

New Physics Ideas for Run 2

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Introduction

- We are in anticipation of some TeV-scale new physics at the LHC : give your favorite reasons
- Nothing definitive found so far...
... but community remains hopeful
- Higgs story demonstrates the crucial importance of theoretical guidance
- Absent such guidance, I will give an experimental (practical) view of how to search for new physics in Run 2

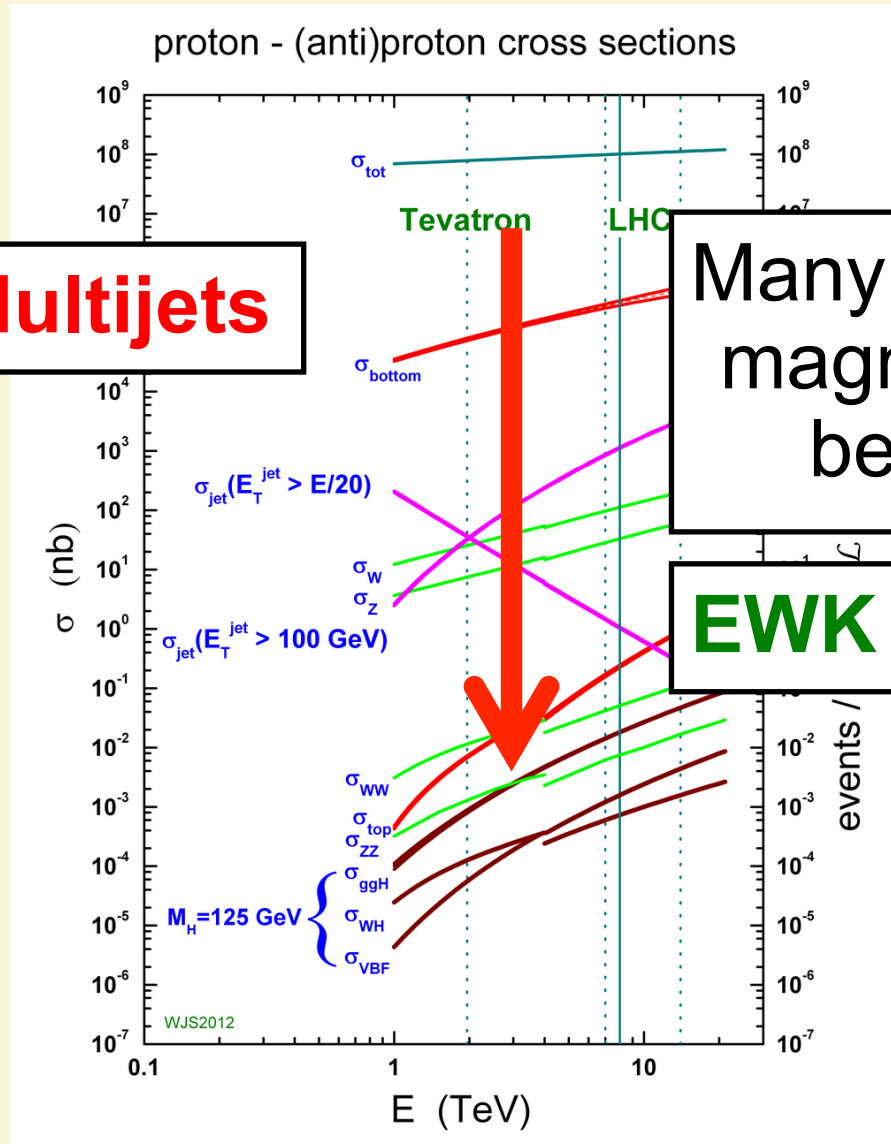


Standard Model Background

How to search for new physics?

OLD Physics!

QCD Multijets



Many orders of magnitude in between

EWK Processes

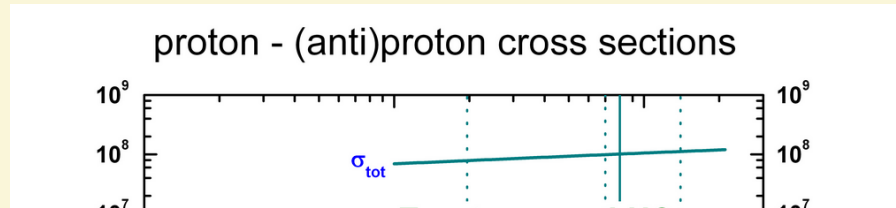
Maybe New Physics

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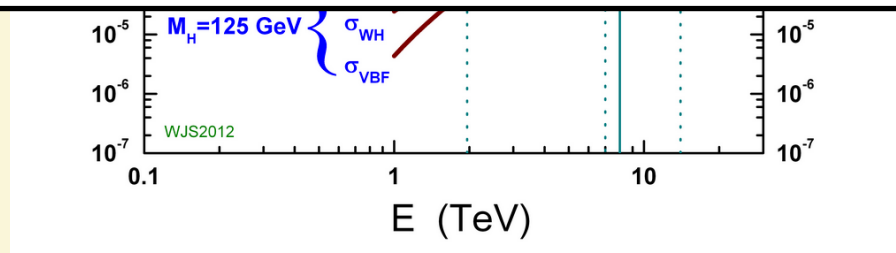
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Need some rare signature to reduce the old physics (QCD multijets)



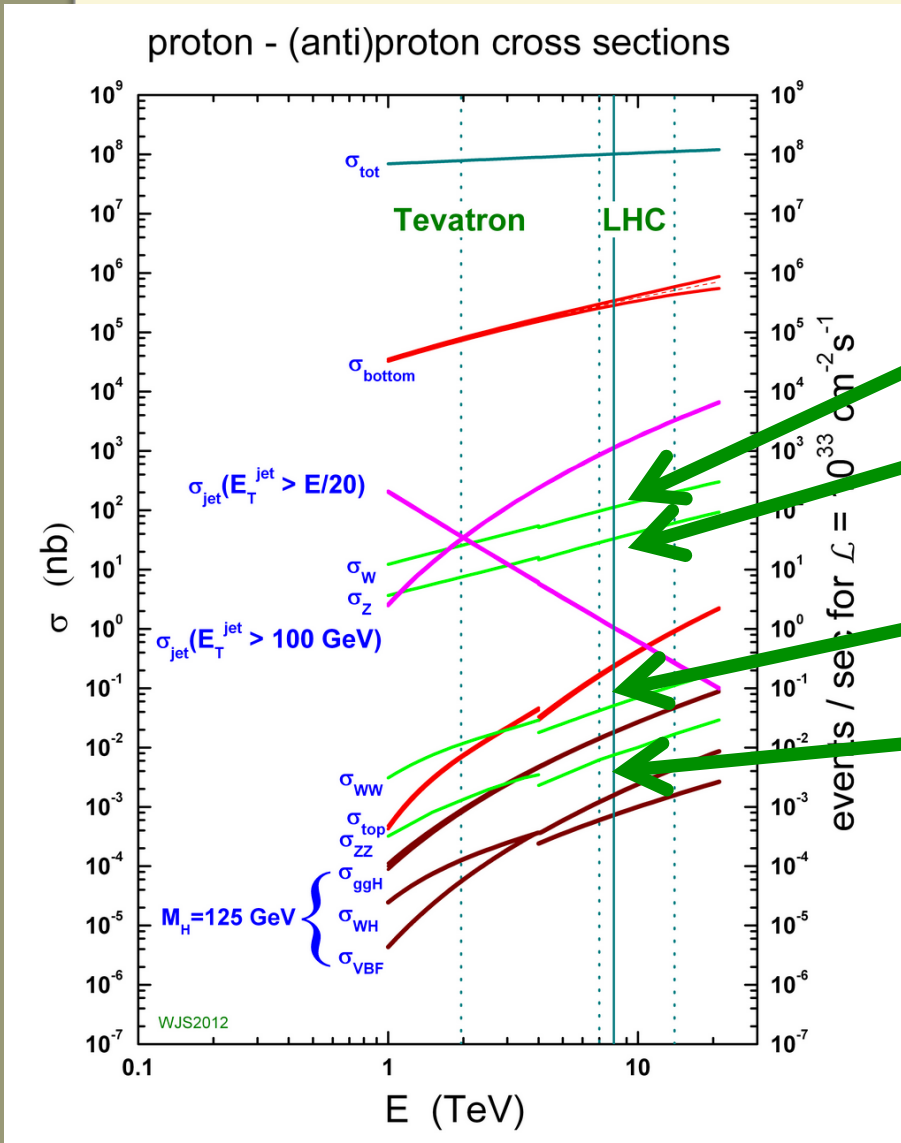
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Rare signatures at the LHC : Leptons



Leptons

Di-leptons

Di-lepton + MET

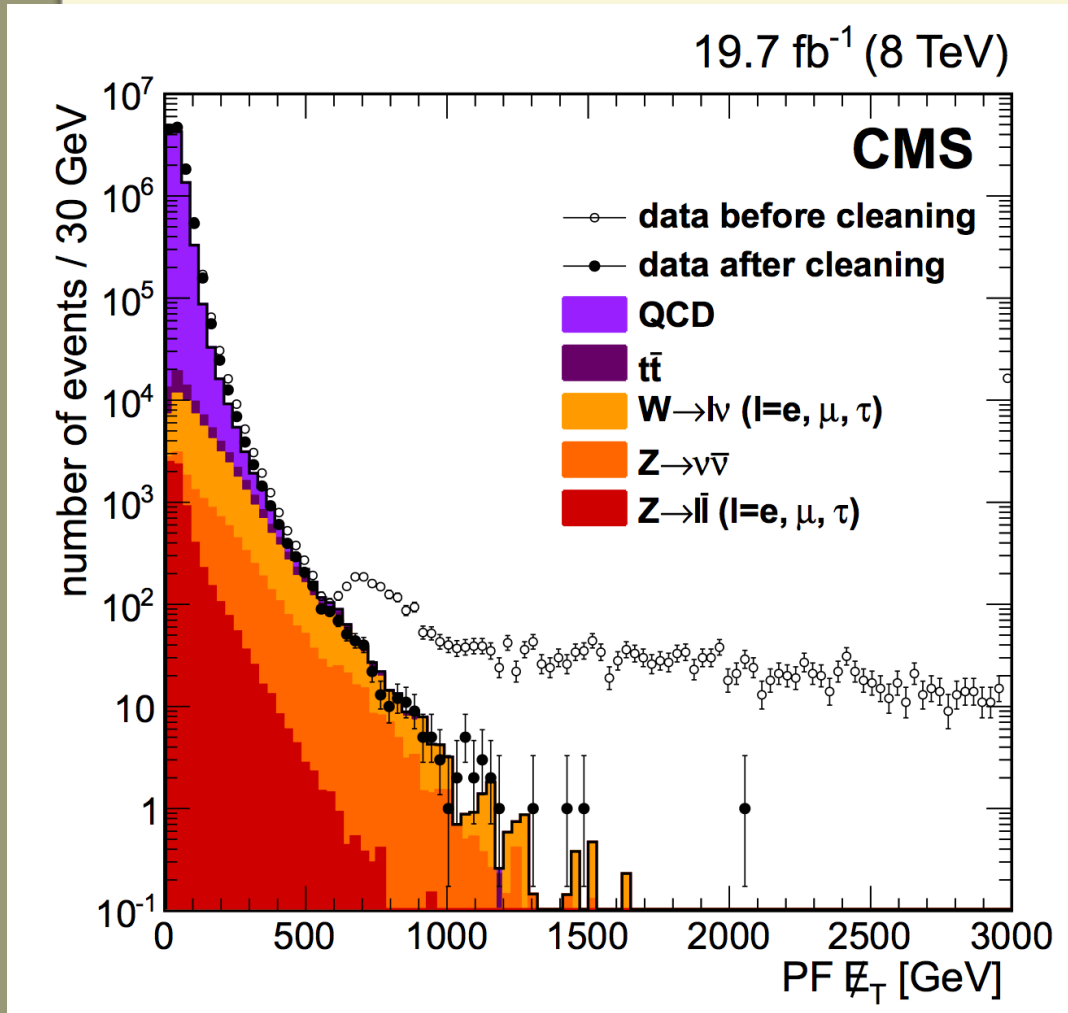
3, 4 Leptons

Bkg suppression $\sim O(10^3)$
per lepton

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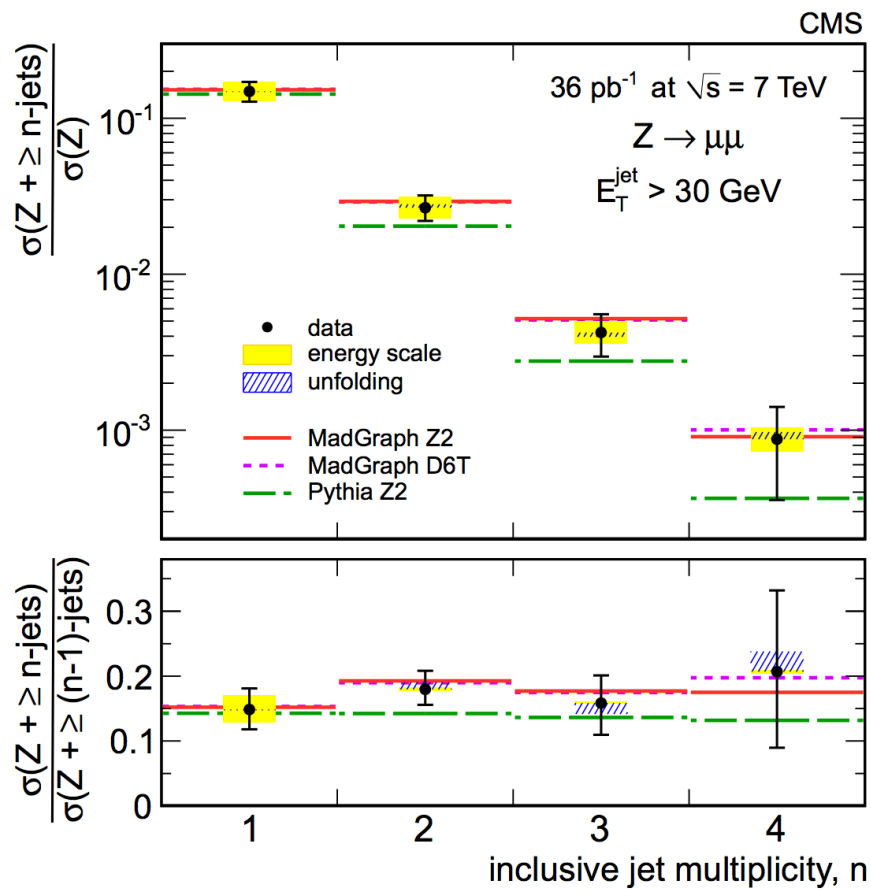
Rare signatures at the LHC : MET



Bkg Suppression :
 $O(10^3)$ @ $\sim 150-200$
GeV

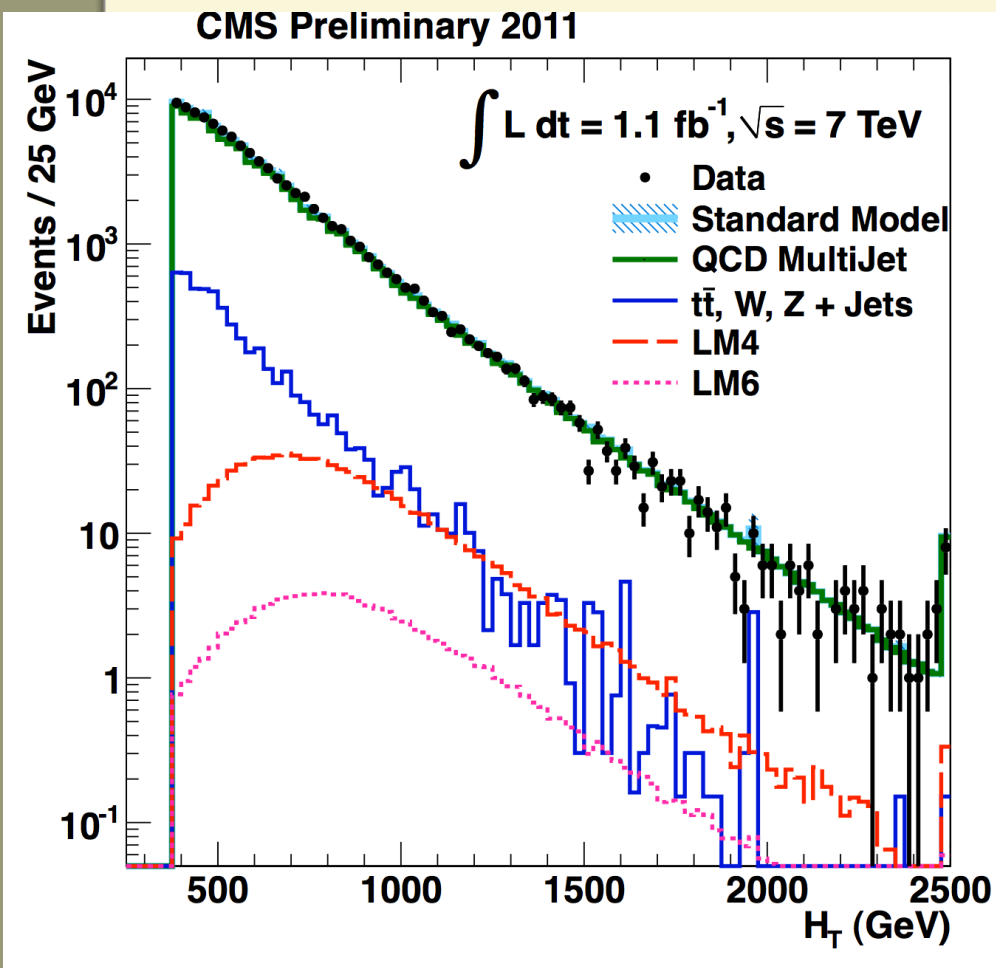
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Berends–Giele scaling



