

### ABSTRACT

We study on dimension-8 anomalous couplings related to the quartic vertices of neutral gauge bosons, defined by the effective field theory framework, in  $Z\gamma\gamma$  production with Z-boson decaying to charged leptons at Future Circular hadron-hadron collider (FCC-hh). The analysis is performed using Monte Carlo event sampling with a realistic detector effect and a cut-off-based method, taking into account centre-of-mass energy of 100 TeV and integrated luminosity parameters of  $30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  or the FCC-hh. The sensitivity limits for anomalous quartic couplings  $f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$  and  $f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$  ( $f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$ ,  $f_{T1}/\Lambda^4$  and  $f_{T2}/\Lambda^4$ ) at 95% C.L. for FCC-hh with without systematic errors is two (one) order better than the current experimental limits of ATLAS and CMS results. Considering a realistic systematic uncertainty such as 10% from possible experimental sources, the sensitivity of all anomalous quartic couplings gets worsen by about 1.5% compared to those without systematic uncertainty for FCC-hh.

### THEORY

The three classes of dimension-eight effective operators containing: i) covariant derivatives of Higgs doublet only ( $\mathcal{O}_{S,i}$ ), ii) two field strength tensors and two derivatives of Higgs doublet ( $\mathcal{O}_{M,i}$ ) and iii) field strength tensors only ( $\mathcal{O}_{T,i}$ ) are added SM Lagrangian [1]

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{j=1}^9 \frac{f_{T,j}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_{T,j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{T0} &= \text{Tr}[\widehat{W}_{\mu\nu}\widehat{W}^{\mu\nu}] \times \text{Tr}[\widehat{W}_{\alpha\beta}\widehat{W}^{\alpha\beta}] & \mathcal{O}_{T8} &= [\widehat{B}_{\mu\nu}\widehat{B}^{\mu\nu}\widehat{B}_{\alpha\beta}\widehat{B}^{\alpha\beta}] \\ \mathcal{O}_{T1} &= \text{Tr}[\widehat{W}_{\alpha\nu}\widehat{W}^{\mu\beta}] \times \text{Tr}[\widehat{W}_{\mu\beta}\widehat{W}^{\alpha\nu}] & \mathcal{O}_{T9} &= [\widehat{B}_{\alpha\mu}\widehat{B}^{\mu\beta}\widehat{B}_{\beta\nu}\widehat{B}^{\nu\alpha}] \\ \mathcal{O}_{T2} &= \text{Tr}[\widehat{W}_{\alpha\mu}\widehat{W}^{\mu\beta}] \times \text{Tr}[\widehat{W}_{\beta\nu}\widehat{W}^{\nu\alpha}] \end{aligned}$$

	WWWW	WWZZ	ZZZZ	WW $\gamma$ Z	WW $\gamma\gamma$	ZZ $\gamma\gamma$	ZZ $\gamma$ Z	Z $\gamma\gamma$	$\gamma\gamma\gamma$
$\mathcal{O}_{T0}, \mathcal{O}_{T1}, \mathcal{O}_{T2}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\mathcal{O}_{T8}, \mathcal{O}_{T9}$			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓

Quartic gauge boson vertices modified by the related dimension-8 operator

### CROSS SECTIONS FOR $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma\gamma$ PROCESS

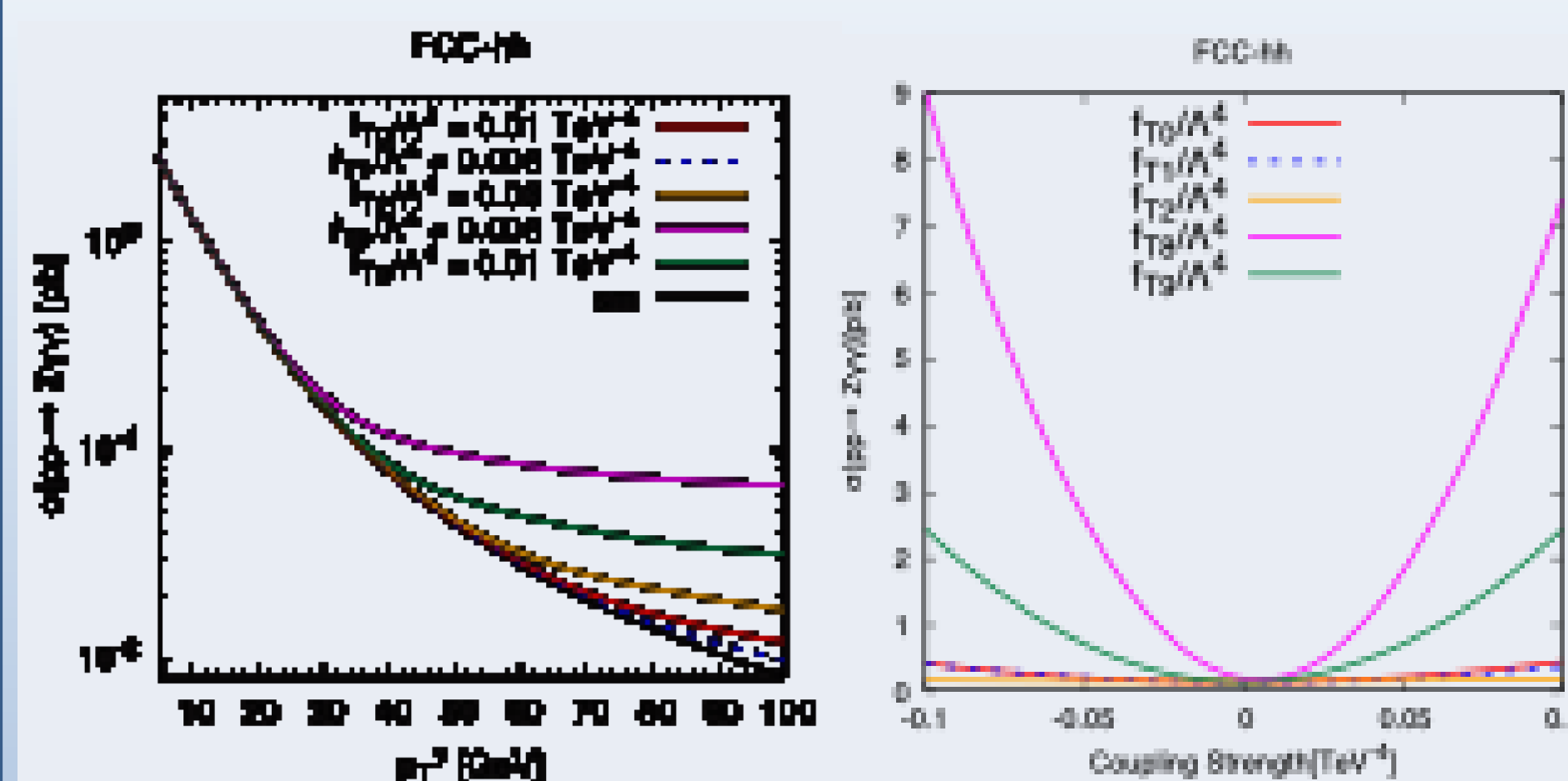


Fig.1 : The cross section of the  $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma\gamma$  process as function of the lower cut on photon transverse momentum (left panel) and production cross section of the  $Z\gamma\gamma$  process in terms of the anomalous quartic gauge couplings for FCC-hh (in the right panel)

