

# Search for additional scalars with two photons in the final state at CMS



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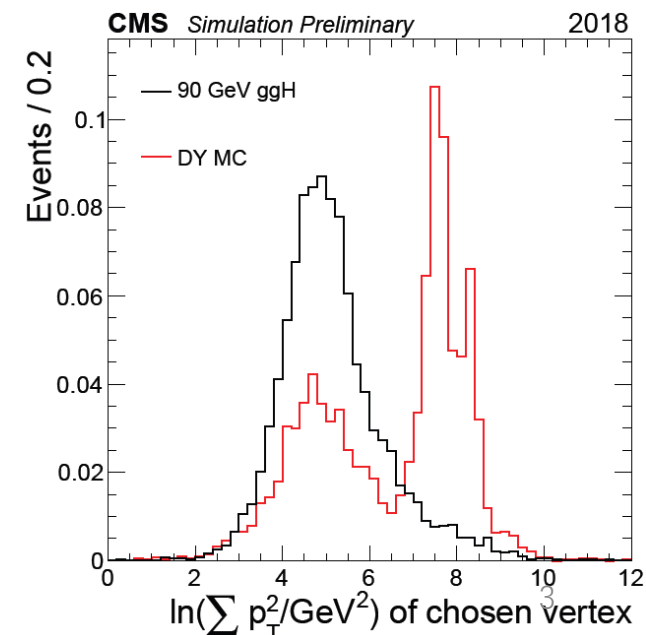
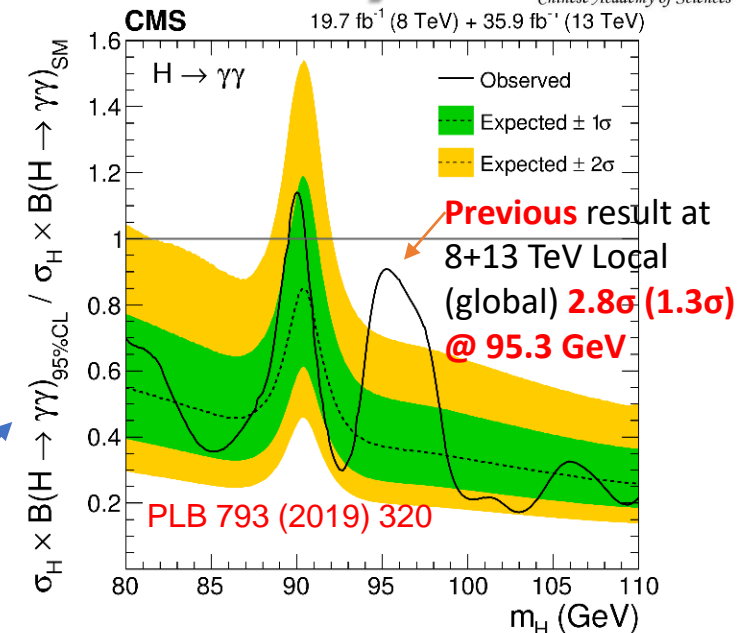
- Although the Higgs boson discovered at LHC so far is compatible with the SM Higgs boson, there is still room for BSM
- Many **BSM models** (e.g. NMSSM, 2HDM, Georgi-Machacek model) provide a Higgs boson that is compatible with the LHC observed 125 GeV boson, and additional Higgs bosons or (pseudo-)scalars
- **Discovery of additional scalars would be an unequivocal sign of new physics**
- In this talk, CMS latest results of the searches for **additional scalars with at least two photons included in the final states** will be included and presented
  - ✓ **Direct search for a SM-like low-mass Higgs boson with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  ( $70 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 110 \text{ GeV}$ )**  
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  - ✓ **Exotic decays of Higgs boson with the new scalar ( $a/A$ ) decaying into diphoton**
    - **$H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll + \gamma\gamma$  : CMS-PAS-HIG-22-003**
    - **$H \rightarrow aa/AA \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$  : **resolved** (CMS-PAS-HIG-21-003, arXiv:2208.01469) and **boosted** (CMS-PAS-HIG-21-016, arXiv:2209.06197)**
  - ✓ **Search for high-mass exclusive diphoton production with tagged protons** CMS-PAS-EXO-21-007
- All using **full LHC Run 2 data!**





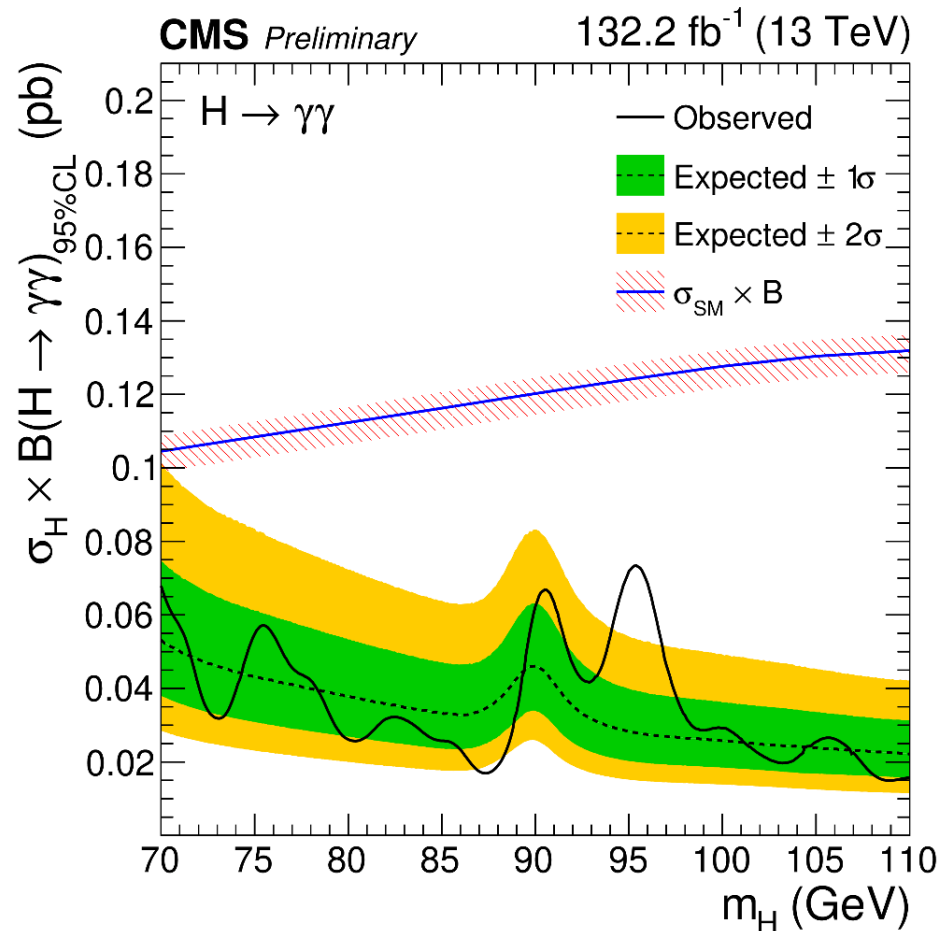
# SM-like $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ( $70 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 110 \text{ GeV}$ )

- Similarly as the SM  $H(125)$ , a clean final-state topology that allows the **mass** of a Higgs boson to be reconstructed with **high precision**
  - ✓ search for narrow signal peak over smoothly-falling background (direct  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  + jet, jet+jet processes) except for relic  $Z \rightarrow ee$
- **Production modes:** SM-like, so gluon fusion (**ggH**), vector boson fusion (**VBF**), in association with a W or Z boson (**VH**), or with a ttbar pair (**ttH**)
  - ✓ Cross sections and BR : LHC Higgs XS Working Group [YR4](#)
- **Data samples:** **full Run2 132.2 fb<sup>-1</sup> data**
  - ✓ lost  $\sim 5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  as HLT path was absent from start of 2018 data-taking
- **Major changes** wrt prior version (PLB 793 (2019) 320) (2012+2016 data):
  - A kinematic **event selection BDT** ( $p_T/m_{\gamma\gamma}$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$ , both Photon ID BDT outputs, mass resolution wrt correct and incorrect vertices, vertex probability) **retrained and reoptimized** for event categorization for low-mass case
  - Electron/**relic  $Z \rightarrow ee$  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  $p_{T\gamma\gamma}$
  - 2017/18: events with additional jets selected for class targeting **VBF process**
  - 2016: data reanalyzed with **improved calibration** (legacy data)



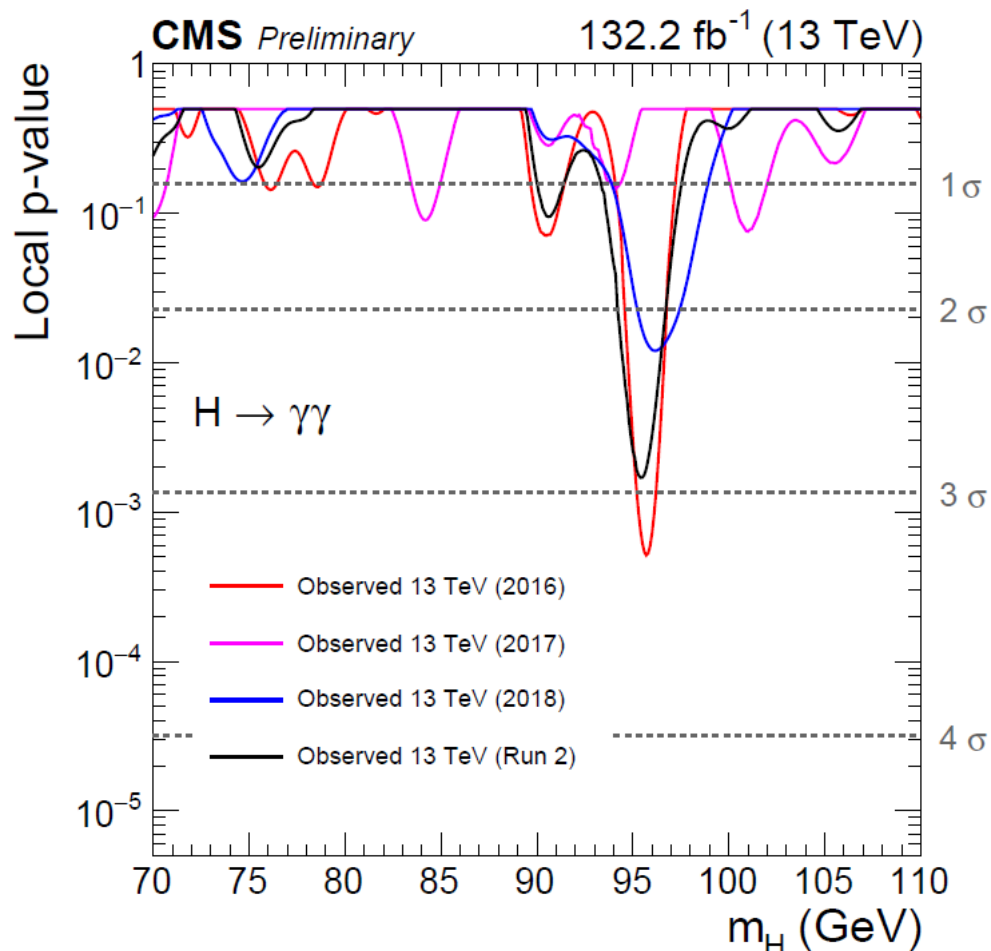
# SM-like $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ( $70 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 110 \text{ GeV}$ )

- Observed absolute 95% CL upper limit (UL) on  $\sigma \times B$  between 15-73 fb (22-53 fb expected)



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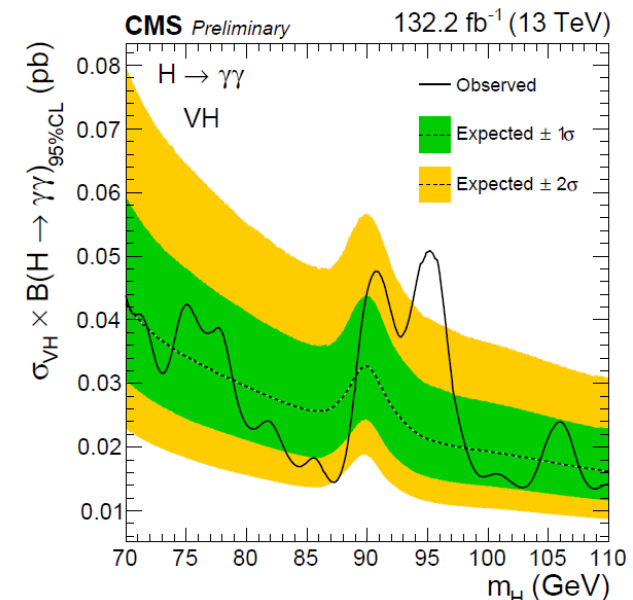
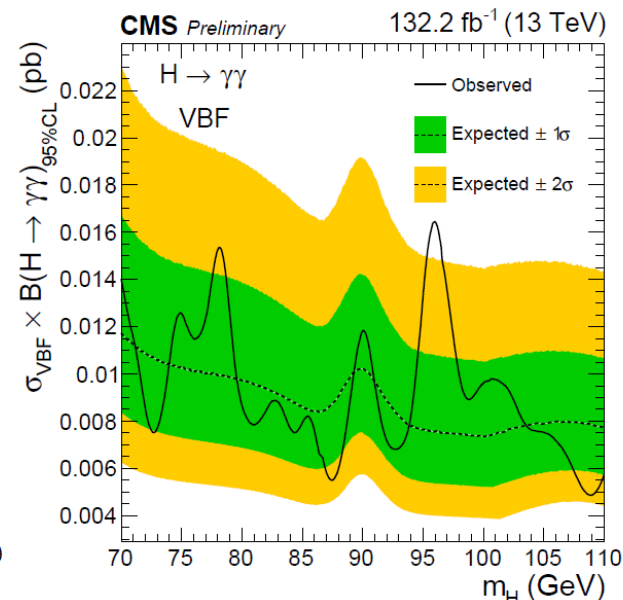
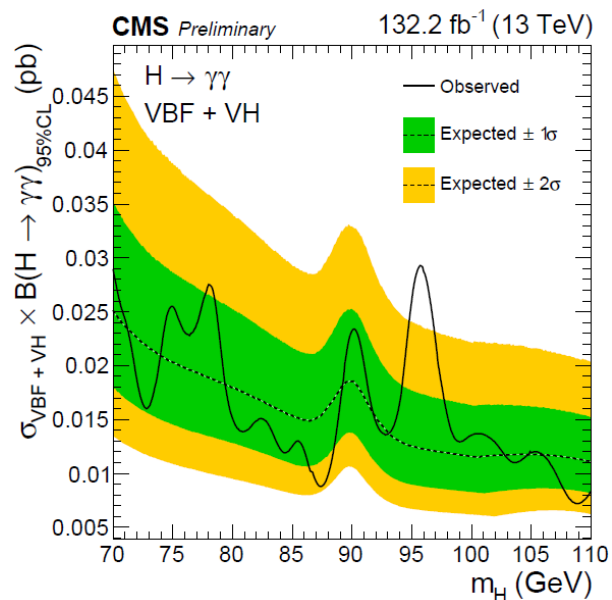
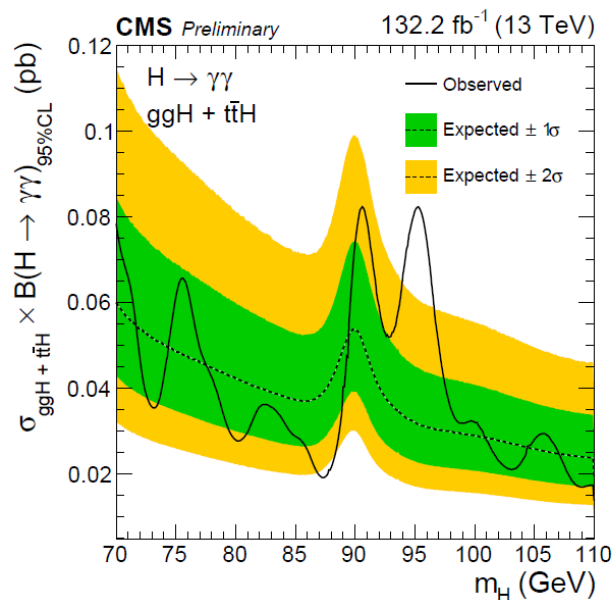
- Observed local p-values for 2016, 2017, 2018 and combination



- Modest excess with  $\sim 2.9\sigma$  local ( $1.3\sigma$  global) significance at  $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 95.4 \text{ GeV}$ , need more data for a definitive conclusion!

