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BSM physics with photons at ATLAS and CMS: Resonances and BSM Higgs

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- New Resonances
- Dark Matter
- SUSY
- Contact Interactions
- BSM Higgs Sector
- ...

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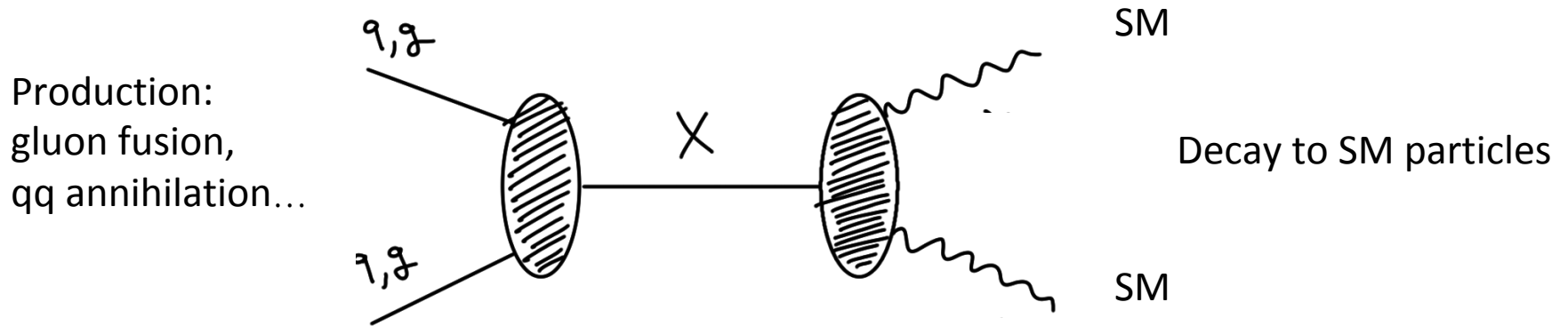
More on other topics in B.Schumm's talk

Searches for Resonances

Many results available, only selected items here

Resonances at LHC

Generic prediction of several BSM theories



Spin-2: extra-dimensions, RS Gravitons

Spin-1: W' , Z' as in compositeness models

Spin-0: 2HDM (SM extensions with non-minimal Higgs sector)

only ones relevant
for $\gamma\gamma$

Where photons?

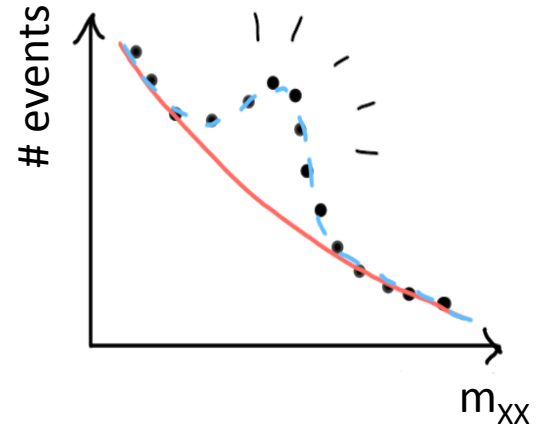
- Decay channels like $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $X \rightarrow V\gamma$, ...
- Searches with fermions can also profit from ISR photons (e.g. $X \rightarrow qq + \gamma$)

Very close new states resulting in a broad excess in the mass spectrum are also predicted (e.g. ADD model). Results available, but not discussed in this talk

Bump searches

Reconstruct invariant mass of decay products and search for a “bump” on a smooth falling background

- experimentally robust, small systematics
 - difficult for unknown backgrounds to create resonances
- ⇒ *simple yet striking signature!*



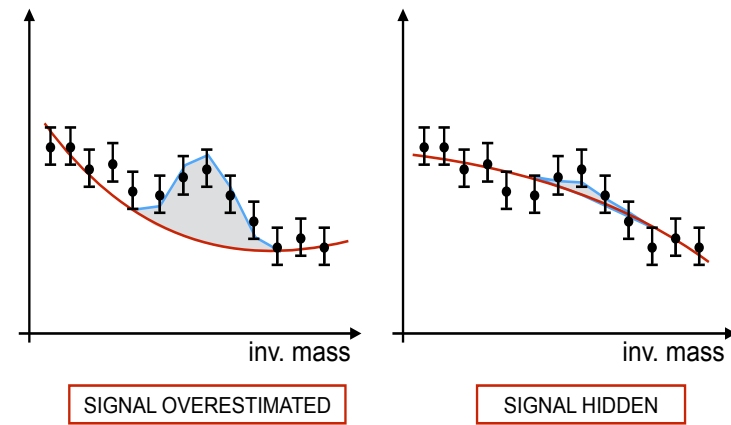
General strategy:

Signal: simulation with inputs from data

- efficiencies, energy scale, resolution..

