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# Searches for low-mass (pseudo-)scalars at the LHC

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● Introduction: One scalar discovered, are there others at even lower masses?

● BSM models allowing low-mass (pseudo)-scalars

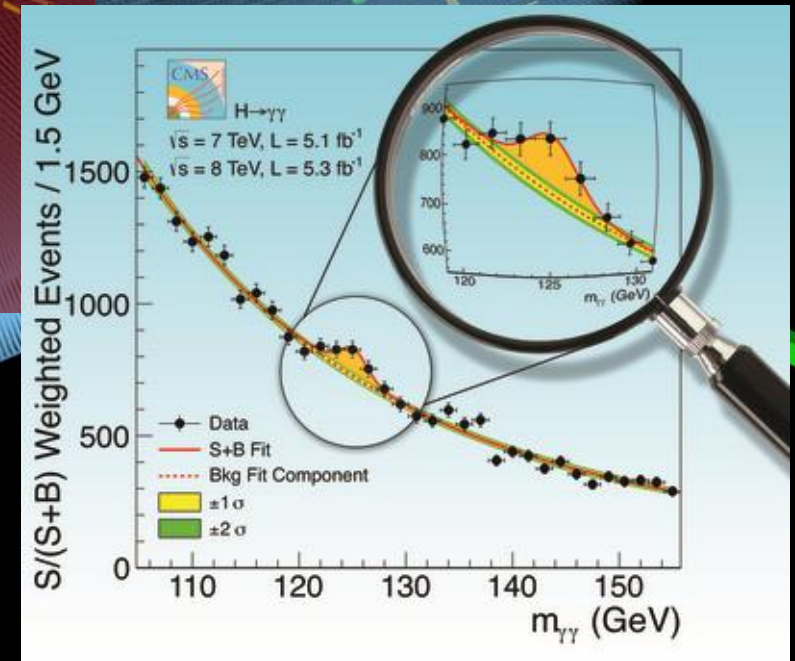
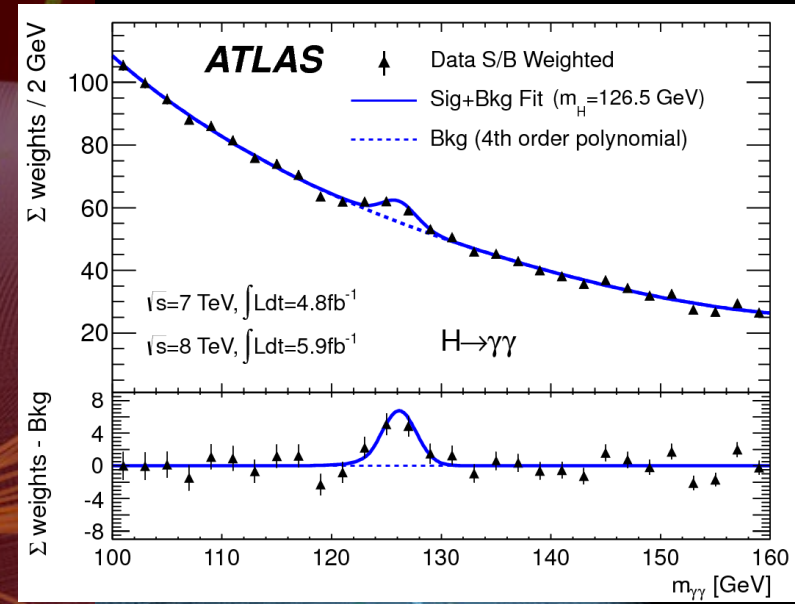
● Results from LHC Run 1:

- MSSM: neutral scalars
- MSSM: charged scalars
- NMSSM: scalars and pseudoscalars
- Scalars in Fermiophobic and 4<sup>th</sup> generation

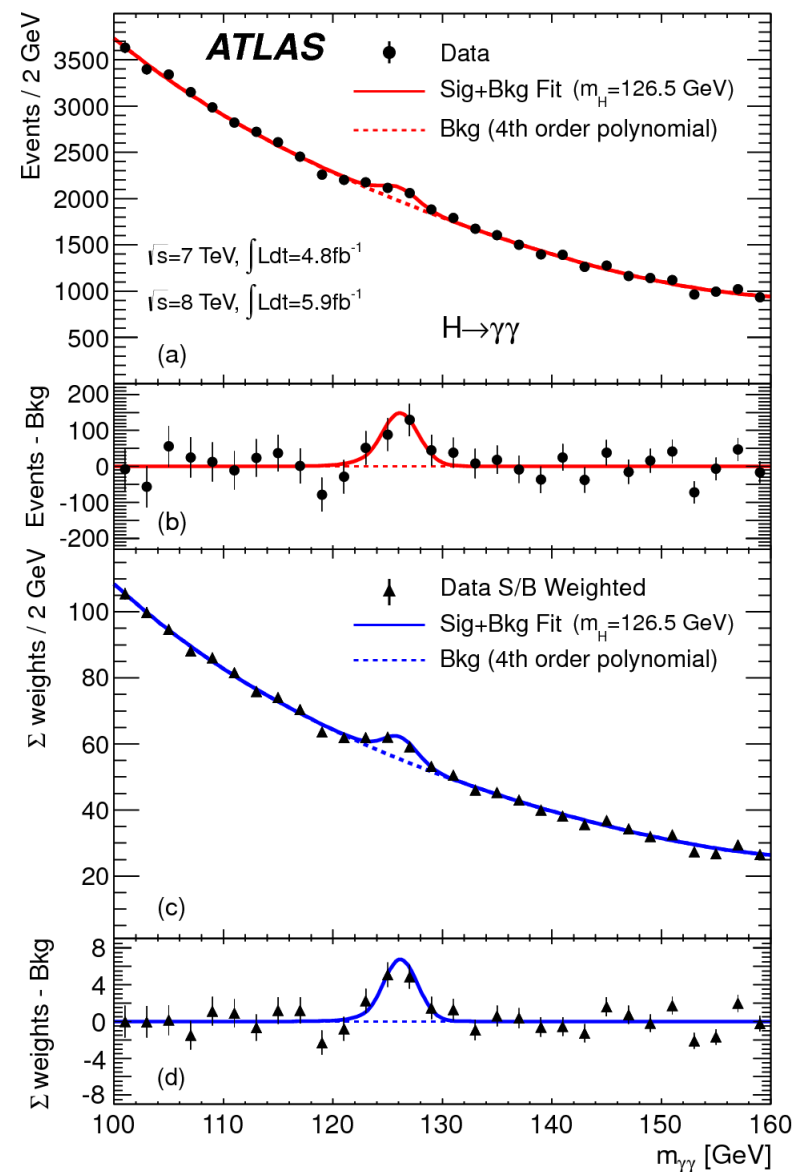
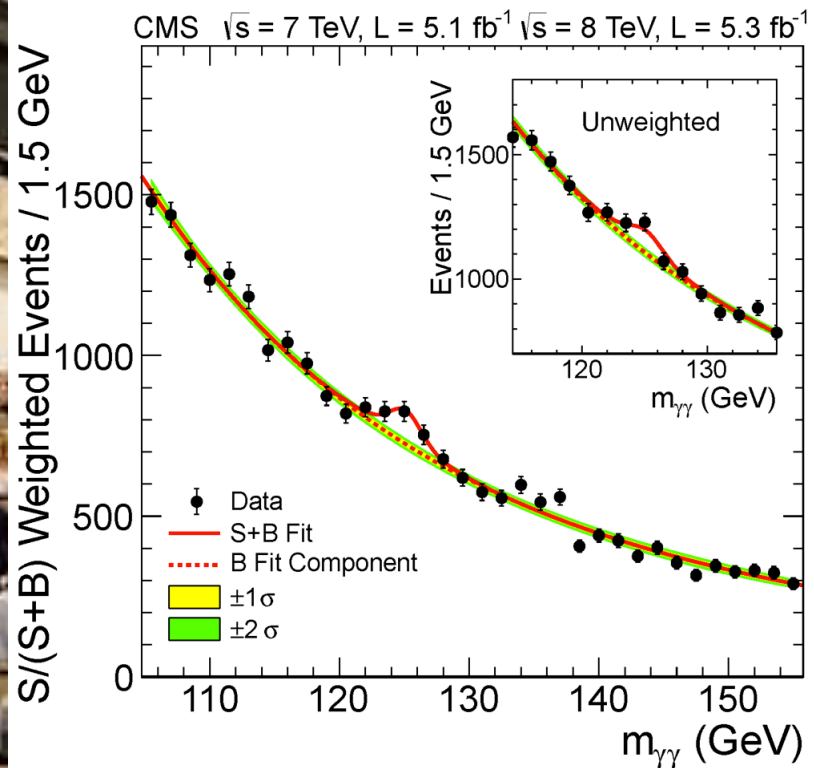
● Challenges for LHC Run 2 and beyond

● Summary and Conclusion

● Acknowledgements



“This result constitutes evidence for the existence of a new massive state that decays into two photons.”



“Clear evidence for the production of a neutral boson ...is presented.”

# Introduction: Is (was) there something else with $m < 125$ GeV?

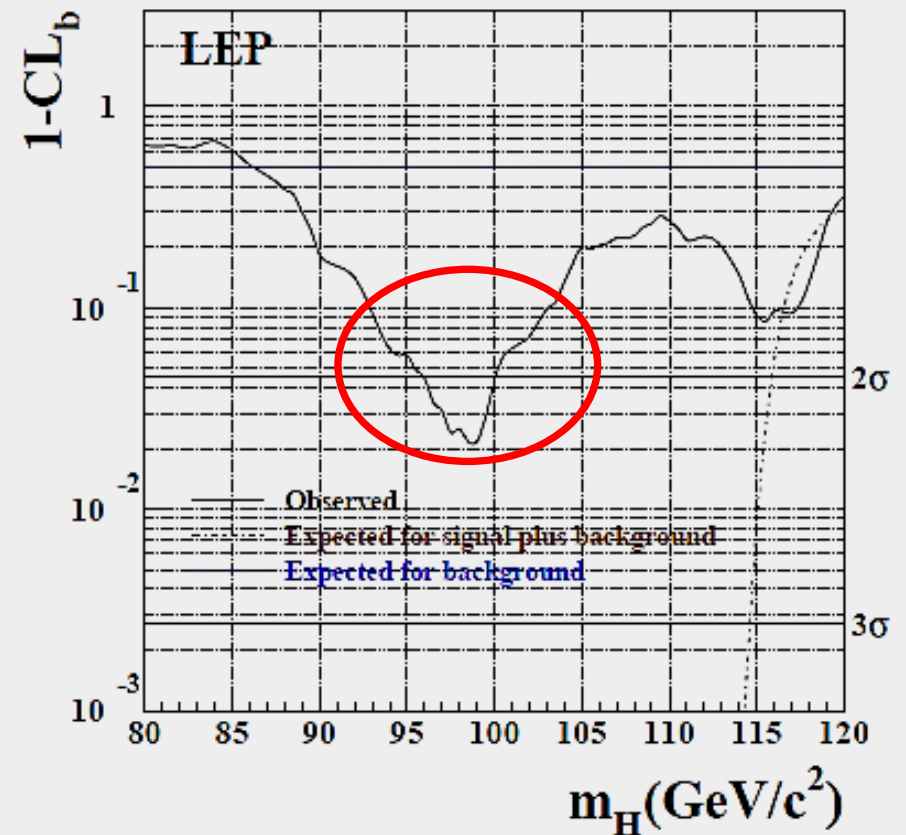
● Final LEP SM Higgs boson search results:  $>2\sigma$  excess at  $m_H = 98$  GeV. Has contributed to sustained interest by both theorists and experimentalists in the possibility of additional low-mass (pseudo-) scalars

● Subject of this talk: **ATLAS** and **CMS** searches during **LHC Run 1** for additional scalars/pseudoscalars with  $m < 125$  GeV,, by definition in a BSM context.

● New (pseudo-)scalars are either searched for alone, or in a context where the scalar with  $m \sim 125$  GeV is one of the other Higgs bosons in the model

● Searches covered include: Neutral and charged scalars, scalars decaying to 2 pseudoscalars, directly-produced pseudoscalars.

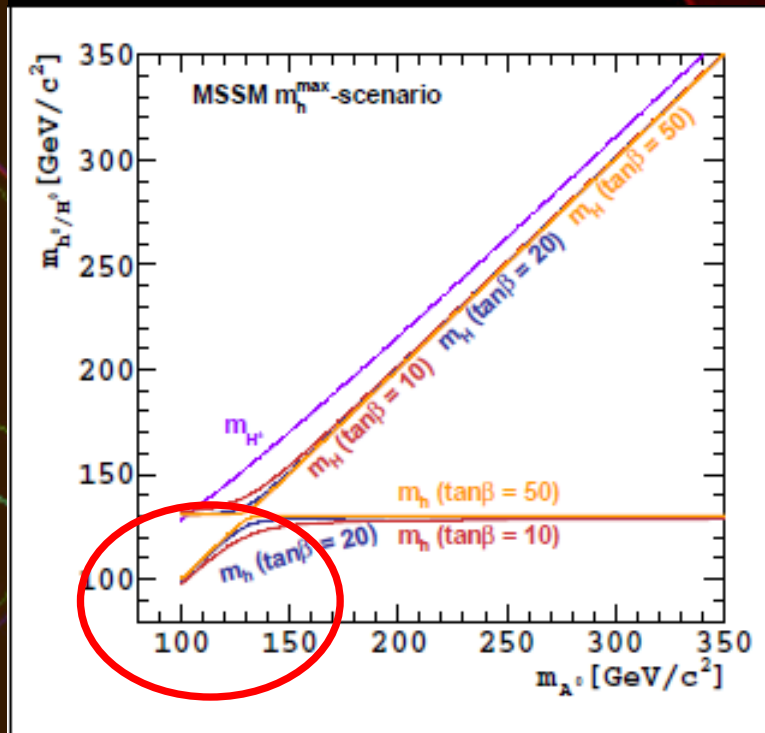
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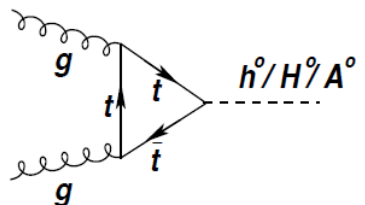
# Introduction: BSM Models allowing low-mass (pseudo)scalars

- 2HDM (Two Higgs-Doublet Models) : General, includes MSSM
- MSSM (Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model) :
  - 2 neutral scalars :  $h, H$ ; 1 pseudoscalar  $A$ ; 2 charged  $H^{\pm}$  mostly in Mh-Max scenario
  - Also low-MH scenario :  $m_H \sim 125$  GeV and  $m\{H^{\pm}, A, h\} < 125$  GeV
- NMSSM (Next-to MSSM): MSSM + 1 Singlet: 3 neutral scalars  $h_1, h_2, h_3$ ; 2 pseudoscalars  $a_1, a_2$ ; 2 charged  $H^{\pm}$
- DarkSusy:  $\chi_0 \rightarrow n_D$  ('dark' undetected neutralino) +  $\gamma_D$  ('dark' massive weakly-interacting photon)
- MCHM (Minimal Composite Higgs Model)
- Fermiophobic Higgs Models
- 4<sup>th</sup> Generation of fermions
- ....
- see J. Gunion's talk for a complete theoretical review

