

The Higgs boson 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

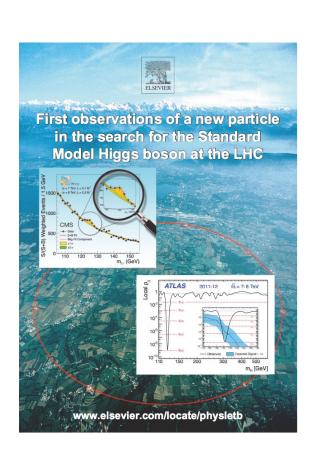


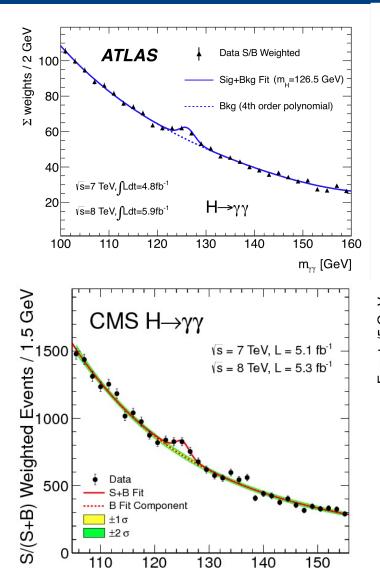
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4e, 4\mu, 2e2\mu$

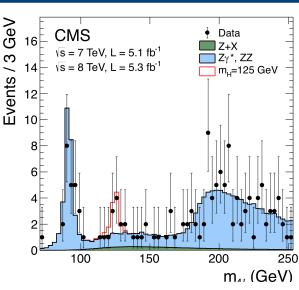
- Signal: 4 isolated leptons from same vertex
 - -Small background
 - -Fully reconstructed, mass resolution ~1%

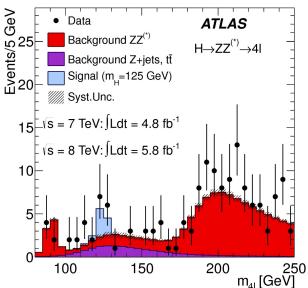
The golden channel

July 4th, 2012: A Higgs boson



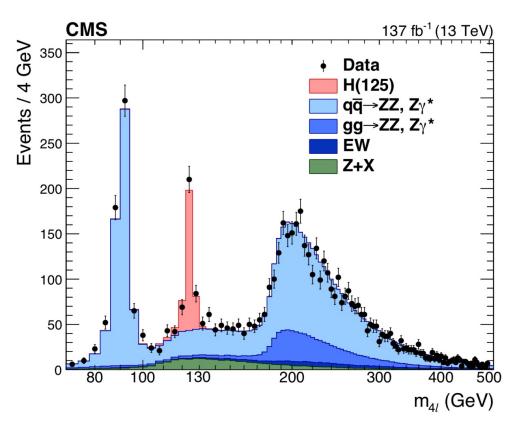


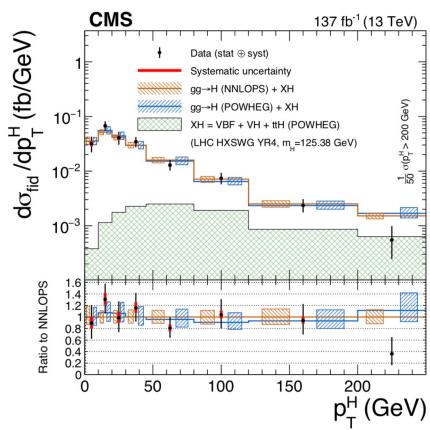




 $$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ (GeV)$$ M. Gallinaro - "The Higgs boson and beyond" - April 13, 2022

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

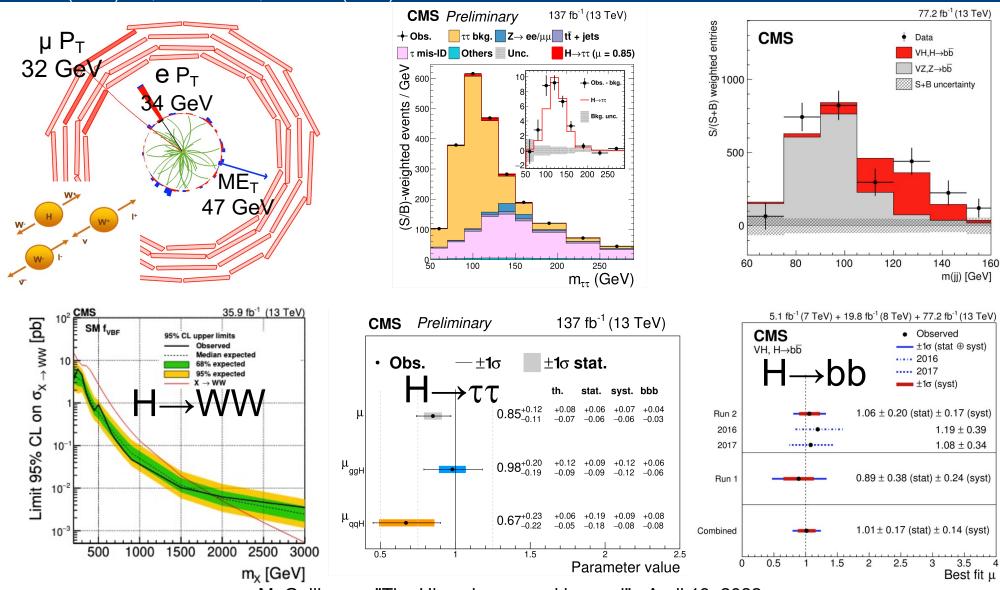




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Low mass-resolution channels

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

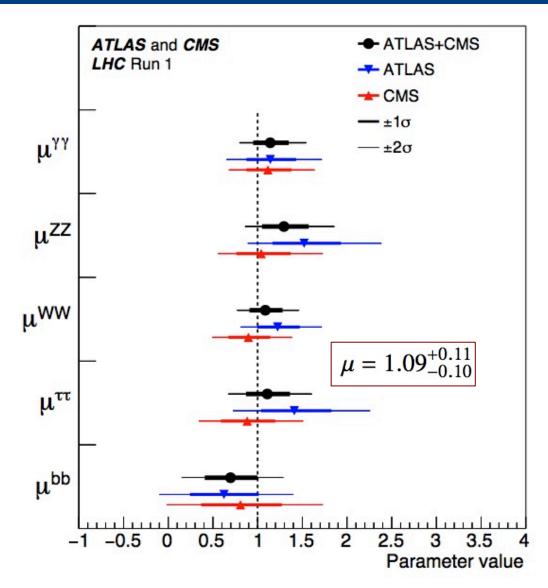


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Couplings: individual channels

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, CMS-HIG-21-008

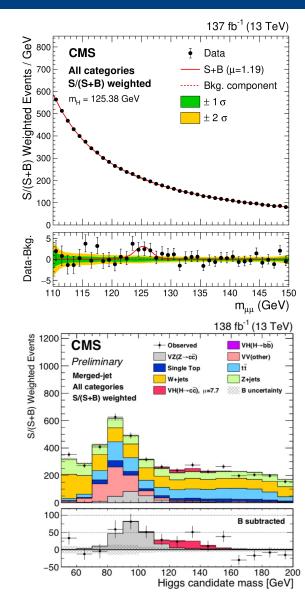
Study couplings to 2nd generation

- 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
 - Validate using VZ production:

$$\mu_{VZ(cc)} = 1.01^{+0.23}_{-0.21} (5.7\sigma)$$

Set limits

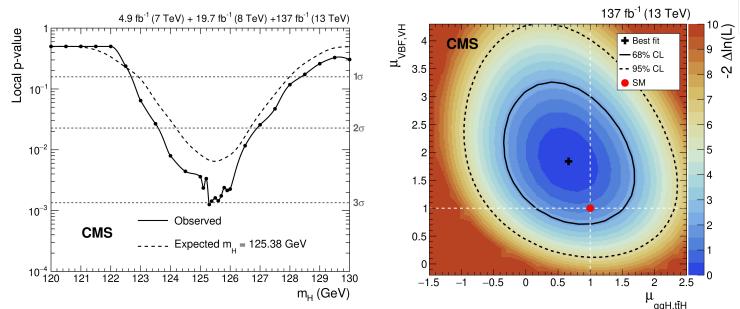
$$\sigma$$
 (VH) \mathcal{B} (H \rightarrow c \bar{c}) < 0.94 pb

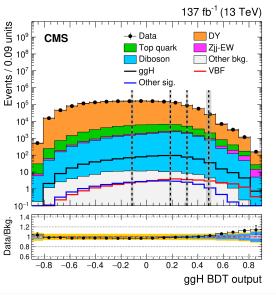


Search for SM H→µµ

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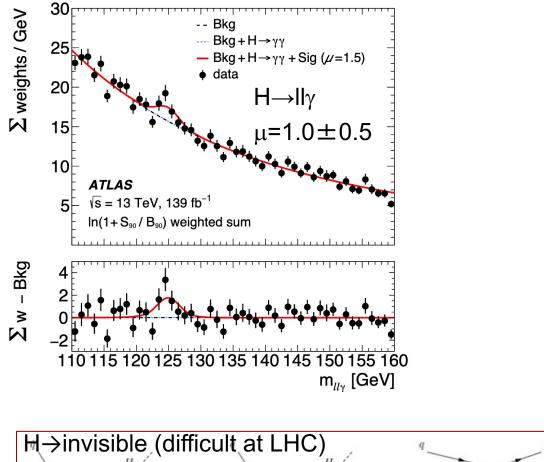
- Small rate: $\mathcal{B}(H \to \mu^+ \mu^-) = 2.18 \times 10^{-4}$
- Search based on BDT discriminant
 - Event categories based on BDT score
- Weighted sum of individual fits to each category
- Signal strength: $\mu = 1.19^{+0.40}_{-0.39} \, (\mathrm{stat})^{+0.15}_{-0.14} \, (\mathrm{syst})$

