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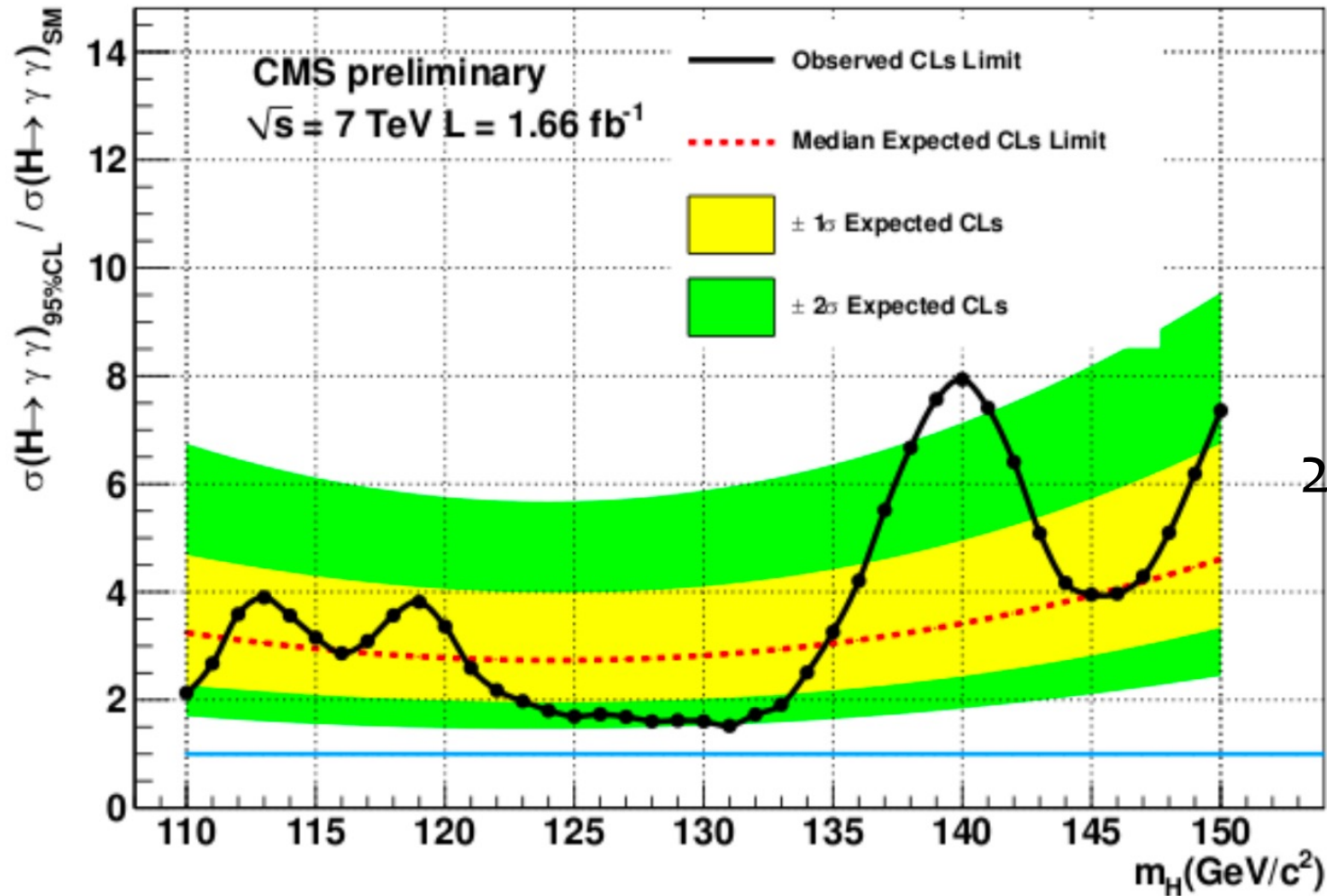
CMS  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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Higgs Discovery @ 10:  
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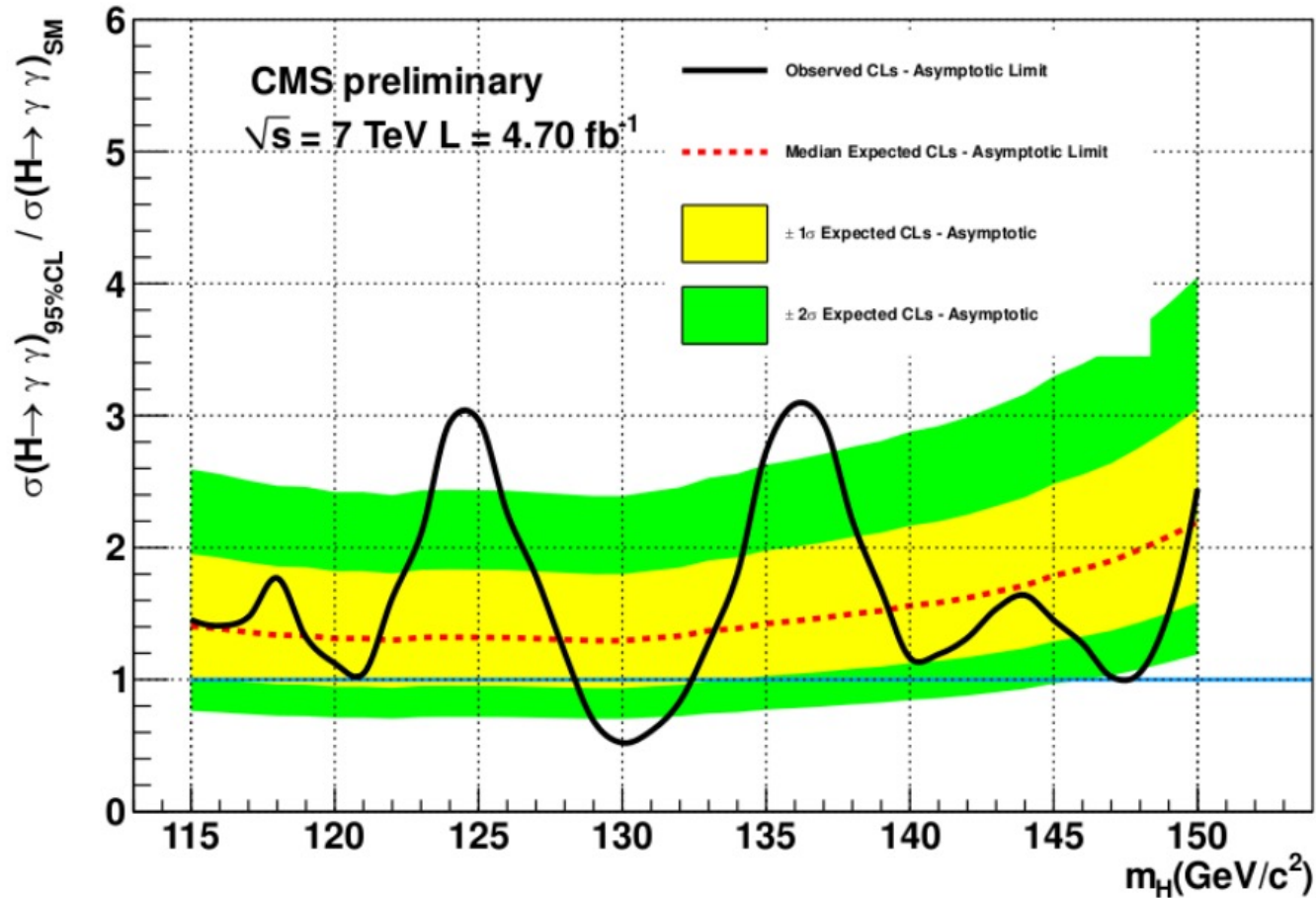
We found the 140 GeV Higgs!



20<sup>th</sup> November 2011!

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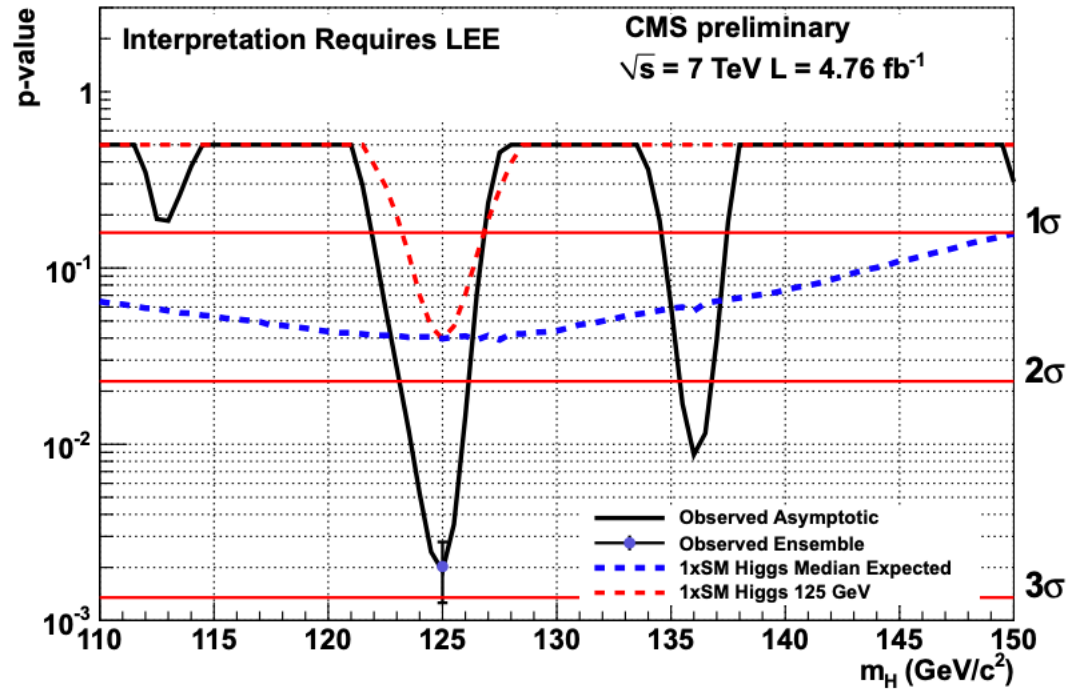
Ah wait, no there's 2 of them!



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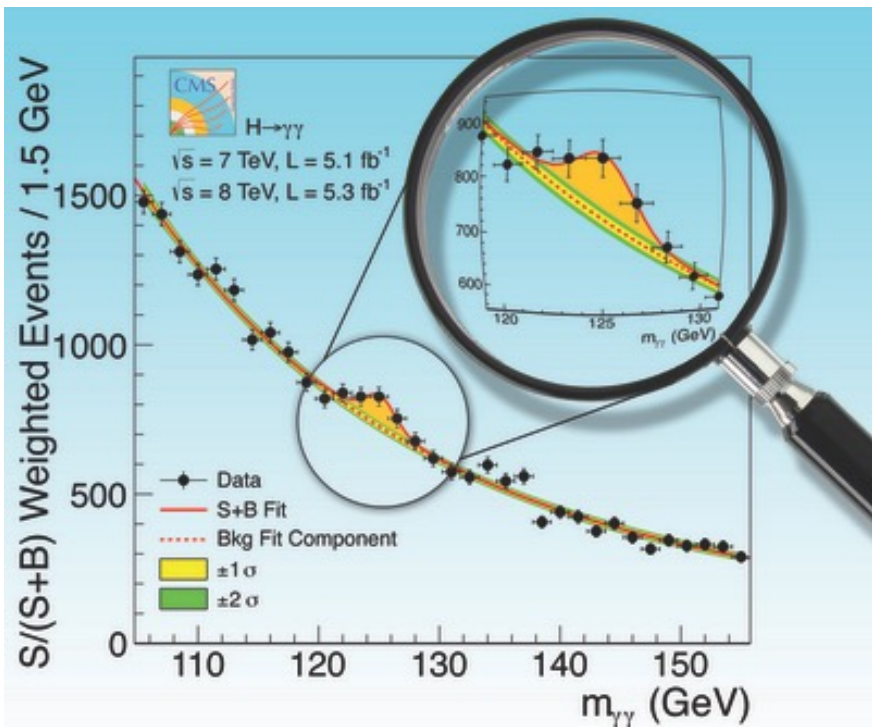
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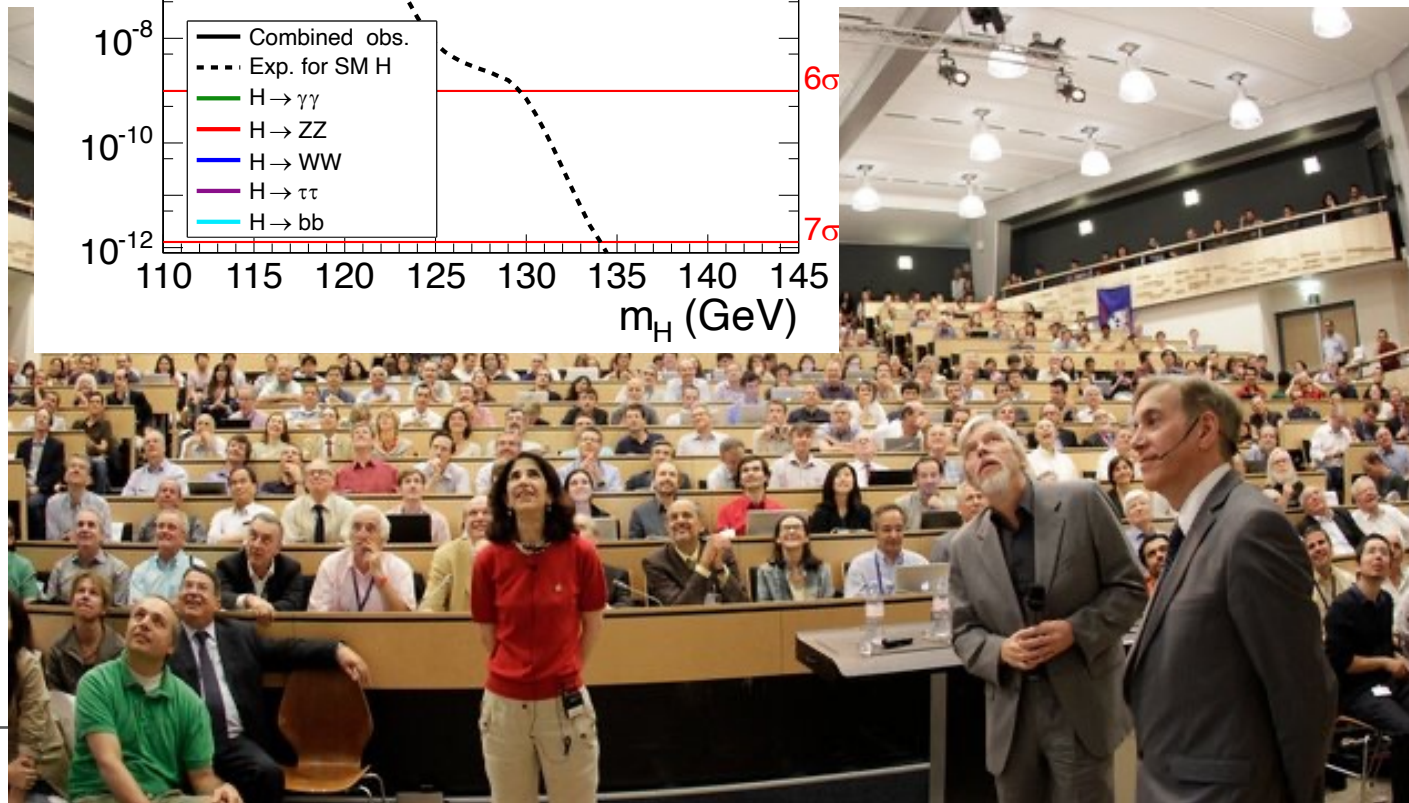
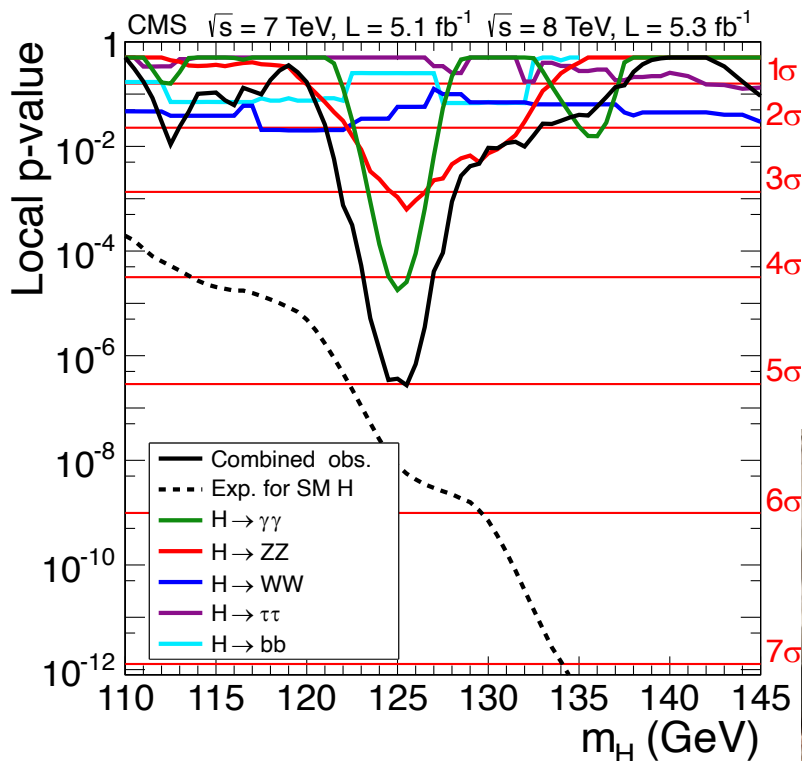
- Excess observed at 125 GeV, local significance  $2.8\sigma$  ( $1.6\sigma$  with LEE)
- CMS will continue to run in 2012 at 8 TeV. Can expect to be sensitive to SM this year

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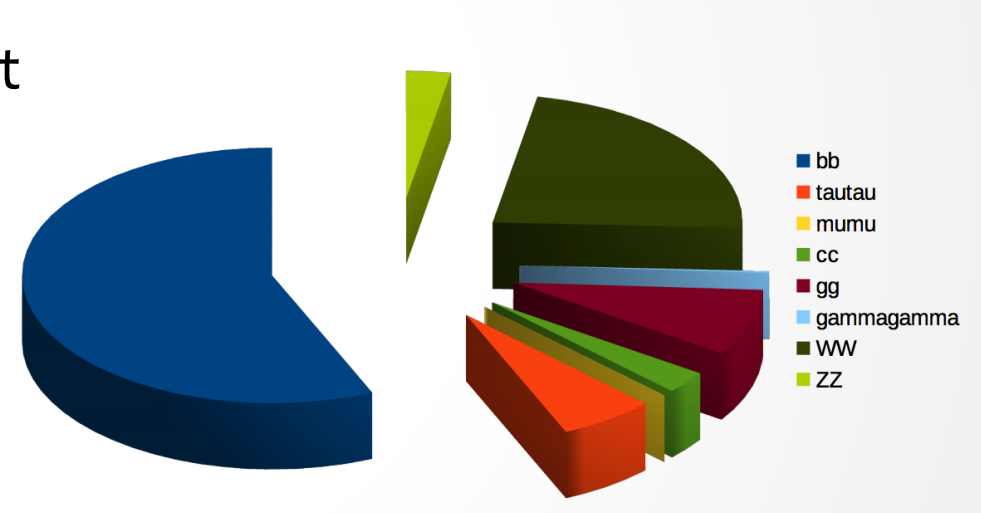
The  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay analysis was key contribution to the Observation of the Higgs boson at CMS!



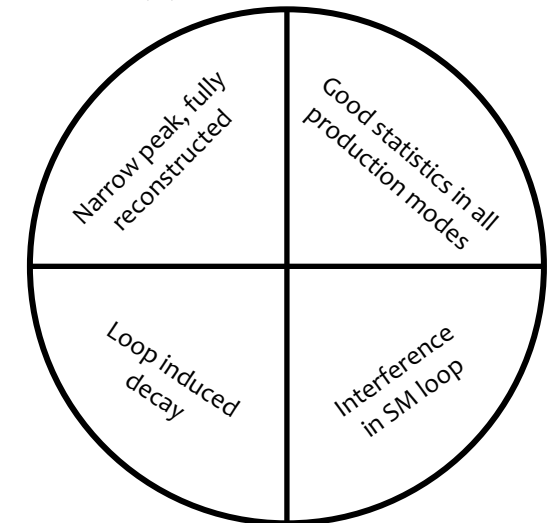
# Not just for bump-hunting

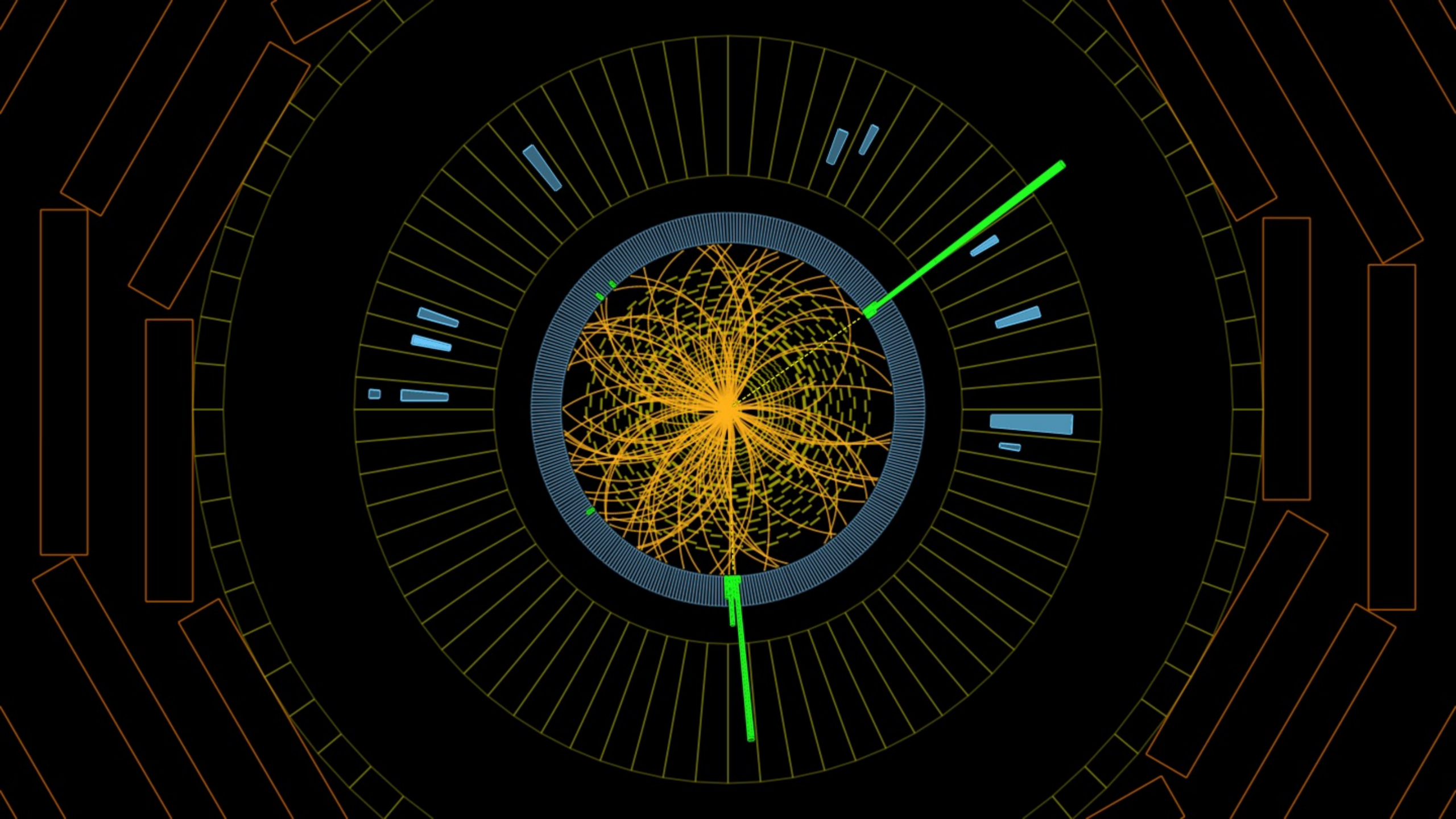
The **diphoton decay** of the Higgs boson comprises just **0.23%** of the total decay rate and yet with it we can ...

- Measure the **mass** of the Higgs boson!
- Determine the **spin** of the resonance!
- Measure **differential cross-sections** of Higgs boson production!
- Hunt for **new physics** in extended Higgs models or production/decay loops!
- Measure the **Higgs boson self-coupling**!



