

Searches for Exotic Higgs Boson Decays with the ATLAS and the CMS Experiment

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Introduction - Motivation

- Observed H(125) an excellent opportunity to look for new physics at LHC
 - Branching fraction (BF) of Higgs to beyond-the Standard Model (BSM) particles constrained by fits of coupling constants to SM particles
 - $\text{BF}(h \rightarrow \text{BSM})$ up to $O(50\%)$ depending on Higgs production cross section
 - Small total width of Higgs (≈ 4 MeV) means even a small BSM coupling can translate into detectable signature
 - Current precision of measurements of couplings to SM particles leaves ample room for BSM physics
- Explicit search for (BSM) Exotic Higgs boson decays presents an alternative opportunity for discovery of BSM physics
 - provide the best window on dark matter

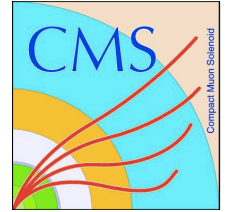


Outline

Exotic Higgs boson decays with ATLAS and CMS

- Decays to dark vector bosons – Z_{dark} (Z_d)
 - $H \rightarrow Z_{(d)} Z_d \rightarrow 4l$ (ATLAS) **New**
- Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) decays
 - $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e, \mu\tau_h$ (CMS)
 - $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{\text{had}}$ (ATLAS) **Brand New**
- Flavor Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) decays
 - $t \rightarrow qH$ ($H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) (ATLAS)
 - $t \rightarrow qH$ ($H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) (CMS)
 - $t \rightarrow ch$ (multi-lepton+di-photon) (CMS)
- Decays to a light pseudoscalar neutral Higgs boson (α) as in NMSSM
 - $H \rightarrow \alpha\alpha \rightarrow 2\mu 2\tau$ (ATLAS)* **New**
 - $H \rightarrow \alpha\alpha \rightarrow 4\gamma$ (ATLAS) **Brand New**
 - $H \rightarrow \alpha\alpha \rightarrow 4\mu$ (CMS)** **New**
- Exotic Higgs decays to Photon+MET
 - (VBF) $H \rightarrow \{1 \text{ or } 2\gamma\} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ (ATLAS)***
 - $H \rightarrow \{1 \text{ or } 2\gamma\} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ (CMS) **New**
- Run-2 prospects
- Conclusions

See also at this conference:
* Poster: B. Kaplan (ATLAS)
** Talk: A. Mohammadi (CMS)
*** Poster: C. Bernius (ATLAS)





$H \rightarrow Z_{(d)} Z_d \rightarrow 4l$ (ATLAS) ^{New}

ATLAS (8 TeV)
 arXiv:1505.07645
 Submitted to PRD

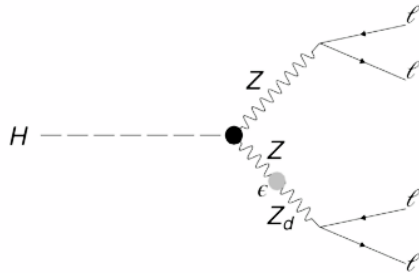
Higgs as a portal to the hidden/dark sector

Light exotic gauge boson Z_d : $m_{Z_d} < m_Z$

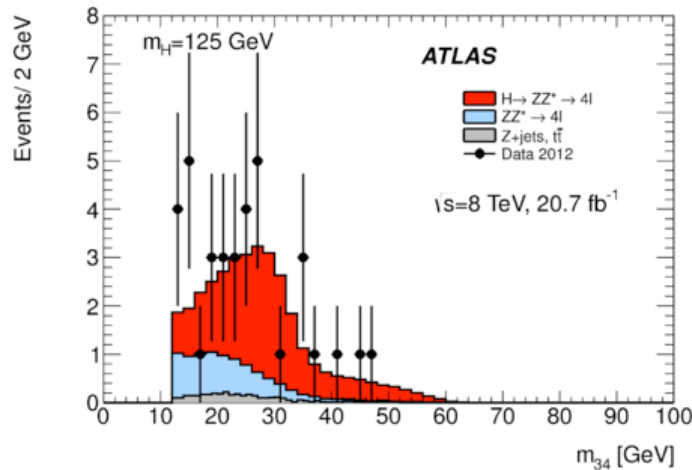
Based on SM Higgs to $4l$ analysis

Model independent analysis

$115 \text{ GeV} < m_{4l} < 130 \text{ GeV}$

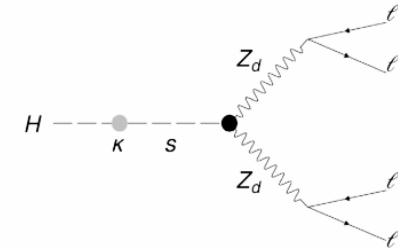


Look for excess in m_{34}
 m_{12} closest to m_Z

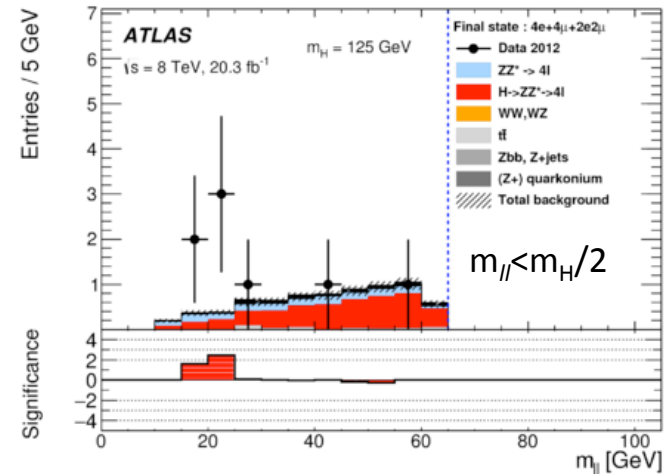


$$n(H \rightarrow 4l) = n(4l) - n(ZZ^*) - n(tt) - n(Z + \text{jets}).$$

BGs: $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ determined from data, ZZ^* (MC), $t\bar{t}$, Z +jets (DD)



Look for excess in m_{ll}
 $|m_{12} - m_{34}| = \text{min}$



BGs: (MC) $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$, $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

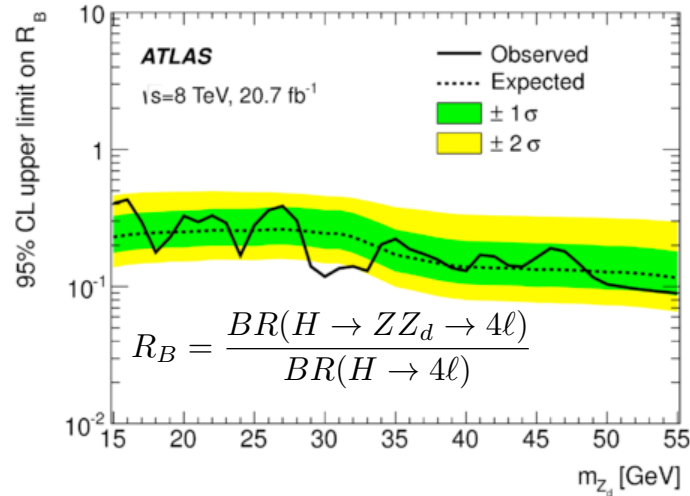
$m_{Z_d} - m_{ll} < \delta m = 5/3/4.5 \text{ GeV} - 4e/4\mu/2e2\mu$



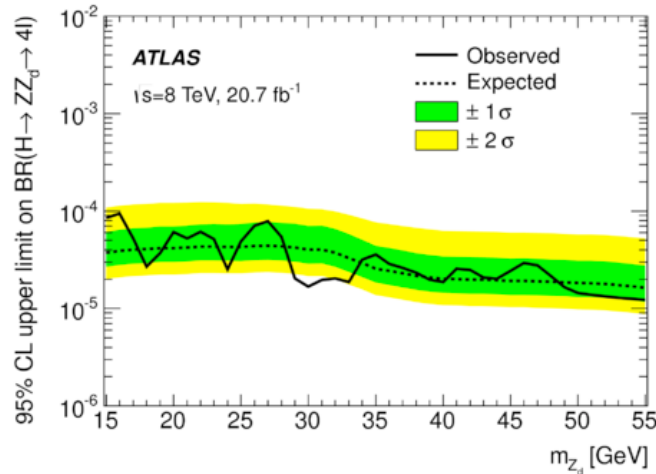
$H \rightarrow Z_{(d)} Z_d \rightarrow 4\ell$ (ATLAS)

Observed data well described by SM expectation \Rightarrow Upper limits set

$H \rightarrow ZZ_d \rightarrow 4\ell$

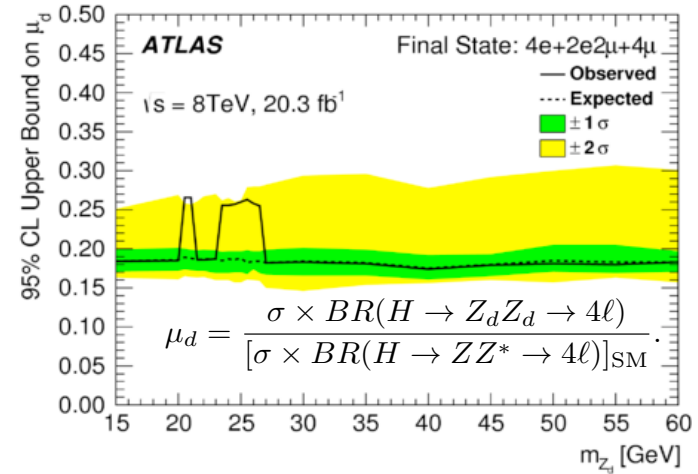


95% CL limits: $R_B < 0.4$ (0.2)

