

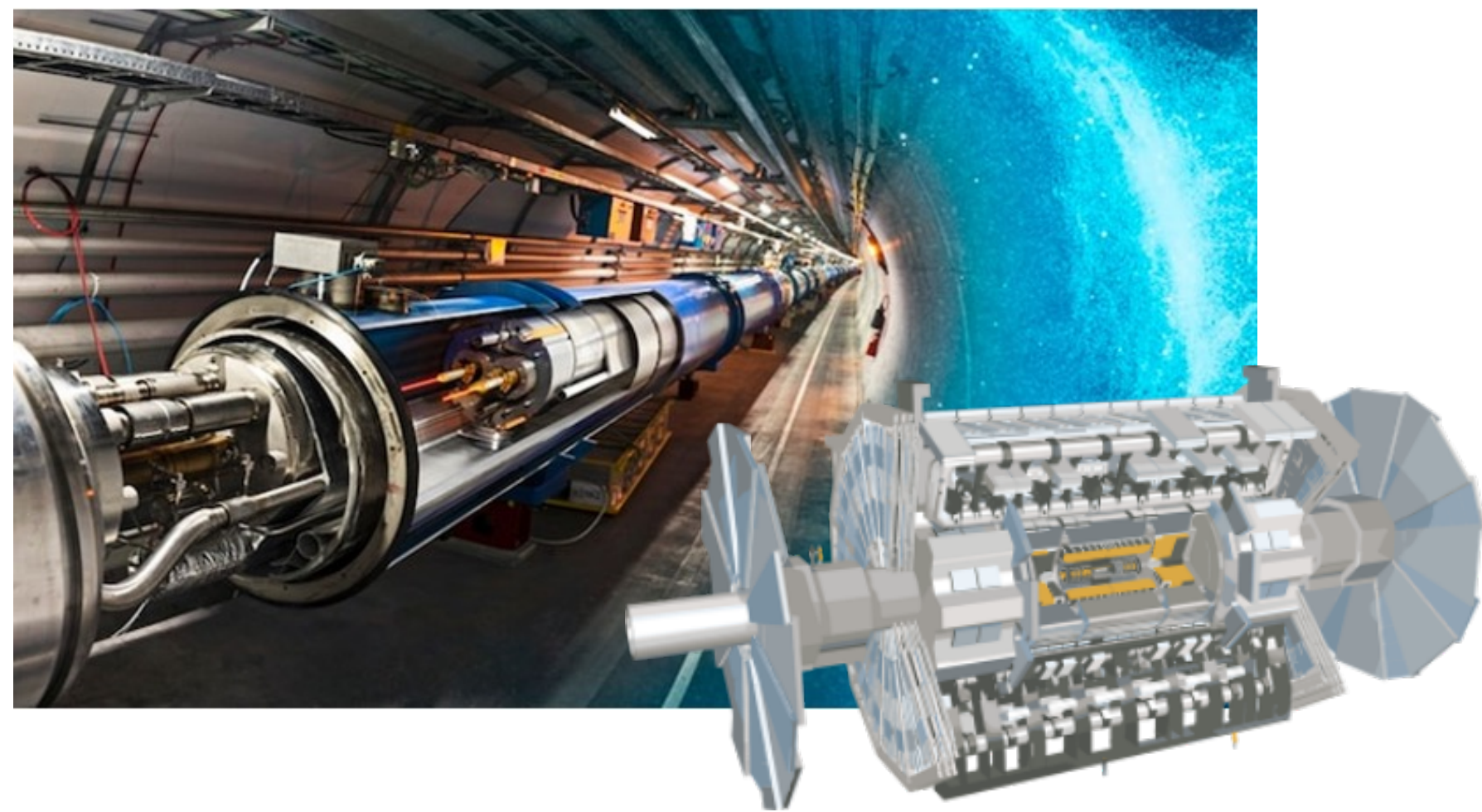


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# Combination of ATLAS searches for Higgs boson decays into a photon and a massless dark photon

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# Today's talk

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## Combination of searches for Higgs boson decays into a photon and a massless dark photon using $pp$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS Collaboration

A combination of searches for Higgs boson decays into a visible photon and a massless dark photon ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$ ) is presented using  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of proton–proton collision data at a centre-of-mass energy of  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV recorded by the ATLAS detector at the Large Hadron Collider. The observed (expected) 95% confidence level upper limit on the Standard Model Higgs boson decay branching ratio is determined to be  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d) < 1.3\%$  (1.5)%. The search is also sensitive to higher-mass Higgs bosons decaying into the same final state. The observed (expected) 95% confidence level limit on the cross-section times branching ratio ranges from 16 fb (26 fb) for  $m_H = 400$  GeV to 1.0 fb (1.5 fb) for  $m_H = 3$  TeV. Results are also interpreted in the context of a minimal simplified model.

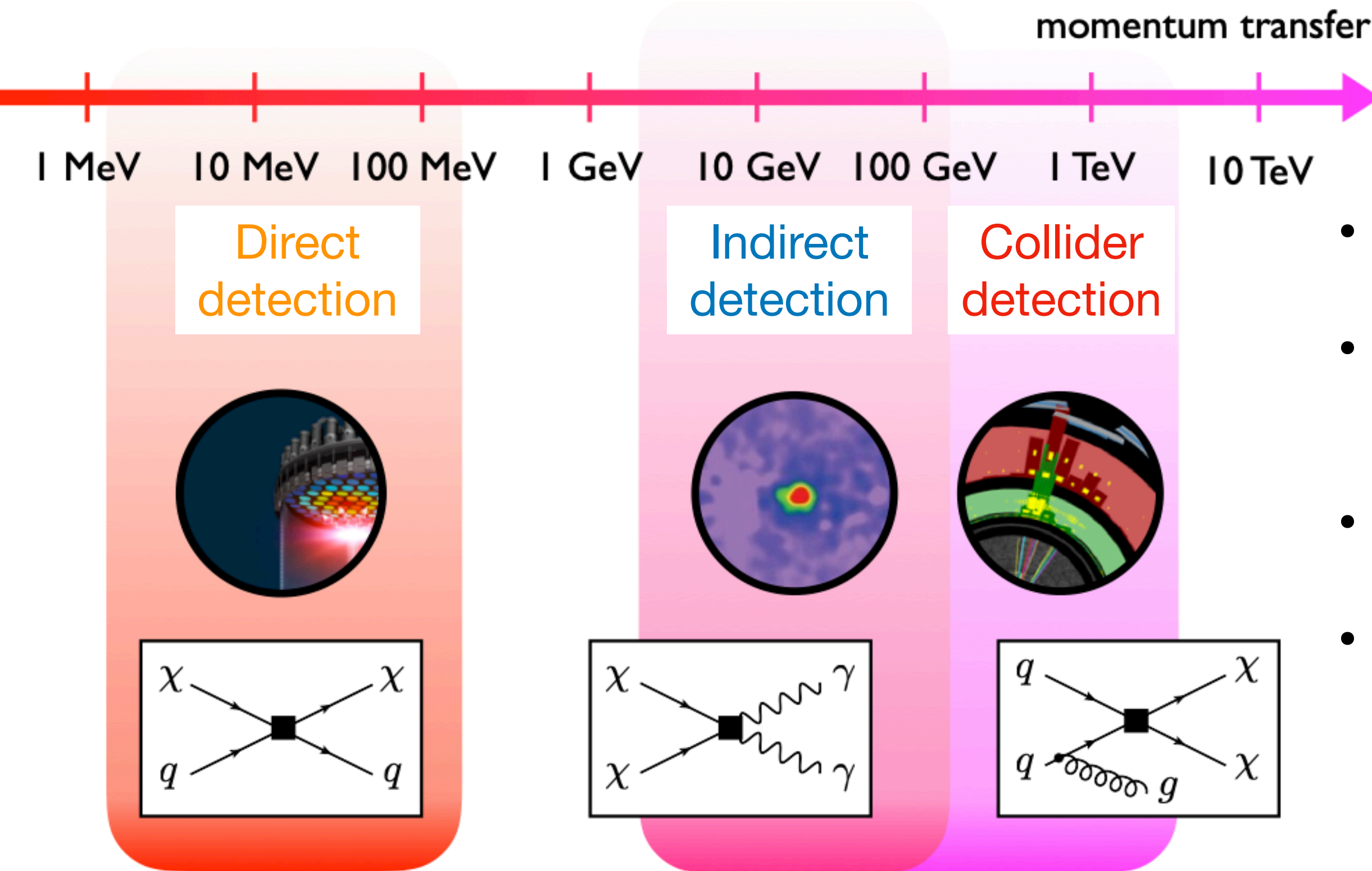
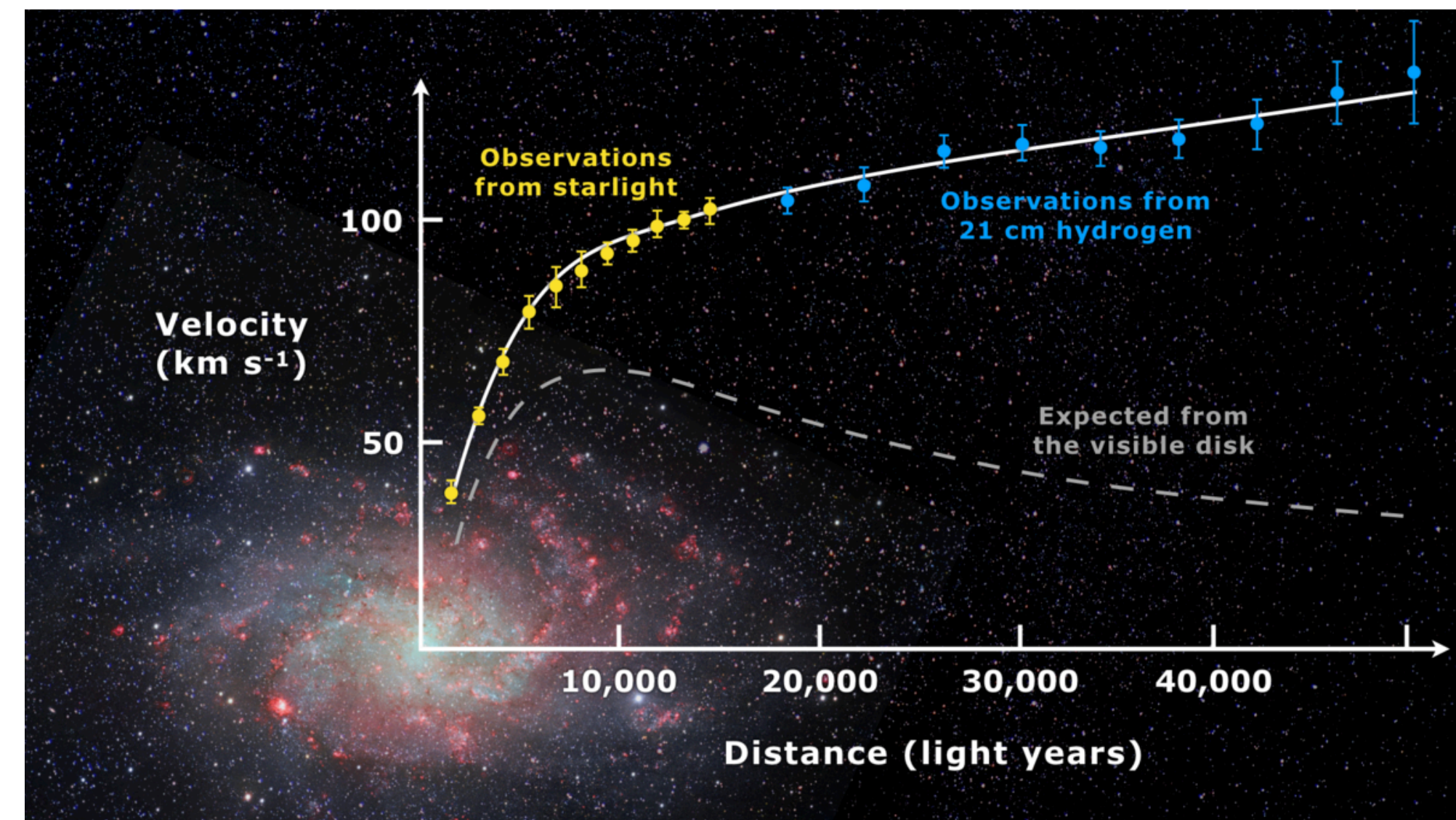
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# Dark Matter

- Dark Matter existence supported by plethora of astrophysical measurements.
  - NOT sufficiently explained by Standard Model, making DM nature a central question in particle physics.
  - **DM candidate**: a strong consideration in many beyond-the-SM models.

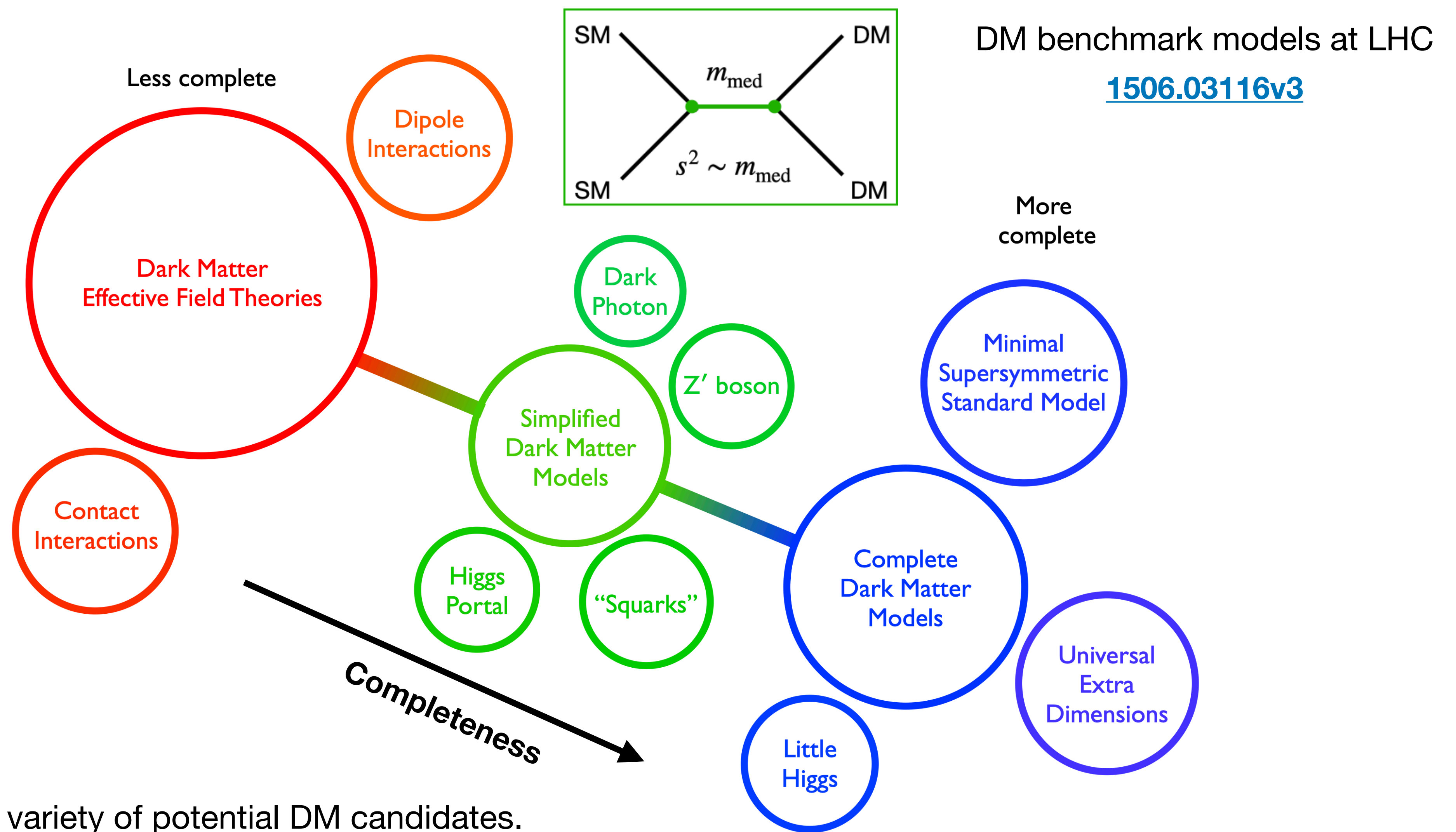


- Probes of DM underway in several areas.
- **Direct searches** for elastic scattering between DM and nuclei or electrons.
- **Indirect searches** for products of DM annihilation or decay.
- **Collider searches** for production of DM from collisions of SM particles
  - complementarity to other detections at GeV-TeV scale.
  - provide access to particles mediating interactions between DM and SM sector.

