# Rare Higgs and Z Boson Decays to a Meson and a Photon at the ATLAS experiment

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### Decays of the Higgs and Z Bosons to a Meson and a Photon

#### $\succ$ ATLAS has conducted a sweep of $H(Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}\gamma$ searches

- $\circ$  Published 14 limits with 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> of  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV data
  - Heavy mesons:  $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ ;  $Q = J/\psi, \psi(2S), \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$
  - Light mesons:  $H(Z) \rightarrow \phi \gamma$  and  $H(Z) \rightarrow \rho \gamma$

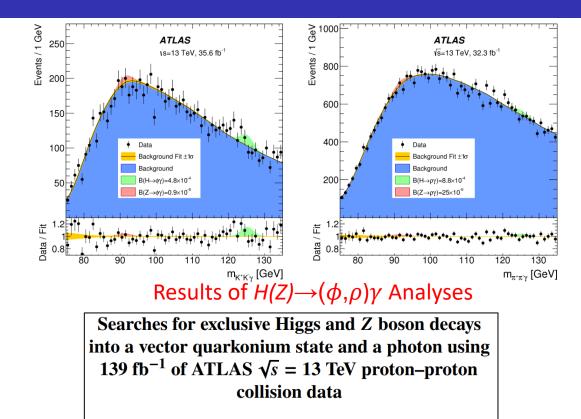
#### **Published results:**

 $\begin{array}{l} H(Z) \to (J/\psi, \psi(2S), Y)\gamma \text{ Partial Run 2: } \underline{Phys.Lett.B 786 (2018) 134-155} \\ H(Z) \to (\phi, \rho)\gamma \text{ Partial Run 2: } \underline{JHEP 07 (2018) 127} \\ H(Z) \to \phi\gamma \text{ Run 1: } \underline{Phys.Rev.Lett. 117 (2016) 11, 111802} \\ H(Z) \to (J/\psi, Y)\gamma \text{ Run 1: } \underline{Phys.Rev.Lett. 114 (2015) 12, 121801} \end{array}$ 

 Operate **dedicated** triggers and developed novel methods to model the backgrounds

#### $\succ$ Today I will showcase the latest $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ search

- $\circ$  Use full 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 13 TeV dataset
  - Results were public for ICHEP2022
  - Recently accepted by EPJC



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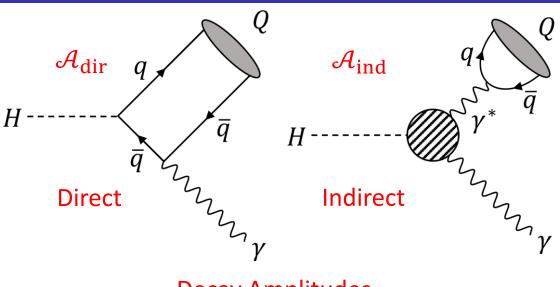
Searches for the exclusive decays of Higgs and Z bosons into a vector quarkonium state and a photon are performed in the  $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  final state with a proton–proton collision data sample corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with the ATLAS detector at the CERN Large Hadron Collider. The observed data are compatible with the expected backgrounds. The 95% CL<sub>s</sub> upper limits on the branching fractions of the Higgs boson decays into  $J/\psi \gamma$ ,  $\psi(2S) \gamma$ , and  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) \gamma$  are found to be  $2.1 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $10.9 \times 10^{-4}$ , and  $(2.6, 4.4, 3.5) \times 10^{-4}$ , respectively, assuming Standard Model production of the Higgs boson. The corresponding 95% CL<sub>s</sub> upper limits on the branching fractions of the Z boson decays are  $1.2 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $2.3 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $(1.0, 1.2, 2.3) \times 10^{-6}$ .

New 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>  $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$  results: <u>arXiv:2208.03122</u>

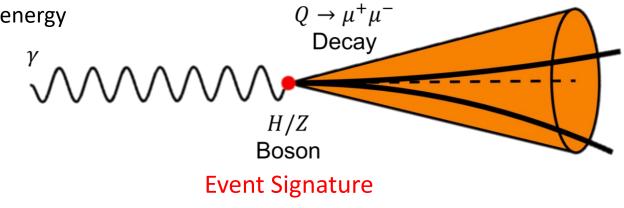
## $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Motivation

#### $\succ$ Search for $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$

- $Q = J/\psi, \psi(2S)$  (charmonium) or  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  (bottomonium)
- $\,\circ\,$  Two contributions to decay amplitude,  ${\cal A}_{dir}$  and  ${\cal A}_{ind},$  which destructively interfere
- Distinct signature avoids large QCD backgrounds seen in inclusive searches
- $\succ$  Higgs boson decays probe b- and c-quark Yukawa couplings
  - $\,\circ\,$  Sensitive to both the magnitude and the sign
- > Z boson decays provide a test of QCD factorisation
  - Small power corrections in terms of the ratio of the QCD energy scale over Z mass
  - Clean probe of meson light cone distribution amplitudes from a theory perspective



**Decay Amplitudes** 



### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Branching Ratio Predictions and Previous Results

Vector	SM bra	Vector		
quarkonium state	Ref. [31] (2015)	Refs. [33, 34] (2017)	Ref. [36] (2019)	quarkonium state
$J/\psi$	$2.95^{+0.17}_{-0.17} \times 10^{-6}$	$2.99^{+0.16}_{-0.15} \times 10^{-6}$	$3.01^{+0.15}_{-0.15} \times 10^{-6}$	$J/\psi$
$\Upsilon(1S)$	$4.61^{+1.76}_{-1.23} \times 10^{-9}$	$5.22^{+2.02}_{-1.70} \times 10^{-9}$	$9.97^{+4.04}_{-3.03} \times 10^{-9}$	$\Upsilon(1S)$
$\Upsilon(2S)$	$2.34^{+0.76}_{-1.00} \times 10^{-9}$	$1.42^{+0.72}_{-0.57} \times 10^{-9}$	$2.62^{+1.39}_{-0.91} \times 10^{-9}$	$\Upsilon(2S)$
$\Upsilon(3S)$	$2.13^{+0.76}_{-1.13} \times 10^{-9}$	$0.91^{+0.48}_{-0.38} \times 10^{-9}$	$1.87^{+1.05}_{-0.69} \times 10^{-9}$	$\Upsilon(3S)$

$\Upsilon(1S)$	$5.39^{+0.17}_{-0.15} \times 10^{-8}$	$4.93^{+0.51}_{-0.51} \times 10^{-8}$	$4.80^{+0.26}_{-0.25} \times 10^{-8}$					
$\Upsilon(2S)$	-	-	$2.44^{+0.14}_{-0.13} \times 10^{-8}$					
$\Upsilon(3S)$	-	-	$1.88^{+0.11}_{-0.10} \times 10^{-8}$					
Z boson decays								

(Refs: 46, 47, 48)

Ref. [46] (2015)

 $8.02^{+0.46}_{-0.44} \times 10^{-8}$ 

SM branching fraction,  $\mathcal{B}(Z \to Q\gamma)$ Ref. [47] (2015)

