

# Search for additional scalars at CMS

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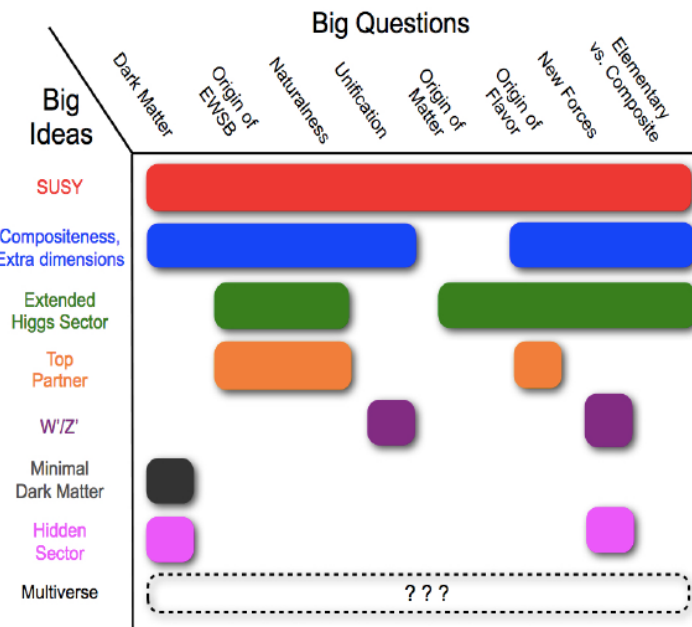
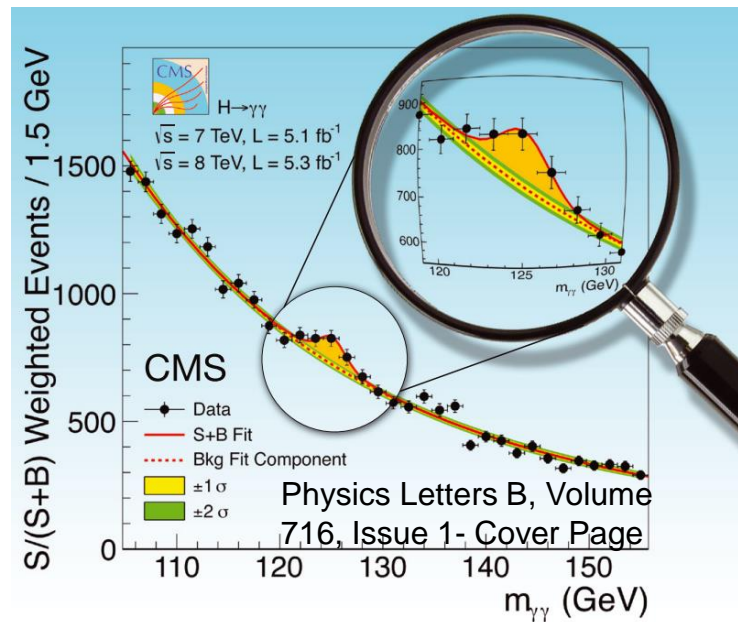
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# Introduction

- Although the **Higgs boson** discovered at LHC so far is compatible with the SM Higgs boson, there is **still room for BSM**
- Many **BSM models** (e.g. NMSSM, 2HDM, Georgi-Machacek model) provide a Higgs boson that is **compatible with the LHC observed 125 GeV boson**, and **additional Higgs bosons or (pseudo-)scalars**
- **Discovery of extra scalars would be an unequivocal sign of new physics**
- **LHC is currently the most powerful discovery machine**  
-- Hope to find **hints of BSM**





# Extra scalar searches at CMS

➤ Large group of **extra (pseudo-)scalar searches** being covered with **full Run-2 (2016-2018)**

BSM particle searches

Neutral scalars (H, A, X,  $\phi$ )

Charged H/X



HIG-20-002 ([arXiv:2405.18149](#)): **light**  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
 EXO-22-024 ([arXiv:2405.09320](#)) : High mass  $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
 CMS-PAS-HIG-20-016: High mass  $X \rightarrow WW$   
 JHEP 07 (2023) 073:  $\phi \rightarrow \tau\tau$       [CMS-PAS-EXO-24-007](#):  $\phi \rightarrow bb$   
 PRD 110, 012013:  $V\phi/tt\phi \rightarrow ll$   
 EXO-22-022 ([arXiv:2405.00834](#)): boosted multi- $\gamma$   $X \rightarrow \phi\phi \rightarrow 4\gamma$   
 CMS-PAS-HIG-22-004:  $A \rightarrow ZH, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
 HIG-22-002 ([arXiv:2305.18106](#)): LFV  $X \rightarrow e\mu$   
 JHEP 09 (2023) 032:  $H^\pm \rightarrow H(200)W \rightarrow (\tau\tau) (lv / qq)$ :  
 EXO-21-017([arXiv:2406.05737](#)):  $X^\pm \rightarrow W\gamma$

Exotic Decays

Light pseudo-scalar

- $H \rightarrow aa$
- $H \rightarrow Za$



[EPJC 84, 493 \(2024\)](#) :  $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu bb / \tau\tau bb$   
[JHEP07\(2023\)148](#):  $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma$  resolved  
[PRL131 \(2023\) 101801](#):  $H \rightarrow AA \rightarrow 4\gamma$  merged  
[EPJC 84, 493 \(2024\)](#):  $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2b2\tau / 2b2\mu$   
[PLB 852 \(2024\) 138582](#):  **$H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll + \gamma\gamma$**  (see [Zebing's talk](#))

Multi-Higgs resonances

$X \rightarrow HH$  Searches  
 $X \rightarrow HY$  Searches



HIG-21-005 ([arXiv:2403.09430](#)):  $X \rightarrow HH \rightarrow bbWW$   
[JHEP05\(2024\)316](#) :  **$X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$**   
[CMS-PAS-HIG-22-012](#):  **$X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma\gamma$**

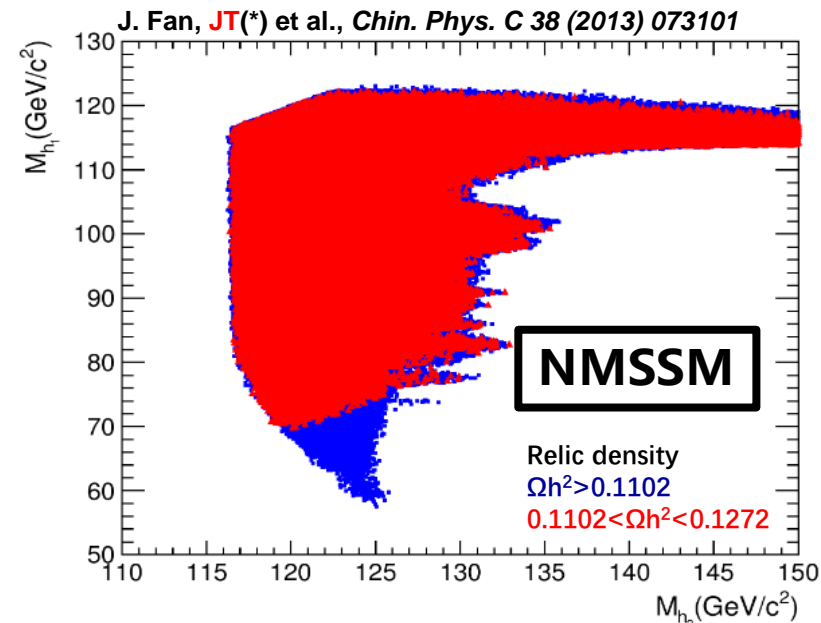
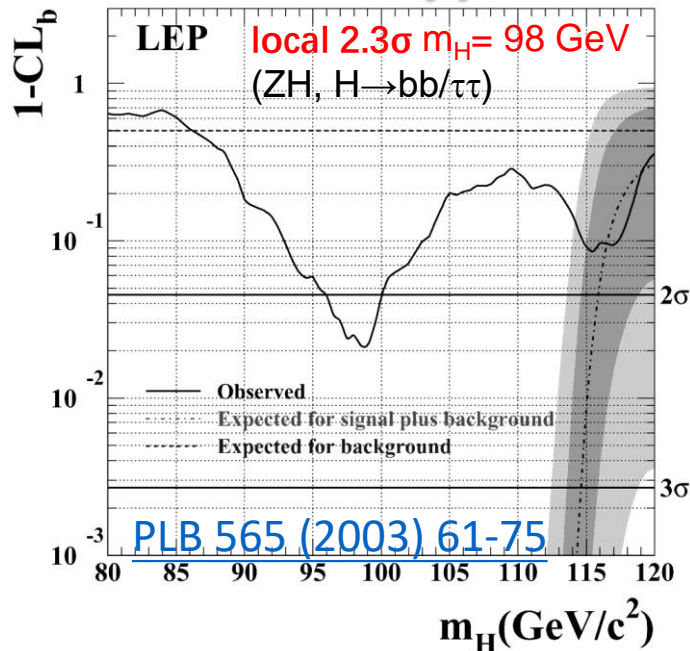
➤ **Selected results** will be presented

**Many other list : [CMS Publication List](#)**

# Search for low-mass ( $m_H < 125$ GeV) $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

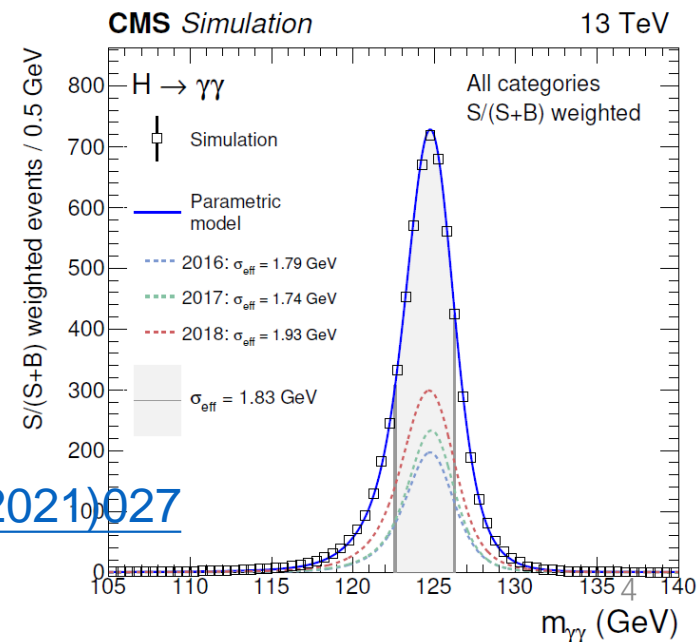
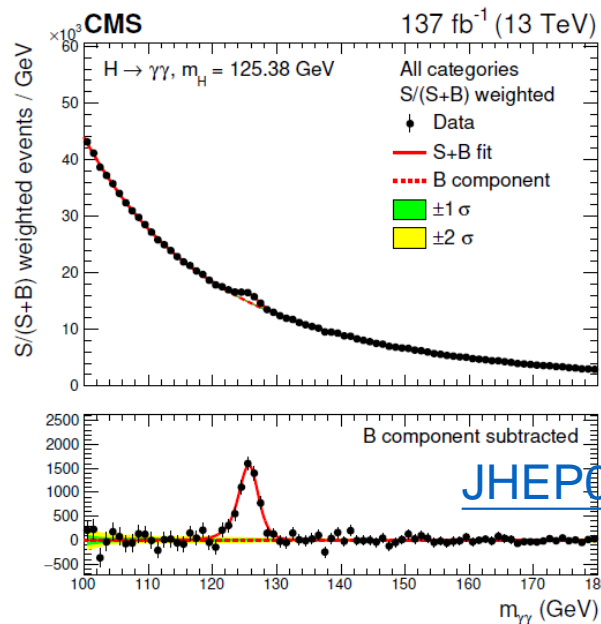
## ➤ Why low-mass Higgs?

- ✓ Final LEP SM Higgs boson search results:  $2.3\sigma$  local excess at  $m_H = 98$  GeV
- ✓ Several BSM (NMSSM/2HDM) predict additional Higgs bosons with some of which could have masses  $< 125$  GeV



## ➤ Why $h/H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ?

- ✓ One of the major channels for Higgs discovery and property measurements
- ✓ A clean final-state topology that allows the mass of a Higgs boson to be reconstructed with high precision (1-2%)



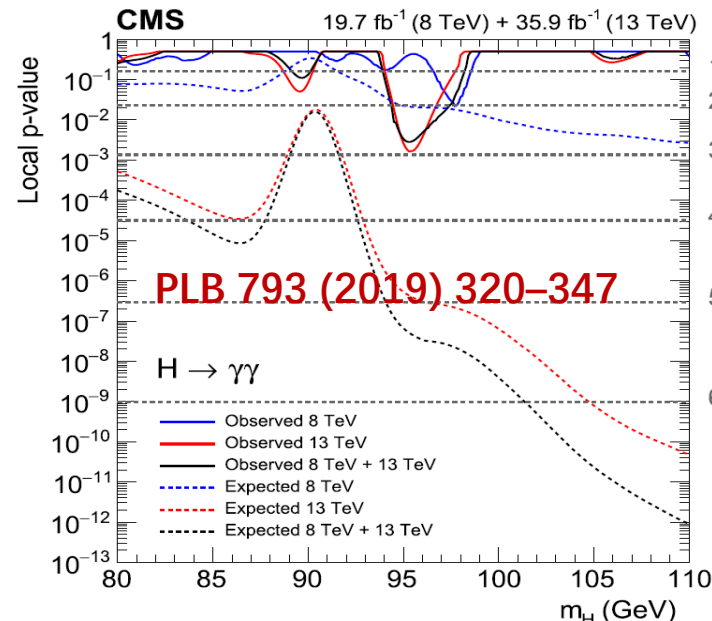
# Search for low-mass $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at CMS

➤ We (IHEP+...) have performed the LM  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  search since Run1 at CMS

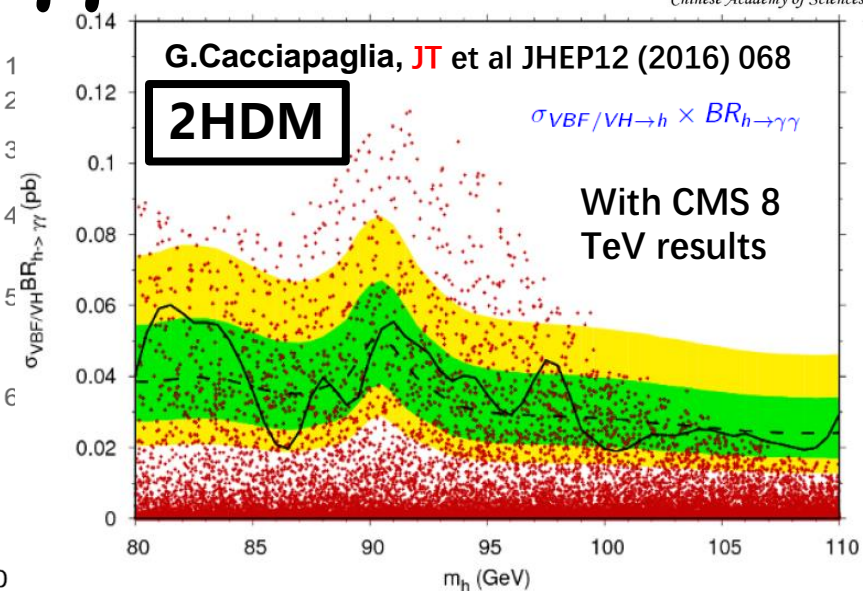
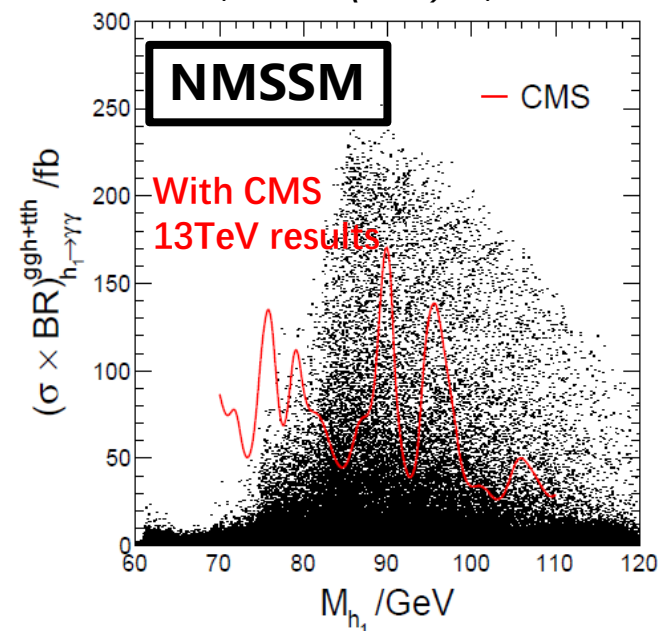
✓ 2012 data (HIG-14-037, PAS only) :  $\sim 2\sigma$  local at 97.5 GeV

✓ 2016 + 2012 data (HIG-17-013, PLB 793 (2019) 320–347):  $2.8\sigma$  local ( $1.3\sigma$  global) at 95.3 GeV

