

# *Searches for light scalars at LHC and interpretation of the findings*

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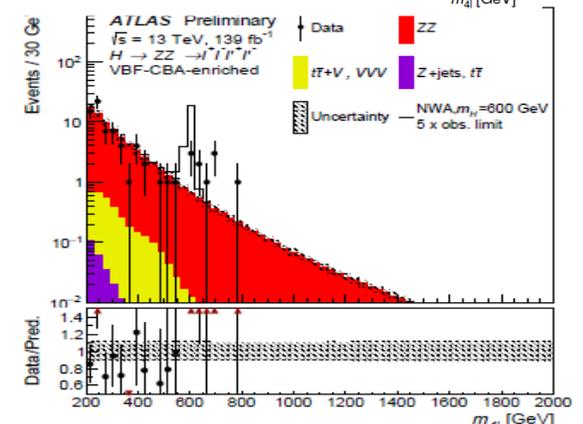
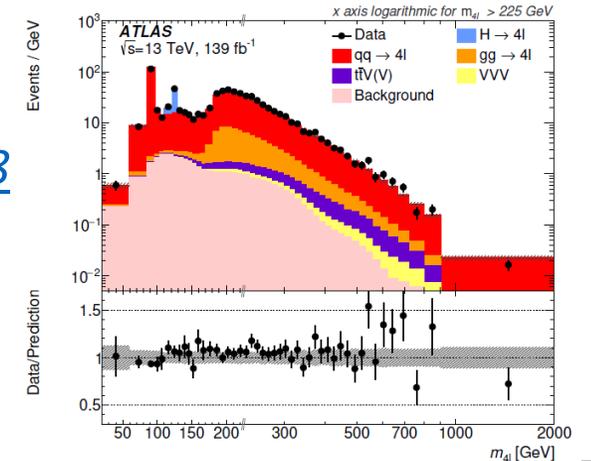
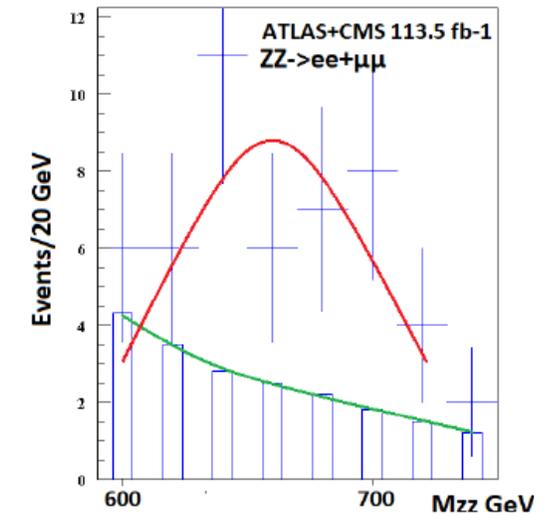


# Introduction

- Before the HEP community can choose between the proposed e+e- colliders, a valid question to ask is: which energy is needed to observe **directly** BSM physics ?
- In other words, which are the masses of the lightest BSM particles ?
- If there are such particles, they should already appear **in LHC present data** as was the case for h(125) at Tevatron
- My prejudice, to avoid “**blind searches**”: as for the Higgs in the SM and the pions in QCD, the lightest objects are scalars residuals from a **symmetry breaking mechanism**
- With the help of experts listed at the end of this talk, I have carried such an investigation and tried to interpret consistently **several indications from LHC** by extending the usual **2HD** models to **triplets (Georgi Machacek model GM)**
- Given the short time allocated, I will only very partially cover this vast topic and concentrate on one channel, **H(650)**, of major relevance for our future

# 1<sup>st</sup> indication : H->ZZ into 4 leptons

- The cleanest channel for discoveries
- From a combination of published histograms done in [1806.04529](#) with 113.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> from **CMS (2/3)** and **ATLAS (1/3)** one observes a peak at  **$M_H \sim 660$  GeV**  **$\Gamma_H \sim 100$  GeV**,  **$\sim 90$  fb** with  $s/b=42/14 \sim 3.75$  s.d. local significance
- With 139 fb-1 ATLAS a  $\sim 3.5$  s.d. effect at the same mass [2103.01918](#)
- With 139 fb-1, with **sequential cuts**, an excess is observed at the same mass,  $s/b=9/2 \sim 2.1$  s.d., for **VBF->H(660)->ZZ  $\sim 30$  fb** [2009.14791](#)
- The corresponding cross section is below the inclusive cross section  $\sim 90$ fb implying a **significant ggF contribution**
- CMS analyses in four leptons, inclusive+VBF, are not yet published
- These results call for a combination of both analyses before one can draw a valid conclusion
- Could stop here but...



# Evidence for $VBF \rightarrow H(650) \rightarrow W+W- \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu$

CMS PAS HIG-20-016

- Large top background even after b-jet vetoing (NB: plot for 60 fb<sup>-1</sup> for  $\mu e$ )
- **Wide signal** predicted  $\pm 50\%$  mass resolution
- **$VBF \rightarrow H(650) \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\nu$**  ( $\mu\mu ee$  and  $\mu e$ ) observed with 3.8 s.d. local (2.6 global) significance
- The **VBF** cross section  $\sim 160 \pm 50$  fb, close to SM, is 5 times larger than ZZ, **inconsistent with GM** which predicts for the scalar **H5**  $WW/ZZ=0.5$  !
- Within 2HD,  $h(125)WW$  from CMS gives  $\sin^2(\alpha-\beta) \sim 0.97 \pm 0.09$  meaning that  **$H(650)WW \sim (0.03 \pm 0.09)SM$**
- **2 s.d. upper limit in blue**
- Both interpretations are inconsistent !
- An attempt from ATLAS does not reach the same sensitivity (only  $\mu e$ ) [ATLAS-CONF-2022-066](#)

