

# Search for Invisible Higgs at LHC

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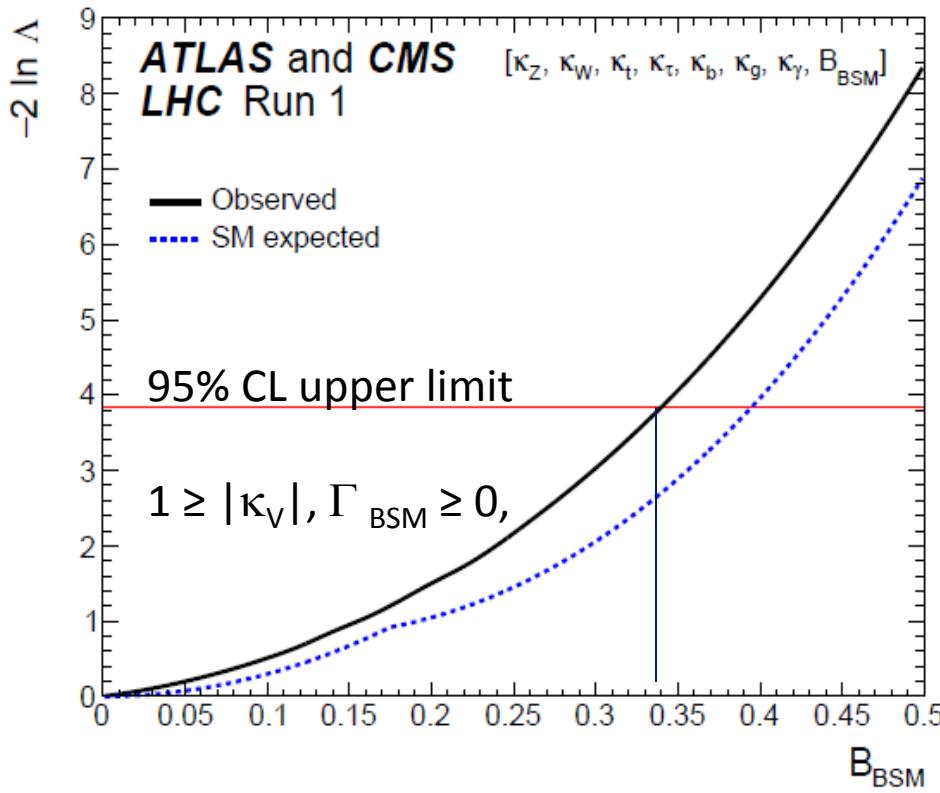
# Introduction

- After the Higgs(125) discovery, the next imperative is to learn about the properties of the resonance.
- Main issue: is it **THE** Standard Model Higgs or one of the Higgs of beyond Standard Model physics?
- All measurements related to Higgs boson are in very good agreement with Standard Model, eg., various cross section measurements in a variety of final states indicate the observed signal strength for Higgs to be compatible with SM values.
- However data volume delivered by LHC is still limited for precision measurements in the Higgs sector.  
→ provides lee way to accommodate various ideas of beyond Standard Model (BSM)
- Determination of Higgs total decay width provide indirect constraint on additional decay modes to invisible as well as other particles which are not detected.

# Constraint on Higgs width from Run1 data

- Accommodate beyond standard model physics in terms of coupling strength modifiers  $\kappa$  :

$$\sigma_i \cdot B^f = \frac{\sigma_i(\vec{\kappa}) \cdot \Gamma^f(\vec{\kappa})}{\Gamma_H}, \quad \kappa_j^2 = \sigma_j/\sigma_j^{\text{SM}} \quad \text{or} \quad \kappa_j^2 = \Gamma^j/\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^j, \quad \Gamma_H = \frac{\kappa_H^2 \cdot \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}}{1 - B_{\text{BSM}}}$$



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$B_{\text{BSM}} < 0.34$  at 95% confidence limit

$\Gamma_H = \Gamma_H(\text{SM}) + \Gamma_H(\text{BSM})$   
where  $\Gamma_H(\text{BSM}) = \Gamma_H(\text{invisible})$

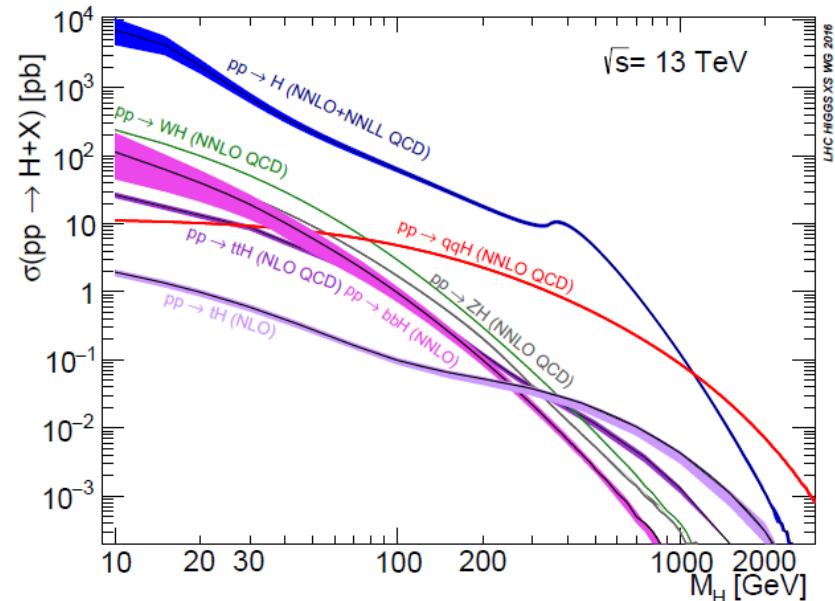
[in SM, the branching ratio for  $\Gamma_H(\text{invisible})$  is  $\sim 0.12\%$  due to  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\nu$ .  
→ beyond detection capability of experiments at present.]

- In general interaction between Higgs boson and the dark matter (DM) sector leads to invisible decay mode of Higgs eg., a pair of neutralinos in SUSY models.

# “invisible” decay of Higgs

- In Higgs portal model, the role of mediator between SM particles and DM particles is played by the Higgs.  $\rightarrow$  allows “direct production” of DM at LHC!  
 $\rightarrow$  potentially establishes non-gravitational interaction of DM particles!
- In the early universe, Higgs is expected to have played a role in the evolution as per several cosmological models.
- Direct search for invisible decay of Higgs is more interesting, since it has more sensitivity to invisible decay width compared to indirect constraint.
- Signature for invisible decay of Higgs  $\rightarrow$  large missing transverse energy  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- For experimental “tag/identification” of invisible decay of Higgs, it has to recoil against a “visible” system in the detector  $\rightarrow$  Higgs should be produced accompanied with a detectable object.
- All production processes at LHC can be utilized, with varying efficiency:

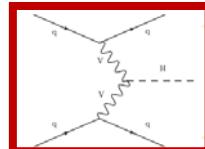
# Suitable Higgs production processes at LHC



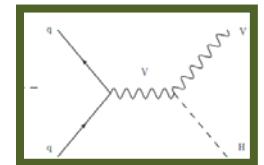
## Expected signal composition (%)

