

# The Standard Model Higgs and beyond.







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- The Higgs boson and beyond
- Charged Higgs
- BSM Higgs: light pseudo-scalar, non-SM Higgs decay
- Higgs boson and Dark Matter

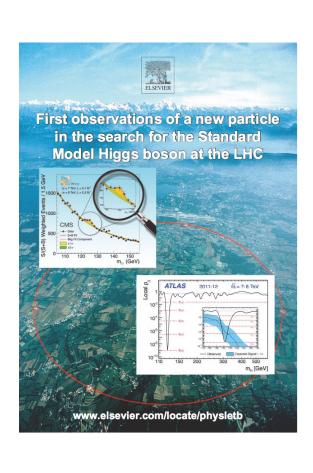


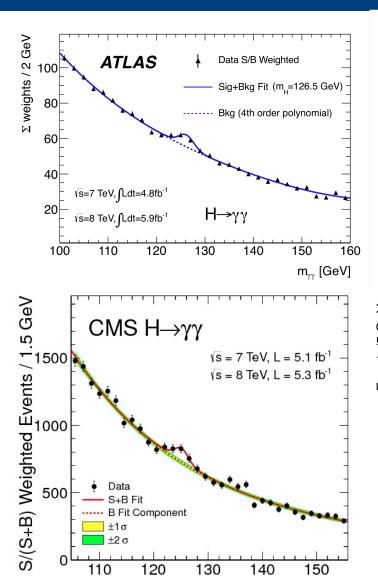
# $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu$

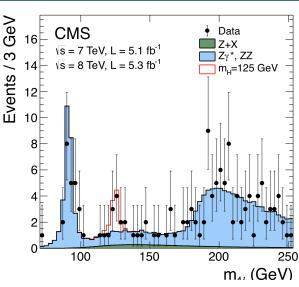
- Signal: 4 isolated leptons from same vertex
  - -Small background
  - -Fully reconstructed, mass resolution ~1%

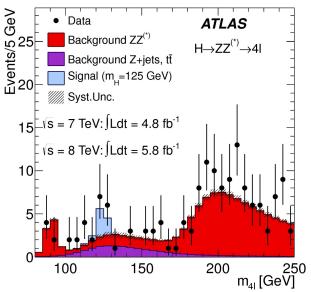
The golden channel

# July 4th, 2012: A Higgs boson







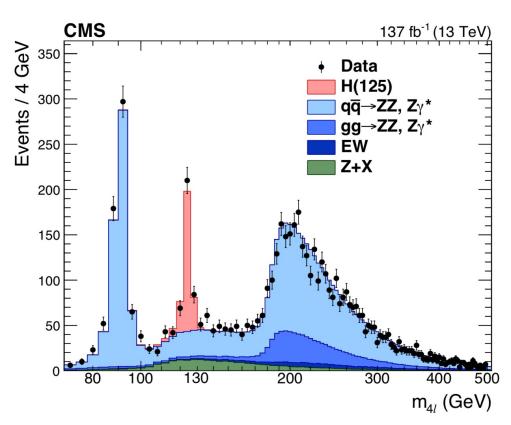


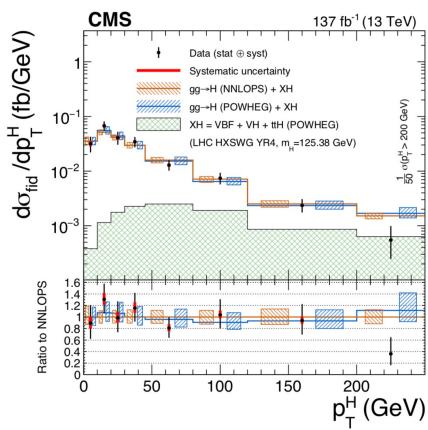
 $$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ (GeV)$$  M. Gallinaro - "The Higgs boson and beyond" - April 19, 2021

#### Higgs and ZZ

EPJC 81(2021)200, arXiv:2103.04956

- Study of SM ZZ production, and Higgs decay to ZZ
  - ~98% of Run2 data
- SM cross section measured with 3% precision

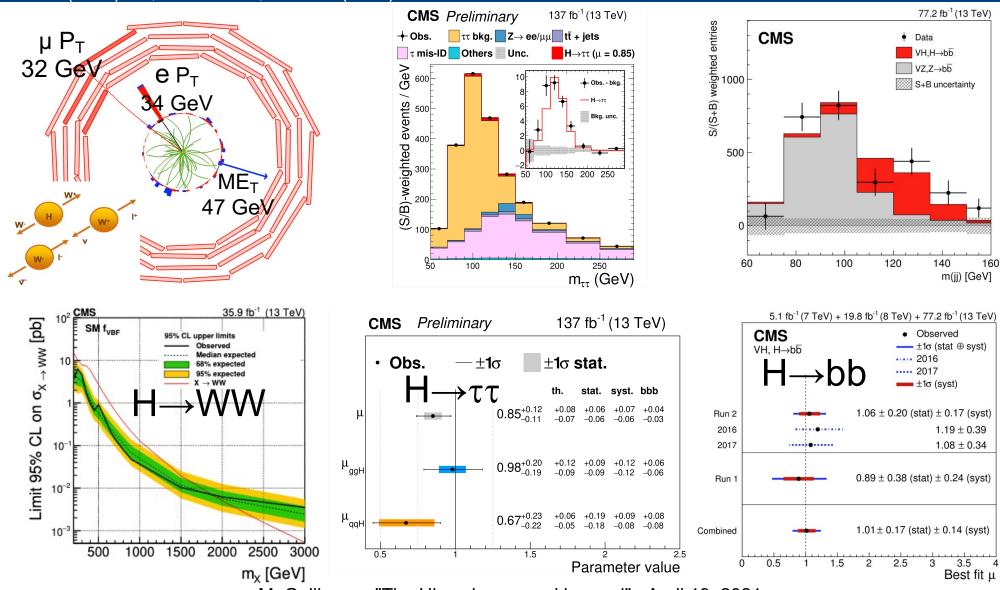




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#### Low mass-resolution channels

JHEP 03(2929)034, HIG-19-010, PRL 121(2018)121801

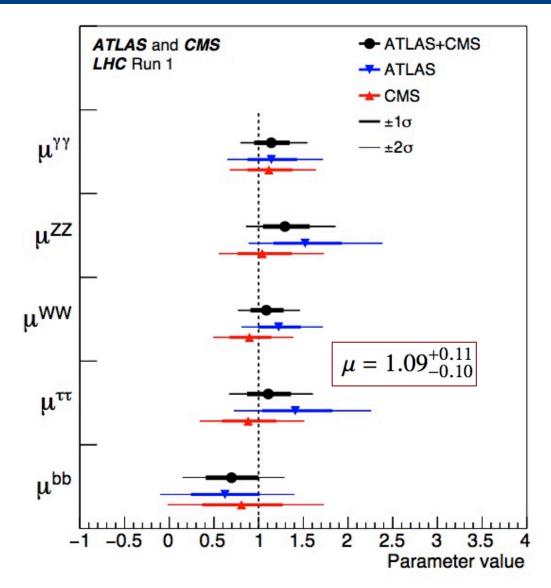


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#### Couplings: individual channels

EPJC 75(2015)212, arXiv:1507.04548, arXiv:1606.02266

Results based on the full Run 1 data samples

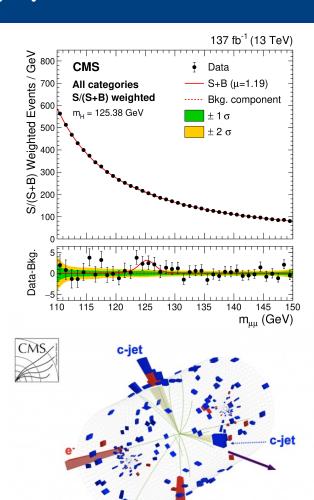


### Rare decays: H→µµ, cc

JHEP 01(2021)148, JHEP 03(2020)131

#### Study couplings to 2<sup>nd</sup> generation

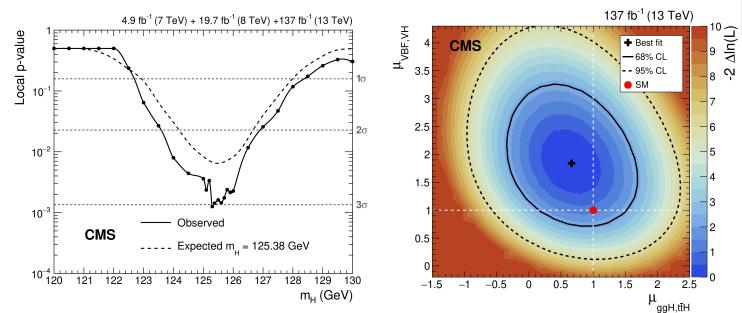
- H→μμ
  - Most sensitive category is VBF channel
  - Obs.(exp.): 3.0 σ (2.5σ)
- H→cc
  - Low cross section, need c-tagging
  - Use resolved (2jets) and merged (1jet),
  - Use ML and jet substructure for tagging and classification
  - o Validate using VZ production:  $\mu$ =0.55 $\pm$ 0.85
  - $\circ$  Obs (exp) Upper Limit:  $\mu$ =70 (37) @95% CL

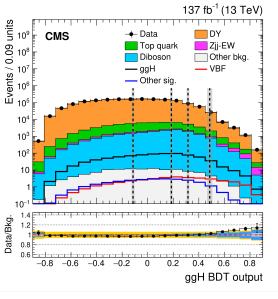


### Search for SM H→µµ

#### JHEP 01(2021)148

- Small rate:  $\mathcal{B}(H \to \mu^+ \mu^-) = 2.18 \times 10^{-4}$
- Search based on BDT discriminant
  - Event categories based on BDT score
- Weighted sum of individual fits to each category
- Signal strength:  $\mu = 1.19^{+0.40}_{-0.39} \, (\mathrm{stat})^{+0.15}_{-0.14} \, (\mathrm{syst})$

