

Rare Higgs decays, Higgs BSM and di-Higgs production

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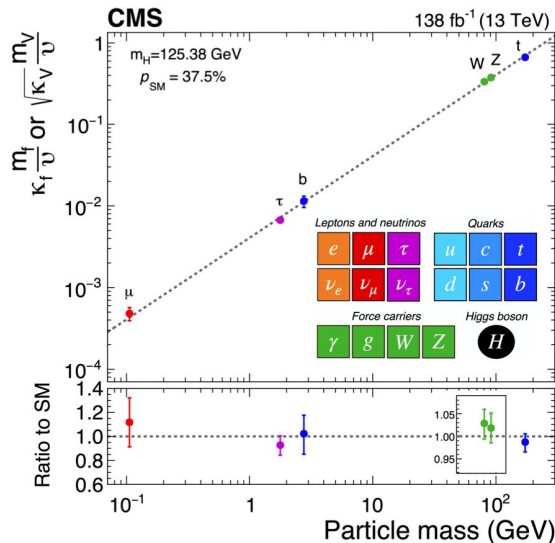
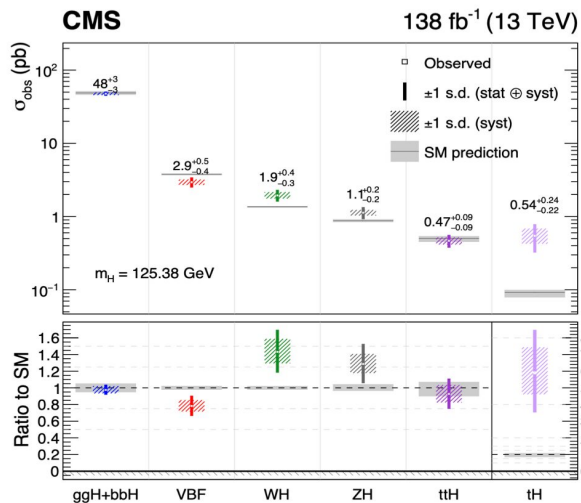
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Higgs boson

It is the only elementary particle with spin 0. It has zero electric charge
It is even under parity and charge conjugation.

$$J^{PC} = 0^{++}$$



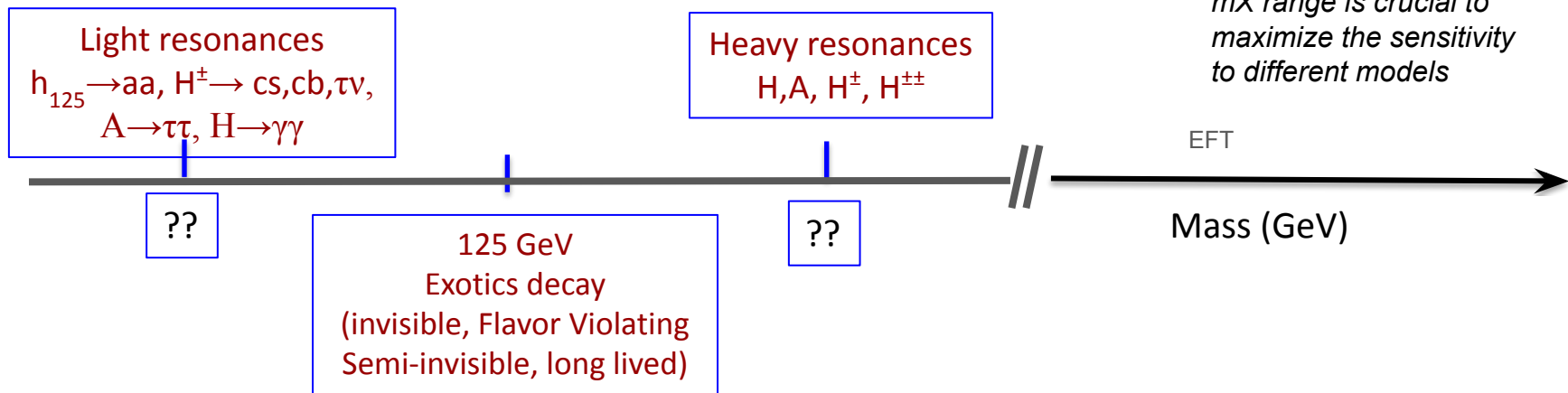
SM test over many orders of magnitude

more to measure $\sigma_{HH} \sim 10^{-3} \sigma_H$

Introduction into BSM Higgs Sector

Many extensions of the SM introduce additional fields that produce additional physical Higgs bosons, for example:

- > Electroweak Singlet Model: SM Higgs doublet + additional singlet
- > Two Higgs Doublet Model (2HDM, e.g. MSSM): SM Higgs doublet + additional doublet
- > 2HDM + singlet (e.g. NMSSM): SM Higgs doublet + additional doublet + additional singlet
- > Higgs triplet model: SM Higgs doublet + additional triplet
- > Georgi-Machacek model (GM): SM Higgs doublet + 2 additional triplets

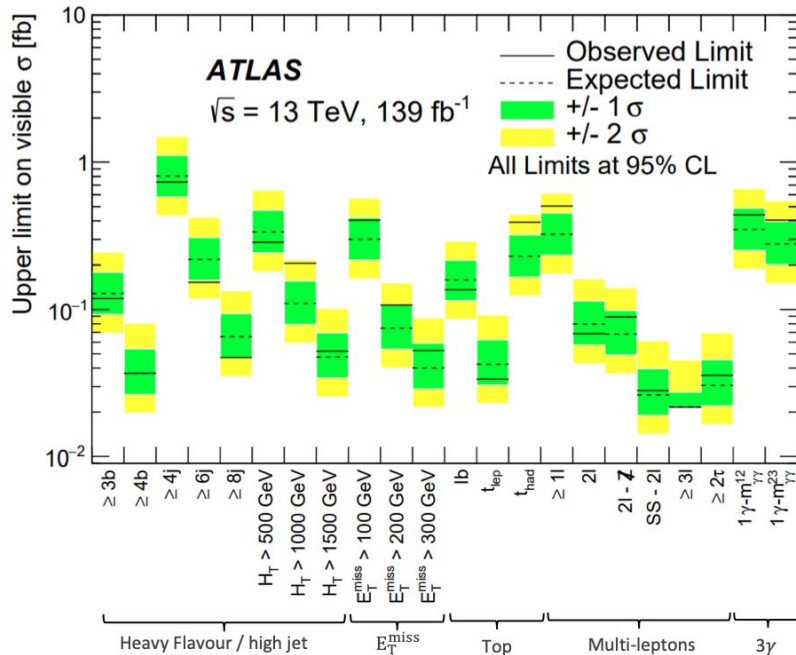




Model independent search with $h_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



Although small x-sections, channels w/ $\gamma\gamma$ provide the **cleanest signature to discover new physics.**



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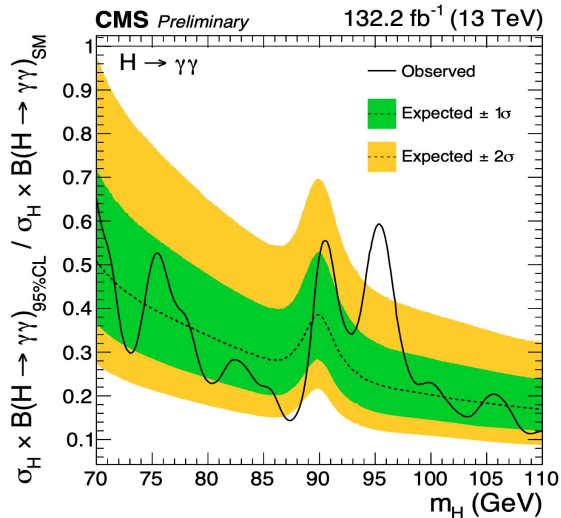