Analysis	Final state	7 or 8 TeV		at 13 TeV	
		7.8 (ggH), 92.2 (qqH)	9.1 (ggH), 90.9 (qqH)	100 (ZH)	100 (ZH)
VH tagged	$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ $Z \rightarrow bb$ $W/Z \rightarrow qq$	100 (ZH) 100 (ZH) 25.1 (ggH), 5.1 (qqH), , 23.0 (ZH), 46.8 (WH)	38.7 (ggH), 7.1 (qqH), 21.3 (ZH), 32.9 (WH)		
ggH-tagged	Mono-jet	70.4 (ggH), 20.4 (qqH), , 3.5 (ZH), 5.7 (WH)	69.3 (ggH), 21.9 (qqH), 4.2 (ZH), 4.6 (WH)		

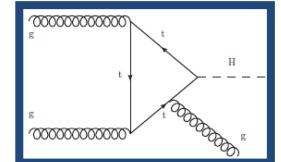
i) Vector boson fusion (VBF):  
 $qq \rightarrow qqH$



ii) Associated production with a vector boson (VH):  $qq \rightarrow VH$   
 $V = W/Z$ , with  $W/Z \rightarrow qq$   
&  $Z \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu, bb$



iii) Gluon-gluon fusion (ggH) at higher orders:  $gg \rightarrow Hg$   
 $\rightarrow$  use mono-jet signal



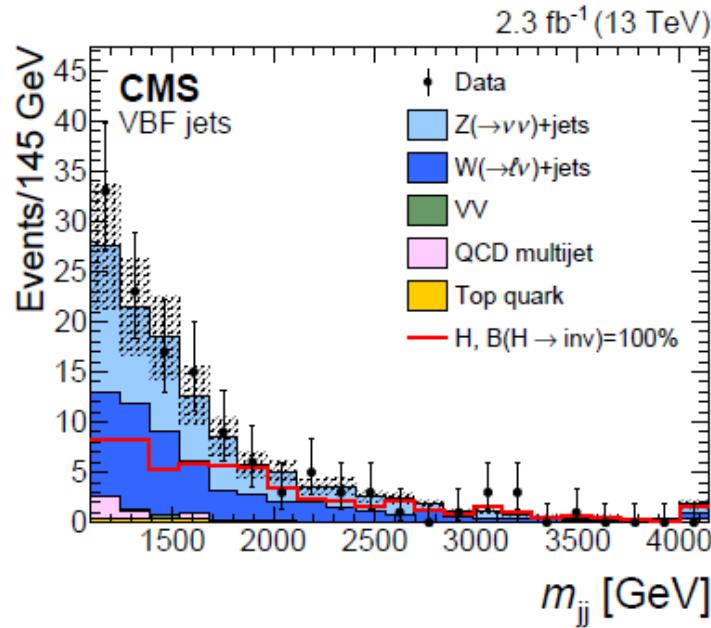
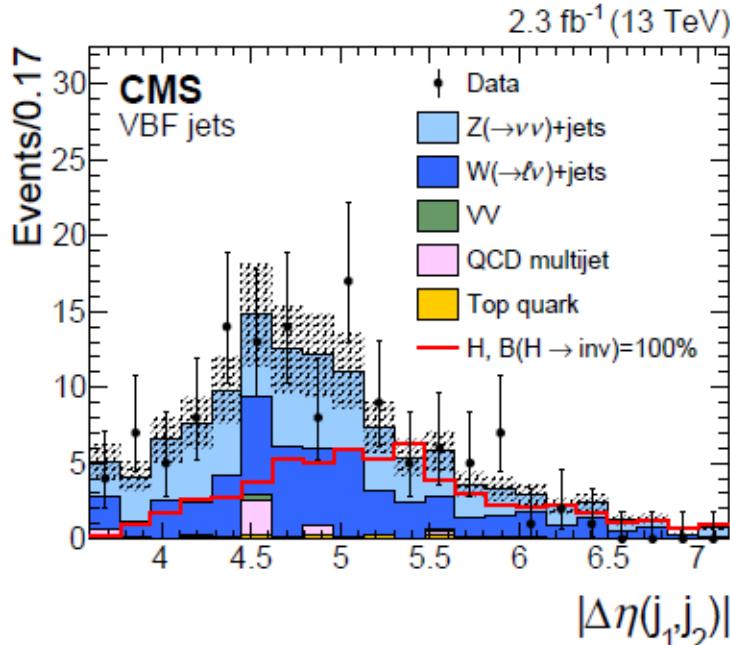
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# Search for H(inv) in VBF mode

$\mathcal{L} = 5.1, 19.7 \text{ & } 2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  : 2011, 2012 & 2015 data at  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ & } 13 \text{ TeV}$

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- Most sensitive search channel: unique event topology of signal
- 2 forward-backward jets with large invariant mass ( $m_{jj}$ ), large pseudo-rapidity gap ( $\Delta\eta$ )
- Outgoing jets are not colour connected  $\rightarrow$  hadronically quiet central region occupied by only missing energy (essentially  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ )
- Cut and count analysis



# VBF analysis: event yield in signal and control regions

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 2.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Process	Signal Region	Control regions				
		Single e	Single $\mu$	Single $\tau$	$\mu^+ \mu^-$	QCD
$Z(\mu^+ \mu^-) + \text{jets}$	QCD	—	—	—	$4.2 \pm 1.1$	—
	EW	—	—	—	$2.0 \pm 0.7$	—
$Z(\nu \nu) + \text{jets}$	QCD	$47 \pm 12$	—	—	—	—
	EW	$21 \pm 7$	—	—	—	—
$W(\mu \nu) + \text{jets}$	QCD	$13 \pm 2$	—	$53 \pm 5$	$0.4 \pm 0.2$	$45 \pm 5$
	EW	$4.3 \pm 0.8$	—	$27 \pm 3$	—	$6.0 \pm 0.9$
$W(e \nu) + \text{jets}$	QCD	$9.3 \pm 1.5$	$17 \pm 3$	—	$0.2 \pm 2.2$	$39 \pm 4$
	EW	$5.4 \pm 1.1$	$7.8 \pm 1.3$	—	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	$6.1 \pm 1.0$
$W(\tau \nu) + \text{jets}$	QCD	$13 \pm 2$	$0.06 \pm 0.06$	—	$12 \pm 2$	$74 \pm 9$
	EW	$5.5 \pm 1.2$	—	—	$5.1 \pm 1.2$	$24 \pm 3$
Top quark		$2.3 \pm 0.4$	$1.5 \pm 0.3$	$6.8 \pm 0.9$	$7.1 \pm 1.0$	$82 \pm 11$
QCD multijet		$3 \pm 23$	—	$5 \pm 3$	$0.4 \pm 0.3$	$1200 \pm 170$
Dibosons		$0.7 \pm 0.3$	$0.4 \pm 0.4$	$0.8 \pm 0.4$	—	$1.8 \pm 0.7$
Total bkg.		$125 \pm 28$	$27 \pm 3$	$91 \pm 8$	$25 \pm 4$	$6.4 \pm 1.4$
Data		126	29	89	24	1461
Signal $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$	qqH ggH	$53.6 \pm 4.9$				
		$5.4 \pm 3.6$				

NO excess of events

VBF selections

	8 TeV	13 TeV
$p_T^{j1}$	$> 50 \text{ GeV}$	$> 80 \text{ GeV}$
$p_T^{j2}$	$> 45 \text{ GeV}$	$> 70 \text{ GeV}$
$m_{jj}$	$> 1200 \text{ GeV}$	$> 1100 \text{ GeV}$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$> 90 \text{ GeV}$	$> 200 \text{ GeV}$
$S(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$> 4\sqrt{\text{GeV}}$	—
$\min \Delta\phi(\vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}, j)$	—	$> 2.3$
$\Delta\eta(j_1, j_2)$	—	$> 3.6$

