

Search for the Standard Model Higgs Boson
Decaying to $\mu^+\mu^-$ in pp Collisions at
 $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV with the CMS Detector
CMS-PAS-HIG-13-007

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Outline

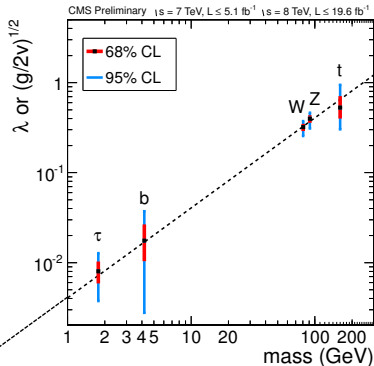
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Motivation

Why Search for $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$?

- Smallest Coupling Directly Observable at LHC
- Probe 2nd Generation Fermion Coupling
- Precisely Predicted in SM
- Enhanced in Some New Physics Models [CMS-PAS-HIG-12-011](#)
- Very Clean Final State

Narrow Signal Peak on a Smoothly Falling Background



[CMS-PAS-HIG-13-005](#)

Search Overview

- Analyze $5.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at 7 TeV & $19.7 \pm 0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ at 8 TeV
- Select Events with Single Isolated Muon Trigger
- Require 2 High- p_T Isolated Opposite-Sign Muons
- Divide Events into 2 Categories:
 - 0 or 1-Jet:
 - Large Acceptance for Gluon Fusion (GF) Higgs
 - ≥ 2 -Jet:
 - Larger S/B for Vector Boson Fusion (VBF) Higgs
- Further Sub-Categorize To Increase Sensitivity
- For each Sub-category, Perform Unbinned Shape Fit
 - Signal Yield & Shape Estimated from MC Corrected to Data
 - Background Yield & Shape Fit to Data

0,1-Jet Sub-Categories

First, Split by $p_T(\mu\mu)$

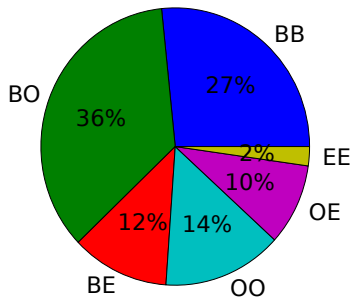
- 0,1-Jet Tight: $p_T(\mu\mu) \geq 10 \text{ GeV}/c$
- 0,1-Jet Loose: $p_T(\mu\mu) < 10 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Reduced Drell-Yan Background in 0,1-Jet Tight

Sub-categorize by Muon $|\eta|$

Based on p_T Resolution

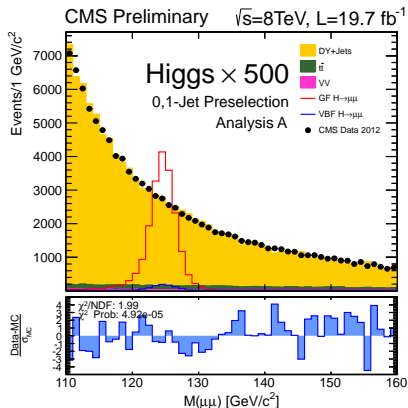
- Barrel: $|\eta| < 0.8$
- Overlap: $0.8 < |\eta| < 1.6$
- Endcap $1.6 < |\eta| < 2.1$
- Central Dimuons Have Better Mass Resolution
- Signal Peak FWHM at $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$: $3.8\text{-}5.9 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

