



Searches for boosted dibosons in CMS

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Overview

Many extensions of the Standard Model predict existence of new particles decaying into vector-boson pairs.

Few of them are used as benchmarks for heavy narrow resonance searches in di-boson final state by CMS.

Extra dimensions

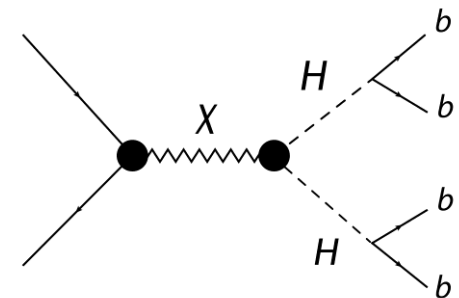
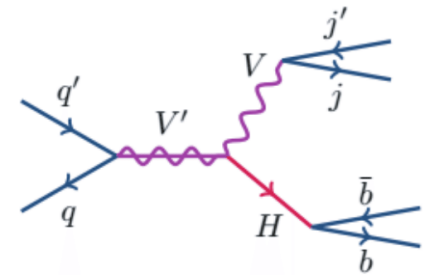
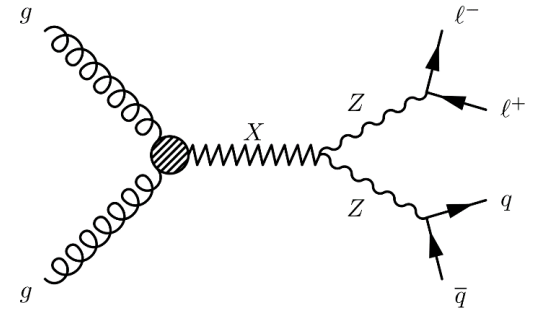
- Bulk scenario of RS model
- spin-2 gravitons, spin-0 radions

Heavy spin-1 vector bosons.

- Heavy Vector Triplet (scenario B)
- spin-1 W'_{\pm} and Z'

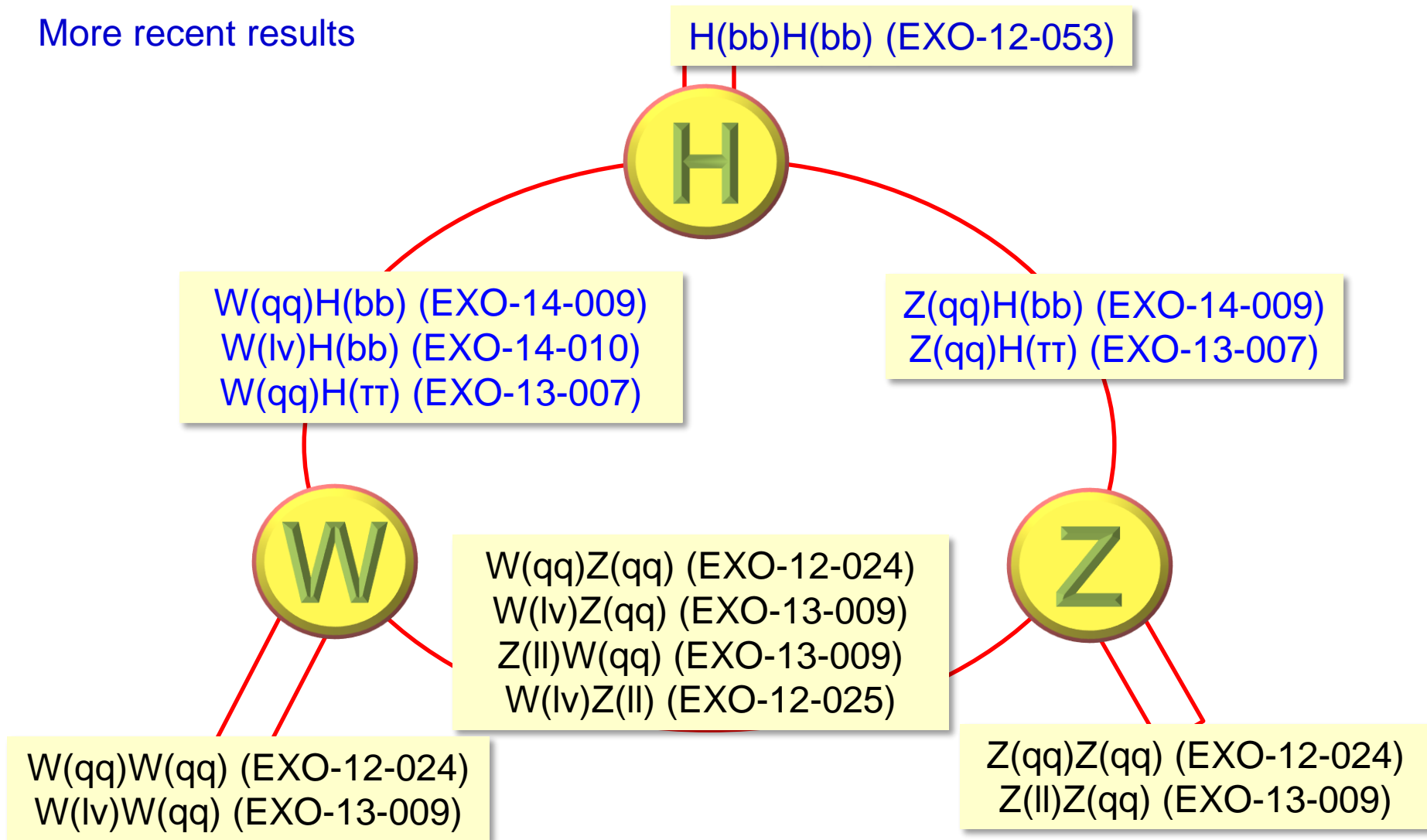
Final state with boosted V :

- ✓ WW , WZ , ZZ resonances
- ✓ WH and ZH resonances search
- ✓ HH resonances

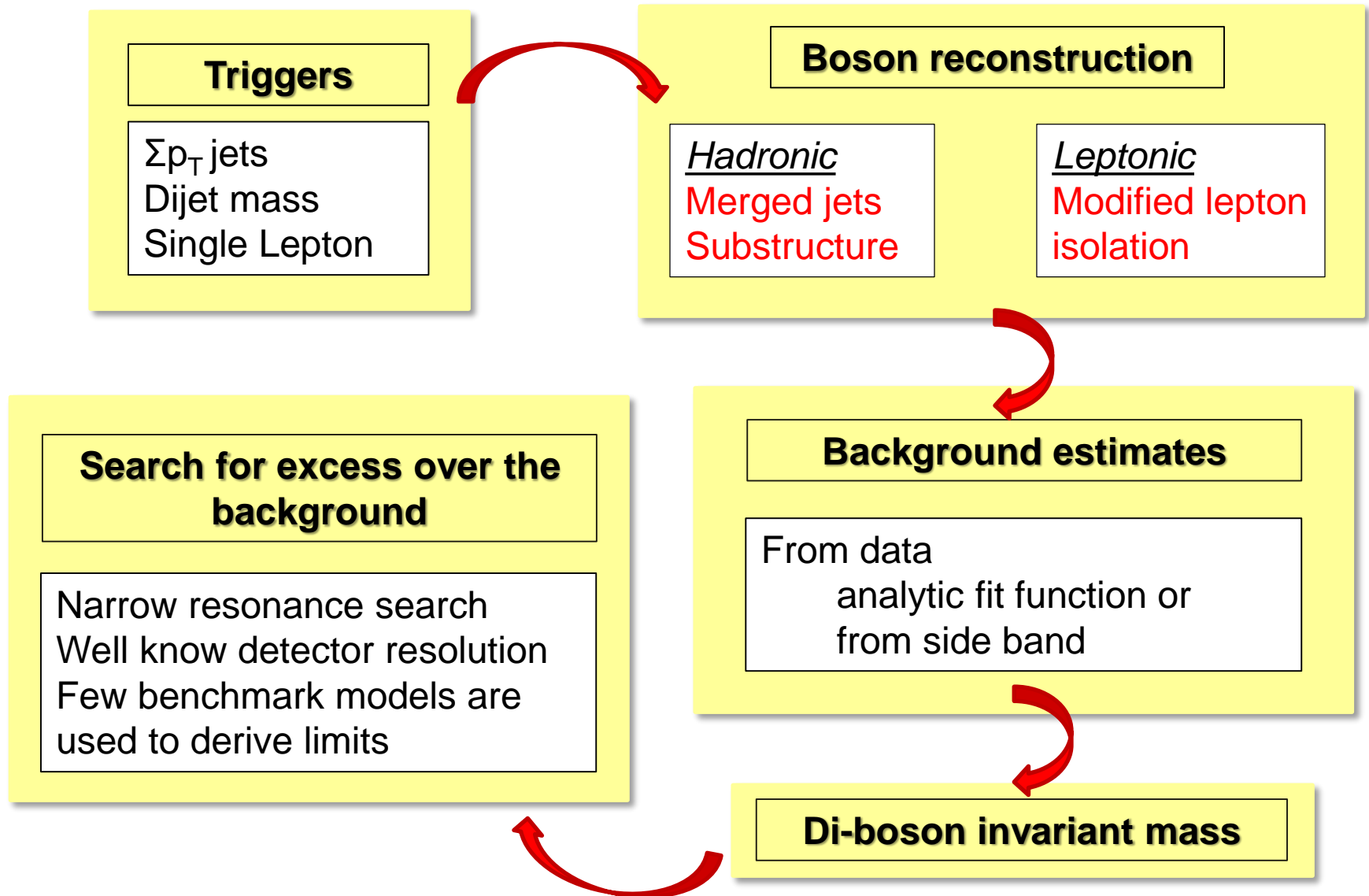


Di-boson final states - map

More recent results



Analysis Strategy at a Glance



WW/WZ/ZZ

Reconstructing boosted W/Z/H

Above W,Z(H) $p_T > 200(300)$ GeV quarks merge into $R=0.8$ jet

❑ Reconstruct W/Z/H with CA $R=0.8$ jet

❑ Pruned jet mass (arXiv:0912.0033)