- Factor of ~ 5 suppression per extra jet

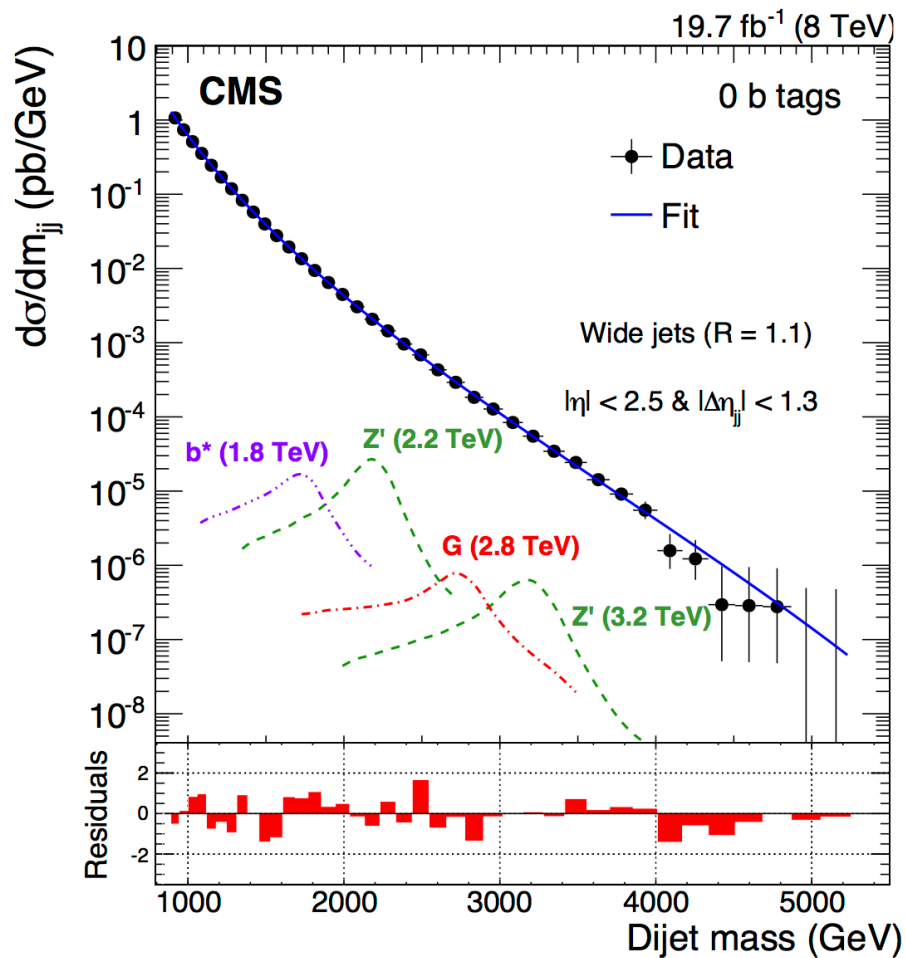
Rare signatures at the LHC : Many Jets



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- Factor of 10 suppression per ~ 500 GeV in H_T

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Rare signatures at the LHC : Resonances



- Suppression scales with width x resolution

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- Vanilla SUSY searches look for combinations of such signatures:
 - Leptons, large MET, large HT, resonances

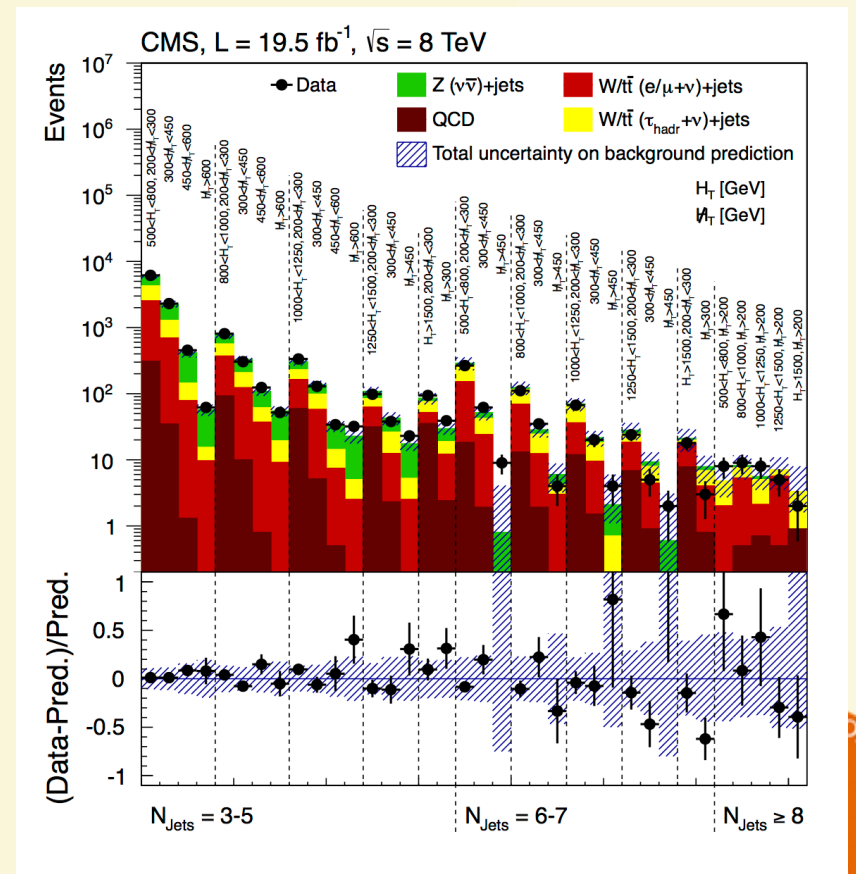



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CMS-SUS-13-012

Search for new physics in the multijet and missing transverse momentum final state in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

The CMS Collaboration*



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- Generically sensitive to strongly produced TeV scale new physics
- Signatures are sometimes well motivated...
...but sometimes just convenient



What is the new physics?

- Honestly...we have no clue

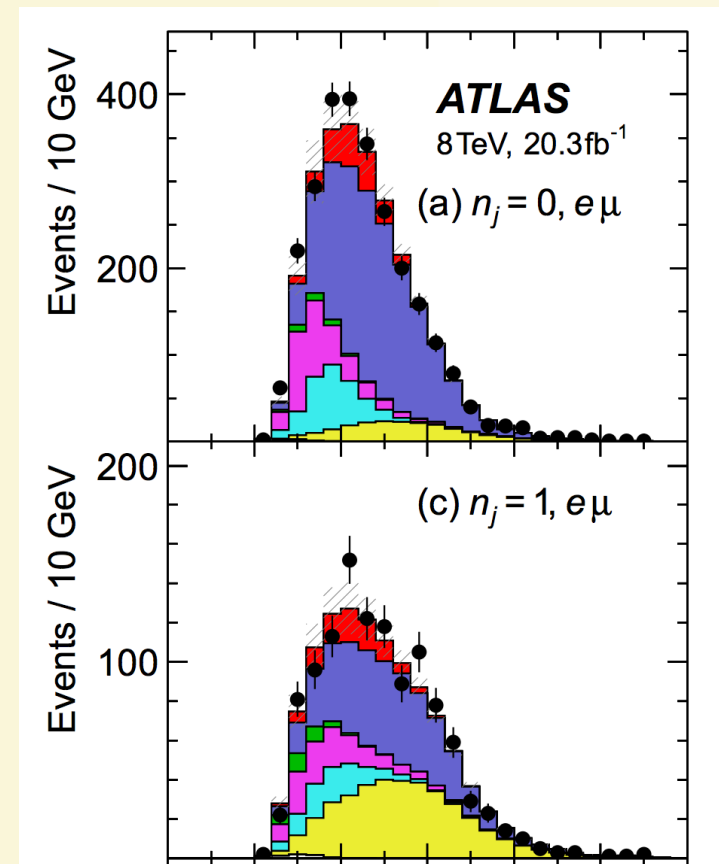
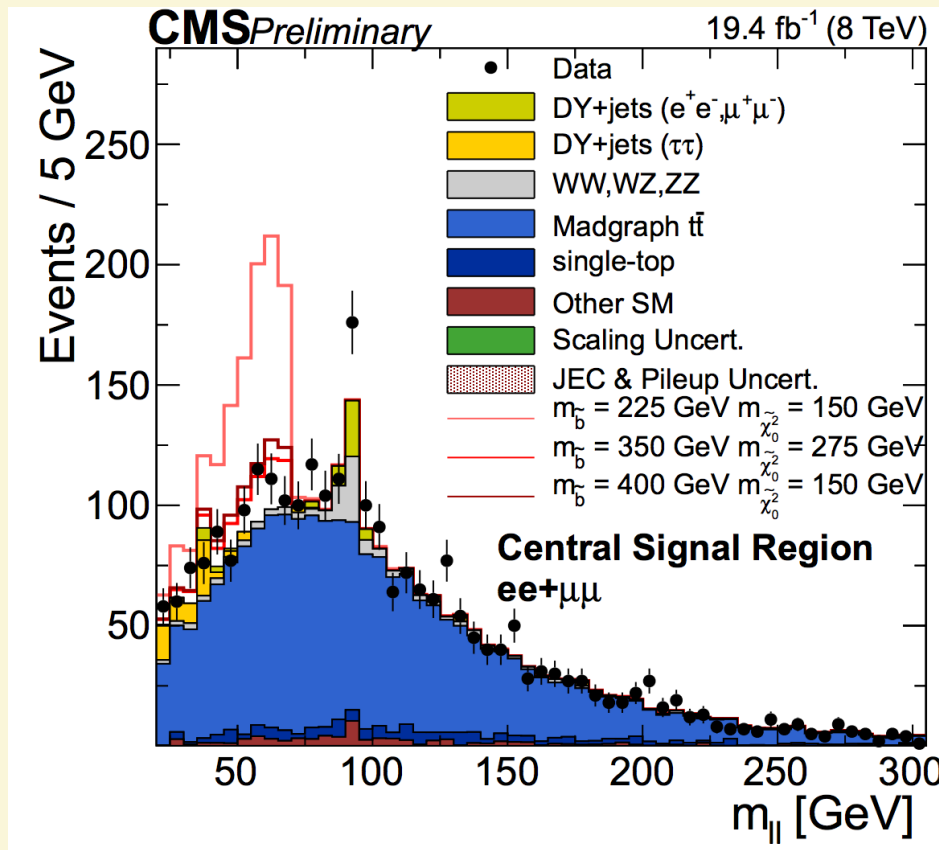


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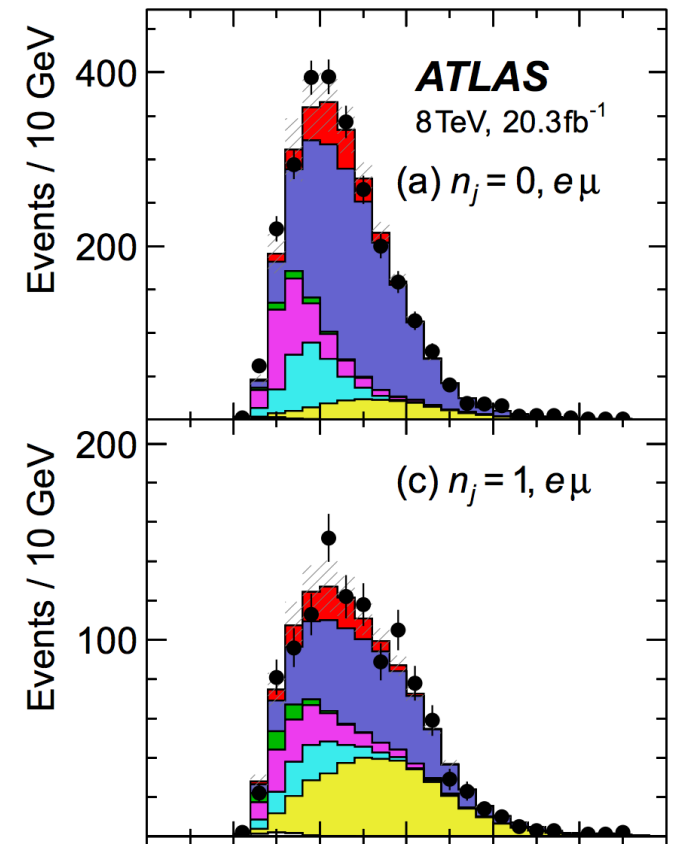
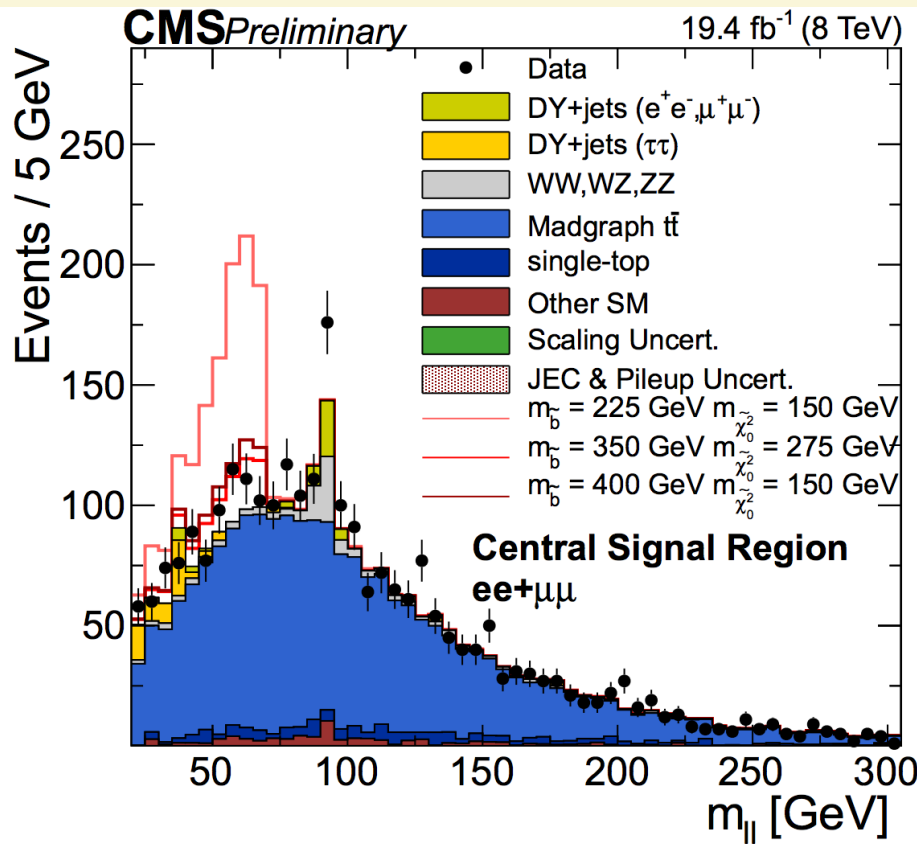
What is the new physics?

- Had it appeared...would we even know that we have found it?



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Having a theoretical model for interpretation makes a HUGE difference



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A thought experiment on Higgs

- To gain appreciation of the importance of a theoretical model : imagine the following scenario

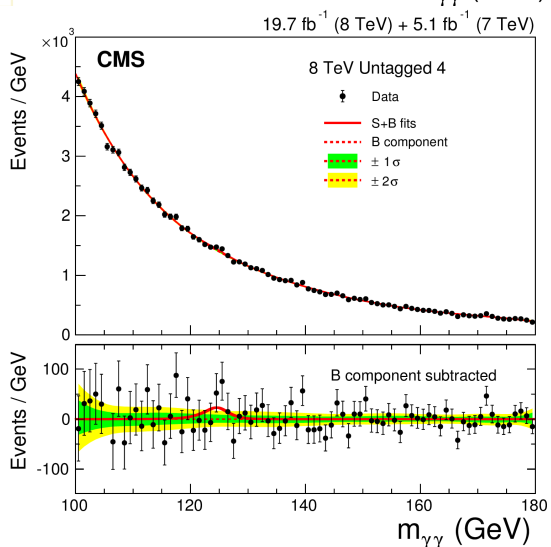
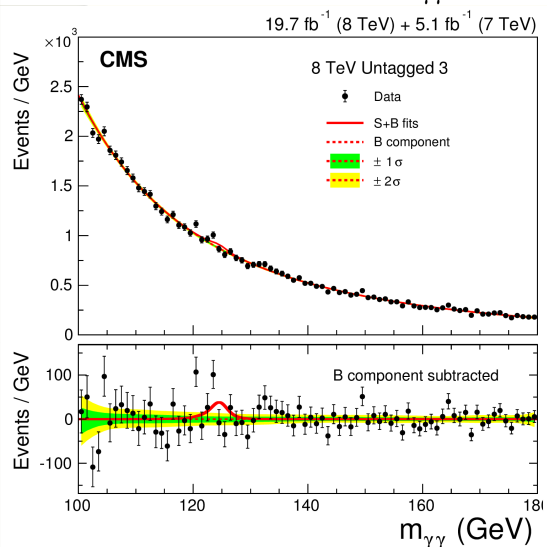
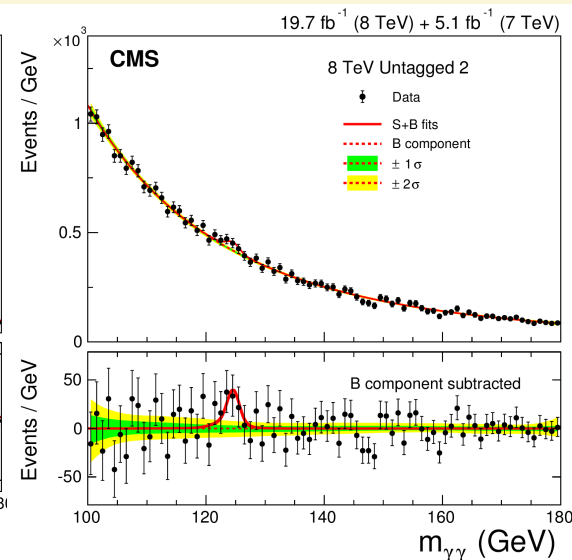
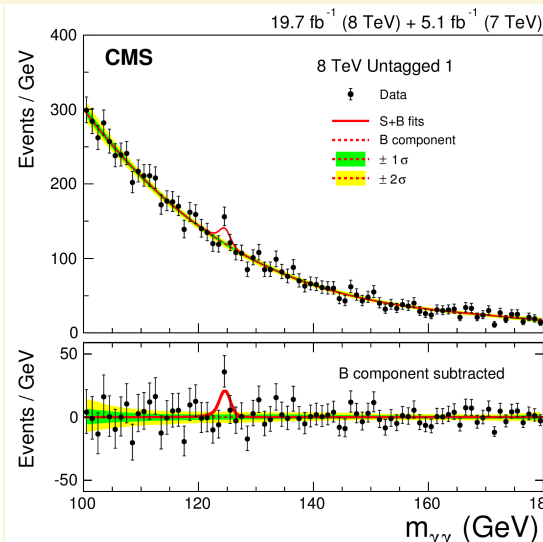
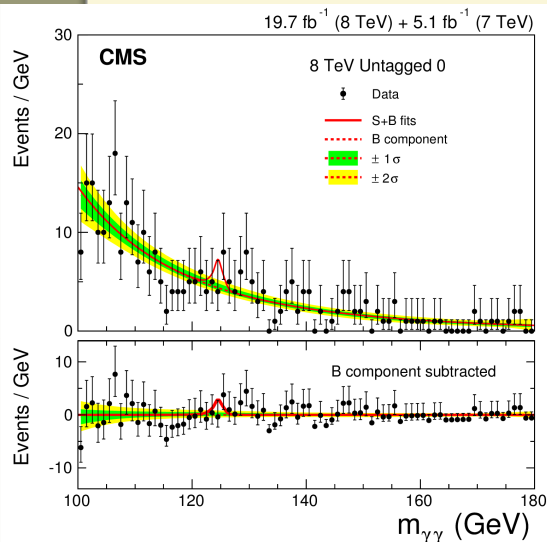
No prior theoretical understanding about the Higgs boson before LHC

- Didn't know about decay channels and branching ratios
- Didn't know about different production mechanisms
- Didn't know about its spin & CP



What would the Higgs discovery look like?