$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  useful features

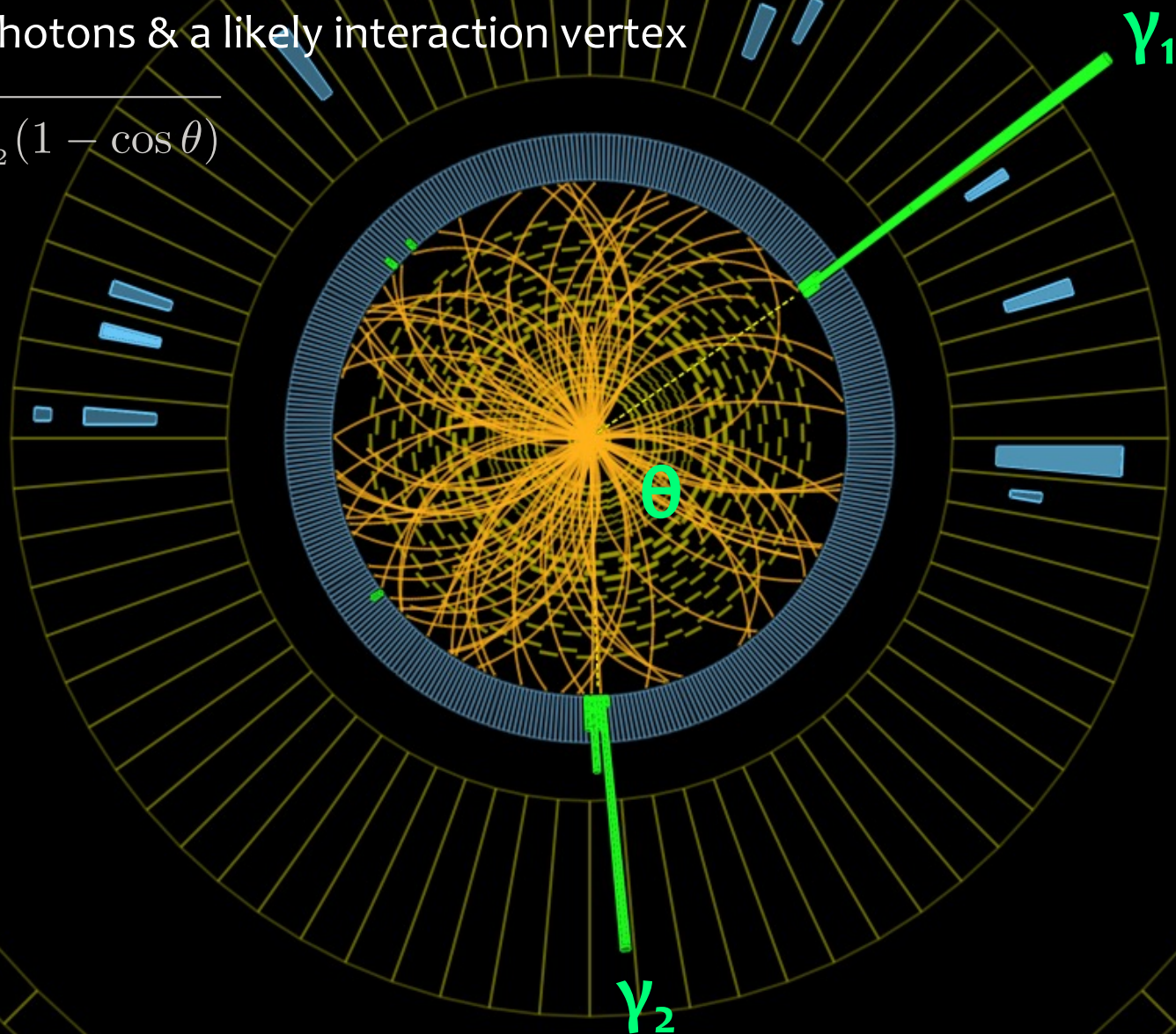




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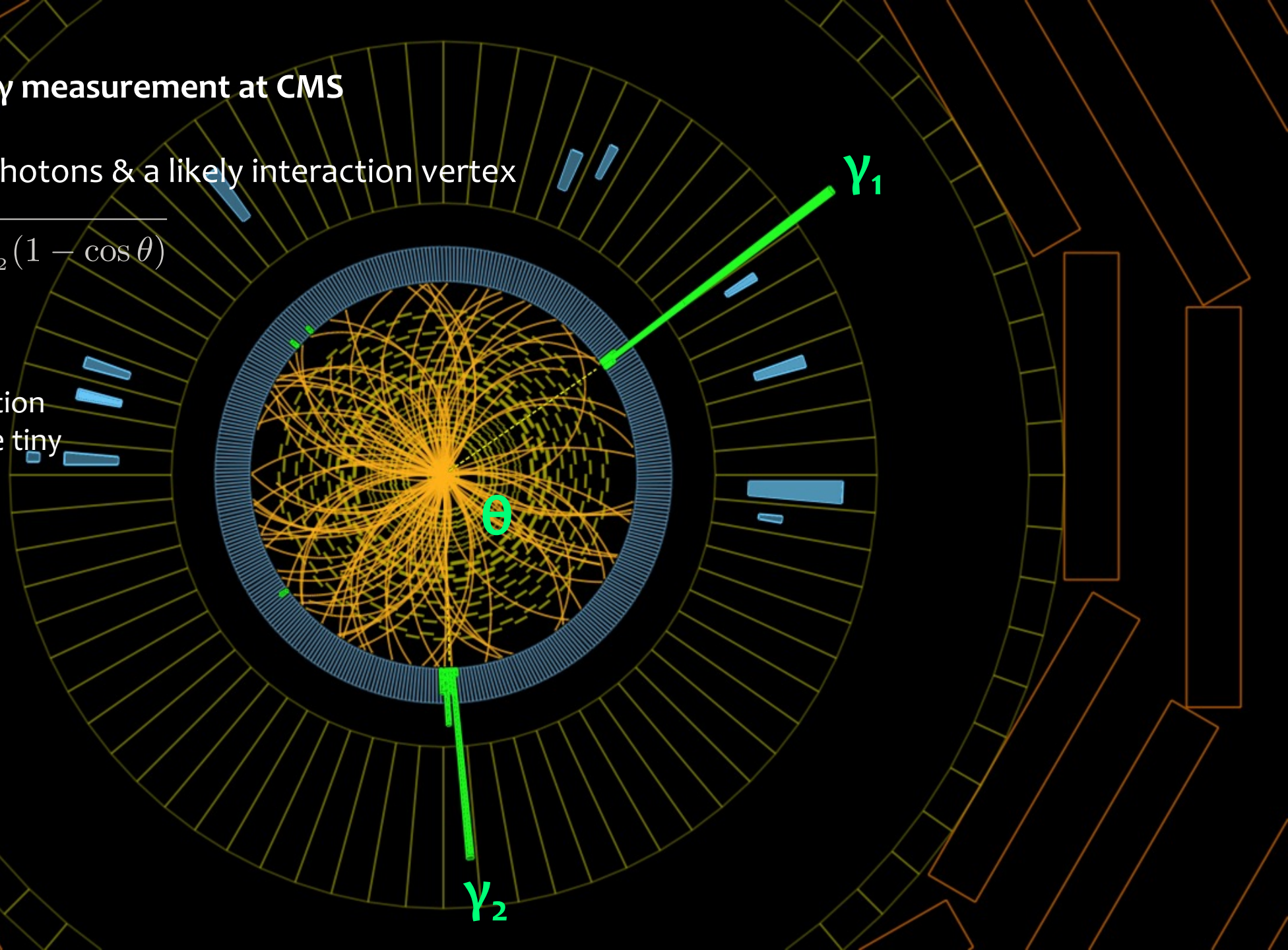


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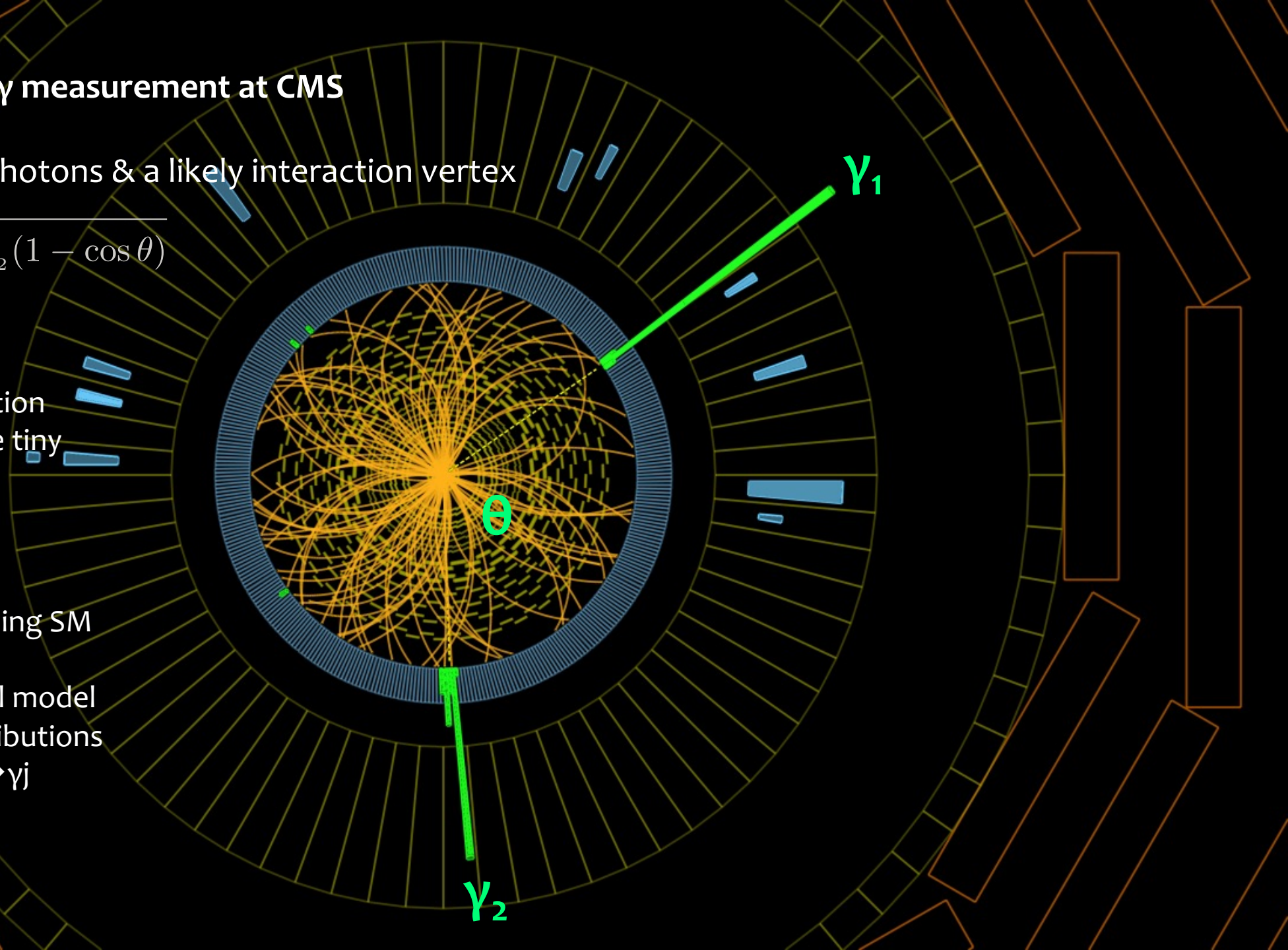
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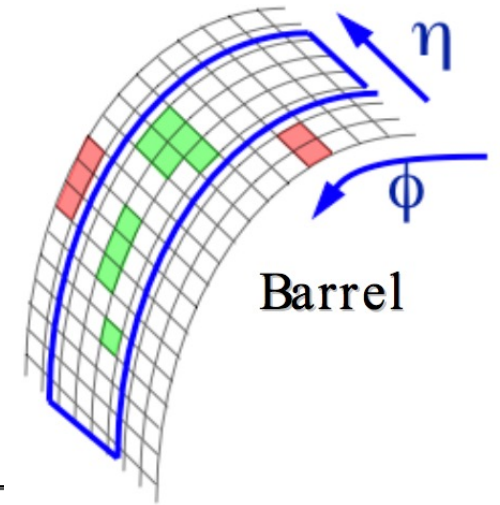
- A model for the remaining SM contributions
  - A resonance signal model
  - Background contributions from  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $pp \rightarrow \gamma j$



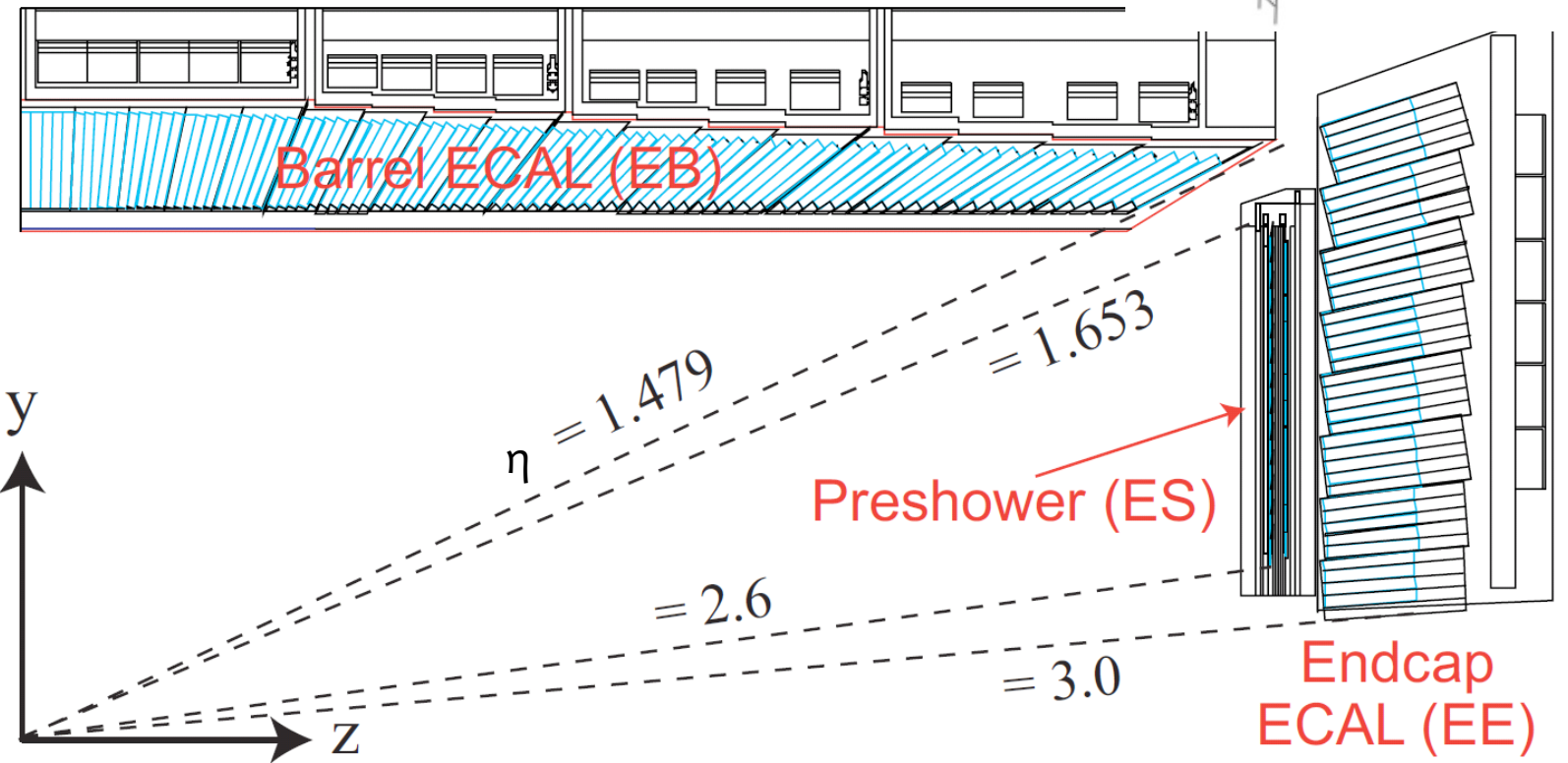
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Sliding window / dynamic clustering algorithms to reconstruct bremsstrahlung and (converted) photons - “super-clusters” ...



- High granularity  $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystal layout  
→ ( $\delta\eta, \delta\phi \sim 0.0174$ )
- Rely on tracks (recoil) to assign photon vertex
- Lateral shower shape distinguishes converted from unconverted photons

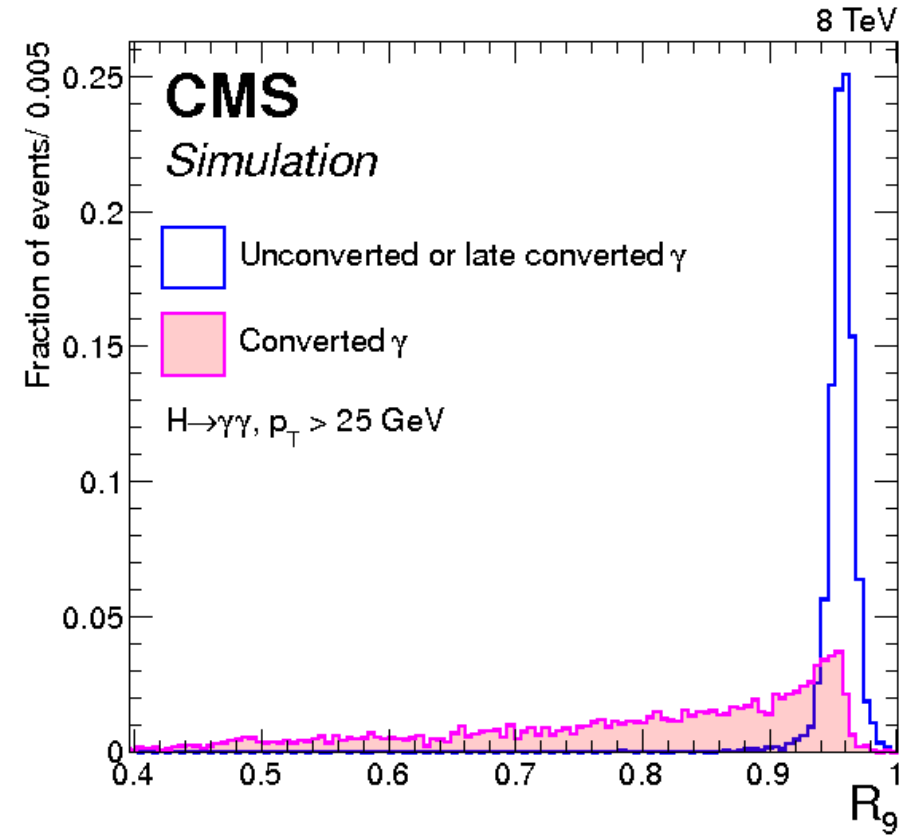
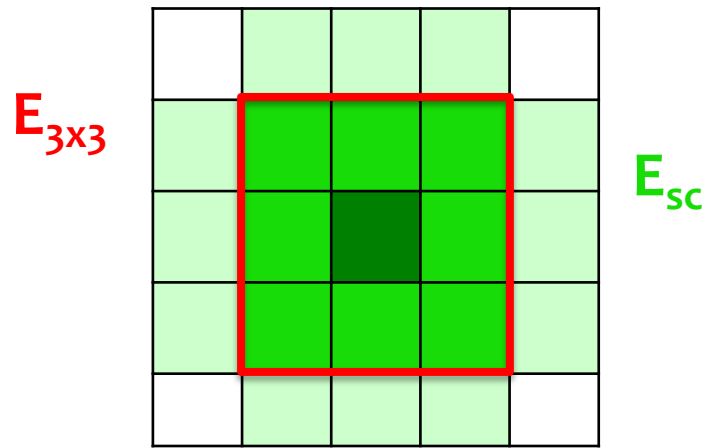


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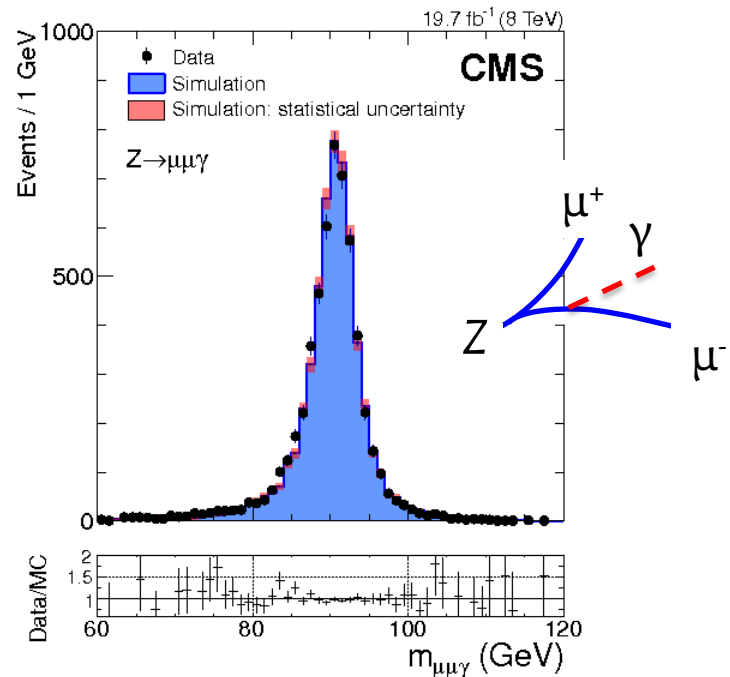
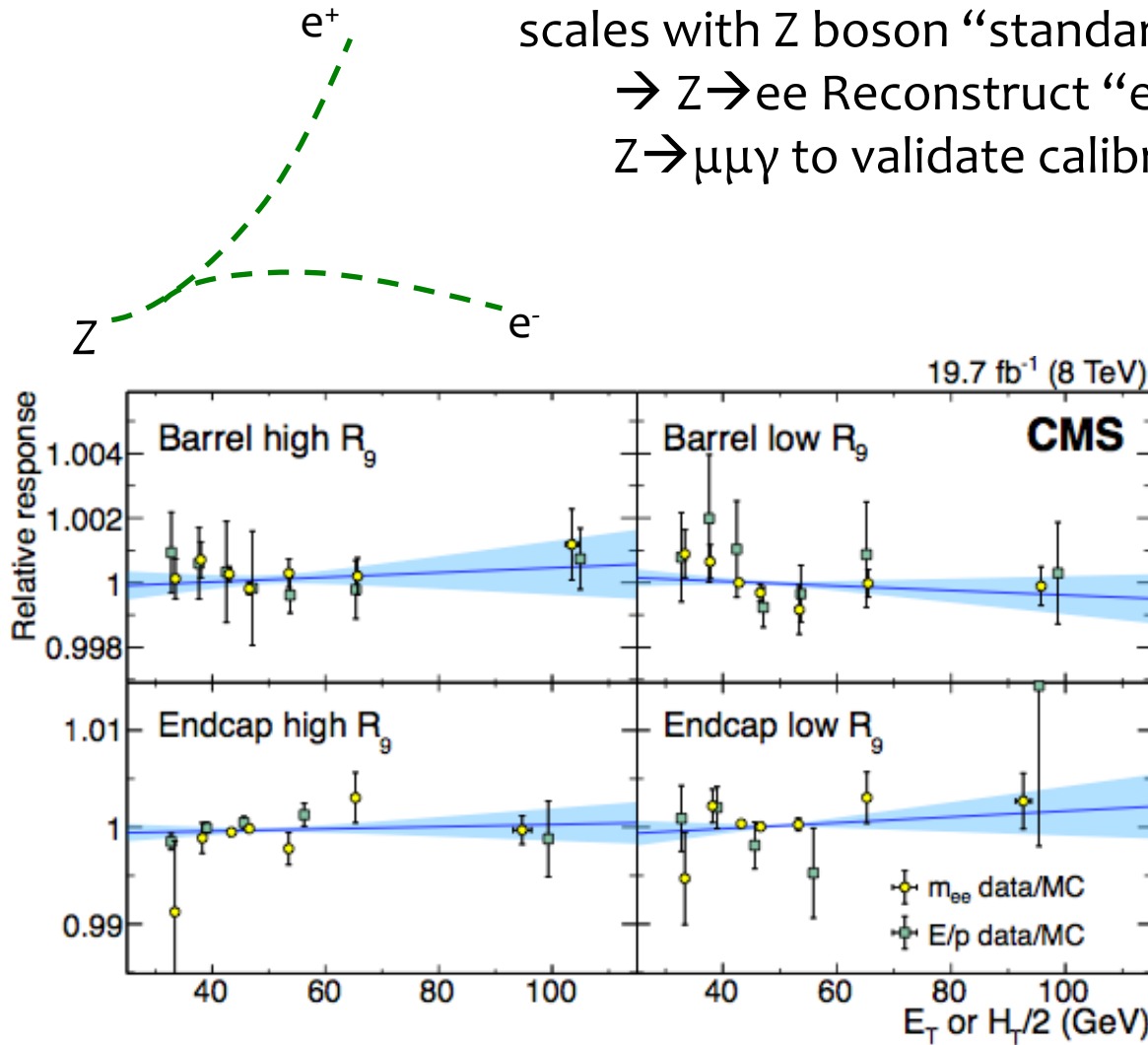
$(R_9 = E_{3 \times 3} / E_{sc})$  Ratio of energy  
sum around seed crystal to full supercluster  
→ Large  $R_9$  indicates unconverted photon



# CMS Photon calibration

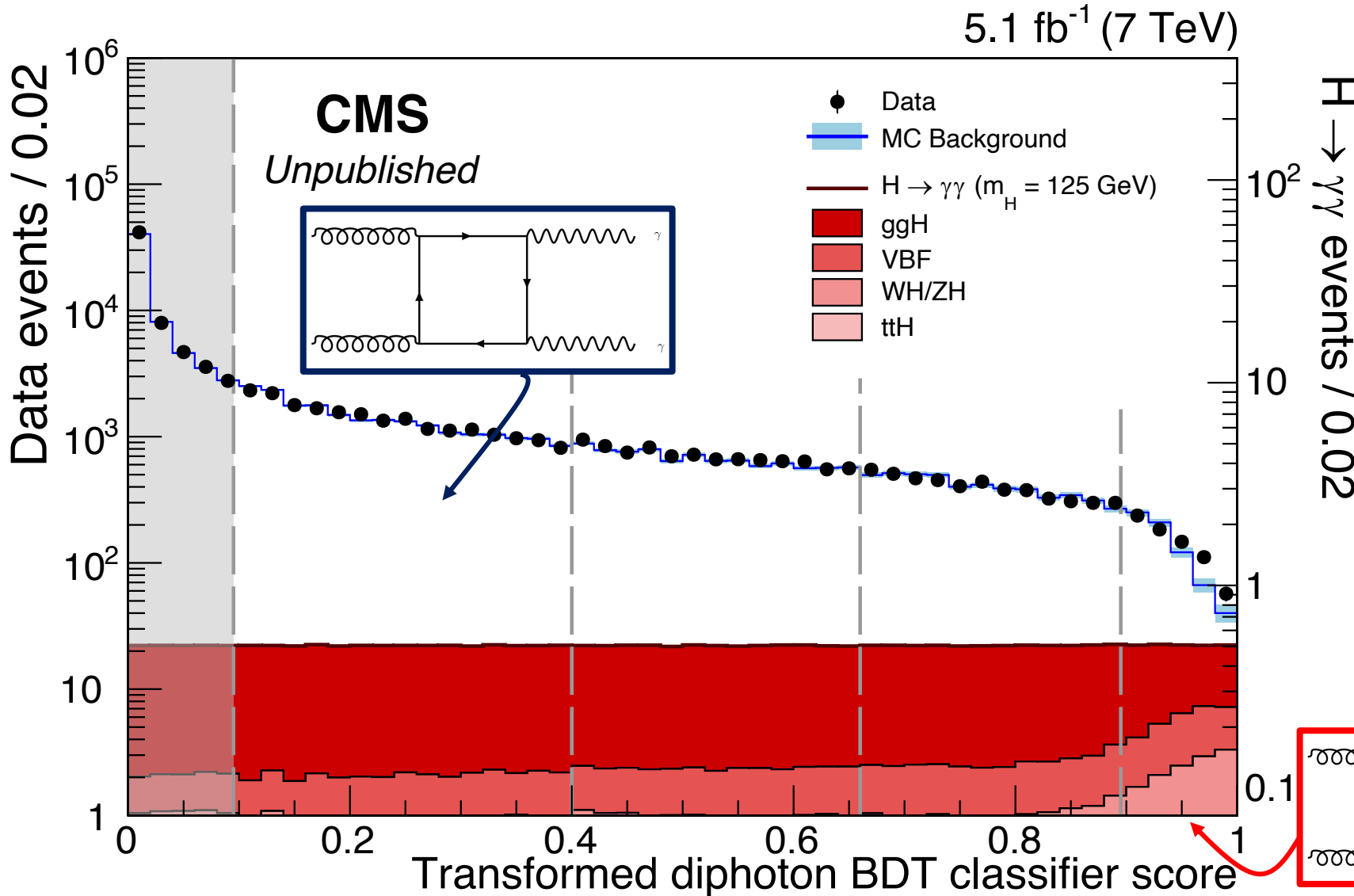
**CMS** uses a dedicated calibration of the photon/electron energy scales with Z boson “standard candle”

