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Searches for Higgs boson production through decays of heavy resonances at CMS

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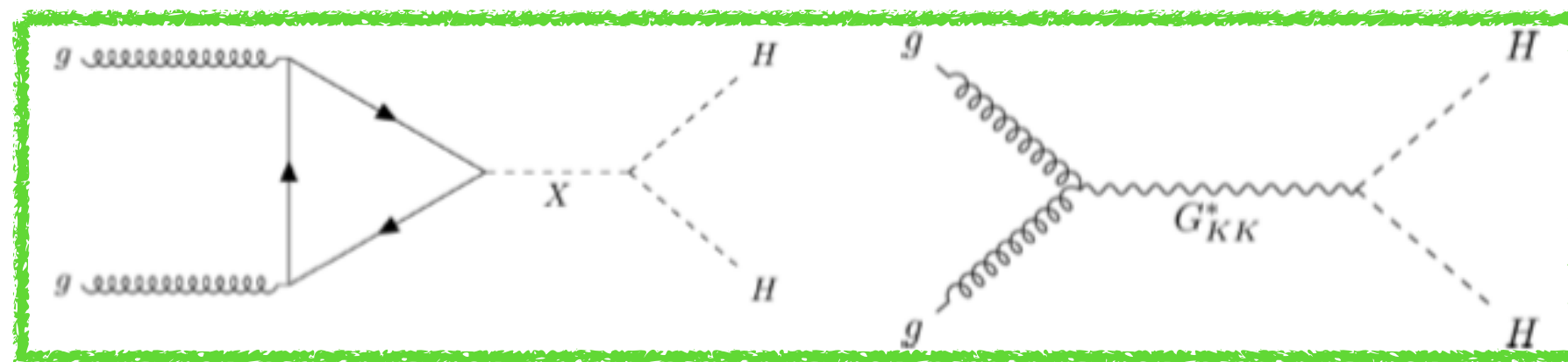
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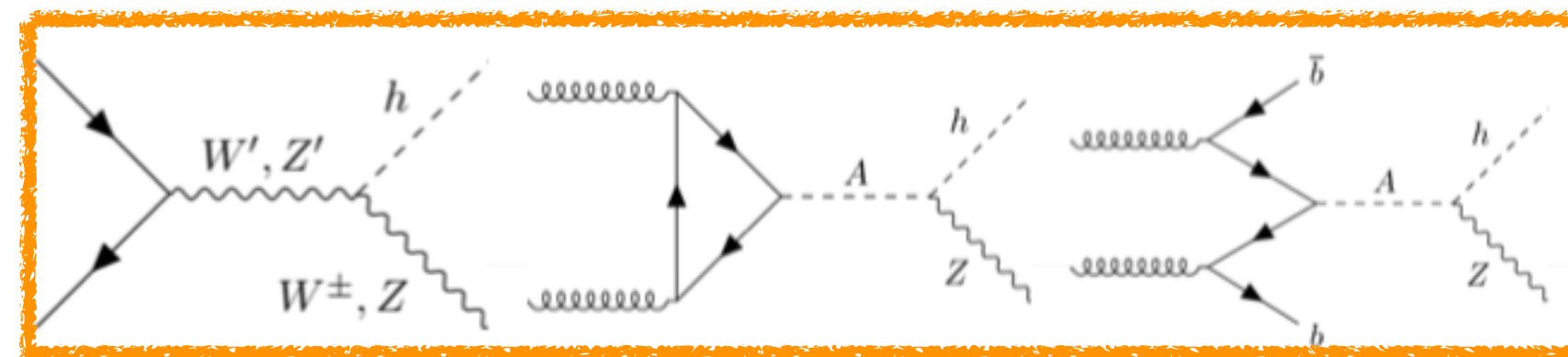
Introduction

► Higgs boson could be a probe to explore new physics

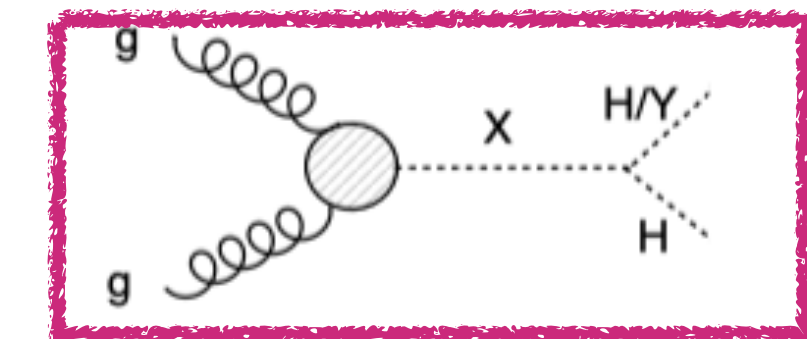
- Many theories predict new massive resonances that could interact with the SM Higgs boson
 - New heavy resonances could decay into two H(125) bosons
 - New heavy resonances could decay into H(125) boson and a scalar/vector Y/V
- Higgs boson production through resonance decay → New physics



- Extended H sectors
- Warped Extra Dimensions (WED)



- Extended H sectors
- Heavy Vector Triplet



- NMSSM
- TRSM



HH and HY searches at CMS

CMS Resonant HH/HY analyses overview



► CMS HH/HY searches and their combination

• HH/HY analyses:

- Multilepton ([JHEP](#)), HH only and in latest combination
- bbWW resolved ([JHEP](#)), HH only and in latest combination
- bbWW boosted ([JHEP](#)), HH only and in latest combination
- bb $\gamma\gamma$ ([JHEP](#)), HH+HY and in latest combination
- bb $\tau\tau$ ([JHEP](#)), HH+HY and in latest combination
- bbbb boosted ([PLB](#)), HH+HY and in latest combination
- $\tau\tau\gamma\gamma$ ([CMS-PAS-HIG-22-012](#))
- Ongoing resonant HH/HY analyses
 - bbbb, bbWW, WW $\gamma\gamma$, WW $\tau\tau$...

► A broad mass range is covered to ensure maximal sensitivity to new physics :

- Heavy resonance X: 240GeV to 4.5TeV
- New scalar Y: 60GeV to 2800 GeV
- Individual channels search ranges shown in the right table

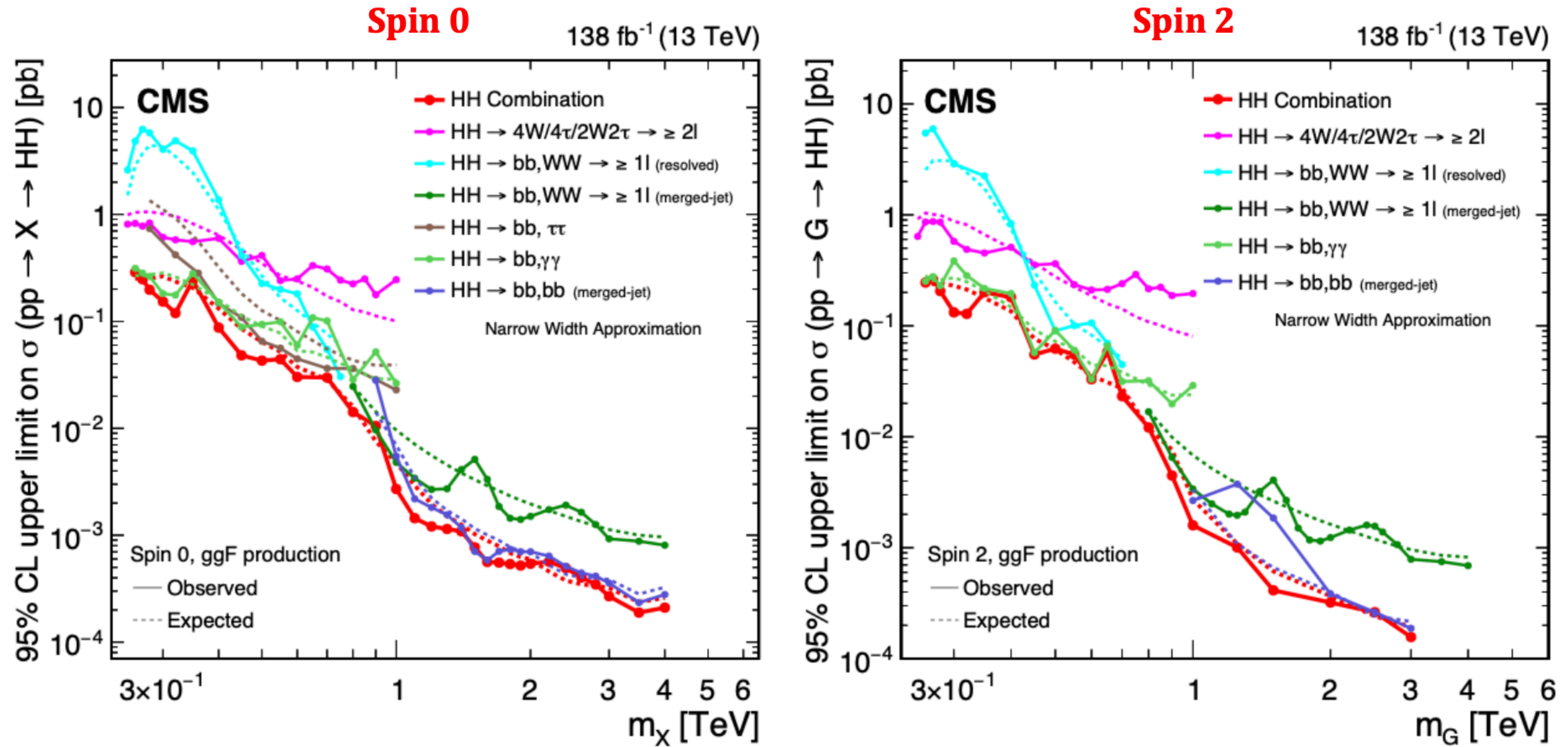
► More details about the individual channels could be found in backup

	bb	WW	$\tau\tau$	ZZ	$\gamma\gamma$
bb	33%★				
WW	25%★	4.6%★			
$\tau\tau$	7.4%★	2.5%★	0.39%★		
ZZ	3.1%	1.2%	0.34%	0.076%	
$\gamma\gamma$	0.26%★	0.10%	0.029%	0.013%	0.0005%

The star marks the channels which included in latest HH combination

H	H	m_X		
bb	W($l\nu$)W($l\nu + qq$)	250– 900	resolved + semi-merged	
bb	W($l\nu$)W($l\nu + qq$)	800–4500	merged	
WW+ $\tau\tau$	WW+ $\tau\tau$	250–1000	multi-lepton final state	
Y	H	m_X	m_Y	
bb	$\tau\tau$	240–3000	60–2800	resolved jets and τ leptons
bb	$\gamma\gamma$	300–1000	90– 800	resolved jets and photons
bb	bb	90–4000	60– 600	two merged bb jets

► HH case: Combination and per channel results

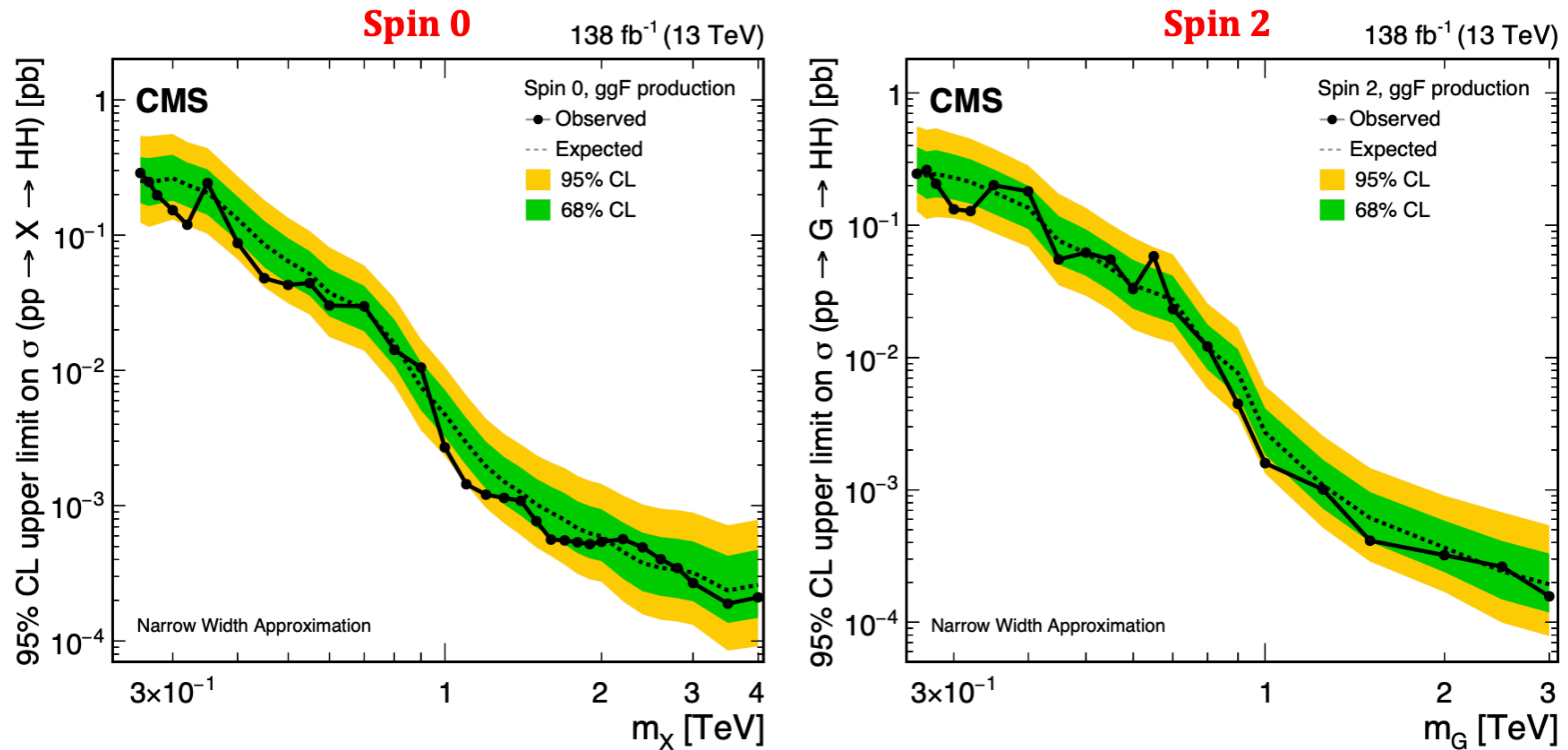


Combination dominated by one channel in low and high mass range

HH combination results

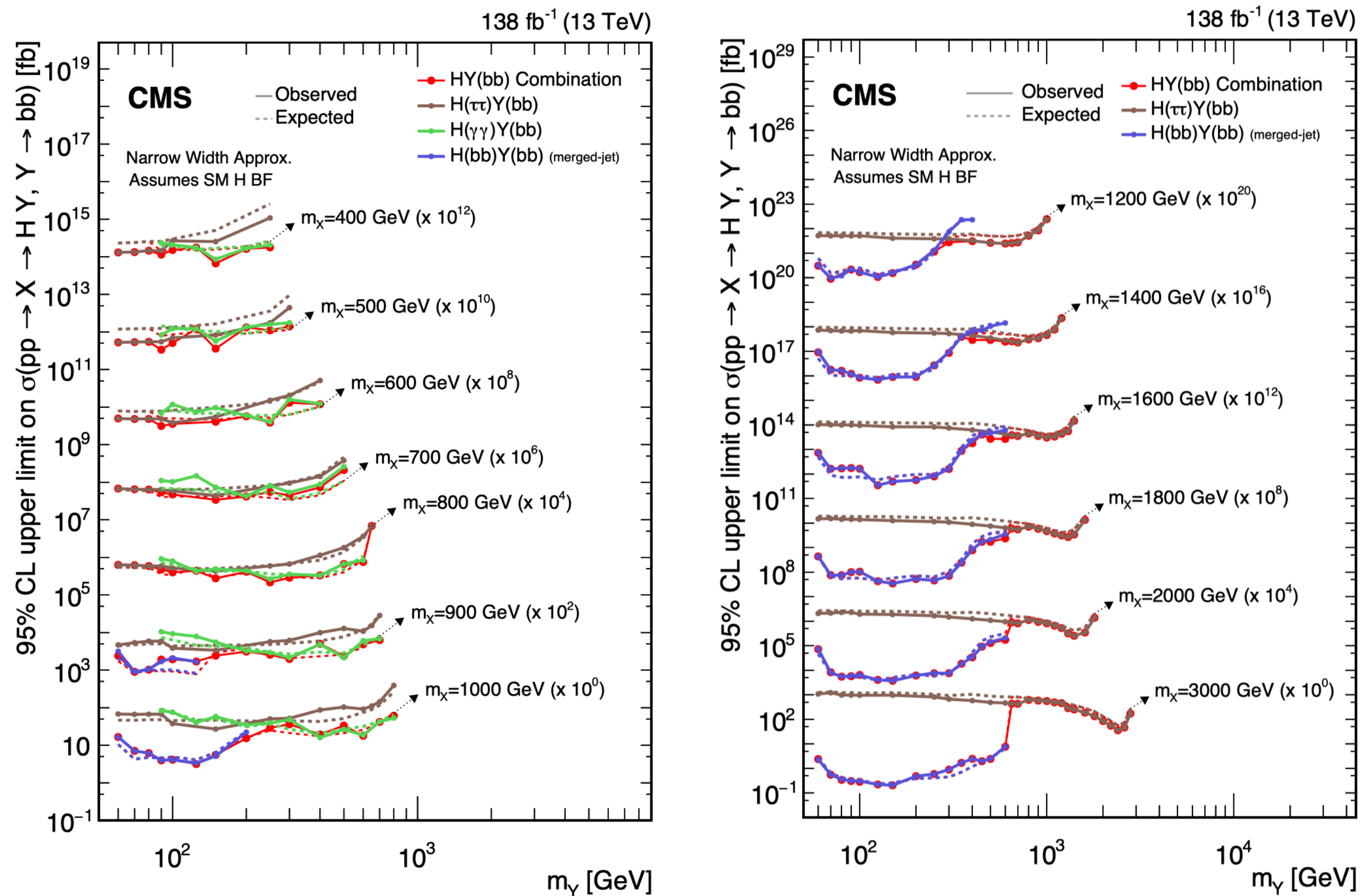


► HH case: Combination results with expected bands



No excess observed, the exclusion in terms of σ B ranges down to 0.2 fb for both spin scenarios probed.

► YH combination and per-channels results



► At low m_X :

- The $Y(bb)H(\tau\tau)$ and $Y(bb)H(\gamma\gamma)$ analyses provide the best sensitivity

► At $m_X=1000\text{GeV}$ and higher:

- The $Y(bb)H(bb)$ in the merged jet topology dominates for small and medium values of m_Y
- At the largest values of m_Y , the $Y(bb)H(bb)$ sensitivity is reduced, because the boost of the Y is too small, the two b quarks can't merged into one single jets.

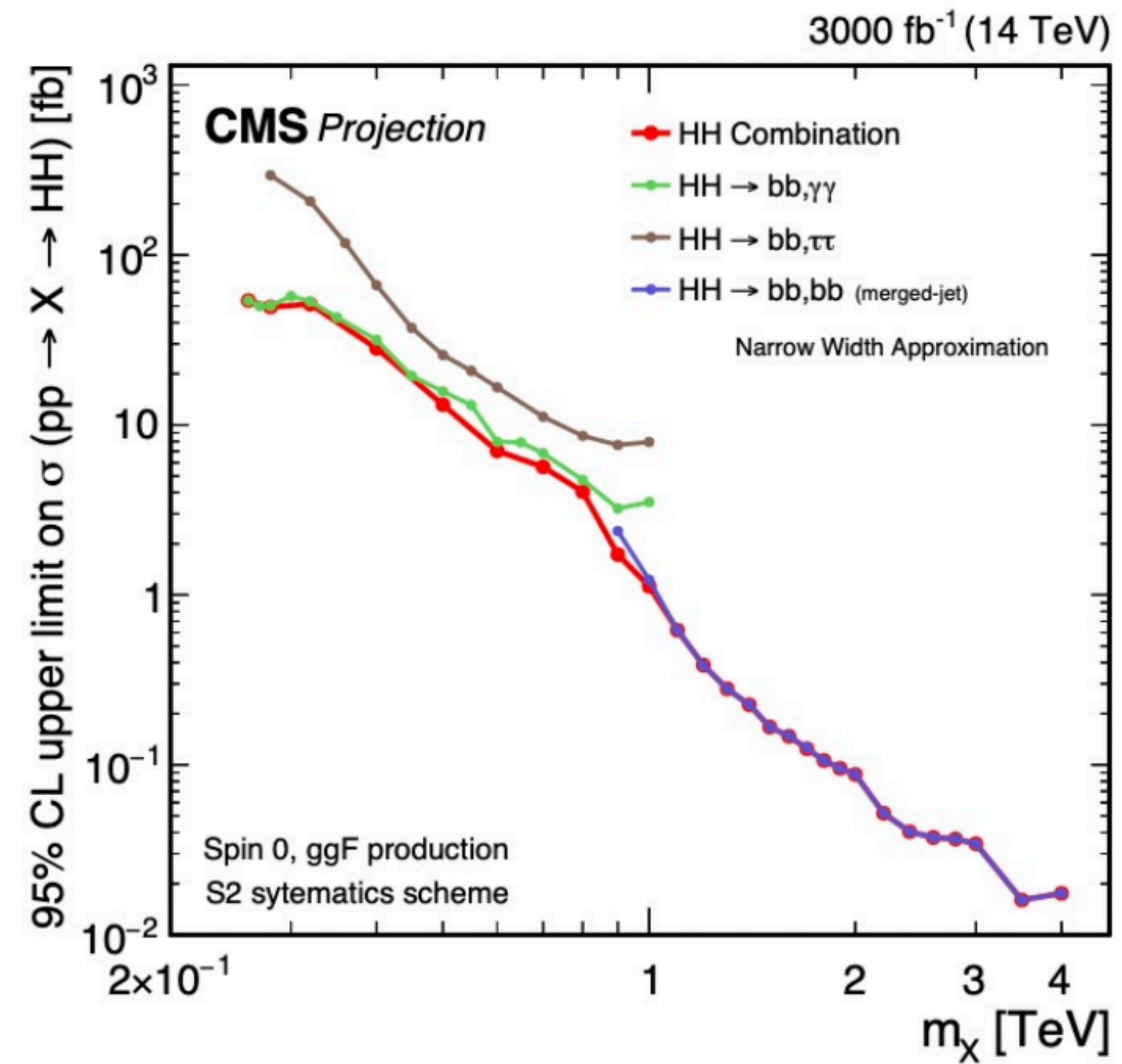
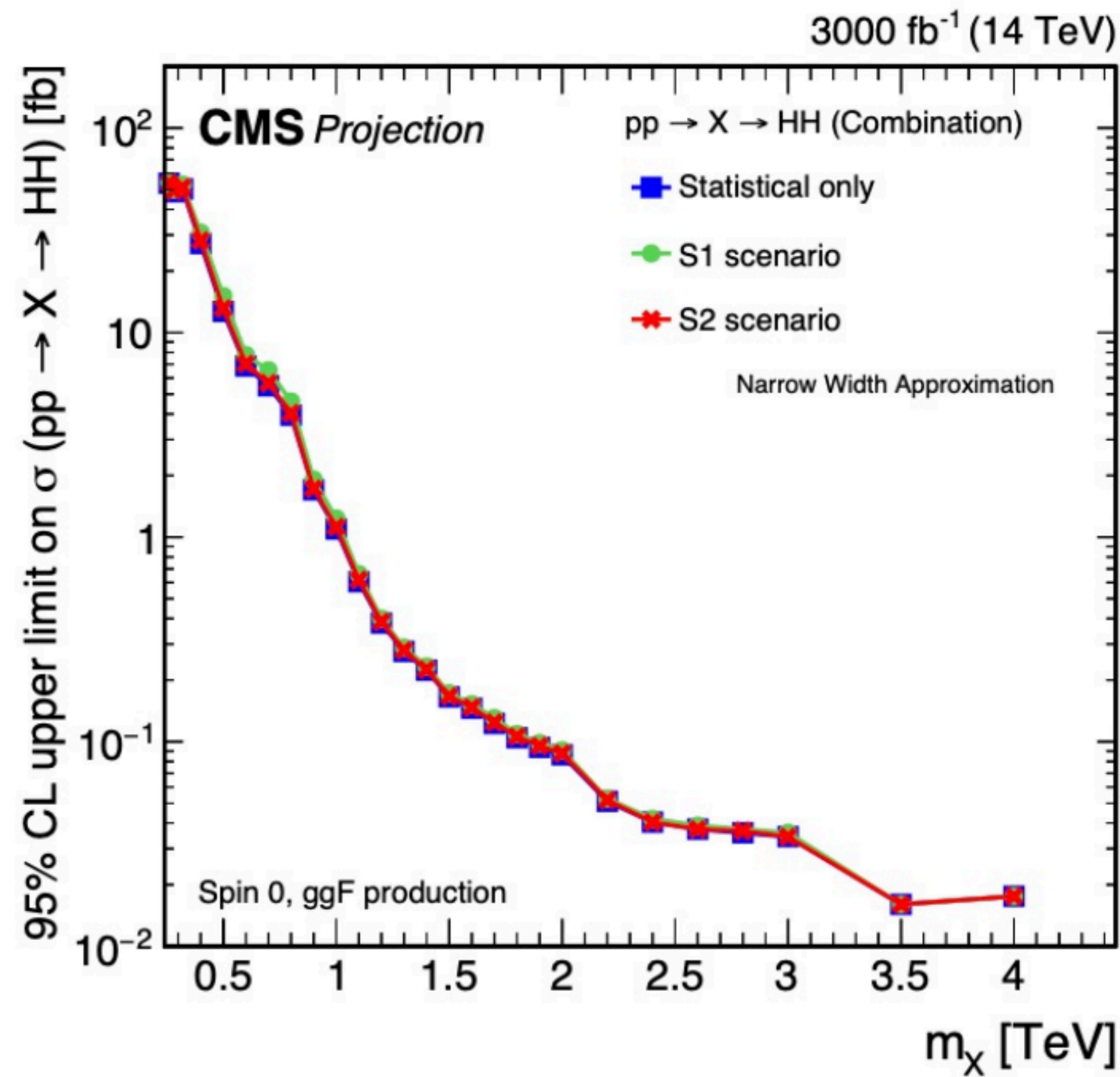
- **The typical exclusion upper limits on $\sigma \times B$ are about 50, 5, and 0.3 fb for $m_X = 0.5, 1, \text{ and } 3$ TeV, respectively. No excess observed.**

The results have been achieved by adjusting each channel to the corresponding SM branching fraction of the H boson decay
 For the branching fractions of the $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow bb$ decays, the SM values are assumed.

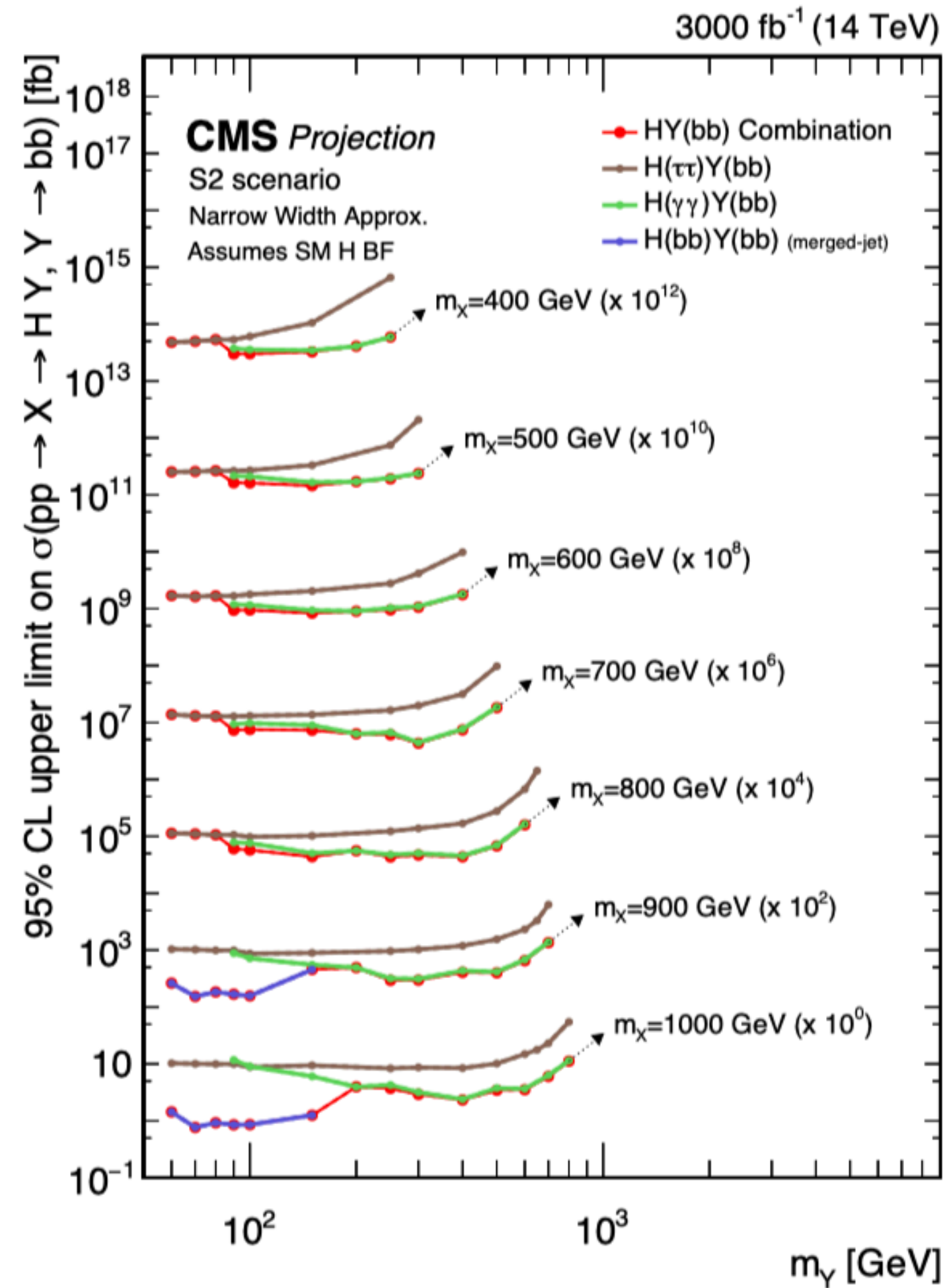
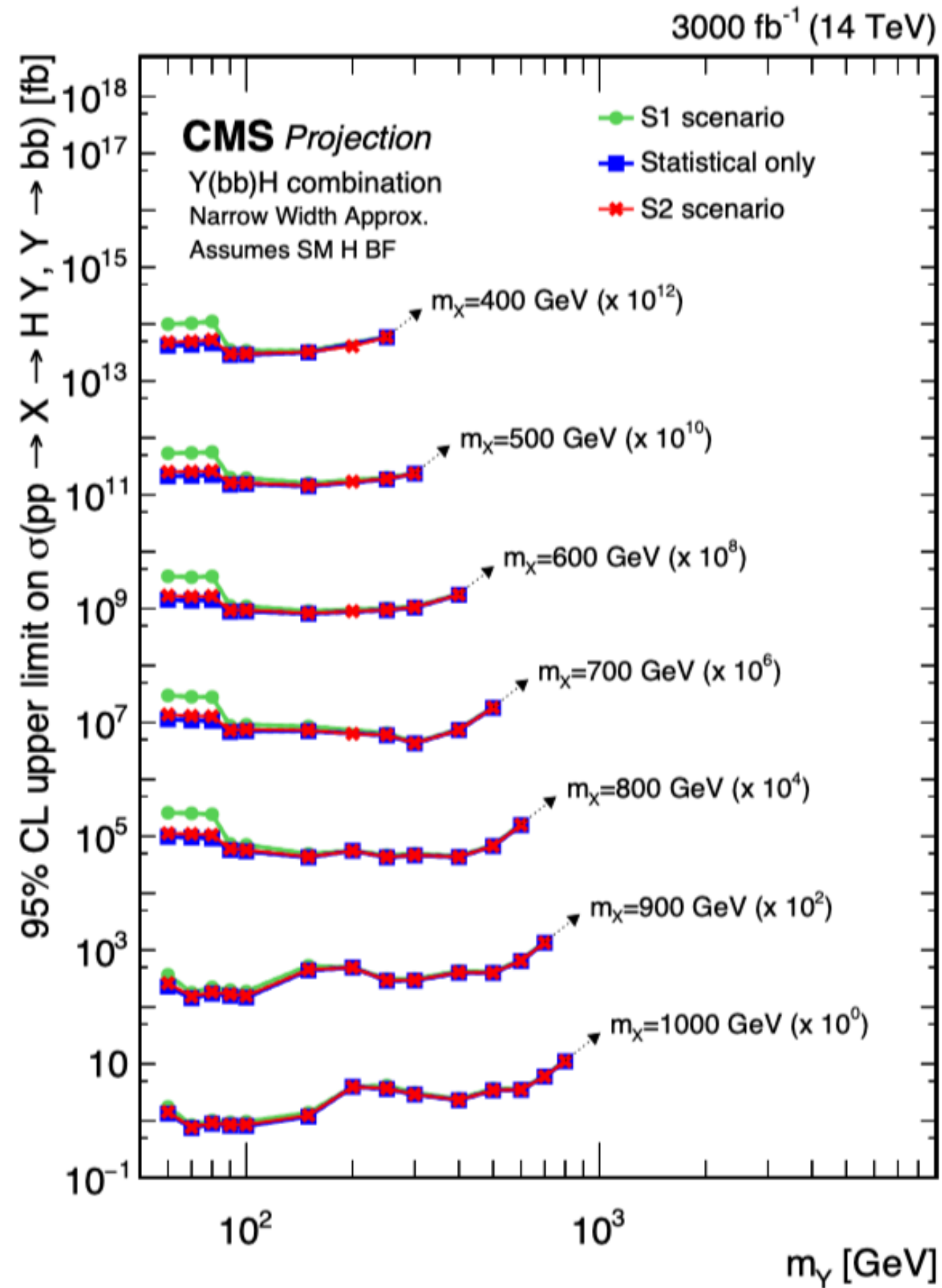
HH/HY projections

- ▶ Signal cross sections have been scaled to the centre-of-mass energy of 14 TeV
- ▶ Lumi projected to 3000 fb^{-1}
- ▶ Systematics scenarios:
 - S1: All the systematic uncertainties are assumed to remain the same as in Run 2.
 - S2: The theory uncertainties are halved, while the experimental uncertainties are set according to the recommendations
 - Statistic only
- ▶ Projection of the 3 most sensitive channels :
 - $bb\gamma\gamma$, $bb\tau\tau$ and $bbbb$

- ▶ The combination still be statistics-dominated
 - $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ dominates the combination



YH Projection



► **The combination gained sensitivity from different channels in different regions**

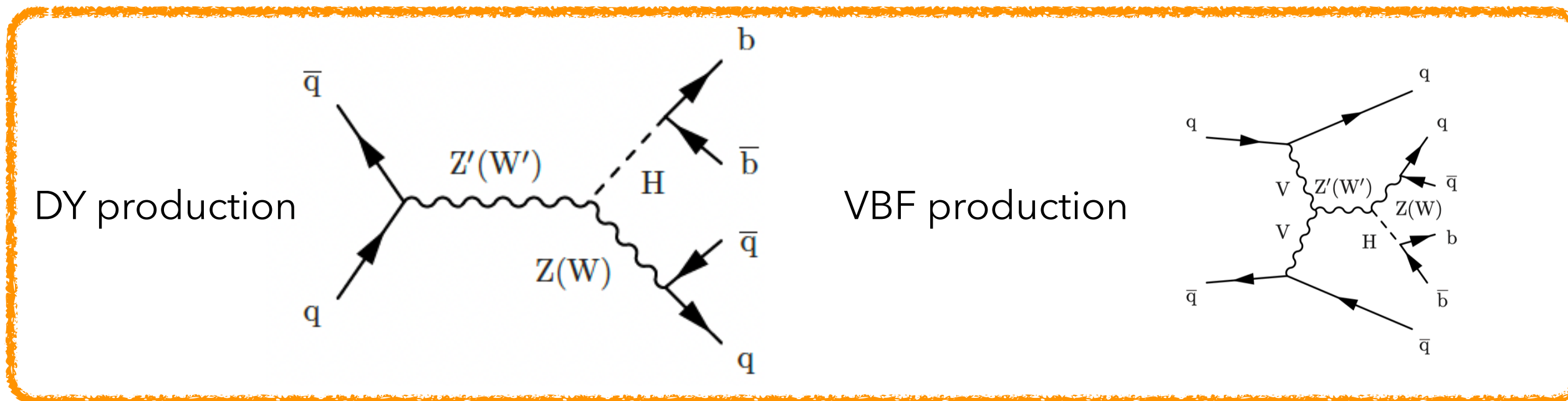
- The regions with the largest ratios of m_Y/m_X correspond to a Y particle with low transverse momentum, and can be probed with the bbyy channel.
- In the regions with small ratios of m_Y/m_X , the Y particle receives a large Lorentz boost, such that the bbbb boosted channel has the highest sensitivity.
- In the intermediate region, the bbyy and bb $\tau\tau$ channels provide comparable sensitivity.

