

Searches for rare Higgs decays at CMS

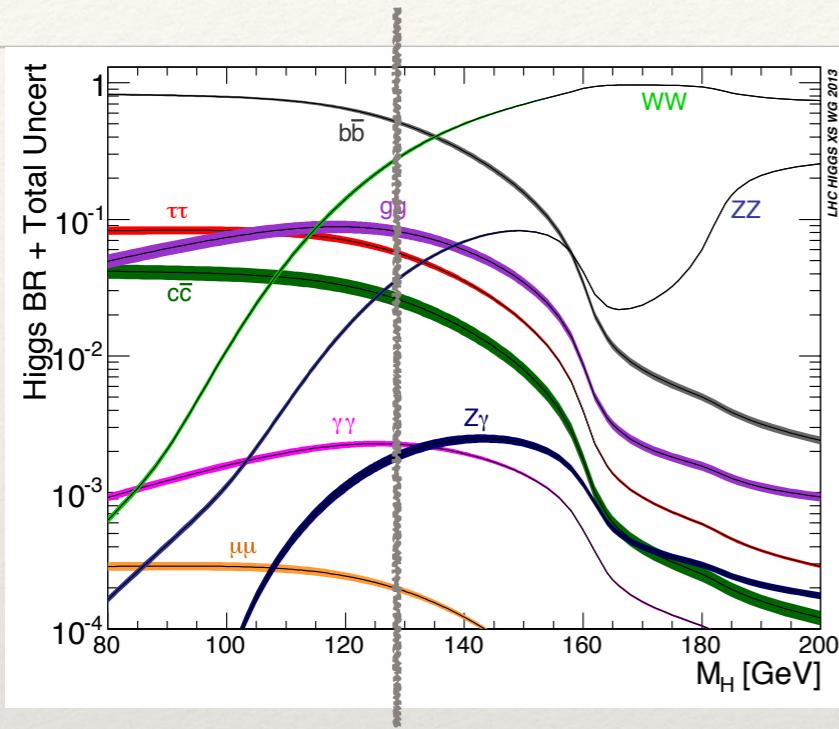
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$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -m_i \bar{f}_L^i f_R^i - Y_{ij} (\bar{f}_L^i f_R^j) h + h.c..$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_Y = -\frac{\lambda'_{ij}}{\Lambda^2} \bar{F}_L^i F_R^j H (H^\dagger H) + h.c.$$

Current status of Higgs boson decays



Channel	BR[%]	Results from CMS(Run II)	References
bb	58	~3.8 σ	CMS-HIG-16-044
WW	22	~4.7 σ	CMS-PAS-HIG-16-021
gg	8.6	-	
$\tau\tau$	6.3	~5.9 σ	CMS-HIG-16-043
cc	2.9	-	
ZZ	2.6	~7 σ	CMS-HIG-16-041
$\gamma\gamma$	0.23	~5.6 σ	CMS-HIG-16-040
Z γ	0.15	95% CL UL	
$\mu\mu$	0.022	95% CL UL	Rare decays
$\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow ll\gamma$	3.2×10^{-5}	95% CL UL	
J/ ψ γ	2.8×10^{-6}	95% CL UL	

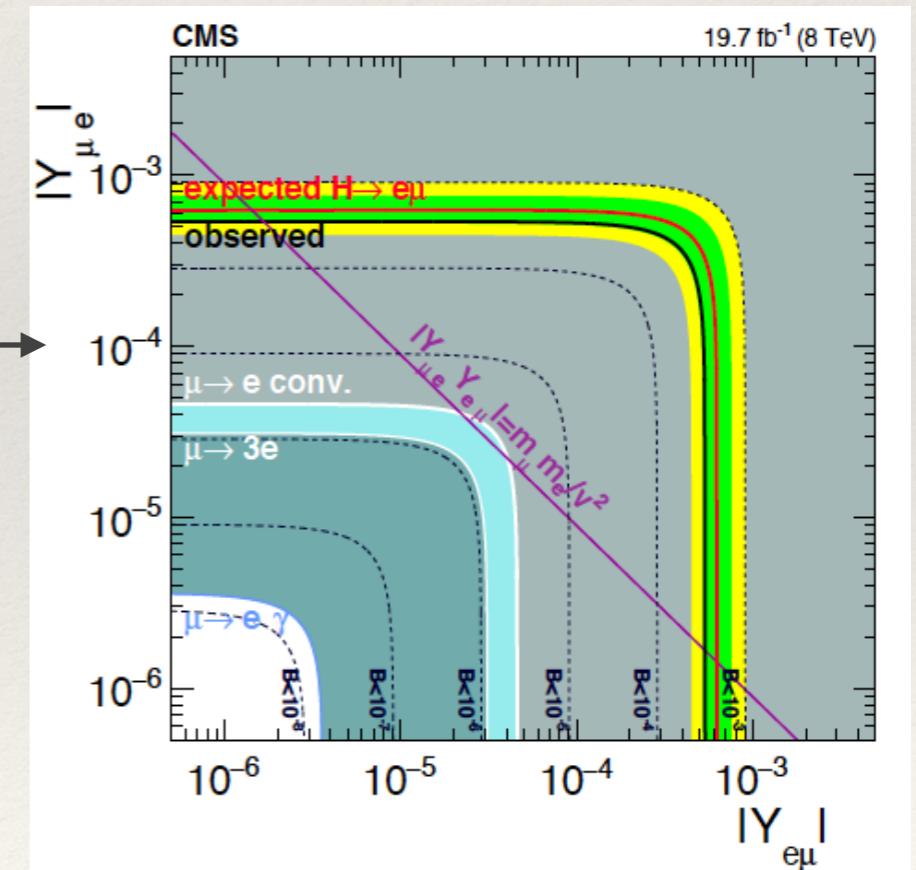
❖ In summary, following decays fall under rare decays of Higgs:

- ❖ H \rightarrow LFV (35.9 fb-1 at 13 TeV)
- ❖ H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow $\mu\mu$ (2.5 fb-1 at 13 TeV)
- ❖ H \rightarrow Z γ (8 TeV)
- ❖ H \rightarrow J/ $\psi\gamma$ (8 TeV)
- ❖ H \rightarrow $\gamma^*\gamma$ (8 TeV)
- ❖ H \rightarrow $\mu\mu$ —> covered in Adrian Perieanu's talk
- ❖ H \rightarrow invisible —> covered in Kajari Mazumdar's talk

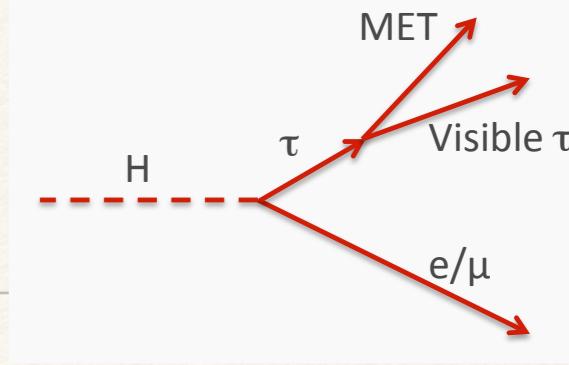
Lepton flavour violation

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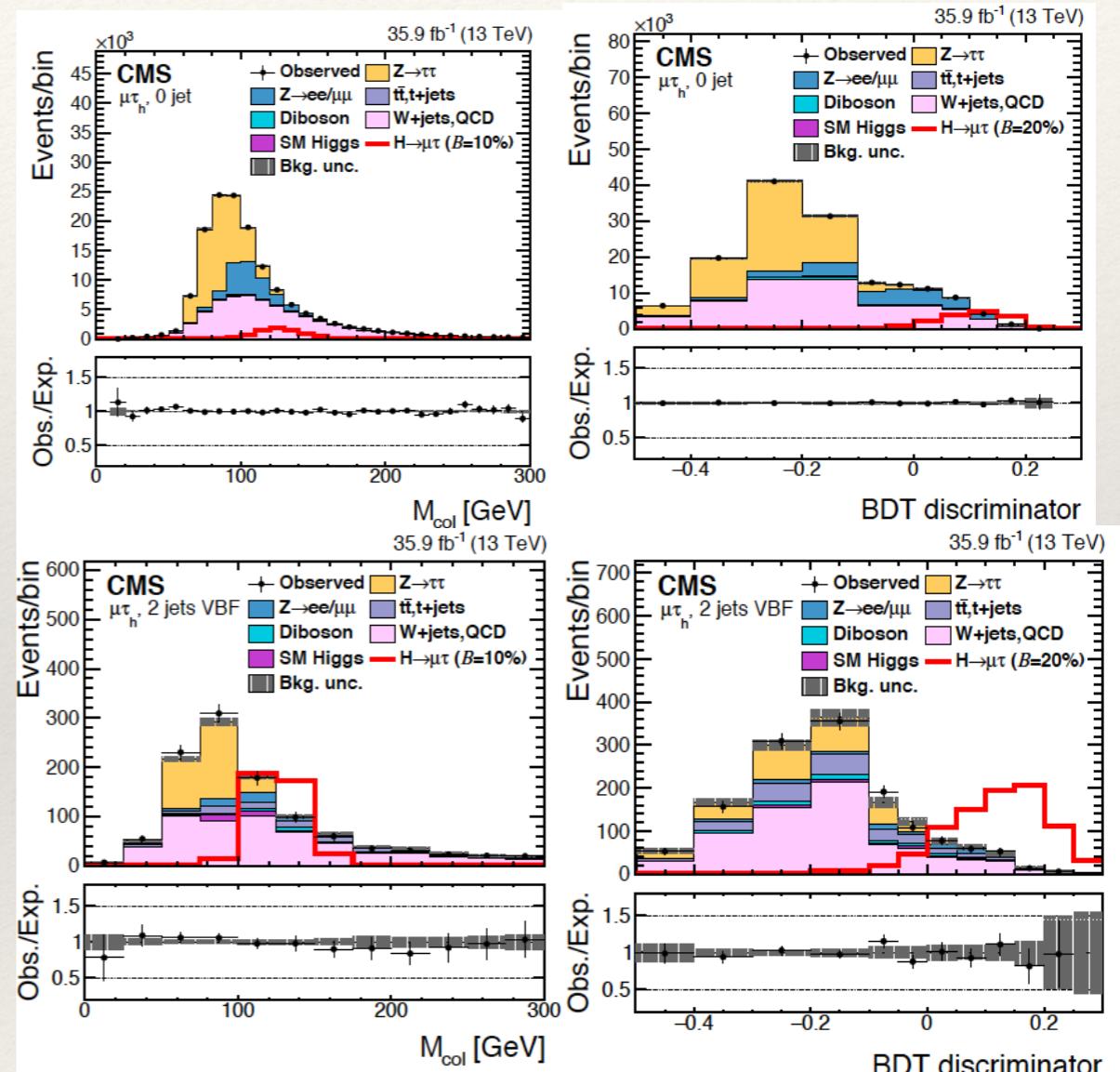
- ❖ LFV decays forbidden in SM but occur in many new physics scenarios (e.g. some effective field theories (EFT), certain two Higgs doublet models, composite Higgs models, Randall-Sundrum models)
 - ❖ Searches for $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ and $H \rightarrow e\tau$ provide unique ways to probe off-diagonal Yukawa couplings
- ❖ LHC can provide stronger constraints than any other current precision measurements on $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ and $H \rightarrow e\tau$
- ❖ Tight bounds on $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu e) < \mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$ from $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ decays
 - ❖ Stringent bounds till date
 - ❖ LHC cannot perform better
- ❖ CMS results from Run I
 - ❖ $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$: 2.4σ excess
 - ❖ $H \rightarrow e\tau$: No excess

Bounds on $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \mu e)$ from Run I