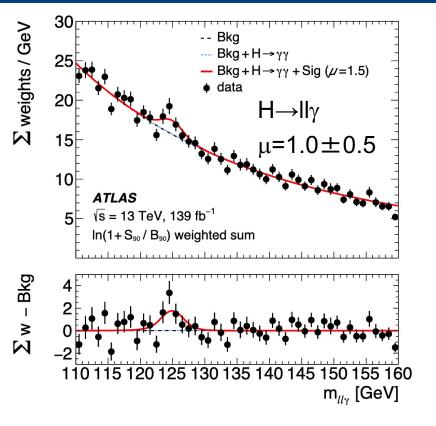


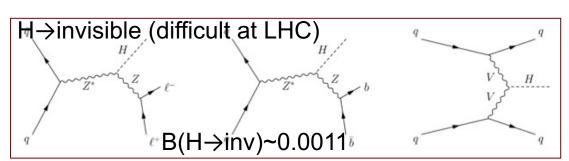


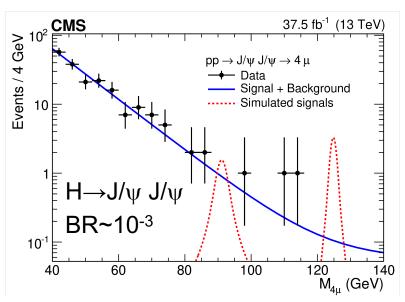
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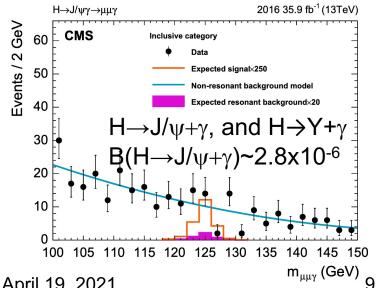
### Search for rare decays

PLB 797(2019)134811, arXiv:2103.10322, EPJC 79(2019)94, arXiv:1507.03031, PLB 793(2019)520, PRL 114(2015)121801





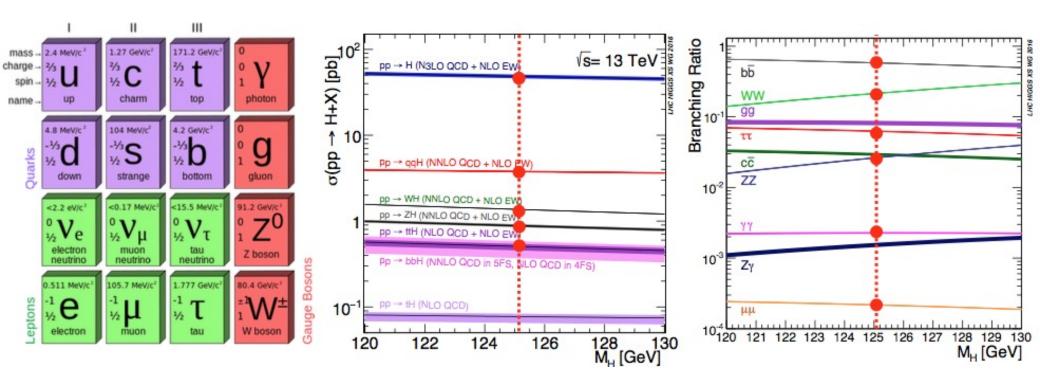




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### Combined Higgs measurements

- A wide range of production and decay modes are accessible
- Important to establish unambiguous observation (>5σ significance) of these processes on the way to precision tests of the couplings
- Uncertainties on theoretical predictions also important (in some cases, already comparable to experimental uncertainties)



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### ttH production: Invisible decays

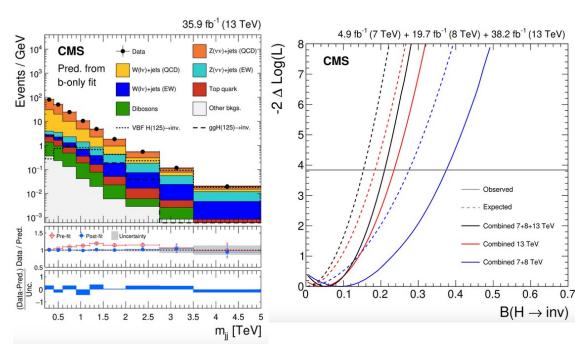
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#### ttH→invisible

- Search for invisible decays in VBF
- with large Δη(jj)



- Fit to dijet invariant mass distributions
- Combination of ggH, V(jj)H, and Z(II)H production modes
- Upper limits: 0.19@95%CL (0.15 exp.)



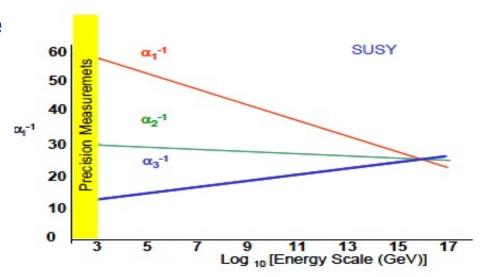
#### Higgs and the SM

- SM is a successful theory
- Nothing prevents the SM to survive up to the Planck scale. However, it is unnatural.
- Virtual particles in quantum loops contribute to the Higgs mechanism
  - -contributions grow with  $\Lambda$  (upper scale validity of the SM)
  - -Higgs mass depends quadratically on  $\Lambda$ :  $m^2 = m_0^2 + g^2\Lambda^2$
- Miraculous cancellations are needed to keep m<sub>H</sub><1TeV</li>
- Is there a symmetry that protects the Higgs mass from receiving large corrections?

cancelation?

### Higgs and the SM (cont.)

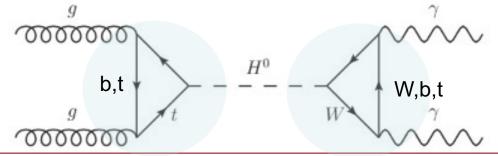
- SUSY postulates a new symmetry between fermions and bosons
  - Loops of particles and their SUSY partners have the ability to cancel the quadratic divergences in the Higgs field self-couplings, solving the naturalness problem
  - SUSY foresees unification of couplings at large energy scales ~10<sup>15</sup> GeV
  - Provides DM candidates (LSP)
- It suggests many options, but the LHC may not be able to find it
- # of experimental scenarios is large



### Higgs and BSM

ATLAS-CONF-2015-044, CMS-HIG-15-002

Is there BSM physics hidden in the "Higgs sector"?

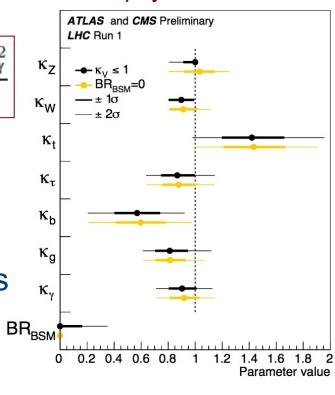


$$(\sigma \cdot BR) \, (gg \to H \to \gamma \gamma) \ = \ \sigma_{SM}(gg \to H) \cdot BR_{SM}(H \to \gamma \gamma) \, \cdot \frac{\kappa_g^2 \cdot \kappa_\gamma^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$

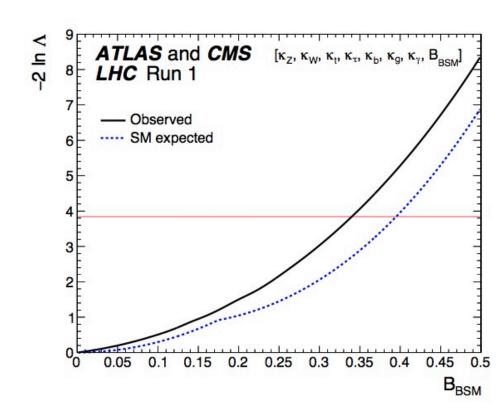
#### Experimental approach

- Measure H(125) properties
- Search for additional Higgs bosons
- Search for BSM in signatures with Higgs bosons
- Search for BSM Higgs decays

Strategy: parametrize deviations wrt SM in production and decay ⇒ loops are sensitive to BSM physics



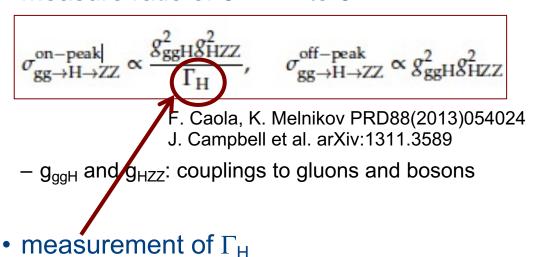
- Constrain BR<sub>BSM</sub> in a scenario with free parameters
- $\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = \Gamma_{\text{WW}} + \Gamma_{\text{ZZ}} + \Gamma_{\text{bb}} + \dots + \Gamma_{\text{BSM}}$
- Likelihood scan vs BR<sub>BSM</sub>
- Assuming couplings bound by SM expectations (k<sub>v</sub><1)</li>
- 0≤BR<sub>BSM</sub>≤0.34 at 95%CL