# SM-like $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ( $70 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 110 \text{ GeV}$ )

➤ Observed and expected 95% CL UL on  $\sigma \times B$  by production process (integrated over all event classes)



- 100% production via gluon-induced processes (**ggH**, **ttbarH** in SM proportions)  
17-83 fb observed

- 100% production via fermion-induced processes (**VBF**, **VH** in SM proportions)  
7-29 fb observed

- 100% production via **VBF**  
5-17 fb observed

- 100% production via **VH**  
13-51 fb observed

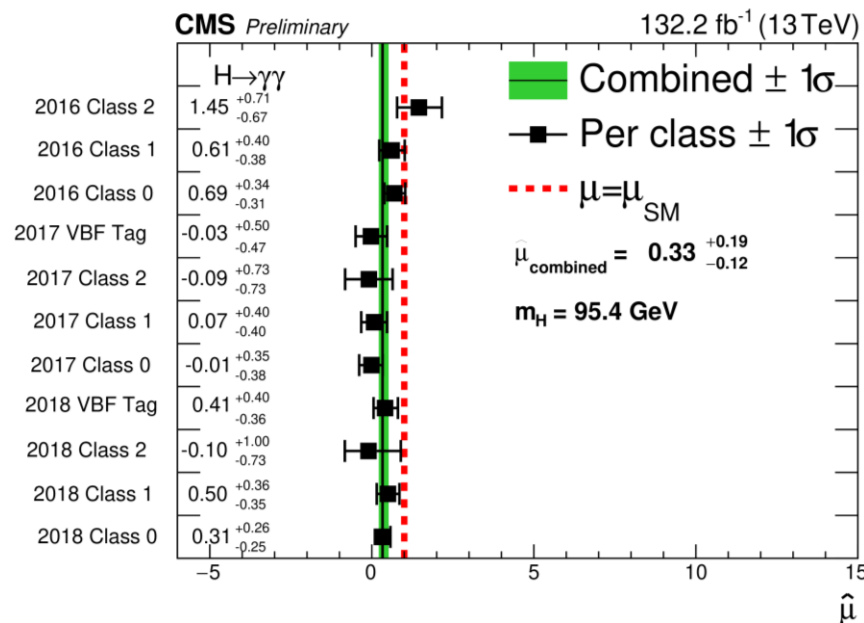
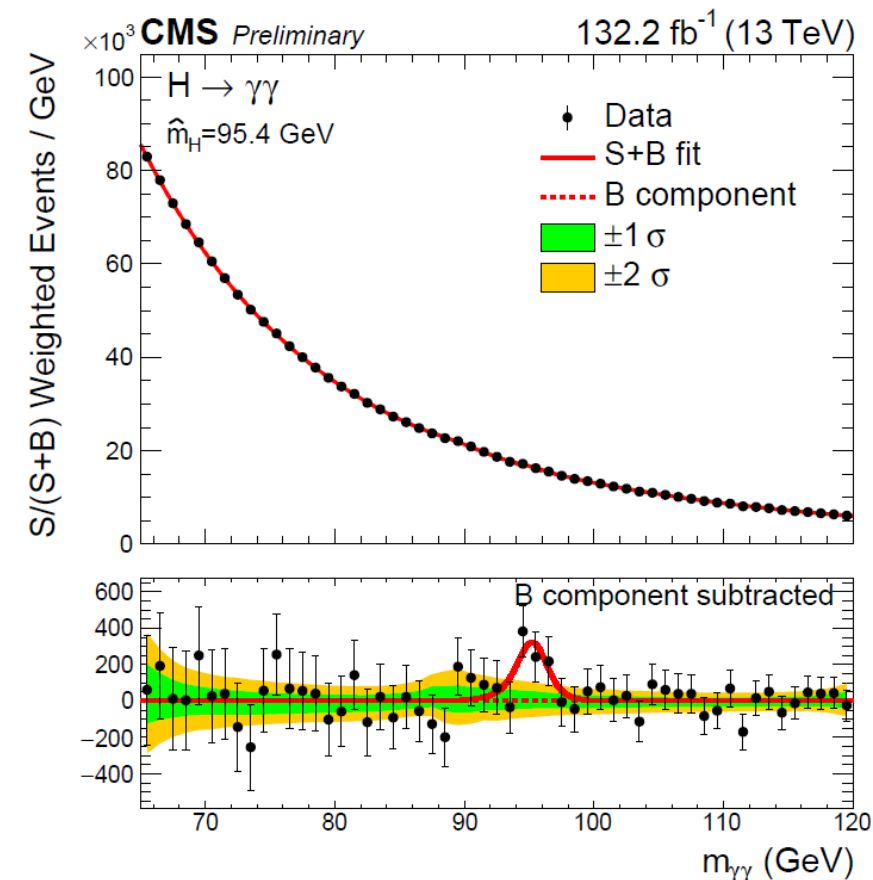
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More interpretation results  
will be public in near future

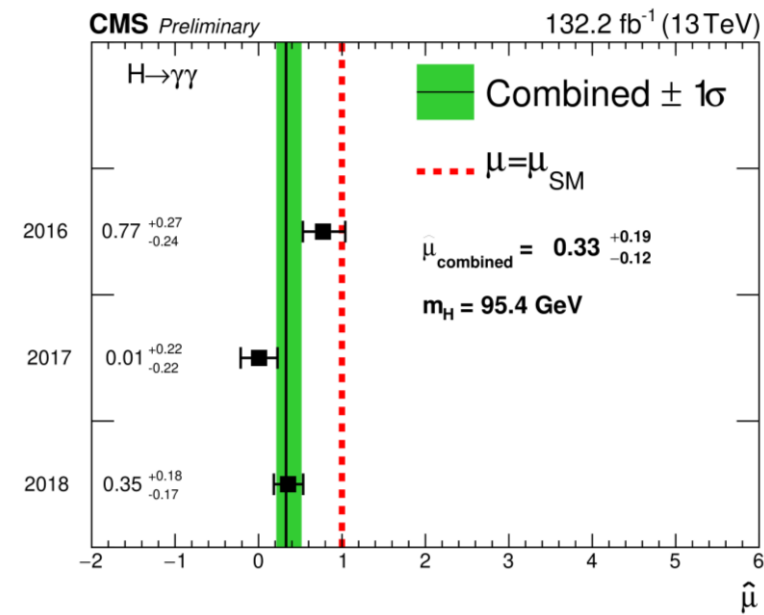
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- **S/(S+B)-weighted  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  distribution**  
with S+B fit for  $m_H = 95.4 \text{ GeV}$

- ‘Signal’ strengths  $\mu$  fixing  $m_H = 95.4 \text{ GeV}$



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

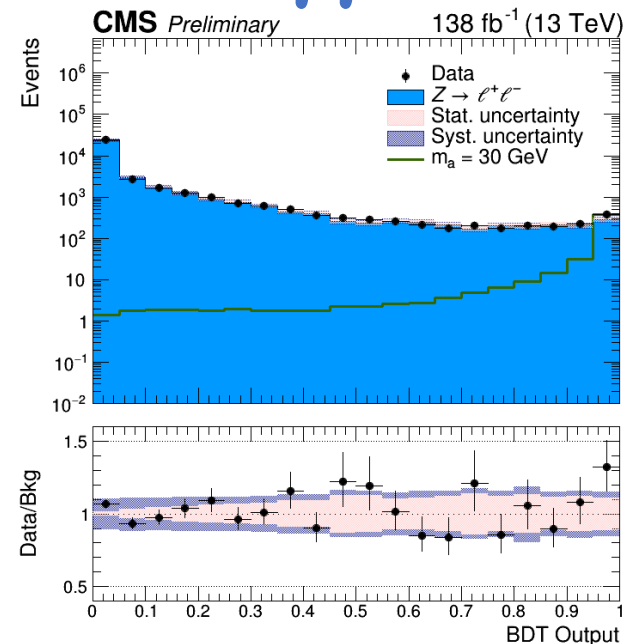


- for the 3 years  
 $\chi^2$  compatibility  
probability: 6%

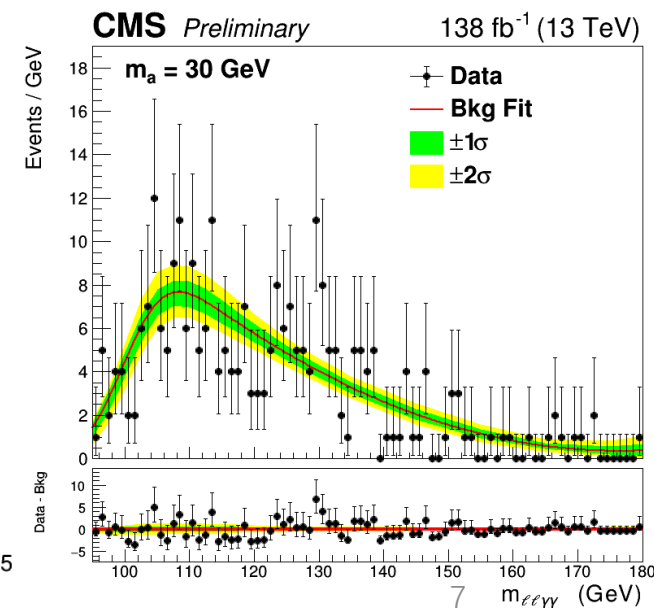
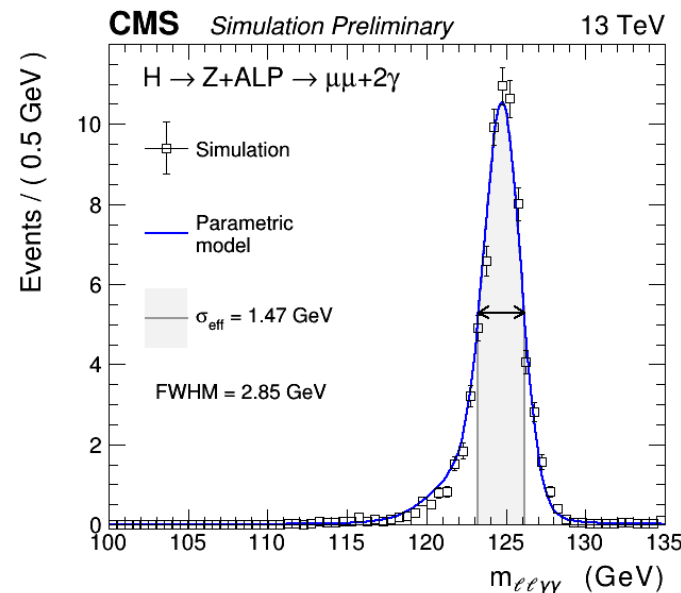
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**First search for new diphoton resonances in this mass range with full LHC Run 2 data!**

- **Two photon resolved** case with  $m_a \in [1, 30]$  GeV
- Developed **dedicated photon ID** by removing  $\sigma_{\text{in}}^{\text{ph}}$  and PF Photon Isolation from official cut-based photon ID
- Trained an **event BDT** for event categorization to improve the sensitivity
- Use  **$\ell\ell\gamma\gamma$  invariant mass** (90-180 GeV) spectrum to extract signal in data
- Signal  $m_{\ell\ell\gamma\gamma}$  shape is modeled using a sum of Gaussians
  - ✓  $m_{\ell\ell\gamma\gamma}$  shape taken from the nearest nominal mass hypothesis
  - ✓ normalization interpolated between two nearest nominal mass hypotheses
- Bkg modeling : **data from three years merged** to build background model
  - ✓ Turn-on component included
  - ✓ Unique background model built for each  $m(a)$
- **Statistical uncertainties dominate**

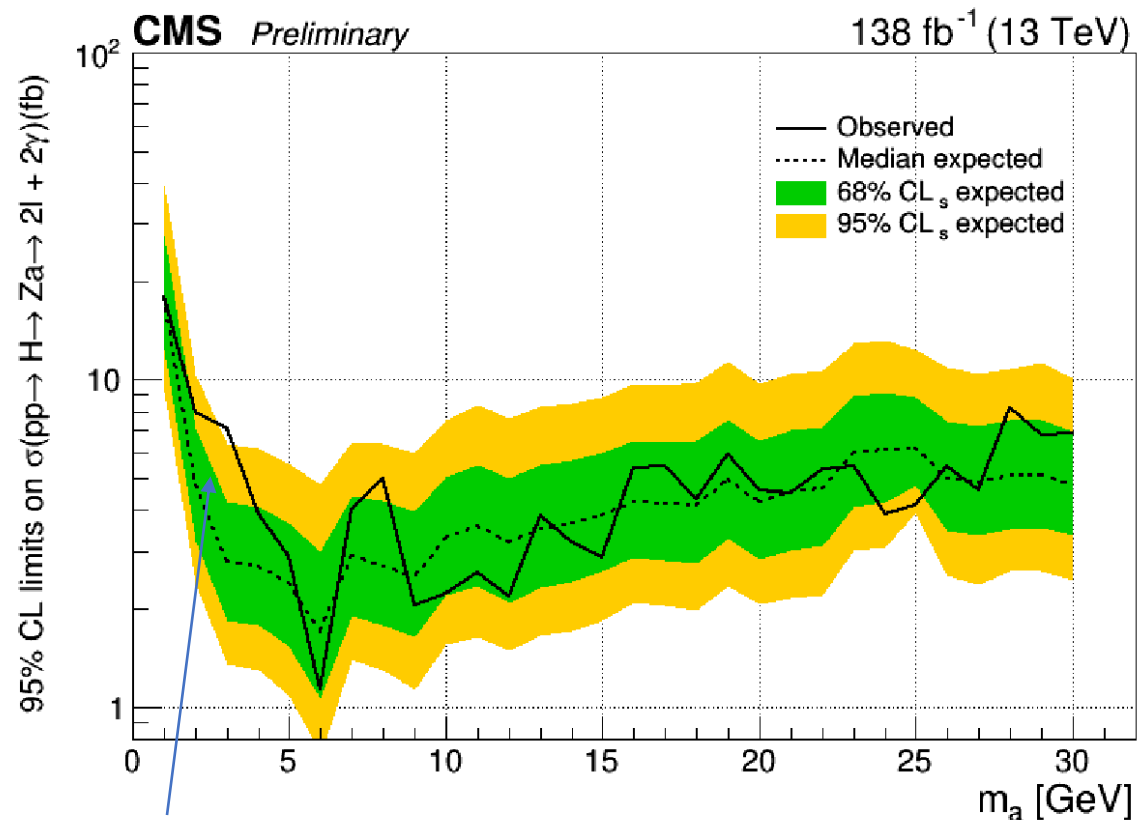


m <sub>a</sub> (GeV)	Min. BDT output value	Signal efficiency	Background yields
1	0.955	0.492	83.2 ± 27.3
2	0.980	0.669	26.4 ± 10.3
3	0.985	0.763	7.89 ± 4.87
4	0.980	0.842	5.06 ± 4.50
5	0.985	0.849	5.12 ± 3.92
6	0.990	0.817	2.49 ± 2.24
7	0.985	0.860	5.26 ± 3.98
8	0.990	0.799	11.4 ± 4.78
9	0.990	0.784	15.5 ± 5.60
10	0.990	0.771	10.8 ± 4.65
15	0.990	0.701	13.4 ± 5.23
20	0.990	0.626	18.4 ± 6.12
25	0.985	0.644	36.6 ± 10.5
30	0.980	0.674	43.6 ± 13.2