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# Dark Matter probes at ATLAS



- ATLAS sensitive to wide variety of potential DM candidates.

- Most of DM searches at the LHC focus on **Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)** in **simplified models or extended Higgs sectors**.

- Also strong consideration in other **Dark Sector particles** such as Dark Photon, Dark Higgs, Dark QCD, and so on.



# Dark Photon scenario

- ❖  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \text{und}) < \mathcal{O}(10\%)$  motivates searches for DS particles coupled to Higgs. One attractive candidate is **dark photon** ( $\gamma_d$ ).
  - Force carrier of extra  $U(1)_d$ , providing portal between DS and SM via kinetic mixing with visible  $U(1)$ .
  - Introducing dark matter self-interactions for solving [small-scale structure formation problem](#) and [PAMELA-Fermi-AMS2 anomaly](#).
  - Enhancing light DM annihilation rate, making [asymmetric DM scenarios](#) phenomenologically viable.
- ❖ **Massive**  $\gamma_d$  couples directly to SM, more accessible and consideration in experiment searches.
- ❖ **Massless**  $\gamma_d$  NO direct couplings with SM, less attention but can provide comparably rich experimental target.
- ❖ In this talk,  $\gamma_d$  is **collider-stable**, resulting in **Missing Transverse Momentum** ( $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ) in event final-state.

Kinetic mixing  $U(1)_a \times U(1)_b$  [\[2005.01515\]](#)

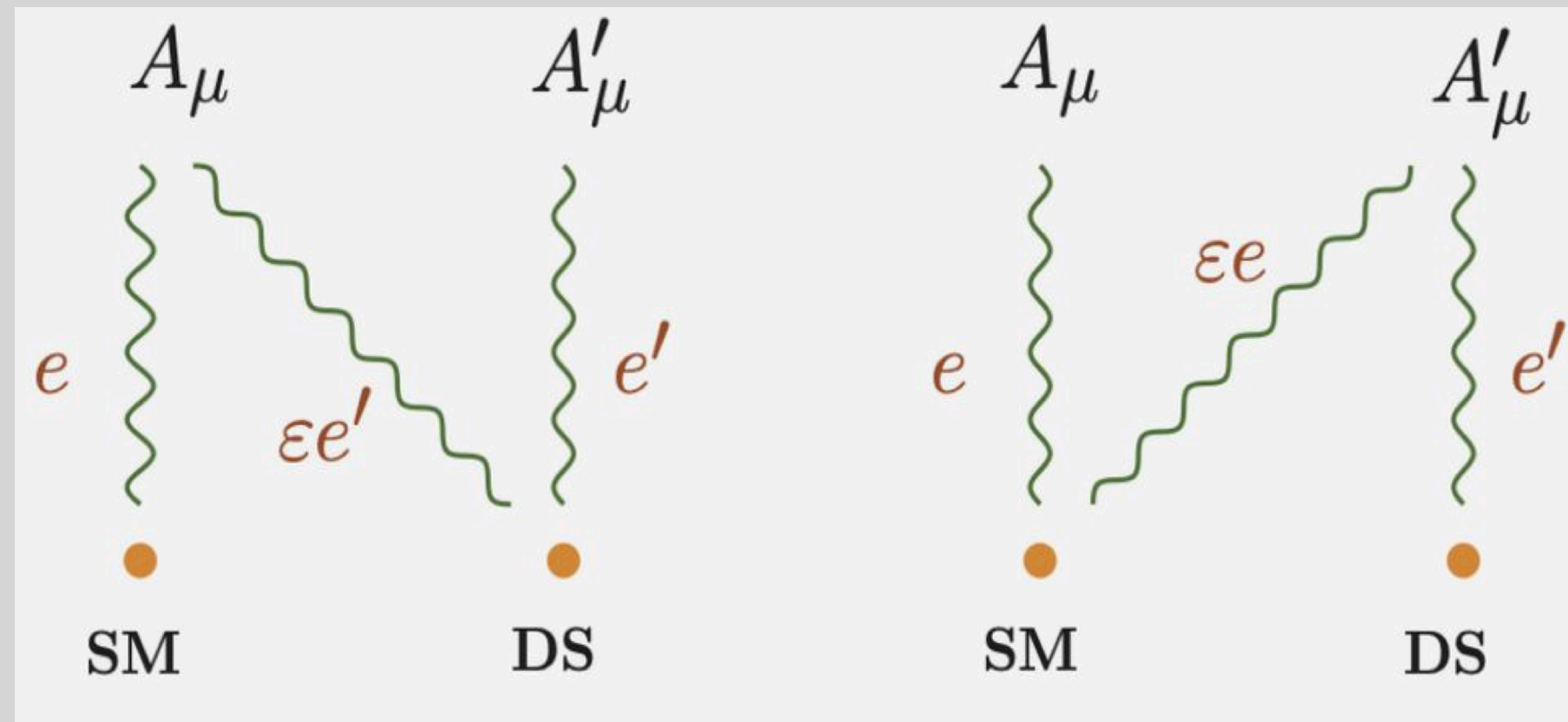
Kinetic part: 
$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -\frac{1}{4}F_{a\mu\nu}F_a^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}F_{b\mu\nu}F_b^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}F_{a\mu\nu}F_b^{\mu\nu}$$

Interaction with matter fields: 
$$\mathcal{L} = e J_\mu A_b^\mu + e' J'_\mu A_a^\mu$$
  
SM DS

Diagonalized up to a rotation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_a^\mu \\ A_b^\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A'^\mu \\ A^\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Dark photon  
Photon



**Massless**  
Dark photon

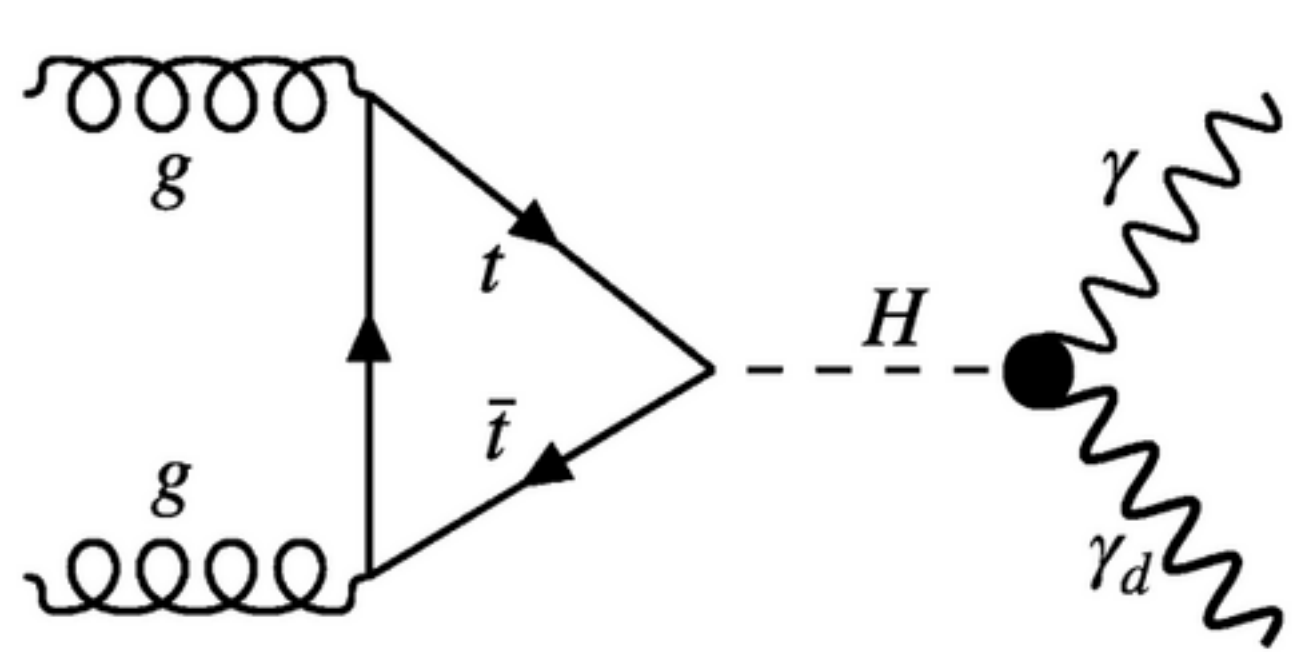
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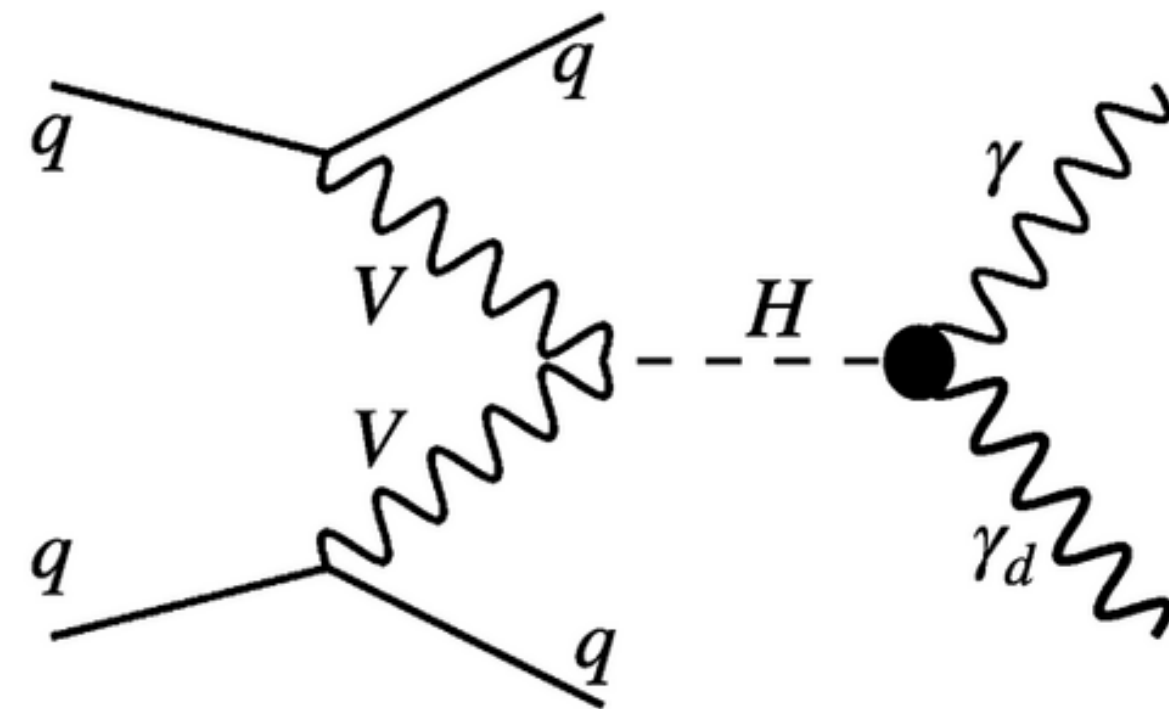
# Dark Photon search using Higgs

★ "Process" refers to production mode  
 ★ "Channel" refers to selection topology

