

Status of $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ search

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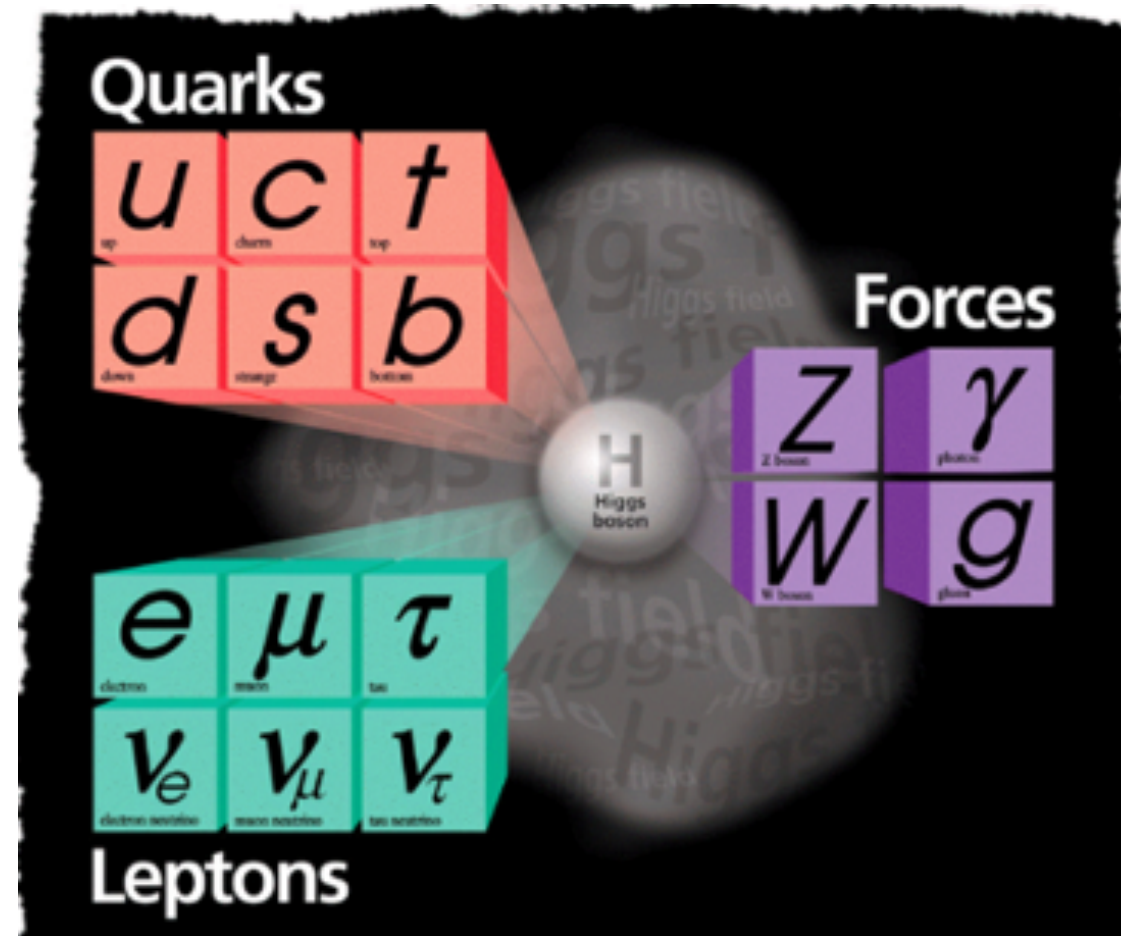


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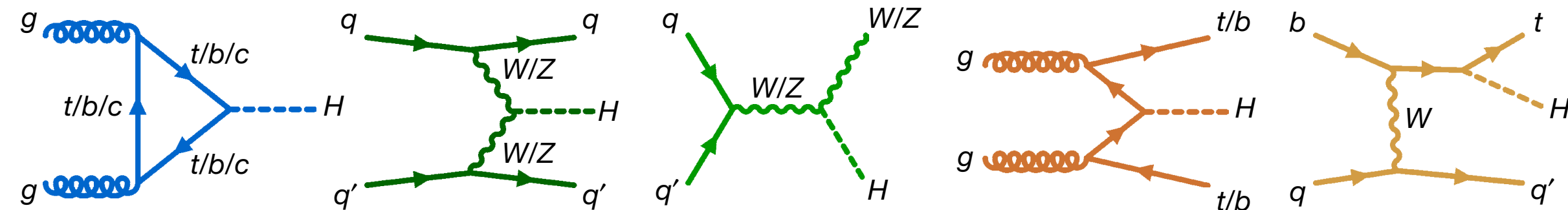
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Introduction

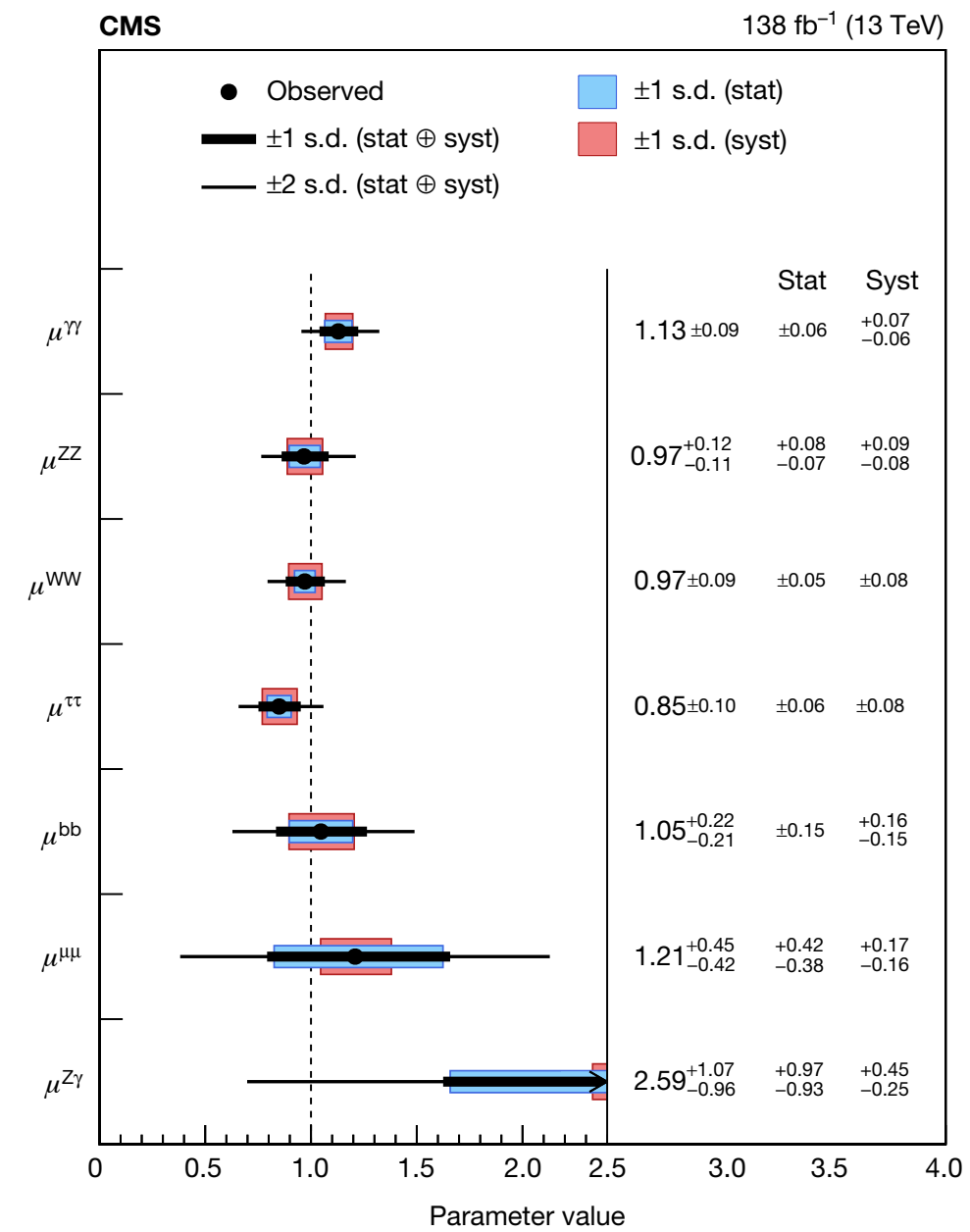
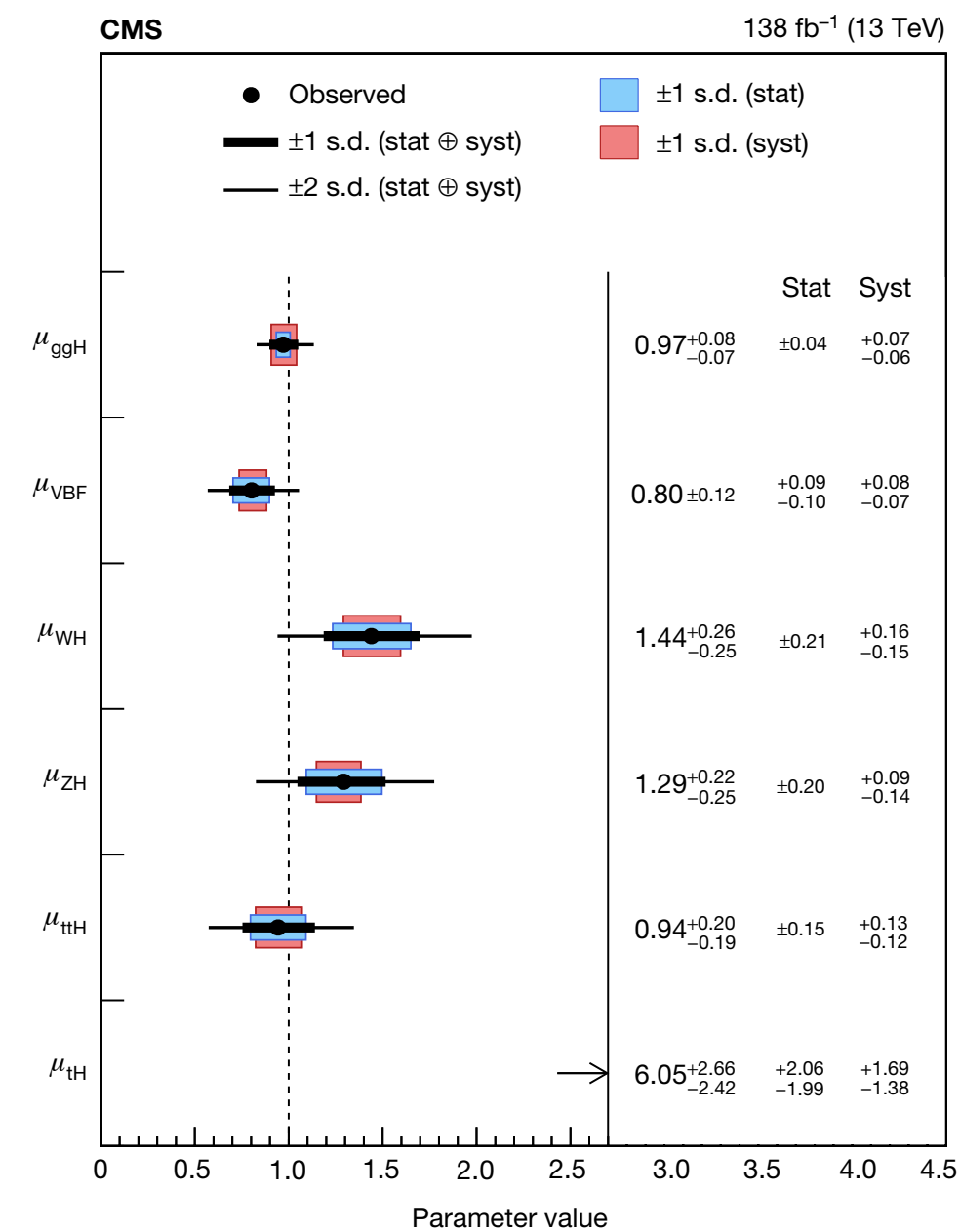
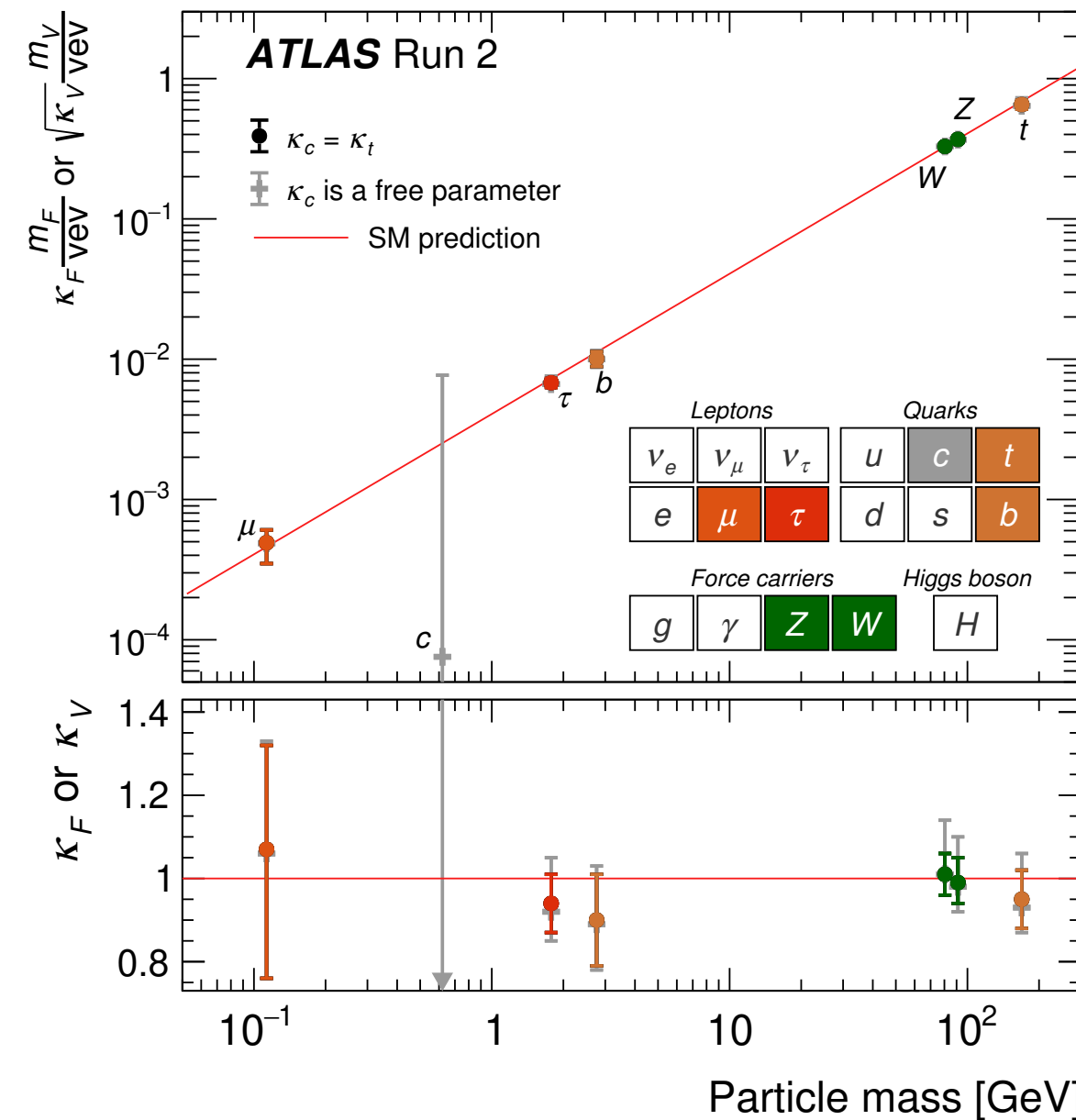
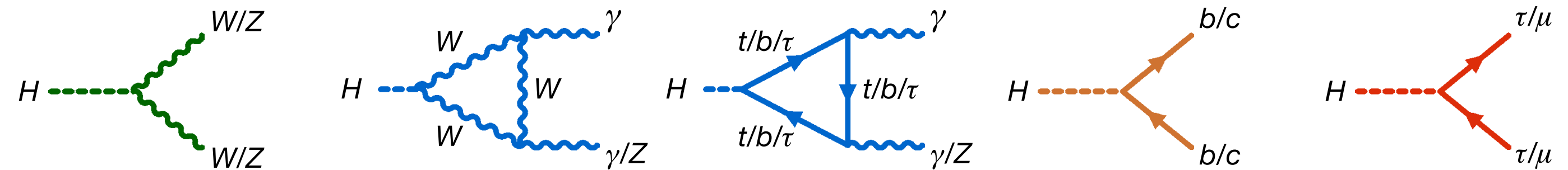
The Higgs particle is responsible for the masses of elementary particles.