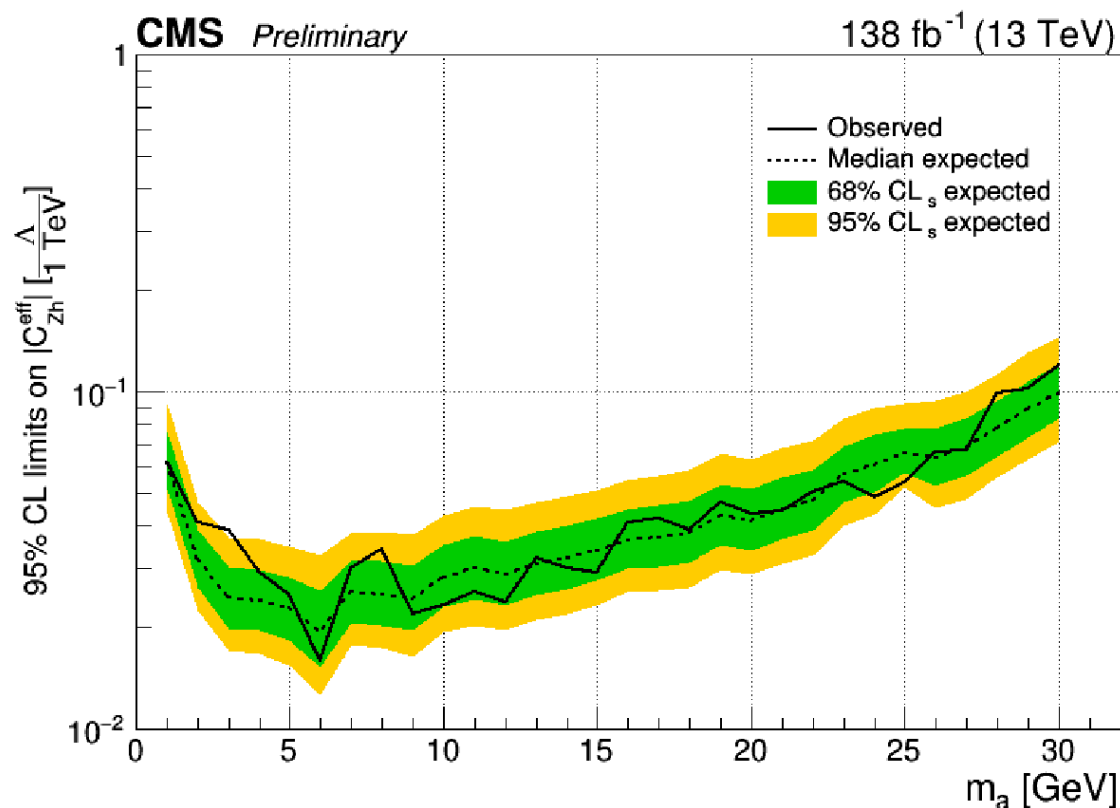


- 95% CL upper limits on  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) \times B(H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow \ell\ell\gamma\gamma)$  : **4.7-17.8** (6.9-17.9) **fb** observed (expected)



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

- Result is also interpreted within ALP model : **95% CL UL on the Wilson coefficient,  $C_{Zh}^{\text{eff}}/\Lambda$** , the effective coupling parameter of the Higgs boson, the Z boson, and the ALP, and  $\Lambda$  is the new physics scale (assuming  $\text{BR}(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)=1$ )



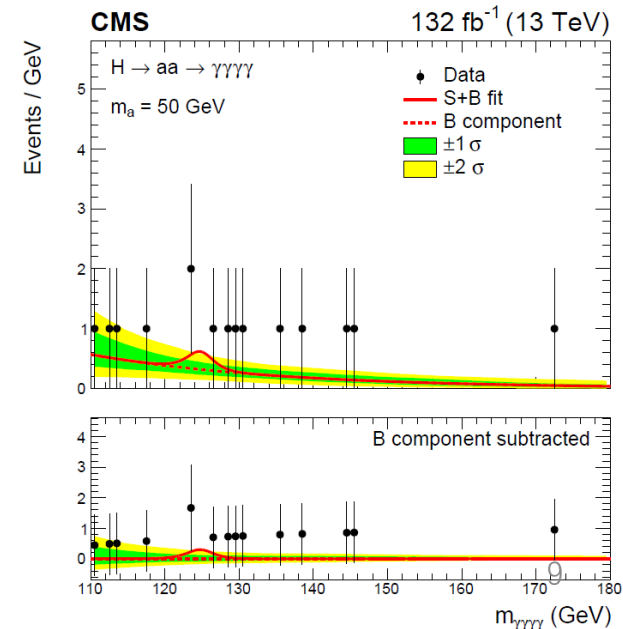
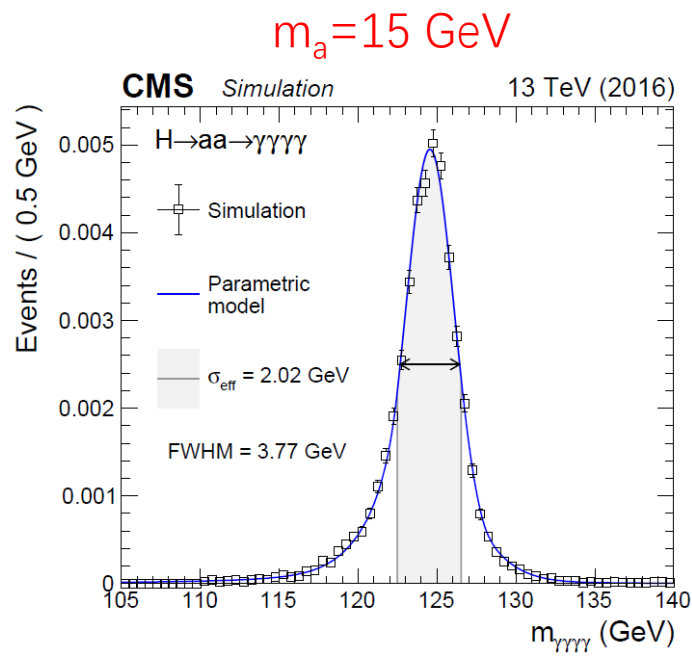
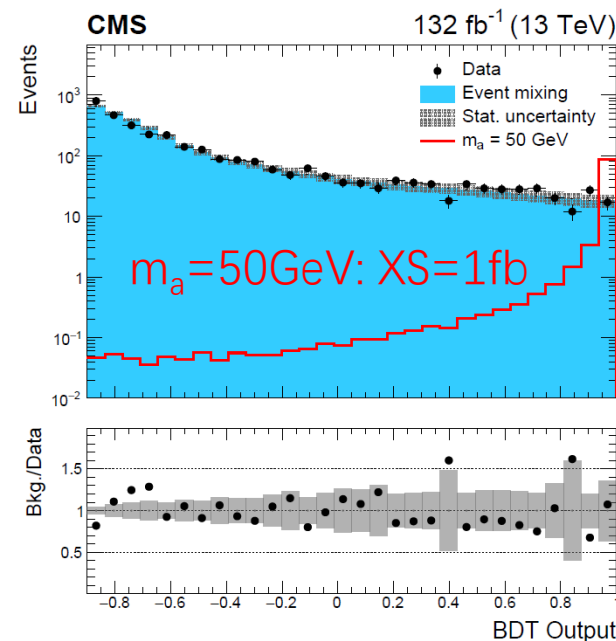
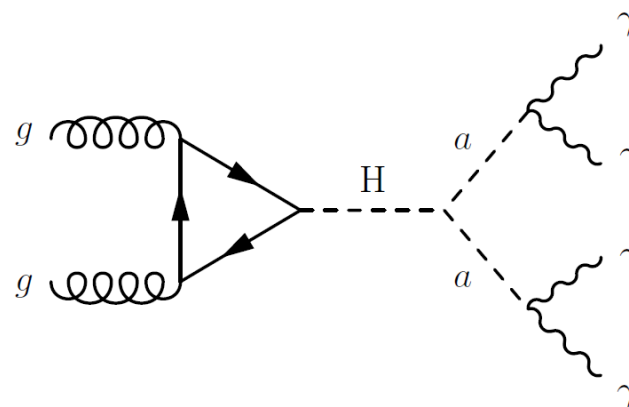
**First LHC result in the  $H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow \ell\ell\gamma\gamma$  final state**



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

- Probes pseudoscalar masses ( $m_a$ ) in the range **15-62 GeV**
- **Four well-isolated photons** in the final state
- A 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  $m_a$
- An unbinned maximum likelihood fit of the signal and background models to the **observed  $m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma}$  distribution** in data (100-180 GeV), to extract signal
  - ✓ Sig modeled by a double-sided Crystal Ball (CB) function, for each  $m_a$
  - ✓ Bkg modeling : discrete profiling method

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

- Analysis sensitivity is primarily limited by the expected signal event yields
  - ✓ Impact of other systematic uncertainties on the expected limit is about **1%** across the  $m_a$  range

Table 2: Summary of the systematic uncertainties considered in this analysis.

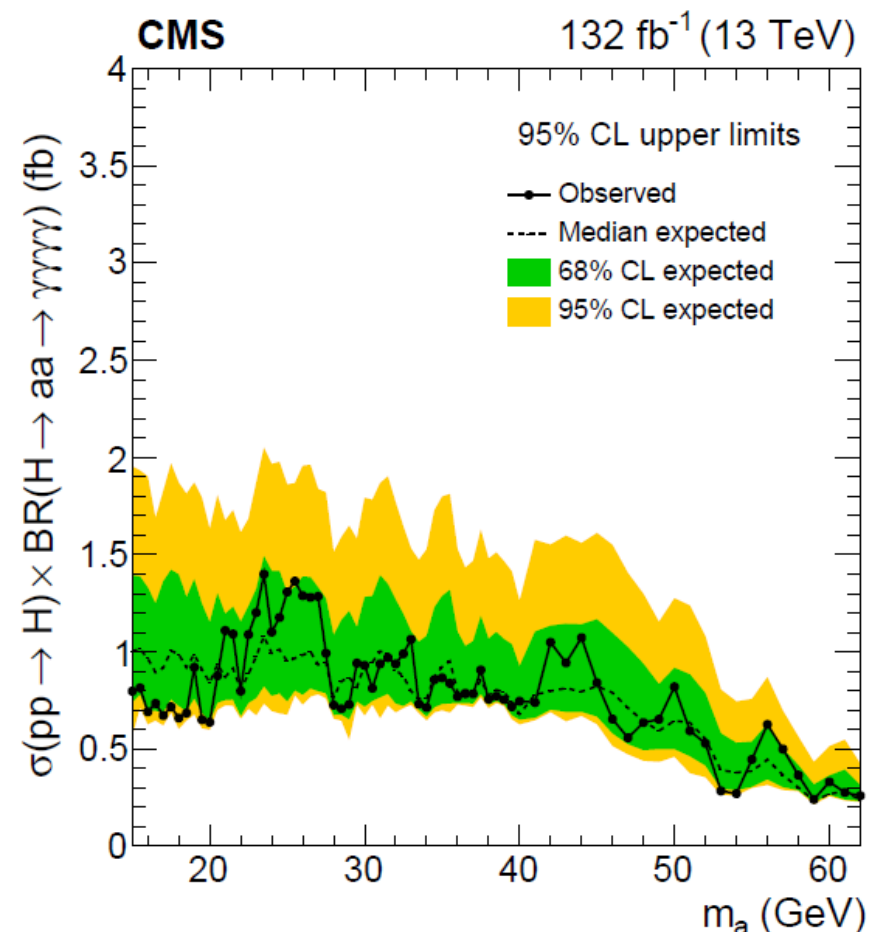
$m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma}$ distribution shape	2016–2018		
Photon energy scale and resolution	0.05–0.15%		
Nonlinearity of the photon energy scale	0.10%		
Shower shape corrections	0.01–0.15%		
Nonuniformity of light collection	0.07–0.25%		
Modeling of material in front of the ECAL	0.02–0.05% (EB) and 0.24% (EE)		
Signal model normalization	2016	2017	2018
Integrated luminosity	1.20%	2.30%	2.50%
Photon identification	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Trigger efficiency	0.50%	1.50%	0.50%
Photon preselections	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

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**First CMS search in this channel**

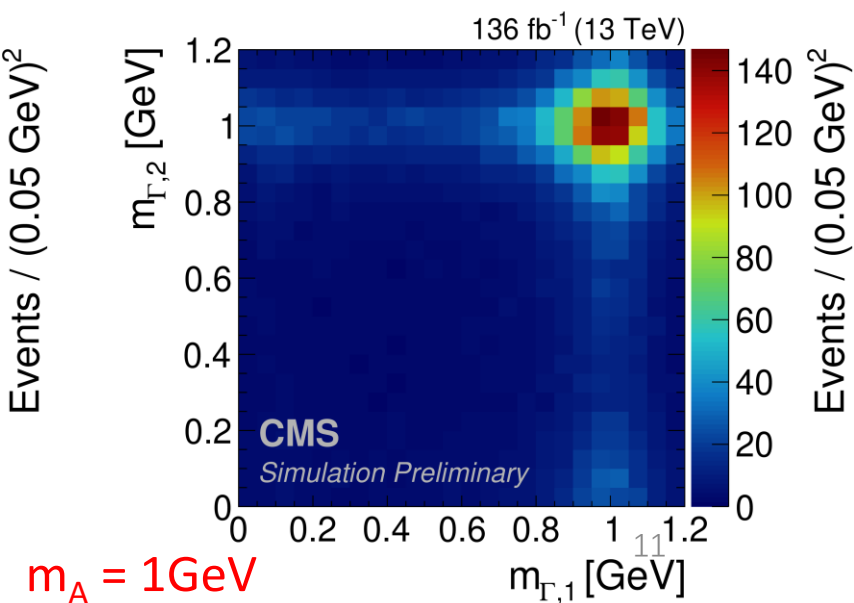
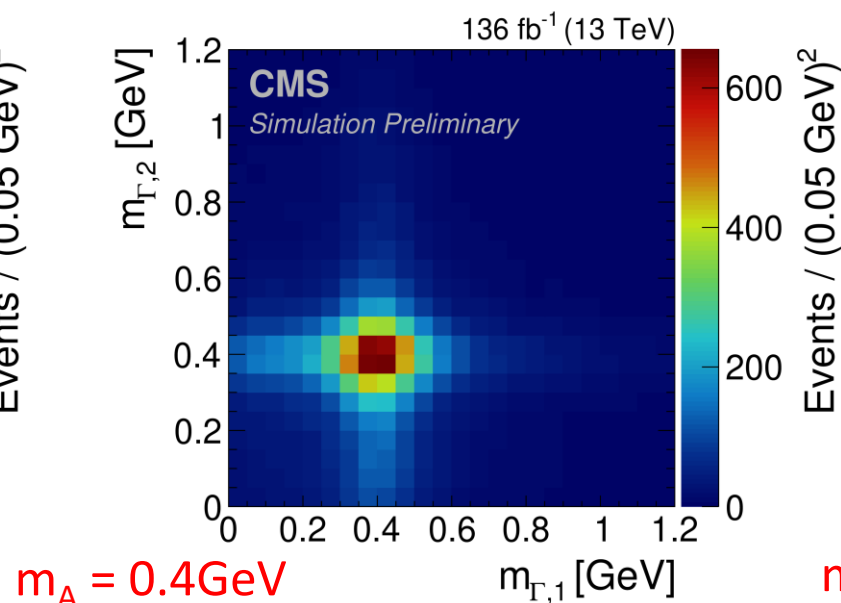
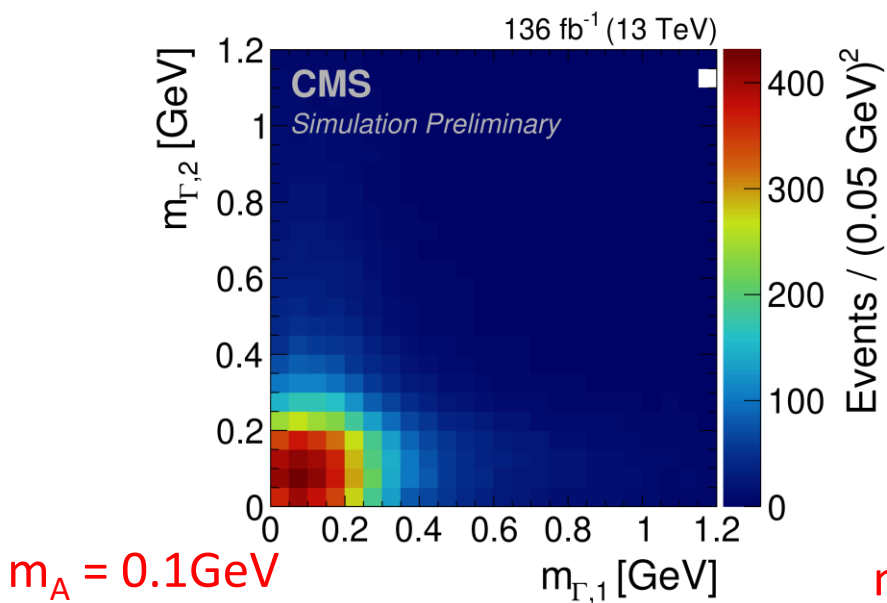
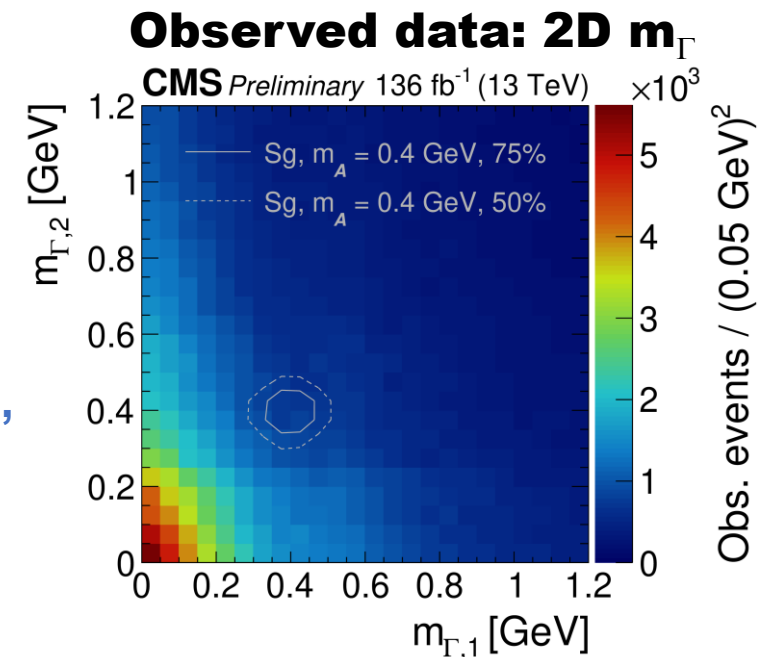
- No significant deviation from the standard model expectation is observed
- **95% CL upper limit**  $\sigma_H B(H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma)$ : **0.26-0.80** (0.24-1.0) fb observed (exp.)



