# Searches for additional heavy Higgs bosons at CMS

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## The Higgs bosons connections to new physics



## **BSM Higgs scenarios**

- Well-motivated BSM scenarios designed to address specific issues of the SM. In particular:
  - Matter antimatter asymmetry in the Universe  $\rightarrow$  CP violation.
  - **Flavor problem** by providing mechanisms or symmetries that explain the patterns and hierarchies of masses and mixing angles among different generations of quarks and leptons.
  - **Muon g-2 anomaly**  $\rightarrow$  Offer more parameters to adjust, potentially providing a solution to the anomaly.
  - **Dark matter:** Models with axion-like particles as a potential candidates for dark matter.
    - Extremely light and weakly interacting (outside the scope of this talk).
  - ...and more. These scenarios typically induce sizeable modifications of the Higgs couplings.
    - ... and involve extensions of the scalar sector, e.g. Two Higgs Doublet Models, N2HDM ( 2HDM+Singlet, Triplet...), NMSSM, etc.
    - Composite Higgs models.



- The free parameters of the model in the physical Higgs masses basis after EWSB are:
  - mh, mH , mA and mH± .
  - The mixing angle between the two CP-even Higgses ( $\alpha$ ).
  - The ratio of the two vacuum expectation values ( $\tan\beta = v2/v1$ ).
  - The light CP even h is SM-like for  $\cos(\beta \alpha) \sim 0$  (alignment limit).
  - Introducing a Z2 symmetry to avoid tree-level FCNCs allowed to be softly broken bring an additional parameter m12.

Туре	up-type quarks	down-type quarks	leptons
I: Fermiophobic	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_2$
II: MSSM-like	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_1$
X: Lepton-specific	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_1$
Y: Flipped	$\Phi_2$	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$
III: FCNC at tree level	$\Phi_1, \Phi_2$	$\Phi_1, \Phi_2$	$\Phi_1, \Phi_2$
FCNC-free	$\Phi_1, \Phi_2$	$\Phi_1, \Phi_2$	$\Phi_1, \Phi_2$

\*By convention, Φ2 is the doublet to which up-type quarks couple.

### The search for the unknown!

- In a comparable scenario regarding the Higgs bosons:
  - Theoretical considerations left a broad range, spanning from 10 GeV to 1 TeV, without a clear indication of where to look.
  - No much clue about the additional heavy Higgs bosons masses (h, A, H,  $H^{\pm}$ ), but extended scalar sector models still favor the alignment limit  $\cos(\beta-\alpha) \sim 0$ .





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Mass (GeV/c<sup>2</sup>) 2 00

## The landscape at the start of LHC full run2



Which parts of 2HDM parameter space are favoured after imposing the latest experimental data from the LHC?

- Constraints from Higgs boson coupling measurements and flavor physics
- Electroweak Precision
- Perturbativity and tree-level unitarity
- etc...

Higgs signal strength push 2HDM toward the alignment limit

| cos(β-α) | << 1



# Charged Higgs in WH decays ( $H^{\pm} \rightarrow W^{\pm}H$ )

- $H^{\pm}$  search through the  $H^{\pm} \rightarrow H W^{\pm}$  and  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  decay modes: The H is a heavy CP-even Higgs boson ( $m_{H^{\pm}}$  200 GeV) and  $H^{\pm}$  in the mass range of 300 to 700 GeV.
- For  $(m_{H^{\pm}} > m_t m_b)$  the single-resonant t production dominante.



- Four final states are targeted: eth, μth, ethth, μthth
  - Cover 43% of theoretical BR (30.7% + 12.3%)
- Different fit discriminants are employed, depending on the final state:
  - $\ell \tau_h$  : an MVA boosted decision tree with gradient boost (BDTG)
  - $\circ$   $\ell \tau_h \tau_h$ : the transverse mass of the charged Higgs boson

$$m_{\rm T}^{\rm H\pm} = \sqrt{(E_{\rm T}^1 + E_{\rm T}^2 + E_{\rm T}^{\rm W} + p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})^2 - (\vec{p}_{\rm T}^1 + \vec{p}_{\rm T}^2 + \vec{p}_{\rm T}^{\rm W} + \vec{p}_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})^2}$$



## Charged Higgs in WH decays ( $H^{\pm} \rightarrow W^{\pm}H$ )

- Four mass points (300, 400, 500 and 700 GeV) are generated for neutral Higgs mass at 200 GeV.
- Observed upper limit between 0.080 pb at 300 GeV to 0.013 pb at 700 GeV.
- Expected sensitivity:
  - $\circ$   $\ell \tau_h \tau_h$  is the most sensitive channel.
  - $\ell \tau_h$  improves sensitivity by 20–35%.