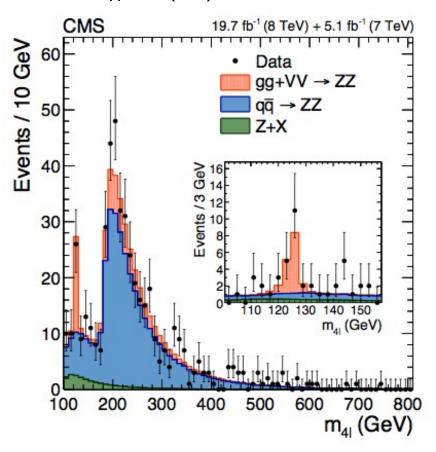
### Constraining Higgs width

#### PLB 736(2014)64

- couplings and width are sensitive probes to BSM
- indirectly constrained in coupling fits
- off-peak to on-peak ratio proportional to  $\Gamma_{\mathsf{H}}$
- constrain Higgs boson width by using offshell production/decay
- measure ratio of  $\sigma^{\text{off-peak}}$  to  $\sigma^{\text{on-peak}}$



obs.(exp.) @95%CL:  $\Gamma_{H}$ <5.4(8.0) $\Gamma_{H}$ <sup>SM</sup>  $\Gamma_{H}$ <22(33)MeV

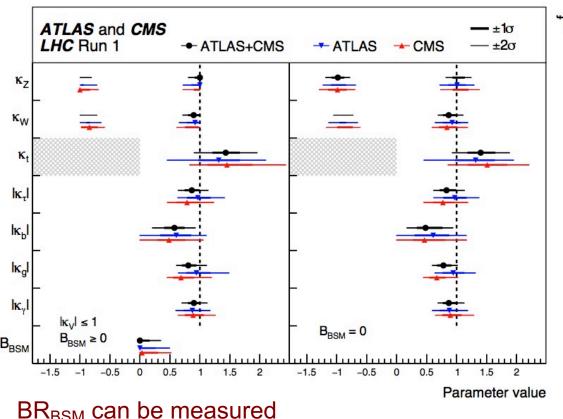


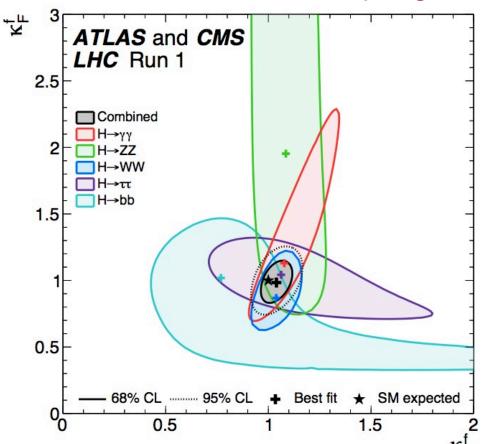
### Couplings: decays

ATLAS-CONF-2015-044, CMS-HIG-15-002, JHEP08(2016)045

#### BSM physics in the loop

#### Vector and fermion couplings





BR<sub>BSM</sub> can be measured

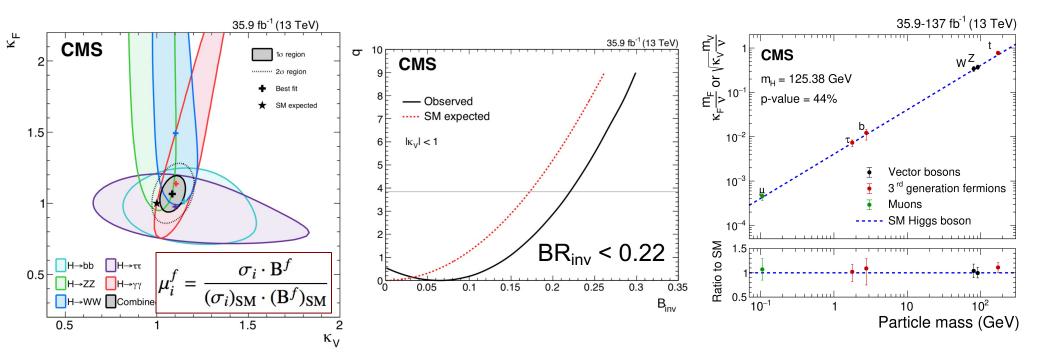
BR<sub>BSM</sub> < 0.34 at 95% C.L. (assuming  $\kappa_V \le 1$ )

BR<sub>BSM</sub> includes non standard decays, visible or invisible

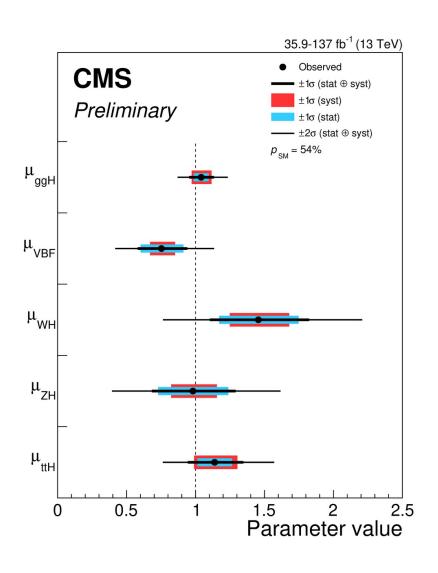
#### $\Rightarrow$ Results in agreement with SM ( $k_V = k_F = 1$ ) within $1\sigma$

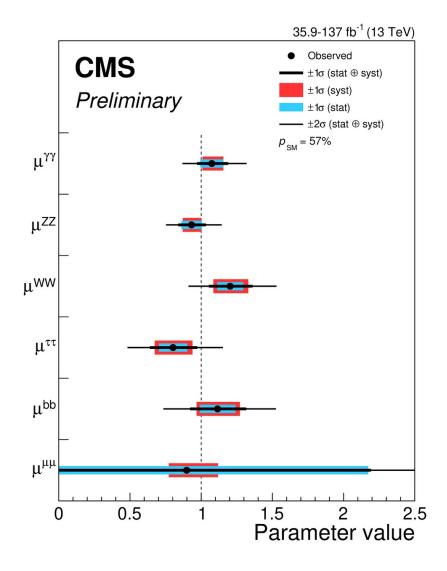
### Consistency with SM

arXiv:1809.10733, JHEP 01(2021)148



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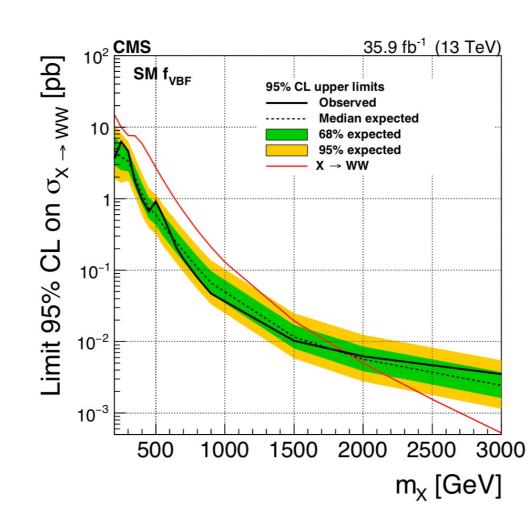




#### High mass: H→WW/ZZ

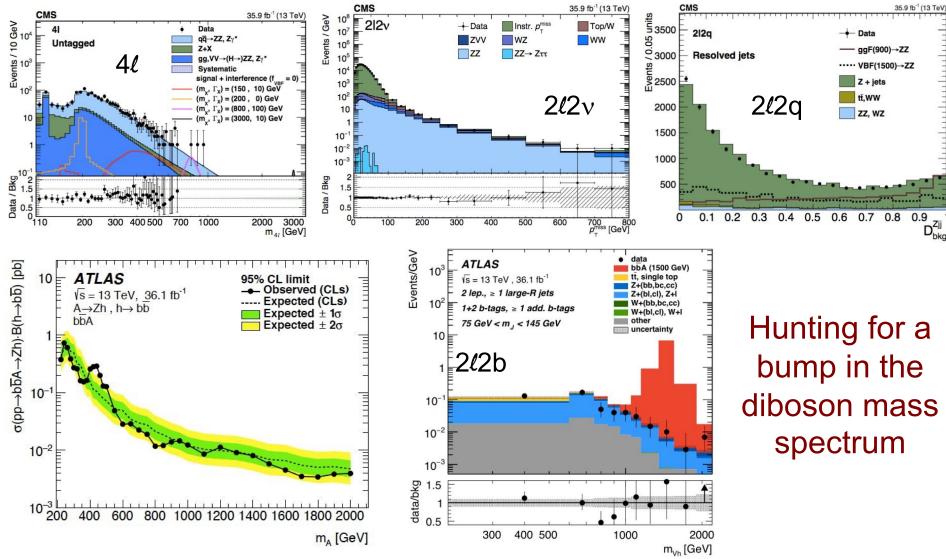
JHEP 10(2015)144, HIG-16-033, HIG-16-034, arXiv:1912.01594

- Search for a heavy Higgs boson
  - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ ,  $2\ell 2v$ ,  $2\ell qq$
  - H→WW→2 $\ell$ 2 $\nu$ , 2 $\ell$ qq
- Optimized separately for VBF and gluon fusion production processes
- Combined upper limits at 95% CL on the product of σ x BR exclude a heavy Higgs boson with SM-like couplings and decays up to 1870 GeV
- Search interpreted in BSM scenario (heavy Higgs, heavy EWK singlet state)
  - evolution of signal strength of the singlet state with modified couplings/width wrt SM.
  - assume new scalar does not decay to any new particle