# $H \rightarrow AA \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ 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)

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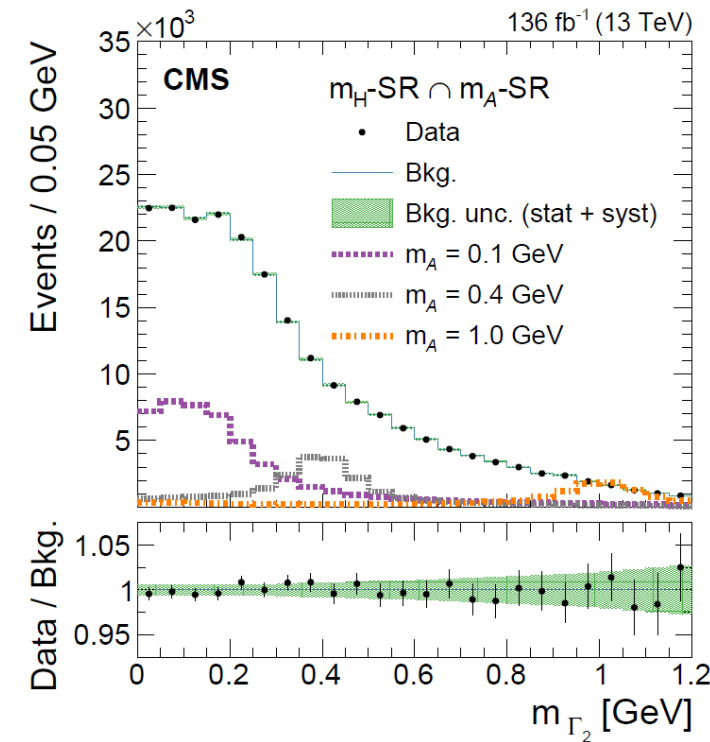
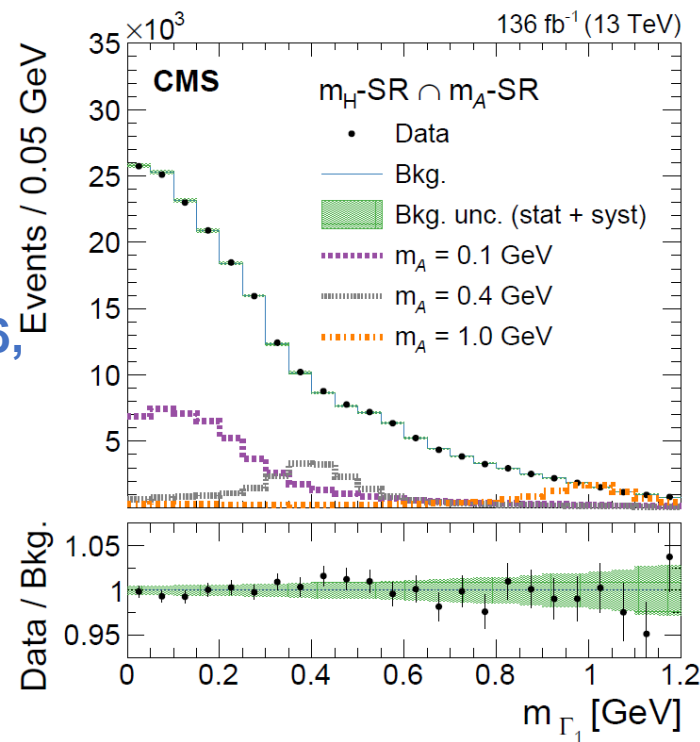
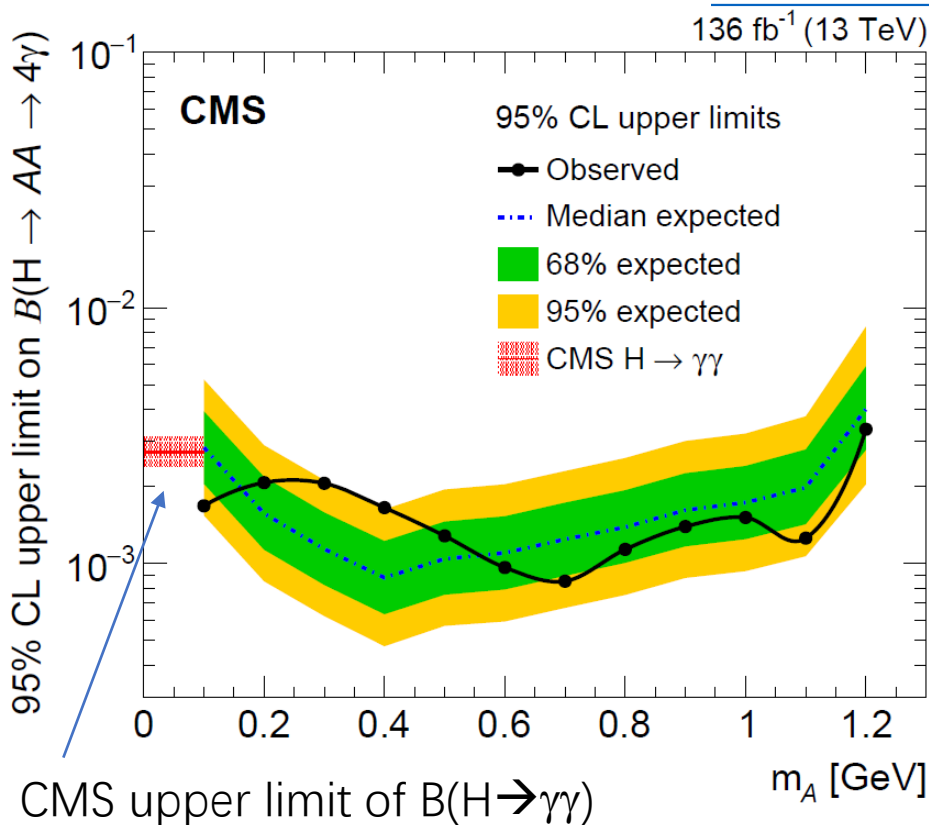


# $H \rightarrow AA \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ boosted

➤ No excess observed in  $\mu S + B$  fit in  $m_{\Gamma}$  distributions

➤ Upper limits on the branching fraction  $B(H \rightarrow AA \rightarrow 4\gamma)$  of  $(0.9-3.3) \times 10^{-3}$  at 95% CL

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➤ 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**

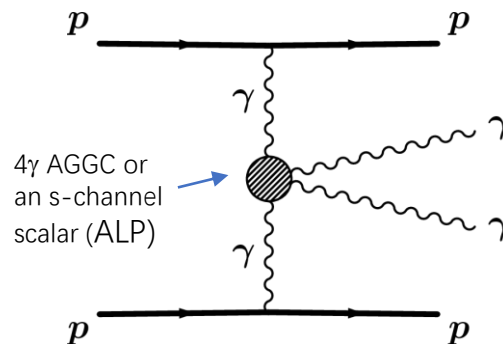


# High-mass exclusive diphoton production

- To probe  $4\gamma$  Anomalous Quartic Gauge Coupling (aQGC) and search for a (pseudo-)scalar Axion-like particle (ALP)
- Events are selected: two high  $p_T$  ( $>75/100\text{GeV}$  in 2016/17-18) photons that are back-to-back in azimuth and with a large  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  ( $>350\text{ GeV}$ )
- To remove the bkg, the tagged final state protons are required to match the kinematics of the final state photons
- **No excess** is observed above the SM prediction
- Limits at 95% CL on the  $4\gamma$  aQGC parameters for  $|\zeta_1| < 7.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-4}$ ,  $|\zeta_2| < 1.5 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-4}$  using an effective field theory: **strongest upper limit** on the anomalous  $4\gamma$  coupling cross section  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow p\gamma\gamma p | \tilde{\zeta}_p \in \tilde{\zeta}^{\text{PPS}}) < 0.61 \text{ fb}$
- ALPs are excluded in the mass range of 500 to 2000 GeV

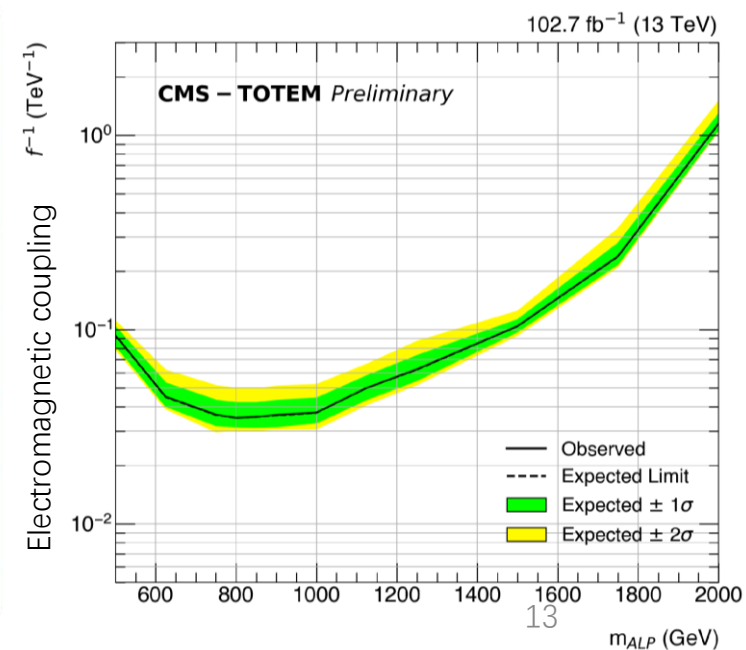
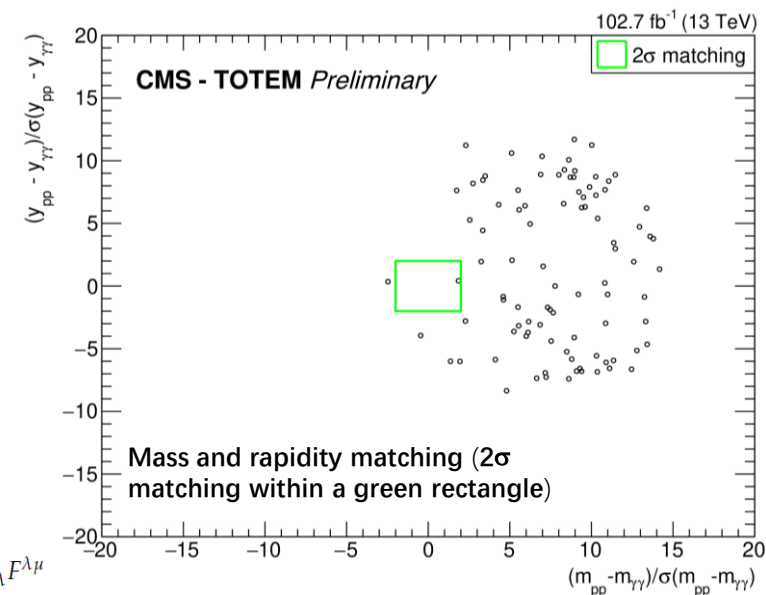
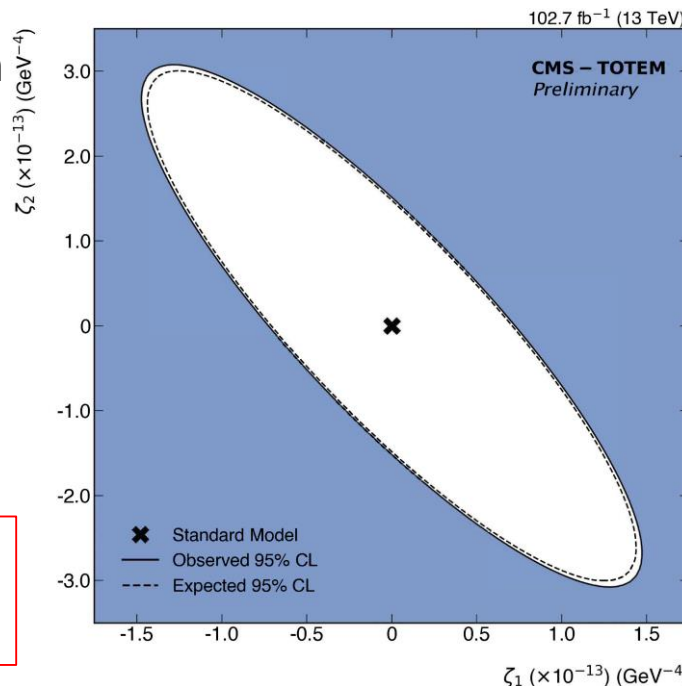
**Strongest limits on ALP production in this search range**

