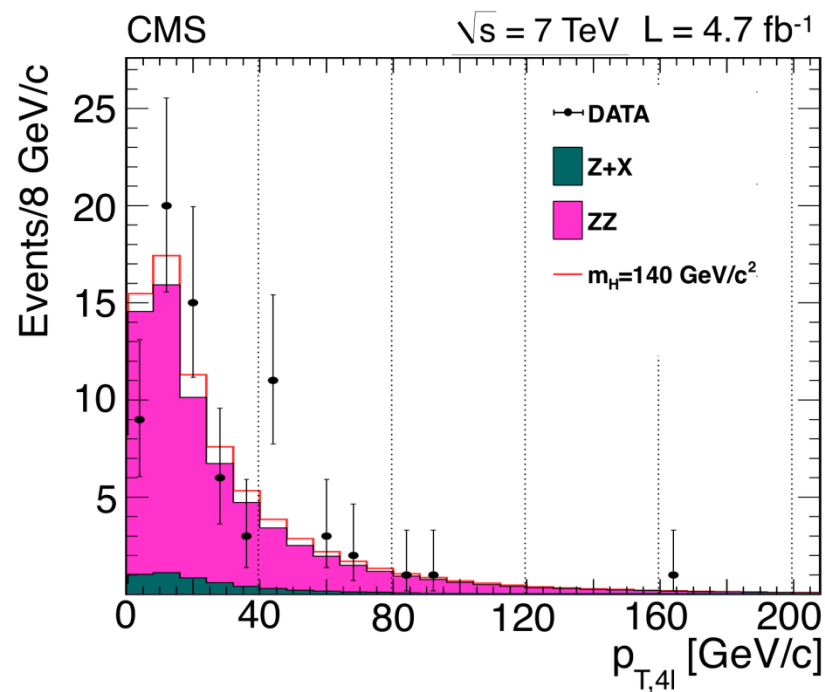
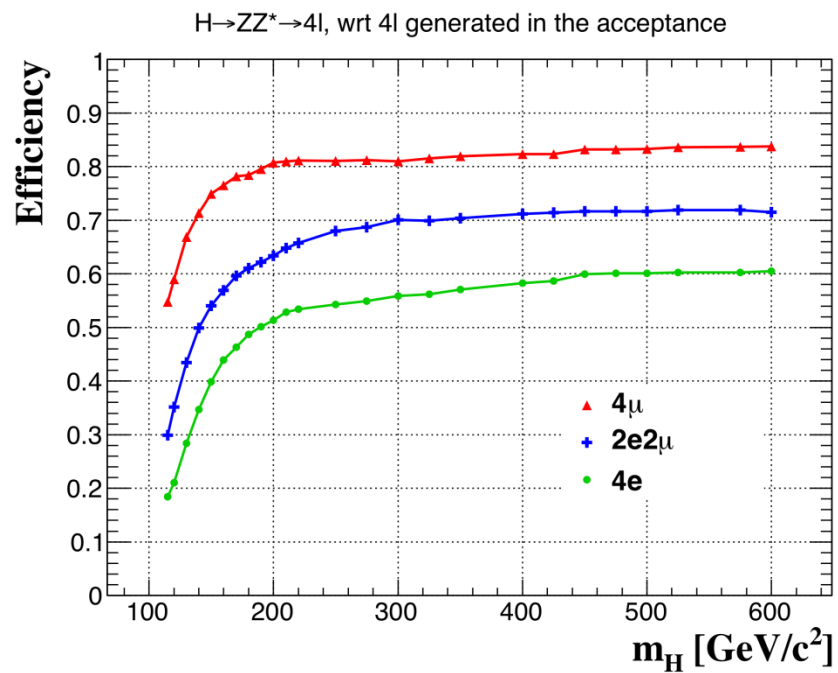
Di-jet invariant mass in the W + bb control region for  $W(e\nu)H(bb)$

