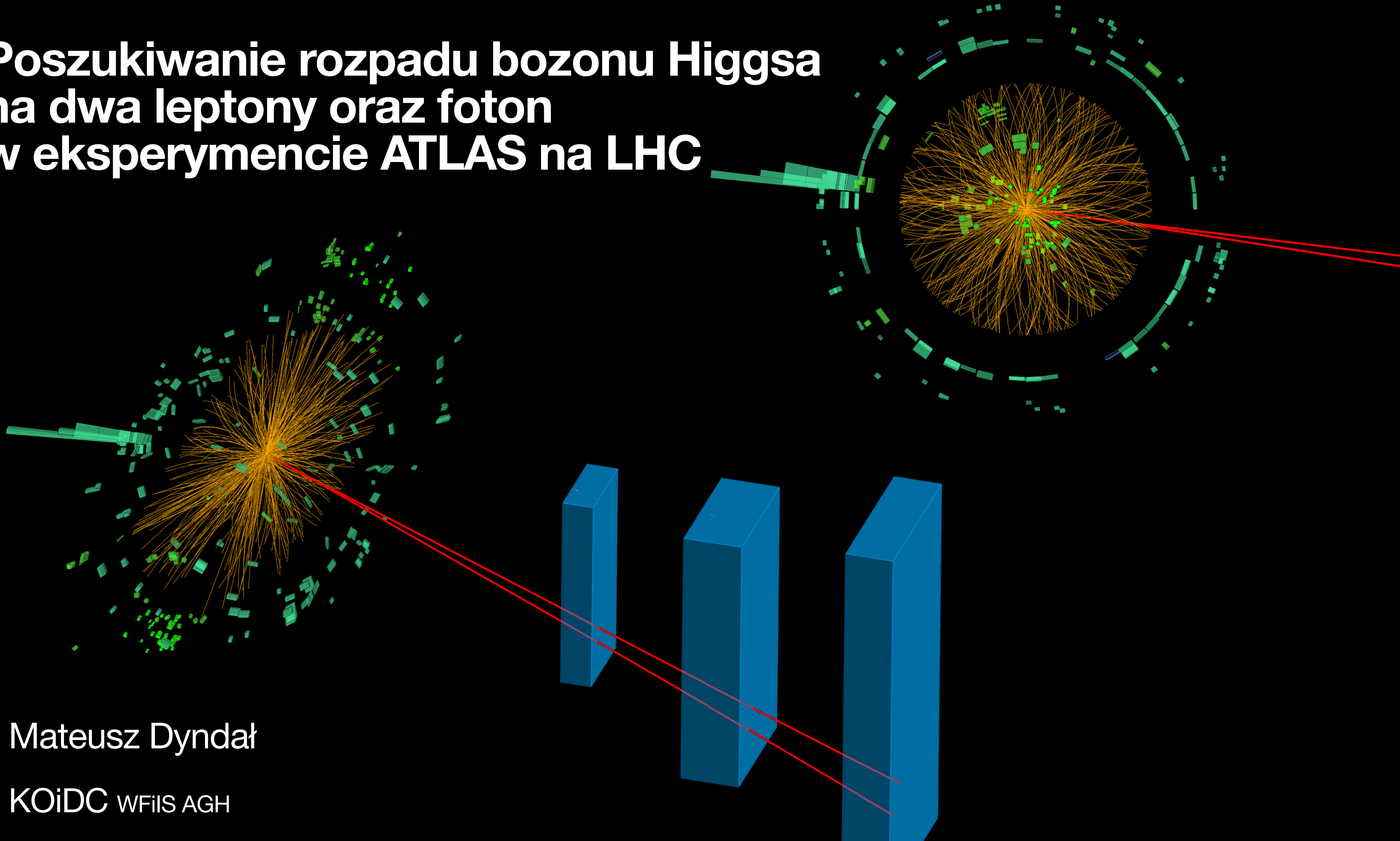


# Poszukiwanie rozpadu bozonu Higgsa na dwa leptony oraz foton w eksperymencie ATLAS na LHC



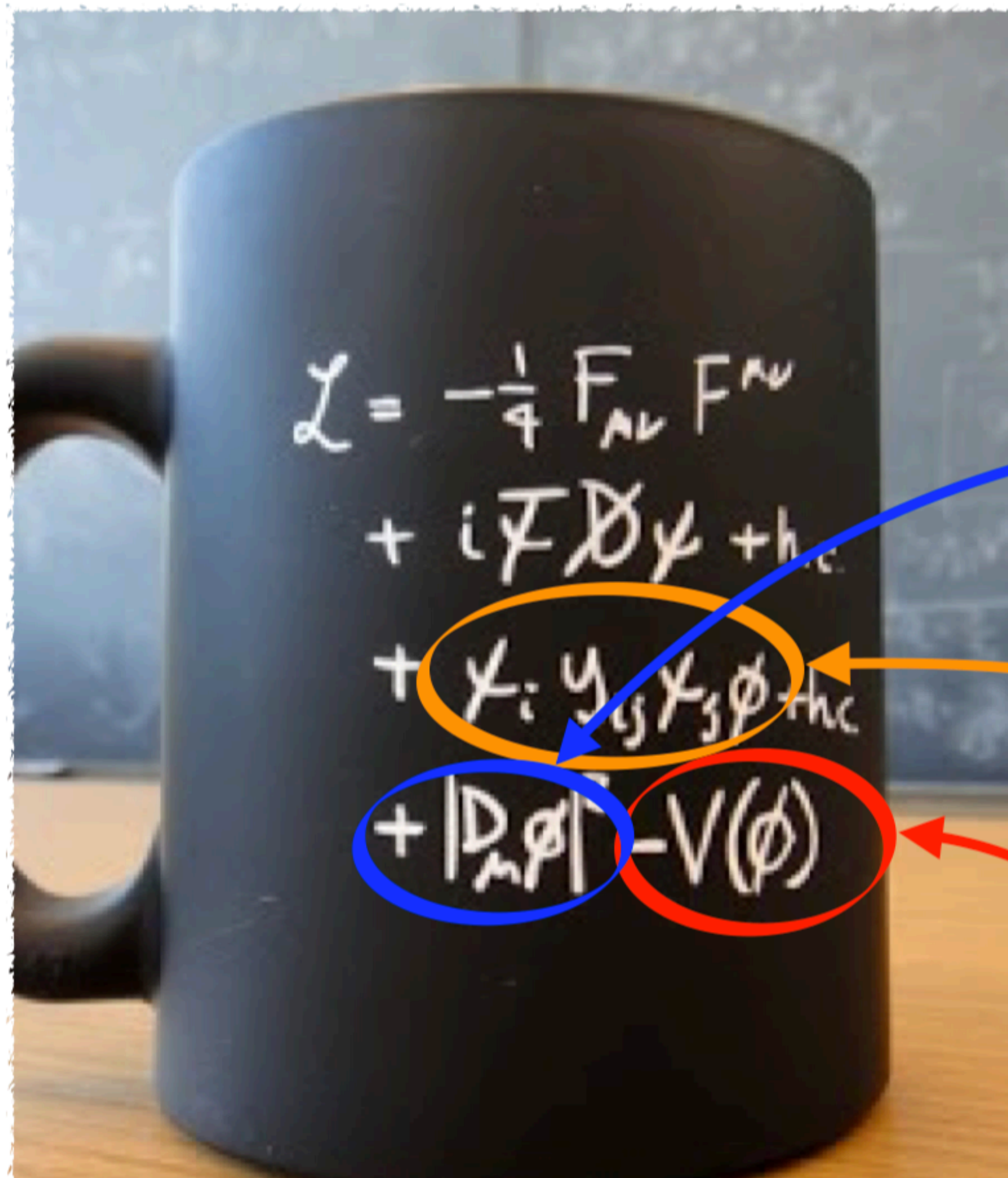
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# The 125 GeV Higgs boson

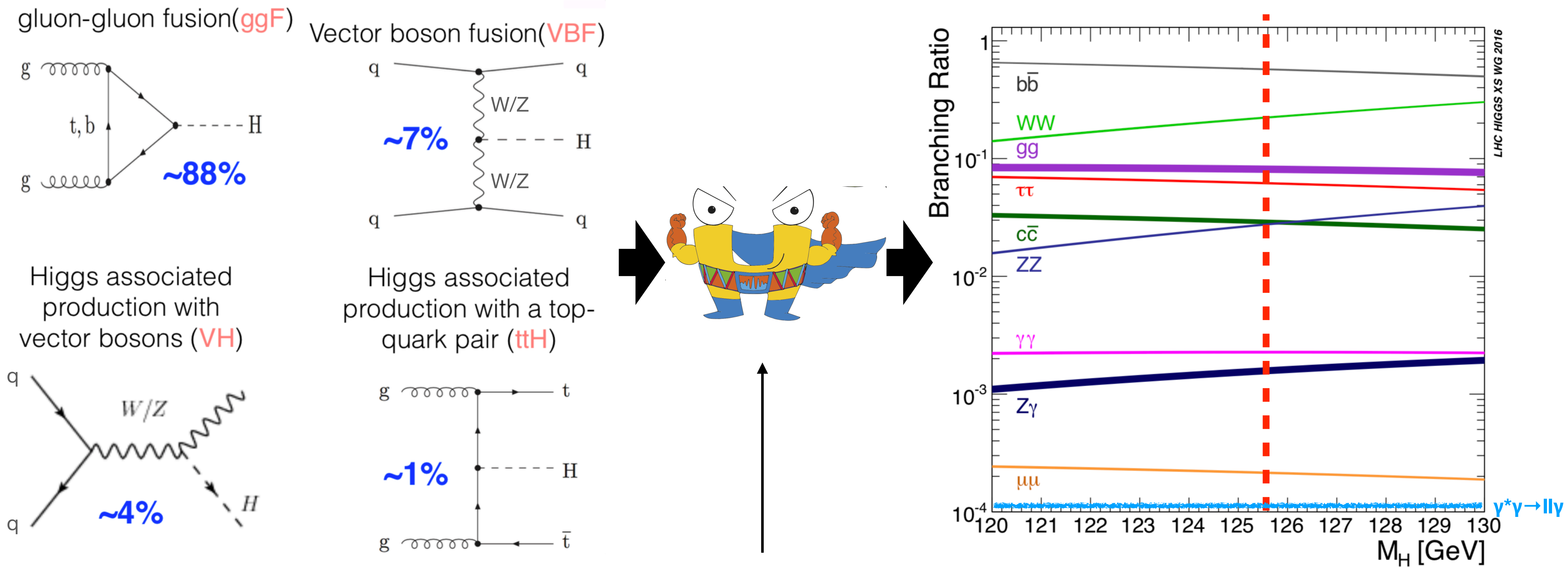
It is the only fundamental scalar with spin 0 we have seen so far



Discovery allows to access a new sector in the Lagrangian:

- Scalar-Gauge boson interactions
- Yukawa couplings (new type of interaction)
- Higgs potential: cornerstone of BEH mechanism, not yet probed experimentally

