

# Illuminating New Physics at the LHC with the Higgs Boson

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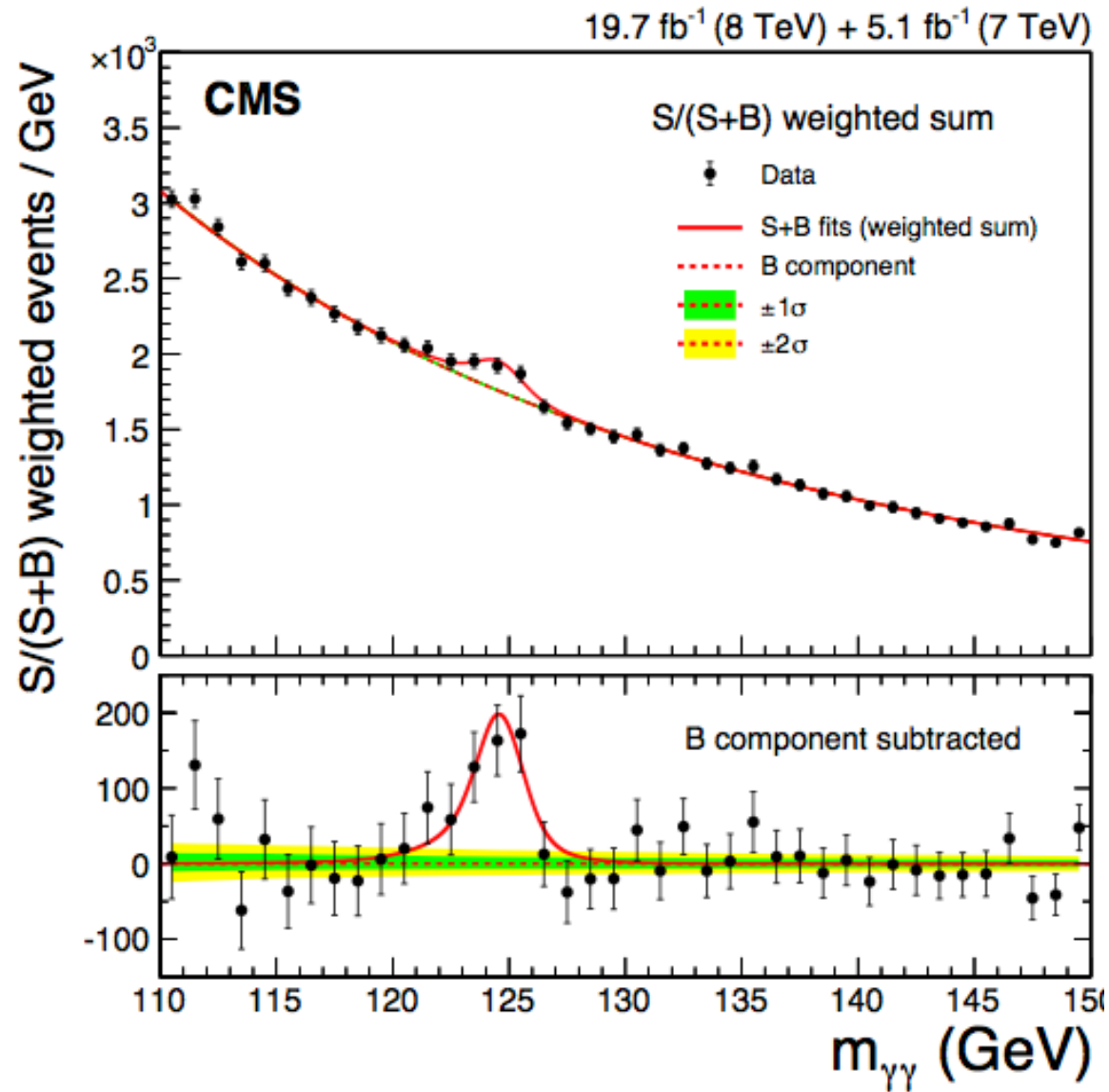


*"Rambling Through The Higgs Field"  
by Scott Evers*

# Outline

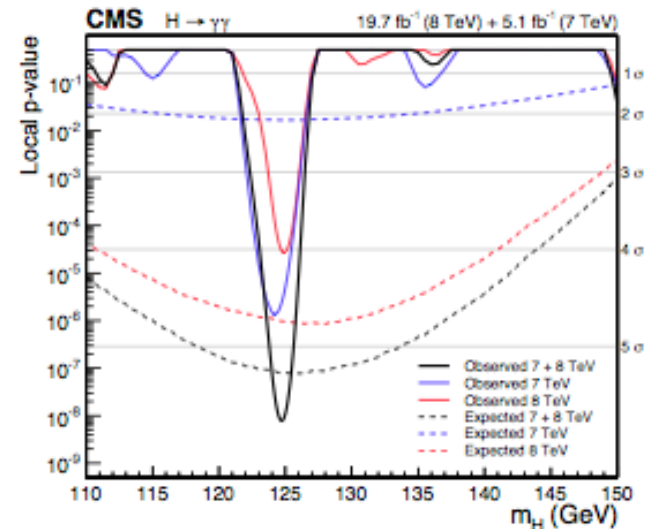
- LHC physics post Higgs discovery
- Searches with Higgs
  - couple of Run 1 examples (SUSY)
  - more higgses and top FCNC
- Outlook for Run 2

# Definitely a new particle

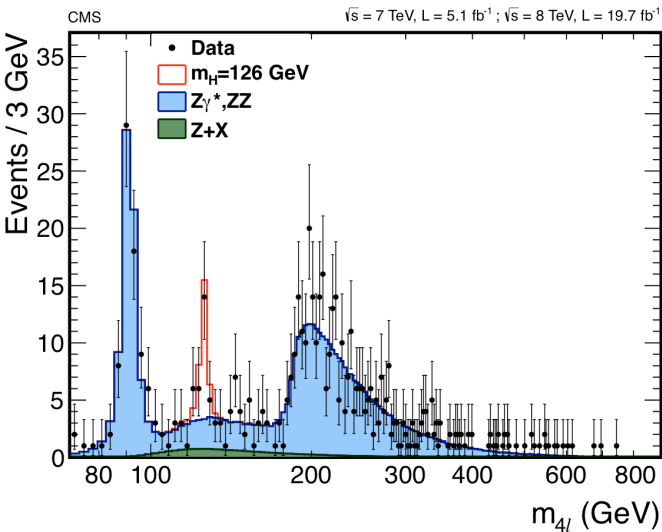


Final calibrations, reduced systematic errors, etc

5.7  $\sigma$  expected  
5.2  $\sigma$  observed

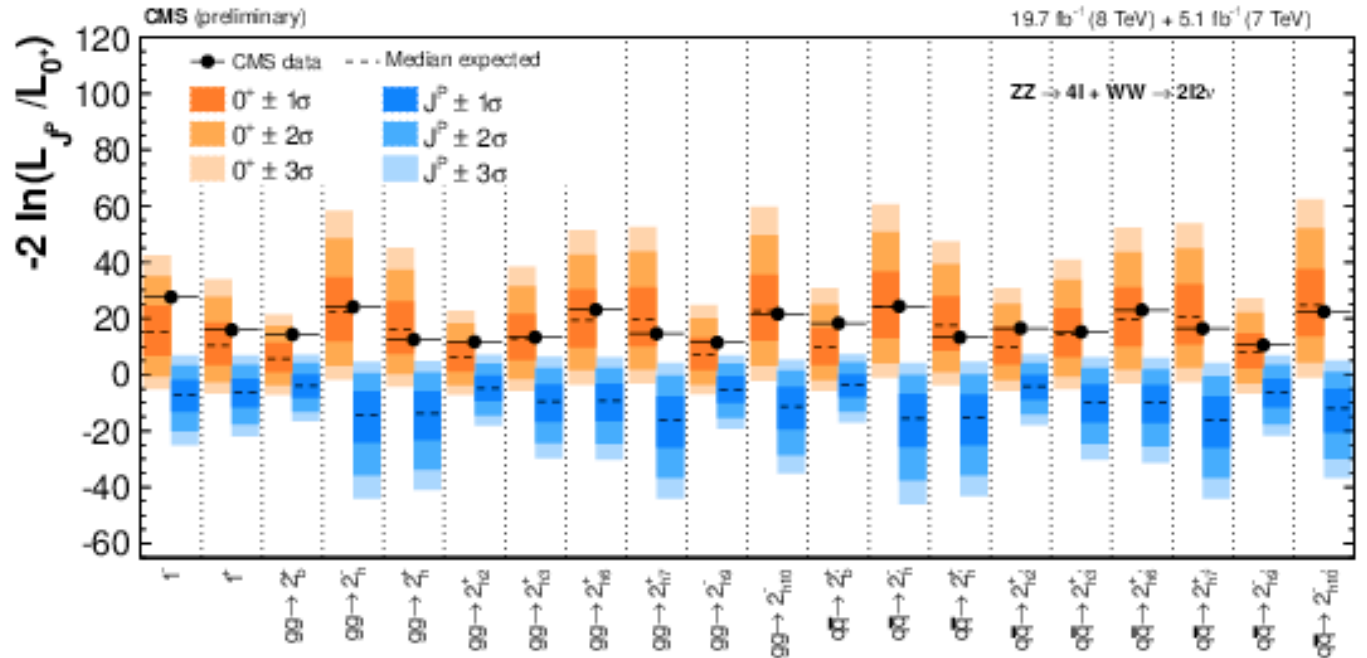
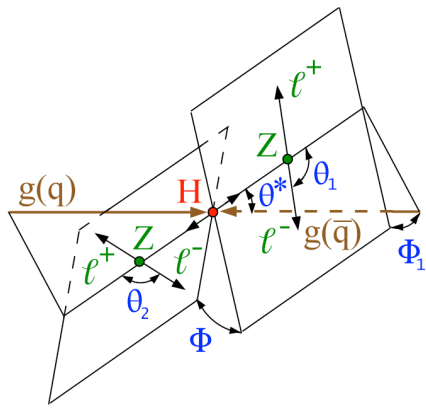
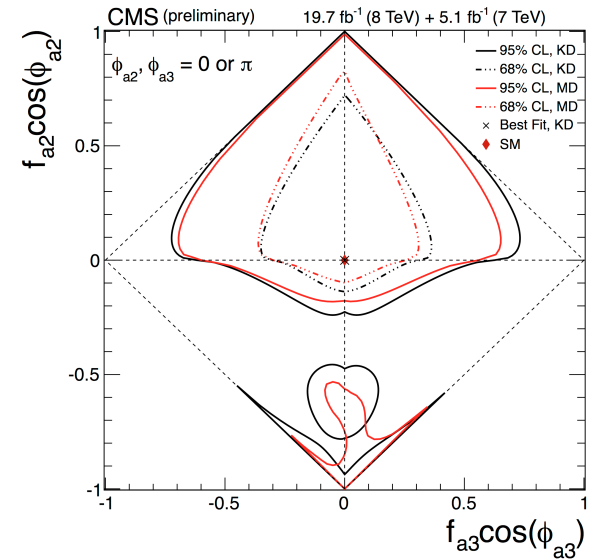


# Looks like a $0^+$

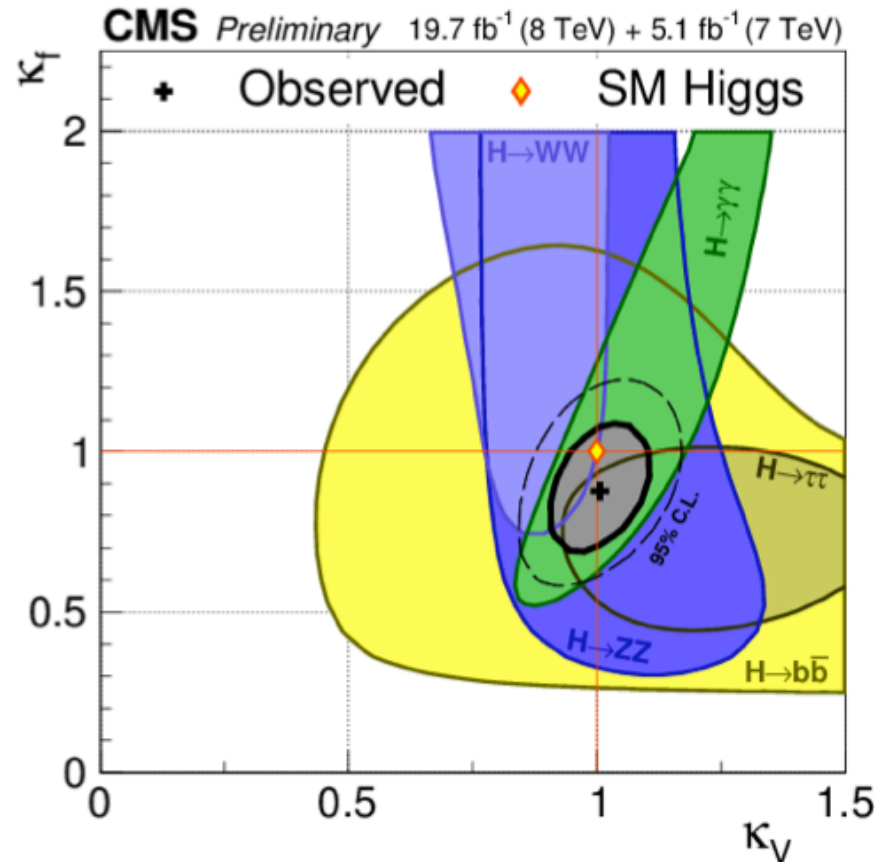
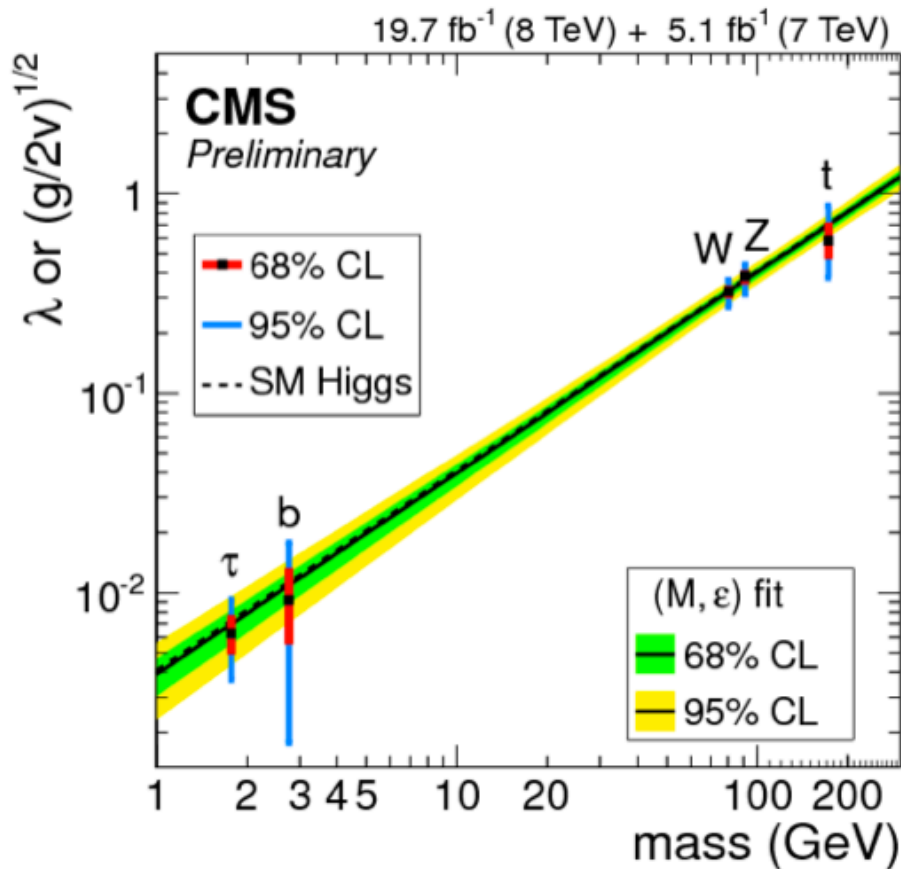