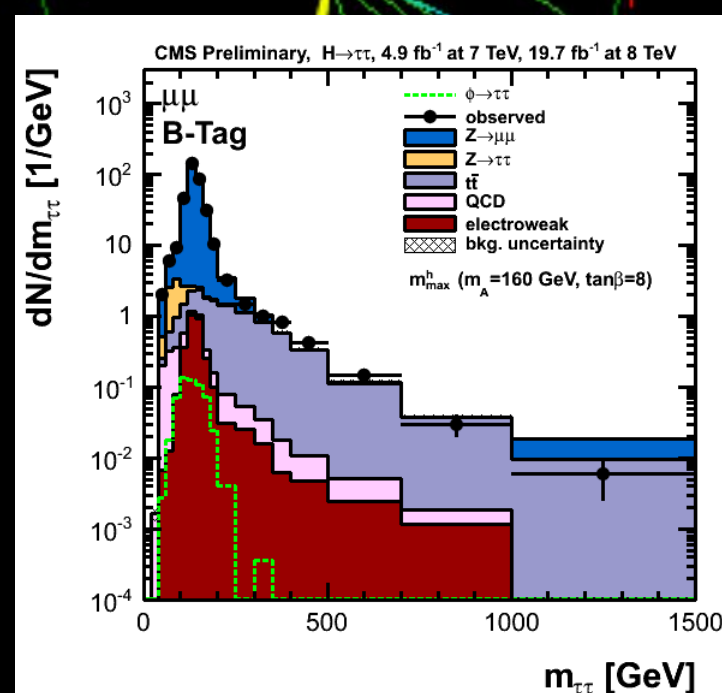
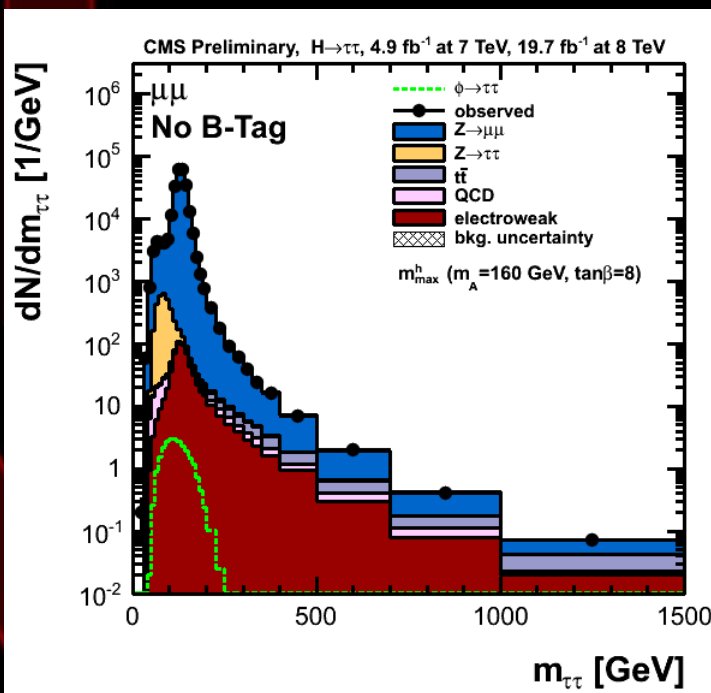
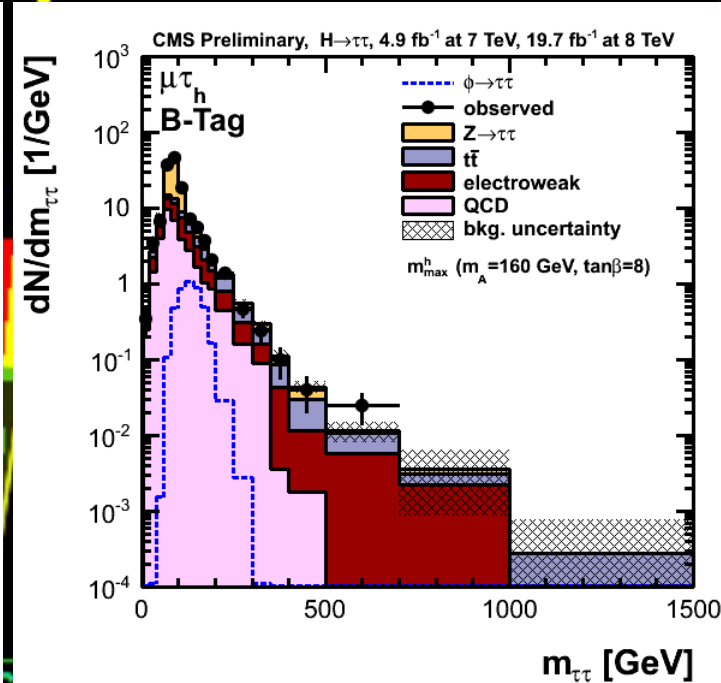
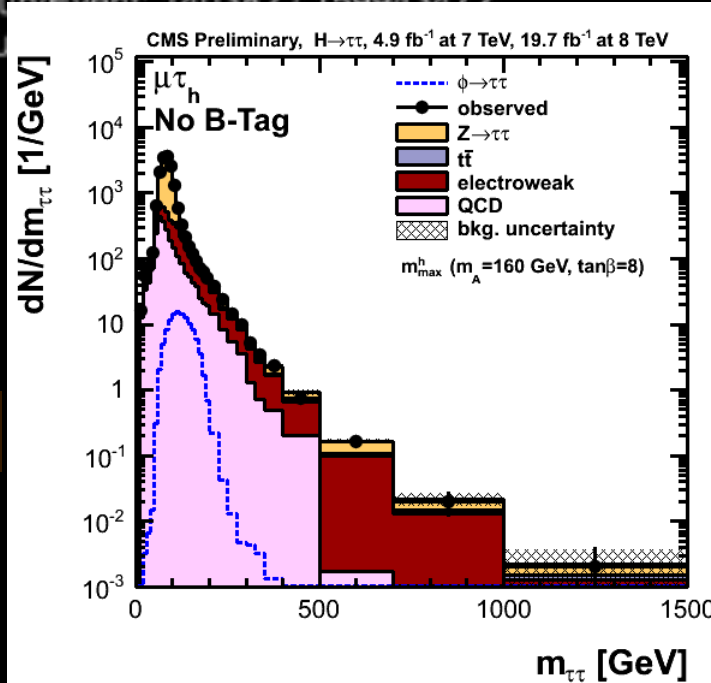
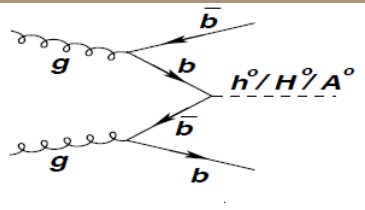
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$gg \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow \tau\tau$



$gg \rightarrow bb\Phi \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$



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- Channels:  $e\tau_h$ ,  $\mu\tau_h$ ,  $e\mu$ ,  $\mu\mu$ ,  $\tau_h\tau_h$ , b/no b-tag categories
- Simultaneous binned LH fit in 10 categories to  $m_{\tau\tau}$  or  $m_{\tau\tau} \times m_{\text{vis}}$  (for  $\mu\mu$  channel)

Upper limits on  $\sigma \times BR(\Phi \rightarrow \tau\tau)$ :

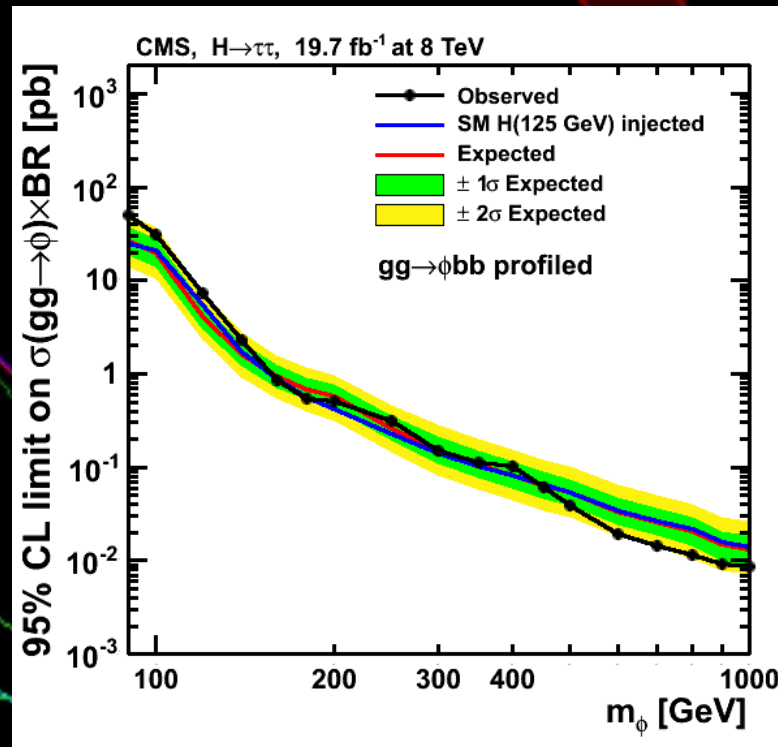
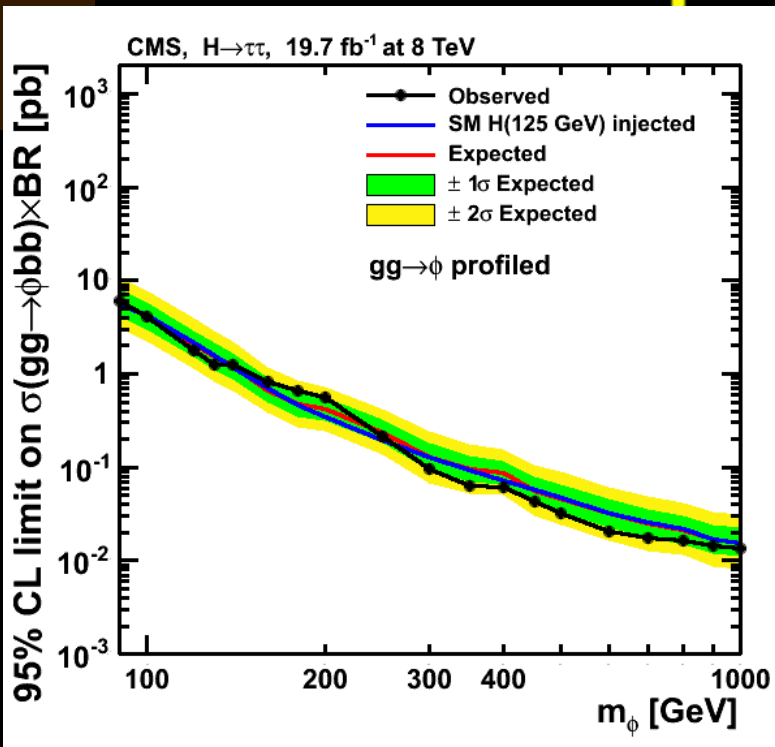
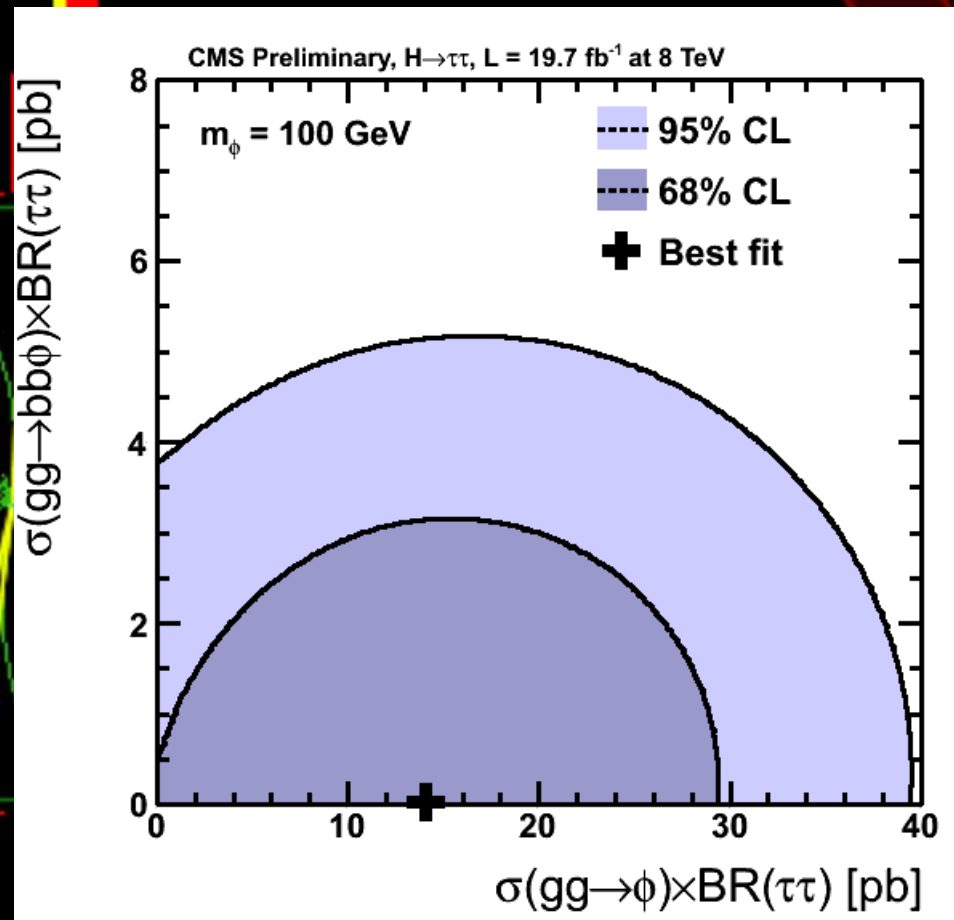
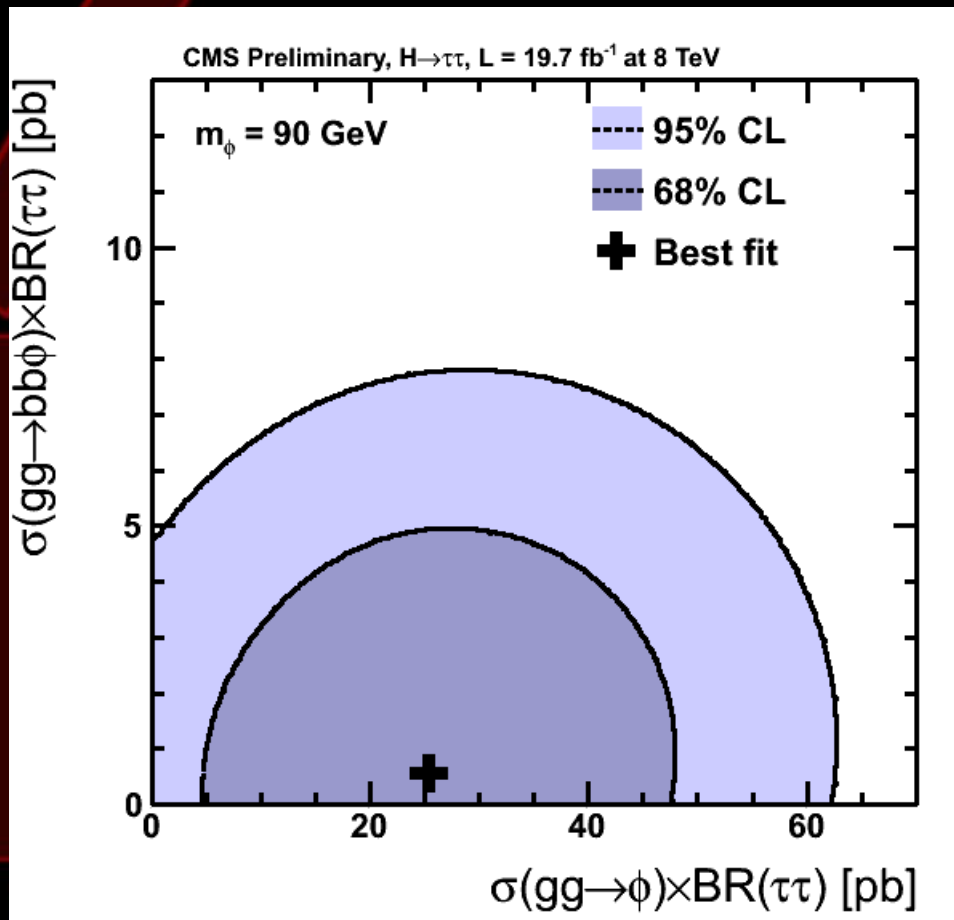


Table 7: 95% CL upper limits for  $\sigma \cdot BR(gg\Phi)$  (pb) as a function of  $M_\Phi$ .

