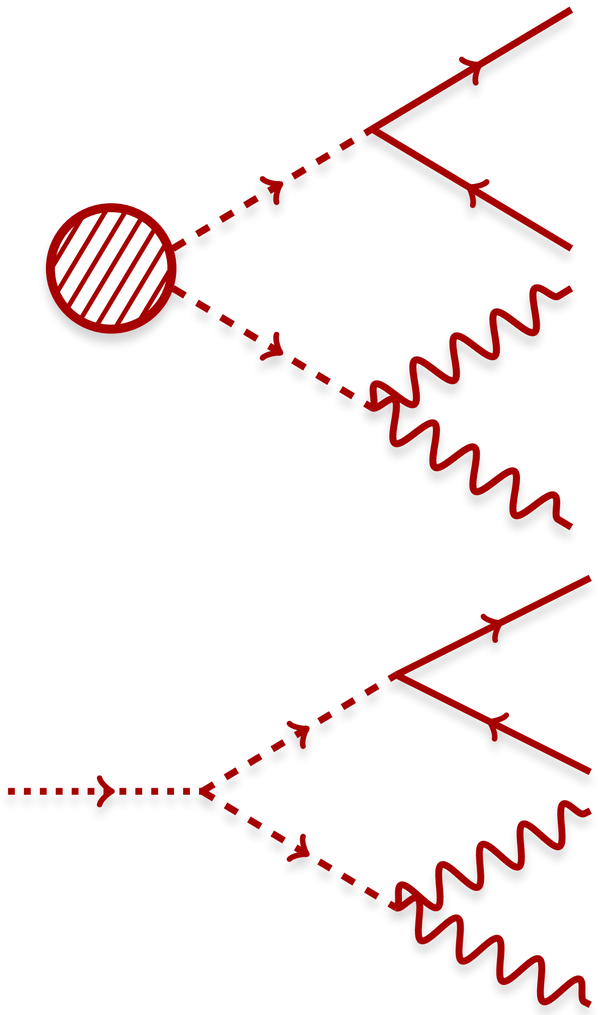

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HH Production in the bbγγ Final State with 13 TeV data @ CMS

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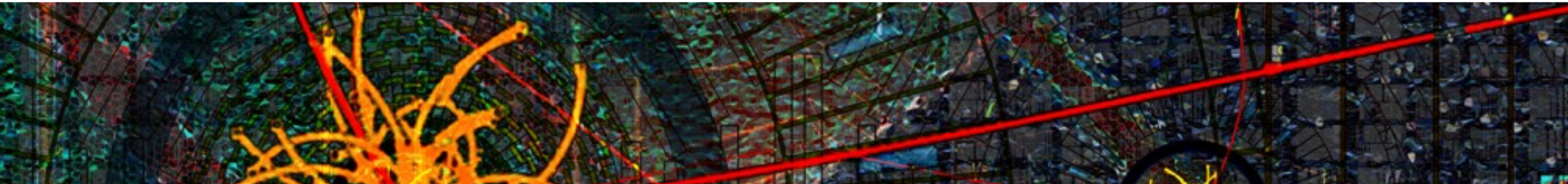


UNDERSTANDING THE STANDARD MODEL

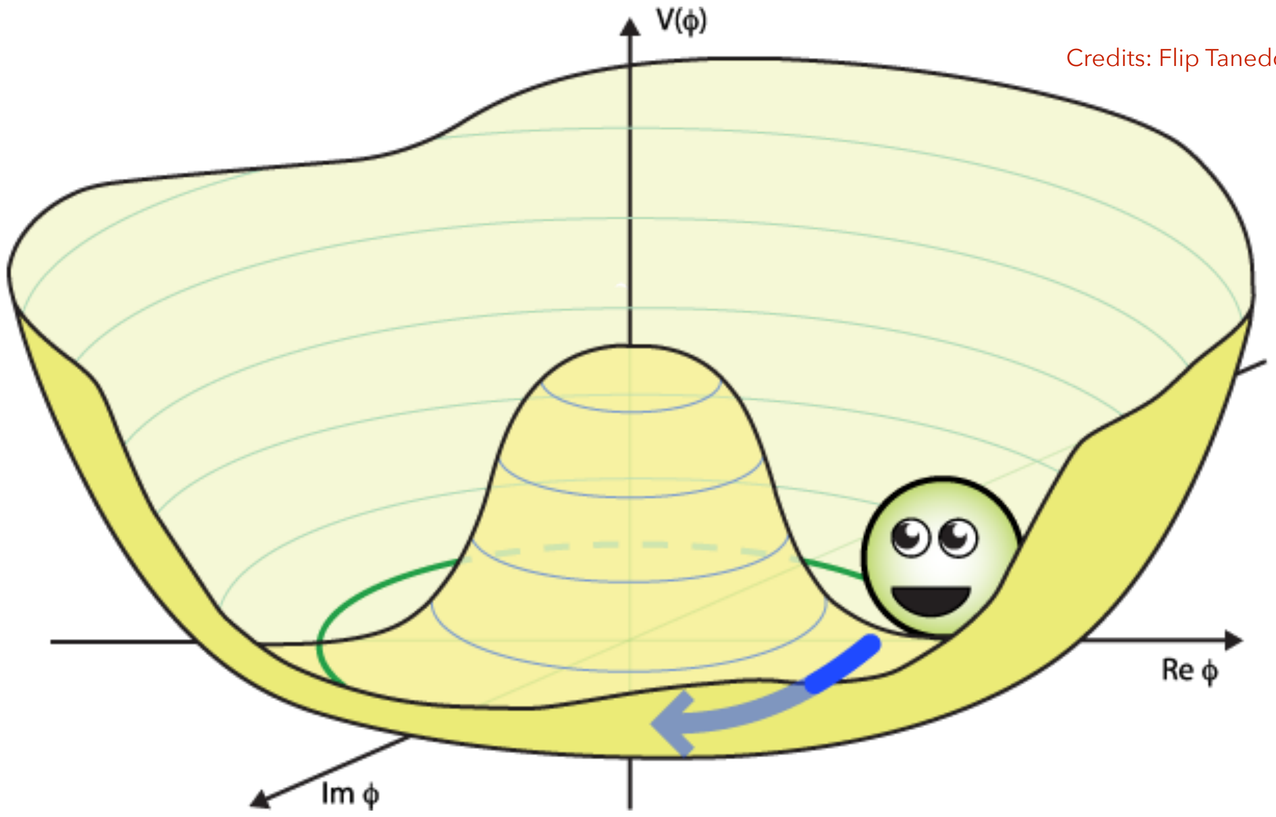
Probing the nature of the Electroweak Symmetry Breaking mechanism

What we know today:

- μ measured directly: $M_H = \sqrt{2}|\mu| = 125$ GeV
- λ measured indirectly: $\lambda = (\mu/v)^2 \sim 0.13$
  - v: electroweak vacuum expectation value = 246 GeV

What we want to know:

- Is the Higgs vacuum stable?
- Is the Higgs potential the one predicted by the SM?
- Are there more fields involved in the EWSB mechanism?



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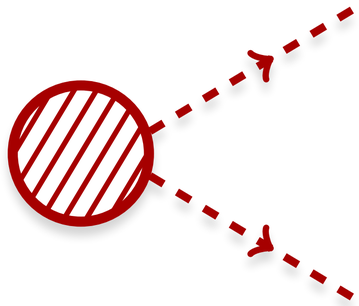
$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

Higgs Mass

Higgs Self-Coupling

TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE



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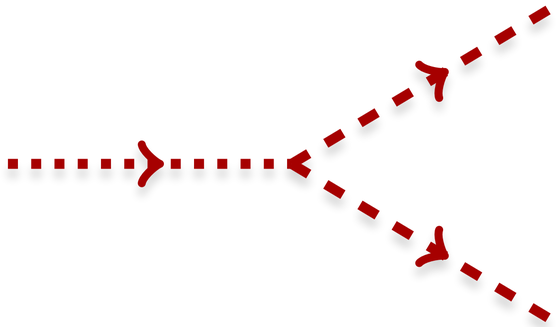

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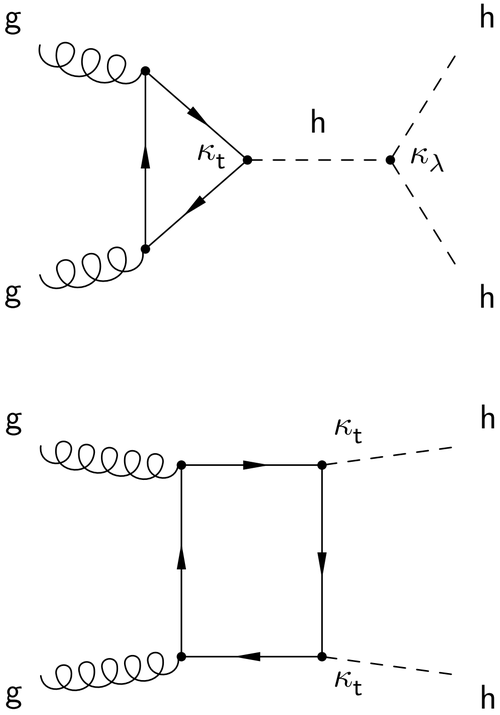
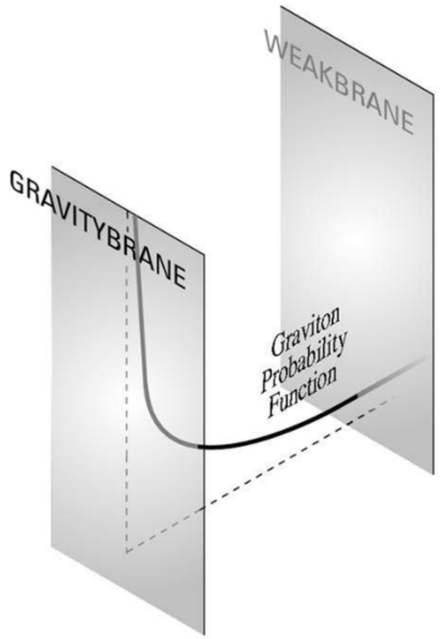