➤ Performed interpretations with several BSM

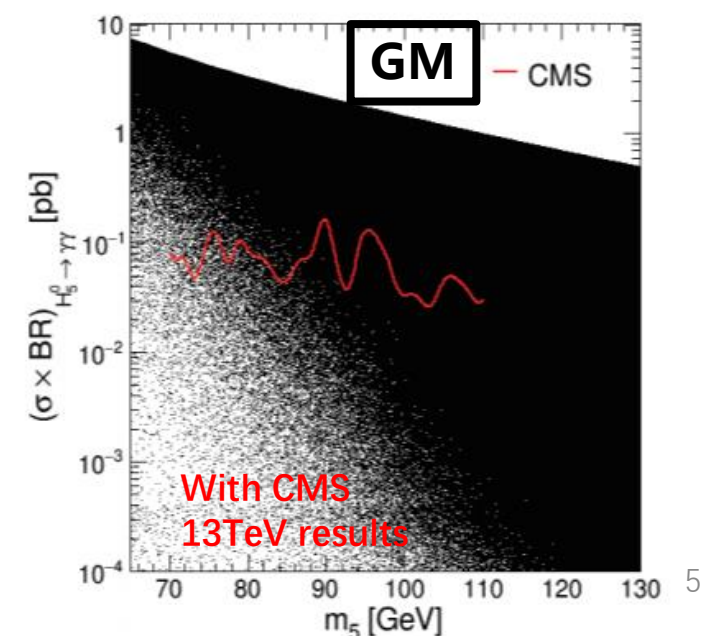


JT et al., CPC 42 (2018) 10, 103107



G. Cacciapaglia, JT et al JHEP12 (2016) 068

C. Wang, JT(\*) et al., CPC 46 (2022) 8, 083107





# SM-like low-mass $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : $70 < m_H < 110$ GeV

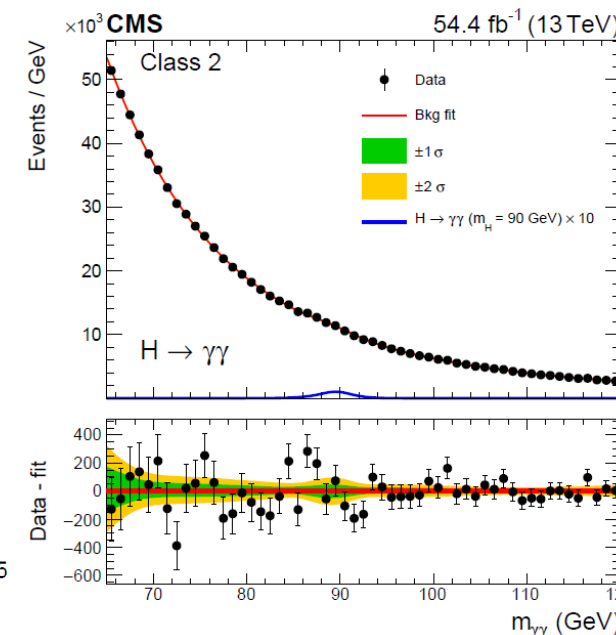
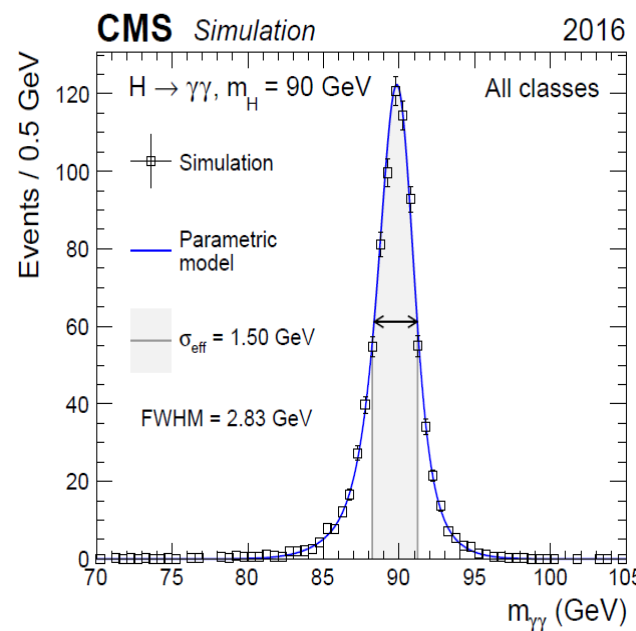
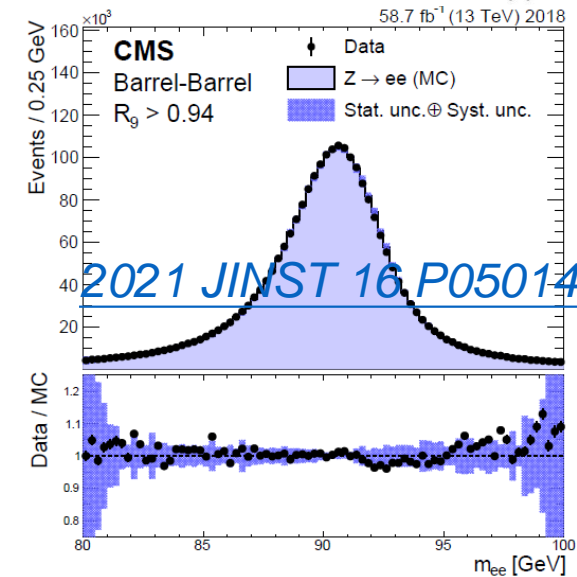
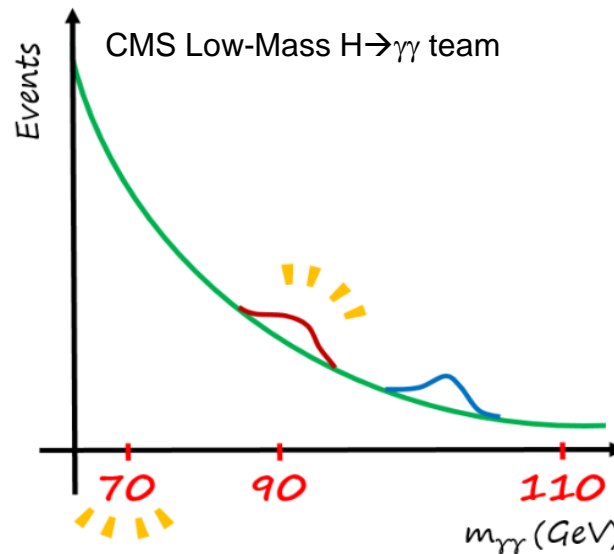
➤ Search for **narrow signal peak** over **smoothly-falling background** (direct  $\gamma\gamma$ , reducible  $\gamma + \text{jet}$ , jet+jet processes) except for **relic Drell-Yan ( $Z \rightarrow ee$ )**, in the diphoton mass spectrum

➤ **Signal searching region: 70-110 GeV**, background fitting range 65-120 GeV

- ✓ To avoid the distortion of the  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  spectrum, due to turn-on effects from the **HLT criteria ( $M > 55$  GeV)**

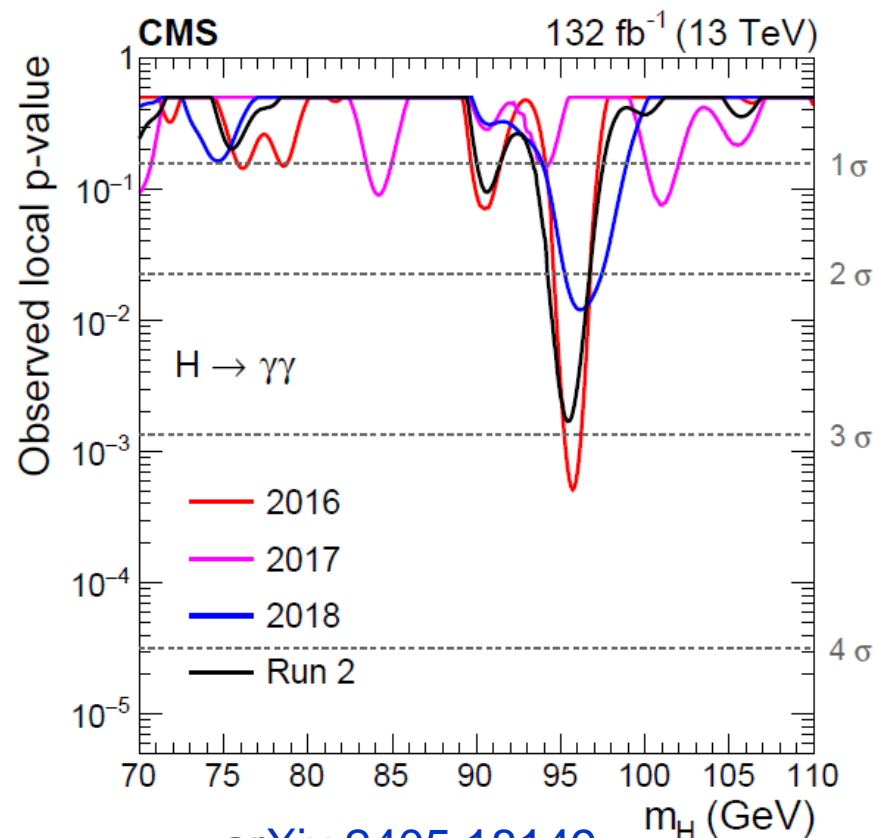
➤ Many **elements and techniques** ( $\gamma$  energy calibration, signal and data-driven background modeling, ...) inherited from **SM  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  analysis** (see [Chenguang's talk](#)), but with **dedicated updates and optimizations** in low-mass case

- ✓ Dedicated **HLT** paths then event (pre-) **selections**
- ✓ Dedicated **DY suppression** strategy
- ✓ Retrained **photon ID MVA** and **diphoton BDT** training, optimization of **event categorization**
- ✓ More in [arXiv:2405.18149](#)



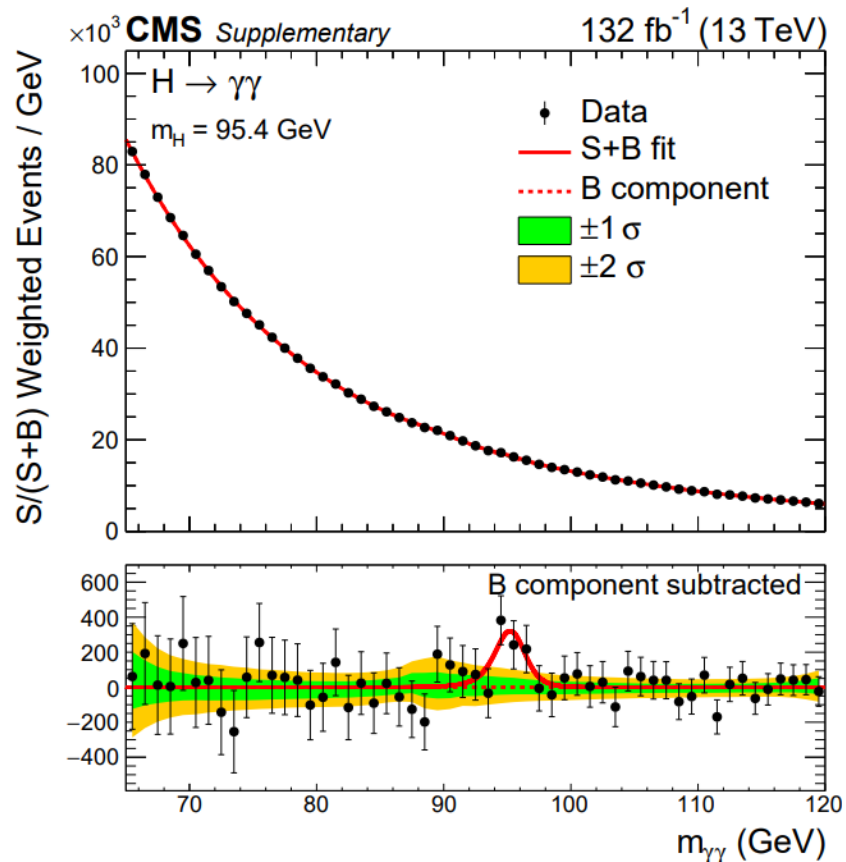
# Low-mass $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ results

- Observed local p-values for 2016, 2017, 2018 and combination

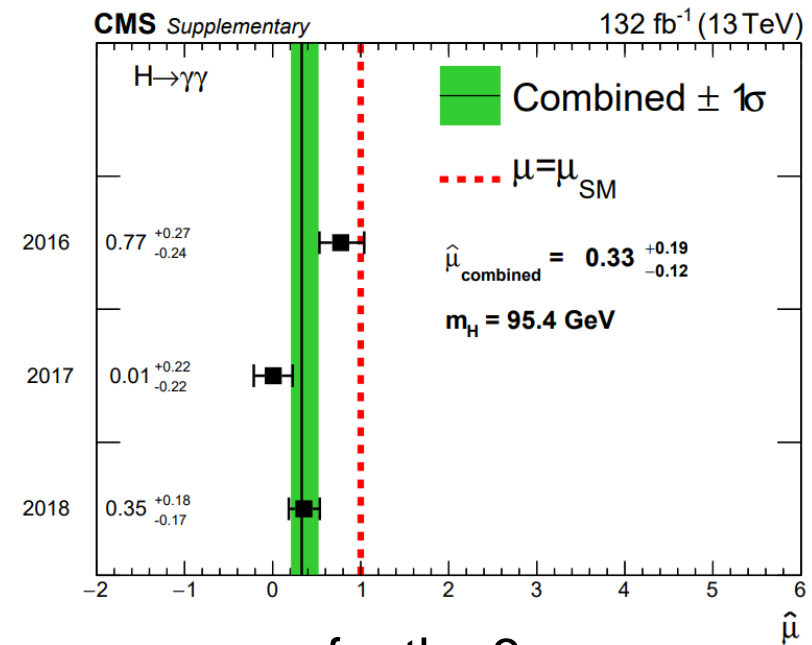


[arXiv:2405.18149](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.18149)

- S/(S+B)-weighted  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  distribution with S+B fit for  $m_H = 95.4$  GeV



[More results and interpretations](#)



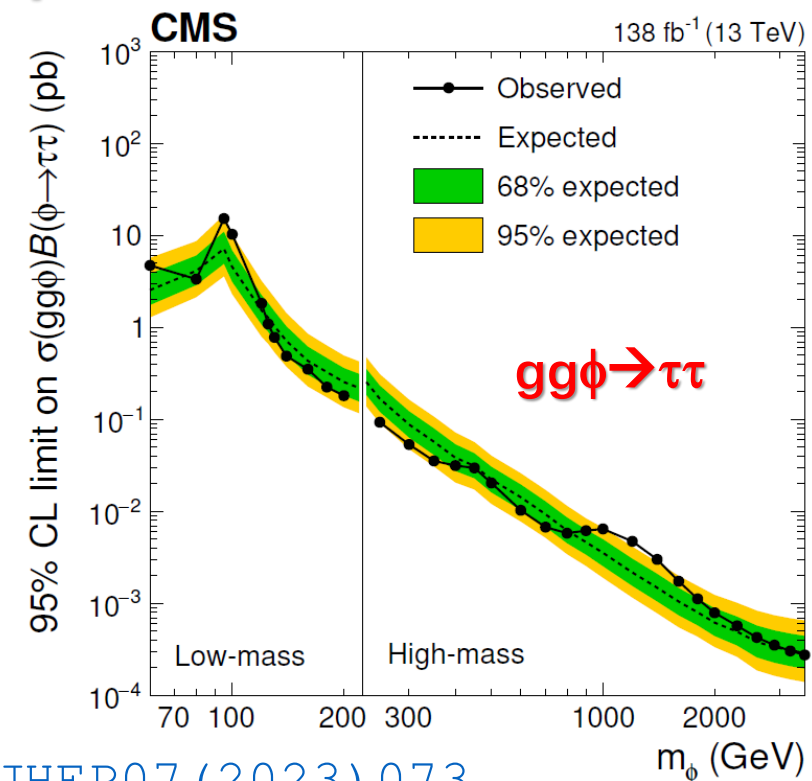
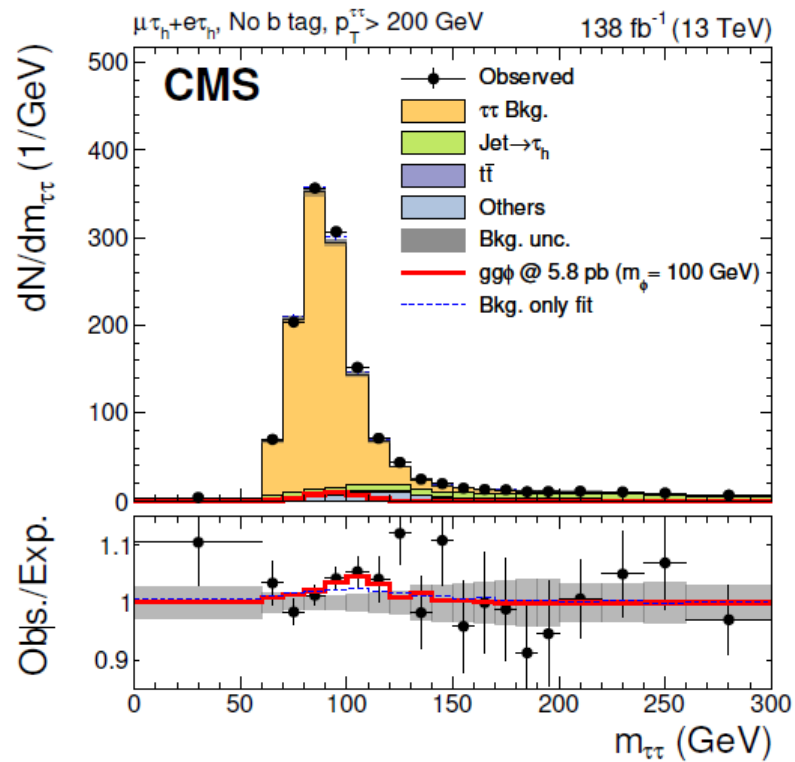
- for the 3 years  $\chi^2$  compatibility probability: 6%

- Modest excess with  $\sim 2.9\sigma$  local ( $1.3\sigma$  global) significance at  $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 95.4$  GeV

The excess did not grow with luminosity, but remains intriguing

# Search for neutral scalar $\phi \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- $\tau\tau$  final state: identified with **higher purity than b**; **well estimated  $\tau\tau$  bkg**; typically **larger BR**; ...
- Production via **gluon fusion** ( $gg\phi$ ) or in **association with b quarks** ( $bb\phi$ )
- Performed in **4  $\tau\tau$  final states** :  $e\mu$ ,  $e\tau_h$ ,  $\mu\tau_h$ , and  $\tau_h\tau_h$
- Event categorization : split into **no b-tag** ( $N_{bjets}=0$ ) and **b-tag** categories
- ✓ For no b-tag category split events based on **reconstructed  $p_T^{\tau\tau}$**



[JHEP07\(2023\)073](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.12345)

“Low-mass” (60–250 GeV): fitting on  $m_{\tau\tau}$  to extract signal

**3.1 $\sigma$ (2.7 $\sigma$ ) local (global) @ 100 GeV**

**2.6 $\sigma$ (2.3 $\sigma$ ) local (global) @ 95 GeV**

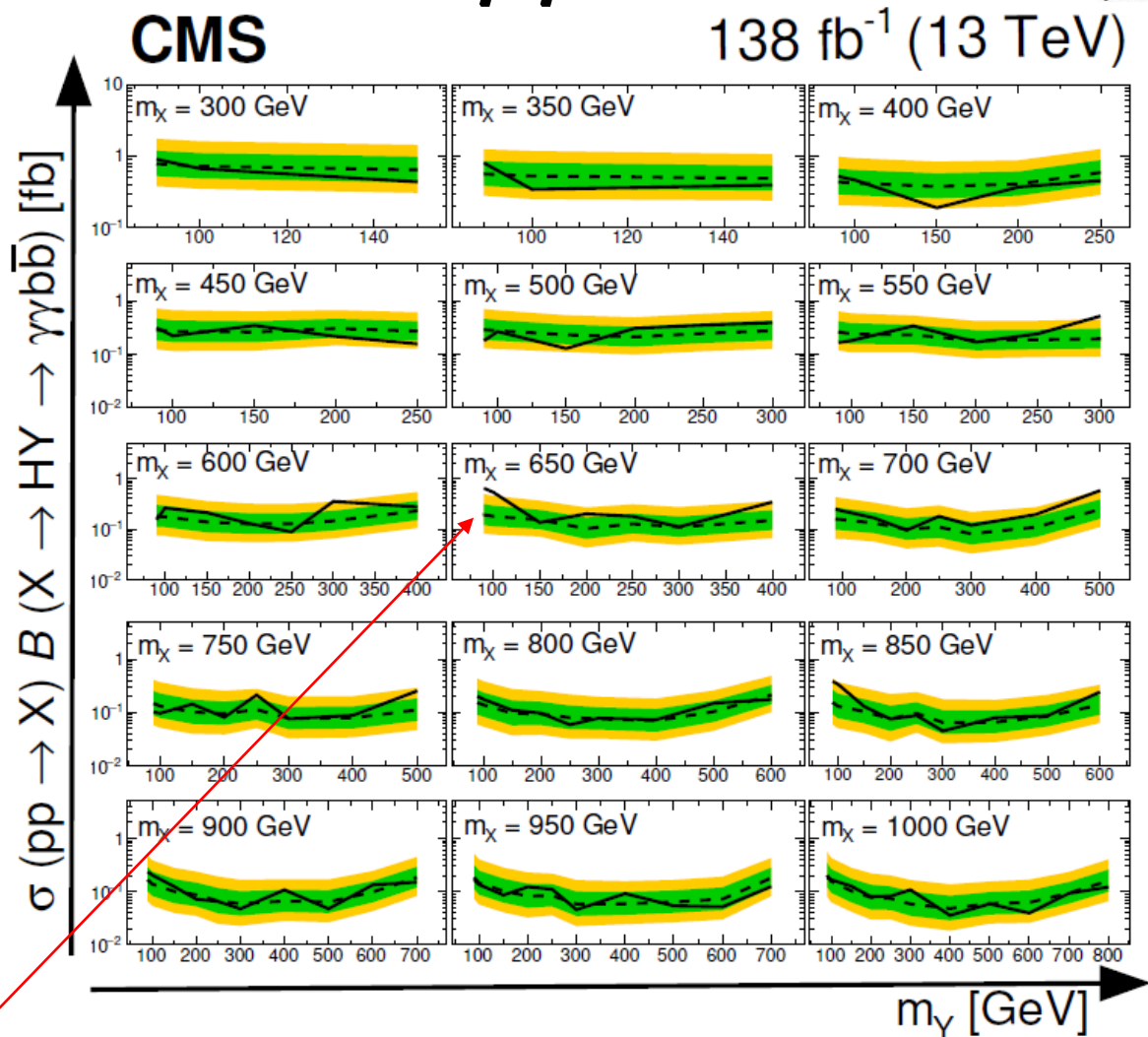
2.8 $\sigma$ (2.2 $\sigma$ ) local (global) @ 1.2 TeV