MSSM Higgs $m_\Phi$ [GeV]	Expected $\sigma \cdot BR(gg\Phi)$ limit					Observed $\sigma \cdot BR(gg\Phi)$ limit
	$-2\sigma$	$-1\sigma$	Median	$+1\sigma$	$+2\sigma$	
90 GeV	13.8	18.6	26.1	37.2	50.9	50.2
100 GeV	10.5	14.1	19.8	27.9	37.8	31.3
120 GeV	2.29	3.03	4.14	5.71	7.56	7.38

Table 8: Expected range and observed 95% CL upper limits for  $\sigma \cdot BR(bb\Phi)$  (pb) at 8 TeV center-of-mass energy as a function of  $M_\Phi$ .

MSSM Higgs $m_\Phi$ [GeV]	Expected $\sigma \cdot BR(bb\Phi)$ limit					Observed $\sigma \cdot BR(bb\Phi)$ limit
	$-2\sigma$	$-1\sigma$	Median	$+1\sigma$	$+2\sigma$	
90 GeV	3.11	4.15	5.79	8.07	10.9	6.03
100 GeV	2.24	2.99	4.17	5.85	7.85	4.14
120 GeV	1.13	1.50	2.09	2.93	3.93	1.76



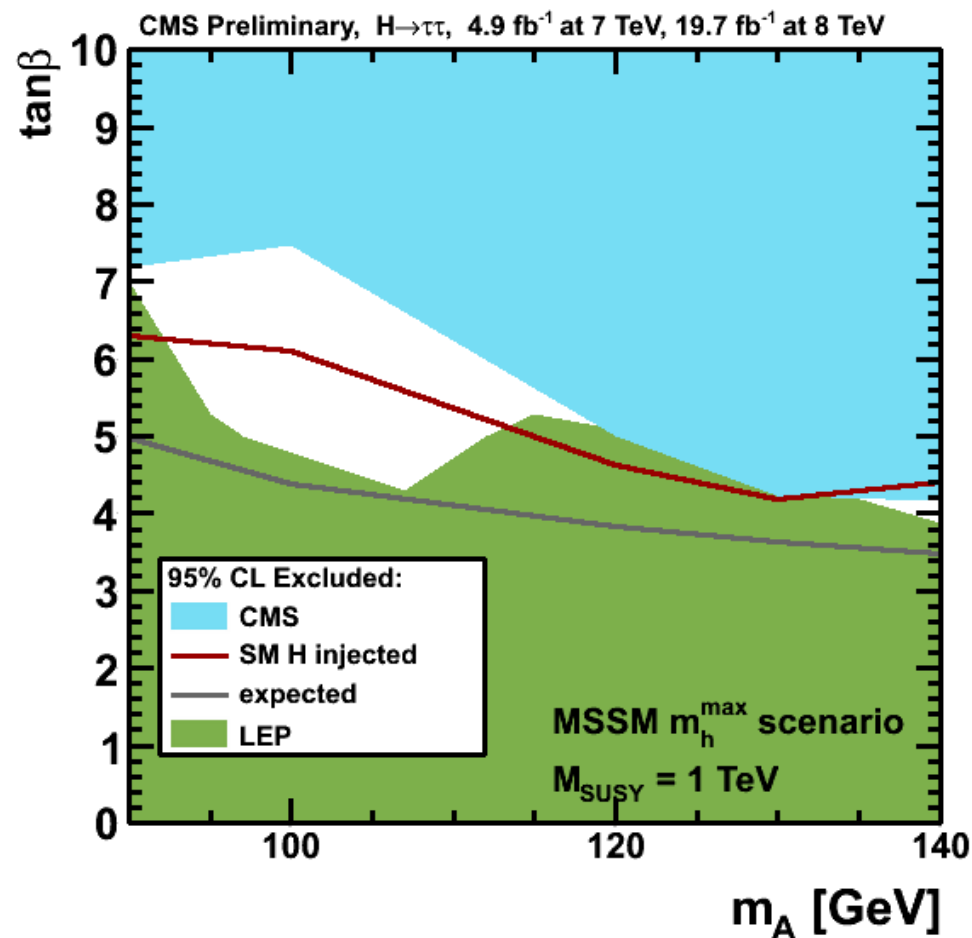
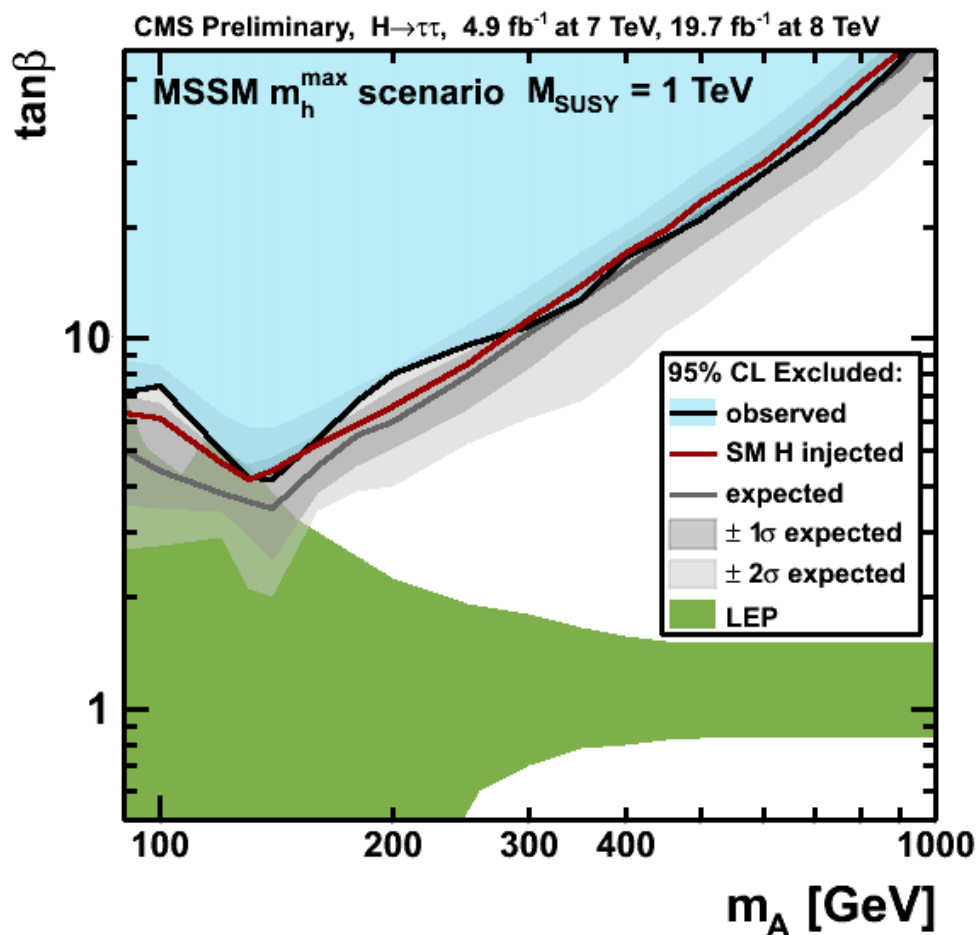
Relative importance of  $gg \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  $gg \rightarrow bb\Phi \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$  channels for low-mass  $\Phi$



Table 6: Expected range and observed 95% CL upper limits for  $\tan\beta$  as a function of  $M_A$ , for the MSSM search.

MSSM Higgs $m_A$ [GeV]	Expected $\tan\beta$ limit					Observed $\tan\beta$ limit
	$-2\sigma$	$-1\sigma$	Median	$+1\sigma$	$+2\sigma$	
90 GeV	2.70	3.56	4.98	7.02	8.71	7.19
100 GeV	2.77	3.48	4.38	6.68	8.44	7.48
120 GeV	2.92	3.42	3.84	4.94	6.30	5.01

Exclusion in the  $\tan\beta$ - $m_A$  plane: only a small window left for low masses

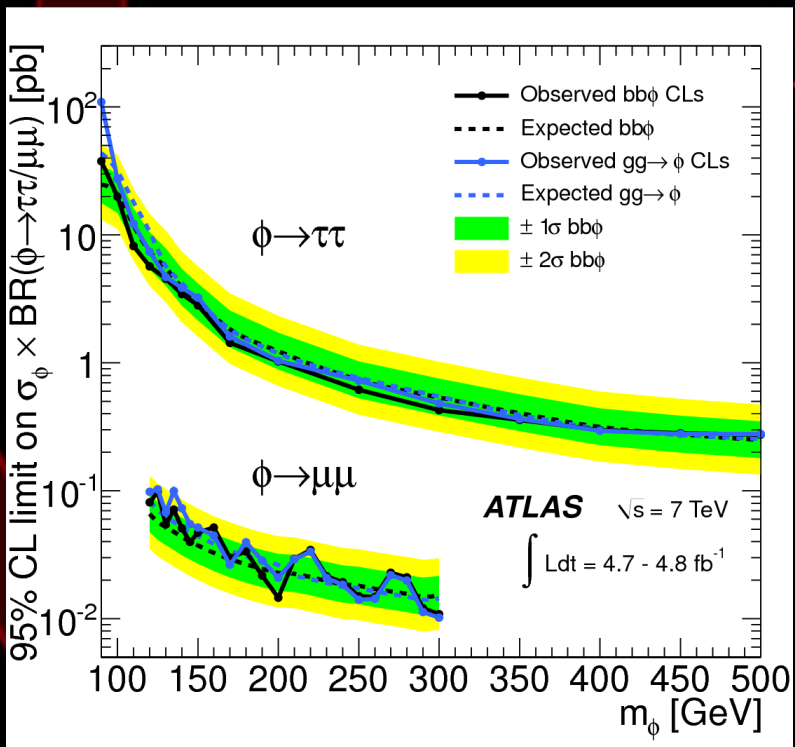
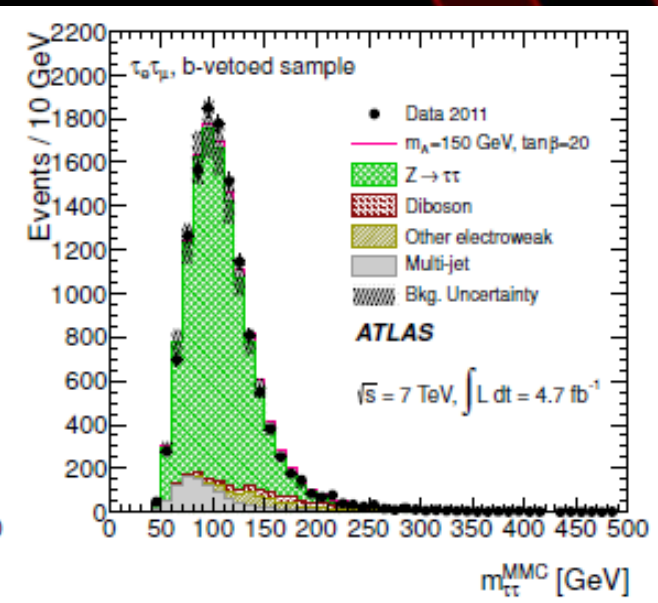
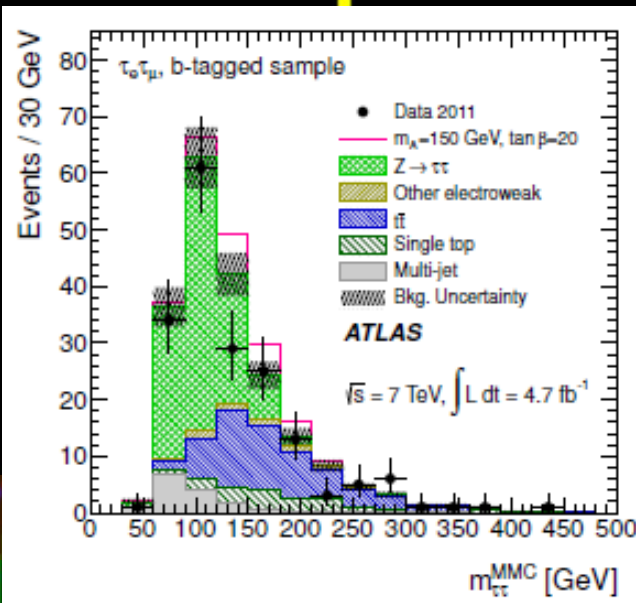


$gg \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow \tau\tau$

Channels:  $e\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, e\mu, \tau_h\tau_h$ ,  
b/vetoed/b-tagged categories