 $9.96^{+1.86}_{-1.86} \times 10^{-8}$ 

#### Higgs boson decays (Refs: 31, 33, 34, 36)

- $J/\psi, \psi(2S)$ : $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$ :•  $|\mathcal{A}_{ind}| \approx 20 \times |\mathcal{A}_{dir}|$   $\mathcal{A}_{ind}, \mathcal{A}_{dir}$  almost cancel in SM

 $\triangleright$  Previous ATLAS  $Q\gamma$  result used 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 13 TeV dataset  $\circ$  Updated results use full available 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>

 $\succ$  CMS searched for  $H(Z) \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$  with 35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 13 TeV  $\circ \mathcal{B}(H \to I/\psi \gamma) < 7.6 \times 10^{-4}; \mathcal{B}(Z \to I/\psi \gamma) < 1.4 \times 10^{-6}$ • Eur. Phys. J. C 79 (2019) 94

 $\triangleright$  CMS also searched for  $H(Z) \rightarrow QQ$  with 37.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 13 TeV

#### Phys. Lett. B 797 (2019) 134811

Branching fraction limit (95% CL)	Expected	Observed
$\mathcal{B}\left(H \to J/\psi\gamma\right)\left[\ 10^{-4}\ \right]$	$3.0^{+1.4}_{-0.8}$	3.5
$\mathcal{B}\left(H \to \psi\left(2S\right)\gamma\right)\left[10^{-4}\right]$	$15.6_{-4.4}^{+7.7}$	19.8
$\mathcal{B}\left(Z \to J/\psi\gamma\right)\left[\;10^{-6}\;\right]$	$1.1_{-0.3}^{+0.5}$	2.3
$\mathcal{B}\left(Z \to \psi\left(2S\right) \gamma\right) \left[ \ 10^{-6} \ \right]$	$6.0^{+2.7}_{-1.7}$	4.5
$\mathcal{B}\left(H \to \Upsilon(1S) \gamma\right) \left[ \ 10^{-4} \ \right]$	$5.0^{+2.4}_{-1.4}$	4.9
$\mathcal{B}(H \to \Upsilon(2S) \gamma) [10^{-4}]$	$6.2^{+3.0}_{-1.7}$	5.9
$\mathcal{B}\left(H \to \Upsilon(3S)\gamma\right)\left[10^{-4}\right]$	$5.0^{+2.5}_{-1.4}$	5.7
$\mathcal{B}\left(Z \to \Upsilon(1S)\gamma\right) \left[ \ 10^{-6} \  ight]$	$2.8^{+1.2}_{-0.8}$	2.8
$\mathcal{B}\left(Z \to \Upsilon(2S) \gamma\right) \left[ \ 10^{-6} \ \right]$	$3.8^{+1.6}_{-1.1}$	1.7
$\mathcal{B}\left(Z \to \Upsilon(3S)\gamma\right) \left[ \ 10^{-6} \ \right]$	$3.0^{+1.3}_{-0.8}$	4.8

Results of 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>  $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Phys. Lett. B 786 (2018) 134-155

Ref. [48] (2018)

 $8.96^{+1.51}_{-1.38} \times 10^{-8}$ 

### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Event Selection

> Unique signature provides handle for triggering

- Operated **dedicated** photon + muon triggers during Run 2, seeded from L1Calo
- $\circ$  High trigger efficiency, > 97%, with respect to offline selection

**Photon Selection:** 

• $p_{\rm T}^{\gamma} > 35 \,{\rm GeV}$ • $|\eta^{\gamma}| < 2.37$  and outside transition region  $1.37 < |\eta^{\gamma}| < 1.52$  Tight quality  $\bullet \Delta \phi(Q, \gamma) > \pi/2$ Photon isolation

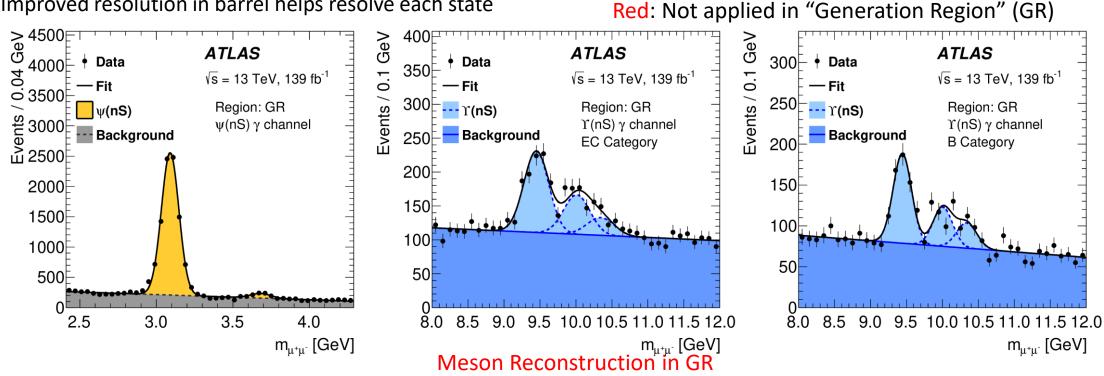
#### **Meson Selection:** • $p_{\rm T}^{\rm lead} > 18 \, {\rm GeV}; p_{\rm T}^{\rm sublead} > 3 \, {\rm GeV}$

- • $|\eta^{\mu}| < 2.5$
- Oppositely charged muons
- Medium guality
- • $m(\mu^+\mu^-)$  near meson mass
- •Transverse decay length significance  $|L_{xy}/\sigma_{L_{xy}}| < 3$

• $p_{\rm T}(\mu^+\mu^-)$  cut varies with  $m(\mu^+\mu^-\gamma)$ Muon isolation

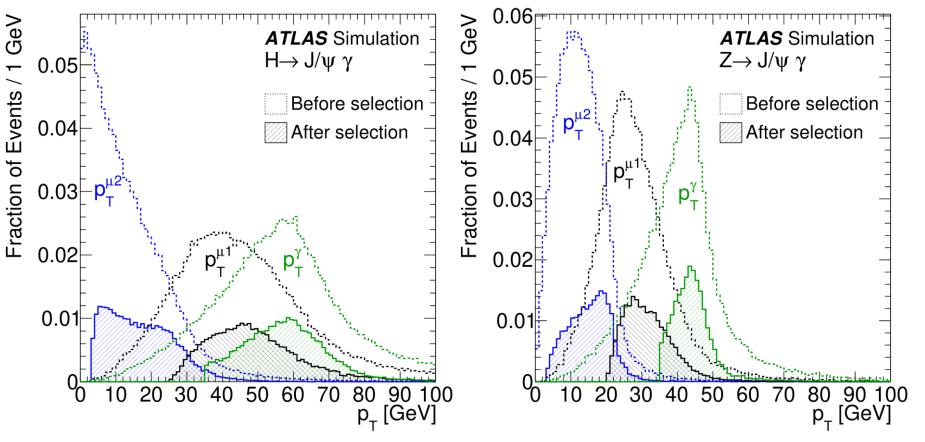
> Split  $\Upsilon(nS)$  into Barrel (B) and Endcap (EC) categories

• Improved resolution in barrel helps resolve each state



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### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Signal Efficiency