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## $\textbf{MSSM H/A} \to \tau\tau$

- 4  $\tau\tau$  channels:  $\mu\tau$ h,  $e\tau$ h,  $\tau$ h $\tau$ h, and  $e\mu$
- Production of additional Higgs bosons via  $gg\phi$  and  $bb\phi$
- Two search regions: "low-mass" (60–200 GeV), "high-mass" (250–3500 GeV)
- Non-resonant production of ττ by t-channel leptoquark exchange: 5 mass points generated between 1- 5 TeV

#### Event categorisation:

 In eτh and μτh channels, split into 2 sub-categories based on:

$$m_{\mathrm{T}}(A,B) = \sqrt{2 p_{\mathrm{T}}^{A} p_{\mathrm{T}}^{B} \left(1 - \cos \Delta \phi^{(A,B)}\right)}$$

 eµ channel, split into 3 categories based on Dζ:

$$D_{\zeta} = p_{\zeta}^{\text{miss}} - 0.85 p_{\zeta}^{\text{vis}} \implies p_{\zeta}^{\text{miss}} = \vec{p}_{T}^{\text{miss}} \cdot \hat{\zeta}$$
$$p_{\zeta}^{\text{vis}} = (\vec{p}_{T}^{e} + \vec{p}_{T}^{\mu}) \cdot \hat{\zeta}$$

 $\hat{\zeta}$  is the vector that bisects  $\overrightarrow{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{e}$  and  $\overrightarrow{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mu}$ 





### $\textbf{MSSM H/A} \to \tau\tau$

- Dominant backgrounds:
  - Genuine di- $\tau$  pairs or jet $\rightarrow \tau$ h misidentifications
  - Other backgrounds from processes with  $<2\tau$  e.g. diboson, tt,  $Z \rightarrow \emptyset$
  - Di- $\tau$ , jet $\rightarrow \tau$ h backgrounds, and QCD (eµ) estimated from data.

#### Background modelling:

- Embedding method to estimate backgrounds with real di-τ pairs– Z→ττ, tt and diboson.
- The "fake factor (FF)" method is used to estimate all backgrounds with jets faking hadronic taus (j→τh)

Scale events by: FF = (nominal ID) /(relaxed ID)



Full details in: JINST 14 (2019) P06032

Embeddina FF 54 0% 37.0% SR  $F_{\rm F} = \sum w_i F_{\rm F}^i$  $N_{AR}^{*}$  $w_i =$ AR  $i, j \in \{\text{QCD}, \text{W+jets}, t\bar{t}\}$  $F_{\mathbf{F}}^{\mathbf{t}\bar{\mathbf{t}}}$ W+jets  $F_{\rm F}^{\rm QCD}$  $\mathrm{DR}_{\mathrm{W+jets}}$  $DR_{t\bar{t}}^{\dagger}$ DR<sub>QCD</sub> <sup>†</sup>Taken from simulation

MC 9.0%

FF: measured as a function of  $\rho T_{\tau} h_{10}$  , Njets, and  $\rho Tjet/\rho T_{\tau} h$ 

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### $\textbf{MSSM H/A} \to \tau\tau$

- Two local excesses observed for ggφ with local (global) significance of
  - 3.1σ (2.7 σ) at 100 GeV
  - 2.8 σ (2.4 σ) at 1.2 TeV





## $Z^{\star} \rightarrow h/H \: A \rightarrow 4\tau$



- Type X (Lepton-Specific) 2HDM:
  - No suppressed production cross-section.
- 7 decay channels:
  - Six 4τ final states ⇒ accounting for ≈ 87% of the BR.
  - $\circ \quad A \ 3\tau \ channel \ to \ catch \ events \ where \ all \ \tau \\ leptons \ decay \ hadronically \ but \ one \ \tau_h \\ candidate \ is \ lost \ due \ to \ reconstruction \\ inefficiencies.$
- Improved ML fake factor method to model jets misidentified as hadronic τ.