Low Mass $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

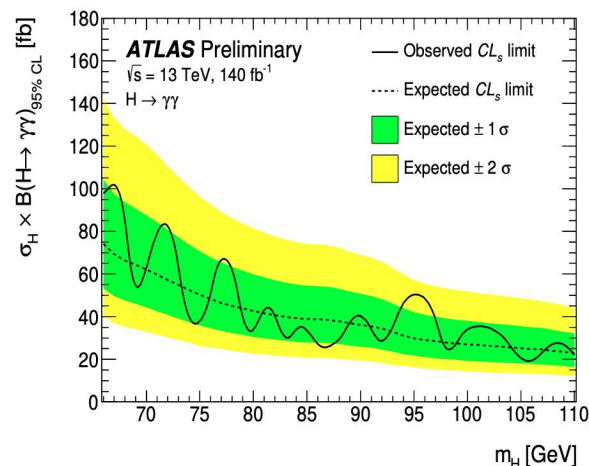
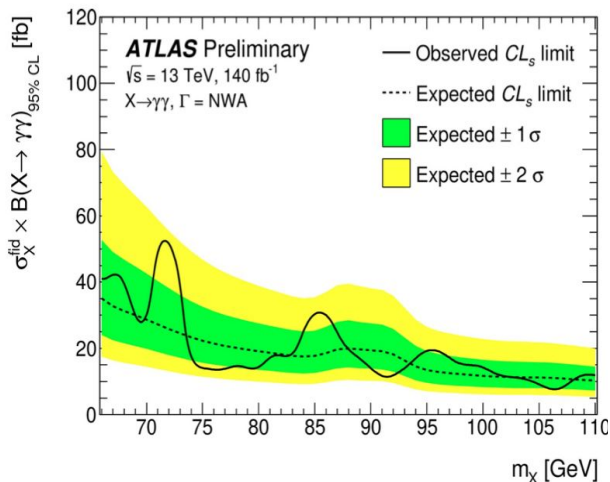


Motivation: a small tension (2σ) of excess events w.r.t. background was observed at LEP. $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ is a clean final state

[CMS-PAS-HIG-20-002](#)

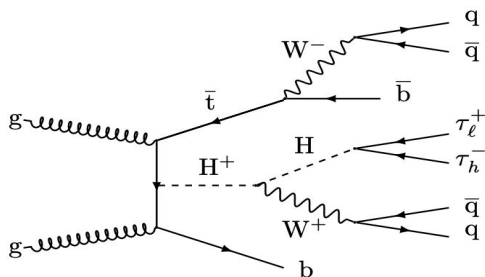
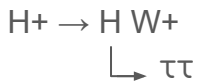


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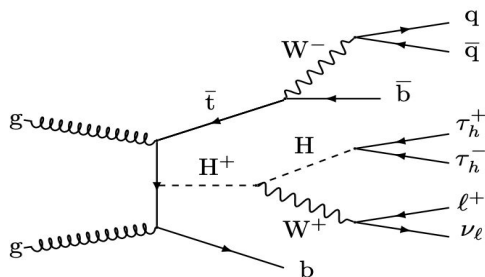
for mass hypothesis of 95.4 GeV excess with approximately 2.9σ local (1.3σ global) significance is observed, consistent in all production modes.

not seen by ATLAS



$\tau_\ell \tau_h$ (BR = 30.7%):

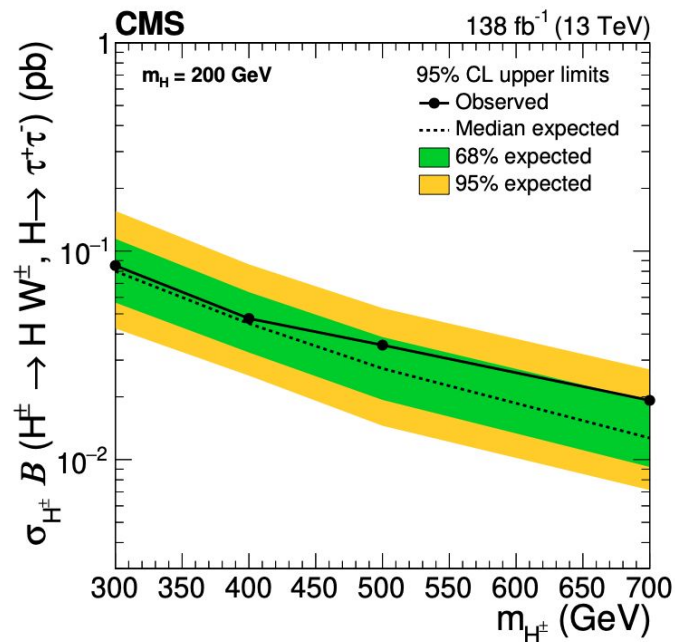
final discriminant: an MVA boosted decision tree with gradient boost (BDTG)



$\ell \tau_h \tau_h$ (BR = 12.3 %):

final discriminant: the transverse mass of the H+

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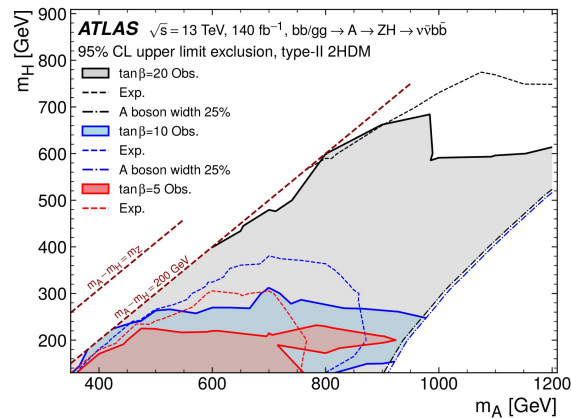
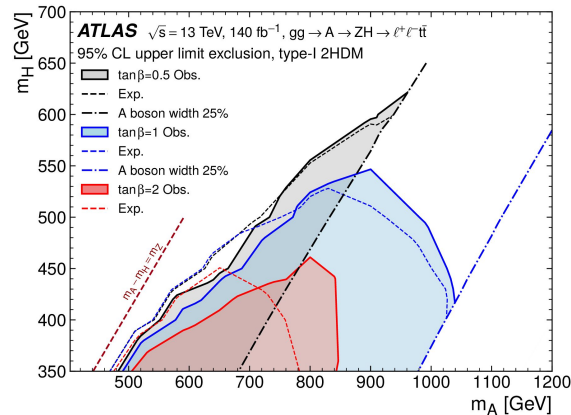
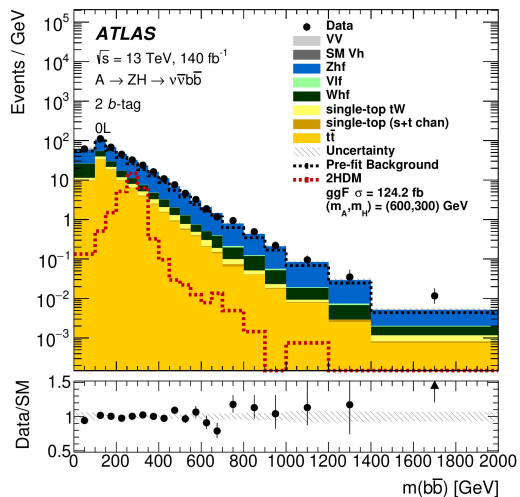
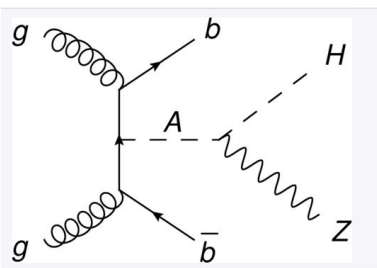
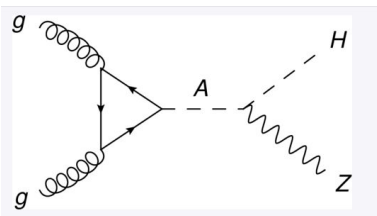
Heavy neutral $A \rightarrow HZ$



$A \rightarrow HZ$

$tt + l^+l^-$
 $bb + \nu\nu$

[HDBS-2021-02](#)





Higgs coupling



Probing the H decays with increasing precision
→ narrowing down window for undetected decays !

can we observe the Higgs decaying 1st/2nd gen?
H_{ee} / H_{μμ} / H_{cc} H_{uu}/H_{dd}/H_{ss}