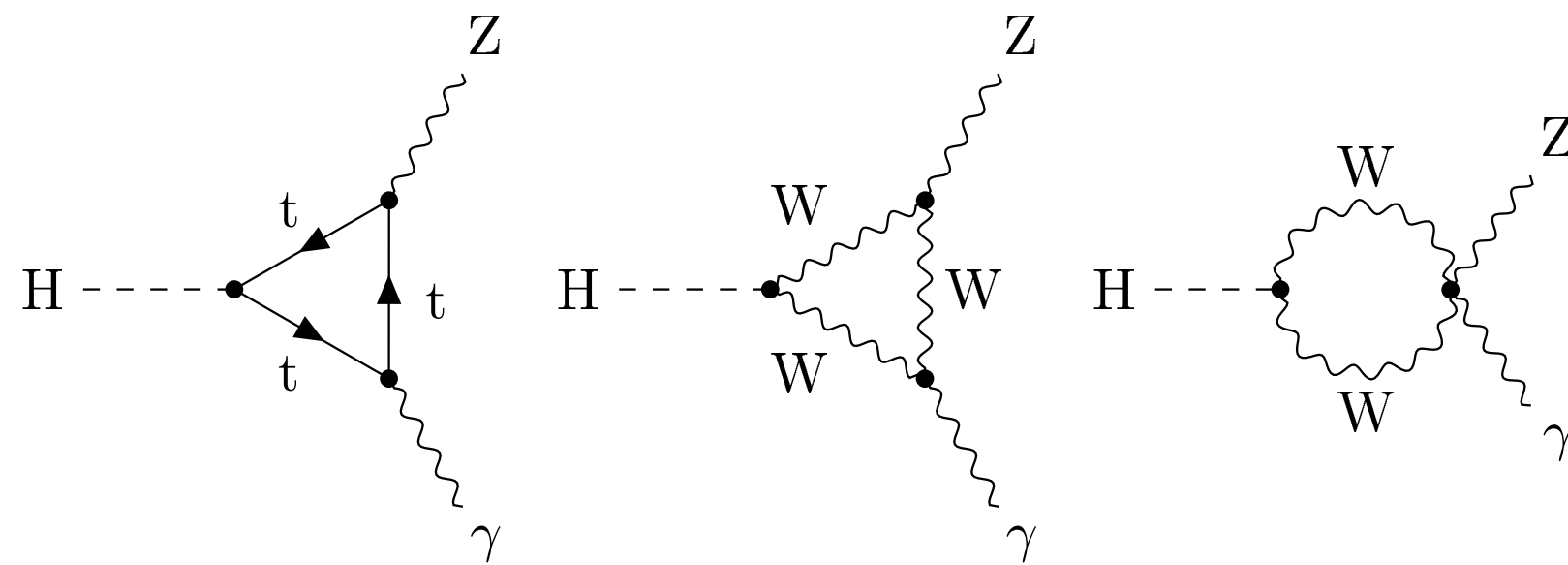
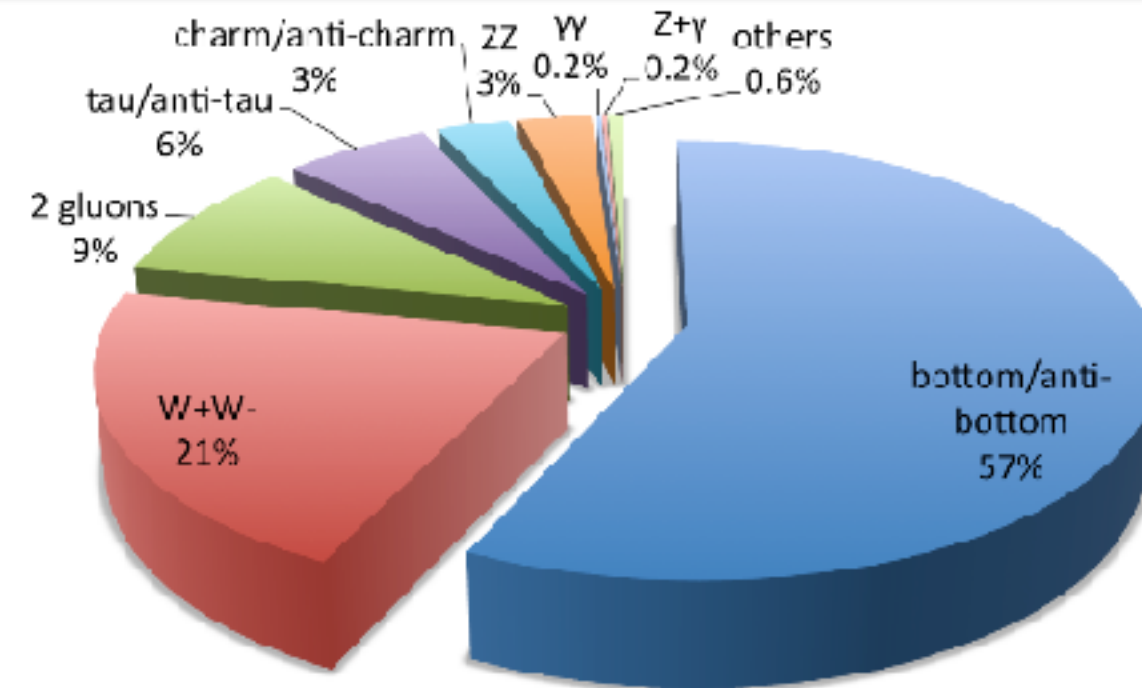
Main Higgs production modes @ LHC



Main Higgs decay modes



$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ rare decays



$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ loop decay

ZZ^* and $\gamma\gamma$: high resolution and precise differential measurements

WW^* : high BR but low mass resolution

$\tau\tau$ and bb : high BR but low S/B, important to directly probe Yukawa coupling with 3rd generation

$\mu\mu$: very small BR but access to Yukawa coupling with 2nd generation fermions

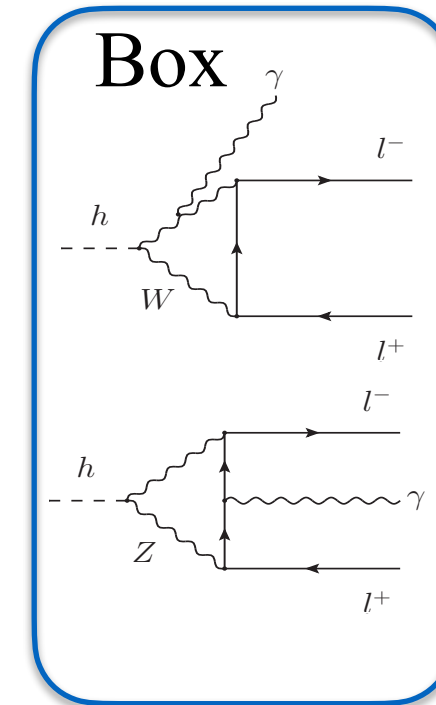
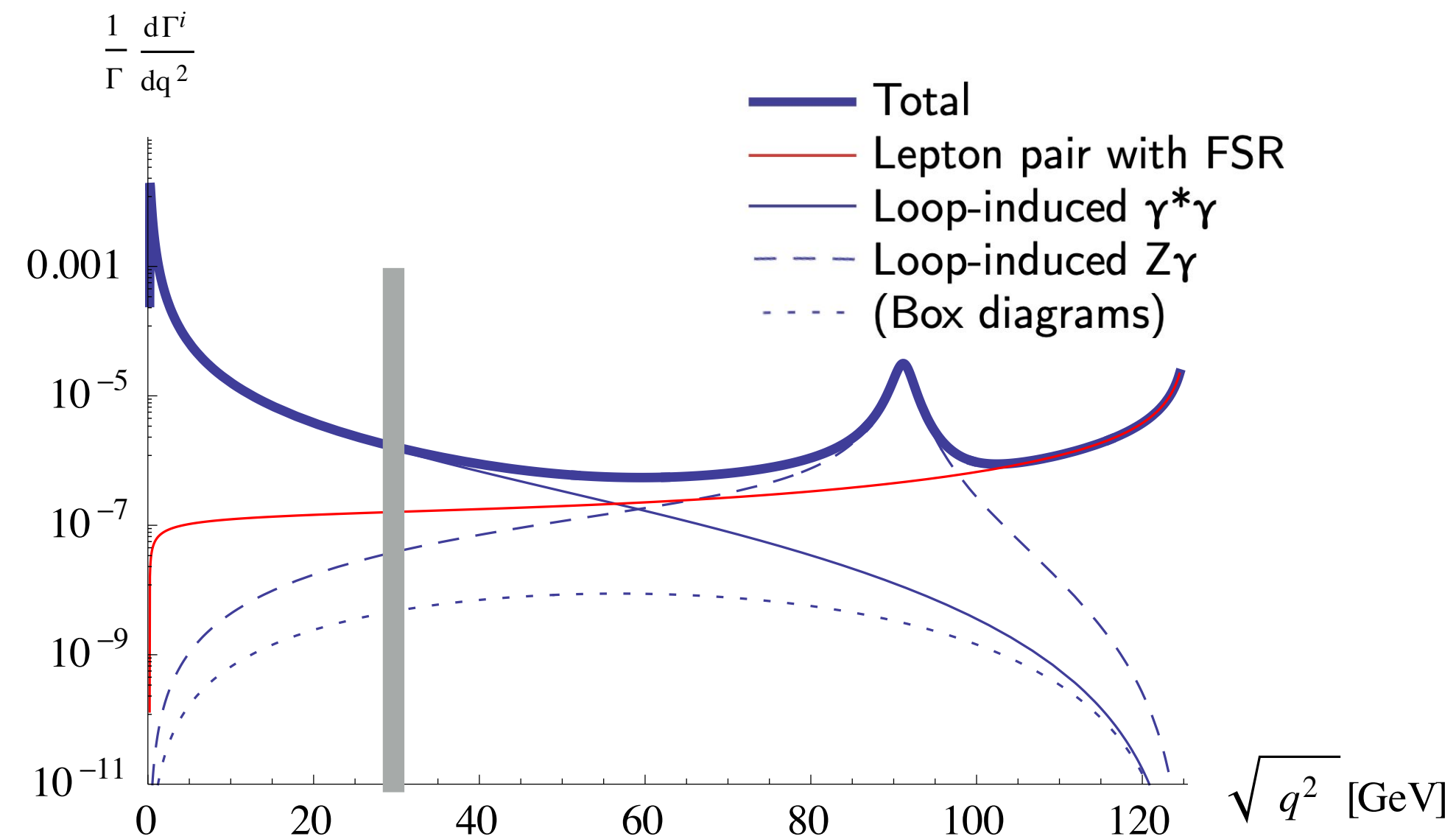
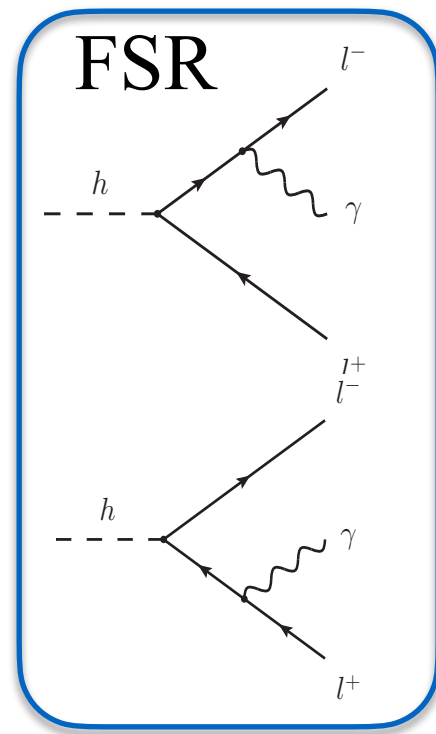
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Probe for Higgs rare decay to complement the Higgs property in SM and new physics search

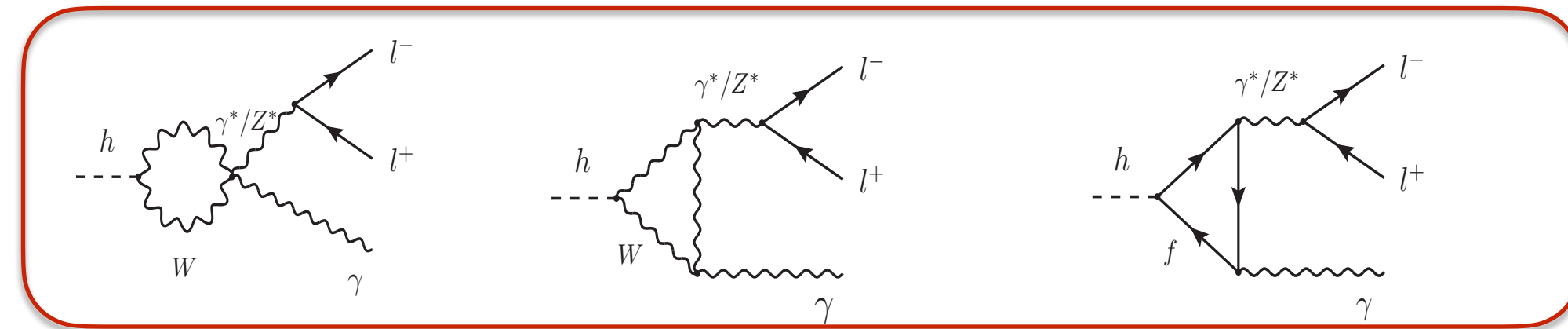
- ◆ In SM, $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow Z\gamma) = (1.57 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-3}$, comparable with $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = (2.27 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-3}$
- ◆ In current LHC study, focus on $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$ only with the $ll\gamma$ final state
 - ◆ Good resolution, efficiency and S/B separation
 - ◆ Low fraction of 6%

$H \rightarrow ll\gamma$

In the $H \rightarrow ll\gamma$ decay mode, $Z\gamma$ and $\gamma^*\gamma$ and $ll\gamma$ are technically not distinguishable



$$\frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\mu^+\mu^-)}{\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} = 5.8\%$$

