

Searches for Higgs Bosons beyond the SM

On behalf of the ATLAS and CMS
Collaborations

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Higgs sector beyond the SM

- Search for Higgs physics beyond the SM: important pillar of the Higgs physics program of the LHC experiments.
- Equally important to SM interpretations/investigation of properties of h(125).

Investigate properties of the observed Higgs boson.

→ Is h(125) THE Higgs boson of the SM?

- Properties different from SM expectation.
- Exotic decays not expected within the SM.

Search for more complex Higgs sector.

→ Is h(125) the ONLY Higgs boson?

- More than one $SU(2)_L$ doublet?
- Prediction of many BSM models (among those SUSY).

- Rich program to search for new physics in the Higgs sector. → Concentrate on those searches most relevant for the (N)MSSM.

Higgs sector in SUSY

NB: w/o CP-violation in the SUSY Higgs sector.

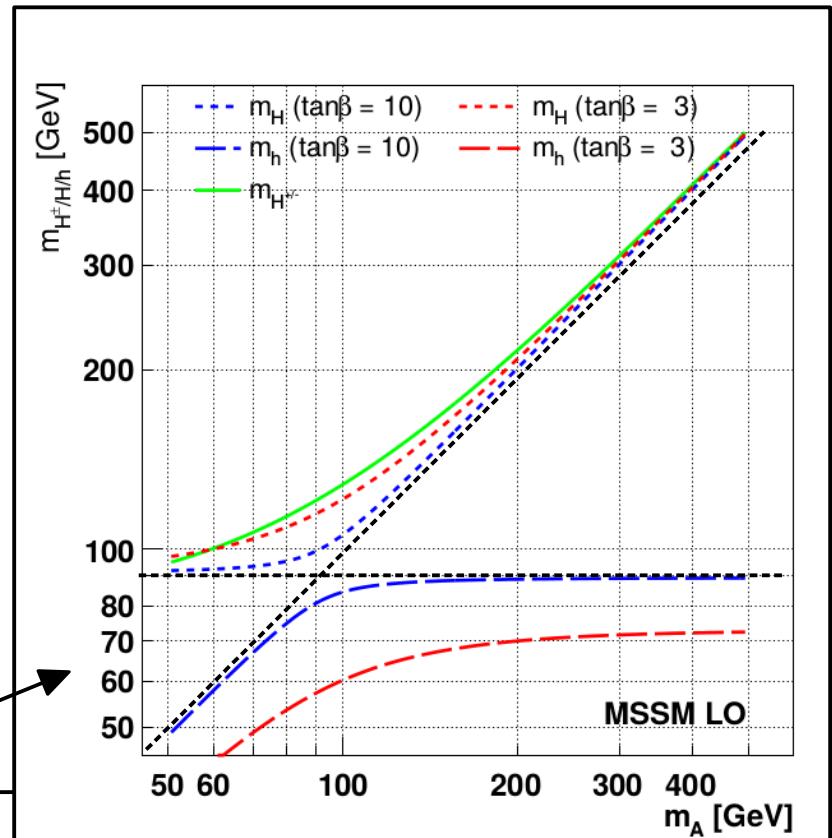
- SUSY requires @ least 2 Higgs doublets (2HDM type-II) → **five Higgs bosons:**

$$\phi_u = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_u^+ \\ \phi_u^0 \\ \phi_u^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_{\phi_u} = +1, \quad v_u : \text{VEV}_u$$

$$\phi_d = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_d^0 \\ \phi_d^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_{\phi_d} = -1, \quad v_d : \text{VEV}_d$$

$$\frac{N_{\text{ndof}} = 8}{W, Z} - \underbrace{3}_{H^\pm, H, h, A} = \underbrace{5}_{H^\pm, H, h, A}$$

- Strict mass requirements imposed by symmetry
- At tree level two free parameters: m_A , $\tan \beta = v_u/v_d$.



$$m_{H^\pm}^2 = m_A^2 + m_W^2$$

$$m_{H, h}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(m_A^2 + m_Z^2 \pm \sqrt{(m_A^2 + m_Z^2)^2 - 4m_A^2 m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta} \right)$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{-(m_A^2 + m_Z^2) \sin 2\beta}{(m_Z^2 - m_A^2) \cos 2\beta + \sqrt{(m_A^2 + m_Z^2)^2 - 4m_A^2 m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta}}$$

m_h and $\tan \beta$ in the MSSM

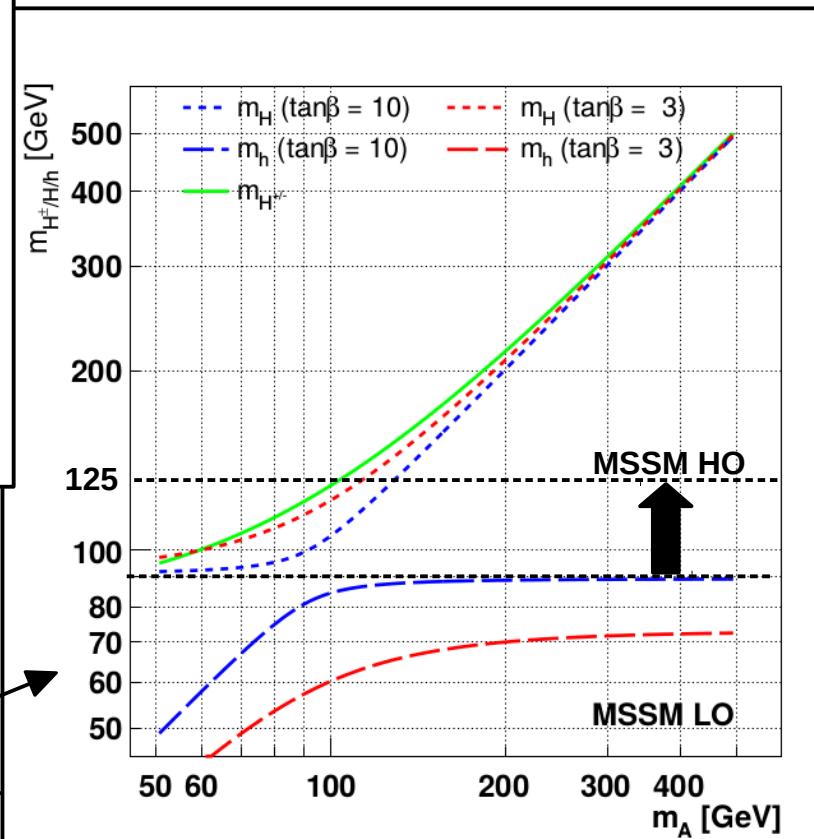
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$$m_h^2 \approx m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \Delta_{\text{rad}}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{rad}} = \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{m_t^4}{v^2} \left(\ln \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{t}}^2}{m_t^2} \right) + \frac{X_t^2}{m_{\tilde{t}}^2} \left(1 - \frac{X_t^2}{12m_{\tilde{t}}^2} \right) \right)$$

- +30% of m_h due to higher order corrections.
- Following factors help to increase m_h : large m_t , large $m_{\tilde{t}}$, large X_t , large $\tan \beta$.

$$X_t = m_t (A_t - \mu \cot \beta)$$



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Also see presentation by
S. Heinemeyer Wed 16:10 – 16:30.

α : angle between H and h in mass matrix

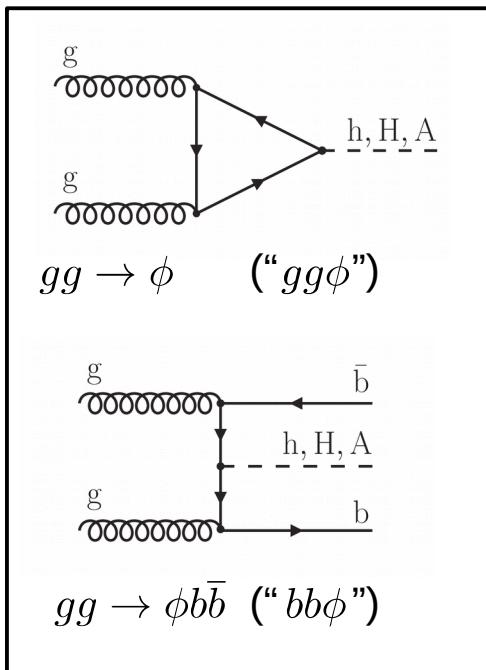
Down-type fermions in the MSSM

NB: w/o CP-violation in the SUSY Higgs sector.

	g_{VV}	g_{uu}	g_{dd}	Relative to corresponding couplings to a SM Higgs boson.
A	—	$\gamma_5 \cot \beta$		
H	$\cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$	$\sin \alpha / \sin \beta \rightarrow \cot \beta$	$\gamma_5 \tan \beta$	
h	$\sin(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 1$	$\cos \alpha / \sin \beta \rightarrow 1$	$\cos \alpha / \cos \beta \rightarrow \tan \beta$ $-\sin \alpha / \cos \beta \rightarrow 1$	

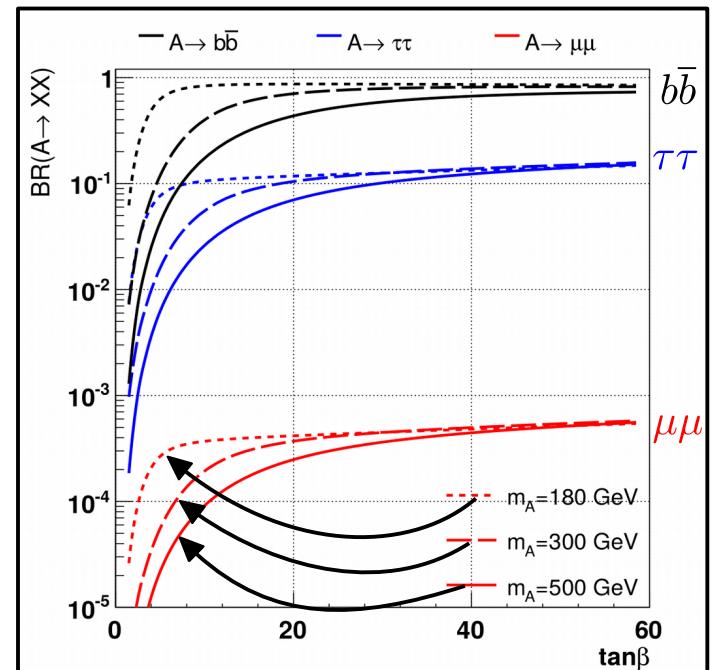
For $m_A \gg m_Z$: $\alpha \rightarrow \beta - \pi/2$ (coupling A/H to down-type fermions enhanced by $\tan \beta$).

Production modes:



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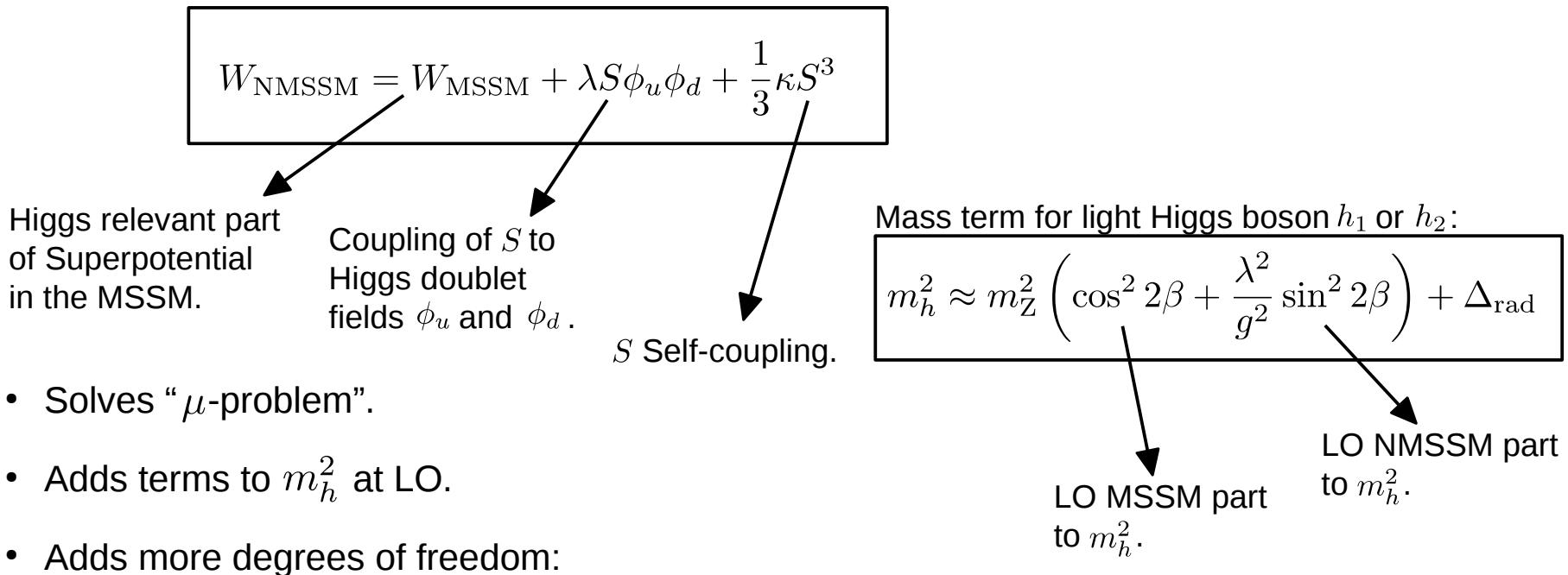
Decay channels: $m_h^{\text{mod+}}$



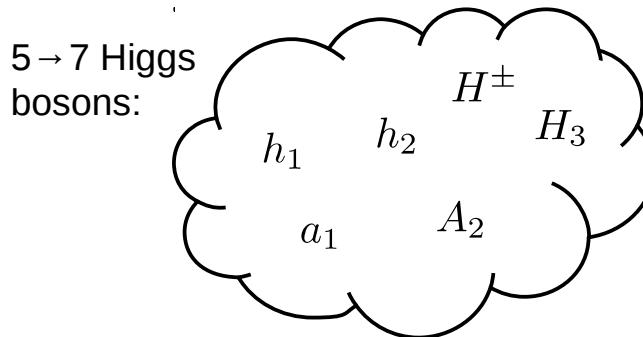
MSSM → NMSSM Higgs sector

Also check slides by C. Beskidt Mon 15:00 – 15:20 & presentation by S. Heinemeyer Wed 18:20 – 18:40.