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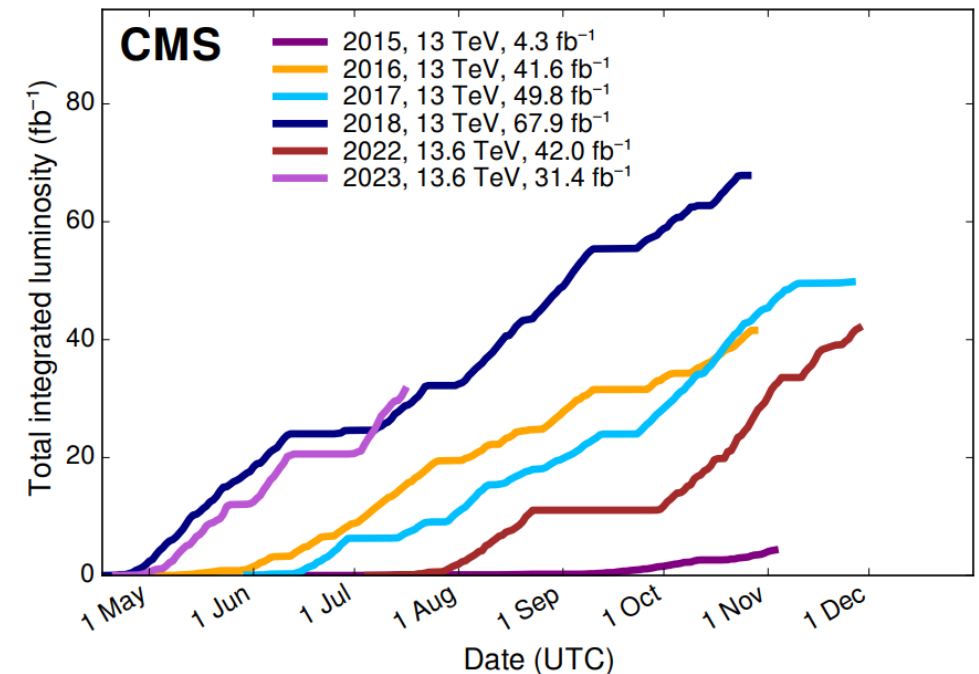
**CMS+TOTEM Precision Proton Spectrometer (PPS)**

D8 operators  $\mathcal{L}_{4\gamma} = \zeta_1 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} + \zeta_2 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\nu\rho} F_{\rho\lambda} F^{\lambda\mu}$



# Summary

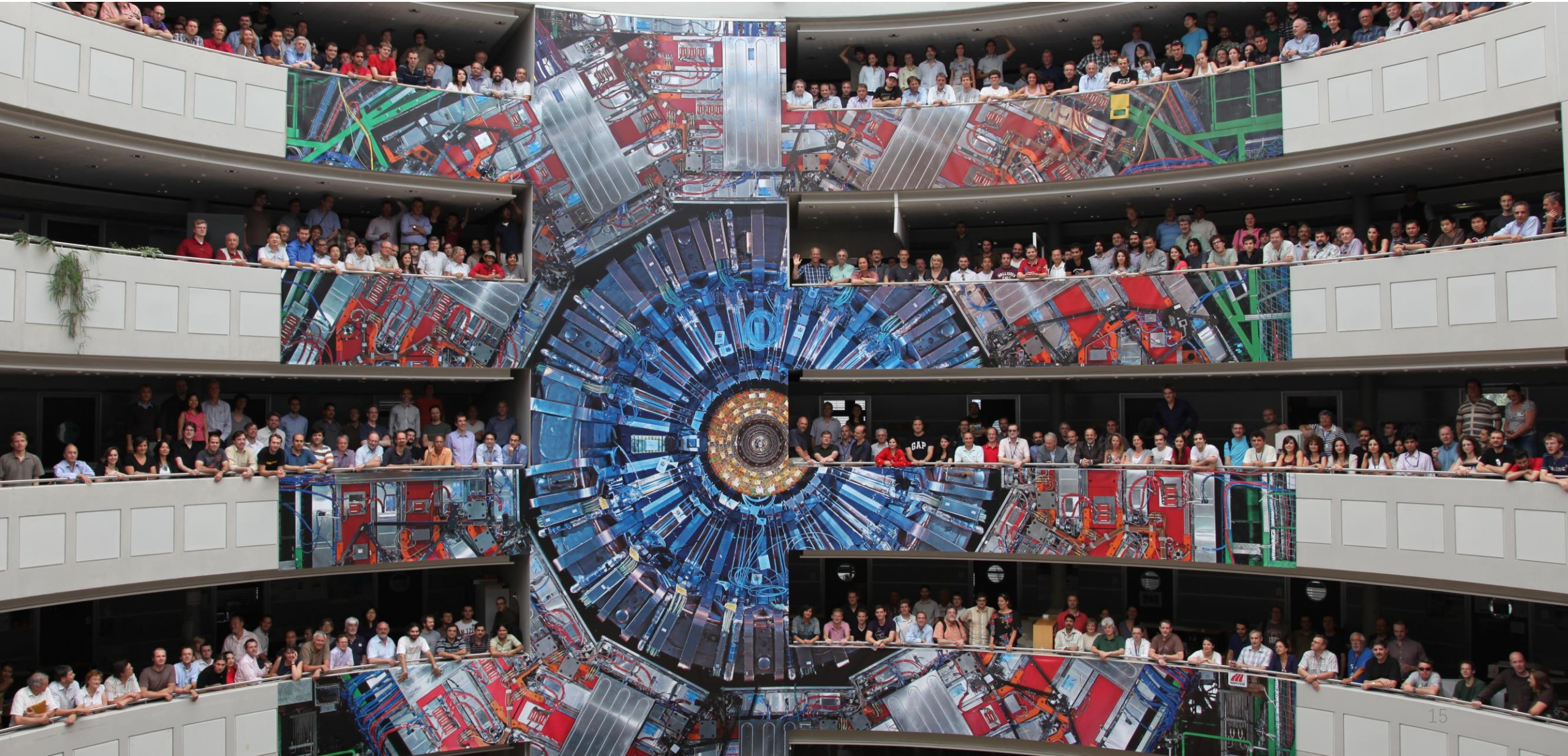
- CMS latest results of the searches for **additional scalars** with **at least two photons included** in the final states are presented
- **No evidence for the existence of extra scalars is found so far**
- **Low-mass  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$**  ( $m_H \in [70, 110]$  GeV): modest **excess at  $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 95.4$  GeV with  $2.9\sigma$  local** ( $1.3\sigma$  global) significance; more data is needed to conclude on the nature of this excess
- **$H \rightarrow Z a \rightarrow l l \gamma\gamma$**  ( $m_a \in [1, 30]$  GeV): **first LHC result** in the  $l l \gamma\gamma$  final state
- **$H \rightarrow a a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  resolved** ( $m_a \in [15, 62]$  GeV): **first CMS search** in this channel
- **$H \rightarrow A A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  boosted** ( $m_A \in [0.1, 1.2]$  GeV): **best constraints** for this decay mode in the studied  $m_A$  range
- **$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + pp$**  (possible ALP with  $m_A \in [500, 2000]$  GeV) : **strongest limits** on ALP production in the search range
- More (Run3) data are coming ... **stay tuned!**



<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMSPublic/LumiPublicResults>



# Thanks for your attention!





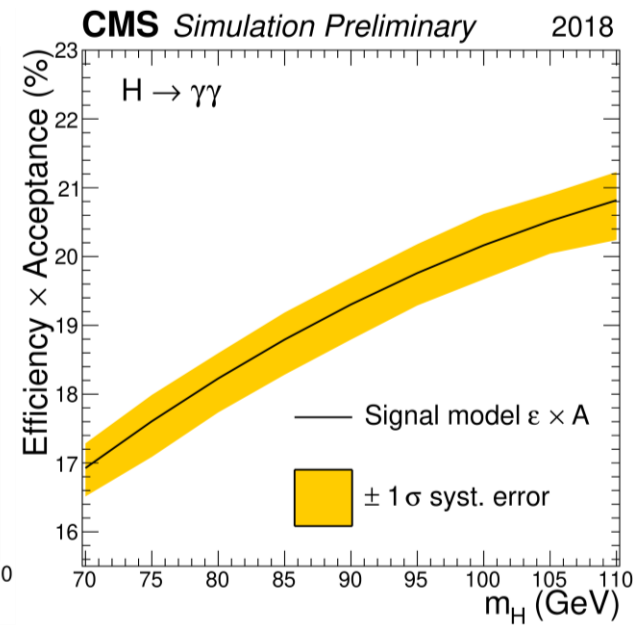
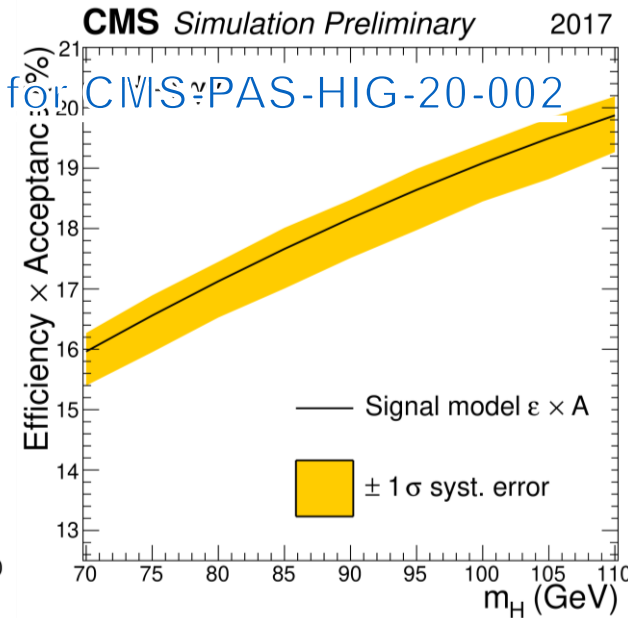
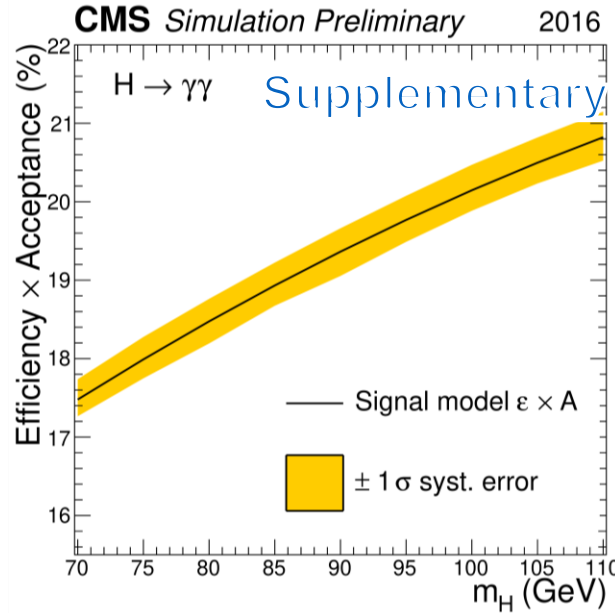
# Backup slides



# HIG-20-002: Signal efficiency and parametric shapes

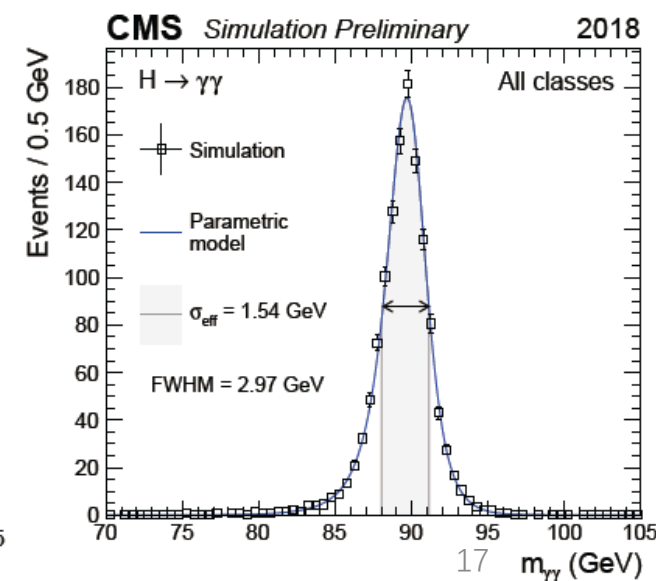
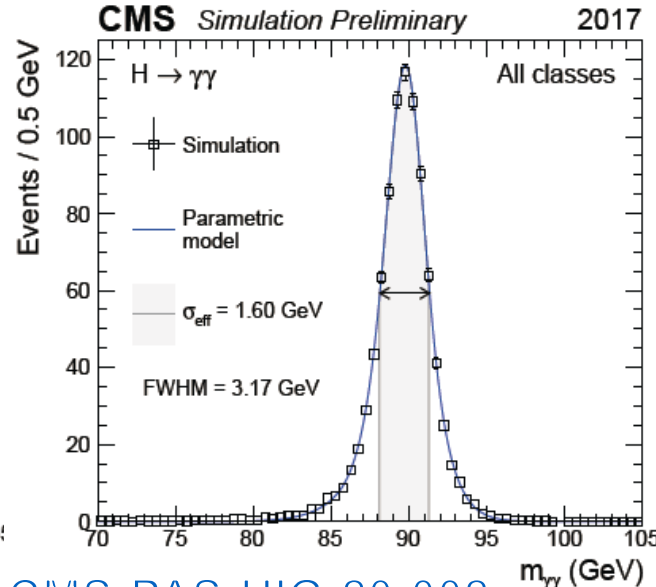
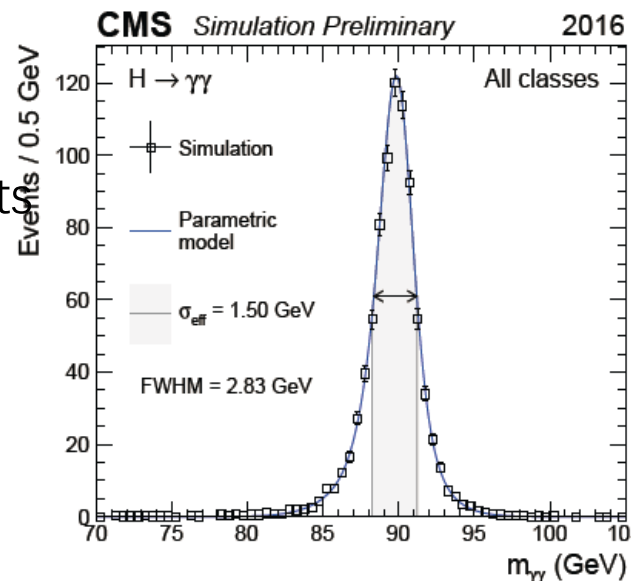
## ➤ Signal efficiency x acceptance as a function of mass hypothesis

- ✓ Different selections for 3 years i.e. trigger, offline selections etc
- ✓  $1\sigma$  systematic error band is also shown



## ➤ Full parameterized signal shape, integrated over all event classes, in simulated signal events with $m_H = 90$ GeV

- ✓ **Signal modeling** (sum of Gaussian functions): event classes x production modes x correct/incorrect vertex



# HIG-20-002: bkg modeling

- **Background modeling** (discrete profiling): *sums of continuous functions* (different families/orders) with *DCB+exponential* (relic DY, normalization floating)

$$Nf \times \text{Exp}(x) + N(1-f)(\text{DCB}(x) + \text{exp}(x)) = Nf \times \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta_{2i} e^{\beta_{2i+1}x} + N(1-f)(\text{DCB}(x) + \text{exp}(x))$$

$$Nf \times \text{Pow}(x) + N(1-f)(\text{DCB}(x) + \text{exp}(x)) = Nf \times \sum_{i=0}^M \beta_{2i} x^{\beta_{2i+1}} + N(1-f)(\text{DCB}(x) + \text{exp}(x))$$