VH searches in CMS

Heavy resonances could also decays into VH

► Heavy Vector Triplet (W' and Z')

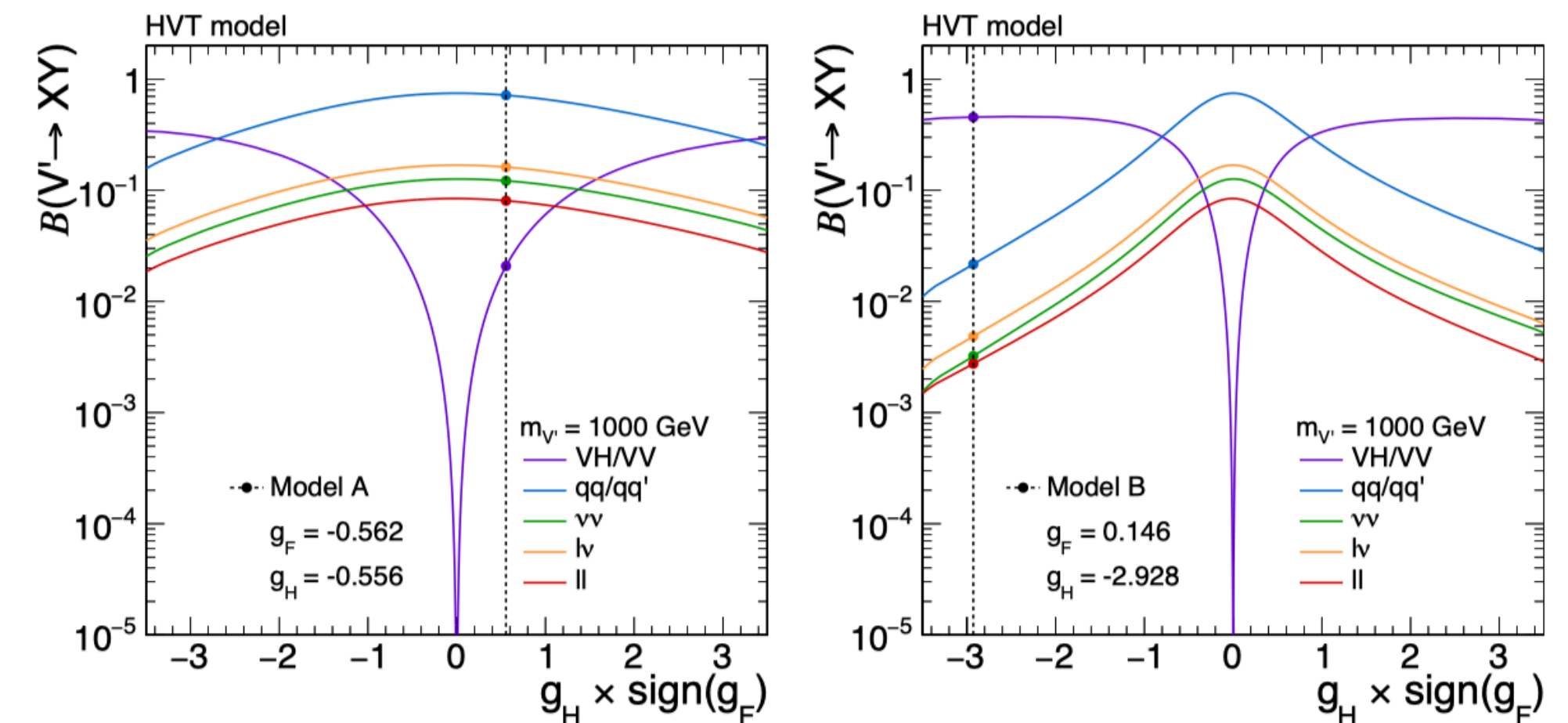
- Minimal extension of the SM gauge group
 - Additional force-carrying heavy vector bosons, W' and Z'
 - W' and Z' could decays to VH
- There are two production modes
 - There are 3 typical models based on the couplings:
 - Model A: with $g_V=1$, $c_H=-0.556$, and $c_F=-1.316$
 - Model B: with $g_V=3$, $c_H=-0.976$, and $c_F=1.024$
 - Model C: with $g_V=1$, $c_H=1-3$, and $c_F=0$ (VBF only)
 - g_V represents the typical strength of the new vector boson interaction. c_H scales the couplings to the H/V. c_F scales the couplings to fermion



► Published VH searches in the CMS:

- $Z(\ell\ell)\tau\tau$ ([JHEP](#))
- $Z(\ell\ell+\nu\nu)bb$ ([EPJC](#))
- $Z(\ell\ell)bb$ ([EPJC](#))
- $W/Z(qq)bb$ ([PLB](#))
- $W(\ell\nu)bb$ ([PRD](#))

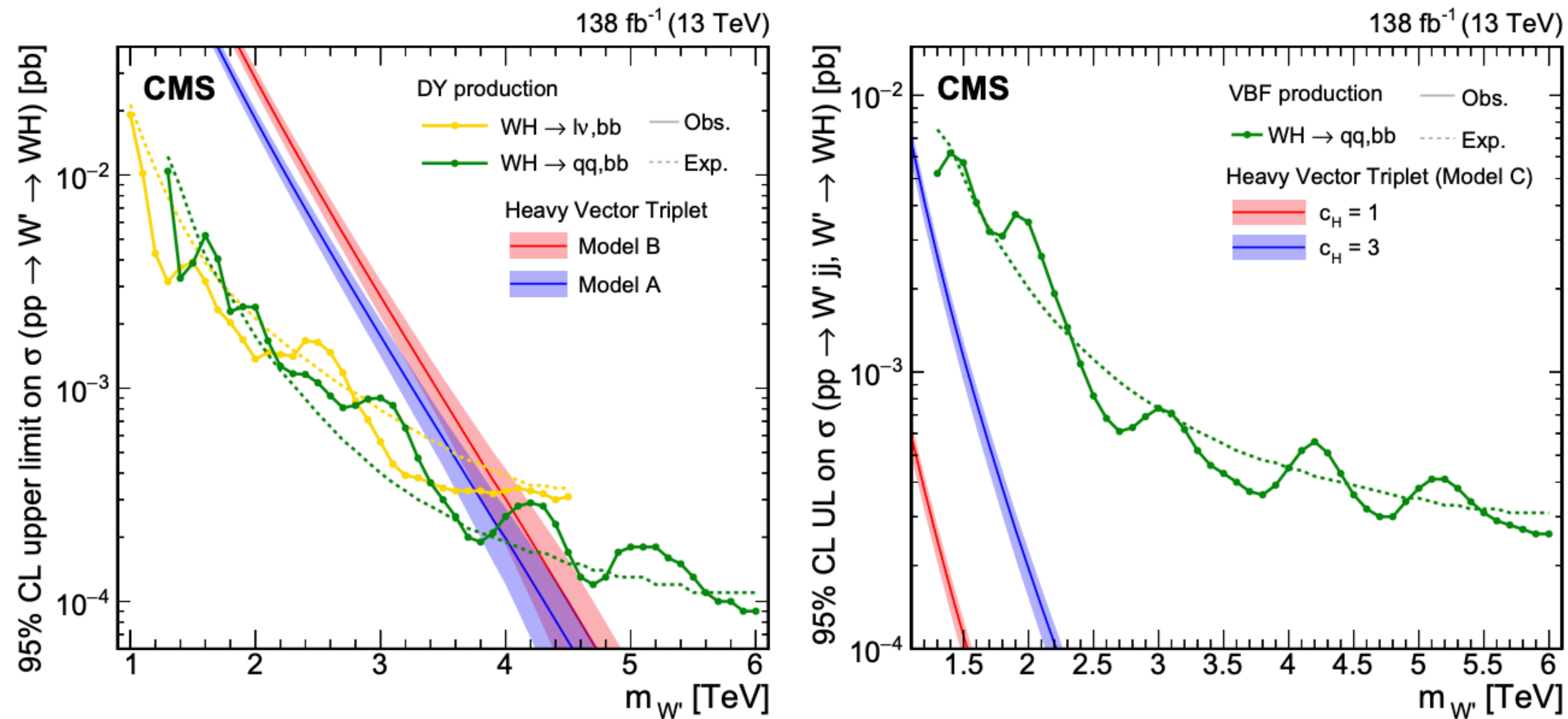
► A combination of VH decay channels is foreseen at a later date as various analyses are still in ongoing



Branching fractions for heavy vector triplet (HVT) bosons with masses of 1TeV for values of the parameter g_F corresponding to models (left) A and (right) B.

► Upper limit result:

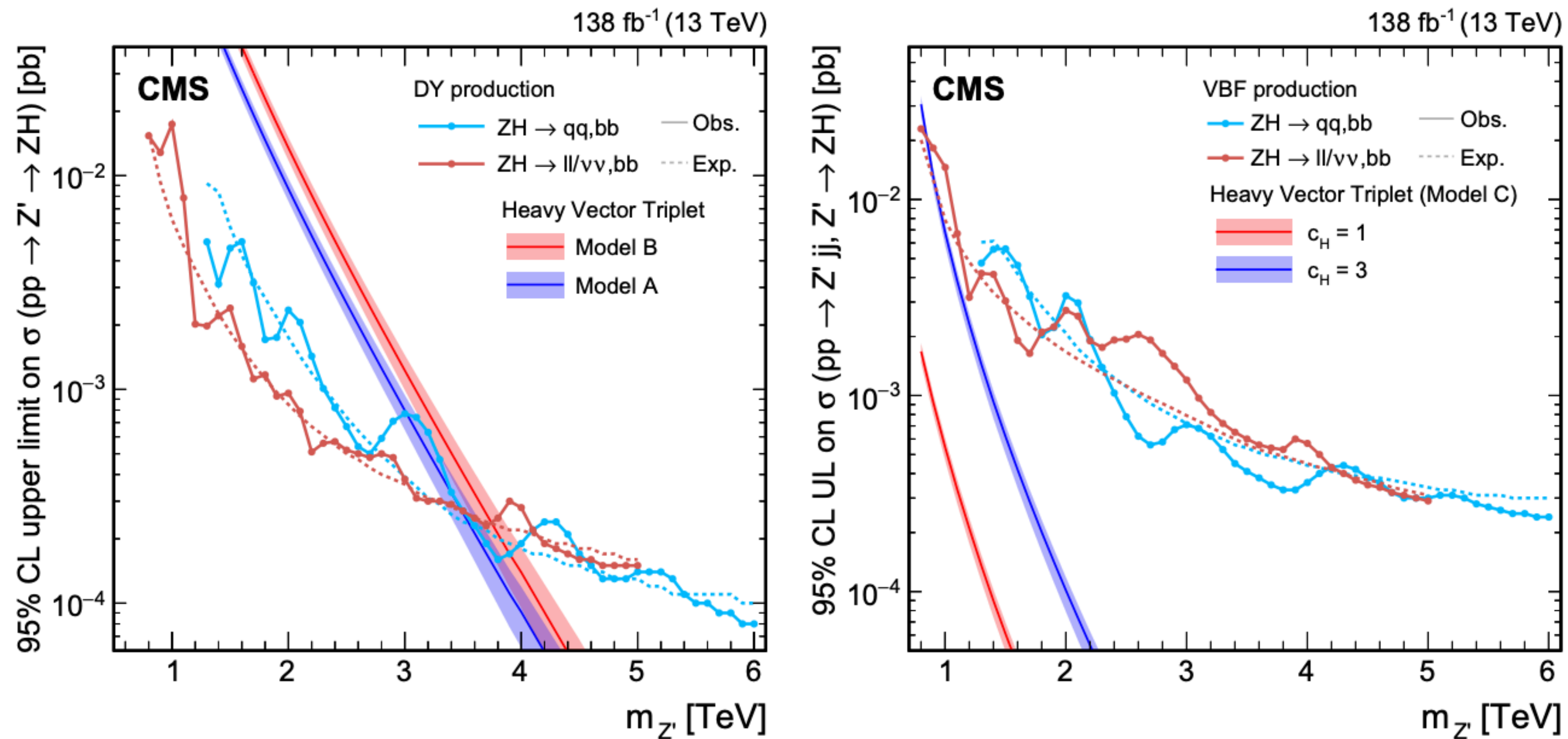
- Upper limits on the production cross section times branching fraction of W' resonance for the DY (left) and VBF (right) production modes, compared to theory predictions from HVT models. The W' masses are excluded up to 4.1 TeV in model B interpretations.



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Summary

- ▶ **Resonant HH/HY/VH production predicted in a variety of models**
 - From extended scalar sectors to exotic new physics
- ▶ **A combination of $X \rightarrow HH/HY$ was performed with full Run2 data in CMS**
 - Included several important channels:
 - Multilepton, bbWW resolved, bbWW boosted, bb $\gamma\gamma$, bb $\tau\tau$, bbbb boosted
 - Combination is a complementarity of the different decay channels
- ▶ **The HL-LHC HH/HY projection results are presented**
- ▶ **Showing some results for CMS VH searches**



Thanks!



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► Systematics alignment

- The systematics that are supposed to behave the same way across analyses are considered a 100% correlated

► Normalisation for all analysis

- Each analysis is normalised to its BR

► Overlap removal

- In multilepton channel, b-veto applied to avoid overlap with other bb related analyses.
- In bbWW channel, remove the duplicated mass points from bbWW resolved channel, as the sensitivity is lower.

► Statistic tests

- Performed statistical tests to check the sanity of the statistical combination: goodness of fit, pulls and impacts of nuisance parameters , bias test...

► Systematics alignment

- Considering systematics correlations in different analyses
 - Need to align systematics in different analyses to correlate them
- Theory uncertainties:
 - Followed the naming conventions in [HH non-resonant combination](#)

QCD/ α_s /PDF:

- No HH/HY signal theory uncertainties
- Applied in all single Higgs processes
- $t\bar{t}$ from [Twiki](#)
- Other backgrounds from [Twiki](#)
- Single H production from [Twiki](#)

Electroweak corrections ($t\bar{t}W$, $t\bar{t}Z$): Multilepton, $b\bar{b}WW$

Branching ratio: Applied in all channels

► Systematics alignment

- Experimental uncertainties:

Luminosity:

- Applied in all channels
- Taken values from Lumi POG Recommendations

Systematics	2016	2017	2018
Uncorrelated per era	1.0%	2.0%	1.5%
Correlated among eras	0.6%	0.9%	2.0%
Correlated among 2017 and 2018	-	0,6%	0,2%

Pileup distribution:

- bbbb boosted, bbWW resolved and boosted
- Split by year : multilepton

Pileup Jet ID:

- bbWW resolved
- bb $\gamma\gamma$

Lepton ID / τ scale:

- Considered by the analyses that have this object using different splitting schemes

► Systematics alignment

- Experimental uncertainties:

Jet Energy Resolution:

- Split by year: multilepton, $bb\gamma\gamma$, $bbbb$ boosted, $bbWW$, $bb\tau\tau$
- All eras grouped : $bbWW$ boosted

Jet Energy Scale:

- Split by source: multilepton, $bbWW$ resolved, $bb\tau\tau$
- Split by year: $bb\gamma\gamma$, $bbbb$ boosted
- Grouped in one parameter : $bbWW$ boosted

Jet HEM:

- Multilepton, $bb\gamma\gamma$, $bbWW$ resolved, $bbWW$ boosted

b-tagging:

- Split by sources: multilepton, $bbWW$ resolved
- Other channels are also concerned by b-tagging uncertainties, but split them in different components or use different b-tagging techniques.

► Systematics alignment

- Experimental uncertainties:

Unclustered Energy:

- Split by year: multilepton, bbWW resolved
- Split in different components: $bb\tau\tau$
- Grouped: bbWW boosted

ECAL prefiring probability:

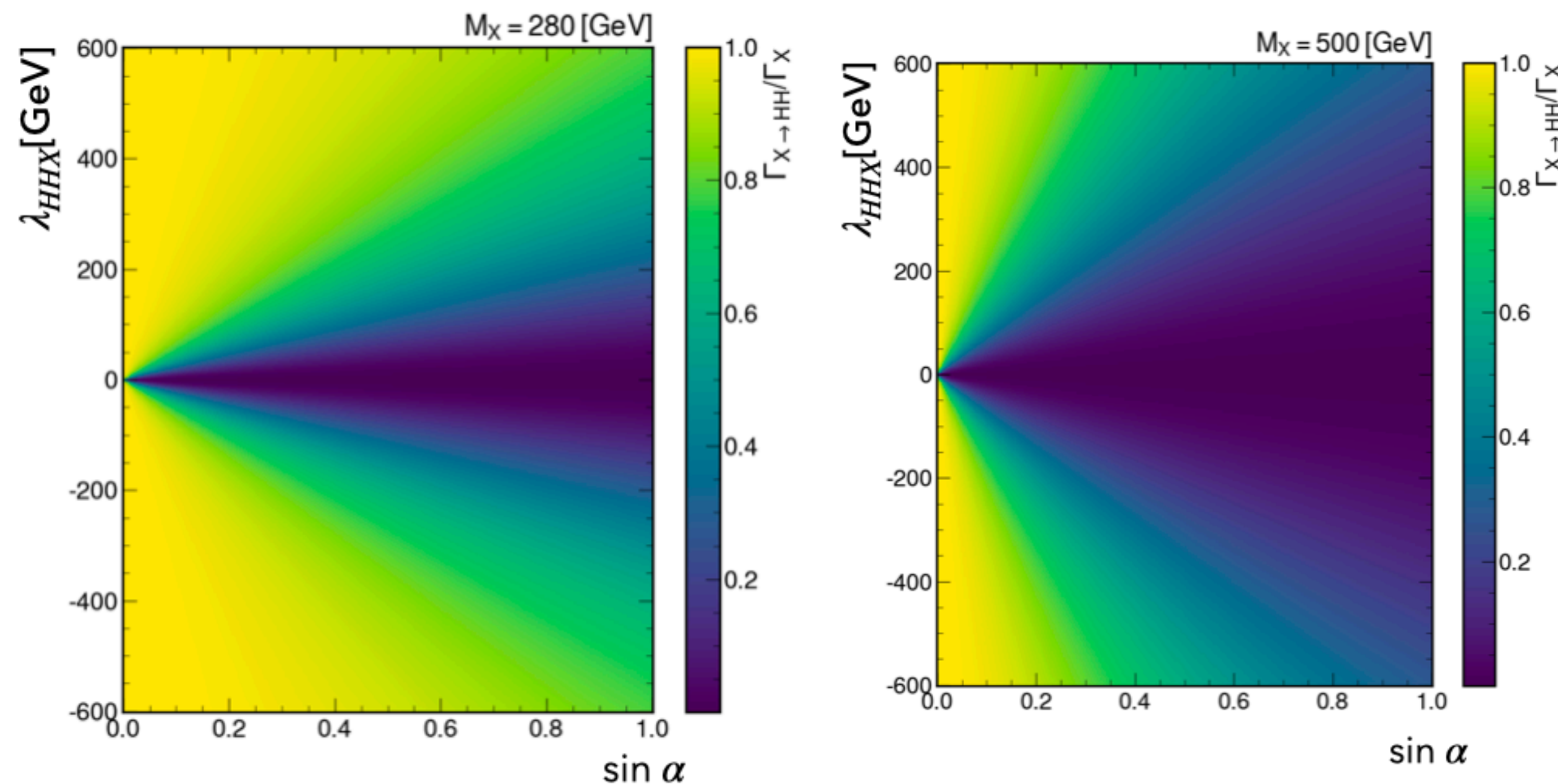
- Split by year: multilepton, $bb\gamma\gamma$, $bbbb$ boosted, bbWW resolved, bbWW boosted
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top p_T reweighting:

- $bbbb$ boosted, bbWW resolved
- Split in different components: $bb\tau\tau$

► Extended Higgs sectors - additional real singlets

- By adding an additional real singlet field, the model leads to one additional scalar X .
 - which can be heavier or lighter than H
- Using the singlet model for a finite width study



BR to $X \rightarrow HH$ in the real singlet model without Z_2 symmetry, k_λ is fix to one
(* Plots are only for information, not included in paper)

• Parameters:

- The ratio of the vacuum expectation values v of the SM complex doublet and of the singlet, $\langle S \rangle$, $\tan \beta = v / \langle S \rangle$
- Mixing angle α
- Masses
- Deviation from the HHH coupling (k_λ)
- Coupling between the scalar and HH (λ_{HHX})
- At low $\sin \alpha$ the dominant decay mode is HH
- By adding a second real singlet field:
 - Defines the two real singlet model (TRSM)
 - $X \rightarrow YH$, $X \rightarrow HH$ to be possible

► Extended Higgs sectors - additional doublets

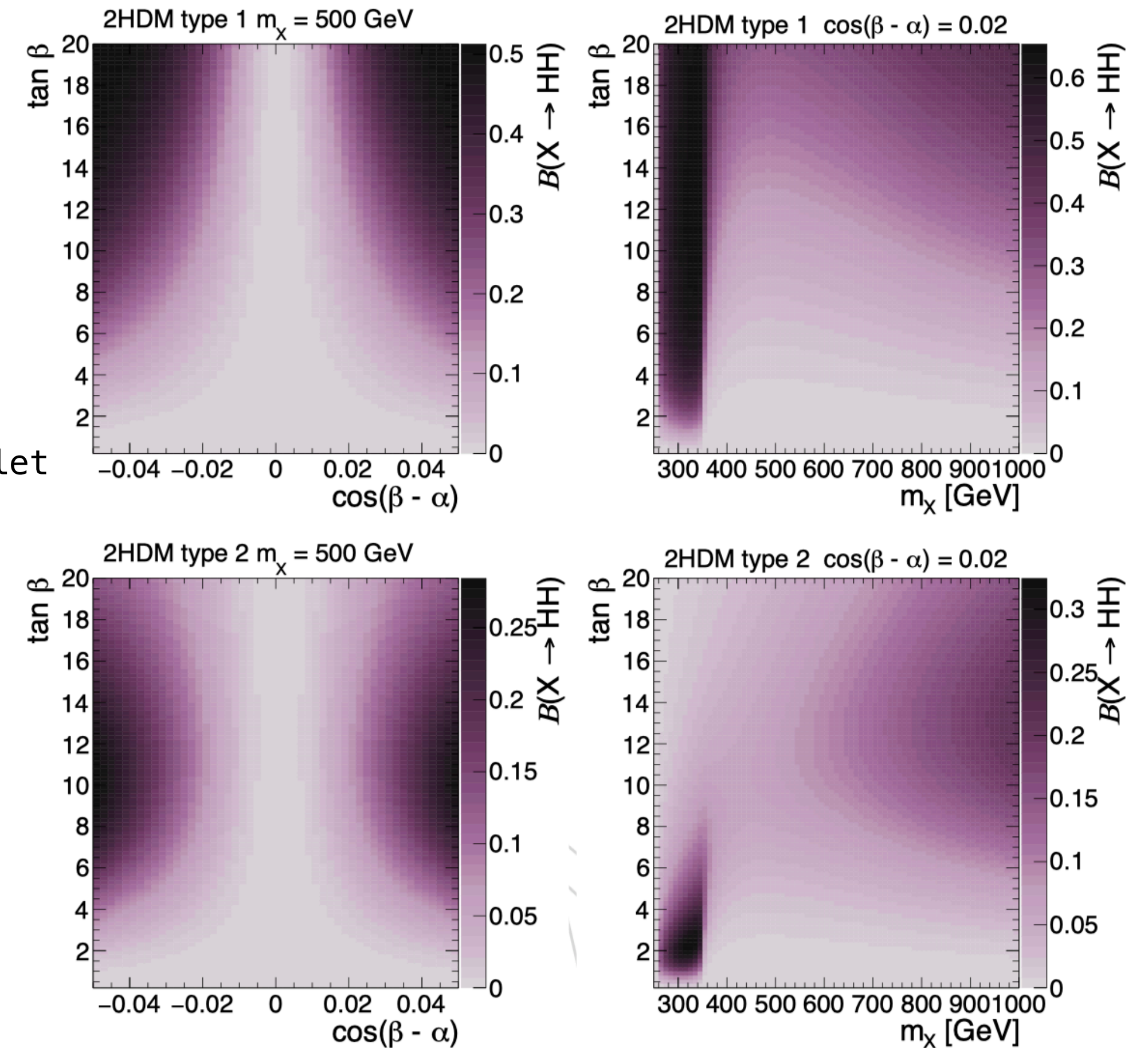
- Leads three neutral and two charged Higgs bosons
- Parameters:
 - mixing angle (α)
 - a ratio of vev's ($\tan \beta$)
 - masses
 - by a Z2 symmetry breaking parameter (m_{12})
 - Different types depending on which fermions couple to second doublet
 - Type I: All charged fermions
 - Type II: Only up-type quarks
 - Type X or lepton-specific: Only quarks
 - Type Y or flipped: Only up-type quarks/leptons

► Heavy Higgs bosons X and A decays in 2HDMs:

- $X \rightarrow HH$ (scalar)
- $A \rightarrow ZH$ (CP-odd scalar / pseudoscalar)

► While adding additional singlet field:

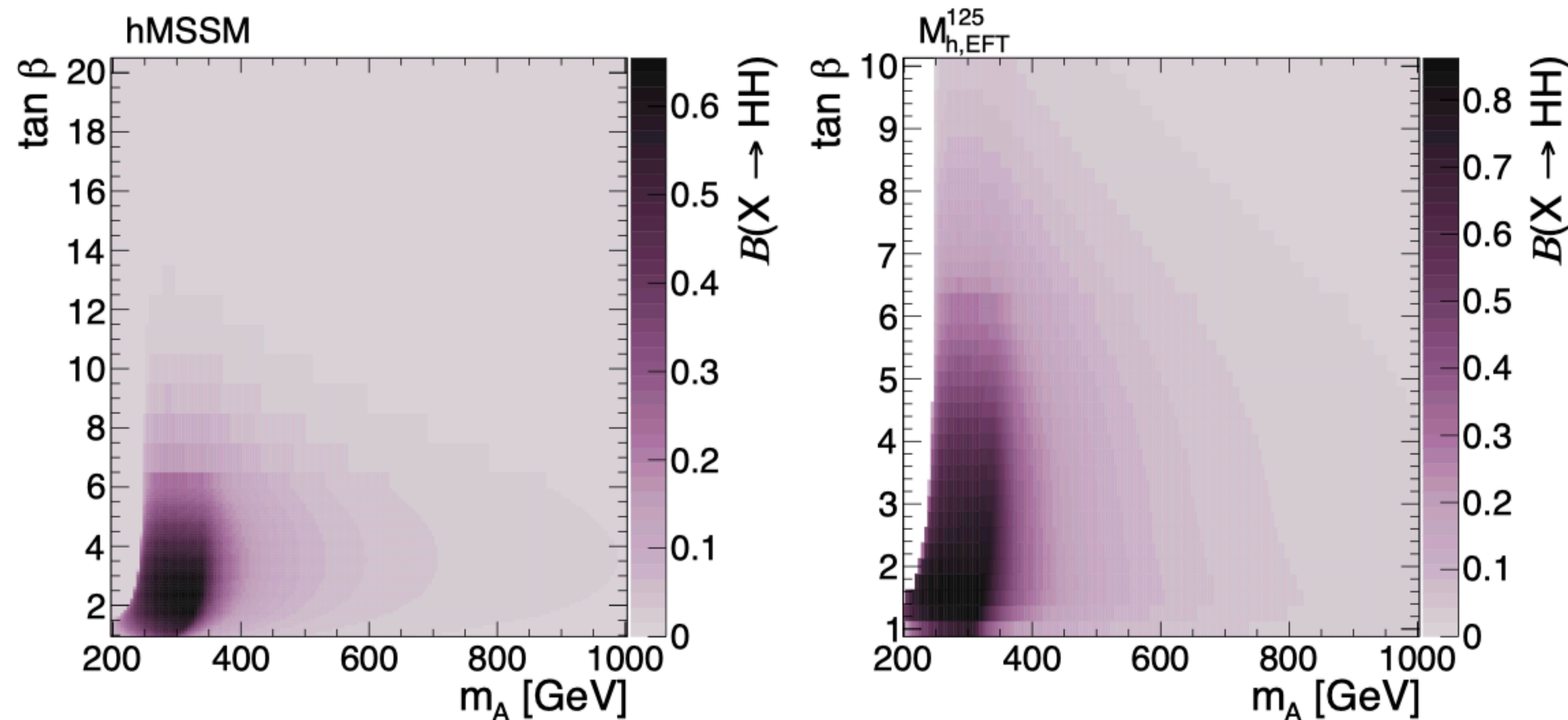
- defines the N2HDM.
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Branching ratios of $X \rightarrow HH$ in 2HDMs of type I (top) and type II (bottom) in the $\cos(\beta - \alpha) - \tan \beta$ plane for $M_X = 500$ GeV (left), in the $m(X) - \tan \beta$ plane for $\cos(\beta - \alpha) = 0.02$ (right).

► Extended Higgs sectors - Supersymmetric models

- The Higgs sector of the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) has the structure of a Type II 2HDM



Branching fraction of $X \rightarrow HH$ in the MSSM, for the hMSSM (left) and the $M_{h,EFT}^{125}$ benchmarks, in the m_A - $\tan \beta$ plane

► Two benchmarks are selected:

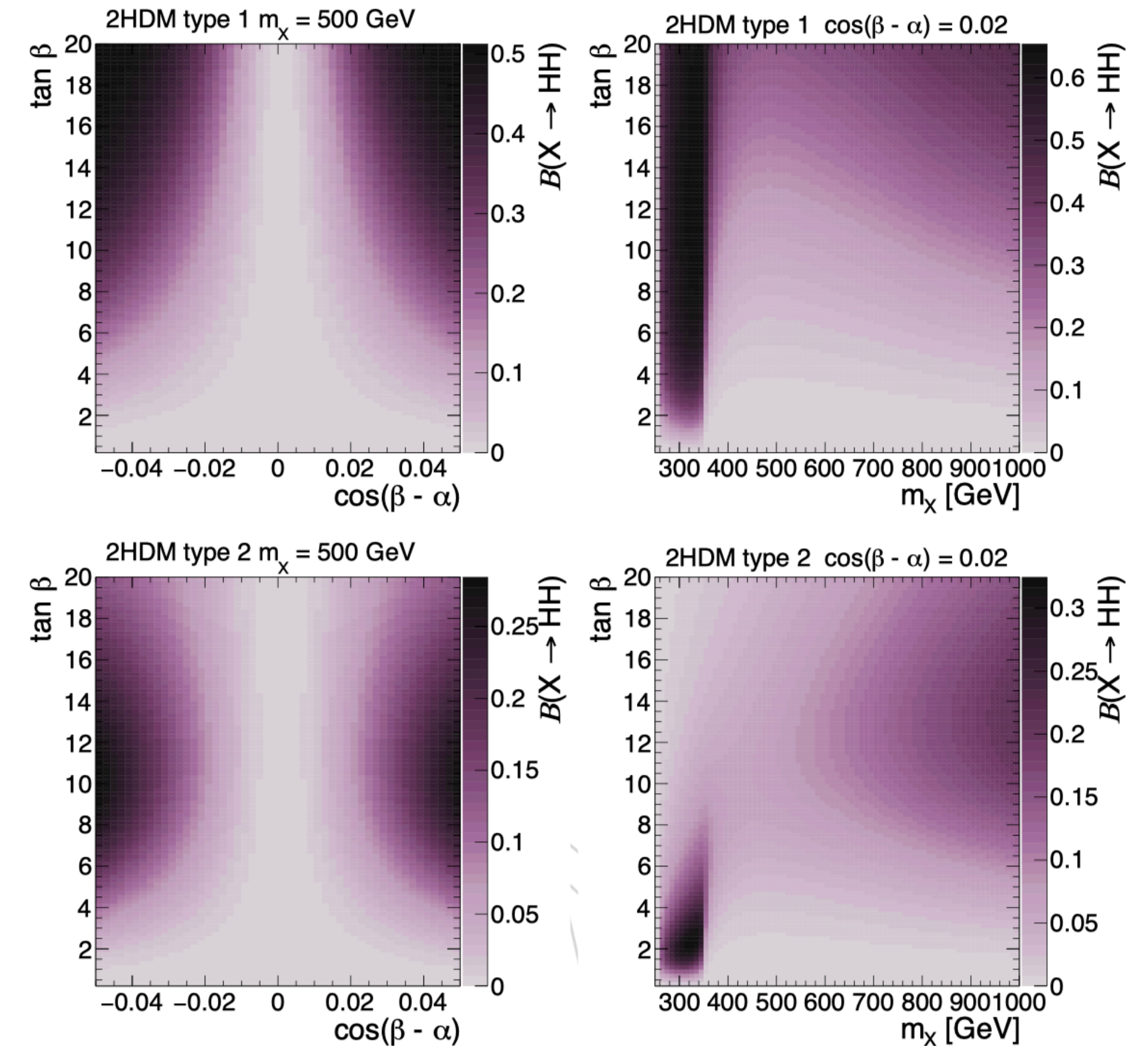
- hMSSM:
 - Several approximations to simplify the couplings, valid for approximately $\tan \beta < 10$
- $M_{h,EFT}^{125}$ EFT
 - All SUSY particles chosen to be heavy and run in the loops of radiative corrections
 - The meaning of "EFT":
 - Adding light neutralinos/charginos and adjusting the SUSY scale, making the low $\tan(\beta)$ region compatible with $M_H = 125$ GeV
 - Avoids exclusion of low \tan -beta in M_h^{125} scenario
- The X has a decent BR to HH at low $\tan(\beta)$ and $M_H < 2m_{top}$
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 - Defines next-to-minimal MSSM (NMSSM)

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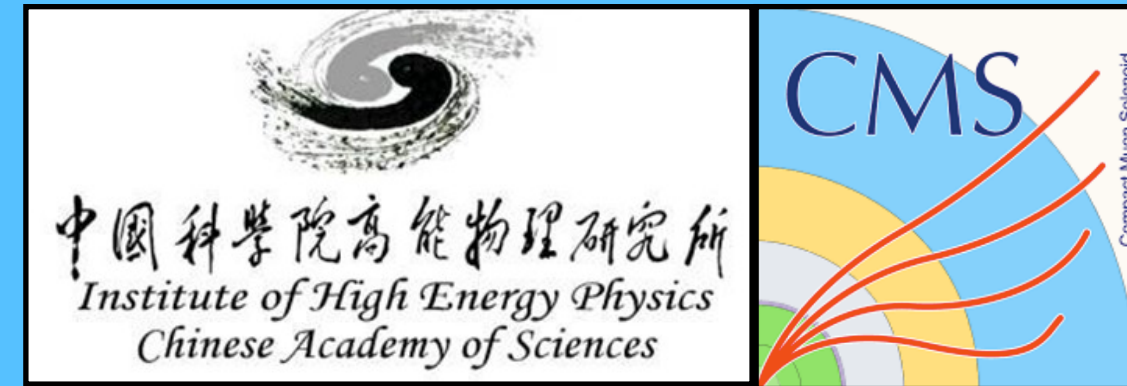
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Supersymmetric and WED

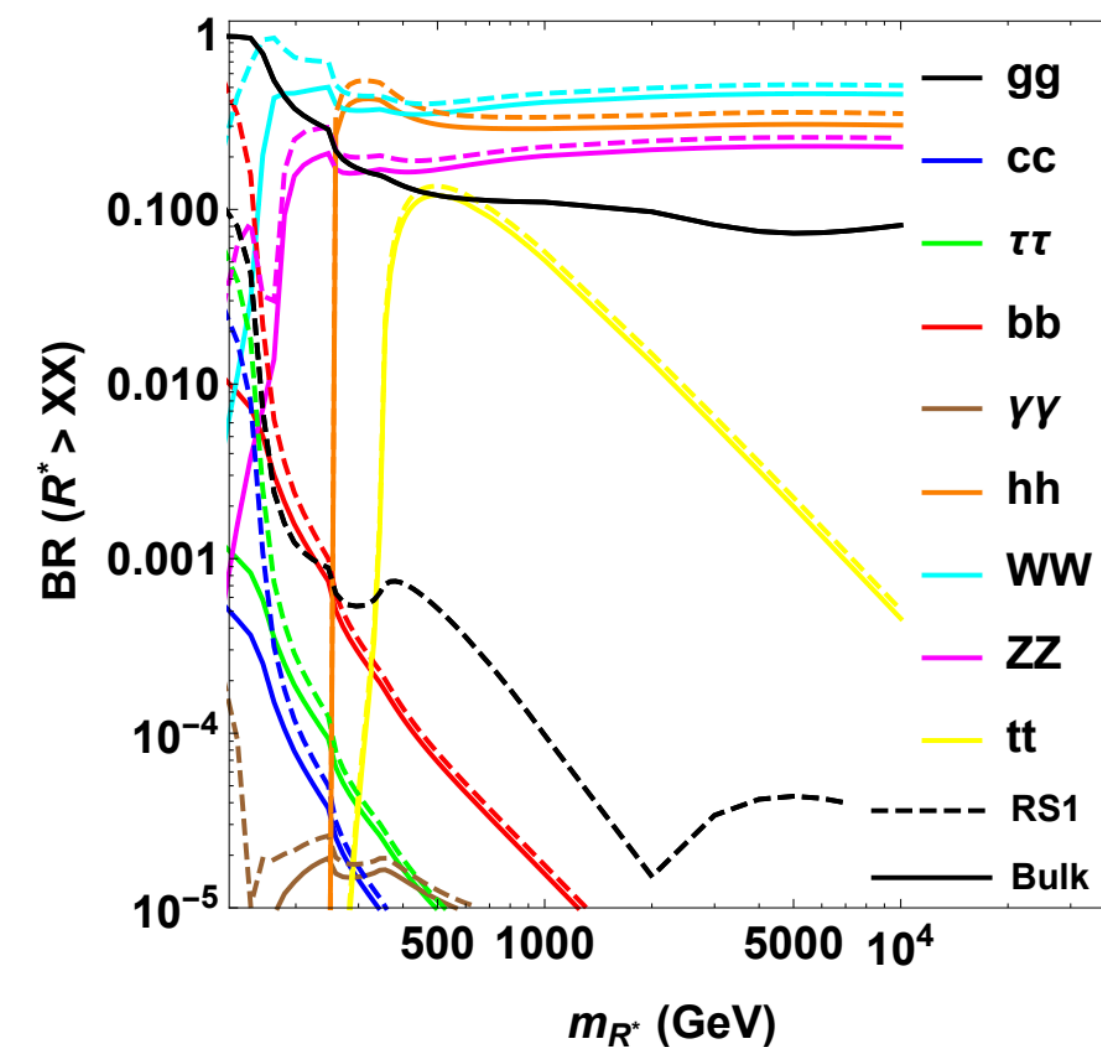
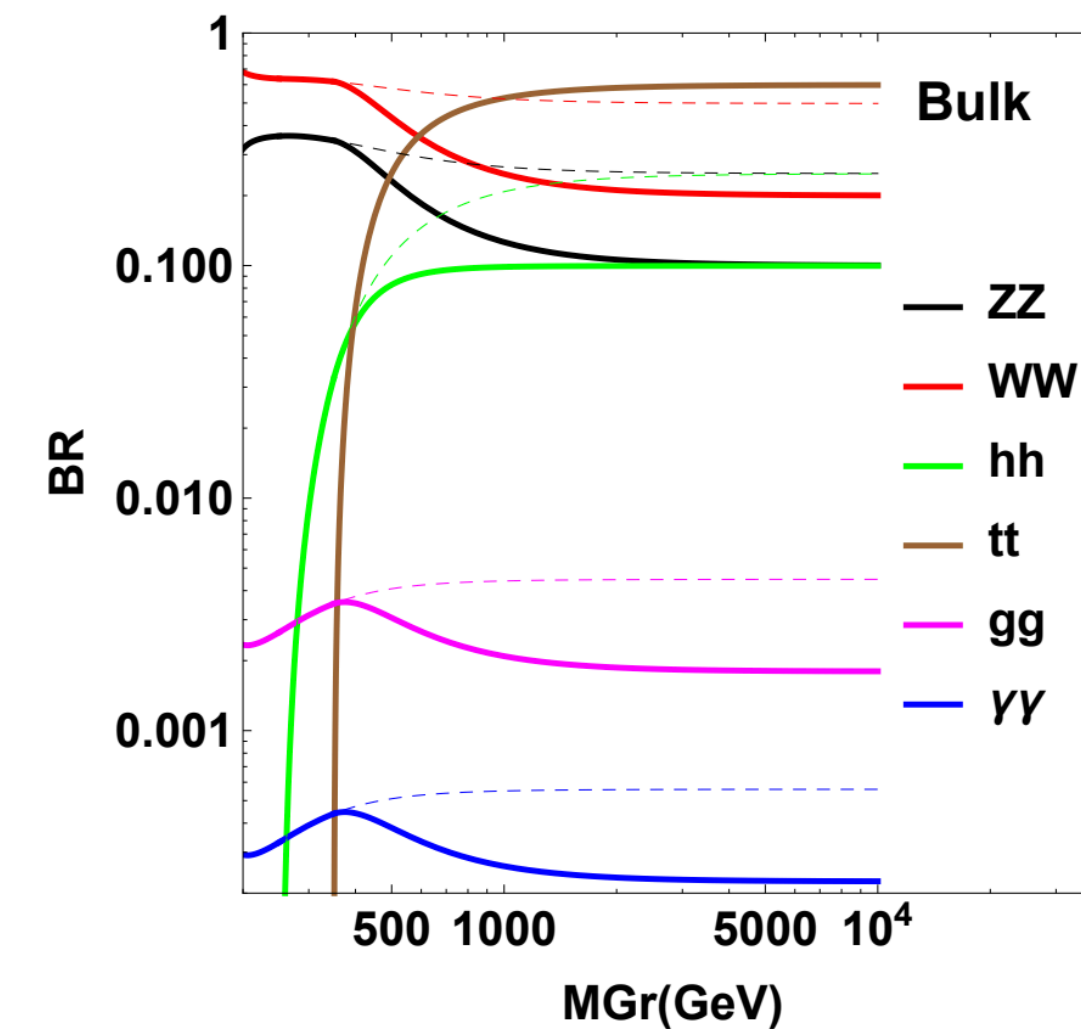


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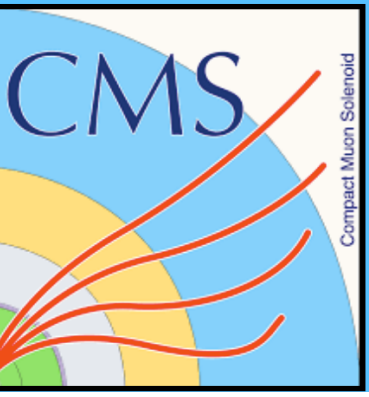
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- The model predicts the existence of a narrow spin-0 (Radion) and a spin-2 (KK-Graviton) particles
 - Parameters:
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 - interpreted as the ultraviolet cutoff of the model
- By given more spatial dof to the SM fields defines bulk scenario
- The BR to HH is among the dominant on the Bulk scenario



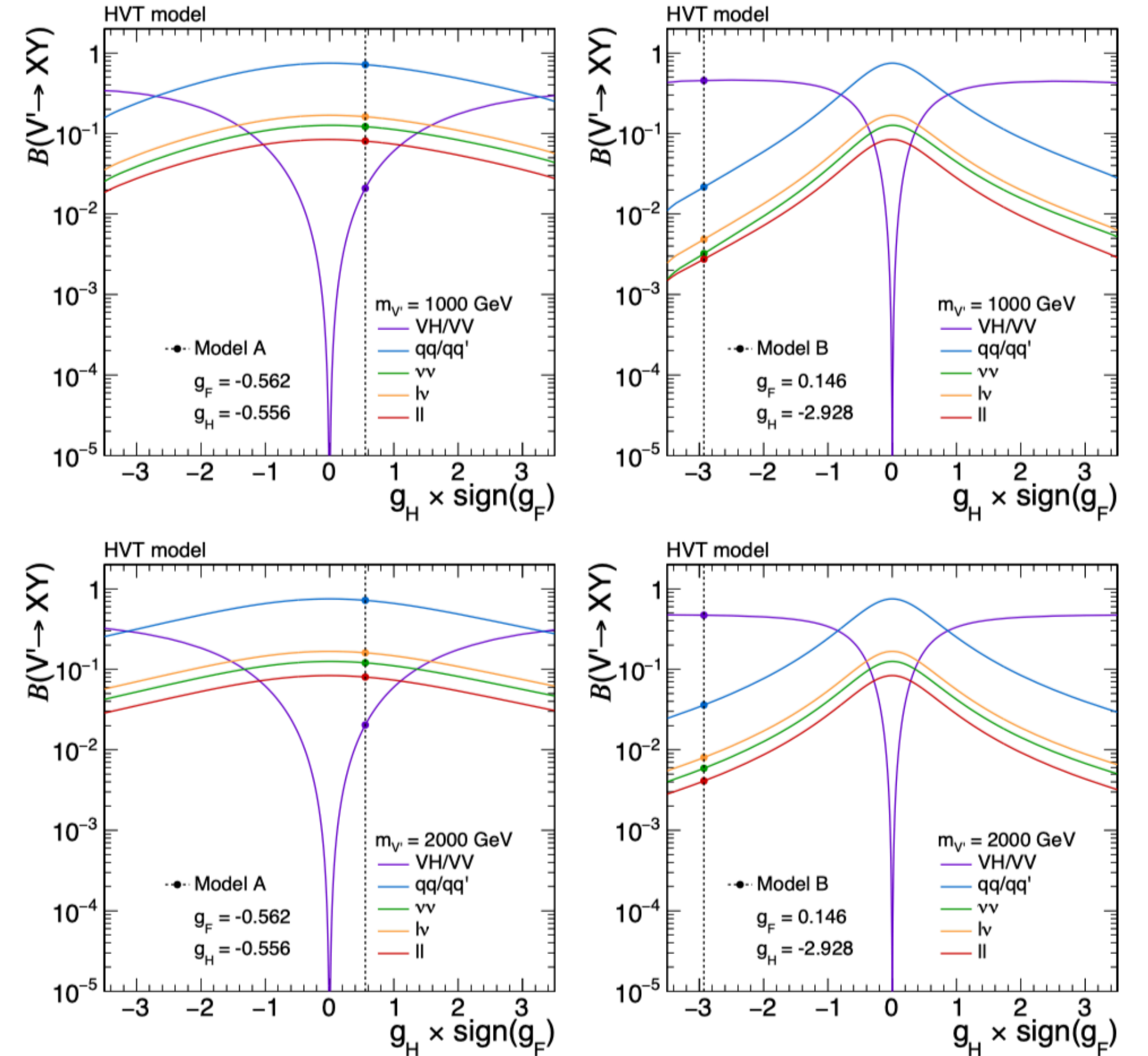
Branching ratios of graviton and radion

Heavy Vector Triplet benchmarks



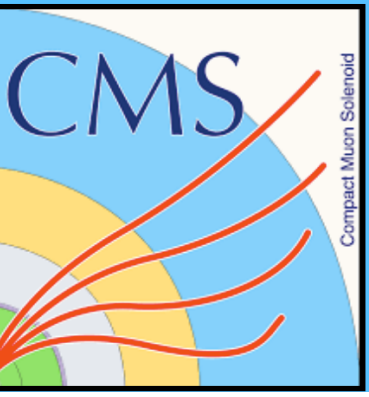
► Heavy Vector Triplet (W' and Z')

- Minimal extension of the SM gauge group
 - Additional force-carrying heavy vector bosons, W' and Z'
- The W' and Z' coupling is proportional to:
 - $g_F = g^2 c_F / g_V$, to fermions, g is the SU(2) Lgauge coupling, c_F scales the W' and Z' couplings to fermions, g_V represents the typical strength of the new vector boson interaction.
 - $g_H = g_V c_H$, to both H and W/Z
- There benchmarks are considered:
 - Model A, with $g_V=1$, $c_H=-0.556$, and $c_F=-1.316$, corresponding to $g_F=-0.562$ and $g_H=-0.556$. This scenario reproduces a model with a weakly coupled extended gauge theory.
 - Model B, with $g_V=3$, $c_H=-0.976$, and $c_F=1.024$, corresponding to $g_F=0.146$ and $g_H=-2.928$. It mimics a minimal strongly coupled composite Higgs model.
 - Model C, with $g_V=1$, $c_H=1-3$, and $c_F=0$, is a model where couplings to fermions are suppressed, such that no production via a Drell-Yan (DY) process is possible at the LHC and the production of W' and Z' bosons happens exclusively via VBF.
- For large values of g_H , the bosonic decay modes dominate the branching fractions, indicating that the searches for VH resonances have the best sensitivity together with searches for VV resonances.

