

# Measurements of Higgs boson properties and search for new resonances in $\gamma\gamma$ final state at CMS



Junquan Tao (陶军全)

Institute of High Energy Physics, CAS



中国科学院高能物理研究所  
Institute of High Energy Physics  
Chinese Academy of Sciences



## CLHCP2024 青岛

第十届中国LHC物理会议

The 10th China LHC Physics Conference

2024年11月14日-17日

山东省青岛市鳌山湾

<https://indico.ihep.ac.cn/event/22941/>



中国高等科学技术中心  
China Center of Advanced Science and Technology



# Introduction

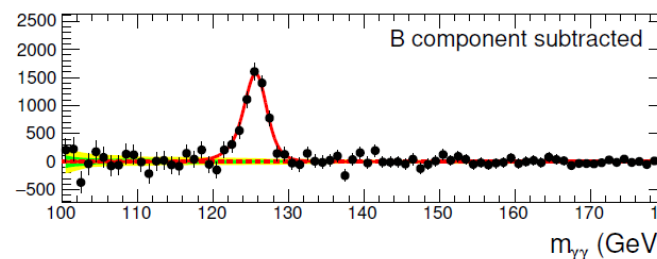
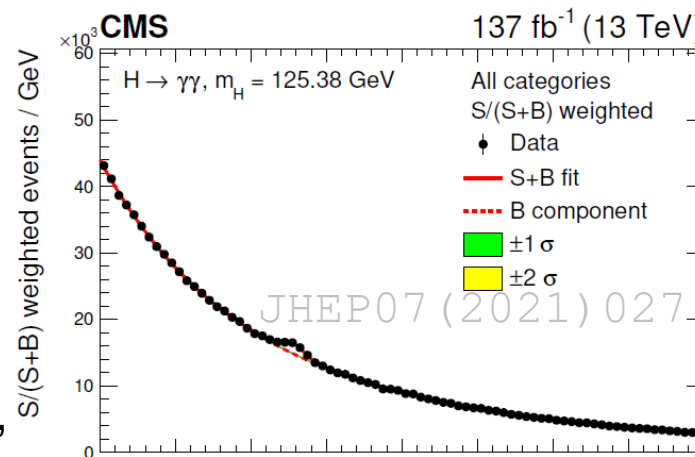
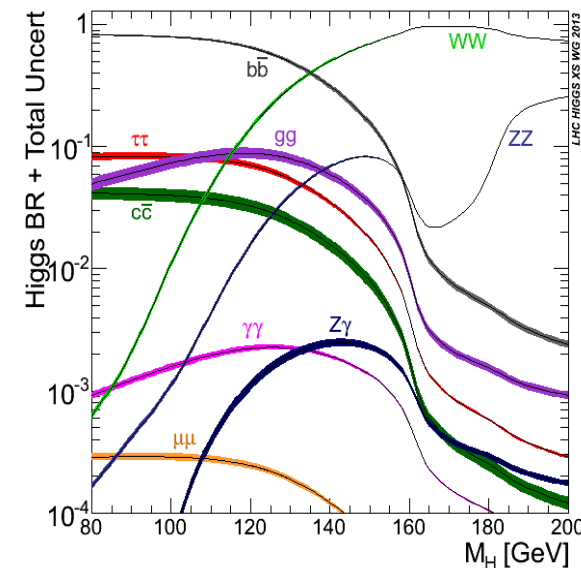
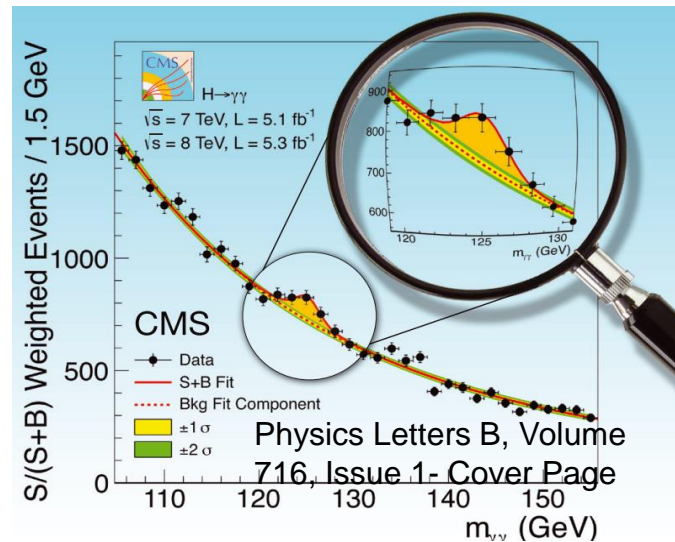
➤  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  is one of the most important channels for the **discovery of Higgs boson** and **measurements of its properties**

- ✓ Small branching fraction ( $\sim 0.23\%$ ) and large bkg, clean final state **fully reconstructed** with high energy resolution and  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  resolution (1-2%)

➤  $\gamma\gamma$  final state also important for **additional resonances searches**

- ✓ Direct search for  $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (high mass, **low mass**)
- ✓ **Exotic decays** of Higgs boson with the new scalar (a/A) decaying into diphoton ( $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ ,  **$H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll\gamma\gamma$** )
- ✓ **Multi-Higgs resonances**:  $X \rightarrow HH/HY$  with one H/Y decaying into  $\gamma\gamma$  (see [Zhenxuan's talk](#))

**Selected results in this talk**





# Analysis Strategy



**For example in 125 GeV  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  analyses**

`HLT_Diphoton30_18_R9Id_OR_IsoCaloId_AND_HE_R9Id_Mass90` (2016)

`HLT_Diphoton30_22_R9Id_OR_IsoCaloId_AND_HE_R9Id_Mass90` (2017 and 2018)

`HLT_Diphoton30_22_R9Id_OR_IsoCaloId_AND_HE_R9Id_Mass90` (2022)

Trigger efficiency is measured from  $Z \rightarrow ee$  events using the tag-and-probe technique ([JHEP 10 \(2011\) 132](#))

**For example in (very) low-mass BSM  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  analyses**

`HLT_Diphoton30EB_18EB_R9Id_OR_IsoCaloId_AND_HE_R9Id_DoublePixelVeto_Mass55_v1`  
`HLT_Diphoton30PV_18PV_R9Id_AND_IsoCaloId_AND_HE_R9Id_DoublePixelVeto_Mass55` (2016)

`HLT_Diphoton30PV_18PV_R9Id_AND_IsoCaloId_AND_HE_R9Id_PixelVeto_Mass55` (2017)

`HLT_Diphoton30_18_R9IdL_AND_HE_AND_IsoCaloId_NoPixelVeto` (2018, 2022)

# Analysis Strategy



Data events passing (diphoton) **HLT-paths**

**Preselection** to mimic HLT, photon ID MVA cut ( $>-0.9$ ), electron-veto, photon  $p_T/M_{\gamma\gamma}$  ...

**Energy Scale and Resolution Corrections**, corrections on MC simulated photon shower shapes and isolations

**Per object strategy**

**Photon ID MVA** trained to distinguish prompt photons from jets

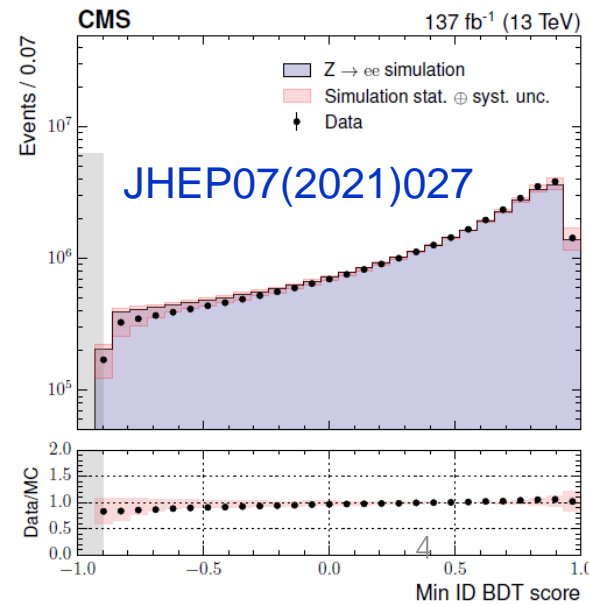
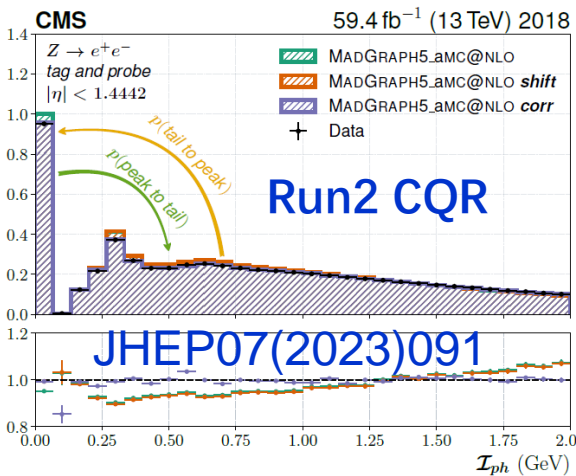
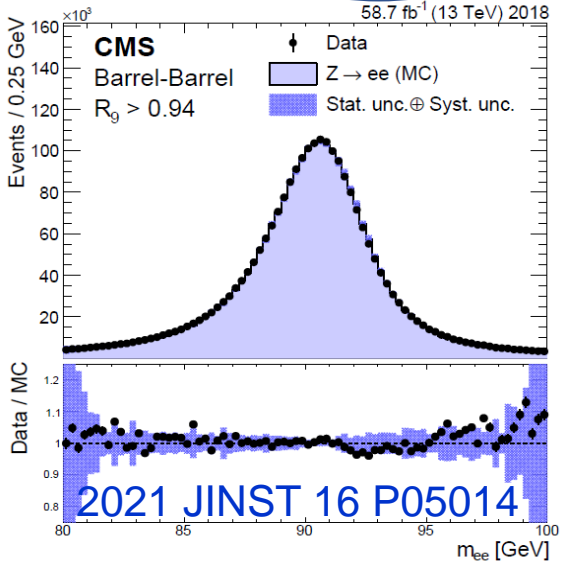
**A dedicated Vertex ID MVA** to select the primary vertex (Run2)

Validated on  $Z \rightarrow ee$  and  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$

Energy scaling and smearing: using  $Z \rightarrow ee$  events with electrons reconstructed as photons

Validated on  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events, by refitting vertices ignoring the muon tracks

Run 3: "0<sup>th</sup> vertex" corresponding to the hardest scattering in the event, evaluated using tracks



# Analysis Strategy

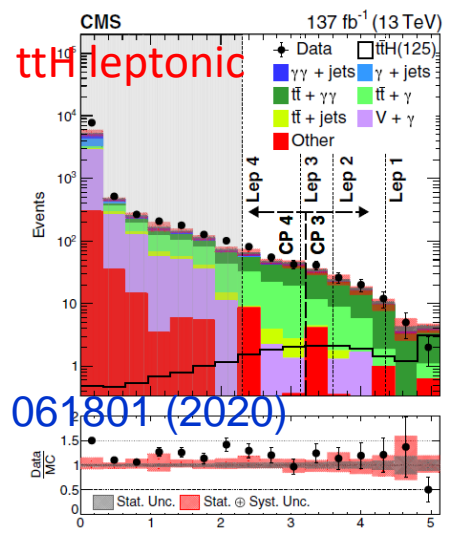
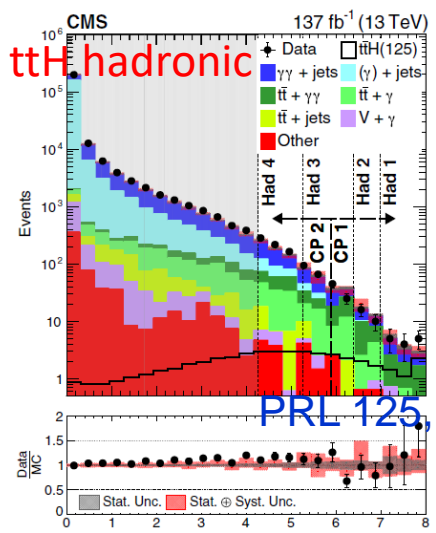
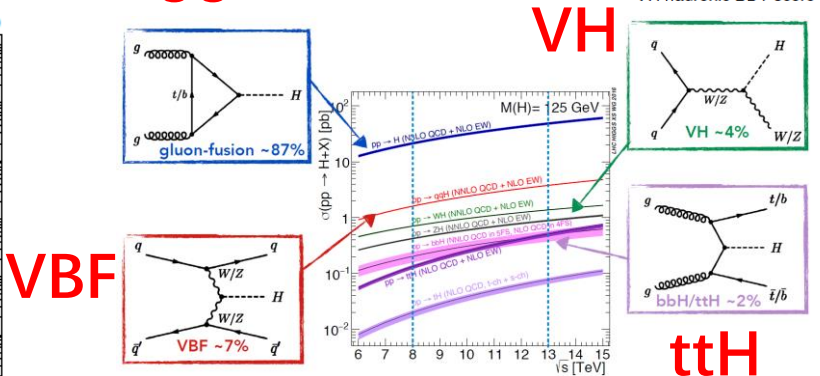
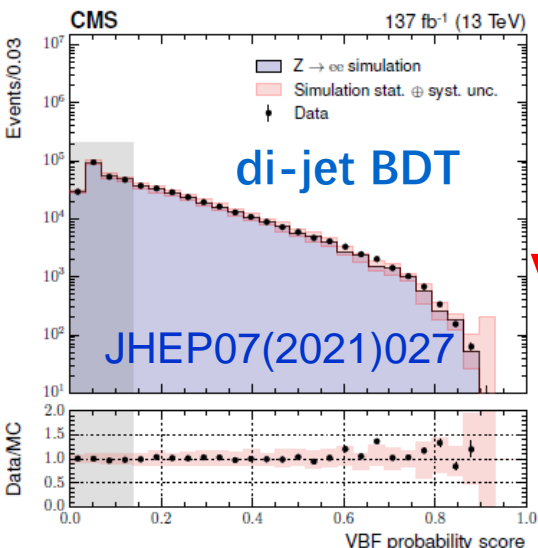
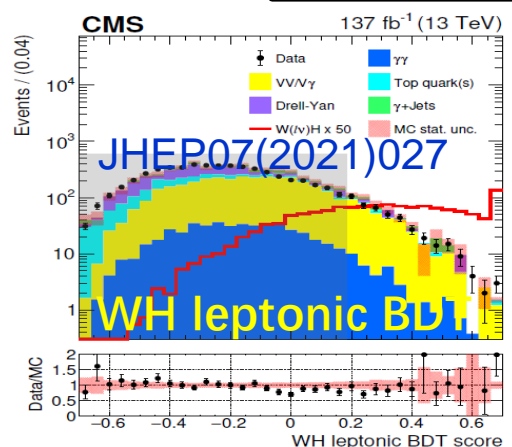
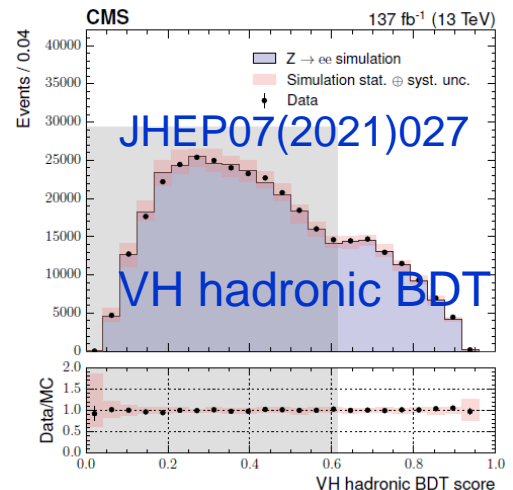
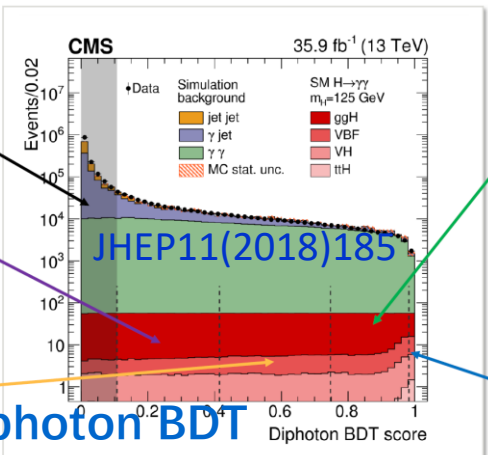


Samples (data, MC)

Data events passing (diphoton) **HLT-paths**

**Preselection** to mimic HLT, photon ID MVA cut ( $> -0.9$ ), electron-veto, photon  $p_T/M_{\gamma\gamma} \dots$

**Event categorization** on production modes, mass resolution and S/B to improve the analysis sensitivity



2D: di-jet BDT and diphoton BDT Or combine BDT (HIG-16-040, LM HIG-20-002 )

Several different machine learning (ML) algorithms

# Analysis Strategy



Samples  
(data, MC)