**Not seen in  $bb\phi$  production**



# $X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$

- Search for a new boson  $X$  decays into two spin-0 bosons, with 2 $\gamma$  and 2b quarks
  - Relatively large signal purity in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - Large branching fraction of decaying into  $bb$
- Focus on  $X$  decays into an  $H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  and a new spin-0 boson  $Y(\rightarrow bb)$  in this talk
- BDT (DNN) scores to separate signals and non-resonant (resonant) backgrounds
- Six BDT training accounts for different signal  $m_X$ - $m_Y$  mass ranges
  - 3 event classes based on BDT output
- A parametric fit in the  $(m_{\gamma\gamma}, m_{jj})$  plane is performed for signal extraction



(Spin-0)  $X \rightarrow HY \rightarrow \gamma\gamma b\bar{b}$

Expected limit  $\pm 1 \sigma$ 
 Expected limit  $\pm 2 \sigma$   
 Expected 95% upper limit
  Observed 95% upper limit

**3.8 $\sigma$  local** (2.8 $\sigma$  global) for  $m_X$   
= 650 GeV and  $m_Y$  = 90 GeV

# $X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma\gamma$

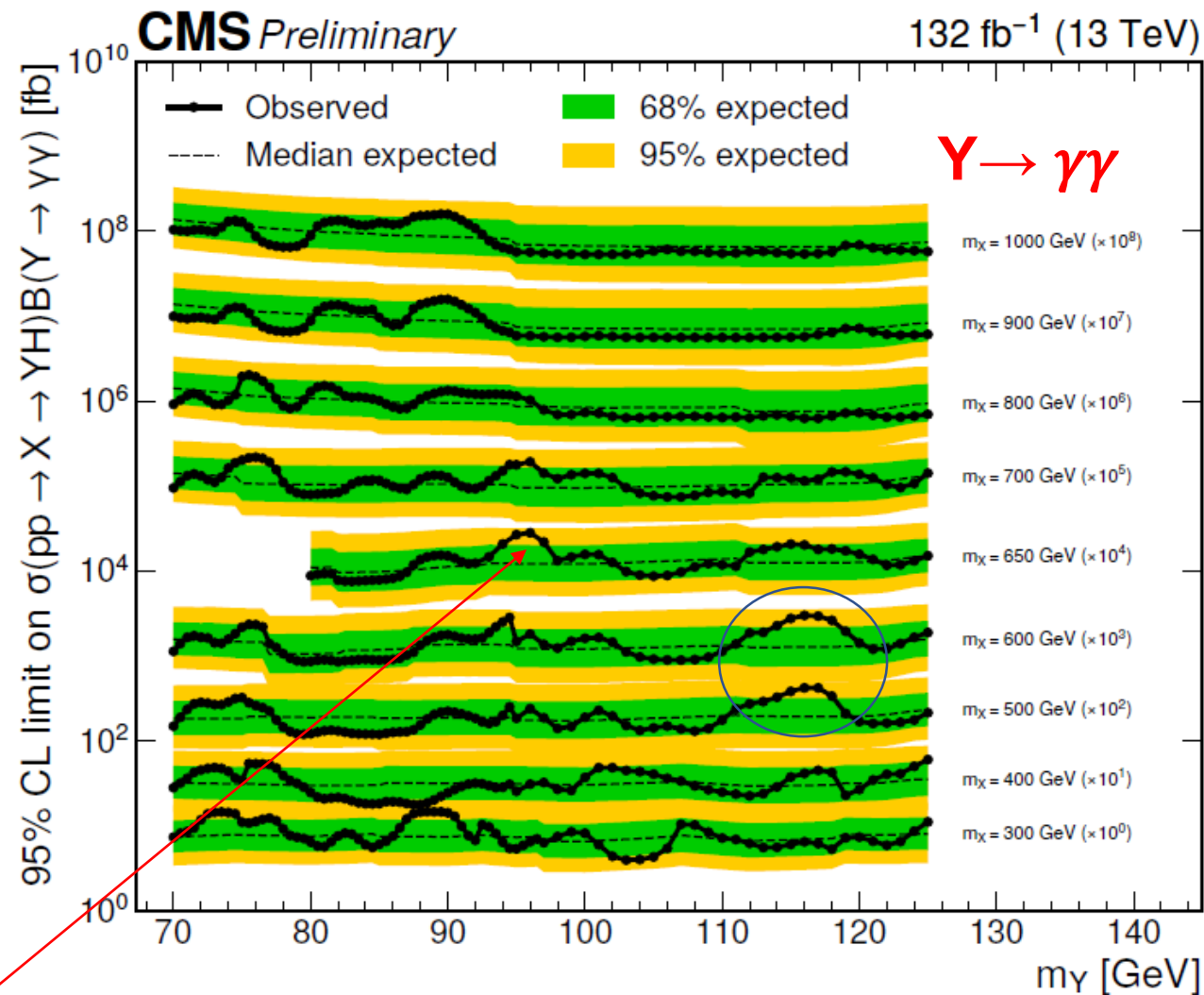
➤ Diphoton pair offers a clean experimental signature to **trigger** on with a **good mass resolution**, whilst the additional **tau leptons** in the event help further **isolate signal from bkg**

- **Three search channels of  $X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma\gamma$ :**
- ✓  $X \rightarrow Y(\tau\tau) H(\gamma\gamma)$
  - ✓ Low-mass  $X \rightarrow Y(\gamma\gamma) H(\tau\tau)$  ( $Y$  mass 70-125 GeV)
  - ✓ High-mass  $X \rightarrow Y(\gamma\gamma) H(\tau\tau)$  ( $Y$  mass 125 -800 GeV)

➤ A Parametric Neural Network (pNN) trained to identify sig from bkg and for event categorization

**$Y \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$** : the largest local significance of  **$3.4\sigma$**  ( $0.1\sigma$  global) @  **$m_X = 525$  GeV,  $m_Y = 115$  GeV**

**local  $2.3\sigma$  @  $m_X = 650$  GeV,  $m_Y = 95$  GeV** is interesting



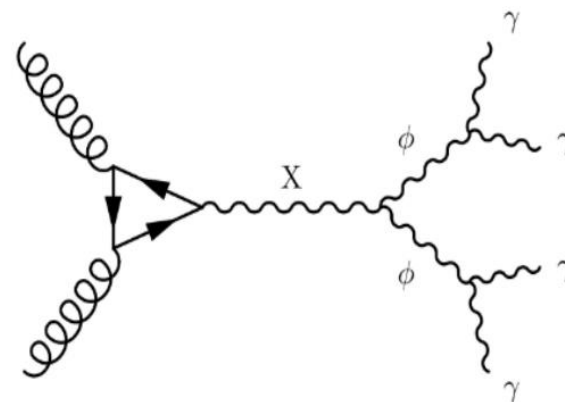
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# Boosted multi-photon $X \rightarrow \phi\phi \rightarrow 4\gamma$

➤ Highly boosted  $\phi$  resulting in merged photon pairs : need new ML analysis techniques

## Analysis Regime:

- $300 \text{ GeV} < M_X < 3000 \text{ GeV}$
- $0.005 < \alpha < 0.025$      $\alpha = M_\phi / M_X$
- Barrel Only



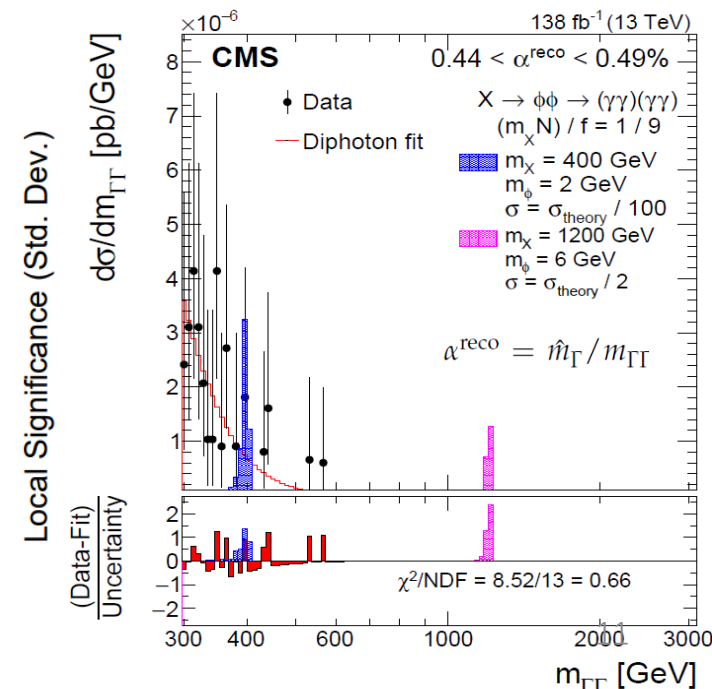
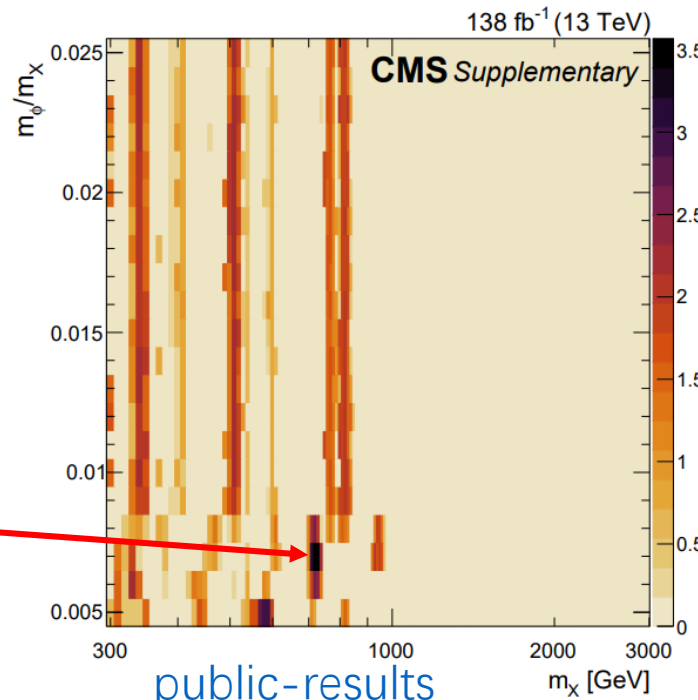
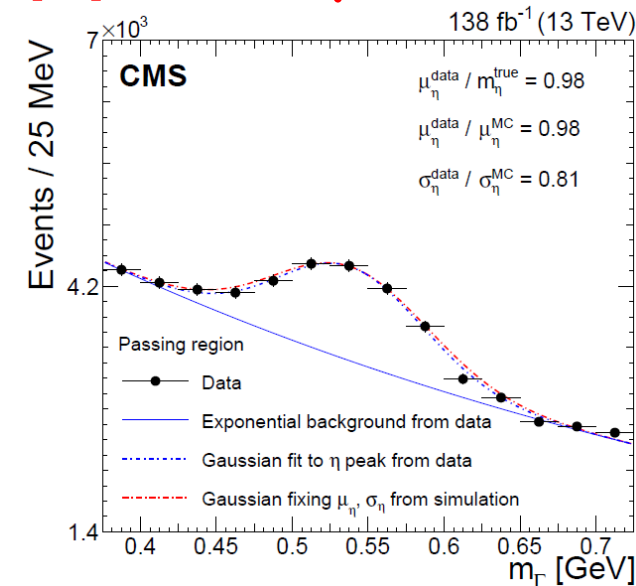
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[arXiv:2405.00834](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.00834)

➤ Two convolutional neural networks

- **Classification NN1:** selects diphotons from single photons and hadrons
- **Regression NN2:** predicts the diphoton mass ( $m_{\Gamma\Gamma}$ )
- Validations of CNN:  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

➤ **Final search is a bump hunt in  $M_{\Gamma\Gamma}$**  (reconstructed X or four-photon mass)

**$3.57\sigma$  ( $1.07\sigma$ ) local (global) excess @  $m_X = 720 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_\phi = 5.04 \text{ GeV}$**

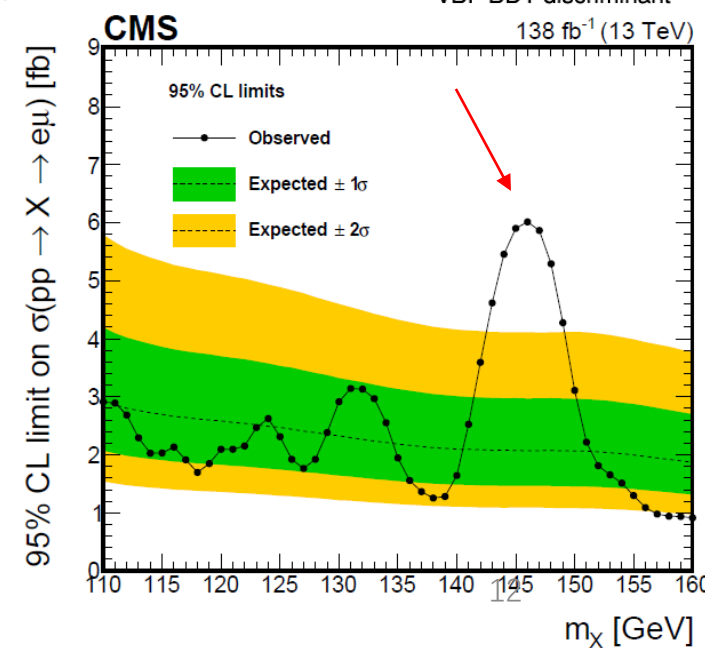
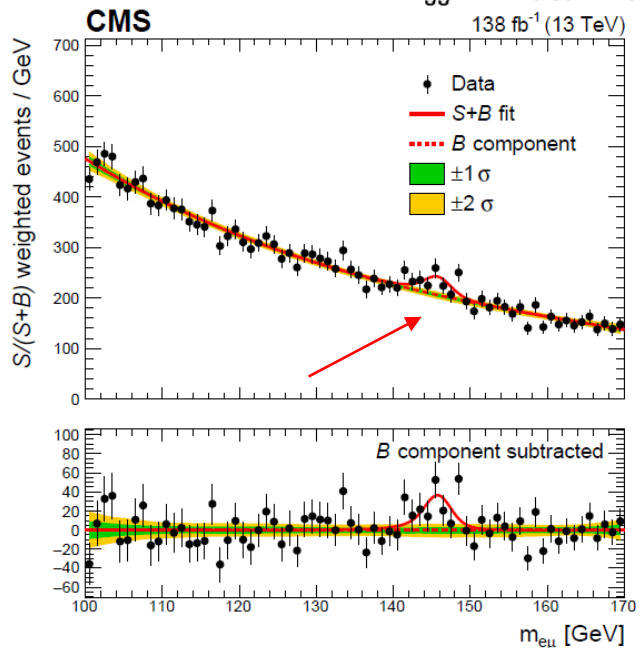
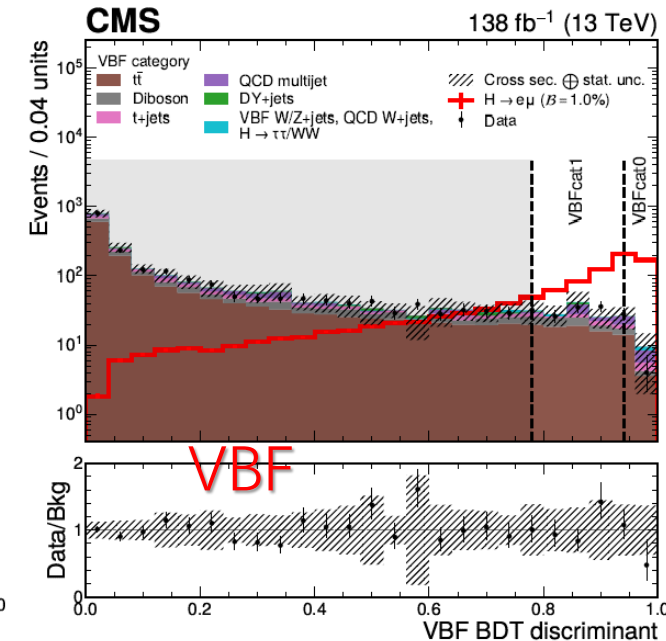
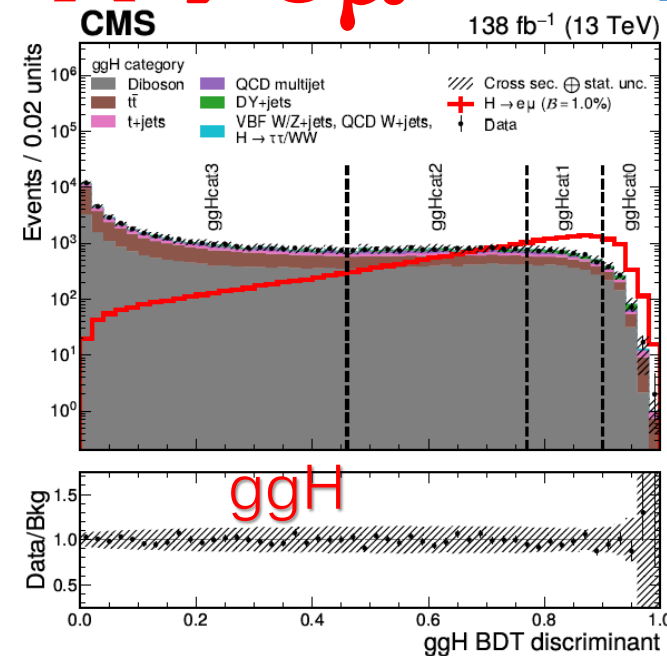




Additional Higgs bosons with mass below  $2m_W$  in the **lepton-flavor violating** decay channels is important to **constrain the Type-III 2HDM model**