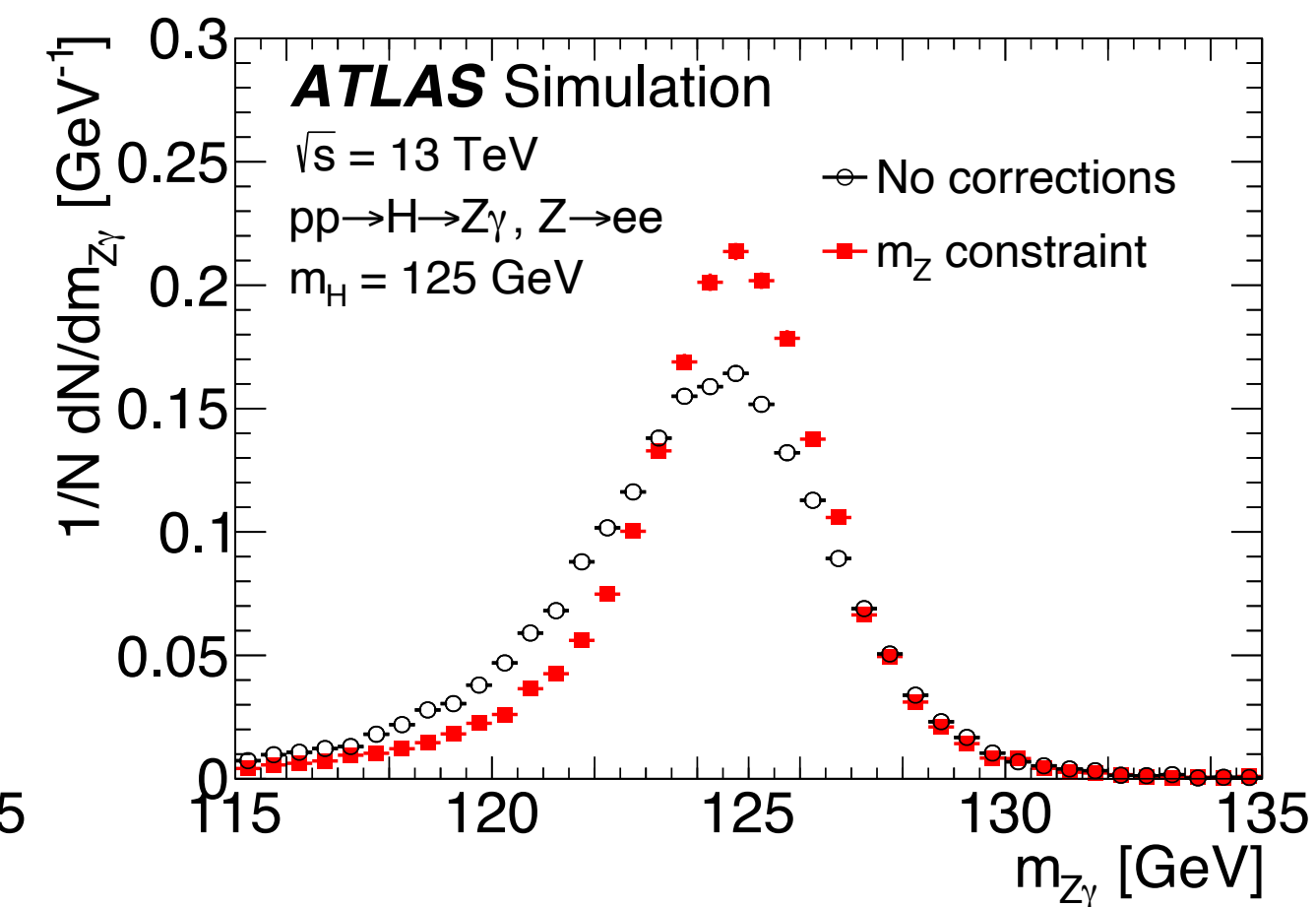
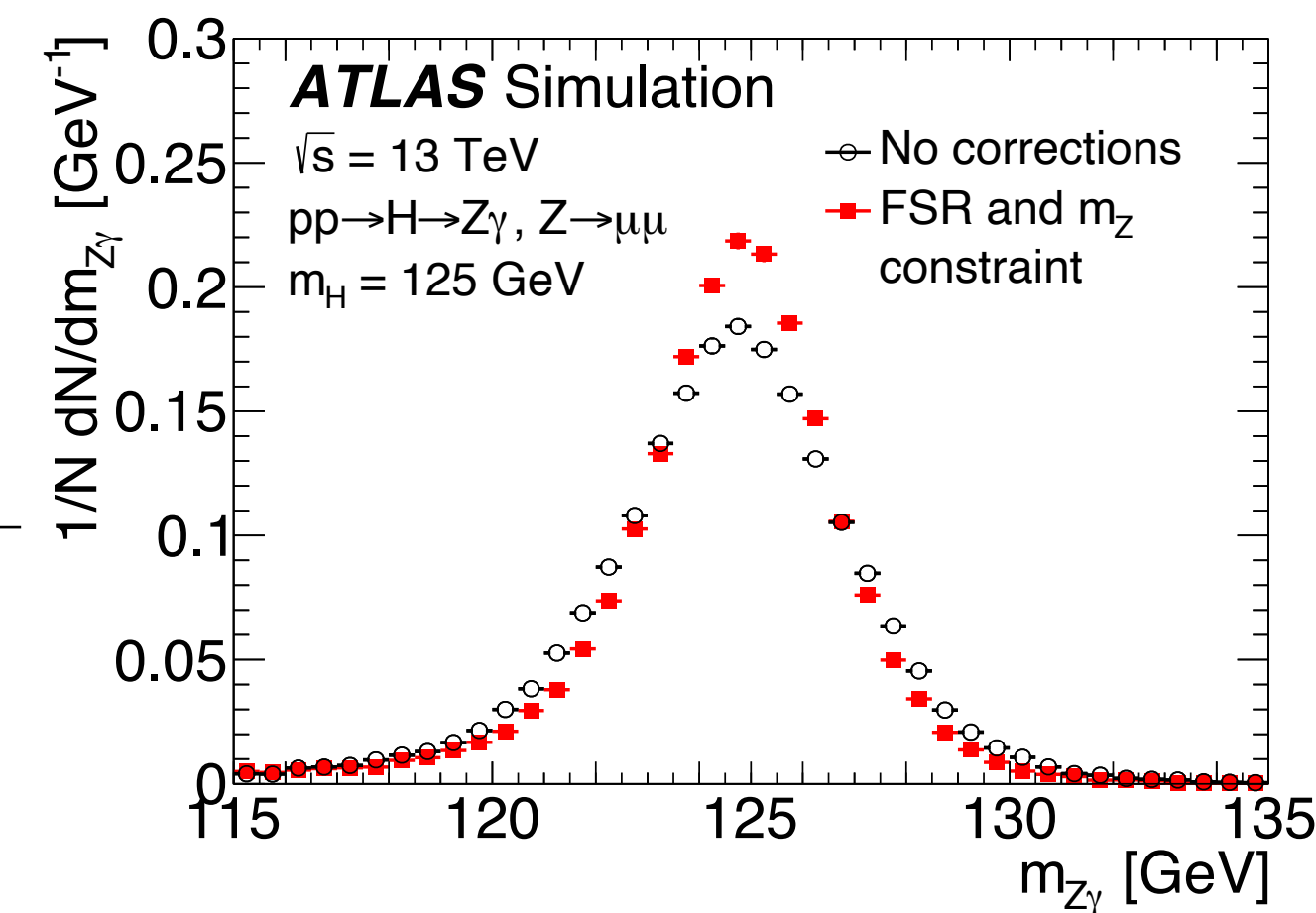


Separated optimization for on-shell $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ with $m_{ll} > 40\text{GeV}$ and off-shell $H \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma$ with $m_{ll} < 30\text{GeV}$

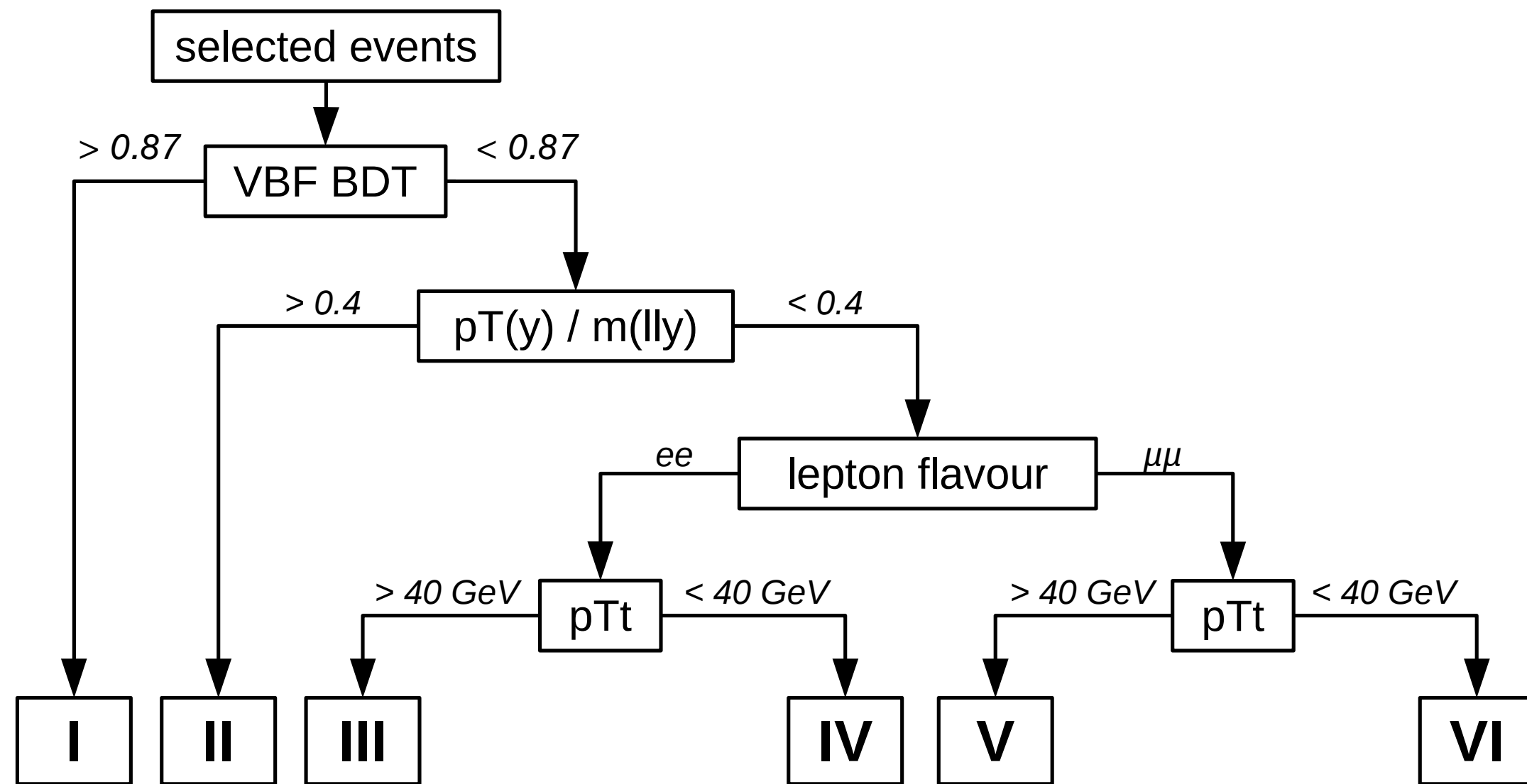
Search for $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ @Run2 (ATLAS)

- ◆ Decay rate is quite low for the e/ μ channel only
- ◆ Major in low pt region: $\sim 20\text{GeV}$ for photon, $\sim 50\text{GeV}$ and 30GeV for leading lepton and subleading lepton
 - ◆ Single-/Di-lepton triggers: High efficiency achieved with 95.6% for e channel and 92.2% for μ channel
- ◆ Higgs mass resolution improvement
 - ◆ 3% gain from FSR and 7%(13%) gain from Z-mass constraint for e(μ) channel

candidates	channel	single/di-lepton	trigger name
2015 data	$Z(\rightarrow ee)\gamma$	single electron	HLT_e24_lhmedium_L1EM20VH HLT_e60_lhmedium, HLT_e120_lhloose
2015 data	$Z(\rightarrow ee)\gamma$	di-electron	HLT_2e12_lhloose_L12EM10VH
2016 data	$Z(\rightarrow ee)\gamma$	single electron	HLT_e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose HLT_e60_lhmedium_nod0, HLT_e140_lhloose_nod0
2016 data	$Z(\rightarrow ee)\gamma$	di-electron	HLT_2e17_lhvloose_nod0
2017-2018 data	$Z(\rightarrow ee)\gamma$	single electron	HLT_e26_lhtight_nod0_ivarloose HLT_e60_lhmedium_nod0, HLT_e140_lhloose_nod0
2017-2018 data	$Z(\rightarrow ee)\gamma$	di-electron	HLT_2e24_lhvloose_nod0
2015 data	$Z(\rightarrow \mu\mu)\gamma$	single muon	HLT_mu26_imedium, HLT_mu50
2015 data	$Z(\rightarrow \mu\mu)\gamma$	di-muon	HLT_mu22_mu8noL1
2016 data	$Z(\rightarrow \mu\mu)\gamma$	single muon	HLT_mu26_imedium HLT_mu26_ivarmedium, HLT_mu50
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Search for $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ @Run2 (ATLAS)

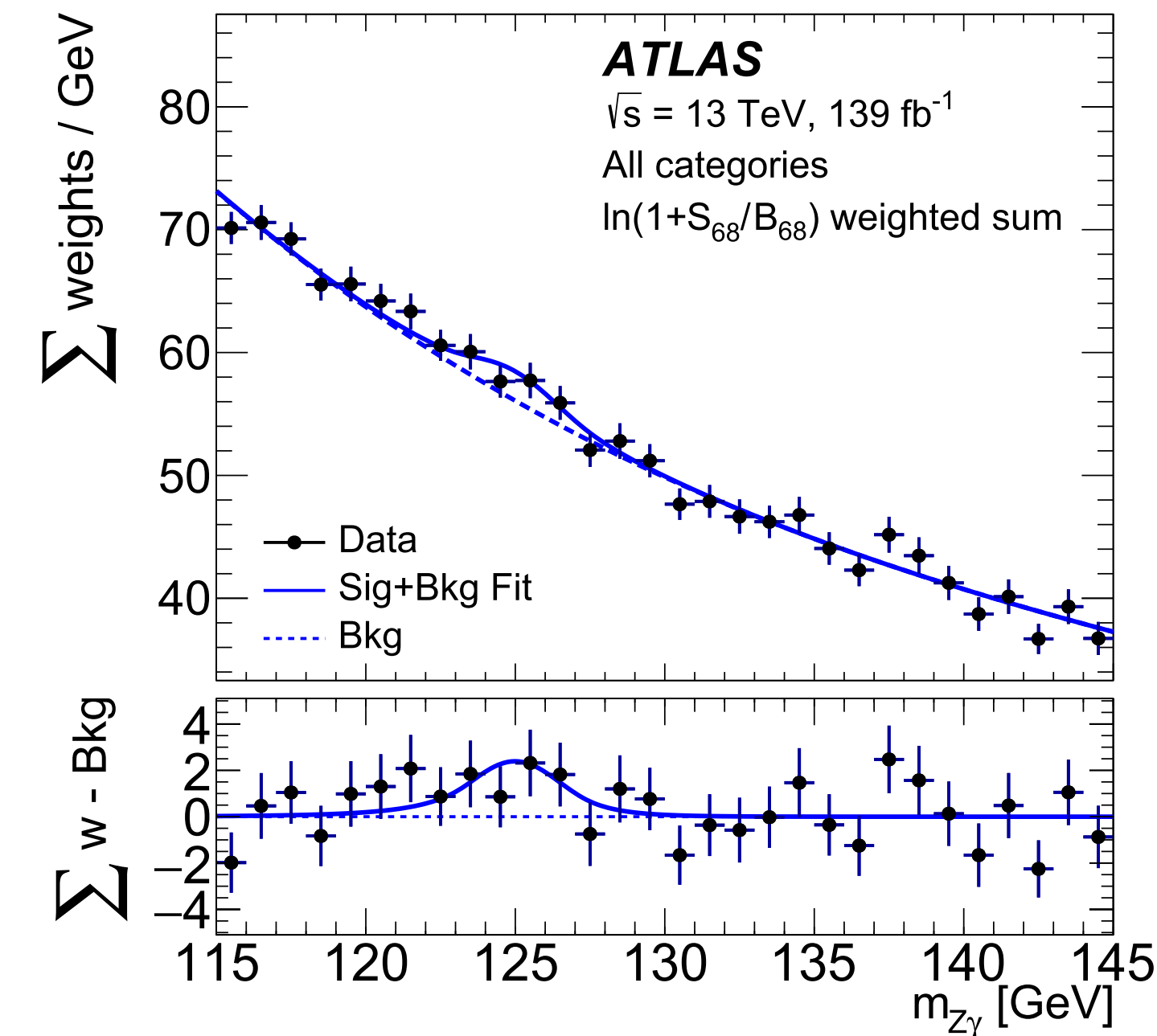


Category	$S_{68}/B_{68} [10^{-2}]$	$S_{68}/\sqrt{S_{68} + B_{68}}$
VBF-enriched	16.2	0.60
High relative p_T	7.0	0.70
High p_{Tt} ee	2.1	0.45
Low p_{Tt} ee	0.5	0.43
High p_{Tt} $\mu\mu$	1.9	0.47
Low p_{Tt} $\mu\mu$	0.5	0.47
Inclusive	0.7	0.86

- ◆ Higgs signal mode include: ggH, VBF, VH, ttH.
- ◆ Dedicated optimization only for the VBF and ggF production modes

Results

Simultaneous fit performed on $m_{Z\gamma}$ spectra of the mutual categories



Uncertainty	$\Delta\mu/\mu$ (obs.)	$\Delta\mu/\mu$ (exp.)
Statistical uncertainty	43.1%	82.8%
Spurious signal	14.7%	28.4%
e/γ scale, resolution	2.0%	2.4%
Luminosity	1.7%	1.6%
Photon efficiency	1.6%	1.8%
Jet	1.5%	1.1%
Electron, Higgs mass, Muon, $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ normalization, PRW	2.0%	2.1%
QCD scale	6.9%	6.1%
$BR(H \rightarrow Z\gamma)$ uncertainty	5.7%	5.9%
UEPS	2.4%	2.1%
PDF, α_s	2.2%	2.8%
Total	46.7%	88.1%

◆ SM prediction ($m_H = 125.09\text{GeV}$):

◆ $Br(H \rightarrow Z\gamma) = 1.54 \times 10^{-3}$

◆ $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) \times Br(H \rightarrow Z\gamma) = 83.1\text{fb}$