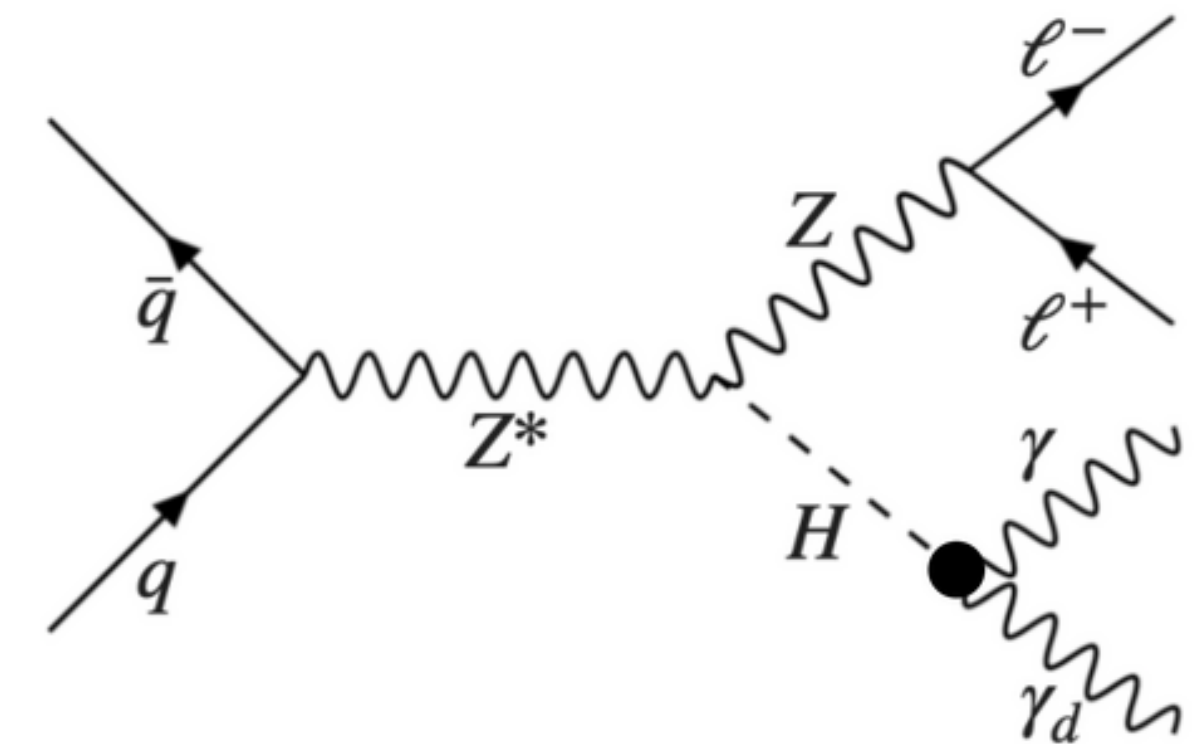
❖ Potential approach is search for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$  in resonant  $\gamma + E_T^{\text{miss}}$  signatures via three Higgs production modes



ggF process



VBF process



ZH process

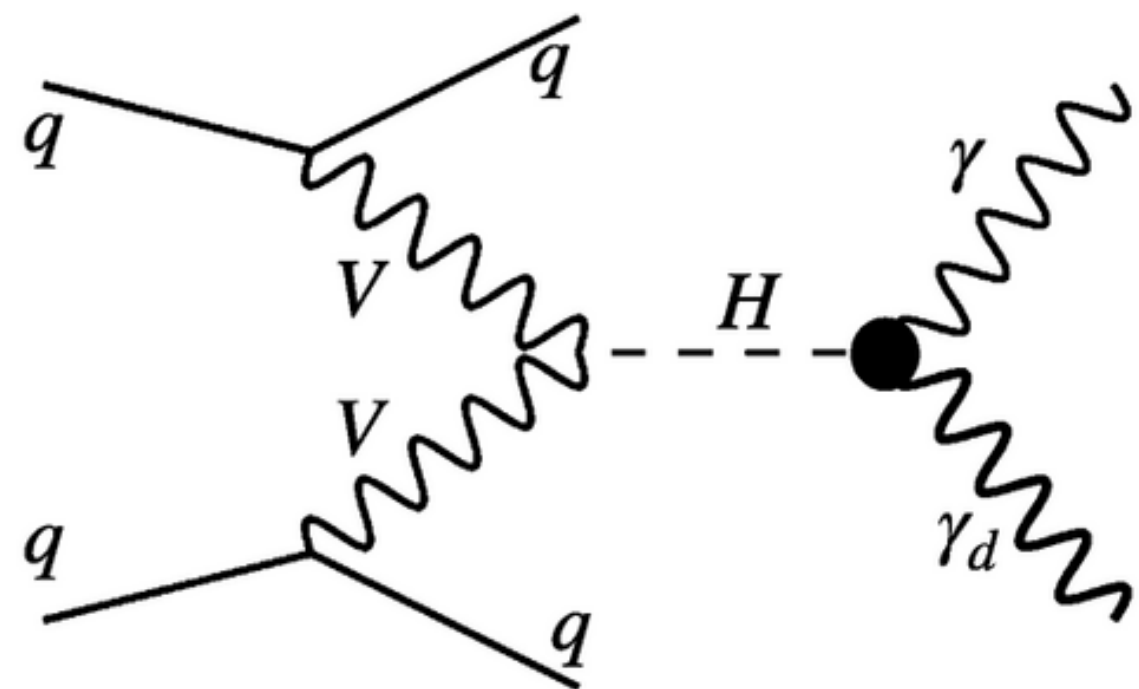
❖ Both ATLAS and CMS published various results for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$  searches in distinct final states using LHC full Run 2 data:

	$\gamma + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ (ggF channel)	$\gamma + E_T^{\text{miss}} + \text{VBF jets}$ (VBF channel)	$\gamma + E_T^{\text{miss}} + Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)$ (ZH channel)
ATLAS	reinterpretation of <a href="#">mono-<math>\gamma</math></a>	<a href="#">EPJC 82 (2022) 105</a>	<a href="#">JHEP 07 (2023) 133</a>
CMS	--	<a href="#">JHEP 03 (2021) 011</a>	<a href="#">JHEP 10 (2019) 139</a>



# VBF channel

[EPJC 82 \(2022\) 105](#)



Channels	VBF	ZH	ggF
Trigger	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	Lepton(s)	Photon
Photons	$= 1, C_\gamma > 0.4$	$= 1$	$\geq 1$
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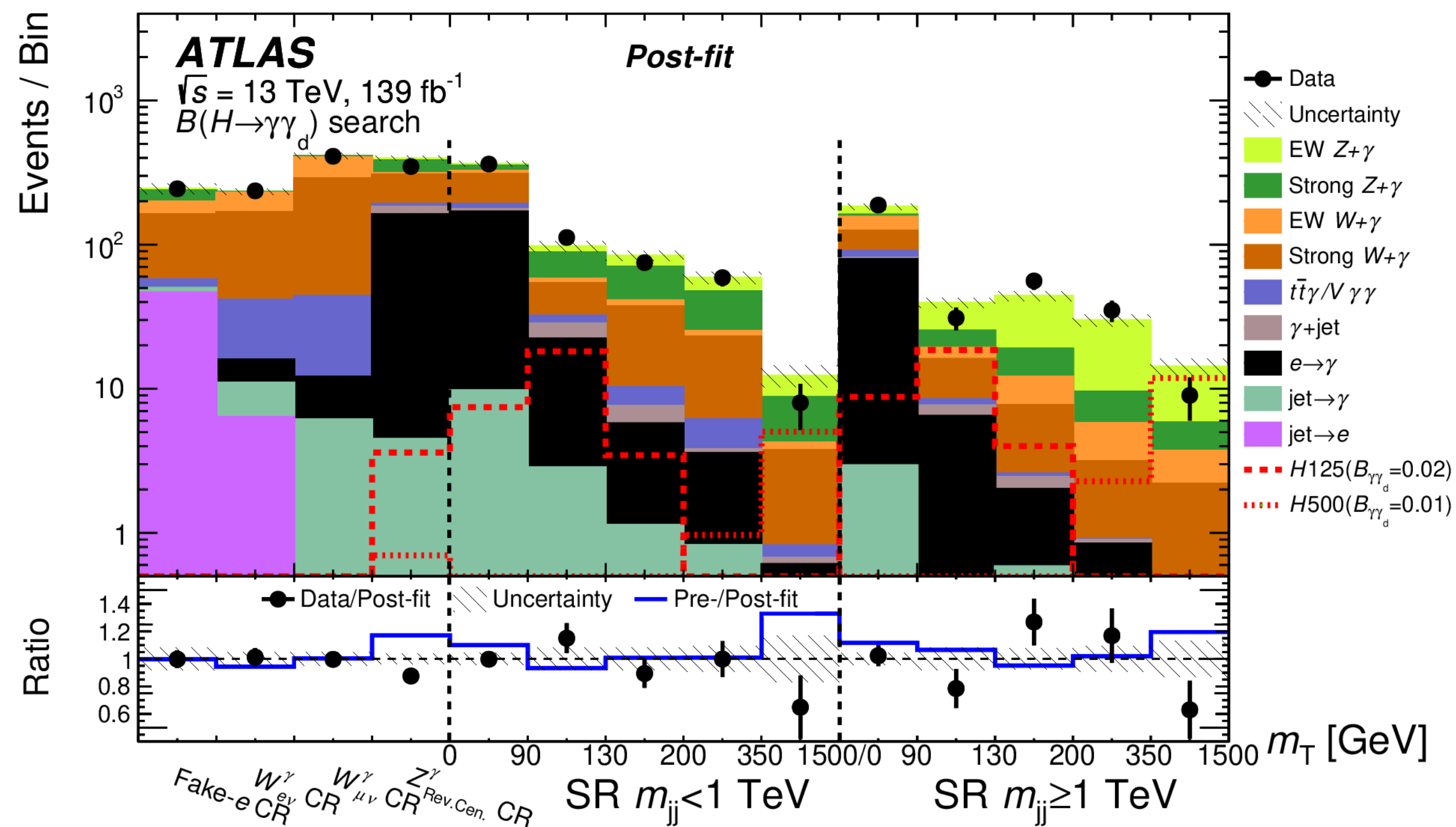
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No significant deviation from SM prediction.

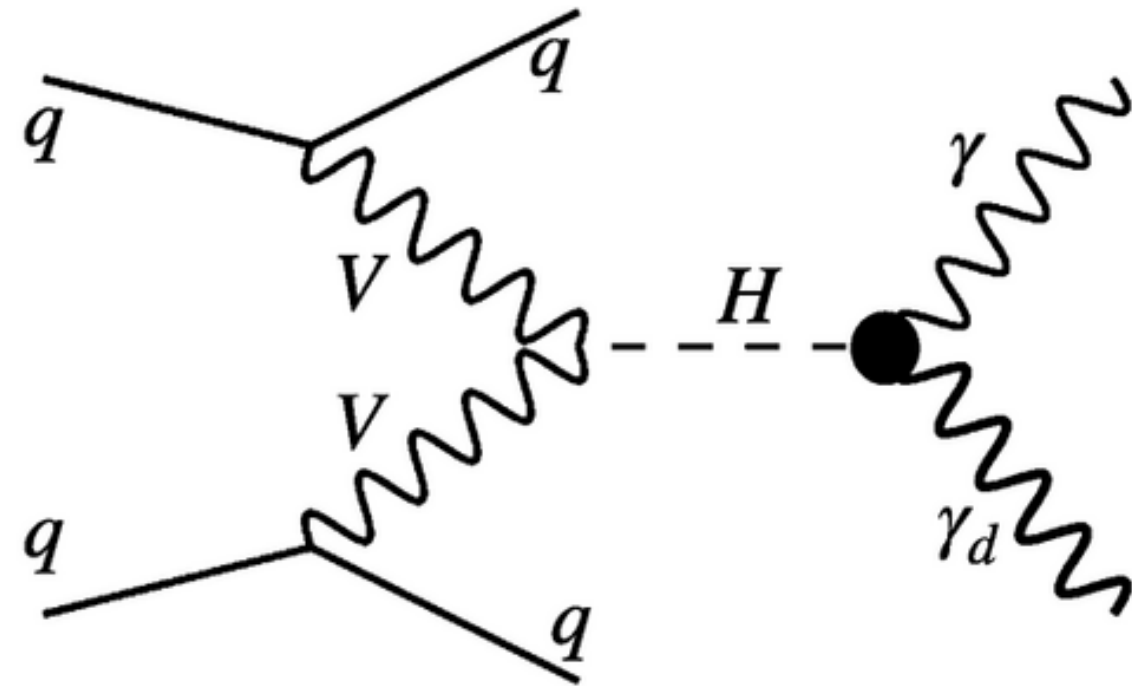
$$m_T(\gamma, E_T^{\text{miss}}) = \sqrt{2E_T^\gamma E_T^{\text{miss}} [1 - \cos(\phi_\gamma - \phi_{E_T^{\text{miss}}})]}$$

$$C_i = \exp \left[ -\frac{4}{(\eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2})^2} \left( \eta_i - \frac{\eta_{j_1} + \eta_{j_2}}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$



