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Results and prospects in the electroweak symmetry breaking sector

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New analysis methods and physics prospects for HL-LHC

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Introduction I

1) There were 4 major sets of projections (with updates in between)

1.1) 2013 : First Snowmass process

1.2) 2015-2017 : CMS Phase II TP and TDRs

1.3) 2018-2019 : European Strategy (Yellow Report)

1.4) 2021-2022 : Second Snowmass process

2) This talk is mainly based on (1.4) which includes updates based on Run 2 expertise and full picture of the expected Phase II CMS detector. Some information is taken from (1.2 - 1.3) when required.

3) I'll concentrate on the HL-LHC projections for Higgs physics :

- Higgs Branching (example from $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$)

- Higgs mass and width (example of $H \rightarrow 4l$)

- HH production and Higgs self-coupling (example of $HH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma bb$)

Introduction II

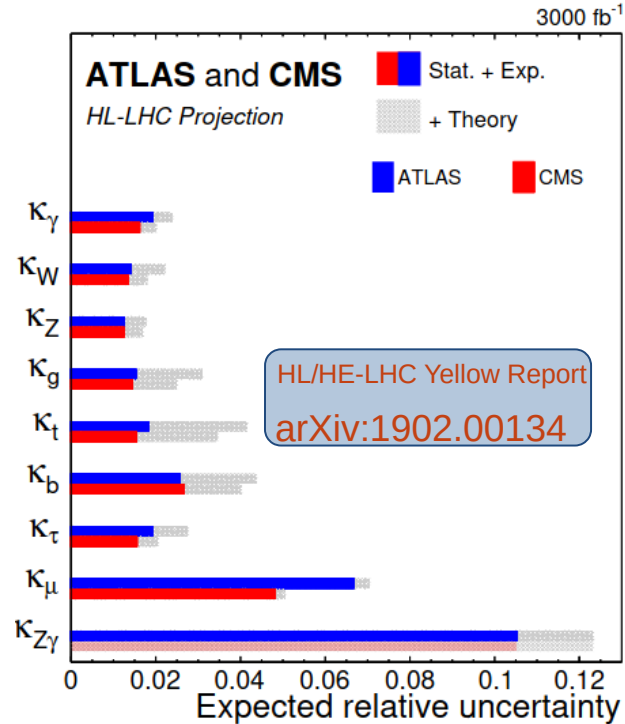
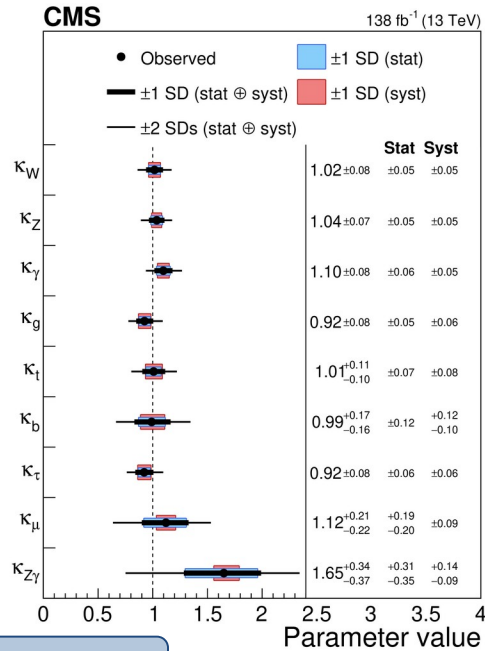
There are 2 main scenarios for systematic uncertainties for HL-LHC :

SCENARIO 1 (S1) : same systematics than measured in Run 2.

SCENARIO 2 (S2) : systematics scale down with luminosity (for data driven systematics) down to a floor.

Theoretical uncertainties are halved assuming progress in calculations.

2) Higgs BF



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- Rule of Thumb : to be sensitive to the TeV scale effect the Higgs BF shall be constrained at 1 % precision. CMS@HL-LHC : 5-10 %.