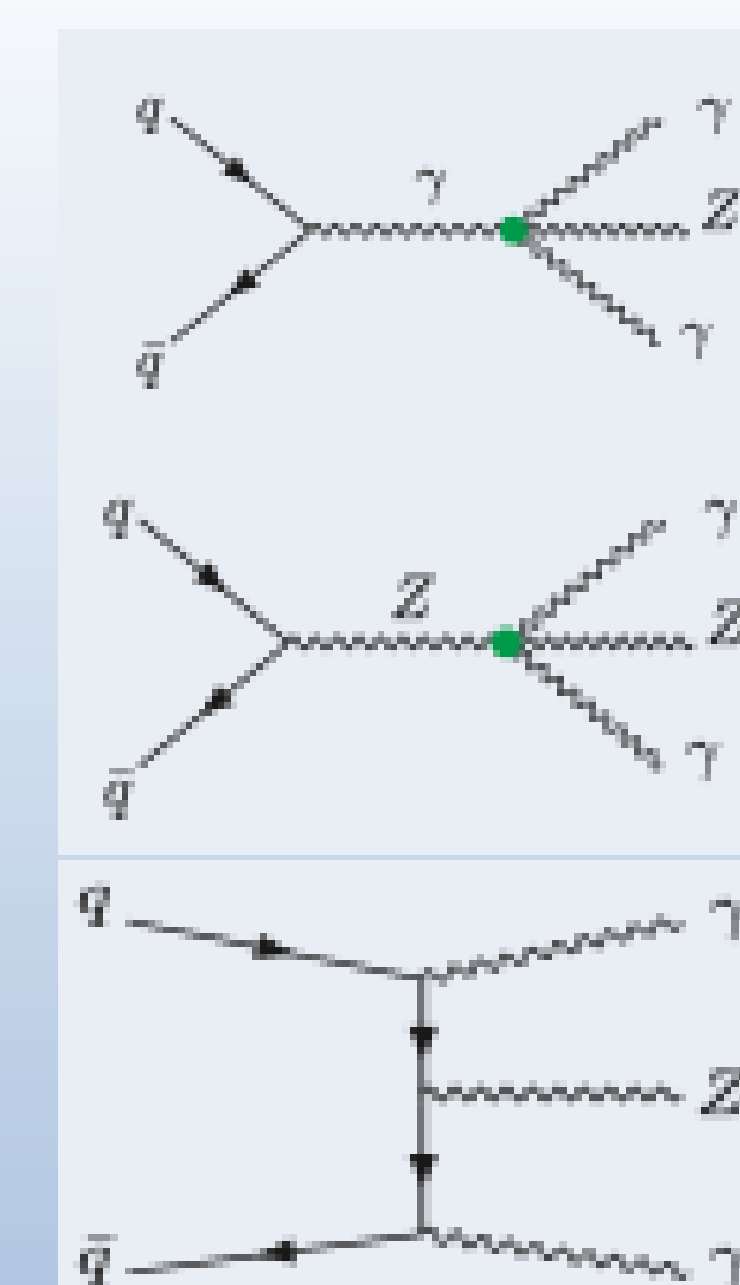


Fig.2: Feynman diagrams for the tree-level  $Z\gamma\gamma$  production of anomalous quartic gauge-boson coupling vertex (represented with green circle) and the SM contributions.

### EVENT SELECTION AND DETAILS OF ANALYSIS

Event generation by **MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO 3.1.1 [2]** signal and all background process

Parton Shower and Hadronization by **Pythia 8.20 [3]**

Fast Simulation by **Delphes 3.4.2 [4]** with FCC Detector Card

Jets are reconstructed by using clustered energy deposits with **FastJet 3.3.2 [5]** using **anti-kt** algorithm [6]