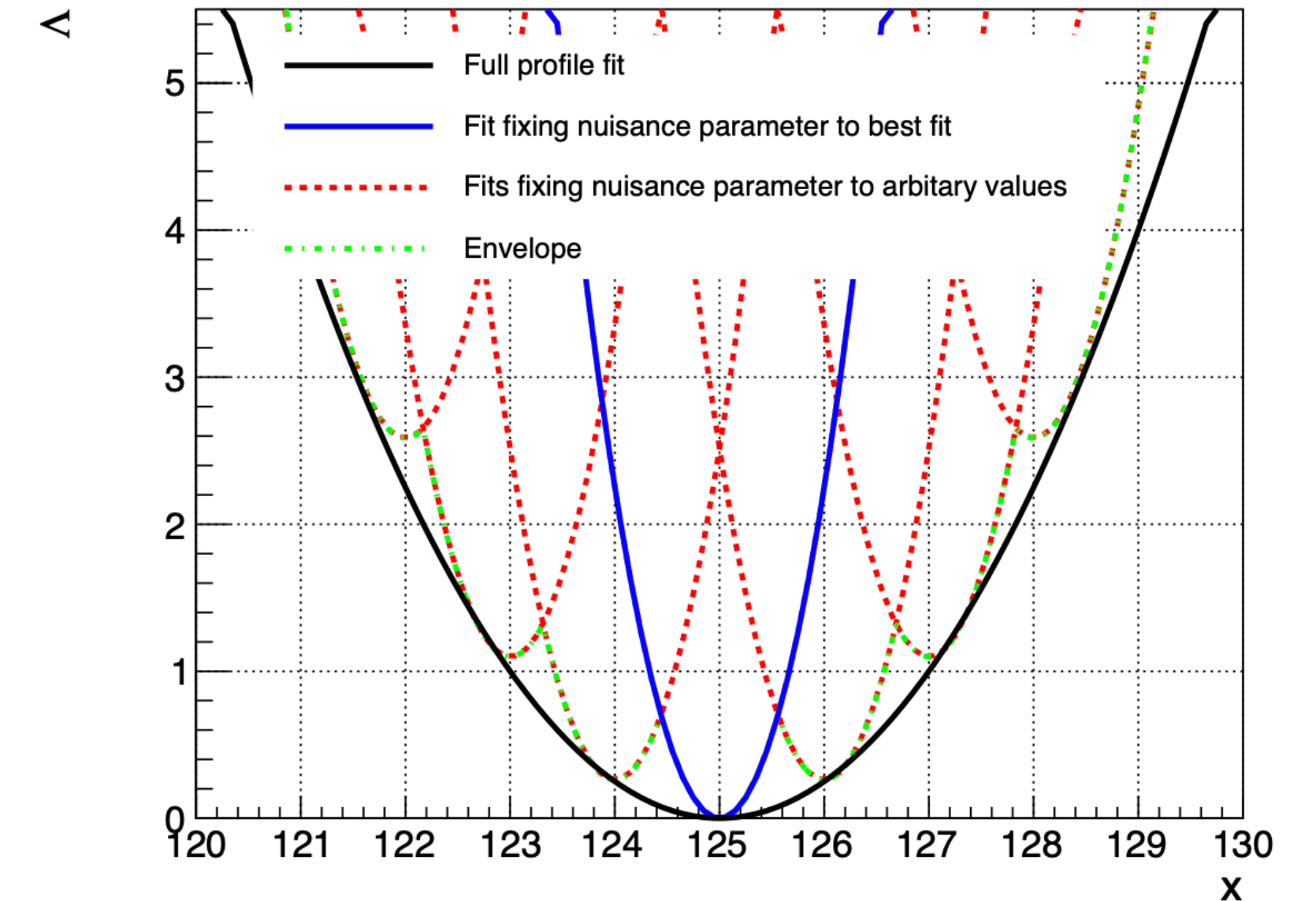
◆ Obs (Exp) μ : 3.6 (1.7) $\times$ SM @95% CL

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- ◆ The analysis is still statistical dominantly
- ◆ Major systematic uncertainty is spurious signal due to the decision from background function form

Search for $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ @Run2 (CMS)

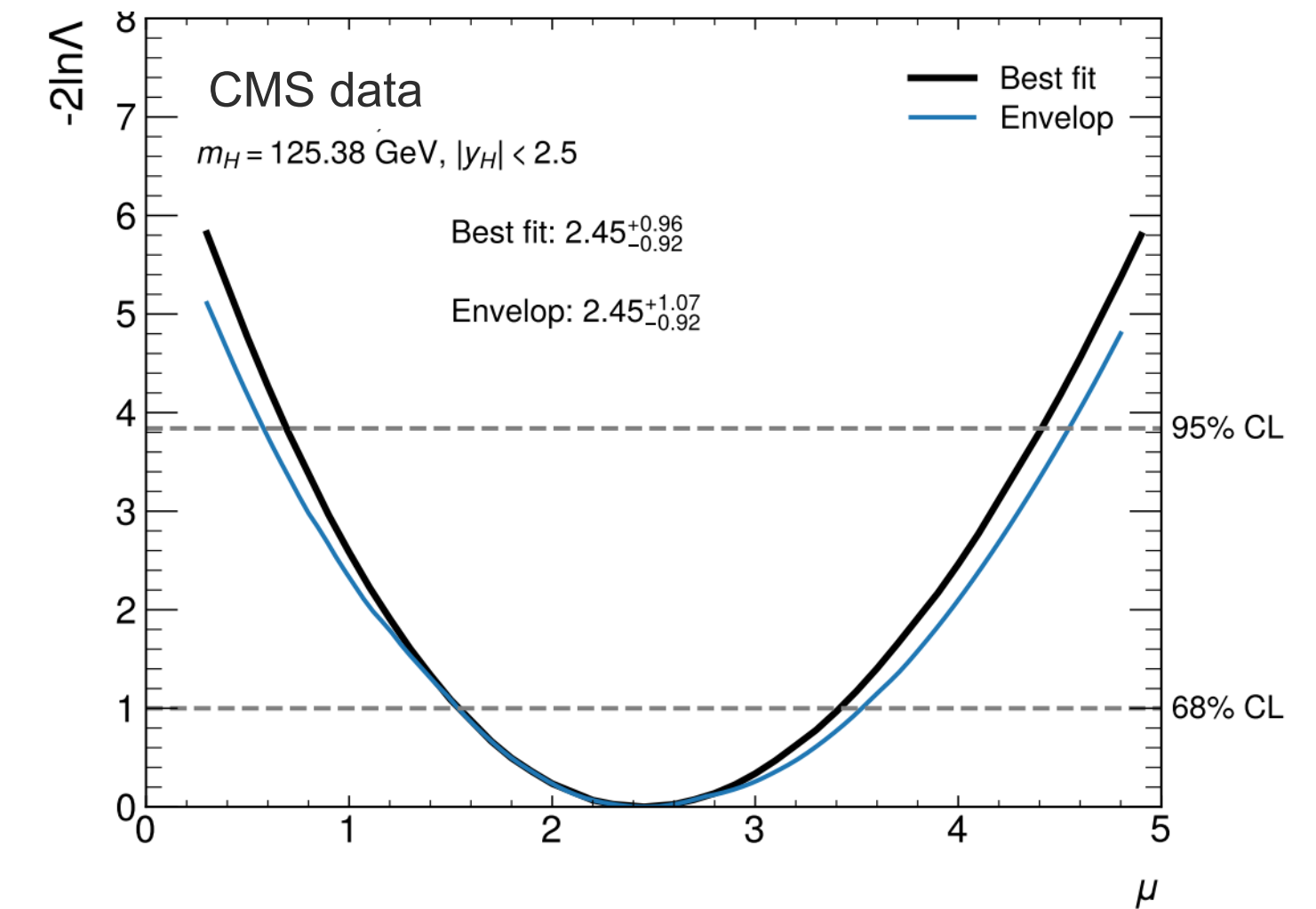
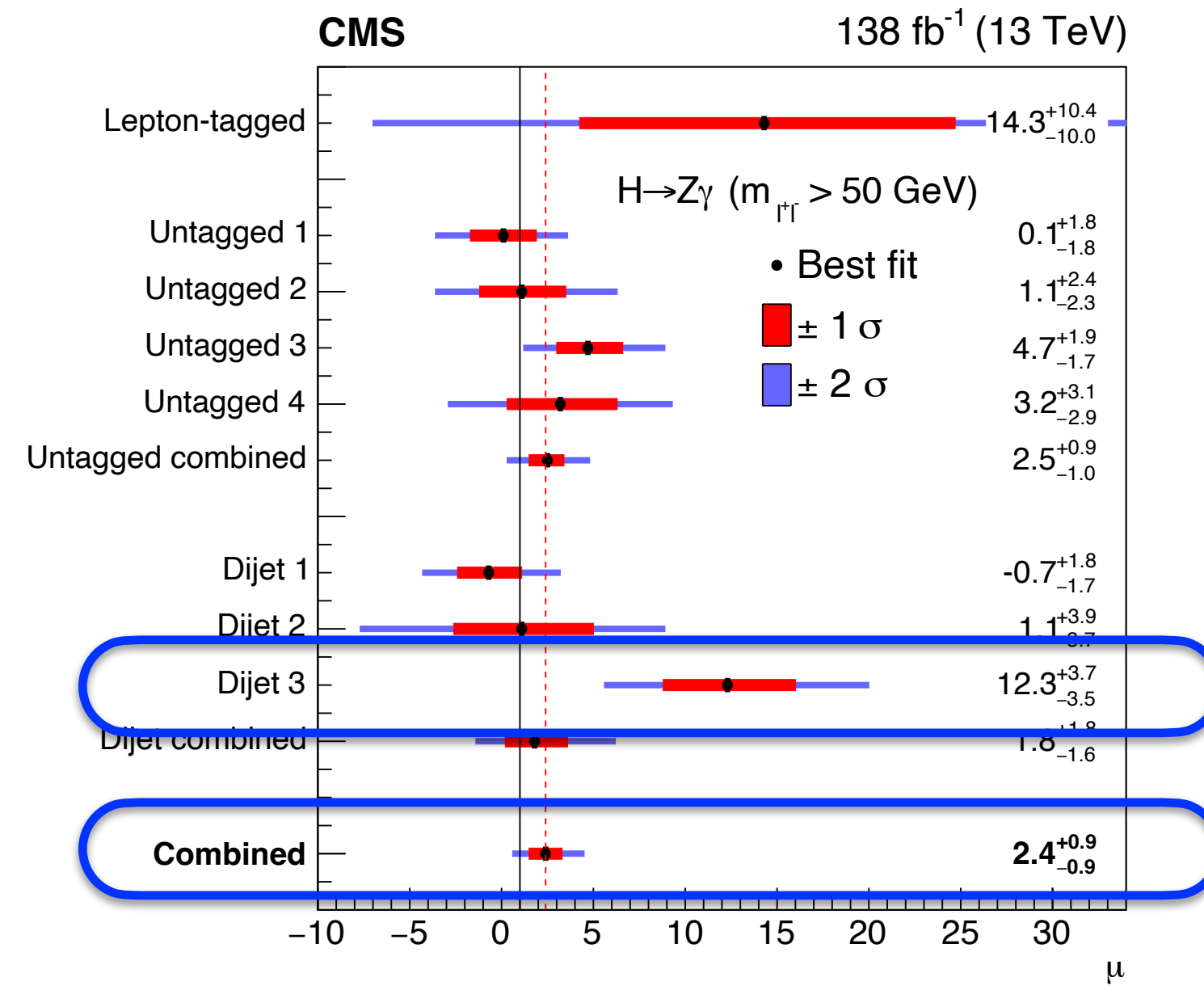
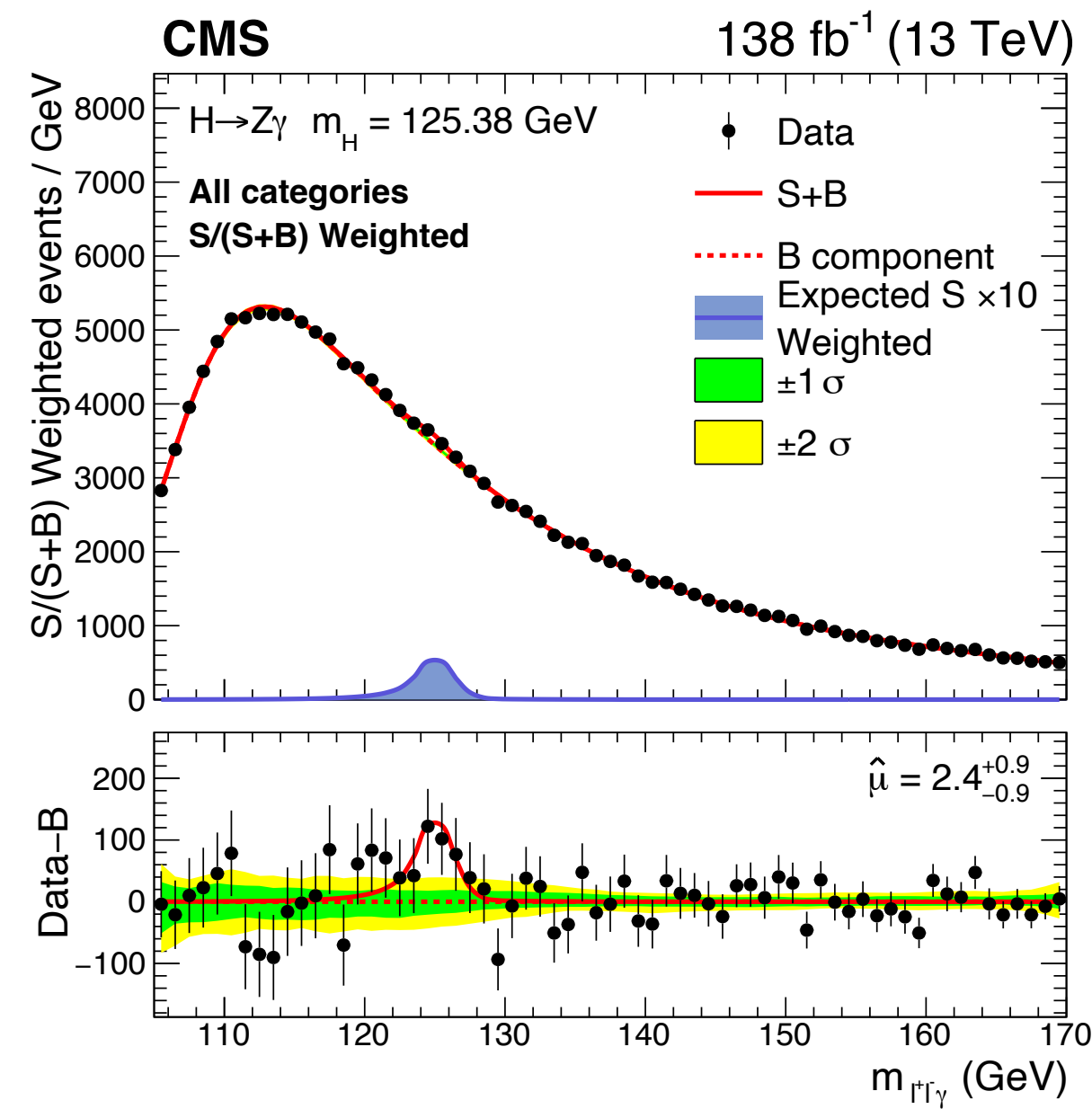
138 fb ⁻¹	Lepton		Dijet 1	Dijet 2	Dijet 3	Untagged 1	Untagged 2	Untagged 3	Untagged 4
SM signal yield									
ggH	0.51	e ⁺ e ⁻	1.10	1.62	9.44	6.89	7.35	29.8	22.5
		μ ⁺ μ ⁻	1.41	2.05	12.1	8.52	9.17	38.0	29.0
VBF	0.09	e ⁺ e ⁻	1.94	0.76	1.13	0.71	0.35	0.92	0.51
		μ ⁺ μ ⁻	2.40	0.97	1.43	0.89	0.43	1.18	0.65
VH + tt̄H	1.84	e ⁺ e ⁻	0.04	0.13	1.89	0.31	0.17	0.45	0.27
		μ ⁺ μ ⁻	0.05	0.16	2.36	0.39	0.21	0.57	0.33
SM resonant background									
H → μ ⁺ μ ⁻	0.14	μ ⁺ μ ⁻	0.27	0.27	0.43	0.62	0.49	2.02	1.78
Mass resolution (GeV)	2.12	e ⁺ e ⁻	1.91	2.06	2.15	1.80	1.97	2.12	2.33
		μ ⁺ μ ⁻	1.52	1.61	1.72	1.37	1.42	1.62	1.83
Data yield	1485		168	589	11596	1485	1541	2559	17608
S/√B	0.06		0.54	0.24	0.26	0.45	0.35	0.53	0.30



[arxiv: 2204.12945](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.12945)

- ◆ Higgs signal mode include: **ggH, VBF, VH, ttH**
- ◆ Dedicated categorization optimization: **VH-rich, VBF-rich, ggH-rich**
- ◆ Discrete profiling method for the background function decision:
 - ◆ float the background function form in each category
 - ◆ take into account the n.d.f. difference of background functions

