
Search for HH-Production and BSM Physics in the Higgs Sector

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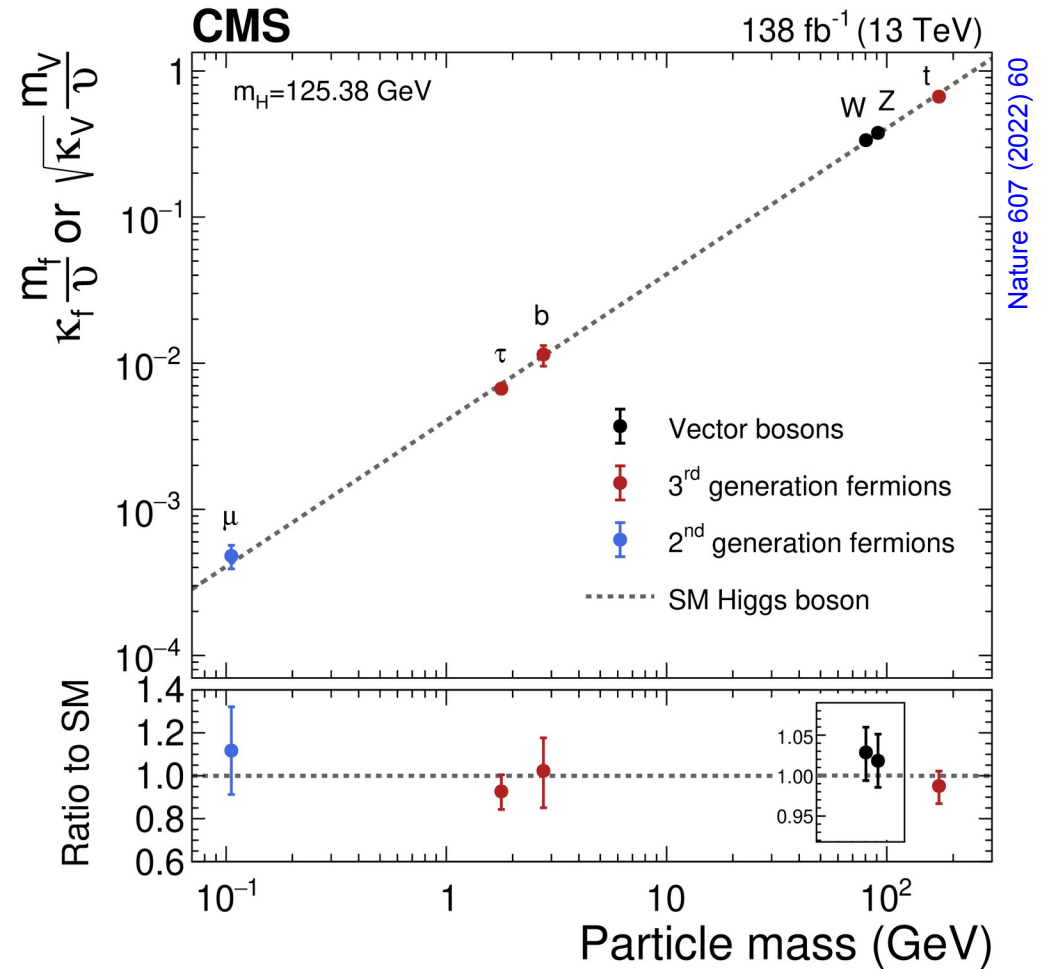
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What we know

- Observation of a new particle: Spin-0, coupling to fermions (f) $\propto m_f$, coupling to vector bosons (V) $\propto m_V^2$ $\rightarrow$ **Higgs boson** (H^0)
- Strong hints that **Higgs mechanism is realized in nature**



What we don't know

„Is what we observe **THE Higgs** boson [of the SM], or is it just **A Higgs** boson?“



Facts (by Sven Heinemeyer)

- Question: Is **NP observable** at the energy scales accessible to us?
- **There must be new physics** (NP) embracing the SM



„ H^0 cannot be the
SM Higgs boson“

- The SM is **NOT the ultimate** theory
- We do have the observation of H^0

To be presented here



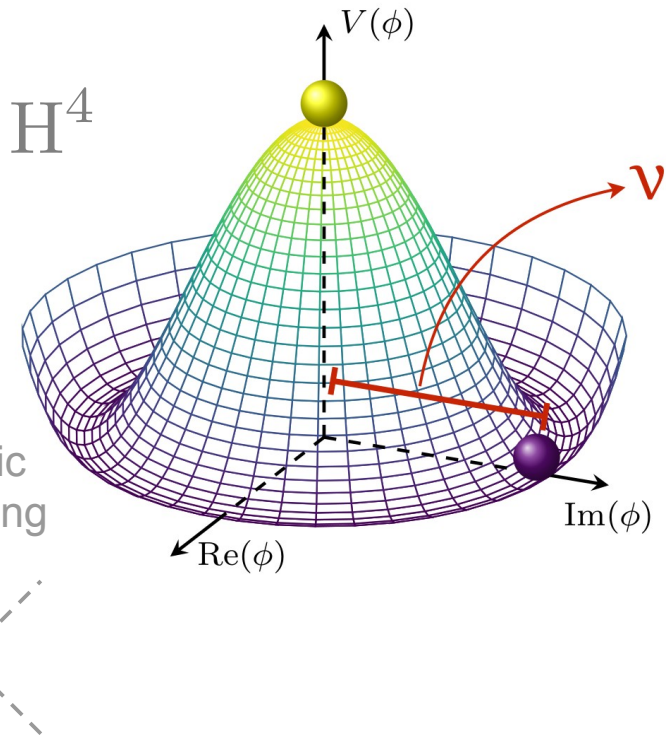
Higgs potential of the SM

$$V(H) = \frac{1}{2}m_H^2 H^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_3 v H^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_4 H^4$$

Mass term

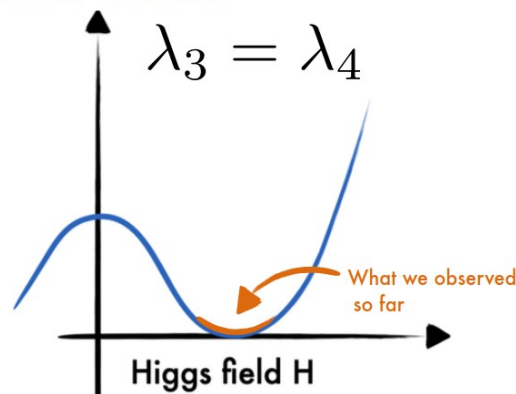
Trilinear
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Quartic
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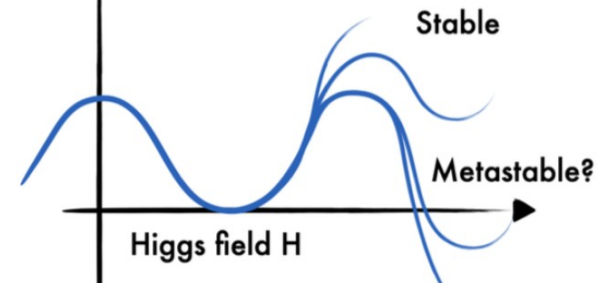
Standard Model

$$\lambda_3 = \lambda_4$$



New physics

$$\lambda_3 \neq \lambda_4$$

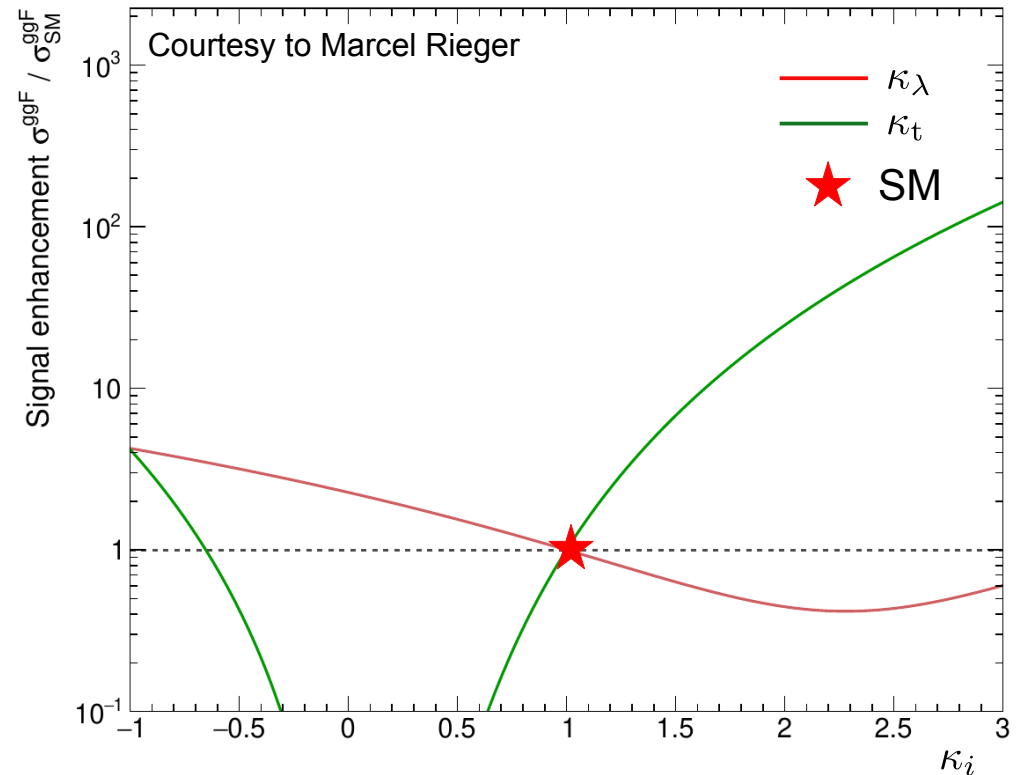
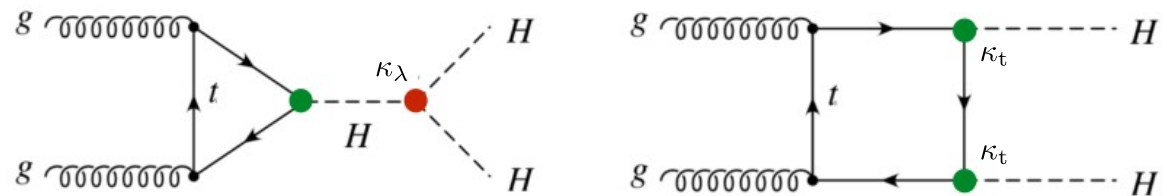


Convention that

$$\lambda_3 = \lambda$$

Key to λ

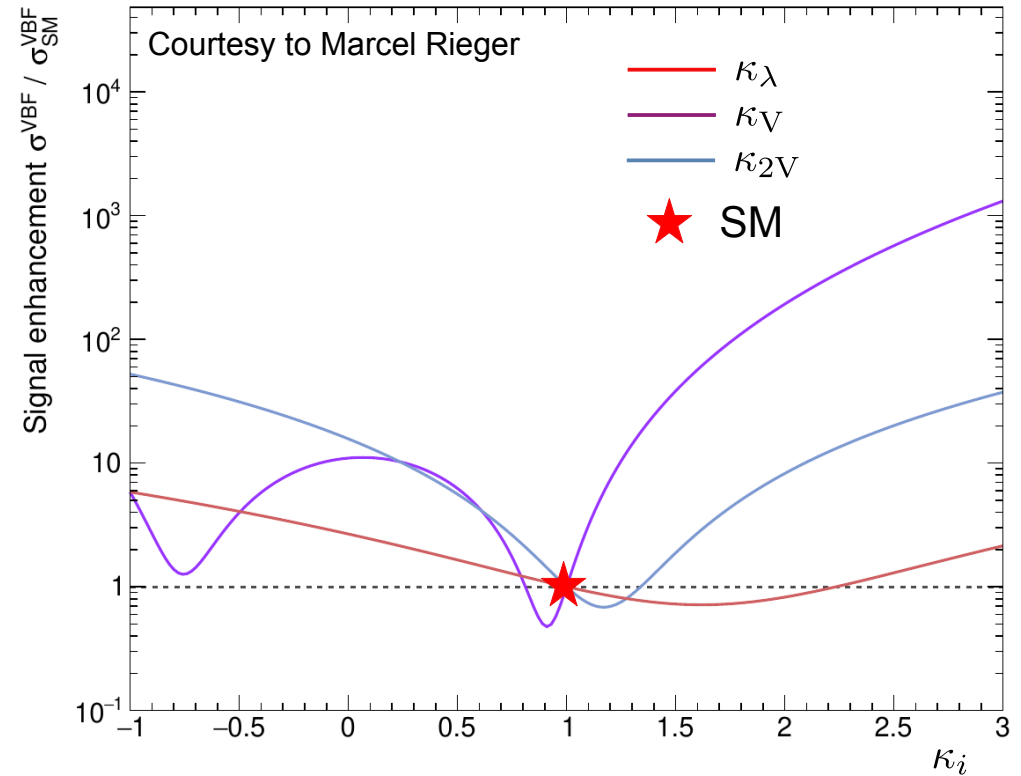
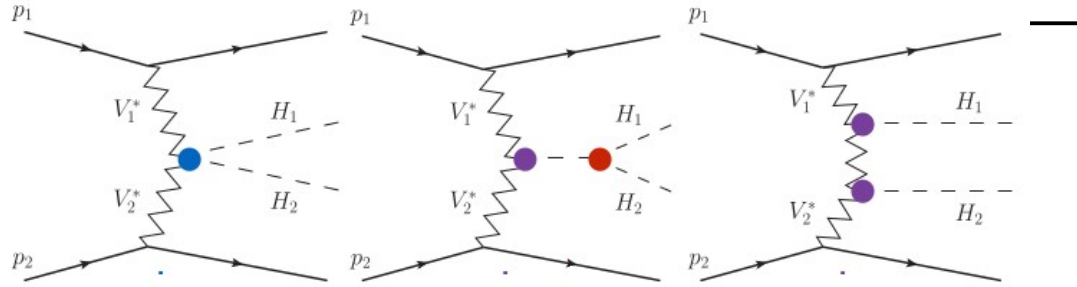
- **Di-Higgs (HH) production**
- Expect: $\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH) = 31 \text{ fb}$
- 20x smaller than $\sigma(ttH)$
- Reduced by neg. interference between **box** and **triangle**



