

Searches for light scalars at LHC and interpretation of the findings

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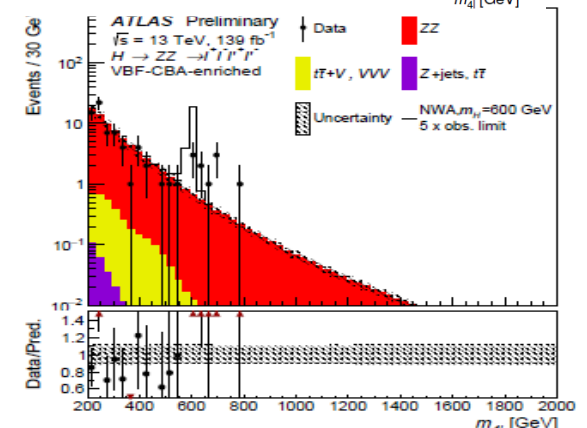
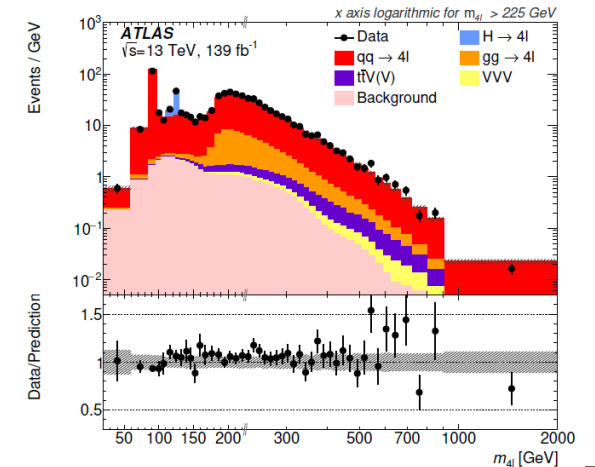
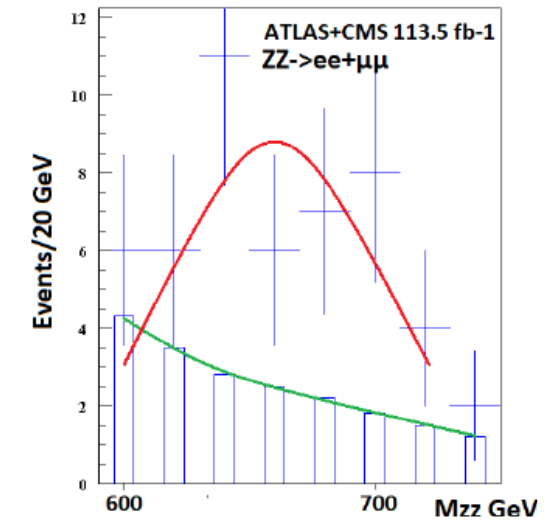


Introduction

- Before the HEP community can choose between the proposed e+e- colliders, a valid question to ask is: which energy is needed to observe **directly** BSM physics ?
- In other words, which are the masses of the lightest BSM particles ?
- If there are such particles, they should already appear **in LHC present data** as was the case for h(125) at Tevatron
- If they don't, there is little hope for a firm discovery in a near future
- My prejudice : as for the Higgs in the SM and the pions in QCD, the lightest objects are scalars residuals from a **symmetry breaking mechanism**
- With the help of experts listed at the end of this talk, I have carried such an investigation and tried to interpret consistently the various indications from LHC in terms of the **Georgi Machacek** model GM
- Given the short time allocated, I will only very partially cover this topic and concentrate on only one indication

1st indication : H→ZZ into 4 leptons

- The cleanest channel for discoveries
- From a combination of published histograms done in [1806.04529](#) with 113.5 fb⁻¹ from CMS (2/3) and ATLAS (1/3) one observes a peak at $M_H \sim 660$ GeV $\Gamma_H \sim 100$ GeV, ~ 90 fb with s/b=42/14 ~ 3.75 s.d. local significance
- With 139 fb-1 ATLAS a ~ 3.5 s.d. effect at the same mass [2103.01918](#)
- With 139 fb-1, with **sequential cuts**, an excess is observed at the same mass, s/b=9/2 ~ 2.1 s.d., for **VBF→H(660)→ZZ ~ 30 fb** [2009.14791](#)
- The corresponding cross section is below [1806.04529](#) implying a **significant ggF contribution**
- CMS analyses in four leptons, inclusive+VBF, are not yet published
- These results call for a combination of both analyses before one can draw a valid conclusion
- Could stop here but...



Evidence for $VBF \rightarrow H(650) \rightarrow W+W- \rightarrow e\mu\nu\nu$

CMS PAS HIG-20-016

- Has a large top background even after b-jet vetoing
- 3.8 s.d. evidence for **$VBF \rightarrow H(650) \rightarrow e\mu\nu\nu$**
- The VBF cross section $\sim 160 \pm 50$ fb, close to SM, is 5 times larger than ZZ **inconsistent with GM** which predicts for the scalar H5 $WW/ZZ=0.5$!
- Within MSSM $h(125)WW$ from CMS gives $\sin^2(\alpha-\beta) \sim 0.97 \pm 0.09$ meaning that $H(650)WW \sim 0.03 \pm 0.09 SM$
- Both models are inconsistent !
- See [2208.00920](#) and [2112.00921](#) for alternate interpretations of these indications

