

Exotic Higgs searches at the CMS Experiment



*Collider, Dark Matter, and
Neutrino Physics 2018*



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Gazing beyond the Standard Model

❖ Standard Model (SM): our current theory of matter and interaction

❖ Unfortunately, it cannot provide a complete description of the Universe:

→ Higgs Mass is unprotected against quantum corrections in the SM: $m_h^2 \sim m_{h0}^2 - \alpha \lambda_f^2 \Lambda^2$

→ Baryogenesis:

$$\frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \sim 10^{-9}$$

→ Neutrino physics

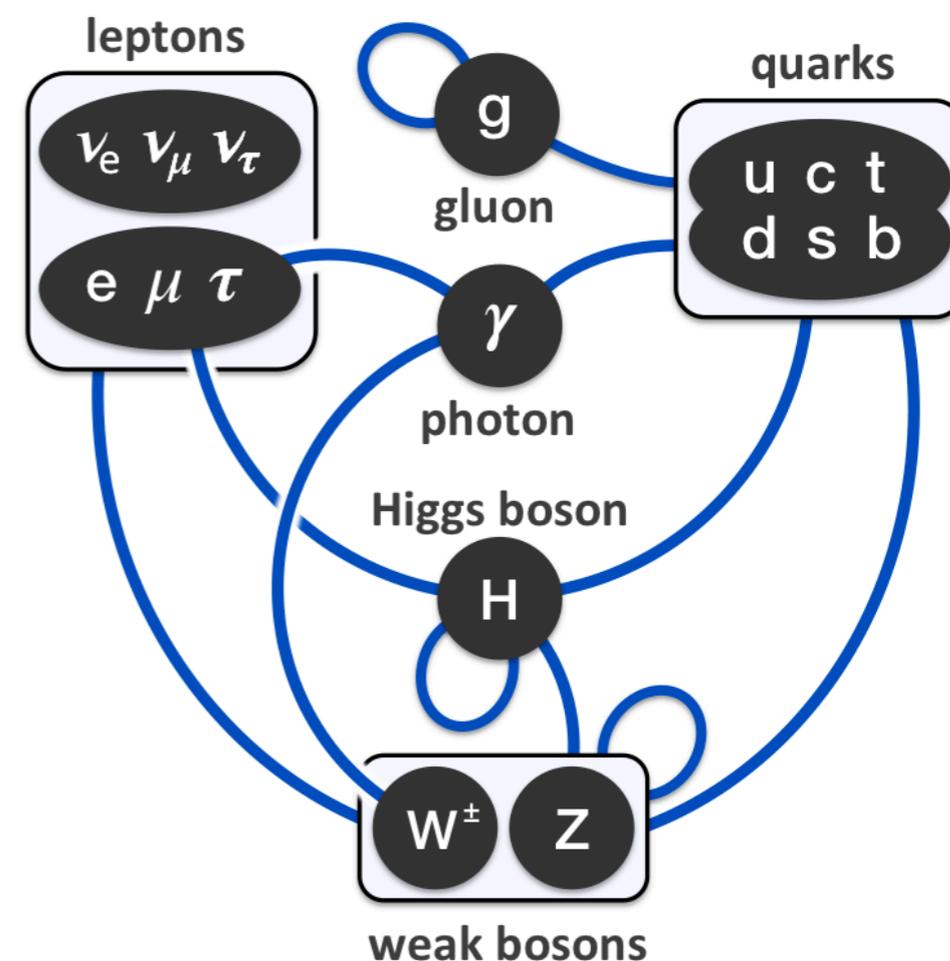
→ Dark Matter...

❖ No hints of physics beyond the Standard Model, but:

→ Still room for BSM decay of Higgs boson
(Branching Fraction $h \rightarrow \text{BSM} < 34\%$ at 95% CL)

→ Also: are we looking in the right place?

→ Hidden sectors with only tiny interactions with the SM
(displaced signatures, stopped LLP, etc..)



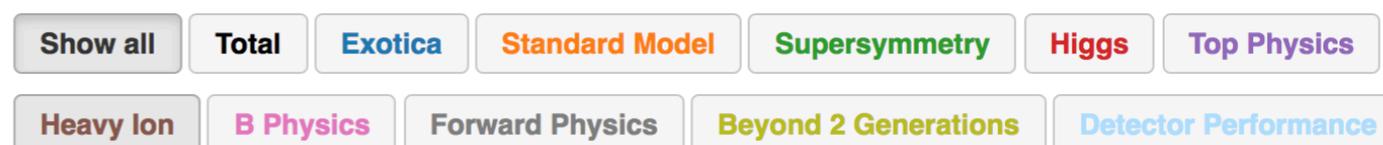
Leave no stone unturned

❖ We want to make the best use of the data produced by the LHC

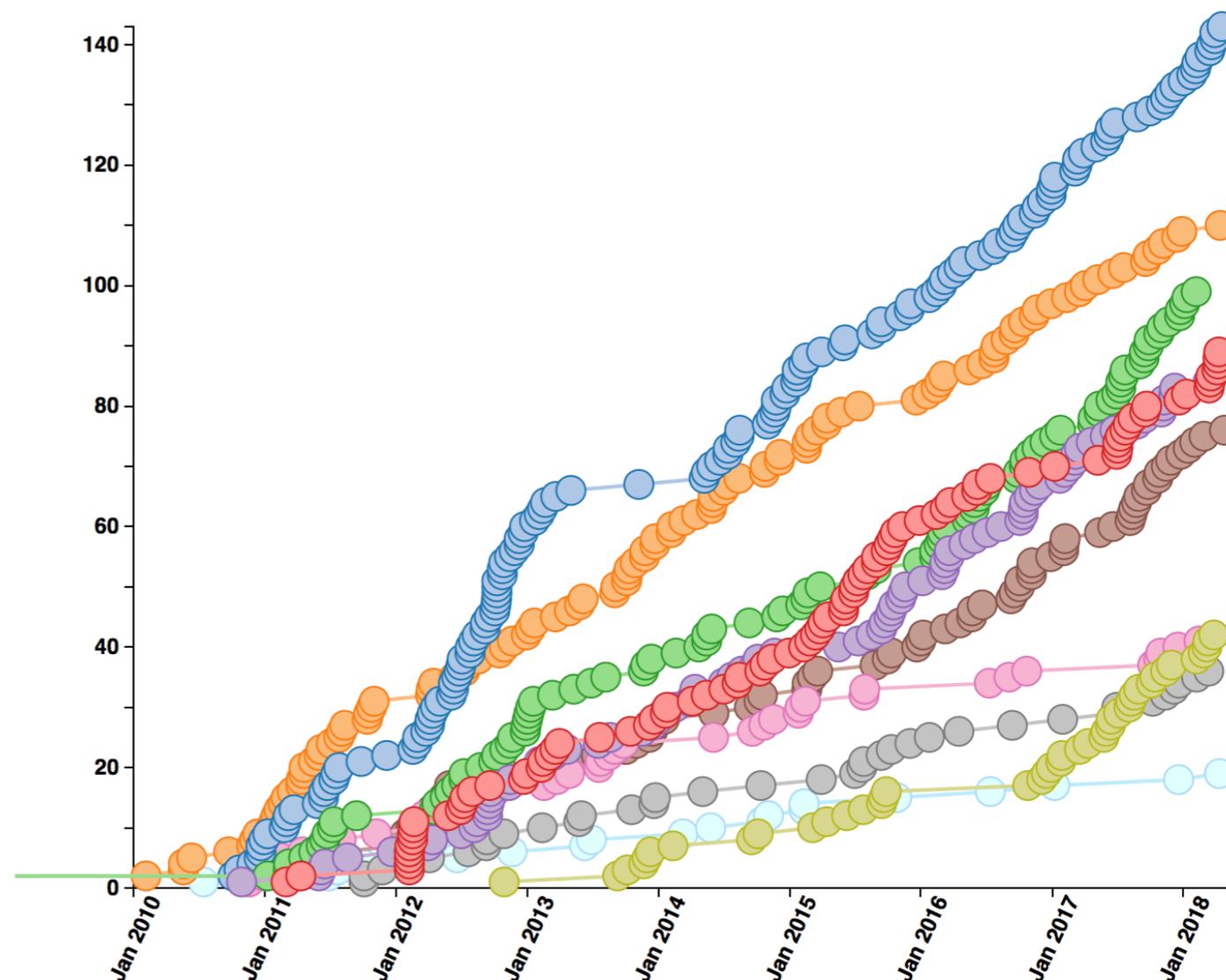
❖ Many searches (> 700 papers)
 → Exotica leads the #publications
 → SM lead only until 2012

❖ Rushing over tons of results is not interesting (results are public anyway)
 → Focus on a couple of areas:
 ■ Higgs decay to light bosons
 ■ Di-Higgs searches

❖ Bonus slides: novel techniques
 → Heavy Mass Estimator
 → Parametric Deep Neural Network

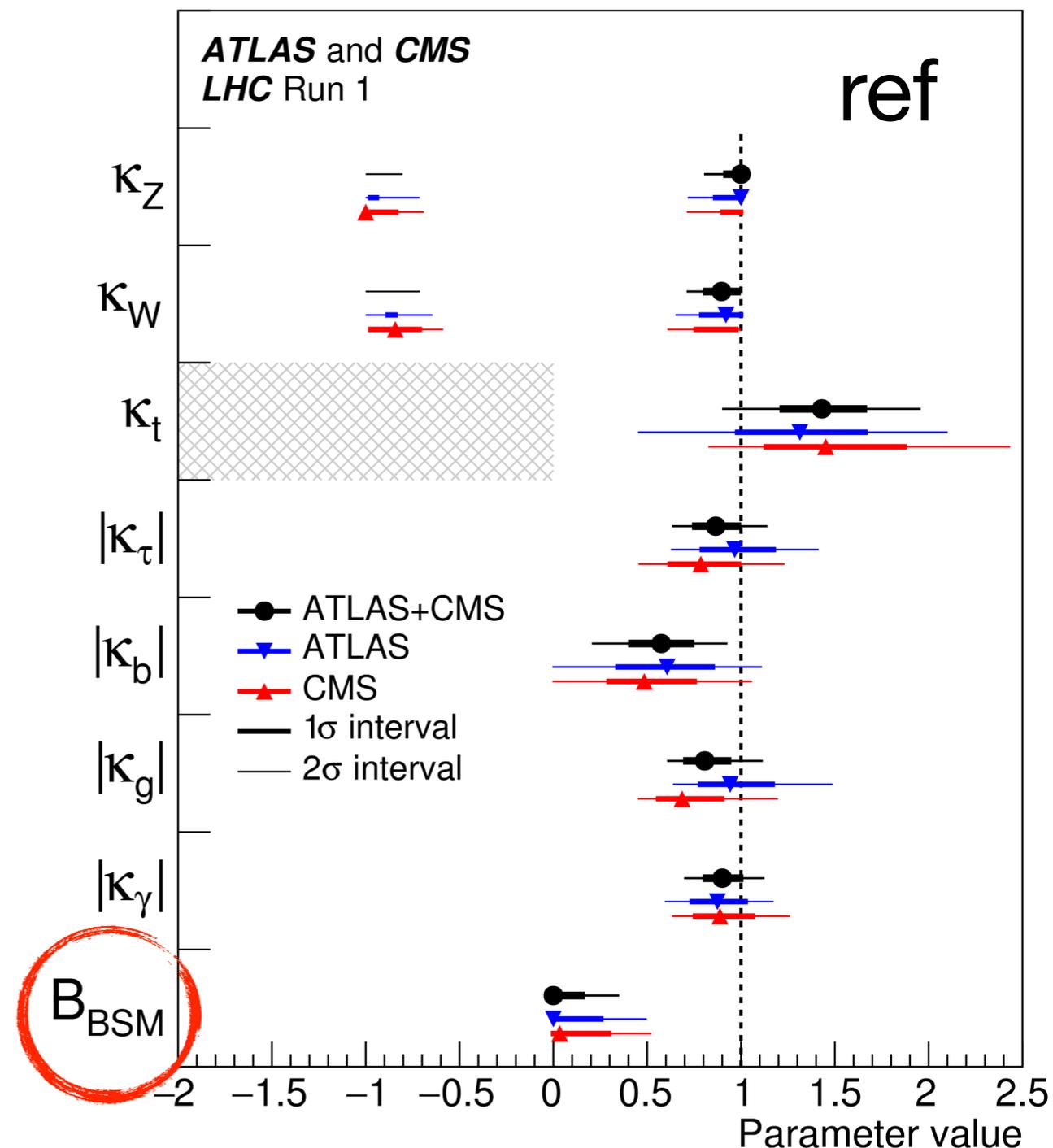


739 collider data papers submitted as of 2018-04-26



Higgs decay to light bosons: why?

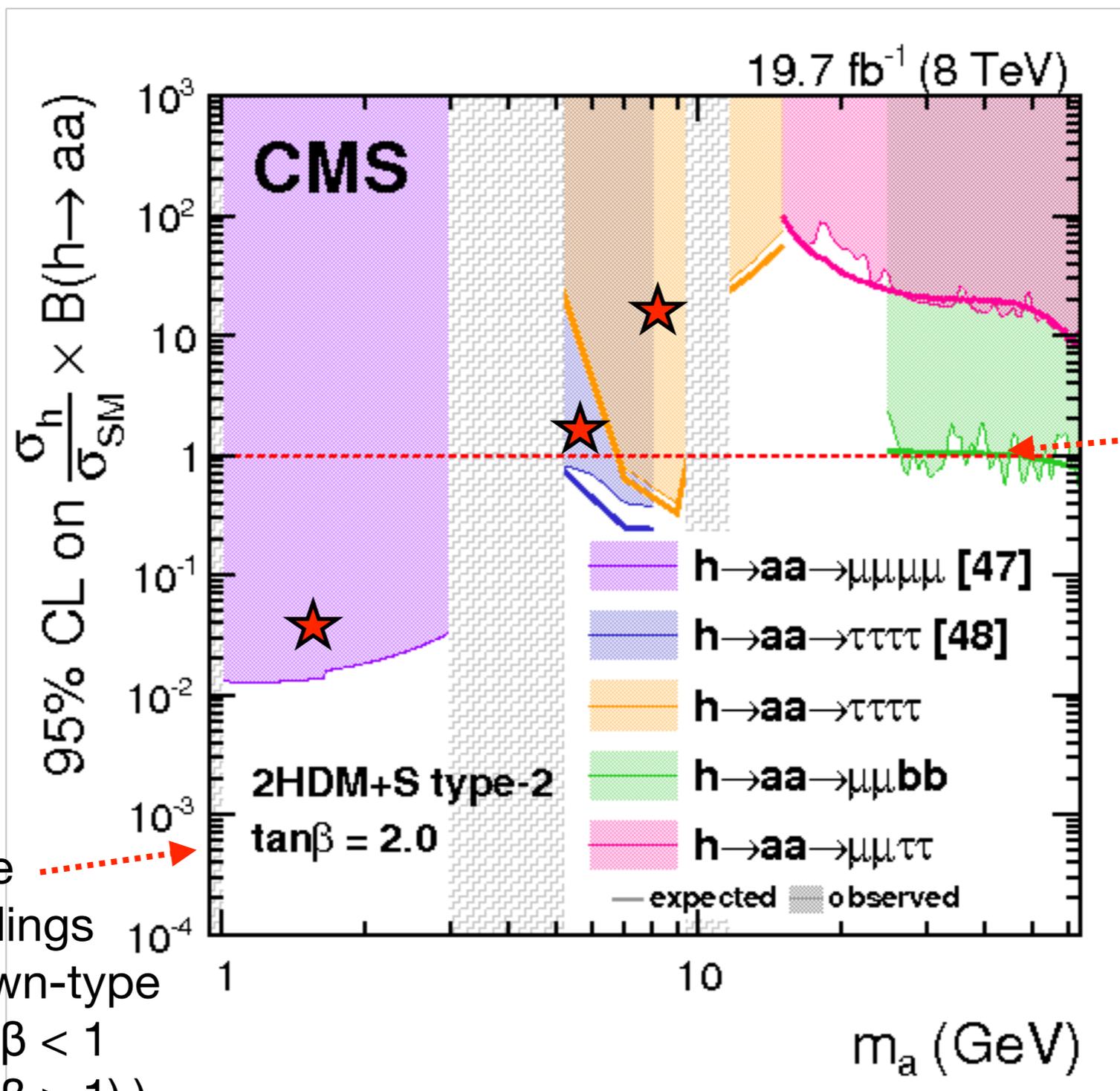
- ❖ Scalar sector: the least known sector!
- ❖ Higgs has a narrow width: small coupling could lead to sizable $\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \text{BSM})$
- ❖ Possible portal to dark matter
- ❖ Compatible with **several models**: (2HDM+S including NMSSM, DM...)
- ❖ Could allow model independent limits to be interpreted in you favorite model (even dark SUSY with displaced γ_D)
- ❖ **Rich topology**:
 - $bb, \mu\mu, \tau\tau$ final states
 - Depends on the light boson mass (i.e. its BR)



<http://cms-results.web.cern.ch/cms-results/public-results/publications/HIG-15-002/index.html>

Reminder: Run1 results

★ Boosted Reconstruction techniques



Sensitive to $Br(h \rightarrow aa)=1$ if $\sigma(h)=\sigma_{SM}$

NMSSM-like
(fermionic couplings suppressed for down-type fermions for $\tan \beta < 1$ (enhanced for $\tan \beta > 1$))

arXiv:1701.02032

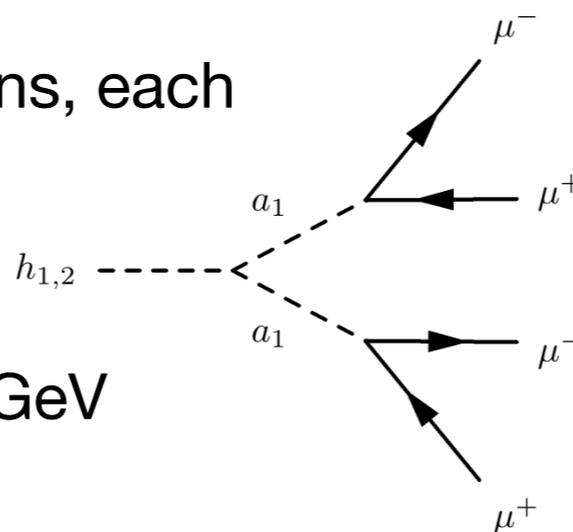
$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$ (NMSSM)