Analysis strategy

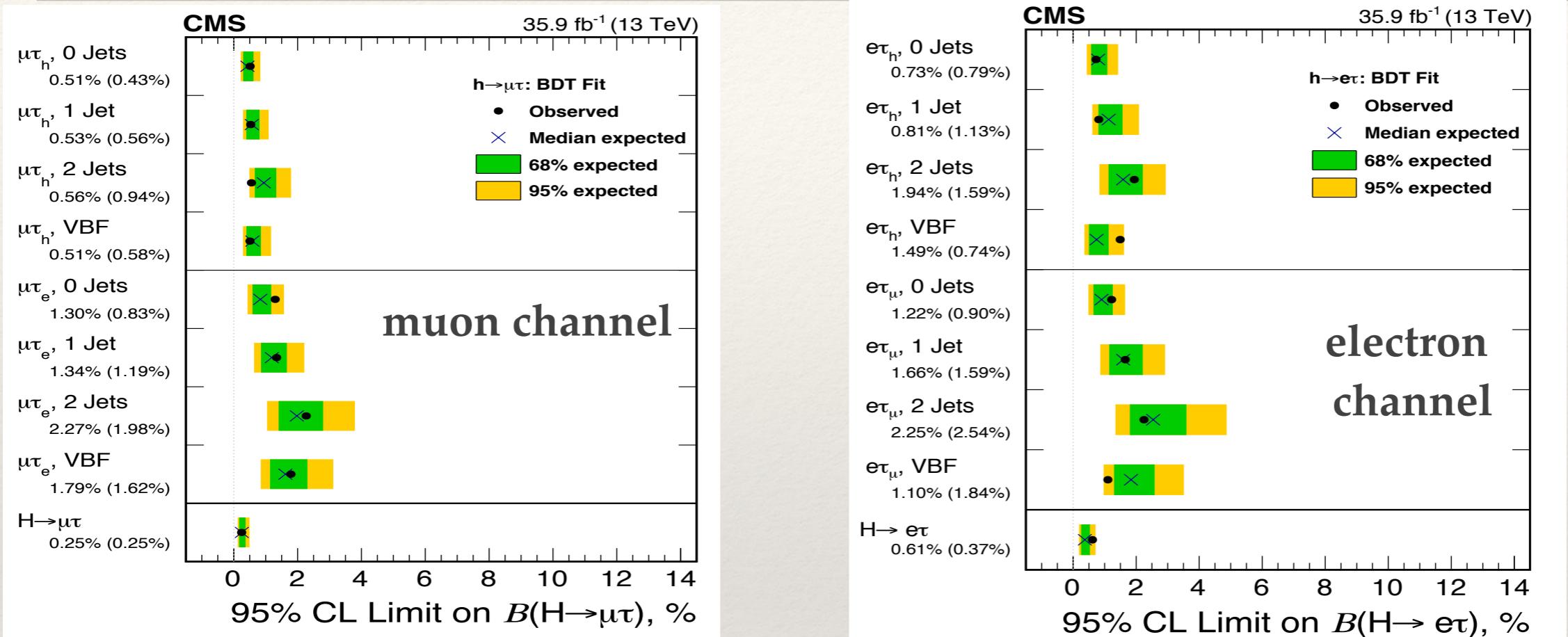


- Channels and final states looked at with 35.9 fb^{-1} of data:
 - $H \rightarrow e\tau_h$, $H \rightarrow e\tau_\mu$, $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$, $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e$
- Categories with 0, 1, and 2 jets plus exclusive 2-jets VBF category
- Backgrounds modeled using MC and data sidebands (jets mis-identified as leptons from data driven)
 - Dominant contributions from $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $W + \text{jets}$
- Signal extraction:
 - A BDT is trained in each category with various kinematic discriminants (pT , mT , collinear mass(m_{col}), $\Delta\phi/\eta$ of $e/\mu/\tau$)
 - BDT is then fitted with signal and background models
 - Cross-check measurement by performing a fit to m_{col}



m_{col} provides an estimate of m_H , reconstructed using all visible particles

Limits on Branching ratio

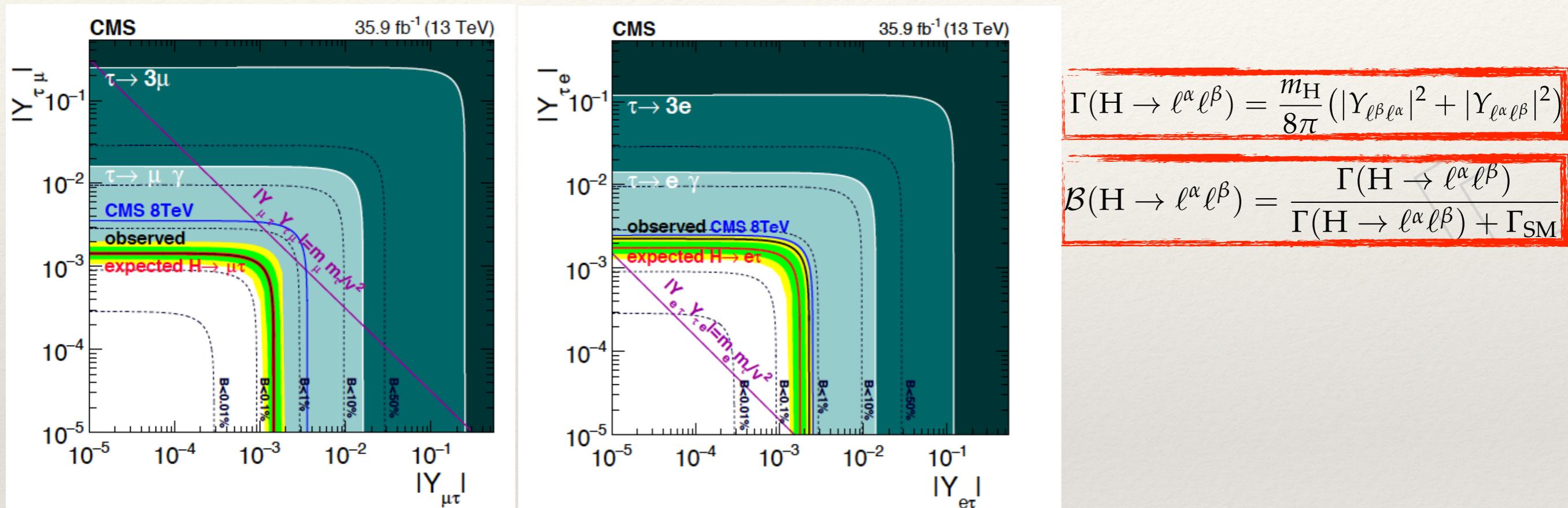


Best fit branching fractions (%)					
	0-jet	1-jet	2-jets	VBF	Combined
$\mu\tau_e$	0.61 ± 0.36	0.22 ± 0.46	0.39 ± 0.83	0.10 ± 1.37	0.35 ± 0.26
$\mu\tau_h$	0.12 ± 0.20	-0.05 ± 0.25	-0.72 ± 0.43	-0.22 ± 0.31	-0.04 ± 0.14
$\mu\tau$	0.00 ± 0.12				
	No excess				

Best fit branching fractions (%)					
	0-jet	1-jet	2-jets	VBF	Combined
$e\tau_\mu$	0.47 ± 0.42	0.17 ± 0.79	-0.42 ± 1.01	-1.54 ± 0.44	0.18 ± 0.32
$e\tau_h$	-0.13 ± 0.39	-0.63 ± 0.40	0.54 ± 0.53	0.70 ± 0.38	0.33 ± 0.24
$e\tau$	0.30 ± 0.18				

	95% CL(obs/exp) on BR	Best-fit BR
$H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ (Run I)	<1.51/0.75%	$0.84 +/- 0.38\%$
$H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ (Run II)	<0.25/0.25%	$0.00 +/- 0.12\%$
$H \rightarrow e\tau$ (Run I)	<0.69/0.75%	$-0.10 +/- 0.36\%$
$H \rightarrow e\tau$ (Run II)	<0.61/0.37%	$0.30 +/- 0.18\%$

Limits on Yukawa couplings



- ❖ 95% CL upper limit on $BR(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ and $BR(H \rightarrow e\tau)$ can be interpreted in terms of LFV Yukawa couplings:

Run II

$$\sqrt{|Y_{\mu\tau}|^2 + |Y_{\tau\mu}|^2} < 1.43 \times 10^{-3}$$

Run I: 3.6×10^{-3}

$$\sqrt{|Y_{e\tau}|^2 + |Y_{\tau e}|^2} < 2.26 \times 10^{-3}$$

Run I: 2.4×10^{-3}

Decay to light scalar searches

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- ❖ Distinguishing between an SM Higgs boson from a non-SM Higgs boson with slightly different couplings can be a challenge

- ❖ Looking at some exotic non-SM decay modes of Higgs can shed some light

- ❖ Some of the possible exotic non-SM decay modes:

- ❖ $H \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow 4\mu$ — New result from CMS at 13 TeV, **focus for this talk**

- ❖ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\tau$
- ❖ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2\tau$
- ❖ $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 2\mu 2b$

- ❖ Model independent search

- ❖ Two specific scenarios studied:

- ❖ Next-to-minimal supersymmetric model (NMSSM):

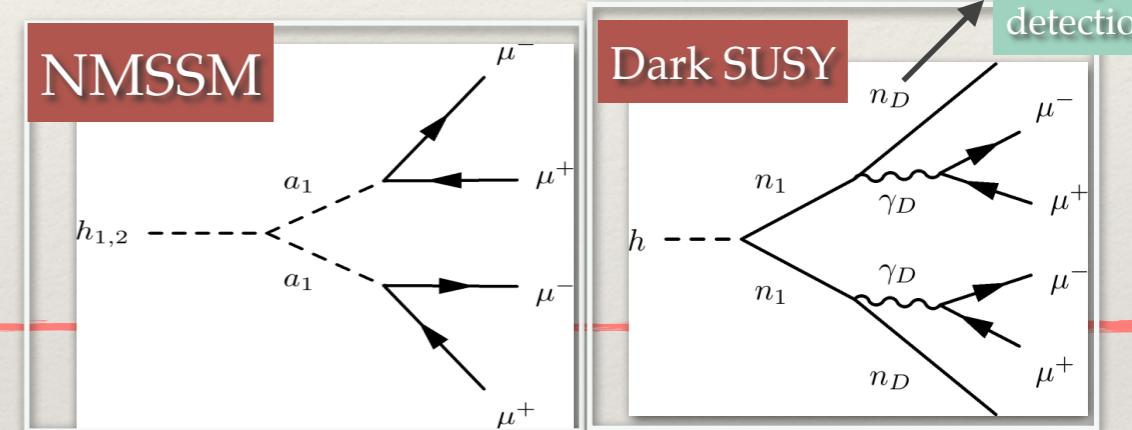
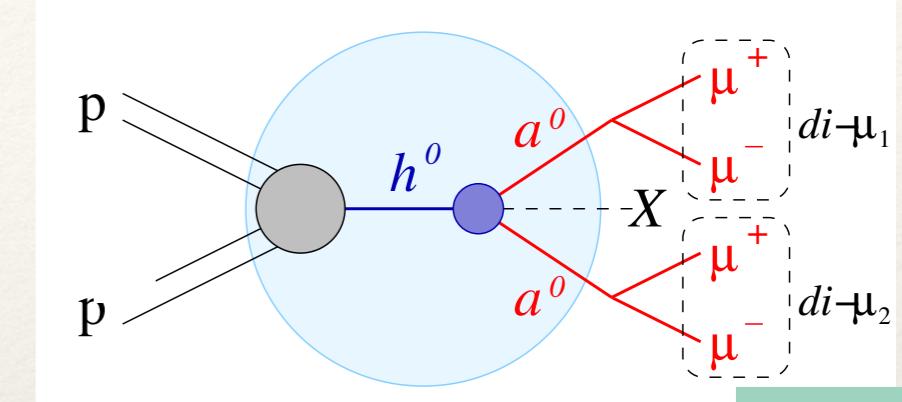
- ❖ Higgs sector contains 3 CP-even Higgs boson $h_{1,2,3}$ and 2 CP-odd Higgs boson $a_{1,2}$

- ❖ SUSY models with “dark” sectors (dark SUSY)

- ❖ Coupling of Higgs boson to lightest neutralino (n_1) which decays: $n_1 \rightarrow n_D + \gamma_D$ [n_D is the dark neutralino]