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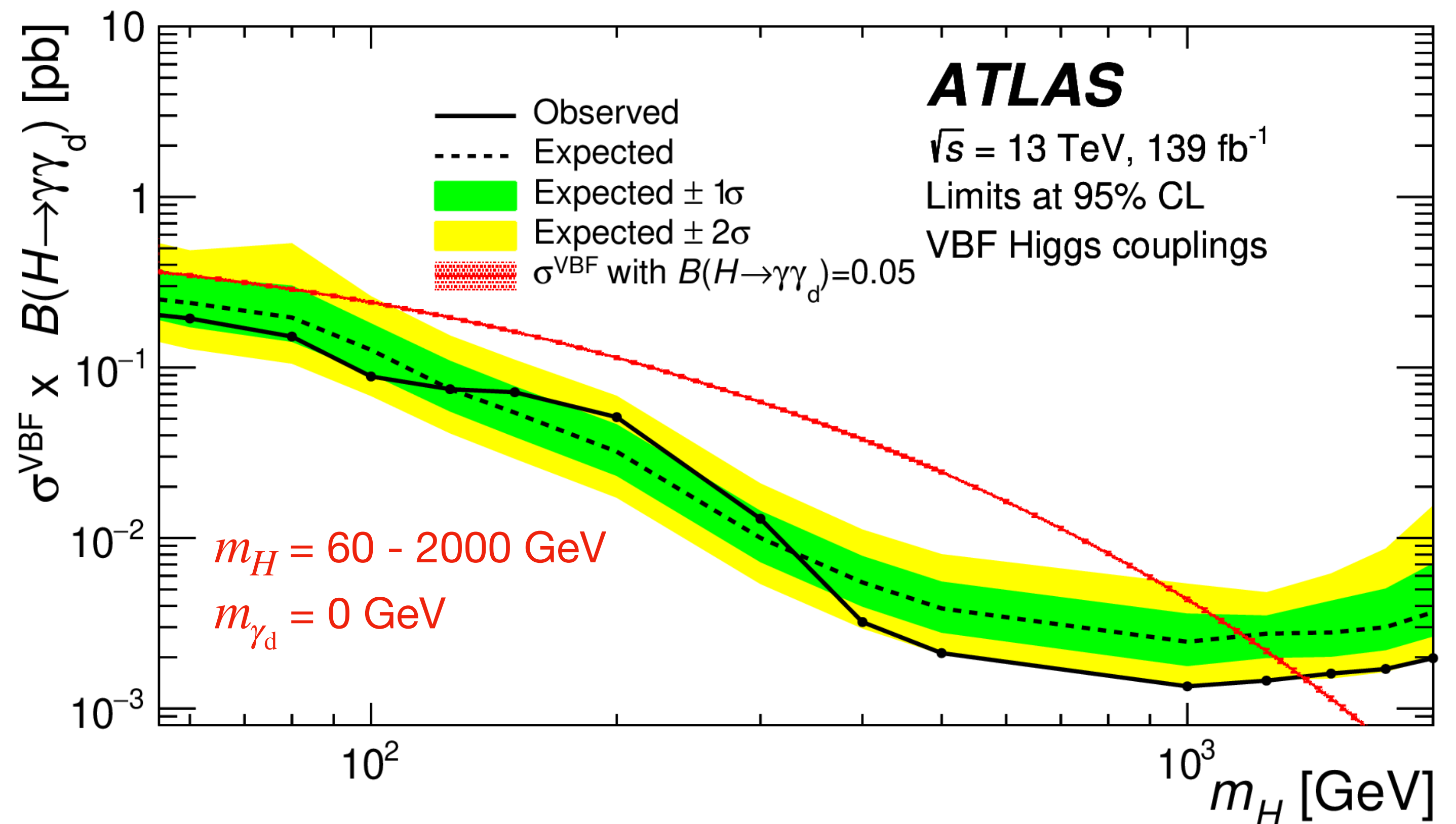
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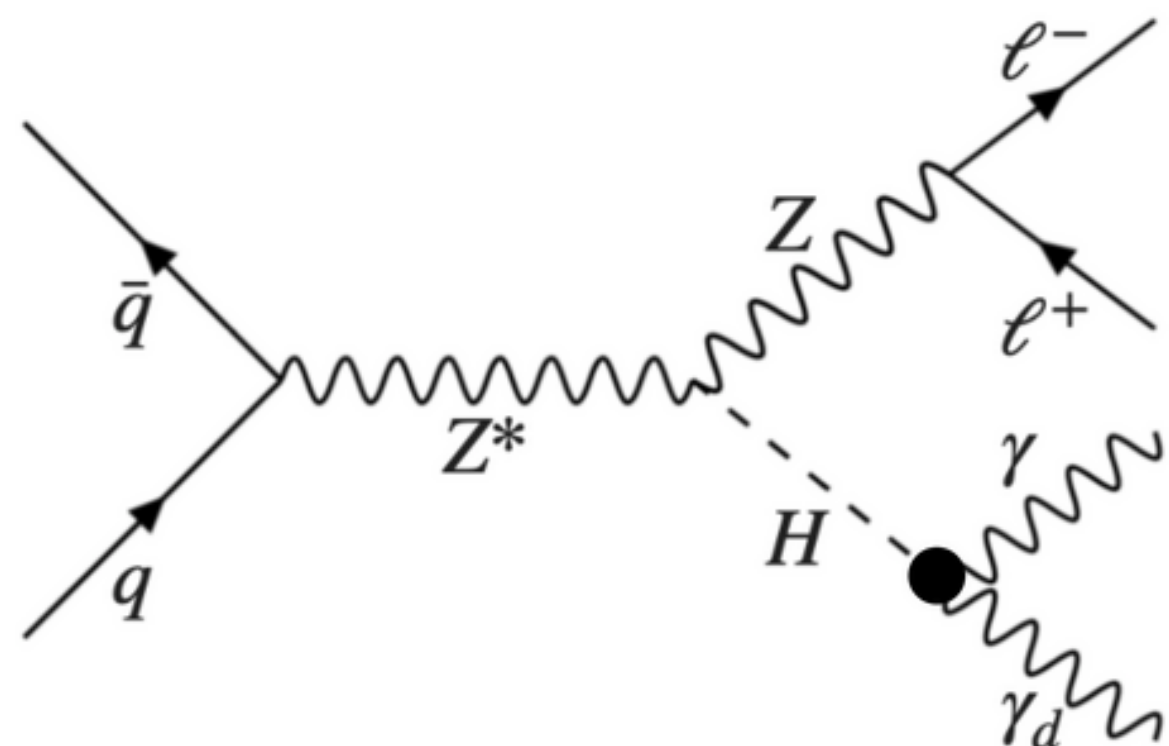
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# ZH channel

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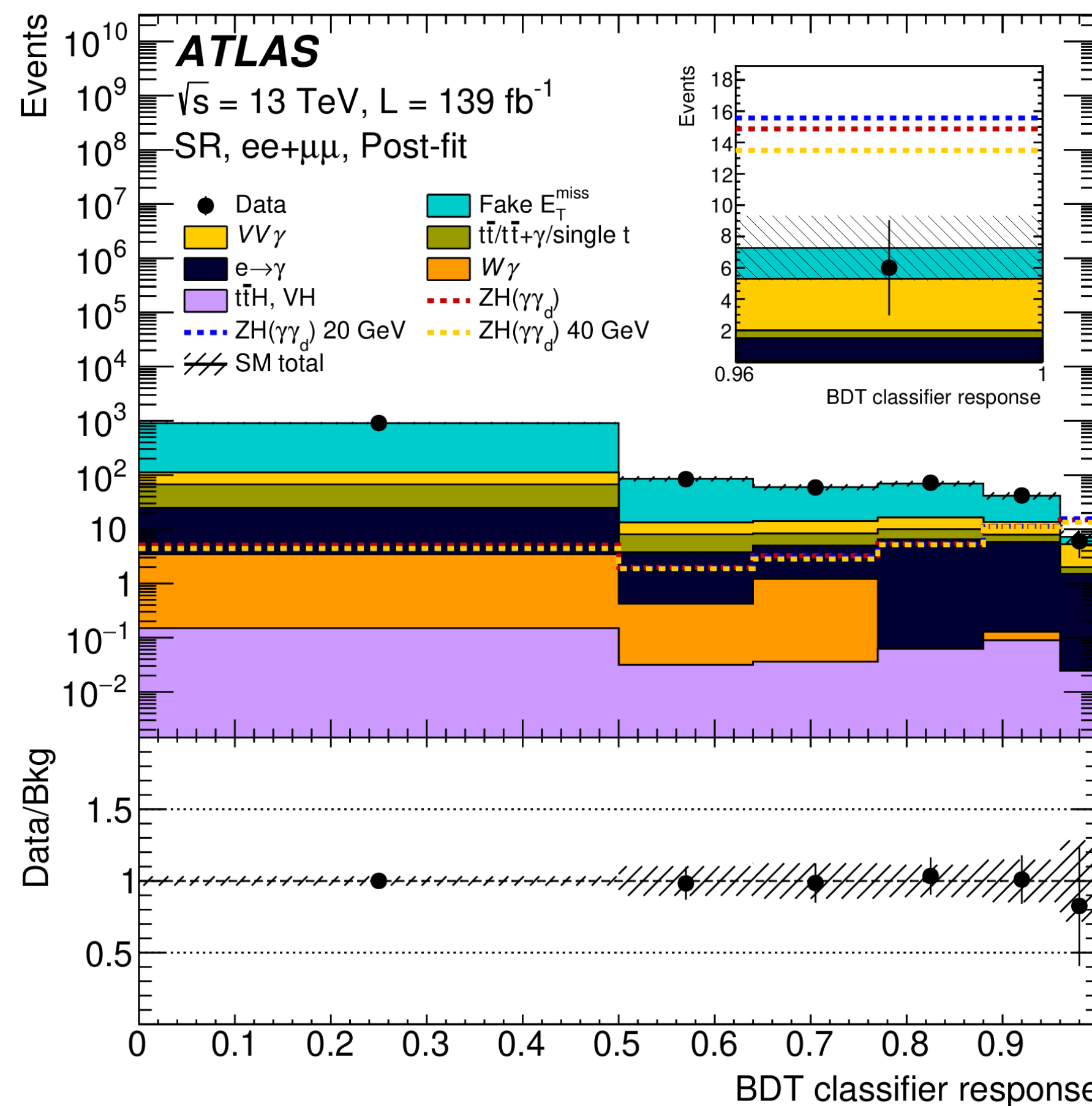
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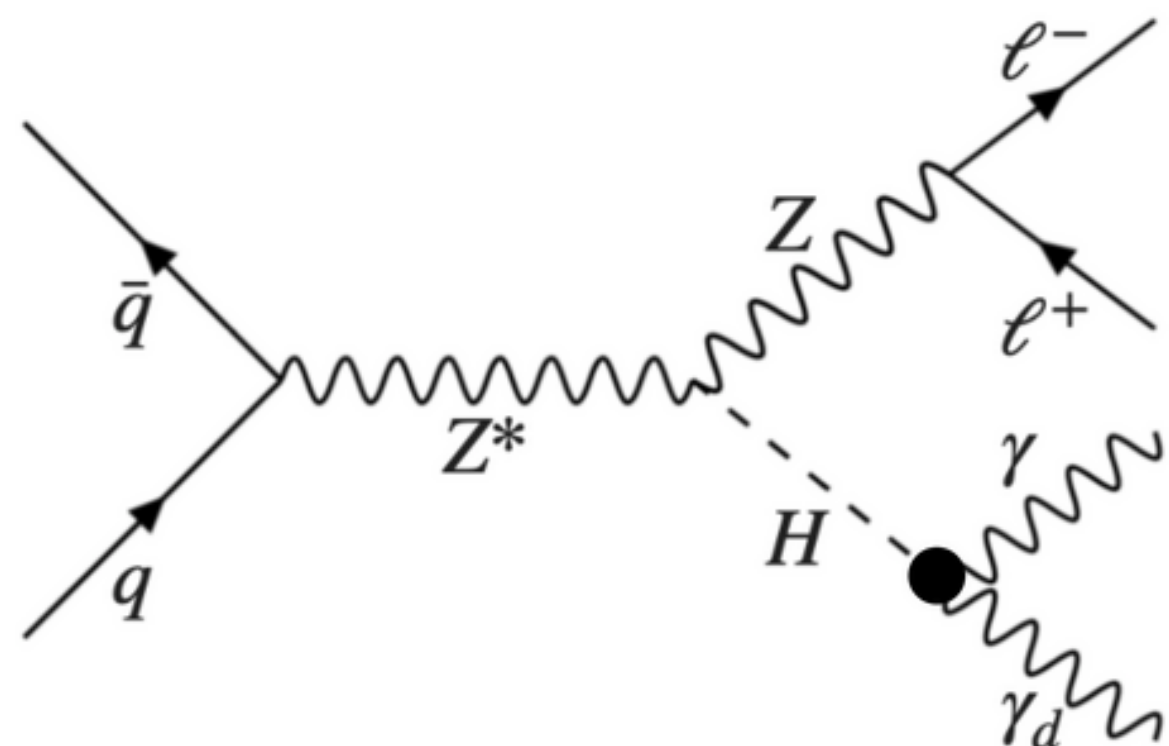


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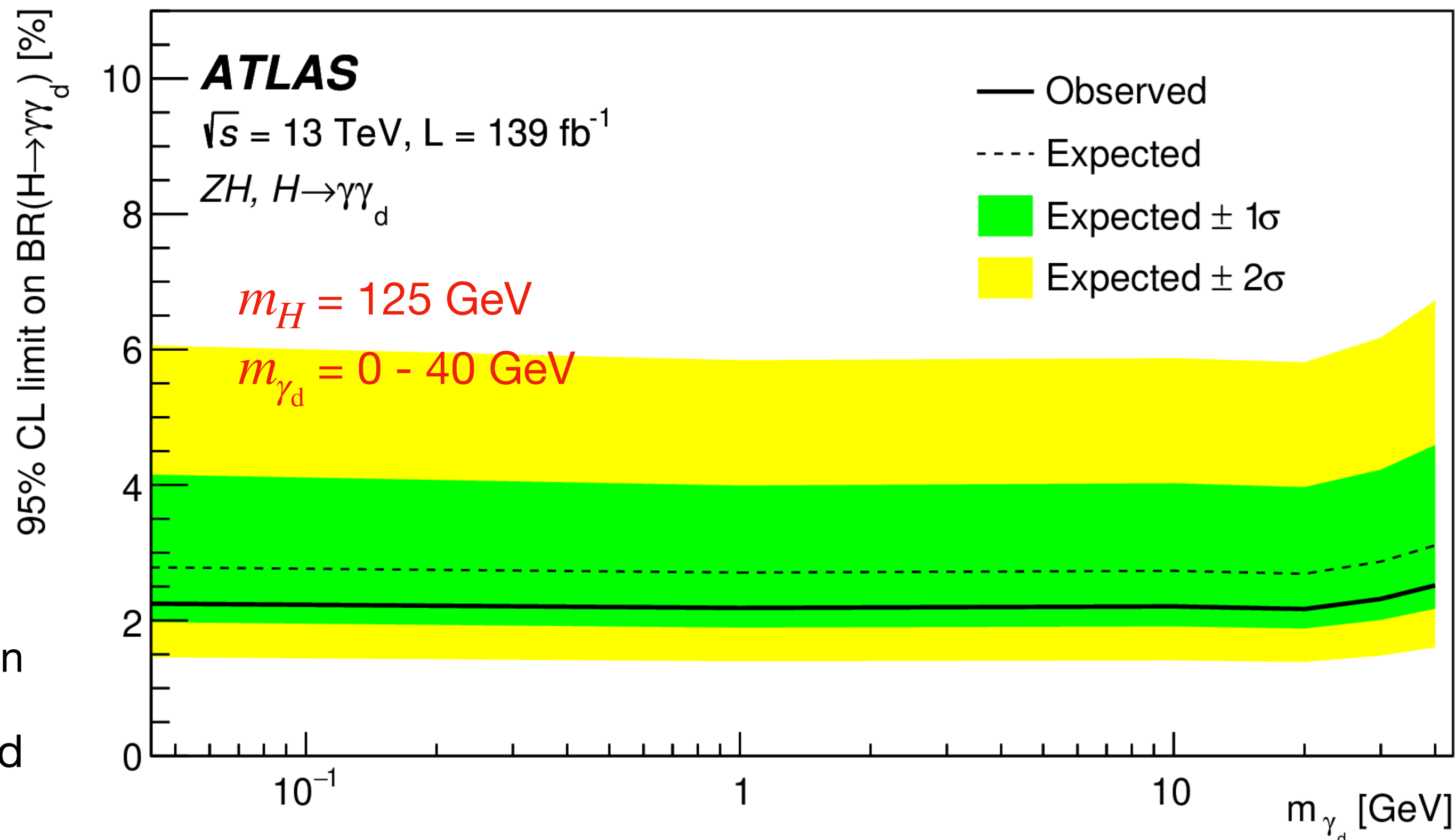
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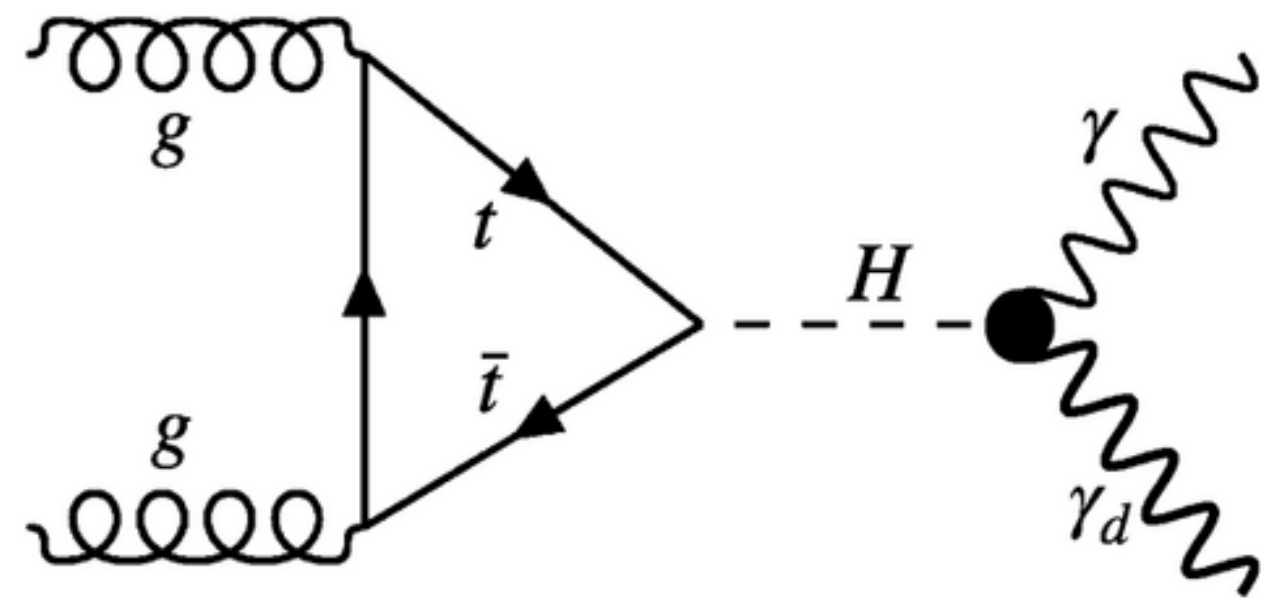
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# ggF channel

