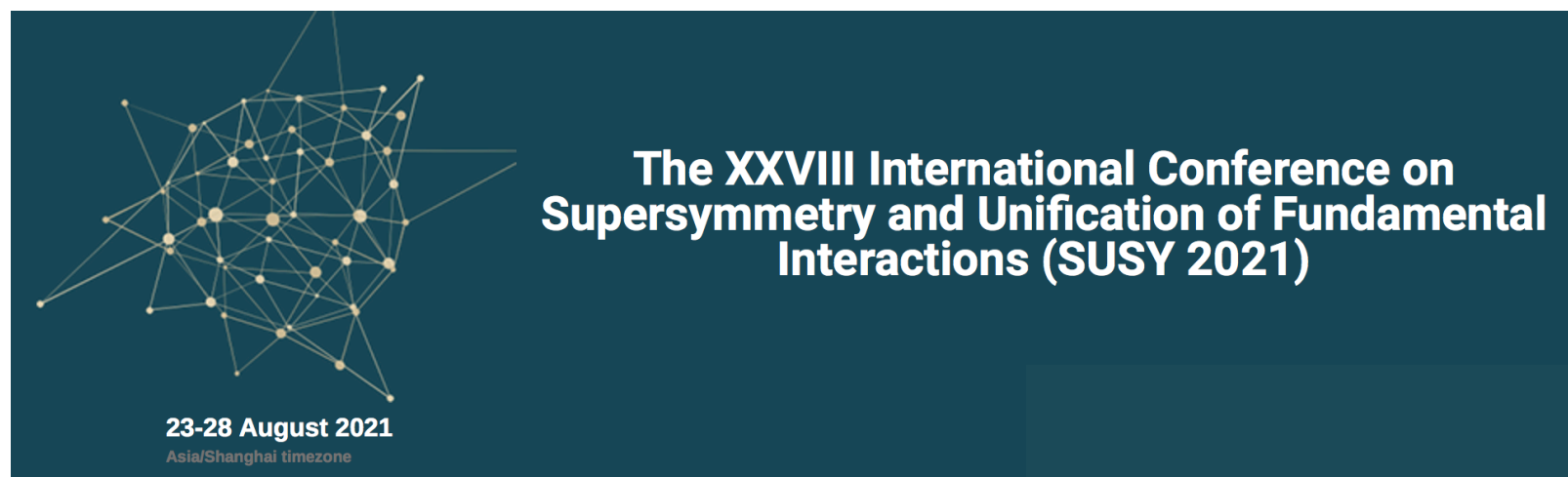


Dark Matter Searches in CMS

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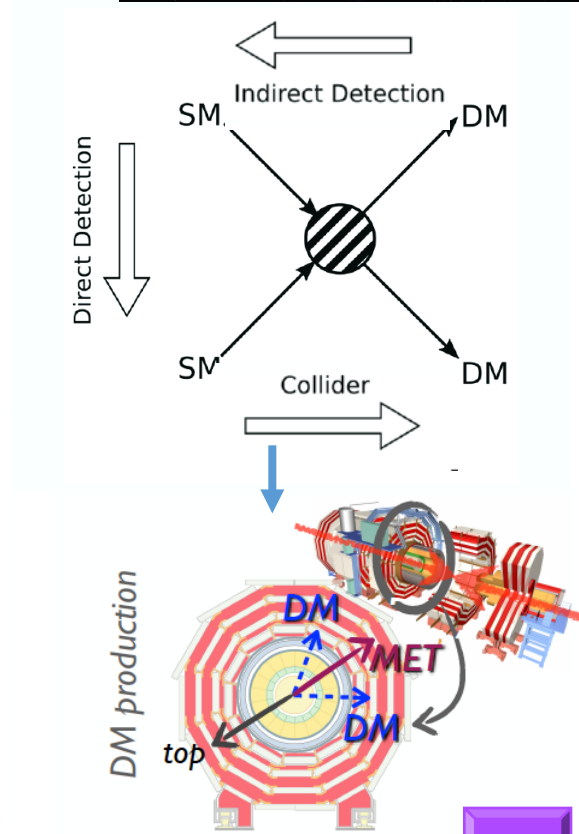
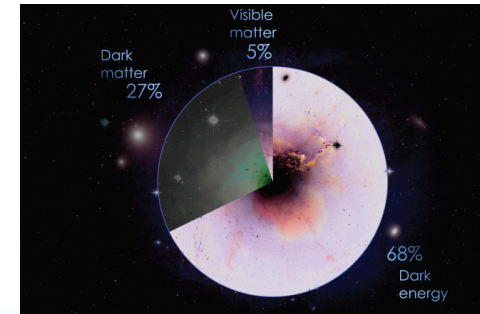
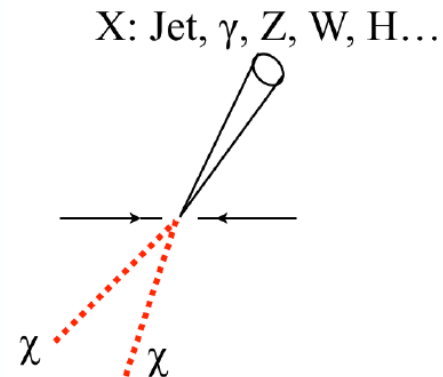
Dark Matter

- Multiple evidence from astrophysical observations at different scales for Dark Matter (DM) existence.
 - DM interact gravitationally, long lived and neutral particles.
 - No information about its nature

• **Goal:** Understand the nature of dark matter.

• **Dark Matter Searches:**

- Indirect Detection: Products from DM annihilation
 - Direct Detection: Nuclear recoils from DM-nuclei scattering
 - Collider search: DM production in high energy collisions
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- DM could be produced at colliders (rare process)
 - no direct trace in the detector, but could create a p_T imbalance (MET)
 - need visible particle to which DM particle recoils against
 - “**mono-X searches**”: X includes jets, vector bosons, top, ...

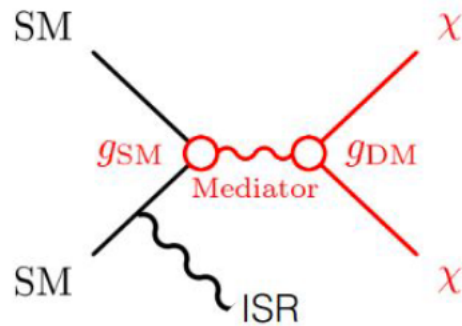


Overview of Dark Matter models

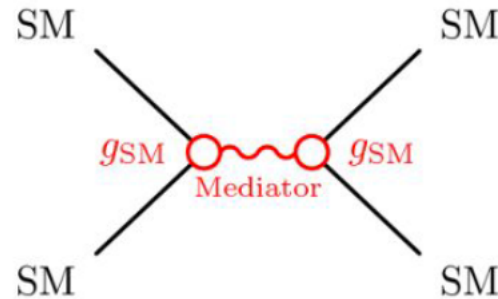
Simplified Models

- have a mediator and DM particle

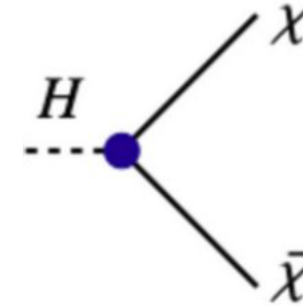
Mono-X searches



Mediator (resonance) searches



Higgs portal Model



- Mono-X signature is visible object recoil against missing energy
- X could be photon, W/Z boson, jets, Higgs boson
- ISR or associated production used to tag the event
- Look for deviation from SM background

- Visible final states from DM decay to SM particles
- Look for mass peak above background continuum