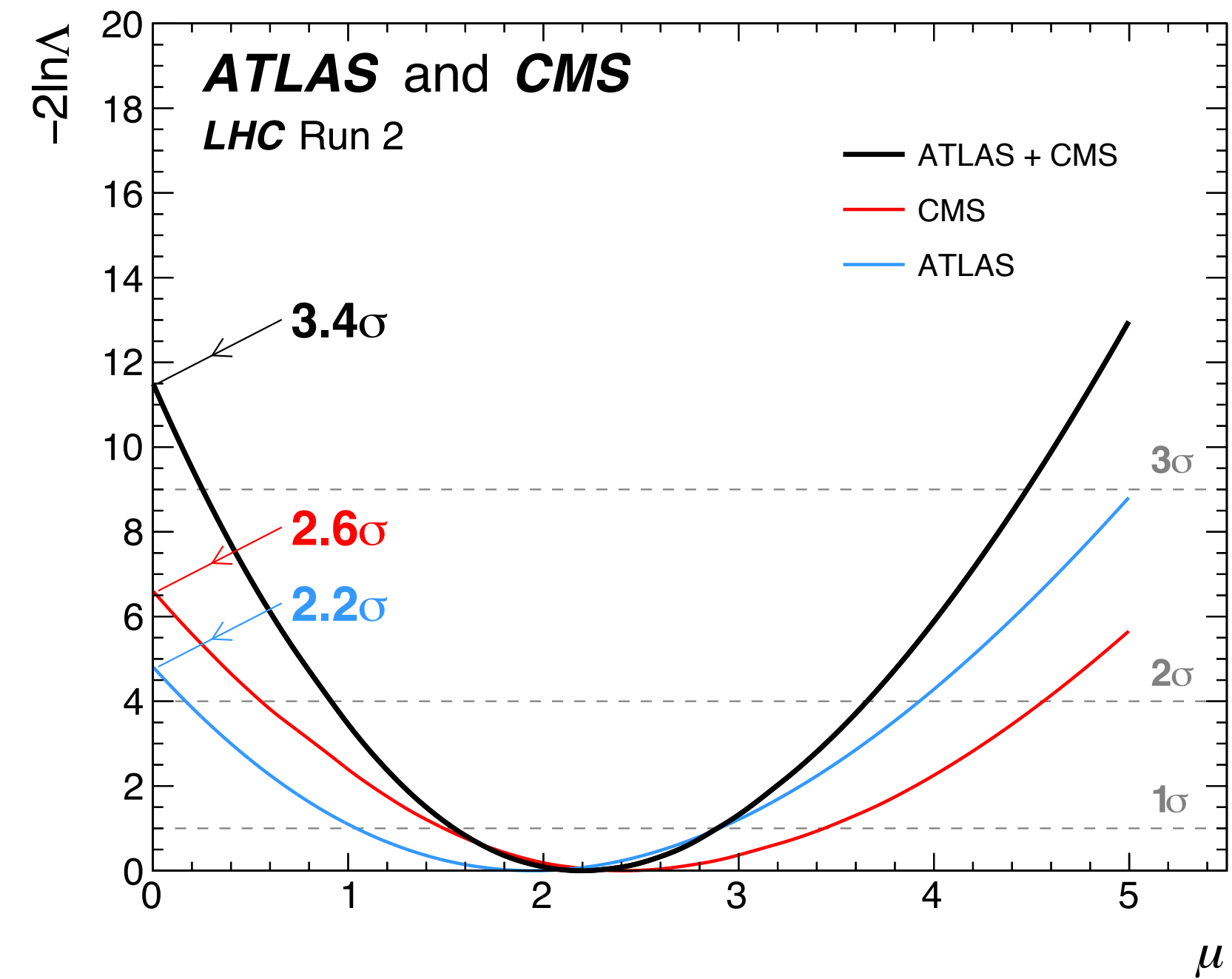
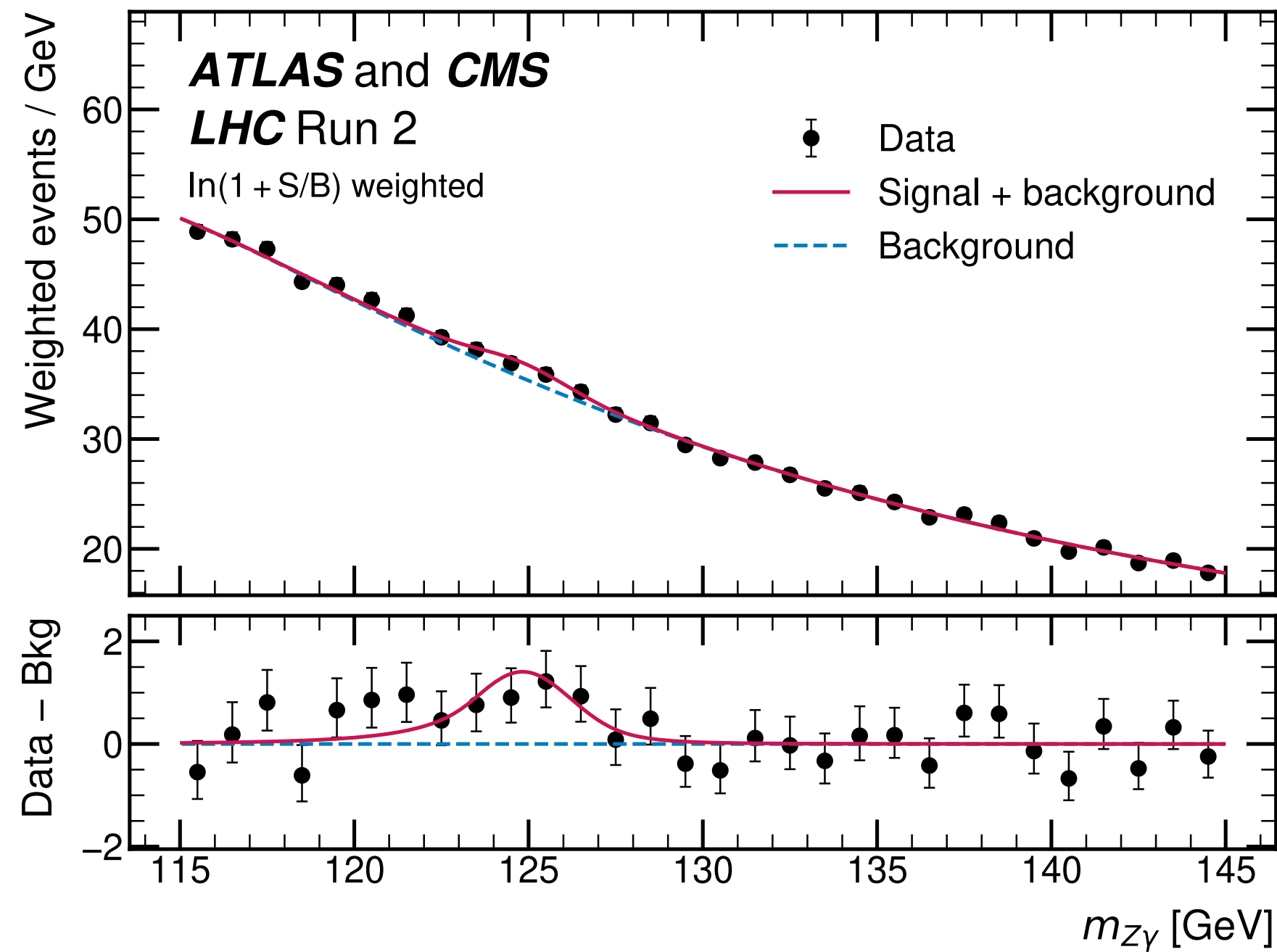
Search for $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ @Run2 (CMS)



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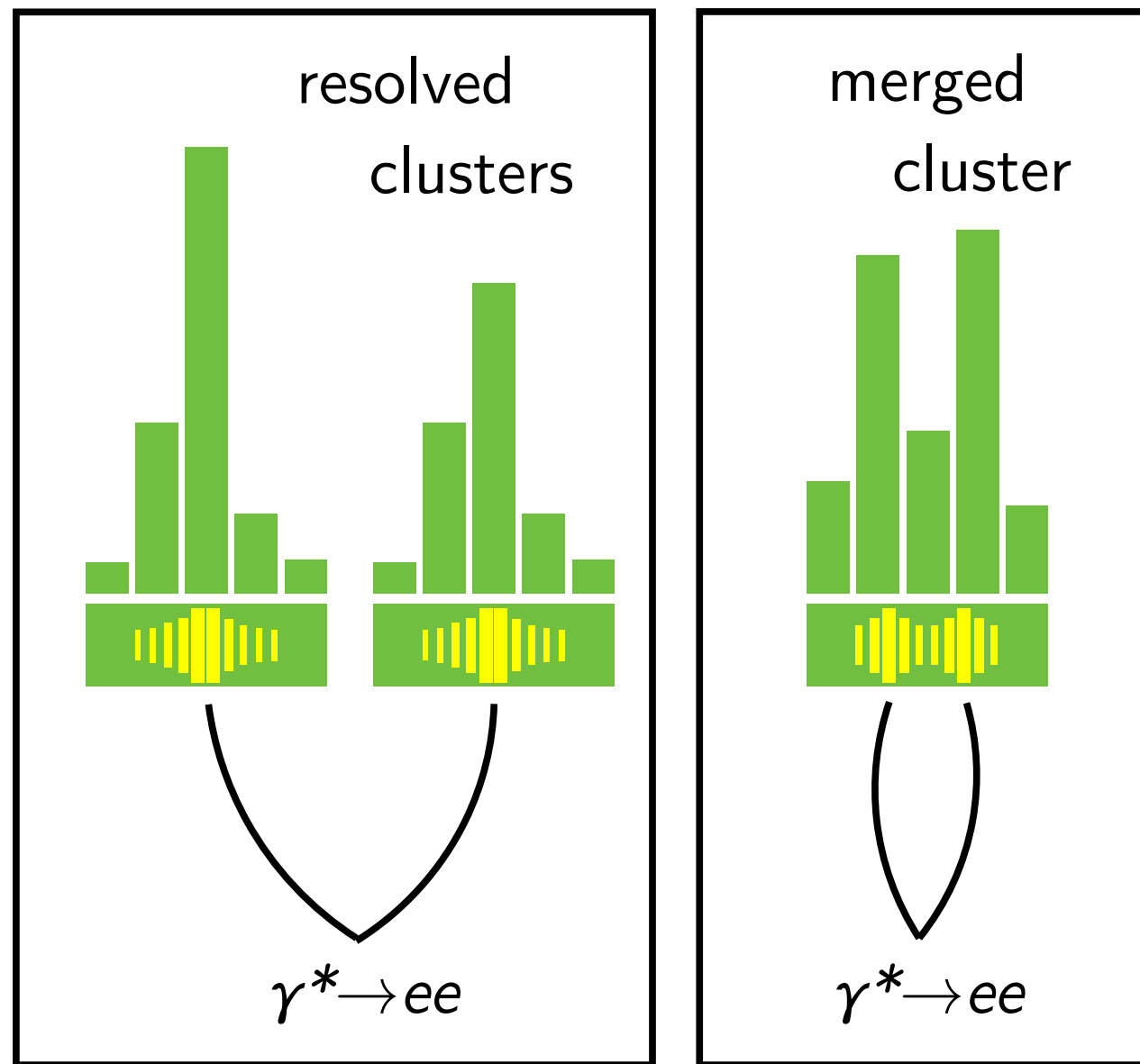
- ◆ Different Higgs mass ($m_H = 125.38$ GeV)
- ◆ Observed (expected) significance: 2.7 (1.2) σ
- ◆ Observed (expected) signal strength: $2.4^{+0.8}_{-0.9}$ (stat) $^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$ (syst) (1.0 ± 0.9)

First evidence of $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ with ATLAS-CMS combination



	ATLAS	CMS	ATLAS+CMS
μ	$2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$	$2.4^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$	$2.2 \pm 0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$
Obs. Z	2.2σ	2.6σ	3.4σ
Exp. Z	1.2σ	1.1σ	1.6σ

$H \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$ @ ATLAS



Resolved Electrons:

$p_T > 4.5$ GeV

Both tracks require innermost pixel hit

E- γ Ambiguity: unambiguous ele (bit=0)

Medium ID

FCLoose* *applied only to the leading e*

$d_0 / \sigma_{d0} < 3, |z_0 \sin \theta| < 0.5$

Merged Electrons

$p_T > 20$ GeV

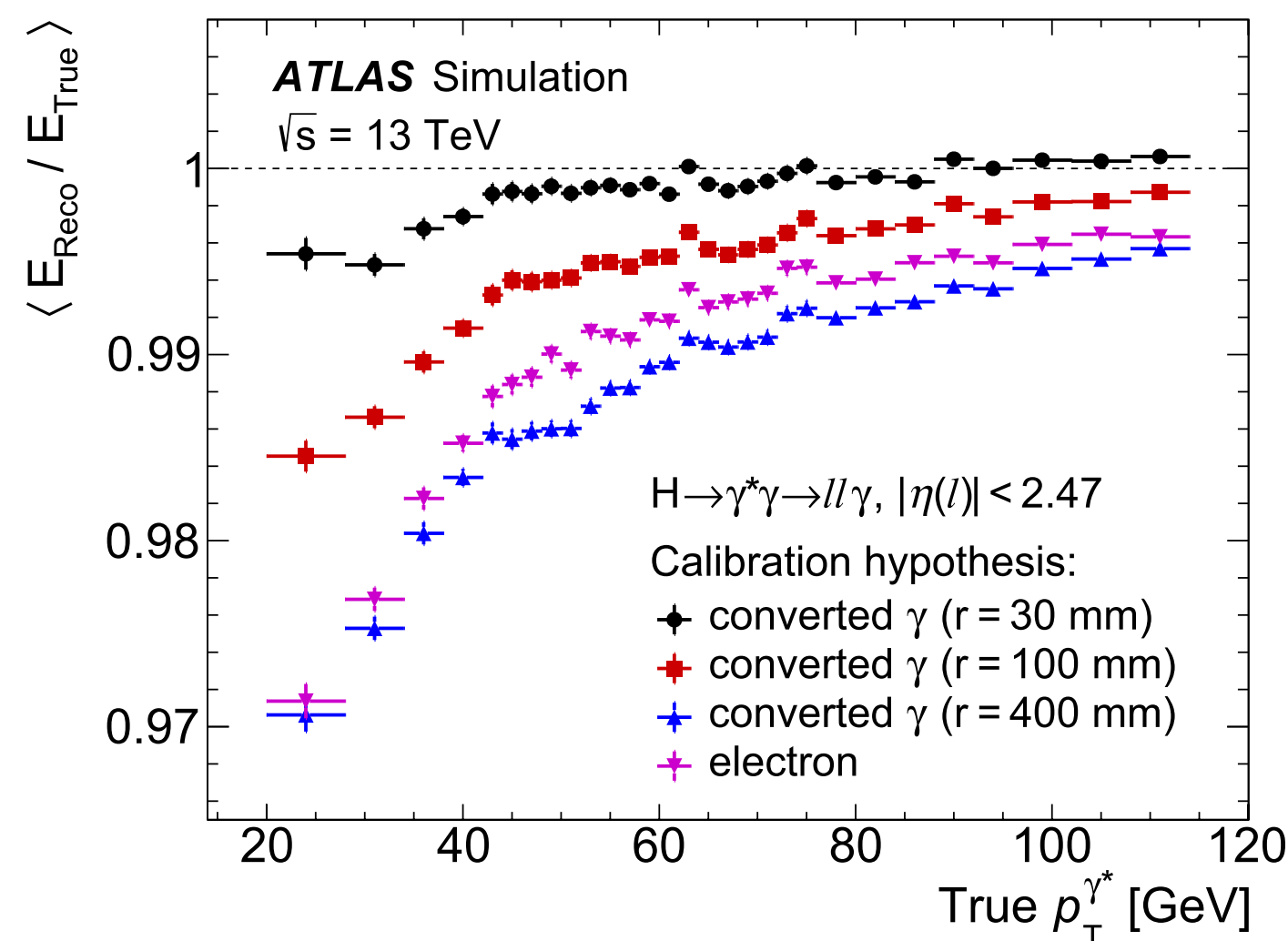
Both tracks require innermost pixel hit

E- γ Ambiguity: reject Ambiguity=5

Custom ID (TMVA)

FCTight Isolation

$d_0 / \sigma_{d0} < 3, |z_0 \sin \theta| < 0.5$



- ◆ **Custom ID for Merged Electrons** (with the efficiency of 50 - 70%)
- ◆ **Dedicated calibration for merged electron as converted photon with radius 30mm**