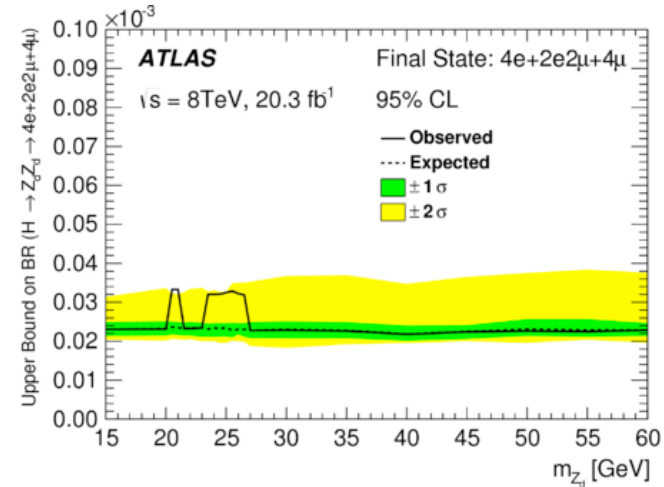


95% CL limits: $BR(H \rightarrow ZZ_d \rightarrow 4\ell) < (1-9) \times 10^{-5}$

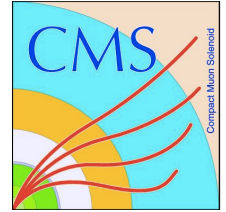
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2 (4e, 4 μ) observed events with significance 1.7σ



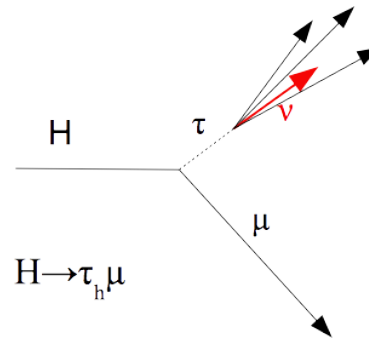
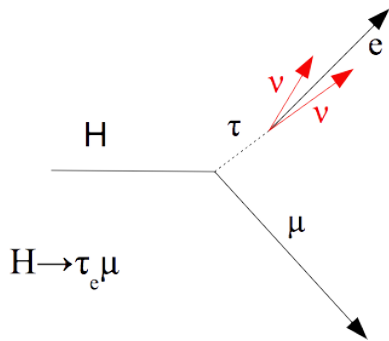
95% CL limits $BR(H \rightarrow Z_d Z_d \rightarrow 4\ell): (2-3) \times 10^{-5}$



Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) decays

$H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e, H \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$ (CMS)

- Direct LFV search in $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e, H \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$ ($M_H = 125$ GeV)
- LFV decays can occur in models with more than one Higgs doublet, in supersymmetric models, composite Higgs boson models, models with flavor symmetries, Randall–Sundrum models etc.
- Each channel is separated into 0, 1, and 2 jet categories: gg, VBF H-productions



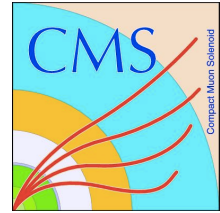
- Similar signatures with SM $H \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_e, H \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_h$
- Muon prompt - higher momentum than in SM
 - Fewer neutrinos give different missing energy and topology
 - collinear with the τ decay products

$H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e$

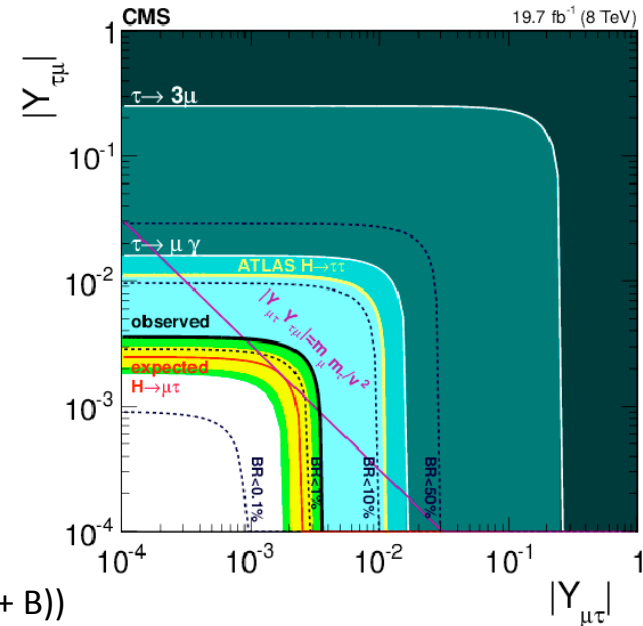
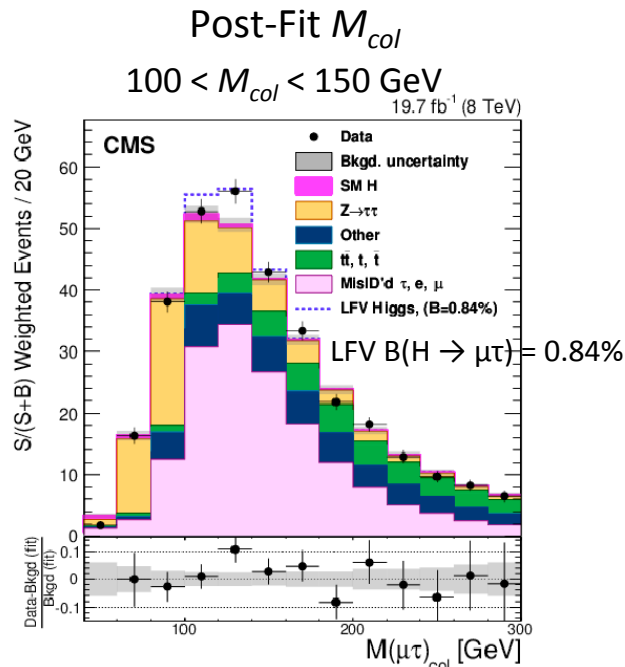
- Dominant background: $Z \rightarrow \tau_\mu \tau_e$
- Other backgrounds: jets faking leptons in W+jets, QCD multi-jets and $t\bar{t}$ +jets

$H \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$

- Dominant background: jets faking τ in W+jets, QCD multi-jet and $t\bar{t}$ +jets
- Other backgrounds: $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$, Z + jets and $t\bar{t}$ +jets



Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) decays $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e, H \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$ (CMS)



All categories combined, each category weighted by significance ($S/(S + B)$)

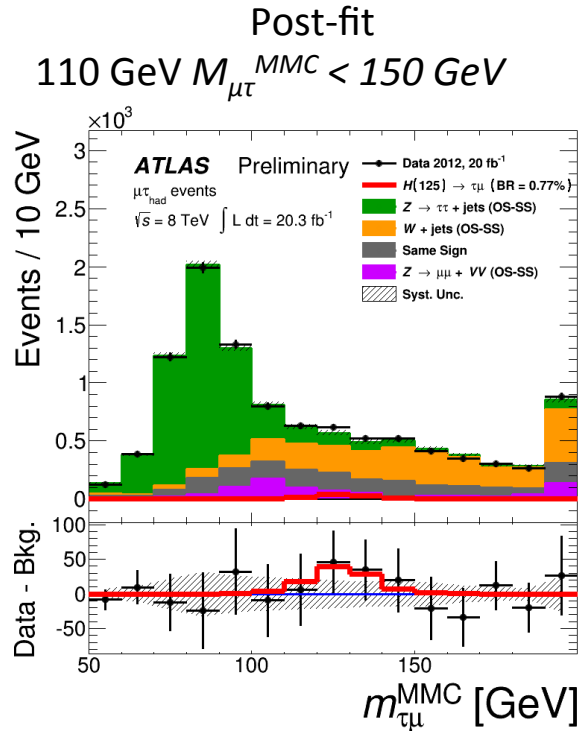
- A slight excess of signal events - still consistent within background uncertainties
 - significance of 2.4 standard deviations
- Best fit branching fraction
 - $B(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) = (0.84 +0.39 -0.37)\%$
- Constraint on the branching fraction
 - $B(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) < 1.51$ (0.75)% at 95% CL
- BR limit $< 1.51\%$ constrain the μ - τ Yukawa couplings $< 3.6 \times 10^{-3}$
- It improves the indirect current bound by an order of magnitude.

$H \rightarrow e\tau, H \rightarrow e\mu$ will be published soon!



Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) decays $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{\text{had}}$ (ATLAS) **Brand New**

ATLAS (8 TeV)
HIGG-2014-08
To be submitted to JHEP



Signal regions (SR1, SR2) defined as:

- SR1: $m_T(\mu, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 40 \text{ GeV}$, $m_T(\tau_{\text{had}}, E_T^{\text{miss}}) < 40 \text{ GeV}$
- SR2: $m_T(\mu, E_T^{\text{miss}}) < 30 \text{ GeV}$, $m_T(\tau_{\text{had}}, E_T^{\text{miss}}) < 60 \text{ GeV}$

Backgrounds:

- $\mu + \tau_{\text{had}}$: irr. $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (dominant in SR2), $VV \rightarrow \mu\tau + X$ ($V=W,Z$), $t\bar{t}$, single-top, SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- fake τ_{had} : $W + \text{jets}$ (dominant in SR1), QCD multi-jet, VV , $t\bar{t}$, t , $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu + \text{jets}$

Small excess found in SR2

$120 \text{ GeV} < M_{\mu\tau}^{\text{MMC}} < 140 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow$ significance 2.2σ

SR1+SR2 \Rightarrow combined significance 1.3σ

Best fit $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{\text{had}}) = (0.77 \pm 0.62)\%$

No significant excess of data over SM BGs

95% CL $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau_{\text{had}})$ obs (exp.) $< 1.85\%$ (1.24 +0.50 -0.35)%



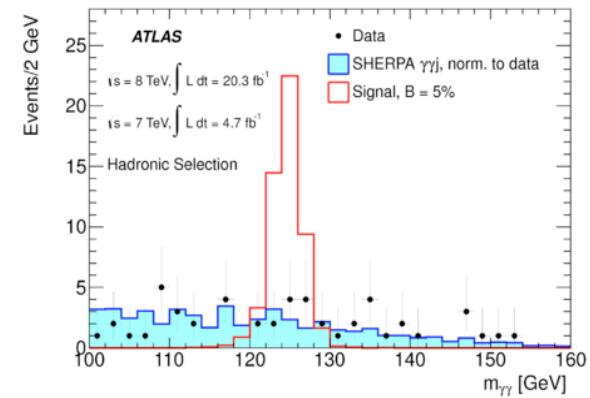
Flavor Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) decays $t \rightarrow qH$ ($H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) (ATLAS)

- FCNC involving light u/c quark highly suppressed in the SM, $Br \approx 10^{-15}$
- Might be enhanced by several orders of magnitude in BSM, up to $\approx 10^{-3}$
- LHC is a top factory : can search for rare decays with high sensitivity
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ appears as the most sensitive mode: large number of events, clean signature
- $t \rightarrow qH$, $H(125)$
- $t \rightarrow bW$, W decays:
 - hadronically (7+8 TeV): ≥ 4 jets, ≥ 1 b-tag, top invariant mass cuts ($\gamma\gamma j$ and $j j j$)
 - leptonically (8 TeV): 1 lepton, ≥ 2 jets, $m_T > 30$ GeV, ≥ 1 b-tag, invariant mass cuts ($\gamma\gamma j$ and $l\nu j$)
- Start from standard $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ selection
 - ≥ 2 tight-isolated leading (sub-leading) γ , $E_T > 40$ GeV (30 GeV)
- Enrich the $t\bar{t}$ topology
- BGs (non-resonant) : di-photon, $t\bar{t}$, W prod.

Analyse the $\gamma\gamma$ invariant mass distribution (SM $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analysis)

- **Hadronic channel:** $m_1 = m_{\gamma\gamma j}$, $m_2 = m_{j j j}$
 - m_1 : [156-191] GeV, m_2 : [130-210] GeV
- **Leptonic channel:** $m_1 = m_{\gamma\gamma j}$, $m_2 = m_{l\nu j}$
 - m_1 : [156-191 GeV], m_2 : [135-205] GeV

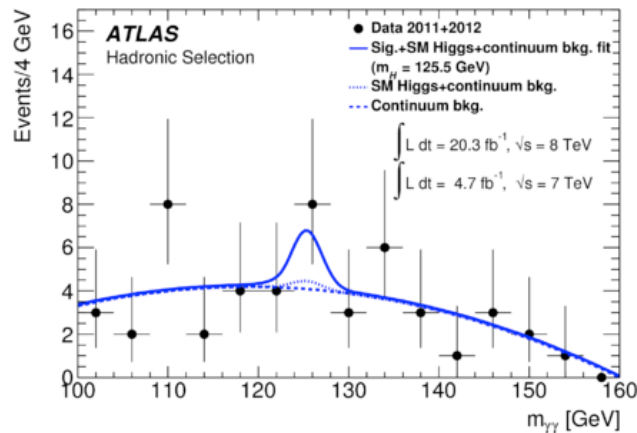
$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ hadronic selection



$m_{\gamma\gamma}$ discriminating variable in the fit



Flavor Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) decays $t \rightarrow qH$ ($H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) (ATLAS)



Fixing $m_H = 125.5$ GeV

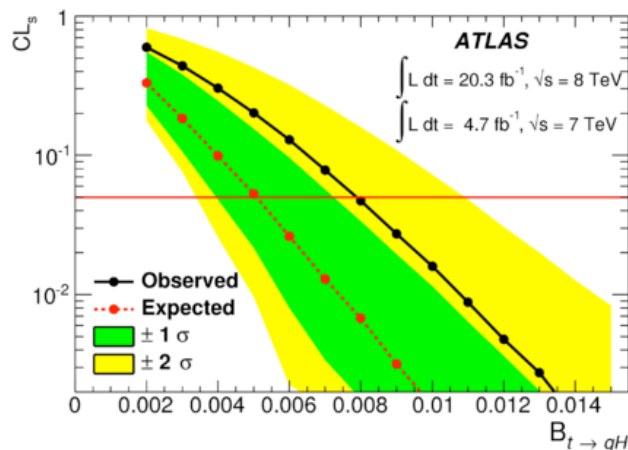
Fitted branching ratio (Br) $t \rightarrow c(u)H$:
Br = 0.22 $+0.31 -0.26$ %

corresponding to a signal yield of

$$N_s = 3.1 \quad +4.3 -3.7$$

No significant excess found

For $H \sim H_{SM}$ and $B(t \rightarrow cH) = 1\%$

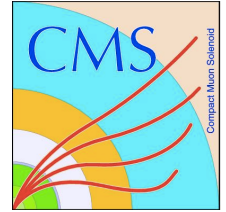


95% CL Limit on Br: Br < 0.79 (0.51)%

corresponding to a limit on the λ_{tqH} coupling :

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{tcH}^2 + \lambda_{tuH}^2} < 1.92 \sqrt{\text{Br}} < 0.17 \text{ (0.14 expected)}$$

to be compared to top quark Yukawa coupling $\lambda_{ttH} \sim 1$

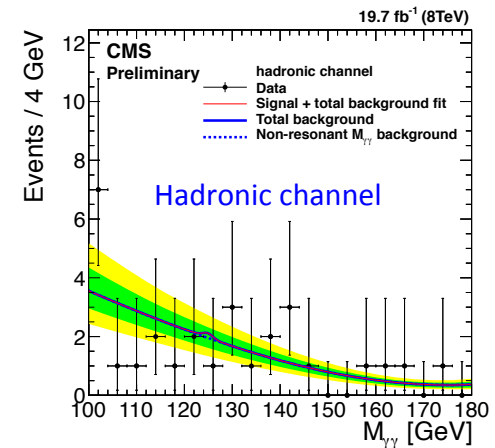


Flavor Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) decays $t \rightarrow q(c,u)H$ ($H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) (CMS)

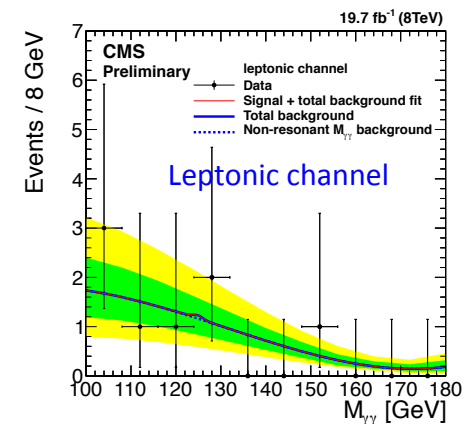
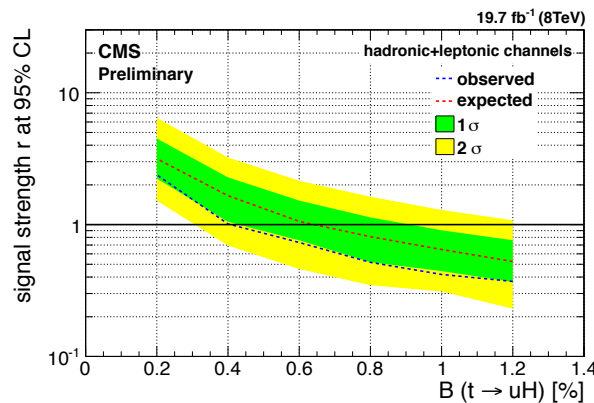
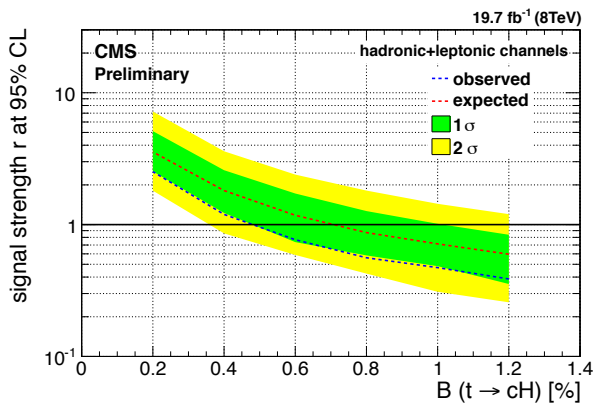
- Analysis: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ cut based photon selection criteria
- Hadronic/leptonic channels: ≥ 4 jets, 1 b-tagged/ ≥ 1 lepton (e or μ), ≥ 2 jets, 1 b-tagged
- Resonant diphoton backgrounds: SM-H ($\gamma\gamma$)(MC-ttH)
- Non-resonant diphoton backgrounds: fit to data
- $100 \text{ GeV} \leq M_{\gamma\gamma} \leq 180 \text{ GeV}$
- $B(t \rightarrow c,u)H) = 1\%$

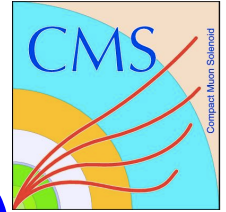
Observed (Expected) 95% CL limit $B(t \rightarrow c)H$: 0.47 (0.71)%

