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EXOTIC HIGGS DECAYS -AN OVERVIEW



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- Solving hierarchy problem requires Higgs to couple with new physics directly
- ☑ Higgs is one of the two SM fields that can have renormalizable couplings to SM singlet operators [Patt and Wilczek, arXiv:[hep-ph/0605188]]

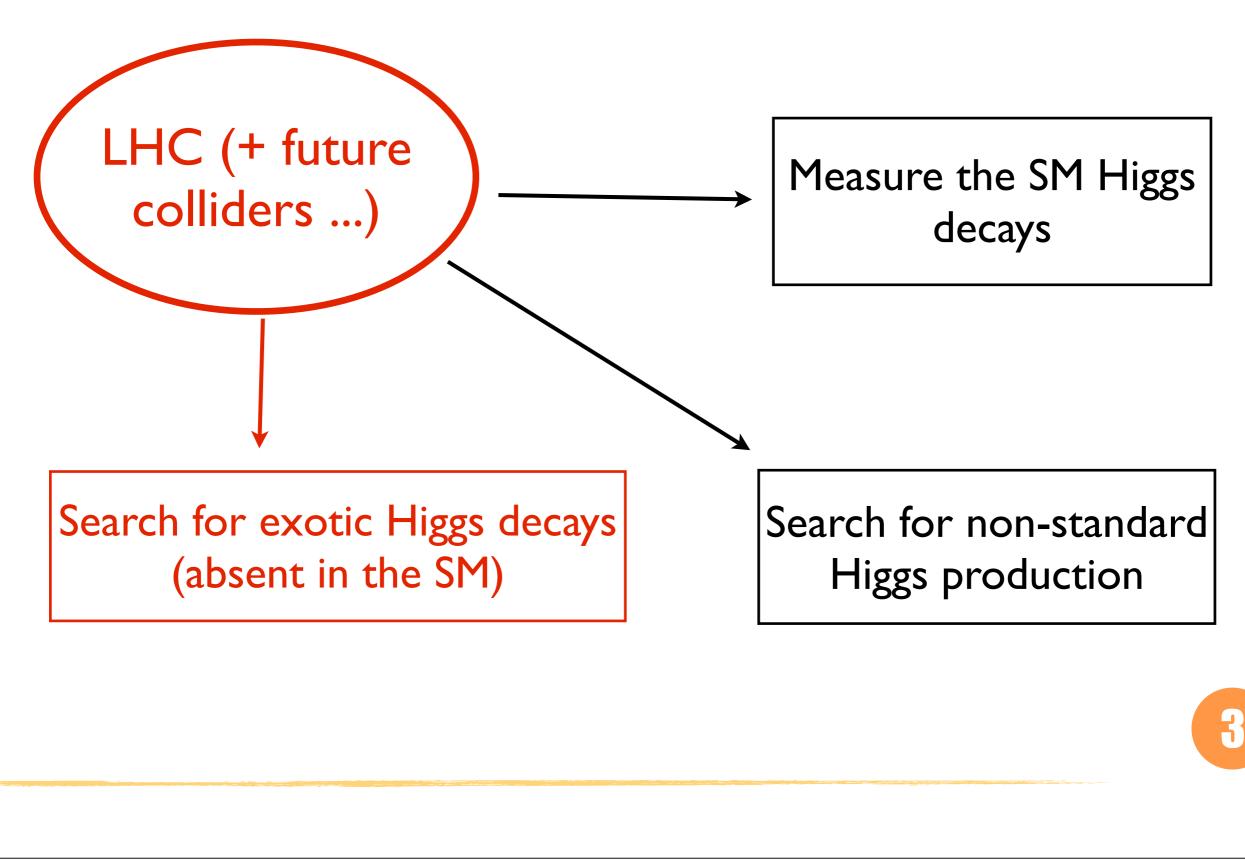
 $\mathcal{L} \supset \lambda H^\dagger H \mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{NP}}$

Lorentz invariant gauge singlet

Both couplings can modify the Higgs productions and decays at LHC.

So we should study everything about it!

Many Possible Higgs Measurements

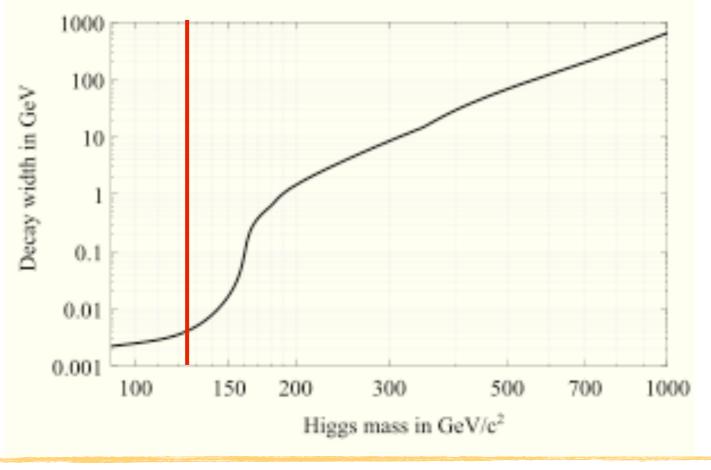




☑ The SM Higgs width is tiny for mH ~ 125 GeV

- Decays into gauge bosons are either off-shell (WW*, ZZ*), or at loop level (di-photon, di-gluon)
- Decays into fermions tend to be suppressed because of small Yukawa couplings (except tt*)

About three orders smaller than the Z or W widths (~ 4MeV only) !