Probing anomalous interaction to Z boson and tests of spin-parity

Consistent with SM  
All tested  $J^P$  hypotheses are excluded at 99.9%



# Higgs Couplings



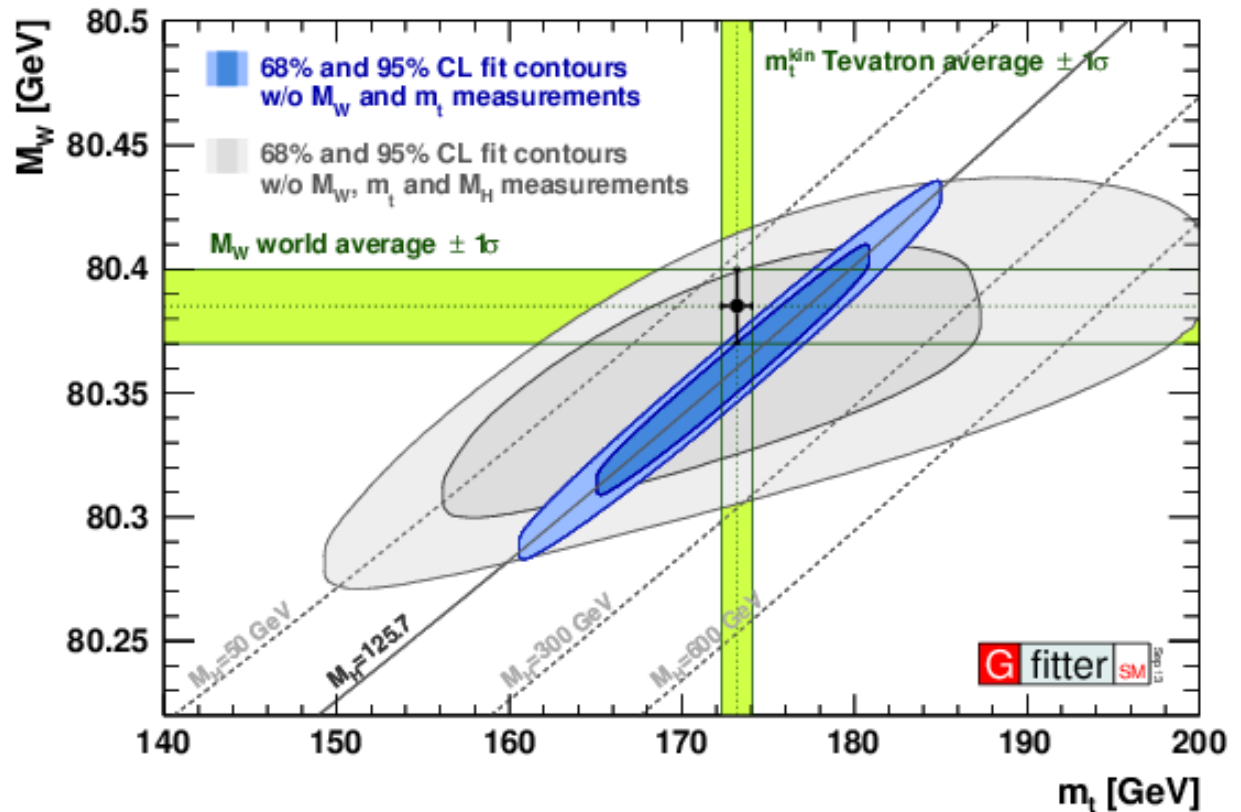
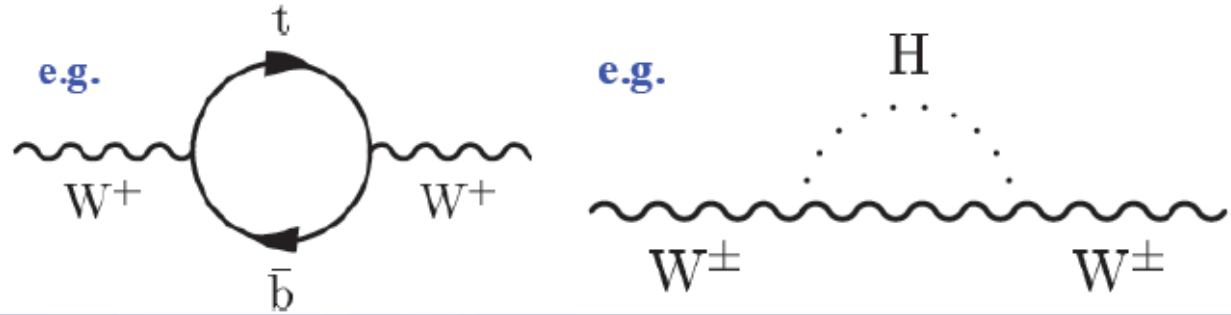
Higgs indeed couples to mass!

# State of the Electroweak Theory

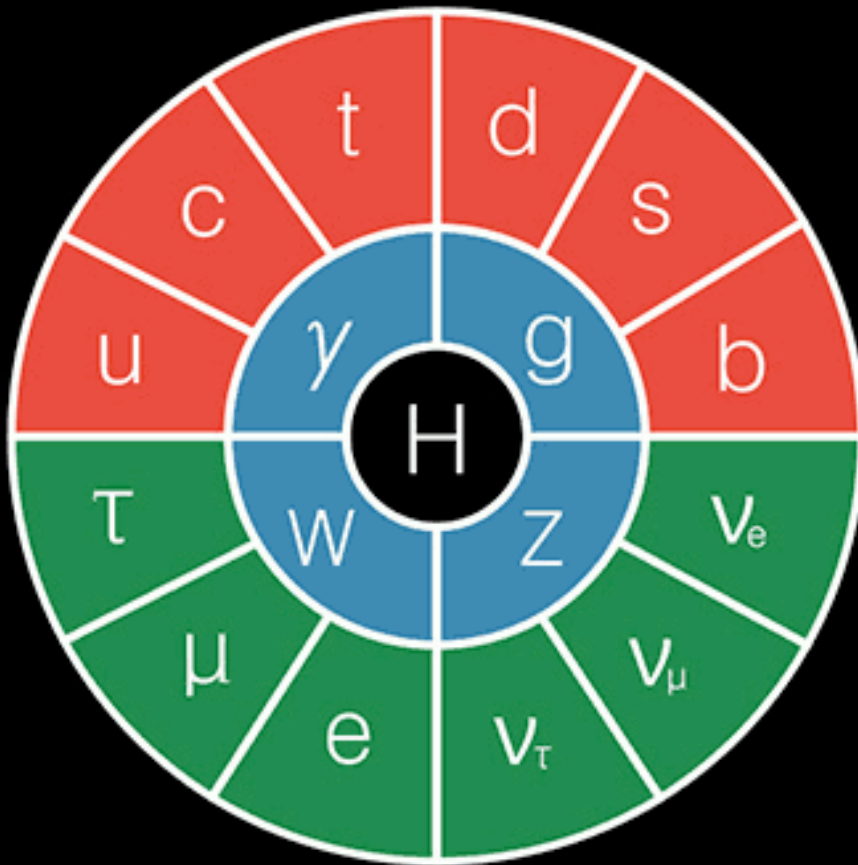
Radiative corrections to precision EWK measurements of  $W$ ,  $Z$  sensitive to  $M_t$ ,  $M_H$

SM-like Higgs discovery at  $\sim 126$  GeV is compatible with global EWK data at  $1.3$  sigma ( $p = 0.18$ )

Indirect constraints are now superior to precise direct  $W$ ,  $Z$  measurements ( $M_W$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}$ )





# So, what's left to be done?



## FERMIONS

### MATTER

 QUARKS

 LEPTONS

## BOSONS

### FORCE CARRIERS

 GAUGE BOSONS

 HIGGS BOSON

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1894, seven years after his experiment disproving existence of aether



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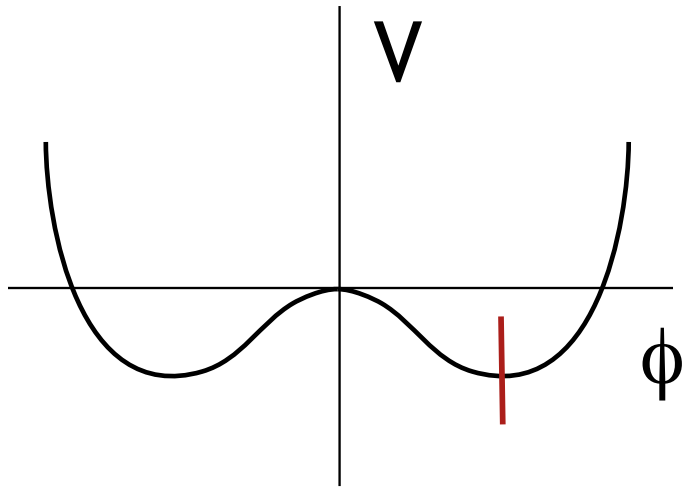


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**Aether is back!**

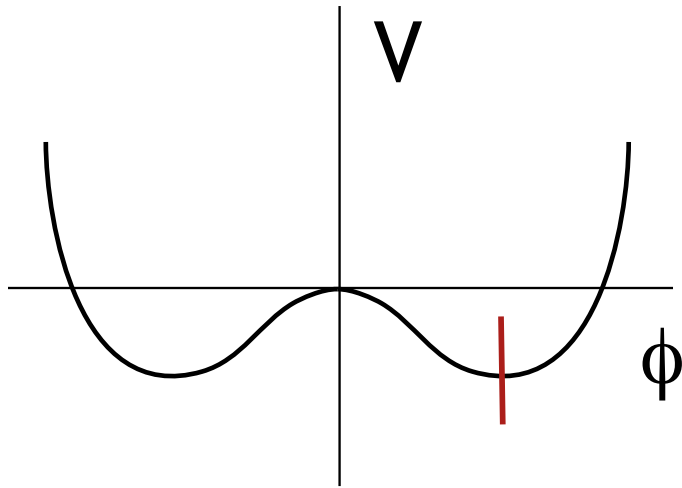


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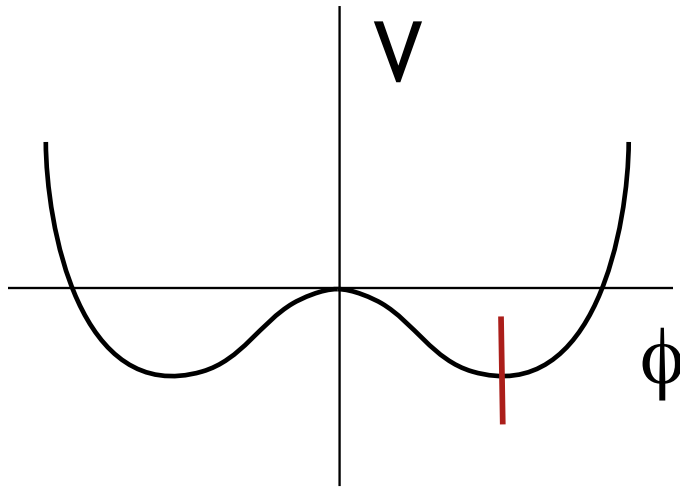
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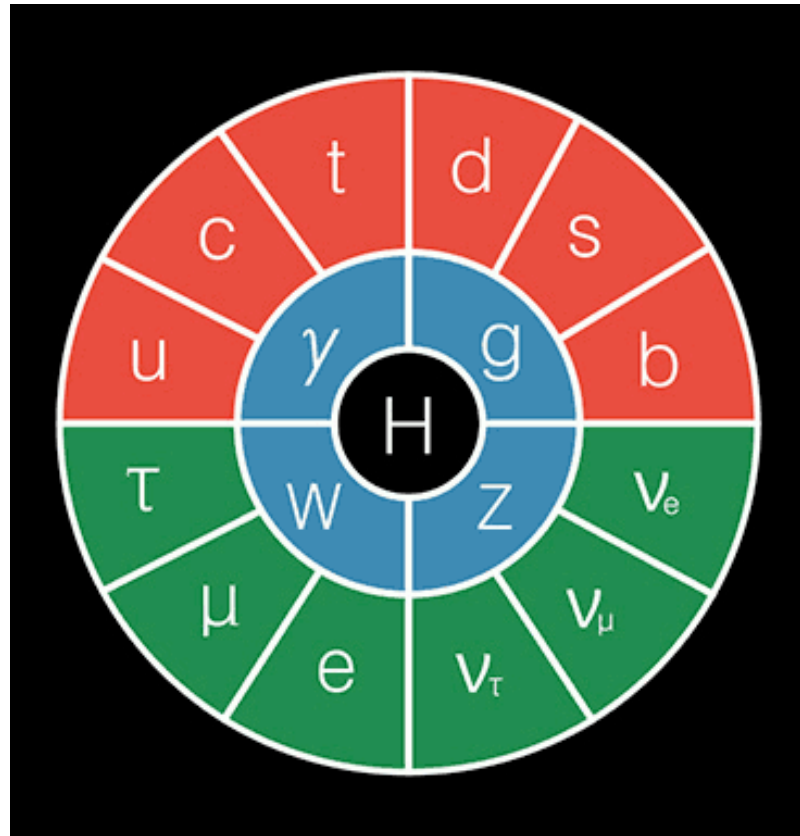
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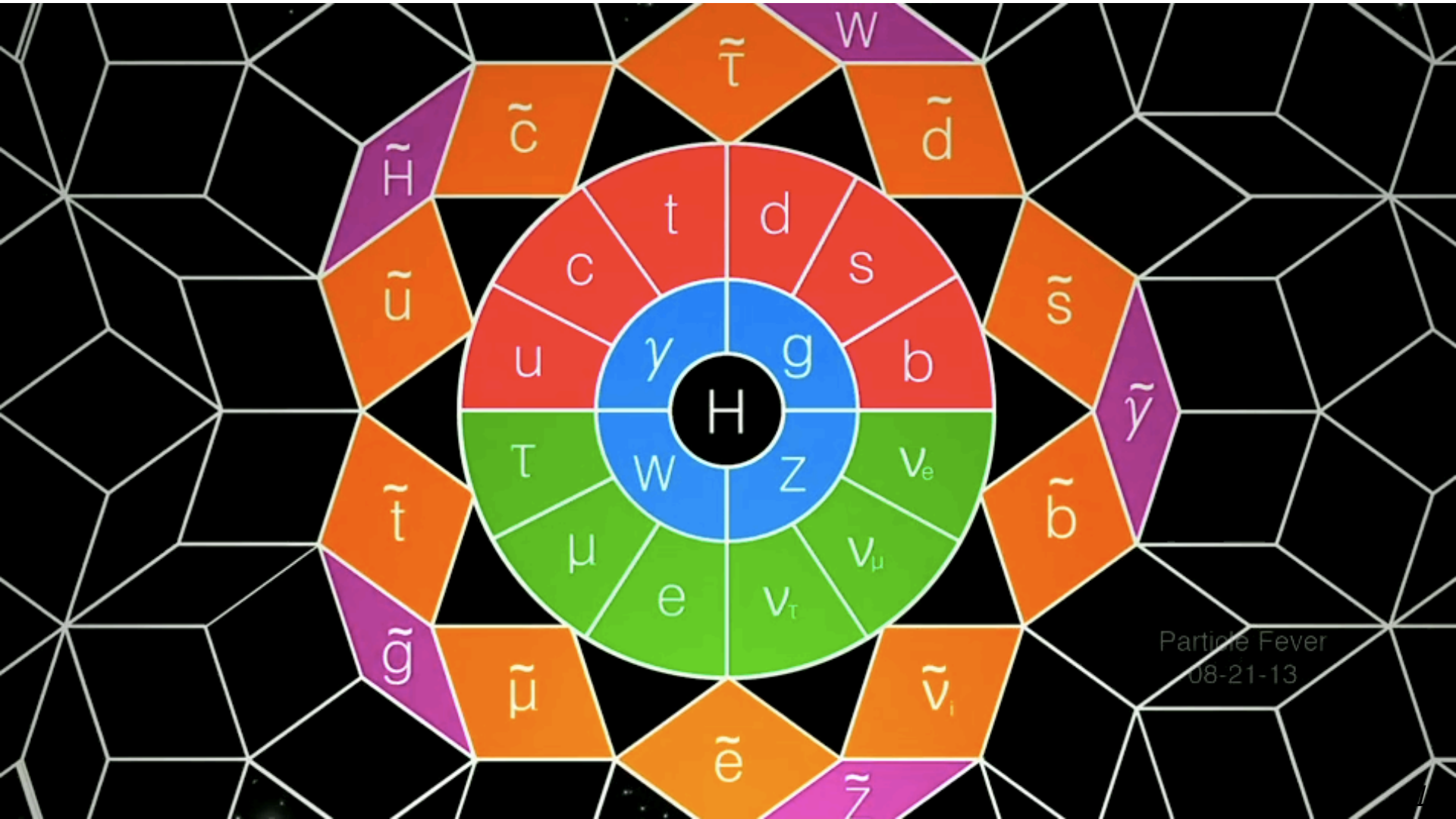
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- That is similar to saying that Ginzburg-Landau superconductivity model explains superconductivity
  - but then we’d be missing the microscopic explanation of electron-phonon interactions