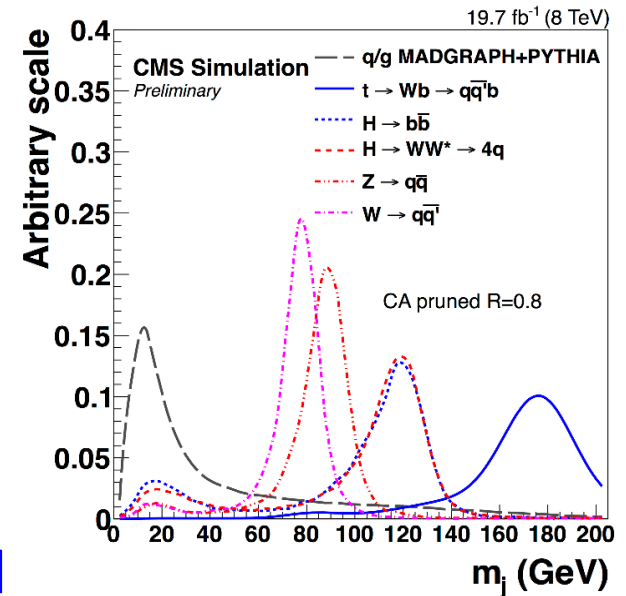
Better resolution by elimination soft, large angle radiation and

➤ expected at W/Z/H mass

➤ **N-subjettiness** (τ_2/τ_1) – provide additional discrimination. Should look like composed of two smaller jets

$$\tau_N = \frac{1}{d_0} \sum_k p_{T,k} \min \{ \Delta R_{1,k}, \Delta R_{2,k}, \dots, \Delta R_{N,k} \} \quad \text{arXiv:1011.2268}$$

✓ *Calibrated in semi-leptonic $t\bar{t}$ sample containing real boosted Ws.*



Fully hadronic WW/WZ/ZZ

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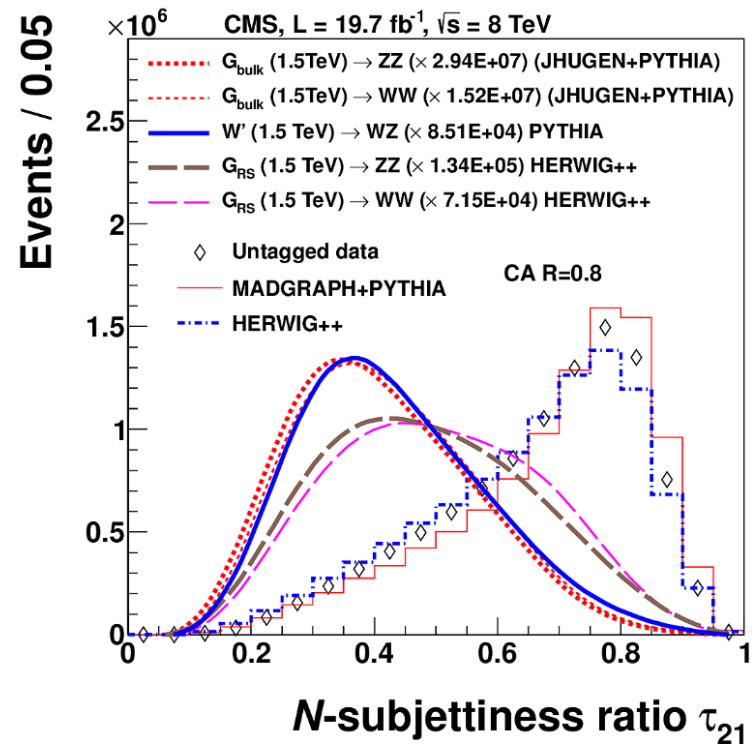
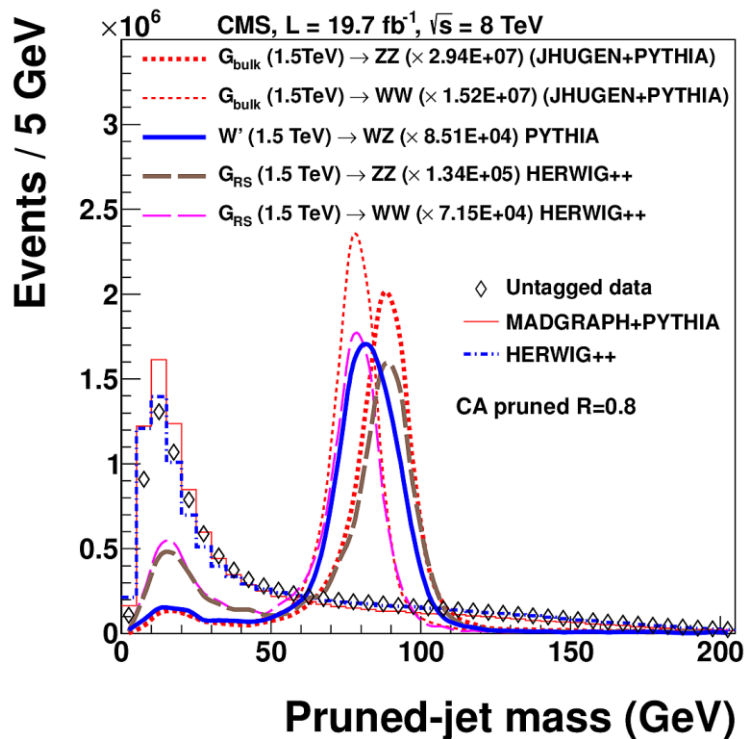
Trigger $\Sigma p_{T jets} > 650 \text{ GeV}$ OR dijet mass $> 750 \text{ GeV}$

Event selection: two R=0.8 jets with

$|\eta_1 - \eta_2| < 1.3$ (suppress QCD multijet background)

$70 < m_{pruned} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ to select both W and Z

$\tau_2/\tau_1 < 0.5$ for highest purity, $0.5 < \tau_2/\tau_1 < 0.75$ for lower purity



Background estimation – fully hadronic

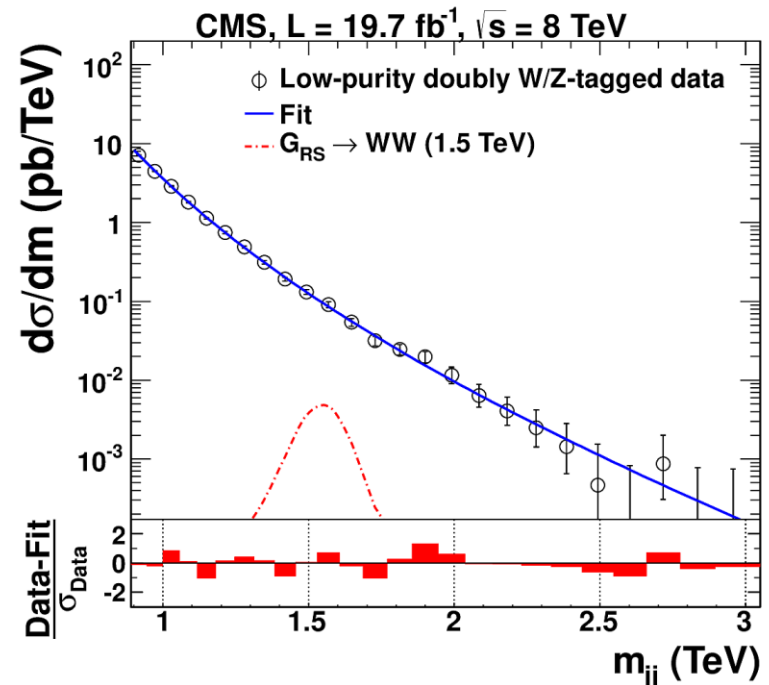
Background has a smooth distribution and can be described by a fit function

Performing simultaneously fit:

- signal yield and background parameters
- No need of detailed simulation for the background processes