Signal Fraction For Various Muon $|\eta|$ Categories

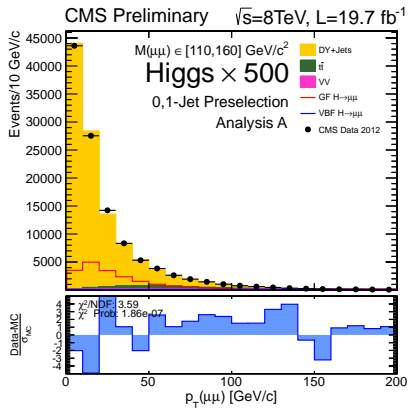


**Tight BB & BO
Most Powerful
0,1-Jet Categories**

0,1-Jet Category Control Plots



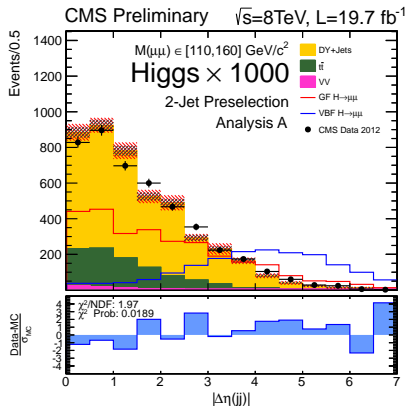
Background Drell-Yan Dominated



GF Higgs Peaks at Higher $p_T(\mu\mu)$

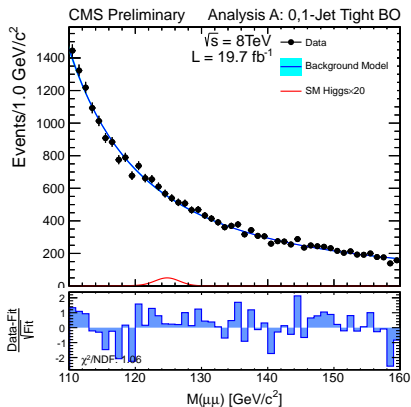
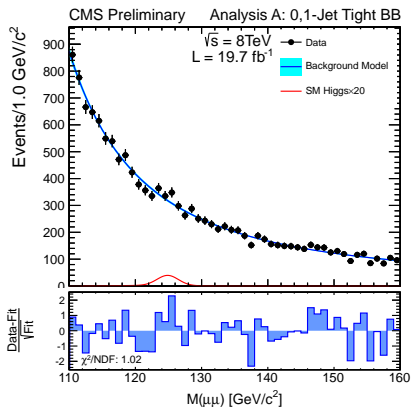
2-Jet Sub-categories

- VBF Higgs Production Mode Enhanced in 2-Jet Category
- VBF Tight Sub-Category:
 - $M(jj) > 650 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - $|\Delta\eta(jj)| > 3.5$
- GF Tight Sub-Category:
 - $M(jj) > 250 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - $p_T(\mu\mu) > 50 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Loose: All Remaining Events



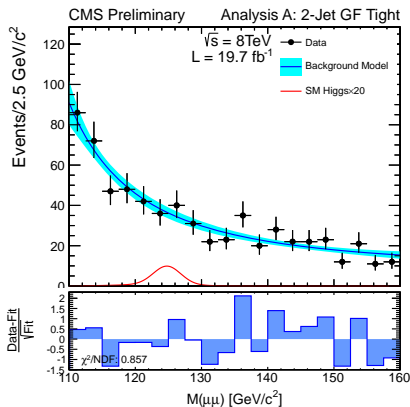
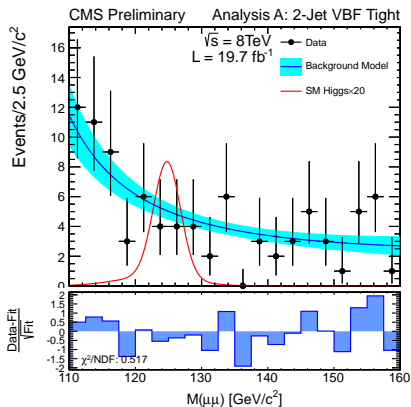
Large Increase in S/B Due to Jet Requirements

Dimuon Mass Distribution: Example 0,1-Jet Categories



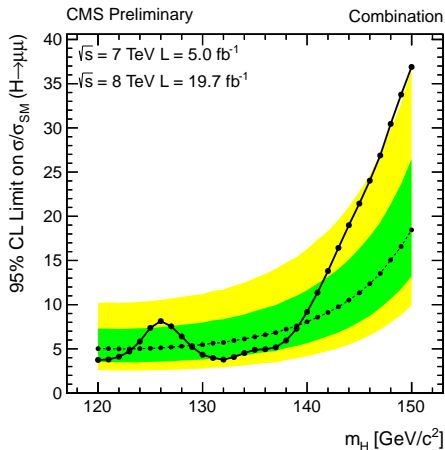
Two Categories with Best Mass Resolution