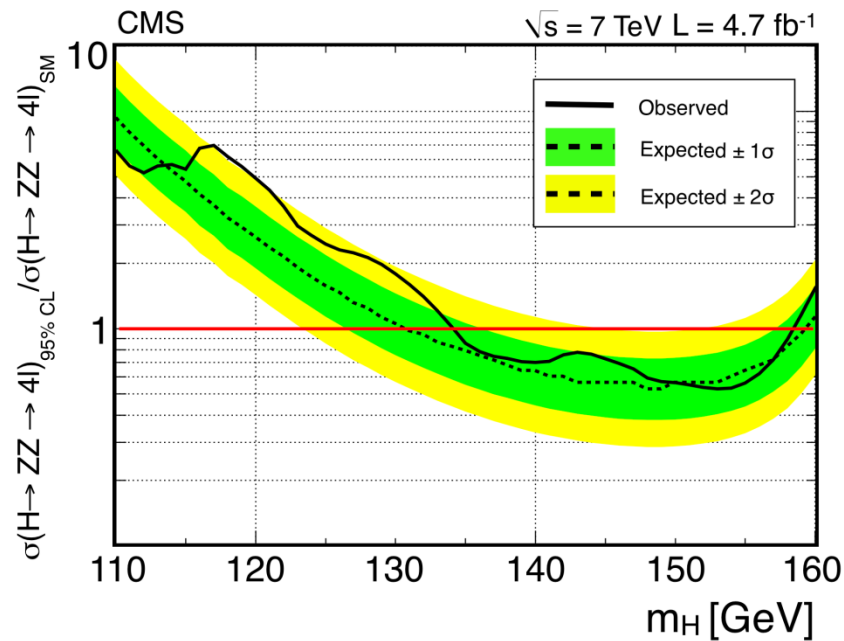
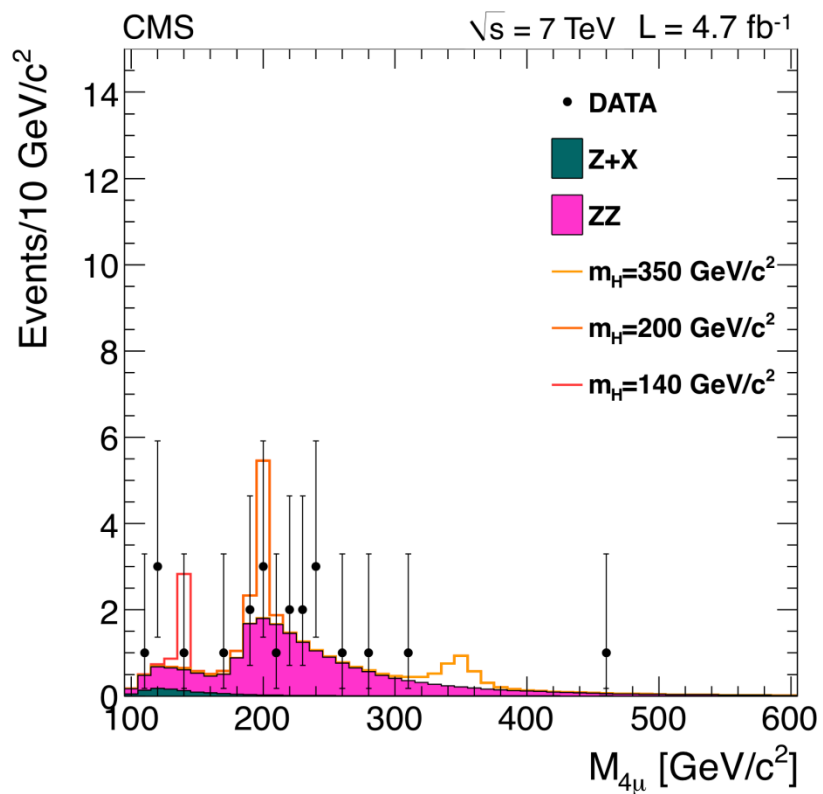


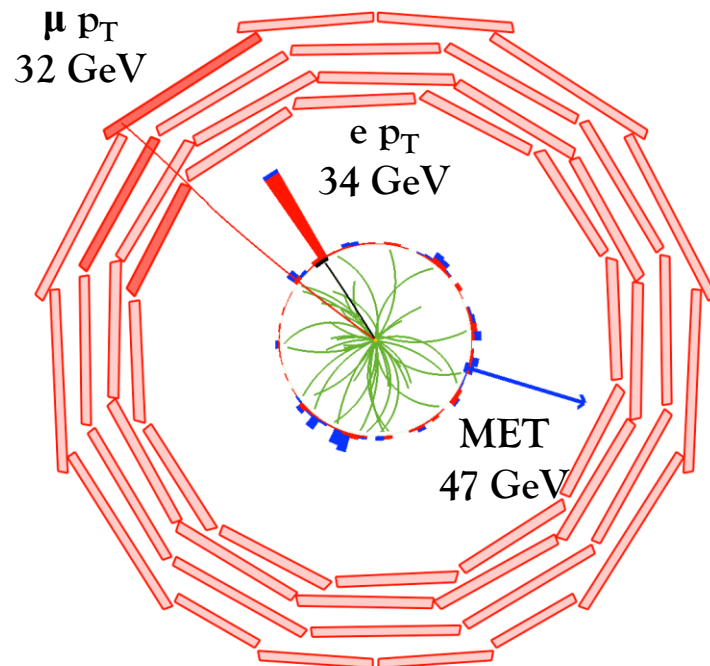
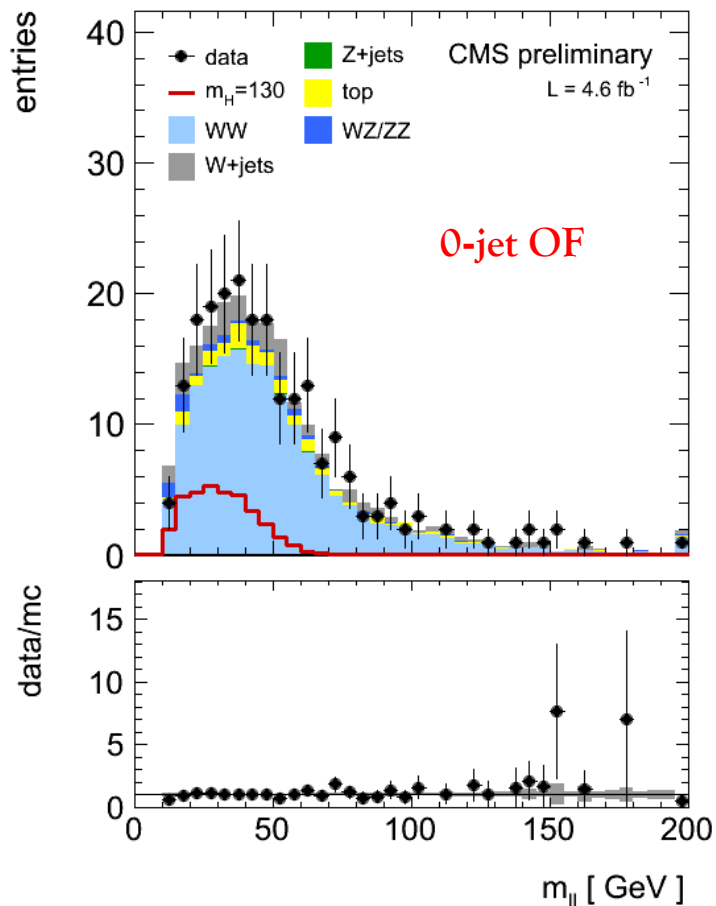