→  $Z \rightarrow ee$  Reconstruct “e as  $\gamma$ ” by removing tracks &  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$  to validate calibrations



Calibrations determined as a function of photon  $E_T$ ,  $|\eta|$  and  $R_9$  to account for inhomogeneous response of the CMS calorimeter

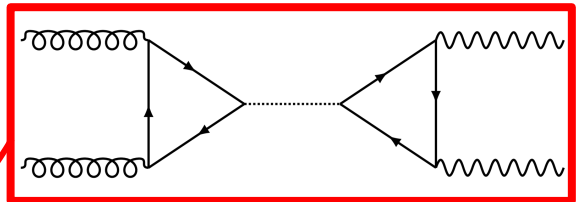
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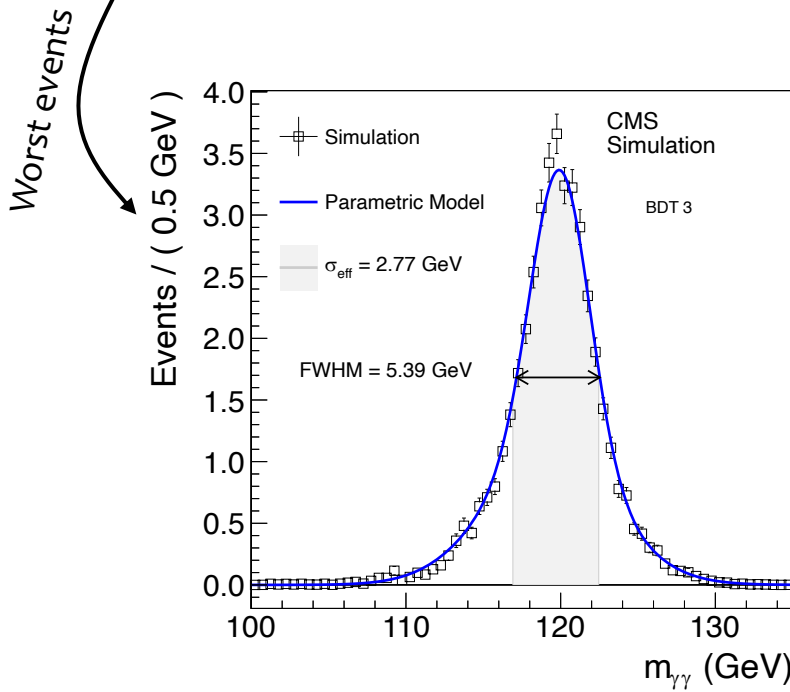
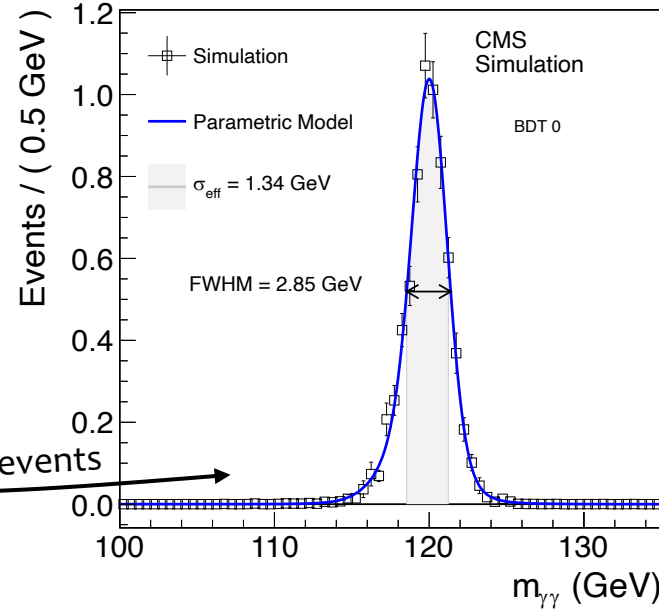
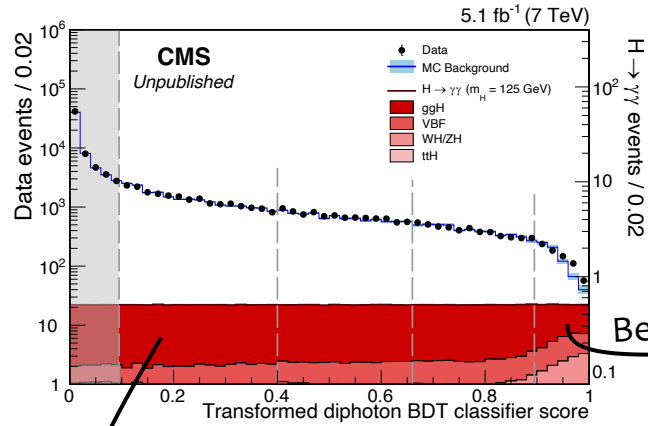
Boosted decision tree (BDT) discriminates **Higgs events** from **background** using ...

- Kinematics of the photons and diphoton system
- Photon quality (reconstruction variables)
- Per-event resolution estimate

The events are **split into categories** of increasing S/B using the BDT score & number of jets

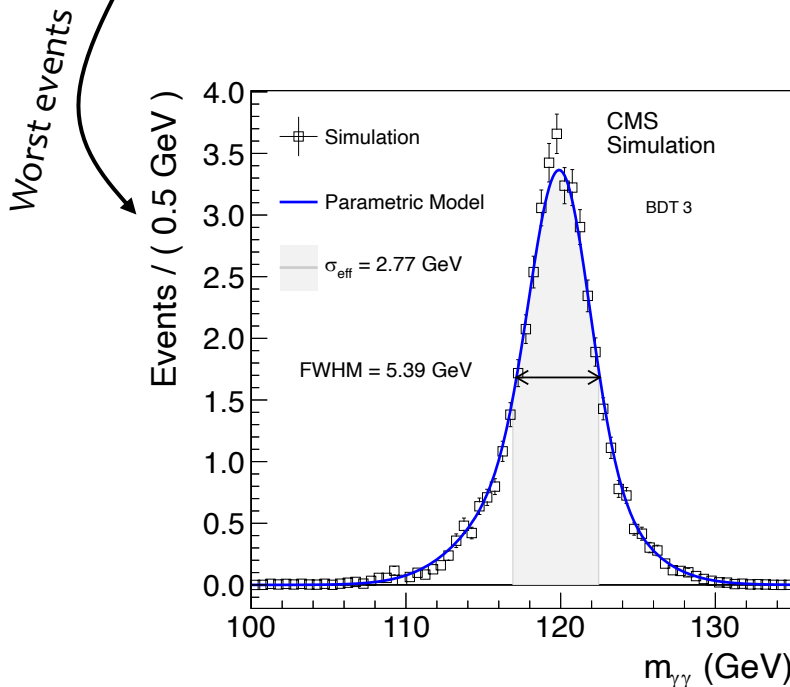
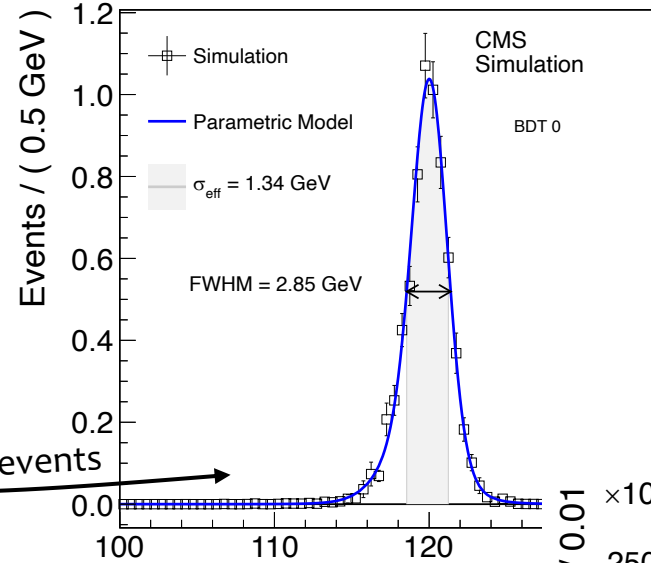
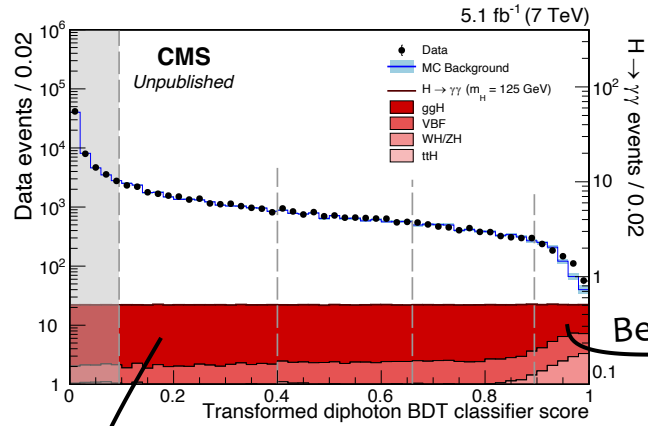


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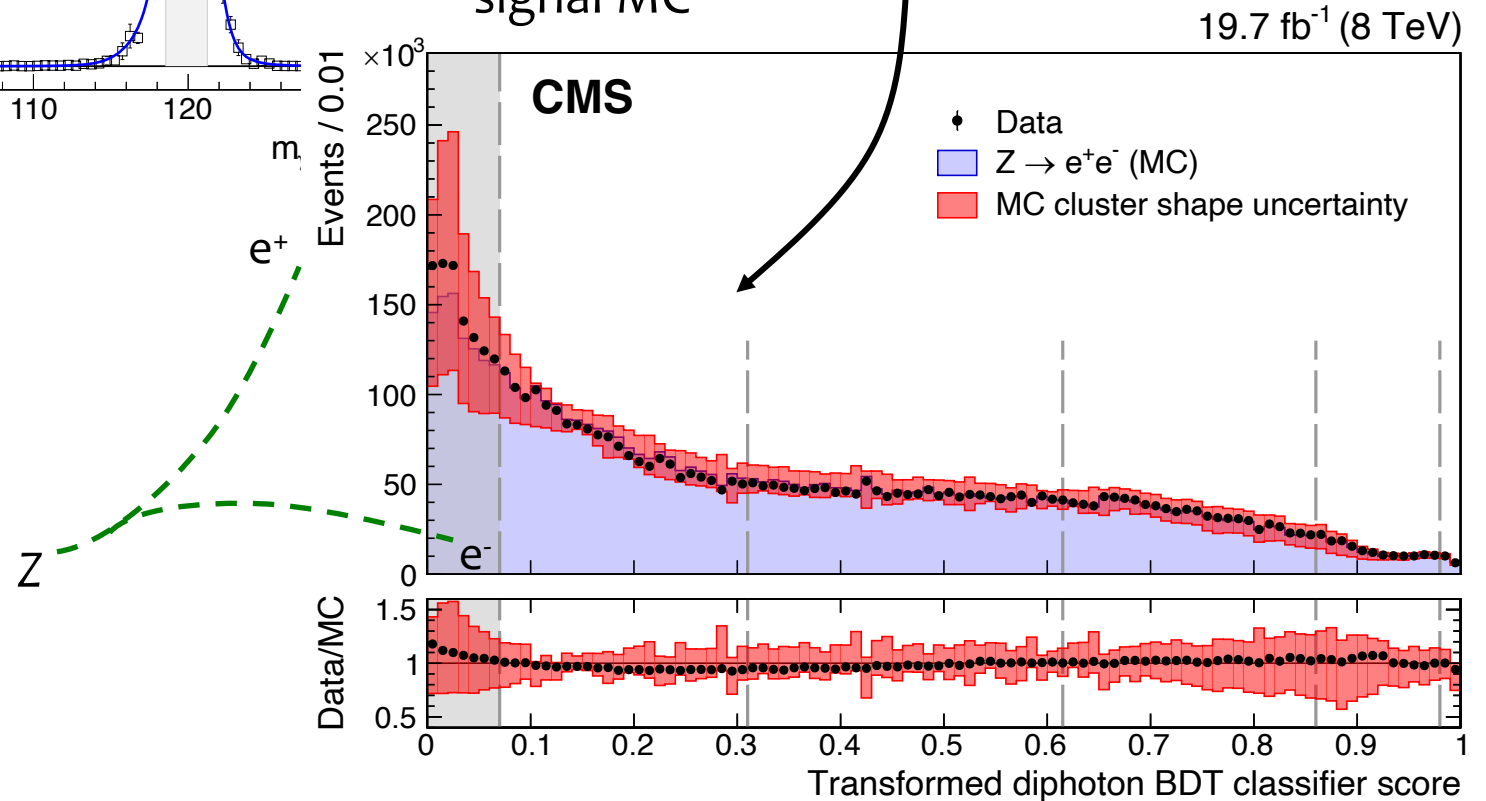
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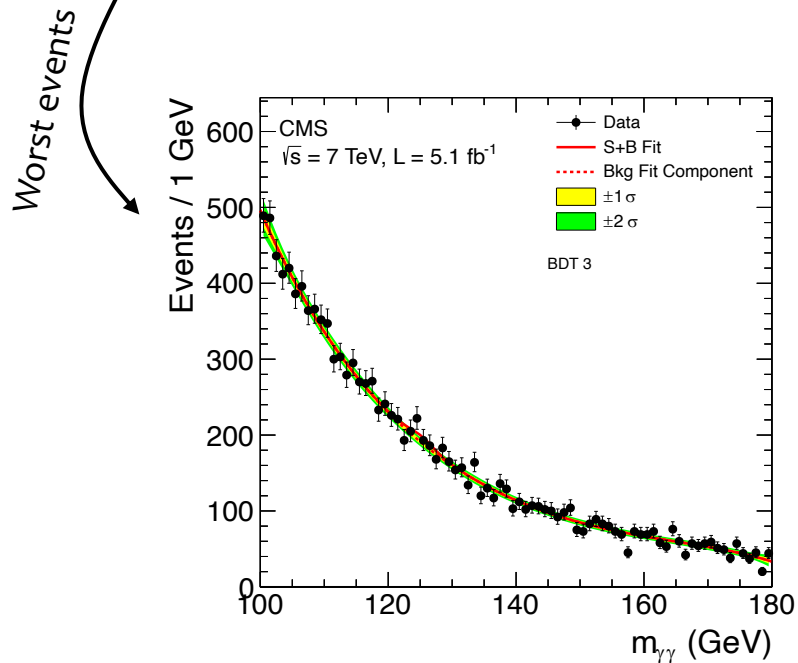
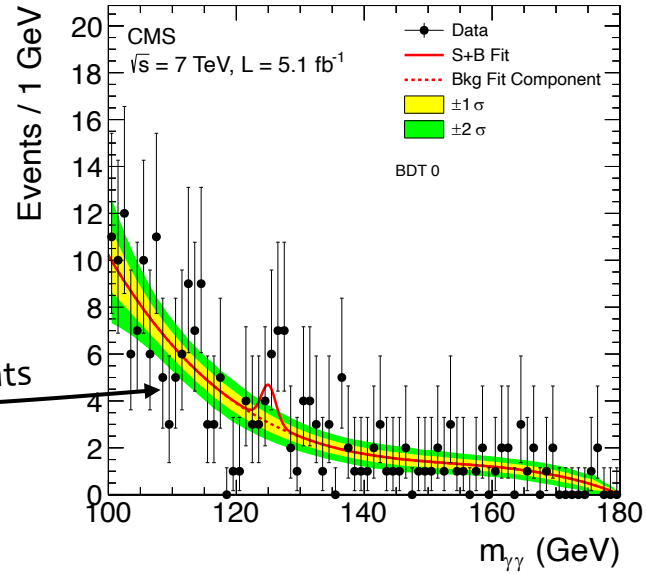
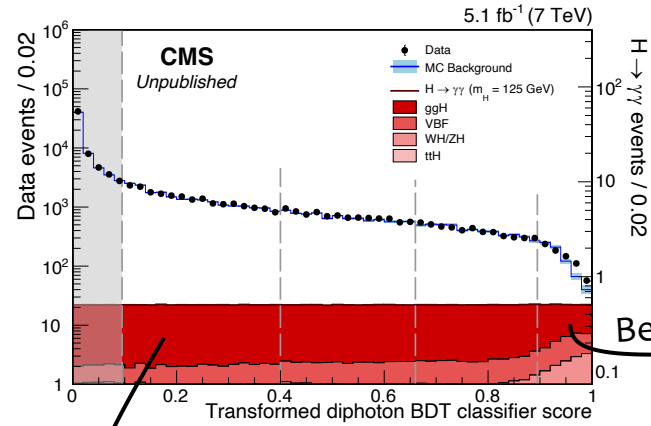
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Use  $Z \rightarrow ee$  events, with the **electrons reconstructed as photons**, to validate signal MC



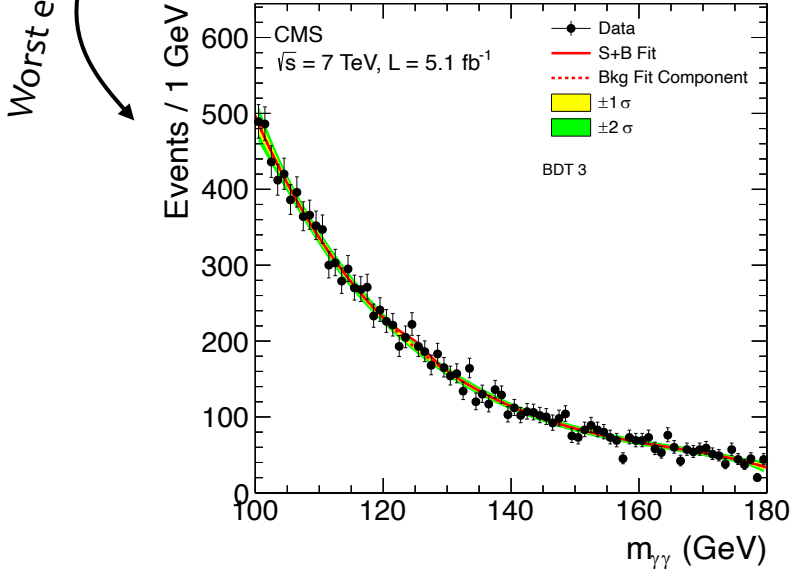
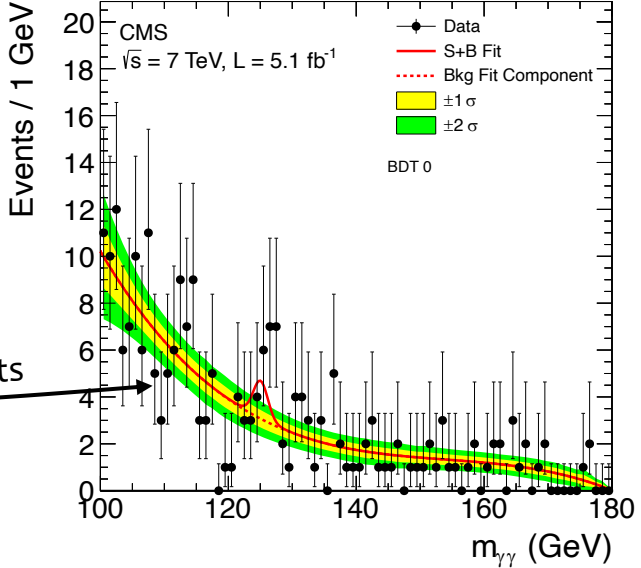
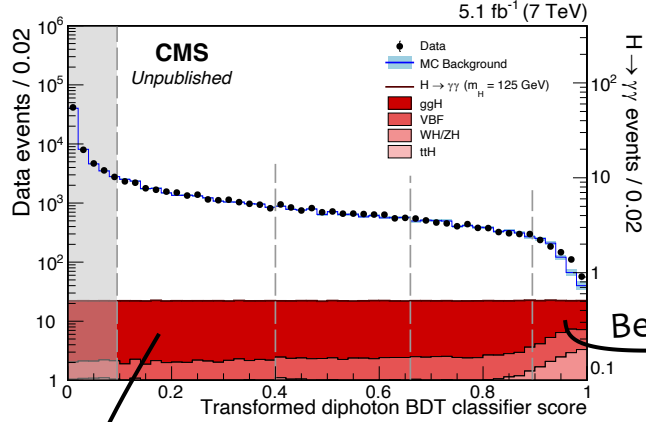


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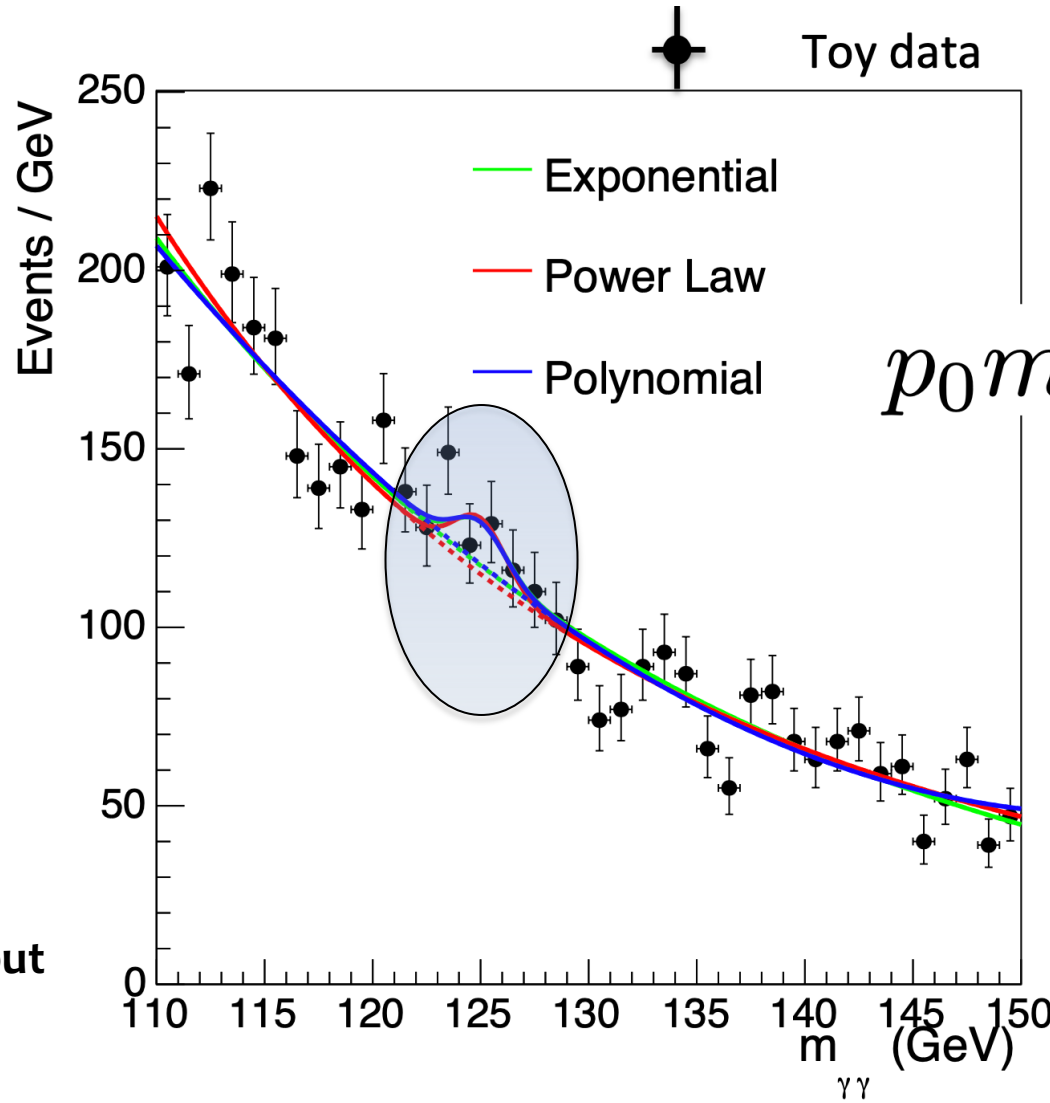
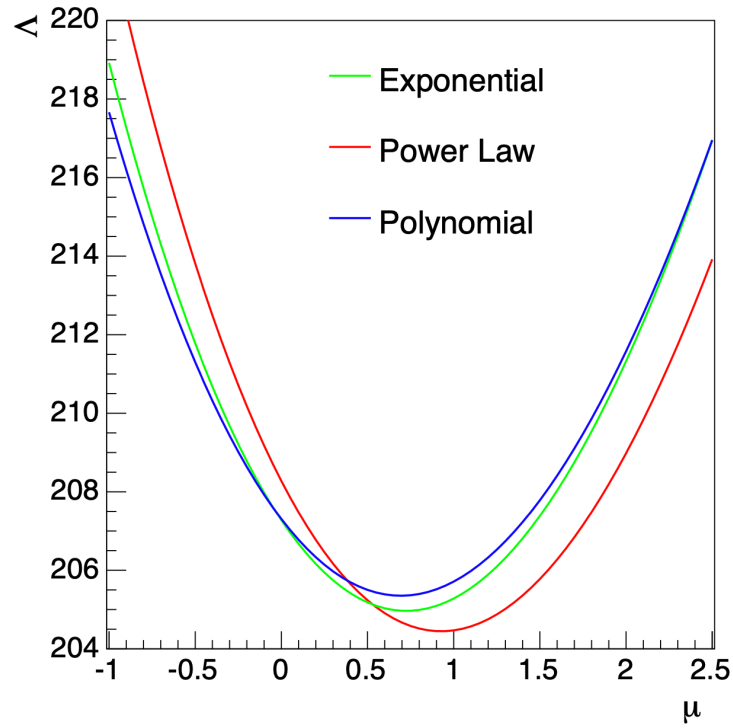
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How do we know *which function* we should use?