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# Signal extraction for VBF

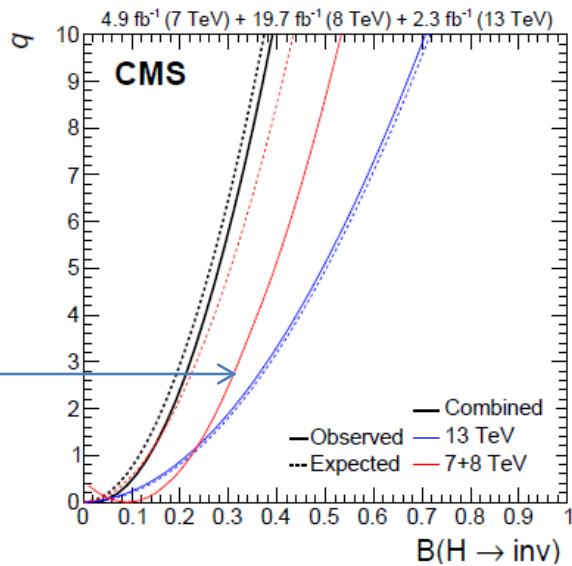
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- Simultaneous fit to signal and control regions

- Profile likelihood ratio:

$$q = -2 \ln \frac{L(\text{data} | \sigma \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \text{inv}) / \sigma(\text{SM}), \hat{\theta})}{L(\text{data} | \sigma \hat{\mathcal{B}}(H \rightarrow \text{inv}) / \sigma(\text{SM}), \hat{\theta})}$$

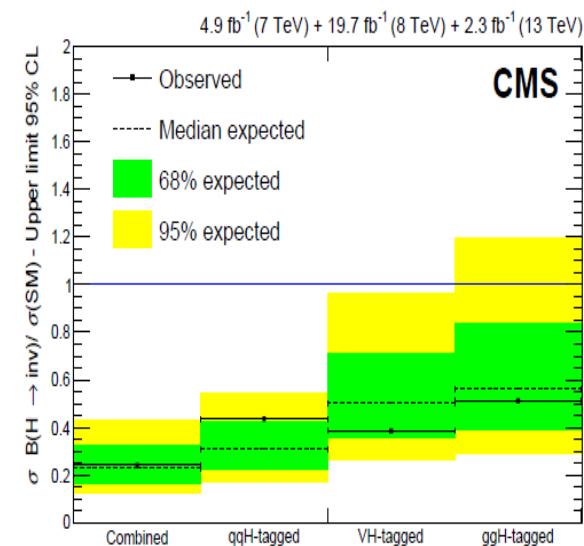
Expected = no invisible decay



- VBF is most sensitive
- presented result mostly driven by 8 TeV data which showed a small excess!

Utilizing all channels Run1 + Run2 combined observed (expected) upper limit on  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \text{inv.}) < 0.24 (0.23)$  at 95% CL, assuming SM production rate.

data at  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ & } 13 \text{ TeV}$



*Results from VBF analysis of 2016 data (36 /fb) coming soon!*

# Interpretation in Higgs-portal model

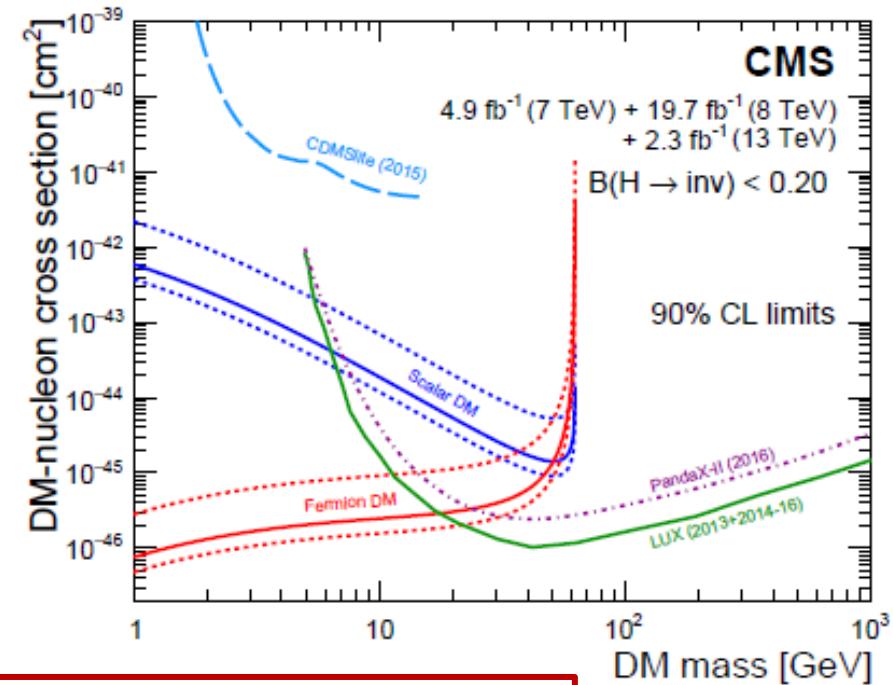
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- SM particles communicate with dark matter particles via Higgs & tree level coupling  $\rightarrow$  invisible decay of H (produced acc. to SM)
- Interpretation of limit in terms of spin-independent DM-nucleon cross section.
- Assumptions: nature of DM particle  $\rightarrow$  either scalar or fermion;  
+ effective interaction does not depend on spin
- Use 90% CL limit to compare collider reach with constraints from direct detection Experiments  $\rightarrow \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \text{inv}) < 0.20$

$$\sigma_{S-N}^{\text{SI}} = \frac{4\Gamma_{\text{inv}}}{m_H^3 v^2 \beta} \frac{m_N^4 f_N^2}{(m_\chi + m_N)^2}$$

$$\sigma_{f-N}^{\text{SI}} = \frac{8\Gamma_{\text{inv}} m_\chi^2}{m_H^5 v^2 \beta^3} \frac{m_N^4 f_N^2}{(m_\chi + m_N)^2}$$

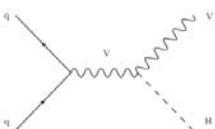
$f_N$  : nuclear form factor = [0.260, 0.629]



Collider sensitivity most significant for low mass DM below  $\sim 10$  GeV

# $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- H(\text{inv})$

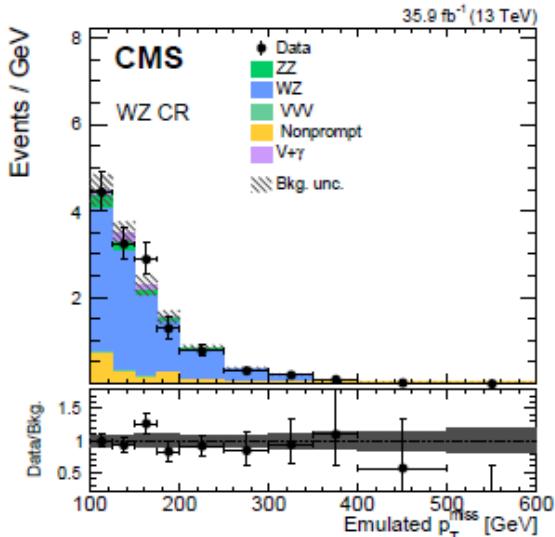
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*additional ZH processes*