- Extend Higgs sector by one more singlet field S :



- Solves “ μ -problem”.
- Adds terms to m_h^2 at LO.
- Adds more degrees of freedom:

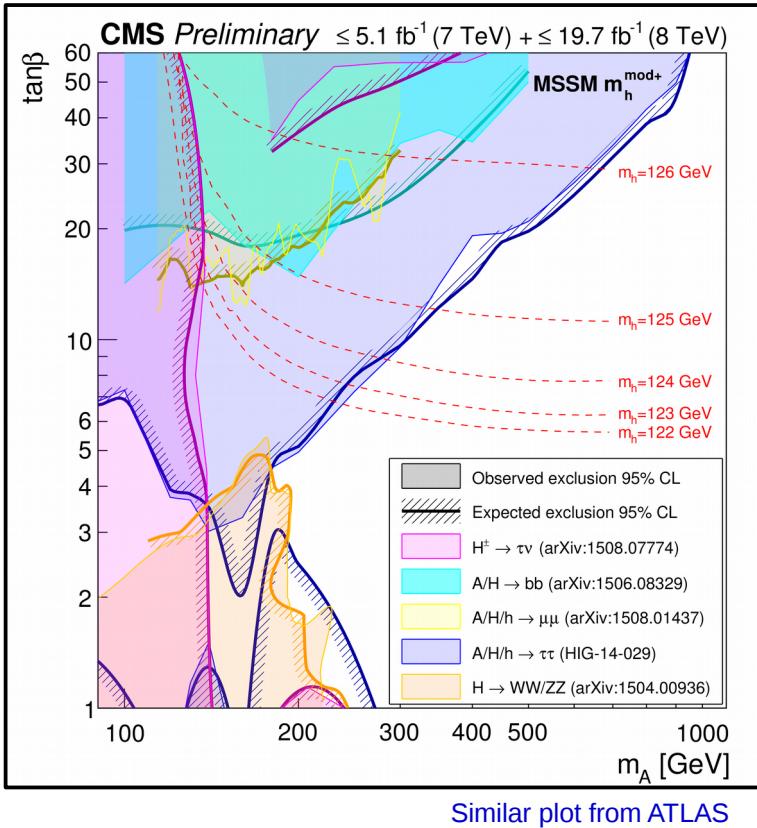


2 → 6 parameters @ LO: $\tan \beta$, λ , κ , A_κ , A_λ , μ_{eff}

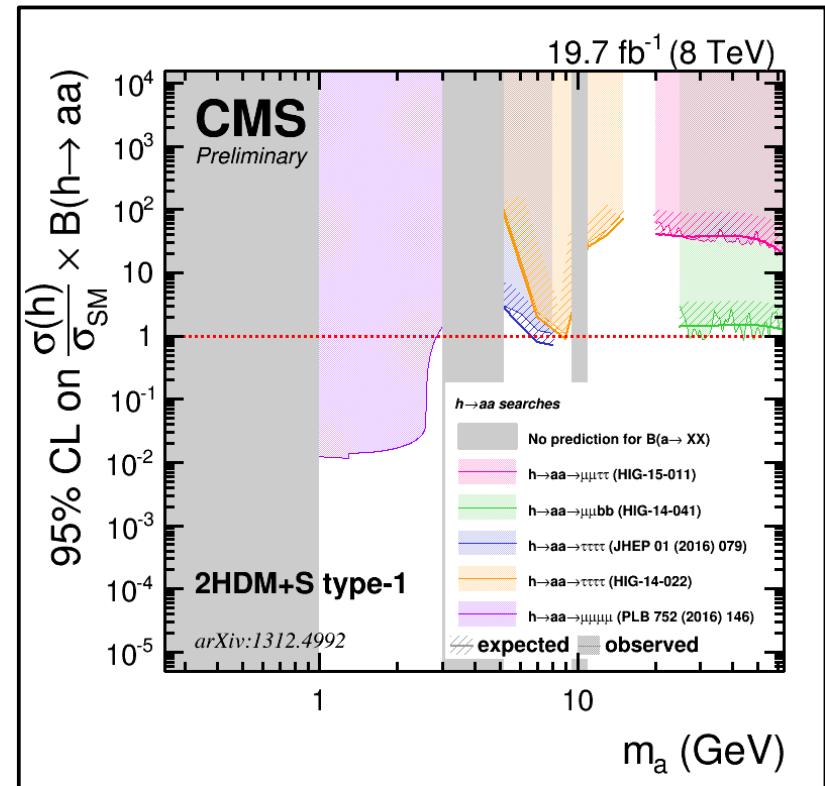
- More complex phenomenology (14 benchmark points in YR-4!).
- Higgs bosons with large singlet admixture can become undetectable.

Harvest of LHC Run-1

Searches for heavy Higgs bosons in final states w/ down-type fermions

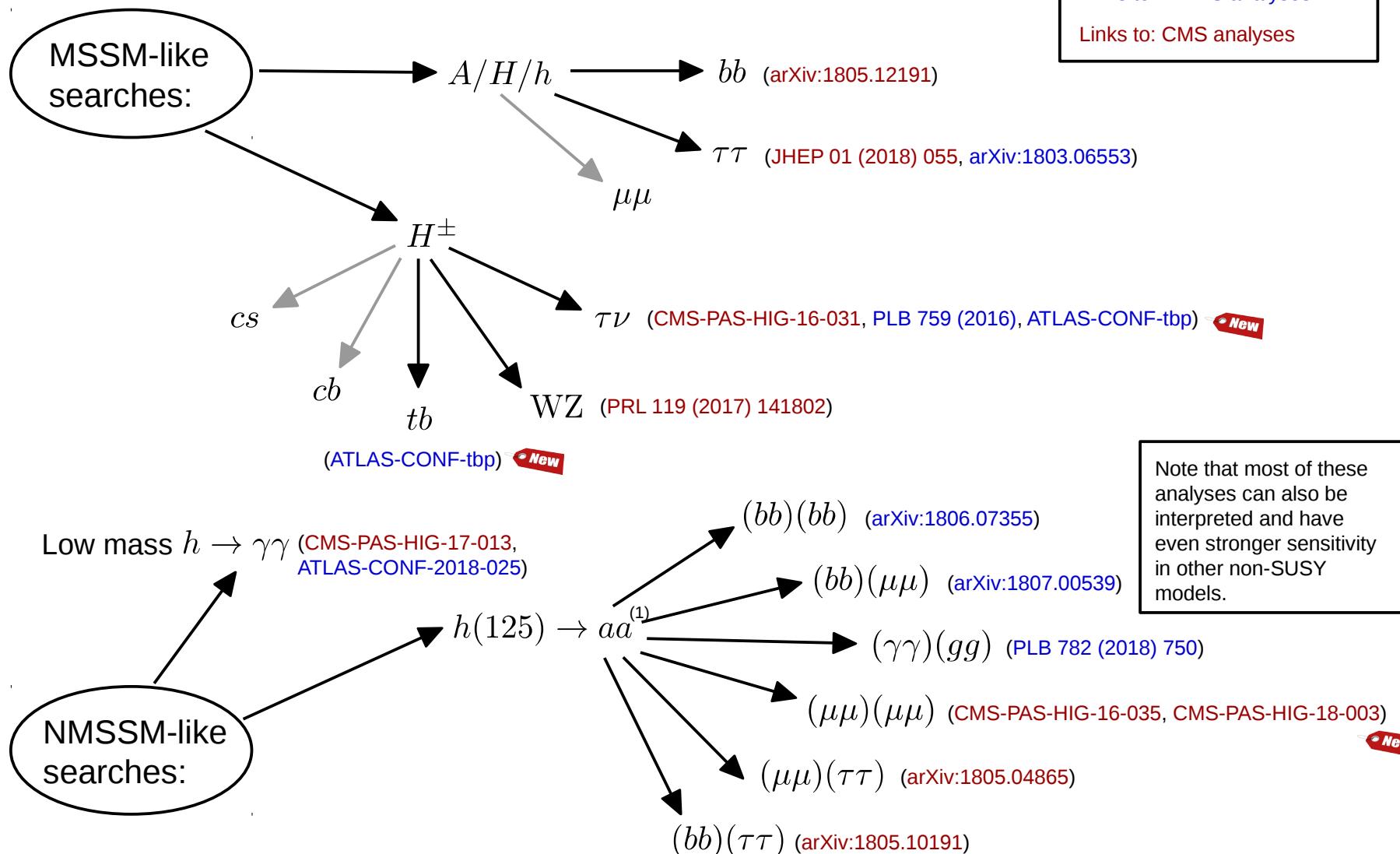


Searches for $h \rightarrow aa$ decays in various final states

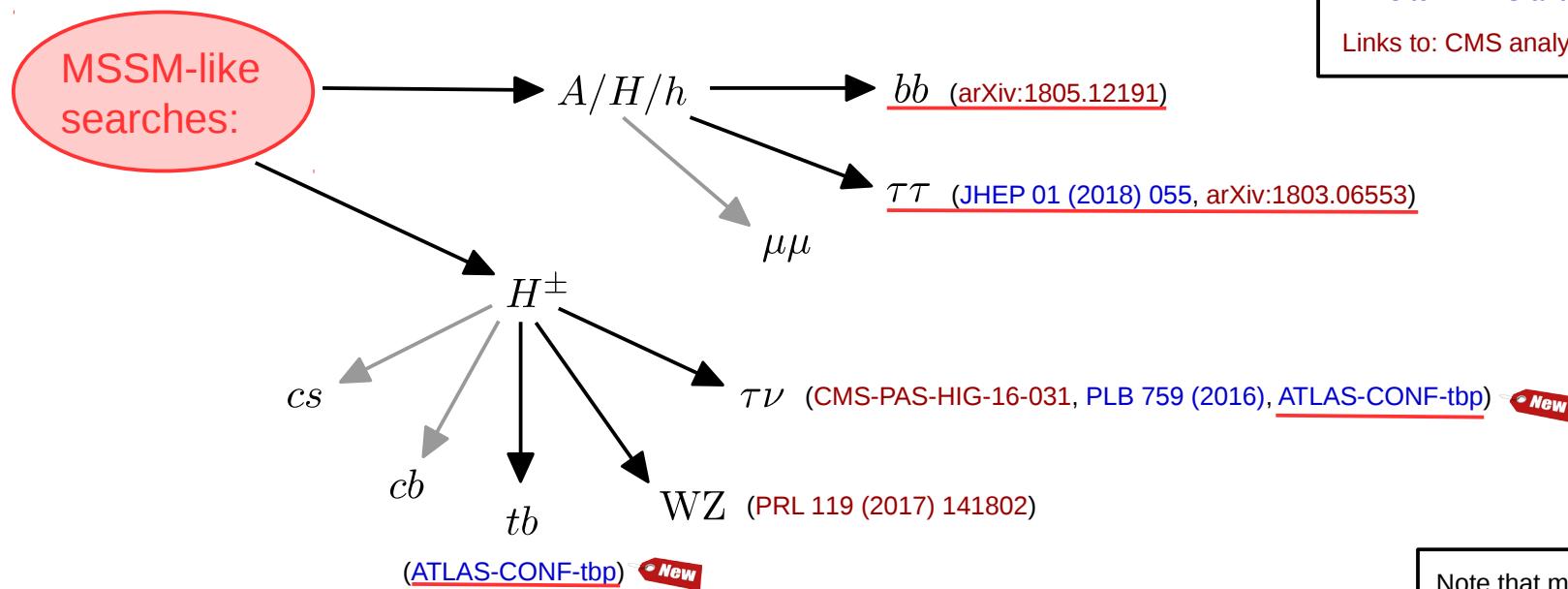
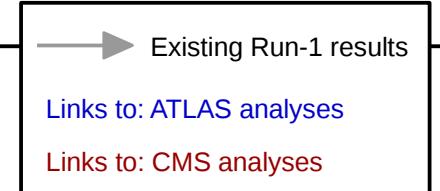


- Huge parameter space in MSSM systematically explored, NMSSM exploration ramping up.
- Also more general model independent limits and effective 2HDM(+S) interpretations.

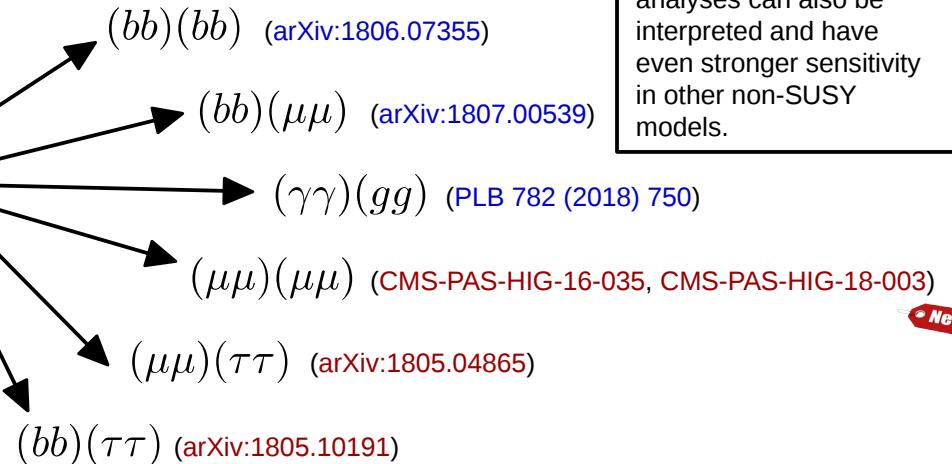
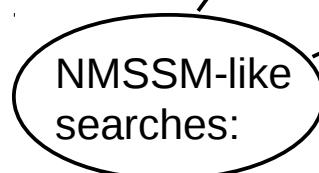
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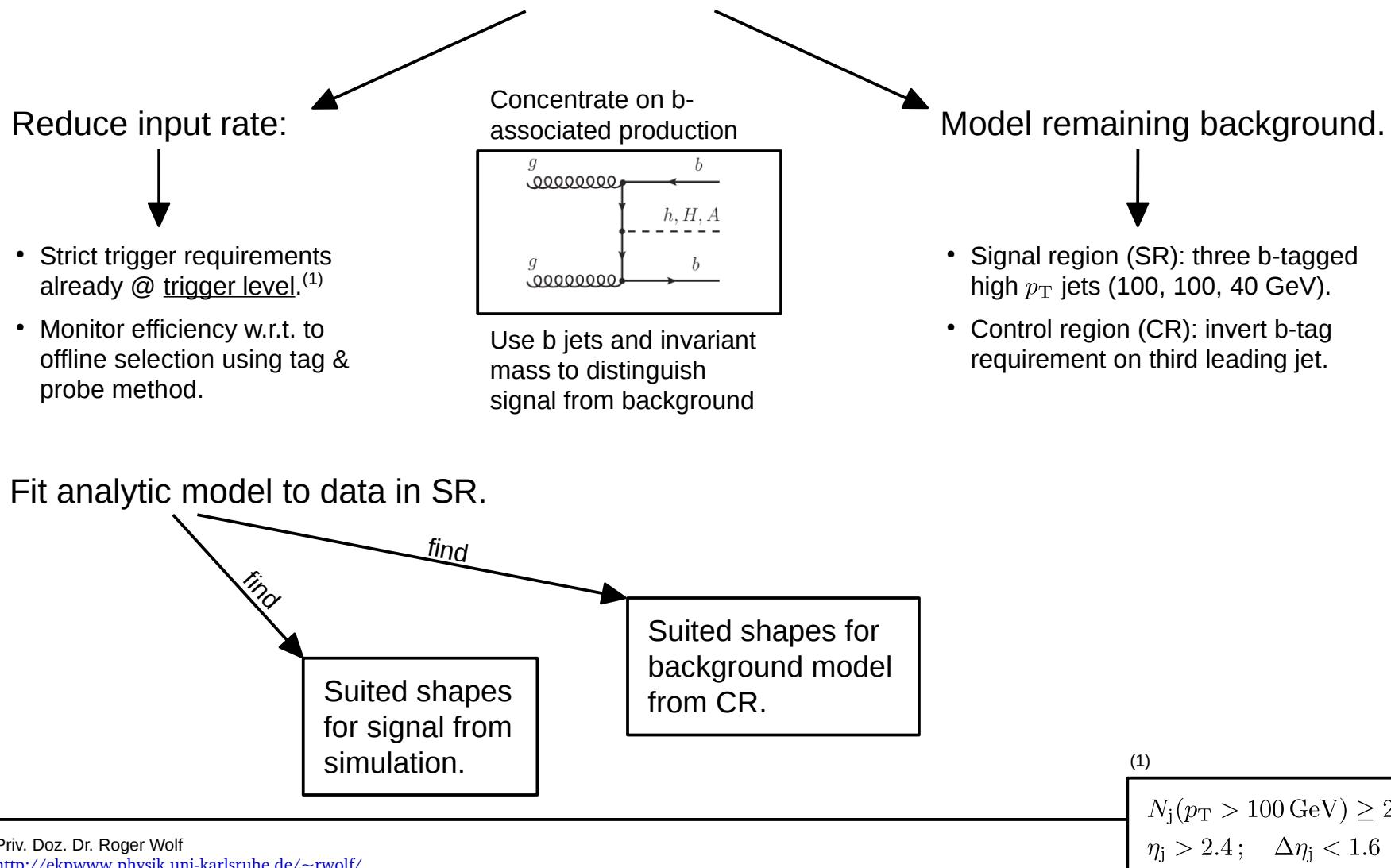
Low mass $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (CMS-PAS-HIG-17-013,
ATLAS-CONF-2018-025)



Note that most of these analyses can also be interpreted and have even stronger sensitivity in other non-SUSY models.