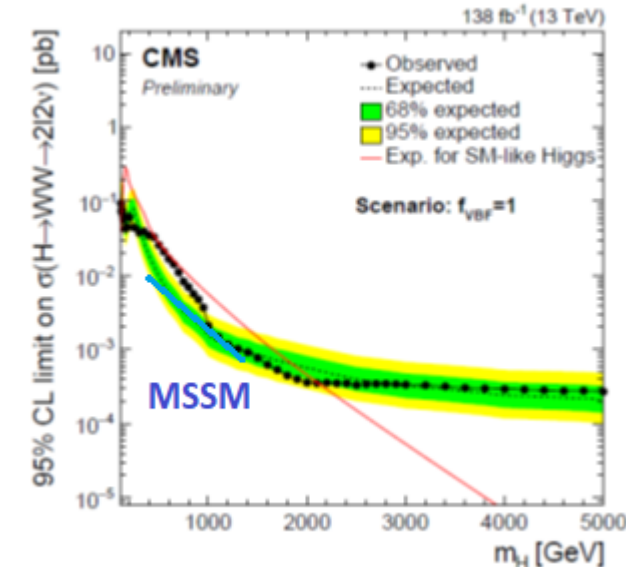
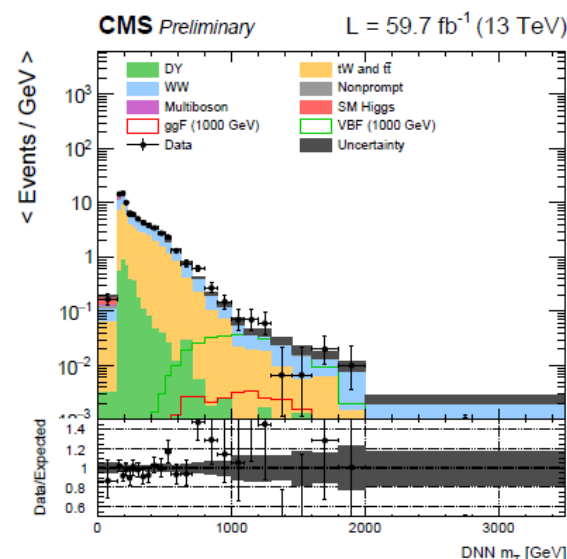
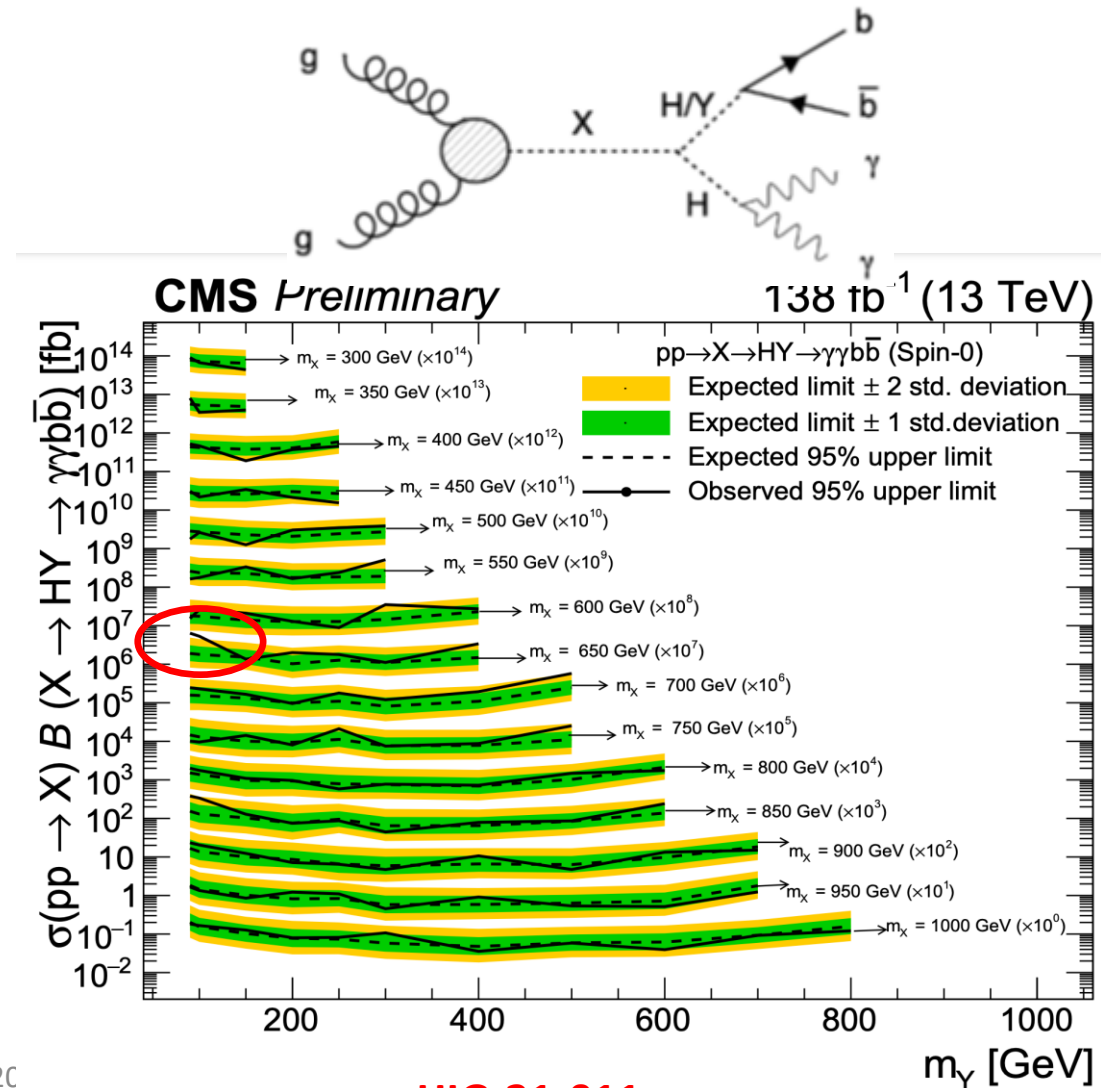


Table 3: Summary of the signal hypotheses with highest local significance for each f_{VBF} scenario. For each signal hypothesis the resonance mass, production cross sections, and the local and global significances are given.

Scenario	Mass [GeV]	ggF cross sec. [pb]	VBF cross sec. [pb]	Local signi. [σ]	Global signi. [σ]
SM f_{VBF}	800	0.16	0.057	3.2	1.7 ± 0.2
$f_{VBF} = 1$	650	0.0	0.16	3.8	2.6 ± 0.2
$f_{VBF} = 0$	950	0.19	0.0	2.6	0.4 ± 0.6
floating f_{VBF}	650	2.9×10^{-6}	0.16	3.8	2.4 ± 0.2

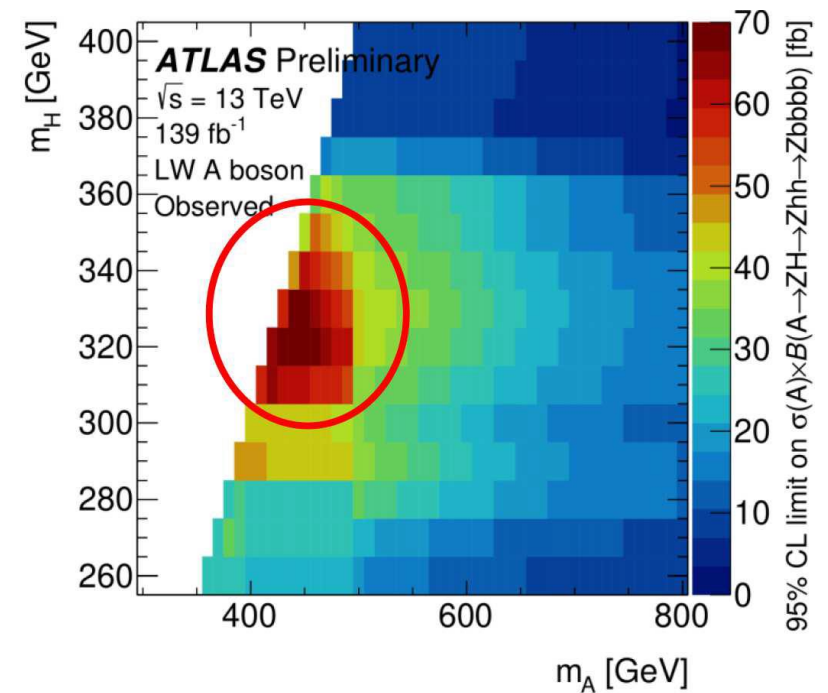
Evidence for $gg+VBF \rightarrow H(650) \rightarrow Y(90) + h(125) \rightarrow bb + \gamma\gamma$