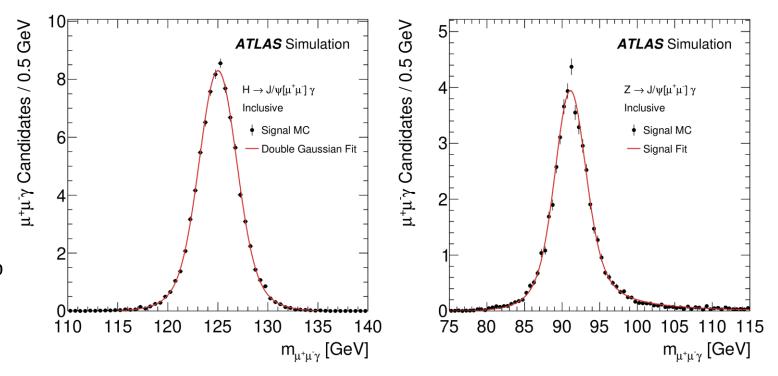


Generator-level  $p_{\rm T}$  of Decay Products for  $J/\psi$  channels

 $\succ$  Softer photon and muon  $p_{\rm T}$  in Z boson decays leads to smaller signal efficiencies compared to Higgs boson decays

### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Signal Modelling and Resolution

- > Simulate signal event for all  $Q\gamma$  decay channels with Monte Carlo
  - Consider all relevant Higgs boson production modes: gluon fusion, vector boson fusion, and WH, ZH and ttH associated production
  - $\circ Z$  boson samples are produced inclusively
- Achieve a signal resolution of 1.6% 1.8% across all channels
  - $\,\circ\,$  Higgs boson shape: double Gaussian
  - Z boson shape: double Voigtian multiplied by mass-dependent efficiency



Signal Resolution for  $J/\psi$  channels

### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Signal Systematic Uncertainties

Source of systematic uncertainty	Signal yield uncertainty					
Source of systematic uncertainty	$H \to \psi(nS)$	$H \to \Upsilon(nS)$	$Z \to \psi(nS)$	$Z \to \Upsilon(nS)$		
Total cross section	5.5	5.8%		9%		
Integrated luminosity	1.	7%	1.7%			
Signal acceptance	1.8	8%	1.0%			
Muon reconstruction	2.3%	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%		
Photon identification	1.7%	1.7%	1.9%	1.9%		
Pile-up uncertainty	0.8%	0.7%	1.1%	1.1%		
Trigger efficiency	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%		
Photon energy scale	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%		
Muon momentum scale	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.2%		
Muon momentum resolution (ID)	< 0.01%	0.01%	0.06%	0.02%		
Muon momentum resolution (MS)	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%	0.01%		

> Take into account relevant uncertainties on the total signal yield

- Nuisance parameters with standard Gaussian constraints in maximum likelihood fit
- $\,\circ\,$  Shape uncertainties found to be negligible

# $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Background Modelling

#### Exclusive background

- $\circ \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$  production via Drell-Yan
- Modelled with an analytical fit to simulated events
  - Threshold function + Voigtian function •

#### Inclusive background

- Multi-jet and  $\gamma$ +jet sources with Q or dimuon production
- Non-parametric data-driven background model
  - JHEP 10 (2022) 001 •

pseudocandidate events

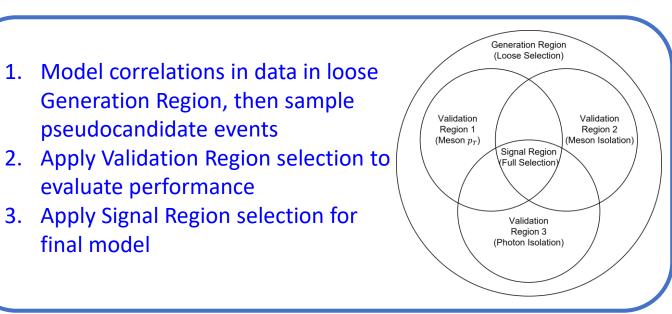
evaluate performance

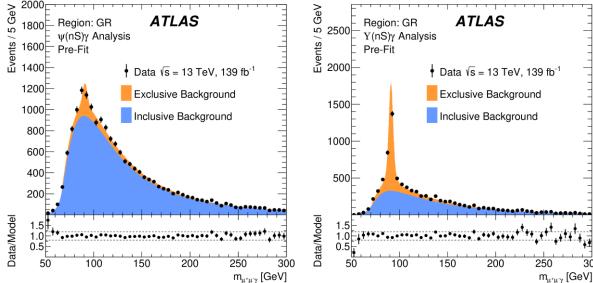
final model

3.

Generation Region, then sample

Apply Signal Region selection for





#### **Background in Generation Region**

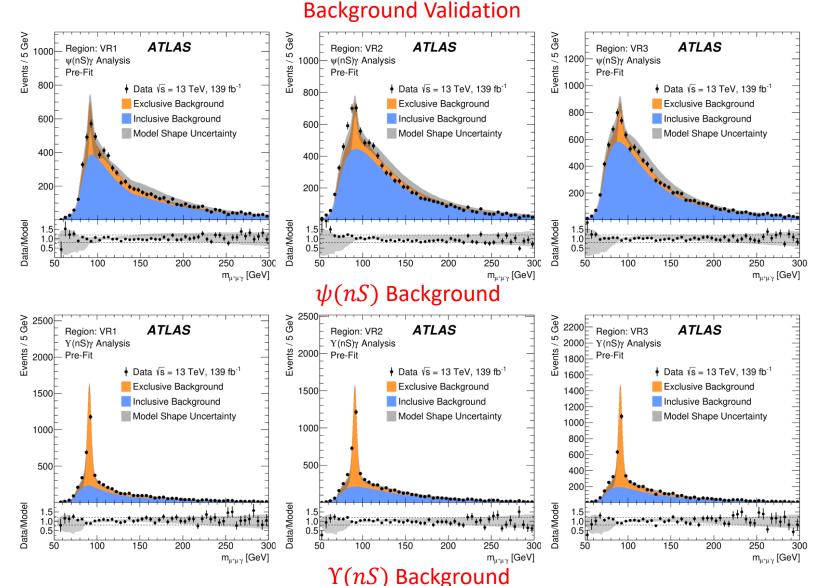
Region		$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mu\mu}$	Photon Isolation	<b>Q</b> Isolation
Generation Region	(GR)	> 30 GeV	Relaxed	Relaxed
Validation Region 1	(VR1)	Full	Relaxed	Relaxed
Validation Region 2	(VR2)	> 30 GeV	Relaxed	Full
Validation Region 3	(VR3)	> 30 GeV	Full	Relaxed
Signal Region	(SR)	Full	Full	Full

#### **Region Definitions**

### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Background Validation and Systematic Uncertainties

#### Validation plots are pre-fit

- Normalisation set to events in mass range
- Ratio of inclusive/exclusive background extracted from GR
- Each of these are free in final fit
- Systematic uncertainties accounted for with shape variations
  - Mass tilt: reweight mass distribution with a tilt function
    - Distribution can adapt to tilts in ratio
  - $\,\circ\,$  Photon  $p_{\rm T}$  shift: shift generated photon  $p_{\rm T}$  in GR
    - Distribution can shift higher/lower
  - $\circ~\Delta\phi$  distortion: reweight generated  $\Delta\phi$  in GR
    - Width of distribution can increase/decrease

