



Status and prospects for BSM ((N)MSSM) Higgs searches at the LHC

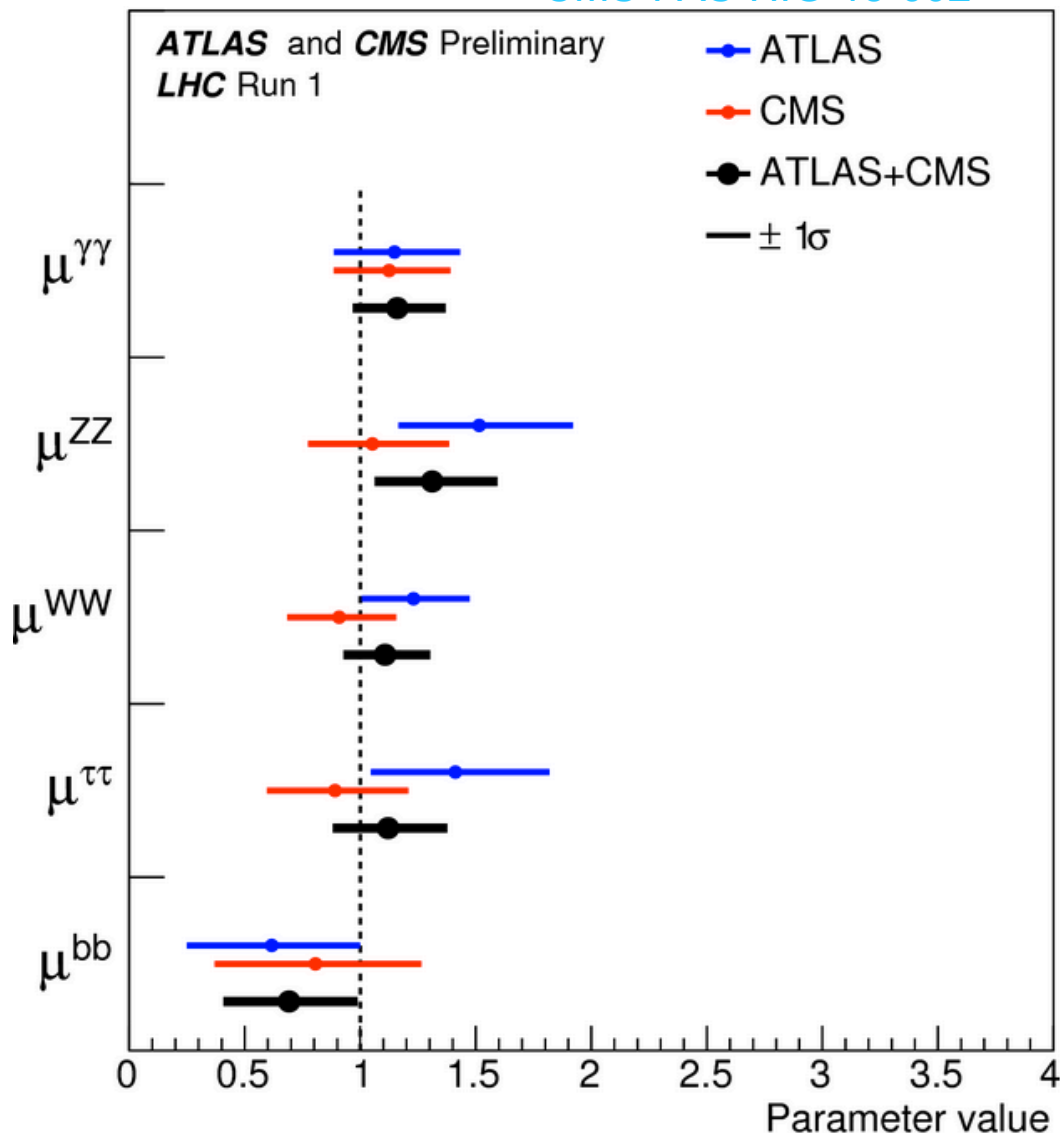
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Run I legacy on Higgs discovery

ATLAS-CONF-2015-044/
CMS-PAS-HIG-15-002



ATLAS & CMS combined mass:

PRL 114, 191803 (2015)

ATLAS & CMS combined couplings:

ATLAS-CONF-2015-044/CMS-PAS-HIG-15-002

ATLAS J^{CP} : **arXiv:1506.05669**

CMS J^{CP} : **Phys. Rev. D 92, 012004**

ATLAS $d\sigma/dx$: **arXiv:1508.02507**

CMS $d\sigma/dx$: **CMS-PAS-HIG-14-028**

$$m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24 \text{ GeV}$$
$$= 125.09 \pm 0.21 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (syst)} \text{ GeV}$$

- Looks very much like SM-Higgs boson.
So where will we find new physics?

Reasons for Beyond Standard Model (BSM) Higgs

- There is no theoretical reason to have only one Higgs boson.
 - It is an open question whether the observed Higgs is responsible for the generation of all fermion masses (arXiv: 1508.01501)
 - Many theories include extra Higgs boson(s), as SUSY, models with axions, baryogenesis, neutrino masses,...
- So far, no physics observed beyond the SM.
- Reasons to extend SM:
 - Hierarchy problem
 - Dark matter
 - ...

Strategies that use Higgs to find new physics

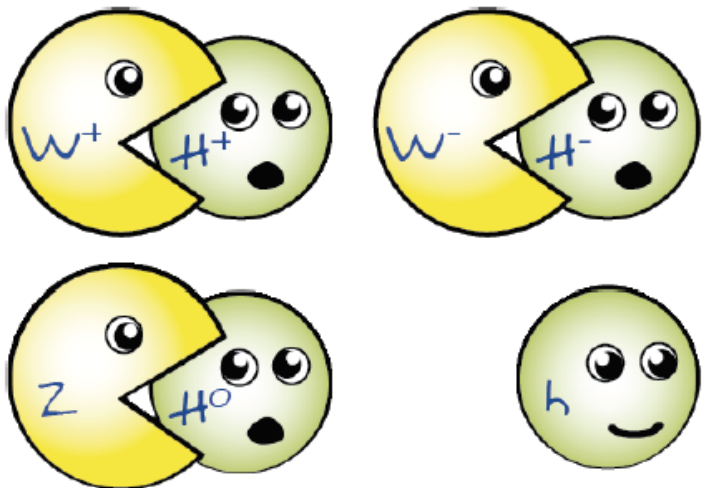
- Direct search for BSM Higgs boson
 - Most models include Two Higgs Double Model (2HDM) →
- Higgs boson → invisible and dark sector analyses
- Higgs decays not allowed in SM
- New physics in Higgs boson pair production
- Discrepancies in couplings
- Discrepancies in kinematics

SM Higgs field vs 2HDM

SM Higgs field: Complex scalar doublet

4 degrees of freedom of which:

- 3 provide longitudinal components of W^\pm , Z
- 1 CP-even Higgs boson (h)



2HDM Higgs field: Two complex scalar doublets

More degrees of freedom than SM. For Higgs sector:

- 2 CP-even Higgs bosons (h, H), one of which is the observed 125 GeV resonance
- 1 CP-odd pseudoscalar (A)
- Two charged Higgs bosons (H^\pm)

Contents

- MSSM and NMSSM.
- Physics analysis:

- MSSM Higgs searches

High $\tan\beta$ {
– $h/H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$
– $h/H/A \rightarrow bb$
– $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu/tb$

Low $\tan\beta$ {
– $A \rightarrow Zh$
– hh decays
– $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ$

- NMSSM motivated searches for a light Higgs:

– $a \rightarrow \mu\mu$
– $h \rightarrow aa$
– NMSSM inspired cascades

Common parameters of 2HDM

- Four Higgs masses (m_H, m_h, m_A, m_{H^\pm})
 - m_H or $m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$
- Ratio of the vacuum expectation values of the two doubles, $\tan\beta = v_2/v_1$.
- Mixing angle between H and h , α .

2HDM Type	Doublet coupled to up-type quarks	Doublet coupled to down-type quarks	Doublet coupled to leptons
Type I	Φ_2	Φ_2	Φ_2
Type II	Φ_2	Φ_1	Φ_1
Lepton-specific	Φ_2	Φ_2	Φ_1
Flipped	Φ_2	Φ_1	Φ_2

MSSM and NMSSM

- MSSM (Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model) is the simplest extension of SM with Type II 2HDM for Higgs sector.
- NMSSM (Next-to MSSM) is an extension of MSSM with an extra gauge singlet
 - Solves μ -problem (fine-tuning) of MSSM
 - Gain extra CP-even and CP-odd Higgs bosons

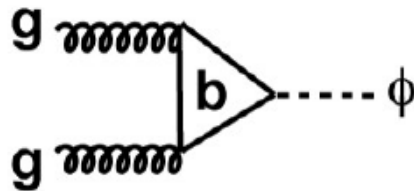
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MSSM Neutral Higgses at LHC

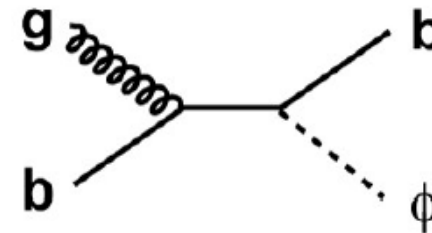
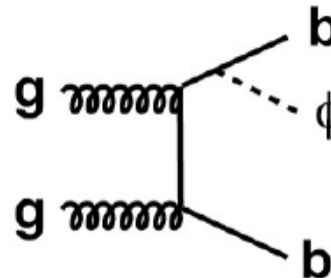
High $\tan\beta$

- Neutral Higgs production at the LHC

gluon-fusion



“b-associated” production

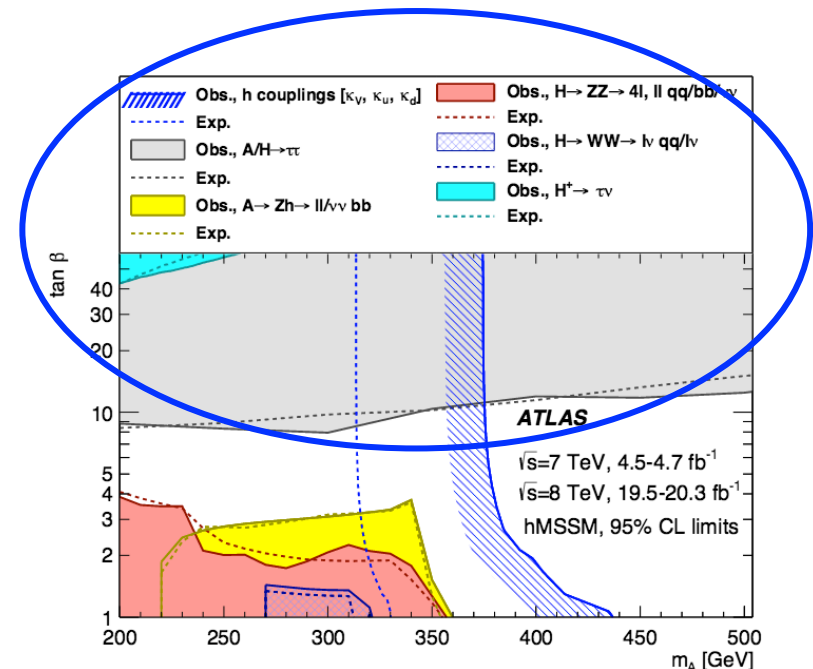


- Preferred decays at large $\tan\beta$:

$h/H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and bb

- $\text{BR}(h/H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau) \sim 10\%$ at high $\tan\beta$.
- “ $\tau\tau$ ” modes have usually better sensitivity

arXiv:1509.00672 (ATLAS)



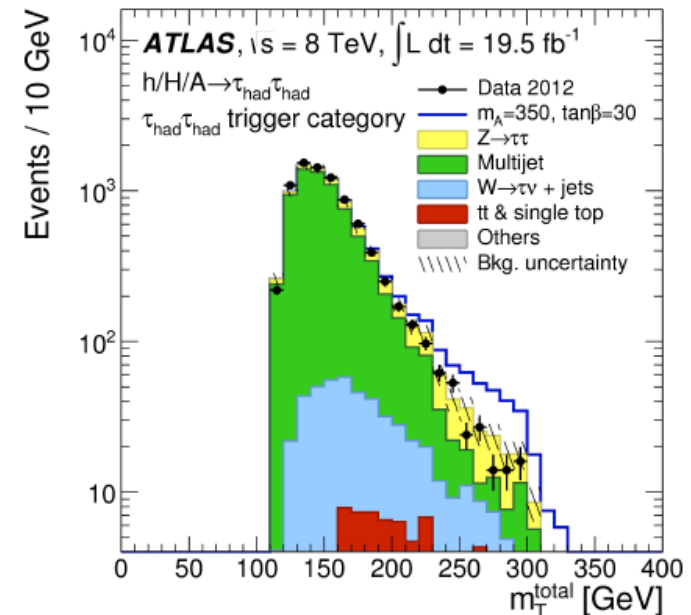
$h/H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$: arXiv:1409.6064 (ATLAS),
arXiv:1408.3316 (CMS), arXiv:1304.2591 (LHC-b)

$h/H/A \rightarrow bb$: arXiv:1302.2892 (CMS),
arXiv:1506.08329 (CMS)

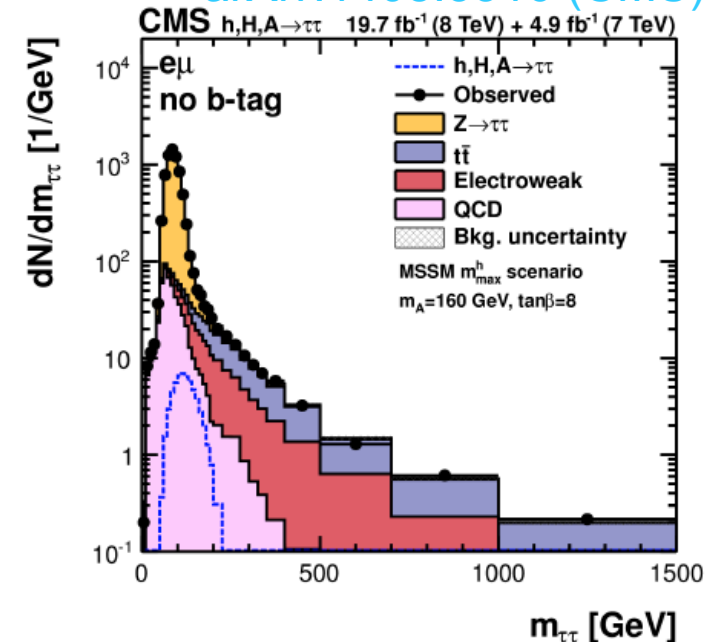
Searches for $h/H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- Categorization based on the following event properties
 - $\tau\tau$ pair decay: $\tau(e)\tau(\mu)$, $\tau(\text{lep})\tau(\text{had})$, $\tau(\text{had})\tau(\text{had})$
 - “b-tag” and “b-veto” to take advantage of the b-associated production
- Most important backgrounds
 - All channels:
 - $Z/\gamma^* + \text{jets}$ (estimated with embedding)
 - multi-jet production (estimated from data)
 - top background (estimated from simulation)
 - $\tau(\text{lep})\tau(\text{had}) + \tau(\text{had})\tau(\text{had})$ only:
 - $W + \text{jets}$ (estimated from simulation)
 - Dibosons (estimated from simulation)

arXiv:1409.6064 (ATLAS)