- **First direct search at the LHC**
- Signal topology : **opposite-sign  $e\mu$  pair**; possible additional jets (no b-jets)
- Events are split into **production modes**, then into categories based on the **output of BDTs**
- Signal is extracted from bkg using a parametric fit to the  $m_{e\mu}$  **distribution**

**3.8 $\sigma$  (2.8 $\sigma$ ) local (global) excess @ 146 GeV**



# High mass $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma / W\gamma / WW$

➤  $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : bump search in the diphoton mass spectrum ( $> 500$  GeV)

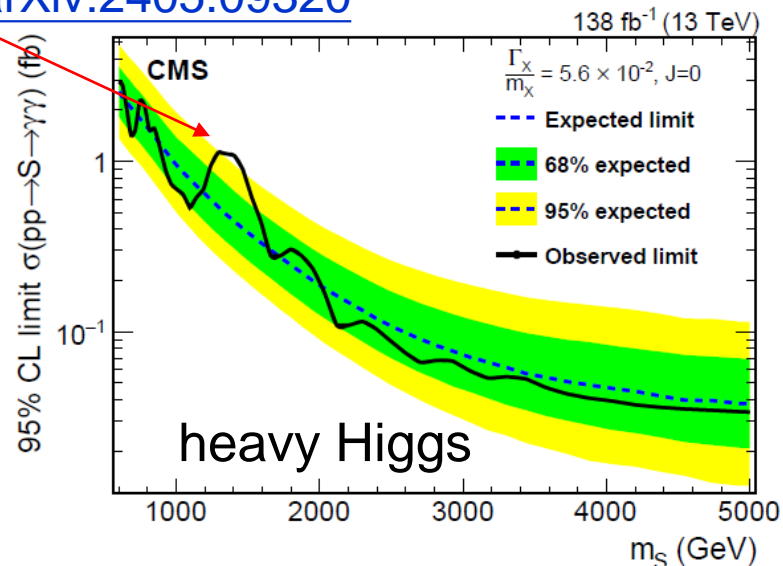
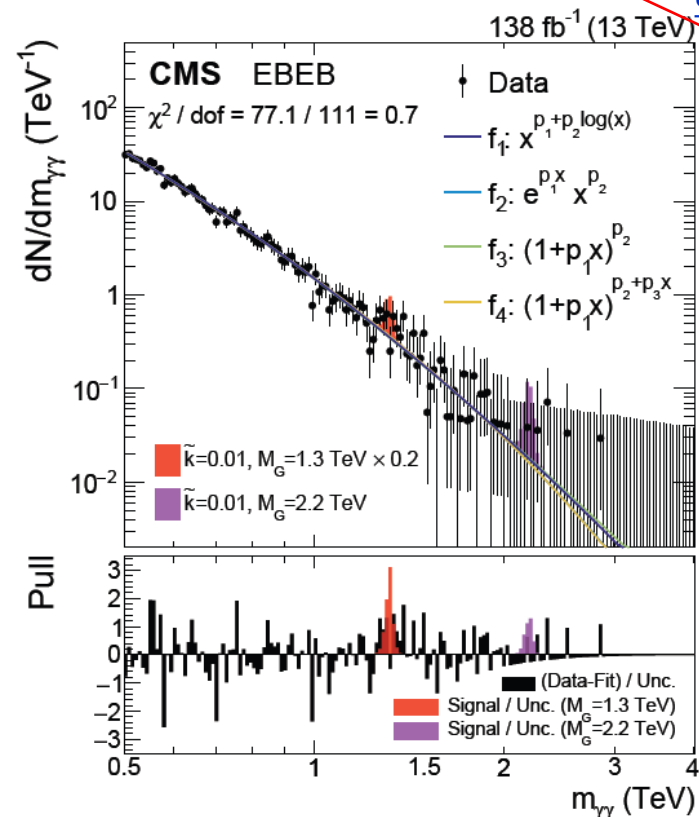
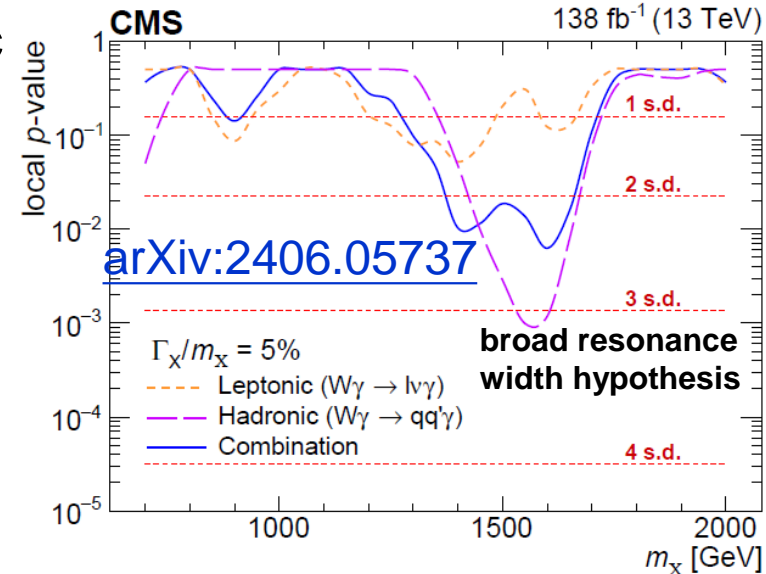
➤ Two channels: EB+EB, EB+EE

**2.6 $\sigma$  (0.8 $\sigma$ ) local (global) excess @ ~1.3 TeV for the broad resonance model**

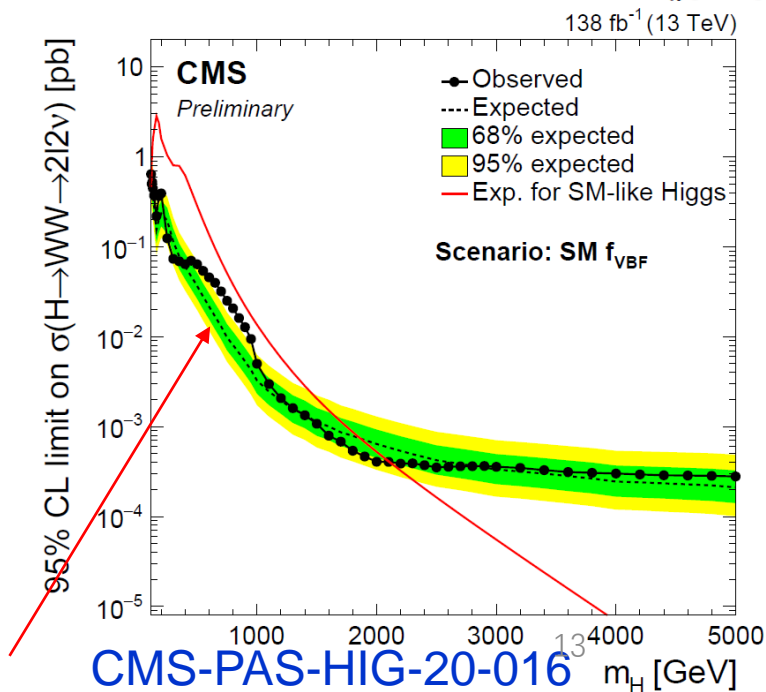
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➤  $X \rightarrow W\gamma$ : W both leptonic and hadronic decays

**Local excess of 3.1 $\sigma$  in the hadronic analysis reduced to 2.5 $\sigma$  with the two channels combined, at ~1.58 TeV**



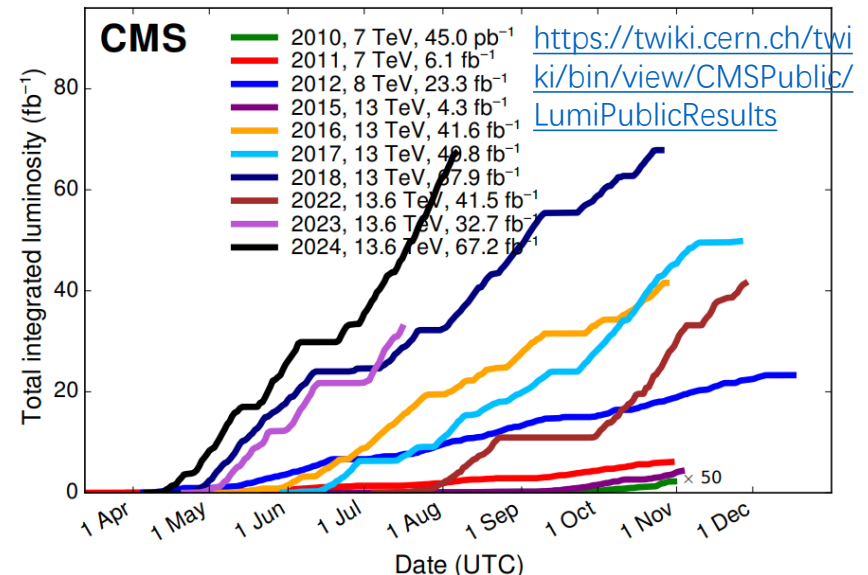
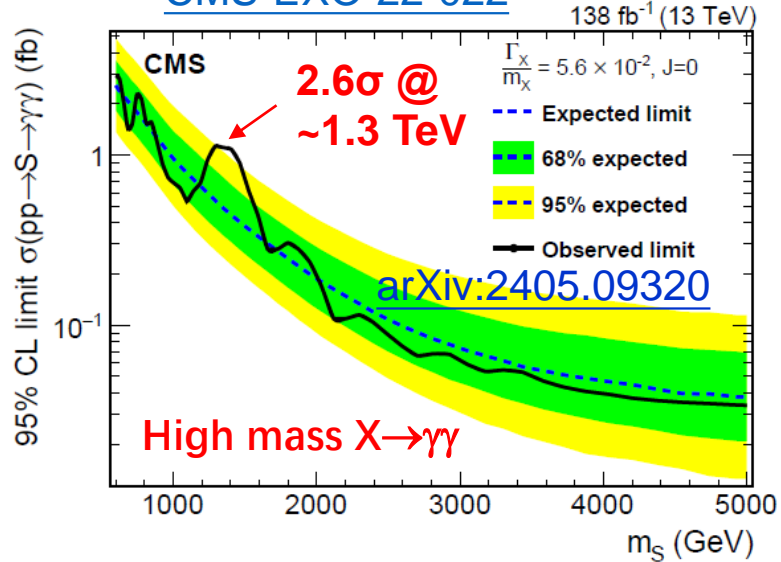
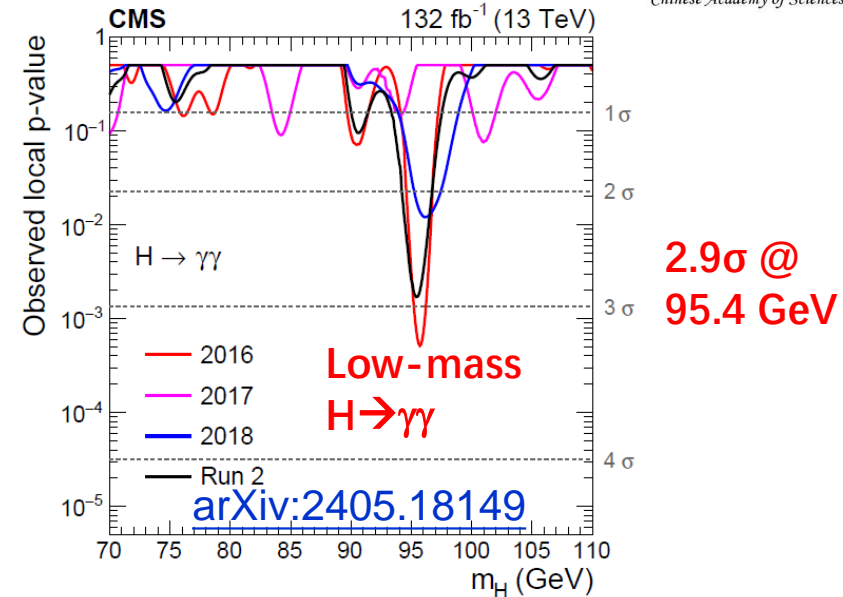
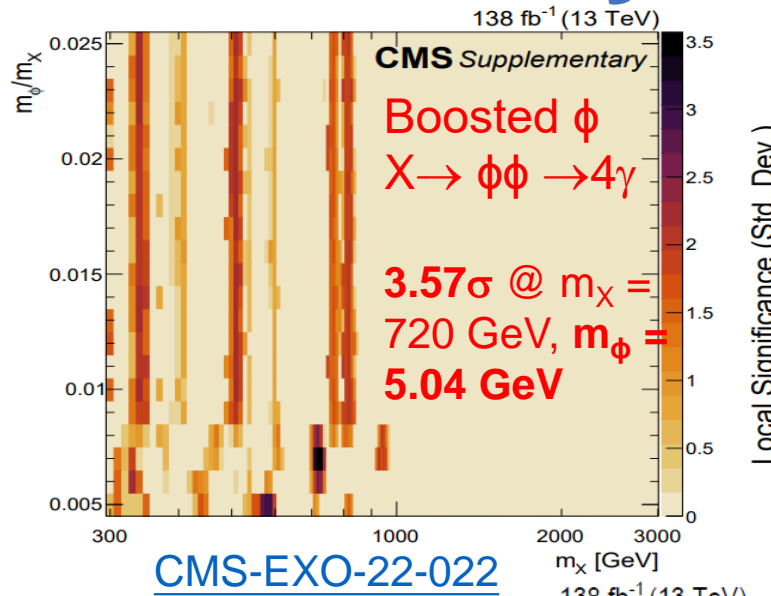
➤ **ggF/VBF  $X \rightarrow WW$ : W fully leptonic decay ( $e\mu, \mu\mu, ee$ ) over 2 $\sigma$  between 500-900 GeV**



[CMS-PAS-HIG-20-016](https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.01567)

# Summary

- Selected **CMS** latest results of searches for **additional scalars** using full Run2 data are presented
- **No direct evidence of new physics yet, but several mild excesses**
- More data is needed to conclude on the nature of these excesses
- Run3 (now  $\sim 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) is expected to collect  $\sim 1.5$  times data than Run2

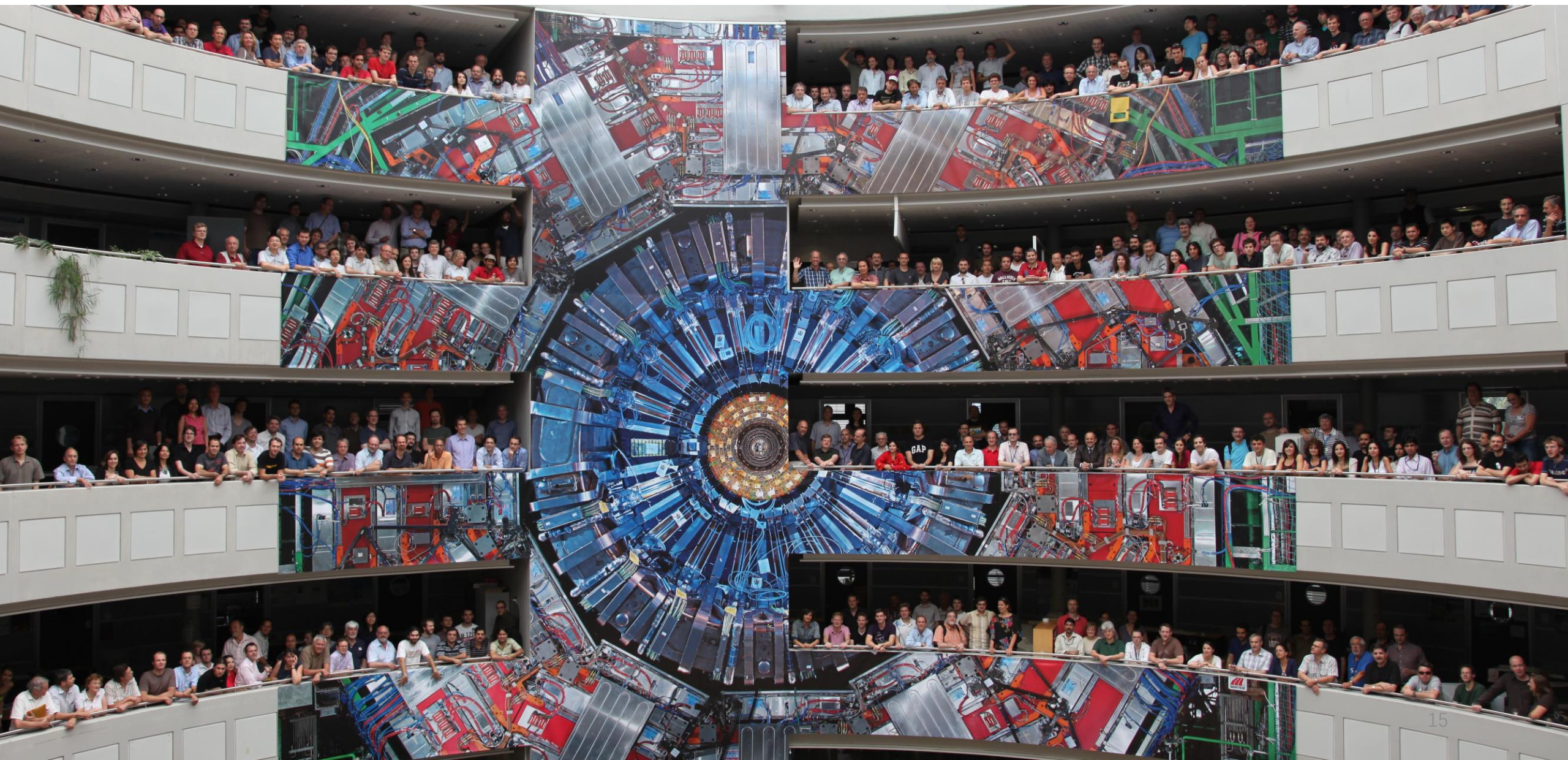


CMS has recorded  $>300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  pp collision data

*Stay tuned for Run3 results !*



# Thanks for your attention!





# Backup slides



# CMS experiment at the LHC

➤ CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid) detector is a **general-purpose detector**, designed to observe any **new physics** phenomena (including Higgs boson)

➤ Data-taking started 14 years ago!

## CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes  
Overall diameter : 15.0 m  
Overall length : 28.7 m  
Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE  
12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS  
Pixel (100x150  $\mu\text{m}$ )  $\sim 1\text{m}^2 \sim 66\text{M}$  channels  
Microstrips (80x180  $\mu\text{m}$ )  $\sim 200\text{m}^2 \sim 9.6\text{M}$  channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID  
Niobium titanium coil carrying  $\sim 18,000\text{A}$

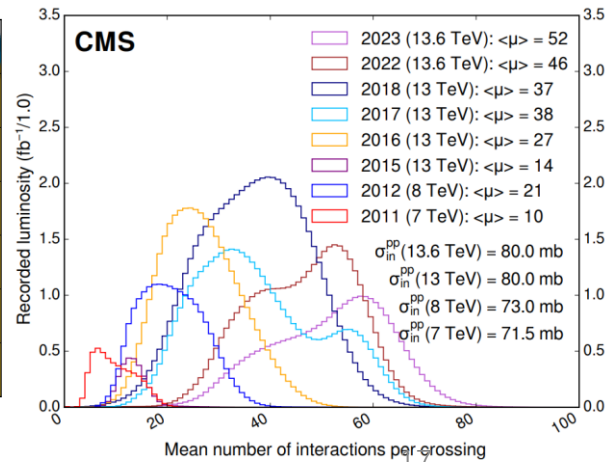
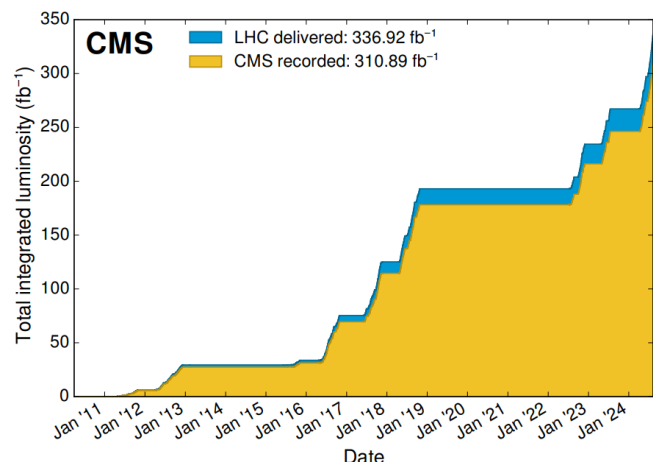
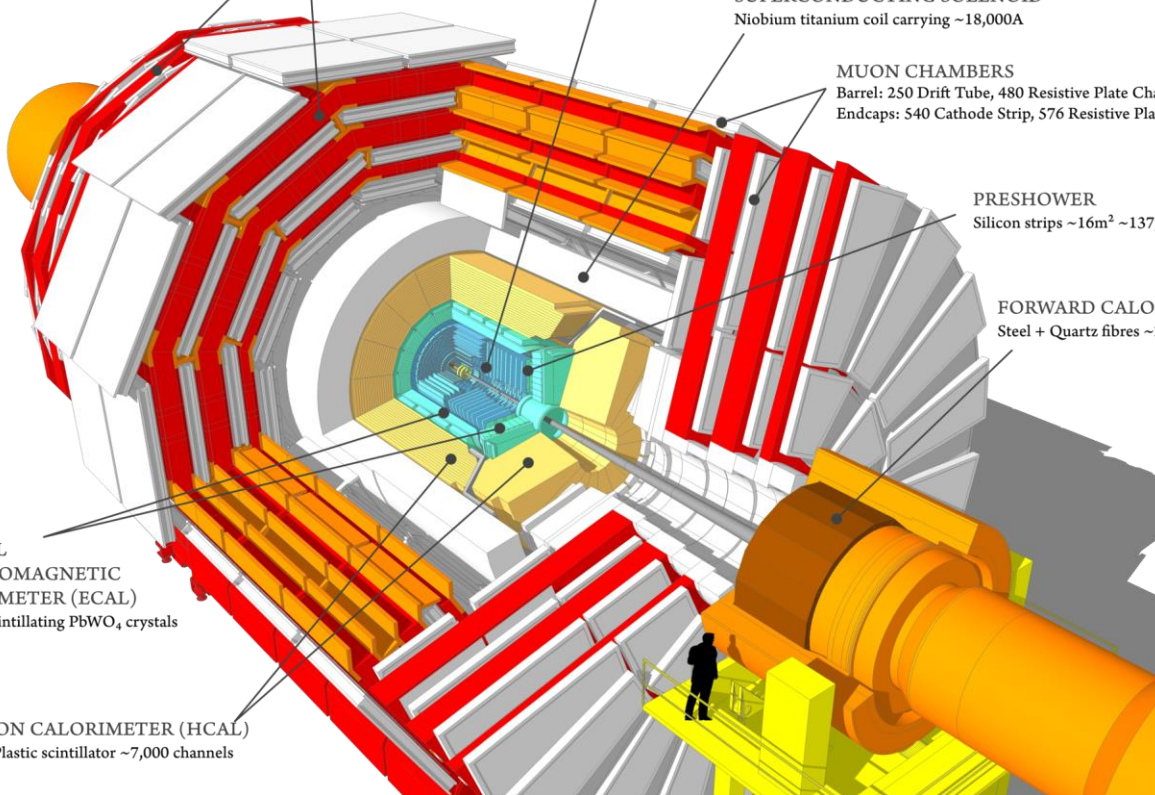
MUON CHAMBERS  
Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers  
Endcaps: 540 Cathode Strip, 576 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER  
Silicon strips  $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 137,000$  channels

FORWARD CALORIMETER  
Steel + Quartz fibres  $\sim 2,000$  Channels

CRYSTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETER (ECAL)  
 $\sim 76,000$  scintillating  $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals

HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)  
Brass + Plastic scintillator  $\sim 7,000$  channels





# SM-like LM $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ search with full Run2

➤ **Major changes** wrt prior version (PLB 793 (2019) 320) (2012+2016 data):

✓ A Kinematic **diphoton BDT** ( $p_T/m_{\gamma\gamma}$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\cos(\phi_{\gamma 1} - \phi_{\gamma 2})$ , both Photon ID MVA scores, mass resolutions wrt correct and incorrect vertices, vertex probability) for **sig and bkg discrimination retrained and reoptimized** for events categorization, **for low-mass case**

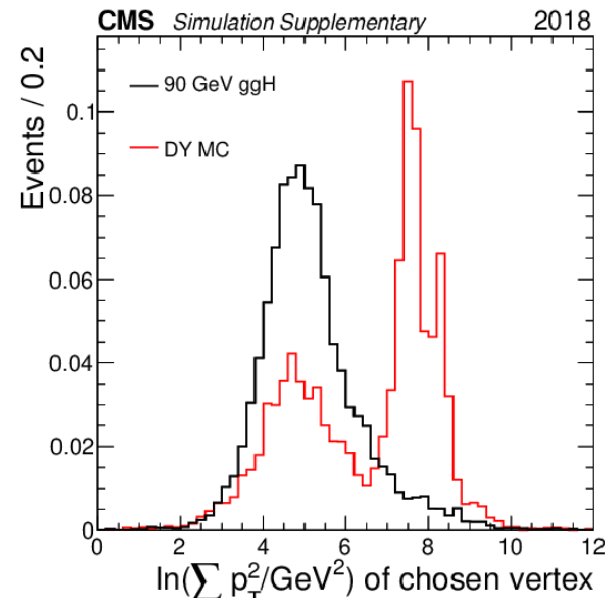
✓ **Relic DY ( $Z \rightarrow ee$ ) veto** (based on pixel detector hits) **reinforced with:**

- Rejection of photon candidates also reconstructed as electrons
- Maximum value of  $\ln(\sum p_T^2/\text{GeV}^2)$  [tracks in chosen vertex] **as function of  $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$  (GeV):**

$$\ln(\sum p_T^2) < 0.016 p_T^{\gamma\gamma} + 6$$

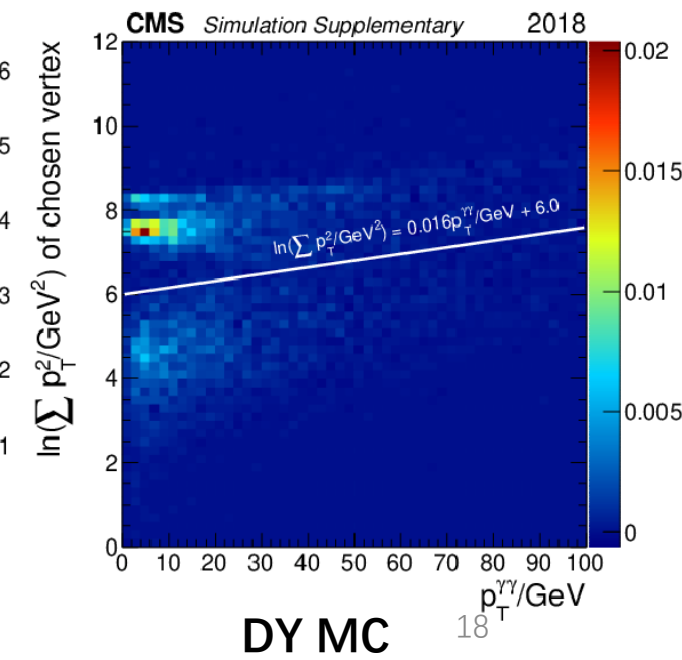
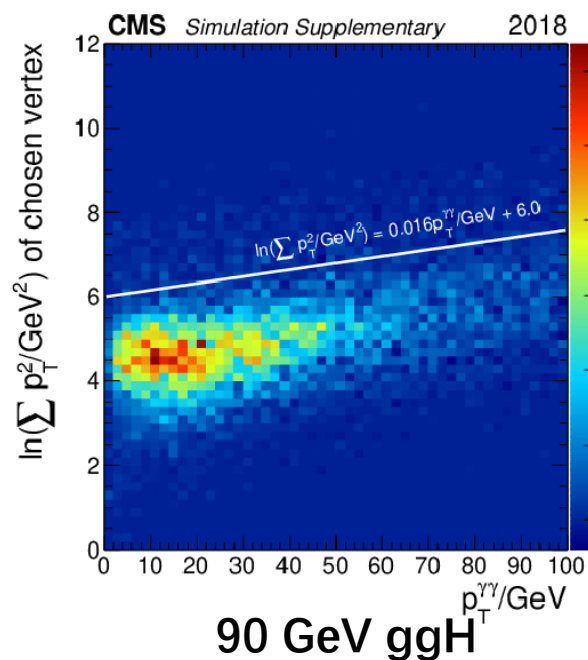
✓ **2017/18:** events with additional jets selected for **class targeting VBF process**

✓ **2016:** data reanalyzed with an **improved calibration (legacy data)**

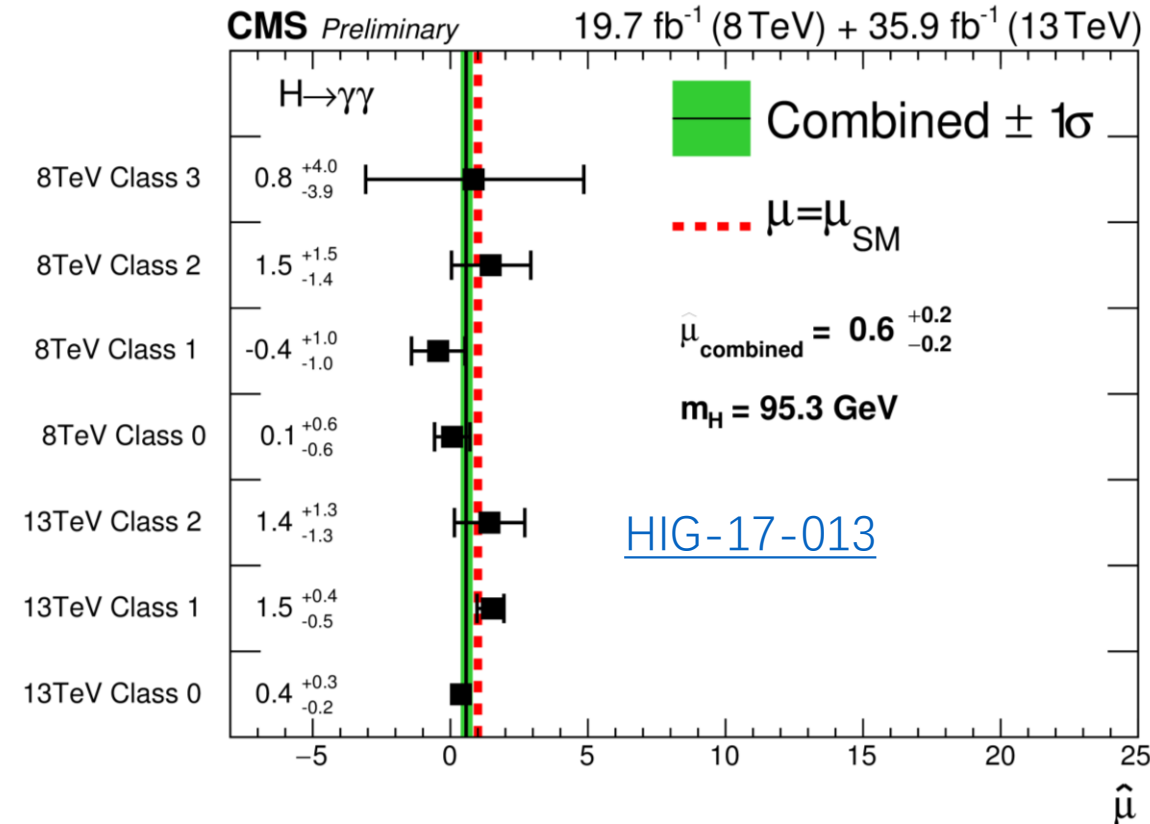
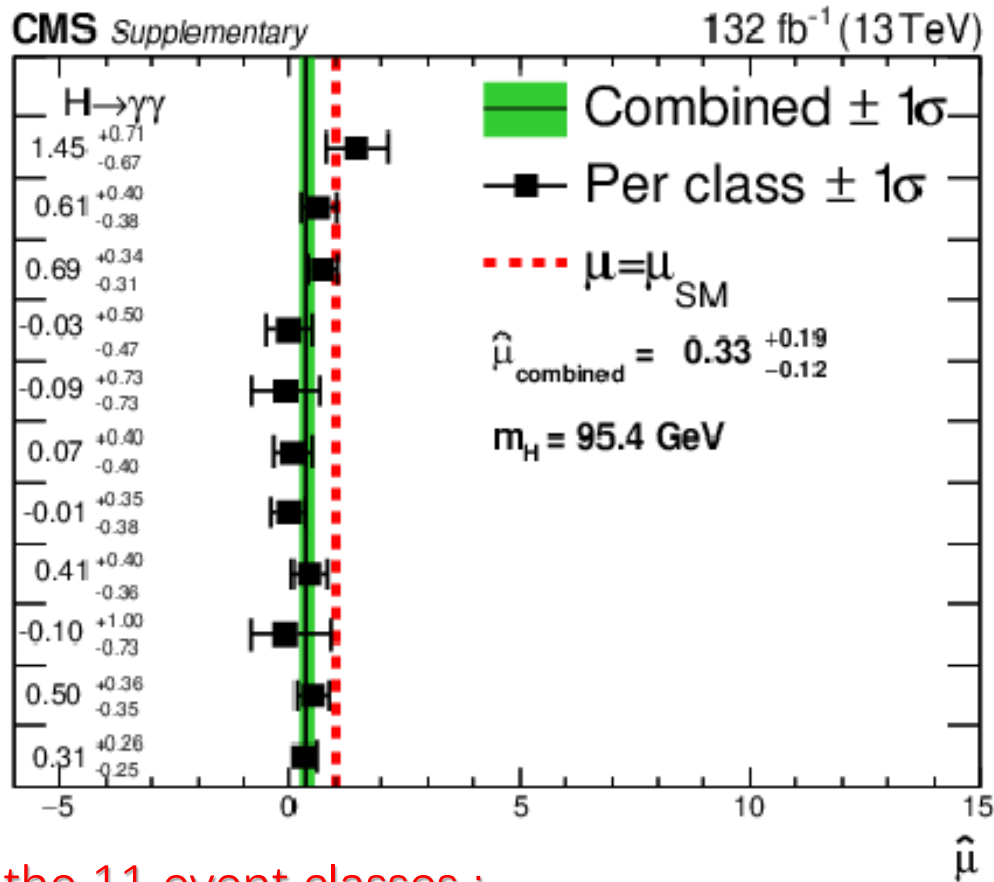


[Public results](#)

The 2 additional cuts can reject ~60%-70% of the relic DY events while keeping ~92% 90GeV signal efficiency in 2016-2018 analysis, on top of pixel seed e-veto



# LM $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ 'signal' strength compatibility



- for the 11 event classes :  
 $\chi^2$  compatibility probability: 68%

[HIG-20-002](#)  
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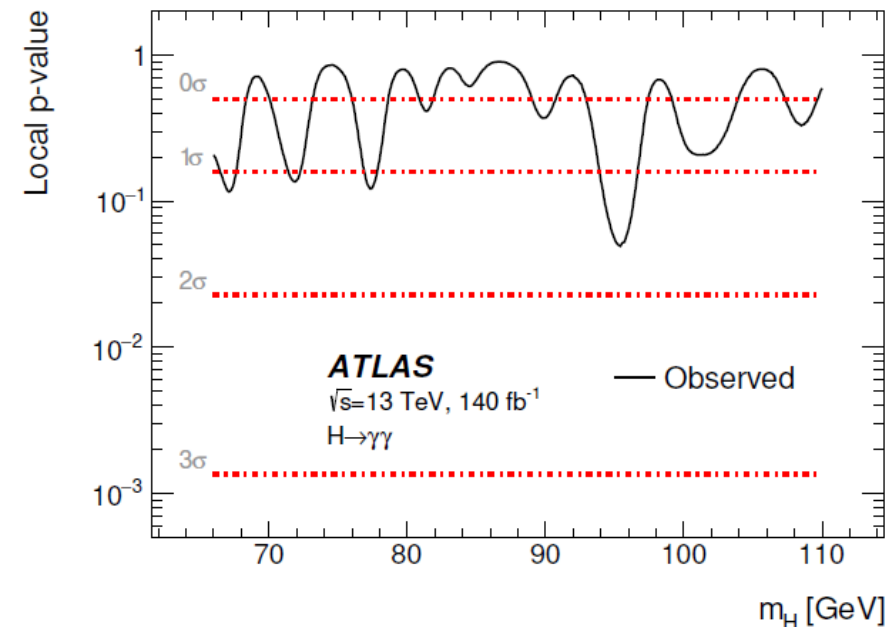
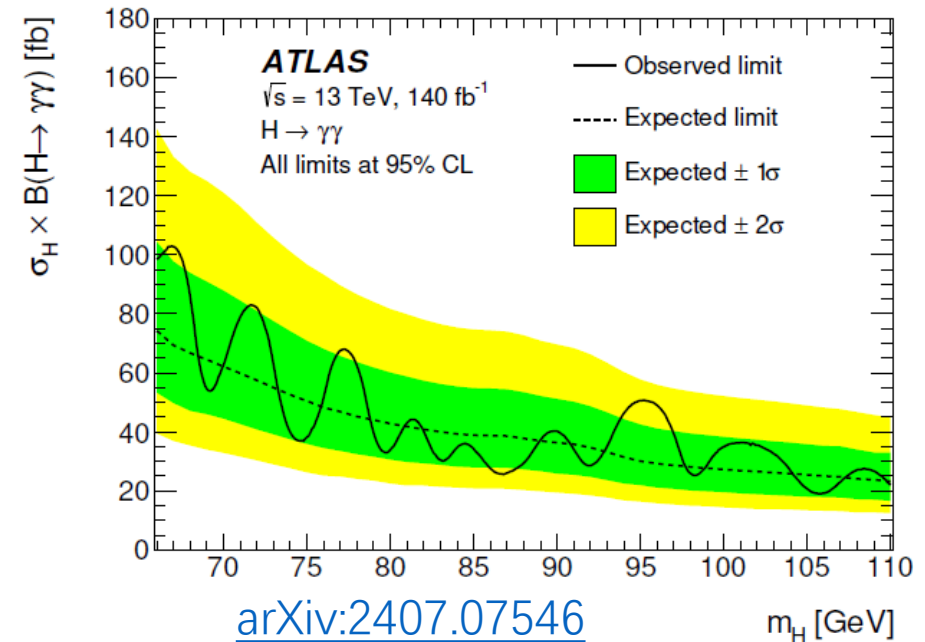
# ATLAS full Run2 LM $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ results