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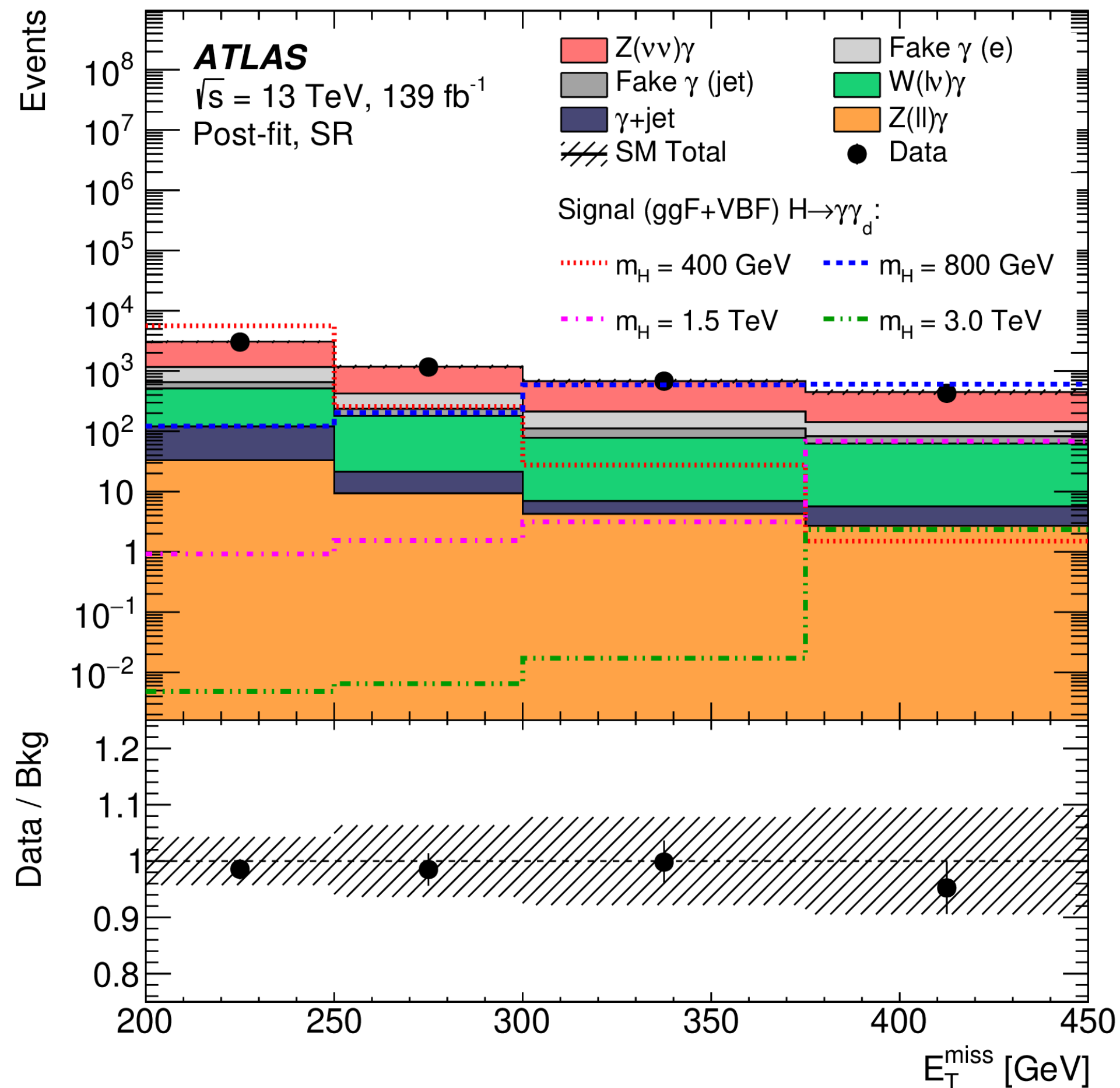
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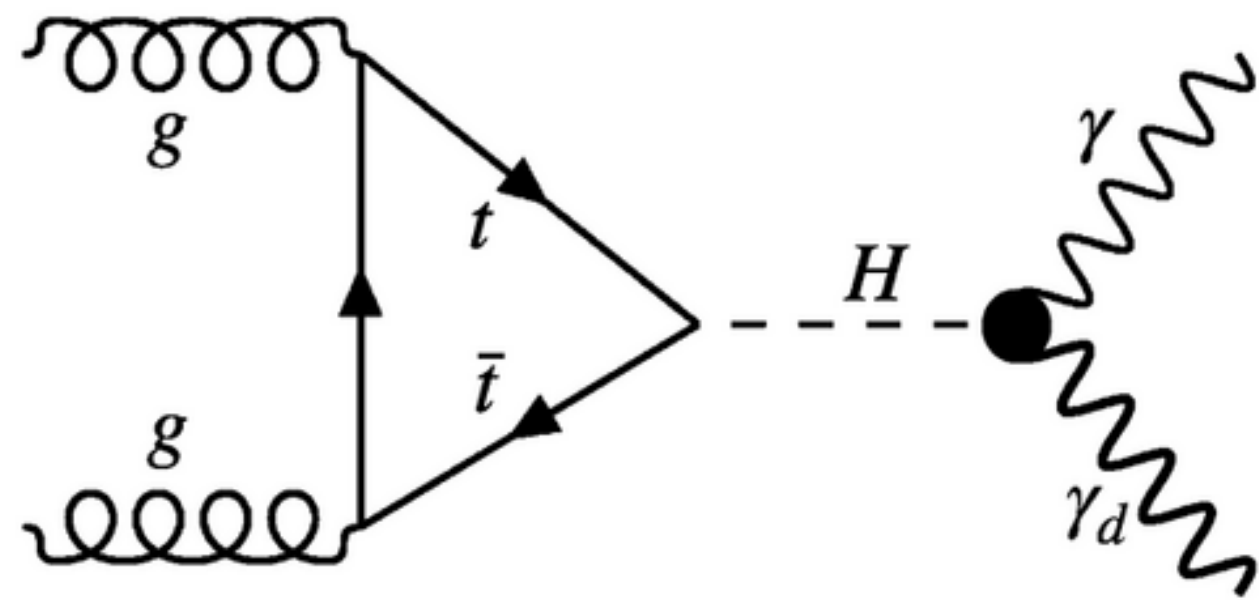
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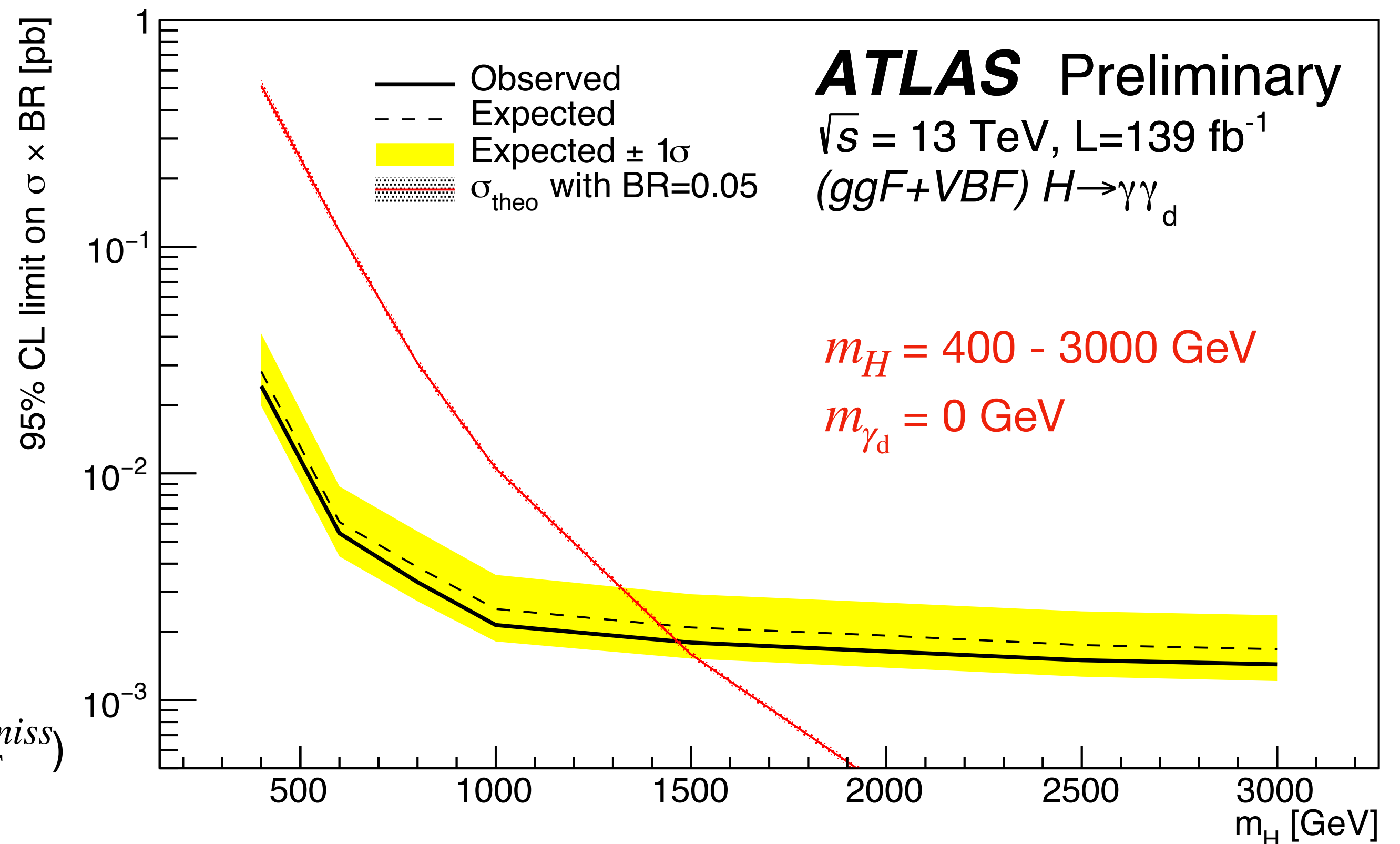
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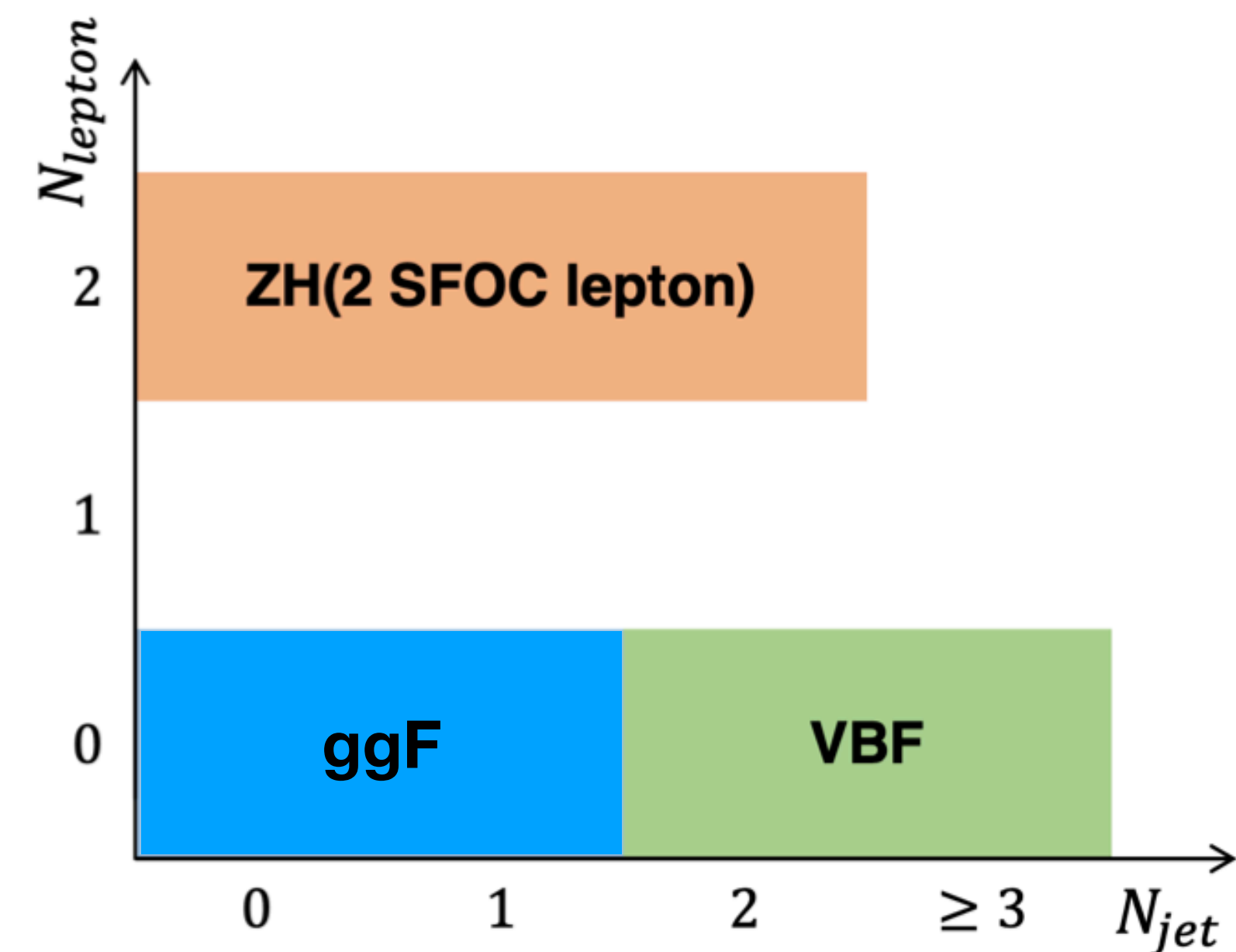
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# Motivation for combination

- ❖ 3 ATLAS channels probe **complementary phase spaces** in terms of jet and lepton multiplicities.
- ❖ Also provided **very competitive results** compared to CMS in terms of limits on  $\mathcal{B}(H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  and probed  $H$  mass range.



$$H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$$

	ZH channel	VBF channel
ATLAS	2.3 (2.8) %	1.8 (1.7) %
CMS	4.6 (3.6) %	3.5 (2.8) %

95% CL limit on BR

$$H_{\text{BSM}} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$$

	VBF channel	ggF channel
ATLAS	Up to 2 TeV	Up to 3 TeV
CMS	Up to 1 TeV	--

Mass range probed for  $H$

- ❖ Strong motivation for **stat. combination** to bring the best LHC constraint on  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$  and the most comprehensive search in terms of BSM  $H$  mass.