- Expect sizeable deviations if $\lambda \neq \lambda^{\text{SM}}$

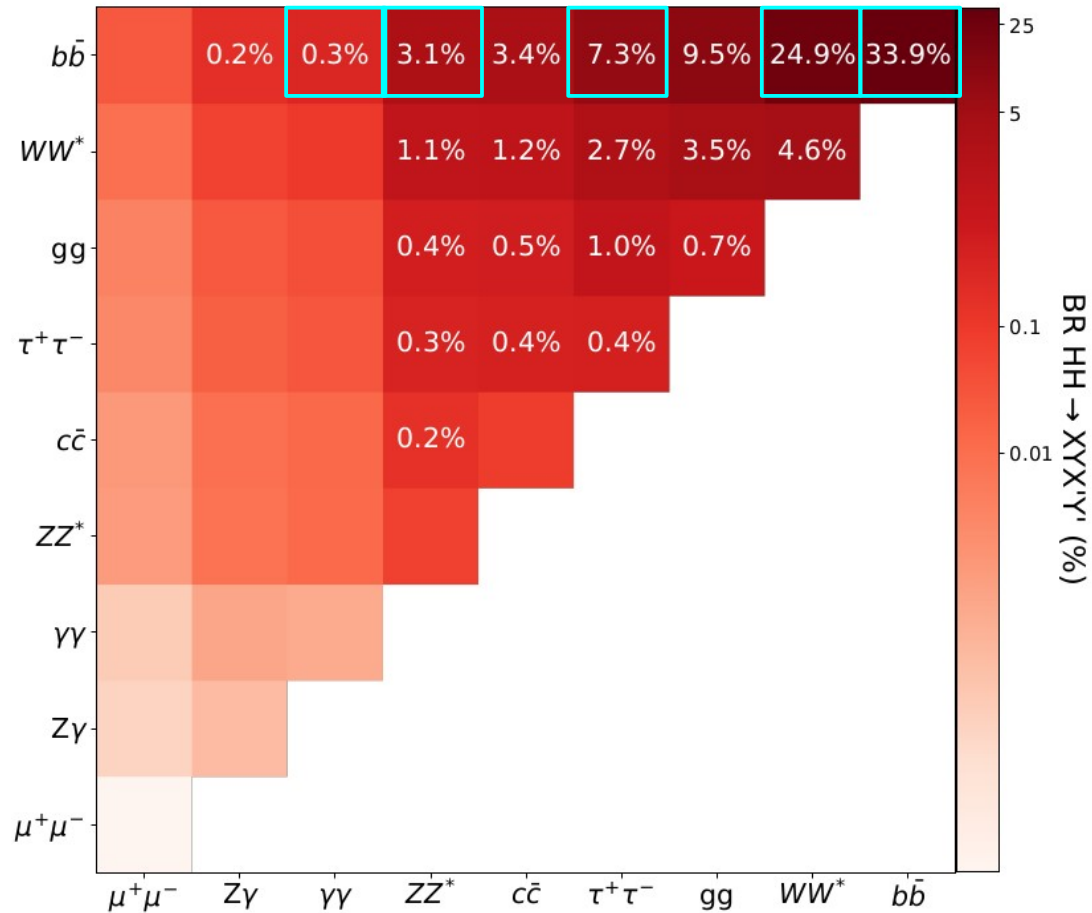
Additional interest in VBF

- Expect: $\sigma(\text{VBFHH}) = 1.73 \text{ fb}$
- 20x smaller than $\sigma(gg \rightarrow HH)$
- **Three amplitudes contributing**
(κ_λ , κ_V , κ_{2V})



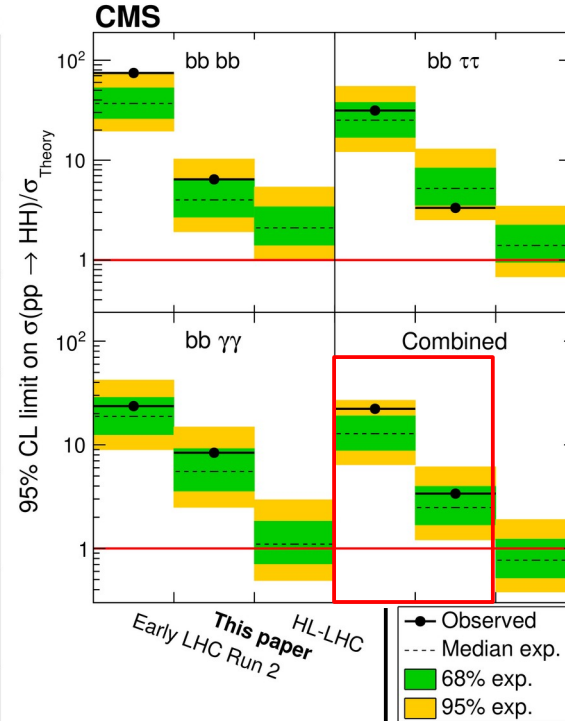
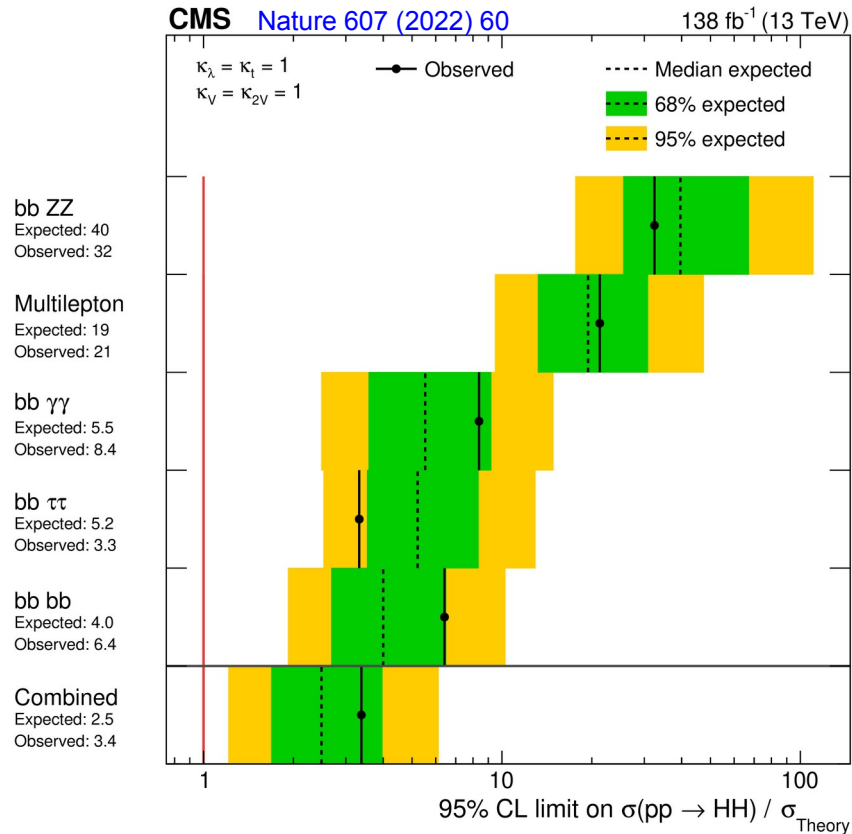
Most interesting final states

- Determined by $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow XX')$ and purity of final state



Sensitivity @ LHC

- Results based on full LHC Run-II^[*]

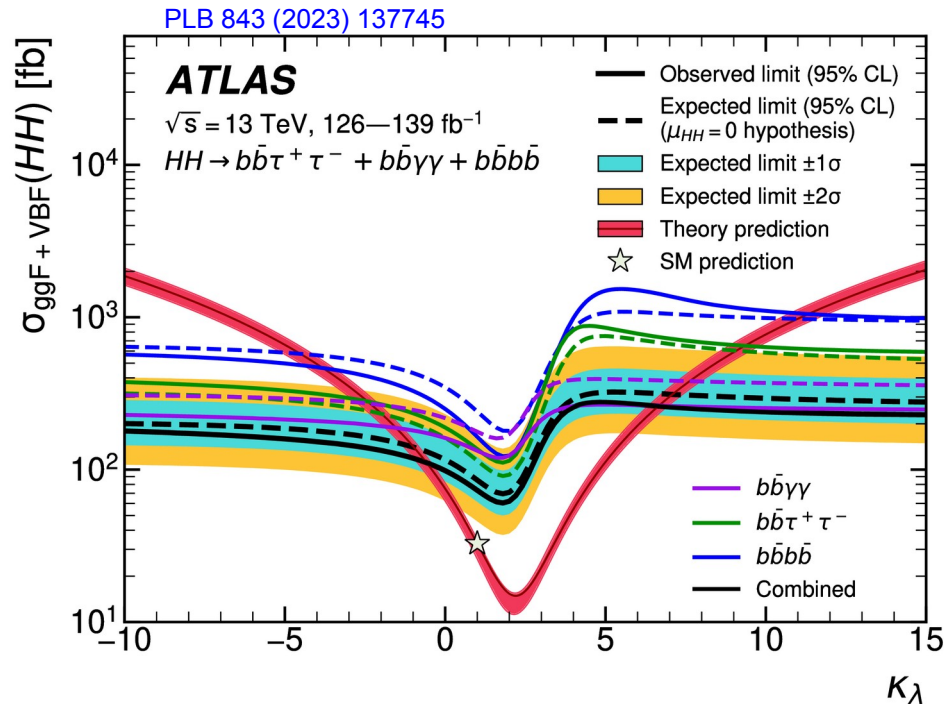


Factor ~2.5 more sensitive than expected by luminosity-scaling of the previous partial Run-II result of [PRL 122 \(2019\) 121803](#)

- Similar results from ATLAS ([PLB 843 \(2023\) 137745](#))

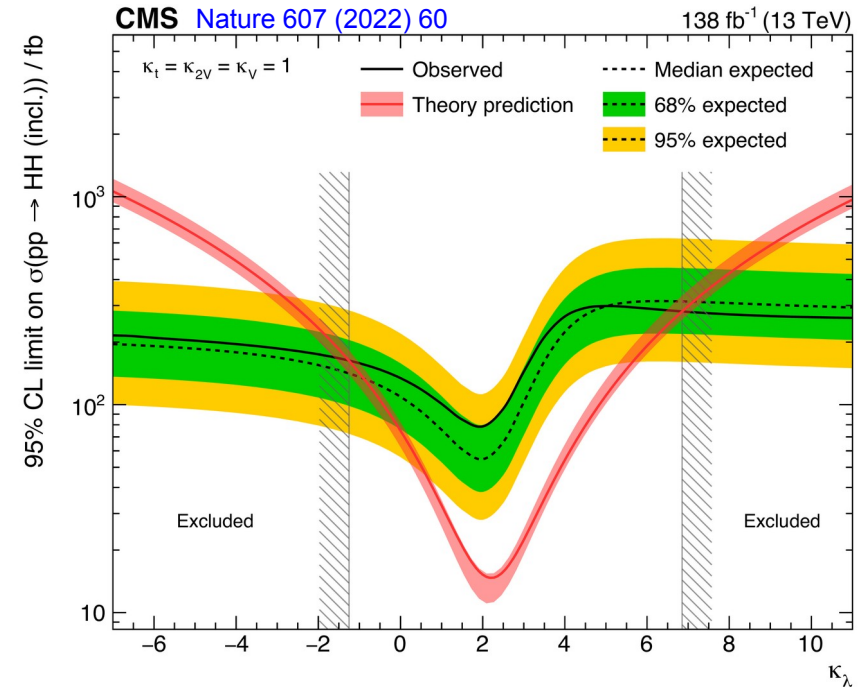
Constraint on κ_λ

- Obtained in κ -framework (1307.1347)



Observed:

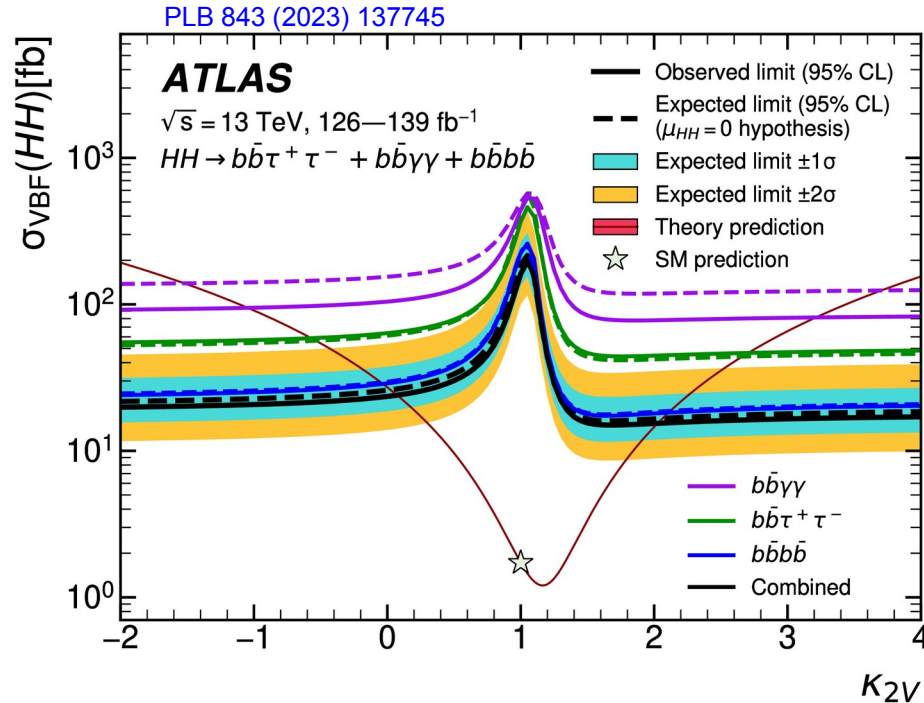
$$-0.4 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.3 \quad (95\% \text{CL})$$



$$-1.24 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.49 \quad (95\% \text{CL})$$