[ATLAS-CONF-2023-035](#)

*Released in June 2023 (~3 months later than CMS)*

- **A kinematic diphoton BDT to separate sig from bkg, used for event classification**
- **Event categorization**
  - ✓ **3 conversion categories**
    - 2 unconverted photons (UU)
    - 1 converted photon only (UC+CU)
    - 2 converted photons (CC)
  - ✓ **BDT score** is used to further define **3 categories in each conversion cat**
  - ✓ **9 event classes in total**
- **No significant excess is observed**
- Upper limit  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} \times \text{BR} = [19, 102] \text{ fb @ 95 \% CL}$

**1.7 $\sigma$  @ 95.4 GeV**

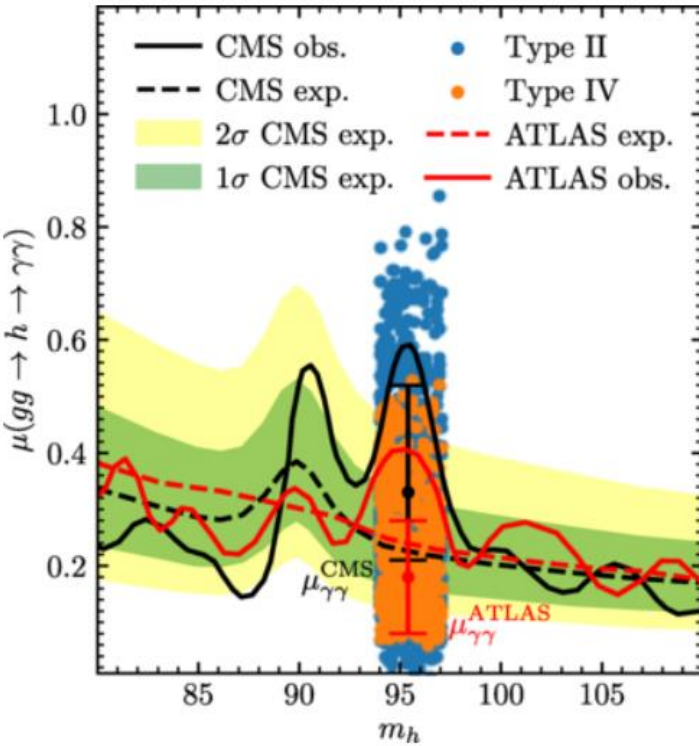




# Comparison, combination and BSM interpretations

T. Biekötter, S. Heinemeyer, G. Weiglein [Phys. Rev. D 109, 035005](#)

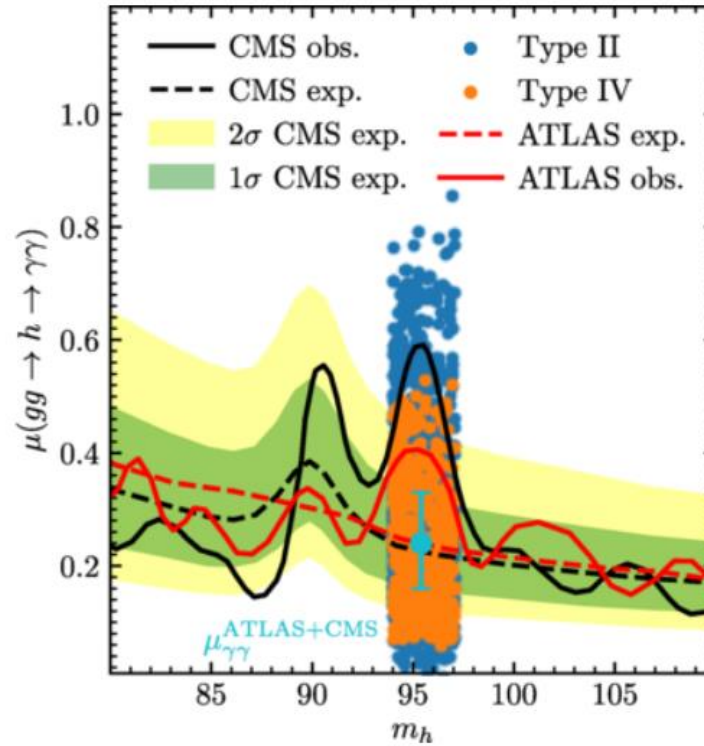
From Thomas Biekötter at the “Collider Cross Talk at CERN” (Sept. 2023)



$$\mu_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{ATLAS}} = \frac{\sigma^{\text{exp}}(gg \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\sigma^{\text{SM}}(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 0.21^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$$

$$\mu_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{CMS}} = \frac{\sigma^{\text{exp}}(gg \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\sigma^{\text{SM}}(gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 0.33^{+0.19}_{-0.12}$$

CMS/ATLAS: 2.9  $\sigma$  / 1.7  $\sigma$  @ 95.4 GeV



$$\mu_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{exp}} = \mu_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{ATLAS+CMS}} = 0.27^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$$

corresponding to an excess of **3.2 $\sigma$**  at 95.4 GeV

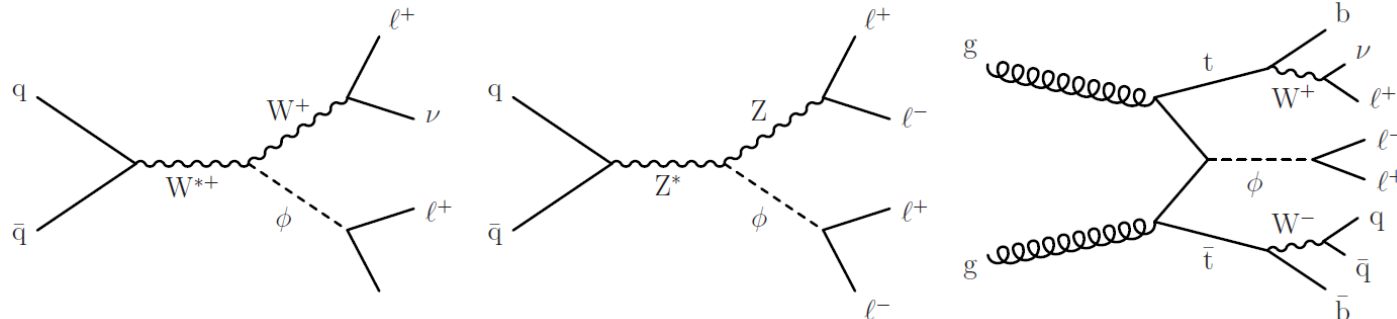
**CMS still has better sensitivity (except Z-peak region) than ATLAS, even with less data (132 vs 140 fb<sup>-1</sup>)**

Authors	Model	arXiv	Excesses	Comments
Cao, Guo, He et al.	nNMSSM	1612.08522	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	
Fox, Weiner	2HDM + VL	1710.07649	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	
Haisch, Malinauskas	2HDM	1712.06599	$bb + (\gamma\gamma)$	
TB, Heinemeyer, Muñoz	$\mu\nu$ SSM	1712.07475	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	EW seesaw
Liu, Liu, Wagner, Wang	$U(1)_{L_\mu-L_\tau}$	1805.01476	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	B-anomalies
Domingo, Heinemeyer, Paßehr, Weiglein	NMSSM	1807.06322	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	
Hollik, Liebler, Moortgat-Pick et al.	$\mu$ NMSSM	1809.07371	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	Inflation
TB, Chakraborti, Heinemeyer	N2HDM	1903.11661	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	
Cline, Toma	pNG + squarks	1906.02175	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	DM
Choi, Hui Im, Sik Jeong et al.	gNMSSM	1906.03389	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	
Cao, Jia, Yue et al.	nNMSSM	1908.07206	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	Type-I seesaw
Aguilar-Saavedra, Joaquim	SM + $U(1)_{Y'}$	2002.07697	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	
TB, Olea-Romacho	S2HDM	2108.10864	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	DM, GC excess
TB, Grohsjean, Heinemeyer et al.	NMSSM	2109.01128	$\gamma\gamma$	400 GeV excess
Heinemeyer, Lika, Moortgat-Pick et al.	2HDM+s	2112.11958	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	
TB, Heinemeyer, Weiglein	N2HDM	2203.13180	$bb + (\tau\tau) + \gamma\gamma$	
TB, Heinemeyer, Weiglein	N2HDM	2204.05975	$bb + (\tau\tau) + \gamma\gamma$	CDF $M_W$
Benbrik, Boukidi, Moretti et al.	A2HDM-III	2204.07470	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	LFV
TB, Heinemeyer, Weiglein	S2HDM	2303.12018	$bb + (\tau\tau) + \gamma\gamma$	DM
Azevedo, TB, Ferreira	C2HDM	2305.19716	$bb + \tau\tau + \gamma\gamma$	
Bonilla, Carcamo, Kovalenko et al.	Left-Right model	2305.11967	$\gamma\gamma$	DM
TB, Heinemeyer, Weiglein	S2HDM	2306.03889	$bb + (\tau\tau) + \gamma\gamma$	ATLAS- $\gamma\gamma$
Escribano, Martín Lozano, Vicente	Scotogenic	2306.03735	$bb + \gamma\gamma$	DM, $\nu$ masses
Belyaev, Benbrik, Boukidi et al.	A2HDM	2306.09029	$bb + (\tau\tau) + \gamma\gamma$	
Ashanuman, Banik, Coloretti et al.	$Y = 0$ triplet	2306.15722	$\gamma\gamma$	CDF $M_W$
Aguilar-Saavedra, Camara, Joaquim et al.	UN2HDM	2307.03768	$(\tau\tau), \gamma\gamma$	

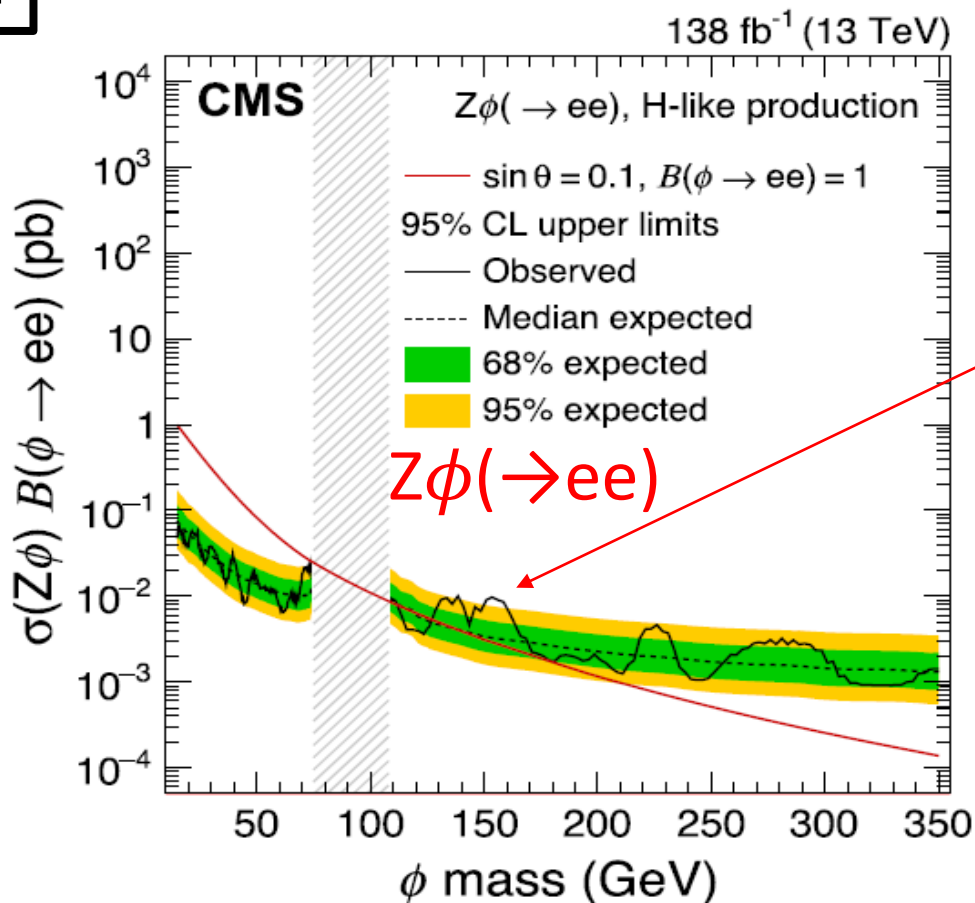
Green: 2HDM(+X); Blue: Susy; Red: Extra charged fields<sub>21</sub>

# Search for $tt/Z \phi \rightarrow \ell\ell$

First direct search for  $\phi$  decays into **all lepton flavors**, with  $\phi$  produced in association with a **massive vector boson** or  $ttbar$



- **24**  $\phi$  signal scenarios for production mode, coupling, and decay are probed independently
- Signal is extracted based on  $m_{\parallel}^{\min}$  ( $m_{\parallel}^{\max}$ ) for low (high) mass search
- **No significant deviation** from the SM expectations



[Phys. Rev. D 110, 012013](#)

**2.9 $\sigma$  (1.4 $\sigma$ ) local (global) excess @ 156 GeV in  $Z\phi(\rightarrow ee)$**

Not seen in  $Z\phi(\rightarrow \mu\mu)$ ,  $W\phi$ ,  $tt\phi$  production

# Search for scalar $\phi \rightarrow bb$ : 50-300 GeV

- **Soft-drop jet mass** [1],  $m_{SD}$ , and the **mass-decorrelated ParticleNet (PN-MD) jet tagging** algorithm [2] are used to identify the signal resonances ( $X=Z'/\phi/A$ ) and distinguish them from the dominant QCD

[1] A. J. Larkoski, S. Marzani, G. Soyez, and J. Thaler, "Soft Drop", JHEP **05** (2014) 146

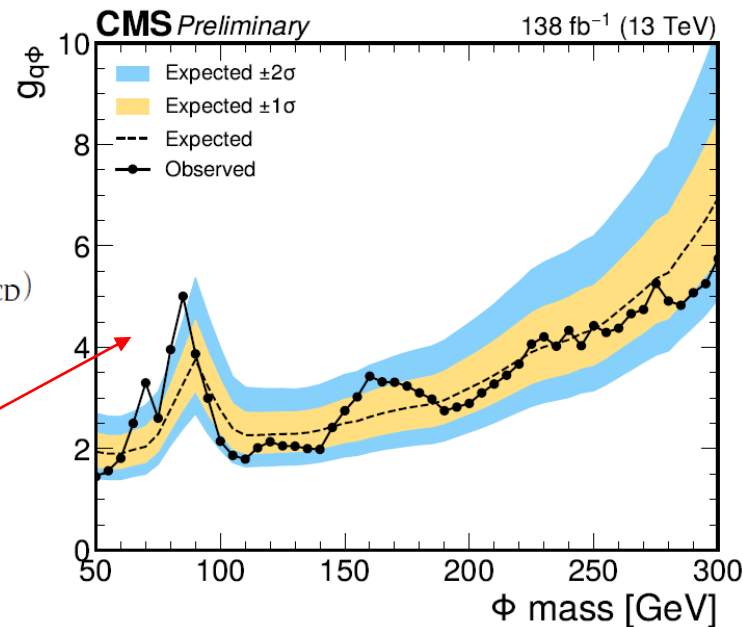
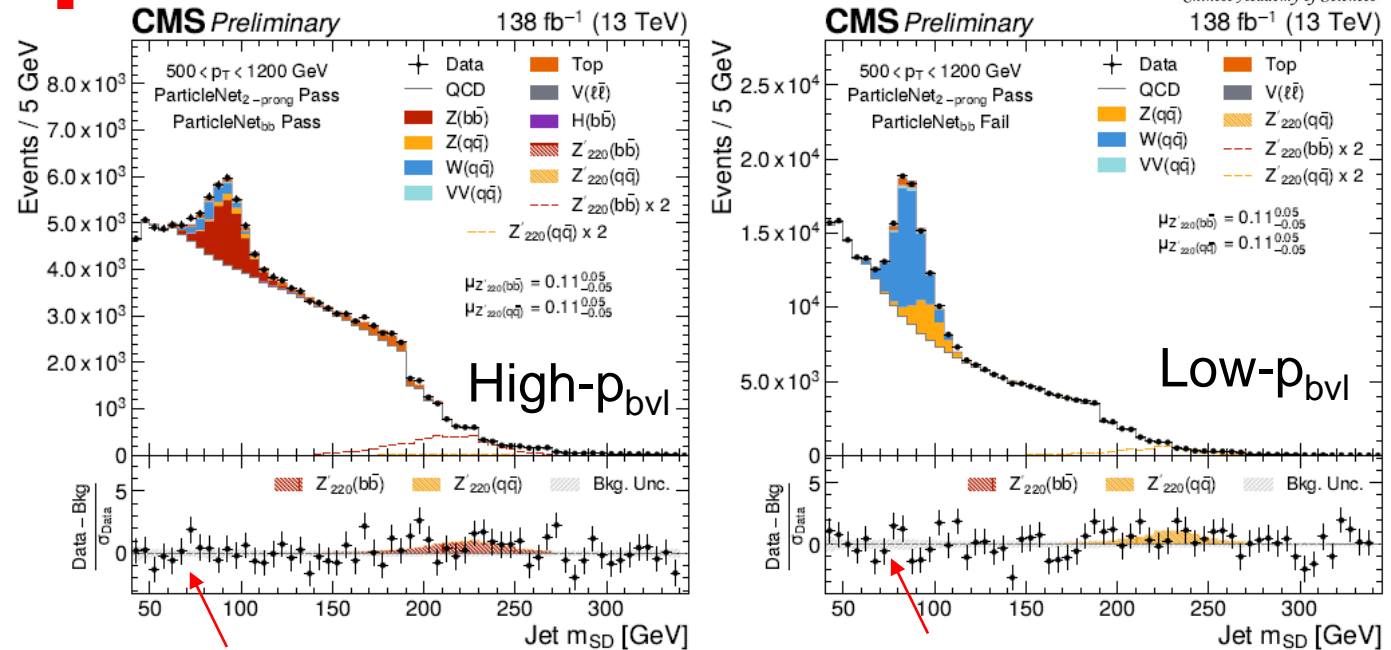
[2] H. Qu and L. Gouskos, "ParticleNet: Jet Tagging via Particle Clouds", Phys. Rev. D **101**(2020), no. 5, 056019

- **Two discriminants**,  $p_{2\text{-prong}}$  to distinguish two-pronged resonances of any flavor from the **QCD background** and  $p_{bvl}$  discriminant to distinguish  $bb$  resonances from  $cc$  and  $q_1q_1$  (**light quark-antiquark pairs**) resonances

$$p_{2\text{-prong}} \equiv (\text{PN}_{X \rightarrow b\bar{b}} + \text{PN}_{X \rightarrow c\bar{c}} + \text{PN}_{X \rightarrow q_1\bar{q}_1}) / (\text{PN}_{X \rightarrow b\bar{b}} + \text{PN}_{X \rightarrow c\bar{c}} + \text{PN}_{X \rightarrow q_1\bar{q}_1} + \text{PN}_{\text{QCD}})$$

$$p_{bvl} \equiv \text{PN}_{X \rightarrow b\bar{b}} / (\text{PN}_{X \rightarrow b\bar{b}} + \text{PN}_{X \rightarrow c\bar{c}} + \text{PN}_{X \rightarrow q_1\bar{q}_1})$$