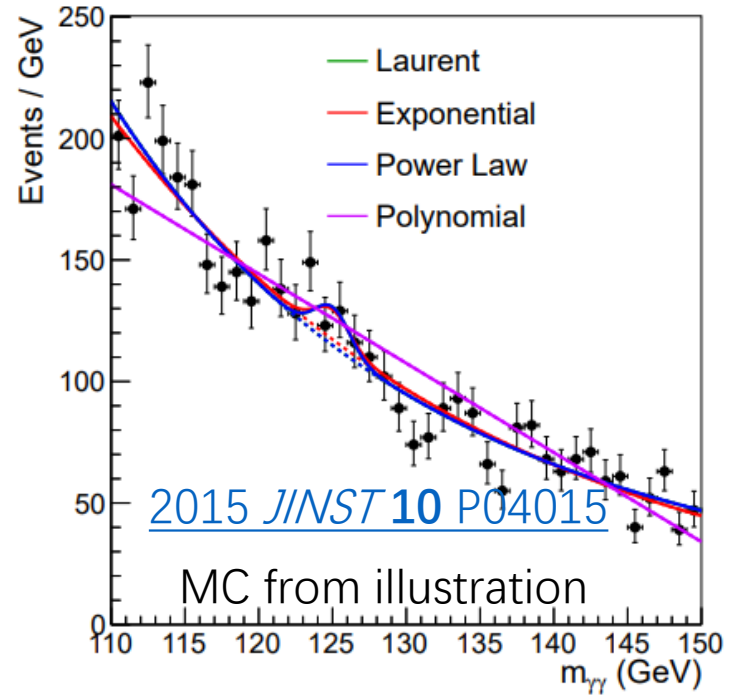
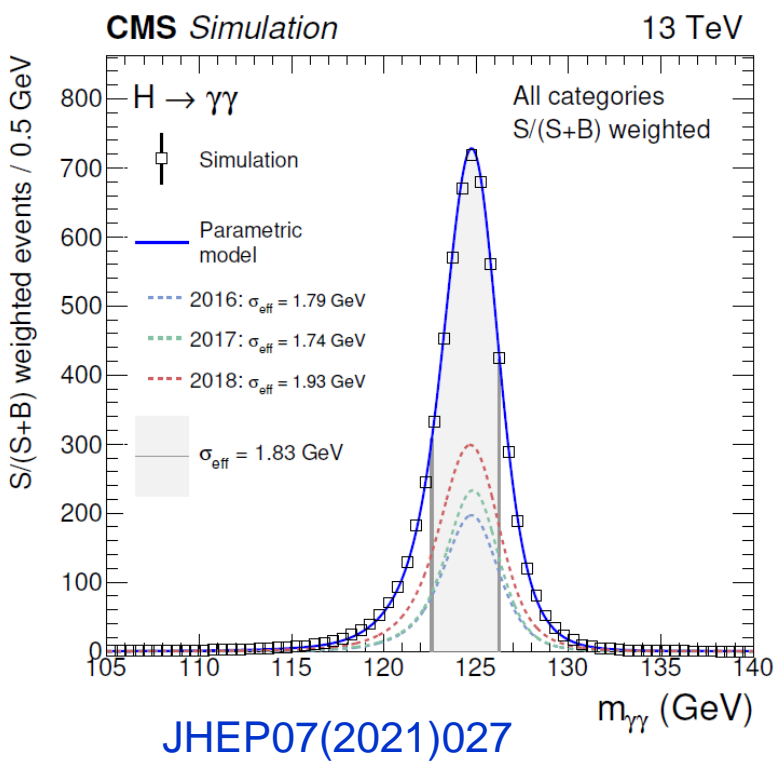
Data events passing  
(diphoton) **HLT-paths**

**Preselection** to mimic HLT,  
photon ID MVA cut ( $>-0.9$ ),  
electron-veto, photon  $p_T/M_{\gamma\gamma}$  ...

**Signal model** derived from MC simulation,  
with corrections (trigger eff, data/SFs, ...)

Sig and bkg modeling  
based on  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$

**Event categorization**  
on production modes,  
mass resolution and  
S/B to improve the  
analysis sensitivity



**Background model** derived from data,  
using the envelope method (discrete  
profiling method, [2015 JINST 10 P04015](#))



# Analysis Strategy



Samples  
(data, MC)

Data events passing  
(diphoton) **HLT-paths**

**Preselection** to mimic HLT,  
photon ID MVA cut ( $>-0.9$ ),  
electron-veto, photon  $p_T/M_{\gamma\gamma}$  ...

**Event categorization**  
on production modes,  
mass resolution and  
**S/B** to improve the  
analysis sensitivity

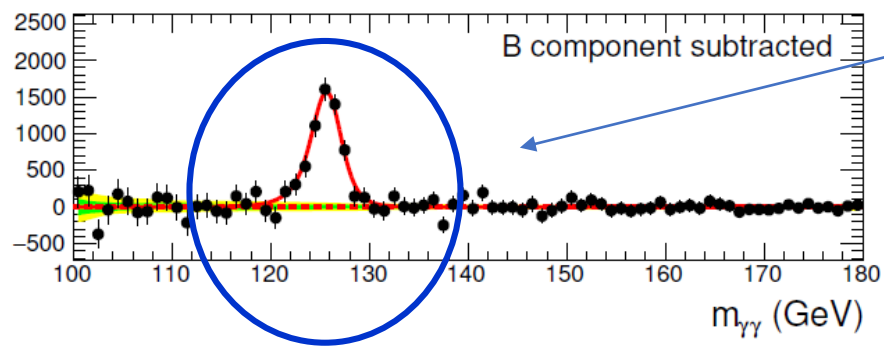
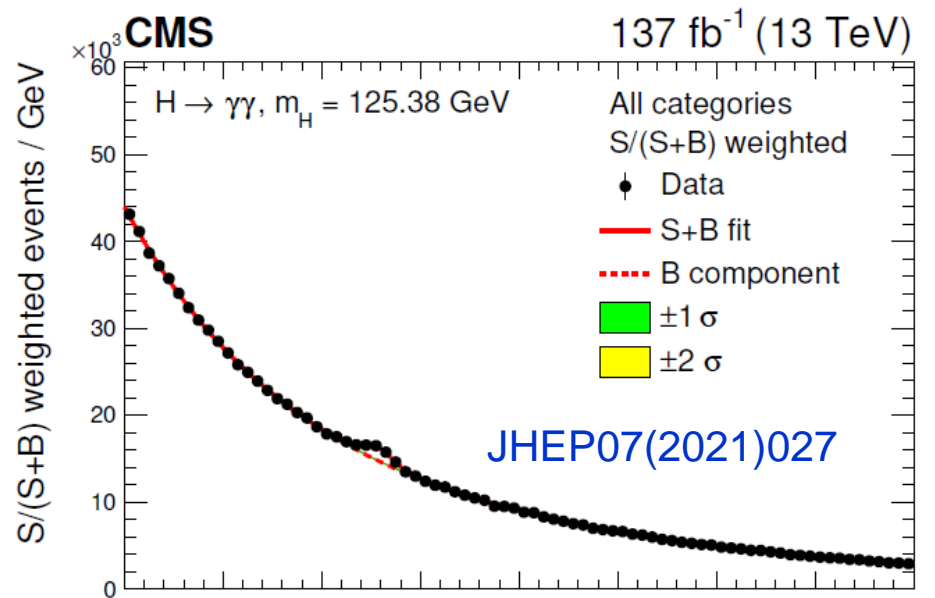
Sig and bkg modeling  
based on  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$

**Results**

*Signal is extracted by a simultaneous maximum-likelihood fit to the **diphoton mass** in all event classes*

**125 GeV Higgs boson:** mass, signal strength, cross sections (inclusive, differential, STXS), couplings and anomalous couplings, CP, ...

**BSM Higgs:** upper limits and significances



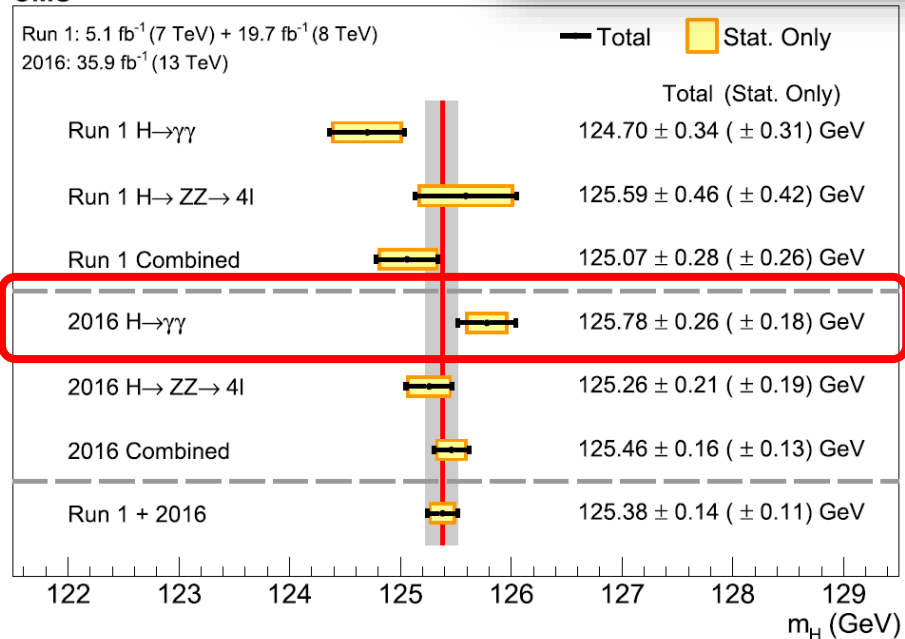
# H → γγ : mass

- Measurement with **2016 data**: 4 untagged event classes + 3 VBF classes (see details in [Chenguang's talk](#))

$$m_H = 125.78 \pm 0.18(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.18(\text{syst.})$$

**Precision at per-mille level**

CMS



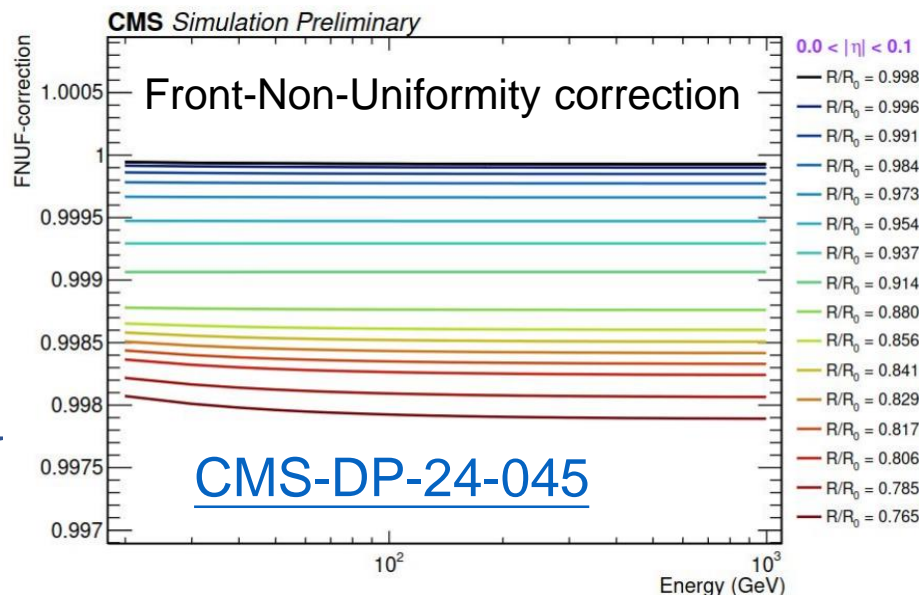
The observed impact of the different uncertainties on the measurement of  $m_H$ .

Source	Contribution (GeV)
Electron energy scale and resolution corrections	0.10
Residual $p_T$ dependence of the photon energy scale	0.11
Modelling of the material budget	0.03
Nonuniformity of the light collection	0.11
Total systematic uncertainty	0.18
Statistical uncertainty	0.18
Total uncertainty	0.26

[Phys. Lett. B 805 \(2020\) 135425](#)

- In view of **full Run 2** analysis **this effect is corrected**: significantly reduced uncertainty, full Run2 measurement in progress

New for full Run2



Large uncertainty from the **non-uniformity of the light collection** along the length of the ECAL crystals



# H → γγ fiducial cross sections

- Fiducial cross sections aim at providing a set of **model independent** results
- **CMS** released the its **first Run3 H → γγ measurements for ICHEP2024** with 2022 data (details in [Chengyang's talk](#))
- **Fiducial volume (Run2)**

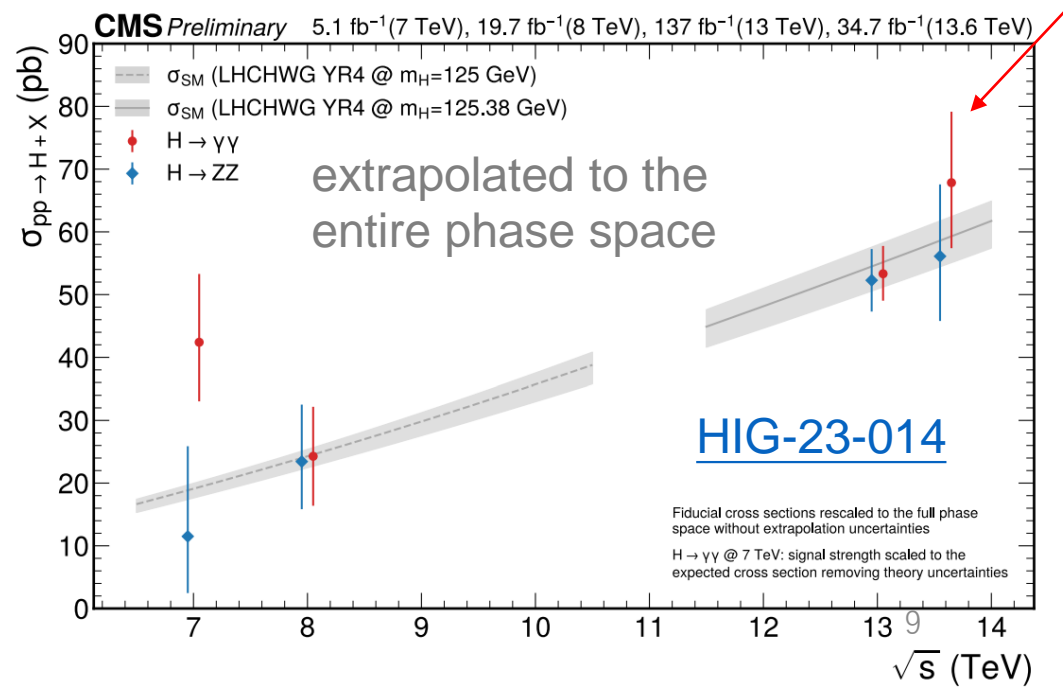
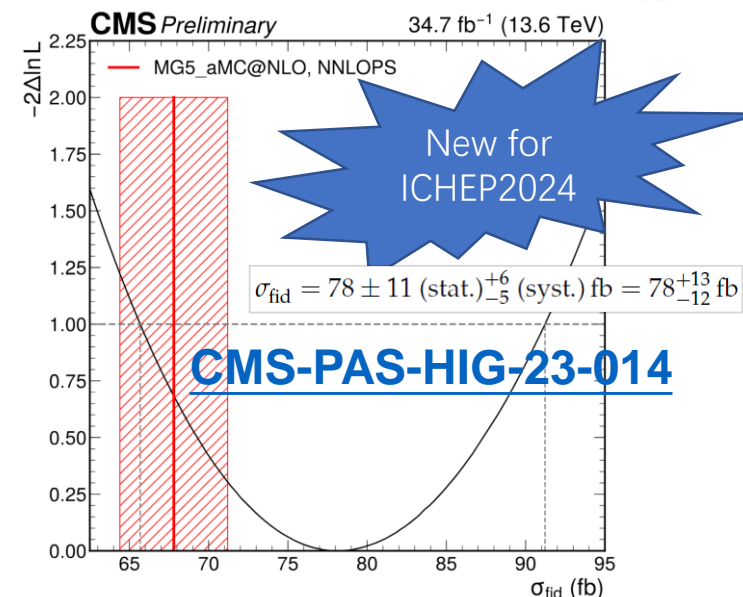
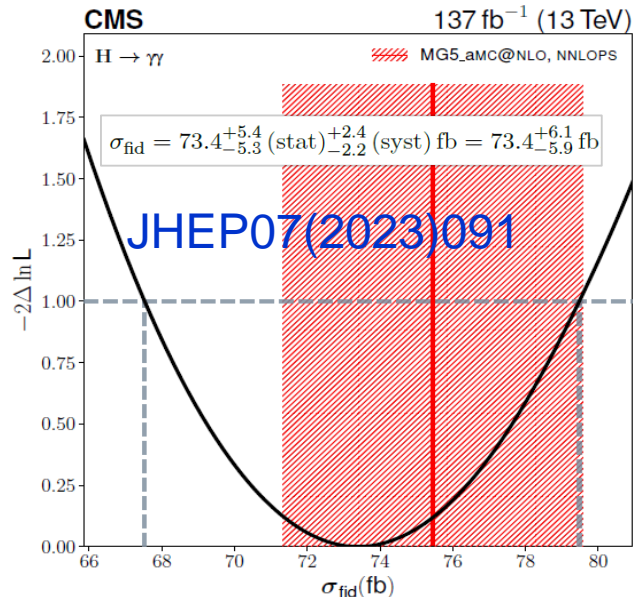
Observable	Selection
$p_T^{\gamma_1} / m_{\gamma\gamma}$	$> 1/3$
$p_T^{\gamma_2} / m_{\gamma\gamma}$	$> 1/4$
$\mathcal{I}_{\text{gen}}^{\gamma}$	$< 10 \text{ GeV}$
$ \eta^{\gamma} $	$< 2.5$