Any real explanation of SSB requires new forces between SM particles – and, therefore, new particles



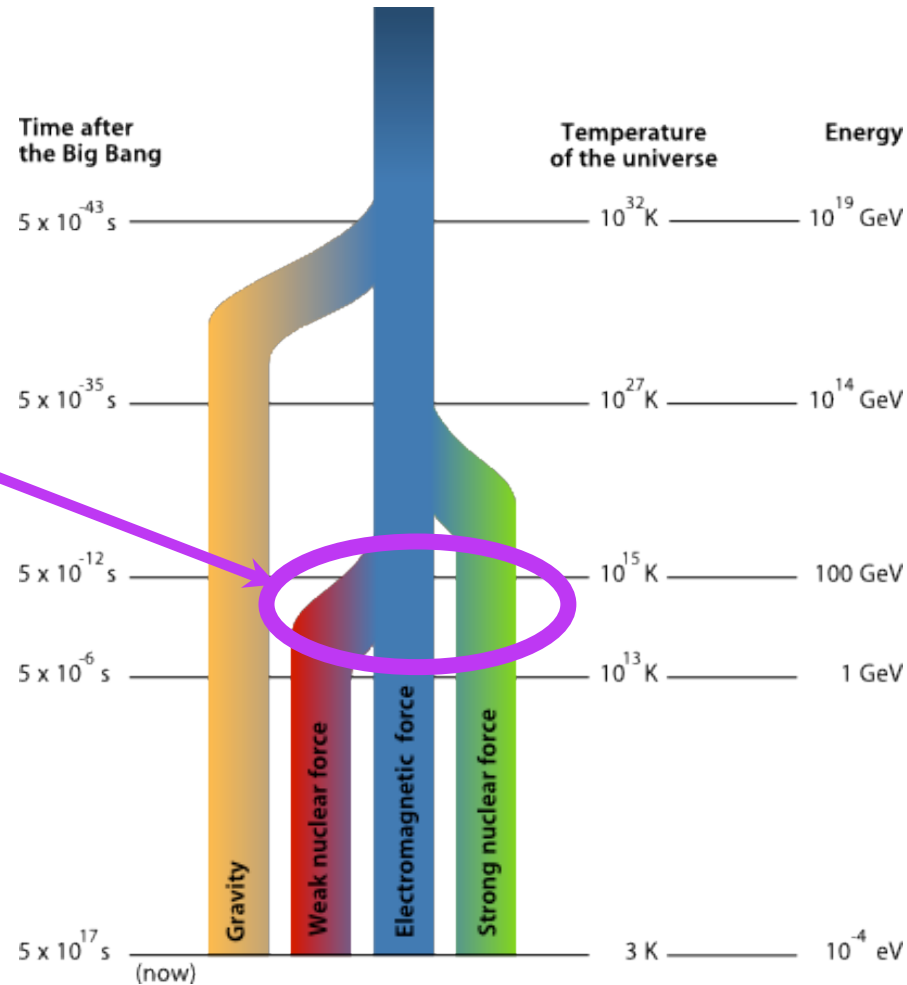
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# LHC is exploring Electroweak Scale

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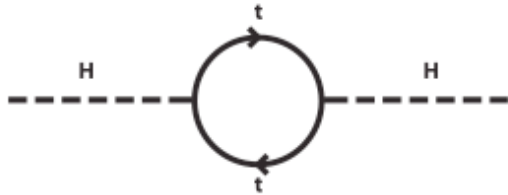


# Frontier!

- Exploring Electroweak Symmetry Breaking Scale
  - had to find something – (and did!)
    - something that looks a lot like a **fundamental scalar** - is the small Higgs mass anthropic or a consequence of some new symmetry? The answer is likely to lie at  $O(\text{EWSB scale})$
  - every time we produce a Higgs (or a W, or a Z at large  $\sqrt{s}$ ) at the LHC we learn more about EWSB
- Are there more fundamental scalars?
  - *cMSSM is dead, but SUSY never looked more attractive*
- Can we produce Dark Matter at the LHC?
  - *especially given hints of indirect detection of DM with preferential coupling to the third generation*
- LHC probes Unknown territory - have to watch out for new things: ***Occama razor has a terrible record in our field***

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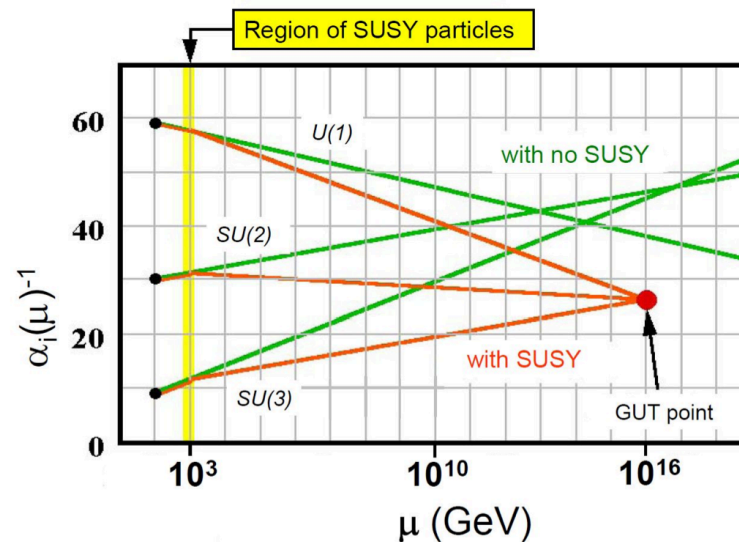
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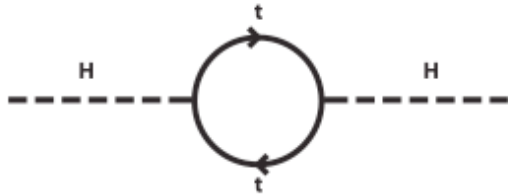


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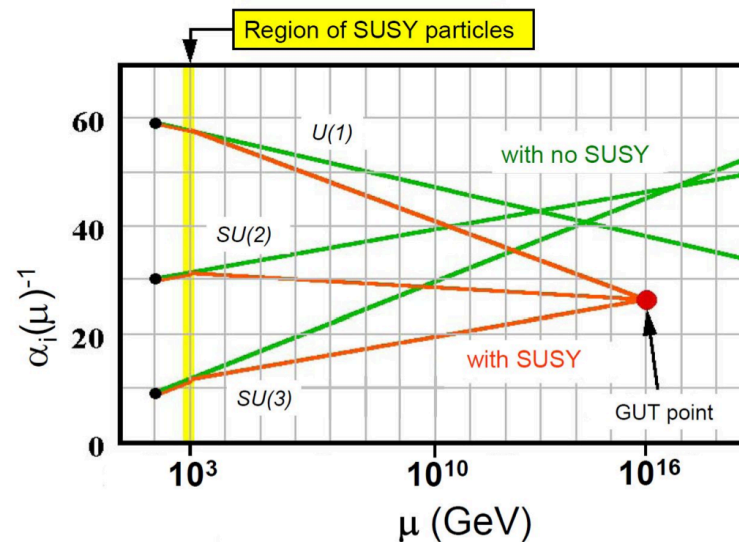


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**Not the only possibility for new physics, but as strong contender as ever!**



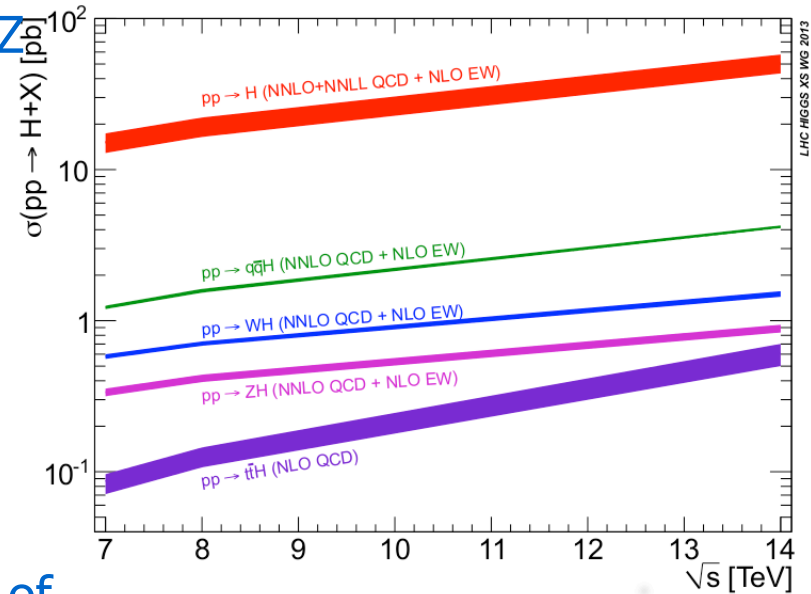
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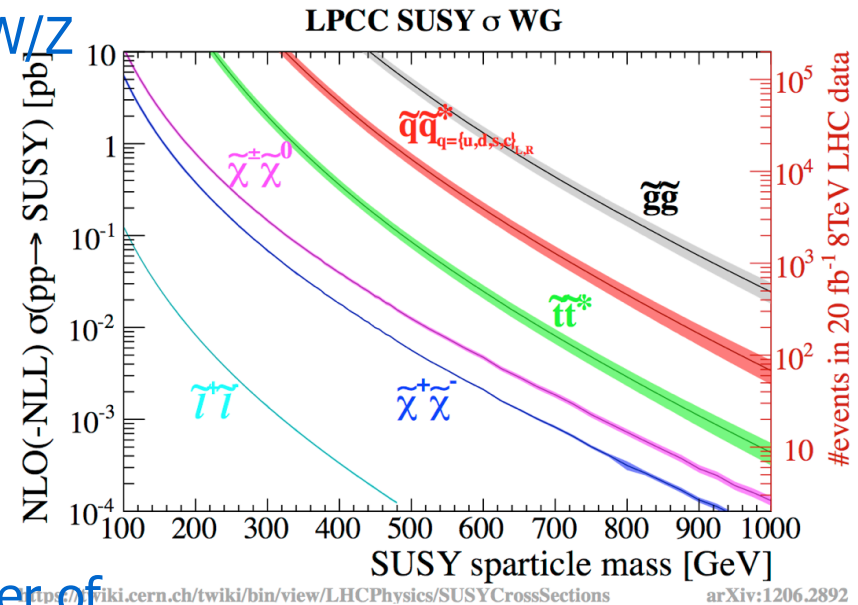


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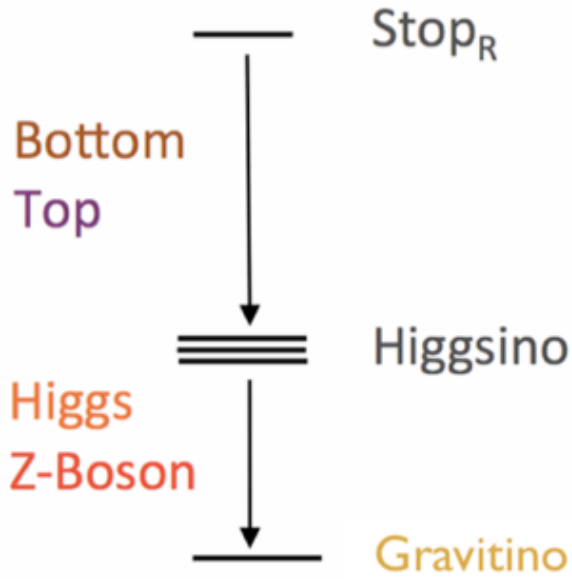
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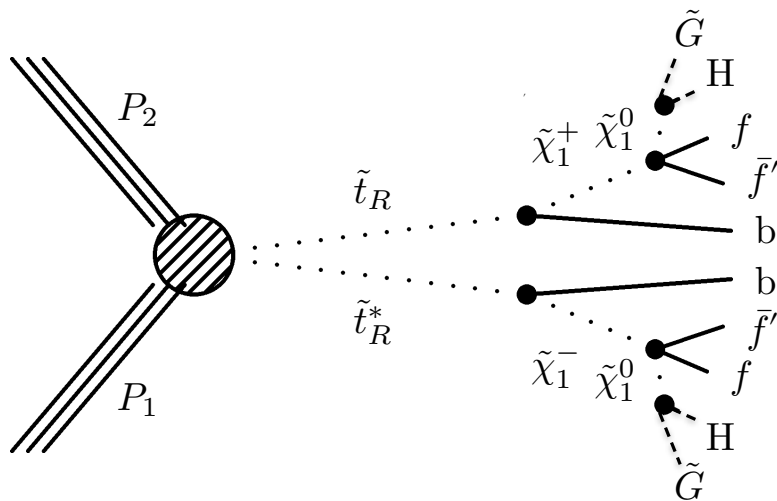
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# Natural SUSY



- To keep Higgs mass small, partners of higgs and top quarks should be relatively light
- If SUSY is broken at low scale such events can masquerade as SM QCD – almost no missing energy

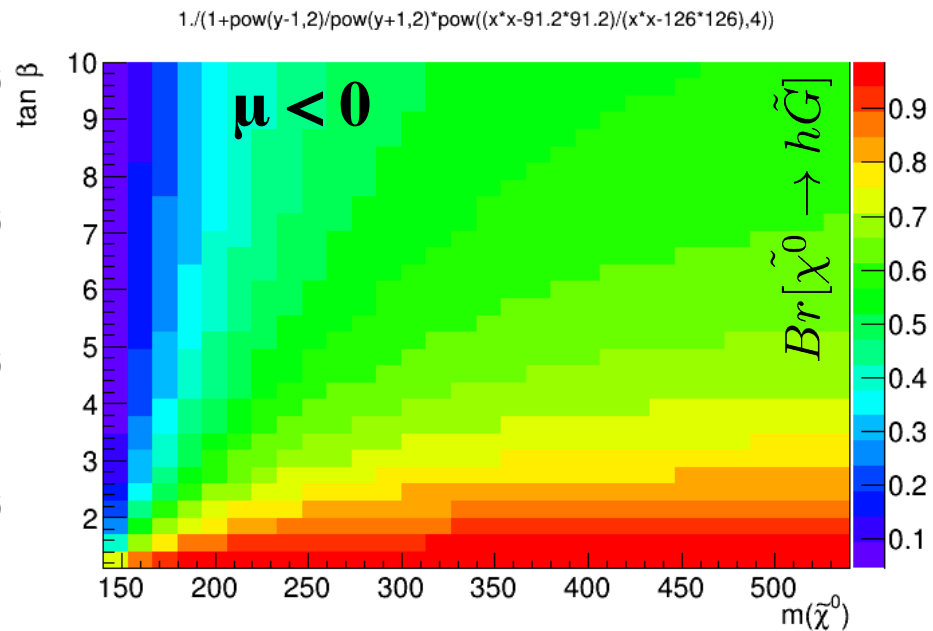
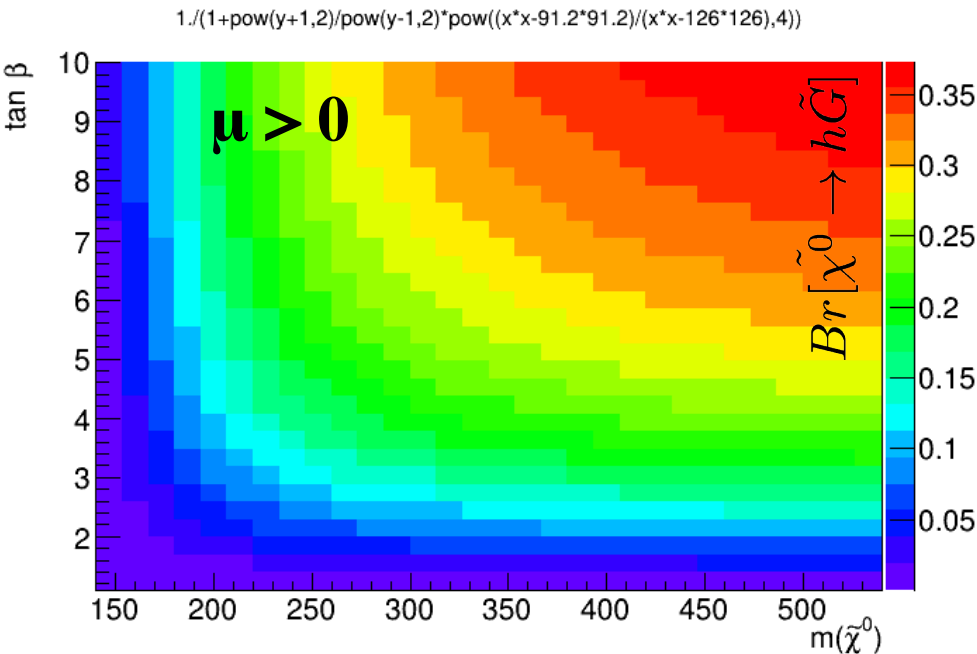
- ie: stop at 290 GeV, higgsino at 130 GeV, gravitino is soft: final state of HH+almost no MET
- An important gap in searches for stops and higgsinos that one need to check!