2.1) $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$: Run 2

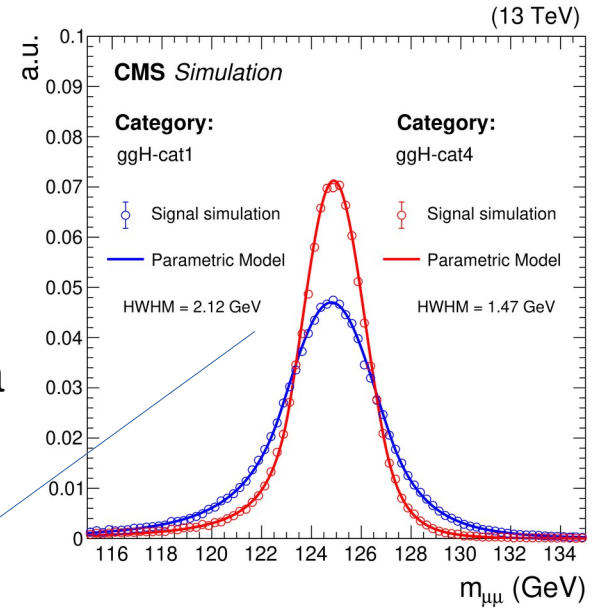
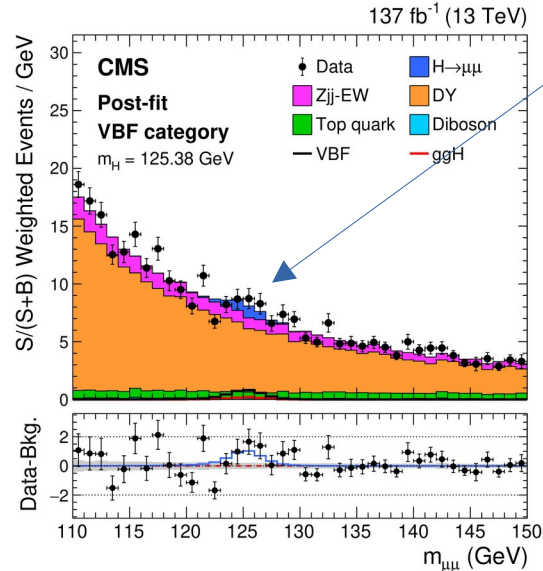
- Very small $\text{BF}_{\text{SM}}(H \rightarrow \mu\mu) = 2.18 \cdot 10^{-4}$

- The first fermion to test the origin of masses of the 2nd generation. The $H \rightarrow cc$ coupling can be tested with a 100 % precision ()

- Evidence with Run 2 data. Search for a bump over an irreducible DY background.

- Sensitivity defined by 2 components :

- Accumulated statistics.
- Muon p_T resolution.

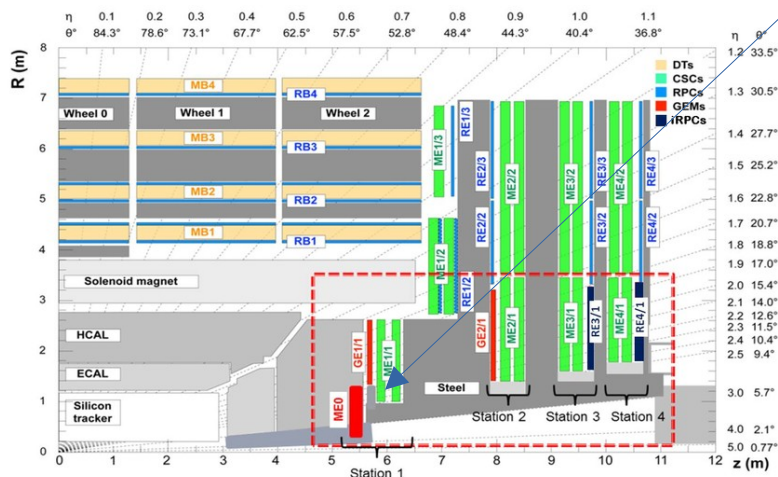


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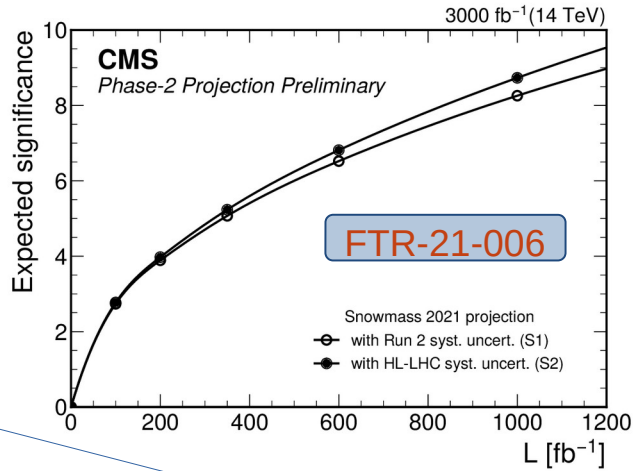
2.2) $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$: HL-LHC

- Luminosity wrt to Run 2 increases by factor 20.
- New extrapolation (Snowmass 2021) takes into account specificities of CMS HL-LHC detector.