# Higgs boson production and decay at the LHC



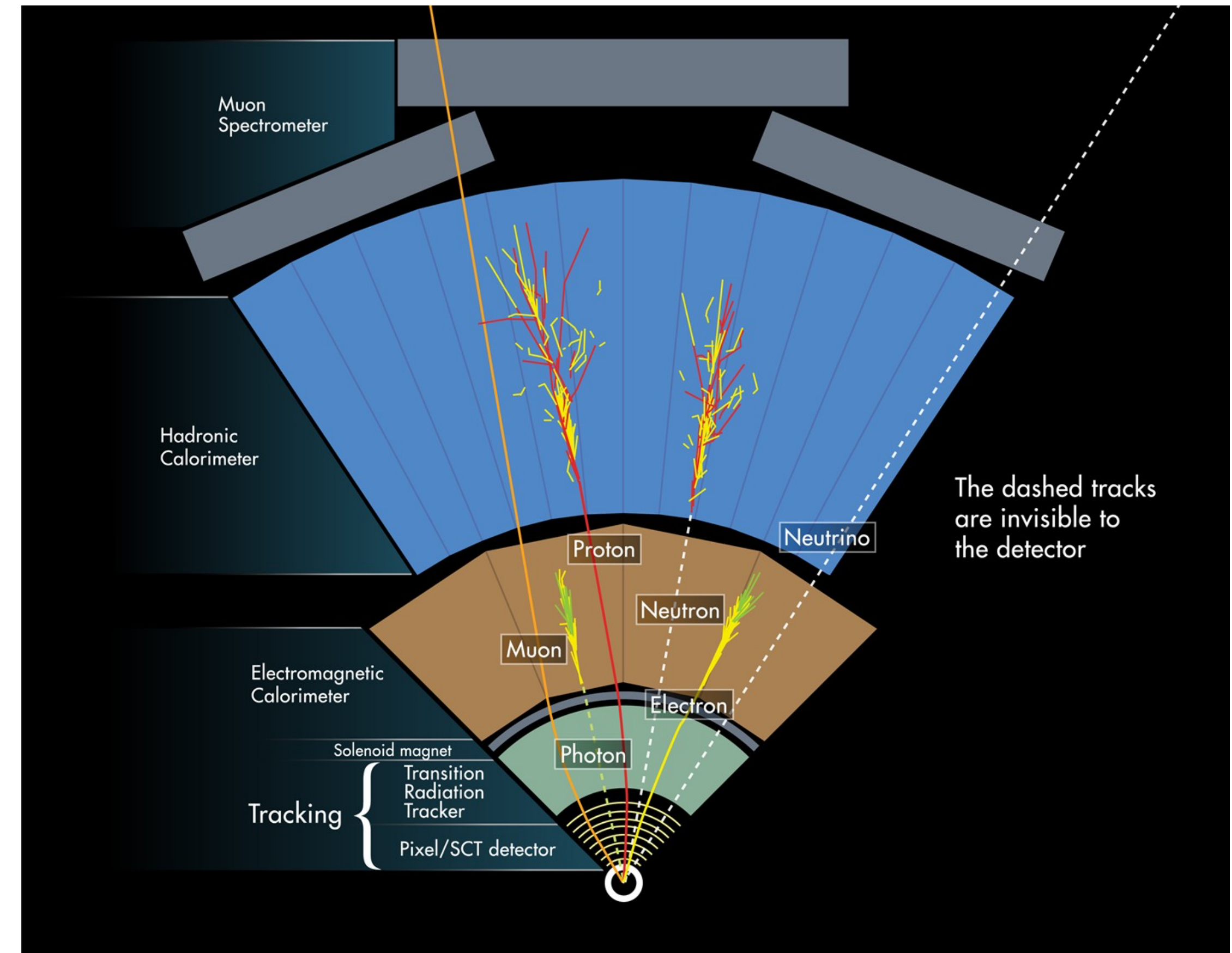
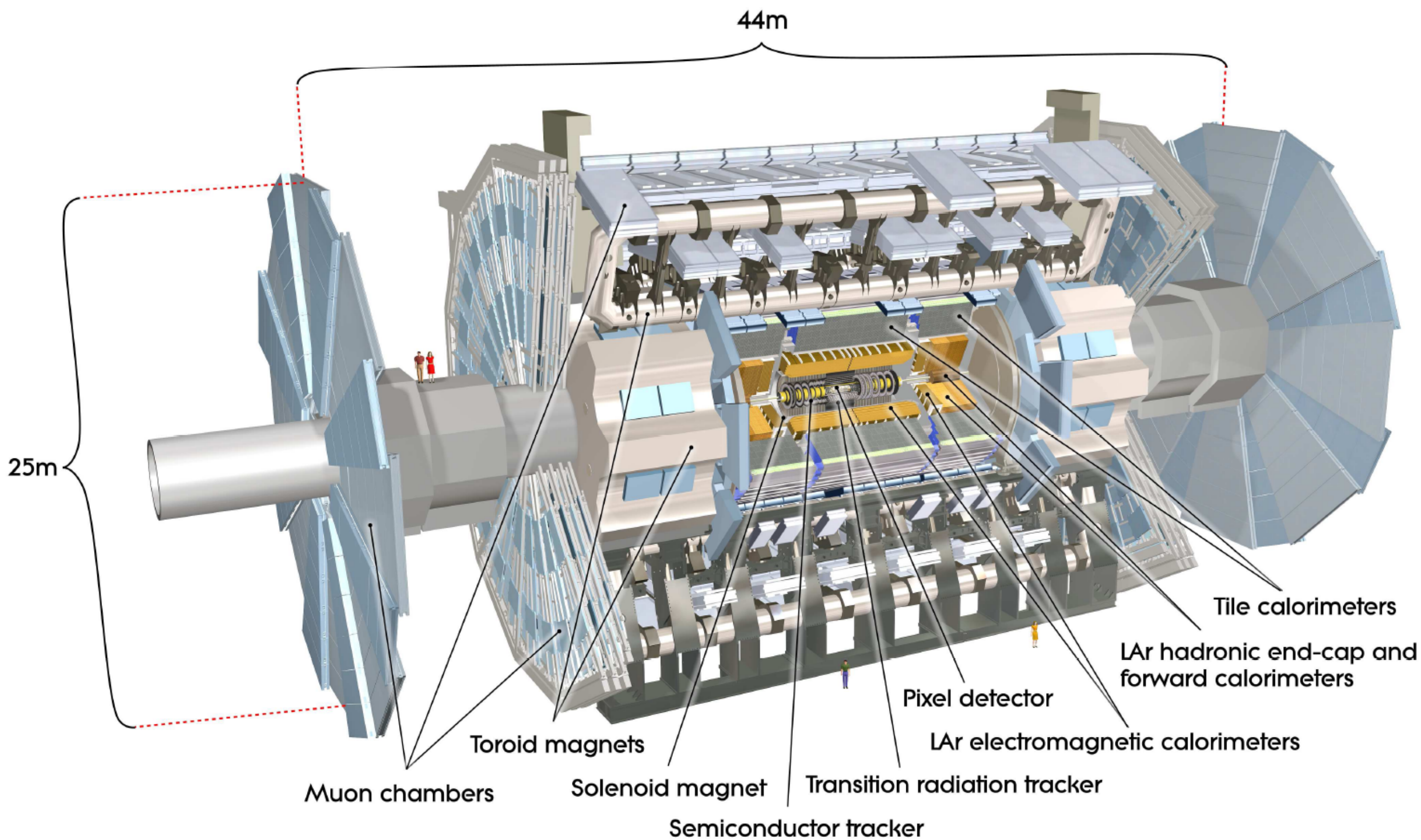
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# The ATLAS detector at the LHC

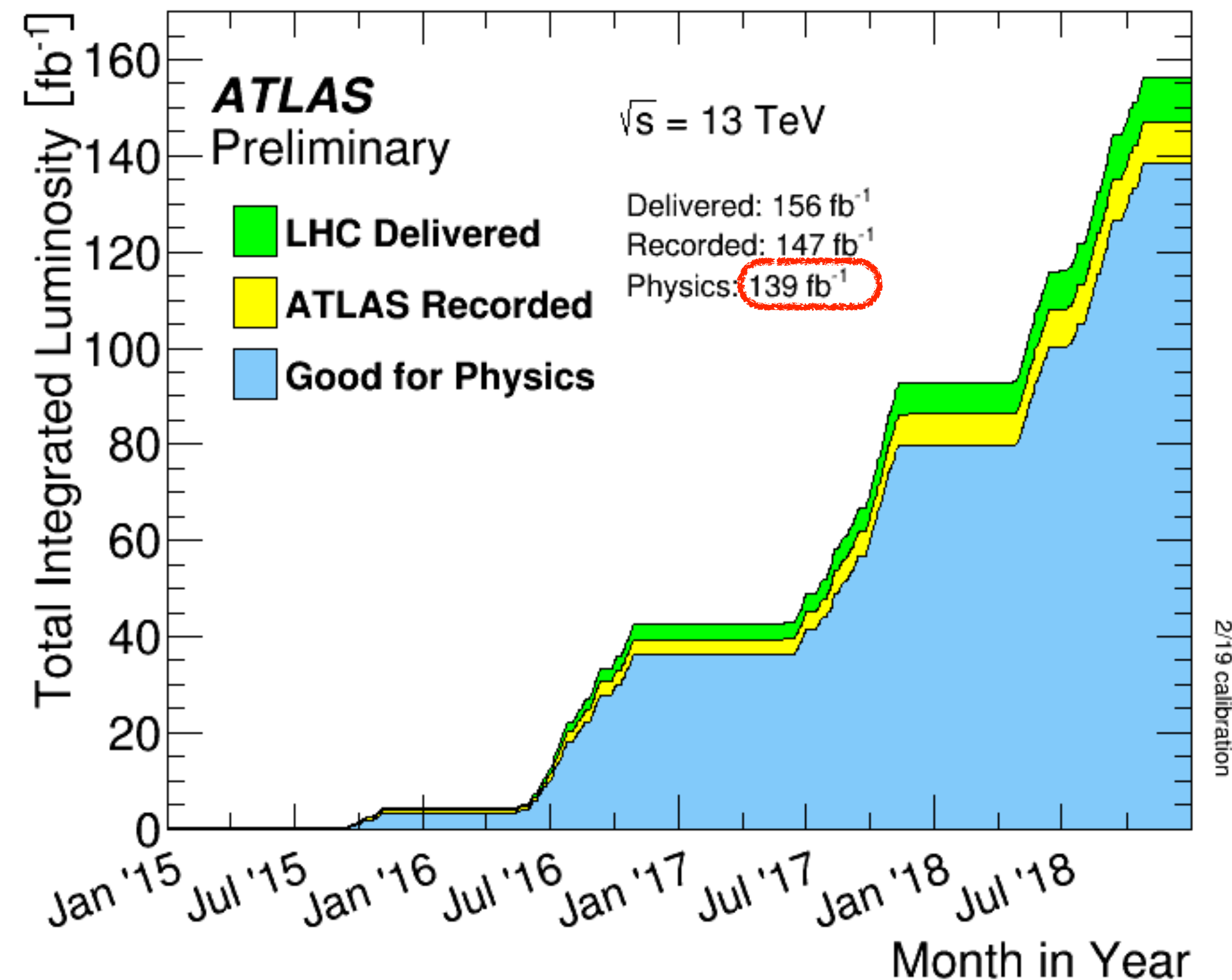
- General-purpose particle physics experiment
  - Designed to exploit the full discovery potential and vast range of physics opportunities that LHC provides





# LHC Run 2 period (2015-2018)

- ATLAS experiment has successfully collected  **$\sim 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$**  luminosity at **pp 13 TeV** centre-of-mass energy in the full LHC Run 2 period
  - Big thanks to the CERN accelerator team for the excellent LHC performance!