# $Br[\tilde{\chi}^0 \rightarrow h\tilde{G}]$ and $Br[\tilde{\chi}^0 \rightarrow Z\tilde{G}]$

- using formulae from Meade, Reece & Shih arXiv:0911.4130 [hep-ph]
- assume large  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ ,  $m_h \ll m_H, m_A$

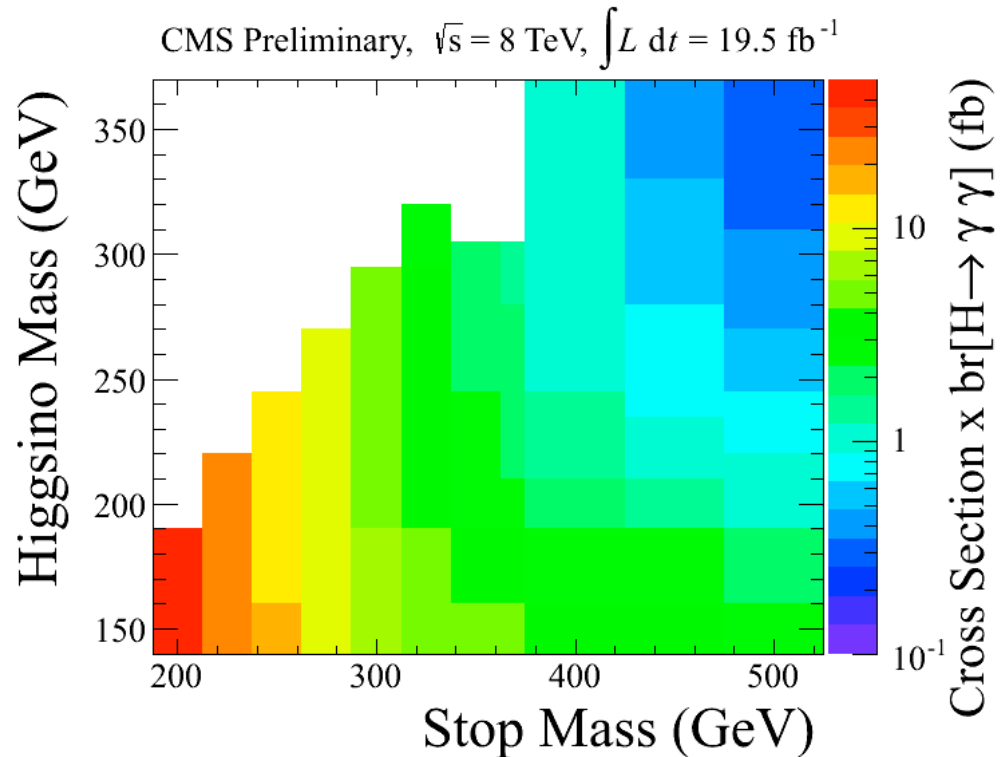
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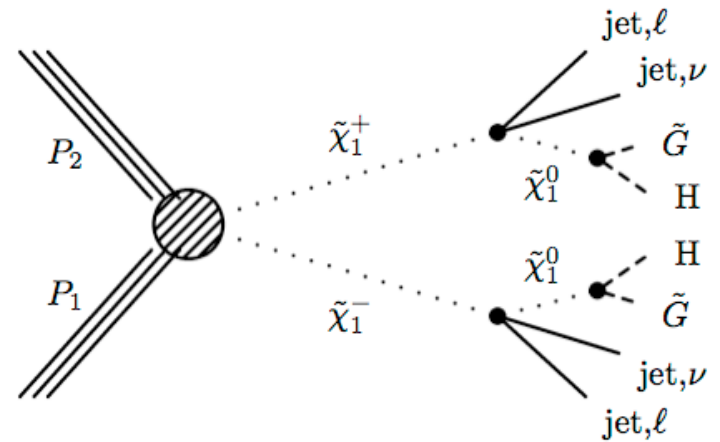
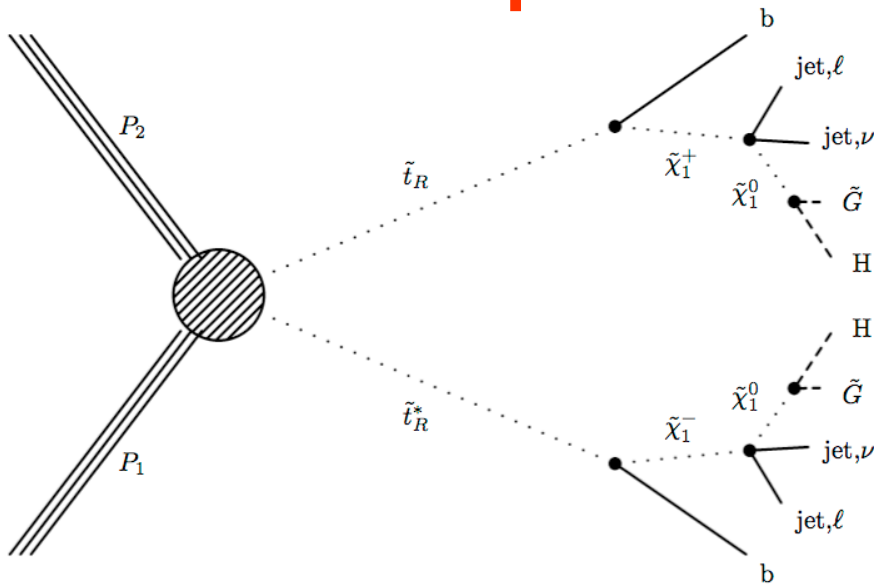


# $\gamma\gamma$ channel for searches

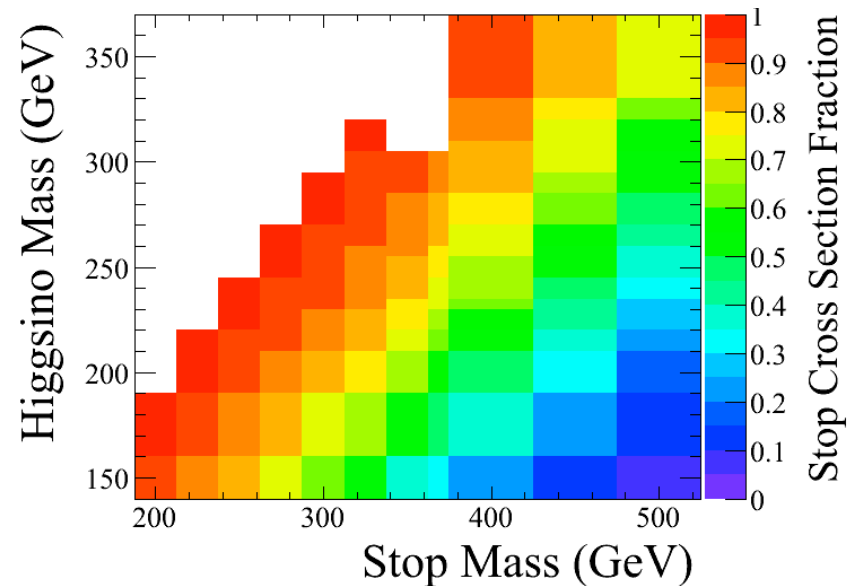
- Start with  $2 \cdot 10^{-3}$  suppression
- But
  - looking for relatively quiet events without large MET or very energetic jets - huge QCD and EWK backgrounds otherwise
- still, a few pb  $\sigma \cdot \text{Br}$
- narrow peak gives a very reliable way to estimate the backgrounds
- SM Higgs background is negligible



# Minimal particle content model



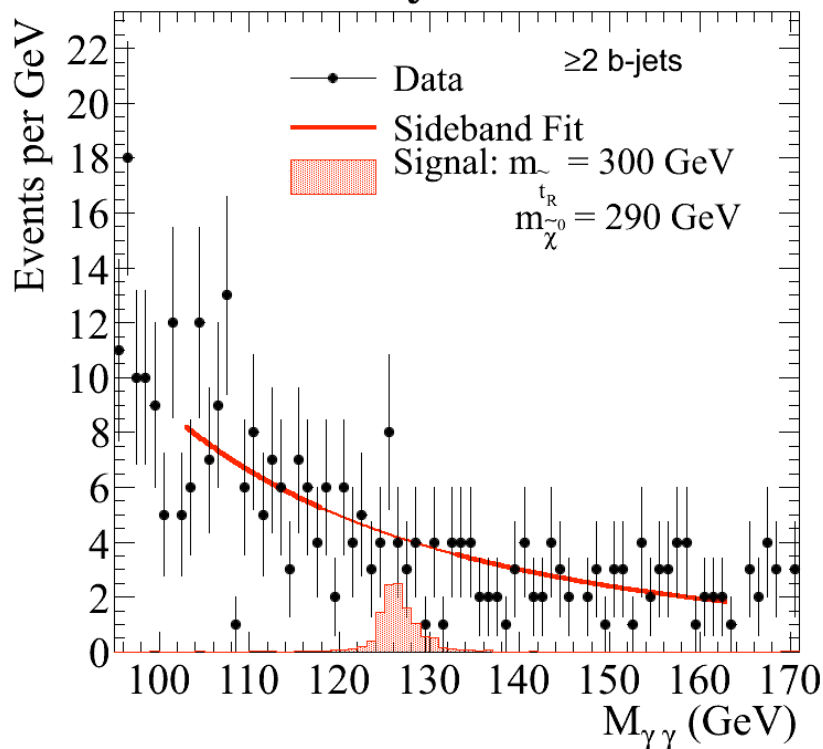
- Consider both strong and direct EWK production
- Two higgses per event, plus  $b$ -jets from stop:  $\gamma\gamma bb$  final state
- For cases when  $\tilde{\chi}^0 \rightarrow Z\tilde{G}$  is large, need to combine with multi-leptons



# Event Selection

- $\geq 2$  isolated photons,  $E_T > 40, 25$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 1.44$  (barrel)
- $\geq 2$  b-jets (CSV-medium + CSV-loose)
- Higgs mass window:  $120 < m_{\gamma\gamma} < 131$  GeV

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Fit excluding 118-133 GeV window

negligible dependence on fit function,  
use power law

46 events,  $46.5 \pm 3.8$  expected

Looking in mass window loses us a bit  
of sensitivity, but allows us to easily scan  
a variety of kinematic distributions in the  
events

determine background from sidebands

average lower and upper, add half of the  
difference as extra error

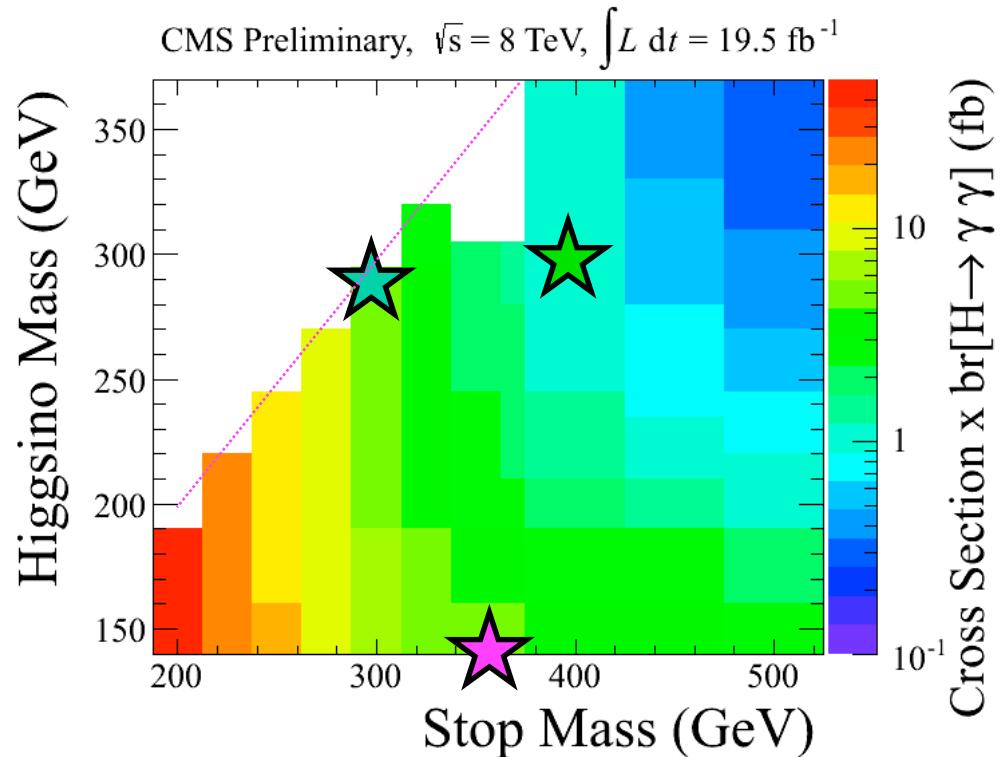
# Event Kinematics

- kinematics is different from point to point
- number of taggable b-jets
- fraction of events where the two b-jets from higgs

★  $\chi^0 \sim$  at rest, moderate  $p_T(h)$ , MET

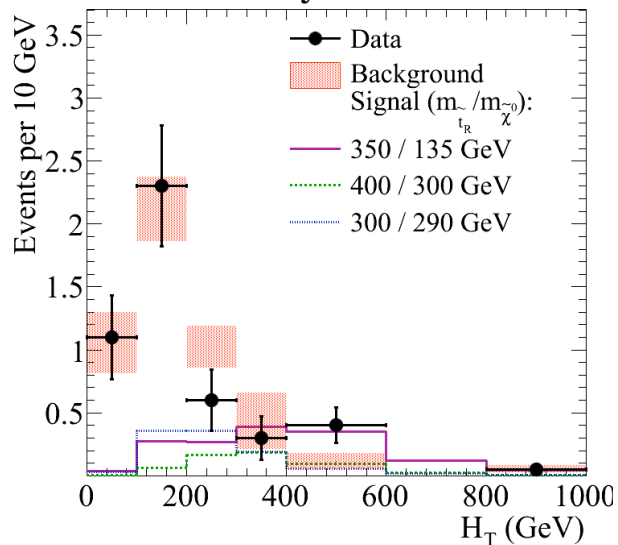
★ moderate  $p_T(h)$ , MET + extra b' s

★ very small MET

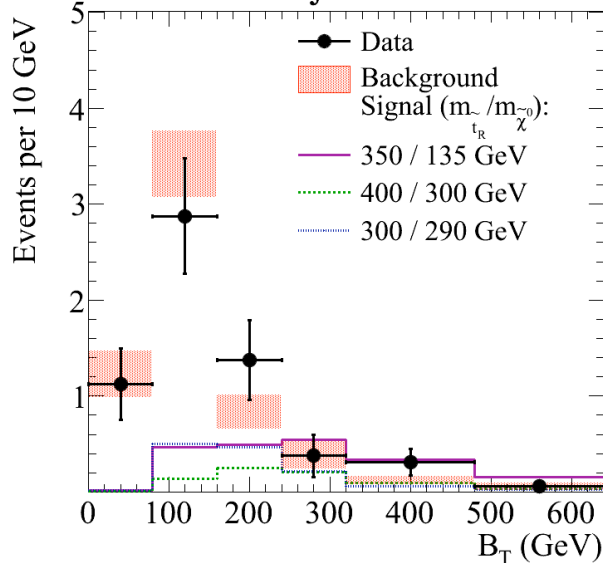


# Events with higgs tag + 2 b' s

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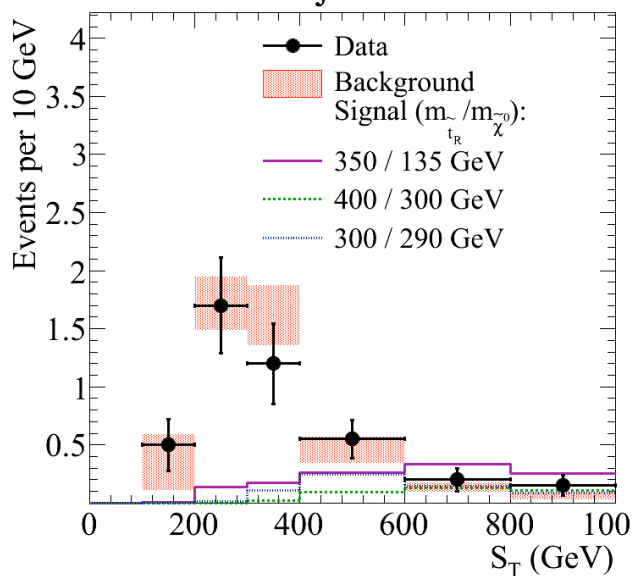