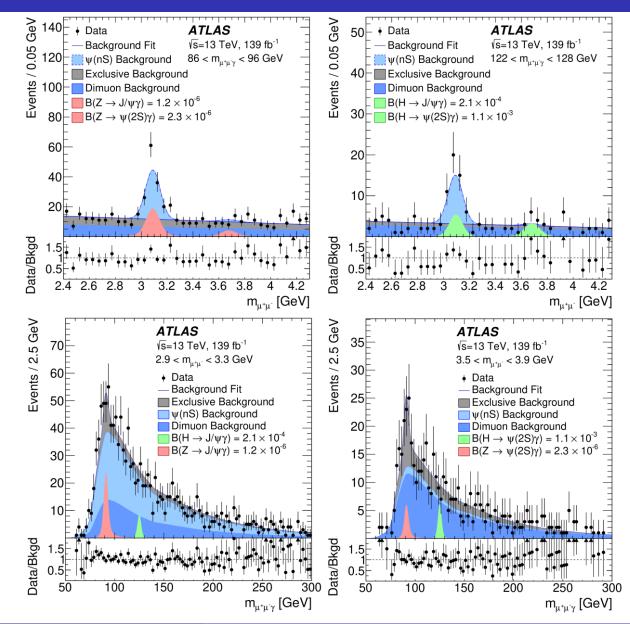


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# $H(Z) ightarrow \psi(nS)\gamma$ : Projection of Fit in Regions

> Use **2D** unbinned likelihood fit in  $m(\mu^+\mu^-)$ ,  $m(\mu^+\mu^-\gamma)$ 

- Discriminates between **all** signal and background contributions
- $ightarrow \psi(nS)\gamma$  analysis fit is performed inclusively in a single category
  - $\,\circ\,$  Fit to data with three-body mass  $<300~{\rm GeV}$  in the signal region
  - Project fit near each signal resonance



# $H(Z) \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)\gamma$ : Projection of Fit in Regions

> Use **2D** unbinned likelihood fit in  $m(\mu^+\mu^-), m(\mu^+\mu^-\gamma)$ 

- Discriminates between all signal and background contributions
- $\succ \Upsilon(nS)\gamma$  analysis fit is performed simultaneously in the barrel and endcap categories
  - $\circ$  Fit to data with three-body mass < 300 GeV in the signal region

2.5

140

80

60

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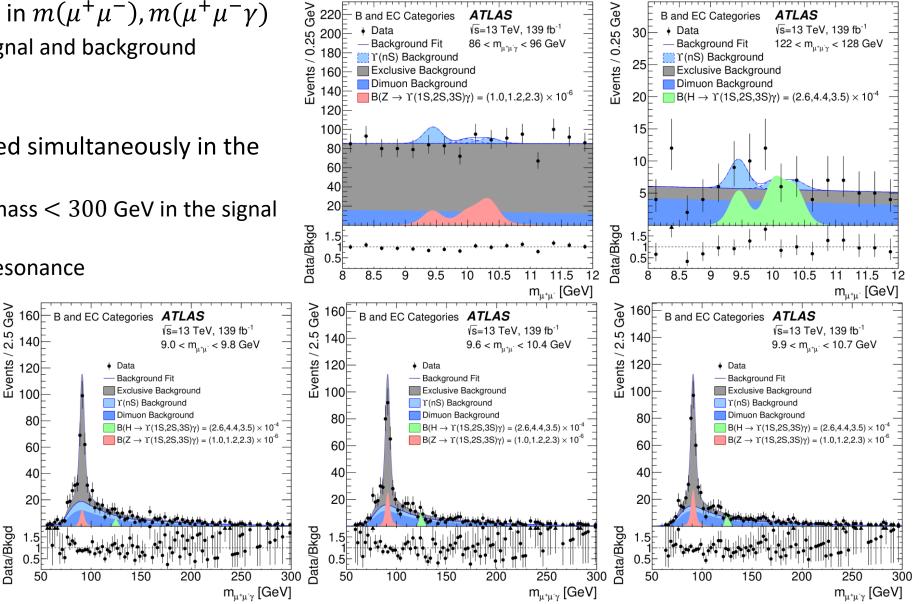
20

50

Data/Bkgd

120 Events 100

• Project fit near each signal resonance





### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> Analysis Limits and $\kappa$ Interpretation

- Extract 95% CL upper limits on decay channels
  - Approximately a factor two improvement over the 36.1  $fb^{-1}$  result
- > Statistical uncertainty dominates
  - $\circ$  Systematics reduce sensitivity to the H(Z)signals by at most 1% (5%)
  - Main systematics are in the inclusive background shape

			mits				
		Branchin	g fraction		$\sigma \times \mathcal{B}$		
Decay	Higgs boson [ 10 <sup>-4</sup> ]		Z boson [ 10 <sup>-6</sup> ]		Higgs boson [fb]	Z boson [fb]	
channel	Expected	Observed	Expected Observed		Observed	Observed	
$J/\psi\gamma$	$1.9^{+0.8}_{-0.5}$	2.1	$0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$ 1.2		12	71	
$\psi(2S)\gamma$	$8.5^{+3.8}_{-2.4}$	10.9	$2.9^{+1.3}_{-0.8}$	2.3	61	135	
$\Upsilon(1S) \gamma$	$2.8^{+1.3}_{-0.8}$	2.6	$1.5^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$ 1.0		14	59	
$\Upsilon(2S) \gamma$	$3.5^{+1.6}_{-1.0}$	4.4	$2.0^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$ 1.2		24	71	
$\Upsilon(3S) \gamma$	$3.1^{+1.4}_{-0.9}$	3.5	$1.9^{+0.8}_{-0.5}$ 2.3		19	135	

$$\succ \text{ Combine with } H \to \gamma \gamma^{\$} \text{ to interpret in terms of } \kappa_{c,b} / \kappa_{\gamma} \text{:}$$

$$\mu_{H \to J/\psi \gamma} \left| \mathcal{A}_{\text{ind}} + \frac{\kappa_c}{\kappa_{\gamma}} \mathcal{A}_{\text{d}} \right|$$

$$\frac{\frac{H \to J/\psi \gamma}{\mu_{H \to \gamma\gamma}}}{\mu_{H \to \gamma\gamma}} \approx \frac{\left| \mathcal{A}_{\text{ind}} + \frac{\kappa_c}{\kappa_\gamma} \mathcal{A}_{\text{dir}} \right|^2}{\Gamma_{H \to J/\psi \gamma}^{\text{SM}}}$$