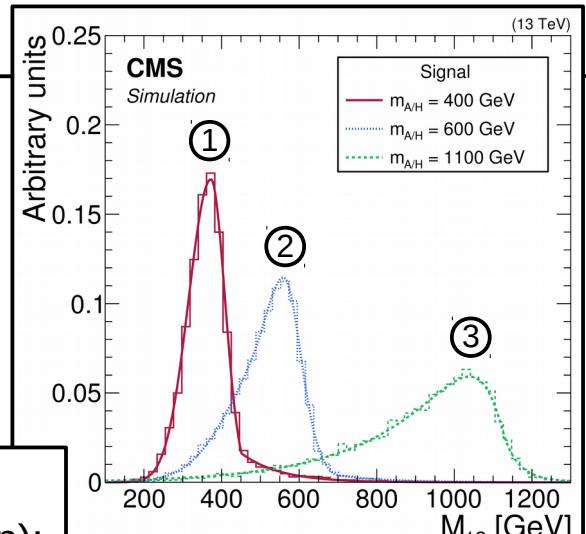
MSSM H/A $\rightarrow bb$

- Largest coupling and branching fraction to b quarks.
- Main challenge: background from **QCD multijet** production



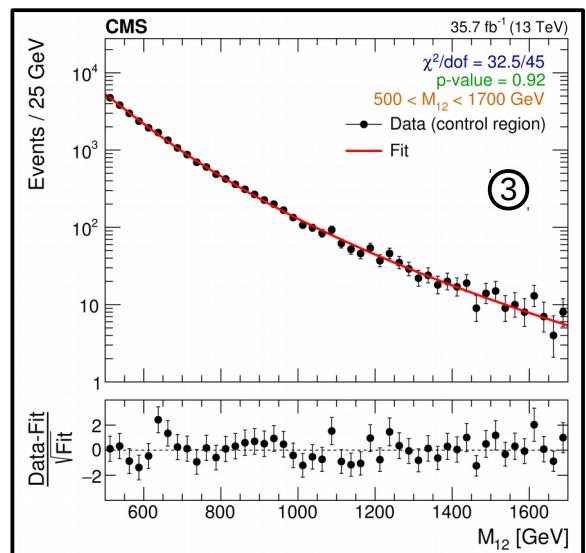
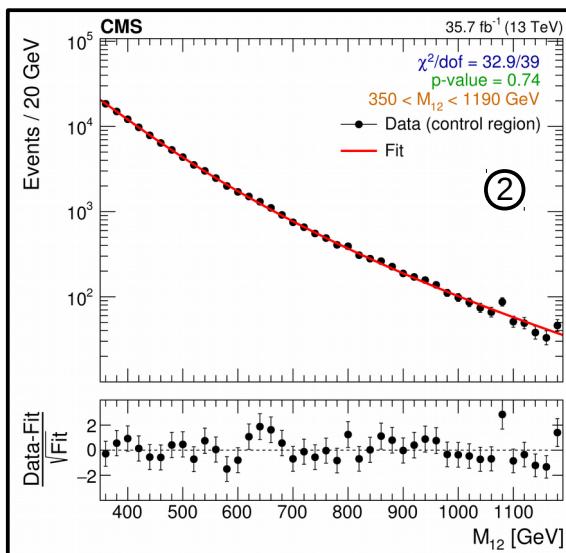
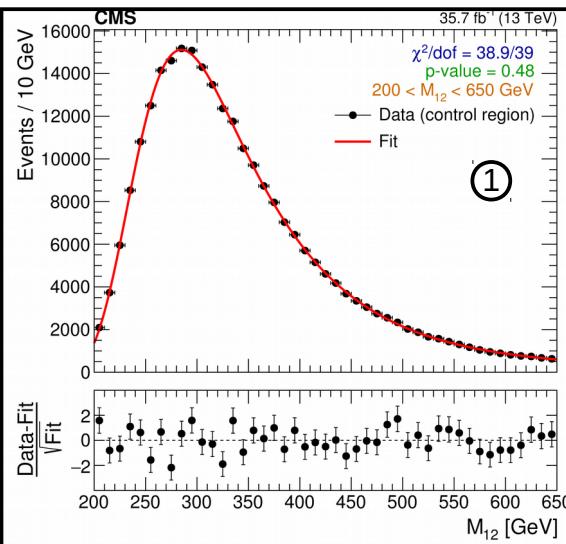
Signal and background model

- Discriminating variable: invariant mass of two leading jets after b-tagging requirement (M_{12}).
- Different shapes of signal and background motivate separation into three (overlapping) categories in M_{12} .



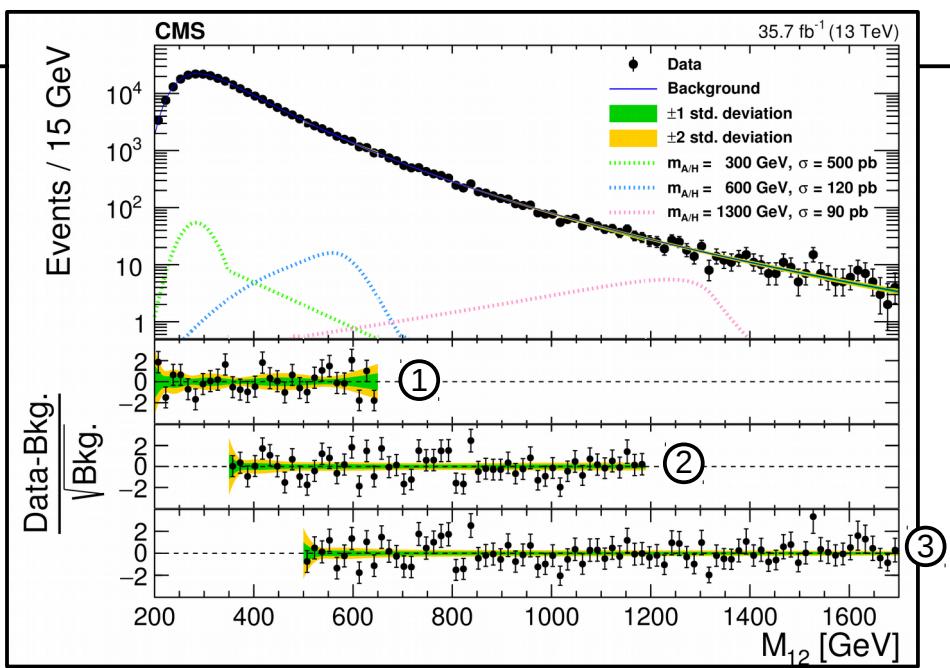
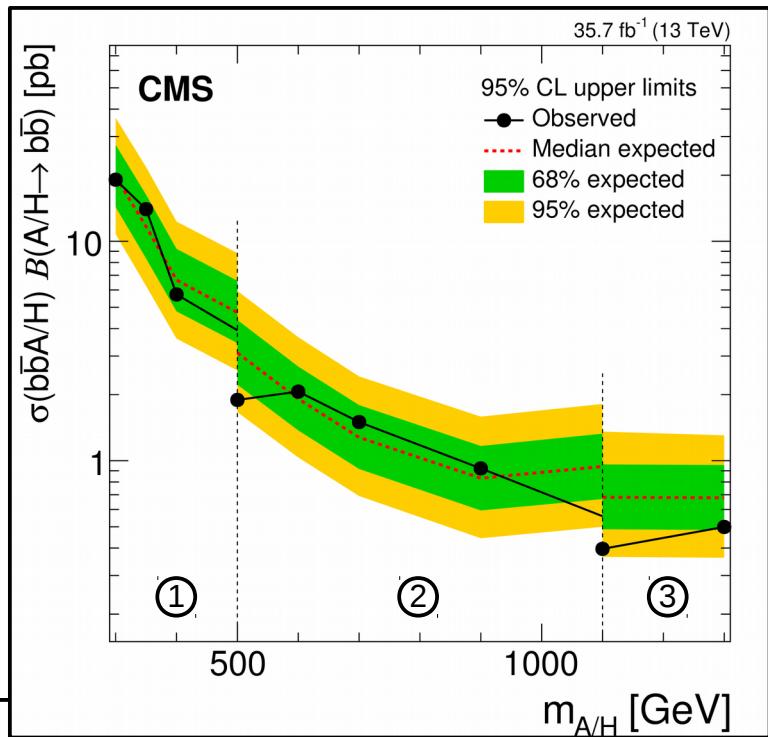
Natural width of signal <19%, experimental resolution ~25%.

Background shapes (from CR):



Results

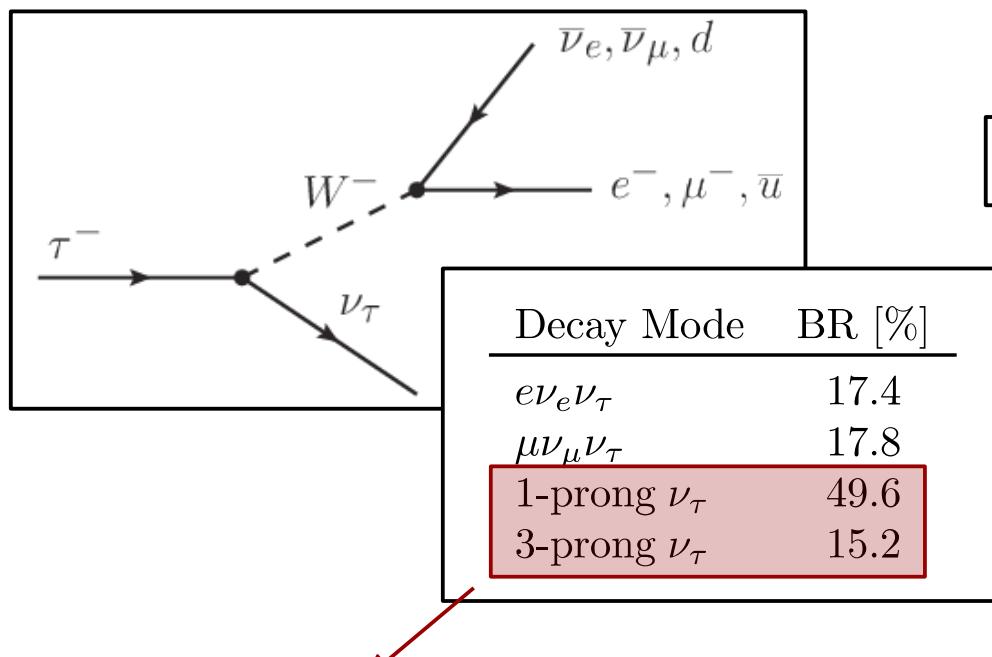
- Most important systematic uncertainties:
 - Potential bias due to choice of analytic functions.
 - b-tagging efficiency.
- Sensitivity significantly improved w.r.t. **Run-1 analysis** (Run-1 analysis reached further down in m_A).



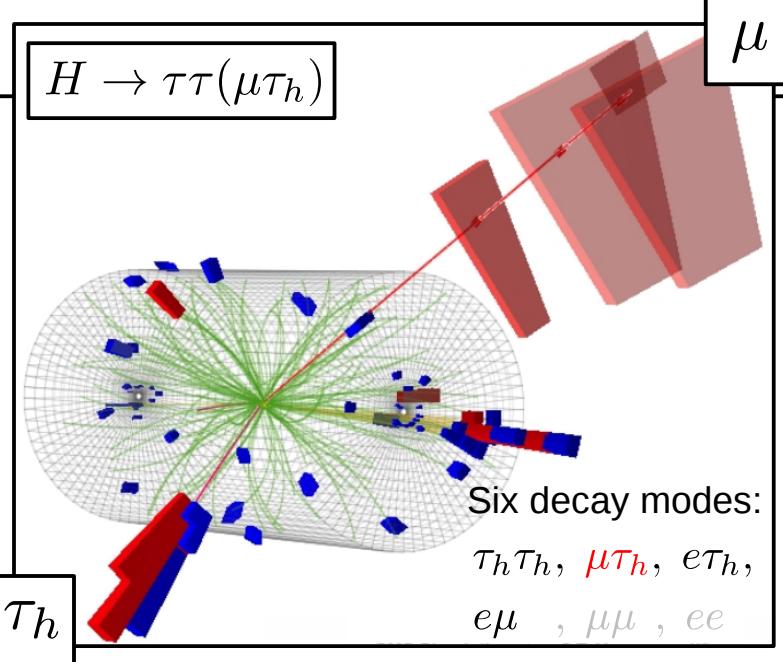
- No deviations observed from SM expectation.
→ limits on $\sigma \times \text{BR}$.

MSSM H/A/h $\rightarrow \tau\tau$

- Flagship analysis in MSSM motivated BSM Higgs searches.
- Coupling enhanced + signature can be reconstructed and isolated from backgrounds.



~90% of all $\tau\tau$ final states contain at least one τ_h .