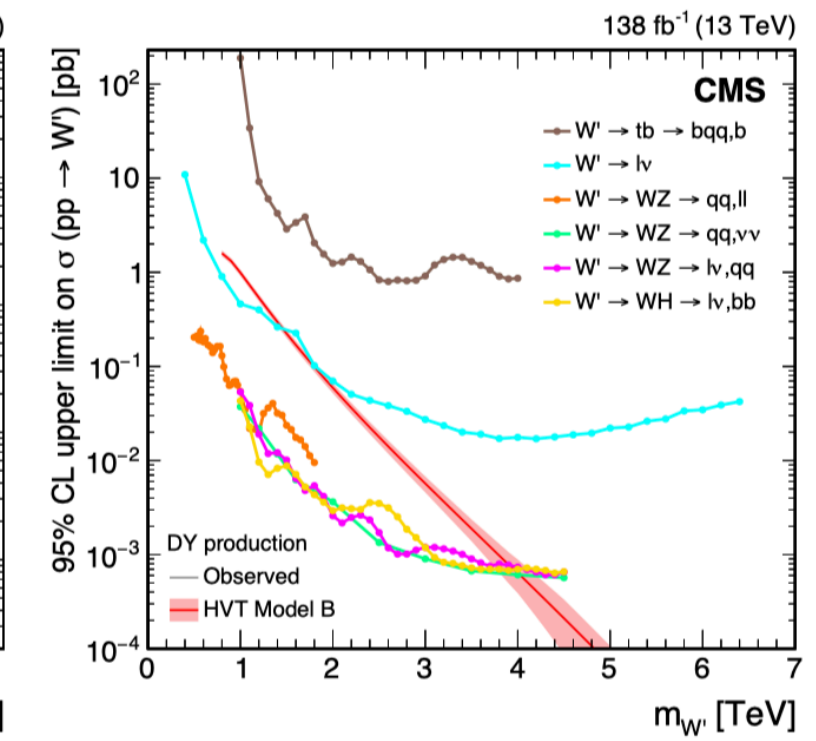
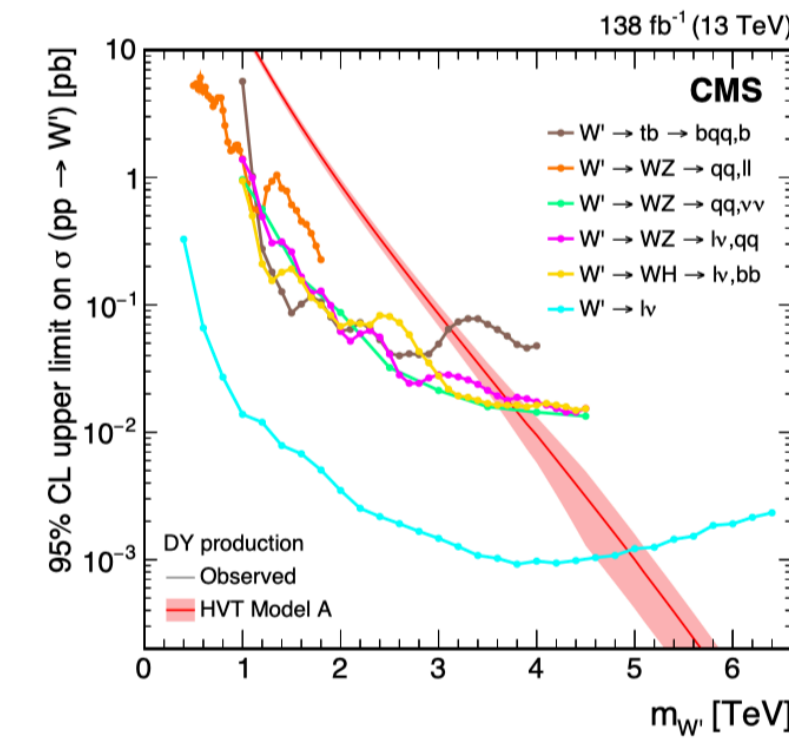


Branching fractions in model A and B in $m_{V'}=1000$ and 2000 GeV

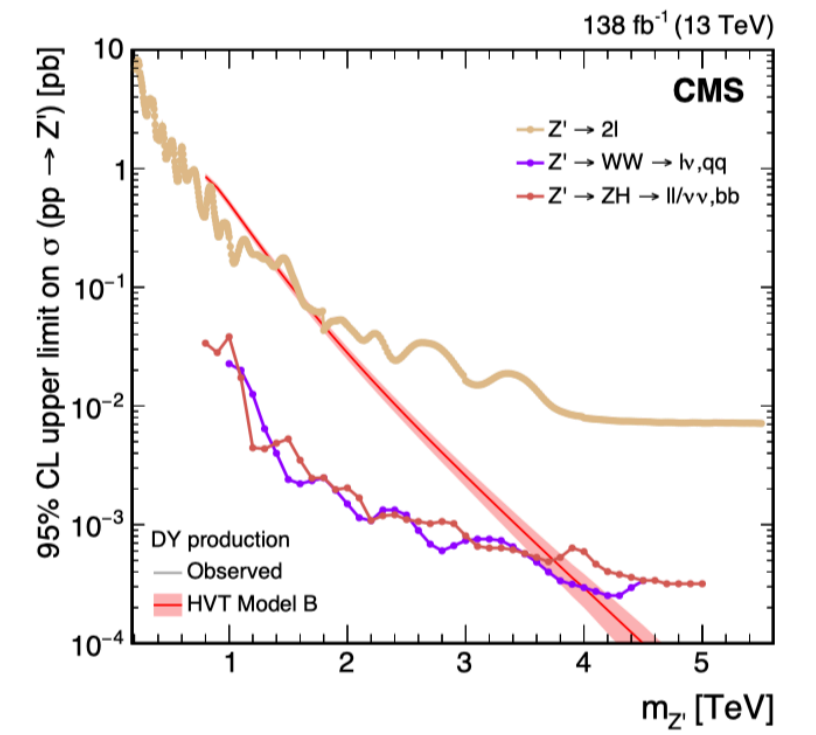
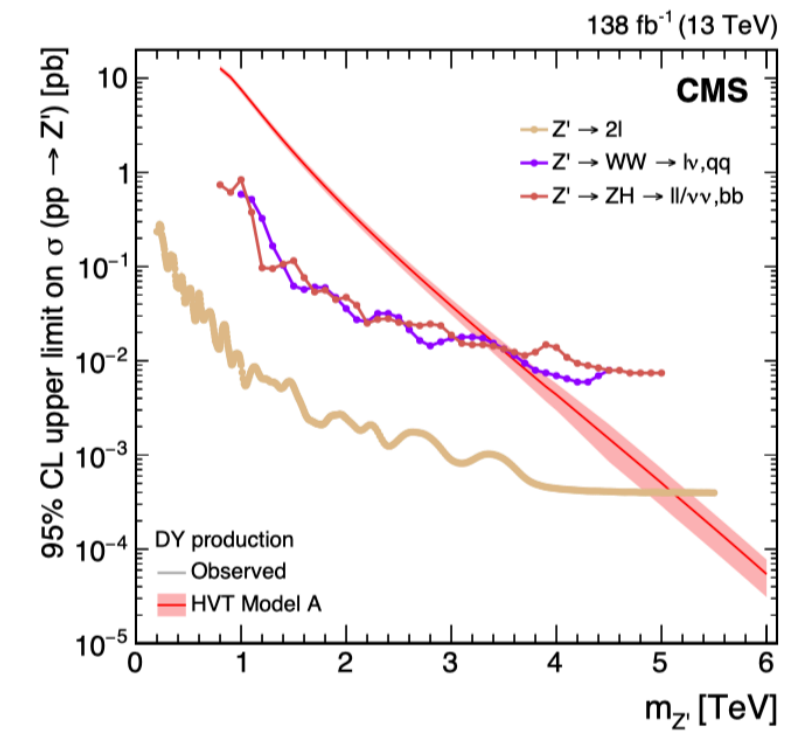
Heavy vector triplet models



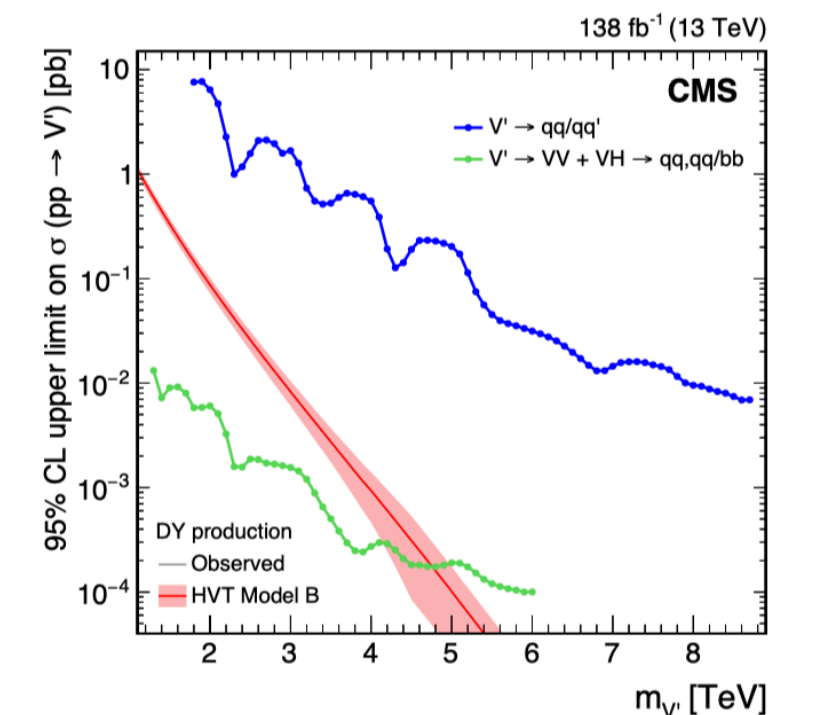
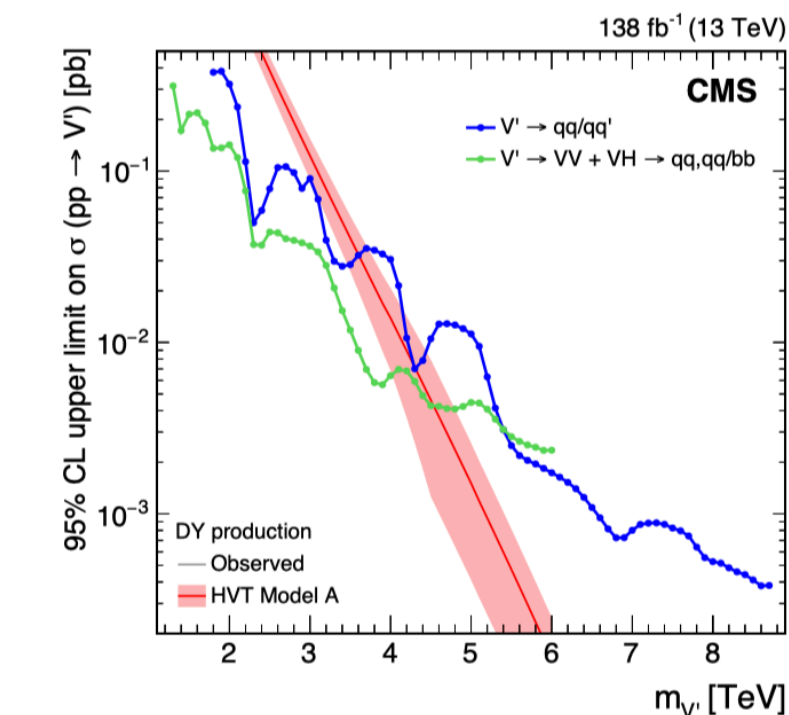
- Upper limits on the DY production cross section of W' , Z' and combined V' spin-1 resonances assuming branching fractions of HVT model A (left) and model B (right)
- Theory predictions from HVT models A and B are also shown.
- The all-jets channels are sensitive to both W' and Z' production and are thus interpreted in combined V' production. While in model A, searches for fermion pair production dominate the sensitivity, in model B, where couplings of V' to bosons are large, the VV and VH searches are most sensitive.
- In the scenario of model C, where V' is produced exclusively via VBF, the data set is not sufficient to exclude couplings below $g_H = 3$.



DY production of W'



DY production of Z'



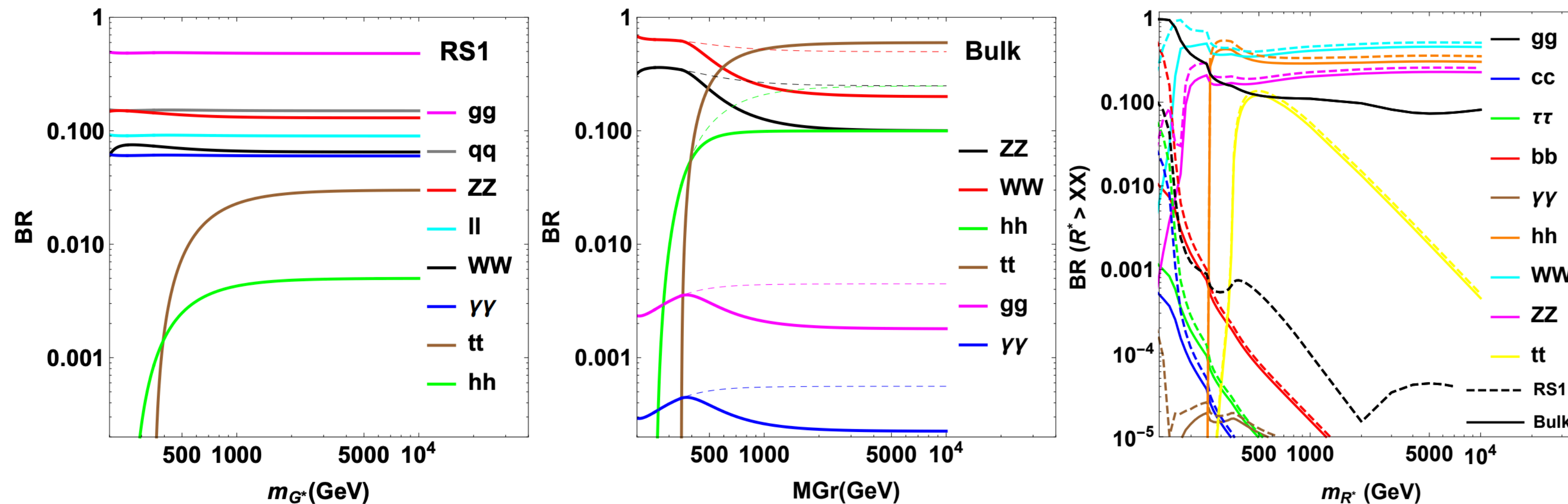
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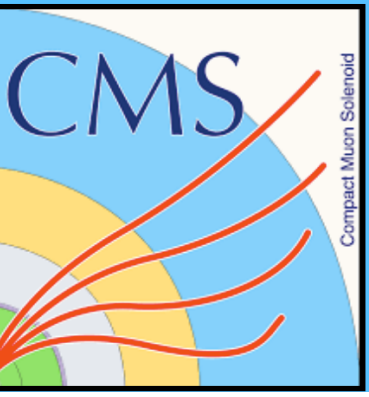
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 - Bulk – more spatial dof are given to the SM fields
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The decay branching fractions of a RS1 graviton (left), bulk graviton (middle), radion (right)

$bb\gamma\gamma$ (HIG-21-011)



Characteristics of $bb\gamma\gamma$ channel :

- Low branching ration, but clean final states.
- HH and HY analysis
 - For HY results, Higgs decays to $\gamma\gamma$, Y decays to bb

Main backgrounds:

- photon+Jets, diphoton+Jets, single Higgs

Analysis strategy:

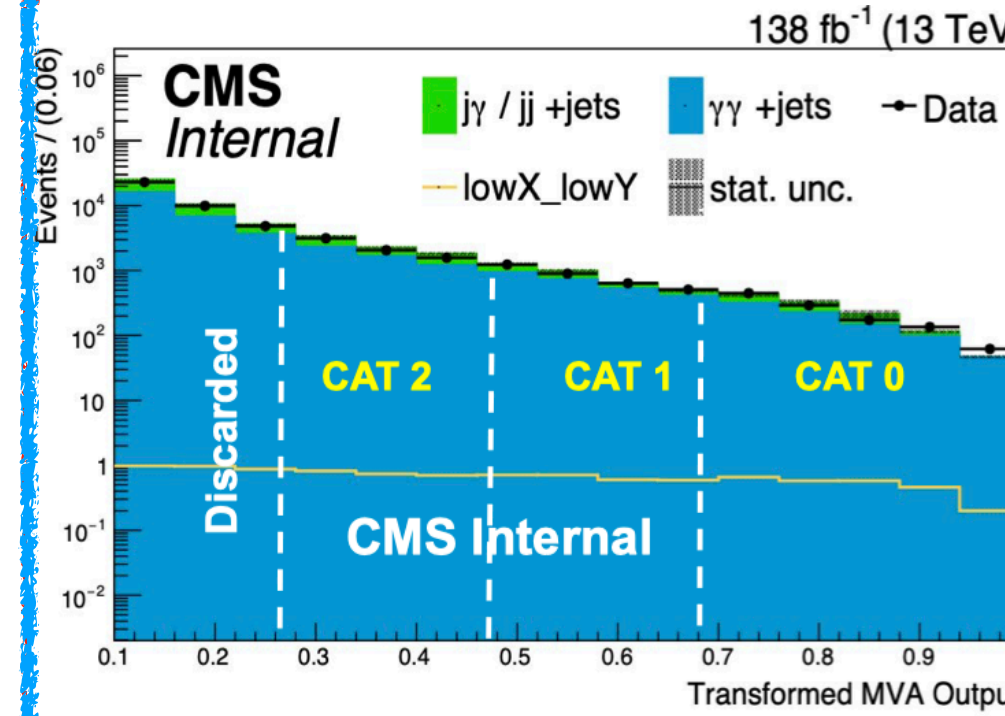
- Standard Higgs to $\gamma\gamma$ tagger.
- Select two b-jets with highest b-score
- Training BDT to reject non-resonant backgrounds
- Applied 4-body mass selection and dedicated ttH killer to reject single Higgs
- Categorise events based on MVA output

Signal extraction:

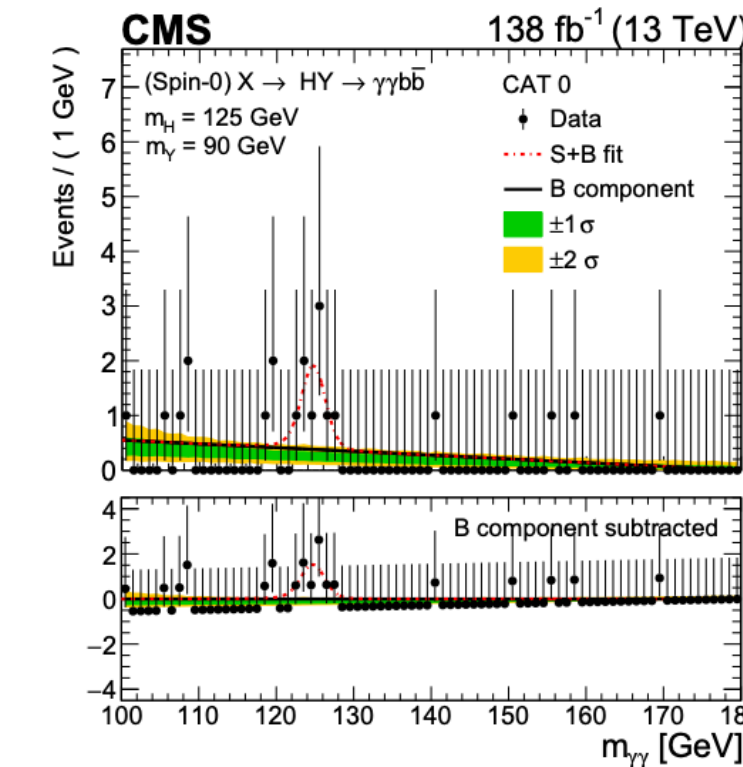
- 2D fits for di-photon and di-jet mass

Results: both HH and HY were included

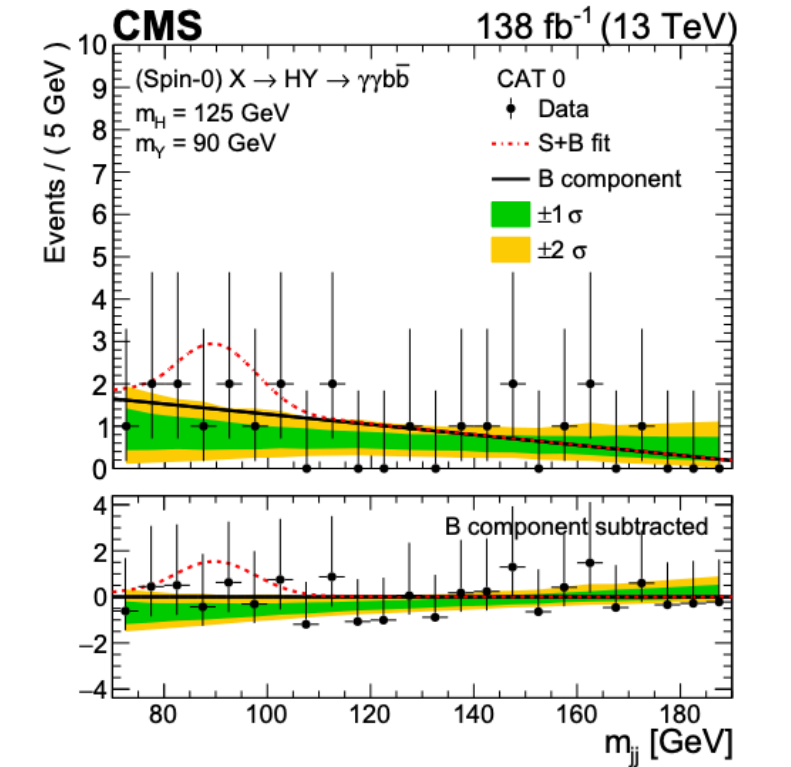
- Excess of 3.8 (2.8) σ found at $M_X = 650$ GeV and $M_Y = 90$ GeV



MVA outputs and categorisation

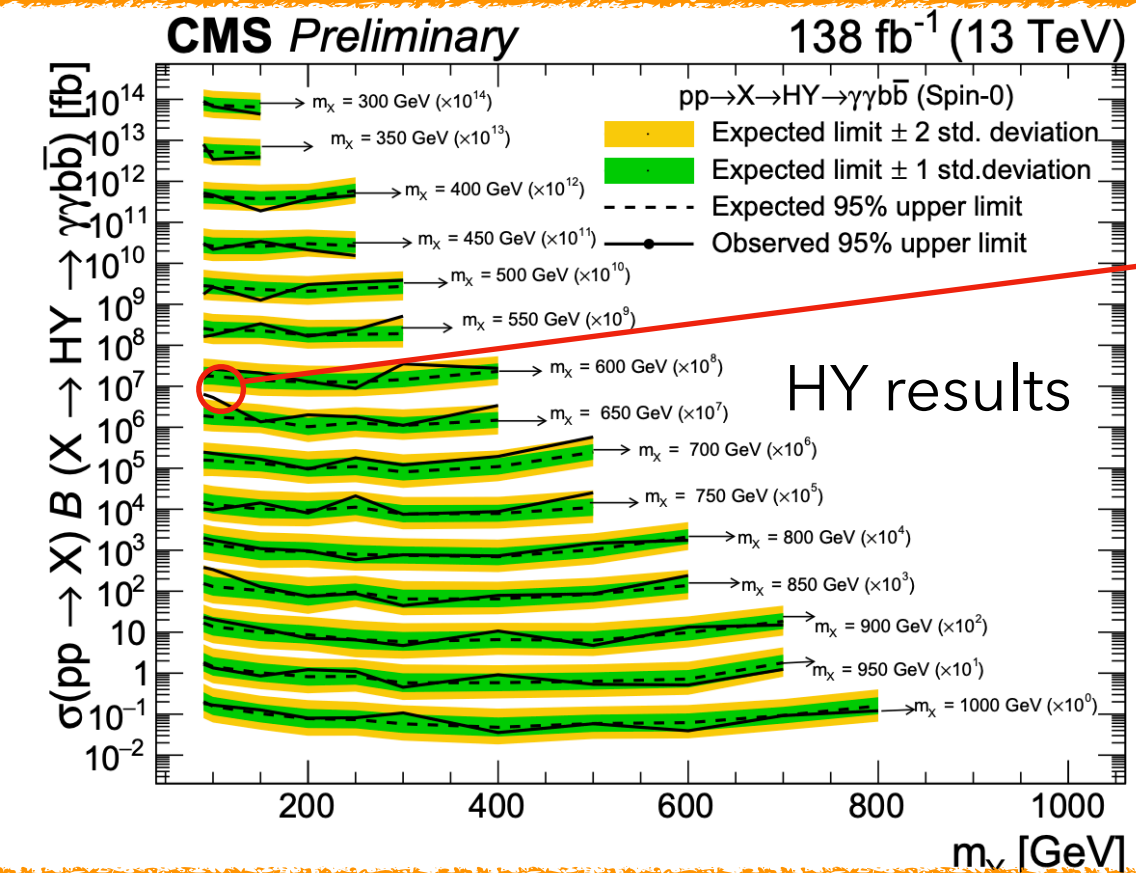
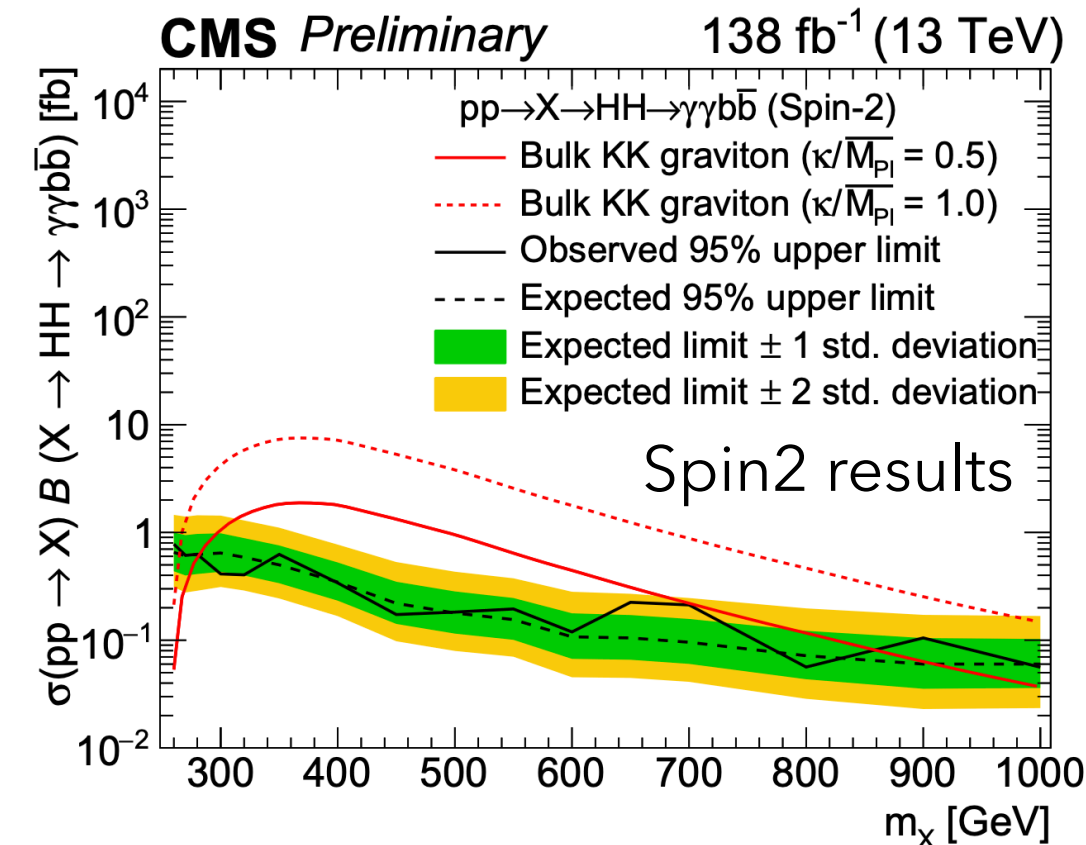
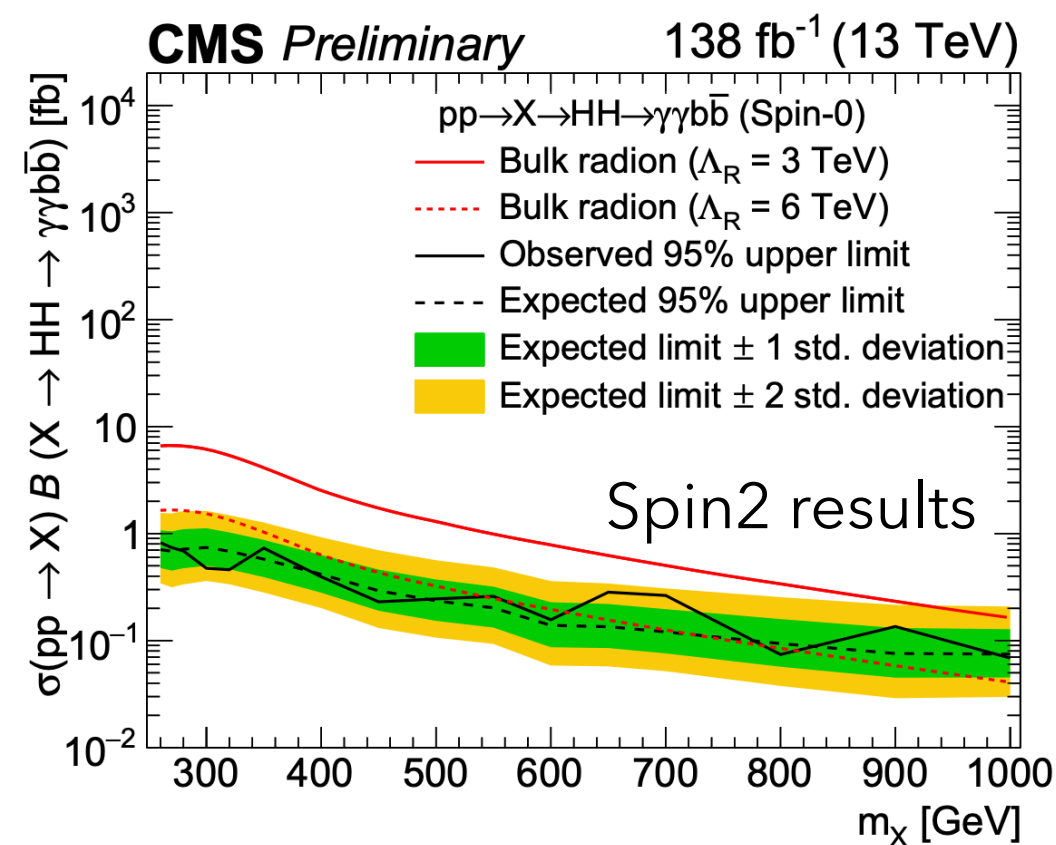


Diphoton-mass fits



Dijet mass fits

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Excess of 3.8 (2.8) σ

bbbb boosted (B2G-21-003)



Characteristics of bbbb boosted channel :

- Largest branching ratio. Low backgrounds
- At very high M_X , because of the boost, the two b-jets might merged to a fat-jet
- Explored both HH and HY scenarios, Y decays to bb, H decays to bb

Main backgrounds:

- $t\bar{t}$, QCD multijets, single Higgs

Analysis strategy:

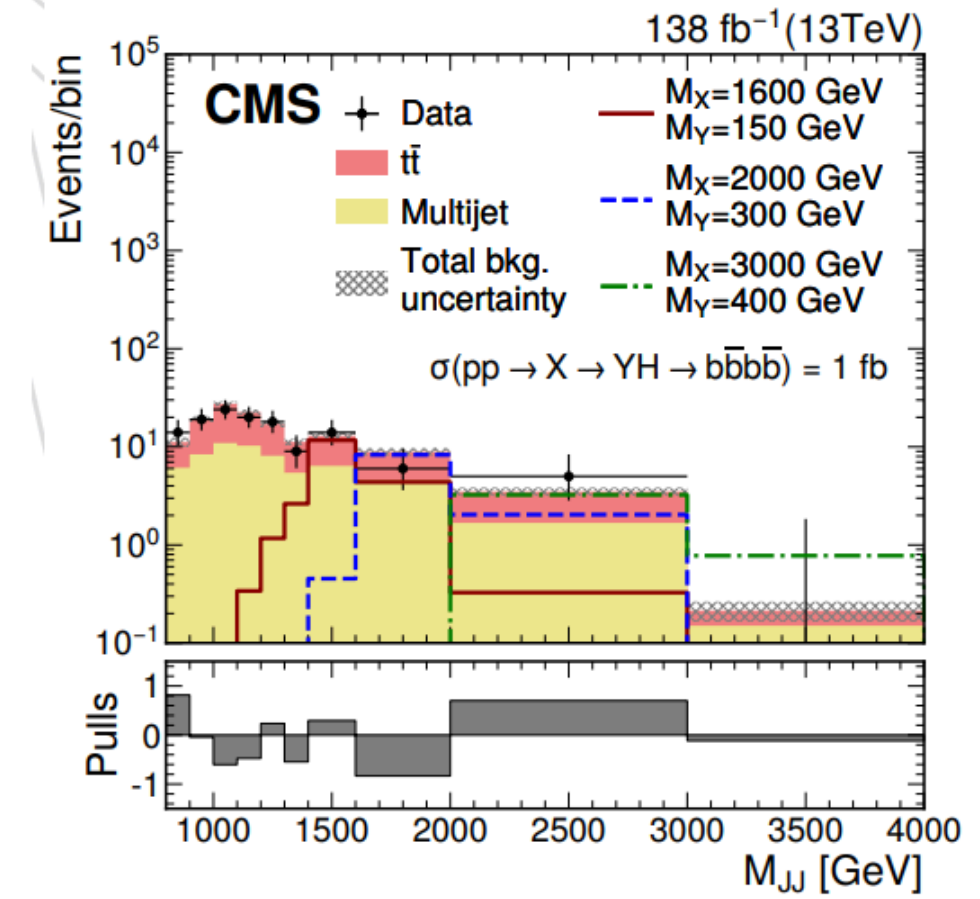
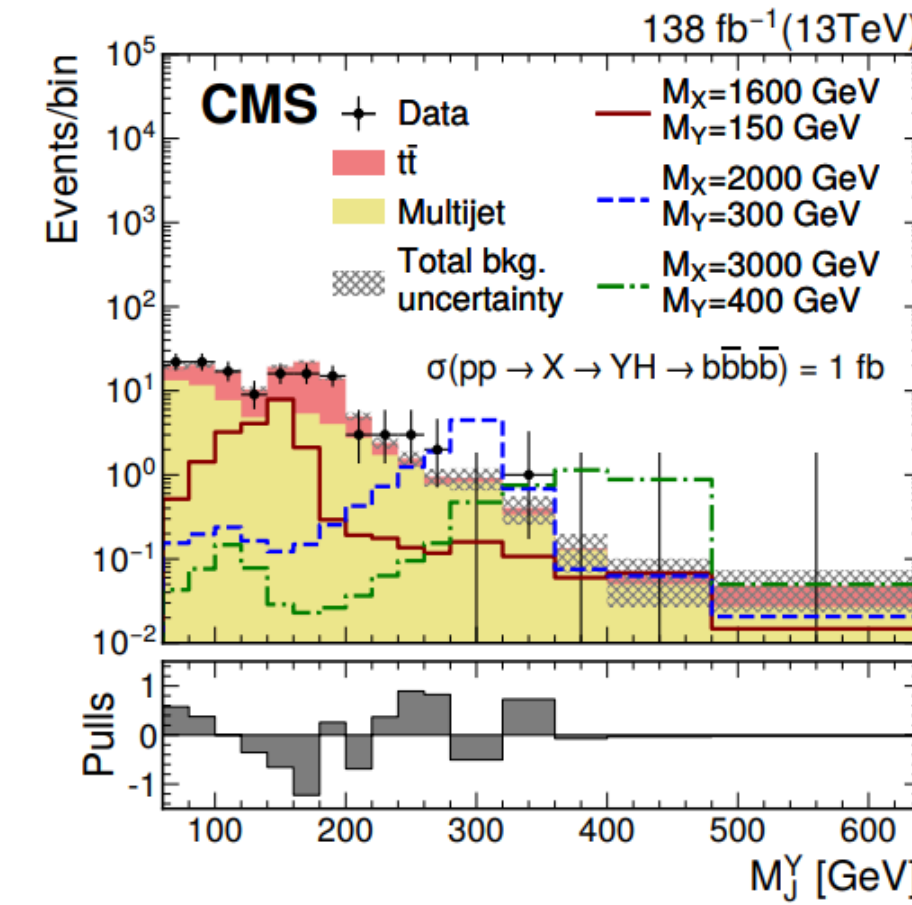
- Applied Particle-Net fat b-jet tagging to discriminate the decays of a boosted H boson to a pair of b quarks against a background of other jets

Signal extraction:

- 2D M_{jj}/M_j^Y fits

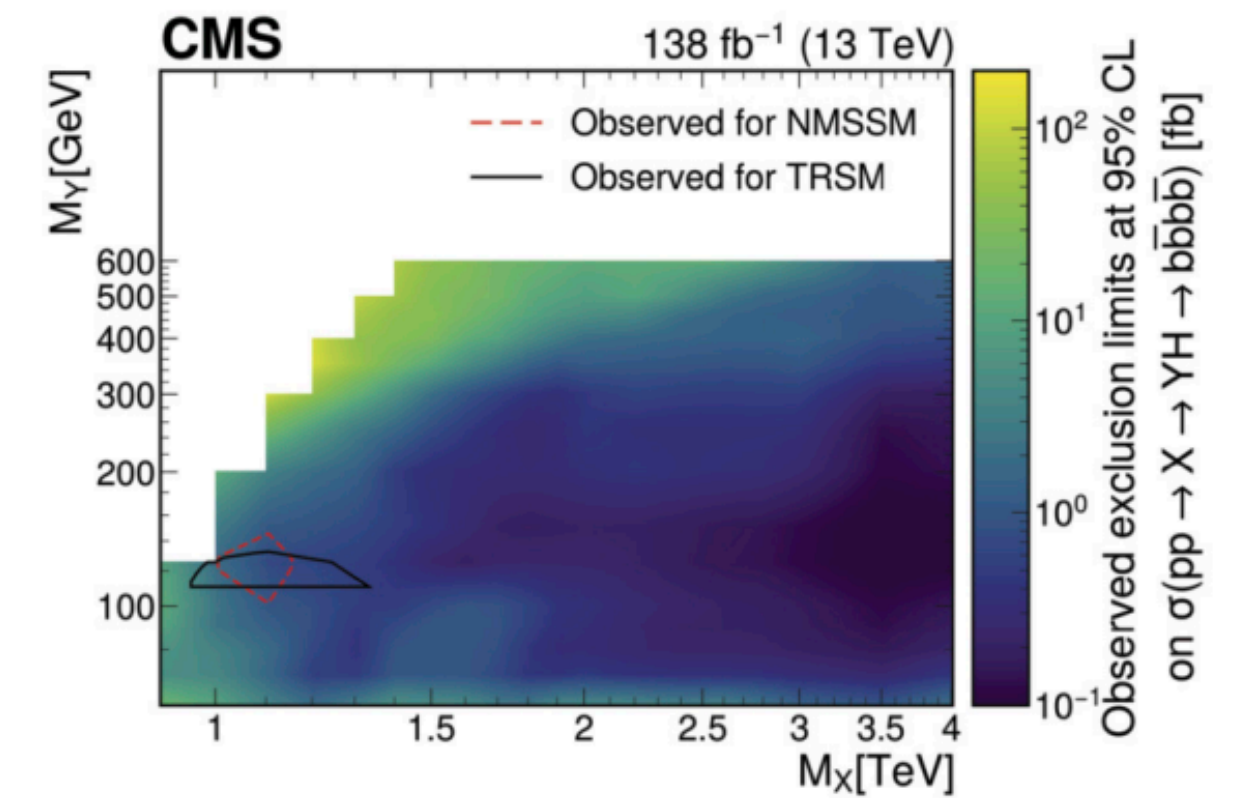
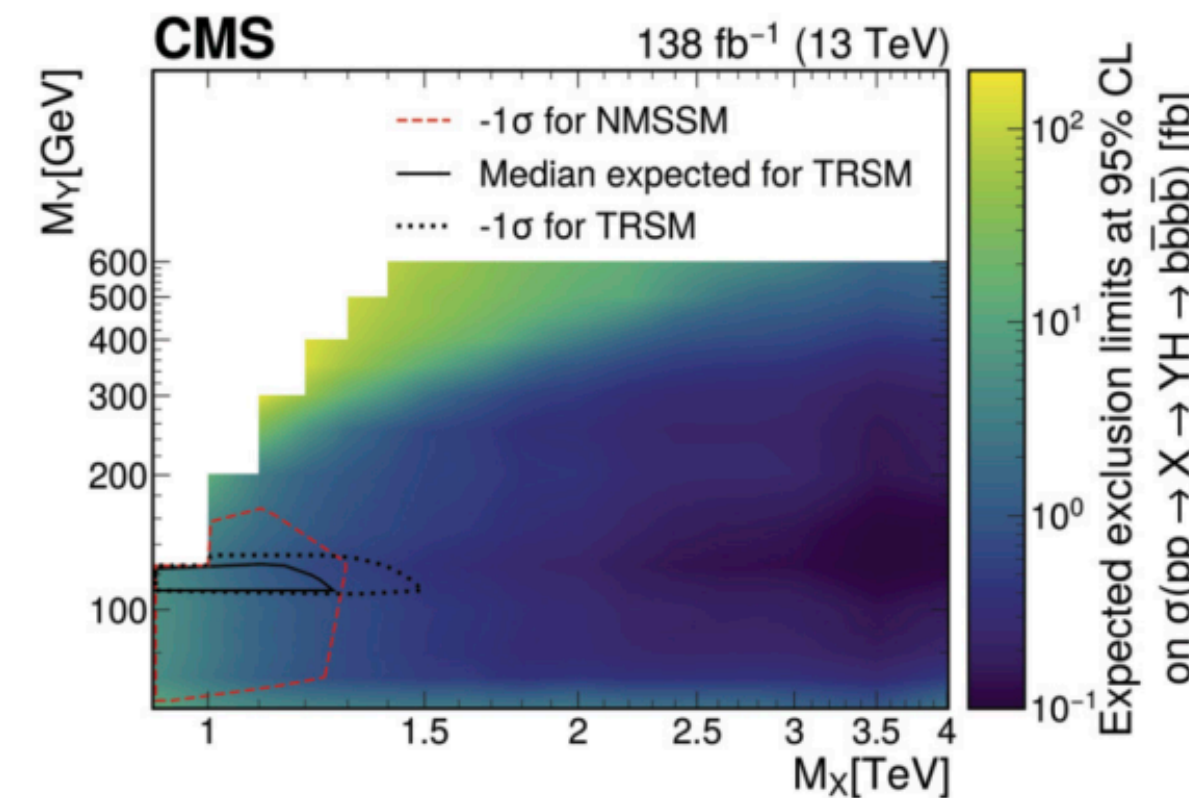
Results:

- Both **HH** and **HY** were included



Distributions of $M_Y J$ (left) and M_{JJ} (right) in the high-purity signal region of the $Y(bb)H(bb)$ analysis in the merged jet topology

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bbWW boosted (B2G-20-007)



Characteristics of bbbb boosted channel :

- 2nd Largest branching ratio
- $bbWW$ leptonic and $bb\tau\tau$ HH decay modes
- Explored HH scenario only

Main backgrounds:

- $t\bar{t}$, QCD multijets, single Higgs

Analysis strategy:

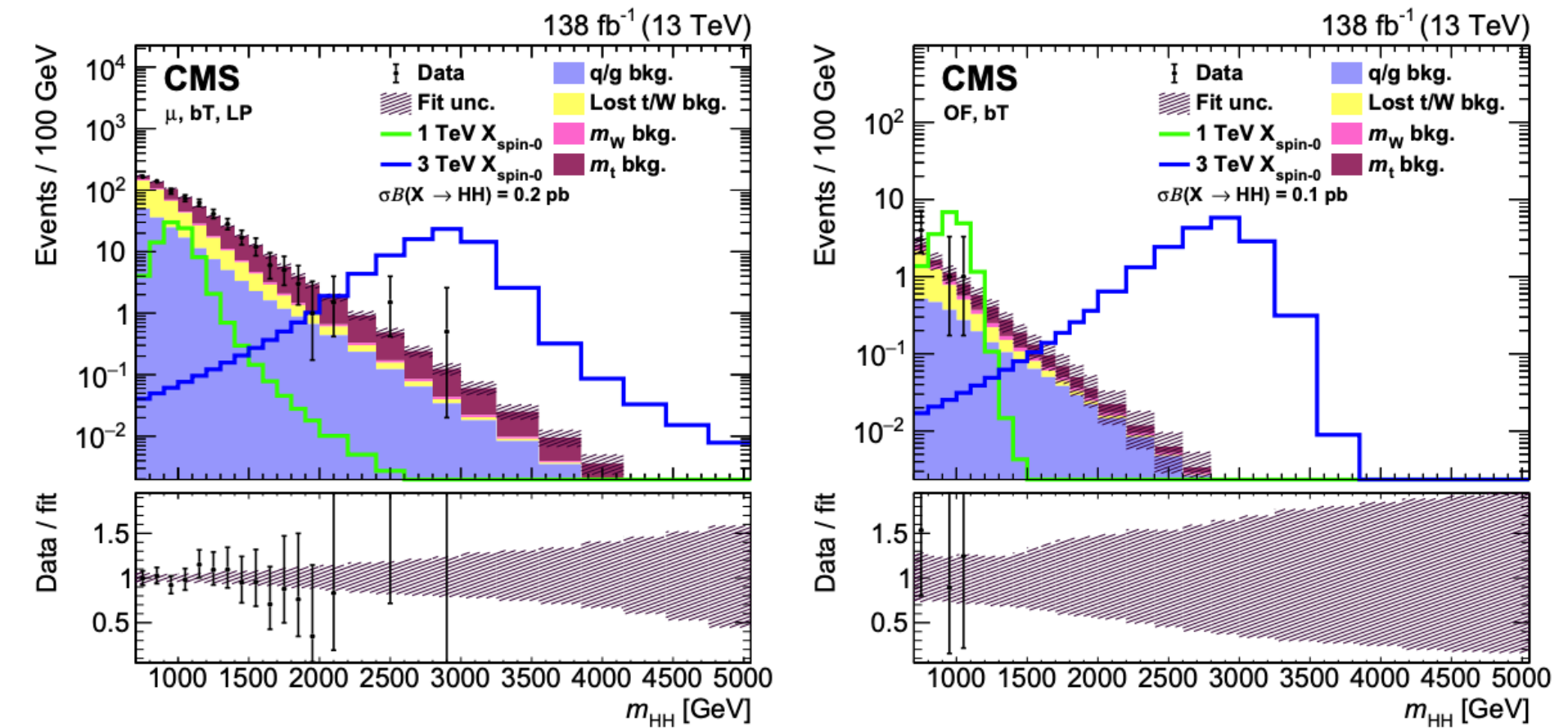
- One AK8 jet ($H \rightarrow bb$)
- Semi-leptonic: 1 lepton + 1 more AK8 jet in $bbWW$
- Di-leptonic: 2 leptons final states of $bbWW$ and $bb\tau\tau$
- Categorise events into different cats base on the flavor of the leptons, the purity of the $H \rightarrow WW$, and the working points of $H \rightarrow bb$.
- Additional b-tagged AK4 jets (DeepJet) are vetoed

Signal extraction:

- Fit to the 2D mX/mbb distribution with 4 background and 1 signal template

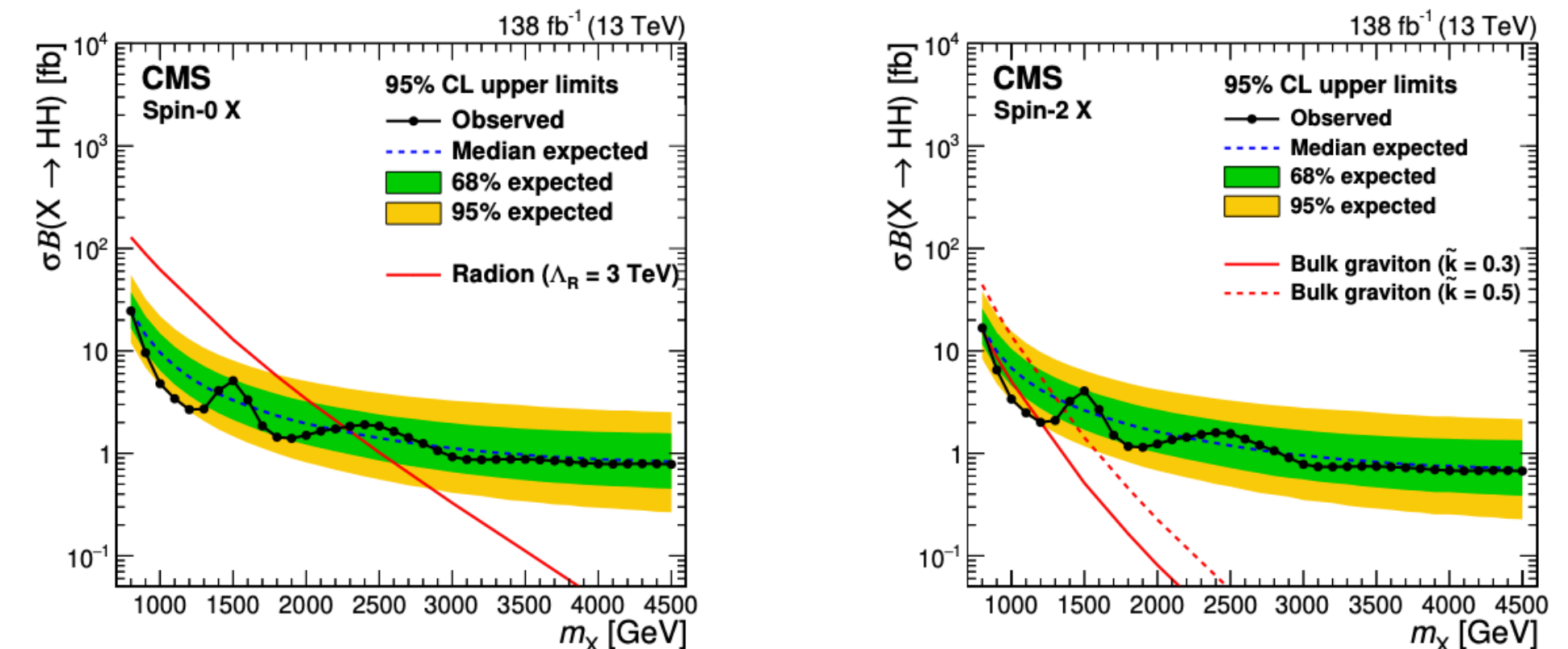
Results:

- Only HH results



The m_{HH} distributions in data and the estimated background from SM processes in selected SL (left) and DL (right) categories

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Spin-0 results

Spin-2 results

Multilepton(HIG-21-002)



Characteristics of $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ channel :

- Includes $WWWW$, $WW\tau_h\tau_h$ and $\tau_h\tau_h\tau_h\tau_h$ decay modes
 - 7% coverage in HH branching ratios

- HH only analysis

Main backgrounds:

- WZ, ZZ, Misidentified lepton, Conversion electrons, single Higgs ...

Analysis strategy:

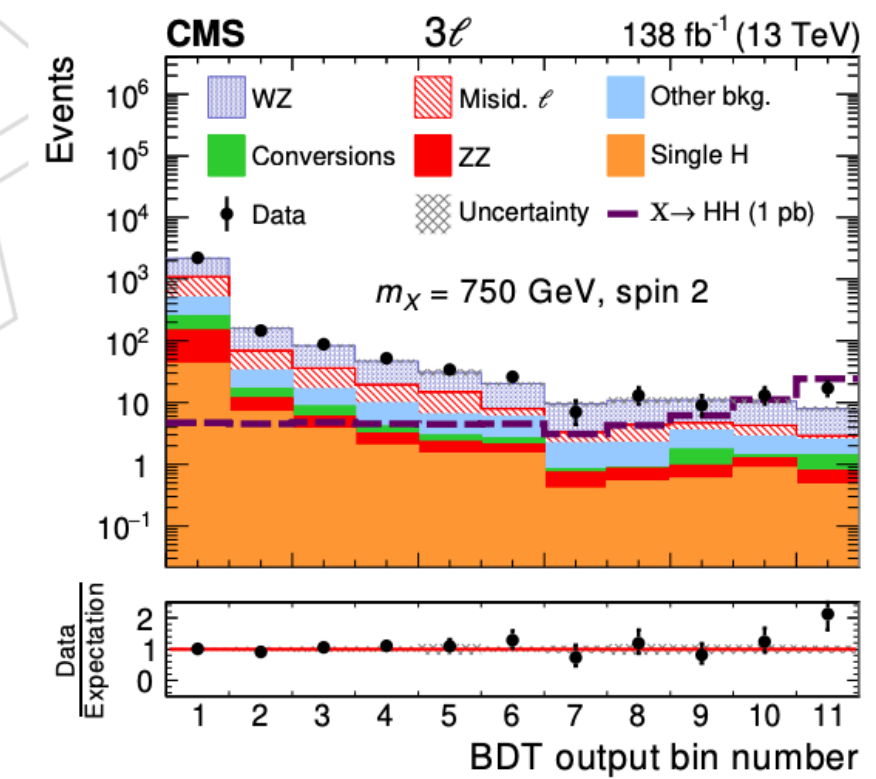
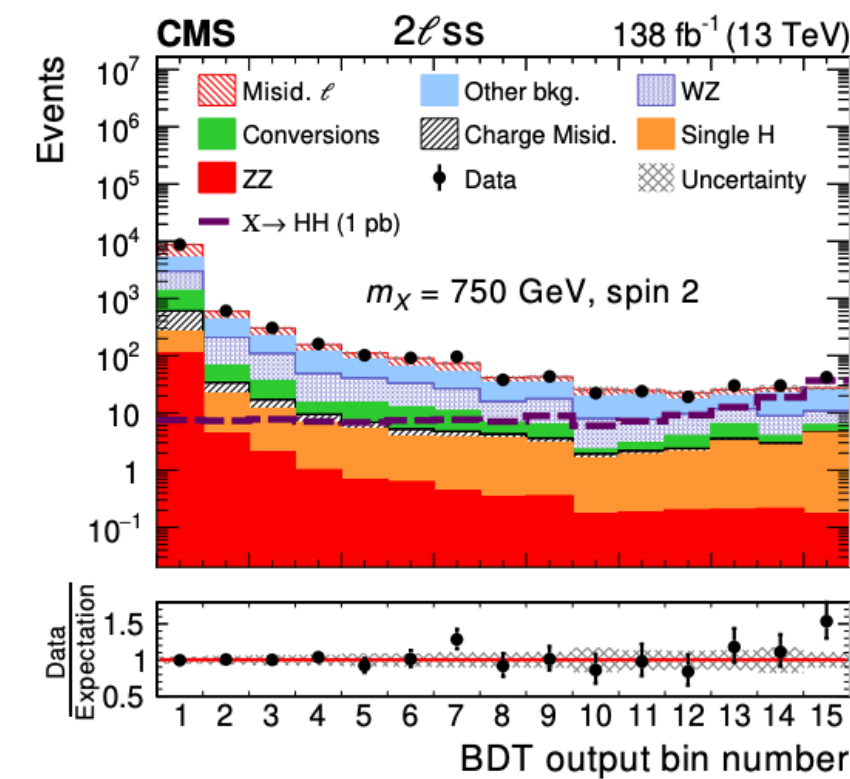
- Separate 7 sub-channels based on the number and the flavour of leptons
- Training BDT to distinguish non-resonant signal, resonant spin-0 signal and resonant spin-2 signal from the backgrounds
- For HY scan, trained parametric MVA by using resonant mass as inputs.
- Applied b-veto to remove overlap

Signal extraction:

- Simultaneous maximum likelihood fits of BDT outputs

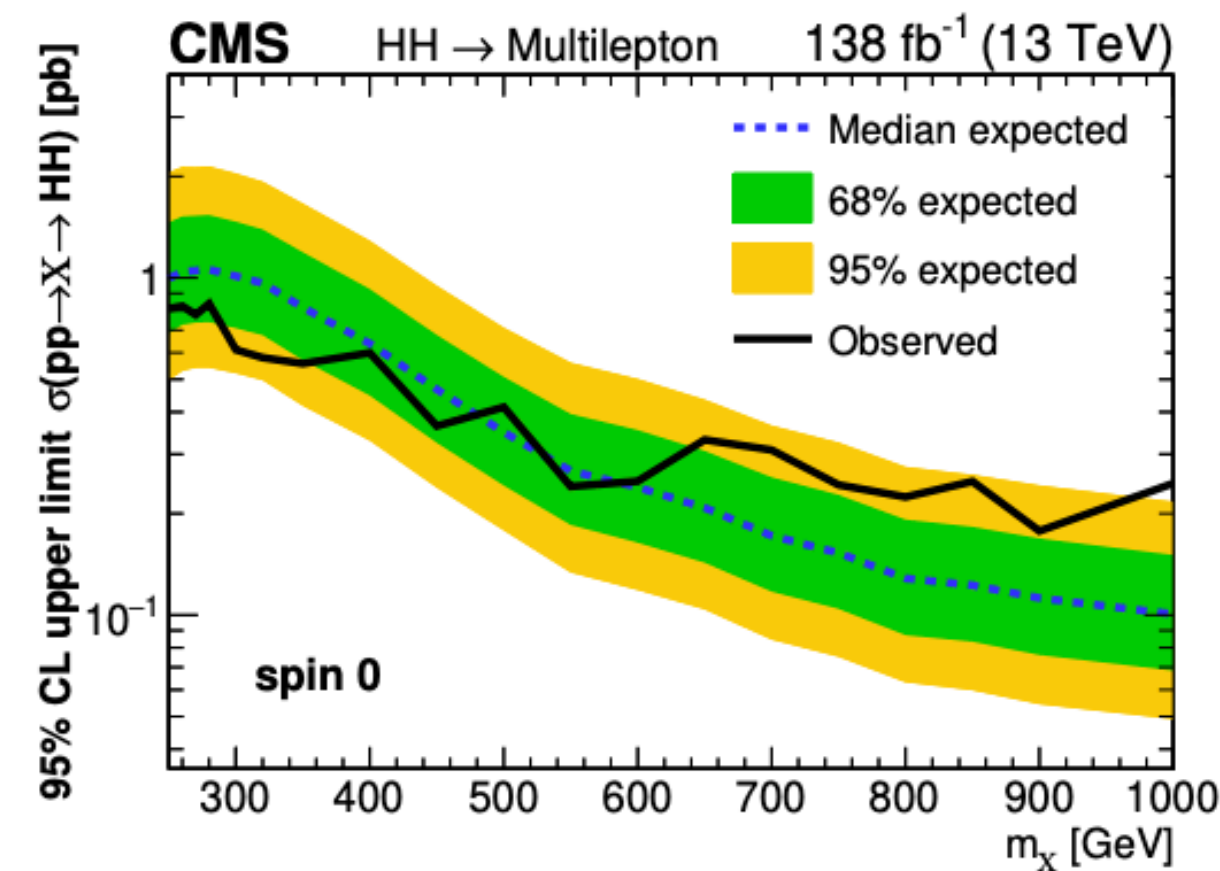
Results:

- **Only HH results**, HY not included.

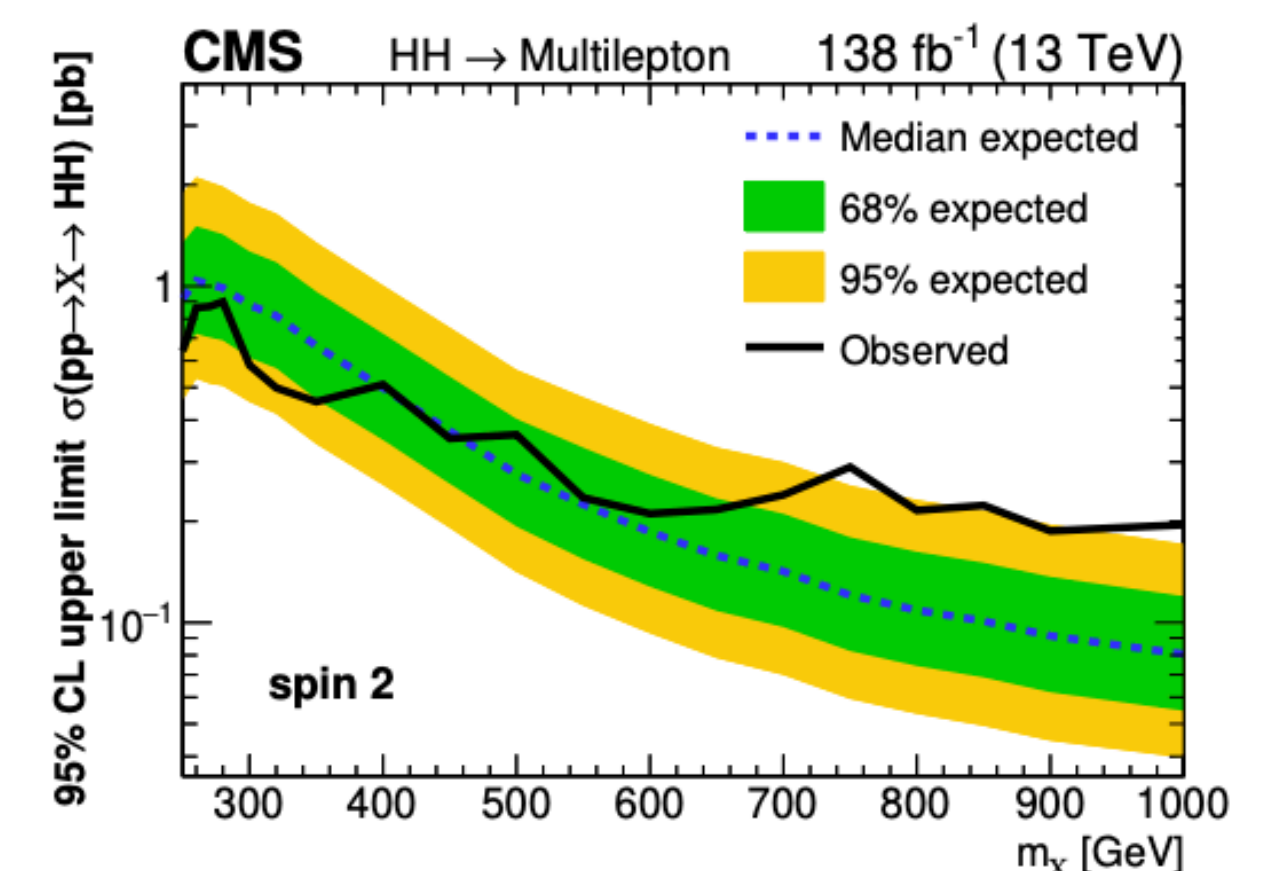


Distribution in BDT classifier output for resonances of spin 2 and mass 750 GeV in the 2ℓss (left) and 3ℓ (right) categories.

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Spin0 result



Spin2 result

Backup: bbWW resolved (HIG-21-005)



Characteristics of bbbb boosted channel :

- 2nd Largest branching ratio
- Include semi-leptonic and di-leptonic decays of $H \rightarrow WW$
- Explored HH scenario only

Main backgrounds:

- top related bkg , QCD multijets, W+Jets, DY+Multiboson, misidentified lepton, single Higgs

Analysis strategy:

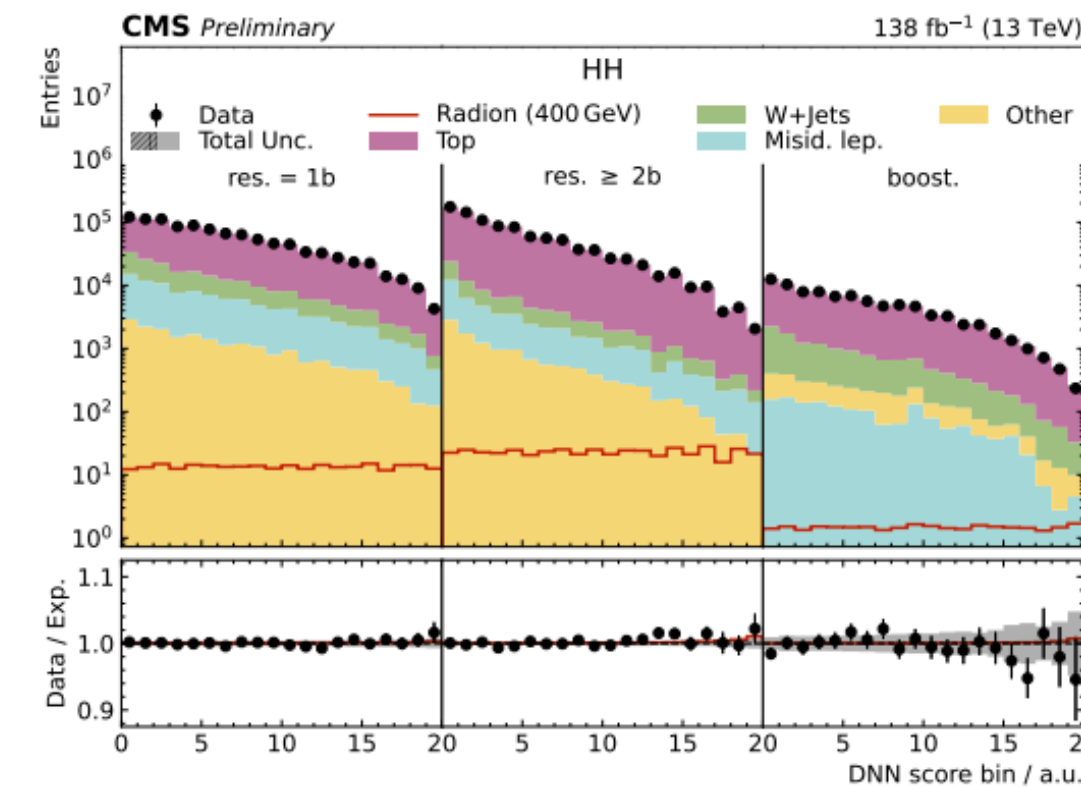
- b-jets selection: DeepJet (AK4 jets) DeepCSV (AK8 subjets)
- Training DNN to classify the events
 - The signal categories are further divided into sub-categories according to the b-jet topology and multiplicity
- In di-leptonic channel, designed a Heavy Mass Estimator (HME) to reconstruct the resonance.

Signal extraction:

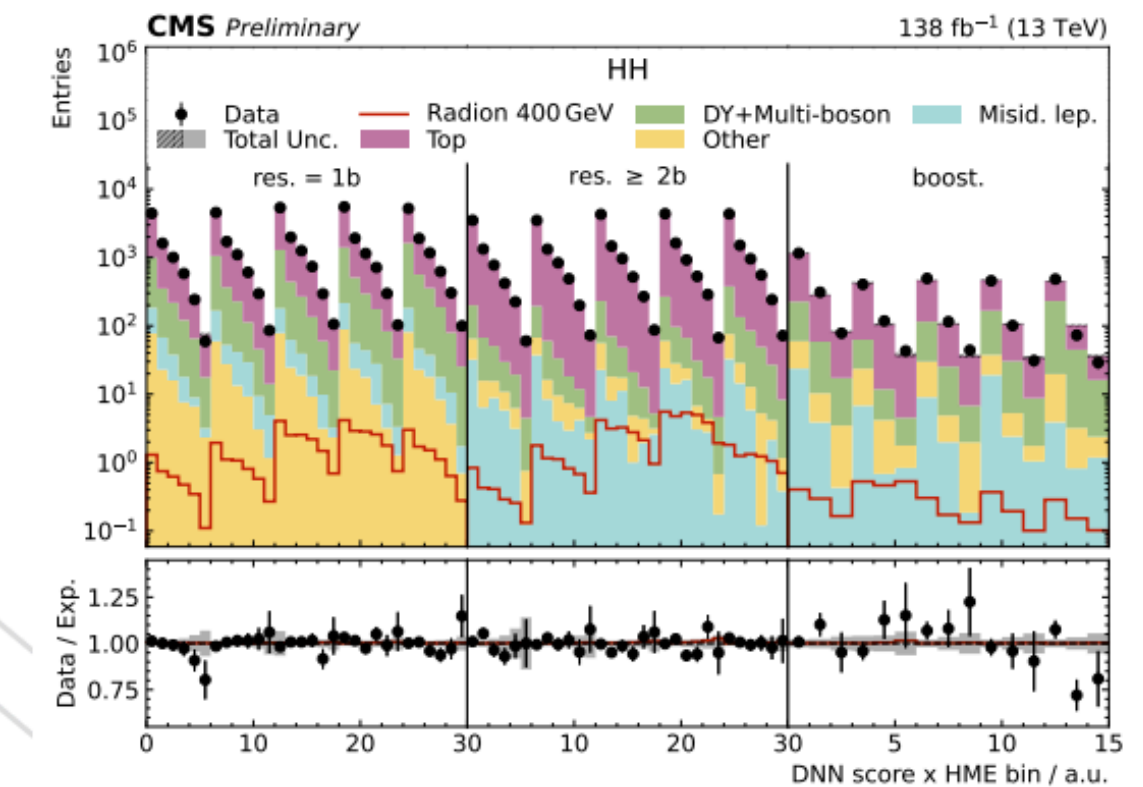
- Fit to the DNN outputs

Results:

- **Only HH results**

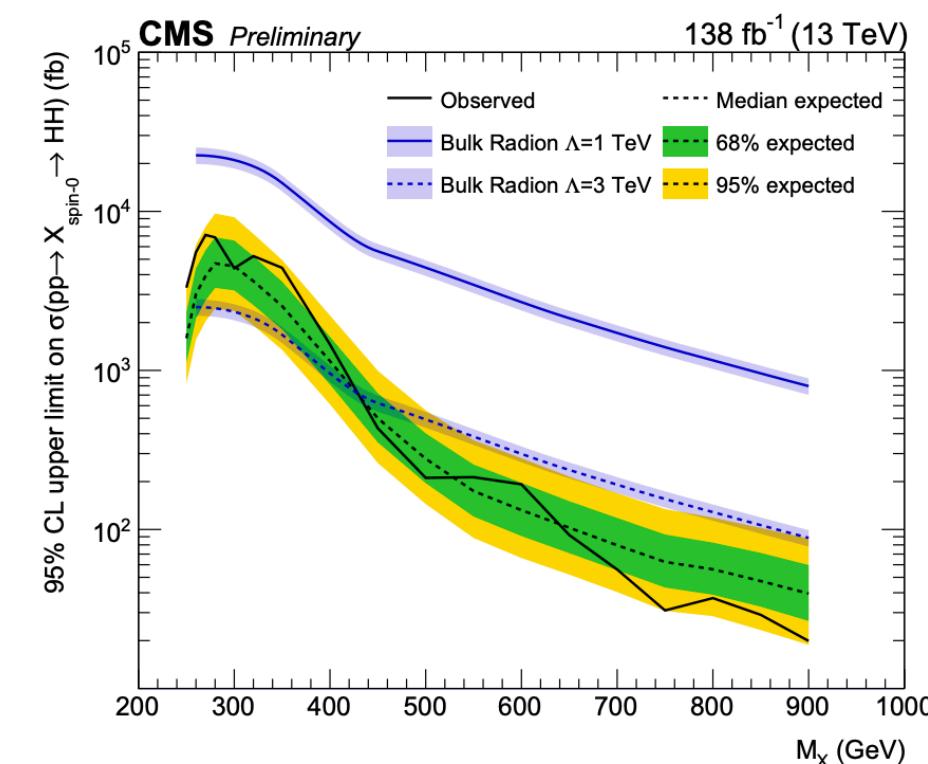


DNN output in semi-leptonic channel

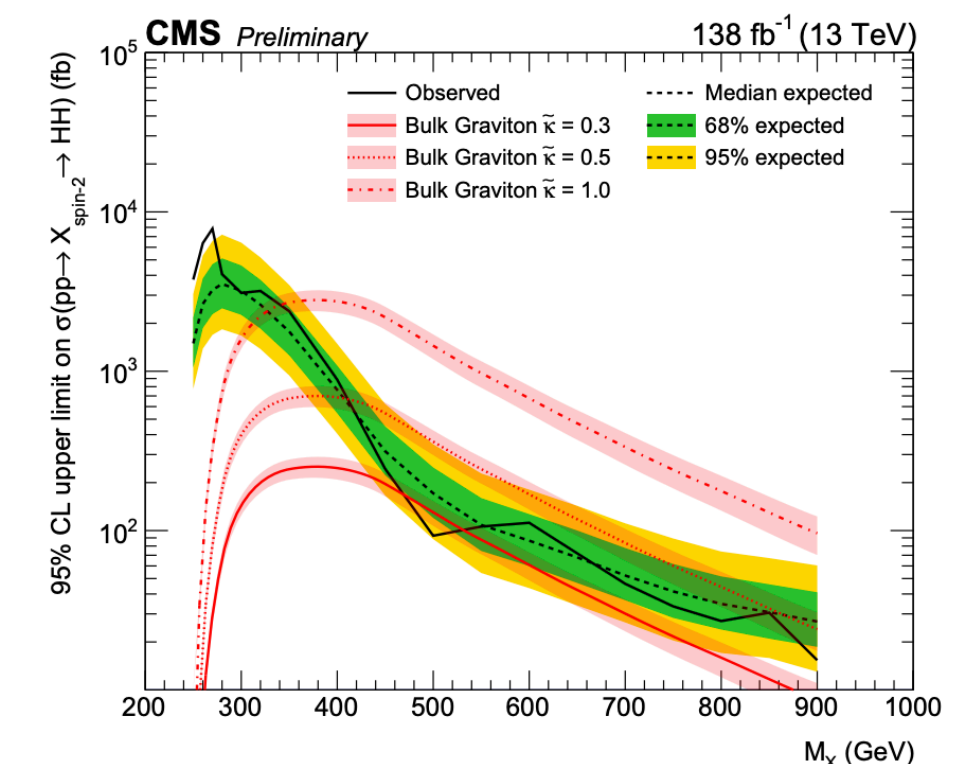


DNN output in di-leptonic channel

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Spin-0 results



Spin-2 results

Characteristics of bb $\tau\tau$ channel :

- Select events with a reconstructed tau lepton pair in the final states $\tau_h\tau_h, e\tau_h, \mu\tau_h$ (Covered $\sim 88\%$ $\tau\tau$ decays)
- HY only analysis, Higgs decays to $\tau\tau$, Y decays to bb

Main backgrounds:

- Z, $t\bar{t}$, diboson, WJets, fake τ , QCD, single Higgs

Analysis strategy:

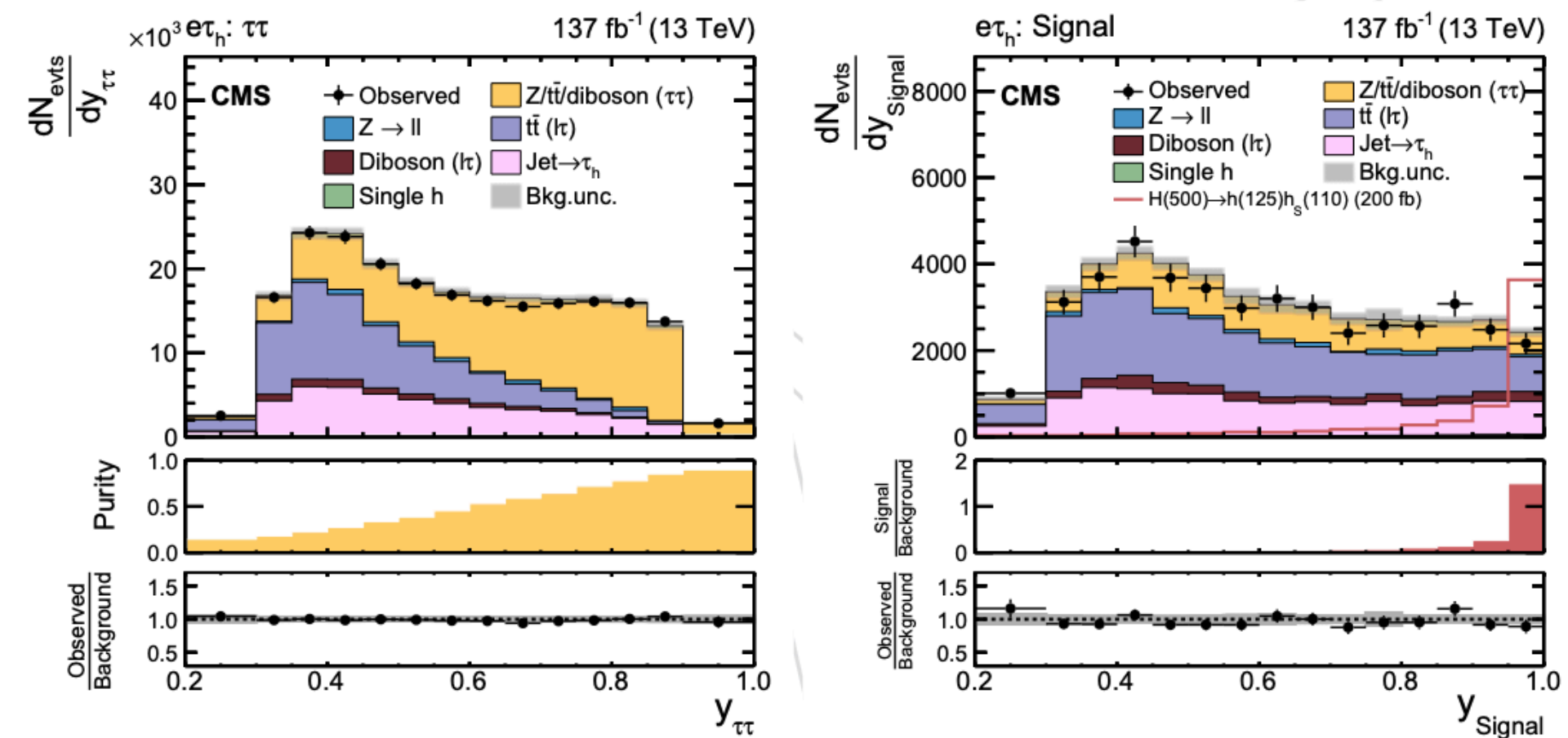
- Select a least (b jet + jet) + 1 $\tau\tau$ pair
- Train multi-classification neural-network to separate signal from:
 - Genuine $\tau\tau$
 - Remaining top-quark pairs
 - Jet $\rightarrow\tau$ h misidentified
 - Miscellaneous smaller backgrounds: Z $\rightarrow ll$, diboson, single top and single Higgs

Signal extraction:

- Maximum likelihood fits on neural-network outputs

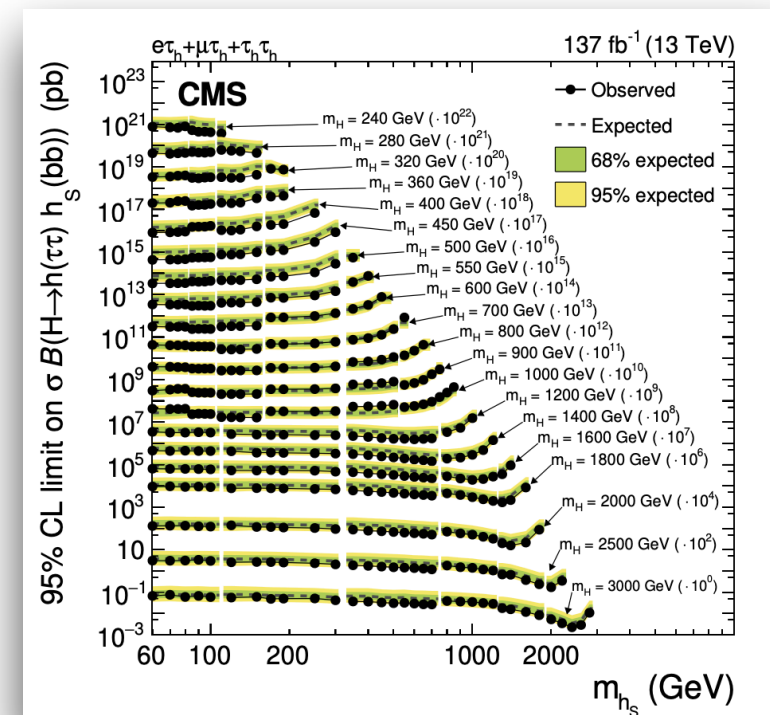
Results:

- **Only HY results**, emulate HH results for combination

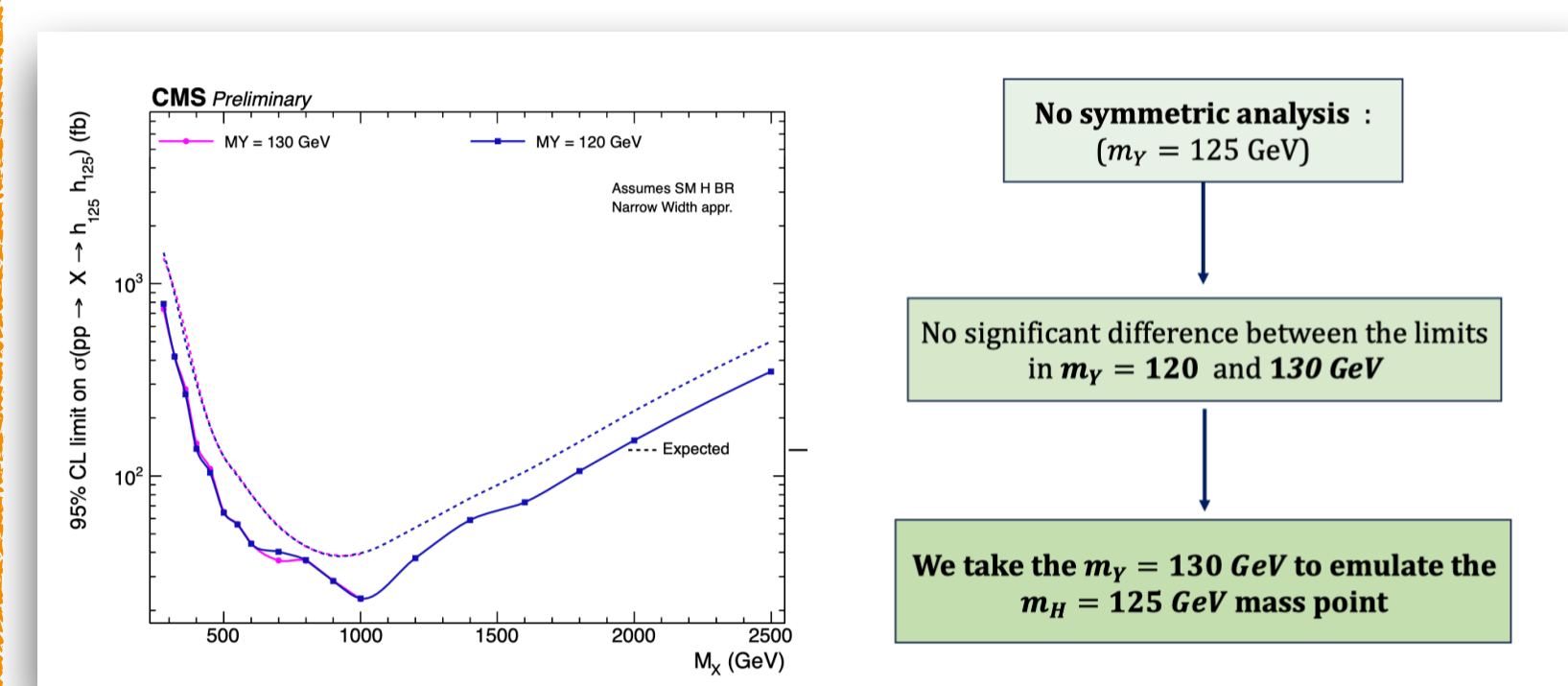


Distributions of the NN output scores, in different event categories after NN classification

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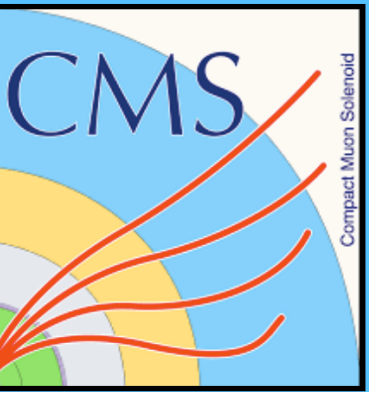


Original HY results



Emulation of HH results

VH searches: sub-TeV mass region

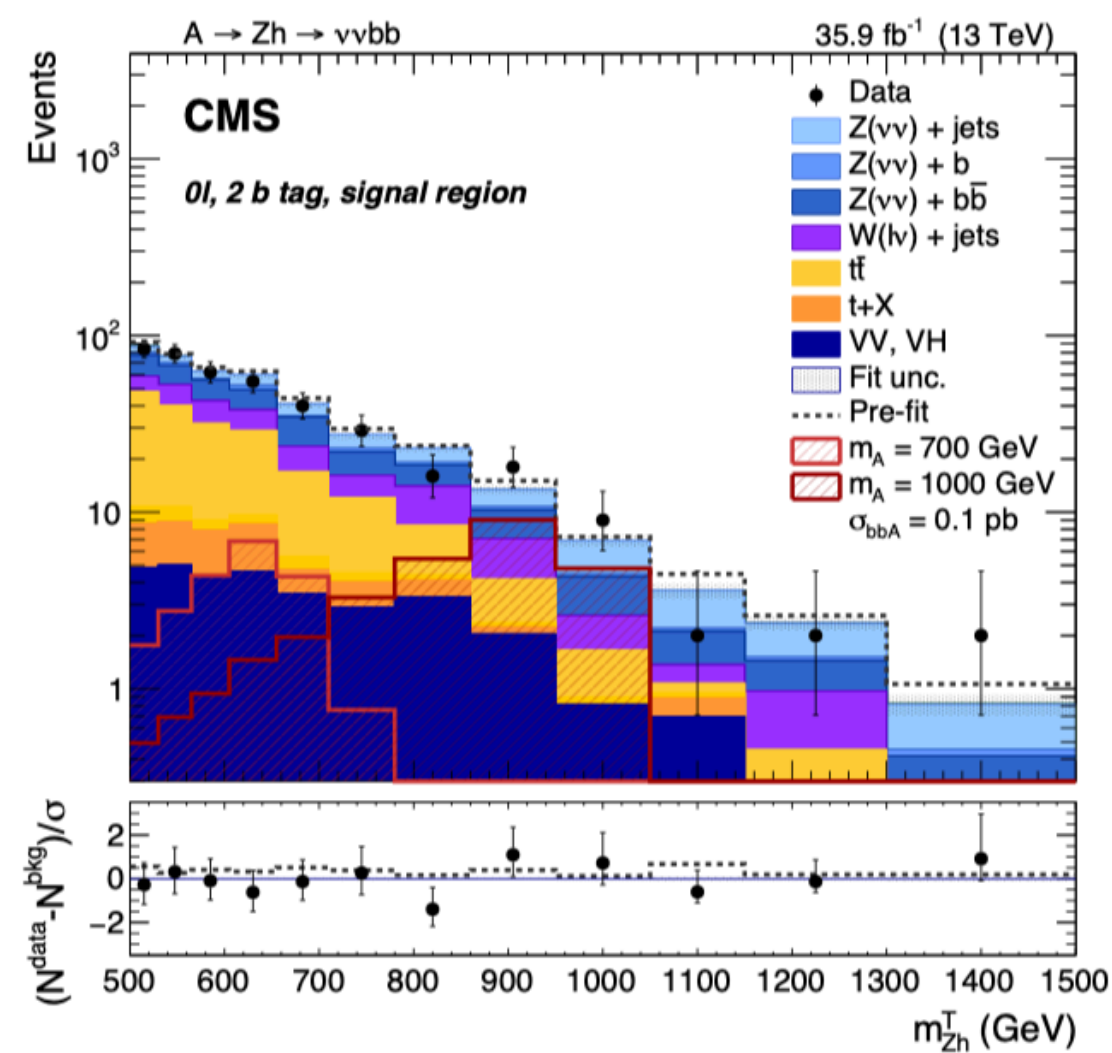


► Search for Higgs bosons through $A \rightarrow ZH$ decay mode, in the mass range below 1 TeV

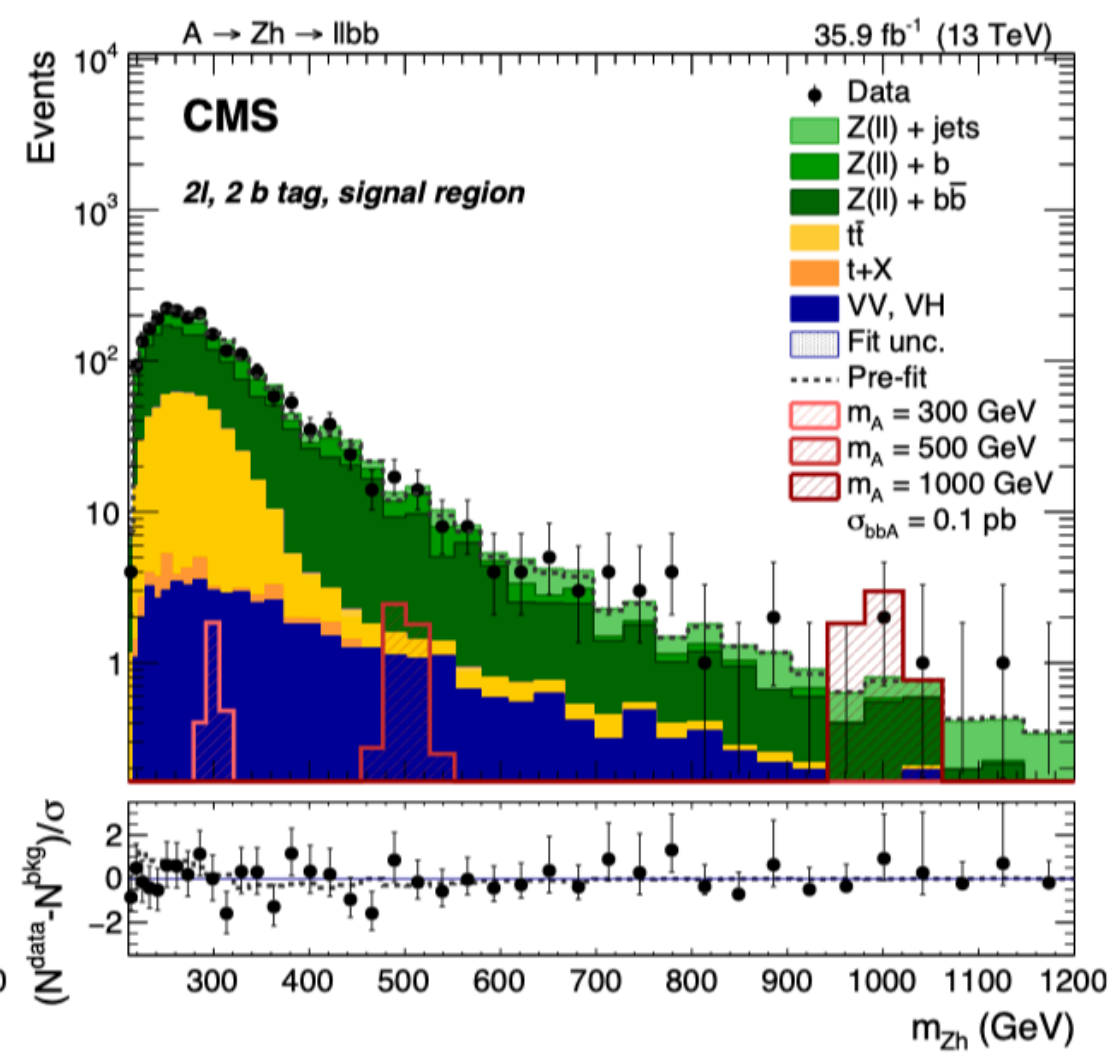
► Based on 2016 data only

- $H \rightarrow bb$ decay channel, $Z \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu, \nu\nu$
- $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ decay channel, $Z \rightarrow ee$ or $\mu\mu$

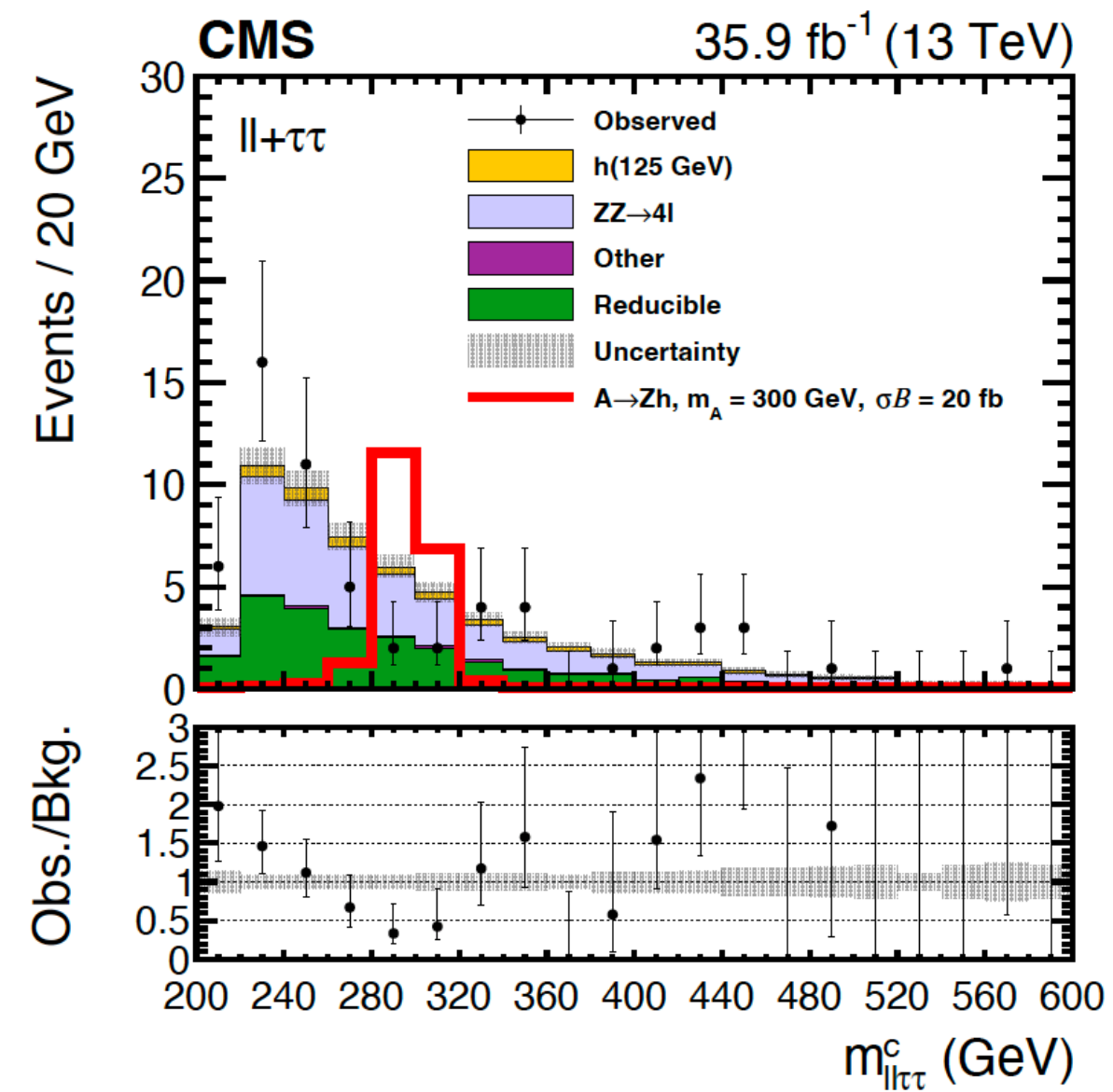
$$m_{ZH}^T = \sqrt{2p_T^{\text{miss}} p_T^H [1 - \cos \Delta\phi(H, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})]}$$



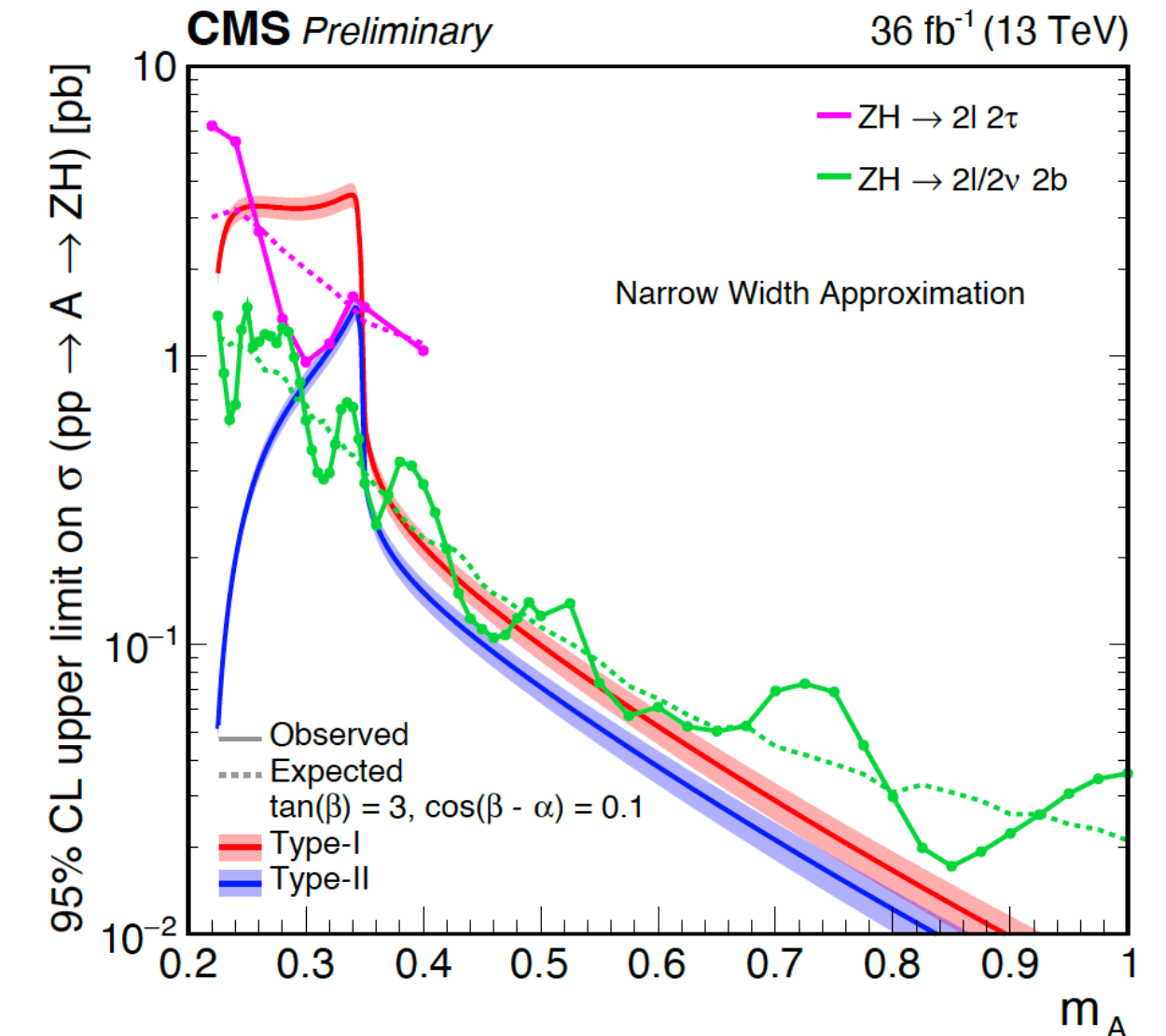
$A \rightarrow Z(\nu\nu)H(bb)$



$A \rightarrow Z(ee \text{ or } \mu\mu)H(bb)$



$A \rightarrow Z(ee \text{ or } \mu\mu)H(\tau\tau)$



upper limits compared to 2HDM Type-I and Type-II models

VH searches: high mass region



► Leptonic V boson decays:

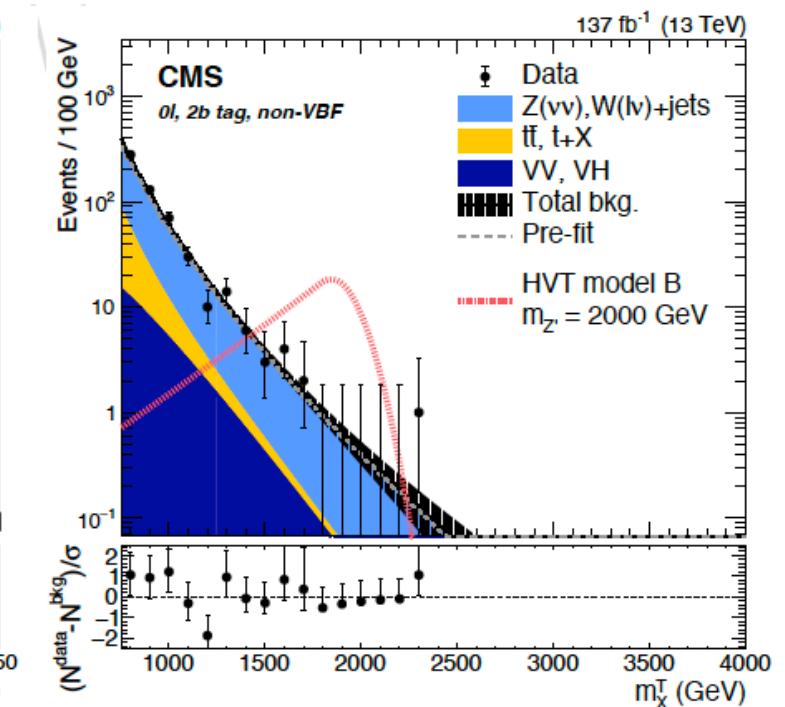
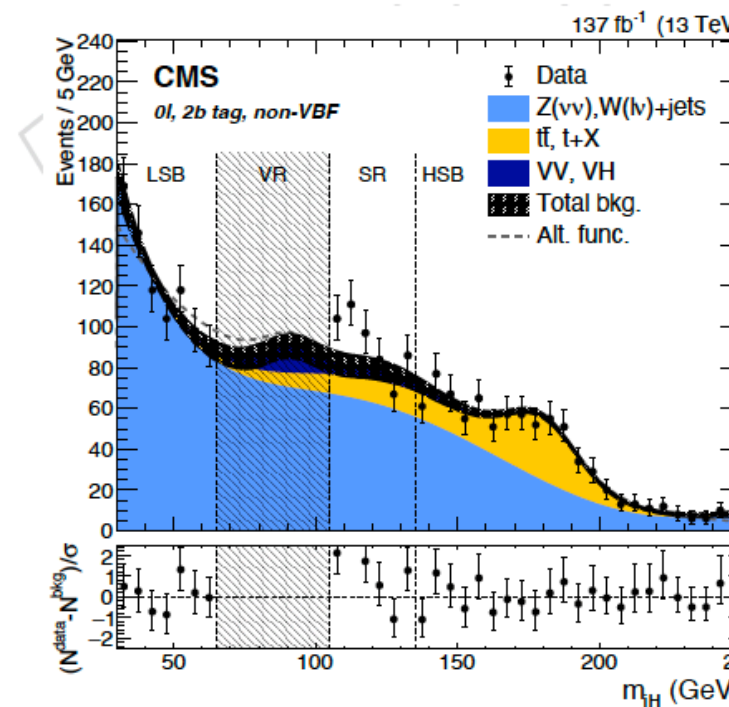
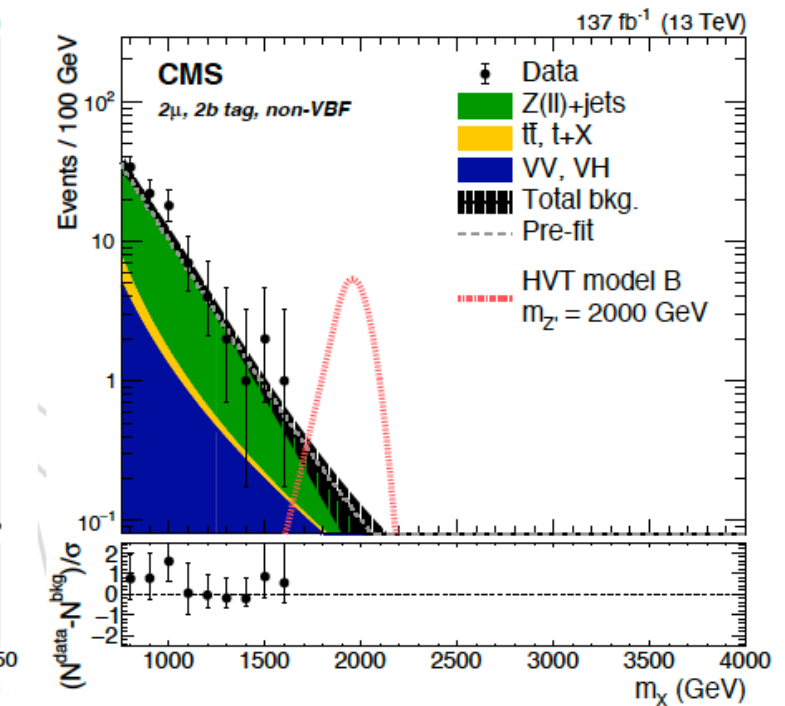
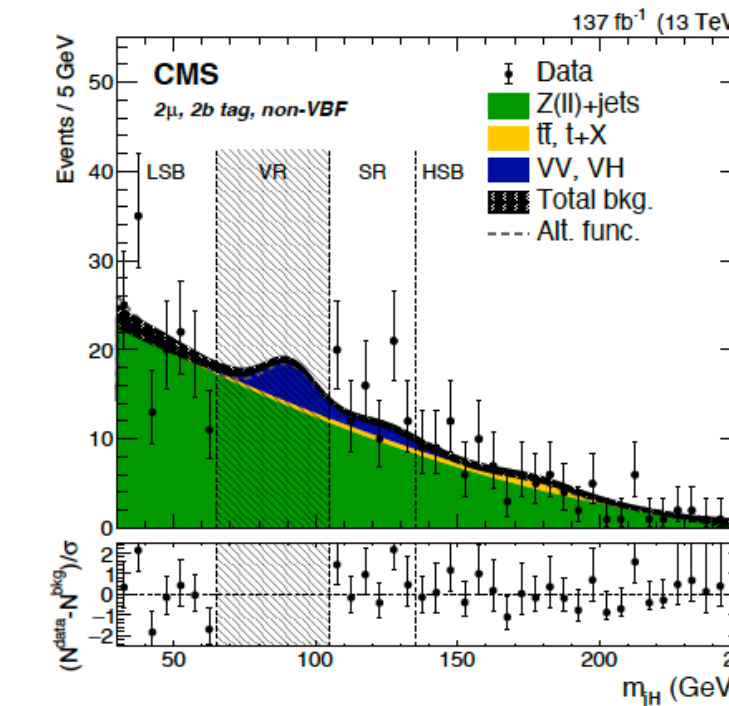
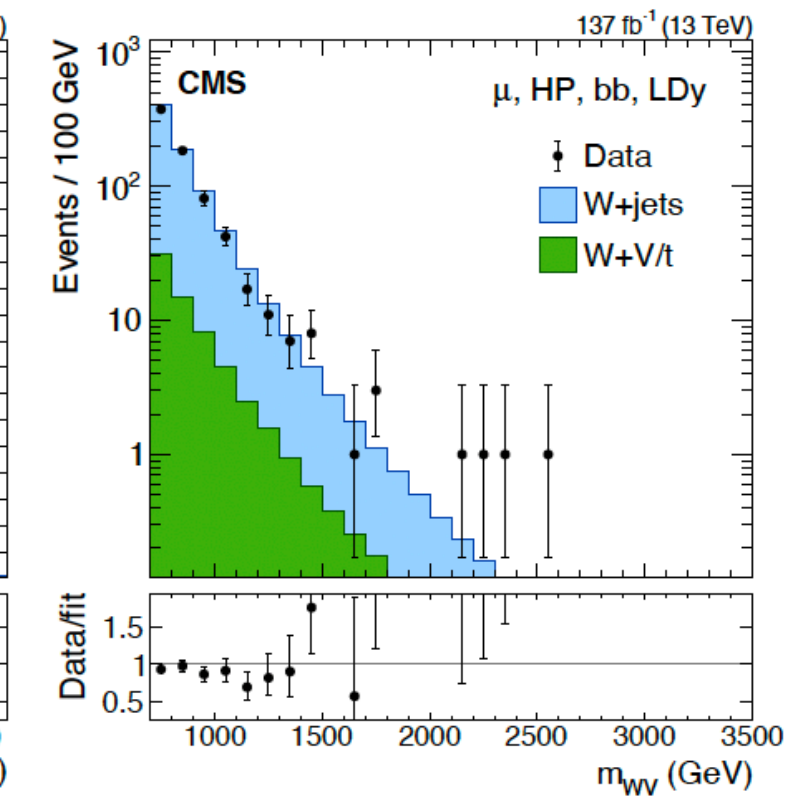
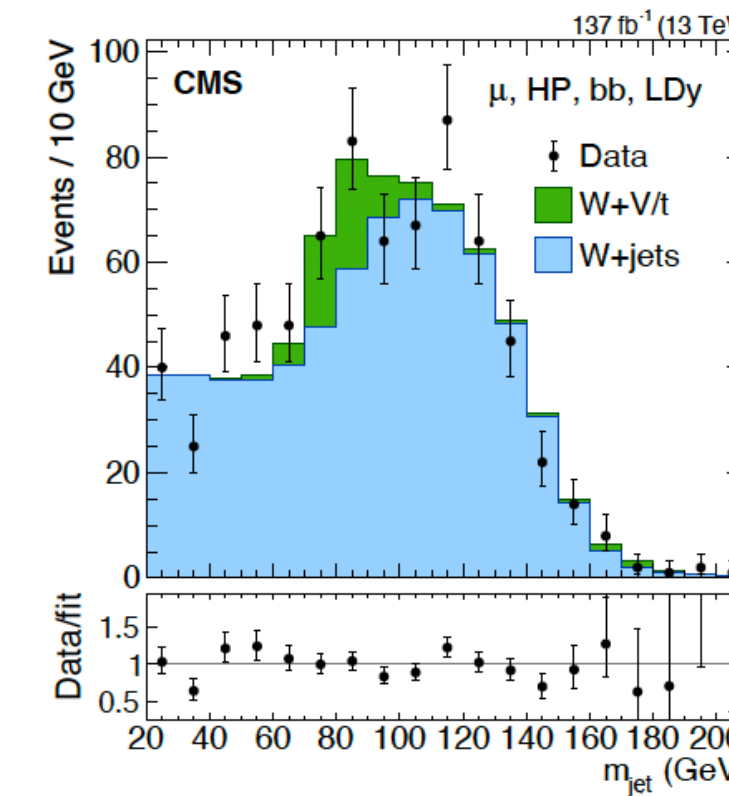
- presence of an isolated electron (muon) with $p_T > 115$ (55) GeV
 - W(lv) channel: + $p_T(\text{miss}) > 80$ (40) GeV in the electron (muon) case
 - Z(ll) channels: + a second lepton with $p_T > 20$ GeV and with the same flavour as the first lepton
- Z(vv) channel: absence of leptons, $p_T(\text{miss}) > 250$ GeV

► AK8 jet as $H \rightarrow bb$ candidate

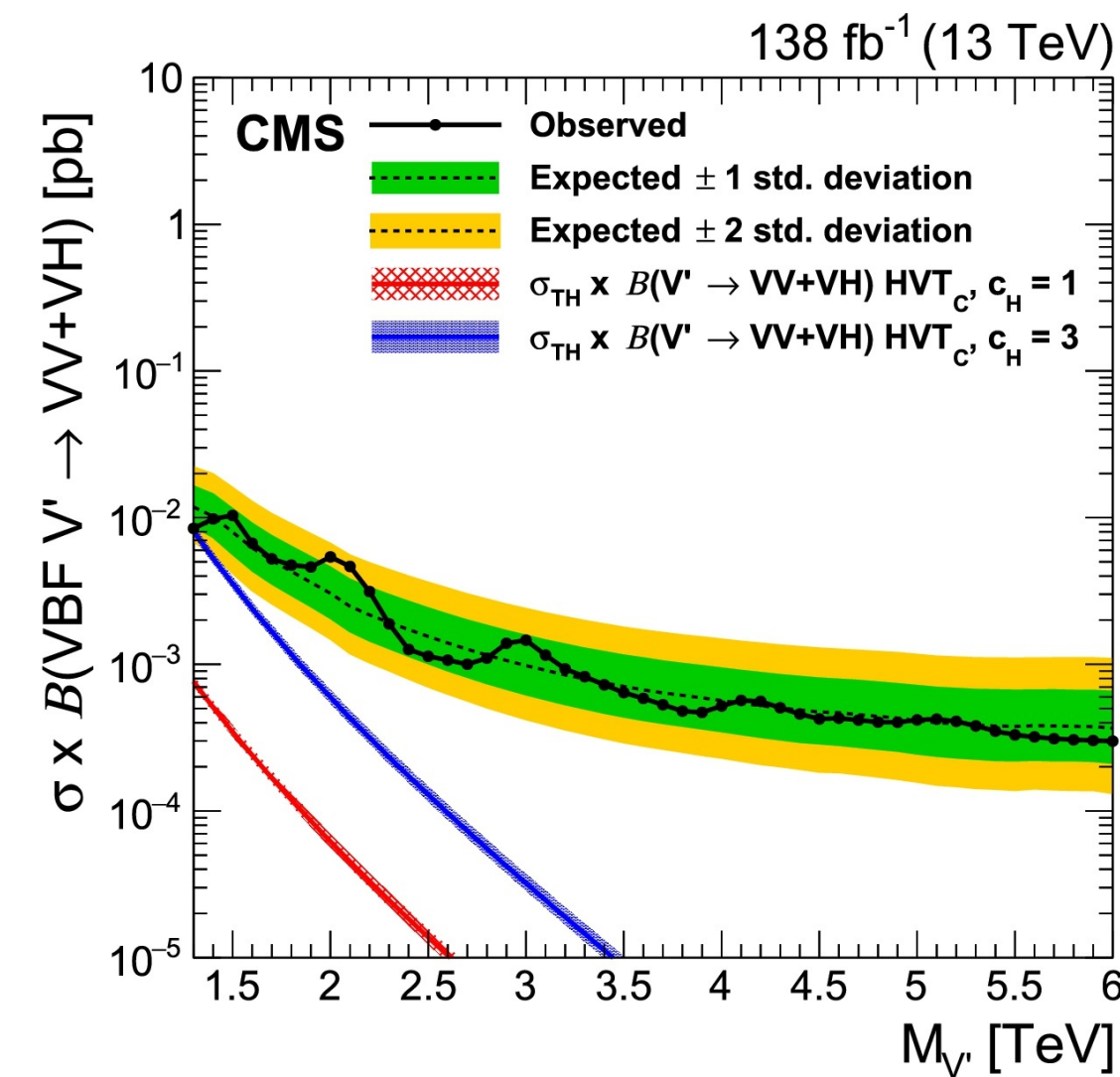
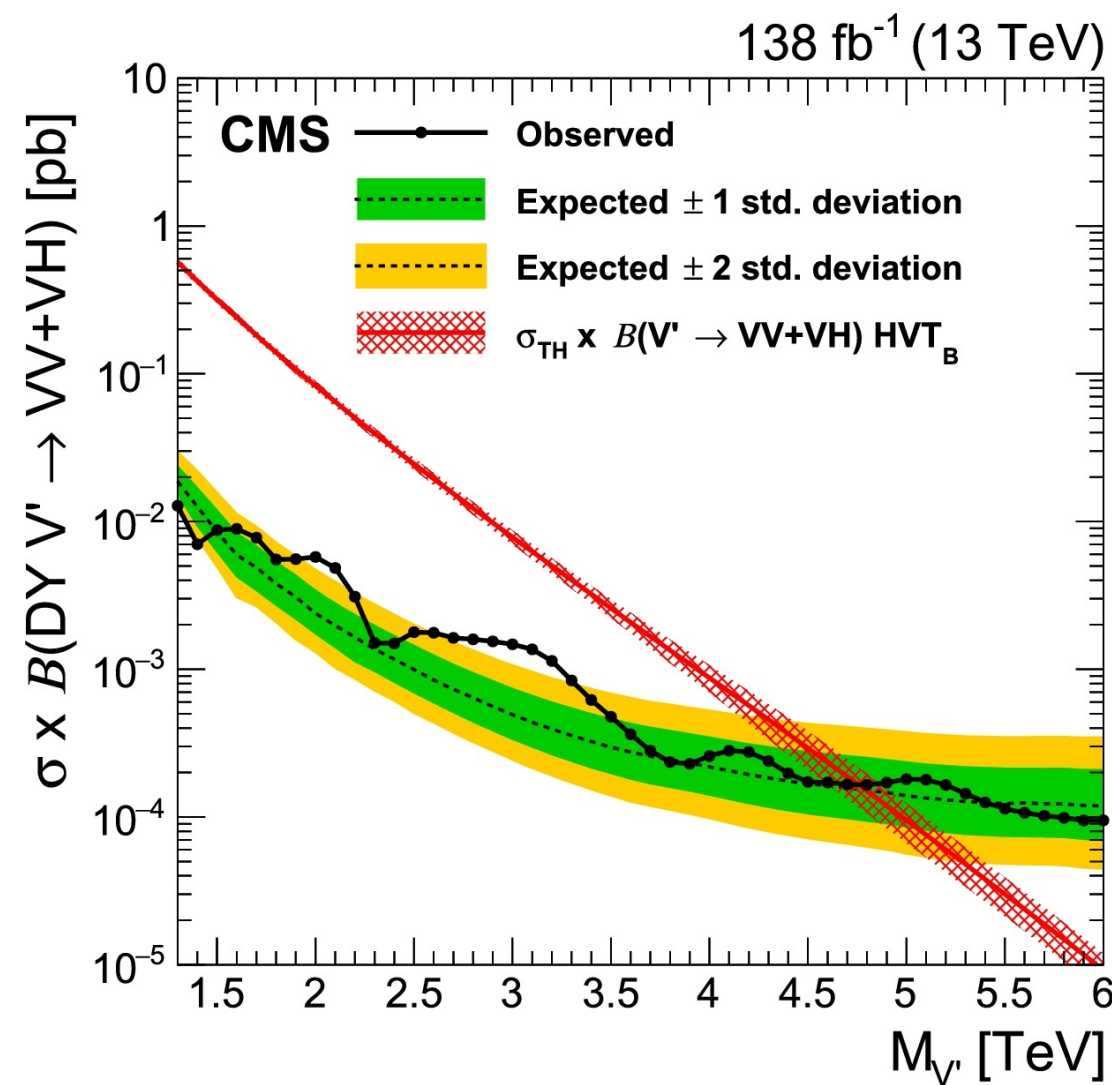
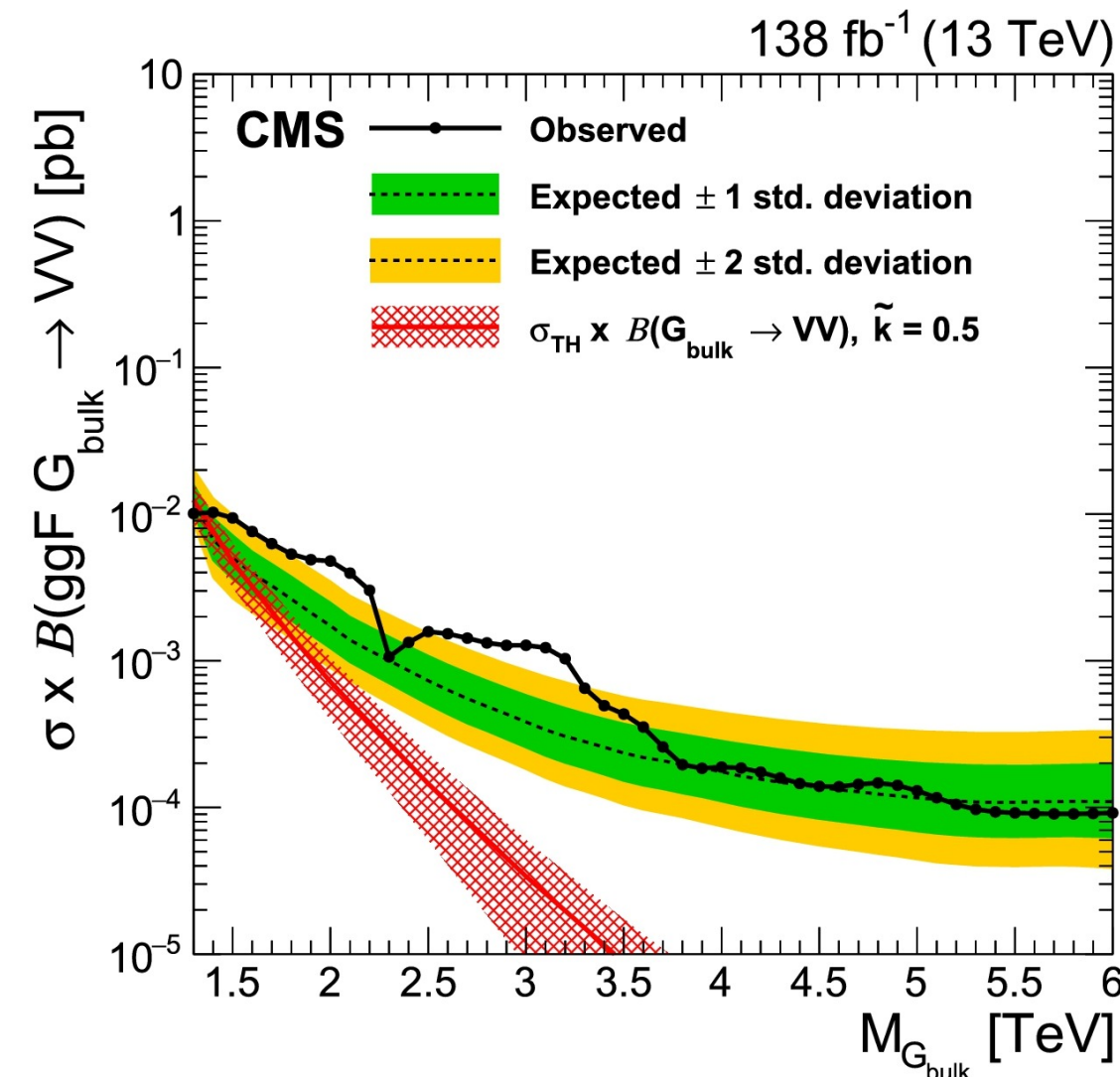
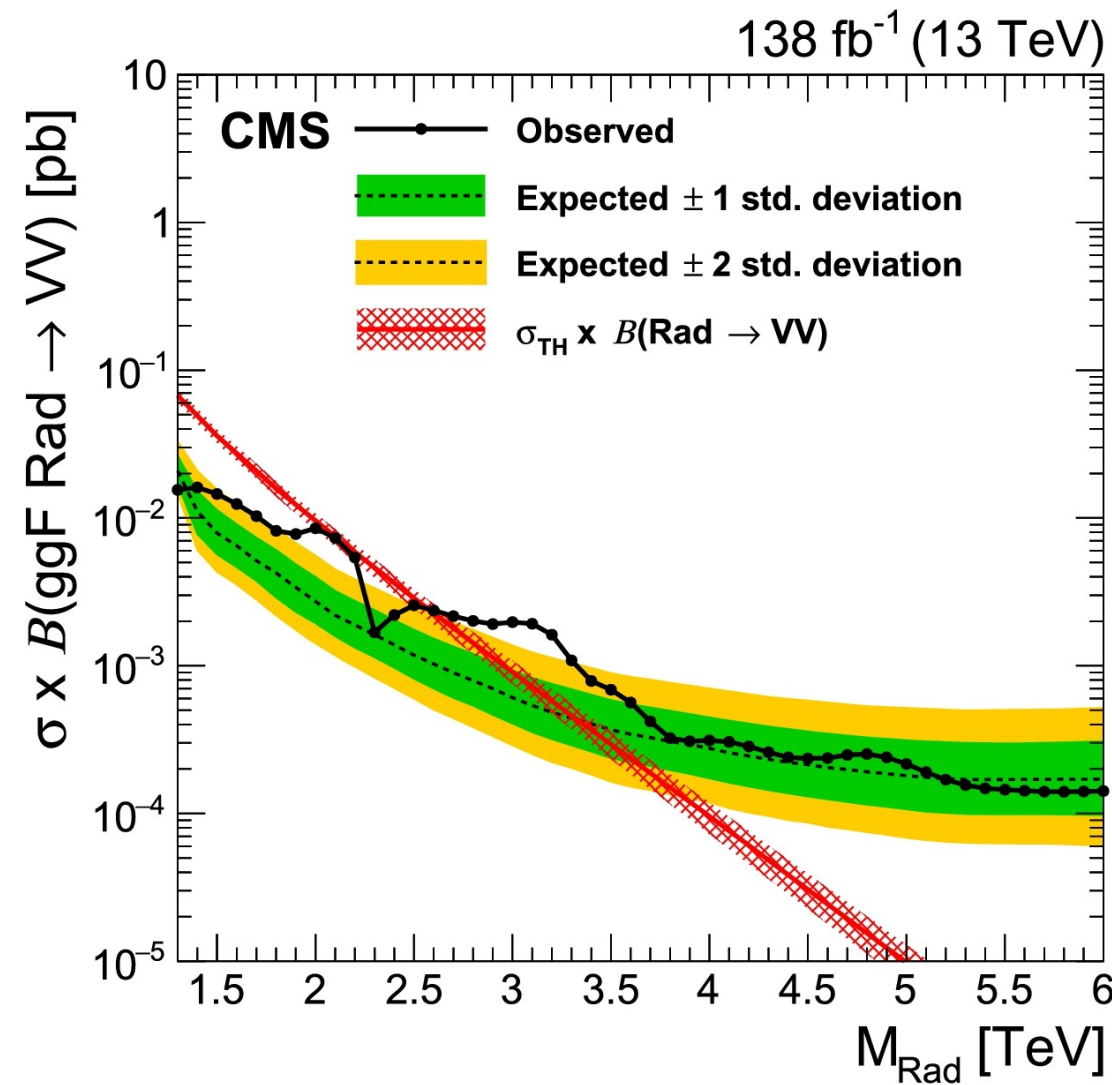
W(lv)H(bb) channel