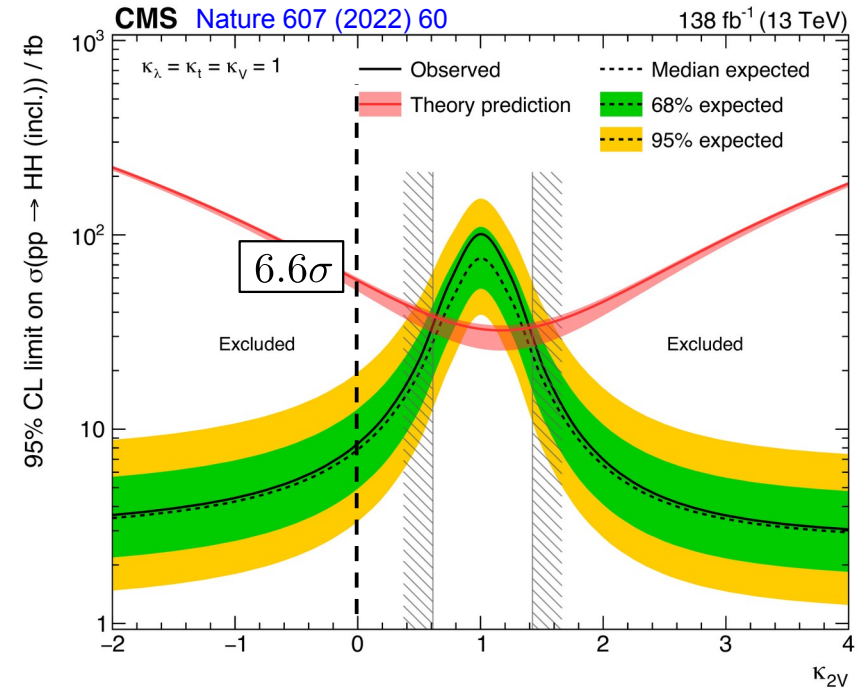
Constraint on κ_{2V}

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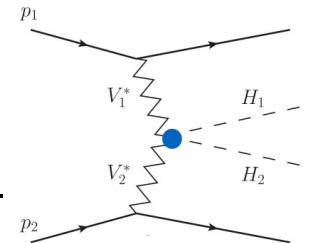
Observed:

$$0.1 < \kappa_{2V} < 2.0 \quad (95\% \text{CL})$$

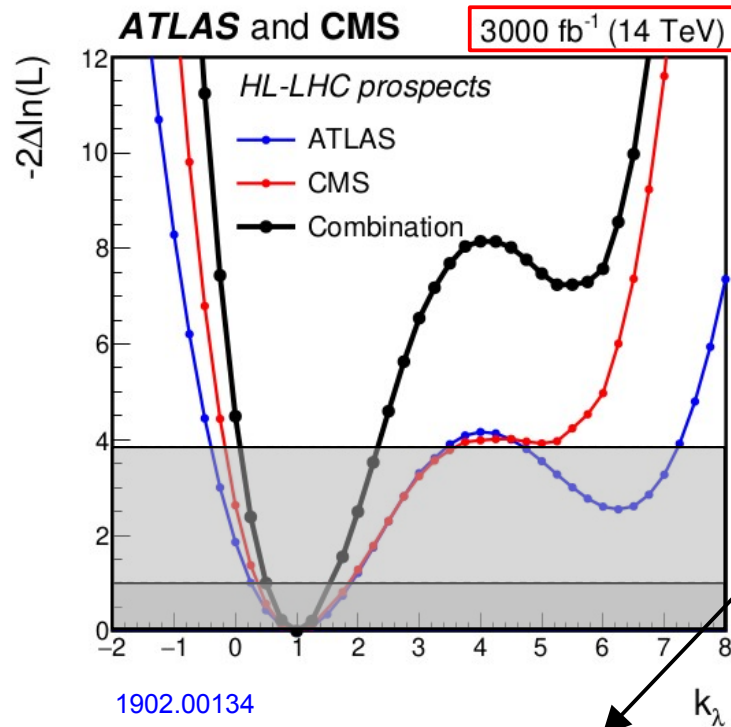


$$0.67 < \kappa_{2V} < 1.38 \quad (95\% \text{CL})$$

- Indirectly establishing quartic VVHH coupling (due to large increase of σ for $\kappa_{2V} \rightarrow 0$)



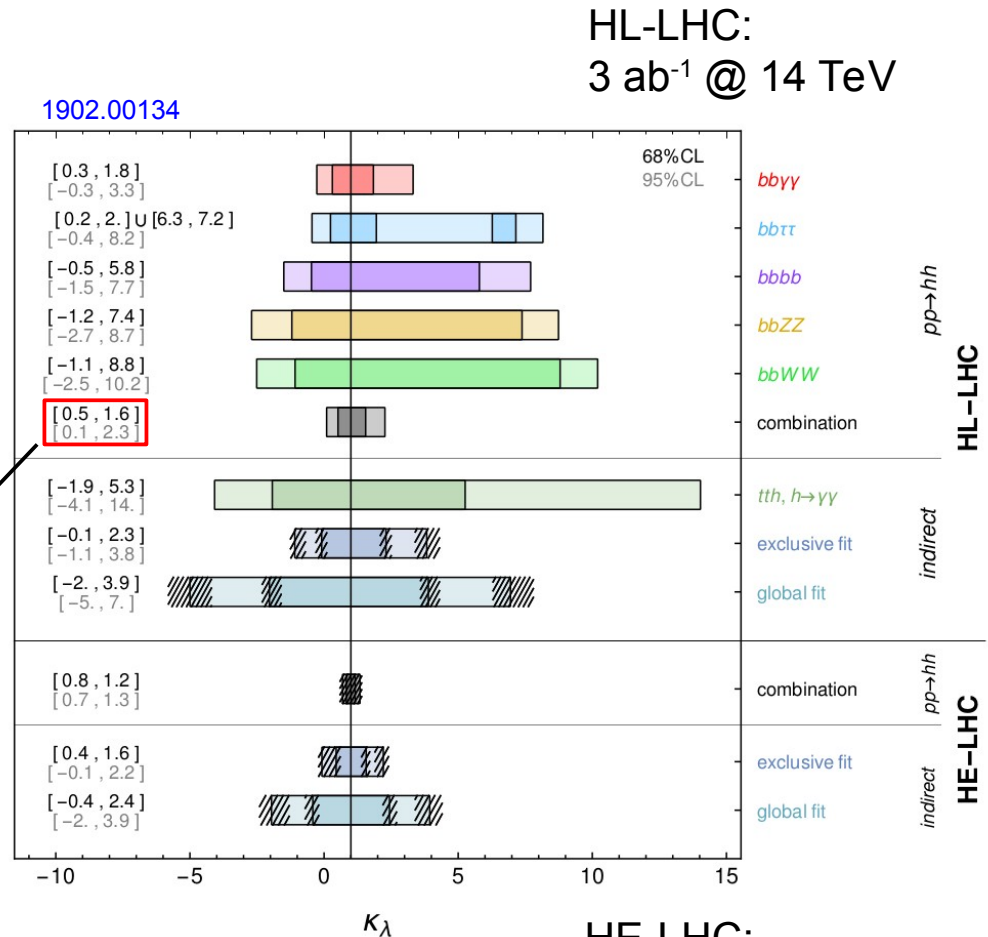
HL-LHC/HE-LHC projections



$$0.5 < \kappa_\lambda < 1.6 \quad (95\% \text{CL})$$

Meanwhile:

Same result **by only most sensitive ATLAS analyses!**
(ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-053)



HE-LHC:
15 ab⁻¹ @ 27 TeV

Source of improvements

- Better (i.e. more ambitious) object identification
- Better (i.e. more ambitious) separation between signal and backgrounds
- Use of modern ML models

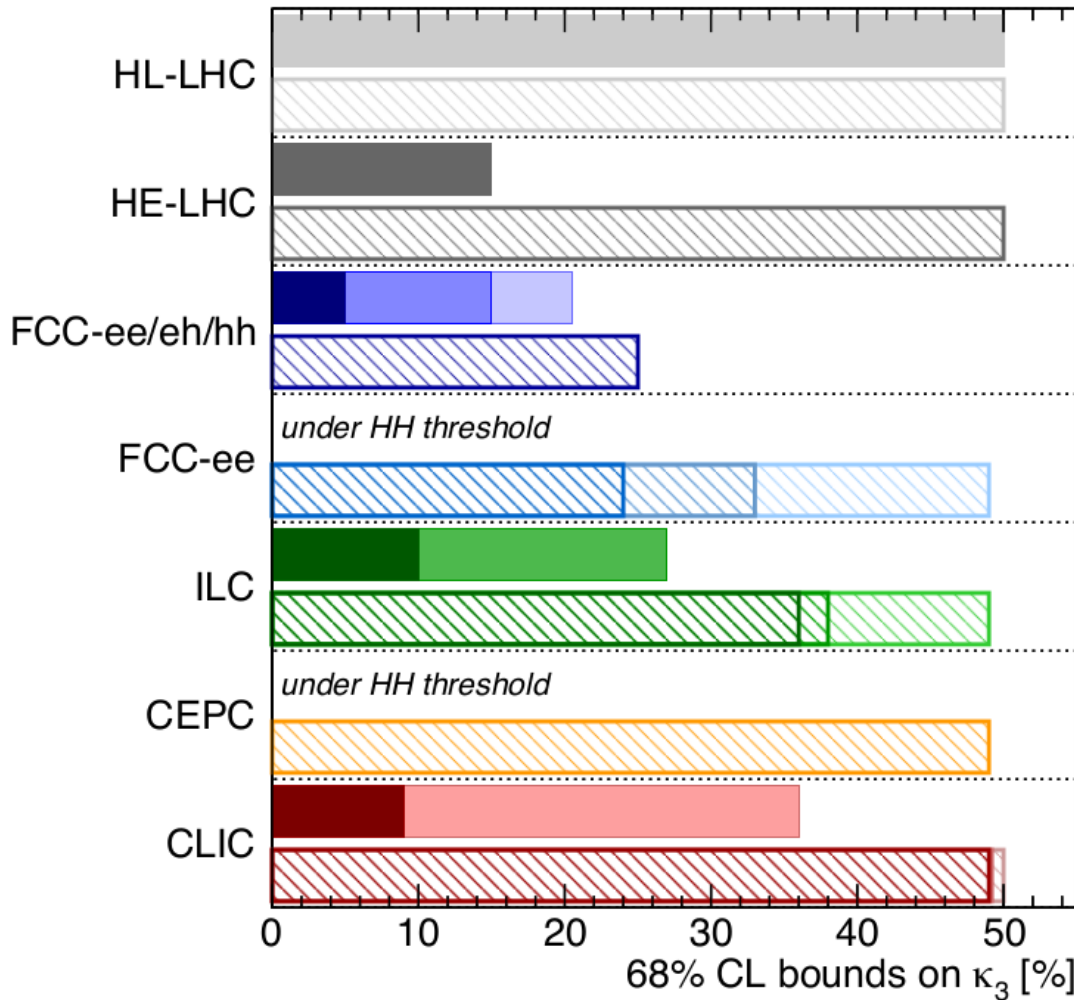


- Only applicable due to **better understanding of data!**
- Implying experimental and theoretical understanding

Future colliders in perspective

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Higgs@FC WG November 2019



All future colliders combined with HL-LHC

where $\kappa_3 = \kappa_\lambda$

Quartic self coupling?

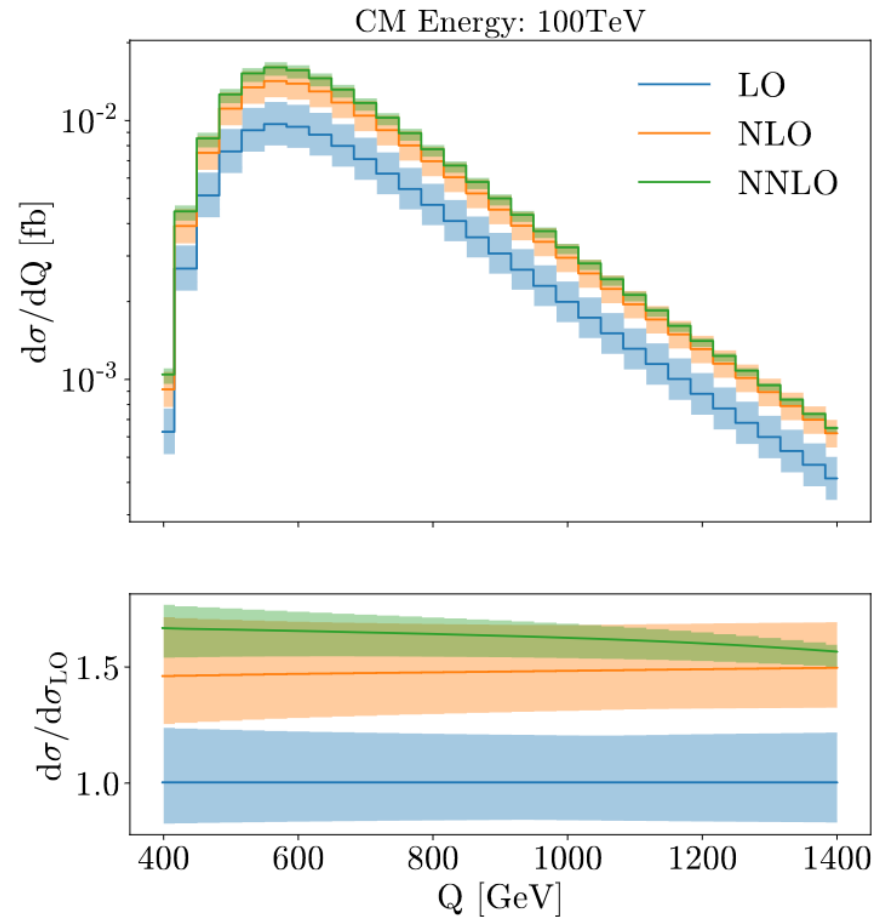
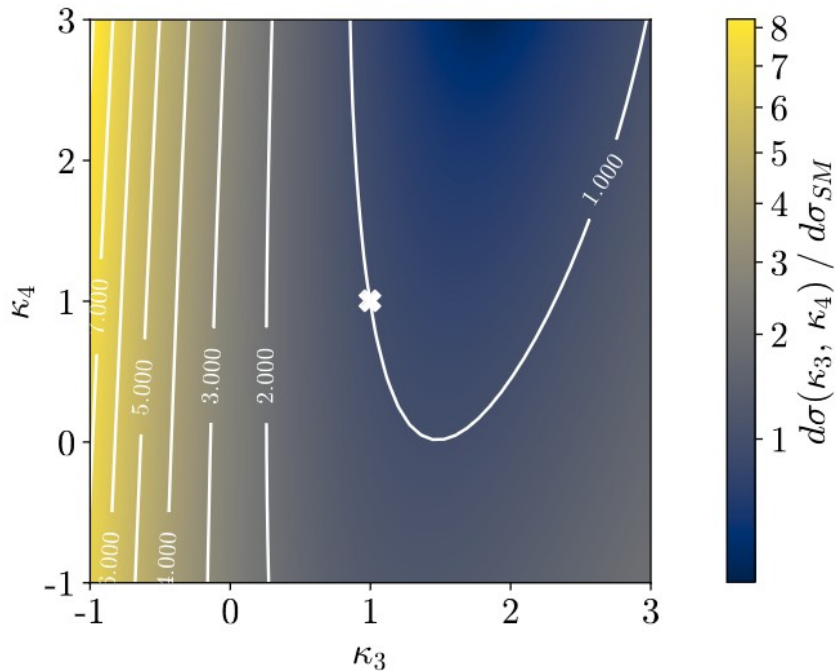
- Expect

$$\sigma(14 \text{ TeV}) \approx 0.1 \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma(27 \text{ TeV}) \approx 0.5 \text{ fb} \quad (\text{HE-LHC})$$

$$\sigma(100 \text{ TeV}) \approx 5 \text{ fb} \quad (\text{FCC}_{\text{hh}})$$

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- Scale uncertainties @ NNLO accuracy 5–10%

where $\kappa_3 = \kappa_\lambda$, $\kappa_4 = \kappa_{\lambda_4}$

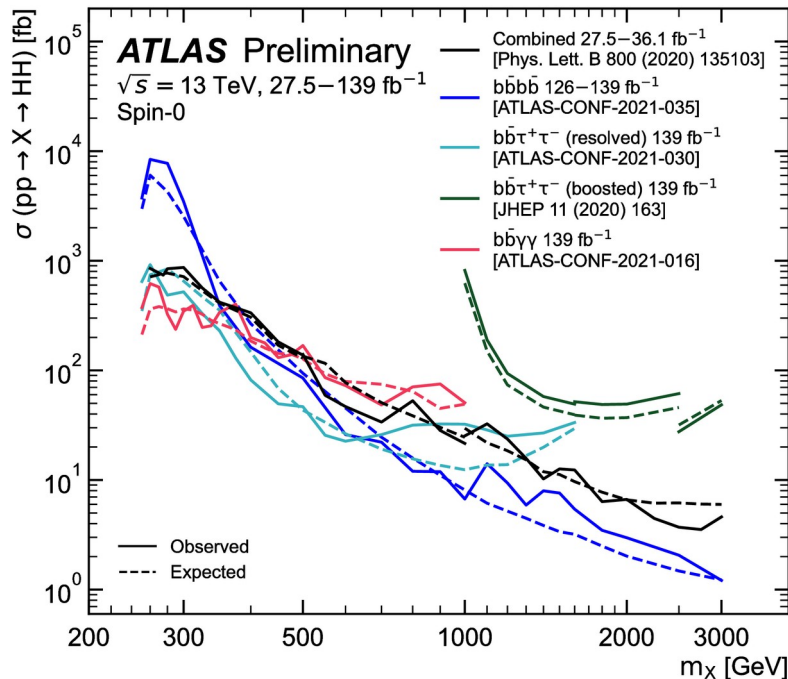
Resonant $X \rightarrow HH$

- **Most obvious influence of NP** on HH production $pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow HH$
- Same final states as for non-resonant analyses
- Easy to distinguish from non-peaking backgrounds through m_X, m_H

