

# Search for Dark matter in MonoHiggs signature at CMS

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# Introduction

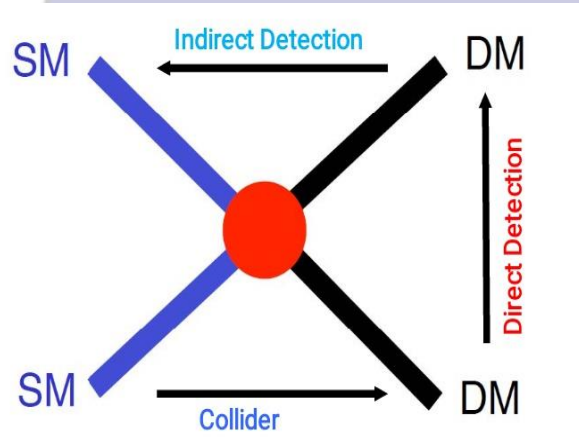
## Dark Matter:

Electrically Neutral

Interact only through gravity

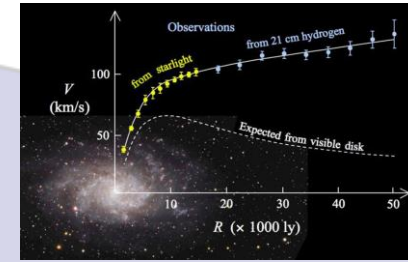
Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

## How to Detect Dark matter?



Colliders: Collision of SM particles (p-p at LHC) DM may produced, appear as **Missing Transverse Momentum**

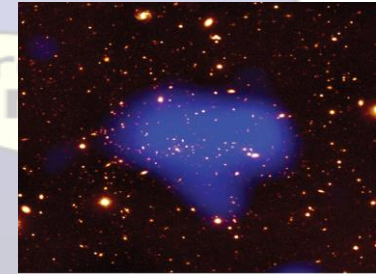
Rotation Curve  
Galaxy



26.8% Dark  
Matter  
Bullet Cluster



Hot gas in  
clusters of  
galaxies



# Why Mono-Higgs Search?

Canonical mono-jet/photon/W/Z from initial state radiation (ISR)

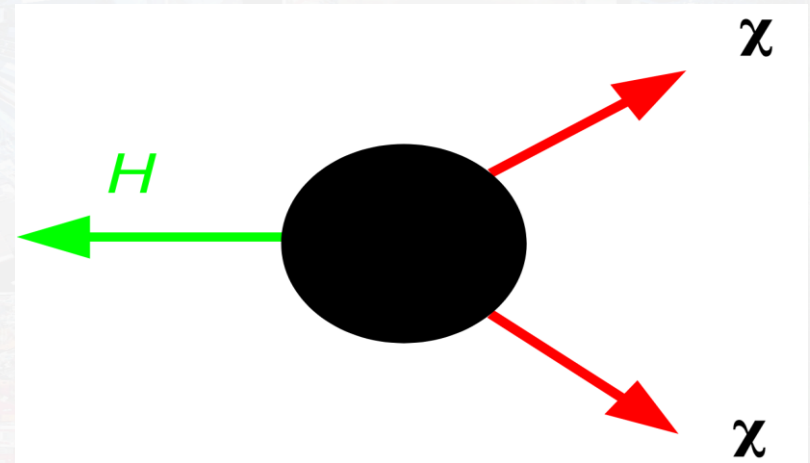
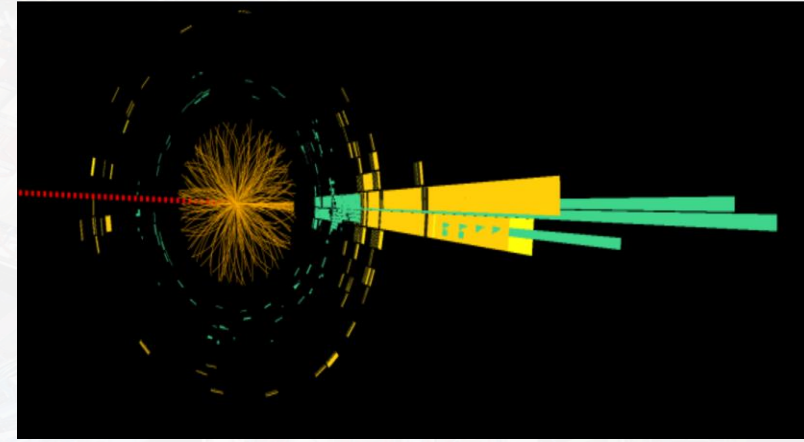
Mono-Higgs (Mono-h)

- “h” produced in ISR is highly suppressed

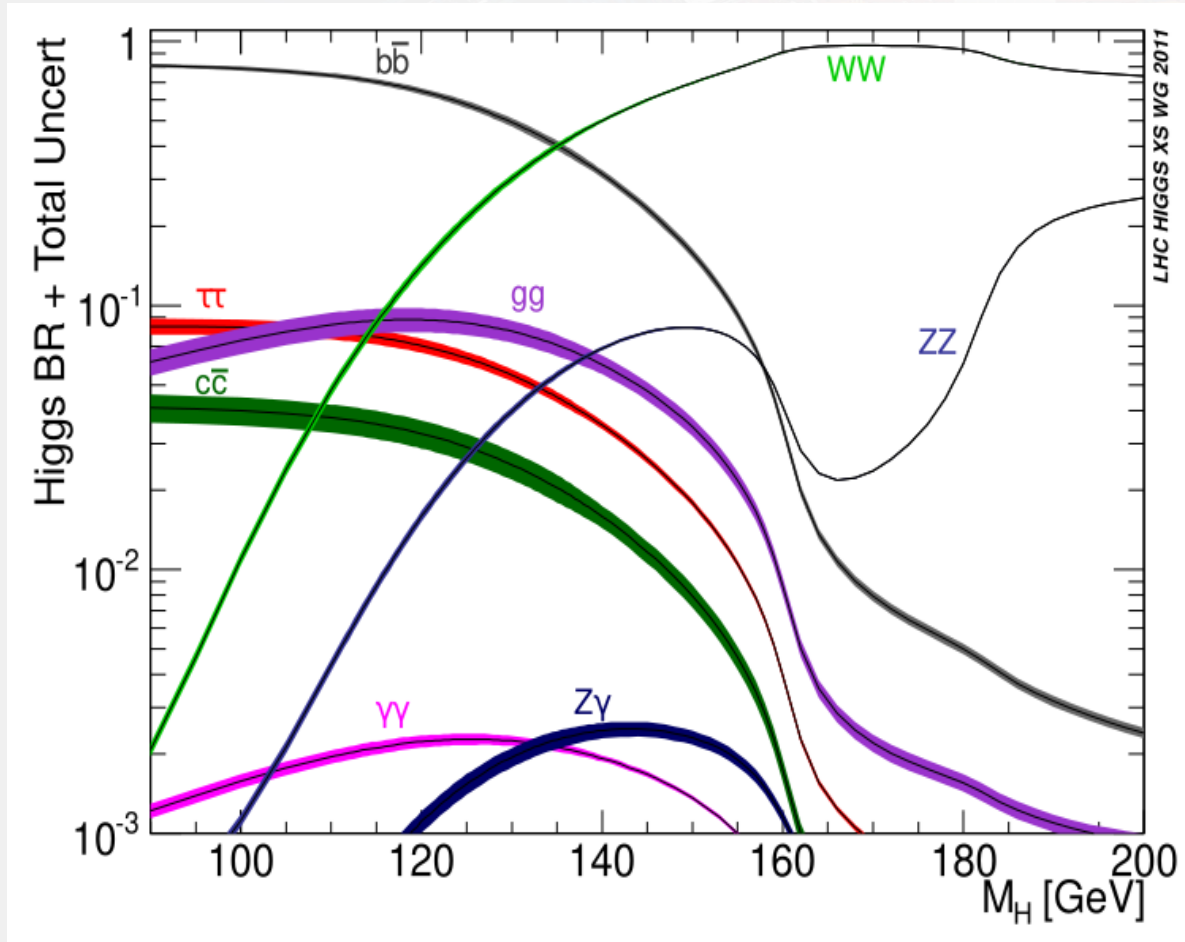
- The FSR of DM particles or the Beyond SM (BSM) interaction of DM particles with “h”, typically via a mediator particle