### Heavy Higgs: dibosons

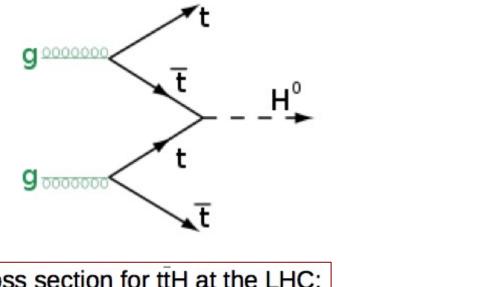
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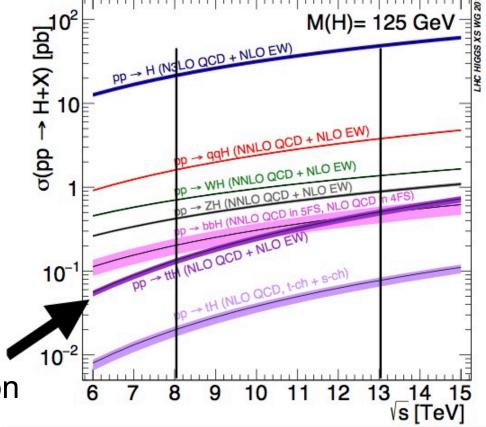
#### ttbar+Higgs

 ttbar produced in association with Higgs boson



Cross section for ttH at the LHC: 0.13 pb (8 TeV) 0.61 pb (14 TeV)

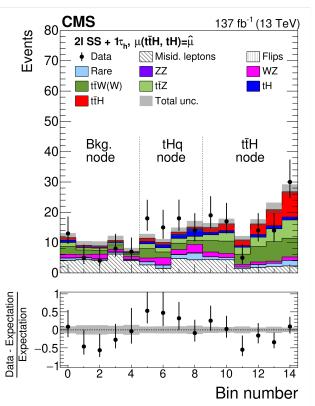
ttH ~1% of total Higgs cross section

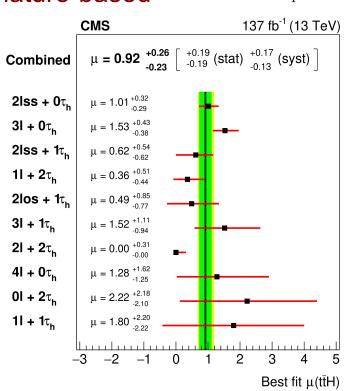


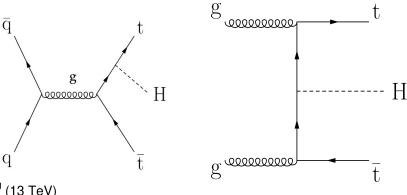
### Higgs+Top: tH, ttH

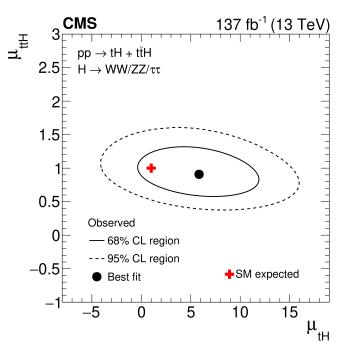
#### arXiv:2011.03652

- Higgs (H) bosons production in association with one (tH) or two (ttH) top quarks in final states with electrons, muons, tau
- Study H→WW/ ττ/ZZ decays
- Model-independent, signature-based









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### Extending searches

- Minimal Supersymmetric SM (MSSM)
  - Neutral Higgs: φ→ττ/bb/μμ
  - Charged Higgs
- Next-to-MSSM
  - Light pseudoscalar: h→aa
  - Non-SM decays: h→2a→4τ/4μ
  - Heavy Higgs:  $H \rightarrow h_{125}h_{125}$  or  $A \rightarrow Zh_{125}$
- FCNC: t→cH

#### Higgs sector in the MSSM

#### Higgs sector in SUSY contains two scalar doublets:

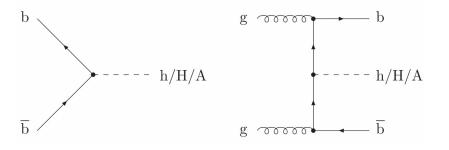
- 5 physical Higgs bosons
  - −3 neutral: CP-even φ=h,H CP-odd A
  - -2 charged H<sup>±</sup>
- SM-like Higgs boson: h

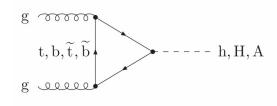
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- BR( $\phi \rightarrow bbar$ )~90%
- BR( $\phi \rightarrow \tau \tau$ )~10%
- BR( $\phi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ )~0.1%

#### Two main production modes:

- gg→H
- bbH





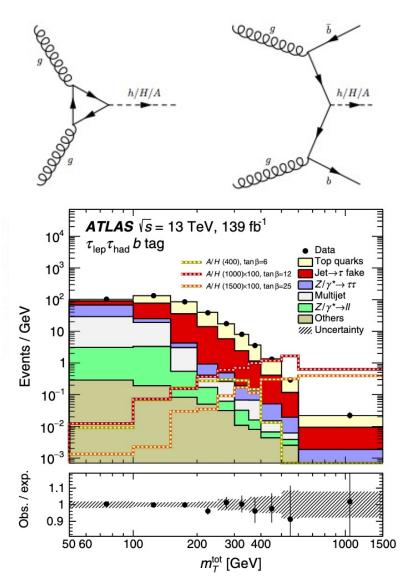
#### Neutral MSSM Higgs

JHEP 10(2014)212, arXiv:1803.06553, PRL 125(2020)051801

- Enhanced couplings of MSSM Higgs to down-type fermions (large tanβ)
- ⇒increased BR to τ leptons and b-quarks

$$m_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{tot}} = \sqrt{m_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\tau_{1}}, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\tau_{2}}) + m_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\tau_{1}}, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}) + m_{\mathrm{T}}^{2}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\tau_{2}}, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}})},$$

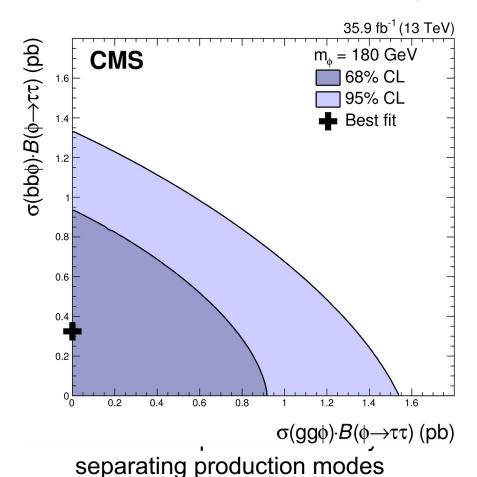
- Search for neutral MSSM Higgs boson
- 5 final states used: μτ<sub>h</sub>, eτ<sub>h</sub>, τ<sub>h</sub>τ<sub>h</sub>, eμ, μμ
  - Reconstruct tau-pair invariant mass
  - Split in b-tag/no b-tag categories to enhance sensitivity
- Main backgrounds: Z→ττ, QCD/W+jets, DY,ttbar, dibosons



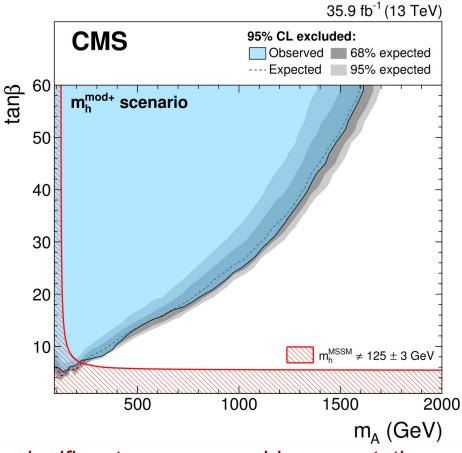
### Neutral MSSM Higgs: φ→ττ

JHEP 09(2018)007

- Direct search: inclusive and b-tagged
- $\bullet$   $\tau$  in both leptonic and hadronic decays



tanβ vs m<sub>A</sub> window becoming smaller

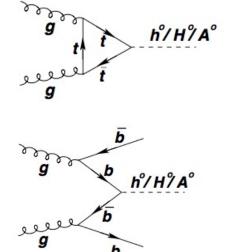


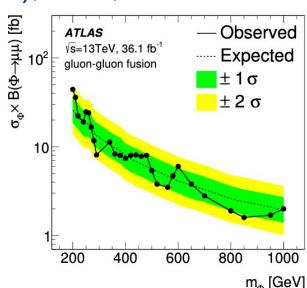
No significant excess over bkg expectations

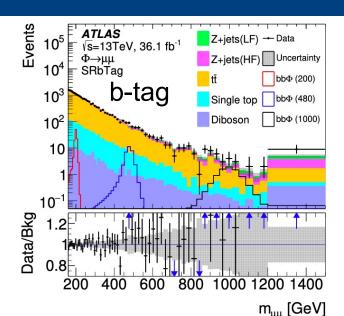
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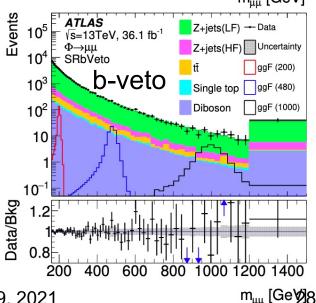
arXiv:1508.01437, JHEP07(2019)117

- Search for a μμ mass resonance
- Good mass resolution
  - -full and clean reconstructed final state
- Main backgrounds: Z(bbar), ttbar, WW