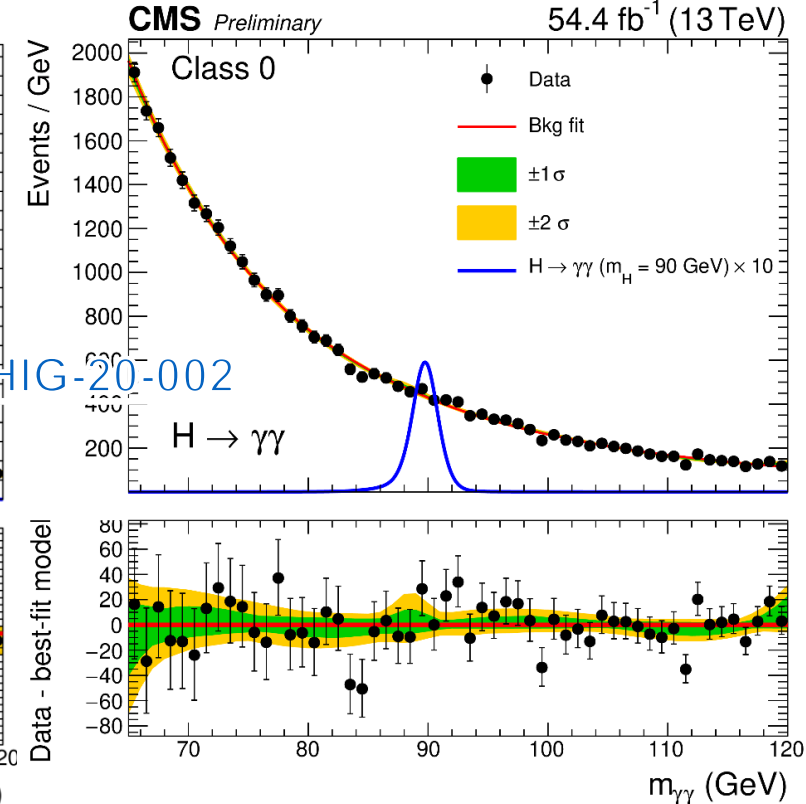
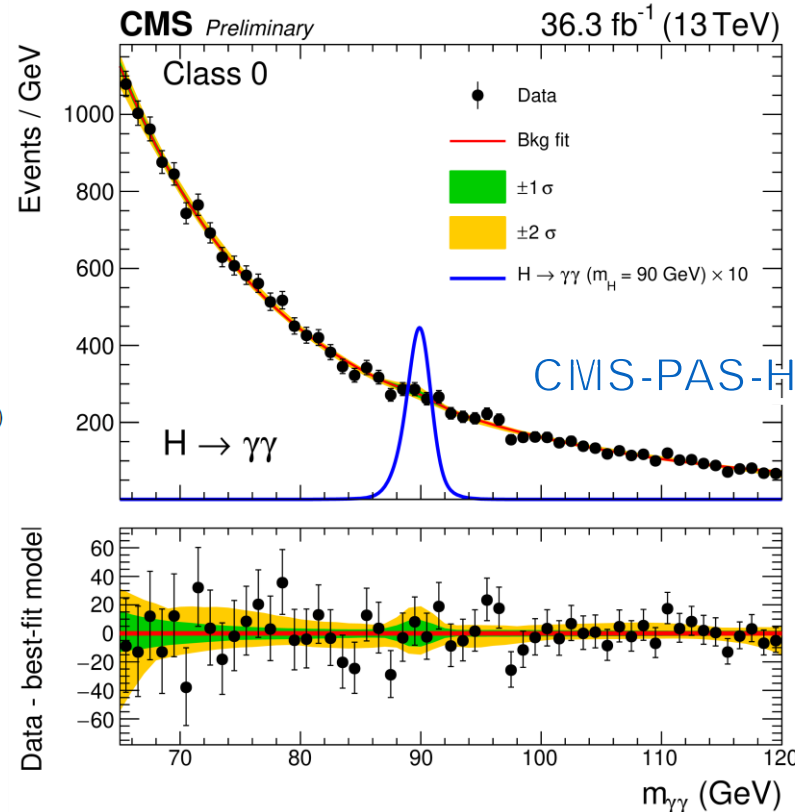
$$Nf \times \text{Ber}(x) + N(1-f)(\text{DCB}(x) + \text{exp}(x)) = Nf \times \sum_{i=0}^M \beta_i b_{i,M} + N(1-f)(\text{DCB}(x) + \text{exp}(x))$$

with  $b_{i,M} = \binom{M}{i} x^i (1-x)^{M-i}$

$$Nf \times \text{Lau}(x) + N(1-f)(\text{DCB}(x) + \text{exp}(x)) = Nf \sum_{i=0}^M \beta_i x^{-\alpha_i} + N(1-f)(\text{DCB}(x) + \text{exp}(x))$$

with  $\alpha_i = 4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 7, \dots$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$

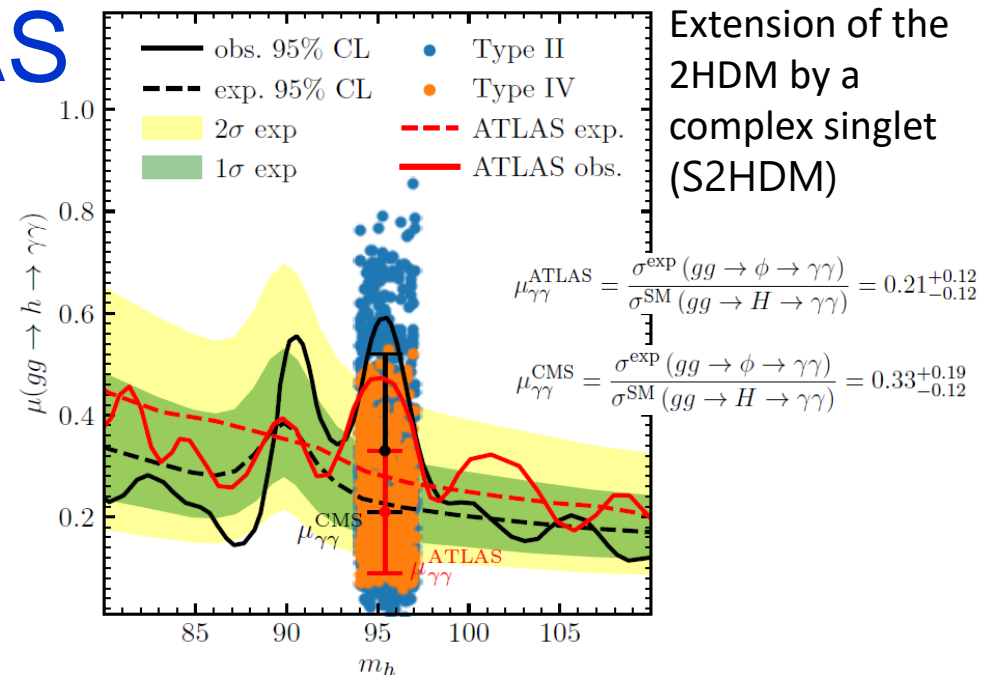
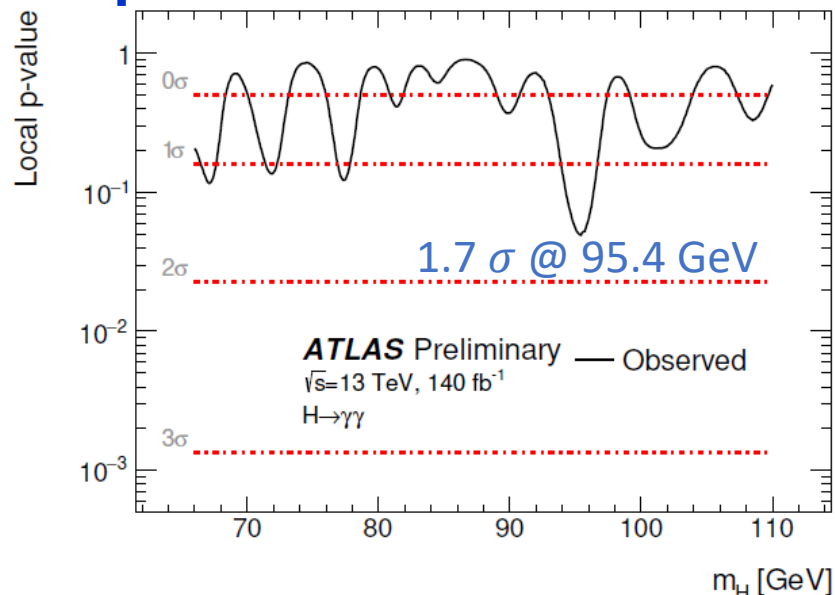
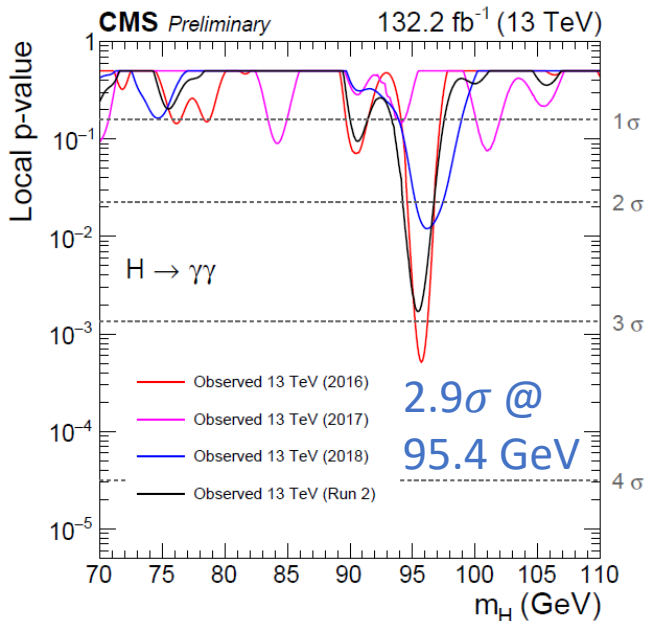
Best-fit background functions w/  
DCB+exponential fractions (0.5% - 4.8%)



- Background fit, stat. uncertainties only, 2016(left) and 2018 (right)

Event class			0	1	2	VBF
2016	Family/Order	Power Law	1	Bernstein 4	Exponential 3	
	DCB + Exp. Fraction (%)		3.0	3.1	3.3	
2017	Family/Order	Bernstein	3	Exponential 3	Bernstein 4	Bernstein 3
	DCB + Exp. Fraction (%)		2.7	1.4	1.9	2.6
2018	Family/Order	Laurent	1	Bernstein 4	Exponential 3	Bernstein 2
	DCB + Exp. Fraction (%)		0.5	4.1	4.8	0.8
2018			0.2	4.1	4.8	18
2018			Laurent 1	Bernstein 4	Exponential 3	Bernstein 3

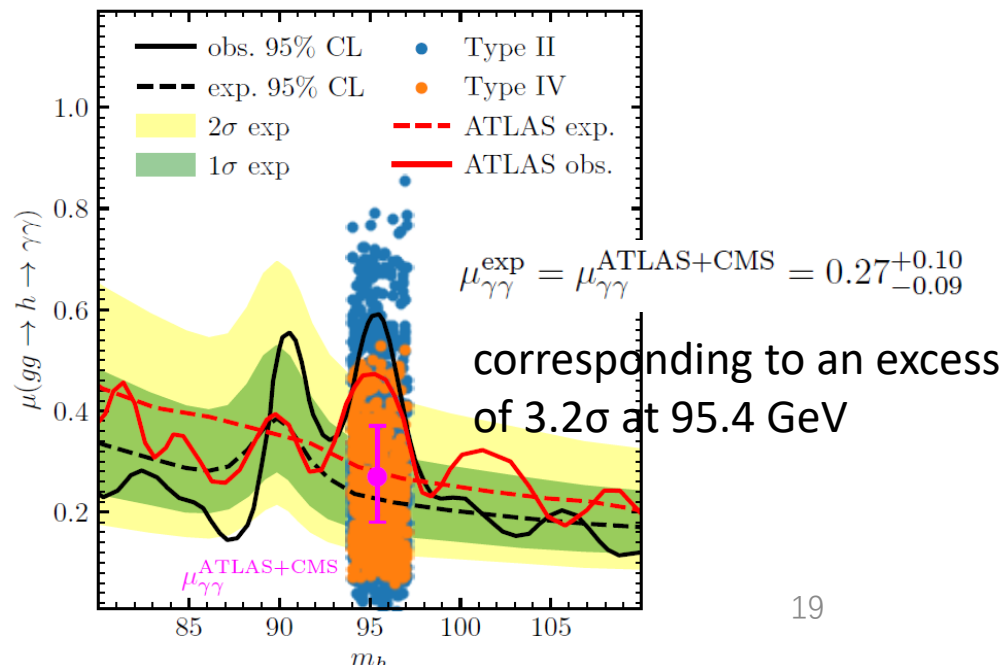
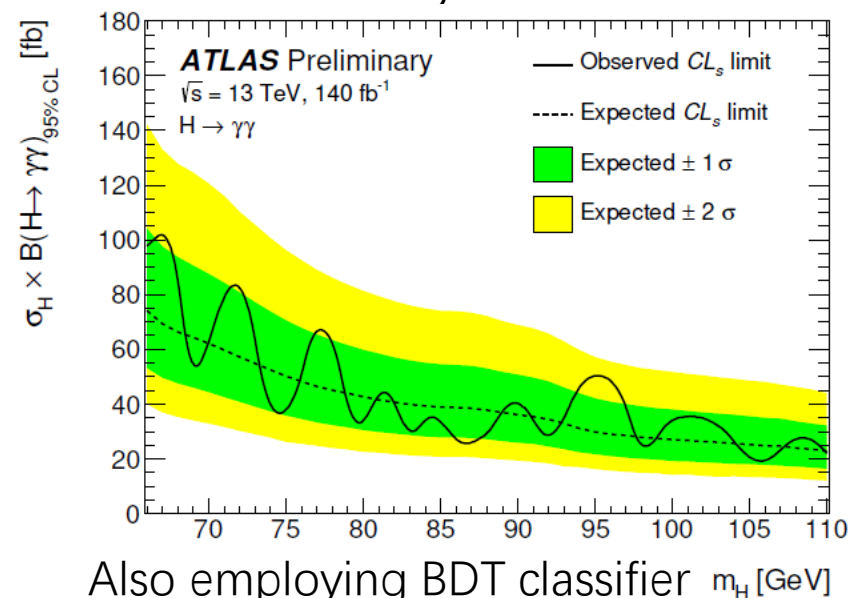
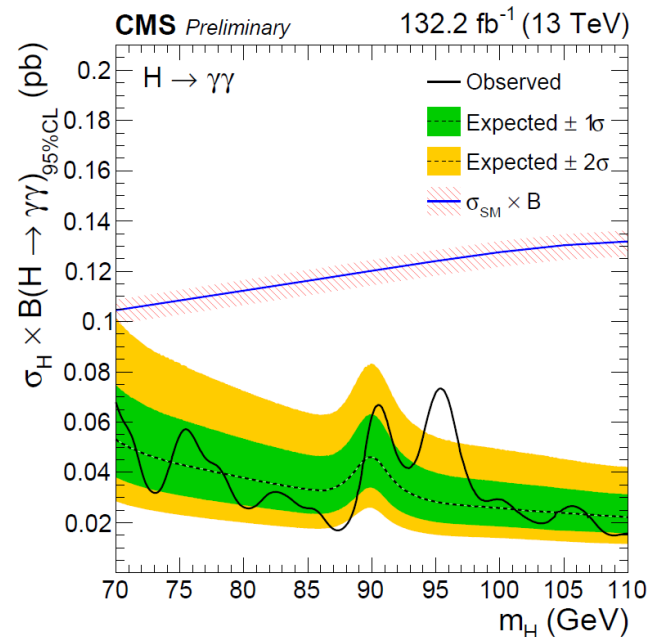
# HIG-20-002: comparison with ATLAS



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## ➤ Selections

- ✓ Leptons: leading muon (electron) is required to have  $p_T > 20$  (25) GeV and the subleading one  $p_T > 10$  (15) GeV;  $|\eta| < 2.5/2.4$  for  $e/\mu$
- ✓ Photons:  $p_T > 10$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- ✓  $\Delta R(l, \gamma) > 0.4$
- ✓  $m_{ll} > 50$  GeV,  $95 \text{ GeV} < m_{ll\gamma\gamma} < 180$  GeV
- ✓  $Za$  candidate with  $m_{ll}$  closest to the nominal  $Z$  boson mass is chosen

## ➤ Bkg modeling : data from three years merged to build background model

- ✓ Turn-on component included
- ✓ Unique background model built for each  $m(a)$

$$\mathcal{F}(m_{\ell\ell\gamma\gamma}; \mu, \sigma, s, \vec{\alpha}) := \int_a^b \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)(m_{\ell\ell\gamma\gamma} - t) f(t; \vec{\alpha}) \Theta(s, t)$$

- $\mathcal{N}$  is a Gaussian function with mean  $m$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$
- $\Theta$  is the Heaviside step function
- $f$  is a falling spectrum functions : exponentials, Bernstein polynomials, Laurent series, and power-law functions

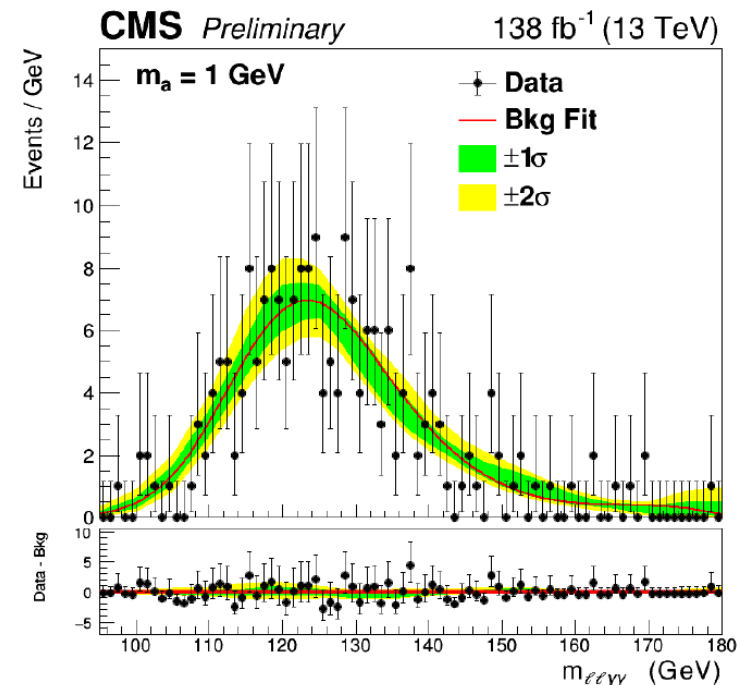


Table 2: Sources of systematic uncertainties and their magnitudes for each data taking period.