Z(ll)H(bb) channel

Z(vv)H(bb) channel

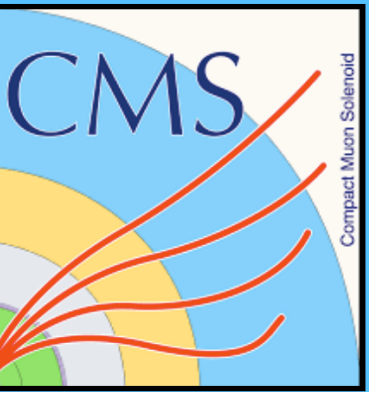


VH search results



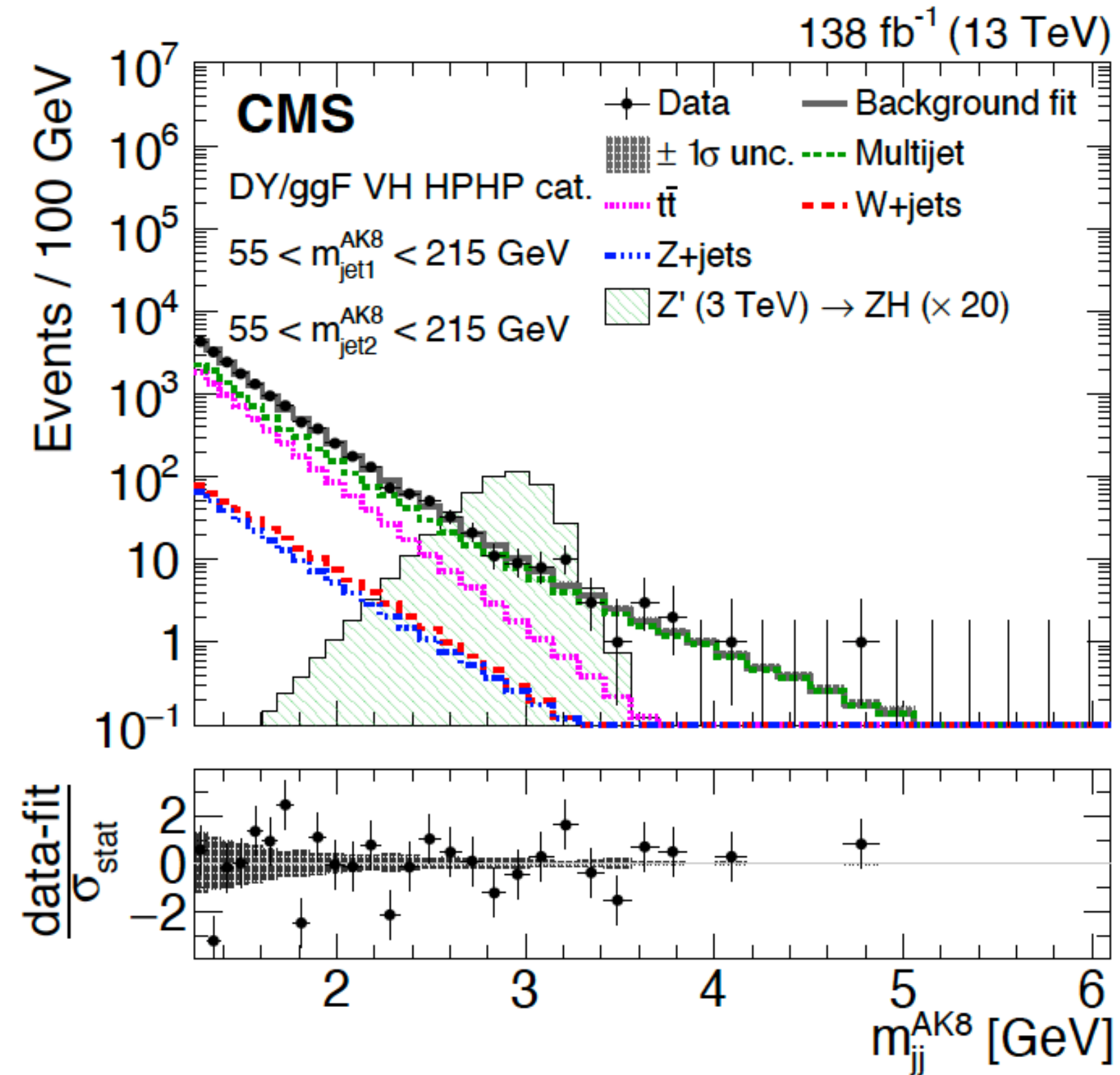
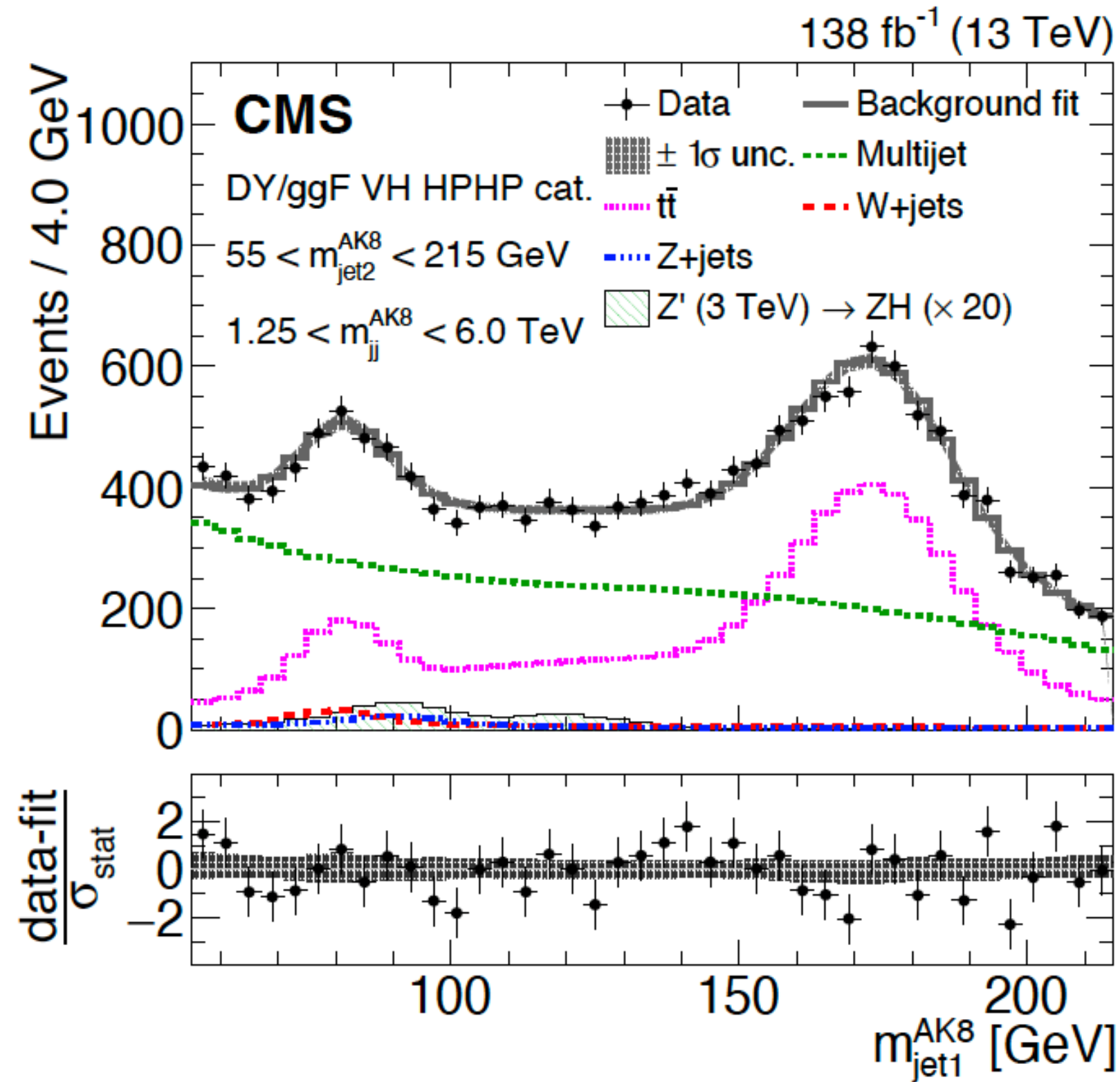
A maximum local significance of 3.6 standard deviations from the standard model prediction, corresponding to a global significance of 2.3 standard deviations, is observed at masses of 2.1 and 2.9 TeV.

VH searches: high mass region

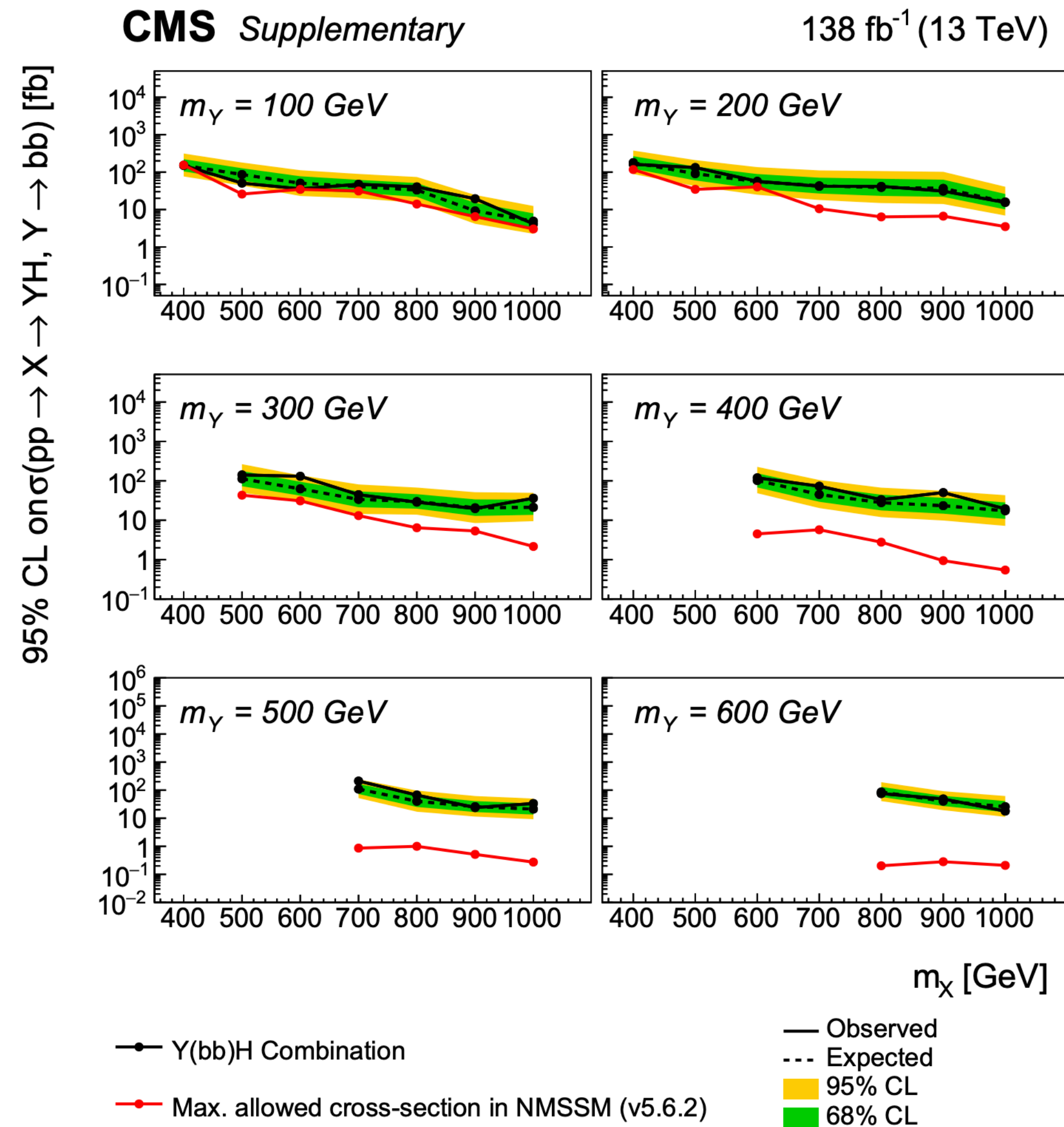


► Hadronic V boson decays:

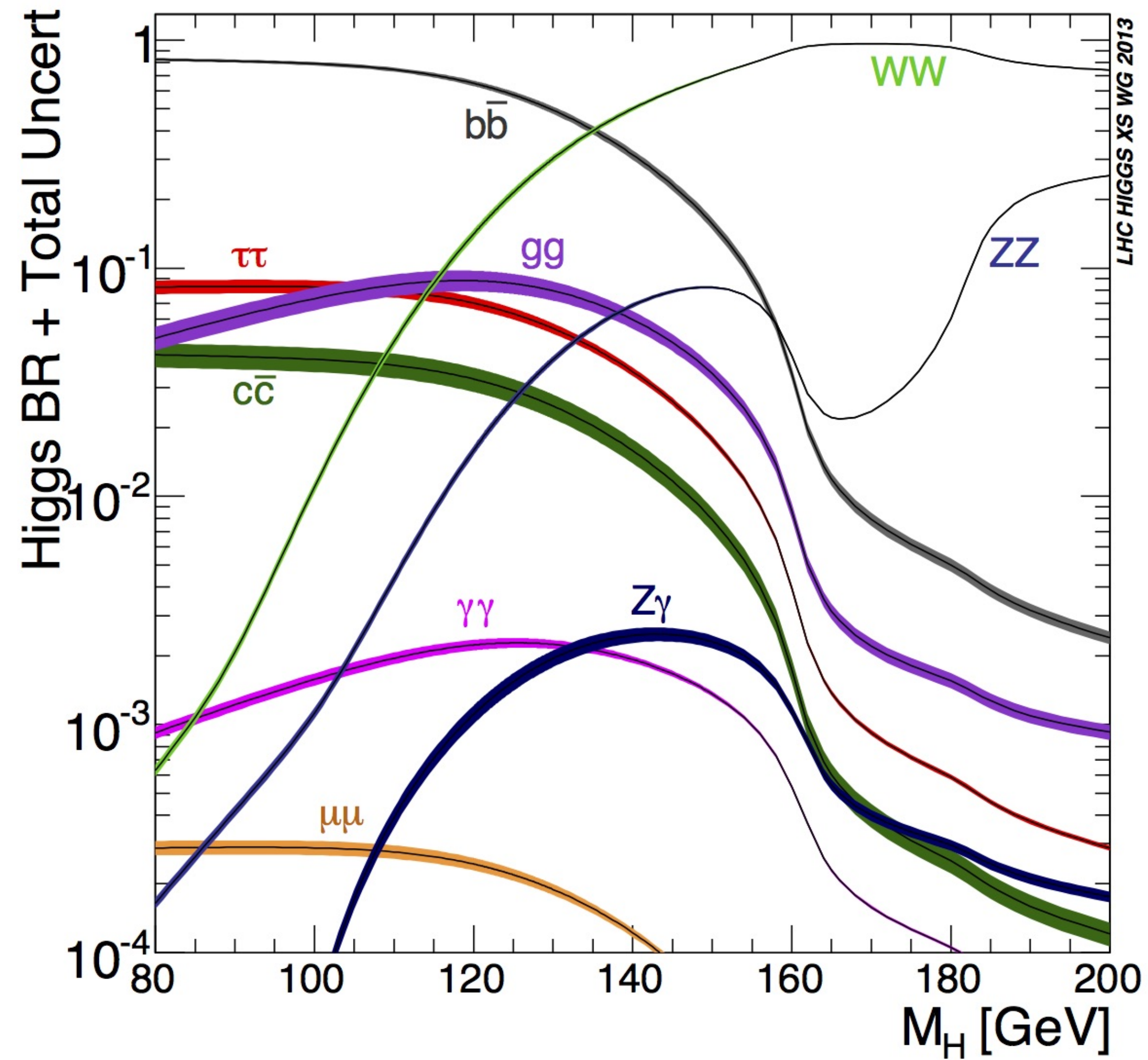
- Presence of two AK8 jets with $p_T > 200$ GeV
- invariant mass of the selected AK8 jets > 1250 GeV



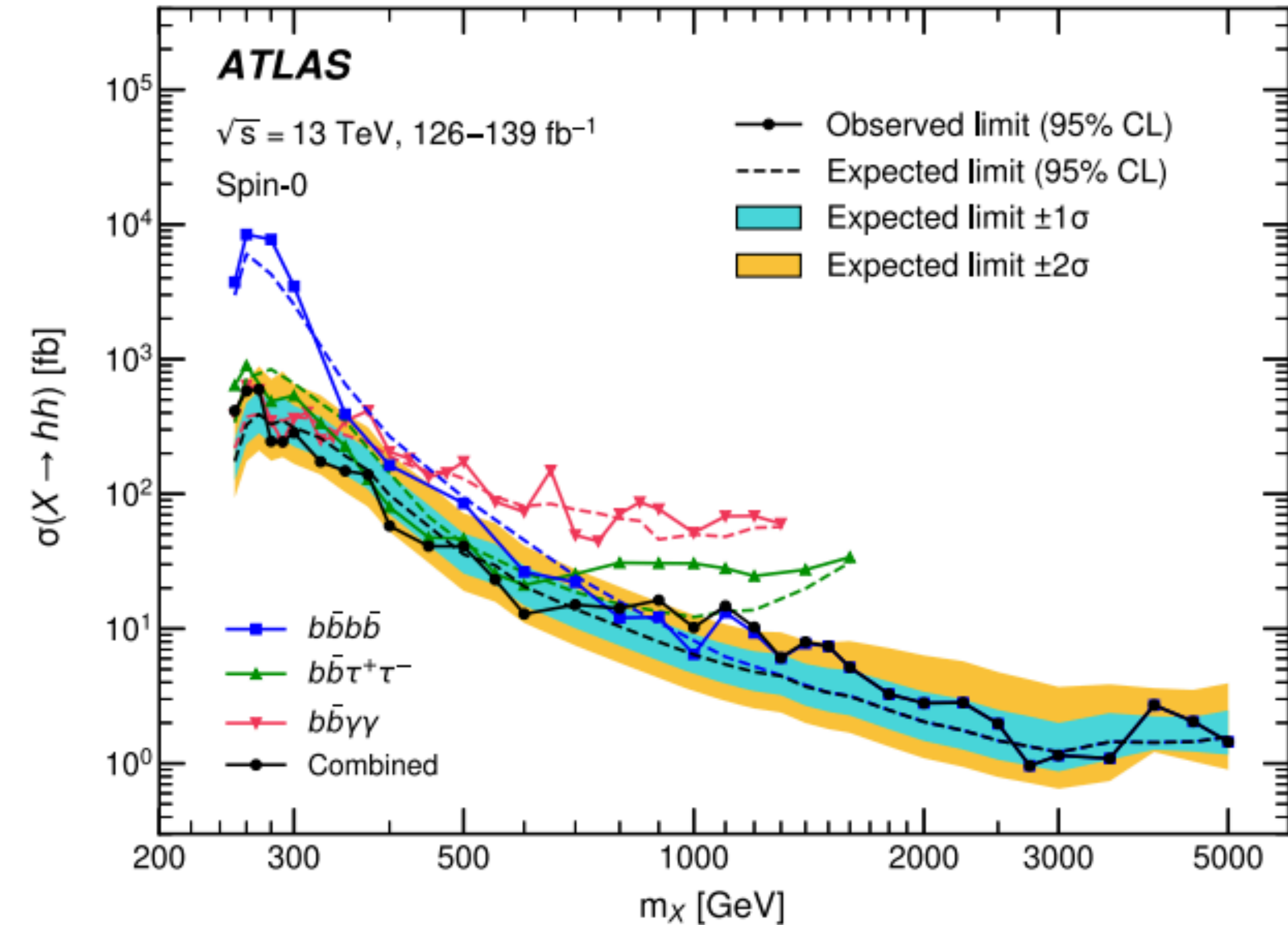
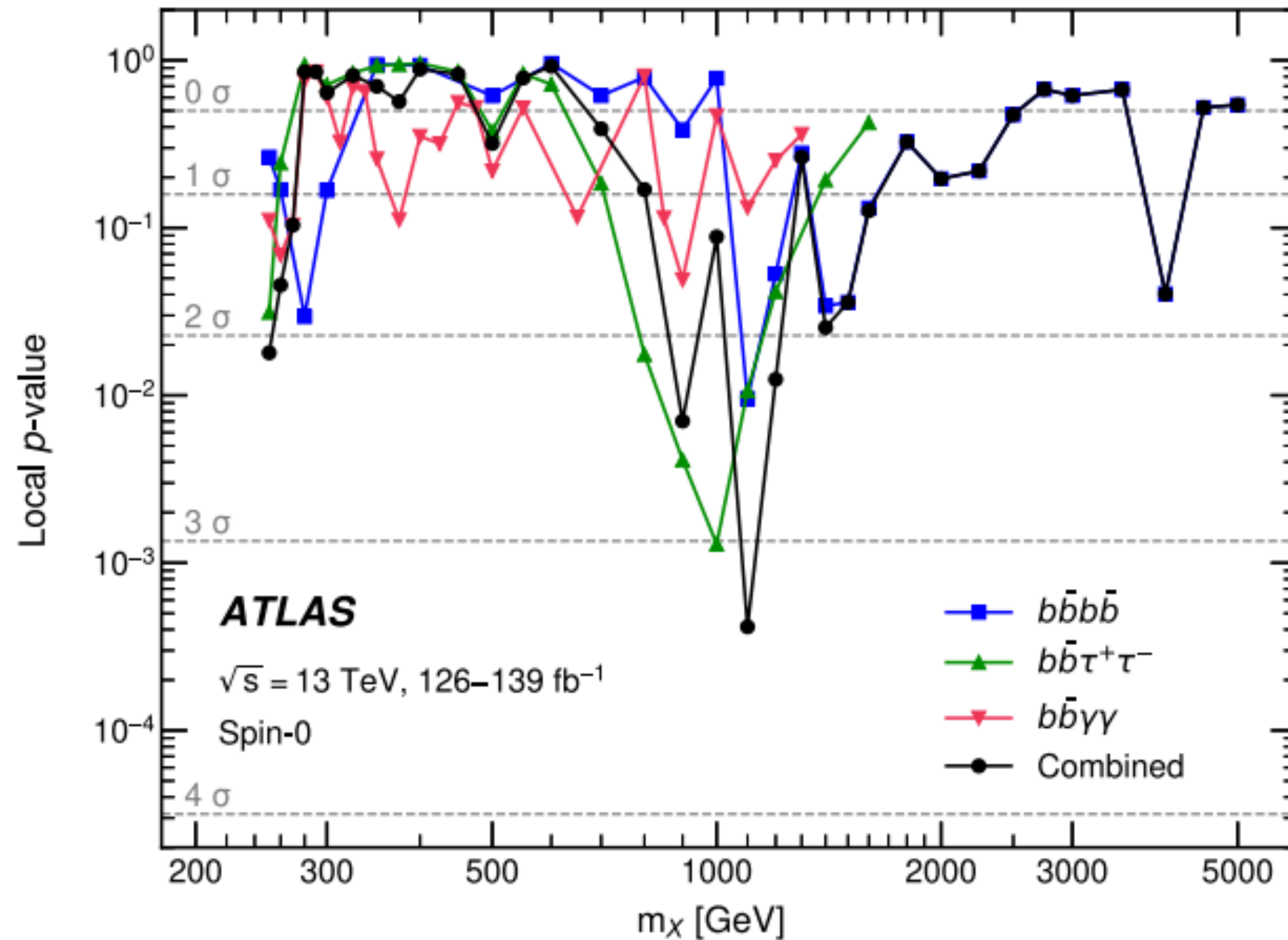
NMSSM comparison



Higgs branching ratio



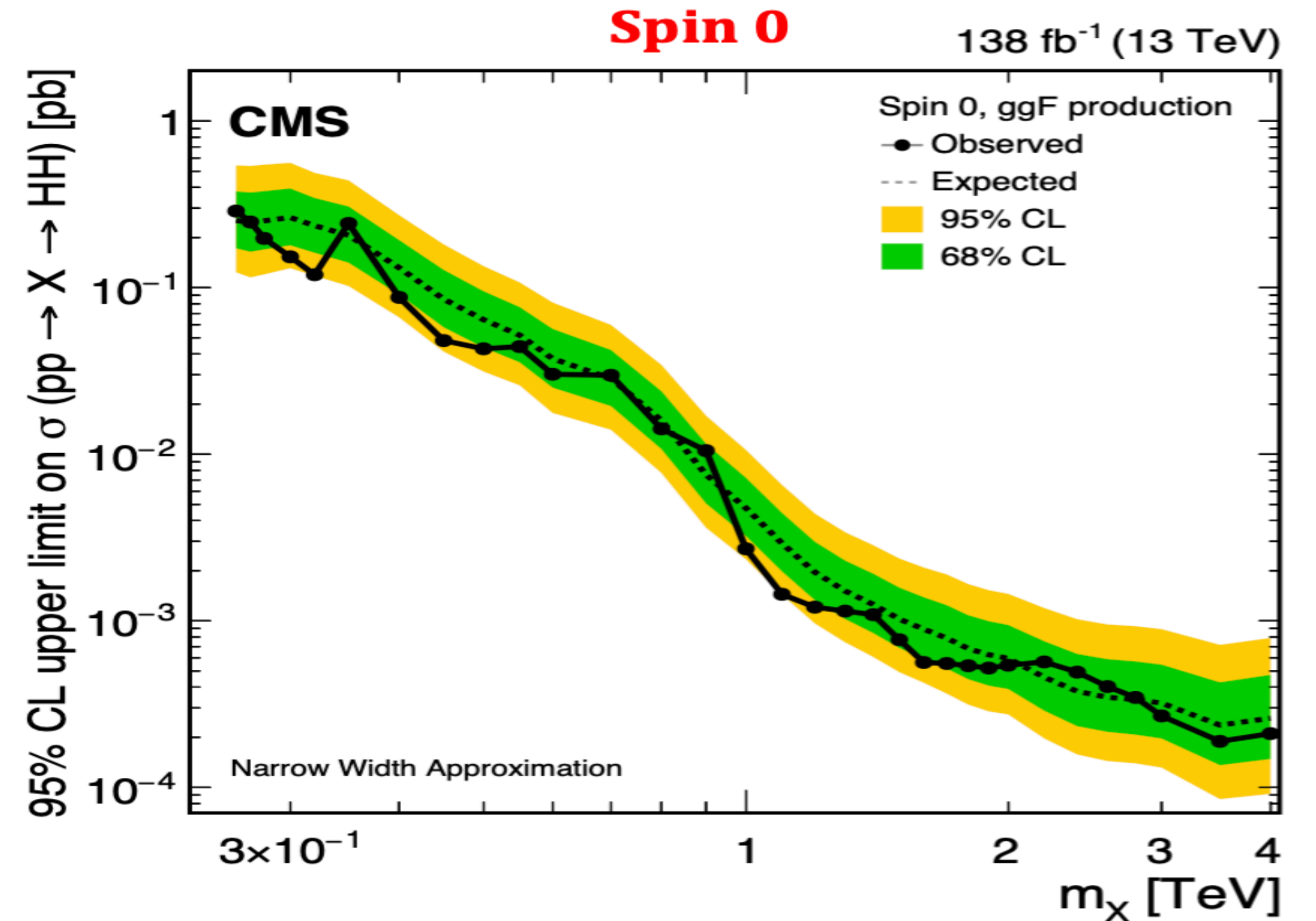
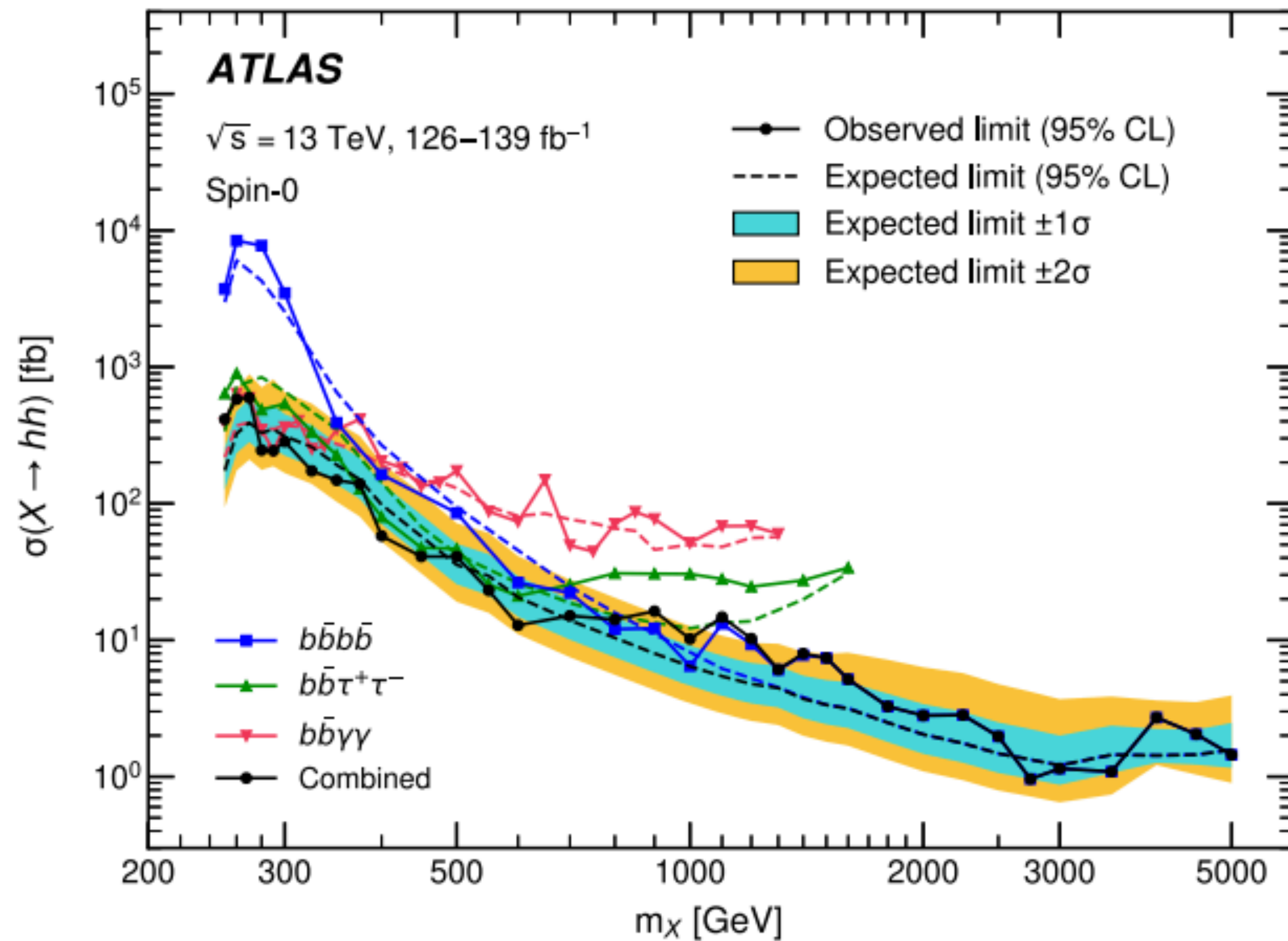
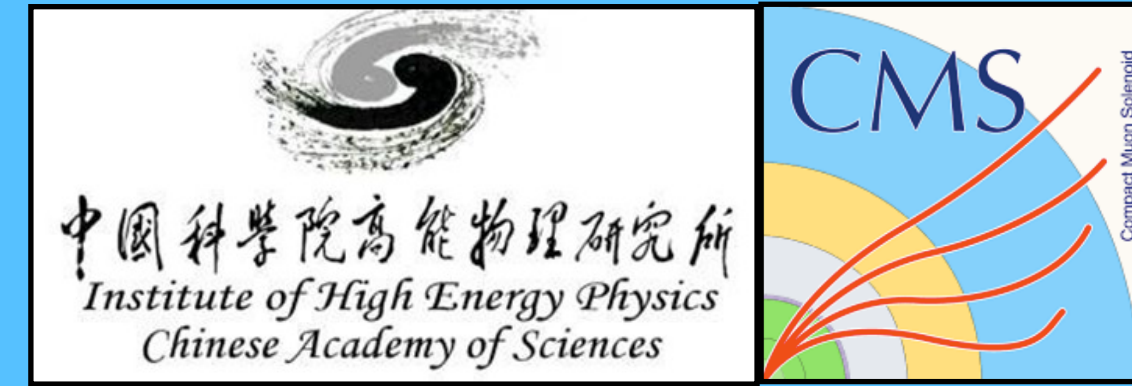
ATLAS HH combination results



The largest deviation is observed at 1.1 TeV and corresponds to a local significance of 3.3σ , which is driven mainly by the $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ channel. The global significance of this excess is estimated to be 2.1σ

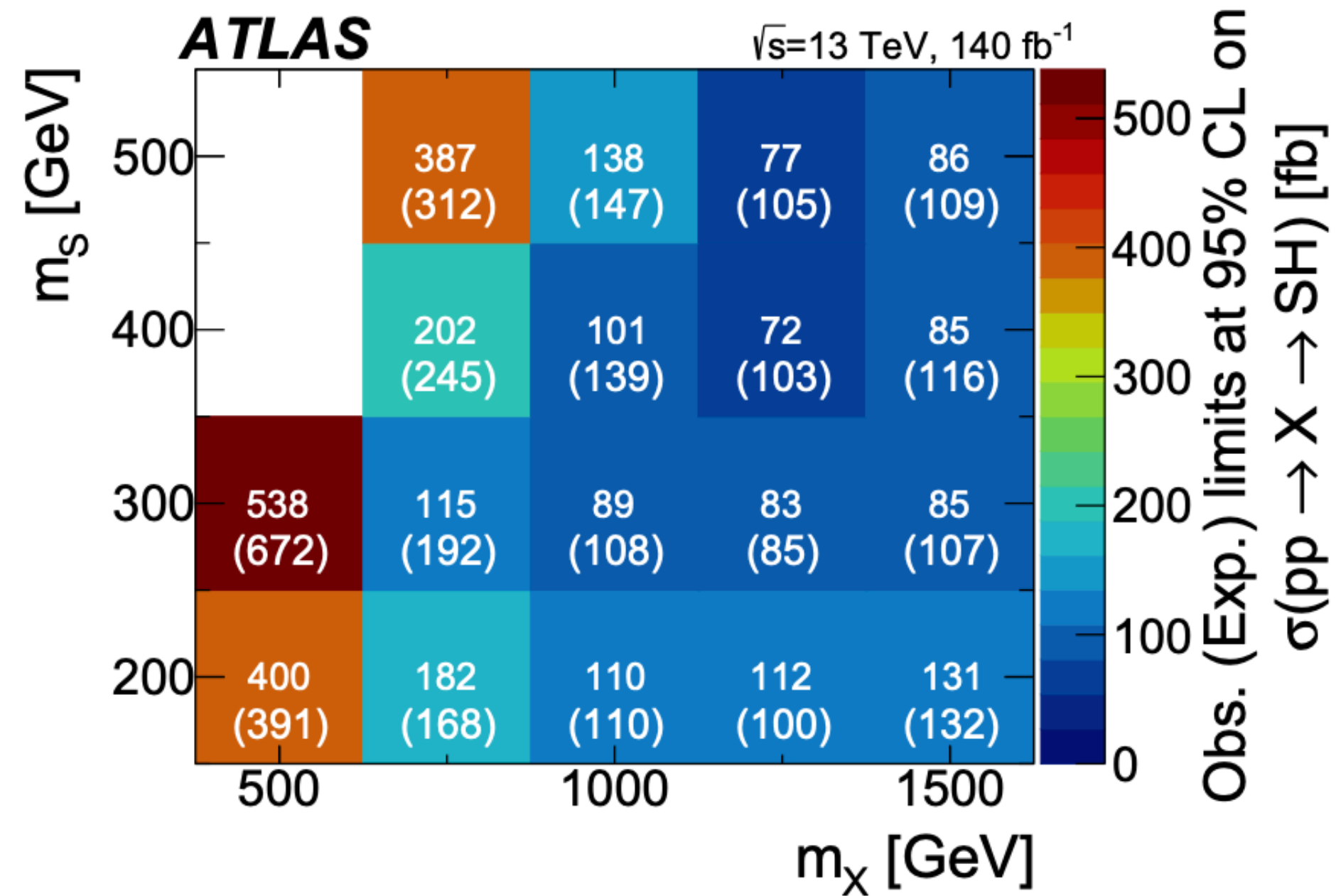
Below masses of 0.32 TeV and above 0.8 TeV, this combination gives the strongest observed limits to date on resonant HH production.