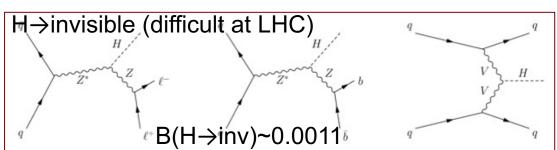


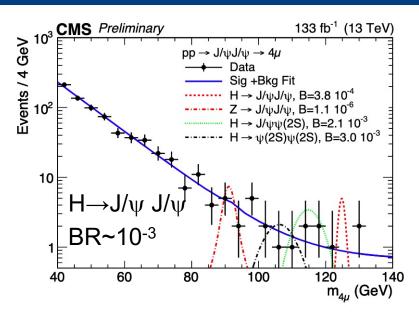


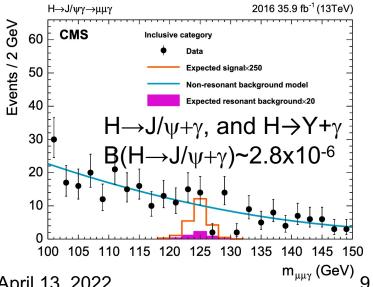
Search for rare decays

PLB 797(2019)134811, arXiv:2103.10322, EPJC 79(2019)94, PLB 793(2019)520, CMS-HIG-20-008



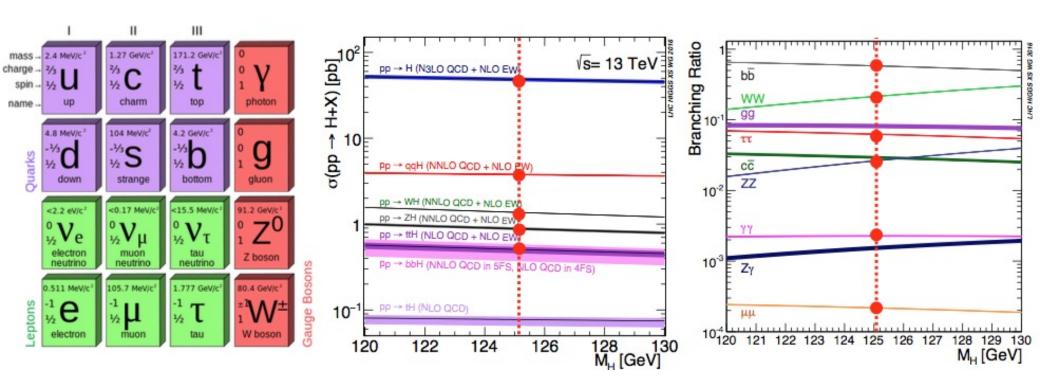






Combined Higgs measurements

- 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)



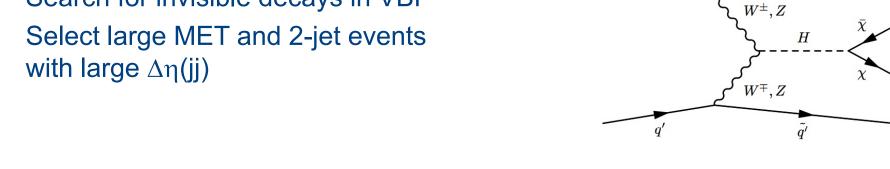
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ttH production: Invisible decays

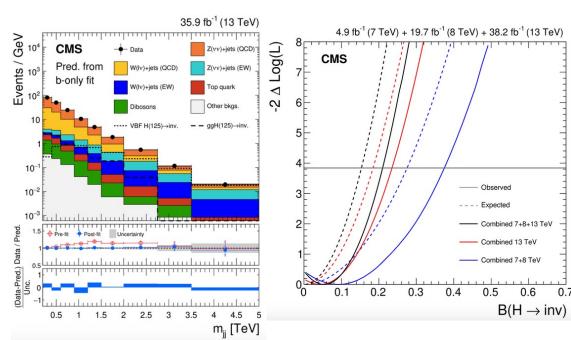
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ttH→invisible

- 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.)



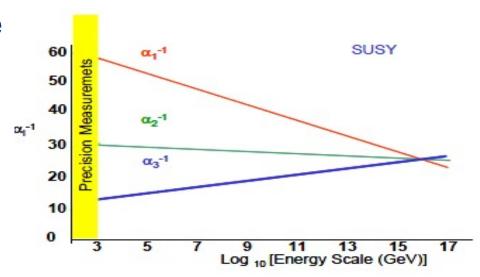
Higgs and the SM

- 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 Λ (upper scale validity of the SM)
 - -Higgs mass depends quadratically on Λ : $m^2 = m_0^2 + g^2\Lambda^2$
- Miraculous cancellations are needed to keep m_H<1TeV
- Is there a symmetry that protects the Higgs mass from receiving large corrections?

cancelation?

Higgs and the SM (cont.)

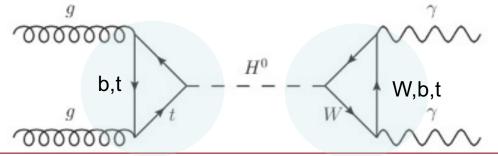
- SUSY postulates a new symmetry between fermions and bosons
 - Loops of particles and their SUSY partners have the ability to cancel the quadratic divergences in the Higgs field self-couplings, solving the naturalness problem
 - SUSY foresees unification of couplings at large energy scales ~10¹⁵ GeV
 - 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"?

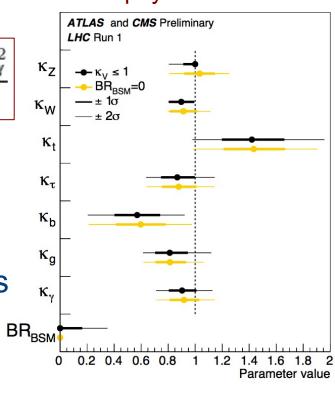


$$(\sigma \cdot BR) \, (gg \to H \to \gamma \gamma) \ = \ \sigma_{SM}(gg \to H) \cdot BR_{SM}(H \to \gamma \gamma) \, \cdot \frac{\kappa_g^2 \cdot \kappa_\gamma^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$

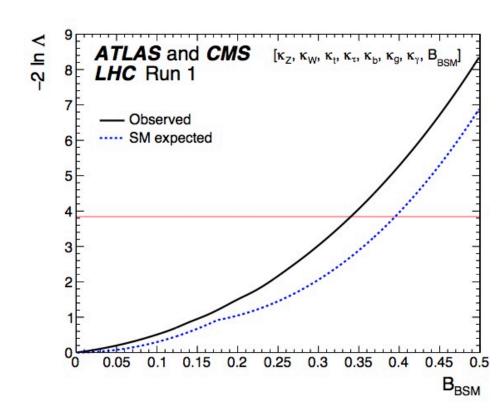
Experimental approach

- 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



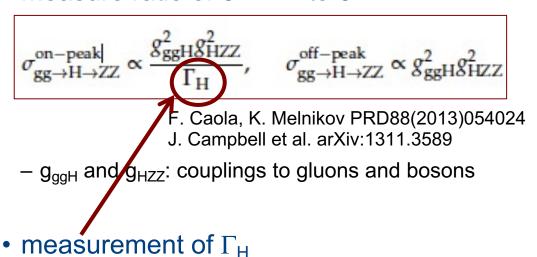
- Constrain BR_{BSM} in a scenario with free parameters
- $\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = \Gamma_{\text{WW}} + \Gamma_{\text{ZZ}} + \Gamma_{\text{bb}} + \dots + \Gamma_{\text{BSM}}$
- Likelihood scan vs BR_{BSM}
- Assuming couplings bound by SM expectations (k_v<1)
- 0≤BR_{BSM}≤0.34 at 95%CL



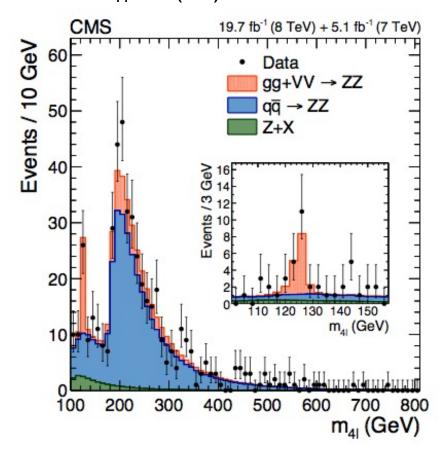
Constraining Higgs width

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 Γ_{H}
- constrain Higgs boson width by using offshell production/decay
- measure ratio of $\sigma^{\text{off-peak}}$ to $\sigma^{\text{on-peak}}$