Dimuon Mass Distribution: Example 2-Jet Categories



**S/B Higher Than 0,1-Jet
Background Statistical Uncertainty Also Higher**

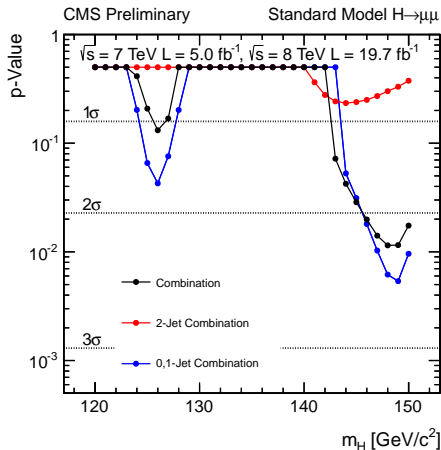
Results: Limits



- 95% CL_s Limit on σ/σ_{SM} for $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$:
 - Expected: $5.1^{+2.3}_{-1.5} \times SM$
 - Observed: $7.4 \times SM$
 - Limit at $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ Confirmed by Independent Analysis
- For Best Estimate CMS Higgs Mass¹, $125.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$:
 - $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 2.9^{+2.8}_{-2.7}$

¹[CMS-PAS-HIG-13-005](#)

Results: Significance



- 1σ Excess Observed Near $125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - Driven by 0,1-Jet Tight BB Category
 - Not Observed in 2-Jet Categories
 - Not Very Significant
- Wide Excess Observed Near $150 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 - Local Significance: 2.3σ
 - Global Significance: **0.8σ**
 - Not Very Significant

No Significant Excess Found

Conclusions

- Search Performed for Higgs Decays to $\mu^+\mu^-$
- Increase Sensitivity by Categorizing Events According to Production Mode, $p_T(\mu\mu)$, Muon $|\eta|$, and Di-jet Variables
- Most Significant Excess Found $\sim 1\sigma$
- 95% CL_s Limit on σ/σ_{SM} for $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$:
 - Expected: $5.1^{+2.3}_{-1.5} \times SM$
 - Observed: $7.4 \times SM$
 - Limit Confirmed by Independent Analysis
- Best Fit σ/σ_{SM} for $m_H = 125.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$:
 - $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 2.9^{+2.8}_{-2.7}$

Backup

Selection Detail

Muon Selection: 2 Opposite-Sign Isolated Muons, $|\eta| < 2.1$
Leading Muon $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}/c$, Sub-Leading Muon $p_T > 15 \text{ GeV}/c$

Jet Definition:

Particle-Flow Jets, $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}/c$, $|\eta| < 4.7$, Anti- κ_T , $R=0.5$

$$p_T^{Miss} \equiv |\vec{p}_T(\mu\mu) + \vec{p}_T(jj)|$$

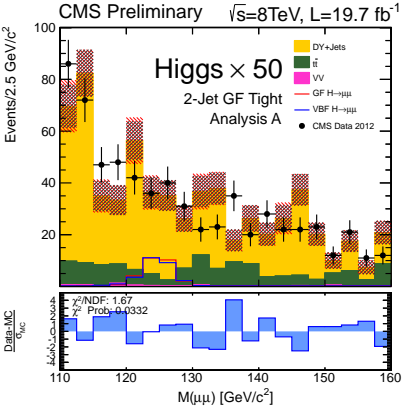
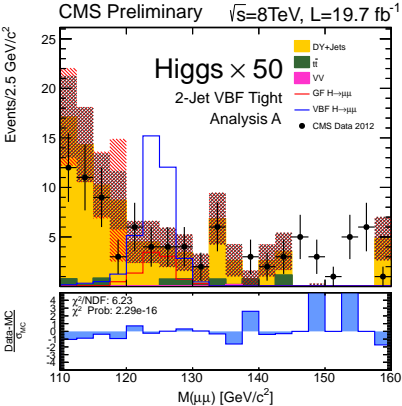
After Muon Selection, All Events Divided into Categories:

- 2-Jet: Leading Jet $p_T > 40 \text{ GeV}/c$,
Sub-leading Jet $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}/c$, $p_T^{Miss} < 40 \text{ GeV}/c$
- 0,1-Jet: All Remaining Muon-Selected Events