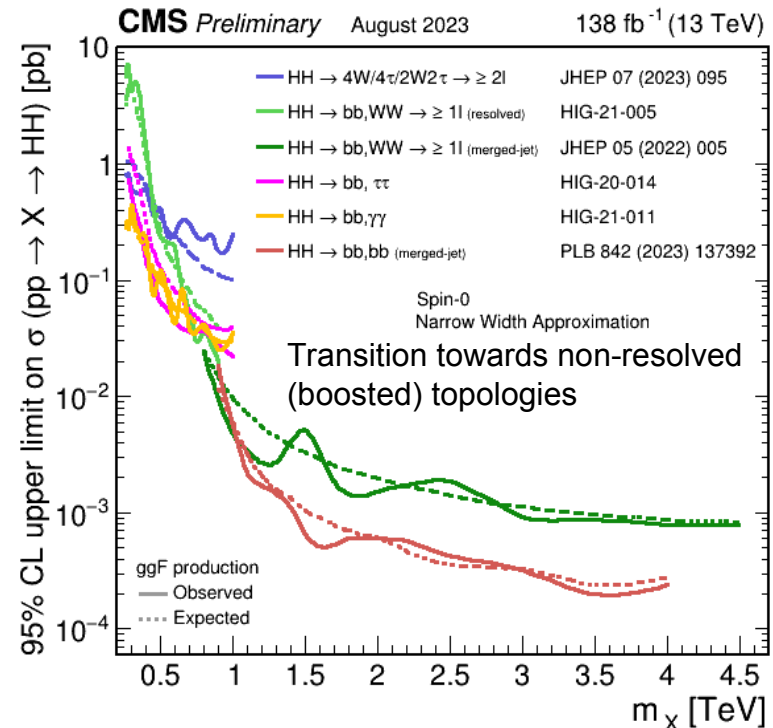


Experimental reach

- Mostly **model-agnostic 95% CL upper limits** on $\sigma_{ppX} \mathcal{B}(\text{HH})$
- Provided in standard interpretations of **spin-0** (radion), spin-2 (graviton) models (see backup)
- Connected to more specific NP models e.g. 2HDM and MSSM (see later)



As obtained from [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-031](#)



As obtained from [CMS Higgs summary pages](#)

Prospects @ LHC and other accelerators

- More final states/topologies to chime in
- More ambitious exploration of **boosted topologies**
- More ambitious exploitation of **modern ML-methods**
- **Channel combinations**

**LHC Run2+3
and HL-LHC**

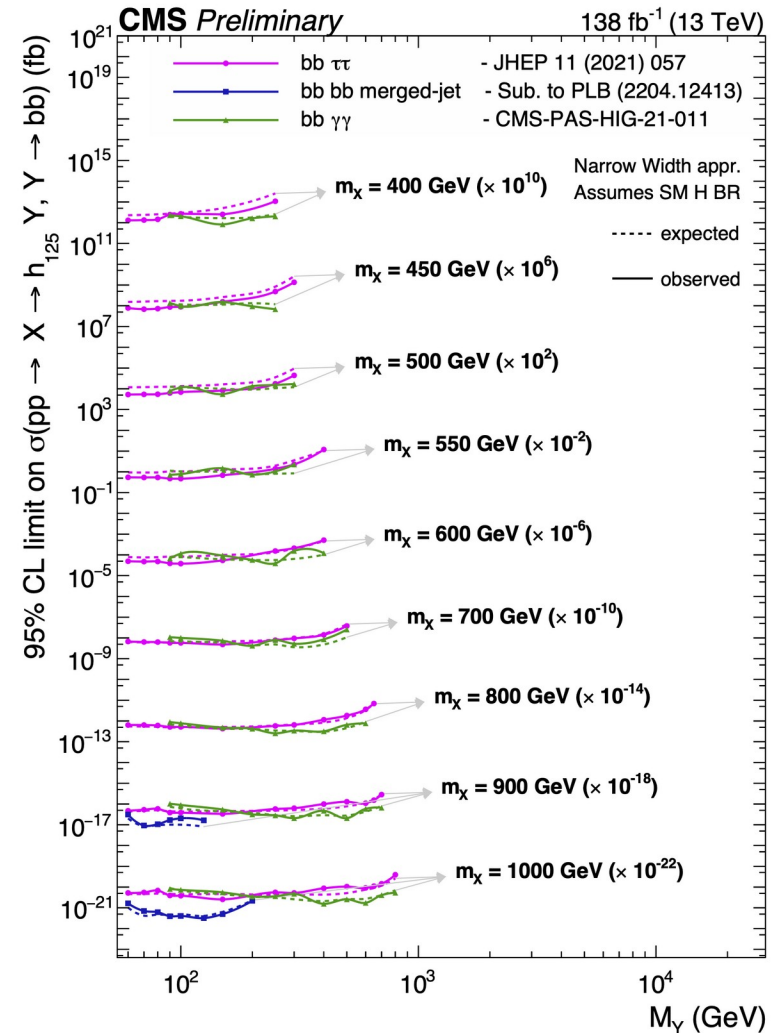


Other accelerators

- No estimates for other accelerators
- Increases in $\sqrt{s}$ effectively lead to higher upper limits on $\sigma \mathcal{B}$
- Context btw accelerators requires model assumptions

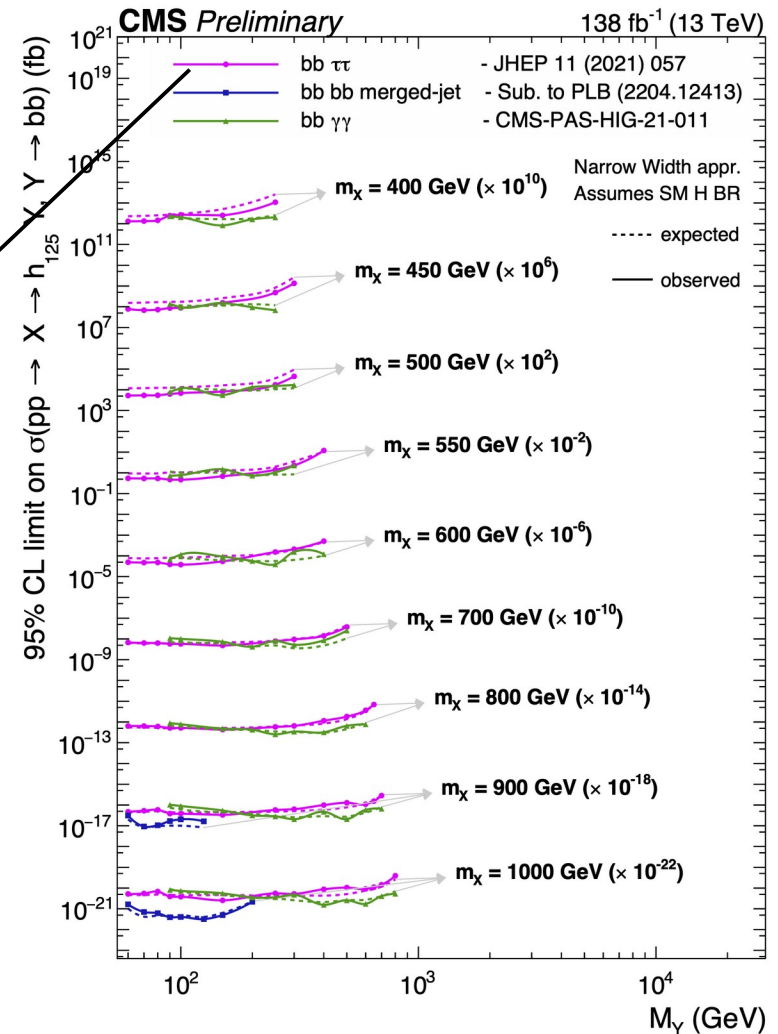
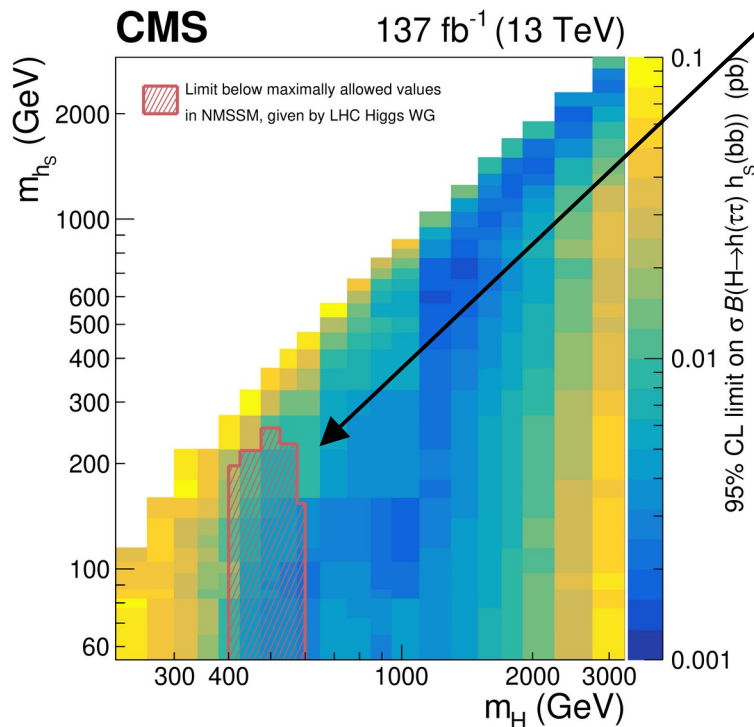
Resonant $X \rightarrow YH$

- Relaxed constraints on topology wrt $X \rightarrow HH$
- Mostly **model-agnostic 95% CL upper limits** on $\sigma_{ggX} \mathcal{B}(YH)$
- Same final states of relevance, as before
- One more degree of freedom in constraints m_X, m_Y, m_H
- Pandoras box in terms of limit setting information ($\rightarrow$ scans with **hundreds of signal hypotheses**)



Relevance in terms of models

- Topology-based search
- Connection to (more) concrete models:
2HDM+S (e.g. NMSSM)
- Sensitivity gauge on predictions of most optimistic models (with largest σB)



Also here **channel combinations** are thinkable while slightly more complicated

Search in more concrete models

Experiment-Theory Link
LHC HWG3
Annual Workshop



- 2HDM (e.g. MSSM)
- 2HDM+S (e.g. NMSSM)
- Searches for heavy or light additional scalar bosons

MSSM Higgs bosons

- MSSM predicts **five Higgs bosons**:

$$\phi_u = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_u^+ \\ \phi_u^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_{\phi_u} = +1, \quad v_u : \text{VEV}_u$$

$$\phi_d = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_d^0 \\ \phi_d^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_{\phi_d} = -1, \quad v_d : \text{VEV}_d$$

$$N_{\text{ndof}} = 8 \quad - \quad \underbrace{3}_{W^\pm, Z} = \underbrace{5}_{H^\pm, H, h, A}$$

- Strict mass requirements lead to **2 free parameters** at tree-level:

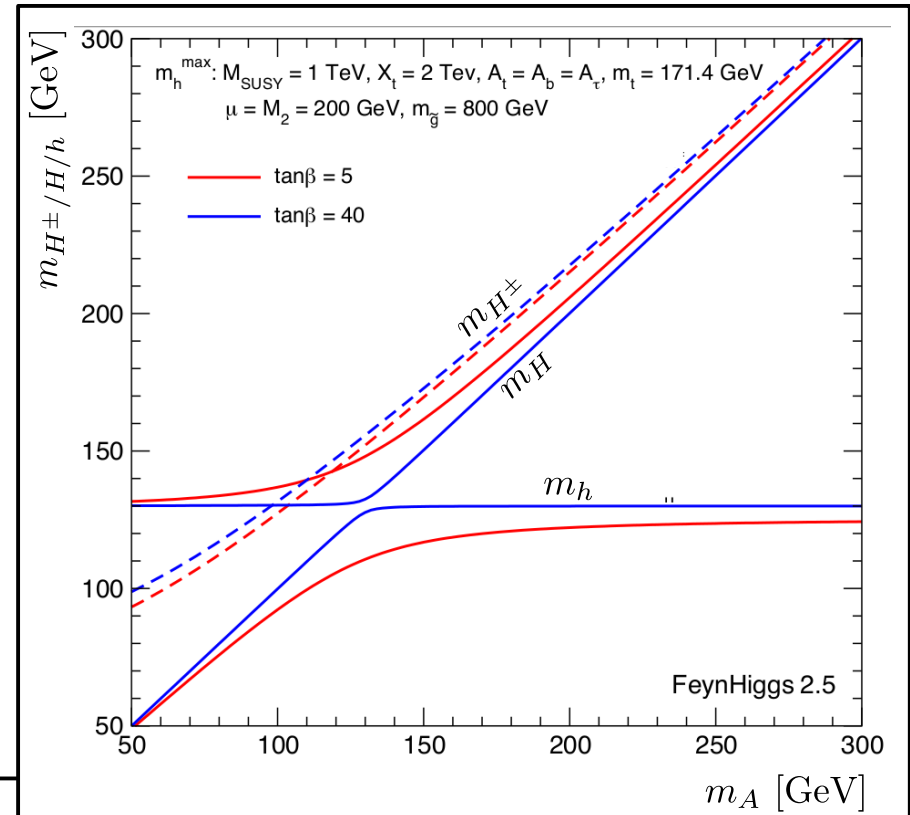
$$m_A, \quad \tan \beta = \frac{v_u}{v_d}$$

$$m_{H^\pm}^2 = m_A^2 + m_W^2$$

$$m_{H, h}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(m_A^2 + m_Z^2 \pm \sqrt{(m_A^2 + m_Z^2)^2 - 4m_A^2 m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta} \right)$$