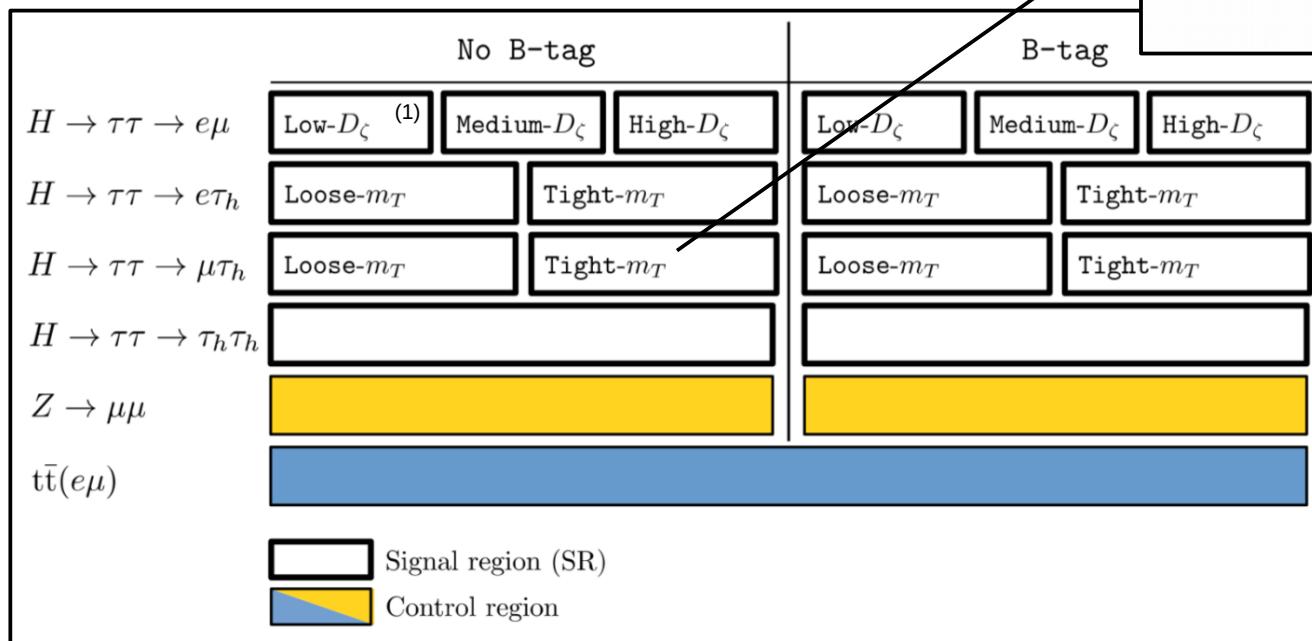
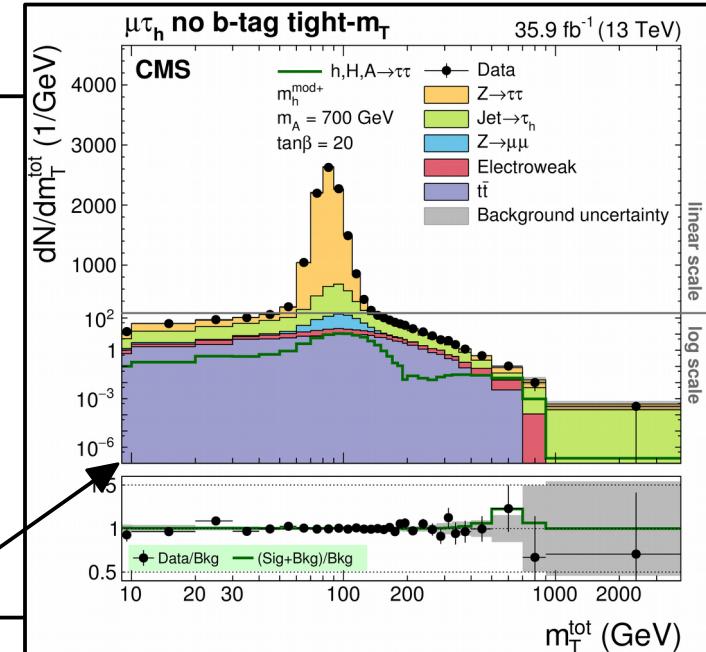
- Search for 2 isolated high p_T leptons (e, μ, τ_h).
- Reduce obvious backgrounds ($\rightarrow E_T$).
- Reconstruct discriminating variable, related to $\tau\tau$ final state: $m_{\tau\tau}$, m_{vis} , m_T^{tot} , BDT.

Signal extraction

- Signal extraction based on:

$$m_T^{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{m_T^2(p_T^{\tau_1}, p_T^{\tau_2}) + m_T^2(p_T^{\tau_1}, p_T^{\text{miss}}) + m_T^2(p_T^{\tau_2}, p_T^{\text{miss}})}$$

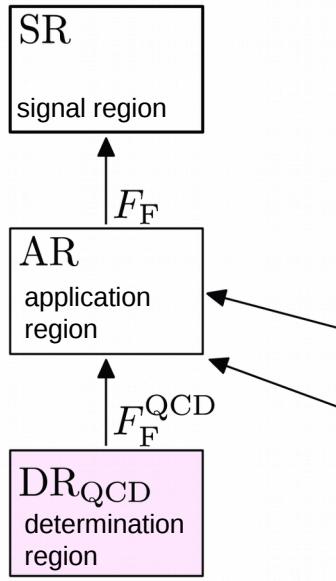
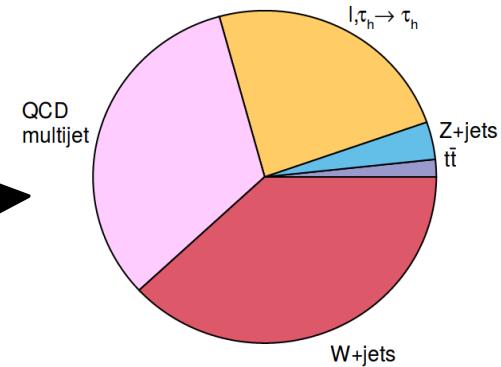
- Categories exploit topological & kinematic peculiarities of MSSM motivated production:
- Sensitivity beyond 1 TeV for $\tan\beta \gtrsim 20$.



Background estimation

- $F_F^i = \frac{N_{\text{pass}}}{N_{\text{fail}}}$, N_{pass} : # isolated τ_h N_{fail} : # anti-isolated τ_h .

Expected event composition in AR:

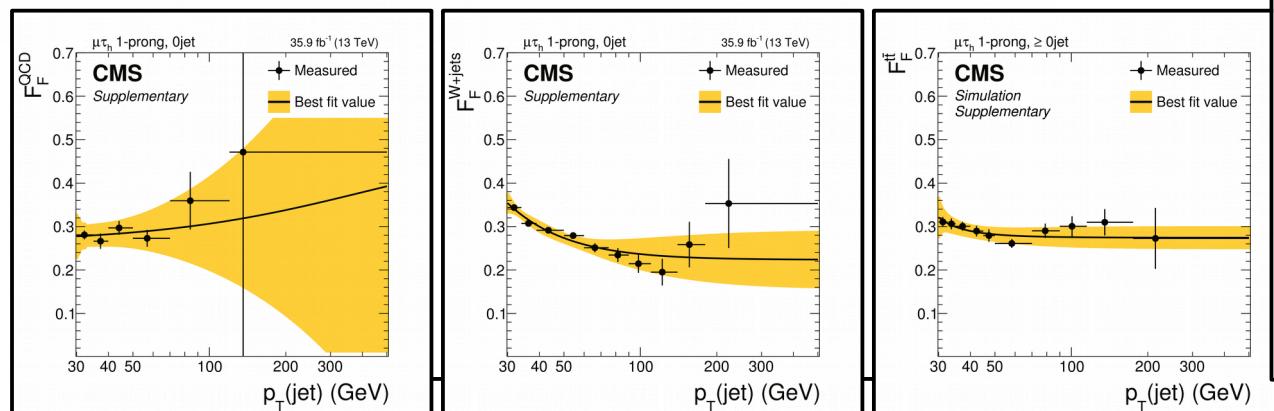


$$F_F = \sum_i w_i F_F^i$$

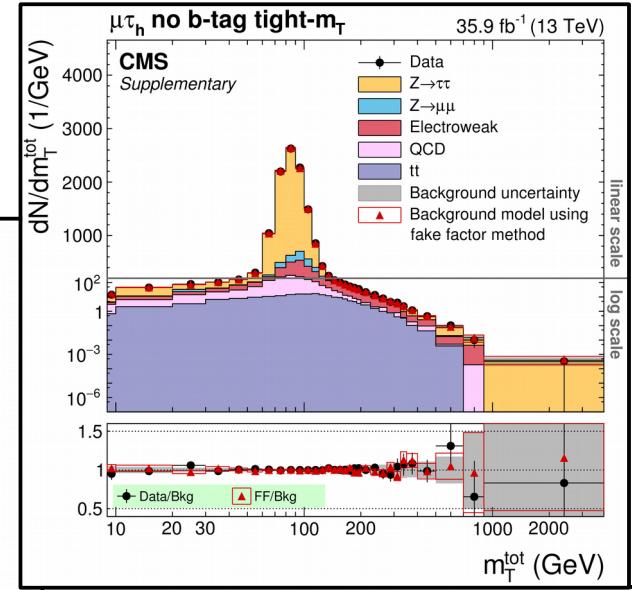
$$w_i = \frac{N_{\text{AR}}^i}{\sum_j N_{\text{AR}}^j}$$

$i, j \in \{\text{QCD}, \text{W+jets}, \text{t}\bar{t}\}$

[†]Taken from simulation

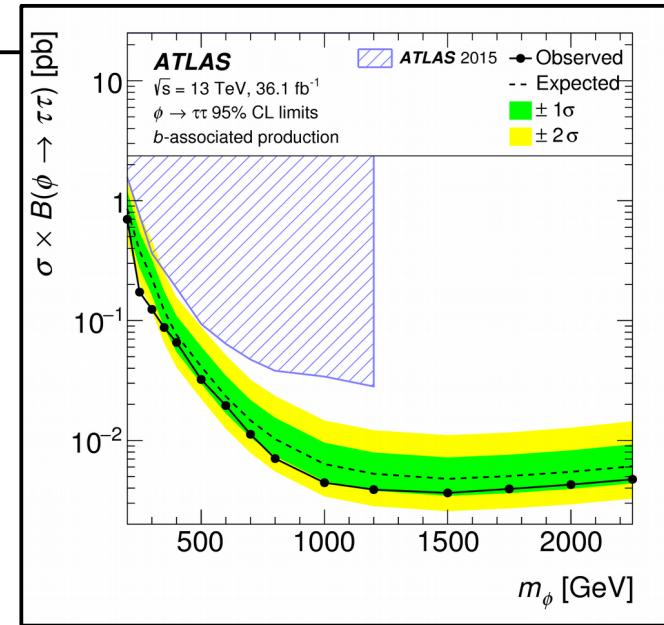
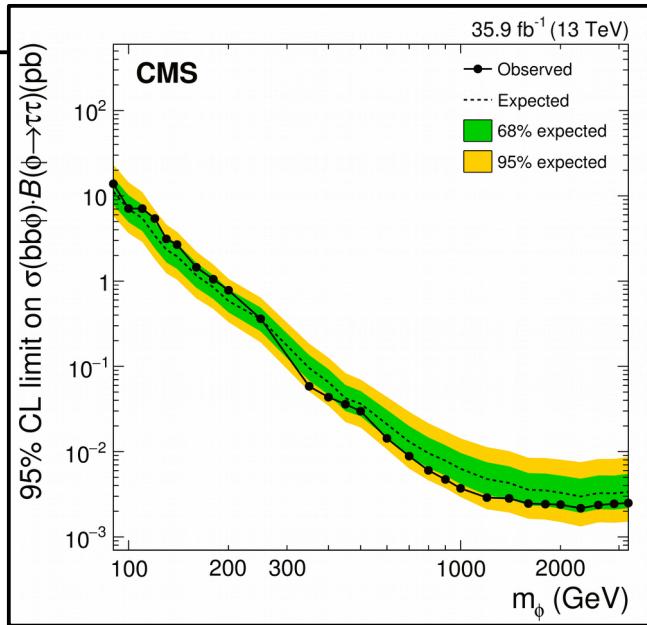


Simulation based cross check:

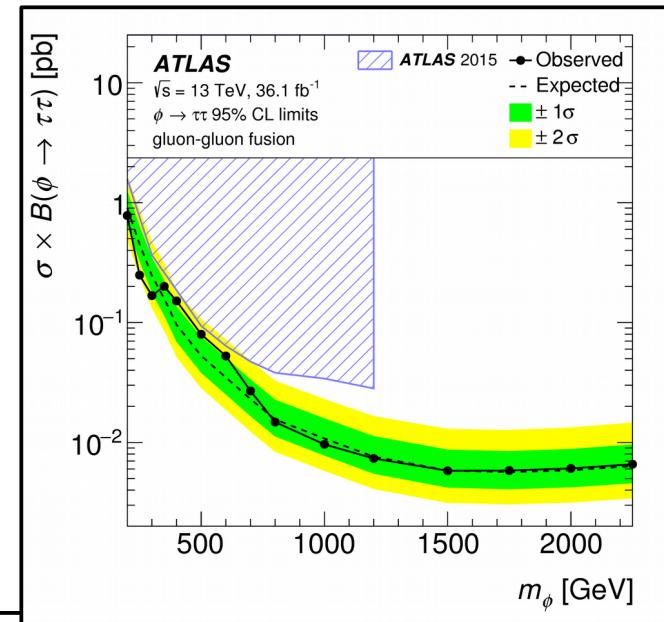
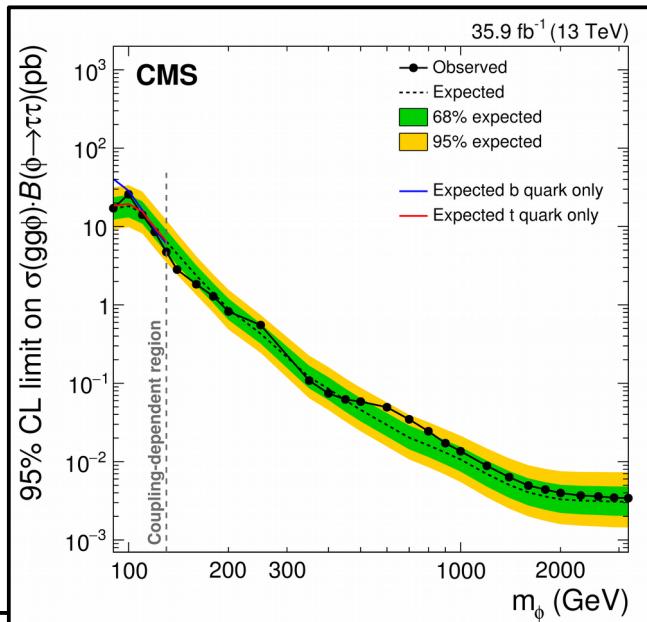


