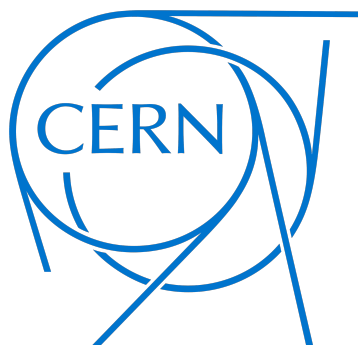


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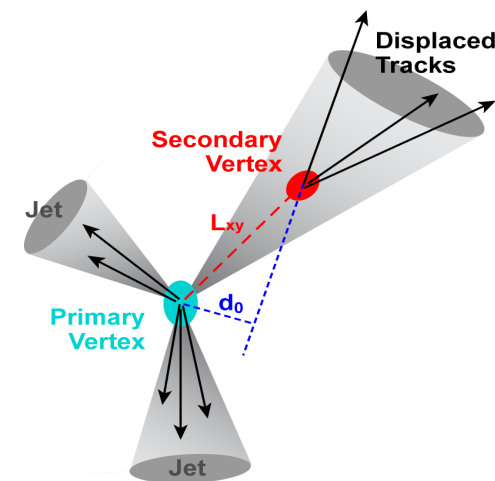


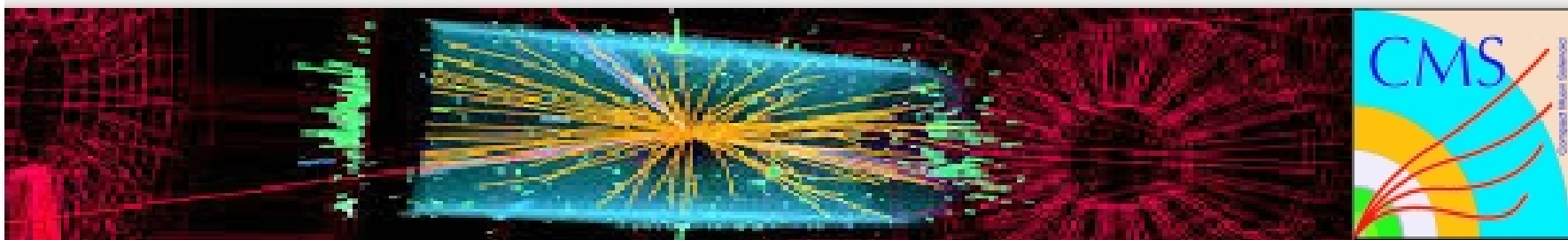
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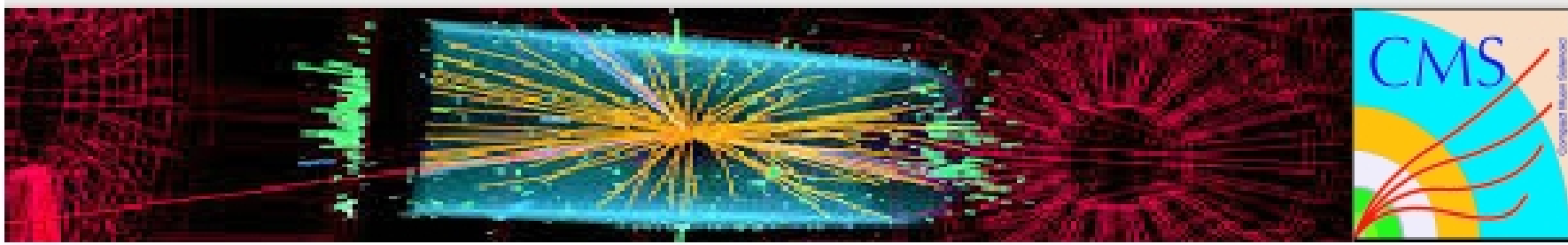
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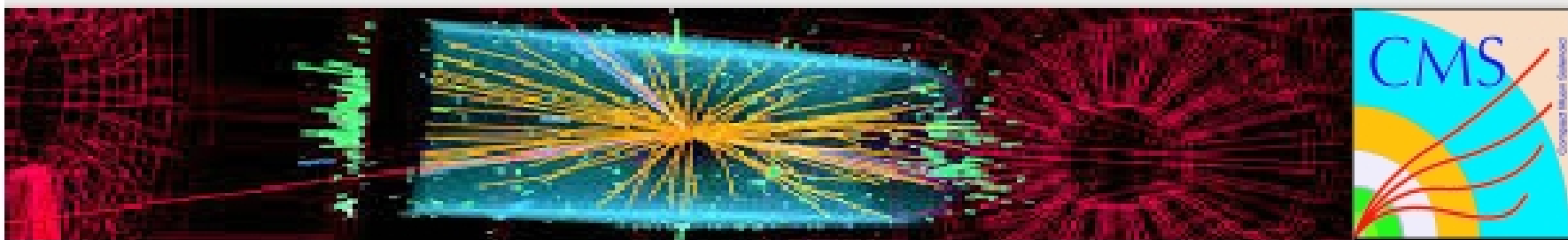


Why low mass?

Is the h (125 GeV) really a SM Higgs boson?

Some BSM theories predict additional low-mass (<125 GeV) scalars/pseudoscalars:

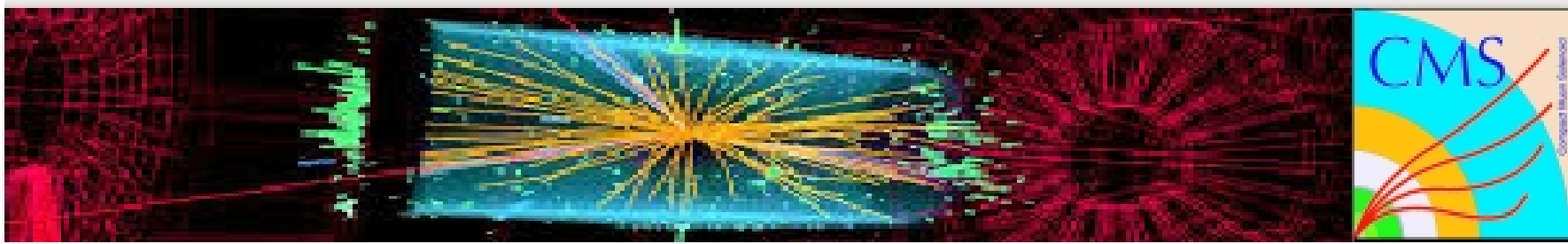
- **General 2HDM :**
 - **2 Higgs doublets (4 types) \rightarrow 5 Higgs bosons: h, H, a, H^\pm**
 - **compatible with a 125 GeV SM-like scalar (h or H) + a light Higgs Boson (a)**
- **2HDM+S:**
 - **Special case NMSSM**
 - **2Higgs doublets + 1 singlet \rightarrow 7 Higgs bosons : $h_1, h_2, h_3, a_1, a_2, H^\pm$**
 - **Compatible with a 125 GeV SM-like scalar (h_1 or h_2) + a mostly "singlet-like" light Higgs Boson (a_1 or h_1)**



CMS low-mass searches

Exotic decays of Higgs Boson, $h \rightarrow aa$ are searched in various final states:

- $\mu\mu\tau\tau$, $bb\tau\tau$, (CMS PAS HIG-17-029, CMS PAS HIG-17-024)
- $\mu\mu\mu\mu$, $bbbb$, $\tau\tau\tau\tau$ (Ongoing)
- $\mu\mu bb$, CMS PAS HIG-18-003



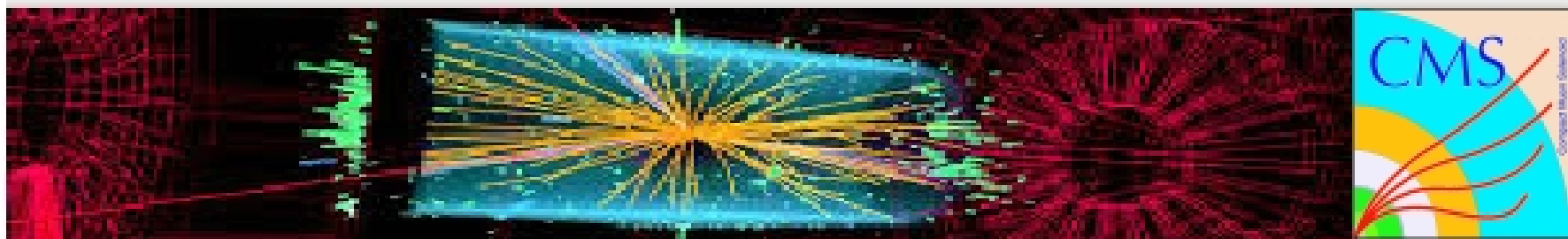
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why $\mu\mu bb$ final state?