❖ Signal:

→ Pair production of new light bosons, each decaying into a pair of muons

❖ Selection:

→ $P_{T1} > 17$ GeV; $|\eta_1| < 0.9$; $P_{T2,3,4} > 8$ GeV
 → $|z_{1\mu\mu} - z_{2\mu\mu}| < 1$ mm



❖ Main background:

→ $b\bar{b}$, double J/ψ (SPS and DPS)
 → Data-driven estimation

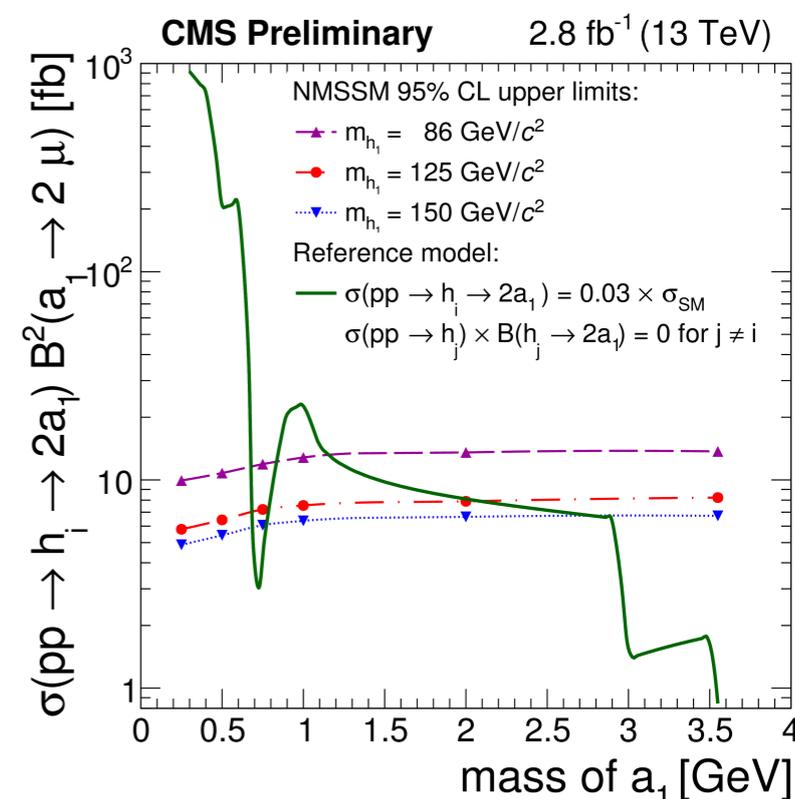
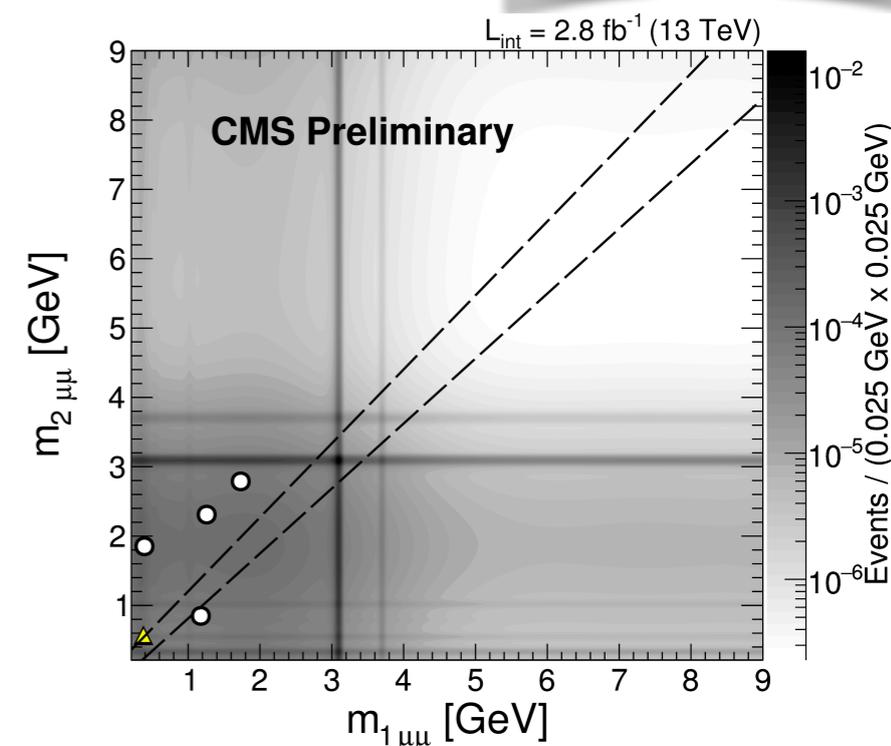
❖ Excess searched on the diagonal:

$$|m_{1\mu\mu} - m_{2\mu\mu}| < 0.13 \text{ GeV} + 0.065(m_{1\mu\mu} + m_{2\mu\mu})/2$$

→ **Model independent search**

→ Right: NMSSM benchmark model

- Assume SM-like production σ for $h_{1,2}$ to simplify interpretation



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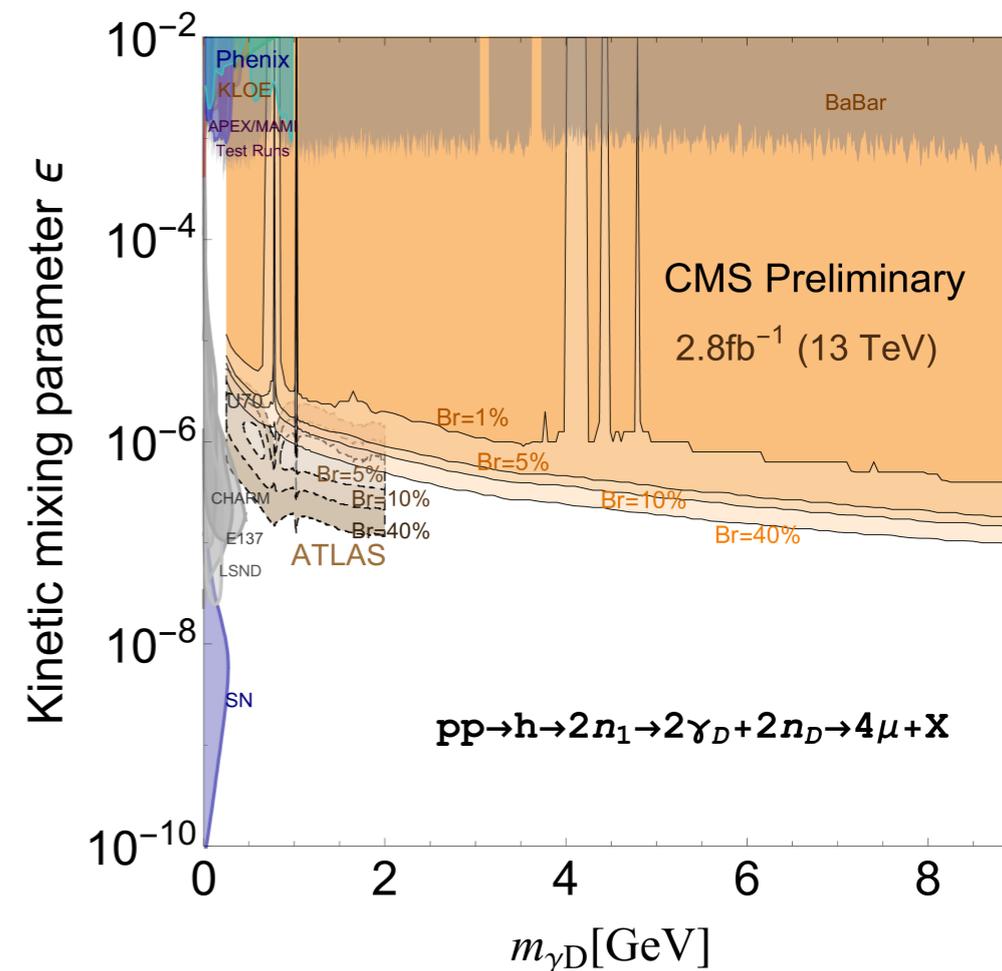
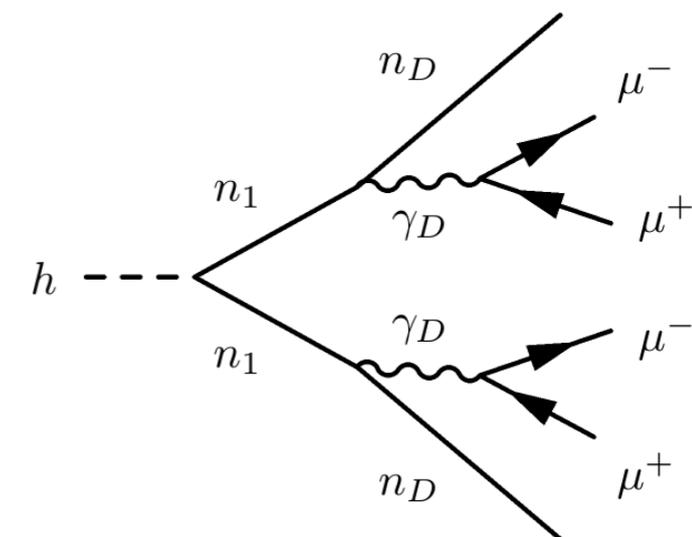
H → aa → μμμμ (dark SUSY)

- ❖ Additional benchmark: dark SUSY
 - $h \rightarrow n_1 n_1 \rightarrow n_D n_D \gamma_D \gamma_D + X$
 - Dark photons could have an appreciable life-time before decay
 - Dark photons are generated with $m(\gamma)$ in the range 0.25–2.0 GeV and a decay length in the range of 0–20 mm

- ❖ Flat reconstruction efficiency vs $c\tau$ (to assure model independence)

- ❖ 95% CL limit on H boson production $\sigma \cdot \text{B.R.}$
 - The limit set in the $[m(\gamma_D), \epsilon]$ plane.
 - Nice complementarity with ATLAS analysis searching for decays far from the interaction point

- ❖ Plans:
 - Search with full 2016 dataset close to approval
 - Legacy RunII paper with mass extended up to 60 GeV



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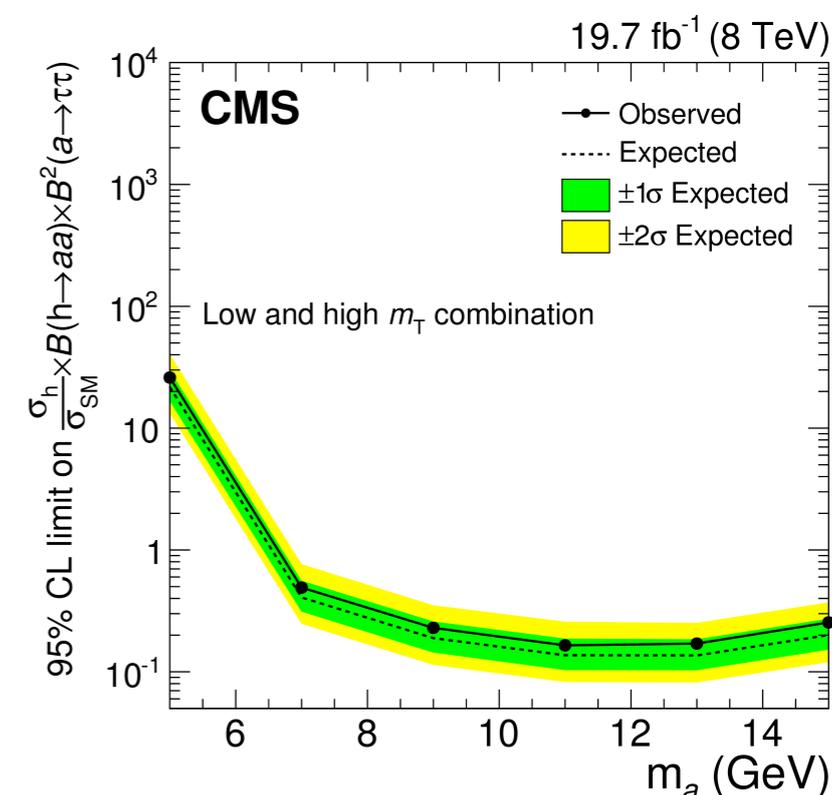
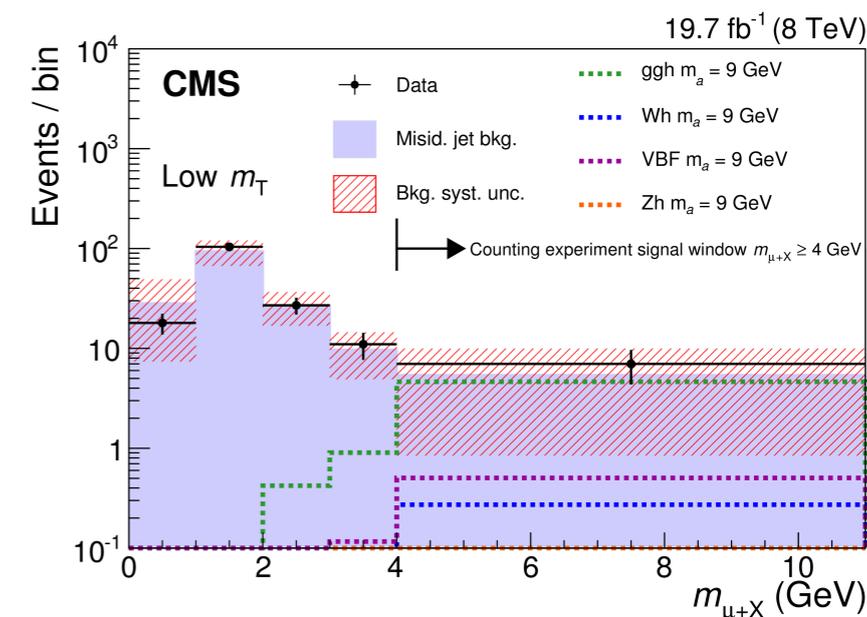
- ❖ Large branching fraction if coupling proportional to mass
 - One high p_T muon and boosted τ (one decaying to muon)
 - Required same sign leptons to reduce DY

- ❖ Considered ggH/Zh/Wh/VBF production modes

- $m(a) \in [5-15]$ GeV due to $\text{Br}(a \rightarrow \tau\tau)$
- Special technique for **boosted $\tau_\mu\tau_\chi$** :
 - All jets checked for presence of τ_μ
 - Jets with $\geq 1\mu$ passing τ_μ cond. are used as seed
 - Such μ is excluded from τ rec. algorithm (HPS)
- 2 search regions: low/high m_T to separate production modes

- ❖ Background:

- DY+jets, tt, QCD
- Data driven estimation in control region



<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2FJHEP10%282017%29076>

H → aa → μμττ

❖ Four final states depending on τ decay:

→ μμτ_eτ_μ, μμτ_eτ_h, μμτ_μτ_h, μμτ_hτ_h
 (no τ_μτ_μ & τ_eτ_e, due to ambiguity)

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(a \rightarrow 2\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(a \rightarrow 2\tau)} = \frac{m_\mu^2 \sqrt{1 - (2m_\mu/m_a)^2}}{m_\tau^2 \sqrt{1 - (2m_\tau/m_a)^2}} \simeq \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\tau^2} \quad \text{Assuming 2HDM-like scenarios}$$

❖ In 3-muon final state the highest in p_T is paired with the opposite one in sign
 → 90% of the time is correct

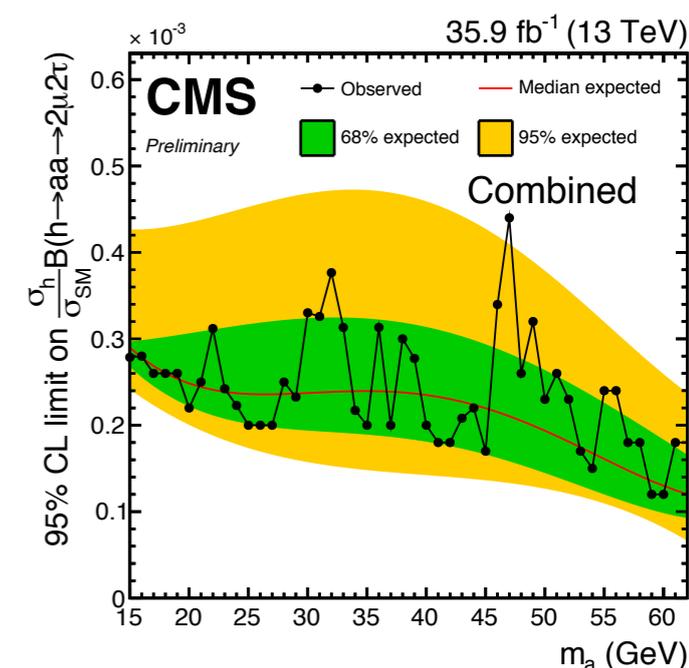
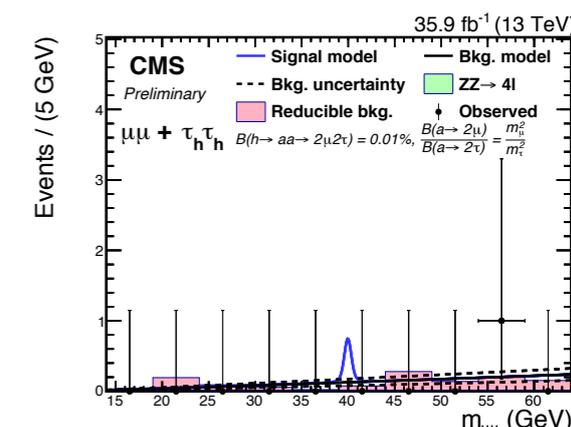
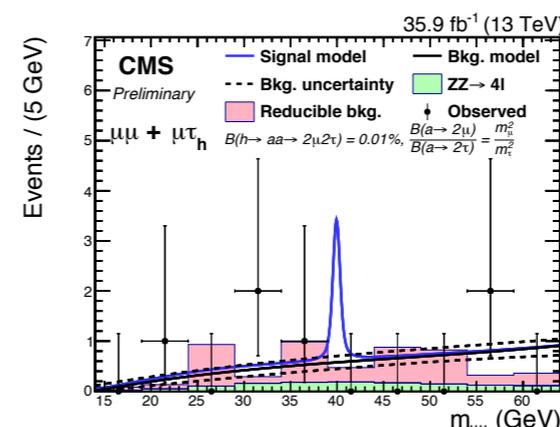
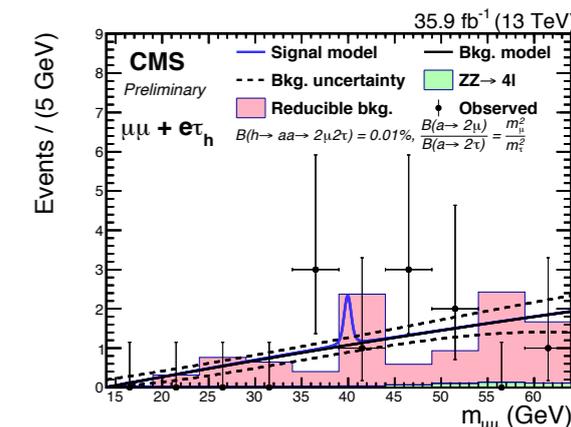
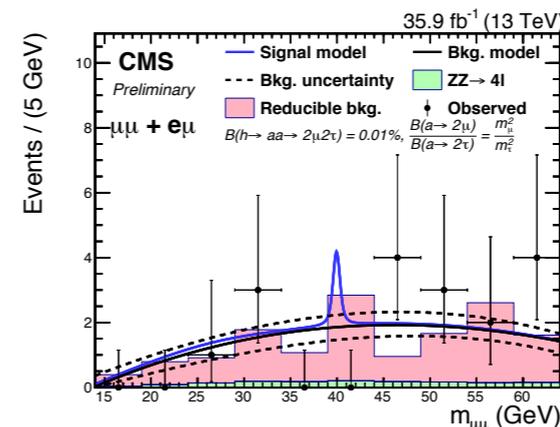
❖ Large bkg removed by asking m_{4l} ≲ 120
 If jet is b-tagged event is rejected