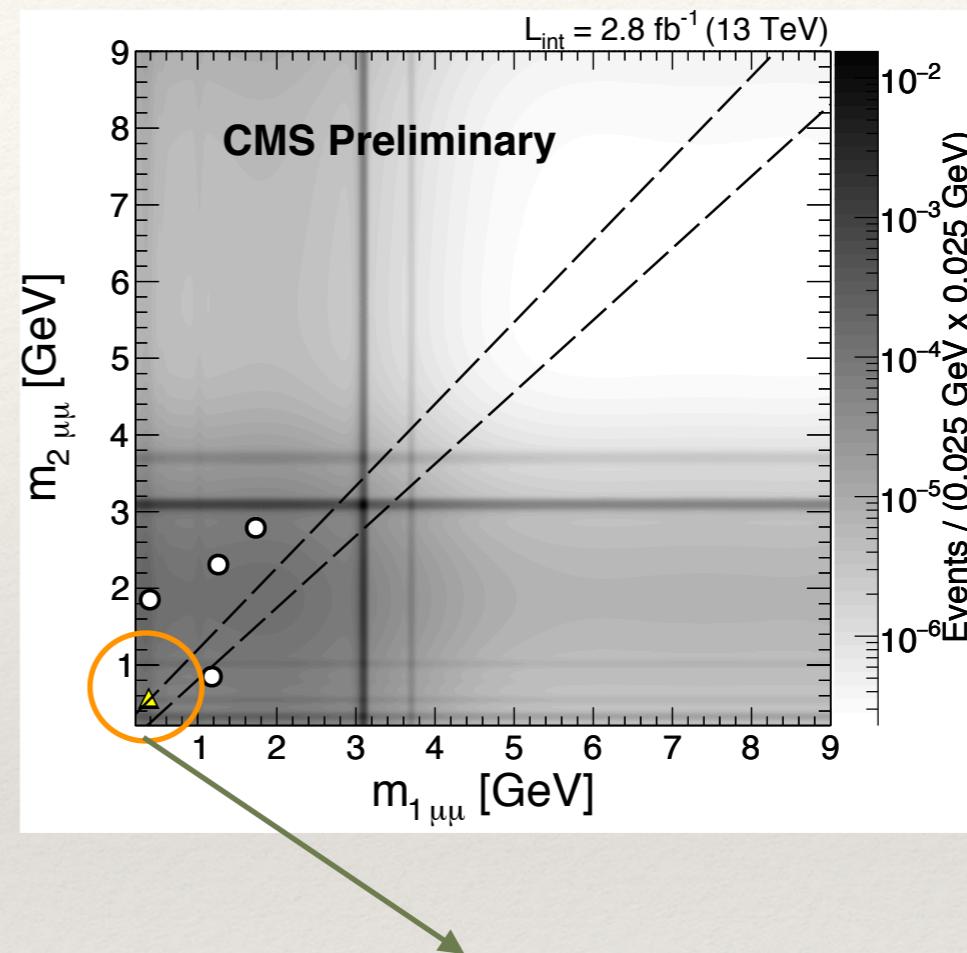
- ❖ γ_D (dark photon) can be long-lived

Mass range
of light scalars (a/γ_D):
 $0.25 < M < 8.5 \text{ GeV}$



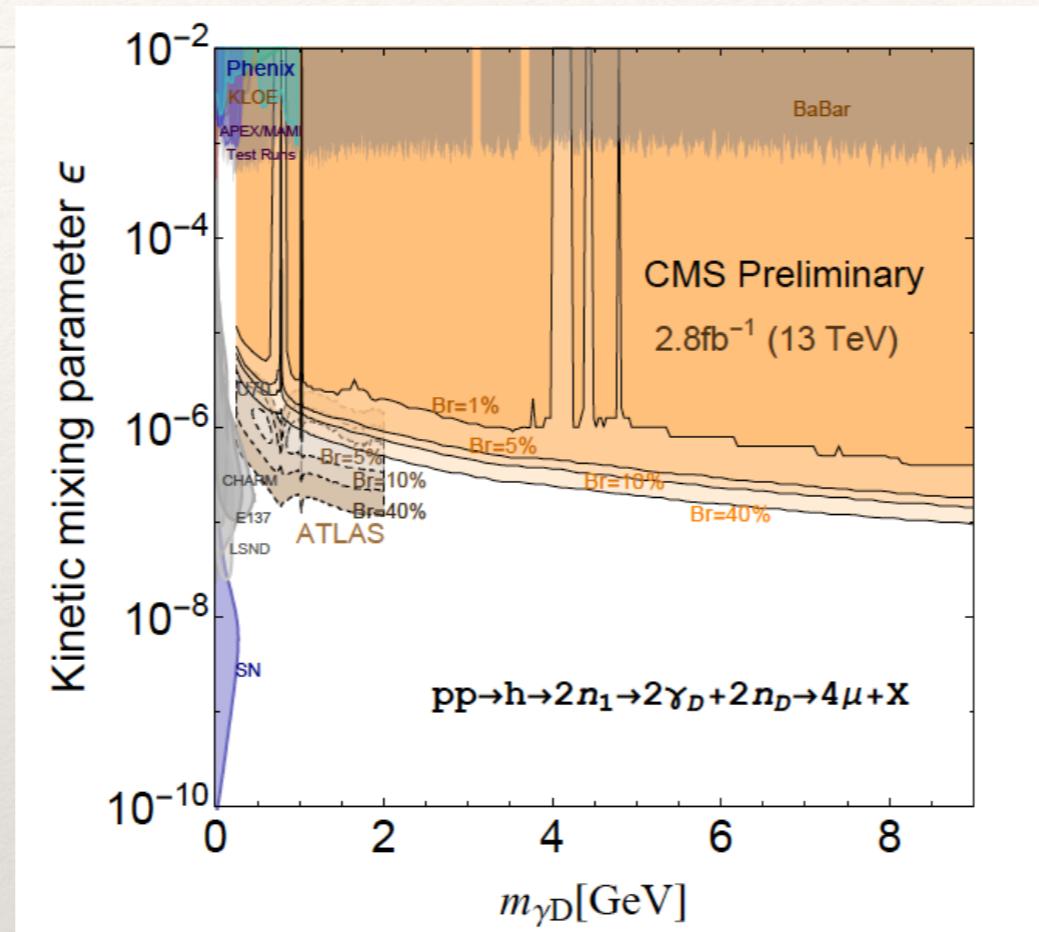
Analysis strategy

- ❖ Either cut on probability of common vertex fit OR cut on $\Delta R(\mu^+\mu^-)$ for forming a di-muon system
- ❖ Compatibility of reconstructed di-muon mass:
 - ❖ $|m_1 - m_2| < 0.13 + 0.065(m_1 + m_2)/2$; last term corresponds to the dimuon mass resolution
- ❖ No constraint on $M_{4\mu}$ to maintain the model independence
- ❖ Background estimation:
 - ❖ Events containing bb in the final state (Leading background)
 - ❖ Modeled as a 2D template in the plane of invariant mass of 2 di-muon systems(m_1, m_2)
 - ❖ Background di-muon mass templates - derived from a control region in data
 - ❖ Minor backgrounds: $pp \rightarrow 4 \text{ muons (EWK)}$ and Prompt J/ψ estimated from MC and data respectively



1 candidate event observed in the signal region consistent with the background prediction ($=0.74 +/ - 0.34 +/ - 0.15$)

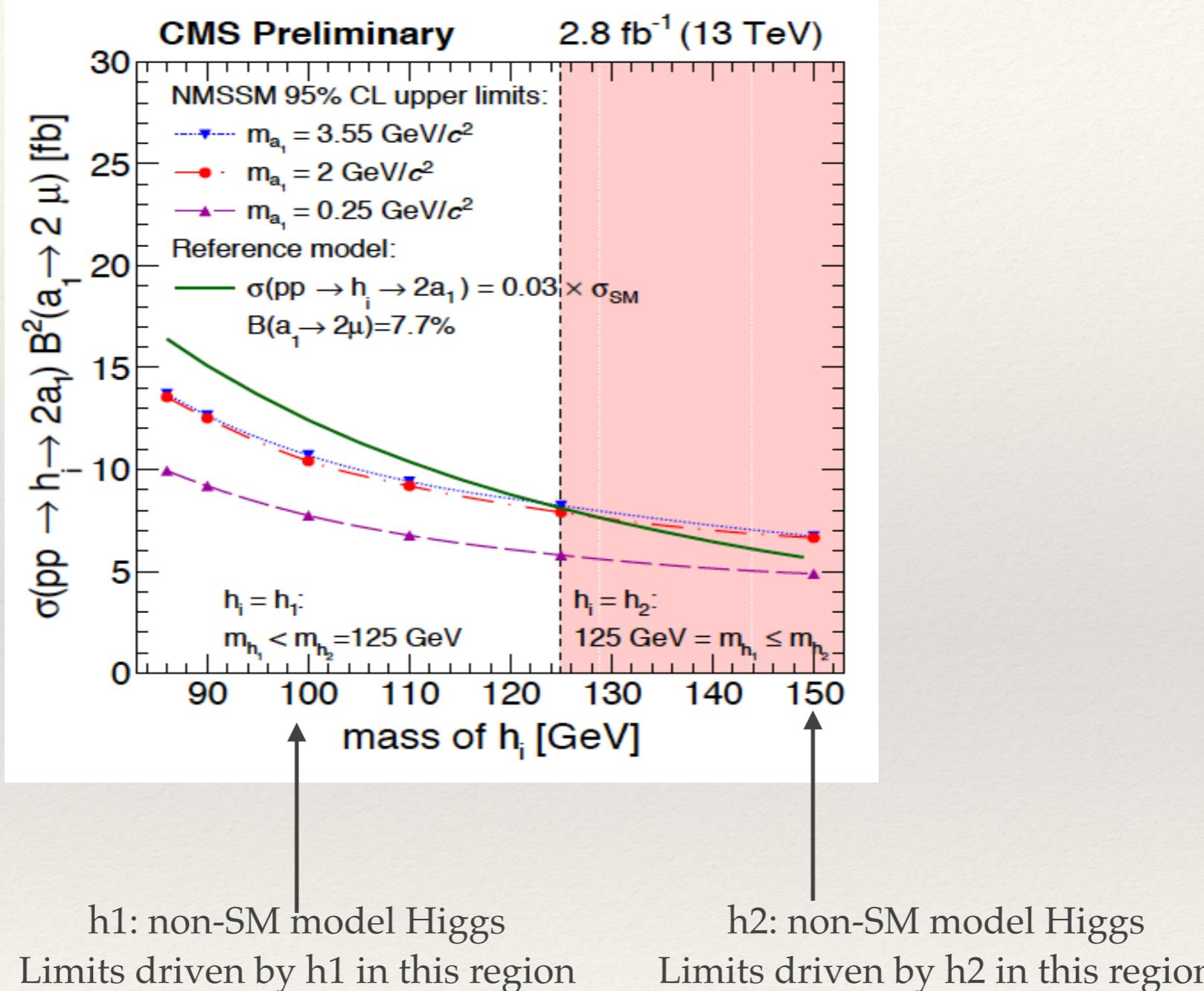
Limits on Dark SUSY



$m_{n1} = 10 \text{ GeV}$
 $m_{nD} = 1 \text{ GeV}$

- ❖ Model independent limits on
 - ❖ $\sigma(pp \rightarrow 2a) \times BR^2 (a \rightarrow 2\mu) \times \alpha_{gen}$ are derived, where α_{gen} is the generator level kinematic and geometric acceptance
 - ❖ 95% CL UL on $\sigma(pp \rightarrow 2a) \times BR^2 (a \rightarrow 2\mu) \times \alpha_{gen} = 1.7 \text{ fb}$
- ❖ Limits $(\sigma(pp \rightarrow 2a) \times BR^2 (a \rightarrow 2\mu))$ on any model can now be set using the above by knowing the α_{gen}
- ❖ Model independent limits used to put limits on Dark SUSY
- ❖ Life-time of γ_D is related to mass by kinetic mixing parameter ϵ