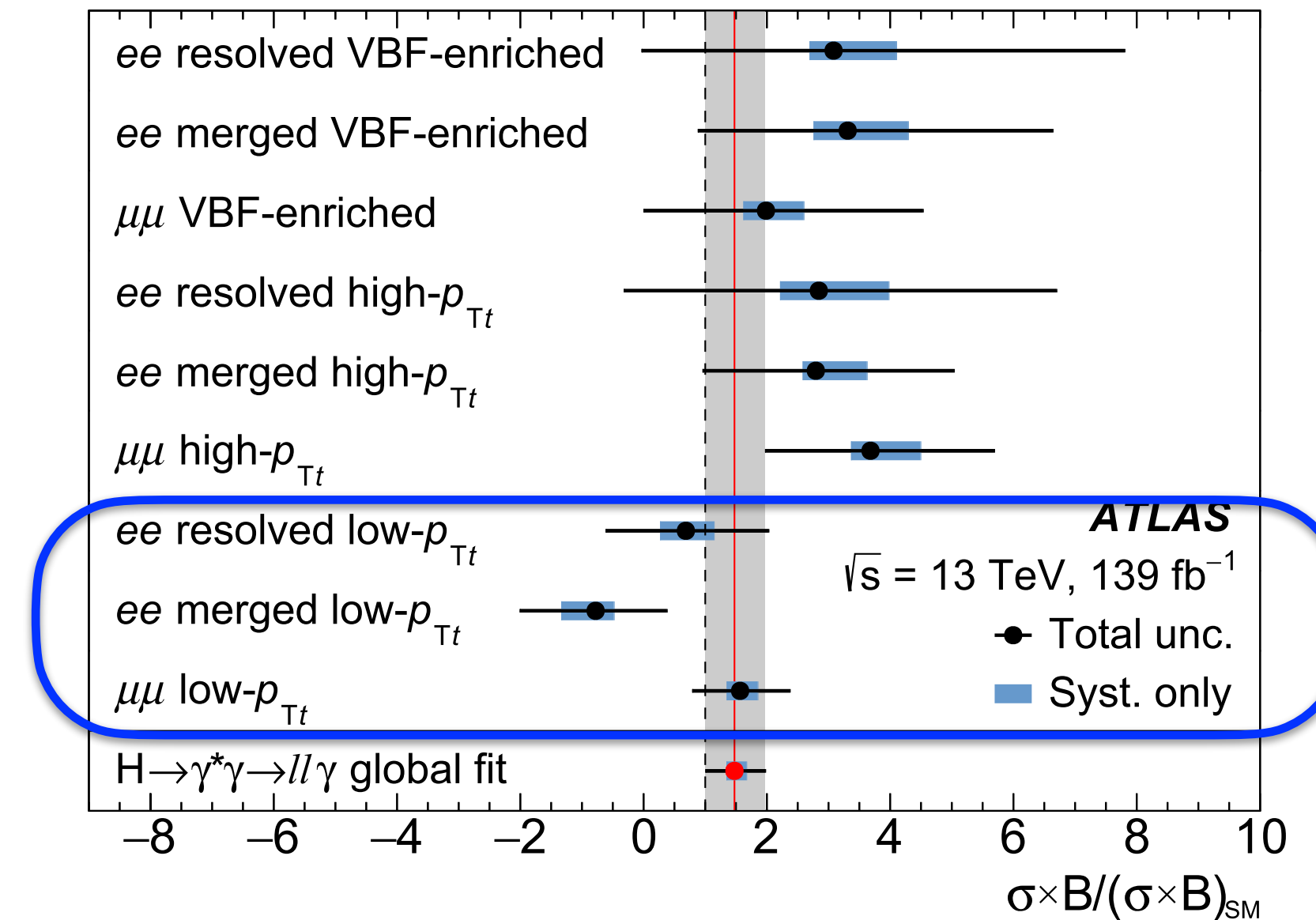
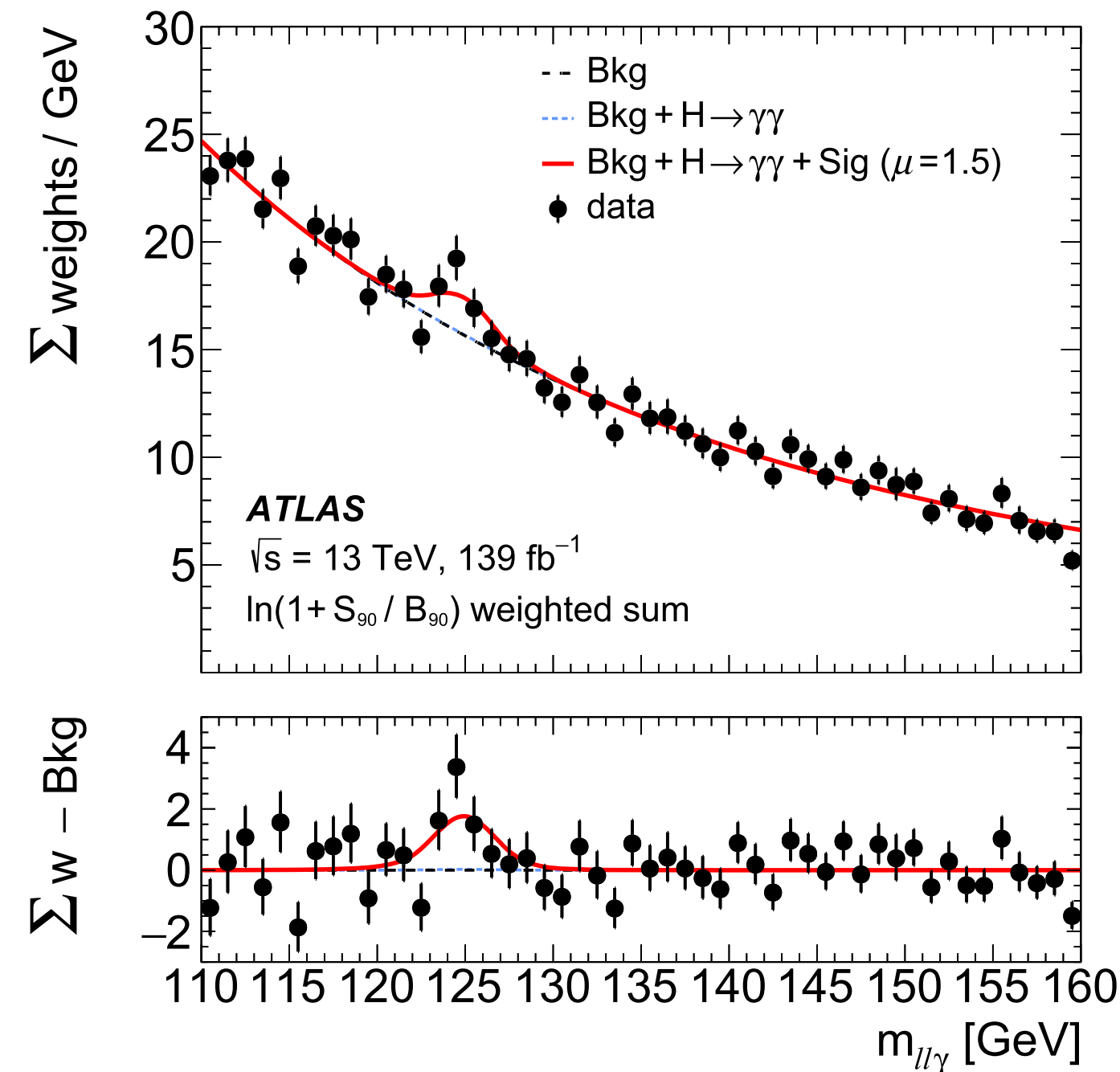
Categorization

Category	Definition
VBF Category	2 jets >25 GeV 2 selected jets must be >30 GeV if forward ($ \eta > 2.5$) $m_{jj} > 500$ GeV • $ \eta_{Zepp} < 2.0$ • $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.7$ $\Delta\varphi(\ell\ell\gamma, jj) > 2.8$ $\min(\Delta R(\text{obj}, j_i)) > 1.5$ for $j_i = 0,1$ and $\text{obj} = \gamma, \ell_0, \ell_1$
High- $p_{T\text{Thrust}}$ Category	Fails VBF Category selection $\ell\ell\gamma$ $p_{T\text{Thrust}} > 100$ GeV
Low- $p_{T\text{Thrust}}$ Category	All remaining events

Category	Events	S_{90}	B_{90}^N	$B_{H\rightarrow\gamma\gamma}$	f_{90} [%]	Z_{90}
ee resolved VBF-enriched	10	0.4	1.6	0.009	20	0.3
ee merged VBF-enriched	15	0.8	2.0	0.07	27	0.5
$\mu\mu$ VBF-enriched	33	1.3	5.9	–	18	0.5
ee resolved high- p_{Tt}	86	1.1	12	0.02	9	0.3
ee merged high- p_{Tt}	162	2.5	18	0.2	12	0.6
$\mu\mu$ high- p_{Tt}	210	4.0	34	–	11	0.7
ee resolved low- p_{Tt}	3713	22	729	0.5	2.9	0.8
ee merged low- p_{Tt}	5103	29	942	2	3.0	1.0
$\mu\mu$ low- p_{Tt}	9813	61	1750	–	3.4	1.4

9 categories in total: ($\mu\mu$, merged-e, resolve-e) × (VBF, high-Pt, low-Pt)

Results



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◆ Observed (expected) significance for $m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}$ is **3.2 σ (2.1 σ)**

◆ **Dominated by the statistical uncertainty**

- $\mu_{\text{obs}} = 1.5 \pm 0.5 = 1.5 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.})^{+0.2}_{-0.1}(\text{syst.})$

- $\mu_{\text{exp}} = 1.0 \pm 0.5 = 1.0 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.})^{+0.2}_{-0.1}(\text{syst.})$

$Z\gamma$ high mass search

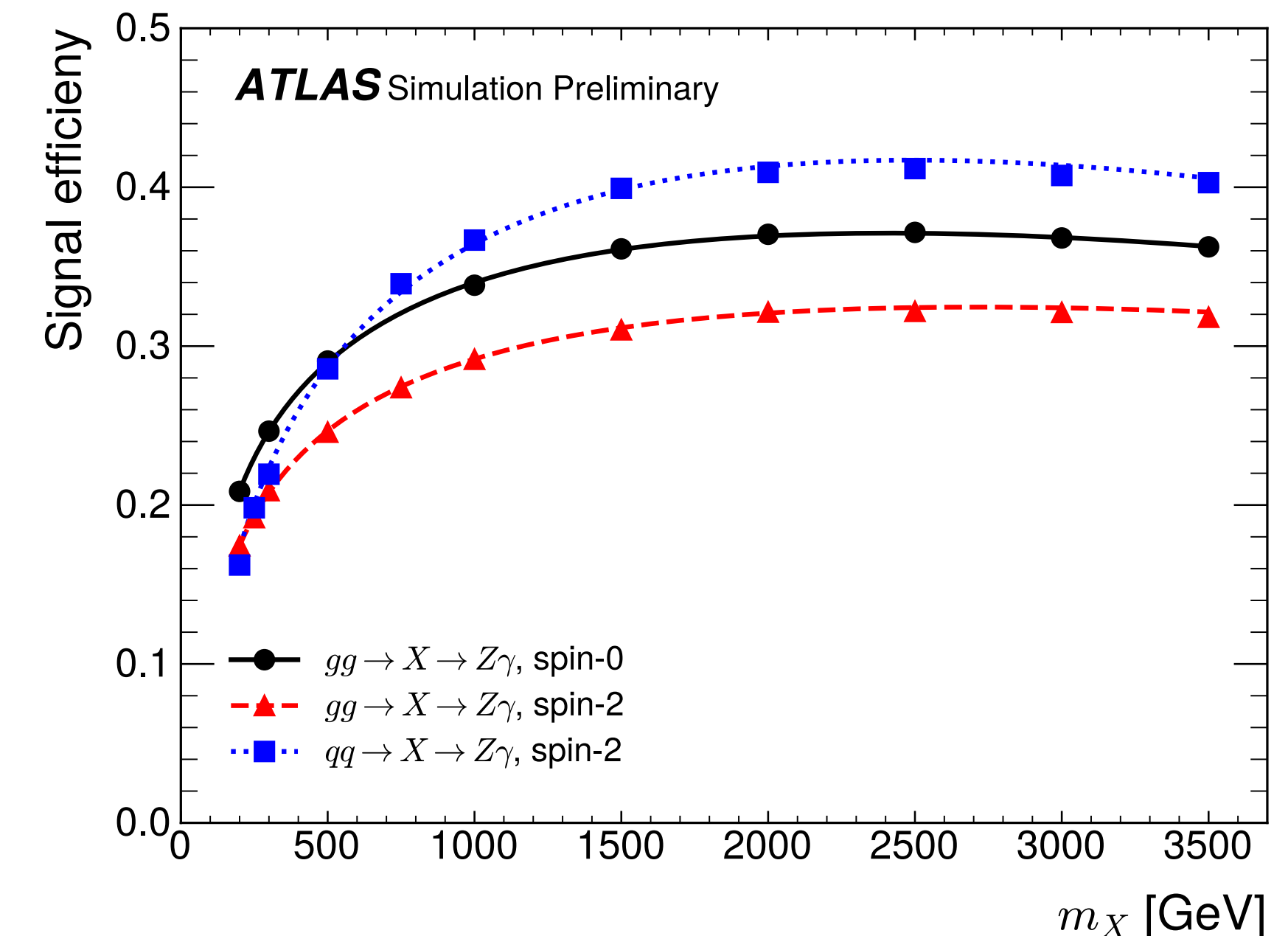
- ◆ Focus on the $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$ decay modes: high efficiency, good resolution and low s/b ratio
- ◆ **Challenge for Merged electron identification:** due to boost effect for the very high resonance mass, the di-leptons are quite collimated, out of detector granularity for electron pairs.

