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Searches for heavy particles decaying to Higgs bosons in CMS experiment

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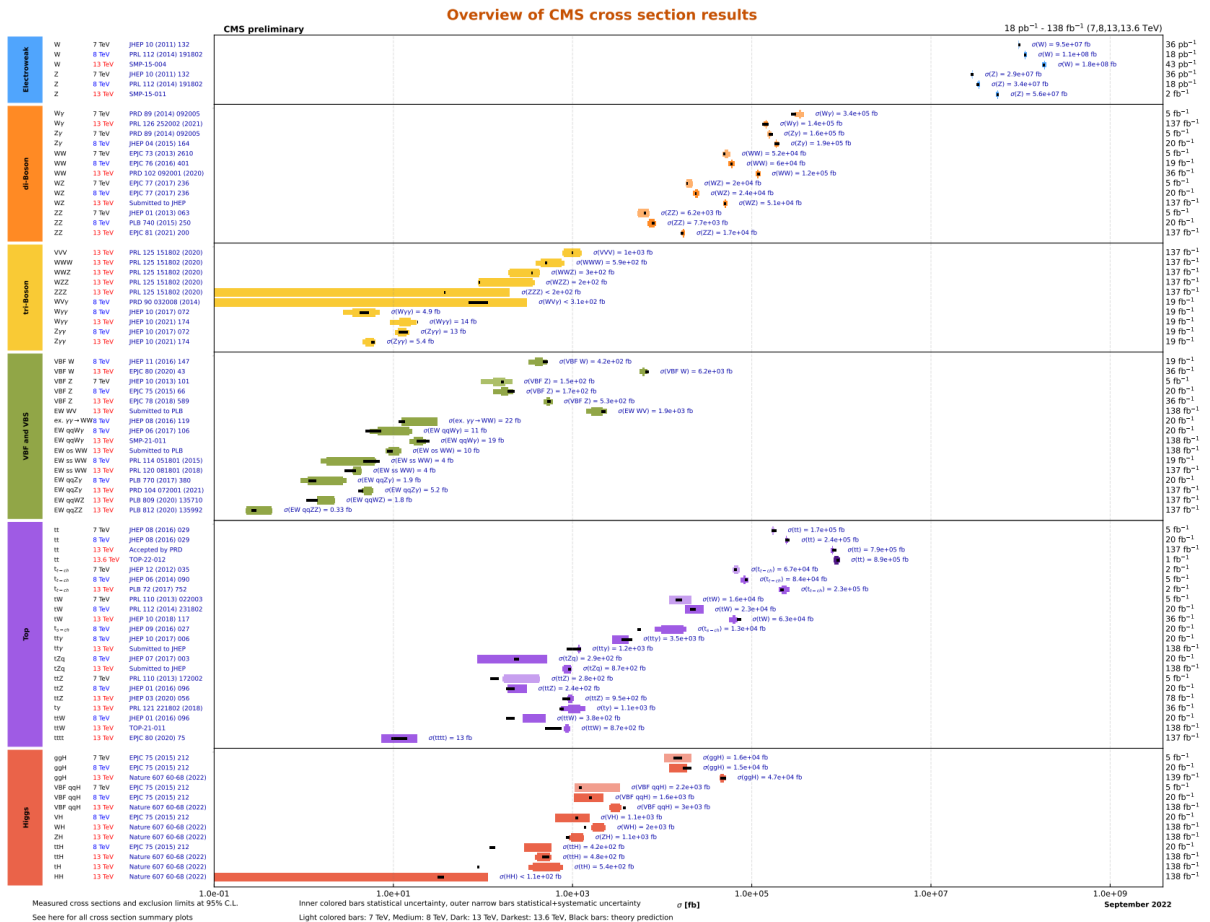
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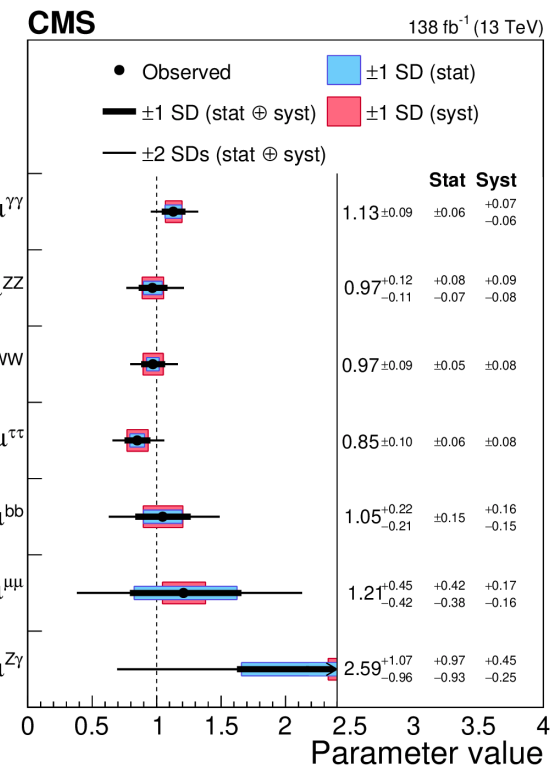
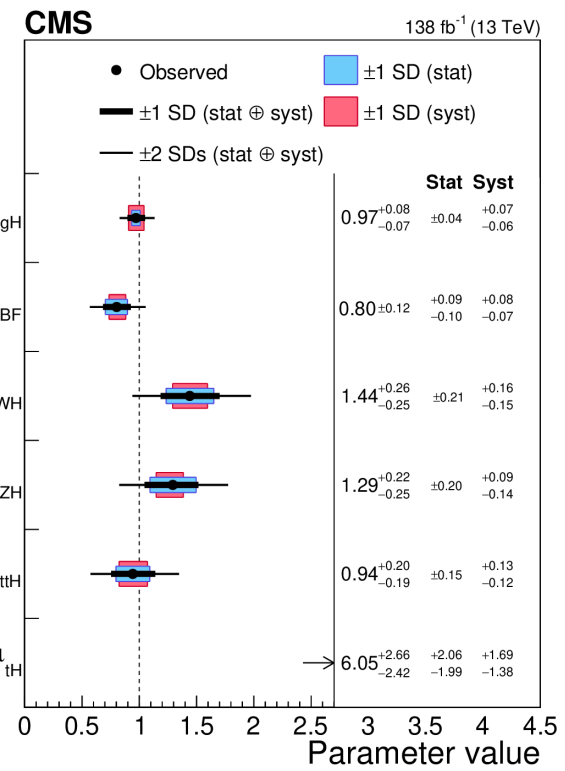
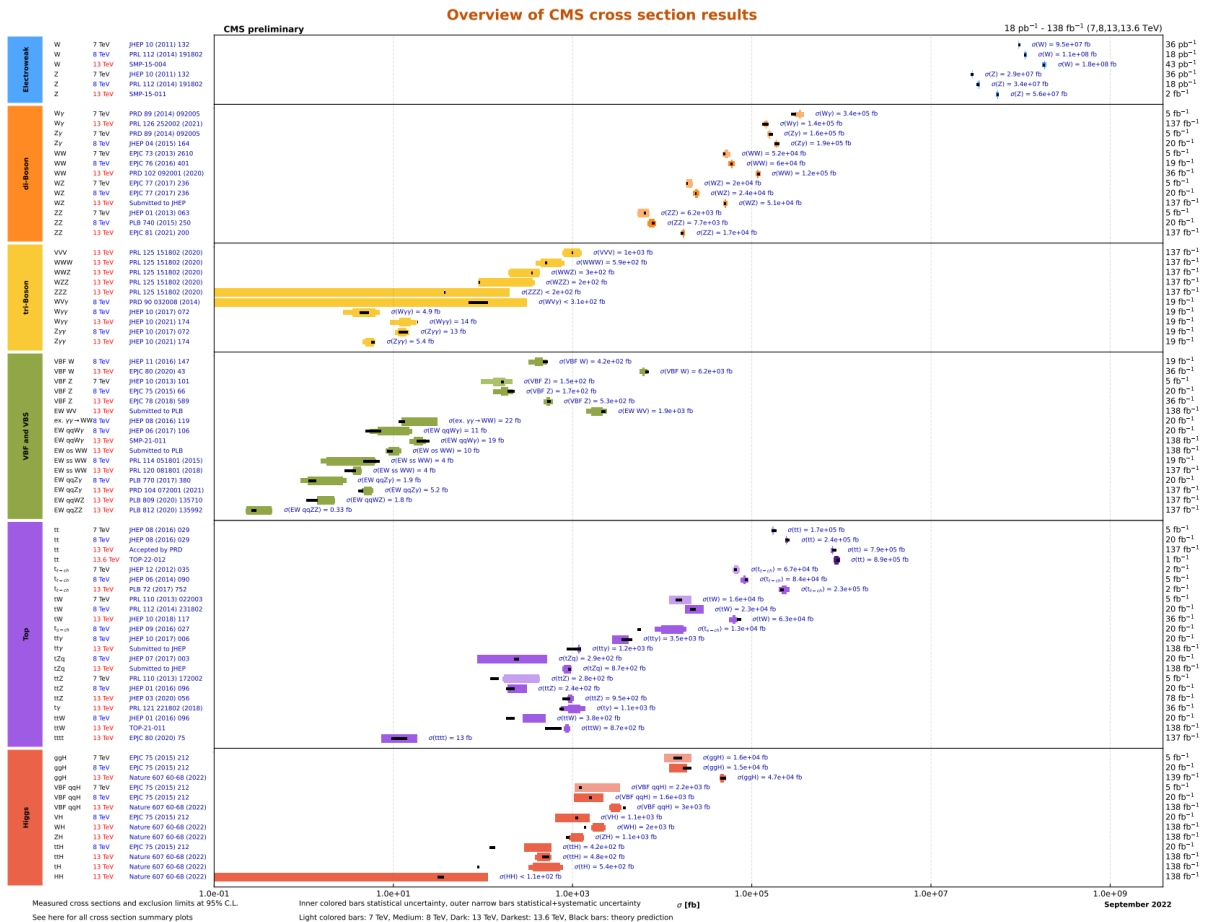
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Standard model predictions match data very well
 for Higgs production & decay also

Limitations of Standard Model

Baryon asymmetry of universe

Observation:

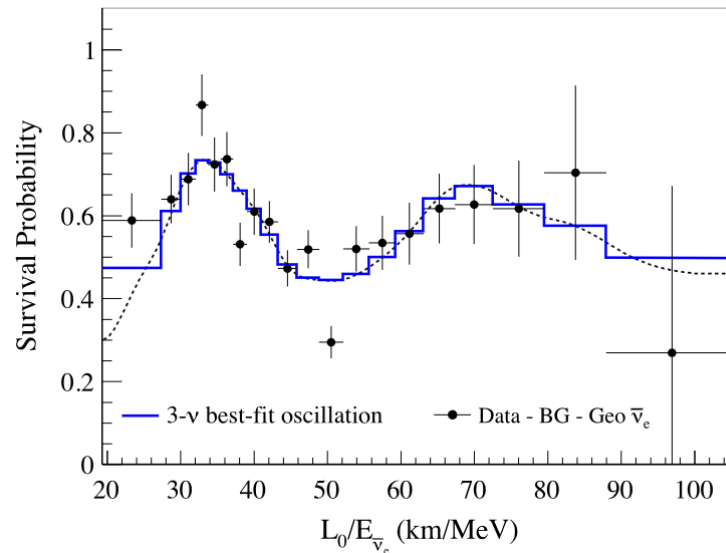
$$\eta = \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \sim 6.1 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\eta = \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{s} \sim 8.6 \times 10^{-11}$$

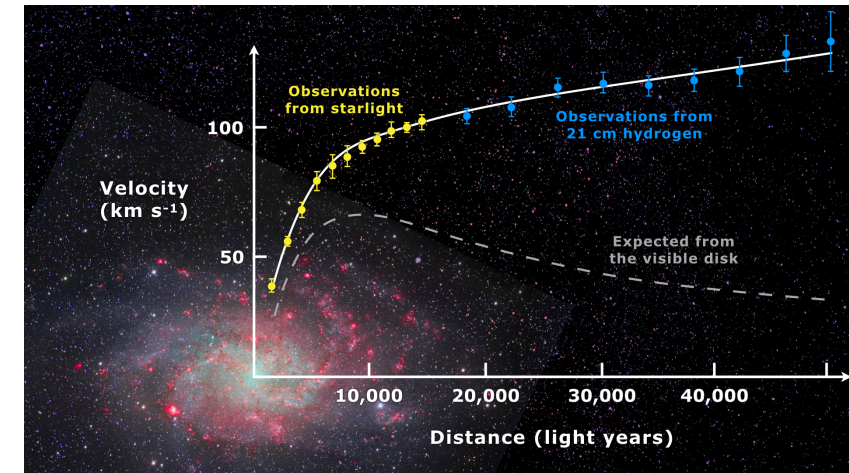
SM prediction:

$$|\eta| = \left| \frac{n_b - \bar{n}_b}{s} \right| \leq 6 \times 10^{-27}$$

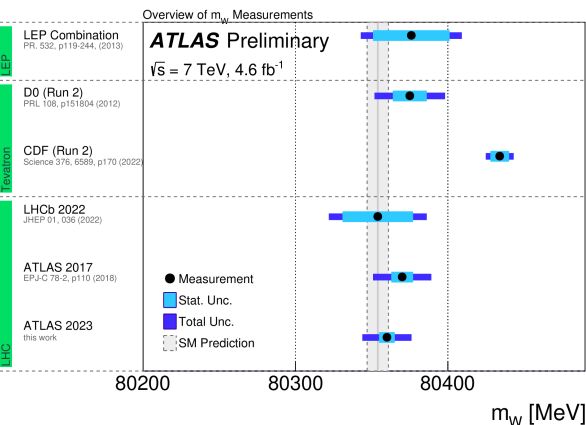
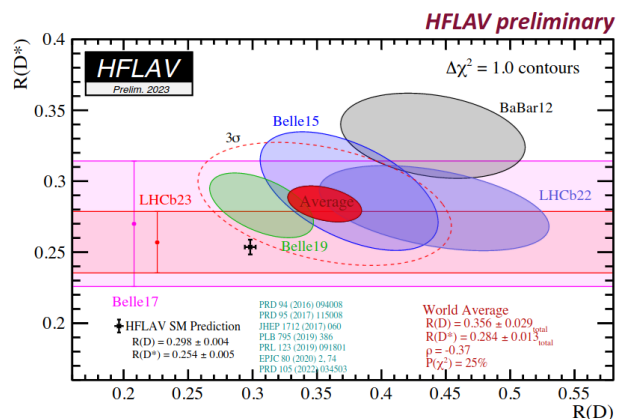
Neutrino oscillation



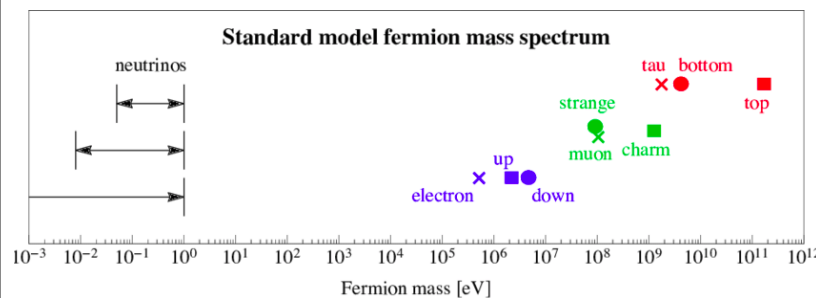
Dark matter



Flavor anomalies, W mass, $(g-2)_\mu$...