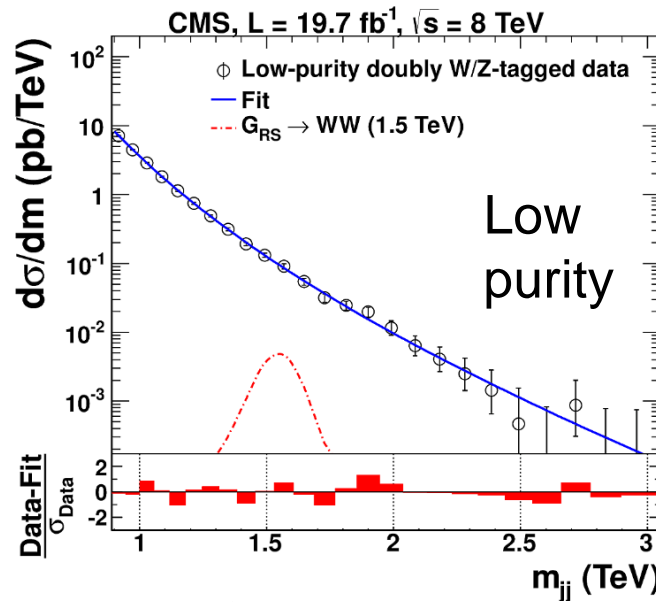
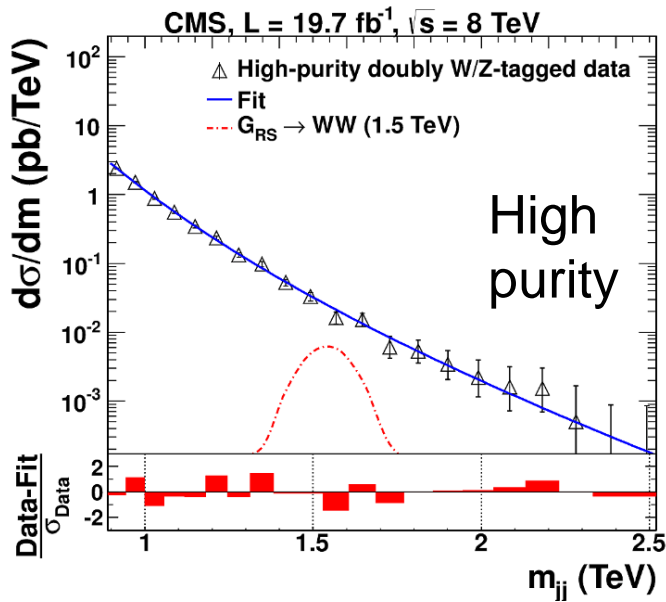
Checks:

- Bias-test:** How much is signal yield mis-fitted when fitting toy spectra of default fit function with alternative functional form
- F-test:** Increase number of parameters until fit shows no significant improvement



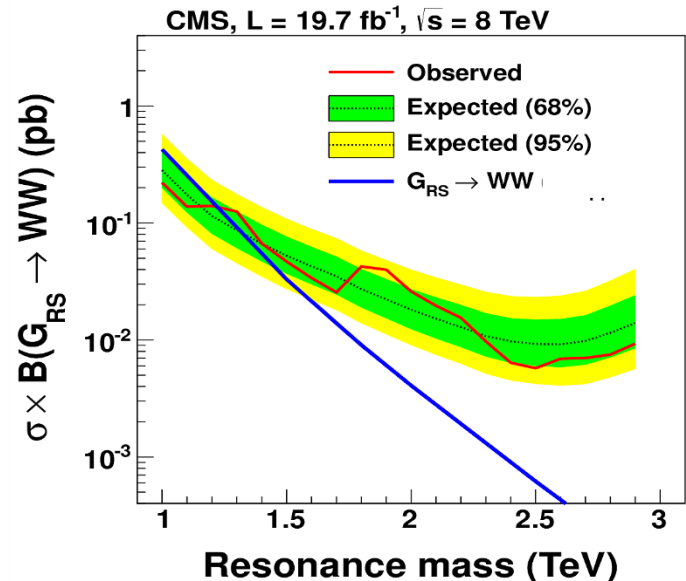
$V(qq)V(qq)$ resonances

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Two bump hunts in HP and LP samples, like “classic” dijet search

- Randall-Sundrum gravitons
- A moderate excess (1.3σ) seen for $M_{jj} \approx 2 \text{ TeV}$
 - ✓ no excess in HP
 - ✓ larger excess in LP



Semi-lepton background estimation

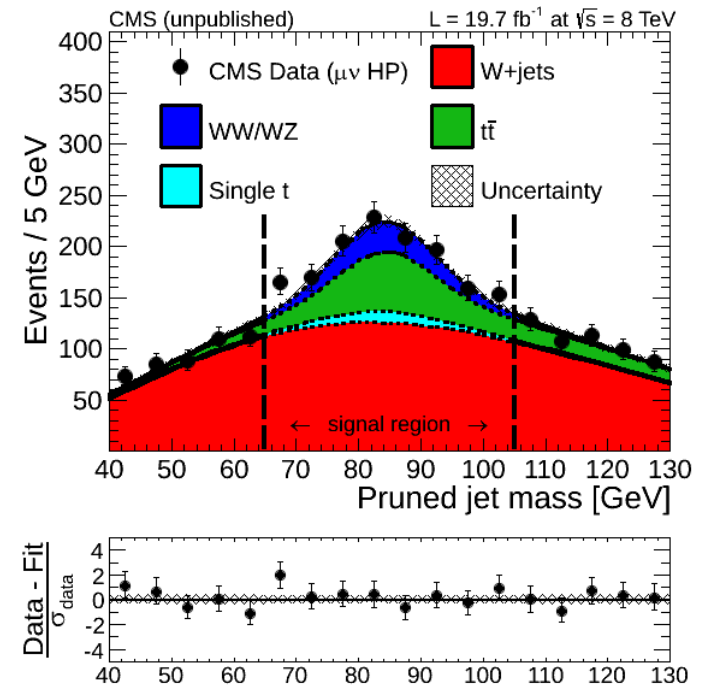
Using observable in signal-depleted sideband closely related to signal region

➤ Background rate+shape estimated from data in sideband, extrapolated to signal region using simulation

- ✓ Limited use of background simulation
- ✓ Uncertainties associated to extrapolation to signal region sometimes arbitrary

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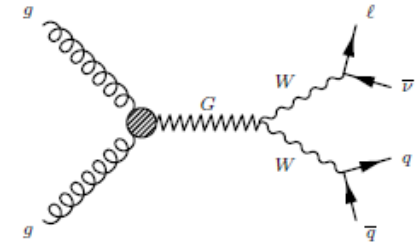
- Closure test in simulation and/or other data sideband
- Cross-checked against the estimate from data with fit function for the background



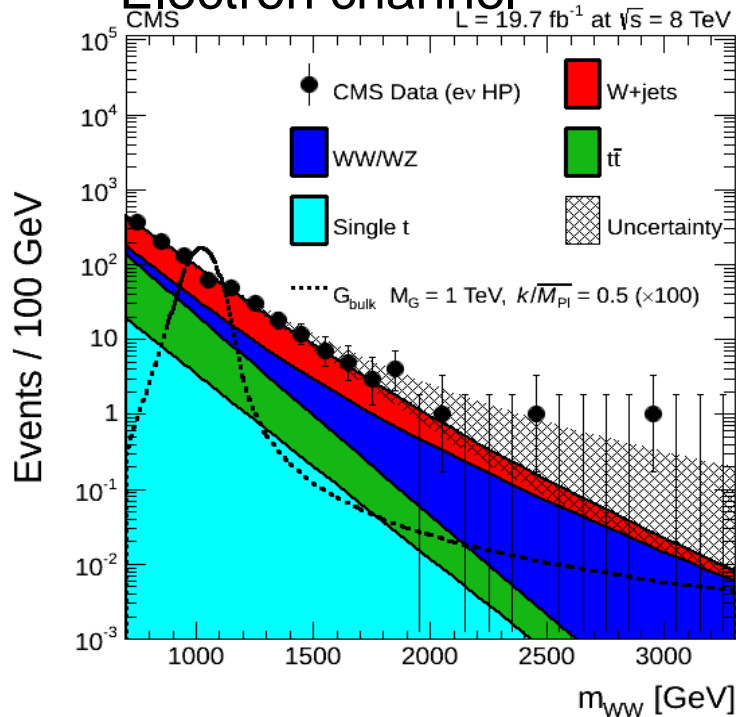
Semi-lepton $W(l\nu)W(qq)$

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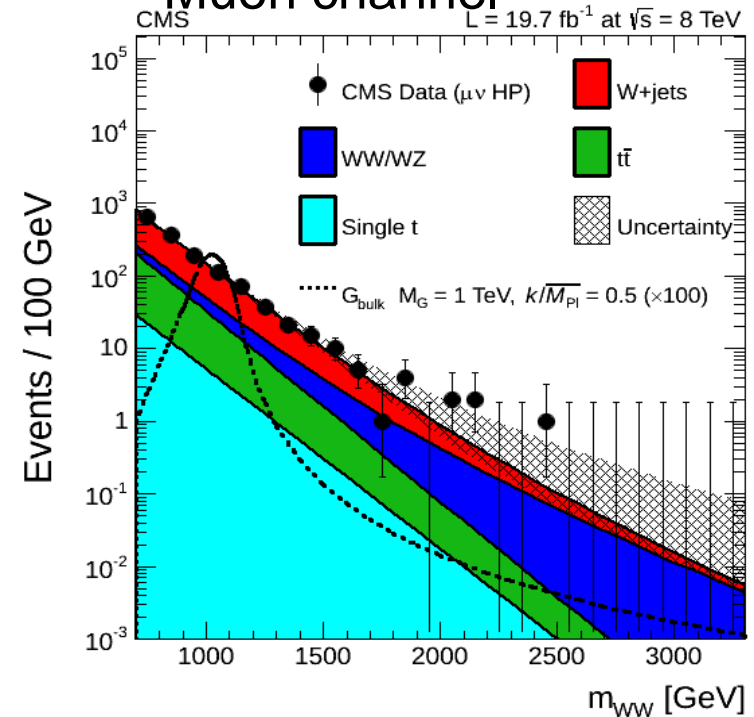
- Trigger: high p_T lepton: $p_T > 80(40)$ GeV for $e(\mu)$
- Reconstructed one W from one lepton and E_T^{miss}
- Second W reconstructed from V-tagged CA8 jet
- Categorize in purity based on τ_2/τ_1
- W +jets background estimated from jet mass side-band
- $t\bar{t}$ control region