- $4b$ final state expected to occur with higher number of events but has challenging backgrounds
- 4μ final state clean but very rare
- $\mu\mu bb$ final state compromise between $bbbb$ and $\mu\mu\mu\mu$ states
 - $a \rightarrow \mu\mu$ has a clear peak
 - $a \rightarrow bb$: large BR in many parts of the parameter space
- Particularly very large in the context of the NMSSM [1]
- Search may provide better sensitivity in the long run [2]

[1] *Phy. Rev. D* 90, 075004 (2014)

[2] *JHEP* 1308 (2013) 019, [arXiv:1303.2113]



Simulated Signal Samples

Mass range, $20 < m_a < 62.5$ GeV

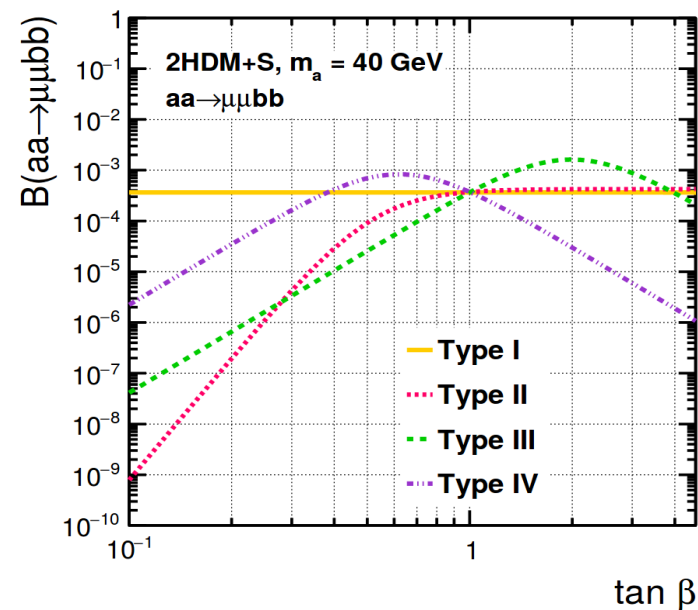
Model Used

- NMSSMHET used in MadGraph_aMCatNLO, generated signal at LO Mechanism
- Mechanism
 - ggF with $\sigma_{ggF} = 48.58$ pb
 - VBF with $\sigma_{VBF} = 3.78$ pb

Benchmark for the expected yield

- $BR(h \rightarrow aa) = 10\%$
- $BR(aa \rightarrow \mu\mu bb) = 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$ in 2HDM+S Type 3 *{Predicted as per [Ref]}*

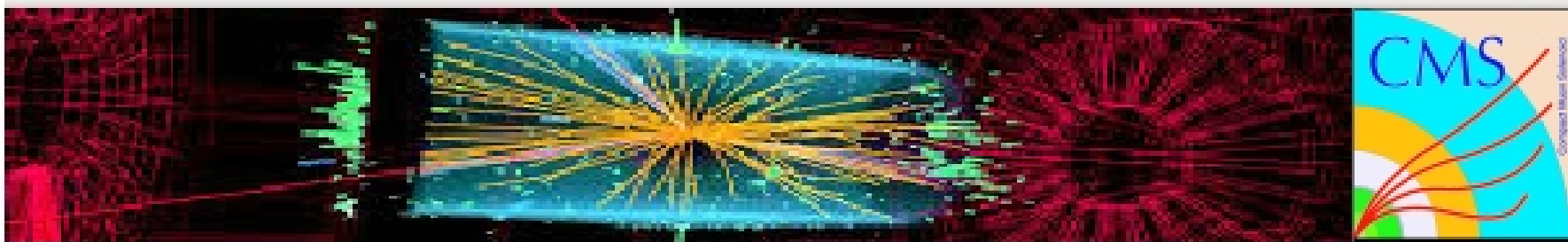
To estimate the contribution from $\mu\mu\tau\tau$ and $\tau\tau bb$, samples with $\mu\mu\tau\tau$ and $\tau\tau bb$ final state were also generated



[Ref] D. Curtin et al.,
Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 075004

Dataset-2016

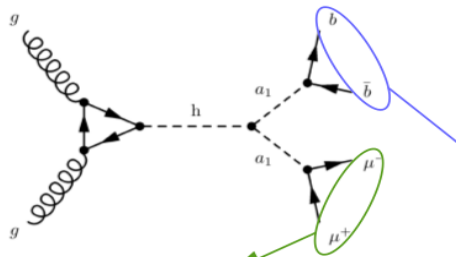
| Sample name (Process) | "a" mass (GeV) points Simulated |
|---|------------------------------------|
| $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2b$ (ggF) | 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 |
| $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2b$ (VBF) | 20, 30, 40, 60 |
| $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2b 2\tau$ (ggF) | 20, 30, 60 |
| $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2\tau$ (ggF) | 20, 30, 60 |



Preselection and Optimization

At least one good primary vertex

At least two jets :
 Pt > 20/15 GeV (Optimized)
 $|\eta| < 2.5$
 $\Delta R(\mu, \text{jet}) > 0.4$
 b-tagging CSVv2 :
 One loose/One tight(Optimized)

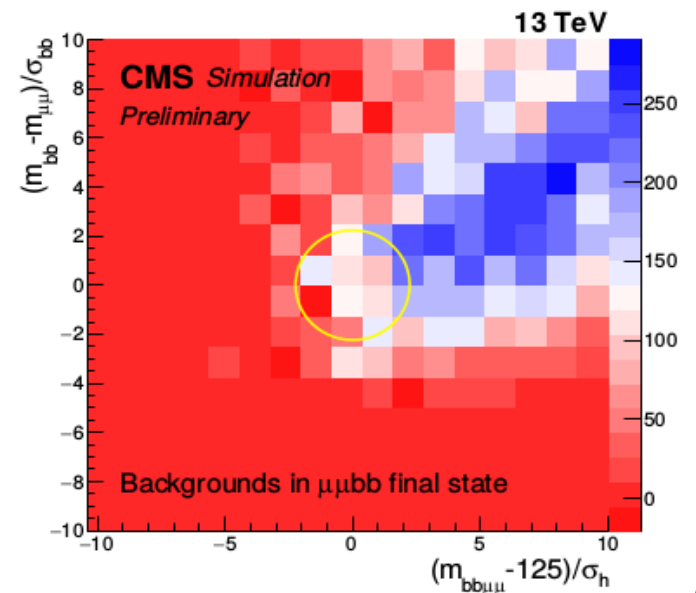
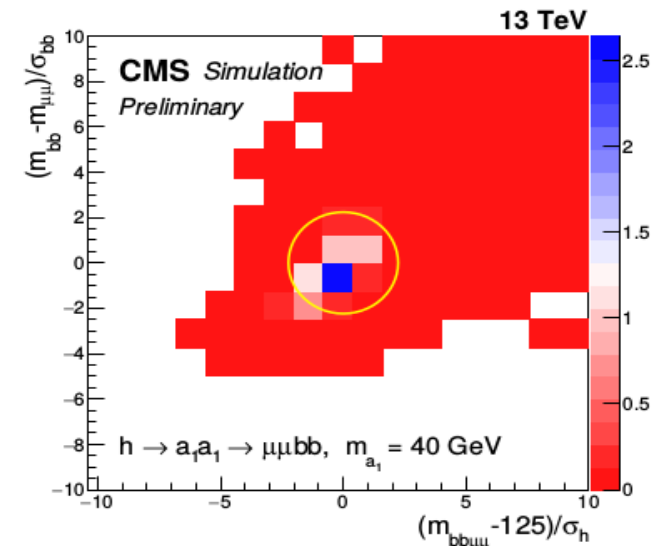


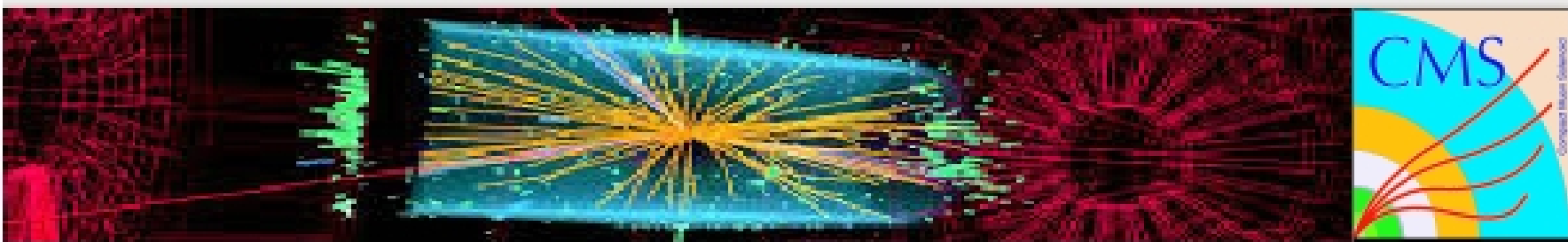
2 Opposite sign Muons :
 Pt > 20/9 GeV (Optimized)
 $|\eta| < 2.4$
 Tight ID
 Rel. Iso. < 0.15
 $15 \text{ GeV} < m_{\mu\mu} < 70 \text{ GeV}$