Directly accessing λ and the Higgs Potential

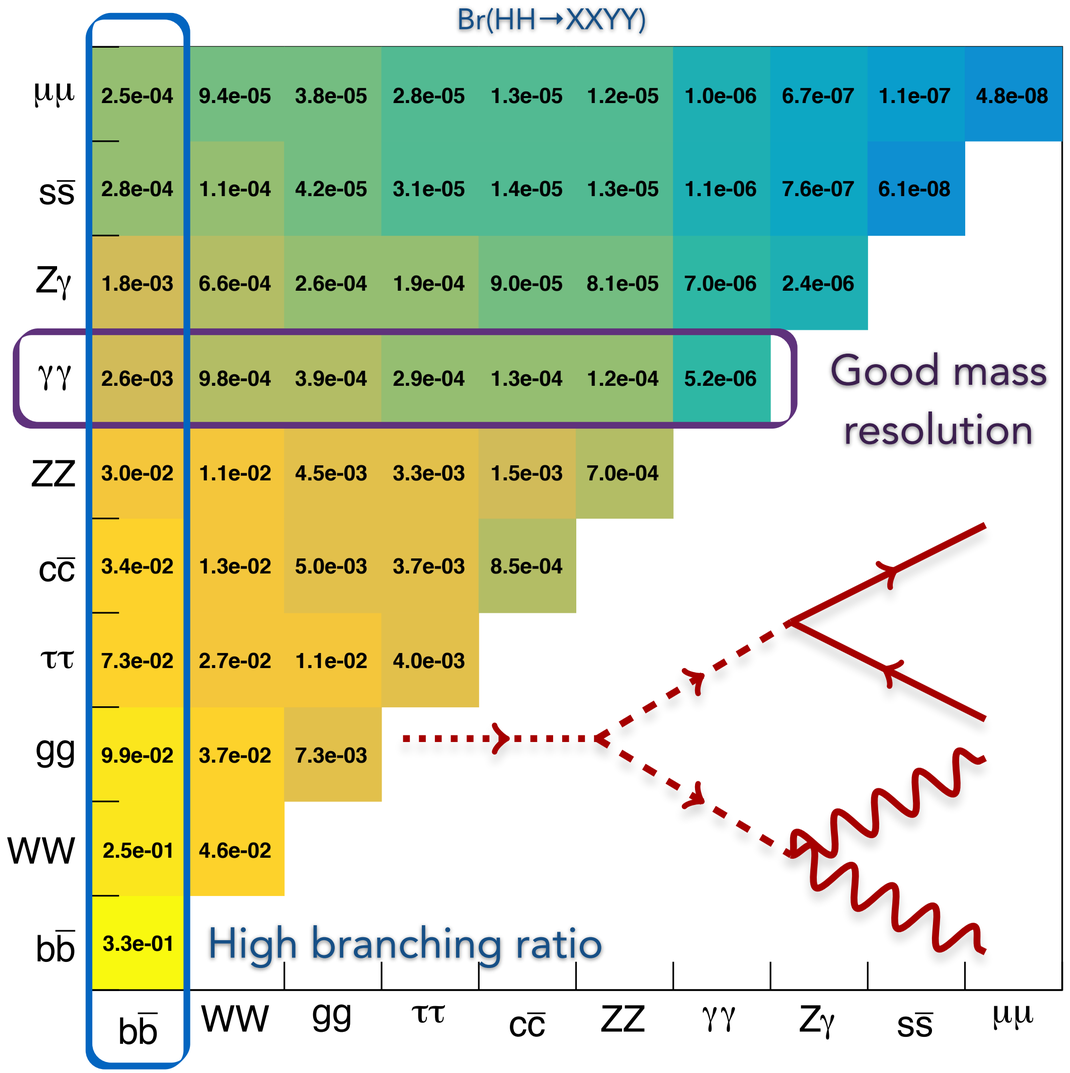
- $\sigma(pp \rightarrow HH, SM)_{NNLO+NNLL}$ = **33.45 fb @ 13 TeV**
- Diagrams destructively interfere for SM case :(
- BSM contribution can induce both cross section and signal shape variations
- Setting limits on SM-like signal.



Supersymmetry, Extra Dimensions, 2HDM-type models, Compositeness…

- Model independent approach: spin-0 and spin-2 narrow width resonances decaying to HH
- $M_X \in [250, 900]$ GeV (resolved)
- Benchmark model: Warped Extra Dimensions

bbγγ FINAL STATE



H→bb: High branching ratio and b-tagging categorization provides good S/√B tool

H→γγ: High trigger and selection efficiency + Good energy resolution

HH→bbγγ: Low background + All objects are reconstructed -
Br(HH→bbγγ) = 0.26%

Expected to be the most sensitive channel to non-resonant SM HH production

$\sigma(pp \to HH \to bb\gamma\gamma)_{NNLO+NNLL}$ = 0.087 fb @ 13 TeV

ANALYSIS STRATEGIES

Resonant Low Mass Strategy [M_X < 500 GeV]

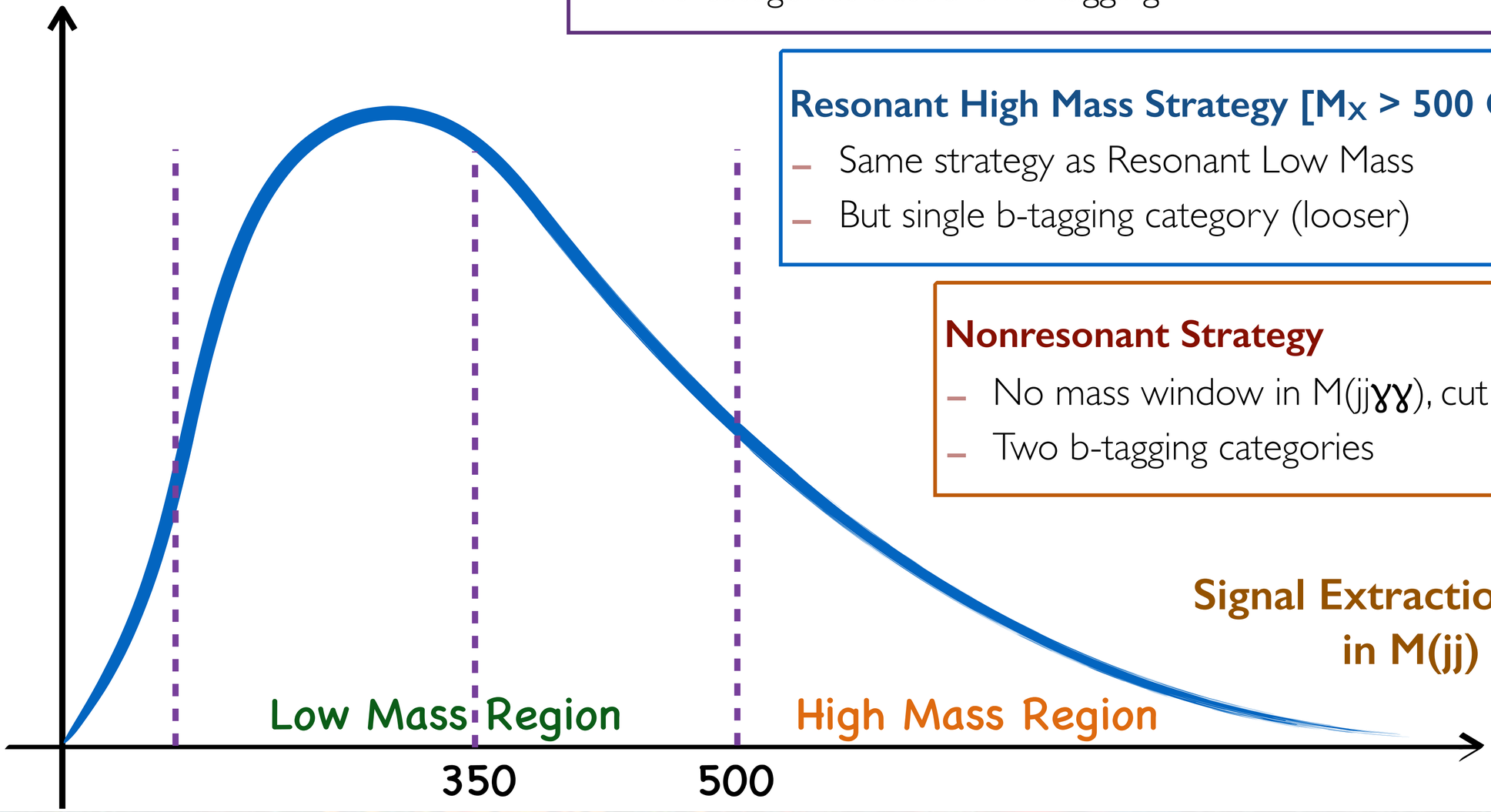
- According to signal hypothesis, select mass window in M(jjγγ) around resonance mass
- Two categories based on b-tagging

Resonant High Mass Strategy [M_X > 500 GeV]

- Same strategy as Resonant Low Mass
- But single b-tagging category (looser)

Nonresonant Strategy

- No mass window in M(jjγγ), cut on M(jjγγ) > 350 GeV
- Two b-tagging categories



Signal Extraction: 2D unbinned fit in M(jj) and M(γγ)