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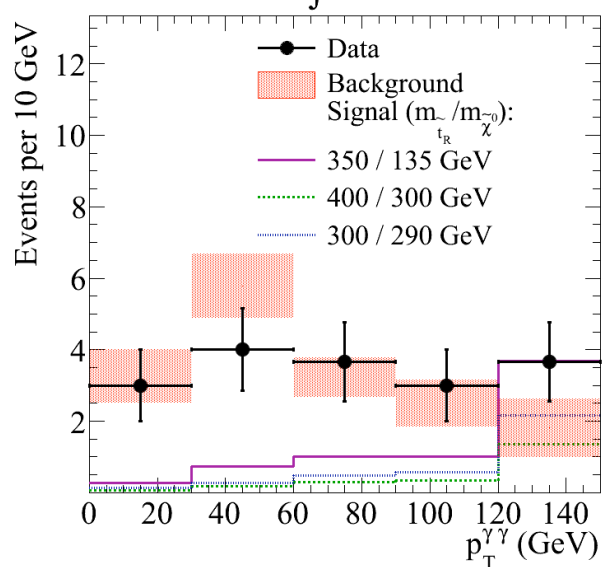


- Points - evts with higgs tag
- Rectangles - sidebands
- Lines - stop MC
- Simple and robust BG prediction allows for quick exploration

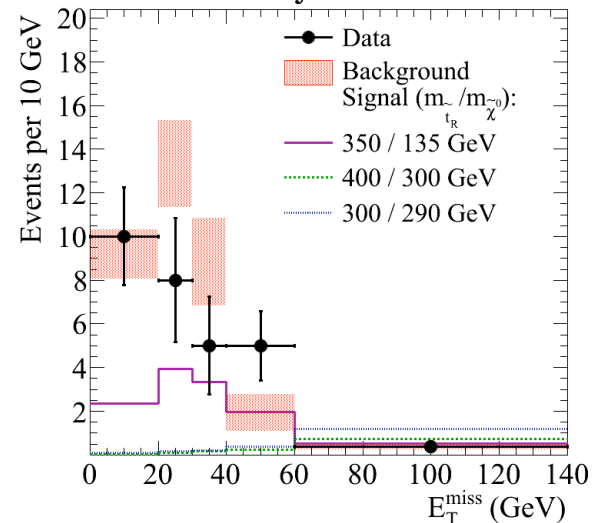
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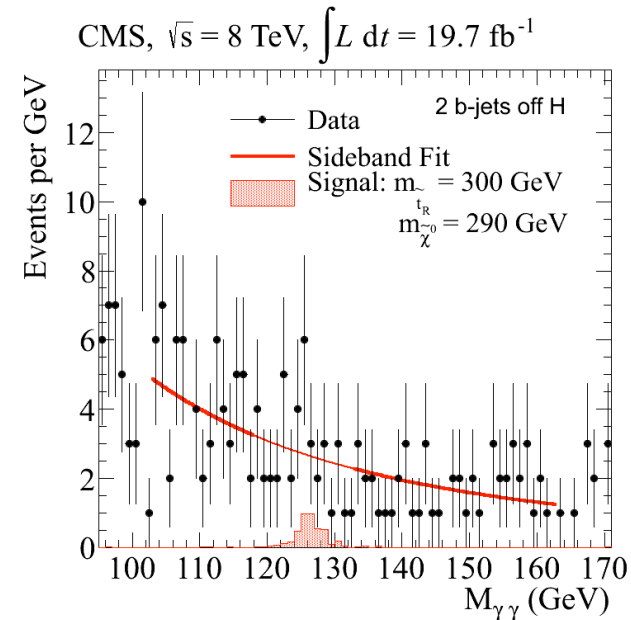
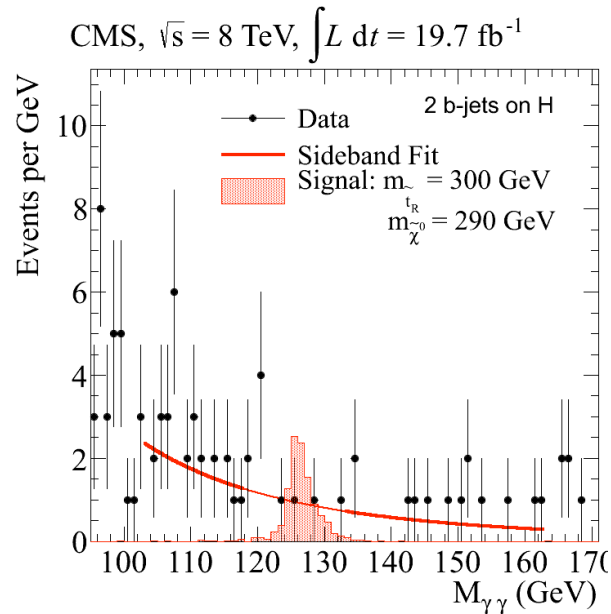
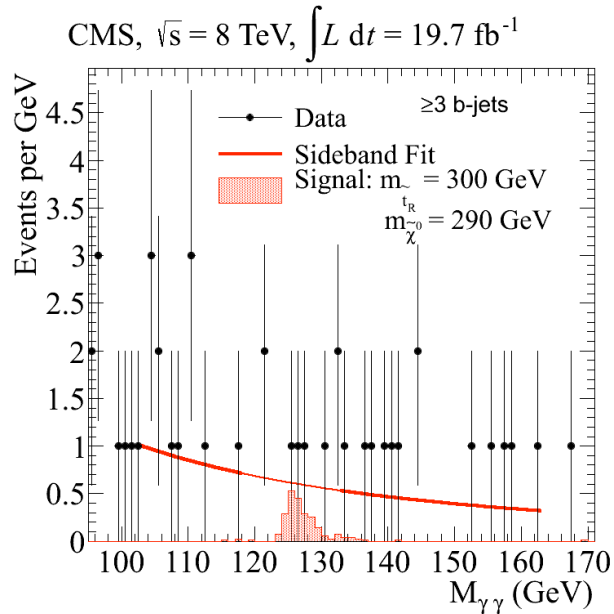


# Further Event Categorization

Divide events into three categories

- events with  $\geq 3$  b' s
- $=2$  b' s and  $95 < m_{bb} < 155$  GeV
- all other events with  $=2$  b' s

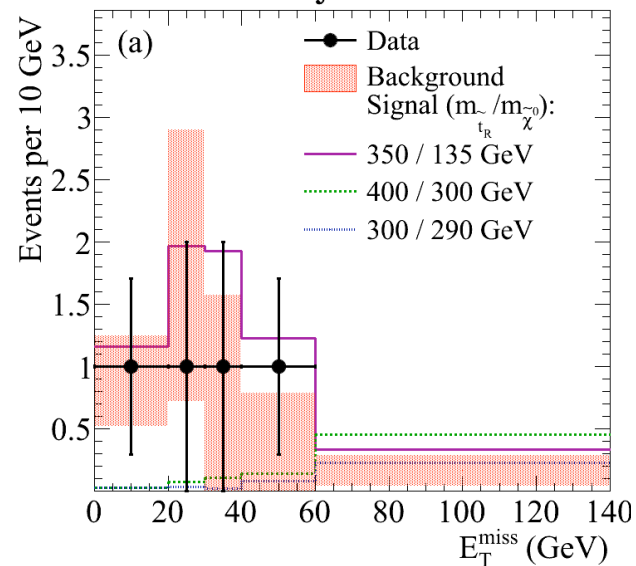
Category	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
signal 350 / 135	10.7	2.0	6.8
signal 300 / 290	2.1	10.1	3.9
signal 400 / 300	4.0	1.4	2.8
expected background	$6.7 \pm 1.4$	$10.5 \pm 1.8$	$29.7 \pm 2.8$
observed	6	7	33



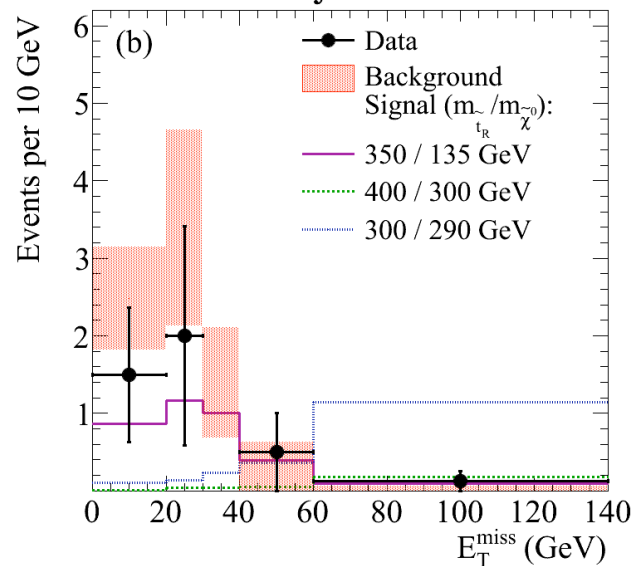
# MET in categories

- Use binned MET distributions in the three categories for the statistical analysis of the data

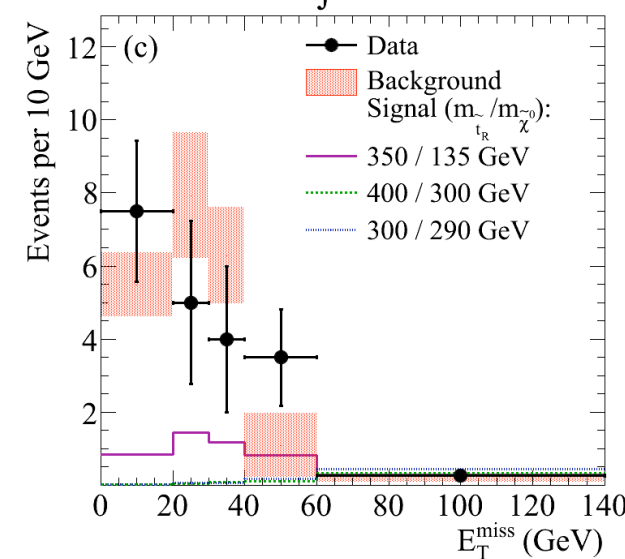
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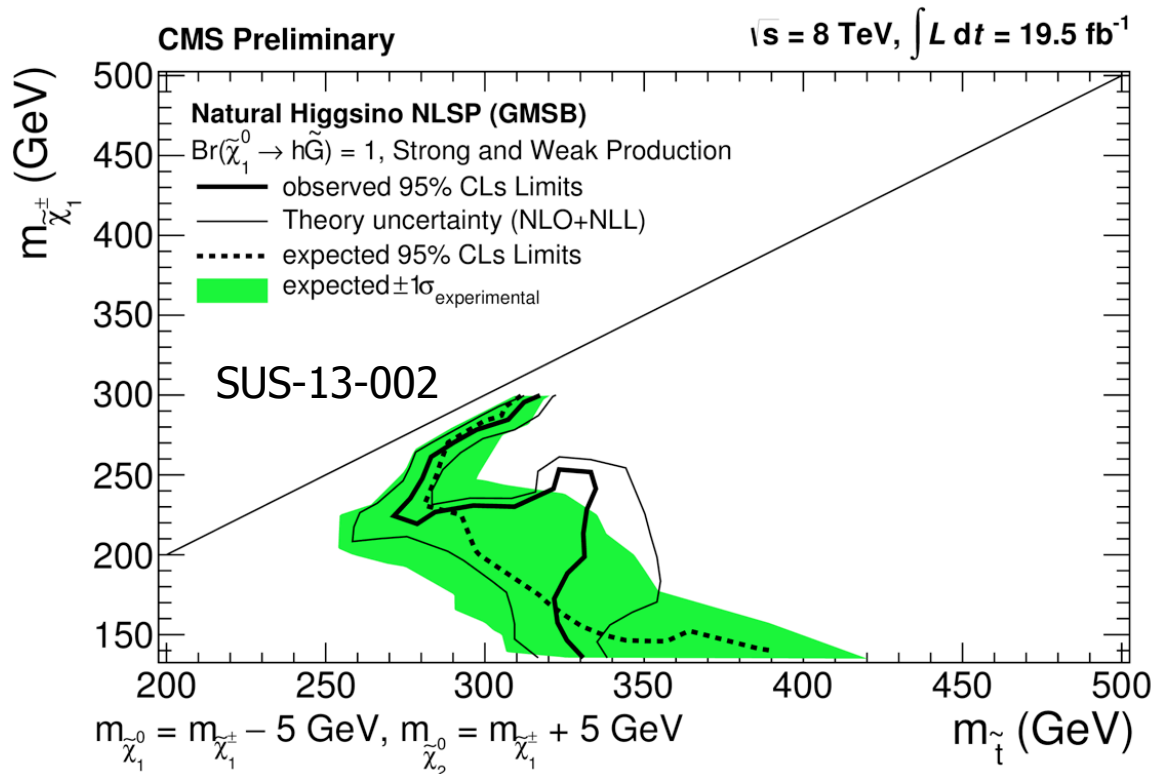