Additional Optimization:

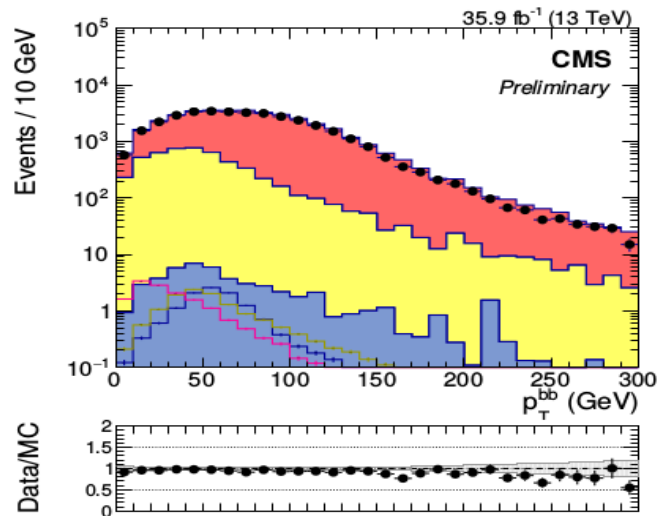
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} < 60 \text{ GeV}$
- Exploit features in signal such as χ^2 with $\chi^2 < 5$

$$\chi_{\text{total}}^2 = \frac{(m_{bb} - m_{\mu\mu})^2}{\sigma_{bb}^2} + \frac{(m_{\mu\mu bb} - 125)^2}{\sigma_h^2}$$

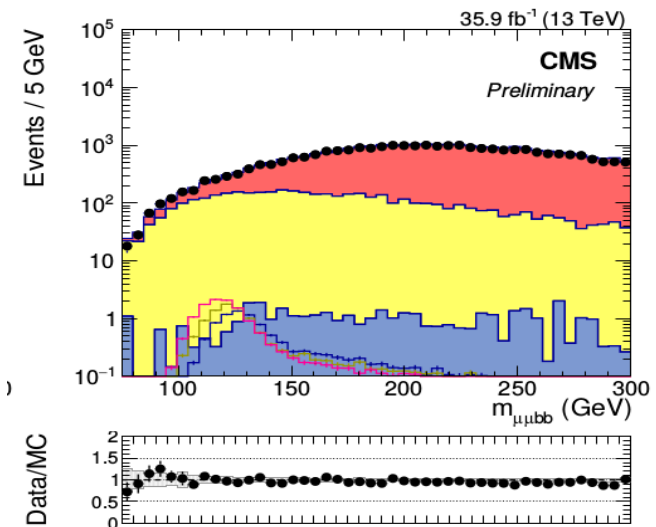
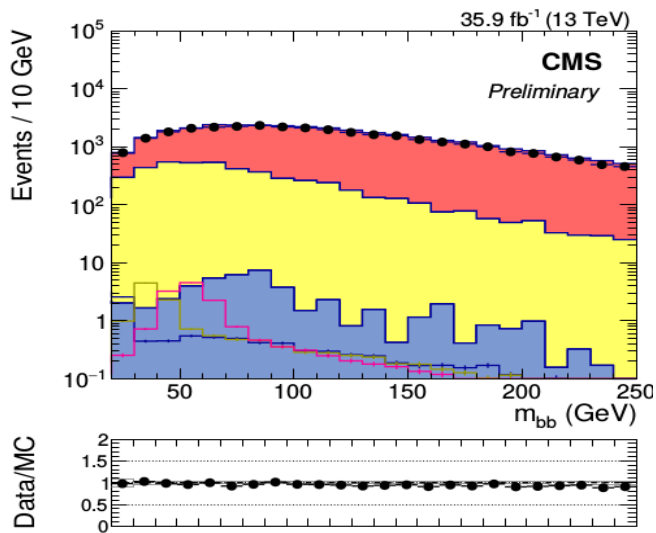


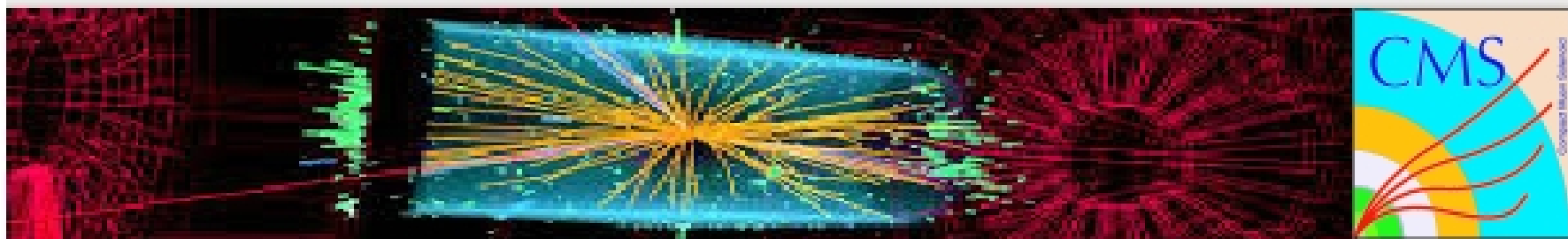


Distributions at Preselection



- Data, 35.9 fb⁻¹ @ 13 TeV
- Top
- Z/ γ^* (\rightarrow ll) + jets
- Diboson
- ▨ Simulation stat. unc.
- $m_{a_1} = 20$ GeV
- $m_{a_1} = 40$ GeV
- $m_{a_1} = 60$ GeV





Signal and Background Yields

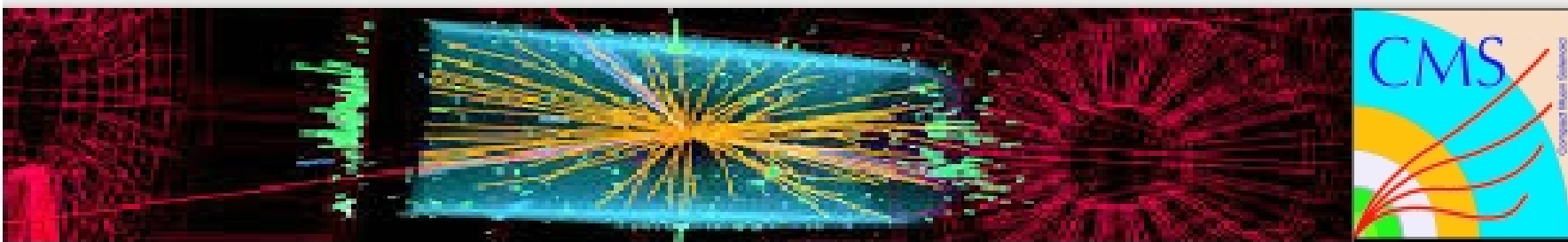
| Process | $\mu^+ \mu^- b\bar{b}$ selection | Final selection |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Top ($t\bar{t}$, single top quark) | 33730 ± 120 | 198 ± 9 |
| Drell-Yan | 5237 ± 77 | 399 ± 21 |
| Diboson | 51 ± 4 | 1 ± 0.1 |
| Total expected background | 39015 ± 140 | 598 ± 23 |
| Data | 36360 | 610 |
| Signal for $\sigma_h \times \mathcal{B} \approx 8 \text{ fb}$ | | |
| $m_{a_1} = 20 \text{ GeV}$ | 14.0 ± 0.1 | 6.0 ± 0.1 |
| $m_{a_1} = 40 \text{ GeV}$ | 14.8 ± 0.1 | 7.5 ± 0.1 |
| $m_{a_1} = 60 \text{ GeV}$ | 16.7 ± 0.1 | 10.1 ± 0.1 |

Contribution from other signals

The $\mu\mu\tau\tau$ and $\tau\tau b\bar{b}$ signals can contribute in our selection

- $\tau\tau b\bar{b}$ with $\tau \rightarrow \mu$ decays
 - Leads to a displaced $\mu\mu$ mass w.r.t the $\mu\mu b\bar{b}$ signal : negligible effect on signal yield
- $\mu\mu\tau\tau$ with a possibility for τ -b misidentification
 - The contribution is small at the benchmark

| Process | $m_{a_1} = 20 \text{ GeV}$ | $m_{a_1} = 40 \text{ GeV}$ | $m_{a_1} = 60 \text{ GeV}$ |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| $\mu\mu\tau\tau$ | 0.017 ± 0.005 | 0.051 ± 0.009 | 0.084 ± 0.011 |
| $\tau\tau b\bar{b}$ | 0.304 ± 0.103 | 0.280 ± 0.086 | 0.448 ± 0.114 |