Most significant deviation :  
 **$2.6\sigma$  ( $1.6\sigma$ ) local (global)**  
**deviation @  $m_\phi = 75$  GeV**



[CMS-PAS-EXO-24-007](#)

**Upper limits on  $g_{q\phi}$**   
**range from 1.5–5.8**

(coupling equal to the SM Yukawa coupling times a flavor-universal scaling factor)

**Most sensitive limits to date** on dijet resonances with masses from 50–300 GeV

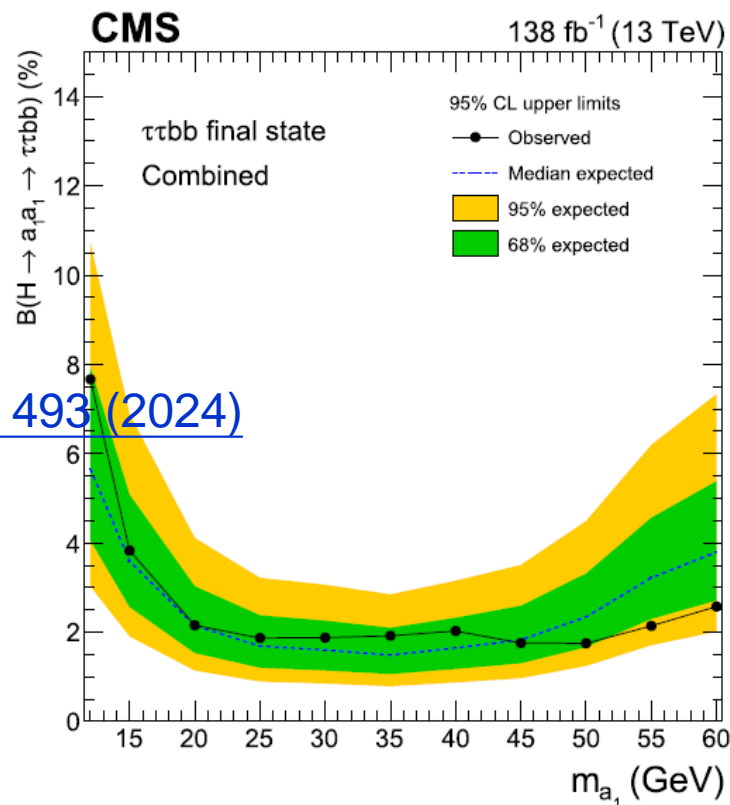
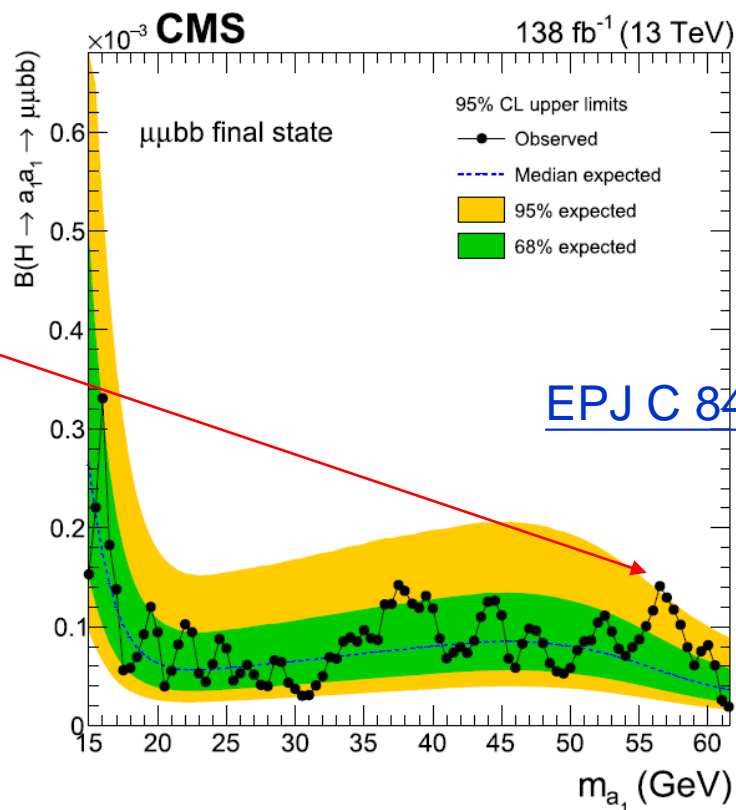


# $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2b2\mu / 2b2\tau$

- **2b2μ**: clean signature with a precise mass resolution from  $m_{\mu\mu}$  and large branching ratio from  $bb$
- Search for  $15 < m_a < 62.5$  GeV with fit to invariant mass  $m_{\mu\mu}$
- Even categorization based on the  $b$  tagging working points (TL, TM, TT) : also included are dedicated VBF and low  $p_T$  category

- **2b2τ**: analysis categorization is based on lepton flavors and **number of  $b$  jets**
  - $\tau_e\tau_\mu b, \tau_\mu\tau_h b, \tau_e\tau_h b$
  - $\tau_e\tau_\mu bb, \tau_\mu\tau_h bb, \tau_e\tau_h bb$
- A **DNN** is used to define multiple categories in each category, to optimize the sensitivity

**2b2μ: over 2σ local @ ~57 GeV**



**2b2τ: no excess is found**

**Both analyses provide the most stringent expected limits to date**

# H → aa → γγγγ

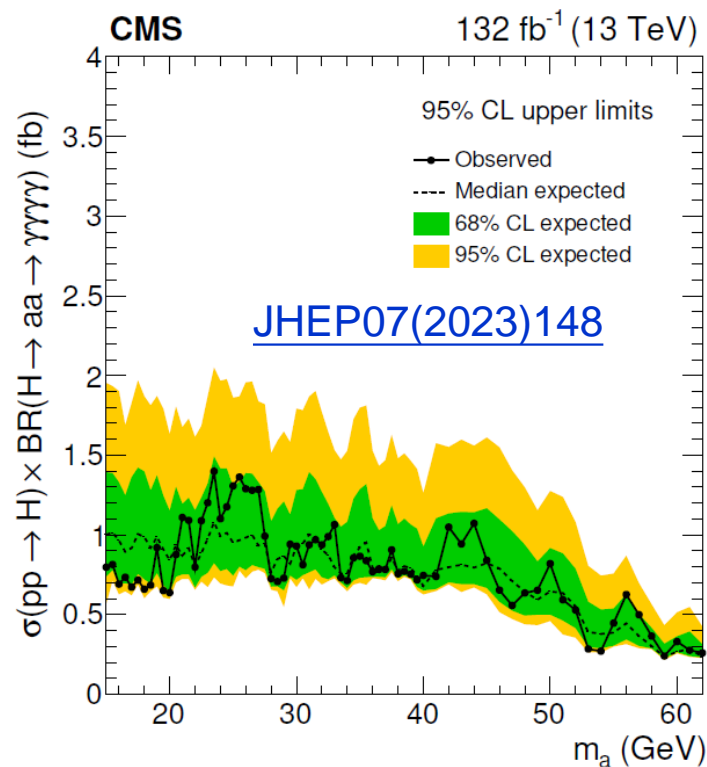
## Resolved

- **Four well-isolated photons** in the final state
- A dedicated **primary vertex (PV) BDT** is trained, to select PV with highest BDT score
- To improve the sensitivity, a **4-γ event classifier** is trained to separate sig from bkg: **a single category** optimized based on BDT output, for each  $m_a$
- **$m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma}$  distribution** is used to extract signal
- **95% CL upper limit**  $\sigma_H B(H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma)$ : **0.26-0.80** (0.24-1.0) fb observed (exp.)

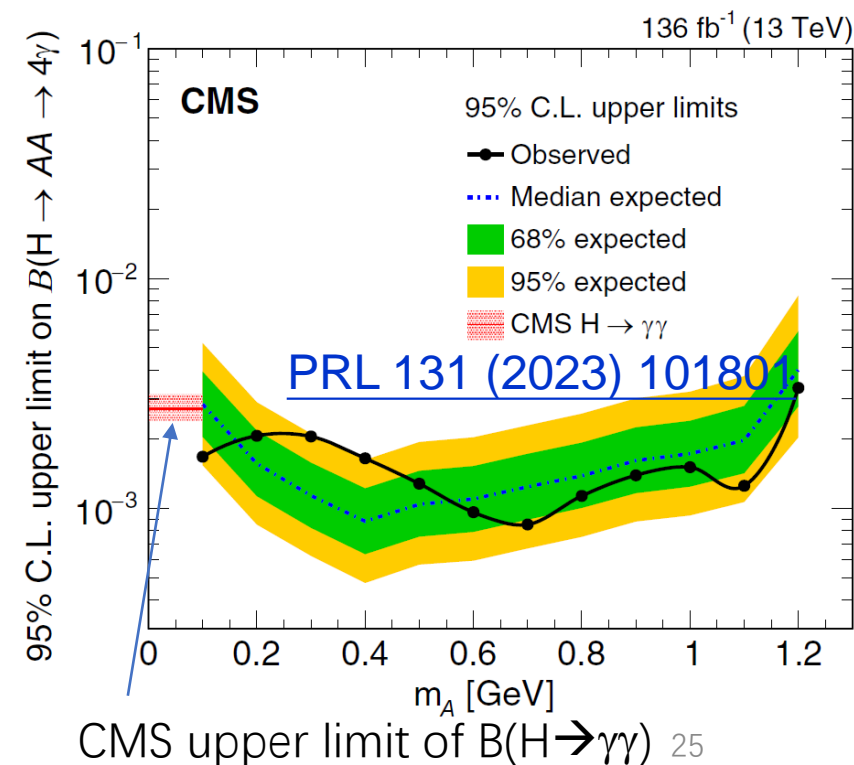
First CMS search in this channel

## Boosted

- Two merged  $\gamma$  reconstructed as single  $\Gamma$ :  $110 < m_{\Gamma\Gamma} < 140$  GeV
- **Deep-learning used to reconstruct  $m_{\Gamma}$  of collimated di- $\gamma$**
- *Upper limits on the branching fraction*  $B(H \rightarrow AA \rightarrow 4\gamma)$  of **(0.9-3.3)  $\times 10^{-3}$**  at 95% CL

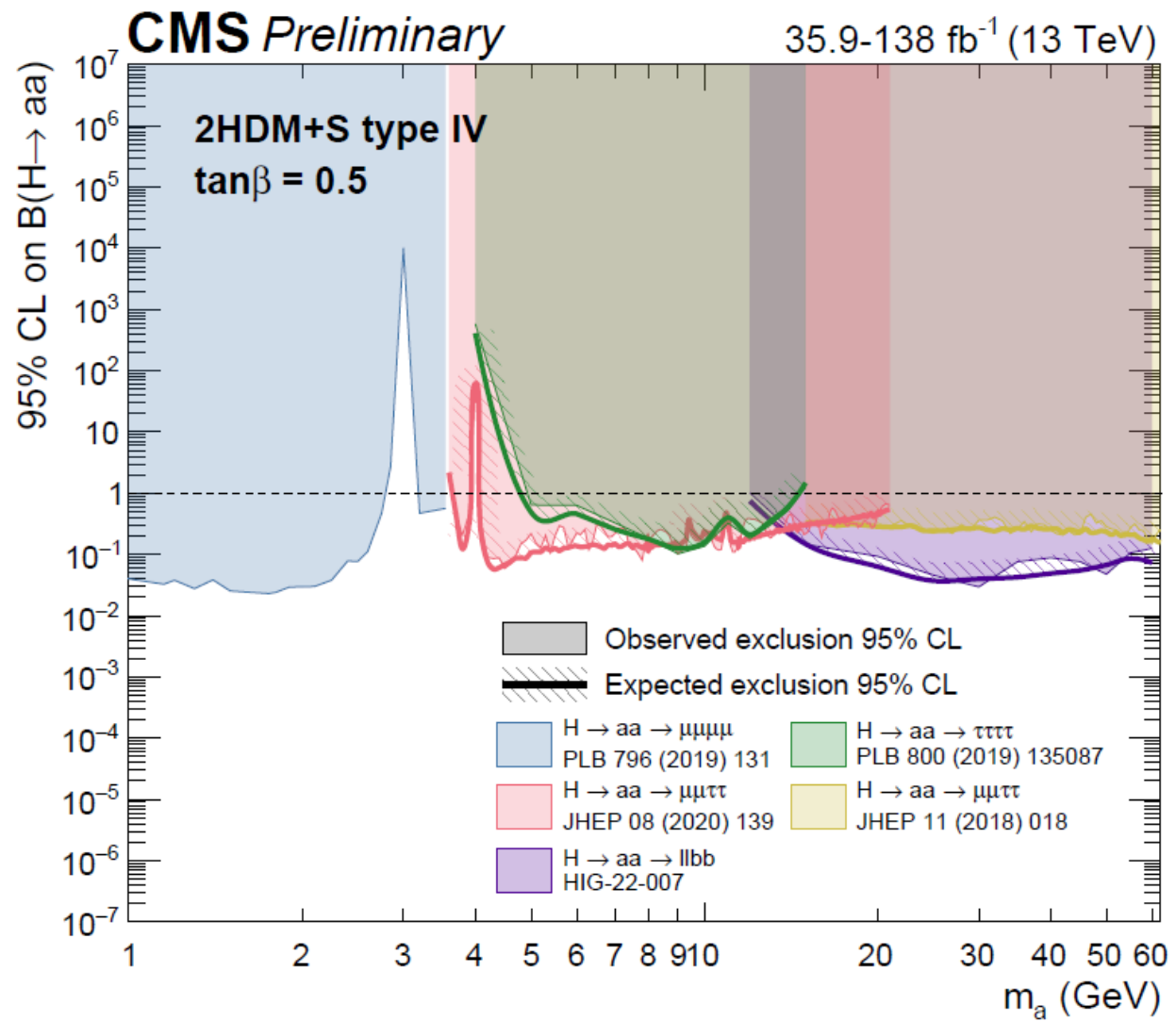
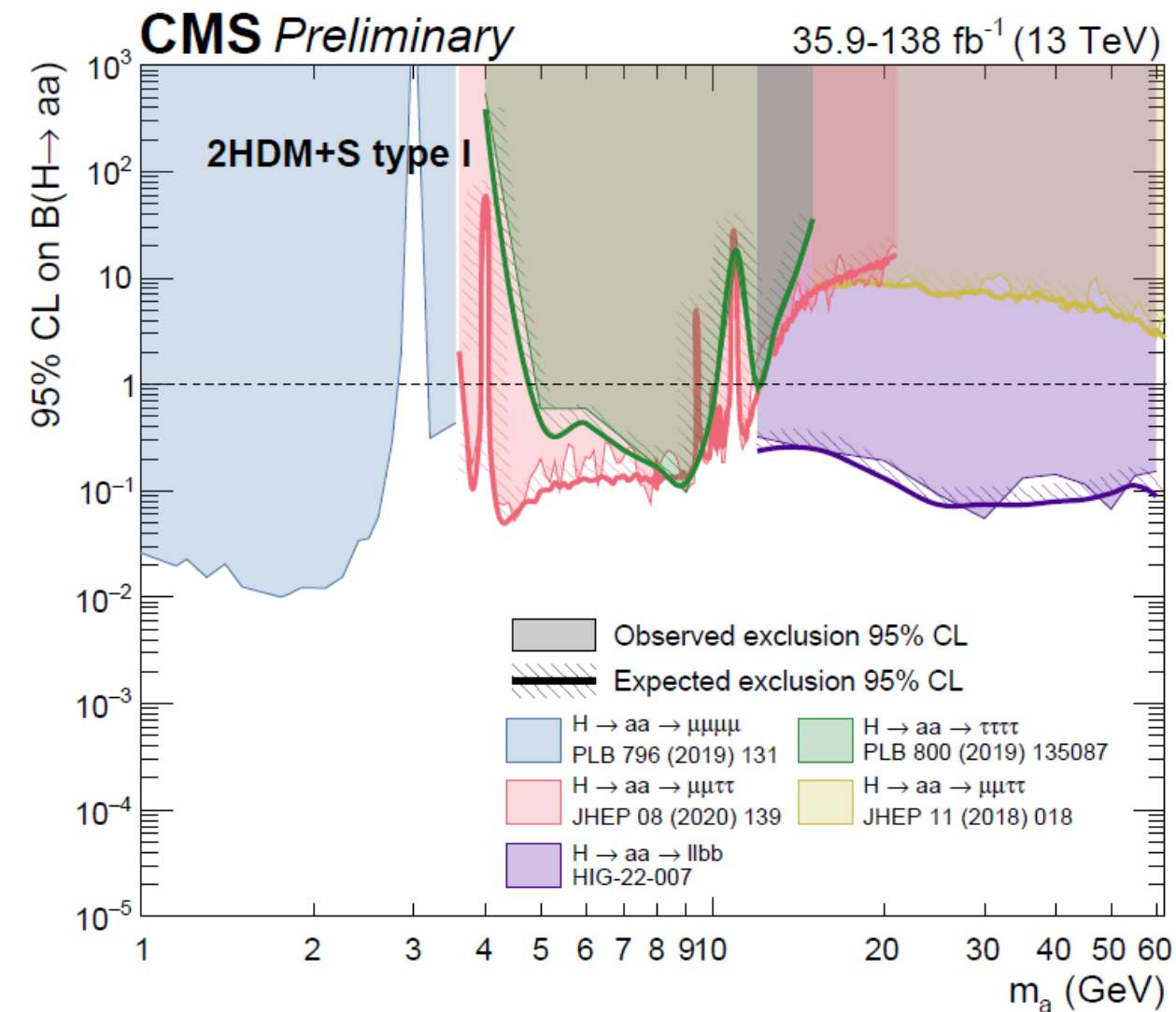


## No excess observed



# Summary of $H \rightarrow aa$ limit

➤ Upper limit on  $BR(H \rightarrow aa)$  depend on the 2HDM Types and model parameters