# Combination scenarios

- Most straightforward and worthy scenarios for the statistical combination, based on 3 input analyses.

Input channel	Signals	$m_H$	$m_{\gamma_d}$	Combination scenarios
ZH	SM (ZH)H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$	125 GeV	[0, 40] GeV	ZH + VBF for SM Higgs, massless $\gamma_d$ , targeting BR(H125 $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$ )
VBF	SM (ggF + VBF)H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$	125 GeV	Massless $\gamma_d$	
	BSM (VBF)H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$	[60, 2000] GeV	Massless $\gamma_d$	ggF + VBF for Heavy Higgs, massless $\gamma_d$ , targeting $\sigma(\text{ggF} + \text{VBF}) \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$
ggF	BSM (ggF + VBF)H $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$	[400, 3000] GeV	Massless $\gamma_d$	

- ❖ For this combination, adjustments wrt original VBF channel
  - ⦿ ggF process contribution included for BSM Higgs decay search.
  - ⦿ Extend  $H$  mass to 3 TeV.



# Stat. combination

## Statistical method

- Combination results obtained from a **combined Likelihood function**:
  - Product of likelihoods from individual channels within the combination.
  - These channel likelihoods themselves products of likelihoods computed from final observables in various categories in a single analysis.
- Upper limits on POI derived using **profile-likelihood-ratio test statistic** with **CLs method** following **asymptotic formulae**.

**Likelihood function**

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{G} | \mu, \alpha) = \prod_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \text{Pois}(n_c | \nu_c(\mu, \alpha)) \prod_{e=1}^{n_c} f_c(x_{ce} | \mu, \alpha) \times \prod_{p \in \mathbb{S}} f_p(a_p | \alpha_p)$$

Parameter of interest
Nuisance parameters

**Profile likelihood ratio**

$$\tilde{\lambda}(\mu) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{\mathcal{L}(0, \hat{\theta}(0))} & \hat{\mu} < 0, \\ \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} & \hat{\mu} \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

**Test statistic**

$$\tilde{q}_\mu = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \tilde{\lambda}(\mu) & \hat{\mu} \leq \mu \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu \end{cases} = \begin{cases} -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{\mathcal{L}(0, \hat{\theta}(0))} & \hat{\mu} < 0, \\ -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu, \hat{\theta}(\mu))}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} & 0 \leq \hat{\mu} \leq \mu, \\ 0 & \hat{\mu} > \mu. \end{cases}$$

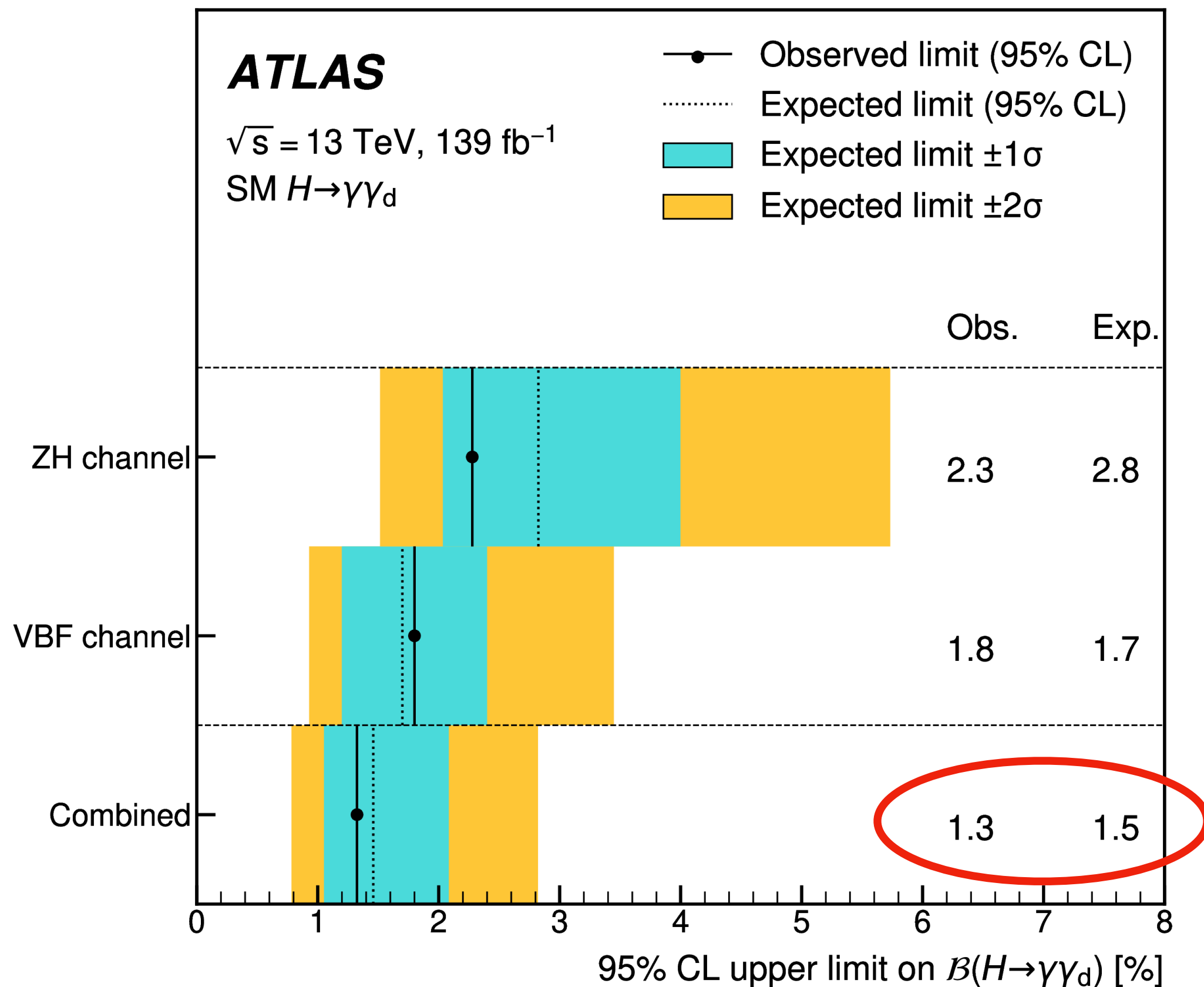
# Stat. combination

## Systematic uncertainty correlation

- ❖ Uncertainties from **luminosity, pile-up modelling** are **correlated**.
- ❖ **Experimental uncertainties**: **correlated where appropriate**, exceptions are:
  - ⦿ Uncertainties related to same objects but **implemented with different schemes** among input channels (e.g Jet-Energy-Resolution).
  - ⦿ Uncertainties **heavily constrained or pulled** in original input analyses.
- ❖ **Background modelling uncertainties**
  - ⦿ **Uncorrelated** since bkg composition and phase space are different.
- ❖ **Signal modelling uncertainties**
  - ⦿ Stemming from choice of parton distribution functions and QCD calculations; **minor impact** on final results; **uncorrelated**.



# Results -- SM Higgs



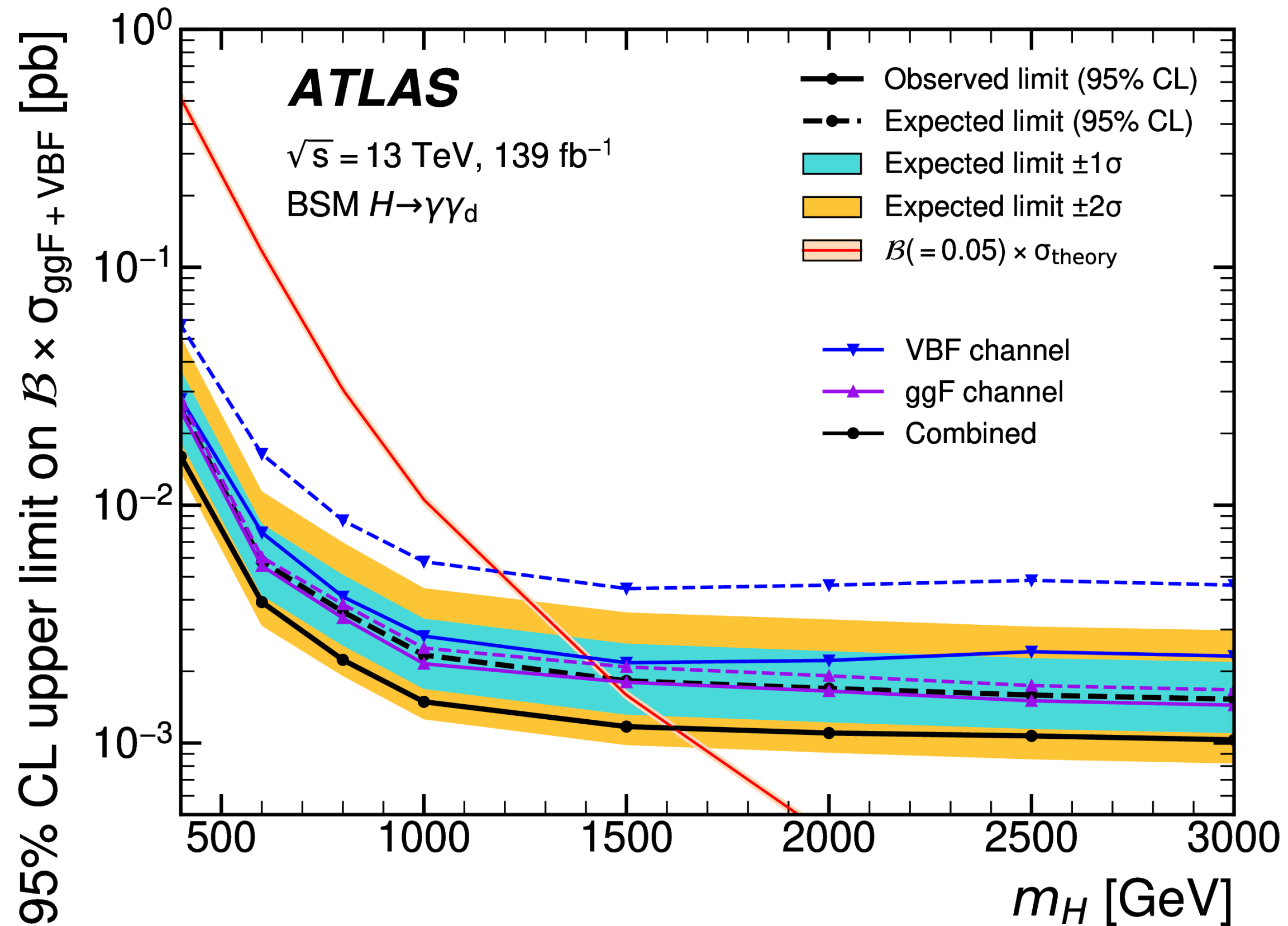
Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mathcal{B}_{\text{group}}/\Delta\mathcal{B}_{\text{total}}[\%]$
Theory uncertainties	49
Signal modelling	2.2
Background modelling	47
Experimental uncertainties	63
Luminosity, pile-up	< 0.1
Jets, $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	40
Electrons, muons	11
Fake background	35
MC statistical uncertainty	36
Systematic uncertainties	75
Statistical uncertainty	66
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	<b>100</b>

❖ VBF-ZH combination set strongest limit on  $\mathcal{B}(H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  at LHC to date.

● improved by 29% wrt VBF channel.

- ❖ Comparable impacts from Syst. and Stat. uncertainties.
- ❖ Leading syst. uncertainties from bkg modelling, Jets,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , Fake bkg and MC stat.

# Results -- BSM Higgs



Uncertainty source $m_H$ [GeV]	$\Delta\mathcal{B}_{\text{group}}/\Delta\mathcal{B}_{\text{total}}$ [%]				
	400	800	1000	2000	3000
Theory uncertainties	30	27	28	40	35
Signal modelling	2.2	4.6	5.2	6.9	2.0
Background modelling	30	27	27	38	34
Experimental uncertainties	64	51	45	37	41
Luminosity, pile-up	4.6	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.3
Jets, $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	22	12	11	13	14
Electrons, muons	20	23	18	13	14
Fake background	52	41	35	25	29
MC statistical uncertainty	20	17	19	19	23
Statistical uncertainty	75	84	87	85	86
Systematic uncertainties	67	55	49	53	52
Total uncertainty	100	100	100	100	100

❖ VBF-ggF combination set most comprehensive constraints on  $\sigma_{\text{ggF+VBF}} \times \mathcal{B}(H_{\text{BSM}} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  for  $H$  mass up to 3 TeV.

● improved by 33% wrt ggF channel at  $m_H = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ .

- ❖ Stat. uncertainty dominant at higher  $H$  masses.
- ❖ Leading syst. uncertainties from fake-bkg estimate and bkg modelling. Others share ~20% impact each.