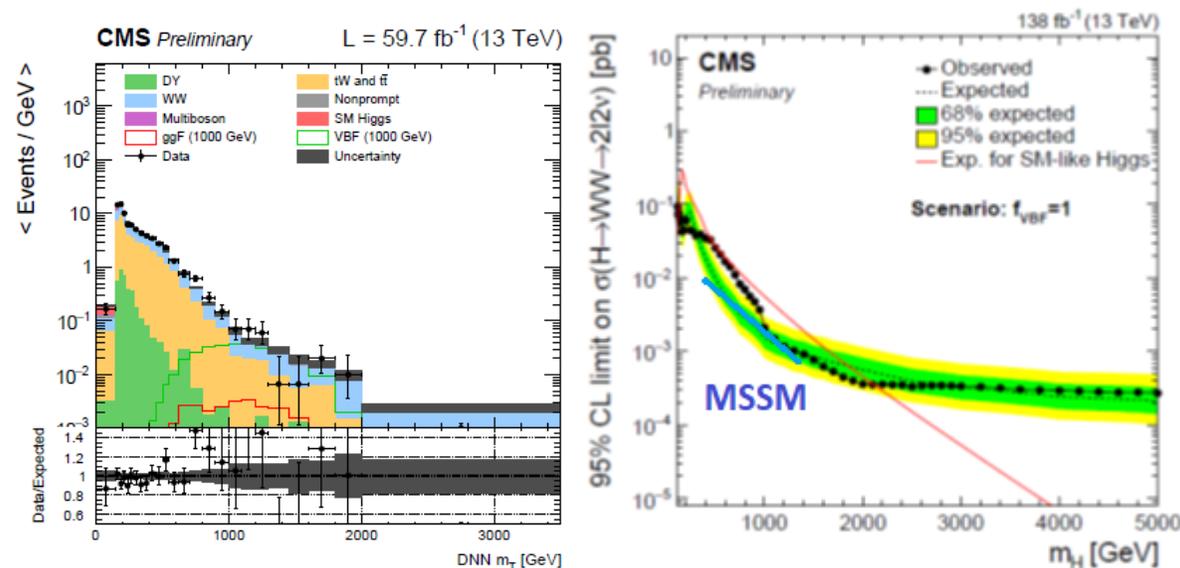
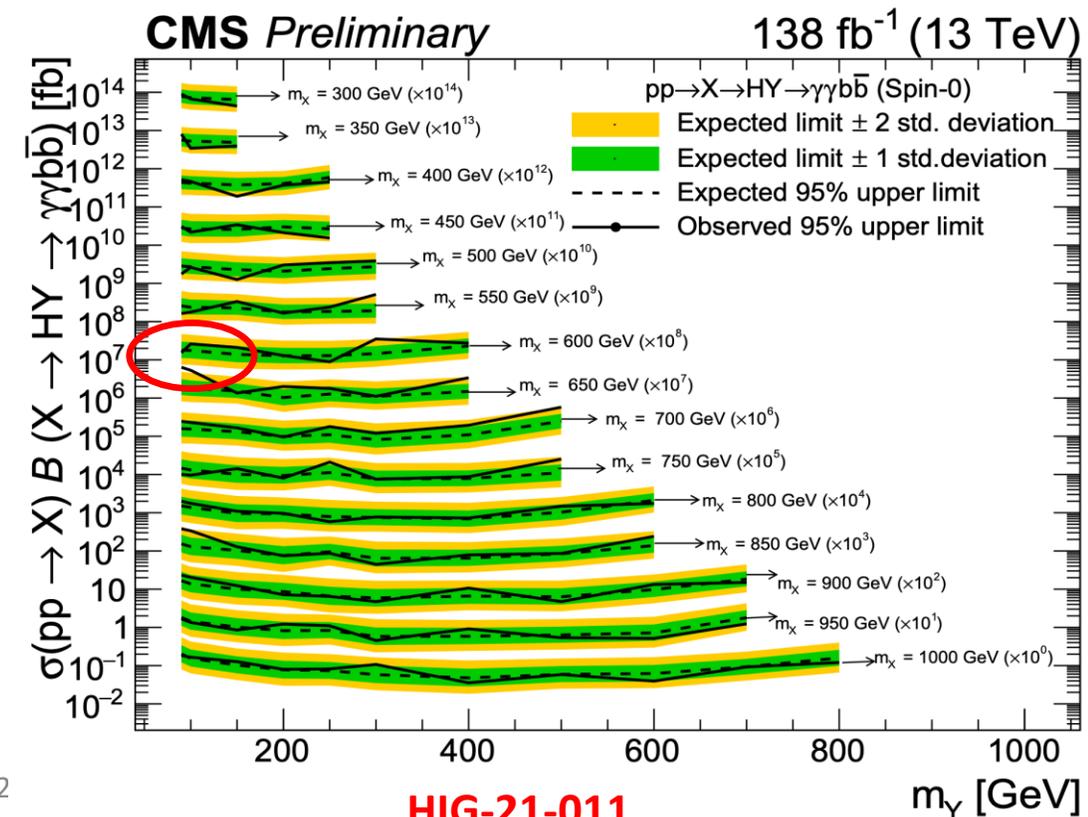
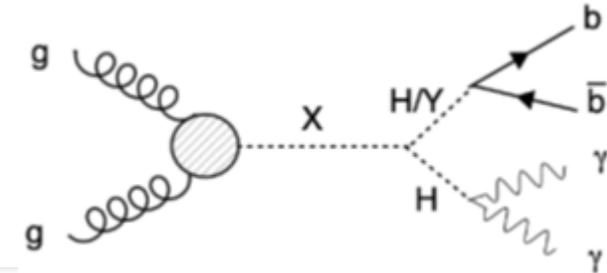


Table 3: Summary of the signal hypotheses with highest local significance for each  $f_{VBF}$  scenario. For each signal hypothesis the resonance mass, production cross sections, and the local and global significances are given.

Scenario	Mass [GeV]	ggF cross sec. [pb]	VBF cross sec. [pb]	Local signi. [ $\sigma$ ]	Global signi. [ $\sigma$ ]
SM $f_{VBF}$	800	0.16	0.057	3.2	$1.7 \pm 0.2$
$f_{VBF} = 1$	650	0.0	0.16	3.8	$2.6 \pm 0.2$
$f_{VBF} = 0$	950	0.19	0.0	2.6	$0.4 \pm 0.6$
floating $f_{VBF}$	650	$2.9 \times 10^{-6}$	0.16	3.8	$2.4 \pm 0.2$

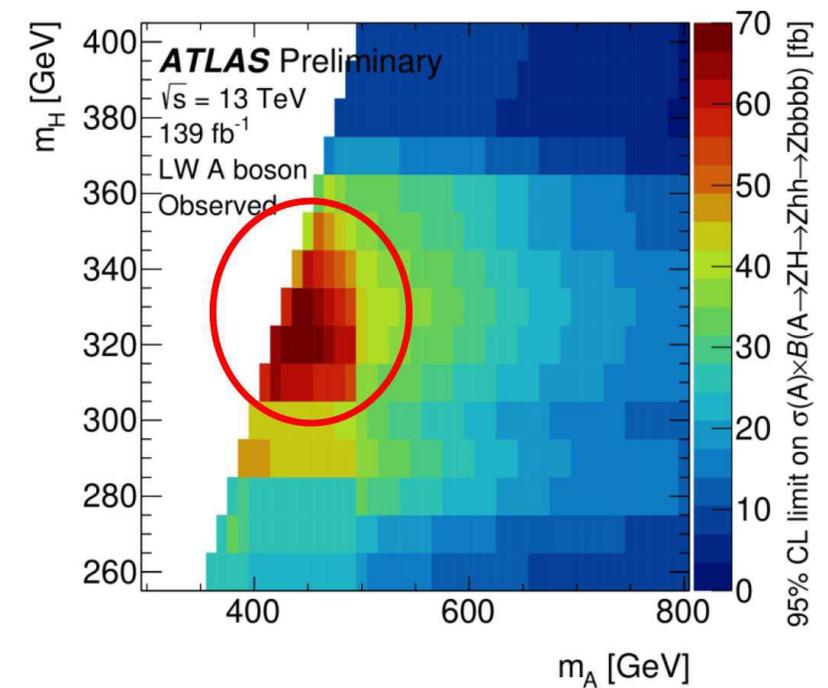
# Evidence for $gg+VBF \rightarrow H(650) \rightarrow Y(90) + h(125) \rightarrow bb + \gamma\gamma$

- 3.8 s.d. at  $m_H=650$  GeV and  $m_Y=90$  GeV at ICHEP22
- Mass resolution on Y does not allow to distinguish between Z and h(95)  
[2203.13180](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.13180)
- CP says that bb cannot come from  $Z \rightarrow bb$  but could be h(95)
- The cross section is dominant over other processes  $\sim 200$  fb
- Could come from a different resonance