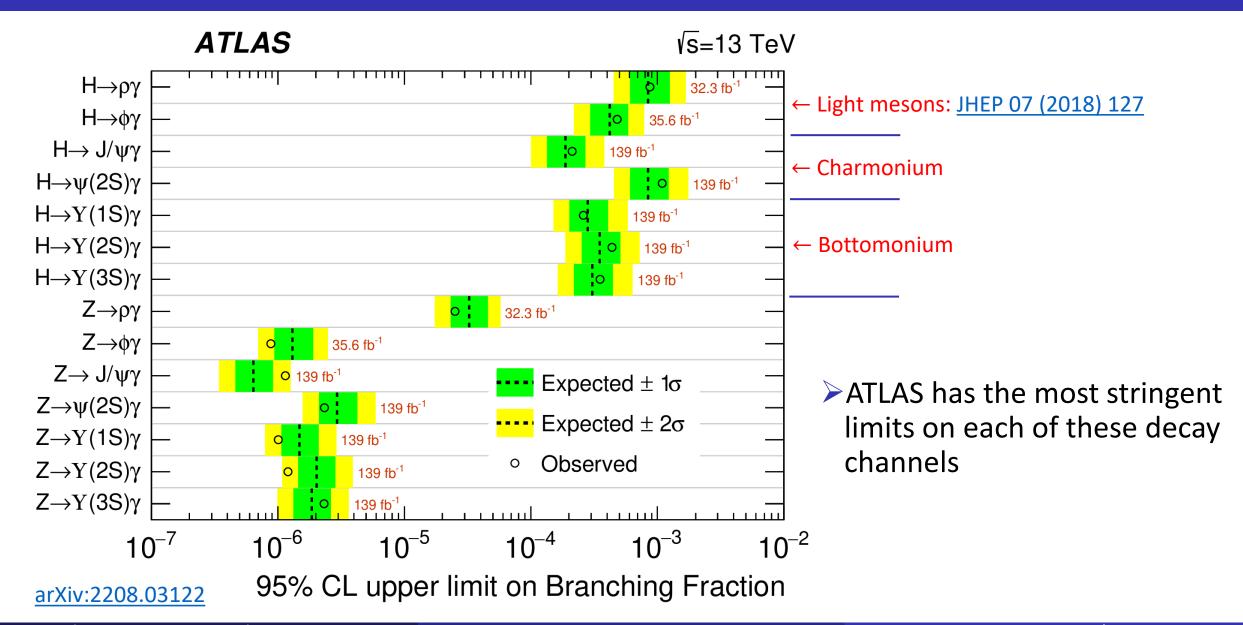
#### $\mu$ is the observed rate, normalised to the SM rate

Observed (expected) bounds @ 95% CL:

 $\circ \kappa_c/\kappa_{\gamma}$ : [-136, 178] ([-123, 164]) from  $H \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma$ ○  $\kappa_b/\kappa_\gamma$ : [-38, 40] ([-37, 40]) from combined *H* → Υ(*n*S)γ

<sup>9</sup>ATLAS-CONF-2020-026

### Summary of Exclusive $H(Z) \rightarrow M\gamma$ Search Results



#### Conclusions

#### Searches for the rare decays $H(Z) \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma, \psi(2S)\gamma$ , and $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)\gamma$

> Results using 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV dataset are now public: <u>arXiv:2208.03122</u>

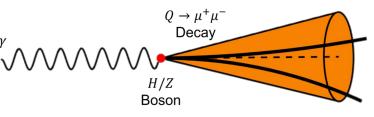
- $\circ$  *H* decays probe magnitude and sign of *b* and *c*-quark Yukawa couplings
- $\,\circ\, Z$  decays provide a test of QCD factorisation
- $\,\circ\,$  Search for  $Q \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  decay channels with dedicated photon+muon triggers

#### Signal model

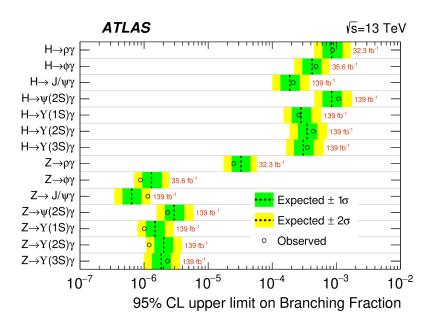
- Analytical fit to simulated events
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#### Background Model

- $\,\circ\,$  Exclusive contribution from  $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$  production via Drell-Yan
  - Analytical fit to simulated events
- $\,\circ\,$  Inclusive contribution from multi-jet and  $\gamma$  +jet sources with Q or dimuon production
  - Non-parametric data-driven background model
- > 2D fits in  $m(\mu^+\mu^-\gamma)$ ,  $m(\mu^+\mu^-)$  discriminate signal resonances and sources of background
  - $\circ$  Set improved limits on all 10 decay channels, and interpret results in the  $\kappa$  framework



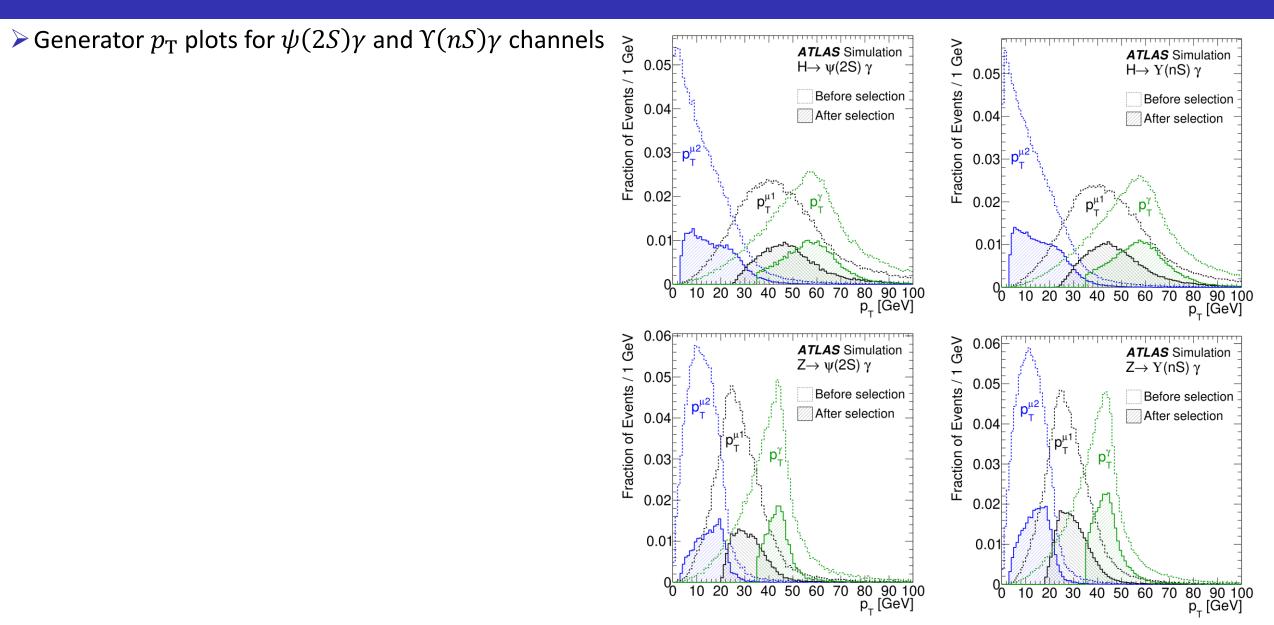
**Event Signature** 



 $H(Z) \rightarrow M\gamma$  Limits

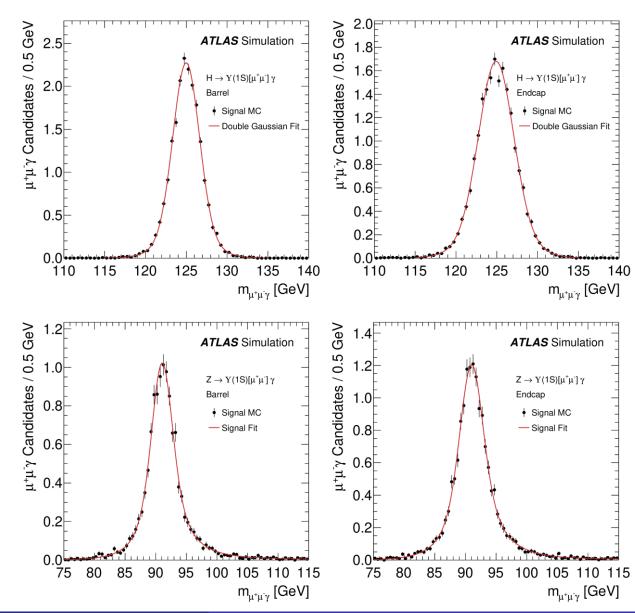
# **ADDITIONAL SLIDES**

### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Trigger Strategy and Acceptance