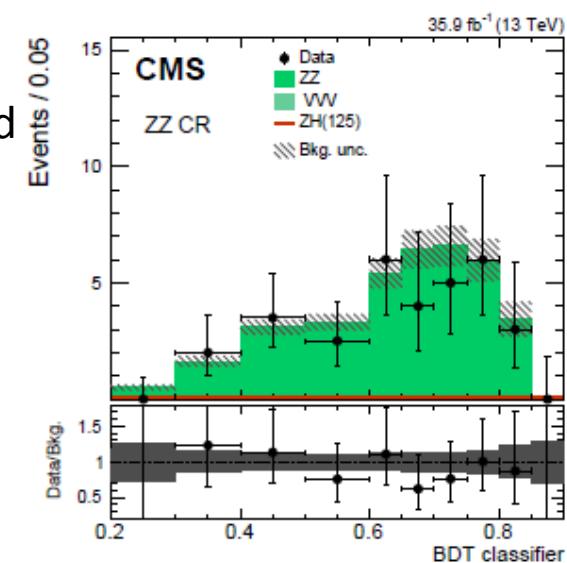


- Same flavour, opposite sign isolated lepton pair, recoiling against large  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Several background processes: estimated using control samples.
  - Continuum production of  $ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$ , irreducible (60% of total bkg)
  - $WZ \rightarrow \ell' \nu' \ell^+ \ell^-$  where  $\ell'$  is mis-identified (25%)
  - leptonic decays of top quark,  $WW \rightarrow \ell \nu \ell \nu$ , Drell -Yan ( $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ ),  $WWW, \dots$
- Shape based analysis → final result from binned fit of  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  distribution
- Multivariate analysis → several input variables to train a boosted decision tree



Control regions used for background estimation in signal region

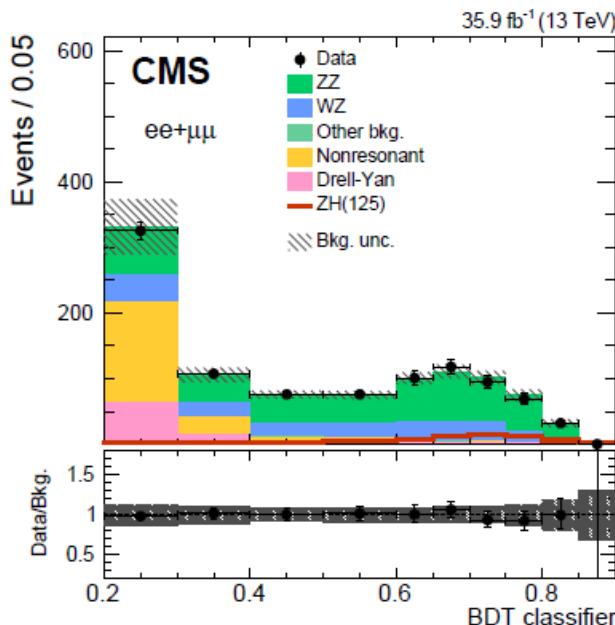
“Emulated W  $p_T$ ” =  $p_T^{\text{miss}} + p_T(\ell 3)$



# Event selection for $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- H(\text{inv})$

Selection	Requirement	Reject	$\mathcal{L} = 35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1} : 2016 \text{ data}$
$N_\ell$	$=2$	$WZ, VVV$	
$p_T^\ell$	$>25/20 \text{ GeV for electrons}$ $>20 \text{ GeV for muons}$	$\text{QCD}$	
Z boson mass requirement	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  < 15 (30) \text{ GeV}$	$\text{WW, top quark}$	
Jet counting	$\leq 1 \text{ jet with } p_T^j > 30 \text{ GeV}$	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell, \text{top quark, VVV}$	
$p_T^{\ell\ell}$	$>60 \text{ GeV}$	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$	
b tagging veto	$\text{CSVv2} < 0.8484$	$\text{Top quark, VVV}$	$\dots \rightarrow \text{for BDT analysis}$
$\tau$ lepton veto	$0 \tau_h \text{ cand. with } p_T^\tau > 18 \text{ GeV}$	$WZ$	
$p_T^{\text{miss}}$	$>100 \text{ GeV (130 GeV, training only)}$	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell, \text{WW, top quark}$	
$\Delta\phi(\vec{p}_T^j, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$	$>0.5 \text{ rad}$	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell, WZ$	
$\Delta\phi(\vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$	$>2.6 \text{ rad (omitted)}$	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$	
$ p_T^{\text{miss}} - p_T^{\ell\ell}  / p_T^{\ell\ell}$	$<0.4 \text{ (omitted)}$	$Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$	
$\Delta R_{\ell\ell}$	$<1.8 \text{ (omitted)}$	$WW, \text{top quark}$	

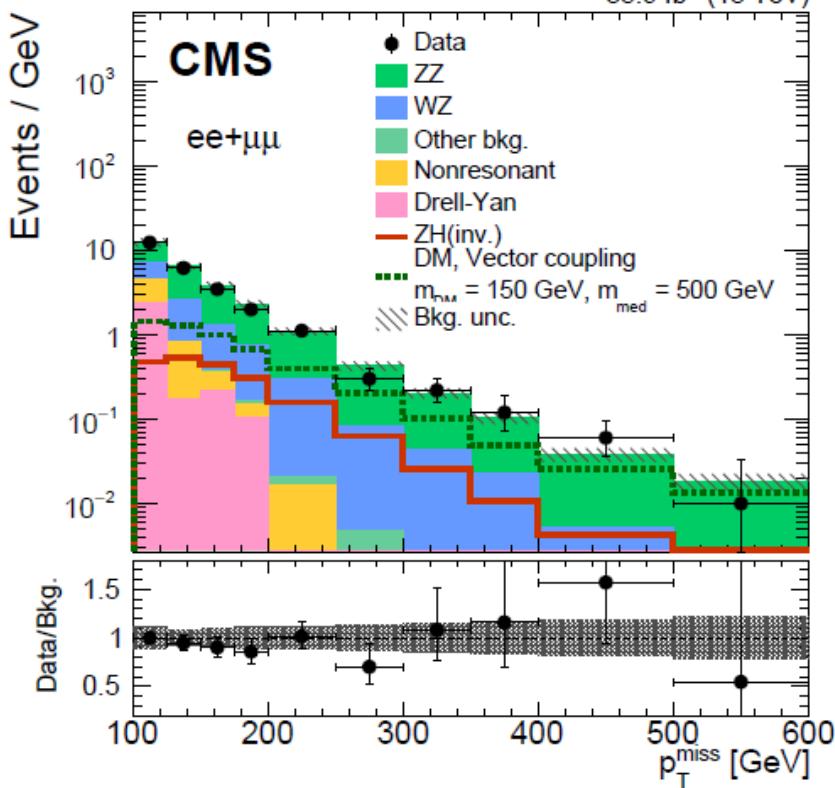
BDT distribution for signal region in MVA



No excess of events above SM expectation

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# ZH analysis: prediction for signal, background and event yield using $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ spectrum