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b associated production

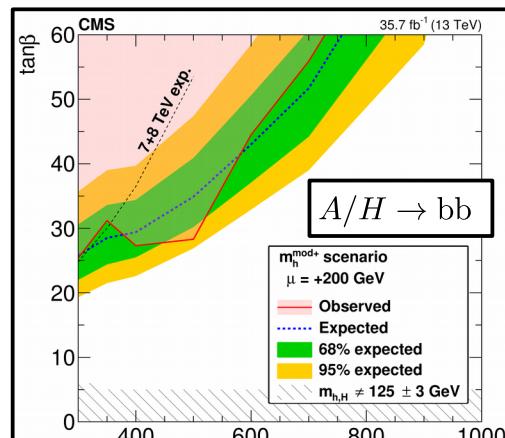


gluon fusion

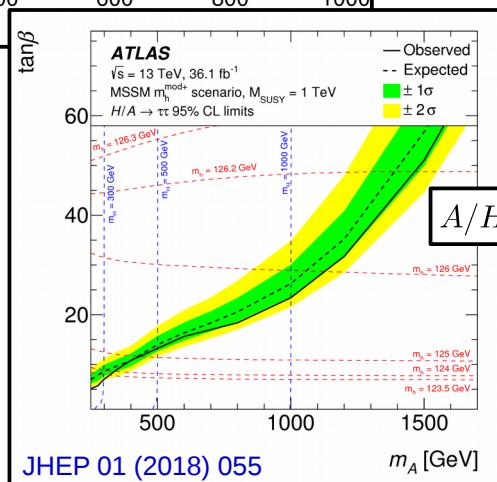


MSSM interpretation

Private compilation
of public results



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m_A [GeV]

scenario

35.9 fb^{-1} (13 TeV)

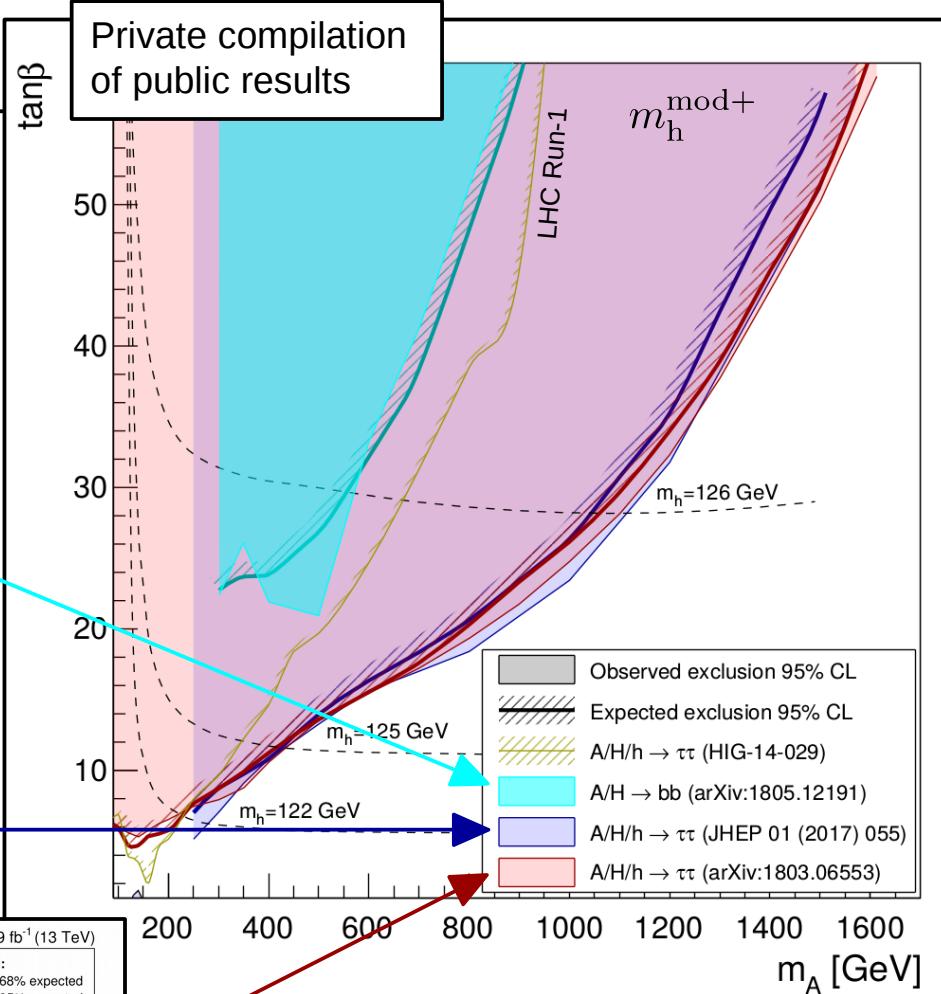
95% CL excluded:
Observed (light blue)
68% expected (grey)
95% expected (dashed grey)

$A/H/h \rightarrow \tau\tau$

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m_A (GeV)

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- LHC Run-2 searches for neutral SUSY Higgs bosons.
- Consistent interpretation, here in $m_h^{\text{mod+}}$ (EPJC 73 (2013) 2552).

Charged Higgs bosons

- Smoking gun for non-trivial Higgs sector.

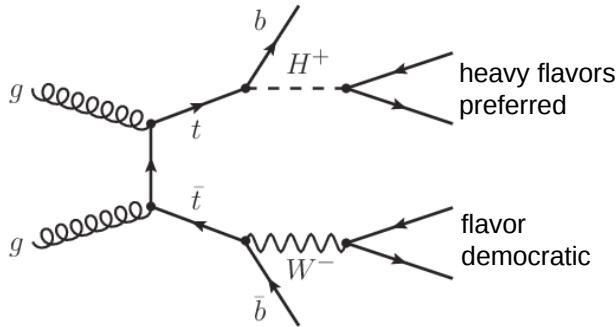
- Most important decays: $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu / tb$

Low & high m_{H^\pm}

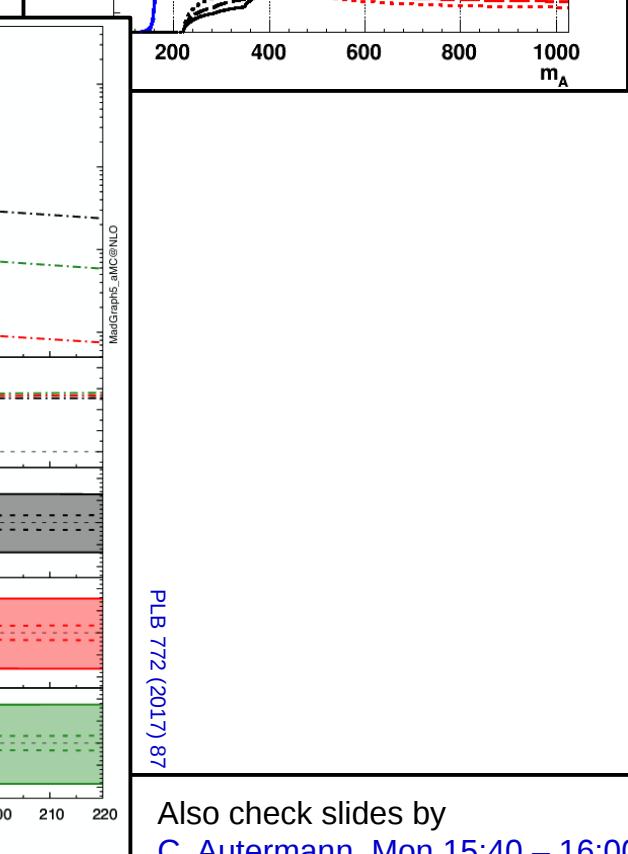
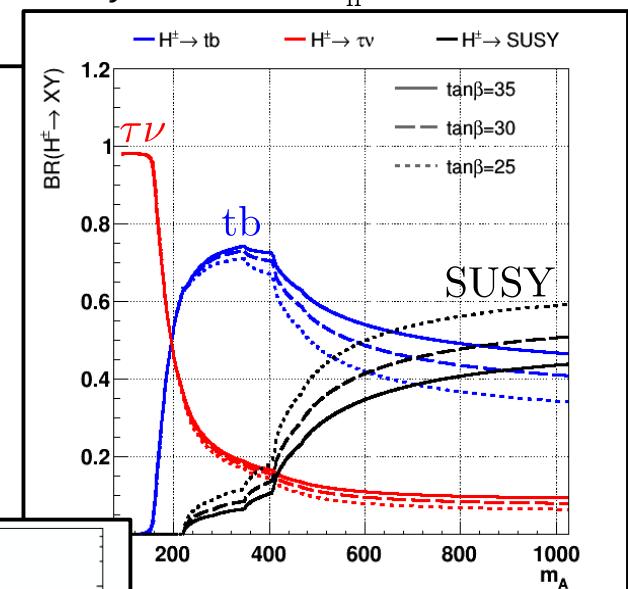
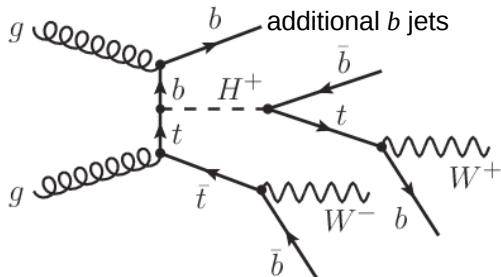
High m_{H^\pm}

- Two distinct production modes depending on m_{H^\pm} :

In decay ($m_{H^\pm} < m_t$):

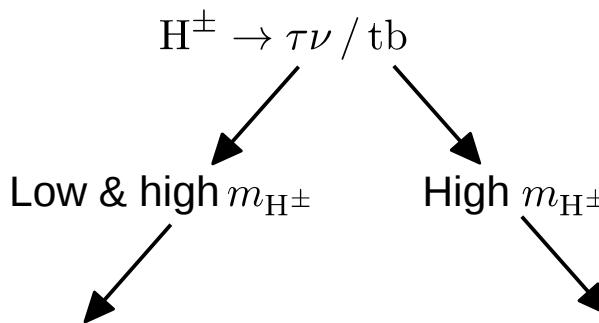


In production ($m_t < m_{H^\pm}$):

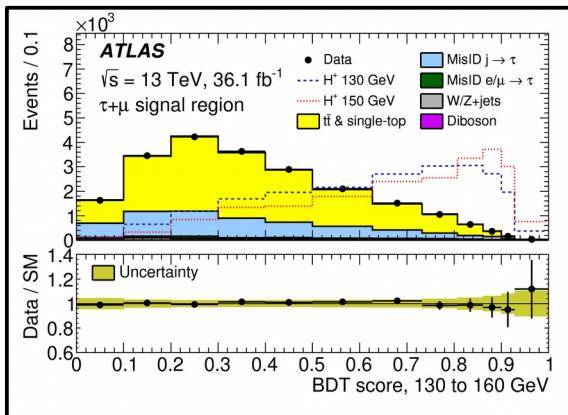


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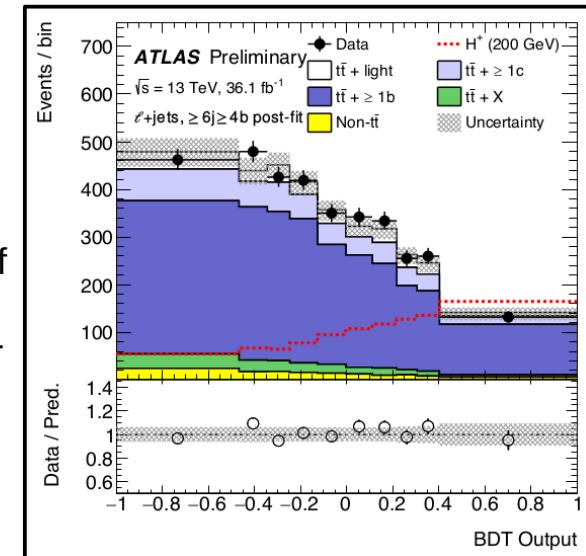
Signal extraction



- Select events with one τ_h candidate.
- E_T
- Discriminating variable is a BDT trained in 5 bins in m_{H^\pm} .

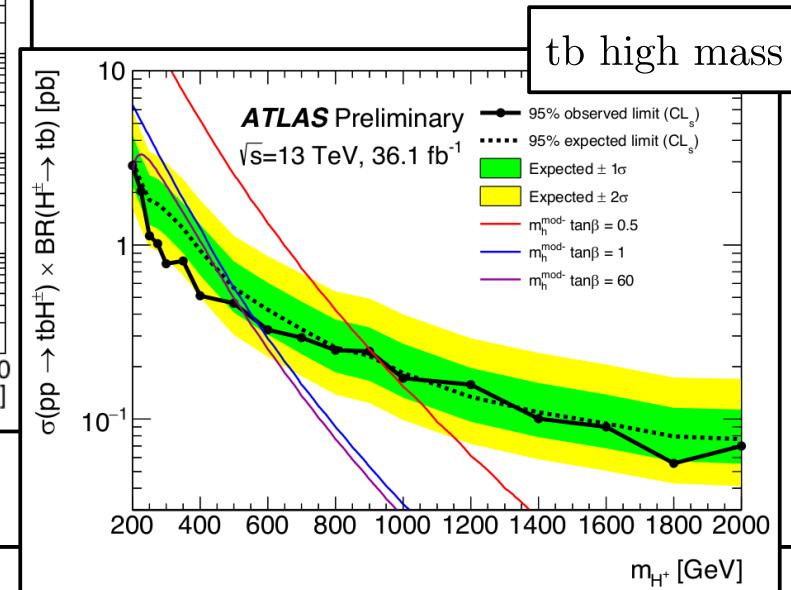
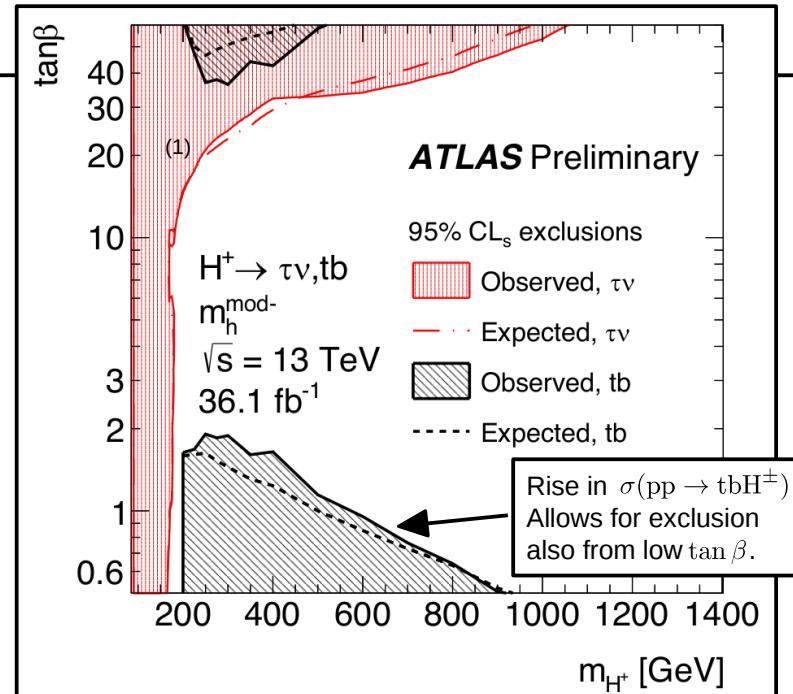
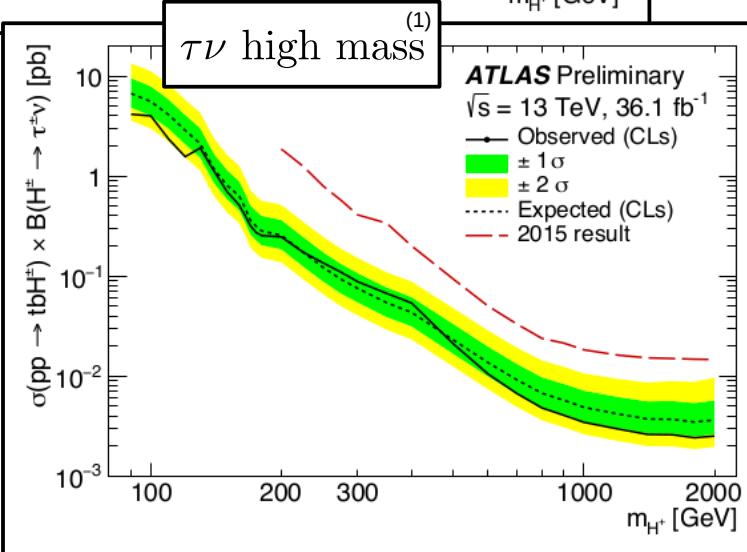
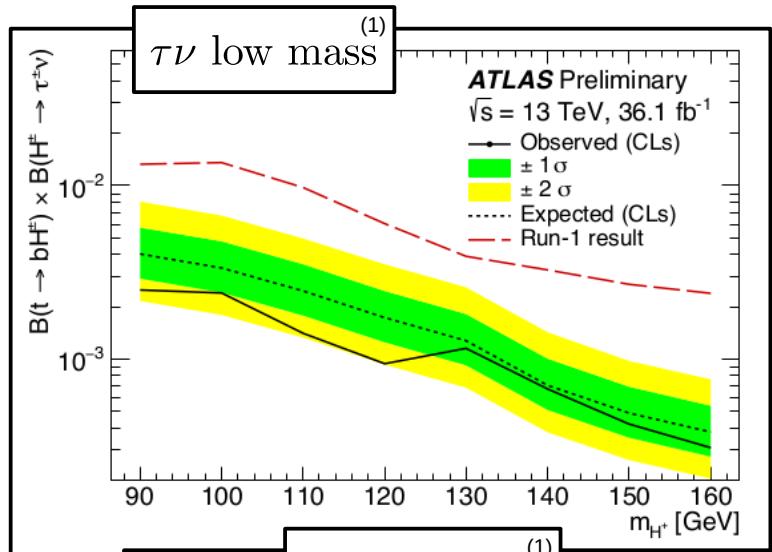