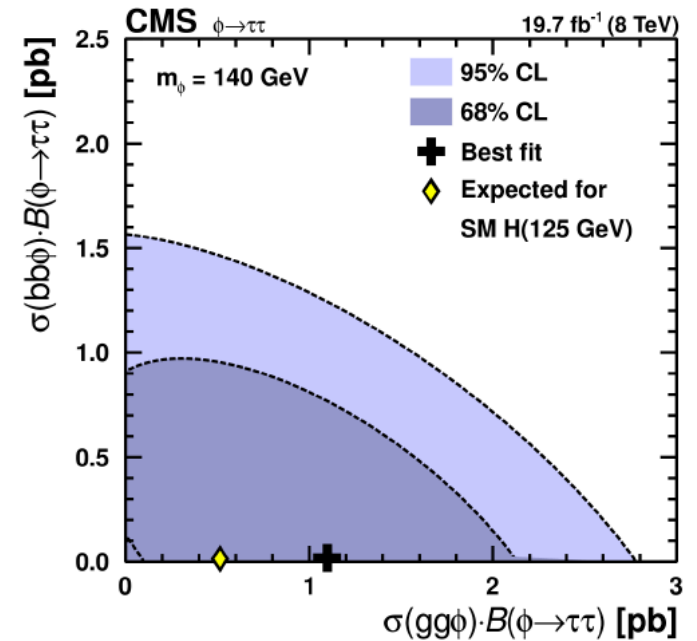
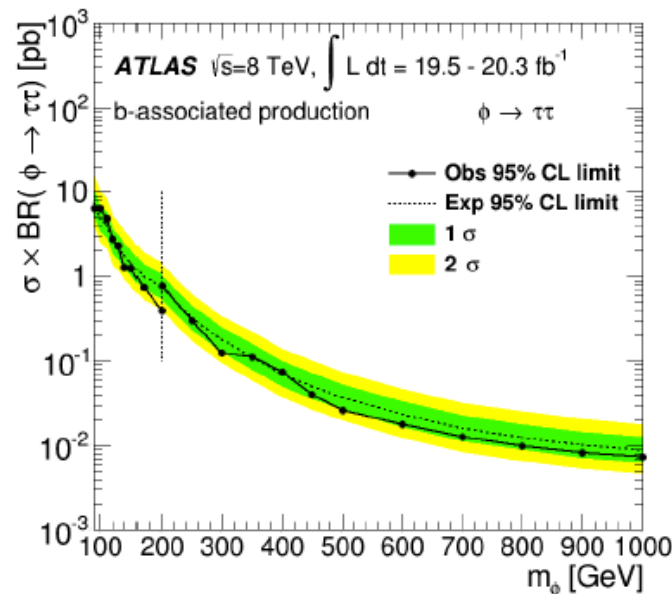
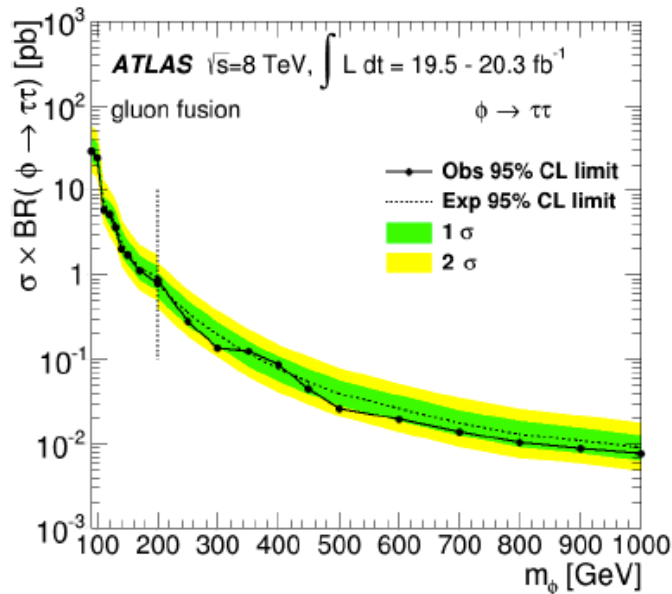


arXiv:1408.3316 (CMS)



Searches for $h/H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- Cross section limits

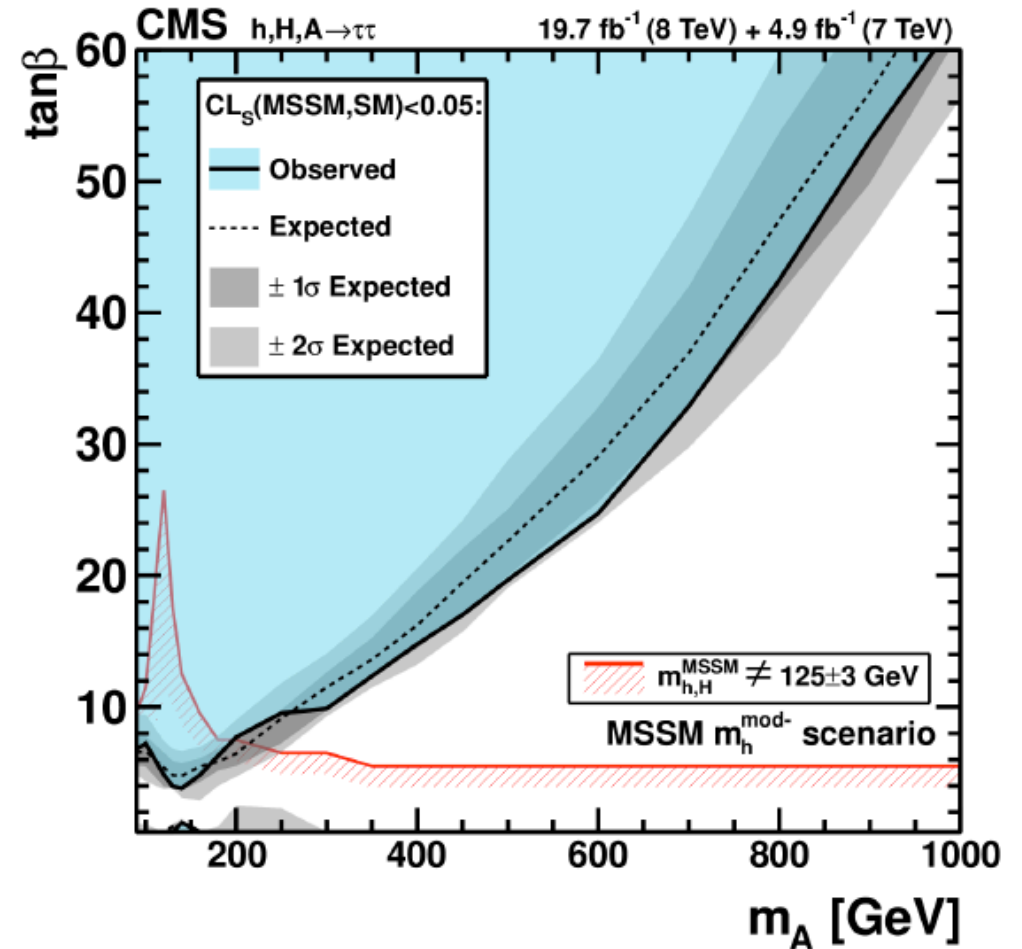
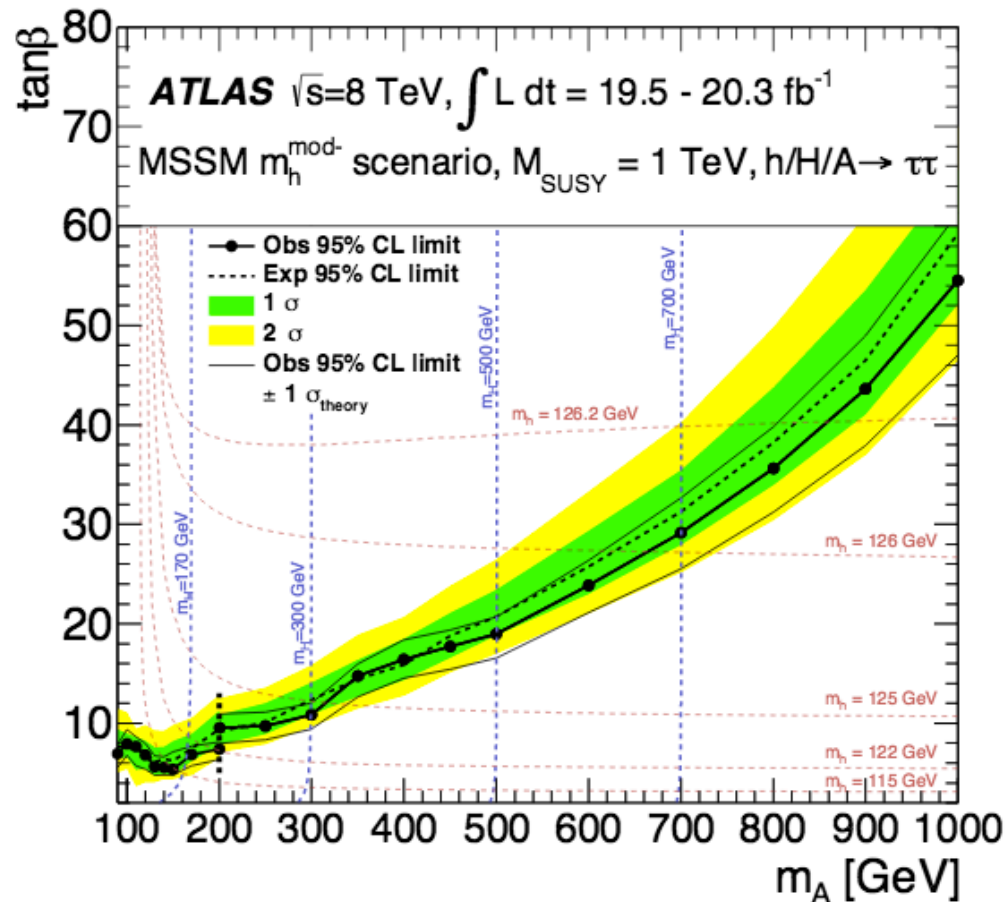


– “Traditional” cross section limits for a single scalar produced either via gluon-fusion or b-associated production from ATLAS

– 2D limit for a scalar particle that is produced by both gluon-fusion and b-associated production for a very fine grid of mass points from CMS

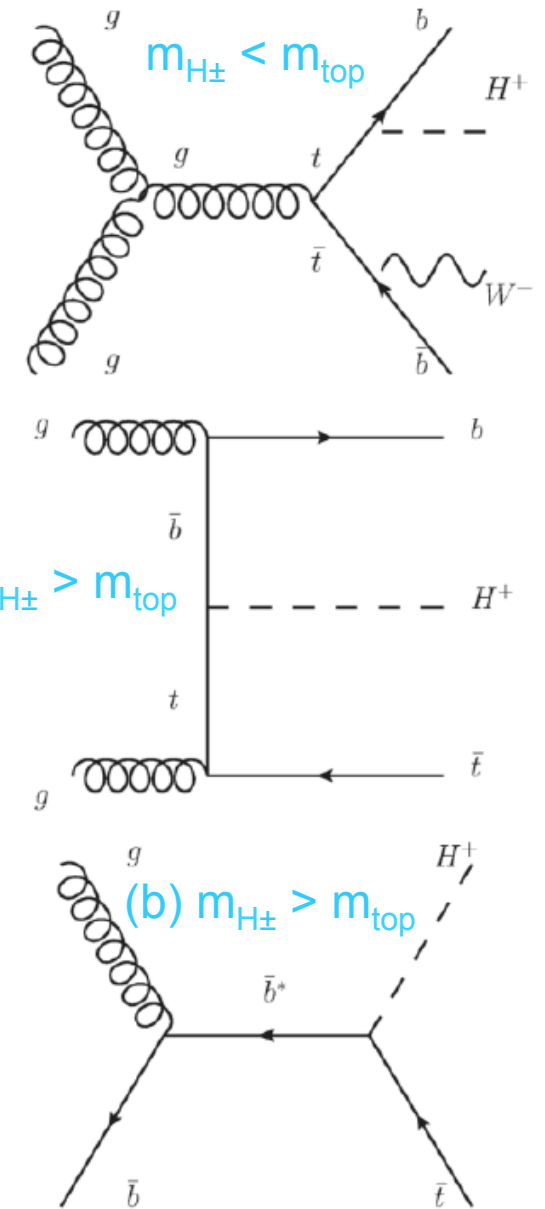
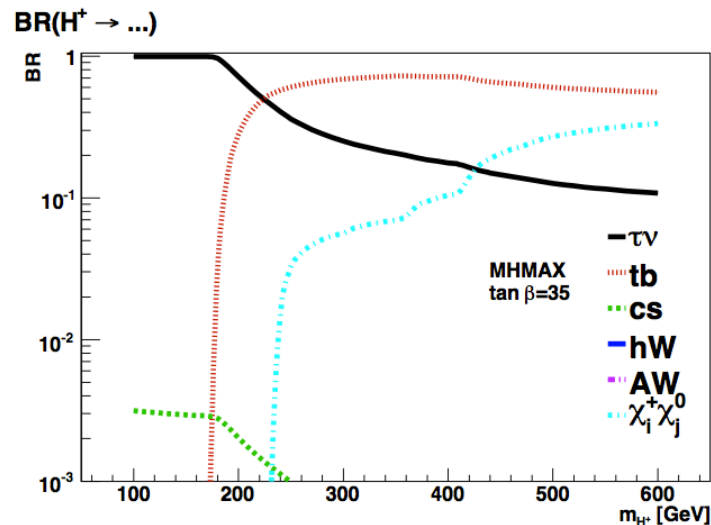
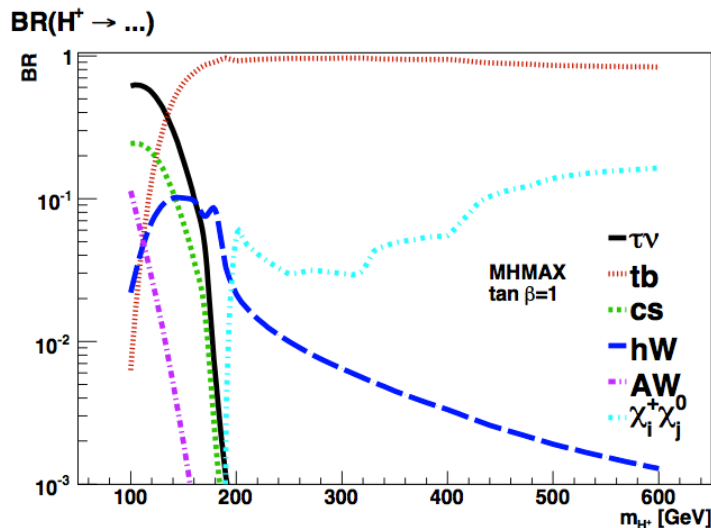
Searches for $h/H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- Interpretation of the search in the $m_h^{\text{mod-}}$ benchmark scenario