ATLAS/CMS HH combination results

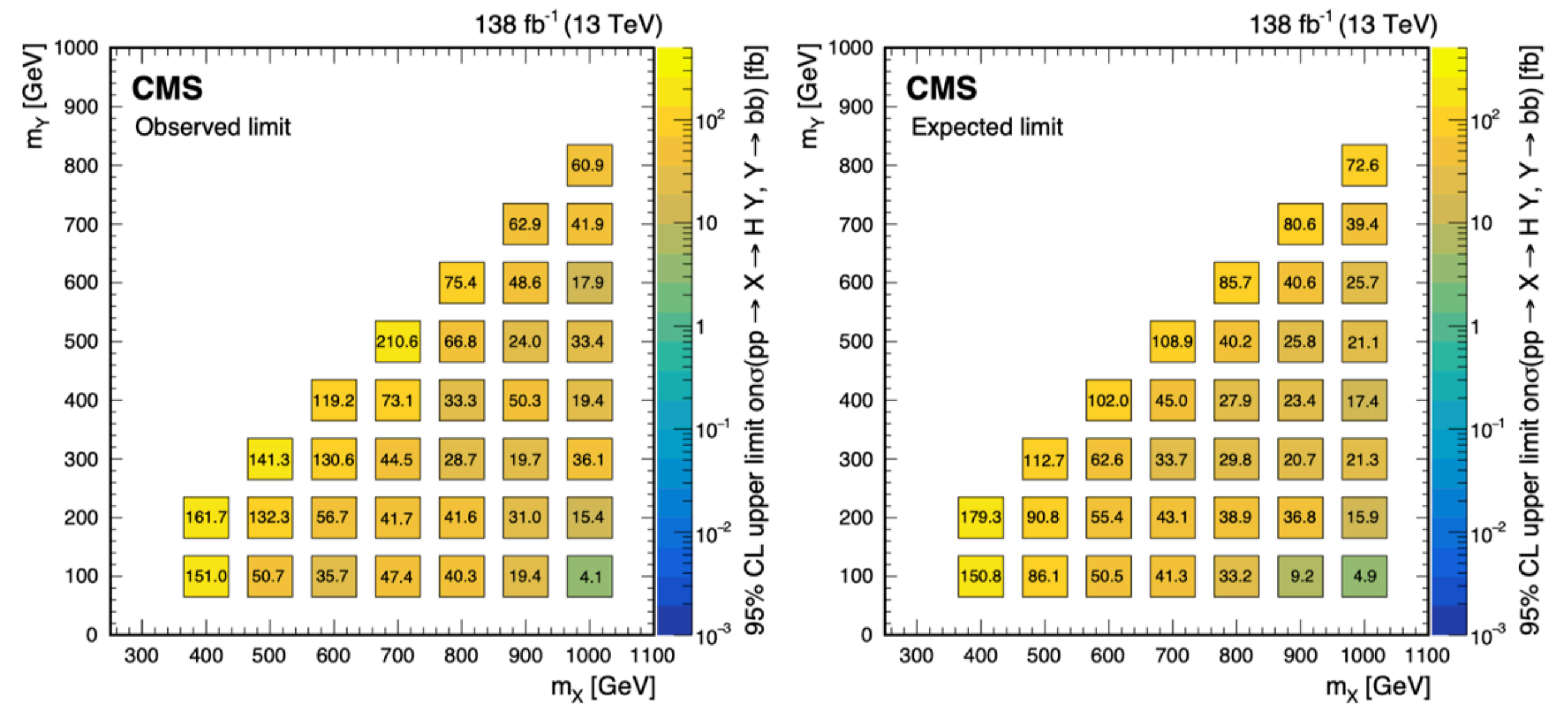


Below masses of 0.3 TeV and above 0.8 TeV, this combination gives the strongest observed limits to date on resonant HH production.

► ATLAS vs CMS

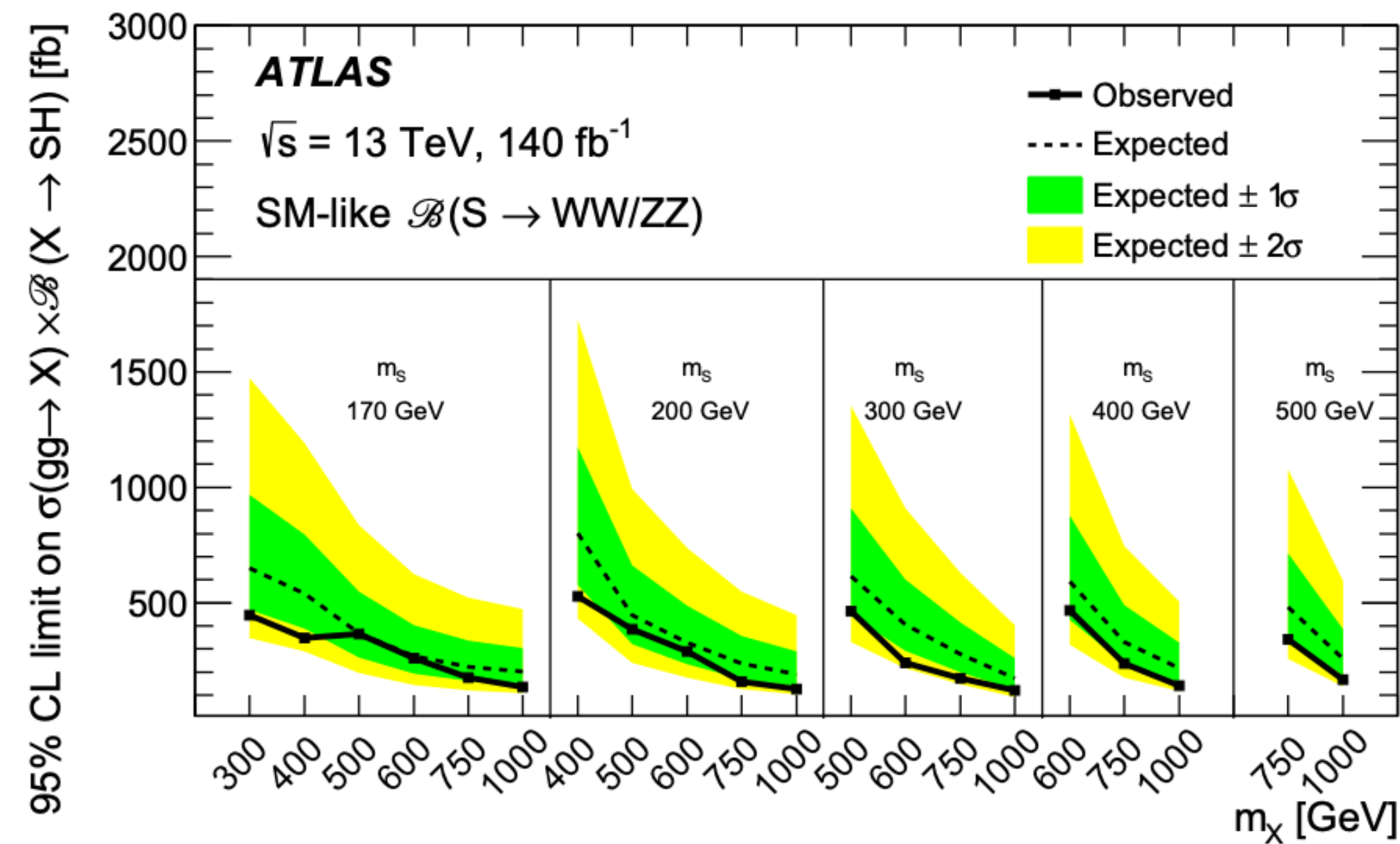


ATLAS results



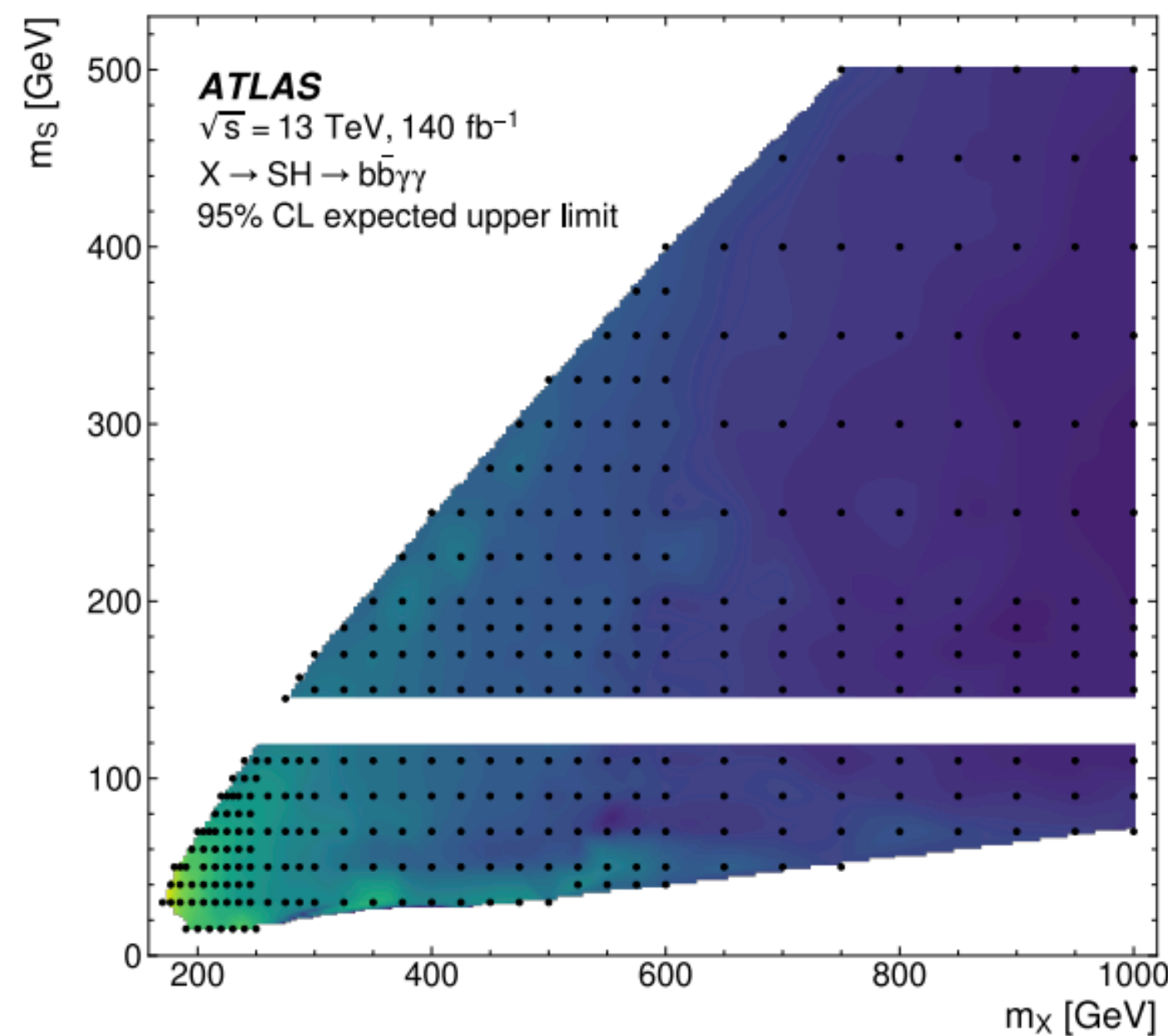
CMS results

- The observed (expected) upper limits lie in the range of 530 – 120 fb (800 – 170 fb) under the assumption that $\mathcal{B}(S \rightarrow WW/ZZ)$ corresponding to those the SM Higgs boson would have at the mass of the particle.

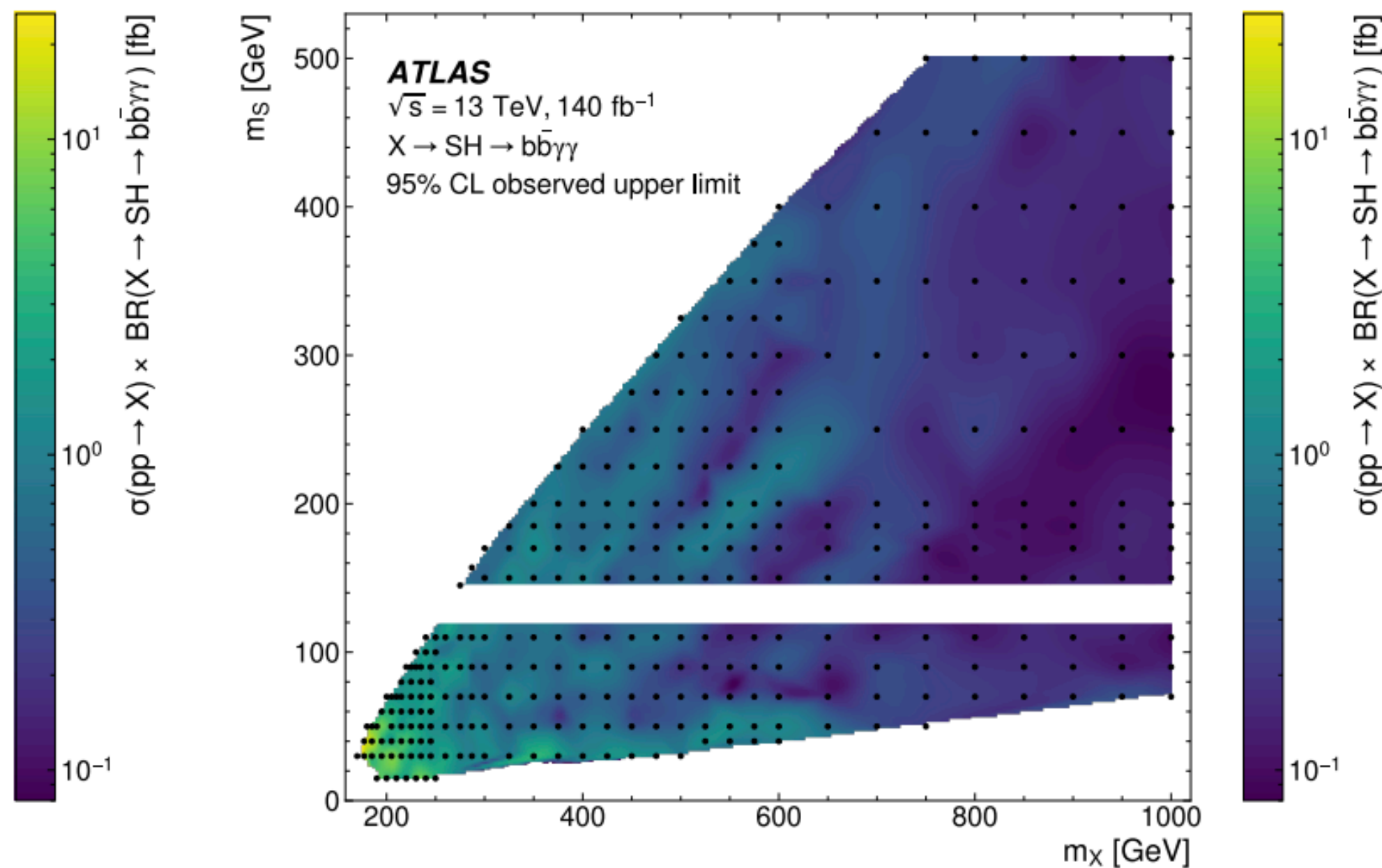


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- ▶ The largest deviation from the background-only expectation occurs for $(m_X, m_S) = (575, 200)$ GeV with a local (global) significance of 3.5 (2.0) standard deviations.

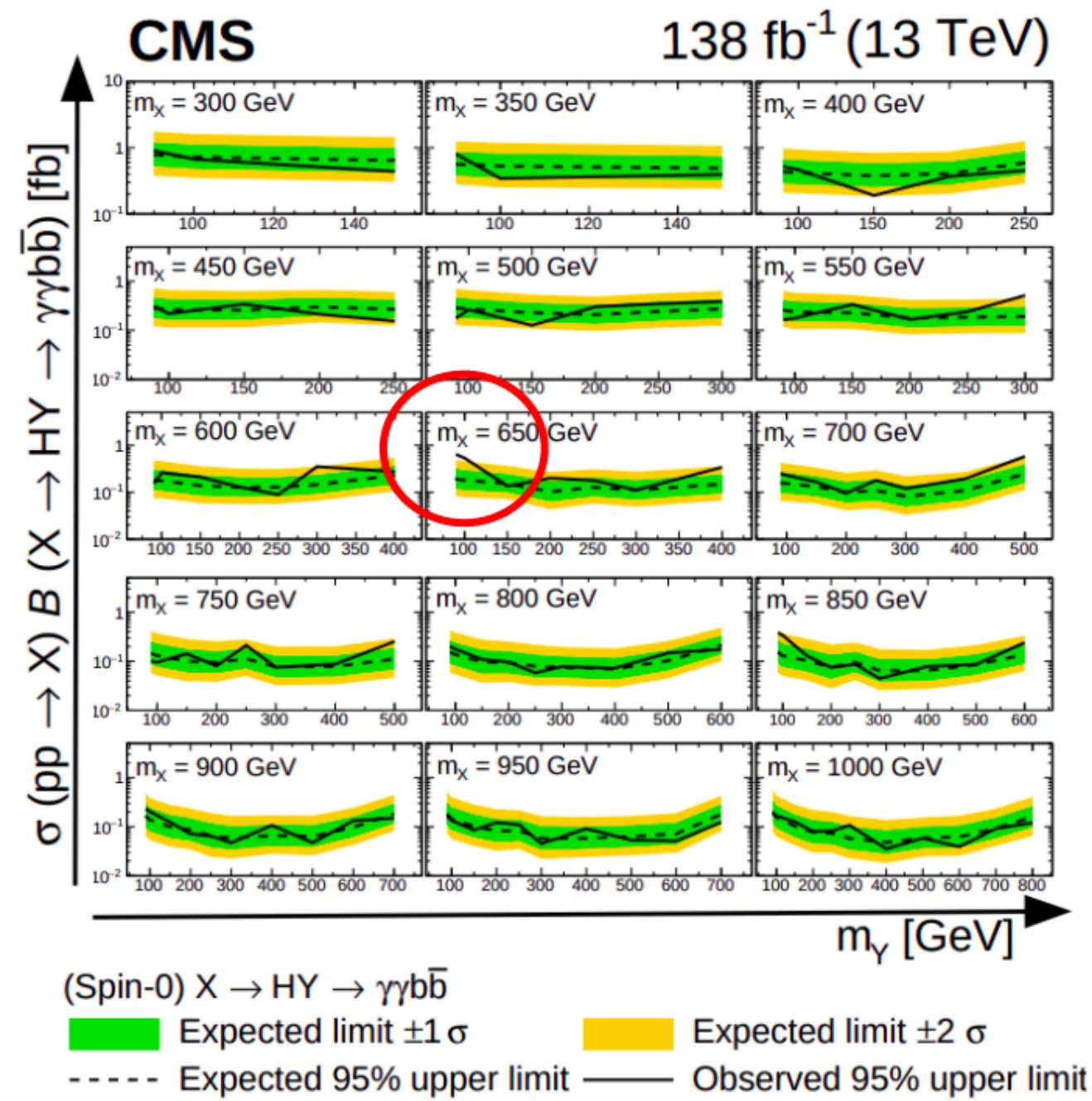


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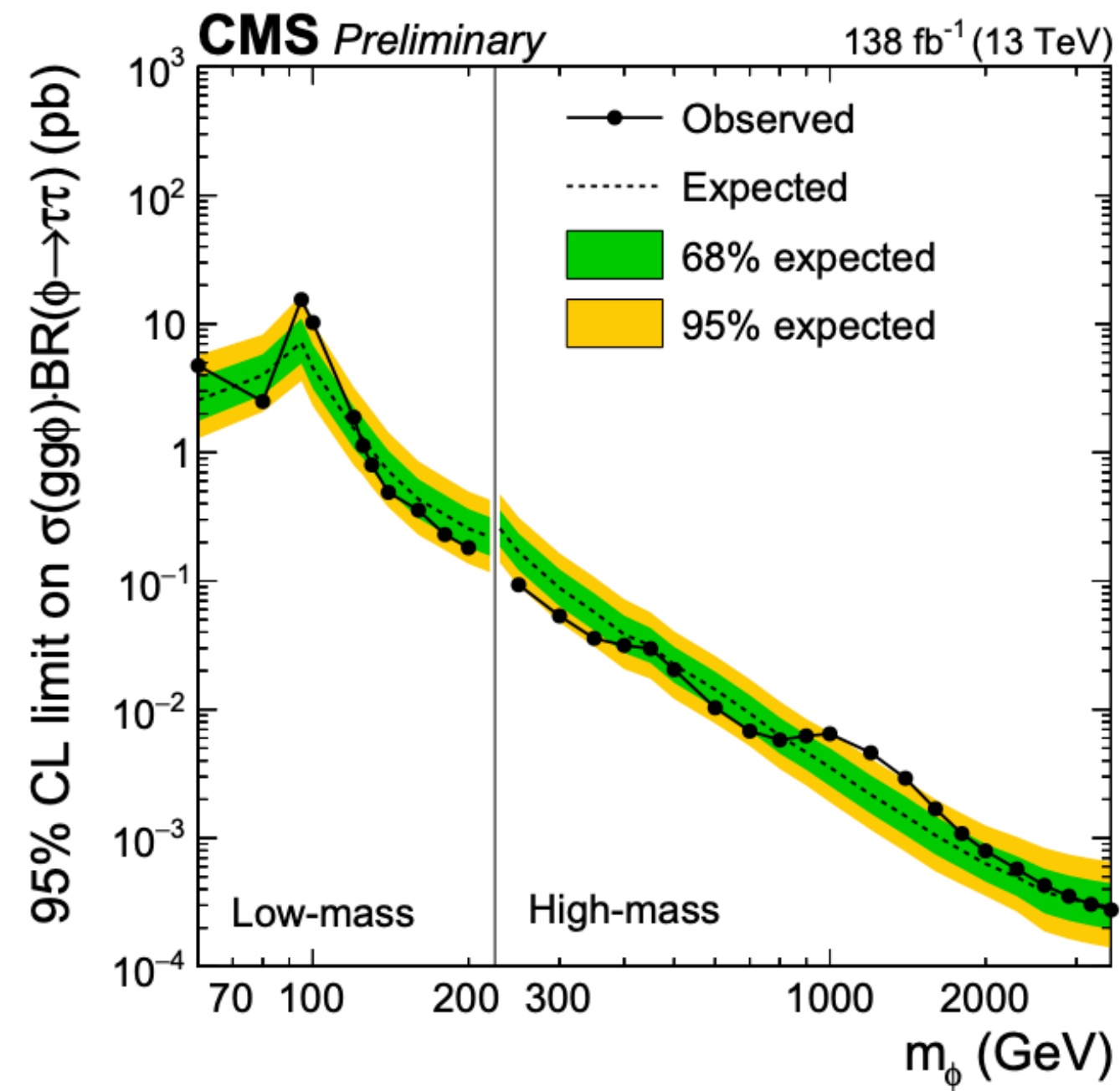
(b)

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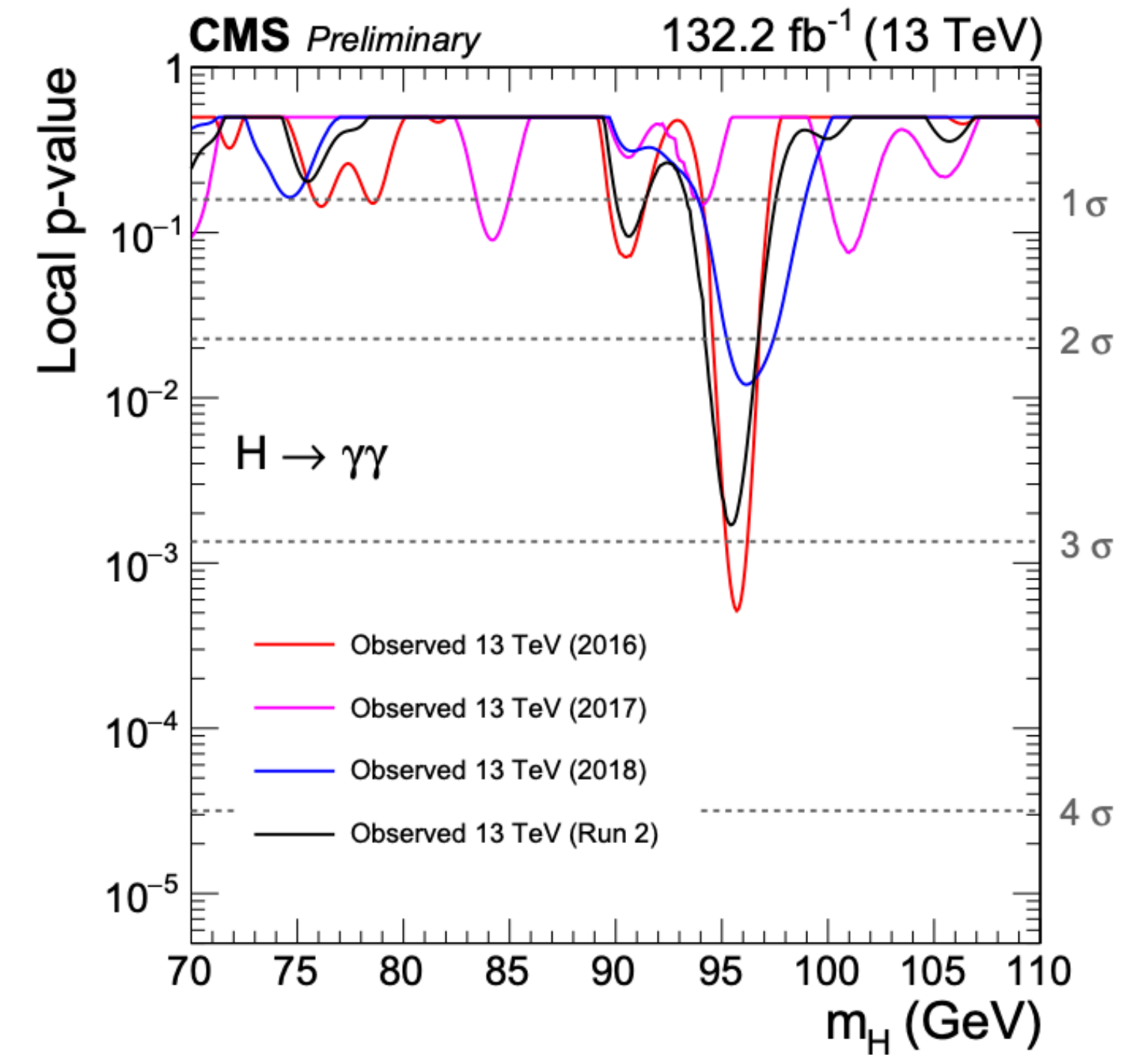
Local (global) significances
 (m_X, m_Y) = 650, 90 GeV:
 3.8 (2.8)

Local p-value



[Additional Higgs search](#)

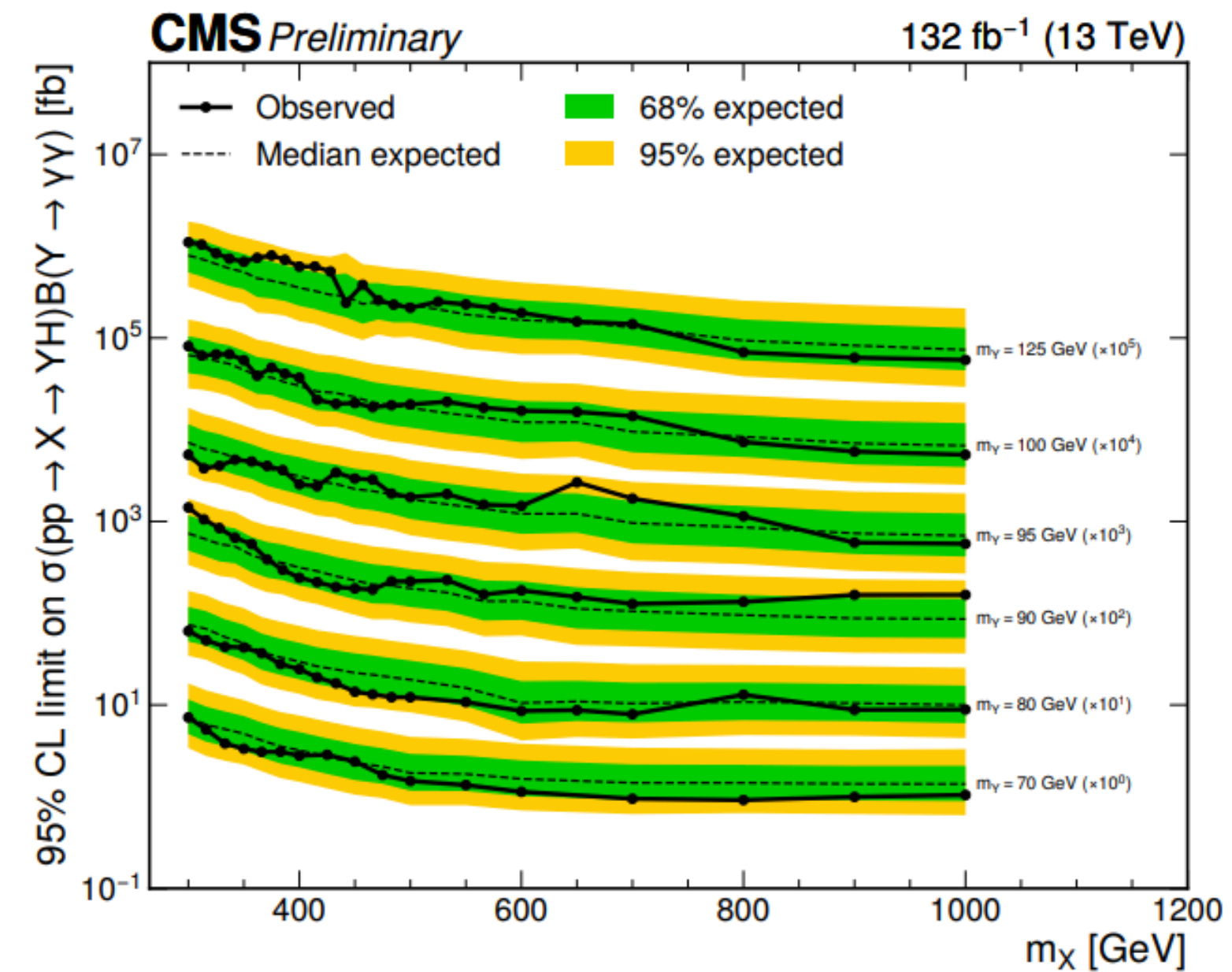
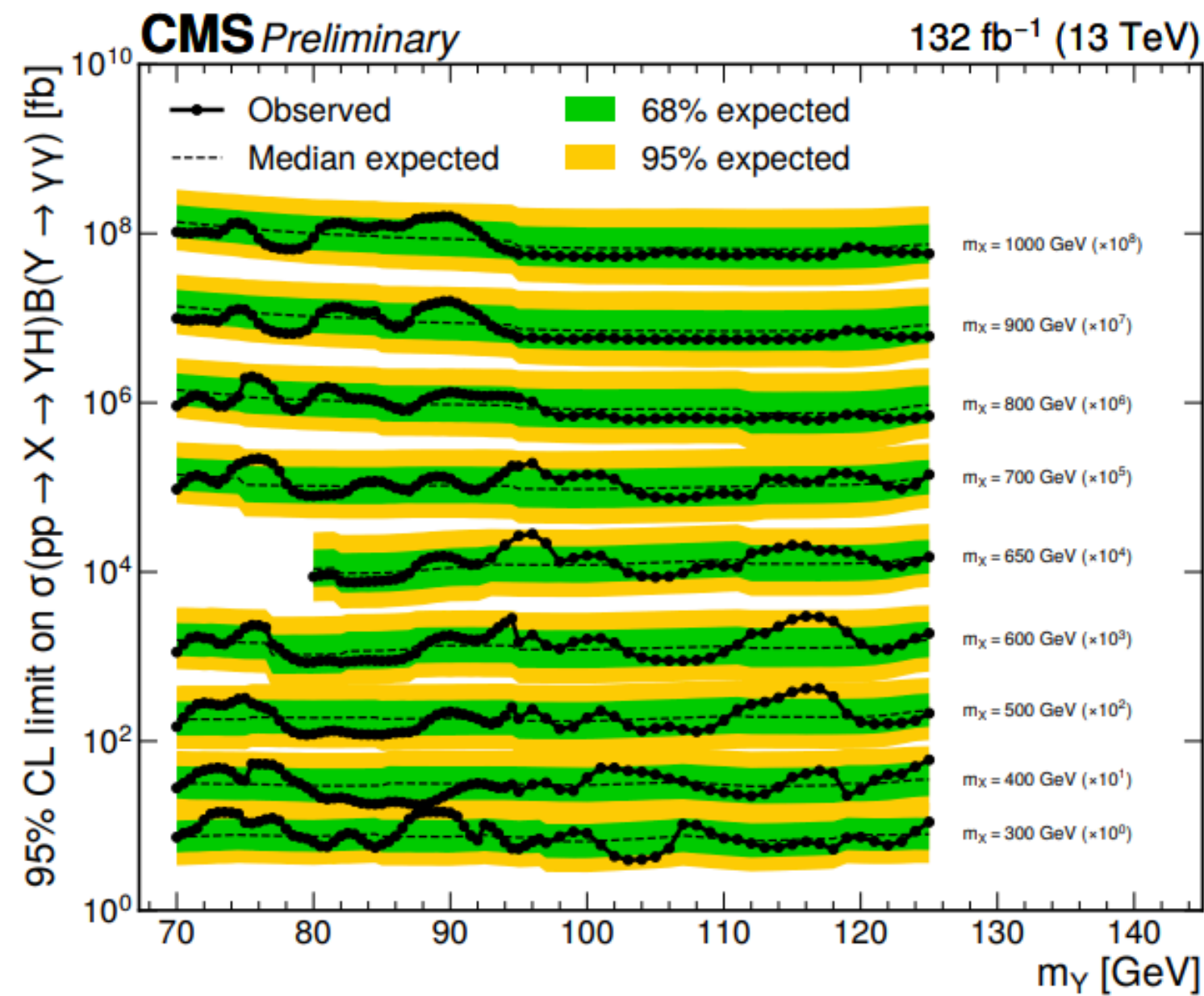
The largest deviation from the expectation is observed for $gg\phi$ production at $m_\phi = 100$ GeV with a local (global) p-value of 3.1 (2.7) standard deviations (s.d.)



[Low mass Higgs search](#)

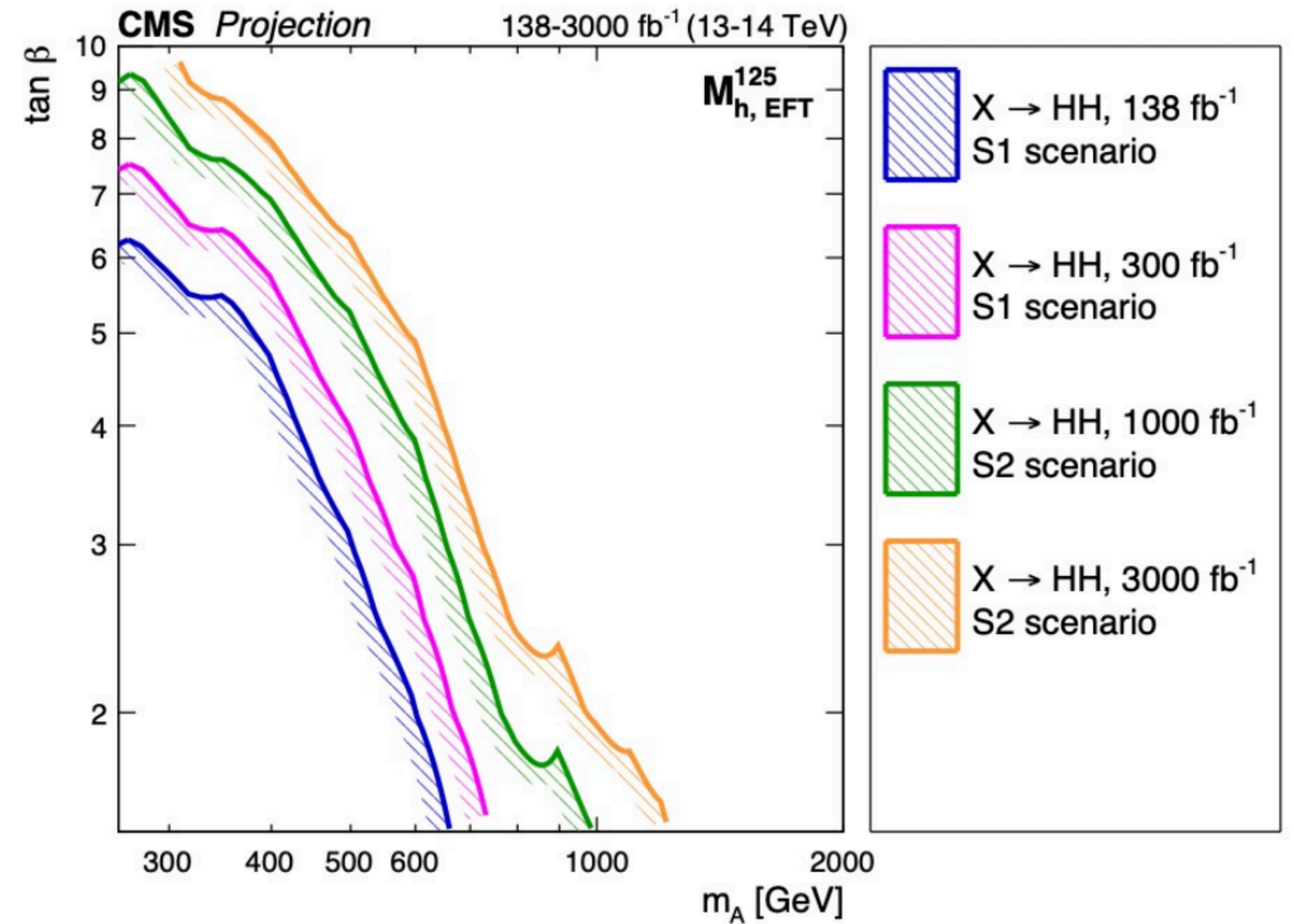
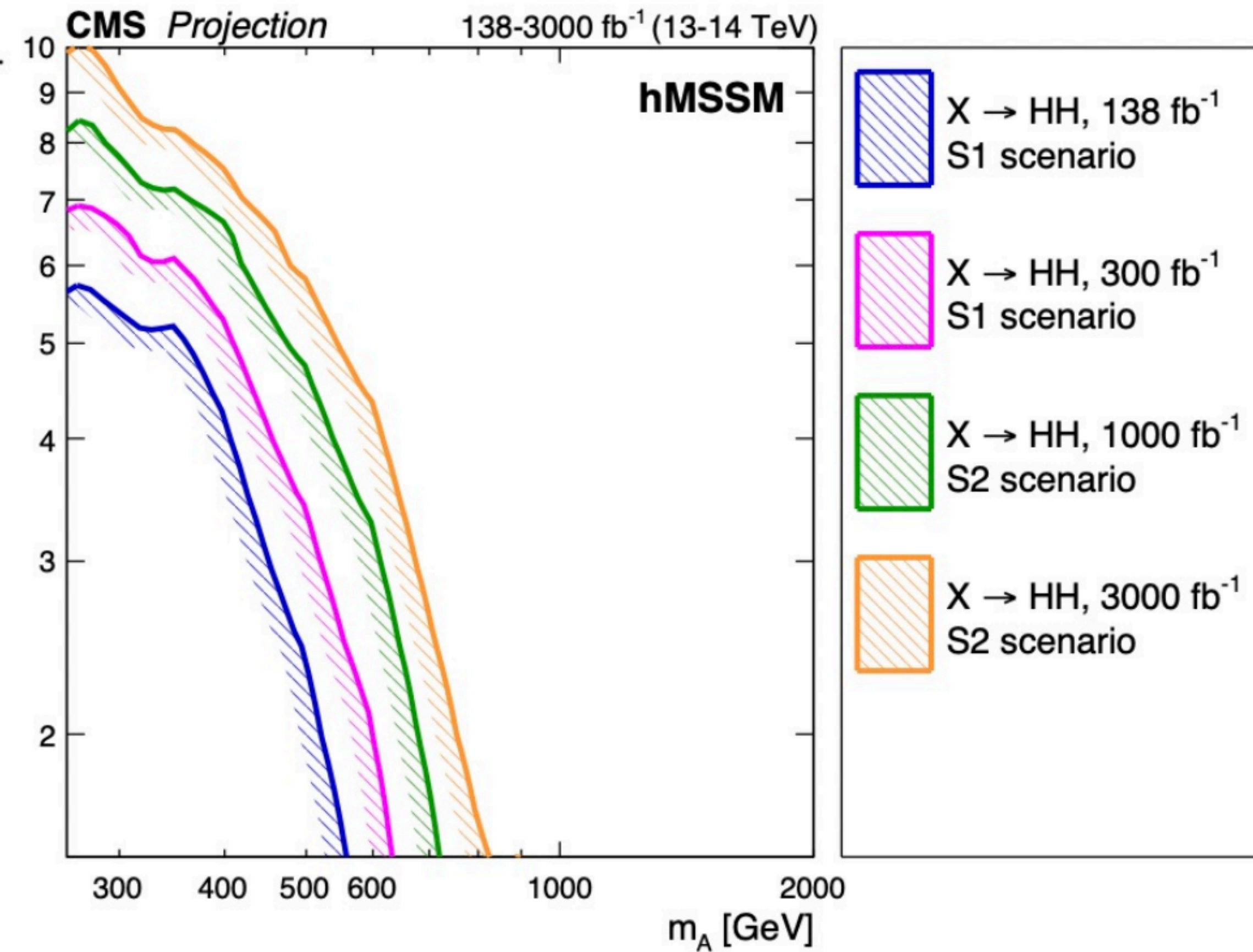
At 95.4 GeV with a local (global) significance of 2.9 (1.3) standard deviations

- ▶ No significant excess is seen in the $X \rightarrow Y(\tau\tau)H(\gamma\gamma)$ search at these masses. However, in the $X \rightarrow Y(\gamma\gamma)H(\tau\tau)$ search, local significances of 2.6σ and 2.3σ are found for $m_Y = 95 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_X = 600 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_X = 650 \text{ GeV}$ respectively.