$$m_T^{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N_\tau} m_T(\vec{p}_T^{\tau_i}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})^2 + \sum_{i,j=1; i \neq j}^{N_\tau} m_T(\vec{p}_T^{\tau_i}, \vec{p}_T^{\tau_j})^2}$$

where,

$$m_{\mathrm{T}}(\vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\,i},\vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\,j})=\sqrt{2p_{\mathrm{T}}^{i}p_{\mathrm{T}}^{j}(1-\cos\Delta\phi)},$$

The additional bosons in the 2HDM can explain the muons g-2 anomaly

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## $Z^* \rightarrow h/H A \rightarrow 4\tau$

- $m\phi \gg mZ$ : H  $\rightarrow$  ZA decay dominate  $\Rightarrow$  The limit for this search becomes weaker for decreasing mA.
- MSSM h/H/A  $\rightarrow \tau \tau$  analysis (shown on slide 11)  $\Rightarrow$ constrain the parameter space to a minimum limit of tan  $\beta \approx 10 \sim$  an order of magnitude smaller than the area of interest for the g-2 anomaly.
  - For  $Z^* \rightarrow h/H A \rightarrow 4\tau$  search, as the Ο production cross sections are independent of tan  $\beta \Rightarrow$  exclude the previously allowed large values of tan  $\beta$ .



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TypeX 2HDM as a solution to the g-2 anomaly from <u>arxiv.2104.10175</u> is excluded for the whole mass range scanned.

## SM-like $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- H → γγ for low masses (70 110 GeV) ⇒ First search for new resonances in the diphoton final state in this mass range.
- Use of **BDTs** to find diphoton vertex
- Use of the photonID MVA to distinguish prompt photons from others.
- Events are then classified according to the output score of the DiphotonBDT distinguishing signal-like from background-like events ⇒ Untagged classification
- **Dijet and Combined MVA** are trained to distinguish VBF like events ⇒ VBF classification
- Events that do not pass the VBF class requirement go into **untagged classes.**
- All production modes (ggH, VBF, WH, ZH, ttH) from 70 GeV to 110 GeV with a 5 GeV granularity are used.



## SM-like $H\to \gamma\gamma$

- Inflated "f" uncertainty on the DY component normalization, to reduce bias observed at ~90 GeV in some classes\*.
  - N\*[ f\*pdf\_continuum + (1-f)\*pdf\_DY ] is used to fit the bkg mass ("envelope"). "N" left floating.
- The maximum local significance corresponds to 2.9σ at 95.4 GeV for all production mechanisms and event classes combined (1.3σ global from LEE).
- Signal strengths at 95.4 GeV are compatible among 2016, 2017, 2018 and for all the event classes.

See also talk by Muhammad Aamir Shahzad (Nov 28th, 11:20 AM): <u>here</u>

\* see backup slides for event categorisation.



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## Summary

- CMS has conducted numerous searches for additional heavy Higgs bosons, with many results already published and others still underway...
  - A broad spectrum of signatures, targeting both additional neutral and charged Higgs bosons across various models.
  - With LHC run 3, and the future HL-LHC we are entering the LHC precision era for measurements of the Higgs properties

✓ Indirect constraints will also become more relevant.

• Extensive efforts (e.g. search strategies and object reconstruction, including the application of ML techniques, etc.) have resulted in the exclusion of substantial portions of the MSSM parameter space.

 $\Rightarrow$  Anticipate further findings and, optimistically, the prospect of groundbreaking discoveries in the near future!

#### CMSPublic-TWIKI-Summary2HDMSRun2



# **Thanks for listening!**

# Backup

## **Problems of the Standard Model (SM)**

- Why do neutrinos have mass?
- What is dark matter?
- Why is there so much matter in the Universe?
- Is there a particle associated with the force of gravity?
- **Unification:** Is there a framework that can unify all particles interaction in a so-called Grand Unified Theory (GUT)?





Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) scenarios dealing with these issues tend to:

- Introduce modifications of the Higgs properties, which can be tested by Higgs coupling precision measurements → Indirect tests of new physics.
- Introduce new particles in the scalar sector → Direct searches for new physics.