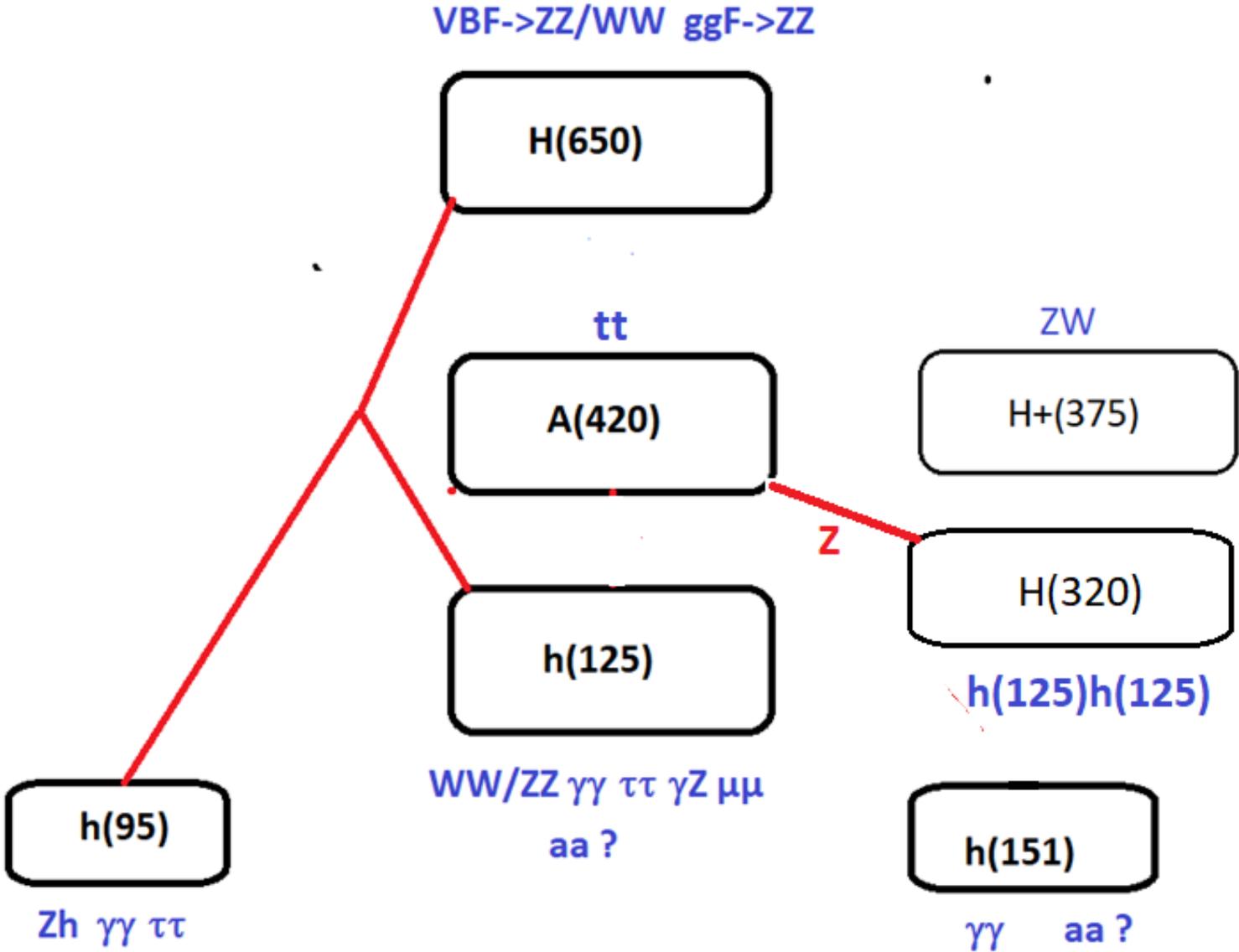
# Interpretation of findings

- H(650) cannot be accommodated within 2HD nor H5 from GM (ggF contribution and ZZ/WW)
- Would require an extension of GM which are under investigation (see Gilbert Moultaqa talk)
- Adding previous evidences for H(650), one gets **> 7 s.d. global** (assuming h(125)h(95) comes from the same scalar)
- Reinforced evidence for h(95) [2204.05975](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.05975)
- Evidences for A(400)-> $\tau\tau$  and Zh from ATLAS not confirmed
- New evidence for **A->ZH(330)->Zhh** from ATLAS at 3.8 s.d. [ATLAS-CONF-2022-043](https://arxiv.org/abs/ATLAS-CONF-2022-043)
- See [2208.00920](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.00920) and [2112.00921](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.00921) for alternate interpretations of H(650)



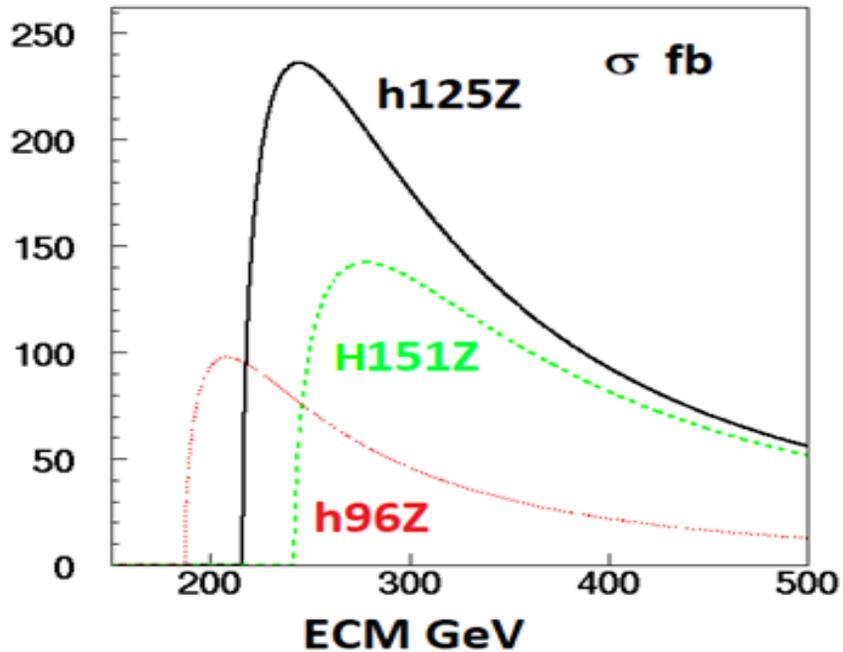
Reaction	# channels/expts	# $\sigma$ global (loc)	Michelin rating
pp->h(125)	>2/2	6.9	***
pp->H(650)	2/2	7.5	**
pp->A(400)	3/2	5	*
h(95) LHC+LEP2	3/2	4.3	*
pp->H(151)+Z	1/2	4.8	*
pp->H5+(375)->WZ	1/2	3.5	
h(125)->a(52)a(52)	1/1	1.7 (3.3)	
pp->H3+(130)->bc	1/1	1.6	

# SUMMARY ON BSM CANDIDATES



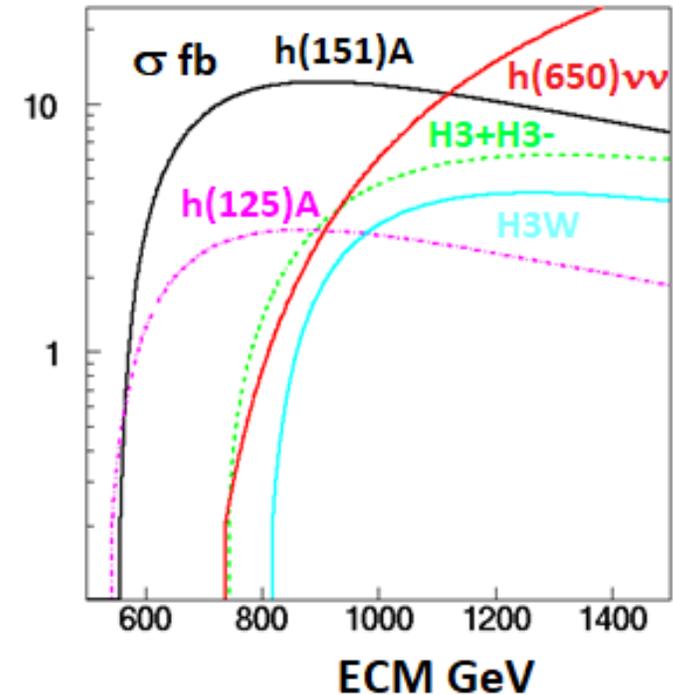
# GM cross sections in $e^+e^-$

- Higgs factories



- Large x-sections allowing very precise measurements

- TeV linear colliders



- Assumes mass degeneracy inside multiplets :  $m_{H3+}=m_A$
- These are complex modes requiring the **highest  $\mathcal{L}$**  and **almost ideal reconstruction efficiency**

# Conclusions

- Growing evidence for **H(650)** observed by CMS into **WW** and into **h(95)h(125)**
- ATLAS has not yet searched h(95)h(125) nor CMS released ZZ into 4 leptons
- VBF->H(650)->WW is inconsistent with **two doublet models**
- The pattern of decays of H(650) into ZZ/WW calls for an extension of the **GM model**
- This is also true for the recent ATLAS observation of **A(420)->H(330)Z**
- Before believing we still need **understanding** : major role of theory
- These observations offer a rich and new landscape for HEP, in particular for future for e+e- colliders under discussion and motivate a **linear e+e- collider reaching no less than 1 TeV**
- **Complex final states** implied by GM will have a **critical impact in the design of future LC detectors**