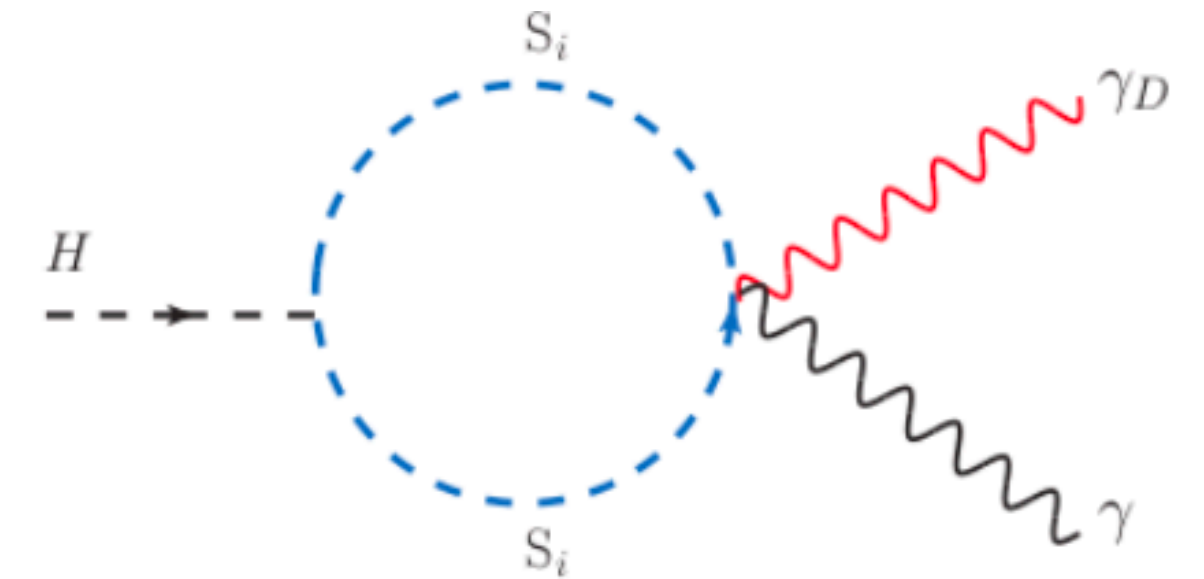
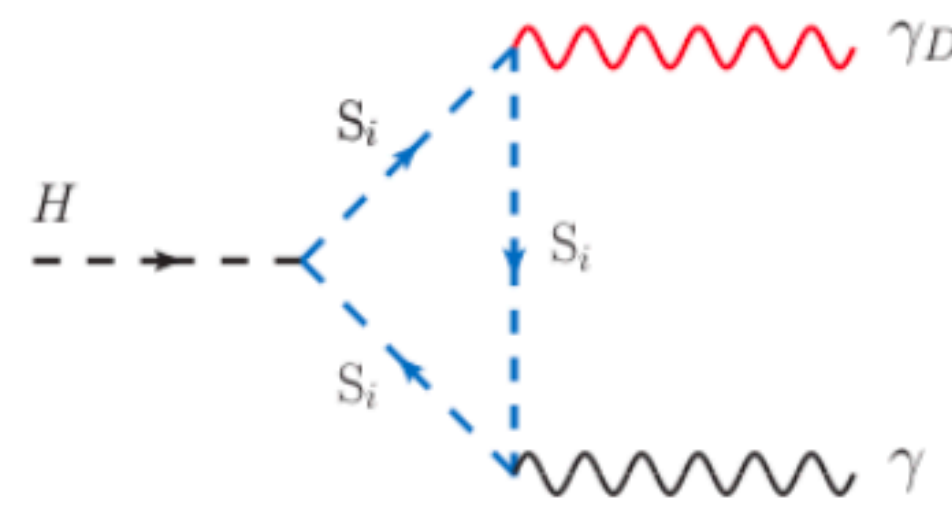
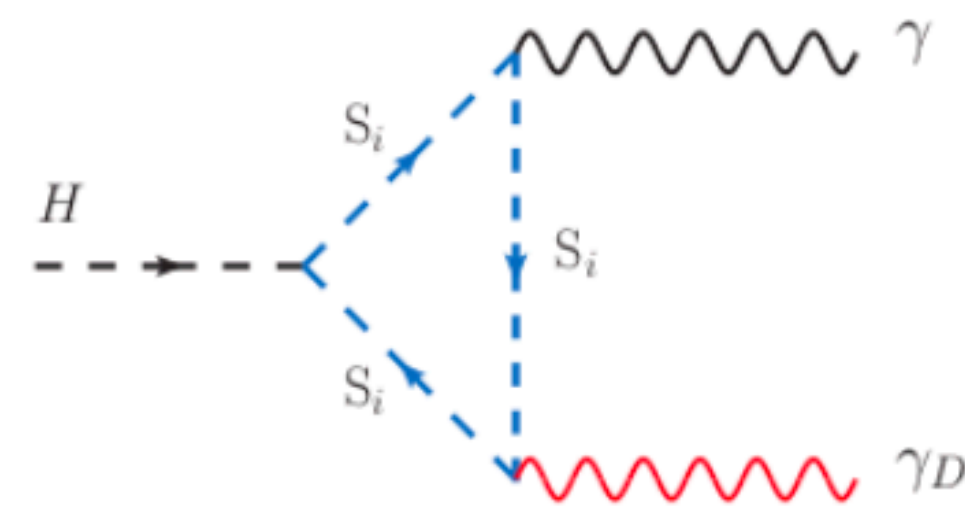
# Physics interpretation for SM Higgs results

❖ VBF-ZH combined limit on  $\mathcal{B}(H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  interpreted in a *Minimal Simplified Model* [1405.5196]

• Generic Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L} \sim \mu \cdot H^\dagger S_L S_R + h.c. \xrightarrow{\text{EWSB}} \mathcal{L}_S^0 = \partial_\mu \hat{S}^\dagger \partial^\mu \hat{S} - \hat{S}^\dagger M_S^2 \hat{S}$

•  $\mu$  - mass parameter;  $S_L$  -  $SU(2)_L$  doublet;  $S_R$  -  $SU(2)_L$  singlet

• Allowing  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$  at 1-loop



$$\hat{S} = (S_L, S_R)$$

$$M_S^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_L^2 & \Delta \\ \Delta & m_R^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

❖ BR of  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d / \gamma_d\gamma_d / \gamma\gamma$  can be expressed as functions of  $U(1)_d$  fine-structure-constant  $\alpha_d$  and mixing parameter  $\xi$

$$\text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma_D} = \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}} \frac{r_{\gamma\gamma_D}}{1 + r_{\gamma_D\gamma_D} \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}}}$$

$$\text{BR}_{\gamma_D\gamma_D} = \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}} \frac{r_{\gamma_D\gamma_D}}{1 + r_{\gamma_D\gamma_D} \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}}}$$

$$\text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma} = \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}} \frac{(1 + \chi \sqrt{r_{\gamma\gamma}})^2}{1 + r_{\gamma_D\gamma_D} \text{BR}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}}}$$

$$r_{\gamma\gamma_D} = 2X^2 \left( \frac{\alpha_D}{\alpha} \right)$$

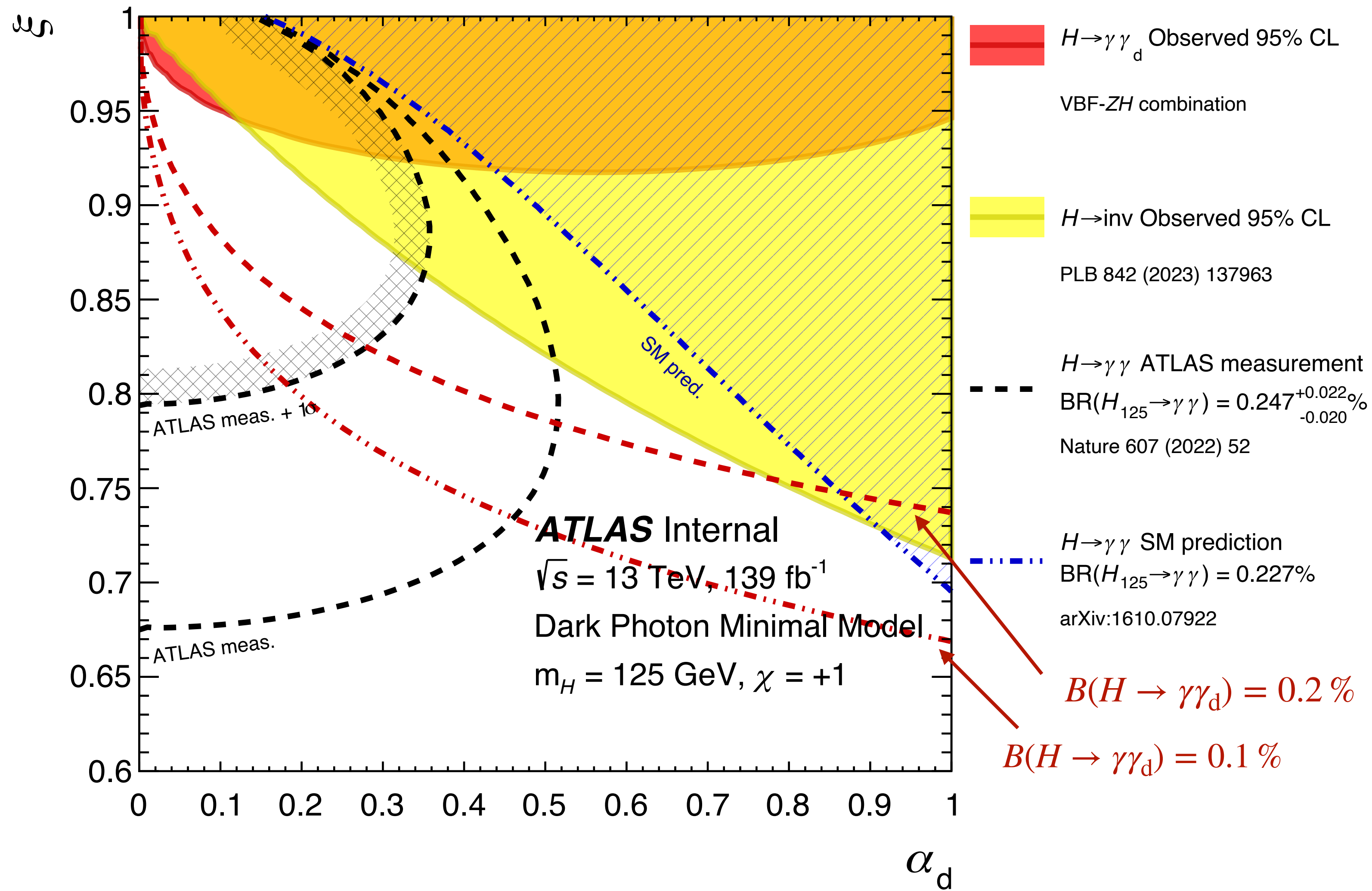
$$r_{\gamma_D\gamma_D} = X^2 \left( \frac{\alpha_D}{\alpha} \right)^2$$

$$r_{\gamma\gamma} = X^2$$

$$X \equiv \frac{\xi^2}{3F(1-\xi^2)}$$

$$\xi = \frac{\Delta}{\bar{m}^2}$$

# Physics interpretation for SM Higgs results



BR limits and measurements from this combination,  $H \rightarrow \text{inv}$  or  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  can be translated into constraints in  $(\alpha_d, \xi)$ .

❖  $\xi \simeq 0.7$  at  $\alpha_d = 1$  excluded by  $\mathcal{B}(H_{125} \rightarrow \text{inv})$  limit interpreted in terms of  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d$  signal.

❖  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma_d$  combination provides additional sensitivity in low- $\alpha_d$  region, which is disfavoured by ATLAS  $\mathcal{B}(H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$  measurement.

❖ Still need  $\sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  better in sensitivity for  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma_d$  search.

$\chi = +1$ : scenario with constructive interference from messenger sector in  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$