Pattern of fermion masses



'Naturalness' of Higgs mass

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + h.c.$$

$$+ \bar{\psi}_i y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + h.c.$$

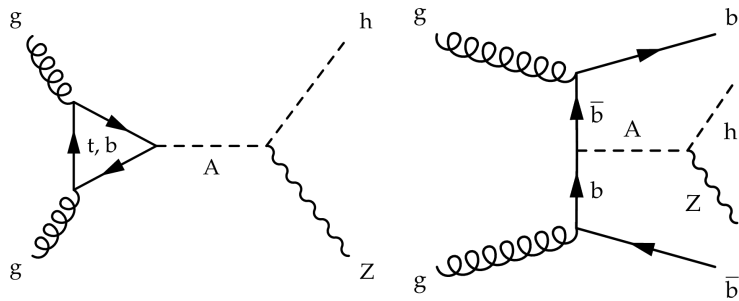
$$+ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$$

$$V = -\mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

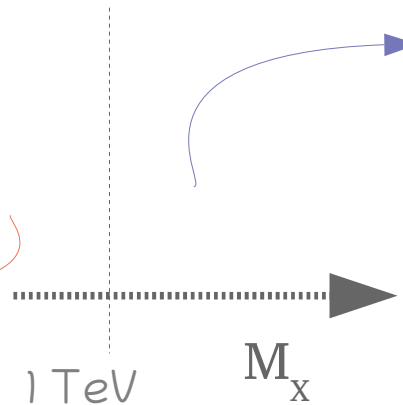
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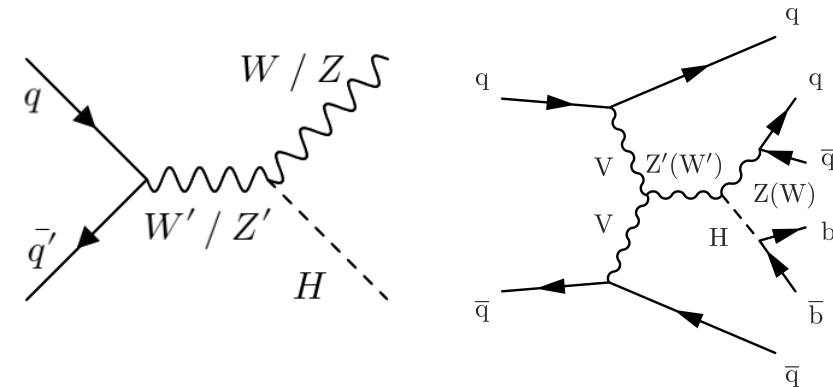
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$X \rightarrow VH$

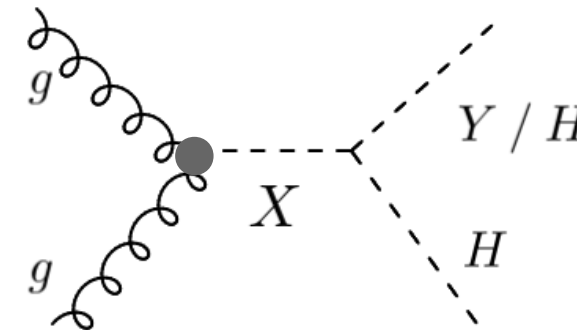


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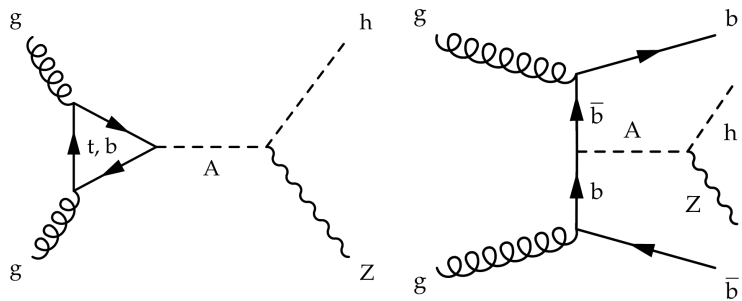
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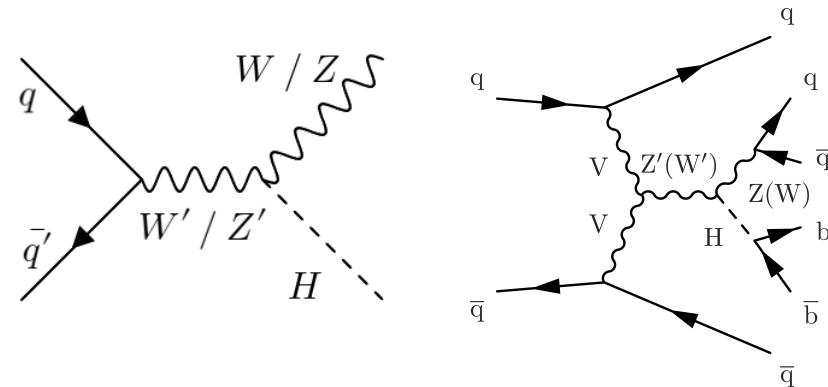
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1 TeV M_X

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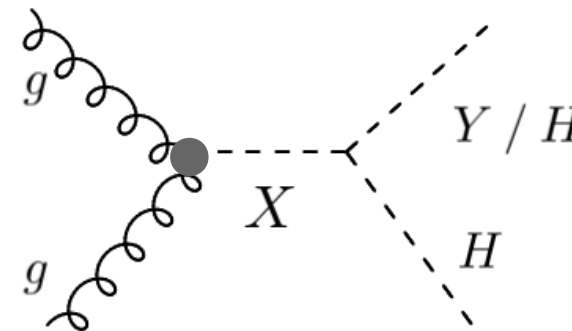


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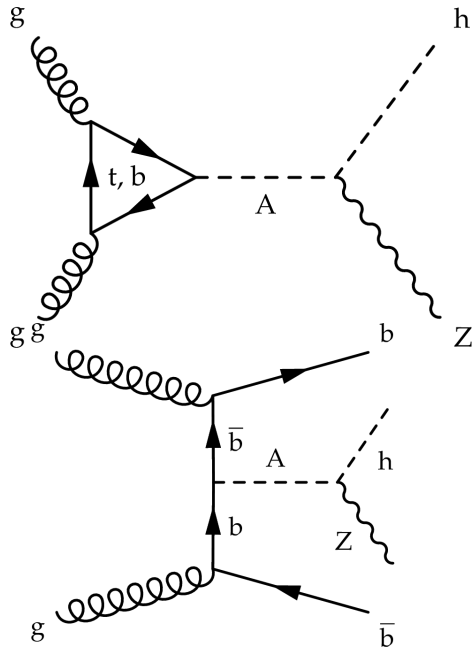
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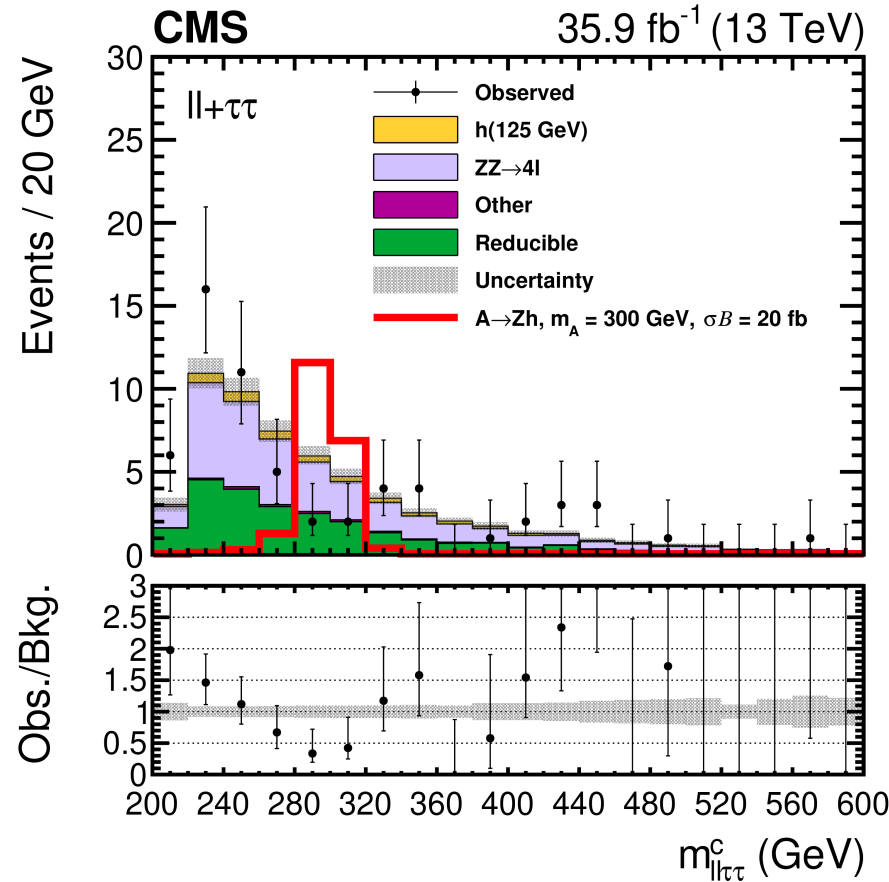
Decay mode:

$$Z \rightarrow ll + h \rightarrow \tau\tau$$

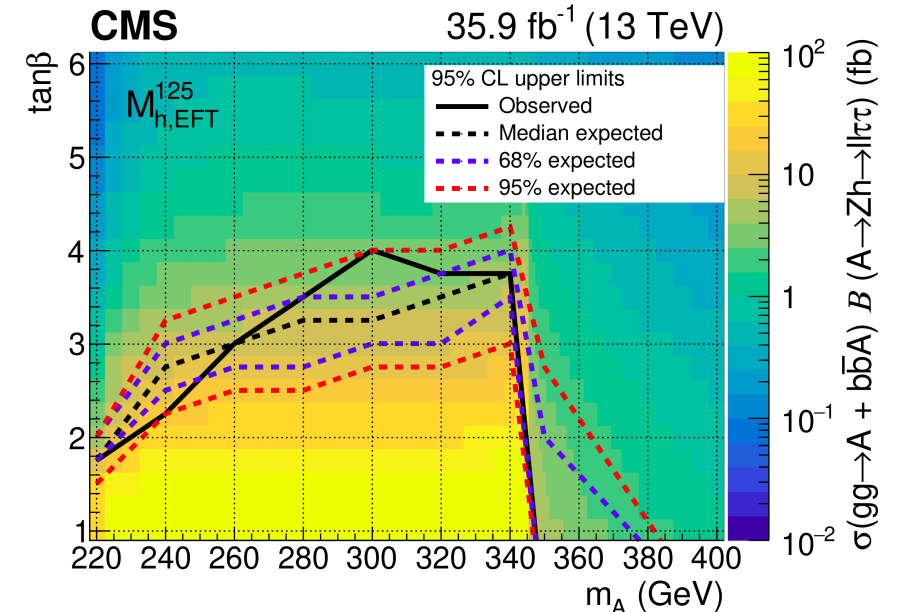
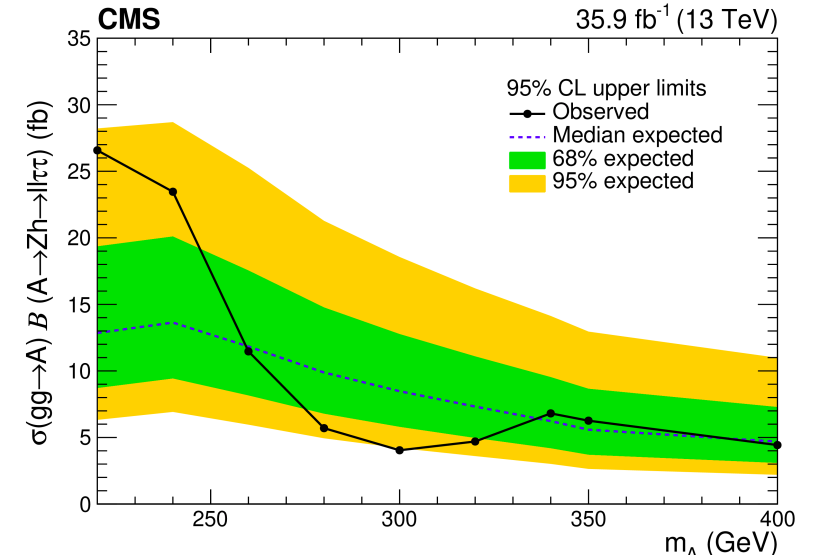
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- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
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| $ee + e\mu$ | $\mu\mu + e\mu$ |

- Irreducible background ($ZZ \rightarrow 4l, ttZ, WWZ, WZZ, ZZZ$) ← from simulation
- Reducible background (jet faking as lepton) ← estimated from data

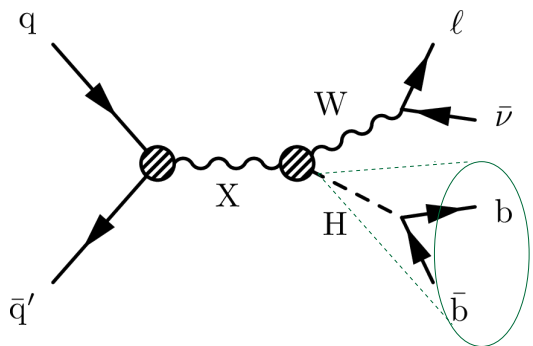


No significant deviation over predicted background



Strong constraints at low $\tan\beta$ in minimal supersymmetric extension of SM (MSSM)

$W' \rightarrow WH \rightarrow l\nu bb$



- Background processes primarily from simulation → smoothed / modeled with functional forms

Decay mode:

$$W \rightarrow l \nu + H \rightarrow b b$$

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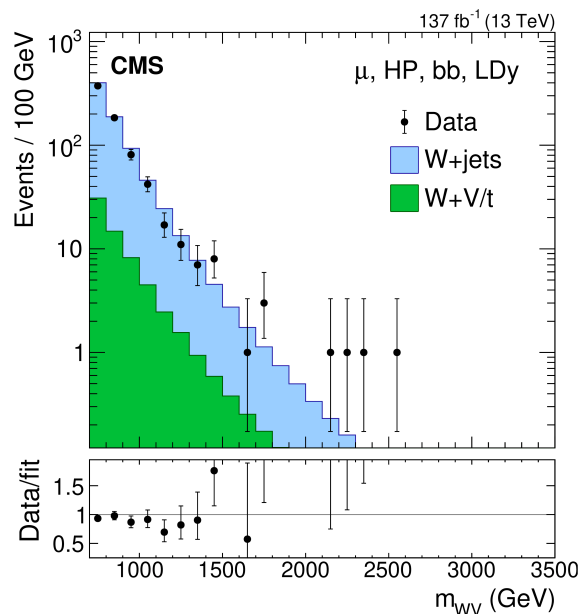
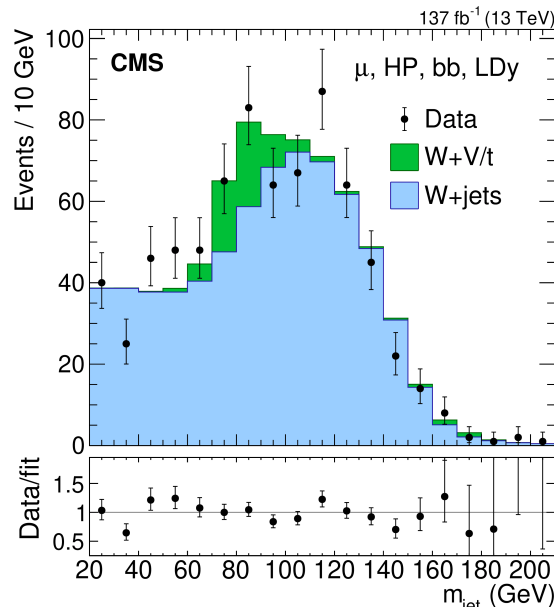
1 muon/electron + 1 large (AK8) jet + p_T^{miss}

- bb tagging of AK8 jet (H candidate) using BDT

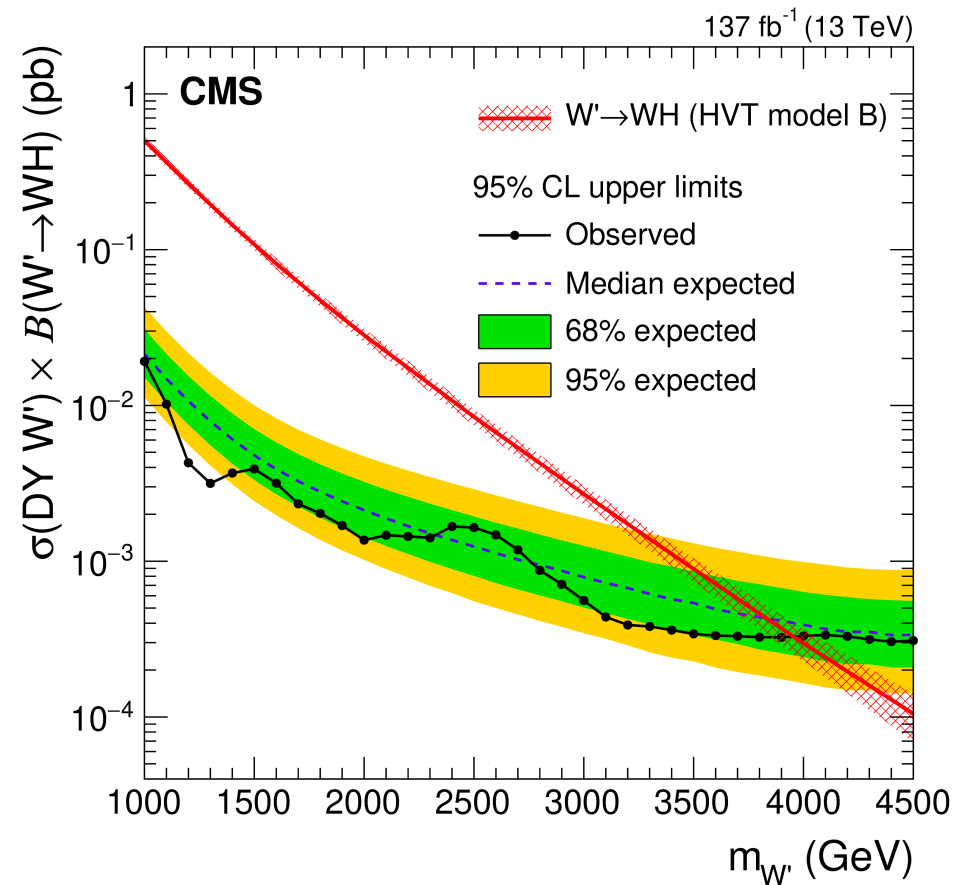
JINST 13 (2018) P05011

Multiple event categories used:

- $\Delta y (W,H) \leq 1$ (LDy) or > 1 (HDy)
- 2-prongness of H candidate jet:
 Mass-decorrelated $\tau_{21} < 0.5$ (high-purity)
 ≥ 0.5 (low-purity)

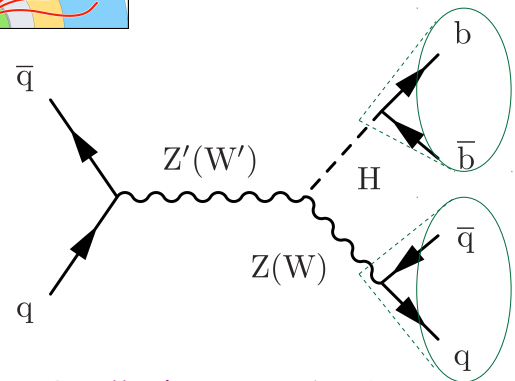


Signal extraction using 2D mass distributions ($m_j - m_{\nu\nu}$)
 - fitted in all categories simultaneously