- Concentrate on fully leptonic (lepton+jets) channel of $t\bar{t}$.
- Select events with 2(1) lepton(s) and 3(5) jets.
- Categorize in number of b-tagged jets.
- Extract signal from BDT discriminant.

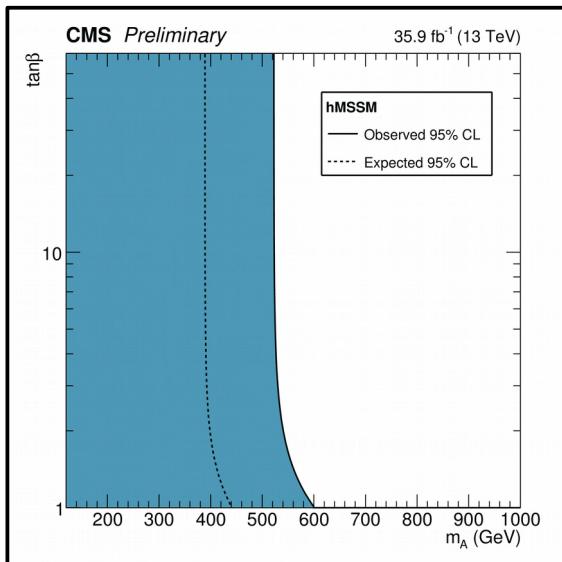


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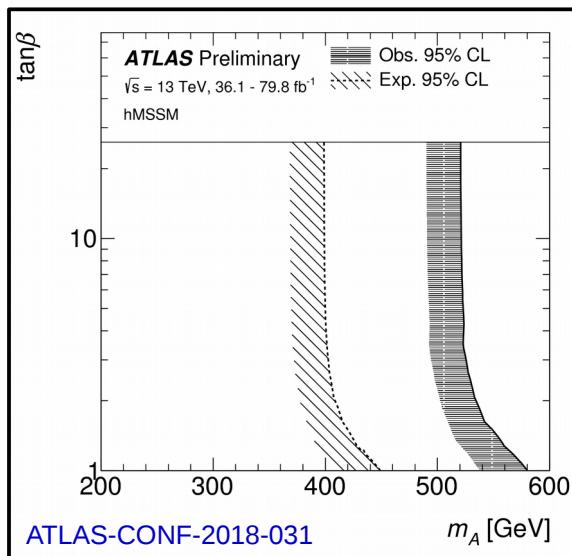
(1) Note the missing gap between “low” & “high” for the first time!



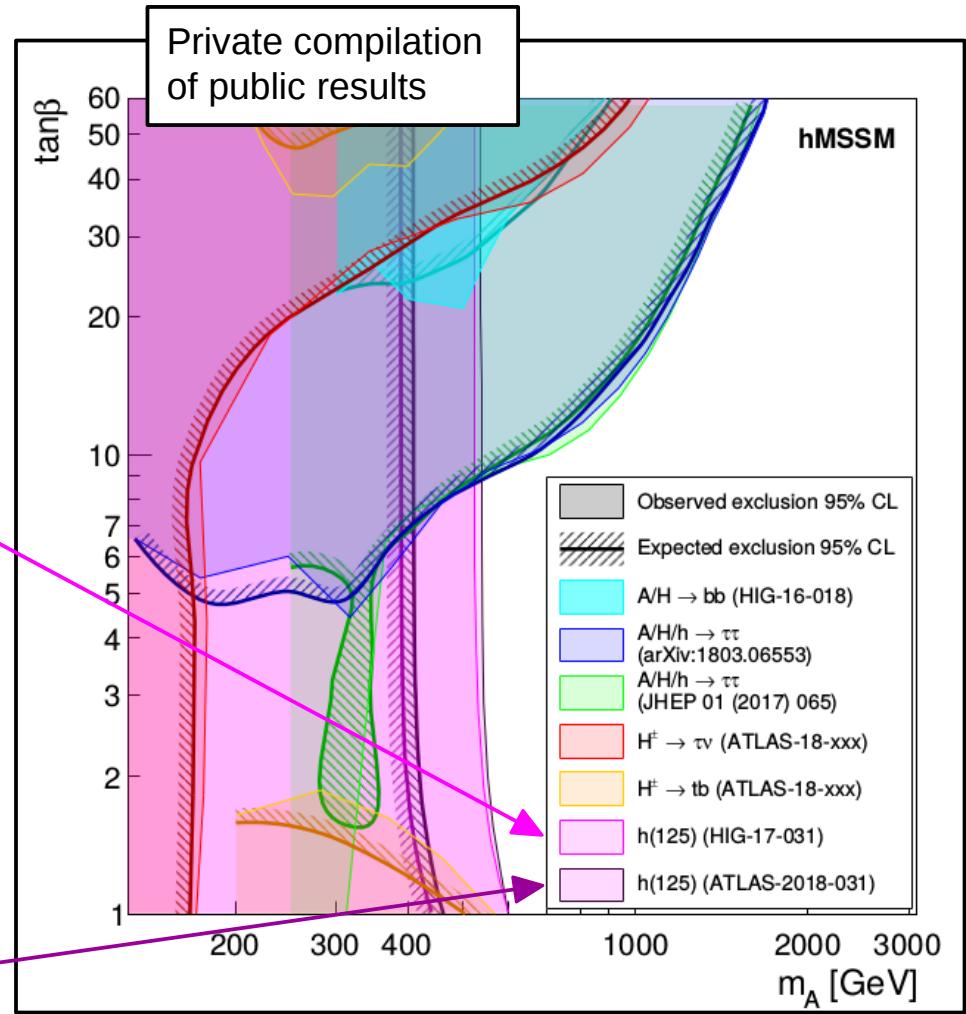
Upshot of Run-2 MSSM search results (presented here)



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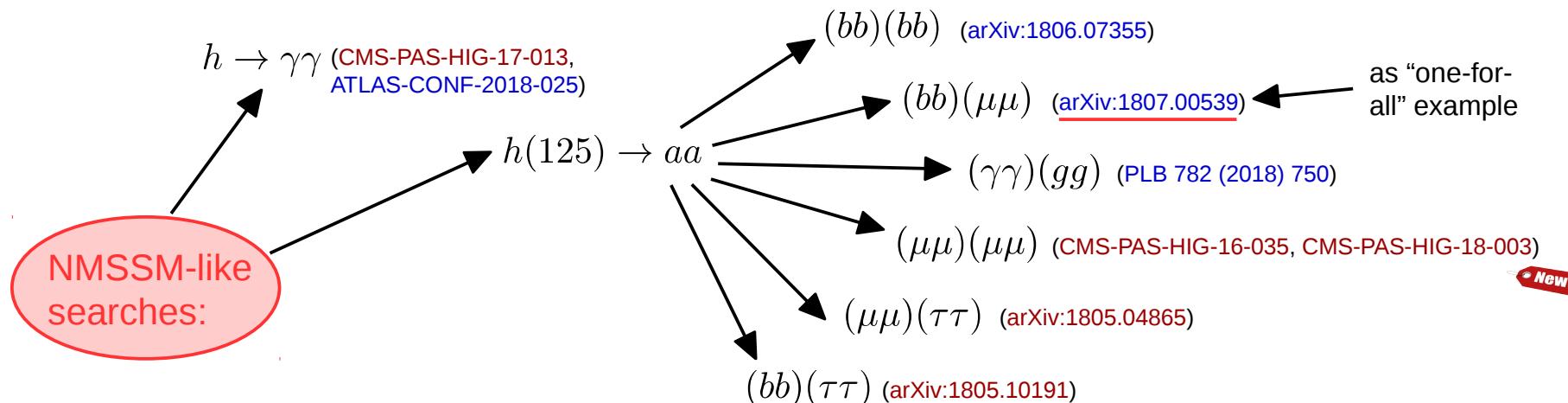
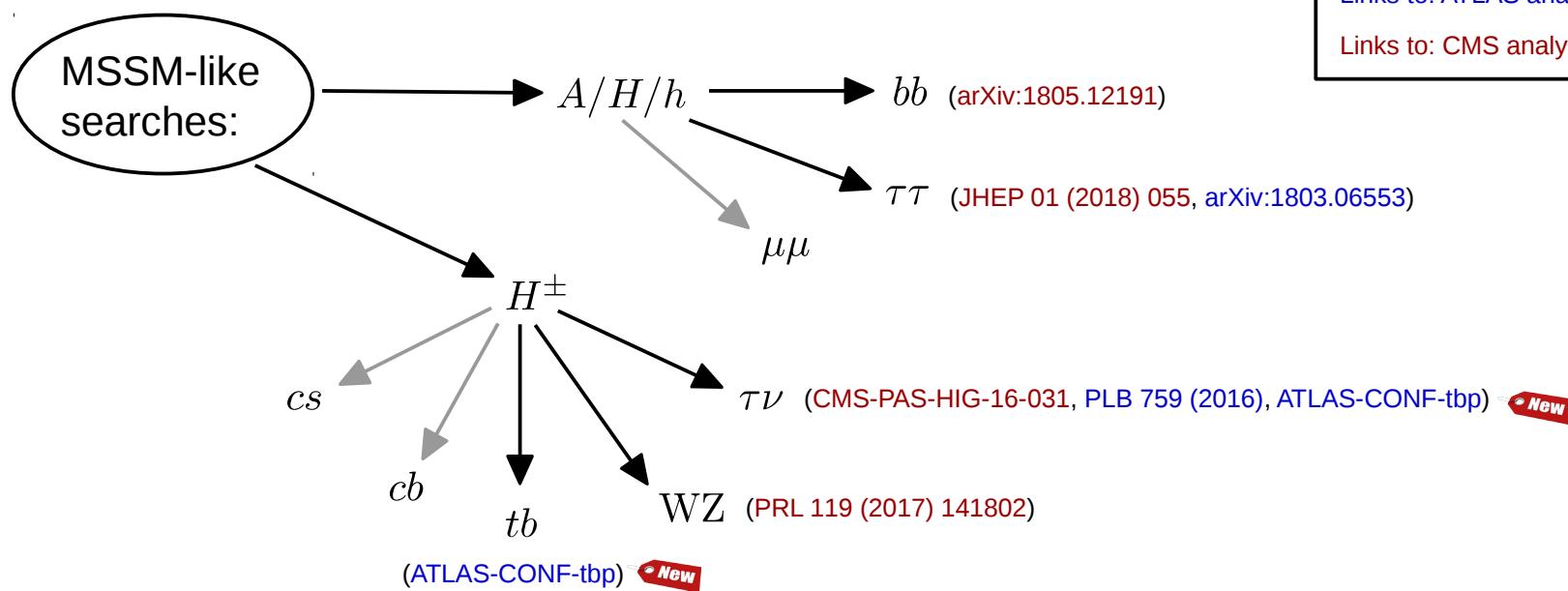
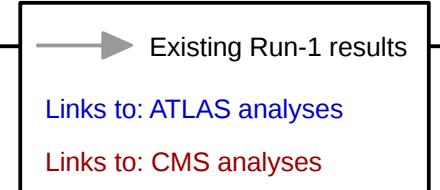


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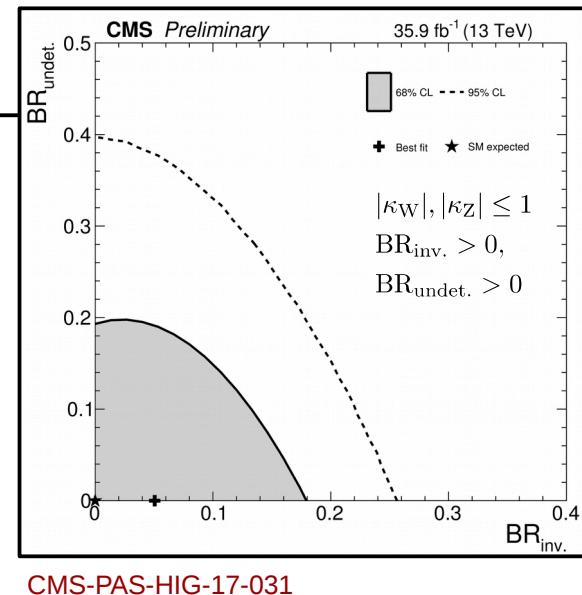
- Including exclusion estimates from h(125) coupling measurements.