Simultaneous binned LH to  
pdf-weighted  $m_{\tau\tau}$

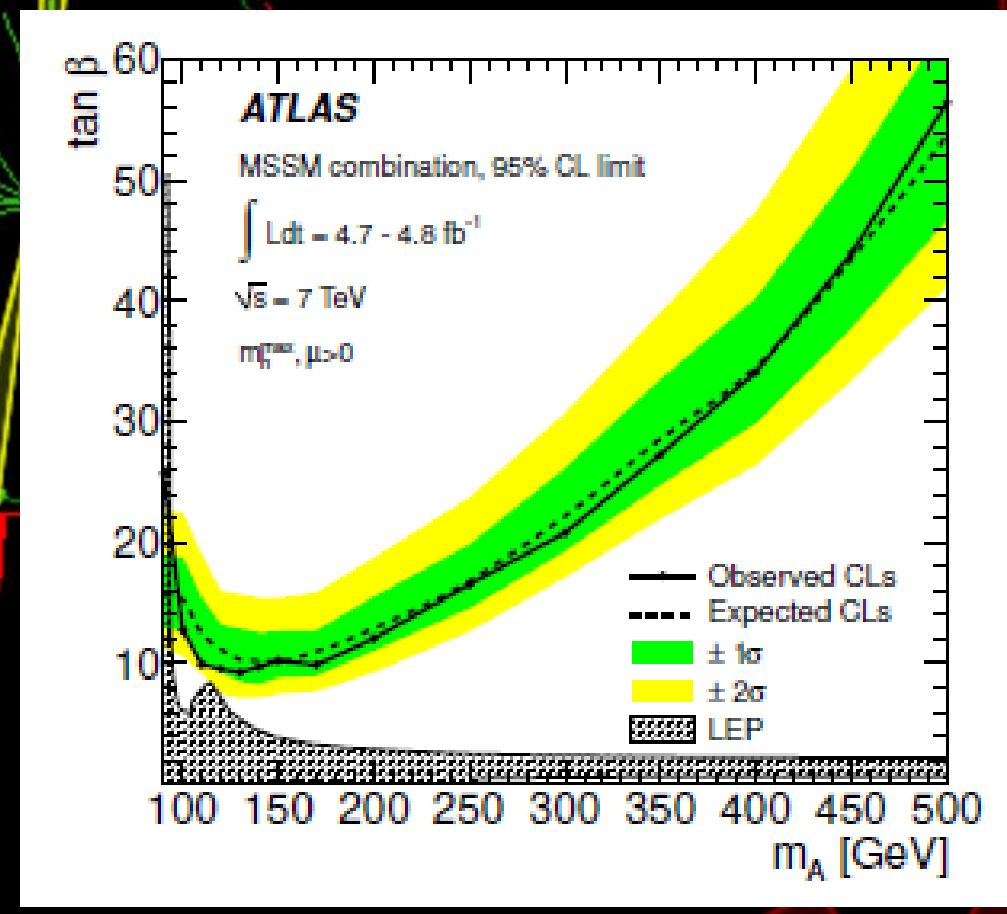
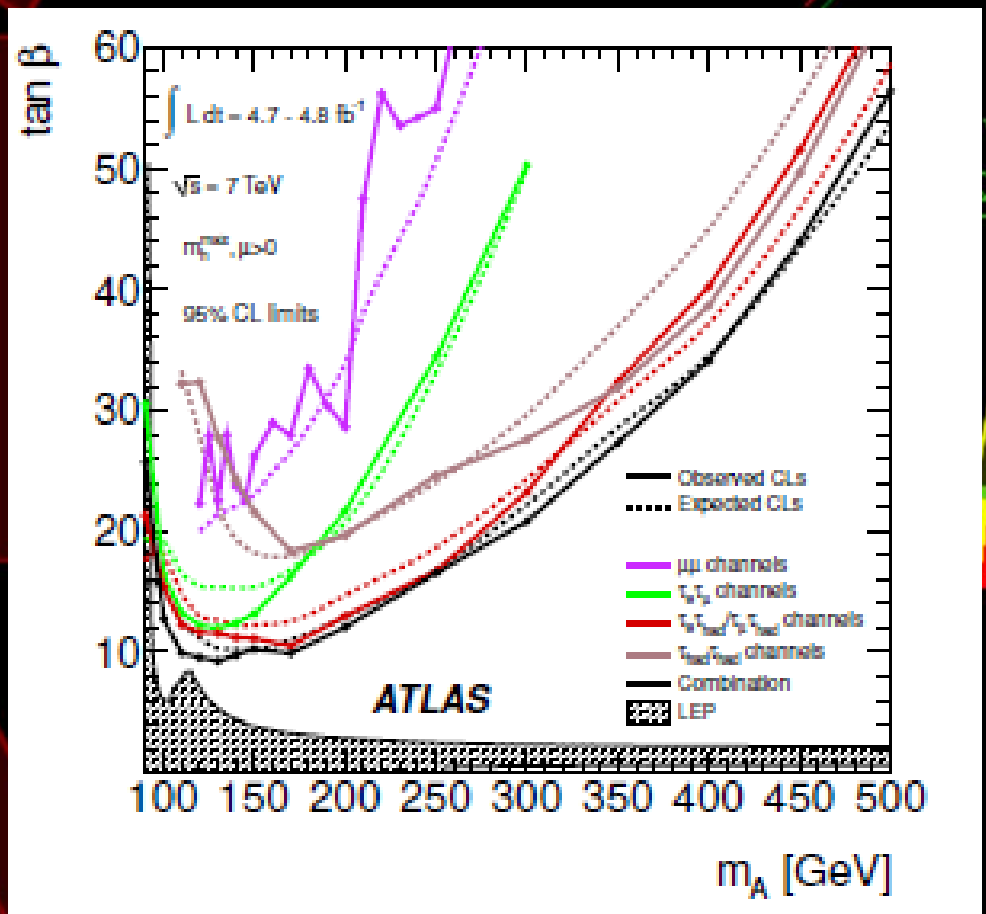
Upper limits on  $\sigma \times BR(\Phi \rightarrow \tau\tau)$



Background estimated by 'ABCD method':  $e\mu$  (Charge correlation, Lepton isolation)  $\tau_h\tau_h$  (Charge correlation Hadronic  $\tau$  decay identification requirement)

$$n_A = n_B \times \frac{n_C}{n_D} \equiv n_B \times r_{C/D}$$

Exclusion in the  $\tan\beta$ - $m_A$  plane:



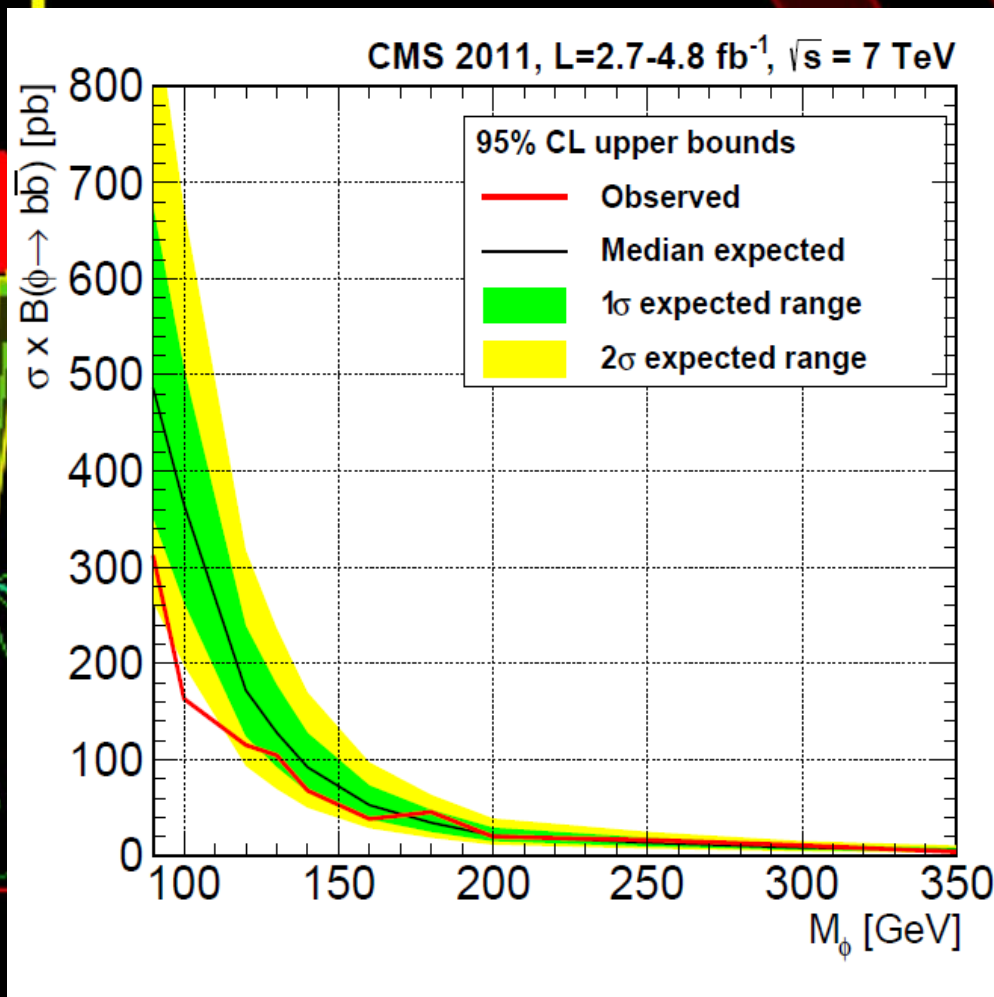
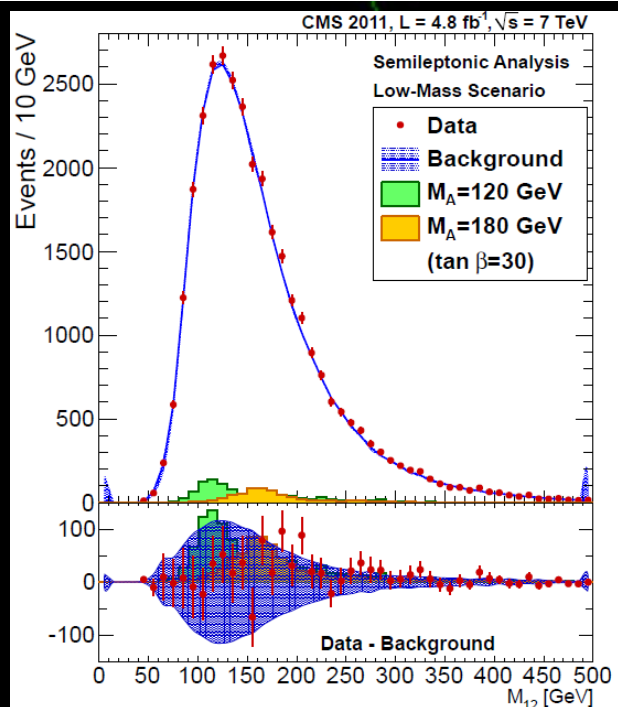
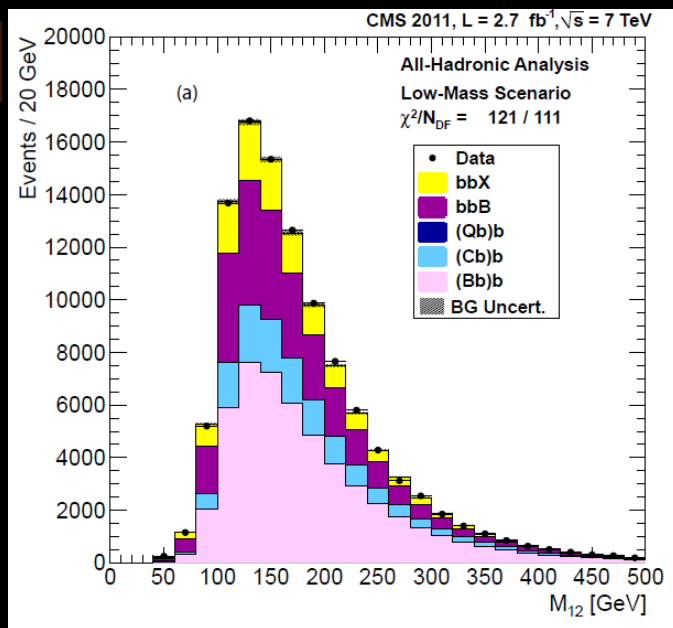
## $gg \rightarrow bb\Phi \rightarrow bbbb$

- 3 b-tagged jets, 'all-hadronic' or 'semi-leptonic' with muon

- All-hadronic: 2D background templates in  $m(j_1, j_2) \times b$ -tag variable

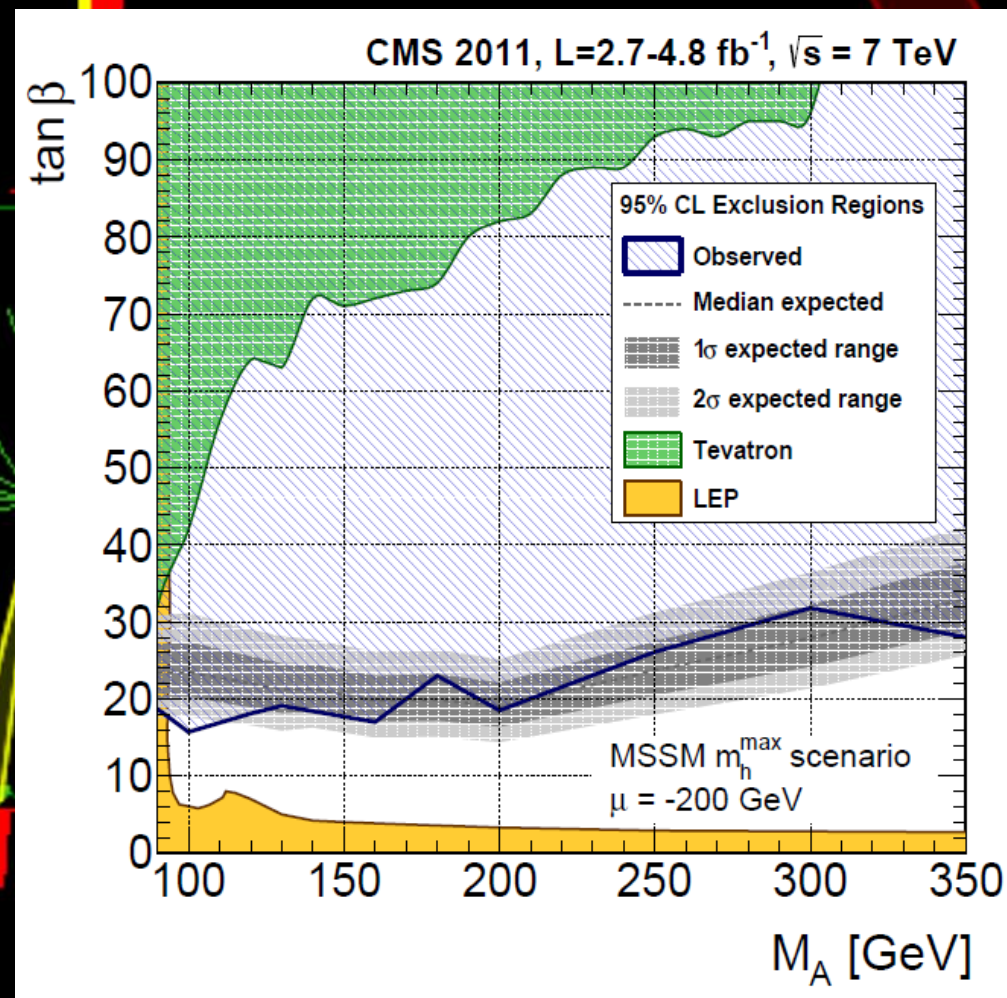
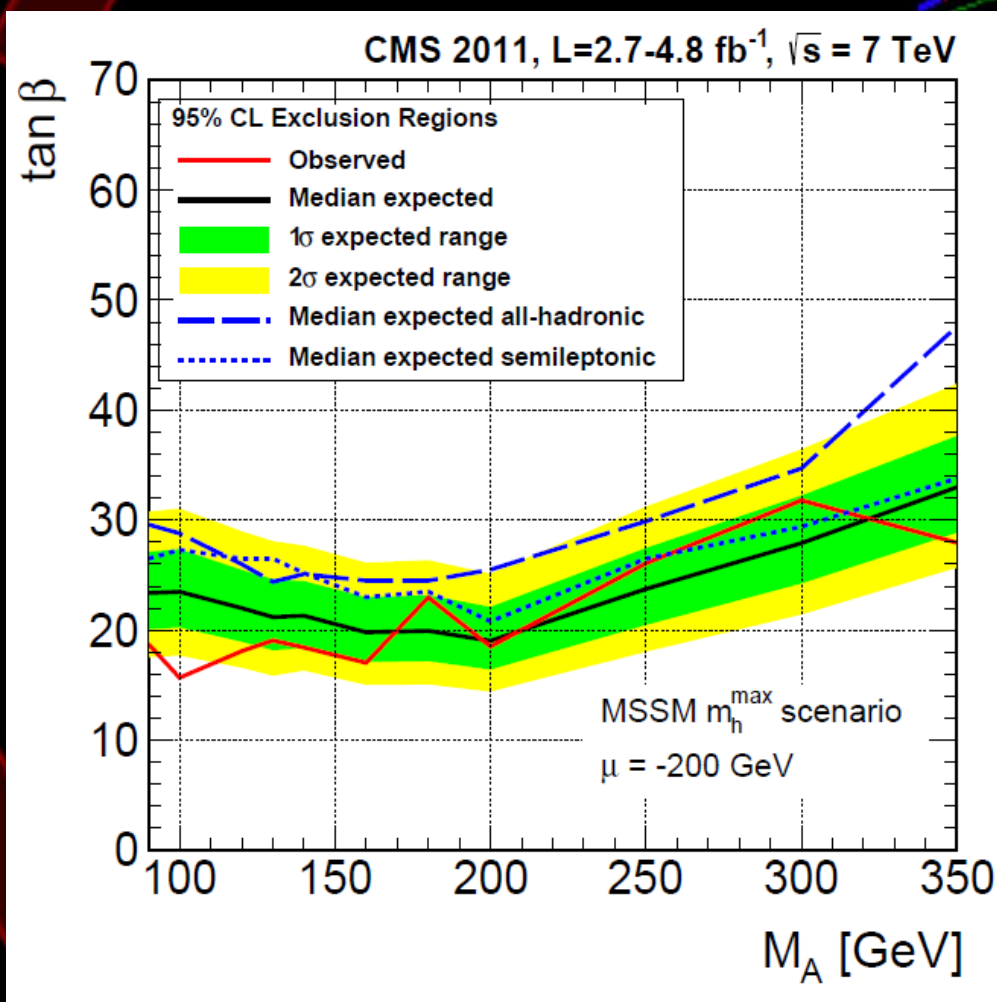
- Semileptonic: binned LH fit to  $m(j_1, j_2)$