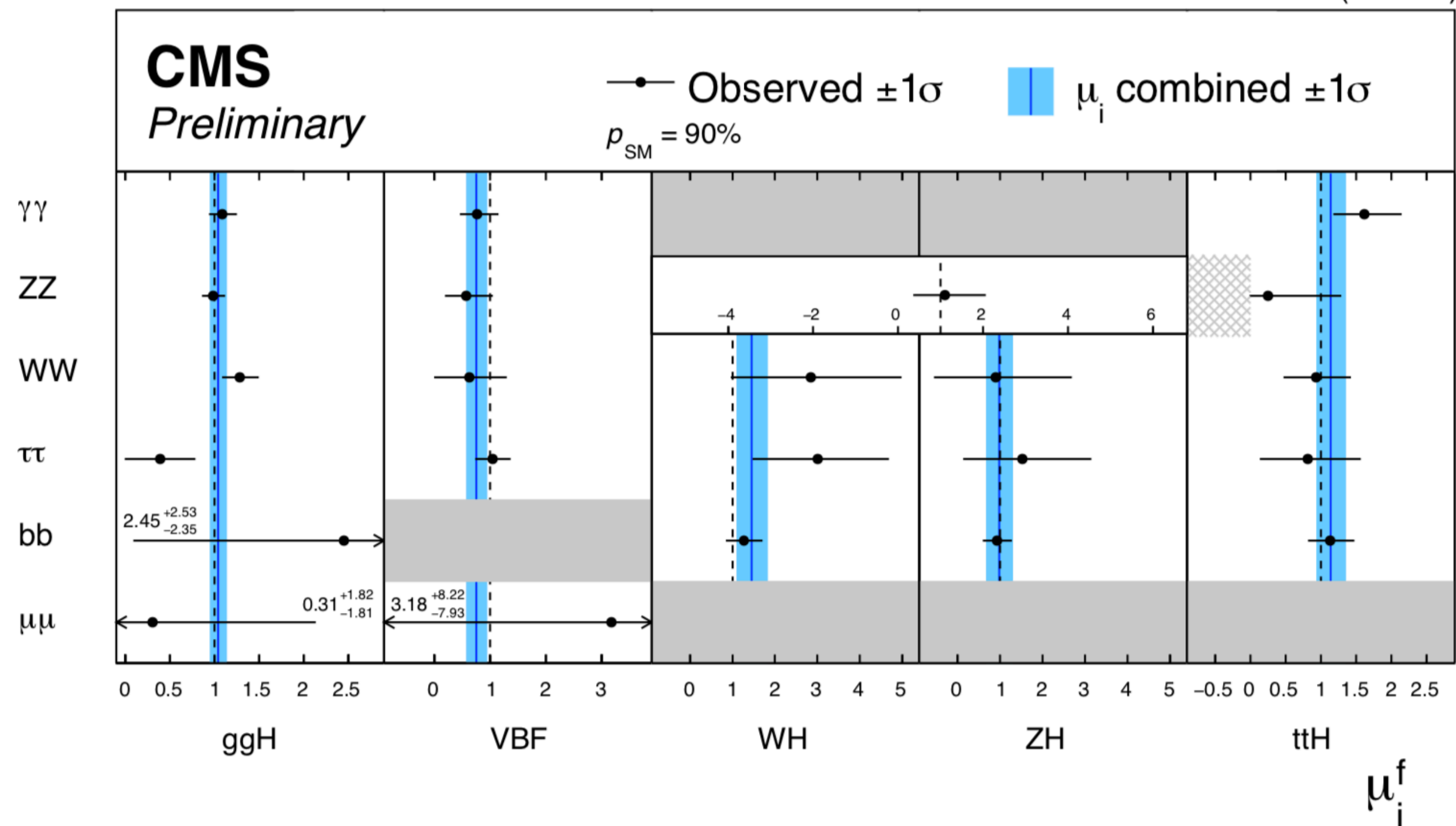


# What do we know about the Higgs boson after LHC Run 2?

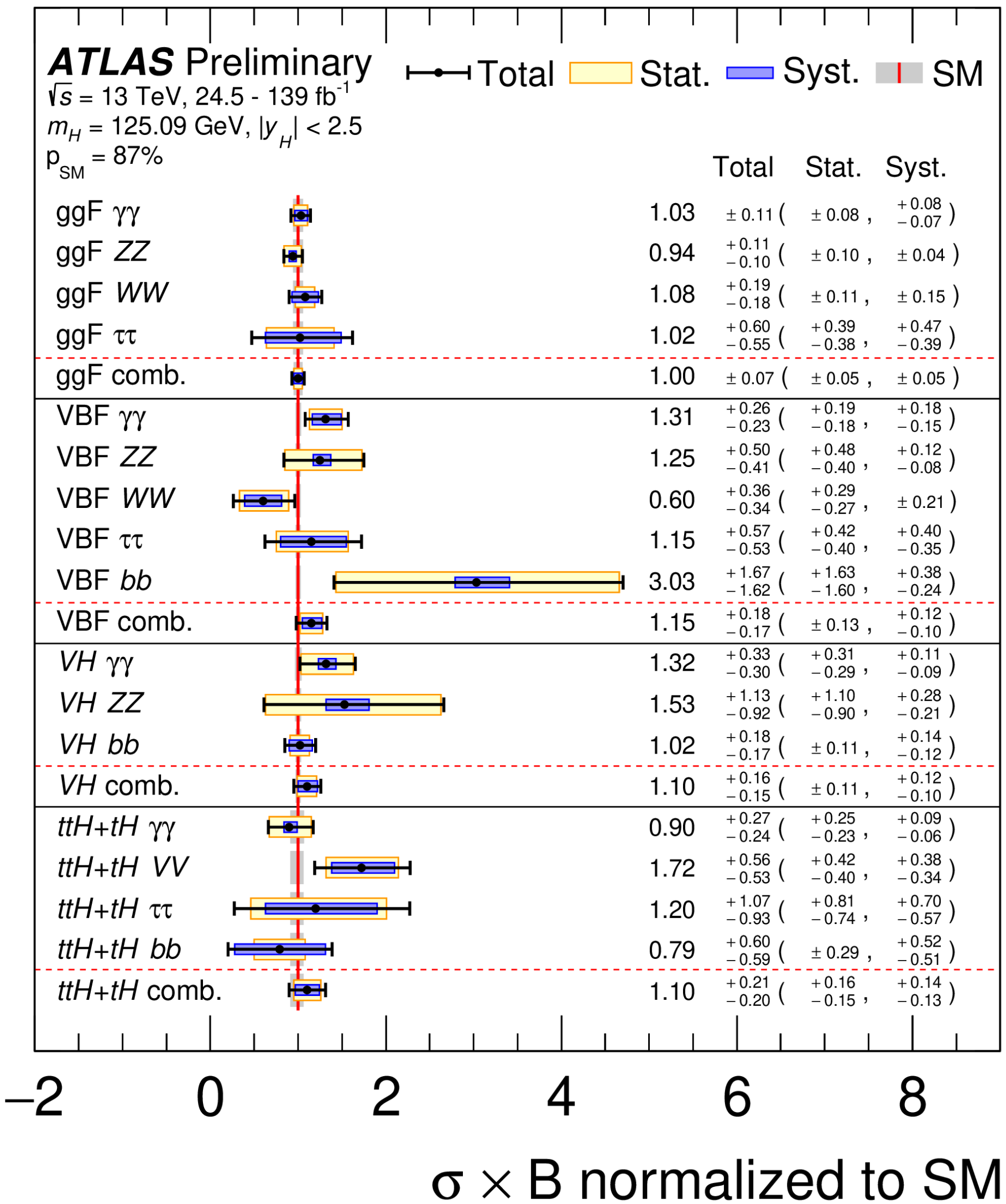
- Inclusive Higgs **signal strength** combination:
  - $\mu = 1.02 \pm 0.07$  [ $\pm 0.04(\text{th}) \pm 0.04(\text{exp}) \pm 0.04(\text{stat})$ ] (CMS)
  - $\mu = 1.06 \pm 0.07$  (ATLAS)
  - in good agreement with the SM prediction

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35.9-137 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



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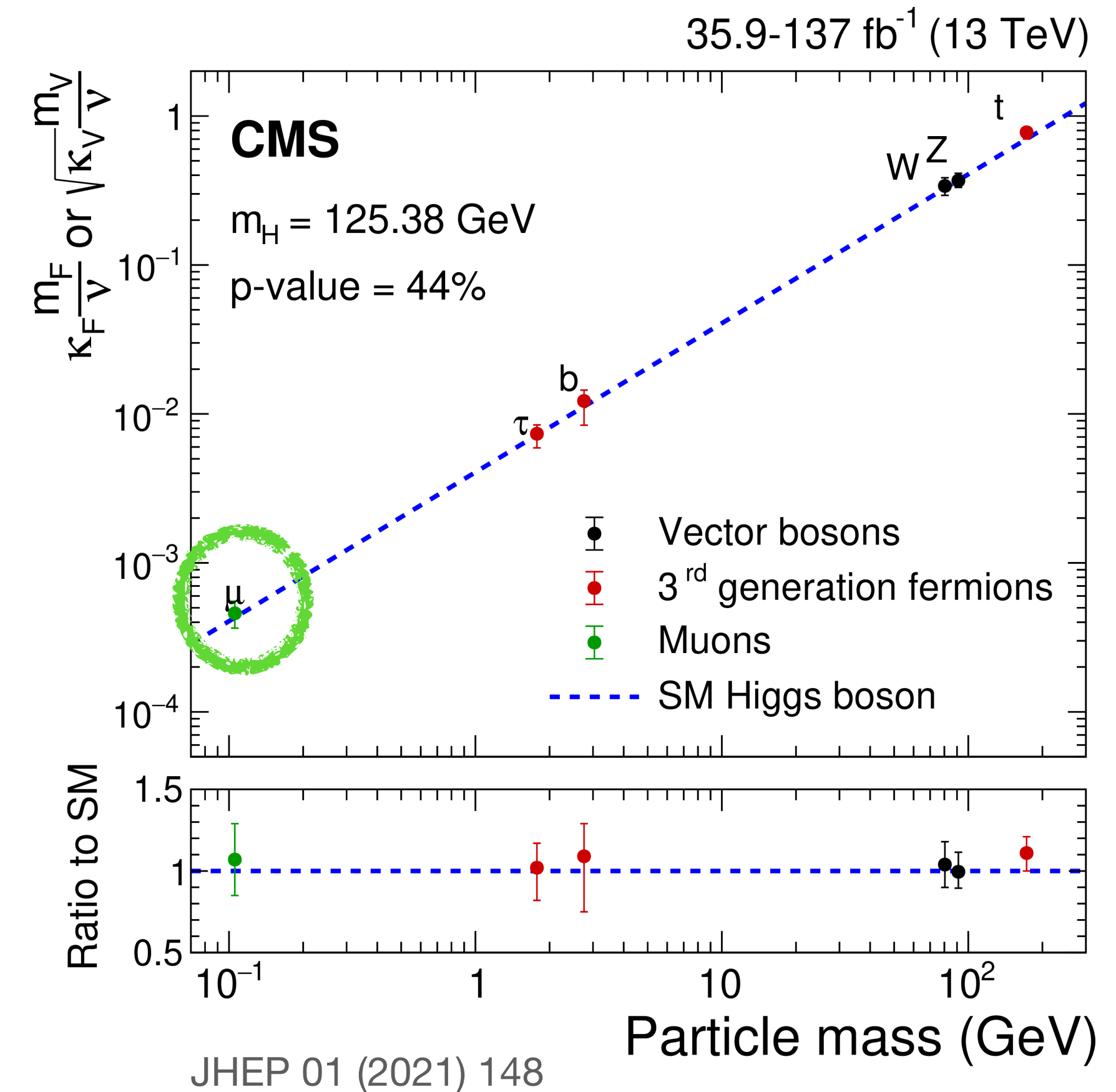
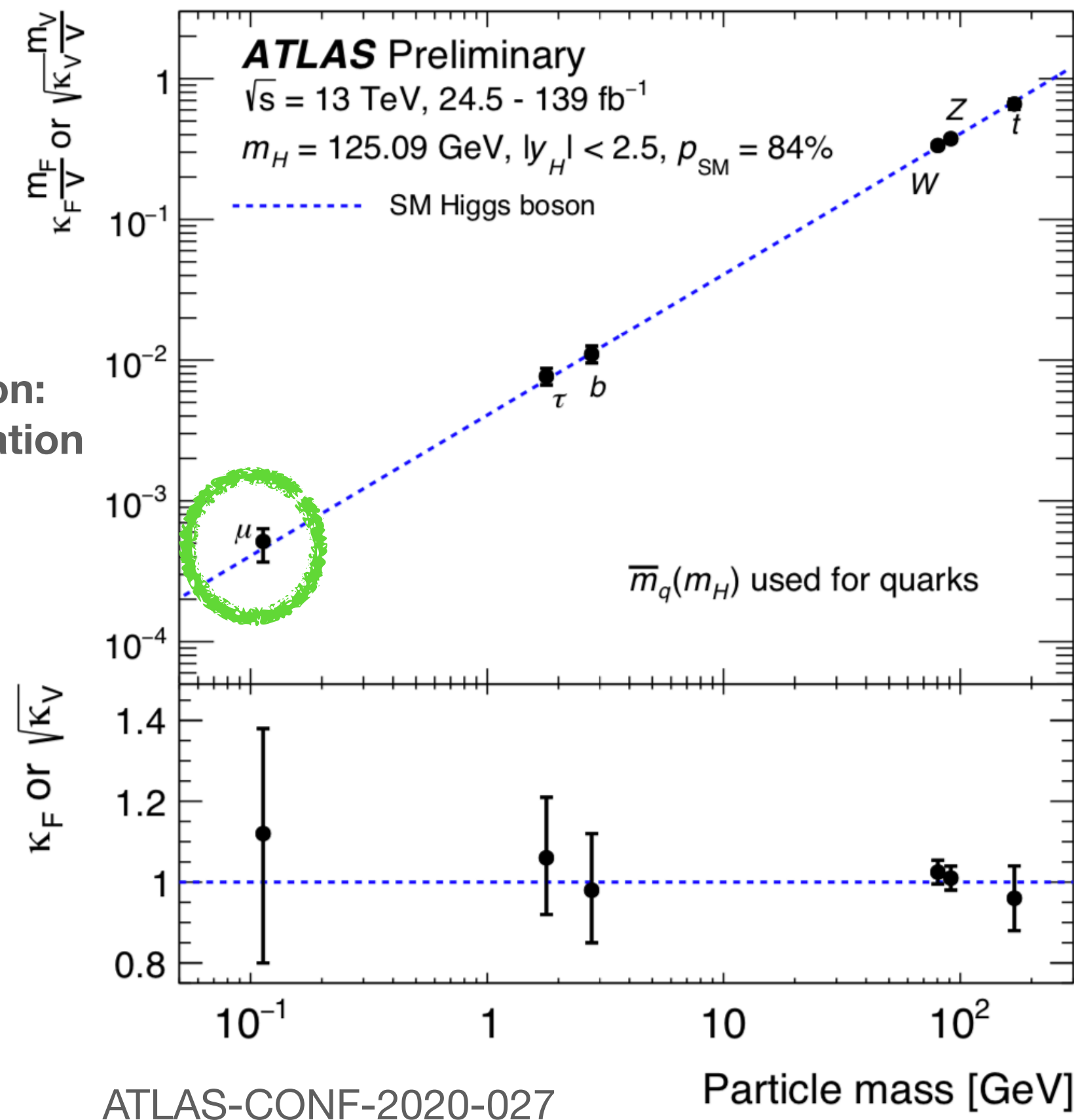