Signal Model

- Signal Shape derived from simulation
- Combination of Voigtion and a Crystal ball profiles

$$\text{SignalModel } S(m_{\mu\mu}|f,p_V,p_{CB}) \equiv f \cdot V(m_{\mu\mu}|p_V) + (1-f) \cdot \text{CB}(m_{\mu\mu}|p_{CB})$$

$$\text{Where, VoigtionFunction } V(m_{\mu\mu}|p_V) \equiv V(m_{\mu\mu},\sigma,\gamma) = G(m_{\mu\mu},\sigma,m_a) * L(m_{\mu\mu},\gamma,m_a)$$

$$\text{Where } G(m_{\mu\mu},\sigma,m_a) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(m_{\mu\mu}-m_a)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$L(m_{\mu\mu},\gamma,m_a) = \frac{\gamma}{\pi((m_{\mu\mu}-m_a)^2 + \gamma^2)}$$

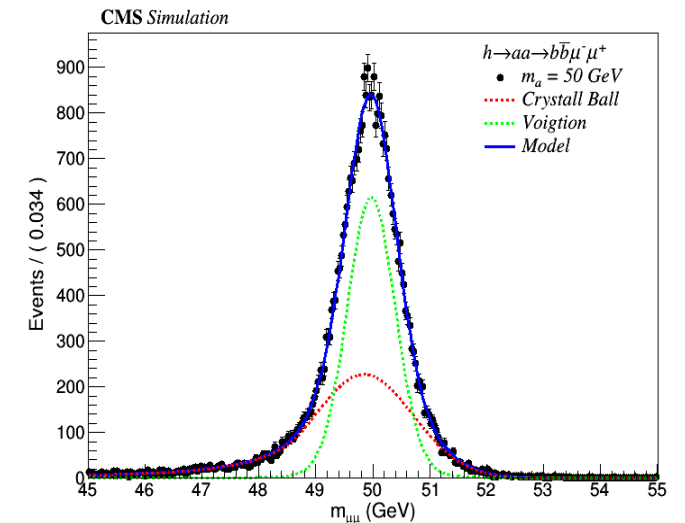
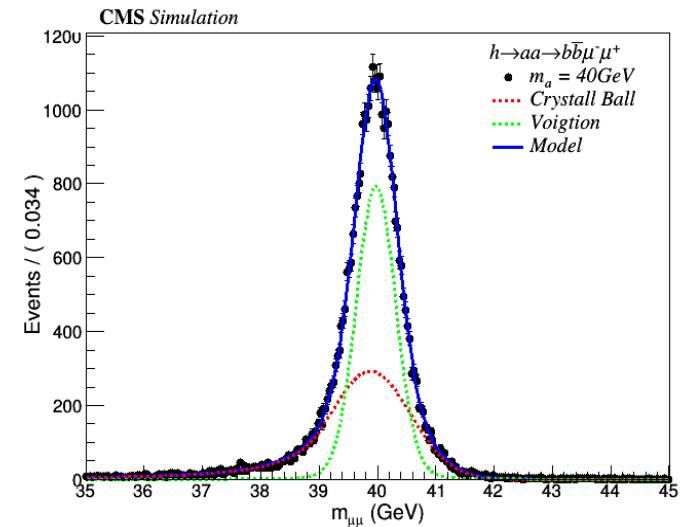
$$\text{CrystallBallFunction } \text{CB}(m_{\mu\mu}|p_{CB}) \equiv \text{CB}(m_{\mu\mu},n,\sigma_{CB},\alpha,m_a) = N \cdot e^{-\frac{(m_{\mu\mu}-m_a)^2}{2\sigma_{CB}^2}} \text{ for } \frac{m_{\mu\mu}-m_a}{\sigma_{CB}} > -\alpha$$

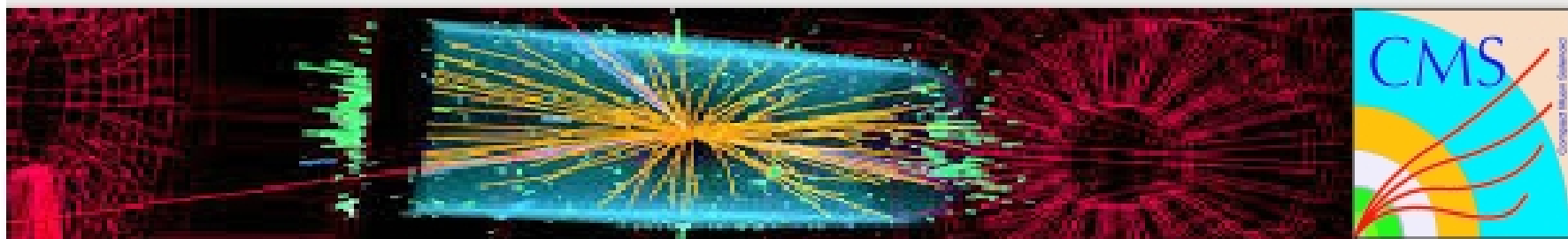
$$N \cdot \left(A \cdot \left(B - \frac{m_{\mu\mu}-m_a}{\sigma_{CB}} \right)^{-n} \right) \text{ for } \frac{m_{\mu\mu}-m_a}{\sigma_{CB}} \leq -\alpha$$

Resolutions have been expressed as:

$$\sigma_V = \sigma_{V,0} + \alpha m_{\mu\mu}$$

$$\sigma_{cb} = \sigma_{cb,0} + \beta m_{\mu\mu}$$

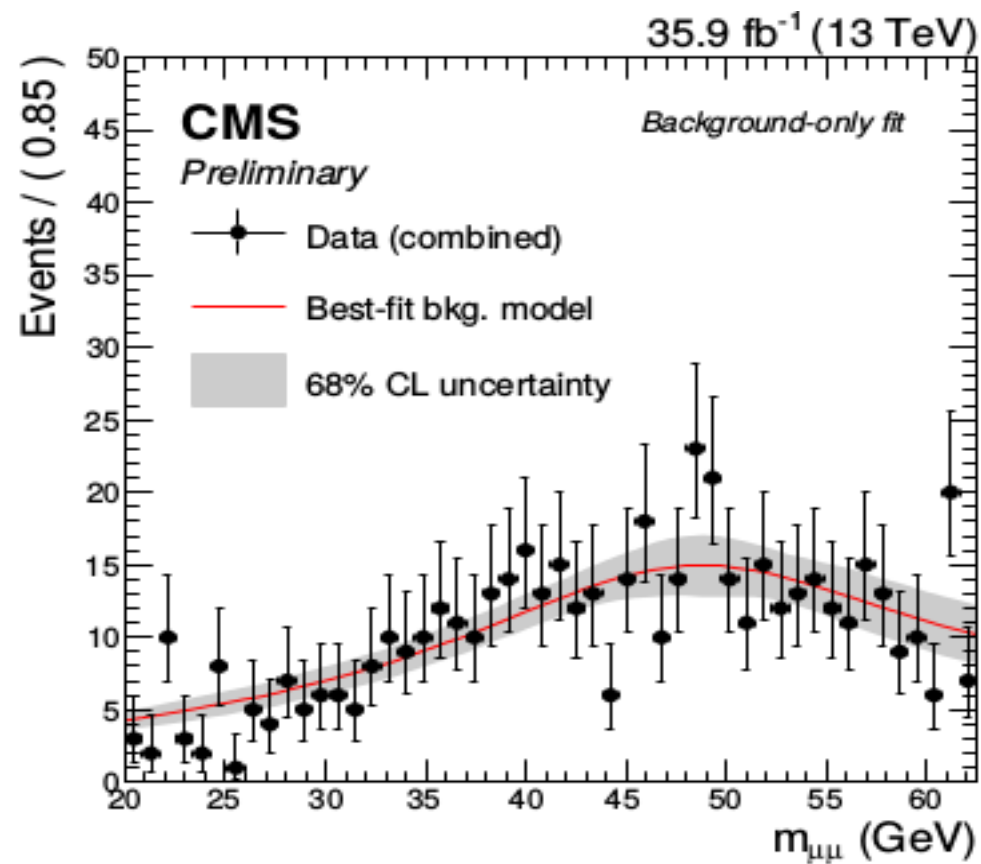


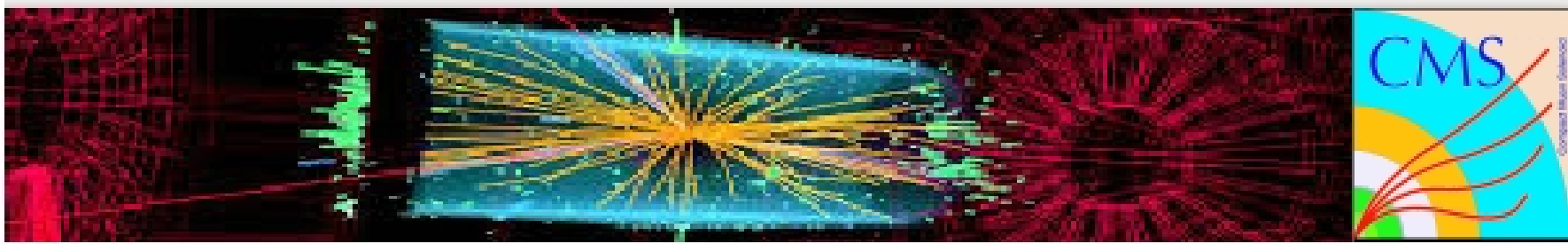


Background Model

Trial functions to model background

| The TLexc category | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Model | χ^2/ndf | F-test probability (> 0.05) | Decision |
| Polynomial III | 0.95 | – | ✓ |
| Polynomial IV | 0.91 | 0.15 | ✓ |
| Polynomial V | 0.80 | 0.15 | ✓ |
| Polynomial VI | 0.77 | 0.03 | × |
| Inv. Poly II | 0.87 | – | ✓ |
| Inv. Poly III | 0.86 | 0.32 | ✓ |
| Inv. Poly IV | 0.83 | 0.90 | ✓ |
| Inv. Poly V | 0.81 | 0.03 | × |