No excess of events above SM expectation

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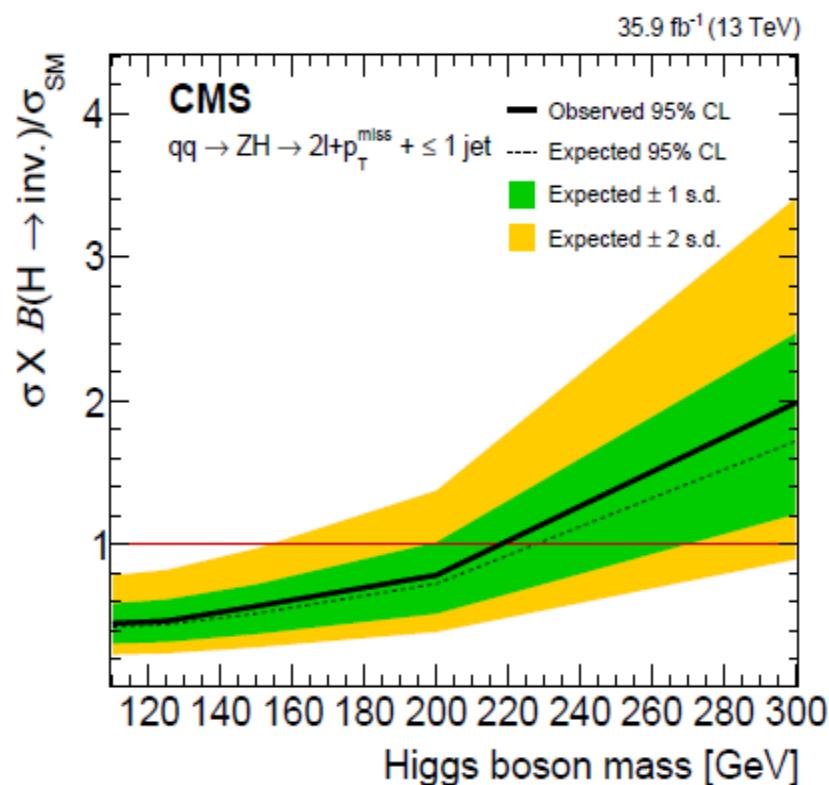
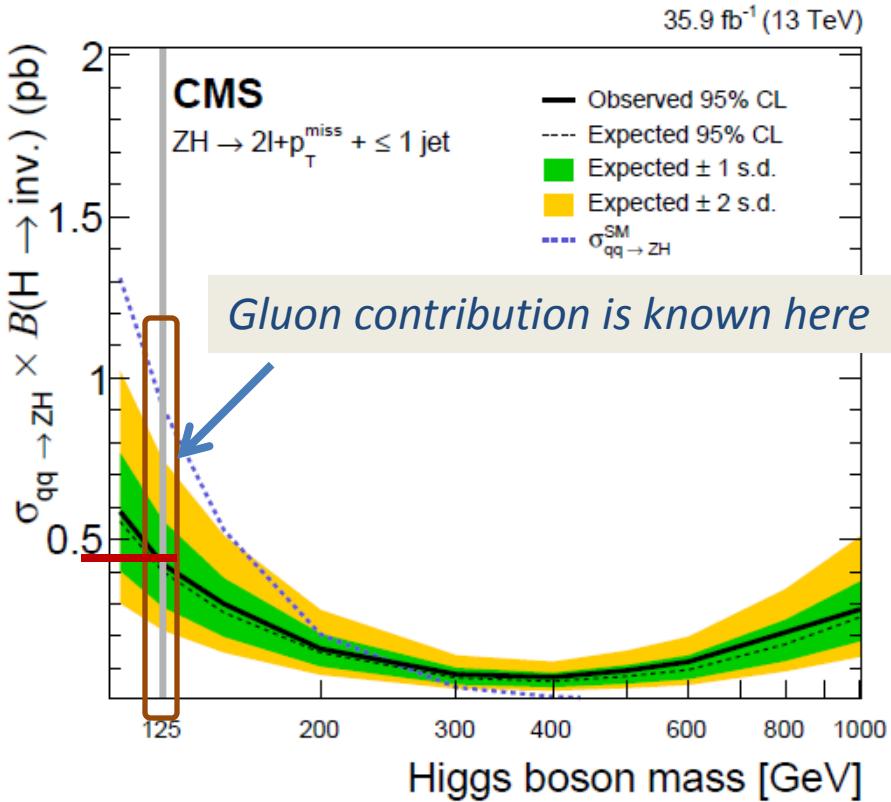
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Process	$ee + \mu\mu$
$qqZH(\text{inv.})$ $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}, \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \text{inv.}) = 1$	$158.6 \pm 5.4$
$ggZH(\text{inv.})$ $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}, \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \text{inv.}) = 1$	$42.7 \pm 4.9$

ZZ	$379.8 \pm 9.4$
WZ	$162.5 \pm 6.8$
Nonresonant bkg.	$75 \pm 15$
Drell-Yan	$72 \pm 29$
Other bkg.	$2.6 \pm 0.2$
Total bkg.	$692 \pm 35$
Data	$698$

# $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- H(\text{inv})$ : Results

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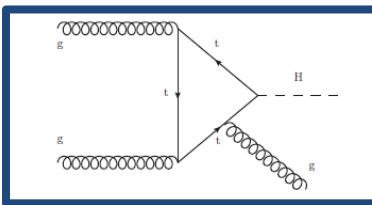
Assuming SM rate for Higgs production, observed (expected) 95% CL upper limit on  $B(H(\text{inv})) = 0.45$  (0.44) from shape analysis  
 $= 0.40$  (0.42) from MVA

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# Mono-jet final state targeting $gg \rightarrow H(\text{inv}) + g$

