

# Search for new physics in HH final state in CMS

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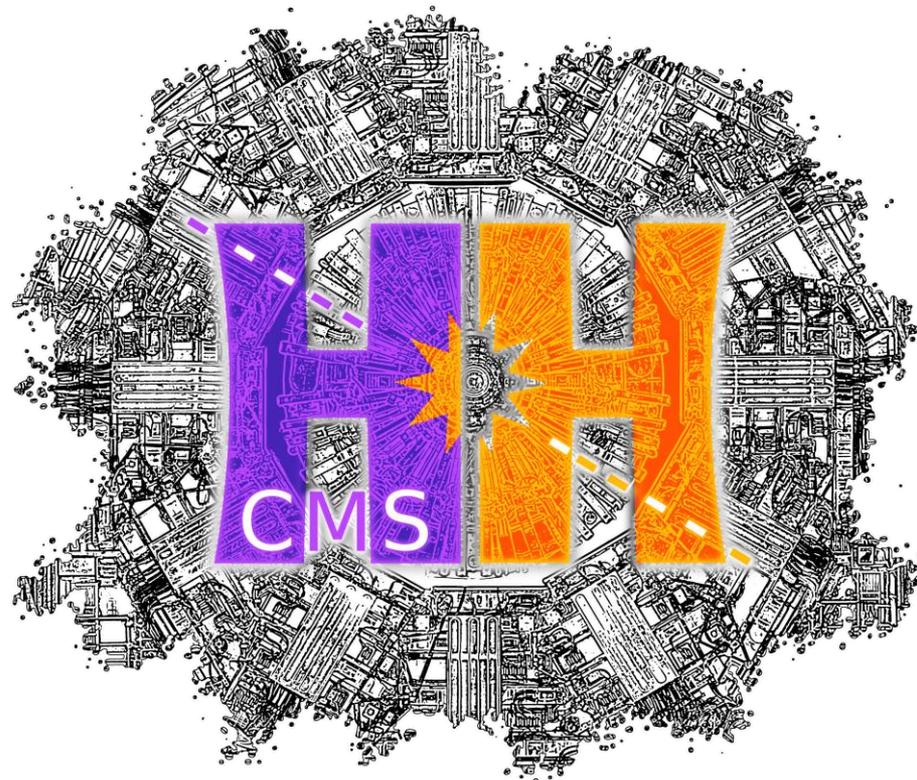
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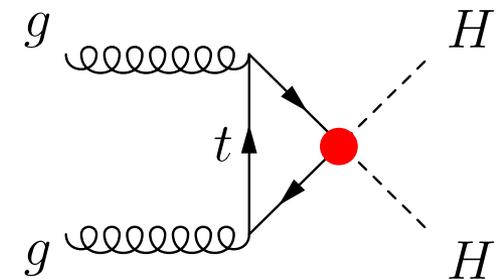
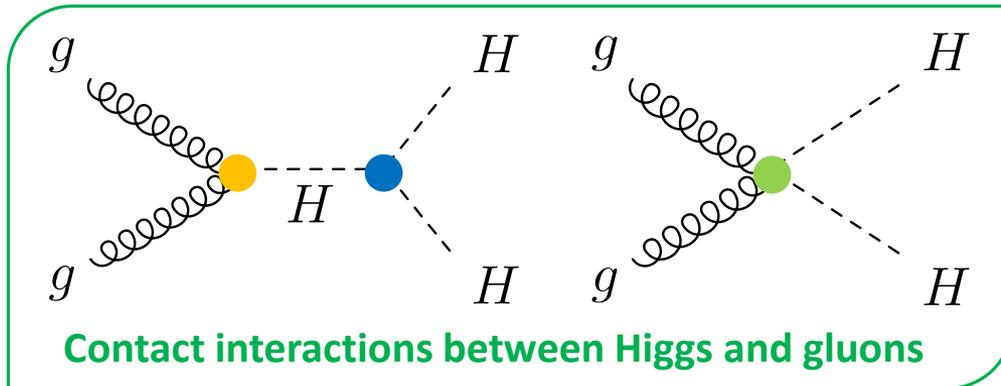
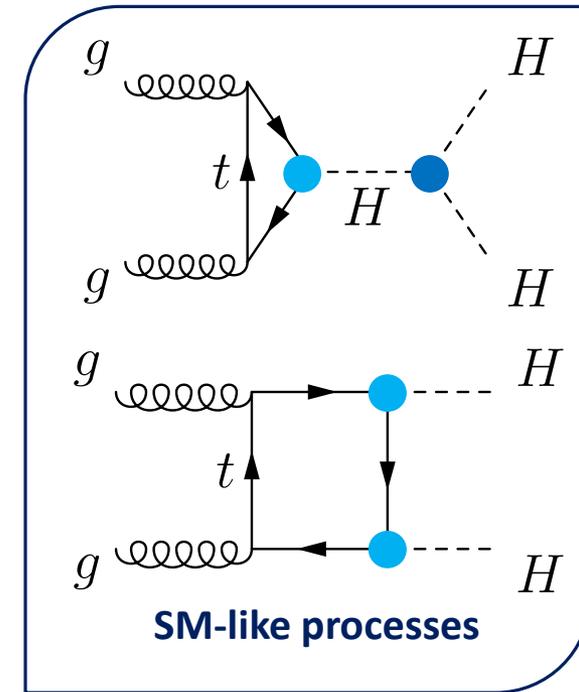
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# Physics motivations: non-resonant HH

- ❖ In the Standard Model (SM), double Higgs production allows to measure the Higgs self-coupling
  - $\sigma_{SM}(HH) = 33.53 \text{ fb}$  is too small to be accessible in Run 2  
 $\Rightarrow$  limits on production cross-section can be set
- ❖ The beyond standard model (BSM) scenarios can be explored by defining effective field theory (EFT) Lagrangian [1]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{hh} = & \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h - \frac{m_h^2}{2} h^2 - k_\lambda \lambda_{SM} v h^3 \\
 & - \frac{m_t}{v} \left( v + k_t h + \frac{c_2}{v} hh \right) (\bar{t}_L t_R + h.c.) \\
 & + \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi v} \left( c_{1g} h - \frac{c_{2g}}{2v} hh \right) G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A,\mu\nu}
 \end{aligned}$$



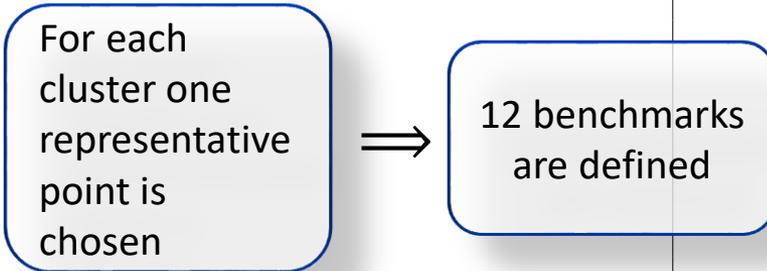
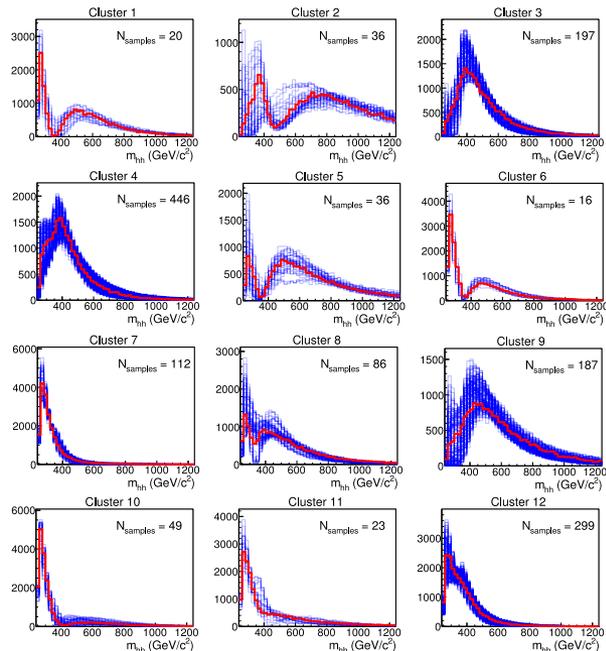
[1] [doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.91.115008](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.91.115008)

# Physics motivations: non-resonant HH

- ❖ The non-resonant EFT has five free parameters:  $k_\lambda, k_t, c_2, c_{1g}, c_{2g}$ .
  - The SM case:  $k_\lambda = k_t = 1, c_2 = c_{1g} = c_{2g} = 0$ .