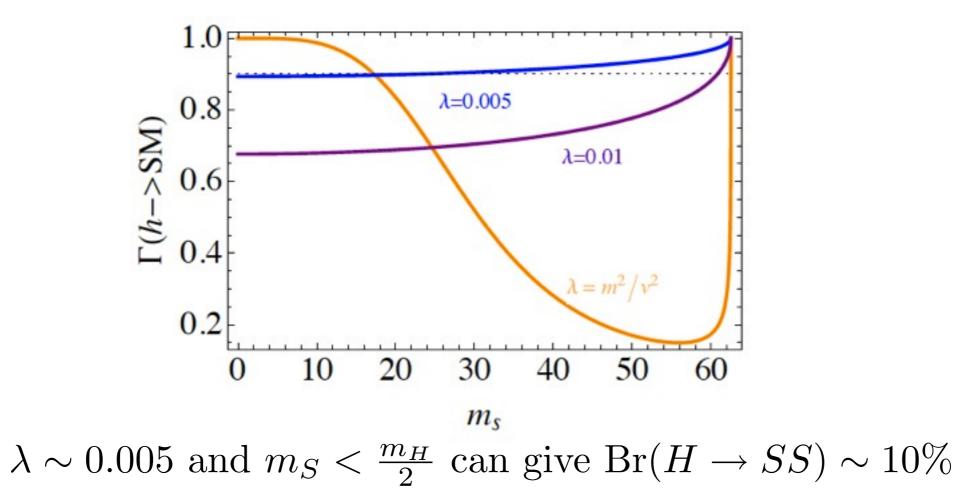


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A small non-standard Higgs coupling may lead to sizable effect.

e.g., $\Delta \mathcal{L} = \lambda S^2 |H|^2$ (common building block in extended Higgs sectors)

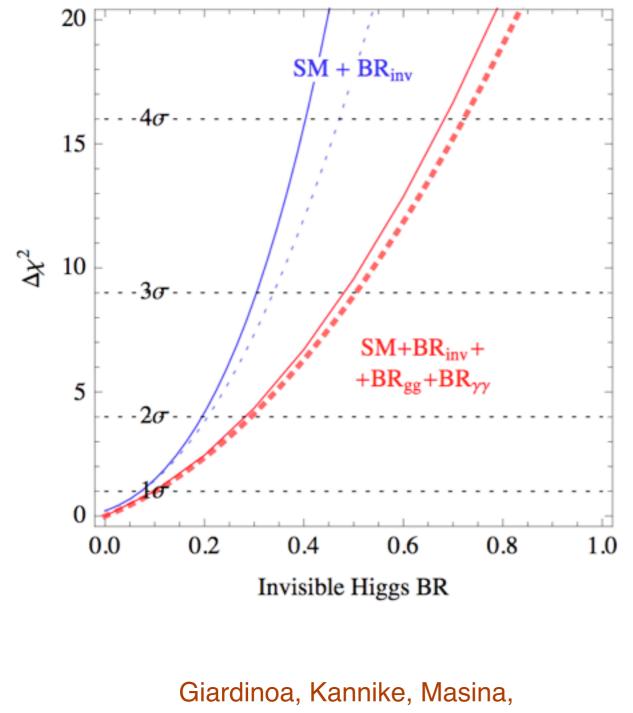


So exotic Higgs decays are a natural and very efficient way for probing BSM physics





``Invisible'' Higgs Width



Raidal, Strumia, 1303.3570

The currently allowed branching ratio for exotic Higgs decays is big

 $BR_{exotic} < 0.3$ at 95% C.L.

☑ As a comparison (for mh=125GeV)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{Br}(h_{\mathrm{SM}} \to ZZ^*) & \sim & 0.03 \\ \\ \operatorname{Br}(h_{\mathrm{SM}} \to WW^*) & \sim & 0.15 \\ \\ \\ \operatorname{Br}(h_{\mathrm{SM}} \to \tau\tau) & \sim & 0.06 \end{array}$

There exists a lot of room! (in a more general context, > 0.5 BR is allowed!)

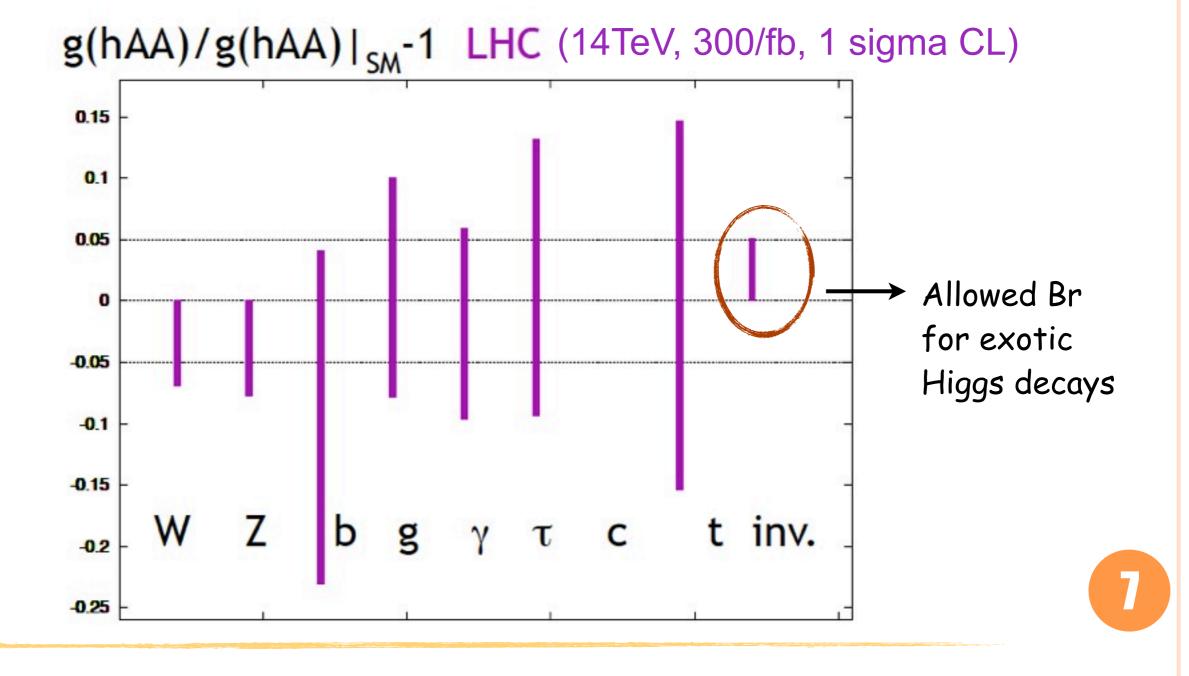
see e.g. Belanger, Dumont, Ellwanger, Gunion, Kraml; Espinosa, Muhlleitner, Grojean, Trott; Ellis