- 3.8 s.d. at $m_H=650$ GeV and $m_Y=90$ GeV at ICHEP22
- Mass resolution on Y does not allow to distinguish between Z and h(95) [2203.13180](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.13180)
- CP says that bb cannot come from $Z \rightarrow bb$ but could be h(95)
- The cross section is dominant over other processes ~ 200 fb



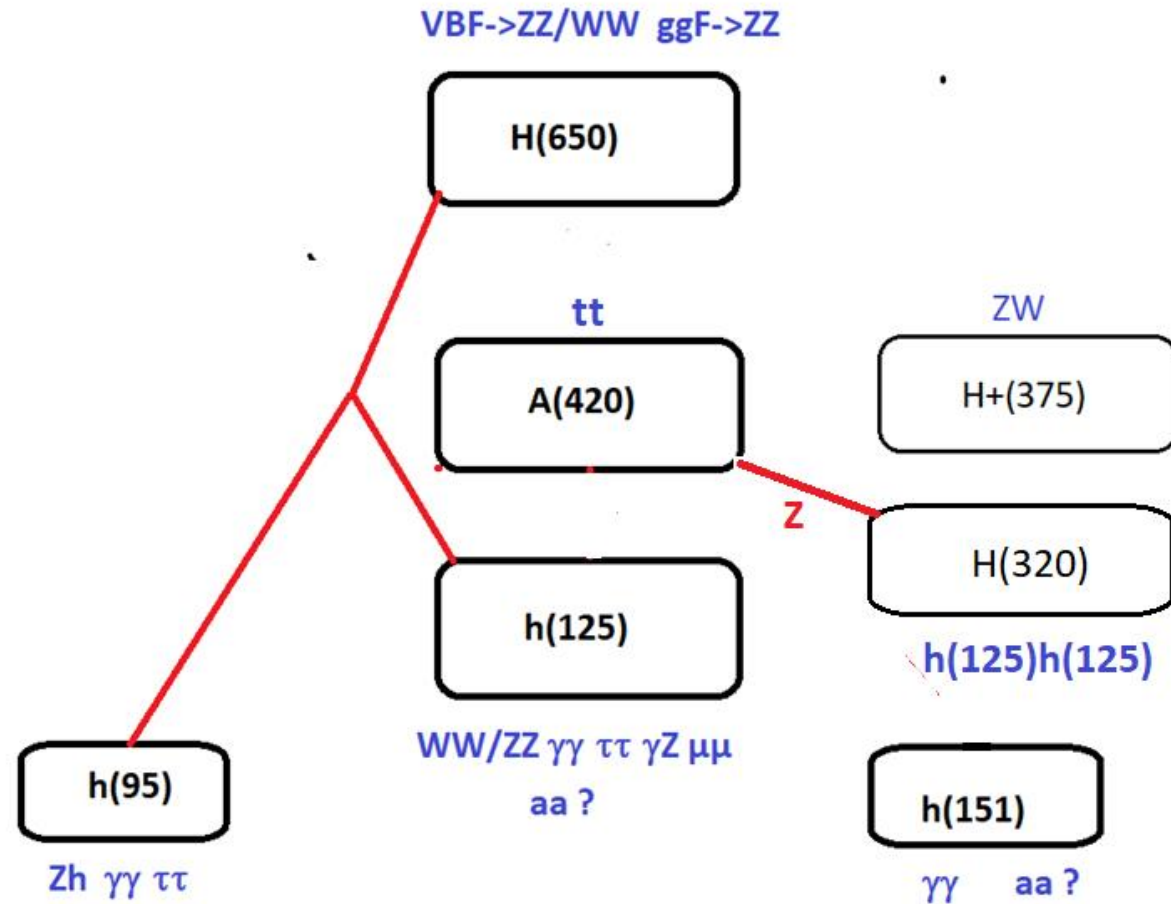
Interpretation of H(650) et al.

- Cannot be accommodated within MSSM nor GM
- Would require several extensions of these models which are under investigation
- Reference [1908.08554](#) proposes adding only **isosinglets** which would be insufficient to interpret other observations like A(400)
- Adding previous evidences for H(650) one gets **> 7 s.d. global**
- Evidence for A(400)-> $\tau\tau$ and Zh from in ATLAS not confirmed
- Evidence for A->ZH(330)->Zhh from ATLAS at 3.8 s.d. [ATLAS-CONF-2022-043](#)



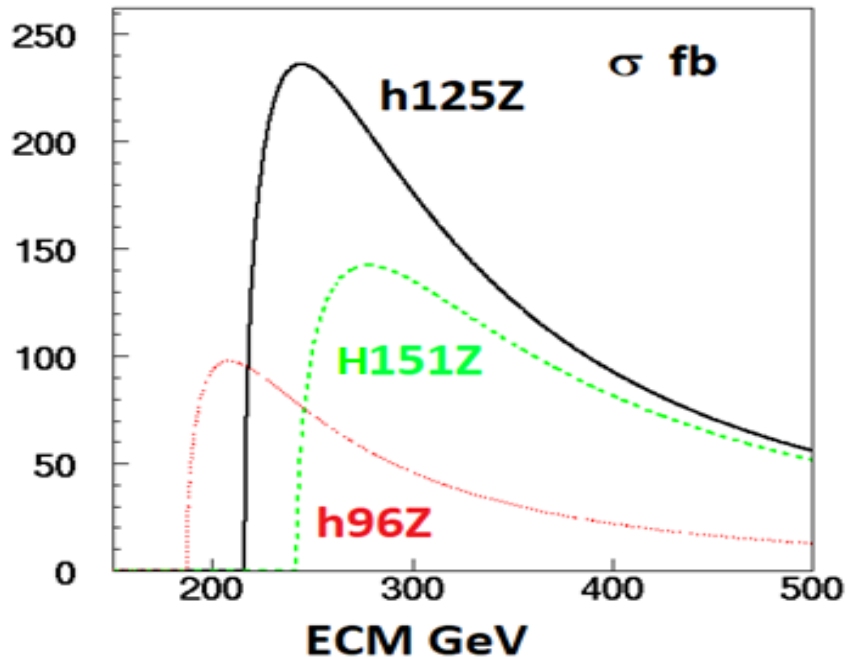
Reaction	# channels/expts	# σ global (loc)	Michelin rating
pp->h(125)	>2/2	6.9	***
pp->X(750)	1/2	4.3 (dead)	*
pp->A(400)	3/2	5	*
pp->H(650)	2/2	7.5	**
pp->SS $\ell, \ell+b, \dots$	>2/2	8	*
pp->H(151)+Z	1/2	4.8	*
h(95) LHC+LEP2	3/2	4.3	*
pp->H5+(375)->WZ	1/2	3.5	
h(125)->a(52)a(52)	1/1	1.7 (3.3)	
pp->H3+(130)->bc	1/1	1.6	

