

# Production of a 95 GeV scalar in association with a Z-boson at e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> colliders

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- Models: Extending 2HDM+S model with one more singlet scalar and/or Higgs-Triplet model(s)
- Phenomenology at LHC: search through g g →  $H(270 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow S(150 \text{ GeV})S'(95 \text{ GeV})$
- $\circ$  Physics at Proposed future  $e^+e^-$  collider: ILC/CEPC (contribution to BSM section in Whitepaper)
- o Machine Learning approach in Particle Physics Projects
- $\,\circ\,$  Involved analysis through Open Data resources: Run 1 and 2 from ATLAS/CMS





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Search for SM Higgs-like boson with categorization assuming SM-like production mechanisms (ggF, VBF, VH, ttH).

CMS, PLB 793 (2019) 320 CMS-PAS-HIG-20-002

Local (global) 2.9 (1.3)σ @95.4 GeV



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Dedicated search for scalar decaying into tau pairs. CMS observes a local (global) excess of 3.1 (2.7) $\sigma$  at ~100 GeV.

 $H \to \tau \tau$ 

#### Event classification scheme





ATLAS has not performed a dedicated search for low mass scalar. That said we do not seem to see a clear excess around 95 GeV in the sideband. Is the CMS excess an upward fluctuation?





 $m_H$  [GeV]

to other Higgs-like signals

With recent results reported by the ATLAS experiment the significance of a narrow resonance at 95 GeV has reached  $3.8\sigma$  global significance.



Current status of the combination, where global significance has reached  $5\sigma$ . Largest global significance of a narrow structure beyond theSM at the LHC.



Potential contributor to multi-lepton anomalies at the LHC



#### 2HDM+S Scanned Parameter space

 $\alpha_1, \ \alpha_2, \ \alpha_3, \ t_{\beta}, \ v, \ v_S, \ m_{H_{1,2,3}}, \ m_A, \ m_{H^{\pm}}, \ m_{12}^2$ 

$$\begin{split} m_{H_1} &= 95,96 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{H_2} = 125.09 \text{ GeV}, \quad 170 \text{ GeV} < m_{H_3} < 270 \text{ GeV}, \\ 300 \text{ GeV} < m_A < 900 \text{ GeV}, \quad 300 \text{ GeV} < m_{H_{\pm}} < 900 \text{ GeV}, \quad 0.5 < tan\beta < 4, \\ -\pi/2 < \alpha_i < \pi/2, \quad 100 \text{ GeV} < v_S < 1500 \text{ GeV}, \quad 0 < m_{12}^2 < 5 \times 10^5 \text{ GeV}^2 \end{split}$$

#### Assume the presence of one additional scalar only



• Scalar Higgs S at ee collider is produced through  $e^+e^- \to e^+e^-S$ ,  $e^+e^- \to \nu_e \tilde{\nu}_e S$ , and  $e^+e^- \to ZS$ , there cross-sections for









 $\alpha_2$ 



(a)





BR (S  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ )









## Machine learning approach: DNN

We have a 14 dimensional problem, where we are classify the signal from the background.

The 14 input variables include: the energy, polar angle and azimuthal angle for the muons and the b-tagged jets, as well as invariant mass of the b-tagged jets and recoil mass of the two muons.

We deploy a binary classification algorithm to train the model on the 14 variables:

#### Machine Learning: Input variables



#### Machine Learning: classification results

![](_page_16_Figure_1.jpeg)

Signal

### Outlook

- Excess around 95 GeV seems to be growing at the LHC
- Excesses include di-photon, di-tautau and WW final states
  - Reached 3.8 $\sigma$  global significance just over 95 GeV
  - This excess fits well in a simplified model to explain the multi-lepton anomalies at the LHC
- Overall the 95 GeV excess can be explained within errors with a 2HDM+S model, where predictions for e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> can be made
- Given the proximity of the Z peak, it is essential to use Machine Learning techniques to disentangle signal from background
  - Need to go in the direction of deep learning encompassing the entire final state