*How to interpret the experimental results into the 5D parameter space?:*

1. Define 2D-planes (e.g.  $k_t k_\lambda$ -plane) within the parameter space and perform a grid scan inside each plane.
2. The parameter space can be divided into 12 clusters with a similar kinematics [2]:



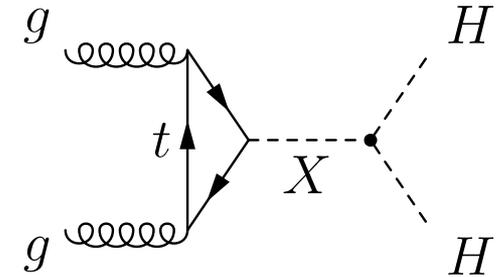
Benchmark	$\kappa_\lambda$	$\kappa_t$	$c_2$	$c_g$	$c_{2g}$
1	7.5	1.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0
2	1.0	1.0	0.5	-0.8	0.6
3	1.0	1.0	-1.5	0.0	-0.8
4	-3.5	1.5	-3.0	0.0	0.0
5	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.8	-1
6	2.4	1.0	0.0	0.2	-0.2
7	5.0	1.0	0.0	0.2	-0.2
8	15.0	1.0	0.0	-1	1
9	1.0	1.0	1.0	-0.6	0.6
10	10.0	1.5	-1.0	0.0	0.0
11	2.4	1.0	0.0	1	-1
12	15.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
SM	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

[2] [doi:10.1007/JHEP04\(2016\)126](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP04(2016)126)

# Physics motivations: resonant HH

## ❖ MSSM scenarios in low $\tan \beta$ region ( $1 \lesssim \tan \beta < 10$ ):

- The hMSSM scenario [3]:
  - Described using only the tree-level relations for masses and mixing angles
  - $m_h$  fixed to be 125 GeV
  - Minimal dependency on the unobserved SUSY sector
- The low  $\tan \beta$  high scenario [4]:
  - SUSY parameters are tuned in order to have  $m_h$  near 125 GeV in most part of the  $(m_A, \tan \beta)$  plane.



## ❖ The 2 Higgs doublet models (2HDM) [5]

- 5 physical bosons:  $h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm$
- 7 free parameters:  $m_h, m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm}, \alpha, \tan \beta$  and  $m_{12}^2$ .

## ❖ Singlet model [6]

- Minimal model for dark matter and for electroweak baryogenesis

## ❖ Warped extra dimensions

- spin-0 Radion [7] and spin-2 KK-graviton [8]

[3] [doi:10.1140/epjc/s10052-013-2650-0](https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-013-2650-0)

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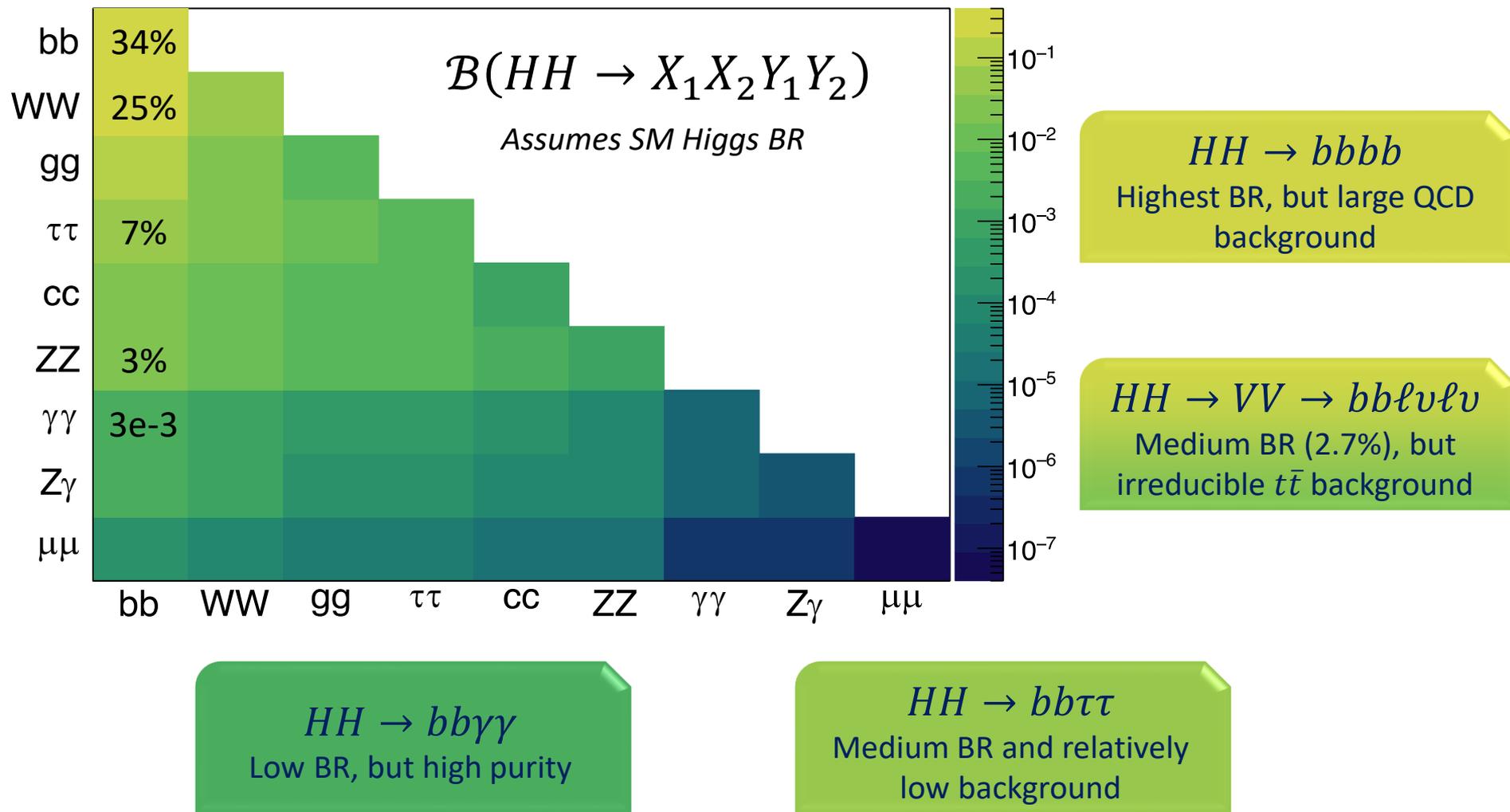
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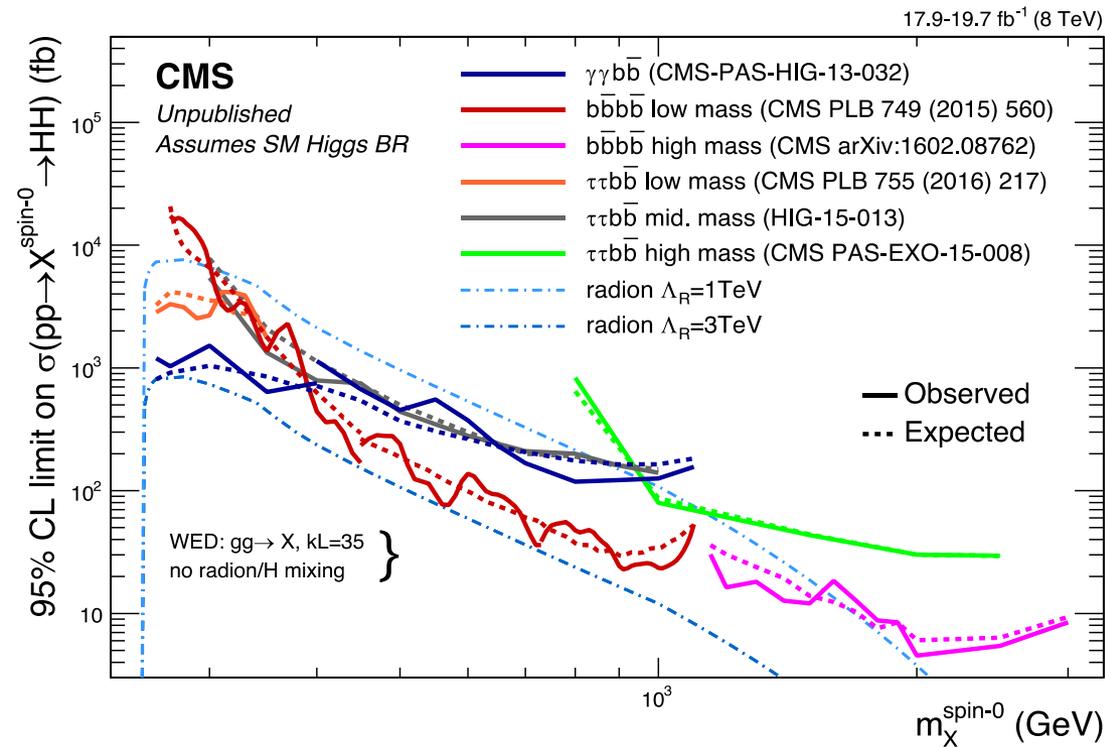
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# HH final states