Increased acceptance in forward region of the CMS Muon system ($|\eta| < 2.4 \rightarrow |\eta| < 2.8$)



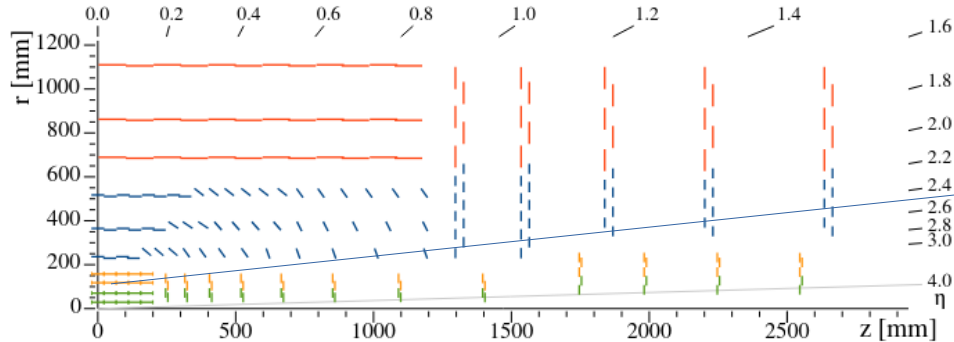
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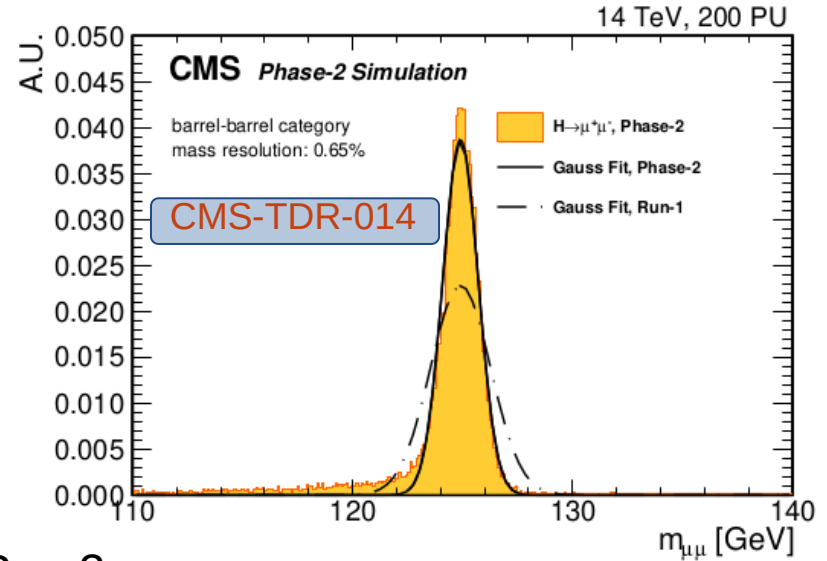
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Backgrounds	Drell-Yan	+7.8%	+16.0%	+25.0%
	$t\bar{t}$	+20.7%	+16.0%	+40.0%
	Zjj-EW	+9.6%	+18.3%	+29.6%
Total background		+8.8%	+16.0%	+26.2%
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ signal	ggH	+12.3%	+10.7%	+24.5%
	VBF	+12.6%	+9.4%	+23.1%

2.2) $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$: HL-LHC

- Extended tracker acceptance with increased number of layers and reduced material budget