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Toy data

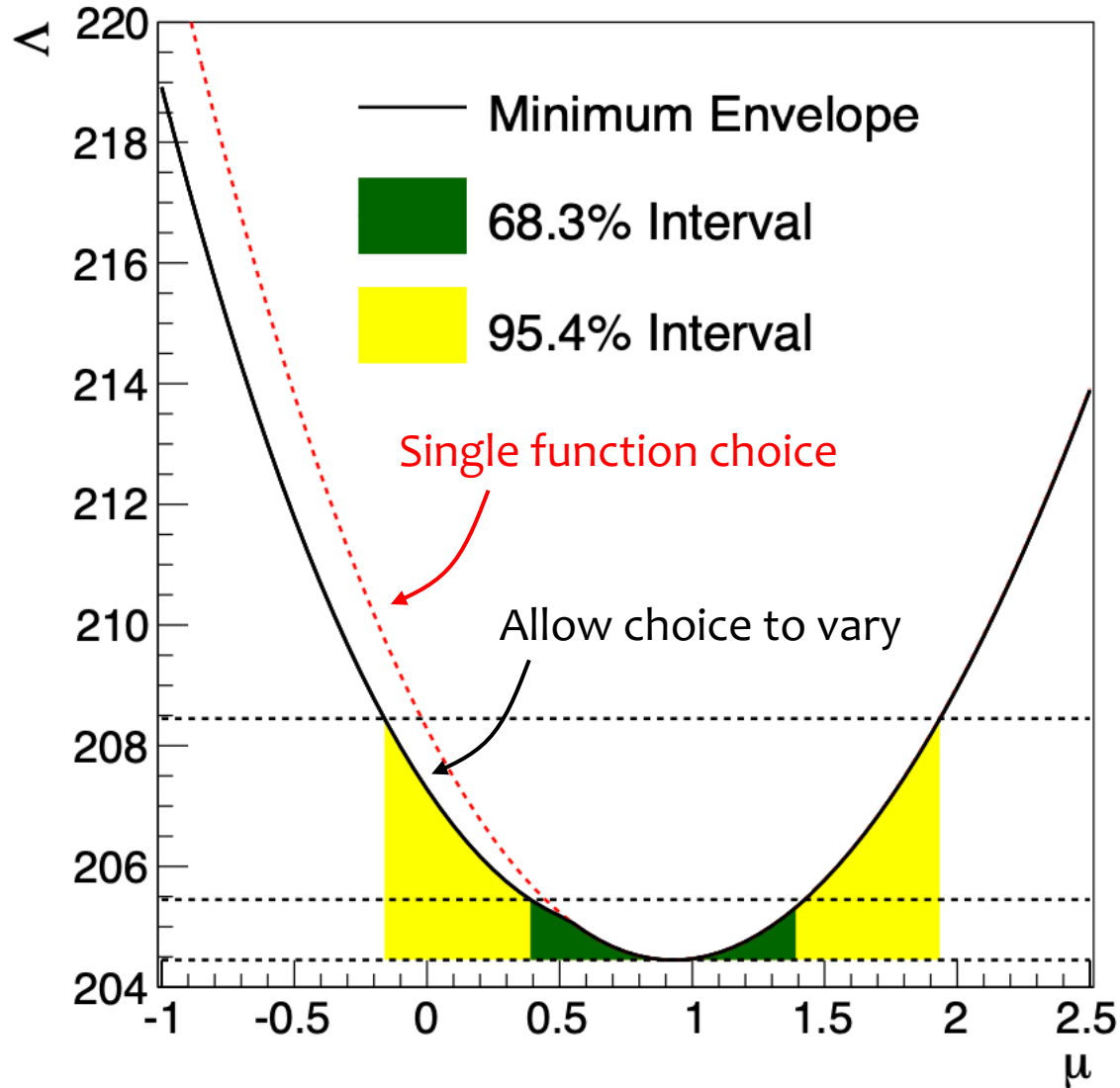
$$e^{-p_0 m}$$

$$m^{-p_0}$$

$$p_0 m + p_1 m^2 + p_2$$

For small signal-to-background scenarios, **different assumptions about the background** can lead to **different extracted signal rates**

# Modeling the background (aside)



In CMS, we developed a method that allows to vary the background function choice during the minimization  
→ Treat the choice of function as a **discrete nuisance parameter**

**Uncertainty** in fitted signal **is increased** due to additional functions contributing to the log-likelihood curve

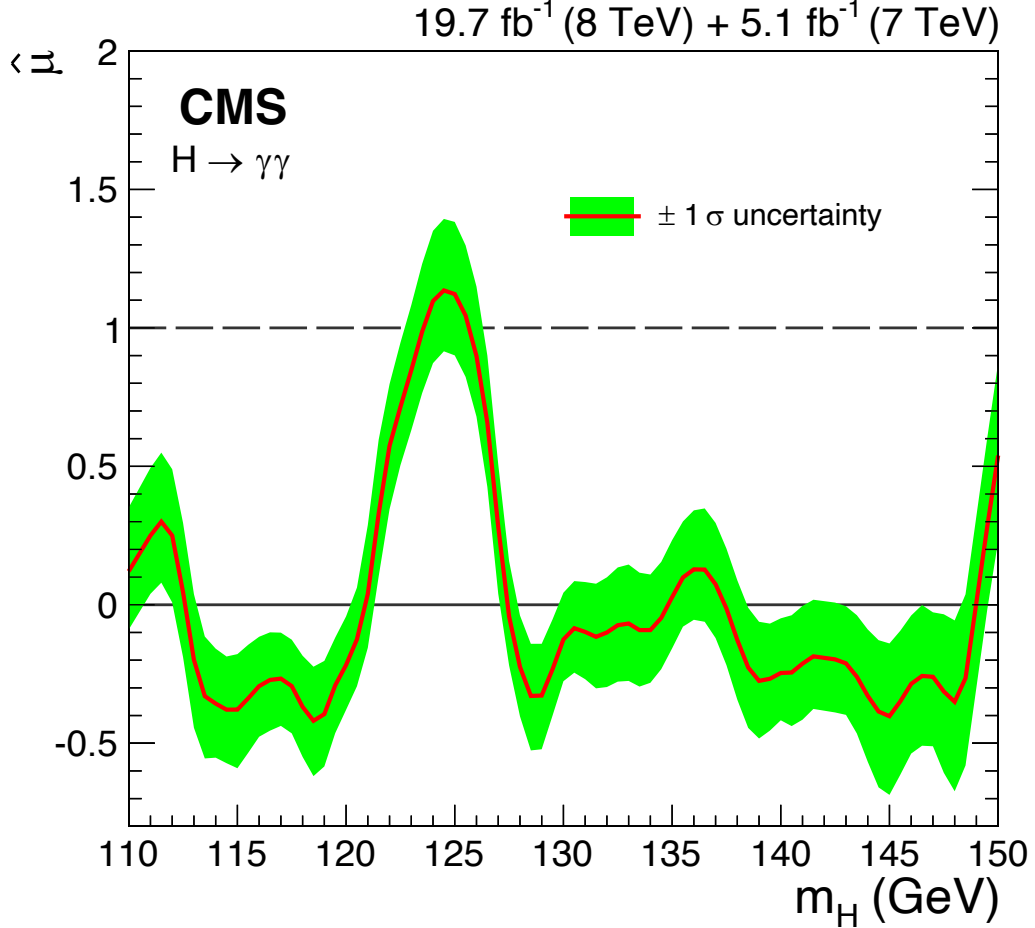
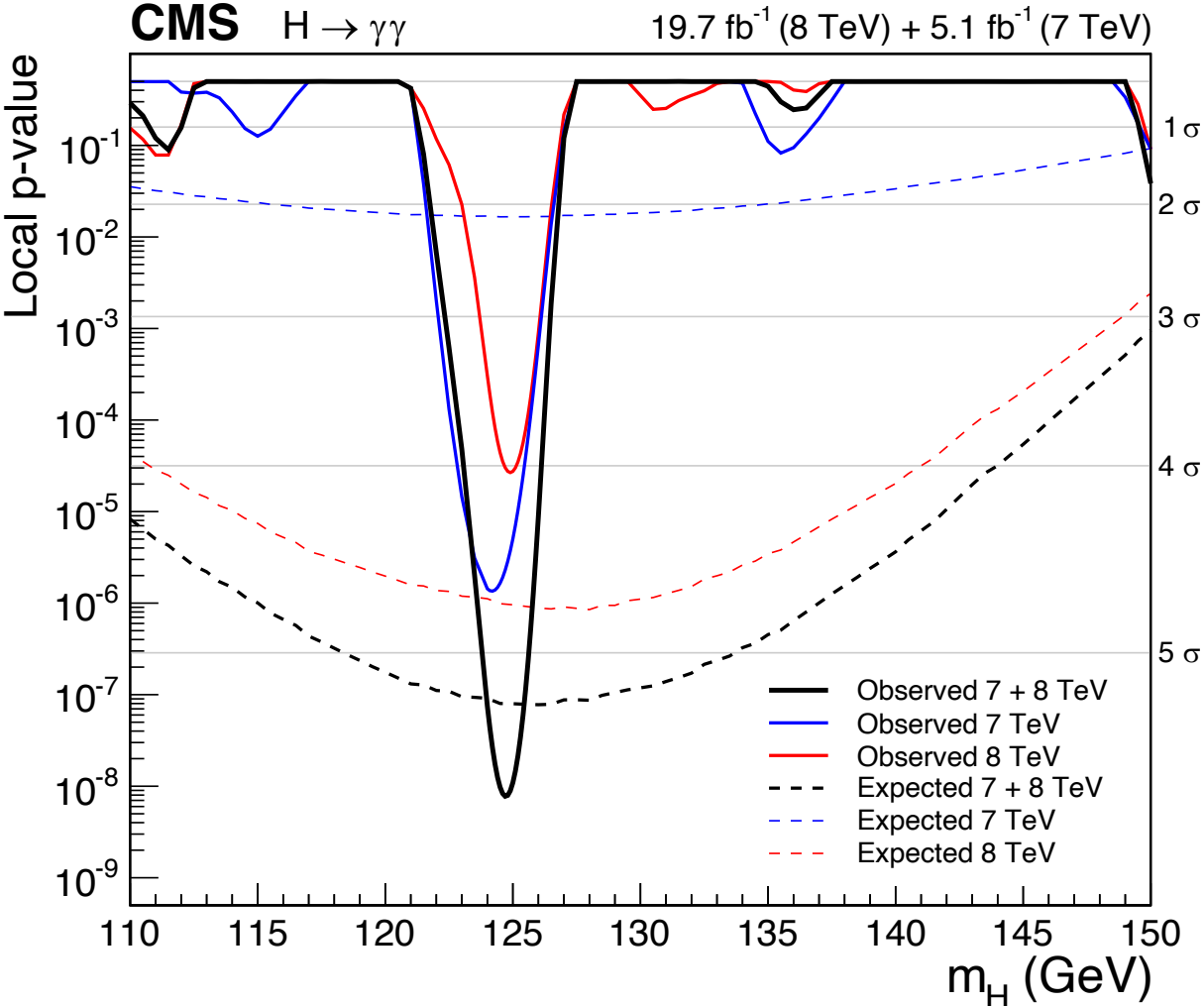
Penalty term included to reduce influence from functions with lots of free parameters

$$\rightarrow \Lambda = 2\ln(L) + c$$

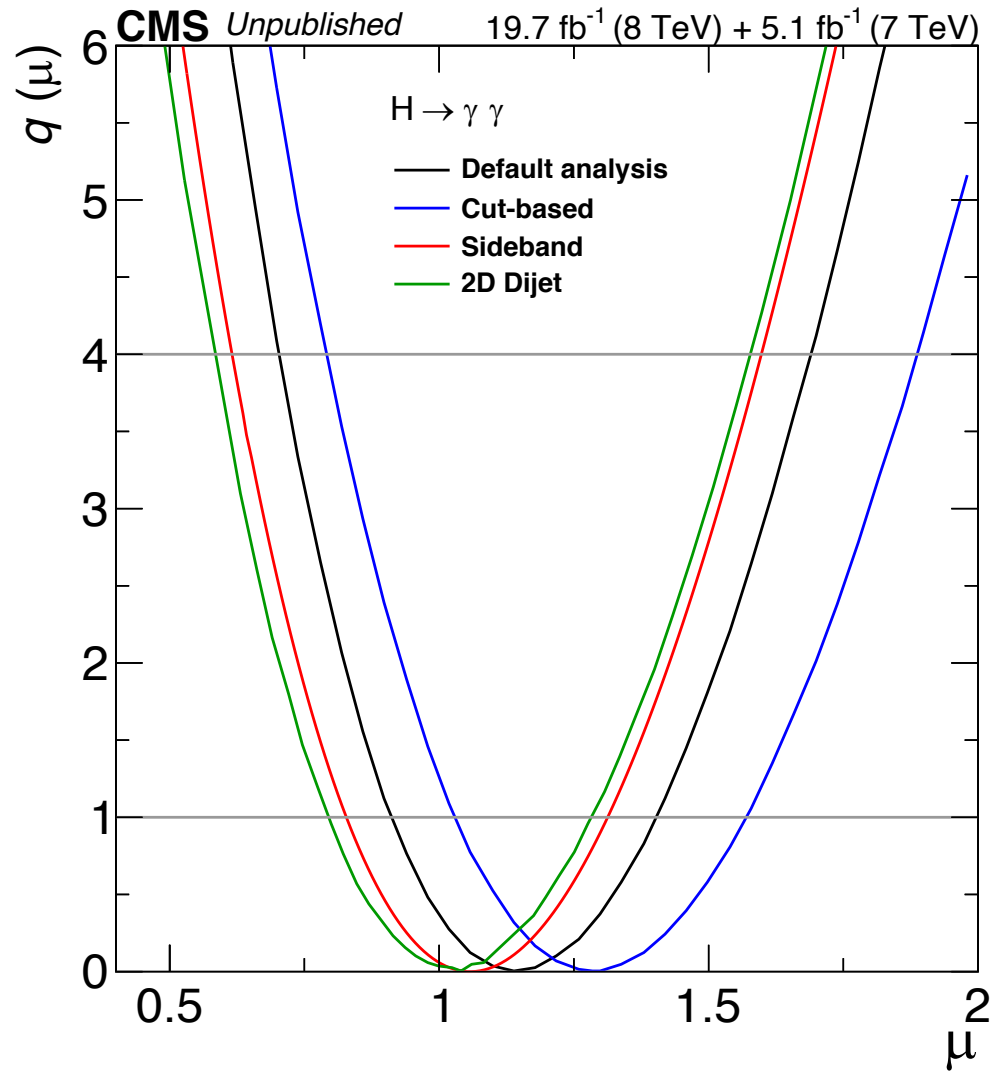
Lots of studies on validity of method for CMS  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ .  
See [JINST 10 P04015](#)

# Putting everything together

Observation ( $> 5\sigma$ ) of  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay with CMS Run-1 dataset!



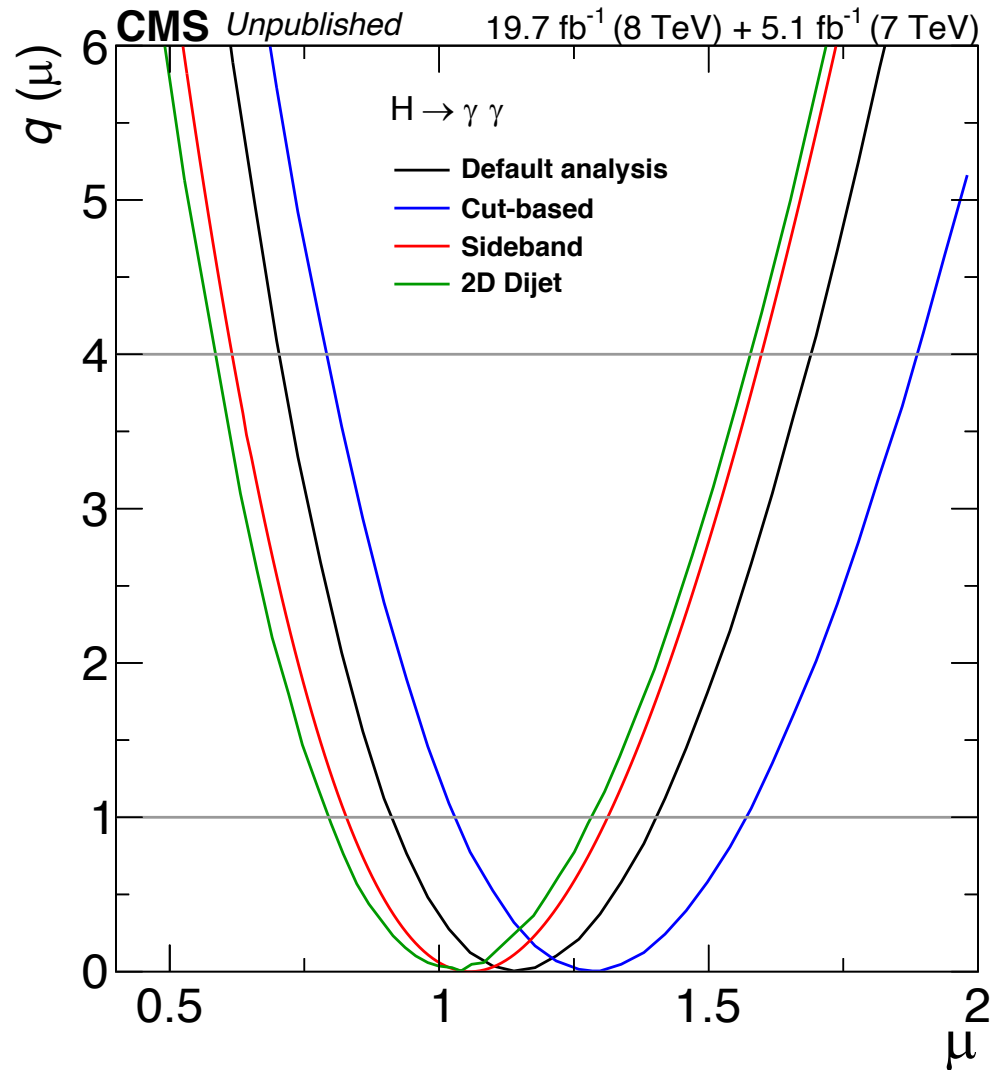
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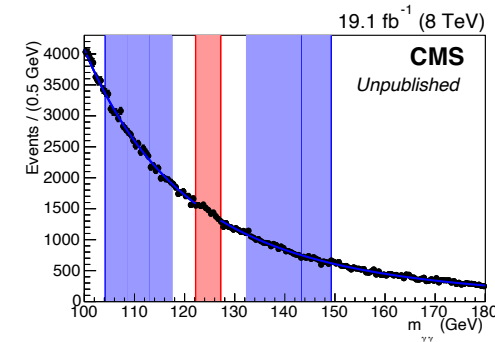
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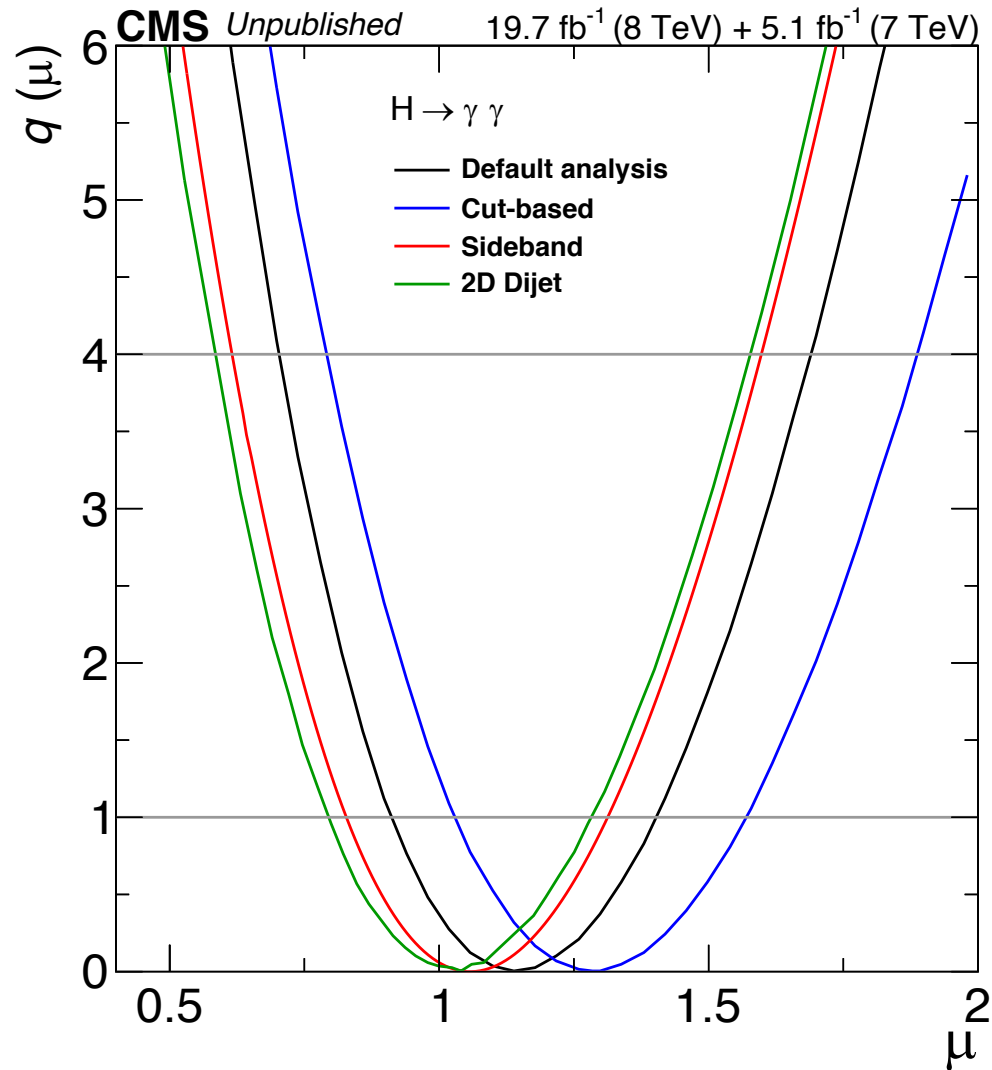
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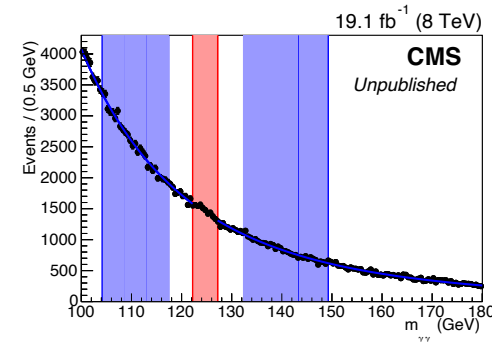
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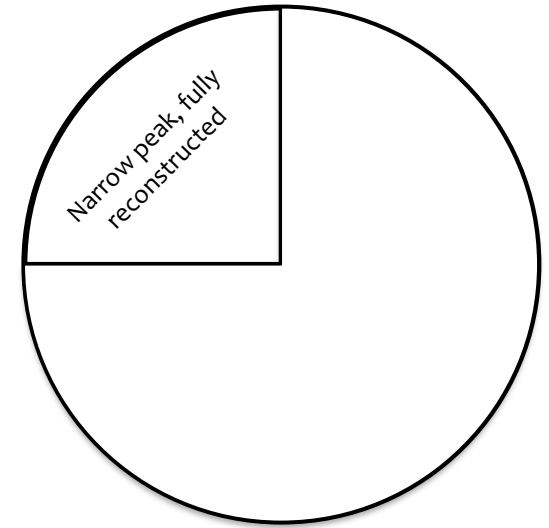
- **2D Dijet:** No BDT for 2-jet analysis. Fit directly to  $m_{jj}$  vs  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ . Different assumptions about the modelling of VBF-like events



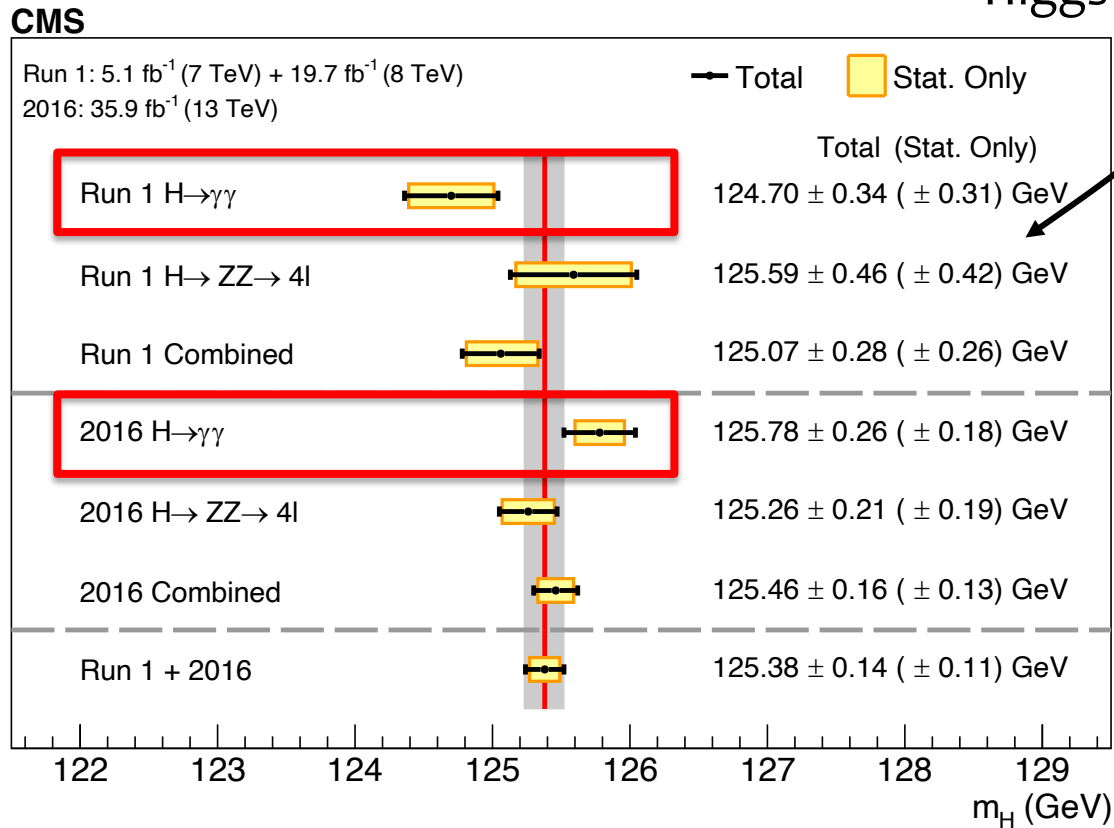
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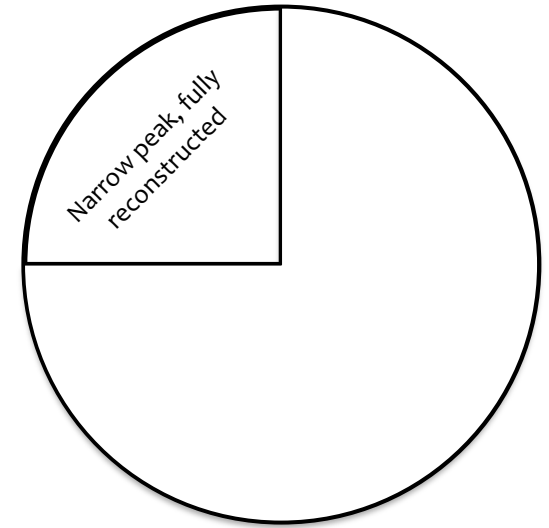
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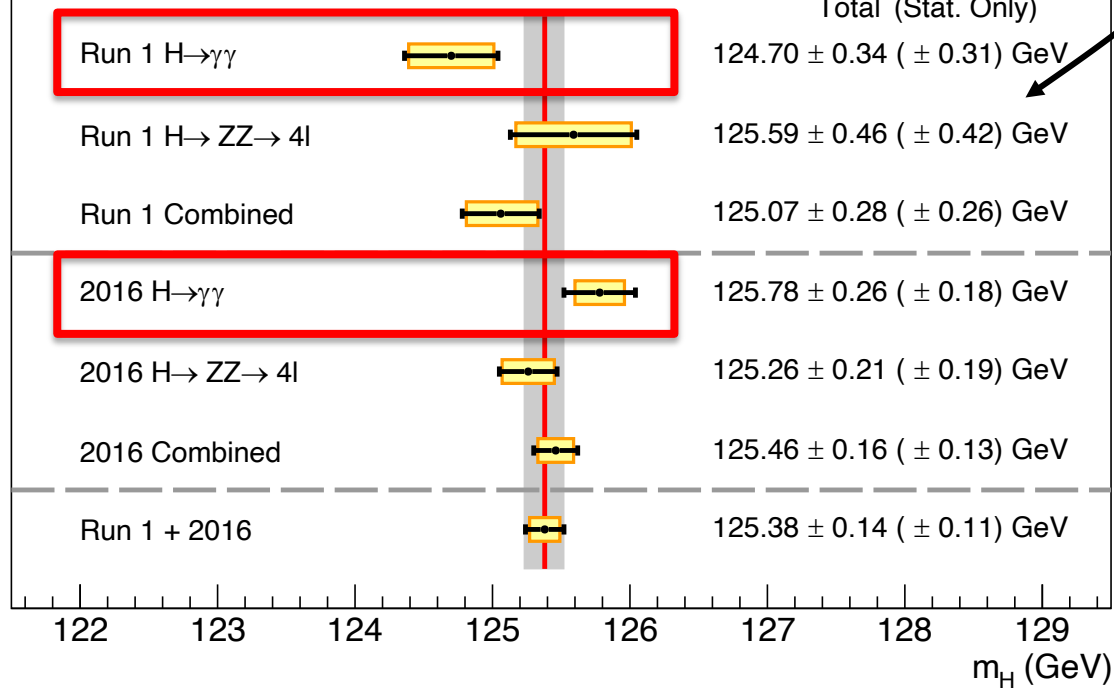
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**CMS**