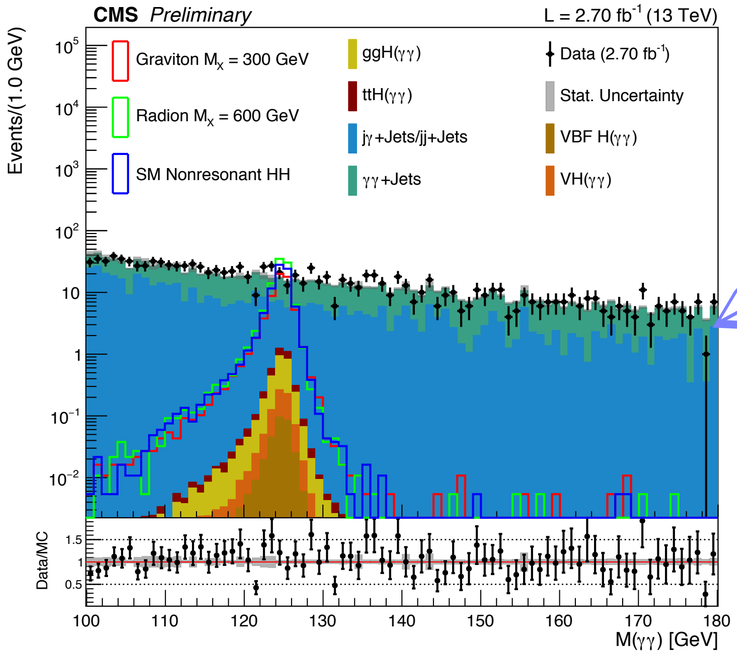
PHOTONS & JETS

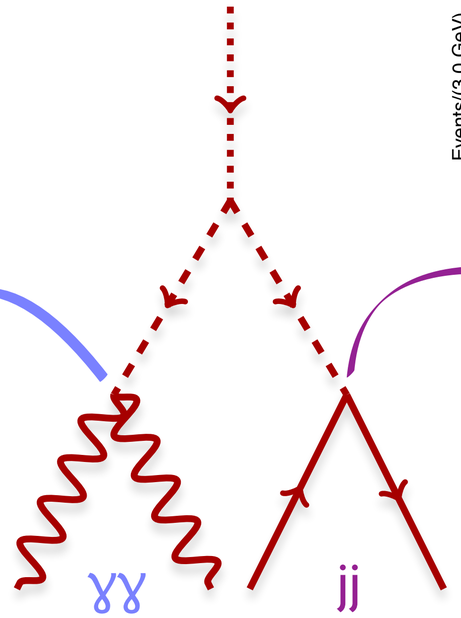
Photons selection ~ SM H→γγ

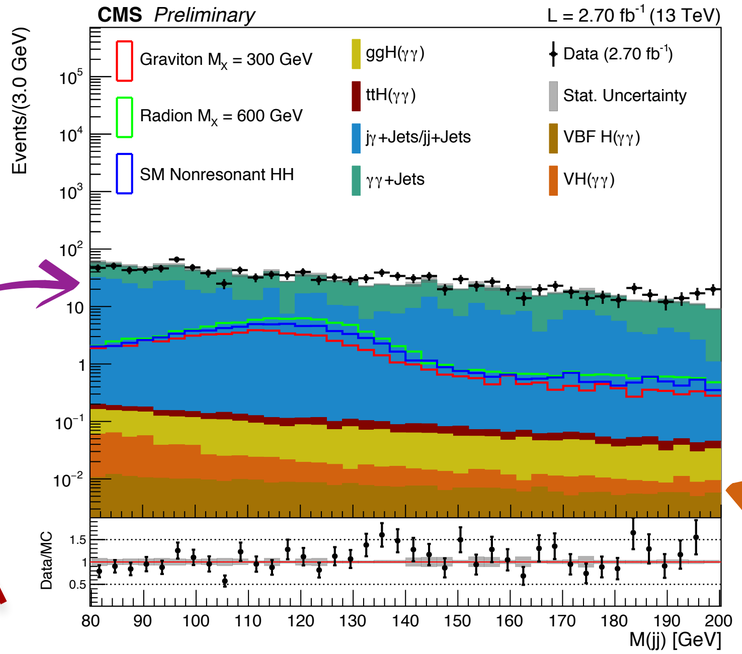
- Online: E_T, M(γγ), shower shape and isolation
- Offline:
  - E_T(γ1,2) > 30, 20 GeV and > M(γγ)/3, M(γγ)/4, |η(γ's)| < 2.5,
  - 100 < M(γγ) < 180 GeV
  - MVA Photon ID (~90% signal efficiency working point)

Jets selection

- ΔR(jet,γ's) > 0.4, p_T(jets) > 25 GeV, |η(jets)| < 2.4
- 80 < M(jj) < 200 GeV
- jj candidate: two jets with highest b-tagging score
  - b-tagging MVA (secondary vertex information) used for categorization
- Jet energy regression based on jets constituents developed to improve jet energy resolution and scale