❖ Background:

→ ZZ (from MC, NNLO)

→ Z-WZ+jets

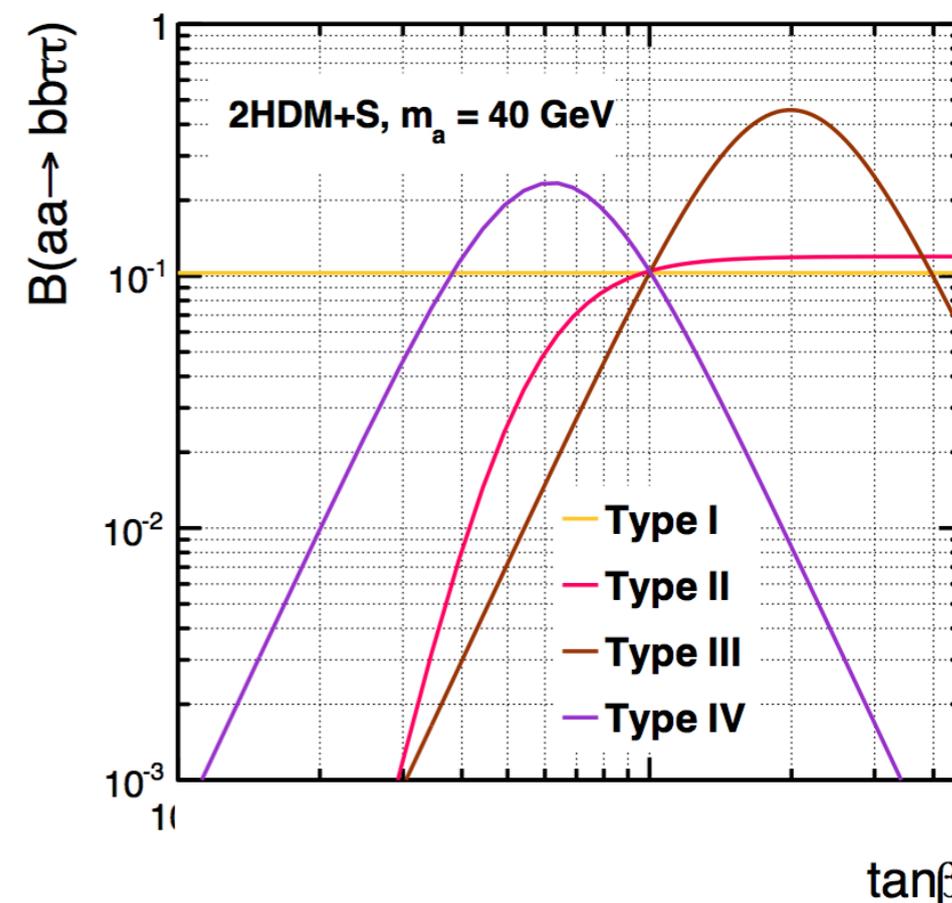
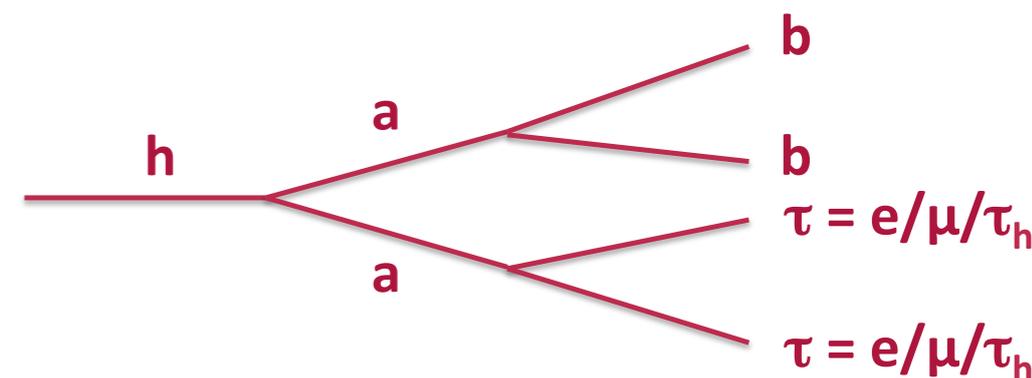
- Shape: from data CR, where τ have same charge
- Normalization: from data with 1 or 2 non-isolated τ (reweighted for misidentification probability)



<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2308654?ln=en>

$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$ (New!)

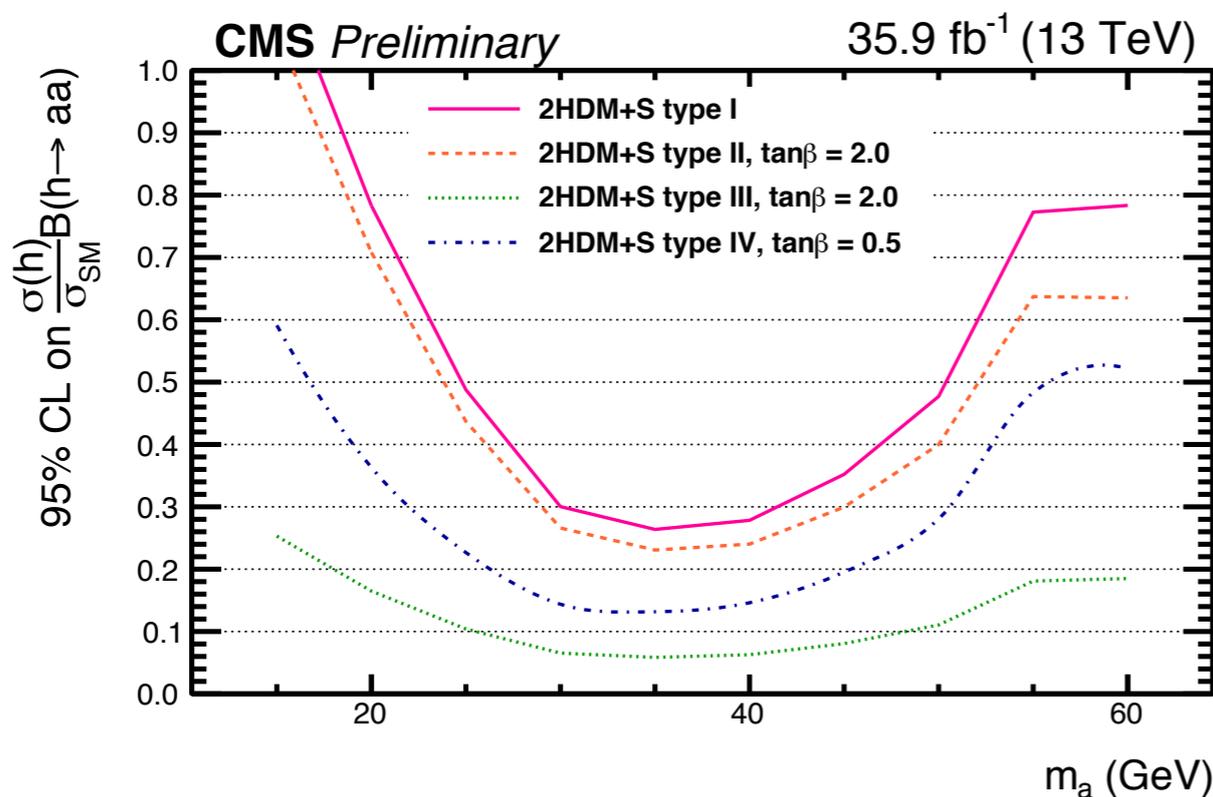
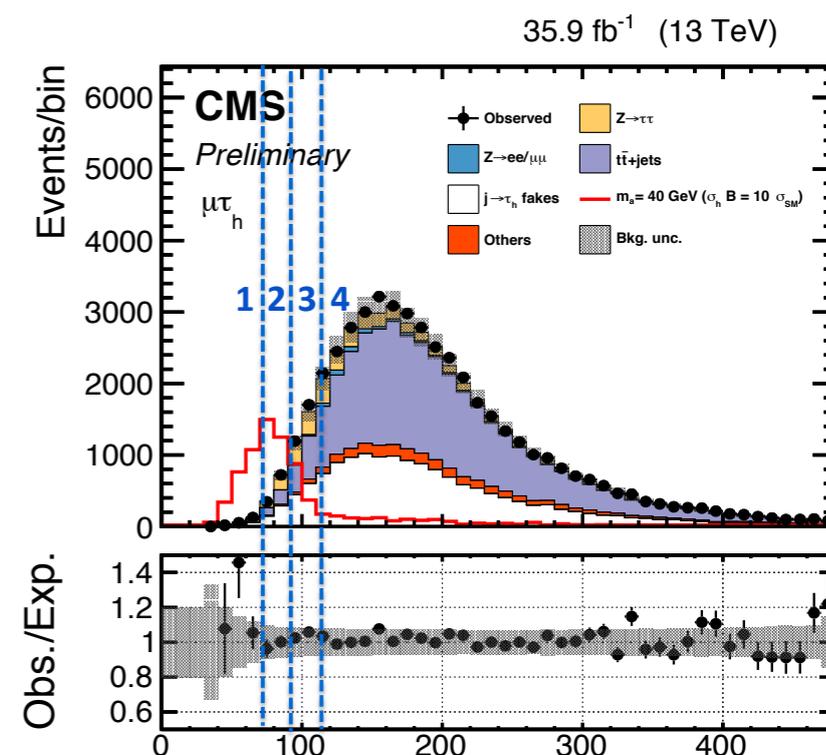
- ❖ Events can be triggered in ggF based on the leptonic decay of one of the τ
- ❖ Final states: $bbe\tau_h$, $bb\mu\tau_h$, $bbe\mu$
 - $\tau_h\tau_h$ discarded because of high trigger thresholds
 - ee and $\mu\mu$ discarded because of low BR/high bkg
- ❖ At least 1 b-tagged jet
- ❖ Backgrounds:
 - $t\bar{t}$ from NLO Powheg
 - W +jets, $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu/\tau\tau$ LO Madgraph (estimated from data)
 - SM Higgs treated as background
 - Single top and VV : Powheg/aMC@NLO
 - QCD multi-jet from same sign data



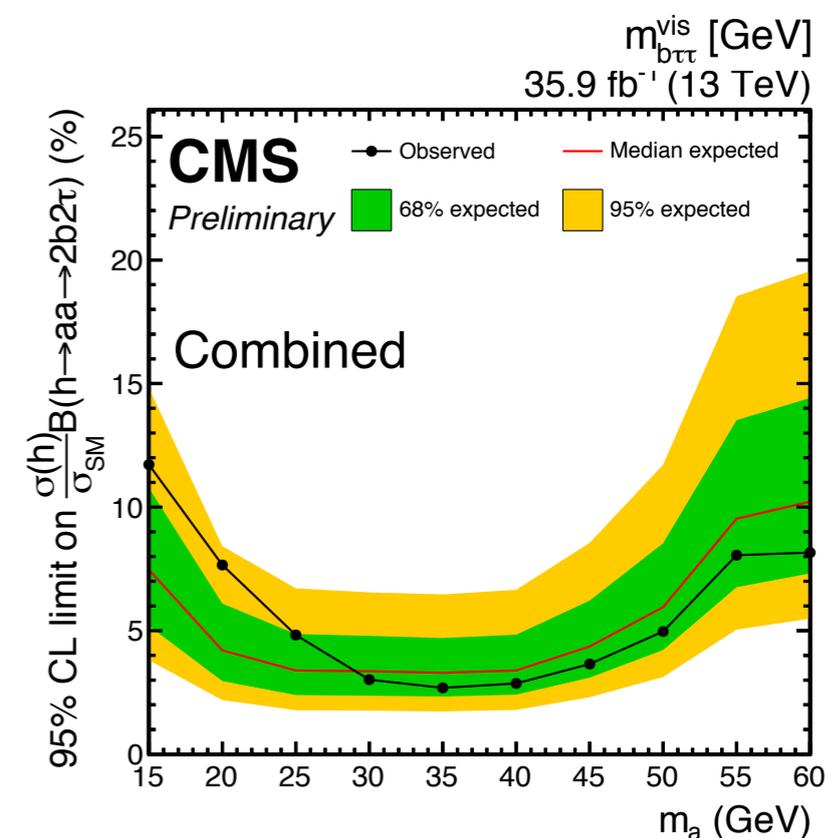
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$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$ (New!)

- ❖ Categories (4) based on visible mass
→ S/B in each category depend on $m(a)$
- ❖ Further selection based on MET and transverse mass
- ❖ Leading systematic unc. from bkg normalization and τ identification

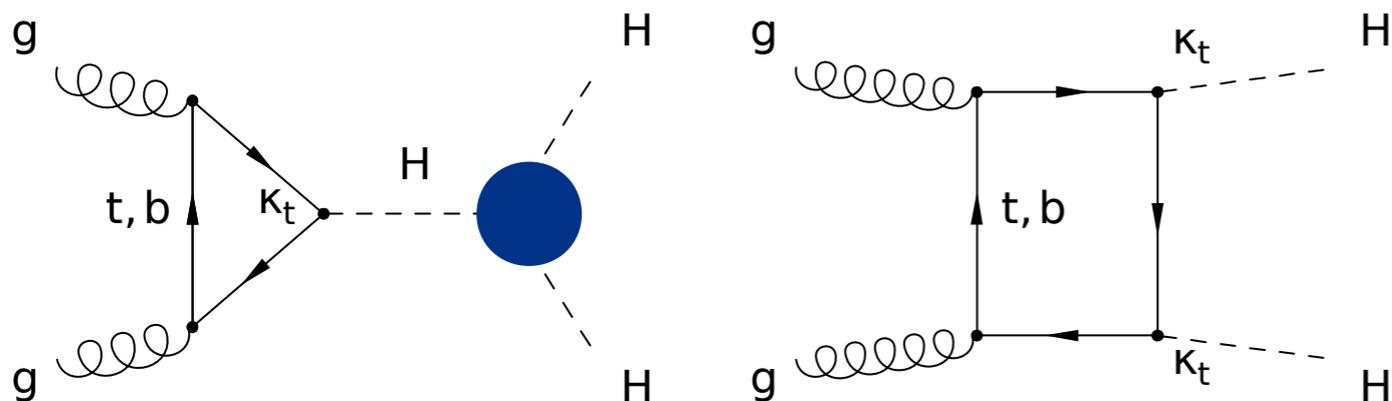


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Non-Resonant

- ❖ Direct access to Higgs self-coupling λ



- ❖ Destructive interference: small rate

→ $\sigma_{HH,SM} = 33 \text{ fb @13 TeV}$

- ❖ BSM effect: early discovery

→ Strong effect on rates and kinematics

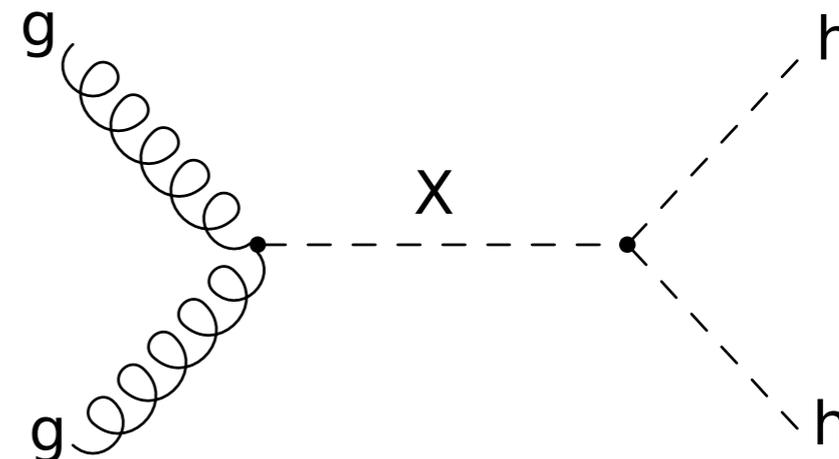
Resonant

- ❖ Several motivations:

- XSM (baryogenesis)
- MSSM/2HDM
- Warped extra-dimension
 - Radion
 - Graviton

- ❖ Searches assume narrow width

→ Spin 0 and 2 benchmark



DiHiggs (in RunII) in practice

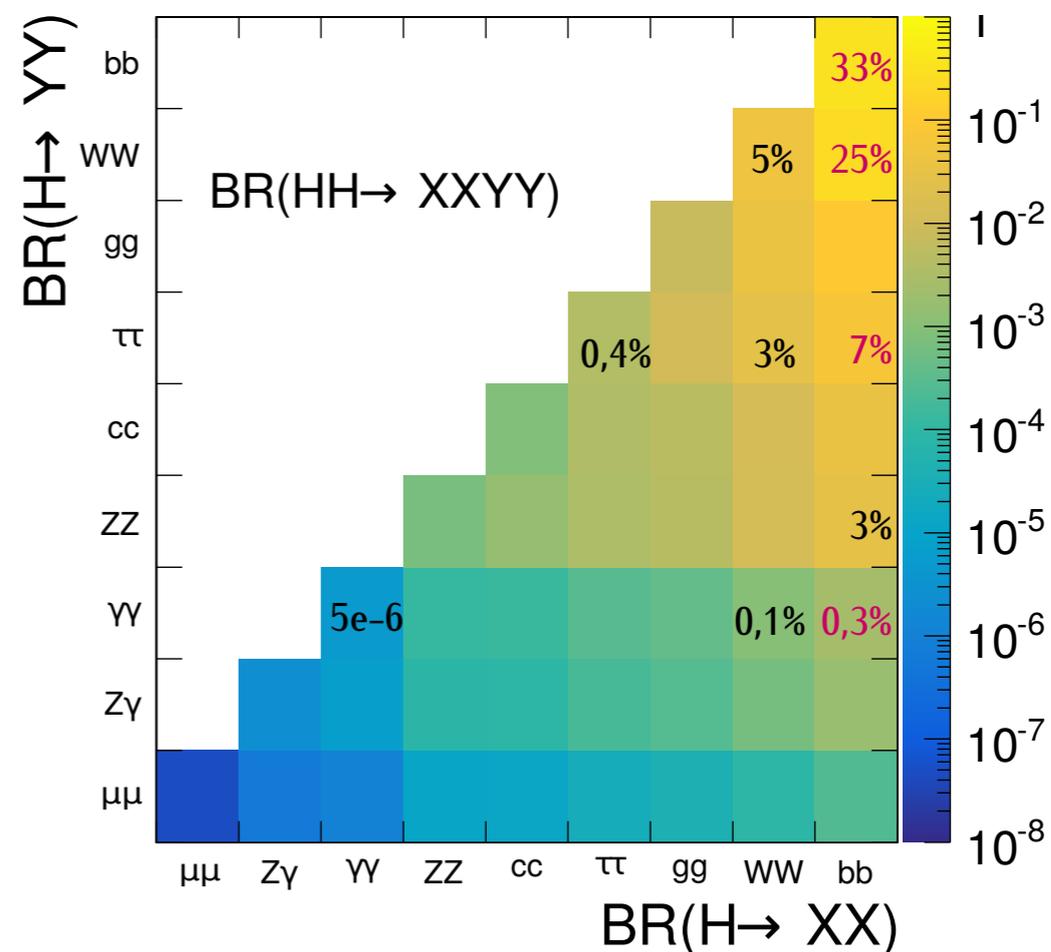
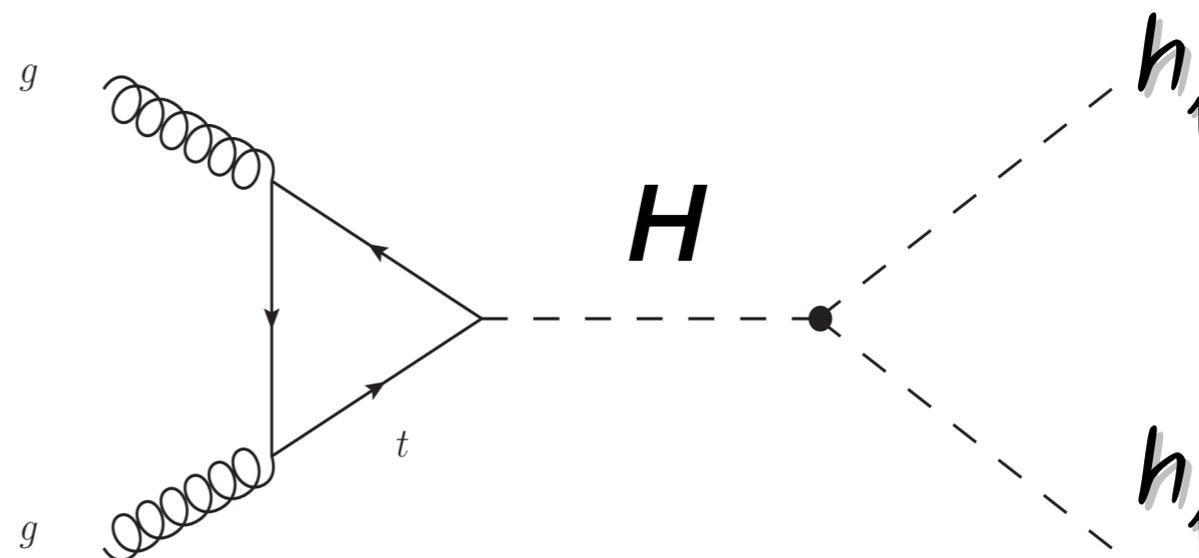
- ❖ $bbbb$: high BR, high bkg
 - Non resonant and resonant
 - bb can be resolved or not

- ❖ $bb\gamma\gamma$: low BR, moderate bkg
 - Non resonant

- ❖ $bb\tau\tau$: moderate BR and tt
 - Non resonant and resonant

- ❖ $bbWW$: high BR, high bkg, neutrinos!
 - Non resonant and resonant
 - Can we overcome the neutrinos issue?

- ❖ Interesting perspective for HL-LHC!



H → hh → bbbb (resolved)

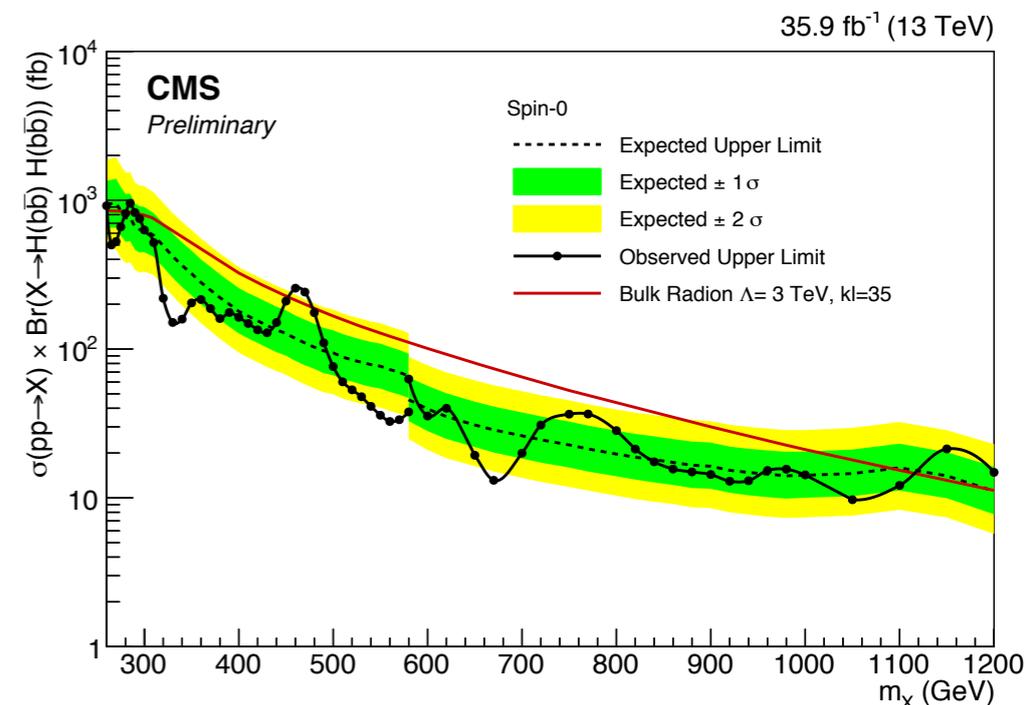
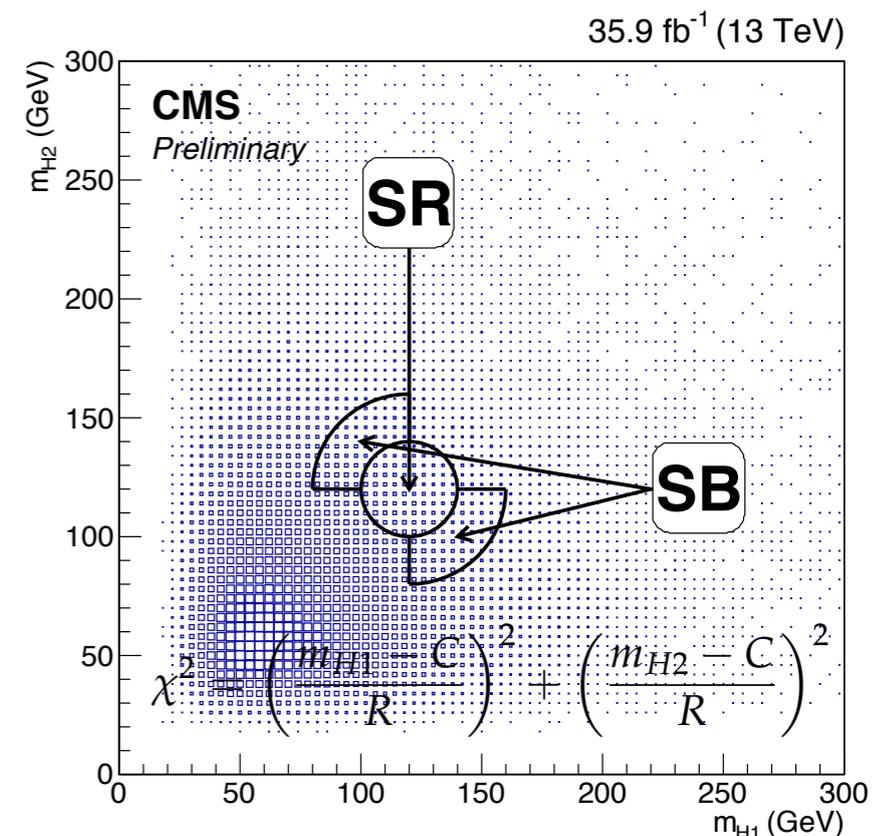
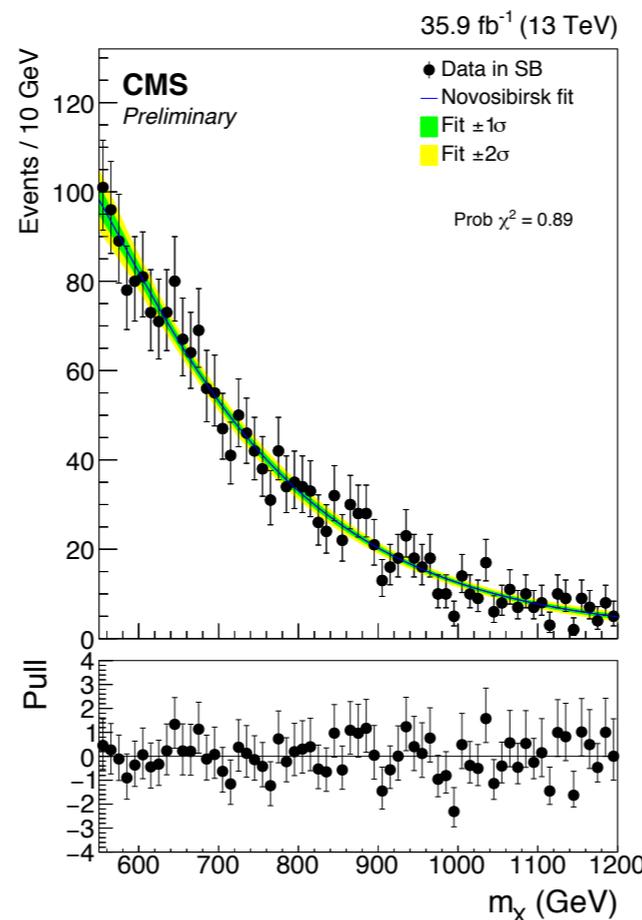
- ❖ Novel techniques:
 - New DeepCSV algorithm applied! (DNN using also up to 6 tracks)
 - B-jet energy regression from H → bb (BDT which recover invisible b decay)

- ❖ QCD multijet background in SB (mass and b-tag reverted cuts) → ABDC method

- ❖ Kin. fit to m(hh) spectrum

- ❖ B-tagging scale factors are the leading syst. uncertainty

- ❖ Limits on spin 0 & 2 resonances



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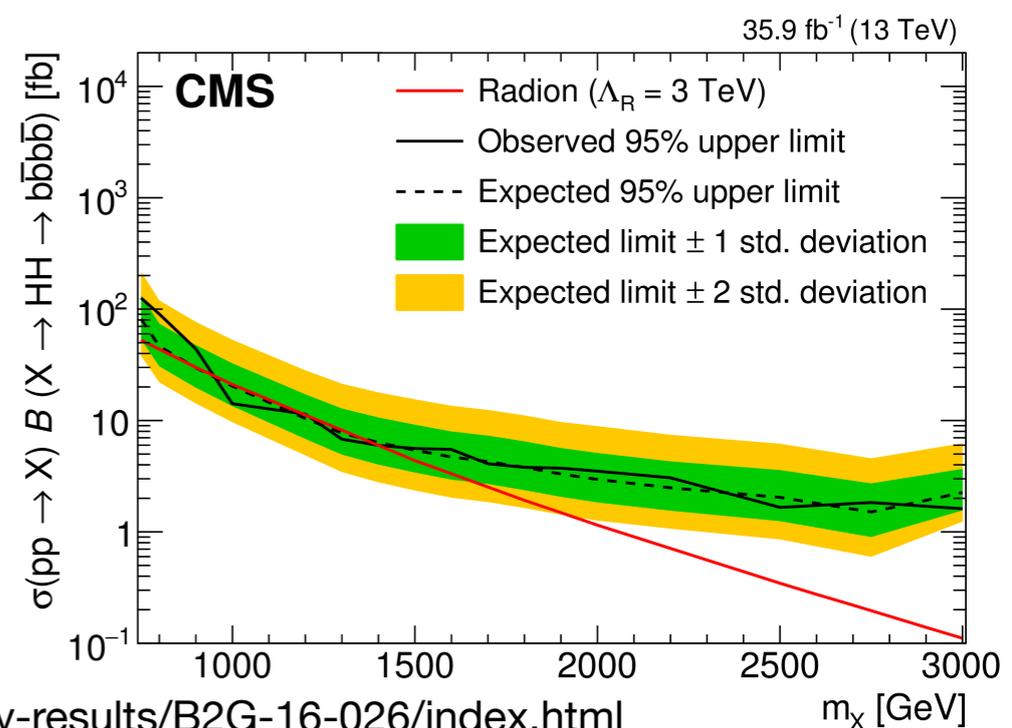
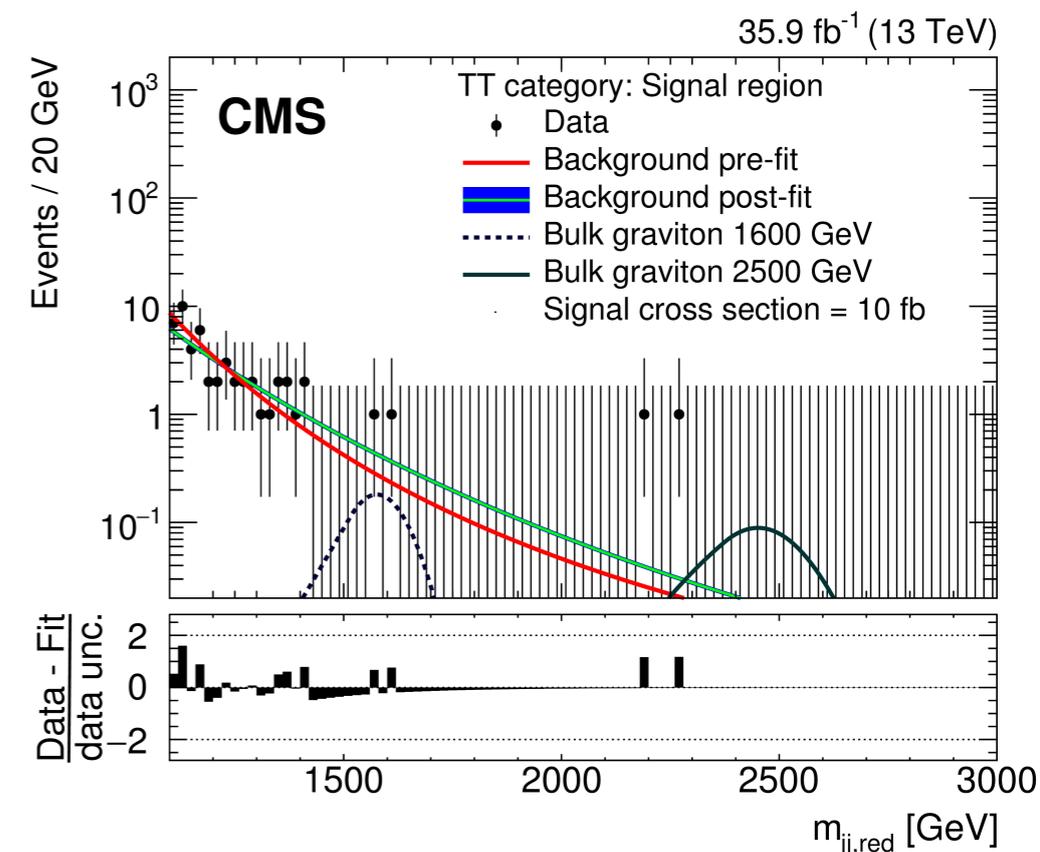
H → hh → bbbb (boosted)