ATLAS and CMS search for H^\pm

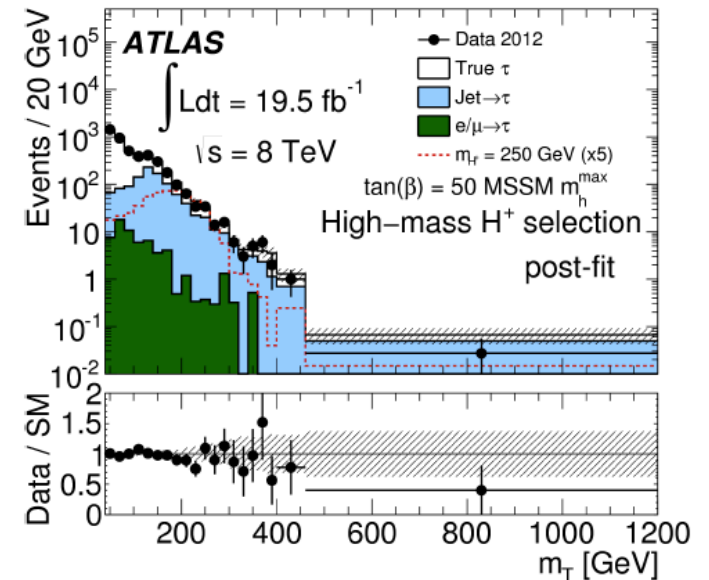
- 2HDM/MSSM (NMSSM) predict the existence of H^\pm
- The $BR(H^\pm)$ is presented for m_h^{\max} model of the MSSM
- $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau \nu$ is relevant in a large parameter range, specially for low m_{H^\pm} (below m_{top})
- For m_{H^\pm} above m_{top} $H^\pm \rightarrow tb$ is the predominant decay
- $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm Z$ also searched in the context of Higgs triplet model (not MSSM) [arXiv: 1503.04233](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.04233) (ATLAS)



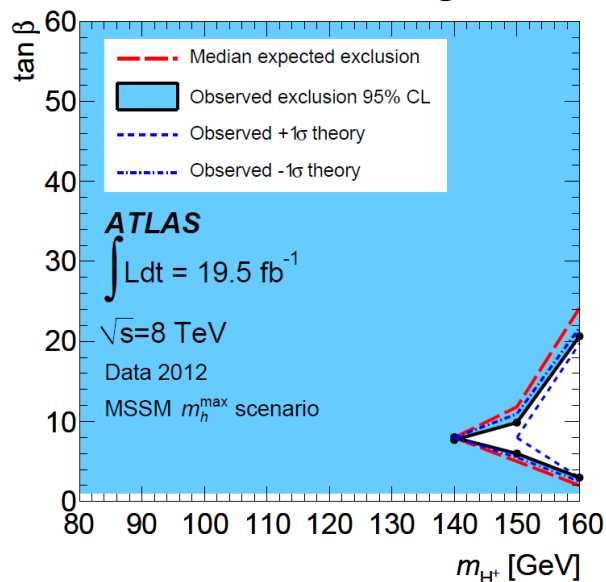
Search for $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau \nu$

- Similar strategies in both ATLAS and CMS at the search for a light and heavy $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau \nu$
- In the ATLAS search:
 - “tau+jets” channel: one hadronic tau decay and jets from the full hadronic top decays
 - tau+Missing E_T trigger: very involved
 - High and low mass categories are separated
- Example from the final discriminating distribution from the high mass category

arXiv:1412.6663 (ATLAS)



$$m_T = \sqrt{2p_T(\tau) E_T^{\text{miss}} (1 - \cos \Delta \phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \tau))}$$

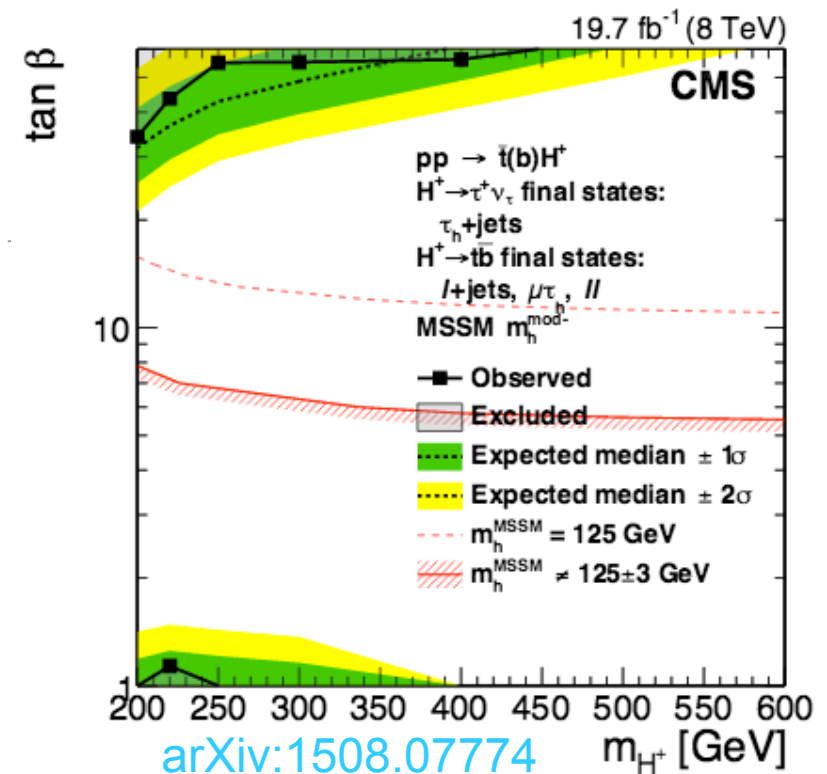
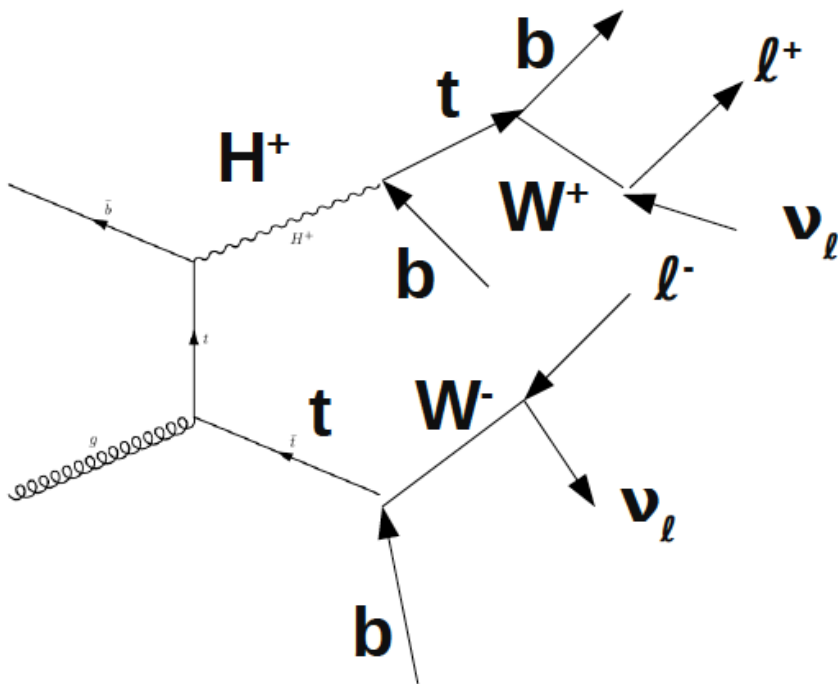


95% CL exclusion limits on $\tan \beta$ as a function of m_{H^\pm} in the context of m_h^{max} benchmark scenario of the MSSM, for $m_{H^\pm} < m_{\text{top}}$ search.

For CMS: arXiv:1508.07774

Search for $H^\pm \rightarrow tb$

- Most predominant decay at high mass.
- First results from LHC already available.



- Recent paper from CMS combining searches in $\tau\nu$ and tb channels: [arXiv:1508.07774](https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.07774) (CMS)

Remaining parameter space in the MSSM

Low $\tan\beta$

- The low $\tan\beta$ regime in the MSSM has a very rich decay spectrum of MSSM Higgs bosons
 - However, the discovery of a light CP-even Higgs boson at 125 GeV has imposed very strong constraints: SUSY scale should be very high.
 - Examples:

arXiv:1509.00672 (ATLAS)

- $A \rightarrow Zh$:

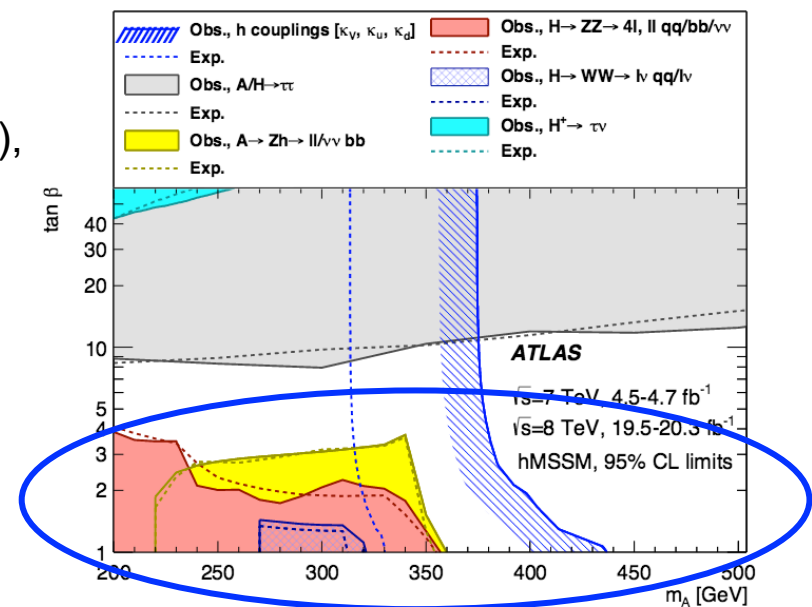
- Phys. Lett. B 744 (2015) 163-183 (ATLAS),
arXiv:1504.04710 (CMS)

- hh decays:

- arXiv:1509.04670 (ATLAS),
CMS-PAS-HIG-13-032

- $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ$:

- arXiv:1504.00936 (CMS),
arXiv:1507.05930 (ATLAS),
arXiv: 1509.00389 (ATLAS)

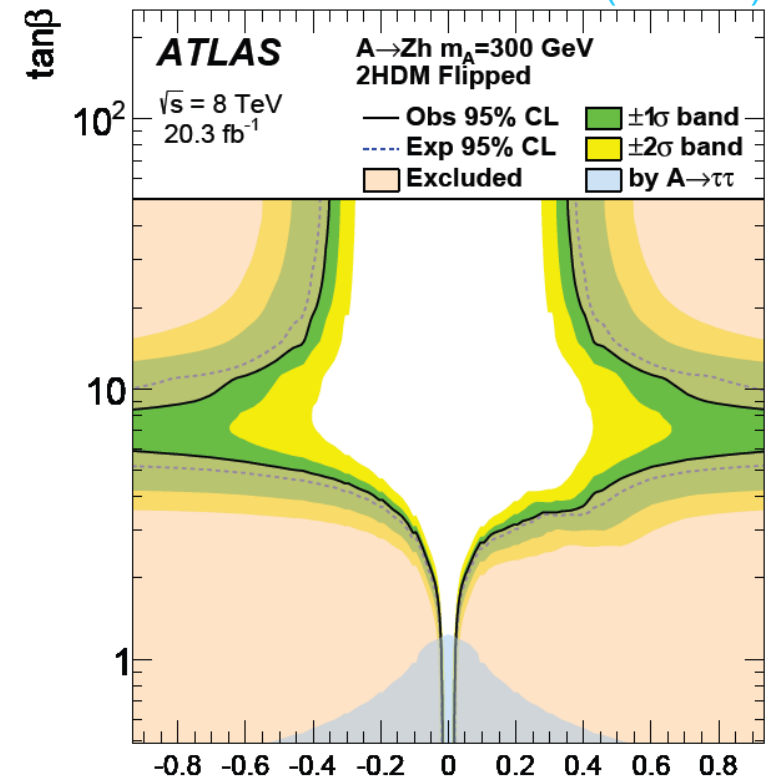


$A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow l\tau/lbb/\nu\nu bb$ in ATLAS and CMS

Phys. Lett. B 744 (2015),
163-188, arXiv:1504.04710,
arXiv:1510.01181

Phys. Lett. B 744 (2015),
163-188 (ATLAS)

- Look for decays of new, heavy Higgs bosons to 125 GeV Higgs + Z boson
- Take advantage of $Z \rightarrow ll$ / $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ decays
- Use highest branching ratio of Higgs boson decays ($bb\bar{b}/\tau\tau$).
- Typically use knowledge of masses of Z/h to select events, constrain the system and improve 4-object mass resolution.

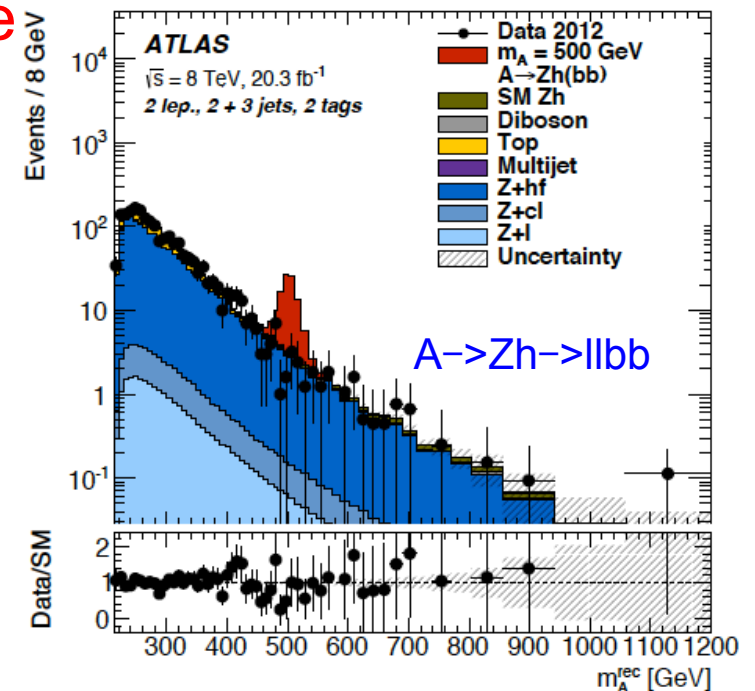
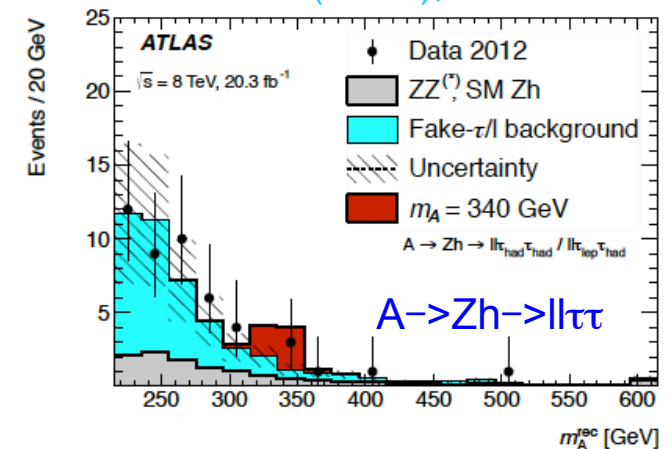


This type of search constrains parameter region in $(\tan\beta, \cos(\beta-\alpha))$ plane. The figure shows the 95% CL allowed region of parameter space for type II 2HDMs from ATLAS Run 1 measurements.