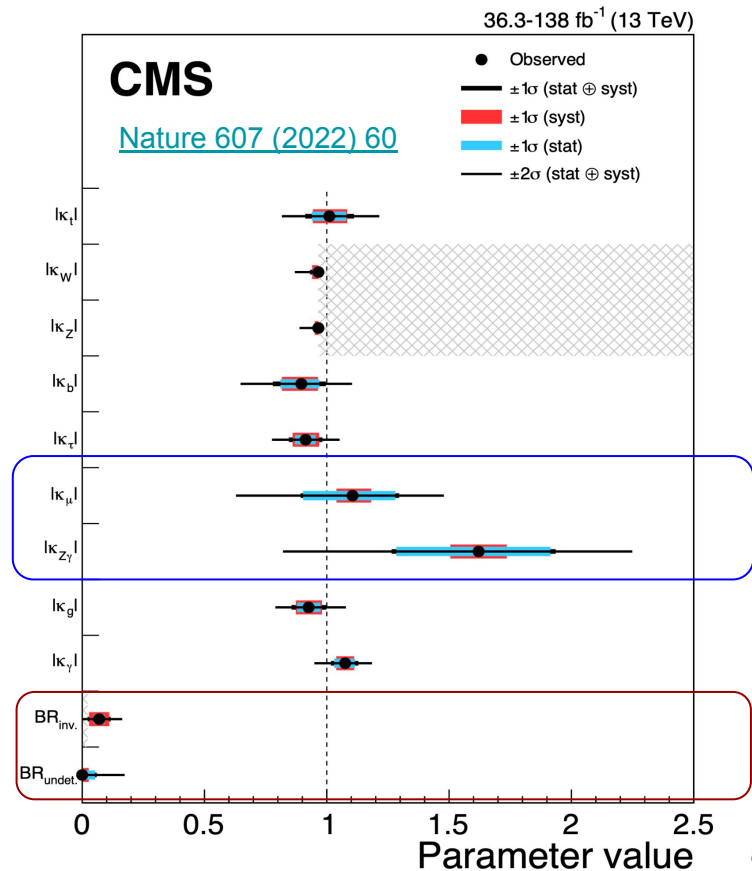
Theoretical frameworks motivate direct search for Higgs exotic decays.

Dark Matter: $h_{125} \rightarrow$ invisible

Dark Sector: $h_{125} \rightarrow$ LLP, dark photons

LFVs decays: $h_{125} \rightarrow e/\mu\tau$, $h_{125} \rightarrow e\mu$

Axion like: $h_{125} \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma$, $h_{125} \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll\gamma\gamma$

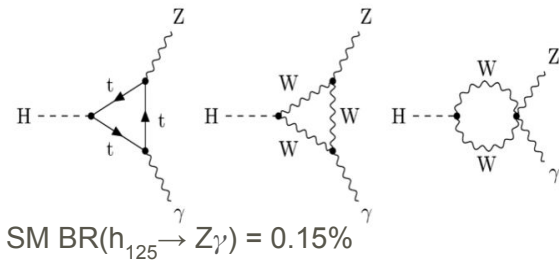




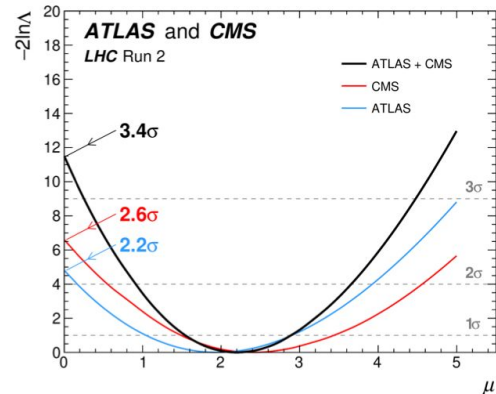
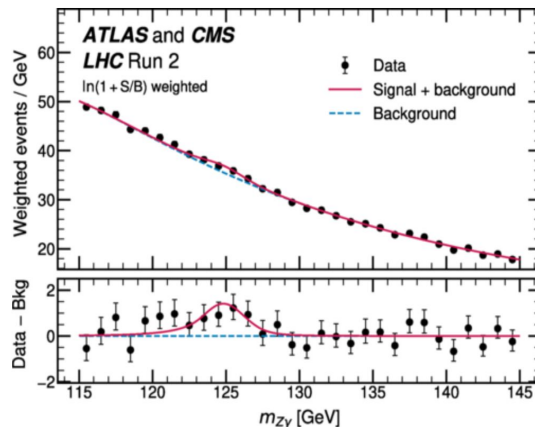
$Z\gamma + l\bar{l}\gamma$



Rare decay



<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.132.021803>



Excess compatible with SM decay of $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$

- Combination of both measurements: Evidence! 3.4σ , $\mu = 2.2 \pm 0.7$

High Mass search for MX: 220 GeV -3.5 TeV

[ATLAS Phys. Lett. B 848 \(2024\) 138394](#)

95% CL upper limits on $\sigma(pp \rightarrow X) \cdot \mathcal{B}(X \rightarrow Z\gamma)$	Observed	Expected
ggX spin-0	65.5 fb – 0.6 fb	43.3 fb – 0.6 fb
ggX spin-2	77.4 fb – 0.6 fb	50.8 fb – 0.6 fb
$q\bar{q}X$ spin-2	76.1 fb – 0.5 fb	50.3 fb – 0.5 fb

High Mass



$$h_{125} \rightarrow \text{Meson} + \gamma \quad (1)$$



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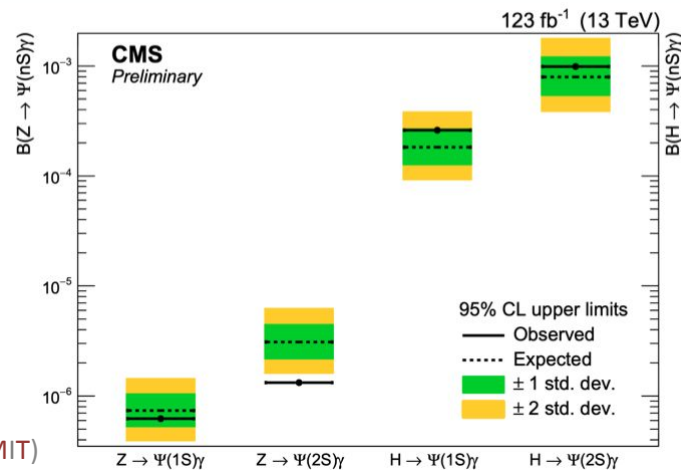
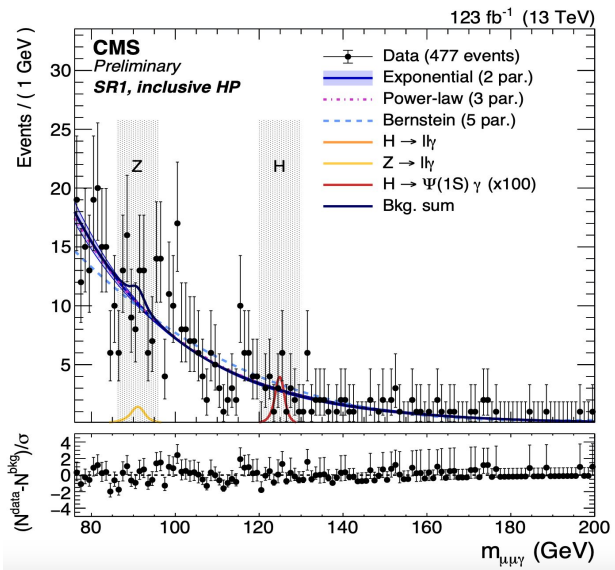
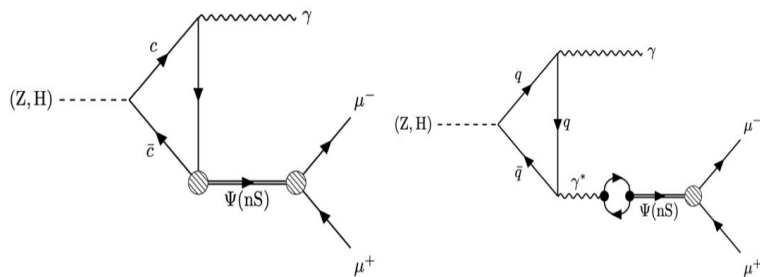
Visible peak in the vector meson mass and Higgs boson invariant mass

Categorization for Higgs analysis

→ **1** inclusive category for $\psi(2S)$

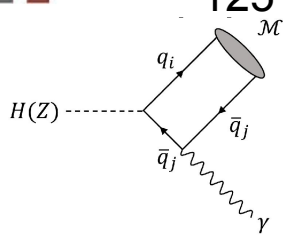
→ **4** exclusive categories for $\psi(1S)$: **2** ggH categories high and low purity (HP or LP); **VBF**; **High flavor lepton (HFL)**: at least 1 b-jet

