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Search for the lepton-flavor violating decay of the Higgs boson and additional Higgs bosons in the emu final state at sqrt(s) = 13 TeV within CMS

This poster presents a search for lepton-flavor violating decays of the Higgs boson to an electron-muon pair using data from proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV collected by the CMS experiment at the LHC. The dataset corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 138 fb–1. No significant excess of events is observed for the 125 GeV Higgs, leading to the most stringent upper limits so far on the branching fraction B(H \rightarrow e μ) at 95% confidence level, with an observed (expected) limit of 4.4 (4.7) × 10–5. Upper limits on the cross-section of pp->X->e μ are set on the mass-range of X of 110-160 GeV. Here, an excess of events is observed at an electron-muon invariant mass of approximately 146 GeV with a local (global) significance of 3.8 (2.8) standard deviations. These results provide valuable insights into lepton-flavor violating Higgs decays and contribute to our understanding of the Higgs sector and potential new physics beyond the Standard Model.

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