# BBC: Large hadron collider: A revamp that could revolutionise physics



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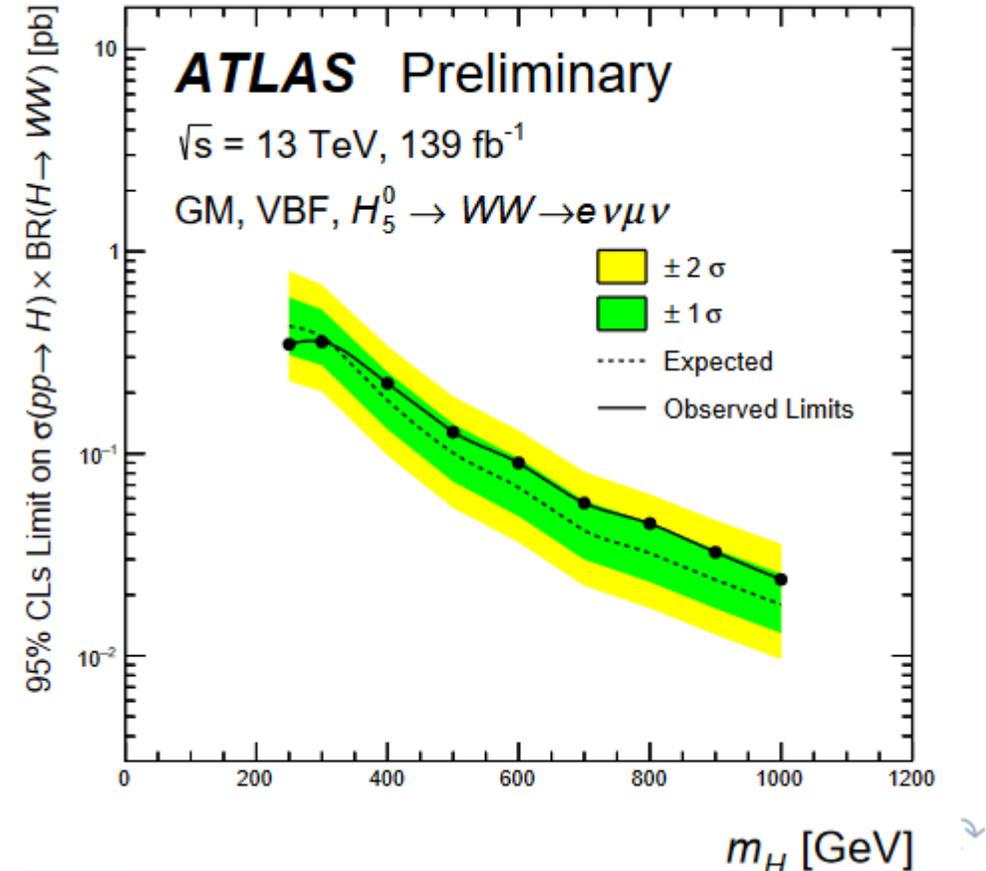
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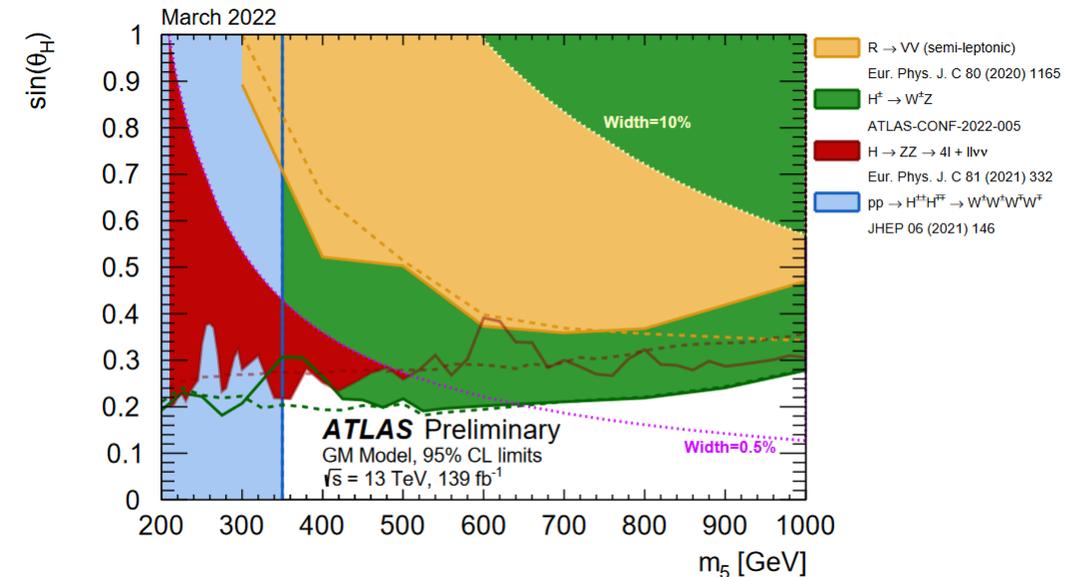
# H $\rightarrow$ WW $\rightarrow$ $\mu e \nu \nu$ from ATLAS

- ATLAS has provided a **preliminary result** (PISA) on VBF $\rightarrow$ H $\rightarrow$ WW in  $\mu e \nu \nu$  (not  $\mu\mu$  nor  $ee$ ) [ATLAS-CONF-2022-066](#)
- Like CMS, ATLAS sees a wide excess around 650 GeV but with only at the 1 s.d. level
- ATLAS can set a 200 fb 2 s.d. limit for  $\sigma(pp\rightarrow H)\times BR(H\rightarrow WW)$
- This limit is **compatible** with the observation of CMS  $160\pm 50$  fb
- ATLAS has a smaller efficiency as compared to CMS (retain only  $\mu e$ )



# Charged Higgs searches

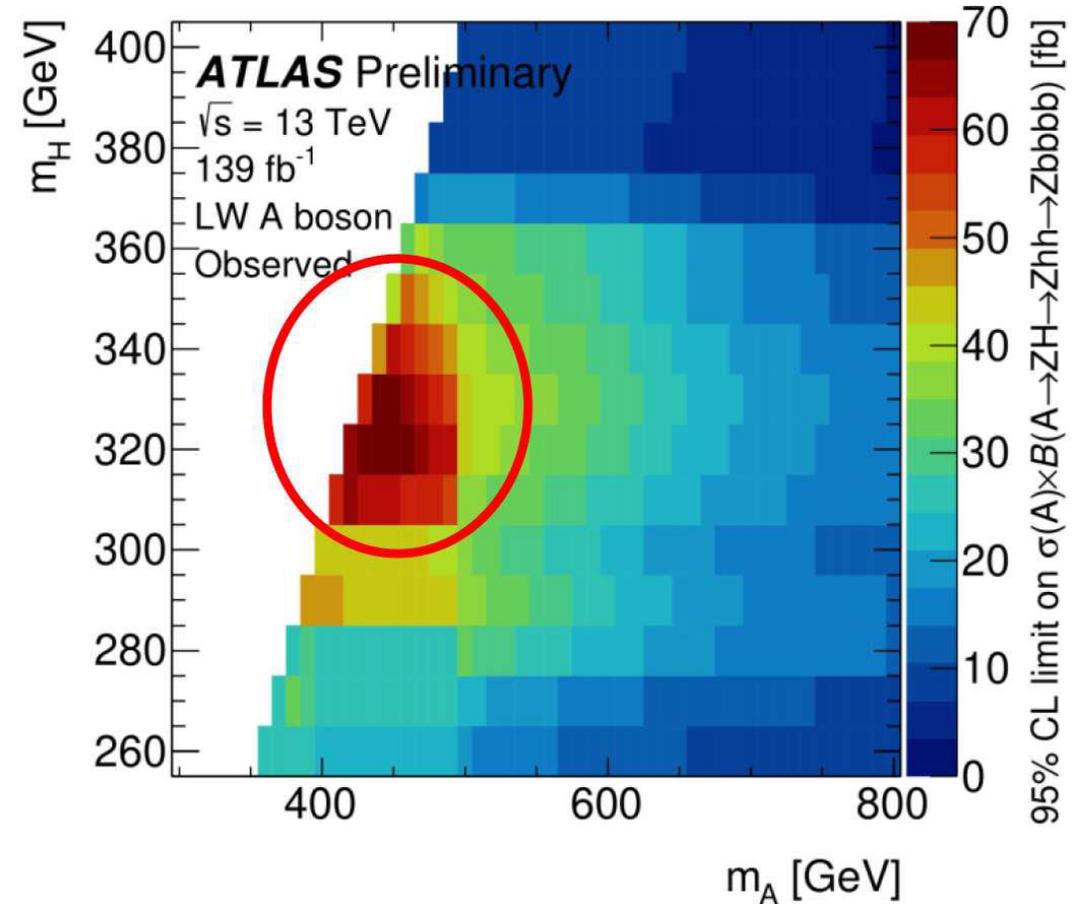
- ATLAS has attempted to combine the searches for  $H^\pm$  into  $ZZ \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \ell'^+ \ell'^-$ ,  $H^\pm \rightarrow ZW^\pm$  and  $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm$ , assuming a common mass  $m_5$  for these particles and varying the mixing parameter  $\sin(\theta_H)$
- They have also searched for the DY process  $pp \rightarrow H^\pm H^{\pm\pm} H^\mp H^\mp \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm W^\mp W^\mp$  which allows to eliminate the dependence on  $\sin(\theta_H)$ .
- These exclusions however do not consider the potential **cascades** of these particles into the triplets  $H_{3^\pm}$  and  $A$ , like for instance  $H^\pm H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow H_{3^\pm} W^\pm$  which could weaken these limits assuming 100%  $W^\pm W^\pm$