- Dark matter produced in the decay of the Higgs boson

• **Plus 2HDM ... shown later** →

DM search strategy

- **Selection:**

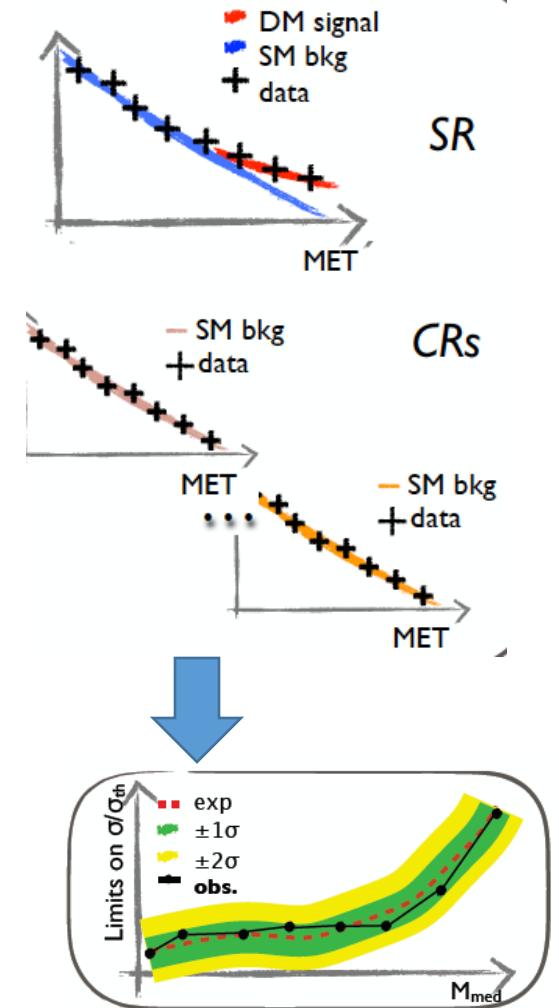
- Search for an excess of events in MET tail w.r.t SM in region enriched with signal (signal Region – SR)

- **Background:**

- Measuring the dominant background processes contributing in the SR
- Achieved using orthogonal Control Regions (CR)

- **Results:**

- Compare data with SM prediction
- excess of events in data. Did we find DM?
- no excess, interpret result in terms of theory model parameters



Outlines

- There is a very wide program for DM search in CMS

Full list of Dark Matter searches in CMS

- Few analysis are shown for today:

1 Mono-jet/V Search

[EXO-20-004](#)

2 Mono-Z($\ell\ell$) Search

[Eur.Phys.J.C81\(2021\) 13](#)

3 Dark Higgs (WW)

[EXO-20-013](#)

4 Mono Higgs

[JHEP03\(2020\)025](#)

- In addition the Dark sector talk by Sushil Chauhan

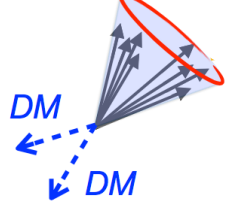
Mono-Jet/V analysis I

- The analysis aims to find an excess in the p_T spectrum
- Detector Signature: High p_T Jet + p_T^{miss}
- The analysis is sensitive to a broad range of different models thanks to its general signature

Basic Selection:

- Large MET (> 250 GeV)
- Lepton Veto
- events categorized based on jet nature:
 - One high p_T jet

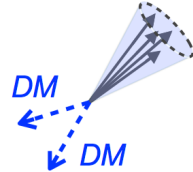
Mono V



[large-cone jet, eg. $R=0.8$]

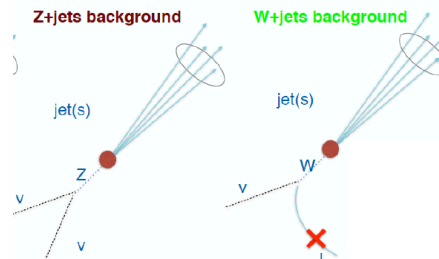
- AK8 Jet with $p_T > 250$ GeV
- Invariant jet mass consistent with V

Mono Jet



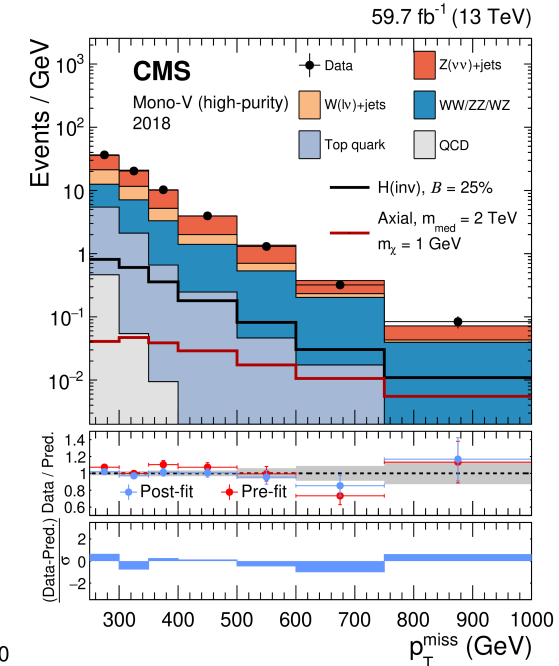
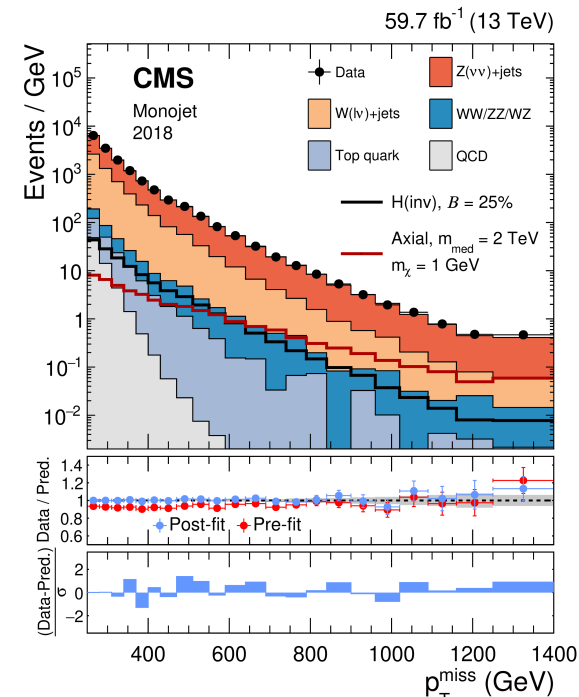
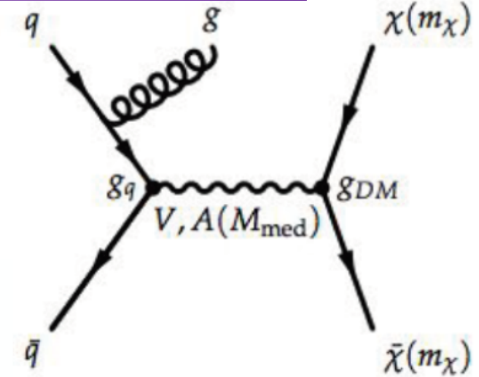
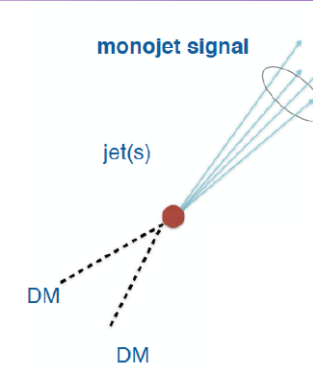
[small-cone jet, eg. $R=0.4$]

- AK4 jet with $p_T > 100$ GeV
- Not selected as mono-V



Background:

- $Z(\nu\nu)+jets$, $W(\ell\nu)+jets$

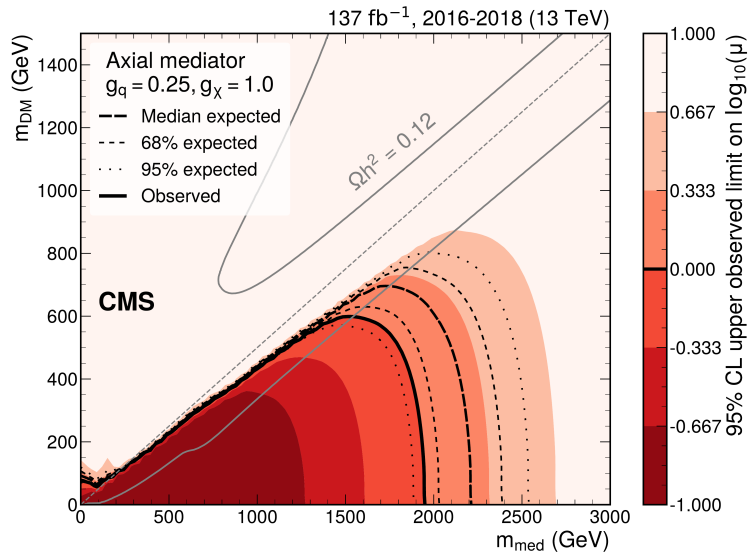


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Mono-Jet/V analysis II

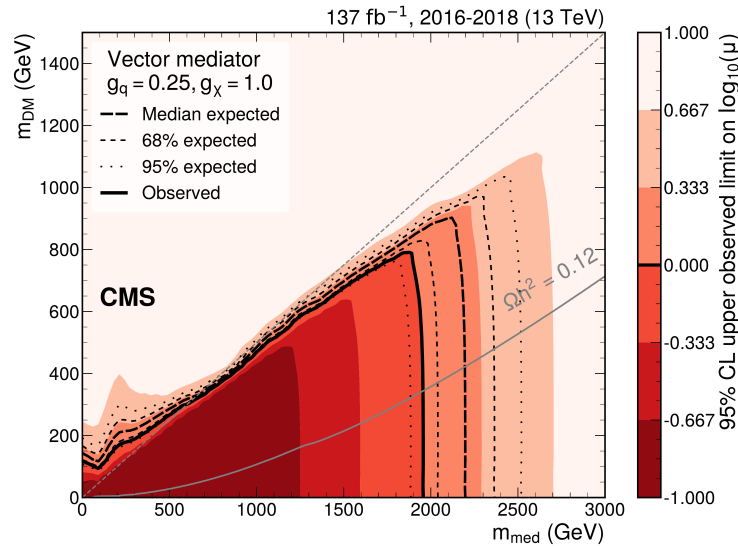
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Axial Vector mediator



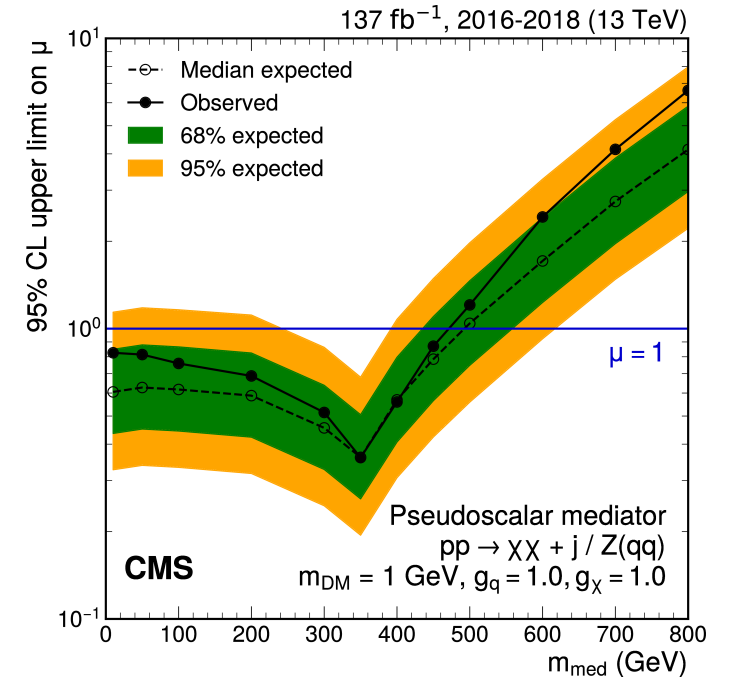
Exclude $m_{\text{med}} < 1.95 \text{ TeV}$

Vector mediator



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Pseudo-scalar mediator

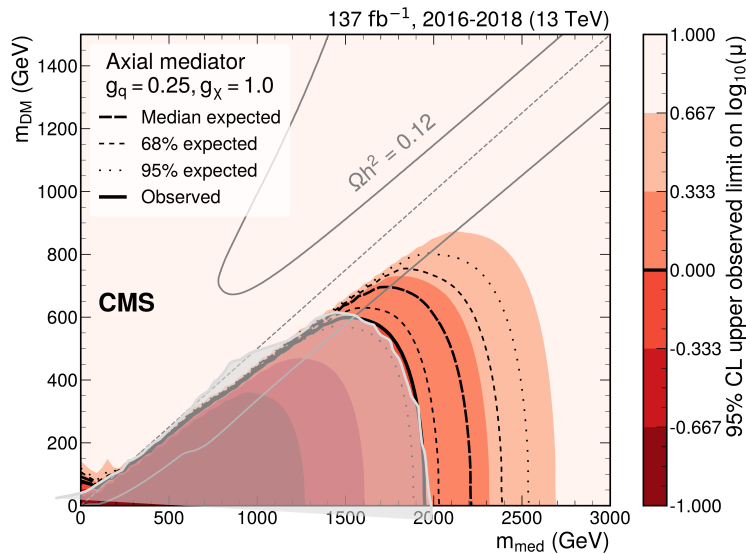


Exclude $m_{\text{med}} < 450 \text{ GeV}$ for constant $m_{\text{DM}} = 1 \text{ GeV}$

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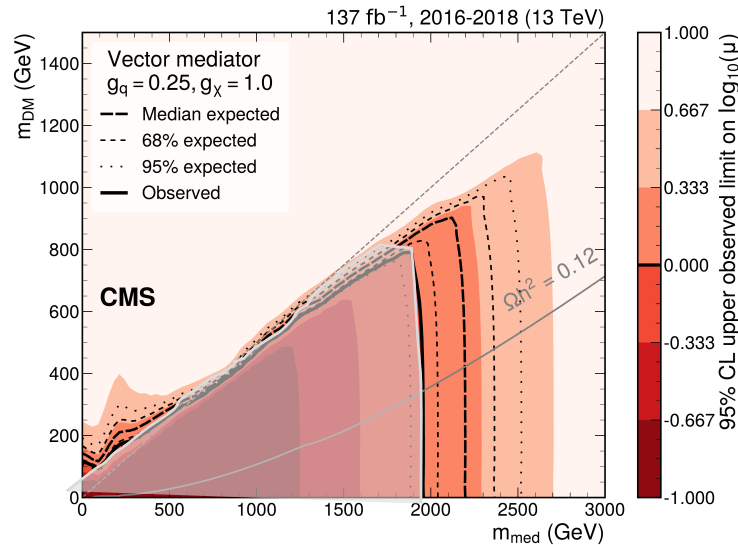
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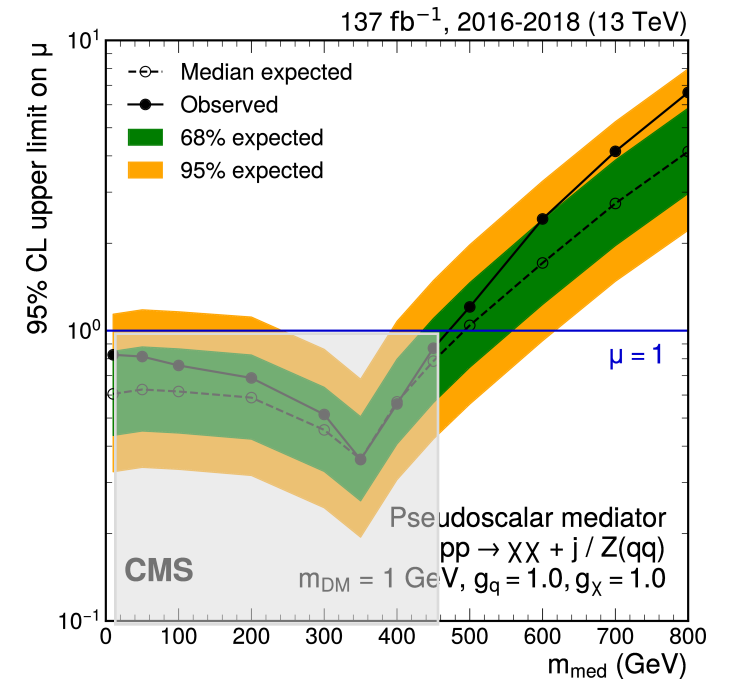
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Pseudo-scalar mediator



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Mono Z($\ell\ell$) analysis I