Analysis also explored WW, WZ final states

$Z' \rightarrow (W/Z)H \rightarrow qqbb$



Drell-Yan production

Decay mode:

$W/Z \rightarrow qq + H \rightarrow bb$

Final states considered:

- 2 large (AK8) jets

→ bb- & qq-tagging of AK8 jets using deep neural networks (**DeepAK8**) w/ mass decorrelation

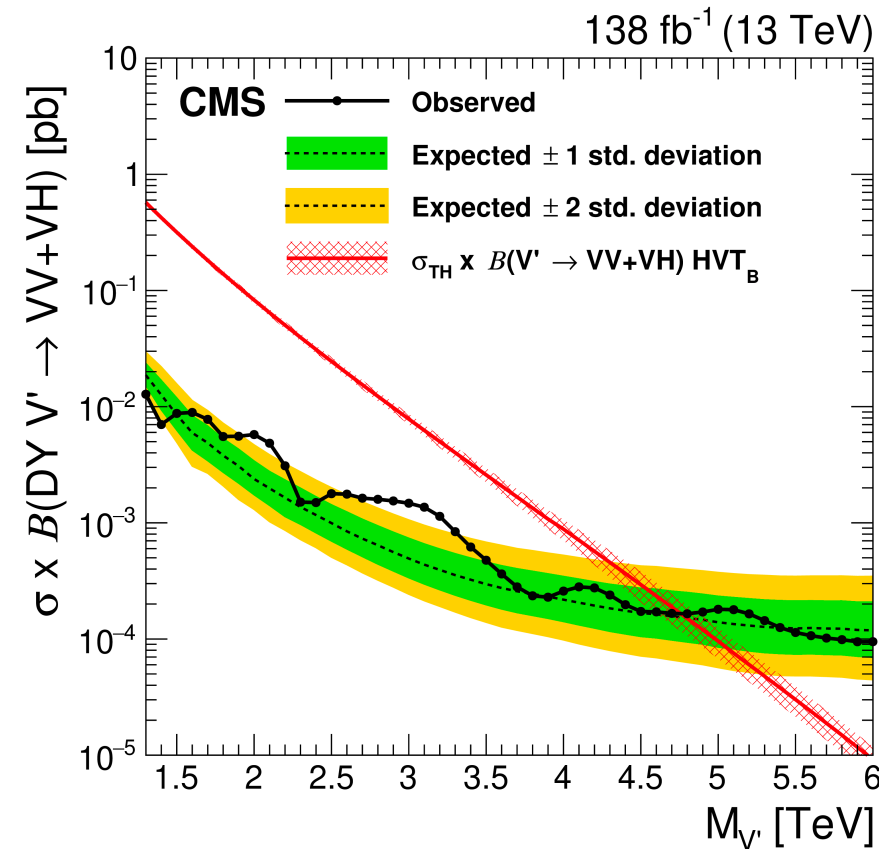
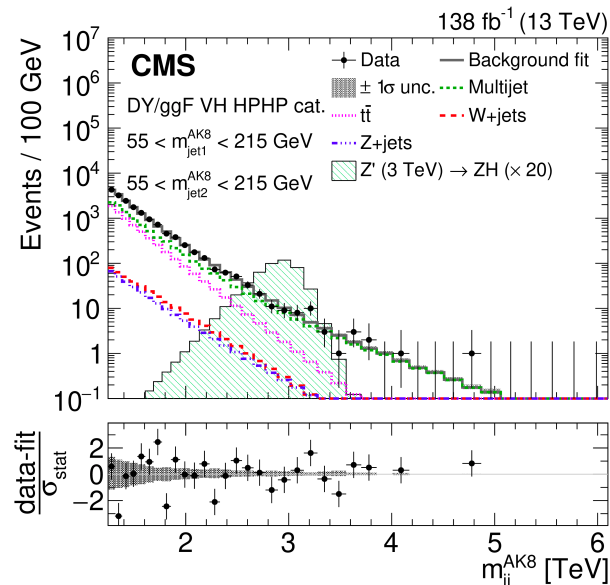
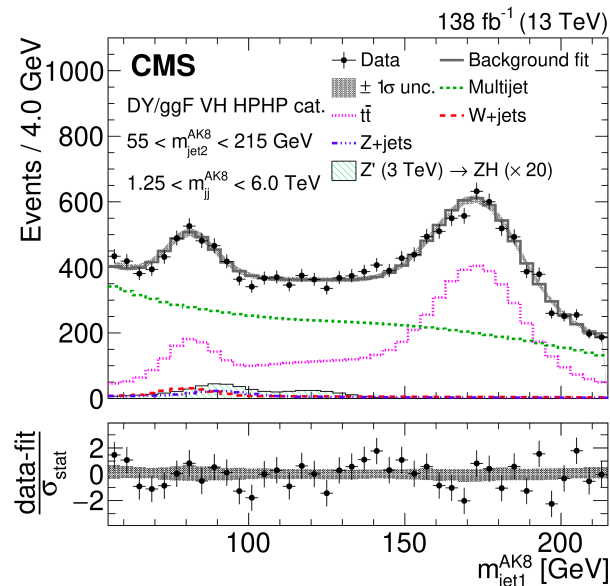
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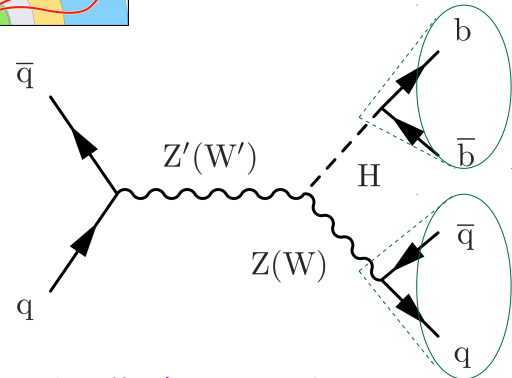
- $\Delta y (W/Z, H) \leq 1$ or > 1

- Using DeepAK8 scores

- Background estimated from data by fitting nonresonant (QCD) & resonant (W/Z+jets) in 3 dimensions: $m_{J1}^{SD}, m_{J2}^{SD}, m_{VV} \rightarrow$ Constrained using jet mass sidebands



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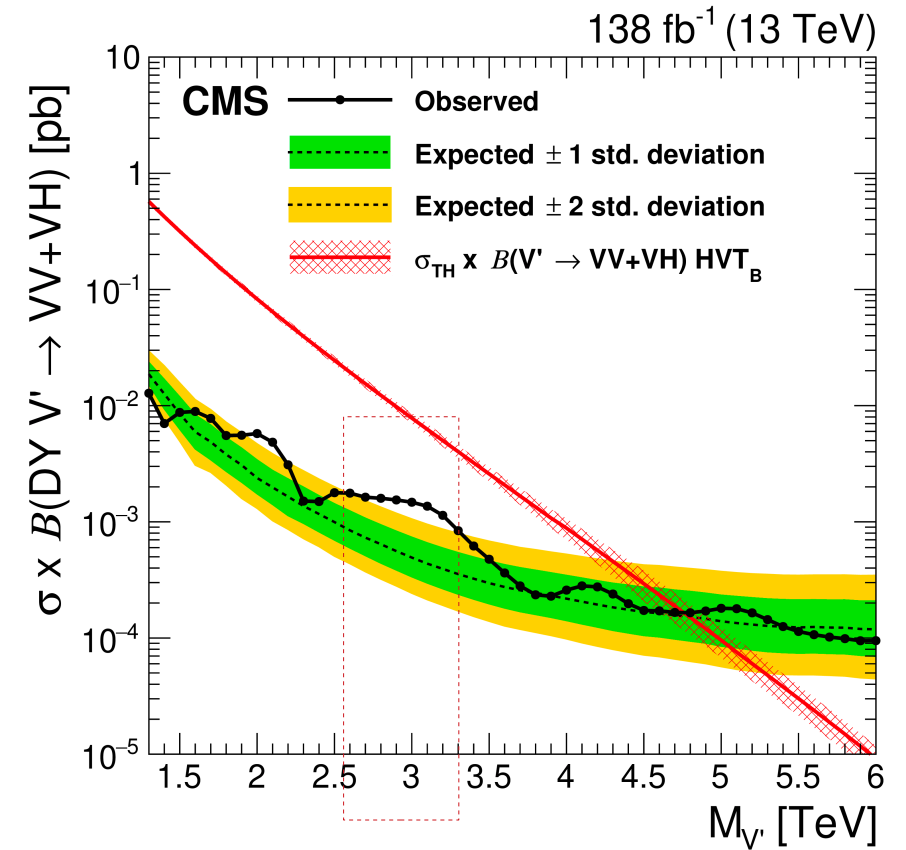
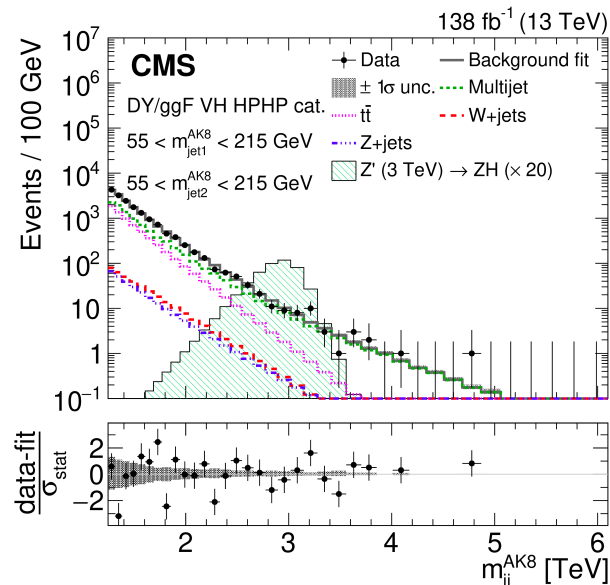
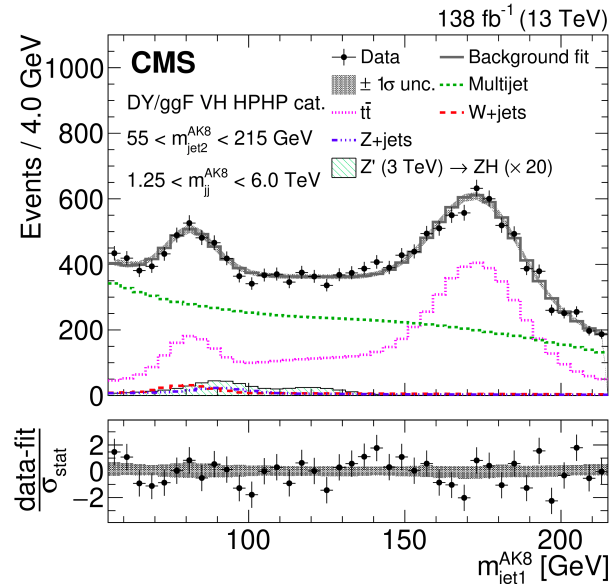
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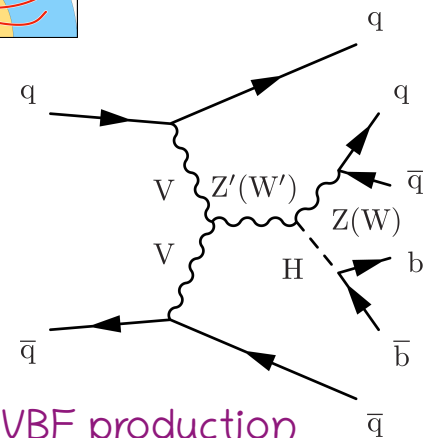
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Local excess: $\sim 3.6 (2.3) \sigma$

$Z' \rightarrow (W/Z)H \rightarrow qqbb$ (contd ...)



VBF production

Decay mode:

$W/Z \rightarrow qq + H \rightarrow bb$

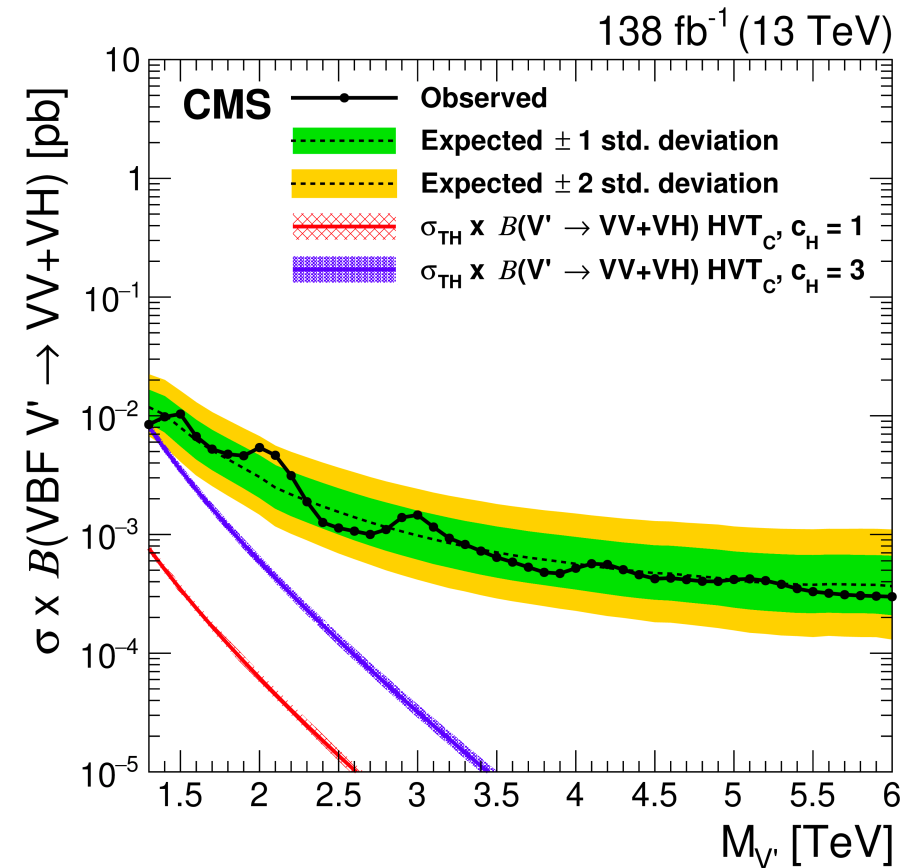
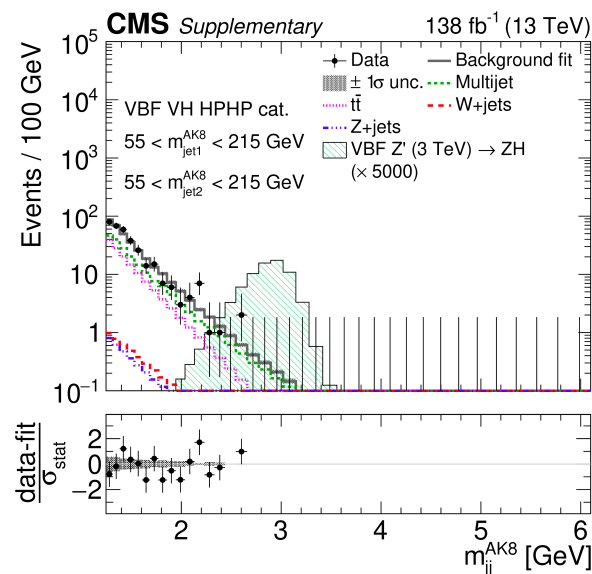
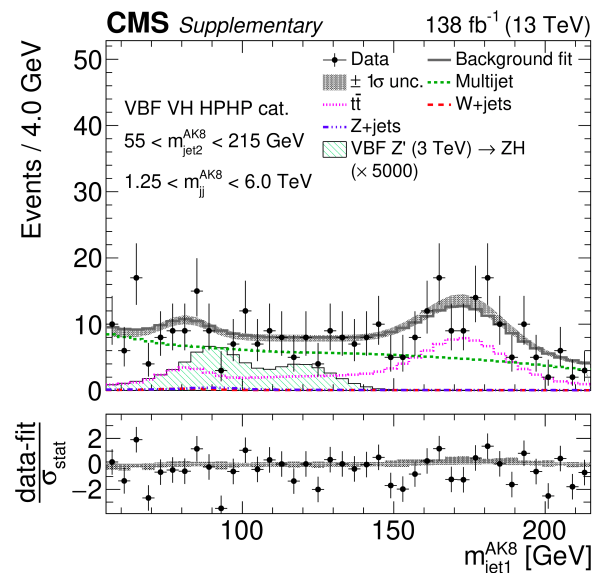
Targeting VBF production w/ additional conditions:

- $\Delta\eta(j,j) > 4.5$

- $m_{jj} > 800$ GeV

$j \leftarrow$ AK4 jet (not overlapping w/ V & H candidates)

- Background estimated from data by modeling w/ parametric functions in 3 dimensions: $m_{J1}^{SD}, m_{J2}^{SD}, m_{VV} \rightarrow$ Constrained using jet mass sidebands