- Starting from $M_X \sim 800$ GeV
 - 2 jets (R=0.8; double-b tagging)
 - Jet is groomed to remove soft and wide-angle radiation (soft-drop algorithm)
 - Soft-drop jet mass peaks at the H mass for signal events and reduces the mass of background quark- and gluon-initiated jets

- Reduced mass for signal extraction:
 - $M_{\text{red}} = m_{JJ} - (m_{J_1} - m_H) - (m_{J_2} - m_H)$

- Background distribution falls monotonically
 - Normalized by simultaneous fit CR and SR
 - Signal modeled by a Gaus. and a Crystal Ball

- Limits on spin 0 & 2 resonances

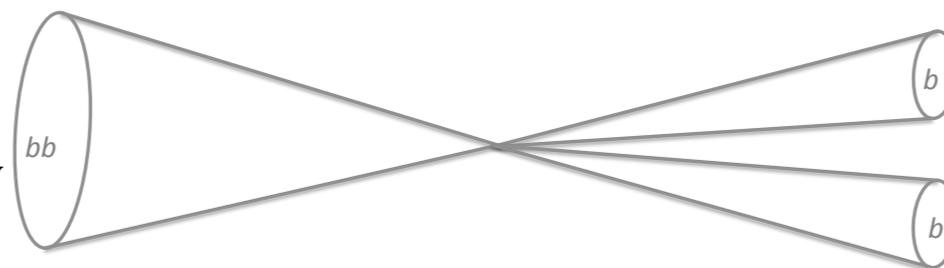


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H → hh → bbbb (semi-resolved)

One AK8 jet

- $p_T > 300$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$, tight ID
- Double b-tagger > 0.3 (loose)
- $105 < \text{Softdrop mass} < 135$ GeV
- Puppi $\tau_{21} < 0.55$ (loose)



Two AK4 jets

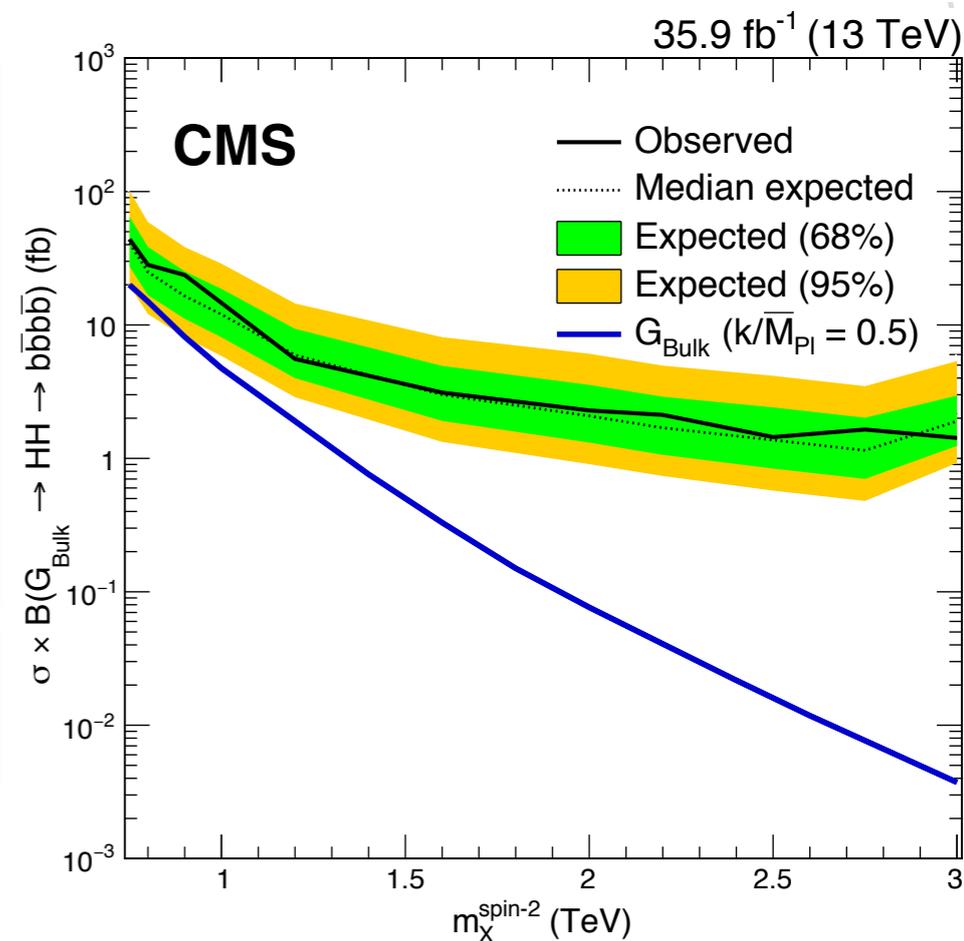
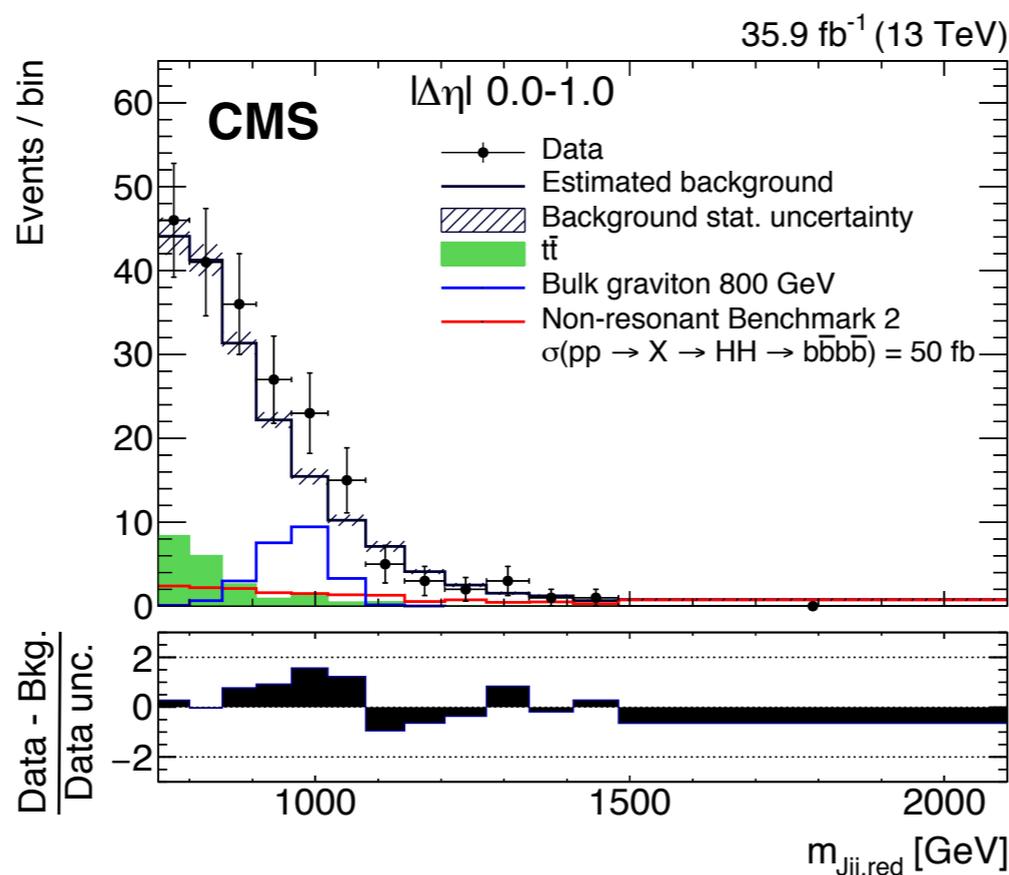
- $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.4$
- Outside of AK8 jet cone, $\Delta R(j_1, j_2) < 1.5$
- Deep CSV > 0.6632 (medium)
- $90 < \text{Dijet mass} < 135$
- $(j_1 + j_2 + \text{nearest unselected AK4}) \cdot M() > 200$ GeV

❖ Lepton veto + selection based on $\Delta\eta$ and

$$M_{Jjj_{\text{red}}} = m_{Jjj} - (m_J - m_H) - (m_{j_1+j_2} - m_H)$$

❖ Main background QCD (and tt which is ~10%)

❖ Limits on spin 0 & 2 resonances

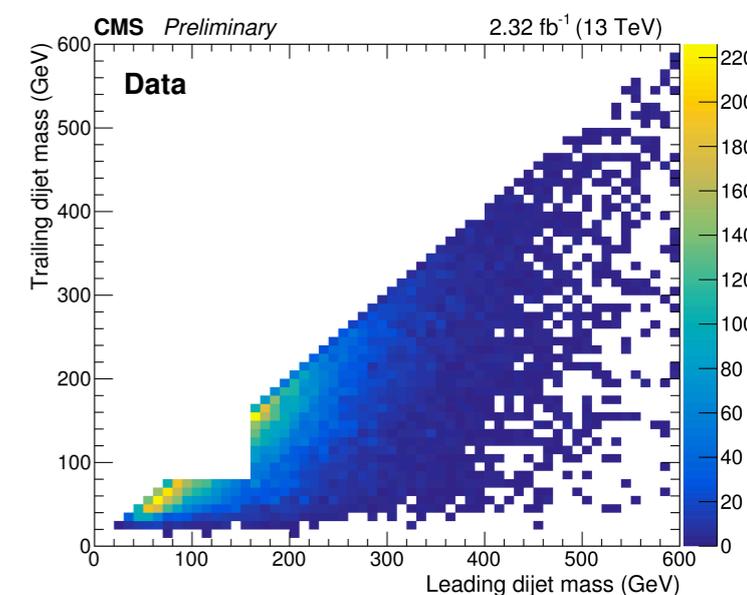
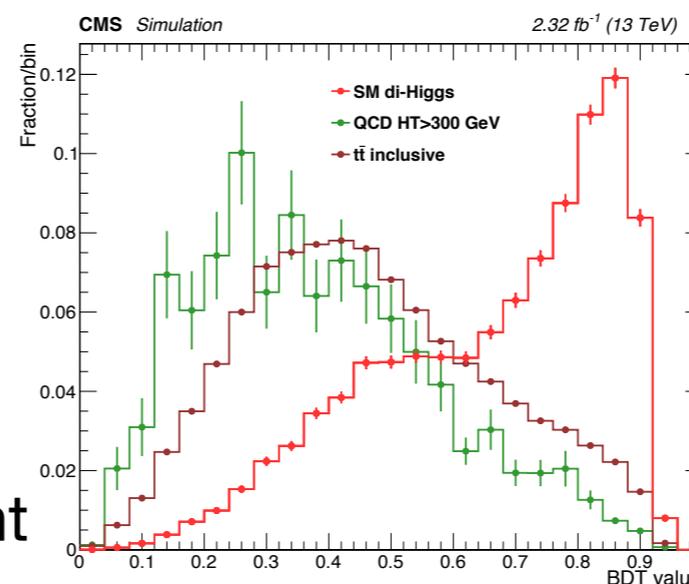


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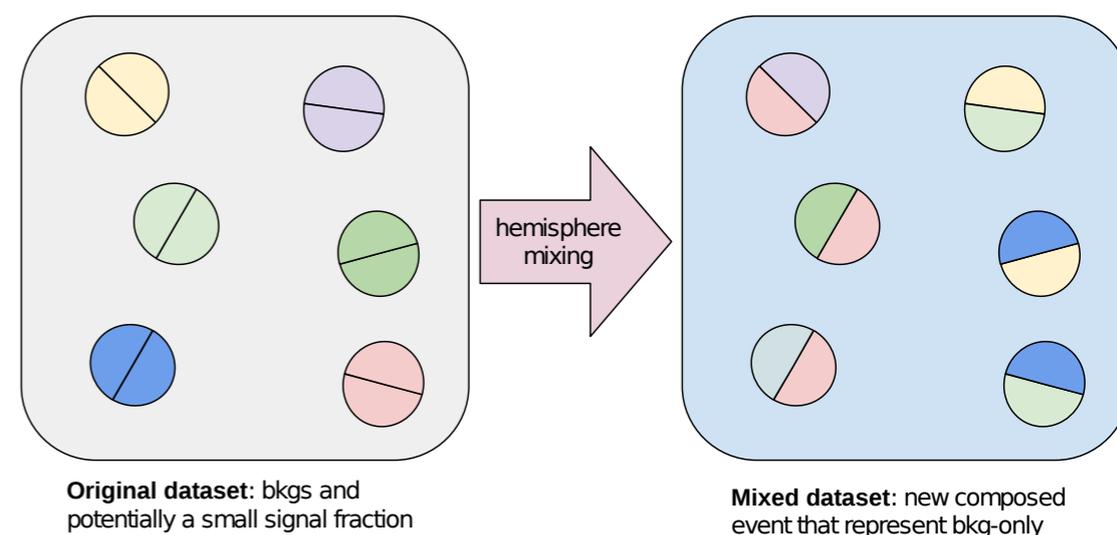
hh → bbbb

- ❖ b-pairs are resolved
 - 0.4 anti-kt PFjets
 - CSV algorithm

- ❖ Selection based on kinematic
 - Pair of b-jets by trying comb
 - BDT separate S and B (xgboost)
 - An improved version of gradient descending



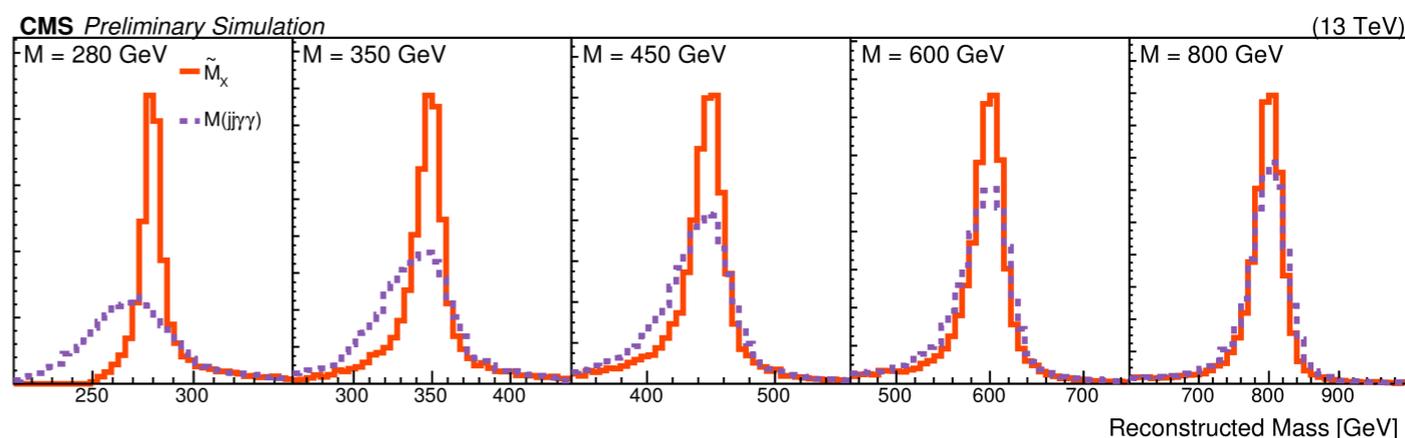
- ❖ Accurate bkg modeling is fundamental!
 - Hemisphere mixing technique (fully data-driven)
 - Multijet events: result of 2 to 2 parton-parton scattering, plus "second order" effects
 - Divide data events in two hemispheres
 - Create new events from combination of those hemispheres
 - Mixed events insensitive to small signal



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$(H \rightarrow) hh \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$

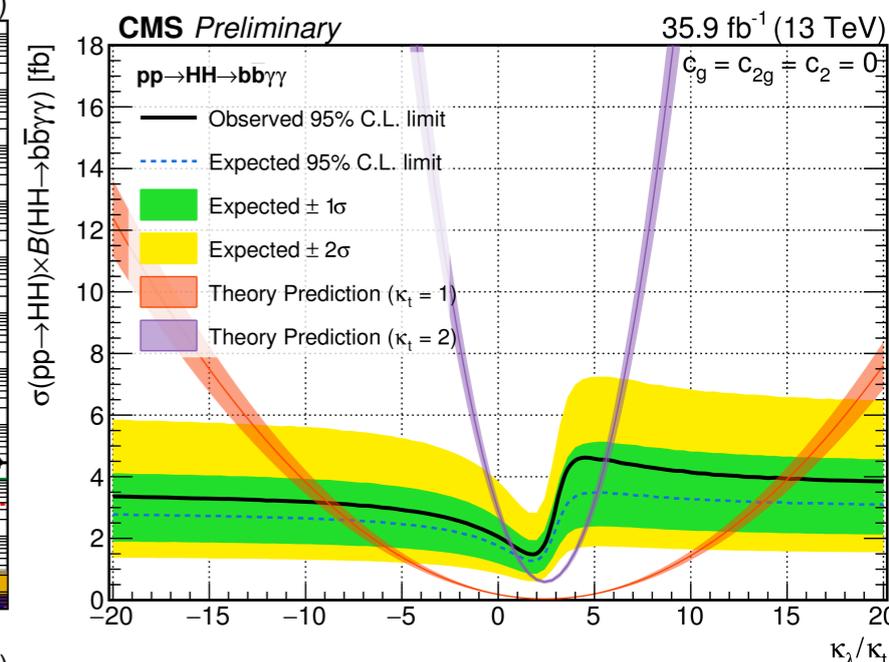
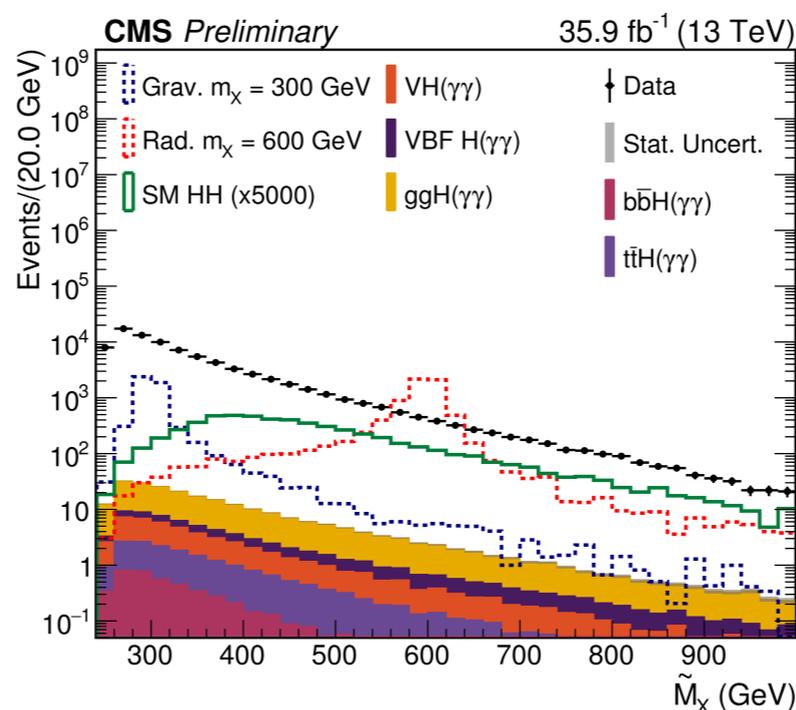
- ❖ Resonant and non resonant production
 - 2 photons, 2 tagged b-jets
 - $M_X = m(jj\gamma\gamma) - m(jj) - m(\gamma\gamma) + 250 \text{ GeV}$
 - Categories in M_X and BDT output