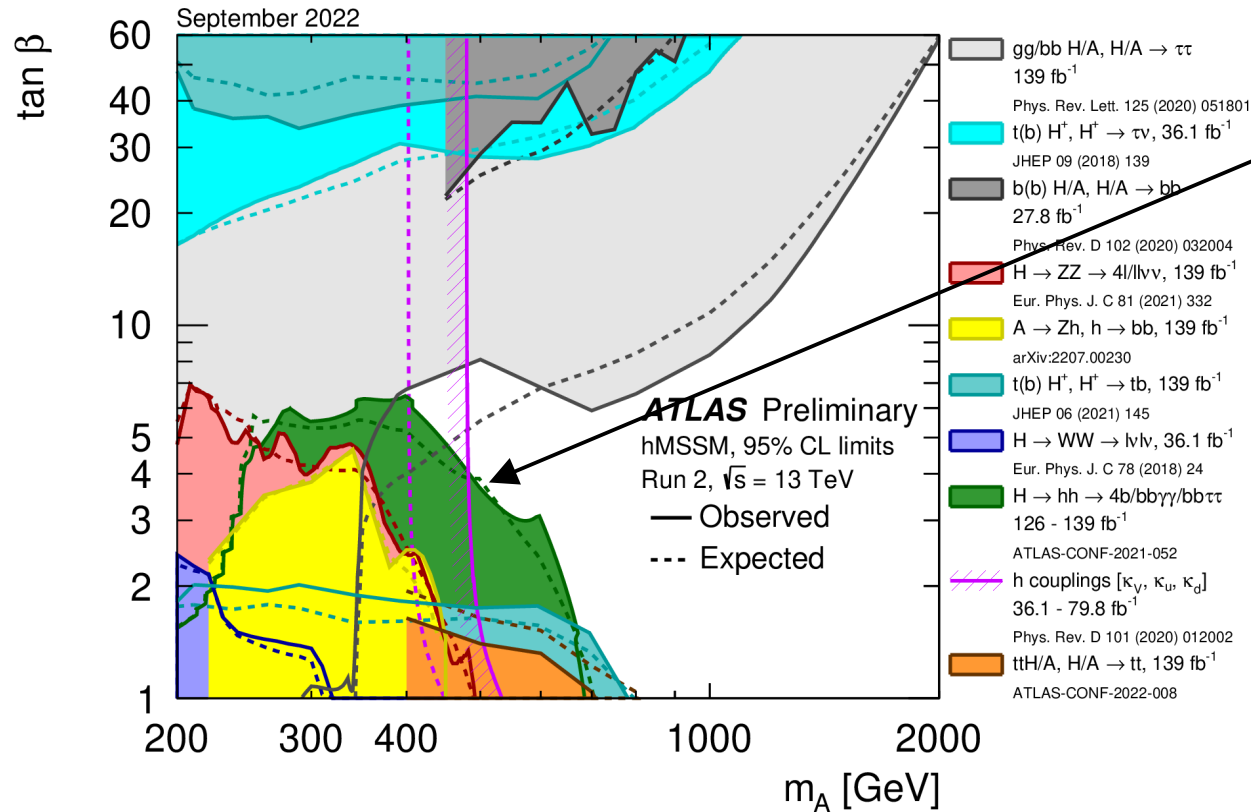
$$\tan \alpha^{(*)} = \frac{-(m_A^2 + m_Z^2) \sin 2\beta}{(m_Z^2 - m_A^2) \cos 2\beta + \sqrt{(m_A^2 + m_Z^2)^2 - 4m_A^2 m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta}}$$

Determines
couplings @ LO.



MSSM searches

- Observed Higgs boson: $H^0 \rightarrow h$
- Look for H and A , preferred in down-type fermion final states

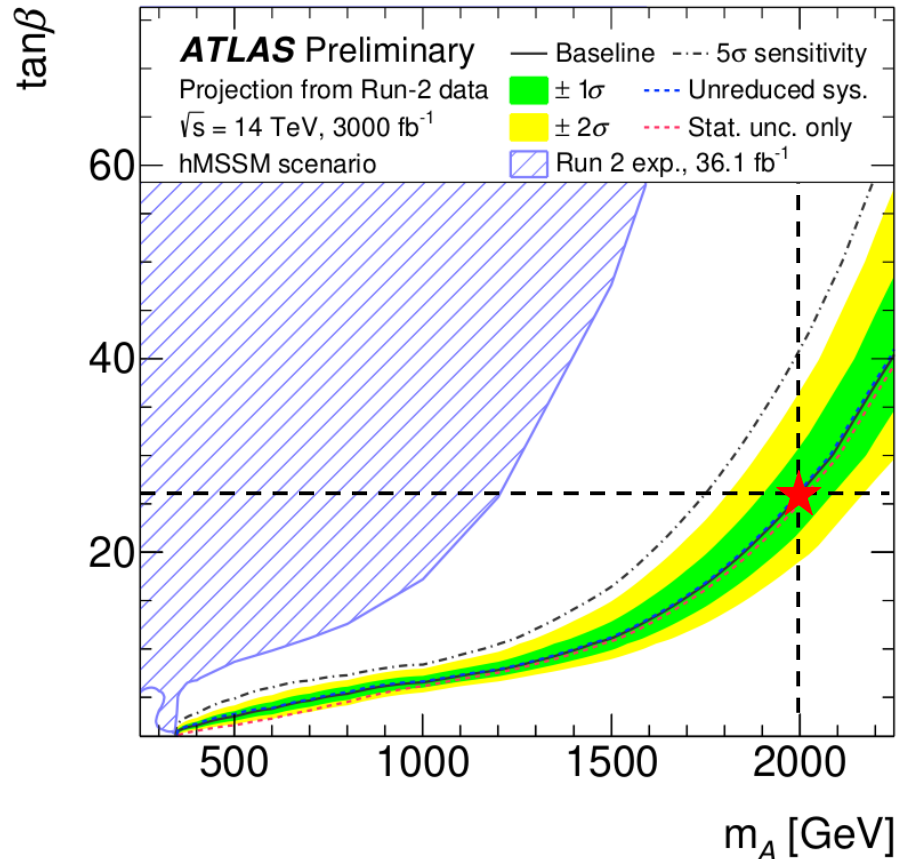
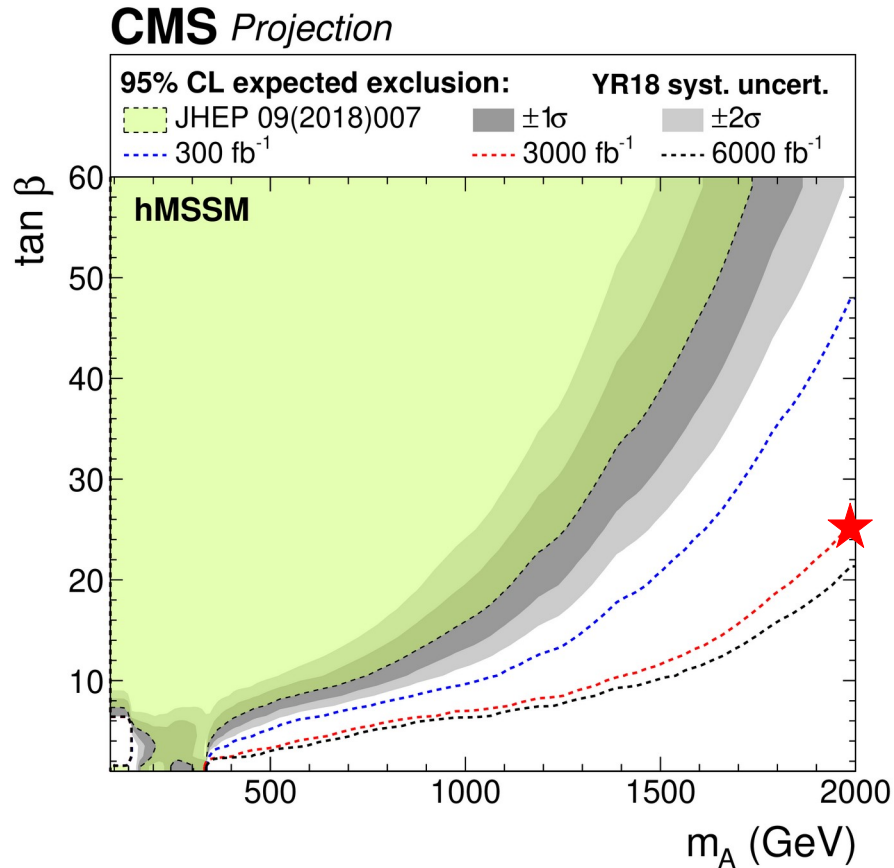


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Similar results of CMS
shown in backup

How far will the LHC carry us?

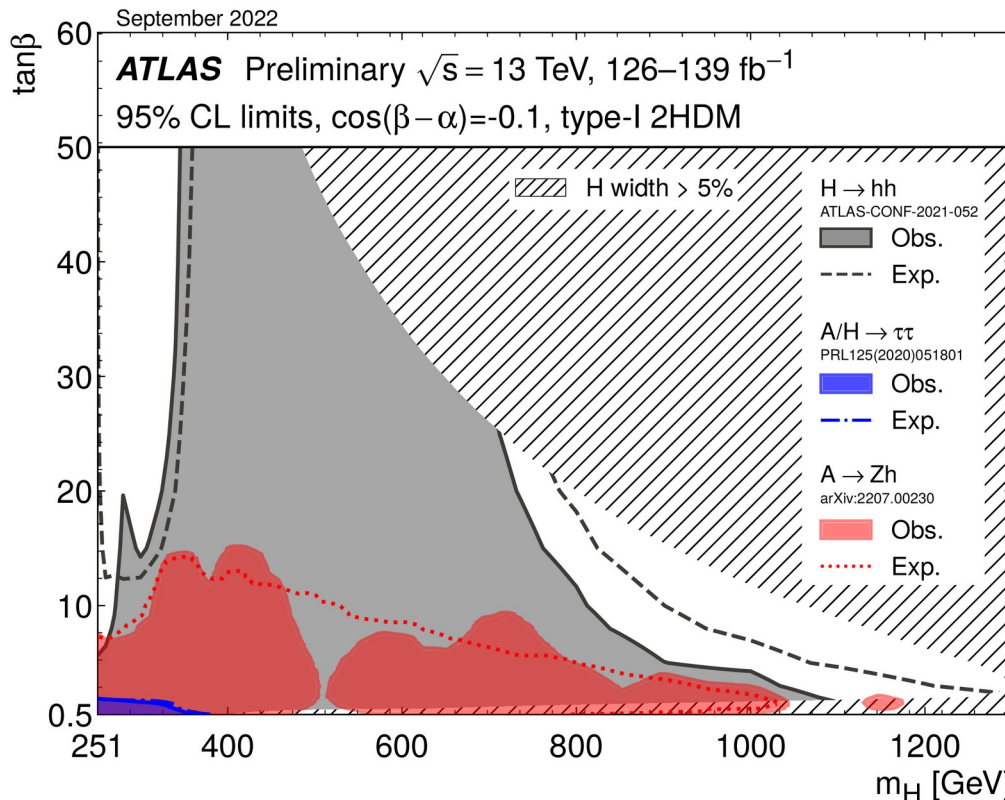
- 3 at⁻¹ @ 14 TeV



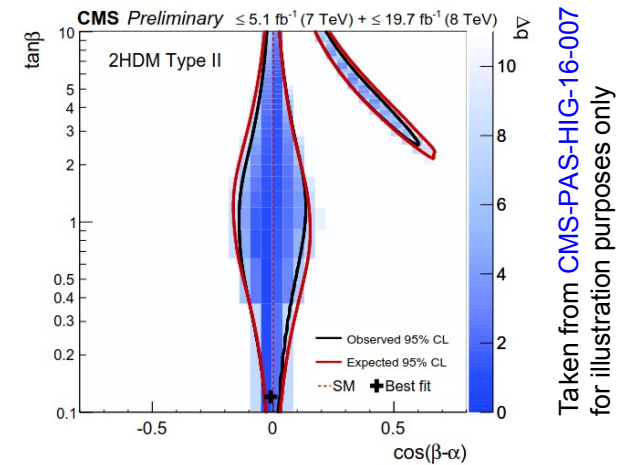
- Reach of LHC phase-1/2 → $m_A \lesssim 2$ TeV
- **Real challenge for MSSM models** → to match h properties

MSSM $\rightarrow$ 2HDM

- Keep 2 Higgs doublets
- Lift SUSY constraints: $m_A, \tan \beta \rightarrow m_h, m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm}, \alpha, \tan \beta, m_{12}$ ^[1]
- Four types of CP-conserving 2HDM models w/o FCNC $\rightarrow$ MSSM concrete incarnation of a 2HDM of Type-2



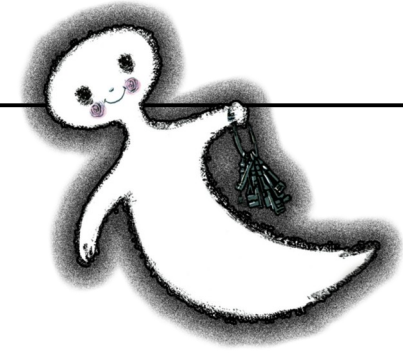
- Largely constrained by h properties ($\rightarrow$ driving 2HDMs into alignment limit $\cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0$)