Background: directly measured in data

- accounting for possible biases in the fit



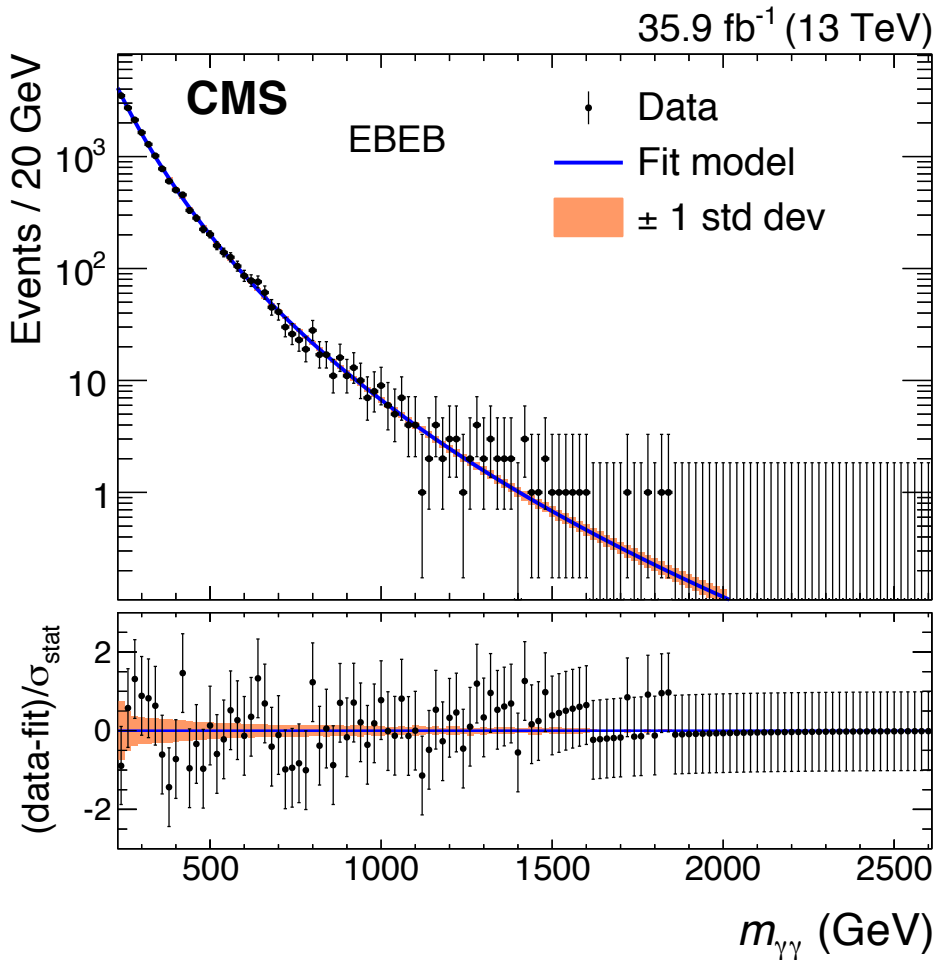
Among main challenges:

- Background understanding
- Objects reconstruction to maximize signal efficiency (e.g. pileup mitigation, isolation)
 - requiring a very good detector understanding

ATLAS and CMS approaches leading to similar sensitivities

High mass $\gamma\gamma$ resonances

Lots of interest in 2015-16 due to the (in)famous excess around 750 GeV



Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018) 092001
(2016 data)



Events with 2 high p_T isolated photons,
selected by di-photon triggers

Dedicated photon selection

- tuned to be flat vs di-photon mass

BDT-based vertex reconstruction

- $\sim 90\%$ efficient in selecting the good vertex

Events categorization to enhance analysis
sensitivity

Main backgrounds directly fitted from data

- non-resonant $\gamma\gamma$
- mis-identified jets (γ +jet, jet+jet)

Similar strategy adopted by ATLAS in *Phys. Lett. B 775 (2017) 105* (2015+2016 data)

High mass $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: Results

Both ATLAS and CMS 2016 data
not showing any excess.
Comparable sensitivities

Interpretation:

- Spin0 (extended Higgs sector) and Spin2 resonances (RS Graviton)
- Limits on $\sigma \times \text{BR}$ ($pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
- [+ ADD]

CMS (2016 data only):

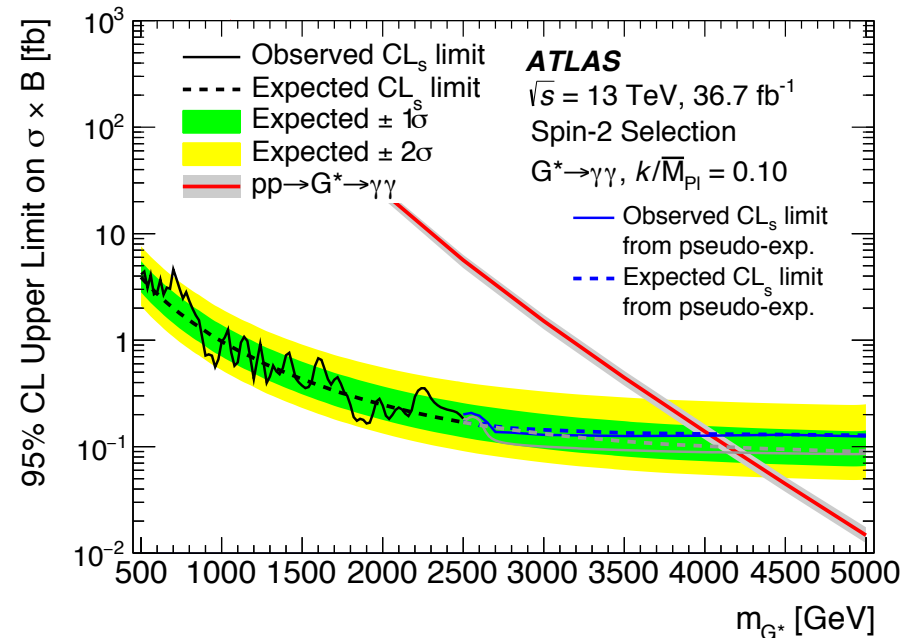
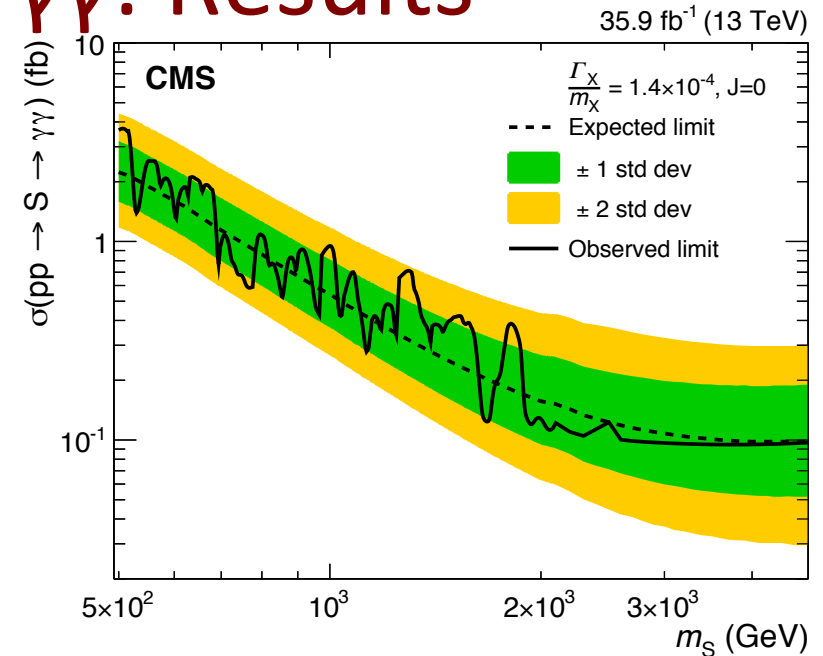
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- $m_G < 2.3\text{-}4.6$ TeV excluded
@95% CL for $k = [0.01\text{-}0.2]$