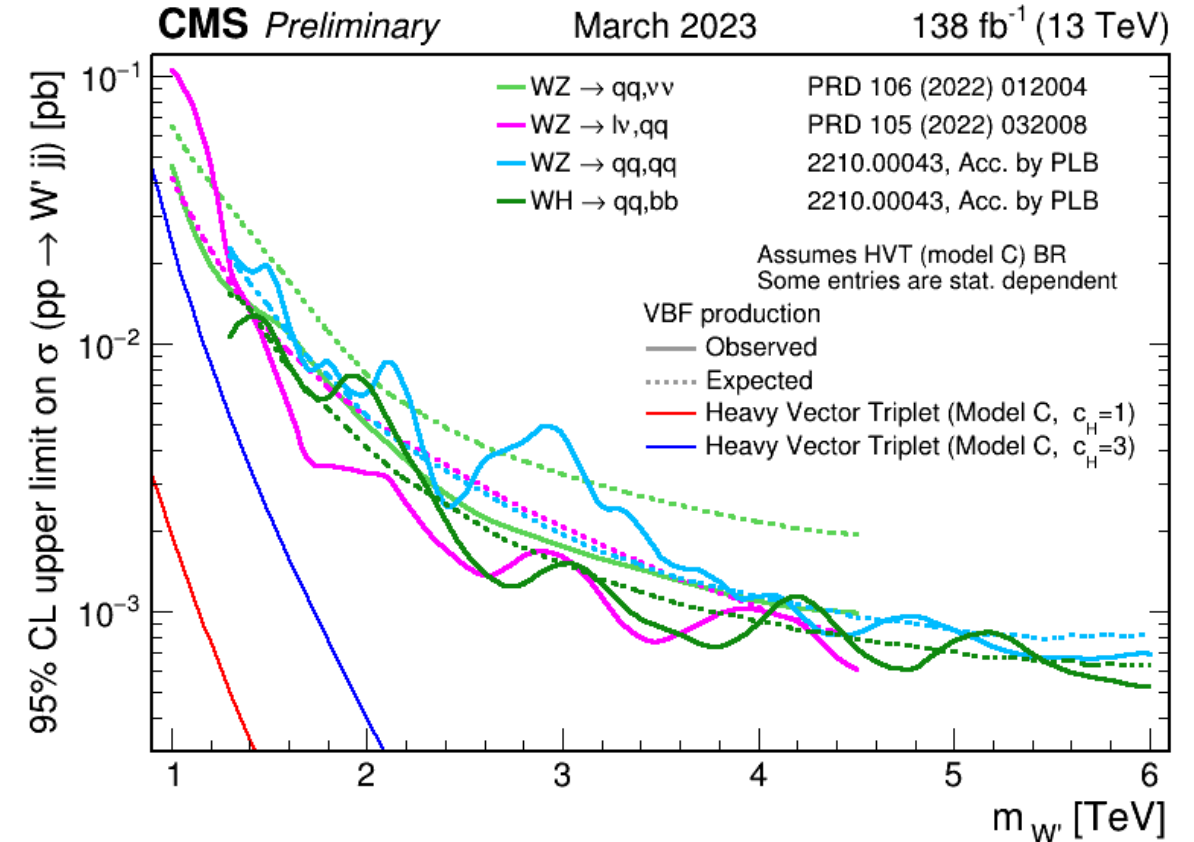
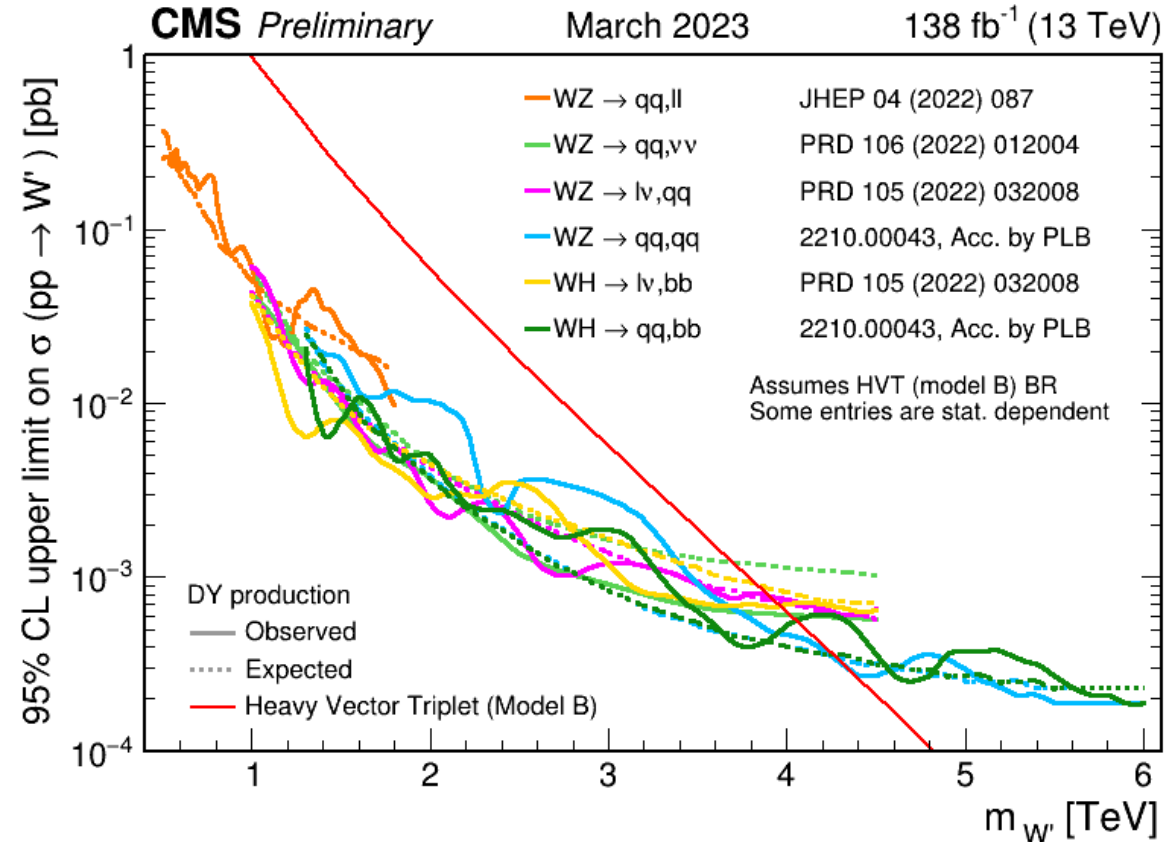
Analysis is not sensitive to VBF production yet

Interpretation performed in heavy-vector triplet models for scenarios with suppressed $V' \rightarrow$ fermion couplings

Pappadopulo, Thamm, Torre, Wulzer (2014)

Drell-Yan production

VBF production



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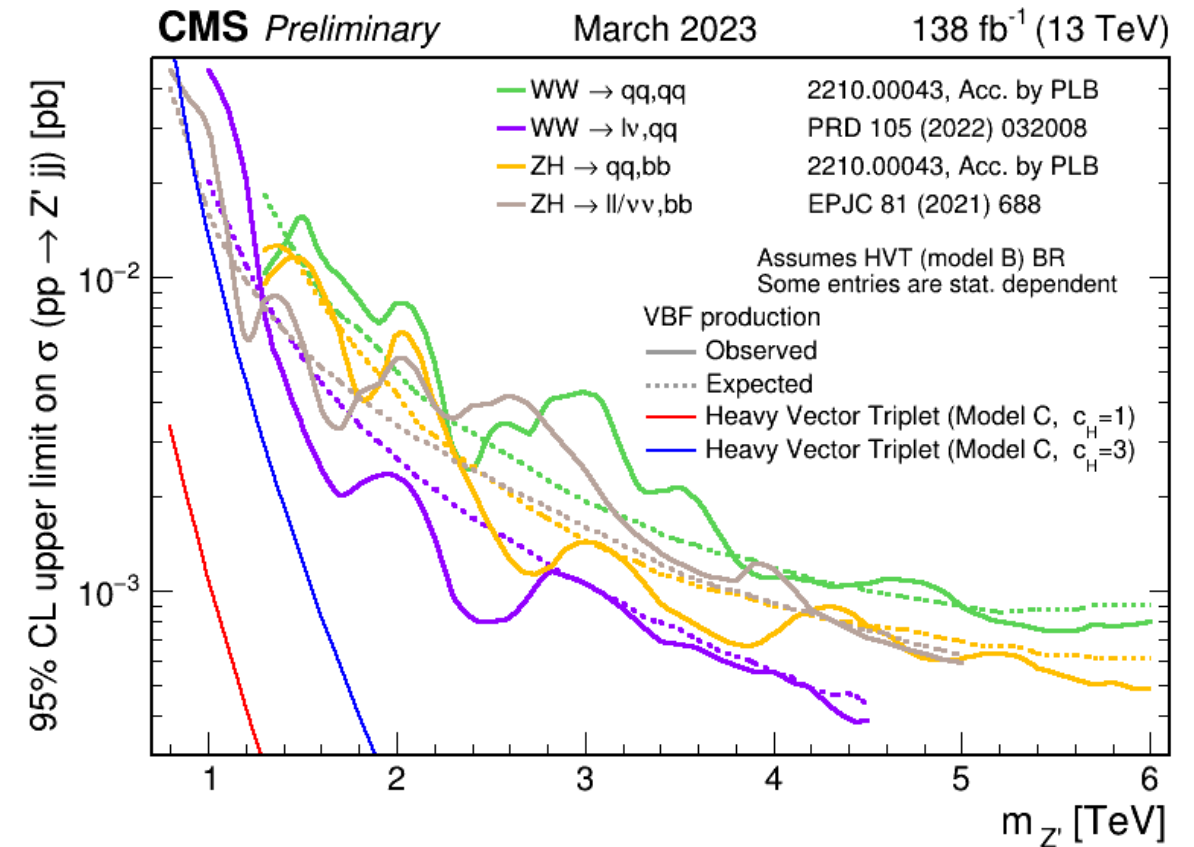
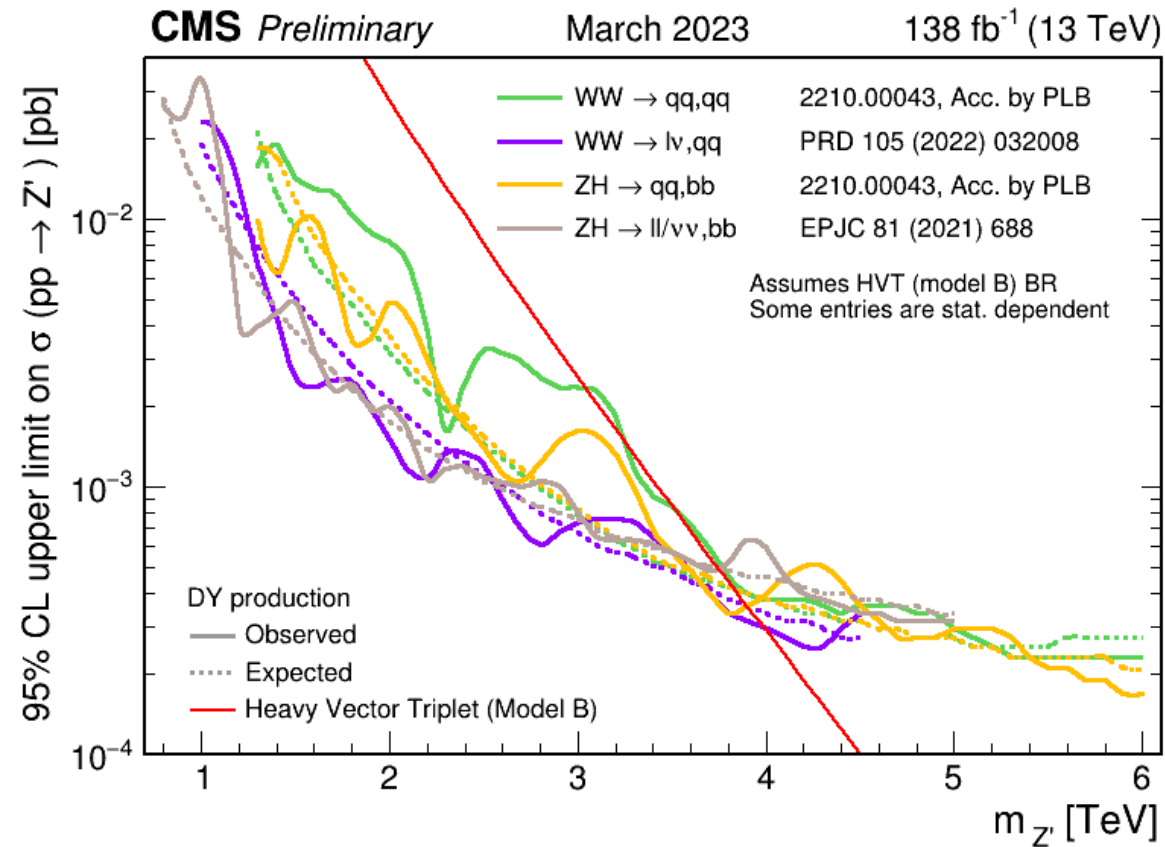
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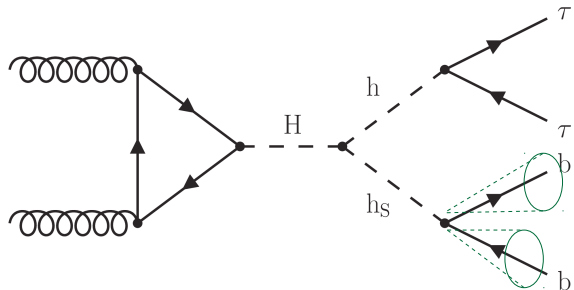
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$X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$



Dominant backgrounds:

Real τ : DY / VV/ tt $\rightarrow \tau\tau$

Jet faking as τ_h

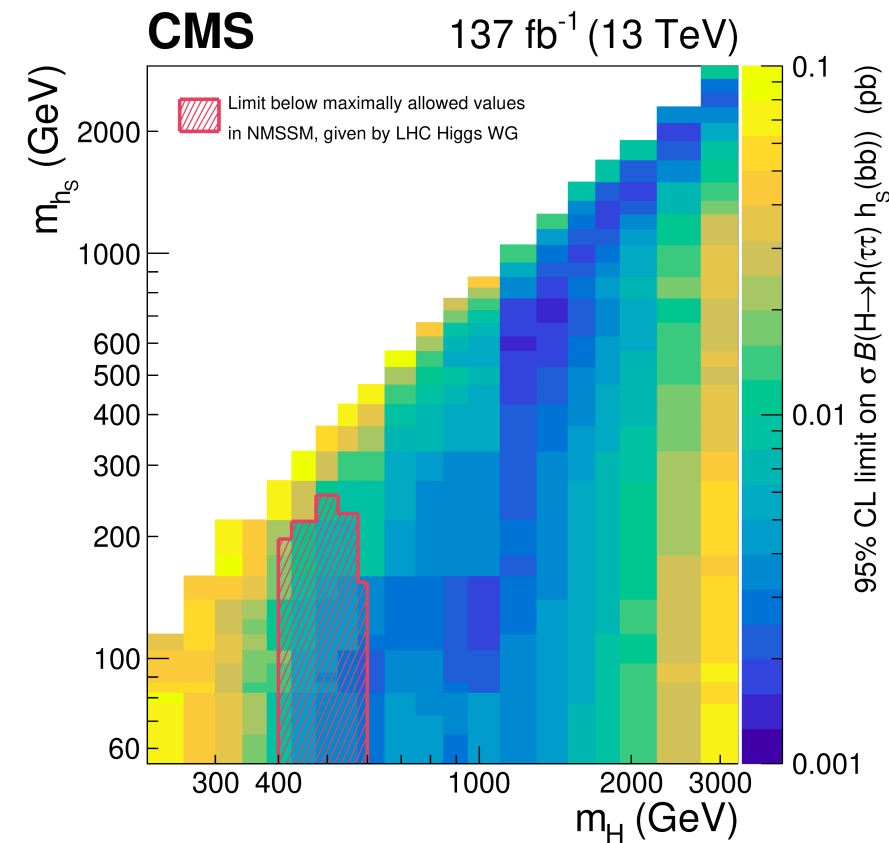
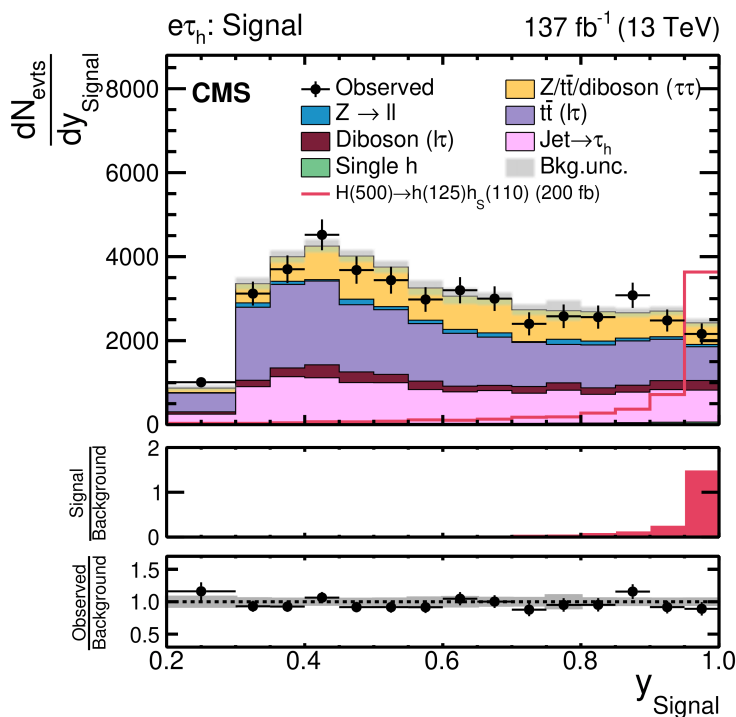
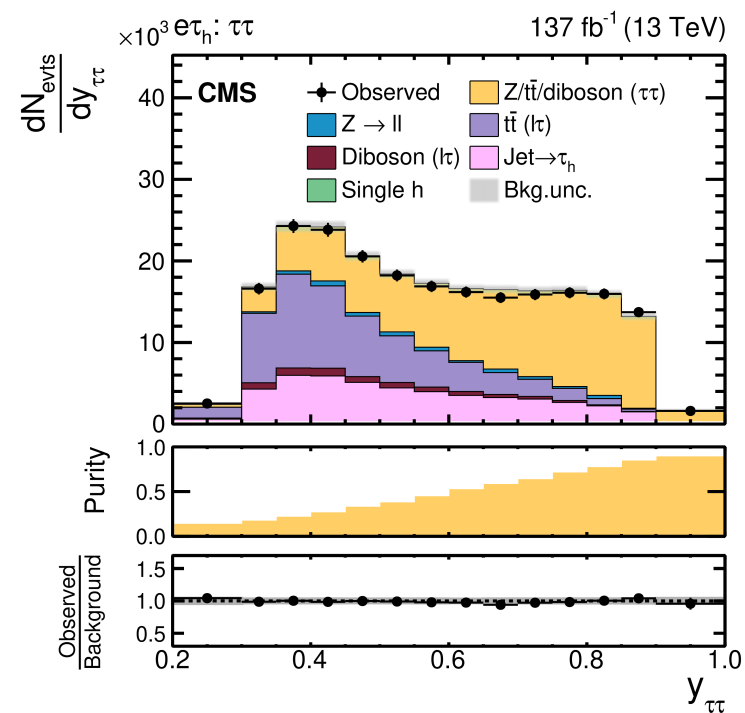
← estimated from data