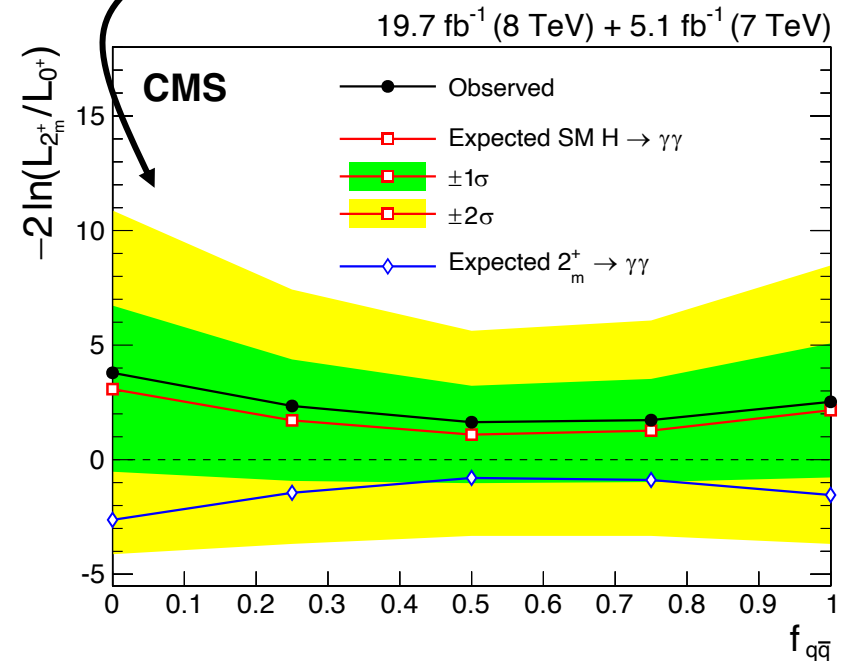
Run 1:  $5.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (7 TeV) +  $19.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (8 TeV)  
2016:  $35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (13 TeV)

— Total    □ Stat. Only

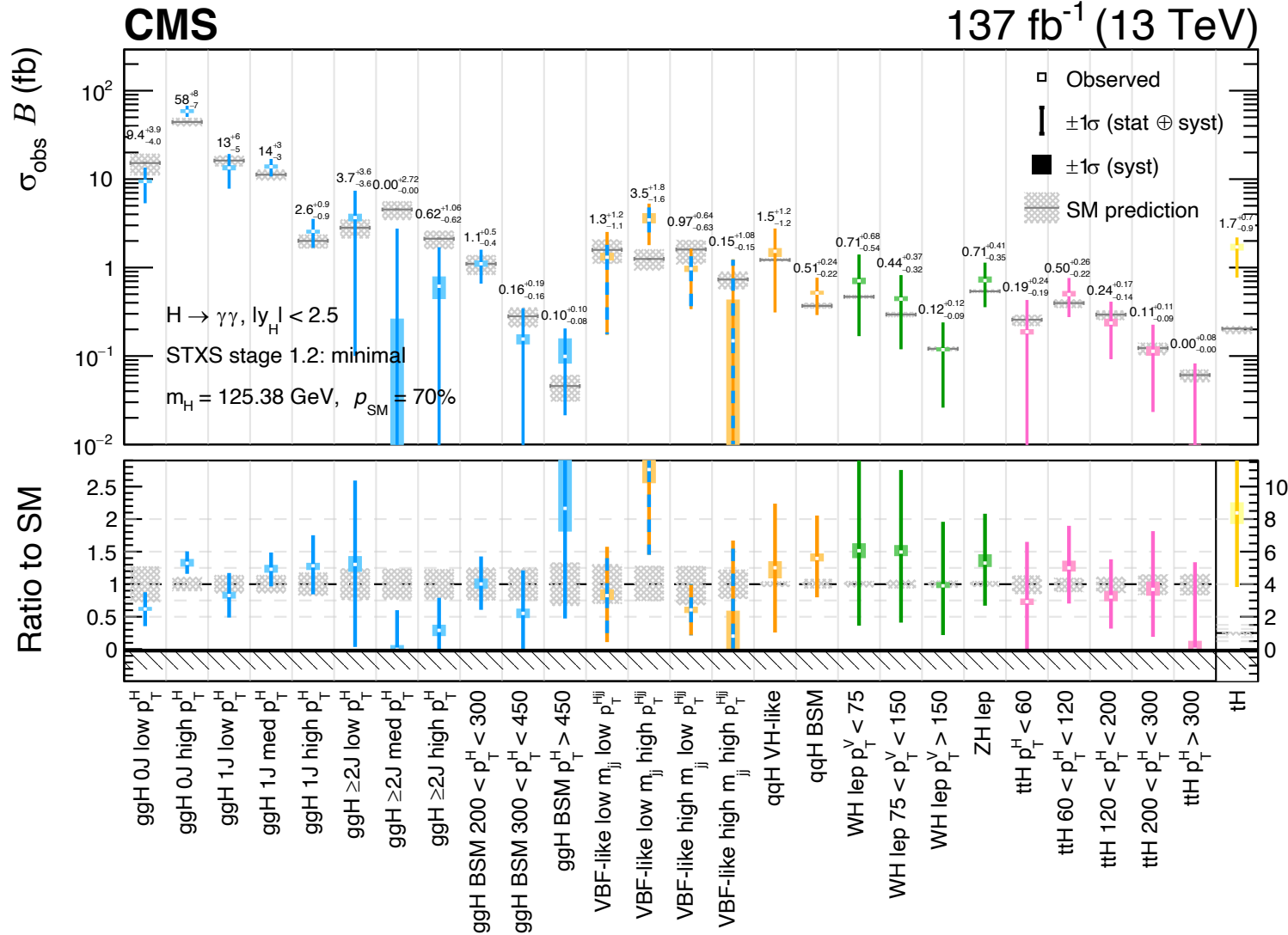


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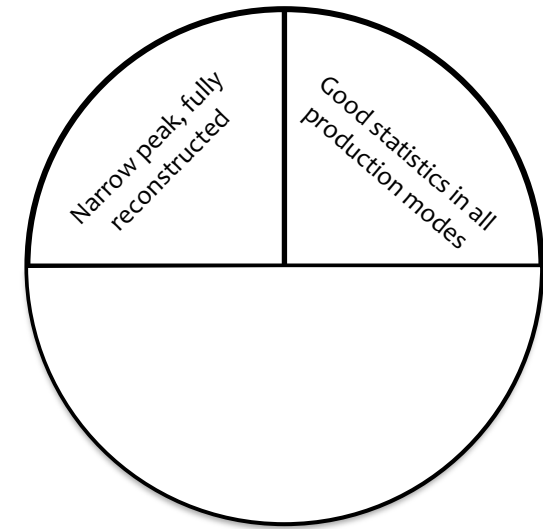
Spin hypothesis



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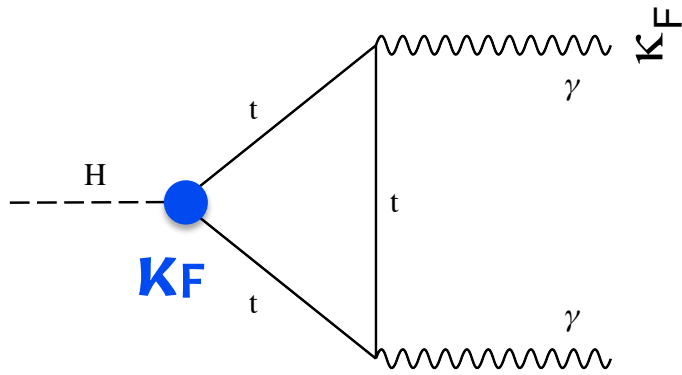
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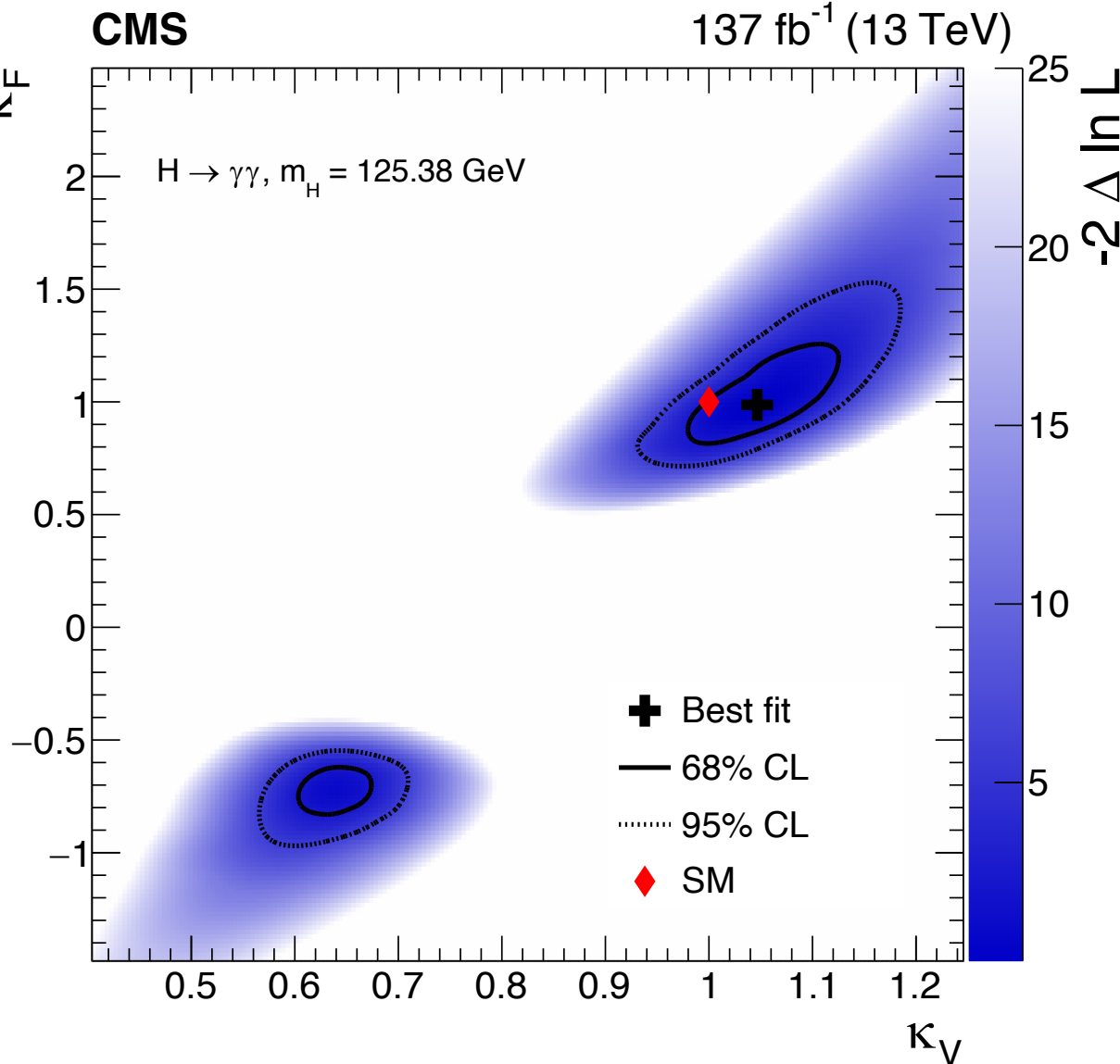
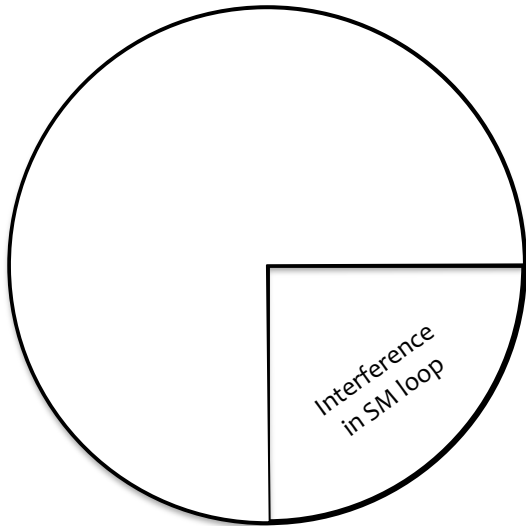
Higgs boson production cross-sections

- Production mechanisms: **ggH**, **VBF**, **WH**, **ZH**, **ttH**, **tH**
- Kinematic observables:  $p_T(H)$ ,  $p_T(V)$ ,  $m_{jj}$ , N-jets

# H → γγ to probe BSM physics

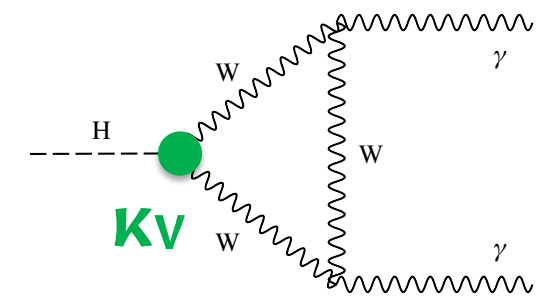


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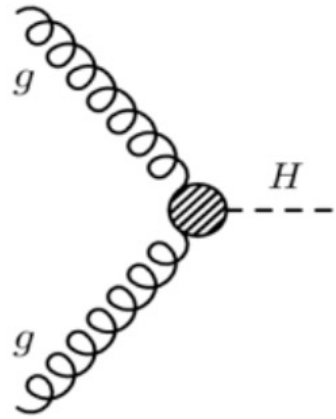


H → γγ decay sensitive to **fermion** and **vector boson** couplings

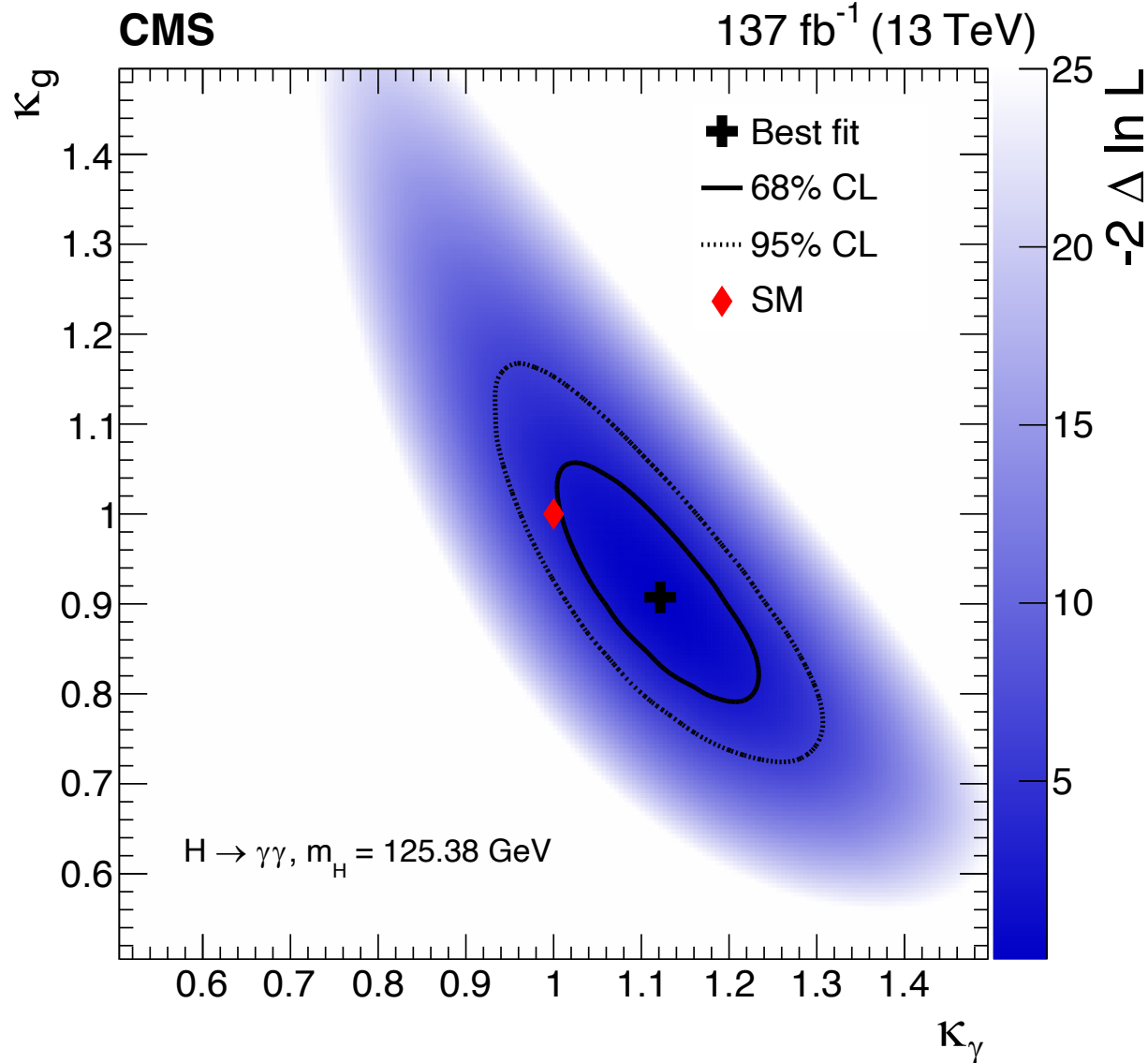
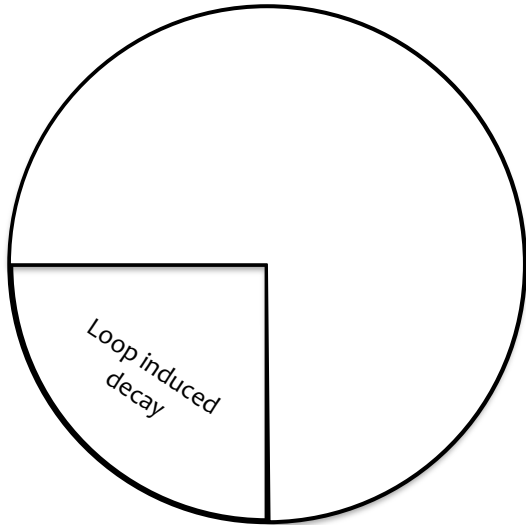
These couplings are modified in two-Higgs double model extensions to the SM



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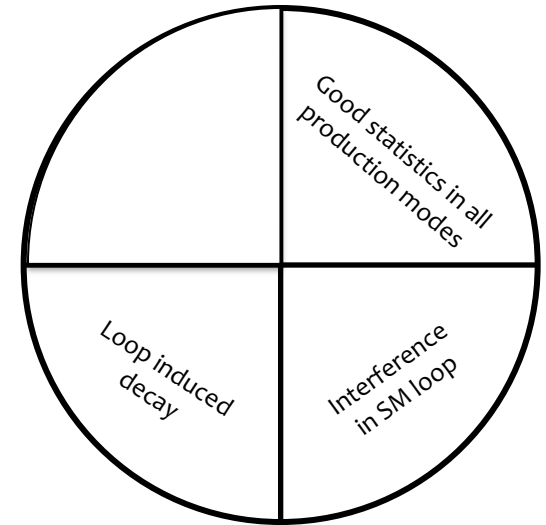
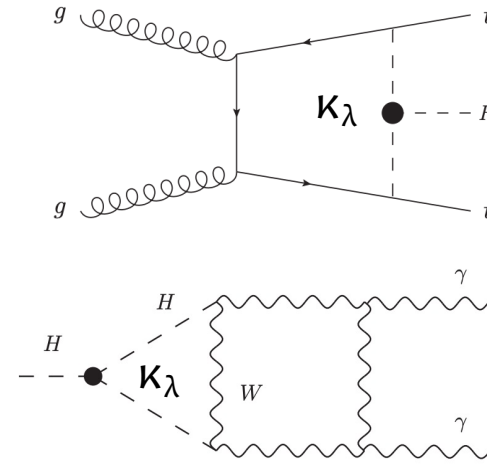
New (BSM) particles can appear in loops, modifying  $gg \rightarrow H$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Effective couplings sensitive to BSM contributions to  $gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

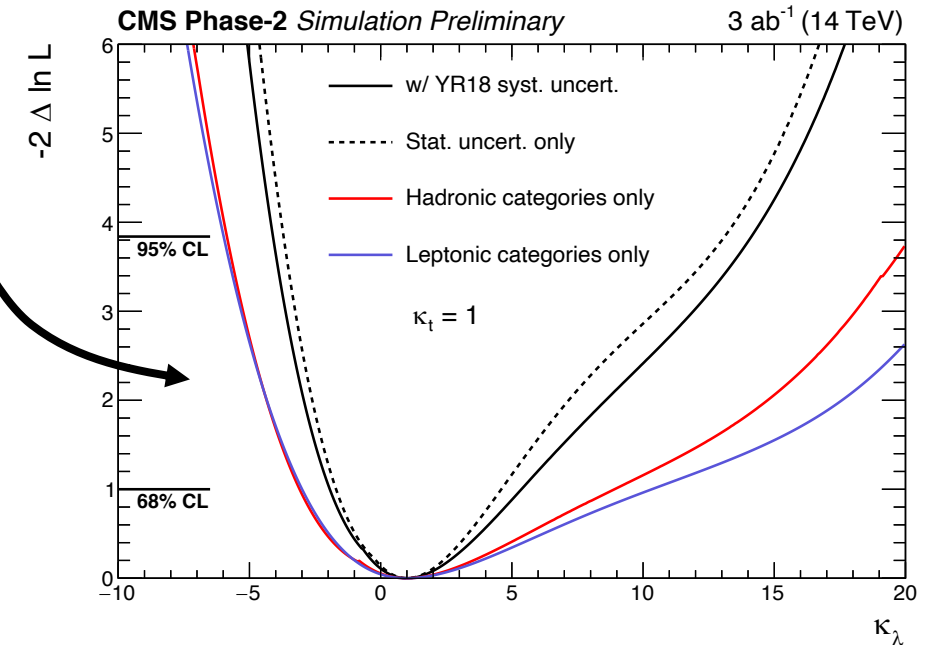
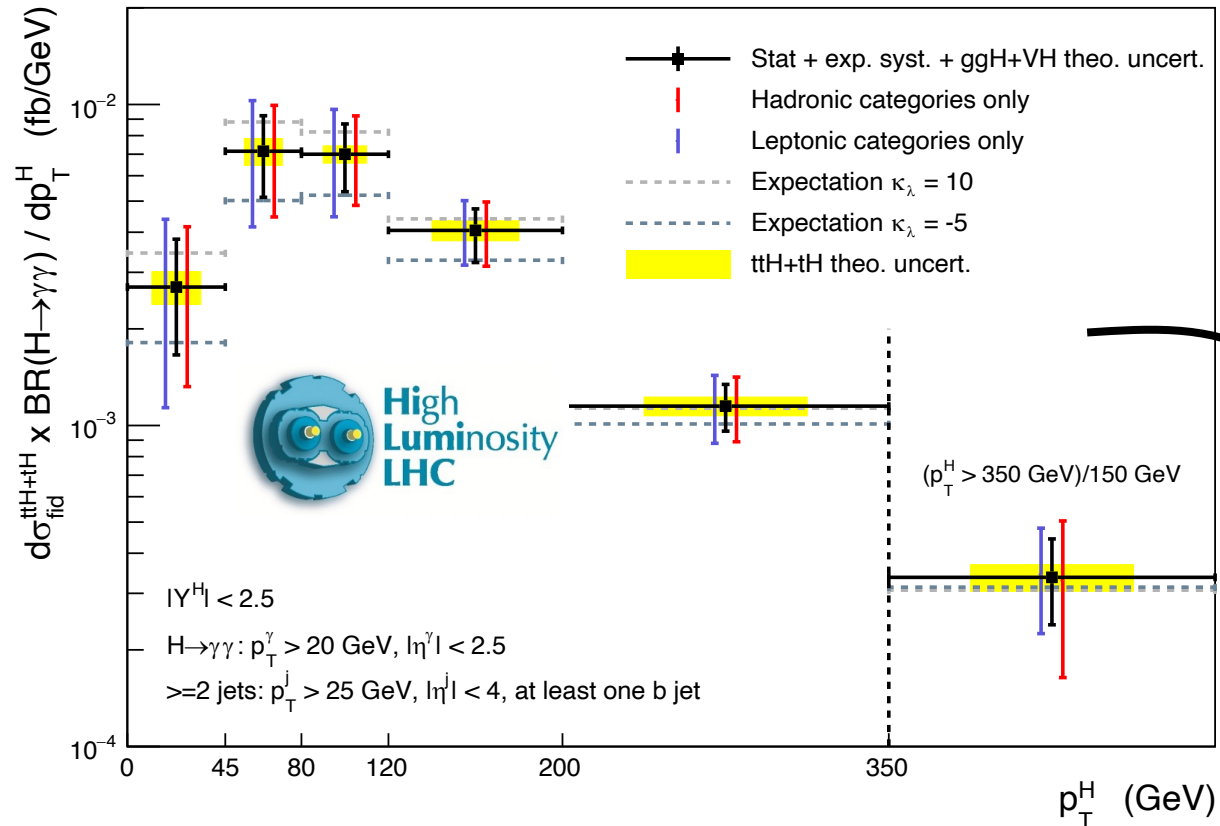
# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ to probe Higgs self-coupling