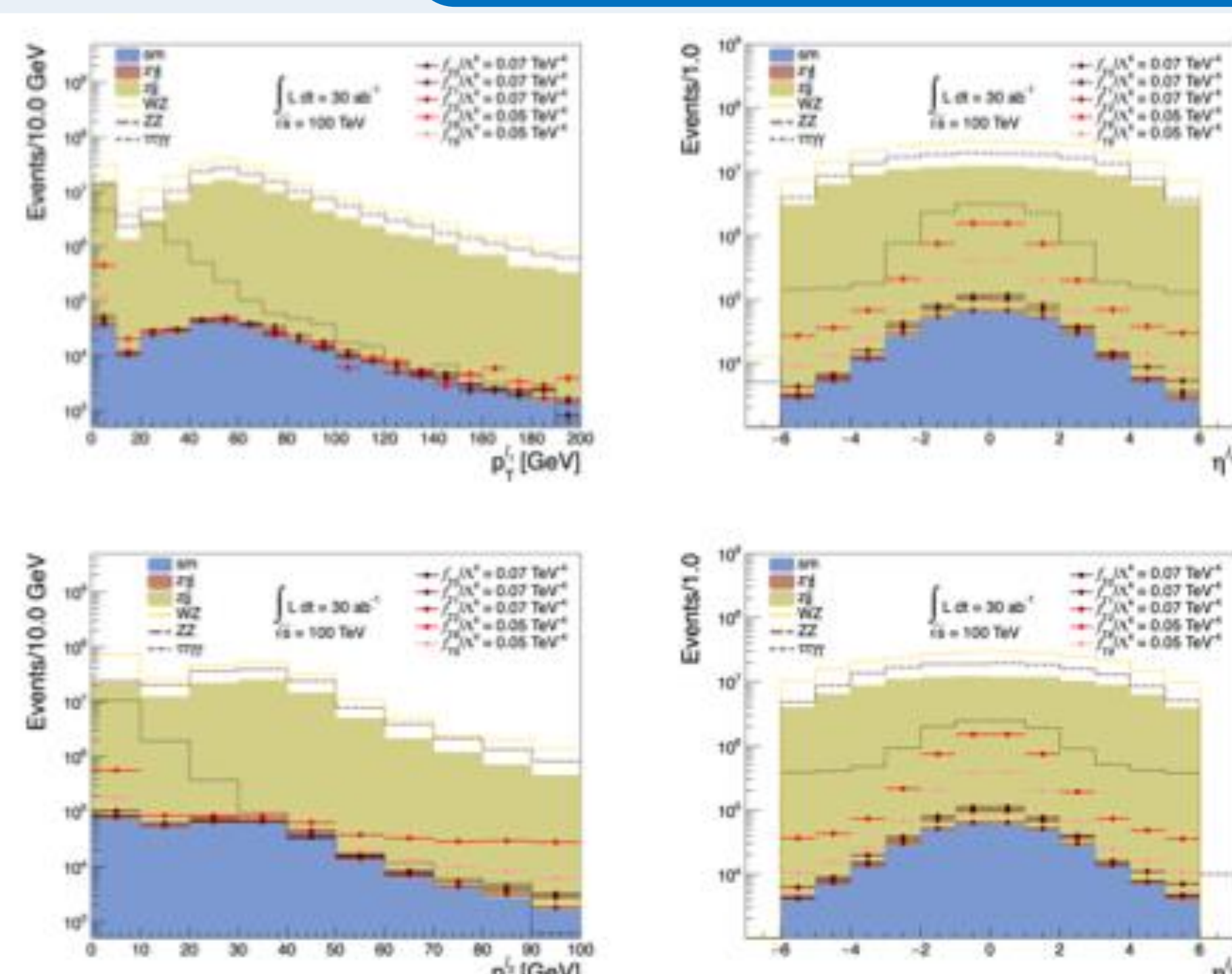


Fig.3 Normalized distributions of transverse momentum and pseudo-rapidity of the leading ( $l_1$ ) and sub-leading leptons ( $l_2$ ) after the event selection (Cut-0) for the signals and background with  $L_{int} = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ .

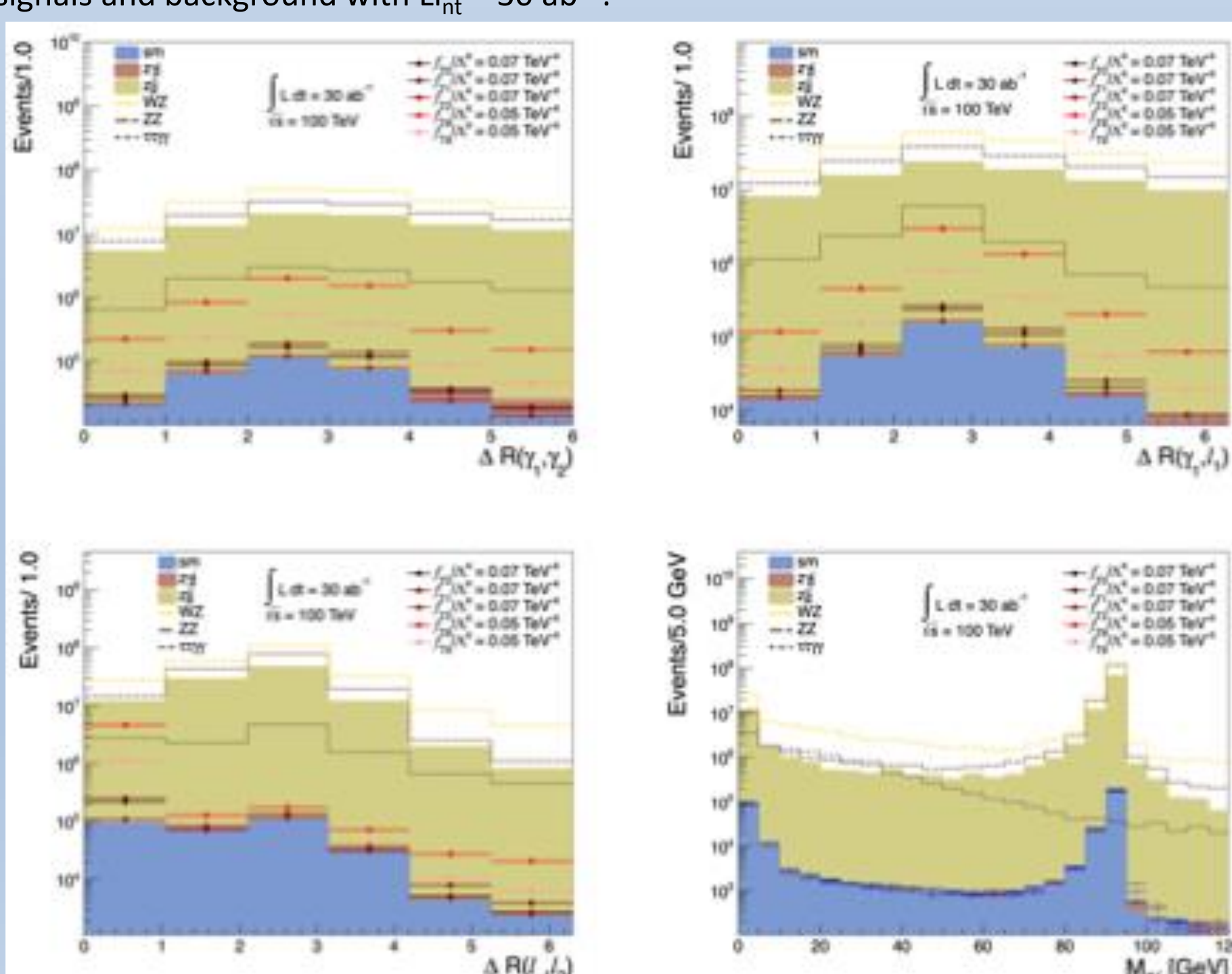


Fig.5 Normalized  $\Delta R(l_1, l_2)$ ,  $\Delta R(l_1, l_2)$ ,  $\Delta R(l_1, l_2)$  and charged lepton pair invariant mass distribution after the event selection (Cut-0) for the signals and background processes with  $L_{int} = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ .

Cuts	Event selection criteria and applied kinematic cuts
Cut-0	$N_l \geq 2$ and same flavour but opposite charge, $N_\gamma \geq 2$
Cut-1	$p_T^{l_1, l_2} > 25 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta^{l_1, l_2}  \leq 2.5$
Cut-2	$p_T^{\gamma_1, \gamma_2} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ , $ \eta^{\gamma_1, \gamma_2}  \leq 2.5$
Cut-3	$\Delta R(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) > 0.4$ , $\Delta R(\gamma_1, l_1) > 0.4$ , $\Delta R(l_1, l_2) < 1.4$
Cut-4	$81 \text{ GeV} < M_{l_1 l_2} < 101 \text{ GeV}$
Cut-5	$p_T^{\gamma_1} > 300 \text{ GeV}$

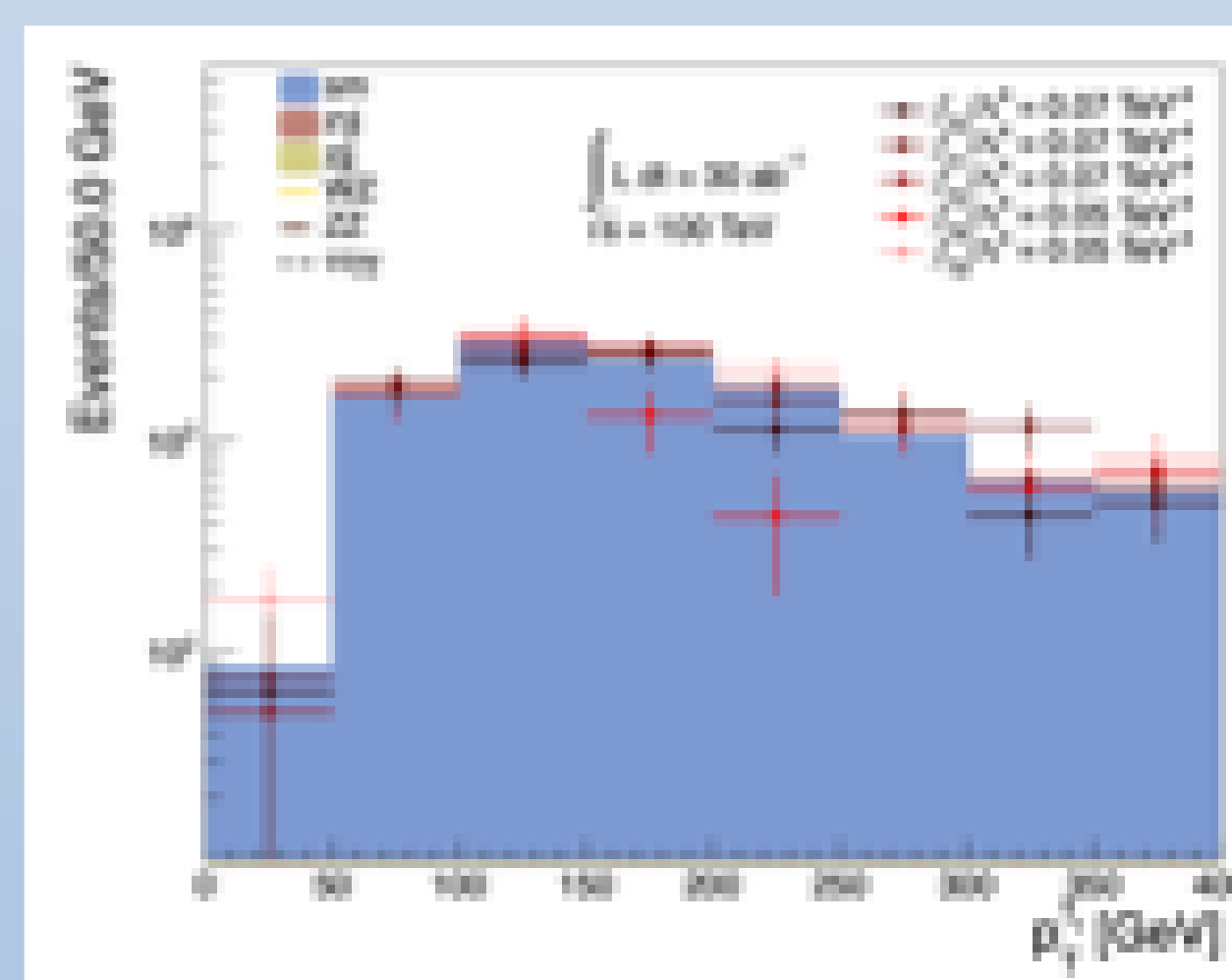


Fig.6 Normalized distributions of transverse momentum of the leading photon ( $\gamma_1$ ) after Cut-4 for the signals and background processes with  $L_{int} = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