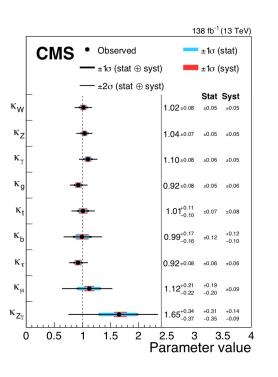
obs.(exp.) @95%CL: Γ_{H} <5.4(8.0) Γ_{H} SM Γ_{H} <22(33)MeV

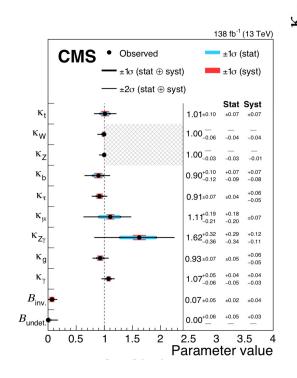


Couplings: decays

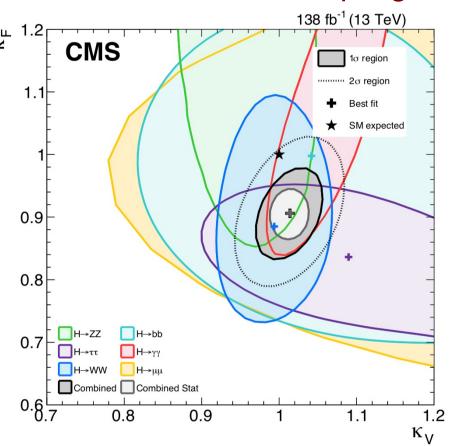
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BSM physics in the loop





Vector and fermion couplings



BR_{BSM} can be measured

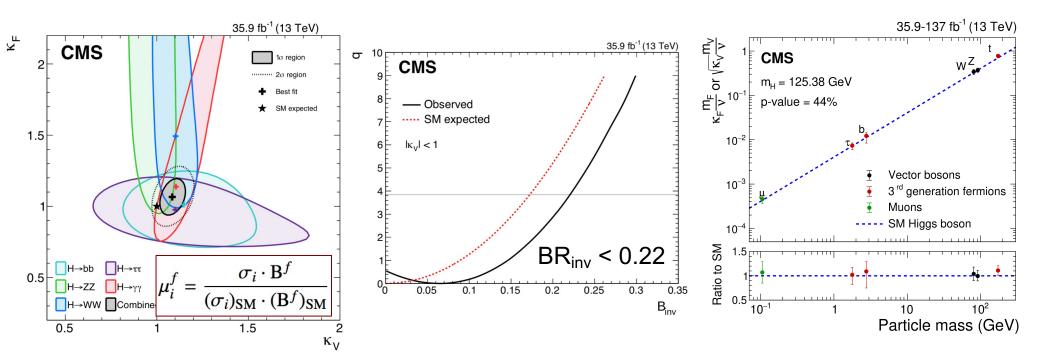
BR_{BSM} < 0.34 at 95% C.L. (assuming $\kappa_V \le 1$)

BR_{BSM} includes non standard decays, visible or invisible

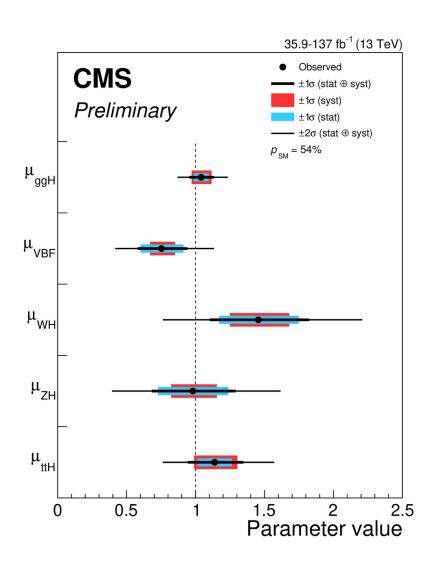
\Rightarrow Results in agreement with SM ($k_V = k_F = 1$) within 1σ

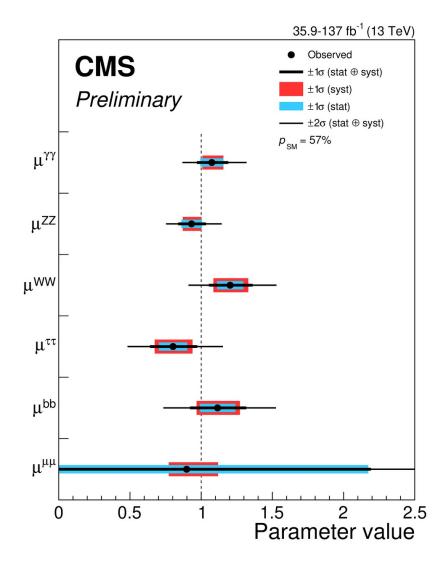
Consistency with SM

arXiv:1809.10733, JHEP 01(2021)148



Consistency with SM

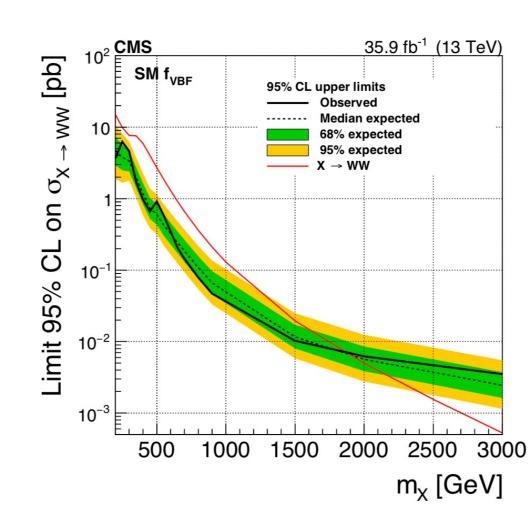




High mass: H→WW/ZZ

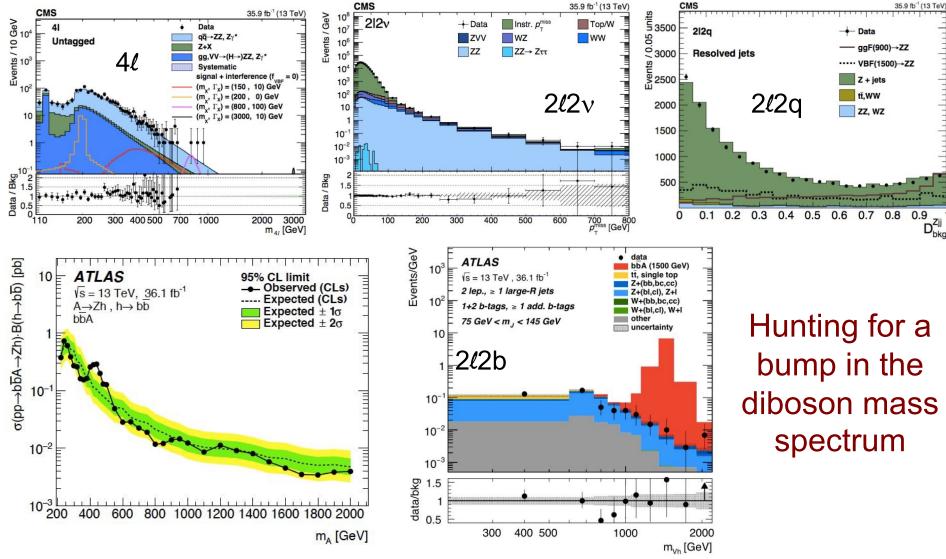
JHEP 10(2015)144, HIG-16-033, HIG-16-034, arXiv:1912.01594

- Search for a heavy Higgs boson
 - $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$, $2\ell 2v$, $2\ell qq$
 - H→WW→2 ℓ 2 ν , 2 ℓ 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

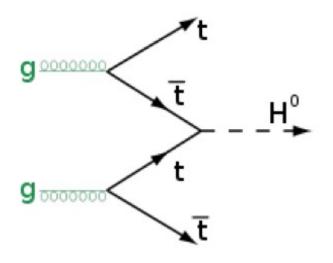
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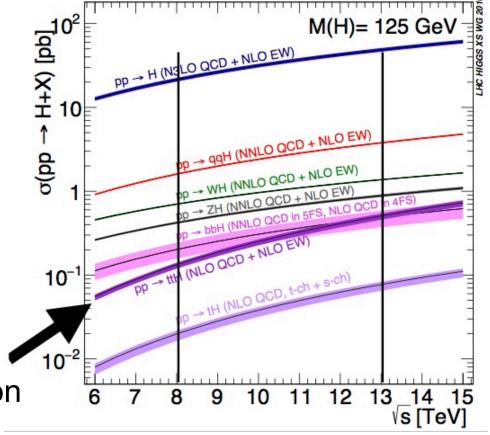
ttbar+Higgs

 ttbar produced in association with Higgs boson



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

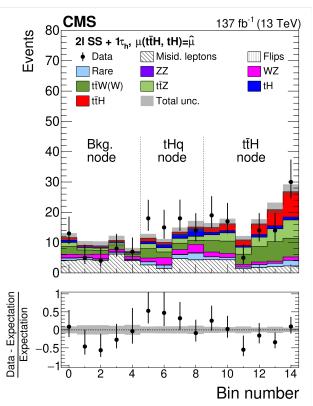
ttH ~1% of total Higgs cross section

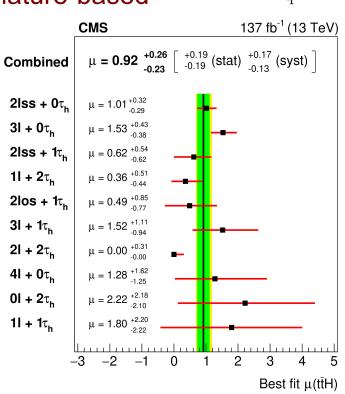


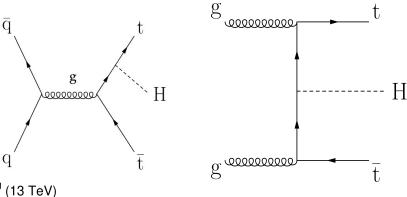
Higgs+Top: tH, ttH

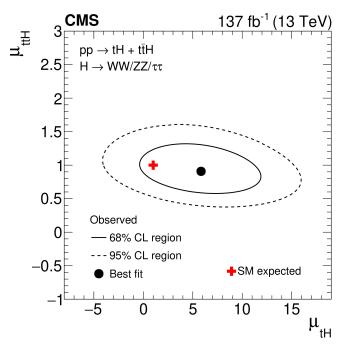
arXiv:2011.03652

- 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









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

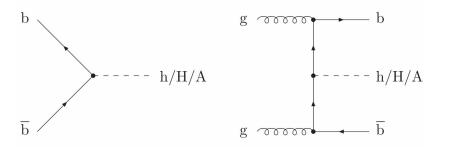
Higgs sector in SUSY contains two scalar doublets:

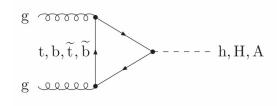
- 5 physical Higgs bosons
 - −3 neutral: CP-even φ=h,H CP-odd A
 - −2 charged H[±]
- SM-like Higgs boson: h

- BR(\$\to\$\text{bbar}\$\times 90\%
- BR($\phi \rightarrow \tau \tau$)~10%
- BR($\phi \rightarrow \mu\mu$)~0.1%

Two main production modes:

- gg→H
- bbH





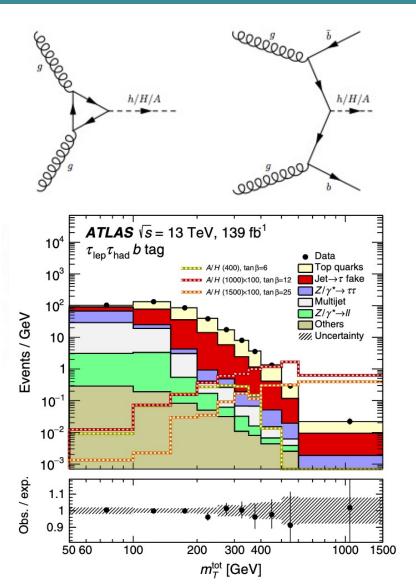
Neutral MSSM Higgs

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

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

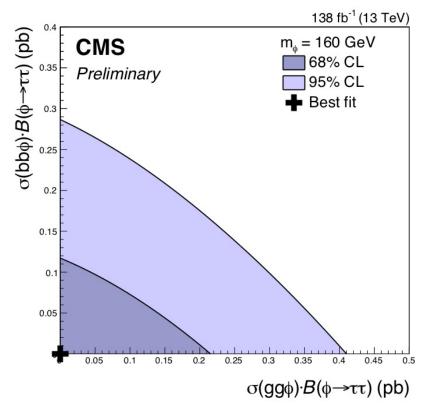
- Search for neutral MSSM Higgs boson
- 5 final states used: μτ_h, eτ_h, τ_hτ_h, eμ, μμ
 - Reconstruct tau-pair invariant mass
 - Split in b-tag/no b-tag categories to enhance sensitivity
- Main backgrounds: Z→ττ, QCD/W+jets, DY,ttbar, dibosons



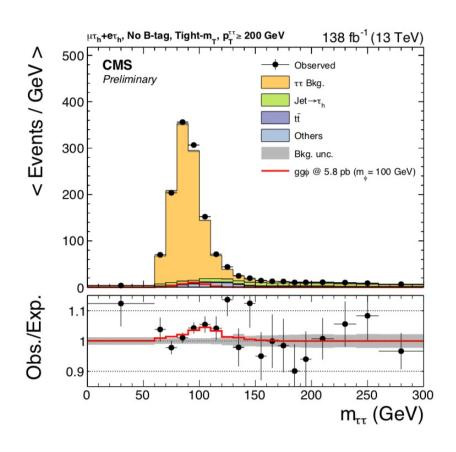
Neutral MSSM Higgs: φ→ττ

CMS-HIG-21-001

- Direct search: inclusive and b-tagged
- τ in both leptonic and hadronic decays



Model-independent limits by separating production modes

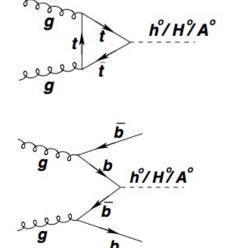


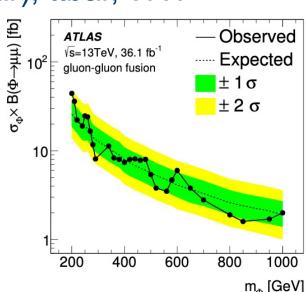
Some fluctuation over bkg expectations

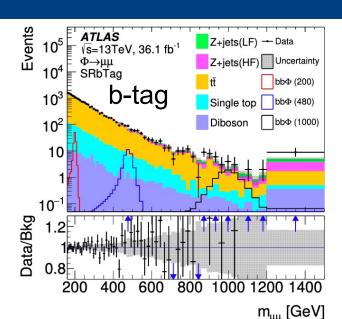
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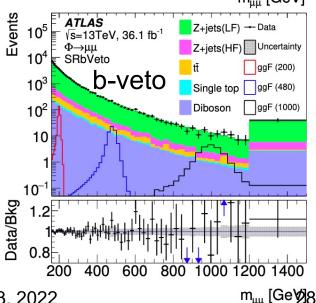
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- Search for a μμ mass resonance
- Good mass resolution
 - -full and clean reconstructed final state
- Main backgrounds: Z(bbar), ttbar, WW



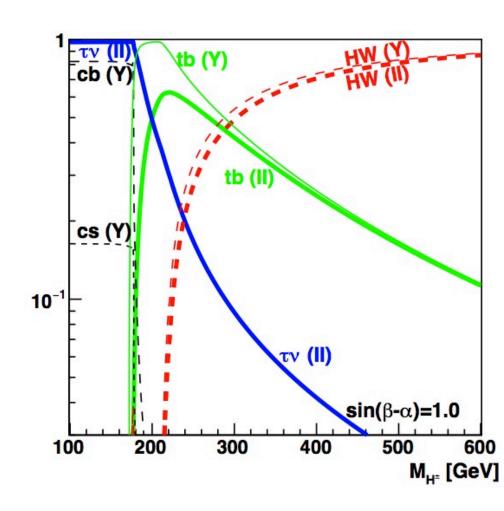






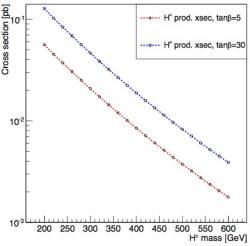
Charged Higgs

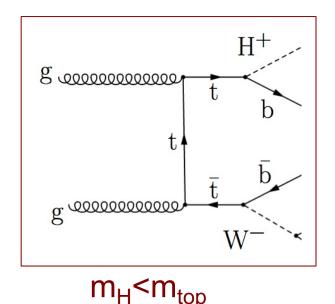
- If found, a clear indication of BSM
- Study non-SM Higgs in two mass regimes:
- m_H<m_{top}
 - Mostly produced in top quark decays
 - -Large tanβ: H[±]→τ⁺ν
 - -Small tanβ (<1): H⁺→cs̄
- m_H>m_{top}
 - -Produced in gluon-gluon fusion
 - -Main decays: H⁺→tb, H⁺→τ⁺ν
- Main backgrounds: ttbar, W+jets

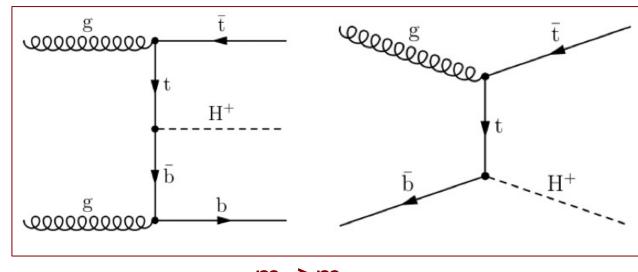


Charged Higgs (cont.)