Signature:

- Reconstruct Higgs and search for excess of events with high MET



## Which decay mode is best in Mono-Higgs Search?



The SM Higgs branching ratios as a function of Higgs mass

**bb**: High BR but large in background

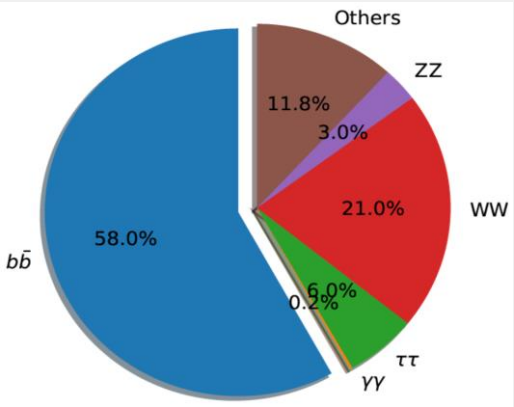
**ZZ**: clean but low BR



# Mono- Higgs searches

Table: Mono-Higgs analysis in different decay modes

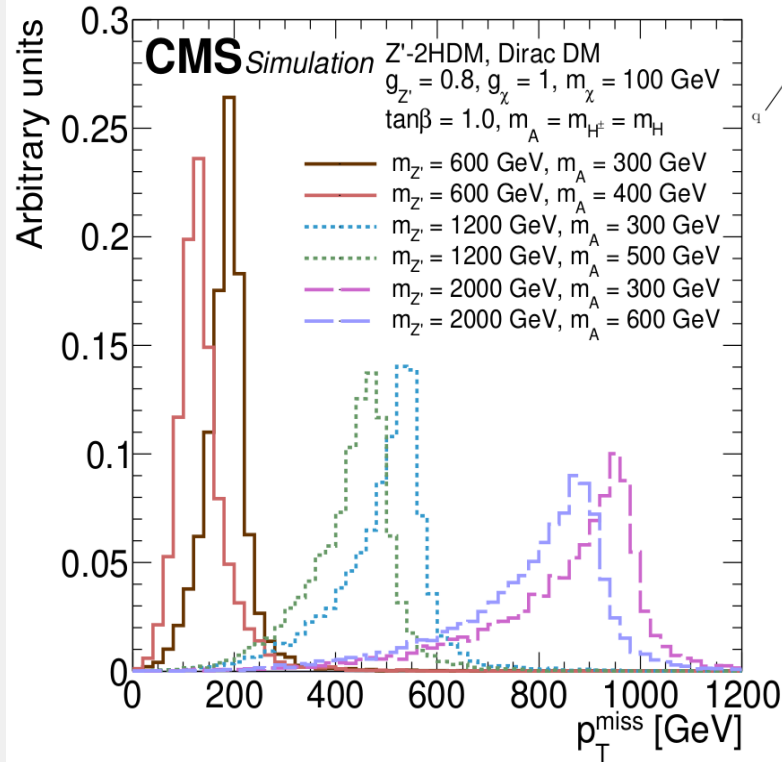
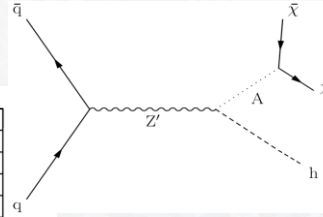
Decay channel	Final state or category	Publication
$h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	AK8 jet ( $Z'$ -2HDM)	<a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C79 (2019) 280</a>
	CA15 jet (Baryonic $Z'$ )	
$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$p_T^{\text{miss}} \in 50\text{--}130\text{ GeV}$	<a href="#">JHEP09(2018)046</a>
	$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 130\text{ GeV}$	
$h \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$\tau_h \tau_h$	<a href="#">JHEP09(2018)046</a>
	$\mu \tau_h$	
	$e \tau_h$	
$h \rightarrow WW$	$e\nu\mu\nu$	<a href="#">JHEP03(2020)025</a>
	$4e$	
$h \rightarrow ZZ$	$4\mu$	<a href="#">JHEP03(2020)025</a>
	$2e2\mu$	