- Separate multiclass neural network (NN) trainings with multiple (clusters of) signals + background processes

- NN discriminators used to extract signal & control background shapes

Final states considered:

$e\tau_h + bb, \mu\tau_h + bb, \tau_h\tau_h + bb$



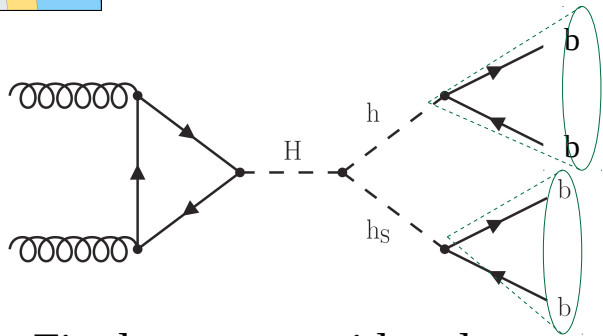
No significant excess observed on 2-D mass plane

$X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ (boosted)

Dominant backgrounds:

Multijet production in QCD \leftarrow estimated from data

$t\bar{t}$ \leftarrow estimated from simulation + data-based correction

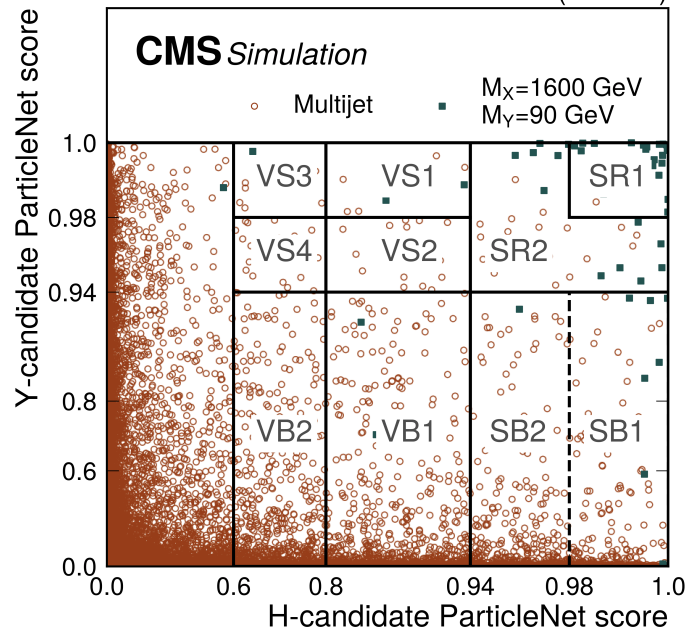


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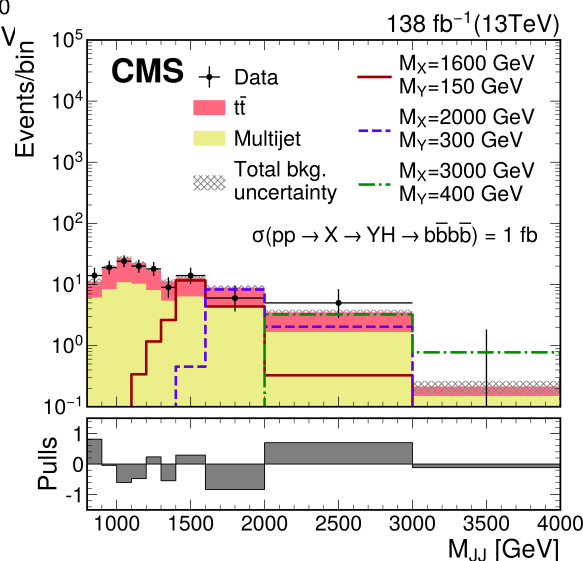
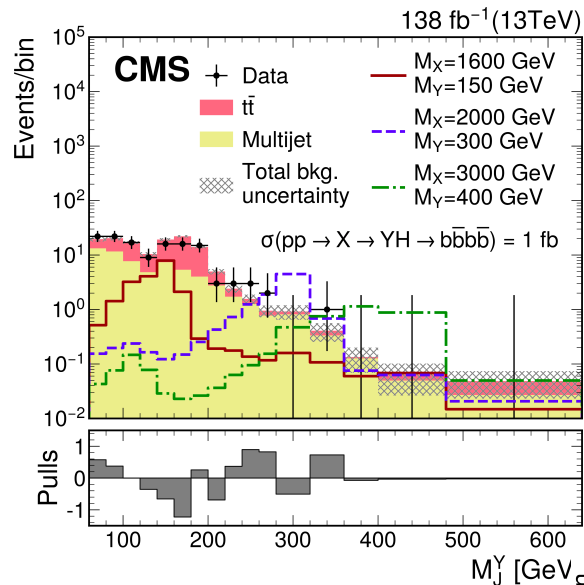
2 AK8 jets

- Graph-neural network based jet tagging boost signal sensitivity

(13 TeV)

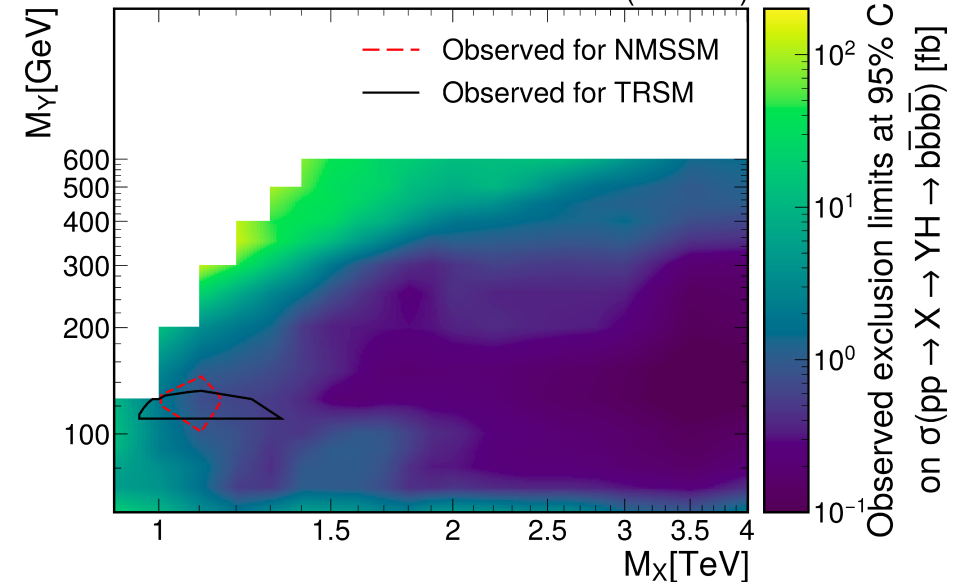


Multiple signal regions to cover wide range X & Y masses



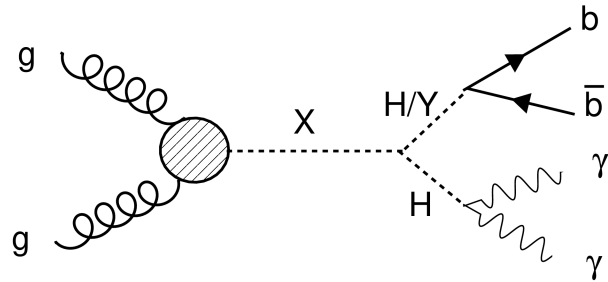
CMS

138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



Search is sensitive to allowed parameter spaces in multiple models :)

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



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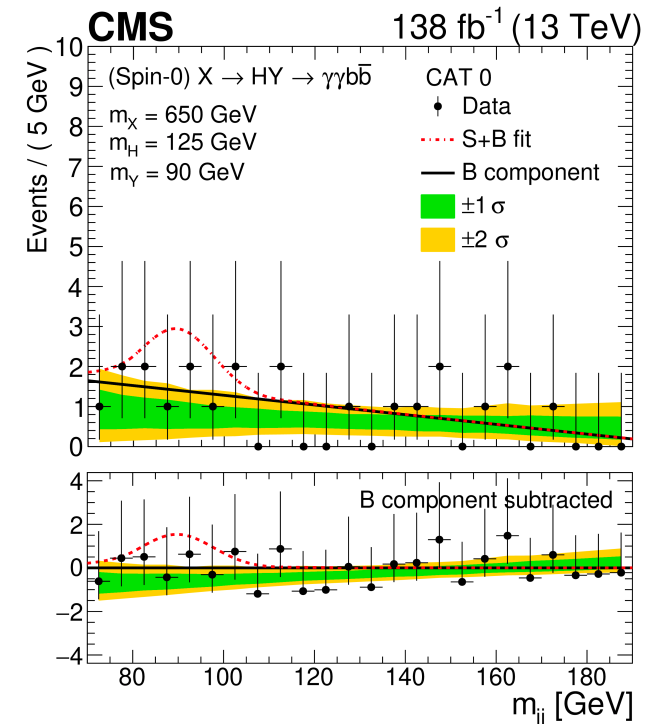
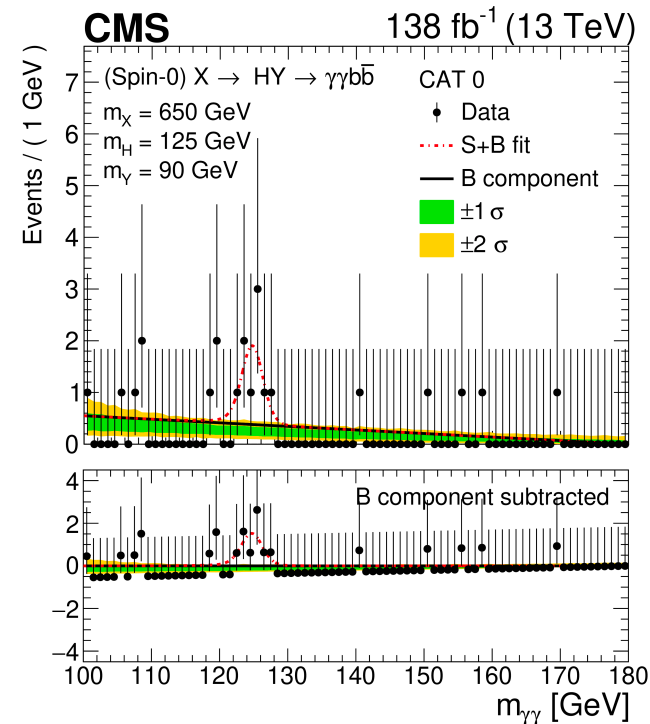
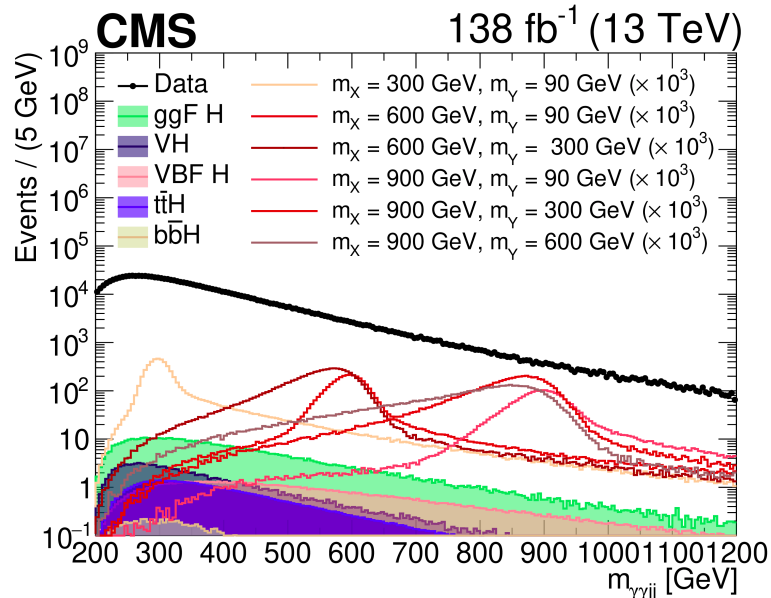
- γ +jets, $\gamma\gamma$ +jets, production in QCD
 - ← reduced using BDT *trained in multiple exclusive regions targeting different m_X - m_Y ranges*
 - + estimated with functional forms fitted using data
- Resonant ttH ($\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) background reduced using neural network