SUMMARY ON BSM CANDIDATES



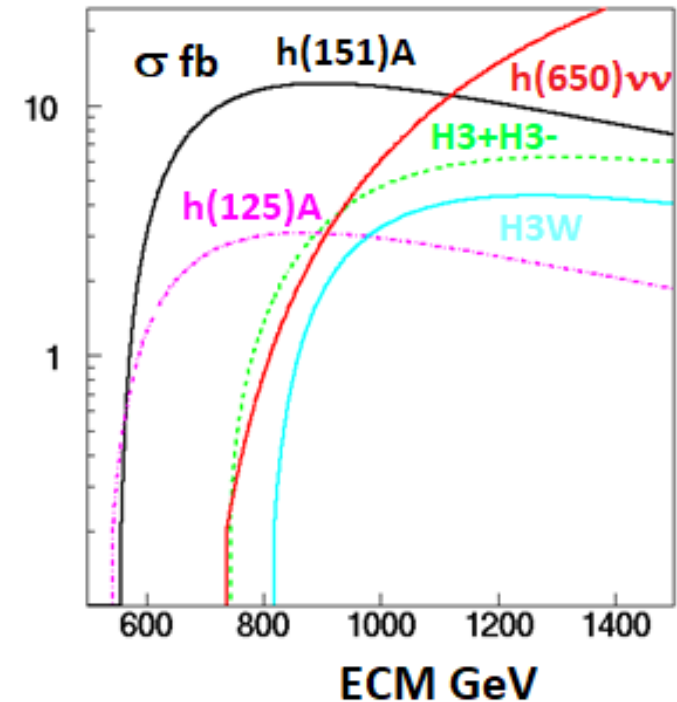
GM cross sections in e^+e^-

- Higgs factories



- Large x-sections allowing very precise measurements

- TeV linear colliders



- Assumes mass degeneracy inside multiplets : $m_{H3+}=m_A$
- These are complex modes requiring the **highest \mathcal{L}** and **almost ideal reconstruction efficiency**

Conclusions

- There are various evidences for BSM scalars
- There has been recent progress on the evidence for **H(650)** observed by CMS into **WW** and into **h(95)h(125)**
- $VBF \rightarrow H(650) \rightarrow WW$ is inconsistent with MSSM
- The pattern of decays of H(650) into ZZ/WW calls for an extension of the GM model
- This is also true for the recent ATLAS observation of $A(420) \rightarrow H(330)Z$
- It firmly confirms the presence of this resonance ($> 5s.d.$ global)
- Before believing we still need understanding
- These observations offer an entirely new landscape for HEP, in particular for future for e^+e^- colliders under discussion and motivate a **linear e^+e^- collider reaching no less than 1 TeV**
- Complex final states implied by GM will have a **critical impact in the design of future LC detectors**

BBC: Large hadron collider: A revamp that could revolutionise physics



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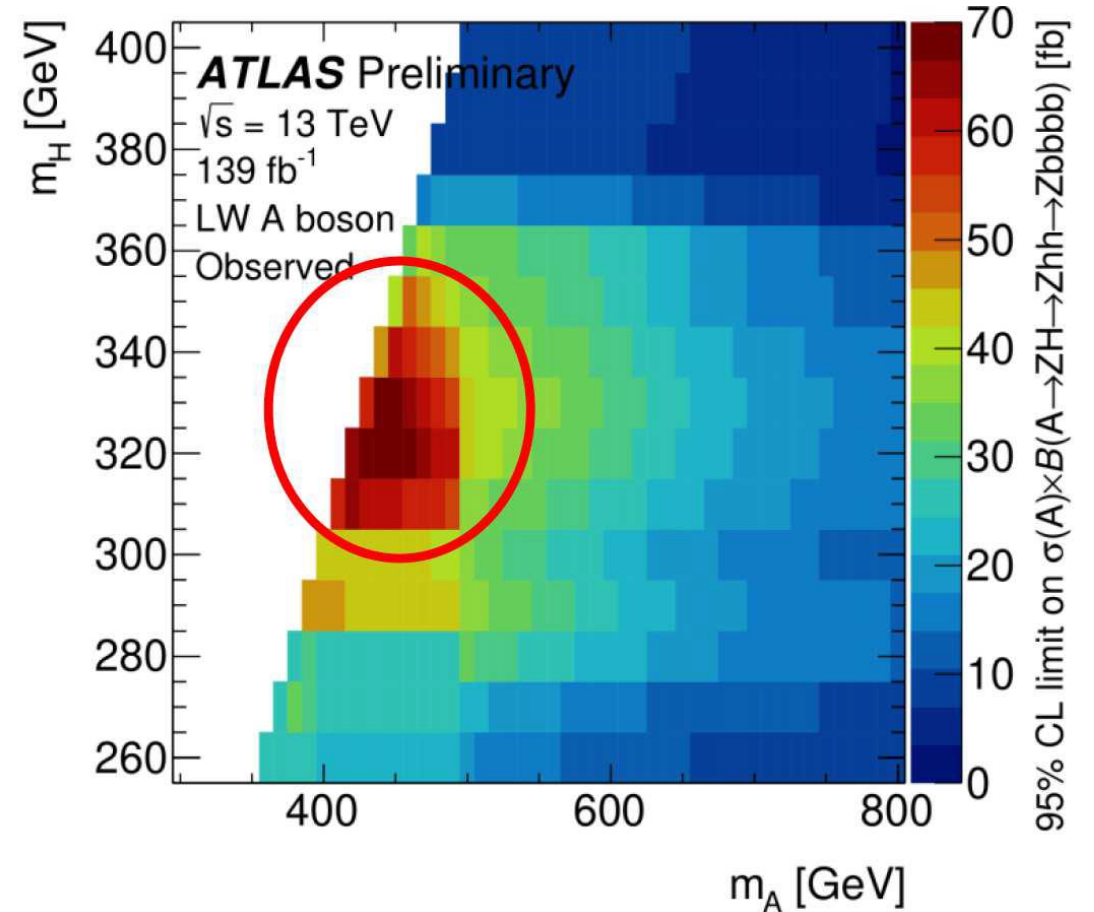
APPENDIX