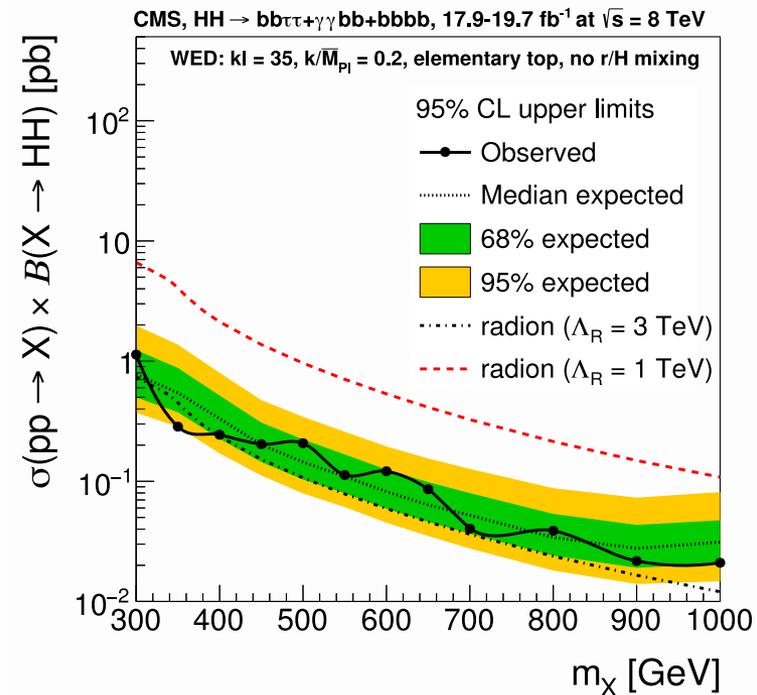


# Run 1 summary



Run 1 combination  
 $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma + bb\tau\tau + bbbb$

[arXiv:1707.00350](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.00350)

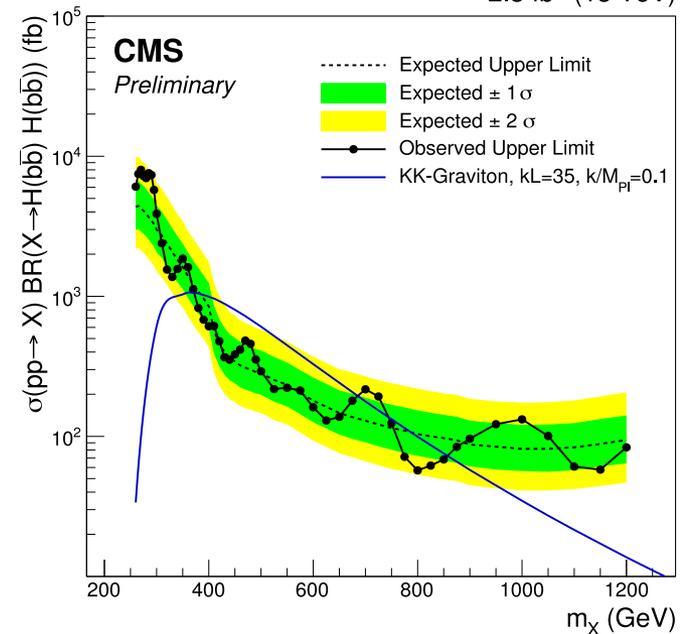
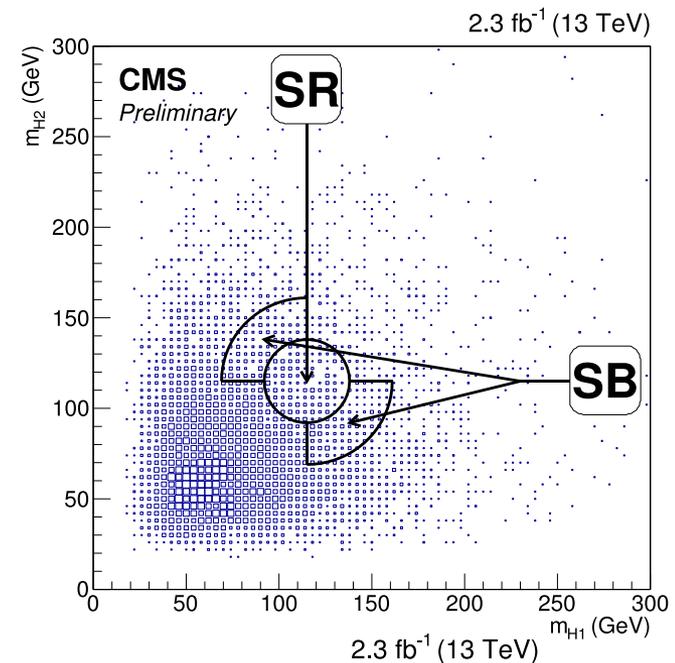


❖ For non-resonant HH production, the combination of  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $bb\gamma\gamma$  decay channels yields an observed (expected) limit that is a factor of **43 (47) times the SM rate**.

# $HH \rightarrow bbbb$

RESONANT  
[CMS-PAS-HIG-16-002](#)

- ❖ Analysis is based on 2015 data ( $2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- ❖ Jet reconstruction algorithm: anti- $k_t$  with  $R = 0.4$
- ❖ Online selection: 4 jets with  $p_T > 30 \dots 90 \text{ GeV}$ , with at least 3 of them are b tagged
- ❖ Offline  $HH$ -candidate selection highlights:
  - first 4 jets with highest b tag score are selected
  - mass window in 2D di-jet mass plane
- ❖ Background shape estimated from the data sideband regions
- ❖ Signal is extracted using  $m_X$  distribution
- ❖ No evidence for a signal is observed

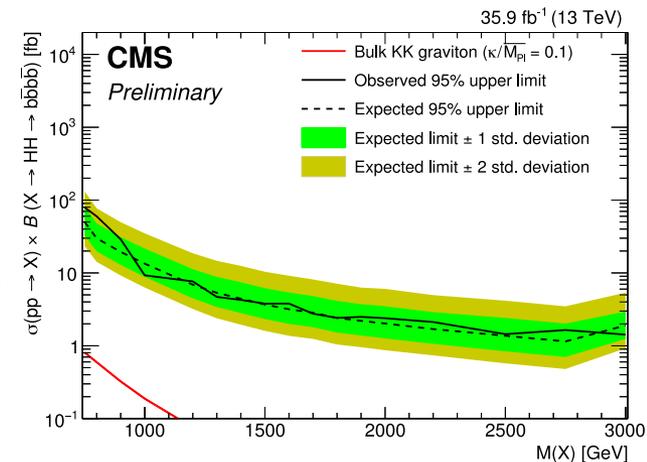
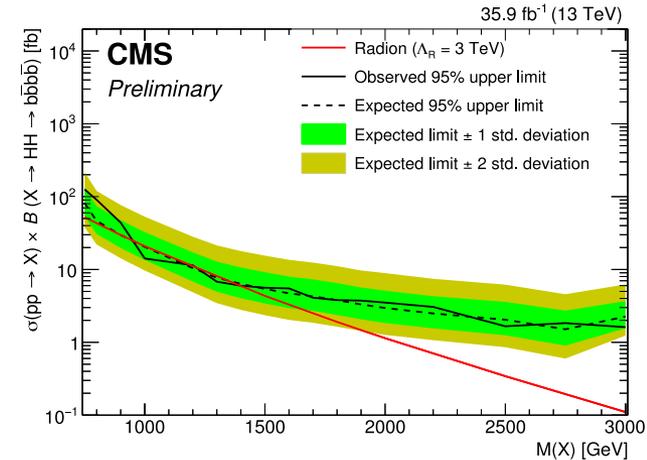