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There Will Always Be Room for Exotic Decays

O(10%) BR into exotic decay modes are not only allowed by existing data, but will remain reasonable targets for the duration of the LHC program [M. Peskin, 2013]





assume BR(h→new) = 10%, LHC8, 20/fb

channel	# events (raw)	
ggF	39000	
VBF	3150	
W(ev)+h	280	Associated
Z(@)+h	55	Production (AP)
ttH	260	

Searching for them are not easy:

- Many events in ggF/VBF, but suitability depends on the Higgs decays
- Can always trigger w/ AP... but not many events
- Specific signature => dedicated search strategies are usually required
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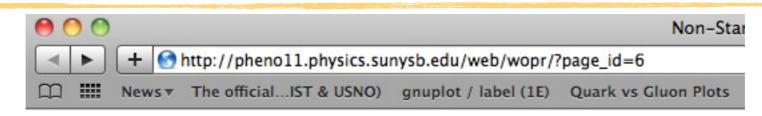
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Non-Standard-Model h Decays

Much work has been done over the past twenty years on non-SM Higgs decays in different contexts. The purpose of this document is to assemble the motivations, models, and signatures of non-SM decays of *h* bosons that appear in the literature, and provide the necessary information for contextualizing, systematizing, and prioritizing LHC searches for such decays.

Please click here for the *motivation* for the careful consideration of Non-Standard-Model h decays at the LHC.

Please click here for the list of possible decays, discussion of prioritization, and available studies.

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Decays to Standard Objects Without Missing Energy

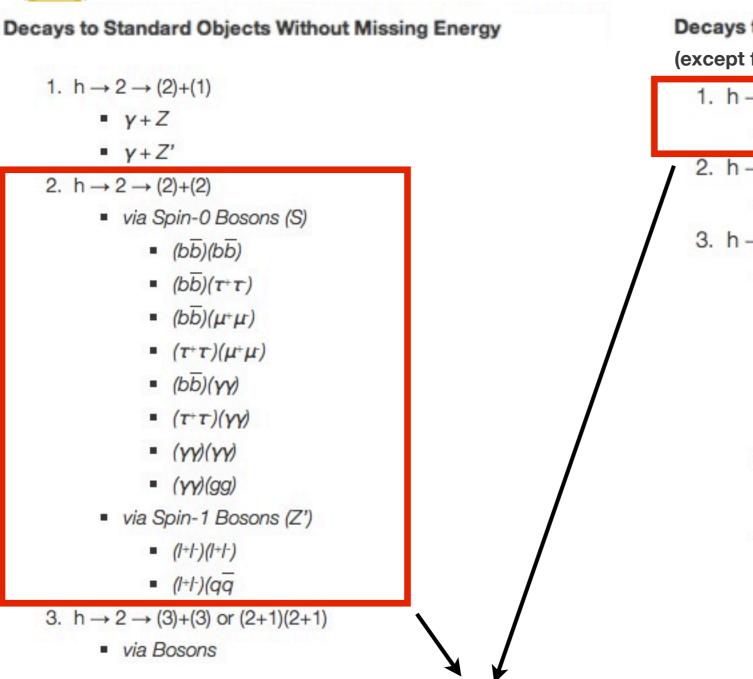
- 1. $h \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow (2)+(1)$
 - **y**+Z
 - γ + Z'
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 - via Spin-1 Bosons (Z')
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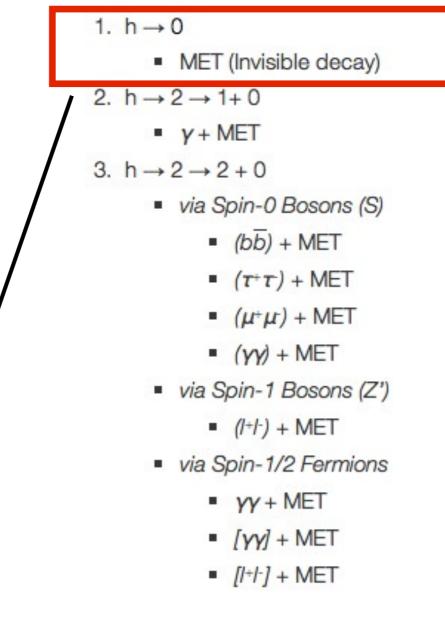
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 - via Spin-1/2 Fermions
 - YY + MET
 - [yy] + MET
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purely visible or purely MET: familiar to us



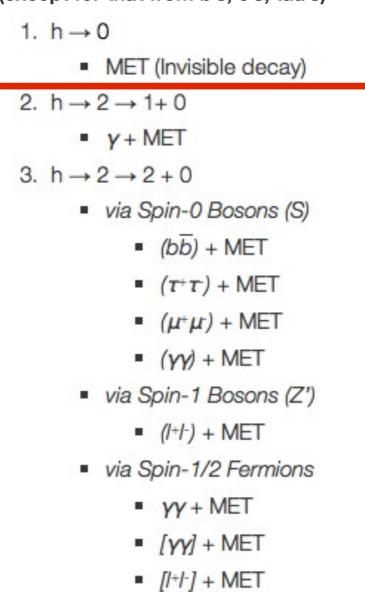


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MET + visible : relatively less studied in the past