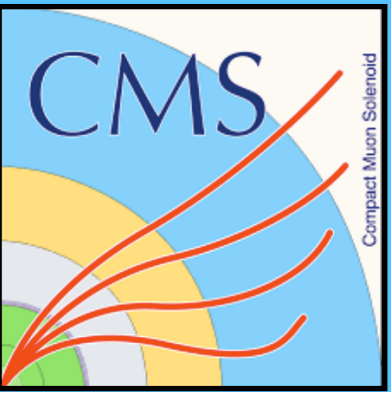


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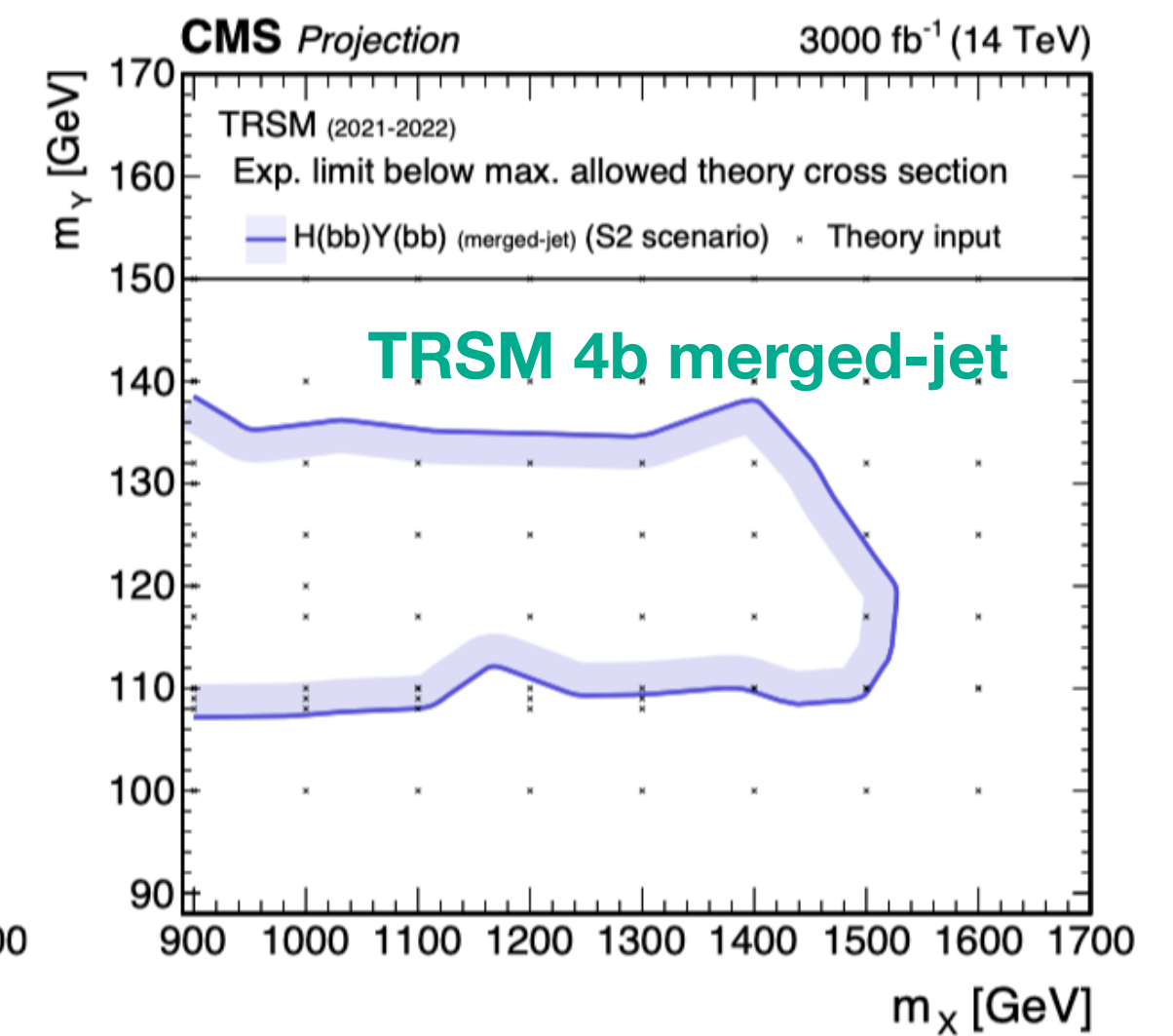
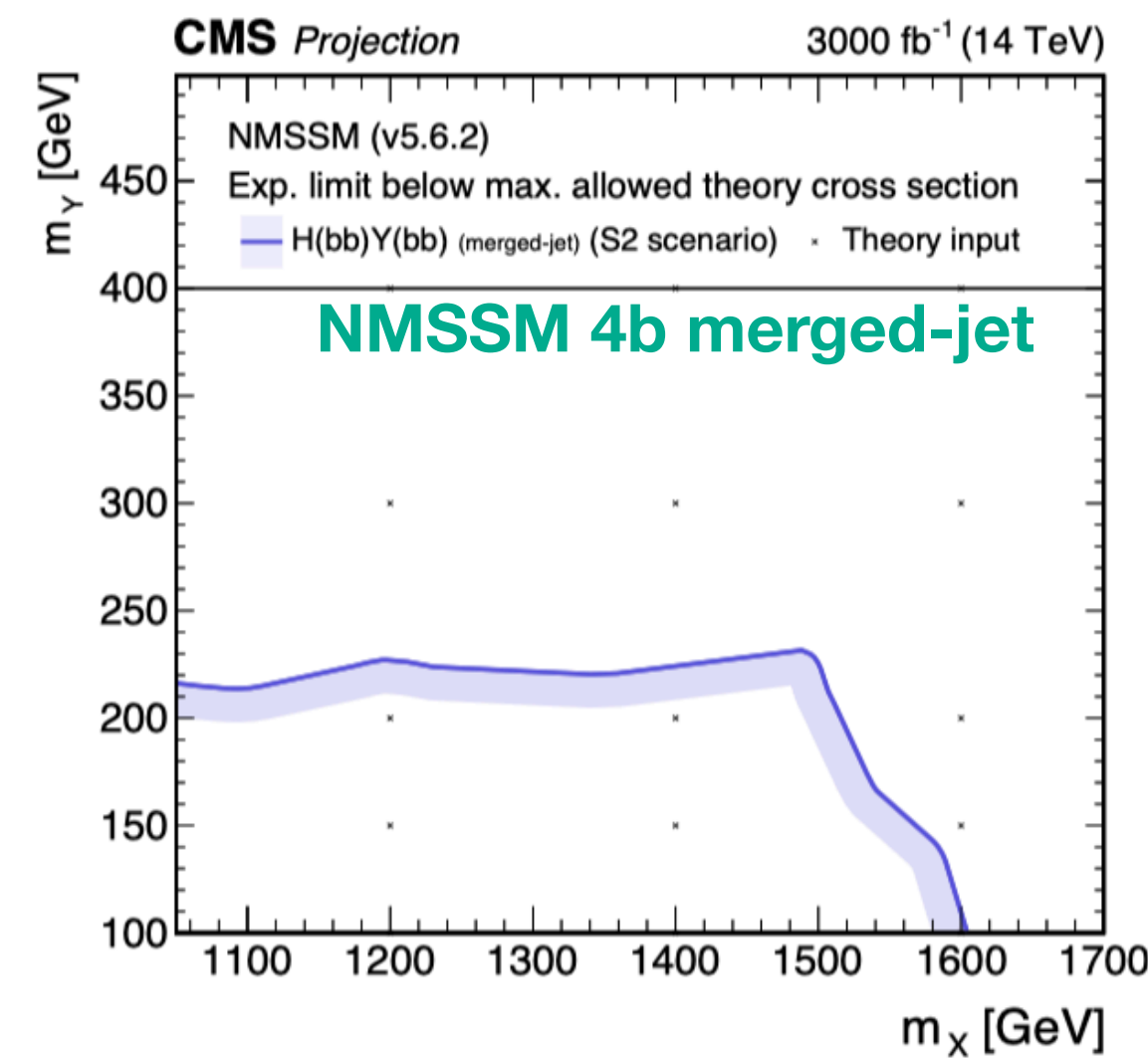
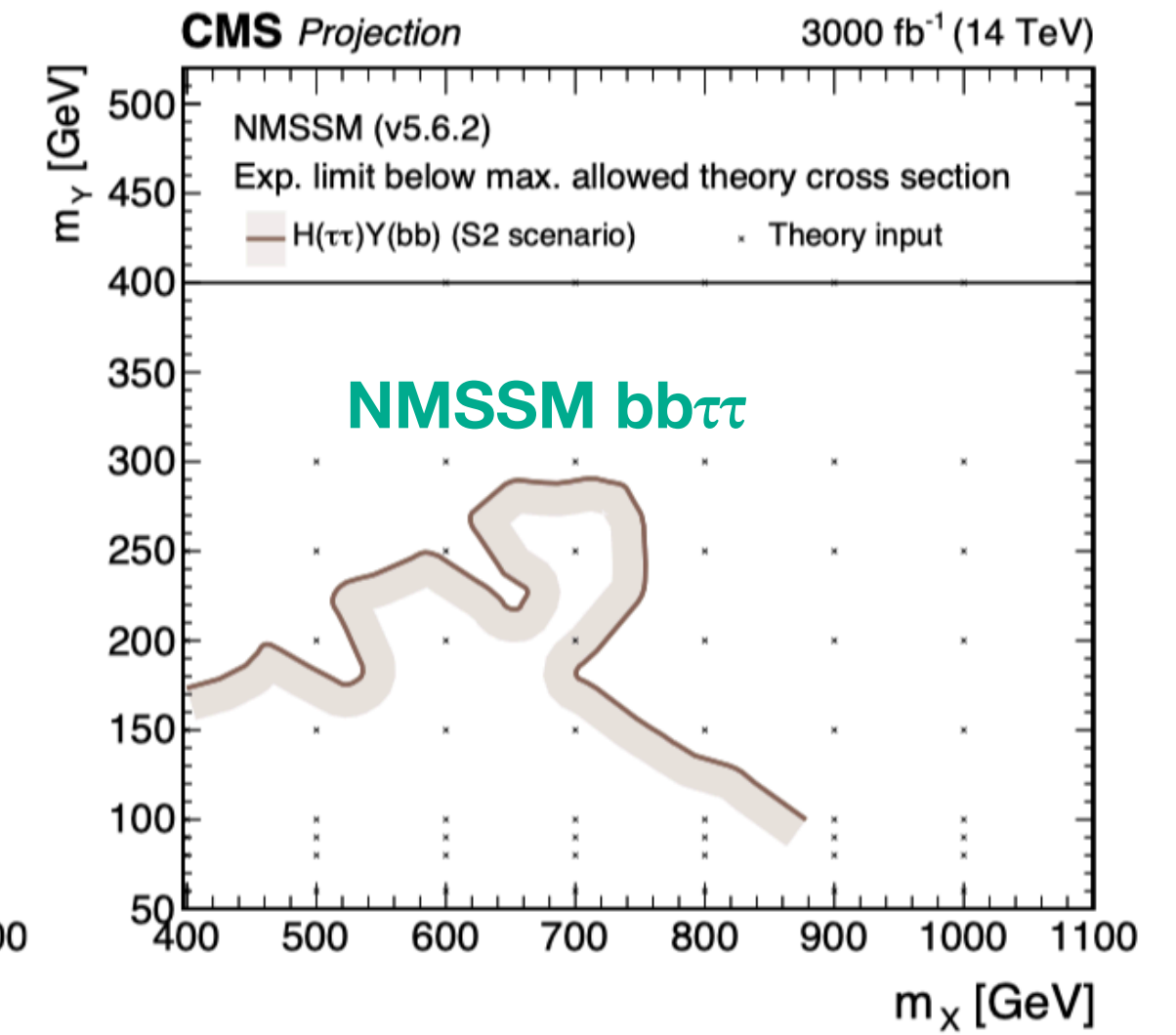
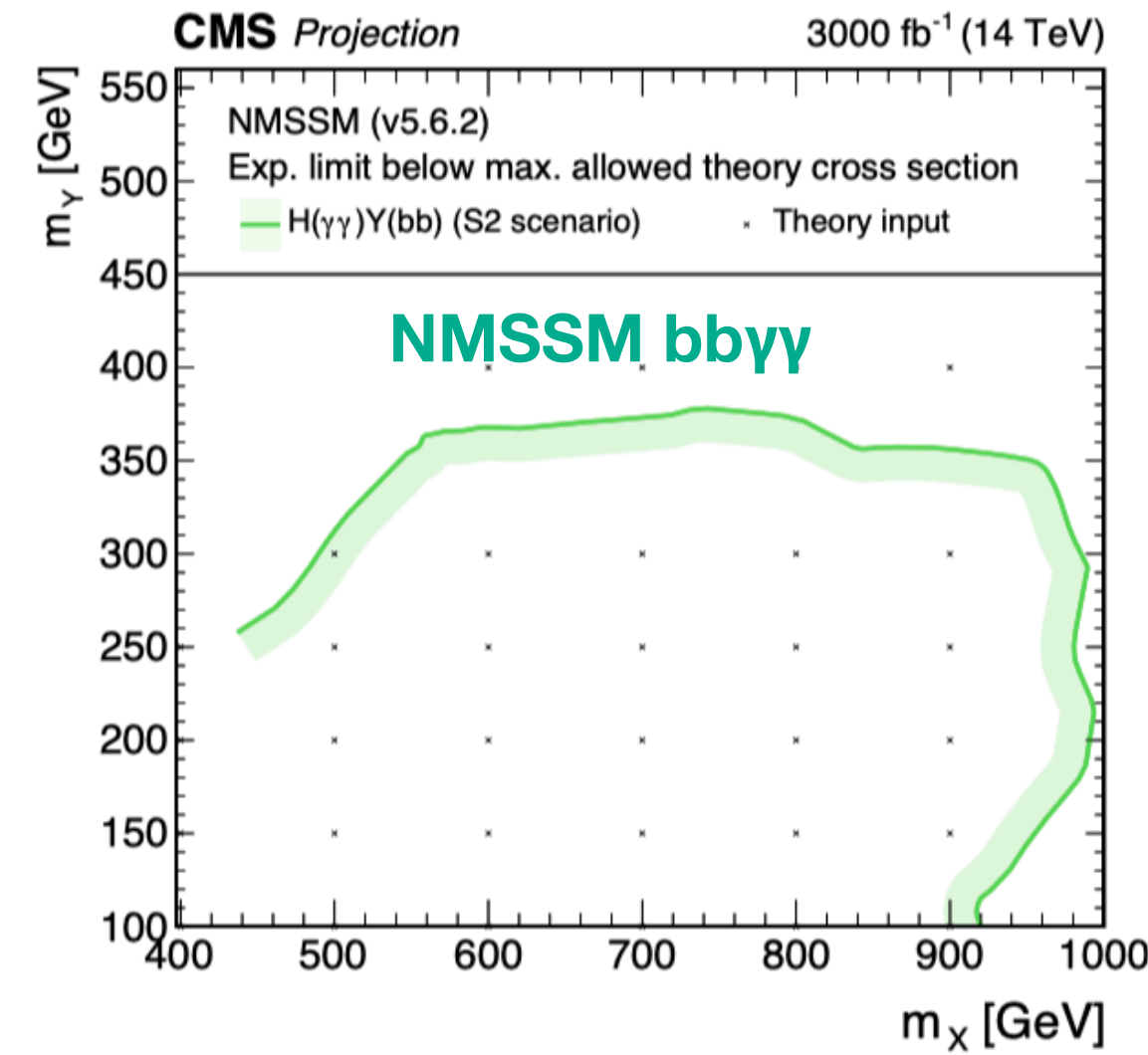
NMSSM exclusions in Projection results



NMSSM and TRSM exclusions in Projection results

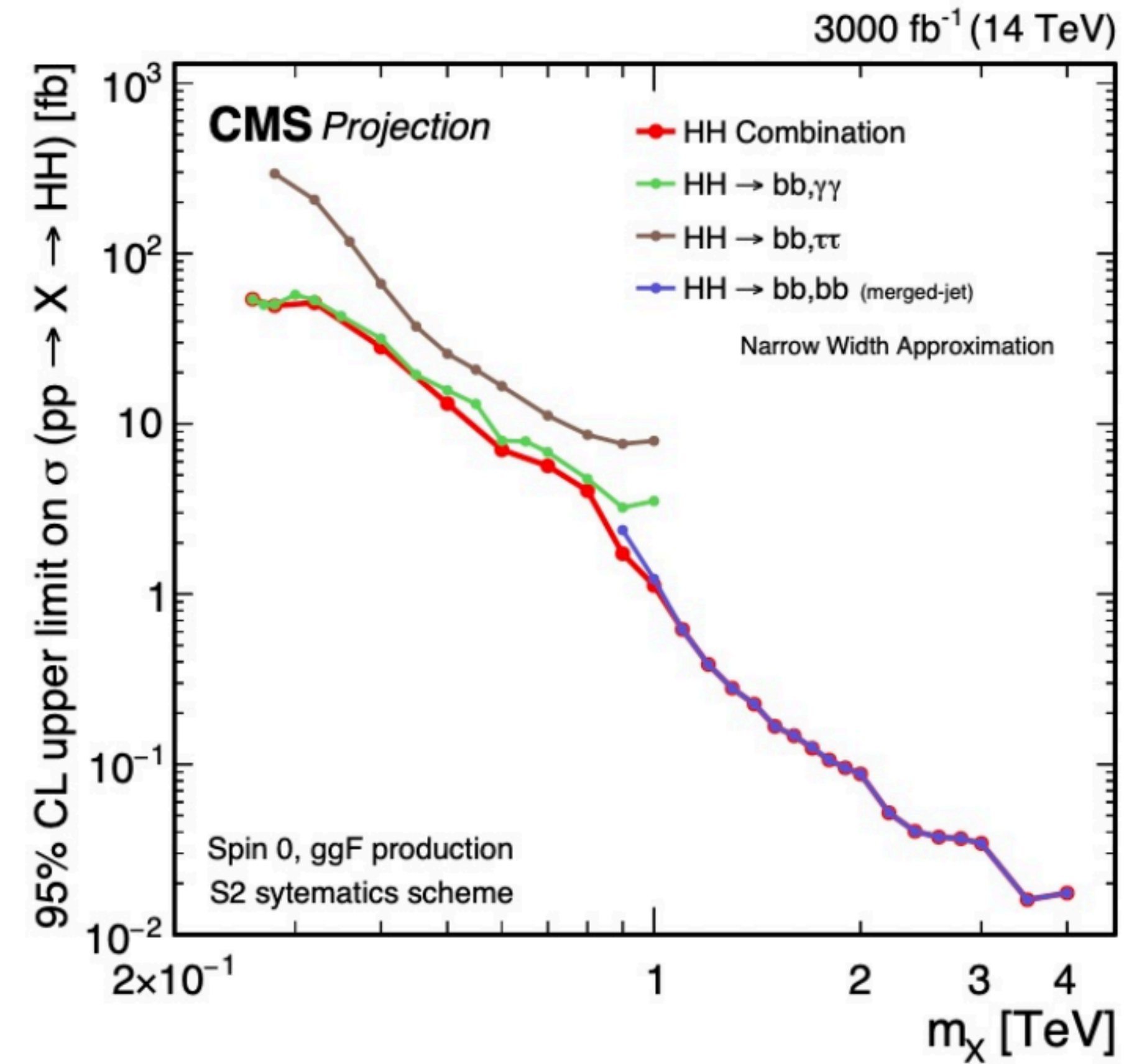
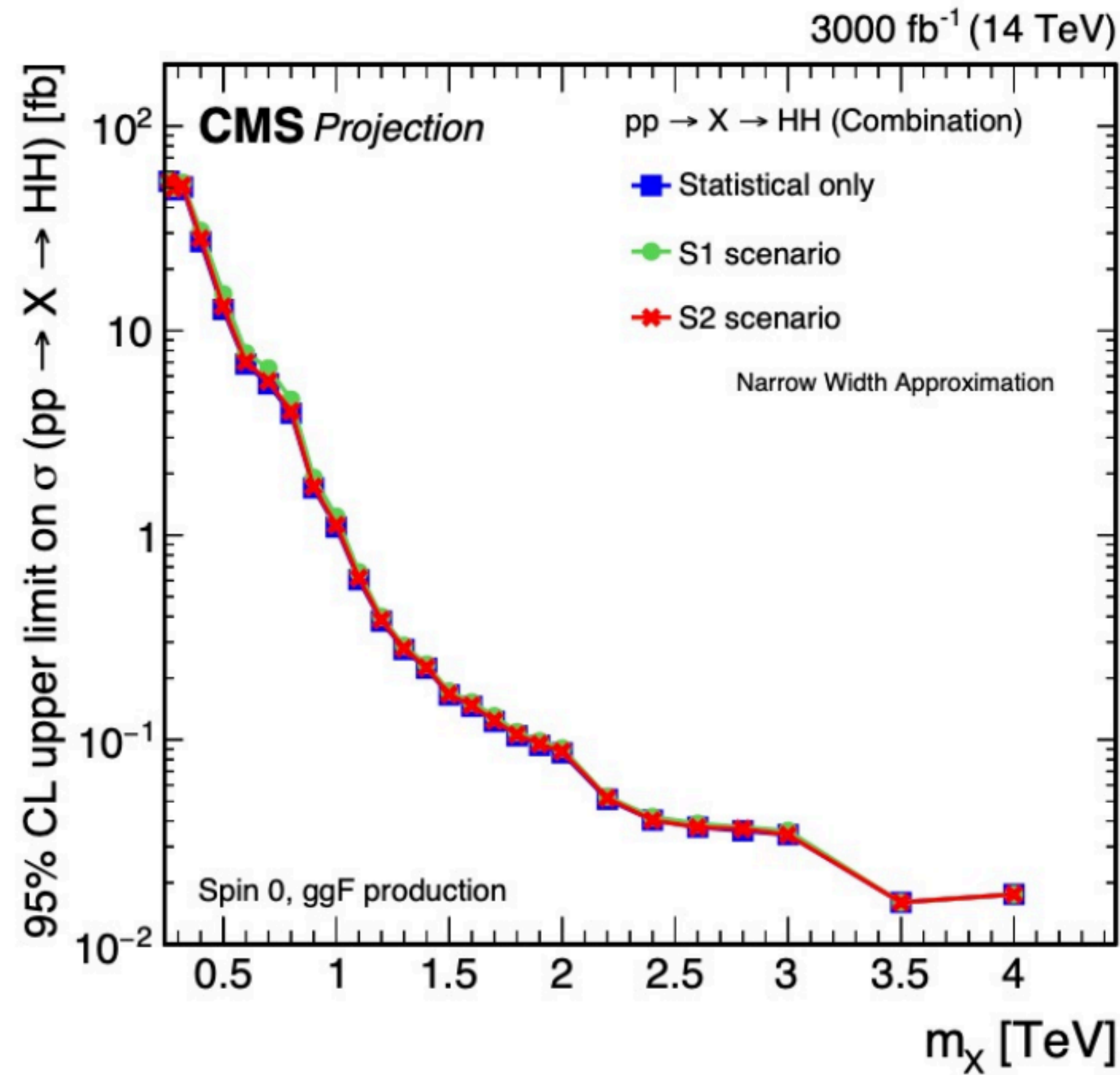


► Exclusion contours obtained with interpolation: areas where the projected upper limit is lower than the maximally allowed cross section in the model.

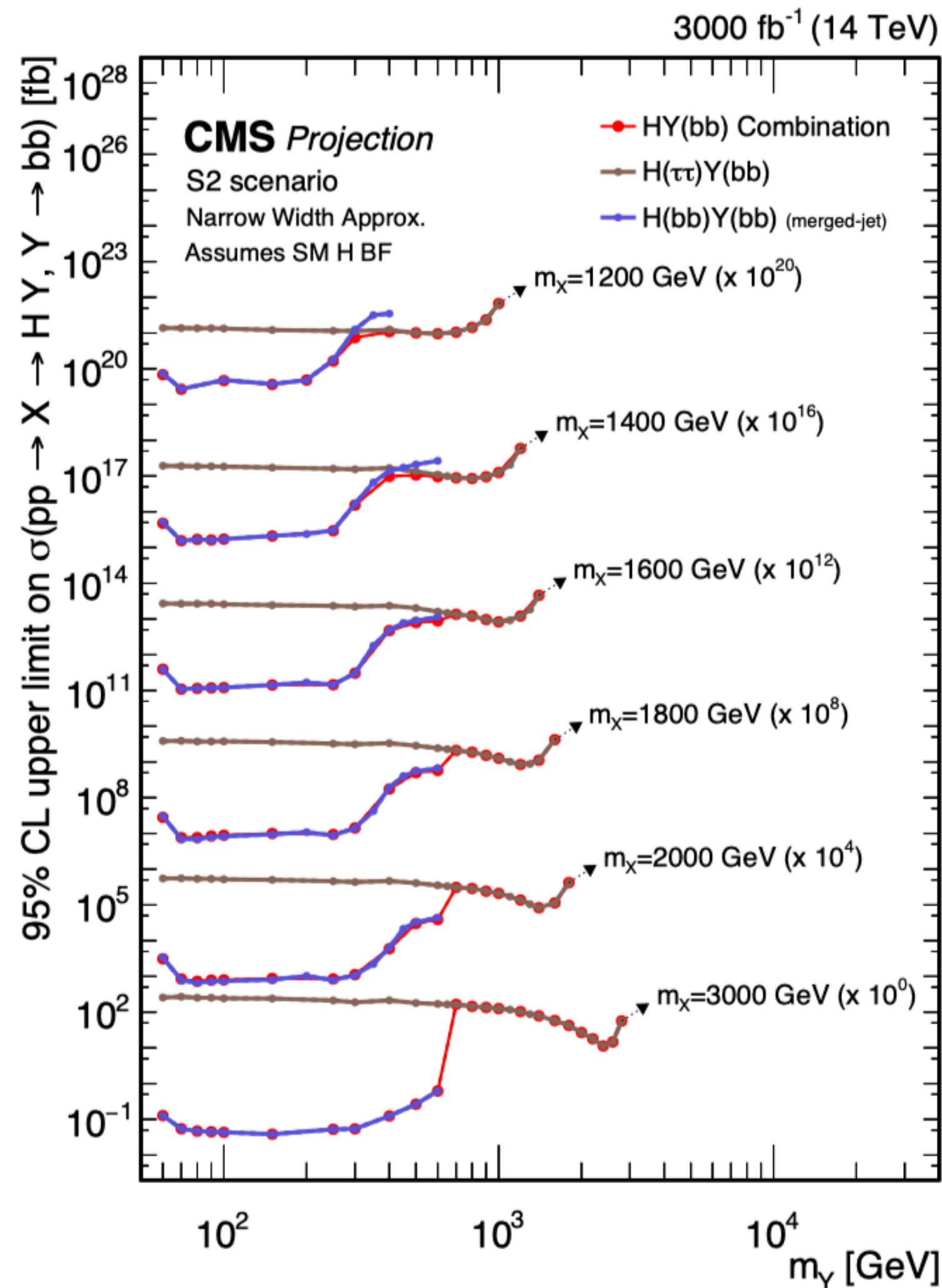
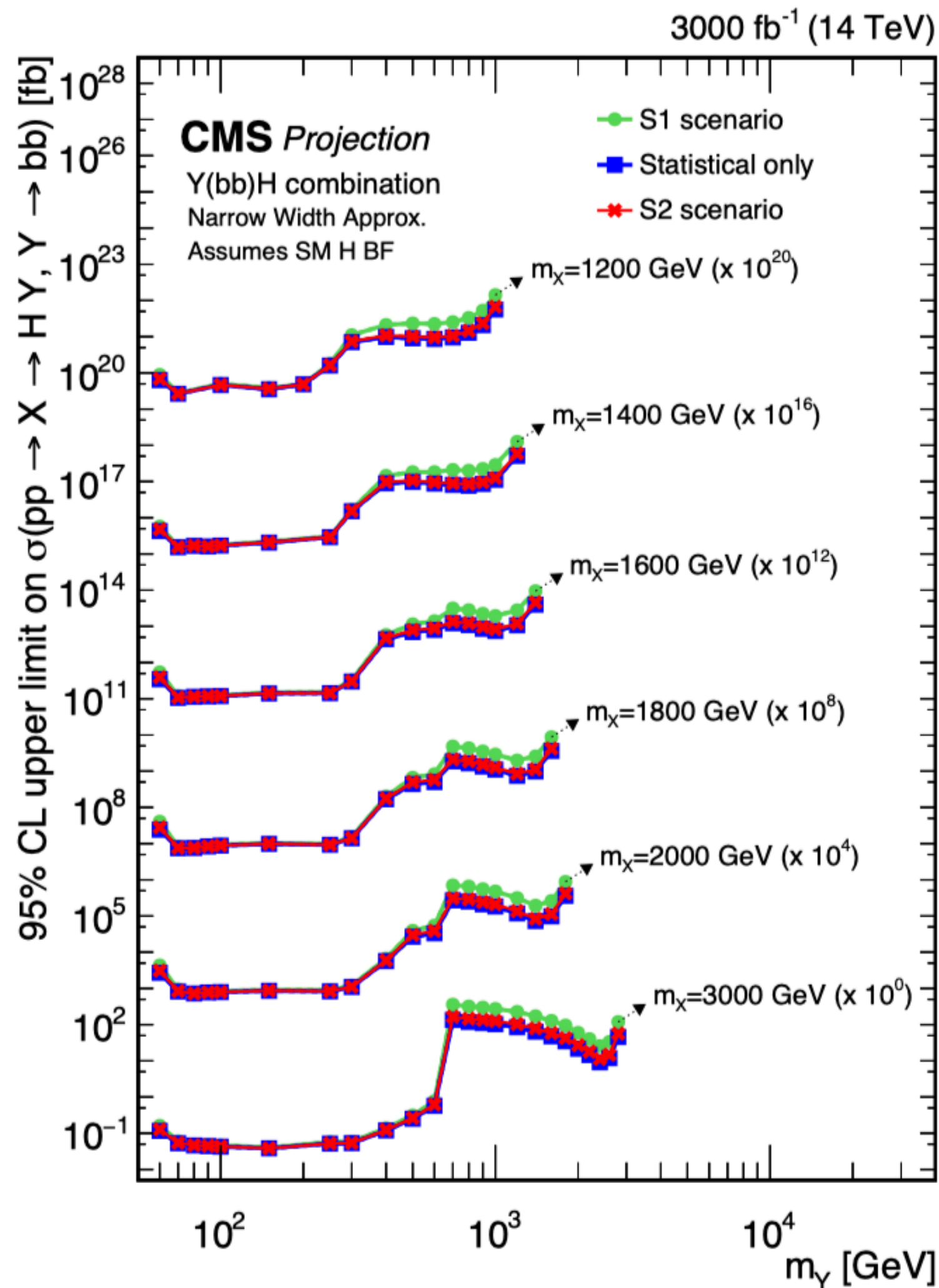


- ▶ **Signal cross sections have been scaled to the centre-of-mass energy of 14 TeV**
- ▶ **Lumi projected to 3000 fb⁻¹**
- ▶ **Systematics scenarios:**
 - S1: All the systematic uncertainties are assumed to remain the same as in Run 2.
 - S2: The theory uncertainties are halved, while the experimental uncertainties are set according to the recommendations
 - Statistic only
- ▶ **Projection of the 3 most sensitive channels :**
 - $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ and $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

- ▶ The combination still be statistics-dominated
 - $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$, $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ dominates the combination



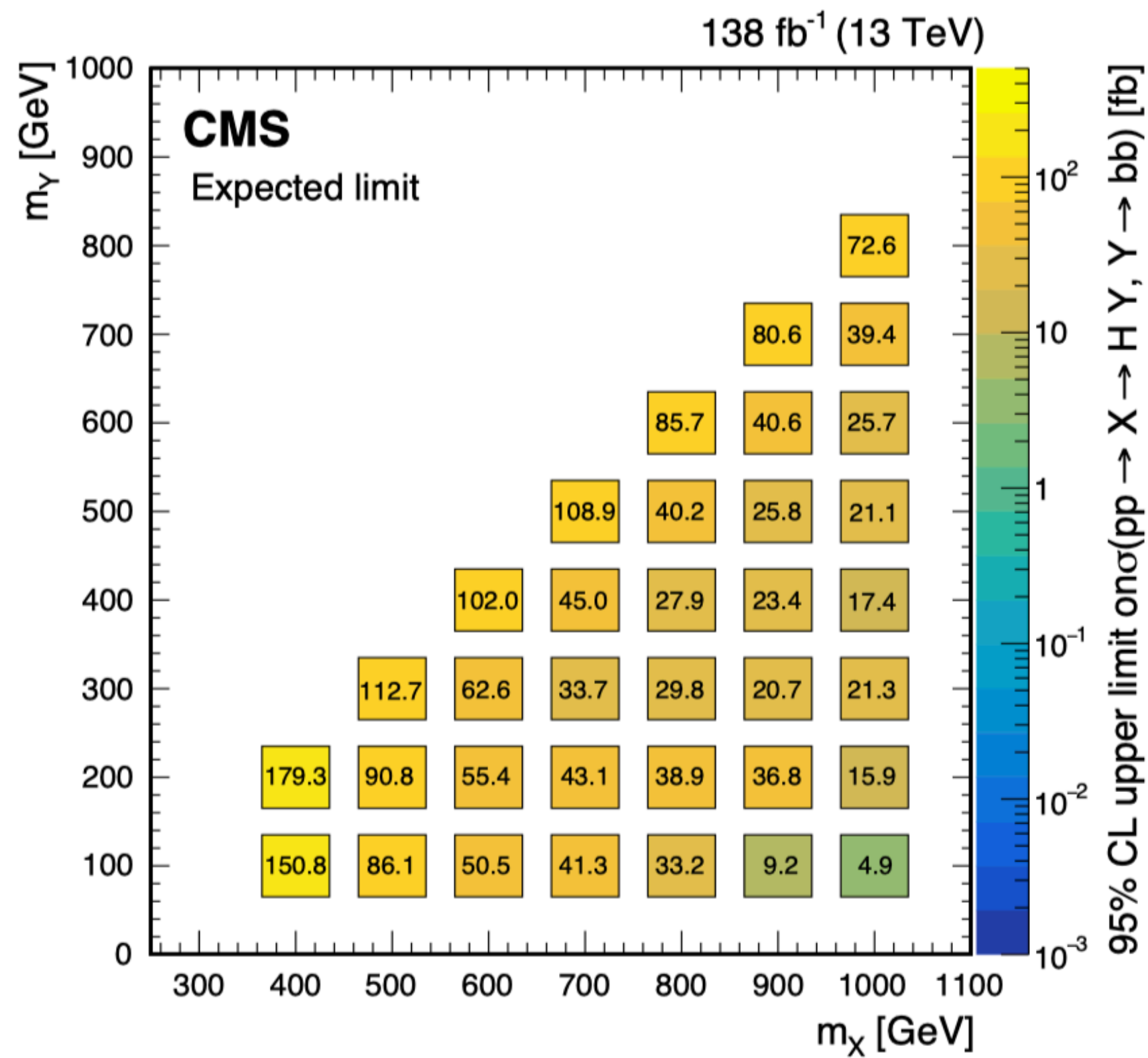
YH Projection ($m_X < 1000 \text{ GeV}$)



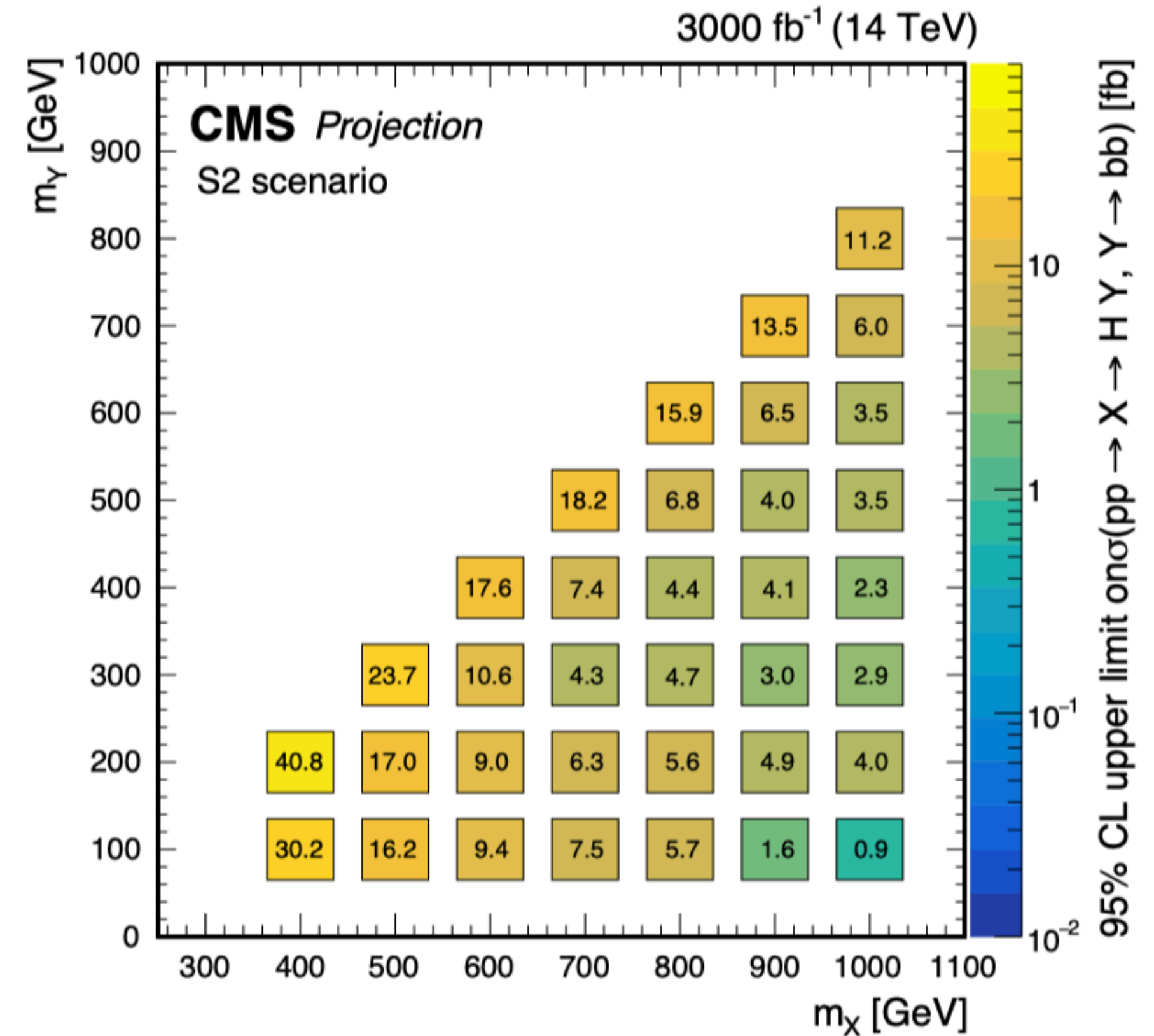
► The combination gained sensitivity from different channels in different regions

- The regions with the largest ratios of m_Y/m_X correspond to a Y particle with low transverse momentum, and can be probed with the bbyy channel.
- In the regions with small ratios of m_Y/m_X , the Y particle receives a large Lorentz boost, such that the bbbb boosted channel has the highest sensitivity and only this final state is considered.
- In the intermediate region, the bbyy and bb $\tau\tau$ channels provide comparable sensitivity.

- Selected bins of expected upper limit projections of the YH combination presented as a function of m_X and m_Y



Run2 results



Projection results