# $HH \rightarrow bbbb$

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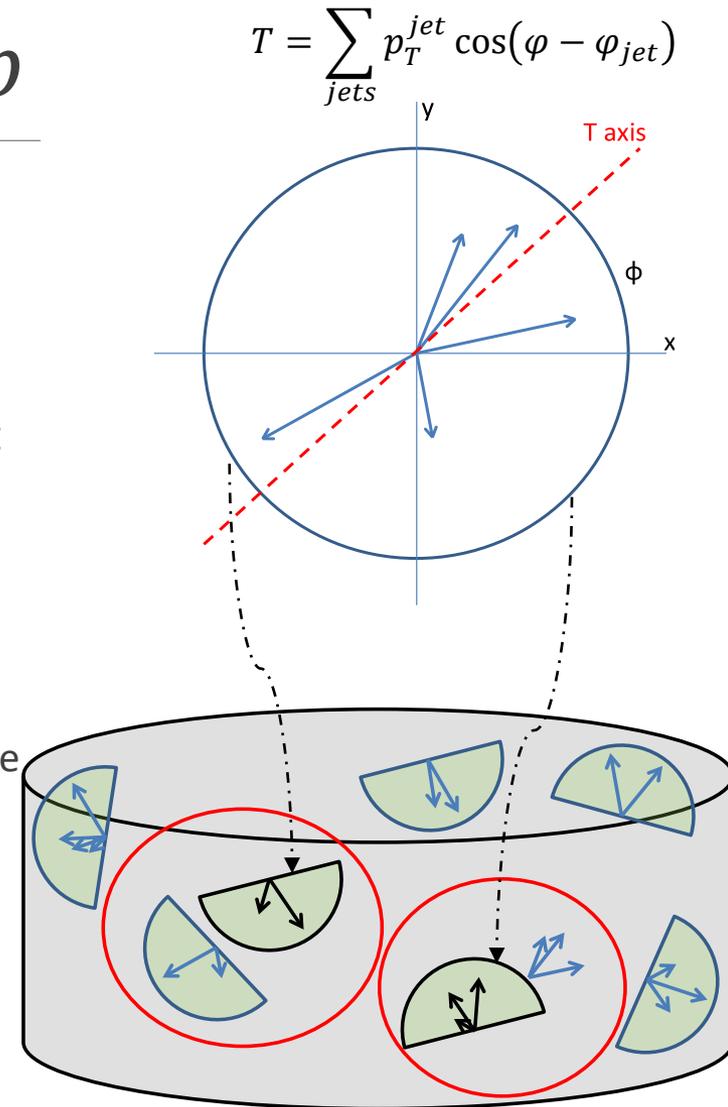
- ❖ Analysis is based on 2016 data ( $35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- ❖ Jet reconstruction algorithm: anti- $k_t$  with  $R = 0.4$  (AK4) and  $R = 0.8$  (AK8)
- ❖ Mass of AK8 jets is reconstructed using soft drop algorithm, which removes soft and wide-angle radiation contributions
- ❖ AK8 jets are b tag by double b-tagger algorithm that is able to identify two boosted b jets within one AK8 jet
- ❖ Online selection: combination of triggers with requirements on  $H_T$  of AK4 jets and  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$  and mass of AK8 jets
- ❖ Offline  $HH$ -candidate selection highlights:
  - 2 AK8 jets with the highest  $p_T$  are selected, requiring  $p_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta| < 2.4$  for each selected jet
  - $|\Delta\eta(j_1, j_2)| < 1.3$  is required to reduce multi-jet background
- ❖ Data driven techniques to estimate multi-jets background:
  - For  $m_X < 1200 \text{ GeV}$ : “alphabet” estimation (extended ABCD method)
  - For  $m_X > 1200 \text{ GeV}$ : parametric fit of signal and background models
- ❖ Signal is extracted using reduced  $m(j_1, j_2)$
- ❖ No evidence for a signal is observed



# $HH \rightarrow bbbb$

NON-RESONANT  
[CMS-PAS-HIG-16-026](#)

- ❖ Analysis is based on 2015 data ( $2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- ❖ Jet reconstruction algorithm: anti- $k_t$  with  $R = 0.4$
- ❖ Online selection: 4 jets with  $p_T > 30 \dots 90 \text{ GeV}$ , with at least 3 of them are b tagged
- ❖ Offline  $HH$ -candidate selection highlights:
  - first 4 jets with highest b tag score are selected
  - requiring that all jets within b tag acceptance pass b tag requirement
  - Multivariate (MVA) technique based on a boosted decision tree (BDT) discriminator is used to improve the sensitivity
- ❖ Fully data-driven background estimation using “hemisphere mixing” technique
  - Each data event is divided into two hemispheres in order to create new background events from those hemispheres
- ❖ Signal is extracted from 2D di-jet mass plane
- ❖ The obtained observed (expected) upper limit on  $\sigma_{HH}$  is equal to 3880 (3490)  $\text{fb}$ , which is  $\approx 342 \cdot \sigma_{SM}(HH)$

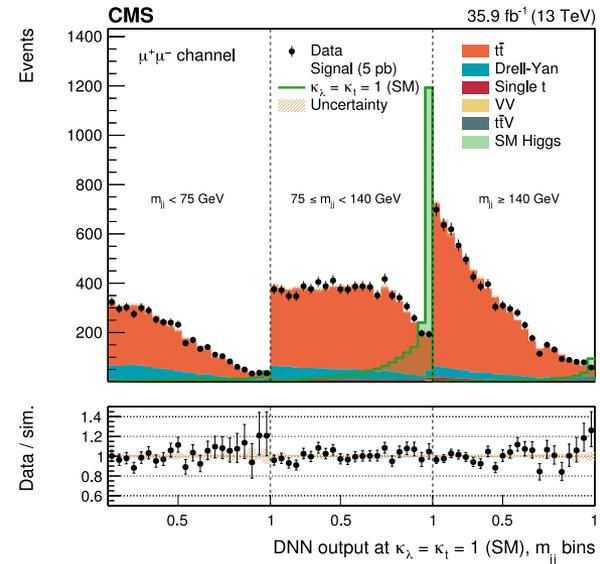
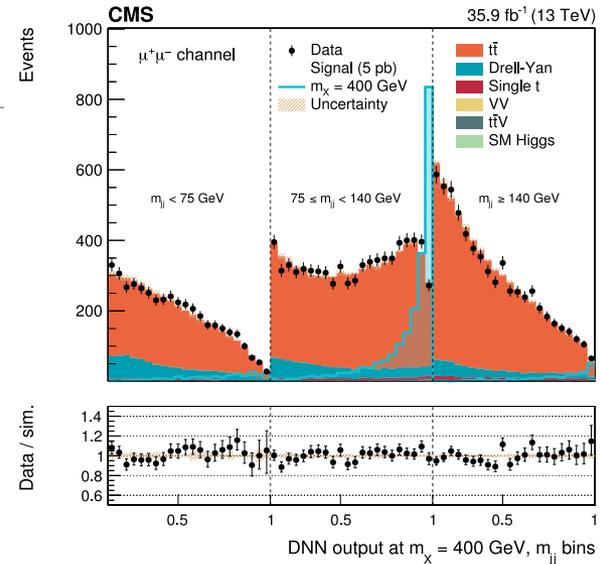


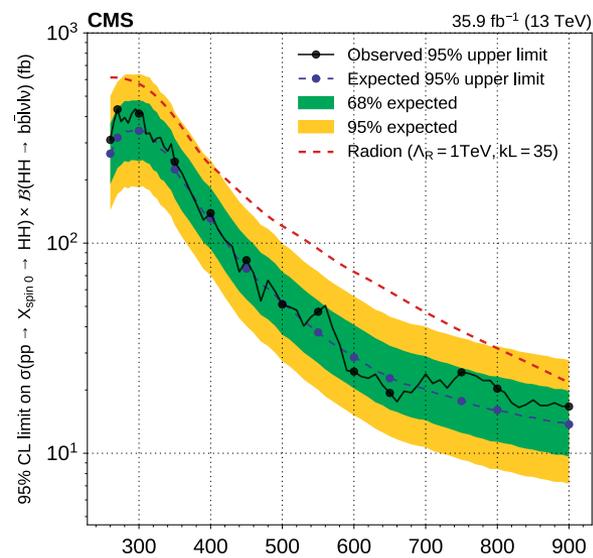
For details, see T. Dorigo talk about Hemisphere Mixing method at EPS [link](#)