- ❖ Background:
 - Multi-jet + photons, fake photons (polynomials in the Bernstein basis)
 - SM Higgs (from MC)

- ❖ 2D parametric fit on $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ vs m_{jj}

- ❖ Non resonant:
 - Low $\sigma \cdot \text{Br}$ from SM: 1.67 fb
 - Obs (exp): $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}} < 19.2$ (16.5)



$(H \rightarrow) hh \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$

❖ 3 channels:

- $\tau_h\tau_h, \tau_h\tau_\mu, \tau_h\tau_e$
- Kinematic fit to $m(\tau\tau)$
- 2 jets with $R=0.4$

❖ Resolved:

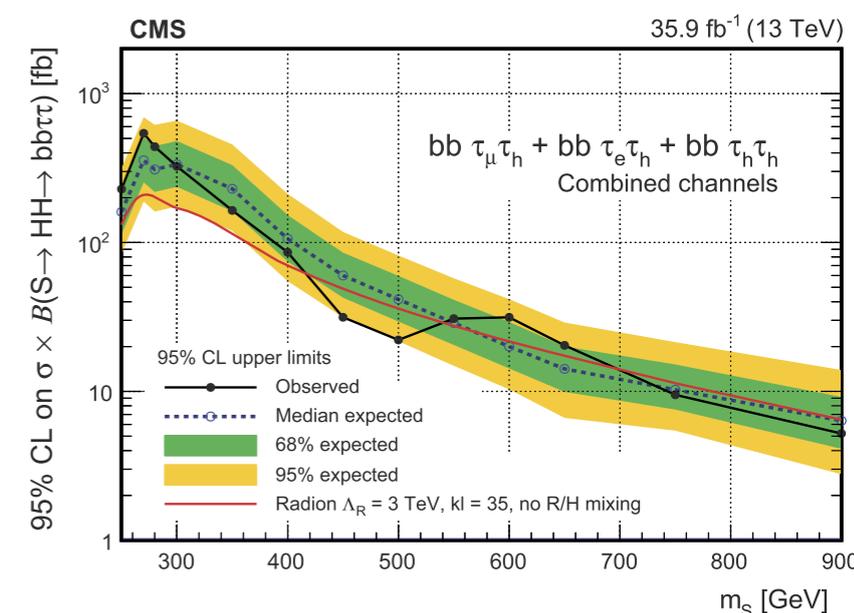
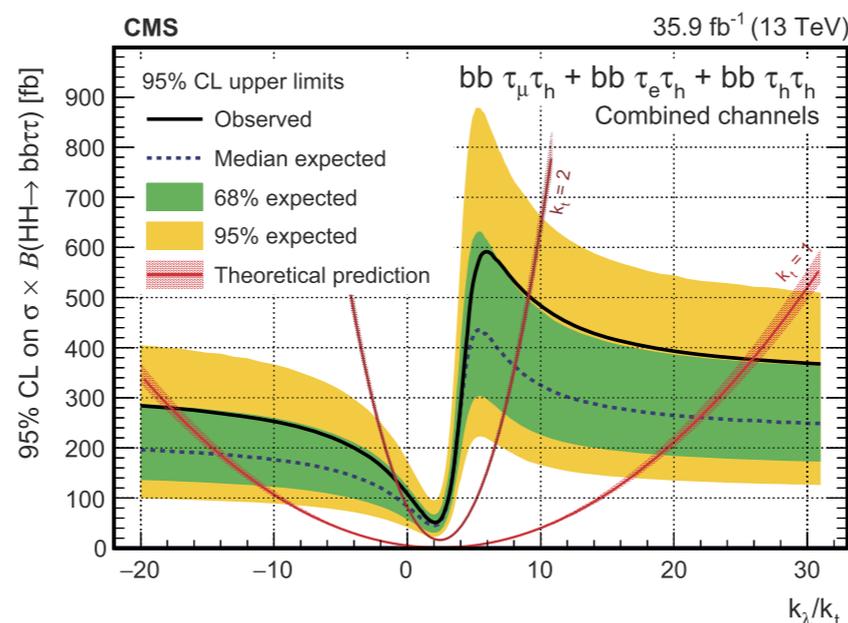
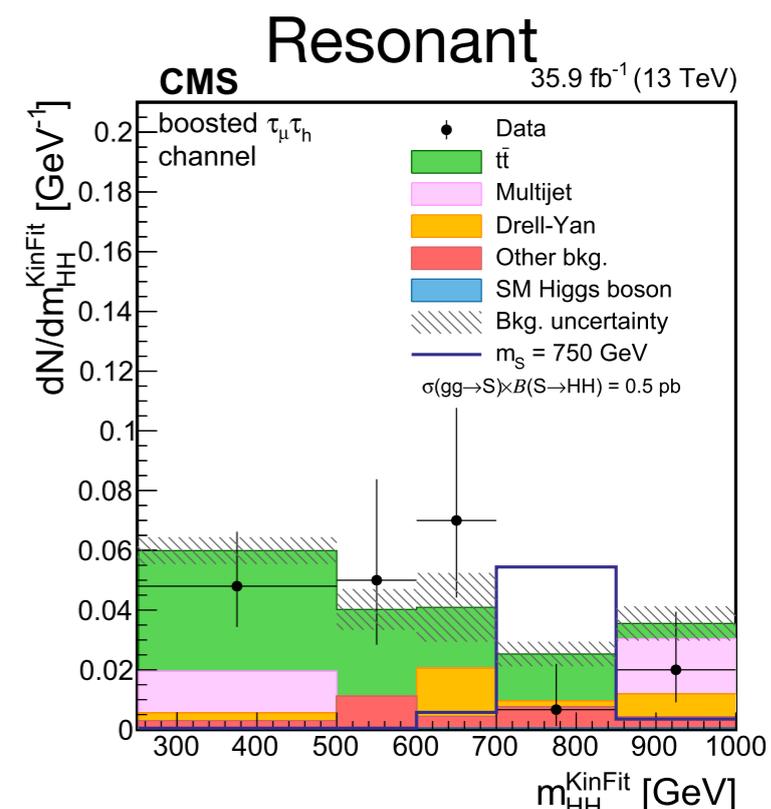
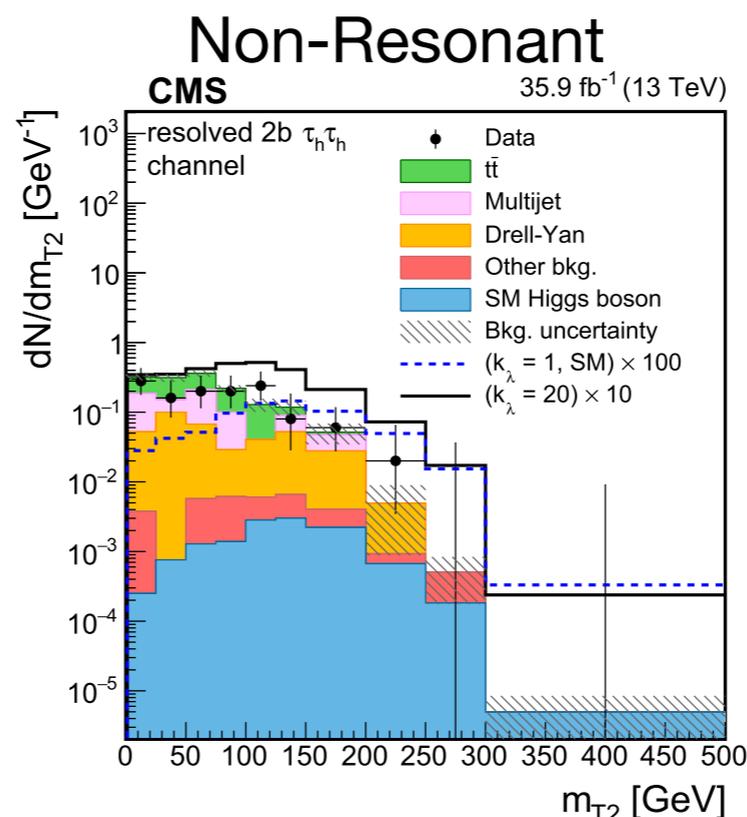
- b-tag: 2b, 1b1j
- Elliptical $m(\tau\tau)$ vs $M(jj)$ area

❖ Boosted

- 1 Jet ($R=0.8$), Sub-jet tagging
- Rectangular $m(\tau\tau)$ - $M(jj)$ selection

❖ Backgrounds

- QCD (data-driven)
- $t\bar{t}, Z+\text{jet}$: MC



<https://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S037026931830008X>

H → Vh → qqττ / H → hh → bbττ

Substructure techniques

$$\tau_N = \frac{1}{d_0} \sum_k p_{T,k} \min(\Delta R_{1,k}, \Delta R_{2,k}, \dots, \Delta R_{N,k}).$$

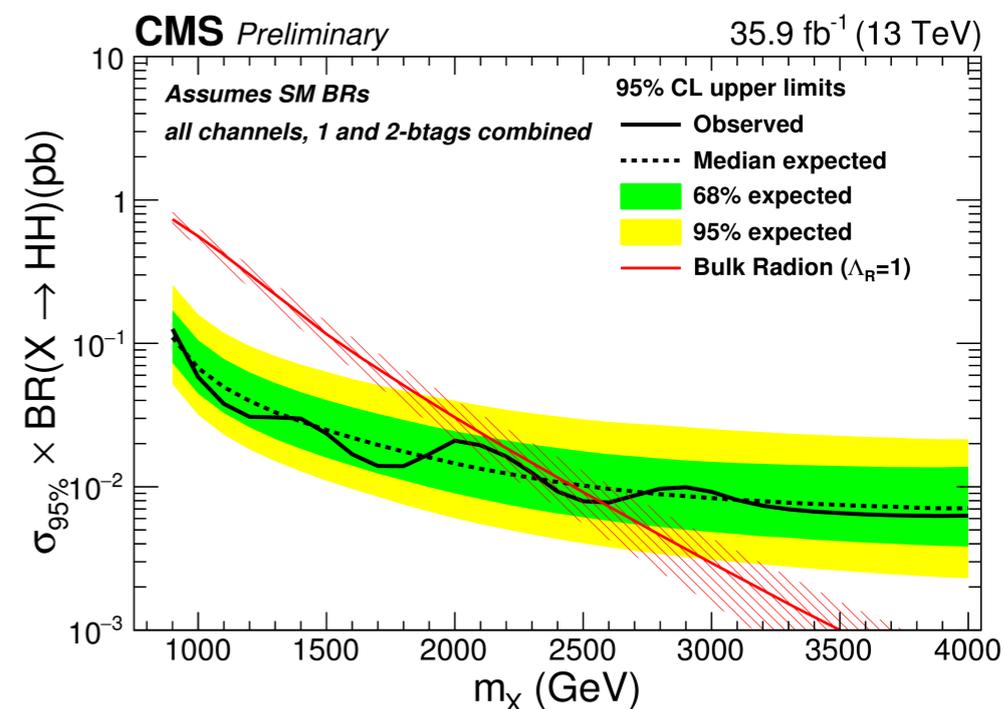
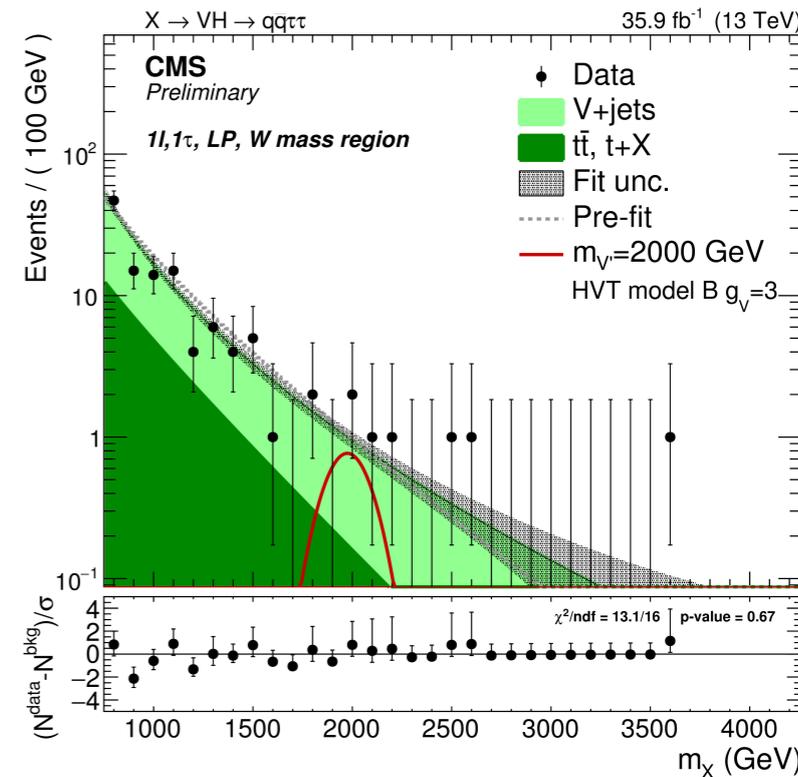
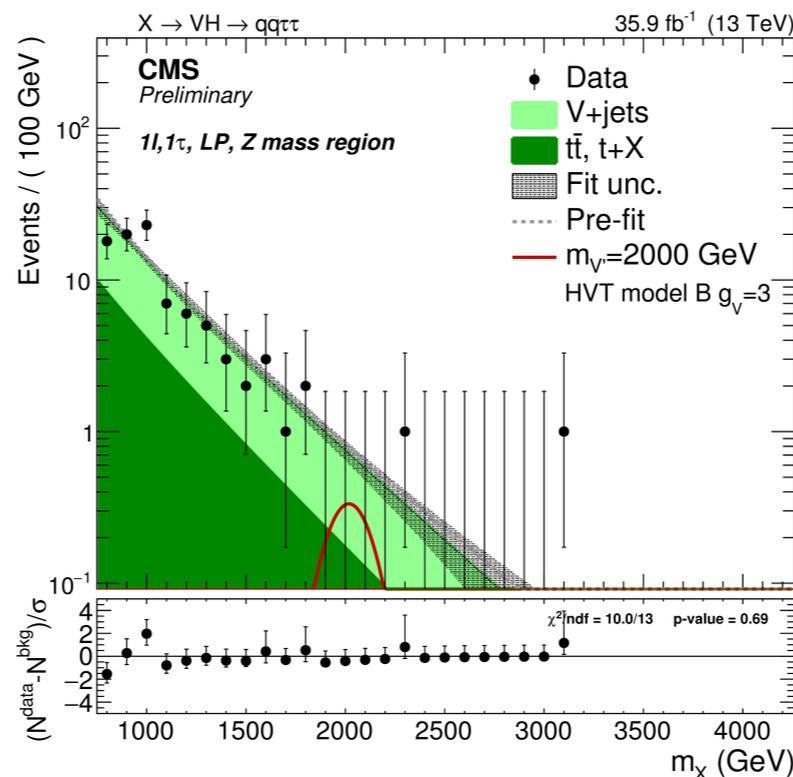
Final state/selection:

- h to τ_h/τ_h, τ_μτ_h, τ_eτ_h
- m_{softd(jj)} ∈ [105-135] GeV
- m(ττ) from kin. fit
- Categories based on #τ_h, τ₁₂ and b-tag jets
- No τ₁₂ cut if b-jets are present

Background:

- tt, t+X:
 - Shape from simulation
 - Normalization from a CR
- V+jets
 - Shape from m(jj) sidebands correct for MC
 - Normalization from fit to m(jj) distribution

$$\alpha(m_X) = \frac{N_{SR}^{MC,bkg}(m_X)}{N_{SB}^{MC,bkg}(m_X)}$$



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$(H \rightarrow \chi) hh \rightarrow bbWW$