Electron channel



Muon channel



Semi-lepton $Z(\ell\ell)Z(qq)$

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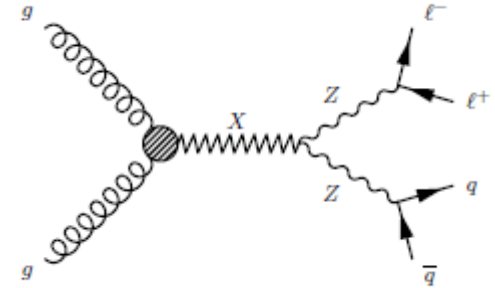
➤ Trigger two leptons: $p_T > 33/33$ (22/8) GeV for $e(\mu)$

Reconstructed one Z from 2 leptons

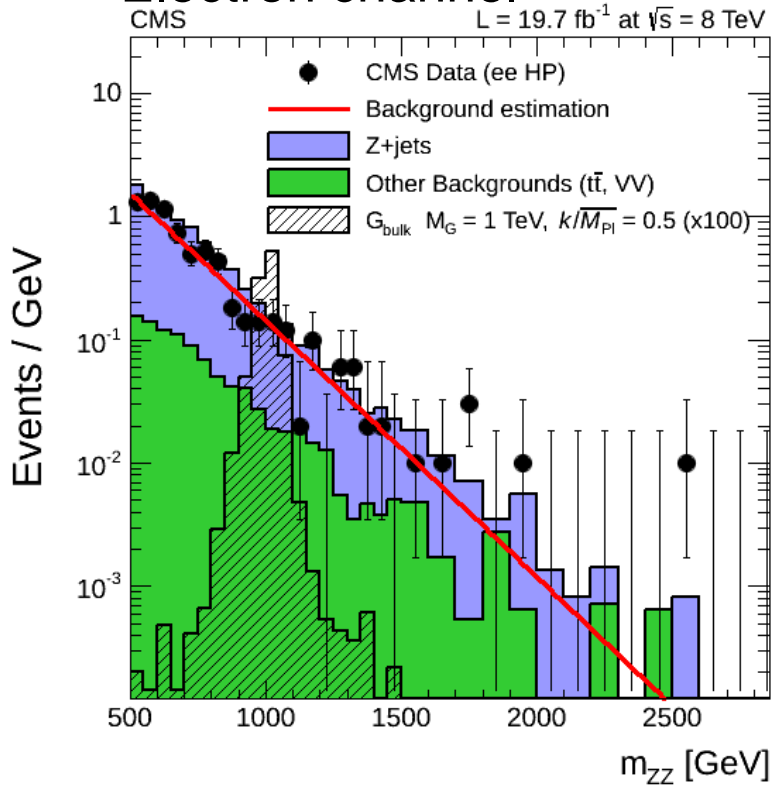
Second V reconstructed from V-tagged CA8 jet

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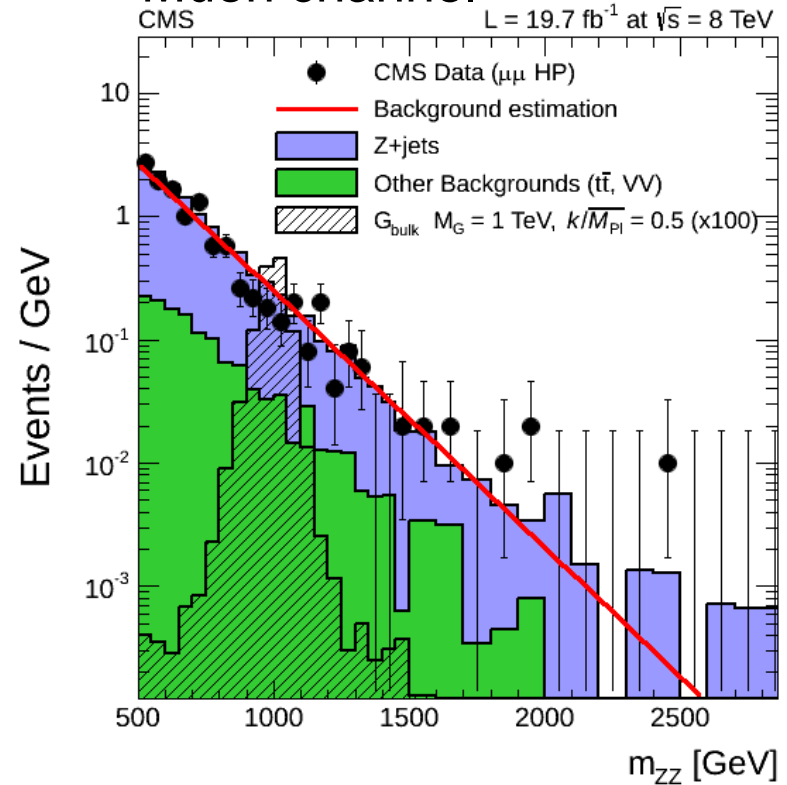
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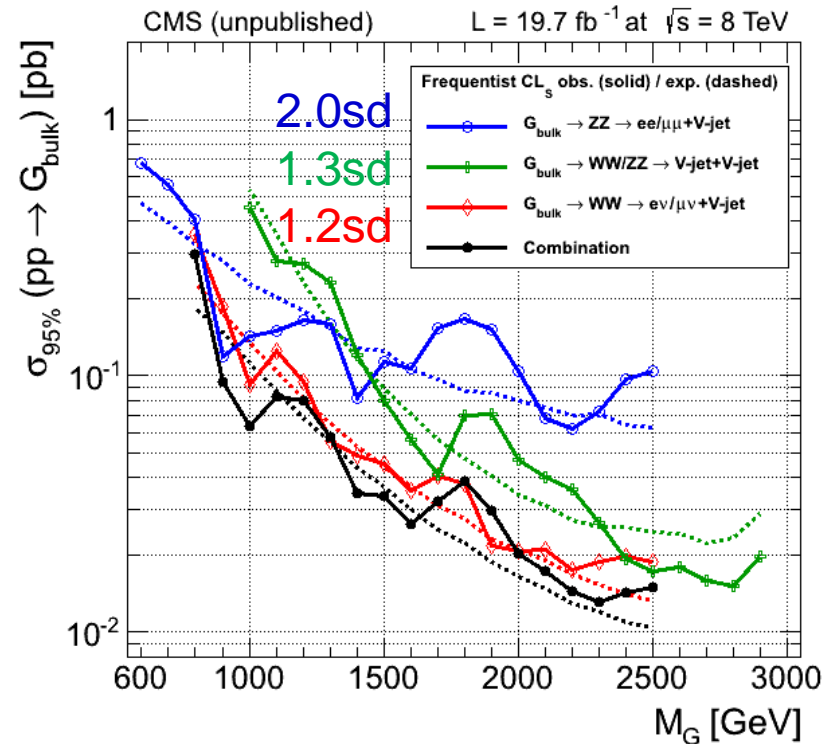
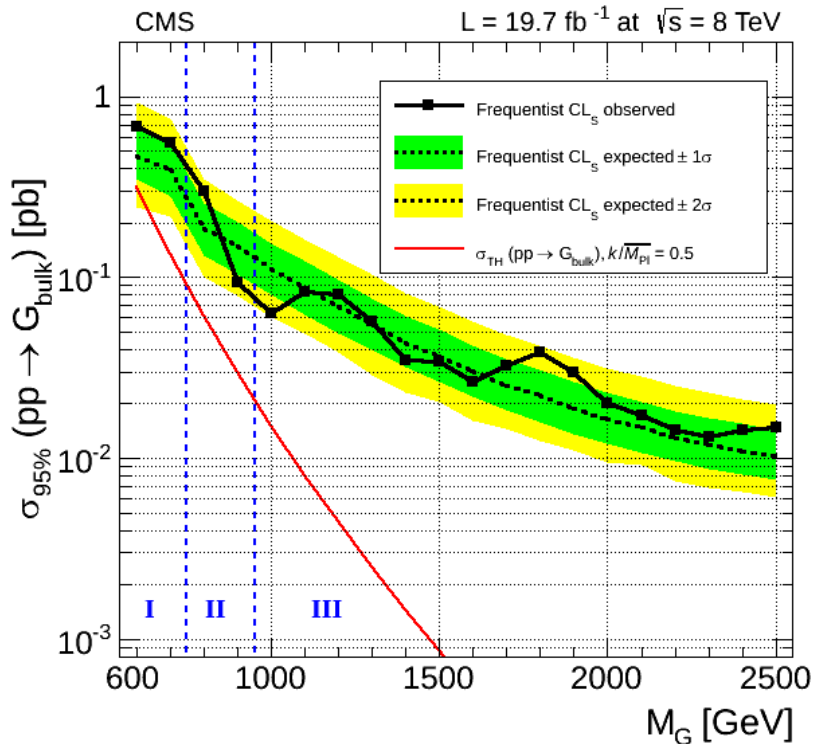
Limits on spin-2 WW/ZZ resonances