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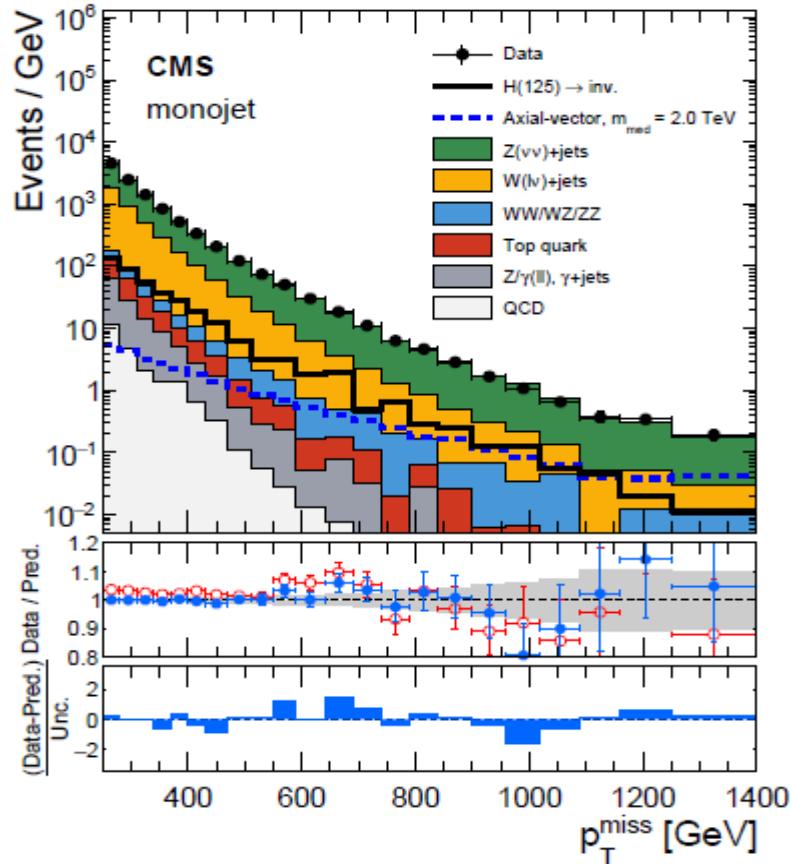
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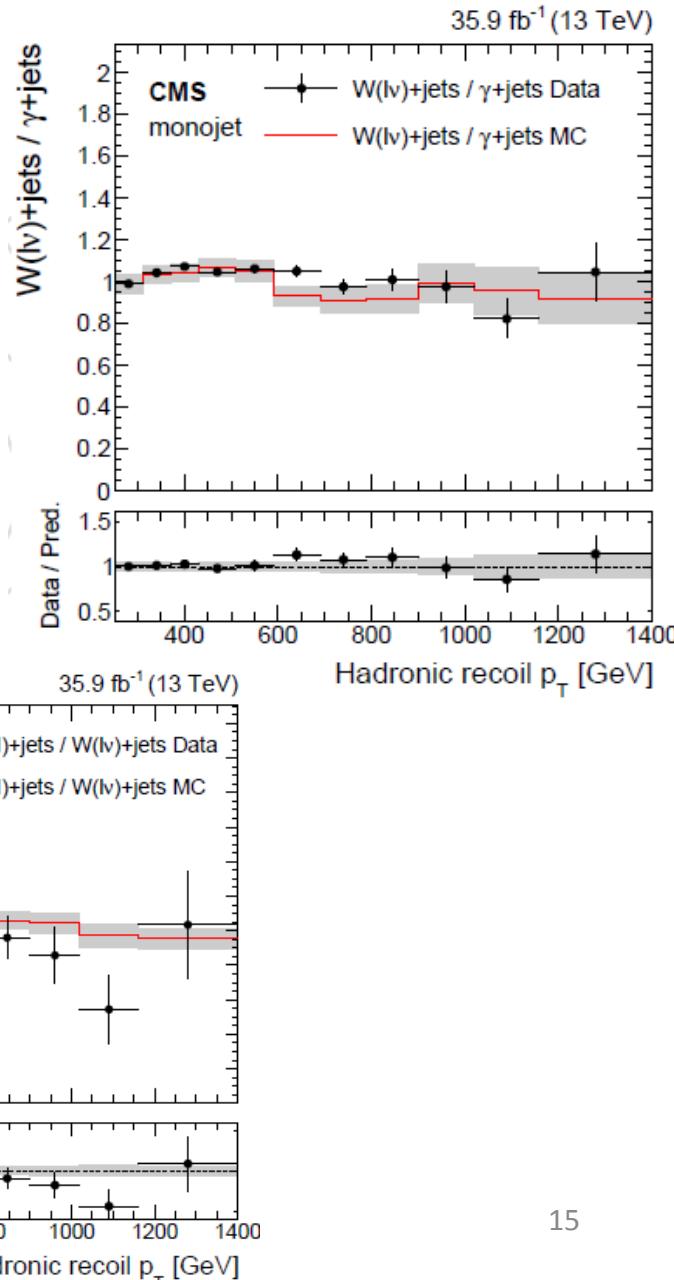
- Jets +  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  in final state, no lepton  
 $\rightarrow$  at least 1 jet from ISR, NOT fat jet! +  $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$
- 90% Backgrounds: irreducible  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$  + jet and  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ , where  $\ell$  is misidentified
- Control regions include various final states :  $\mu\mu$ ,  $ee$ , single  $\mu$ , single  $e$  and  $\gamma$  + jets  
 $\rightarrow$  simultaneous fit to both signal region and all backgrounds from V+jets processes
- to reduce QCD background due to mis-measurement of jets, demand  
 $\min \Delta\phi(\text{jet}, p_T^{\text{miss}}) > 0.5 \text{ rad.}$

# Search for $H(\text{inv})$ in 1jet + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ final state

35.9  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  (13 TeV)



## Control regions

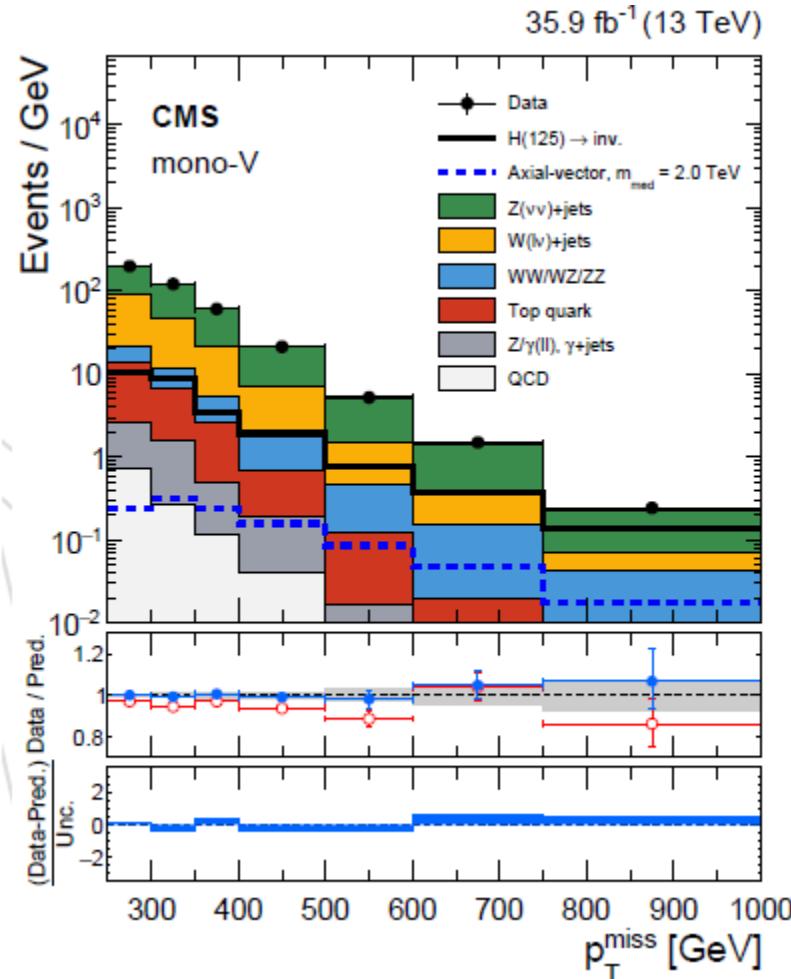


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# Mono V: W/Z( $\rightarrow$ jj) H(inv)

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- Large  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ , no lepton, 2 jets from W/Z decay peaking at respective masses