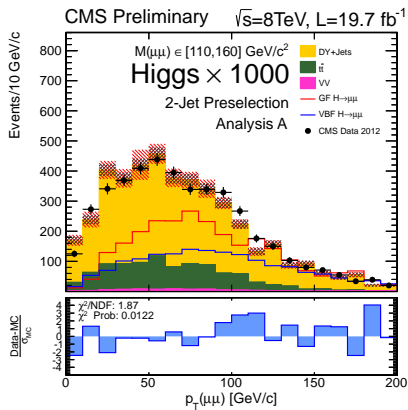
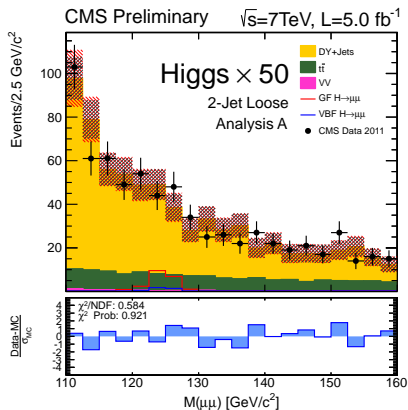
Table of Categories

| | | |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 0,1-Jet | Tight $p_T(\mu\mu) \geq 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ | BB (Barrel-Barrel) |
| | | BO (Barrel-Overlap) |
| | | BE (Barrel-Endcap) |
| | | OO (Overlap-Overlap) |
| | | OE (Overlap-Endcap) |
| | | EE (Endcap-Endcap) |
| | Loose $p_T(\mu\mu) < 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ | BB |
| | | BO |
| | | BE |
| | | OO |
| | | OE |
| | | EE |
| 2-Jet | VBF Tight $M(jj) > 650 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $ \Delta\eta(jj) > 3.5$ | |
| | GF Tight (not VBF Tight selected) $M(jj) > 250 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $p_T(\mu\mu) > 50 \text{ GeV}/c$ | |
| | Loose (not VBF Tight and not GF Tight selected) | |
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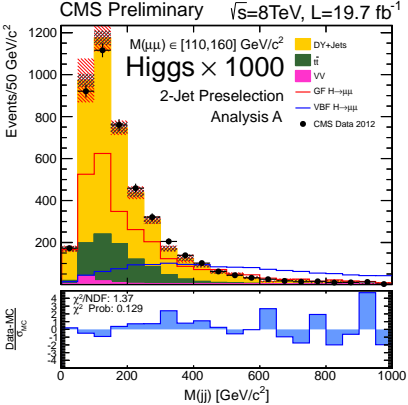
Control Plots: 2-Jet



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Dimuon Mass Shapes

Fit Dimuon Mass from 110-160 GeV/c²

Signal:

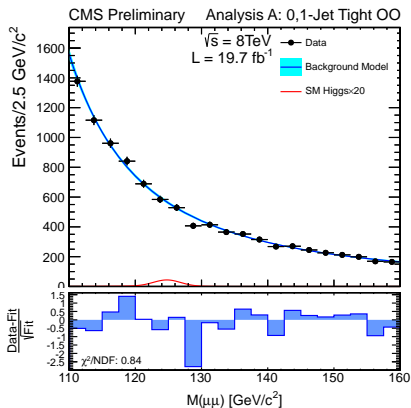
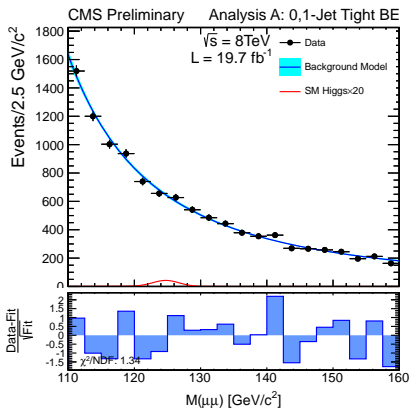
- Modeled by a Sum of 2 Gaussians Fit to MC

Background:

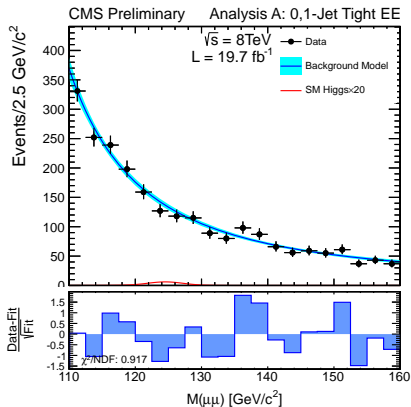
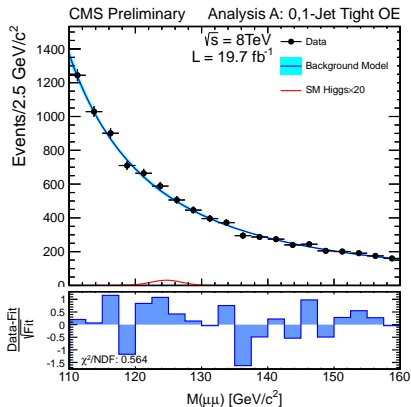
- Modeled by an Exponential Divided by a Polynomial Fit to Data:

$$\frac{\exp(p_1 \cdot M(\mu\mu))}{(M(\mu\mu) - p_2)^2}$$

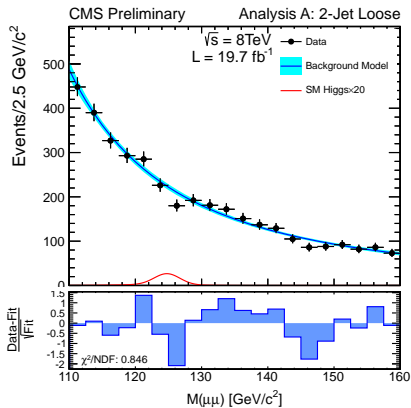
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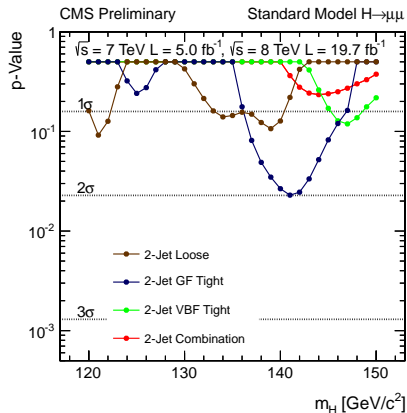
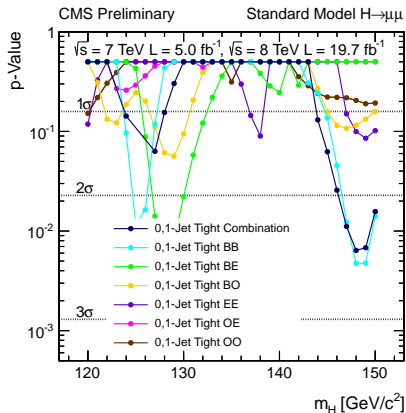
Dimuon Mass Distribution: Example 0,1-Jet Categories



Dimuon Mass Distribution: Example 2-Jet Categories



p-Values Per-Category



Analysis B Selection

Analysis B Performed Only for $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

Muon Selection: 2 Opposite-Sign Isolated Muons

$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}/c$, $|\eta| < 2.1$

Jet Definition: Jet-Plus-Track Reconstruction, Anti- κ_T , $R=0.5$

- $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}/c$, $|\eta| < 2.6$,
- $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}/c$, $2.6 < |\eta| < 4.7$,

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After Muon Selection, All Events Divided into Categories:

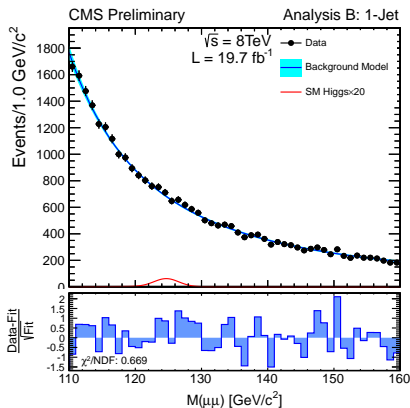
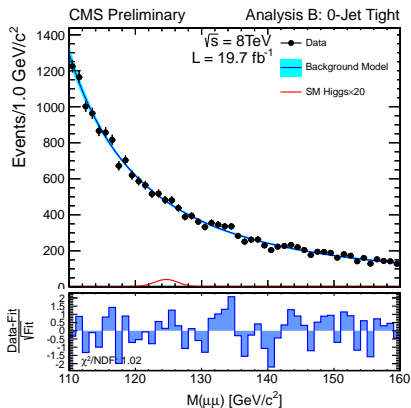
- 0-Jet
- 1-Jet
- ≥ 1 -Jet