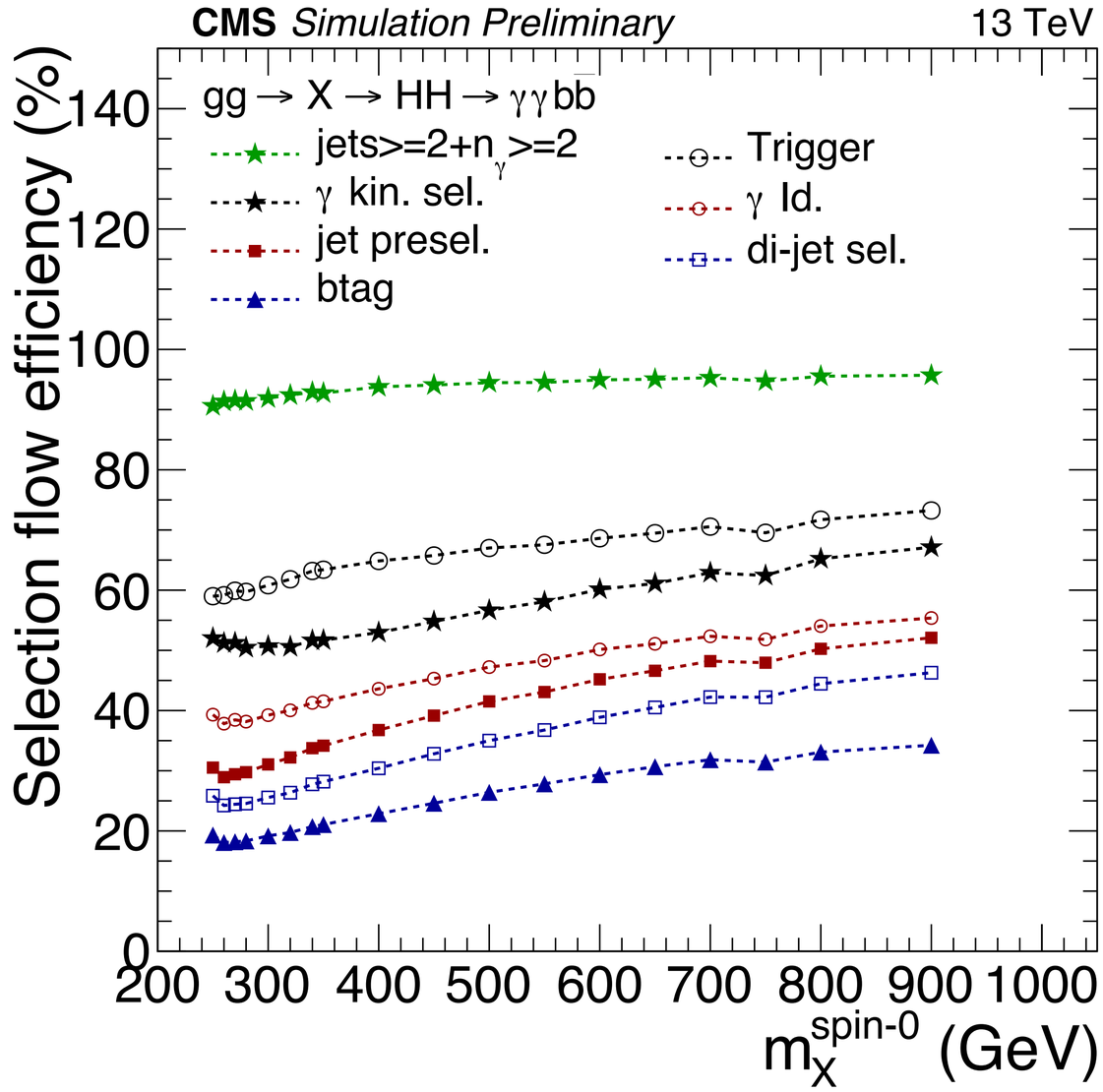


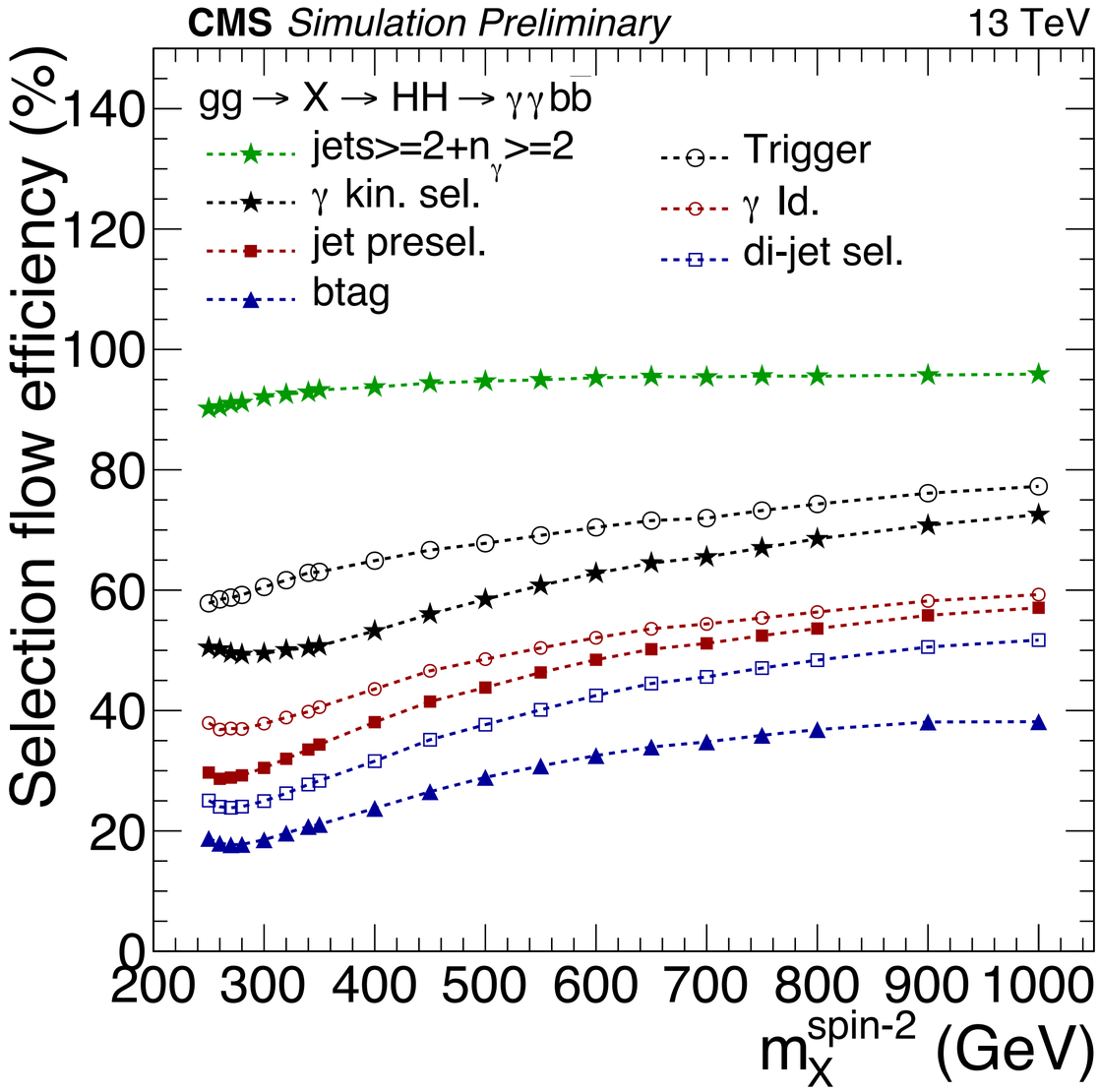




SM Higgs Contribution

EFFICIENCIES





btag: efficiency of selecting at least one medium b-tagged jet

medium b-tagging working point ~ 80% efficiency

EFFECTIVE MASS

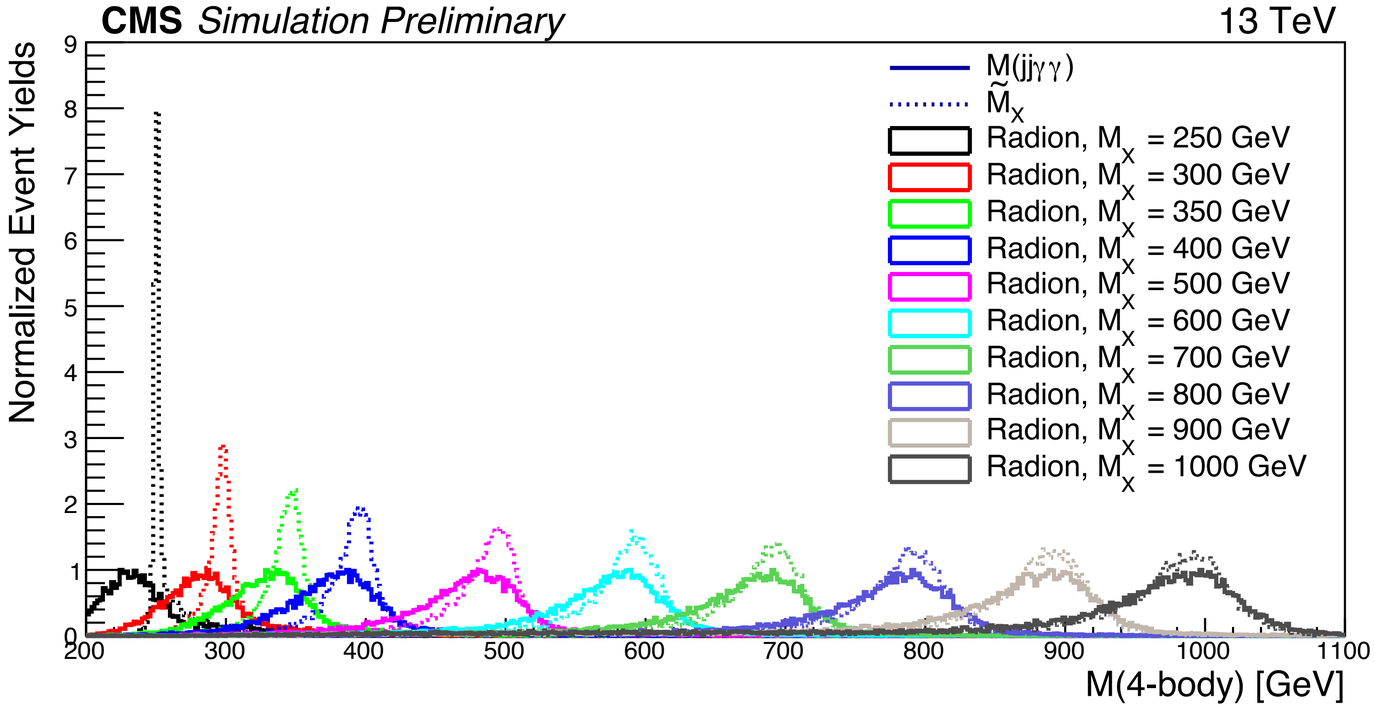
M(jjγγ) is used to constrain region around signal hypothesis → improvement in M(jjγγ) resolution improves analysis sensitivity

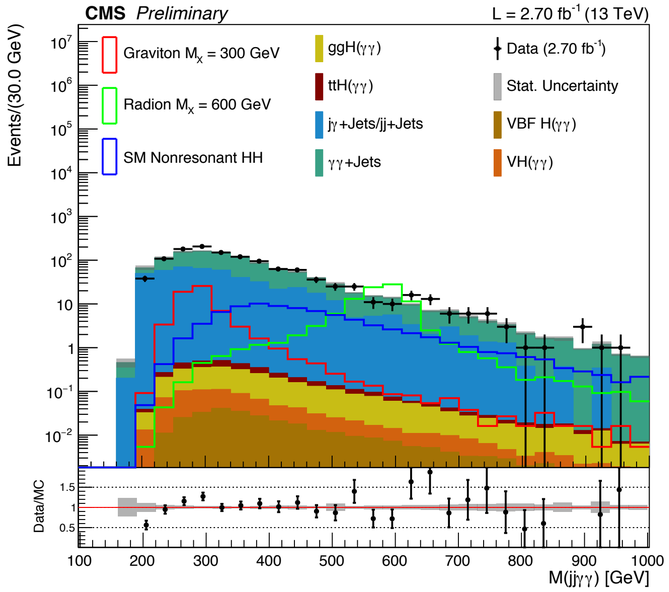
Goal: improve M(jjγγ) resolution with the assumption M(jj) = M(H) = 125 GeV

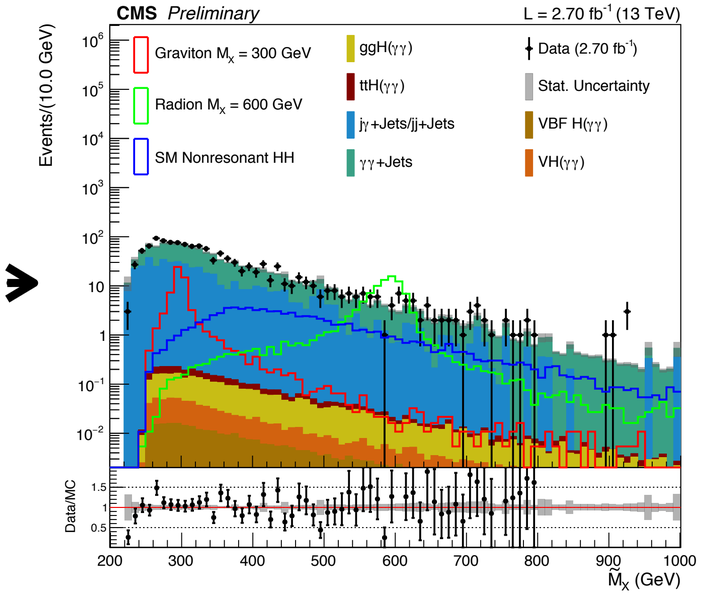
Effective mass:

$$\tilde{M}_X = M(jj\gamma\gamma) - M(jj) + 125\ \text{GeV}$$

Mitigates the effect of jet energy resolution without any a priori information







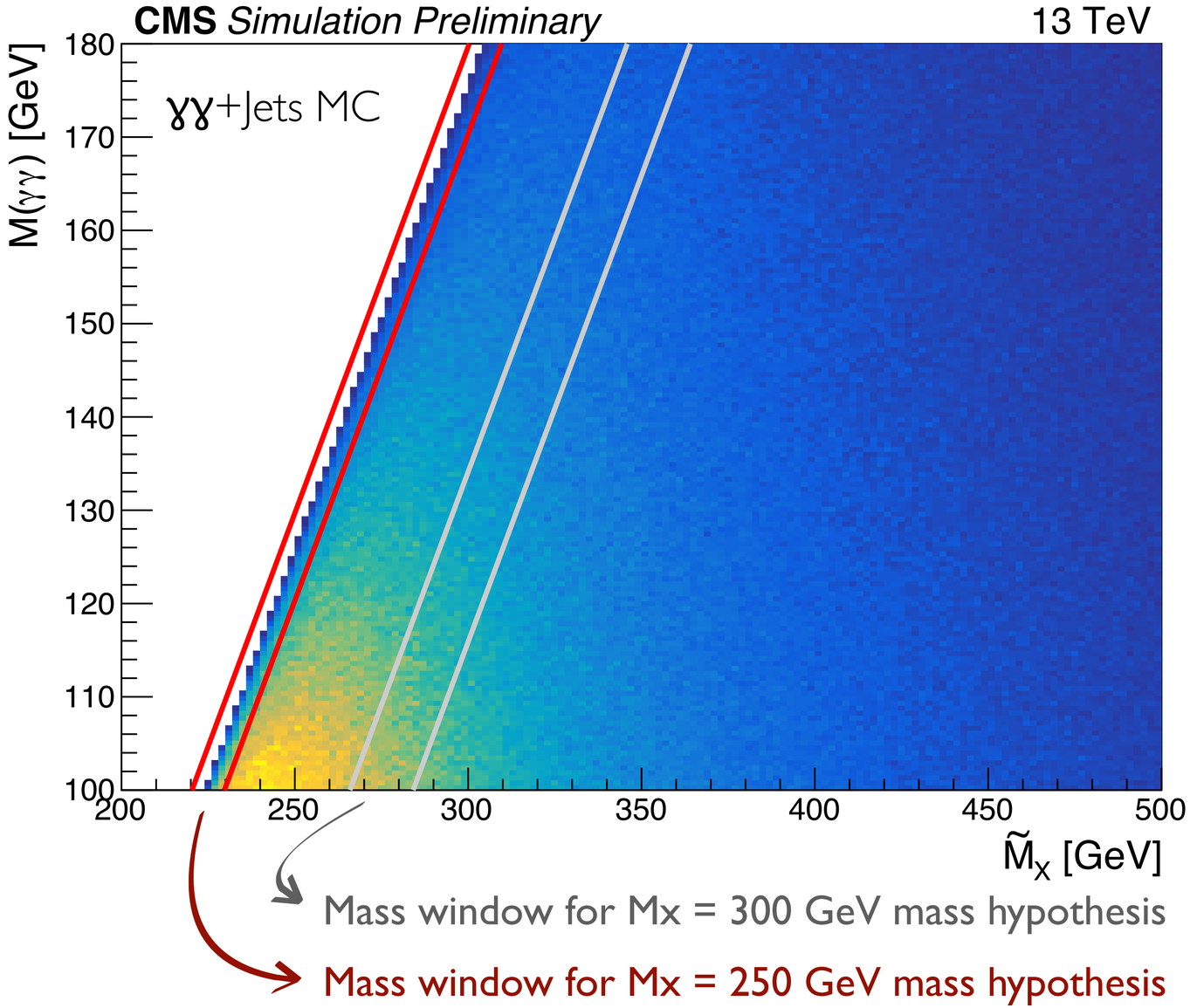
MASS WINDOW

In the resonant analysis, mass windows around the mass hypotheses are constructed in the M(γγ):$\tilde{M}_X$ plane