- 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





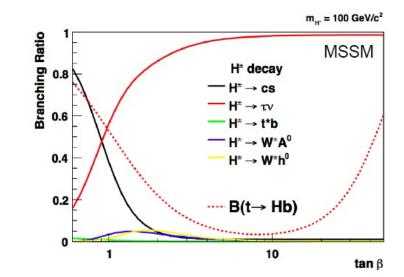


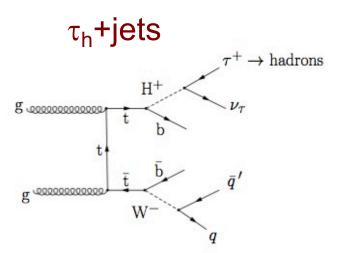
Charged Higgs and top quark decays

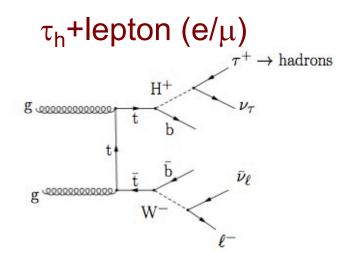
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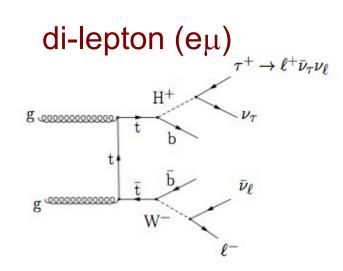
Look for charged Higgs in four final states:

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







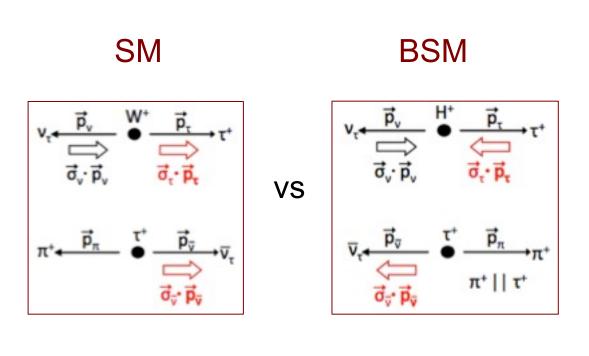


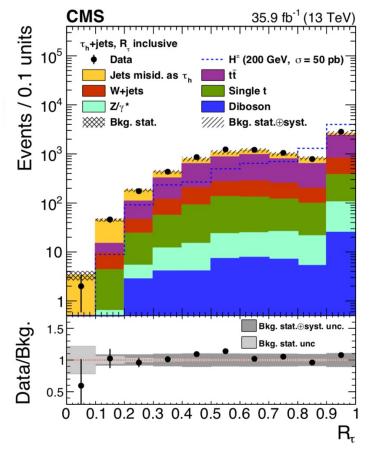
Looking at tau decays

CMS-HIG-12-052, arXiv:1903.04560

Low H⁺ mass:

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





Charged Higgs: H⁺→τν

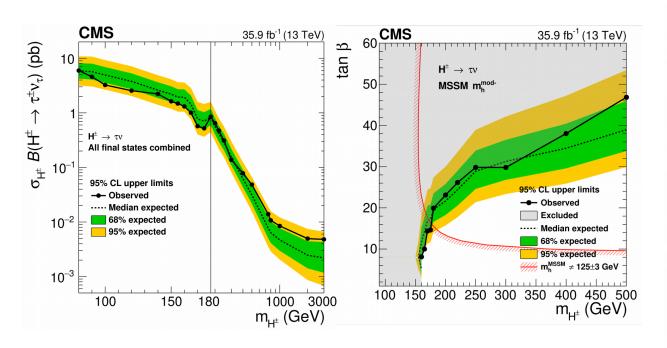
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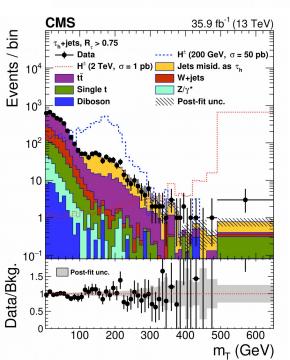
MSSM, high tanβ

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

36 categories: incl. #jets, polarization R=p_T(tk)/p_T(tau)

Cross section limits: 80-3000GeV





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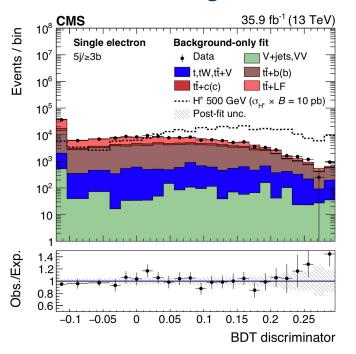
 H^+

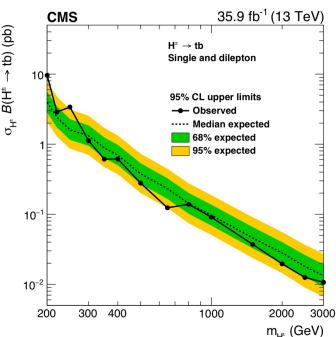
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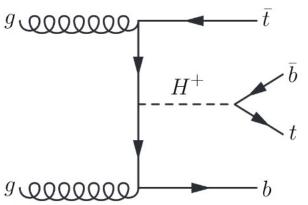
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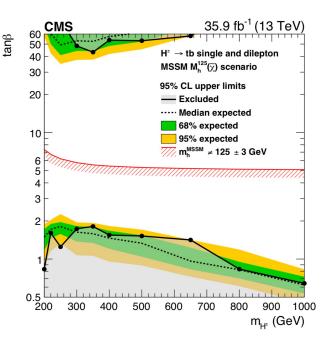
MSSM, low tanβ

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







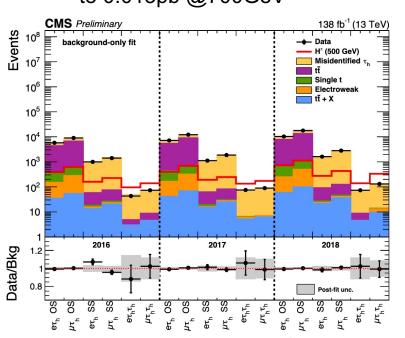


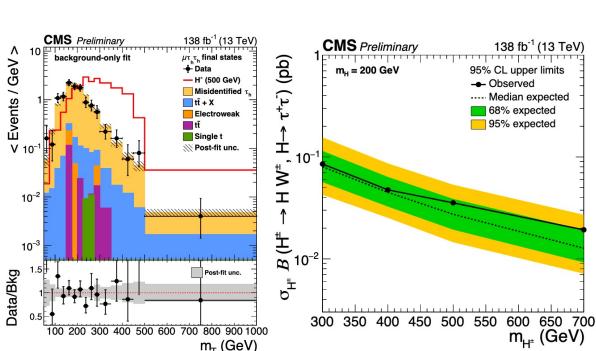
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Charged Higgs: H⁺→tb (cont.)

CMS-HIG-21-010

- Search for a H[±] decaying to a heavy neutral Higgs boson H and a W
- data consistent with SM expectations
- Set limits:
 - H[±] in the mass range 300-700GeV, assuming m_H=200 GeV
 - Cross-section limit from 0.08pb@300GeV to 0.013pb @700GeV





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m_⊔ (GeV)

138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

95% CL upper limits

.... Median expected

68% expected

95% expected

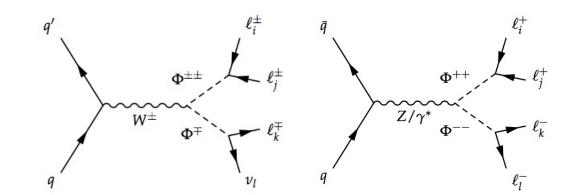
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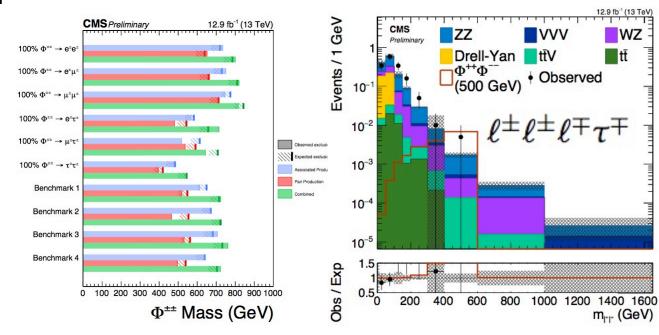
Doubly charged Higgs

HIG-16-036, arXiv:1710.09748

Model

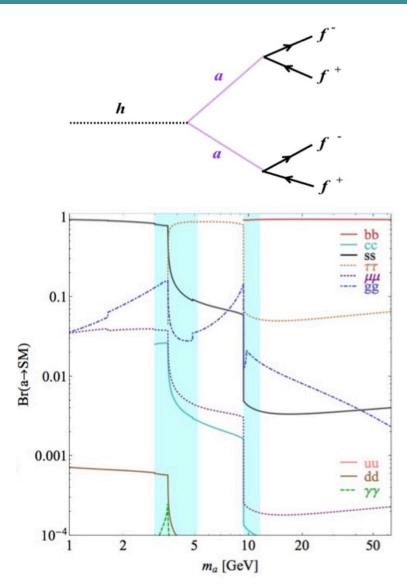
- SM extended with scalar triplet (Φ^{++} , Φ^{+} , Φ^{0})
- Triplet responsible for neutrino masses
- Search for doubly- and singlycharged
- DY pair production is most common
- SS lepton pair of any flavor combination
- Search with ≥3 leptons of any flavor
 - Search for excess of events in one or more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





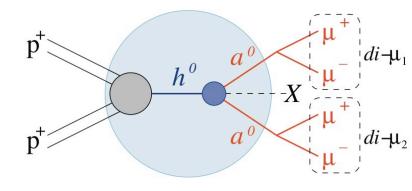
non-SM Higgs decay: h→aa→4X

- Standard search for light (pseudo)- scalar Higgs with m_a<m_h/2
 - generic prediction of BSM theories
 (extended Higgs sector, NMSSM, etc)
 - Final states go to fermions (b, τ , μ , ...)
 - BR depends on boson mass, model parameters