## Leaving no stone unturned!

Channel	Experiment N		Mass range	L
			[GeV]	$[\mathbf{f}\mathbf{b}^{-1}]$
$pp \rightarrow H/A \rightarrow bb$	CMS [	75]	[0.55;1.2]	2.69
	ATLAS [	76]	[0.2;2.25]	36.1
$gg \to H/A \to \tau \tau$	CMS [	77]	[0.09; 3.2]	12.9
$h \to H/A \to \pi\pi$	ATLAS [	76]	[0.2; 2.25]	36.1
$00 \rightarrow \Pi/A \rightarrow 11$	CMS [	77]	[0.09; 3.2]	12.9
$pp \rightarrow H/A \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	ATLAS [	78]	[0.2;2.7]	36.7
$gg  ightarrow H/A  ightarrow \gamma\gamma$	CMS [	79]	[0.5;4]	35.9
$gg \to H/A \to Z\gamma[\to (\ell\ell)\gamma]$	ATLAS [4	45]	[0.25;2.4]	36.1
$gg  ightarrow H/A  ightarrow Z\gamma$	CMS [8	80]	[0.35;4]	35.9
$gg \to H \to ZZ[\to (\ell\ell)(\ell\ell,\nu\nu)]$	ATLAS [8	81]	[0.2;1.2]	36.1
$VV \to H \to ZZ[\to (\ell\ell)(\ell\ell,\nu\nu)]$	ATLAS [8	81]	[0.2;1.2]	36.1
$pp \to H \to ZZ[\to (\ell\ell)(\nu\nu)]$	CMS [8	82]	[0.6; 2.5]	35.9
$gg \to H \to ZZ[\to (\ell\ell)(\nu\nu)]$	CMS [8	83]	[0.2; 0.6]	2.3
$VV \to H \to ZZ[\to (\ell\ell)(\nu\nu)]$	CMS [8	83]	[0.2; 0.6]	2.3
$(VV + VH) \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow (\ell\ell)(\ell\ell)$	CMS [8	84]	[0.13; 2.53]	12.9
$pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ[\rightarrow (\ell\ell)(qq)]$	CMS [8	85]	[0.5;2]	12.9
$gg  ightarrow H  ightarrow ZZ[ ightarrow (\ell\ell,  u u)(qq)]$	ATLAS [8	86]	[0.3;3]	36.1
$VV  ightarrow H  ightarrow ZZ[ ightarrow (\ell\ell,  u u)(qq)]$	ATLAS [8	86]	[0.3;3]	36.1
$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW[\rightarrow (e\nu)(\mu\nu)]$	ATLAS [8	87]	[0.25;4]	36.1
$VV \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW[\rightarrow (e\nu)(\mu\nu)]$	ATLAS [8	87]	[0.25;3]	36.1
$(gg+VV) \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow (\ell\nu)(\ell\nu)$	CMS [8	88]	[0.2;1]	2.3
$gg \to H \to WW[\to (\ell\nu)(qq)]$	ATLAS [8	89]	[0.3;3]	36.1
$VV \to H \to WW[\to (\ell\nu)(qq)]$	ATLAS [8	89]	[0.3;3]	36.1
$pp \to H \to VV [\to (qq)(qq)]$	ATLAS [	90]	[1.2;3]	36.7
$H \to h h \to (h h)(h h)$	ATLAS [	91]	[0.3;3]	13.3
$pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow hh \rightarrow (bb)(bb)$	CMS [	92]	[0.26; 1.2]	35.9
gg  ightarrow H  ightarrow hh  ightarrow (bb)(bb)	CMS [	93]	[1.2;3]	35.9
$pp  ightarrow H  ightarrow hh[ ightarrow (\gamma\gamma)(bb)]$	ATLAS [	94]	[0.275; 0.4]	3.2
$pp  ightarrow H  ightarrow hh  ightarrow (\gamma\gamma)(bb)$	CMS [	95]	[0.25; 0.9]	35.9
$pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow hh \rightarrow (bb)(\tau \tau)$	CMS [	96]	[0.25; 0.9]	35.9
$pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow hh \rightarrow (bb)(VV \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu)$	CMS [	97]	[0.26; 0.9]	36
$gg \to H \to hh[\to (\gamma\gamma)(WW)]$	ATLAS [	98]	[0.25; 0.5]	13.3
$gg \rightarrow A \rightarrow hZ \rightarrow (bb)Z$	ATLAS [	99]	[0.2;2]	36.1
$b\bar{b} \to A \to hZ \to (bb)Z$	ATLAS [	99]	[0.2;2]	36.1

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## Leaving no stone unturned!