- Avoids performing the analysis in unphysical regions of kinematic phase space

$$\tilde{M}_X < M(\gamma\gamma) - 125\ \text{GeV} + \Delta W/2,$$
$$\tilde{M}_X > M(\gamma\gamma) - 125\ \text{GeV} - \Delta W/2$$

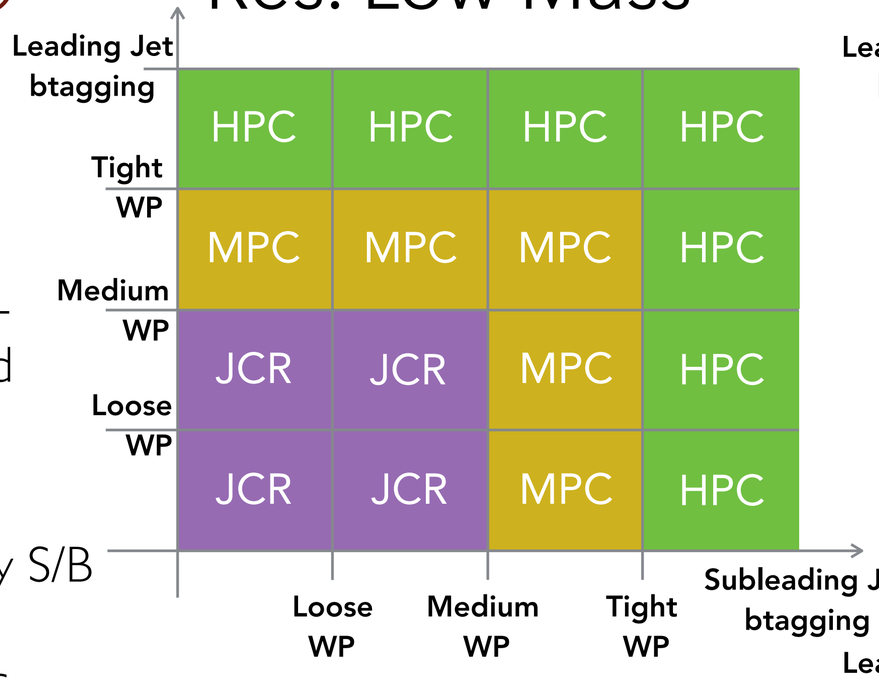
- ΔW/2 intervals defined ensuring 90% signal efficiency



B-TAGGING BASED CATEGORIZATION

- B-tagging as a tool to create signal-enriched and background-enriched regions
- Categorization strategy dictated by S/B and by expected number of background events (for parametric background estimation)
- Tight: ~60% efficiency for signal jets
- Medium: ~80% efficiency for signal jets
- Loose: ~90% efficiency for signal jets

Res. Low Mass



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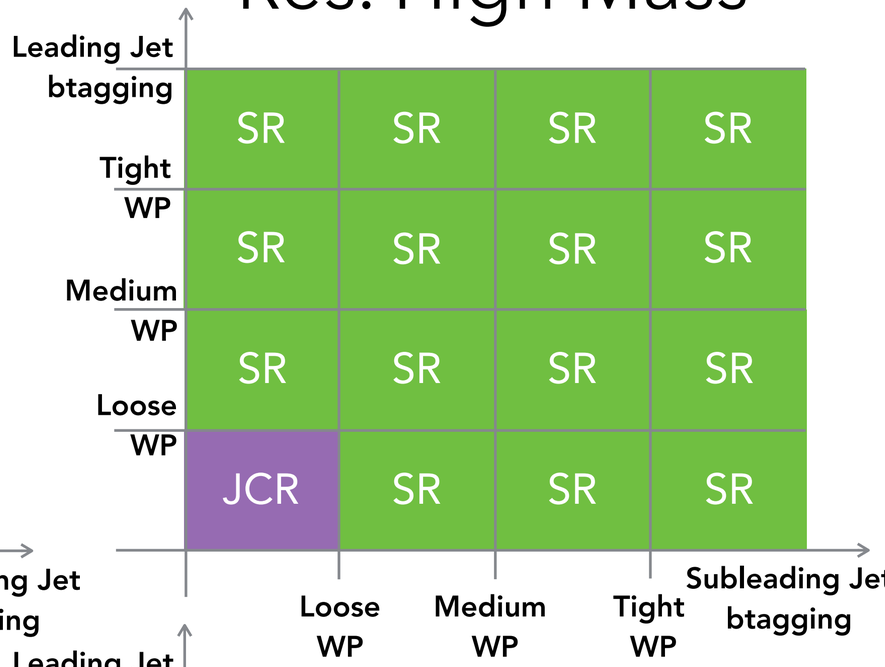
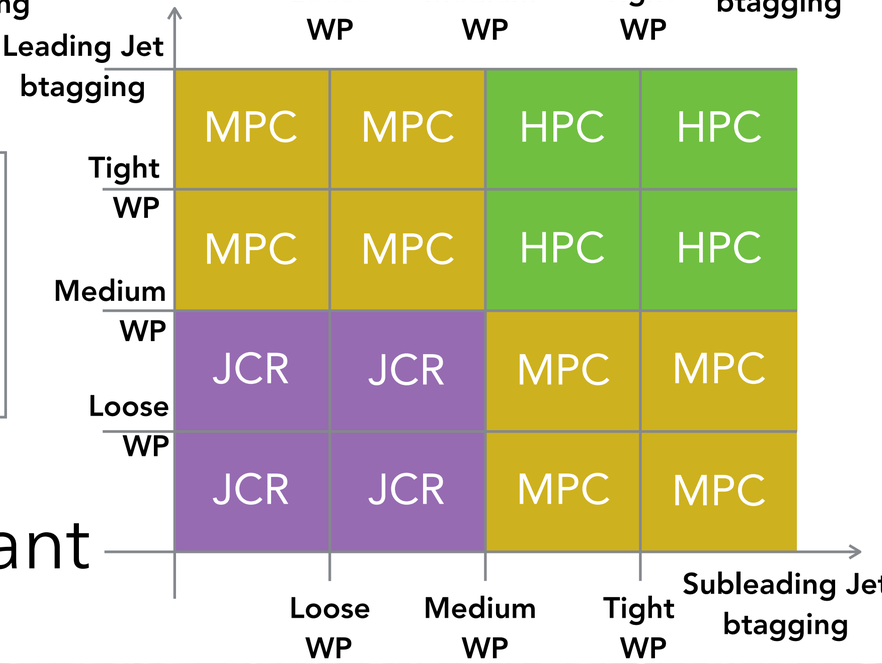


HPC: High purity category
MPC: Medium purity category
JCR: Light jets control region
SR: Signal Region

Nonresonant



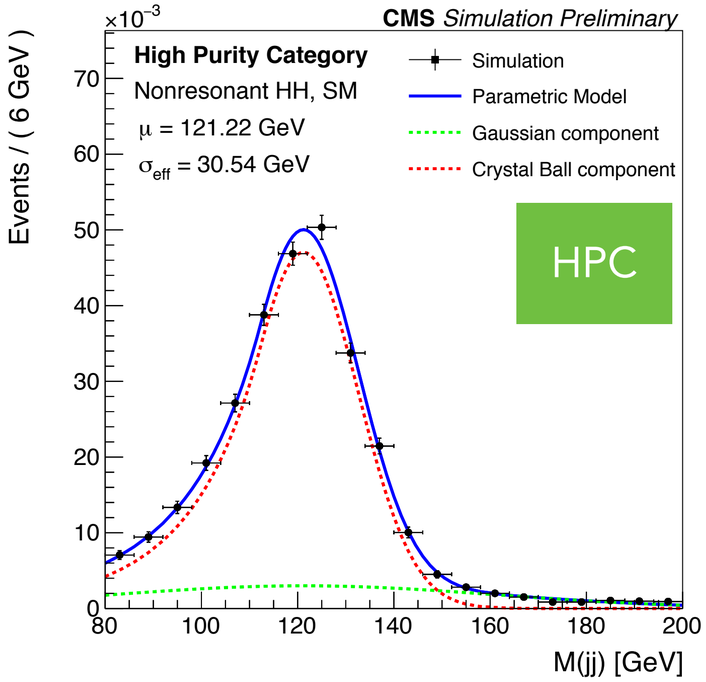
PARAMETRIZED SIGNAL

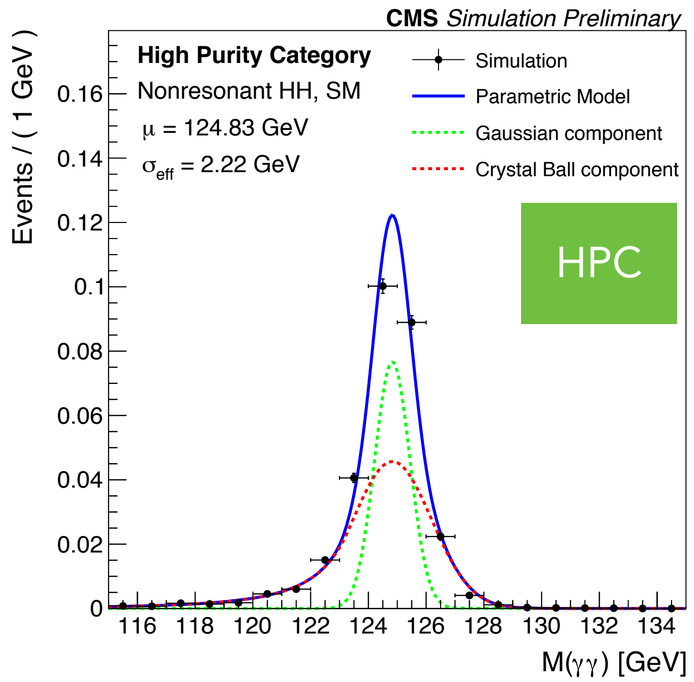
2D Signal shape: $f_{\gamma\gamma}[M(\gamma\gamma)] \times f_{jj}[M(jj)]$