$m_{\ell\ell\gamma\gamma}$ distribution shape	2016	2017	2018
Photon energy scale	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%
Photon energy resolution	5.72%	3.45%	4.50%
Electron energy scale	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%
Electron energy resolution	11.90%	4.20%	4.90%
Muon energy scale	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%
Muon energy resolution	4.90%	4.4%	5.2%
Signal model normalization			
Integrated luminosity	1.2%	2.3%	2.5%
Pileup reweighting	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%
Photon efficiency	10.3%	10.0%	10.3%
Electron efficiency	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%
Muon efficiency	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%



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

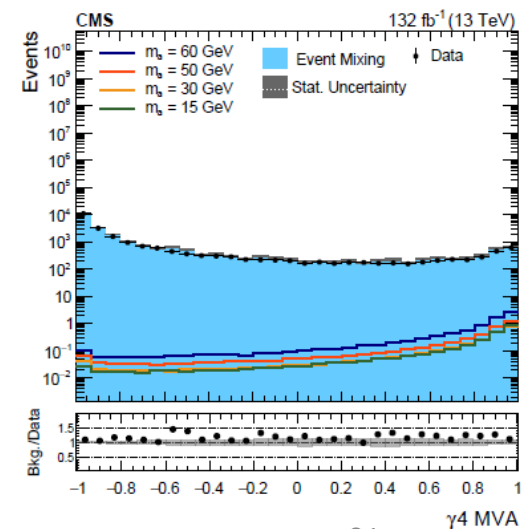
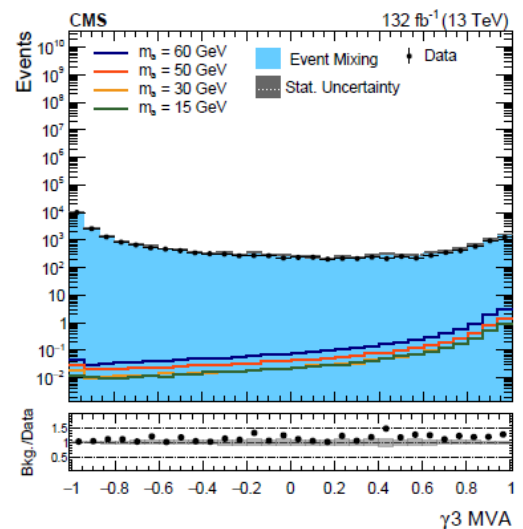
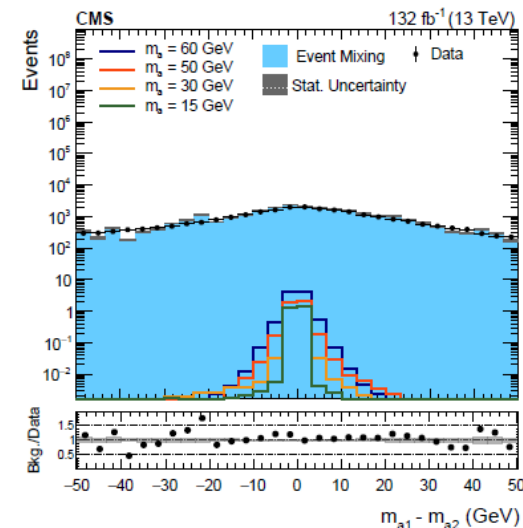
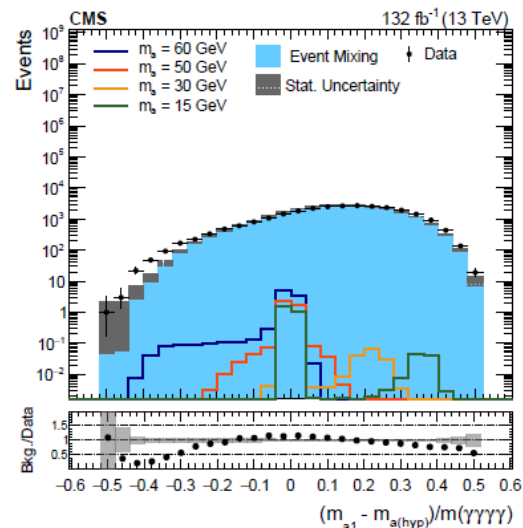
- Vertex BDT: uses input variables related to tracks recoiling against the four-photon system and information related to photons converted in the tracker material, similar SM  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $p_T > 30/18$  GeV for the first-/second-leading photons
- $p_T > 15$  GeV for the third- and fourth-leading photons, since photon ID MVA optimized with  $p_T > 15$  GeV
- Mixed data events with a multi-dimensional per-event weight for training the 4-photon classifier: replacing three out of the four reconstructed photons in each event with reconstructed photons from three consecutive events

- Input variables for the classifier

1. Photon identification BDT score for all four photons.
2.  $p_T$  of the two pseudoscalar boson candidates, i.e.,  $p_{T,a1}$  and  $p_{T,a2}$ .
3. Difference between the reconstructed invariant mass of the pseudoscalar boson candidates, i.e.,  $m_{a1} - m_{a2}$ .
4. Difference between the invariant masses of the pseudoscalar boson candidate and the  $m_{a,hyp}$  parameter divided by  $m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma}$ , i.e.,  $(m_{a1} - m_{a,hyp})/m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma}$  and  $(m_{a2} - m_{a,hyp})/m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma}$ .
5. Angular distance  $\Delta R_{a_1 a_2}$  divided by  $m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma}$ , i.e.,  $\Delta R_{a_1 a_2}/m_{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma}$ .
6. Angle  $\cos \theta_{a\gamma}^*$  in the pseudoscalar boson rest frame, between the leading pseudoscalar boson candidate and the leading photon produced from its decay, chosen in the laboratory frame. This variable is sensitive to the spin of the pseudoscalar boson object.

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## four most highly ranked discriminating variables



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

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- Summary of the **optimized BDT output threshold values** and the **efficiency** with respect to a selection on this output for each of the nominal signal hypothesis

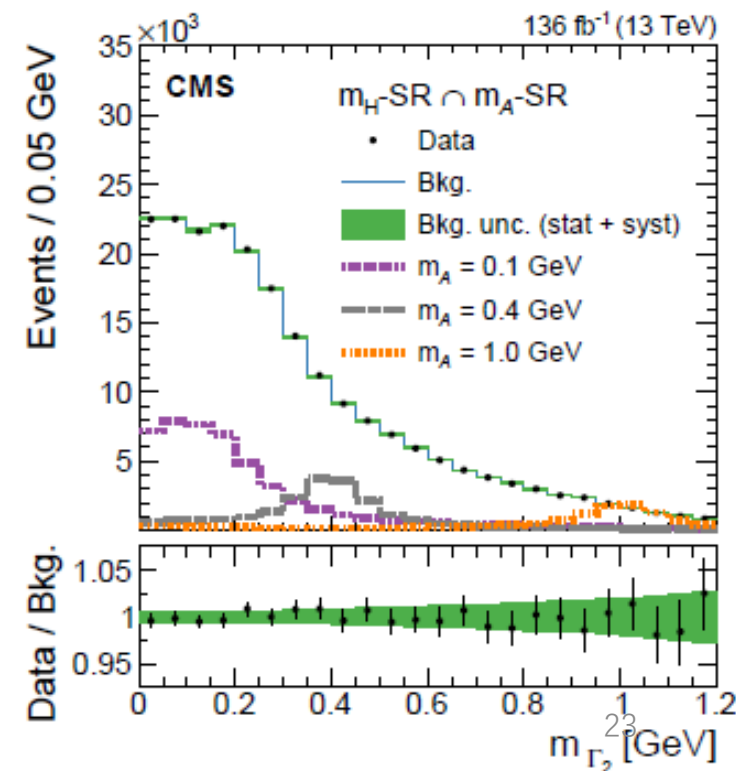
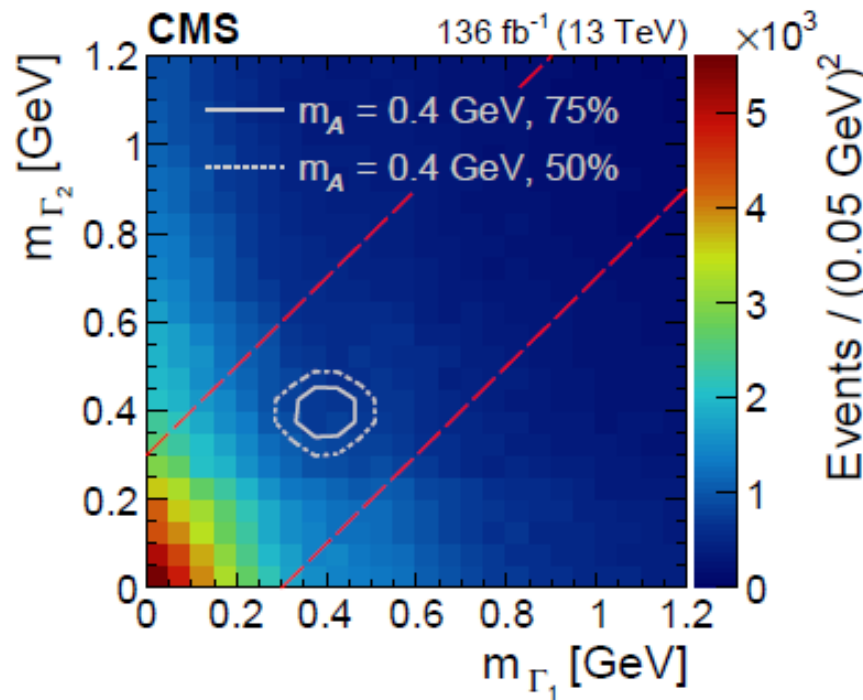
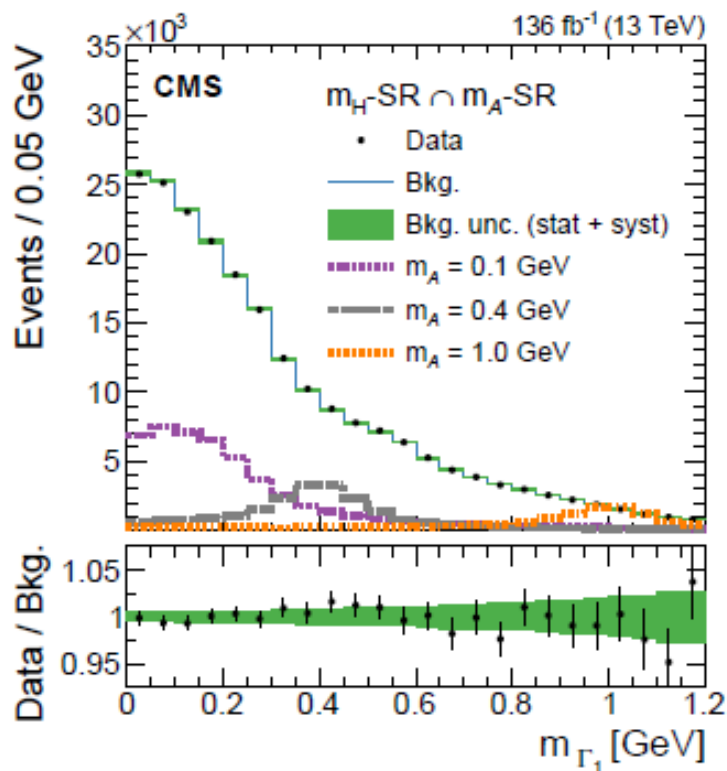
$m_a$ (GeV)	Minimum 4-photon event classification BDT output value	Signal efficiency of the selection on BDT
15	0.883	88%
20	0.891	87%
25	0.876	86%
30	0.897	84%
35	0.931	82%
40	0.945	78%
45	0.952	80%
50	0.958	80%
55	0.976	77%
60	0.987	71%

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

CMS-PAS-21-016,  
[arXiv:2209.06197](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.06197)

- Signal selection eff. 8-24% decreasing with  $m_A$
- $\Gamma_{1(2)}$  is the higher- (lower-) energy reconstructed photon
- $m_\Gamma$  resolution varies from  $\sim 100\%$  to  $20\%$  for  $m_A = 0.1$  to  $1.2$  GeV
- Mass distributions from selected events in data

- Dominated by **statistical uncertainty of S and B template** :  $\sim 10$ - $25\%$  on the best fit signal strength



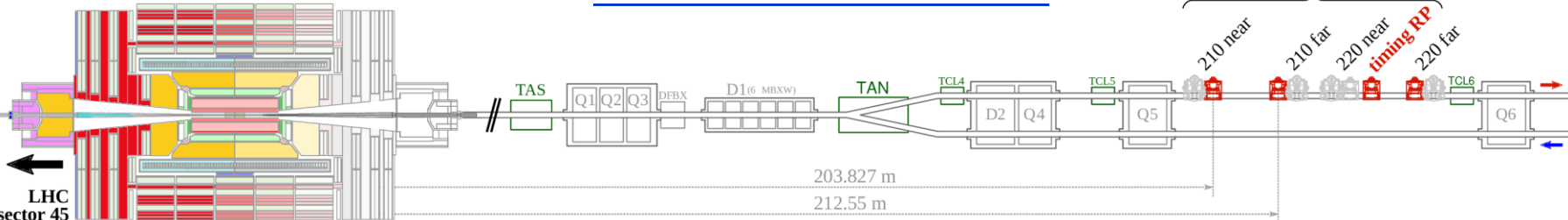


# High-mass exclusive diphoton production

CMS central detector

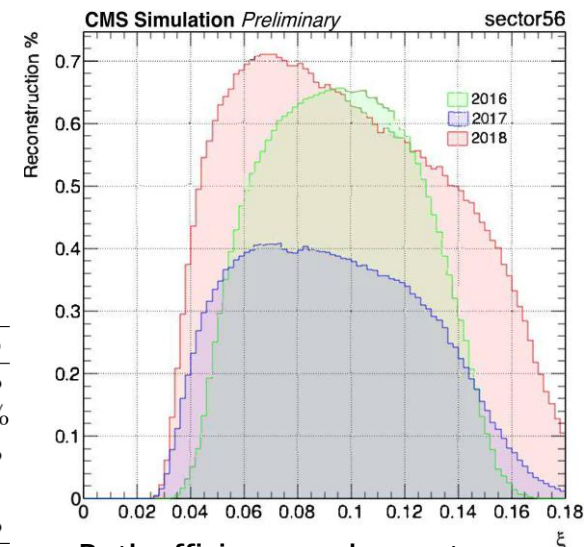
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PPS (+TOTEM) Roman Pots