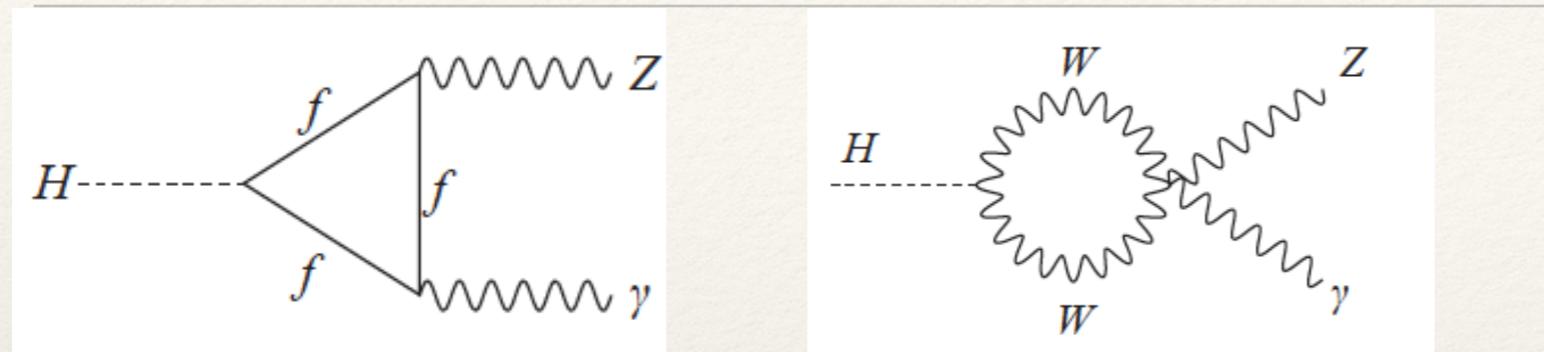
Limits on NMSSM



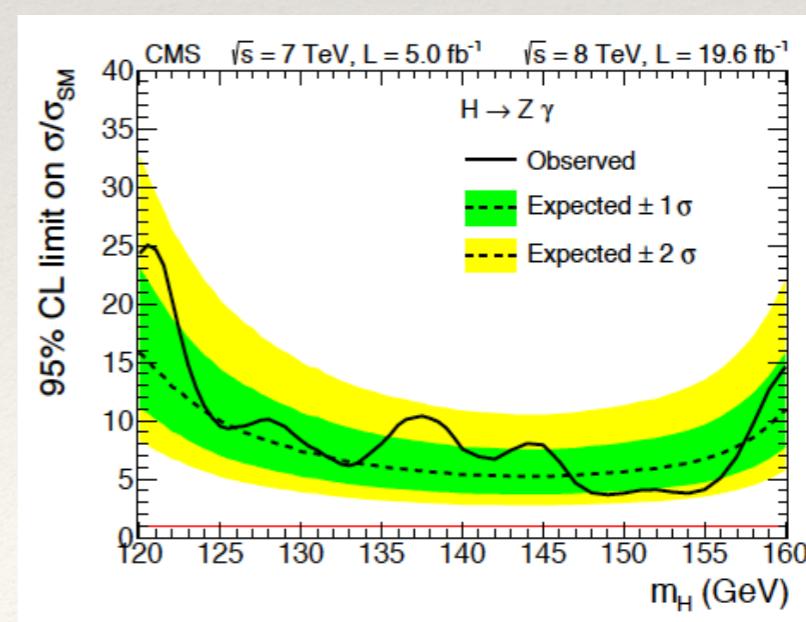
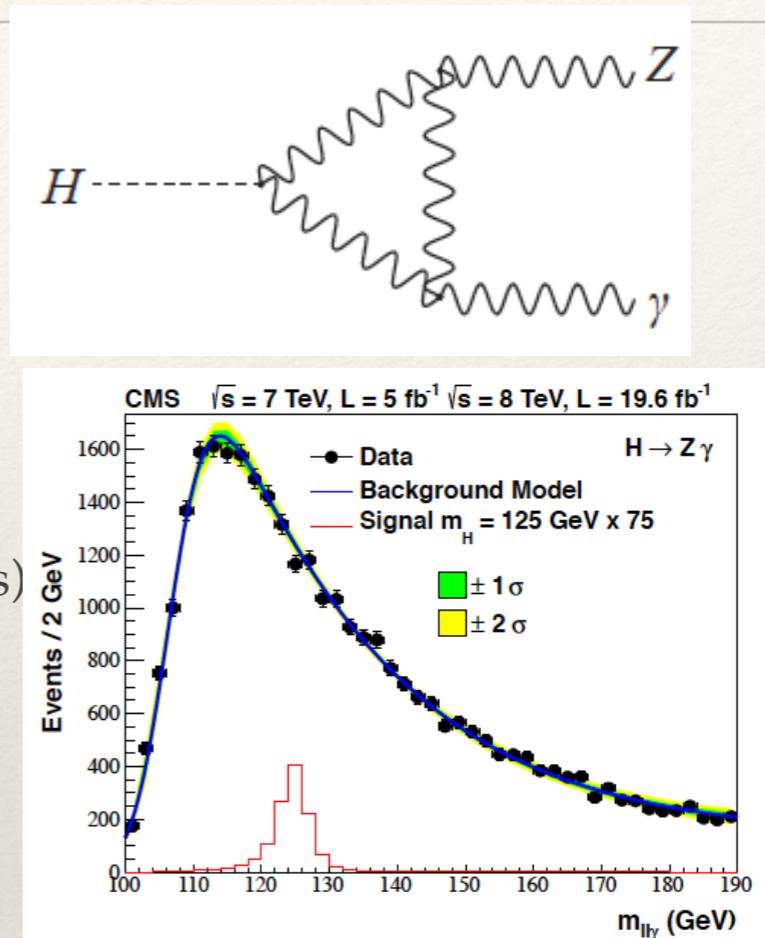
- ❖ Model independent limits used to put limits on NMSSM

H \rightarrow Z γ

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- ❖ Loop-induced decay \rightarrow can be sensitive to BSM particles
- ❖ Could be enhanced w.r.t SM while $\mu(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 1$ (e.g. in composite models)
- ❖ Signature: 2 same flavour isolated leptons and 1 isolated photon
- ❖ BR(H \rightarrow Z γ \rightarrow ll γ) $\sim 0.009\%$ at 125 GeV [l=e, μ]
- ❖ Large background from SM Z γ and Z+jets (S/B ~ 0.3)
- ❖ Analysis strategy: Shape based analysis
 - ❖ Signal shape: fit MC $m_{ll\gamma}$ with a function
 - ❖ Background: estimated from data by fitting with a suitable function
 - ❖ 5 categories:
 - ❖ Di-jet: VBF production mode
 - ❖ 4 untag classes based on pT, η and R9 of the final objects
- ❖ 95% CL UL on $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}} \sim 10$

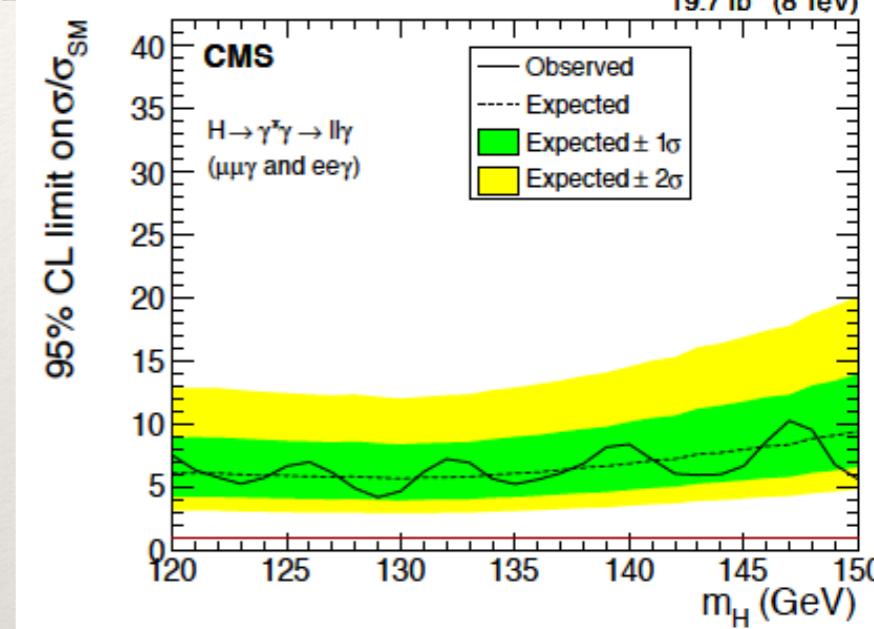


Run II
results
expected soon

H \rightarrow $\gamma^*\gamma$ and H \rightarrow J/ $\psi\gamma$

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- ❖ H \rightarrow $\gamma^*\gamma$: Internal conversion of γ^* to $\mu\mu/\text{ee}$
 - ❖ different from H $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ ($\gamma\rightarrow\text{ee}$): since that happens in the detector region
 - ❖ Can probe novel couplings
 - ❖ $\text{BR}(\text{H}\rightarrow\gamma^*\gamma\rightarrow\text{ll}\gamma)\sim 3.22\ (7.36)\times 10^{-5}$ for $\mu\mu\gamma$ ($\text{ee}\gamma$) for $m_H = 125$ GeV
 - ❖ 95% CL UL on $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}}\sim 6.7$
- ❖ H \rightarrow J/ $\psi\gamma$:
 - ❖ probes H $\rightarrow\text{cc}$ coupling: another test of coupling to 2nd generation
 - ❖ SM $\text{BR}(\text{H}\rightarrow\text{J}/\psi\gamma)\sim 2.8\times 10^{-6}$ with $\text{BR}(\text{J}/\psi\gamma\rightarrow\mu\mu\gamma)\sim 0.059$
 - ❖ 95% CL UL on $\text{BR}(\text{H}\rightarrow\text{J}/\psi\gamma)\sim 1.5\times 10^{-3}$ (~ 540 times of the SM) at 125 GeV
 - ❖ **Very challenging to probe even at HL-LHC!**



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Conclusions

- ❖ Rare decays of Higgs are being widely looked for at CMS in various channels
- ❖ No significant hints so far
- ❖ In LFV, the $H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ excess is excluded with 2016 data and no significant excess in $H \rightarrow e\tau$
- ❖ ‘Model independent’ limits put on $BR(H \rightarrow aa)$
- ❖ $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$, $H \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma$ analysis with 13 TeV data ongoing
 - ❖ expected early next year - stay tuned!

Thank you

Backup

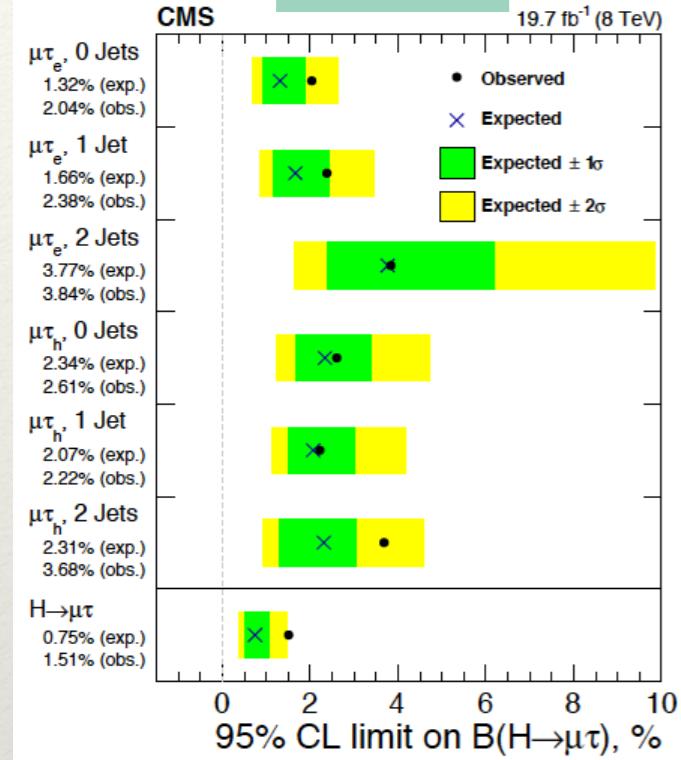
Constraints on LVF decays

Searches	Experimental limit on branching ratios	Limits on Yukawas
$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ Muon EDM Muon $g - 2$ $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ (f) (Belle-II/super KEKB)	4.4×10^{-8} [70, 71] 2.1×10^{-8} [70, 71] $-10 \times 10^{-20} e \text{ cm} < d_\mu < 8 \times 10^{-20} e \text{ cm}$ [73] — 10^{-9} [85]	$Y_{\mu\tau} < 0.011$ $Y_{\mu\tau} < 0.176$ $-0.8 \lesssim \text{Im}(Y_{\mu\tau} Y_{\tau\mu}) \lesssim 1.0$ $\text{Re}(Y_{\mu\tau} Y_{\tau\mu}) < (2.7 \pm 0.75) \times 10^{-3}$ $Y_{\mu\tau} < 0.0017$
$\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ $\tau \rightarrow 3e$ Electron $g - 2$ Electron EDM $\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ (f) (Belle-II/super KEKB)	3.3×10^{-8} [70, 71] 2.7×10^{-8} [70, 71] — $ d_e \leq 0.105 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$ 10^{-9} [85]	$Y_{e\tau} < 0.0099$ $Y_{e\tau} < 0.085$ $\text{Re}(Y_{e\tau} Y_{\tau e}) < [-2.1, 2.9] \times 10^{-3}$ $ \text{Im}(Y_{e\tau} Y_{\tau e}) < 1.1 \times 10^{-8}$ $Y_{e\tau} < 0.00172$
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ $\mu \rightarrow 3e$ Electron $g - 2$ Electron EDM $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion $M - \bar{M}$ oscillations $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ (f) (MEG-II)	5.7×10^{-13} [70, 71] 1.0×10^{-12} [70, 71] — $ d_e \leq 0.105 \times 10^{-26} \text{ e cm}$ — — 4×10^{-14} [84]	$Y_{\mu e} < 1.24 \times 10^{-6}$ $Y_{\mu e} < 2.19 \times 10^{-5}$ $\text{Re}(Y_{e\mu} Y_{\mu e}) < [-0.019, 0.026]$ $ \text{Im}(Y_{e\mu} Y_{\mu e}) < 9.8 \times 10^{-8}$ $Y_{\mu e} < 8.49 \times 10^{-6}$ $ Y_{\mu e} + Y_{e\mu}^* < 0.079$ $Y_{\mu e} < 3.28 \times 10^{-7}$
$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	5.7×10^{-13}	$Y_{\mu\tau} Y_{e\tau} < 3.98 \times 10^{-8}$
$h \rightarrow \tau\mu$ (CMS) $h \rightarrow \tau\mu$ (ATLAS)	1.51% [22] 0.84% 1.43% [24] 0.77% [25]	$Y_{\mu\tau} < 2.55 \times 10^{-3}$ $Y_{\mu\tau} = 1.87 \times 10^{-3}$ $Y_{\mu\tau} < 2.45 \times 10^{-3}$ $Y_{\mu\tau} = 1.79 \times 10^{-3}$
$h \rightarrow \tau\mu$ (CMS)+ $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ $h \rightarrow \tau\mu$ (ATLAS)+ $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$	$0.84\%, 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$ $0.77\%, 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$	$Y_{e\tau} < 2.13 \times 10^{-5}$ $Y_{e\tau} < 2.23 \times 10^{-5}$
$h \rightarrow \tau e$ (CMS) $h \rightarrow \tau e$ (ATLAS)	0.69% [23] 1.04% [24]	$Y_{e\tau} < 1.69 \times 10^{-3}$ $Y_{e\tau} < 2.08 \times 10^{-3}$
$h \rightarrow e\mu$ (CMS)	$3.6 \times 10^{-2}\%$ [23]	$Y_{\mu e} < 3.85 \times 10^{-4}$