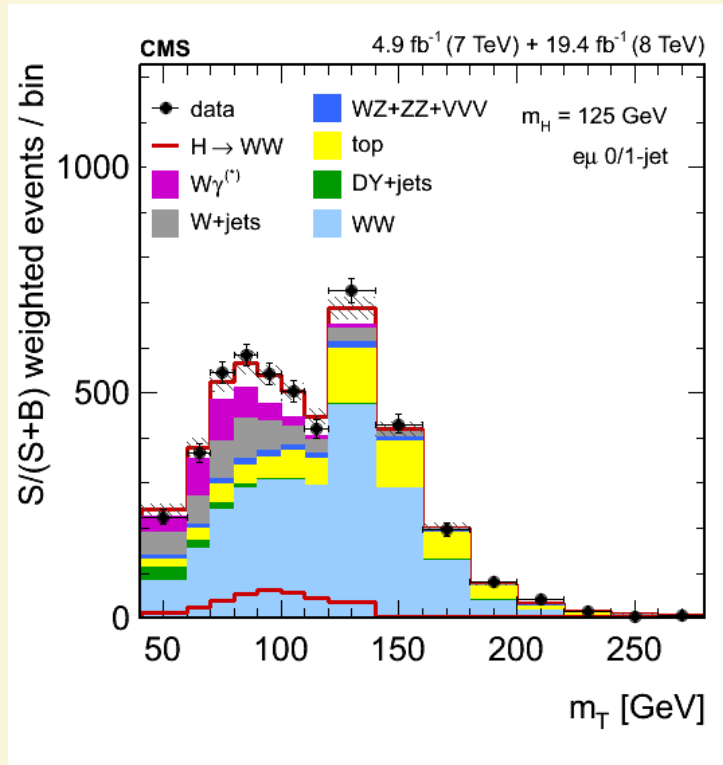
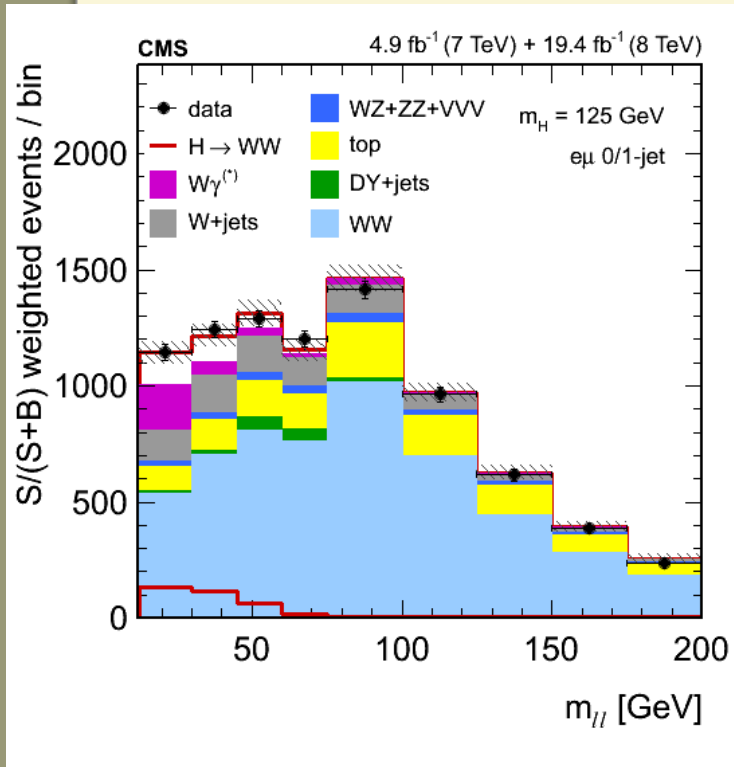
$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$



- Several hints of a resonance in various event categories with very poor S/B
- Pretty difficult to be confident about claiming a discovery

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$H \rightarrow WW$



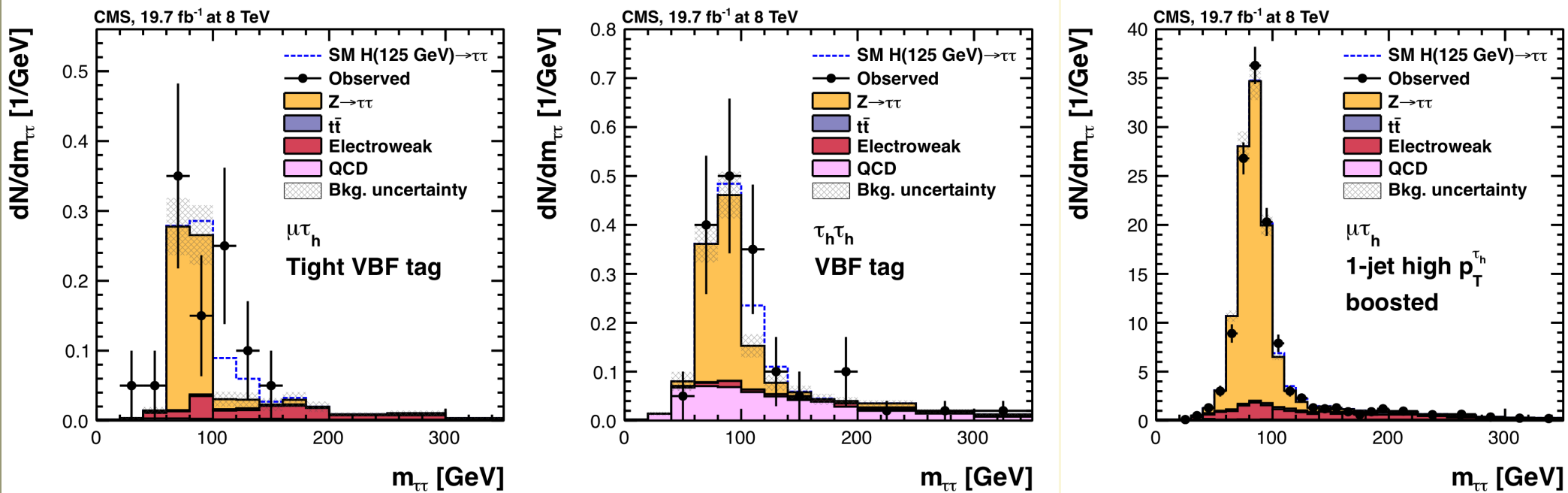
- A small excess at low $m_{||}$ & low m_T
- Likely doubts about proper background modeling, a $W\gamma^*$ bkg that's very difficult to control
- A confident "discovery" would be quite a stretch...

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What would the Higgs discovery look like?

$$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$$



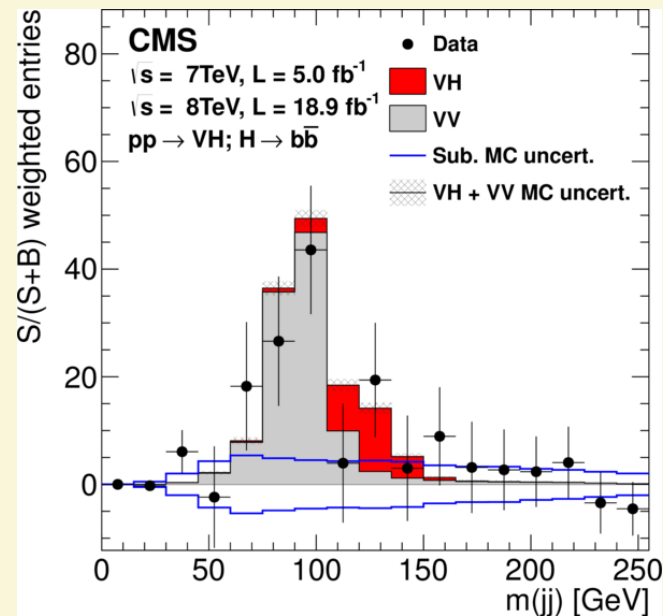
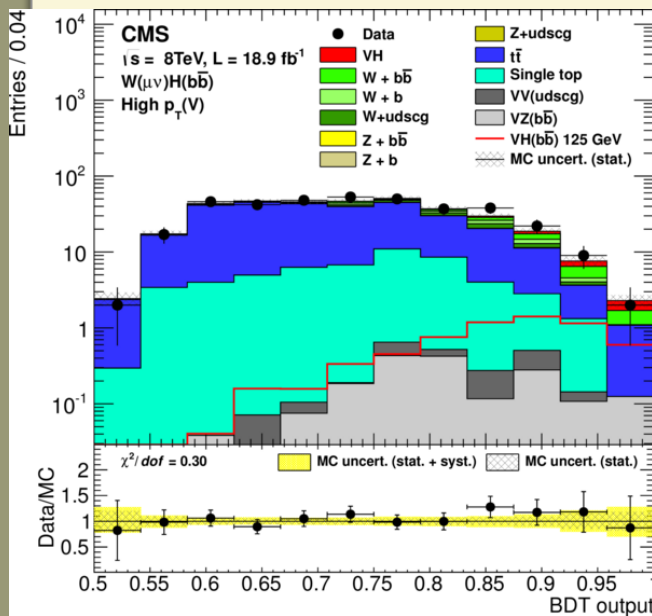
- Minor excesses in 2-jet VBF category
- Small excess in 1-jet high boost category, poor S/B
- Total significance $\sim 3.5 - 4 \sigma$, but scattered and relies on coherent combination of unusual event categories
- At best, can say there's a hint of something weird...

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What would the Higgs discovery look like?

$H \rightarrow bb$



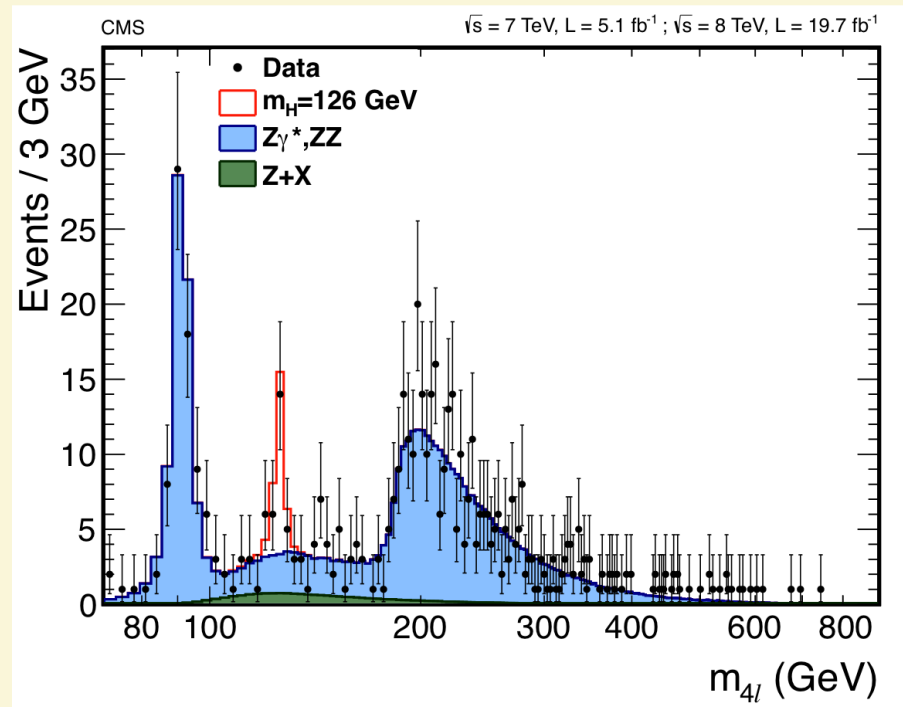
- Relies a lot on MVA discriminators \rightarrow would need to know the signal model
- Even then, only a very minor excess. $\sim 1-2\sigma$
- Basically, there's nothing here...

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What would the Higgs discovery look like?

$H \rightarrow 4 \text{ lepton}$



- The only unambiguous signature of a resonance is here
- S/B is good enough to study some kinematic distributions, but not enough events to know much about what this thing is...

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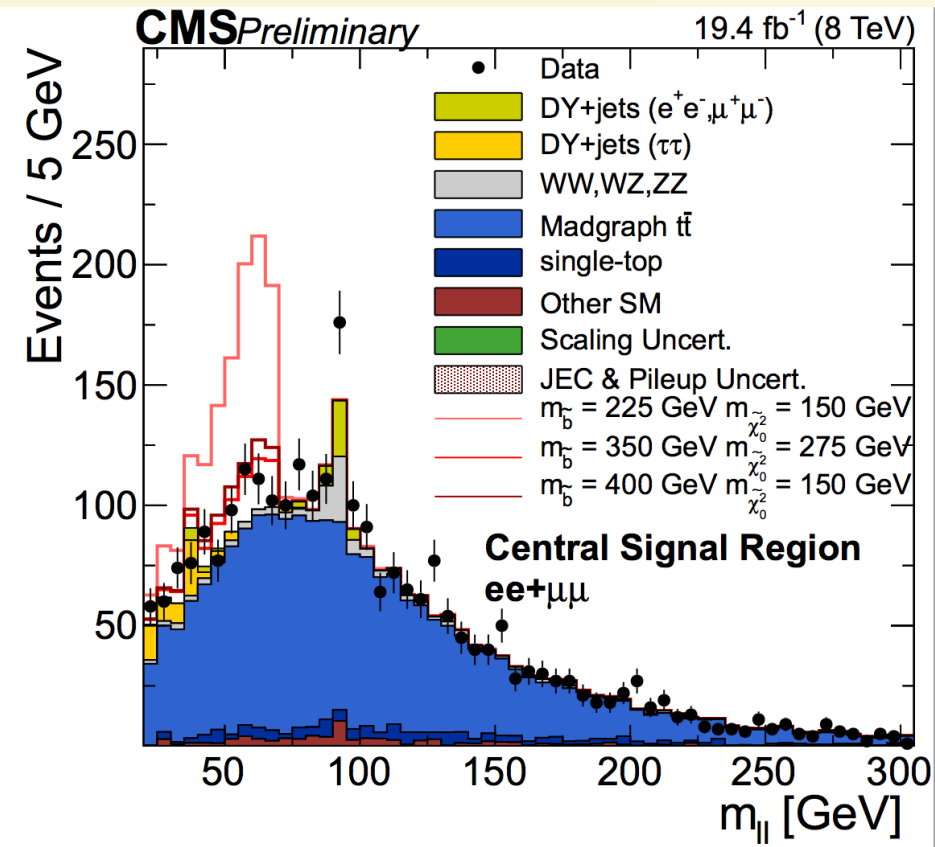
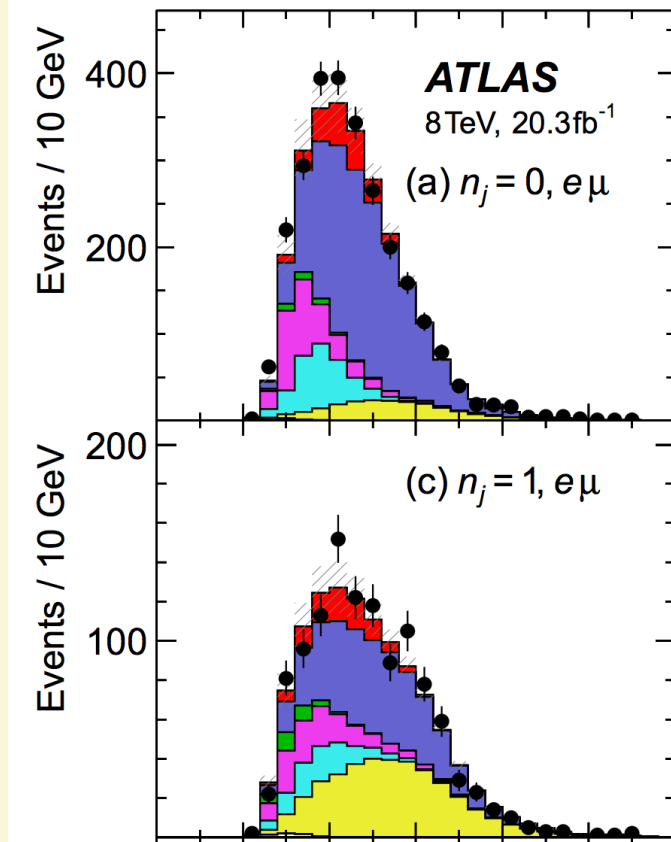


What would the Higgs discovery look like?