[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-008](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.008)

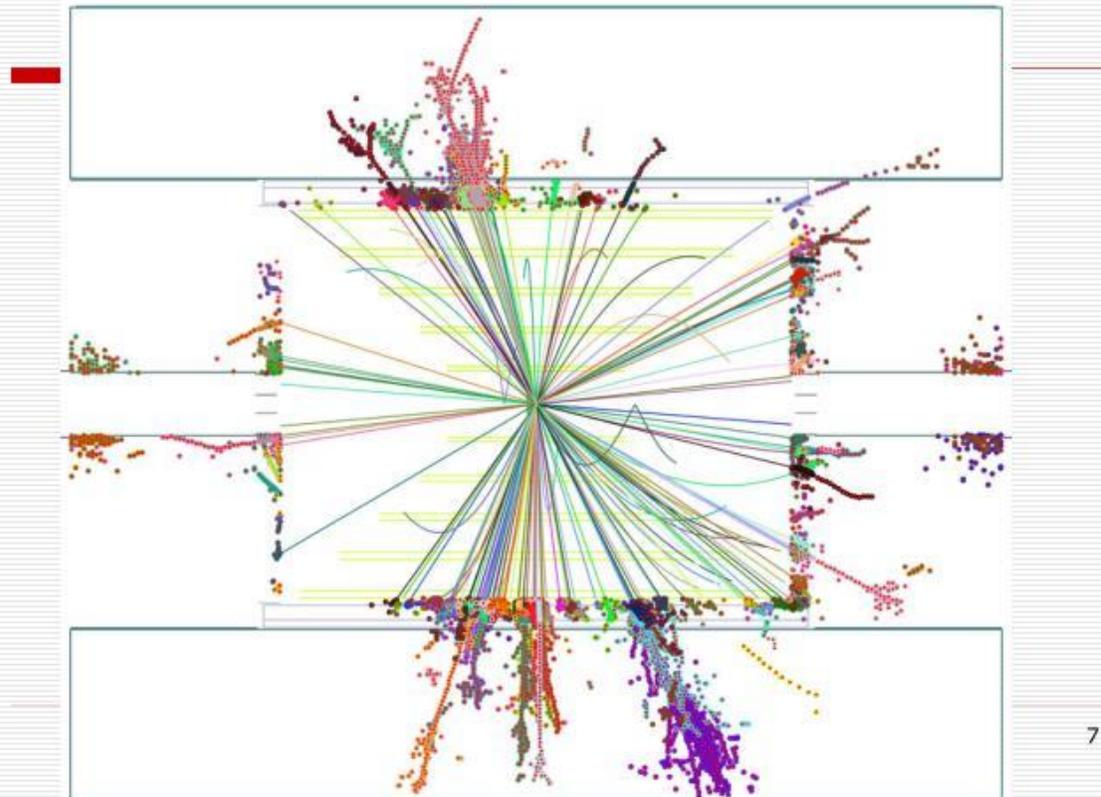
# $A(420) \rightarrow ZH(320) \rightarrow Zh(125)h(125)$

- Great ingenuity !
- local (global) significance of  **$3.8\sigma$  ( $2.8\sigma$ )**
- hh into 4b using mass constrain to improve resolution
- [ATLAS-CONF-2022-043](#)
- Second appearance of triple Higgs coupling !
- No interpretation in minimal GM
- Calls for an extra doublet



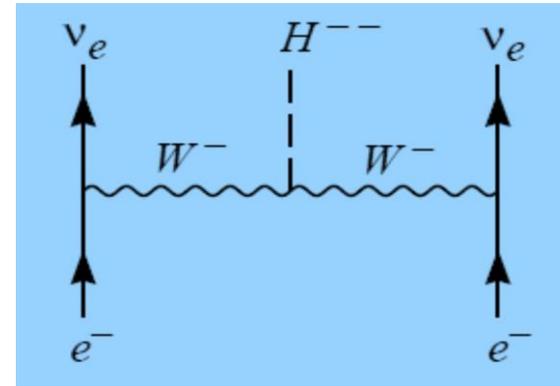
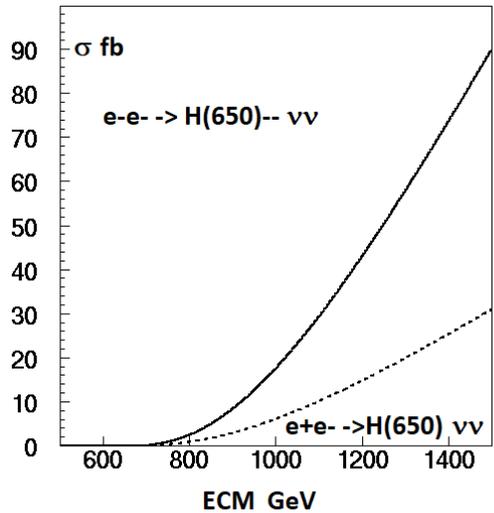
# Complex events

## An example: ttH (from SiD)



# VBF at a LC

- **ECM=1 TeV** is sufficient to observe the full GM scalar spectrum provided one can use VBF
- Requires highest possible **luminosity**,  **$\sim 8000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$**  with ILC at 1 TeV [1903.01629](#)



- **>1.5 TeV** to produce  $H^{++}$   $H^{--}$  in  $e^+e^-$  but **1 TeV** enough in **VBF**  $e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^- \nu\nu \rightarrow H^{--} \nu\nu$

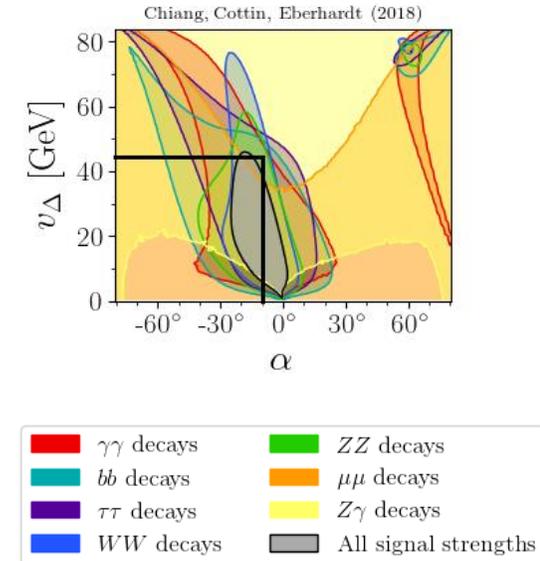
# GM model issues

# Giorgi-Machacek for pedestrians

- Allows  $I=2$ ,  $H^{++}$ , without violating  $\rho = M^2 w / Mz^2 \cos^2 \theta w = 1$  at tree level
- Is achieved by combining 1 isospin doublet ( $v_\phi$ ) + 2 triplets, one real the other imaginary, with the same vacuum expectations :

$$\rho = \frac{\tilde{v}_\phi^2 + 4\tilde{v}_\chi^2 + 4\tilde{v}_\xi^2}{\tilde{v}_\phi^2 + 8\tilde{v}_\chi^2} = \frac{v^2}{v^2 + 4(\tilde{v}_\chi^2 - \tilde{v}_\xi^2)} = 1 \text{ with } v_\chi = v_\xi$$

- Predicts a **5-plet** of physical states  $H5^{++}$   $H5^+$   $H5^0$   $H5^-$   $H5^{--}$  **Fermiophobic** only produced by **VBF**
- + **3-plet**  $H3^+$   $H3^0$  (CP-odd)  $\rightarrow$  **A(400)**
- **Mass degeneracy** inside multiplets usually assumed but **unnecessary** for  $\rho=1$  see [2111.14195](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.14195)
- + **Singlets** **h(125)** and **H** mixing angle  $\alpha$
- Allows  $A(400) \rightarrow hZ$  but  $A(400) \rightarrow HZ$  much larger if  $m_H \sim m_h$
- Couplings depend on 2 mixing angles constrained by LHC observations
- Tentative choice:  $\sin \alpha \sim -0.15$  and  $\sin \theta_H \sim 0.5$  ( $v_\chi = 43$  GeV) to agree with PM



[1807.10660](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.10660)