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These possibilities can be implemented in many NP scenarios. For benchmark selection, we will mainly focus on the NMSSM





R-symmetry

- a1 is singlet-like and light pseudo-Goldstone boson of R-symmetry breaking.
- Singlet-like CP-even Higgs and singlinolike neutralino are typically not light

PQ-symmetry

 \boxtimes a_1 , h_1 (singlet-like) and χ_1 (singlinolike) can be simultaneously light

> [Draper, TL, Wagner, Wang and Zhang, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (2011)]

 $W_{NMSSM} = Y_U \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{H}_u \mathbf{U}^c - Y_D \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{H}_d \mathbf{D}^c - Y_E \mathbf{L} \mathbf{H}_d \mathbf{E}^c + \lambda \mathbf{N} \mathbf{H}_u \mathbf{H}_d + \frac{1}{3} \kappa \mathbf{N}^3$ $V_{soft} = m_{H_d}^2 |H_d|^2 + m_{H_u}^2 |H_u|^2 + m_N^2 |N|^2 - (\lambda A_\lambda H_u H_d N + \text{h.c.}) + \left(\frac{\kappa}{3} A_\kappa N^3 + \text{h.c.}\right)$

$$M_{H33}^2 \sim \kappa (A_{\kappa} + 4\kappa s)$$
$$M_{A22}^2 \sim -3\kappa A_{\kappa} s$$
$$M_{\chi_0 55} \sim 2\kappa s$$