- Without knowing the theory, it would be much more difficult to discover the Higgs
- Much more difficult to understand what we have observed
- A lot more doubts about excesses in various channels and the relation between them
- Also a lot of excitement about the opportunity to understand the new physics



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- Absent a concrete model
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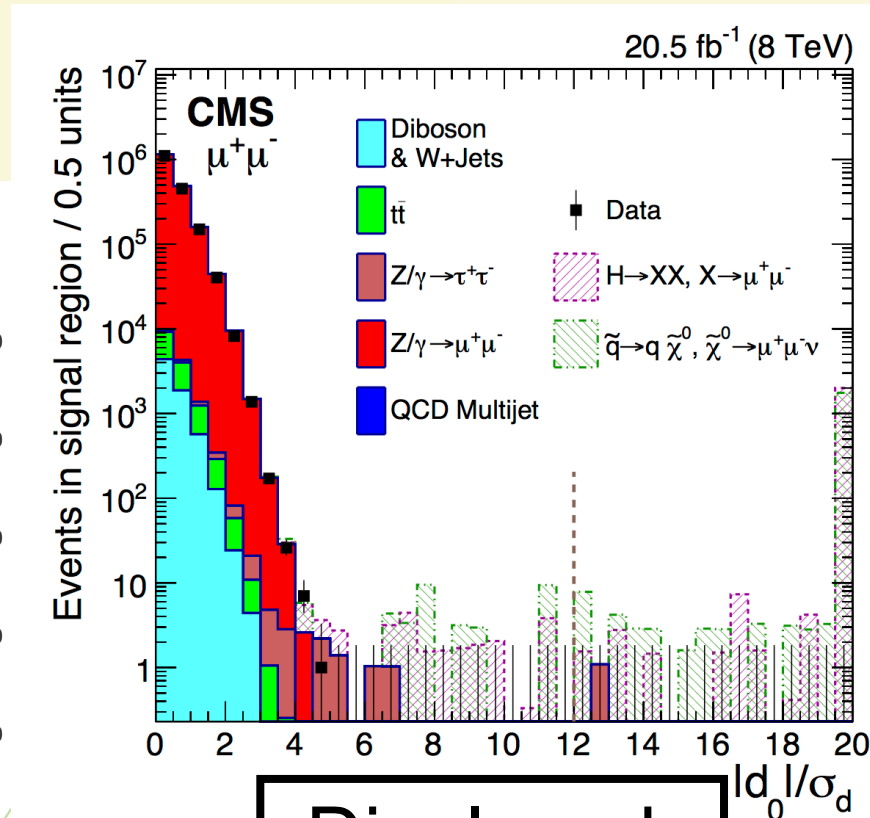
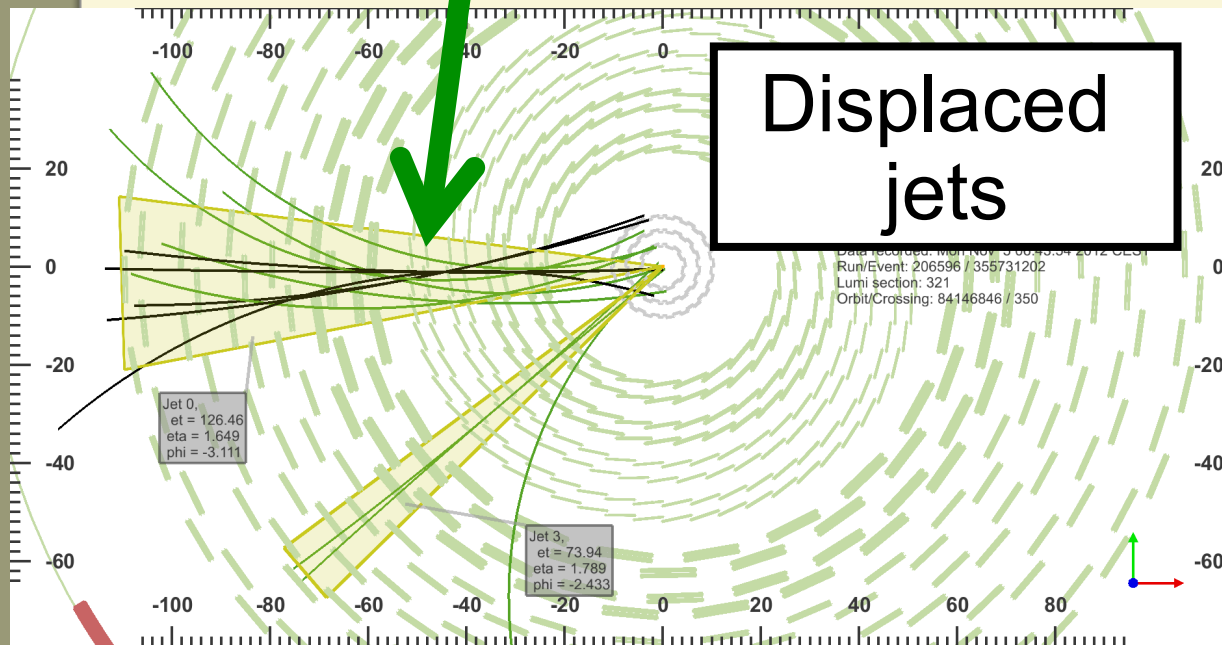
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- From the experimental point of view:
 - Make **(an exhaustive)** list of **(interesting)** signatures that are sufficiently rare to suppress backgrounds

More rare signatures :

Displaced Vertices

A secondary vertex at 44cm away from IP



Displaced dilepton

- Sensitivity to long-lived new particles

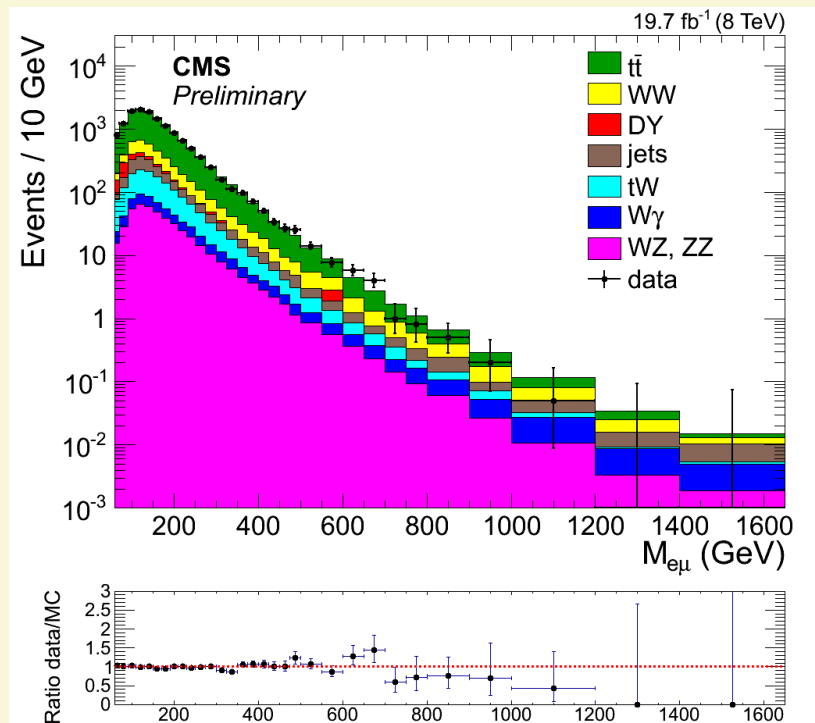
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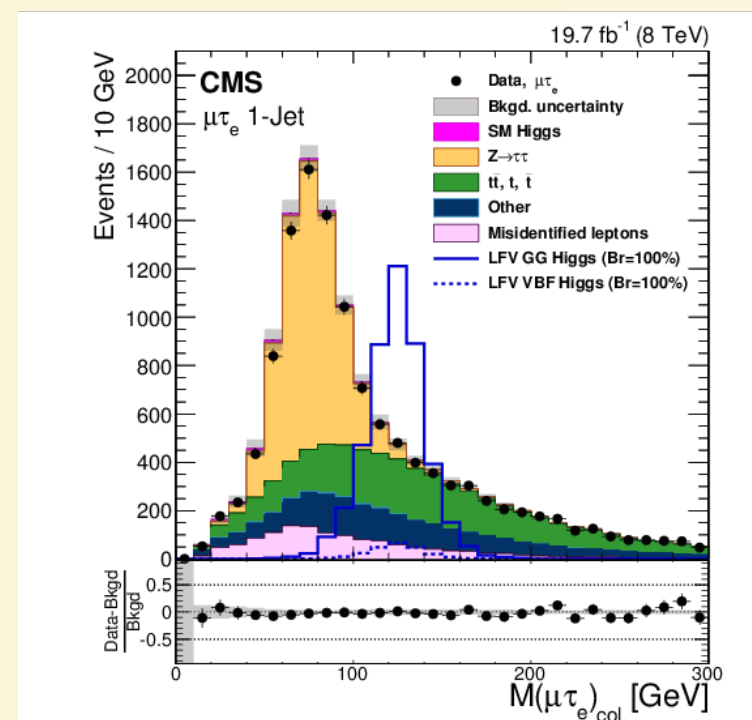
More rare signatures :

Lepton Flavor - Violation

$$X \rightarrow e\mu$$



$$H \rightarrow \mu\tau$$



- Lepton flavor violating processes highly suppressed in SM

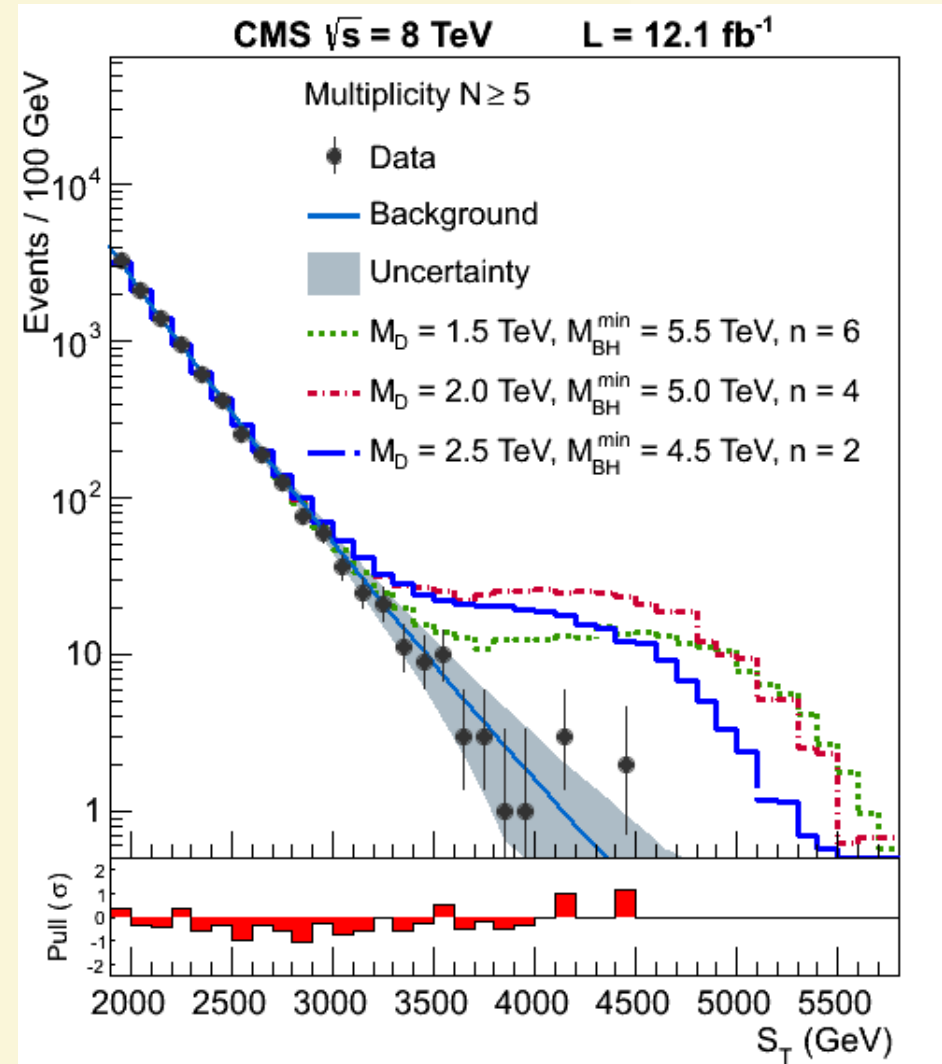
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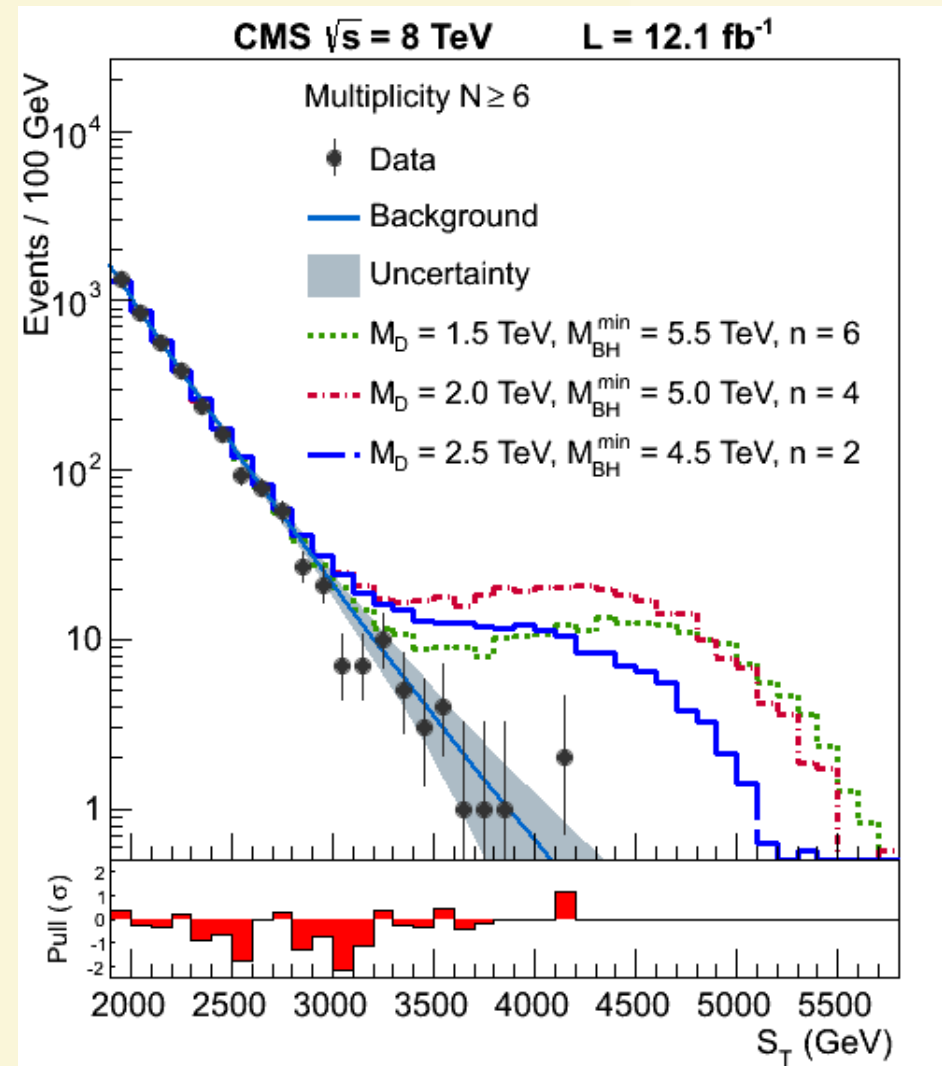


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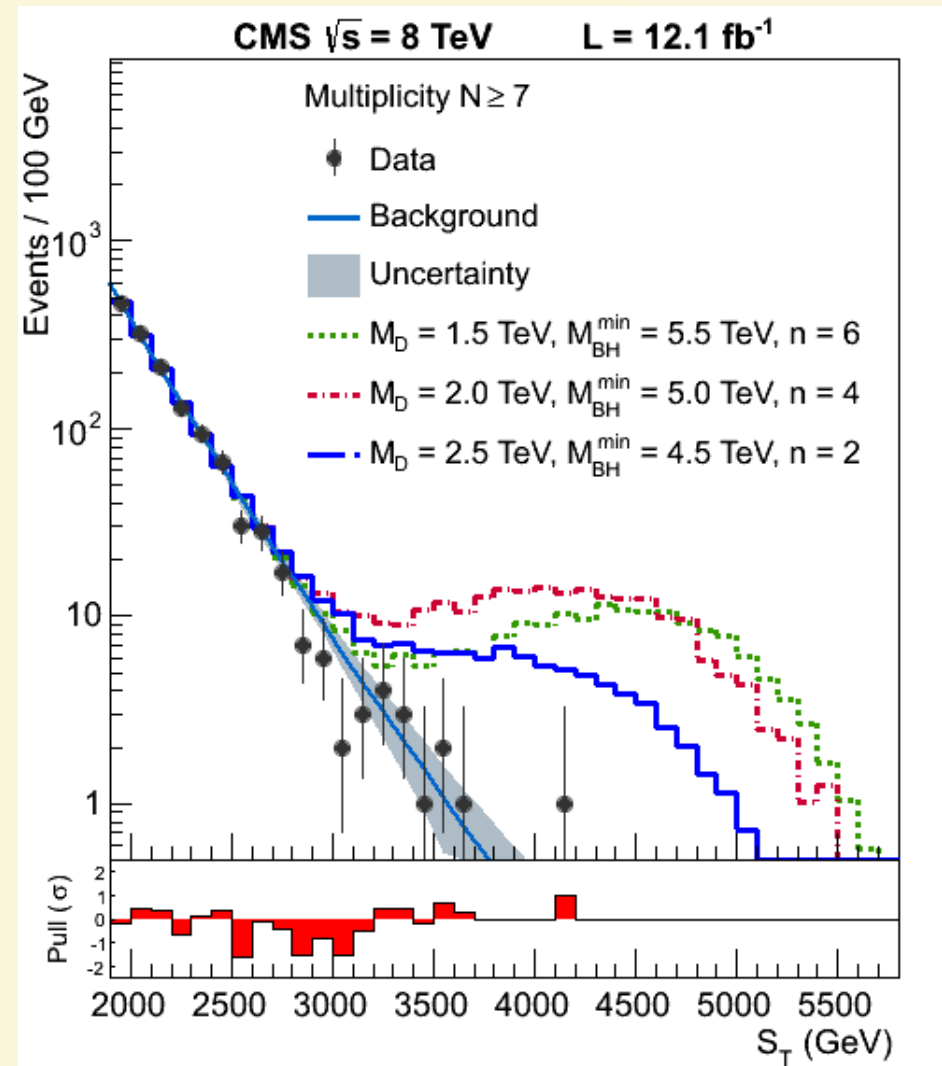