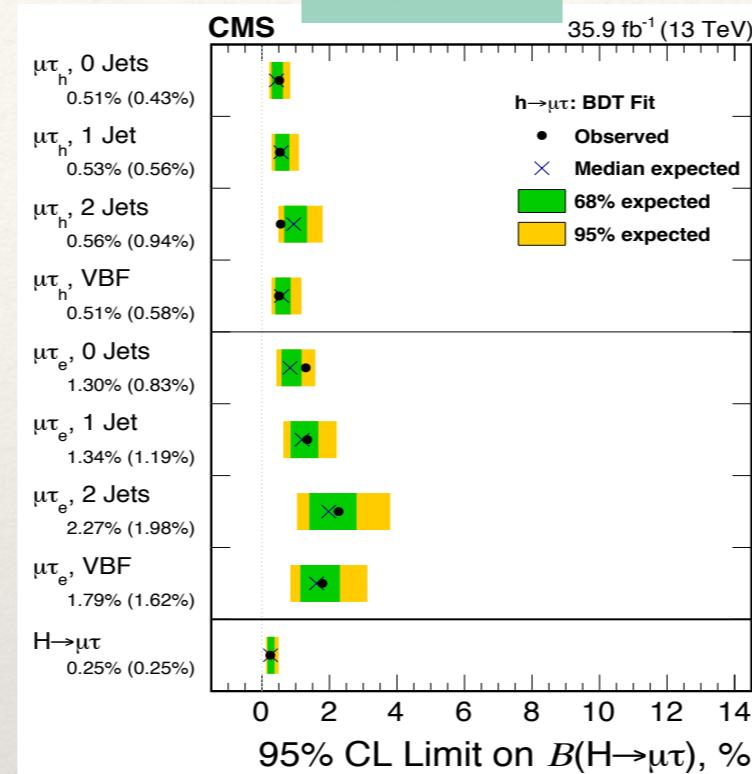
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Limits on Branching ratio

Run I



Run II



95% CL(obs/
exp) on BR

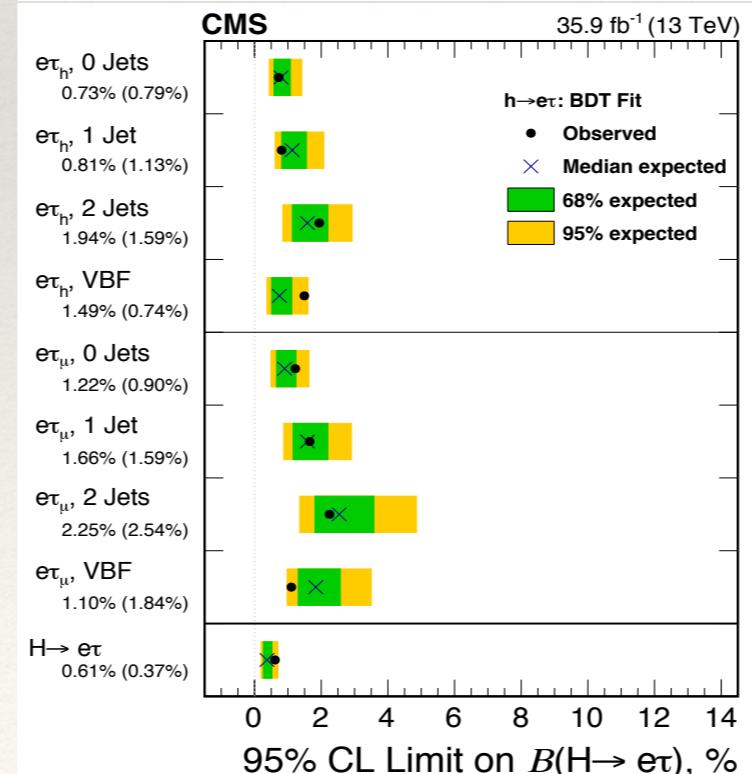
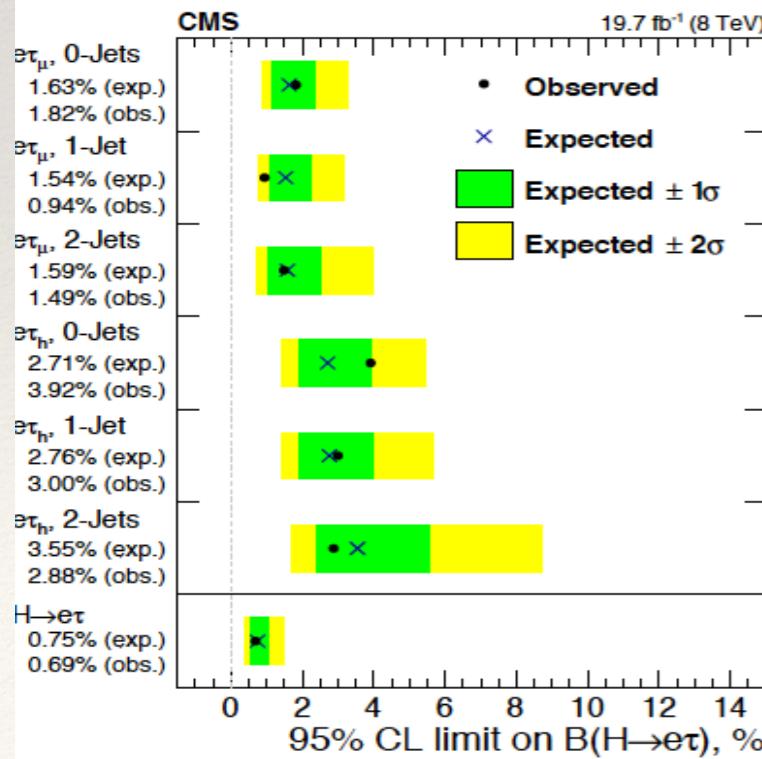
Best-fit BR

$H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ (Run I) $<1.51/0.75\%$ $0.84 +/ - 0.38\%$

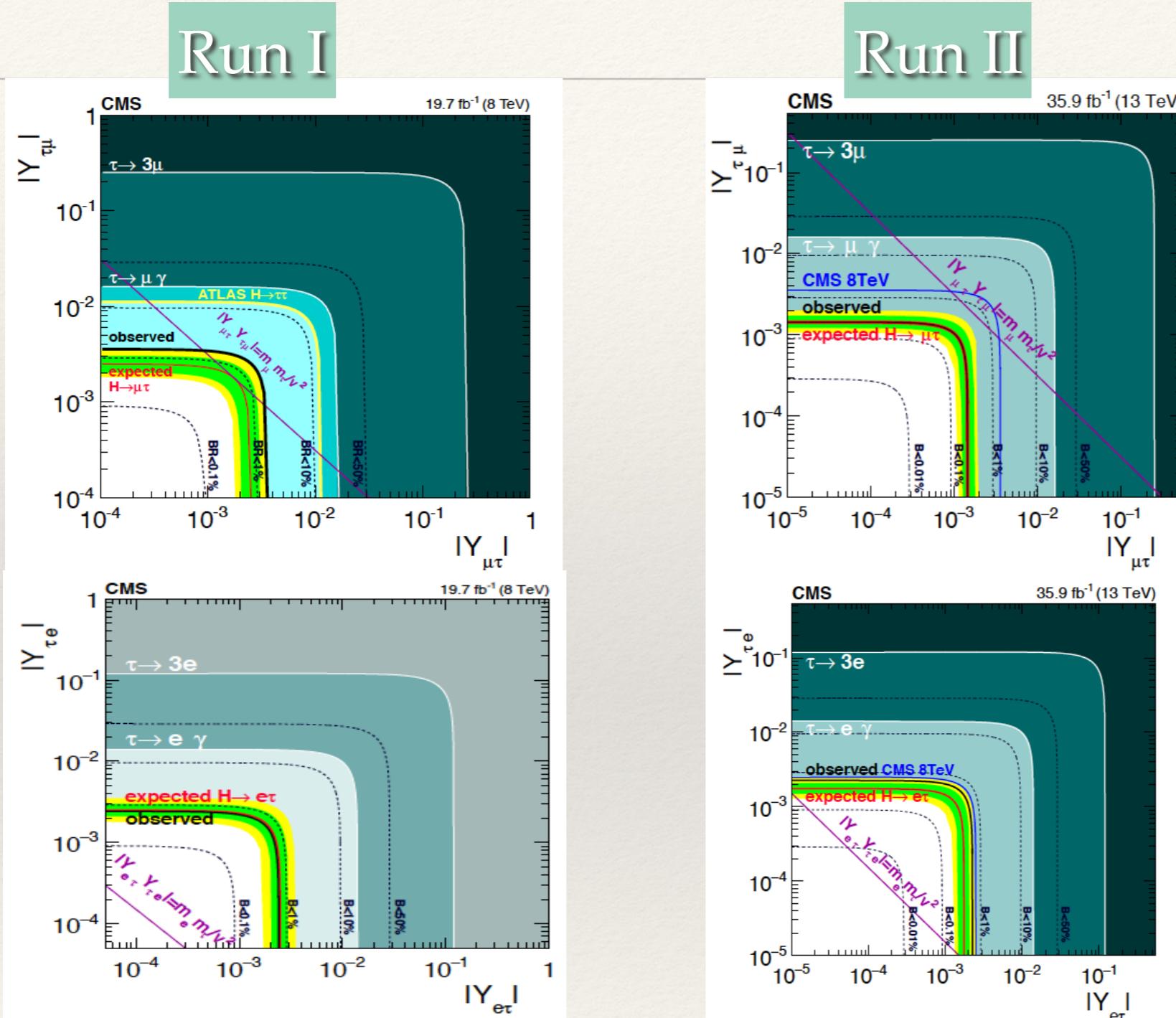
$H \rightarrow \mu\tau$ (Run II) $<0.25/0.25\%$ $-0.005 +/ - 0.121\%$

$H \rightarrow e\tau$ (Run I) $<0.69/0.75\%$ $-0.10 +/ - 0.36\%$

$H \rightarrow e\tau$ (Run II) $<0.61/0.37\%$ $-0.30 +/ - 0.18\%$



Limits on Yukawa couplings



❖ 95% CL upper limit on $\text{BR}(\text{H} \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ and $\text{BR}(\text{H} \rightarrow e\tau)$ can be interpreted in terms of LVF Yukawa couplings from Run II