🗵 R-symmetry: Al, Ak -> 0, k is not small

PQ-symmetry: k->0, Ak -> 0, Al is not small

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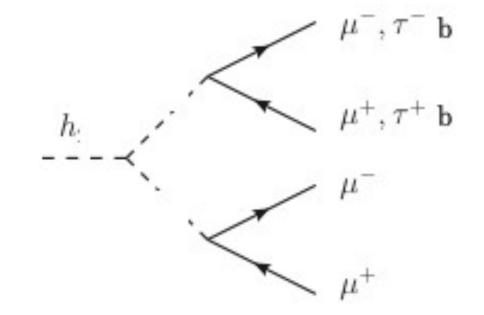
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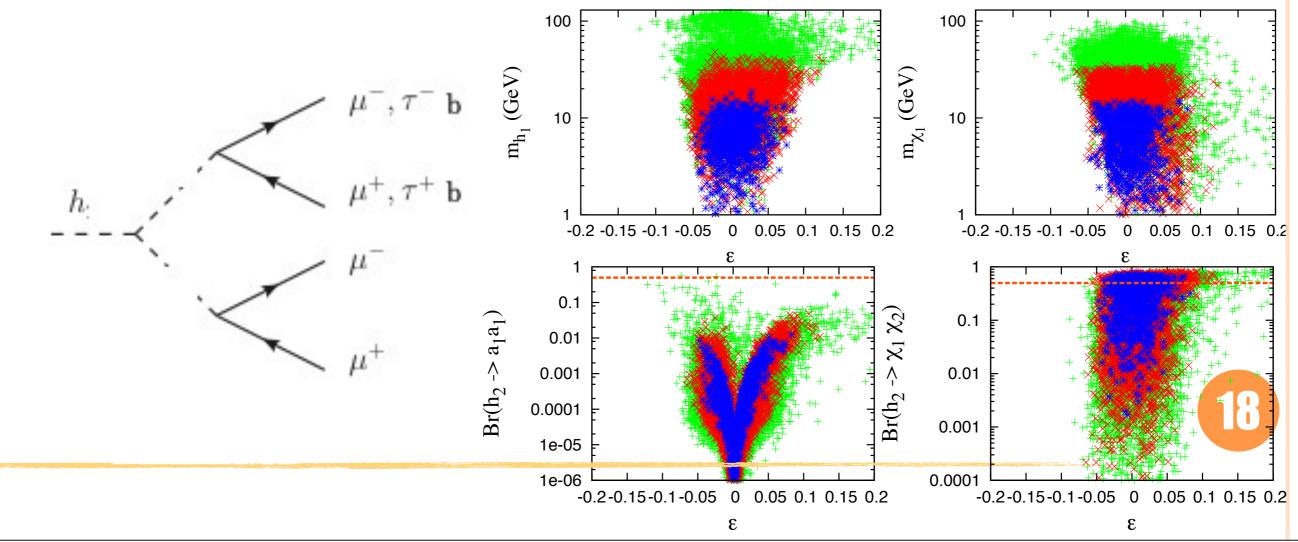
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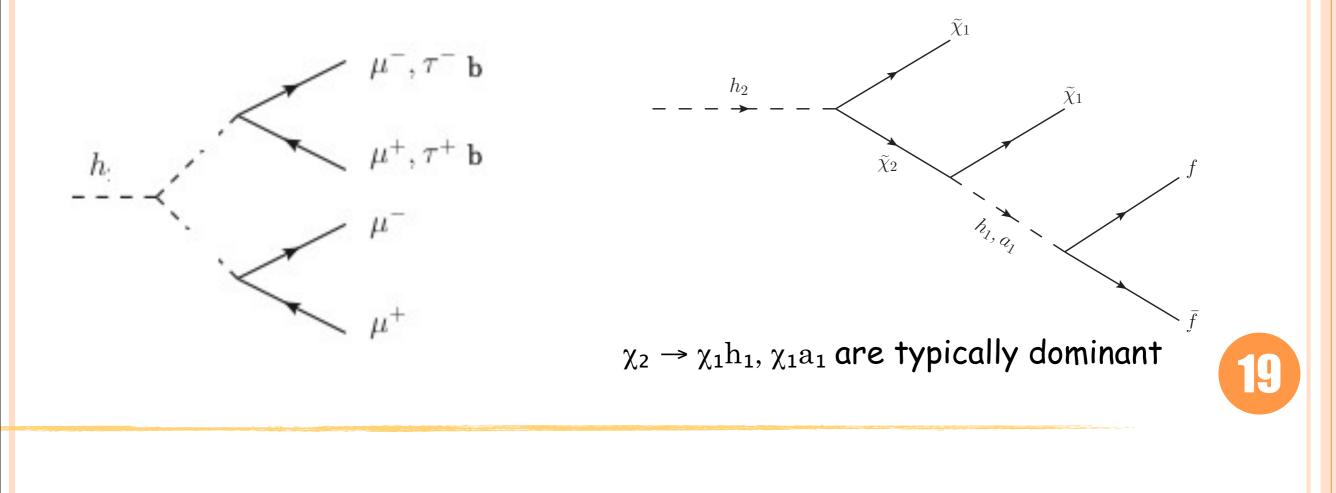
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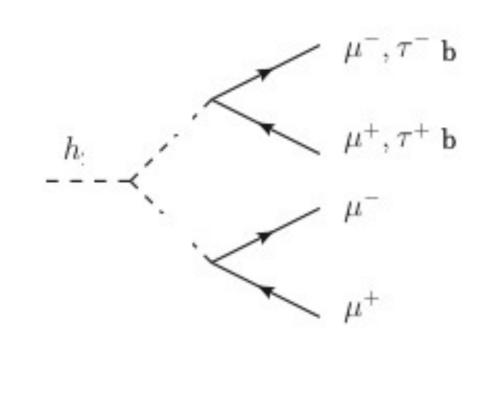
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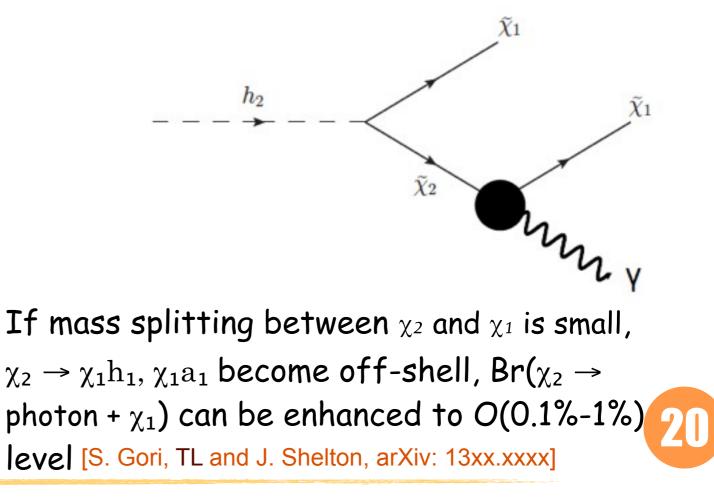
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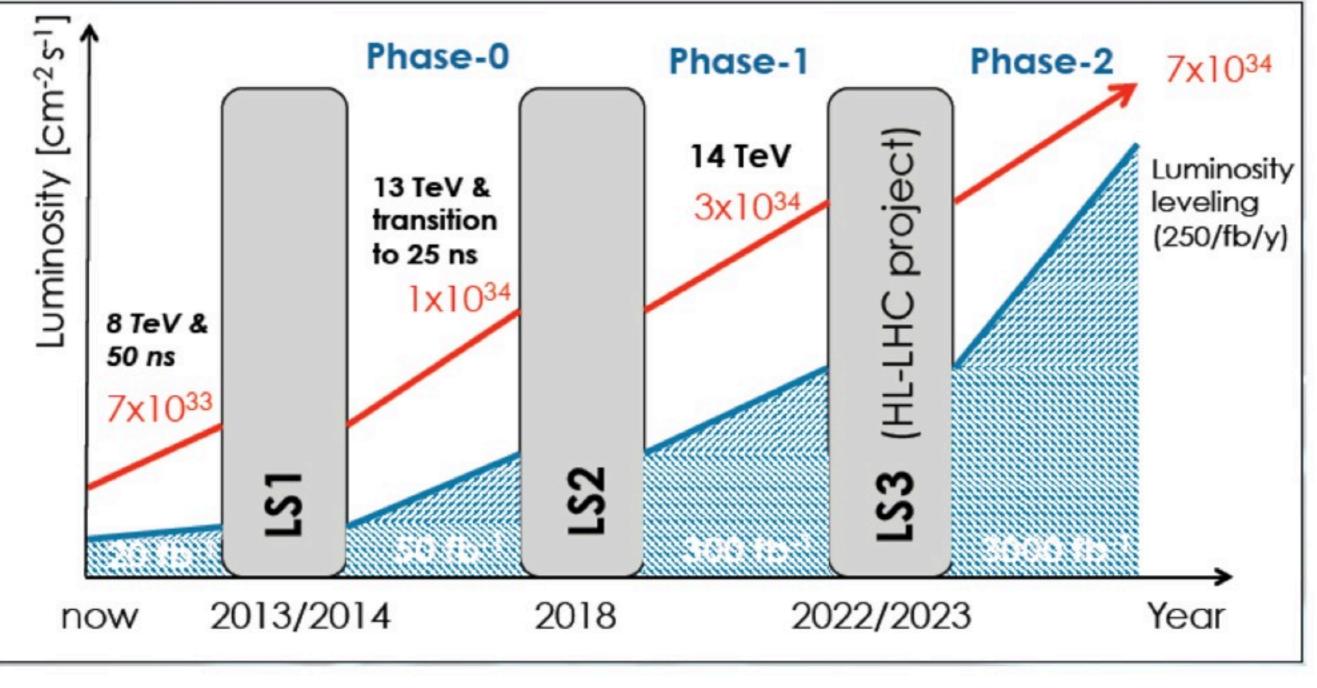
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LHC Upgrade Plan