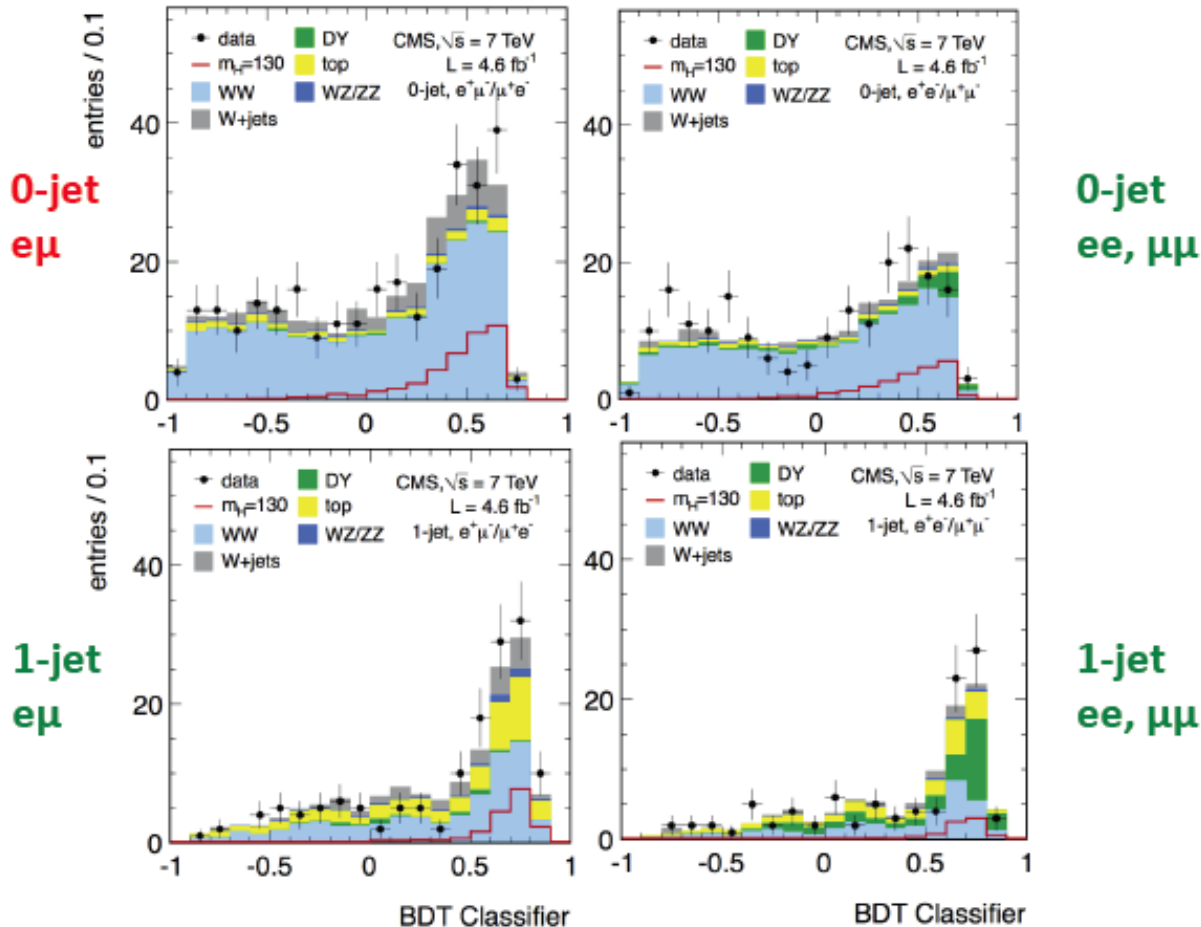
Baseline	4e	4μ	2e2μ
ZZ	$12.27 \pm 1.16$	$19.11 \pm 1.75$	$30.25 \pm 2.78$
Z+X	$1.67 \pm 0.55$	$1.13 \pm 0.55$	$2.71 \pm 0.96$
All background	$13.94 \pm 1.28$	$20.24 \pm 1.83$	$32.96 \pm 2.94$
$m_H = 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0.25	0.62	0.68
$m_H = 140 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	1.32	2.48	3.37
$m_H = 350 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	1.95	2.61	4.64
Observed	12	23	37