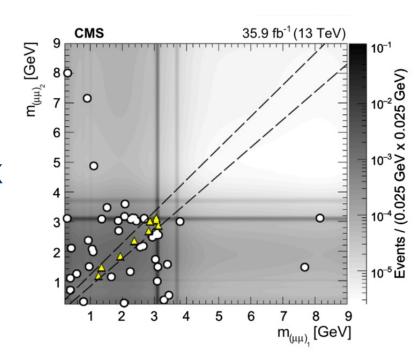


non-SM Higgs decay: h→aa→4µ

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 (a⁰)
- 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



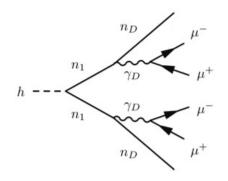
NMSSM and Dark SUSY Limits

PLB 726(2013)564, arXiv:1506.00424

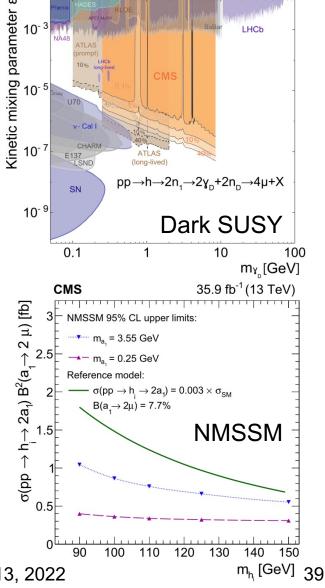
Search for generic Higgs decay: h→2a+X→4µ+X Results interpreted in NMSSM and dark SUSY

Dark SUSY: h decay to pair of neutralinos (n₁): 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



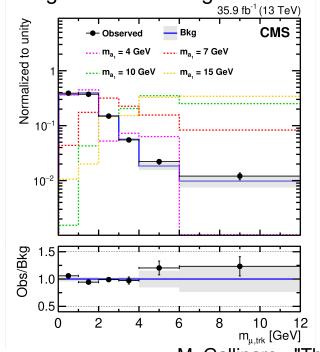
35.9 fb-1 (13 TeV)

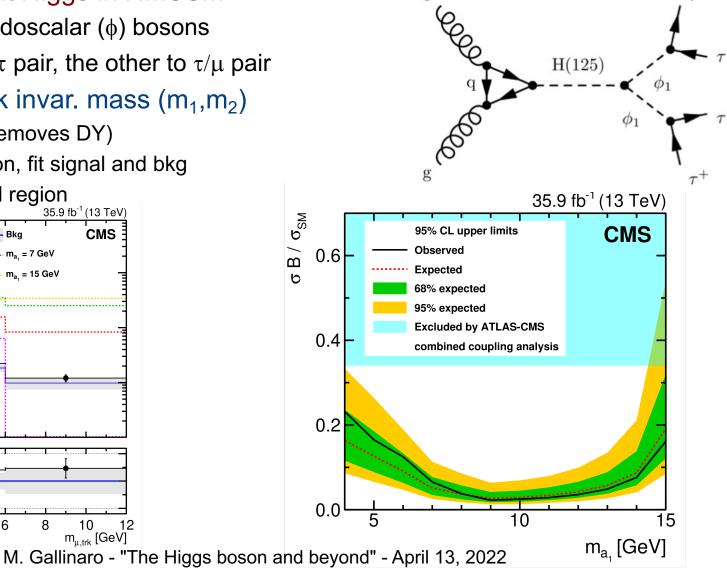
CMS

non-SM Higgs decay: H₁₂₅→2h(a)→4τ JHEP01(2016)079, PLB 800(2019)135087

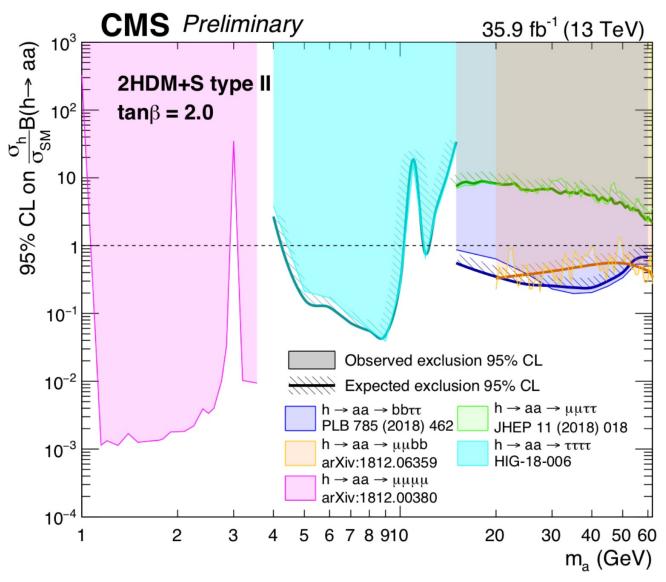
- Search for very light Higgs in NMSSM
 - H(125)→light pseudoscalar (φ) bosons
 - One ϕ decays to a τ pair, the other to τ/μ pair
- Reconstruct μ-track invar. mass (m₁,m₂)
 - SS dimuon sample (removes DY)
 - bin in 2-dim distribution, fit signal and bkg

QCD bkg from control region





Summary for Higgs exotic decays

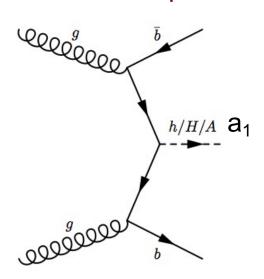


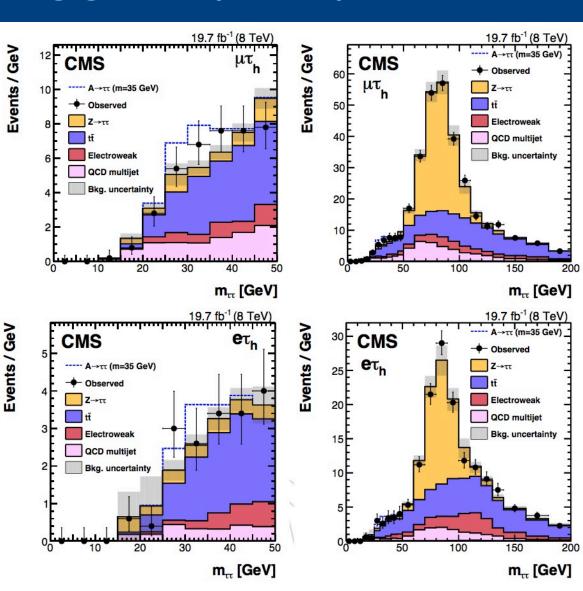
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Low mass Higgs: a(→ττ)bb

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 a₁ masses below Z mass
- No evidence for signal
- Set limits: σxB~9-39 pb

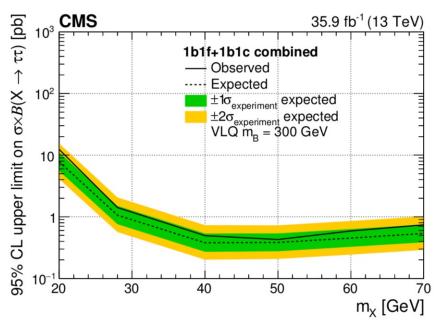


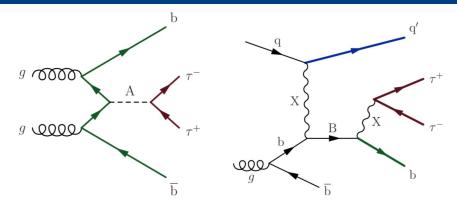


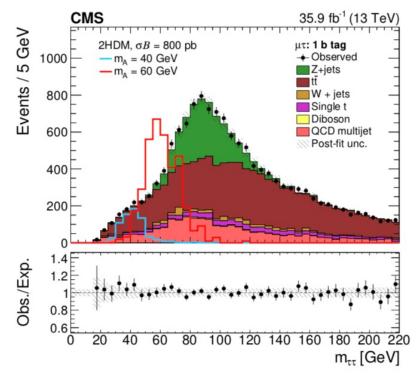
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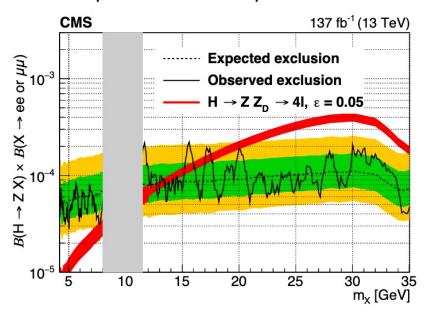


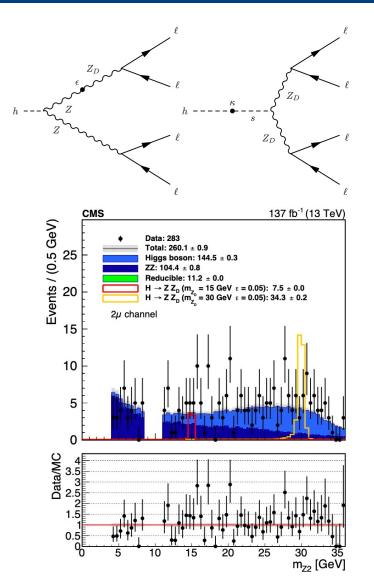


Low mass dilepton resonance

arXiv:2111.01299

- Search for low-mass dilepton resonances in Higgs decays in the fourlepton final state
- Decay through a pair of BSM particles, or one is a Z boson
- Set limits
 - model-independent Higgs BRs.
 - dark photon and ALP production