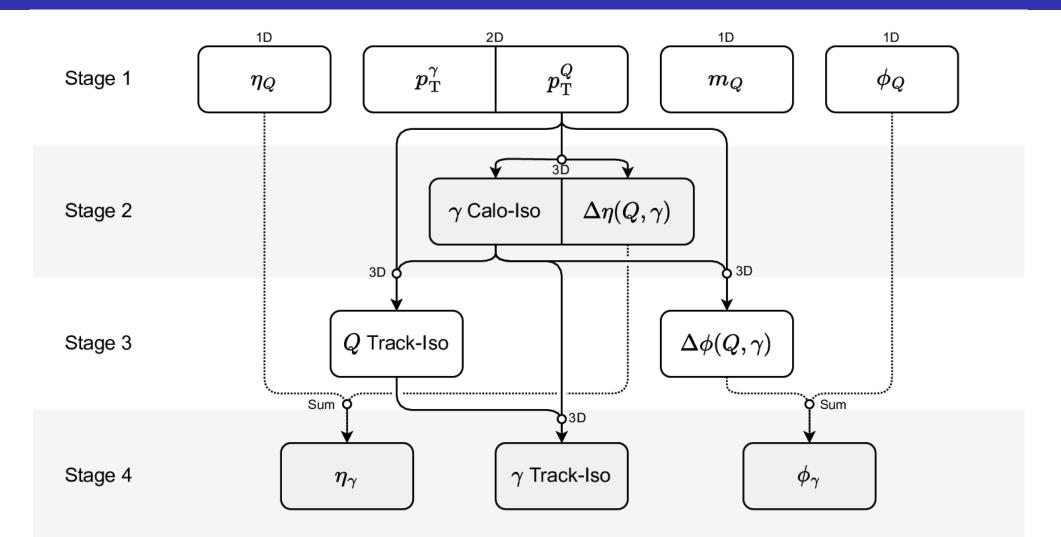


### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Signal Modelling and Resolution

> Signal resolution plots for  $\Upsilon(1S)\gamma$  channels in B and EC categories



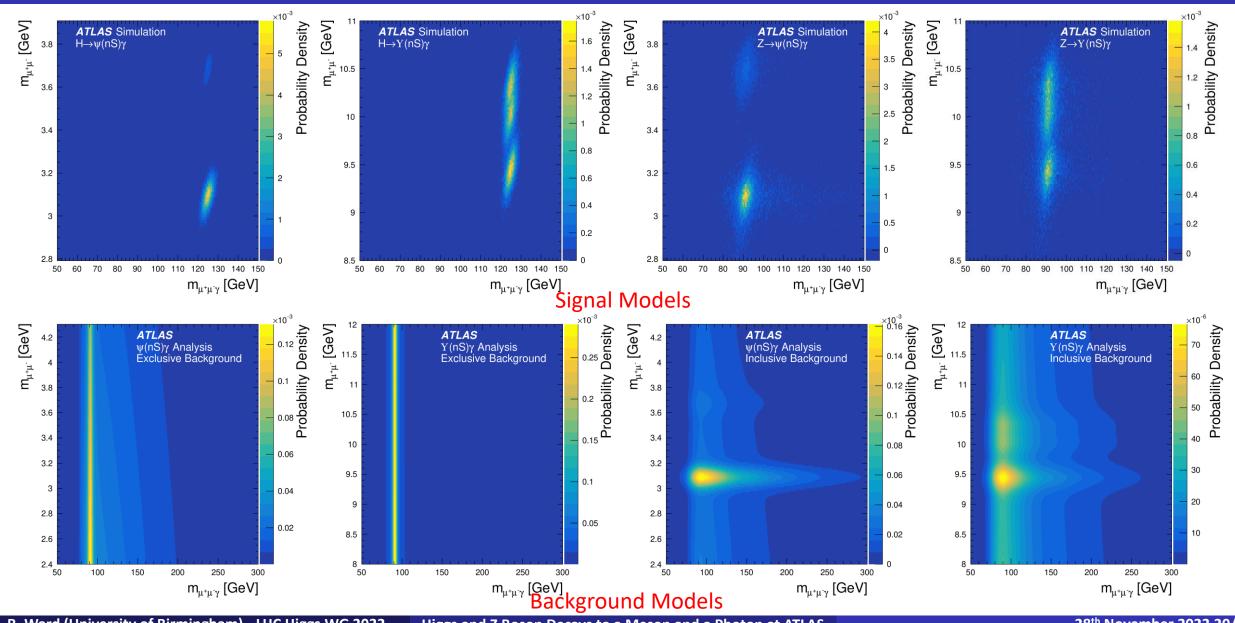
### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Sequential Sampling Scheme



> Create probability density functions for kinematic and isolation variables using data in generation region

• Sample from these following the above scheme to generate pseudocandiate events

#### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Three-body Versus Dimuon Mass



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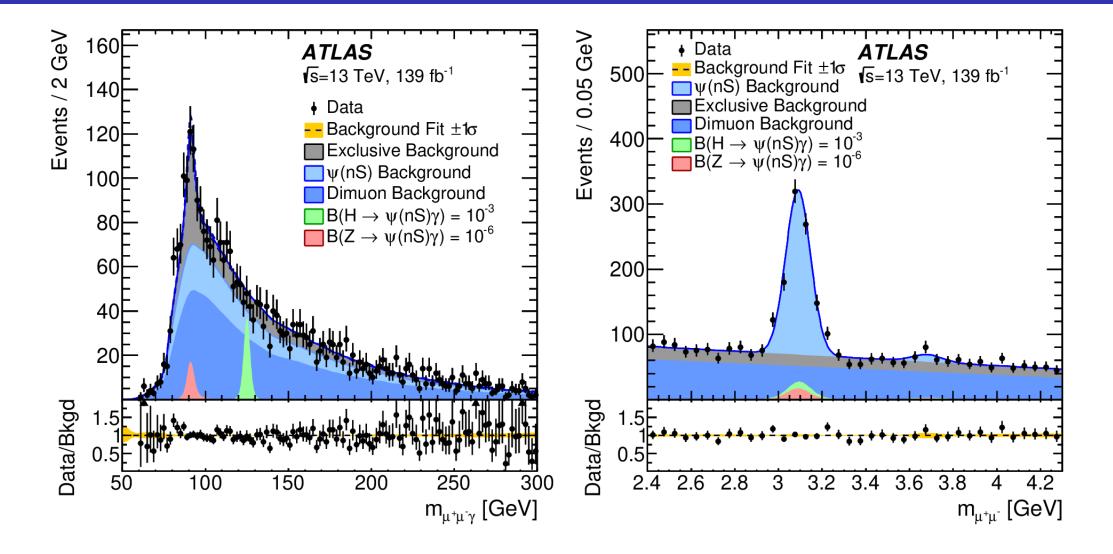
### $H(Z) \rightarrow Q\gamma$ : Observed and Expected Events