# $HH \rightarrow bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$

[arXiv:1708.04188](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.04188)

- ❖ Analysis search for  $HH \rightarrow VV \rightarrow bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$  decays, where  $V = W, Z$  and  $\ell = e, \mu$
- ❖ Online selection: set of isolated di-lepton triggers with  $p_T$  threshold 17 ... 23 GeV for the leading lepton and 8 ... 12 GeV for the sub-leading
- ❖ Events are divided into three categories based on  $m_{jj}$  to enhance the sensitivity
- ❖ Offline  $HH$ -candidate selection highlights:
  - Oppositely charged lepton pair ( $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $e^\pm\mu^\mp$ )
  - $\Delta R(\text{lepton}, \text{jet}) > 0.3$
  - $12 \text{ GeV} < m_{ll} < m_Z - 15 \text{ GeV}$  for main backgrounds suppression
  - First 2 jets with highest b tag score are selected as  $H \rightarrow bb$  candidate
- ❖ Drell-Yan background in  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$  channels is estimated from the DY enriched sideband region from the data.
  - BDT is used to parametrise the fraction of jets with the given flavours as a function of event kinematics
- ❖ All remaining backgrounds are estimated from simulation.
- ❖ Two parametrised multivariate discriminators based on Deep Neural Networks (DNN) are used for the signal extraction:
  - Parametrised machine learning technique [9] allows to have a single training for a range of signal parameter space (e.g.  $m_X$ ) without lose in sensitivity
  - The input variables are:  $m_{ll}$ ,  $\Delta R_{ll}$ ,  $\Delta R_{jj}$ ,  $\Delta\phi(ll, jj)$ ,  $p_T^{ll}$ ,  $p_T^{jj}$ ,  $\Delta R_{lj}$  and  $m_T$

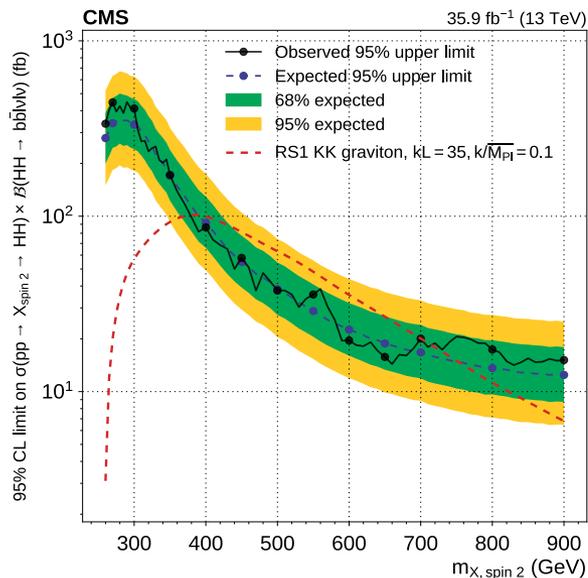
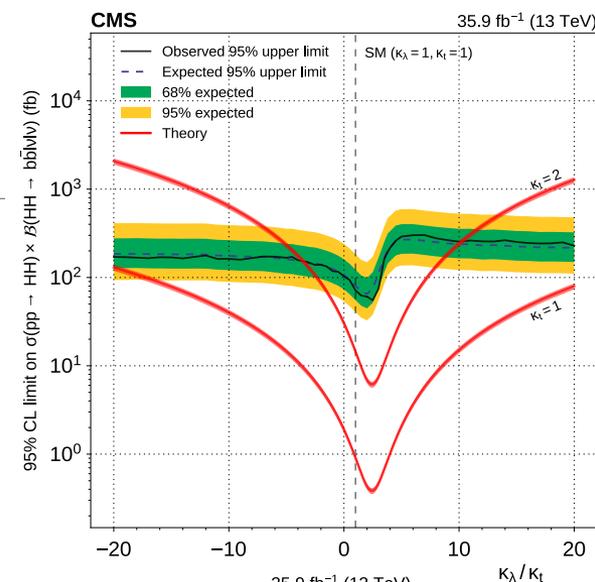




$$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}l\nu l\nu$$

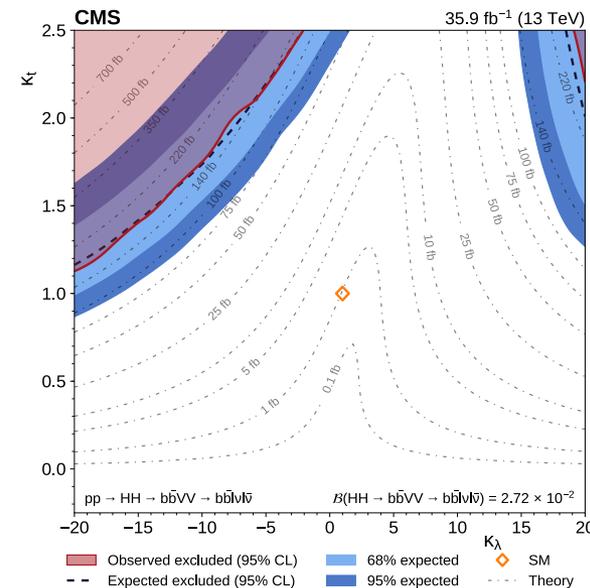
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No evidence for a signal is observed



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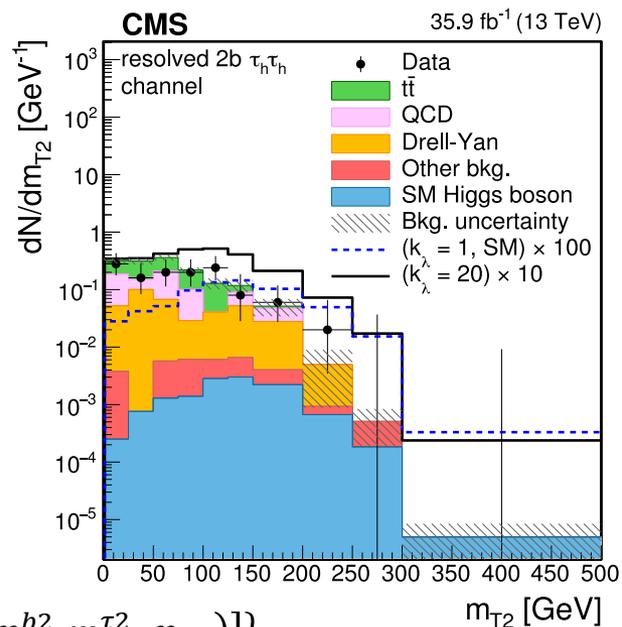
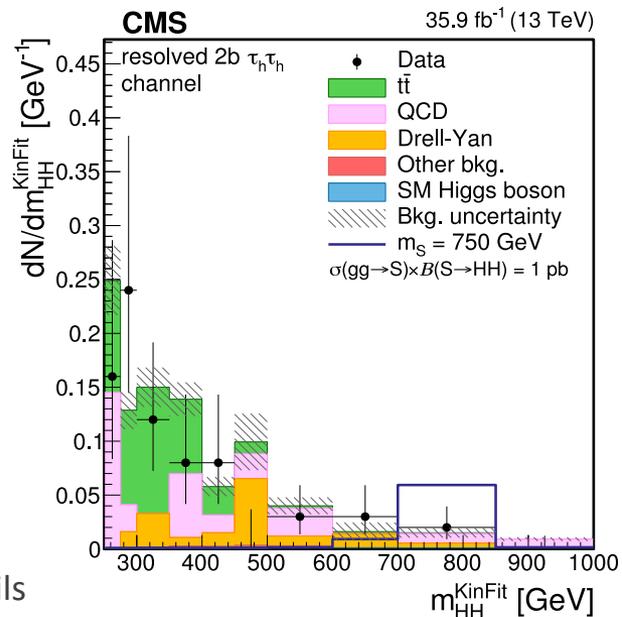
The observed (expected) upper limit on SM HH production  $X_S \approx 79 (89) \cdot \sigma_{SM}(HH)$