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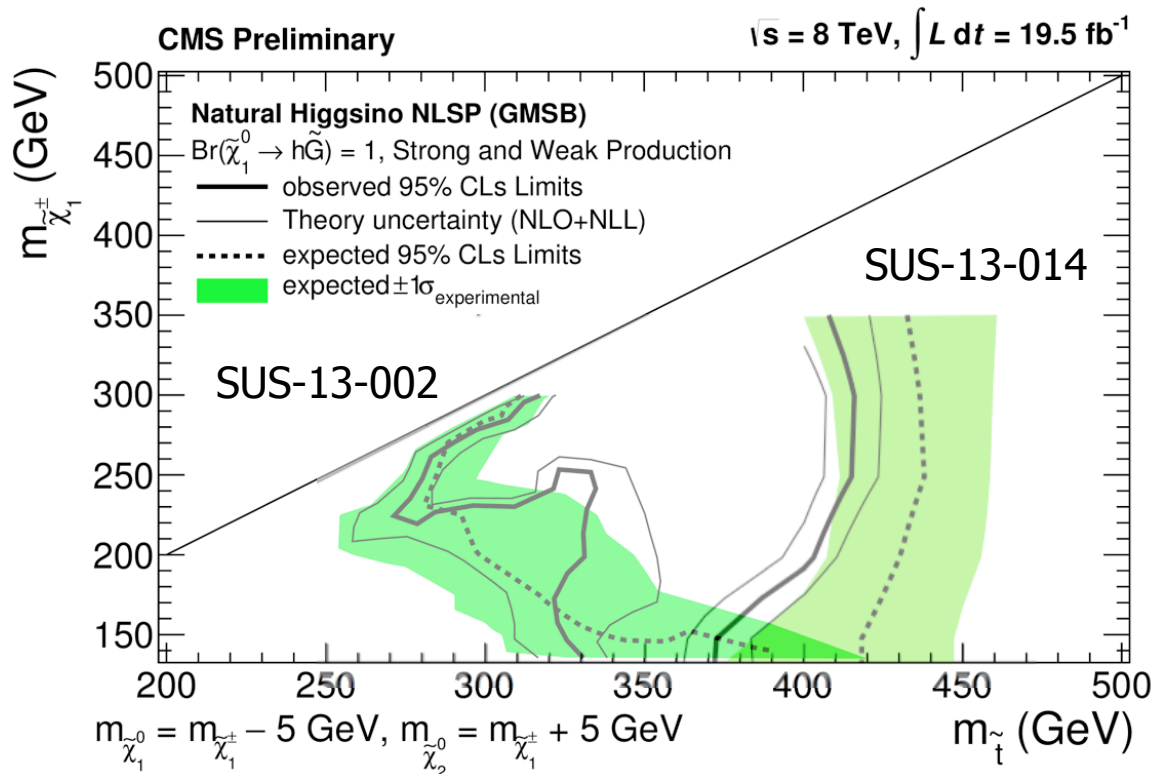
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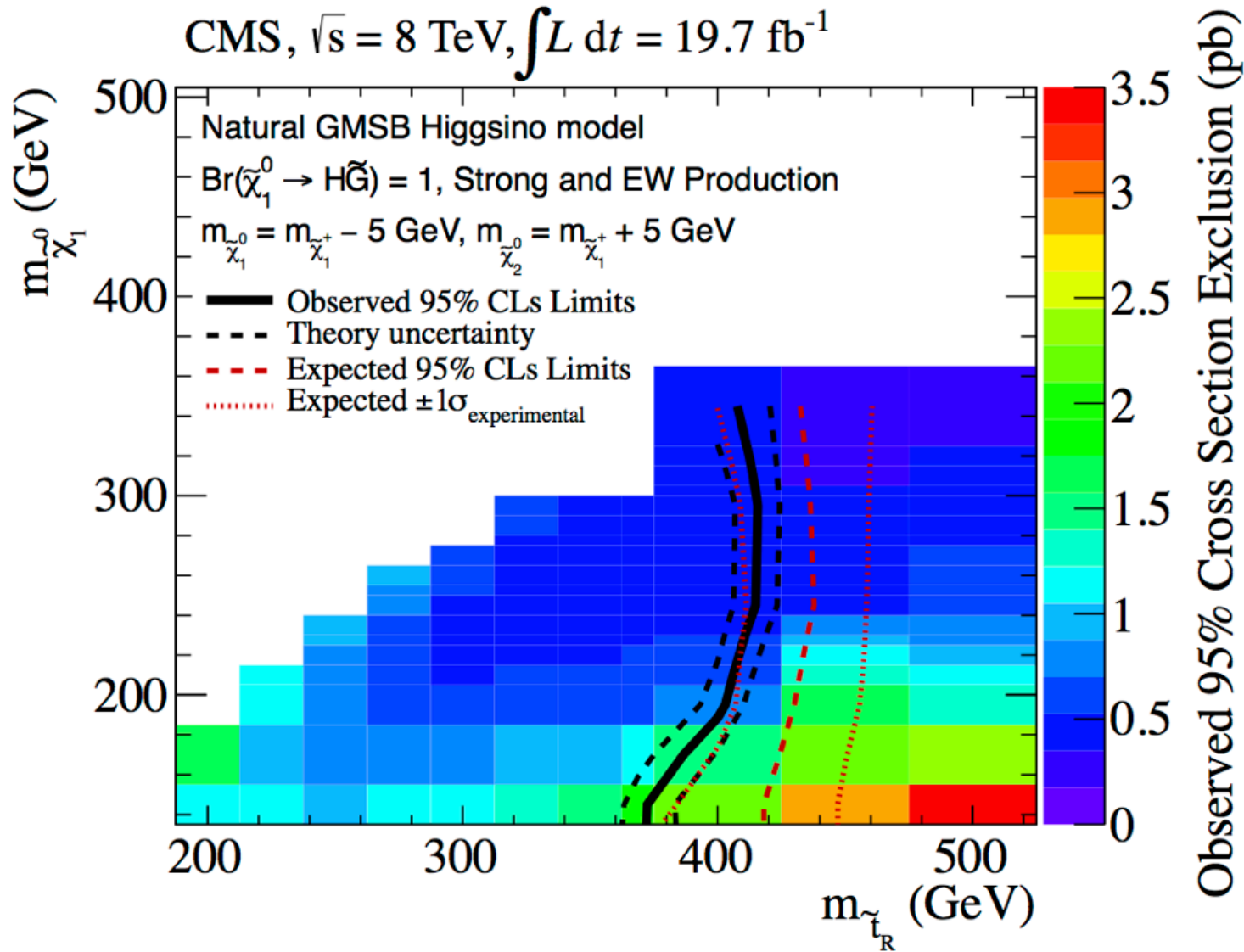


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# The limit



# Pure EWK production

no single channel has sensitivity at 20/fb – need to combine

$h(\gamma\gamma)+\text{jets}$

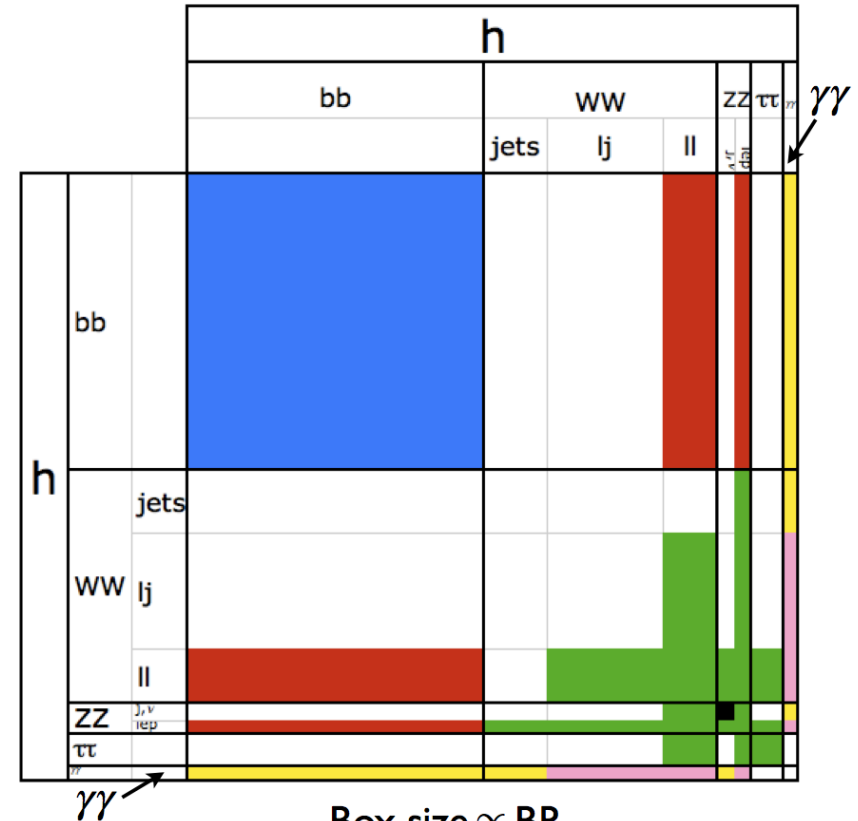
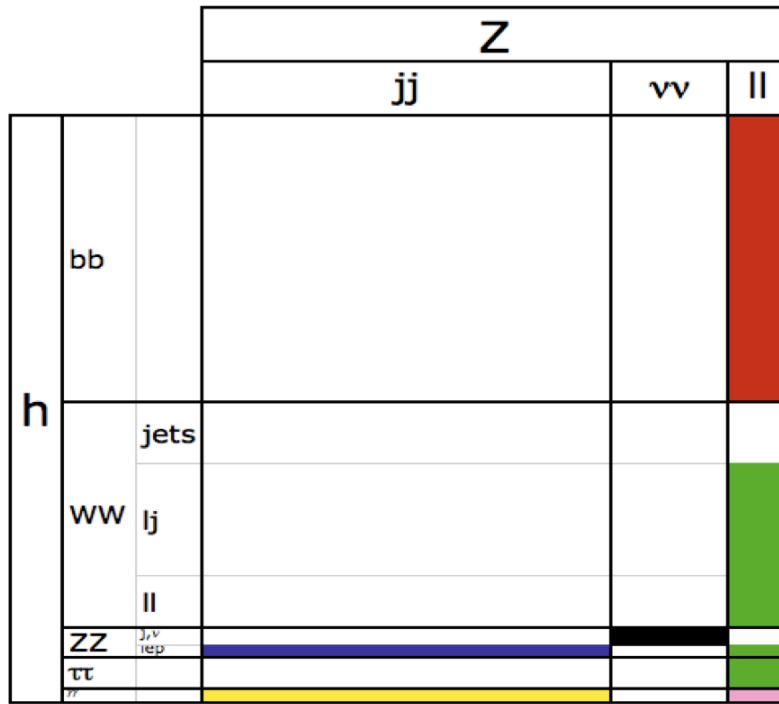
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$Z(\ell\ell) + Z(jj)$

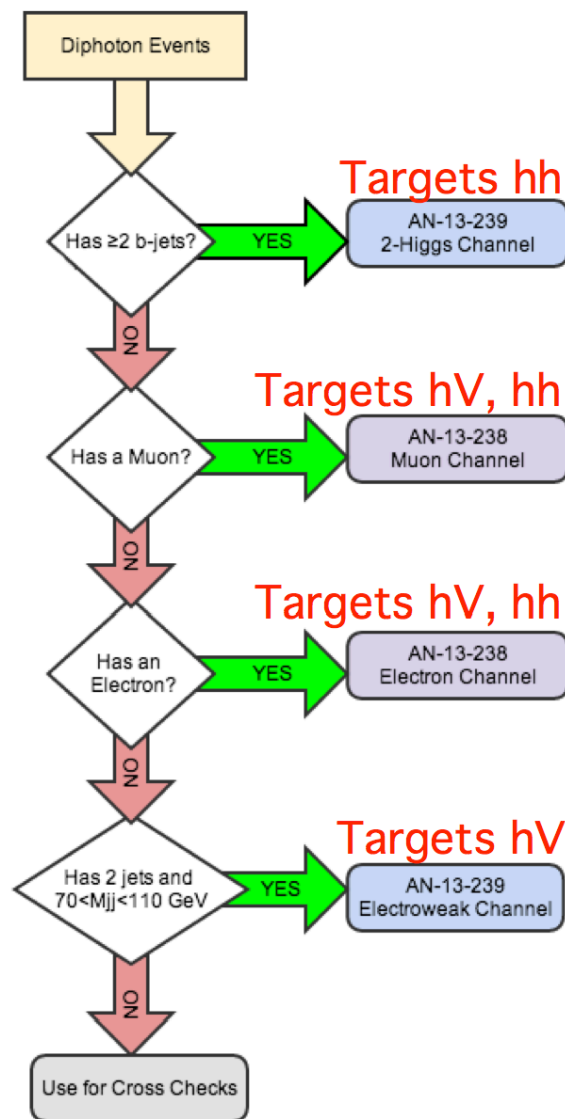
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Box size  $\propto$  BR

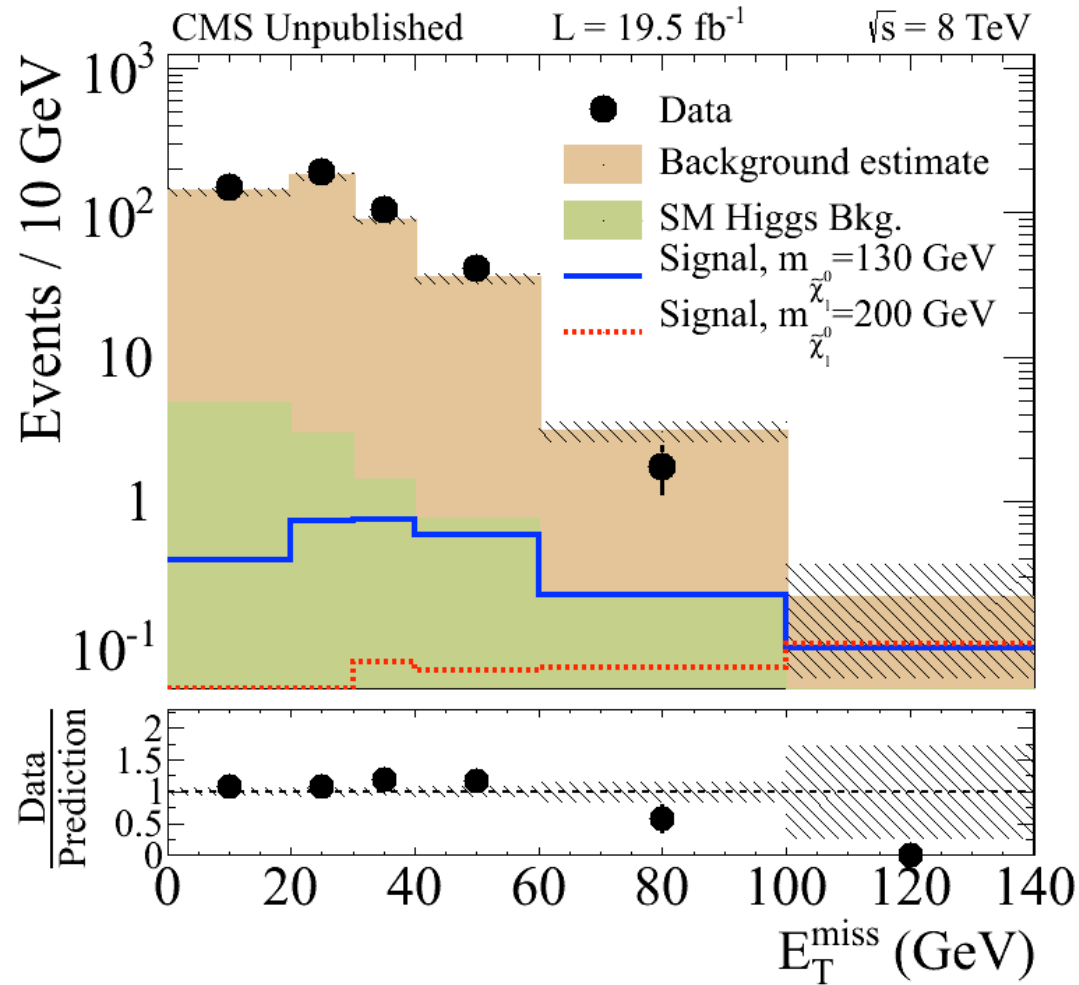
# Diphoton channels

- As before, sort events into boxes in order of decreasing purity
- With EWK production in 20/fb the limiting factor is the number of events
- Will not be the case for Run 2 & beyond



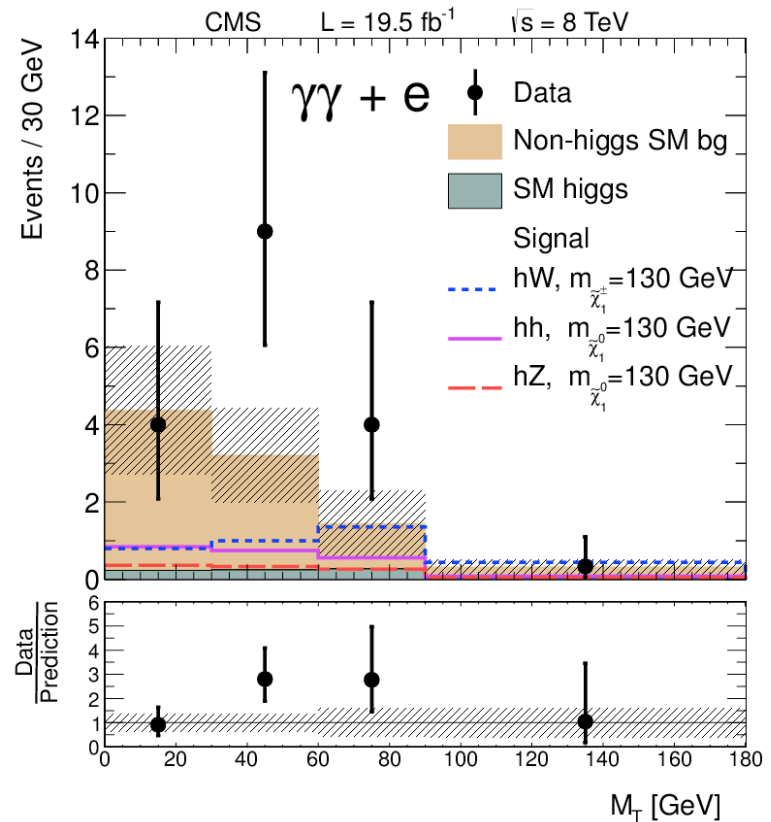
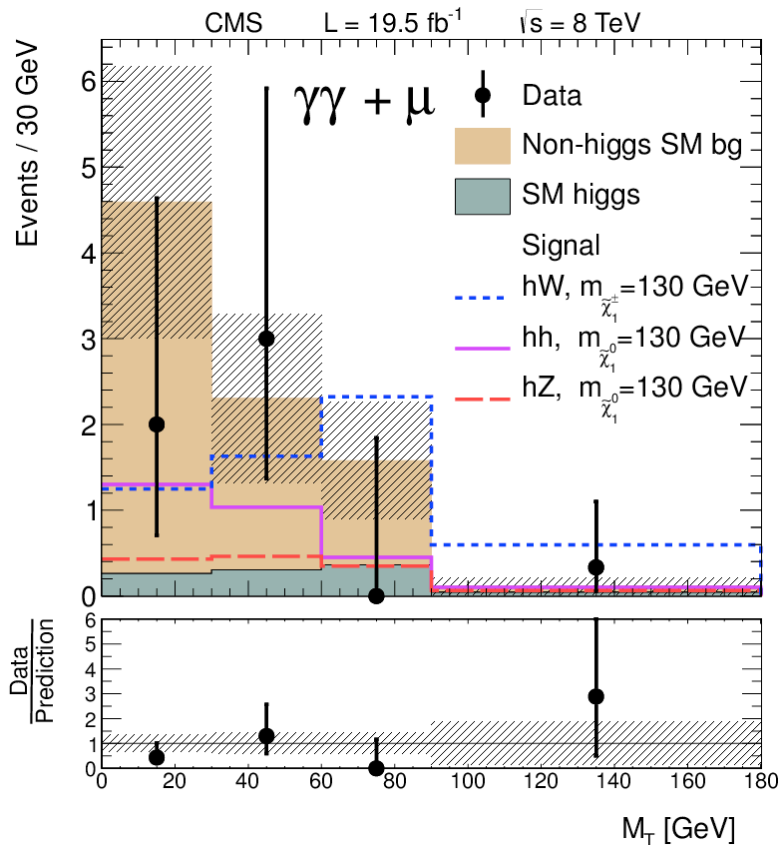
# $\gamma\gamma + V(jj)$