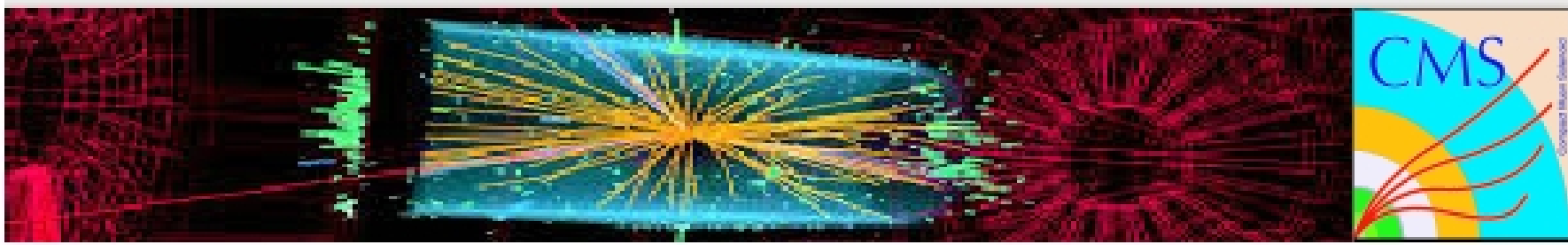
Systematics Uncertainties

Background

- Uncertainties on the background model are taken into account with the discrete profiling method

Signal

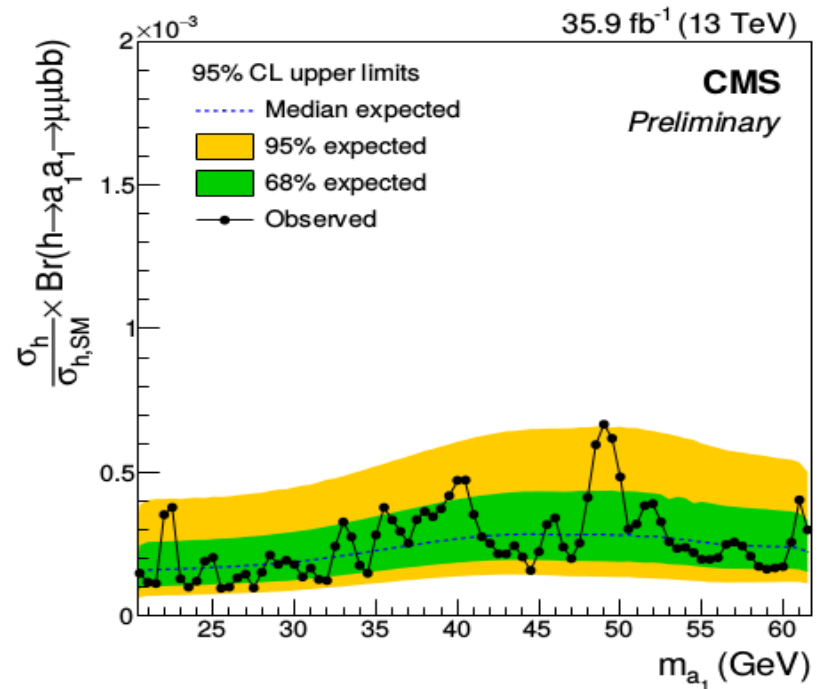
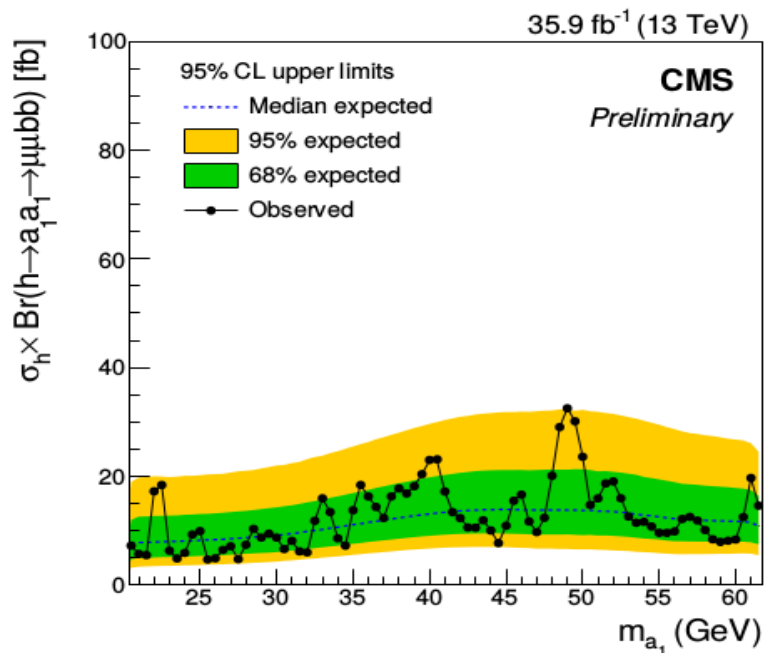
- **Signal normalization is affected by various sources of systematic uncertainties:**
 - σ_h : $\pm 3.6\%$, considered for the limit on BR
 - Luminosity: $\pm 2.5\%$
 - Pileup: $\pm 4.6\%$ on the $\sigma_{pp}^{\text{inelastic}}$
 - μ , ID, Iso, HLT scale factors: doubled for $p_T < 20$ GeV
 - JES: p_T and η dependent corrections applied on jets and propagated to E_t^{miss}
 - JER
- **b-tagging: different sources affecting the shape calibration are considered and are doubled for low p_T jets**

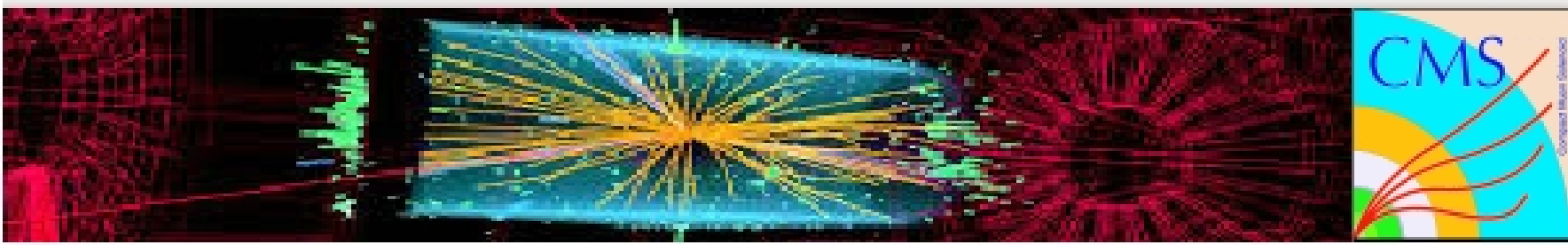


Results

Expected and observed limits

- Assuming the SM prediction of σ_h
- Upper limits at 95% CL on the Higgs boson production cross section times branching ratio on $\sigma_h \times B(h \rightarrow a a \rightarrow \mu\mu b\bar{b})$ as well as on the Higgs boson branching ratio