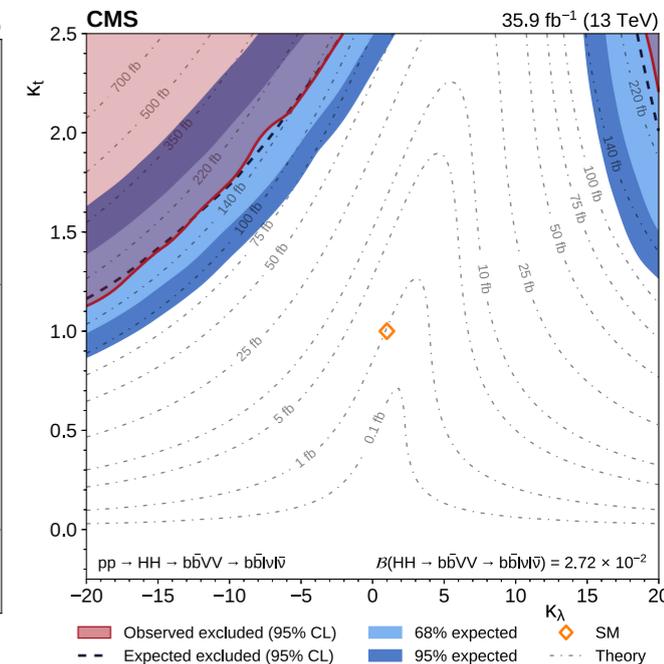
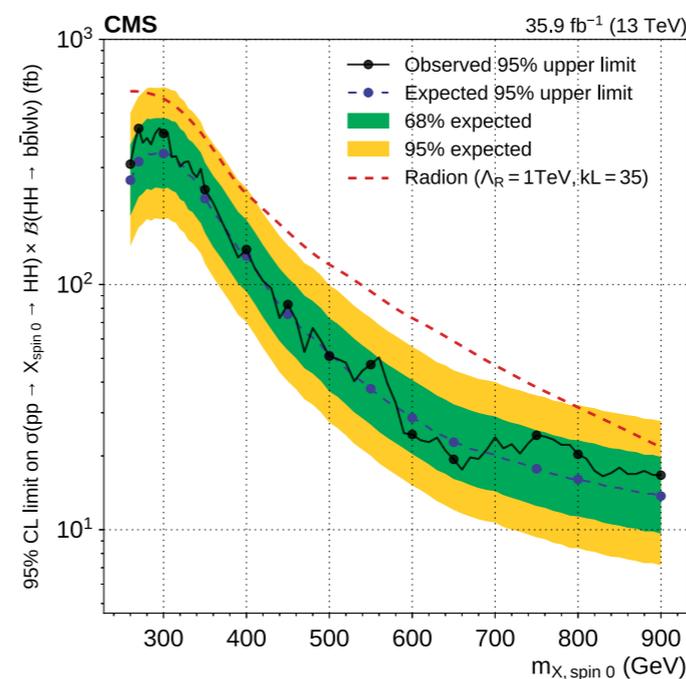
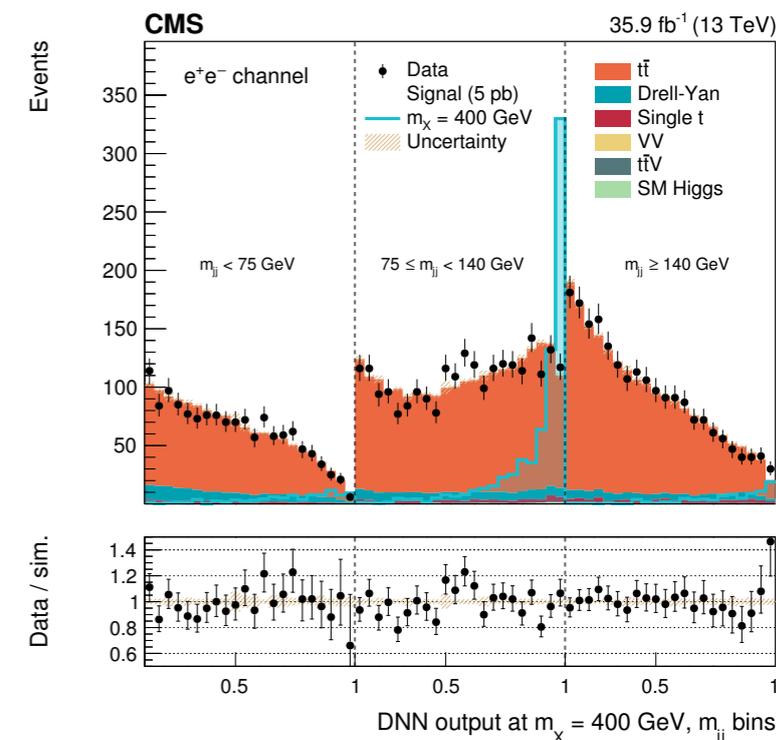
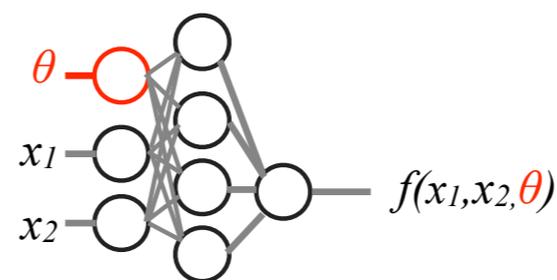
- ❖ 2 OS leptons and 2 b-jets
 - Background: $t\bar{t}$ (MC) and DY (from data enriched with DY+jets)
 - Loose kin. selection, DNN will do the rest

- ❖ Parametric training of the DNN will compensate shortcomings arising from:
 - Train with single mass point and apply the training to all masses
 - Train a mix of unlabelled mass points

- ❖ Three m_{jj} bins, limits derived on the DNN output shape

- ❖ Largest syst. uncertainty on $t\bar{t}$ normalization

- ❖ Potential room for improvements?
 - Bringing HME into the game!



- ❖ To explain the method... let's make some initial assumption:
 - All visible variables are perfectly measured (no pileup)
 - Both SM Higgs bosons on-shell
 - At least one of two W bosons off-shell ("1" marks the on-shell one: $W_1 \rightarrow \mu_1 \nu_1$)

- ❖ Under the above assumptions, kinematics described by:

$$\cancel{E}_{Tx} = p_x(\nu_1) + p_x(\nu_2)$$

$$\cancel{E}_{Ty} = p_y(\nu_1) + p_y(\nu_2)$$

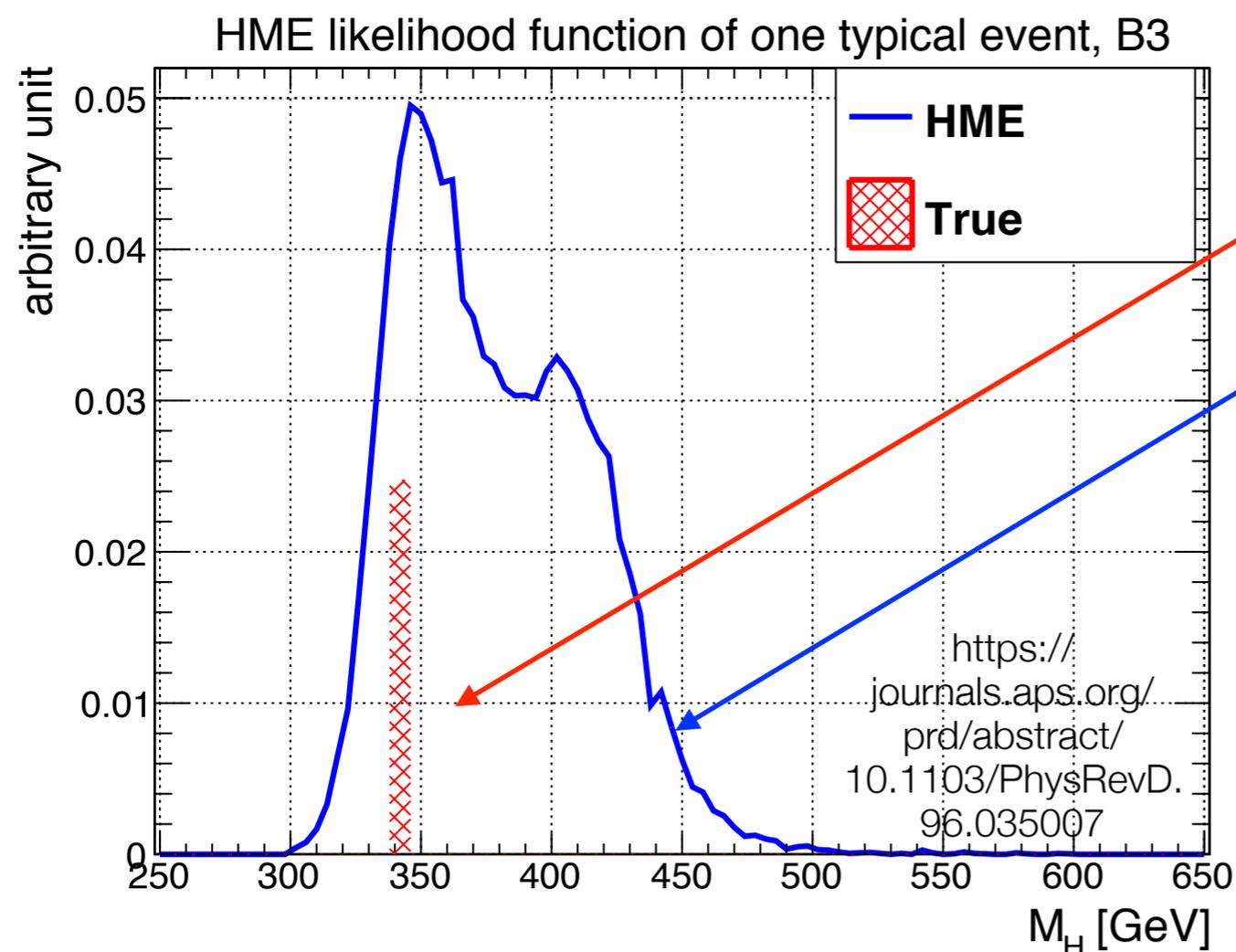
$$\sqrt{p_4^2(\ell_1, \nu_1)} = M_W, 20 < \sqrt{p_4^2(\ell_2, \nu_2)} < 45 \text{ GeV}$$

$$(p_4(\ell_1) + p_4(\ell_2) + p_4(\nu_1) + p_4(\nu_2))^2 = M_h^2$$

- ❖ The momentum of each neutrino described by 3 unknown parameters: **6 unknowns**
 - 4 constraints could **reduce** the number of unknowns **to two**
 - We **randomly generate the two unknowns**: η and ϕ of one neutrino
 - We solve the system
 - A single generation of the two unknowns is called one iteration, and, if the equations admit solution, it produces a MMC value (the estimator for M_H value)

Bonus: Heavy Mass Estimator

- ❖ Produced **large amount of iterations**, the η and ϕ of neutrino, according to probability density function from simulation
- ❖ To include resolution effects in MMC, correction on jets and E_T^{miss} are applied with constraint that invariant mass of two jets equals to $m(h)$. In addition, the higgs boson mass and W boson mass used in MMC are generated according to gaussian function to take care of intrinsic width of H and W boson respectively.



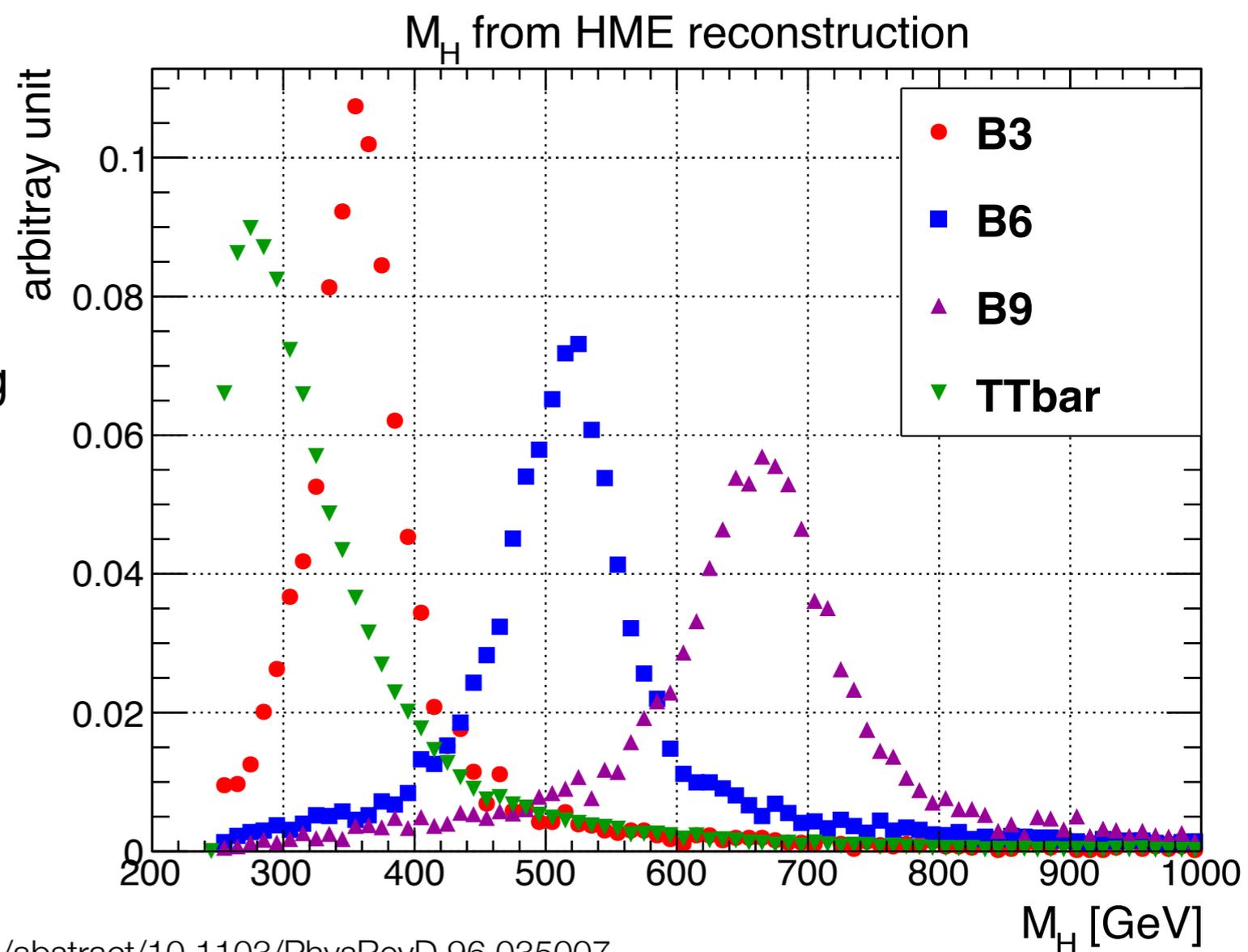
True M_H value

Each MMC iteration produce a value that fill this distribution
(Y axis value corresponding to maximum is the MMC probability)

The maximum of the distribution estimates the true M_H value

Bonus: Heavy Mass Estimator

- ❖ The maximum of the MMC likelihood if the MMC value fore each event
- ❖ The final MMC distribution has a resolution that depends on the mass point
- ❖ In the case of $t\bar{t}$ MMC impose unnatural kinematic condition:
 - Equations have no solution
 - MMC value peak below $t\bar{t}$ mass
- ❖ MMC mass in the final discriminating variable we use to derive limits



<https://journals.aps.org/prd/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevD.96.035007>

- ❖ Program of dedicated searches for non-standard decays of the Higgs boson ongoing
 - Room for BSM Higgs boson decays
 - Signatures motivated by broad range of phenomenology

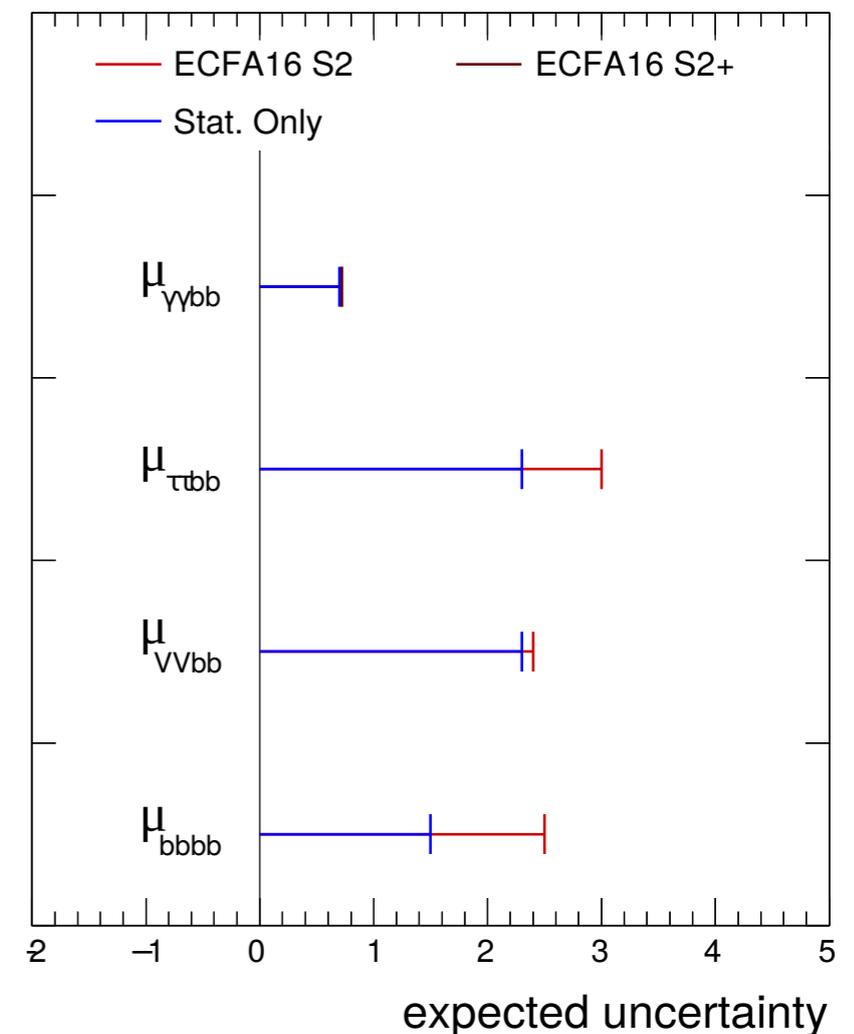
- ❖ Fundamental to provide a simple way to reinterpret CMS results (e.g. model independent limits)

- ❖ HH crucial during High Luminosity:
 - Right: projection fo the sensitivity to $gg \rightarrow HH$ with 3 ab^{-1} assuming theory syst. reduced by 2 (based on 2015 results)

- ❖ It is NOT just redoing analysis with more statistic!
 - Carefully explore all phase space (resolved, boosted, semi-boosted...)
 - Novel techniques application (parametric learning, HME...)

- ❖ Exciting times ahead of us!