	$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4 = 0.01 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$	FCC-hh					
Cut-0	339659 (336093)	316474	277688	104987000	255968000	162914000	13170400
Cut-1	135863 (132902)	125512	108020	29593500	66414700	52153500	280985
Cut-2	84834 (82976)	79066	793	0	24973	14963	0
Cut-3	19272 (17494)	16211	198	0	12486	0	0
Cut-4	18467 (16848)	15585	149	0	12486	0	0
Cut-5	5205 (4010)	2958	20	0	0	0	0

Table 1: The cumulative number of events for signal ( $f_{T8}/\Lambda^4 = 0.01 \text{ TeV}^{-4}$ ) and relevant background processes after applied cuts. The number of events between the parenthesis are obtained after applying UV bounds for signals.

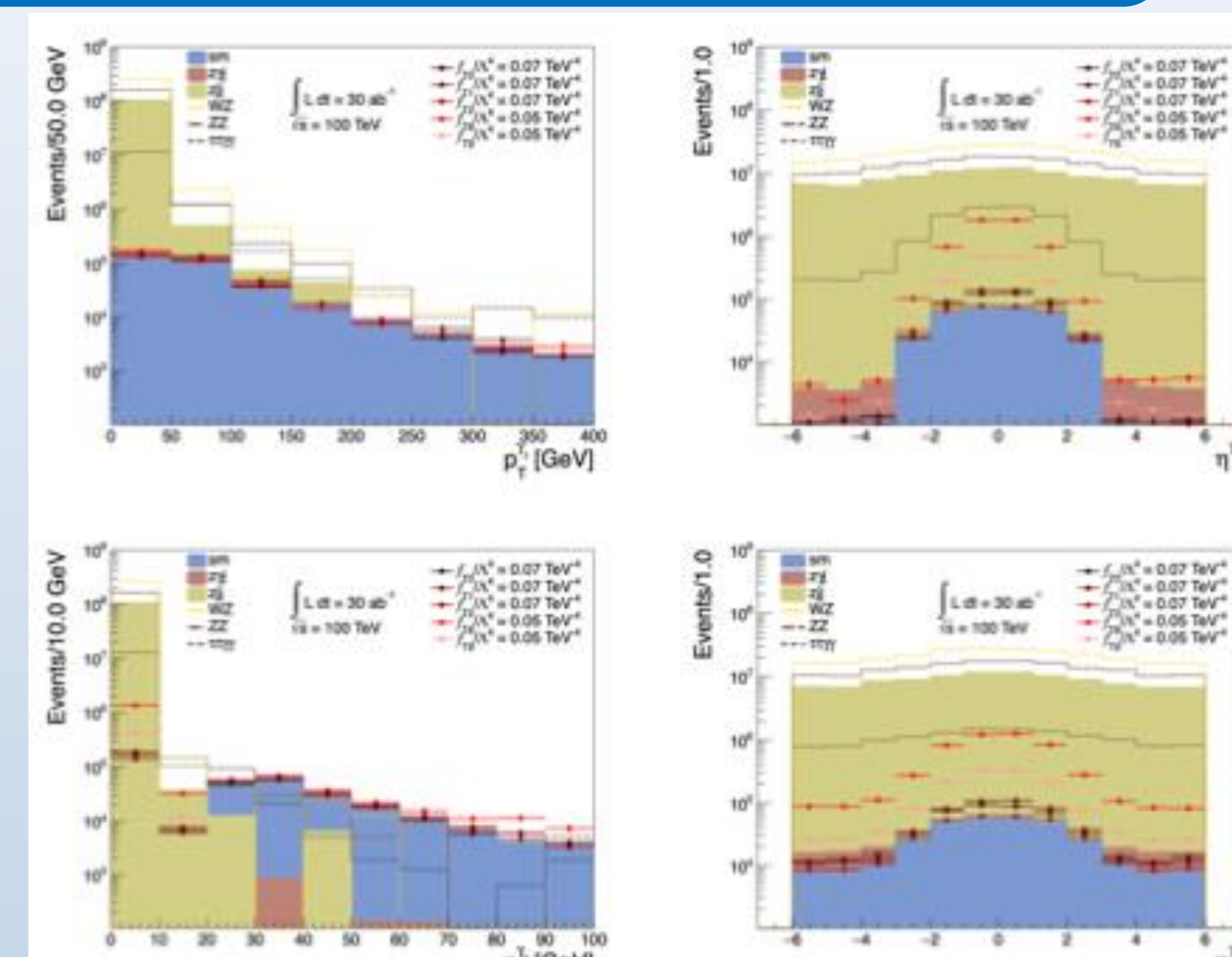


Fig.4. Normalized distributions of transverse momentum and pseudo-rapidity of the leading ( $\gamma_1$ ) and sub-leading leptons ( $\gamma_2$ ) after the event selection (Cut-0) for the signals and background processes with  $L_{int} = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