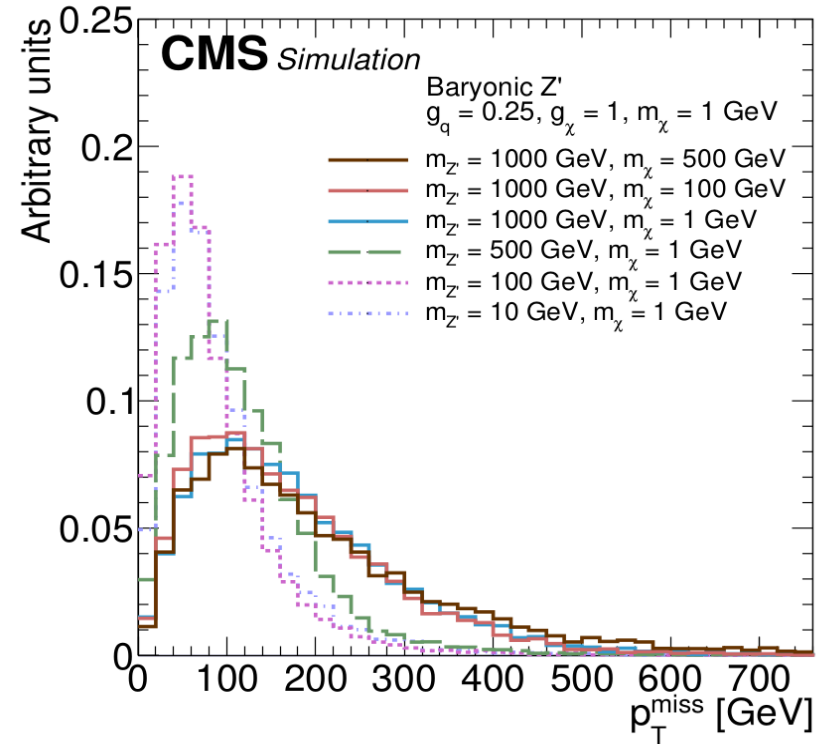
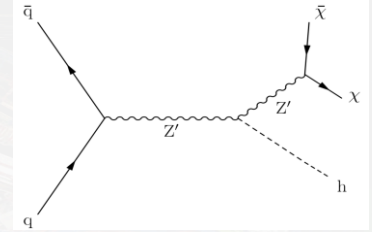
# Mono- Higgs searches

Experimental signature: Higgs (h) + Missing Transverse Momentum(MET)

Z' 2HDM



Baryonic Z'

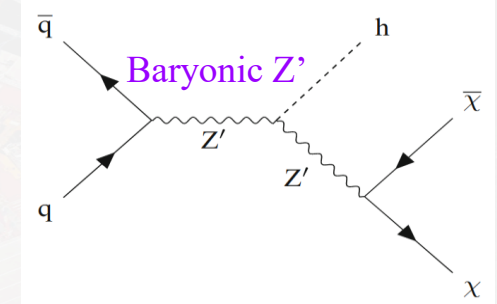
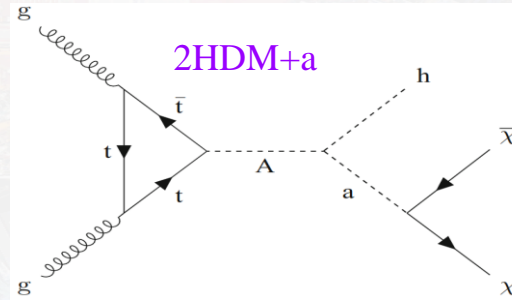


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## Mono- Higgs searches: 1. $h \rightarrow bb$ (1/2)

Experimental signature: Higgs (h) + MET

Most sensitive channel for most  $z'$  masses

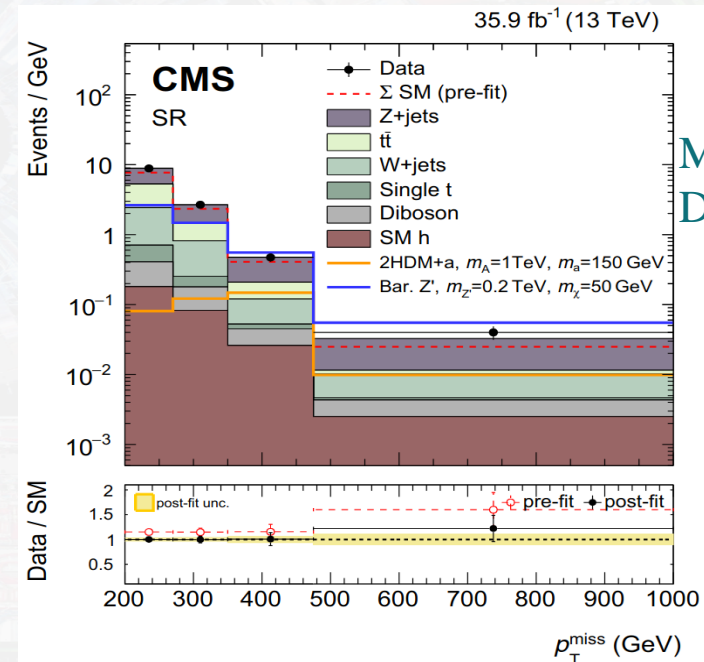


### Backgrounds:

-Dominant background:  $Z$ +jets,  $W$ +jets,  $t\bar{t}$

### Analysis strategy:

- Uses double b-tagger and jet substructure variables to isolate  $h$  to  $bb$  decays
- Simultaneous fit is performed to MET in signal region and dedicated control regions (CR)



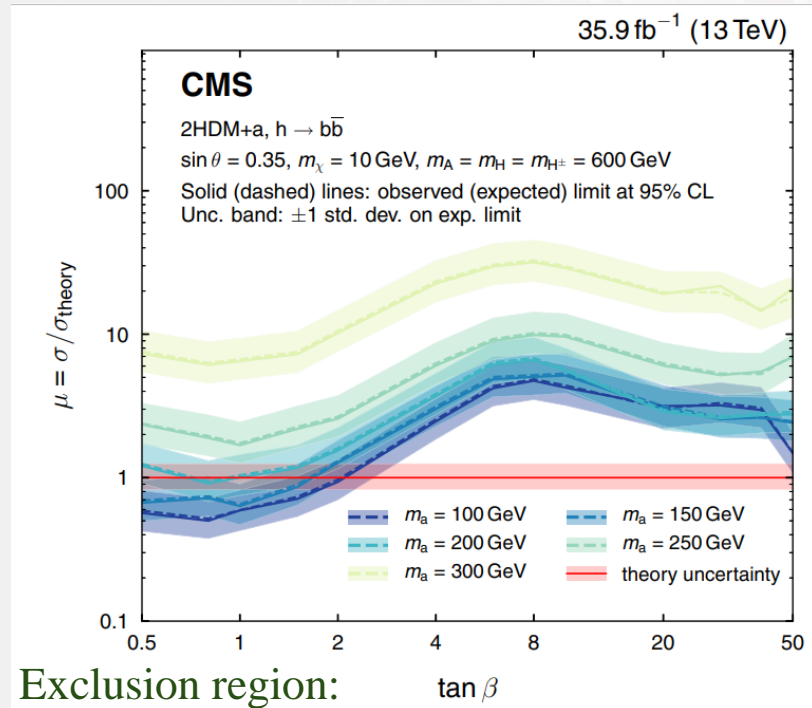
MET  
Distribution

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# Mono- Higgs searches:1. $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (2/2)