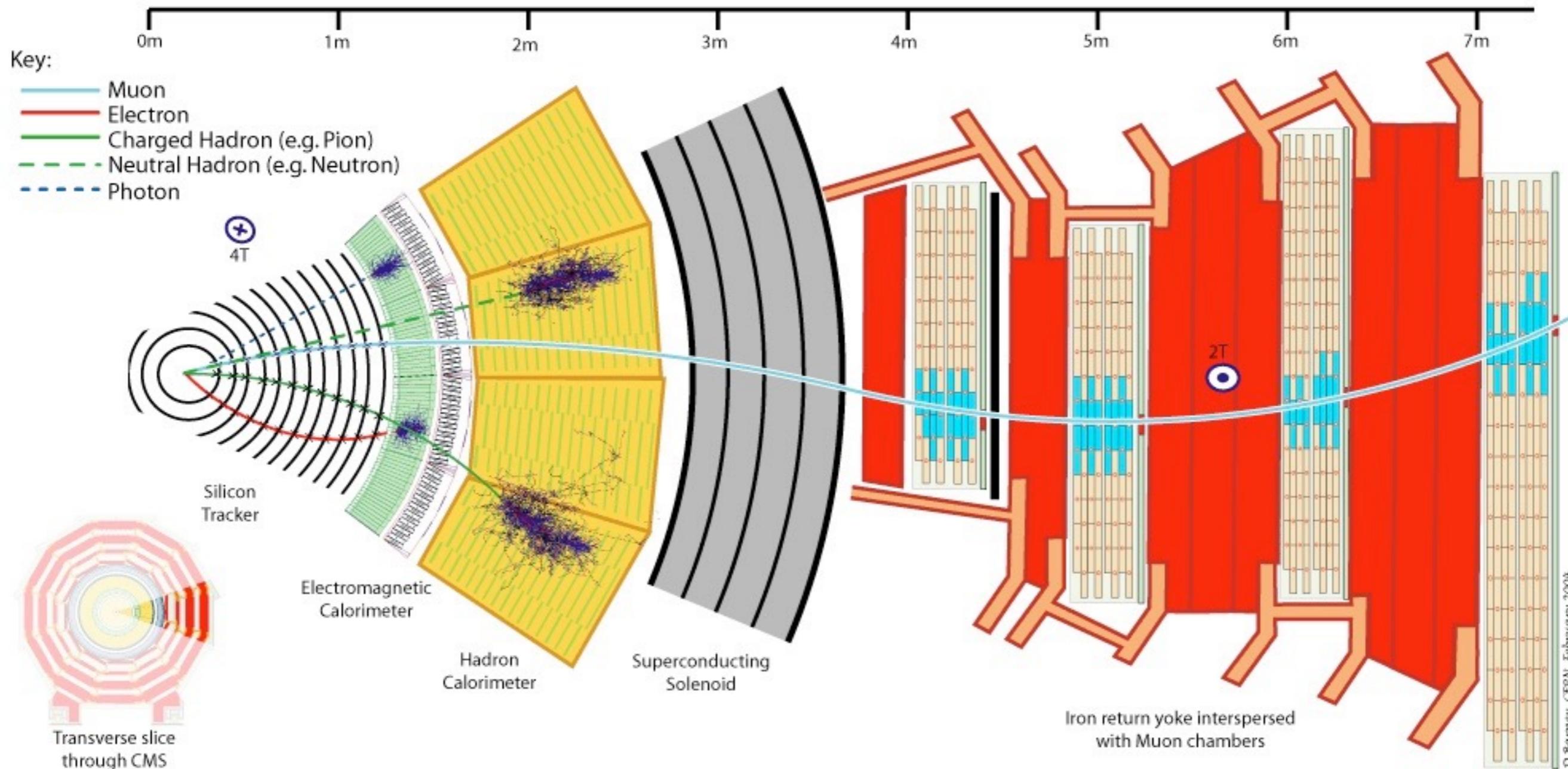
CMS Projection $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ SM $gg \rightarrow HH$



<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2266165?ln=en>

Backup

The Compact Muon Solenoid



Extending the Higgs sector

❖ Higgs sector could be extended in many ways.

Model	Description	Higgs bosons
SM (one doublet of complex scalar fields)	3 d.o.f. give mass to W^\pm and Z, Yukawa couplings generate fermion mass	h
SM + real singlet	Used in the context of EWK baryogenesis, DM...	h, H
2HDM (contains a second doublet)	Prerequisite for SUSY, natural in GUT, DM originating from 2HDM	h, H, A, H^\pm
2HDM + complex singlet (e.g. NMSSM)	Solve the mu-problem in MSSM (where H(125) is unnaturally heavy)	h_1 , h_2 , h_3 , a_1 , a_2 , H^\pm
SM + triplet	Natural explanation for small neutrino masses	h, H, A, H^\pm , $H^{\pm\pm}$

❖ Plus: many other exotic models...

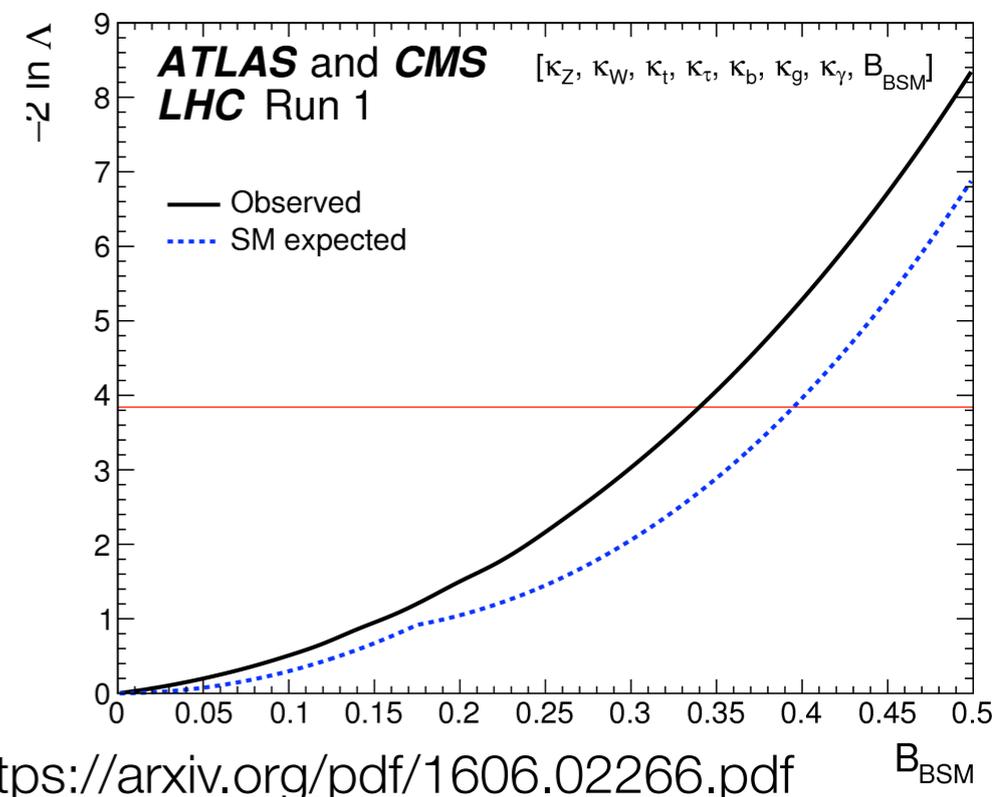
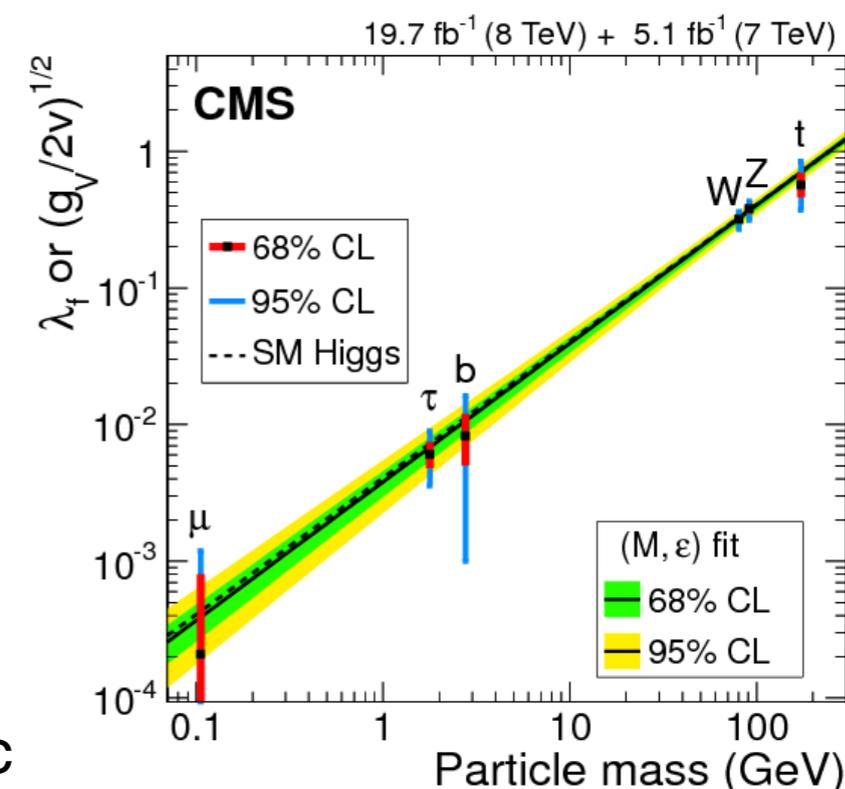
What do we know about SM Higgs?

- ❖ Higgs-like particle has been observed:
 - $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.21(\text{stat}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst})$
 - $\Gamma_H < 26 \text{ MeV}$ (for $f_{\Lambda Q} = 0$ at the 95% CL.)
 - $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$

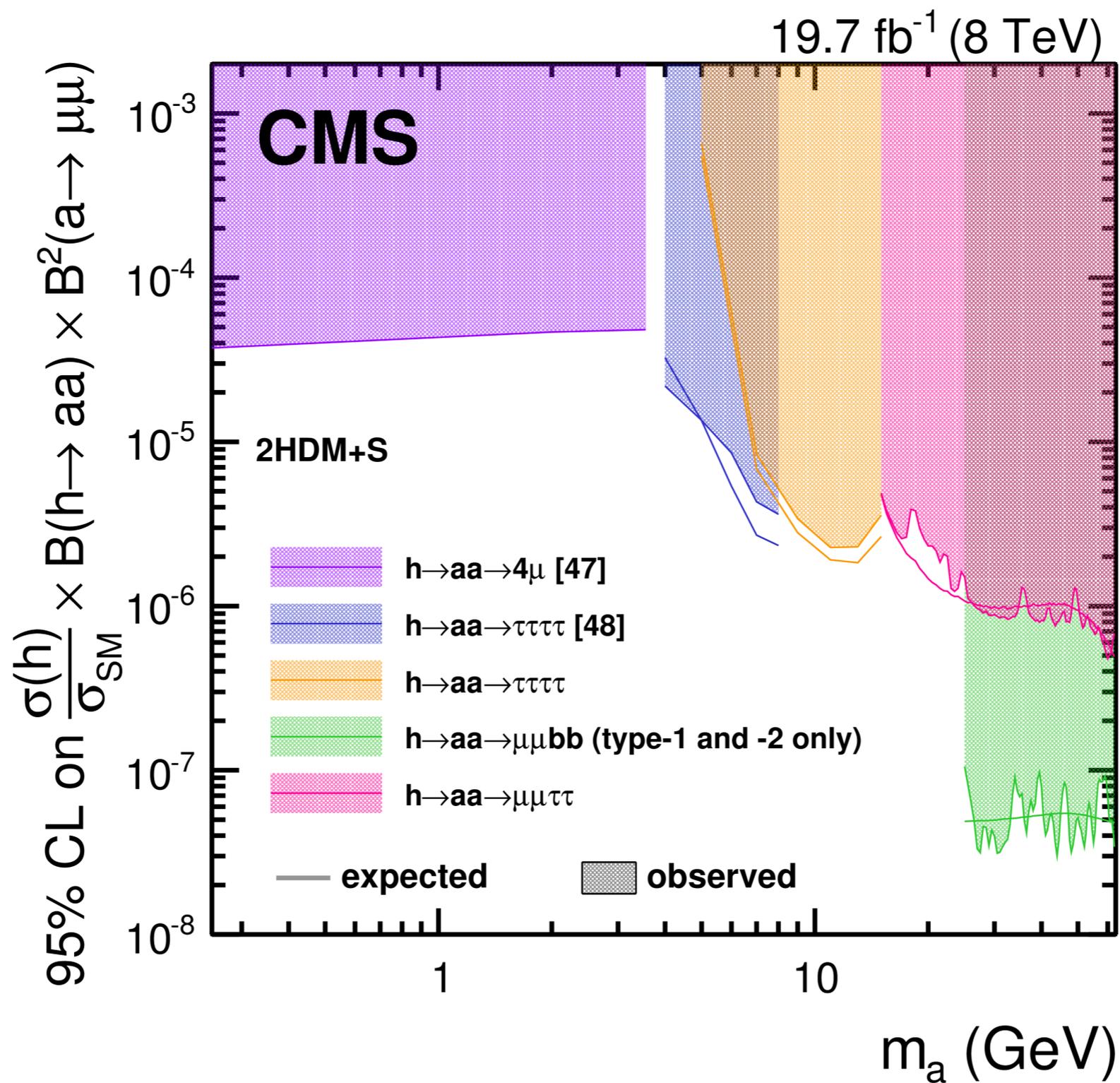
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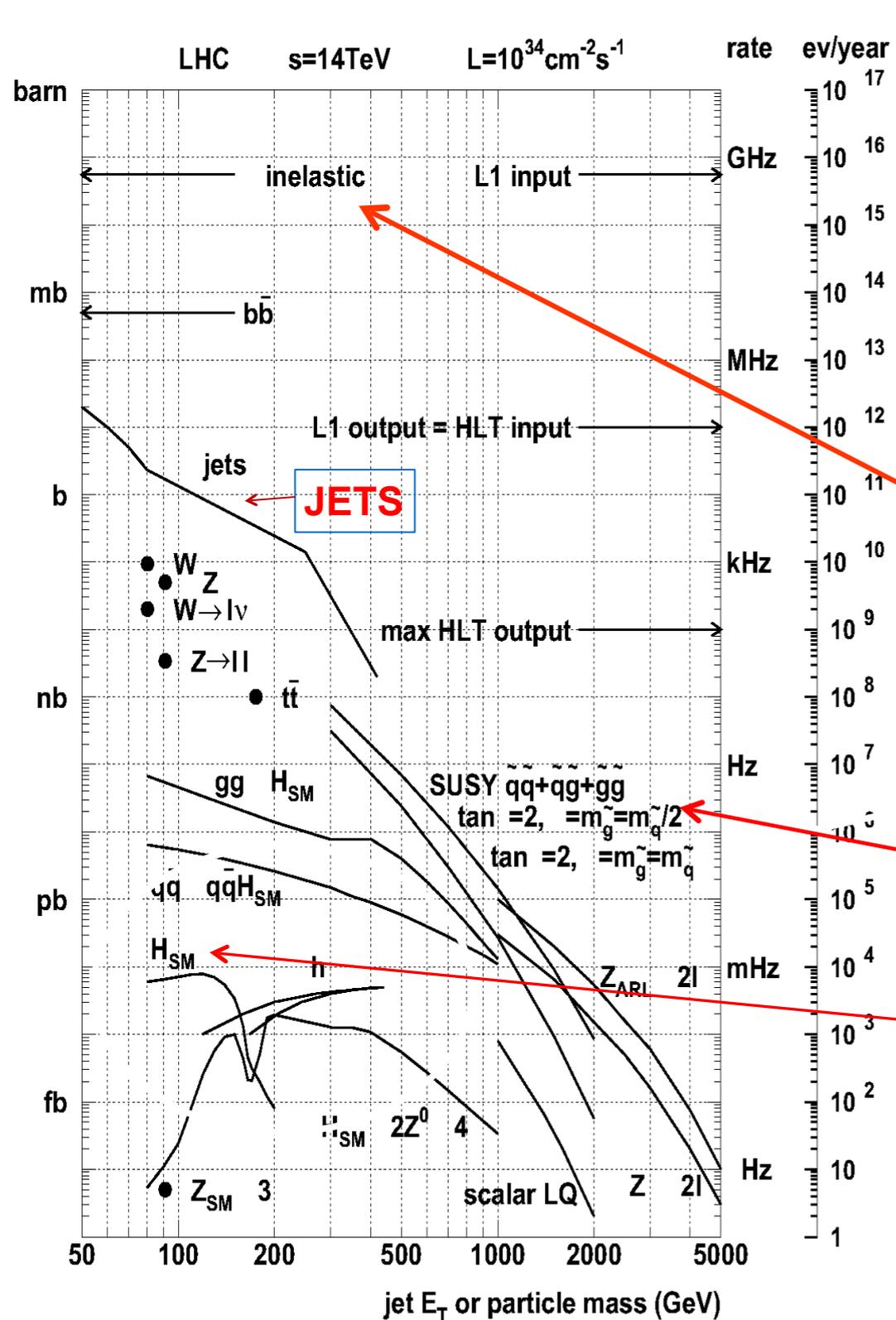
- ❖ No SUSY has been discovered so far, but:
 - Still good to focus in naturalness
 - General interest on sparticles with influence on quadratic term in Higgs potential
 - See if newly found resonance is part of an extended Higgs sector is of primary importance!

- ❖ Still room for BSM decay of Higgs boson:
 - $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{BSM}) < 34\%$ at 95% CL



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1606.02266.pdf>





- Cross sections and background estimates (measured, **calculated/predicted**) tell us what minimum energy and luminosity we need from the colliding beams and therefore what rates the detector must be able to handle
- Production dynamics determine the range of energies and angles we need to measure

Inelastic "background" events produced at a rate of 1 GHz.

Supersymmetry ~ 1Hz.

Detectable Higgs production ~ 1 milliHz.

❖ Parametric training of a Deep Neural Network

→ Used in CMS-PAS-HIG-17-006*

❖ Solve several common issue:

- Train a single mass point and apply DNN to all masses
- Train a mix of unlabelled mass points
- Train different DNNs using few mass points

❖ Plus allow:

- Smooth interpolation
- Optimal continuous performances

❖ Ongoing: adding HME (whole shape!) to DNN

* <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2FJHEP01%282018%29054>