ATLAS (2015 + 2016 data):

Phys. Lett. B 775 (2017) 105

- $m_G < 4.1$ TeV excluded
@95% CL for $k = 0.1$



Low mass $\gamma\gamma$ resonances



ATLAS-CONF-2018-025
(2015, 2016, 2017 data)

Focus on narrow X with $m_X < 110$ GeV

Similar strategy as for the high mass region

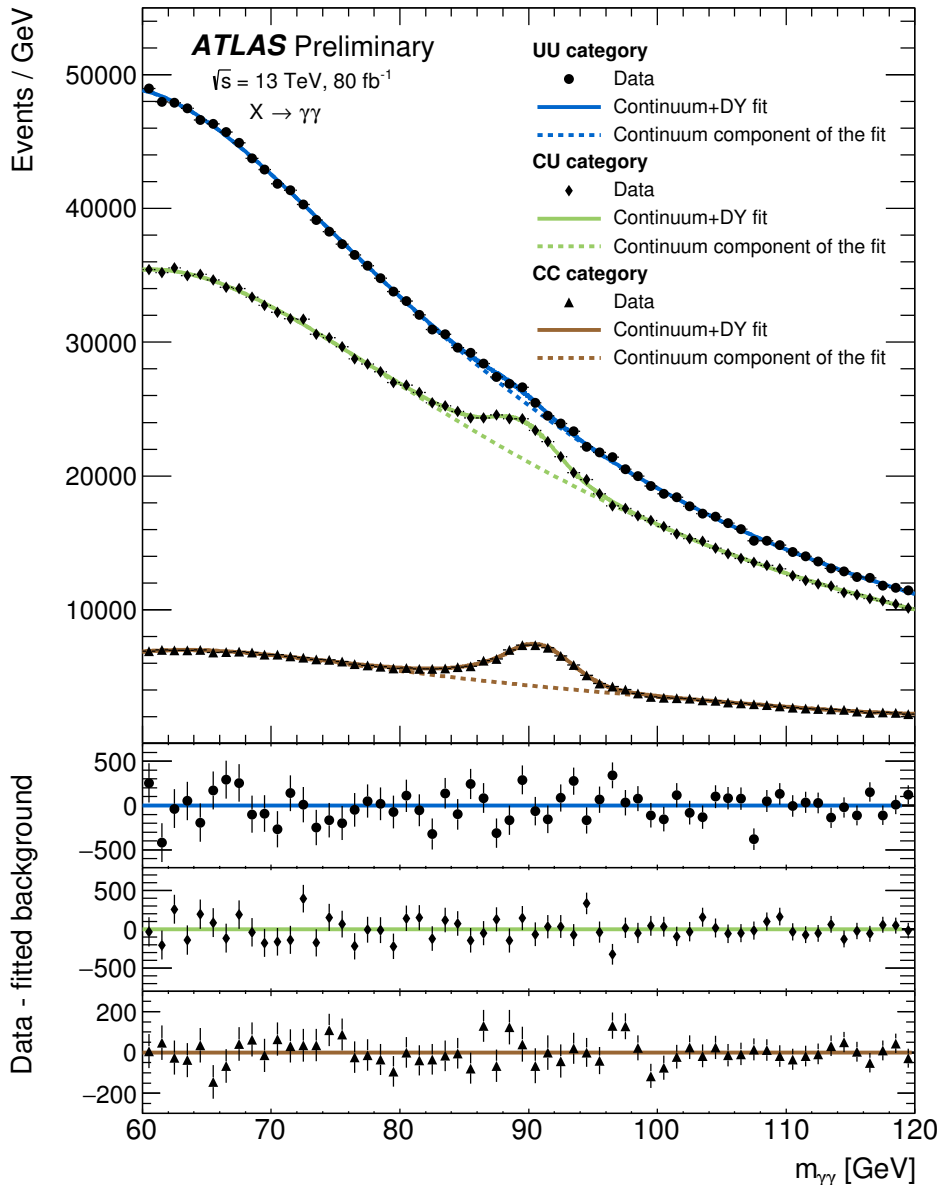
Main difference = background estimate

- $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow ee$ as additional background
 - electrons faking photons
 - shape and normalization from data-driven $e \rightarrow \gamma$ measurement
- Impact of trigger thresholds at lower bound