● Pretty much hopeless



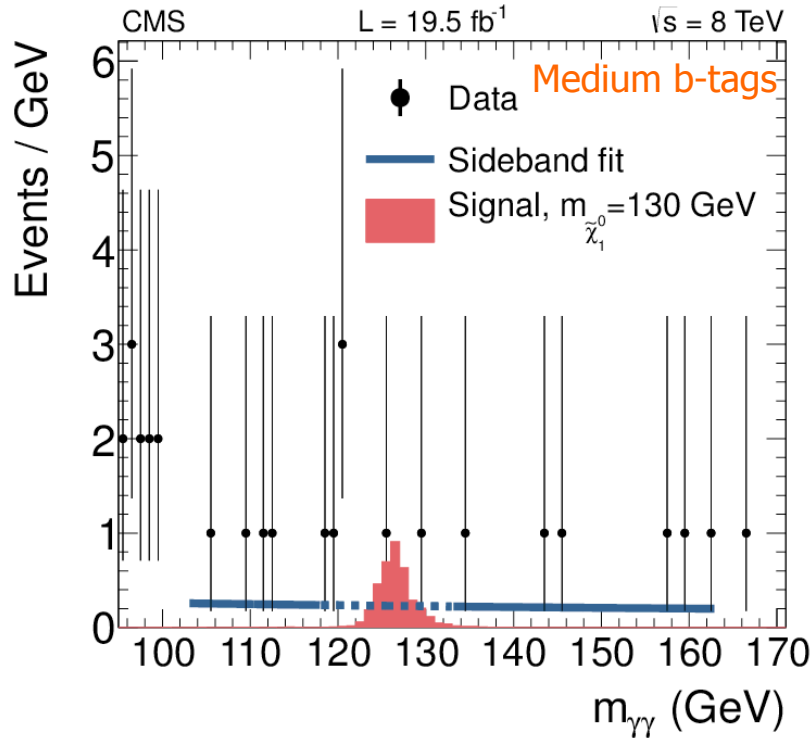
# $\gamma\gamma$ + leptons

- Very low efficiency – but very clean – room for unexpected signals
- $p_T > 15$  GeV, more then 0.3 away from photons
  - for electrons, also veto e-photon mass around Z
- Use MET for hh/hZ and MT for hW

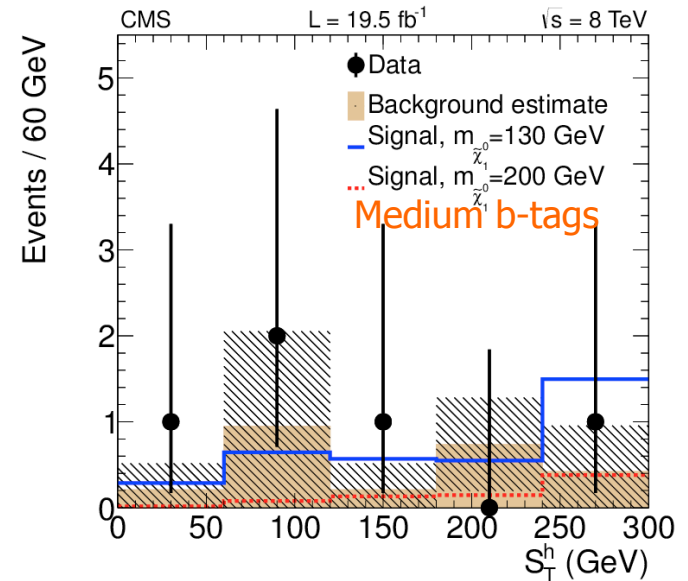
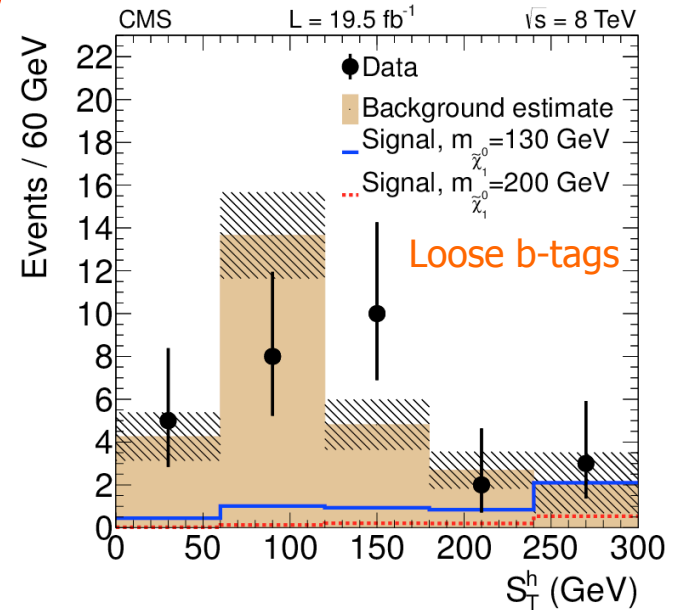


# $\gamma\gamma + h(bb)$

- Re-optimize b-tag
- HST -> scalar sum pT of both Higgs candidates

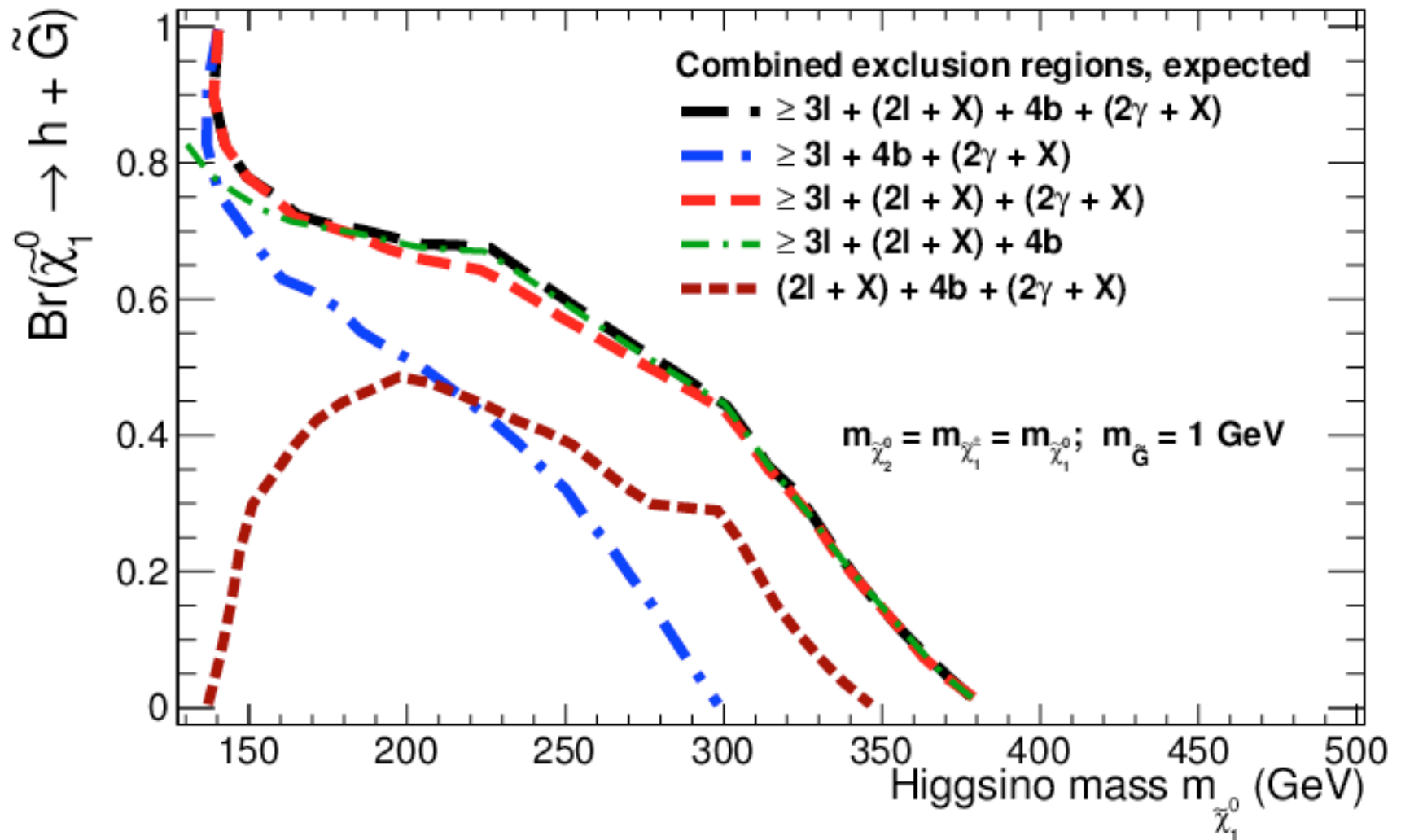


$S_T^h$ bin (GeV)	SM background	Data	hh events, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 130$ GeV
0-60	$0.21^{+0.28}_{-0.21}$	1	$0.28 \pm 0.03$
60-120	$0.95^{+0.99}_{-0.95}$	2	$0.63 \pm 0.04$
120-180	$0.21^{+0.29}_{-0.21}$	1	$0.55 \pm 0.04$
180-240	$0.74 \pm 0.38$	0	$0.53 \pm 0.04$
>240	$0.42^{+0.49}_{-0.42}$	1	$1.46 \pm 0.06$



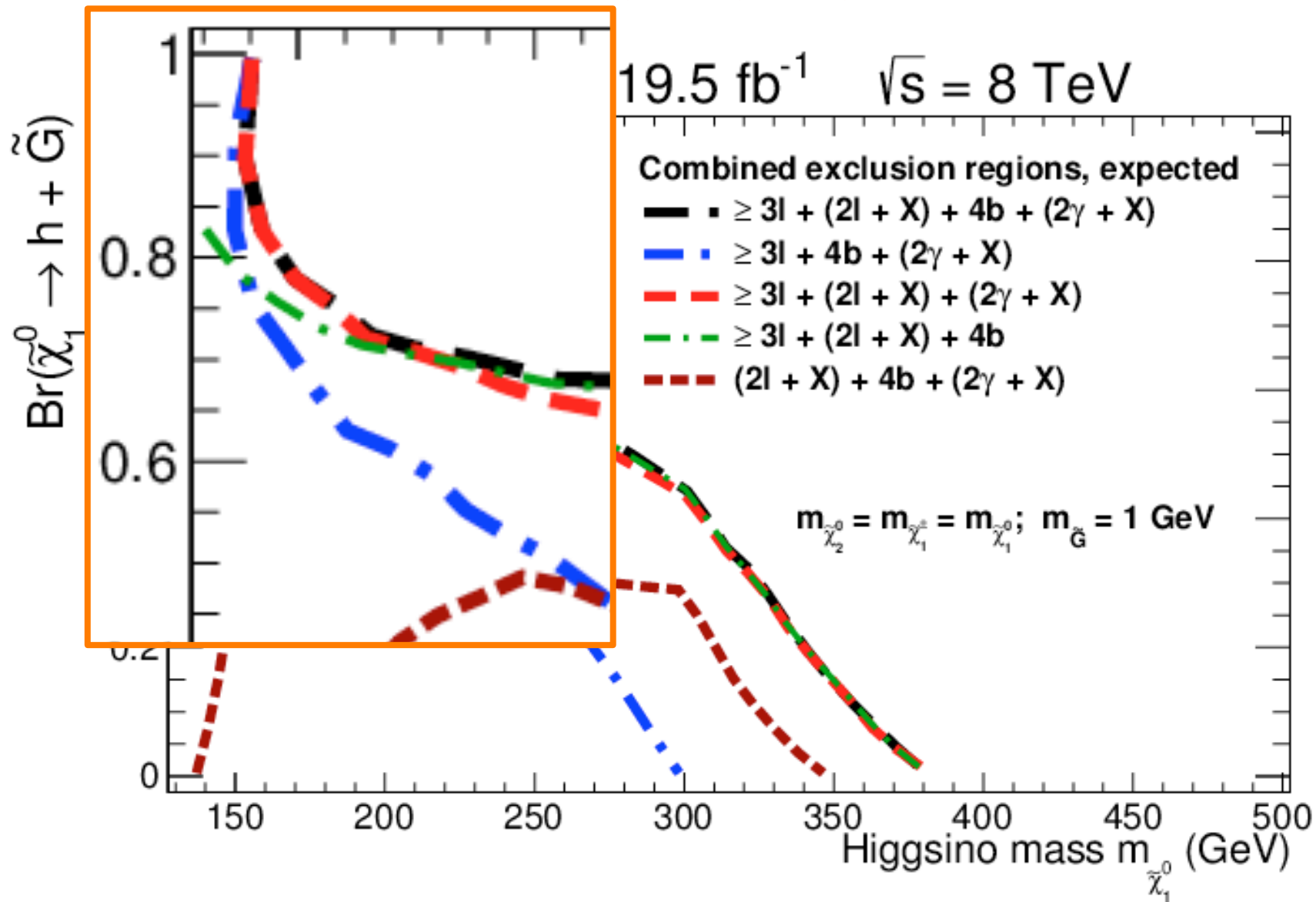
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CMS  $L = 19.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