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Combined results for WW/ZZ searches at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

Cross section and width related to coupling parameter k/M_{Pl} (narrow < 0.5)

Narrow width for $k/M_{\text{Pl}} \leq 0.5$, Bulk Graviton model

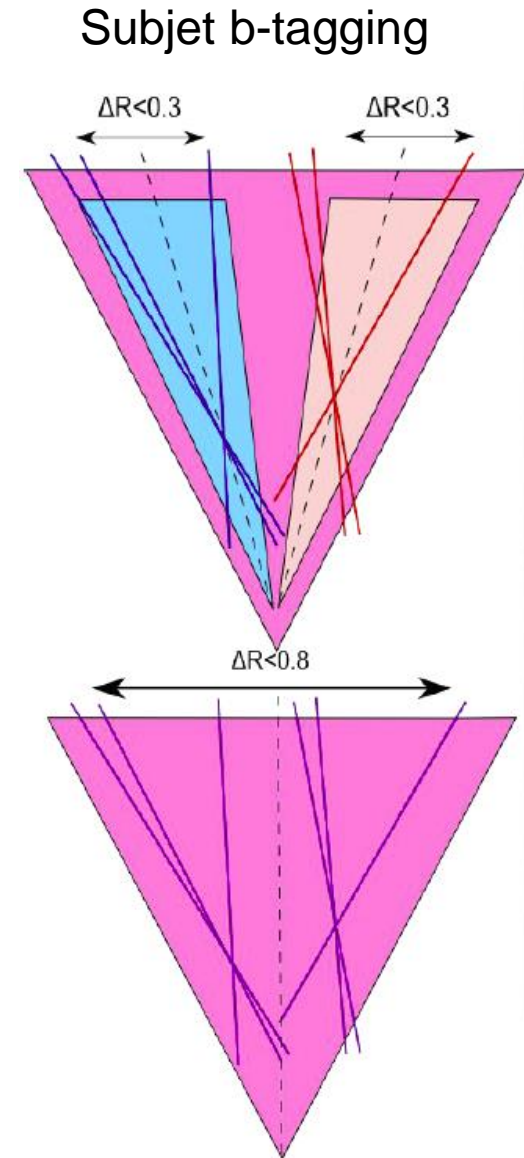


VH,HH resonance

Reconstructing $H(bb)$

Pruned jet mass is used as main discriminator

- ❖ Identify b-quark initiated jets with multivariate discriminant based on secondary vertices from B-hadron decay and associated tracks
- **Modified b-tag algorithm** - 2 steps procedure
 - ❖ Sub-jet: Undo last iteration of jet clustering to obtain two subjets corresponding to the b-quarks from Higgs decay. If subjets angular separation is larger than 0.3, **apply b-tagging on subjets**. Otherwise:
 - ❖ Fat-jet: **apply b-tagging on $R=0.8$ jet**

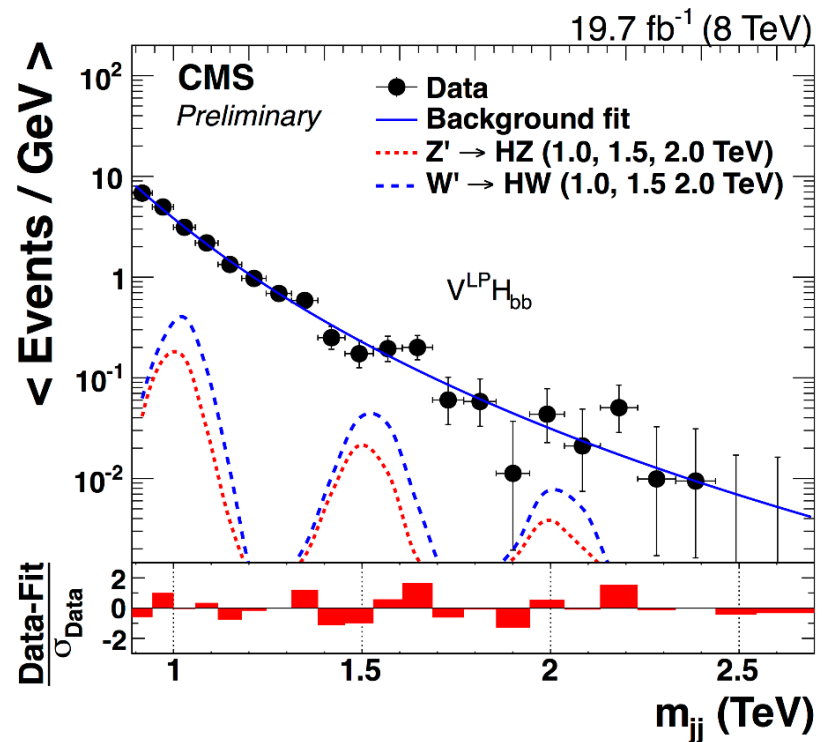
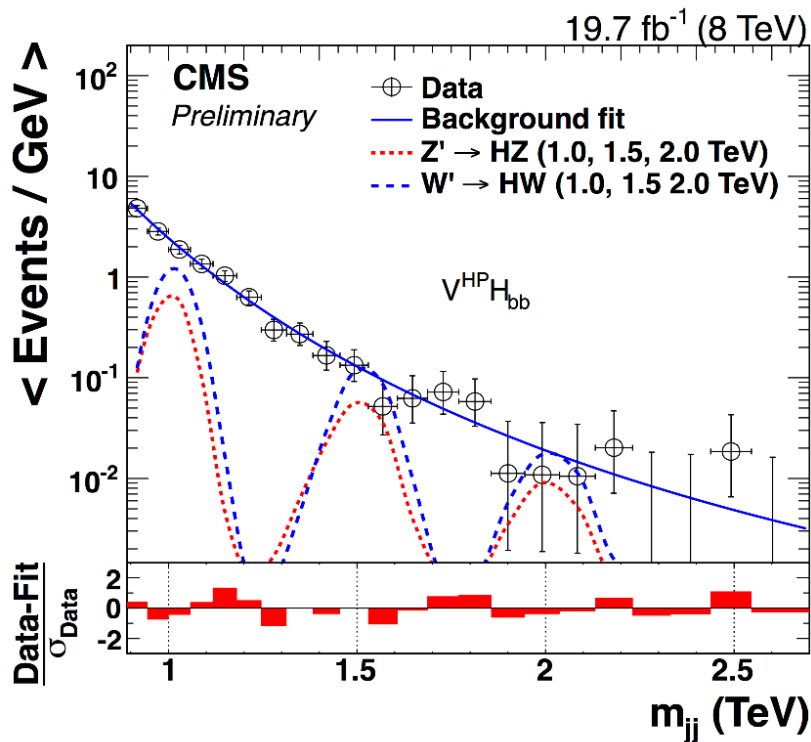


$V(qq)H(bb)$ resonances

[arXiv:1506.01443](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.01443)

□ Using the same search techniques as $V(qq)V(qq)$ search

Better S/B ratio due to better background rejection of $H(bb)$ -tagger compared to $W(qq)/Z(qq)$ -tagger



Reconstructed $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qqqq$

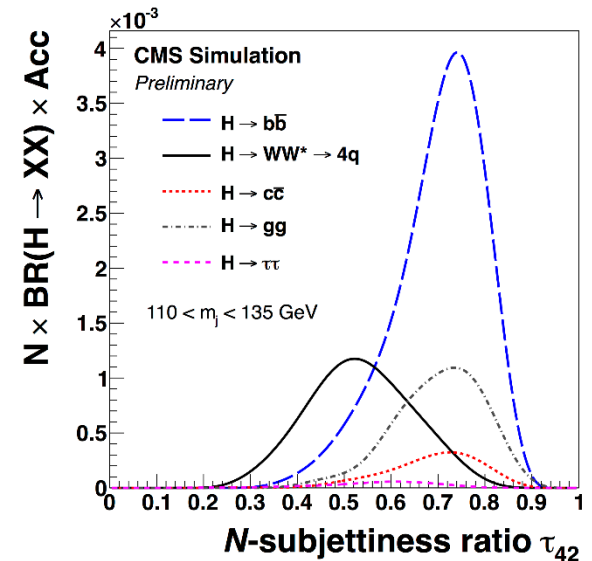
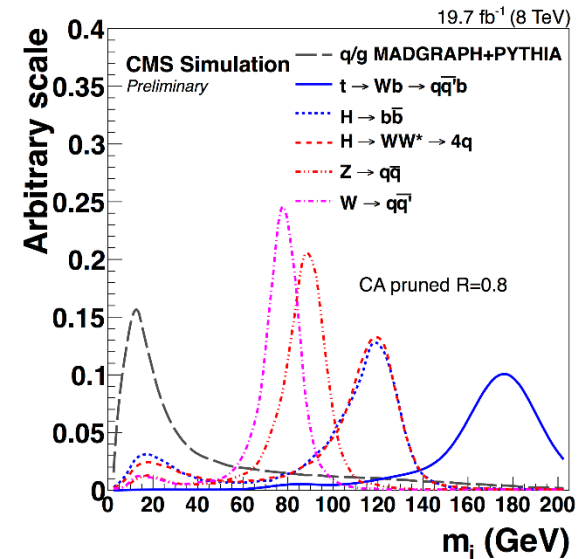
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$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qqqq$ has second highest BR after $H \rightarrow bb$. Imposing the same requirement on the pruned jet mass selection as $H \rightarrow bb$ jets