ATLAS search for $A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow ll\tau\tau/llbb/\nu\nu bb$

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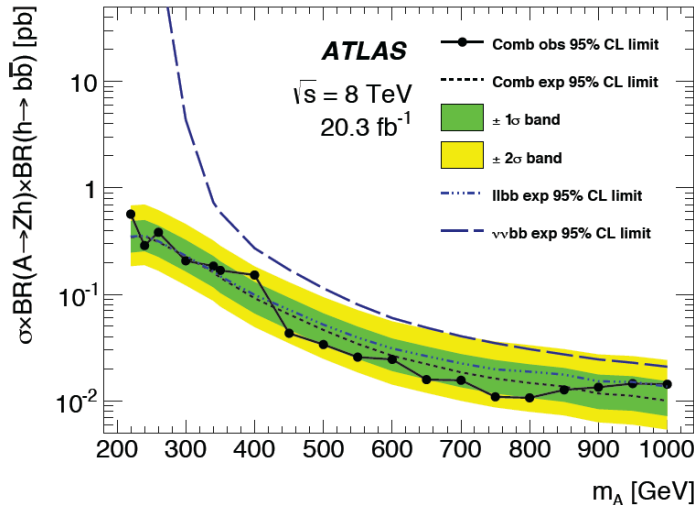
- $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $Z \rightarrow ll$
 - Categorized based on τ decays
 - Shape of hadronic tau fakes from SS events plus taus failing ID criteria. Normalization from sidebands.
- $h \rightarrow bb$, $Z \rightarrow ll$ and $\nu\nu$
 - For $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ use track MET and transverse mass.
 - Multijet backgrounds:
 - $\mu\mu bb$ negligible
 - $eebb$ estimated by fitting mll to templates with inverted isolation
 - $\nu\nu bb$ estimated by inverting cuts on track versus calo MET.
 - V+HF constrained with V+0/1 btag versus number of jets.



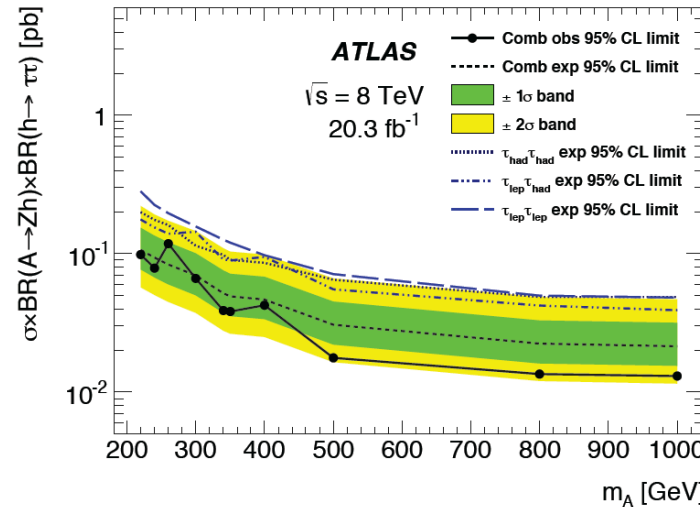
ATLAS search for $A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow l\tau\tau/lbb/\nu\nu bb$

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- Constraints for a gluon-fusion and b-associated produced heavy CP-odd Higgs boson A
- No evidence for new physics

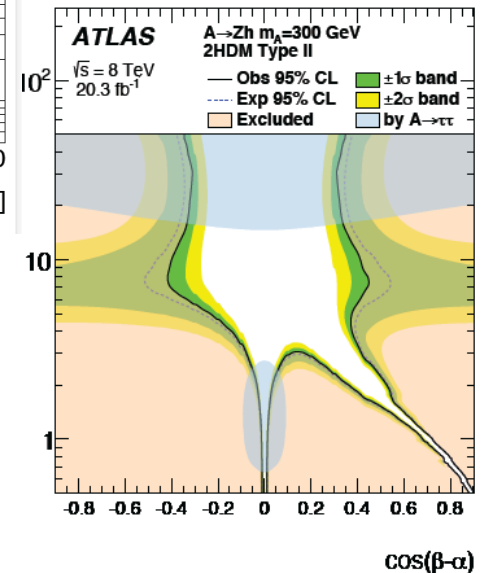
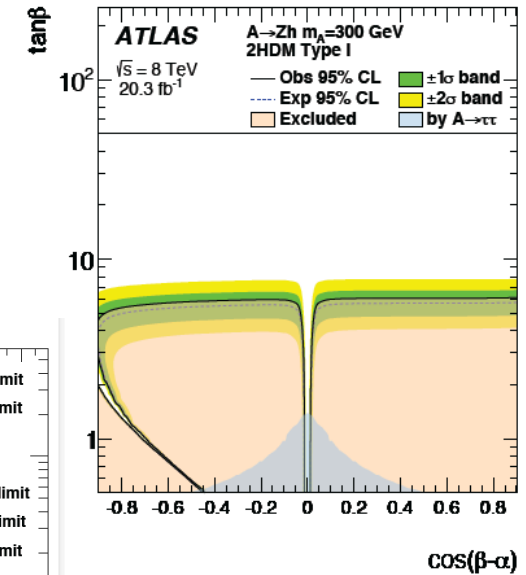


$A \rightarrow Zh, h \rightarrow bb$



$A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow l\tau\tau$

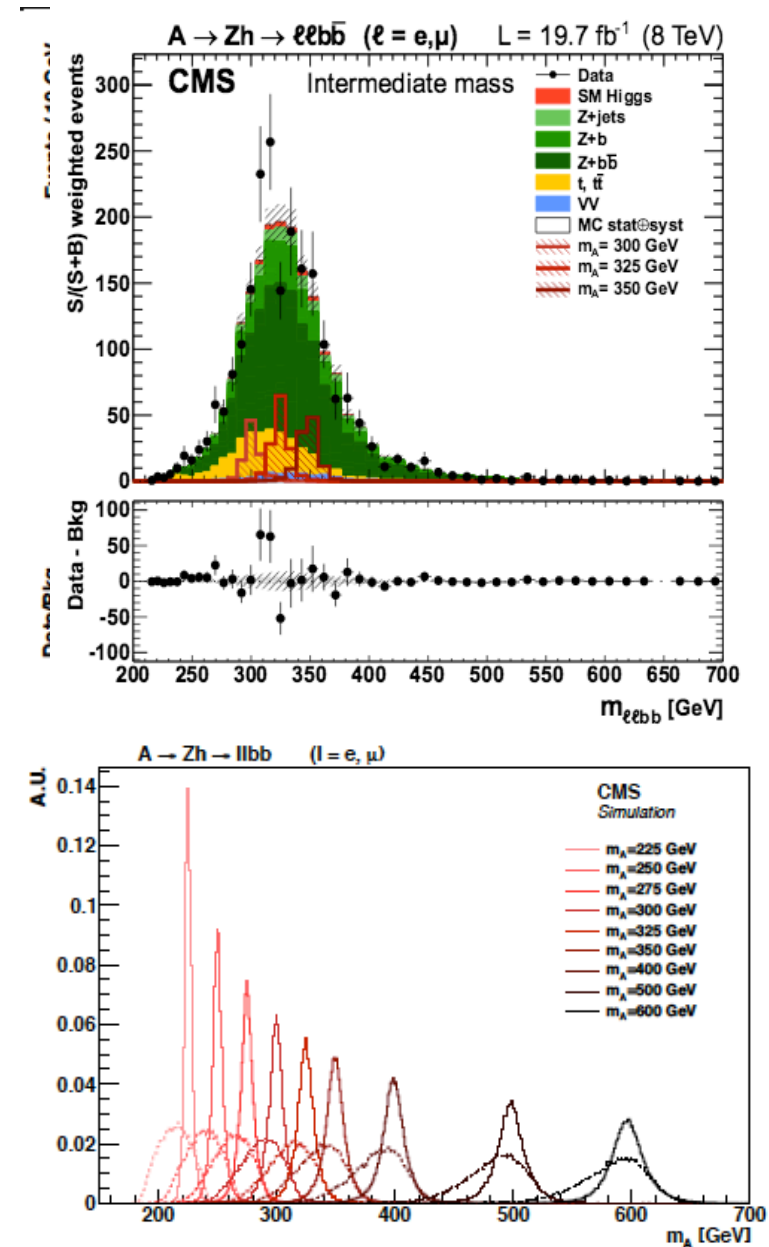
Cross-section times BR limits use gluon-fusion only, while plots on the right also use b-associated production.



CMS search for $A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow \ell\ell b\bar{b}$

- Use loose and tight b-tagging
- Study 0/1/2 btag regions but $m_{b\bar{b}}$ far from m_h
- Kinematic fit to improve mass resolution
- Multivariate BDT trained separately for different m_A values
- Results from fit to 2D distributions of BDT and $m_{\ell\ell b\bar{b}}$

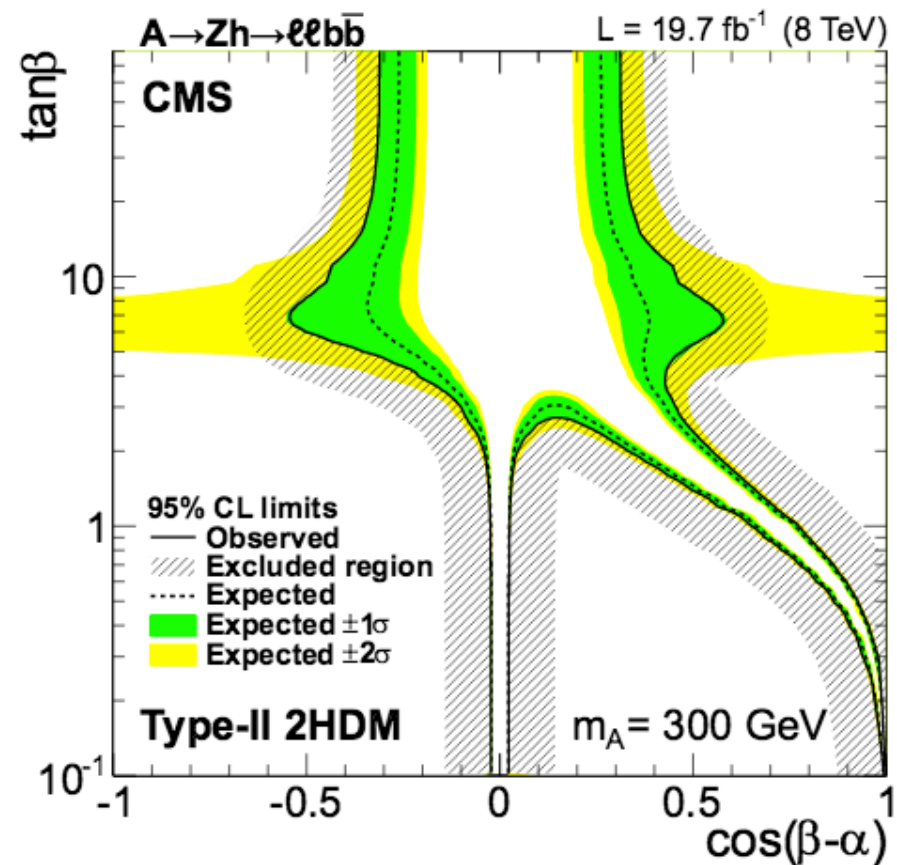
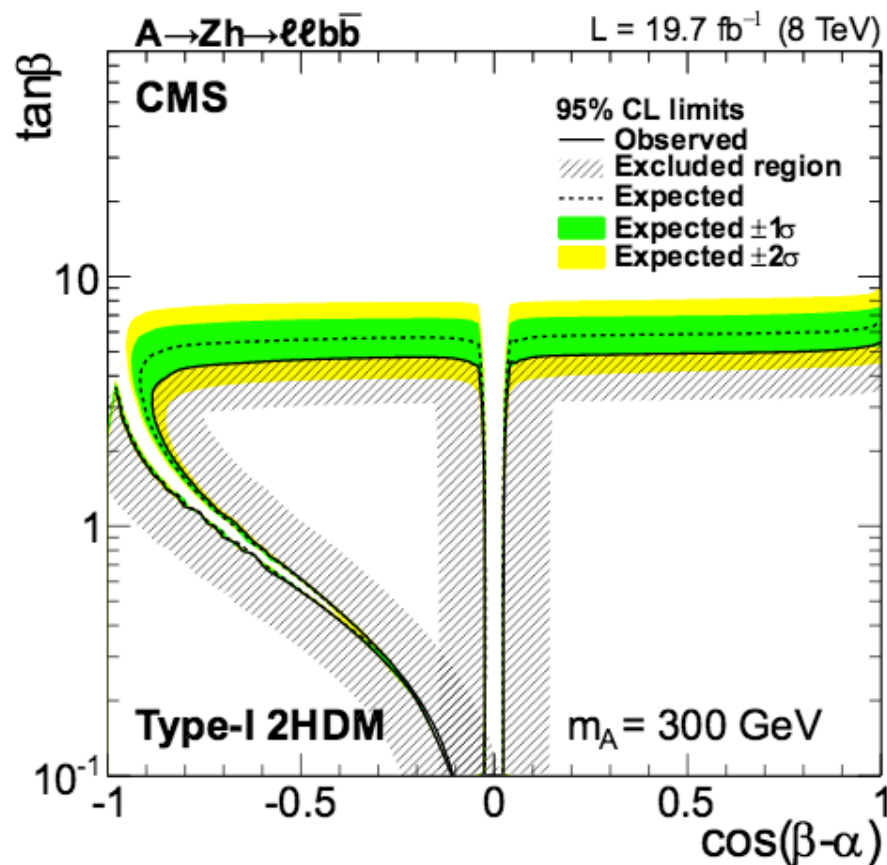
arXiv:1504.04710 (CMS)



CMS search for $A \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow \ell\ell b\bar{b}$

arXiv:1504.04710

- BDT adding significant additional information:
 - Using 1D fit only worsens limits by 10-20%