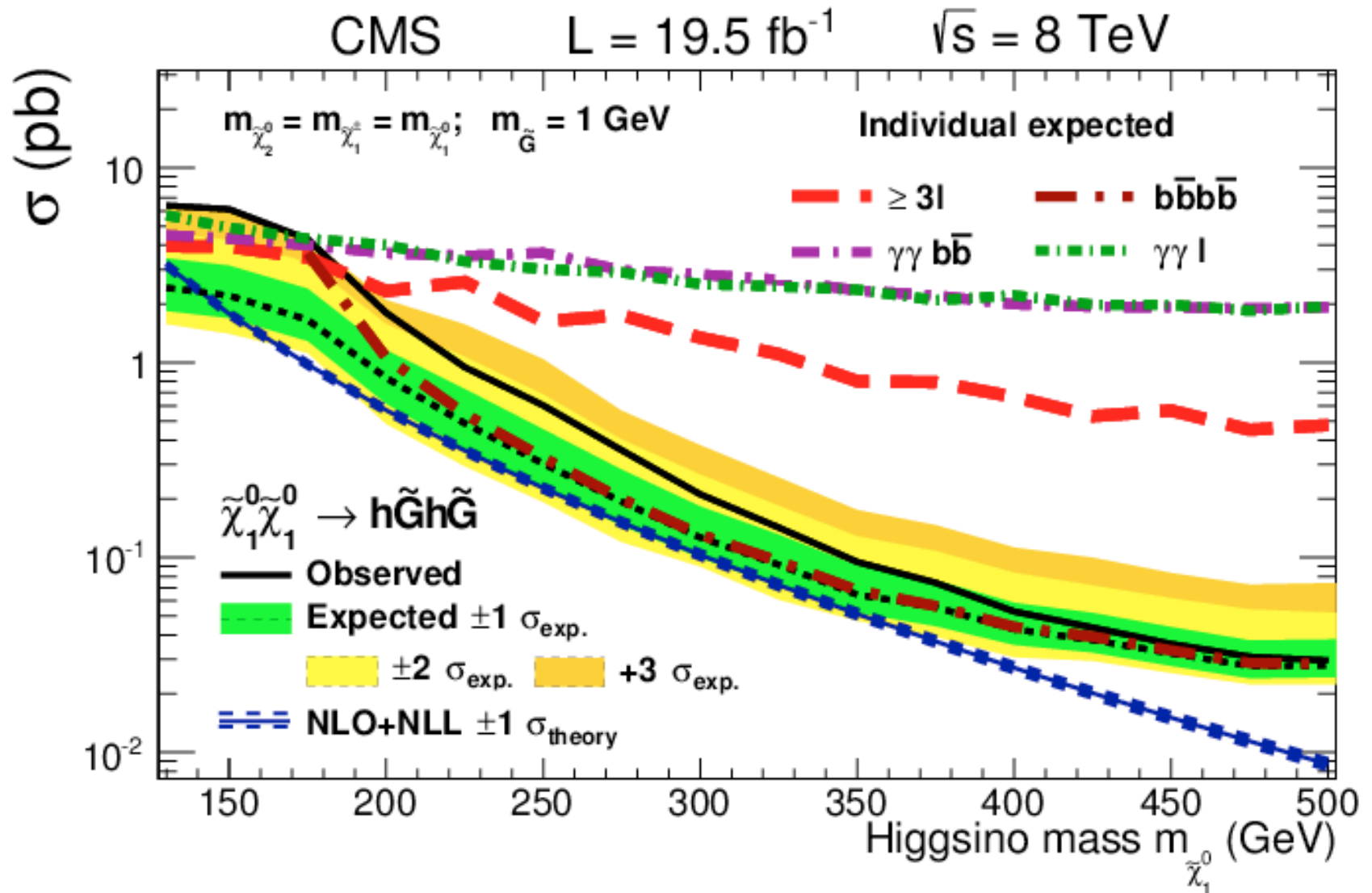




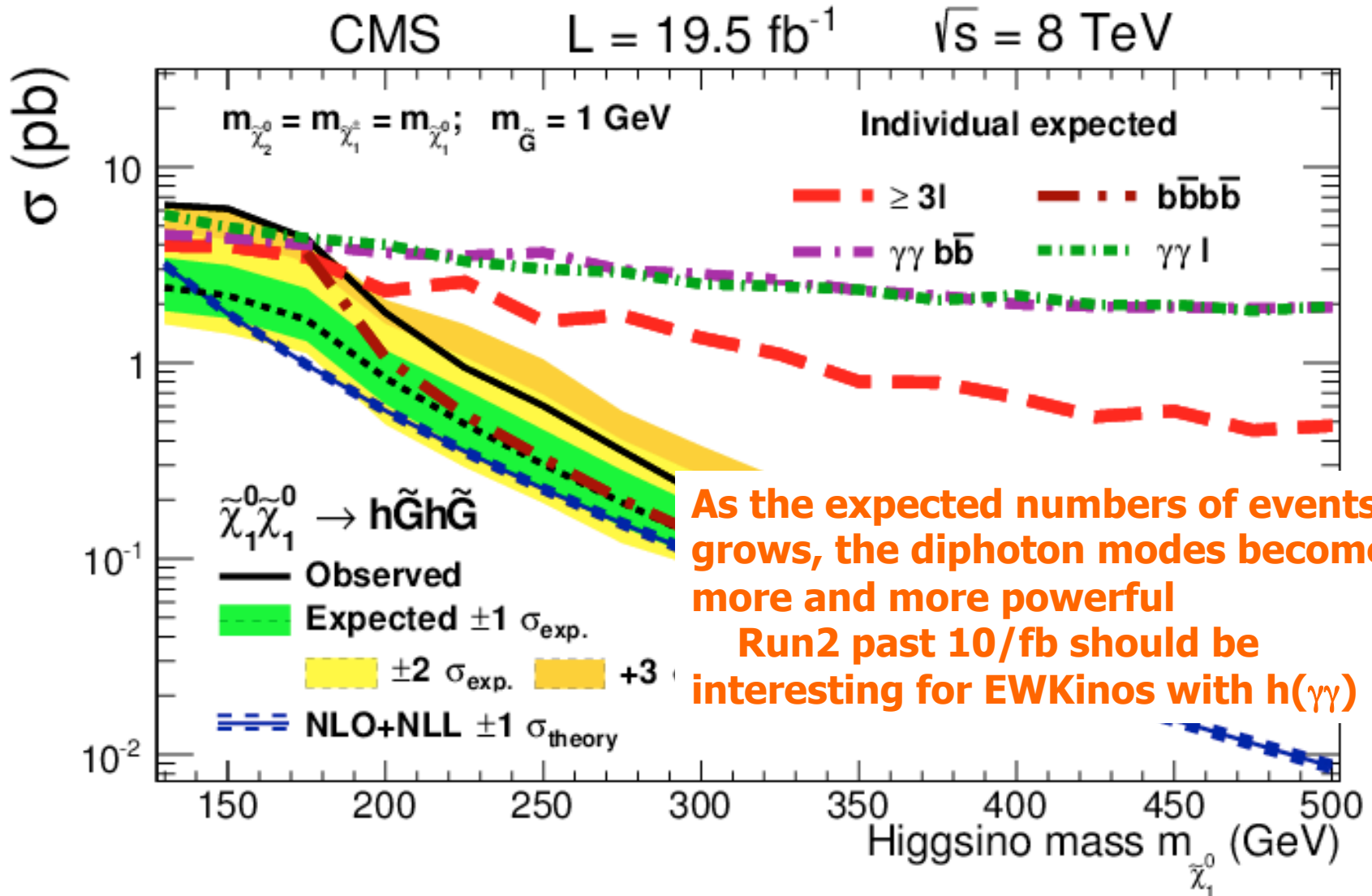
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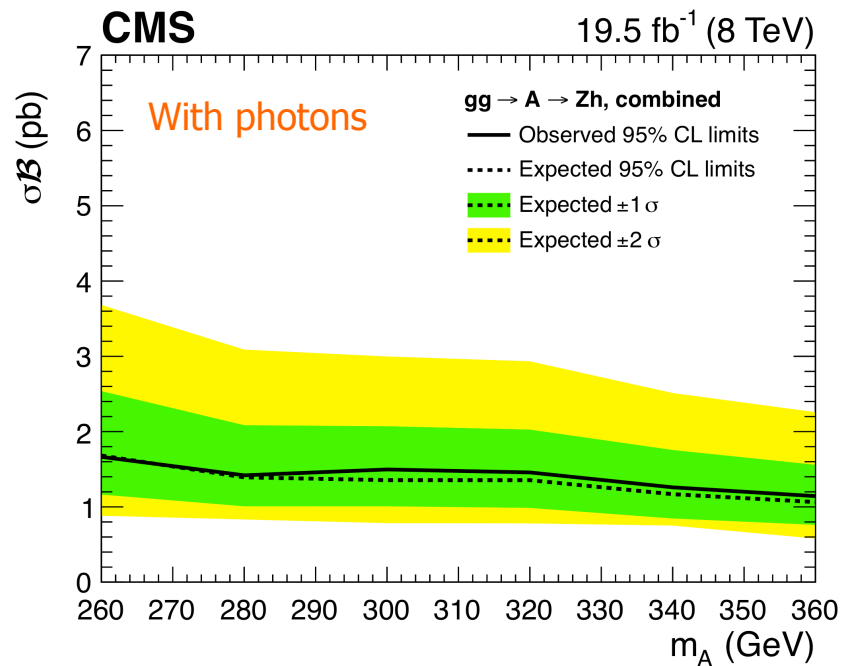
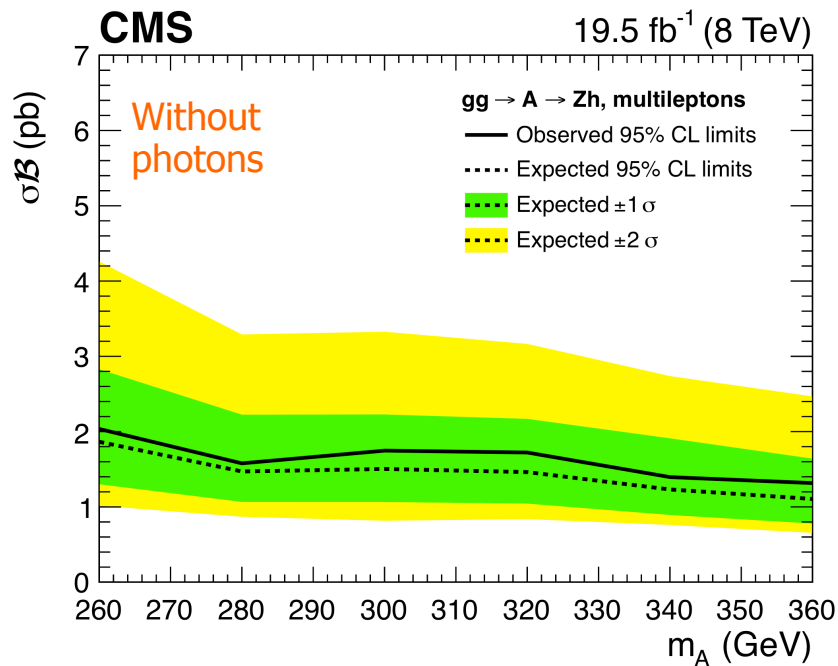
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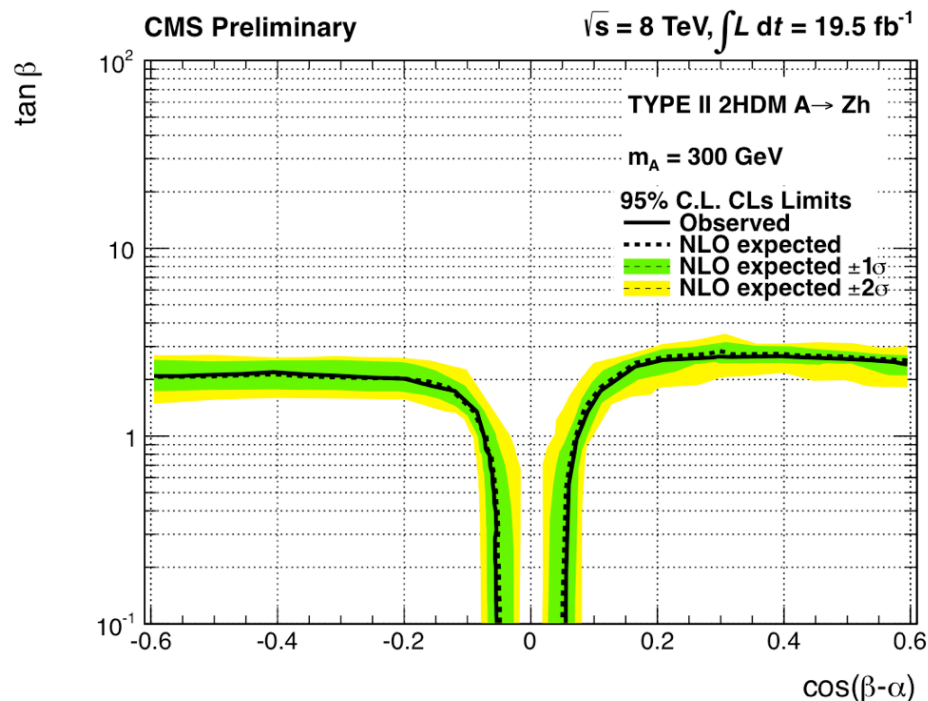
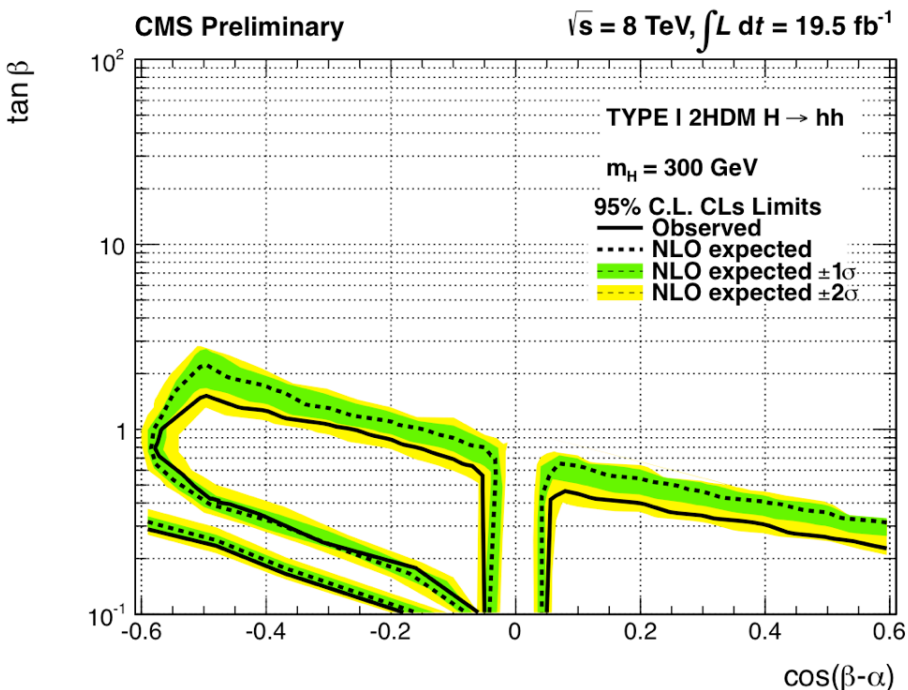
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# Higgs in Top

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- A complementary way to probe tiny BSM Higgs couplings: use huge top production cross section

- i.e. FCNC  $t \rightarrow Hc$

- diphotons have the best sensitivity

- limit FV couplings

$$\sqrt{|\lambda_{tc}^H|^2 + |\lambda_{ct}^H|^2} < 0.14.$$

most sensitive channels with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + e/\mu$

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]	$N_{b\text{-jets}}$	data	background	signal	efficiency [ $10^{-5}$ ]
50–100	$\geq 1$	1	$2.3 \pm 1.2$	$2.88 \pm 0.39$	$3.1 \pm 0.4$
30–50	$\geq 1$	2	$1.1 \pm 0.6$	$2.16 \pm 0.30$	$2.4 \pm 0.3$
0–30	$\geq 1$	2	$2.1 \pm 1.1$	$1.76 \pm 0.24$	$1.9 \pm 0.3$
50–100	0	7	$9.5 \pm 4.4$	$2.22 \pm 0.31$	$2.4 \pm 0.3$
$> 100$	$\geq 1$	0	$0.5 \pm 0.4$	$0.92 \pm 0.14$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$
$> 100$	0	1	$2.2 \pm 1.0$	$0.94 \pm 0.17$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$

HIG-13-034

Higgs Decay Mode	observed	expected	$1\sigma$ range
$H \rightarrow WW^*$ ( $\mathcal{B} = 23.1\%$ )	1.58 %	1.57 %	(1.02–2.22) %
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ( $\mathcal{B} = 6.15\%$ )	7.01 %	4.99 %	(3.53–7.74) %
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$ ( $\mathcal{B} = 2.89\%$ )	5.31 %	4.11 %	(2.85–6.45) %
combined multileptons ( $WW^*, \tau\tau, ZZ^*$ )	1.28 %	1.17 %	(0.85–1.73) %
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ( $\mathcal{B} = 0.23\%$ )	0.69 %	0.81 %	(0.60–1.17) %
combined multileptons + diphotons	0.56 %	0.65 %	(0.46–0.94) %

# Summary

- Higgs was a huge discovery
  - a completely new type of field (scalar with non-zero vev)
- Understanding the nature of the Higgs potential is the next undertaking of particle physics
  - Higgs measurements
  - searches for more scalars
  - searches for new Higgs production mechanisms (i.e. in SUSY cascades)
- Di-photon decay mode, despite its low branching, is a good or the best way to look once a lot of statistics is gathered

Run 2 and HL-LHC should be a lot of fun

# LHC exploration only just begun!

An amazingly interesting place to be