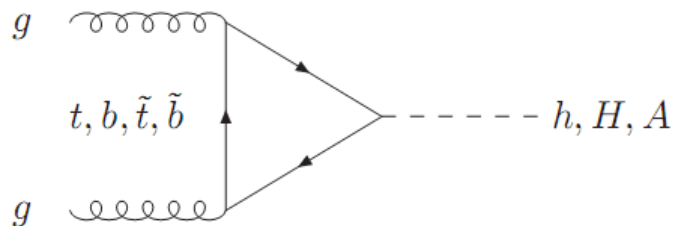


$M_H = 130$  GeV



Most sensitive channel is  $e\mu$  in 0-jet bin  
higher s/b and smaller systematic errors

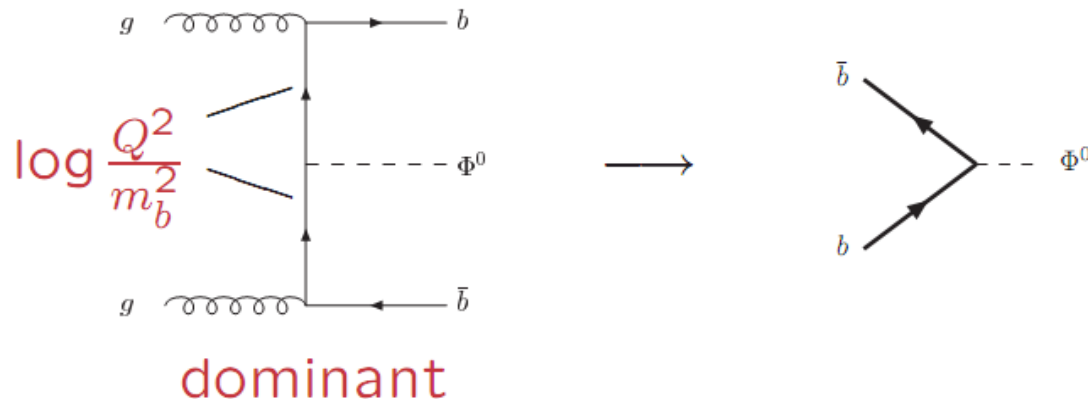
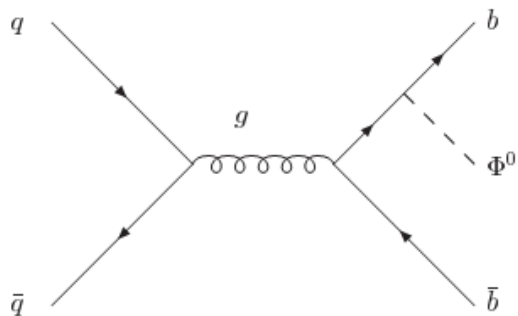




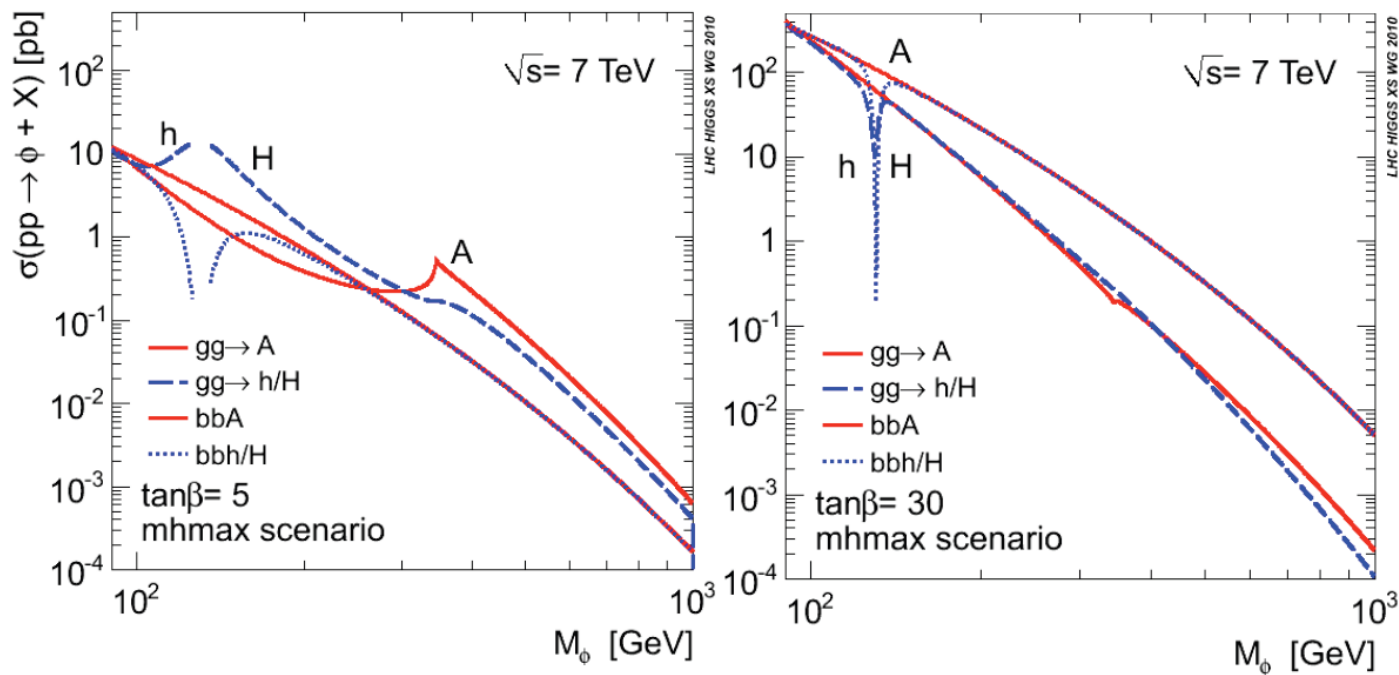
$$\sigma^{MSSM}(gg \rightarrow \phi) = \left(\frac{g_t^{MSSM}}{g_t^{SM}}\right)^2 \sigma_{tt}(gg \rightarrow \phi) + \left(\frac{g_b^{MSSM}}{g_b^{SM}}\right)^2 \sigma_{bb}(gg \rightarrow \phi) + \frac{g_t^{MSSM}}{g_t^{SM}} \frac{g_b^{MSSM}}{g_b^{SM}} \sigma_{tb}(gg \rightarrow \phi)$$