# What do we know about the Higgs boson after LHC Run 2?

- ATLAS and CMS have performed global fit of coupling modifiers
  - ~6% uncertainty on Higgs to vector boson couplings
  - ~10-15% uncertainty on Higgs to the 3rd generation fermion couplings
  - This includes recent evidence for  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay

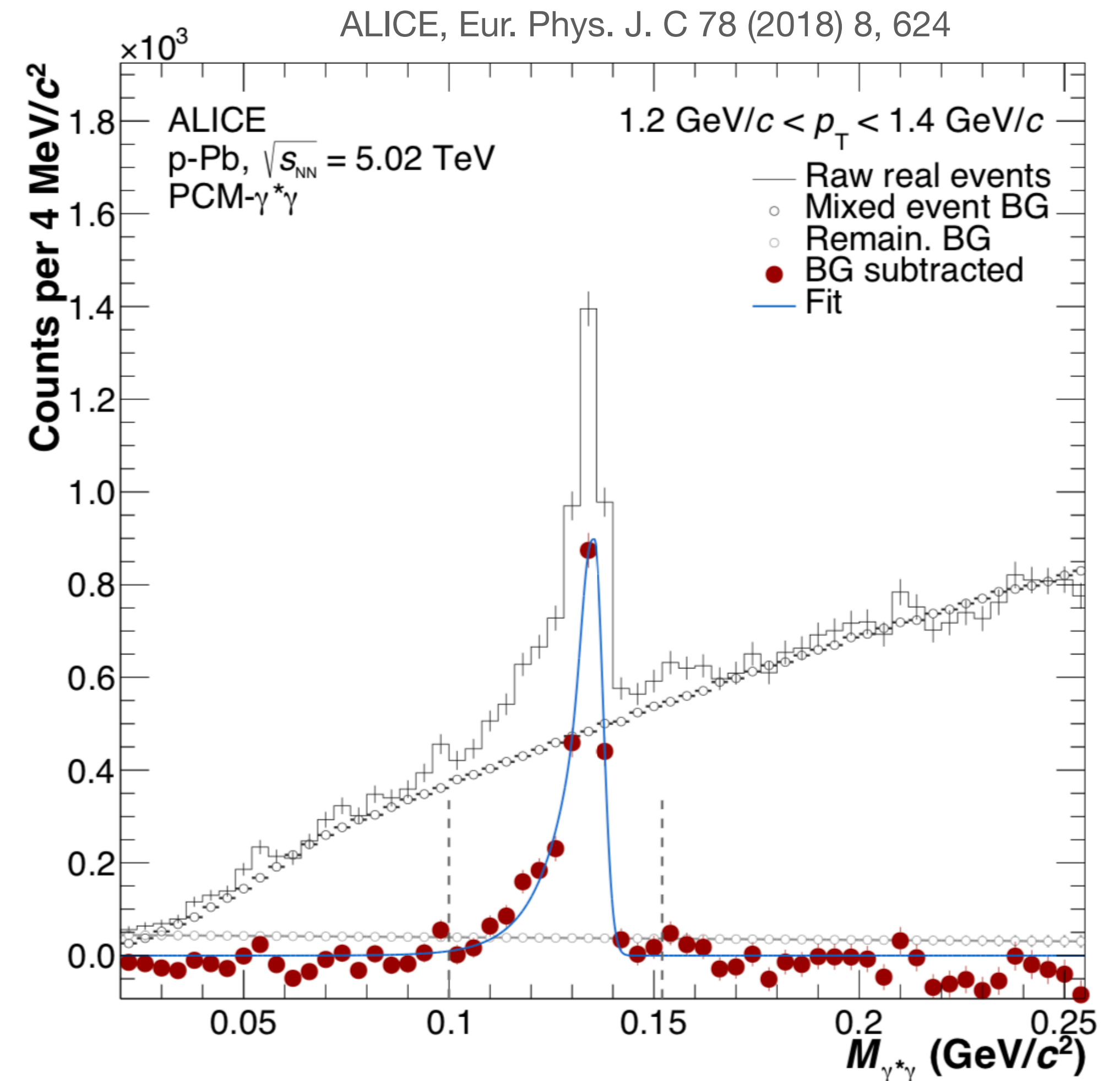
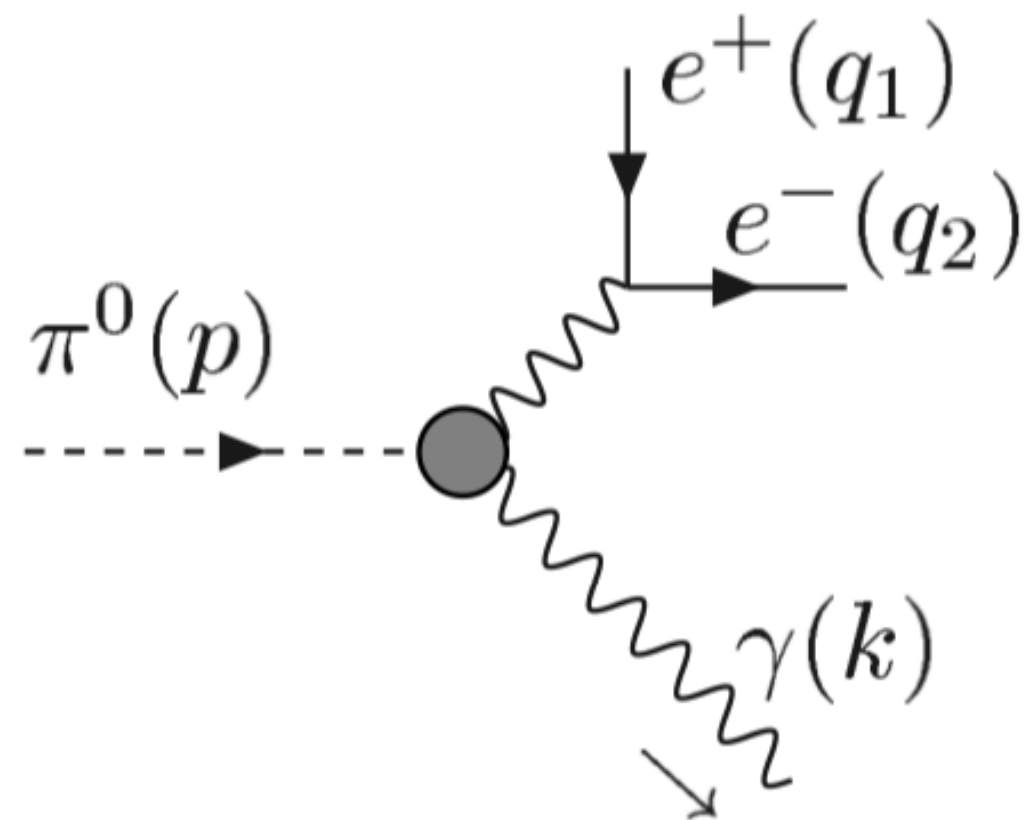
Footprint of SM Higgs boson:  
mass versus coupling correlation





# Dalitz decay

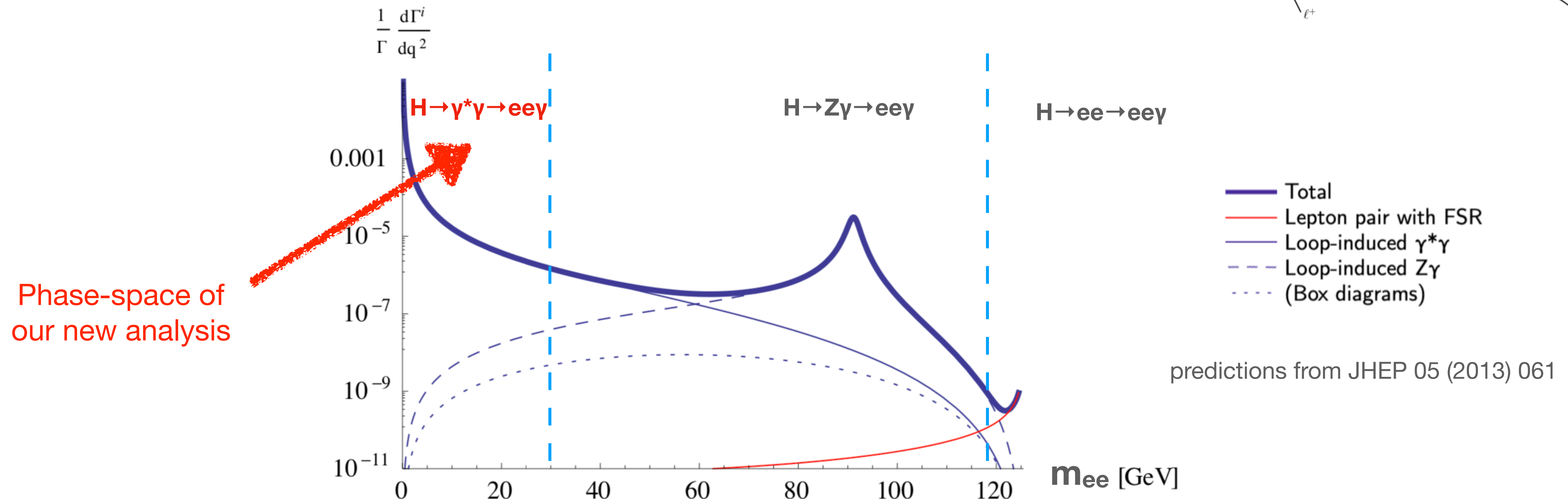
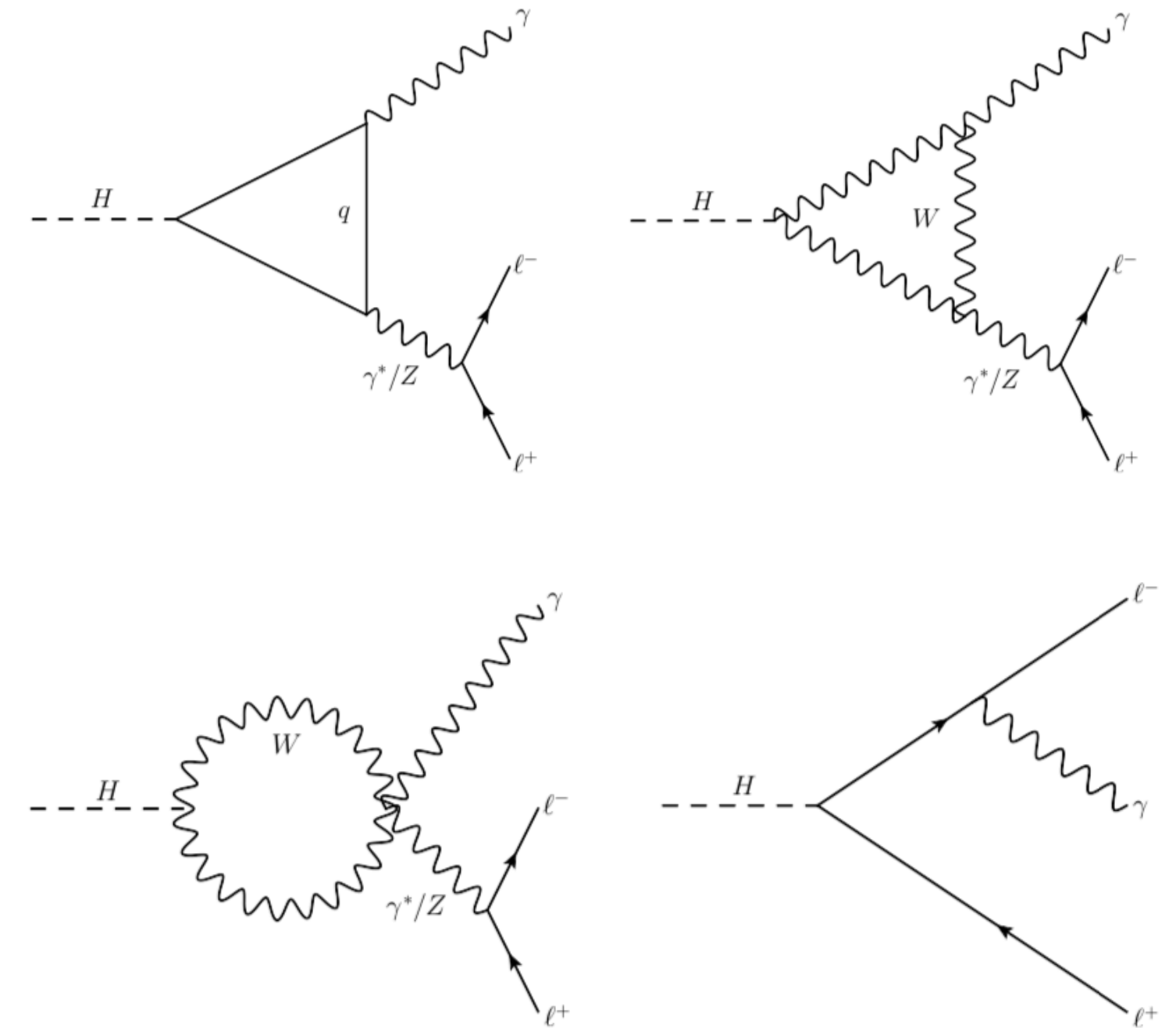
- Traditionally attributed to mesons decaying to **two leptons plus a photon**
  - Mediated via virtual photon exchange
- Famous example: **neutral pion decay**
  - $B(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.988$
  - $B(\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma) = 0.012$