Run 2
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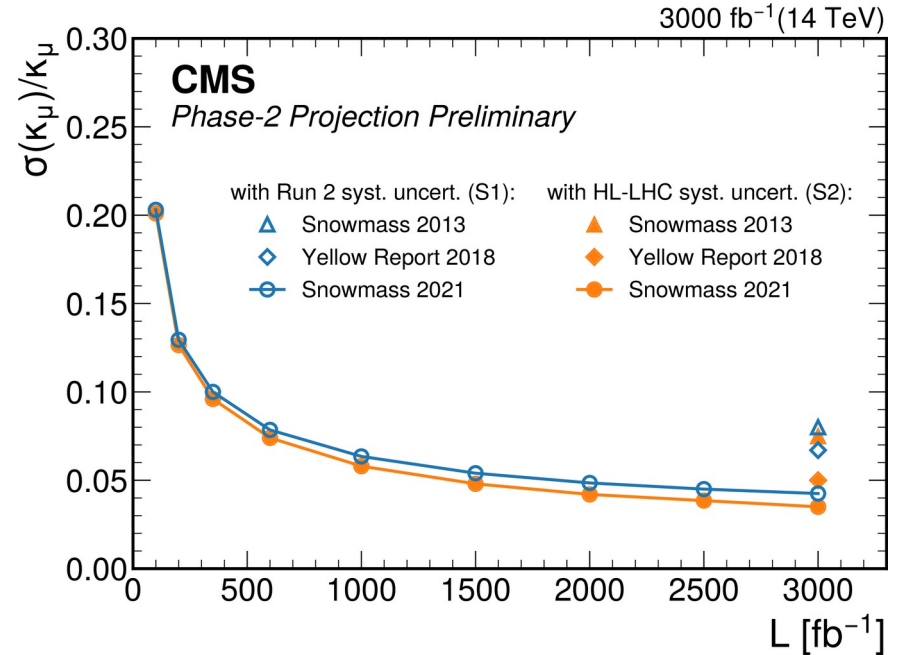


2.2) $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$: HL-LHC

- Systematic uncertainties reduced using ML techniques for categorisation based on Run 2 developments.

- In conclusion :

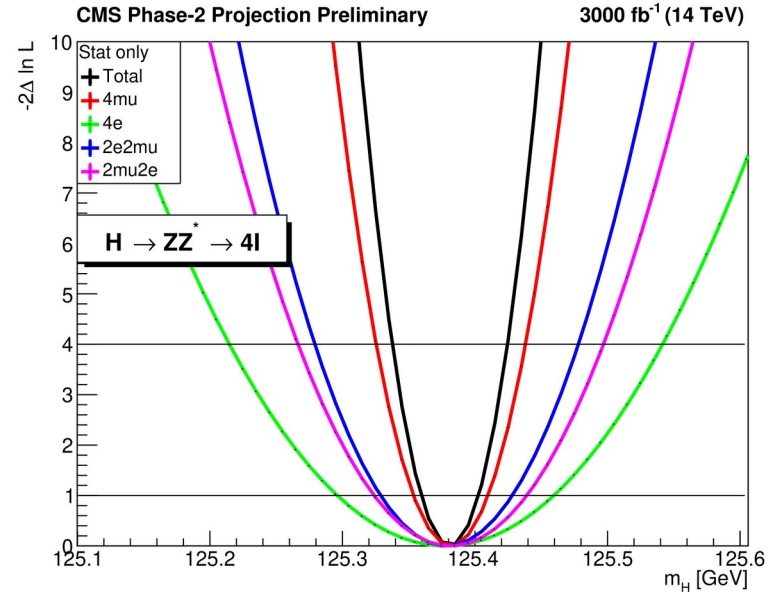
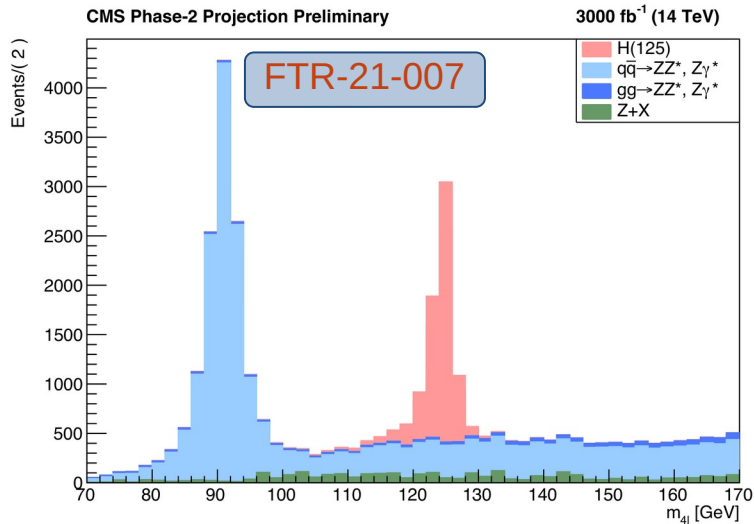
the $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ discovery is expected at the end of Run 3 or Run 4. High precision measurement Run 5.



3) H mass and width

- A large and very clean sample of $H \rightarrow 4l$ will be available (6 k events).

- Possibility to constraint the Higgs boson mass with a precision of 25 MeV (140 MeV today).