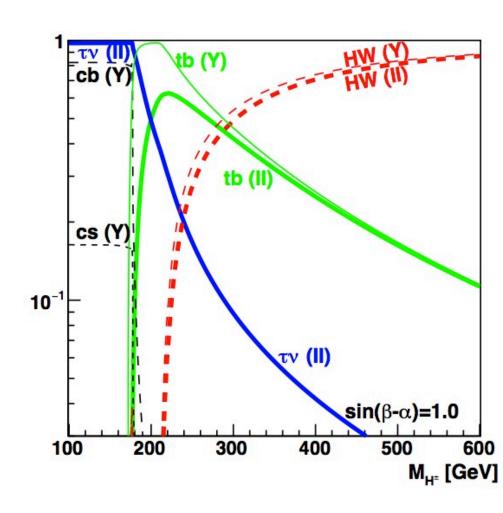






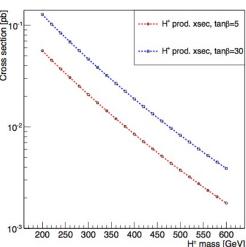
## Charged Higgs

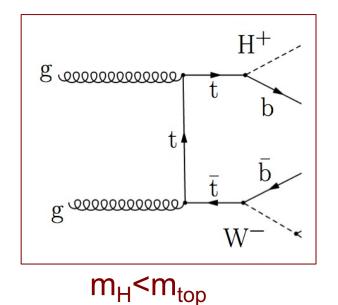
- If found, a clear indication of BSM
- Study non-SM Higgs in two mass regimes:
- m<sub>H</sub><m<sub>top</sub>
  - Mostly produced in top quark decays
  - -Large tanβ: H<sup>±</sup>→τ<sup>+</sup>ν
  - -Small tanβ (<1): H<sup>+</sup>→cs̄
- m<sub>H</sub>>m<sub>top</sub>
  - -Produced in gluon-gluon fusion
  - -Main decays: H<sup>+</sup>→tb, H<sup>+</sup>→τ<sup>+</sup>ν
- Main backgrounds: ttbar, W+jets

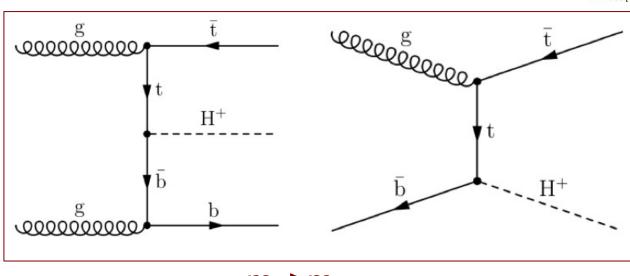


### Charged Higgs (cont.)

- Different strategies for low- and high-mass searches
- tau+lepton, lep+jets, and eμ final states
- b-tagged jet categorization
- limited by statistics at high-mass





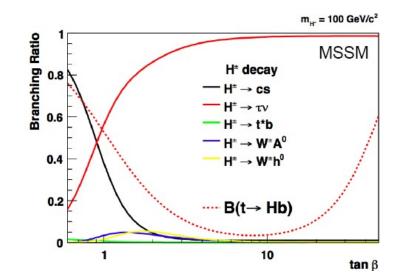


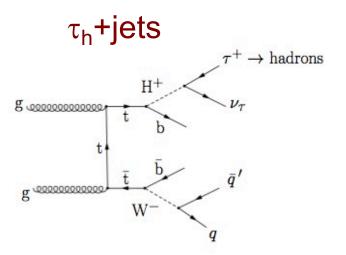
### Charged Higgs and top quark decays

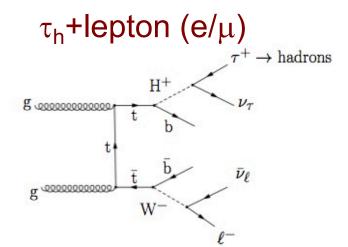
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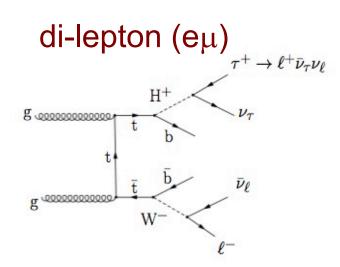
#### Look for charged Higgs in four final states:

- -Tau+lepton (electron or muon)
- Dilepton (tau decays leptonically)
- lepton+jets
- Fully hadronic: tau+jets









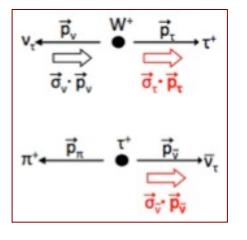
### Looking at tau decays

CMS-HIG-12-052

#### Low H<sup>+</sup> mass:

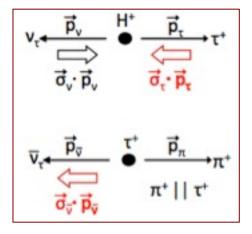
- Use R variable in the limit extraction: binned maximum-likelihood fit
- Tau fake component is data-driven, includes uncertainties

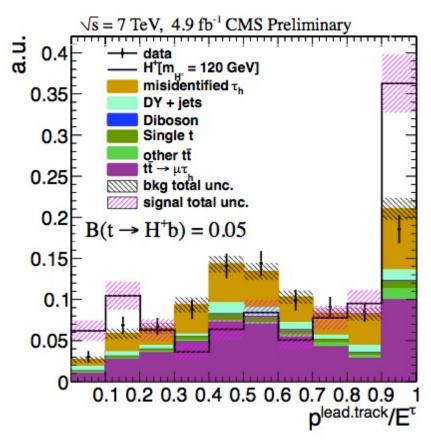
#### SM



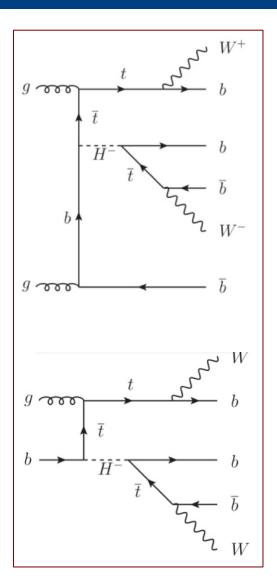
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#### **BSM**

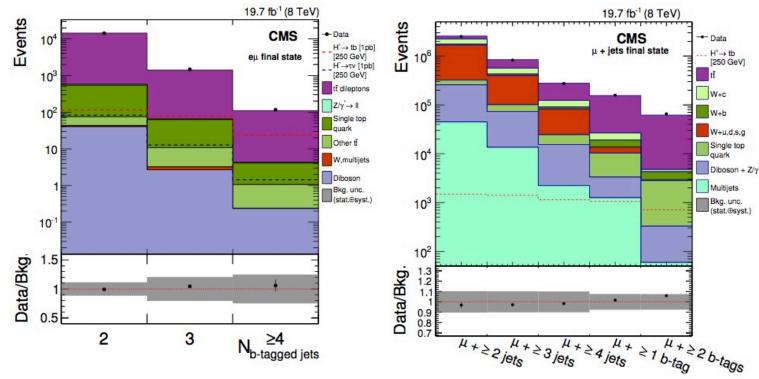




### Number of b-tagged jets



#### High-mass H<sup>+</sup>: look at b-tag multiplicity



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### Charged Higgs: H<sup>+</sup>→τν

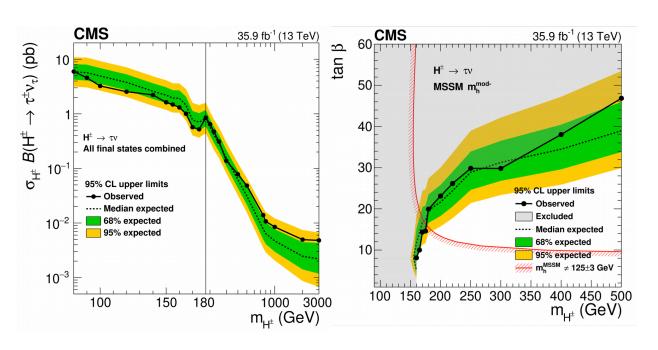
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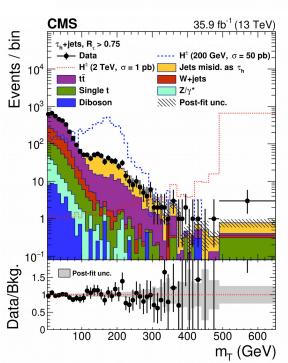
#### MSSM, high tanβ

• Final states:  $\tau$ +jets,  $\tau$ + $\ell \ell$ ,  $0\tau$ + $\ell \ell$ 

36 categories: incl. #jets, polarization R=p<sub>T</sub>(tk)/p<sub>T</sub>(tau)

Cross section limits: 80-3000GeV





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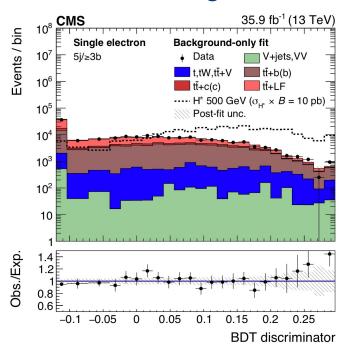
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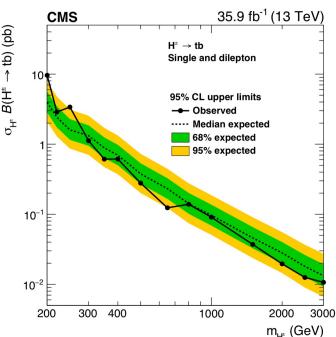
## Charged Higgs: H<sup>+</sup>→tb

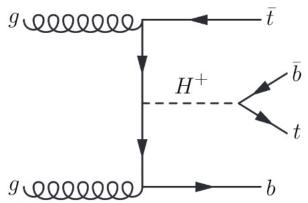
arXiv:1908.09206, arXiv:2102.10076

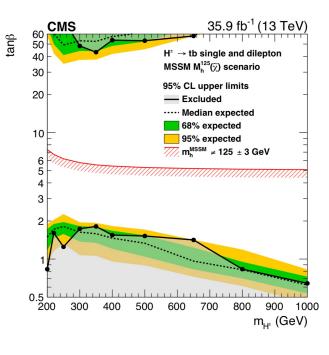
#### MSSM, low tan $\beta$

- Final states: 1\ell and 2\ell
- Categories (incl. #jets, #bjets)
- Discriminant vs ttbar (BDT and DNN)
- Mass range: 200-3000 GeV