- High sensitivity to large  $\tan \beta$  scenarios

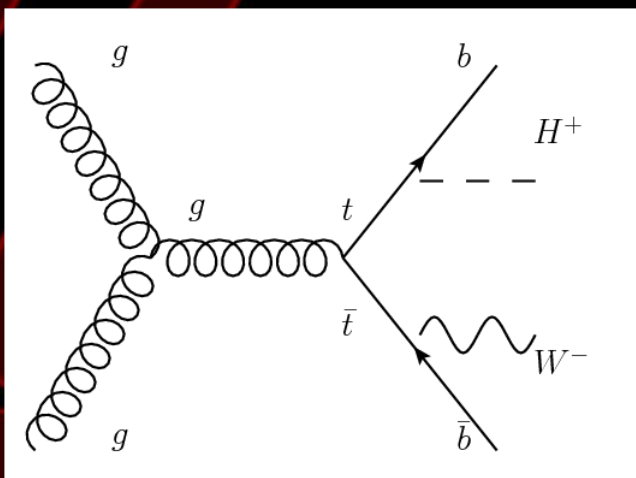


Upper limits on  $\sigma \times BR(\Phi \rightarrow bb)$ :  $\sim 312$  pb for  $M_\phi = 90$  GeV,  $\sim 120$  pb for  $M_\phi = 120$  GeV

## Exclusions in the $\tan\beta$ - $m_A$ plane:



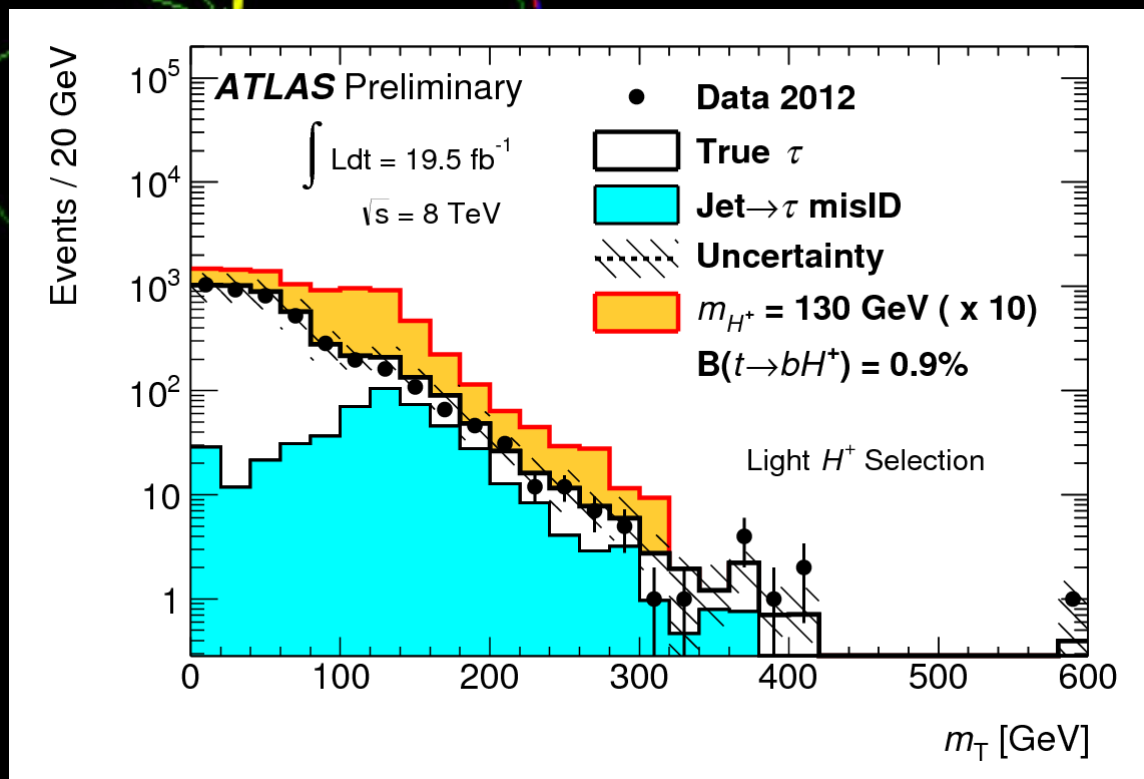
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Scenario  $m_{H^+} < m_t$ ,  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow bH^+ + bW$

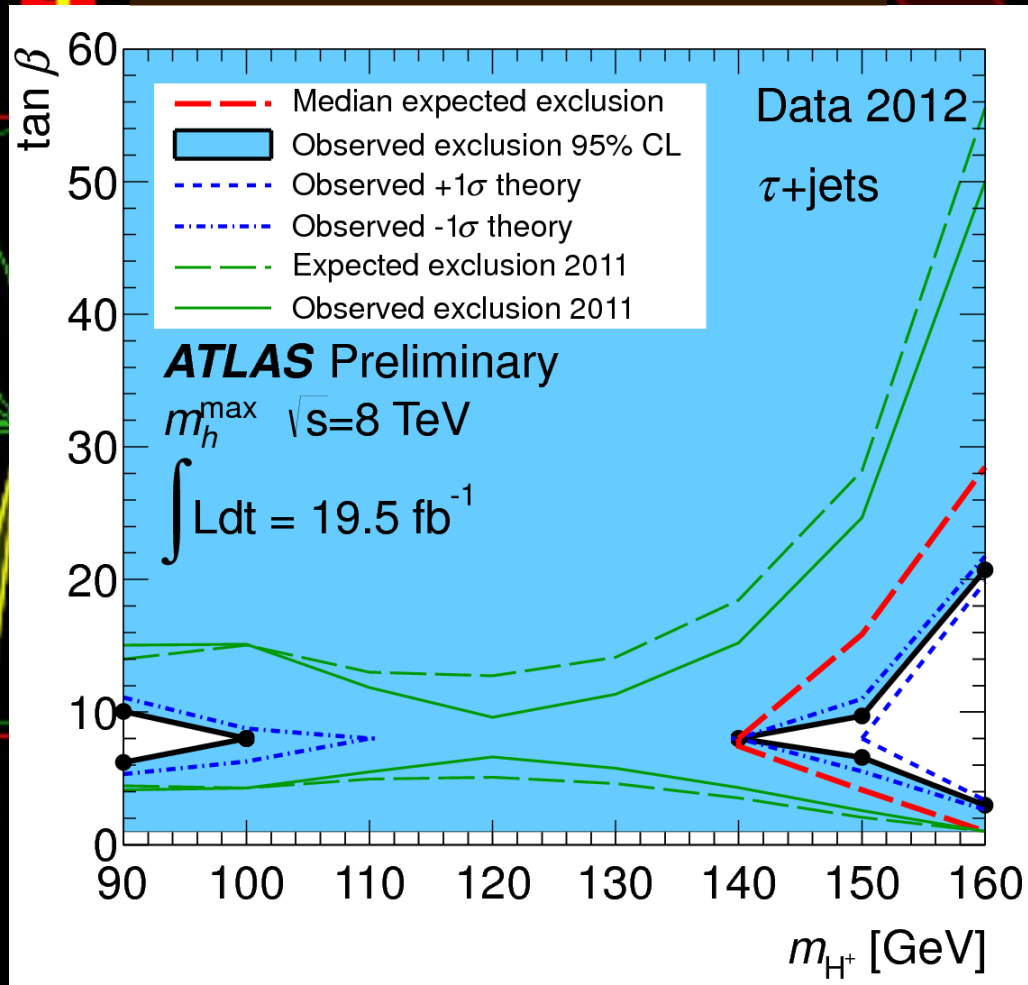
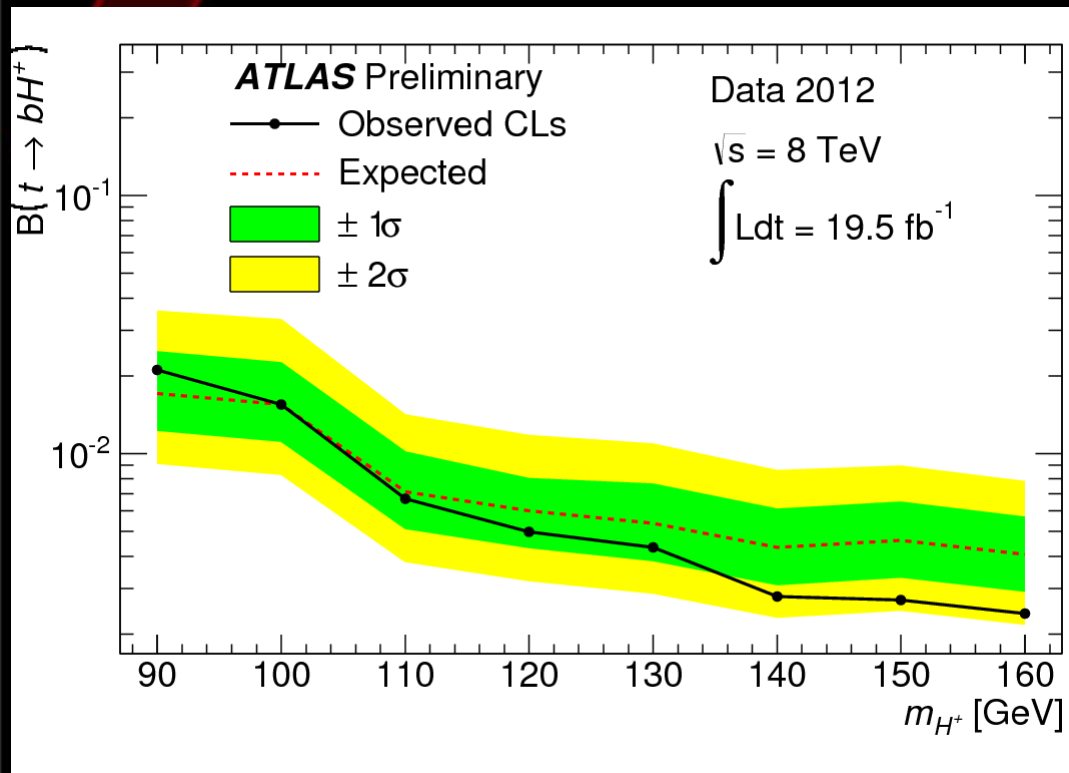
$H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$  assumed 100%, both  $\tau$  and  $W$  decay hadronically

Binned LH fit to the 'transverse mass'  $m_T$ , background model from data



Upper limits on  $BR(t \rightarrow bH^+)$ , between 0.24 and 2.1%

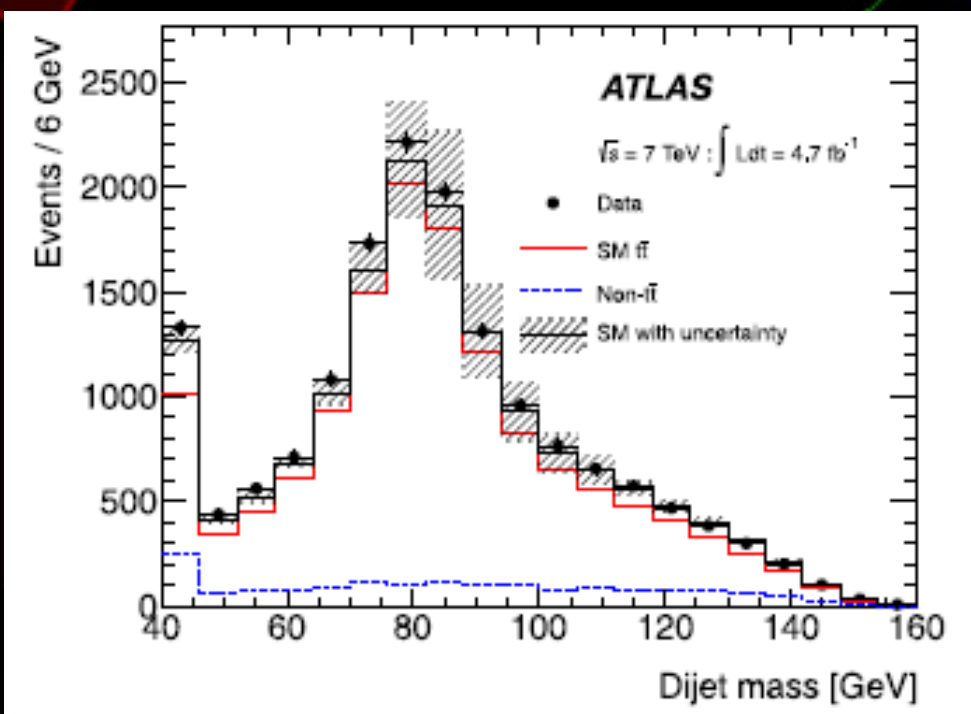
Exclusions in the  $\tan\beta$ - $m_A$  plane:



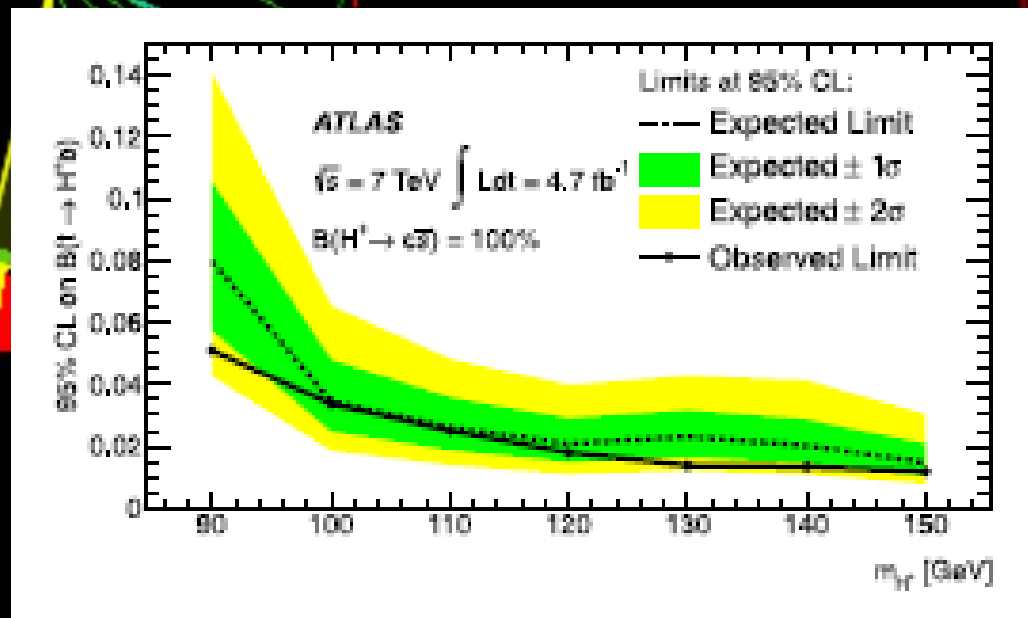
Scenario  $m_{H^+} < m_t$ ,  
 $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow bH^+ + bW$

$H^+ \rightarrow c\bar{s}$  assumed 100%, W  
 decays leptonically

Upper limits on  $BR(t \rightarrow bH^+)$ ,  
 between 5% and 1.8%



Higgs mass	Expected limit (stat. ⊕ syst.)	Observed limit (stat. ⊕ syst.)
90 GeV	0.080	0.051
100 GeV	0.034	0.034
110 GeV	0.026	0.025
120 GeV	0.021	0.018