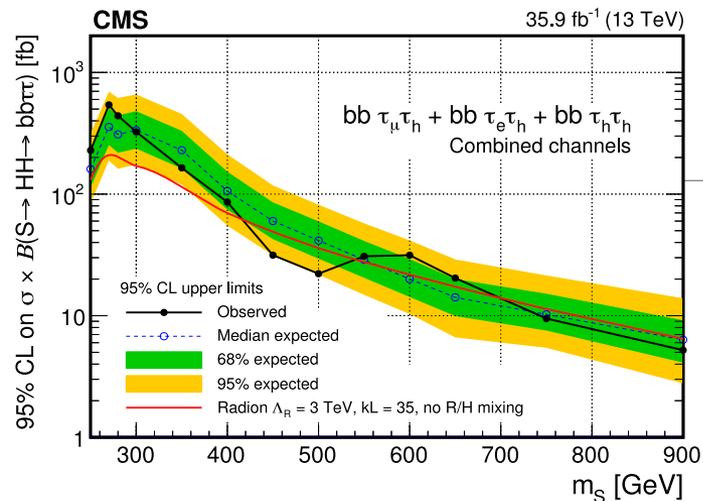
# $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$

[arXiv:1707.02909](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.02909)

- ❖ Analysis search for  $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$  considering 3 di-tau final states:  $\tau_e\tau_h, \tau_\mu\tau_h$  and  $\tau_h\tau_h$ 
  - this covers  $\approx 88\%$  of  $\tau\tau$  decays
- ❖ Online selection: single isolated muon (electron) with  $p_T > 22$  (25)  $GeV$  or two tau candidates with  $p_T > 35$   $GeV$
- ❖ Events are split into 3 categories: 1-btag, 2-btags and boosted
  - Boosted category uses AK8 jets to improve sensitivity for resonances with high mass and, in non-resonant case, it allows extract information from high mass tails
- ❖ Offline  $HH$ -candidate selection highlights:
  - Oppositely charged  $\tau$ -candidate pair
  - First 2 jets with highest b tag score are selected as  $H \rightarrow bb$  candidate
  - $m_{\tau\tau}$  is reconstructed using dynamical likelihood-based algorithm
  - Elliptical mass window cut in  $(m_{\tau\tau}, m_{jj})$  plane in 1-btag and 2-btag categories
- ❖ Main backgrounds:  $t\bar{t}$ , Drell-Yan, QCD (data-driven).
  - Yield of Drell-Yan background is estimated via data-driven technique
- ❖ 2 BDT discriminators (for  $m_X < 350$   $GeV$  and  $m_X > 350$   $GeV$ ) are applied to discriminate against  $t\bar{t}$  background in  $\tau_e\tau_h, \tau_\mu\tau_h$  channels.
- ❖ Signal is extracted using:
  - resonant:  $m_{HH}$  distribution after a kinematical fit
  - non-resonant: s-transverse mass ( $m_{T2}$ )

$$m_{T2} \equiv \min_{\mathbf{p}_{T1} + \mathbf{p}_{T2} = \mathbf{p}_{T\tau\tau}} \left\{ \max \left[ m_T(m_{b1}, \mathbf{p}_T^{b1}, m_{vis}^{\tau1}, \mathbf{p}_{T1}), m_T(m_{b2}, \mathbf{p}_T^{b2}, m_{vis}^{\tau2}, \mathbf{p}_{T2}) \right] \right\}$$

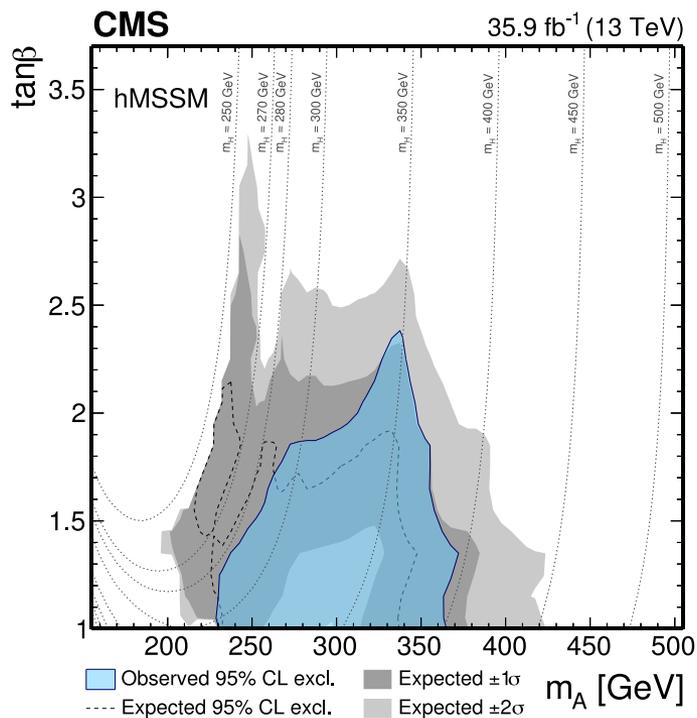
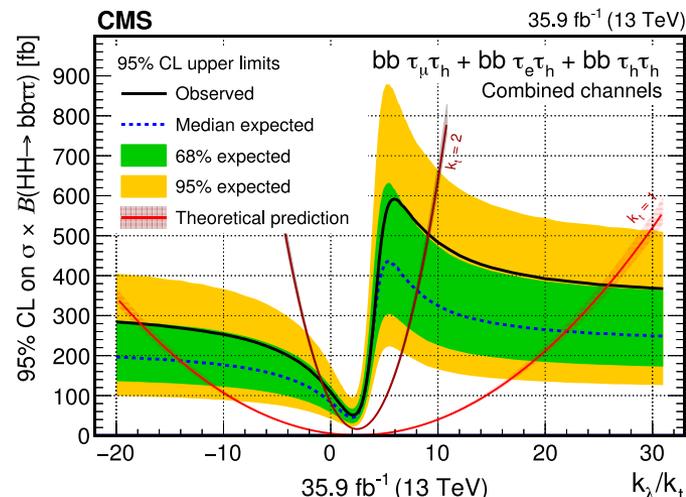




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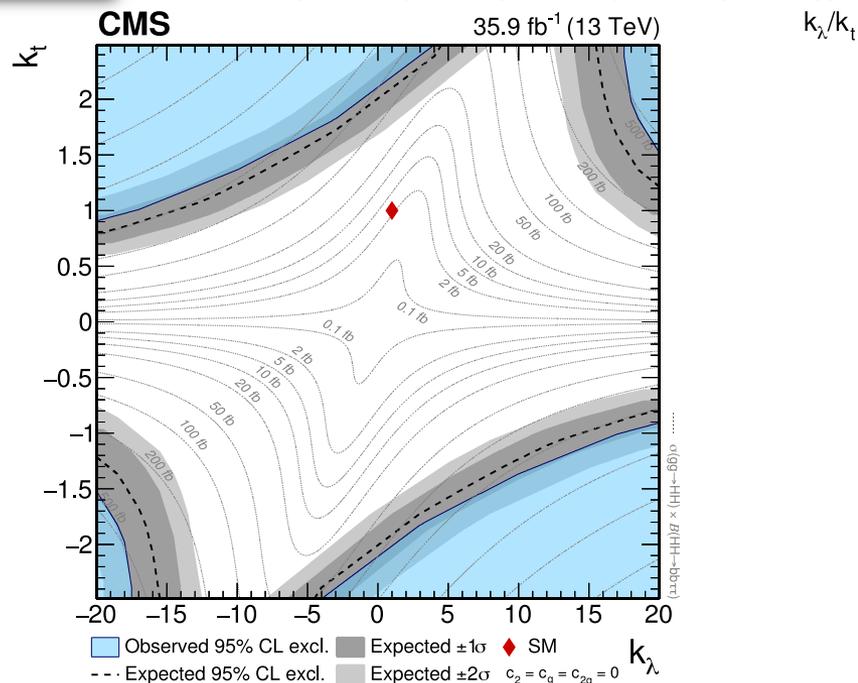
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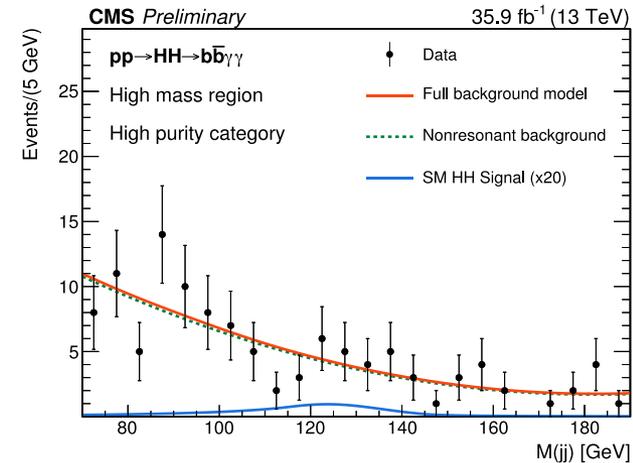
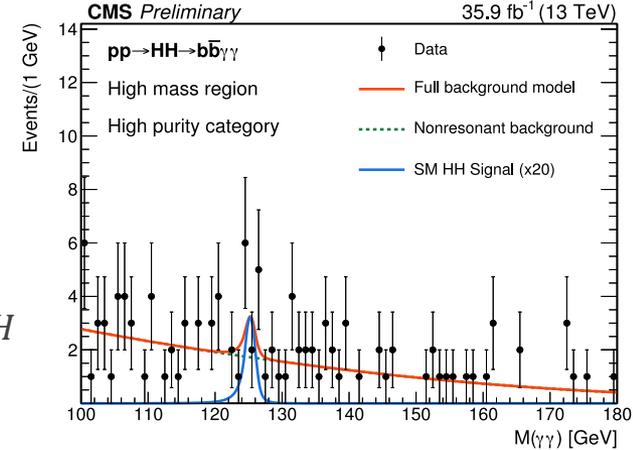