# GM predictions

- $h(125) \rightarrow WW/ZZ$  SM close to SM OK
- $h(125) \rightarrow tt/bb$  + 28% /SM
- $ZZ/WW \sim 2$  for  $H_5$  instead of 0.5 in SM while  $H(650)$  has  $ZZ/WW \sim 1/5$
- $A(400) \rightarrow bb, \tau\tau/tt \gg 1$  GM requires 1
- There are two singlet candidates  $h(95)$  and  $h(151)$  while GM only predicts one singlet
- singlet  $\rightarrow \tau\tau$   $bb$  only through mixing with SM  $h$
- Extensions or alternate to GM badly needed
- A SUSY version of GM already exists

Type	coupling /SM, MSSM	$s\alpha = -0.15$ $s_H = 0.5$
$h(125)WW/ZZ$	$c\alpha c_H - 1.63s\alpha s_H$	0.98
$HWW/ZZ$	$s\alpha c_H + 1.63c\alpha s_H$	0.68
$h(125)tt,bb$	$c\alpha/c_H$	1.14
$H_{tt,bb}$	$s\alpha/c_H$	0.17
$A_{tt,bb,\tau\tau}$	$\tan H$	0.58
$H_5WW, H_5ZZ$	$0.57s_H, -1.15s_H$	0.27, -0.58
$H_5AZ, H_5H_3+W-$	$1.16c_H$	1
$H_5+H_3+Z, H_5+AW+$	$c_H$	0.87
$h(125)AZ, hH_3+W-$	$1.63(s\alpha c_H + 0.6c\alpha s_H)$	0.28
$HAZ, HH_3+W-$	$1.63(c\alpha c_H - 0.6s\alpha s_H)$	1.48
$H_5+W-Z, H_5++W+W+$	$-2s_H, 2.48s_H$	1.0, 1.24
$H_3+H_3-Z$	1	1

# The GM model for advanced

- GM is constituted by one doublet  $\phi$  and two triplets, one complex  $\chi$  and one real  $\xi$ , with the same vacuum expectations to get  $\rho=1$
- H1 and H1' have following composition

$$H_1^0 = \phi^{0,r},$$

$$H_1^{0r} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\xi^0 + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\chi^{0,r}.$$

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \chi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi^{++} \\ \chi^+ \\ \chi^{0*} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \xi = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^+ \\ \xi^0 \\ \xi^- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y=1/2 \quad T=1/2 \quad v\phi \quad Y=1 \quad T=1 \quad v\chi \quad Y=0 \quad T=1 \quad v\xi$$

$$\rho = \frac{\tilde{v}_\phi^2 + 4\tilde{v}_\chi^2 + 4\tilde{v}_\xi^2}{\tilde{v}_\phi^2 + 8\tilde{v}_\chi^2} = \frac{v^2}{v^2 + 4(\tilde{v}_\chi^2 - \tilde{v}_\xi^2)}.$$

- Only  $\phi$  couples to fermions
- They form the following physical states, dominantly triplet

$$H_5^{++} = \chi^{++},$$

$$H_5^+ = \frac{(\chi^+ - \xi^+)}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$H_5^0 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\xi^0 - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}\chi^{0,r},$$

$$H_3^+ = -s_H \phi^+ + c_H \frac{(\chi^+ + \xi^+)}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$H_3^0 = -s_H \phi^{0,i} + c_H \chi^{0,i}.$$

- The physical states are

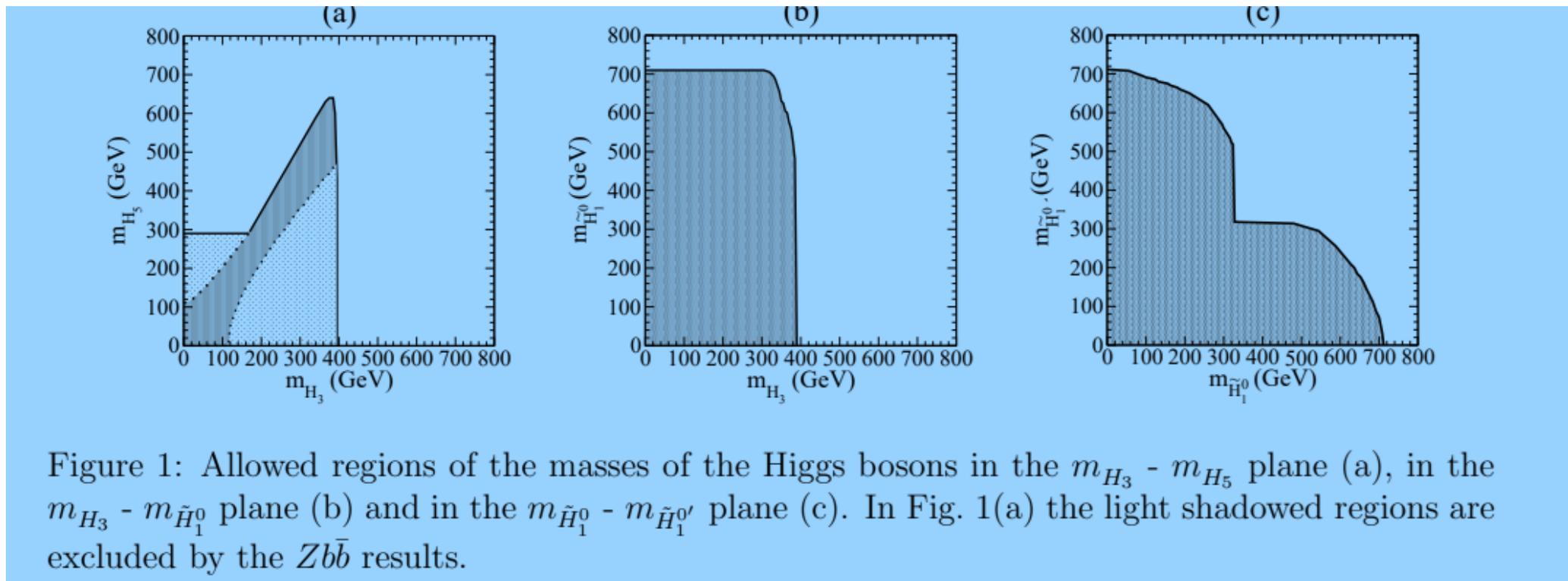
$$h = \cos \alpha H_1^0 - \sin \alpha H_1^{0r},$$

$$H = \sin \alpha H_1^0 + \cos \alpha H_1^{0r}.$$

- The mixing angle  $\alpha$  has to be small to avoid altering the doublet properties of the SM h(125)
- E.g.  $\sin \alpha = -0.15$  &  $s_H = 0.5$ ,  $v\phi = 213$  GeV for the doublet,  $v_\xi = v_\chi = 43.5$  GeV for the triplets

# Perturbative unitarity

- Works beautifully for SM with  $h(125)$  well below the bound  $\sim 1$  TeV
- Very constraining for GM: all within reach of a TeV collider [0712.4053](#)



# SGM: a SUSY version of GM

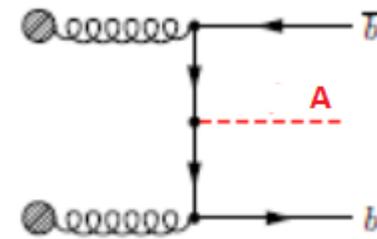
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$$\Sigma_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\chi^-}{\sqrt{2}} & \chi^0 \\ \chi^{--} & -\frac{\chi^-}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\phi^0}{\sqrt{2}} & \phi^+ \\ \phi^- & -\frac{\phi^0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\psi^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \psi^{++} \\ \psi^0 & -\frac{\psi^+}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} H_1^0 \\ H_1^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_2^+ \\ H_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- GM does not necessarily mean compositeness
- SGM provides all the “goodies” of SUSY
- Perturbativity, computability
- EWSB naturally triggered
- $M_h$  predicted with less “tension” on stop masses with extra contributions to RC
- DM candidate
- Complex/rich world with  $\sim 20$  Higgs scalars + some extra scalars