# Higgs Dalitz decay ( $H \rightarrow \ell\ell\gamma$ )

- Very rare decays ( $\mathcal{B} < 2 \times 10^{-4}$ )
- Several processes contribute to the final state
  - Test of exotic couplings through loops
- Diverse final state kinematics



# Previous measurements of $H \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma$

## $H \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma$ [CMS, JHEP 11 (2018) 152]

Upper limit  $Z\gamma$ :  $7.5 \cdot \text{SM}$  (expected w/ Higgs:  $6 \cdot \text{SM}$ )

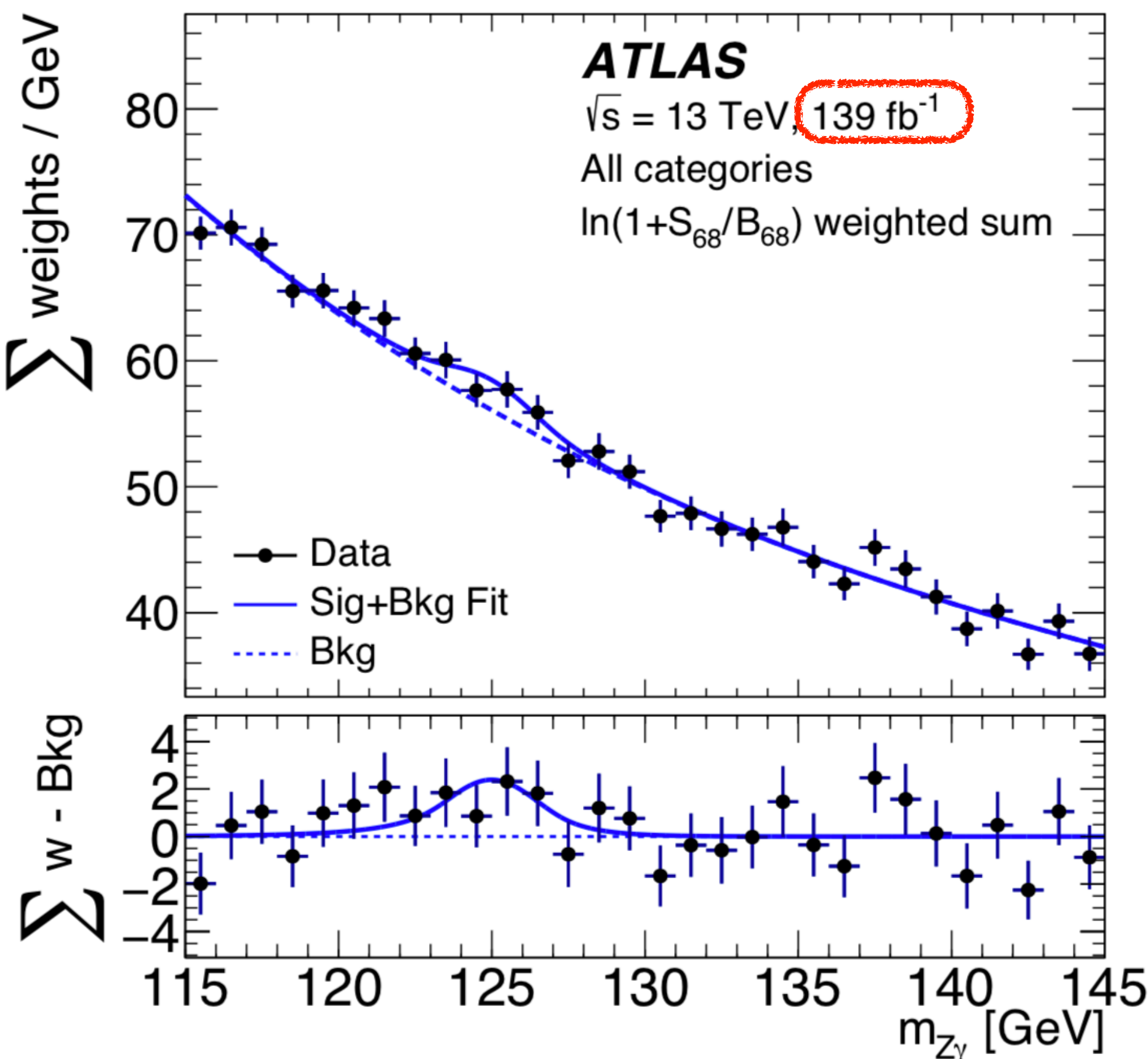
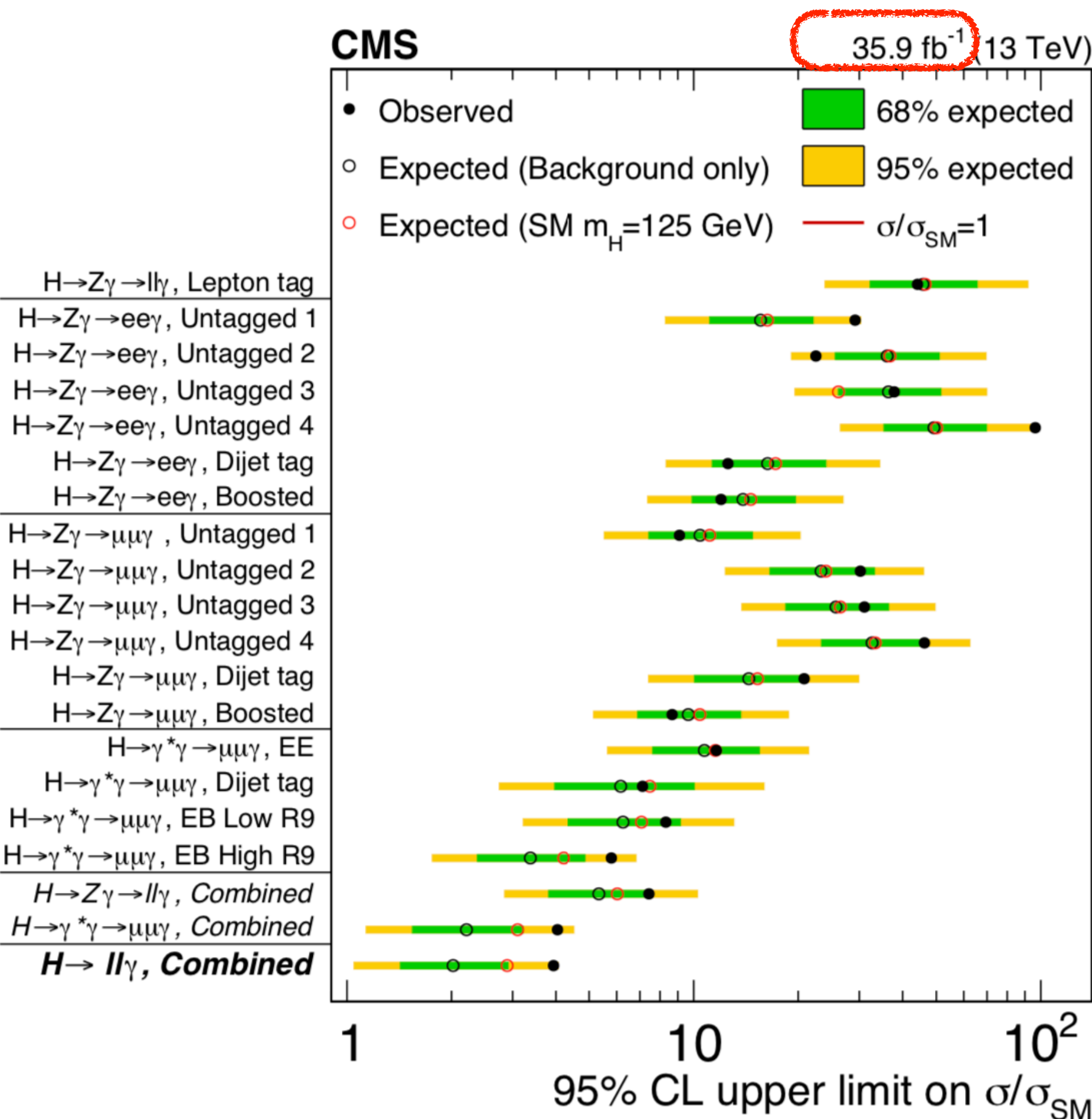
Upper limit  $\gamma^*\gamma$  ( $\mu\mu$ ):  $4 \cdot \text{SM}$  (expected w/Higgs:  $3 \cdot \text{SM}$ )

## $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ [ATLAS, Phys. Lett. B 809 (2020) 135754]

$m_{ll}$ : Z boson mass  $\pm 10$  GeV

significance:  $2.2 \sigma$  (expected w/ Higgs:  $1.2 \sigma$ )

upper limit:  $3.6 \cdot \text{SM}$  (expected w/ Higgs:  $2.6 \cdot \text{SM}$ )





# New search for $H \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma$ decays with ATLAS

[arXiv:2103.10322](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.10322)

EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH (CERN)



Submitted to: Phys. Lett. B



CERN-EP-2021-035  
19th March 2021

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**Evidence for Higgs boson decays to a low-mass dilepton system and a photon in  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with the ATLAS detector**