Constraints from direct searches at 95% C.L. for  $\cos(\beta \cdot \alpha) = 0$  and  $\tan \beta = 1.5$ :

- The combination of all channels cover the majority of the region in which one of the Higgs masses is below the di-top threshold mA, mH < 2 m\_top.
- In the gap region: A/H $\rightarrow$  TT, A/H $\rightarrow$   $\gamma\gamma$  are most relevant channels.
- mH (mA) > 2 x m\_top, the decay channel A/H→ tt opens up.
- Constraints from the A  $\rightarrow$  Zh and H  $\rightarrow$  V V, hh channels vanish in the alignment limit.

⇒ The couplings of the 125 GeV Higgs h are fixed in the SM. For an extended scalar they are modified and at tree level they depend on the mixing angles  $c\beta$ - $\alpha$  and  $t\beta$ .



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Experiment

Mass range

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Channel

## Leaving no stone unturned!

2HDM Type	I	II	III	IV
up-type quarks	$\phi_2$	$\phi_2$	$\phi_2$	$\phi_2$
$\xi_{huu}$	$c_lpha/s_eta$	$c_lpha/s_eta$	$c_lpha/s_eta$	$c_lpha/s_eta$
$\xi_{Huu}$	$s_lpha/s_eta$	$s_lpha/s_eta$	$s_lpha/s_eta$	$s_lpha/s_eta$
$\xi_{Auu}$	$ an eta^{-1}$	$ an eta^{-1}$	$ an eta^{-1}$	$ an eta^{-1}$
down-type quarks	$\phi_2$	$\phi_2$	$\phi_2$	$\phi_1$
$\xi_{huu}$	$c_lpha/s_eta$	$-s_lpha/c_eta$	$c_lpha/s_eta$	$-s_lpha/c_eta$
$\xi_{Huu}$	$s_lpha/s_eta$	$c_lpha/s_eta$	$s_lpha/s_eta$	$c_lpha/c_eta$
$\xi_{Auu}$	$- aneta^{-1}$	aneta	$- aneta^{-1}$	aneta
lepton	$\phi_2$	$\phi_1$	$\phi_1$	$\phi_2$
$\xi_{hll}$	$c_lpha/s_eta$	$-s_lpha/c_eta$	$-s_lpha/c_eta$	$c_lpha/s_eta$
$\xi_{Hll}$	$s_lpha/s_eta$	$c_lpha/c_eta$	$c_lpha/c_eta$	$s_lpha/s_eta$
$\xi_{All}$	$- aneta^{-1}$	aneta	aneta	$- aneta^{-1}$



⇒ The couplings of the 125 GeV Higgs h are fixed in the SM. For an extended scalar they are modified and at tree level they depend on the mixing angles  $c\beta-\alpha$  and  $t\beta$ .

## Projection of run2 MSSM $H \to \tau \tau$

YR18 : systematic uncertainties are assumed to decrease with integrated luminosity following a set of assumptions

- For the benchmark scenario  $m_{\rm h}^{\rm mod+}$  the expected lower limit on the mass of a heavy Higgs boson is extended from 1.25 to 2 TeV for tan  $\beta$  = 36
- For neutral Higgs boson masses above 1 TeV, an improvement by about one order of magnitude is expected in the 95% confidence level upper limits on the cross-section.



genuine  $\tau_h$ 

 $\mu \rightarrow \tau_h$ jet  $\rightarrow \tau_h$ 

from simulation

## $H^{\pm} \rightarrow W^{\pm} H$ : Background Strategy

The dominant background (t $\bar{t}$ , V+jets) can be decomposed to:

- genuine  $\tau_h$
- electron misidentified as  $\tau_h$
- muon misidentified as  $\tau_h$
- jet misidentified as  $\tau_h$

Measure dominant  $j \rightarrow \tau_h$  from data with fake rate method:

- Estimate  $\tau_h$  fake rates in control regions (CRs)
- Validate results in validation regions (VRs)



from data

## $H^\pm \to W^\pm H^{:}$ BDTG inputs variables

Variable	Description	
$\Delta \phi(\tau_{\rm h}, \vec{p}_{\rm T}^{\rm miss})$	azimuthal angle between the $\tau_{\rm h}$ and $\vec{p}_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$ objects	
$\Delta \phi(\ell, \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}})$	azimuthal angle between the $\ell$ and $ec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$ objects	
$\frac{p_{\rm T}^{j_1 j_2} - p_{\rm T}^{\rm H^{\pm}}}{p_{\rm T}^{j_1 j_2} + p_{\rm T}^{\rm H^{\pm}}}$	ratio of $p_{\rm T}$ sums calculated from $\ell$ , $\tau_{\rm h}$ , $j_1$ , $j_2$ and $\vec{p}_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$	
$\frac{p_{\rm T}^{j_1 j_2}}{H_{\rm T}}$	ratio of $p_{\rm T}$ of the first two leading jets and the $H_{\rm T}$	
$m_{\mathrm{T}}(\ell, \tau_{\mathrm{h}}, j_{1}, j_{2}, \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}})$	$m_{\mathrm{T}}$ reconstructed from $\ell,$ $ au_{\mathrm{h}},$ $j_{\mathrm{1}},$ $j_{\mathrm{2}},$ and $ec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	
$rac{p_{\mathrm{T}}^{j_3}}{H_{\mathrm{T}}}$	ratio of the $p_{\rm T}$ of the third leading jet and the $H_{\rm T}$	
$m(\ell, \tau_{\rm h})$	invariant mass of the $\ell$ and $\tau_h$ objects	
$\frac{p_{\mathrm{T}}^{j_1 j_2} + L_{\mathrm{T}}}{H_{\mathrm{T}}}$	ratio of $p_{\rm T}$ of first two leading jets plus $L_{\rm T}$ and the $H_{\rm T}$	
$m_{\mathrm{T}}(\ell, \vec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}})$	$m_{\mathrm{T}}$ reconstructed from the $\ell$ and $ec{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$ objects	
$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{ au_{\mathrm{h}}}$	transverse momentum of $\tau_{\rm h}$ object	
N <sub>jets</sub>	number of selected jets in the event	
$N_{ m t^{res}}$	number of selected t <sup>res</sup> objects in the event	

#### Low mass: m**q** < 250 GeV



 $m_{\mathrm{T}}(A,B) = \sqrt{2 p_{\mathrm{T}}^{A} p_{\mathrm{T}}^{B} (1 - \cos \Delta \phi^{(A,B)})}$ 

## $\textbf{MSSM H/A} \to \tau\tau$

#### High mass: m**q** >= 250 GeV



- In eτh and μτh channels, split into 2 sub-categories based on:
  - Tight-mT (mT < 40 GeV)
  - Loose-mT (40 < mT < 70 GeV)
- In eµ channel, split into 3 categories based on Dζ:
  - High-D $\zeta$  (D $\zeta$  > 30 GeV)

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- Medium-Dζ (10 < Dζ <30 GeV)</li>
  - <u>Low-Dζ (-</u>35 < Dζ < 10 GeV)

### SM-like $H\to \gamma\gamma$

- Event categorization:
  - 2016: 3 untagged (re-categorized) event classes based on LM retrained diphoton BDT
  - 2017 and 2018: 3 untagged event classes based on diphoton BDT, 1 VBF tagged event class based on combined

#### Event classification: Untagged Classes

Events are classified into untagged classes according to their diphotonBDT output score here in  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  on 07/07/2019.

- Simple model using simulated events where class boundaries are adjusted minimizing p-value.
- Enforcing a minimal width value for classes to have enough events in each especially for DYMC fitting.
- No significant difference of f.o.m between 3, 4 and 5 classes.
- We choose *n<sub>cat</sub>* =3 with boundaries [ 1.000, 0.753, 0.334, -0.364 ]



The classification was redone for 2018 however no significant improvement was found on final results therefore these boundaries are also used for 2018 data analysis.

#### VBF class: categorisation

Events are classified into the VBF class if they have a Combine MVA output score greater than a defined  $\operatorname{cut:}$ 

- Simple model using simulated events minimizing a dedicated p-value
- Have to make sure to have enough events in the VBF class to perform the related background fits and systematic computation
- due to this the cut value is Combine MVA > 0.8



This cut is also used for 2018 as it has been studied that the obtained signal and background efficiencies with this cut are **similar** wrt to 2017.