$$\sqrt{|Y_{\mu\tau}|^2 + |Y_{\tau\mu}|^2} < 1.43 \times 10^{-3}$$

Run I: 3.6×10^{-3}

$$\sqrt{|Y_{e\tau}|^2 + |Y_{\tau e}|^2} < 2.26 \times 10^{-3}$$

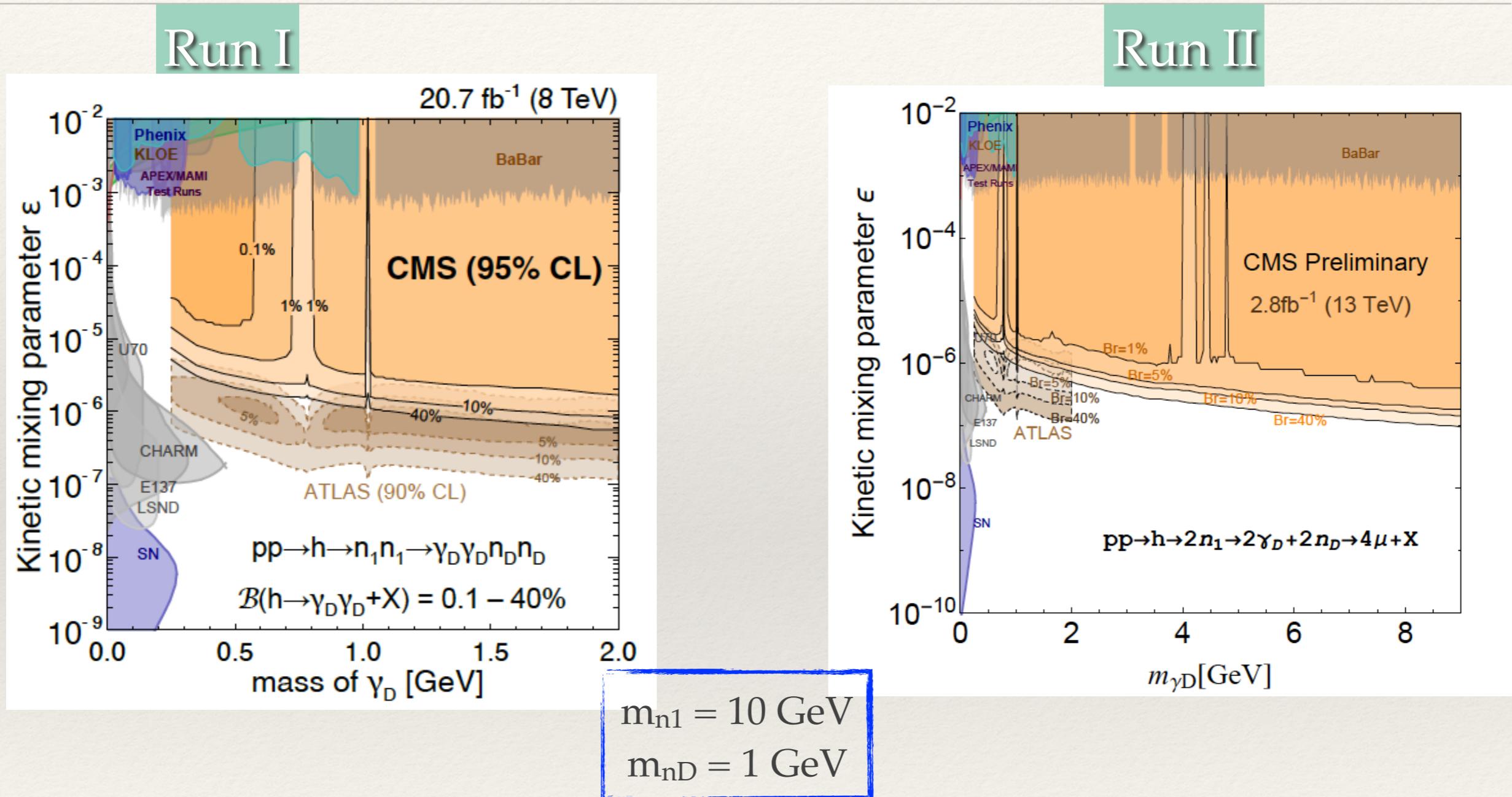
Run I: 2.4×10^{-3}

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Systematics in LVF decays

Systematic uncertainty	$H \rightarrow \mu \tau_h$	$H \rightarrow \mu \tau_e$	$H \rightarrow e \tau_h$	$H \rightarrow e \tau_\mu$
Muon trigger/identification/isolation	2%	2%	-	2%
Electron trigger/identification/isolation	-	2%	2%	2%
Hadronic tau lepton efficiency	5%	-	5%	-
b tagging veto	2.0–4.5%	2.0–4.5%	-	2.0–4.5%
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu, ee + \text{jets}$ background	-	10% \oplus 5%	-	10% \oplus 5%
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau + \text{jets}$ background	10% \oplus 5%	10% \oplus 5%	10% \oplus 5%	10% \oplus 5%
$W + \text{jets}$ background	-	10%	-	10%
QCD multijet background	-	30%	-	30%
WW, ZZ background	5% \oplus 5%	5% \oplus 5%	5% \oplus 5%	5% \oplus 5%
$t\bar{t}$ background	10% \oplus 5%	10% \oplus 5%	10% \oplus 5%	10% \oplus 5%
$W\gamma$ background	-	10% \oplus 5%	-	10% \oplus 5%
Single top quark background	5% \oplus 5%	5% \oplus 5%	5% \oplus 5%	5% \oplus 5%
$\mu \rightarrow \tau_h$ background	25%	-	-	-
$e \rightarrow \tau_h$ background	-	-	12%	-
Jet $\rightarrow \tau_h, \mu, e$ background	30% \oplus 10%	-	30% \oplus 10%	-
Jet energy scale	3–20%	3–20%	3–20%	3–20%
τ_h energy scale	1.2%	-	1.2%	-
$\mu, e \rightarrow \tau_h$ energy scale	1.5%	-	3%	-
e energy scale	-	0.1 – 0.5%	0.1 – 0.5%	0.1 – 0.5%
μ energy scale	0.2%	0.2%	-	0.2%
Unclustered energy scale	$\pm 1\sigma$	$\pm 1\sigma$	$\pm 1\sigma$	$\pm 1\sigma$
Renorm./fact. acceptance (ggH)		-3.0%	-	+2.0%
Renorm./fact. acceptance (VBF and VH)		-0.3%	-	+1.0%
Renorm./fact. scales (ggH) [84]			3.9%	
Renorm./fact. scales (VBF and VH) [84]			0.4%	
PDF + α_s acceptance (ggH)		-1.5%	-	+0.5%
PDF + α_s acceptance (VBF and VH)		-1.5%	-	+1.0%
PDF + α_s (ggH) [84]			3.2%	
PDF + α_s (VBF and VH) [84]			2.1%	
Integrated luminosity			2.5%	

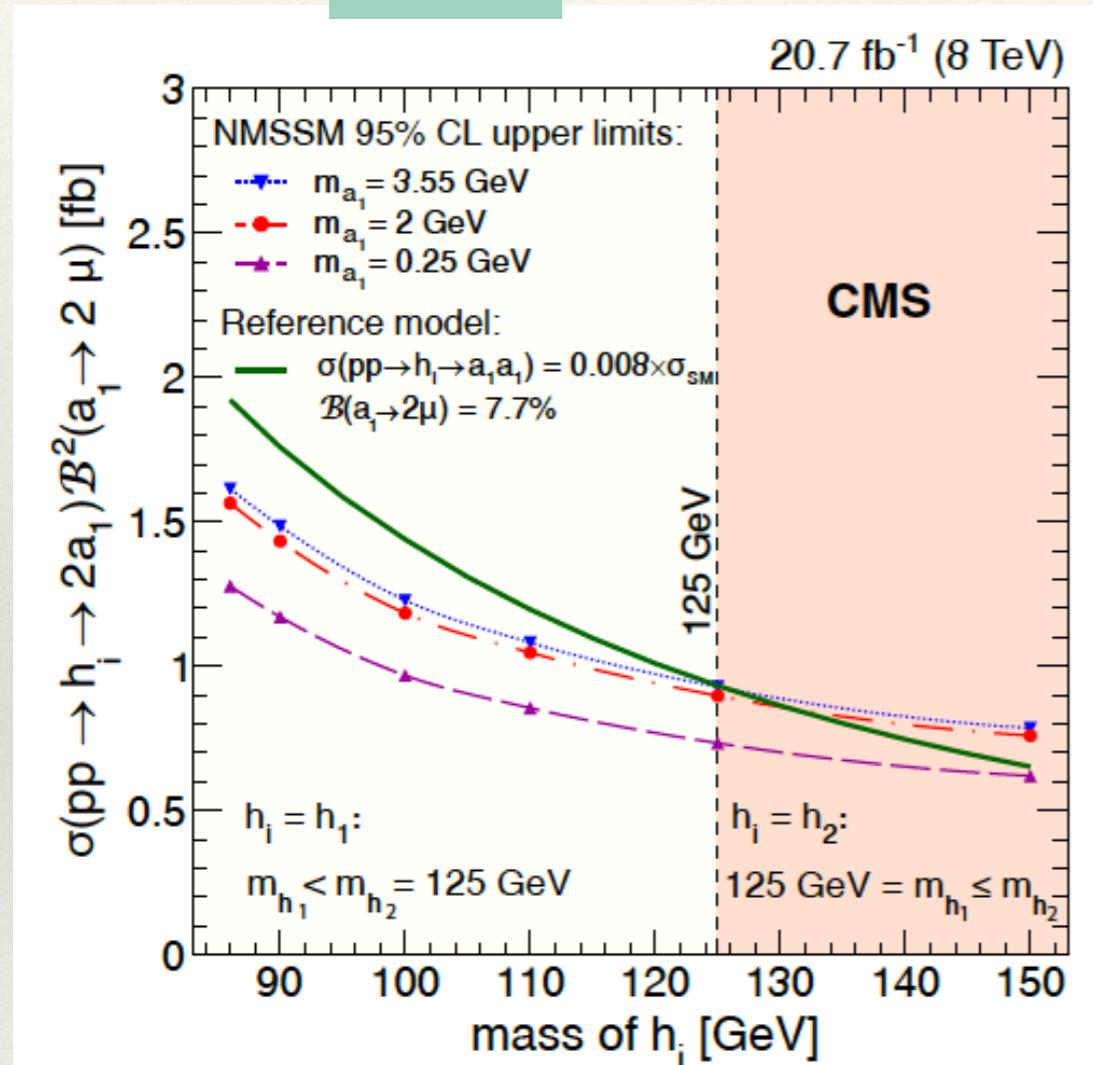
Limits on Dark SUSY



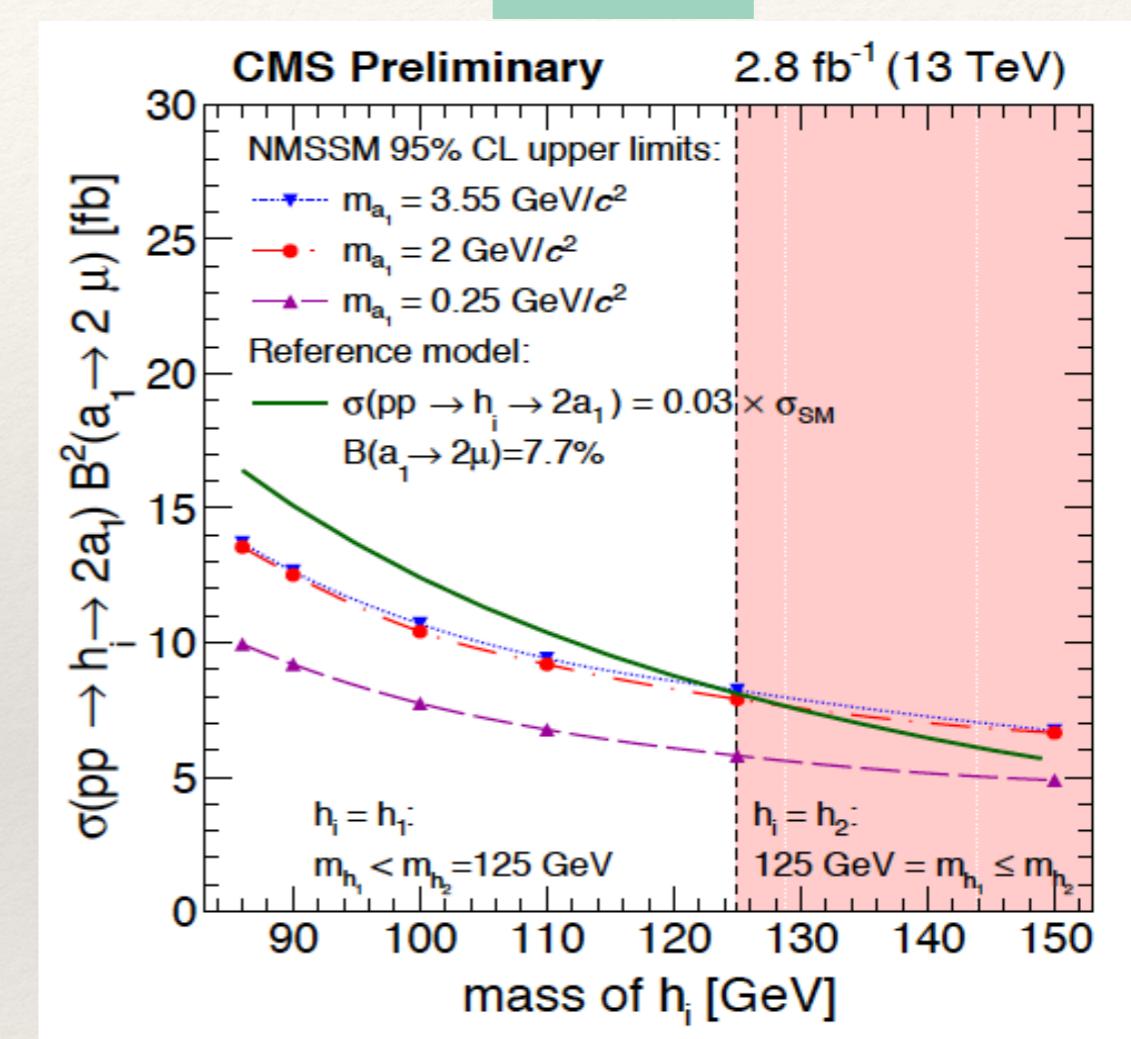
- ❖ Model independent limits used to put limits on Dark SUSY