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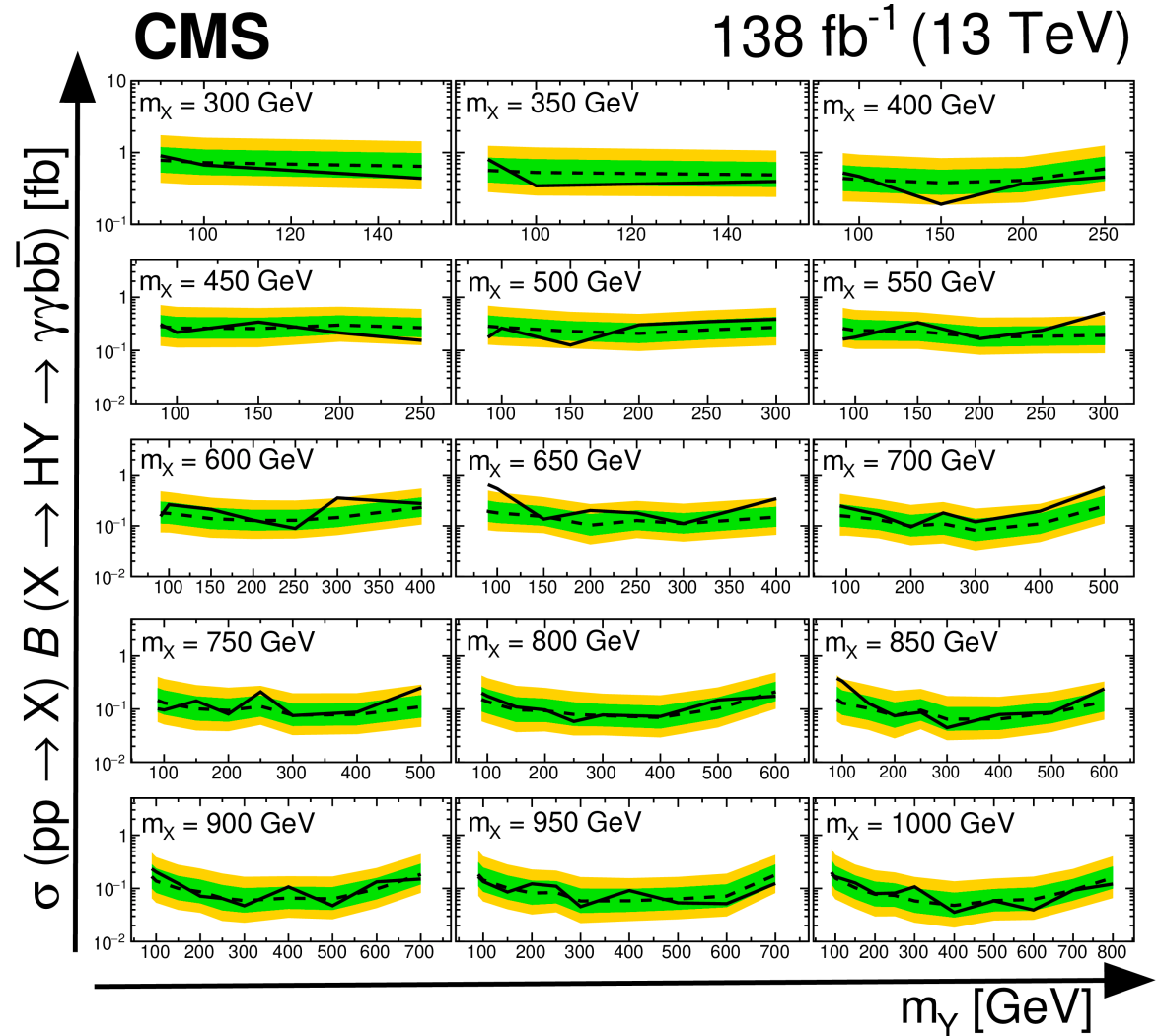
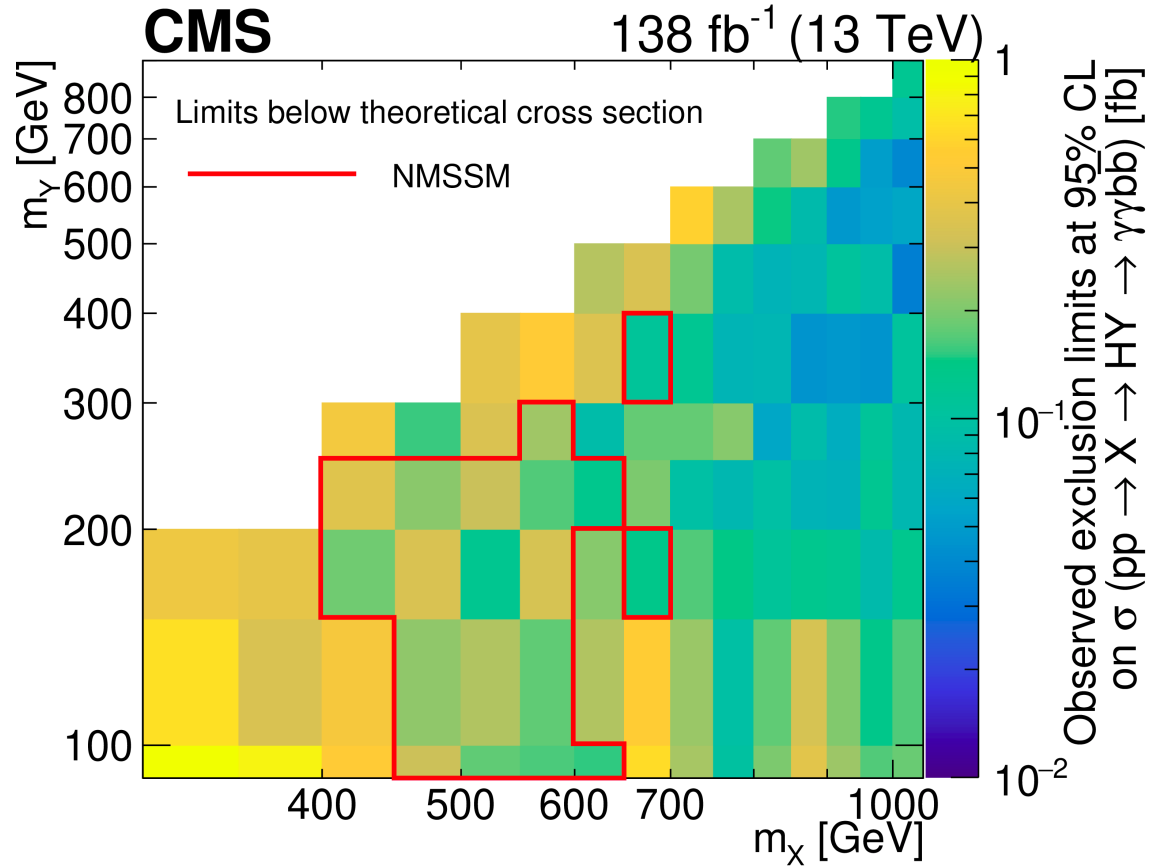
2 isolated photons + 2 (b-tagged) AK4 jets

* X candidate mass reconstruction using
$$\tilde{m}_X = m_{\gamma\gamma jj} - (m_{\gamma\gamma} - m_H) - (m_{jj} - m_Y)$$

Signal extraction using 2D mass distributions ($m_{jj} - m_{\gamma\gamma}$) in regions defined by BDT scores



$X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow bb \gamma\gamma$ (contd ...)



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

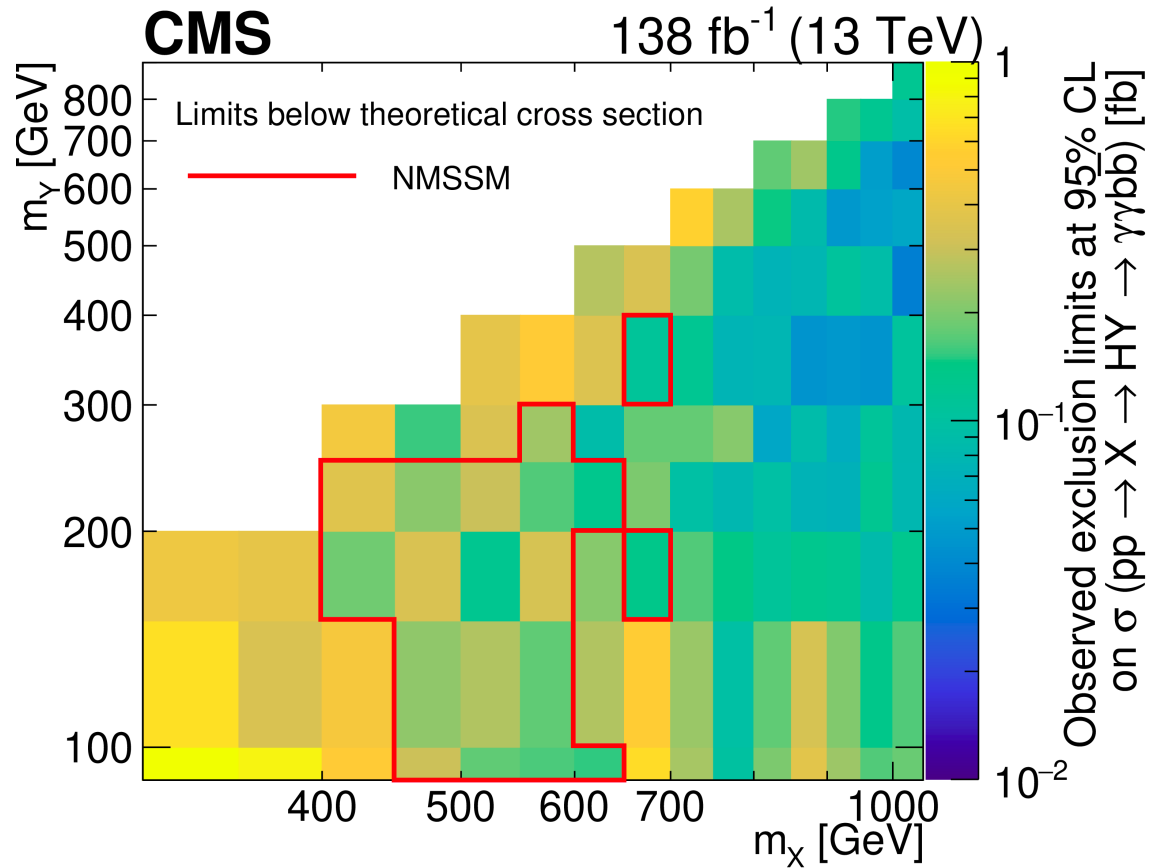
Expected limit $\pm 1 \sigma$

Expected limit $\pm 2 \sigma$

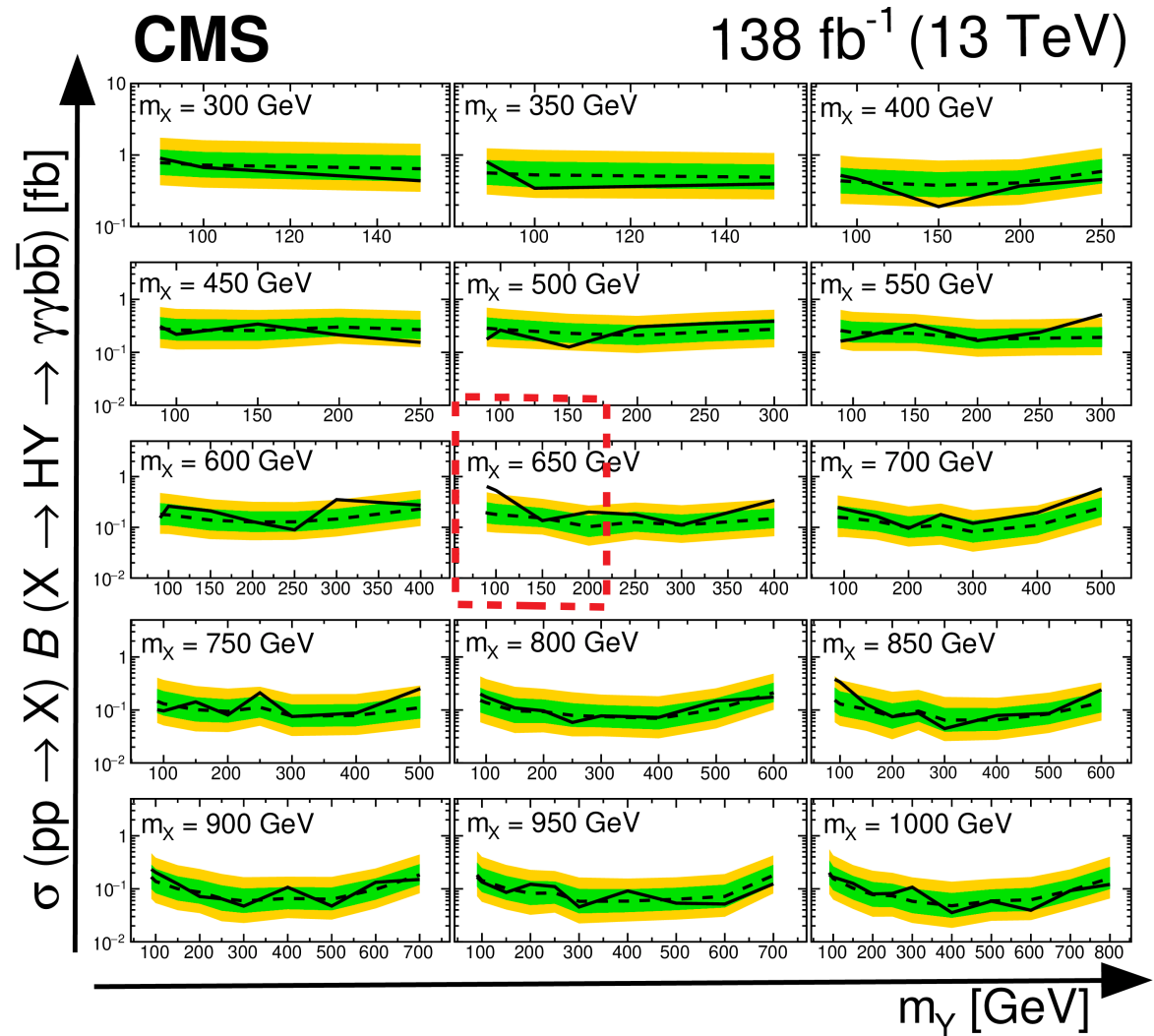
----- Expected 95% upper limit

————— Observed 95% upper limit

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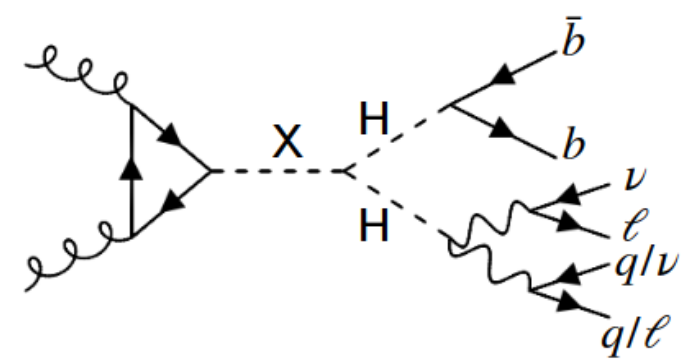
Excess observed at $m_X, m_Y = 650, 100$ GeV
 $\leftarrow 3.8$ (2.8) local (global) significance