- ◆ **Customized electron ID (MVA ID):**

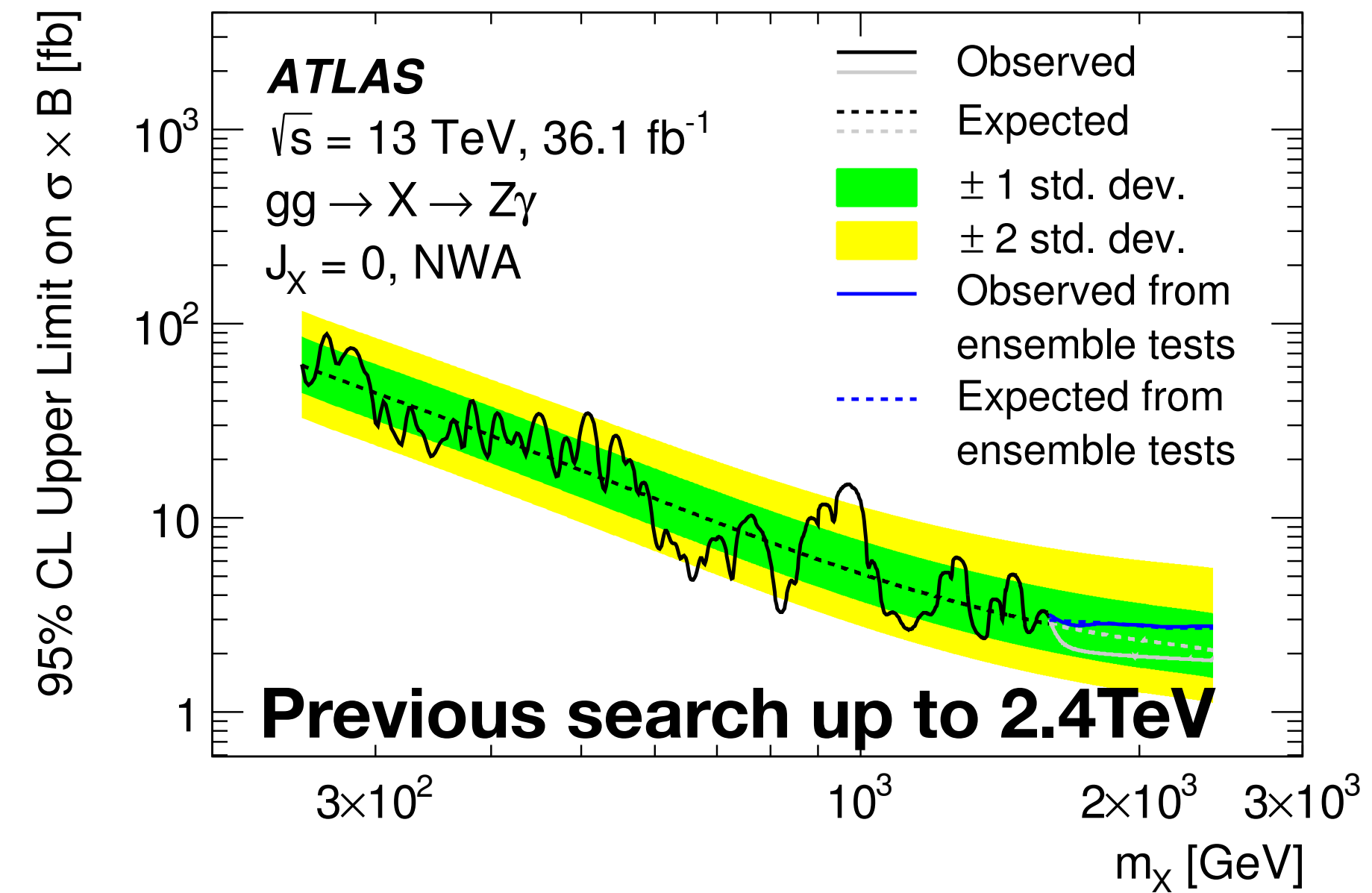
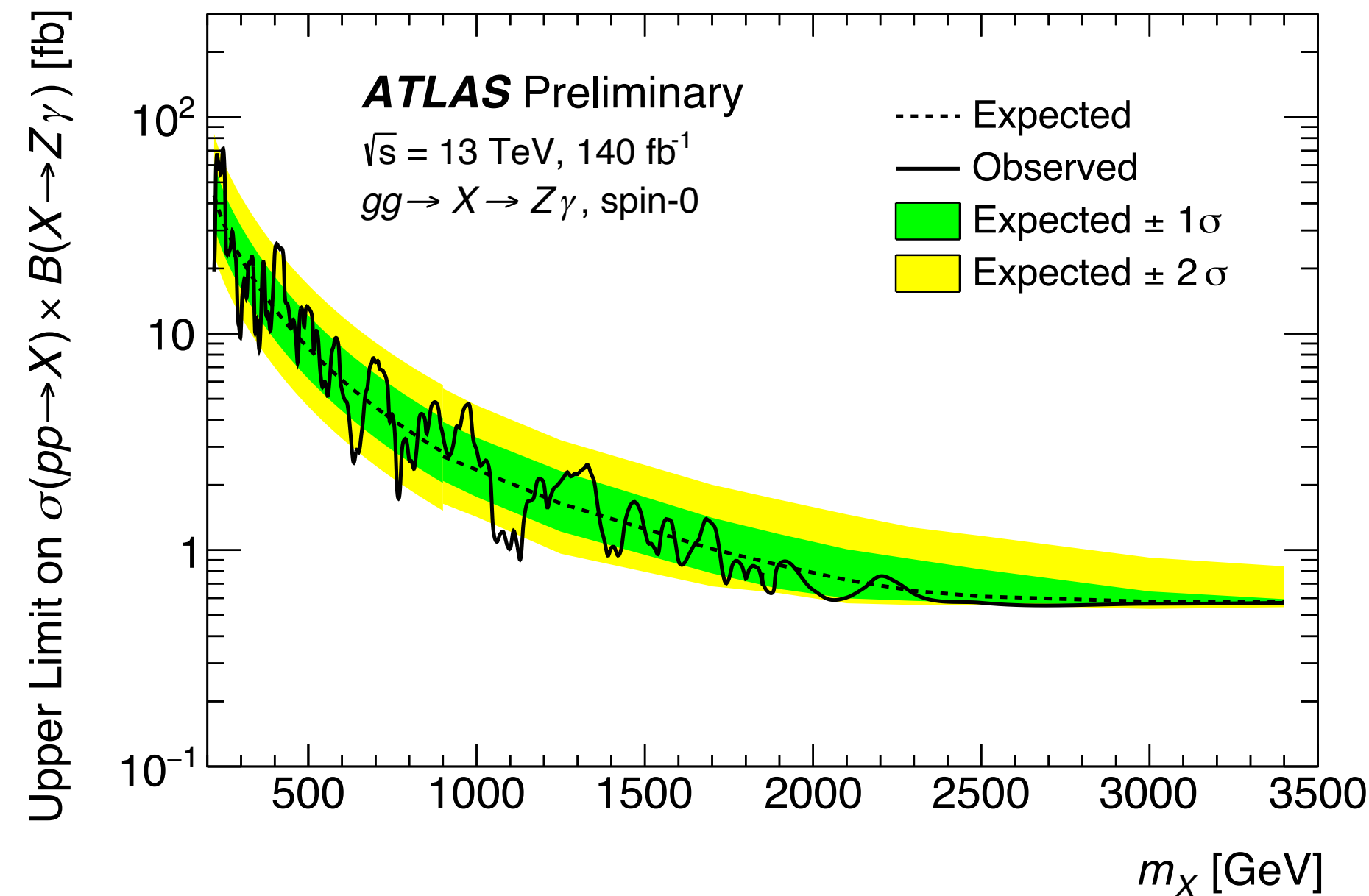
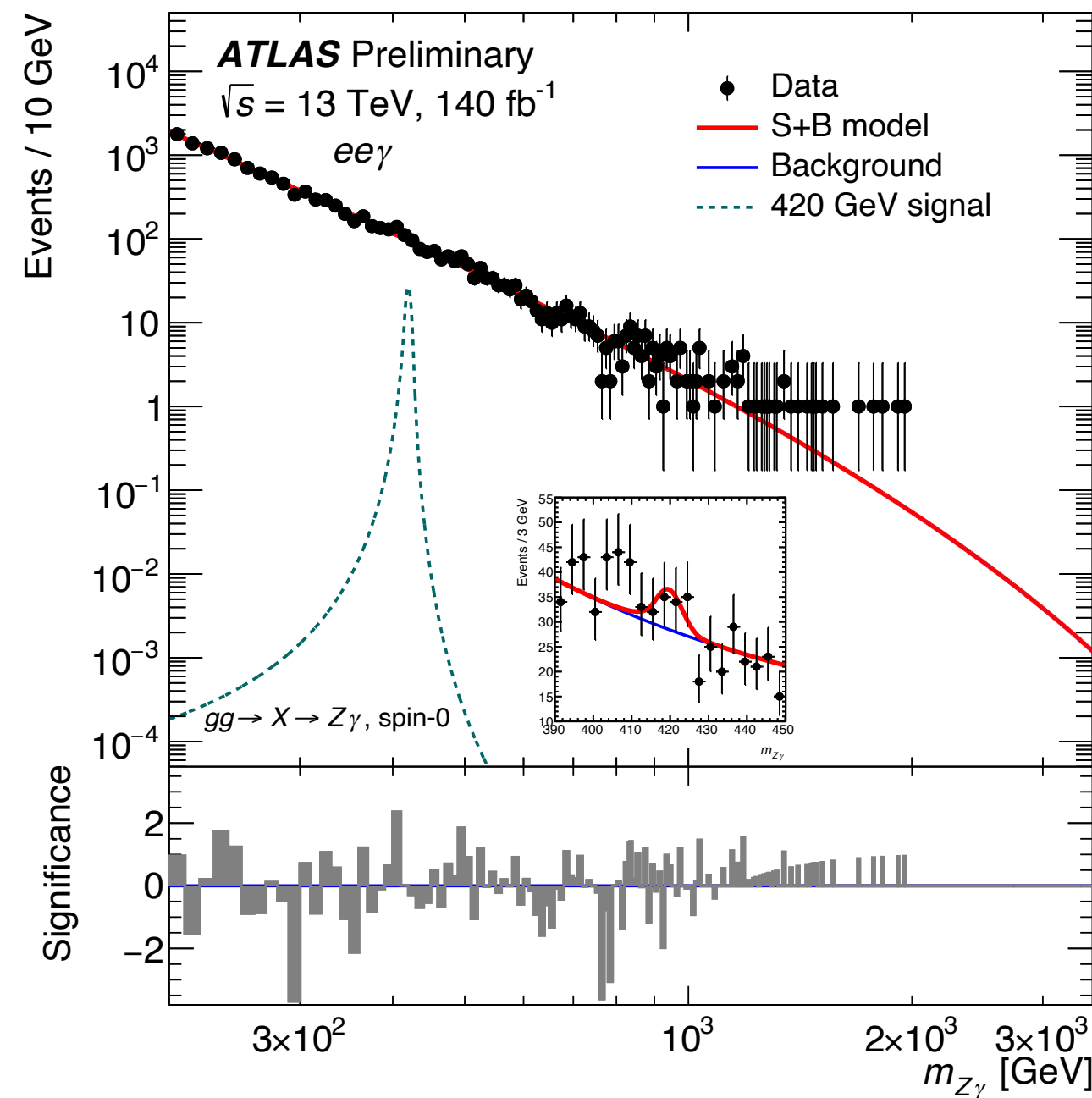
- ◆ MVA (XGBoost) using **shower shape variables** and **track-related variables** with a **signal efficiency of 99% @ 5TeV**
- ◆ **Mix-ID:** combine standard loose ID and MVA ID with a logical OR which improve the efficiency by 6.2% - 12.7%
- ◆ **ey pair selection:** one of electrons is misreconstructed as a photon, and retrieve via tracking matching

$$R_\eta, R_{\text{had}}, R_\phi, \Delta E_s \text{ and } E_{\text{ratio}}$$

$$E/p, \text{eProbabilityHT}, \Delta\eta_1, d_0, n_{\text{innermost}}, n_{\text{Pixel}} \text{ and } n_{\text{Si}}$$



New resonance search in $Z\gamma$ decay mode



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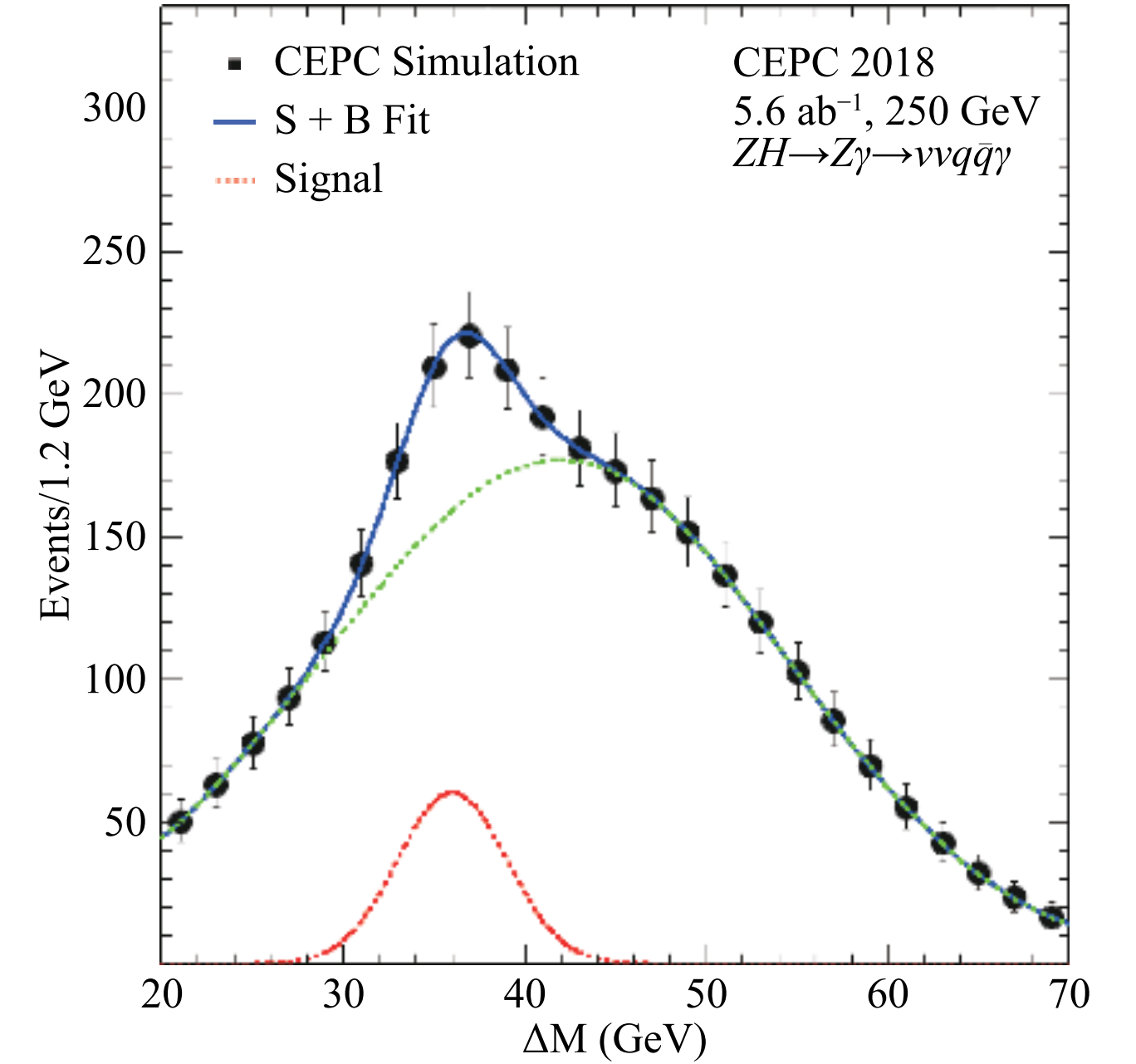
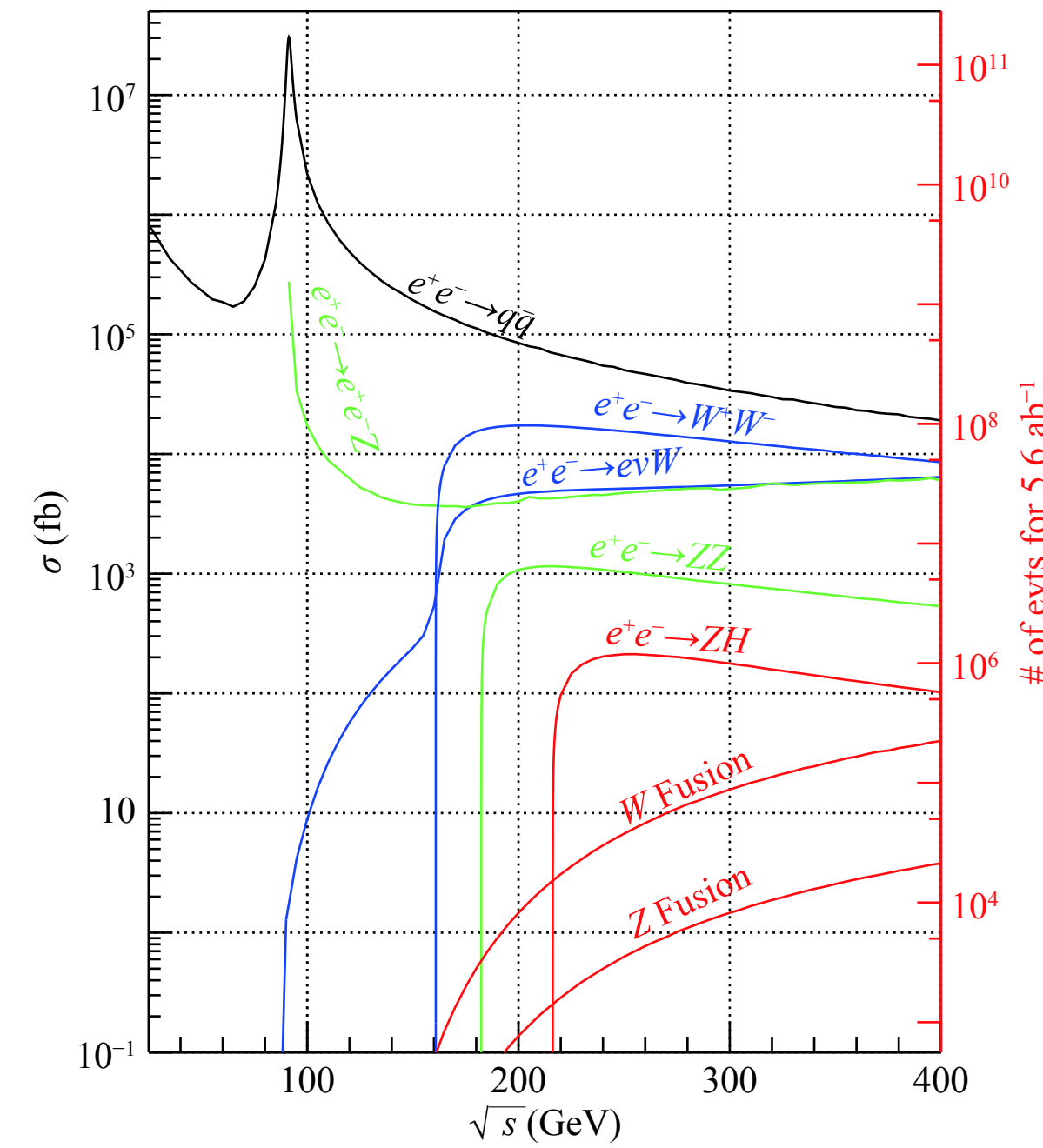
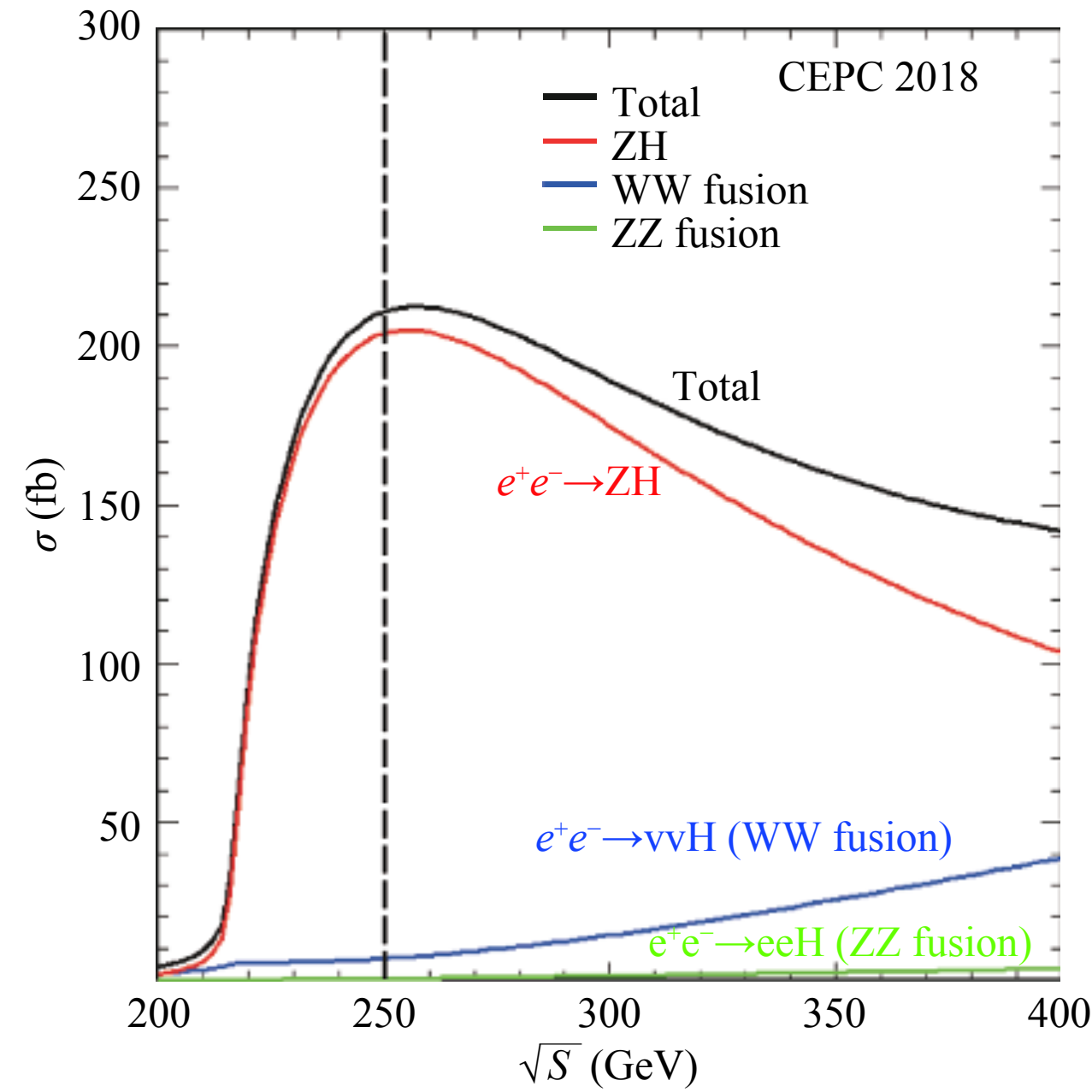
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- ◆ Due to the dedicated identification for boost di-electron pair:
 - ◆ Search range extends up to 3.4TeV
 - ◆ Sensitivity improved with a factor of 1.9 - 4
 - ◆ Available for further search extension in future