## Run3 "geometric cut"

$$\sqrt{p_T^{\gamma_1} p_T^{\gamma_2}} / m_{\gamma\gamma} > 1/3$$

to improve perturbative convergence in the fiducial phase space [[JHEP11\(2021\)220](#)]

in agreement with the SM predictions



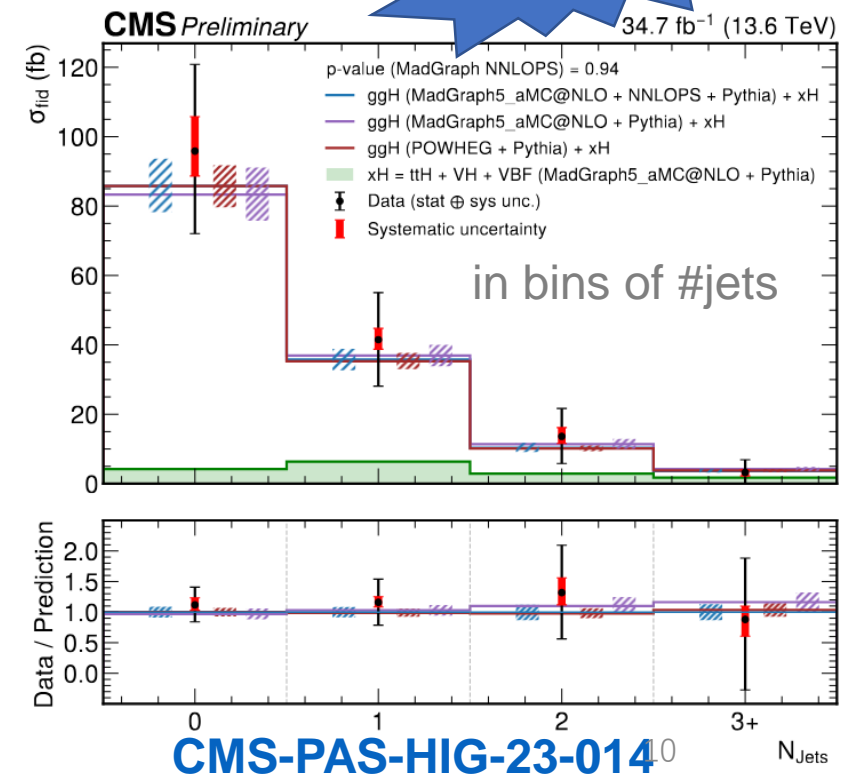
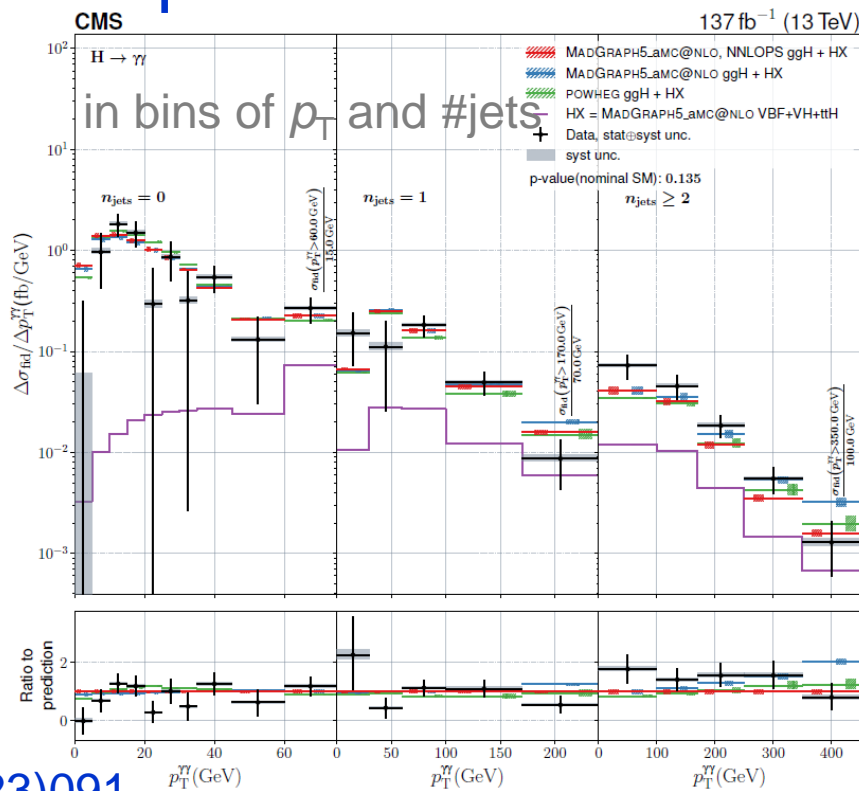
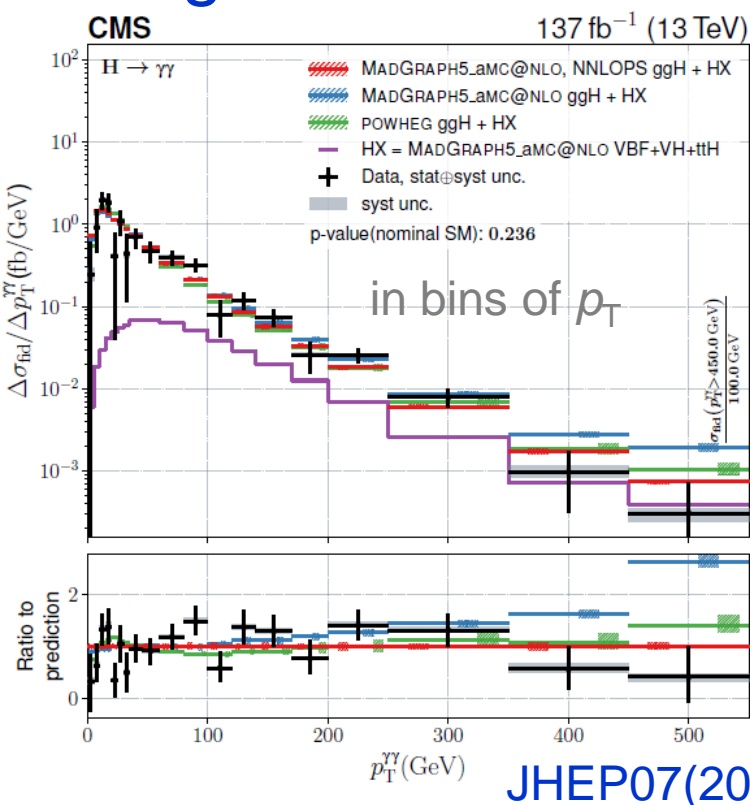
# H → γγ differential fiducial XS

## ➤ Fiducial XS measured as a function of observables

- ✓ Full Run2 (JHEP07(2023)091): ~20 observables of the diphoton system as well as jets; numbers of jets, leptons, and b-tagged jets; two double-differential XS measurements
- ✓ 2022 data (CMS-PAS-HIG-23-014): 3 differential observables Higgs  $p_T$  and  $|y|$ ,  $N_{jet}$

In agreement with the SM prediction within the uncertainties

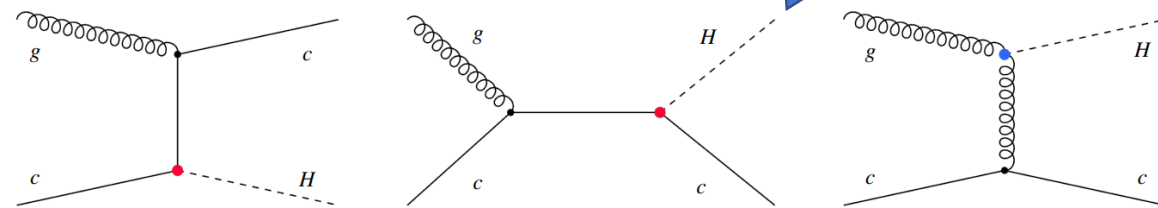
New for ICHEP2024



# First search for $cH, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

CMS-PAS-HIG-23-010

New for  
ICHEP2024

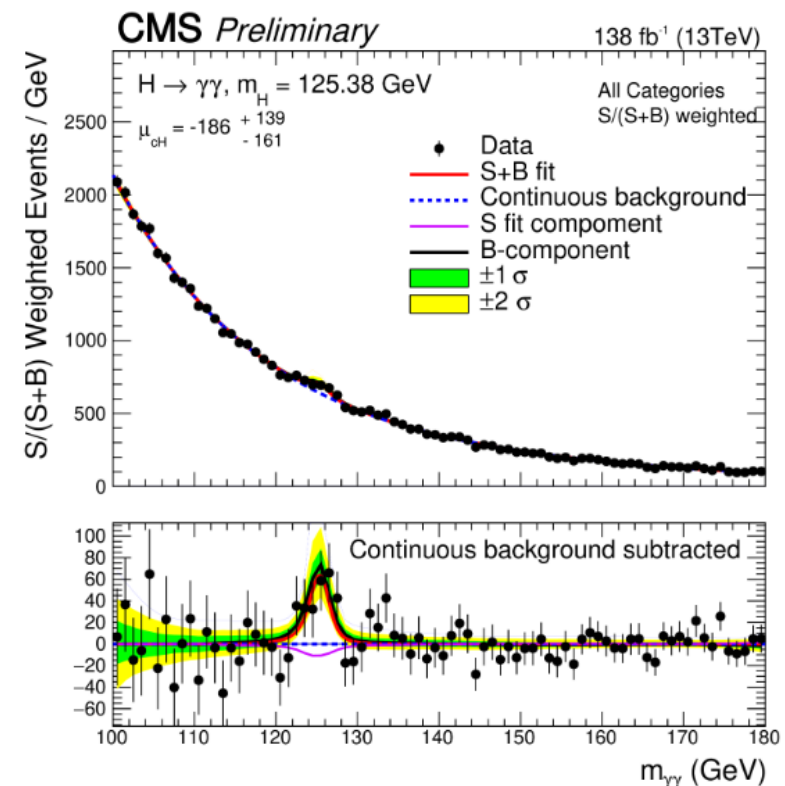
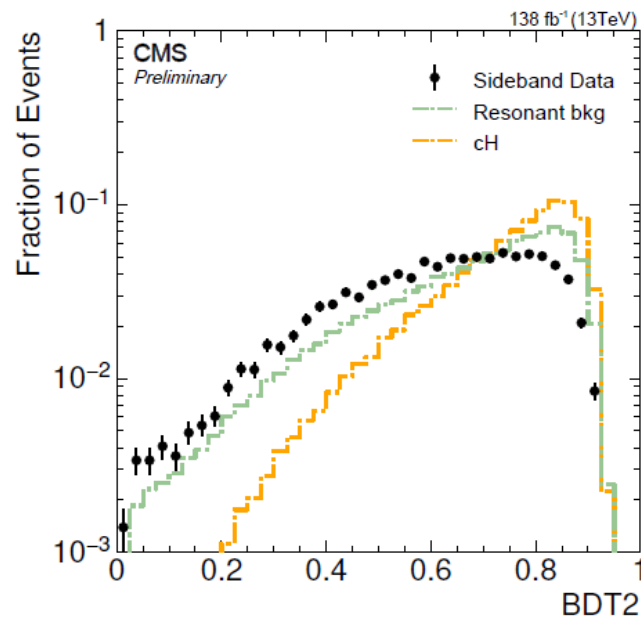
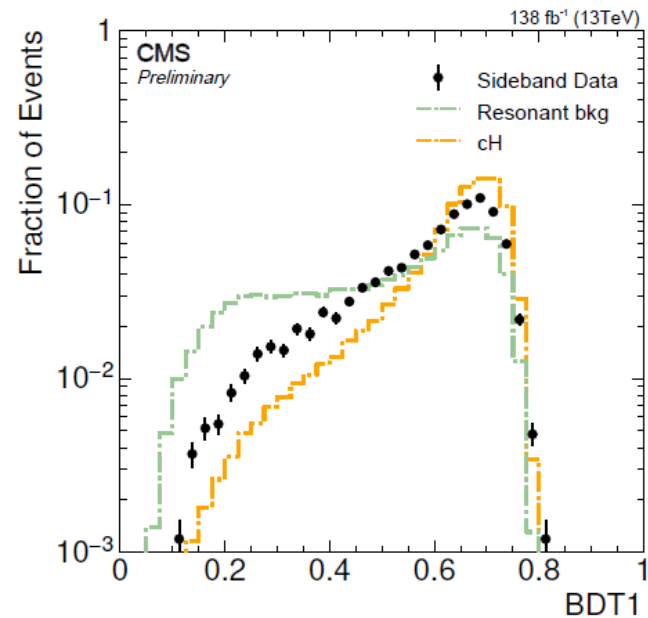


c-tagging  
(CvsL score > 0.25)

Tagger	CvsL
DeepJet	$\frac{P(c)}{P(c)+P(uds)+P(g)}$

Dominated by the **statistical uncertainty of data**, sub-dominated by **theoretical uncertainties** on  $cH$  signal and resonant bkg

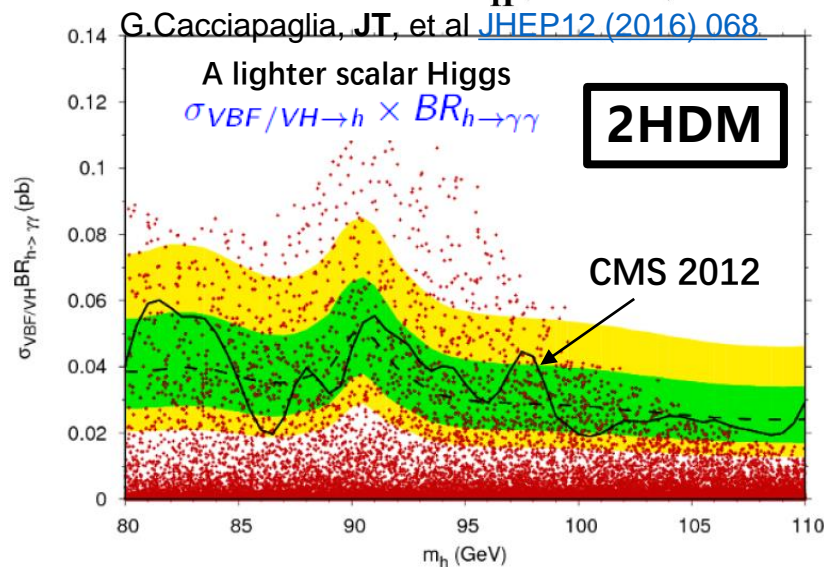
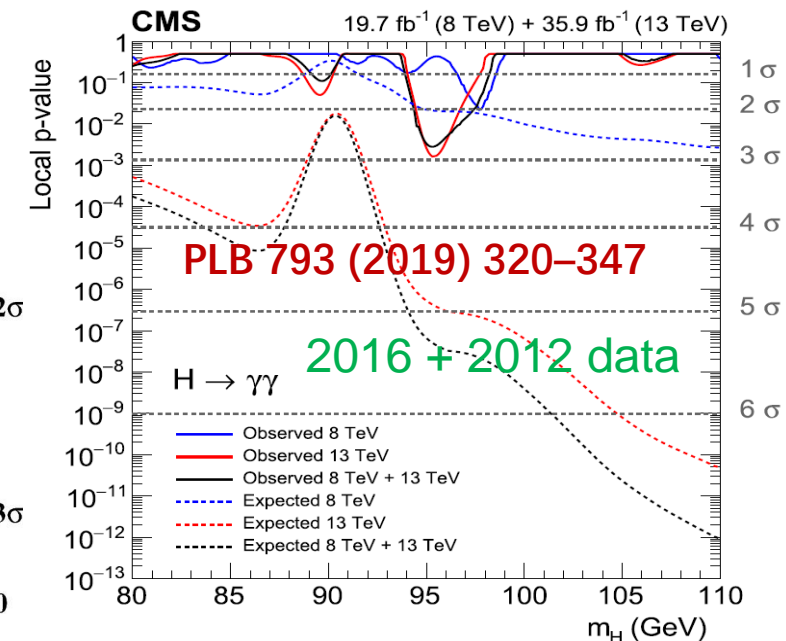
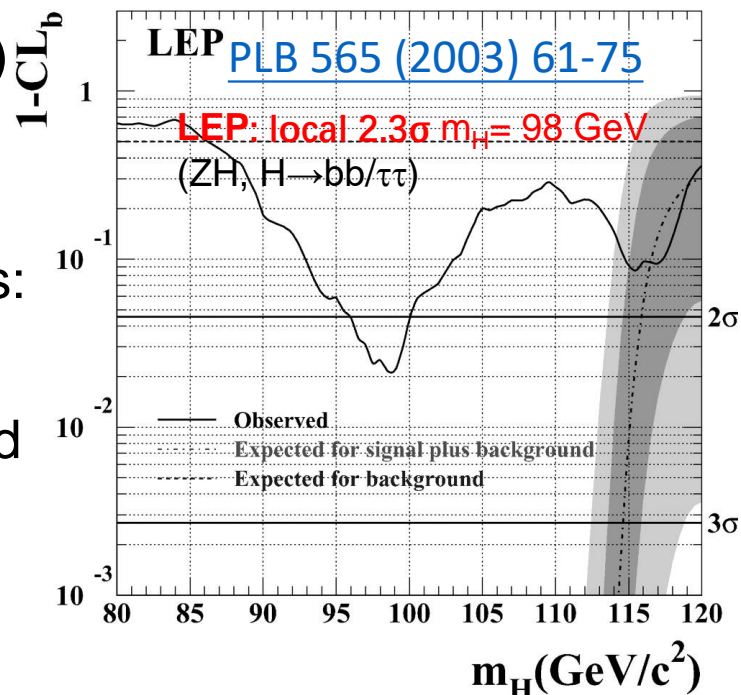
- Provide a unique opportunity to probe the Higgs boson-charm quark coupling
- Two BDT classifiers to distinguish  $cH$  and  $ggH$ , to distinguish  $cH$  and the continuous bkg
- Upper limits on the  $cH$  signal strength  $< 243$  (355)  $\times \sigma_{SM}$  obs. (exp.) at 95% CL
- Constraints on  $H$ - $c$  quark coupling modifier  $|\kappa_c| < 38.1$  ( $|\kappa_c| < 72.5$ ) obs. (exp.) at 95% CL





# BSM: low-mass $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Many **BSM models** (e.g. 2HDM, NMSSM) predict additional Higgs bosons, Some of which could have **masses  $< 125$  GeV**
- Final **LEP SM** Higgs boson search results:  $2.3\sigma$  local excess at  $m_H = 98$  GeV
- Discovery of **extra Higgs boson(s)** would be an unequivocal sign of new physics
- We have performed the **LM  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  search since Run1 at CMS**
  - ✓ 2012 data (**HIG-14-037**, PAS only) :  $\sim 2\sigma$  local at 97.5 GeV
  - ✓ 2016 + 2012 data (**HIG-17-013**, **PLB 793 (2019) 320-347**):  $2.8\sigma$  local ( $1.3\sigma$  global) significance at 95.3 GeV
- Performed **interpretations with several BSM**



**NMSSM:** J. Fan, JT(\*), et al., [Chin. Phys. C 38 \(2013\) 073101](#)

**2HDM:** G.Cacciapaglia, JT, et al [JHEP12 \(2016\) 068](#)

**NMSSM:** JT et al., [Chin. Phys. C 42 \(2018\) no.10, 103107](#)

**Georgi-Machacek model:** C. Wang, JT(\*) et al., [Chin. Phys. C 46 \(2022\) 8, 083107](#)

# Low-mass $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

➤ Analysis strategy is similar as SM  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  except for **relic Drell-Yan ( $Z \rightarrow ee$ )**, in the diphoton mass spectrum