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

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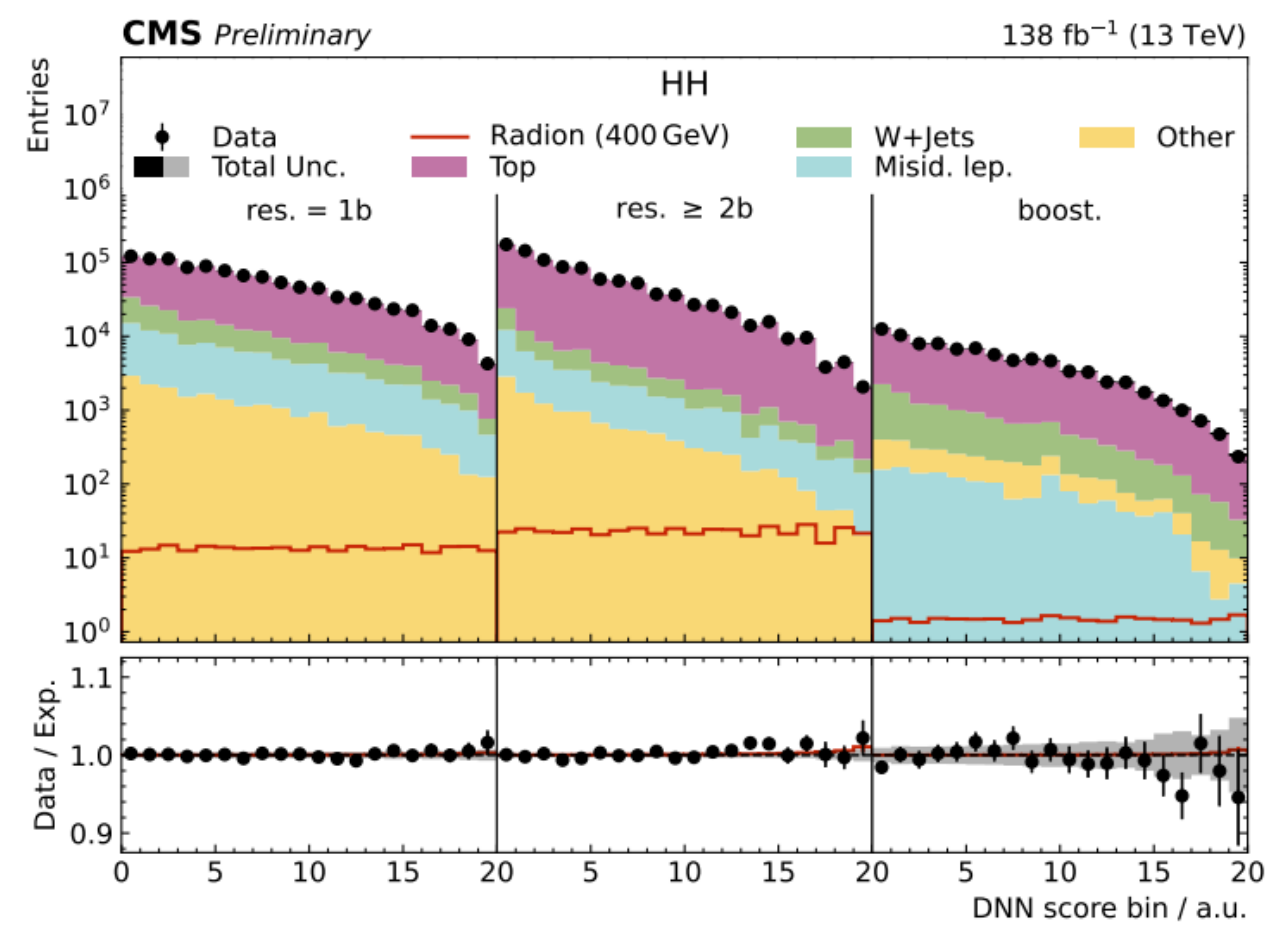
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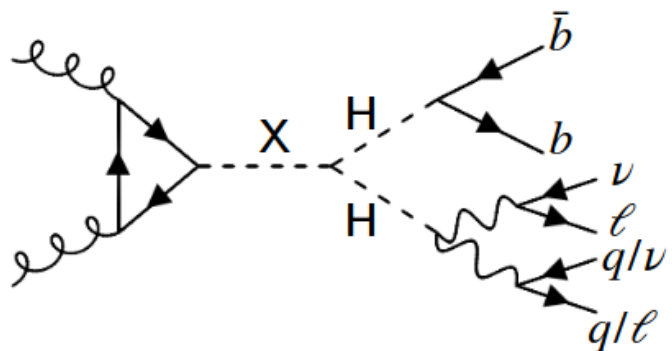
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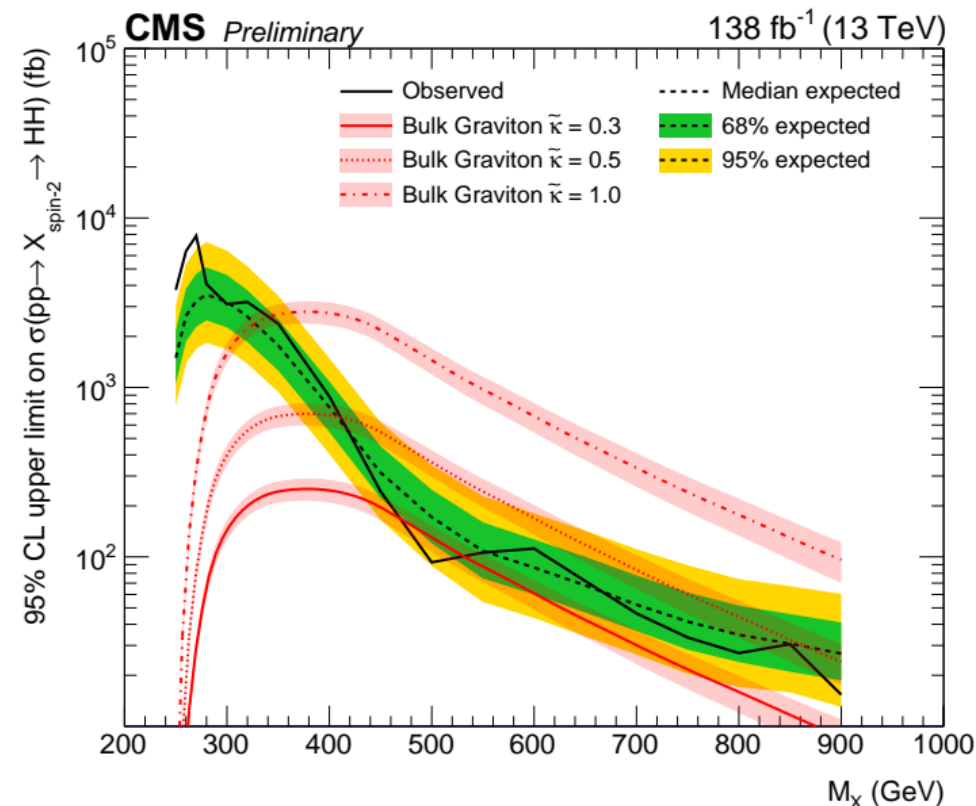
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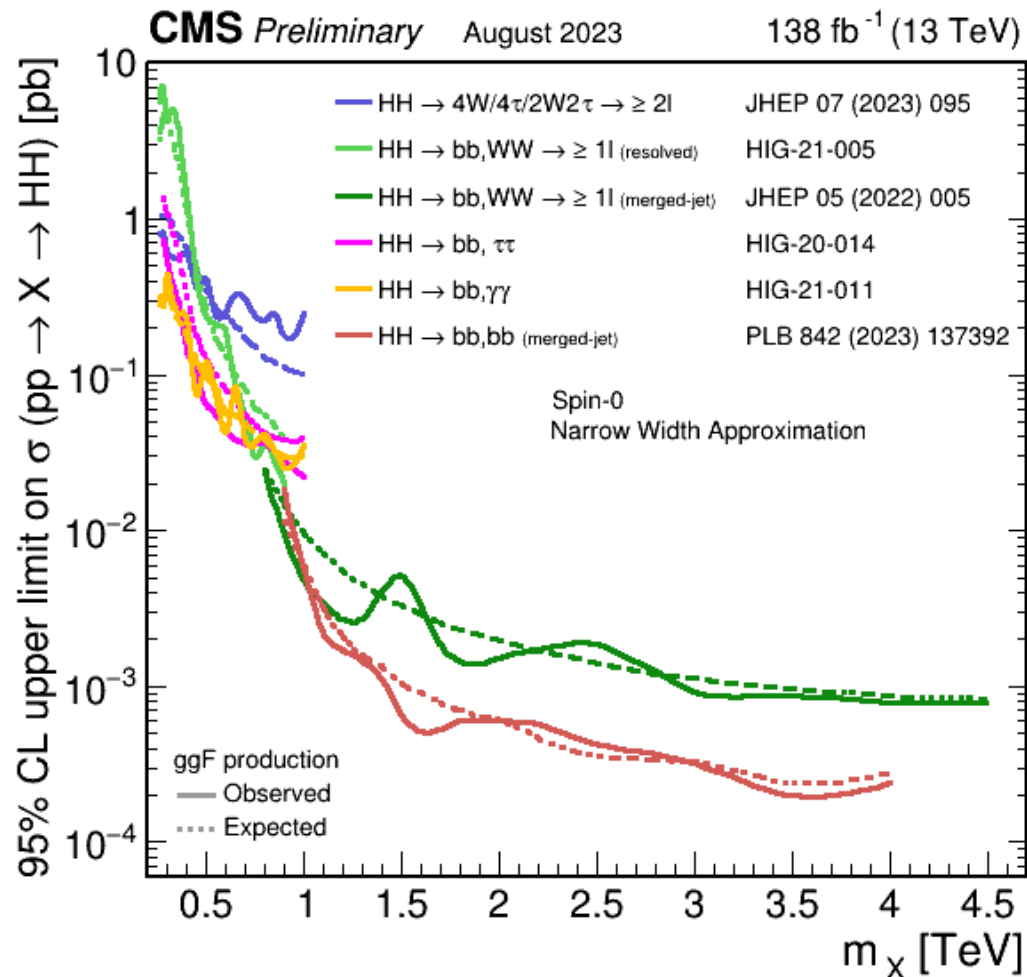
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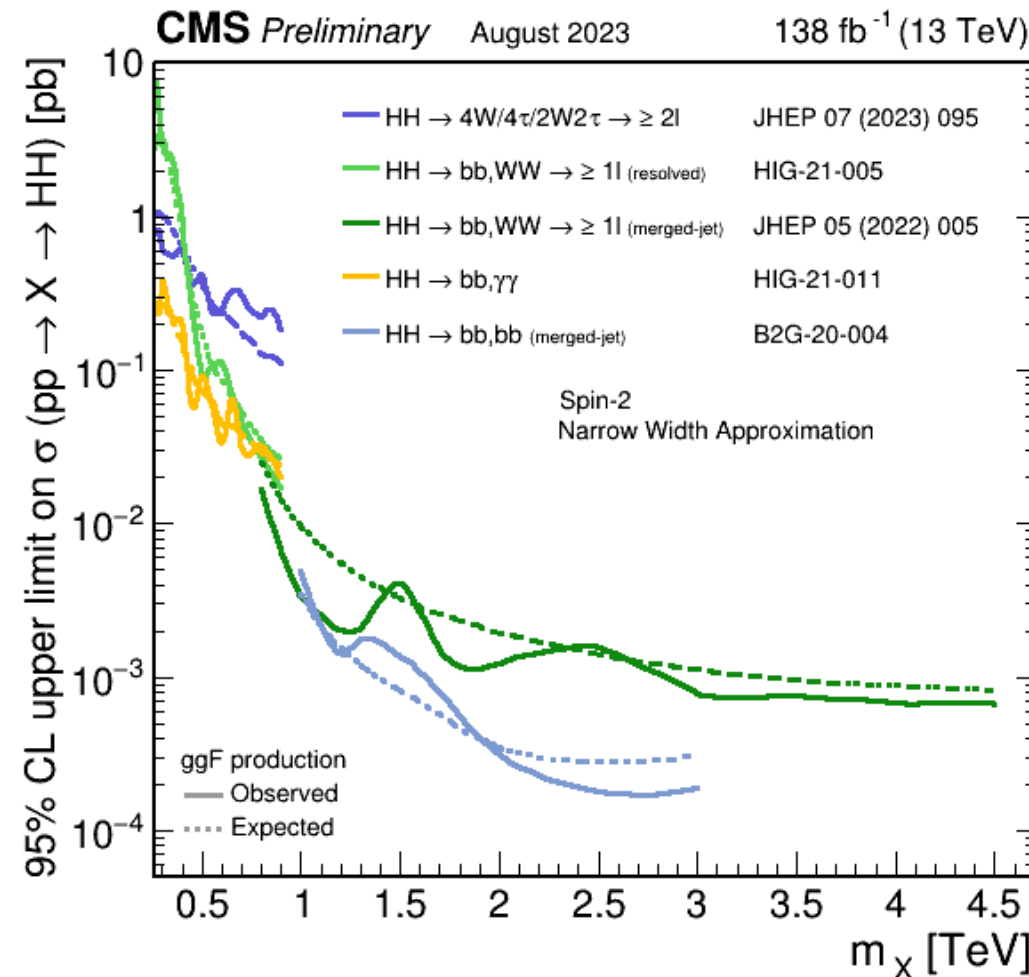
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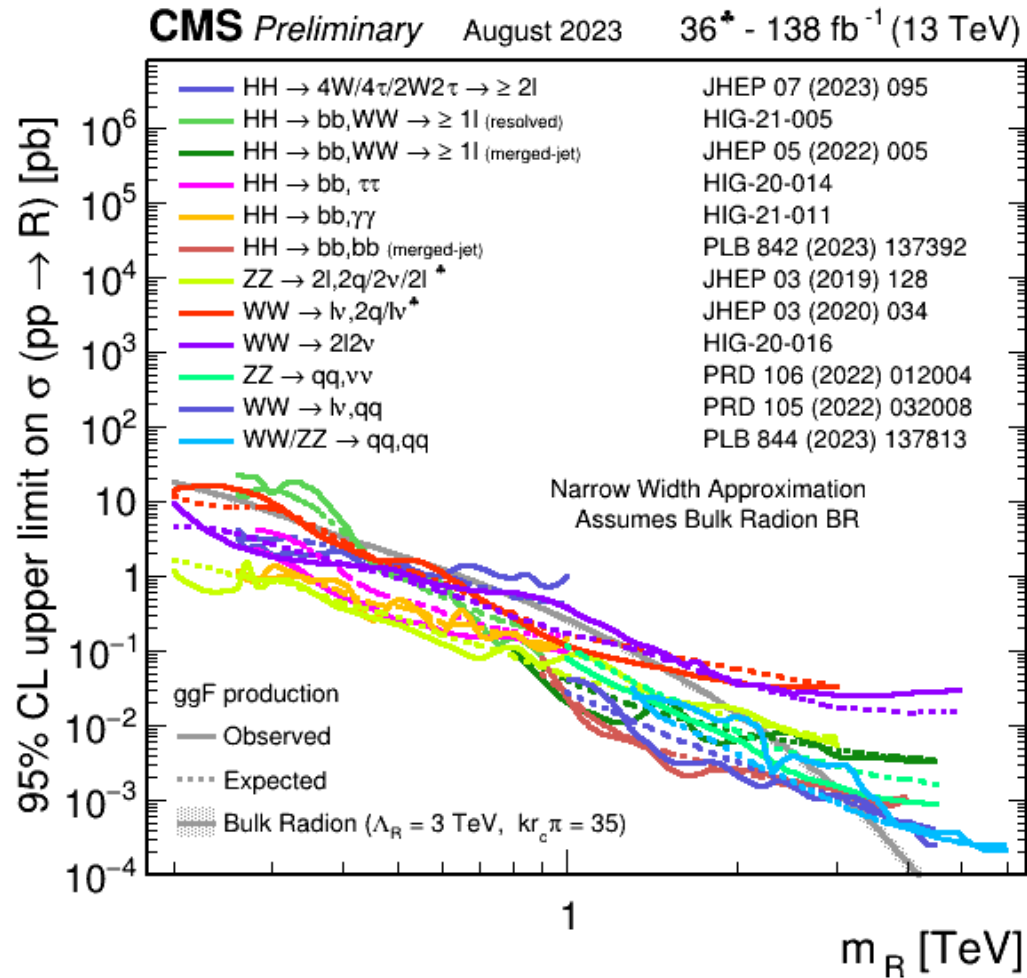


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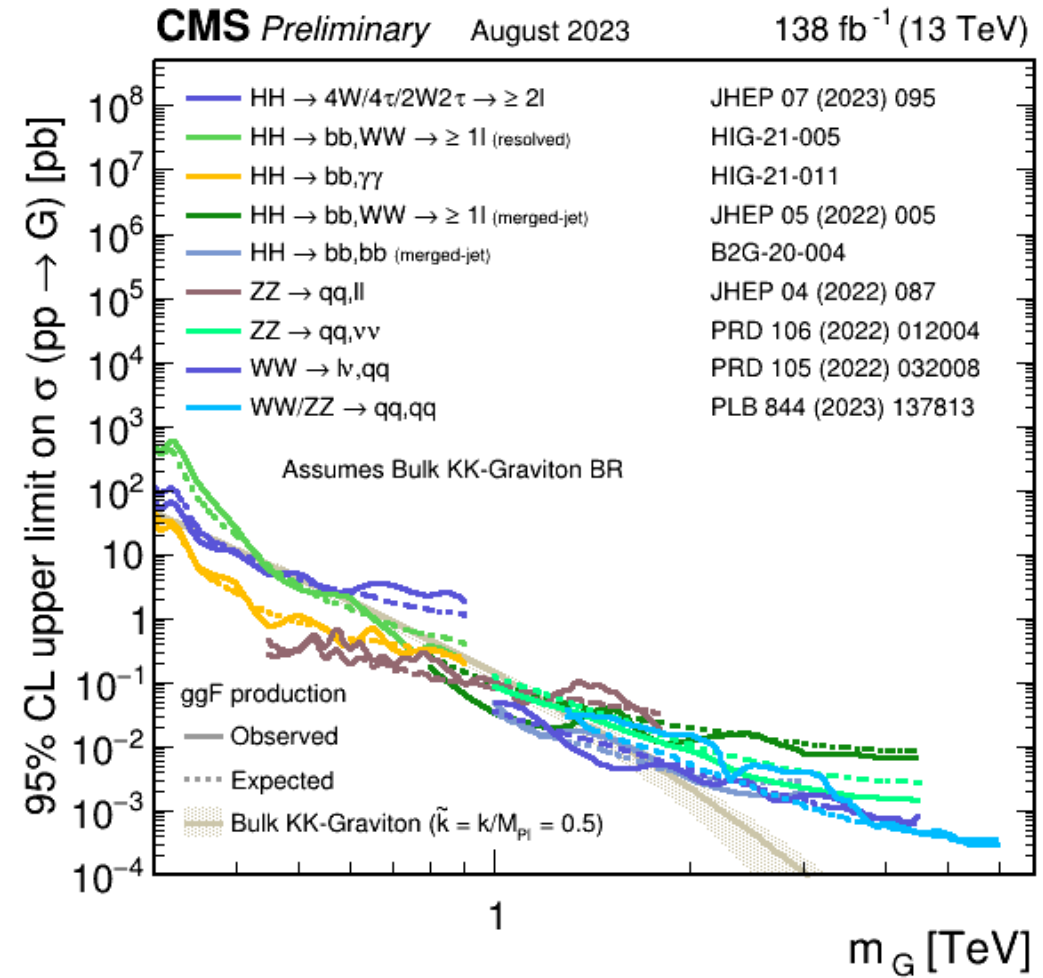
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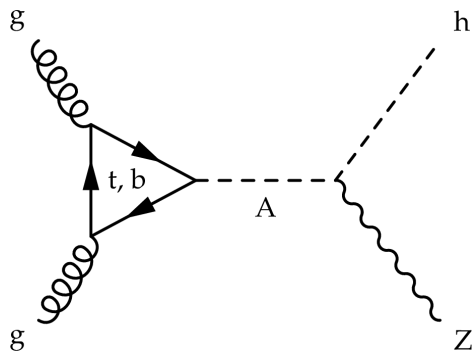
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Extra Material