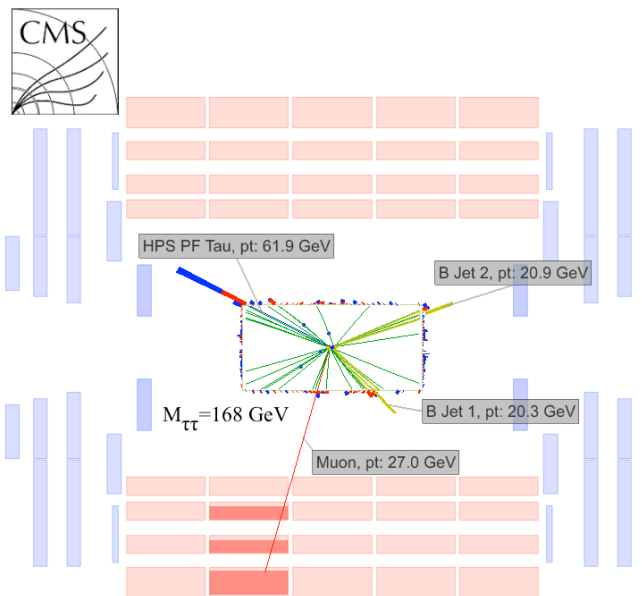
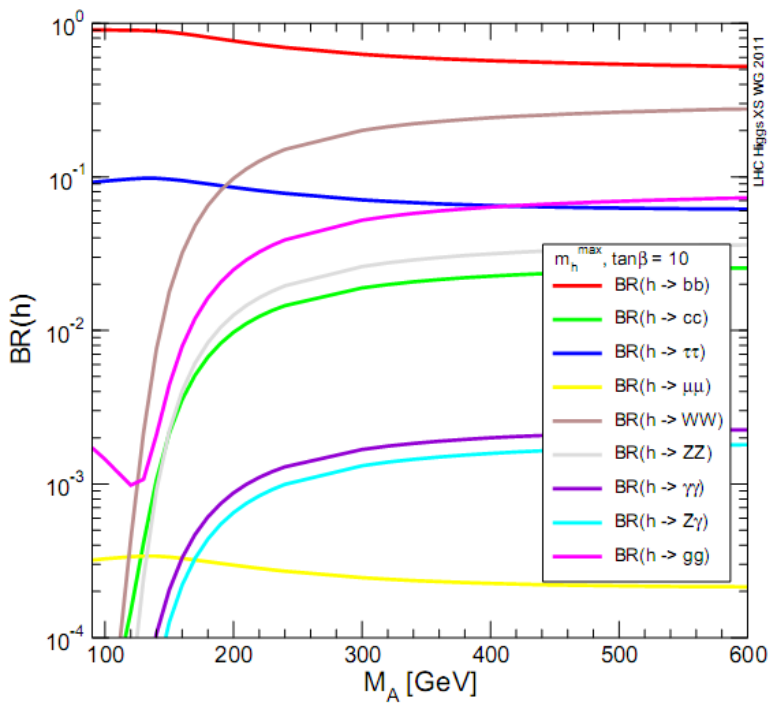
$$\Delta\sigma_{tt}^{NNLO}(gg \rightarrow \phi) = \Delta K_{NNLO} \sigma_{tt}^{LO}(gg \rightarrow \phi)$$