		C	Observed (expected) background				<i>H</i> signal
Category $m_{\mu^+\mu^-}$ range			$m_{\mu^+\mu^-\gamma}$ range [GeV]				for
	[GeV]	86–96		122–128		$\mathcal{B} = 10^{-6}$	$\mathcal{B} = 10^{-3}$
Inclusive	2.9-3.3	198	$(185.6 \pm 5.9)$	61	$(59.1 \pm 1.6)$	$51.1 \pm 2.5$	84.3 ± 5.9
Inclusive	3.5-3.9	83	$(82.5 \pm 4.0)$	21	$(22.9\pm0.9)$	$6.7 \pm 0.3$	$11.4 \pm 0.8$
Barrel	9.0–9.8	125	$(125.3 \pm 4.7)$	12	$(11.6 \pm 0.6)$	$12.3 \pm 0.6$	$19.9 \pm 1.4$
Barrel	9.6–10.4	118	$(121.9 \pm 4.6)$	14	$(10.7 \pm 0.6)$	$9.3 \pm 0.5$	$15.1 \pm 1.1$
Barrel	9.9–10.7	102	$(119.9 \pm 4.5)$	11	$(10.2 \pm 0.6)$	$10.8 \pm 0.5$	$17.2 \pm 1.2$
Endcap	9.0–9.8	133	$(162.9 \pm 5.7)$	16	$(13.6 \pm 0.7)$	$16.1 \pm 0.8$	$19.4 \pm 1.4$
Endcap	9.6–10.4	150	$(157.1 \pm 5.6)$	11	$(11.7 \pm 0.5)$	$12.2 \pm 0.6$	$15.0 \pm 1.1$
Endcap	9.9–10.7	171	$(156.7 \pm 5.8)$	7	$(11.4 \pm 0.6)$	$13.9 \pm 0.7$	$16.8 \pm 1.2$

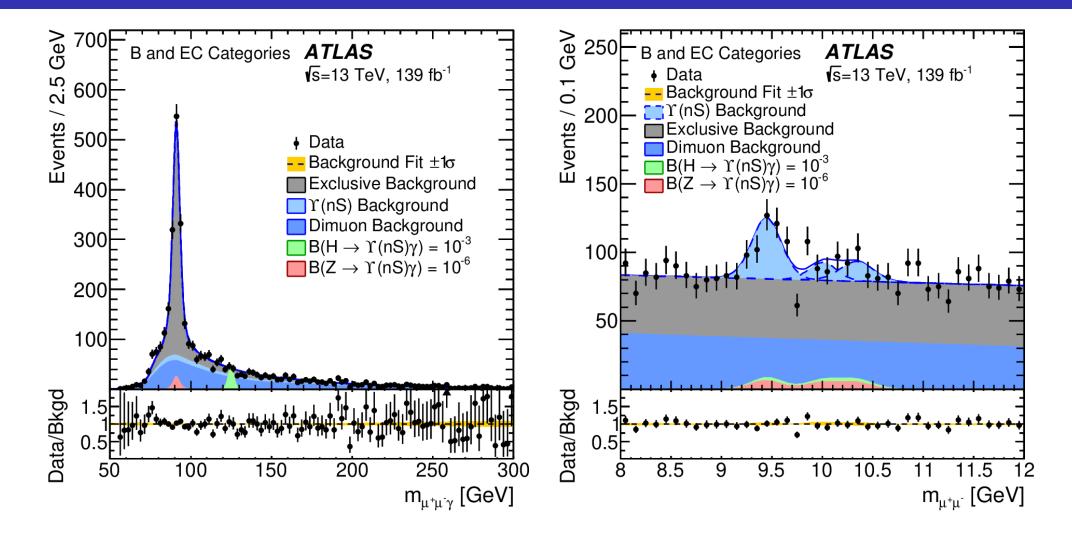
> Table of observed and expected background events in ranges of interest

• Expected signal events are shown using reference branching ratios for each decay channel

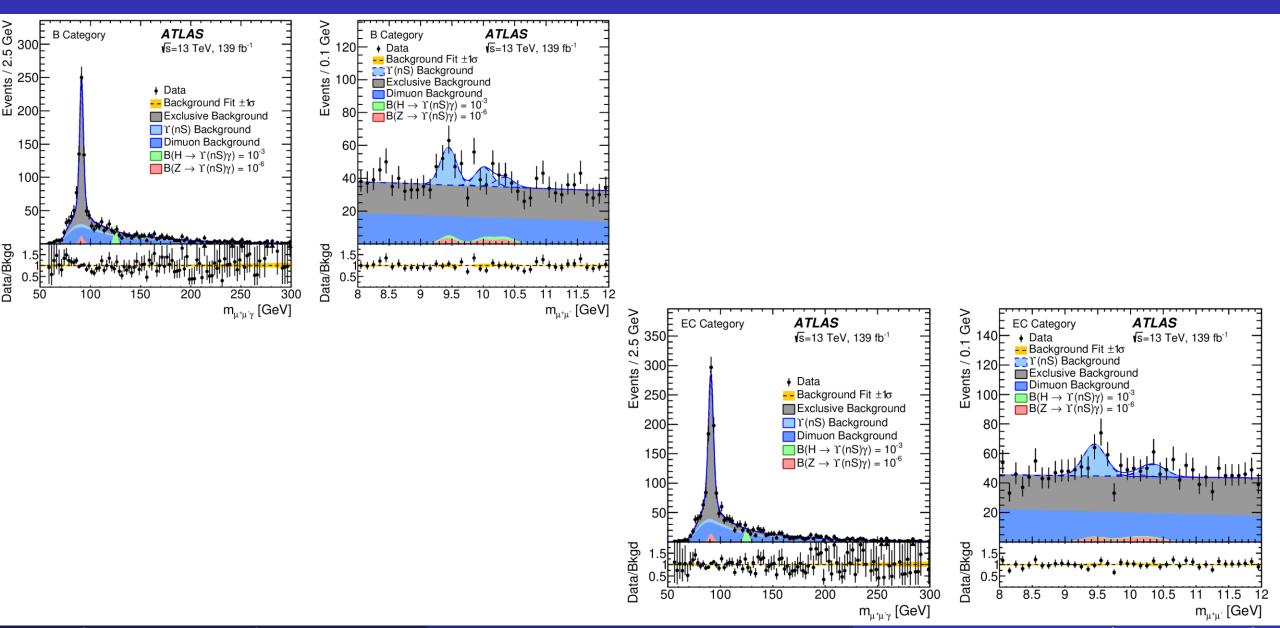
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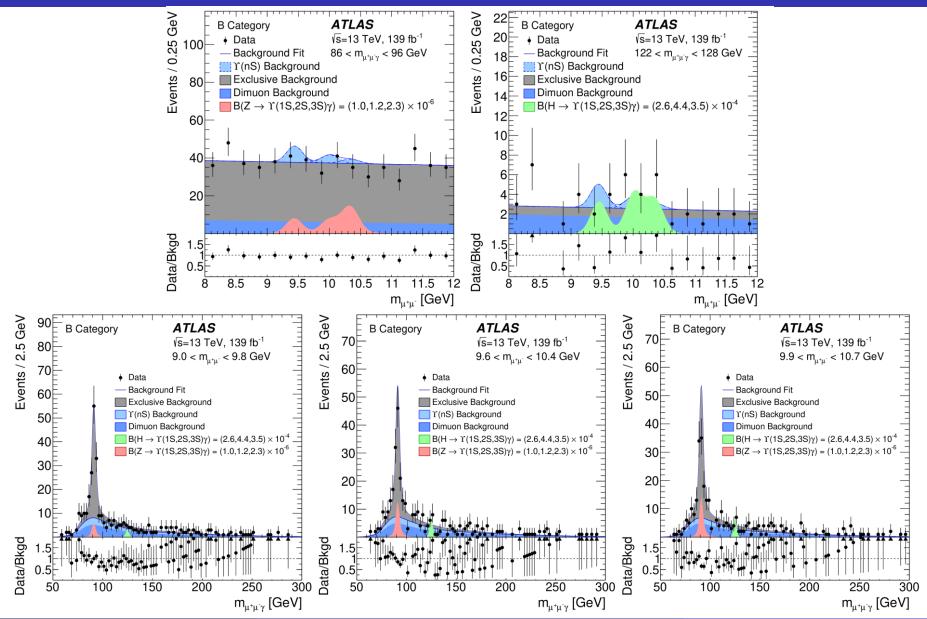