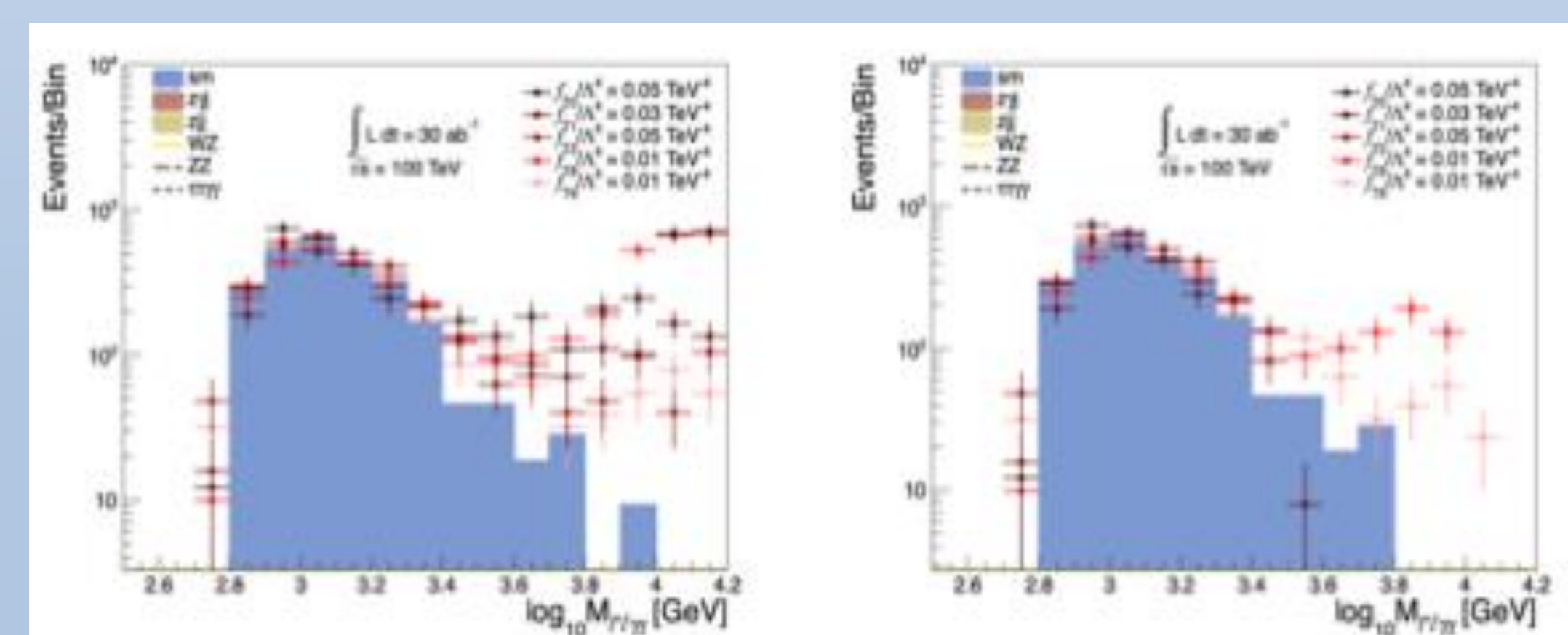


Fig.7 Reconstructed mass of the leading and sub-leading charged leptons and photons after cut-5 without the UV bound (left panels) and with the UV bound (right panels) for FCC-hh with a  $L_{int} = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The obtaining of the 95% Confidence Level (C.L.) limit on a one-dimensional aQGC parameter is performed by  $\chi^2$  test which corresponds to 3.84 integrating the invariant mass distribution of  $l^+l^-\gamma\gamma$  system

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^{n_{bins}} \left( \frac{N_i^{NP} - N_i^{NB}}{N_i^{NB} \Delta_i} \right)^2$$

$$\Delta_i = \sqrt{\delta_{sys}^2 + \frac{1}{N_i^{NB}}}$$

NP is the total number of events in the existence of aQGC, NB is total number of events of the corresponding SM backgrounds in  $i$ th bin,  $\Delta_i$  is the combined systematic ( $\delta_{sys}$ ) and statistical uncertainties in each bin.