$$\Delta K_{NNLO} = \frac{\sigma_{NNLO}^0 - \sigma_{NLO}^0}{\sigma_{LO}^0}$$

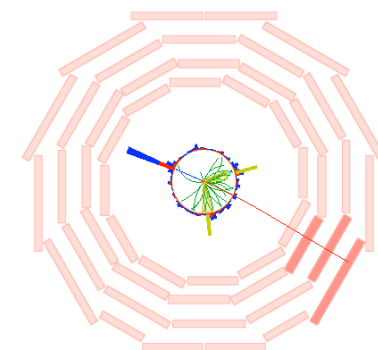


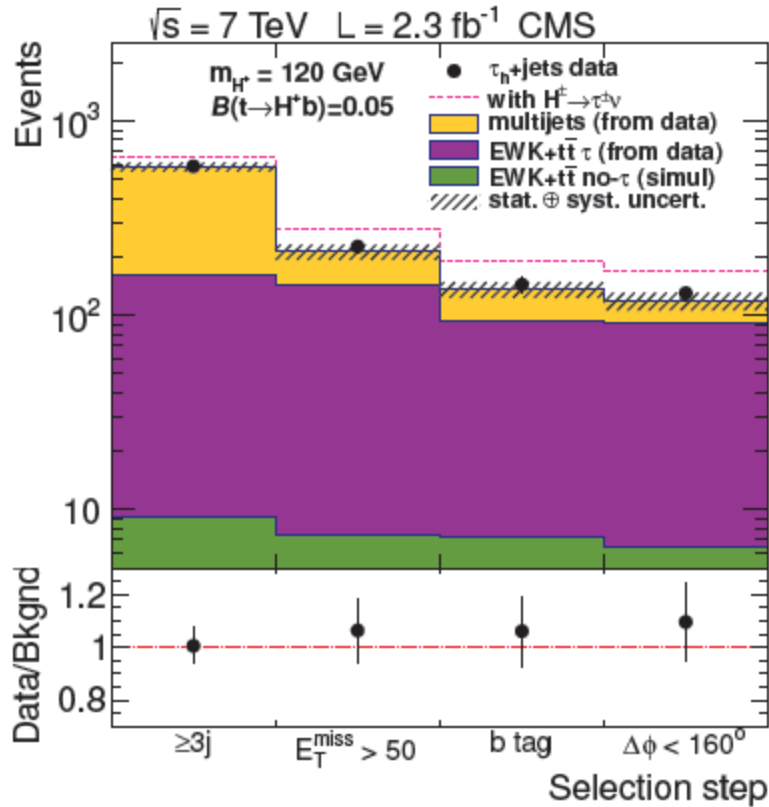
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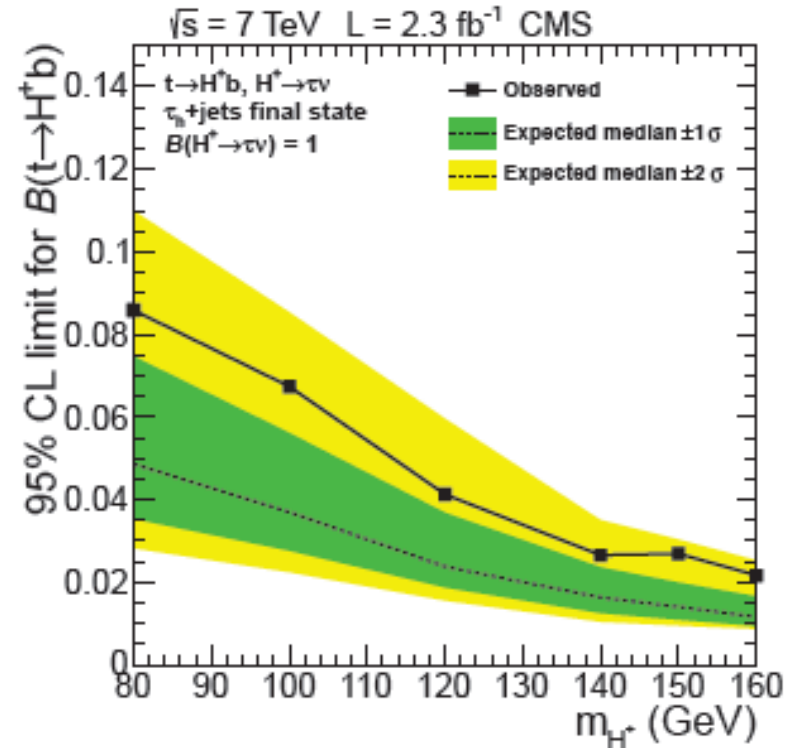


CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
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The event yield after each selection step for the  $\tau_h$ +jets analysis