BSM effects in the Yukawa sector

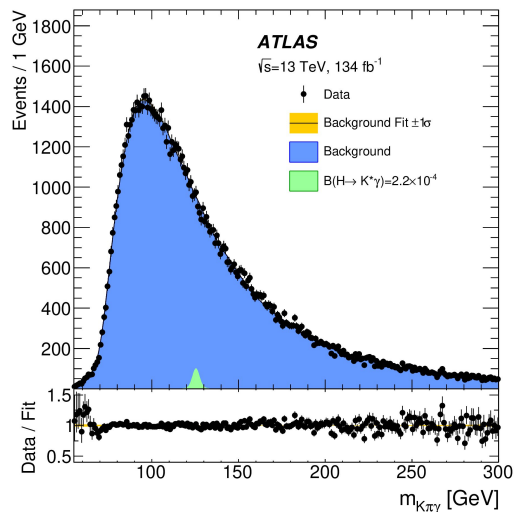




$$h_{125} \rightarrow \text{Meson} + \gamma$$

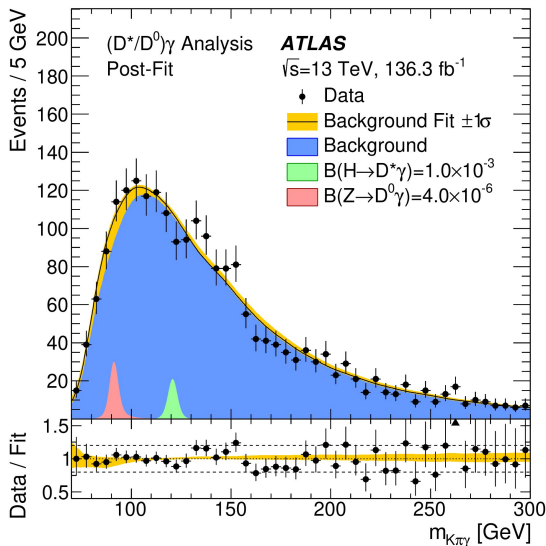


Flavor violating coupling



$K^{*0} \rightarrow \text{down/strange}$

[Phys. Lett. B. 847 \(2023\) 138292](#)



$D^{*0} \rightarrow \text{up/charm}$

[HDBS-2018-52](#)



$h_{125} \rightarrow \text{Meson} + \gamma$ (3)



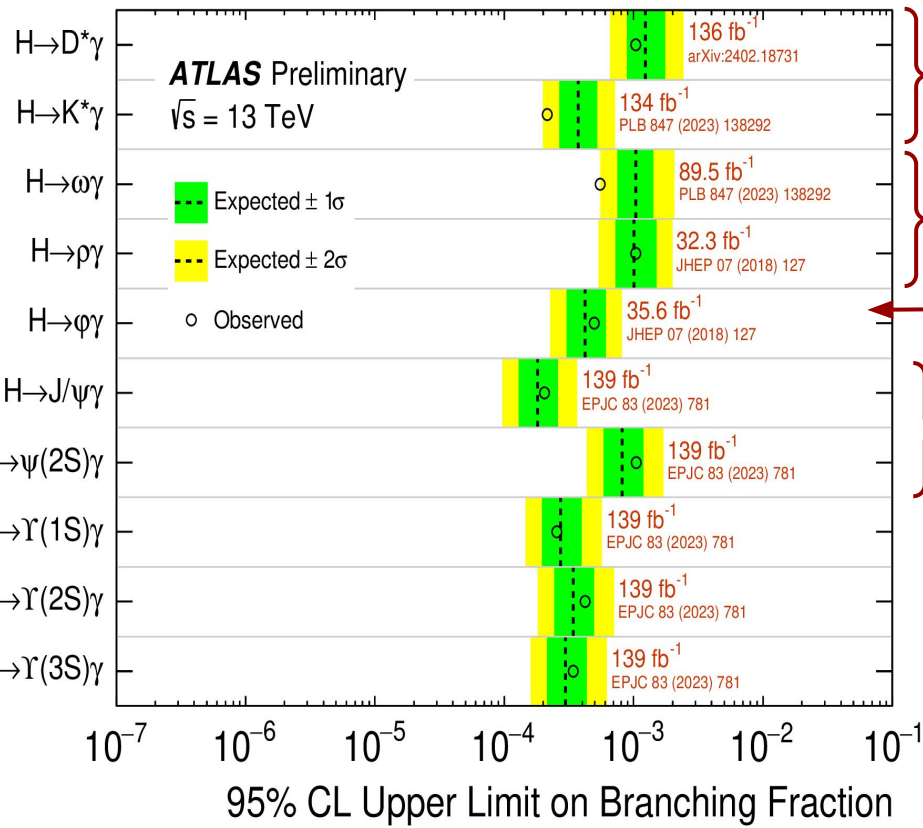
BSM effects in the Yukawa sector

displaced di-track

ditrack + pi0

di-track

di-muon



flavor violation

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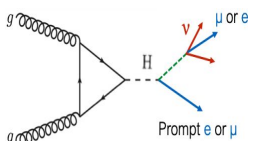
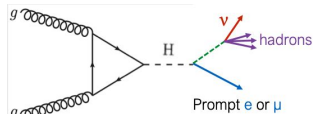
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Leptonic Yukawa

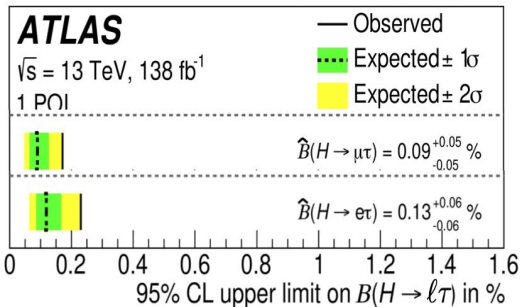


Is the Higgs responsible for ILFV ?

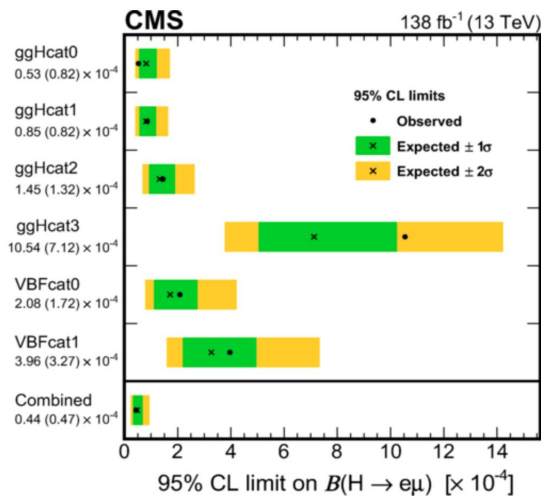


$\mu\tau$
0.09 (exp)
 $e\tau$
0.12 (exp)
0.23 (obs)

Flavor violation

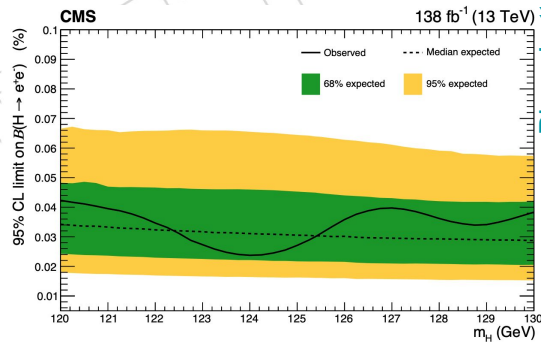
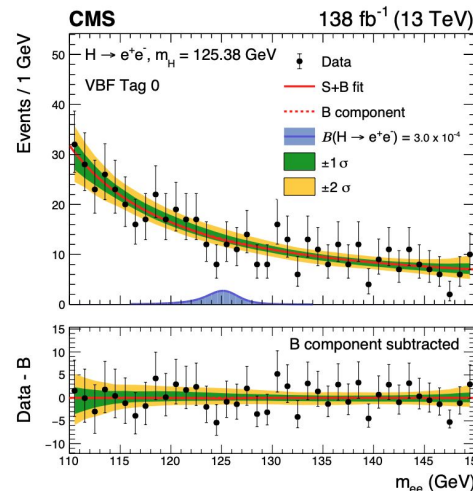


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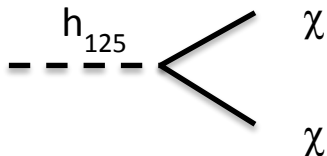
$$B(H \rightarrow e^+e^-) \approx 5 \times 10^{-9}$$