Limits on NMSSM

Run I

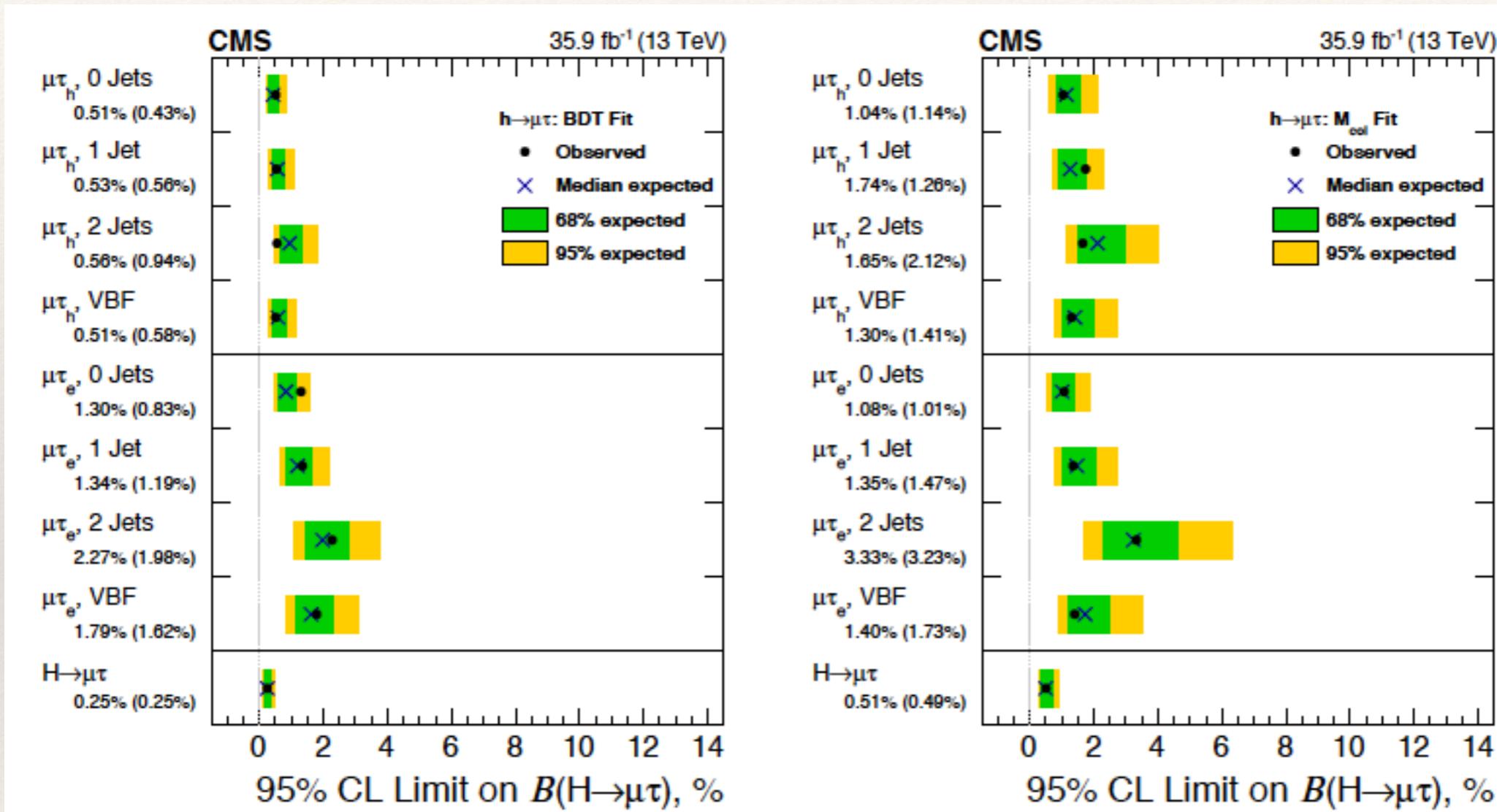


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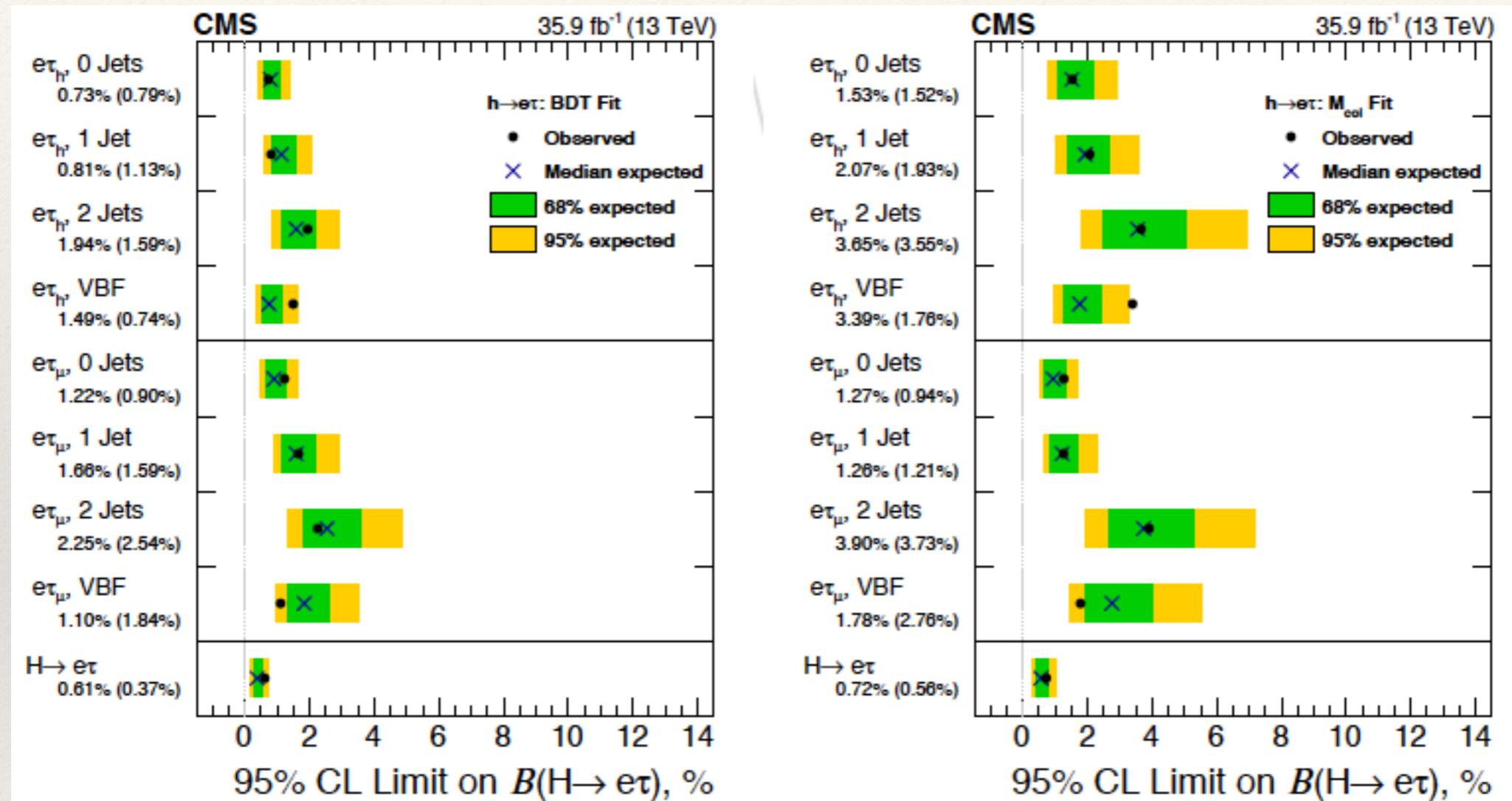