Observed (Expected) 95% CL limit $B(t \rightarrow u)H$: 0.42 (0.65)%



No significant excess observed





Flavor Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) decays $t \rightarrow ch$ (multi-lepton+di-photon) (CMS)

Multi-channel counting experiment approach:

- **Multi-lepton event:** ≥ 3 isolated and prompt leptons (e, μ, τ_h), ≥ 2 electrons or muons (“light” leptons)
- **Lepton+di-photon event:** photon pair + ≥ 1 lepton

Higgs boson decay mode	Upper limits on $\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow ch)$		
	Obs.	Exp.	68% CL range
$\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow WW^*) = 23.1\%$	1.58%	1.57%	(1.02–2.22)%
$\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow \tau\tau) = 6.15\%$	7.01%	4.99%	(3.53–7.74)%
$\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow ZZ^*) = 2.89\%$	5.31%	4.11%	(2.85–6.45)%
Combined multileptons ($WW^*, \tau\tau, ZZ^*$)	1.28%	1.17%	(0.85–1.73)%
$\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.23\%$	0.69%	0.81%	(0.60–1.17)%
Combined multileptons + diphotons	0.56%	0.65%	(0.46–0.94)%

- Using di-photon and multi-lepton search channels that are sensitive to the decay $t \rightarrow ch$, ($\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow ch)=1\%$)
- **Upper combined limit on $\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow ch)$, observed 0.56%, expected 0.65%**
- Significant improvement over the earlier limit of 1.3% from the multi-lepton search alone (Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 032006)
- **Left- and right- handed top-charm flavor violating Higgs Yukawa couplings limit**
 - $\sqrt{|\lambda_{tc}^H|^2 + |\lambda_{ct}^H|^2} < 0.14$ (0.65)%



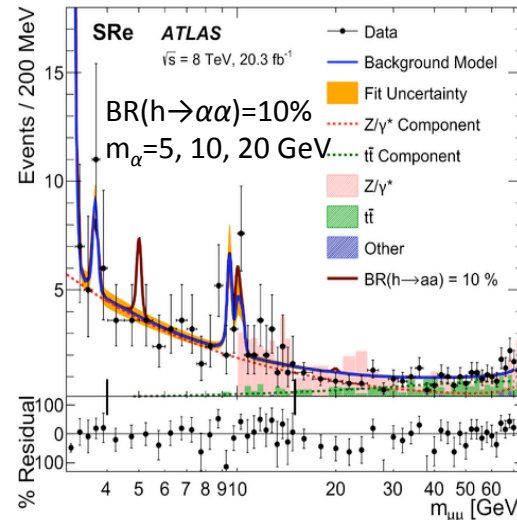
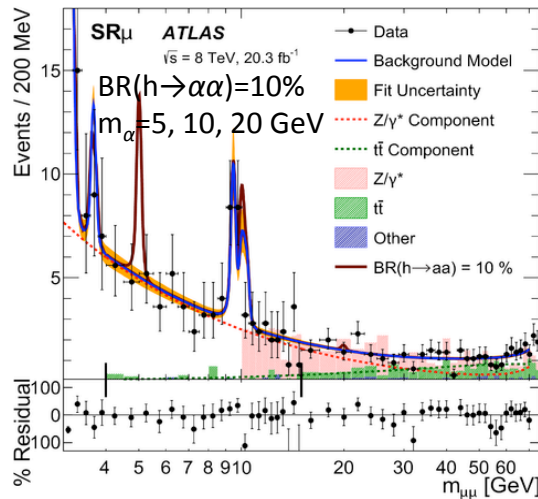
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Dominant BG:
 Z/γ^* and $t\bar{t}$
 $(J/\psi, \Upsilon)$

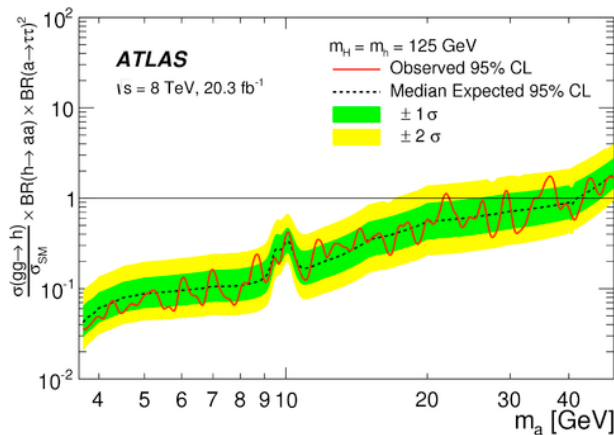


$m_H = 125$ GeV

$2m_\tau < m_\alpha < 2m_b$
 $1 \alpha \rightarrow \tau\tau, 1 \alpha \rightarrow \mu\mu$

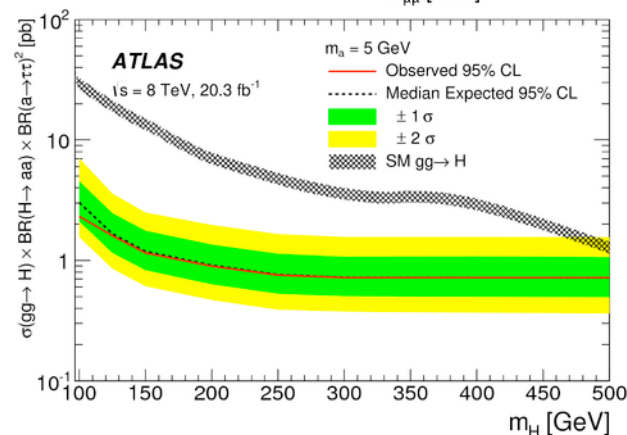
m_α : 3.7-50 GeV

No significant excess of data



Consistent with expected limits

Most stringent limit 3.5% for $m_\alpha = 3.75$ GeV



95% CL limits on production rate:

$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \times BR(H \rightarrow \alpha\alpha)$: 2.33 pb-0.72 pb

Scan of m_H ($m_\alpha = 5$ GeV)
 $m_H = 100-500$ GeV



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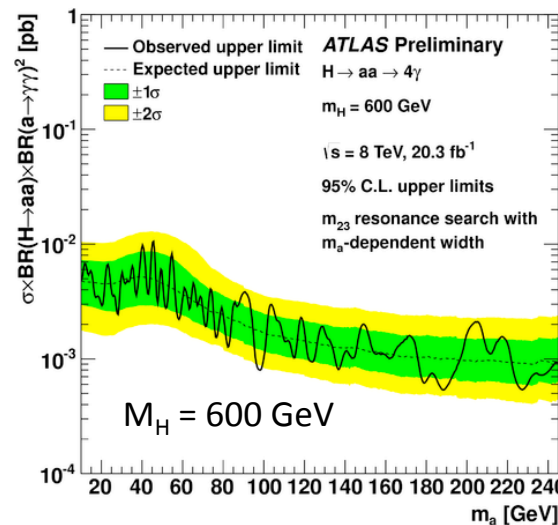
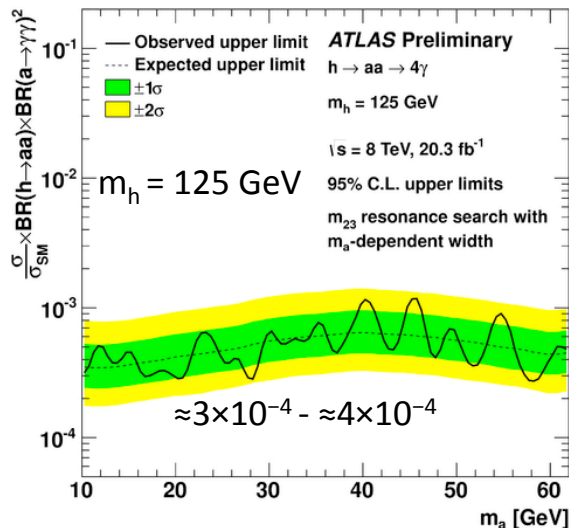
Many extensions of SM Higgs sector include CP-odd particles (α) with couplings to Higgs and branching ratios to photons visible at LHC

Signature: ≥ 3 isolated photons

- Signal: "tight" $\gamma_{1,2}$: $p_T > 22$ GeV, $\gamma_{3,(4)}$: $p_T > 17$ GeV
- Isolation: $E_T(\text{cone}40) < 4$ GeV
- Backgrounds: irr. (2,3,4) prompt photons, photon(s)+jet(s)
- Combination of data-driven (for jets) and MC

No significant excess of data over SM BGs
 Consistent with SM expected limits

Resonance search in m_{23} spectrum



$300 < M_H < 900$ GeV
 $10 \text{ GeV} < m_\alpha < m_H/2$

$M_H: 600$ GeV

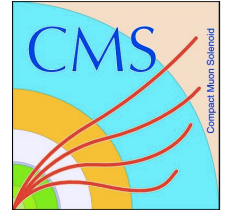
$$\sigma/\sigma_{\text{SM}} \times \text{BR}(h \rightarrow \alpha\alpha) \times \text{BR}(\alpha \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)^2 < 10^{-3}$$

$$m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}, 10 \text{ GeV} < m_\alpha < 62 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma_H \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \alpha\alpha) \times \text{BR}(\alpha \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)^2 < 0.02 \text{ pb } 10 < m_\alpha < 90 \text{ GeV}$$

$$< 0.001 \text{ pb } m_\alpha \text{ up to } 245 \text{ GeV}$$

Decays to a light pseudo-scalar neutral Higgs boson (α) (NMSSM)