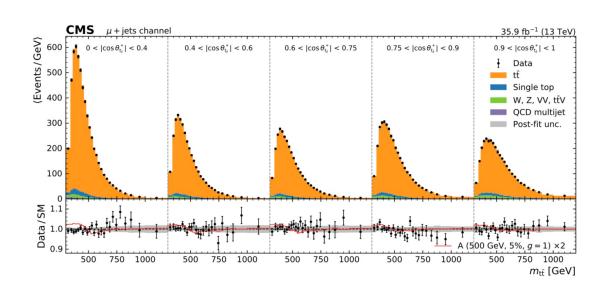


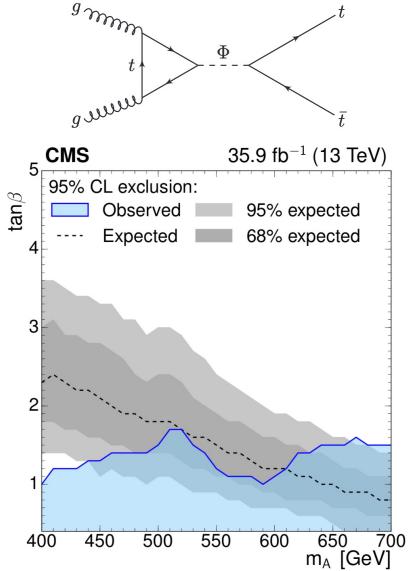


Heavy Higgs: H→ttbar

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)



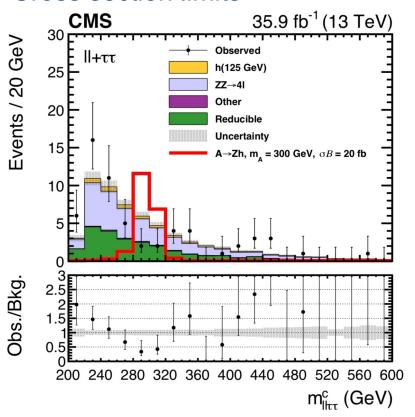


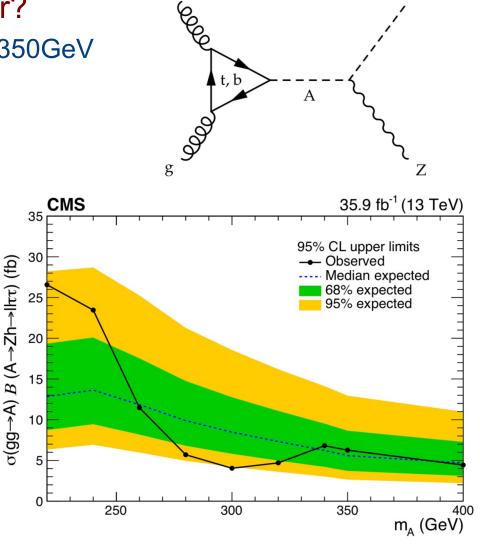
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$A \rightarrow Zh_{125} \rightarrow \ell\ell\tau\tau$

What if A is too light to decay to ttbar?

- MSSM: B(A \rightarrow Zh)=1, low tan β , m_A \sim 200-350GeV
- Reconstruct m_A with h₁₂₅ constraint
- Cross section limits

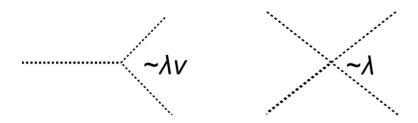




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Higgs self-coupling

- Self-coupling measurements
- Improve measurements
- Include missing pieces:
 - H couplings to light fermions
 - HHVV (c_{2V}) and self-couplings

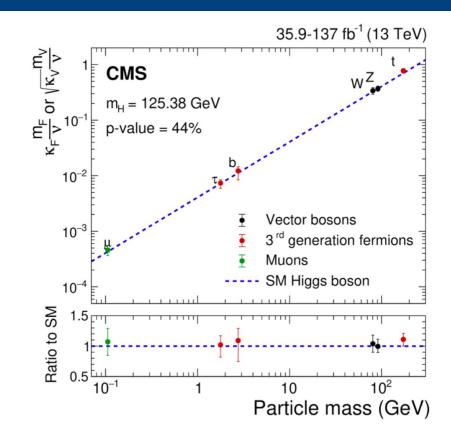


H trilinear coupling

$$\lambda = m_H^2/2v^2$$
, where $v = \text{Higgs boson v.e.v}$

Use coupling modifiers:

$$k_{\lambda} = \lambda/\lambda_{SM}; \quad k_{2v} = c_{2v}/c_{2v(SM)}$$

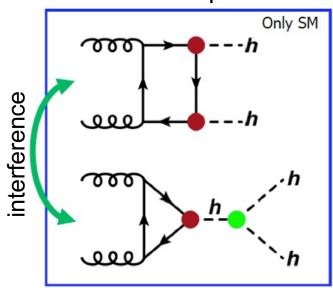


di-Higgs searches

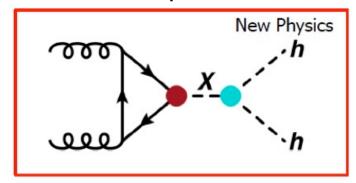
- Destructive interference in SM
- Could be altered in BSM
- If constructive, it could be large enhancement
- In SM, only σ =31fb at 13 TeV
- Study different final states



non-resonant production

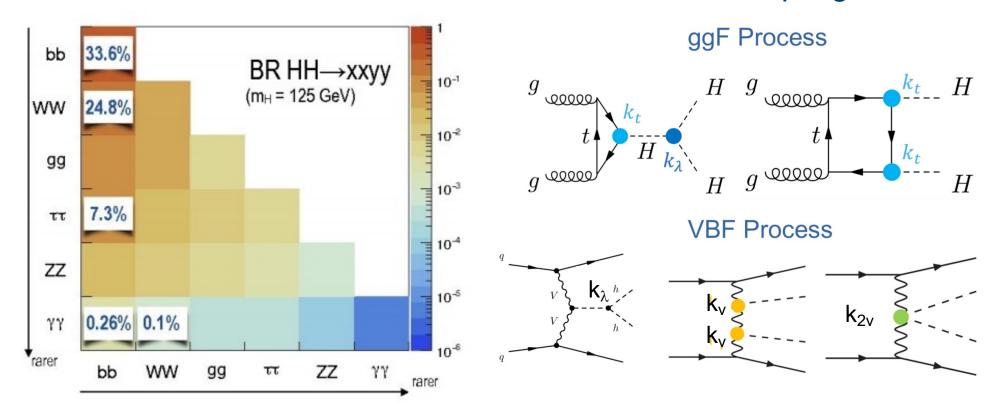


resonant production



HH: non-resonant production

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

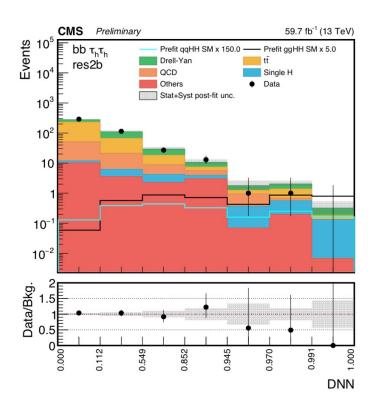


What is new in HH searches

CMS-HIG-20-010, CMS-B2G-21-001

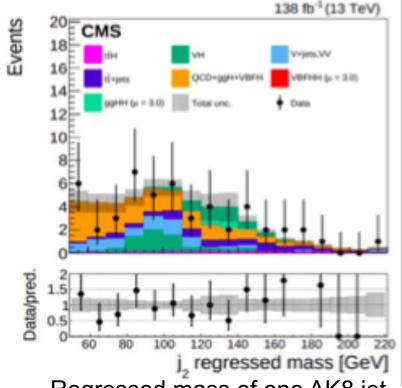
 Results are better (x2-3) than 2016 results alone after scaling for luminosity

Extensive use of ML tools



DNN score for resolved $ggHH(bb\tau\tau)$ category

Boosted topologies



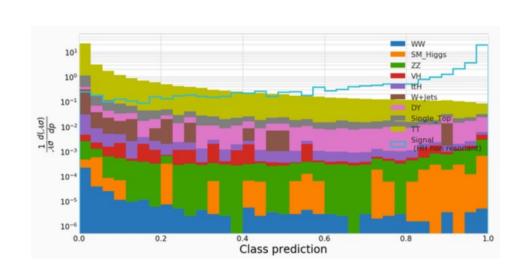
Regressed mass of one AK8 jet in a ggHH(4b) boosted category