Recap of $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ search @ LHC

- ◆ Run2 studies have been finished: due to the high efficiency, good resolution and signal-background rate, current results are focused on e/μ channel:
 - ◆ First observed evidence of 3.4σ with ATLAS-CMS combination
 - ◆ With dedicated merge di-electron identification for the low-pt case and boost case, achieve the evidences of $H \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma$ and extend search range to 3.5TeV
- ◆ Room for possible improvement:
 - ◆ Optimization for the reconstruction and identification of low pt photon and lepton
 - ◆ Explore the Z hadronic decays and invisible decays: challenge trigger selection due to the soft final particles. (15GeV Jet threshold @ L1 corresponds to ~ 50 GeV Jet @ HLT)

$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ @ CEPC



- ◆ $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ targets the signal process of $ZH \rightarrow ZZ\gamma \rightarrow \nu\nu q\bar{q}\gamma$
- ◆ Mass difference used as final distinguish observable: $\Delta M = M_{q\bar{q}\gamma} - M_{q\bar{q}}$, $\Delta M = M_{\nu\nu\gamma} - M_{\nu\nu}$
- ◆ With the integrated luminosity of 5.6 ab^{-1} @250GeV, 13% precision on $\sigma(ZH) \times BR(H \rightarrow Z\gamma)$

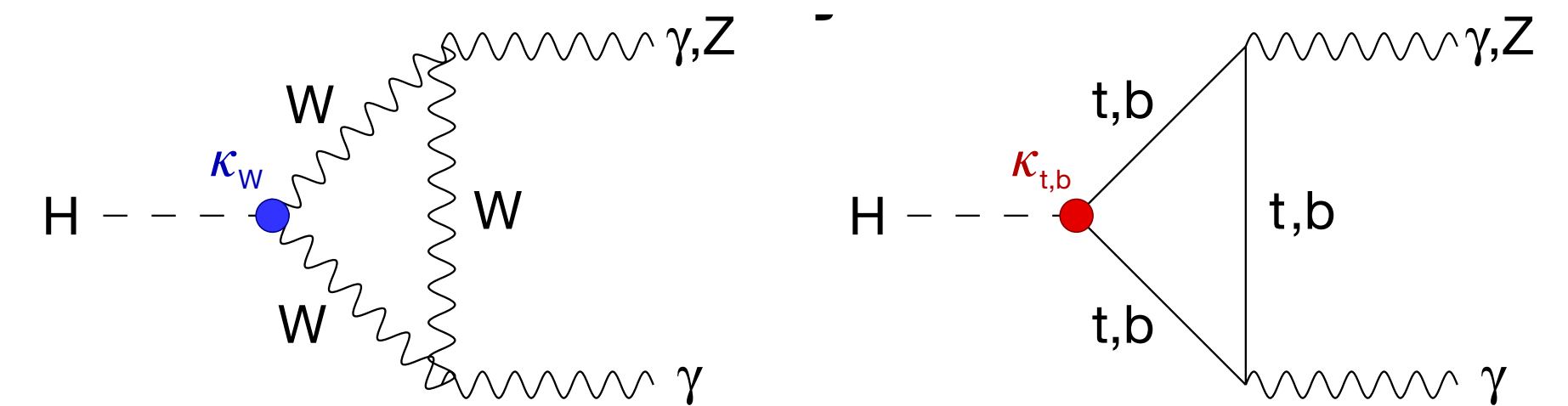
Coupling measurement

$$(\sigma \cdot \text{BR})(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f) = \frac{\sigma_i^{\text{SM}} \kappa_i^2 \cdot \Gamma_f^{\text{SM}} \kappa_f^2}{\Gamma_H^{\text{SM}} \kappa_H^2} \rightarrow \mu_i^f \equiv \frac{\sigma \cdot \text{BR}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}} \cdot \text{BR}_{\text{SM}}} = \frac{\kappa_i^2 \cdot \kappa_f^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$

$$\Gamma_H = \frac{\Gamma_H^{\text{SM}} \cdot \kappa_H^2}{1 - (BR_{\text{inv}} + BR_{\text{unt}})}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_j \frac{c_j^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_j^{(8)} + \dots$$

Loop interaction



$$\kappa_{Z\gamma}^2 \sim 1.12 \cdot \kappa_W^2 + 0.00035 \cdot \kappa_t^2 - 0.12 \cdot \kappa_W \kappa_t$$

◆ Assumptions:

- ◆ Single state, spin 0 and CP-even, Narrow-width approximation

◆ **κ-framework Methodology:** parametrize deviations with coupling scale factors $\{\kappa_x\}$

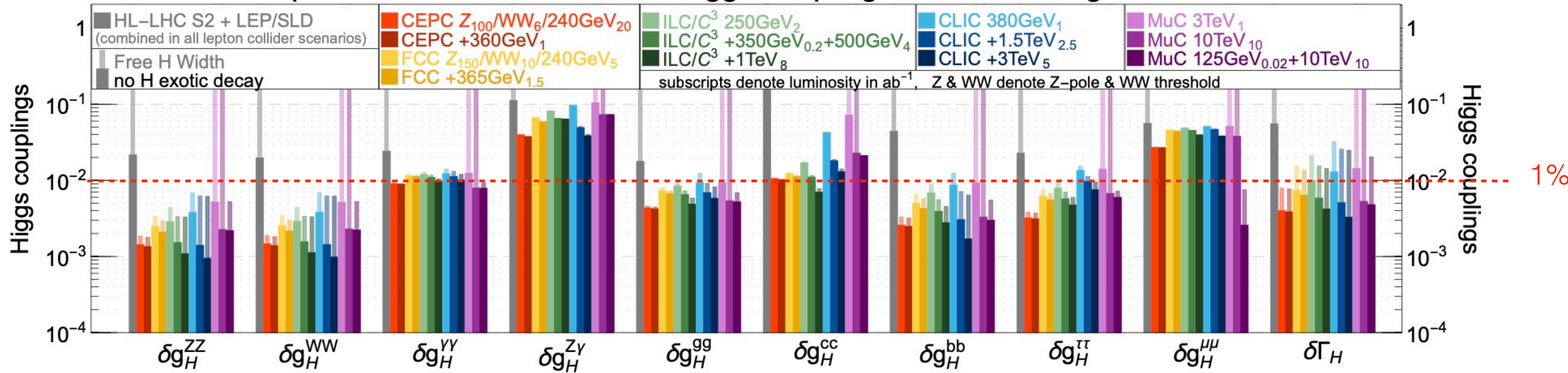
- ◆ A simple and intuitive parametrization of the potential derivation with the limitation for its understanding
- ◆ BSM decays parametrized including invisible decays and untagged decays
- ◆ CEPC has a clear advantage on κ_Z measurement and BR_{inv} constraint

◆ **EFT:**

- ◆ Directly introduce the new physics effect with the higher dimension operators

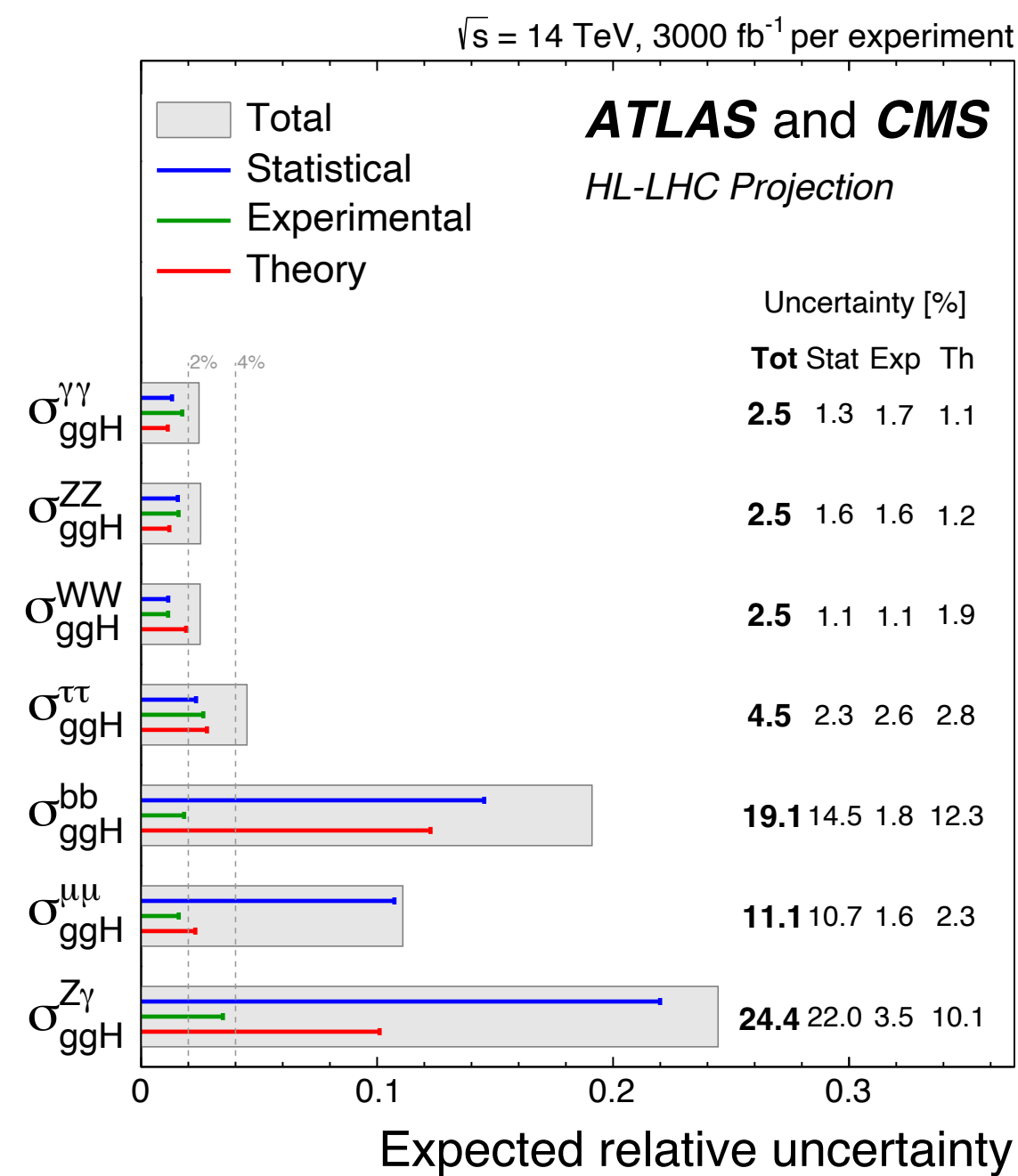
Prospect

precision reach on effective Higgs couplings from SMEFT global fit



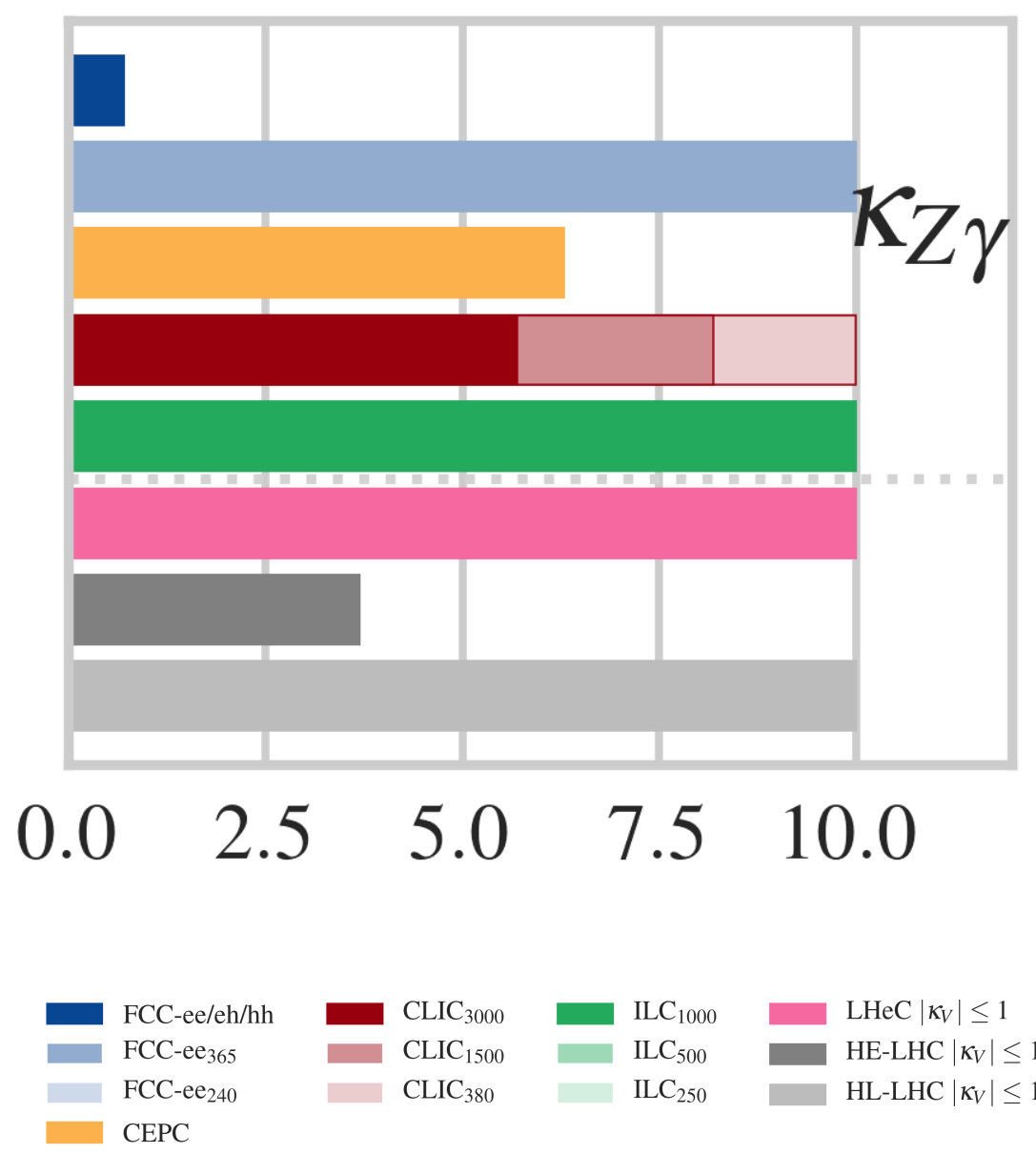
- ◆ Most of parameters can reach the precision of $\sim 1\%$
- ◆ For the rare decays, $HZ\gamma$ and $H\mu\mu$ have comparable sensitivities among different colliders

Prospect of $HZ\gamma$ coupling



kappa-0	HL-LHC	LHeC	HE-LHC		ILC			CLIC			CEPC	FCC-ee		FCC-ee/eh/hh
			S2	S2'	250	500	1000	380	15000	3000		240	365	
$\kappa_{Z\gamma} [\%]$	10.	—	5.7	3.8	99★	86★	85★	120★	15	6.9	8.2	81★	75★	0.69

kappa-3 scenario		HL-LHC+											
		ILC ₂₅₀	ILC ₅₀₀	ILC ₁₀₀₀	CLIC ₃₈₀	CLIC ₁₅₀₀	CLIC ₃₀₀₀	CEPC	FCC-ee ₂₄₀	FCC-ee ₃₆₅	FCC-ee/eh/hh		
$\kappa_{Z\gamma} [\%]$		10.*	10.*	10.*	10.*	8.2	5.7	6.3	10.*	10.*	0.7		



- ◆ With 3000fb^{-1} @ HL-LHC, ATLAS expected significance is 4.9σ with the uncertainty of 24%
- ◆ With the combination of HL-LHC + CEPC, the precision can reach $\sim 6.3\%$
 - ◆ $\sim 20\%$ anti-correlation between $HZ\gamma$ and untagged branching fraction
- ◆ The best precision from FCC-hh: 0.7%

Summary

- ◆ Search for $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ rare decay can probe the Higgs loop interaction in SM and BSM physics
- ◆ All the $H/X \rightarrow Z\gamma$ studies with full-Run2 data done:
 - ◆ First observed evidence of 3.4σ was achieved with ATLAS-CMS combination
 - ◆ Evidence of $H \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$ search with a significance of 3.2σ
 - ◆ $Z\gamma$ high mass search successfully extend to 3.4TeV
- ◆ More promising results with higher statistics of Run3 and more sensitivity optimization