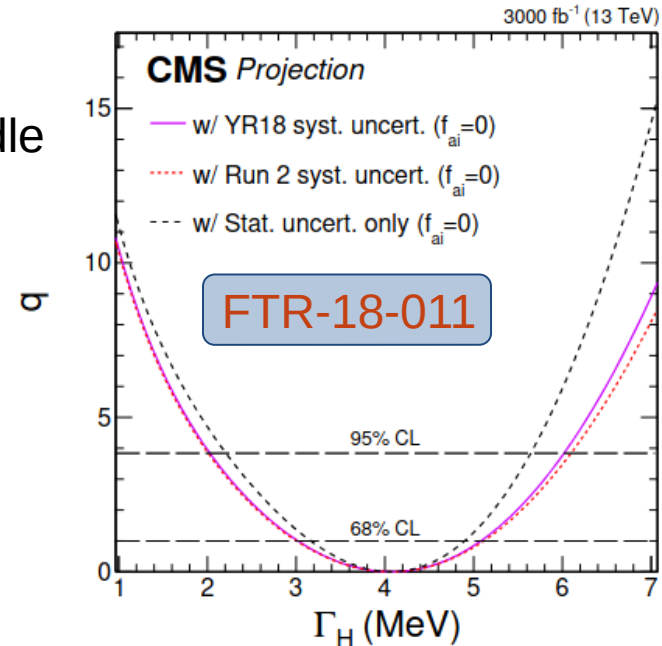


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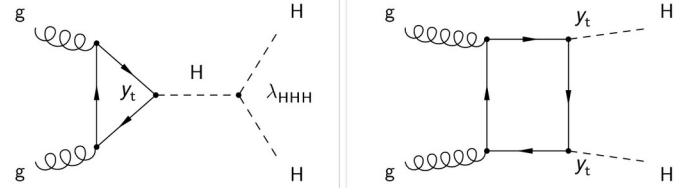
- The on-shell Higgs width measurement will never provide sufficient constraints on the natural Higgs width in an hadronic collider (180 MeV or $\sim 44 \times \text{SM}$).

- The interference with off-shell production of on-shell ZZ pairs is a “model dependant” handle we have to use.

A constraint within 30 % can be achieved with this approach.



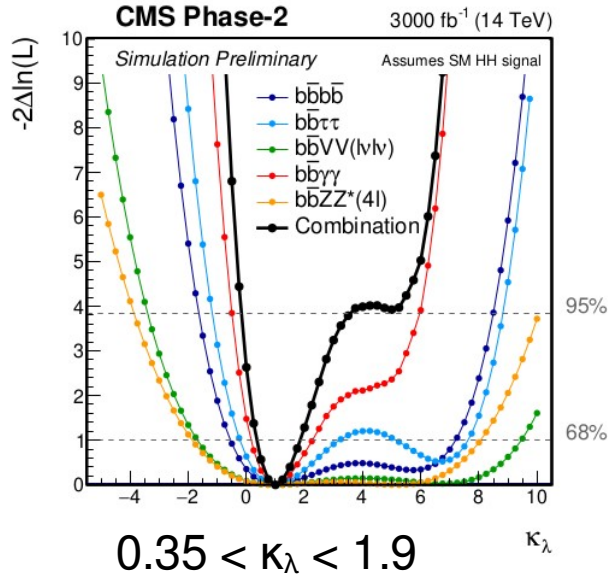
4) HH production



- HH production is the best handle to study the parameters of BEH potential.

(postulated and not derived from first principles).

- Very challenging: 1000 times less events than single H production.

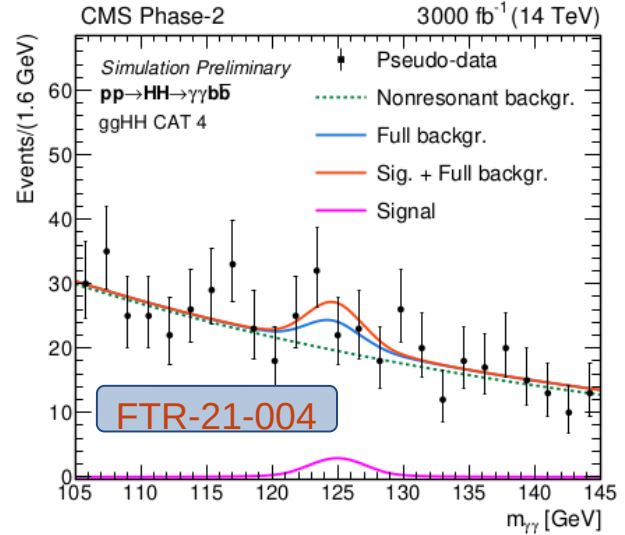
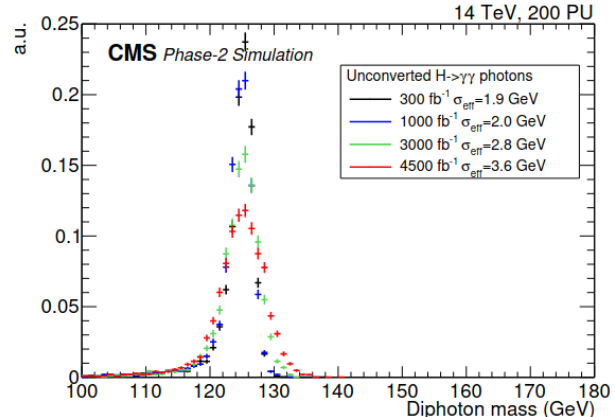