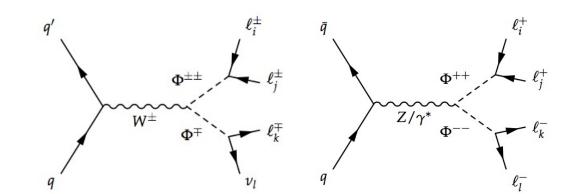
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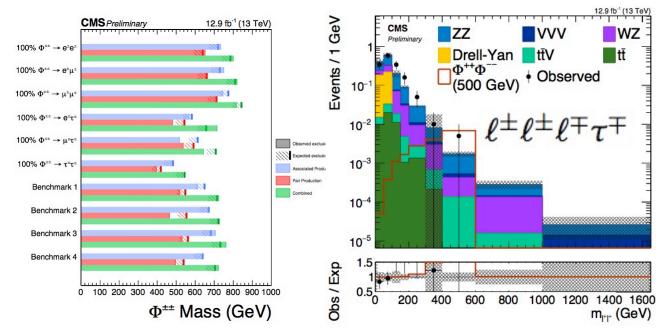
### Doubly charged Higgs

HIG-16-036, arXiv:1710.09748

#### Model

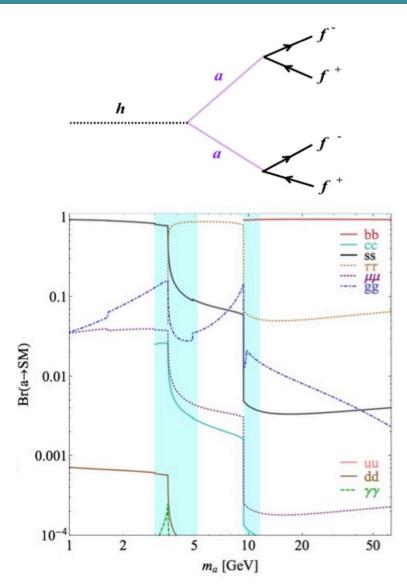
- SM extended with scalar triplet ( $\Phi^{++}$ ,  $\Phi^{+}$ ,  $\Phi^{0}$ )
- Triplet responsible for neutrino masses
- Search for doubly- and singlycharged
- DY pair production is most common
- SS lepton pair of any flavor combination
- Search with ≥3 leptons of any flavor
  - Search for excess of events in one or more flavor combinations of SS lepton pairs
- Dilepton invariant mass as discriminant





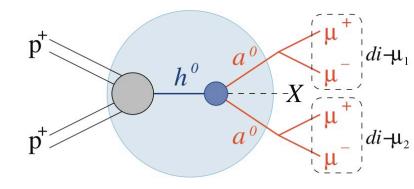
## non-SM Higgs decay: h→aa→4X

- Standard search for light (pseudo)- scalar Higgs with m<sub>a</sub><m<sub>h</sub>/2
  - generic prediction of BSM theories
    (extended Higgs sector, NMSSM, etc)
  - Final states go to fermions (b,  $\tau$ ,  $\mu$ , ...)
  - BR depends on boson mass, model parameters

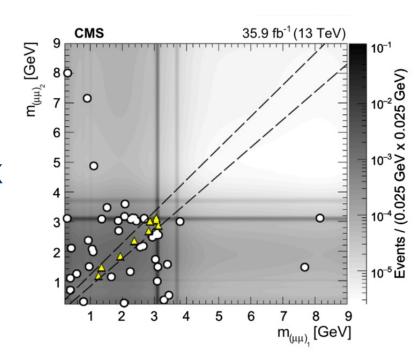


## non-SM Higgs decay: h→aa→4μ

PLB796(2019)131



- Explore non-SM decays of a Higgs boson (h)
  - Higgs boson (h) can be SM or not
  - include production of two new light boson (a<sup>0</sup>)
- Search for generic Higgs decays: h→2a+X→4μ+X
  - Require two dimuon pairs with consistent masses
  - Signal region: 9 event (~8±2 bkg)
  - Limits on production rates, benchmark models

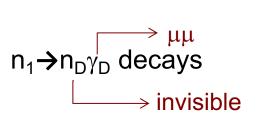


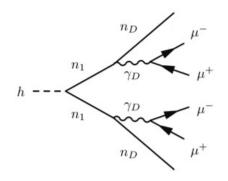
## NMSSM and Dark SUSY Limits

PLB 726(2013)564, arXiv:1506.00424

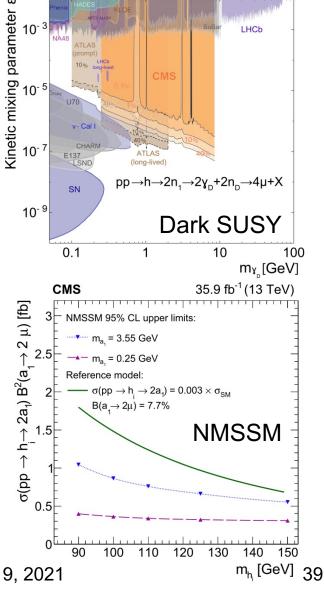
Search for generic Higgs decay:  $h\rightarrow 2a+X\rightarrow 4\mu+X$ Results interpreted in NMSSM and dark SUSY

Dark SUSY: h decay to pair of neutralinos (n<sub>1</sub>): LSP





- NMSSM: Extend MSSM by adding a complex singlet field (1 CP-even+1 CP-odd boson)
- NMSSM:  $h_{1,2} \rightarrow 2a_1$ ;  $a_1 \rightarrow 2\mu$
- Compare to SM Higgs cross section



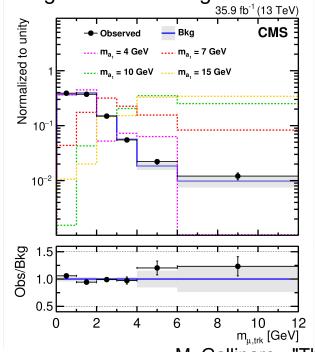
35.9 fb-1 (13 TeV)

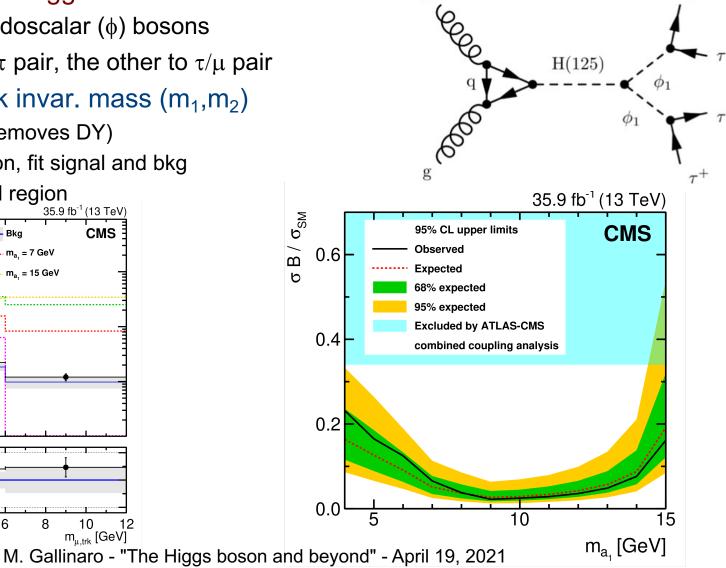
**CMS** 

## non-SM Higgs decay: H<sub>125</sub>→2h(a)→4τ JHEP01(2016)079, PLB 800(2019)135087

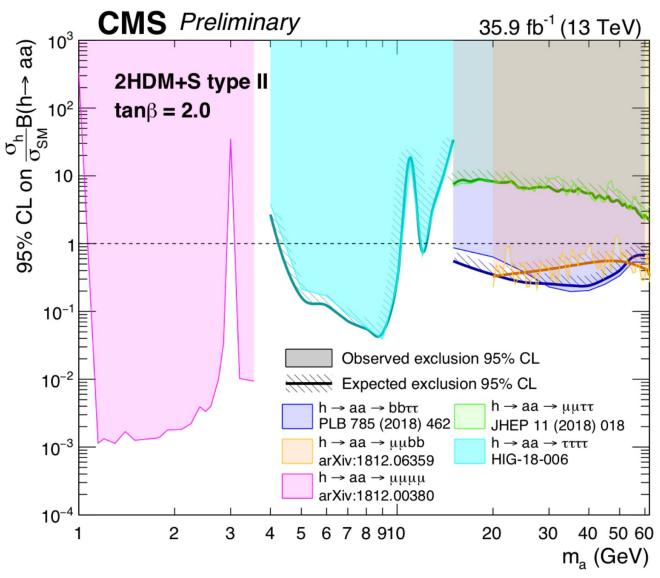
- Search for very light Higgs in NMSSM
  - H(125)→light pseudoscalar (φ) bosons
  - One  $\phi$  decays to a  $\tau$  pair, the other to  $\tau/\mu$  pair
- Reconstruct μ-track invar. mass (m<sub>1</sub>,m<sub>2</sub>)
  - SS dimuon sample (removes DY)
  - bin in 2-dim distribution, fit signal and bkg