Binned LH fit to the dijet  
 mass distribution, jets  
 assigned to 'W' or 'H+' t quark  
 based on kinematic fit result





# Scalars decaying to pseudoscalars (NMSSM /Dark Susy): $4\mu$ channel, CMS, 7/8 TeV



- $h \rightarrow 2a + X \rightarrow 4\mu + X$
- $2m_\mu < m_{a1} < 2m_\tau$

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eta = -1.795  
phi = 1.042

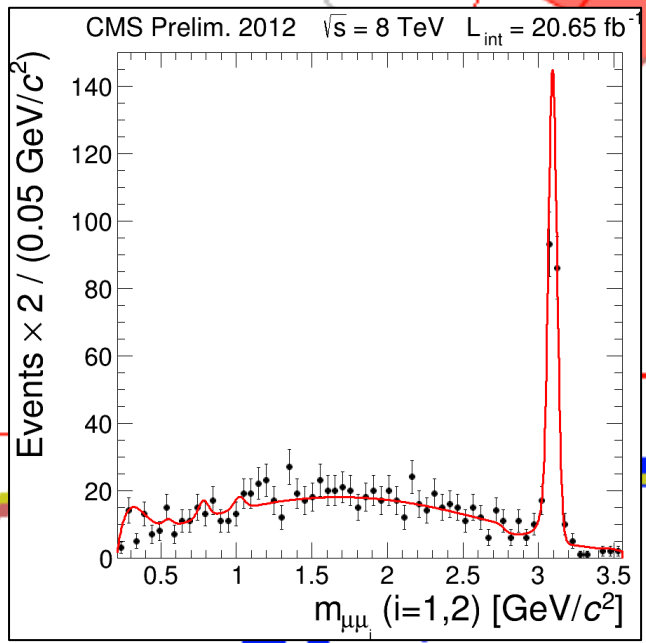
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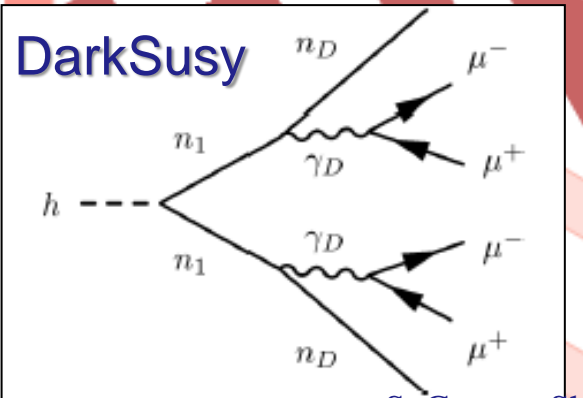
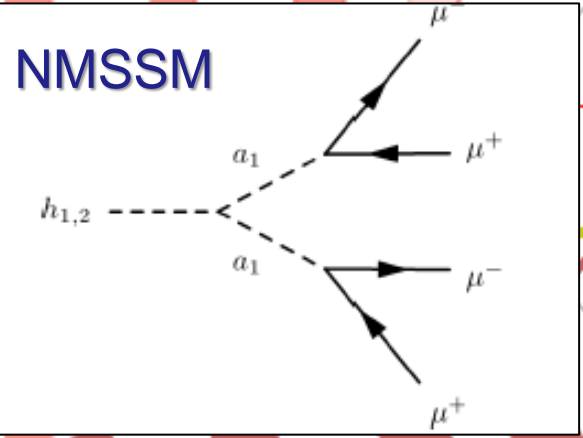
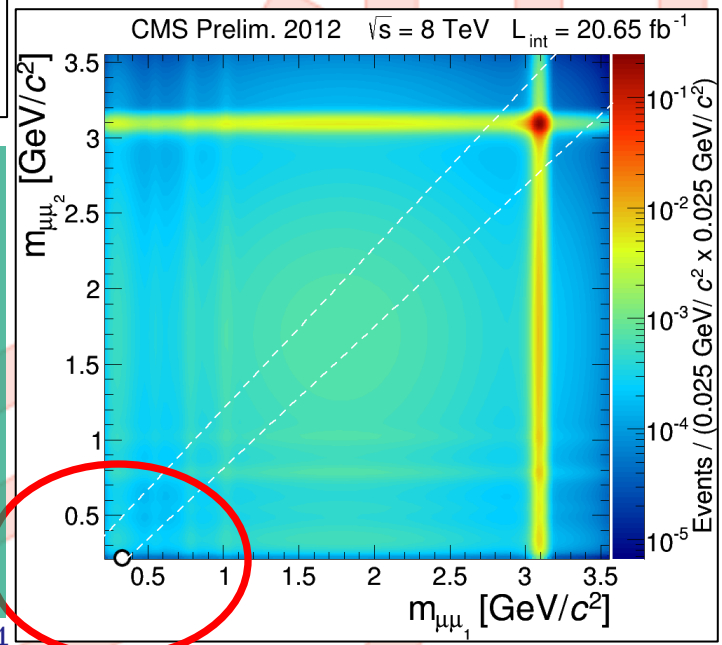
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Muon 2,  
pt = 9.42  
eta = 0.295  
phi = -2.864

Muon 3,  
pt = 22.44  
eta = 0.288  
phi = -2.850



one candidate event



2D background templates in  $m(\mu, \mu)_i$  from data control samples, both  $J/\psi$  and  $b\bar{b}$



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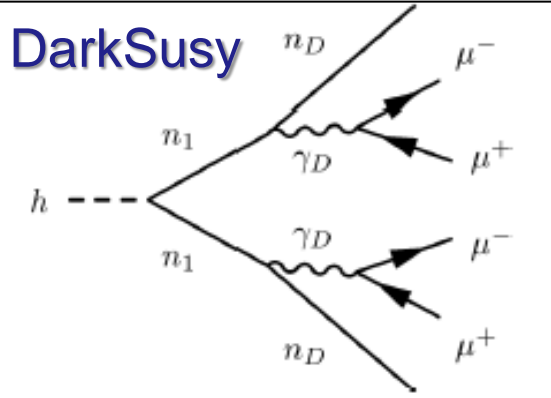
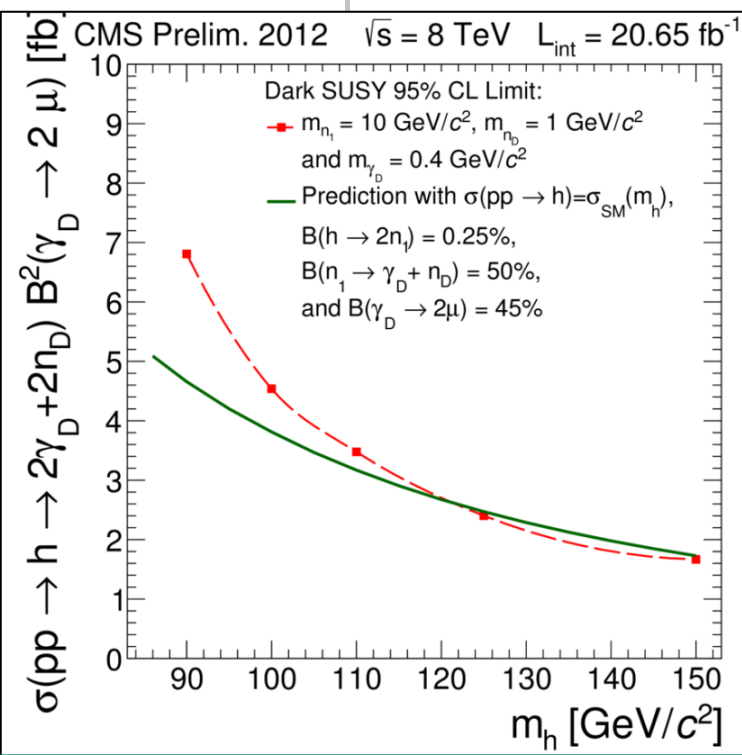
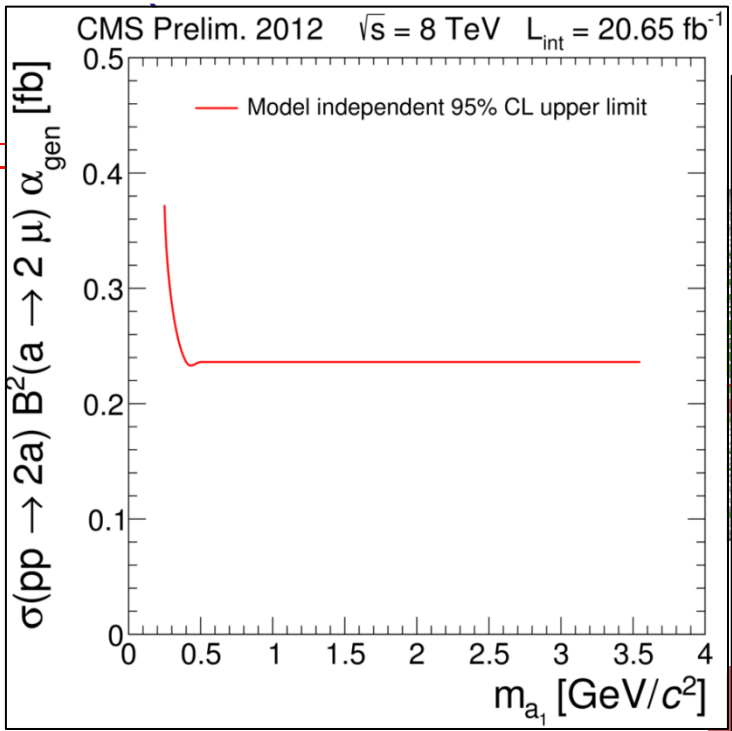
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Upper limits on  
 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow 2a)X$   
 $BR^2(a \rightarrow 2\mu)X \alpha_{gen}$

Muon 0,  
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 phi = 1.042

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$BR(\gamma_D \rightarrow 2\mu)$  up to 45%  
 $m_{h1} > 86 \text{ GeV}$  (WMAP, LEP)

$\sigma \times BR^2$  limits in DarkSUSY context as function of  $m_h$ , for  $\{m_{n1, nD, \gamma_D}\} = \{10, 1, 0.4 \text{ GeV}\}$

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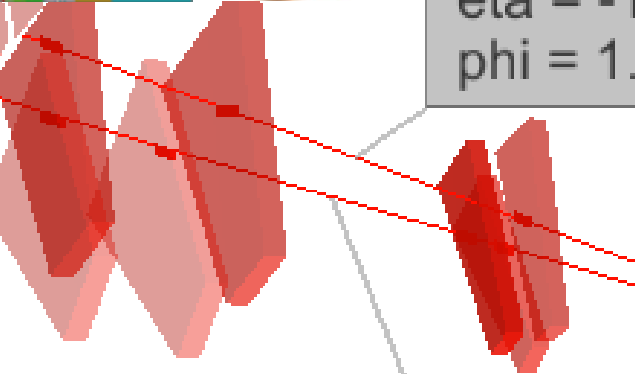


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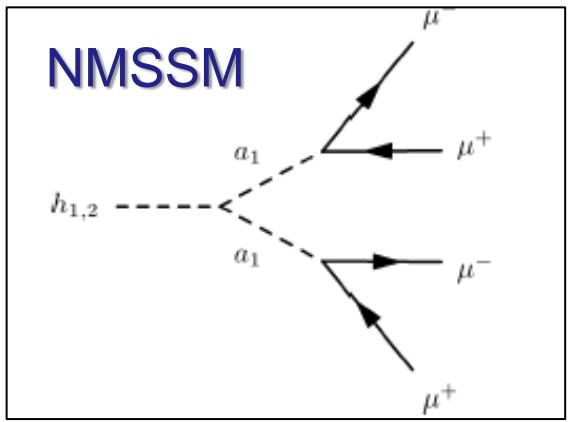
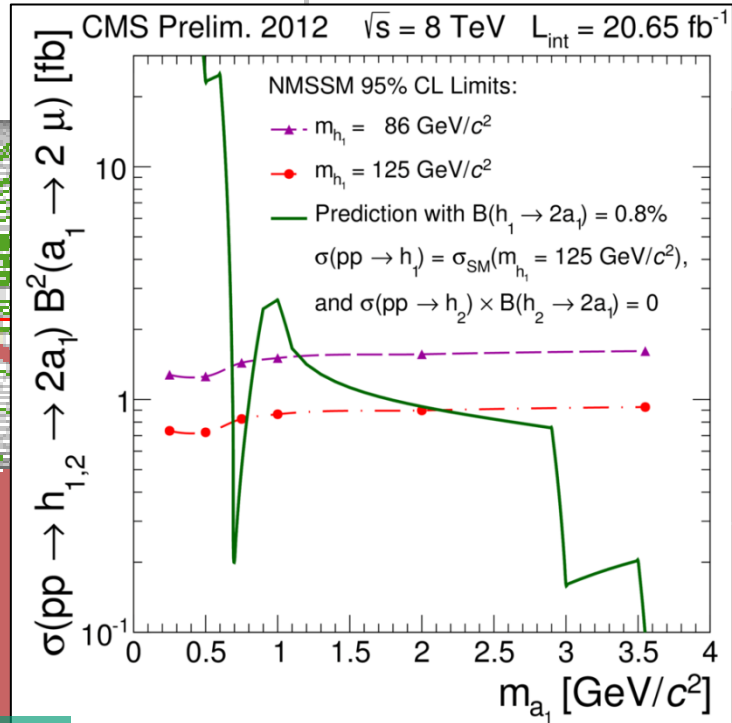
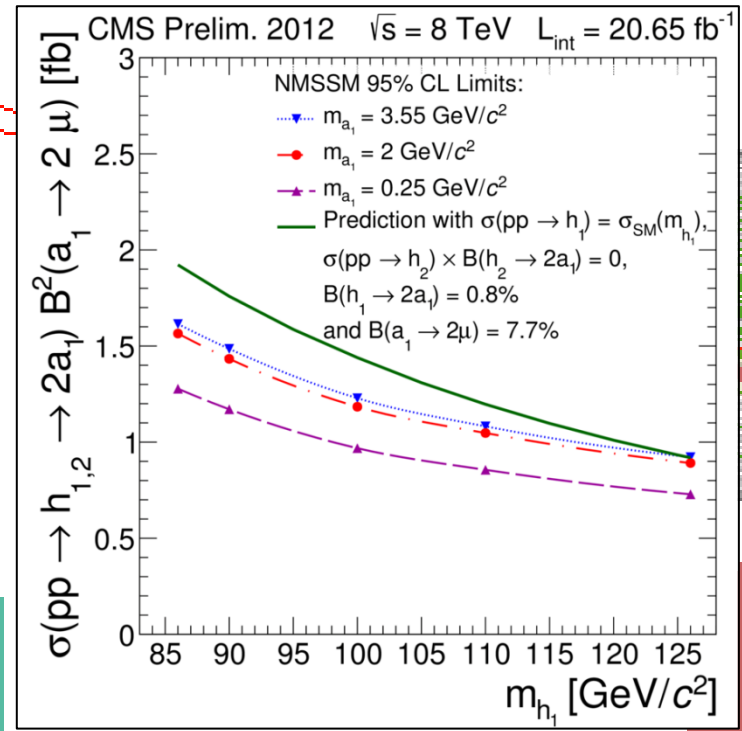
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$BR(a_1 \rightarrow 2\mu)$  high for  $2m_\mu < m_{a_1} < 2m_\tau$



$\sigma \times BR^2$  limits in NMSSM context as function of  $m_{h_1}$ , for  $\{m_{a_1}\} = \{0.25, 2, 3.55 \text{ GeV}\}$