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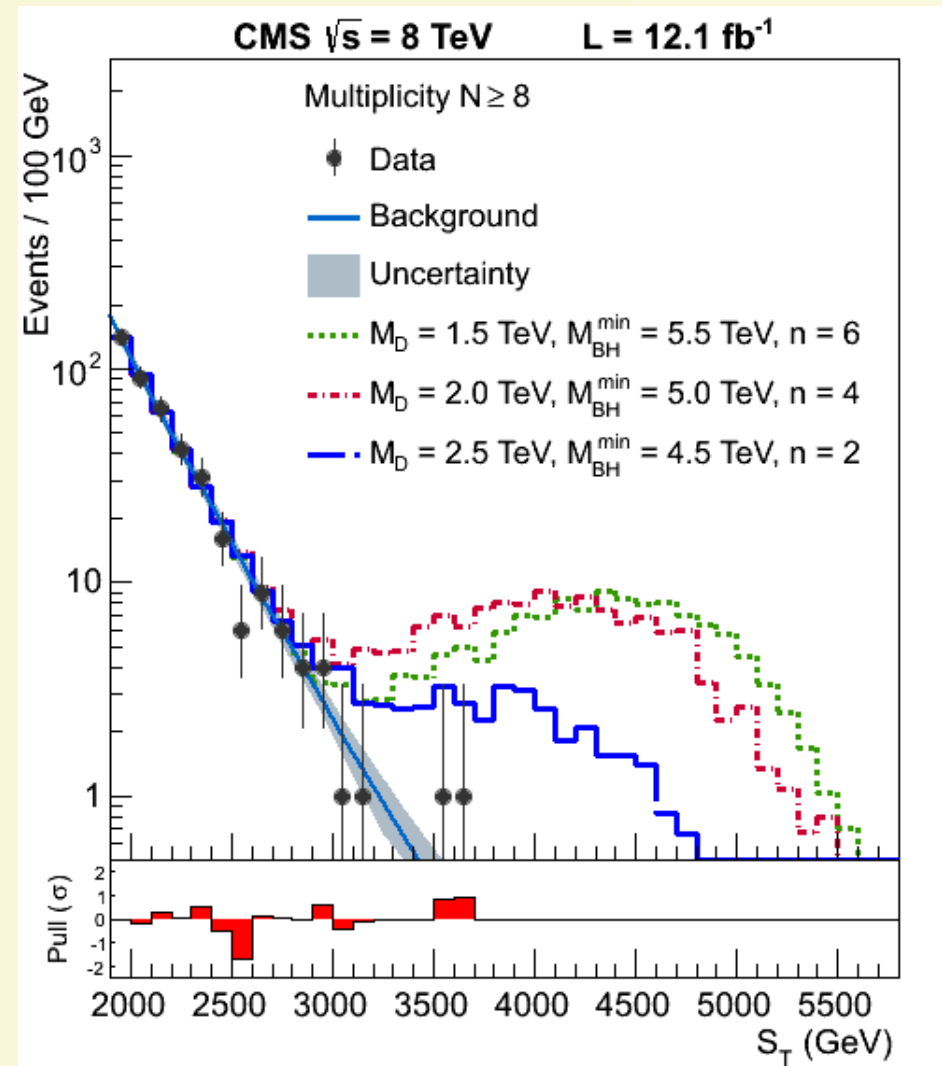


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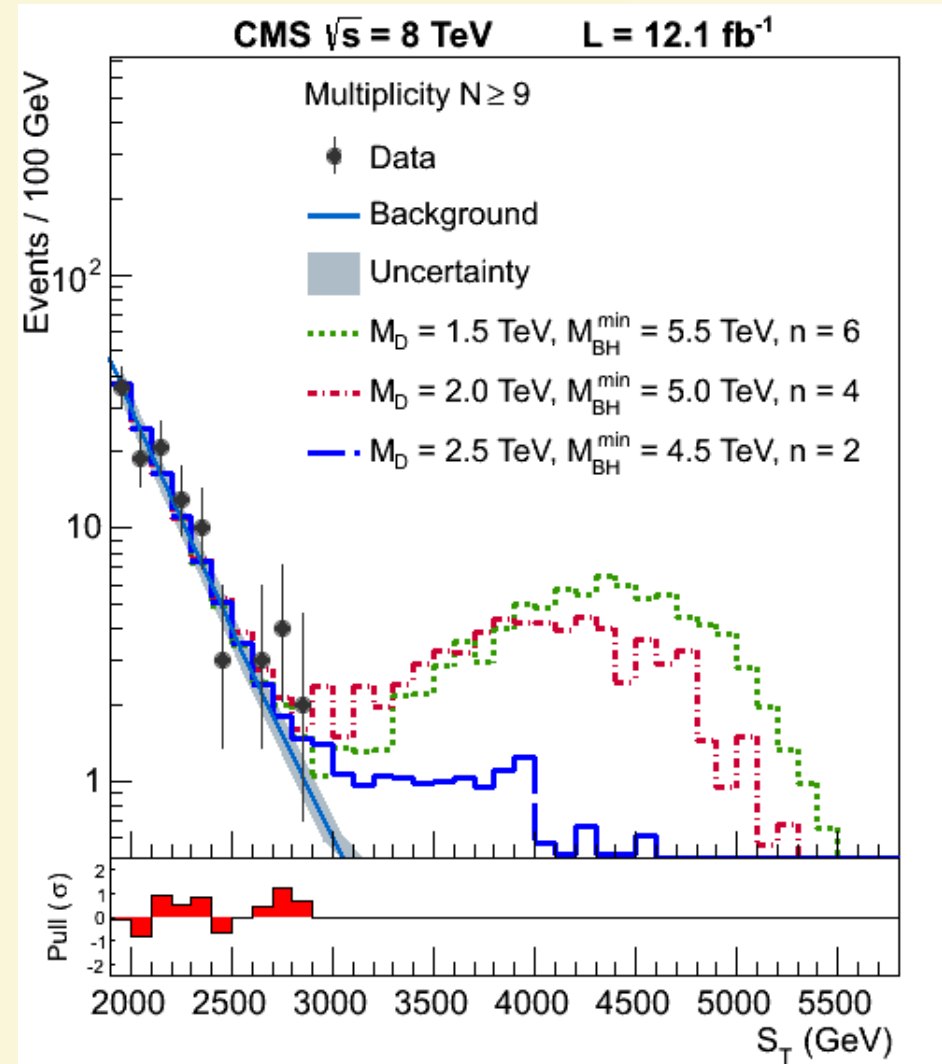


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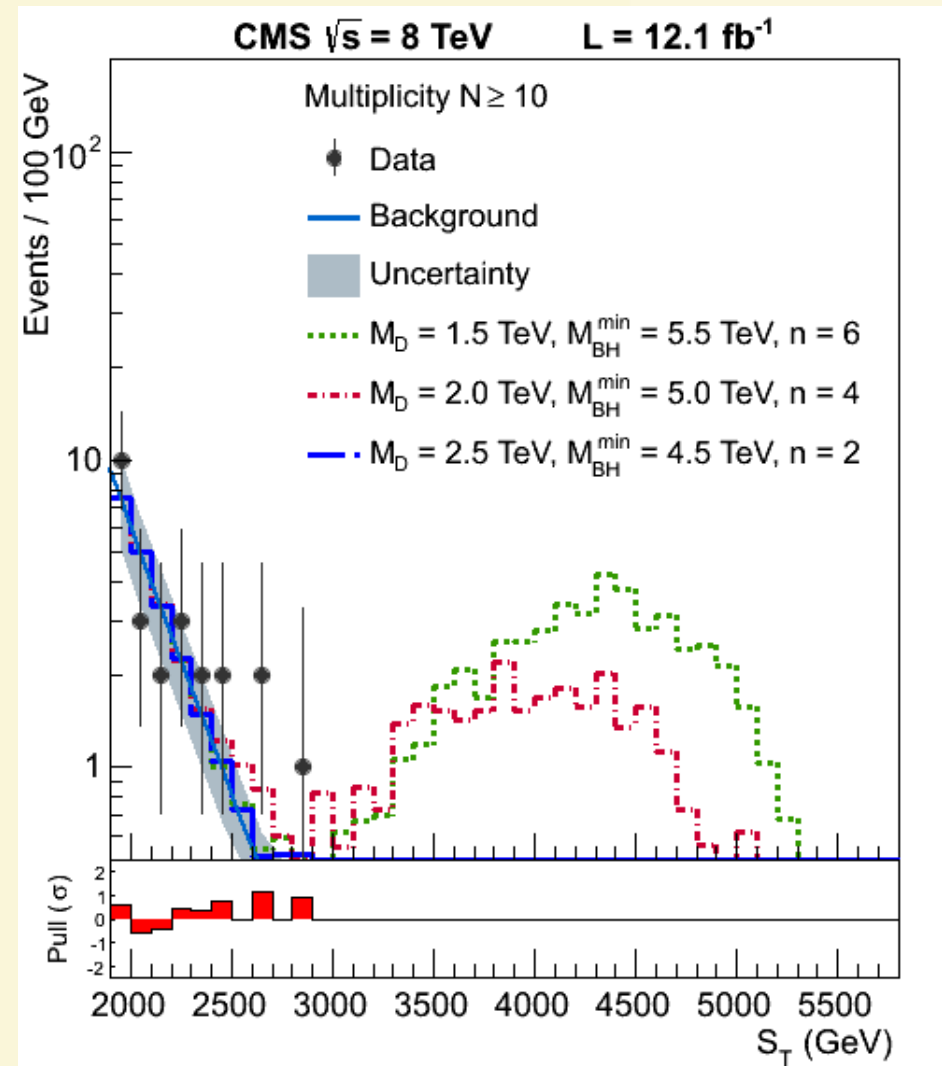
More rare signatures :

Extreme Multiplicity

Generically searching in events with large multiplicity of particles leads to potential sensitivity to:

black holes, hidden-valley scenarios, even vanilla SUSY (eg. $\hat{g}\hat{g} \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$)

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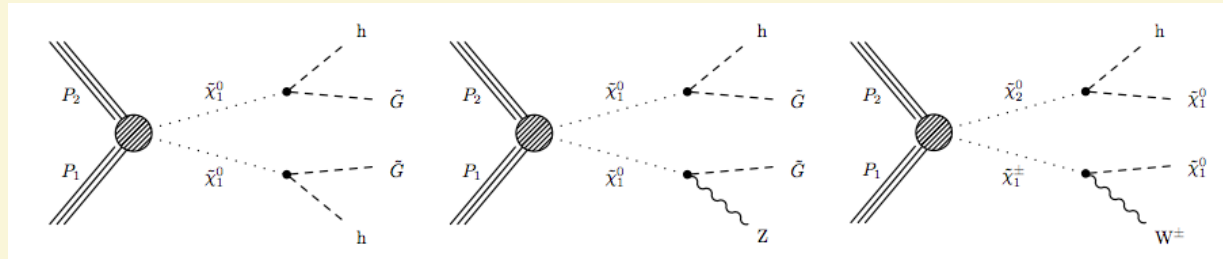
Multiple Coincident Rare Signatures

- Typically new physics searches focus on a single **VERY** rare signature
- But backgrounds can also be suppressed by multiple coincident rare signatures, examples:
 - Dilepton (same charge) & moderate HT
 - moderate HT & moderate MET & resonance
 - Higgs & MET
 - Displaced track & MET
 - Displaced track & Higgs
- Many possible combinations not yet studied

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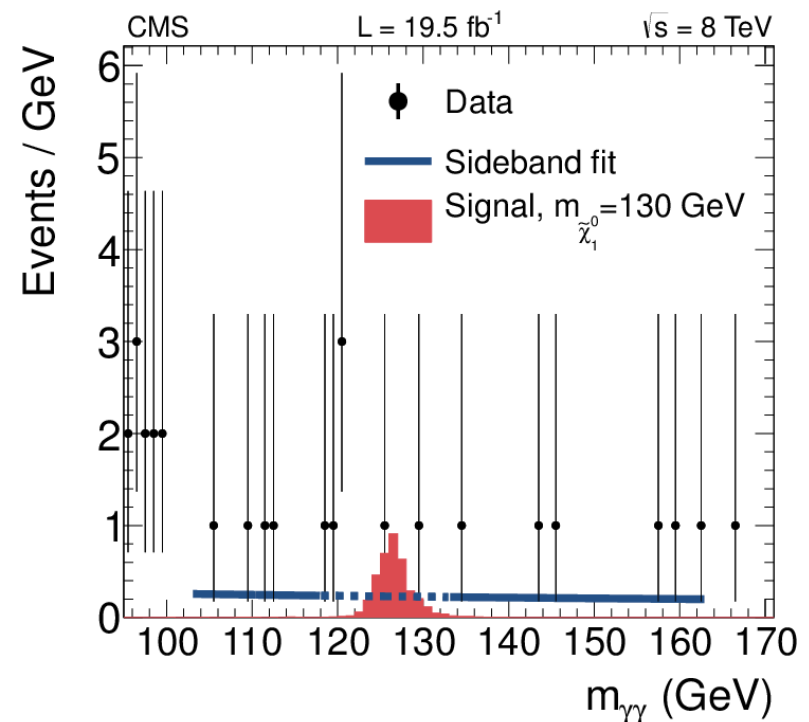
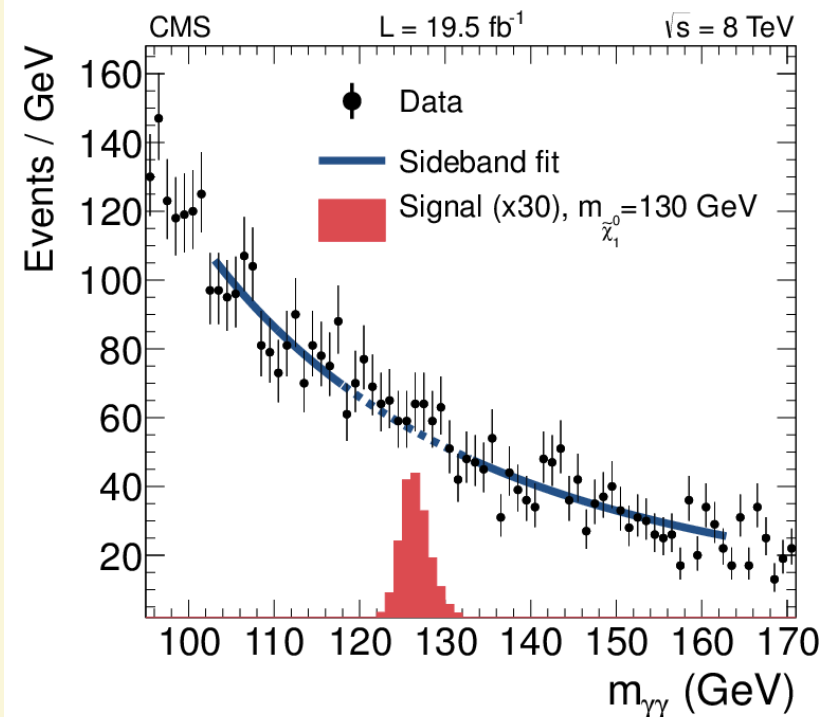


An example: Higgs (Higgs) + MET



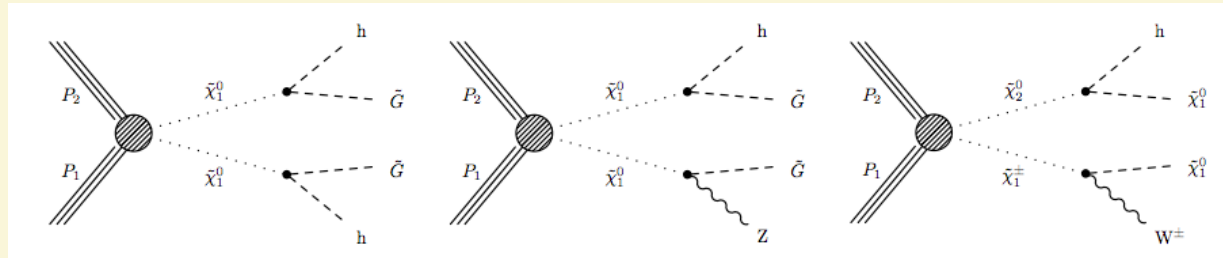
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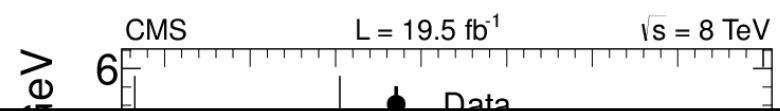
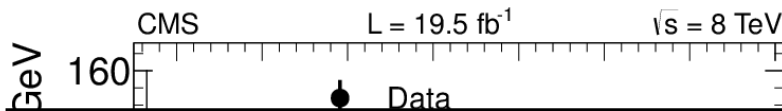
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Mix & Match multiple rare signatures allows to extend sensitivity to processes with smaller cross section \rightarrow weaker couplings or higher mass scales

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Let's search globally in all signatures

Advantages:

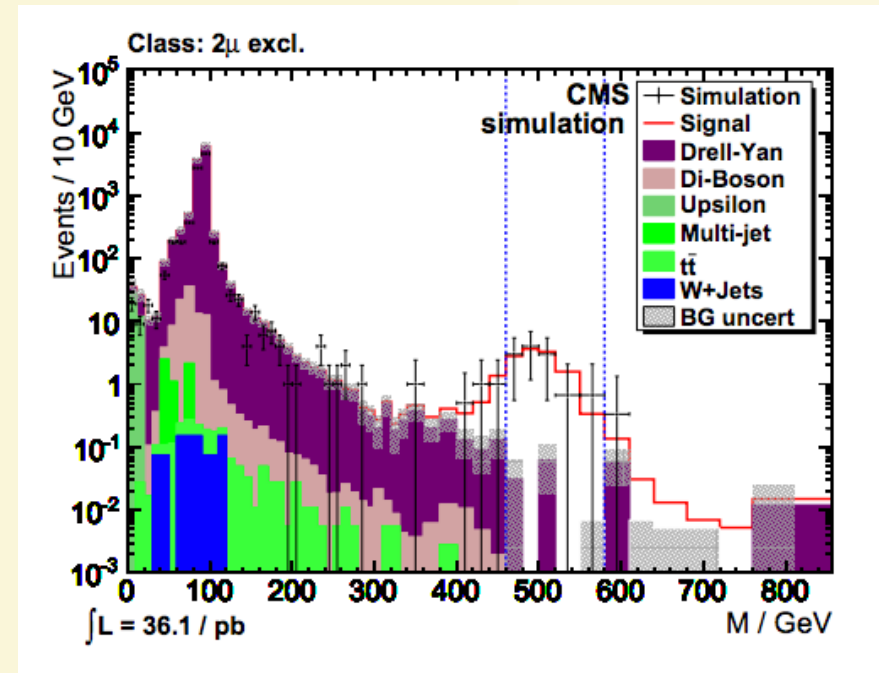
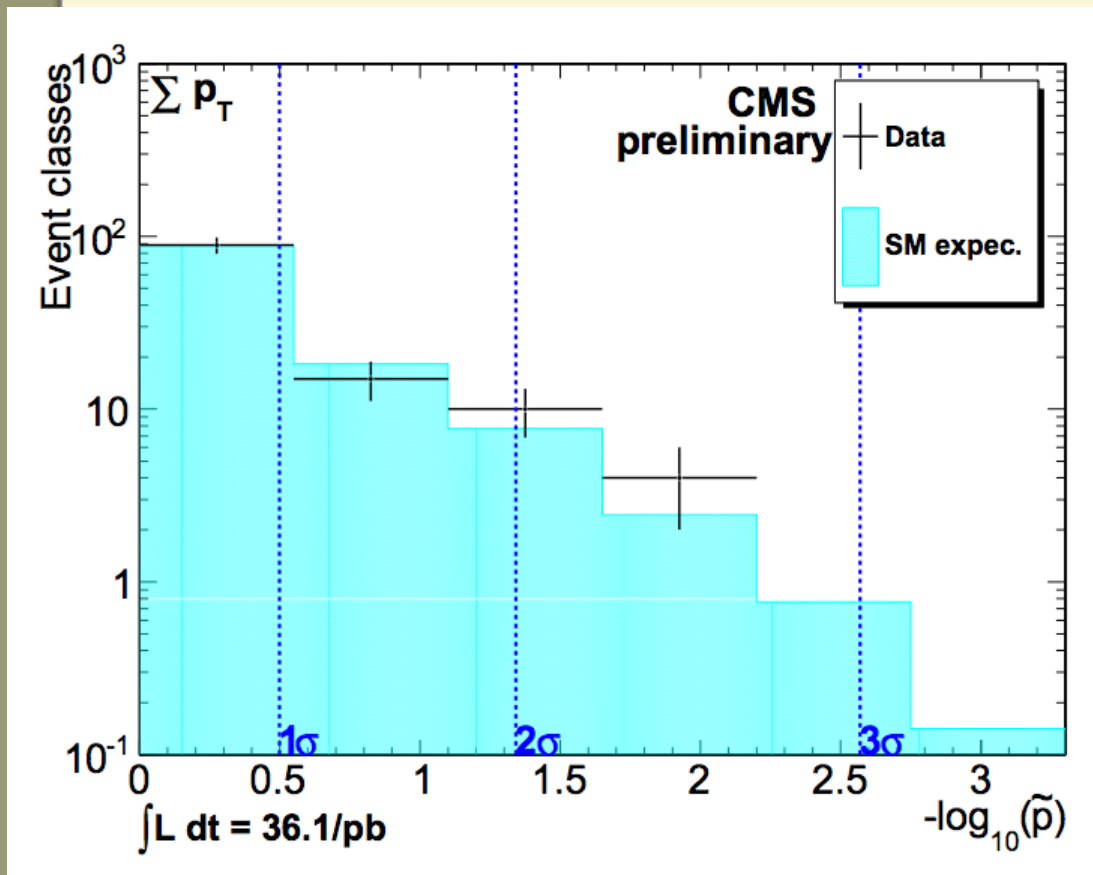
- Broad coverage (**exhaustive ?**)
- Model independent
- A global understanding of the data, eg:
 - Object selection efficiencies, fake rates, jet energy scales, MET resolution, higher order k-factors
 - Burdened by the requirement to achieve agreement EVERYWHERE → forces you to understand all Monte Carlo discrepancies

Disadvantages:

- Very difficult & time consuming!

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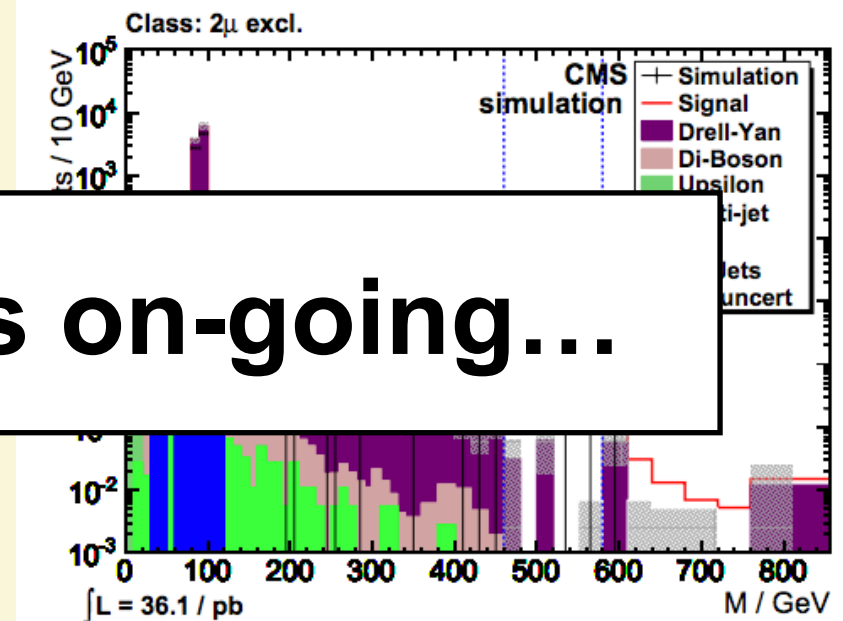
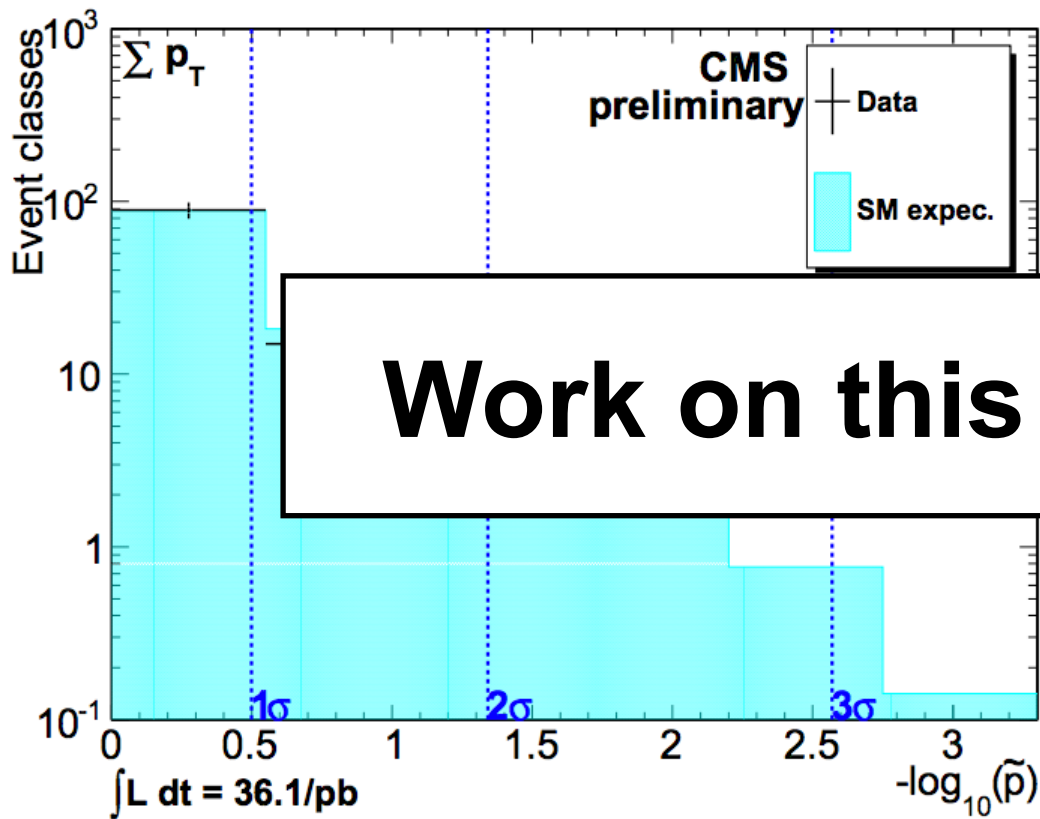


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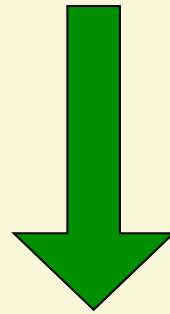


Work on this is on-going...

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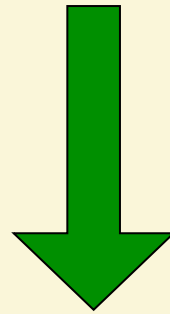


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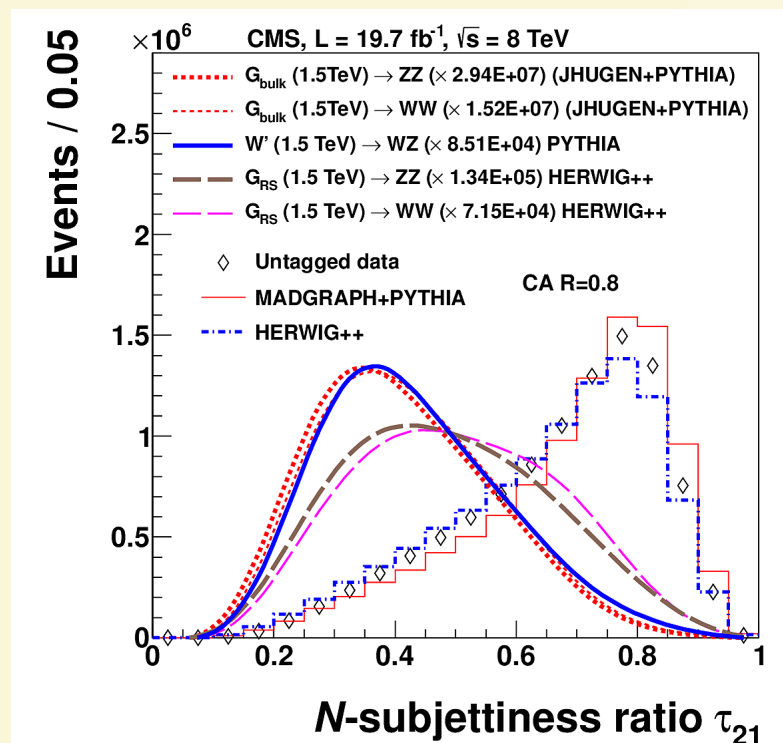
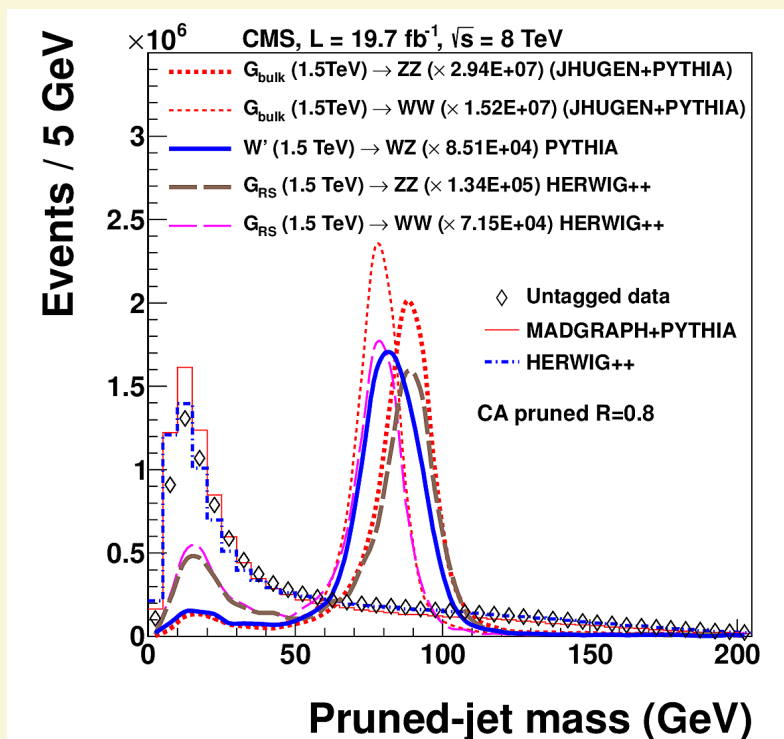
New Physics from Run 1
**Following slides: A selection of
new physics ideas from Run 1**

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Boosted Dijet Resonance

- $X \rightarrow WW / WZ / ZZ$, W or Z decays to fat jet



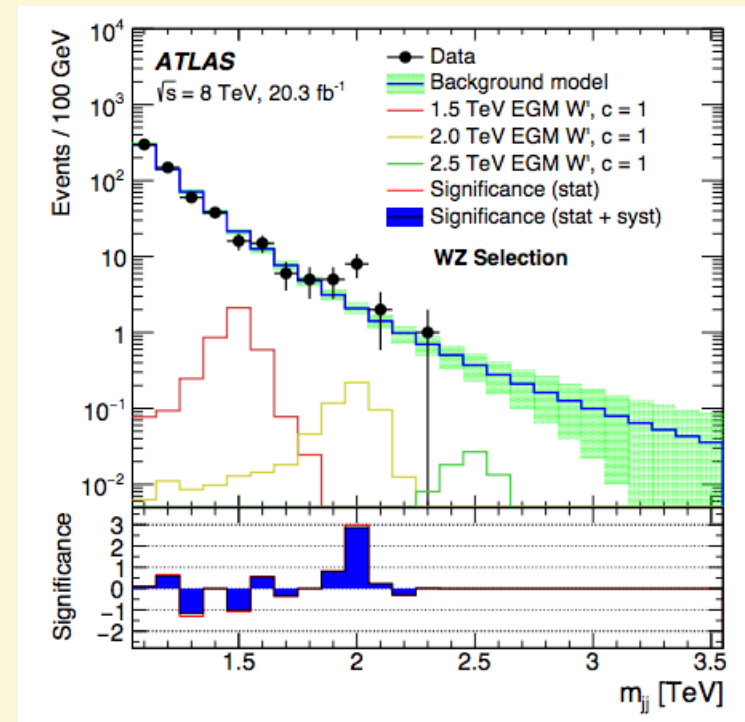
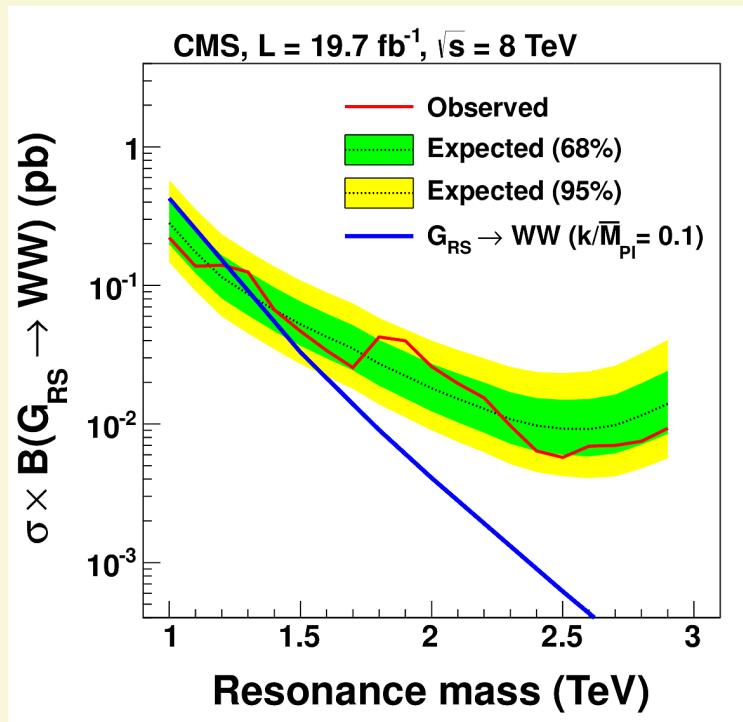
- Mass window in jet mass (70 – 100 GeV)
- N-subjettiness regions further enhances S/B