Analysis B Table of Categories

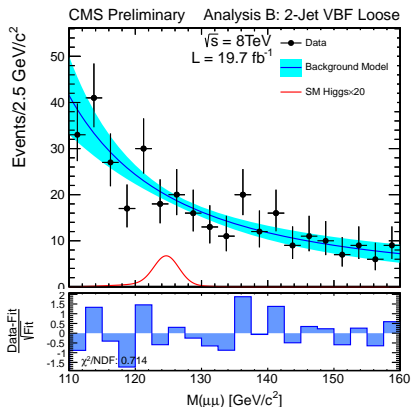
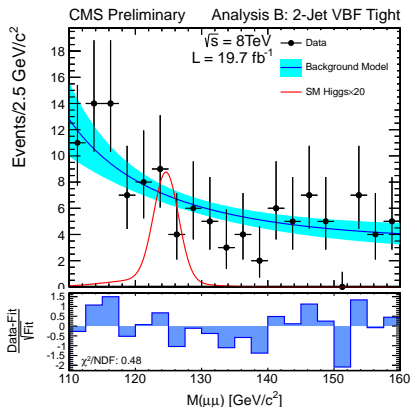
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| 0-Jet | Tight ($p_T(\mu\mu) \geq 15 \text{ GeV}/c$) |
| | Loose ($p_T(\mu\mu) < 15 \text{ GeV}/c$) |
| 1-Jet | no subcategories |
| 2-Jet | VBF Tight $M(jj) > 500 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $ \Delta\eta(jj) > 4$, for 7 TeV $ \Delta\eta(jj) > 3$ |
| | VBF Loose (not VBF Tight selected) $M(jj) > 300 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and $ \Delta\eta(jj) > 3$ category used only for $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ |
| | non-VBF (not VBF Tight and not VBF Loose selected) |

Analysis B Dimuon Mass Distribution: 0-Jet & 1-Jet Categories



Analysis B Dimuon Mass Distribution: Example 2-Jet Categories



$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV Projections

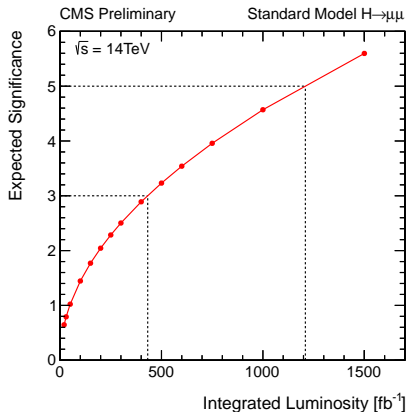
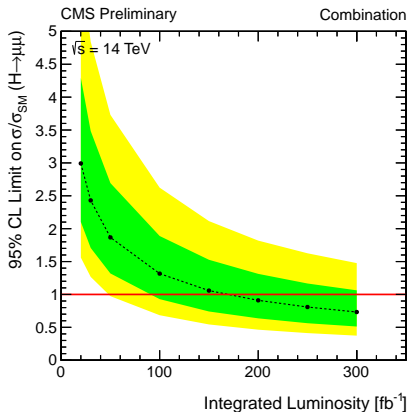
Exclude SM with $175_{-75}^{+150} \text{ fb}^{-1}$

| | 300 fb^{-1} | 3000 fb^{-1} |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Significance | 2.5σ | 7.9σ |
| Error on σ/σ_{SM} Scenario 1 | 42% | 20% |
| Error on σ/σ_{SM} Scenario 2 | 40% | 14% |
| Error on k_μ Scenario 1 | 23% | 8% |
| Error on k_μ Scenario 2 | 23% | 7.5% |

- Scenario 1: All Uncertainties Same as Current Analysis
- Scenario 2: Experimental Uncertainties Scale $1/\sqrt{\mathcal{L}}$,
Theoretical Uncertainties Cut in Half

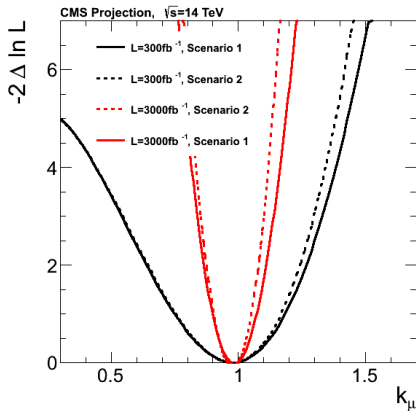
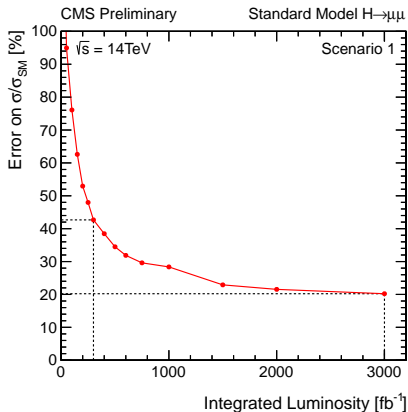
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