The ATLAS Collaboration

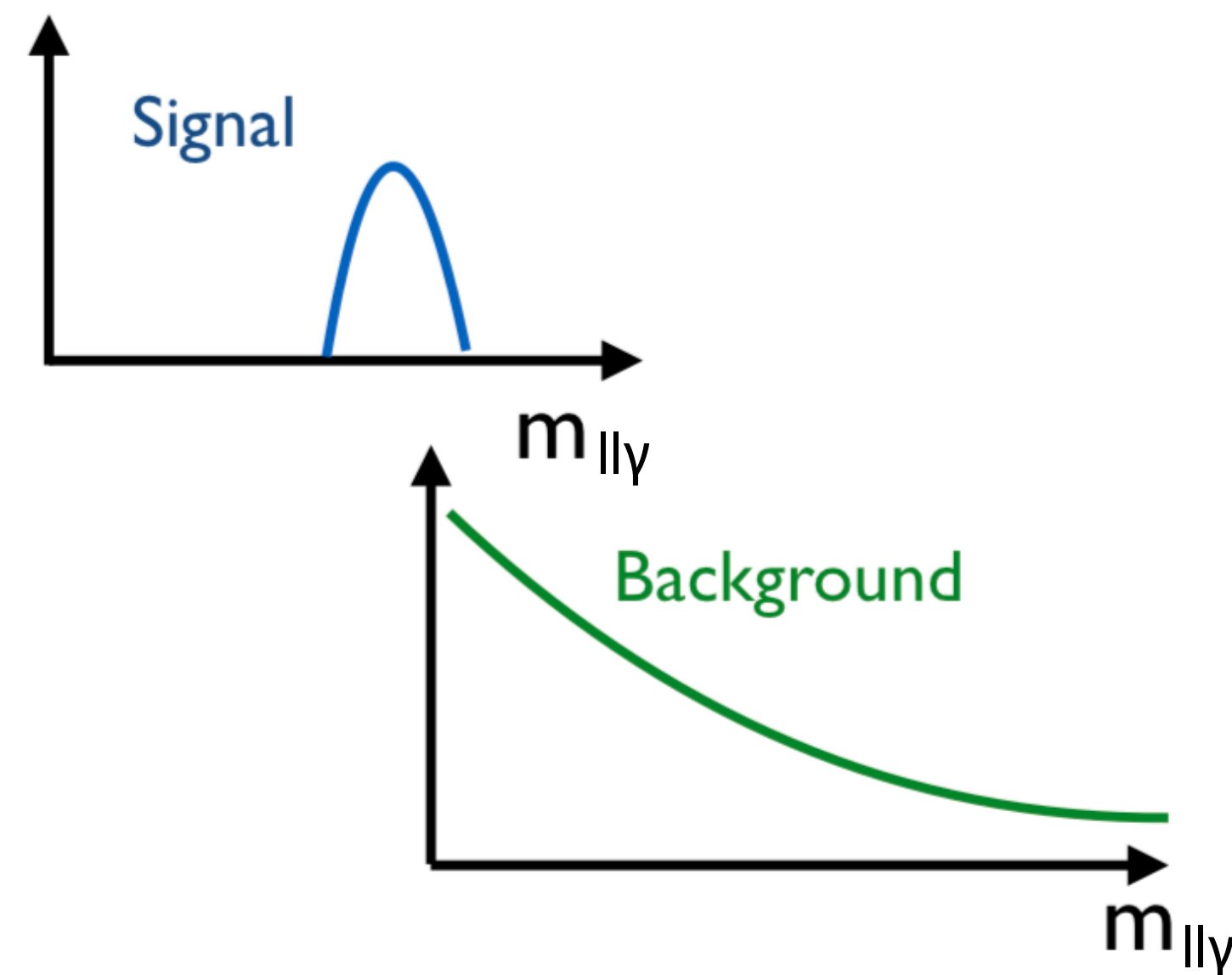
# Search for $H \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma$ decays at low- $m_{l\bar{l}}$ with ATLAS

- Rough sketch of analysis procedure:
  - Object and event selection + categorisation (**Step 1**)
  - Signal and background parameterisations (**Step 2**)
  - Simultaneous fit to all categories (**Step 3**)

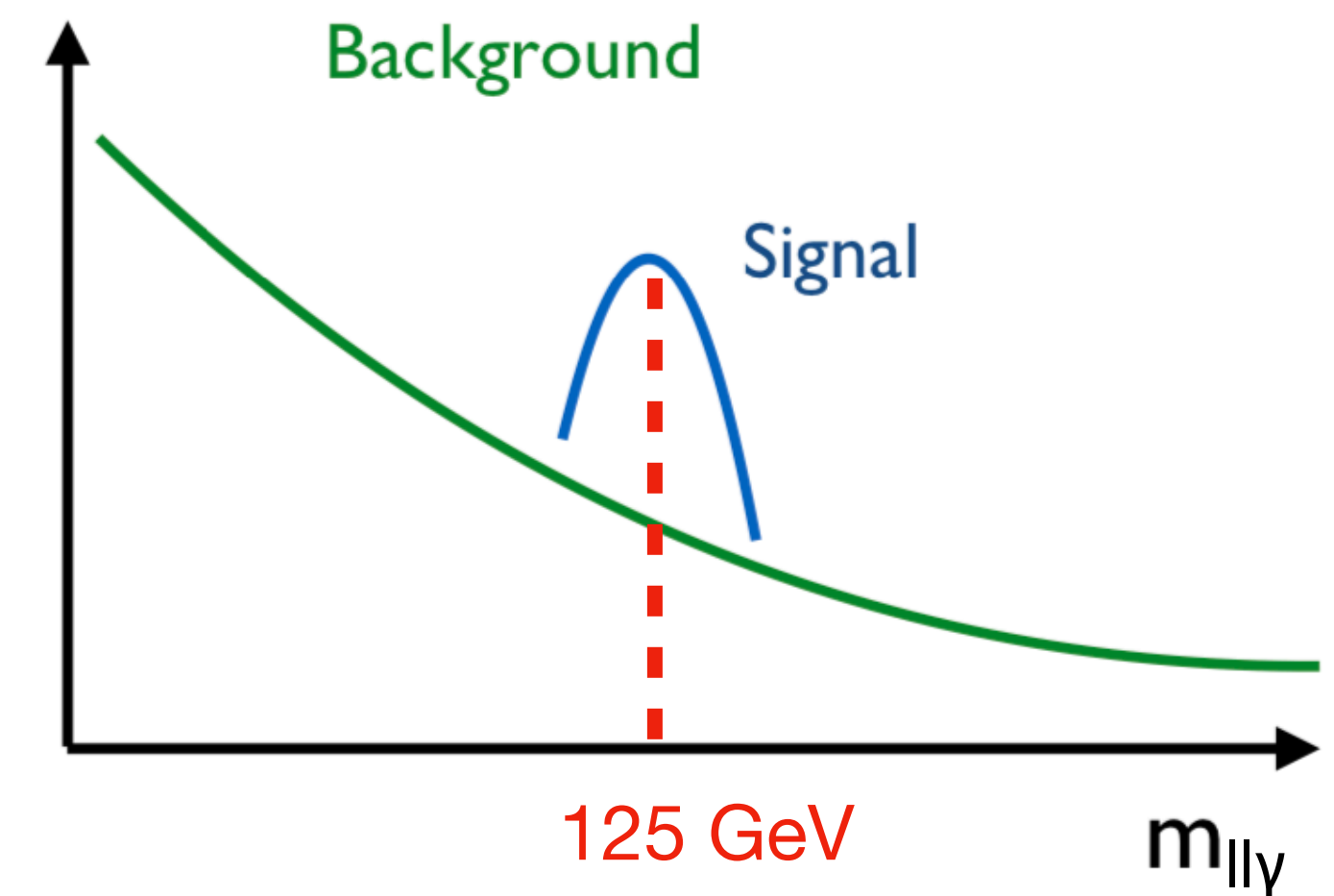
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Step 2



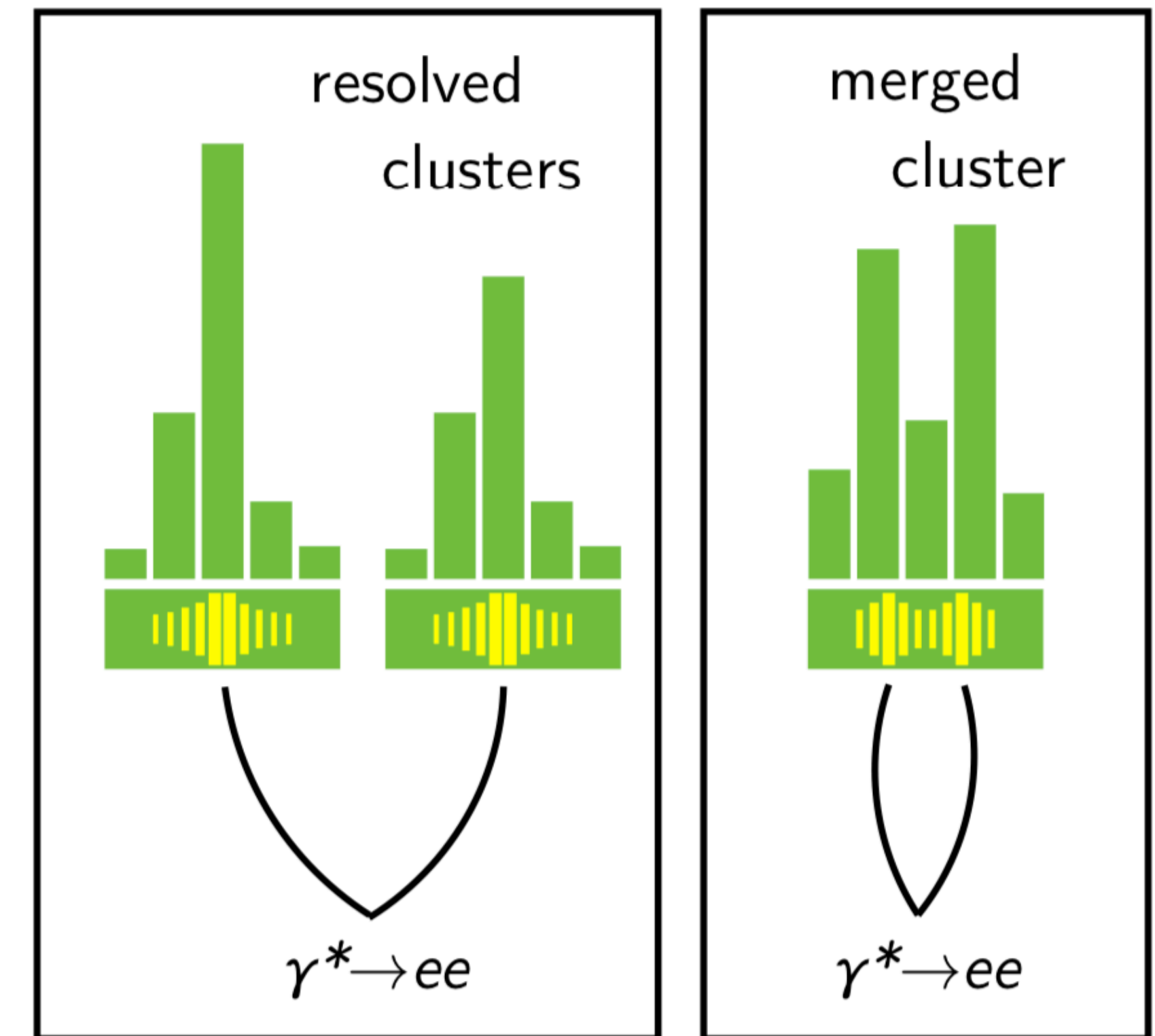
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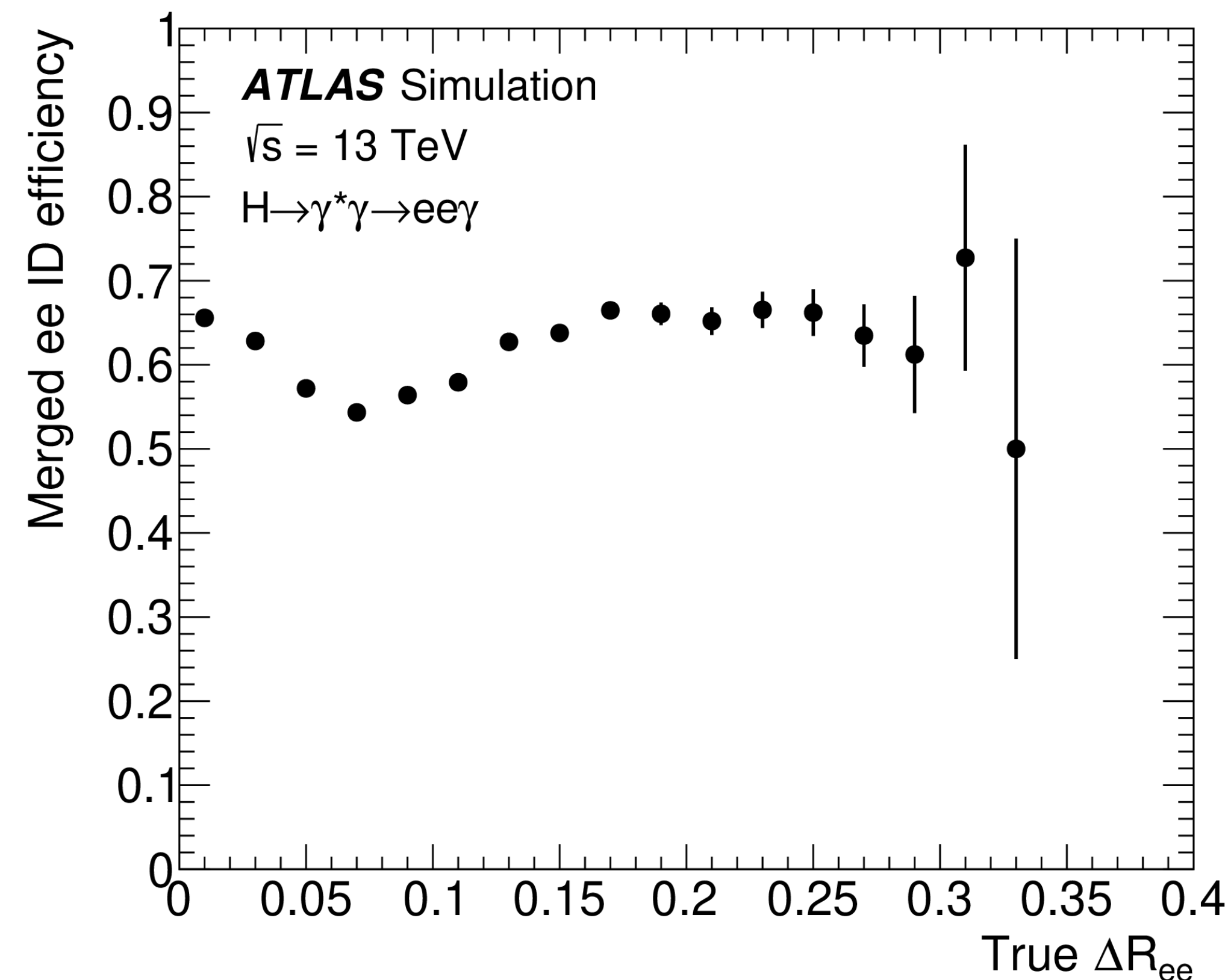
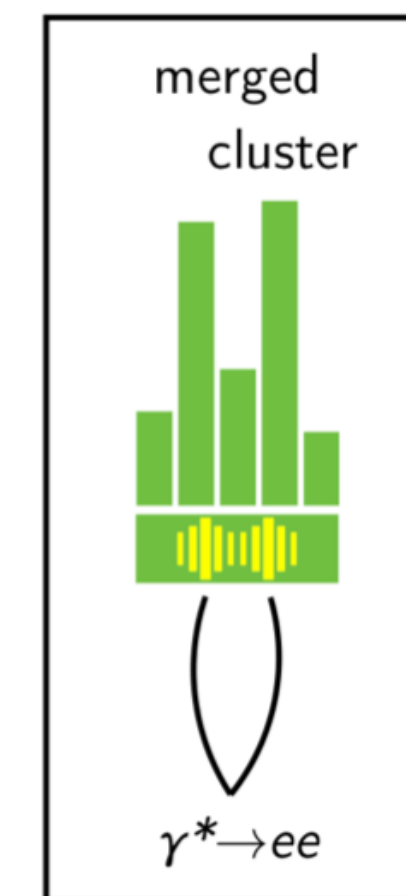
# Event selection