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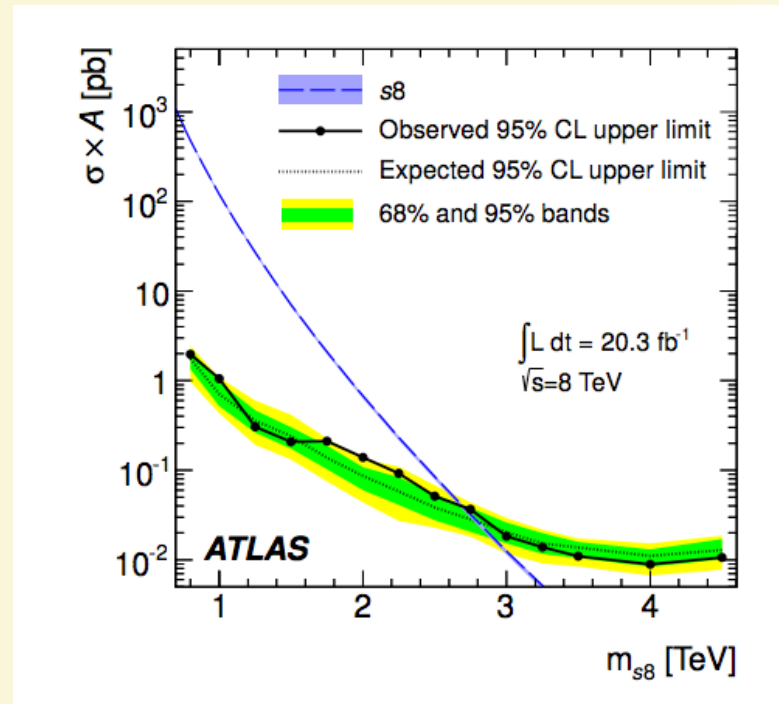
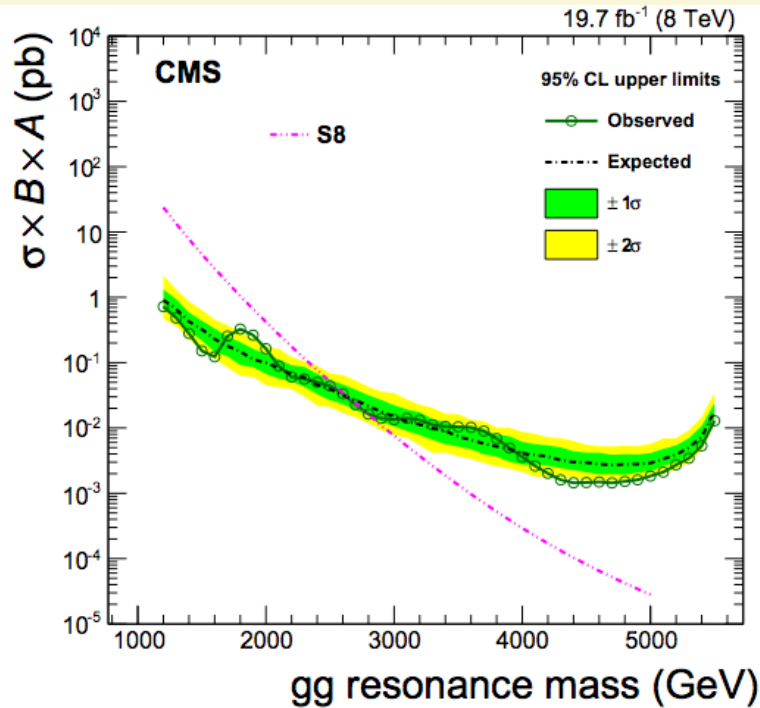


- CMS 1.8σ local significance
- ATLAS: 2.5σ global significance (3.4σ local)

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Standard Dijet Resonance Search

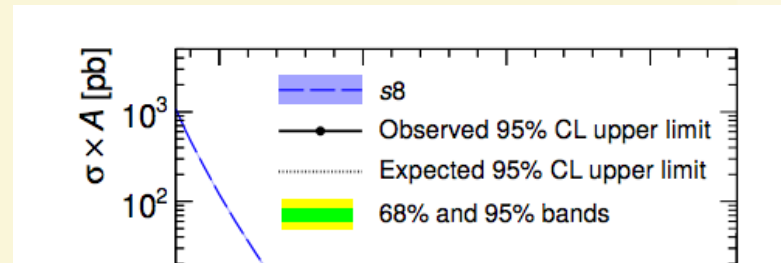
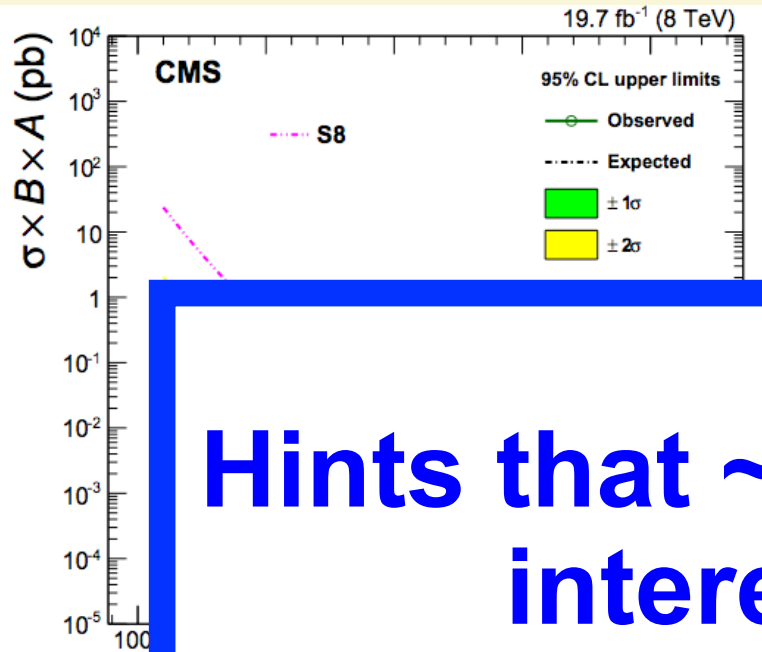


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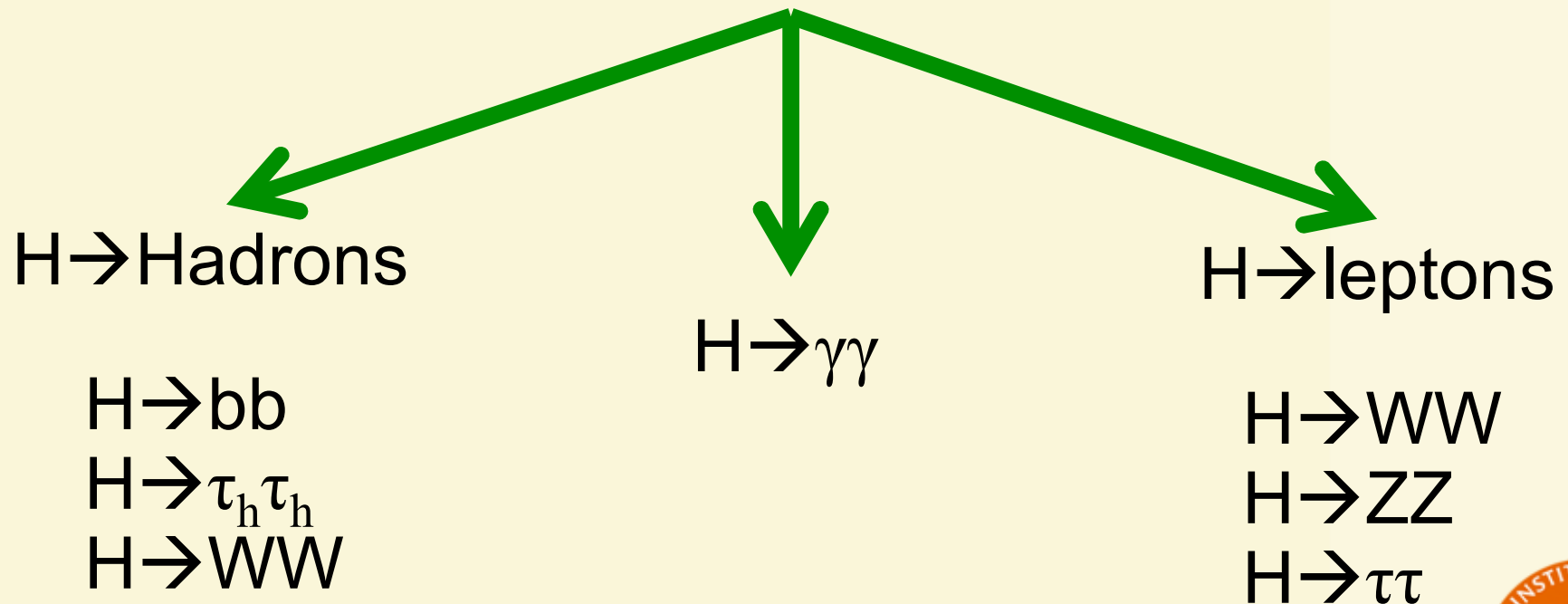
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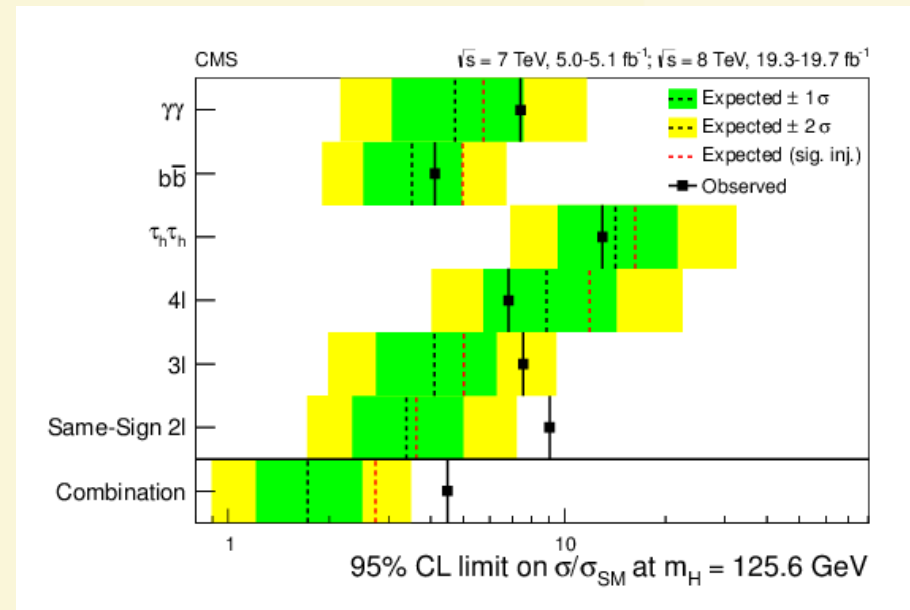
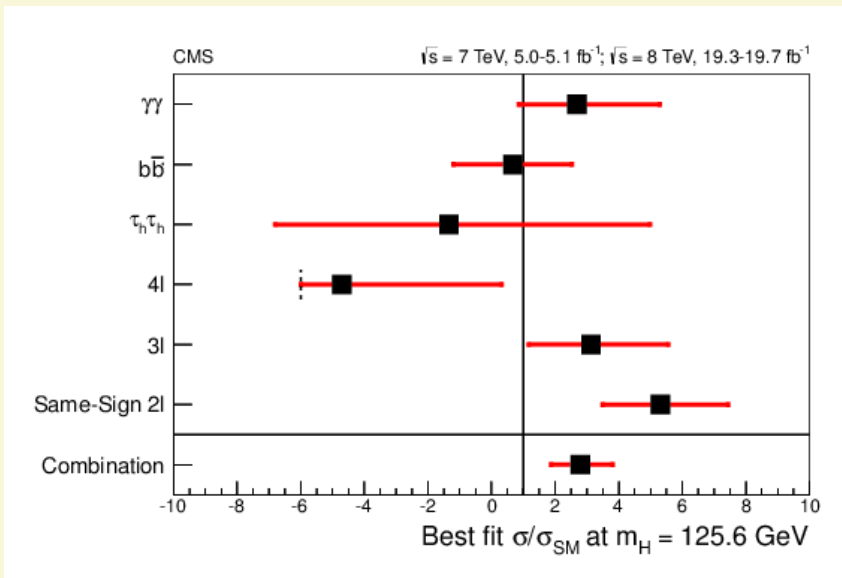
ttH Production

- Motivated by understanding of Higgs sector and top yukawa

3 Categories of Higgs Decays



ttH Production : CMS



Best Fit $\mu = 2.8 \pm 1.0$

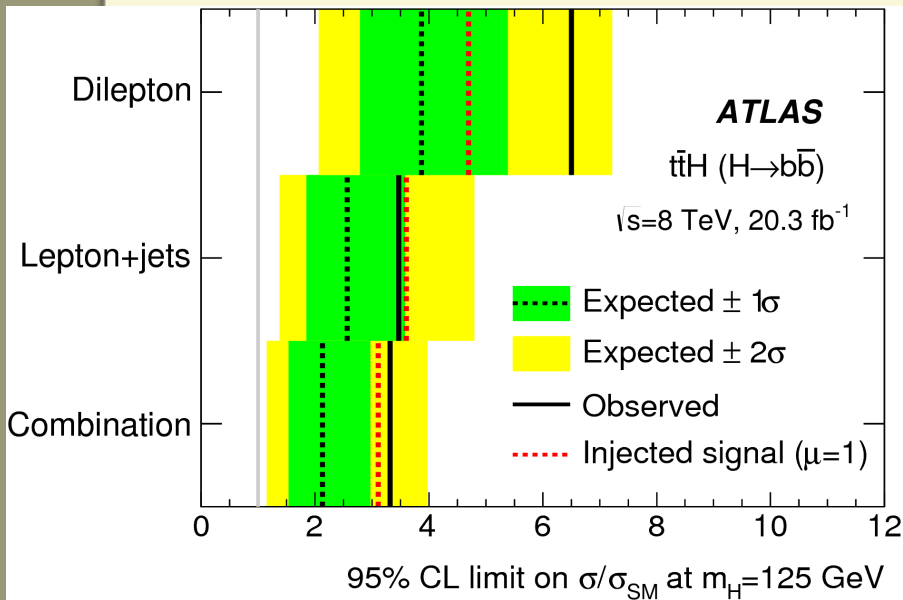
- CMS Run 1 sees an excess above SM $\sim 2\sigma$
 - Led mostly by leptonic decay channels

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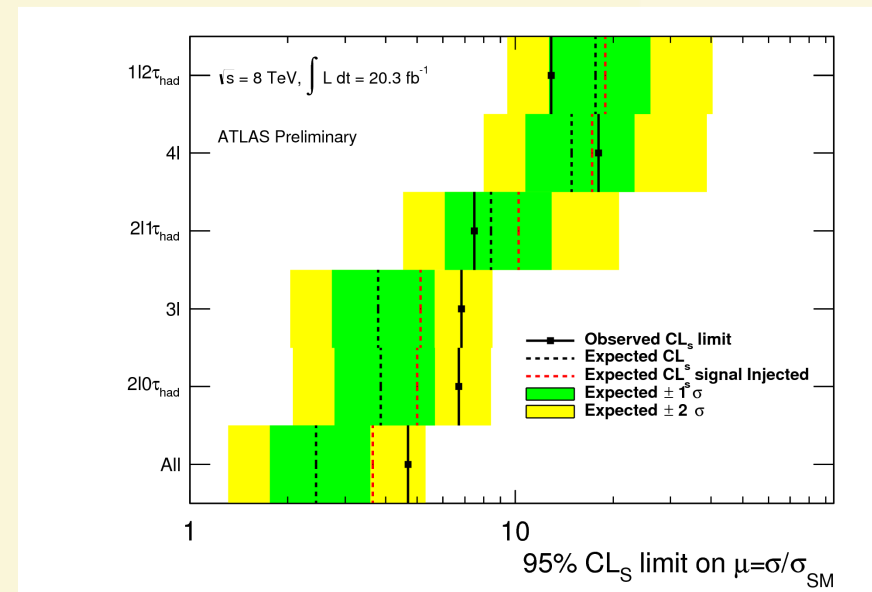


ttH Production : ATLAS

H → bb



H → lepton decays



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Best Fit $\mu = 2.1 \pm 1.3$

- ATLAS Run 1 sees an excess above SM $\sim 1\sigma$

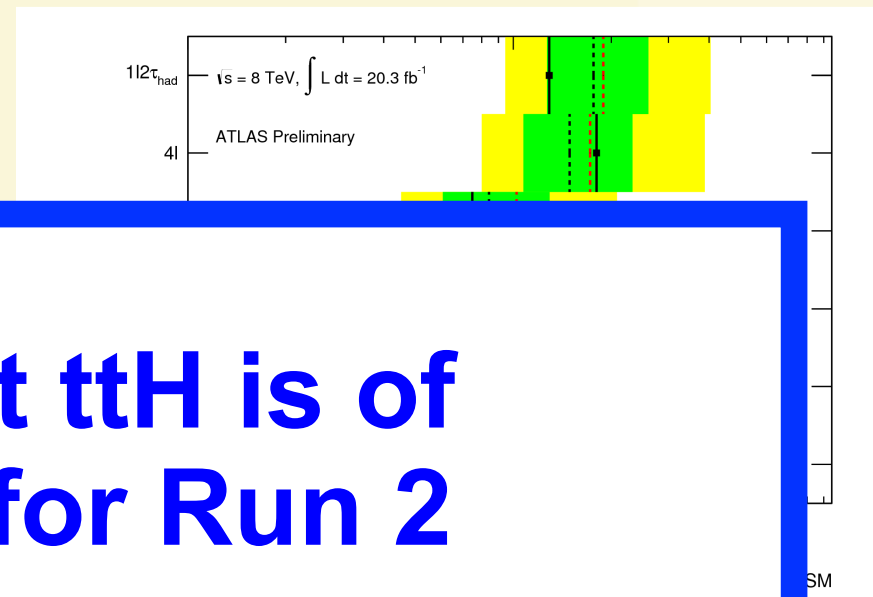
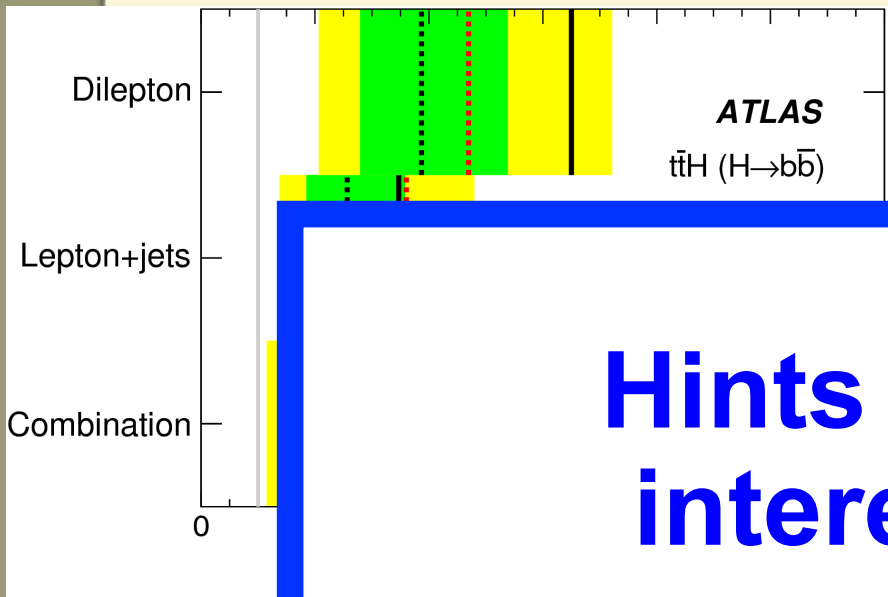
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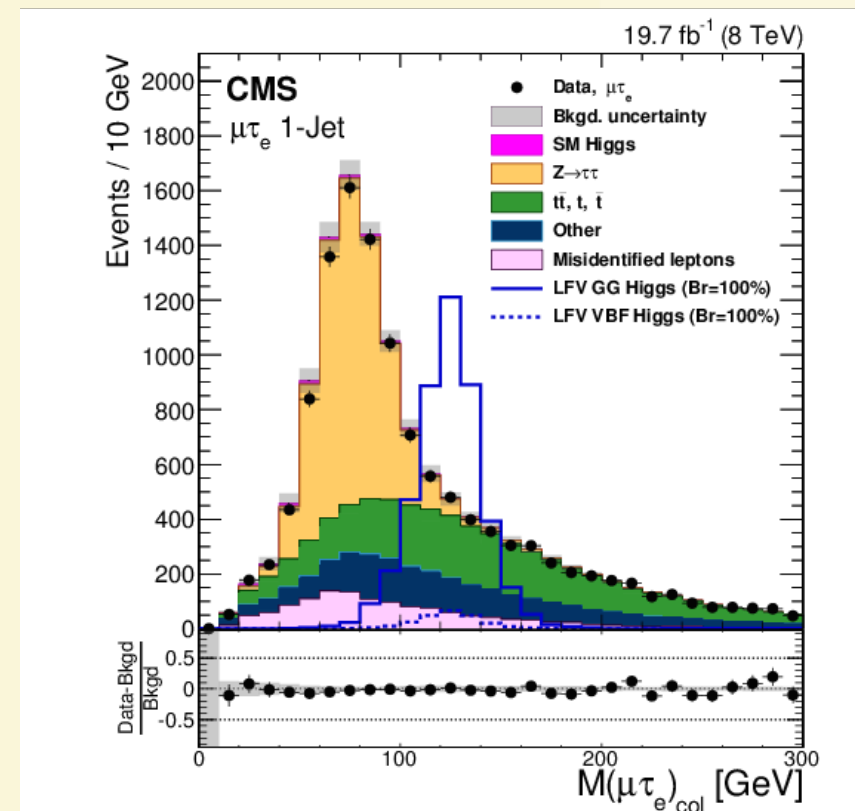
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Higgs $\rightarrow \mu\tau$