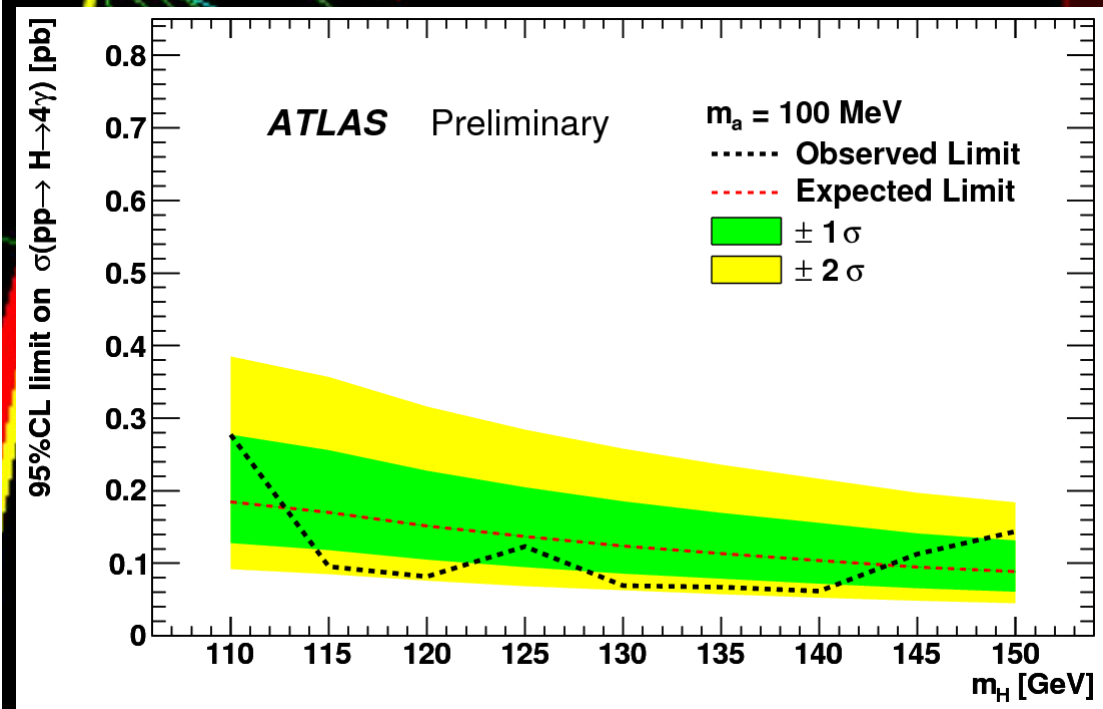
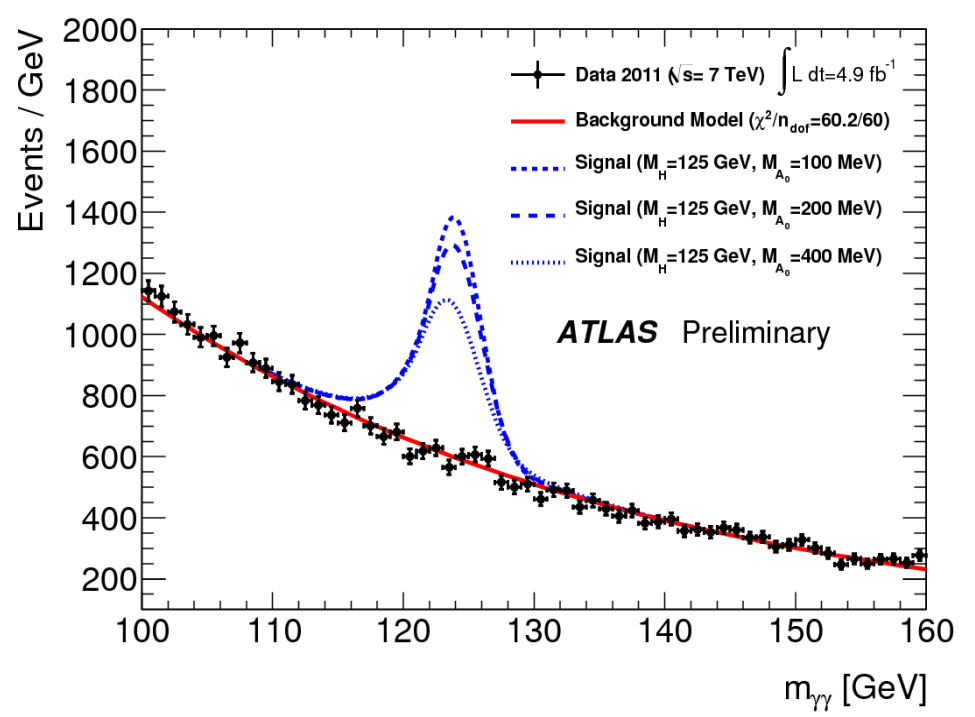
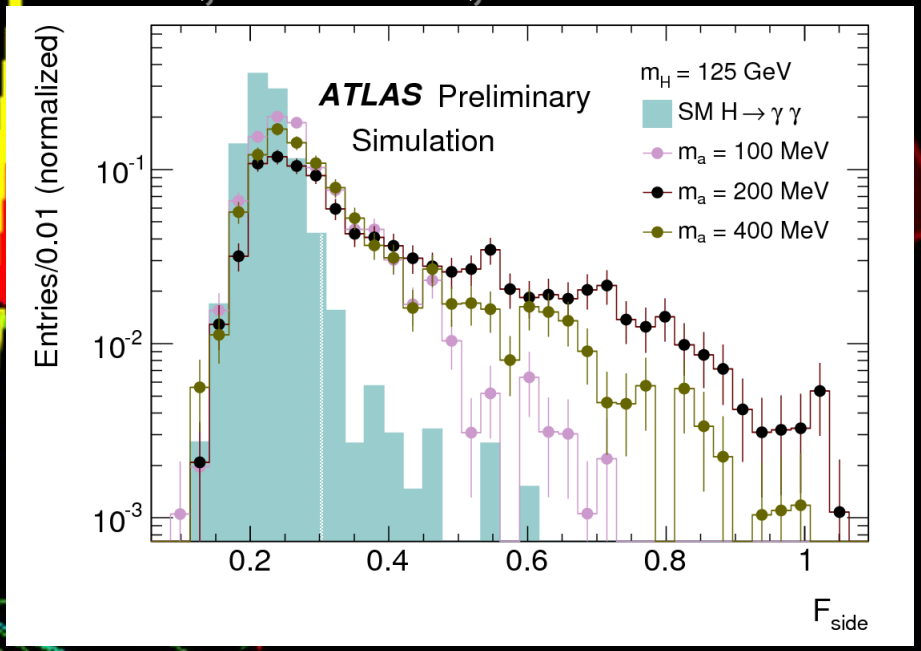
as function of  $m_{a_1}$ , for  $\{m_{h_1}\} = \{86, 125 \text{ GeV}\}$

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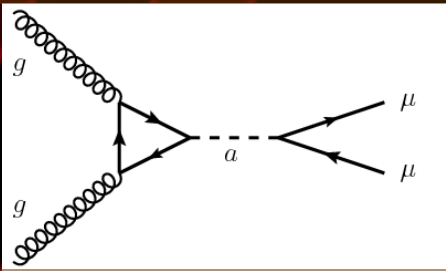
# Scalars decaying to pseudoscalars (NMSSM/MCHM): $4\gamma$ channel, ATLAS, 7 TeV

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- $h \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow 2\gamma + 2\gamma$
- $a$  decay photons highly boosted  $\rightarrow$  less collimated EM showers than  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  photons
- Suppress from  $\gamma$  identification variables most sensitive to shower inner structure
- Signal model much broader than for  $H$ , background fit from data
- Upper limits on  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow 4\gamma)$  for  $110 < m_h < 150$  GeV and  $110 < m_a < 400$  MeV



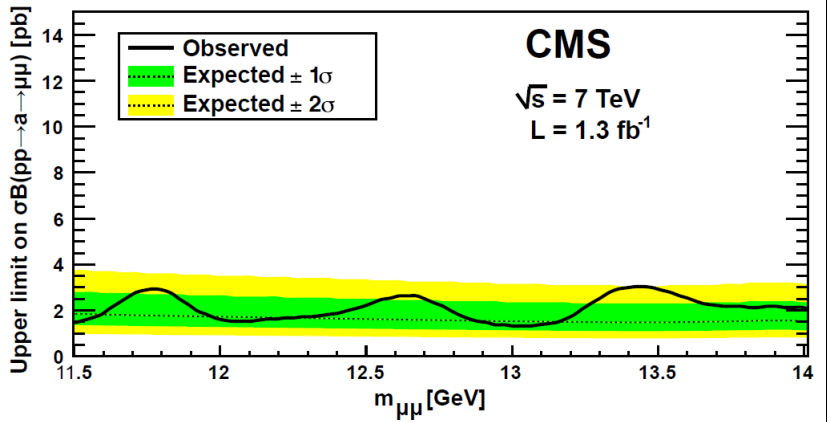
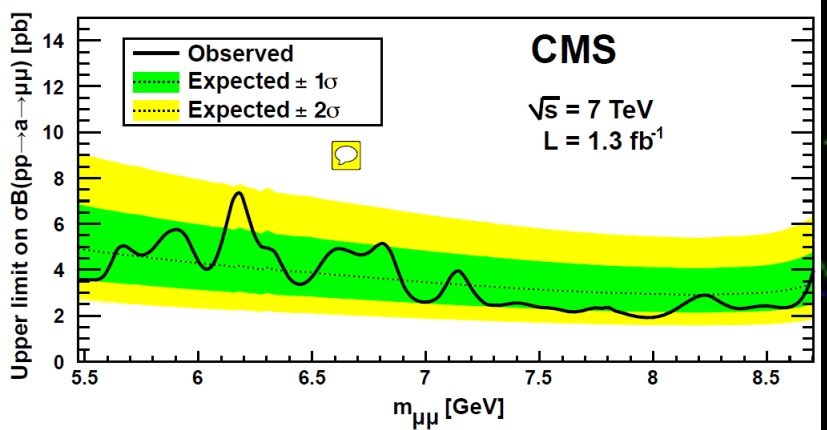
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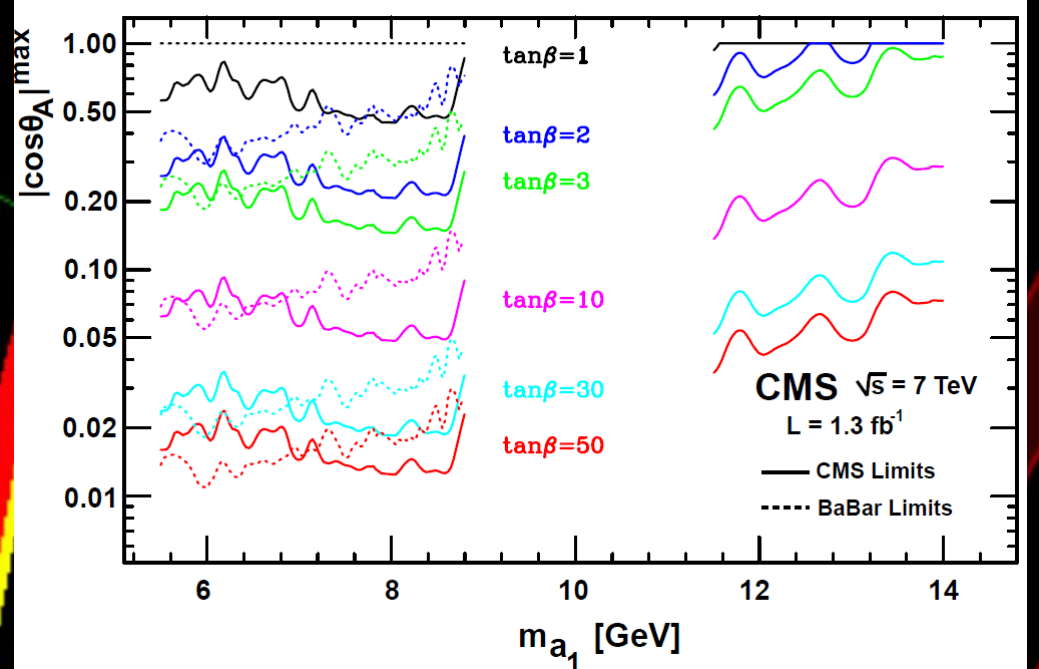
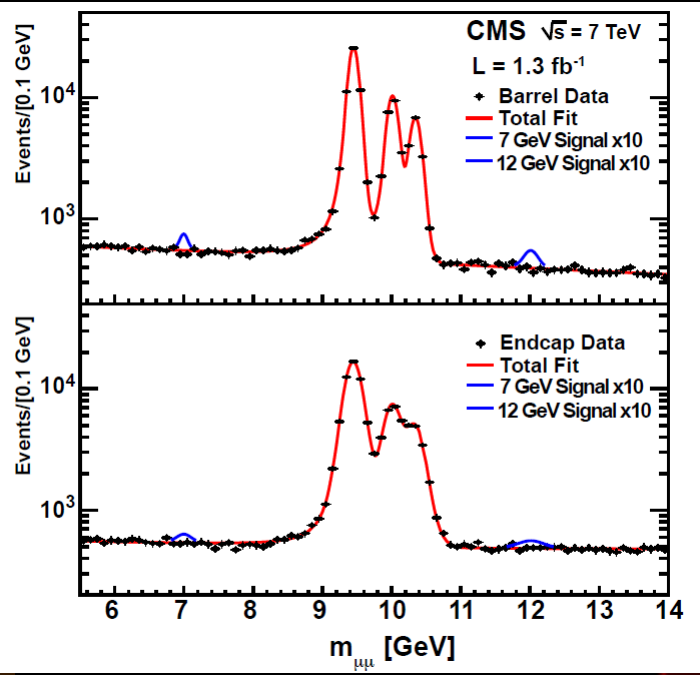
$m_{a1} < 2m_B$  possible

Unbinned LH fit to  $m_{\mu\mu}$ , background model from data

$\sigma \times BR(pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \mu\mu)$  limits in 2 mass regimes (avoid bottomonium)



Limits on  $\cos \theta_A$ ,  $a_1 = \cos \theta_A a_{\text{MSSM}} + \sin \theta_A a_S$  tighter than those from BaBar for a significant portion of the mass range