Events categorization based on γ conversions

- Different DY contamination

Main uncertainties: statistical + background fit



Similar analysis presented by CMS in Phys. Lett. B 793 (2019) 320-347 (2012+2016 data) ⁹

Low mass $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: Results

Both ATLAS and CMS focused on an additional SM-like Higgs boson

ATLAS (2015+2016+2017 data)

ATLAS-CONF-2018-025

$65 < m_X < 110$ GeV

UL@95%CL $\sigma \times \text{BR}$: 30-101 fb

No significant excess observed

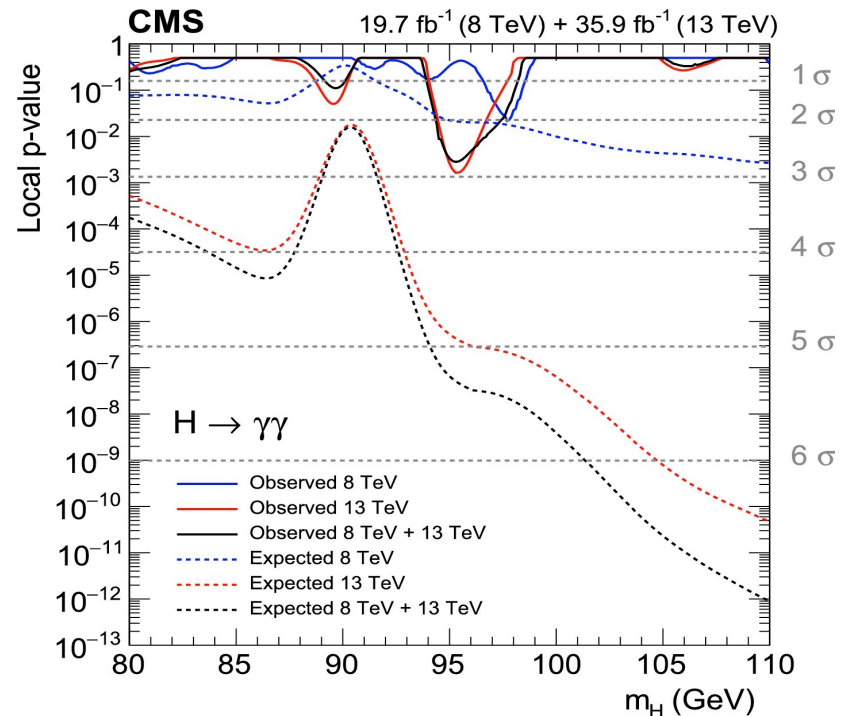
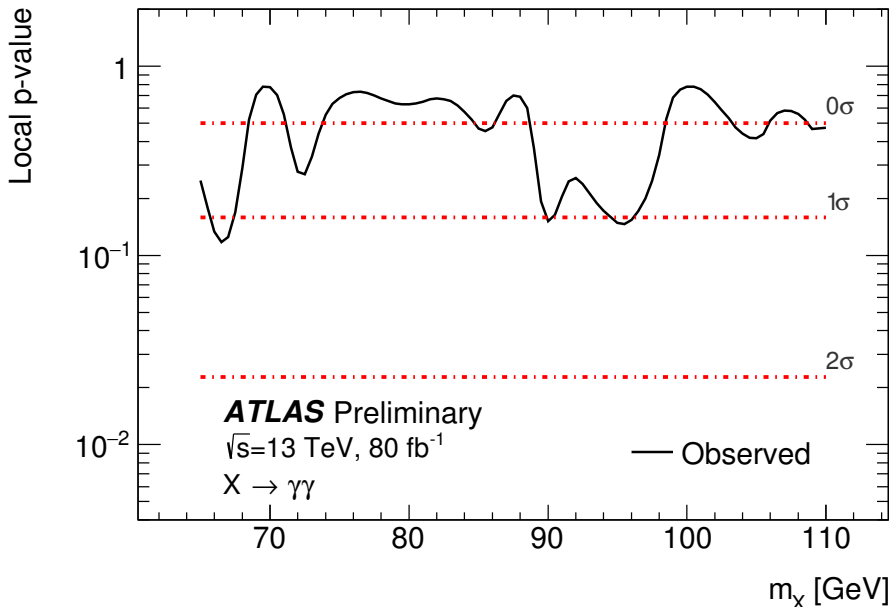
CMS (2012 + 2016 combination)

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$80 < m_X < 110$ GeV

UL@95%CL $\sigma \times \text{BR}/\text{SM}$: 0.2-0.7

Maximum local (global) significance:
 2.8σ (1.3σ) at 95.3 GeV



$X \rightarrow Z/W/H+\gamma$ Resonances

Many $X \rightarrow Z/W/H+\gamma$ searches performed by ATLAS and CMS on 2016 (+2015) data