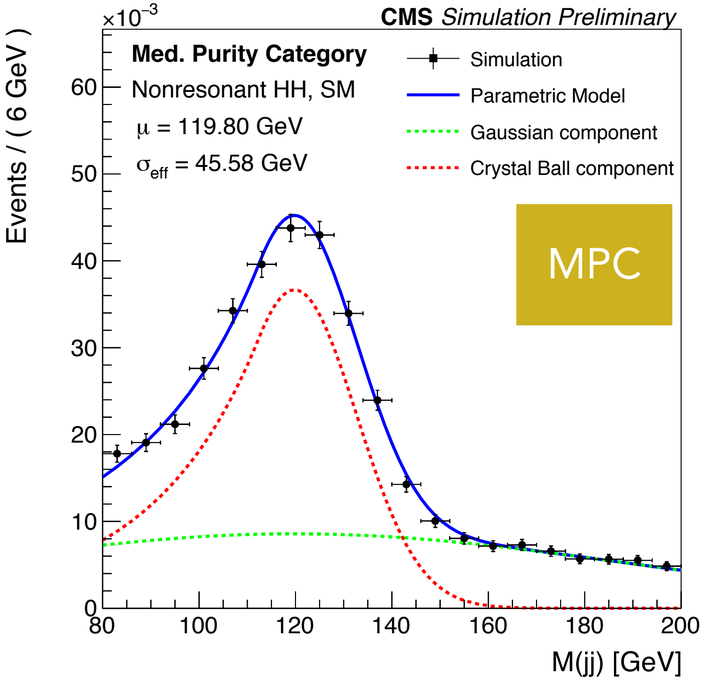
- $f_{\gamma\gamma}$ and f_{jj} are modeled as a sum of a gaussian and a Crystal-Ball function

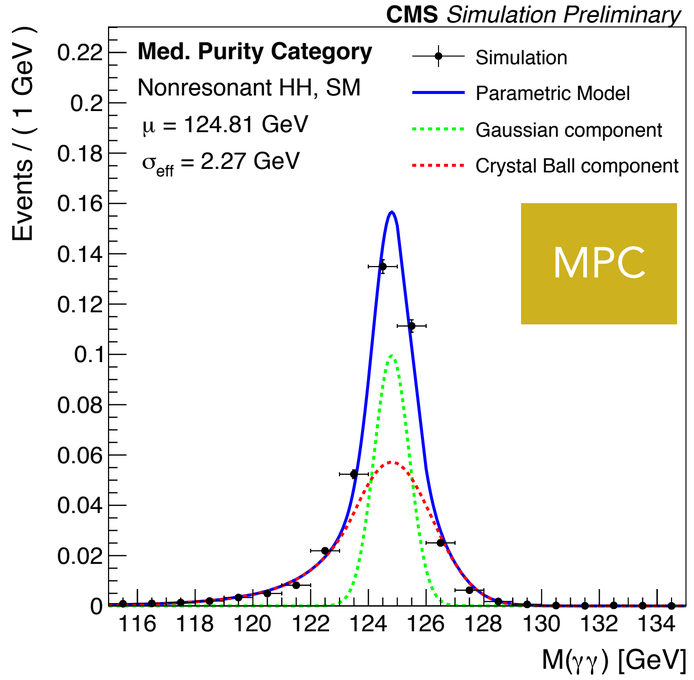
Signal shape is parametrized separately for each individual category and signal mass point

Example fits from the SM Nonresonant signal sample









PARAMETRIZED BACKGROUND

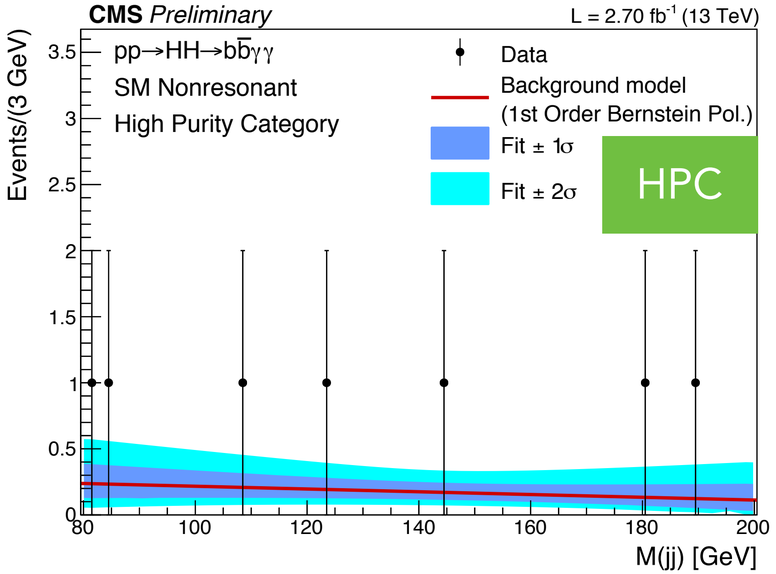
2D Background shape: $f_{\gamma\gamma}[M(\gamma\gamma)] \times f_{jj}[M(jj)]$

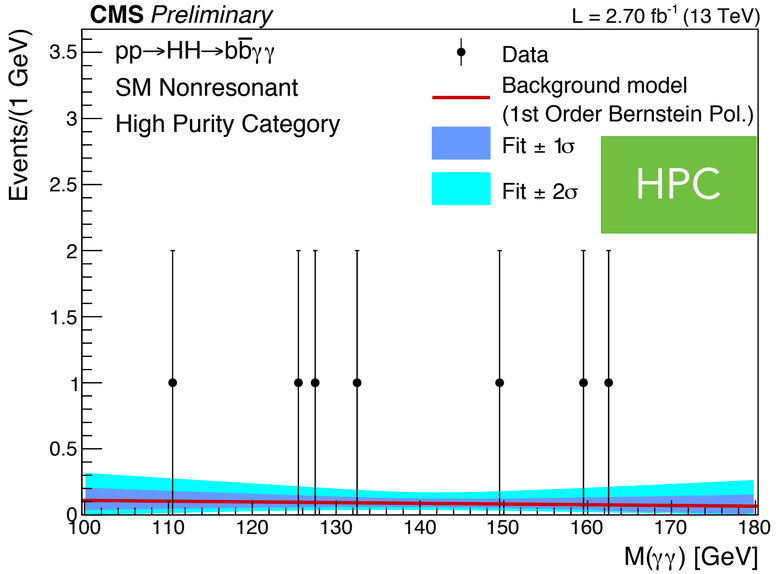
- $f_{\gamma\gamma}$ and f_{jj} are modeled as a **Bernstein polynomials** of order 2 if number of events in signal region > 10, or 1 otherwise

Cross checks performed on fake photon control region:

- Choice of PDF for **background modeling was found to be unbiased,** within statistical precision
- **Background correlation between M(γγ) and M(jj) was found statistically negligible** in data

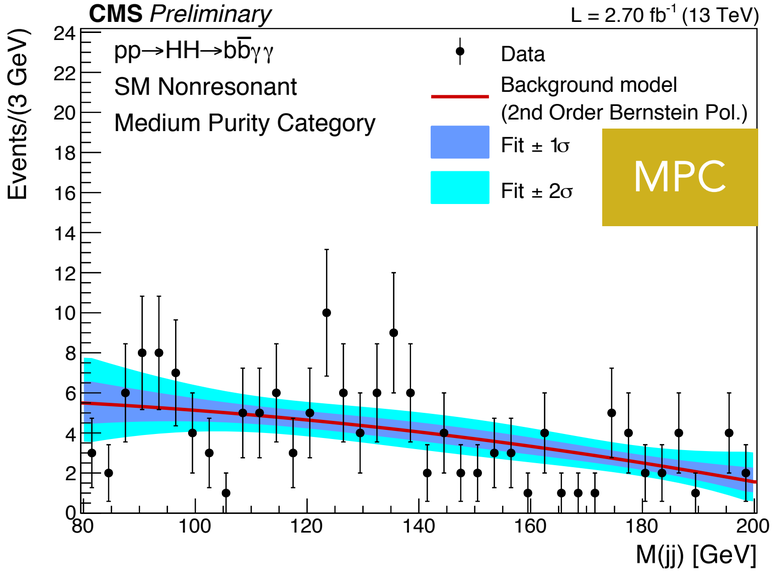
Example fits from the SM Nonresonant selection

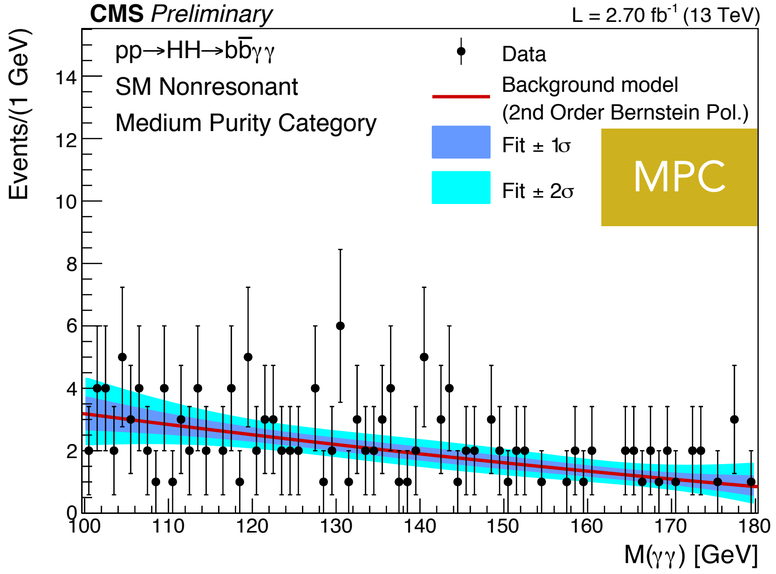




M(jj)

M(γγ)