- **Basic selection:**

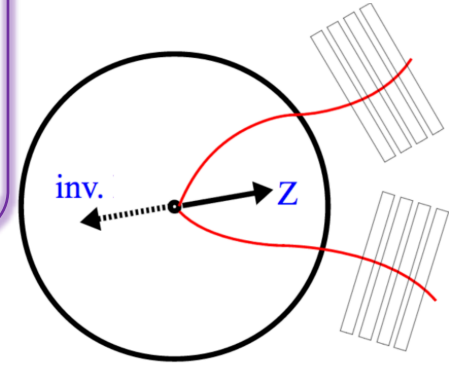
- MET > 100 GeV
- Lepton1 pT > 25 GeV , Lepton2 pT > 20 GeV

- Different models for interpretation in one analysis:

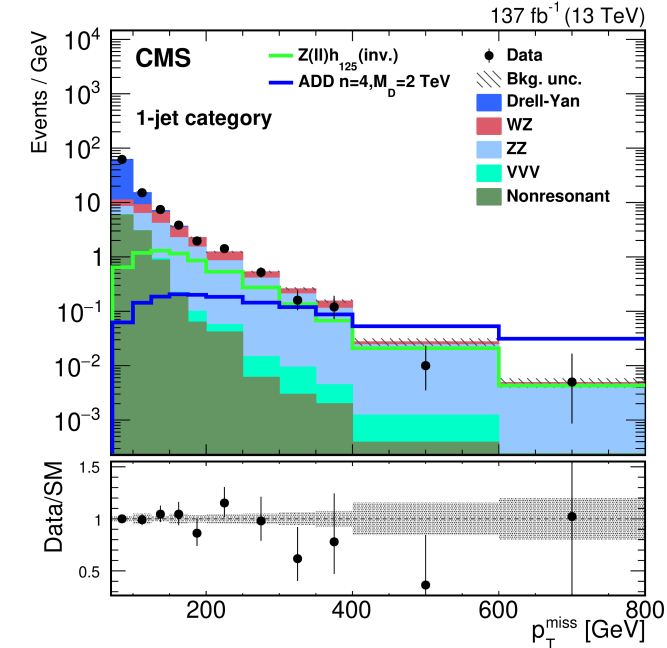
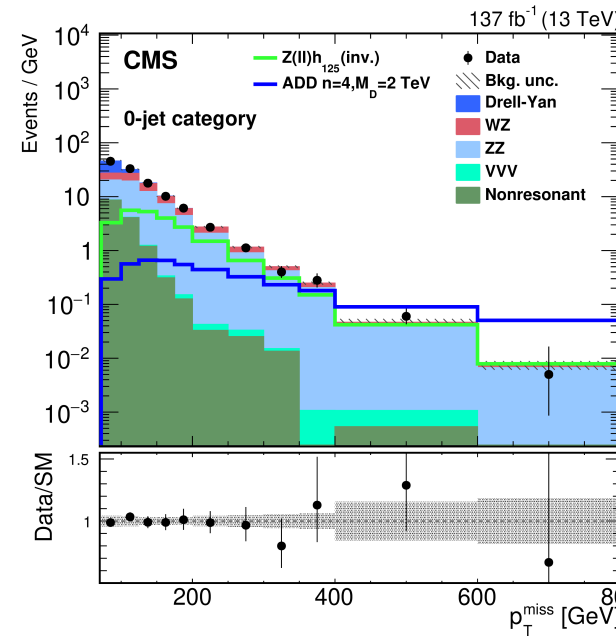
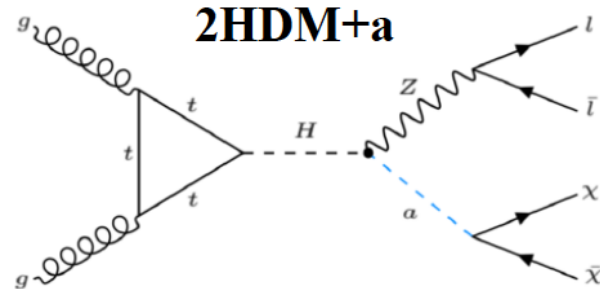
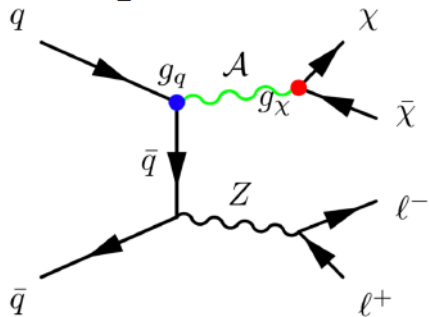
- DM simplified model , 2HDM+a
- Analysis divided in 0 and 1 jet category to increase
- the sensitivity

- **Main Background:**

- ZZ $\rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu$, WZ $\rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\ell$, DY, ...
- Dedicated control regions for dominant background.



Simplified DM



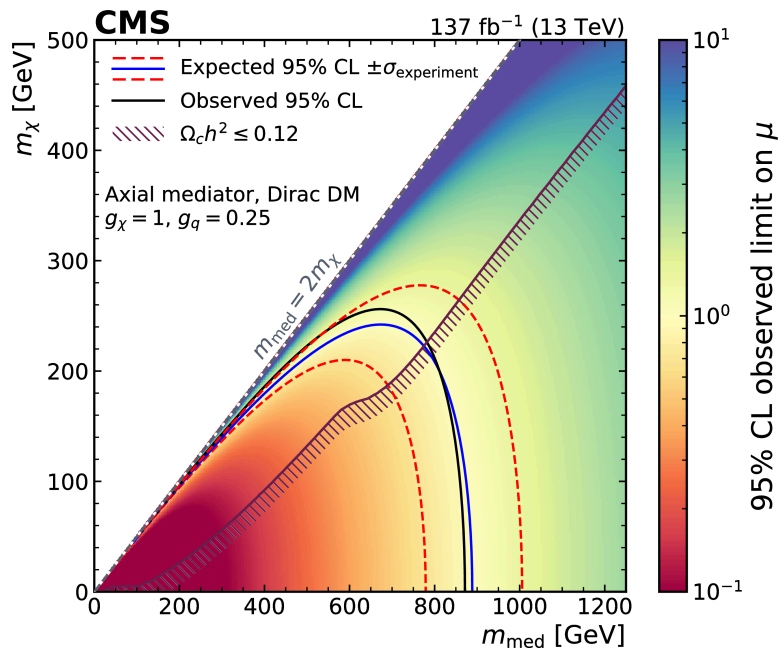
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Mono Z($\ell\ell$) analysis II

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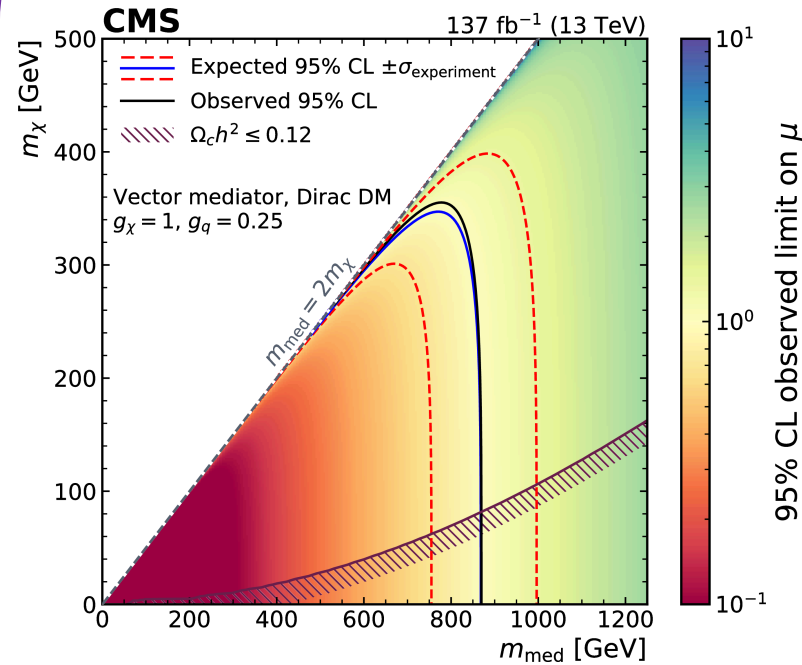
95% CL upper limit on m_a vs m_A plane