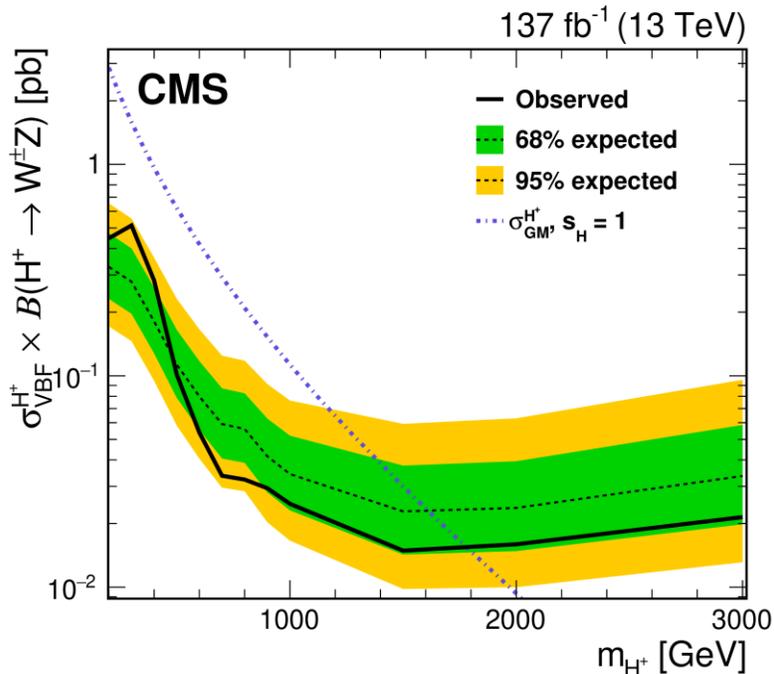
# Need for extending GM



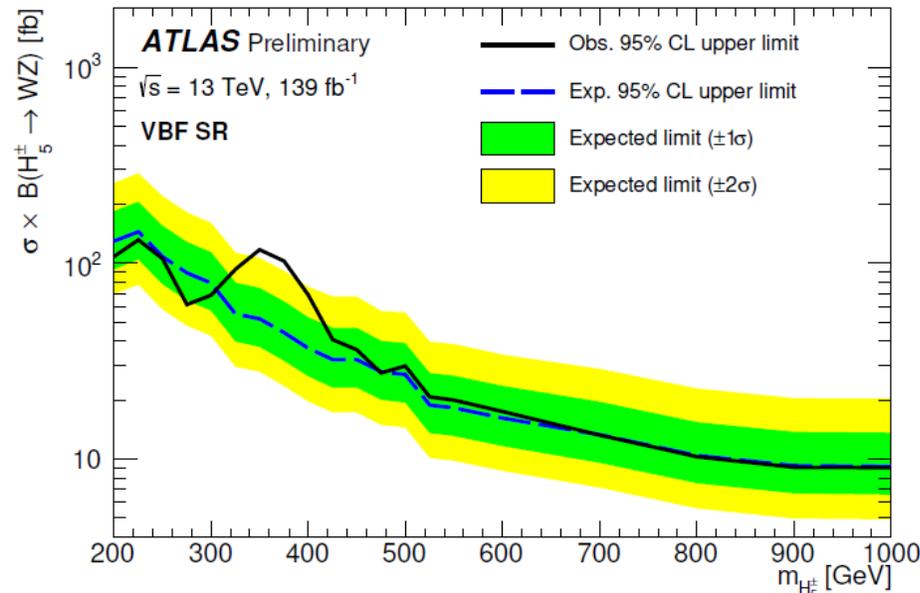
- Is GM satisfying the various observations ?
- The answer is clearly NO
- This is the case for  $H(650) ZZ/WW \ll 1$  while  $H5$  has 2
- The **fermionic couplings** of  $A(400)$  which tell us that  $Y_t \sim SM$  while  $Y_{b,\tau} \gg SM$  and GM but this needs confirmation
- The remedy for fermions is to add an **extra doublet** and benefit from an enhancement of  $Y_{b,\tau} \sim \tan\beta \sim 20$  'à la MSSM'. Too naïve since then  $Y_t \sim 1/\tan\beta$
- The **Yukawa alignment mechanism** is a more general scheme sufficient to suppress **FCNC** and allowing an **independent tuning for  $u,d,\ell$**  [0908.1554](#)
- It assumes that both doublets couple to all fermions requiring  $Y_{2f} = \xi_f Y_{1f}$  where  $Y_{1f}$  and  $Y_{2f}$  are the Yukawa couplings to the two doublets  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , and where  $\xi_f$  is an arbitrary constant which can be complex and differ for  $u,d,\ell$
- One can then have  $Y_{b,\tau} \gg SM$  even if  $\tan\beta \sim 1$  and  $Y_t \sim SM$  [0908.1554](#)
- Note finally that this extension naturally occurs in the SUSY version of GM [1308.4025](#)

# What about H5+ and H5++ ?

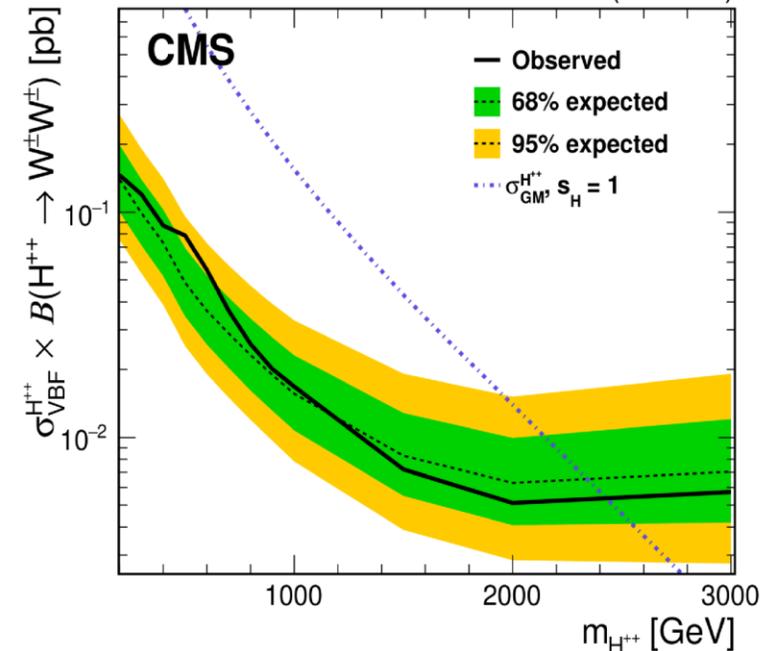
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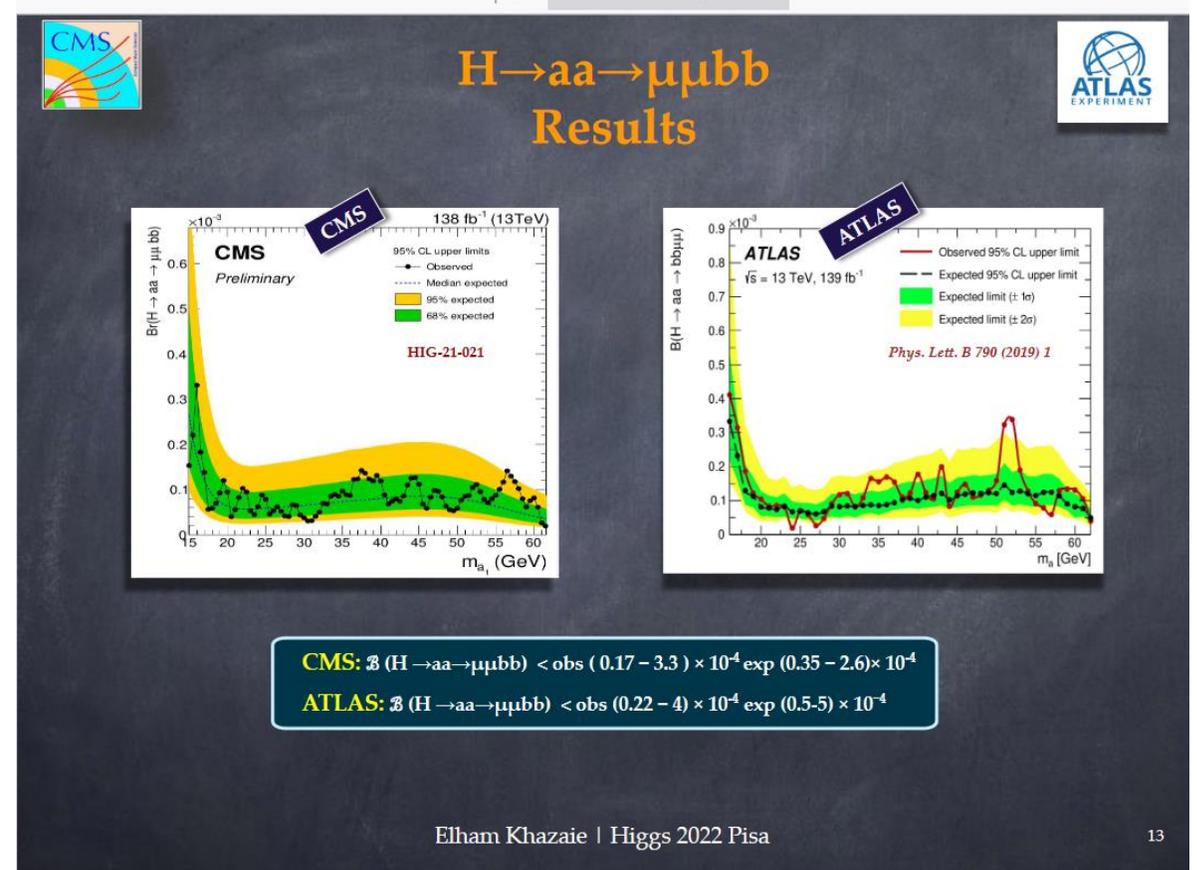
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- CMS cross sections assume  $s_H=1$  are divided by 4 for  $s_H=0.5$
- If H3+ is light H3+Z and H3+W+ become dominant and these resonances become wide
- Coincident excess at  $m_{H5^+} \sim 375$  GeV for ATLAS (2.8sd) & CMS while naïve GM predicts 650 GeV
- Not excluded in eGM [2111.14195](#)