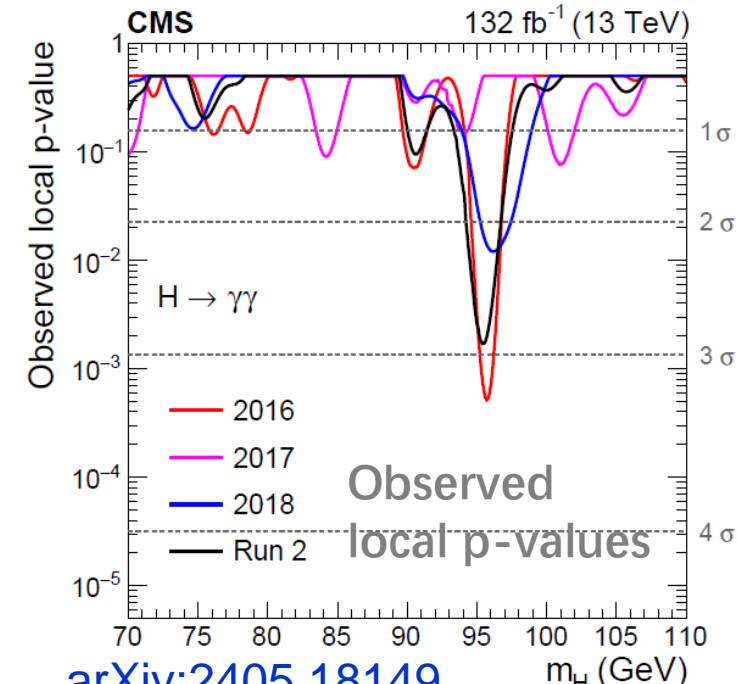
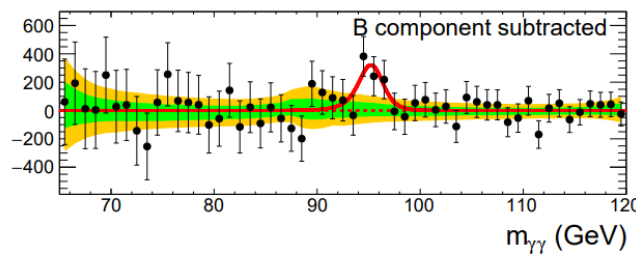
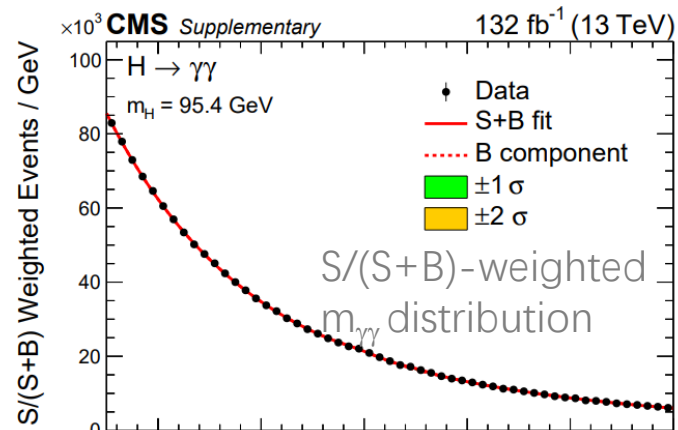
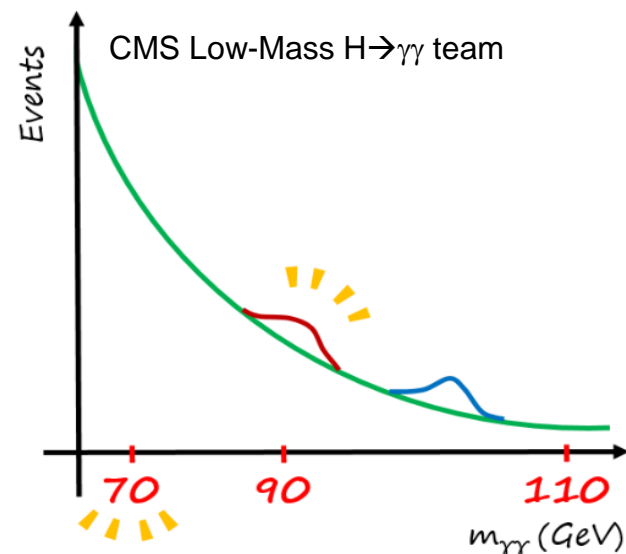
- ✓ Dedicated **HLT** paths then event (pre-) **selections**
- ✓ Dedicated **DY suppression** strategy and modeling (a double-sided Crystal Ball function + an exponential)
- ✓ **Retrained photon ID MVA** and **diphoton BDT** training, optimization of event categorization

➤ Modest excess with  **$\sim 2.9\sigma$  local ( $1.3\sigma$  global) significance at  $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 95.4$  GeV**

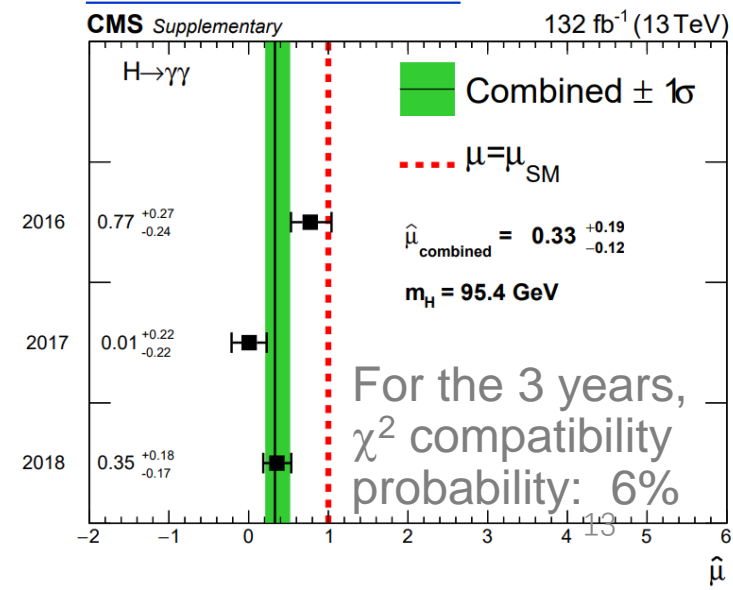
- ✓ excess did not grow with luminosity, but remains intriguing

[More results and interpretations](#)

Accepted by *Phys. Lett. B* (Oct. 2024)



[arXiv:2405.18149](#)

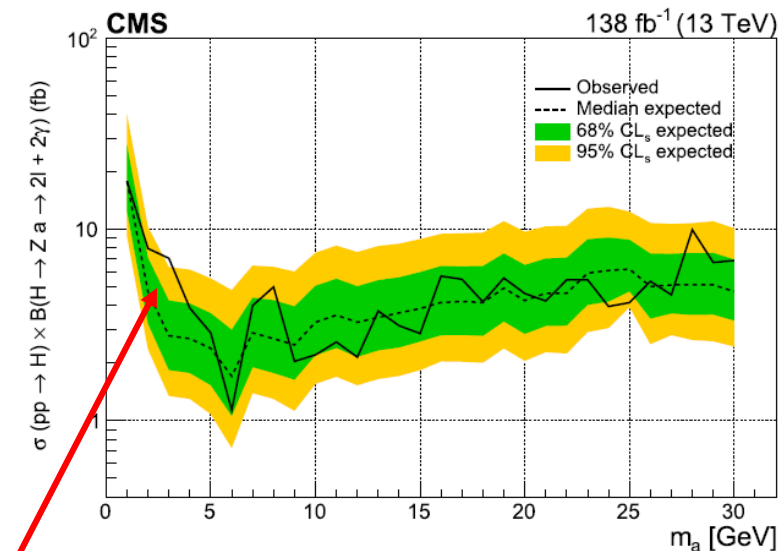
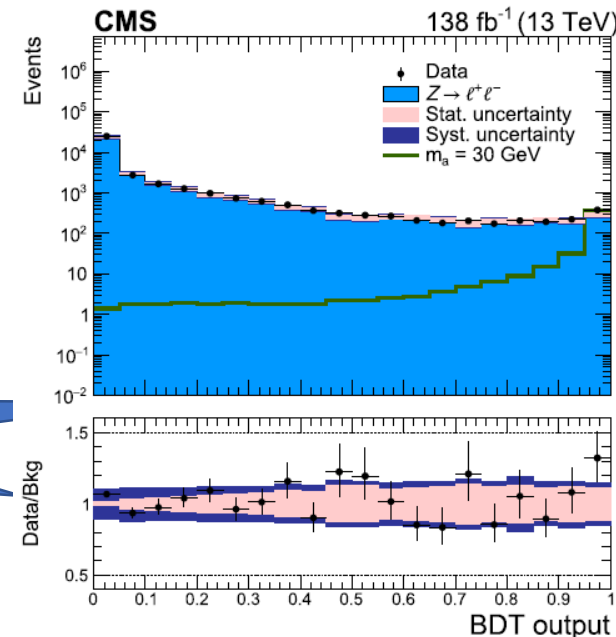
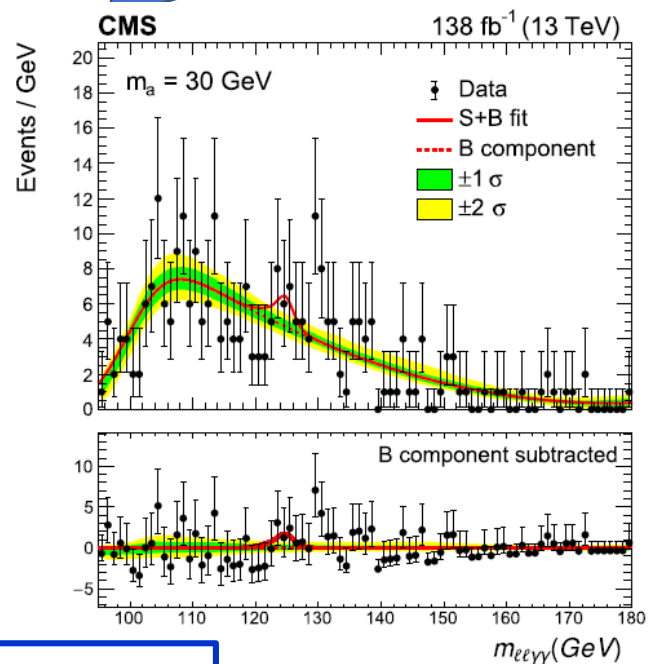


For the 3 years,  $\chi^2$  compatibility probability: 6%

# Exotic decays of H: $H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow l + \gamma\gamma$

- **Two photon resolved** case with  $m_a \in [1, 30]$  GeV, with  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  or  $ee$
- Developed **dedicated photon ID** by removing  $\sigma_{\text{in}}^{\text{in}}$  and **PF Photon Isolation** from official cut-based photon ID
- Trained an **event BDT** for event categorization to improve the sensitivity
- Use  **$l\gamma\gamma$  invariant mass** spectrum to extract signal in data
- **Statistical uncertainties dominate**

*Phys. Lett. B* 852  
(2024) 138582



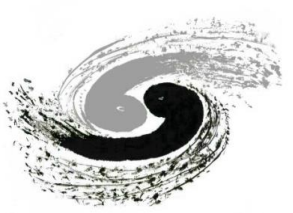
**First LHC result in the  $H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow l\gamma\gamma$  final state**

**2.6 $\sigma$  (1.3 $\sigma$ ) local (global) significance at  $m_a = 3$  GeV**





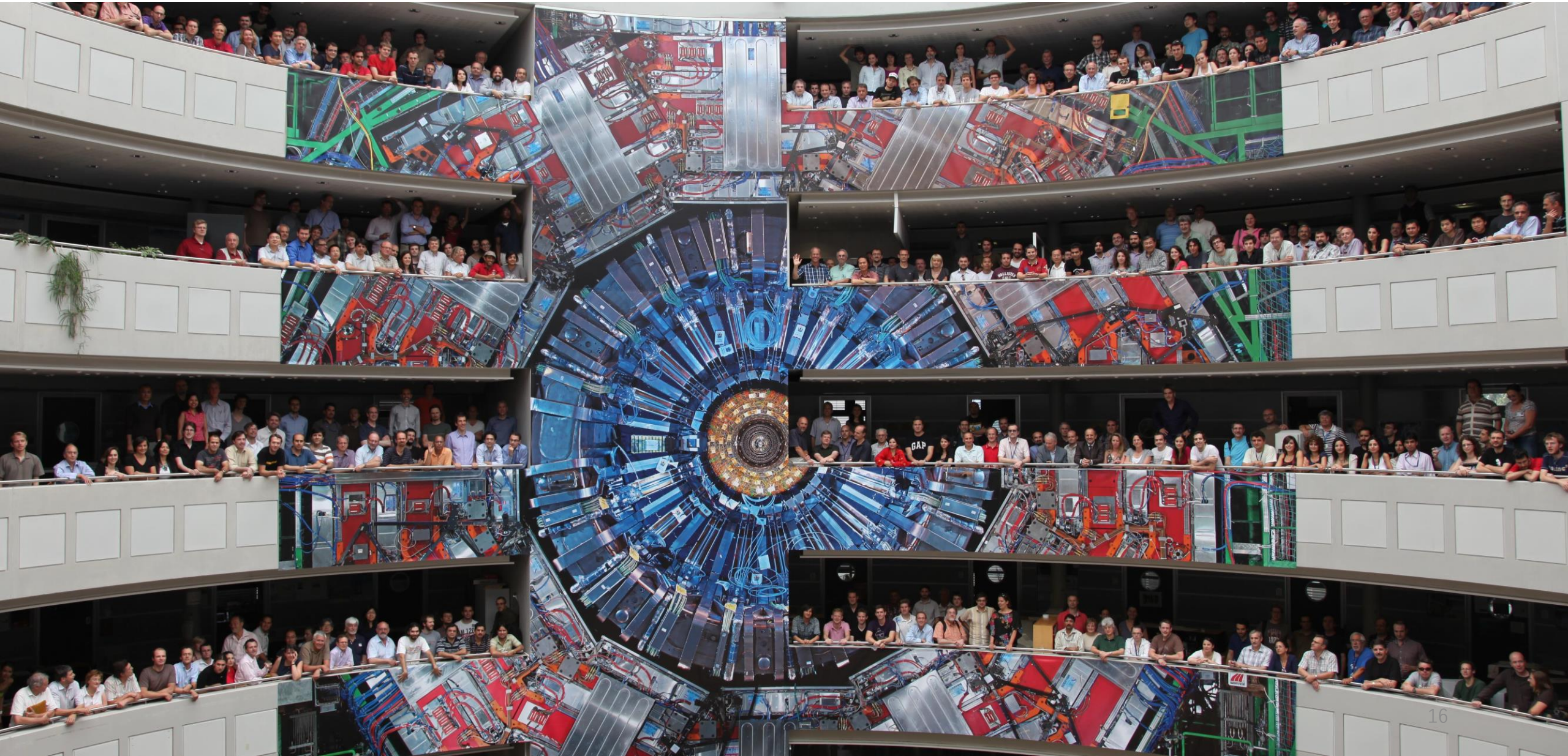
# Summary



- **Measurements of Higgs boson properties with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  were performed with Run2 13TeV 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> and 2022 13.6 TeV 34.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> data (fiducial XS): all results are compatible with the Standard Model**
- **No direct evidence of new physics yet, but mild excesses (2-3 $\sigma$ ) in low-mass  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and exotic decays of Higgs boson with  $H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll\gamma\gamma$**
- **More Run2 ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  Higgs mass and anomalous couplings, very low-mass  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \dots$ ) and Run3 results ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  STXS, low-mass  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \dots$ ) are coming ... stay tuned!**



*Thanks for your attention!*

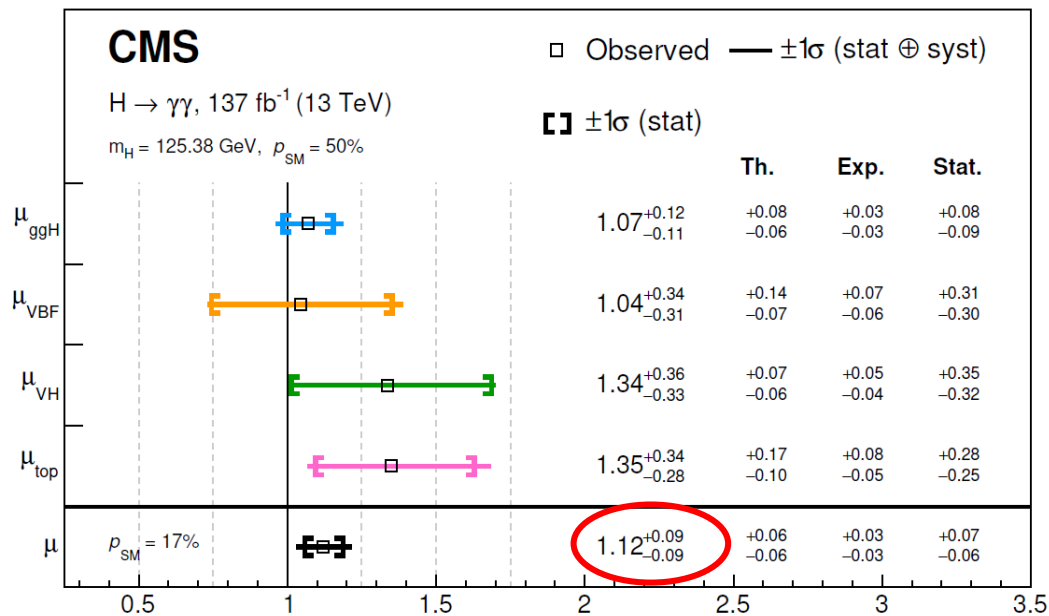




# Backup



# H → γγ : signal strength and couplings



JHEP07(2021)027 ~8% precision Parameter value

Production and decay parametrized in terms of **coupling modifiers (κ-framework)** : measurements of **coupling modifiers to vector bosons and fermions (κ<sub>V</sub>, κ<sub>f</sub>)** and to **photons and gluons (κ<sub>γ</sub>, κ<sub>g</sub>)**

$$\sigma(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f) = \kappa_i^2 \sigma_i^{SM} \frac{\kappa_f^2 \Gamma_f^{SM}}{\kappa_H^2 \Gamma_H^{SM}}$$

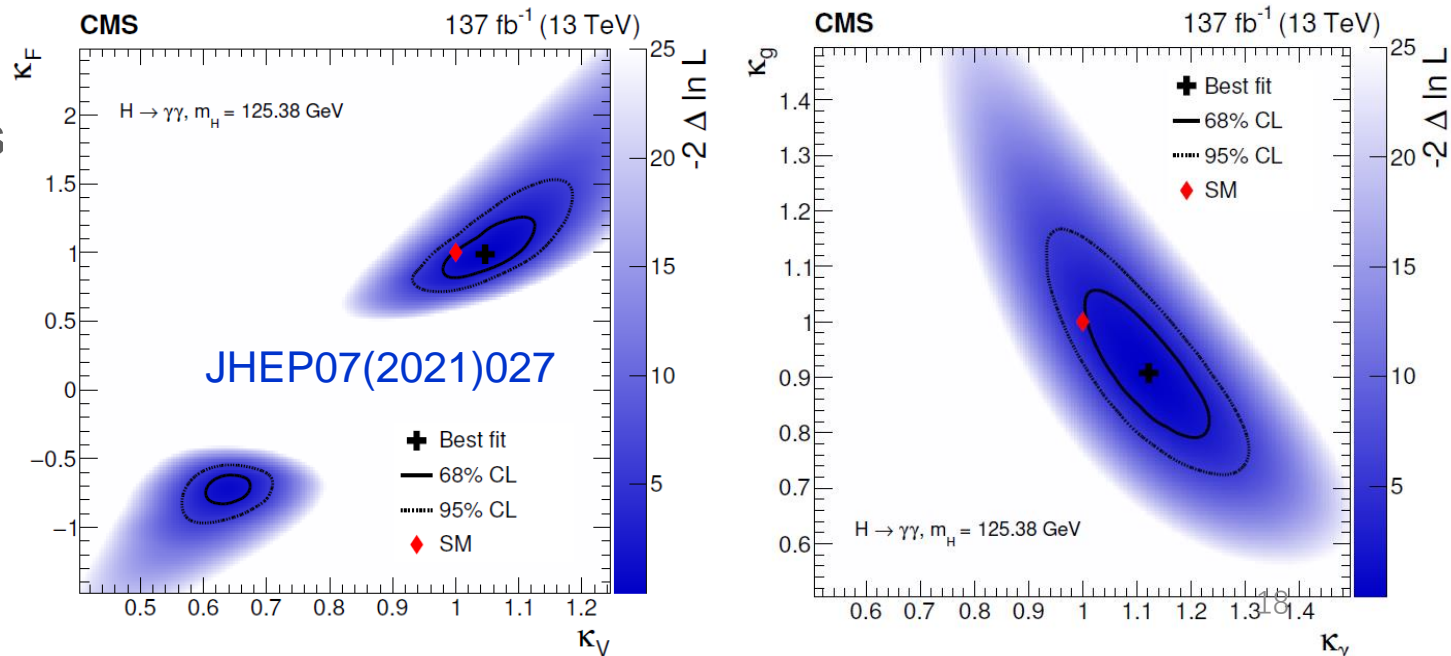
$$\sigma_i = \kappa_i^2(\vec{\kappa}) \cdot \sigma_i^{SM} \quad \Gamma^f = \kappa_f^2(\vec{\kappa}) \cdot \Gamma^{f,SM}$$