Expected & observed upper limit on  $\mathcal{B}(H(\text{inv}))$

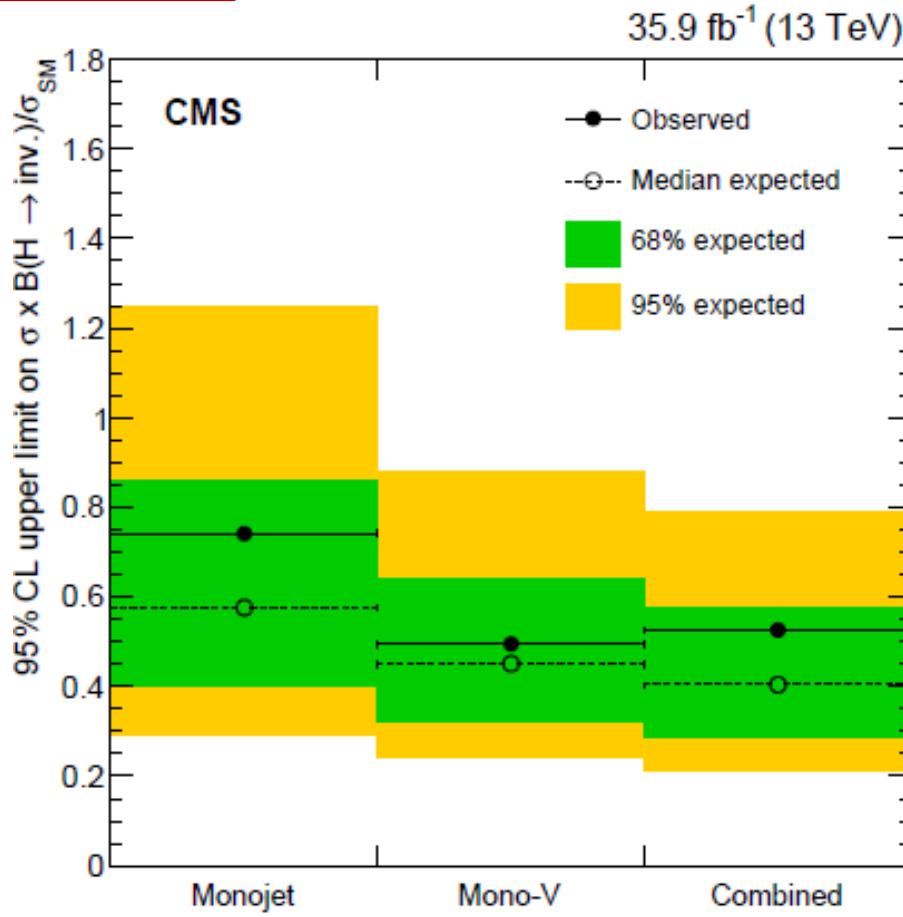
Category	Observed (expected)	68% expected	Expected signal composition
Monojet	0.74 (0.57)	0.40–0.86	72.8% ggH, 21.5% VBF, 3.3% WH, 1.9% ZH, 0.6% ggZH
Mono-V	0.49 (0.45)	0.32–0.64	38.7% ggH, 7.0% VBF, 32.9% WH, 14.6% ZH, 6.7% ggZH
Combined	0.53 (0.40)	0.29–0.58	N/A

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# Combined result from mono V and mono-jet final states

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Assuming SM production rate for Higgs, from mono-V( $\rightarrow jj$ ) and mono-jet searches  
the observed (expected) 95% CL upper limit on  $B(H(\text{inv})) = 0.53 (0.40)$

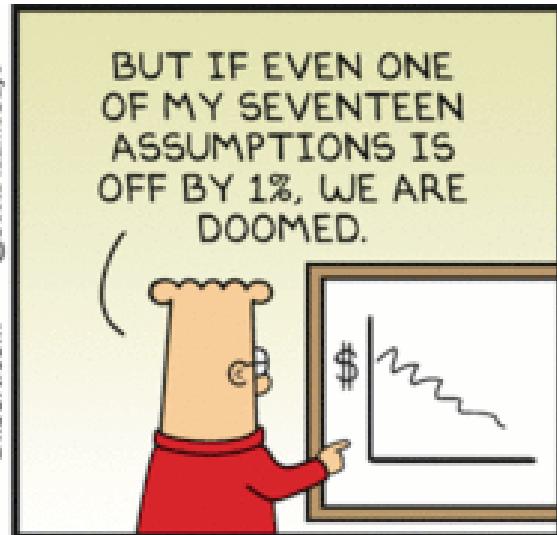
# Outlook

- New results from VBF analysis, based on 2016 data is expected in near future.
- Analysis of 2017 data is in progress.
- **Expect very interesting results during next several years using total Run2 data, corresponding to at least  $120 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ .**
- However LHC roadmap is drawn till 2030s with total expected data volume of  $\sim 3000\text{-}5000 \text{ fb}$ . LHC has delivered till now less than 3% of the total data  
→ Precision measurement of Higgs properties will be complementary to constrain the branching to invisible decay.

→ **Stay tuned, exciting times ahead!**

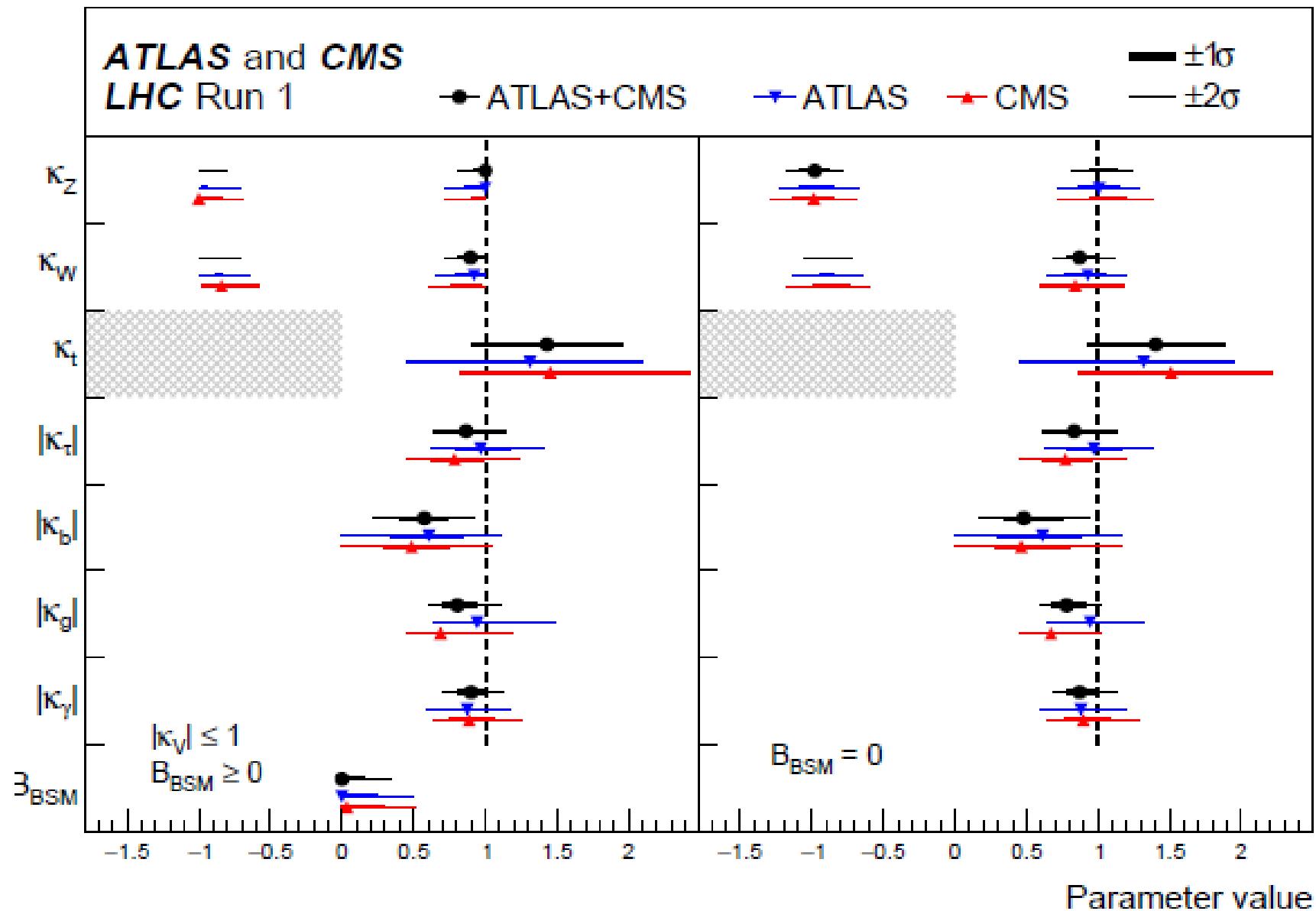
# Conclusion

- Invisible decay of Higgs is an important probe of physics beyond Standard Model. If established, has very significant implications .
- Experimental data analysed so far leaves room for such a speculation.