### $H(Z) \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)\gamma$ : Fit in Separate B and EC Categories



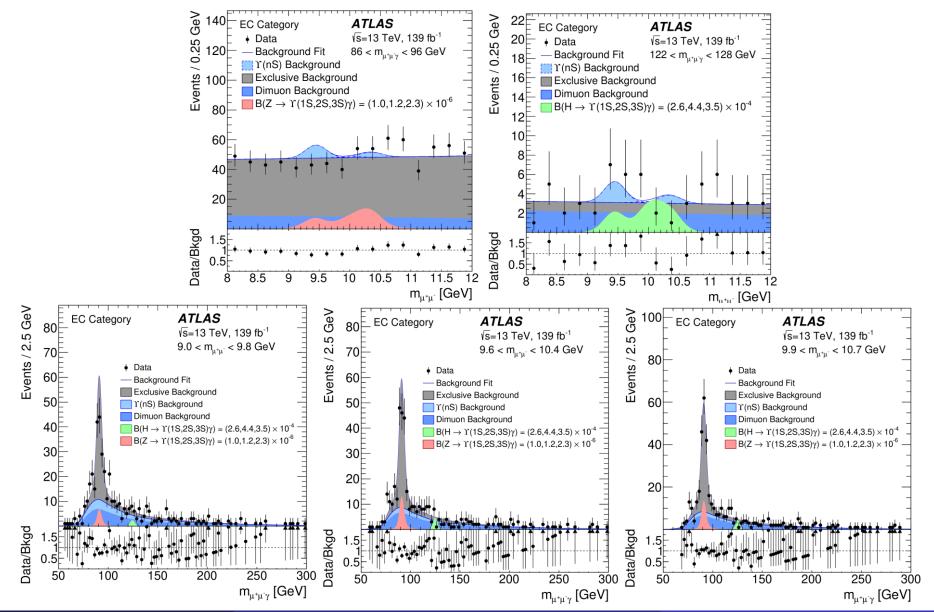


### $H(Z) \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)\gamma$ : Barrel Category Projections



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#### $H(Z) \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)\gamma$ : Endcap Category Projections



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# Search for $H \to (\phi/\rho)\gamma$ : Early Run 2 Analysis Results

Events

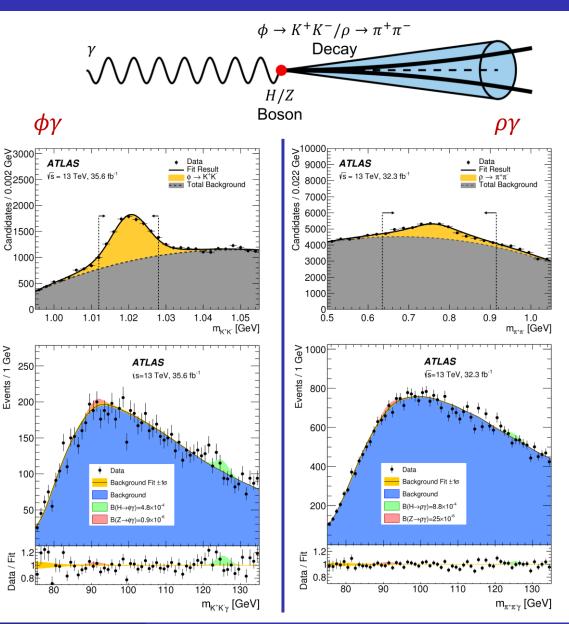
 $> H \rightarrow \phi(K^+K^-)\gamma$  sensitive to magnitude and sign of  $y_s$ 

 $\circ$   $H \rightarrow \rho(\pi^+\pi^-)\gamma$  sensitive to magnitude and sign of  $y_{u,d}$ 

- $\rightarrow$  Direct and indirect decay amplitudes analogous to  $H \rightarrow Q\gamma$  $\circ BR_{H \to \phi \gamma(\rho \gamma)}^{SM} \approx 10^{-6} (10^{-5})$
- $\triangleright$  Include analogous searches for  $Z \rightarrow (\phi/\rho)\gamma$  $\circ BR_{Z \to \phi \gamma(\rho \gamma)}^{SM} \approx 10^{-8}$
- > **Dedicated** triggers based on single photon + modified  $\tau$ -lepton algorithms
  - $\circ$  Signal resolution  $\approx 1.8\%$
- $\succ$  Similar signal and background modelling strategy to  $H \rightarrow Q\gamma$ 
  - Background model is fully data driven
    - No backgrounds resonant in  $m(K^+K^-\gamma)$  or  $m(\pi^+\pi^-\gamma)$
    - Validate model in  $m(K^+K^-)$  and  $m(\pi^+\pi^-)$  sidebands

 $\succ$  Use unbinned likelihood fit to  $m(K^+K^-\gamma)$  and  $m(\pi^+\pi^-\gamma)$ 

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## Limits for $H o (\phi/\rho)\gamma$

Branching Fraction Limit (95% CL)	Expected	Observed
$\mathcal{B}\left(H\to\phi\gamma\right)\left[\ 10^{-4}\ \right]$	$4.2^{+1.8}_{-1.2}$	4.8
$\mathcal{B}\left(Z \to \phi \gamma\right) \left[ \ 10^{-6} \ \right]$	$1.3^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$	0.9
$\mathcal{B}\left(H\to\rho\gamma\right)\left[\ 10^{-4}\ \right]$	$8.4^{+4.1}_{-2.4}$	8.8
$\mathcal{B}\left(Z\to\rho\gamma\right)\left[\ 10^{-6}\ \right]$	$33^{+13}_{-9}$	25

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