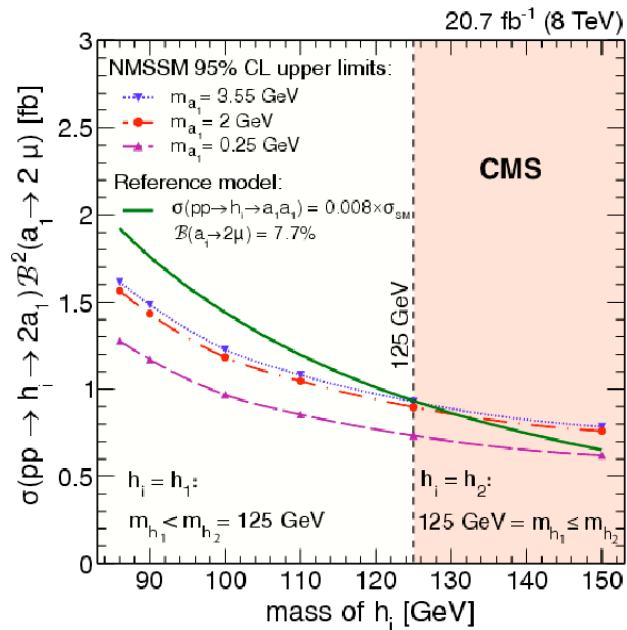
* See also Talk
 A. Mohammadi (CMS)

$H \rightarrow \alpha\alpha \rightarrow 4\mu$ (CMS)* New

- NMSSM Higgs sector: 3 CP-even neutral Higgs bosons $h_{1,2,3}$, 2 CP-odd neutral Higgs bosons $\alpha_{1,2}$ and a pair of charged Higgs bosons h^\pm
- $h_{1,2} \rightarrow 2\alpha_1$, h_1 or h_2 can be the boson observed at 125 GeV
- $\alpha_1 \rightarrow 2\mu$, 2 pairs of isolated muons (di-muons), $m_{1\mu\mu} \approx m_{2\mu\mu}$ within detector resolution

Light boson masses in the range $2m_\mu < m_\alpha < 2m_\tau$ (0.25-3.55 GeV)

1 event obs. 2.2 ± 0.7 SM exp.



BGs dominated by bb^- and J/ψ pair production

- 95% CL upper limits for NMSSM on $\sigma(pp \rightarrow h_{1/2} \rightarrow 2\alpha_1) B^2(\alpha_1 \rightarrow 2\mu)$ as a function of
 - m_{h1} ($86 < m_{h1} < 125$ GeV) and
 - m_{h2} ($m_{h2} > 125$ GeV)
- Limits compared to predicted rate (solid curve), with simplified scenario
 - $\sigma(pp \rightarrow h_i \rightarrow 2\alpha_1) = 0.008 \sigma_{SM}$

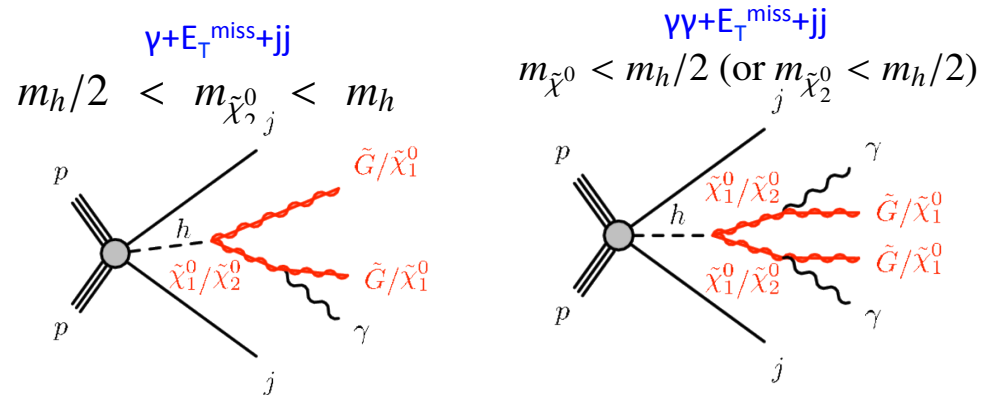


Exotic Higgs Decays to Photon+MET (VBF) $H \rightarrow \{1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ isol. } \gamma\} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ (ATLAS)*

ATLAS (8 TeV)
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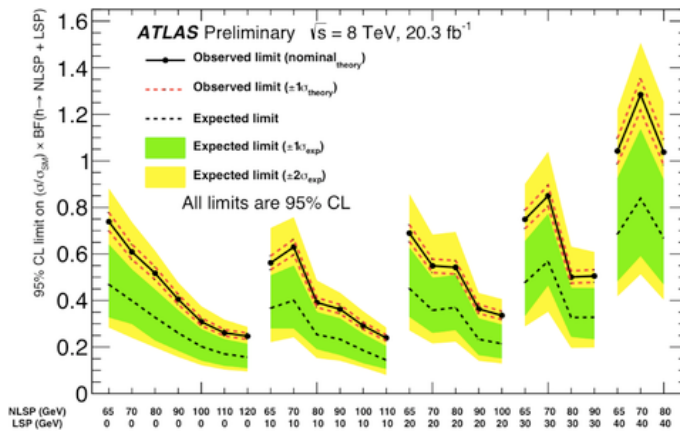
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- Exotic Higgs decay in GMSB and NMSSM
- VBF production facilitates better data-driven γ +jets and multi-jet background estimates than ggH
- VBF Higgs boosted in transverse plane: γ and E_T^{miss} not necessarily back-to-back, use angles to define control regions

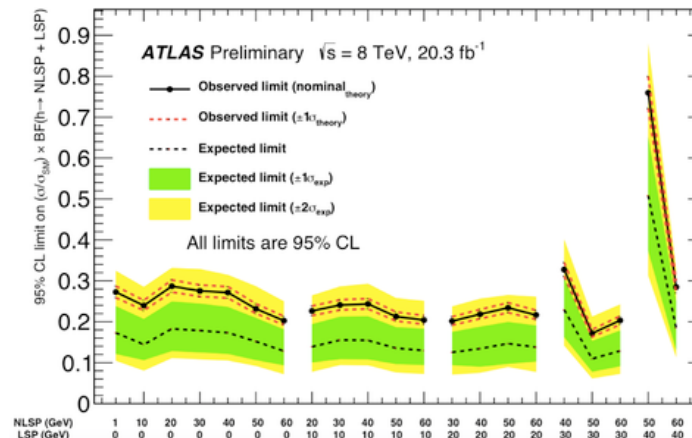


Limits set for different NLSP, LSP mass pairs *Observation consistent with SM*

mono-photon



di-photon



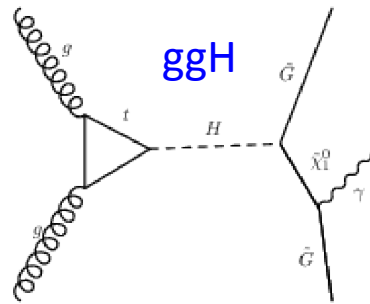
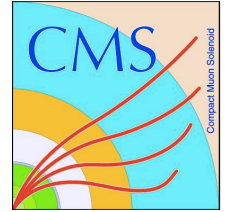
$$(\sigma/\sigma_{SM}) \times \text{BF}(h \rightarrow \text{NLSP} + \text{LSP})$$

First direct limits similar or stronger than indirect Higgs coupling measurements

CMS (8 TeV):
[arXiv:1507.00359](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.00359)
 Submitted to *Phys. Lett. B*
 CMS-HIG-14-025

Exotic Higgs Decays to Photon+MET

$H \rightarrow \{1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ isol. } \gamma\} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ (CMS) New



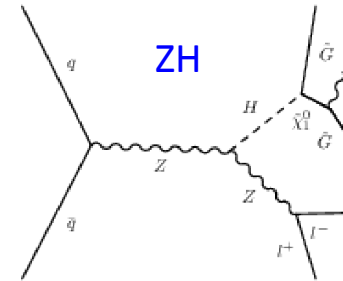
$$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_H/2 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} < m_H$$

$$H \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{G} \rightarrow \gamma \tilde{G} \tilde{G}$$

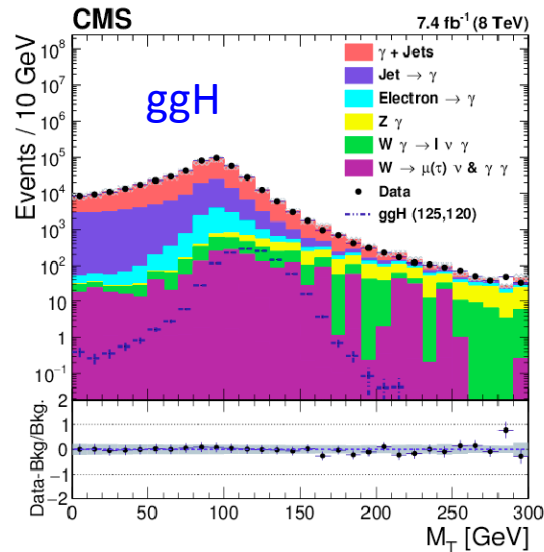
$$M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} < m_H/2$$

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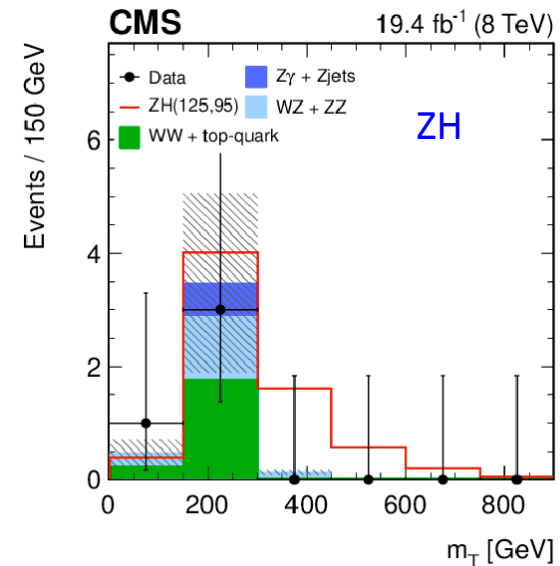