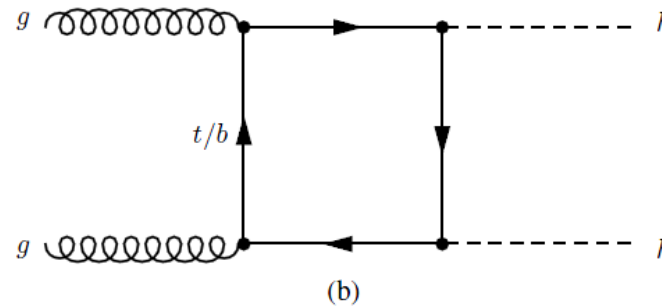
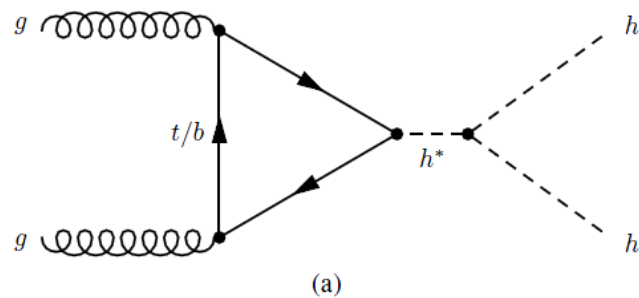


Search for $hh \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma/bbbb/bb\tau\tau/WW\gamma\gamma$

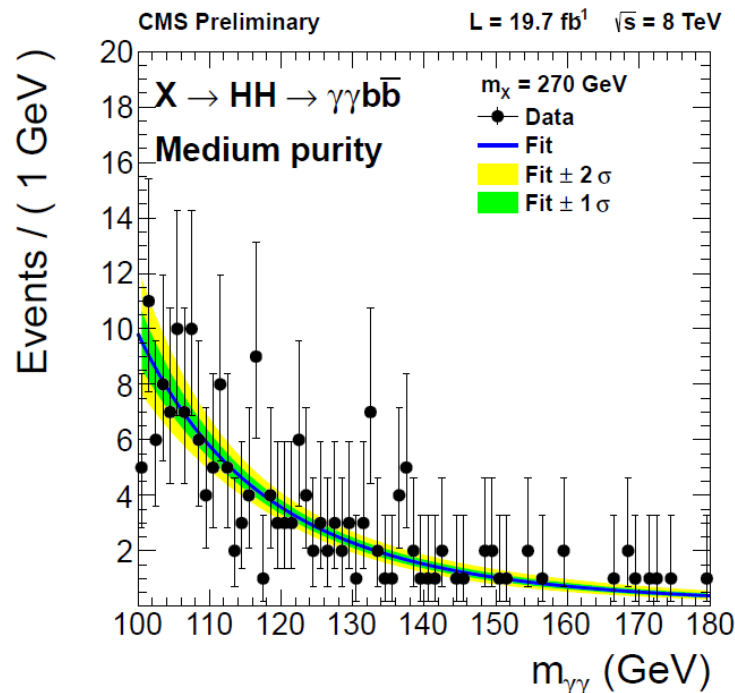
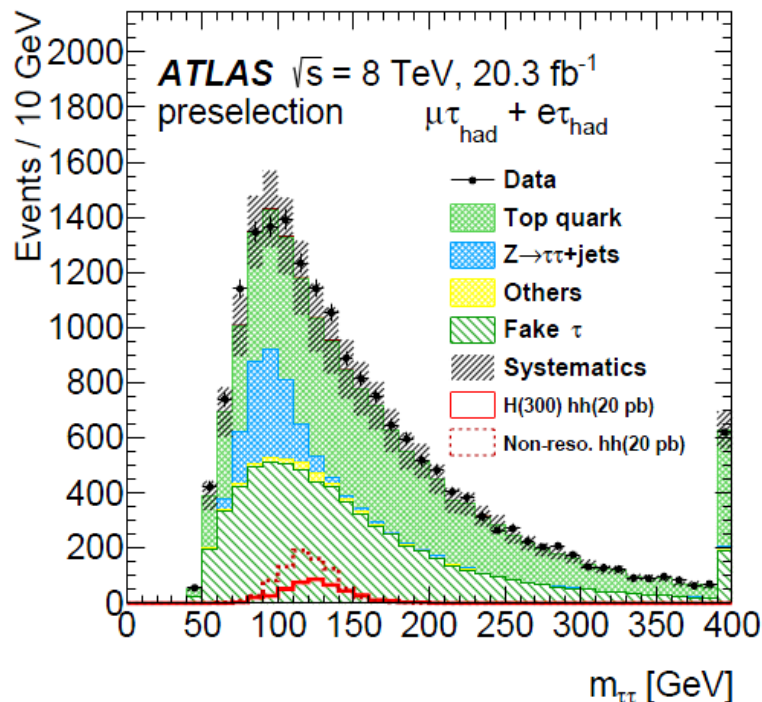
arXiv:1509.04670 (ATLAS),
CMS-PAS-HIG-13-032

- Search for both resonant and nonresonant Higgs boson pair production

New

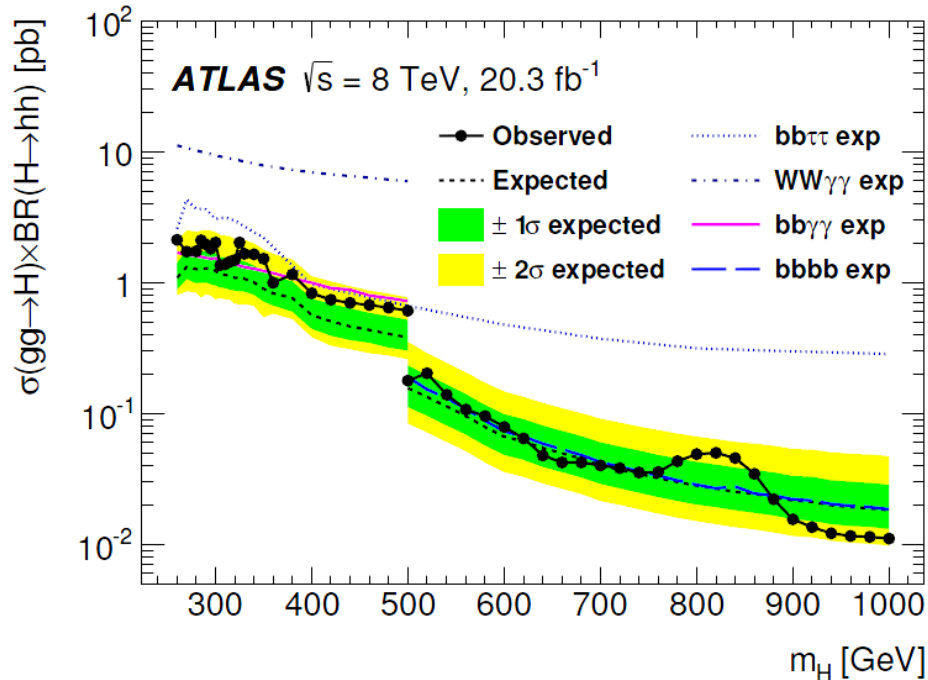


$hh \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$ channel

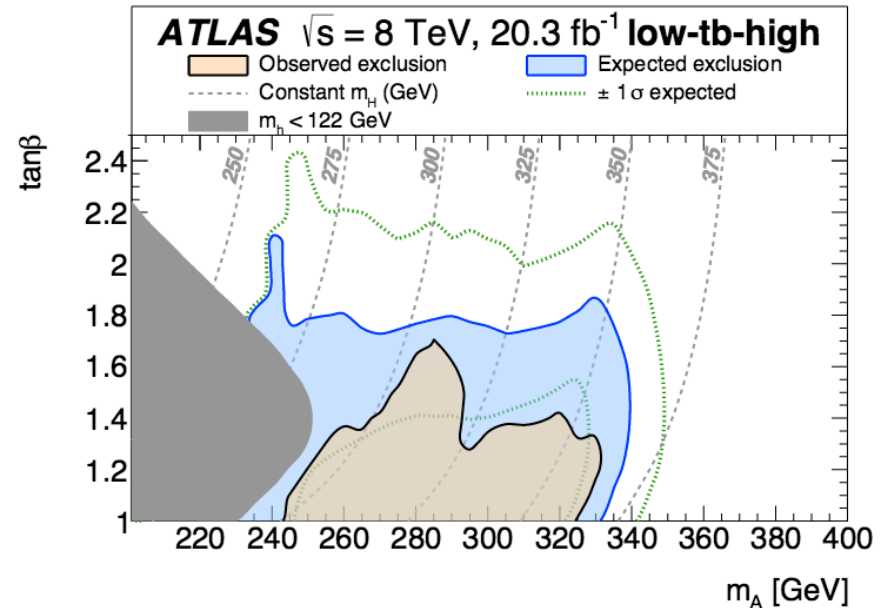


Nonresonant background fits in $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ for one of the categories (medium purity) for the resonance mass hypothesis of 270 GeV.

Search for $hh \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma/bbbb/bb\tau\tau/WW\gamma\gamma$



Results combining all channels. The improvement above 500 GeV is due to the sensitivity of the $hh \rightarrow bbbb$ channel.



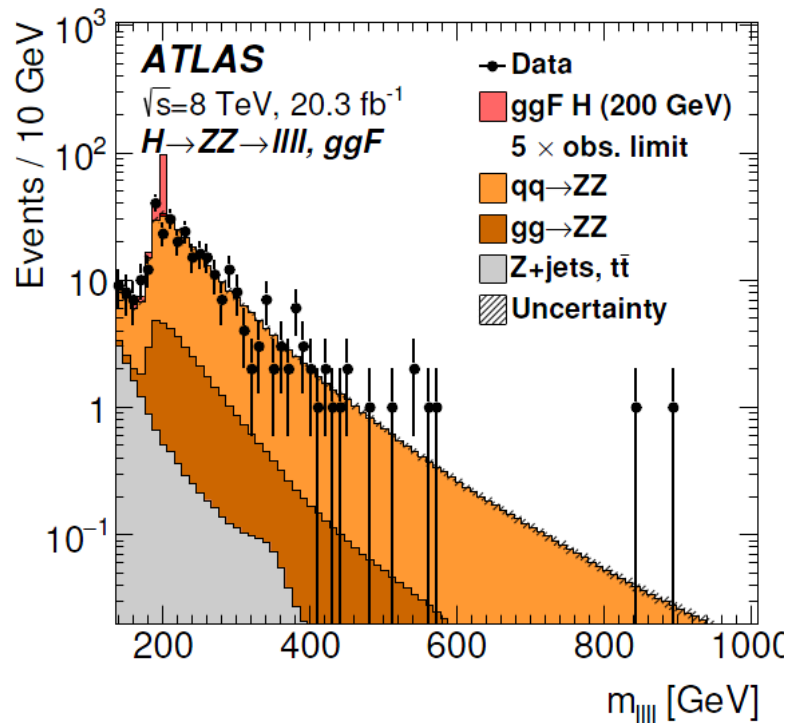
Observed and expected 95% CL exclusion regions in $(\tan\beta, m_A)$ plane for the low- $\tan\beta$ -high $MSSM$ scenario. The observed exclusion region in this plane is smaller than the expectation, reflecting a small excess observed in data.

Search for $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ$

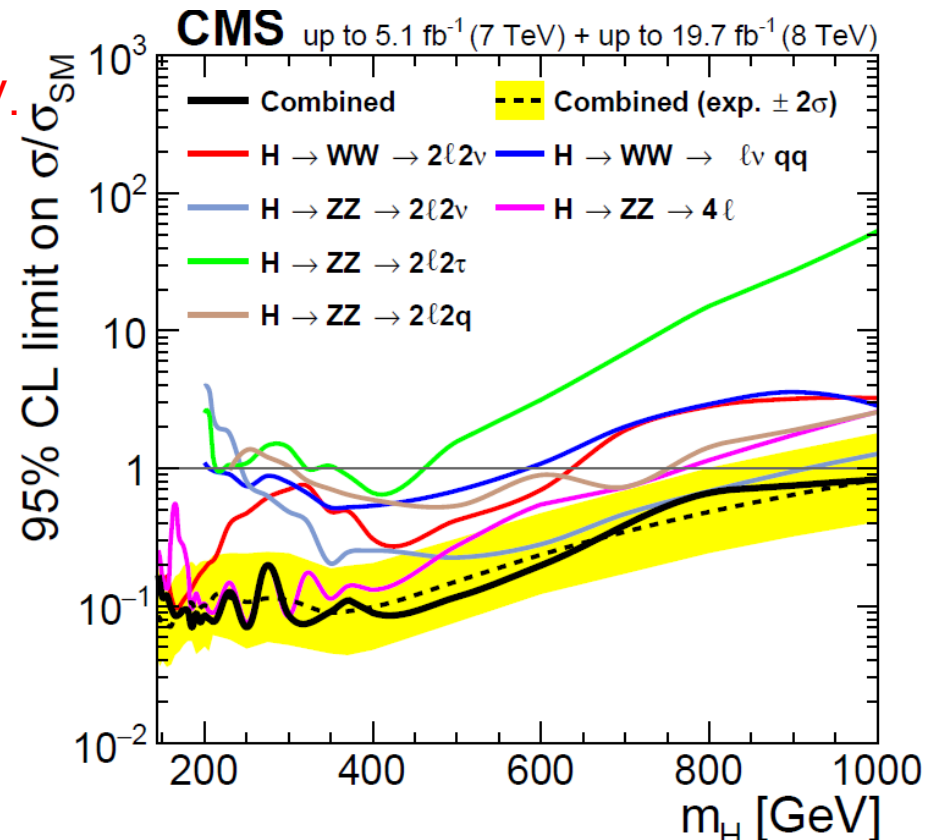
New \rightarrow [arXiv:1507.05930](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.05930) (ATLAS),
[arXiv:1504.00936](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.00936) (CMS)

- In this search the Higgs is either produced by gluon fusion, VBF or VH processes

– Mass range from 140-400 GeV up to 1 TeV.



Distribution used in a likelihood fit of the four-lepton invariant mass (m_{4l}) for $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ search in the gluon-fusion production mode. No events are observed beyond the upper limit of the plot.



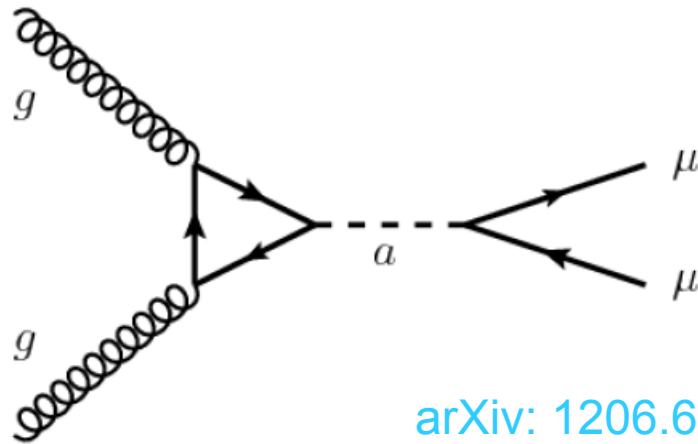
Upper limits at 95% CL for each of the contributing final states and their combination. The theoretical cross section, σ_{SM} , is computed in [arXiv:1307.1347](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.1347).