**Signal strength modifier (μ)** is defined as the ratio between the **measured signal cross section** and the **SM expectation**

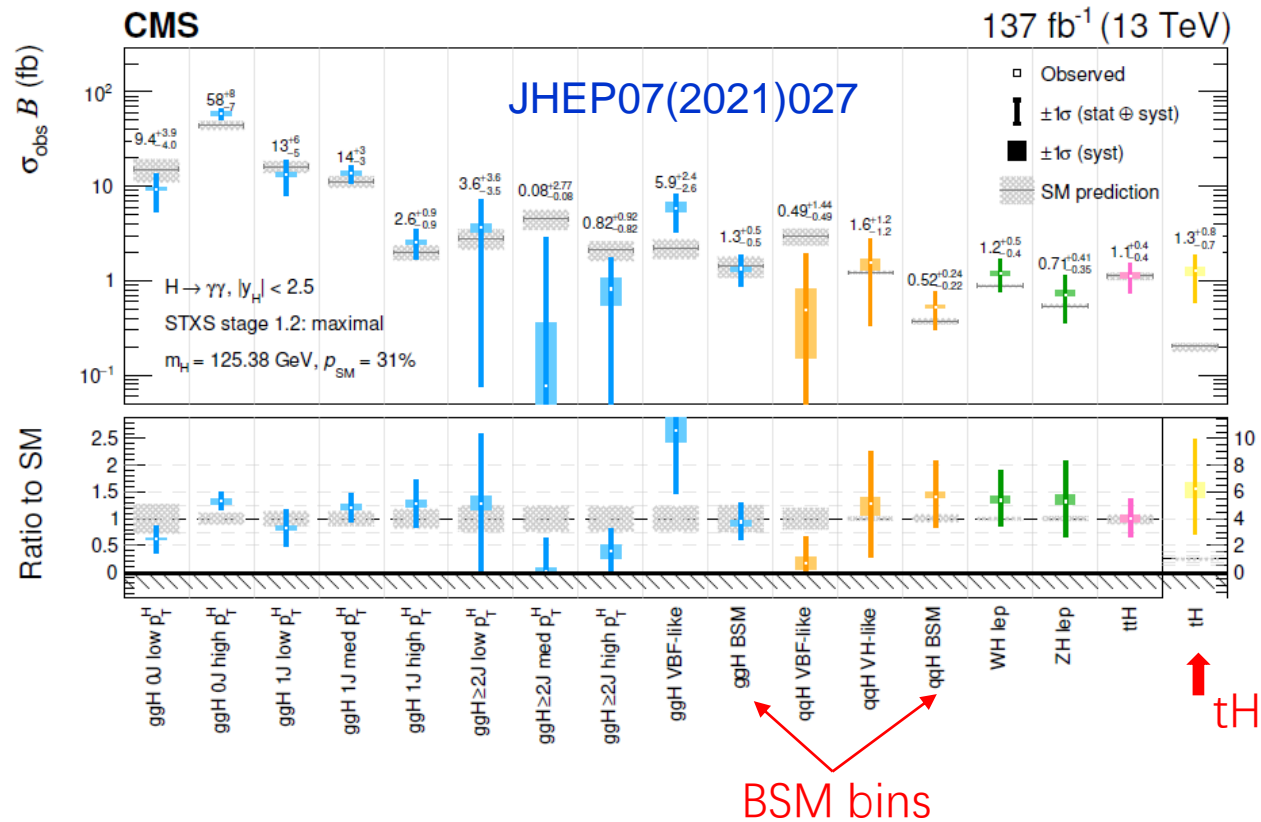
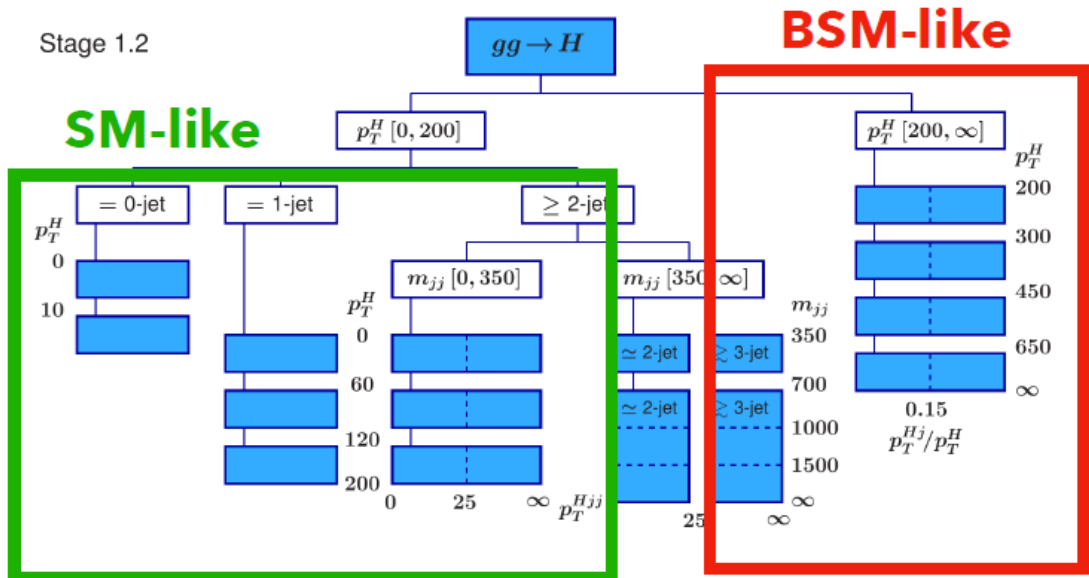
$$\mu_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_i^{SM}} \quad \mu^f = \frac{B^f}{B_{SM}^f}$$

$$\mu_i^f = \frac{\sigma_i \cdot B^f}{(\sigma_i \cdot B^f)_{SM}} = \mu_i \times \mu^f$$

in agreement with the SM predictions



The primary goal of STXS framework is to **minimize the measurement dependence on theory predictions** without losing sensitivity, also **maximize sensitivity to beyond SM physics**



- **“Maximal” merging scenario (17 POI):** STXS bins are merged until their **expected uncertainty is less than 150%** of the SM prediction
  - ✓ Measurement of  $ttH$  and  $tH$  simultaneously
  - ✓ **First and best  $tH$  measurement**

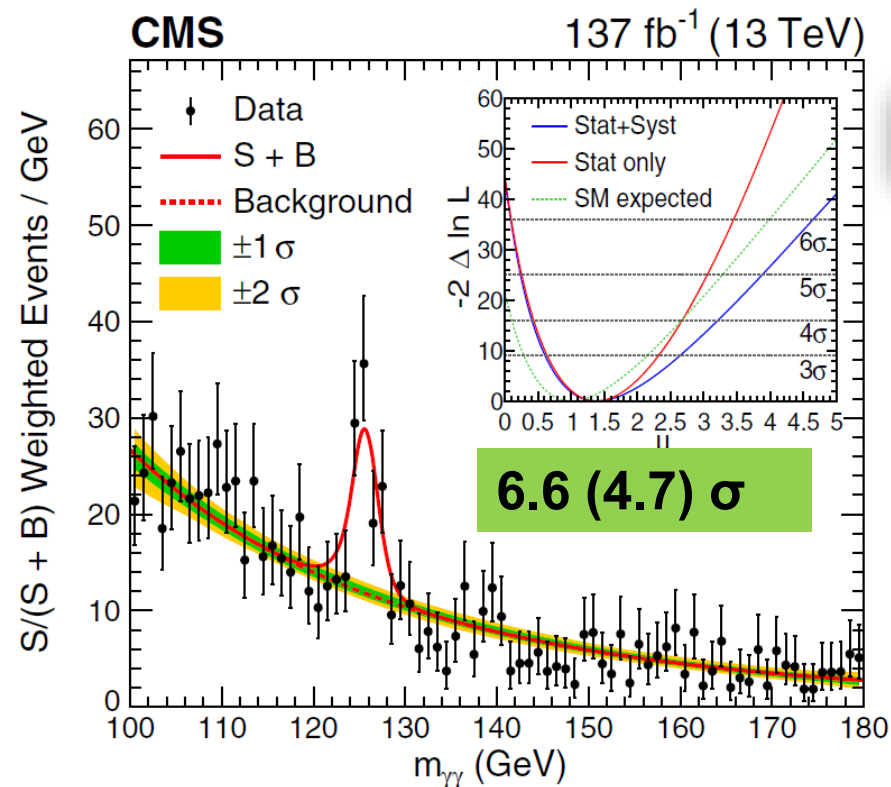
All  $\sigma$  results are in agreement with the SM predictions

# ttH, H → γγ and CP

➤ Presented the **first single-channel observation** of the **ttH** process, along with **the first measurement of the CP structure** of the Htt coupling

- ✓ Signal strength: **Two BDTs** with each for each leptonic or hadronic channel to distinguish between ttH and bkg events (8 categories)
- ✓ CP: **a BDT** to distinguish CP-even and CP-odd contributions

pure **CP-odd** model of the Htt coupling **is excluded at 3.2σ**



$$\mu_{ttH} = 1.38^{+0.36}_{-0.29}$$

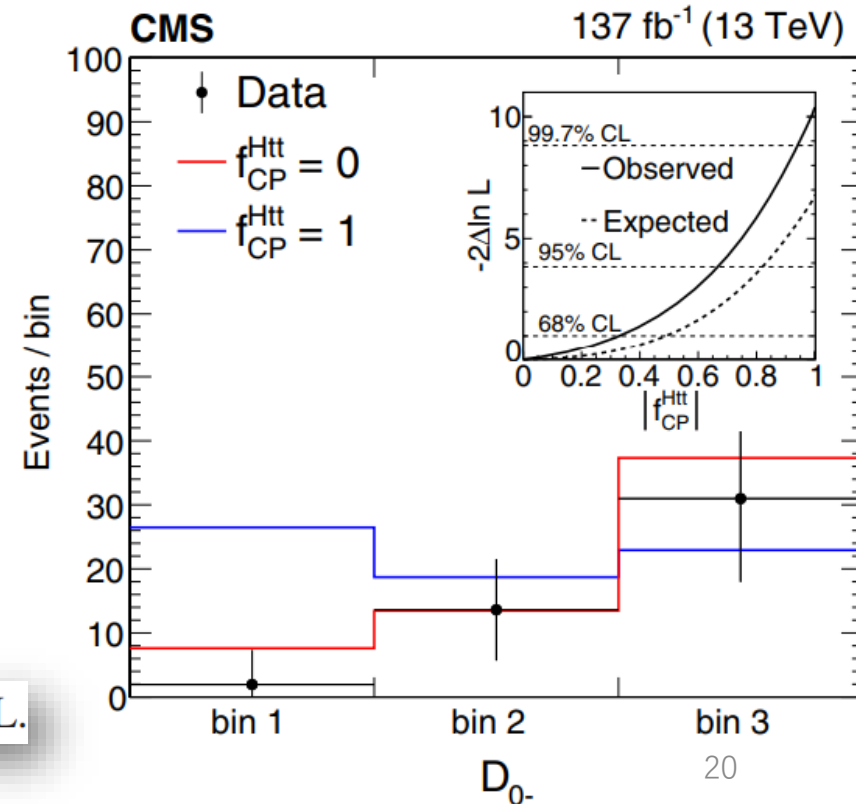
$$= 1.38^{+0.29}_{-0.27} (\text{stat})^{+0.21}_{-0.11} (\text{syst})$$

~20% precision

[PRL 125, 061801 \(2020\)](#)

$$f_{CP}^{Htt} = \frac{|\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2}{|\kappa_t|^2 + |\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2} \text{sign}(\tilde{\kappa}_t/\kappa_t).$$

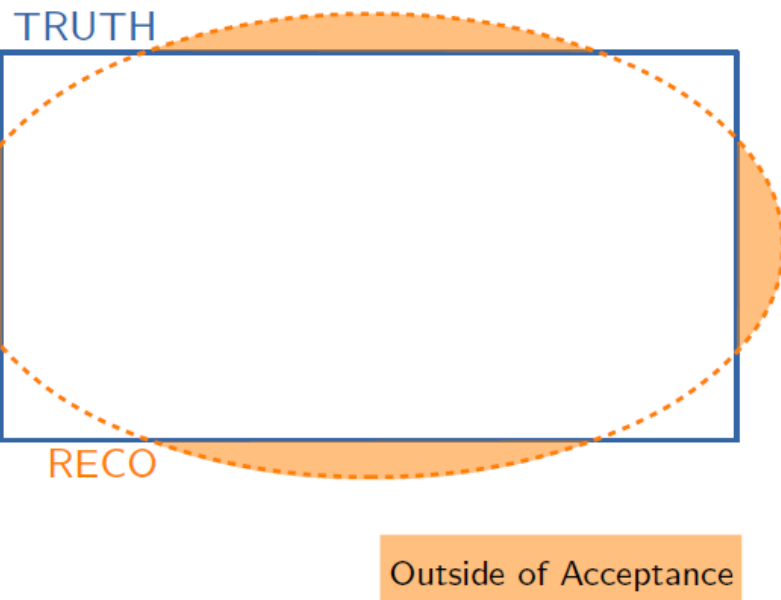
$$f_{CP}^{Htt} = 0.00 \pm 0.33 \text{ at } 68\% \text{ C.L.}$$





## Maximum Likelihood Unfolding

*Fiducial phase space*  
 $p_T^{\gamma 1} > m_{\gamma\gamma}/3, p_T^{\gamma 2} > m_{\gamma\gamma}/4,$   
 $|\eta^\gamma| < 2.5, Iso_{gen}^\gamma < 10 \text{ GeV}$



➤  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  uses maximum likelihood fits to fiducial cross sections with profiled nuisances

➤ Unfolding through full detector **response matrix K**, parameterized as a function of nuisances, included in the likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}_{ij}(\text{data} | \Delta\vec{\sigma}^{\text{fid}}, \vec{n}_{\text{bkg}}, \vec{\theta}_S, \vec{\theta}_B) = \prod_{l=1}^{n_{m\gamma\gamma}} \left( \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n_b} \Delta\sigma_k^{\text{fid}} K_k^{ij}(\vec{\theta}_S) S_k^{ij}(m_{\gamma\gamma}^l | \vec{\theta}_S) L + n_{\text{OOA}}^{ij} S_{\text{OOA}}^{ij}(m_{\gamma\gamma}^l | \vec{\theta}_S) + n_{\text{bkg}}^{ij} B^{ij}(m_{\gamma\gamma}^l | \vec{\theta}_B)}{n_{\text{sig}}^{ij} + n_{\text{bkg}}^{ij}} \right)^{n_{\text{ev}}^{ij}}$$

➤ ML unfolding allows accounting of **bin migrations** and **correct modeling of systematic uncertainties** in all regions of the phase space.