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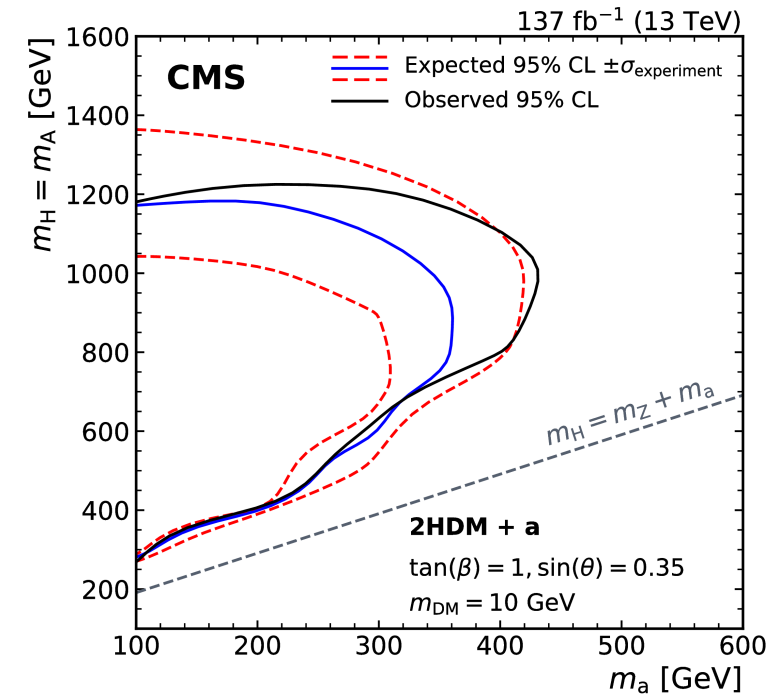
$M_{\text{med}} > 800$ GeV is allowed region

Vector mediator



$M_{\text{med}} > 870$ GeV is allowed region

2HDM+a Model



Observed limit on m_a is 440 GeV

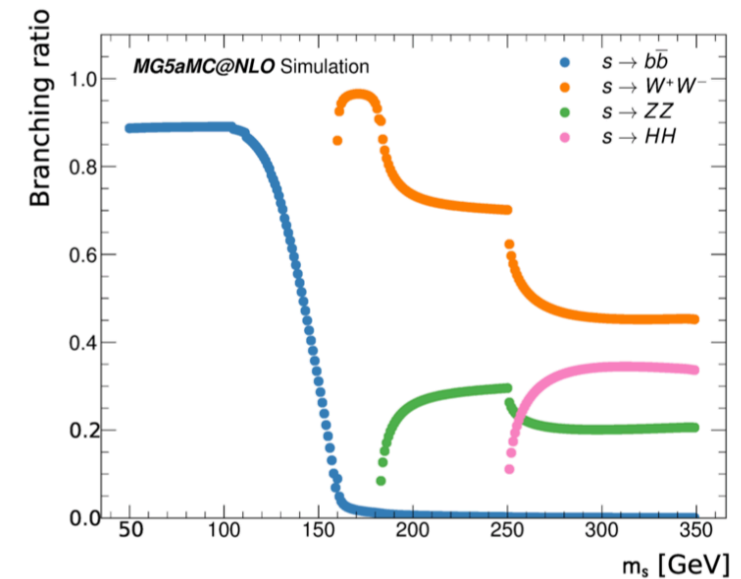
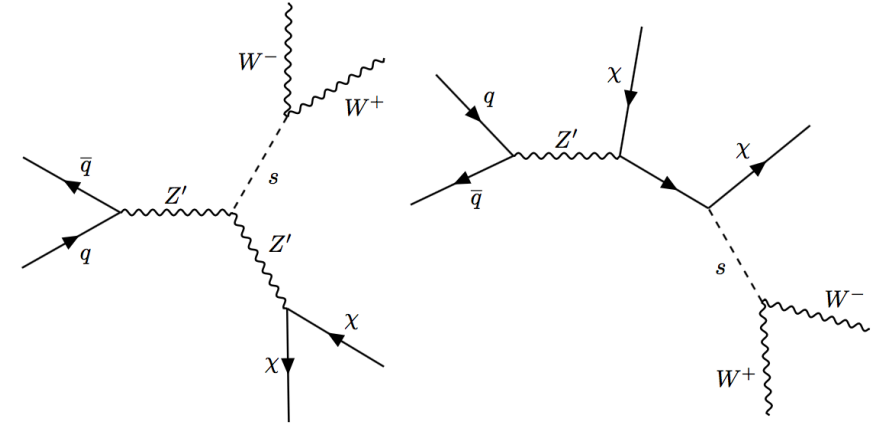
More interpretations are published \Rightarrow [Eur.Phys.J.C81\(2021\)13](#)

Dark Higgs boson (WW) search I

- This is the first time the CMS experiment explores the dark Higgs model
- Dark Higgs boson model: Dark Matter particle acquire mass through their interaction with a dark Higgs boson ([arXiv: 1701.08780](https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.08780))
- Dark Higgs mass $>$ WW mass threshold (160 GeV) \rightarrow to maximize the production cross section
- WW decay mode dominate the picture for $m_s > 160$ GeV (resonance)
- **Signature:** 2 opposite charged leptons + large MET

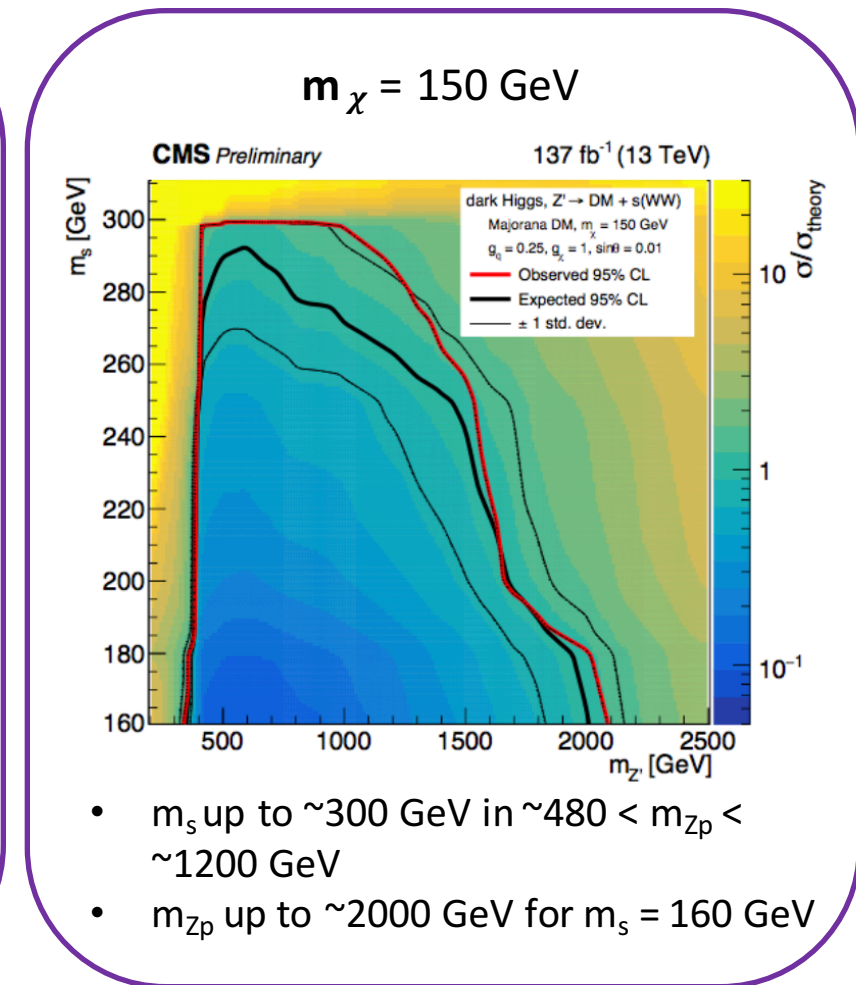
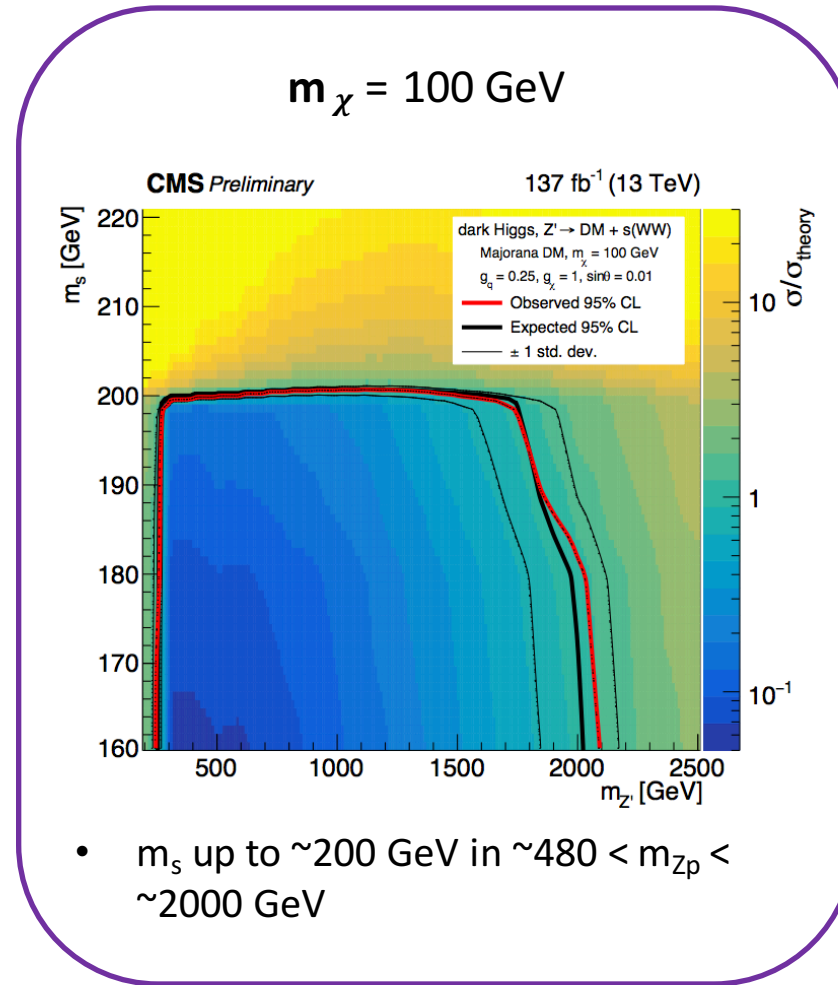
Main background:

- WW, W+jets, Top background, Non prompt leptons
- Main backgrounds estimated from dedicated control regions



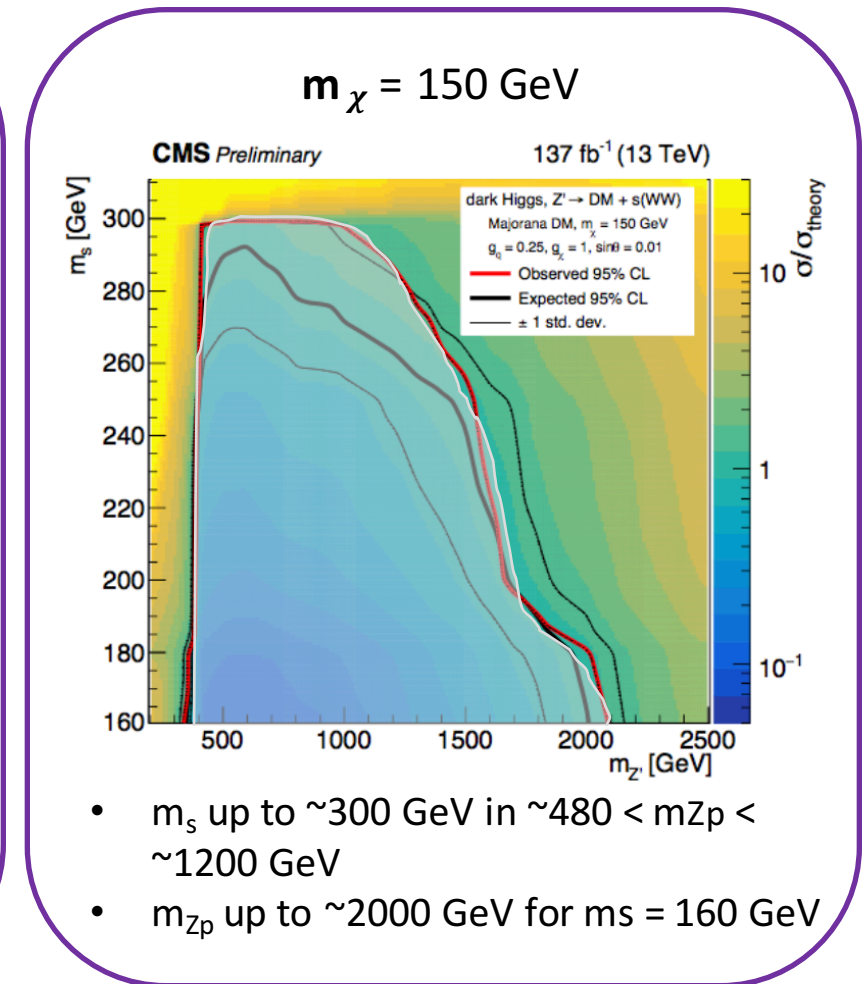
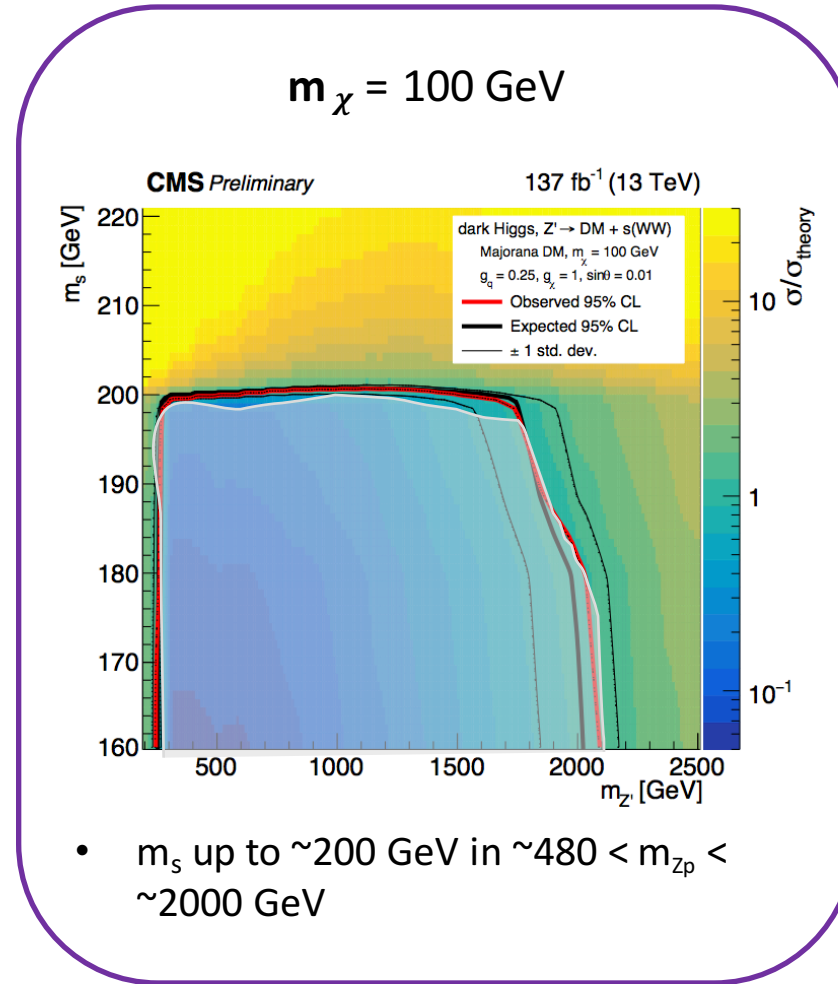
Dark Higgs boson (WW) search II