QCD bkg from control region





## Summary for Higgs exotic decays

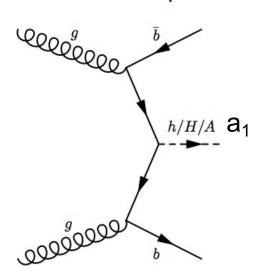


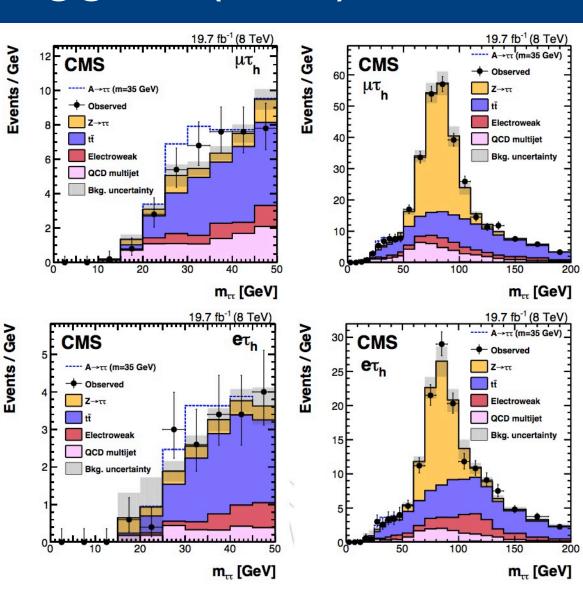
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# Low mass Higgs: a(→ττ)bb

arXiv:1511.03610, JHEP05(2019)210

- Low mass Higgs in the NMSSM
- Low mass pseudo-scalar  $(a_1 \rightarrow \tau \tau)$  in association with bbar:  $a_1bb \rightarrow \tau \tau$  bb
- Similar strategy to H→ττ
- Search for a<sub>1</sub> masses below Z mass
- No evidence for signal
- Set limits: σxB~9-39 pb

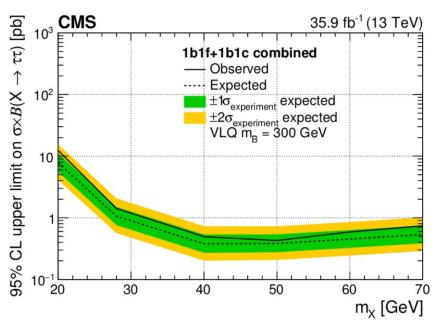


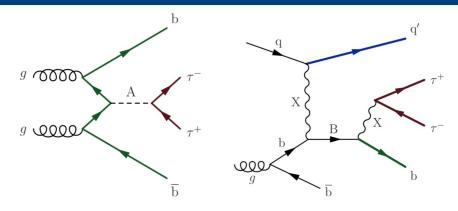


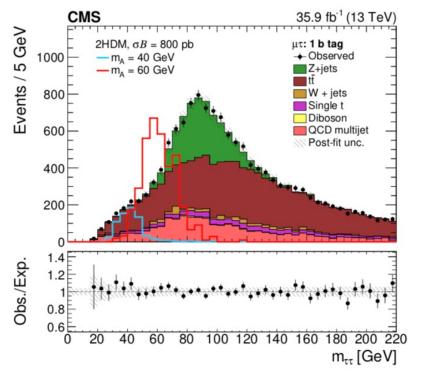
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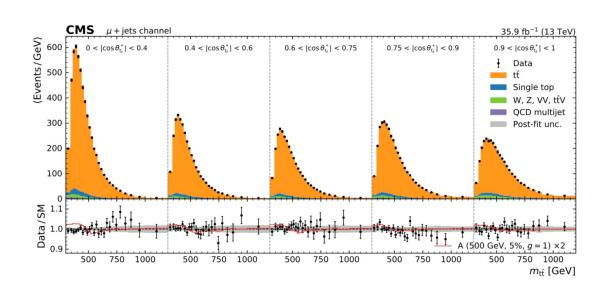


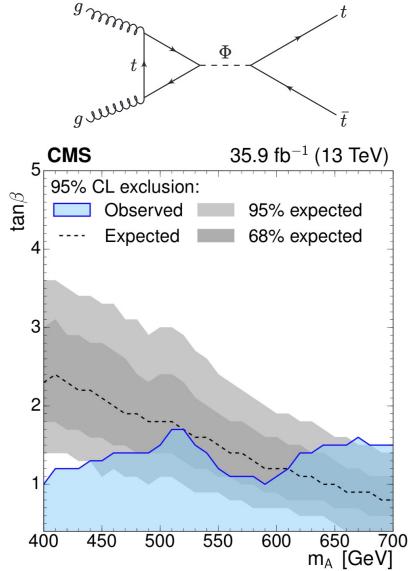


# Heavy Higgs: H→ttbar

#### arXiv:1908.01115

- MSSM, low tanβ, m(H)>2 x m(top)
- Search for A/H→ttbar
- Strong interference with SM ttbar
- ℓ+jets and ℓℓ final states
- Kinematic reconstruction
  - m(ttbar) and  $\cos\theta^*$  (lepton angle in ttbar frame)

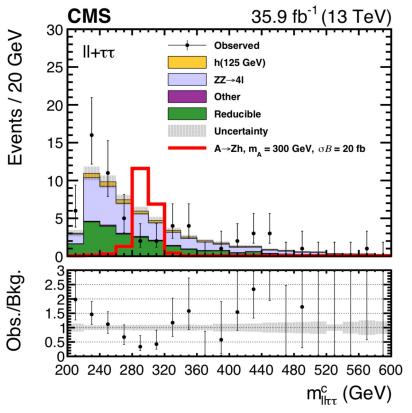


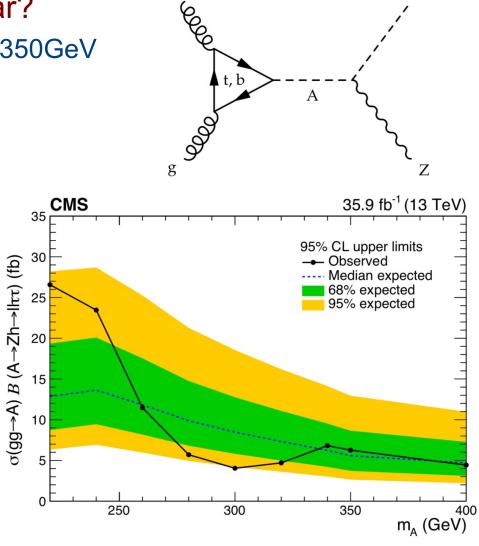


# $A \rightarrow Zh_{125} \rightarrow \ell\ell\tau\tau$

## What if A is too light to decay to ttbar?

- MSSM: B(A $\rightarrow$ Zh)=1, low tan $\beta$ , m<sub>A</sub> $\sim$ 200-350GeV
- Reconstruct m<sub>A</sub> with h<sub>125</sub> constraint
- Cross section limits





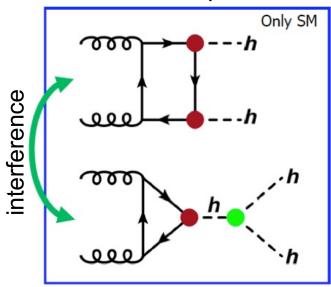
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## di-Higgs searches

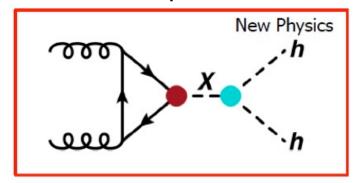
- Destructive interference in SM
- Could be altered in BSM
- If constructive, it could be large enhancement
- In SM, only  $\sigma$ =31fb at 13 TeV
- Study different final states



### non-resonant production

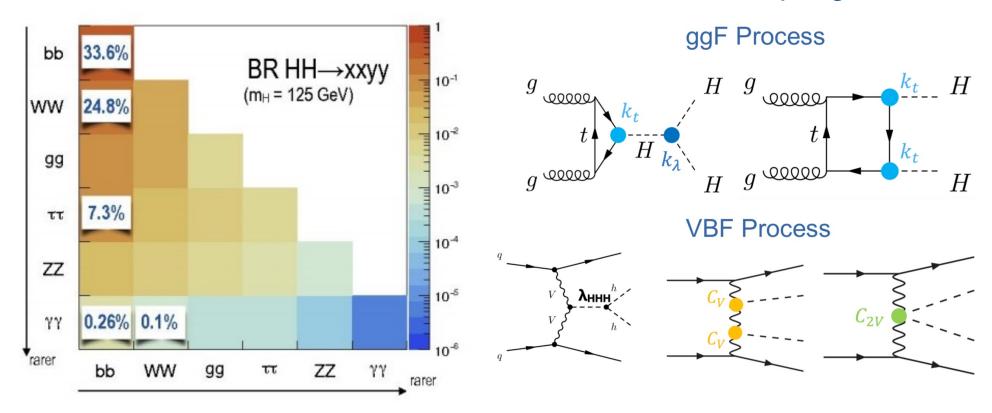


### resonant production



## HH: non-resonant production

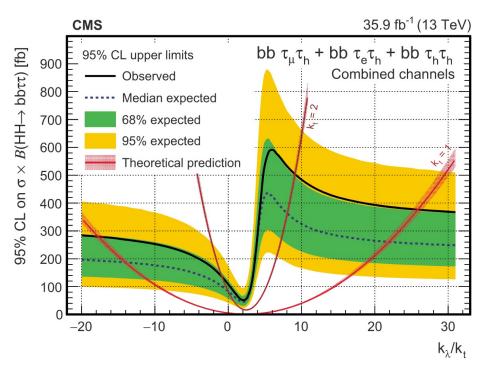
- Higgs pair production @13 TeV
  - ggF  $\sigma$ =31 fb
  - VBF  $\sigma$ =1.7 fb
- Test non-resonant BSM models with anomalous couplings

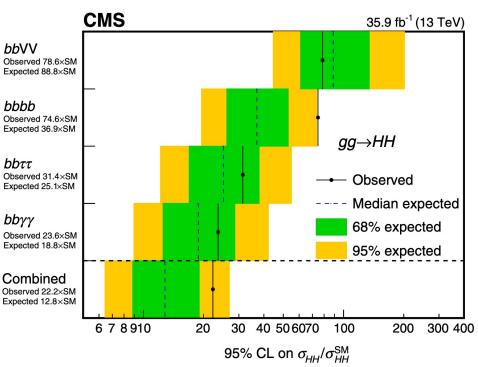


## HH: results

#### PLB 778(2018)101, PRL 122(2019)121803

- 2016 dataset
- Both resonant and non-resonant searches
- Background estimate and signal extraction