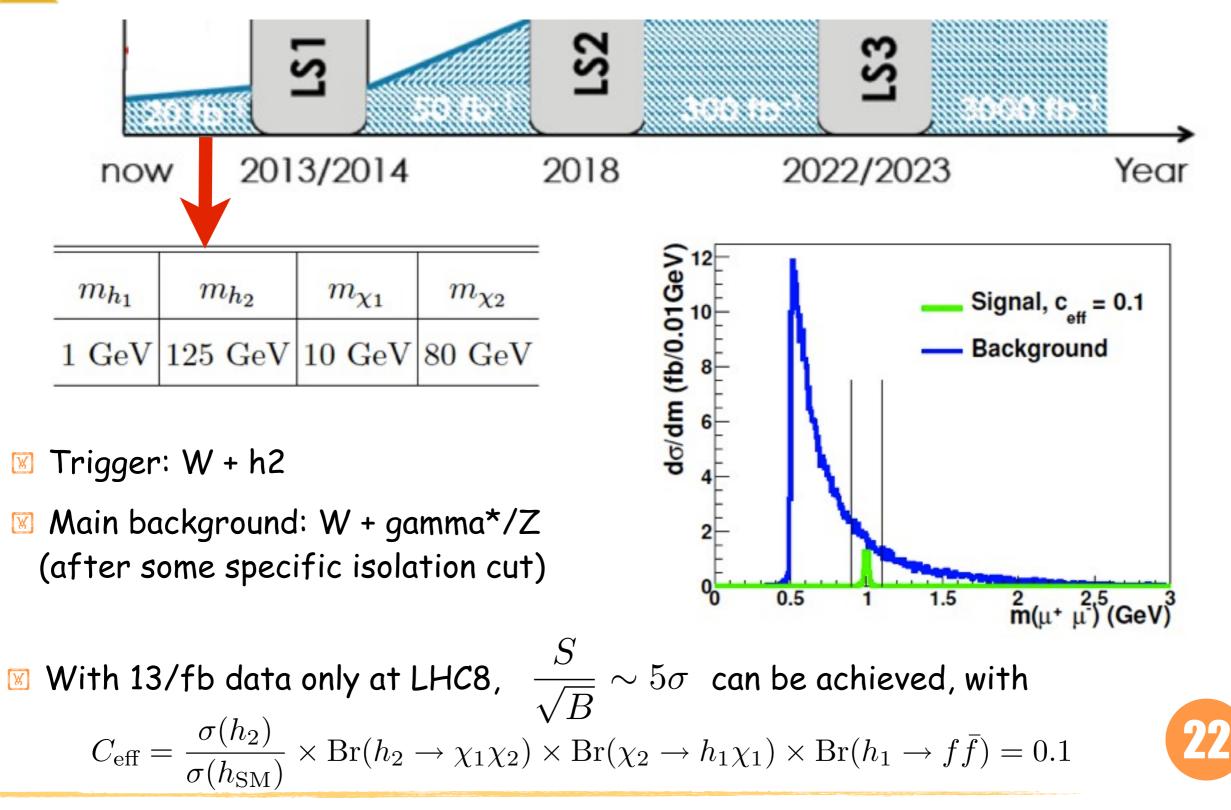
Many possibilities to explore during the whole LHC era. Next I will show some examples (preliminary results)

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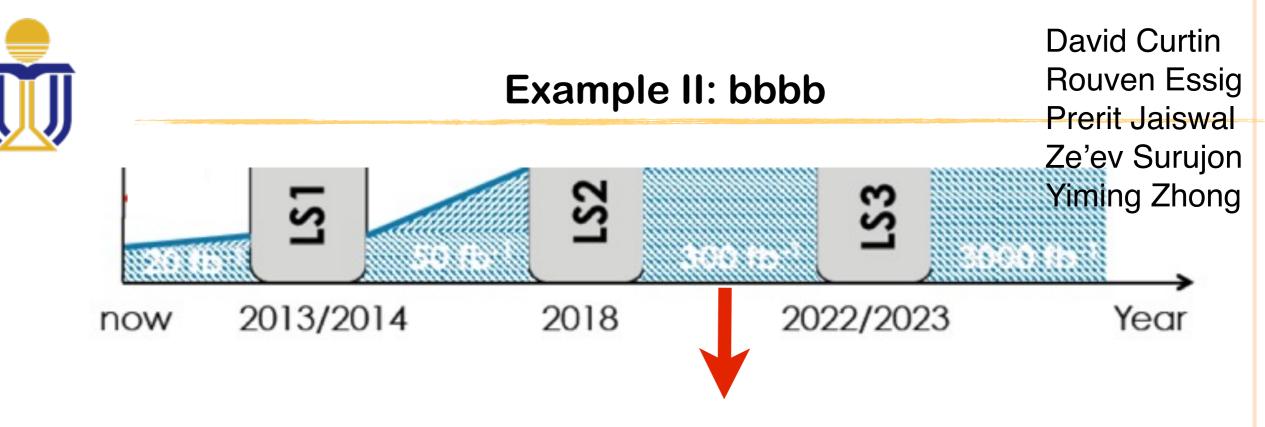


Example I: di-muon + MET

Stefania Gori, TL



[J.-R.Huang, TL, S.-F. Su, L.-T. Wang and F. Yu, arXiv: 1307.xxxx]



- 🗵 Trigger: Wh + Zh
- Strategies: work in the boost regime, apply jet substructure tool + 2b-tags
- For 100/fb data at LHC14 and Ceff = 1