## 1d scan of $\tan\beta$

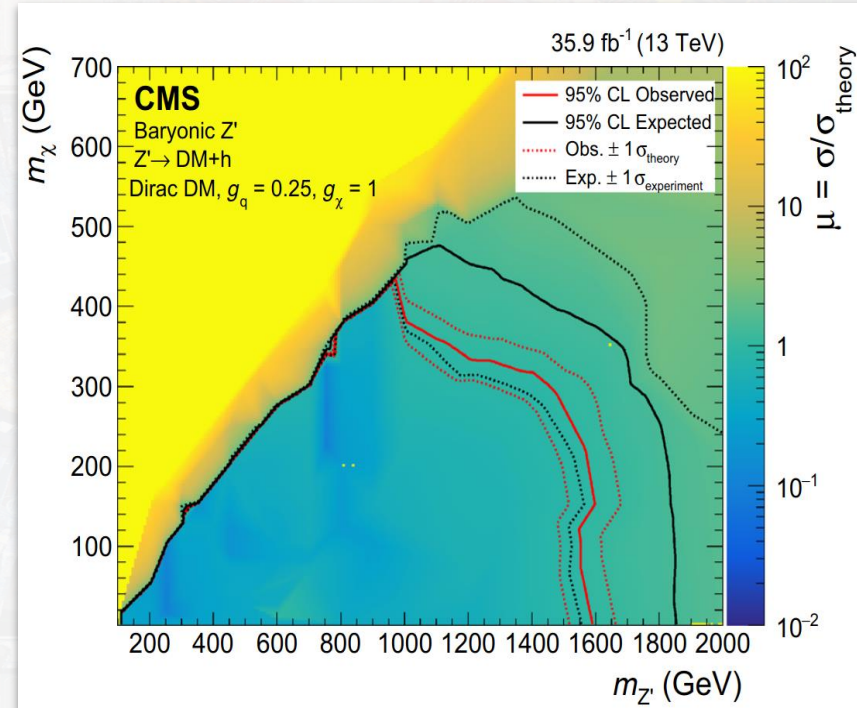


Exclusion region:

2HDM+a  $\tan\beta$ :  $\sim 0.5$ -2,  $m_A$  100 GeV

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## 2d scan of $M_{Z'}$ and $m_{\chi}$



Exclusion region:

Baryonic  $Z'$ :  $\sim 1600$  GeV, mass of DM:  $\sim 1$  GeV

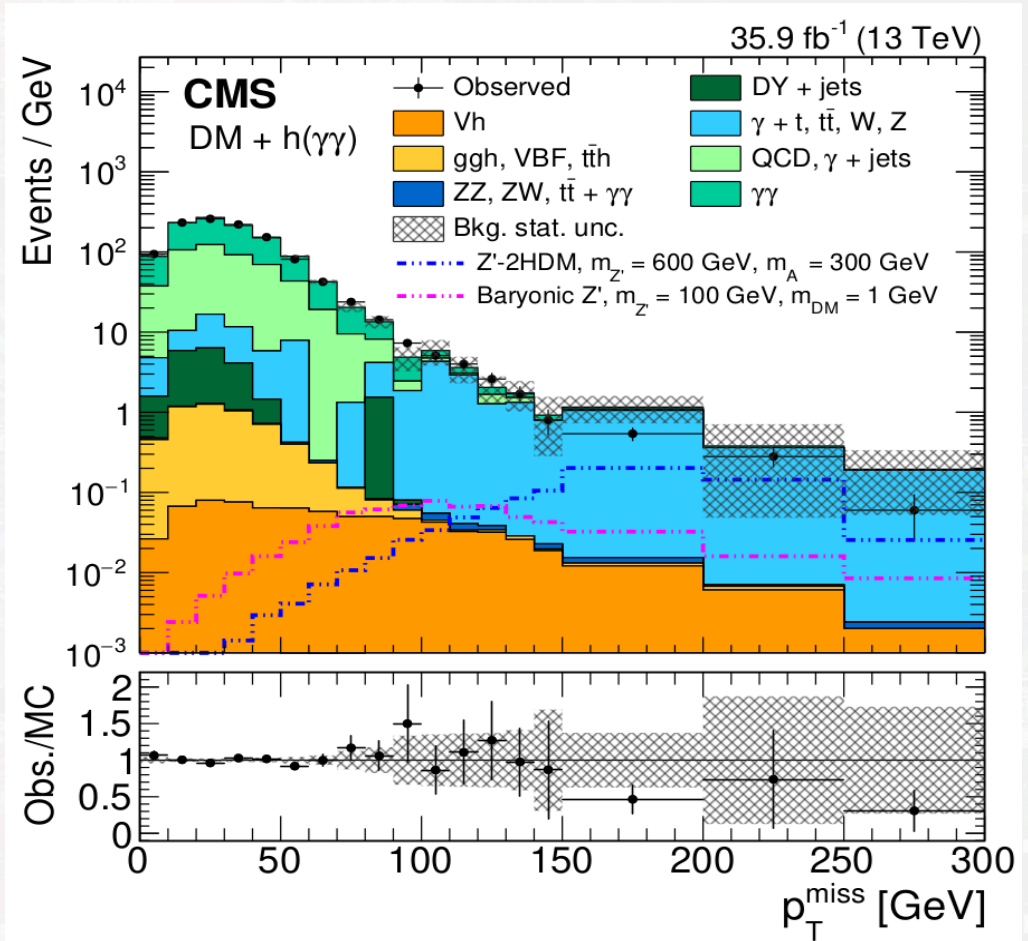
$\sim 960$  GeV, mass of DM:  $\sim 430$  GeV



## Mono- Higgs searches:2. $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Improved resolution on the reconstructed Higgs invariant mass
- Fit is performed to the diphoton invariant mass distribution.