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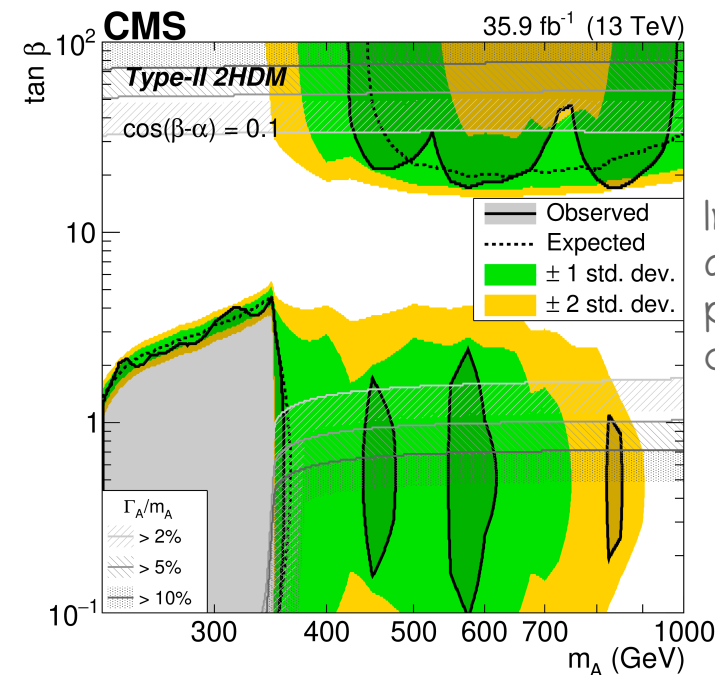
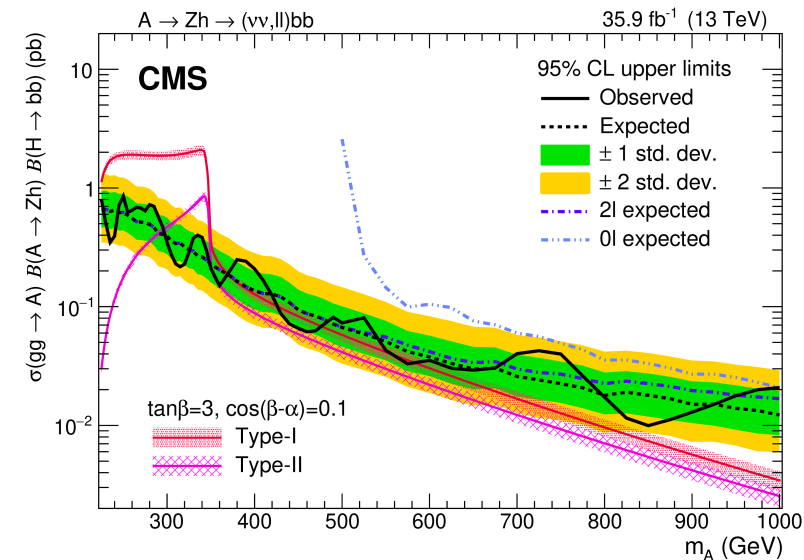
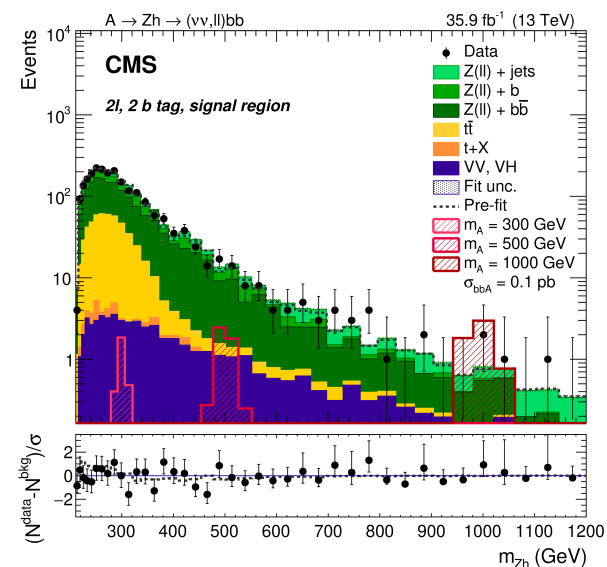
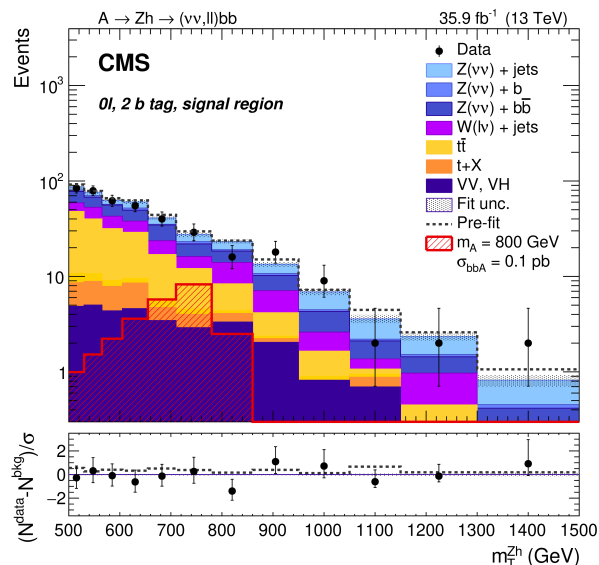
- Use of kinematic and angular information to reduce bkg
- Background primarily from simulation
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Decay mode:

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0/2 leptons + 1/2/3 b-tags

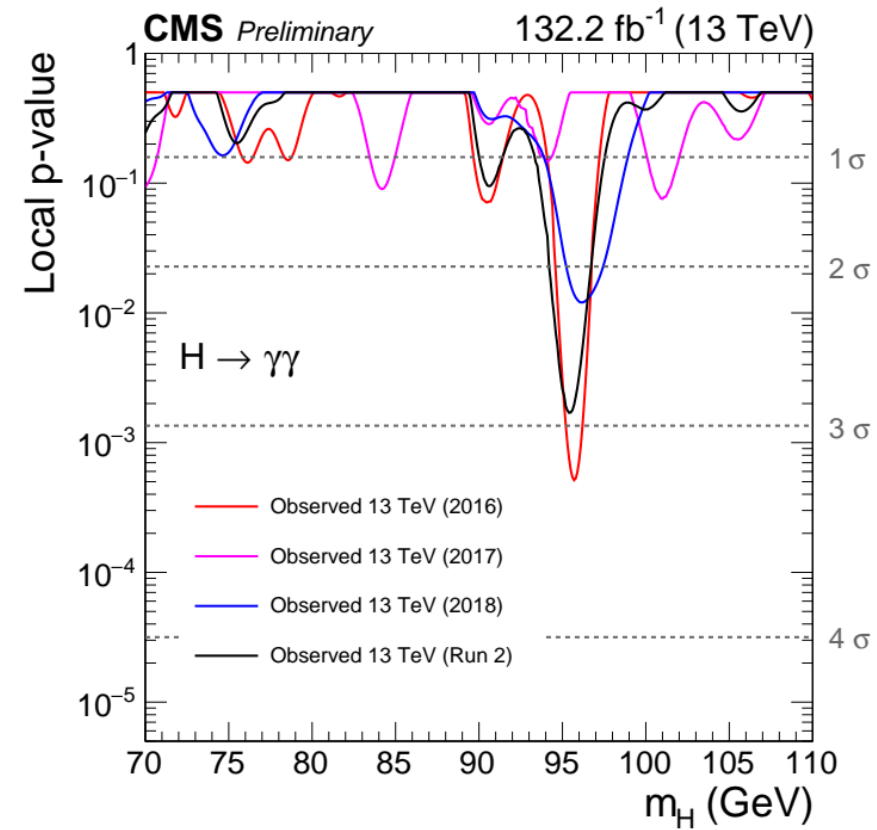


Interpretation also performed in other 2HDMs

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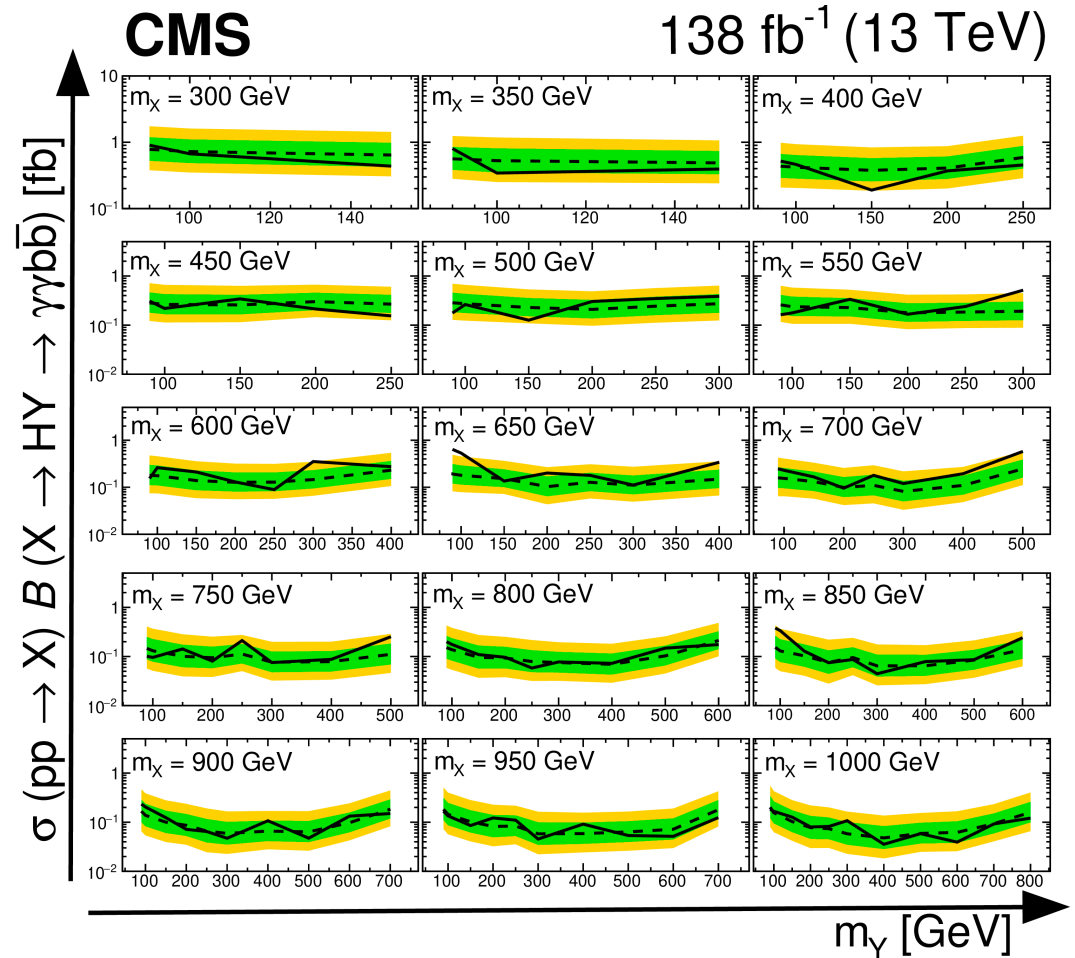
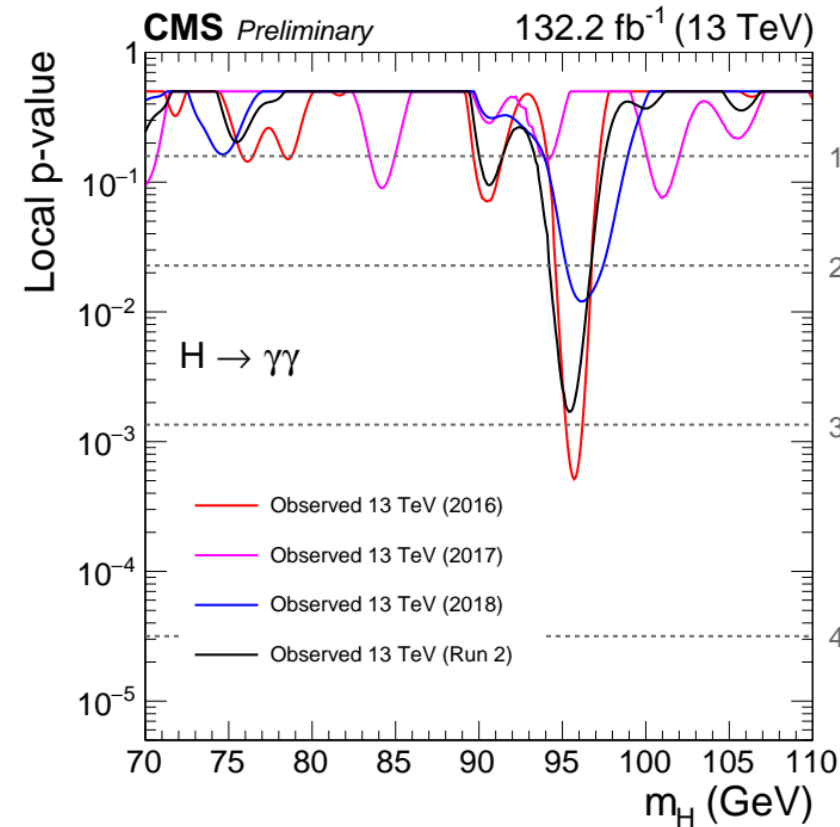
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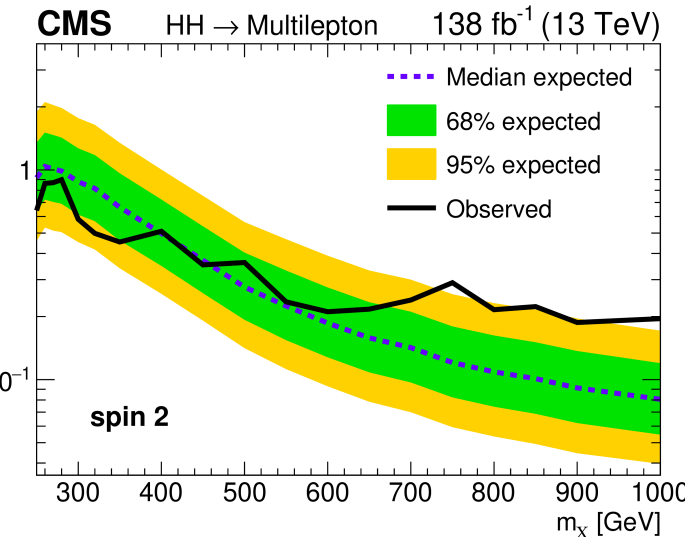
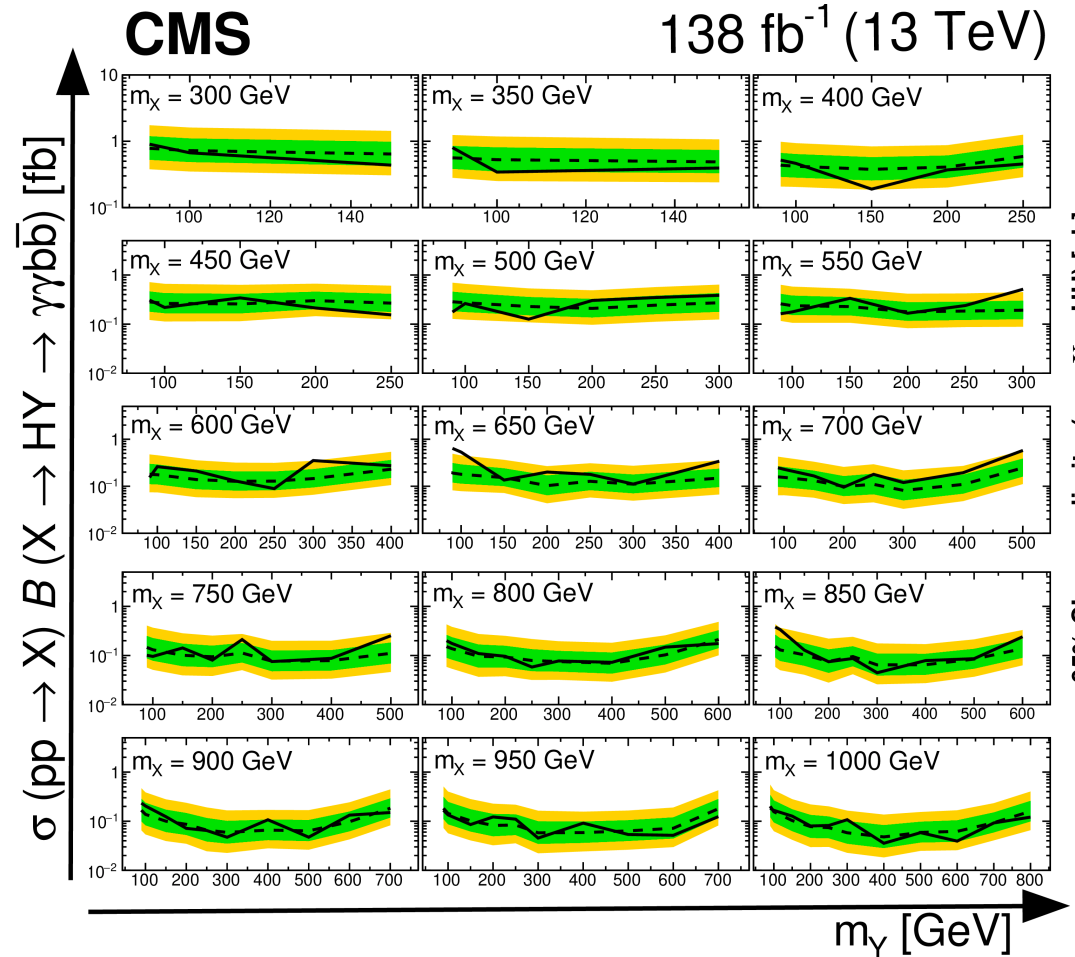
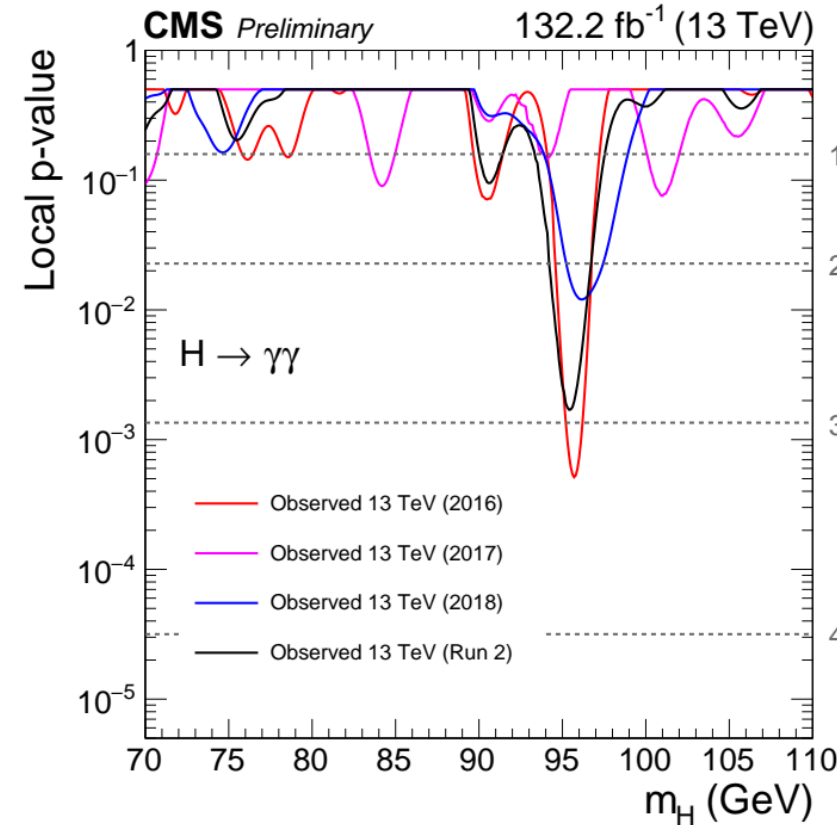
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