- Large common effort over many channels considered for Yellow Report, in particular for Self-coupling constraint.

- Best sensitivity for $HH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma b\bar{b}$ (expected 1.8 σ)

4.1) $HH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma bb$ update

- The simplified analysis from Yellow Report (4 categories $M_{HH} \times MVA$) updated with the best knowledge of Run 2
 - Including VBF HH
 - 8 categories (2 VBF HH, 6 ggHH) with much more evolved MVA
 - Removal of ttH using MVA
- The limiting factor for this analysis is slow degradation of $M_{\gamma\gamma}$ resolution with the darkening of ECAL barrel crystals.

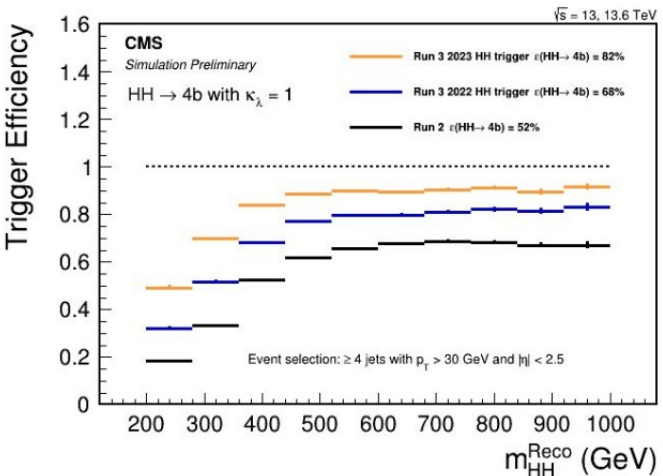


Expected significance
 1.8 \rightarrow **2.2 σ**

4.2) HH→bbbb update

- The 4b channel is particularly sensitive to the trigger efficiency.
- Different new strategies are developed to improve it :
 - Data parking : for Run 3 data with low pT b-jets are stored at 180 Hz with delayed reconstruction.
 - Dedicated L1 path followed by a dedicated HLT path.
 - During HL-LHC phase possibility of loose b-tagging on L1, making HLT b-jet triggers more efficient.

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Trigger	Requirement	Rates at HLT at $2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
2023 HH trigger	HT > 280 GeV, 4 jets with pT > 30 GeV, PNet@AK4(mean 2 highest b-tag score) > 0.55	180 Hz
2022 HH trigger	4 jets pT > 70, 50, 40, 35 GeV, PNet@AK4(mean 2 highest b-tag score) > 0.65	60 Hz
2018 triple b-tag [2,3]	HT > 340 GeV, 4 jets pT > 75, 60, 45, 40 GeV, 3 b-tags with DeepCSV > 0.24	8 Hz

Summary and Conclusion

- The HL-LHC project is defined in the first place as a Higgs factory and will shape our knowledge of the Higgs sector for the next 25 years.
- The Phase II data will provide a very complete and global vision of Higgs physics with a maximal precision than can be reached with a hadron collider:
 - BF down to muon will be known with a precision of a few %.
 - The Higgs boson mass will be known with a nearly « ultimate » precision, while the Higgs boson width estimated in a model-dependent way.
 - The HH production and some hints about the direct measurement of the Higgs potential are within reach.



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3) H mass and width

- The Higgs mass will be known with 25 MeV precision, mainly dominated by the $H \rightarrow 4\mu$. Here same source of improvement as for $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$.
- The absolute width may be constraint directly to 180 MeV ($\sim 44 \times \text{SM}$)