➤ In  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  **no explicit regularization procedure** was needed so far, performed **ML unfolding** was sufficient

- ▶ Light collection efficiency as a function of depth ( $z$ ) simulated (CMS-DP-24-045) to determine energy scale corrections → dedicated uncertainty assigned to the correction

Take into account the impact of the radiation on the **difference of the shower profiles**

## Energy scale correction factor $F$

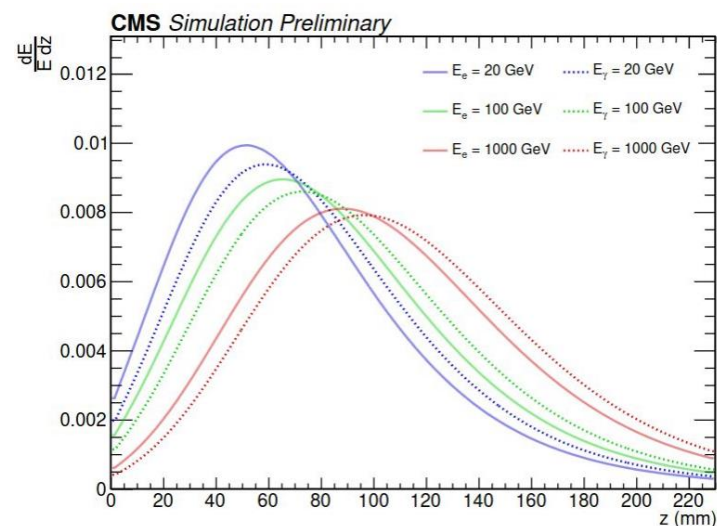
$$F = \frac{S^e}{S^\gamma} = \frac{\int E_{\text{dep}}^e(z) \times \text{LCE}(z; R/R_0, \eta) dz}{\int E_{\text{dep}}^\gamma(z) \times \text{LCE}(z; R/R_0, \eta) dz}$$

- ▶  $S_e (S_\gamma)$ : ECAL response to electrons (photons)
- ▶  $E_{\text{dep}}(z)$ : shower profile in  $\text{PbWO}_4$  (Geant4)
- ▶  $\text{LCE}(z)$ : Light Collection Efficiency, simulated with Fluka+Light-tracing (Litrani code)
- ▶  $R/R_0$ : ECAL laser response measured in data → per-run corrections possible

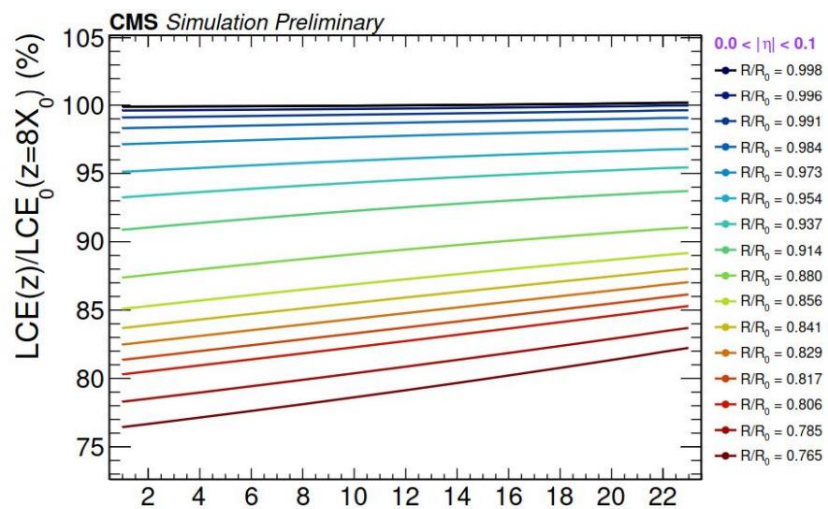
- ▶ Key elements include electron/photon shower profiles (Geant4) and light collection efficiency in ECAL (Fluka + Litrani) depending on crystal transparency
- ▶ This approach should significantly reduce uncertainty in full Run 2 mass measurement

different scenarios of **crystal transparency,  $R/R_0$**

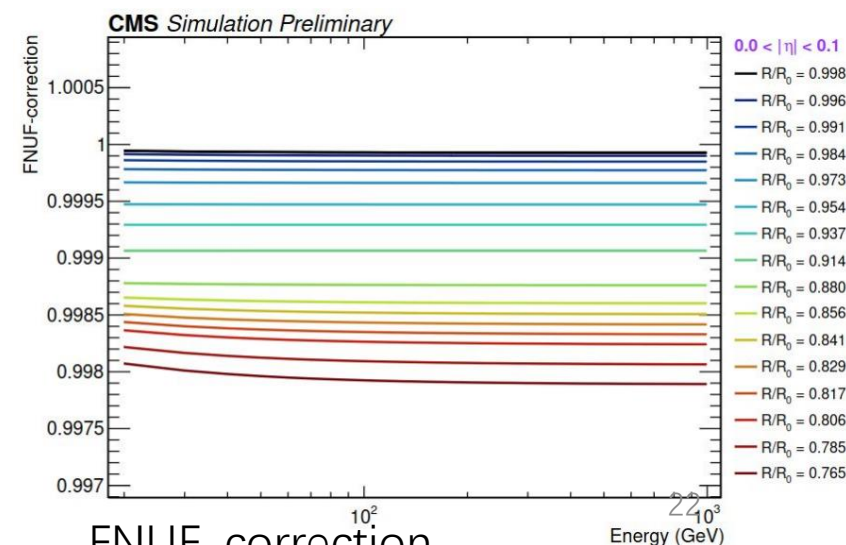
[CMS-DP-24-045](#)



e and  $\gamma$  shower profiles



Light Collection Efficiency



FNUF-correction

# SM-like LM $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ search with full Run2

➤ **Major changes** wrt prior version (PLB 793 (2019) 320) (2012+2016 data):

✓ A Kinematic **diphoton BDT** ( $p_T/m_{\gamma\gamma}$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\cos(\phi_{\gamma 1} - \phi_{\gamma 2})$ , both Photon ID MVA scores, mass resolutions wrt correct and incorrect vertices, vertex probability) for **sig and bkg discrimination retrained and reoptimized** for events categorization, **for low-mass case**

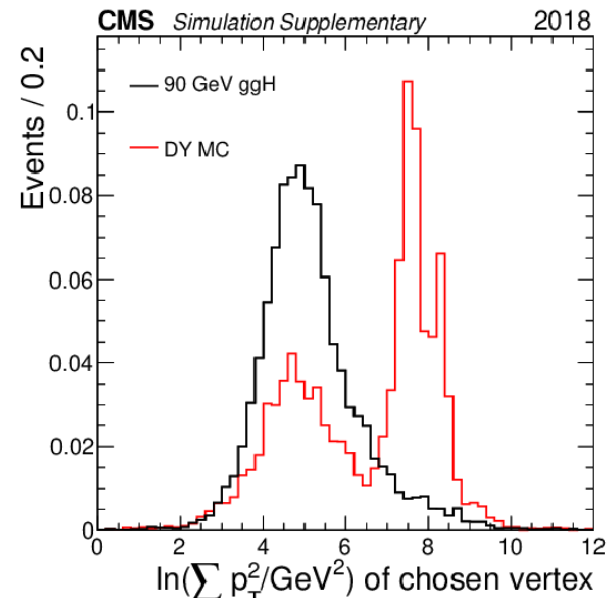
✓ **Relic DY ( $Z \rightarrow ee$ ) veto** (based on pixel detector hits) **reinforced with:**

- Rejection of photon candidates also reconstructed as electrons
- Maximum value of  $\ln(\sum p_T^2/\text{GeV}^2)$  [tracks in chosen vertex] **as function of  $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$  (GeV):**

$$\ln(\sum p_T^2) < 0.016 p_T^{\gamma\gamma} + 6$$

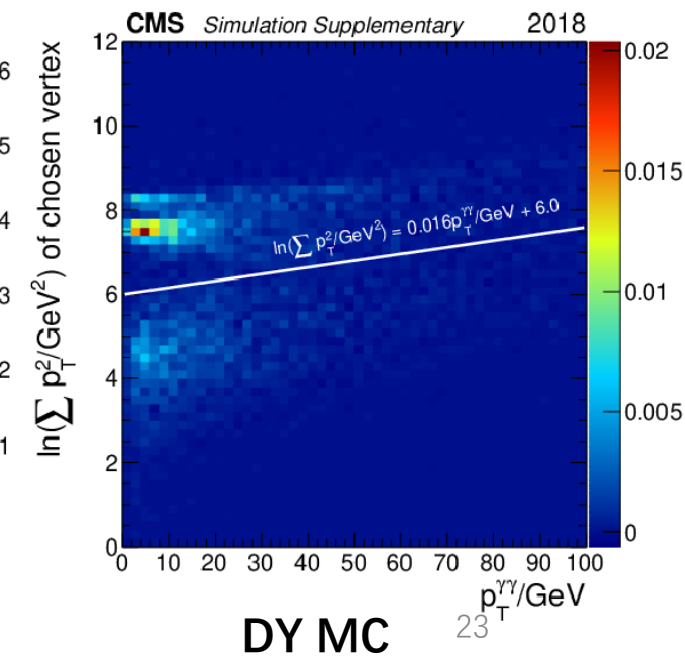
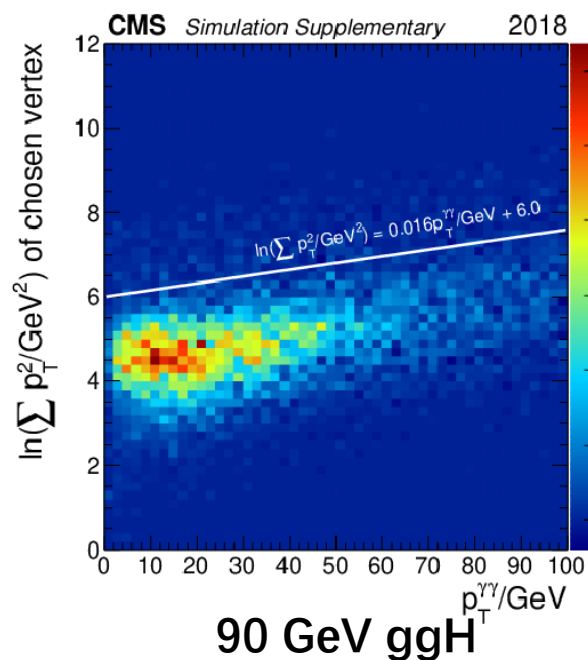
✓ **2017/18:** events with additional jets selected for **class targeting VBF process**

✓ **2016:** data reanalyzed with an **improved calibration (legacy data)**



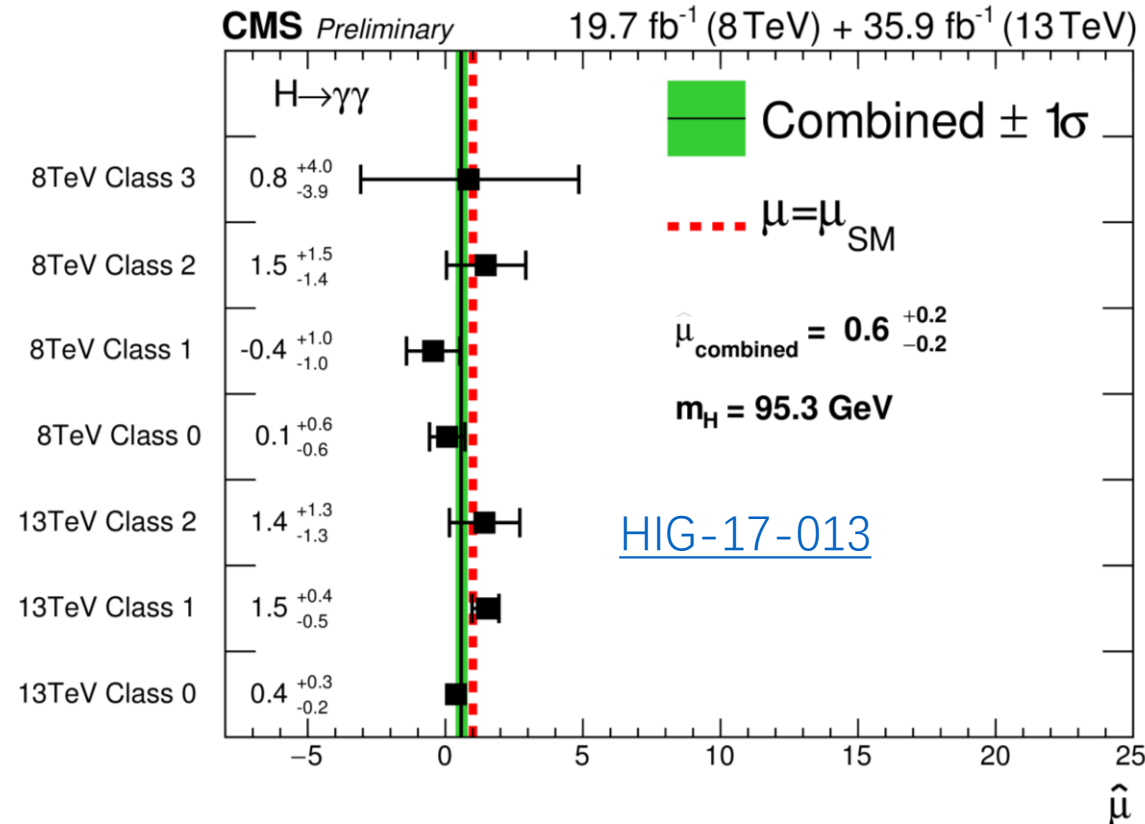
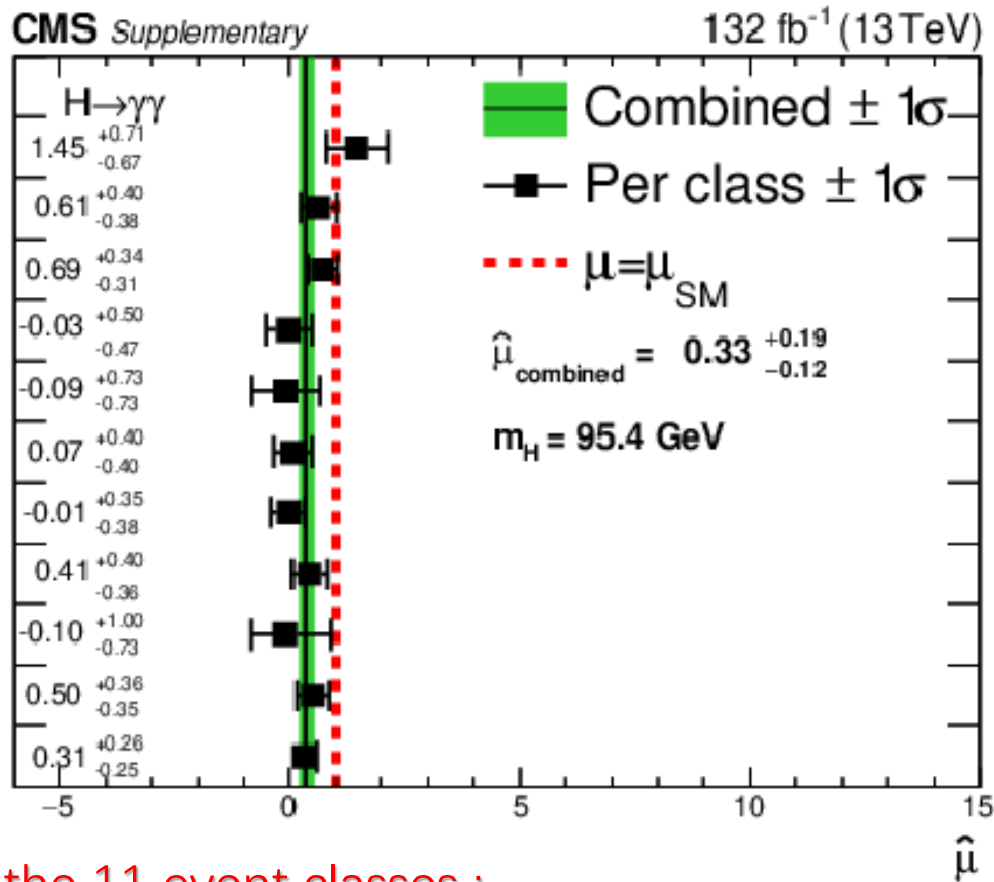
[Public results](#)

The 2 additional cuts can reject ~60%-70% of the relic DY events while keeping ~92% 90GeV signal efficiency in 2016-2018 analysis, on top of pixel seed e-veto





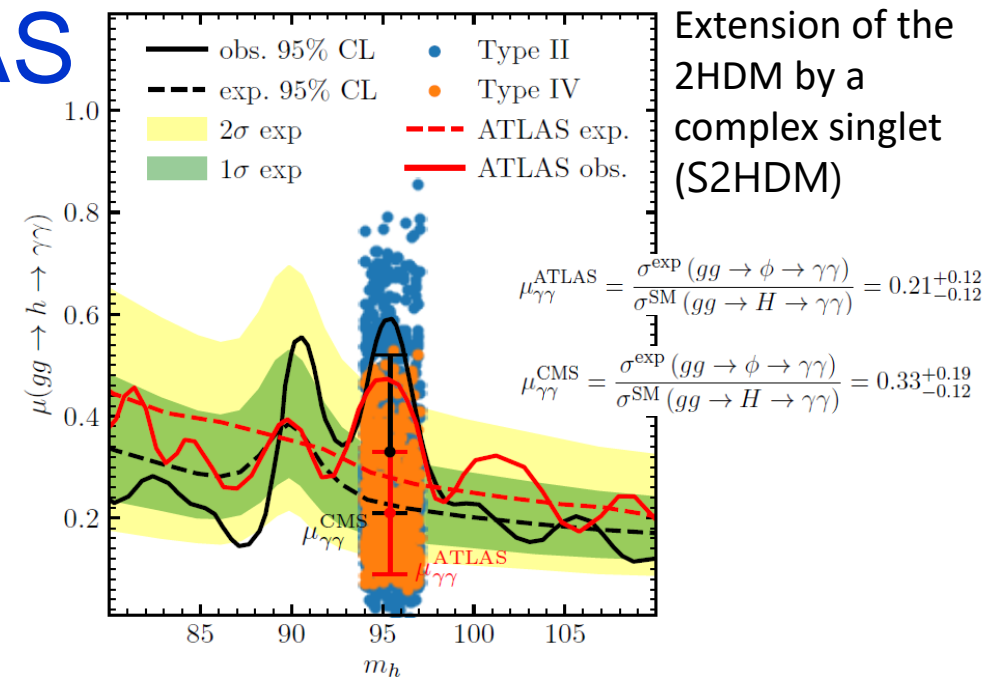
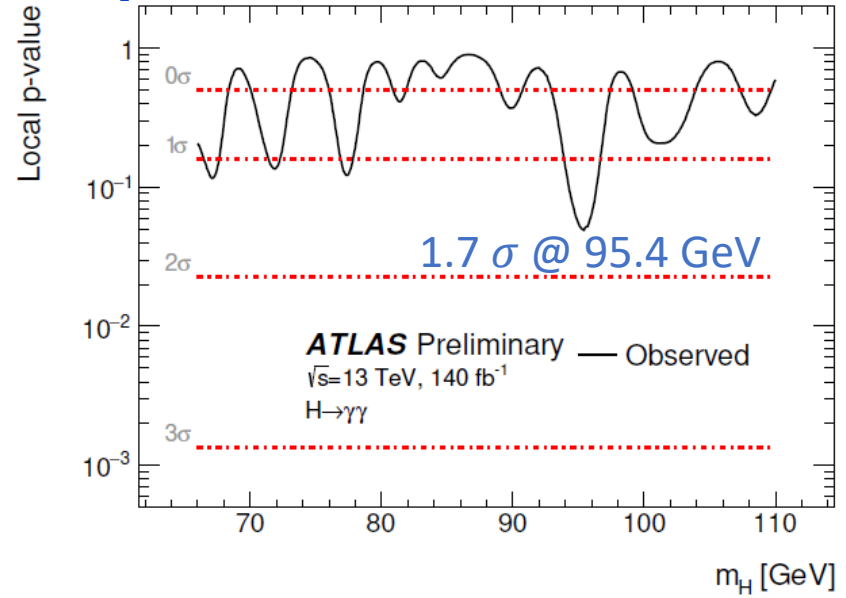
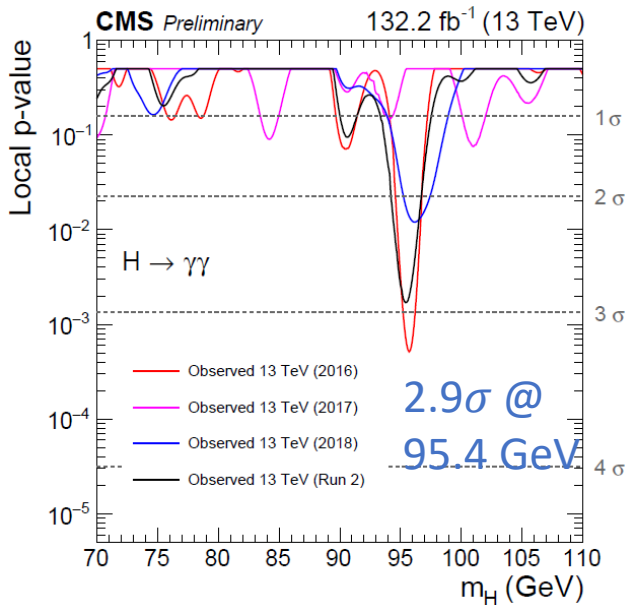
# LM $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ 'signal' strength compatibility