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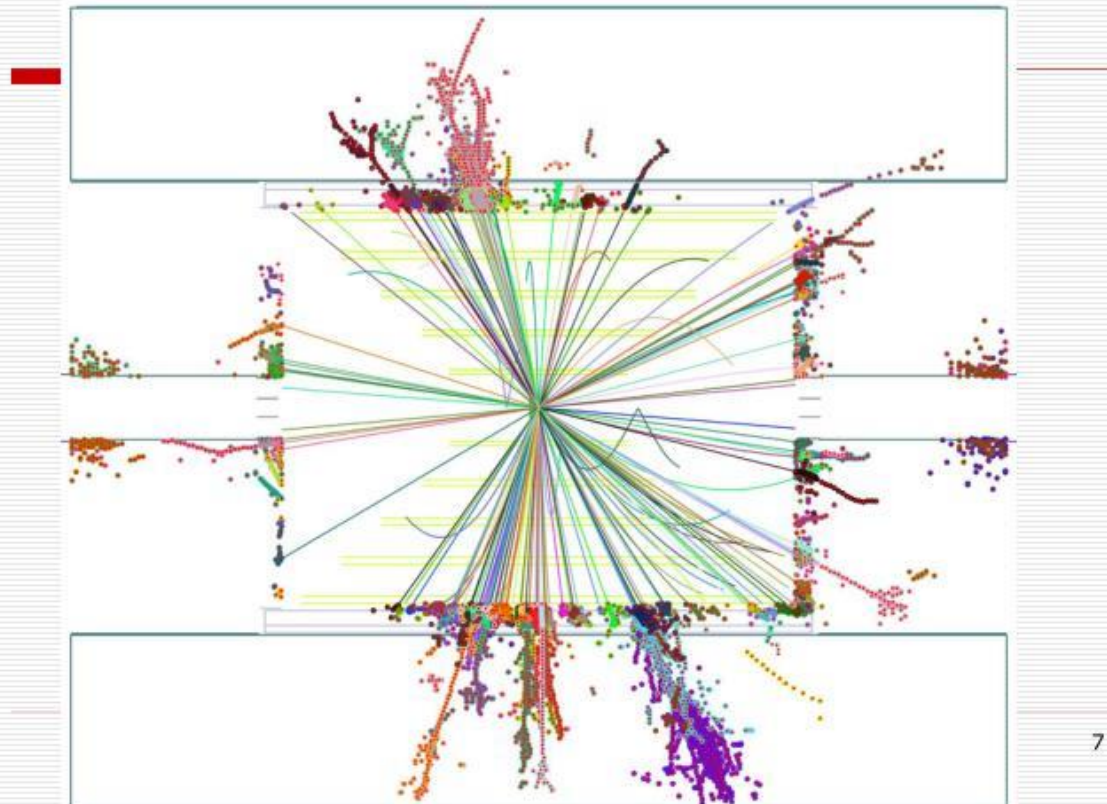
$A(420) \rightarrow ZH(320) \rightarrow Zh(125)h(125)$

- Great ingenuity !
- local (global) significance of **3.8σ (2.8σ)**
- hh into 4b using mass constrain to improve resolution
- [ATLAS-CONF-2022-043](#)
- Second appearance of triple Higgs coupling !
- No interpretation in minimal GM
- Calls for an extra doublet



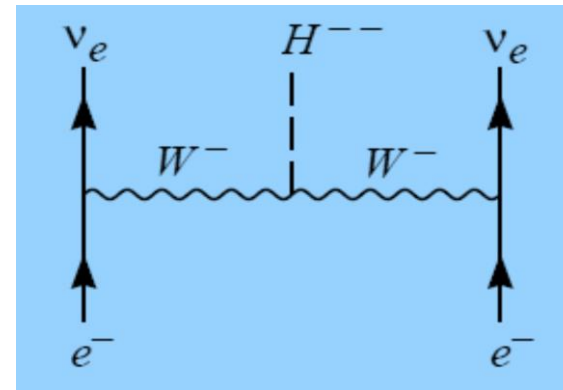
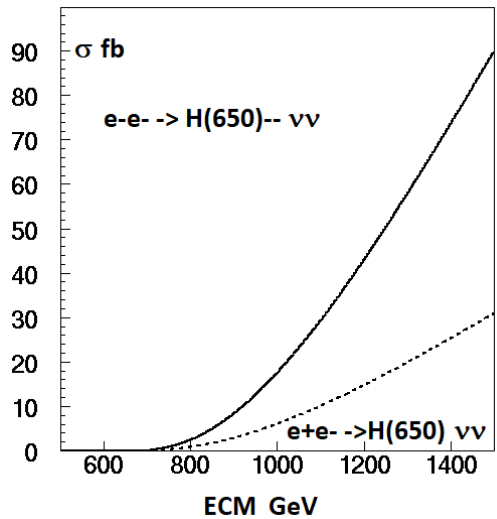
Complex events

An example: ttH (from SiD)



VBF at a LC

- **ECM=1 TeV** is sufficient to observe the full GM scalar spectrum provided one can use VBF
- Requires highest possible **luminosity**, **$\sim 8000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$** with ILC at 1 TeV [1903.01629](#)



- **>1.5 TeV** to produce **H_{5++} H_{5--}** in e^+e^- but **1 TeV** enough in **VBF** **$e^-e^- \rightarrow W^- W^- \nu\nu \rightarrow H_{5--} \nu\nu$**

GM model issues

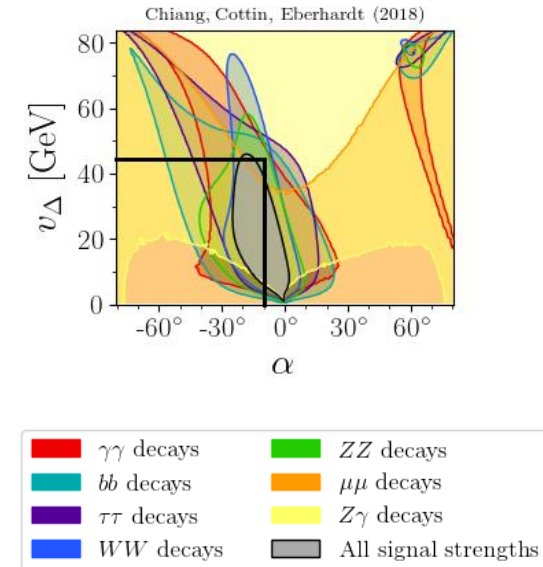
Giorgi-Machacek for pedestrians

- Allows $I=2$, H^{++} , without violating $\rho = M^2 w / Mz^2 \cos^2 \theta w = 1$ at tree level
- Is achieved by combining 1 isospin doublet (v_ϕ) + 2 triplets with the same vacuum expectations :

$$\rho = \frac{\tilde{v}_\phi^2 + 4\tilde{v}_\chi^2 + 4\tilde{v}_\xi^2}{\tilde{v}_\phi^2 + 8\tilde{v}_\chi^2} = \frac{v^2}{v^2 + 4(\tilde{v}_\chi^2 - \tilde{v}_\xi^2)}$$