Next-to-MSSM (NMSSM)

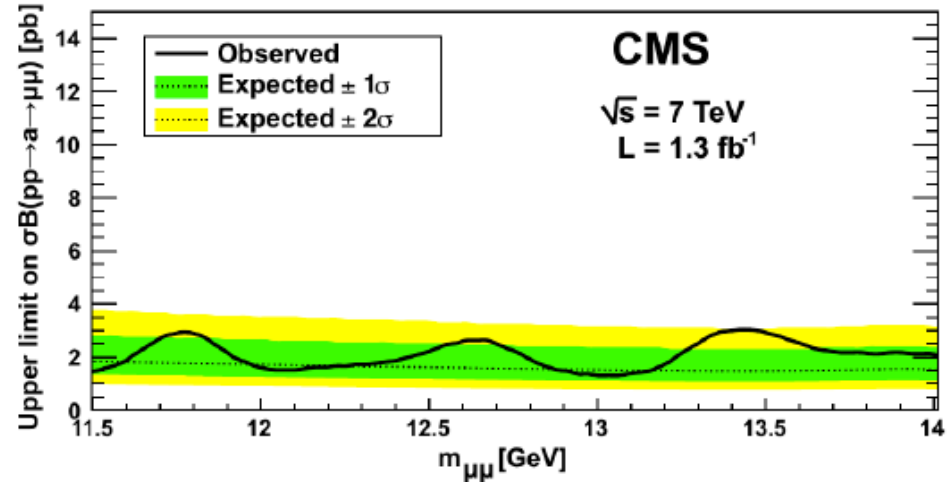
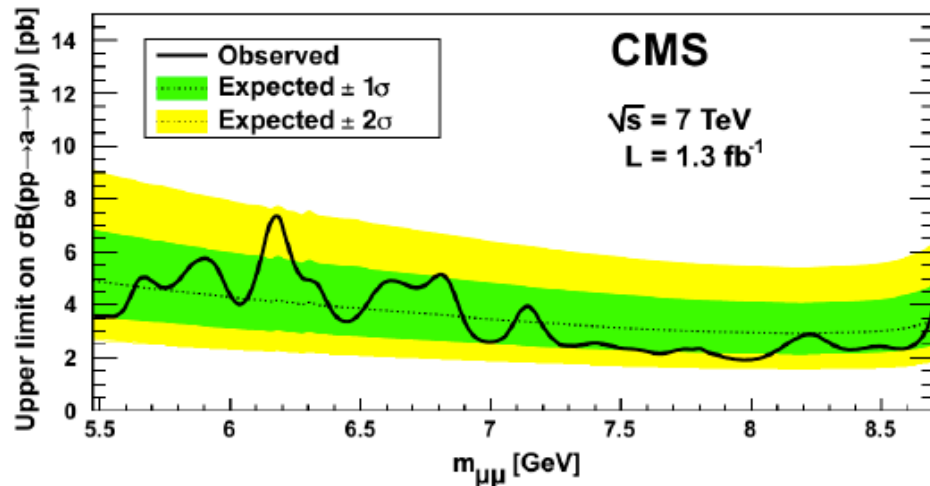
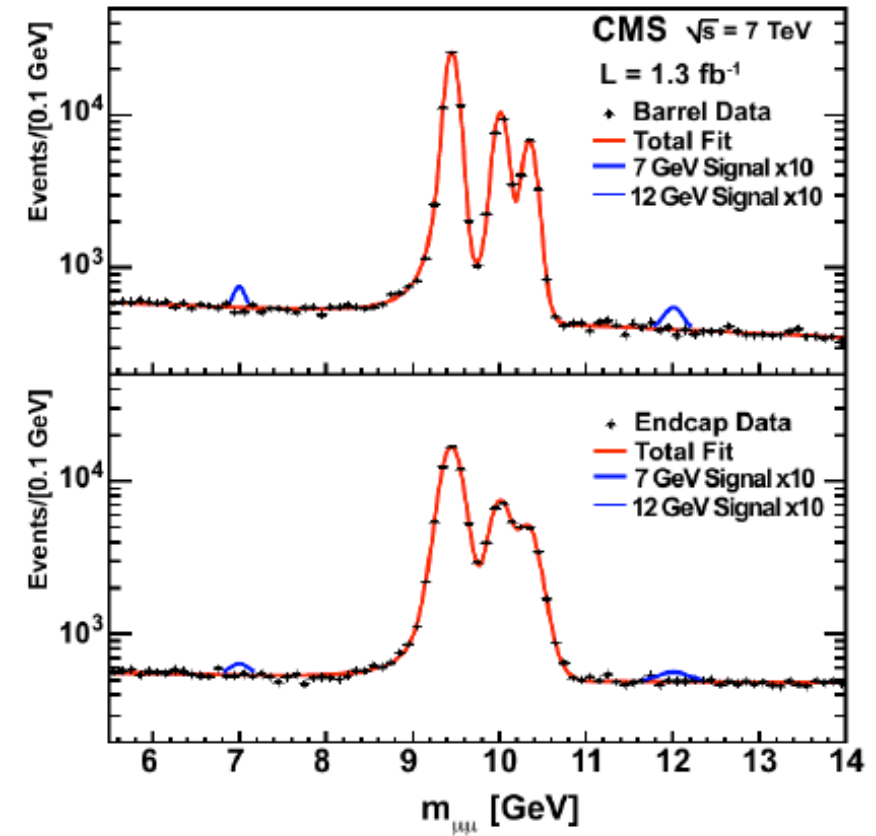
- NMSSM: next to minimal supersymmetric Standard Model
 - Addition of a singlet in the Higgs sector
 - 2 more Higgses and one more neutralino with respect to MSSM; more freedom with respect to the MSSM
 - Higgs sector not necessarily CP conserving at lowest order (although usually CP-conservation is assumed)
 - Tree level MSSM relation “ $m_h < m_Z$ ” is not valid any more
 - Typical signatures involve a light CP-odd Higgs
 - $a \rightarrow \mu\mu$ [arXiv: 1206.6326 \(CMS\)](#)
 - $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau / \mu\mu\mu\mu$ [arXiv:1506.00424 \(CMS\)](#), [1505.01609 \(ATLAS\)](#)
 - $h_1 \rightarrow bb$ in cascades [CMS-PAS-HIG-14-030](#)
 - ...

Search for $a \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- Search for a gluon-fusion produced, light CP-odd Higgs boson decaying to $\mu\mu$

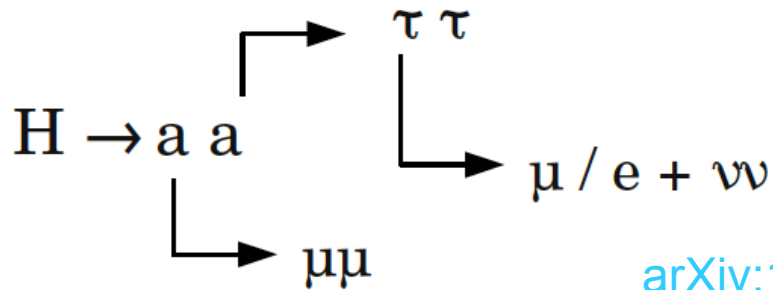


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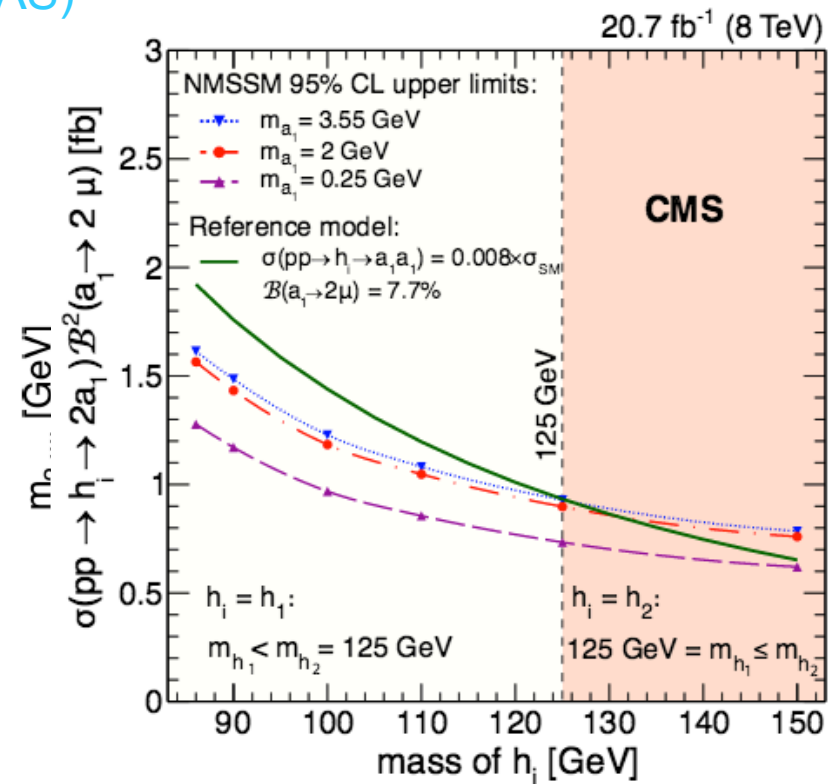
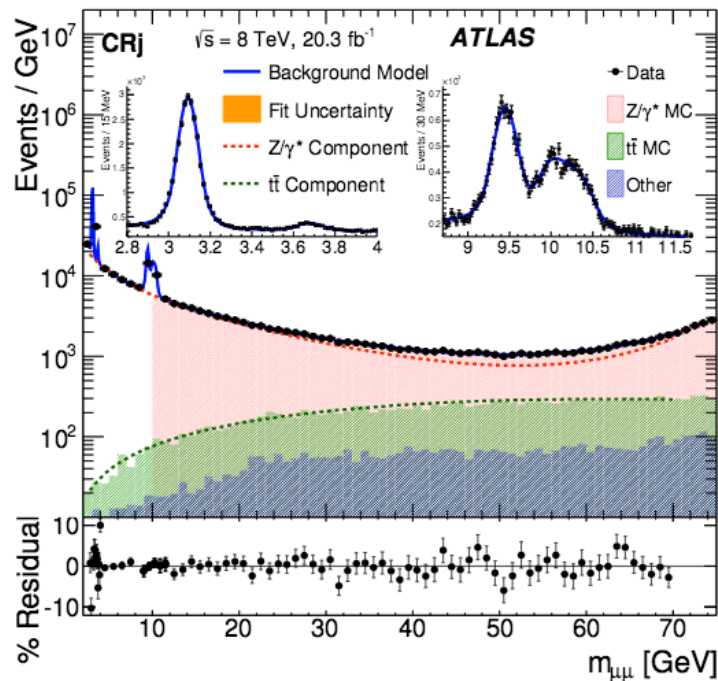
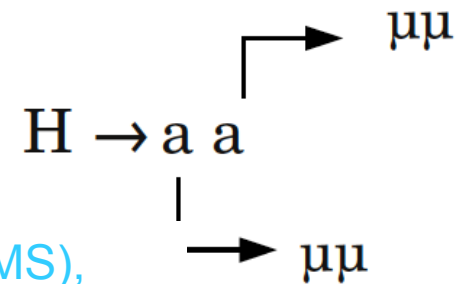


Search for $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\tau / \mu\mu\mu\mu$

- Search for this decay in multi-lepton events, with several resonances involved



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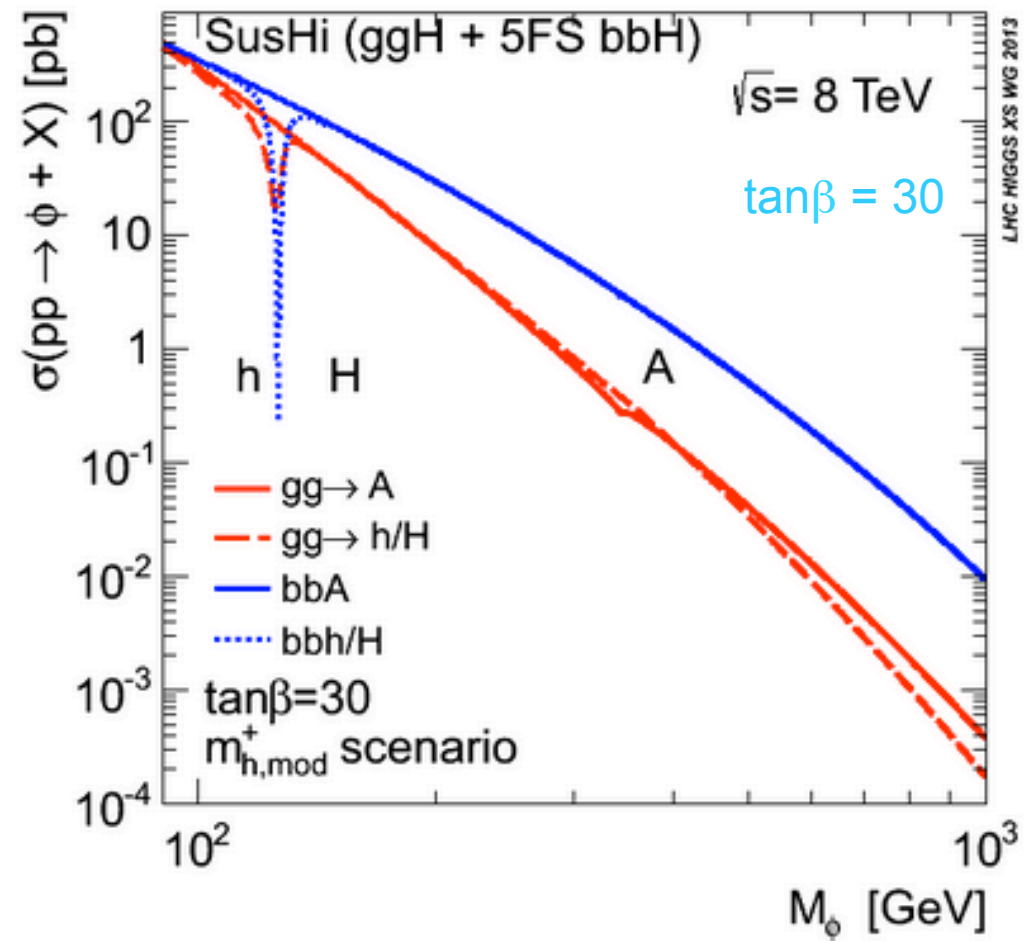
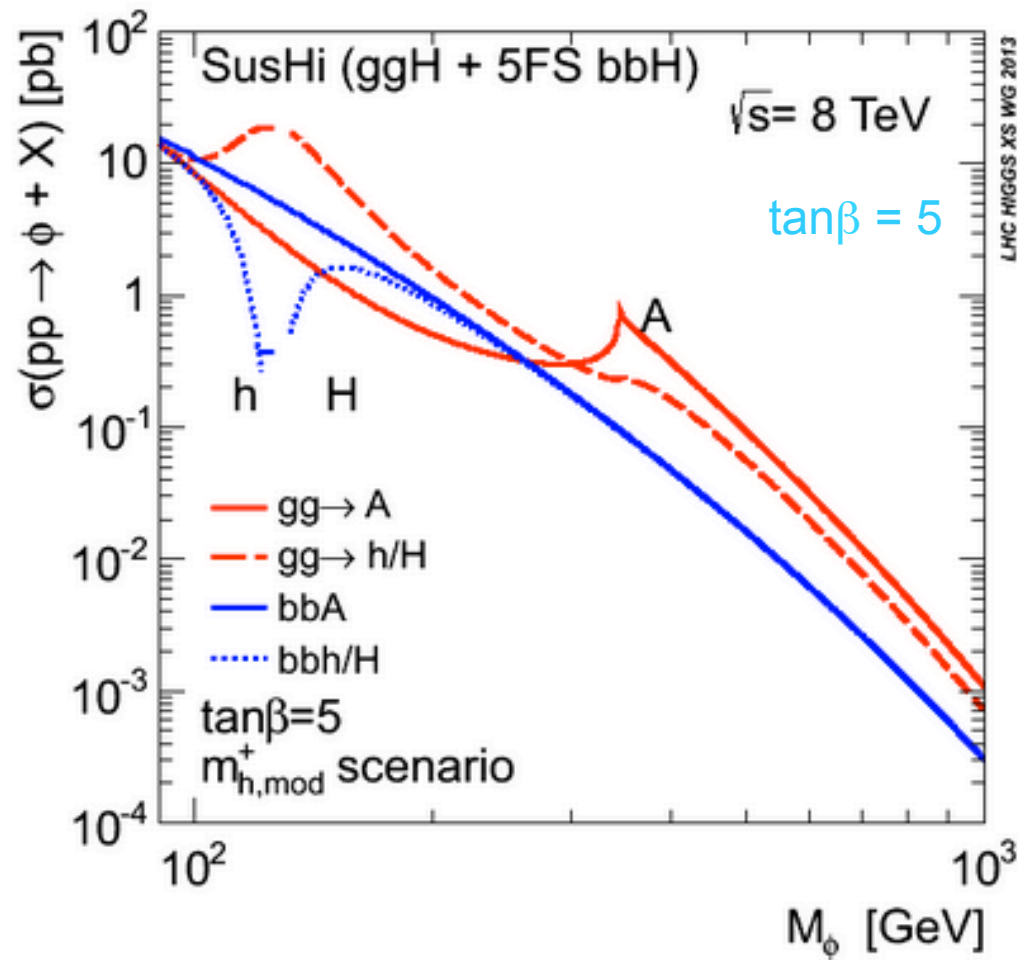