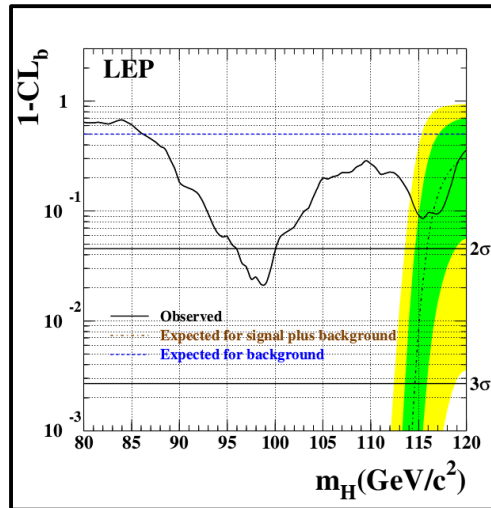
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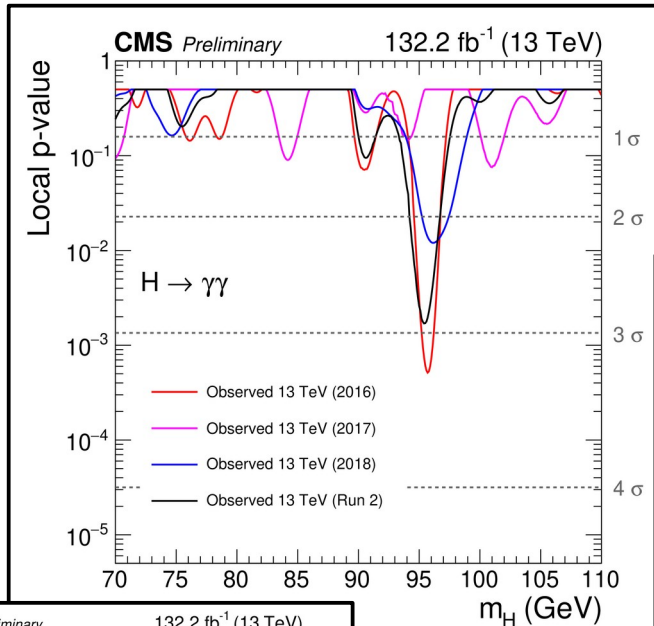
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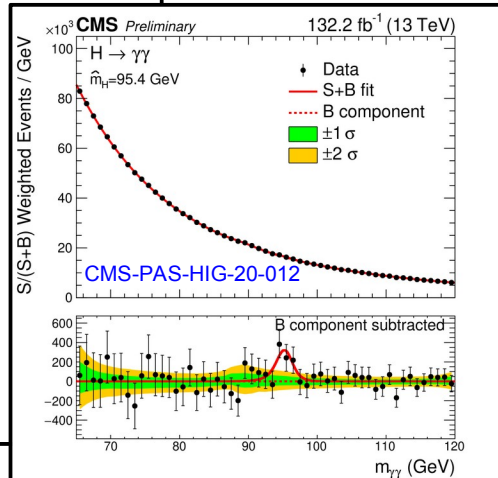
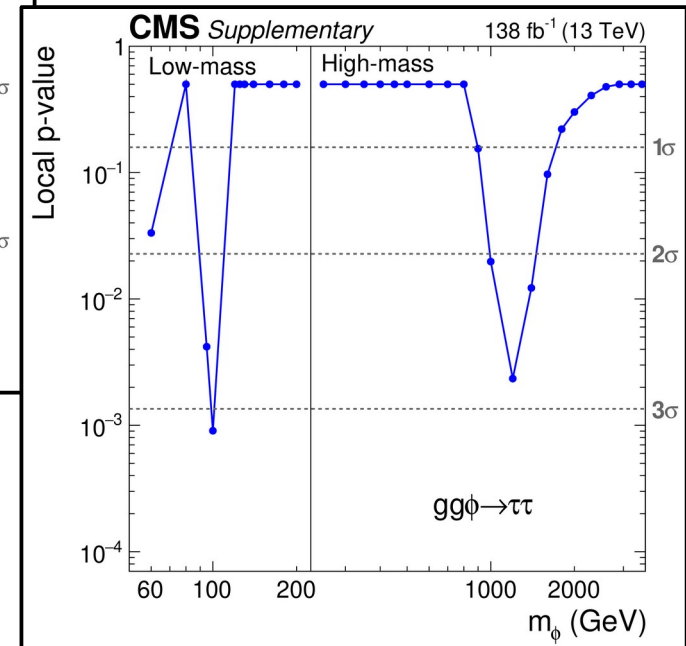
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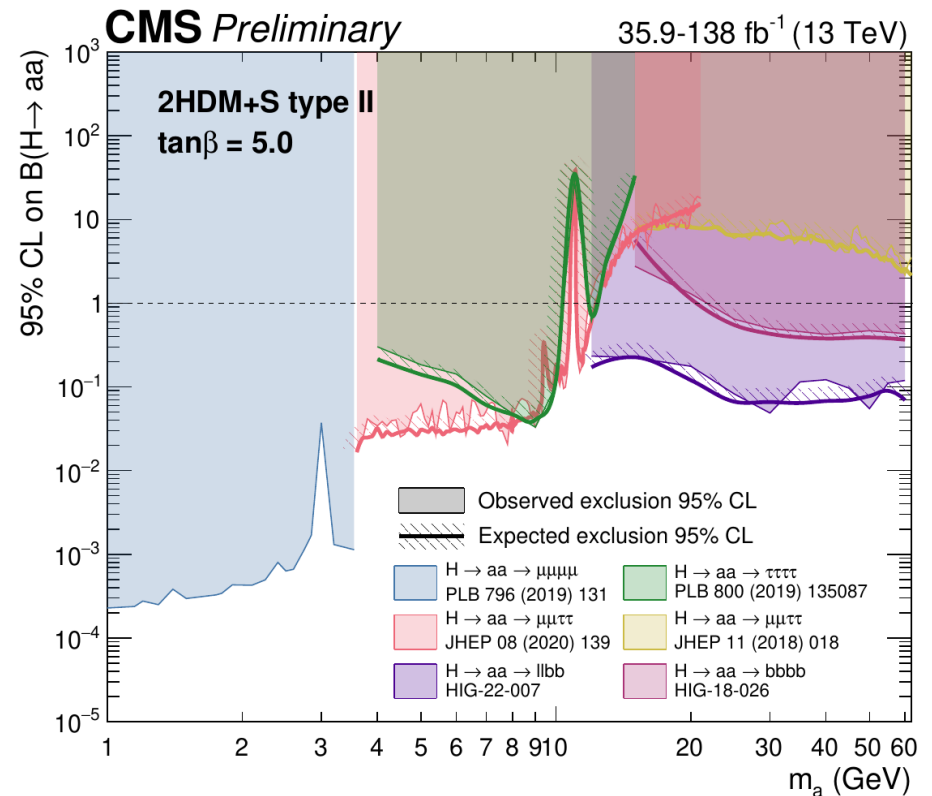
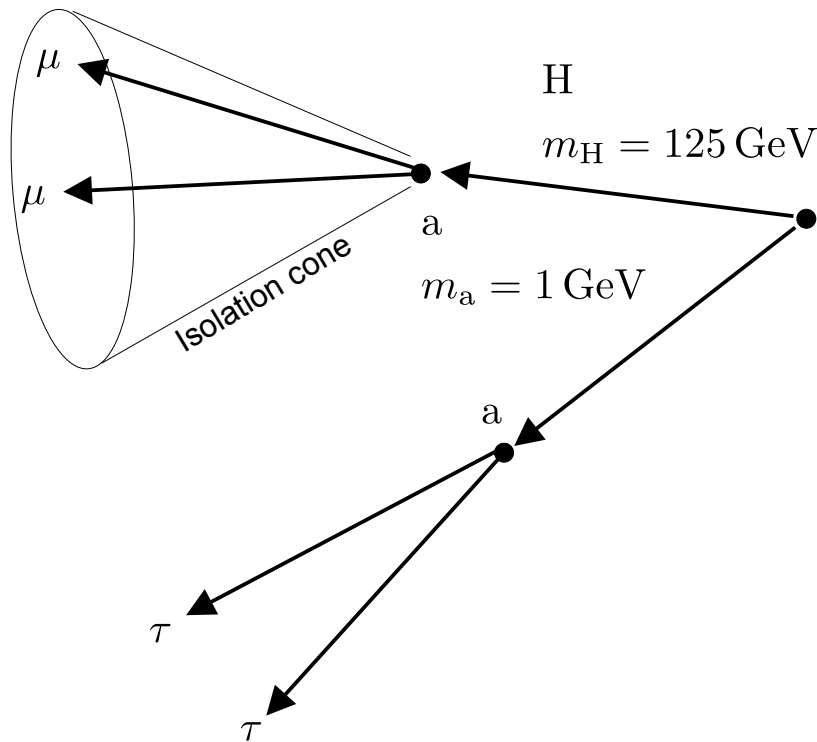


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Searches for (very) light Higgs bosons

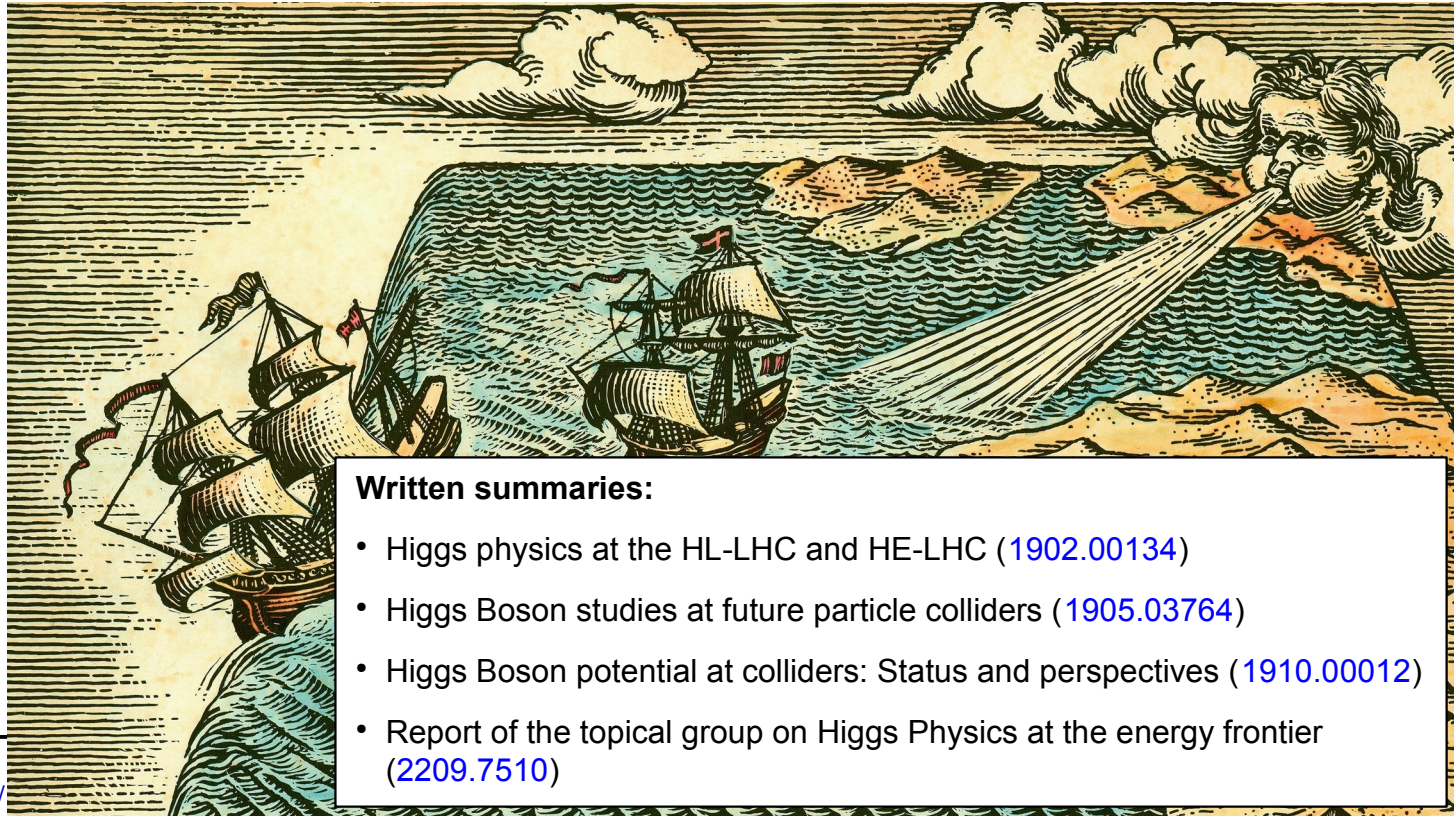
- Motivated by 2HDM+S (e.g. NMSSM)
- Good example of how genuinely a multipurpose machine can be used
- Example: $H \rightarrow a(\mu\mu)a(\tau\tau)$



Summary

- LHC vastly explored newly opened Higgs sector (~300 papers)
- Search for NP at scales between 1 GeV – 4.5 TeV → no hints for NP, yet
- Direct searches will profit from **higher** $\sqrt{s}$, indirect hints through **precision**!
- Mapping out the Higgs potential will remain the next big challenge ($\Delta\kappa_\lambda \lesssim 0.20$ (0.05) possible at HE-LHC (FCC_{hh}))

Terra incognita



Written summaries:

- Higgs physics at the HL-LHC and HE-LHC ([1902.00134](#))
- Higgs Boson studies at future particle colliders ([1905.03764](#))
- Higgs Boson potential at colliders: Status and perspectives ([1910.00012](#))
- Report of the topical group on Higgs Physics at the energy frontier ([2209.7510](#))

Backup

Higgs potential of the SM

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y} = \mathcal{L}^{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}^{\text{CC}} + \mathcal{L}^{\text{NC}} + \mathcal{L}^{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}^{\text{Higgs}}$$

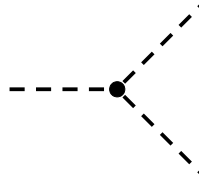
$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_+ \\ \phi_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \phi &\rightarrow \phi' = e^{i\vartheta'} G \phi \\ \phi^\dagger &\rightarrow \phi'^\dagger = \phi^\dagger G^\dagger e^{-i\vartheta'} \\ G &= e^{i\vartheta^a t^a} \in \text{SU}(2)_L \quad \vartheta^a, \vartheta' \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{Higgs}} = D_\mu \phi^\dagger D^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$$

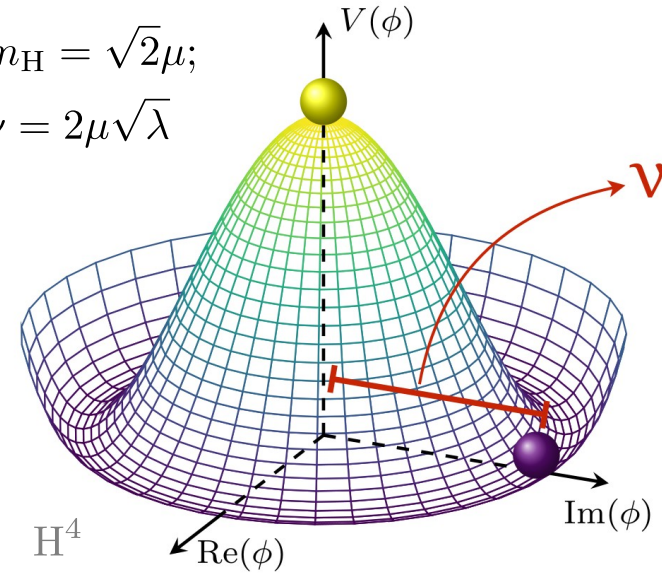
$$V(\phi) = -\mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 = -\frac{\mu^4}{4\lambda} + \underbrace{\mu^2}_{\equiv \lambda_3} H^2 + \underbrace{\mu\sqrt{\lambda}}_{\equiv \lambda_4} H^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} H^4$$