With data from the HL-LHC, measurements of rare processes like  $ttH(\rightarrow\gamma\gamma)$  will constrain the Higgs boson self-coupling

## $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ useful features



CMS Phase-2 Simulation Preliminary 3 ab<sup>-1</sup> (14 TeV)



# Summary

## H → γγ decay channel was key for the Higgs boson discovery

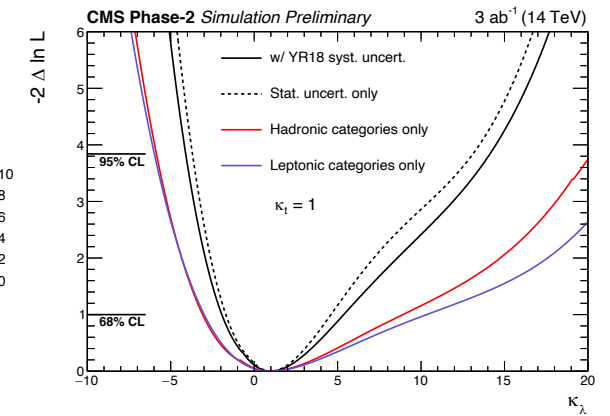
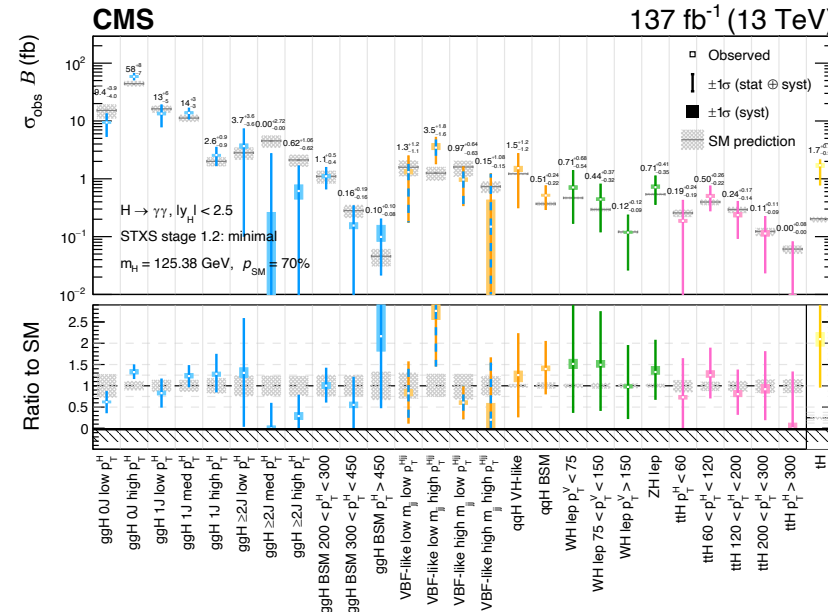
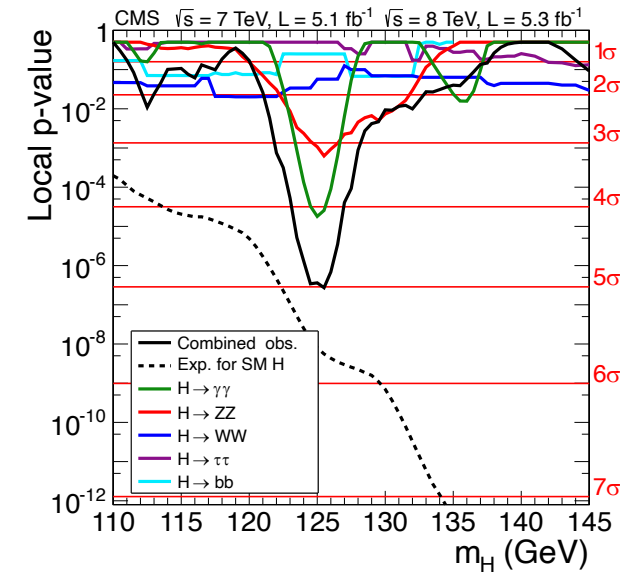
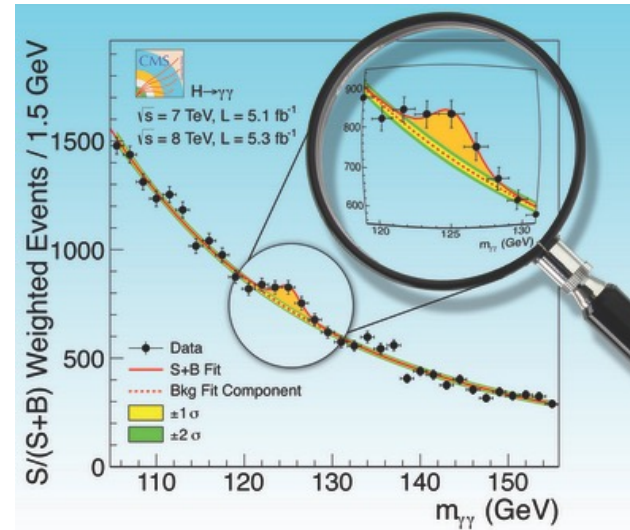
- Very high resolution channel with well calibrated final state objects (photons) in CMS
- Several cross-checks for analysis details (selection, background model)

## Despite small branching fraction, H → γγ channel ideal for measuring Higgs boson properties

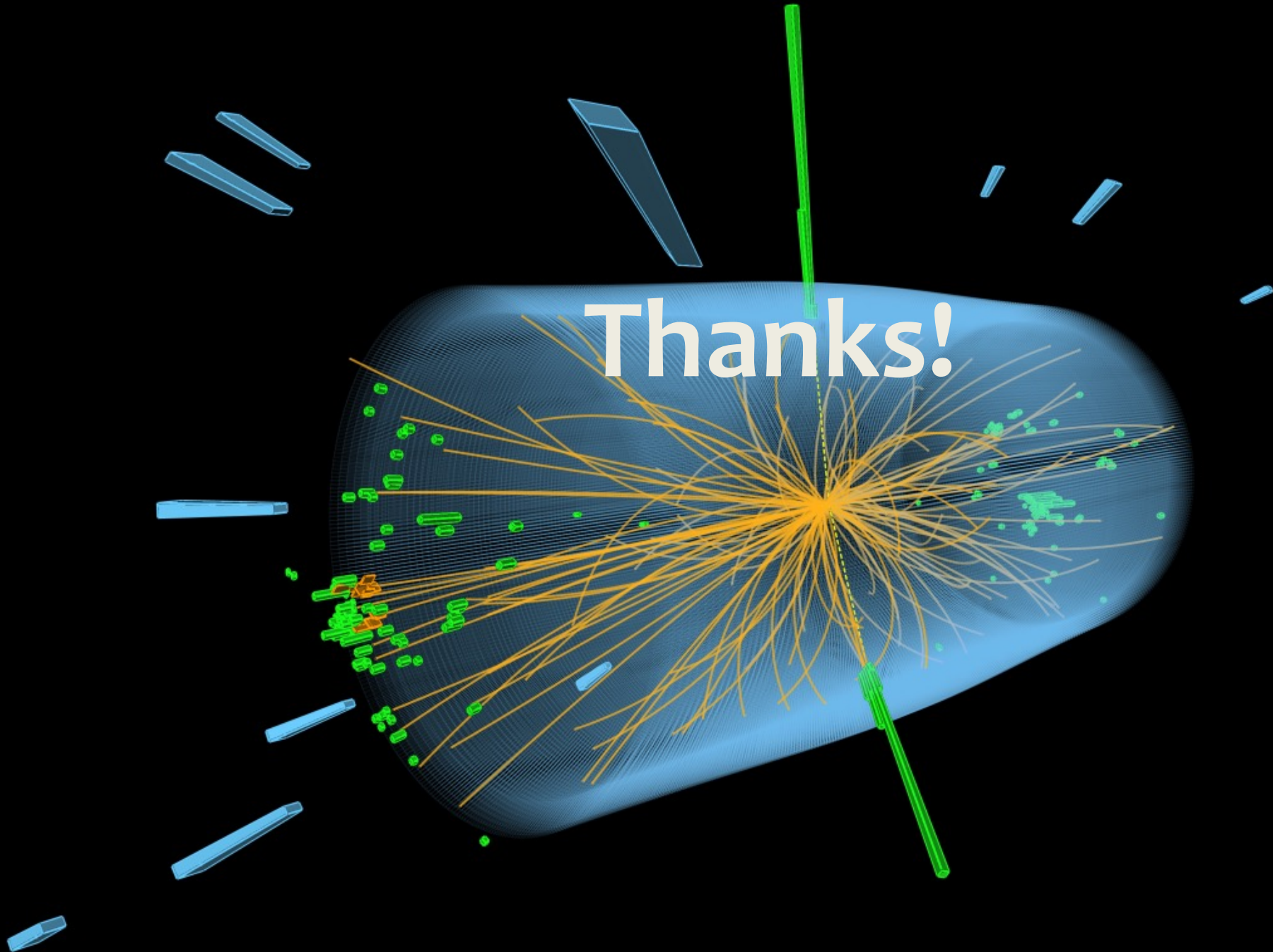
- Mass and spin
- Differential cross-sections and access to almost all production modes

## H → γγ channel is a major channel for probing new physics with Higgs boson measurements

- Extended Higgs sectors & new particles in loops
- Higgs boson self-coupling (Higgs potential)



Thanks!



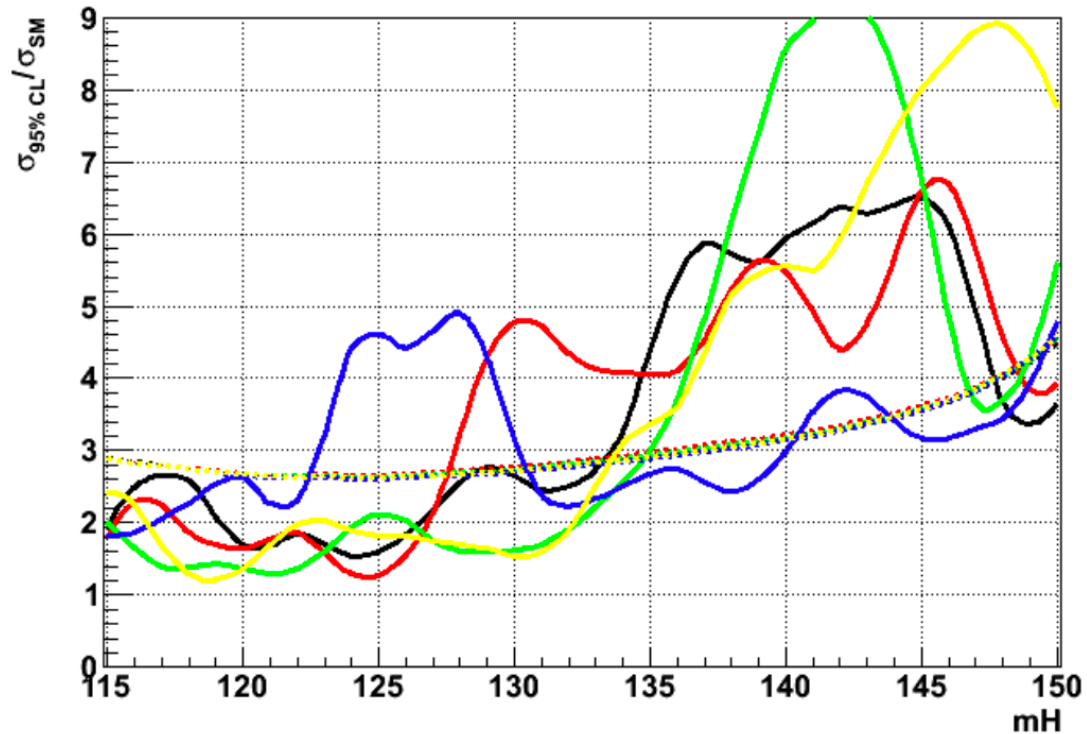


# Backup slides

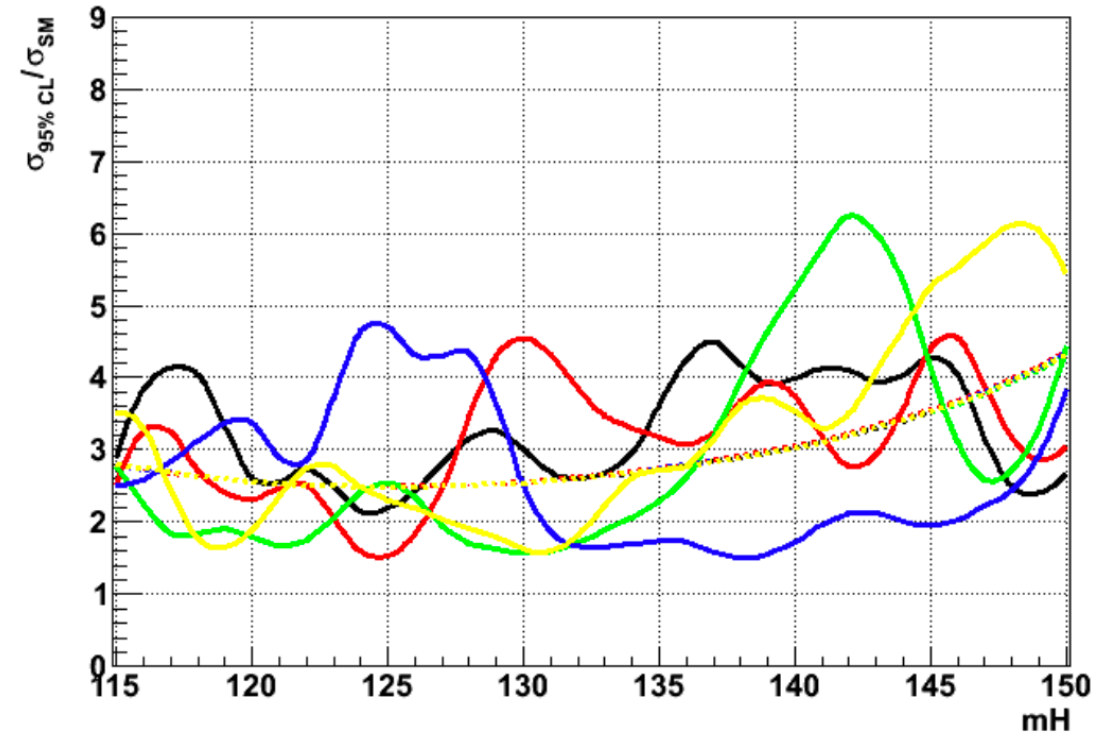
# Which background function is right?

This is a figure from a study before the discovery that showed in toys how different the limits can be depending on whether you use the right function or not to fit the background

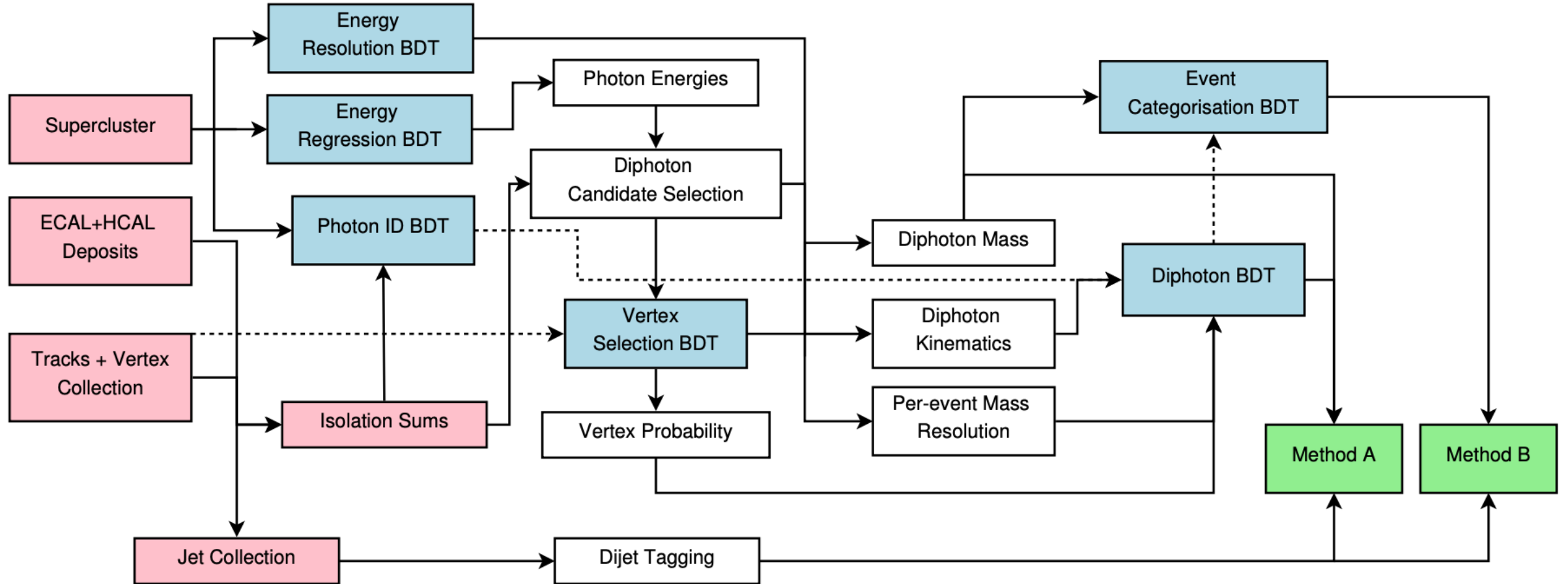
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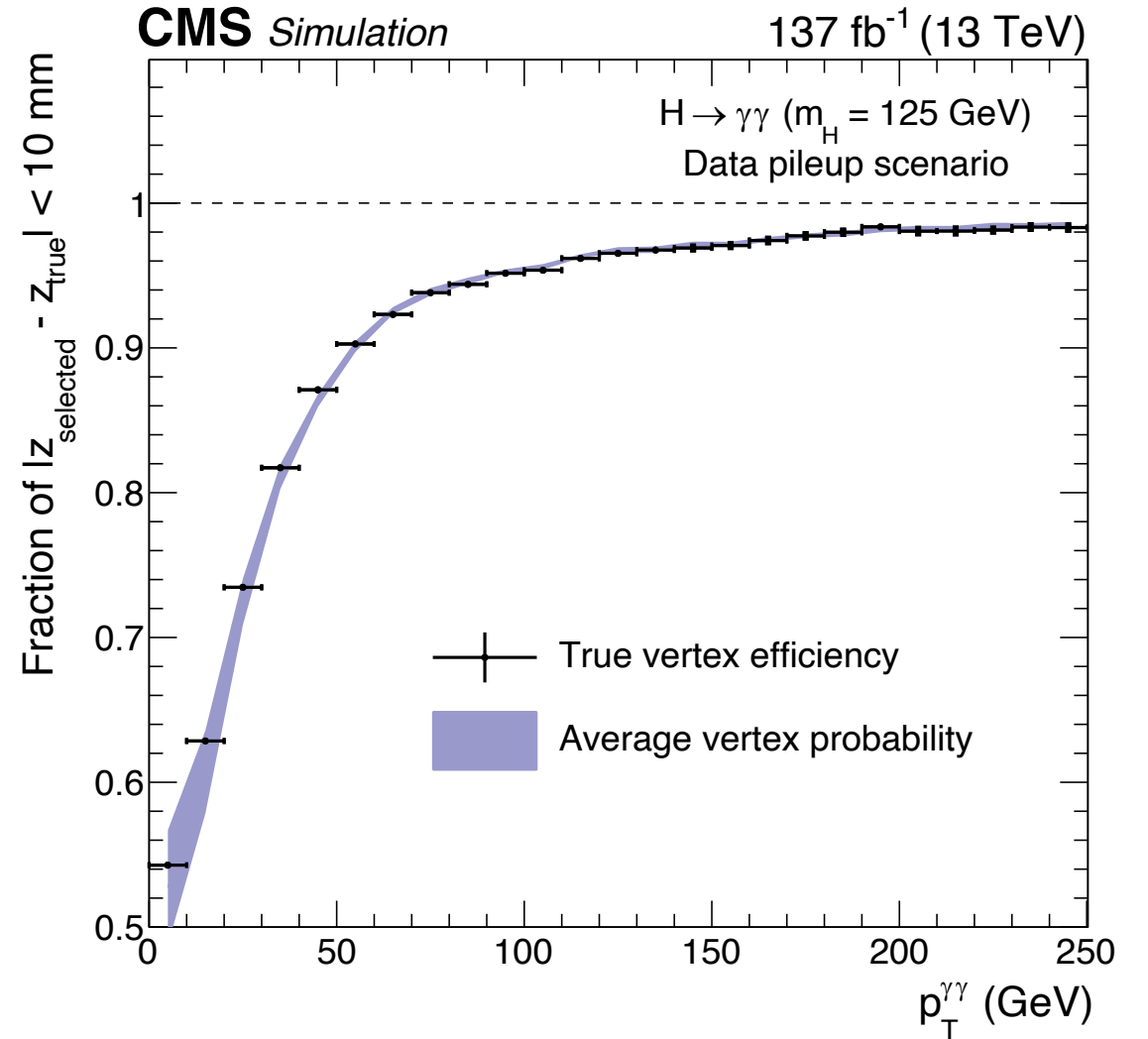
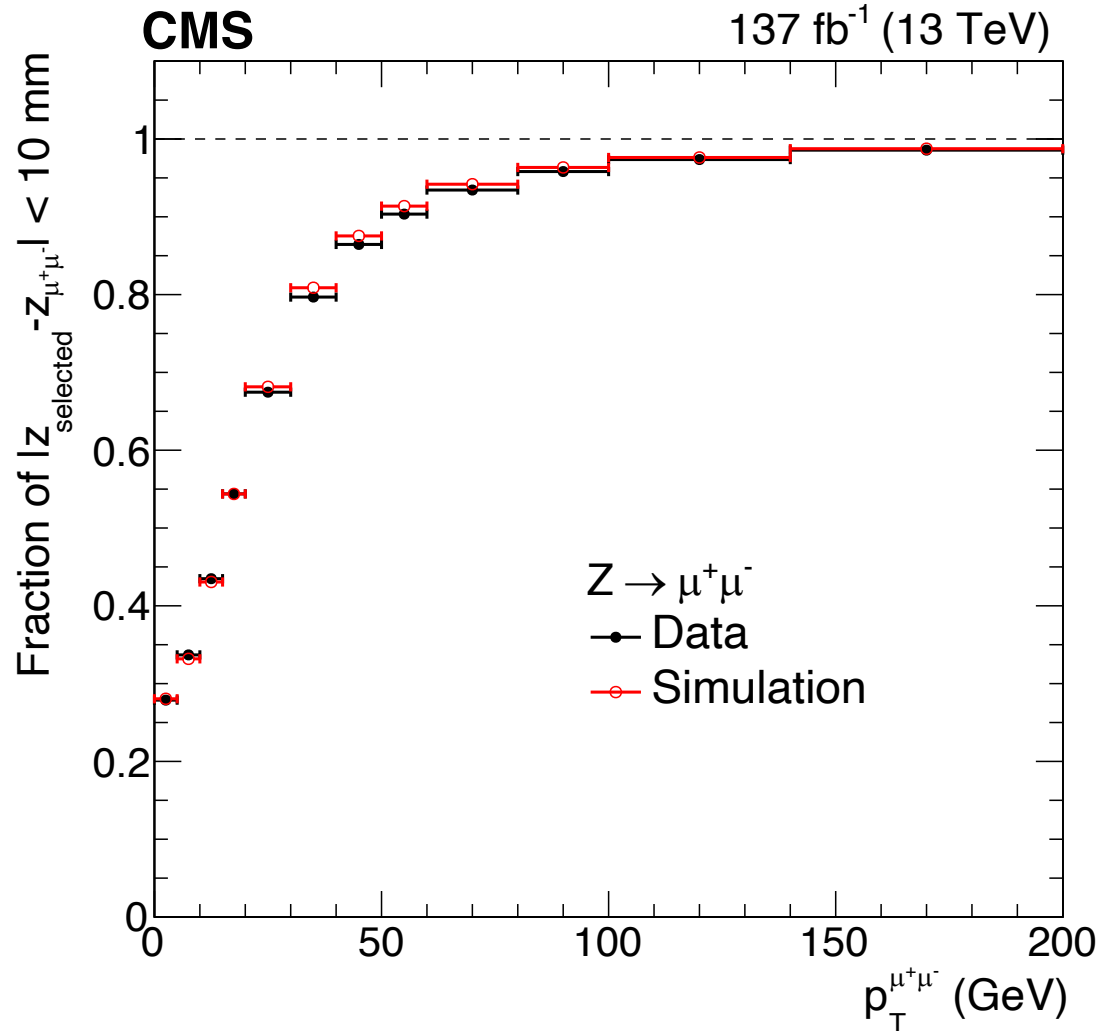
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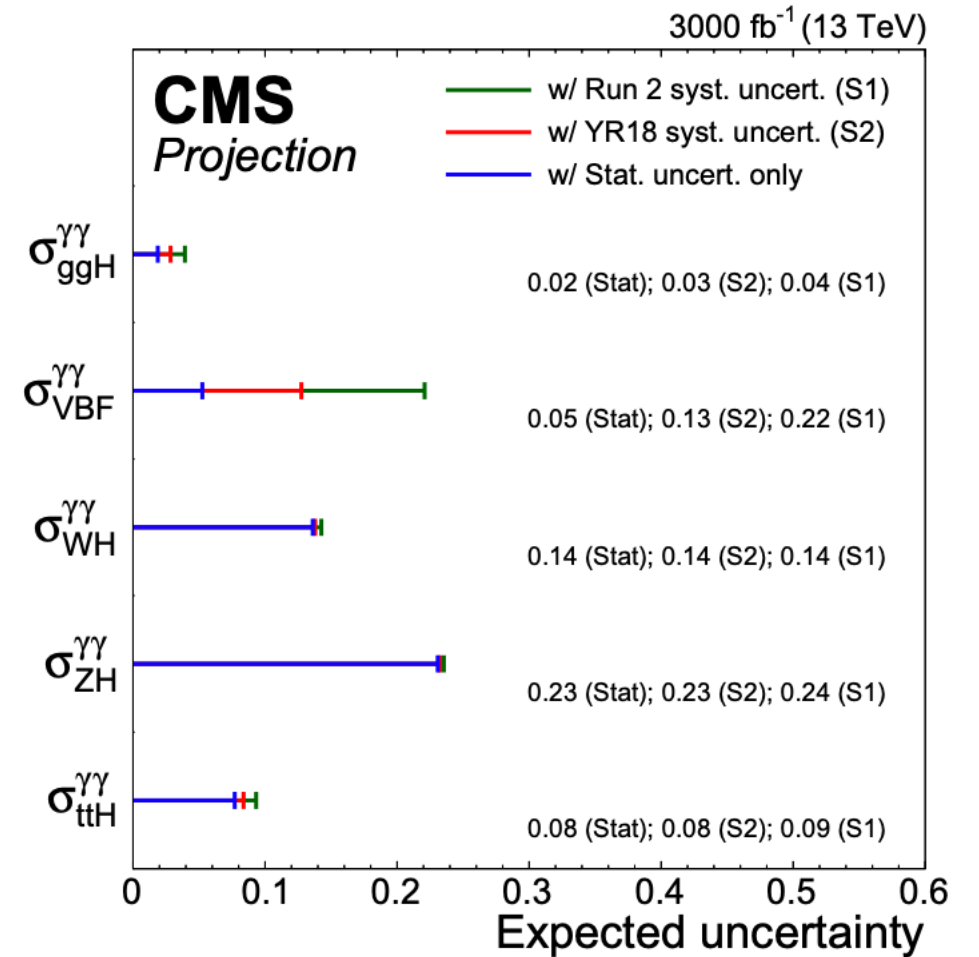
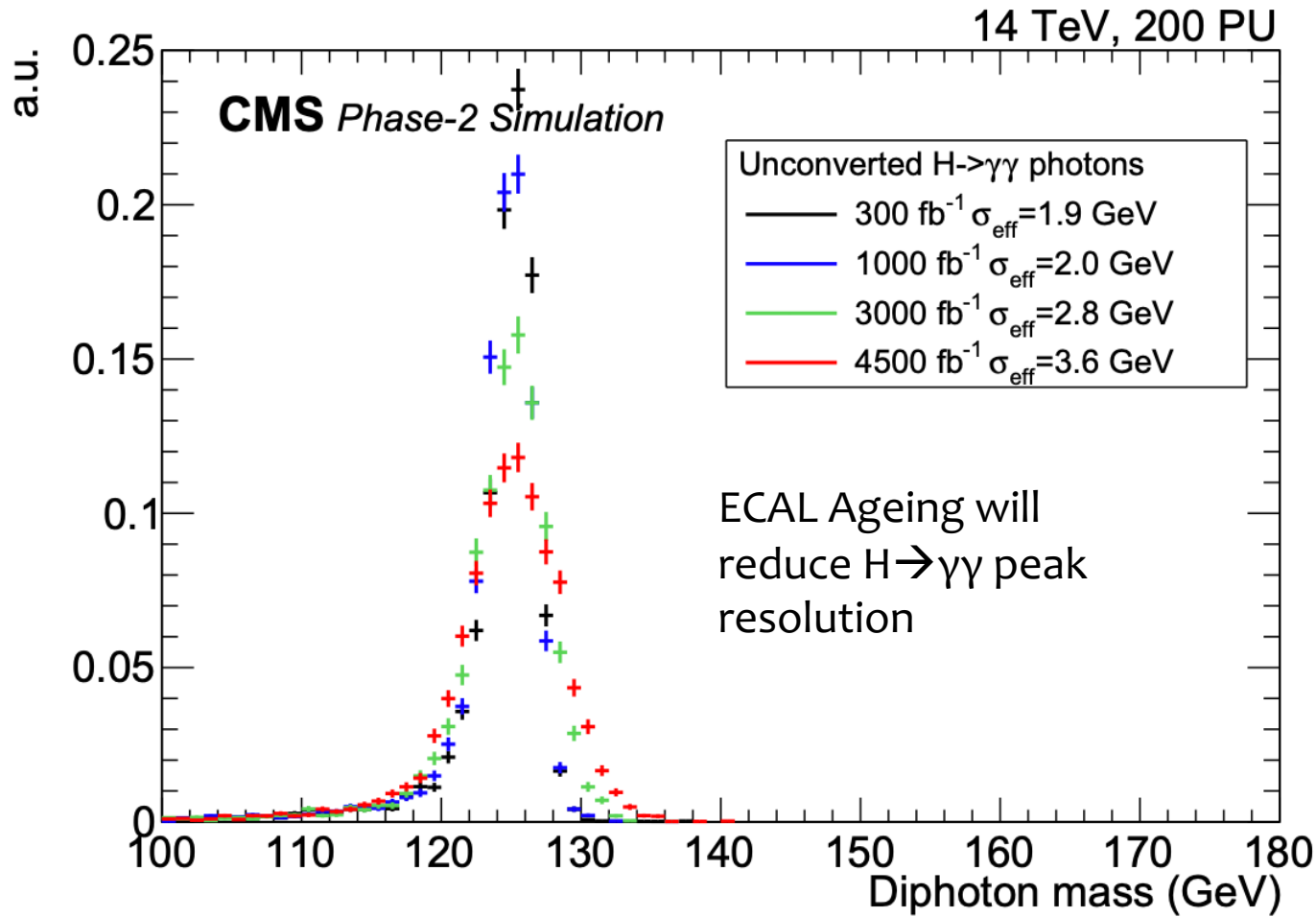
# Flowchart for a CMS $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ analysis