Conclusions

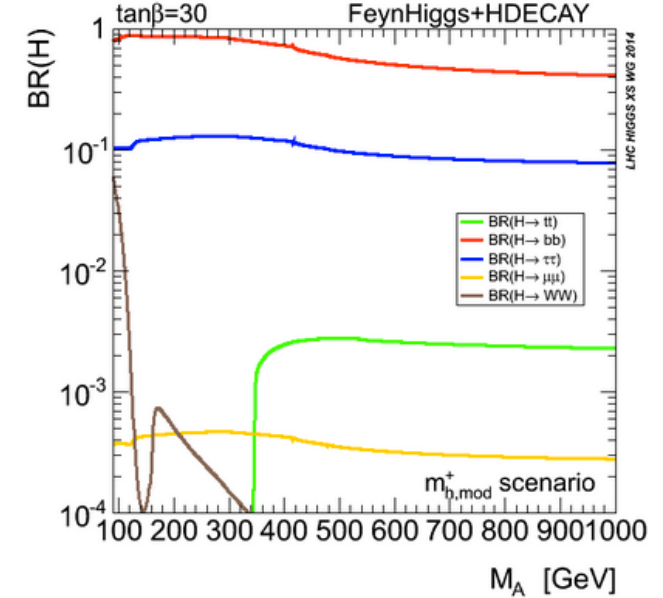
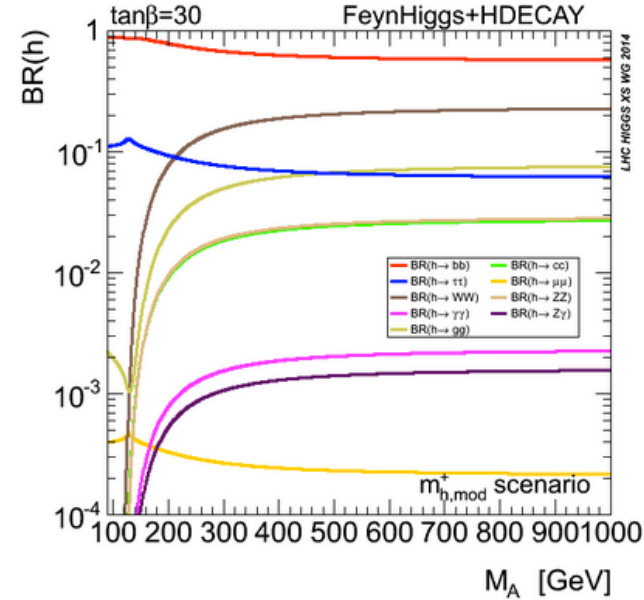
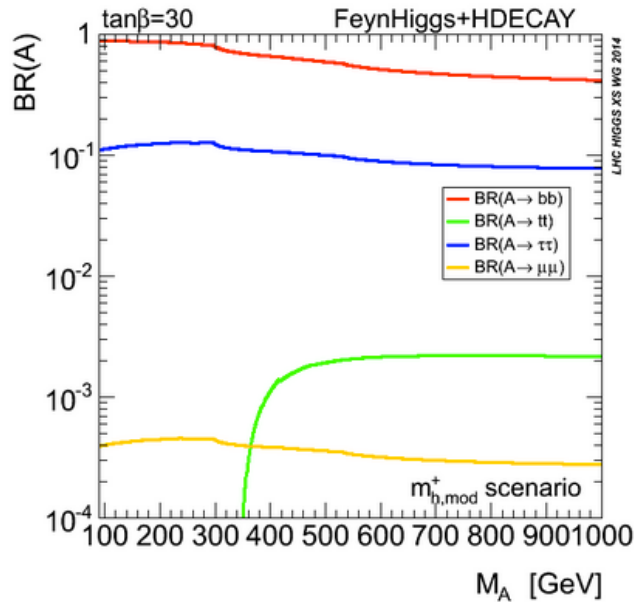
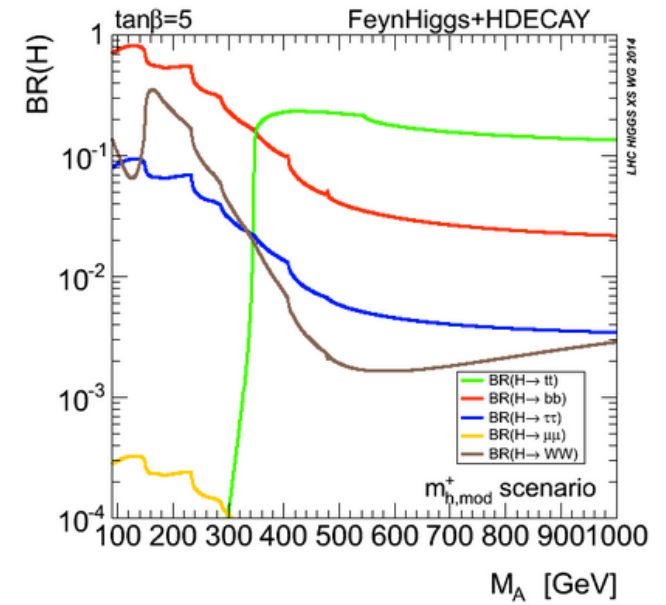
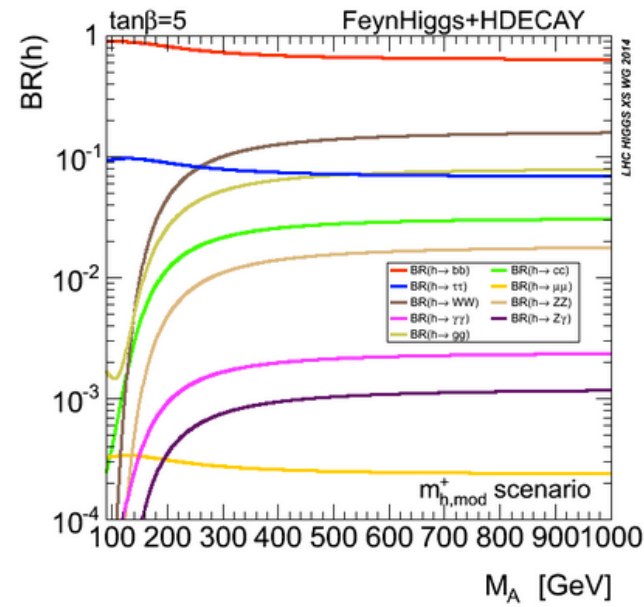
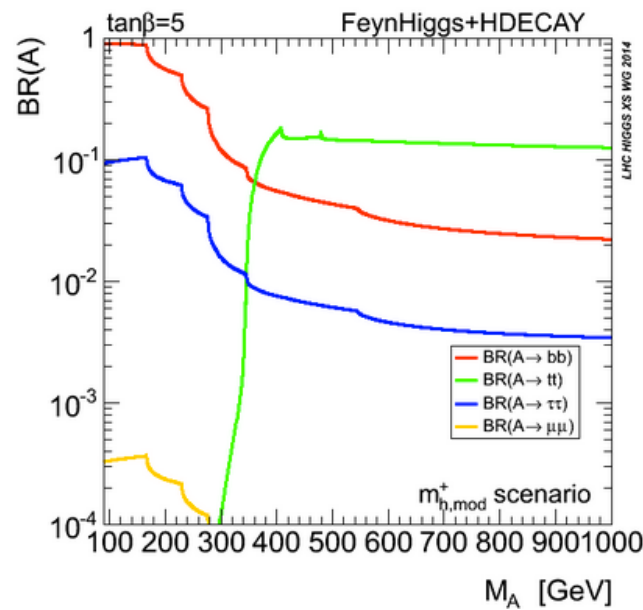
- No evidence for BSM Higgs yet.
- Current searches constrain large parts of parameter space
 - There are still many things to do be done, and many searches that are still starting up.
 - Expect that this will continue to be a hot area in Run-II.
- For the coming months expect early results in high mass searches.
- For Moriond, search of intermediate-high mass Higgs bosons with full 2015 dataset.
- For summer, update with searches sensitive to additional data collected in 2016.

Backup

Production modes in MSSM

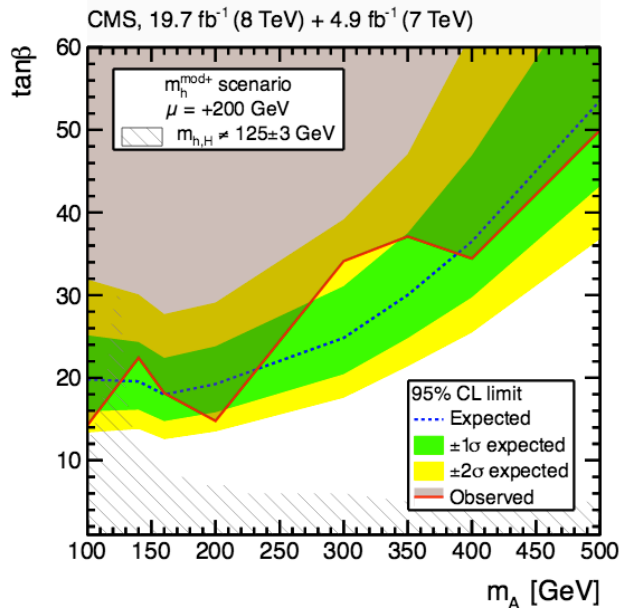


Branching ratios in MSSM



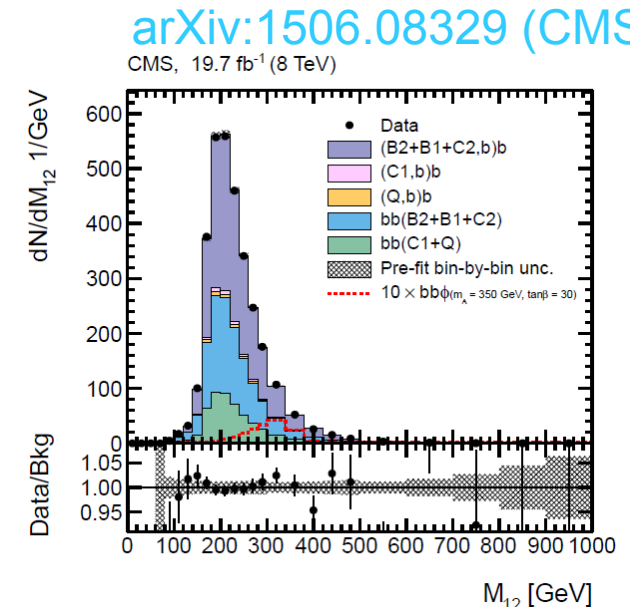
Searches for $h/H/A \rightarrow bb$

- Trigger selection: 2 high p_T b-jets inclusive.
Offline selection: 3 tight b-tag inclusive.
- **Most important background: QCD, estimated from data with control samples.**
- Categorize the events according to flavor of jets: 2b, 1b, 2c, 1c, LF jets.
- **Use different templates for each category and merge according to weight from simulation**



Expected and observed upper limits at 95%CL for the MSSM parameter $\tan\beta$ versus m_A in the $m_h^{\text{mod}+}$ benchmark scenario with $\mu=+200$ GeV. Regions where the mass of neither of the CP-even MSSM Higgs bosons h or H is compatible with the discovered Higgs boson of 125 GeV within a range of 3 GeV are marked by the hatched areas.