- Trigger:
  - Combination of **single-lepton**, **2l**,  **$\gamma$ +l**,  **$\gamma\gamma$** ,  **$\gamma$ +2l** triggers is used
  - Dedicated **merged-ee** +  **$\gamma$**  trigger is also employed
- Object selection:
  - Photons: Isolated with  $p_T > 20$  GeV
  - Muons: Isolated (leading) with  $p_T > 3$  (11) GeV
  - Electrons: Isolated (leading) with  $p_T > 4.5$  (13) GeV
  - **Merged-ee**: isolated with  $p_T > 20$  GeV
  - Jets:  $p_T > 25$  GeV
- Select an opposite-sign same flavor lepton pair ( $\mu\mu$  or  $ee$  or merged-ee) +  $\gamma$ 
  - $m_{ll} < 30$  GeV and veto J/Psi and Upsilon mass range
  - Relative  $p_T$  cuts:  $p_{T,ll}/m_{ll\gamma} > 0.3$ ,  $p_T(\gamma)/m_{ll\gamma} > 0.3$



# Merged-ee identification

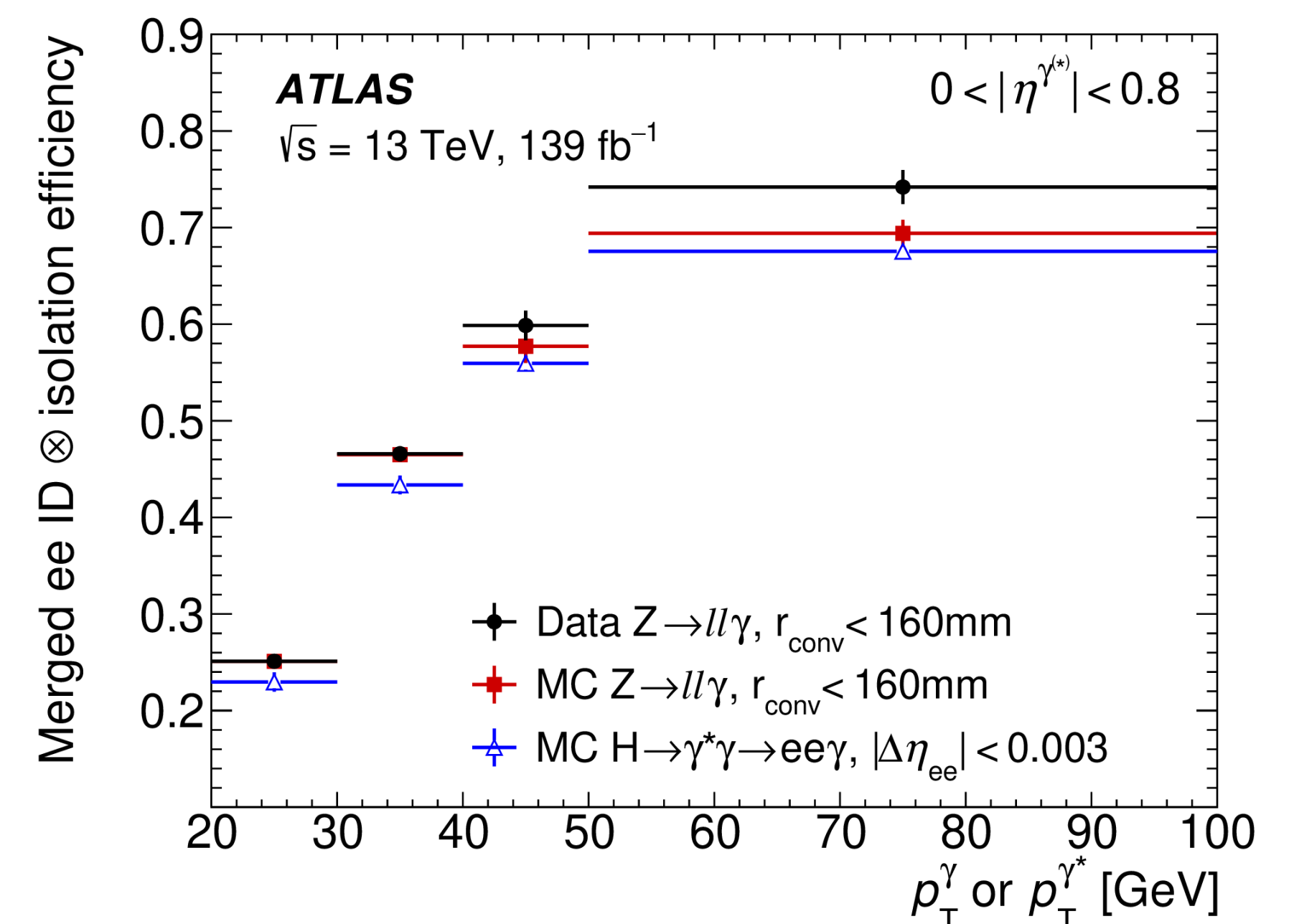
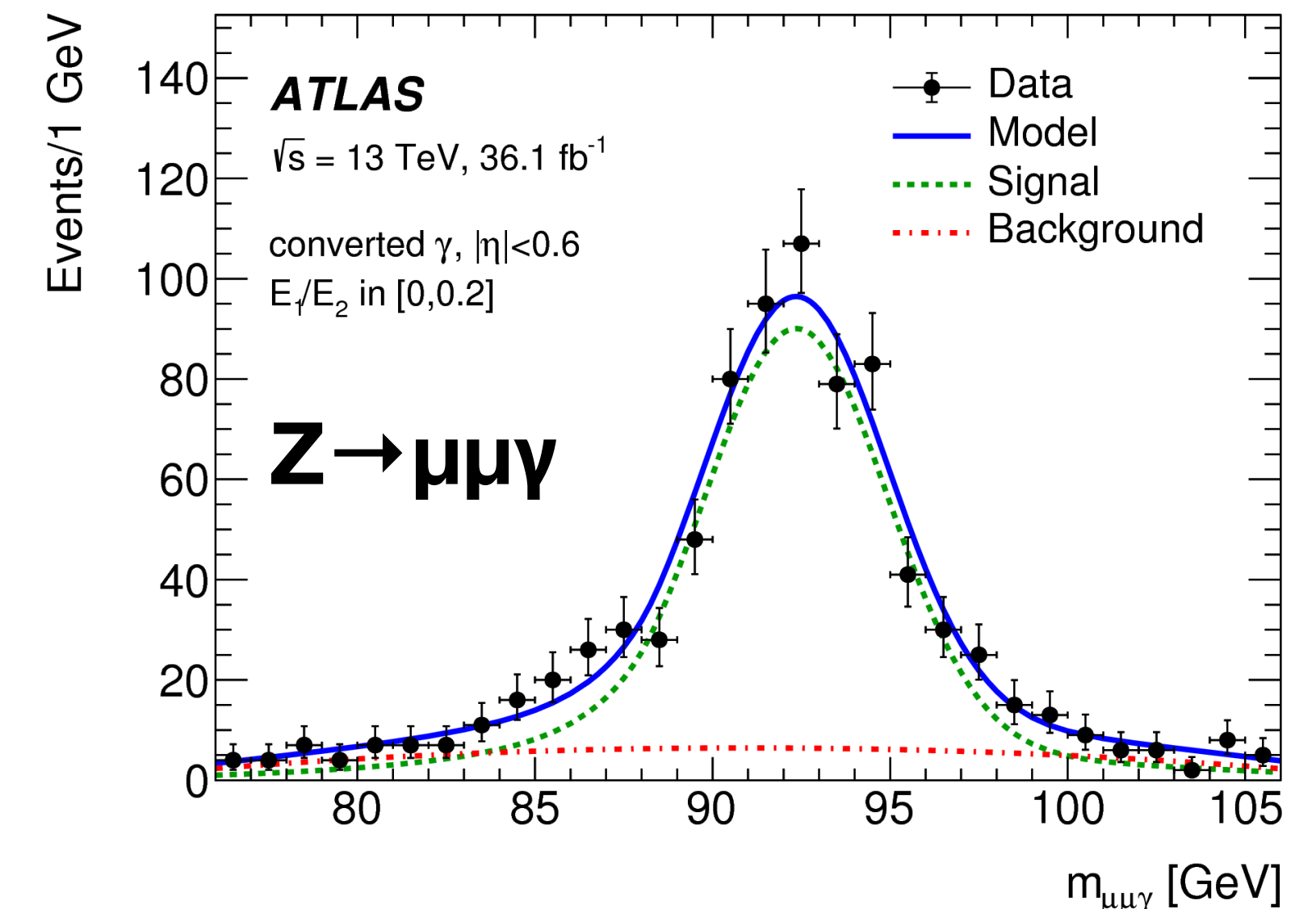
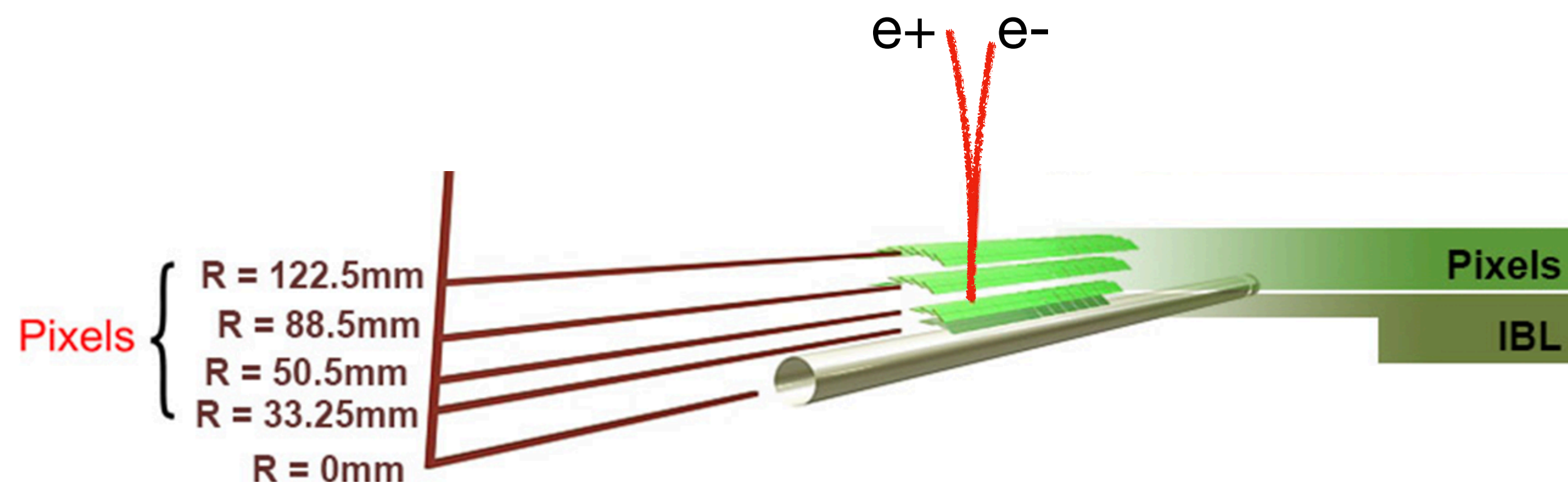
- The algorithm
  - Due to the low mass of the **dielectron pair** they are often collimated
  - Requires dedicated identification (**ID**) to ensure reasonable efficiency is maintained vs angular separation
- Cut-based **ID** inputs:
  - EM shower shapes
  - Vertex contracted from the 2 selected tracks
  - Vertex-cluster and track-cluster matching requirements
  - Additional cuts to reduce background from single electrons
- Optimisation is performed using **multivariate analysis techniques**