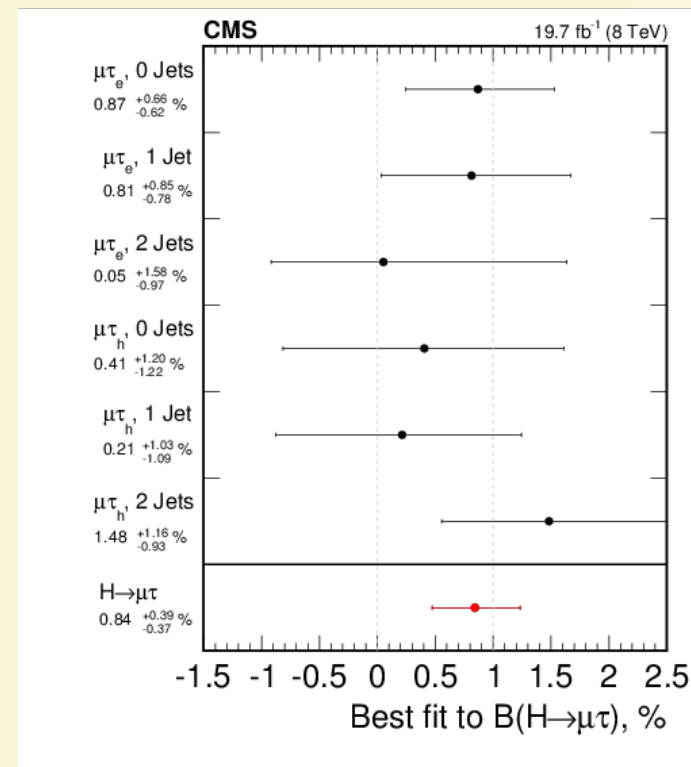
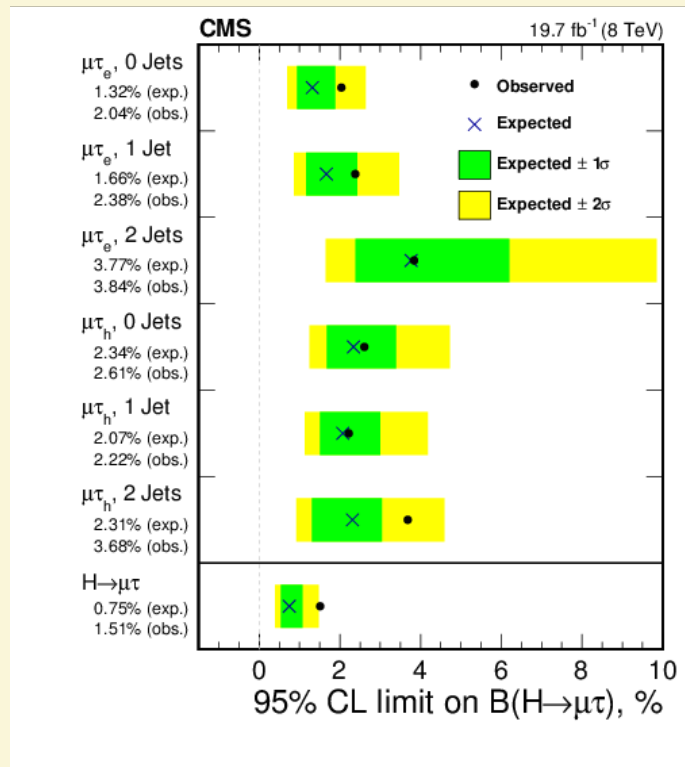
- Lepton Flavor Violation of generic interest in the Higgs sector. Existing limits are weak ($\sim 10\%$)
 - Muon from direct Higgs decay \rightarrow larger momentum
 - Only 1 tau decay \rightarrow neutrinos are collinear to visibles
 - Final discriminant is Higgs mass from collinear approximation



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- Observe small excesses in a few categories
- Best fit BR at $0.84\% \pm 0.4\%$
- Significance is 2.4σ



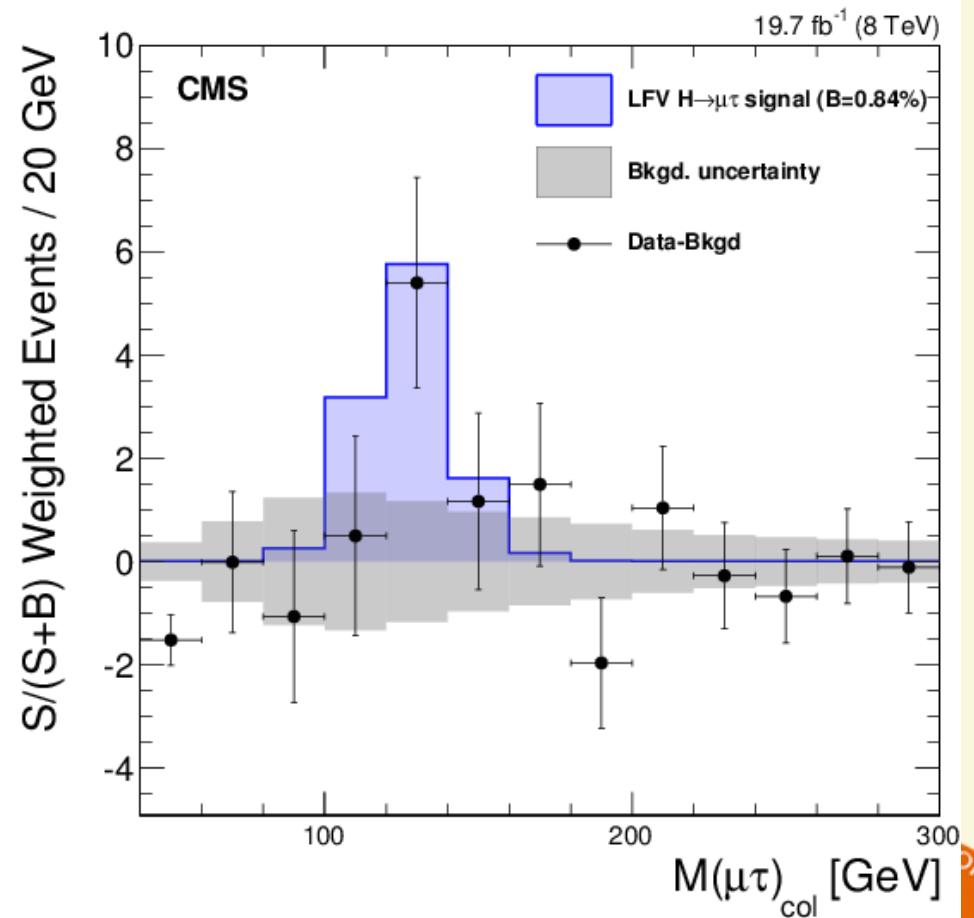
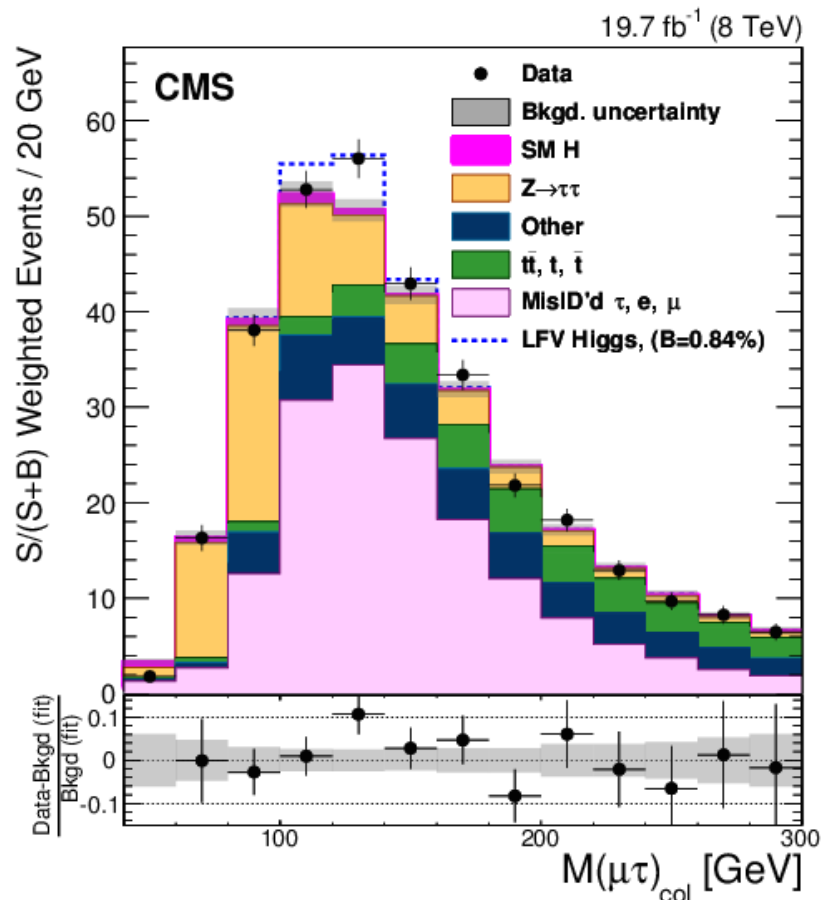
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All Channels Combined
 $S/(S+B)$ weighted

Background subtracted



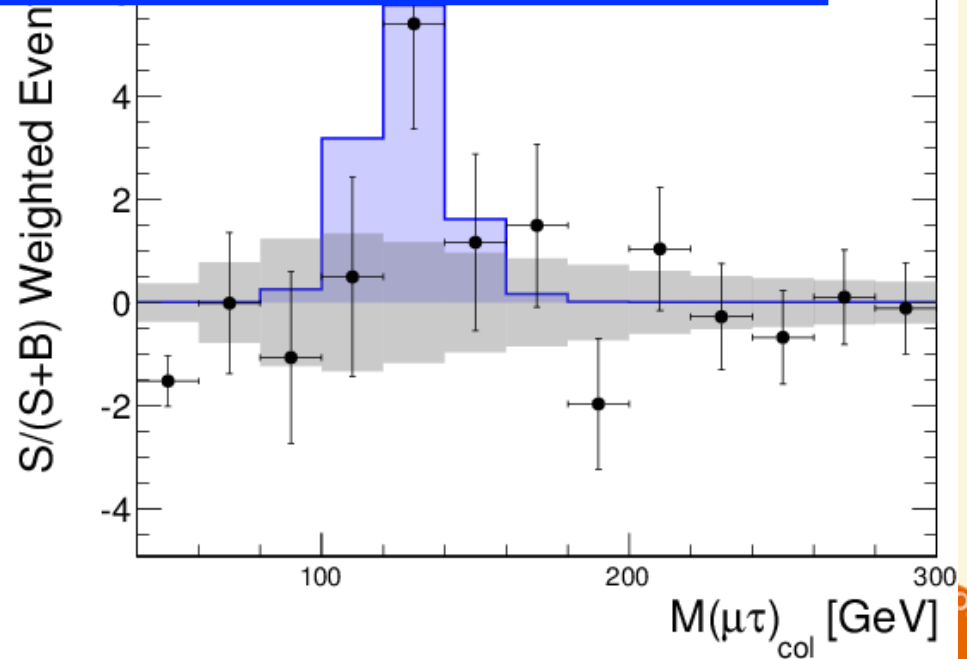
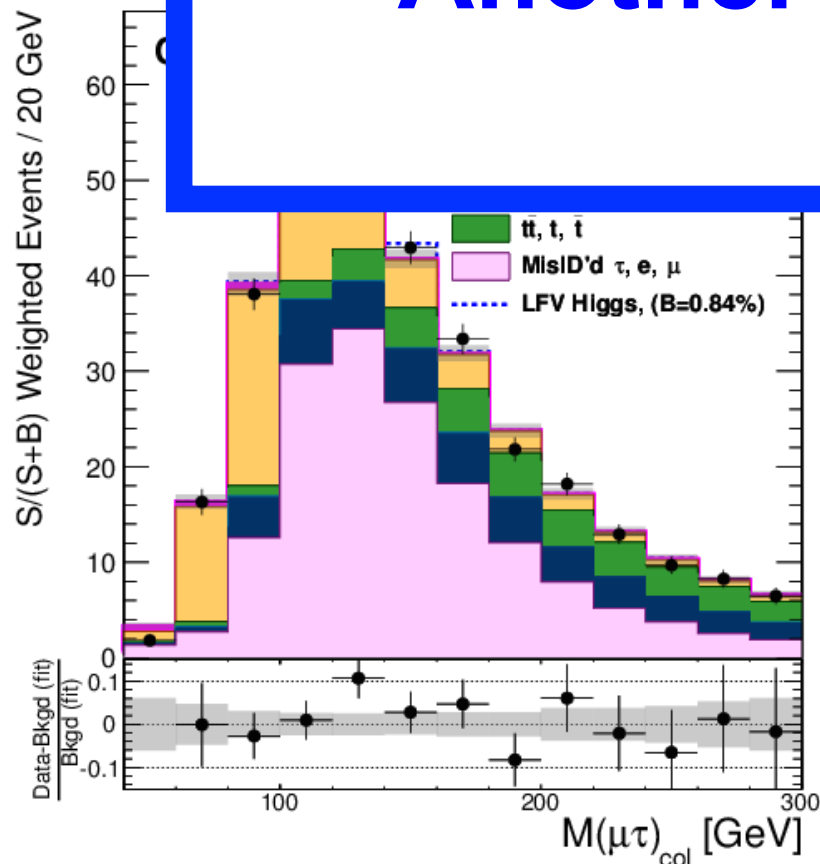
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Another hint for Run 2



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Summary

- Searching for new physics without theoretical guidance is difficult !
- Empirical approaches historically fall into two camps

Isolate rare signatures

Precision Measurement

Try to search exhaustively

- The best new physics ideas for Run 2...
... are hints of new physics from Run 1

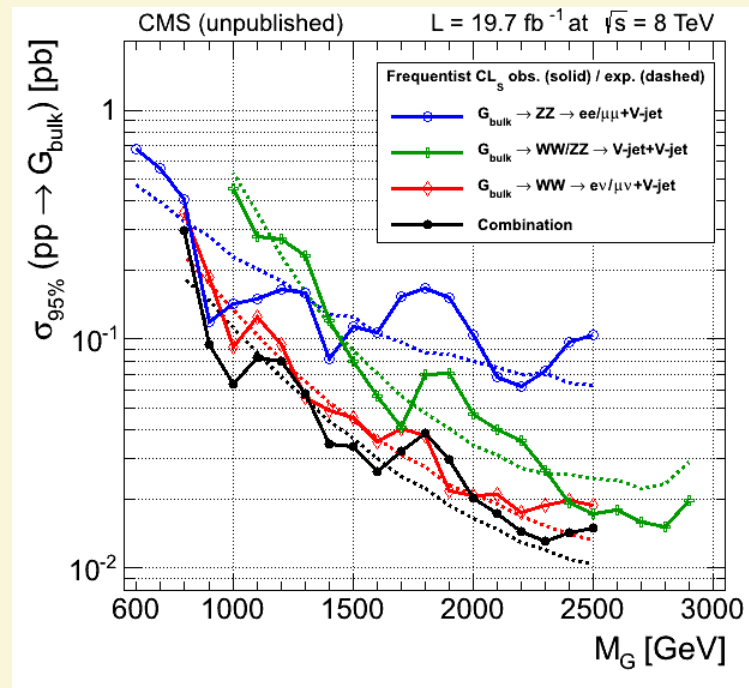
Backup

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Semileptonic VV Resonance

- $X \rightarrow WW/WZ/ZZ$: one boson decays leptonically, other decays to fat jet



- CMS 2σ excess