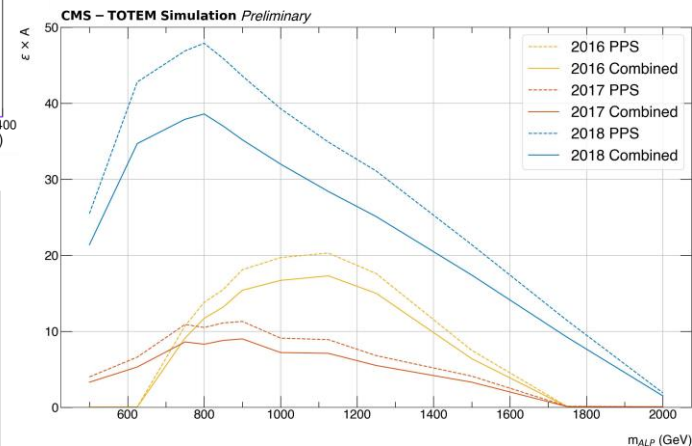
**LHC sector 56**

Source	2016	2017	2018
CMS Luminosity	1.2%	2.3%	2.5%
Background estimation	23.3%	25.2%	20.9%
Photon ID scale factors	3.1%	7.0%	2.9%
Rapidity Gap Survival Probability	10%	10%	10%
Particle Showers in PPS	—	—	1.7%

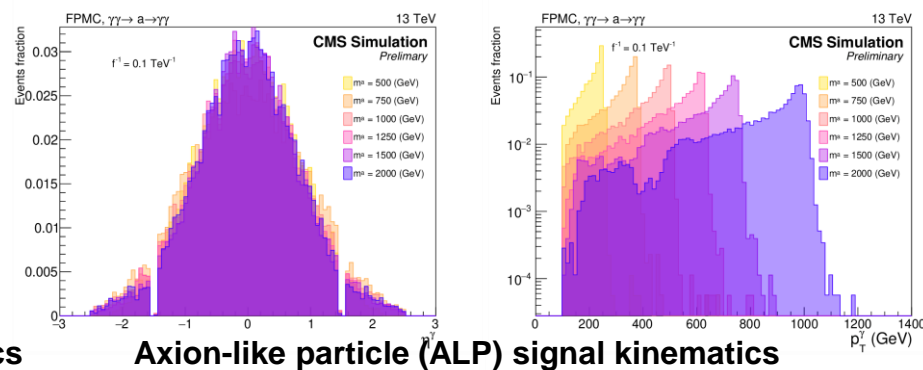
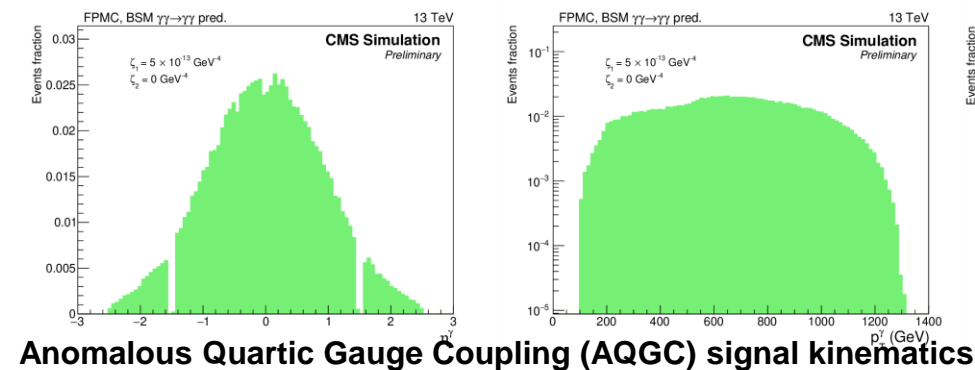


Both efficiency and acceptance effects parameterized as function of the proton  $\xi$  for all years

**ALP signal efficiency times acceptance ( $\epsilon \times A$ )**

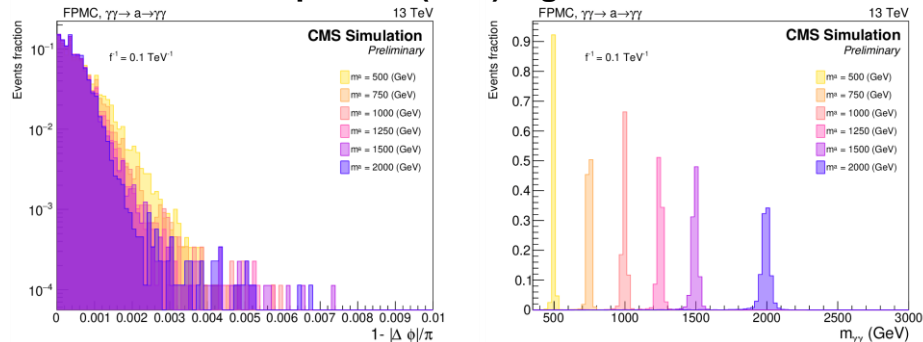
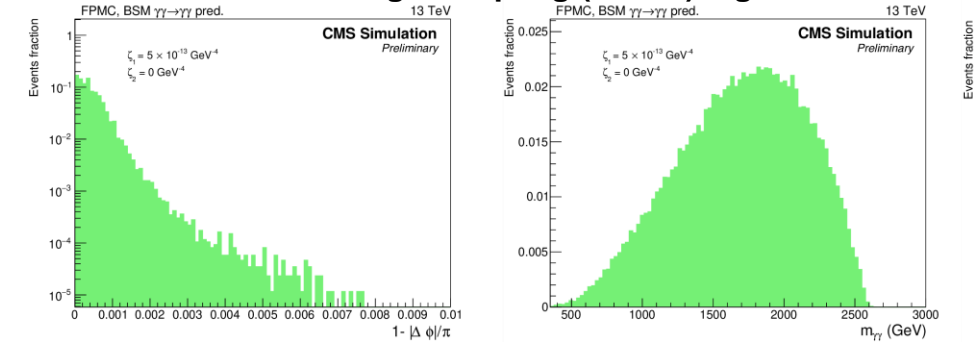


➤ 102.7 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data collected by the CMS +TOTEM PPS in Run2 (2016-2018)



**Anomalous Quartic Gauge Coupling (AQGC) signal kinematics**

**Axion-like particle (ALP) signal kinematics**





# High-mass exclusive diphoton production

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- Kinematic distributions for events passing the  $\xi_{\gamma\gamma} \in \text{PPS}$  signal selection
- Number of data and simulated background events are shown for three sequential selection regions

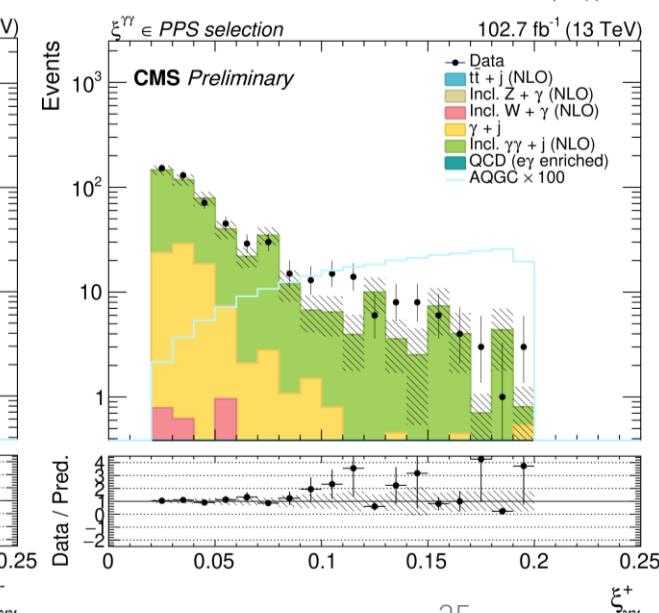
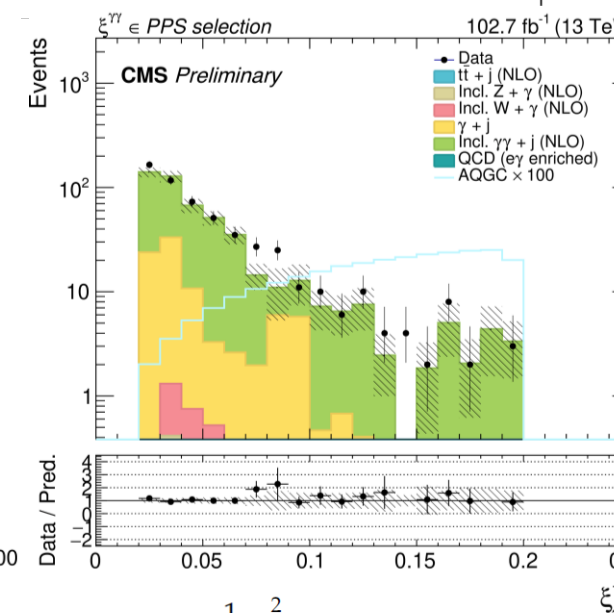
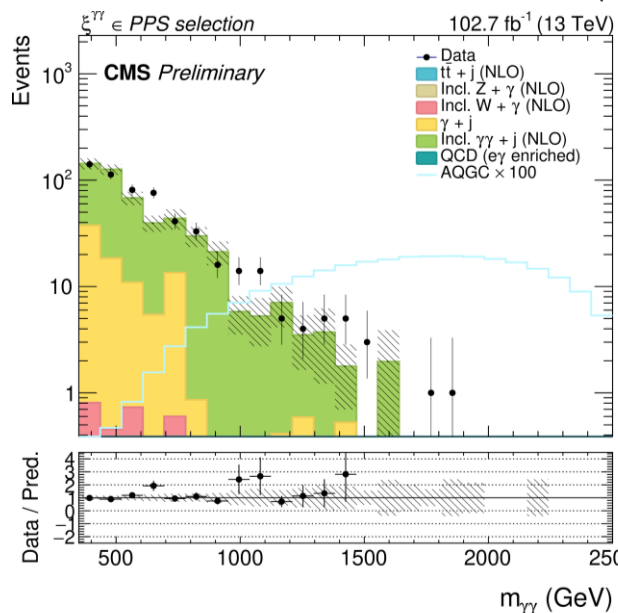
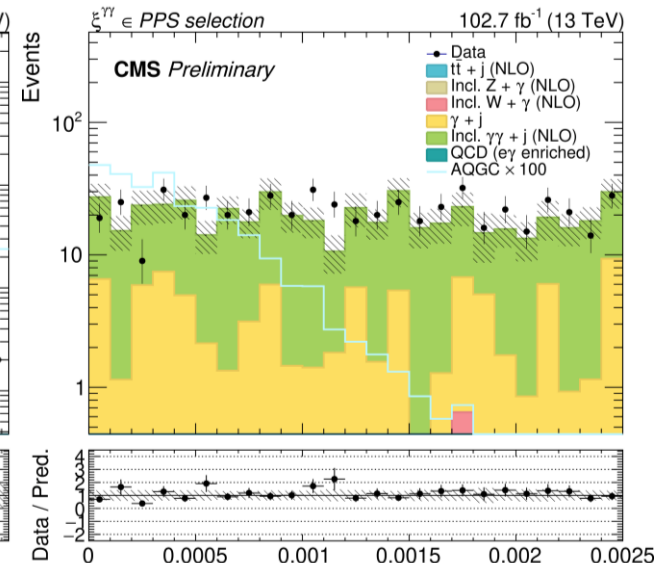
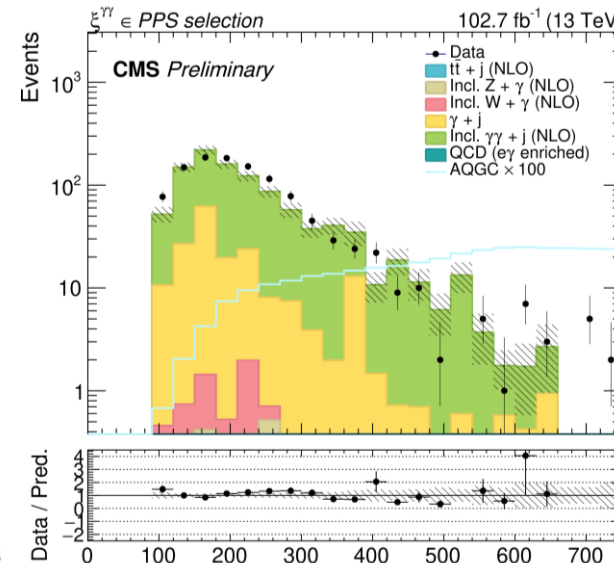
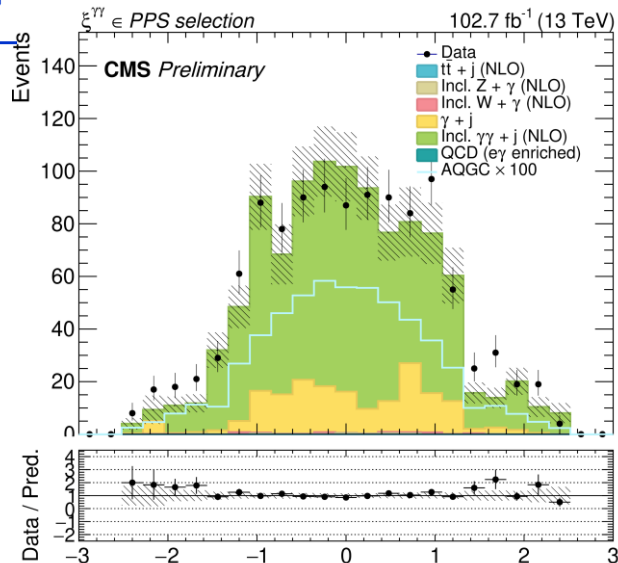
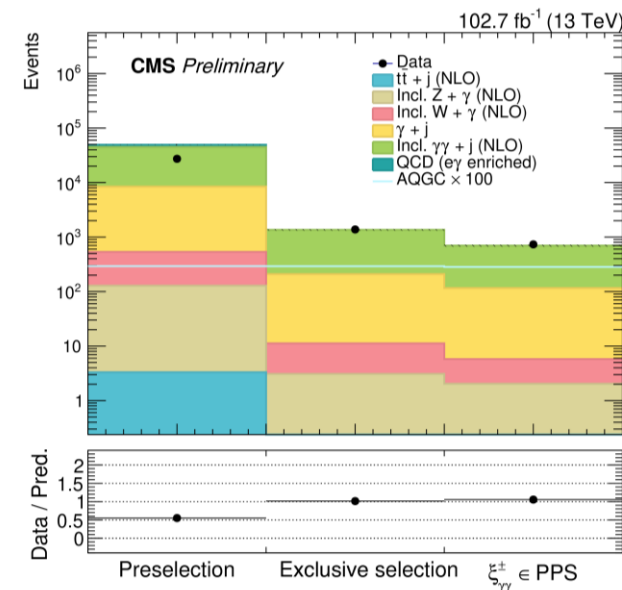


Table 3: A summary of the selection regions defined in the text.

Region	Selection
Preselection	Double photon HLT
	$p_T^\gamma > 75$ (100) GeV for 2016 (2017-2018)
	$H/E < 0.10$
	MVA WP90 photon ID with electron veto
Exclusive selection	$ \eta^\gamma  < 2.5$ (transition veto)
	$m_{\gamma\gamma} > 350$ GeV
$\xi \in \text{PPS}$	$a < 0.0025$
Asymmetric $\xi$ acceptance	$0.035 < \xi_{\text{PPS}} < 0.15$ (0.18) for sector-45 (sector-56)

An asymmetric fractional momentum loss of proton ( $\xi$  values)

$$\xi_{\gamma\gamma}^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \sum_{i=1}^2 p_T^{\gamma_i} e^{\pm \eta_{\gamma_i}} \quad \text{Diphoton kinematics consistent with the PPS acceptance by asking it between 0.02-0.20}$$