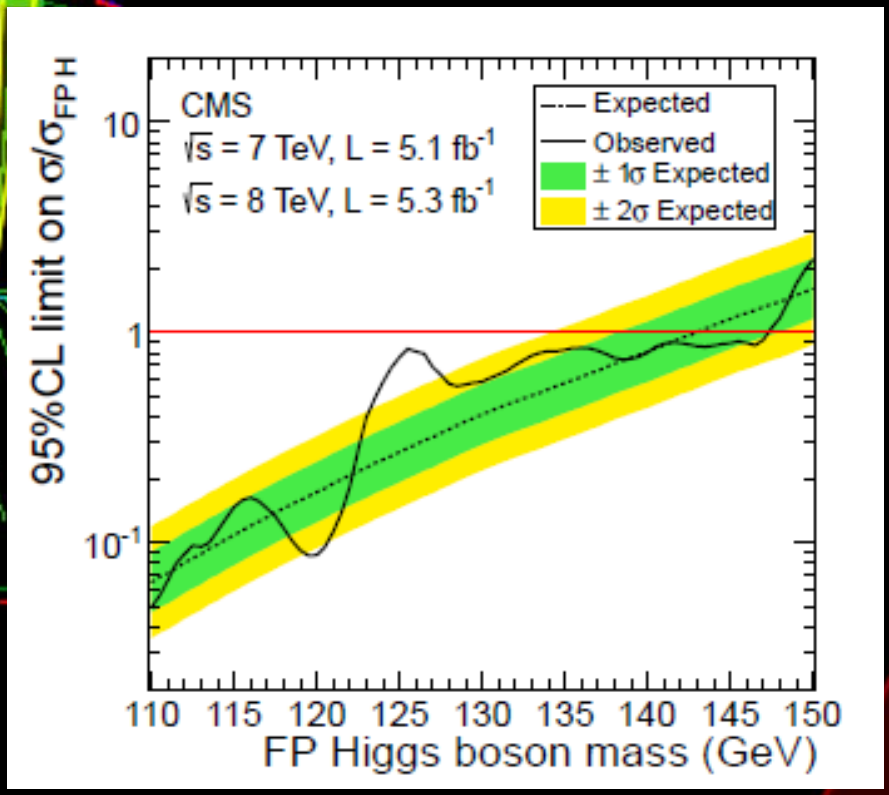
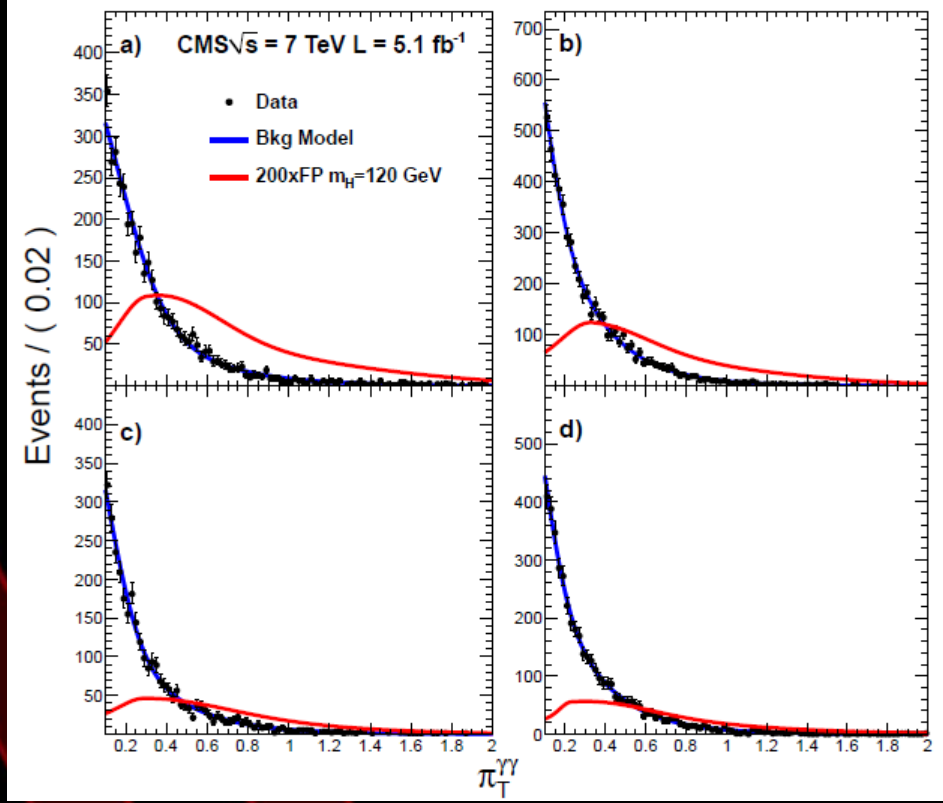


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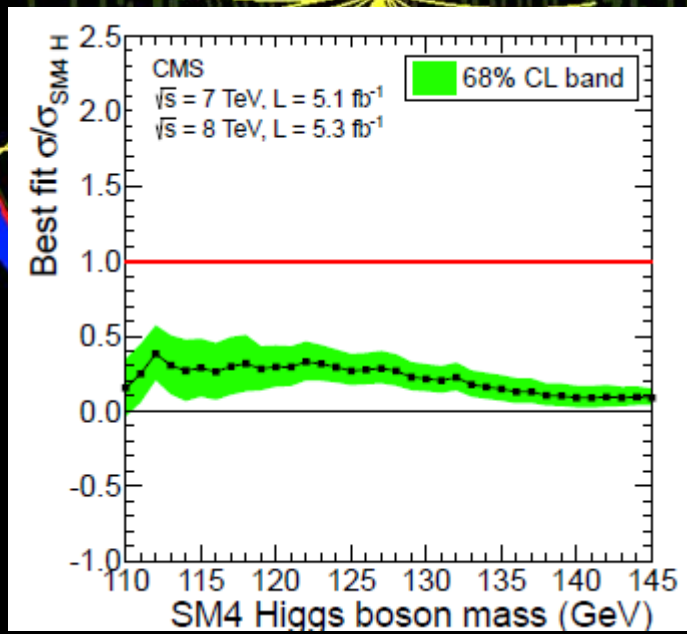
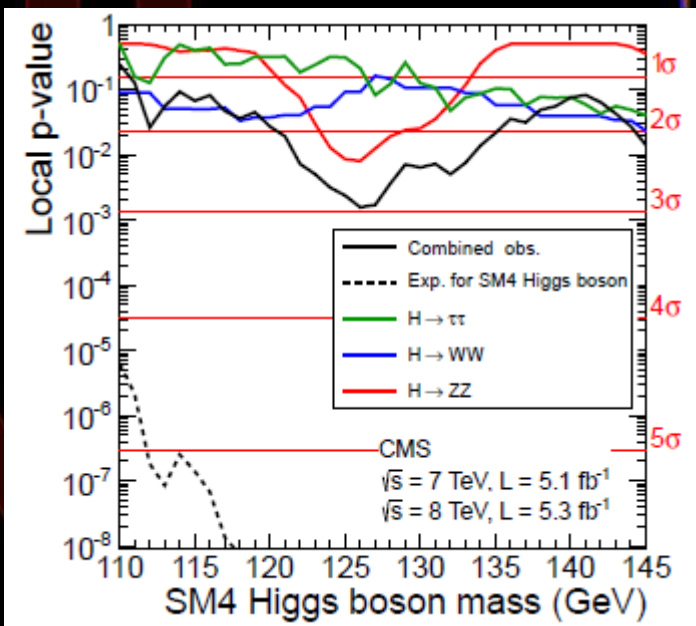
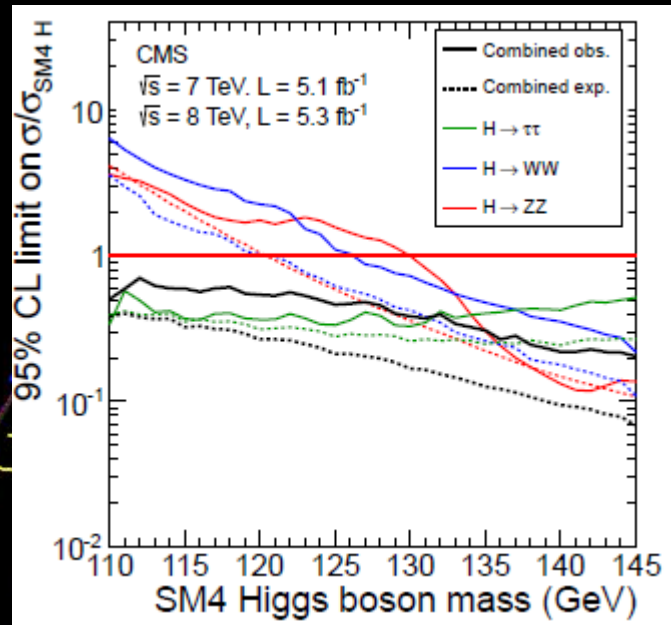
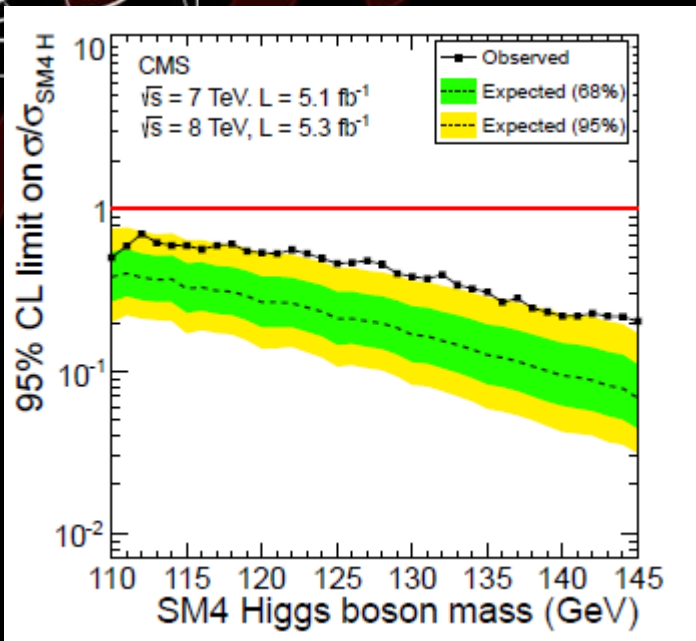
A fermiophobic Higgs boson is excluded at 95% confidence level in the mass range 110–147 GeV and at 99% in the range 110-133 GeV

PDFs of S & B in a 2D LH fit  
( $m_{\gamma\gamma}, \pi_T = pt / m_{\gamma\gamma}$ )  
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ATLAS 7 TeV result : Excluded 110.0–118.0 GeV and 119.5–121.0 GeV

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Reinterpretation of SM Higgs search results

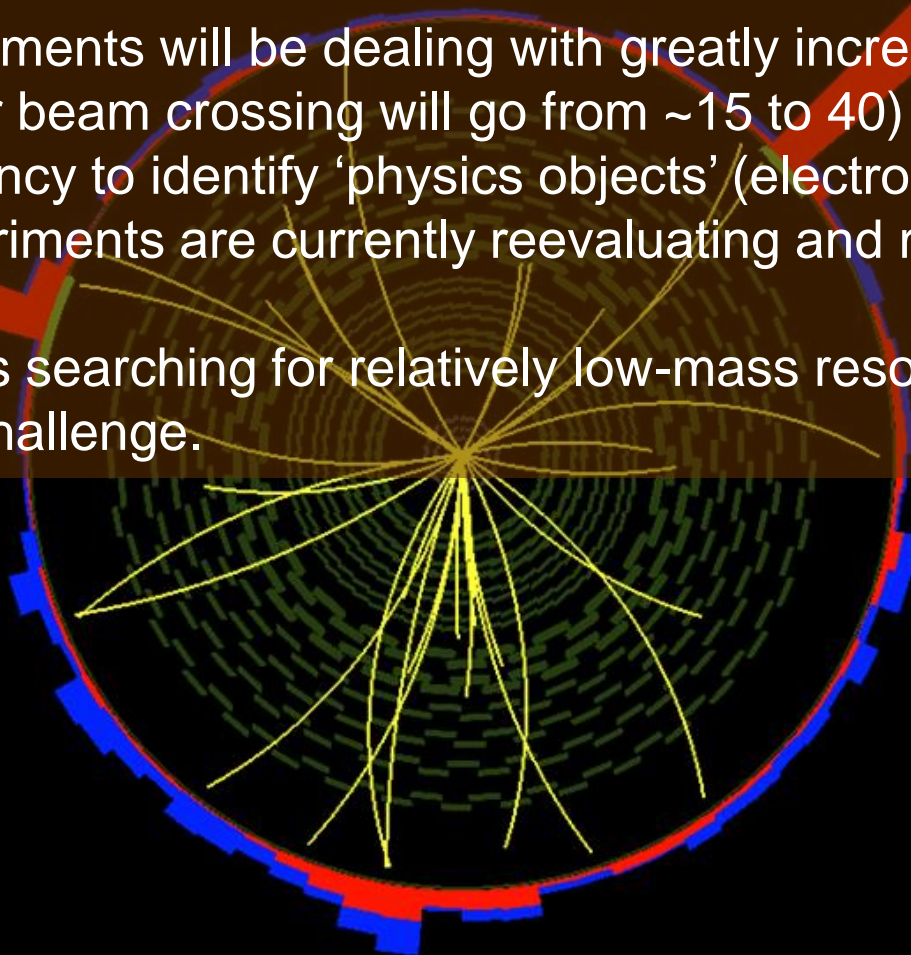
An SM4 Higgs boson is excluded at 99% confidence level in the mass range 100–600 GeV and at 99.9% in the range 100–560 GeV



# Challenges for low-mass searches in Run 2



- The increase in center-of-mass energy from 8 to 13 or 14 TeV is usually accompanied by a sizeable increase in production cross sections (in general X2 for SM Higgs)
- However the LHC experiments will be dealing with greatly increased pileup (number of interactions per beam crossing will go from  $\sim 15$  to 40)
- This will affect the efficiency to identify 'physics objects' (electrons, photons, muons, jets...) . The experiments are currently reevaluating and reworking the relevant algorithms.
- In particular, for analyses searching for relatively low-mass resonances, triggering will be a major challenge.



CMS Experiment at  
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# Summary and Conclusion



## MSSM neutral scalars:

- Model-independent limits of a few to several tens of pb on  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$
- The entire  $\tan\beta$ - $m_A$  plane is expected to be excluded in the  $m_h$ -max scenario, but a small window is left between  $90 \text{ GeV} < m_A < 120 \text{ GeV}$  and  $4.4 < \tan\beta < 7.6$

## MSSM charged scalars:

A very small window in the  $m_h$ -max scenario is left between  $90 \text{ GeV} < m_{H^\pm} < 100 \text{ GeV}$  and  $6 < \tan\beta < 10$

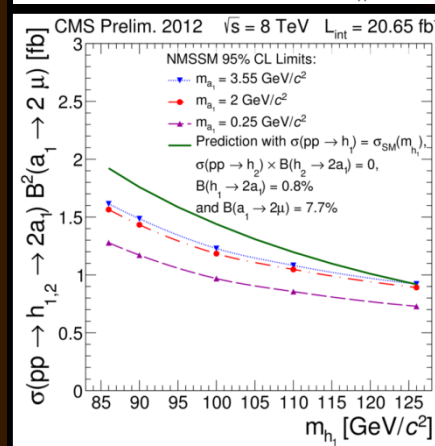
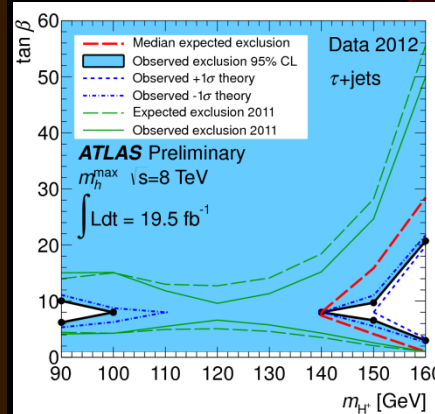
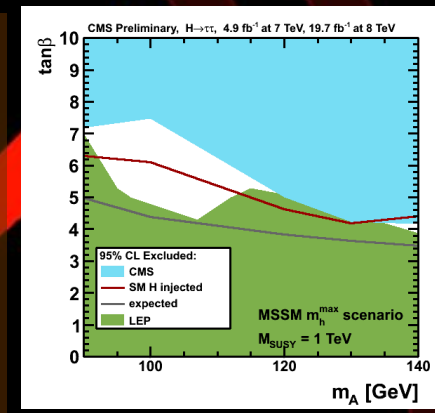
## NMSSM-like scalars and pseudoscalars:

Limits ranging from a few to hundreds of fb have been set on  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  of scalars decaying to light pseudoscalars in the context of the **NMSSM** or **DarkSusy** models, and a few pb for directly produced pseudoscalars

## Scalars in Fermiophobic and 4th generation:

FP Higgs bosons have been excluded for  $m_H > 110 \text{ GeV}$  and 4th generation Higgs bosons for  $m_H > 100 \text{ GeV}$ .

Many other searches for low-mass scalars/pseudoscalars are in progress even with Run 1 data, and more are in preparation for Run 2. We should keep looking!



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