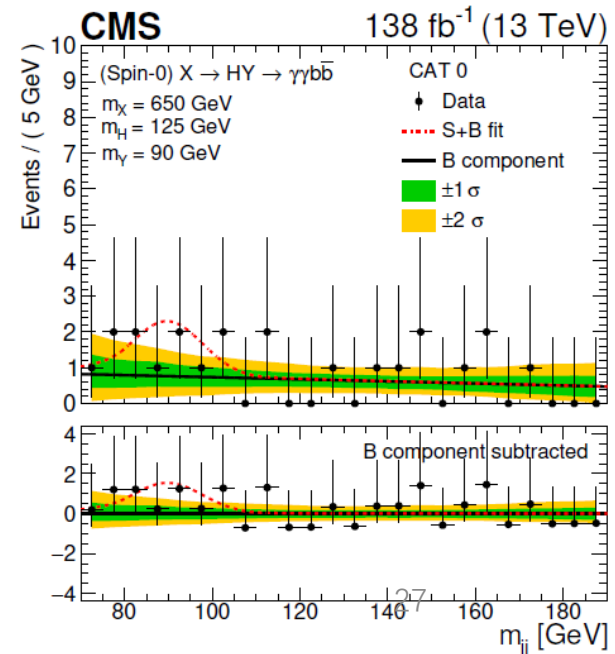
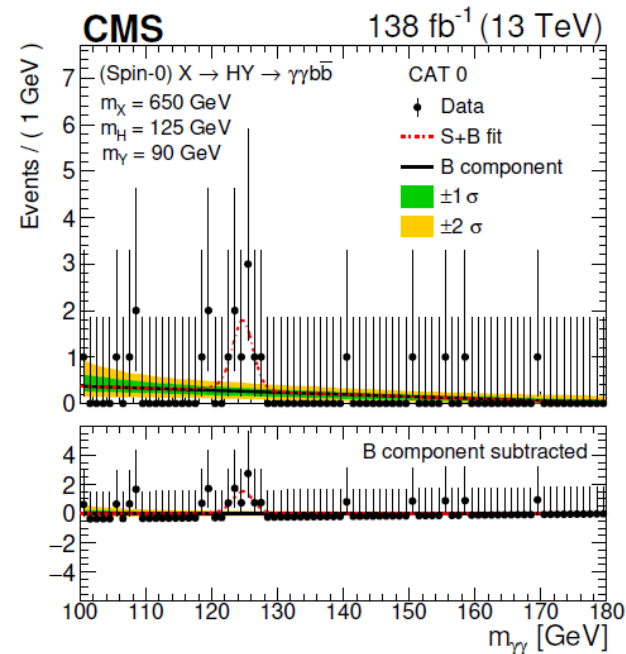
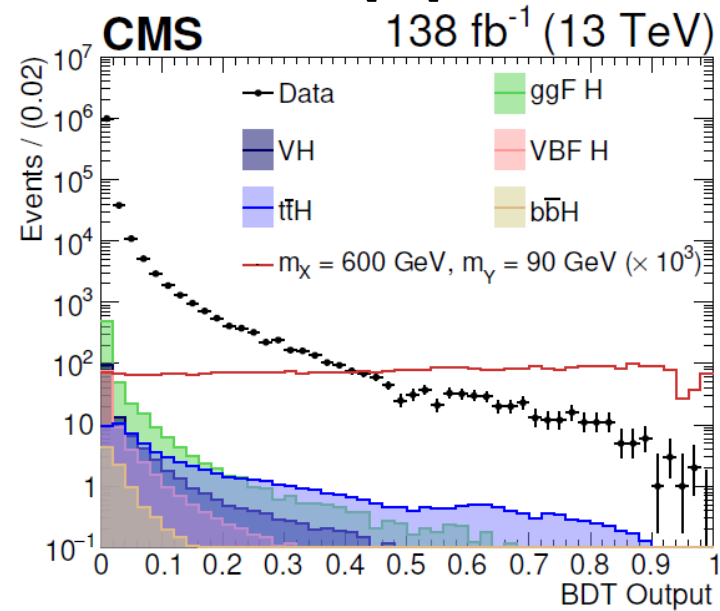


# $X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$

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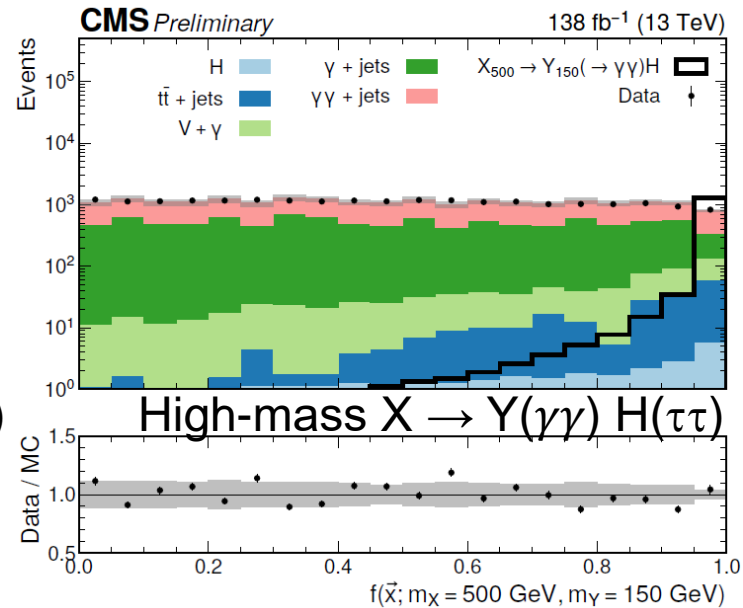
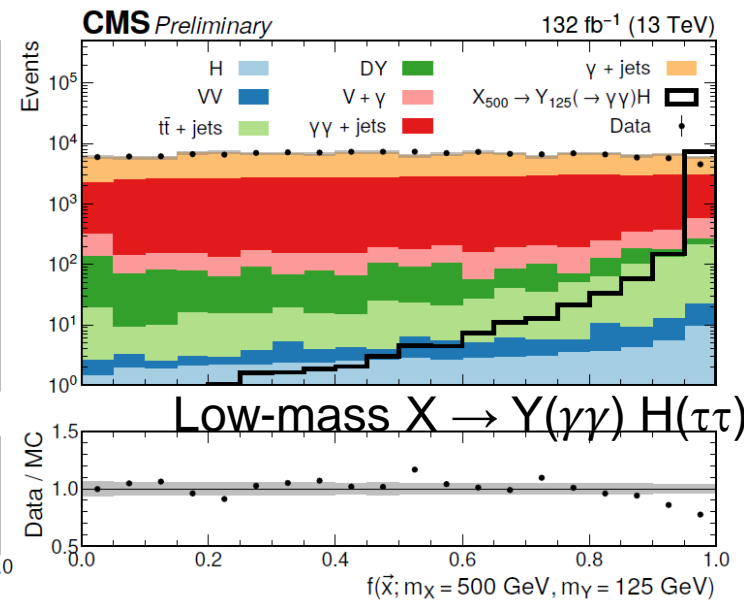
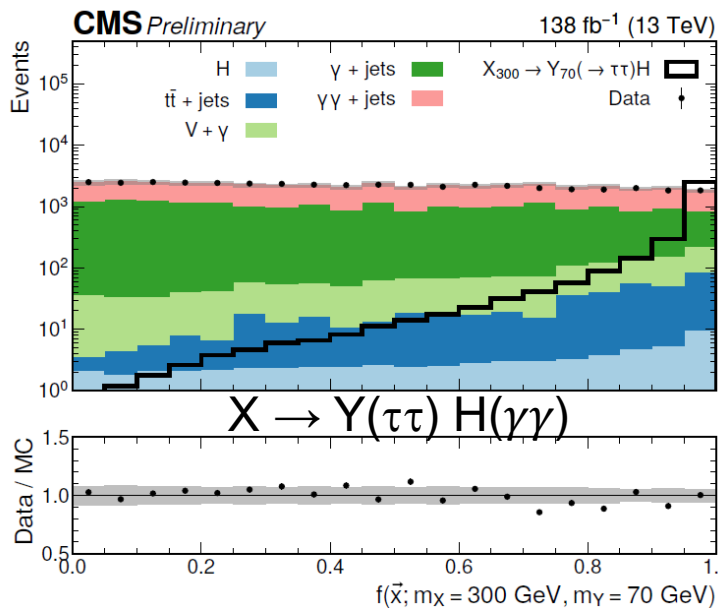
	$m_Y < 300 \text{ GeV}$	$m_Y = [300-500] \text{ GeV}$	$m_Y > 500 \text{ GeV}$
$m_X < 500 \text{ GeV}$	CAT 0 = 0.63–1.0		
	CAT 1 = 0.33–0.63		
	CAT 2 = 0.17–0.33		
$m_X = [500-700] \text{ GeV}$	CAT 0 = 0.55–1.0	CAT 0 = 0.60–1.0	
	CAT 1 = 0.40–0.55	CAT 1 = 0.35–0.60	
	CAT 2 = 0.21–0.40	CAT 2 = 0.18–0.35	
$m_X > 700 \text{ GeV}$	CAT 0 = 0.50–1.0	CAT 0 = 0.35–1.0	CAT 0 = 0.40–1.0
	CAT 1 = 0.30–0.50	CAT 1 = 0.24–0.35	CAT 1 = 0.29–0.40
	CAT 2 = 0.21–0.30	CAT 2 = 0.18–0.24	CAT 2 = 0.13–0.29

**Table 2.** The BDT based event classification according to defined  $m_X$  (and  $m_Y$ ) ranges for HH (and HY) searches. For HH searches, the column with  $m_Y < 300 \text{ GeV}$  is used. The number represents the BDT scores showing a decreasing signal purity region from category 0 to 2.

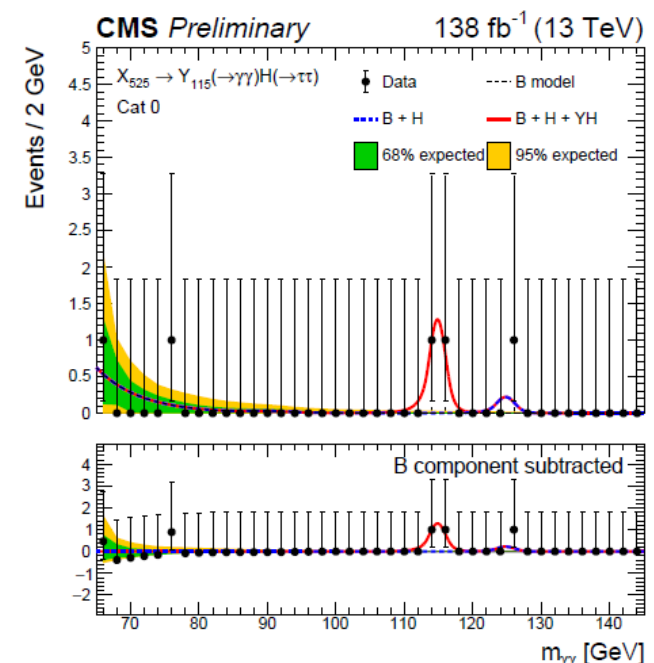
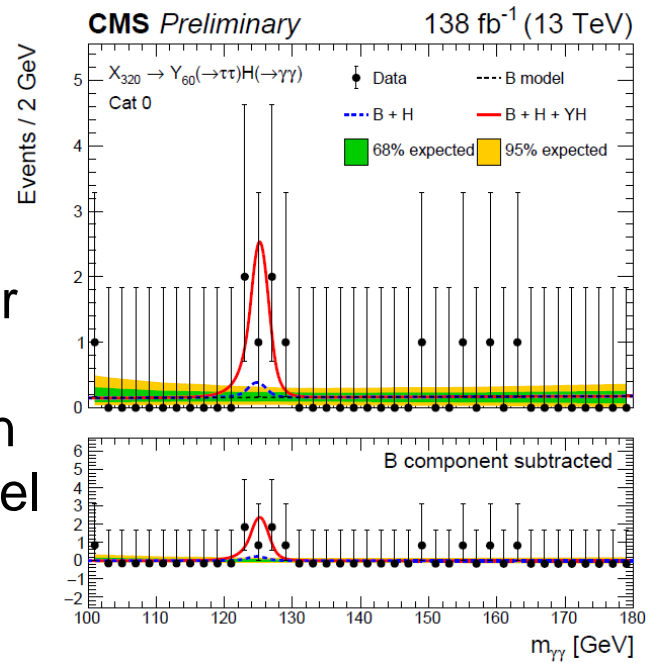


# $X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma\gamma$

Transformed output of the pNNs



Data points (black) and S+B models for the most sensitive analysis category in each search channel

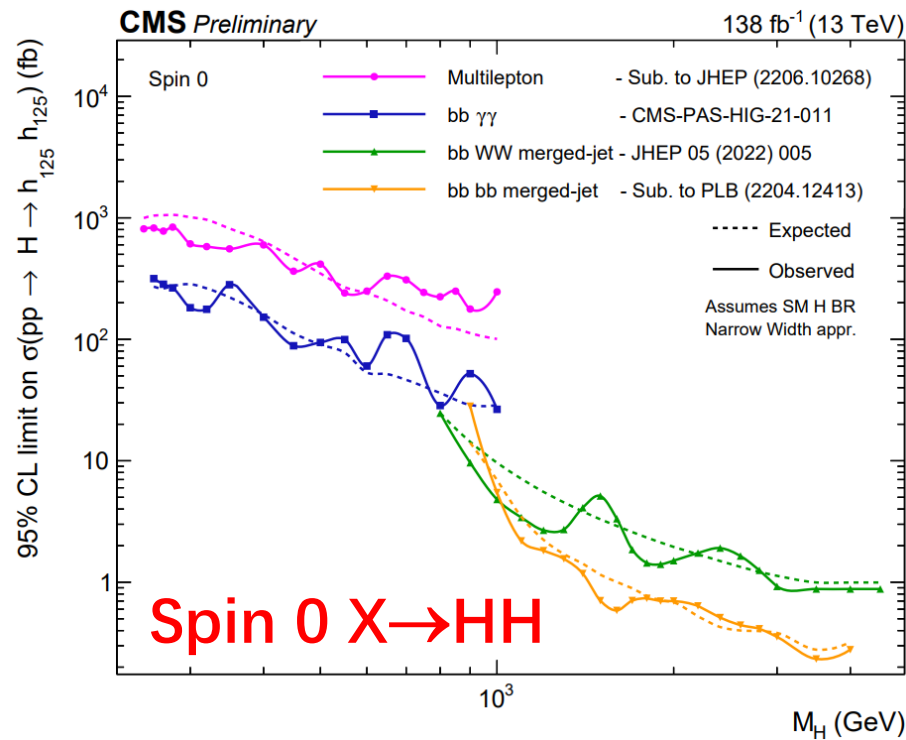


## [CMS-PAS-HIG-22-012](#)

A sliding blinded region to construct mass sidebands for  $Y(\gamma\gamma) H(\tau\tau)$

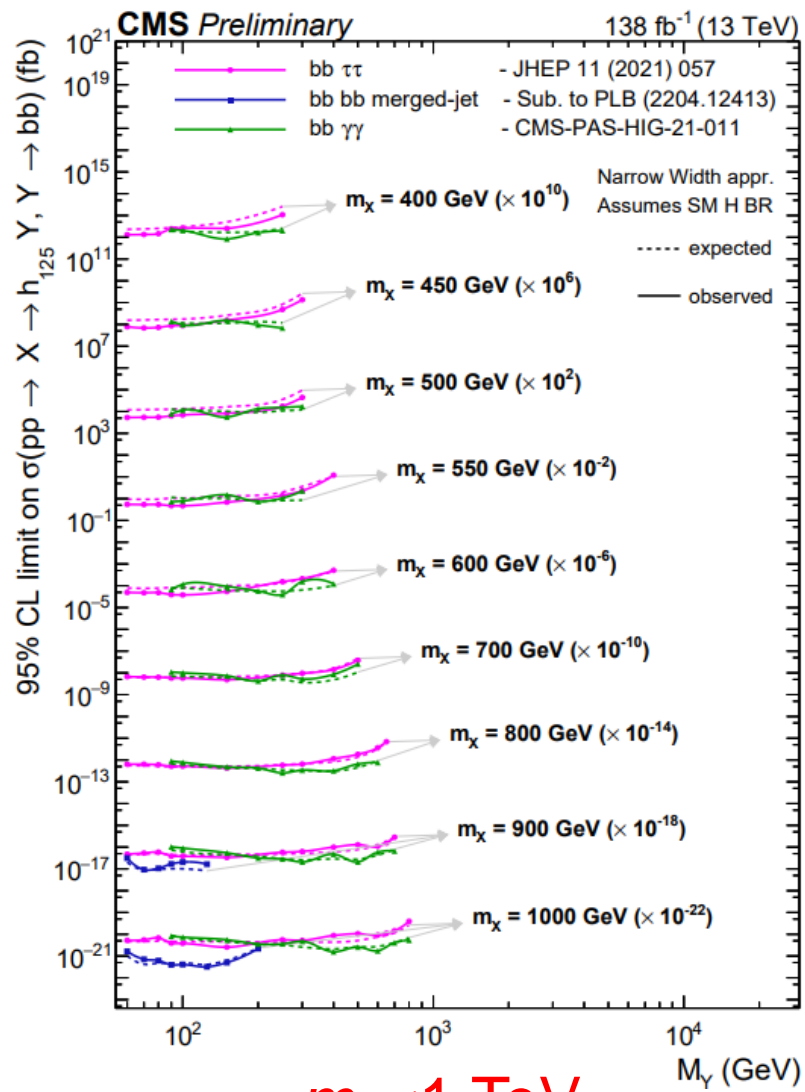
$$m_Y \pm 10 \text{ GeV} \cdot \frac{m_Y}{125.38 \text{ GeV}}$$

# Summary of BSM $X \rightarrow HH / YH$

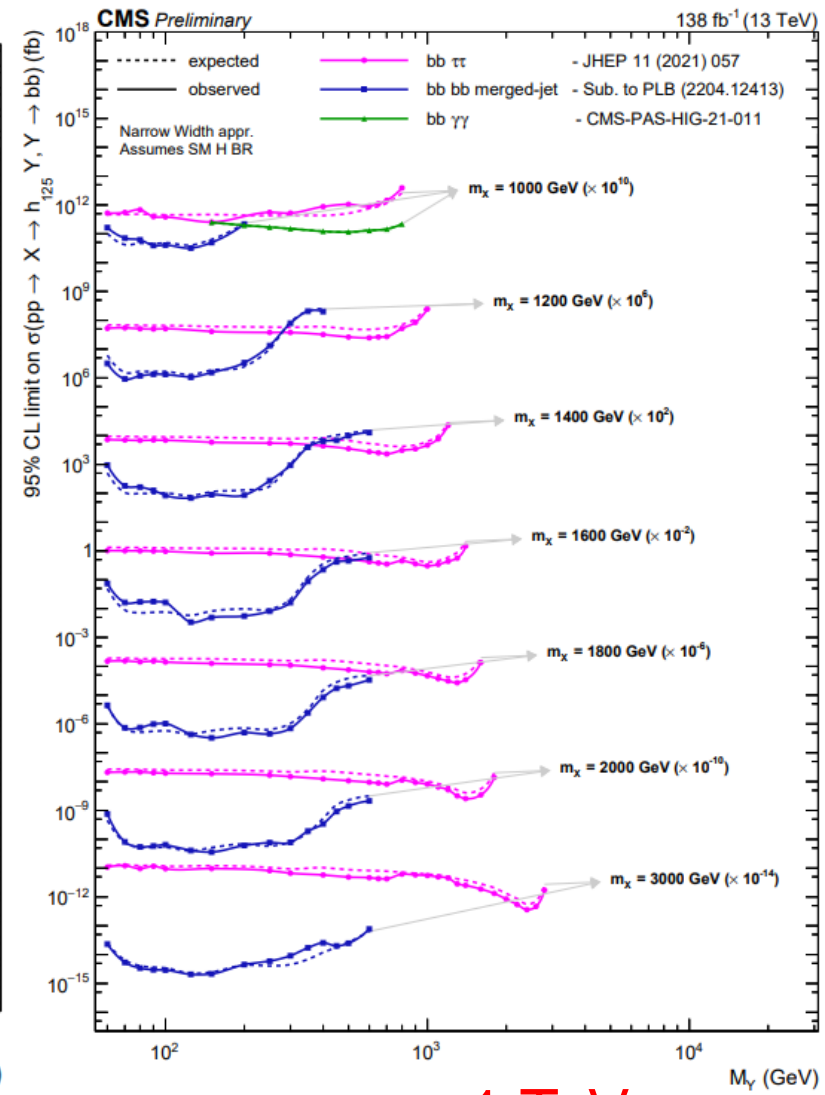


## Higgs PAG Summary Plots

Also see [ChuWang's talk](#)



$m_X < 1 \text{ TeV}$



$m_X > 1 \text{ TeV}$