- for the 11 event classes :  
 $\chi^2$  compatibility probability: 68%

[HIG-20-002](#)  
[Public results](#)

# HIG-20-002: comparison with ATLAS

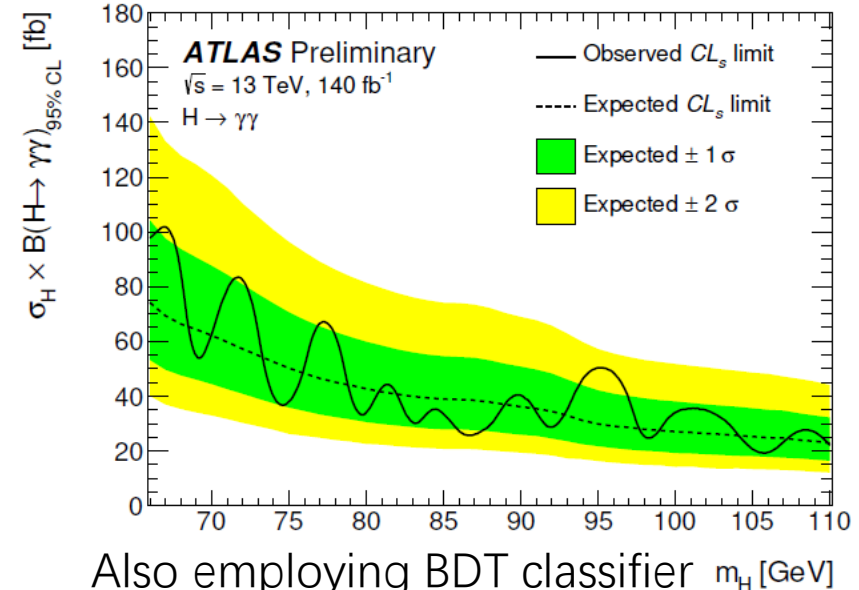
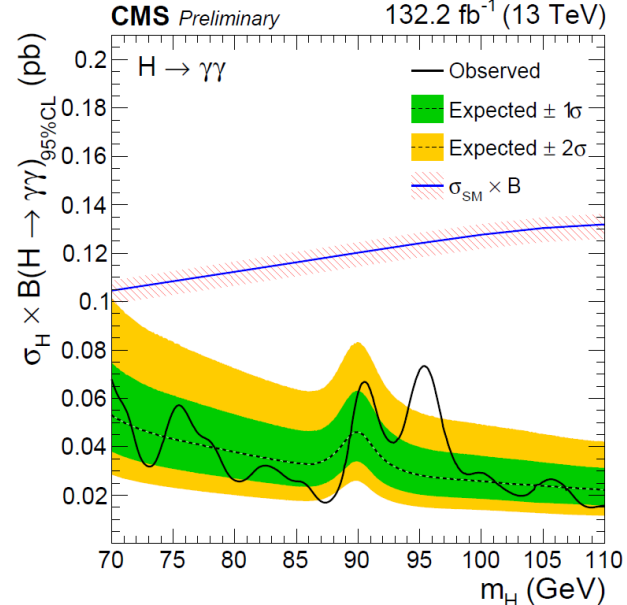


## CMS-PAS-HIG-20-002

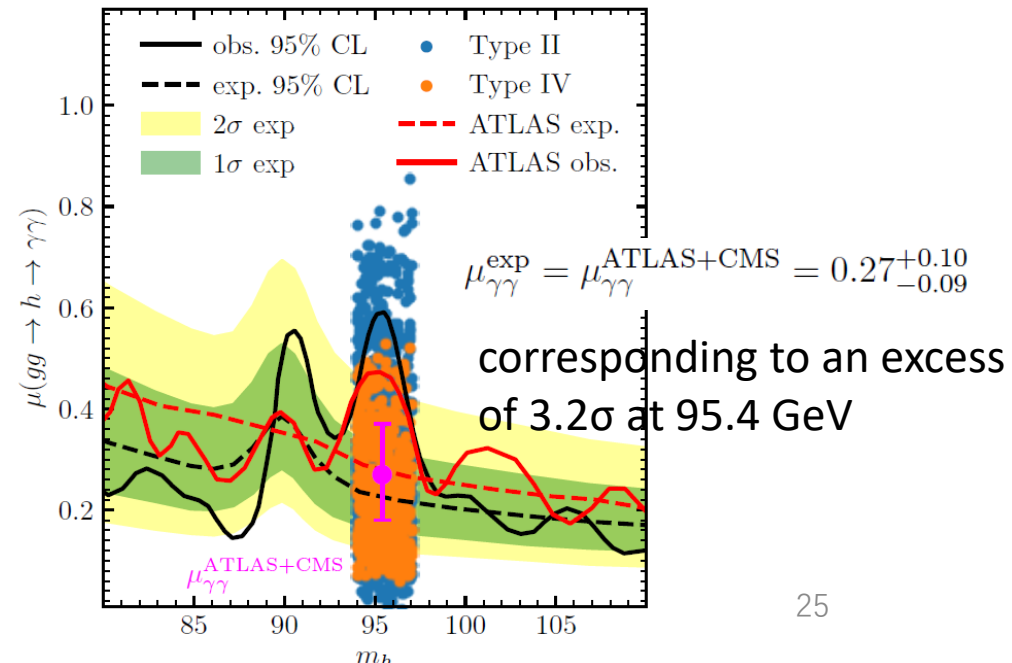
## ATLAS-CONF-2023-035

March, 2023 (Moriond)

June 6, 2023

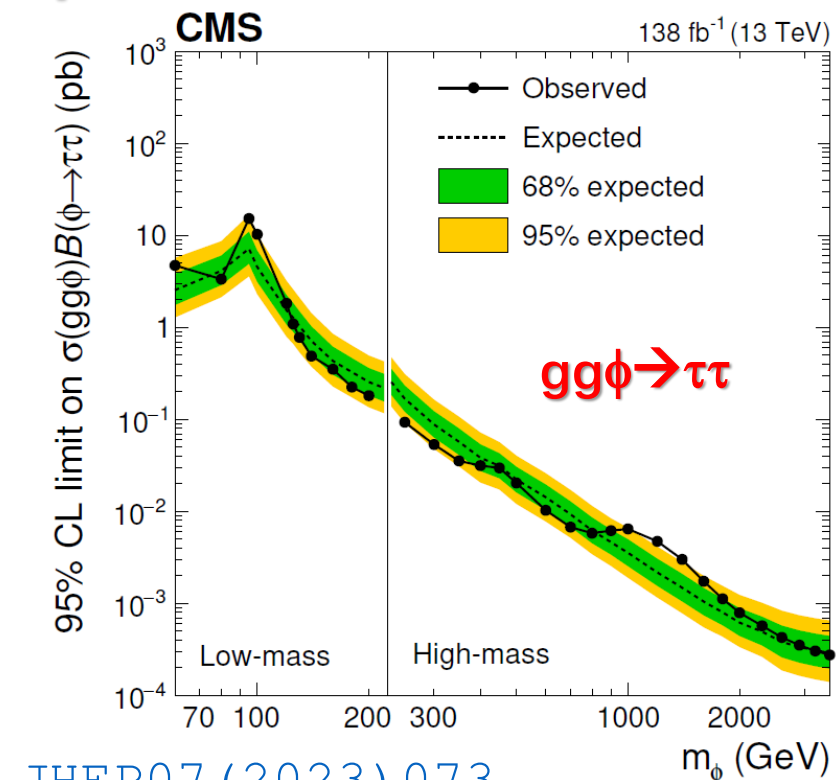
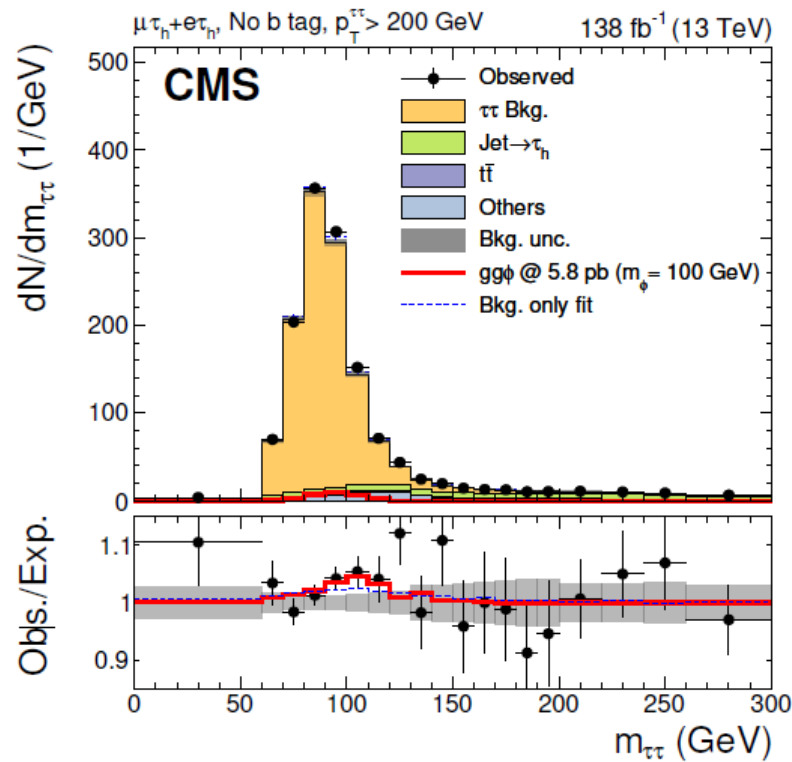


[arXiv:2306.03889](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.03889)



# Search for neutral scalar $\phi \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- $\tau\tau$  final state: identified with **higher purity than b**; **well estimated  $\tau\tau$  bkg**; typically **larger BR**; ...
- Production via **gluon fusion** ( $gg\phi$ ) or in **association with b quarks** ( $bb\phi$ )
- Performed in **4  $\tau\tau$  final states** :  $e\mu$ ,  $e\tau_h$ ,  $\mu\tau_h$ , and  $\tau_h\tau_h$
- Event categorization : split into **no b-tag** ( $N_{bjets}=0$ ) and **b-tag** categories
- ✓ For no b-tag category split events based on **reconstructed  $p_T^{\tau\tau}$**



[JHEP07\(2023\)073](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.073)

“Low-mass” (60–250 GeV): fitting on  $m_{\tau\tau}$  to extract signal

**3.1 $\sigma$ (2.7 $\sigma$ ) local (global) @ 100 GeV**

**2.6 $\sigma$ (2.3 $\sigma$ ) local (global) @ 95 GeV**

2.8 $\sigma$ (2.2 $\sigma$ ) local (global) @ 1.2 TeV

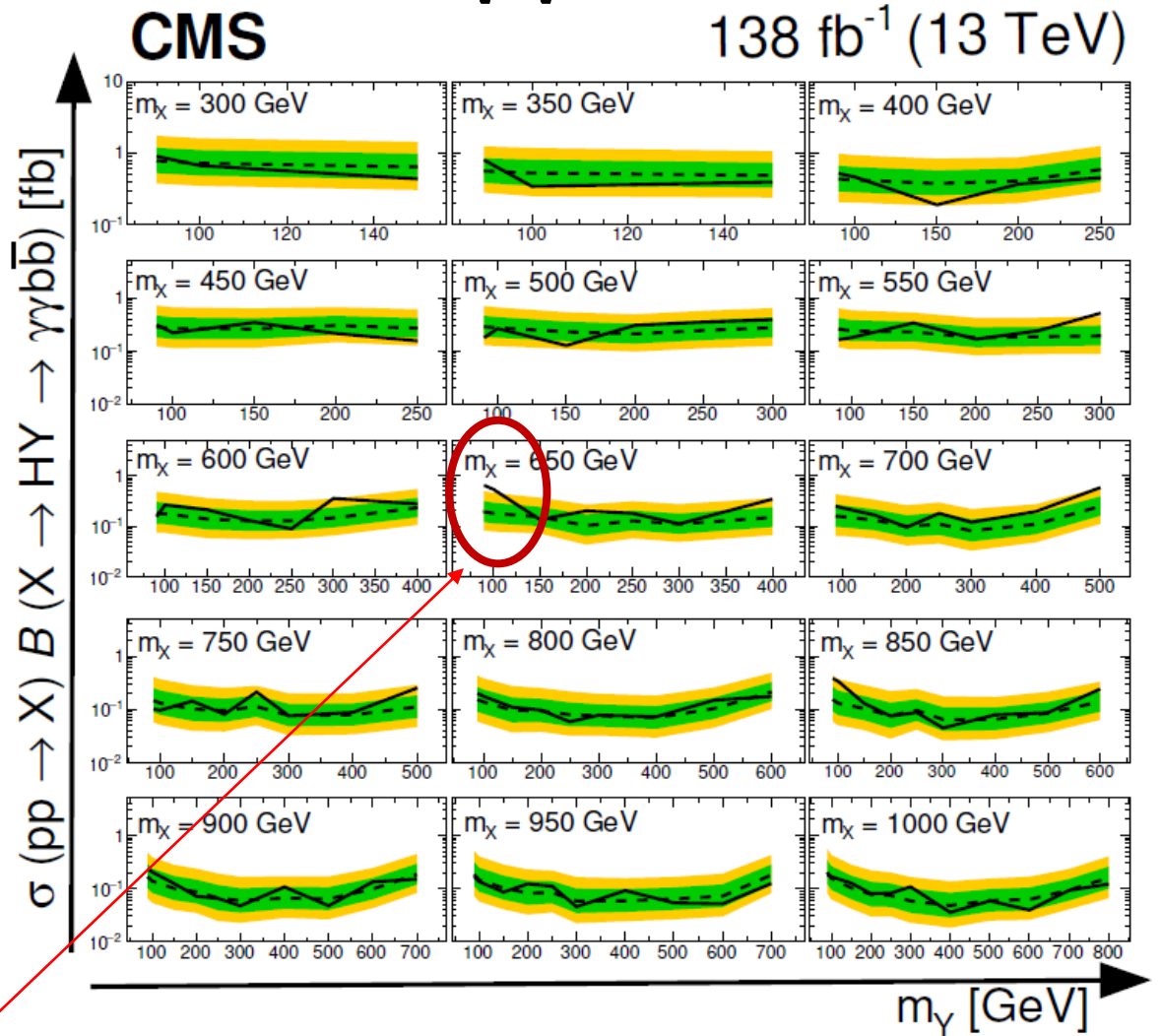
**Not seen in  $bb\phi$  production**



# $X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$

CMS 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)

- Search for a new boson  $X$  decays into two spin-0 bosons, with 2 $\gamma$  and 2 $b$  quarks
  - Relatively large signal purity in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
  - Large branching fraction of decaying into  $bb$
- Focus on  $X$  decays into an  $H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  and a new spin-0 boson  $Y(\rightarrow bb)$  in this talk
- BDT (DNN) scores to separate signals and non-resonant (resonant) backgrounds
- Six BDT training accounts for different signal  $m_X$ - $m_Y$  mass ranges
  - 3 event classes based on BDT output
- A parametric fit in the  $(m_{\gamma\gamma}, m_{jj})$  plane is performed for signal extraction



(Spin-0)  $X \rightarrow HY \rightarrow \gamma\gamma b\bar{b}$

Expected limit  $\pm 1 \sigma$ 
 Expected limit  $\pm 2 \sigma$   
 Expected 95% upper limit
  Observed 95% upper limit

**3.8 $\sigma$  local** (2.8 $\sigma$  global) for  $m_X = 650 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_Y = 90 \text{ GeV}$

$$X \rightarrow HH/YH \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma\gamma$$

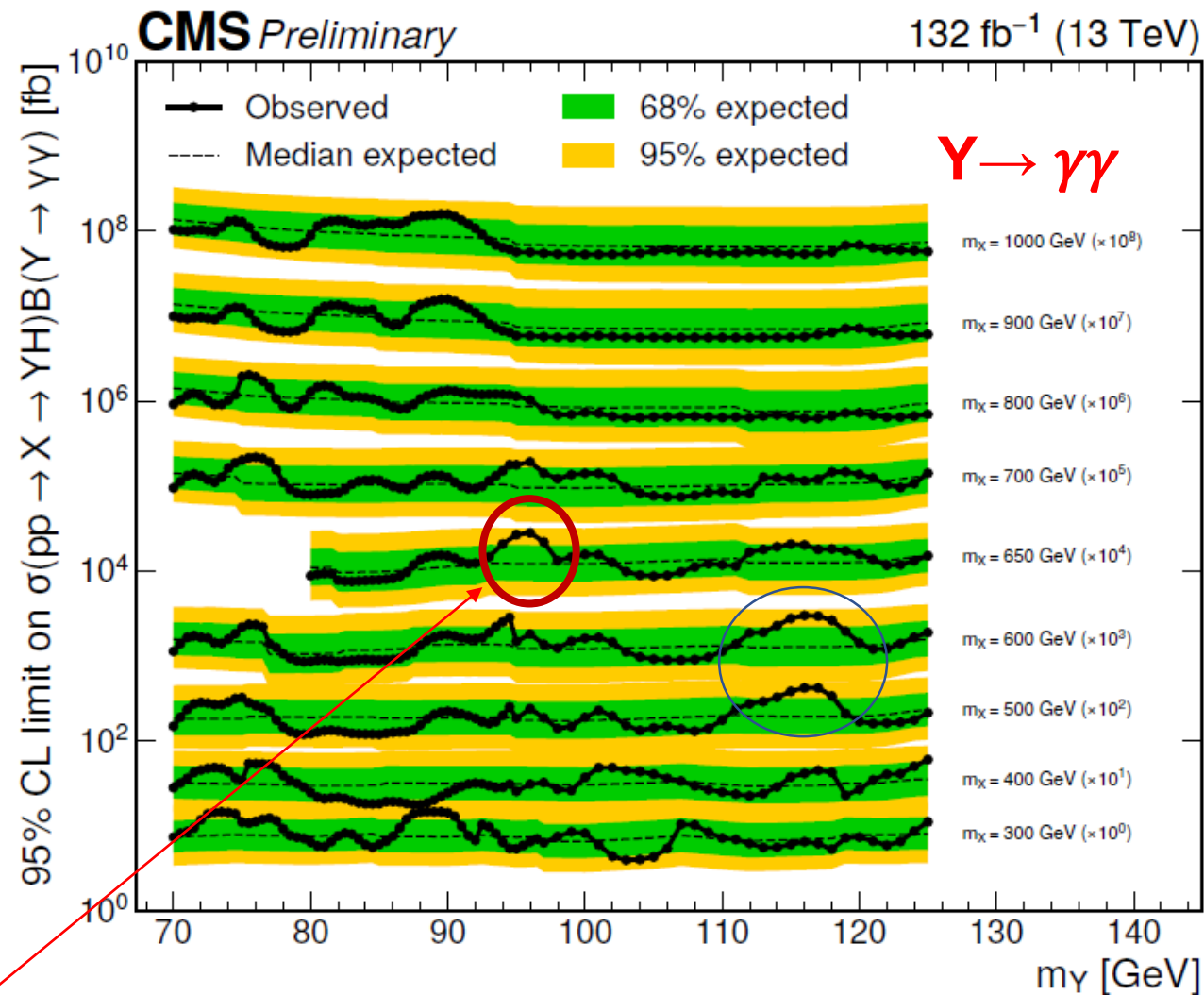
➤ Diphoton pair offers a clean experimental signature to **trigger** on with a **good mass resolution**, whilst the additional **tau leptons** in the event help further **isolate signal from bkg**