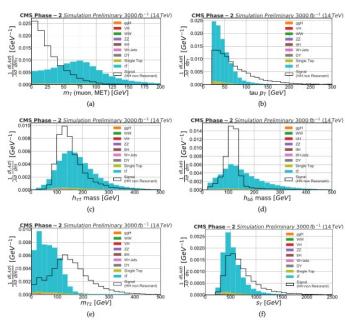
Advanced Analysis Techniques

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

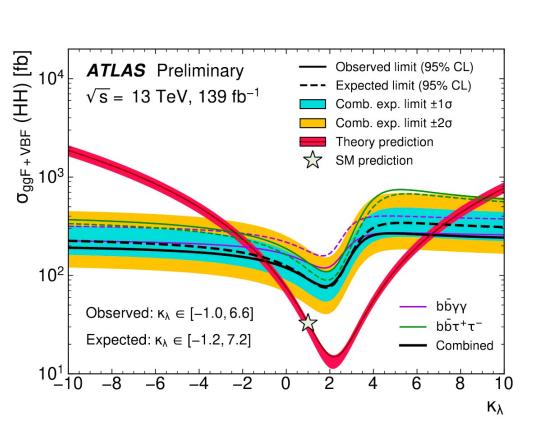


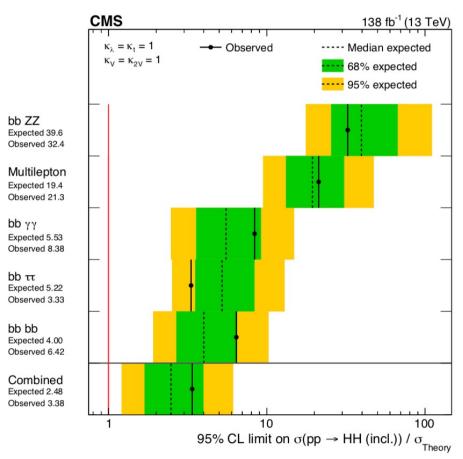


HH: results

ATLAS-CONF-2021-052, CMS-HIG-22-001

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

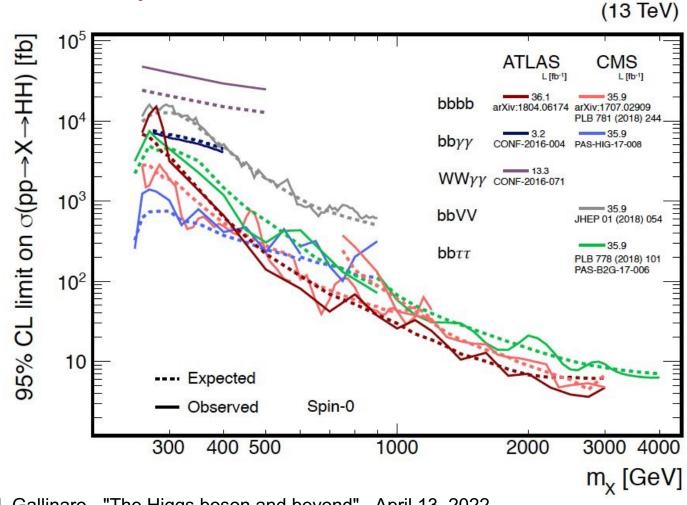




Double Higgs production

PRL 122(2018)121803

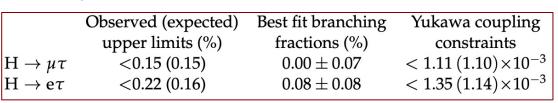
- Study different final states
- Not yet at the SM sensitivity

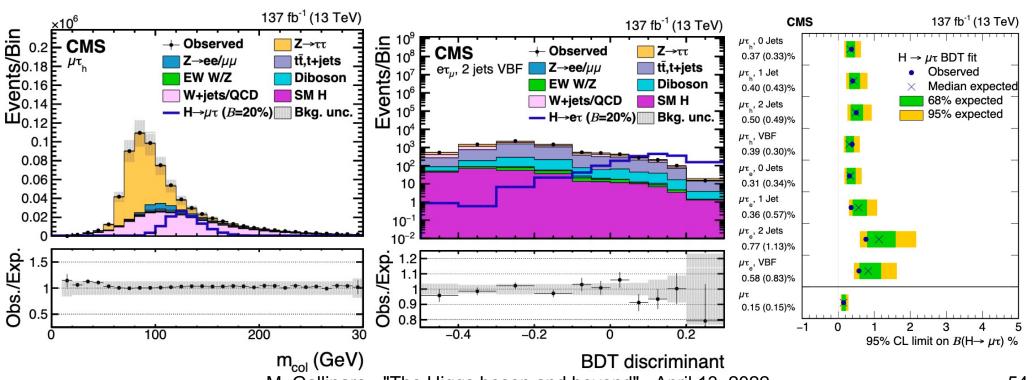


LFV in Higgs decays

arXiv:1911.10267, arXiv:2105.03007

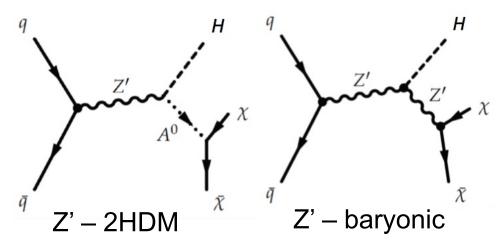
- Some BSM models allow for LFV Higgs decays
- Search for H→eτ, eμ, μτ final states
- Categories: N_{jet}, lepton kinematics
 - $-N_{jet}$ to target ggH and VBF production
- Main background from DY, ttbar, WW





DM searches with Higgs bosons

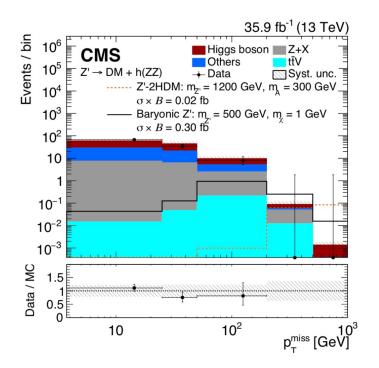
- H(125) may mix with new dark mediators
- Signature: Higgs+MET ⇒ H used as a tag
- Final states:
 - H \rightarrow bb ~58%, large bkg
 - H → WW ~21%, moderate bkg
 - H → ττ ~6%, lower bkg
 - H $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma \sim 0.2\%$, clean final state

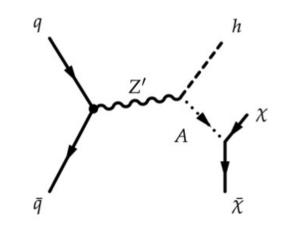


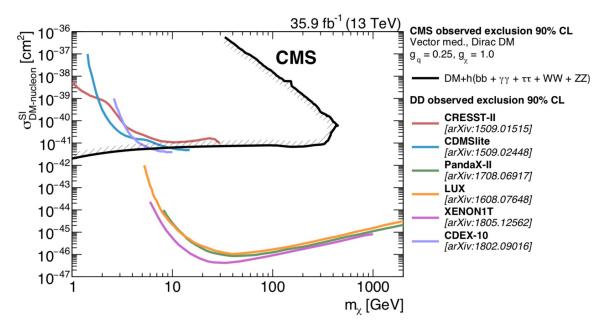
Higgs + Dark Matter

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



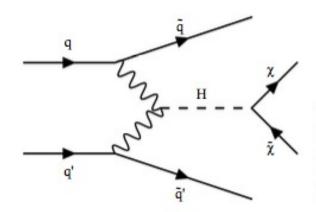


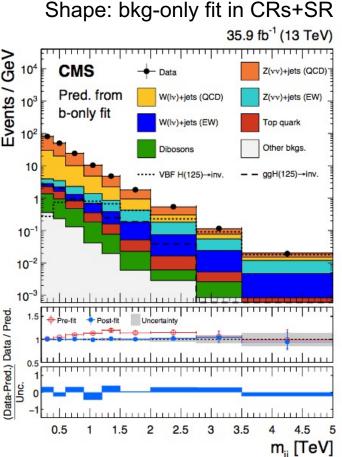


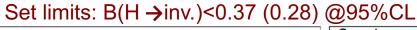
VBF: H(invisible)

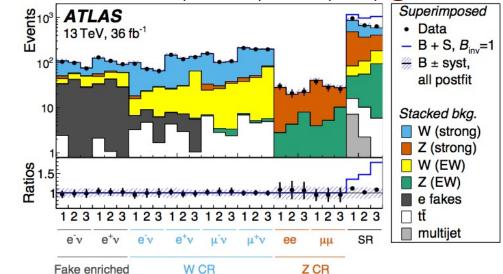
arXiv:1809.06682, arXiv:1809.05937

- 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



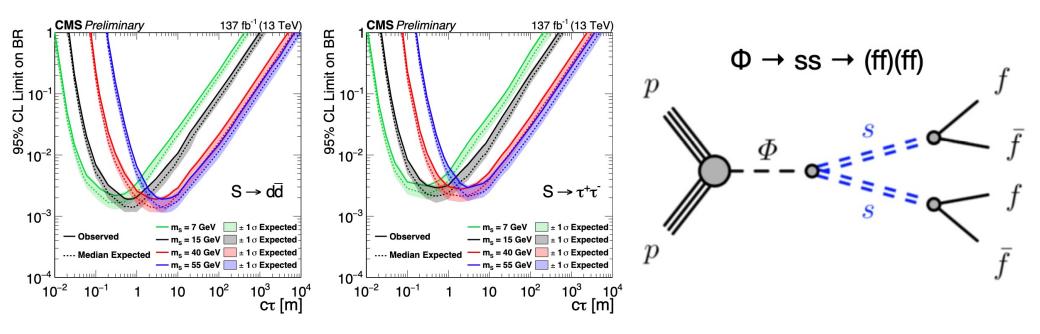






Long-lived: Higgs decays

CMS-EXO-20-015



- Higgs decaying to long lived scalars
 - Scalars decay to quark final states in the muon chambers
- Resulting bounds are interpreted in context of LL decays
 - Missing energy trigger

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