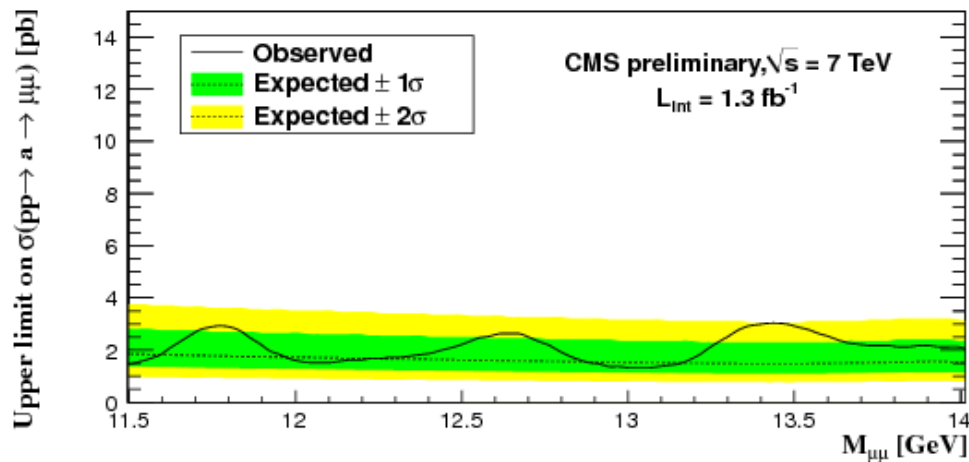
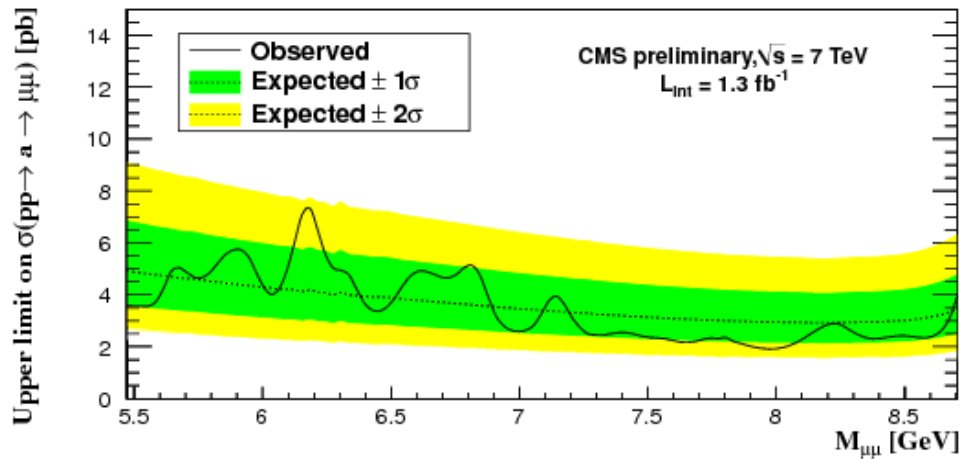
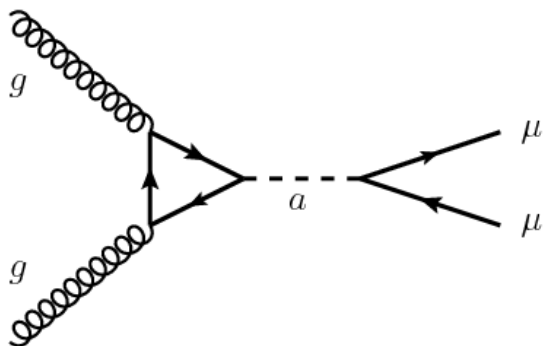