- **Three search channels of  $X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow \tau\tau\gamma\gamma$ :**
- ✓  $X \rightarrow Y(\tau\tau) H(\gamma\gamma)$
  - ✓ Low-mass  $X \rightarrow Y(\gamma\gamma) H(\tau\tau)$  ( $Y$  mass 70-125 GeV)
  - ✓ High-mass  $X \rightarrow Y(\gamma\gamma) H(\tau\tau)$  ( $Y$  mass 125 -800 GeV)

➤ A Parametric Neural Network (pNN) trained to identify sig from bkg and for event categorization

**$Y \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$** : the largest local significance of  **$3.4\sigma$**  ( $0.1\sigma$  global) @  **$m_X = 525$  GeV,  $m_Y = 115$  GeV**

**local  $2.3\sigma$  @  $m_X = 650$  GeV,  $m_Y = 95$  GeV** is interesting



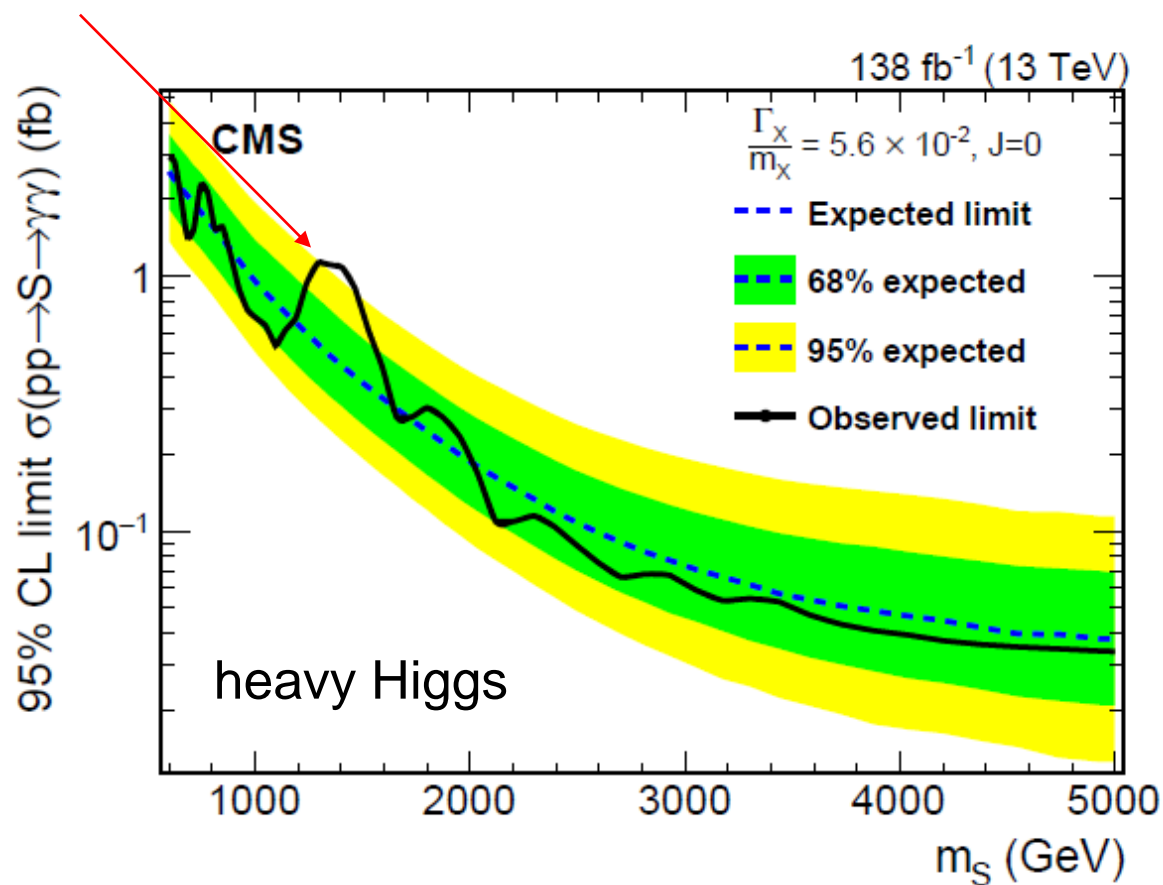
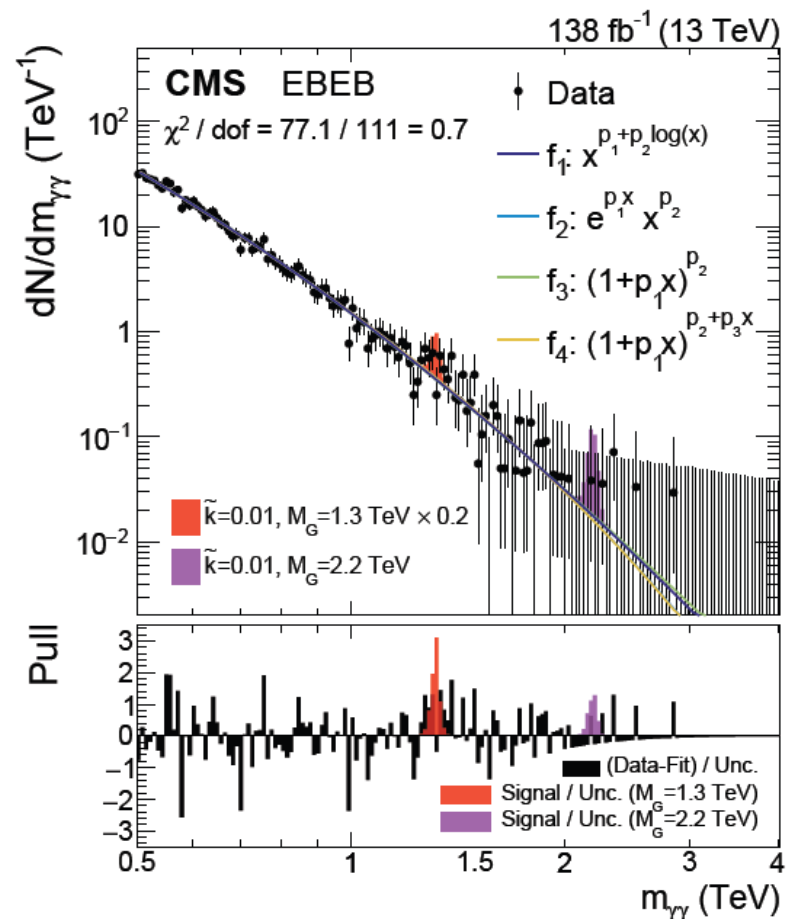
[CMS-PAS-HIG-22-012](#)

# High mass $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

➤  $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : bump search in the diphoton mass spectrum ( $> 500$  GeV)

➤ Two channels: EB+EB, EB+EE

**2.6 $\sigma$  (0.8 $\sigma$ ) local (global) excess @ ~1.3 TeV for the broad resonance model**



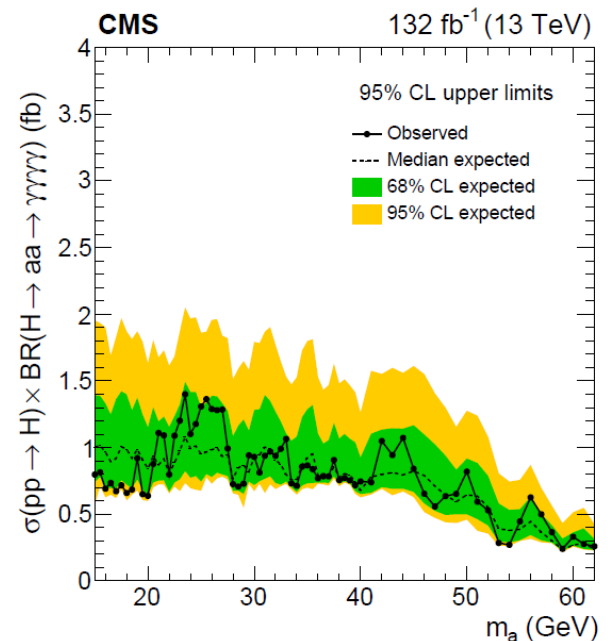
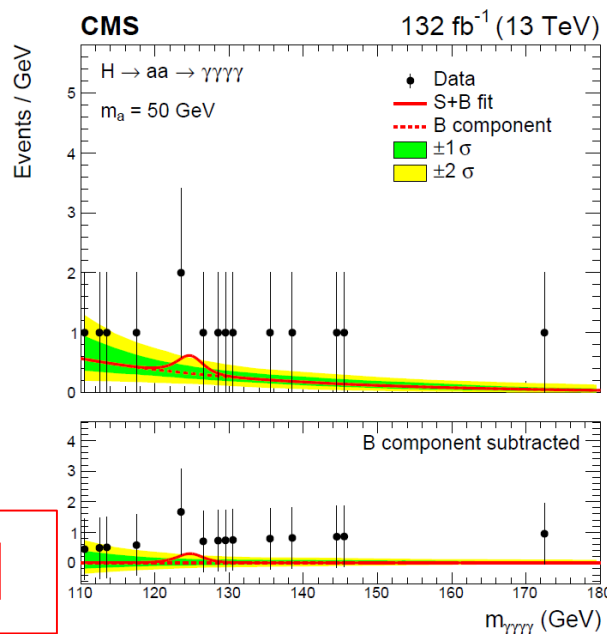
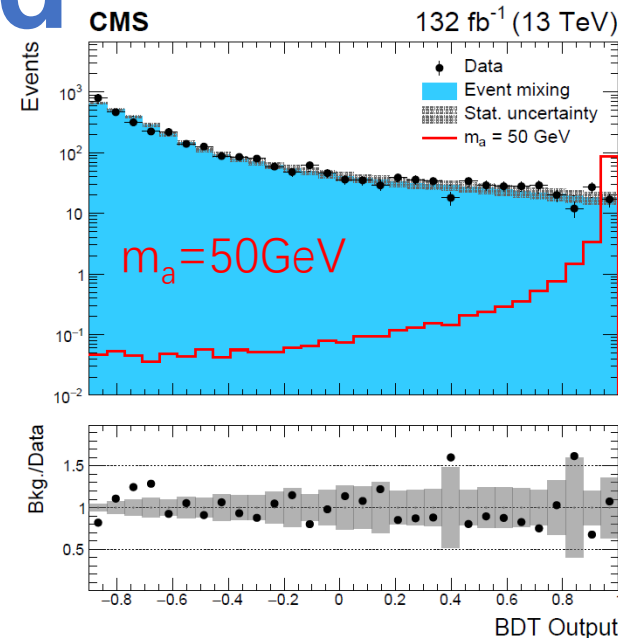
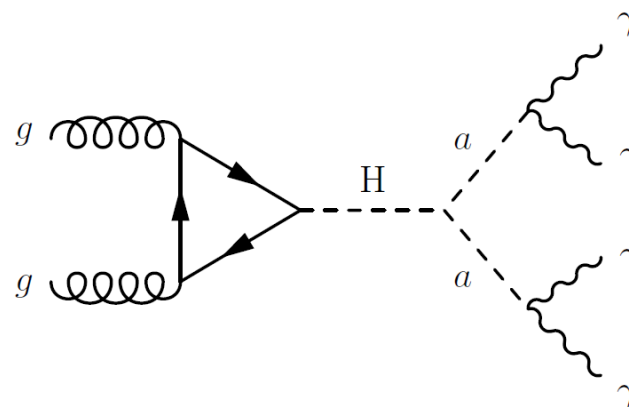
[JHEP 08 \(2024\) 215](#)



# $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ resolved

- Probes pseudoscalar masses ( $m_a$ ) in the range **15-62 GeV**
- **Four well-isolated photons** in the final state
- Dedicated **primary vertex (PV) BDT** is trained on simulated  $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  events, to select PV with highest BDT score
- To improve the sensitivity, a **4-photon event classifier** is trained to separate sig events from bkg events: **a single category** optimized based on the BDT output, for each  $m_a$
- Signal is extracted from  $m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma}$  **distribution** in data (100-180 GeV)
- **No significant deviation** : 95% CL upper limit  $\sigma_H B(H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma)$ : **0.26-0.80** (0.24-1.0) fb observed (exp.)

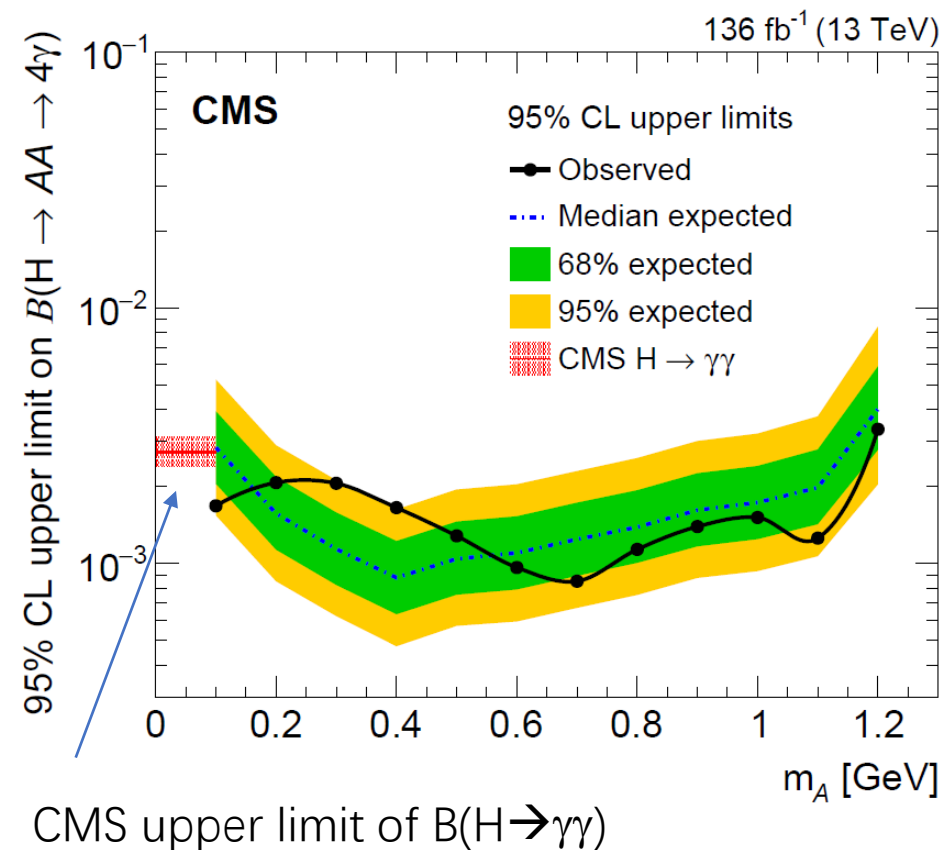
CMS-PAS-HIG-21-003  
[JHEP 07 \(2023\) 148](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.148)



**First CMS search in this channel**

# $H \rightarrow AA \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ boosted

- Search range of  $m_A \in [0.1, 1.2]$  GeV
- Two collimated  $\gamma$  reconstructed as single  $\Gamma$ :  $110 < m_{\Gamma\Gamma} < 140$  GeV
- Deep-learning used to reconstruct  $m_{\Gamma}$  of collimated di- $\gamma$
- Signal templates built in  $m_{\Gamma_1} - m_{\Gamma_2}$  plane
- Backgrounds
  - ✓  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  from MC
  - ✓ Prompt-diphoton and QCD/ $\gamma + j$  from **data in  $m_{\Gamma\Gamma}$  sideband regions** (100-110 GeV and 140-180 GeV)
- **No excess observed** : upper limits on the branching fraction  $B(H \rightarrow AA \rightarrow 4\gamma)$  of  **$(0.9-3.3) \times 10^{-3}$**  at 95% CL
- **Upper limit on B interpreted for long-lived A at  $m_A = 0.1$  (0.4) GeV**
  - ✓ 1.6 (0.9) times the prompt-decay UL for  $c\tau_0 = 1$  mm
  - ✓ 30 (3) times the prompt-decay UL for  $c\tau_0 = 10$  mm



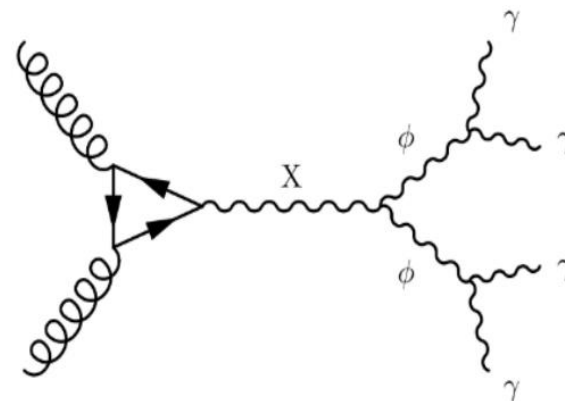
**Best constraints for this decay mode in the studied  $m_A$  range**

# Boosted multi-photon $X \rightarrow \phi\phi \rightarrow 4\gamma$

➤ **Highly boosted  $\phi$**  resulting in merged photon pairs : need new ML analysis techniques

## Analysis Regime:

- $300 \text{ GeV} < M_X < 3000 \text{ GeV}$
- $0.005 < \alpha < 0.025$      $\alpha = M_\phi / M_X$
- Barrel Only



CMS-EXO-22-022,  
[arXiv:2405.00834](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.00834)

➤ **Two convolutional neural networks**

- **Classification NN1:** selects diphotons from single photons and hadrons
- **Regression NN2:** predicts the diphoton mass ( $m_{\Gamma\Gamma}$ )
- Validations of CNN:  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

➤ **Final search is a bump hunt in  $M_{\Gamma\Gamma}$**  (reconstructed X or four-photon mass)

**$3.57\sigma$  ( $1.07\sigma$ ) local (global) excess @  $m_X = 720 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_\phi = 5.04 \text{ GeV}$**