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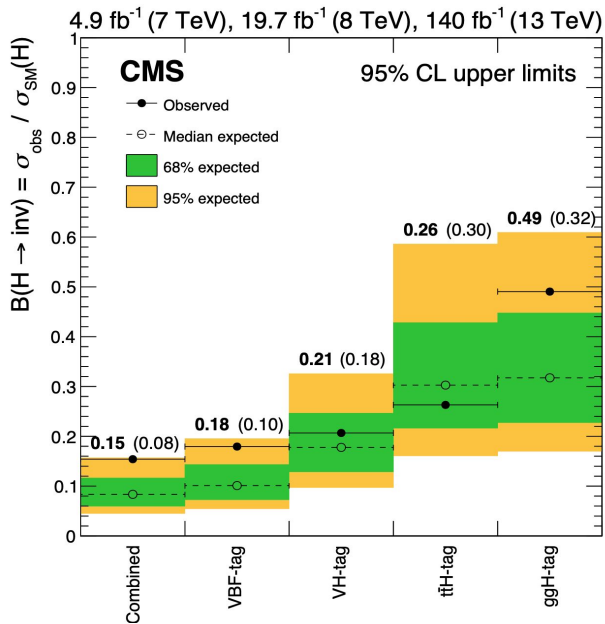
$h_{125} \rightarrow$ invisible



χ gives MET signature

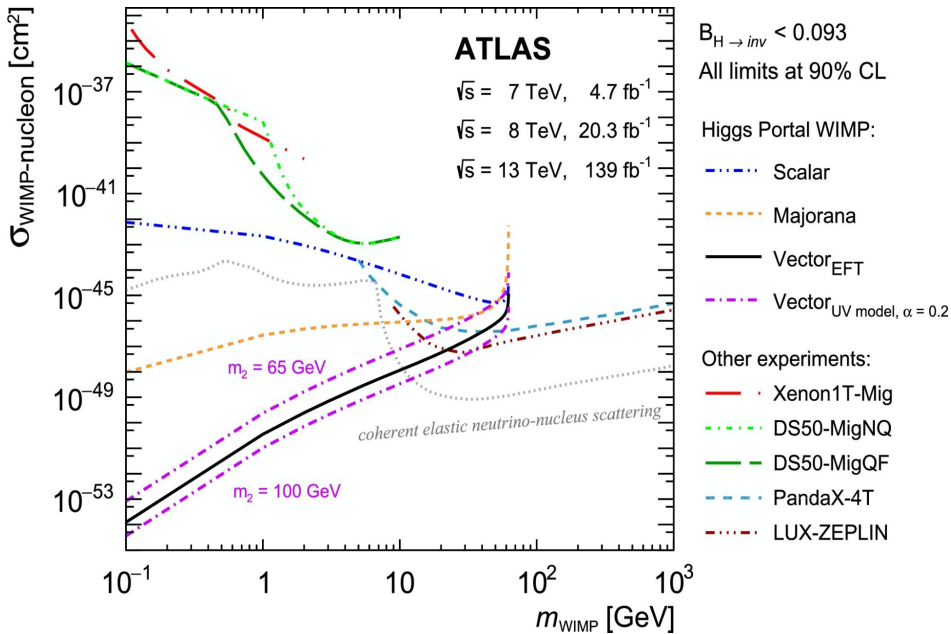


invisible decays for Dark Matter



BR(H_{inv})@HL-LHC < 2.5%
BR(H→ZZ→4ν)~0.1%

[Eur. Phys. J. C 83 \(2023\) 933](#)



The constraint from the combined observed Run 1+2 exclusion limit of BR(H_{inv}) ~ 0.093 at 90% CL is compared to the results from representative direct DM detection experiments

[Phys. Lett. B 842 \(2023\) 137963](#)



$$h_{125} \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll\gamma\gamma$$

and

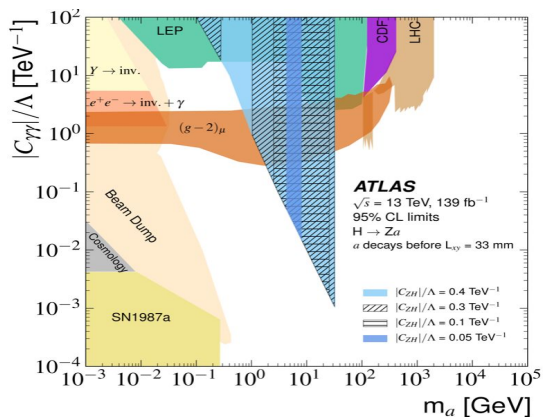
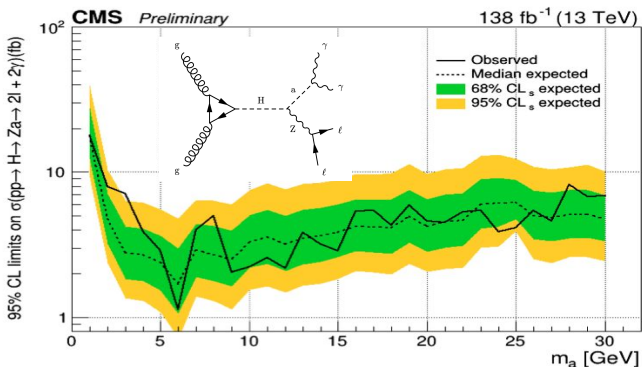
$$h_{125} \rightarrow aa$$



2HDM or 2HDM+S models can have additional light pseudoscalars 'a' with significant BR(h→Za)

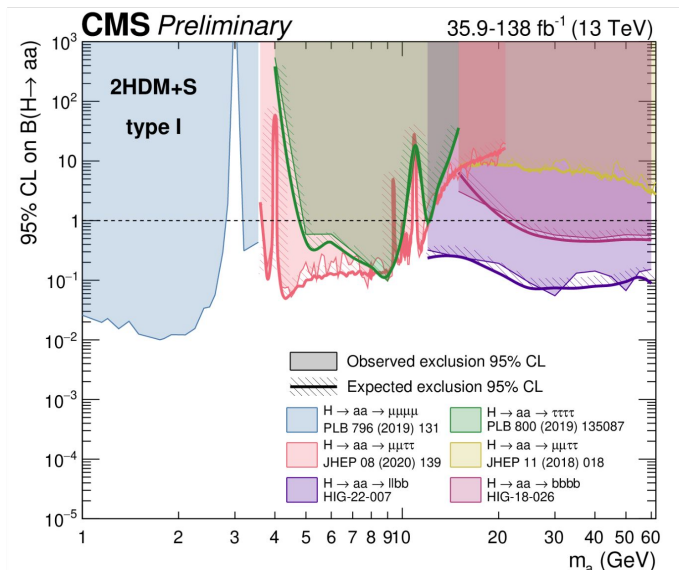
anomalous decays

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A rich set of searches for $H \rightarrow aa$



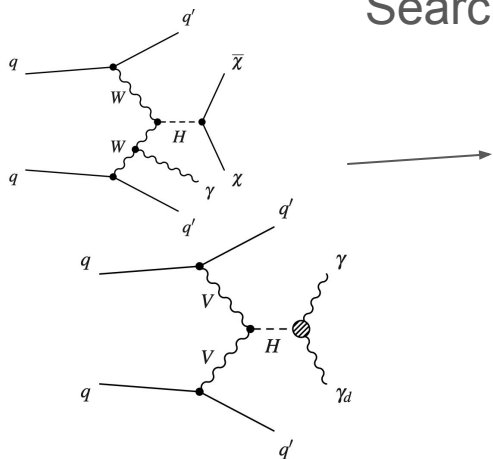
see also $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma$ [HDBS-2019-19](#) providing sensitivity to recently proposed models that could explain the $(g-2)_\mu$ discrepancy



Dark photon $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^D$

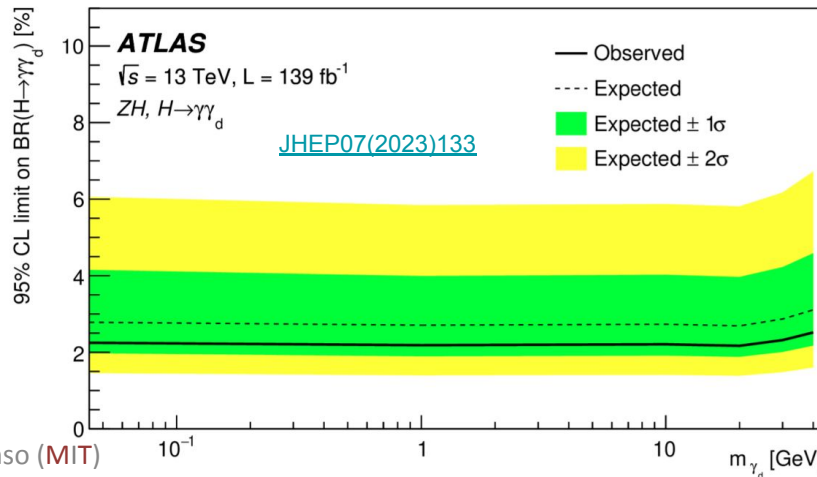
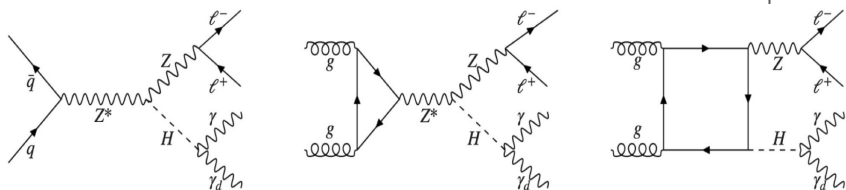