Summary of (selected) Run-2 searches



$h(125) \rightarrow aa$

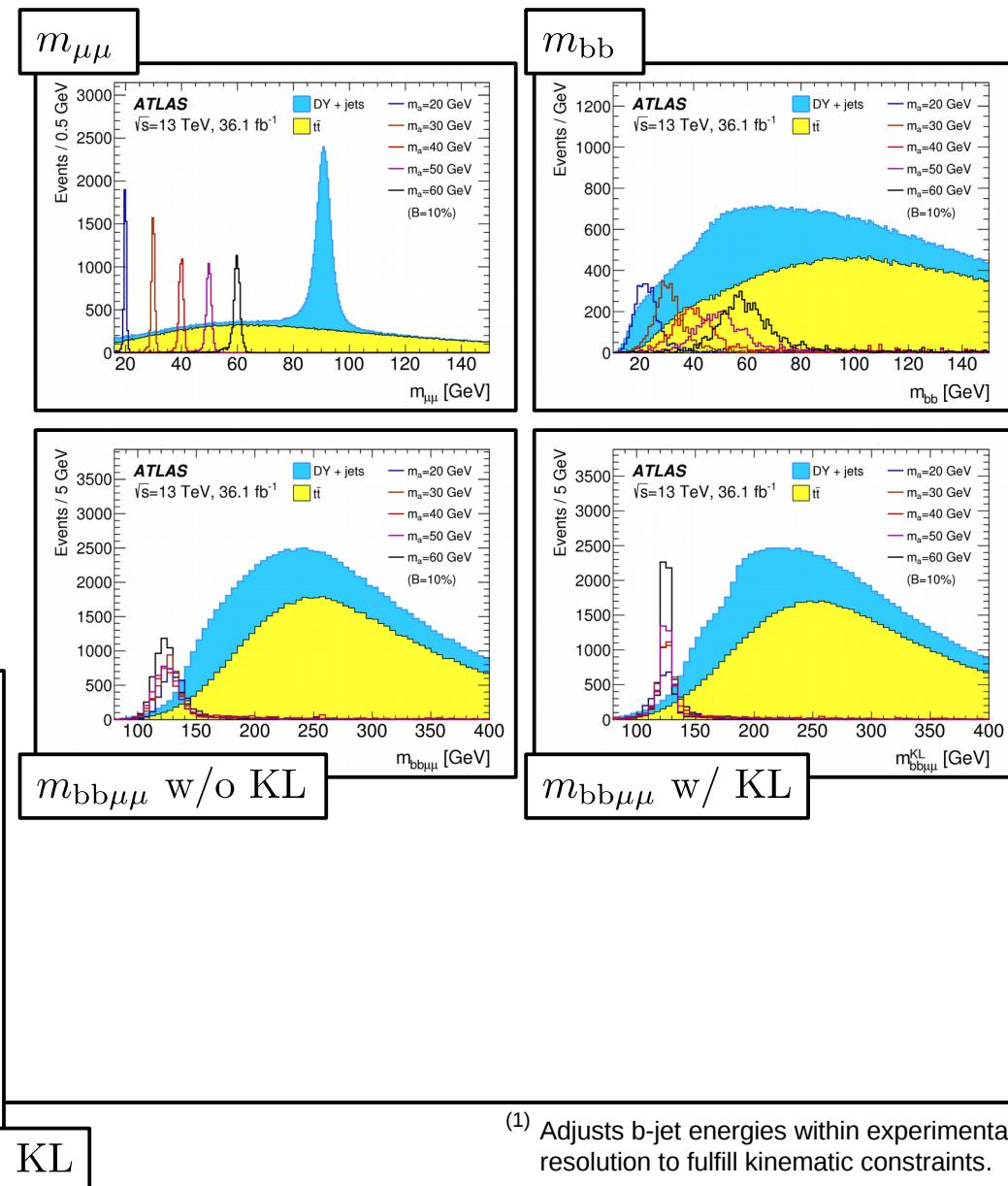
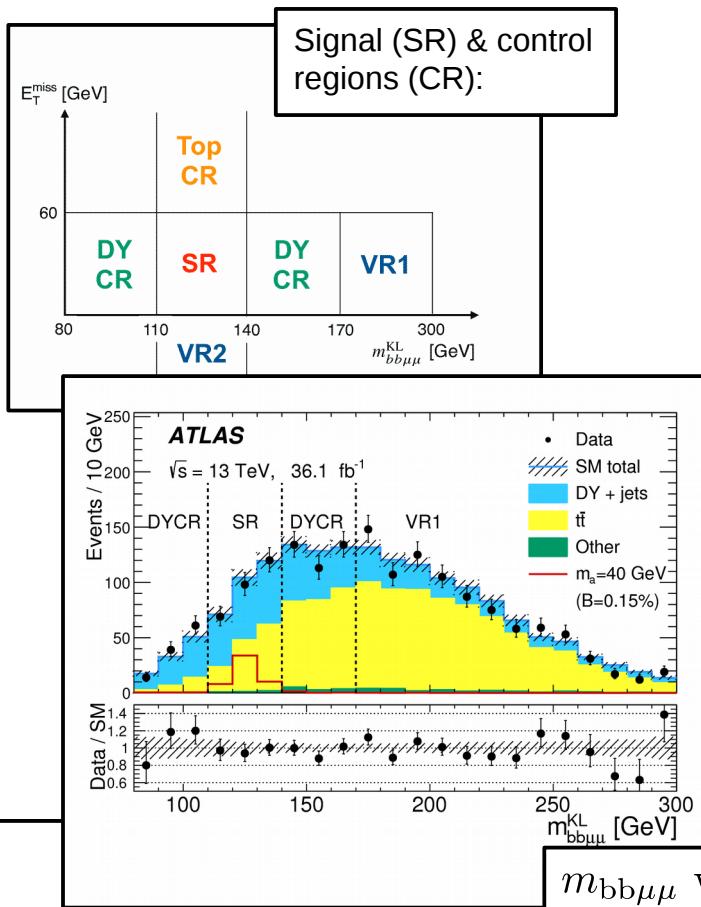
- Constraint on BR_{BSM} from $h(125)$ couplings fits still allows for up to 20-30% decays into unobserved particles.
- Decay chain $h(125) \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \dots$ offers several constraints during kinematic reconstruction.
- Plethora of final states analyzed from lowest possible m_a up to $m_h/2$.



- Very low m_a searches enter boosted regimes → requires special care for reconstruction & selection (e.g. for lepton isolation requirements).
- In contrast to MSSM, sensitivity not reached, yet, to challenge the NMSSM.
- Enterprise: obtain a clear overview of the NMSSM with a manageable set of benchmark scenarios and possible exclusion planes. → Still under active research ([LHCXHSWG-3](#)).
- Limits are usually presented in form of model independent $\sigma \times BR$ exclusions.
- $A \rightarrow ah / H \rightarrow hh'$ are experimentally not covered, yet.

$h(125) \rightarrow aa \rightarrow (bb)(\mu\mu)$ (pars pro toto)

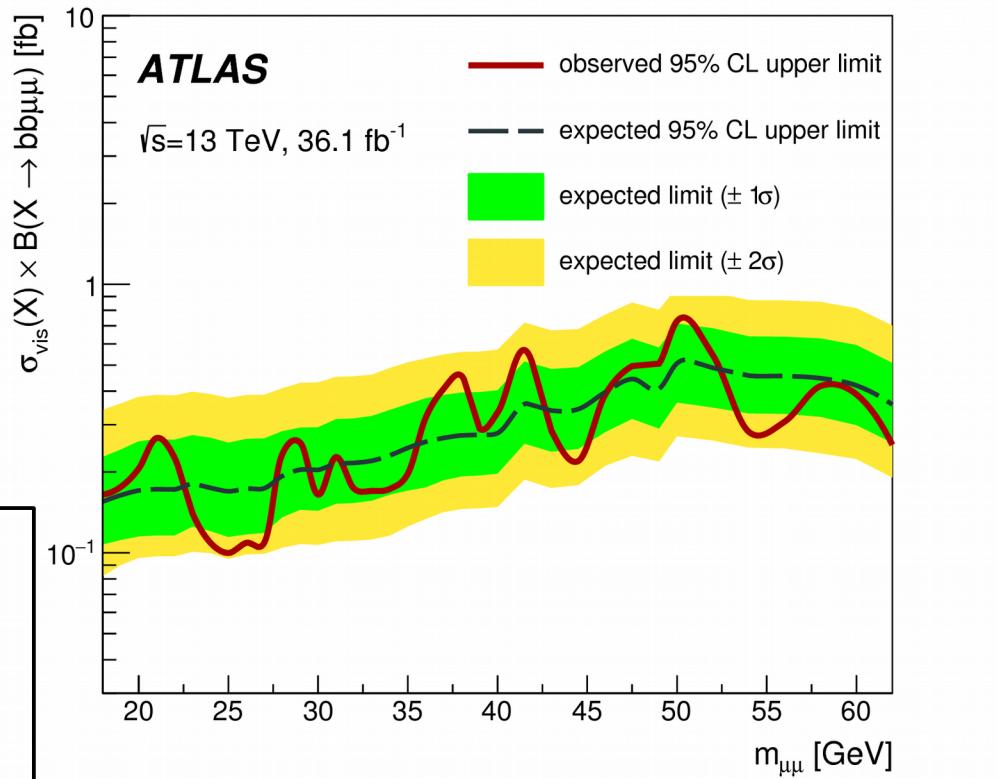
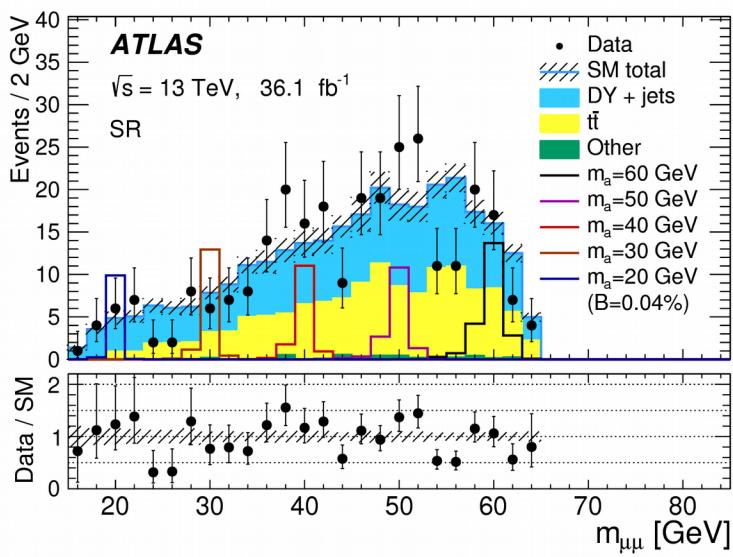
- Select two μ 's and two b-jets.
- Use kinematic constraints in likelihood discriminant (KL).⁽¹⁾
- Control most important backgrounds DY and $t\bar{t}$ (50:50 in SR).



Results

- No deviations observed w.r.t. SM expectation. → Limit set on $\sigma \times \text{BR}$.

Discriminant for statistical inference:

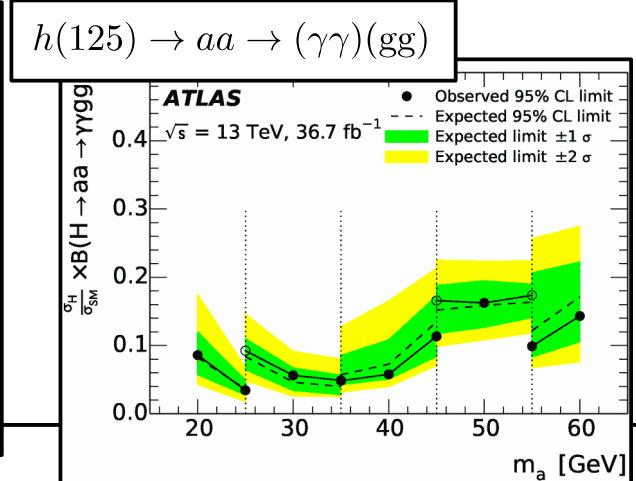
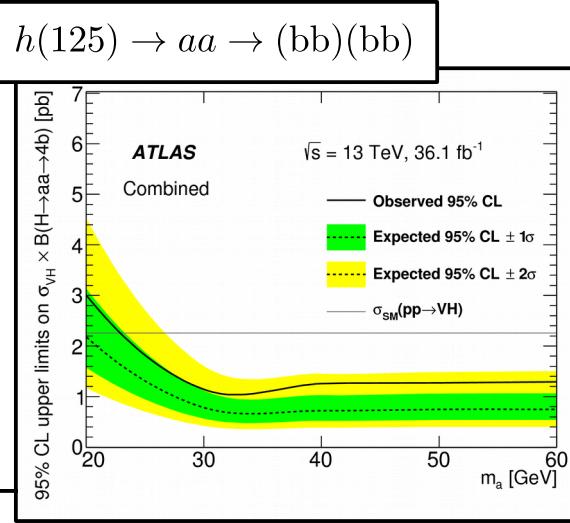
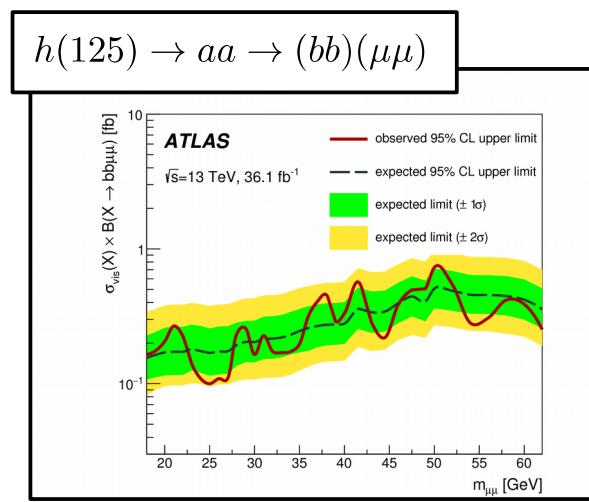
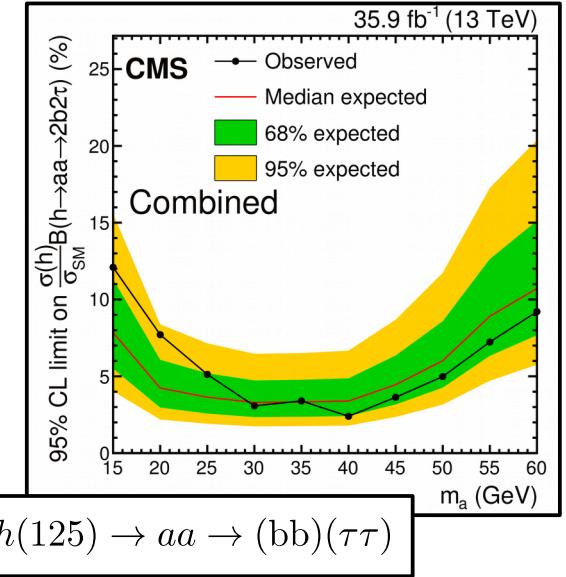
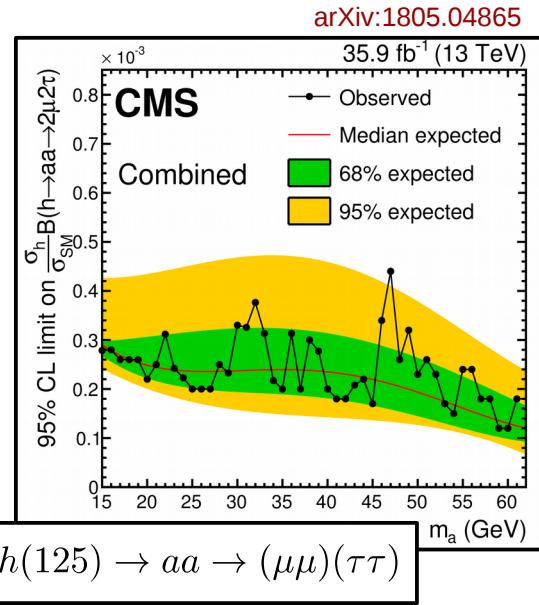
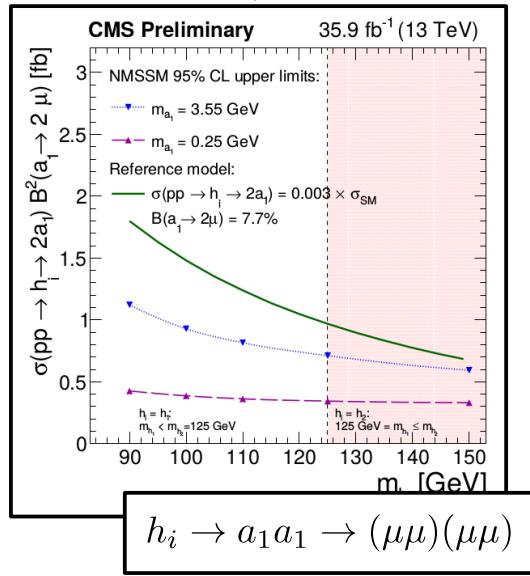


Model independent limits on $\sigma \times \text{BR}$.