- ZH (8 TeV, 19.4 fb⁻¹)
 - 2 lep. $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$
 - $E_T^\gamma > 20 \text{ GeV}$
 - $|m_{l^+} - m_{l^-}| < 15 \text{ GeV}$

- Exotic Higgs decay quasi-model independent search, low-scale SUSY
- ggH BGS: irr. $Z\gamma \rightarrow \nu\nu\gamma$, γ +jet and mono-e and mono-jet faking γ
- ZH BGS: di-lep. non-resonant (W^+W^- , t, W+jets, $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$) resonant ($WZ(l\nu l)$, $ZZ(2l2\nu)$, $Z\gamma$, Z+jets)
 - ggH (8 TeV, 7.4 fb⁻¹)
 - $E_T^\gamma > 45 \text{ GeV}$
 - $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 40 \text{ GeV}$



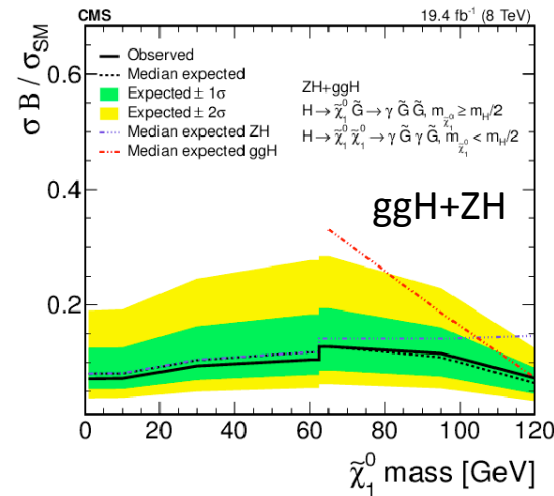
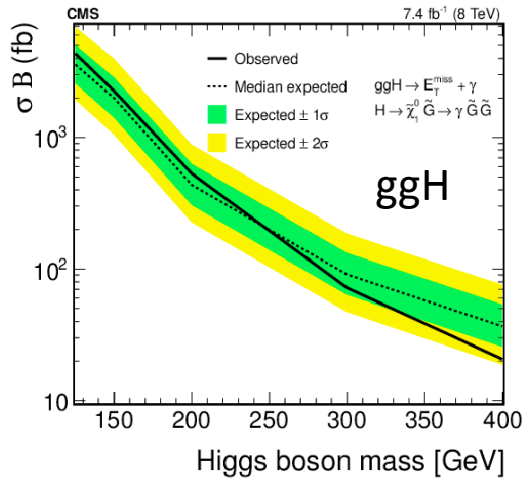
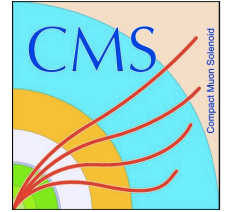
$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 120 \text{ GeV}$



$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 95 \text{ GeV}$, Br=10%

Exotic Higgs Decays to Photon+MET

$H \rightarrow \{1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ isol. } \gamma\} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ (CMS)



Data consistent with BG

$$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$$

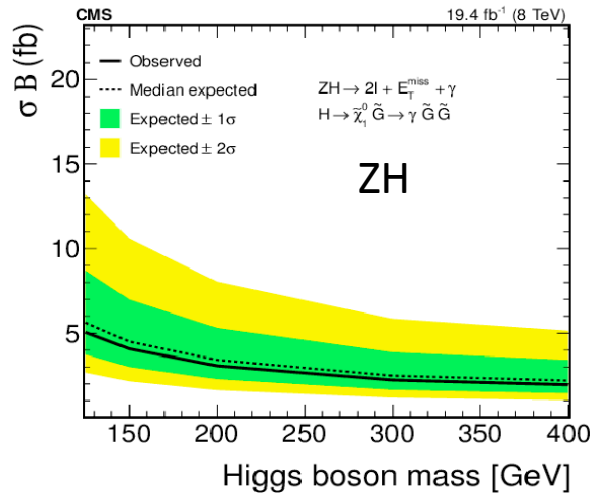
$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} < m_H/2 \Rightarrow B(H \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0) B(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tilde{G} + \gamma)^2$$

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \geq m_H/2 \Rightarrow B(H \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{G}) B(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tilde{G} + \gamma)$$

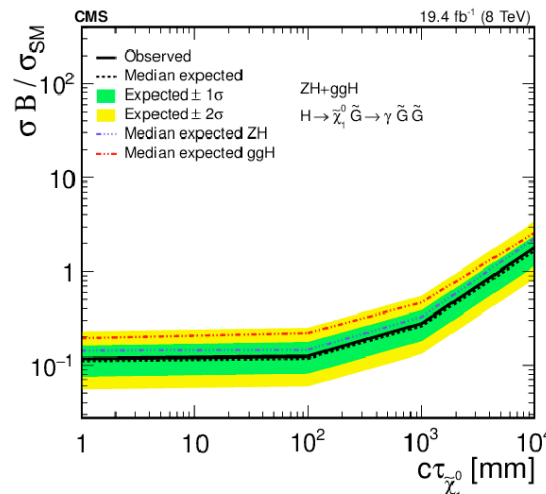
$$\text{ggH} \quad m_H/2 < m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} < m_H$$

$$95\% \text{ CL Br } 10\%, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 95 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}: 1-120 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow 95\% \text{ CL Br: } 7-13\%$$



$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = m_H - 30 \text{ GeV}, m_H: 125-400 \text{ GeV}$$



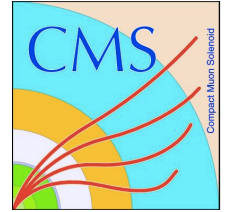
$$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} = 95 \text{ GeV}$$

$$B(H \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{G}) B(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tilde{G} + \gamma)$$

Selection eff.
const. $c\tau(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 10 \text{ cm}$
Drops rapidly after



Run-II perspectives



Decays to dark vector bosons - Z_{dark} (Z_d)

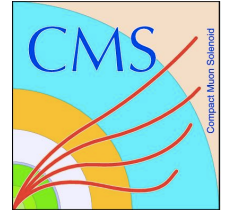
- **ATLAS: $H \rightarrow Z_{(d)} Z_d \rightarrow 4l$**
 - Improving the discovery potential of Z_d or setting stricter existing limits.
 - Extension to low mass ($Z_d < 15$ GeV) and Z_d with displaced vertex

Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) decays:

- **CMS: $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_e$, $H \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$**
 - A new τ lepton identification algorithm with improved background rejection has been deployed for Run-II
 - Investigating possible analysis improvements for μ - τ

Flavor Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) decays: $t \rightarrow qH$

- **ATLAS: $t \rightarrow qH$ ($H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)**
 - Increased $t\bar{t}$ cross section in Run-II
 - Could set better limit on $\text{Br}(\lambda_{tqH})$
 - Add a multi-lepton analysis to increase sensitivity



Conclusions

- Searches for Exotic Higgs bosons decays performed in various channels and with different strategies
 - No evidence found so far
 - Observation of SM-like Higgs boson excludes large regions of parameter space
- Still room left for BSM models to be compatible with observed Higgs boson
 - Many Exotic Higgs analyses with Run-I 8 TeV data still on-going
- Run-II with 13 TeV will enhance discovery potential of Exotics Higgs boson decay searches
 - New challenges for the analyses

Additional Slides

Other talks in EPS

- “Searches for invisible Higgs boson decays with ATLAS and CMS” Philippe CALFAYAN (talk, ATLAS)
- “Searches for long-lived, weakly interacting particles in ATLAS and CMS”, Andrew Evan Hart (talk, CMS)
- “Searches for invisibly decaying Higgs bosons at ATLAS” K. Shaw (poster, ATLAS)
- “Searches for long-lived particle decays in ATLAS” D. Salvatore (poster, ATLAS)



H → Z_(d)Z_d → 4l (ATLAS) New

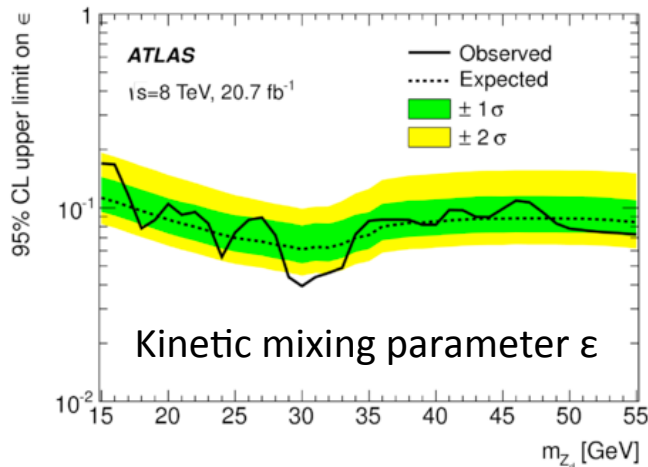
Model interpretation

ATLAS (8 TeV)
 arXiv:1505.07645
 Submitted to PRD

Simplest benchmark model (U(1)_d gauge symmetry)
 SM + dark vector boson + dark Higgs boson