=1 with $v_\chi = v_\xi$

- Predicts a **Fiveplet** of physical states $H5^{++}$ $H5^+$ $H5^0$ $H5^-$ $H5^{--}$
Fermiophobic only produced by **VBF**
- + **Triplet** $H3^+$ $H3^0$ (CP-odd) \rightarrow **A(400)**
- **Mass degeneracy** inside multiplets usually assumed but **unnecessary** for $\rho=1$ see [2111.14195](#)
- + **Singlets** **h(125)** and **H** mixing angle α
- Allows $A(400) \rightarrow hZ$ but $A(400) \rightarrow HZ$ much larger if $m_H \sim m_h$
- Couplings depend on 2 mixing angles constrained by LHC observations
- Tentative choice: $\sin \alpha \sim -0.15$ and $\sin \theta_H \sim 0.5$ ($v_\chi = 43$ GeV) to agree with PM



[1807.10660](#)

GM predictions

- $H(125) \rightarrow WW/ZZ$ SM close to SM OK
- $H(125) \rightarrow tt/bb$ + 28% /SM
- $ZZ/WW \sim 2$ for H_5 instead of 0.5 in SM

While $H(650)$ has $ZZ/WW \sim 1/5$

- $A(400) \rightarrow bb, \tau\tau/tt \gg 1$ GM requires 1
- There are two singlet candidates $h(95)$ and $h(151)$ while GM only predicts one singlet
- singlet $\rightarrow \tau\tau$ bb only through mixing with SM h
- Extensions or alternate to GM badly needed
- A SUSY version of GM already exists

Type	coupling /SM, MSSM	$s\alpha = -0.15$ $s_H = 0.5$
$h(125)WW/ZZ$	$c\alpha c_H - 1.63s\alpha s_H$	0.98
HWW/ZZ	$s\alpha c_H + 1.63c\alpha s_H$	0.68
$h(125)tt,bb$	$c\alpha/c_H$	1.14
$H_{tt,bb}$	$s\alpha/c_H$	0.17
$A_{tt,bb,\tau\tau}$	$\tan\beta$	0.58
H_5WW, H_5ZZ	$0.57s_H, -1.15s_H$	0.27, -0.58
H_5AZ, H_5H_3+W-	$1.16c_H$	1
H_5+H_3+Z, H_5+AW+	c_H	0.87
$h(125)AZ, hH_3+W-$	$1.63(s\alpha c_H + 0.6c\alpha s_H)$	0.28
HAZ, HH_3+W-	$1.63(c\alpha c_H - 0.6s\alpha s_H)$	1.48
$H_5+W-Z, H_5++W+W+$	$-2s_H, 2.48s_H$	1.0, 1.24
H_3+H_3-Z	1	1

The GM model for advanced

- GM is constituted by one doublet ϕ and two triplets, one complex χ and one real ξ , with the same vacuum expectations to get $\rho=1$
- H1 and H1' have following composition

$$H_1^0 = \phi^{0,r},$$

$$H_1^{0r} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\xi^0 + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\chi^{0,r}.$$

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \chi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi^{++} \\ \chi^+ \\ \chi^{0*} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \xi = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^+ \\ \xi^0 \\ \xi^- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y=1/2 \quad T=1/2 \quad v\phi \quad Y=1 \quad T=1 \quad v\chi \quad Y=0 \quad T=1 \quad v\xi$$

$$\rho = \frac{\tilde{v}_\phi^2 + 4\tilde{v}_\chi^2 + 4\tilde{v}_\xi^2}{\tilde{v}_\phi^2 + 8\tilde{v}_\chi^2} = \frac{v^2}{v^2 + 4(\tilde{v}_\chi^2 - \tilde{v}_\xi^2)}.$$

- Only ϕ couples to fermions
- They form the following physical states, dominantly triplet

$$H_5^{++} = \chi^{++},$$

$$H_5^+ = \frac{(\chi^+ - \xi^+)}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$H_5^0 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\xi^0 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\chi^{0,r},$$

$$H_3^+ = -s_H \phi^+ + c_H \frac{(\chi^+ + \xi^+)}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$H_3^0 = -s_H \phi^{0,i} + c_H \chi^{0,i}.$$

- The physical states are

$$h = \cos \alpha H_1^0 - \sin \alpha H_1^{0r},$$

$$H = \sin \alpha H_1^0 + \cos \alpha H_1^{0r}.$$

- The mixing angle α has to be small to avoid altering the doublet properties of the SM h(125)
- E.g. $\sin \alpha = -0.15$ & $s_H = 0.5$, $v\phi = 213$ GeV for the doublet, $v\xi = v\chi = 43.5$ GeV for the triplets

SGM: a SUSY version of GM

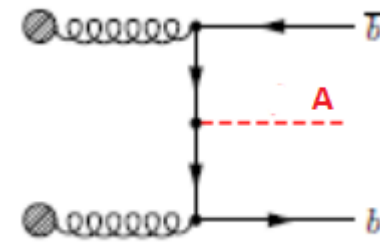
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$$\Sigma_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\chi^-}{\sqrt{2}} & \chi^0 \\ \chi^{--} & -\frac{\chi^-}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\phi^0}{\sqrt{2}} & \phi^+ \\ \phi^- & -\frac{\phi^0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\psi^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \psi^{++} \\ \psi^0 & -\frac{\psi^+}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} H_1^0 \\ H_1^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_2^+ \\ H_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- GM does not necessarily mean compositeness
- SGM provides all the “goodies” of SUSY
- Perturbativity, computability
- EWSB naturally triggered
- M_h predicted with less “tension” on stop masses with extra contributions to RC
- DM candidate
- Complex/rich world with ~ 20 Higgs scalars + some extra scalars