Upshot of Run-2 NMSSM search results

CMS-PAS-HIG-16-035, CMS-PAS-HIG-18-003

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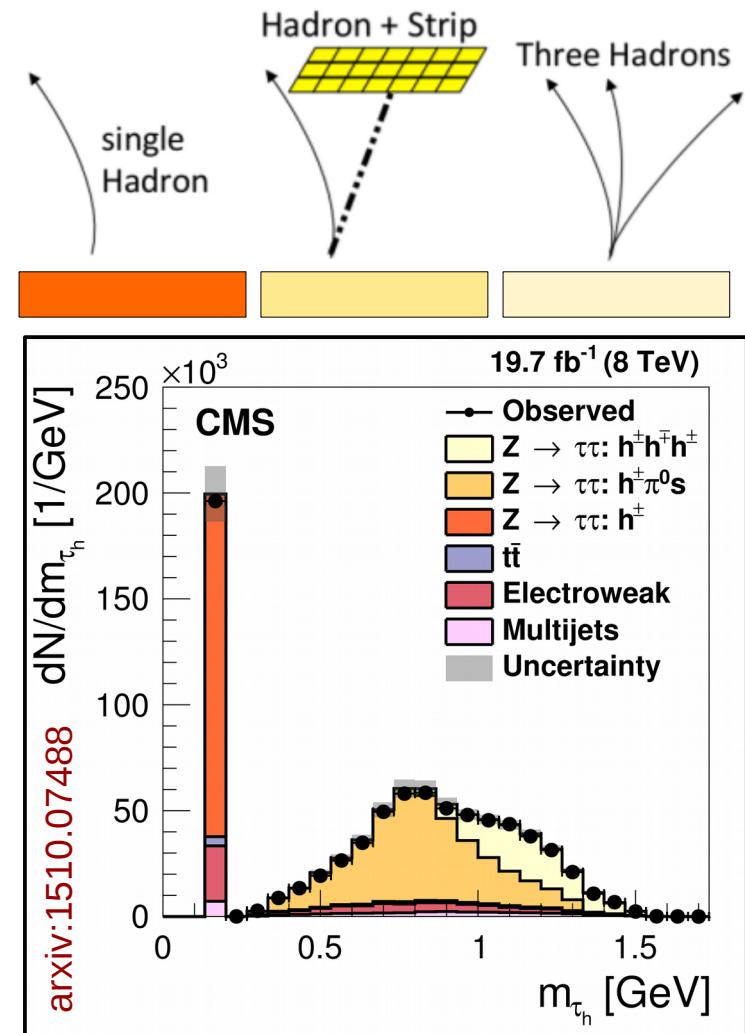
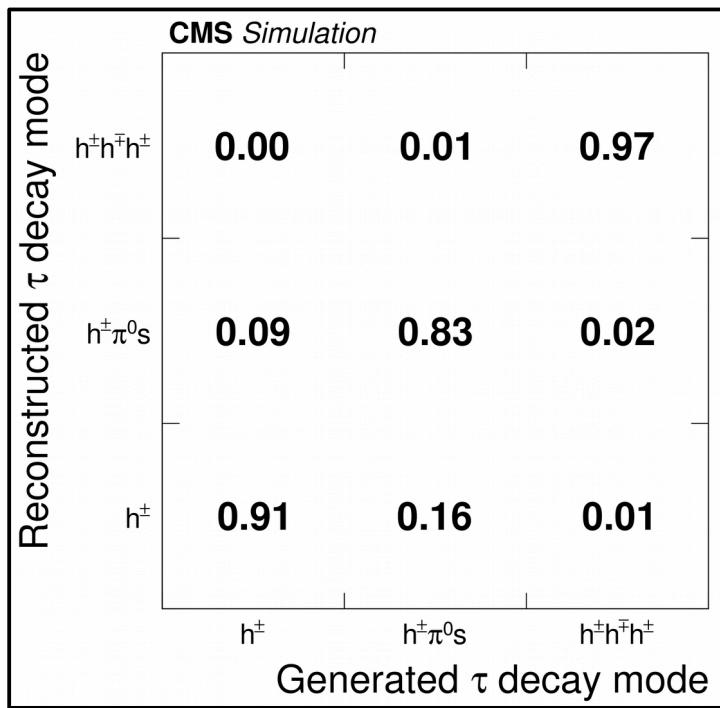
Conclusion

- Very successful start of BSM Higgs boson searches for LHC Run-2.
- Rich program of (SUSY motivated) BSM Higgs boson searches.
- Both experiments ATLAS and CMS show very compatible and consistent results.
Unfortunately no discoveries, yet.
- Current publications: milestones towards the analysis of the full LHC Run-2 dataset.
- In addition to established MSSM portfolio large number of evolving NMSSM motivated analyses.
- Looking forward to high quality, highly sophisticated analyses of the full LHC Run-2 dataset with more than 100/fb!

Backup

Hadronic τ -decay

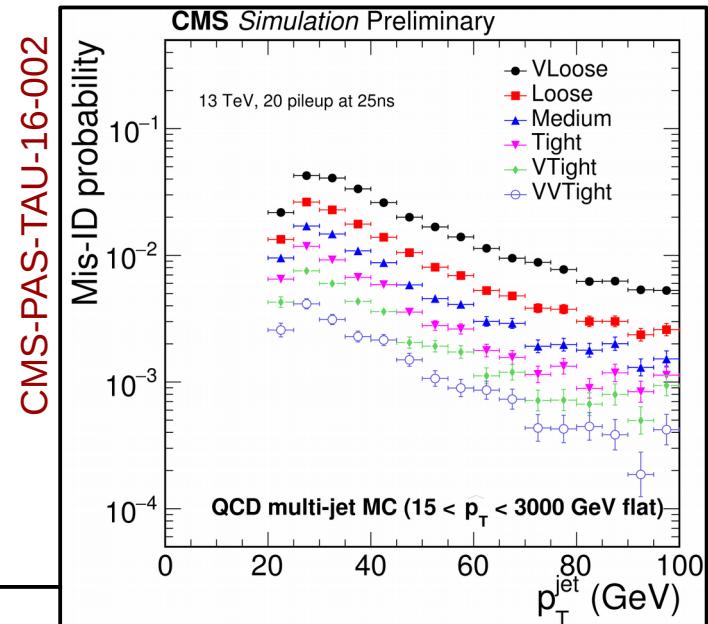
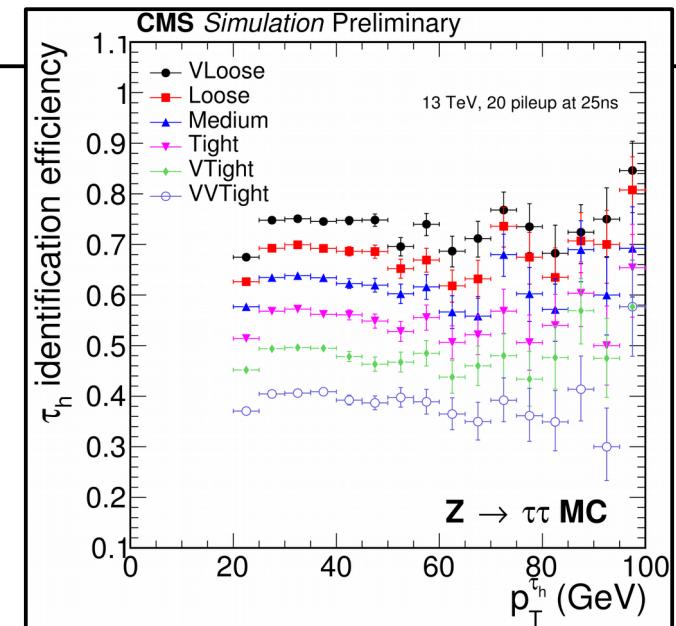
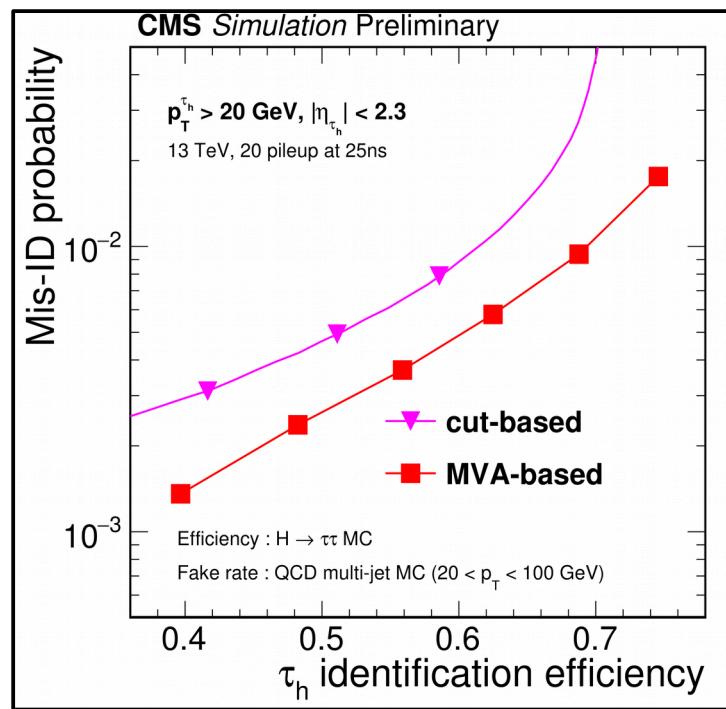
- Start from anti- k_T clustered jets of particle flow objects with opening parameter of 0.4.
- Require **one or three high p_T charged hadrons** (\rightarrow prongs).



- Apply ID criteria to increase purity.

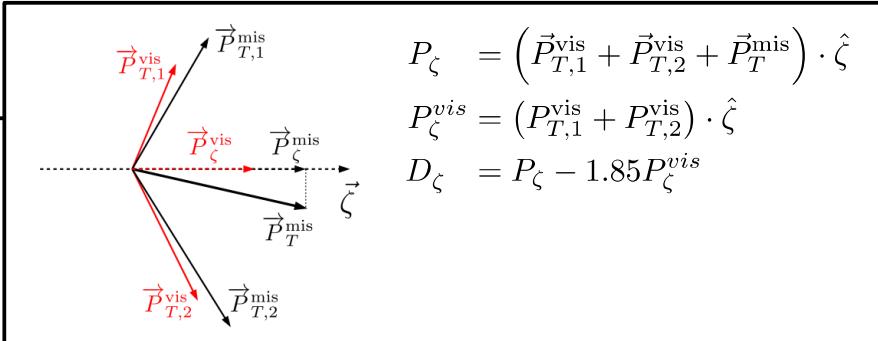
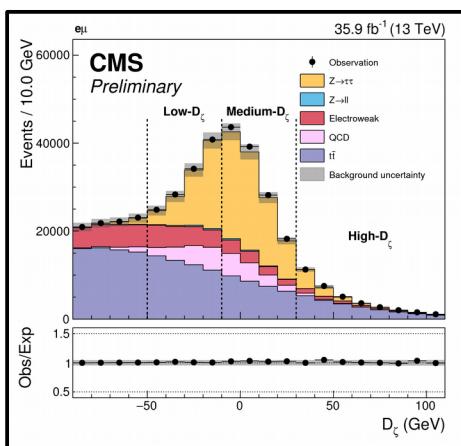
Hadronic τ -decay

- MVA based τ_h -identification: energy deposits close to τ -candidate + impact parameter information on prongs.
- Discrimination against muons and electrons.



- Predefined working points used in analyses.

Additional event information



Exploit different S/B composition especially for high mass signal.

No B-tag

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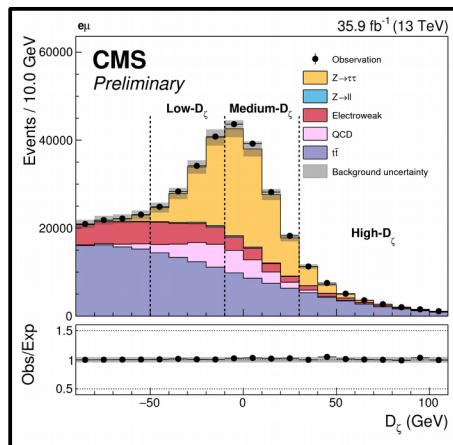
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$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$

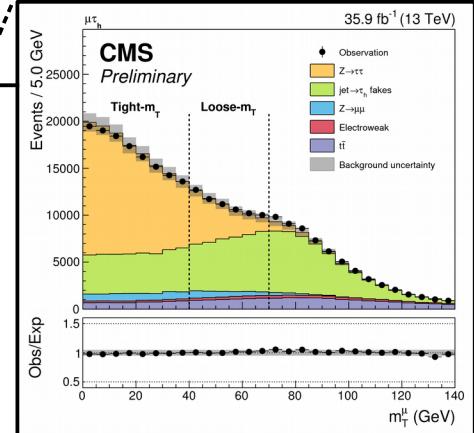
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Signal region (SR)
 Control region

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Loose- m_T category as “tail-catcher” for high mass signal.



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Control regions used for in situ determination of normalization and partially shapes of backgrounds in ML fit used for statistical inference of the signal.