	$\delta_{sys}$	FCC-hh	
		Limits [ $\text{TeV}^{-4}$ ]	$\Delta_{UV}$ [TeV]
$f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$	0%	$[-1.29; 1.05] \times 10^{-2}$	3.6
	3%	$[-1.73; 1.50] \times 10^{-2}$	
	5%	$[-2.11; 1.87] \times 10^{-2}$	
	10%	$[-2.86; 2.63] \times 10^{-2}$	
$f_{T1}/\Lambda^4$	0%	$[-1.34; 0.83] \times 10^{-2}$	4.5
	3%	$[-1.75; 1.23] \times 10^{-2}$	
	5%	$[-2.08; 1.56] \times 10^{-2}$	
	10%	$[-2.76; 2.24] \times 10^{-2}$	
$f_{T2}/\Lambda^4$	0%	$[-2.15; 1.52] \times 10^{-2}$	4.3
	3%	$[-2.83; 2.20] \times 10^{-2}$	
	5%	$[-3.40; 2.78] \times 10^{-2}$	
	10%	$[-4.57; 3.94] \times 10^{-2}$	
$f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$	0%	$[-1.16; 0.54] \times 10^{-3}$	17.2
	3%	$[-1.33; 0.71] \times 10^{-3}$	
	5%	$[-1.50; 0.89] \times 10^{-3}$	
	10%	$[-1.90; 0.13] \times 10^{-3}$	
$f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$	0%	$[-1.26; 1.09] \times 10^{-3}$	17.7
	3%	$[-1.35; 1.18] \times 10^{-3}$	
	5%	$[-1.48; 1.31] \times 10^{-3}$	
	10%	$[-1.84; 1.66] \times 10^{-3}$	

Table 2: 95% C.L. limits on anomalous quartic gauge couplings in units of  $\text{TeV}^{-4}$  and the unitarity bounds ( $\Delta_{UV}$ ) in units TeV considering  $\delta_{sys}=0$ , 3%, 5% and 10% of systematic errors with  $L_{int} = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

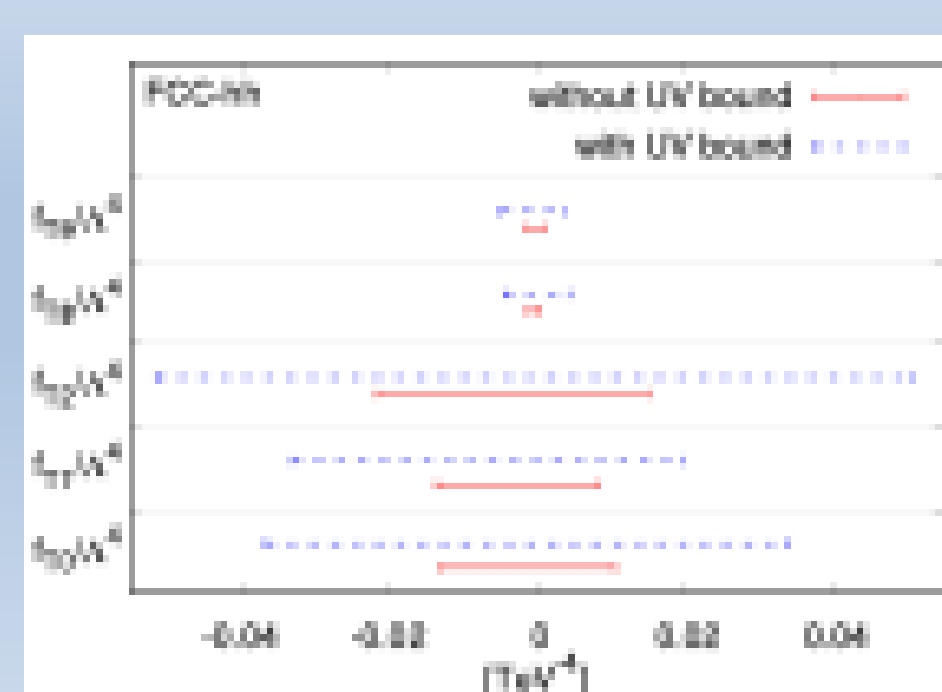


Fig. 8 95% C.L. limits on anomalous quartic gauge couplings with and without the unitarity bounds (AUV) considering  $\delta_{sys}=0$  of systematic errors with  $L_{int} = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

We have compared the current experimental limits with the results determined from this work, sensitivity on the couplings  $f_{T8}/\Lambda^4$  and  $f_{T9}/\Lambda^4$  ( $f_{T0}/\Lambda^4$ ,  $f_{T1}/\Lambda^4$  and  $f_{T2}/\Lambda^4$ ) for FCC-hh without systematic errors with  $L_{int}$  with  $L_{int} = 30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  are two (one) order better than the current experimental limits obtained from different vector boson scattering process by ATLAS and CMS collaborations [7,8].

Comparable results related to HL-LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ ) and HE-LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 27 \text{ TeV}$ ) can be found in Ref[9].

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