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- Exclusion limits at 95% CL on $\mu = \sigma / \sigma_{\text{th}}$ in the $m_{Z'} - m_s$ plane for different scenarios of m_χ (100 – 150 – 200 – 300 GeV)
- most stringent limit for $m_\chi = 150$ GeV



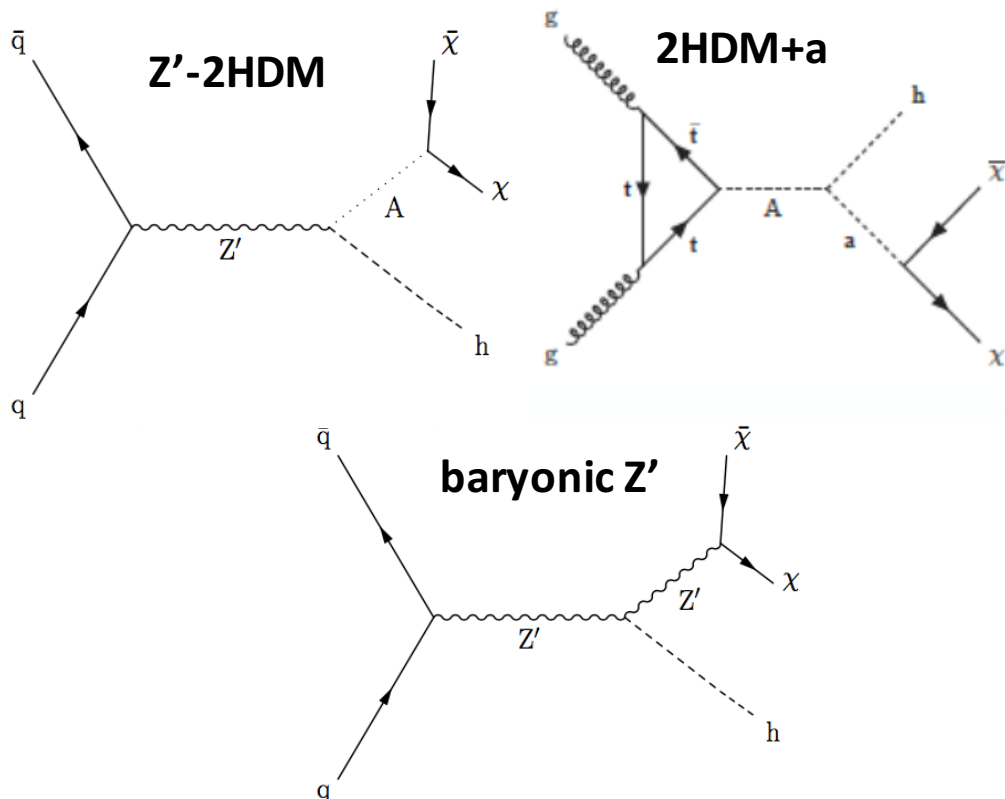
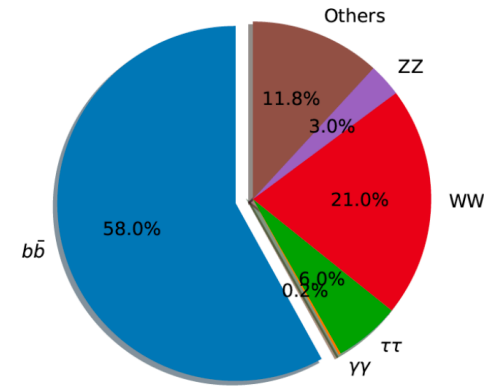
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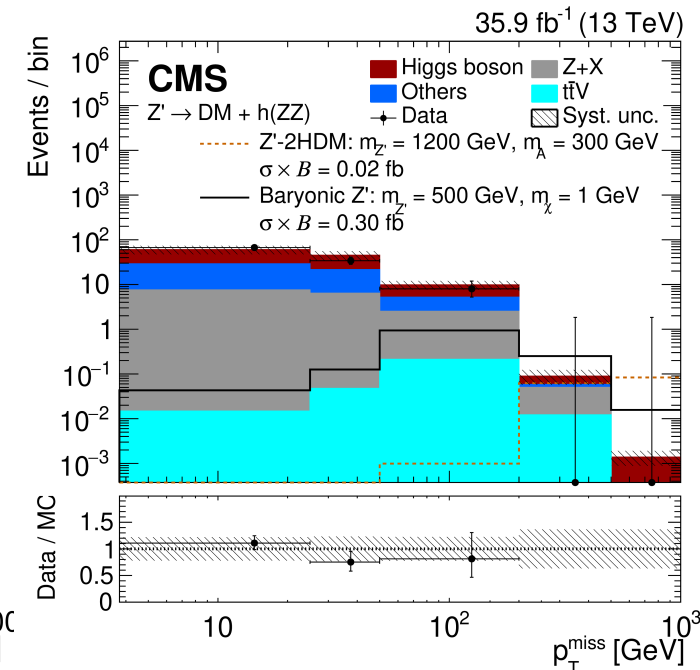
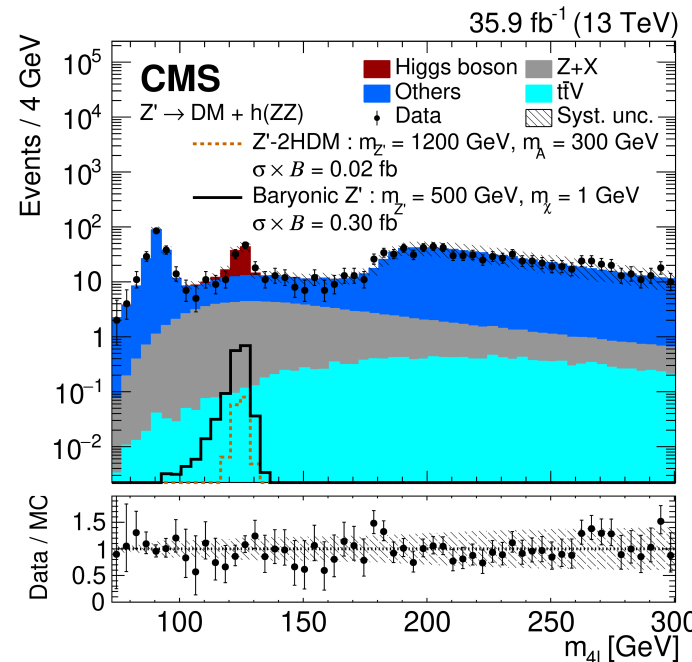


Mono-Higgs analysis I

- **Aim:** search for dark matter produced in association with Higgs boson (Higgs boson used as a tag)
- **Signature:**
- Large MET + Higgs boson
- Considering combination of 5 Higgs decay channels (**bb** - $\gamma\gamma$ - $\tau\tau$ - **WW** - **ZZ**)
- The analysis sensitivity is driven by bb channel
- **Models for interpretation:**