The observed (expected) upper limit on SM HH production  $X_S \approx 30$  (25)  $\cdot \sigma_{SM}(HH)$

# $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$

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- ❖ Online selection: two isolated photons, requiring  $p_T > 30$  (18)  $GeV$  for leading (sub-leading) photon
- ❖ Events are split into several categories based on  $m_{HH}$  estimation ( $\tilde{M}_X$ ) and selection purity
  - BDT discriminator is used to classify events into purity category
  - The BDT discriminator is trained on b-tagging variables, helicity angles and  $HH$   $p_T$  balance variables
- ❖ Offline  $HH$ -candidate selection highlights:
  - $E/m_{\gamma\gamma} > 1/3$  (1/4) for leading (sub-leading) photon
  - $100 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 180 GeV$  and  $70 < m_{jj} < 190 GeV$
  - $\Delta R(\gamma, jet) > 0.4$
  - First 2 jets with highest b tag score that pass previous cuts are selected as  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  candidate
  - Sliding mass window around  $m_X$  for resonant analysis
- ❖ Main backgrounds:  $\gamma + jets$  from QCD (data-driven) and SM single Higgs production channels with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  final state
- ❖ Signal is extracted from  $(m_{\gamma\gamma}, m_{jj})$ -plane
- ❖ The signal and background probability density distributions are modelled using parametric fits:
  - For signal double-sided Crystal Ball function is used
  - The non-resonant background is described through Bernstein polynomials

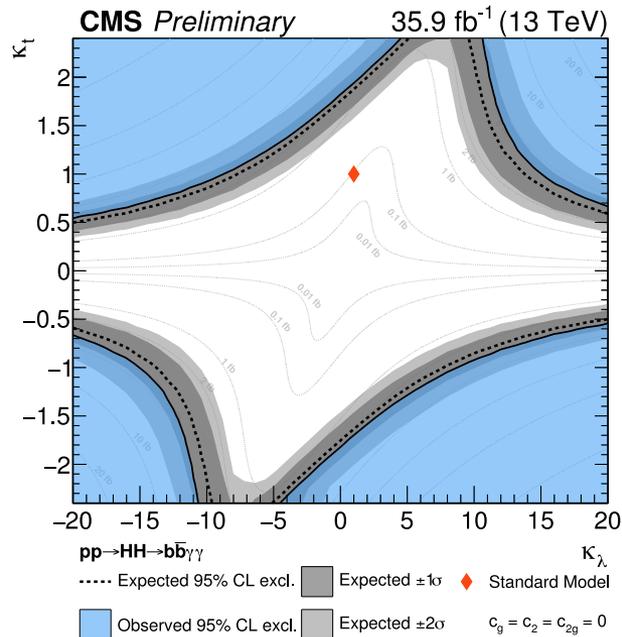
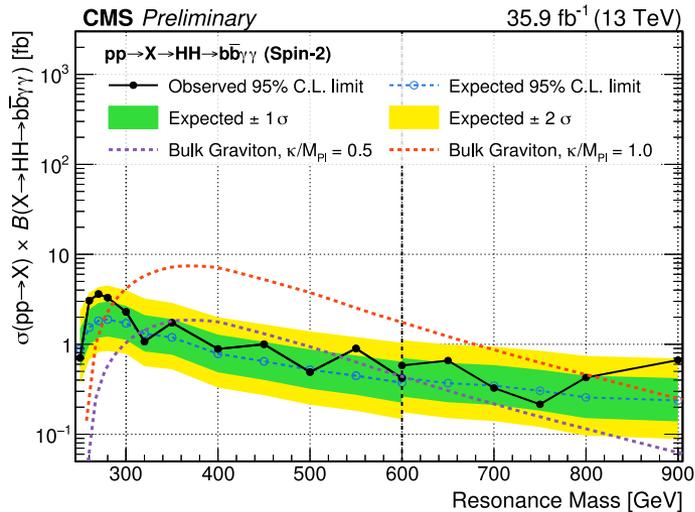
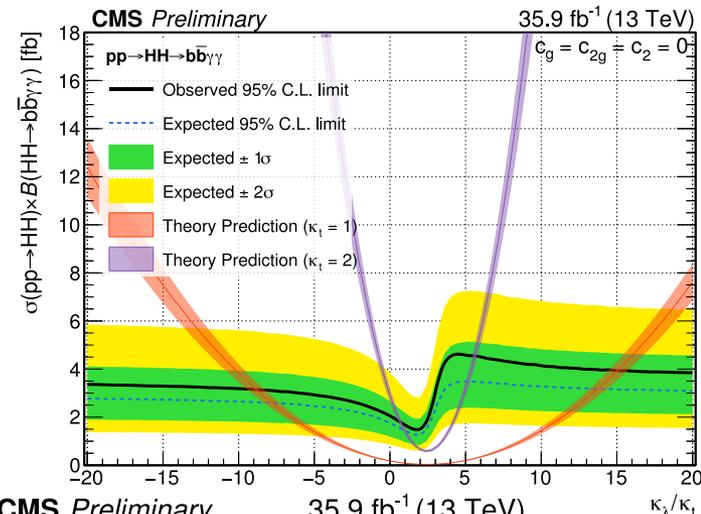
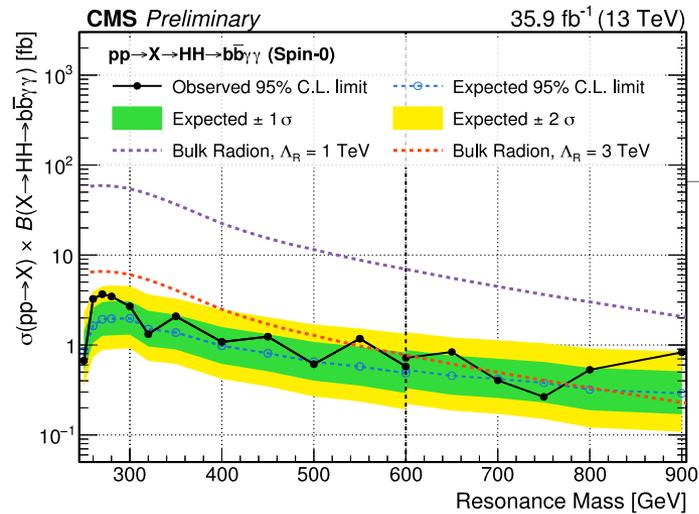


$$\tilde{M}_X = m_{\gamma\gamma jj} - m_{\gamma\gamma} - m_{jj} + 250 GeV$$

# $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$

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No evidence for a signal is observed