➤ τ_4/τ_2 is the best discriminating variable between $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qqqq$ jet (initiated from 4 partons) and quark/gluon/W/Z/H(bb) jets (initiated from 1 or 2 partons)

Since $BR(H \rightarrow bb) \gg BR(H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qqqq)$, fraction of $H \rightarrow bb$ event failing b-tagging, but passing τ_4/τ_2 selection is non-negligible

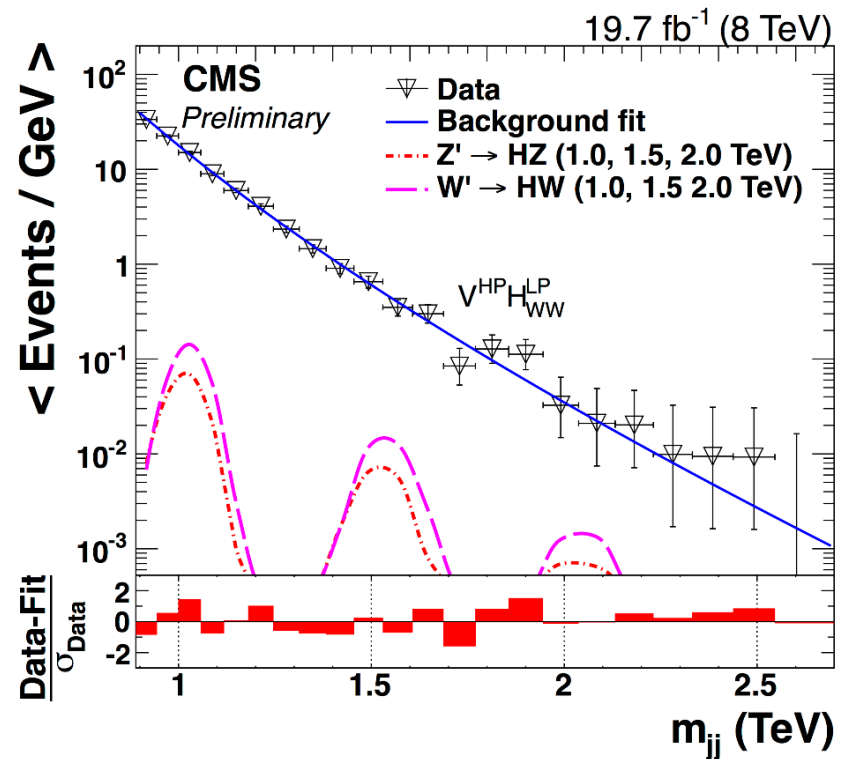
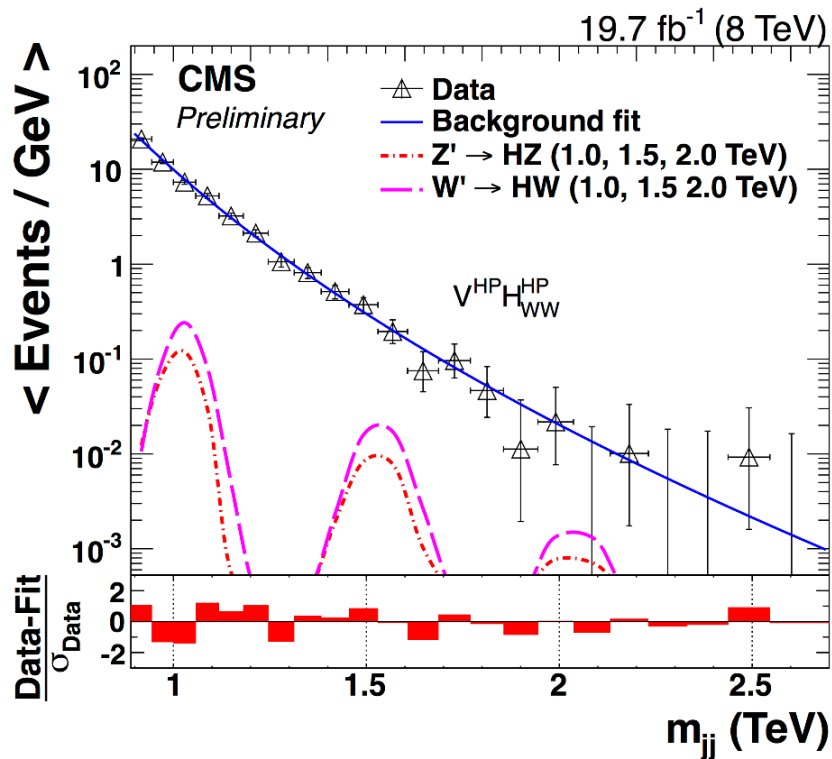
➤ Need to consider all possible Higgs decays simultaneously in the analysis



$V(qq) H(WW \rightarrow qqqq)$ resonances

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Exclusive search channel: Only events that fail H(bb) tagger
Factor 4 less stringent limits on cross section than H(bb) channel
Improves the sensitivity by 10% when combined with H(bb)



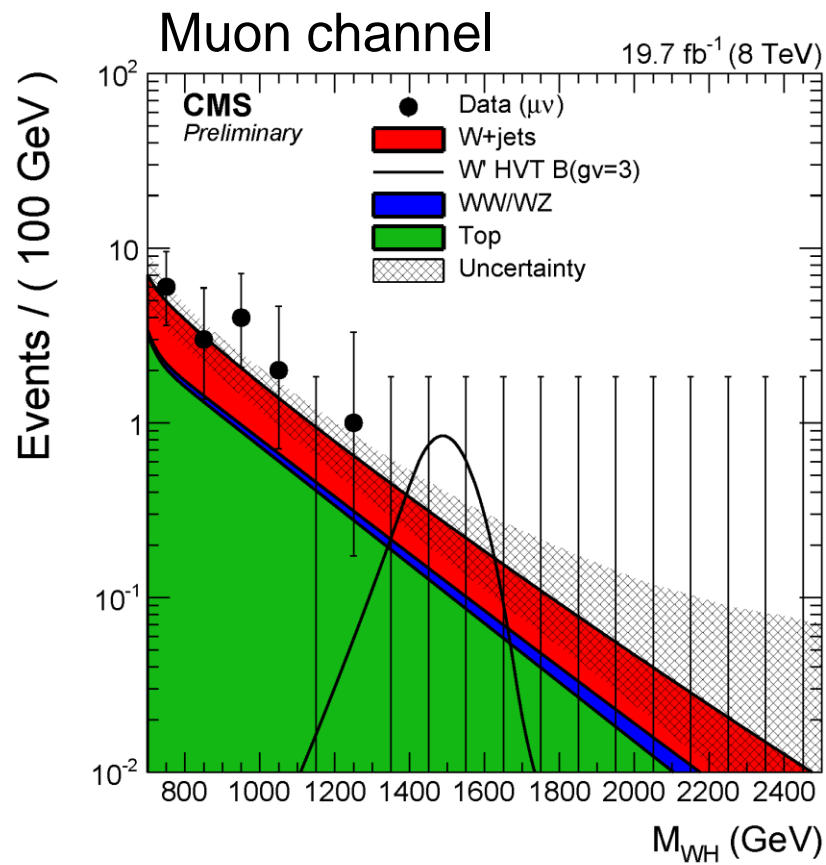
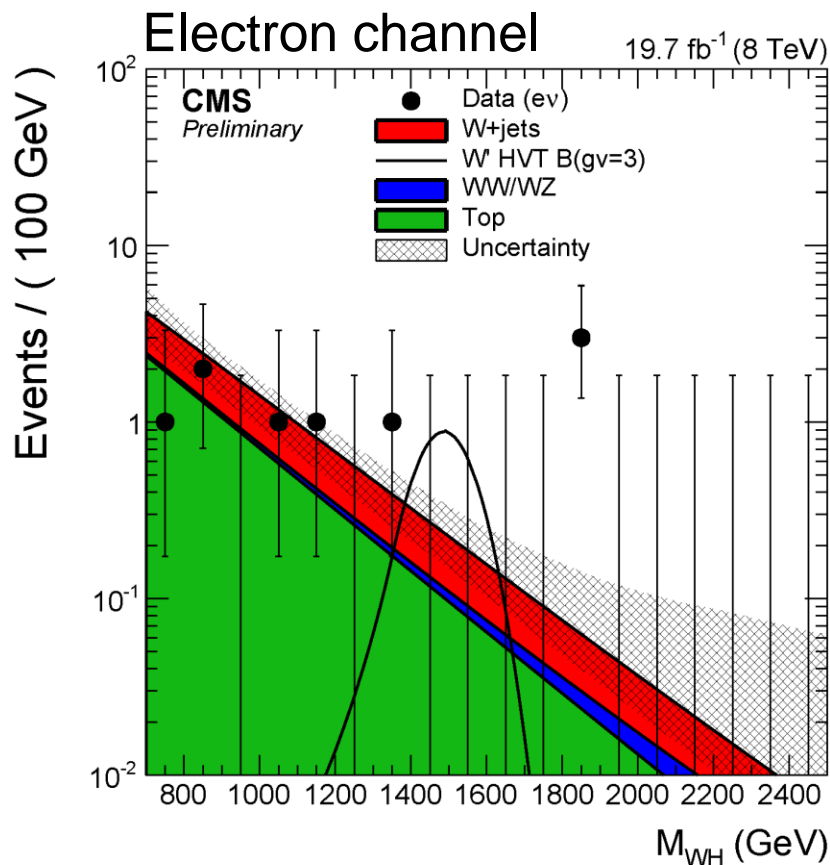
$W(l\nu)H(bb)$ resonances