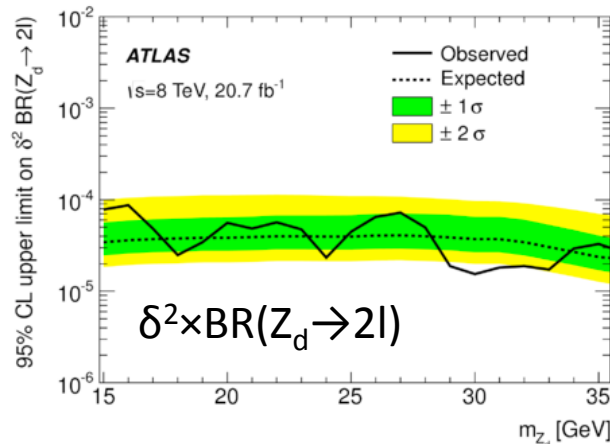
H → ZZ_d → 4l

Gauge kinetic mixing parameter dominates ($\epsilon \gg \kappa$)



95% CL limits ϵ : $(4-17) \times 10^{-2}$ for $15 < m_{Z_d} < 55$ GeV

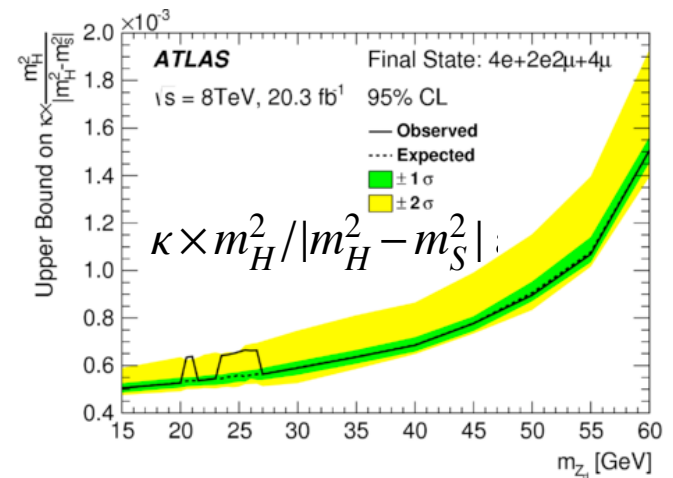
Effective mass mixing parameter Z-Z_d



95% CL limits $\delta^2 \times BR(Z_d \rightarrow 2l)$: $(1.5-8.7) \times 10^{-5}$
 for $15 < m_{Z_d} < 35$ GeV

H → Z_dZ_d → 4l

Higgs mixing parameter dominates ($\kappa \gg \epsilon$)



Effective Higgs mixing parameter κ'

Dark Higgs boson $m_S > m_H/2$, $m_{Z_d} < m_H/2$

κ (Higgs portal coupling) 95% CL limits:
 $(1-10) \times 10^{-4}$ for $15 < m_{Z_d} < 60$ GeV



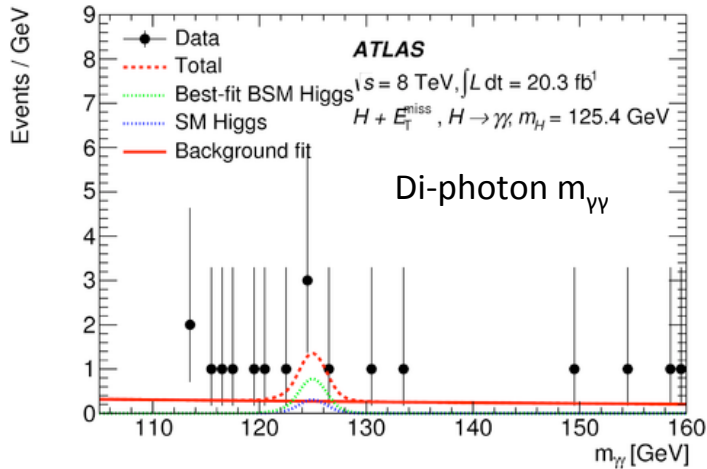
New

$H + E_T^{\text{miss}} \rightarrow 2\gamma + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ (ATLAS)

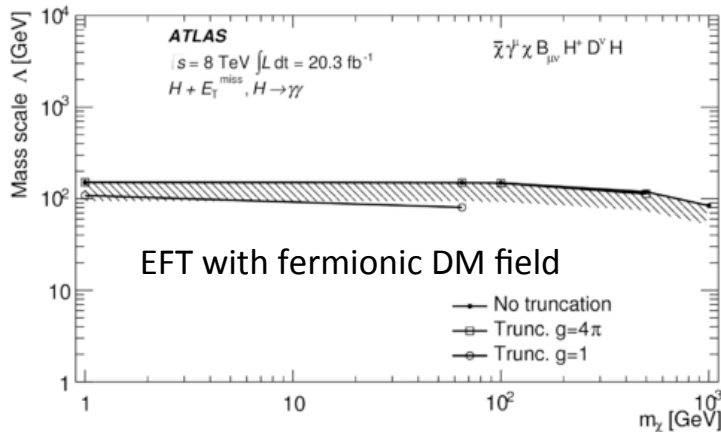
ATLAS (8 TeV)
arXiv:1506.01081
Submitted to PRL

Directly probes the structure of the effective DM-SM coupling

- Sensitive to $m_\chi > m_H/2$
- Consider both EFT and simplified model

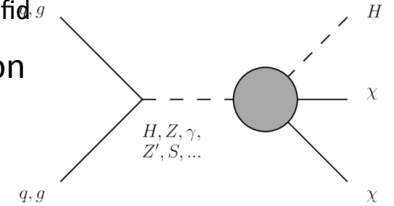
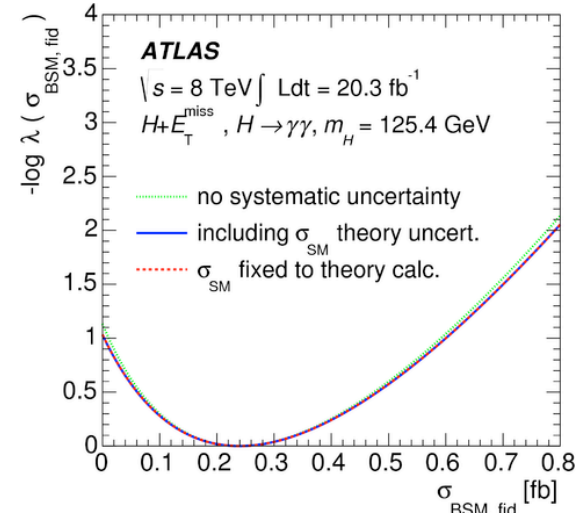


Mass scale Λ limits vs DM mass (m_χ)



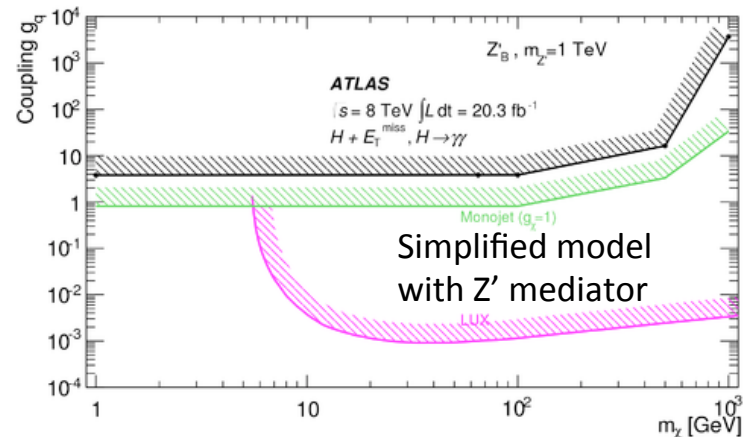
Profile likelihood ratio (λ) vs $\sigma_{\text{BSM, fid}, g}$

BSM H+DM with the SM contribution



Production of DM particles χ in association with H, mediated by (H,Z, γ) or new mediator: Z' or scalar singlet S

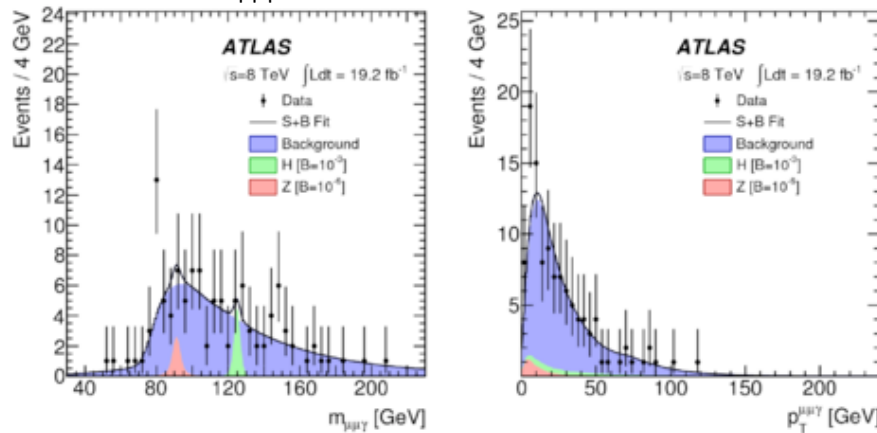
Coupling parameters limits for simplified models with a heavy mediator with mass of 1 TeV