# Update on $h(125) \rightarrow aa$

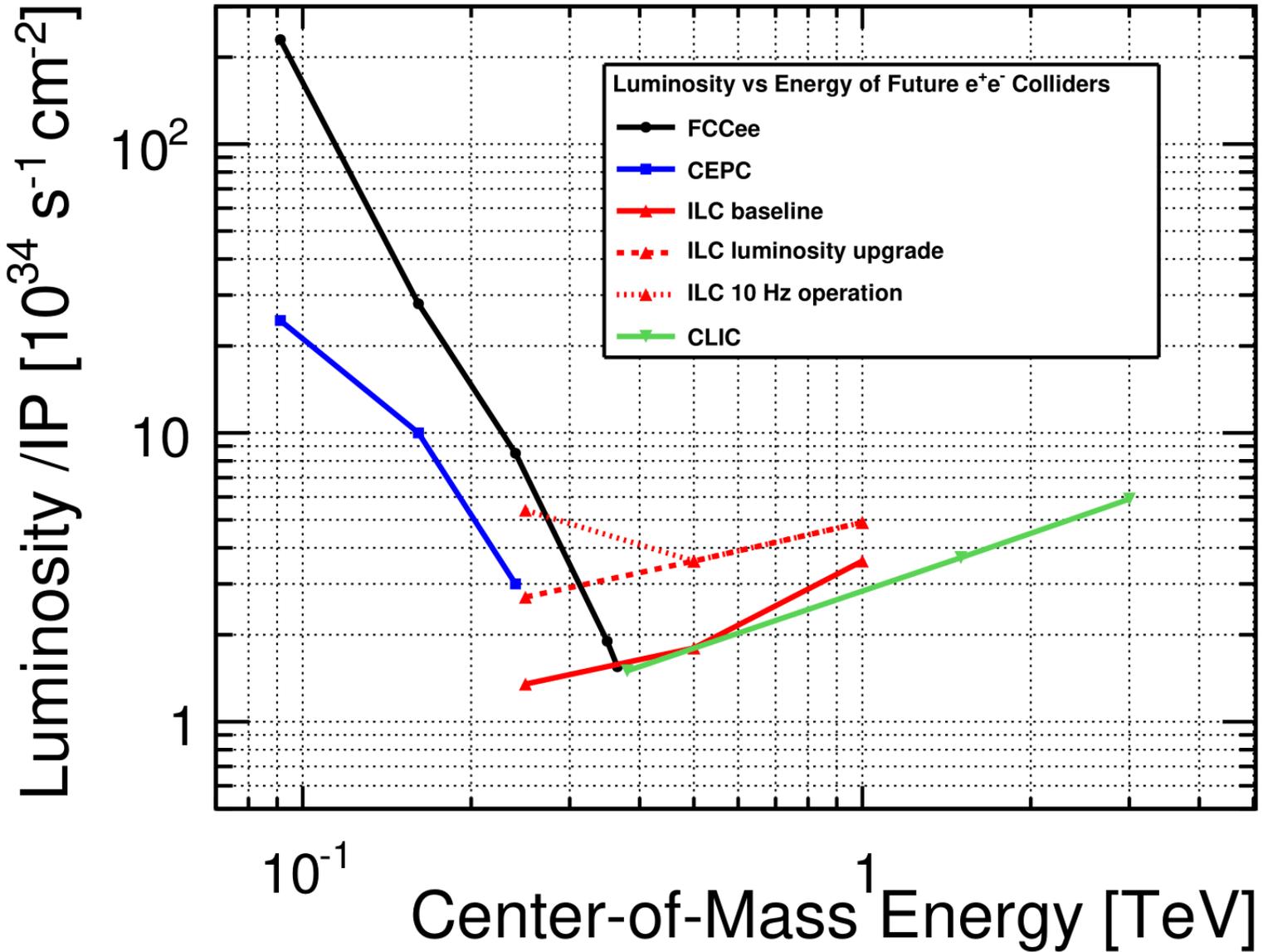
- Result shown at HIGGS22-PISA
- With more sensitivity, CMS does not observe the indication from ATLAS
- It does not exclude it either
- [CMS HIG-21-021](#)



# $e^+e^-$ Colliders

# LUMINOSITY at 1 TeV

- In reference [1903.01629](#) a running scenario of ILC at **1 TeV collecting 8000 fb-1** has been envisaged
- Beneficial for **Higgs self-coupling** measurement
- Discoveries at LHC would boost these studies at ILC and CLIC
- Convert ILC into an ERL [2105.11015](#) and [2203.06476](#)



Quantity	Symbol	Unit	Initial	$\mathcal{L}$ Upgrade	Z pole	500	Jpgrades	1000
Centre of mass energy	$\sqrt{s}$	GeV	250	250	91.2	500	250	1000
Luminosity	$\mathcal{L}$	$10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	1.35	2.7	0.21/0.41	1.8/3.6	5.4	5.1
Polarization for $e^-/e^+$	$P_-(P_+)$	%	80(30)	80(30)	80(30)	80(30)	80(30)	80(20)
Repetition frequency	$f_{\text{rep}}$	Hz	5	5	3.7	5	10	4
Bunches per pulse	$n_{\text{bunch}}$	1	1312	2625	1312/2625	1312/2625	2625	2450
Bunch population	$N_e$	$10^{10}$	2	2	2	2	2	1.74
Linac bunch interval	$\Delta t_b$	ns	554	366	554/366	554/366	366	366
Beam current in pulse	$I_{\text{pulse}}$	mA	5.8	8.8	5.8/8.8	5.8/8.8	8.8	7.6
Beam pulse duration	$t_{\text{pulse}}$	$\mu\text{s}$	727	961	727/961	727/961	961	897
Average beam power	$P_{\text{ave}}$	MW	5.3	10.5	1.42/2.84*)	10.5/21	21	27.2
RMS bunch length	$\sigma_z^*$	mm	0.3	0.3	0.41	0.3	0.3	0.225
Norm. hor. emitt. at IP	$\gamma\epsilon_x$	$\mu\text{m}$	5	5	5	5	5	5
Norm. vert. emitt. at IP	$\gamma\epsilon_y$	nm	35	35	35	35	35	30
RMS hor. beam size at IP	$\sigma_x^*$	nm	516	516	1120	474	516	335
RMS vert. beam size at IP	$\sigma_y^*$	nm	7.7	7.7	14.6	5.9	7.7	2.7
Luminosity in top 1 %	$\mathcal{L}_{0.01}/\mathcal{L}$		73 %	73 %	99 %	58.3 %	73 %	44.5 %
Beamstrahlung energy loss	$\delta_{\text{BS}}$		2.6 %	2.6 %	0.16 %	4.5 %	2.6 %	10.5 %
Site AC power	$P_{\text{site}}$	MW	111	138	94/115	173/215	198	300
Site length	$L_{\text{site}}$	km	20.5	20.5	20.5	31	31	40

Table 4.1: Summary table of the ILC accelerator parameters in the initial 250 GeV staged configuration and possible upgrades. A 500 GeV machine could also be operated at 250 GeV with 10 Hz repetition rate, bringing the maximum luminosity to  $5.4 \cdot 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  [26]. \*): For operation at the Z-pole additional beam power of 1.94/3.88 MW is necessary for positron production.