### MET Distribution:

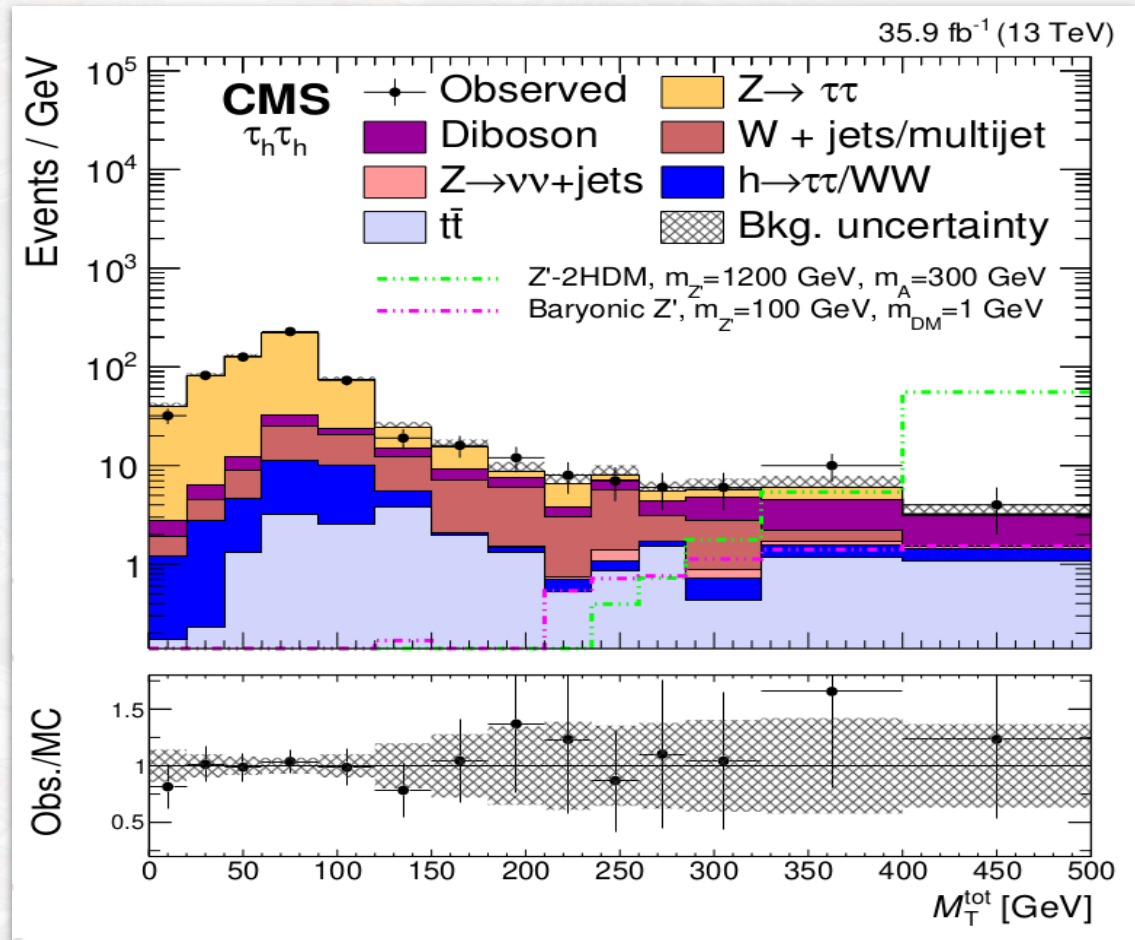


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## Mono- Higgs searches:3. $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- Improved sensitivity for low values of  $m_Z$ ,
- Combination of  $\tau_h\tau_h$ ,  $e\tau_h$ , and  $\mu\tau_h$ .
- Simultaneous fit in control and signal regions to the transverse mass

### Transverse mass Distribution:

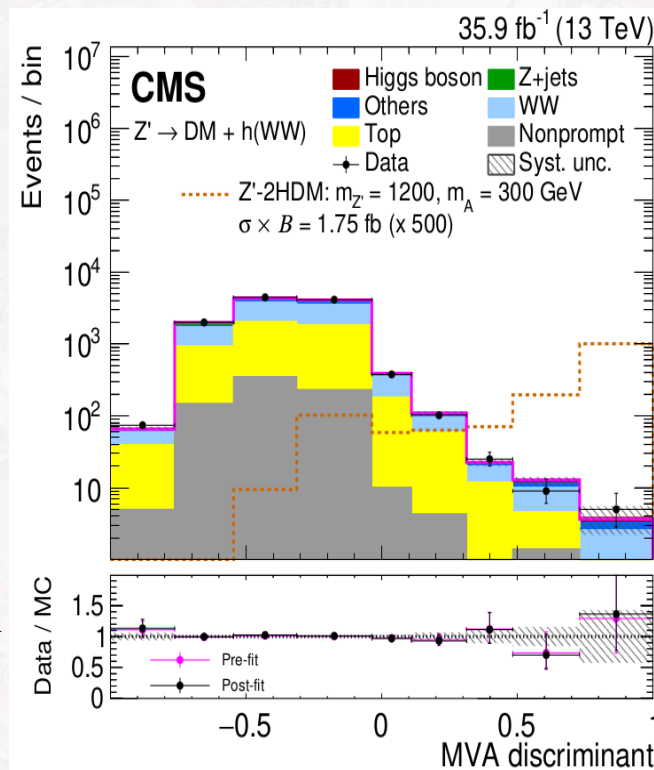


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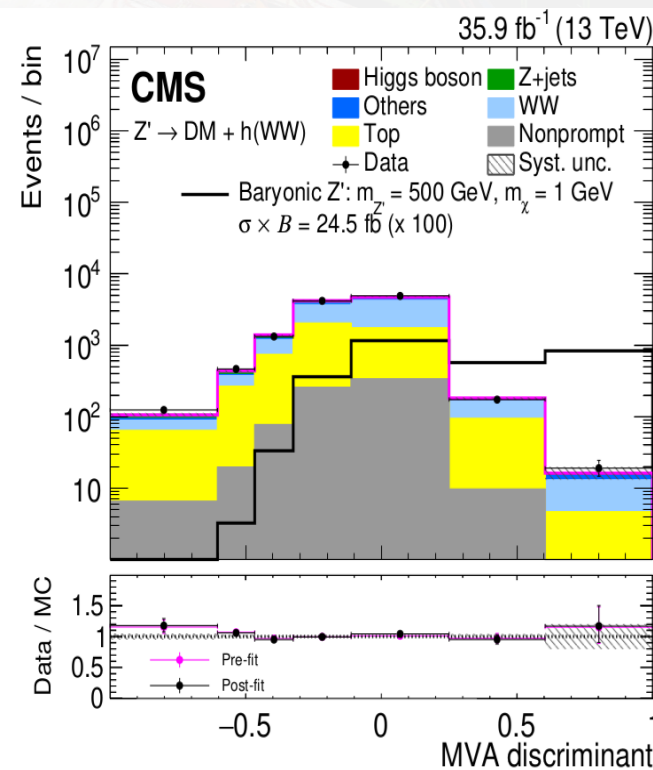
# Mono- Higgs searches:4. $h \rightarrow WW$

## Z' 2HDM

- Use  $e\mu$  final state to avoid backgrounds from Z boson
- Major backgrounds:  $t\bar{t}$ bar, non-resonant WW, nonprompt leptons
- Different MVA discriminant used for each of the signal models