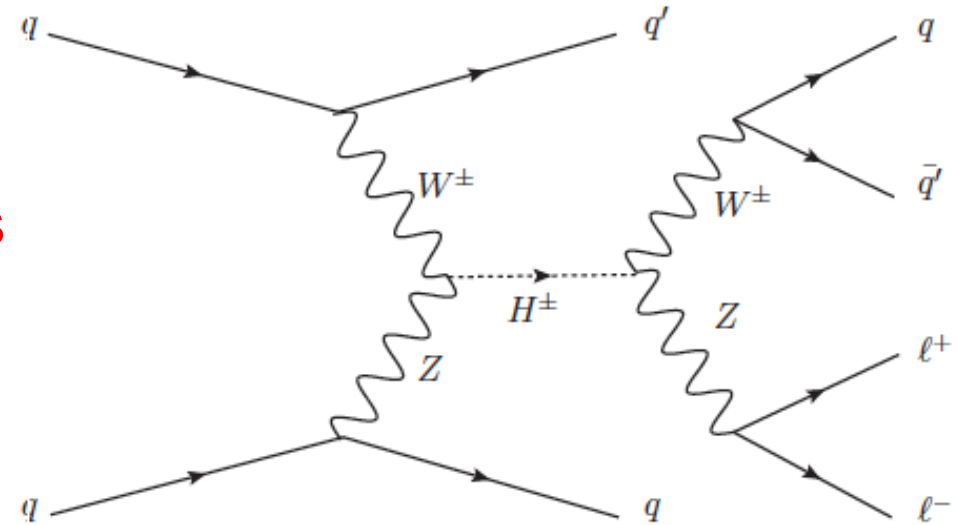
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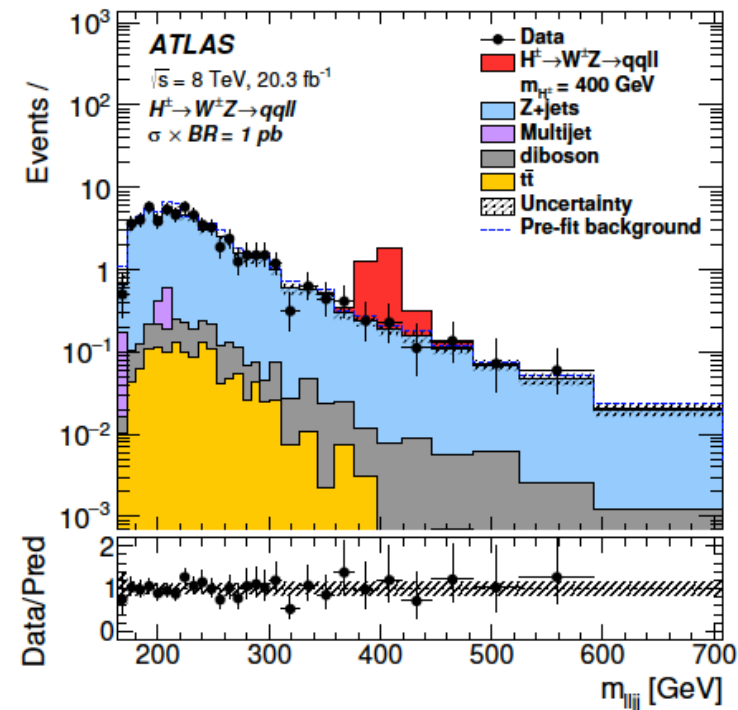
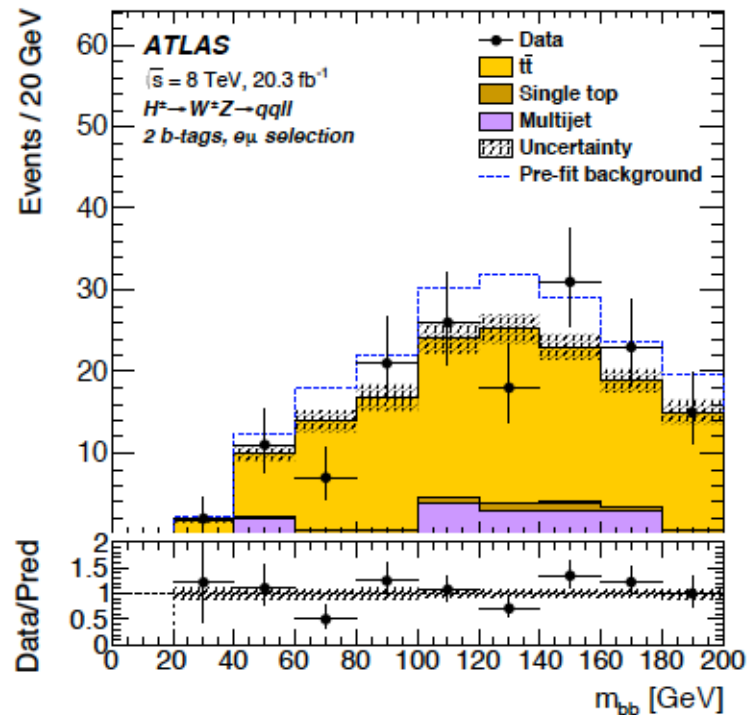
Projection of the dijet mass M_{12} in the triple-b-tag sample, together with the corresponding projections of the fitted background templates.

Search for $H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm Z$

- Higgs triplet model (not MSSM).
- Require two forward separated jets in η with large dijet mass



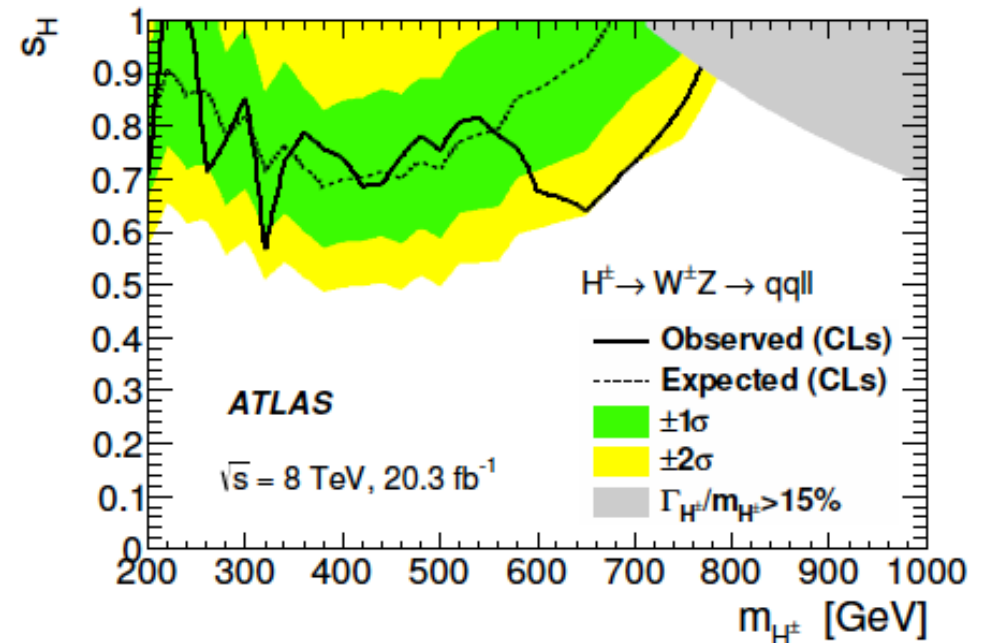
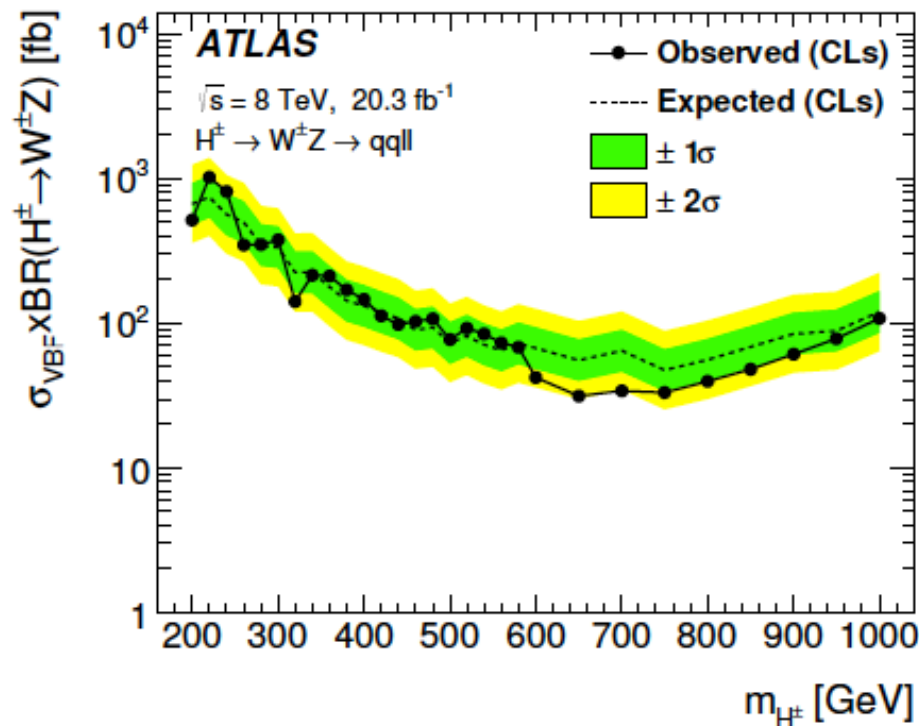
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Search for $H^{\pm} \rightarrow W^{\pm} Z$

- Set limits as a function of $m_{H^{\pm}}$
- $(s_H)^2$ is the fraction of vector boson mass squared (m_W^2/m_Z^2) generated by triplet vev (free parameter) in Georgi-Machacek Higgs Triplet Model.

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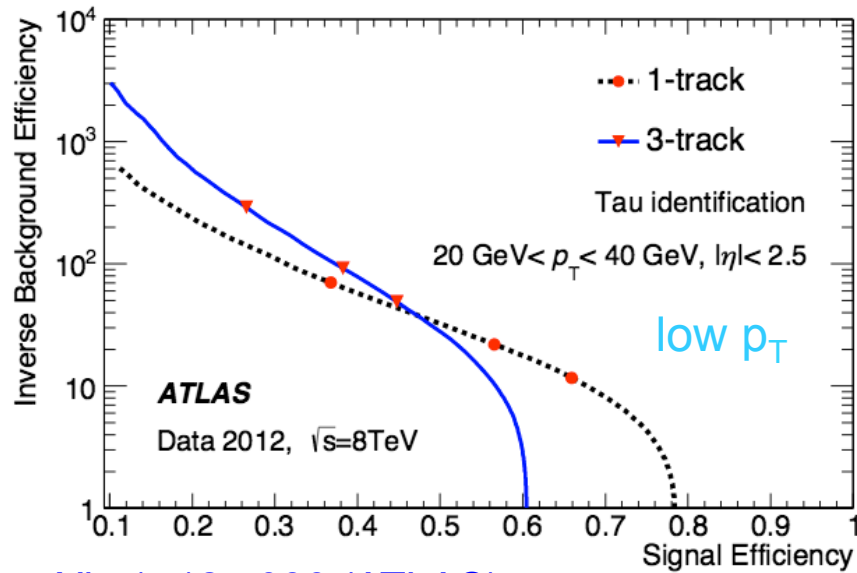


- A light boson produced in a SUSY-inspired cascade: hard jets, MET and b-jets from Higgs decay

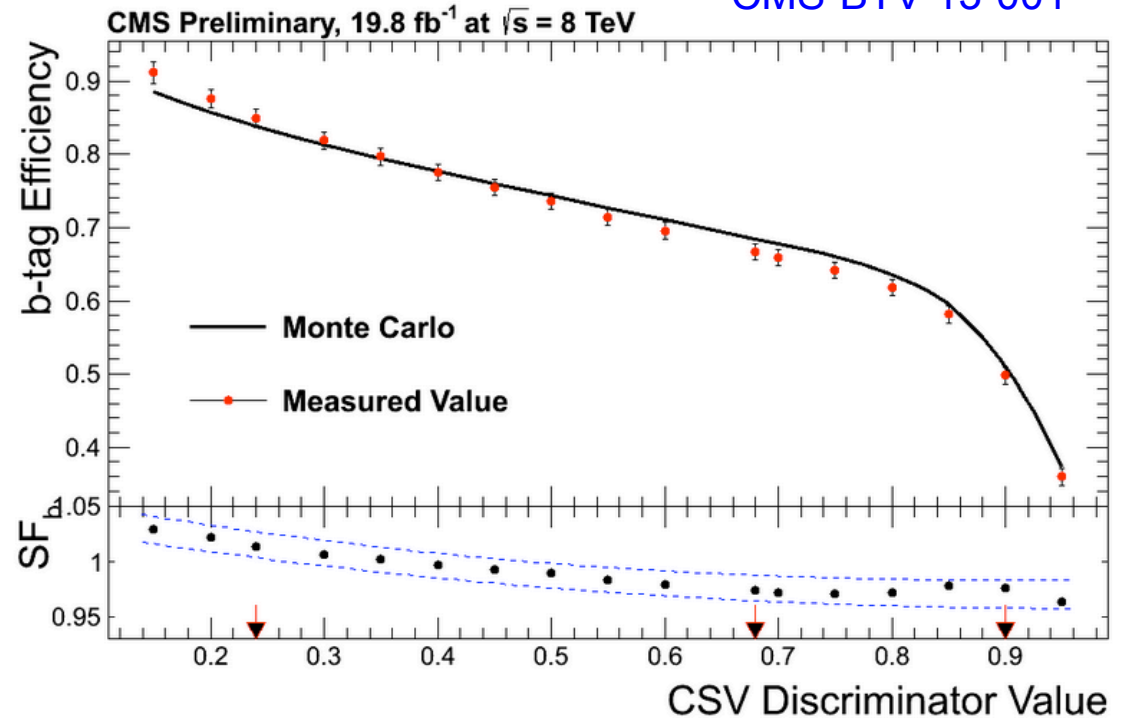
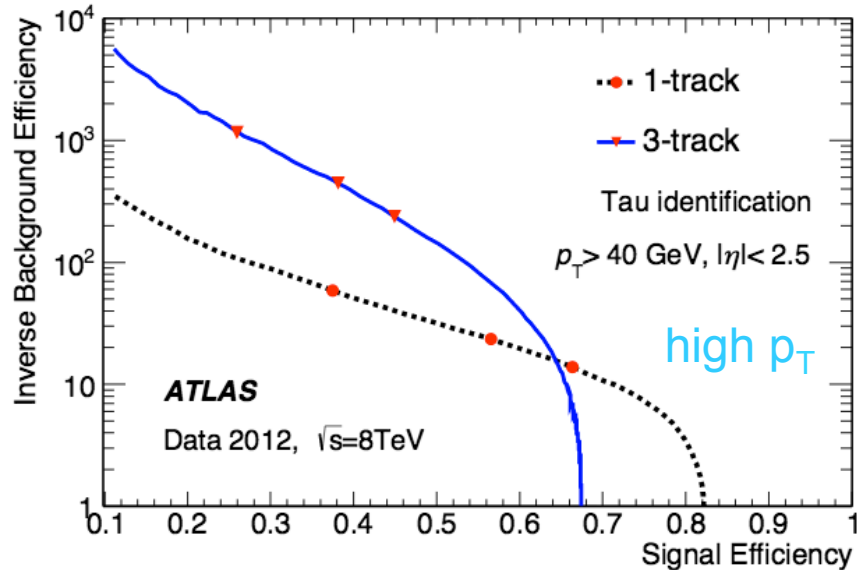


Tau CP / Flavour tagging

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(Left) Inverse background efficiency versus signal efficiency for the offline tau identification.

(Right) b-tagging efficiency as a function of the discriminator for the CSV algorithm.