Search for prompt, invisible and low mass dark photon



	ATLAS	CMS
VBF	Eur. Phys. J. C 82 (2022) 105	JHEP03(2021)011
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Exotic decays



for long lived see Vanneron's talk

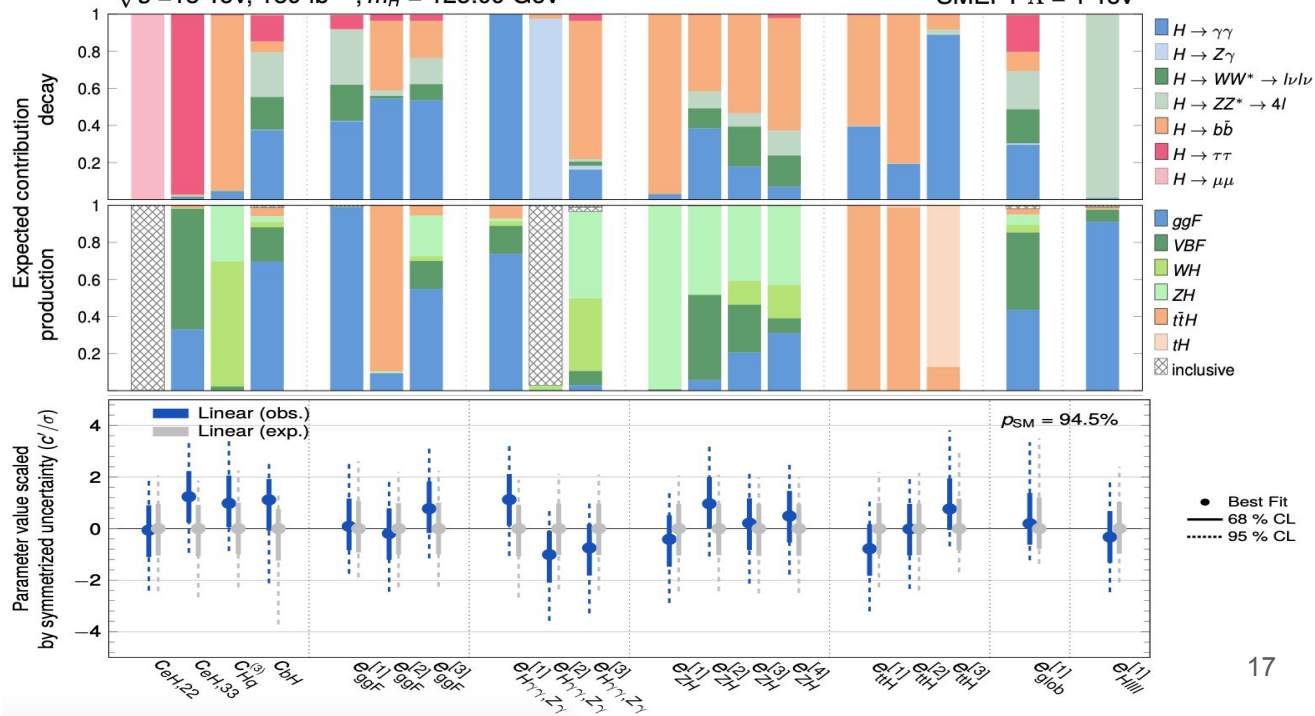
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i^{N_{d=6}} \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_j^{N_{d=8}} \frac{b_j}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_j^{(8)} + \dots,$$

the effects of BSM dynamics above some high energy scale, can be parametrized in terms of higher-dimensional operators.

ATLAS Preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$, 139 fb^{-1} , $m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}$

SMEFT $\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$



Rare decays uniquely sensitive to certain directions of the EFT space



HH production is a test of the SM:

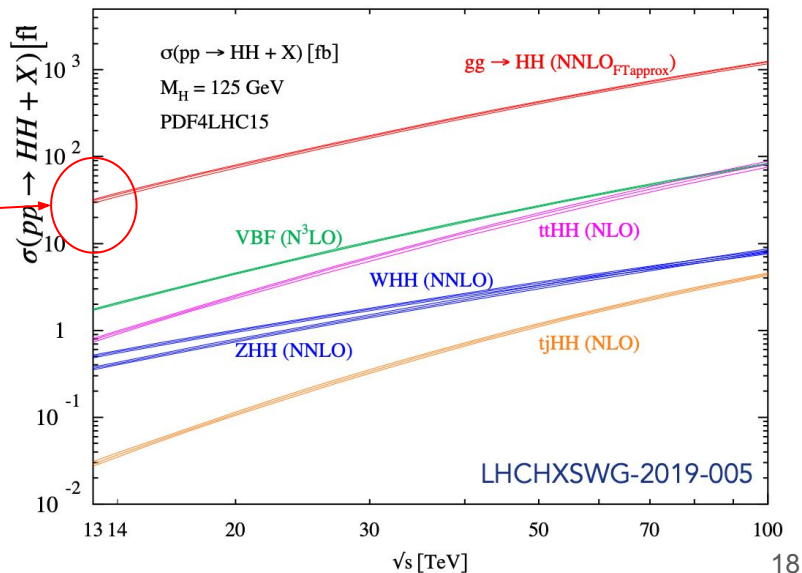


Direct test of HHH vertex only with HH production

$$V(H) = \frac{1}{2}m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda_{HHH}vH^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{HHHH}H^4 - \frac{\lambda}{4}v^4$$

Focus for λ measurements

Run2: 140/fb \rightarrow 4200 ev





Putting together



Shedding light on Higgs-boson self-interactions

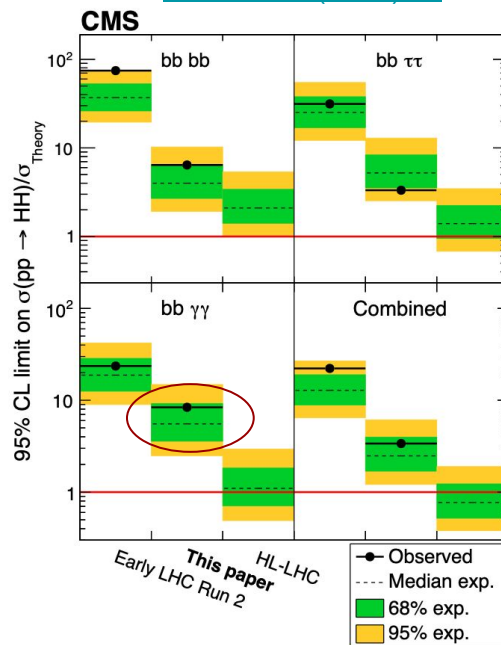
large BR requires one $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

$b\bar{b} b\bar{b}$ BR = 34%

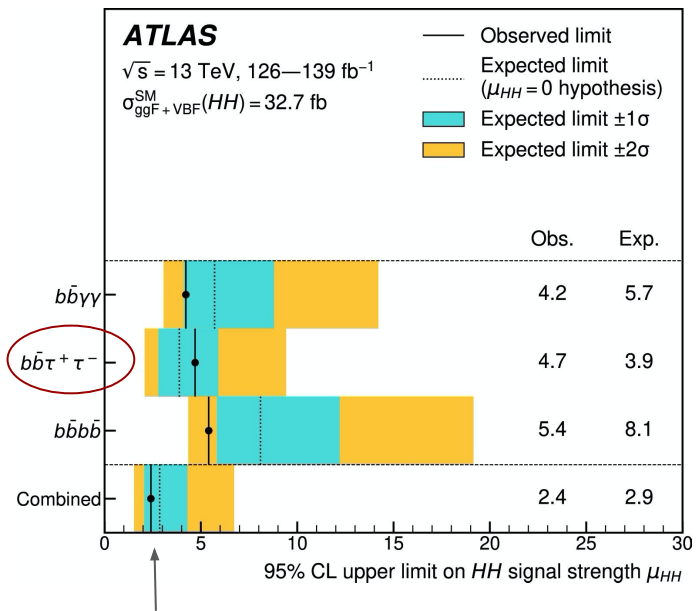
$b\bar{b} \tau\tau$ BR = 7.3%

$b\bar{b} \gamma\gamma$ BR = 0.26%,
but most pure

[Nature 607 \(2022\) 60](#)