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The search techniques is the same as $W(l\nu)V(qq)$ search

Better background rejection of $H(bb)$ -tagger compared to $W(qq)/Z(qq)$ -tagger

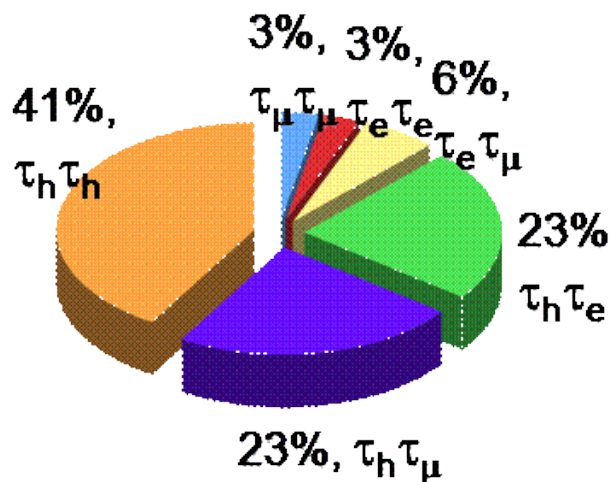
- ✓ Excess in $W(l\nu)H(bb)$ at 1.8 TeV has a local significance of 2.2 s.d. for combined electron and muon channel.



Reconstruction of $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

Special reconstruction for the boosted tau pairs

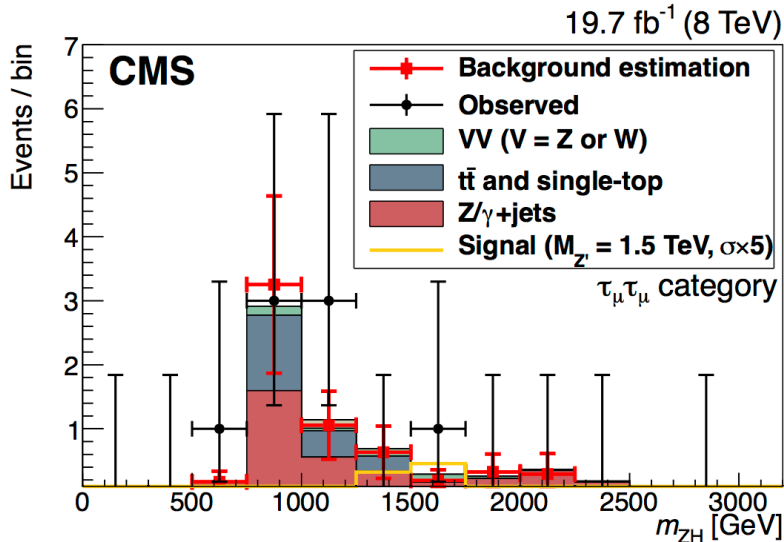
- ✓ All-leptonic channel – identify by electrons, muons and E_t^{miss}
Isolation criteria exclude muons and electrons – recover efficiency for the boosted $\tau\tau$ pair.
- ✓ Semi-leptonic channel – modified isolation criteria for τ_h and electrons/muons.
- ✓ All-hadronic channel – start with CA8-jets and apply subjet-searching techniques. Tau identification is applied on sub-jets.



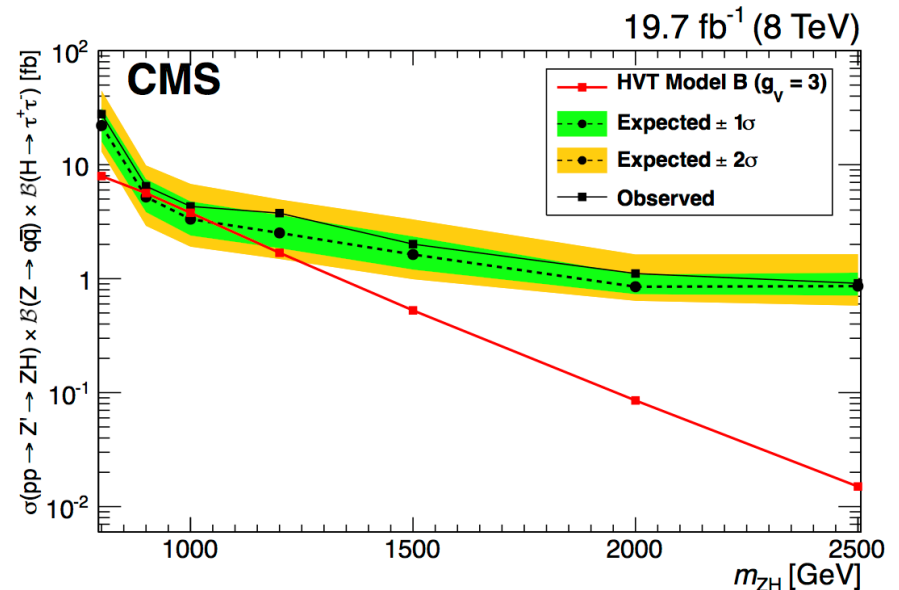
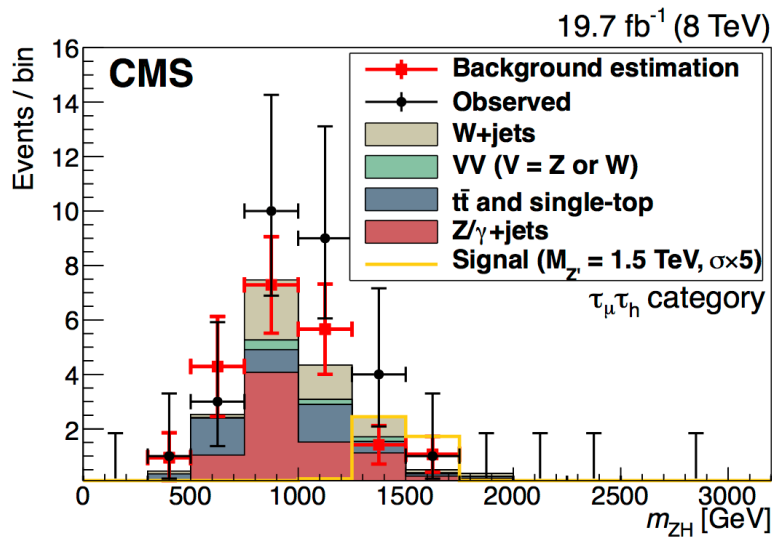
- ✓ Higgs mass is reconstructed from visible tau decay products and missing transverse energy

Z(qq) H($\tau\tau$) resonances

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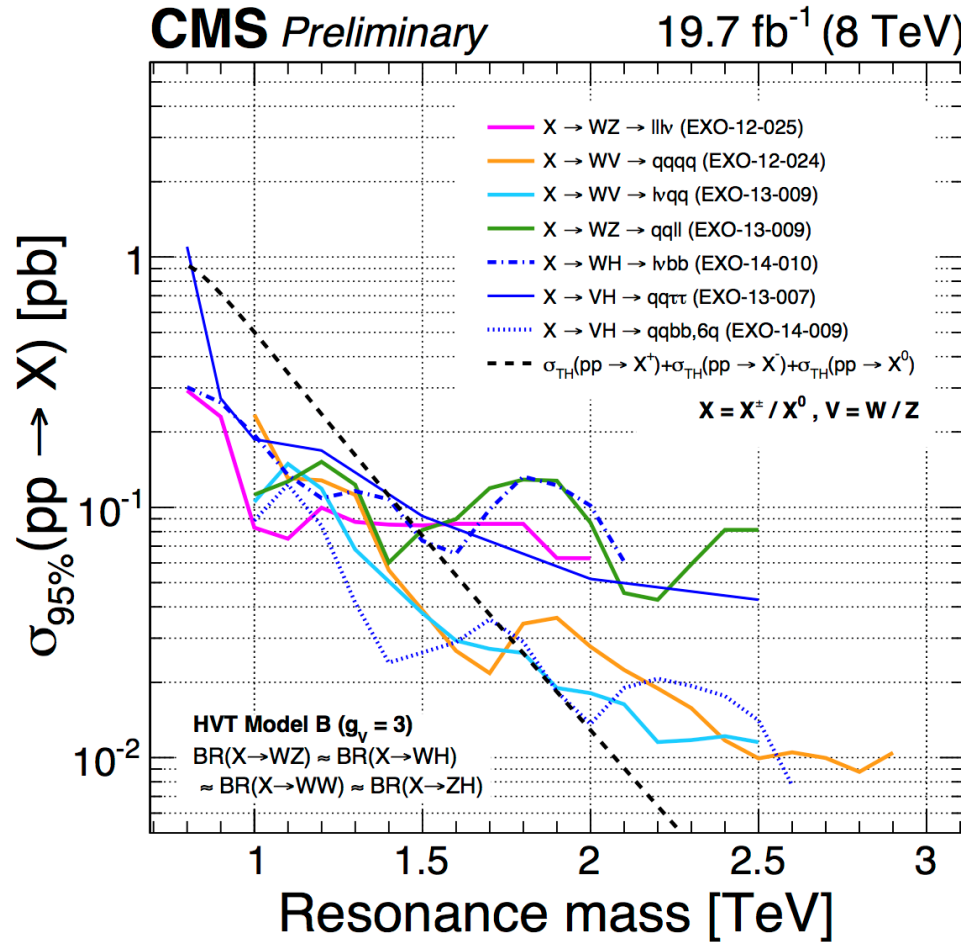