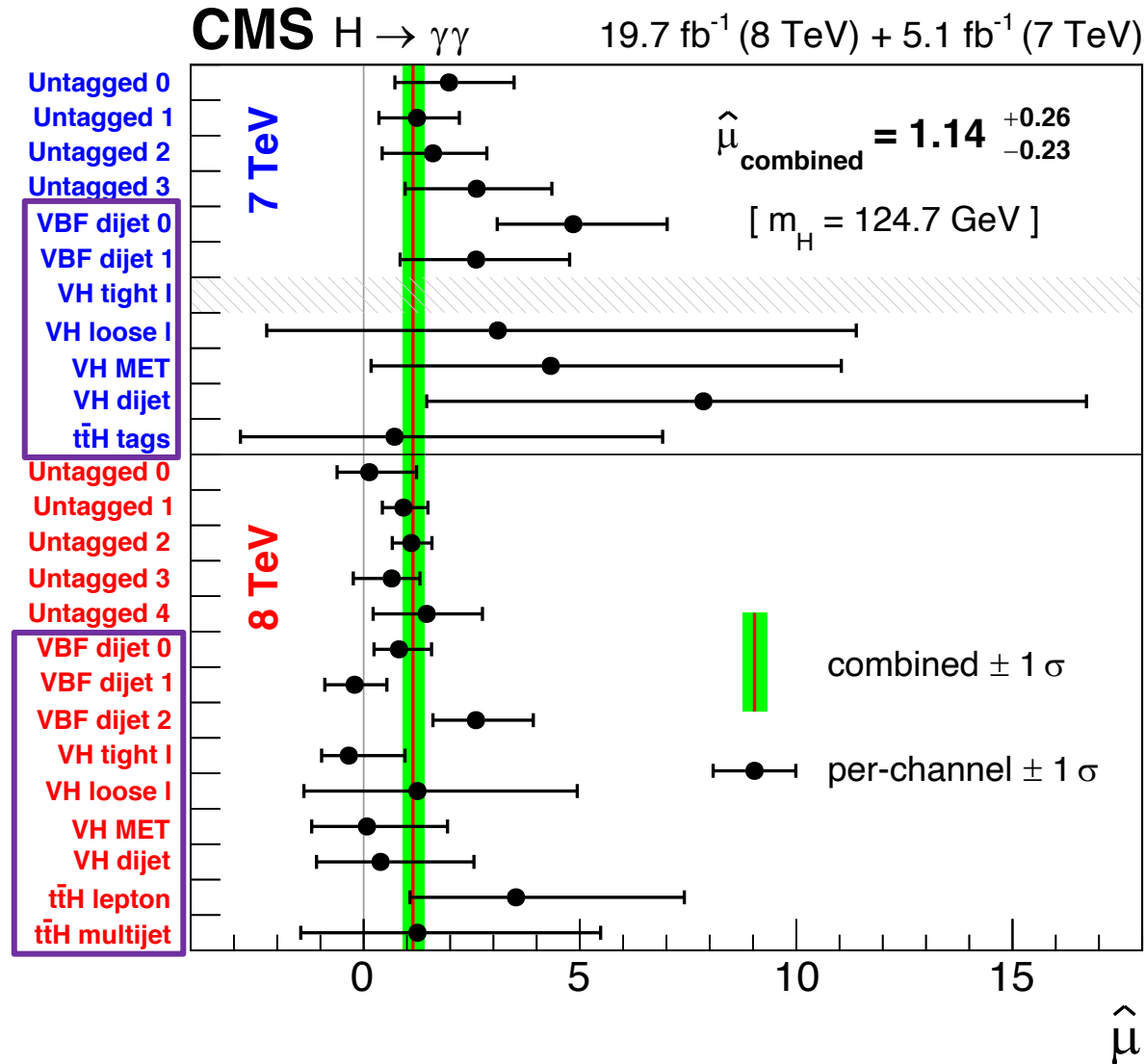
# CMS diphoton vertex efficiency



# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at the HL-LHC

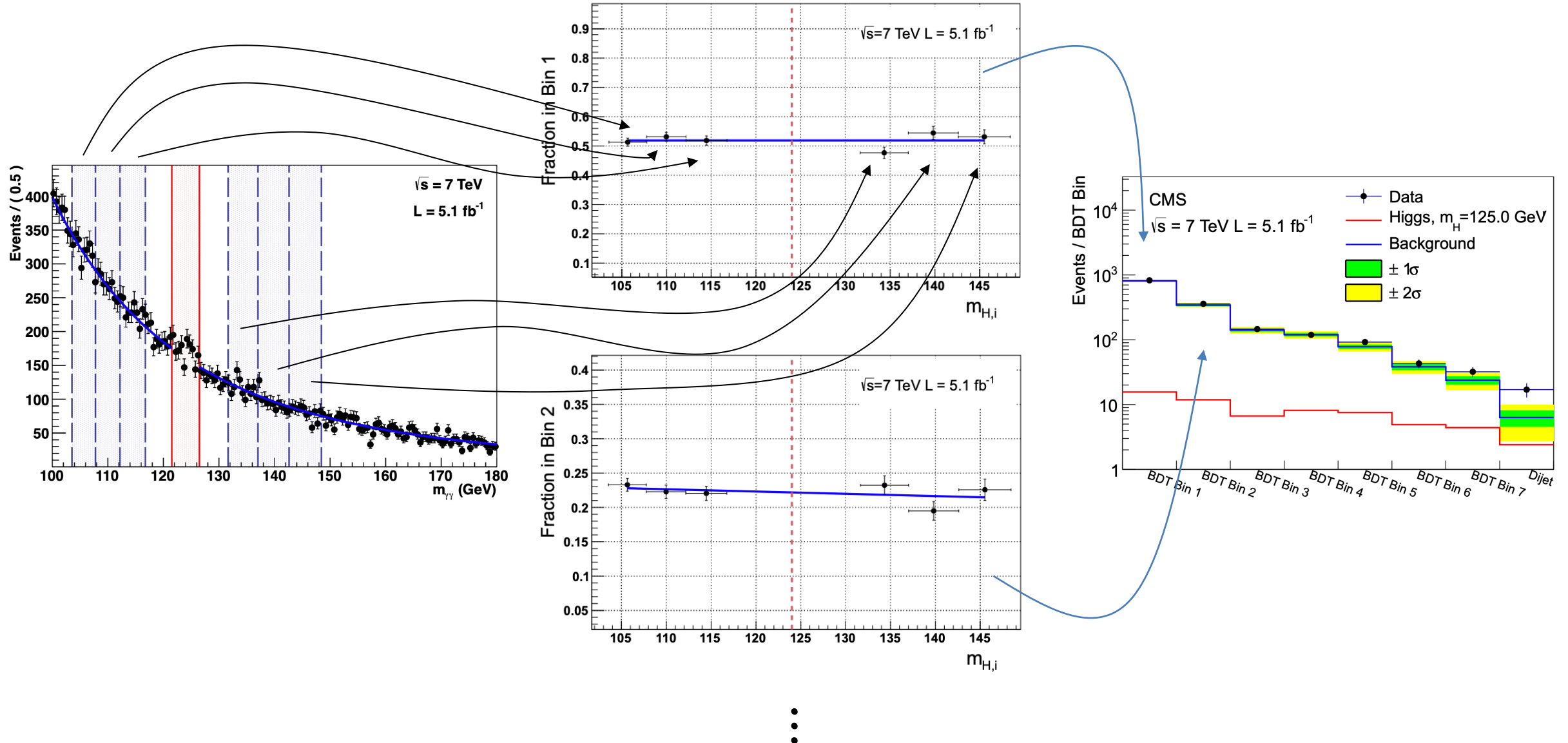


# Other categories for $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ obs



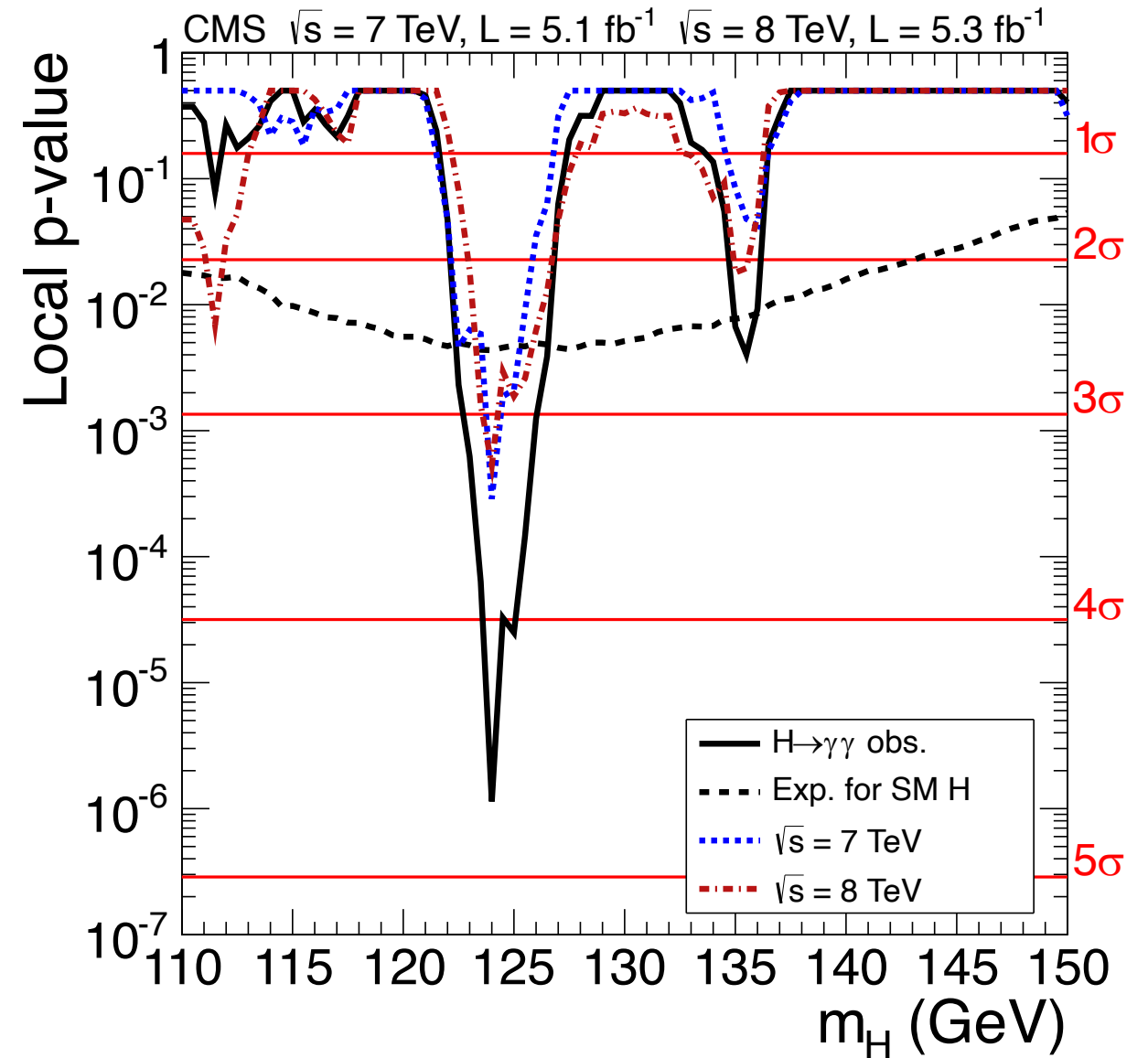
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  observation paper included additional categories targeting other Higgs production modes

# Sideband Analysis



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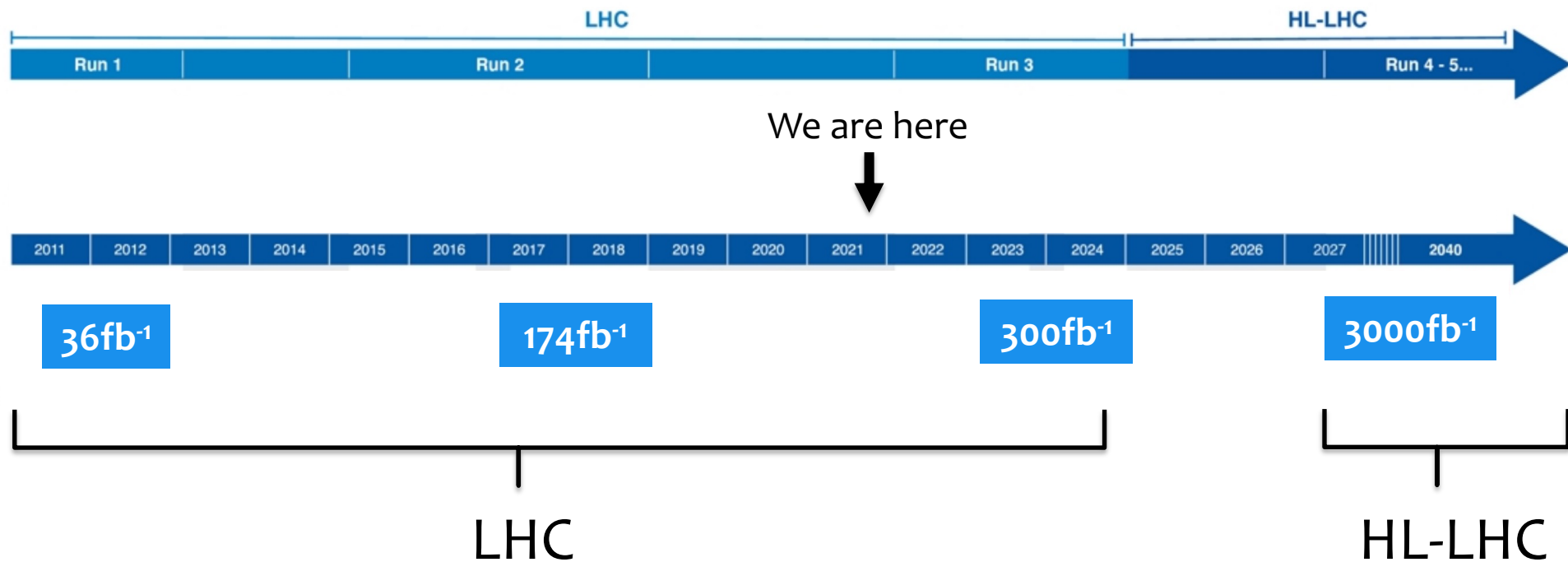




# The Future of the LHC

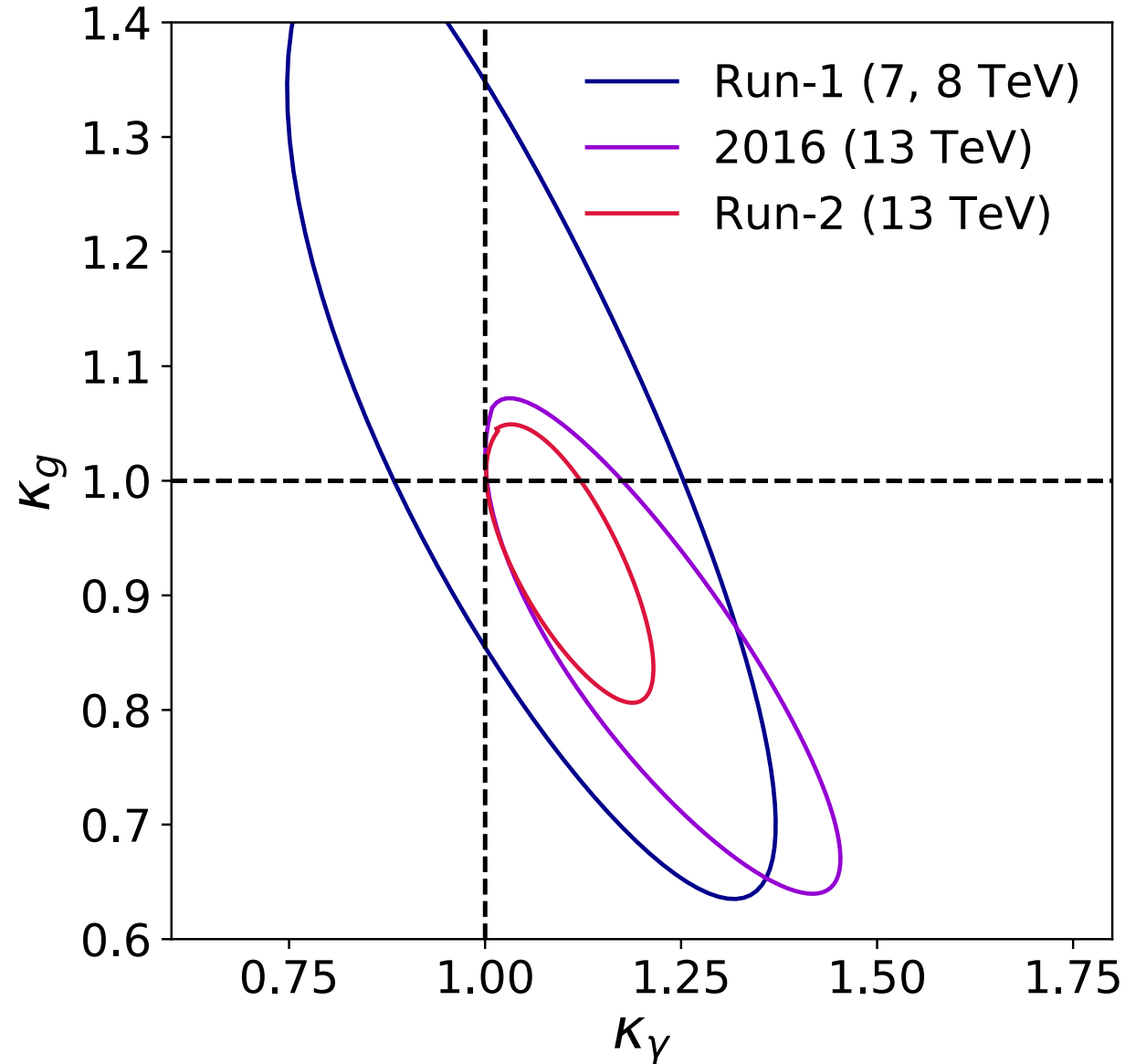
After Run-3 of the LHC, the next phase is the **high-luminosity (HL)-LHC**

**~20X** the data we have today!



Expect **> 160M H-bosons / 120k HH pairs** at CMS by the end of the **HL-LHC** !