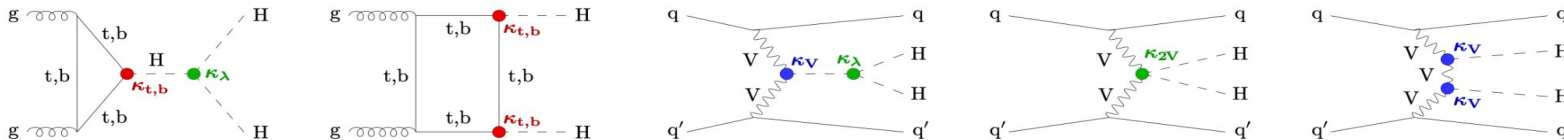


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3.5x better than 36 fb⁻¹ combination

Nonresonant signatures



Low energy effect of new physics that modify the Higgs bosons' interactions :
 k framework approach: modify HHH , ttH , VVH , $VVHH$ vertices

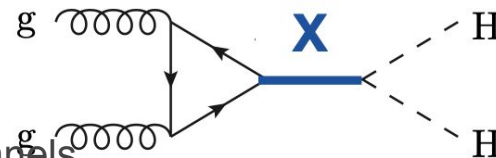
The ggF process is sensitive to the relative sign between κ_{λ} and κ_t
 The VBF process is sensitive to the relative sign between κ_{2V} and κ_V

EFT approach: introduce operators with a strength given by Wilson coefficient

Resonant signatures

Direct production of a new state $X \rightarrow HH$

Large set of BSM scenarios: various MX hypothesis, and search channels

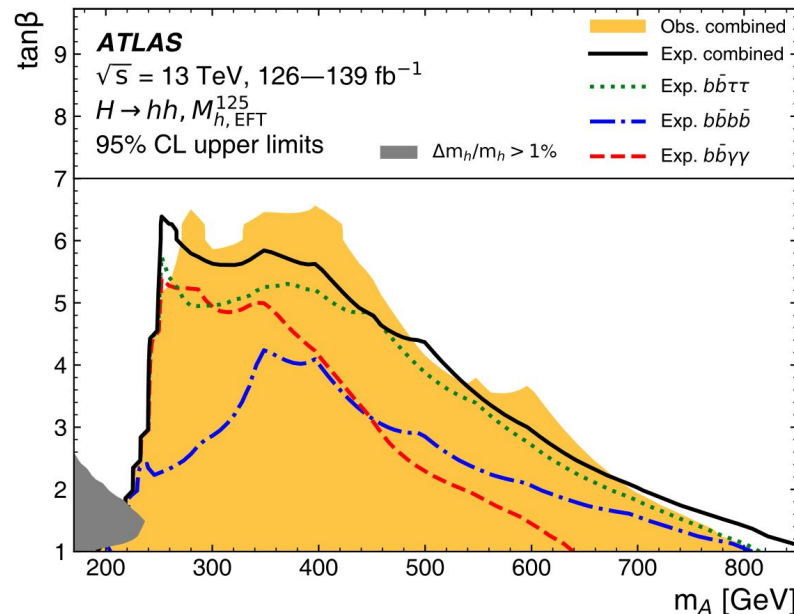
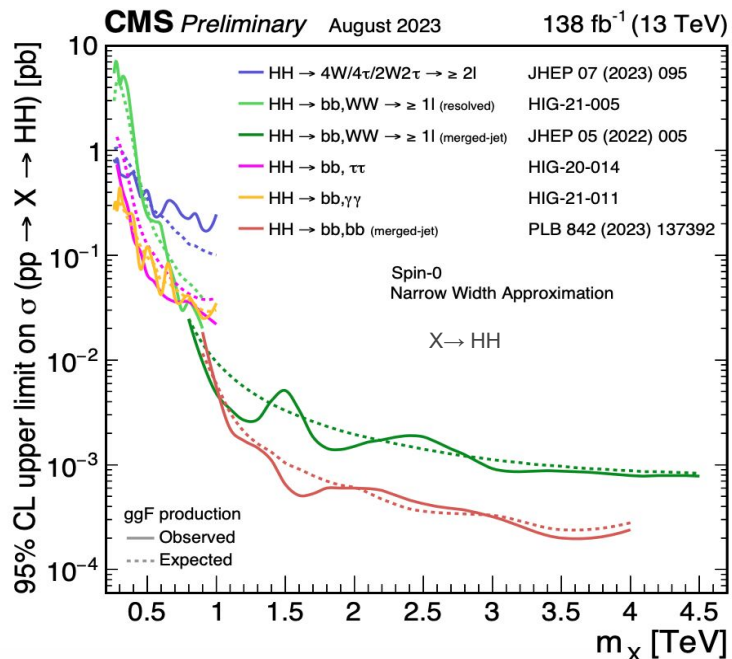




HH probe for BSM (resonant)



HH probe for BSM



HH: Most sensitive analysis for **intermediate $\tan\beta$**

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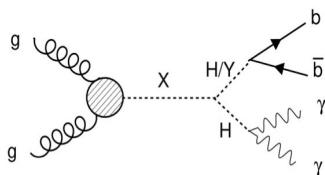
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X → YH, X → YY probe for BSM (resonant)



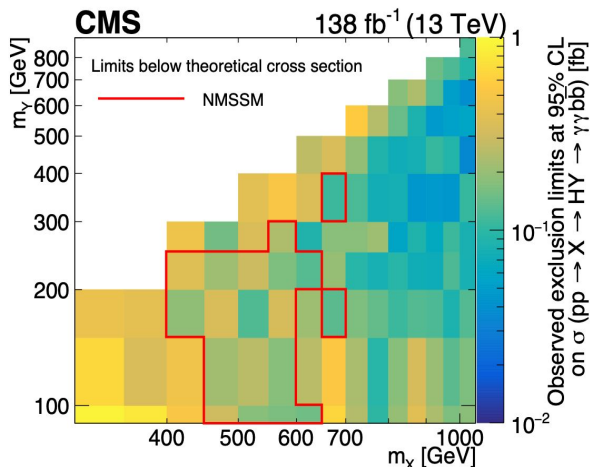
Larger extended Higgs sectors: E.g. two additional singlets (TRSM), 2-Higgs-doublet + singlet (2HDM+S including NMSSM), Y branching fractions can be very non-SM-H-like



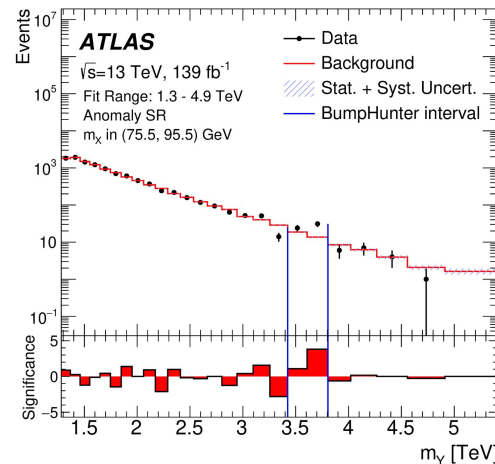
Anomaly signal region: Targets generic signals - non-compatibility with learned background model