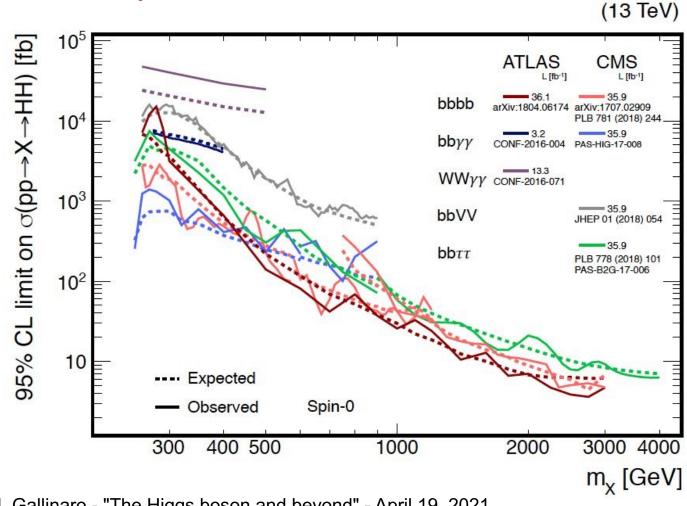


- Obs. (exp.) limit for non-resonant production is 31 (25) x SM
- bbττ is the second most sensitive channel

## Double Higgs production

PRL 122(2018)121803

- Study different final states
- Not yet at the SM sensitivity

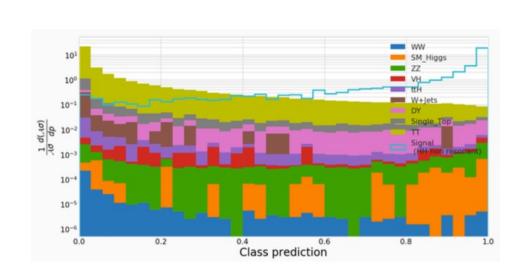


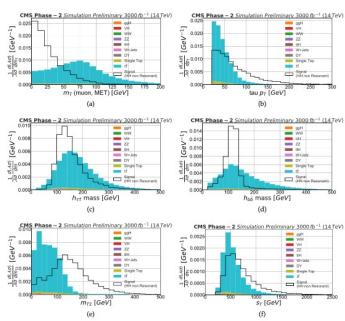
## Advanced Analysis Techniques

arXiv:1902.00134

### Use advanced analysis techniques to improve sensitivity

- 1) Select HH events in different categories:  $\mu \tau_h bb$ ,  $e \tau_h bb$ , and  $\tau_h \tau_h bb$
- 2) Train classifier consisting of an ensemble of deep neural networks (DNN) on half of MC data to classify signal and background events using final-state features
- 3) Apply classifier to other half of MC data
- 4) Treat the classifier prediction as a summary statistic of the data and infer the signal strength via a combined hypothesis test for each decay-channel category
- 5) 52 pre-processed features are used to define each event





# LFV in Higgs decays

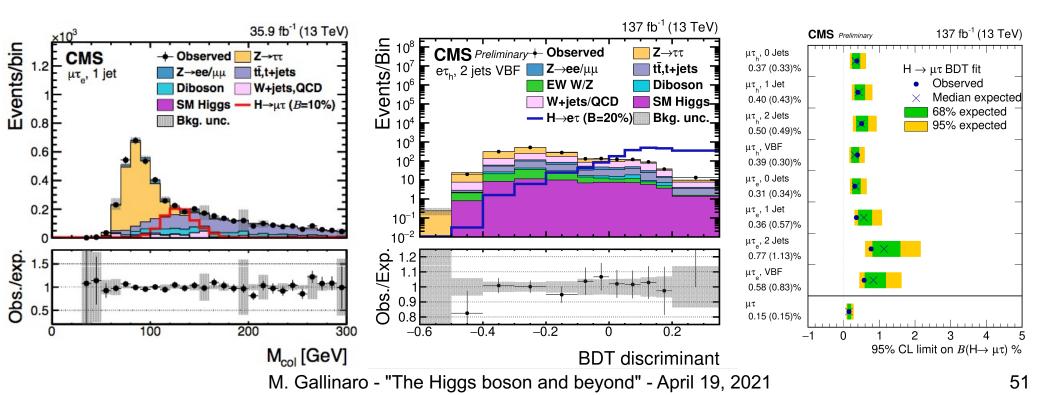
PLB 763(2016)472, arXiv:1911.10267, CMS-20-009

- Some BSM models allow for LFV Higgs decays
- Search for H→eτ, eμ, μτ final states
- upper limits (%) constraints fractions (%) Categories: N<sub>iet</sub>, lepton kinematics  $H \rightarrow \mu \tau$  $0.00 \pm 0.07$  $< 1.11 (1.10) \times 10^{-3}$ < 0.15 (0.15)- N<sub>iet</sub> to target ggH and VBF production  $< 1.35 (1.14) \times 10^{-3}$ H o e au $0.08 \pm 0.08$ < 0.22 (0.16)Main background from DY, ttbar, WW

Observed (Expected)

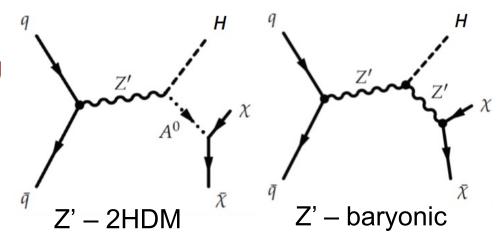
Best fit branching

Yukawa coupling



## DM searches with Higgs bosons

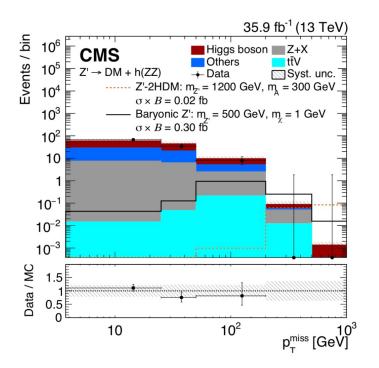
- H(125) may mix with new dark mediators
- Signature: Higgs+MET ⇒ H used as a tag
- Final states:
  - H  $\rightarrow$  bb ~58%, large bkg
  - H → WW ~21%, moderate bkg
  - H → ττ ~6%, lower bkg
  - H  $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma \sim 0.2\%$ , clean final state

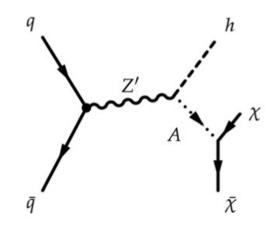


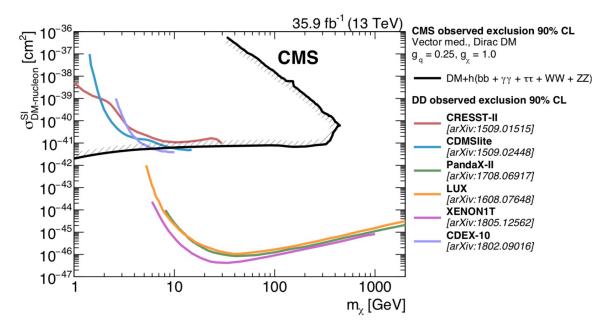
## Higgs + Dark Matter

#### arXiv:1908.01713

- Generic search: pp→H+MET
  - ISR suppressed due to small coupling to H
  - In the context of simplified models
- DM search with H(→bb,γγ, ZZ,WW,ττ)
- Signal events at large MET



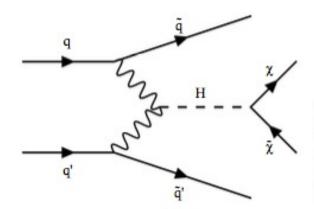


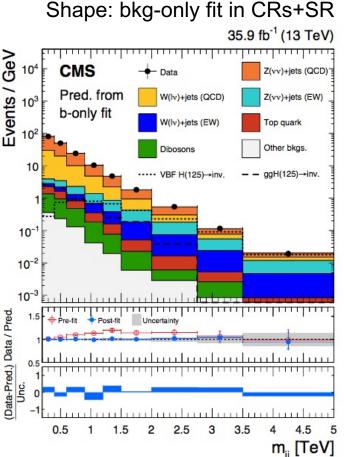


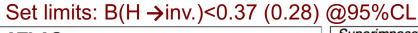
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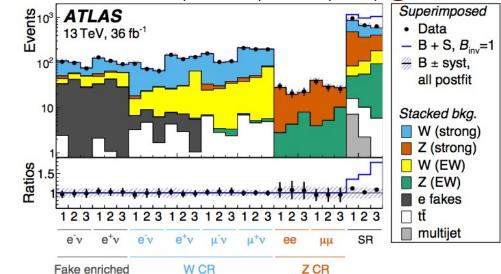
### arXiv:1809.06682, arXiv:1809.05937

- Signature: Large MET, Δφ(jj), veto ℓ/b-jets
  - C&C and shape fit of m(jj)
- Main bkg: V+jets (95%)
- Tag with forward jets+MET
- Cross section ~4pb
- Small background
- Most sensitive









## Summary

- Excellent consistency of SM but SM is incomplete
- Extensions foresee existence of additional bosons
- Searches for BSM bosons natural companion to precision SM Higgs boson measurements
  - Charged Higgs searches with top quark decays
  - Other BSM searches show no indication of deviations
- Searches provide no hints for BSM yet



# Couplings (cont.)

arXiv:1809.10733