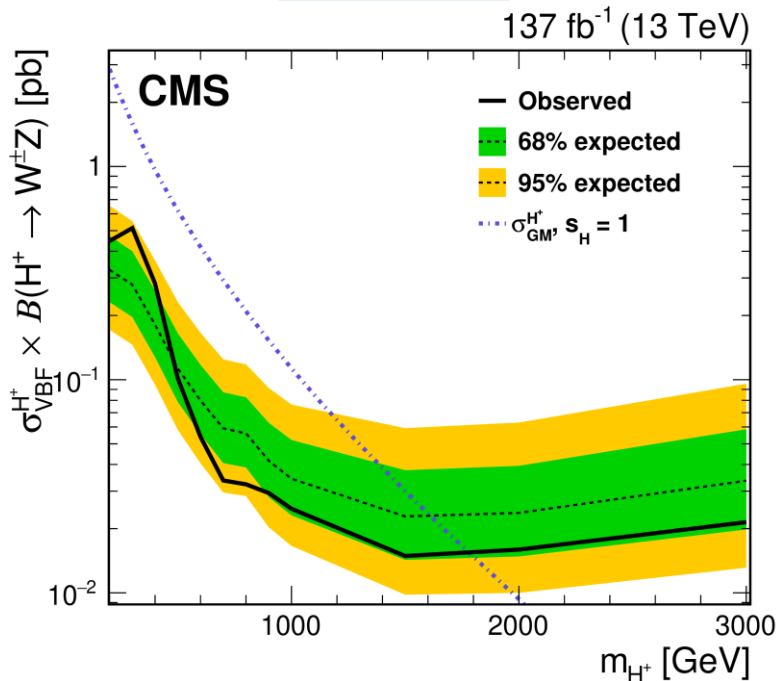
Need for extending GM



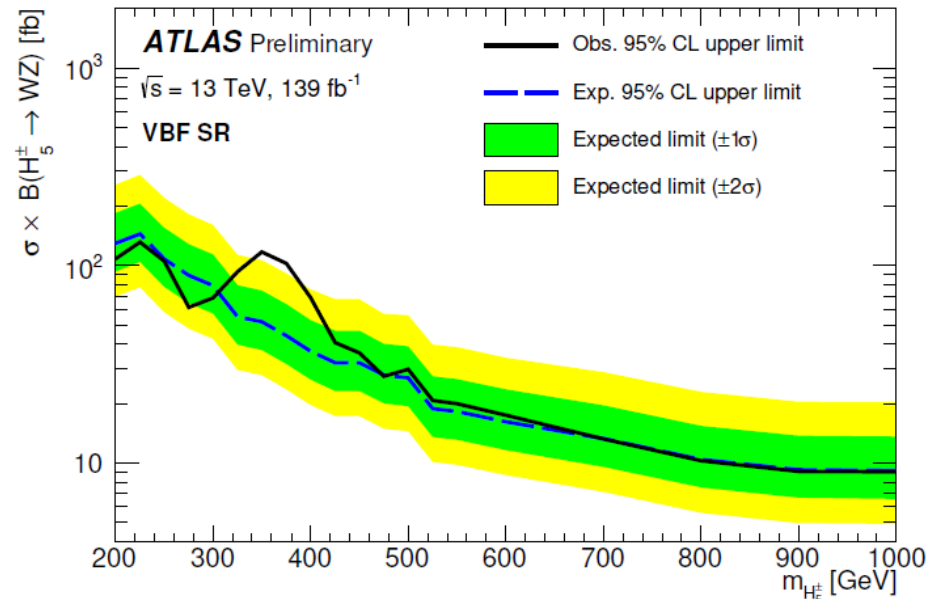
- Is GM satisfying the various observations ?
- The answer is NO
- This is the case for H(650) ZZ/WW
- The **fermionic couplings** of A(400) which tell us that $Y_t \sim SM$ while $Y_{b,\tau} \gg SM$ and GM but this needs confirmation
- The remedy for fermions is to add an **extra doublet** and benefit from an enhancement of $Y_{b,\tau} \sim \tan\beta \sim 20$ 'à la MSSM'. Too naïve since then $Y_t \sim 1/\tan\beta$
- The **Yukawa alignment mechanism** is a more general scheme sufficient to suppress FCNC and allowing an **independent tuning for u,d,e** [0908.1554](#)
- It assumes that both doublets couple to all fermions requiring $Y_{2f} = \xi_f Y_{1f}$ where Y_{1f} and Y_{2f} are the Yukawa couplings to the two doublets ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 , and where ξ_f is an arbitrary constant which can be complex and differ for u,d,e
- One can then have $Y_{b,\tau} \gg SM$ even if $\tan\beta \sim 1$ and $Y_t \sim SM$ [0908.1554](#)
- Note finally that this extension naturally occurs in the SUSY version of GM [1308.4025](#)

What about H5+ and H5++ ?

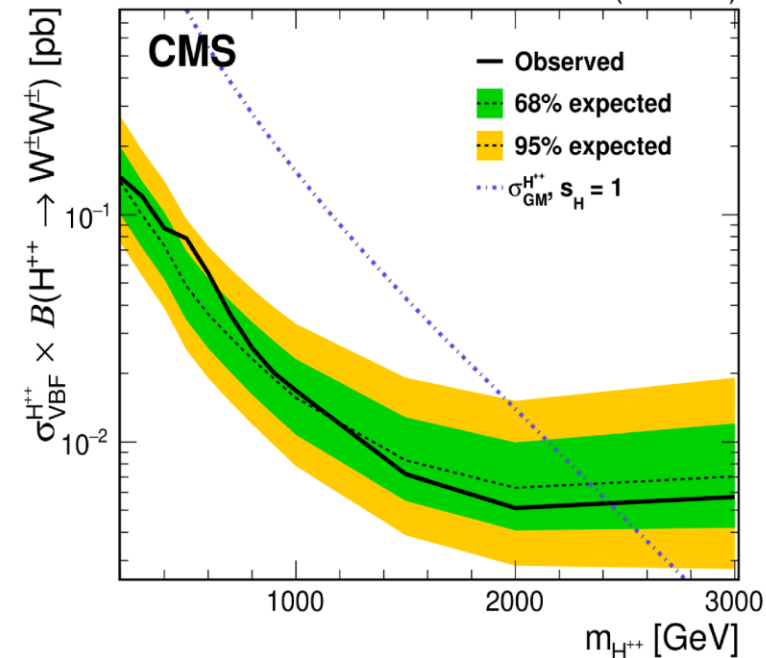
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137 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