or set limits on $pp \rightarrow Y \rightarrow XH \rightarrow q\bar{q}b\bar{b}$

HH probe for BSM



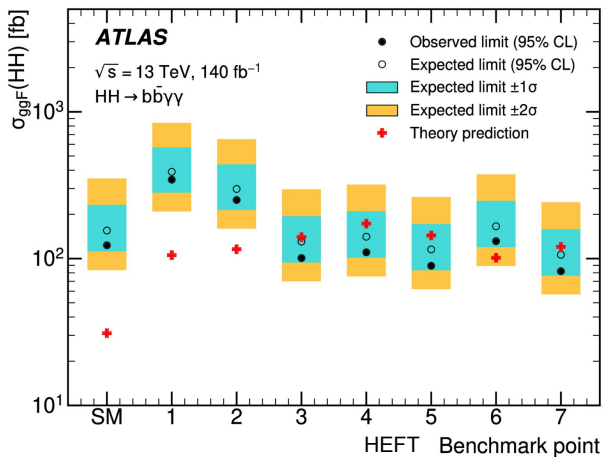
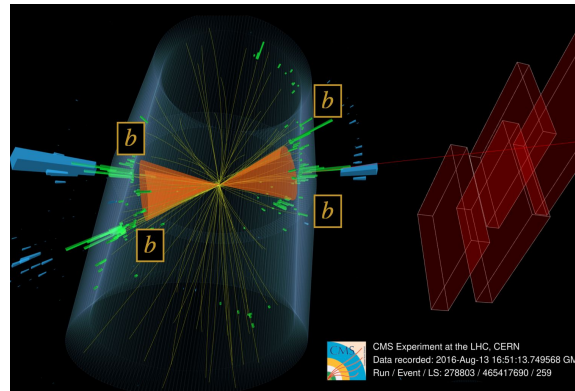
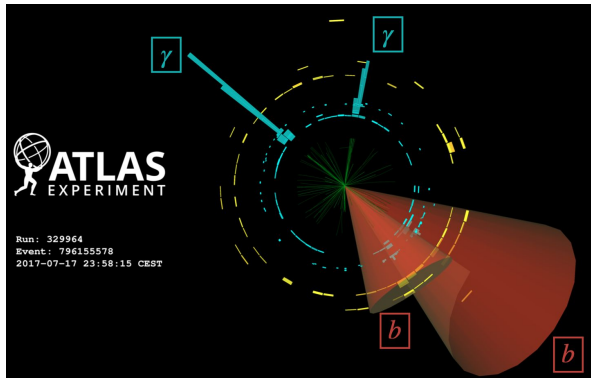
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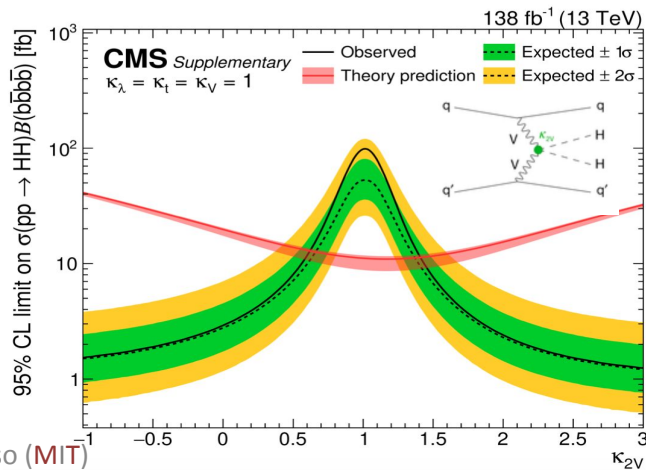
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HH probe for BSM (non resonant)

very clean signature



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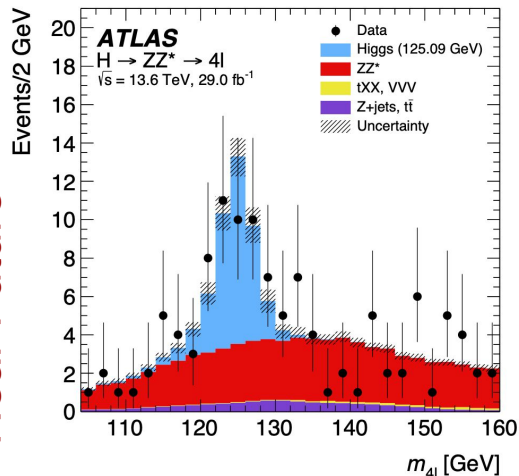


Run3 prospects



1. Rediscover the Higgs

Near Future

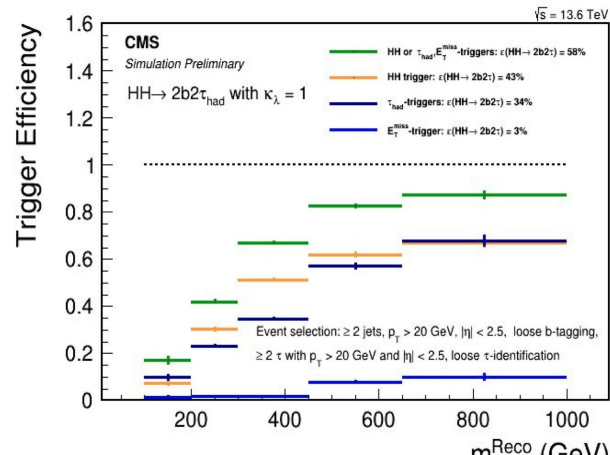
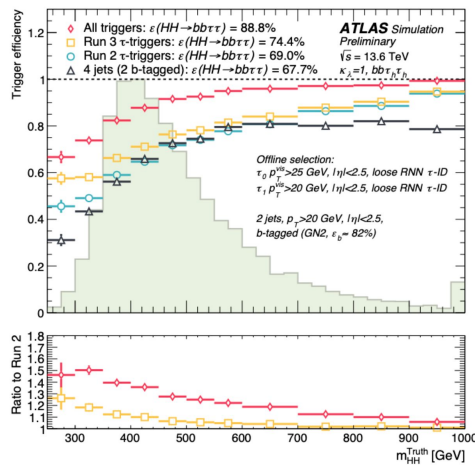


2. Improved sensitivity leads to tighter BSM constraints beyond simple luminosity increase thanks to improved **reconstruction/ID techniques** (Deep-learning vs Graph-based approach) and to advanced **analysis techniques** (BDT/DNN event classifier and more c categories)

3. Improved Triggers

[AtlasPublic/TauTriggerPublicResults](#)
 see also [AtlasPublic/BJetTriggerPublicResults](#)

[CERN-CMS-DP-2023-050](#)





Summary



Rich program of ATLAS and CMS searches for rare and forbidden SM Higgs decays, and for production of additional Higgs bosons.

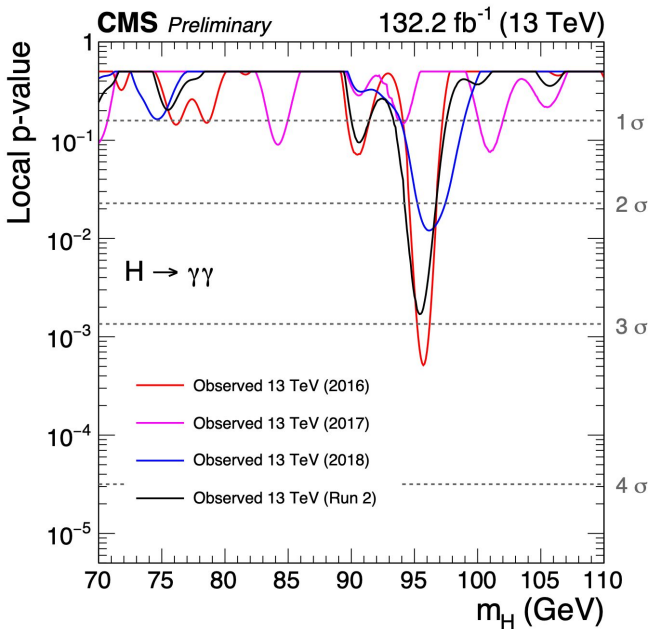
Broad HH experimental program

Many experimental improvements in view of the Run3 and HL-LHC.

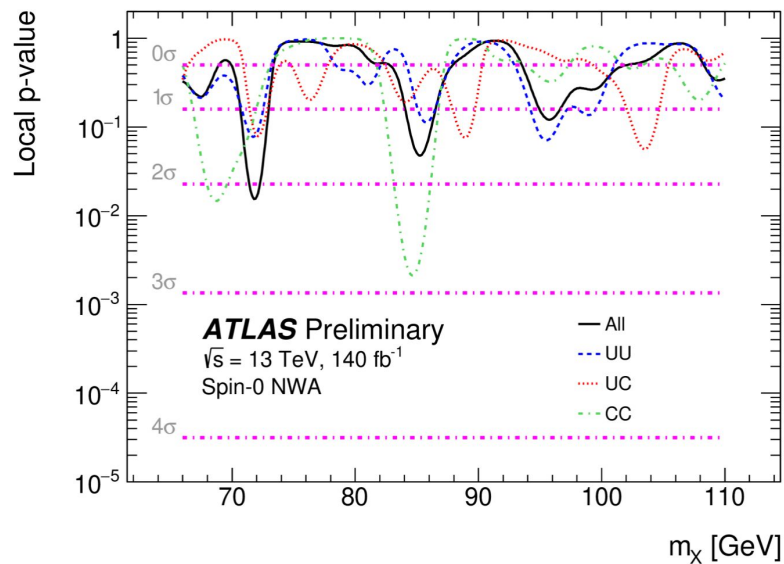
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