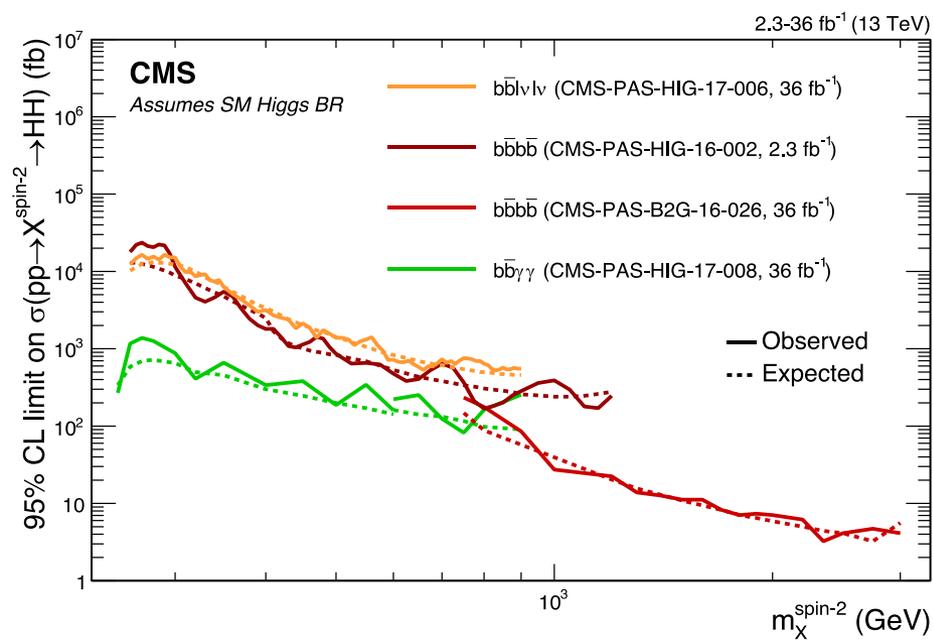
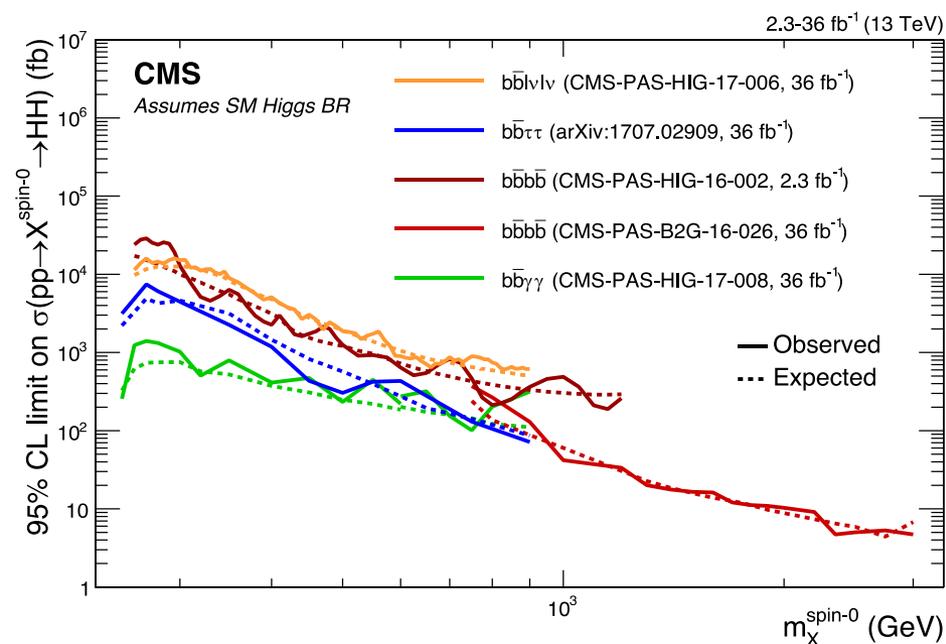


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The observed (expected) upper limit on SM HH production  $X_S \approx 19.2$  (16.5)  $\cdot \sigma_{SM}(HH)$

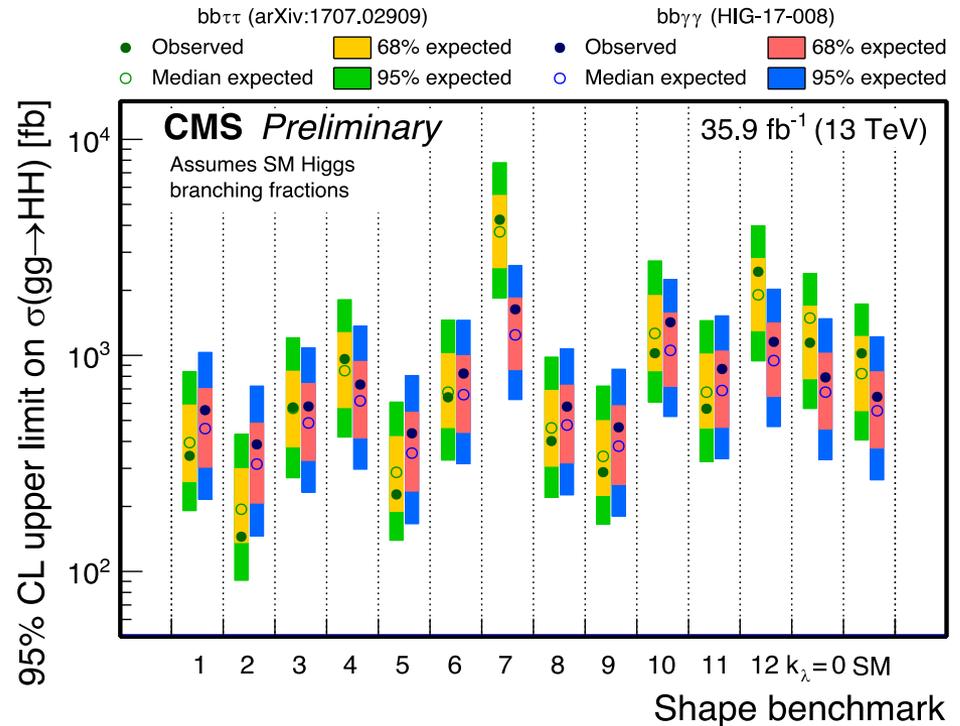
# Resonant HH summary



- ❖ 95% CL limits on  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow HH)$  are set in  $m_X$  range from 250 to 3000 GeV for narrow width resonance of spin 0 and spin 2 using CMS 2015 and 2016 data
- ❖ Four different  $HH$  final states were analysed:  $bbbb$ ,  $bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $bb\gamma\gamma$
- ❖ Model dependent interpretation of the exclusion limits into parameter space of two MSSM scenarios are provided ( $bb\tau\tau$  final state)
- ❖ No evidence of a signal is observed

# Non-resonant HH summary

Final state	Observed (expected) 95% CL limit on $\sigma/\sigma_{SM}$
$bbbb$	342 (308)
$bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$	79 (89)
$bb\tau\tau$	30 (25)
$bb\gamma\gamma$	19 (17)



- ❖ 95% CL limits on  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)$  are set for SM and BSM non-resonant  $HH$  production modes using CMS 2015 and 2016 data using the different  $HH$  final states:
  - SM:  $bbbb$ ,  $bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $bb\gamma\gamma$
  - EFT  $k_t/k_\lambda$  scan:  $bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $bb\gamma\gamma$
  - EFT  $(k_t, k_\lambda)$  plane:  $bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $bb\gamma\gamma$
  - EFT benchmark scenarios:  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $bb\gamma\gamma$
- ❖ No evidence of a signal is observed

# Conclusions

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- ❖ Searches for resonant and non-resonant  $HH$  production into four main  $HH$  final state ( $bbbb$ ,  $bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$  and  $bb\gamma\gamma$ ) are performed using the CMS data from LHC Run 2
  - $bb\ell\nu\ell\nu$ ,  $bb\tau\tau$ ,  $bb\gamma\gamma$  and resonant-boosted  $bbbb$  analyses are using 2016 data
  - Resonant and non-resonant  $bbbb$  analyses are using 2015 and are expected to be updated with 2016 in the near future
- ❖ The sensitivity of all analyses are significantly improved with respect to the 2015 results.
- ❖ No evidence of a signal is observed for both resonant and non-resonant production mode
- ❖ Provided limits for resonant  $HH$  production exclude some new ranges into parameter spaces of Radion, KK-Graviton and hMSSM scenarios.
- ❖ 95% CL limits on  $\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)$  are set for SM  $HH$  production mode
  - The lowest observed limit is  $\approx 19.2$  ( $16.5$ )  $\cdot \sigma_{SM}(HH)$  obtained by  $bb\gamma\gamma$  analysis
- ❖ 95% CL limits for non-resonant EFT parameter space are set, excluding some  $(k_t, k_\lambda)$  regions
- ❖ Future perspectives:
  - Cover additional  $HH$  final states
  - Provide combination of all HH searches
  - Further improve analyses techniques and update the results with 2017 data