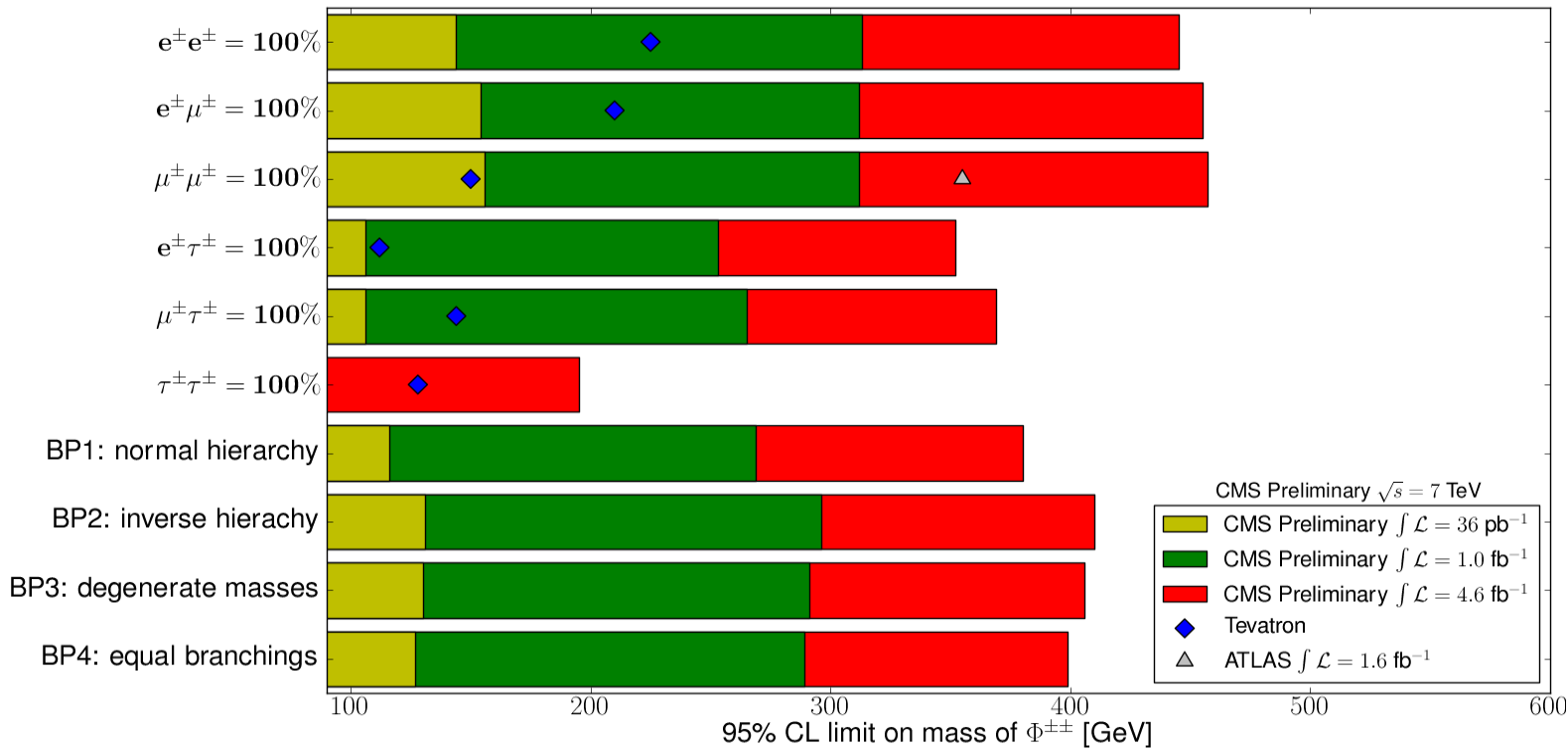
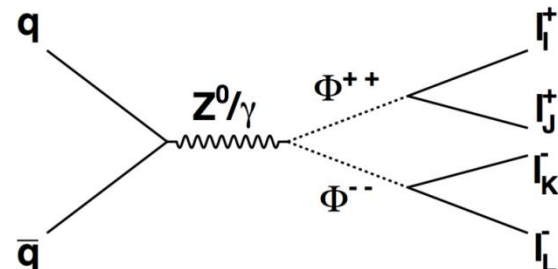
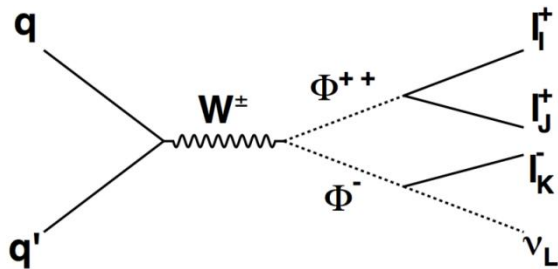
Upper limit on  $B(t \rightarrow H^+ b)$  as a function of  $m_{H^+}$  for the fully hadronic

## Next-to-Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (NMSSM):

Adds singlet scalar field, thereby expanding the Higgs sector to three CP-even ( $h_1, h_2$  and  $h_3$ ), two CP-odd ( $a_1, a_2$ ) and two charged scalars

light ( $\sim 10$  GeV) boson produced: Search for  $a_1$  in its decays to opposite sign di-muon pairs







find the values of the nuisance parameter that best fit the experimental data for the **background-only** and **signal+background** hypothesis

use these values to generate toy MC pseudo-data for **background-only** and **signal+background** to construct test statistic p.d.f. for a signal with strength  $\mu$  and background only hypothesis:

$$f(\tilde{q}_\mu | \mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu^{\text{obs}}) \quad f(\tilde{q}_\mu | 0, \hat{\theta}_0^{\text{obs}})$$

from the p.d.f.s the p-values for background-only and signal+background hypothesis are found and the  $CL_s$  as the ratio of the two p-values

$$CL_s(\mu) = \frac{P\left(q_\mu \geq q_\mu^{\text{obs}} \mid \mu s(\hat{\theta}_\mu^{\text{obs}}) + b(\hat{\theta}_\mu^{\text{obs}})\right)}{P\left(q_\mu \geq q_\mu^{\text{obs}} \mid b(\hat{\theta}_0^{\text{obs}})\right)}$$

To set exclusion limits on a Higgs boson hypothesis:

$$q_\mu = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{data} \mid \mu \cdot s(\hat{\theta}_\mu) + b(\hat{\theta}_\mu))}{\mathcal{L}(\text{data} \mid \hat{\mu} \cdot s(\hat{\theta}) + b(\hat{\theta}))} \quad 0 \leq \hat{\mu} < \mu$$

To quantify the statistical significance of an excess over the background-only expectation:

$$q_0 = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{data} \mid b(\hat{\theta}_0))}{\mathcal{L}(\text{data} \mid \hat{\mu} \cdot s(\hat{\theta}) + b(\hat{\theta}))} \quad \hat{\mu} \geq 0$$