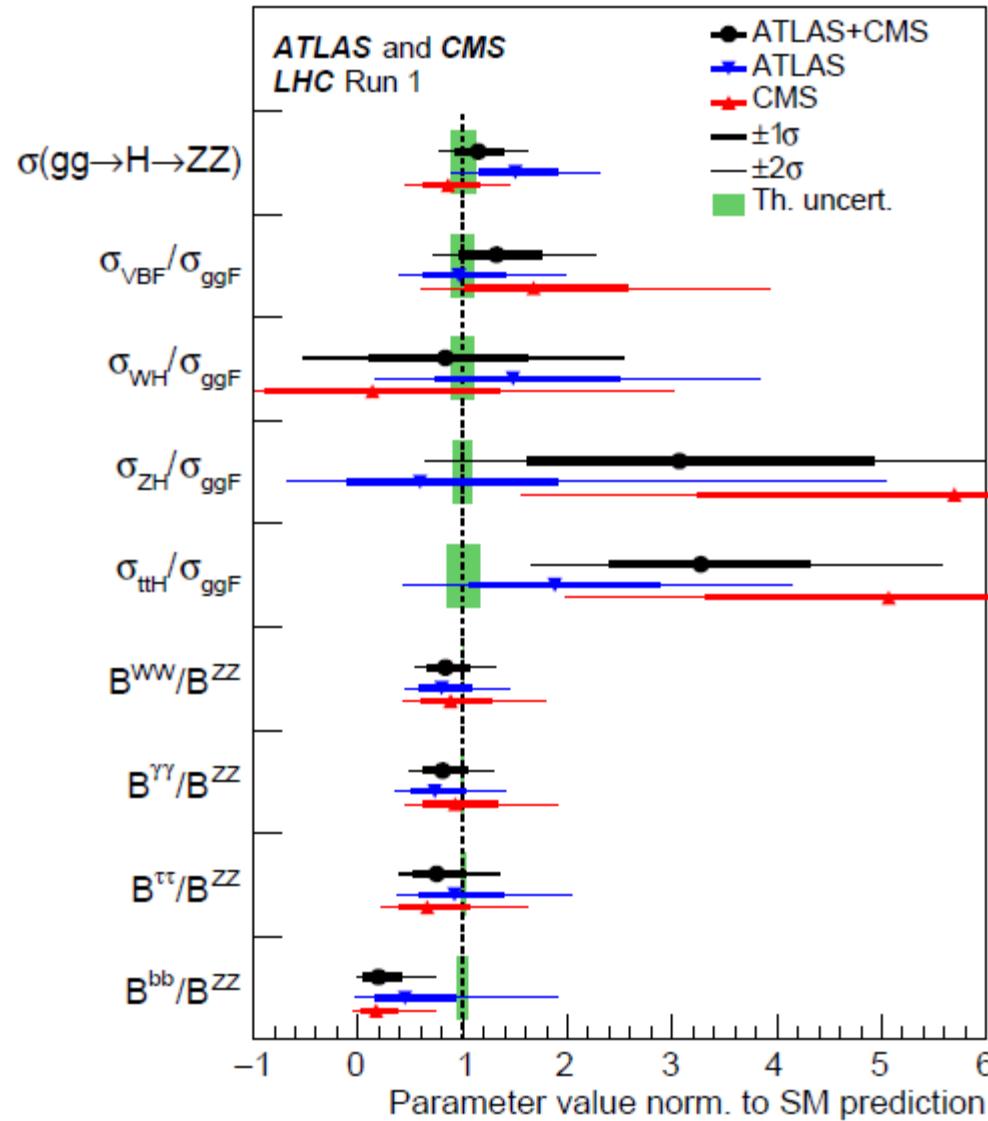


*Thank you!*

# Backup



# Run1 measurements



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 Combination of ATLAS and CMS analyses  
 $\mathcal{B}(H(\text{inv})) < 34\ (39)\%$ , obs.(exp.)  
 → unitarity-inspired constrained  $k_v < 1$

## ZH analysis multiclass BDT classifier

Backgrounds: ZZ, WZ, DY, flavour symmetric or non-resonant p

- $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z|$  (dilepton mass);
- $p_T^{\ell 1}$  (leading lepton transverse momentum);
- $p_T^{\ell 2}$  (subleading lepton transverse momentum);
- $p_T^{\ell\ell}$  (dilepton transverse momentum);
- $|\eta^{\ell 1}|$  (leading lepton pseudorapidity);
- $|\eta^{\ell 2}|$  (subleading lepton pseudorapidity);
- $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  (missing transverse momentum);
- $m_T(p_T^{\ell 1}, p_T^{\text{miss}})$  (leading lepton transverse mass);
- $m_T(p_T^{\ell 2}, p_T^{\text{miss}})$  (subleading lepton transverse mass);
- $\Delta\phi(\vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$  (azimuthal separation between dilepton and missing momentum);
- $\Delta R_{\ell\ell}$  (separation between leptons); and
- $|\cos\theta_{\ell 1}^{\text{CS}}|$  (cosine of the polar angle in the Collins–Soper frame [71] for the leading lepton).

## Systematic uncertainties for ZH analysis

Source of uncertainty	Signal	ZZ	WZ	NRB	DY	Impact on the exp. limit (%)
* VV EW corrections	—	10	-4	—	—	14 (12)
* Renorm./fact. scales, VV	—	9	4	—	—	
* Renorm./fact. scales, ZH	3.5	—	—	—	—	
* Renorm./fact. scales, DM	5	—	—	—	—	
* PDF, WZ background	—	—	1.5	—	—	
* PDF, ZZ background	—	1.5	—	—	—	2 (1)
* PDF, Higgs boson signal	1.5	—	—	—	—	
* PDF, DM signal	1-2	—	—	—	—	
* MC sample size, NRB	—	—	—	5	—	
* MC sample size, DY	—	—	—	—	30	
* MC sample size, ZZ	—	0.1	—	—	—	
* MC sample size, WZ	—	—	2	—	—	1
* MC sample size, ZH	1	—	—	—	—	
* MC sample size, DM	3	—	—	—	—	
* Electron efficiency			1.5			
* Muon efficiency			1			
* Electron energy scale			1-2			
* Muon energy scale			1-2			
* Jet energy scale		1-3 (typically anticorrelated w/ yield)			1 (<1)	
* Jet energy resolution		1 (typically anticorr.)				
* Unclustered energy ( $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ )		1-4 (typically anticorr.), strong in DY				
* Pileup		1 (typically anticorrelated)				
* b tagging eff. & mistag rate			1			
* BDT: electron energy scale	1.1	2.9	2.6	—	—	
* BDT: muon energy scale	1.5	4.3	2.7	—	—	— (2)
* BDT: $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ scale	1.0	3.2	4.1	—	—	
NRB extrapolation to the SR	—	—	—	20	—	<1
DY extrapolation to the SR	—	—	—	—	100	<1
Lepton efficiency (WZ CR)	—	—	3	—	—	<1
Nonprompt bkg. (WZ CR)	—	—	—	—	30	<1
Integrated luminosity			2.5			<1

Affecting the shape