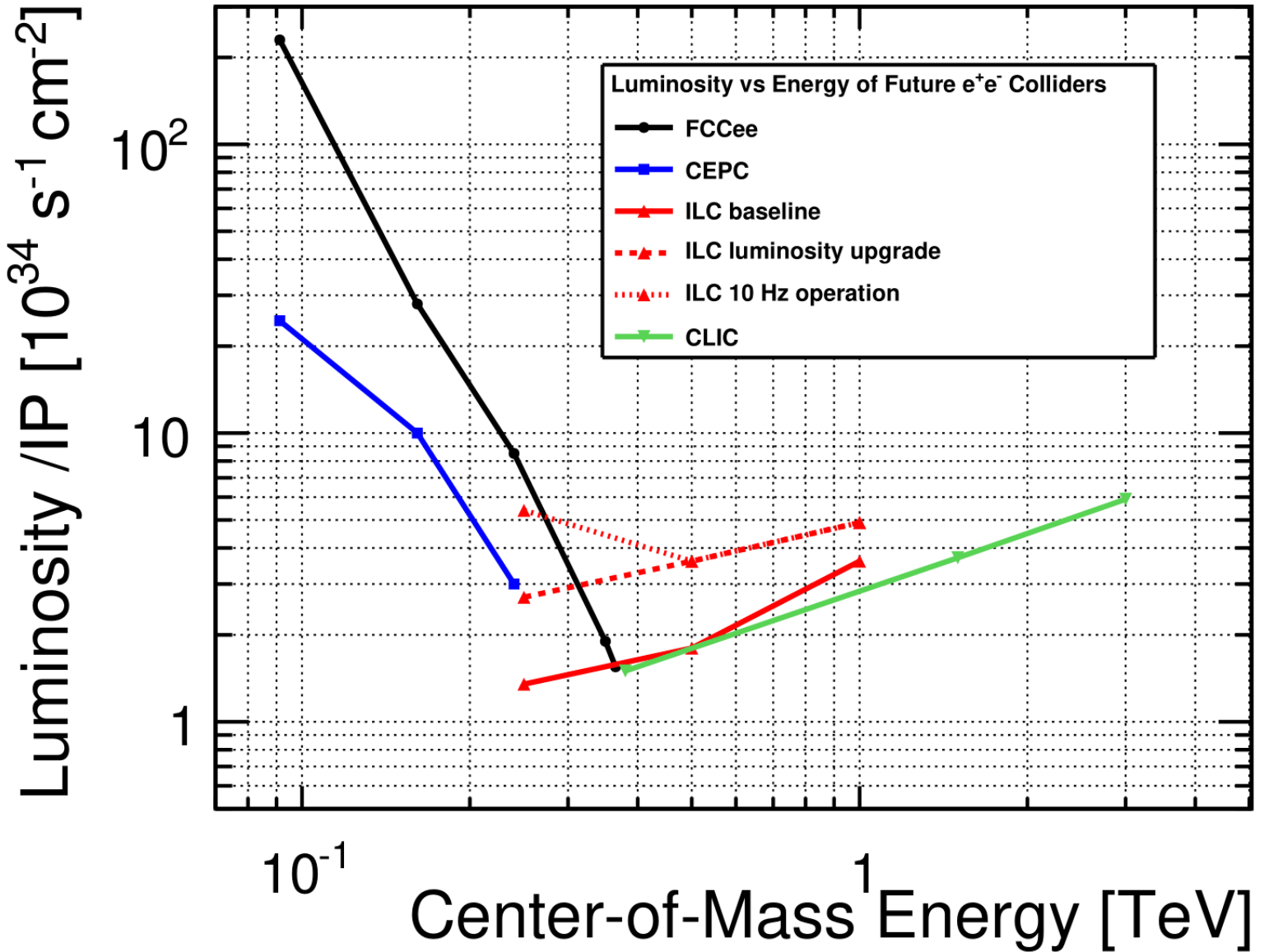


- CMS cross sections assume $s_H=1$ are divided by 4 for $s_H=0.5$
- If H3+ is light H3+Z and H3+W+ become dominant and these resonances become wide
- Coincident excess at $m_{H5+} \sim 375$ GeV for ATLAS (2.8sd) & CMS

e^+e^- Colliders

LUMINOSITY at 1 TeV

- In reference [1903.01629](#) a running scenario of ILC at **1 TeV collecting 8000 fb-1** has been envisaged
- Beneficial for **Higgs self-coupling** measurement
- Discoveries at LHC would boost these studies at ILC and CLIC
- Convert ILC into an ERL [2105.11015](#) and [2203.06476](#)



Quantity	Symbol	Unit	Initial	\mathcal{L} Upgrade	Z pole	500	Jpgrades	1000
Centre of mass energy	\sqrt{s}	GeV	250	250	91.2	500	250	1000
Luminosity	\mathcal{L}	$10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	1.35	2.7	0.21/0.41	1.8/3.6	5.4	5.1
Polarization for e^-/e^+	$P_-(P_+)$	%	80(30)	80(30)	80(30)	80(30)	80(30)	80(20)
Repetition frequency	f_{rep}	Hz	5	5	3.7	5	10	4
Bunches per pulse	n_{bunch}	1	1312	2625	1312/2625	1312/2625	2625	2450
Bunch population	N_e	10^{10}	2	2	2	2	2	1.74
Linac bunch interval	Δt_b	ns	554	366	554/366	554/366	366	366
Beam current in pulse	I_{pulse}	mA	5.8	8.8	5.8/8.8	5.8/8.8	8.8	7.6
Beam pulse duration	t_{pulse}	μs	727	961	727/961	727/961	961	897
Average beam power	P_{ave}	MW	5.3	10.5	1.42/2.84*)	10.5/21	21	27.2
RMS bunch length	σ_z^*	mm	0.3	0.3	0.41	0.3	0.3	0.225
Norm. hor. emitt. at IP	$\gamma\epsilon_x$	μm	5	5	5	5	5	5
Norm. vert. emitt. at IP	$\gamma\epsilon_y$	nm	35	35	35	35	35	30
RMS hor. beam size at IP	σ_x^*	nm	516	516	1120	474	516	335
RMS vert. beam size at IP	σ_y^*	nm	7.7	7.7	14.6	5.9	7.7	2.7
Luminosity in top 1 %	$\mathcal{L}_{0.01}/\mathcal{L}$		73 %	73 %	99 %	58.3 %	73 %	44.5 %
Beamstrahlung energy loss	δ_{BS}		2.6 %	2.6 %	0.16 %	4.5 %	2.6 %	10.5 %
Site AC power	P_{site}	MW	111	138	94/115	173/215	198	300
Site length	L_{site}	km	20.5	20.5	20.5	31	31	40

Table 4.1: Summary table of the ILC accelerator parameters in the initial 250 GeV staged configuration and possible upgrades. A 500 GeV machine could also be operated at 250 GeV with 10 Hz repetition rate, bringing the maximum luminosity to $5.4 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ [26]. *): For operation at the Z-pole additional beam power of 1.94/3.88 MW is necessary for positron production.