# History of BSM couplings



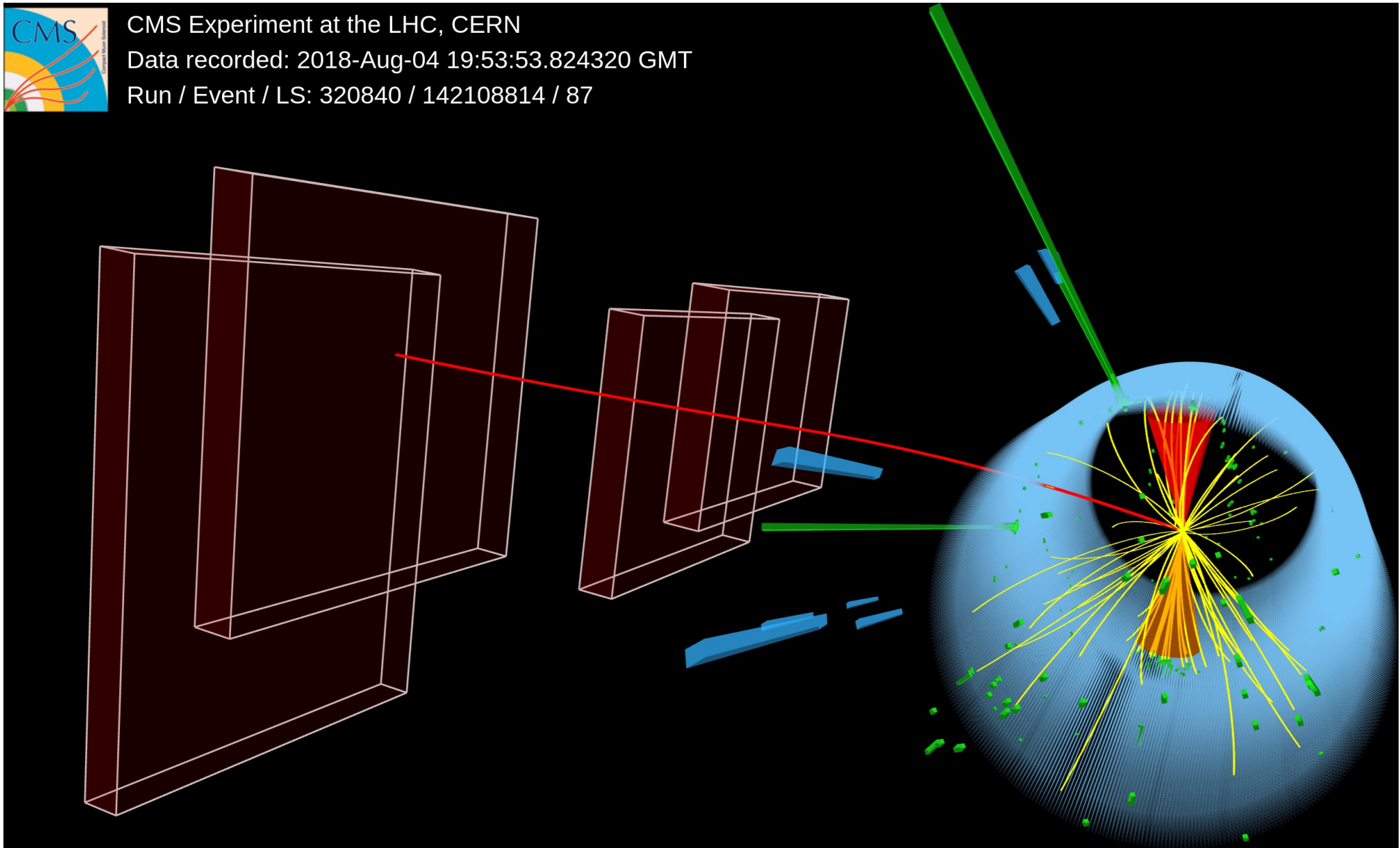
# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma tH$



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

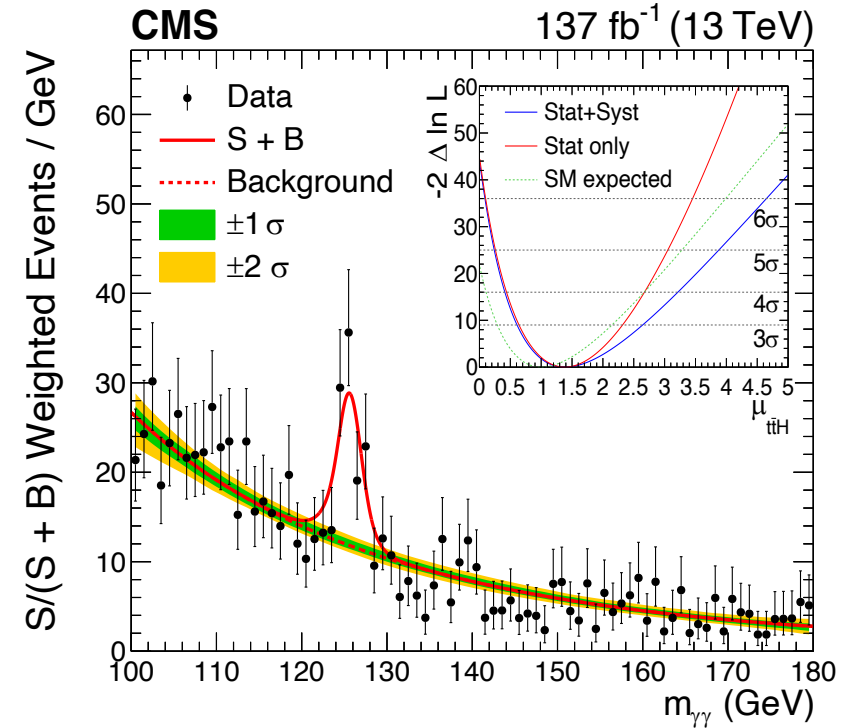
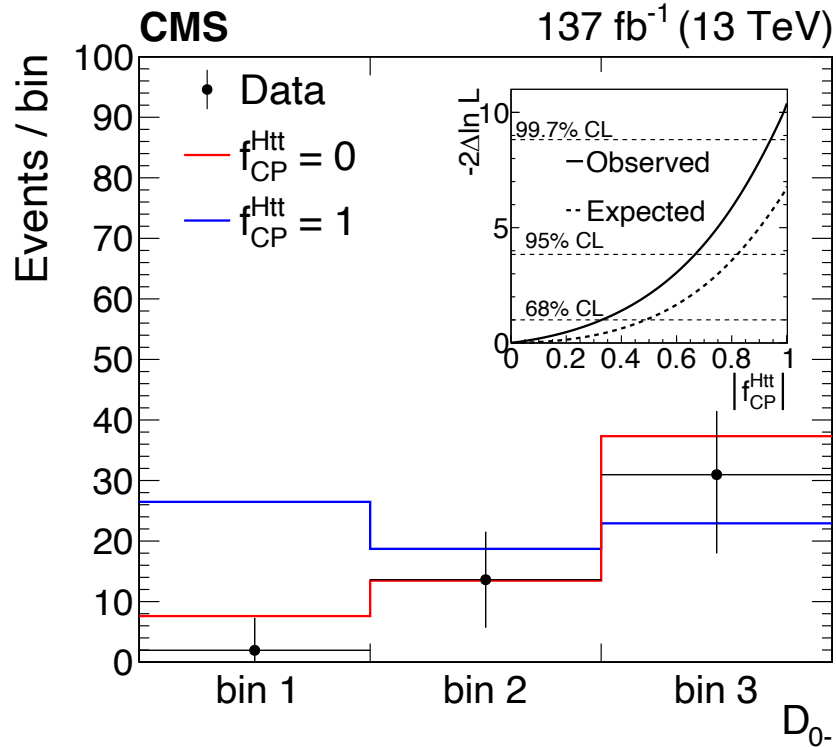
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# CP violating couplings

Sensitive to CP of Higgs-top coupling in  $ttH H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  events

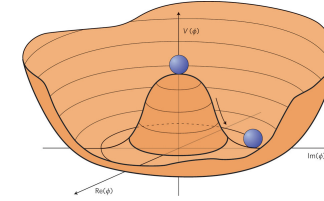


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$$\mathcal{A}(Htt) = -\frac{m_t}{v} \bar{\psi}_t \left( \kappa_t + i\tilde{\kappa}_t \gamma_5 \right) \psi_t,$$

$$f_{CP}^{Htt} = \frac{|\kappa_t|^4}{|\kappa_t|^2 + |\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2} \text{sign}(\tilde{\kappa}_t / \kappa_t).$$

# Modified Higgs potentials & Baryogenesis



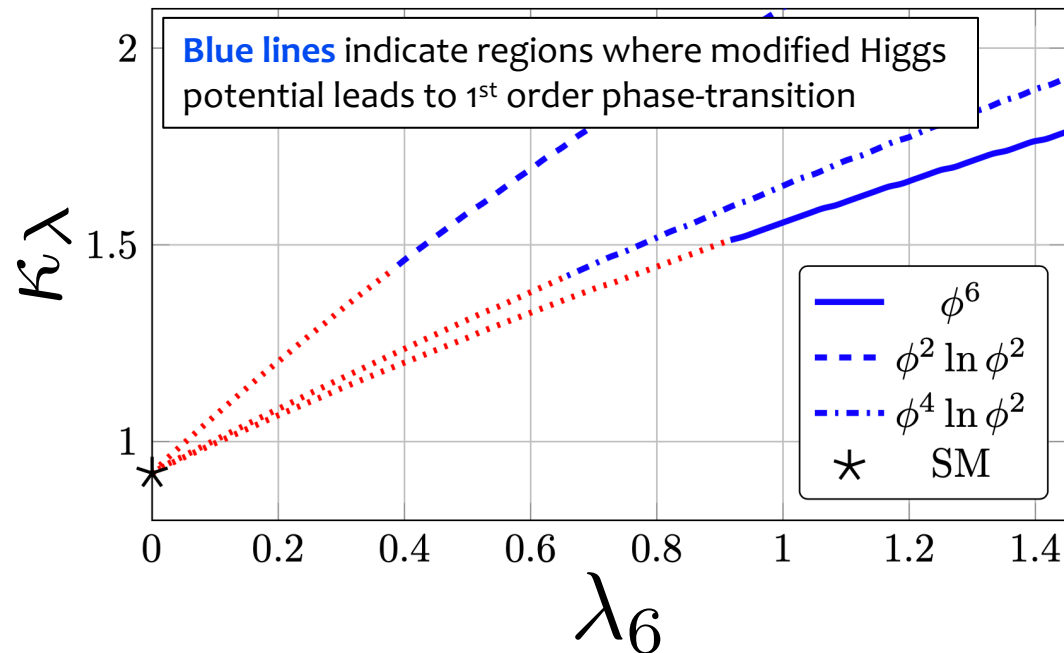
BSM physics in Higgs potential could be the solution!

$$V(H) = \underbrace{\frac{\mu^2}{2}(v+H)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}(v+H)^4}_{\text{SM}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_6}{\Lambda}(v+H)^6}_{\text{BSM}}$$

Inclusion of **Dimension-6 (BSM)** term in potential **changes the relationships** between the fundamental Higgs parameters

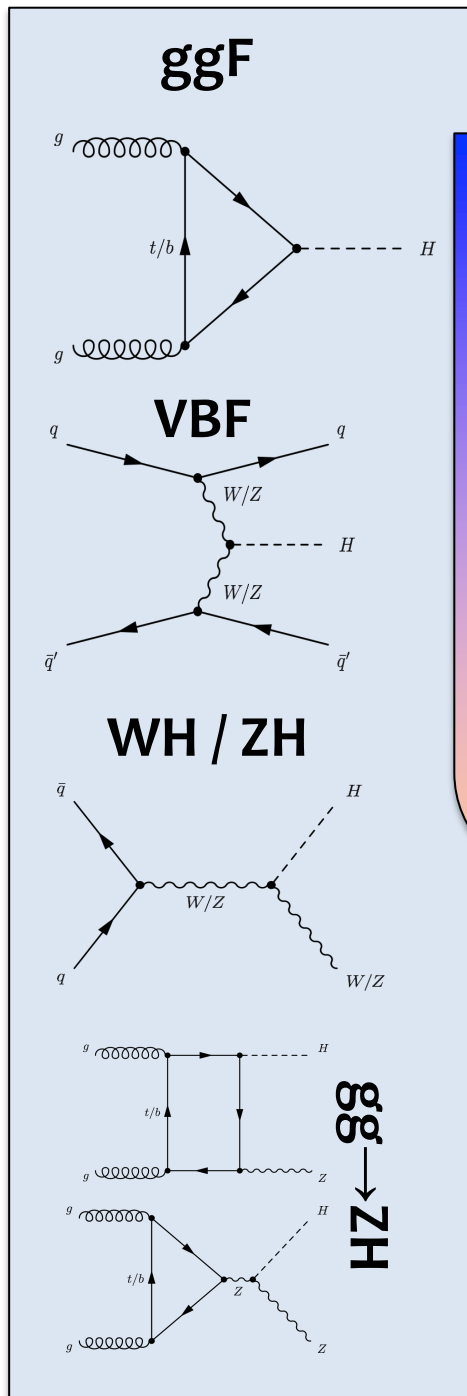
$$\kappa_\lambda = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{SM}} = 1 + \frac{16\lambda_6 v^4}{m_H^2 \Lambda^2}$$

Measuring  $\kappa_\lambda$  to **~50% accuracy crucial goal**



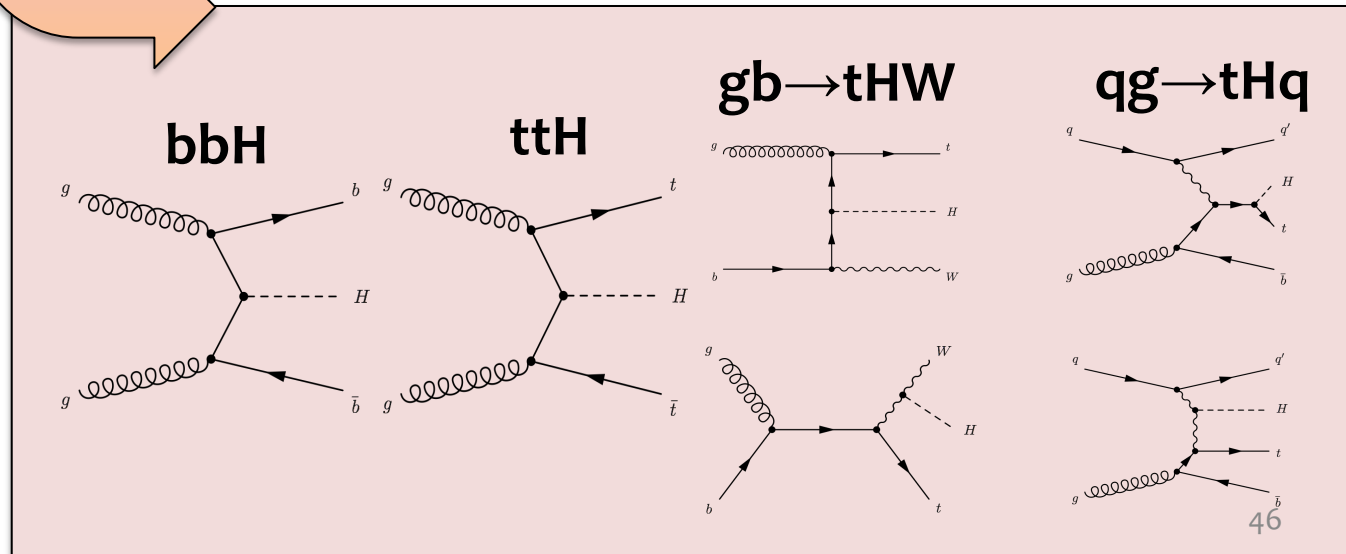
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# Higgs Production @ LHC



Decreasing cross-section

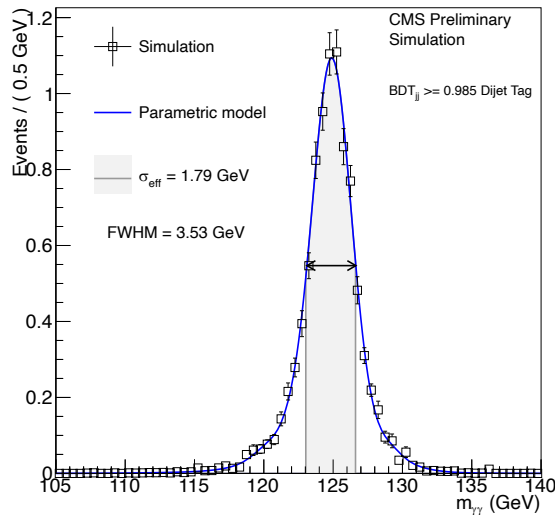
Production process	Cross section [pb]		Order of calculation
	$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$	
ggF	$15.0 \pm 1.6$	$19.2 \pm 2.0$	NNLO(QCD)+NLO(EW)
VBF	$1.22 \pm 0.03$	$1.58 \pm 0.04$	NLO(QCD+EW)+~NNLO(QCD)
WH	$0.577 \pm 0.016$	$0.703 \pm 0.018$	NNLO(QCD)+NLO(EW)
ZH	$0.334 \pm 0.013$	$0.414 \pm 0.016$	NNLO(QCD)+NLO(EW)
[ggZH]	$0.023 \pm 0.007$	$0.032 \pm 0.010$	NLO(QCD)
bbH	$0.156 \pm 0.021$	$0.203 \pm 0.028$	5FS NNLO(QCD) + 4FS NLO(QCD)
ttH	$0.086 \pm 0.009$	$0.129 \pm 0.014$	NLO(QCD)
tH	$0.012 \pm 0.001$	$0.018 \pm 0.001$	NLO(QCD)
Total	$17.4 \pm 1.6$	$22.3 \pm 2.0$	



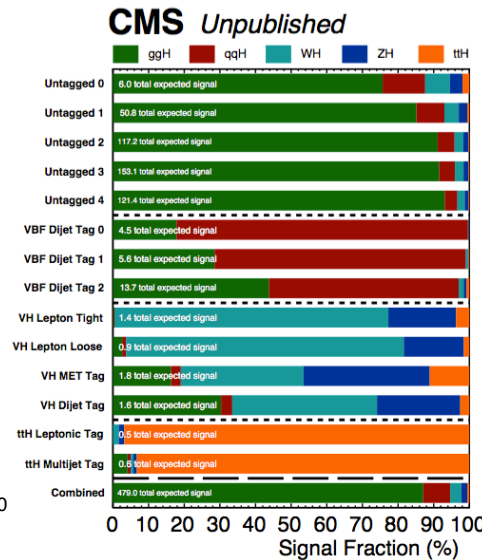
# What do we actually measure?

**Likelihood** to interpret the combined datasets from across Higgs channels ....

$$L(D|\mu, \theta) = \prod_n Prob \left( d_n \mid \sum_{i,f} \mu_i \mu^f S_{i,n}^f(\theta) + \sum_k B_k(\theta) \right) \times Gauss(\tilde{\theta}|\theta)$$



CMS  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  analysis



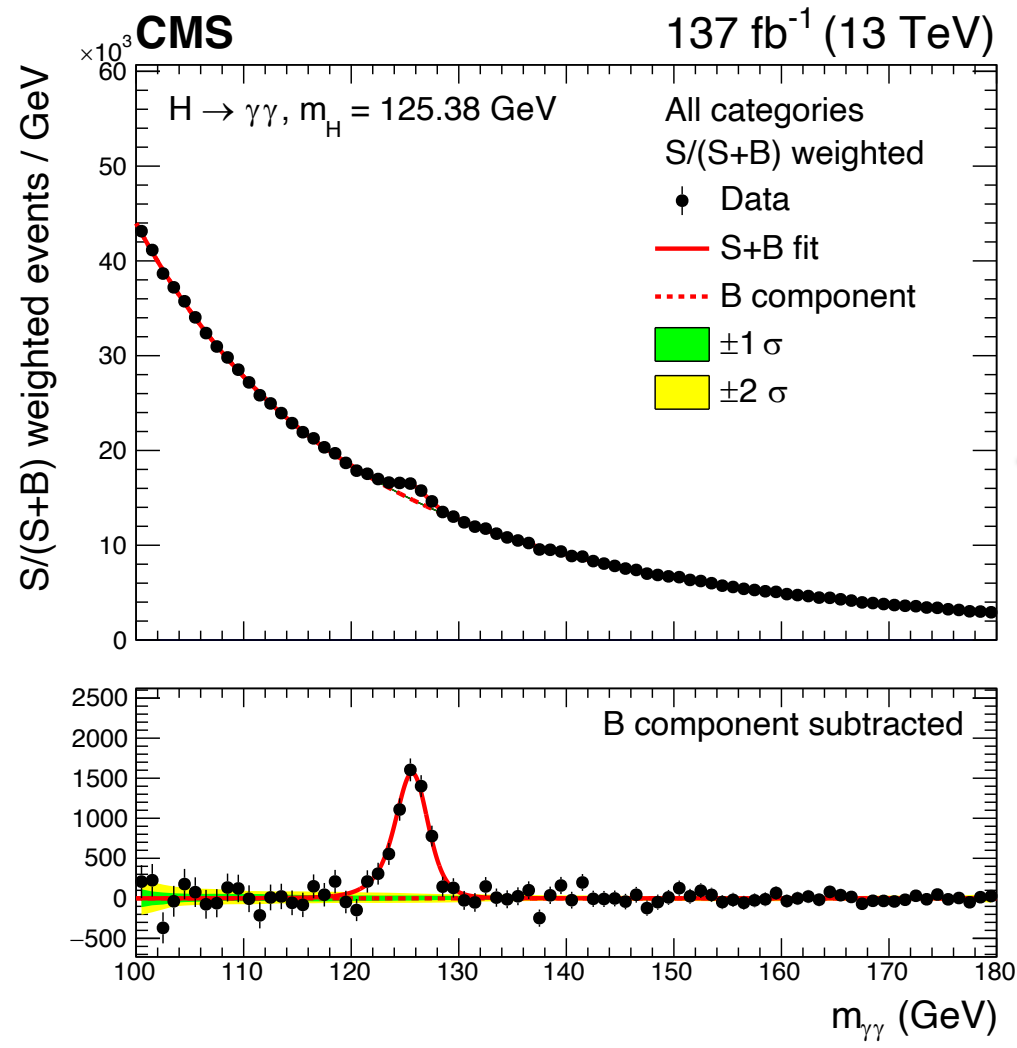
Signal model, accounts for "shape" of signal processes

- Efficiency \* acceptance
- Relative composition across signal regions (analysis bins, BDT output ...)

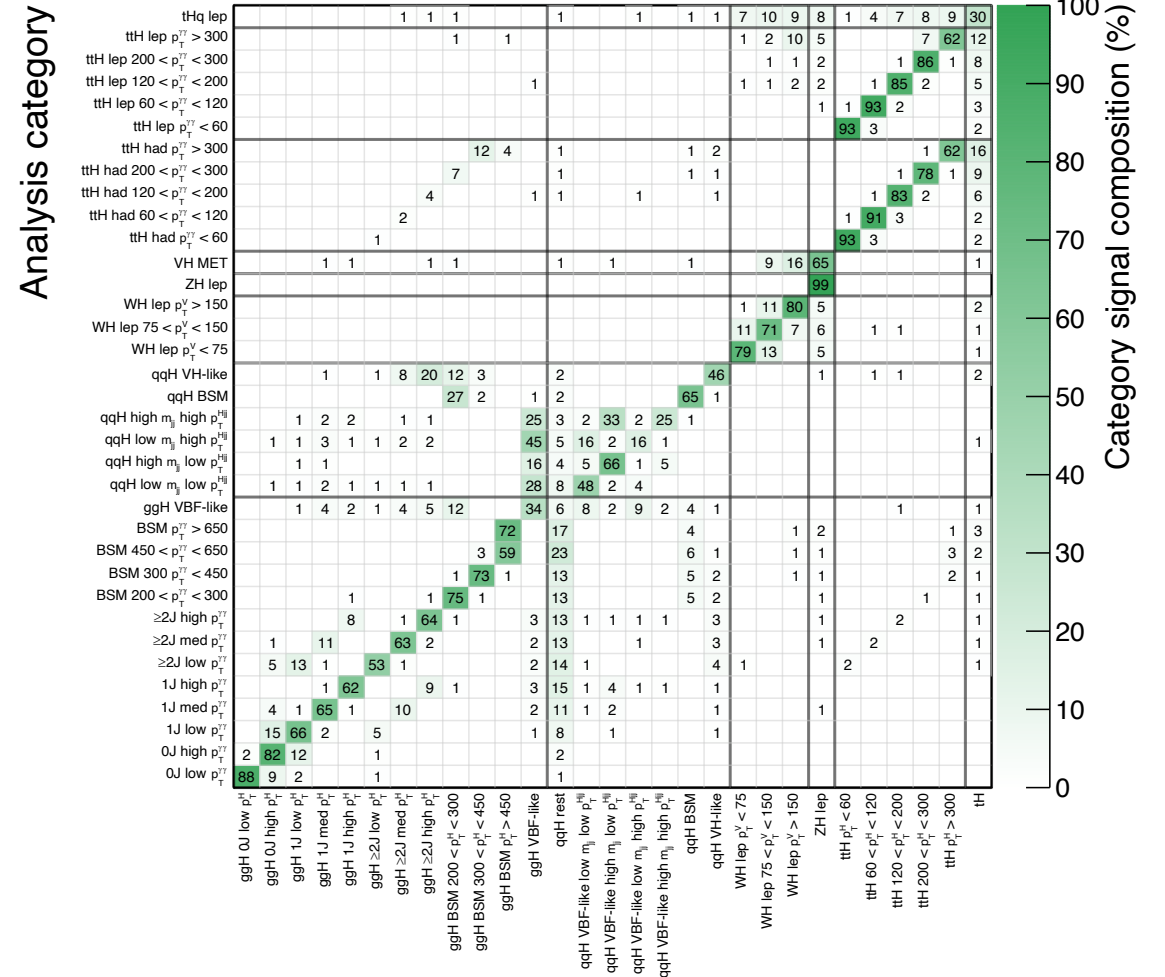
$$\times \mathcal{L} \times \epsilon \times A$$

**Rely on SM Higgs Predictions to calculate in each channel (V-p<sub>T</sub>, n-jets etc)**

# H → γγ signal compositions



## CMS Simulation H → γγ (13 TeV)

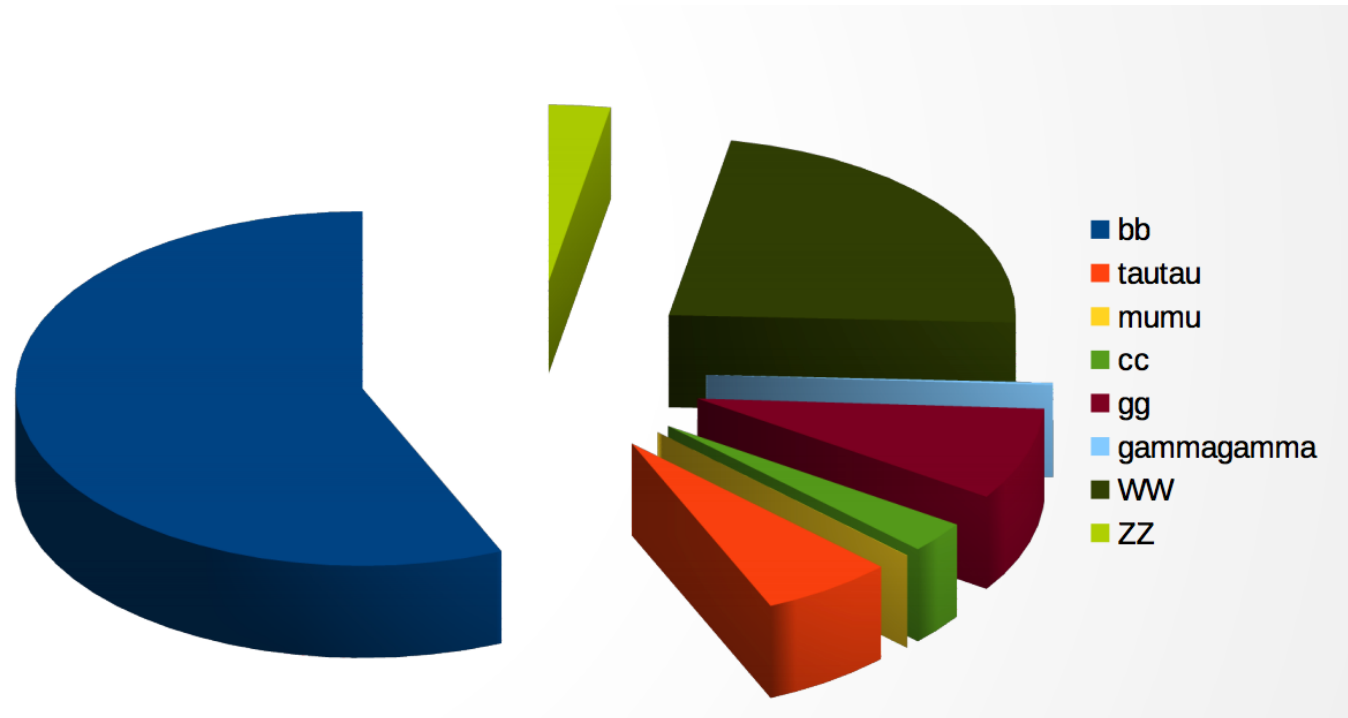




# Higgs boson decay





If we know the mass, all of the Higgs boson couplings to SM particles (and hence **production x-sections** and **decay rates**) are defined ...

Decay	BR (%)
$H \rightarrow bb$	58
$H \rightarrow WW$	21.6
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	6.3
$H \rightarrow cc$	2.9
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	2.7
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	0.23
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	0.115
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	0.022



# Reporting on $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ in "Jim's office"

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## Higgs Reference Analysis

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