## Baryonic Z'



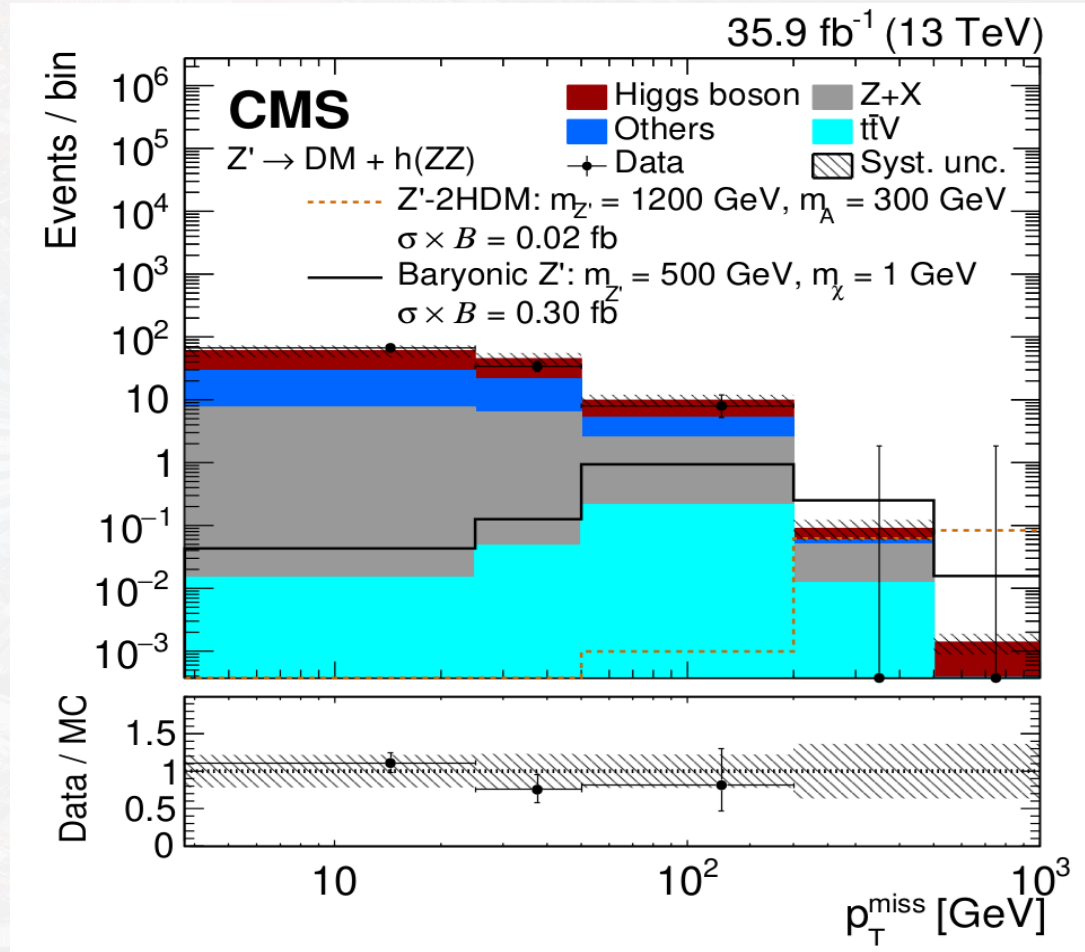
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## Mono- Higgs searches:5. $h \rightarrow ZZ$

- Use 4l final state to reconstruct Higgs invariant mass
- Major backgrounds: SM Higgs boson, nonresonant ZZ production, “Z+X” backgrounds from non-prompt leptons inside jets
- Misidentification rate estimated from data CRs.

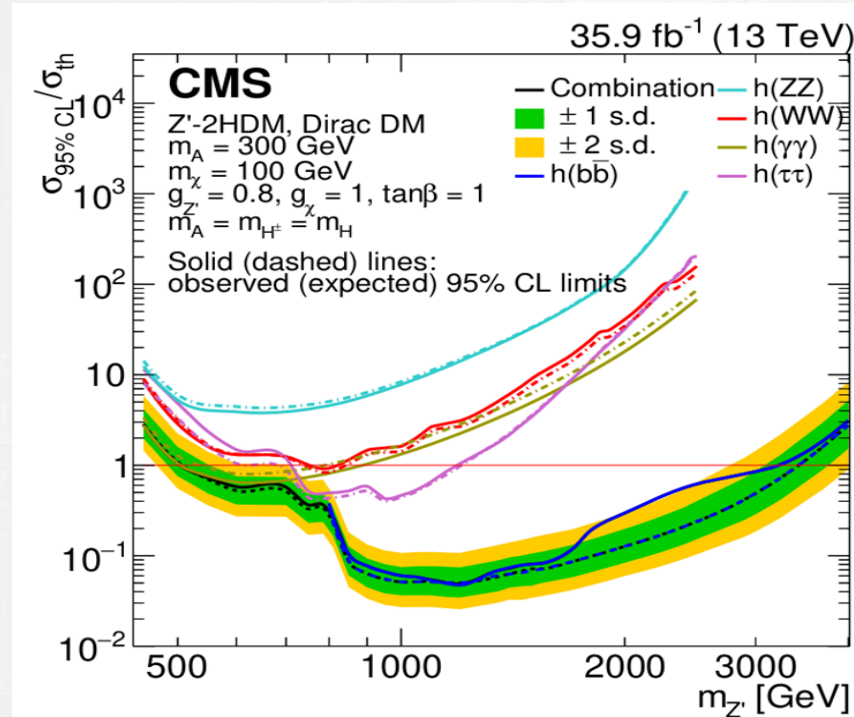
### MET Distribution:



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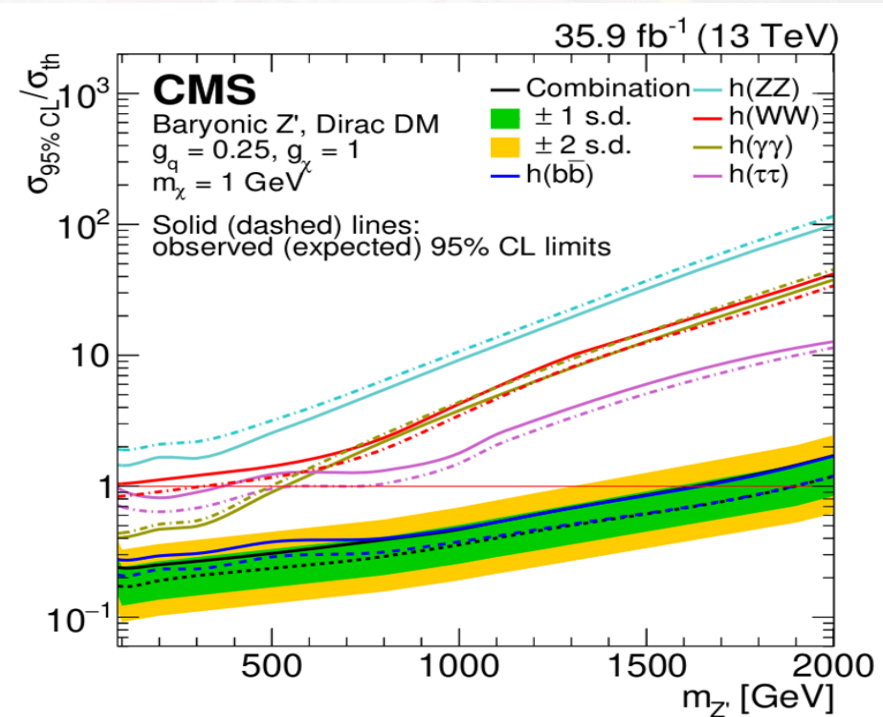
# Combination of $H \rightarrow bb, \tau\tau, \gamma\gamma, WW, ZZ$