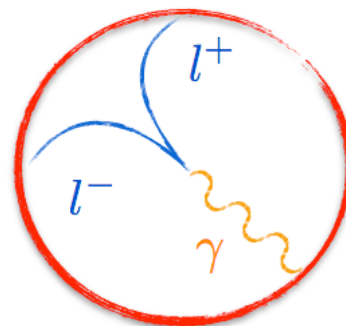
Final states with leptons: $Z \rightarrow ll$, $l = \text{electron or } \mu$

Good mass resolution

PRO: clean channel

CON: low BR

More relevant for $m_x < \sim 1\text{TeV}$ (large background)



Final states with hadrons: $V \rightarrow jj$

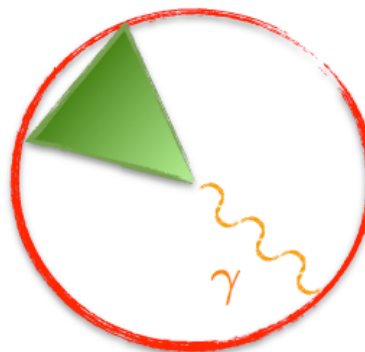
PRO: large BR

CON: large QCD background

More relevant for $m_x > \sim 1\text{TeV}$

Either 2 well separated jets or single large-radius jet

- Jets merging due to large V boost
- **Jet substructure techniques** useful against backgrounds



No significant excess observed. Limits set on a variety of spin 0/1/2 models



JHEP 09 (2018) 148

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Low mass $X \rightarrow qq + \gamma$

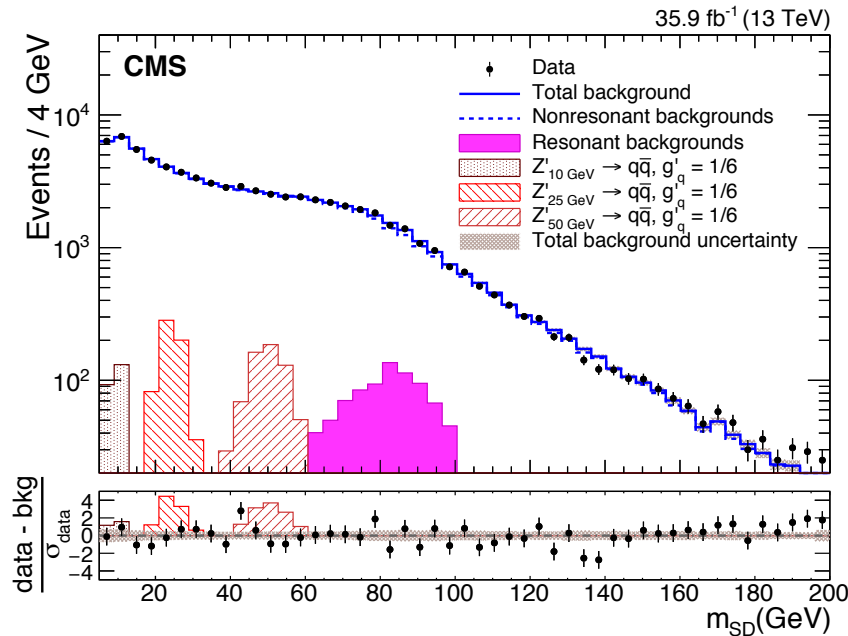
Extensive searches for $X \rightarrow qq$ (dijets) performed at ATLAS and CMS

Large multi-jet background
Tight online requirements

Reduced sensitivity to low masses ($m_X \lesssim 1\text{TeV}$)

New ideas to cover an extended resonance mass range

- Record of partial event information only
- *ISR jet / photon*
 - CON: Reduced phase-space
 - PRO: Lower background wrt dijet only
 - Efficient triggering at low masses



*CMS-EXO-17-027
(2016 data)*

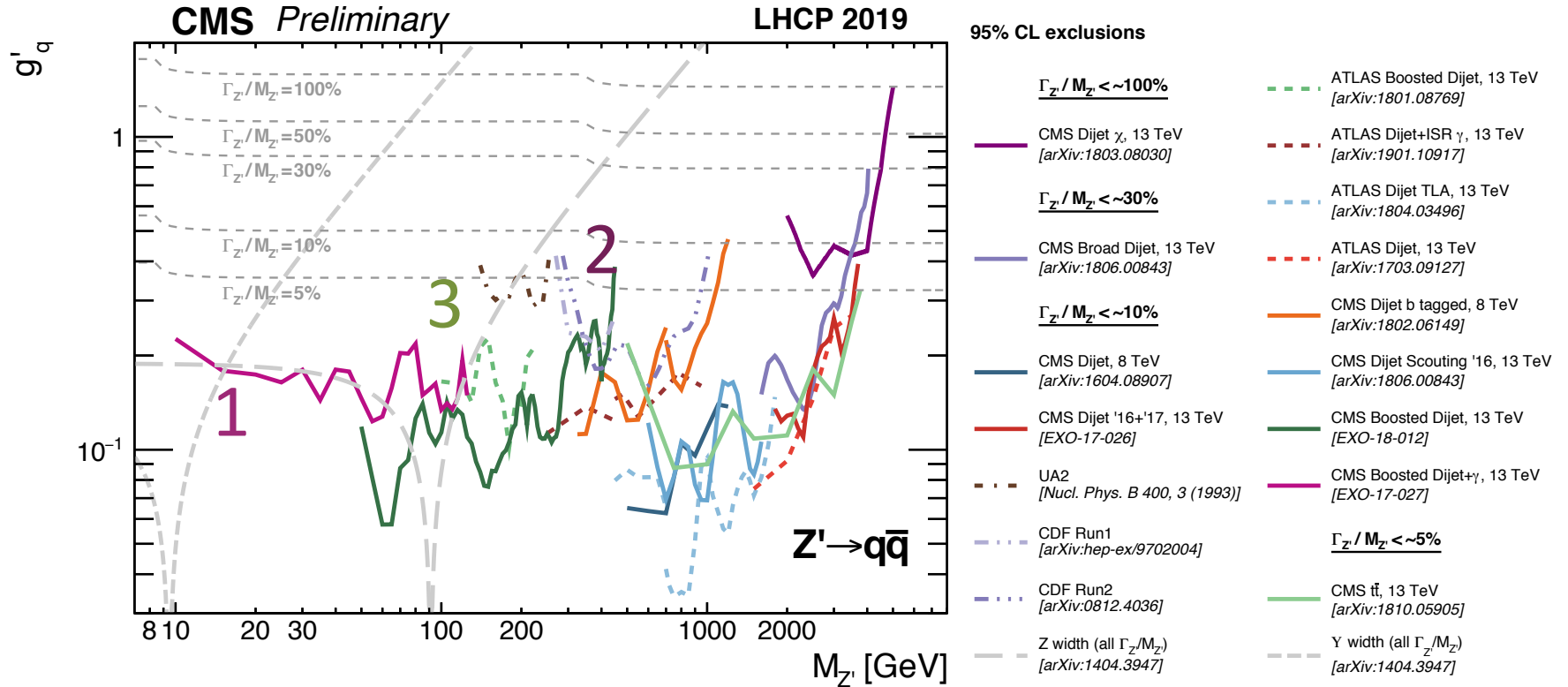
Search for a light Z' , $10 < m_{Z'} < 125\text{ GeV}$