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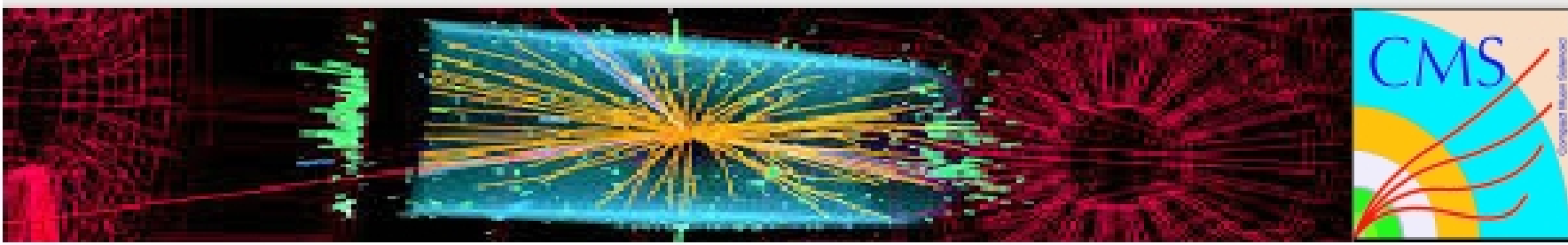
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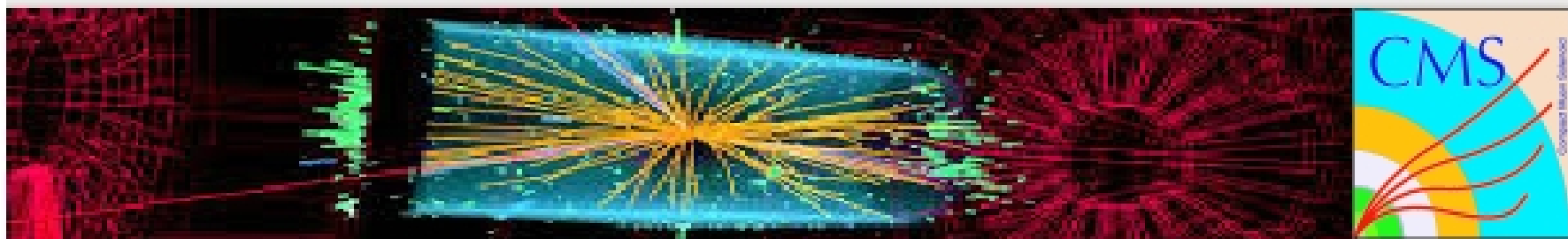
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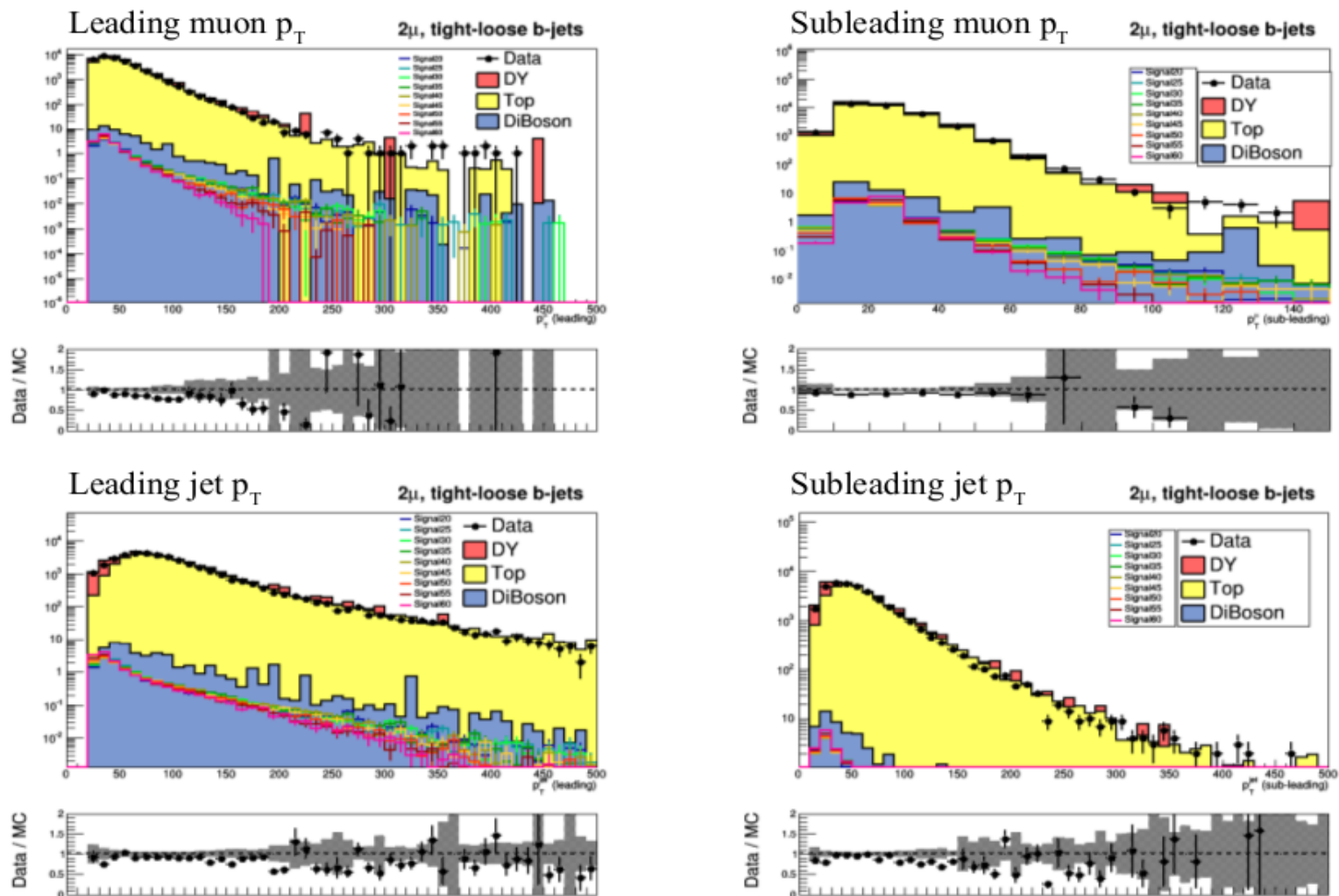
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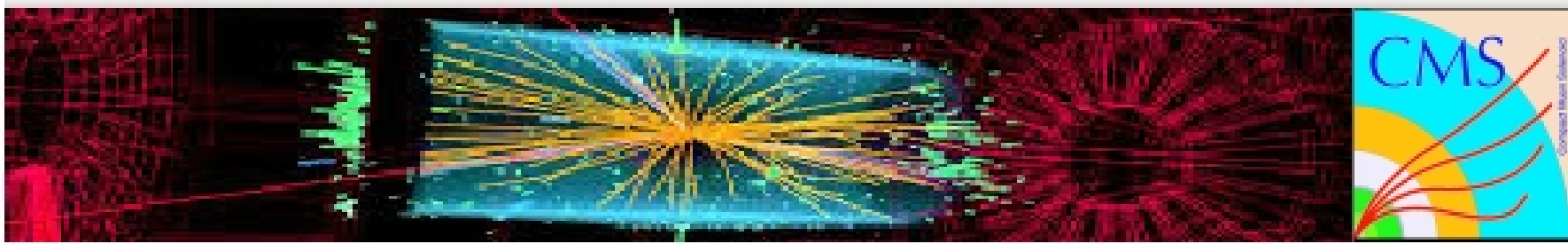
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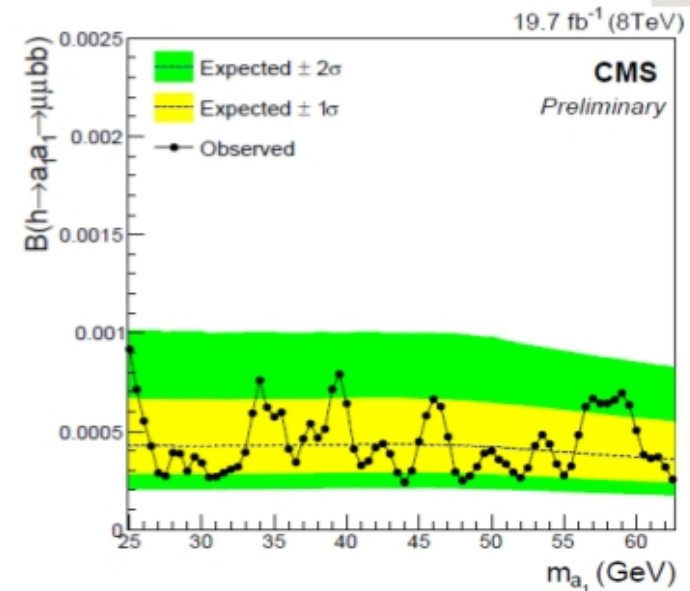
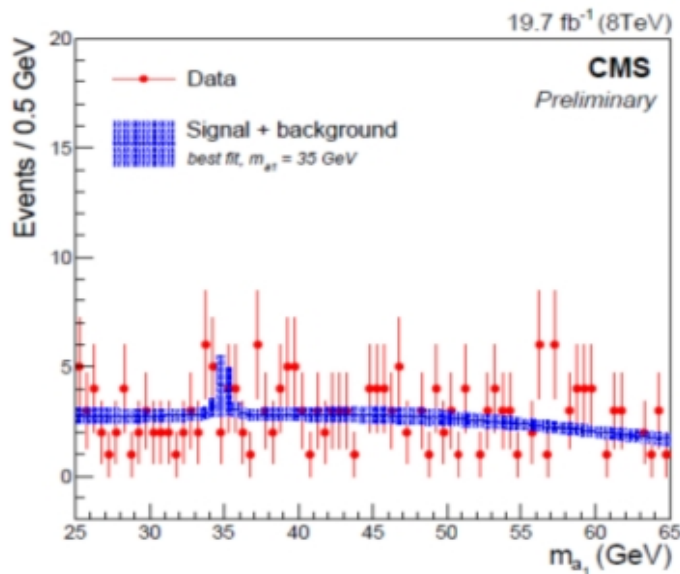