## 1d scan of $M_{Z'}$ in $Z'$ 2HDM model



Exclusion region:  
 $Z'$ -2HDM:  $m_{Z'} \sim 500$ -3200 GeV, mass A: 300 GeV

## 1d scan of $M_{Z'}$ in Baryonic $Z'$ model



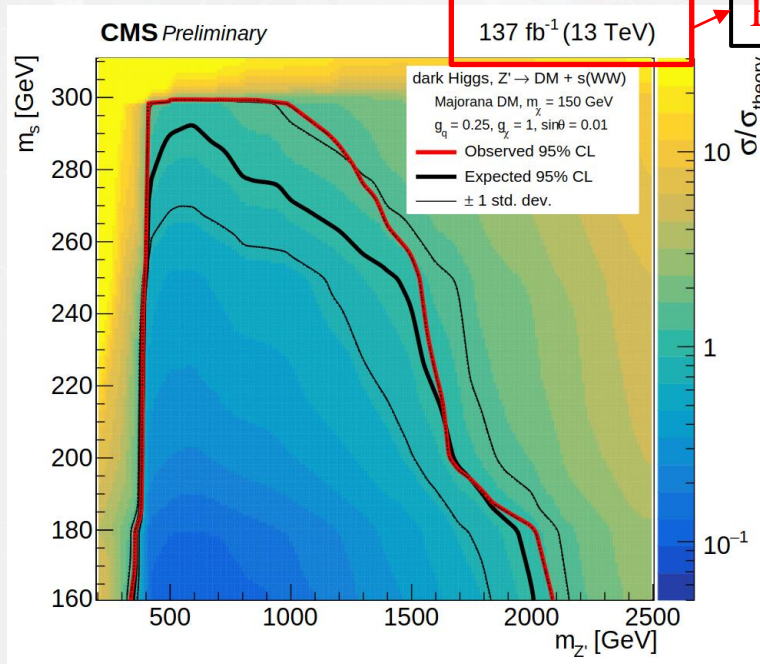
Exclusion region:  
 Baryonic  $Z'$ :  $m_{Z'} \sim 100$ - 1600 GeV, mass of  
 DM:  $\sim 1$  GeV

# Dark Higgs

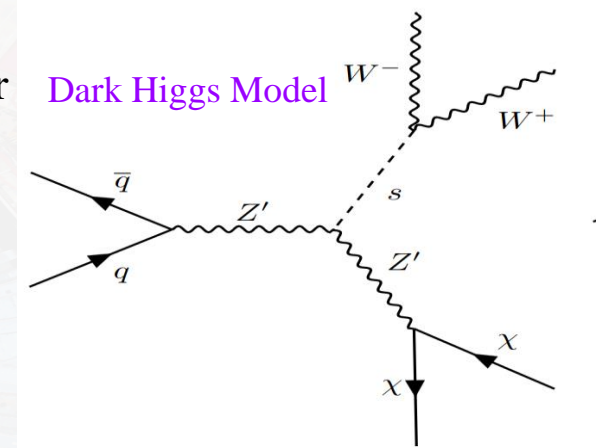
Experimental signature:  $s \rightarrow WW \rightarrow (\ell + \ell) + \text{Missing Transverse Momentum (MET)}$

Event selections:

- Final state: leptons ( $e/\mu$ ) with opposite charge and different flavor
- MET > 20 GeV



Full RunII result



coupling constant  $g_q = 0.25, g_\chi = 1, m_{\text{DM}} = 150$

2d scan of  $M_{Z'}$  and  $M_s$

Exclusion region:

$m_s \sim 300$  GeV,  $m_{Z'} \sim 480\text{-}1200$  GeV

$m_s \sim 160$  GeV,  $m_{Z'} \sim 2000$  GeV

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## Summary

- Interesting results for the search of dark matter performed with Mono-higgs with CMS detector are discussed
- No signal is observed yet
- With large RunII dataset and good improvement on analysis techniques, more complete signal & background modeling and estimation led to more stringent exclusions
- Stay tuned for the new results with Run3...

For more results on DM searches visit [CMS](#)