Events selected by single photon triggers

- Lower masses accessible

Boosted event topology
and jet sub-structure exploited

Summary of $X \rightarrow qq$ searches



1. CMS-EXO-17-027 (2016 data)
Boosted dijet + γ
2. ATLAS arXiv:1901.10917 (2015/16/17 data)
Dijet + ISR γ
3. ATLAS Phys. Lett. B 788 (2019) 316 (2015/16 data)
Boosted dijet + γ/j

Big sensitivity gain
asking for photons in
the final state

X -> HH Resonances

SM HH production cross section very small

- 34fb, ~1000 times smaller than for single Higgs

Several BSM models predict heavy resonances decaying to HH

| | bb | WW | $\tau\tau$ | ZZ | $\gamma\gamma$ |
|----------------|-------|-------|------------|--------|----------------|
| bb | 33% | | | | |
| WW | 25% | 4.6% | | | |
| $\tau\tau$ | 7.4% | 2.5% | 0.39% | | |
| ZZ | 3.1% | 1.2% | 0.34% | 0.076% | |
| $\gamma\gamma$ | 0.26% | 0.10% | 0.029% | 0.013% | 0.0053% |

Channels with H-> $\gamma\gamma$:

small branching ratio

BUT clean signal extraction

Thanks to the narrow H-> $\gamma\gamma$ peak

H-> $\gamma\gamma$ bb:

2 photons and 2 jets in final state

Discriminating variables: $m_{\gamma\gamma}$, m_{jj} , $m_{\gamma\gamma jj}$

ATLAS: JHEP 11 (2018) 040

CMS: Phys. Lett. B 788 (2018) 7

H-> $\gamma\gamma$ WW:

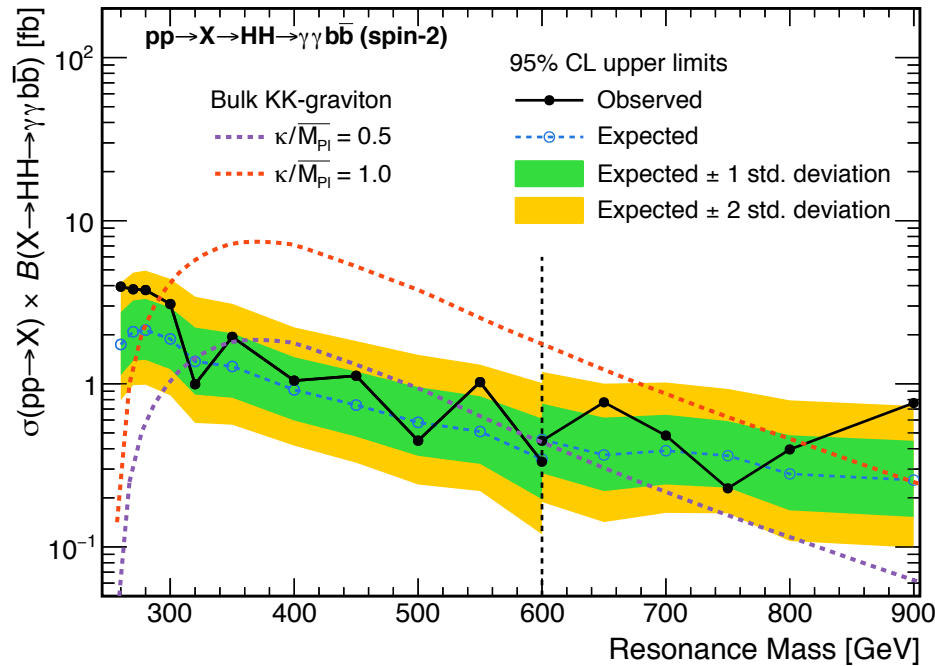
2 photons, 1e/ μ , 2 jets (WW->l ν qq)

Less sensitive

ATLAS: Eur. Phys. J. C 78 (2018) 1007

X->HH->bbyy results

CMS *Phys. Lett. B 788 (2018) 7* 35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