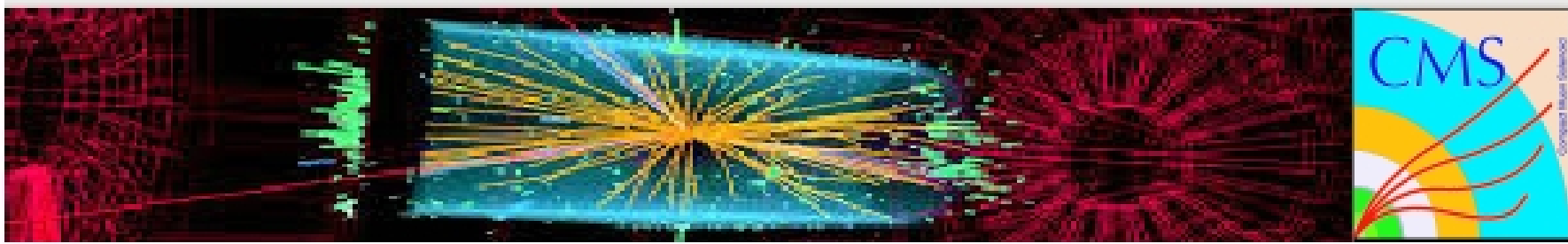
Back-Up

$$h_{125} \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu b\bar{b}$$

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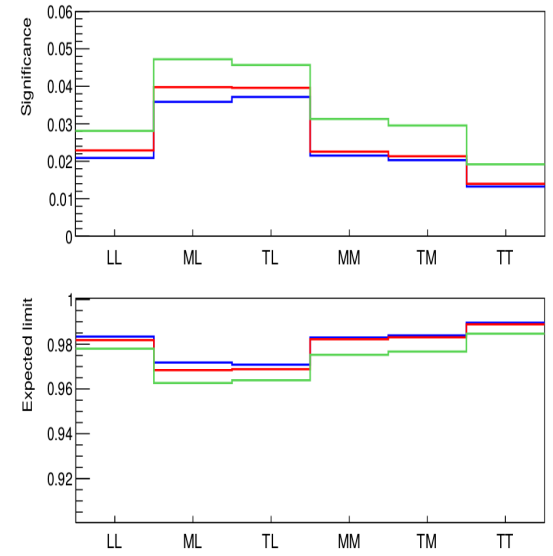
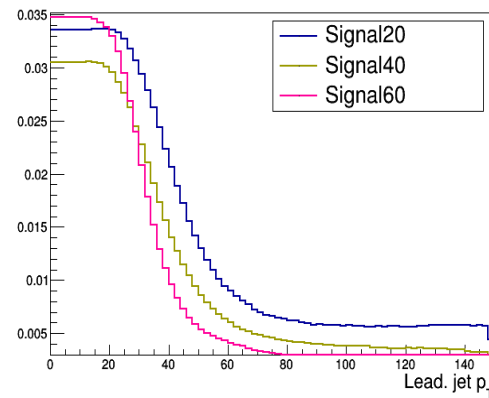
- NMSSM : $BR(h_1 \rightarrow a_1 a_1 \rightarrow \mu\mu b\bar{b})$ up to $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- Range [25,65] GeV
- Fit in $m_{\mu\mu}$ distribution
- Exclude pseudoscalars with $BR(h \rightarrow a_1 a_1 \rightarrow \mu\mu b\bar{b})$ above 10^{-3}

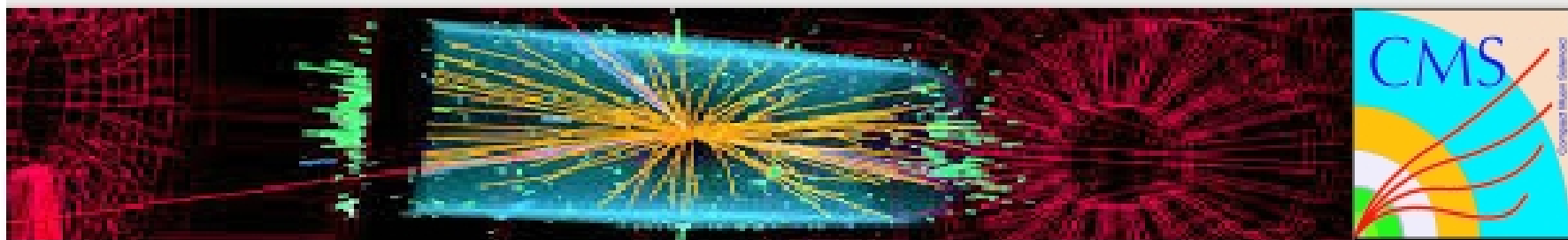




Optimization procedure

- Based on *simulated background samples*
- Started with a *loosely* selected sample :
 - $p_{T}^{\mu} > 17(8) \text{ GeV}$,
 - $p_{T}^{\text{jet}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$,
 - ≥ 2 loose b-jets
- Different FOM's used to cross check :
 - $s/\sqrt{(b)}, s/\sqrt{b+(\delta b)^2}, \sqrt{2((s+b)\ln(1+s/b)-s)}$
 - Expected limit based on counting signal and background yields in $|m_{\mu\mu}-m_a| < 5 \text{ GeV}$
- Tried to have a uniform selection vs. m_a

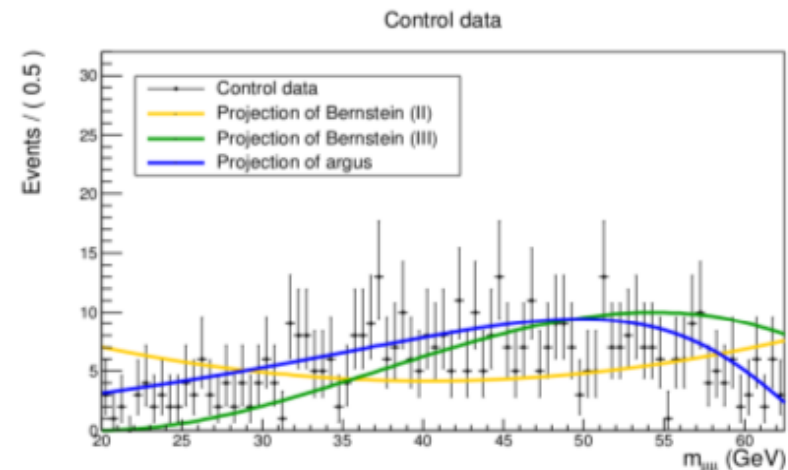




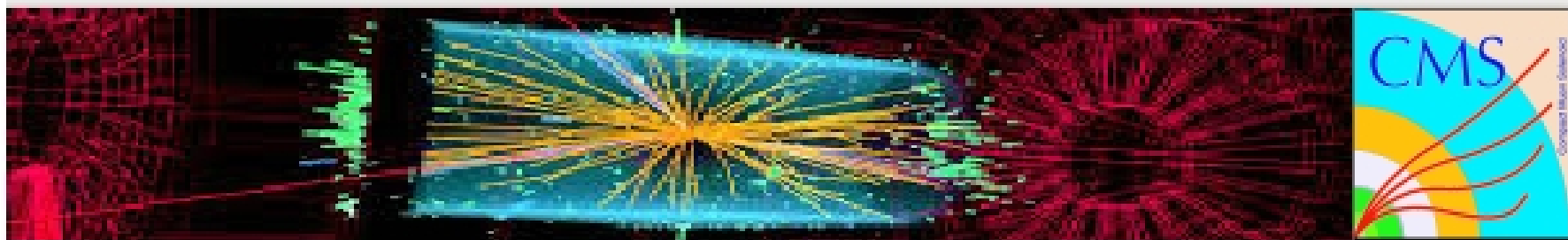
Functions for multipdf

- Different types of polynomials are checked on data in CR
 - RooPolynomial
 - RooBernstein (a particular polynomial with positive definite coefficients)
 - RooArgus
- An inverse polynomial is also introduced ($1/P_n$, *a la* Run I)
- An F-test is used to determine the collection of pdfs for each family
- The lowest degree is where the χ^2 / ndf is close to 1
 - Degrees are increased until $\text{Prob}(-2\Delta\text{NLL}, 1) < 0.05$

| Model | χ^2/ndf | F-test probability (> 0.05) | Decision |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Bernstein II | 1.001 | - | ✓ |
| Bernstein III | 0.948 | 0.149 | ✓ |
| Bernstein IV | 0.859 | 0.017 | × |