Mono-H(ZZ)4l analysis

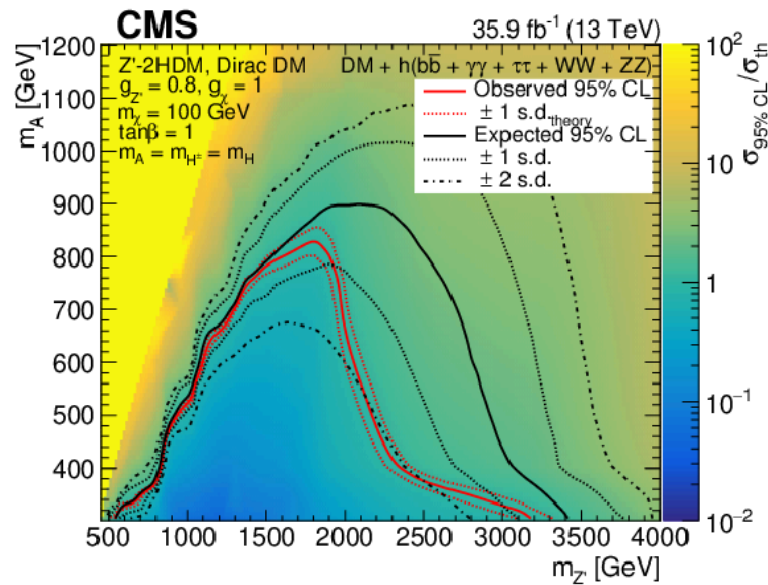


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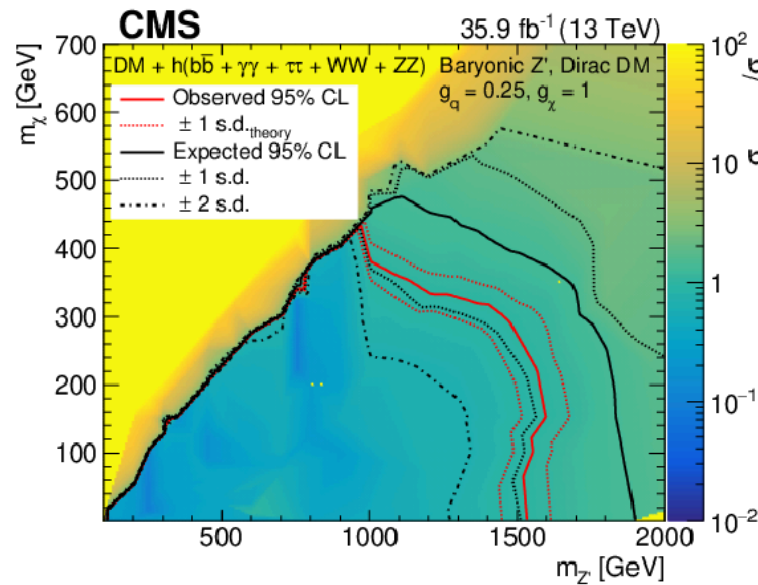
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Z' - 2HDM



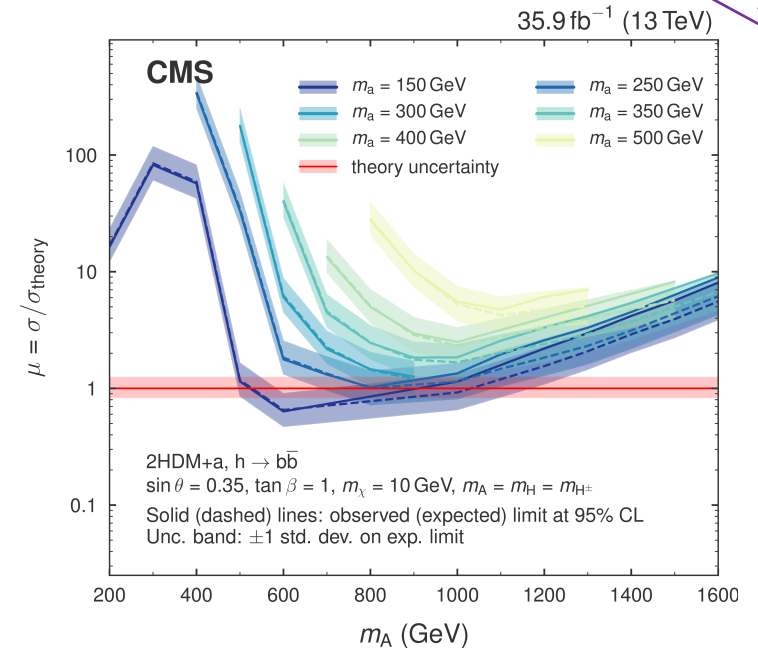
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Z' - baryonic



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2-HDM+a



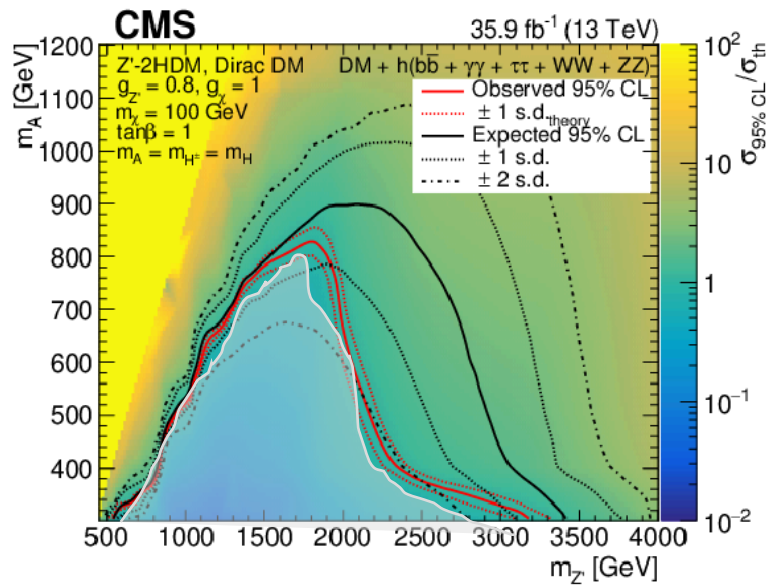
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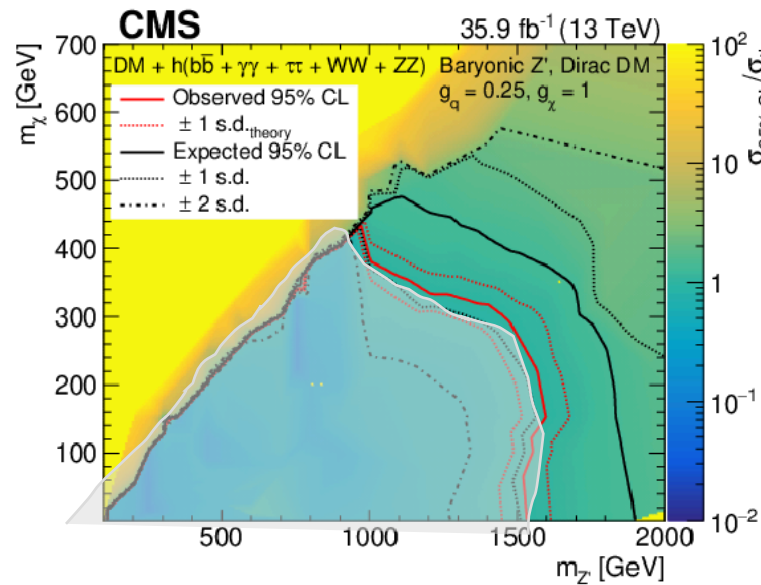
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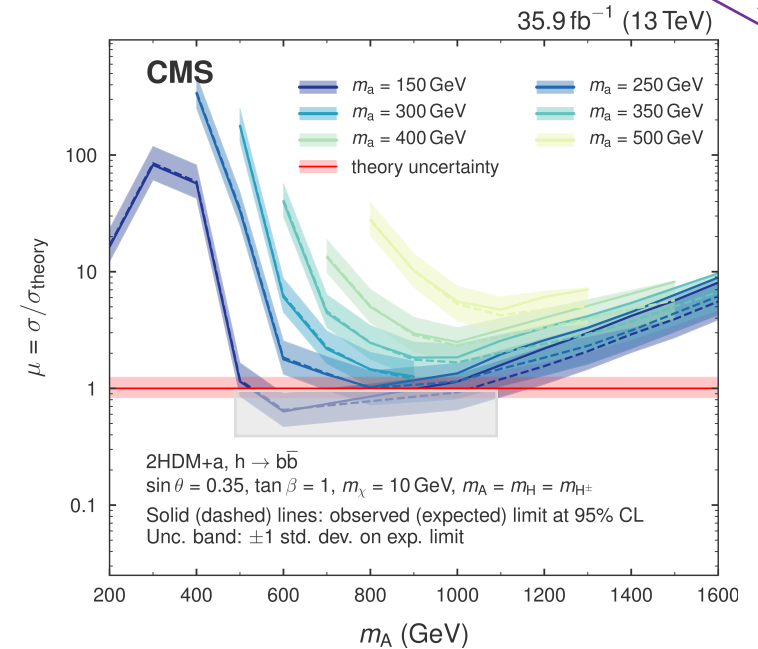
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Summary

- A brief summary of Dark Matter searches in CMS has been presented
- No excess of events over SM background has been observed so far in any analysis
- Exclusion limits have been set in terms of DM models for different analysis
- Many full Run II analysis are still in progress and about to come out soon.
- Stay tuned for new results.

Thank You