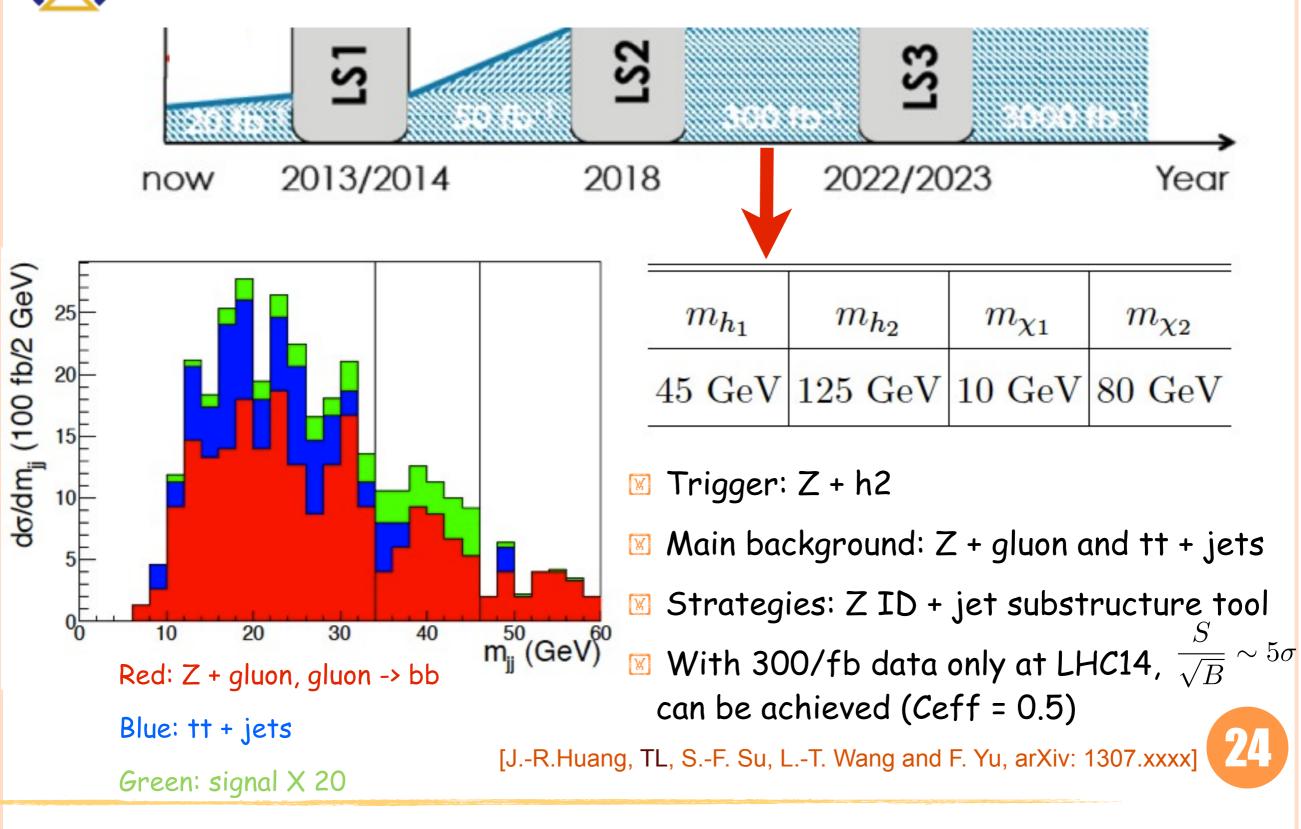
$m_a({ m GeV})$	Signal	s/b	σ
20	1.9	2%	0.18
30	37.4	33%	3.49
40	63.1	55%	5.89
50	61.0	53%	5.69

Carena, Han, Huang, Wagner (2007) Cheung, Song, Yan (2007) Kaplan, McEvoy (2011)



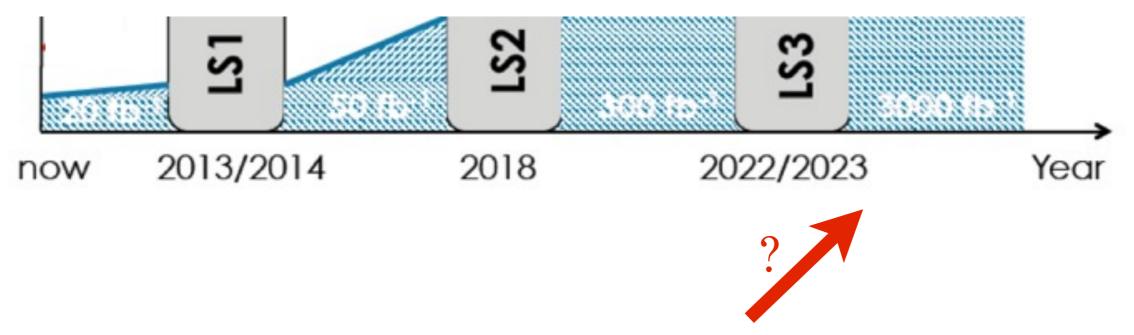
Example III: di-b + MET

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Exotic Higgs Decays at a Higgs Machine?



Difficult cases at the LHC:

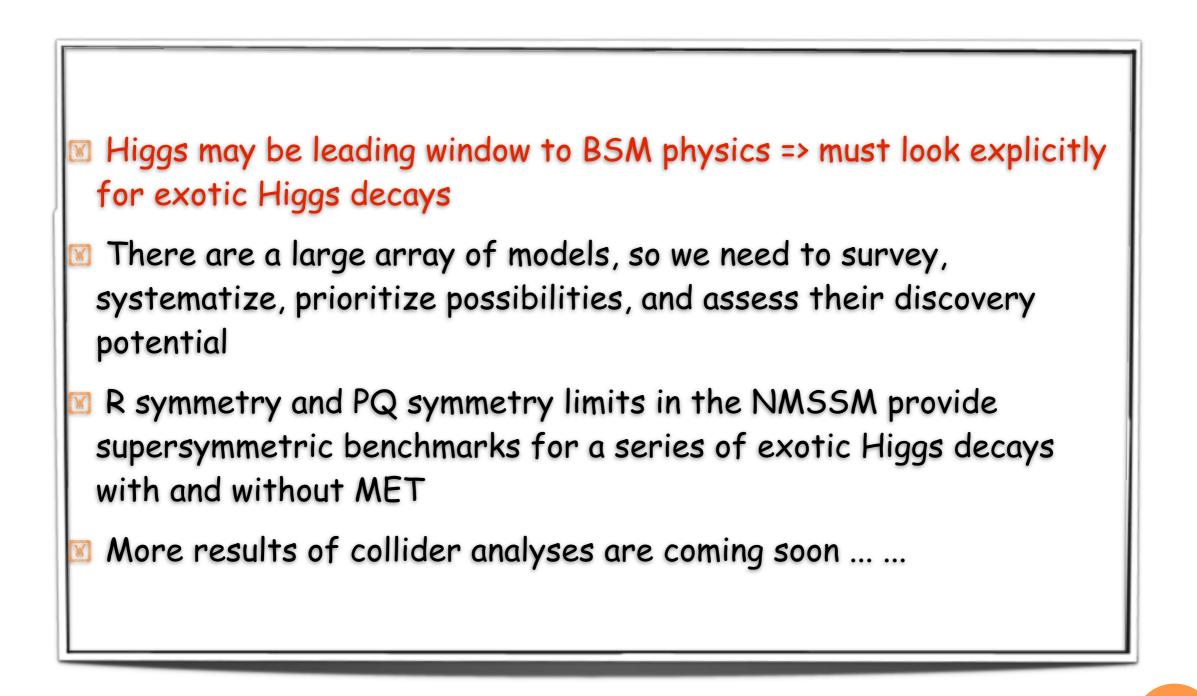
- Soft light jets in the final state
- \boxtimes The BR of exotic Higgs decay is of O(%) level

Question: can a future Higgs factory play a role as a discovery machine?

Chris Potter will try to address this question in the next talk.











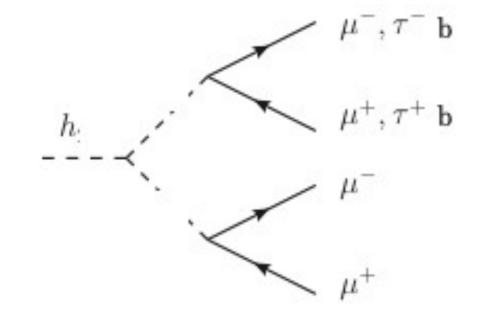
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Z Boson Measurements (from PDG)

Z DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_i/Γ) Scale factor/ Confidence level	р (MeV/c)			C	Mdacauc	
e ⁺ e ⁻	(3.363 ±0.004)%	45594			51	M decays	
$\mu^+\mu^-$	(3.366 ±0.007) %	45594			• Wel	I measured	
$\tau^+ \tau^-$	(3.370 ±0.008) %	45559					
$\ell^+\ell^-$	[b] (3.3658±0.0023) %	-					
invisible	(20.00 ±0.06)%	-	$\Upsilon(1S) \times + \Upsilon(2S) \times$		(1.0 =	± 0.5) $\times 10^{-4}$	-
hadrons	(69.91 ±0.06)%	-	$+\Upsilon(3S) \times$				
$(u\overline{u}+c\overline{c})/2$	(11.6 ±0.6)%	-	$\Upsilon(1S)X$		< 4.4	$\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%	-
$(d\overline{d}+s\overline{s}+b\overline{b})/3$	(15.6 ±0.4)%	-	$\Upsilon(2S)X$		< 1.39	$\times 10^{-4}$ CL=95%	-
	$(12.03 \pm 0.21)\%$	-	$\Upsilon(3S)X$		< 9.4	$\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%	-
<i>b</i> <u>b</u> <i>b</i> <u>b</u> <i>b</i> <u>b</u>	$(15.12 \pm 0.05)\%$	-	(D^0/\overline{D}^0) X		(20.7 =	±2.0)%	-
	$(3.6 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-4}$	-	D [±] X		(12.2 =	±1.7)%	-
$\pi^{0}\gamma^{\gamma}$	< 1.1 % CL=95% $< 5.2 $ $\times 10^{-5}$ CL=95%	45594	D*(2010) [±] X			±1.3)%	-
$\eta\gamma$	$< 5.1 \times 10^{-5} CL=95\%$	45594	$D_{s1}(2536)^{\pm}X$			± 0.8) × 10 ⁻³	-
$\omega\gamma$	$< 6.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ CL}=95\%$	45592	$D_{sJ}(2573)^{\pm}X$			± 2.2) × 10 ⁻³	-
$\eta'(958)\gamma$	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ CL}=95\%$	45589	D*′(2629)±X		searched for		-
$\gamma\gamma$	$< 5.2 \times 10^{-5} CL=95\%$	45594	B^+X			±0.13)%	-
$\gamma\gamma\gamma$	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-5} CL=95\%$	45594	$B_s^0 X$			±0.13)%	-
$\pi^{\pm}W^{\mp}$	$[h] < 7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ CL}=95\%$	10162	$B_c^+ X$		searched for		-
$ ho^{\pm}W^{\mp}$	$[h] < 8.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ CL}=95\%$	10136	$\Lambda_c^+ X \equiv_c^0 X$		(1.54 =	±0.33)%	-
$J/\psi(1S)X$	(3.51 $^{+0.23}_{-0.25}$) \times 10 ⁻³ S=1.1	-	$\Xi_{c}^{0}X$		seen		-
ψ(2 <i>S</i>)Χ	$(1.60 \pm 0.29) \times 10^{-3}$	_	$\Xi_b X$		seen	0.00 1.00	-
$\chi_{c1}(1P)X$	$(2.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$	-	b-baryon X			± 0.22)% $\times 10^{-3}$ CL=95%	-
$\chi_{c2}(1P)X$	$< 3.2 \times 10^{-3} CL=90\%$	-	anomalous γ + hadrons $e^+e^-\gamma$		[j] < 3.2 [j] < 5.2	× 10 ° CL=95%	45594
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