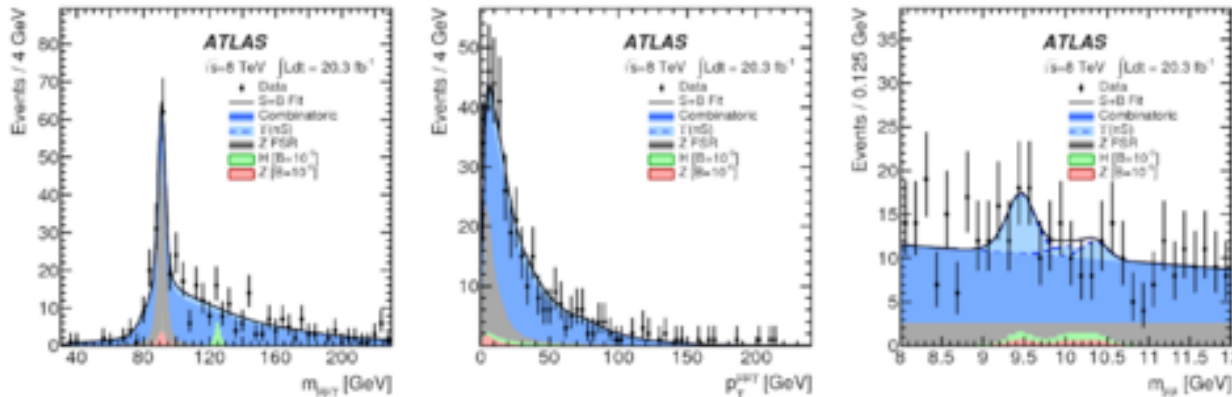
$H \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$ & $H \rightarrow Y(nS)\gamma$ ($n=1,2,3$) (ATLAS)

$30 \text{ GeV} < m_{\mu\mu\gamma} < 230 \text{ GeV}$



- $Q \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: isolation, primary vertex
- $p_T^{\mu\mu} > 36 \text{ GeV}$
- γ : “tight”, isolated, $p_T^\gamma > 36 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Delta\phi(Q, \gamma) > 0.5$

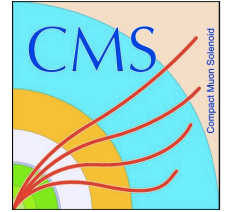
- $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ $M_{\mu\mu}: M_{J/\psi} \pm 0.2 \text{ GeV}$
- Main BG: inclusive QCD



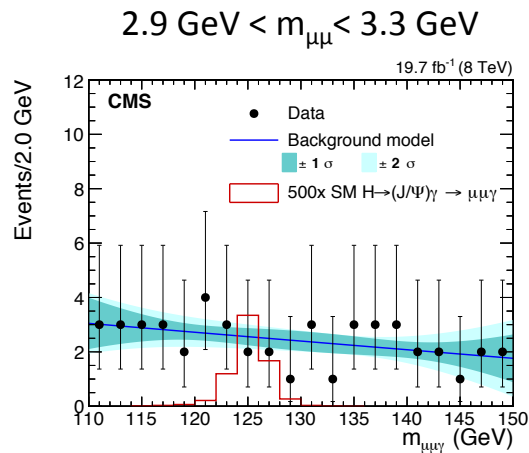
- $Y(nS) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ $8 \text{ GeV} < M_{\mu\mu} < 12 \text{ GeV}$
- BGs: inclusive QCD, $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- (\text{FSR}) \gamma$

No significant excess of data over BGs

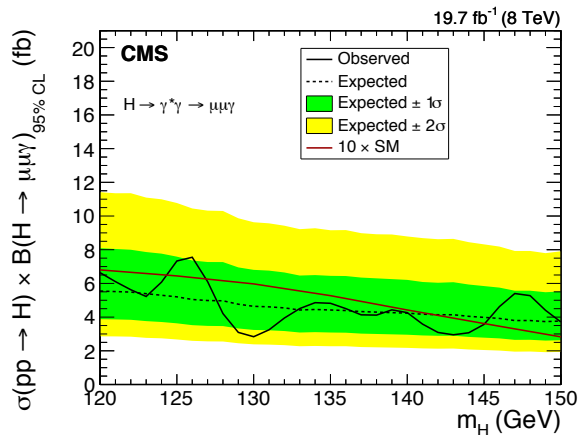
- 95% CL $B(H \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma) < 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$
- 95% CL $B(H \rightarrow Y(1S, 2S, 3S)\gamma) < (1.3, 1.9, 1.3) \times 10^{-3}$



Higgs boson decaying into $\gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma$ with low di-lepton mass (CMS)

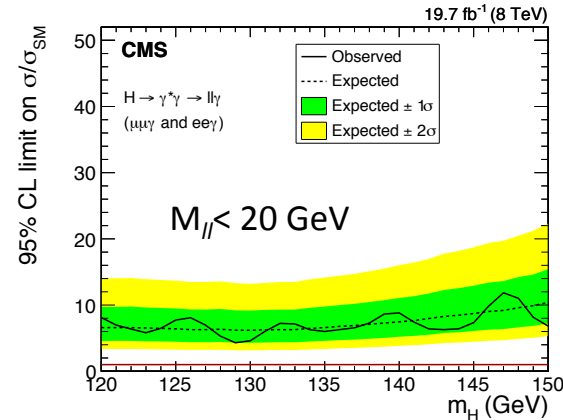


$\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) \times B(H \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma)$



$m_H = 125$ GeV, 7.3 (5.2) fb

$\sigma/\sigma_{SM}(pp \rightarrow H) \times B(H \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma)$



$m_H = 120-150$ GeV

No excess above backgrounds in $120 < m_{ll\gamma} < 150$ GeV

Observed (expected): 5-11 (6-10) x SM

$m_H = 125$ GeV: 7.7(6.4) x SM

$m_H = 125$ GeV, $2.9 < m_{ll} < 3.3$ GeV

$\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) \times B(H \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma) < 1.80$ (1.90) fb

$B(H \rightarrow (J/\psi)\gamma) < 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$

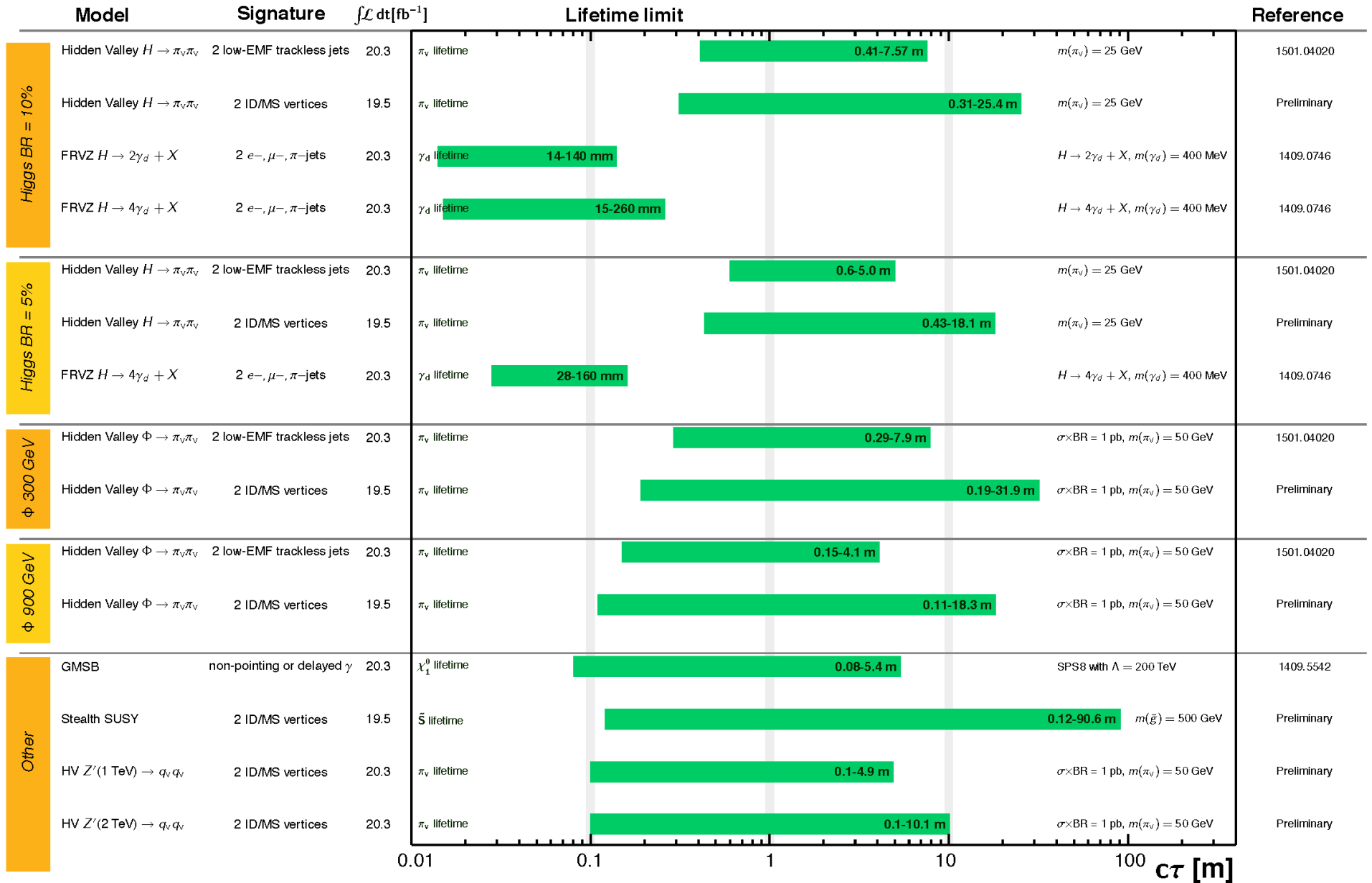
540 x SM ($m_H = 125$ GeV)

ATLAS Exotics Long-lived Particle Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion

Status: March 2015

ATLAS Preliminary

$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (19.5 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$



$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

*Only a selection of the available lifetime limits on new states is shown.