# Conclusion

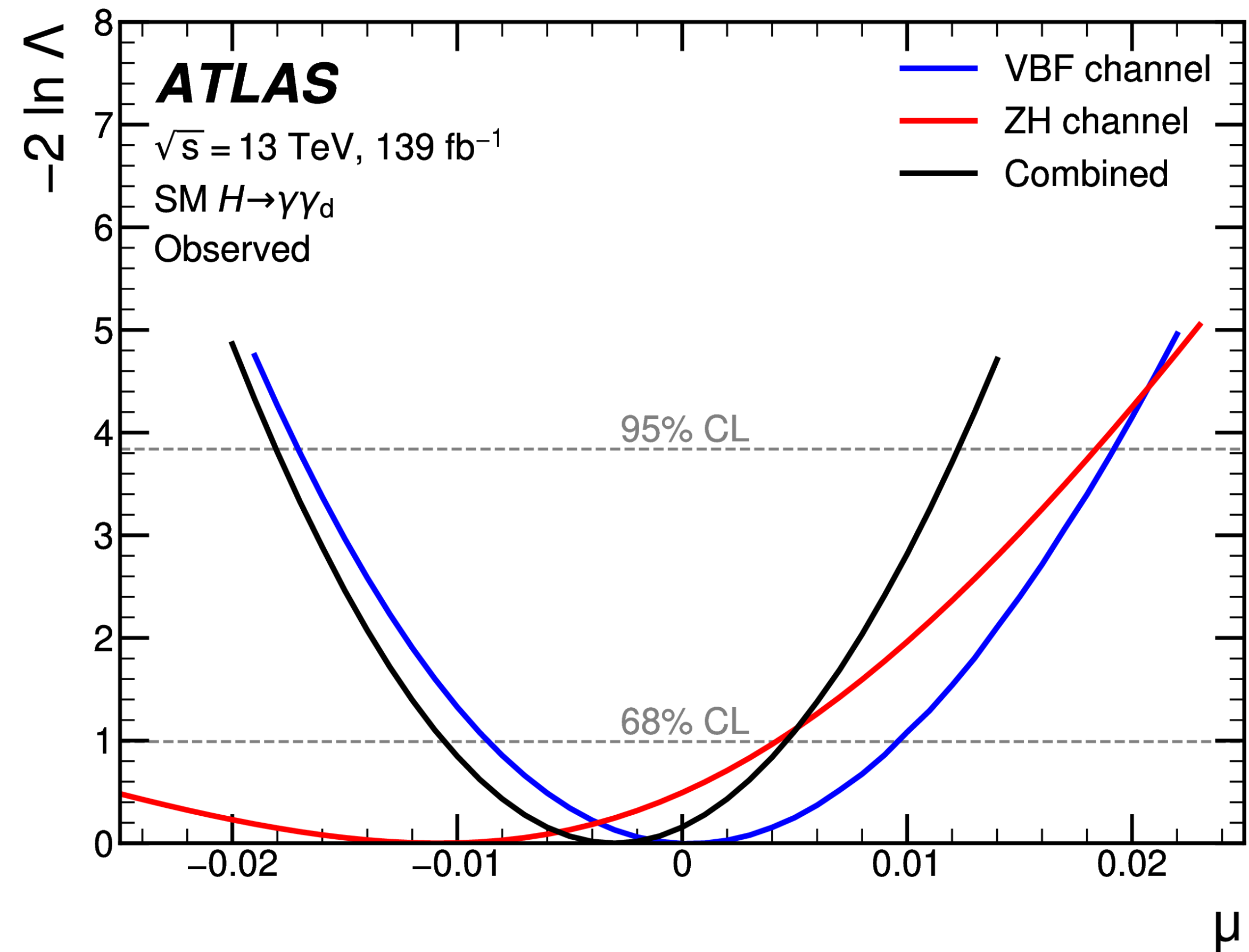
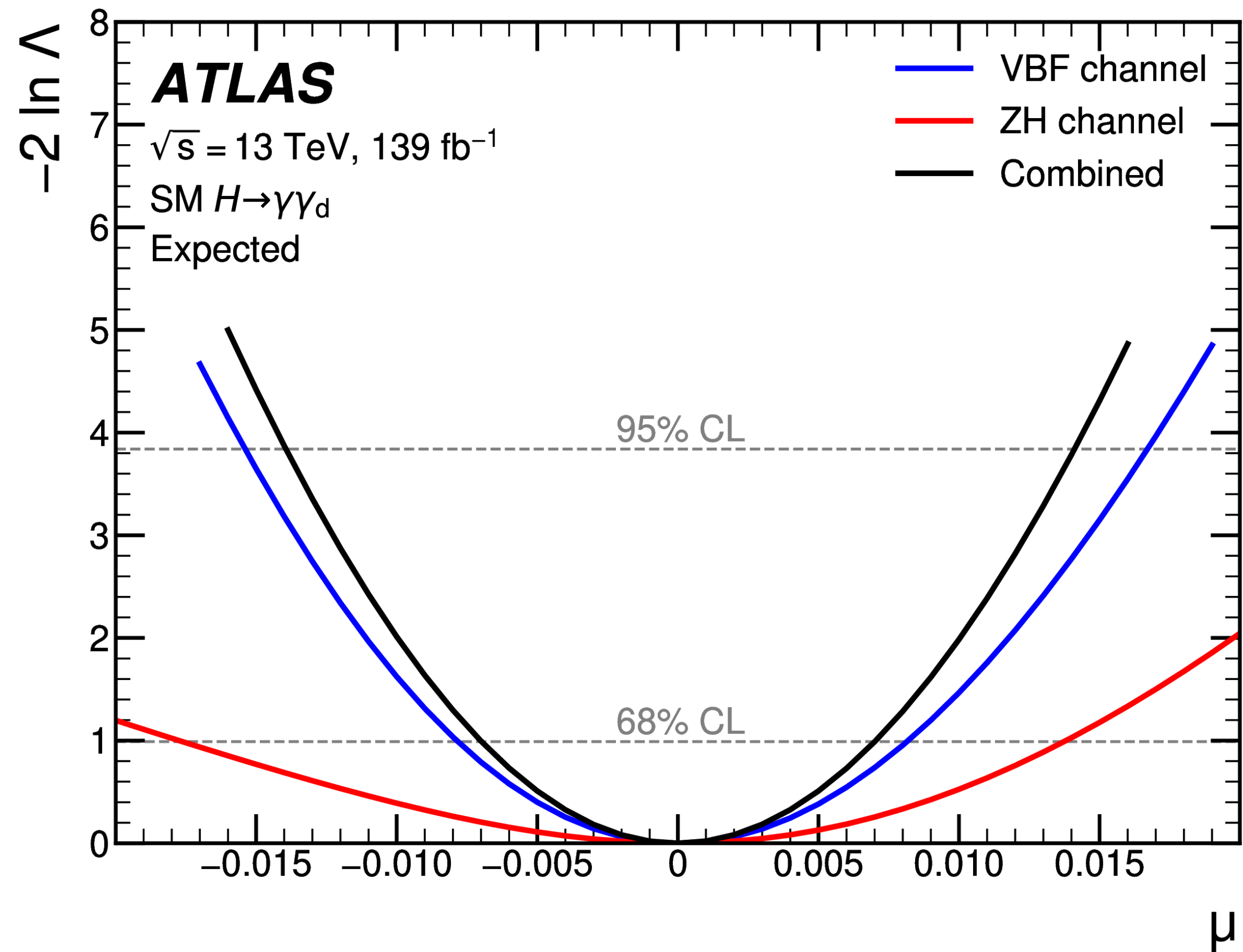
- ❖ Combined search for Higgs decays into photon and massless dark photon has been performed:
  - ⦿ **SM Higgs:** VBF- $ZH$  combination sets the **most stringent limits on  $\mathcal{B}(H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  at LHC to date.**
  - ⦿ **BSM Higgs:** VBF-ggF combination provides **most comprehensive constraint on  $\sigma_{\text{VBF+ggF}} \times \mathcal{B}(H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  for Higgs mass up to 3 TeV.**
- ❖ First physics interpretation of the  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$ ,  $H_{125} \rightarrow \text{inv}$  and  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  results in the Dark Photon Minimal Simplified Model with a generic messenger sector.
- ❖ See [Lailin XU's talk](#) for more results on Dark Photon searches at LHC.

**Thank you for attention**

**Backup**



# Auxiliary



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$m_H$ [GeV]	$200 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 250$ GeV		$250 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 300$ GeV		$350 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 375$ GeV		$E_T^{\text{miss}} \geq 375$ GeV	
	ggF [%]	VBF [%]	ggF [%]	VBF [%]	ggF [%]	VBF [%]	ggF [%]	VBF [%]
400	8.15	4.30	0.35	0.49	0.04	0.05	<0.01	<0.01
600	9.05	4.95	18.9	9.10	7.74	5.44	0.35	0.53
800	3.21	1.96	5.33	3.27	15.4	9.39	15.6	10.5
1000	1.63	1.24	2.50	1.72	5.92	4.01	29.4	21.2
1500	0.50	0.38	0.73	0.69	1.65	1.33	33.3	30.0
2000	0.22	0.21	0.35	0.33	0.67	0.69	32.7	34.3
2500	0.10	0.09	0.16	0.18	0.35	0.41	29.6	38.0
3000	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.19	0.29	28.9	39.6

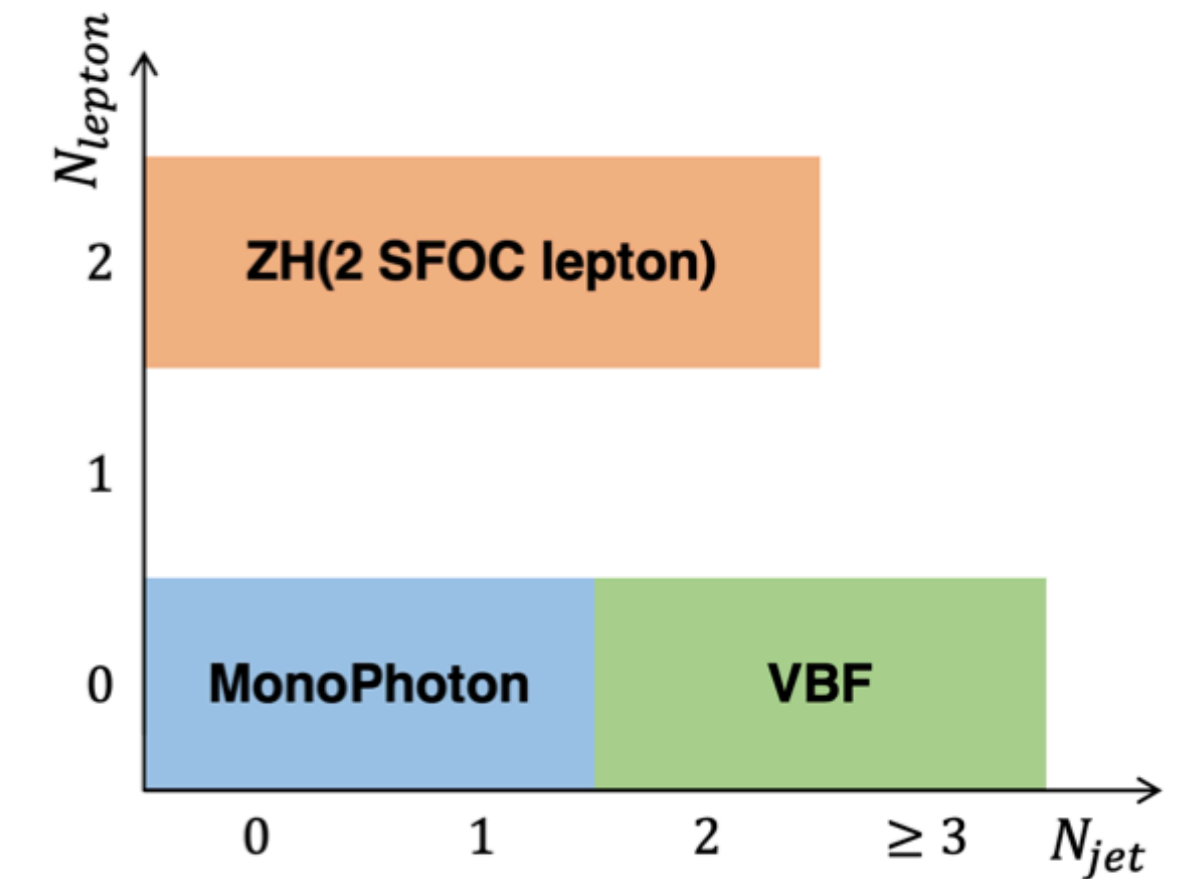


# Stat. combination

The results of the combination presented in this paper are obtained from a likelihood function  $L(\mu, \vec{\theta})$ , where  $\mu$  denotes the parameter of interest (POI) of the model, and  $\vec{\theta}$  constitutes a set of nuisance parameters, encoding the systematic uncertainty contributions and background normalisation factors that are constrained by CRs in data. The final likelihood function  $L(\mu, \vec{\theta})$  is the product of the likelihoods from individual channels within the combination, which are themselves products of likelihoods computed from the final observables in various categories in a single analysis. To derive upper limits on the POI, the profile-likelihood-ratio test statistic is used with the  $CL_s$  method [74] following the asymptotic formulae [75].

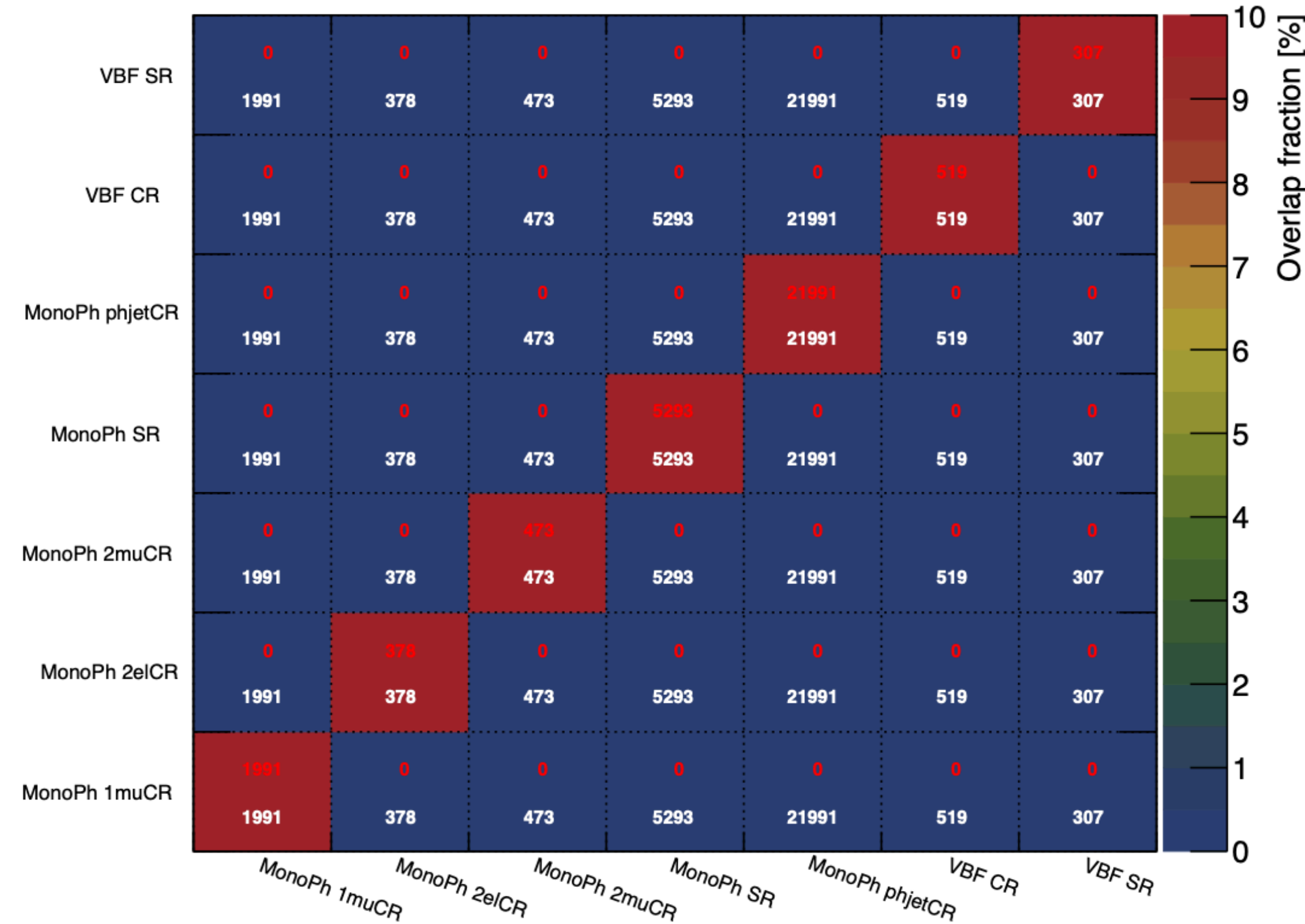
# Orthogonality check

- No overlap expected due to **orthogonality** from  $N_{jet}$  and  $N_{lep}$  definition.
  - No overlap observed with Full run-2 data.**
- Little overlap (< 2%) found in VBF signal process on MC.
  - Reason for this overlap: Different jet reconstructions & pileup suppression
- Treated as statistically independent.



## Heavy Higgs monophoton-recast+VBF combination Full run-2 data

7859 in MonoPh SR,  
20 shared with VBF SR



mH = 1 TeV (largest overlap)  
VBF production mode, MC