Mass term

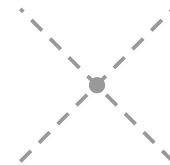
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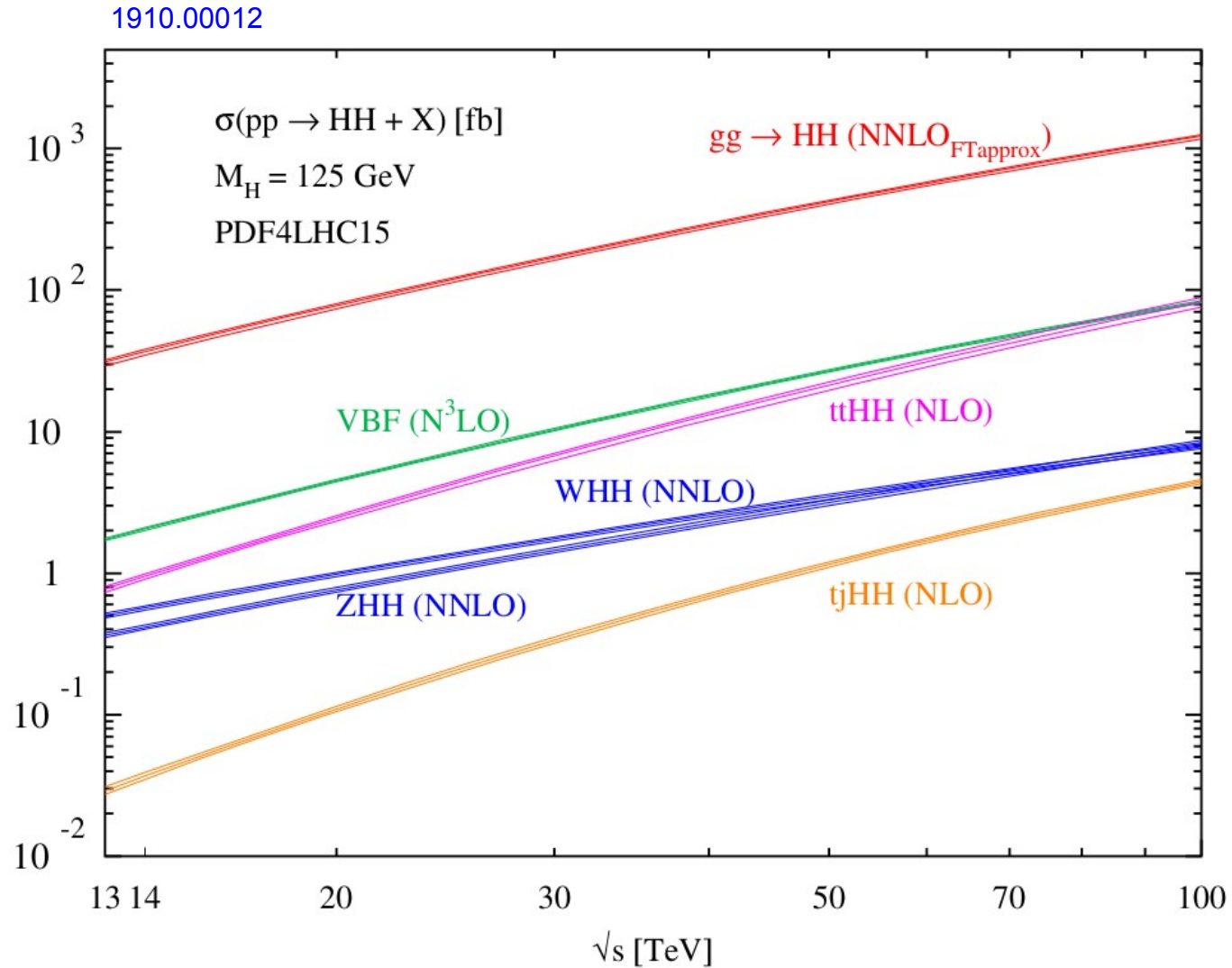
$$\begin{aligned} m_H &= \sqrt{2}\mu; \\ \nu &= 2\mu\sqrt{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$



Quartic
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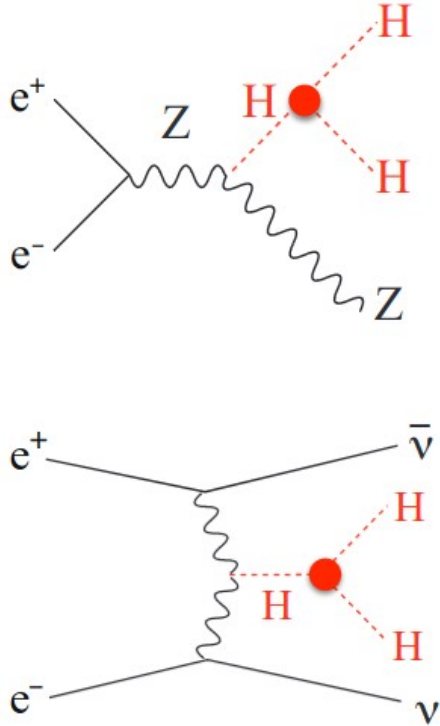


Cross sections for HH production



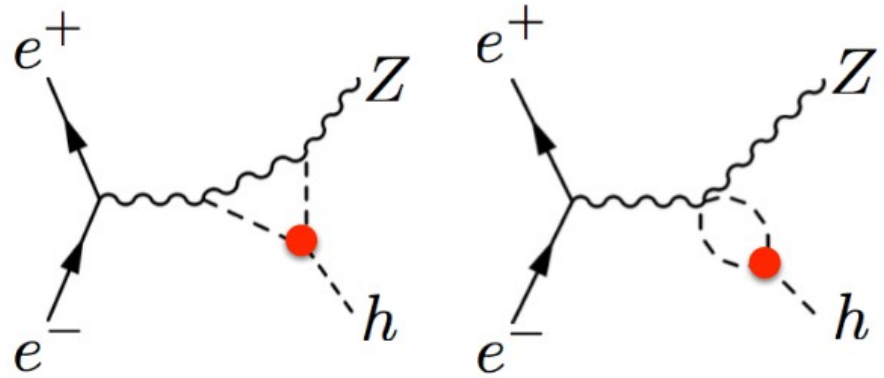
Direct vs. indirect hints on λ_3 @ e^+e^- colliders

$\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 500$ GeV



$\sigma_{HH} \sim O(0.1)$ fb

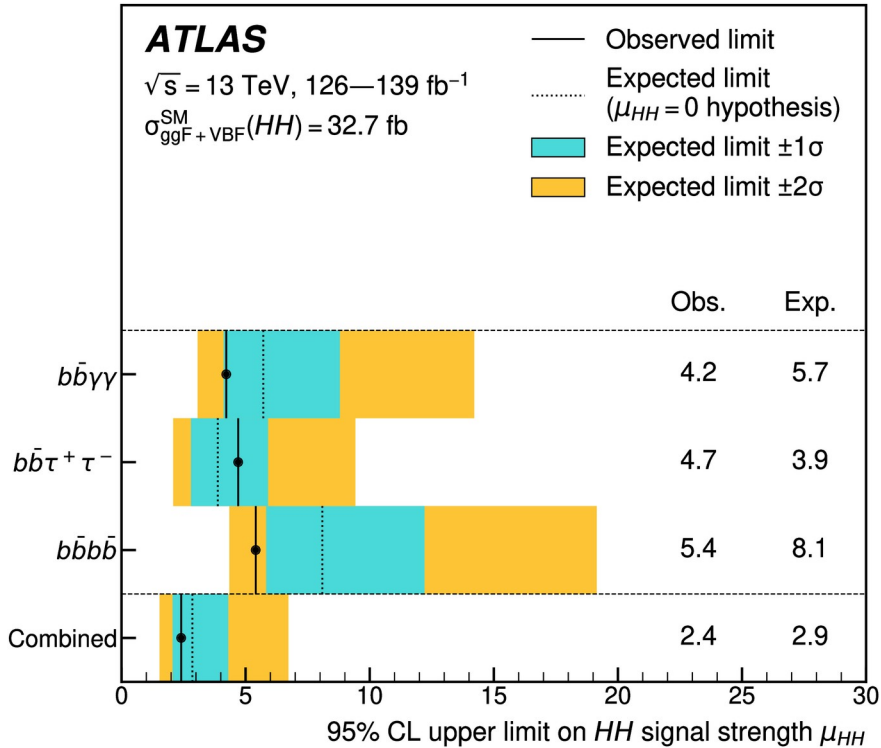
$\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 240-250$ GeV



$\delta\sigma_{ZH} \sim O(1\%)$

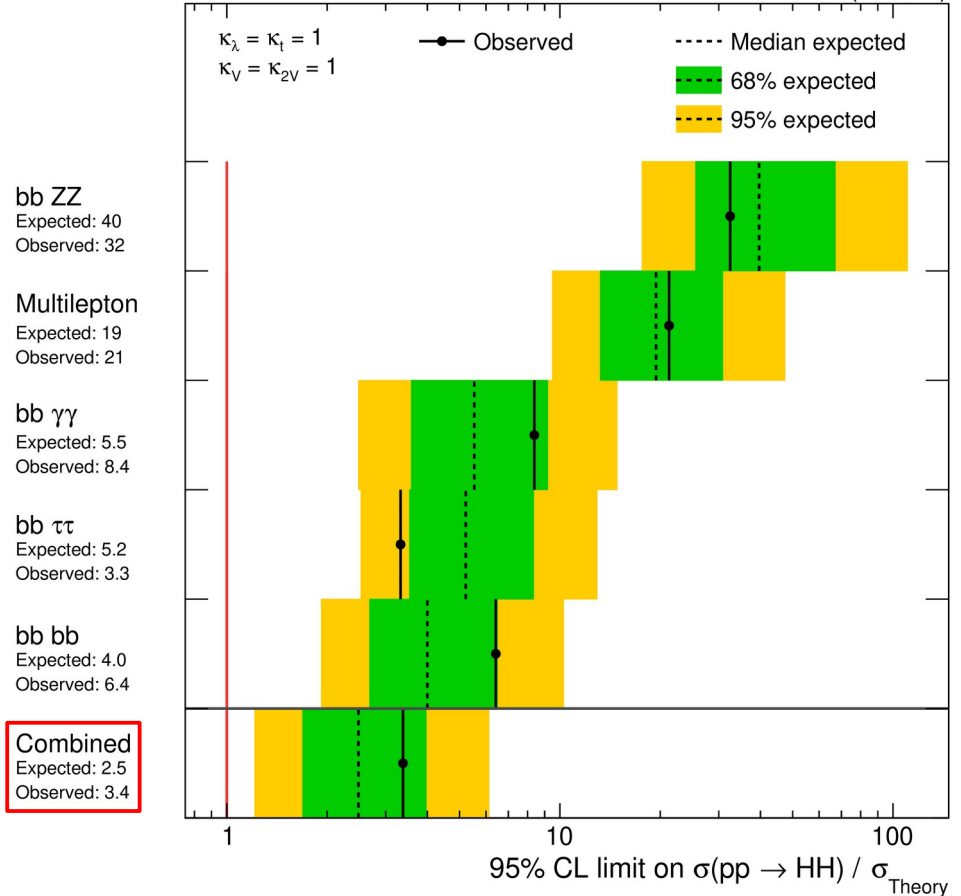
Upper limits on SM HH production

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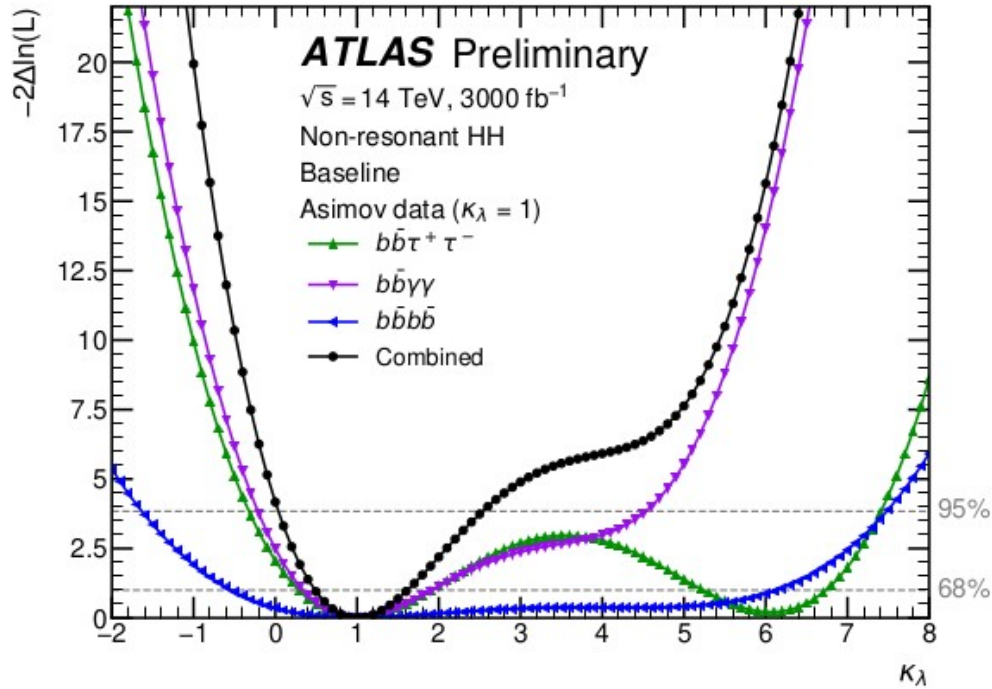
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138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