- ❖ Events are divided in 6 categories
- ❖ Background predicted from data sidebands
 - ✓ Low jet mass window
 - ✓ Di-tau mass window below Z
- ❖ No excess observed



Limits on spin-1 $WW/WZ/ZH/WH$ resonances

CMS EXO14010



❖ Heavy Vector Triplet model B ($g_V = 3$)

$WV(lvqq)$, $VV(qqqq)$ and $VH(qqbb)$ have best sensitivity at high masses

$H(bb)H(bb)$ resonances

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Trigger $\Sigma p_{T jets} > 650$ GeV OR dijet mass > 750 GeV

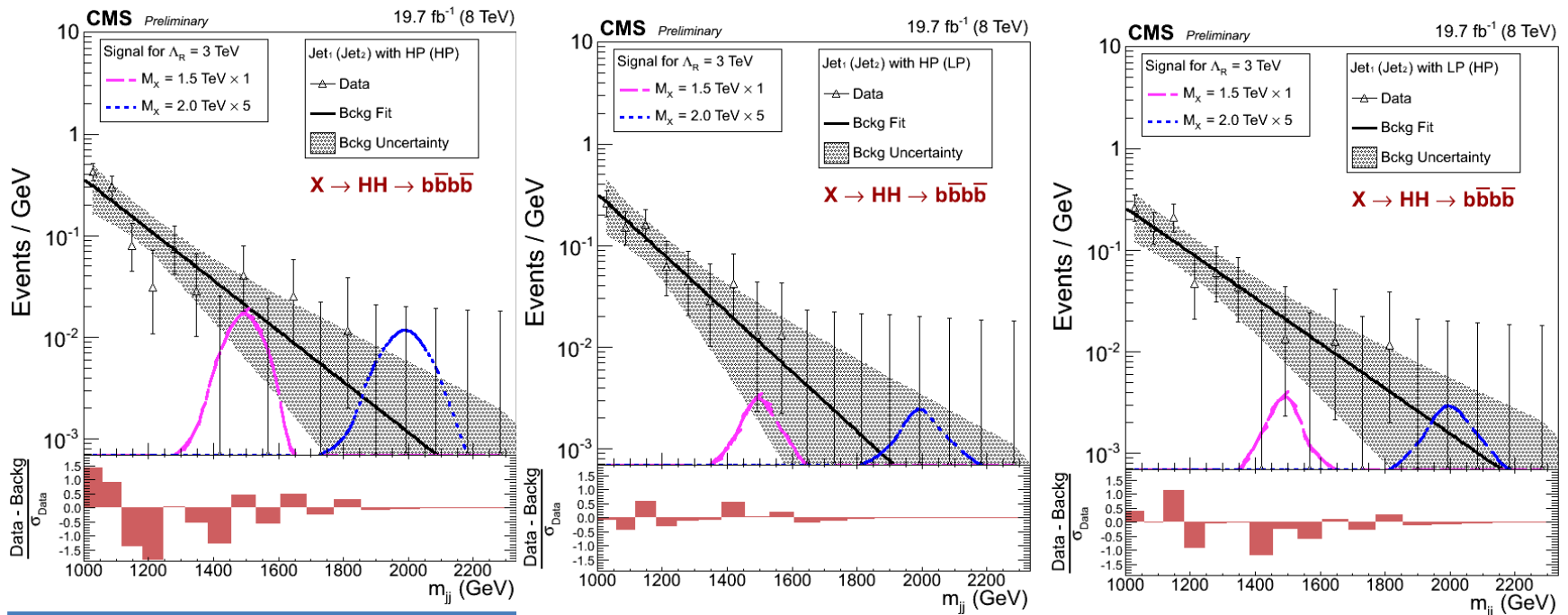
Require ≥ 3 **b-tagged** subjects in event

➤ If subjects closer than $\Delta R < 0.3$: Require b-tagged fatjet instead

Categorize in purity via τ_2/τ_1

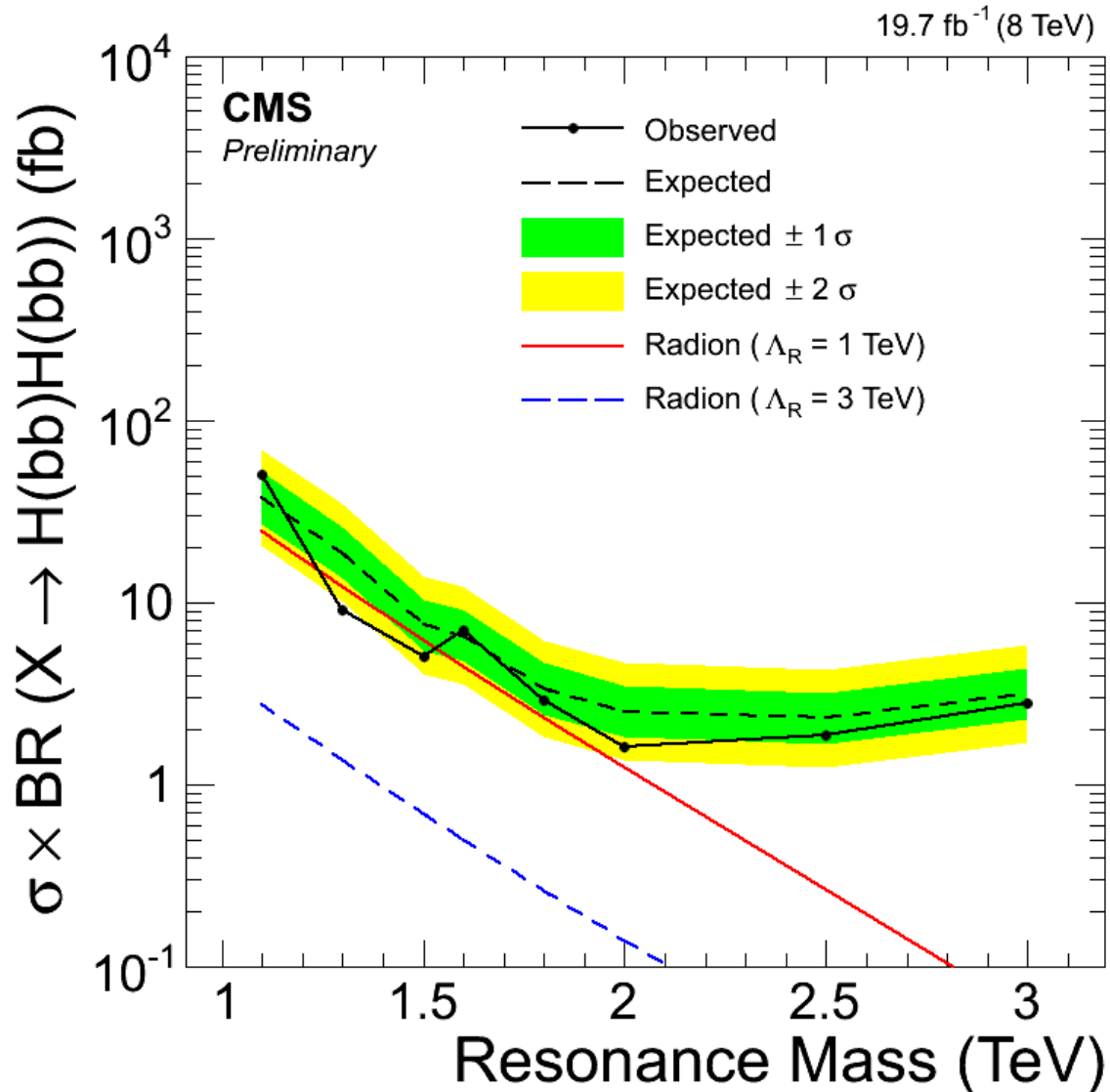
Background estimate is intermediate approach between fitting background shape in signal region and estimation from sideband

Cross-check with low side band and pseudo-signal region ($90 < m_{jj} < 100$ GeV)



spin-0 HH resonances

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Extra dimension spin-0 radion ($\Lambda_R=1$ TeV) excluded around 1.2-1.5 TeV

➤ *This model is at edge of validity of narrow width approximation.*

Summary

Searches for heavy resonances in di-boson final states have been performed with Run1 data with the CMS detector

- direct probe for new physics at TeV scale
- sensitivity is dramatically enhanced with dedicated jet substructure algorithms

No significant excess observed in data

- ❖ small deviations observed in different channels at ~ 1.8 TeV

Need Run II to clarify the interesting situation

Already the first few fb^{-1} from Run2 can exceed the Run1 sensitivity for heavy resonances discovery in di-boson final states.