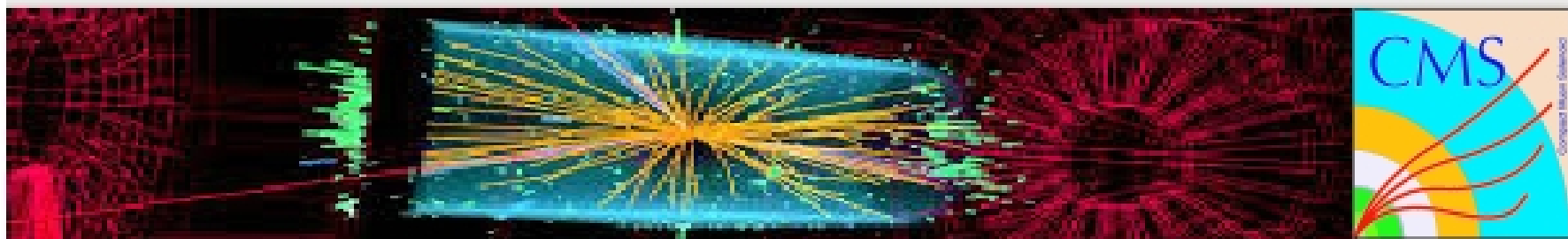


- RooPolynomial and $1/P_n$ never gave $\chi^2 / \text{ndf} \sim 1$



General strategy

- **Signal:**
 - Shape is assumed to remain unchanged
- **Background:**
 - Shape is taken from CR, assuming no change in categories
- **Two type of categorizations in signal region:**
 - $MET < 30$ & $30 < MET < 60 \rightarrow$ *bkg yield from MC*
 - B-tagging criterion on Loose b-tagged jet \rightarrow *bkg yield from CR (no MC stat.)*
 - TT, TMexc (medium, not tight), Tlexc (loose, not medium)
- **Expected limits** are evaluated and compared



Optimization

- Based on simulated background samples
- Initially selected loose cuts on signal sample :
 - p_T^μ (leading) > 17 GeV
 - p_T^μ (sub-leading) > 8 GeV
 - p_T^{jet} (leading/sub-leading) > 10 GeV
 - both jets selected with loose b-tag discriminant

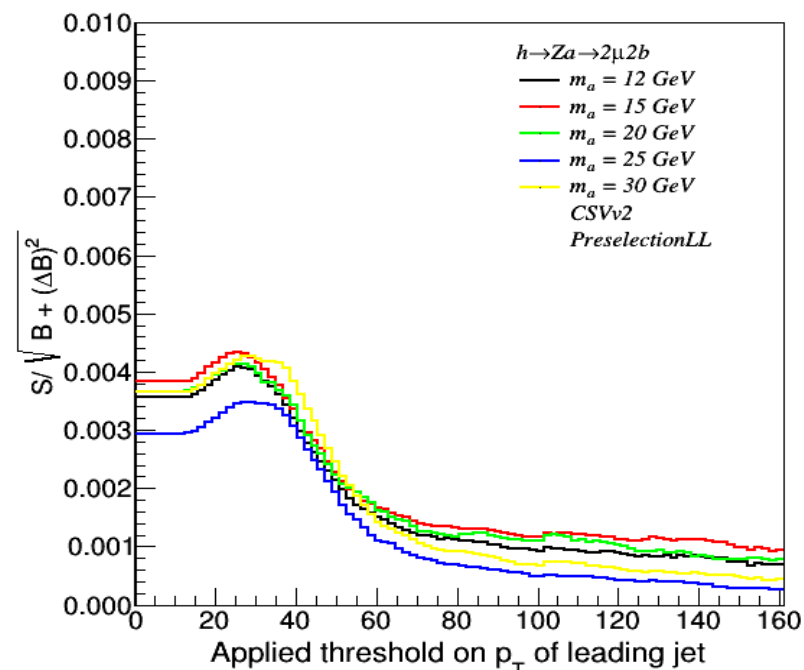
- Variable $s/\sqrt{b+(\delta b)^2}$ used, where δb is the statistical uncertainty from MC

- B-tag working points are used

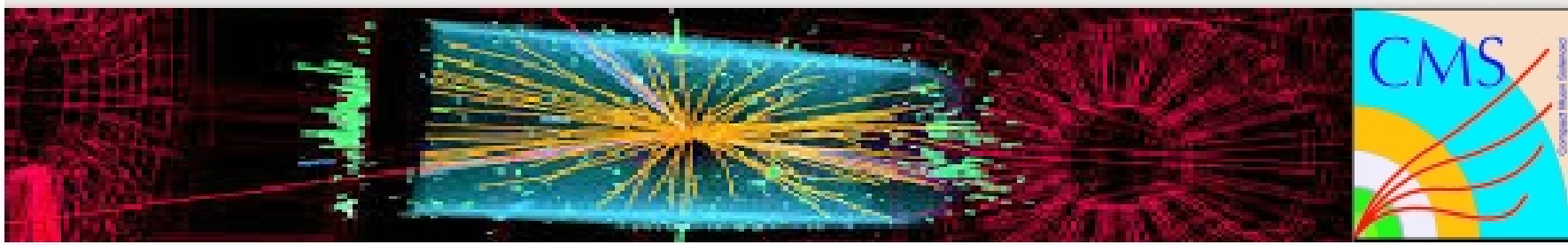
- Pair of jets in the final state

Various possible permutations

- 1) Loose-Loose
- 2) Medium-Loose
- 3) Tight-Loose
- 4) Medium-Medium
- 5) Tight-Medium
- 6) Tight-Tight



Significance estimated for each permutation for both the taggers (CSVv2 and DeepCSV)



ATLAS Summary

Table 1: Summary of the event selection of the different analyses described in this paper. The quarkonia resonance masses $m_{J/\Psi}$, $m_{\Psi(2S)}$, $m_{\Upsilon(1S)}$, and $m_{\Upsilon(3S)}$ are taken from Ref. [73].

| | $H \rightarrow ZX \rightarrow 4\ell$ ($15 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 55 \text{ GeV}$) | $H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4\ell$ ($15 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 60 \text{ GeV}$) | $H \rightarrow XX \rightarrow 4\mu$ ($1 \text{ GeV} < m_X < 15 \text{ GeV}$) |
|----------------------|--|---|---|
| QUADRUPLET SELECTION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require at least one quadruplet of leptons consisting of two pairs of same-flavour opposite-sign leptons - Three leading-p_T leptons satisfying $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$, 15 GeV, 10 GeV - At least three muons are required to be reconstructed by combining ID and MS tracks in the 4μ channel | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Select best quadruplet (per channel) to be the one with the (sub)leading dilepton mass (second) closest to the Z mass - $50 \text{ GeV} < m_{12} < 106 \text{ GeV}$ - $12 \text{ GeV} < m_{34} < 115 \text{ GeV}$ - $m_{12,34,14,32} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ | Leptons in the quadruplet are responsible for firing at least one trigger. In the case of multi-lepton triggers, all leptons of the trigger must match to leptons in the quadruplet | |
| | $\Delta R(\ell, \ell') > 0.10$ (0.20) for same-flavour (different-flavour) leptons in the quadruplet | | - |
| QUADRUPLET RANKING | Select first surviving quadruplet from channels, in the order: 4μ , $2e2\mu$, $2\mu2e$, $4e$ | Select quadruplet with smallest $\Delta m_{\ell\ell} = m_{12} - m_{34} $ | |
| EVENT SELECTION | $115 \text{ GeV} < m_{4\ell} < 130 \text{ GeV}$ | | $120 \text{ GeV} < m_{4\ell} < 130 \text{ GeV}$ |
| | | $m_{34}/m_{12} > 0.85$ Reject event if: $(m_{J/\Psi} - 0.25 \text{ GeV}) < m_{12,34,14,32} < (m_{\Psi(2S)} + 0.30 \text{ GeV})$, or $(m_{\Upsilon(1S)} - 0.70 \text{ GeV}) < m_{12,34,14,32} < (m_{\Upsilon(3S)} + 0.75 \text{ GeV})$ | |
| | $10 \text{ GeV} < m_{12,34} < 64 \text{ GeV}$ $4e$ and 4μ channels: $5 \text{ GeV} < m_{14,32} < 75 \text{ GeV}$ | $0.88 \text{ GeV} < m_{12,34} < 20 \text{ GeV}$ No restriction on alternative pairing | |