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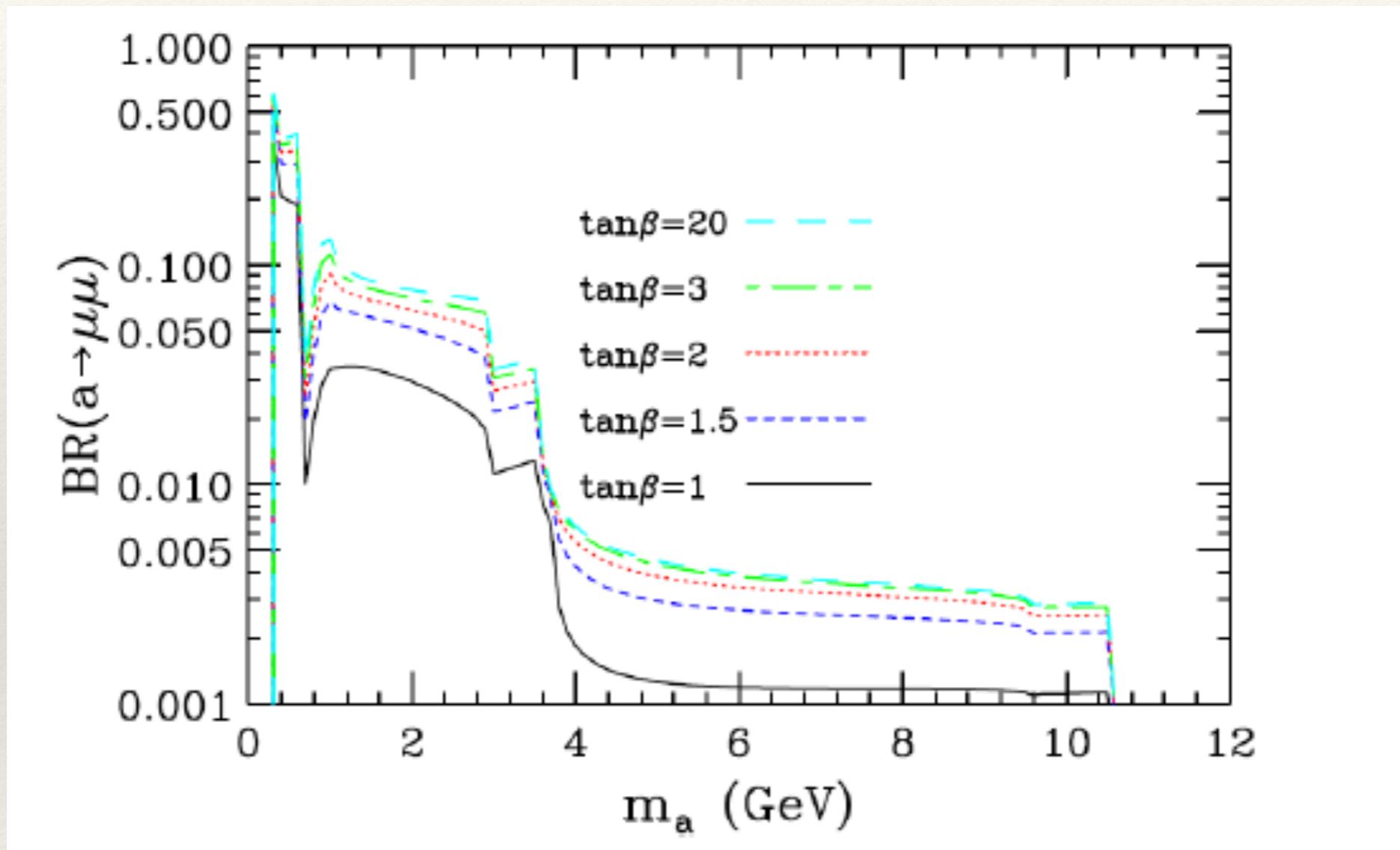
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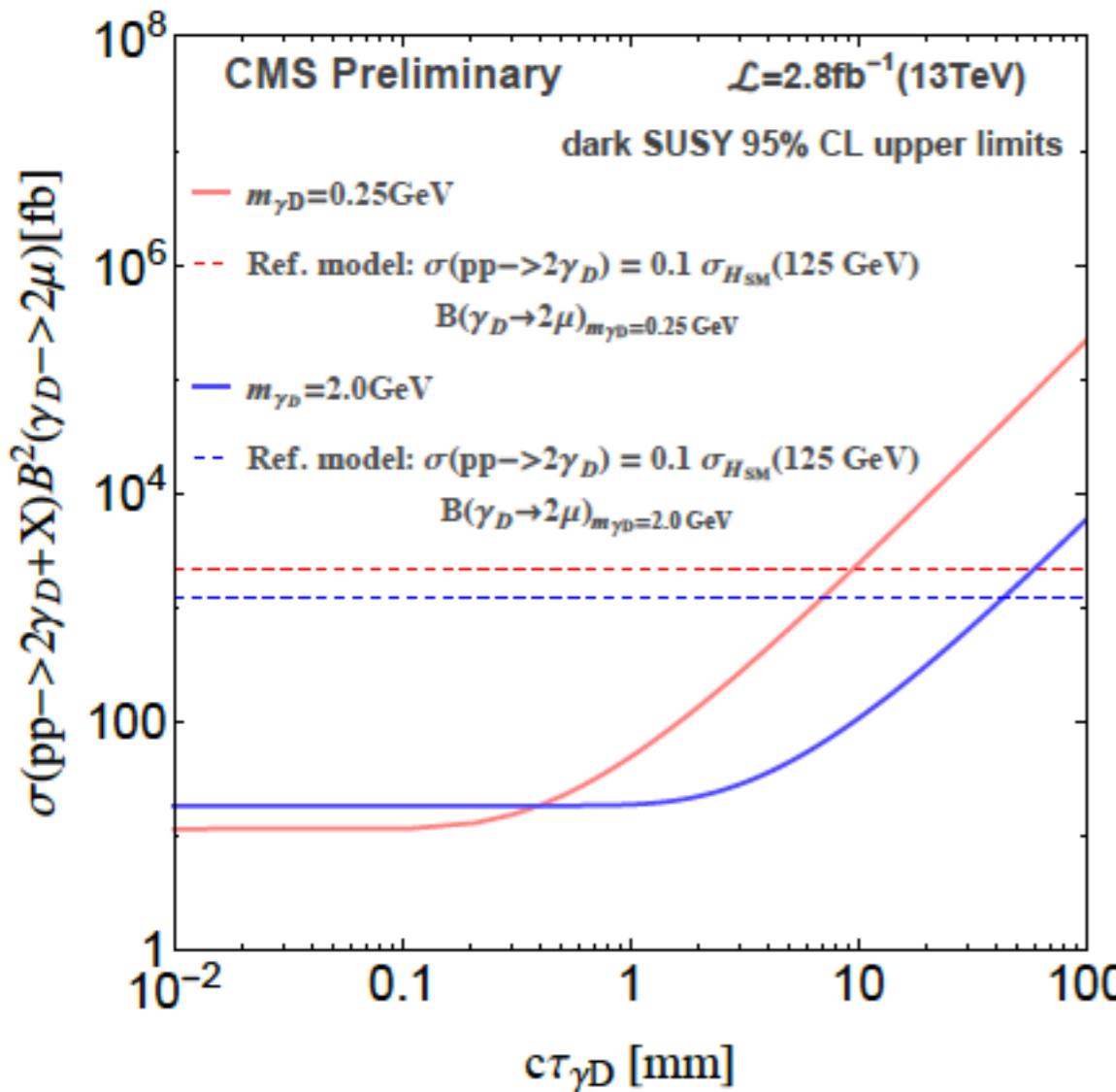
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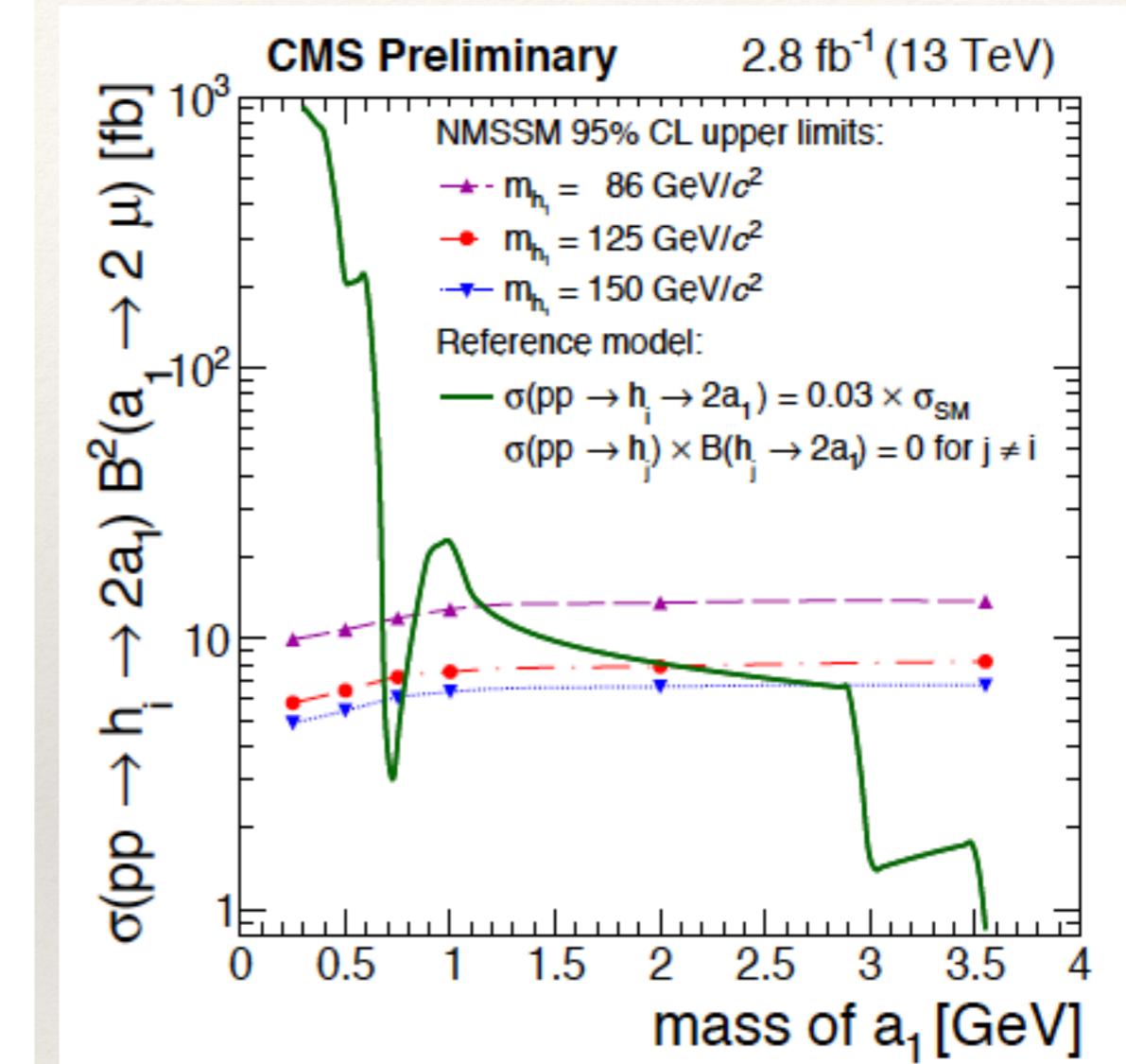
Systematics in light scalar decays of Higgs

Source of uncertainties	Uncertainty [%]
Integrated luminosity	2.7
Muon trigger	3
Muon ID	1 (per μ) \times 4
Muon tracking	0.2 (per μ) \times 4
Di-muon isolation	1 (per di- μ) \times 2
Overlapping in Tracker	1.2 (per di- μ) \times 2
Overlapping in Muon System	1.3 (per di- μ) \times 2
Pile-up	1.6
Dimuons mass consistency	1.5
NNLO Higgs p_T re-weighting	2.0
PDF+ α_s	3.0
Total	11.1

H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4 μ



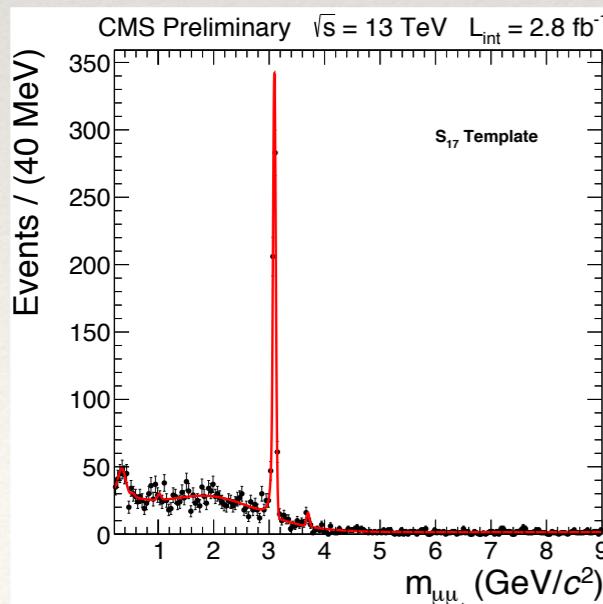
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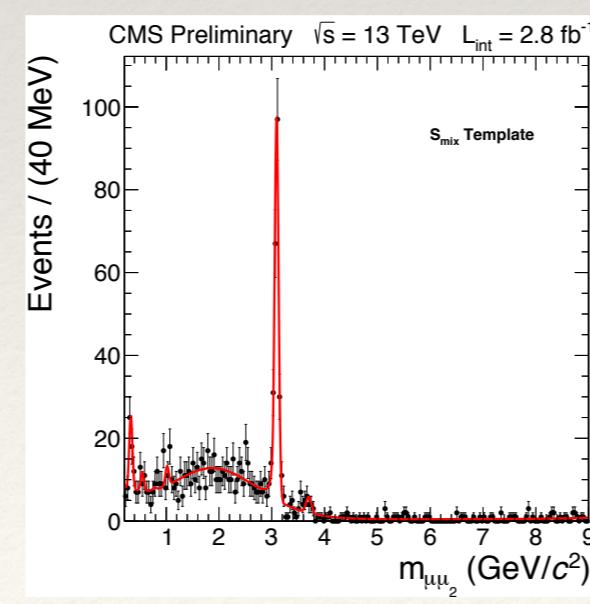
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Background estimation

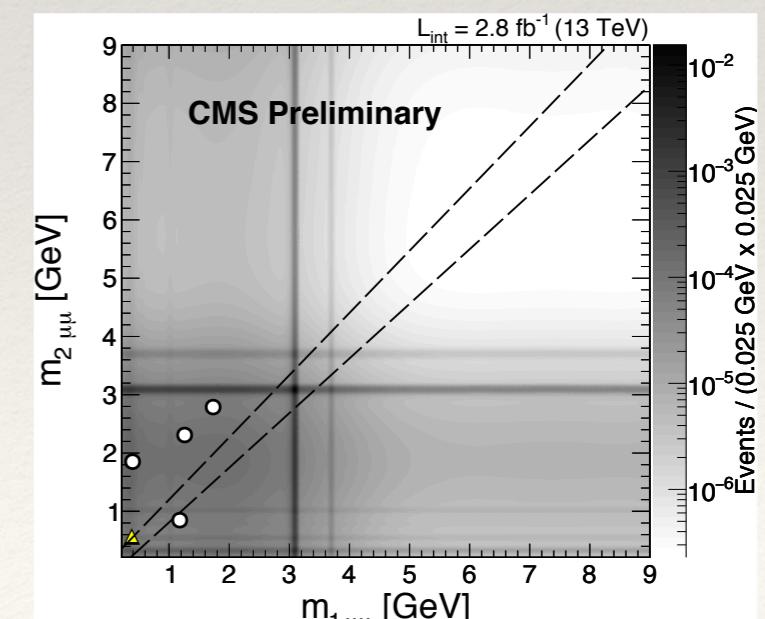
- ❖ EWK to 4 muons (minor contribution): $pp \rightarrow 4\mu$: contribution is estimated using MC simulation
- ❖ Prompt J/ψ (minor contribution): estimated with a combination of data and MC simulation
- ❖ Events containing bb in the final state (Leading background)
 - ❖ Leading contribution from b-quark decays to pairs of muons via double semileptonic decays or resonances, i.e. $\omega, \rho, \phi, J/\psi$
 - ❖ Estimated from data:
 - ❖ Modeled as a 2D template in the plane of invariant mass of 2 di-muons: $B_{bb}(m1, m2)$, $m1$ refers to the dimuon system with muon $pT > 17$ GeV
 - ❖ Templates: S_{17} (both muon pairs contain a high pT muon); S_{mix} (just one contains a high pT muon), constructing from bb enriched region



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Event yield in $H \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$ and $H \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$

Sample	Signal events before selection $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$	Signal events after selection $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$	Number of events in data $120 < m_{\ell\ell\gamma} < 130 \text{ GeV}$
$\mu\mu\gamma$	13.9	3.3	151
$ee\gamma$	25.8	1.9	65
$(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu)\gamma$	$0.065(J/\psi) + 0.32 \text{ (non-res.)}$	$0.014(J/\psi) + 0.078 \text{ (non-res.)}$	12

Event yield in $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$

Table 1: Observed and expected event yields for a 125 GeV SM Higgs boson.

Sample	Integrated luminosity (fb^{-1})	Observed event yield for $100 < m_{\ell\ell\gamma} < 190 \text{ GeV}$	Expected number of signal events for $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$
2011 ee	5.0	2353	1.2
2011 $\mu\mu$	5.1	2848	1.4
2012 ee	19.6	12899	6.3
2012 $\mu\mu$	19.6	13860	7.0