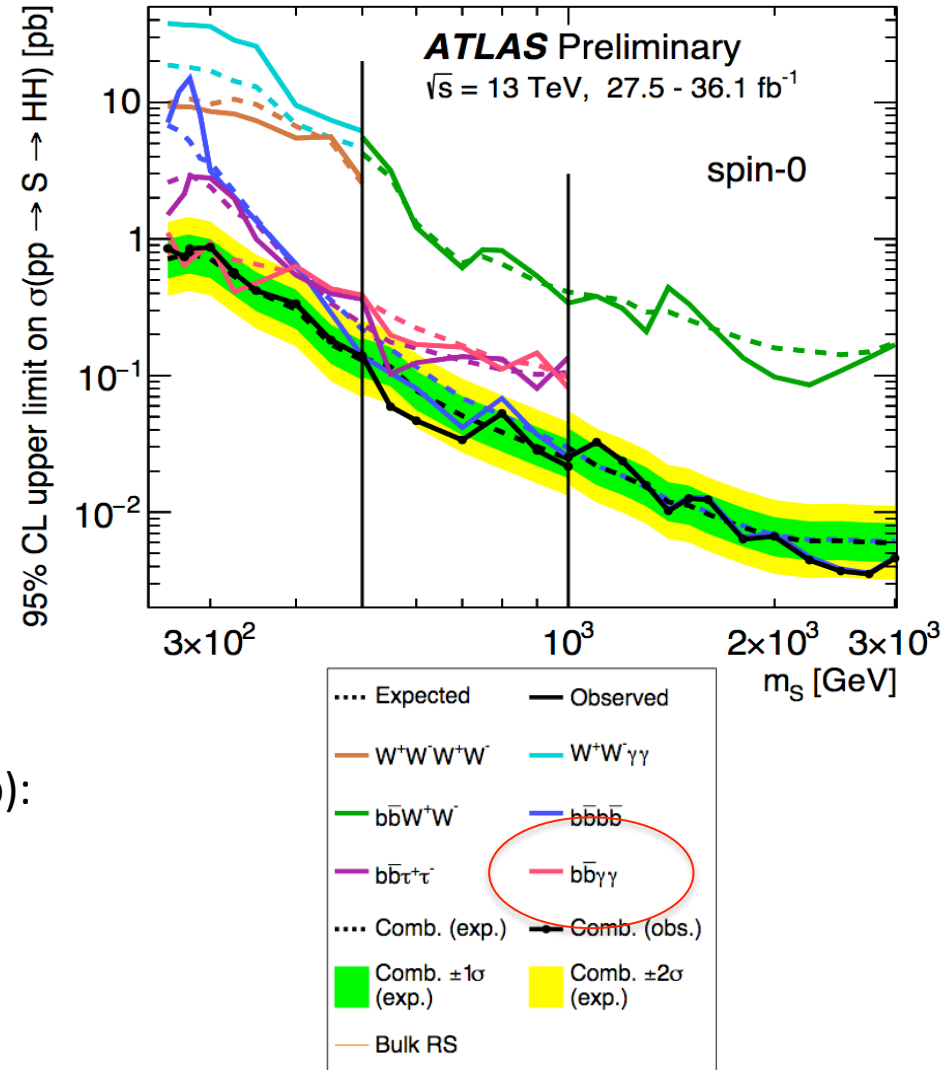


No significant excess in 2016 data

CMS UL @95%CL on $\sigma \times \text{BR}(pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow HH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma b\bar{b})$:
0.23-4.2 fb ($m_X=250-900$ GeV)
depending on m_X and spin

ATLAS UL @95%CL on $\sigma \times \text{BR}(pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow HH)$:
0.12-1.1 pb ($m_X=260-1000$ GeV)
for narrow spin-0

arxiv:1906.02025



bbyy important role in the combination

Other extensions to the Higgs sector

Many results available, only selected items here

Higgs boson = key for BSM physics?

Higgs boson discovery opened the way to new searches for BSM physics

Exotic $h(125)$ decays

Indirect evidence for BSM: deviations from SM couplings

Direct evidence for BSM: observation of Higgs BSM decays

- Higgs \rightarrow invisible
- Higgs \rightarrow light (pseudo)scalars ($H \rightarrow aa$)
- Flavor violating decays

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Higgs decays to SM particles

Important to look at all possible decay modes

Very rare decays:

- Excess would indicate BSM physics
- Precision limited, slow increase with data

No surprise so far

*Phys. Lett. B 786 (2018) 134
(2016 data)*



H → J/ψ γ decay

Probe of charm Yukawa coupling

Focus on clean di-μ final state

95%CL UL on BR ~ 10⁻⁴

*JHEP 11 (2018) 152
(2016 data)*



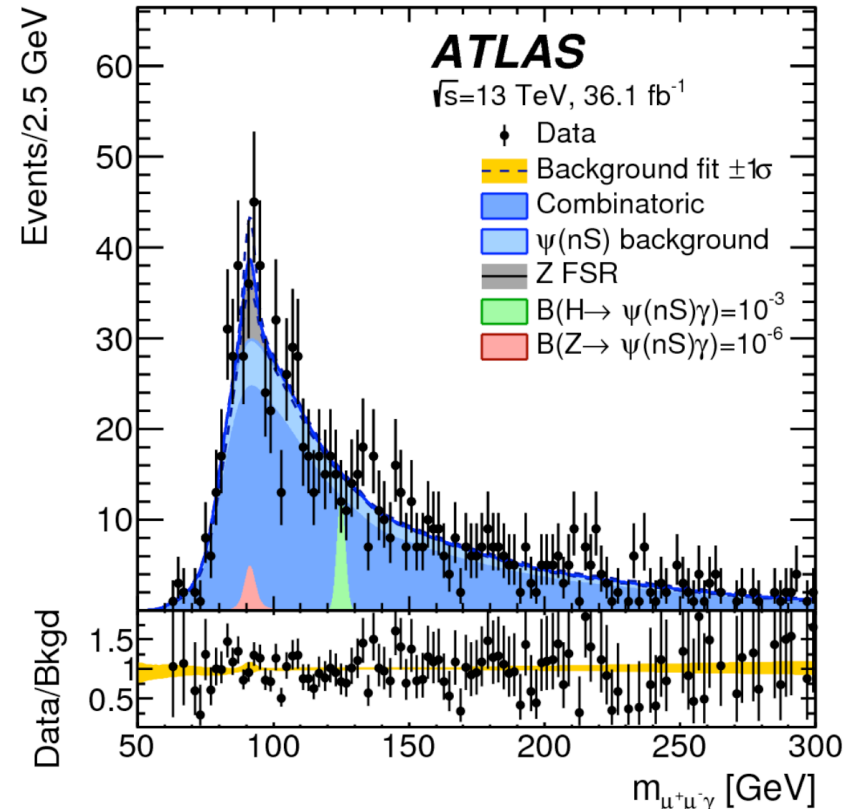
H → ll γ decay

Focus on clean di-μ, di-ele final states

Obs. (exp.) 95%CL UL on

σ × BR = 3.9 (2.0) × SM

| channel | BR (SM) |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| H → Zγ → llγ | 1.01 × 10 ⁻⁴ |
| H → J/ψ γ | 3.0 × 10 ⁻⁶ |
| H → γγ | ~5 × 10 ⁻⁹ |





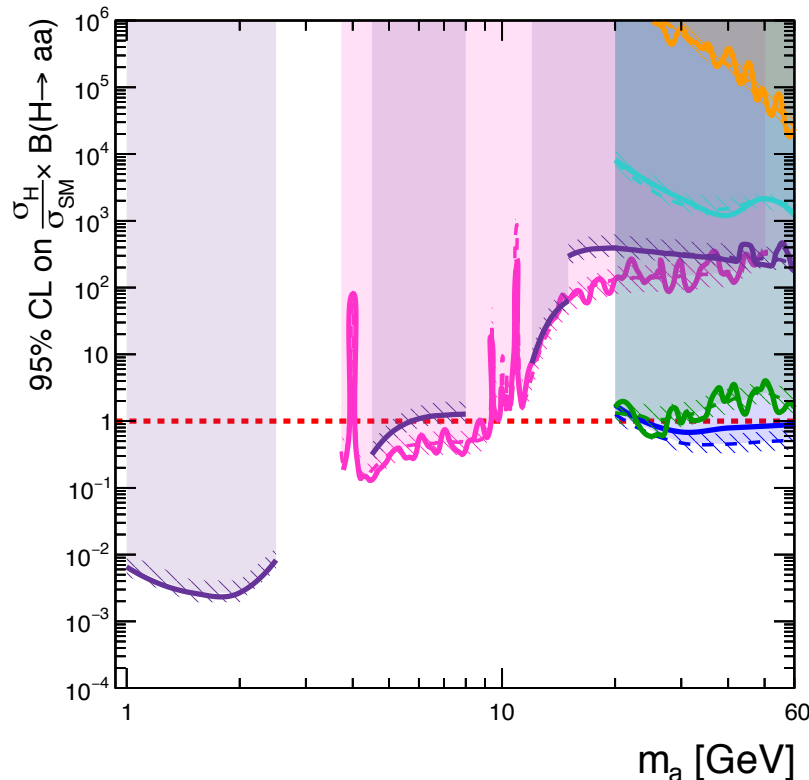
Higgs exotic decays: $h \rightarrow aa$

SM: single Higgs doublet $\Phi \Rightarrow$ 1 Higgs boson h

2HDM: two $\Phi_1\Phi_2 \Rightarrow$ 5 Higgs bosons h, H_0, A, H^+, H^-

Interesting scenarios with extra singlet (2HDM+S) a with $m_a < m_h$

- Significant $h \rightarrow aa$ possible



ATLAS Preliminary

Run 1: $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV, 20.3 fb^{-1}

Run 2: $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, 36.1 fb^{-1}

2HDM+S Type-I

expected $\pm 1 \sigma$

observed

Run 1 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau$

arXiv: 1505.01609

Run 1 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$

arXiv: 1509.05051

Run 2 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu\mu$

arXiv: 1802.03388

Run 2 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma jj$

arXiv: 1803.11145

Run 2 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bbbb$

arXiv: 1806.07355

Run 2 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\mu\mu$

arXiv: 1807.00539

Final states with photons
 explored at ATLAS:

$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma$ (Run1)

$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\gamma 2j$ (Run2)

Complementary searches

Become relevant with
 suppressed fermionic decays

Summary

Photons are a primary ingredient in searches for BSM physics thanks to the clean signature in the detector

Many searches for resonances ongoing in final states with photons at ATLAS and CMS

The Higgs Boson discovery opened additional paths to search for new physics, in an extended Higgs sector

So far all observations are compatible with the SM expectations
Still $O(100\text{fb}^{-1})$ of data to be analyzed for many channels.
Many more results coming with full Run2 dataset.

These and more results



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