*Thank you for your attention...*



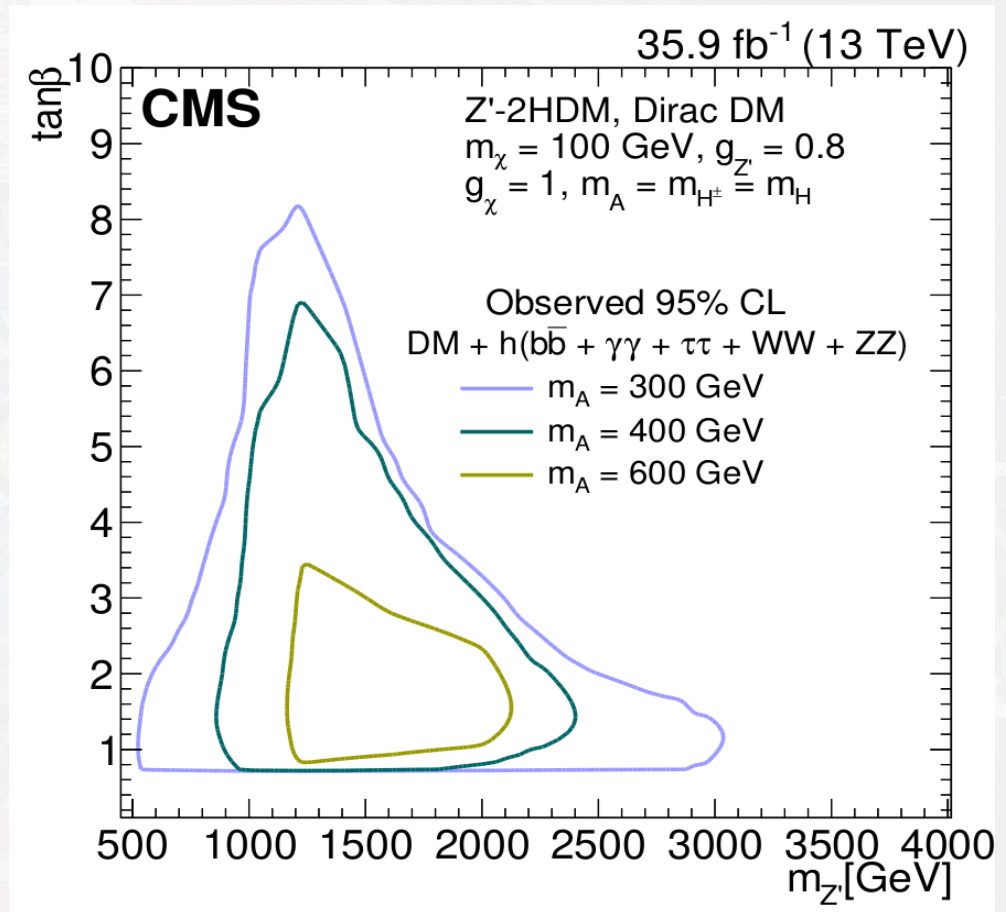
# *Backup*

## Combination Limits, in the $m_{Z'}$ - $\tan\beta$

$Z'$ -2HDM:  $m_{DM} = 100$  GeV,  $g_\chi = 1$  and  $g_{Z'} = 0.8$

### 2d scan of $M_{Z'}$ and $\tan\beta$

- $\tan(\beta)$  runs from 0.5 to 10
- The area enclosed by the contours are for a given value of the pseudoscalar mass “A” and are excluded at 95% CL





## *Mono- Higgs searches:2. $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Event selection*

Variable	Low- $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ category	High- $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ category
$p_T^{\text{miss}}$	$>50 \text{ GeV}, <130 \text{ GeV}$	$>130 \text{ GeV}$
$p_{T1}/m_{\gamma\gamma}$	$>0.45$	$>0.5$
$p_{T2}/m_{\gamma\gamma}$	$>0.25$	$>0.25$
$p_{T\gamma\gamma}$	$>75 \text{ GeV}$	$>90 \text{ GeV}$

**Table 1.** Optimized kinematic requirements for the low- and high- $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  categories.

## Mono- Higgs searches:2. $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$

Final state	Trigger type	Lepton selection		
		$p_T$ [GeV]	$\eta$	Isolation
$e\tau_h$	$e(25 \text{ GeV})$	$p_T^e > 26$	$ \eta^e  < 2.1$	$I_{\text{rel}}^e < 0.1$
		$p_T^{\tau_h} > 20$	$ \eta^{\tau_h}  < 2.3$	Tight MVA $\tau_h$
$\mu\tau_h$	$\mu(24 \text{ GeV})$	$p_T^\mu > 26$	$ \eta^\mu  < 2.4$	$I_{\text{rel}}^\mu < 0.15$
		$p_T^{\tau_h} > 20$	$ \eta^{\tau_h}  < 2.3$	Tight MVA $\tau_h$
$\tau_h\tau_h$	$\tau_h (35 \text{ GeV}) \ \& \ \tau_h (35 \text{ GeV})$	$p_T^{\tau_h} > 55 \ \& \ 40$	$ \eta^{\tau_h}  < 2.1$	Loose MVA $\tau_h$

**Table 2.** Selection requirements for the three  $\tau\tau$  decay channels. The  $p_T$  thresholds for the triggers are given in the second column in parentheses.

## Mono- Higgs searches:4. $h \rightarrow WW$

Since full kinematic reconstruction of the Higgs boson mass and  $p_T$  is impossible in this decay channel because of the presence of undetected neutrinos and DM particles, to maximize the sensitivity of the search, a boosted decision tree (BDT) multivariate classifier has been trained for each of the two signal models. The BDT exploits the following input variables:

- transverse masses:  $m_T^h, m_T^{W_1}, m_T^{W_2}$ ;
- lepton transverse momenta:  $p_T^{\ell\ell}, p_T^{\ell_1}, p_T^{\ell_2}$ ;
- missing transverse momenta: PF  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ , tracker  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ ,  $p_{T,\text{mp}}^{\text{miss}}$ ;
- angular variables:  $\Delta R_{\ell\ell}, \Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}, \Delta\phi_{p_T^{\text{miss}}\ell_1}, \Delta\phi_{p_T^{\text{miss}}\ell_2}$ ; and
- dilepton invariant mass:  $m_{\ell\ell}$ .

Here,  $m_T^{W_i} = \sqrt{2p_T^{\ell_i}p_T^{\text{miss}}(1 - \cos \Delta\phi_{p_T^{\text{miss}}\ell_i})}$ , where  $i = 1$  ( $i = 2$ ) defines the transverse mass of  $\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}$  and the leading (subleading) lepton in the event, and  $\Delta\phi_{\ell\ell}$  is the azimuthal angle between the directions of the two lepton momenta.



## Mono- Higgs searches: combination systematics

Source	h $\rightarrow$ bb		h $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	h $\rightarrow \tau\tau$	h $\rightarrow$ WW	h $\rightarrow$ ZZ
	Z'-2HDM	Baryonic Z'				
AK4 jet b tagging	} 3–11%	Uncorr. (3–4%)	—	4%	Shape (1%)	1%
AK4 jet b mistag		Shape (5–7%)	—	2–5%	Shape (1%)	—
e ident. efficiency	4%	2%	—	2%	Shape (2%)	2.5–9.0%
$\mu$ ident. efficiency	4%	2%	—	2%	Shape (2%)	2.5–9.0%
$\tau_h$ ident. efficiency	3%	3%	—	4.5%	Shape (1%)	—
e energy scale	1%	—	—	—	Shape (1%)	3%
$\mu$ energy scale	1%	—	—	—	Shape (1%)	0.4%
JES	—	Uncorr. (4%)	—	Shape (<10%)	Shape (3%)	2–3%
Int. luminosity	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Signal (PDF, scales)	0.3–9.0%	0.3–9.0%	0.3–9.0%	0.3–9.0%	0.3–9.0%	0.3–9.0%

**Table 5.** Systematic uncertainties in the combination of channels, along with the type (rate/shape) of uncertainty affecting signal and background processes, correlated amongst at least two final states. For the rate uncertainties, the percentage of the prior value is quoted, while for shape uncertainties an estimate of the impact of systematic uncertainties on the yield is also listed. A dash (“—”) implies that a given uncertainty does not affect the analysis. Whenever an uncertainty is present but kept uncorrelated in a particular channel, this is mentioned explicitly. The effect of the b jet mistag rate uncertainty is very small in the h  $\rightarrow$  bb Z'-2HDM analysis and hence it is added to the effect of the b tagging efficiency uncertainty in quadrature.

## *Mono- Higgs searches:2. $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$*