RESULTS - NONRESONANT ANALYSIS

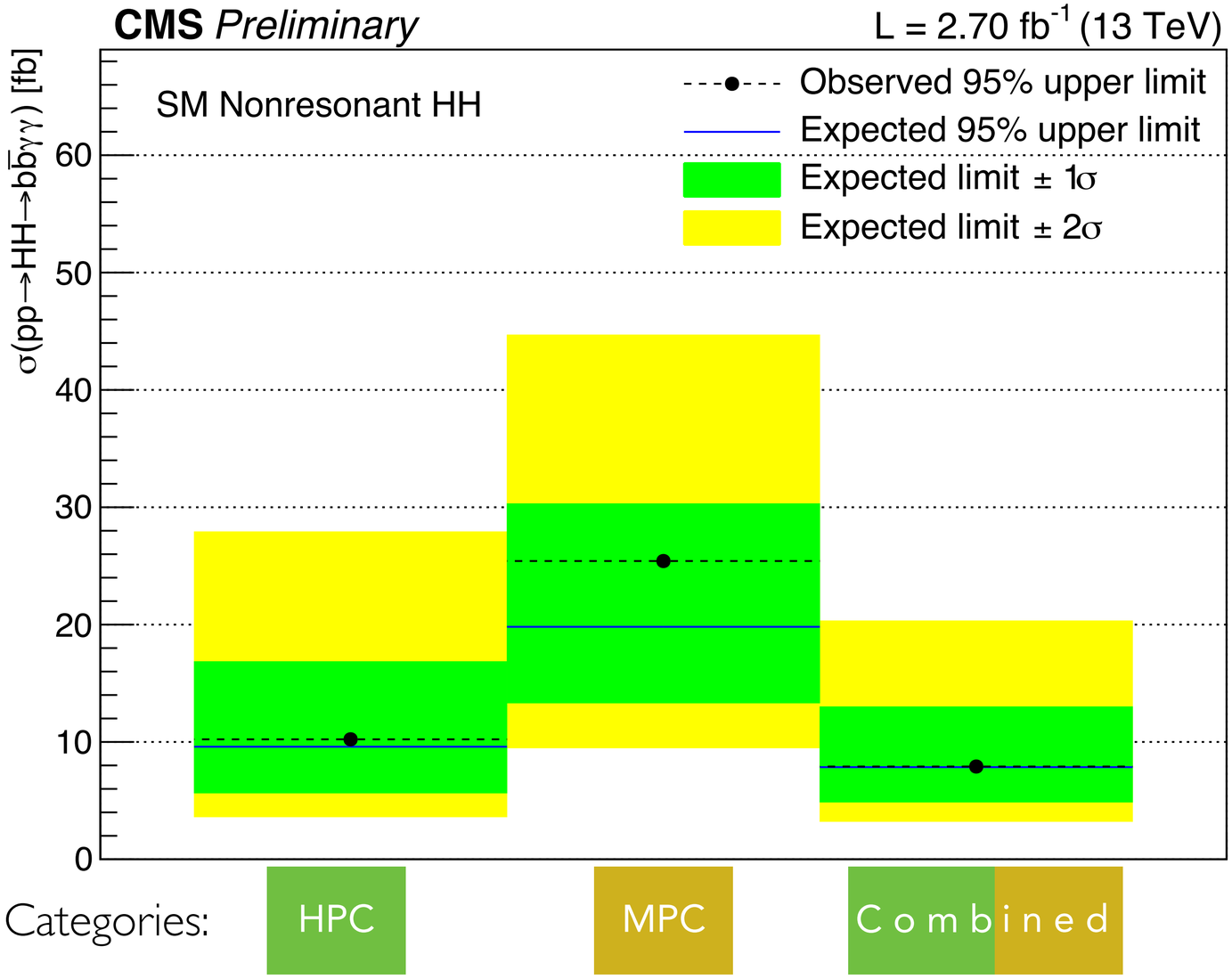
CMS PAS HIG-16-032

Analysis Uncertainties

- Largest analysis uncertainty is statistical - < 10% impact from systematical uncertainties
- Main systematical uncertainties coming from jet energy scale and resolution, and b-tagging

Nonresonant results:

- $\sigma(pp \to HH \to bb\gamma\gamma) < 7.90$ fb (7.85 fb expected) ~ 91 x SM



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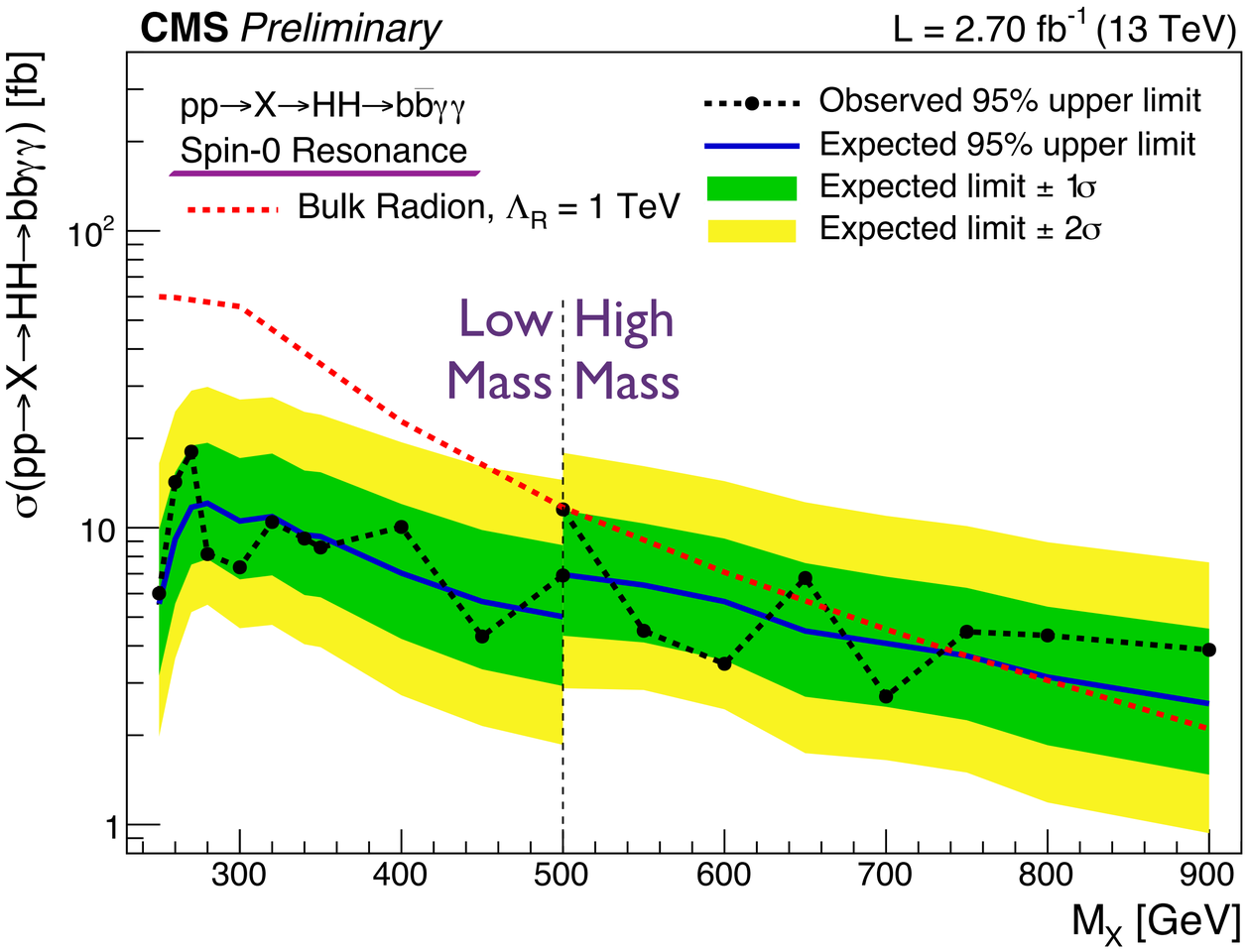
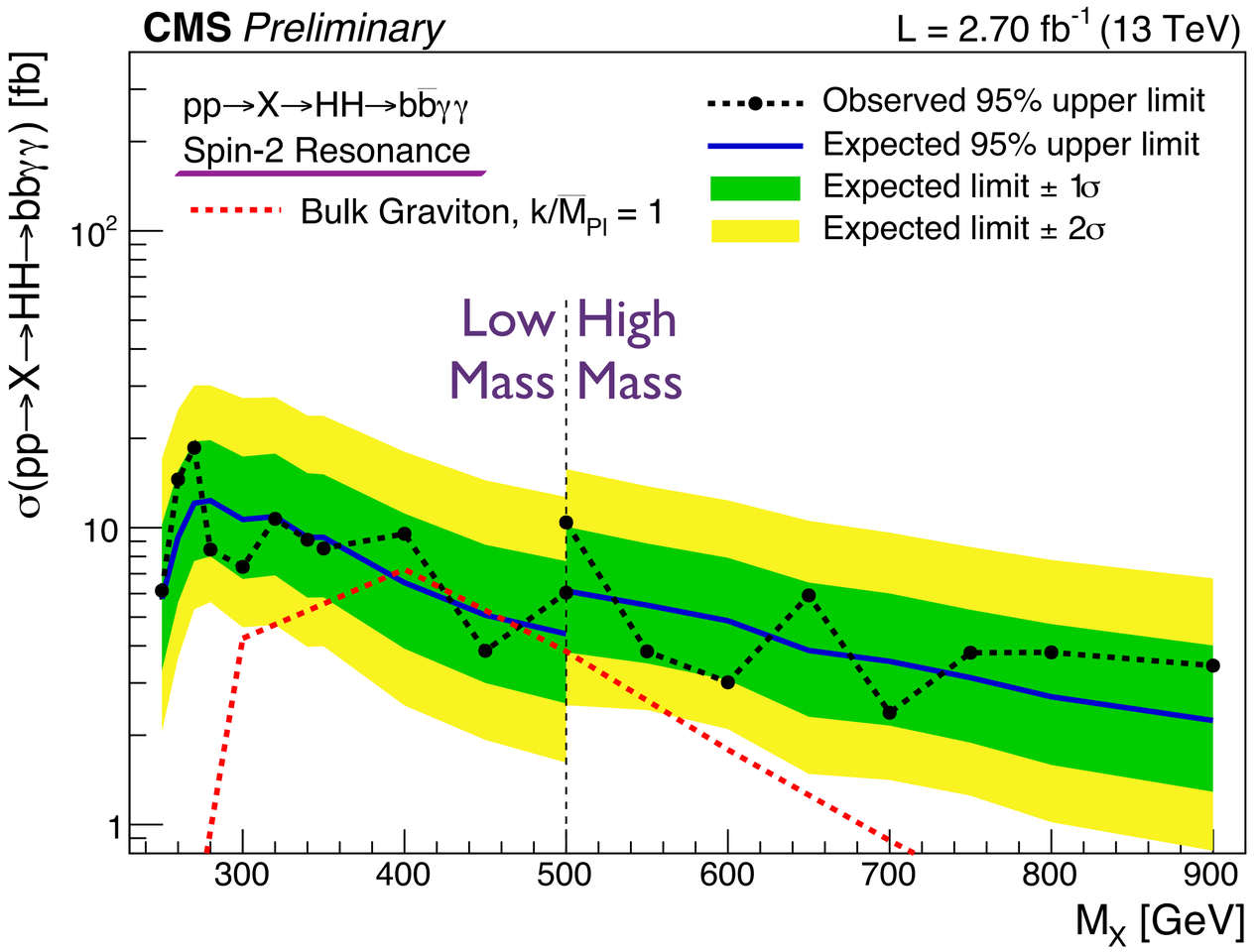
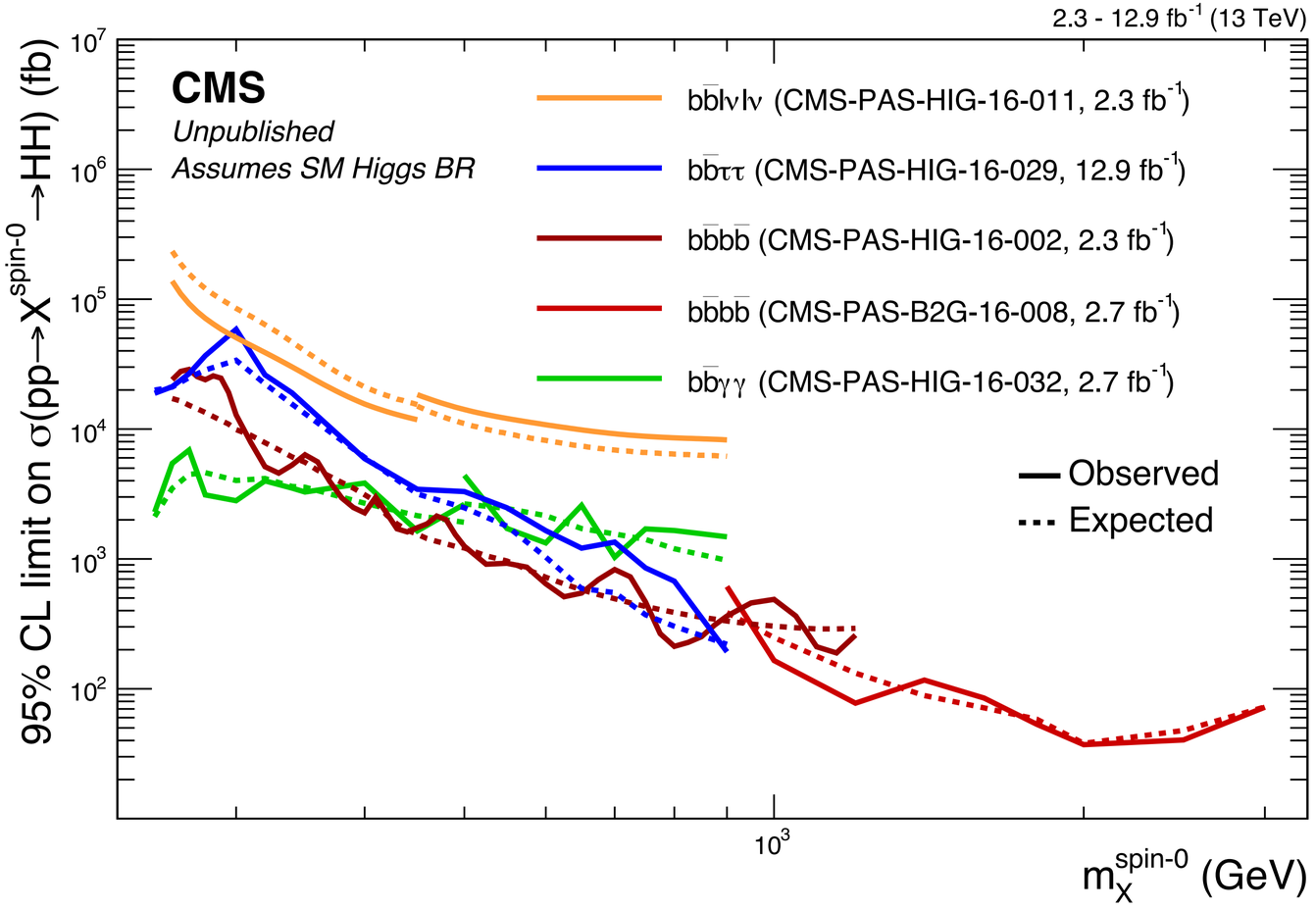