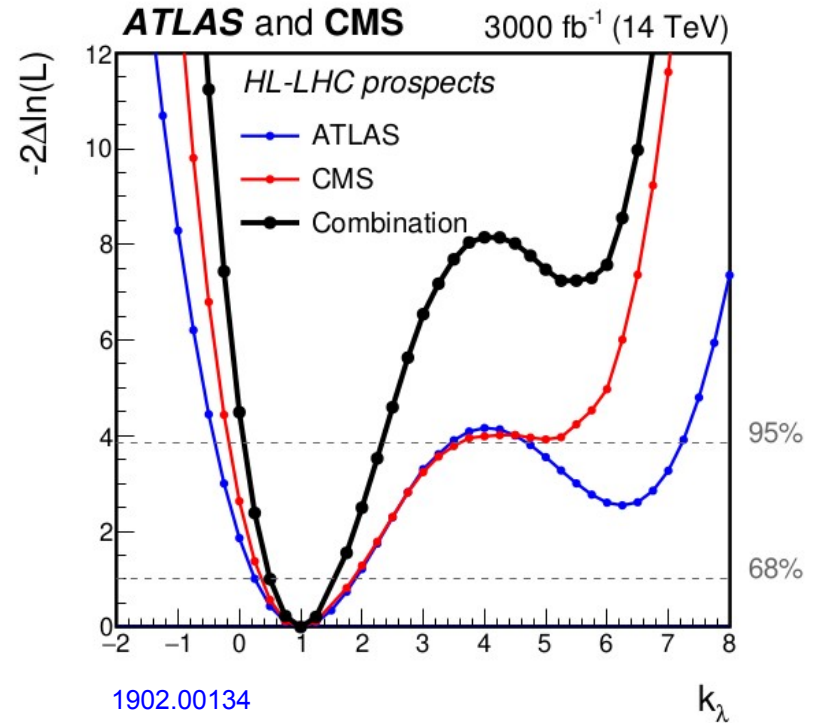


Newest projections of constraints on κ_λ by ATLAS

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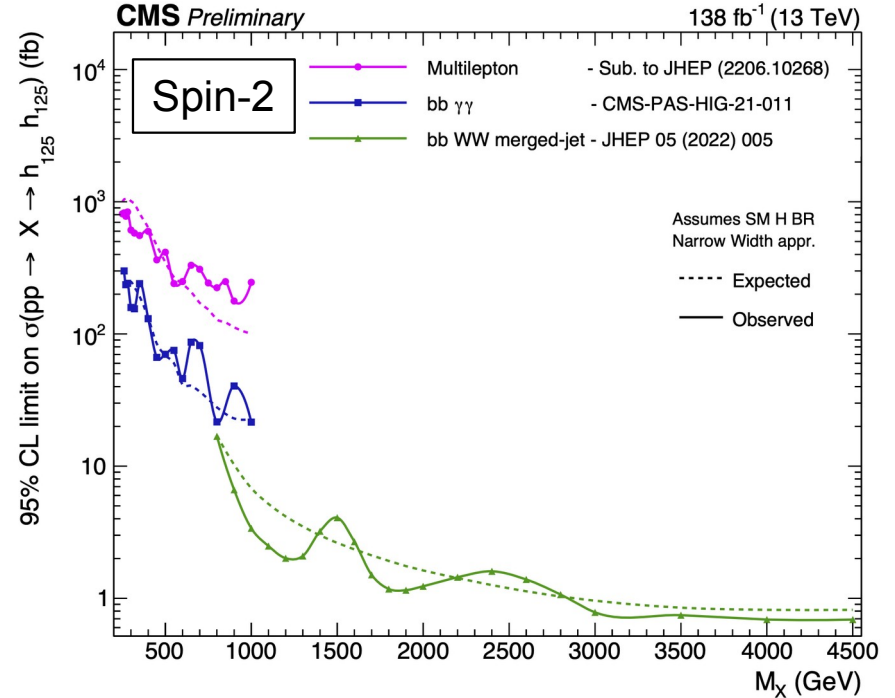
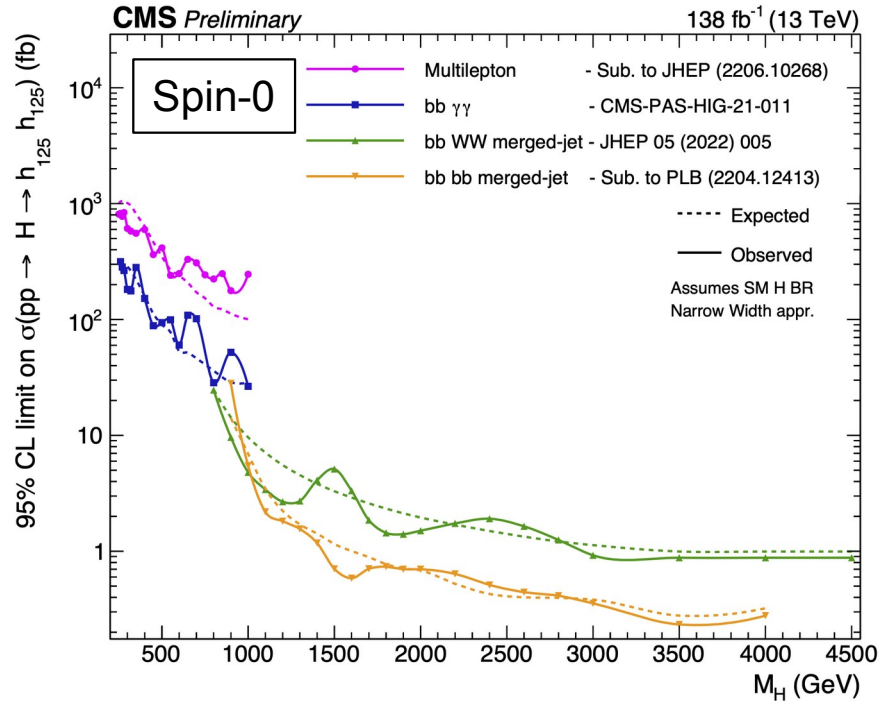
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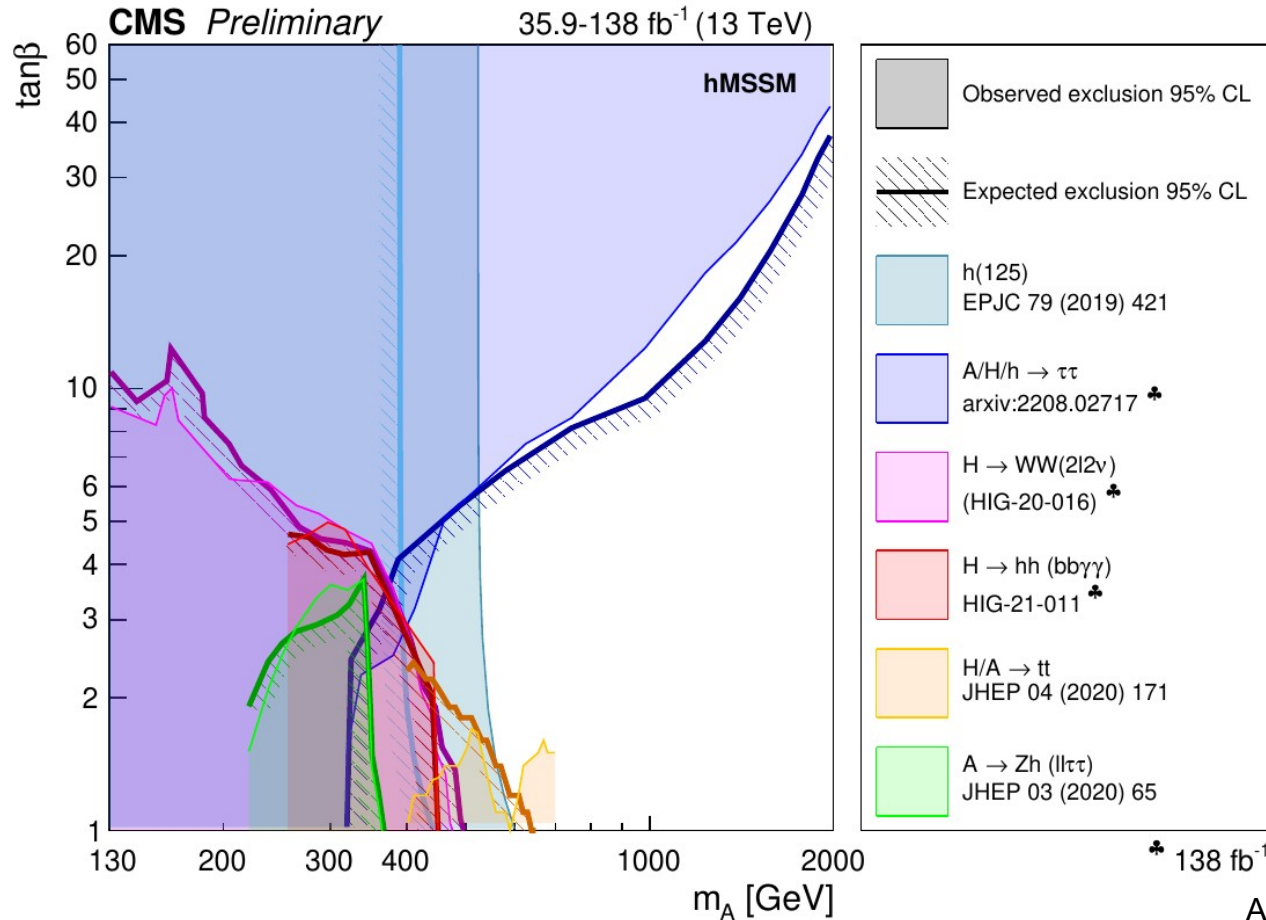
Upper limits on $X \rightarrow HH$ (Spin-2)



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MSSM searches @ CMS

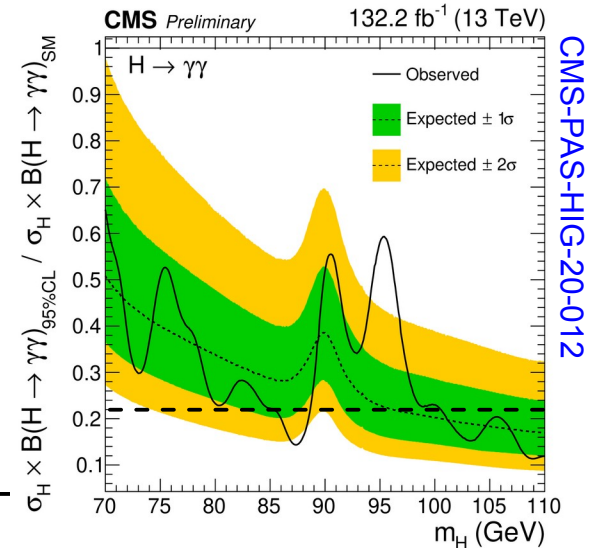
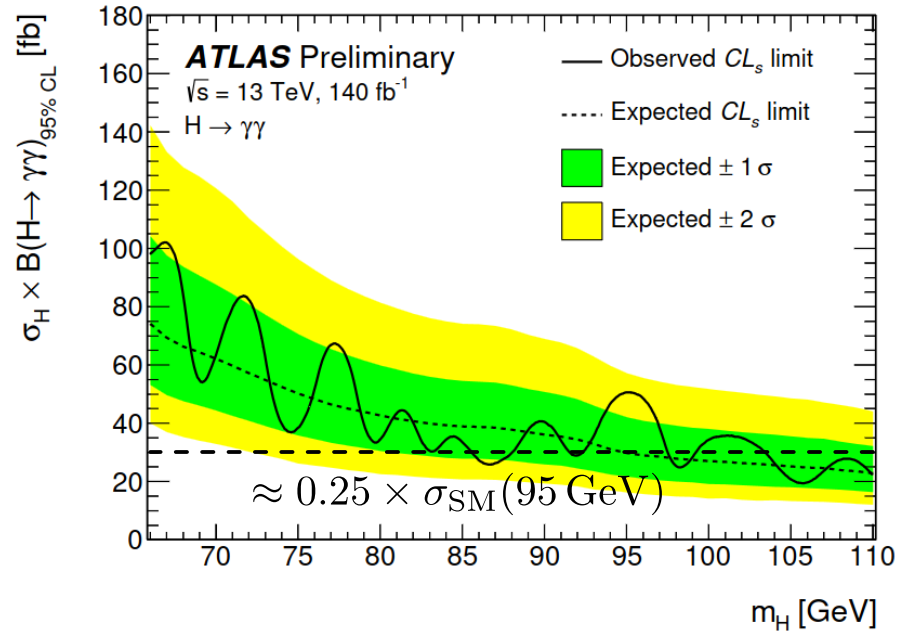
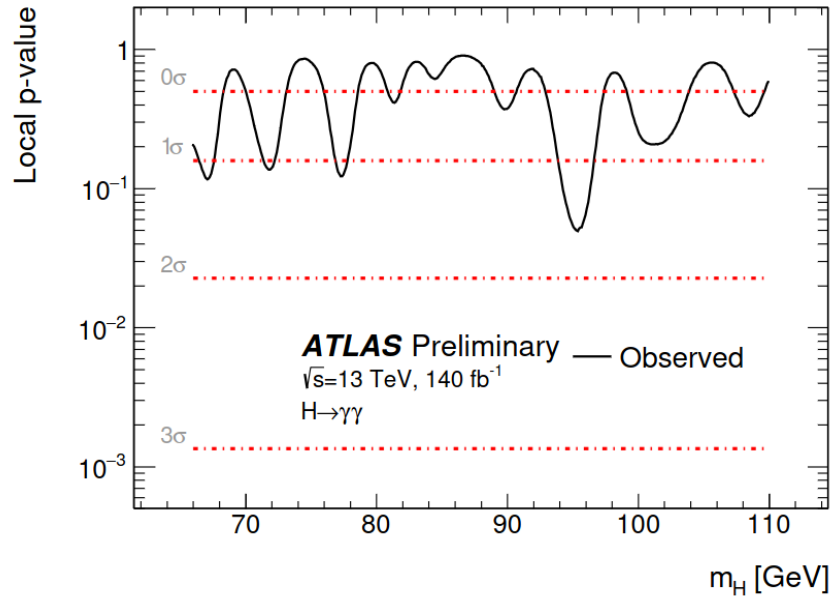
- Observed Higgs boson: $H^0 \rightarrow h$
- Look for H and A, preferred in down-type fermion final states



- $X \rightarrow HH$ reappears as $H \rightarrow hh$
- Flagship: $H/A/h \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- New kid: $H/A/h \rightarrow tt$

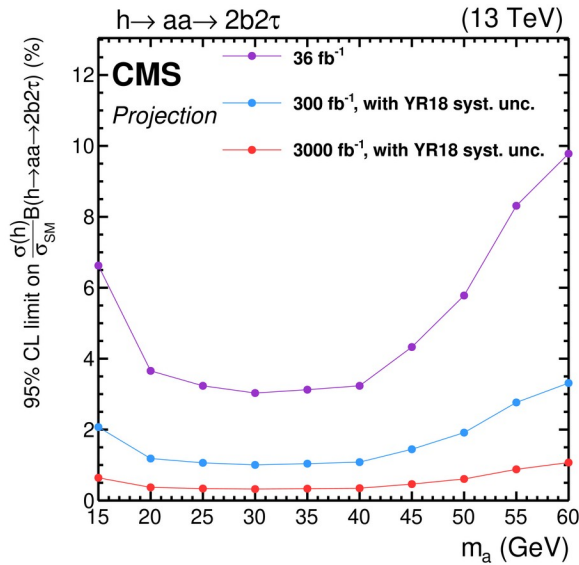
Excess at 95 GeV?

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