- Large fluctuations in expected and observed limits due to mass window requirement - limits are obtained in separate datasets

SUMMARY

- HH→bbɣɣ searches performed with the 2015 dataset recorded by CMS at 13 TeV
- Observed **limits are consistent with the expected** by the null hypothesis
- HH→bbɣɣ is currently the **most sensitive final state to the SM nonresonant HH production at CMS**
- For resonant searches, it is the **most sensitive in the low mass region** (M_X < 400 GeV) and competitive up to 900 GeV



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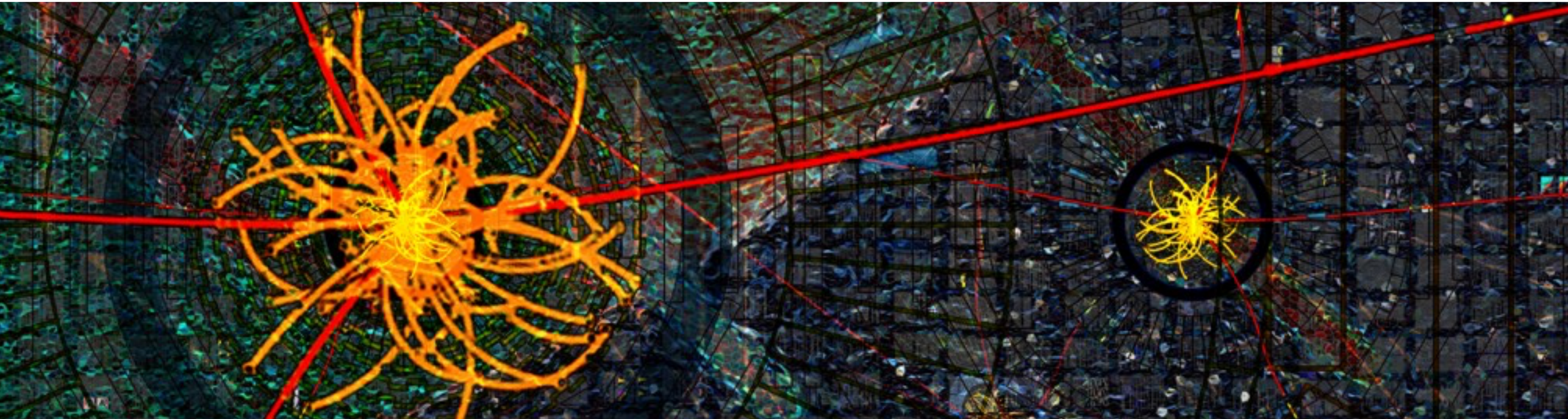
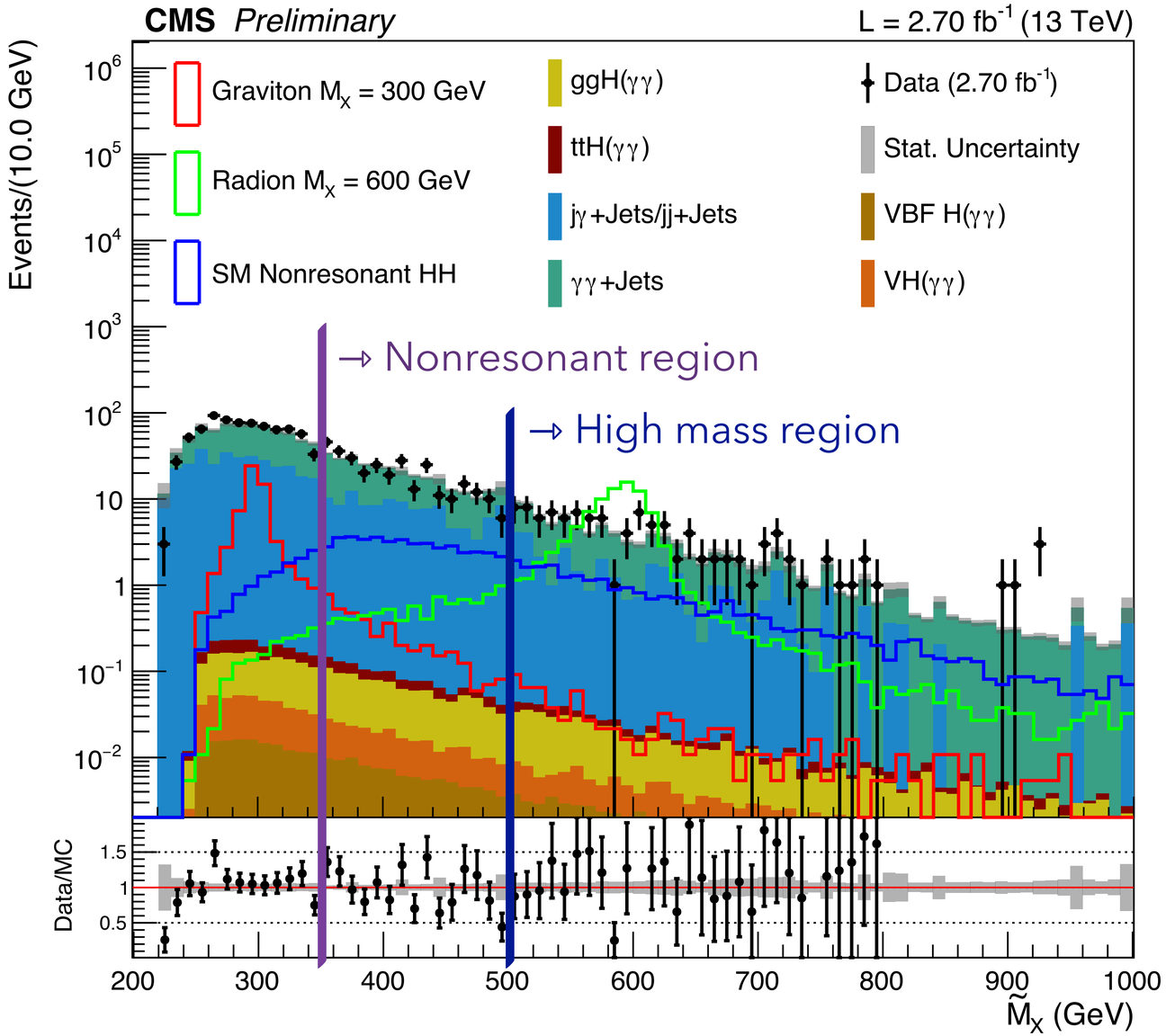


B-TAGGING CATEGORIES EXPLAINED



The b-tagging categorization ⇿ amount of background in individual analysis categories

- Goal: improve analysis sensitivity while maintaining enough events in individual categories for robust parametric background estimation
- Nonresonant analysis:
  - No mass window: b-tagging requirement tighter than in the other analysis categories.
- Resonant analyses:
  - Mass window (efficient at background mitigation) → b-tagging must be loose
  - Background(Low Mass) >> Background(High Mass) → b-tagging requirements must be looser at high mass. than in low mass