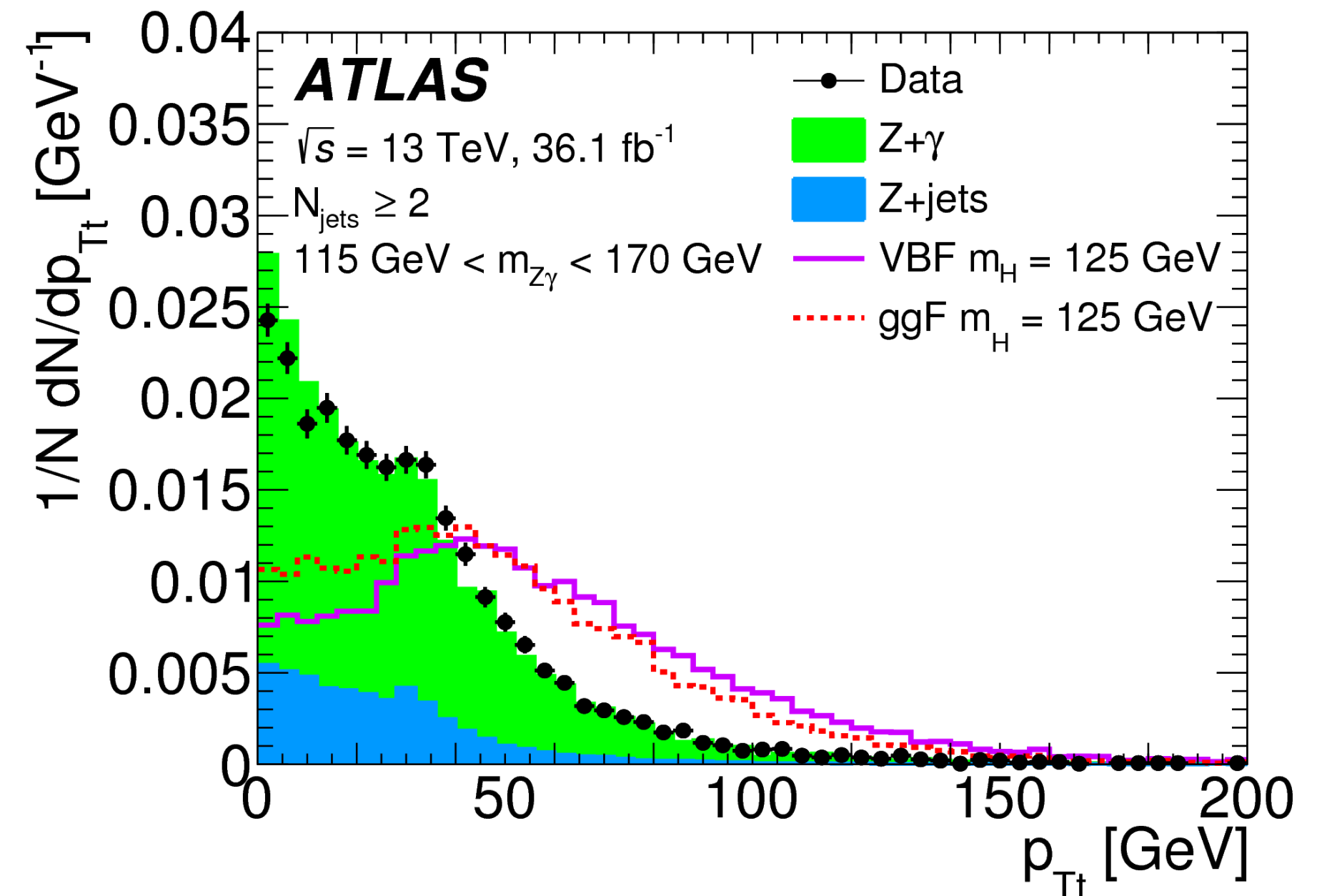
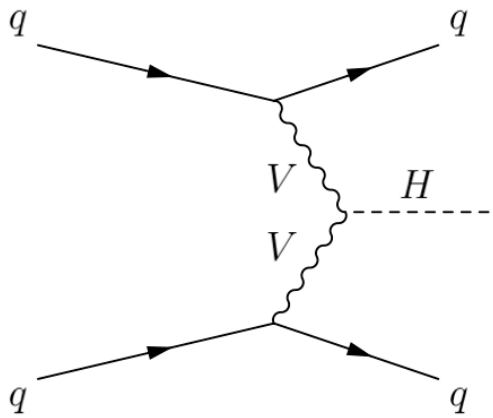
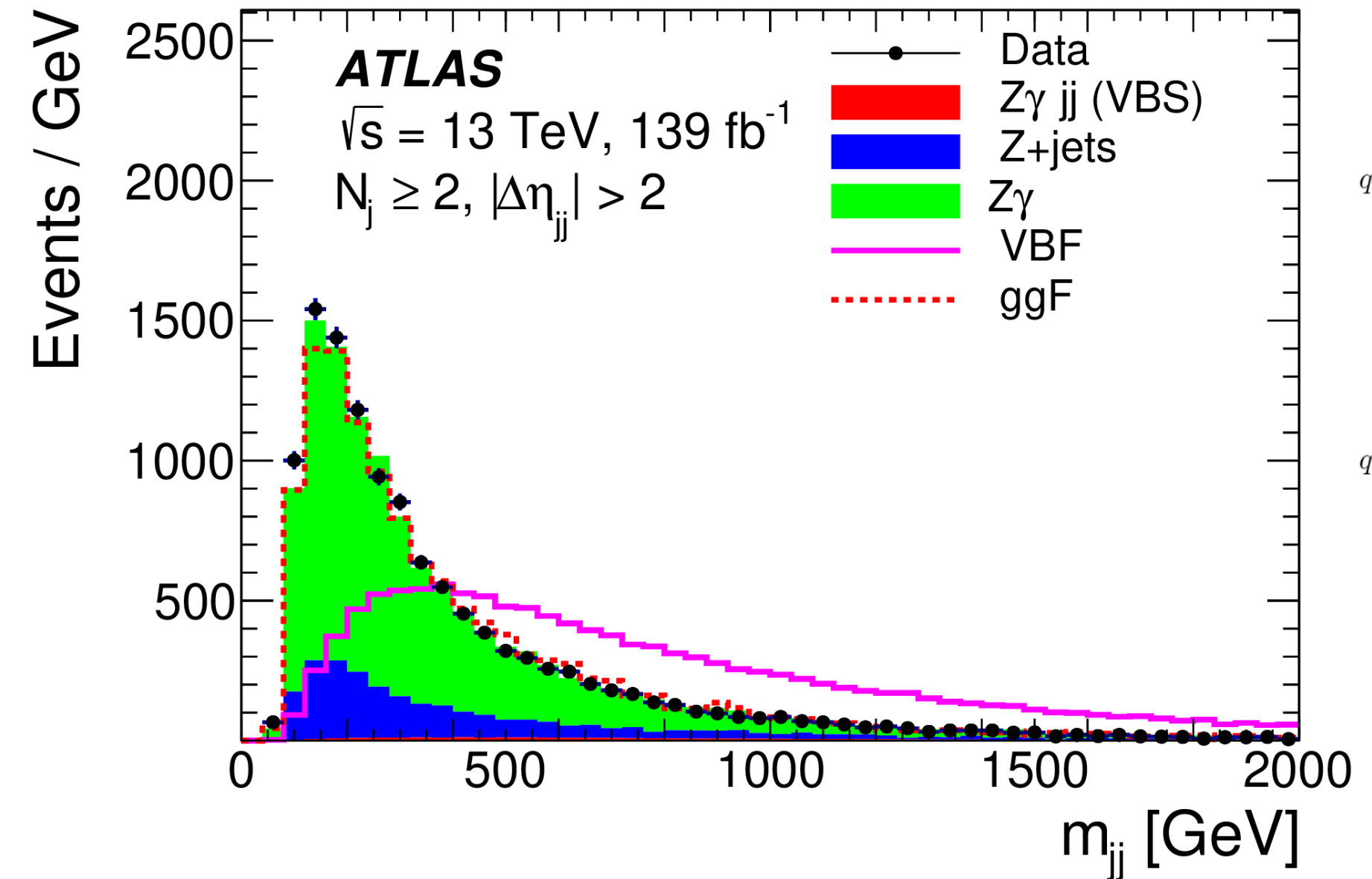
# Merged-ee identification and calibration

- Use  $Z \rightarrow ll\gamma$  events to perform efficiency measurements
  - Consider only **converted photons**, with conversion radius  $< 160$  mm to have an object similar to  $\gamma^*$
  - Extract efficiency of combined merged-ee PID + isolation requirements
- Energy calibration
  - Merged-ee objects are similar to converted photons
  - Calibrate  $\gamma^*$  as an early converted photon with radius 30 mm



# Event kinematics

- In **VBF process**, valence quarks scatter resulting in a large dijet invariant mass
  - Jets in non-resonant  $ll\gamma$  are mostly from gluon radiation and have lower invariant masses
- $p_{Tt} = 2|p_{T,ll}| |p_{T,\gamma}| \sin \Delta\phi_{ll,\gamma} / p_{T,ll\gamma}$ 
  - While **correlated with Higgs  $p_T$** ,  $p_{Tt}$  has lower experimental uncertainties & lower correlation with the Higgs boson mass
  - Larger values for signal than the non-resonant backgrounds





# Event categorisation

- For each signature 3 kinematic categories are created (**9 categories** in total)

- VBF-enriched**

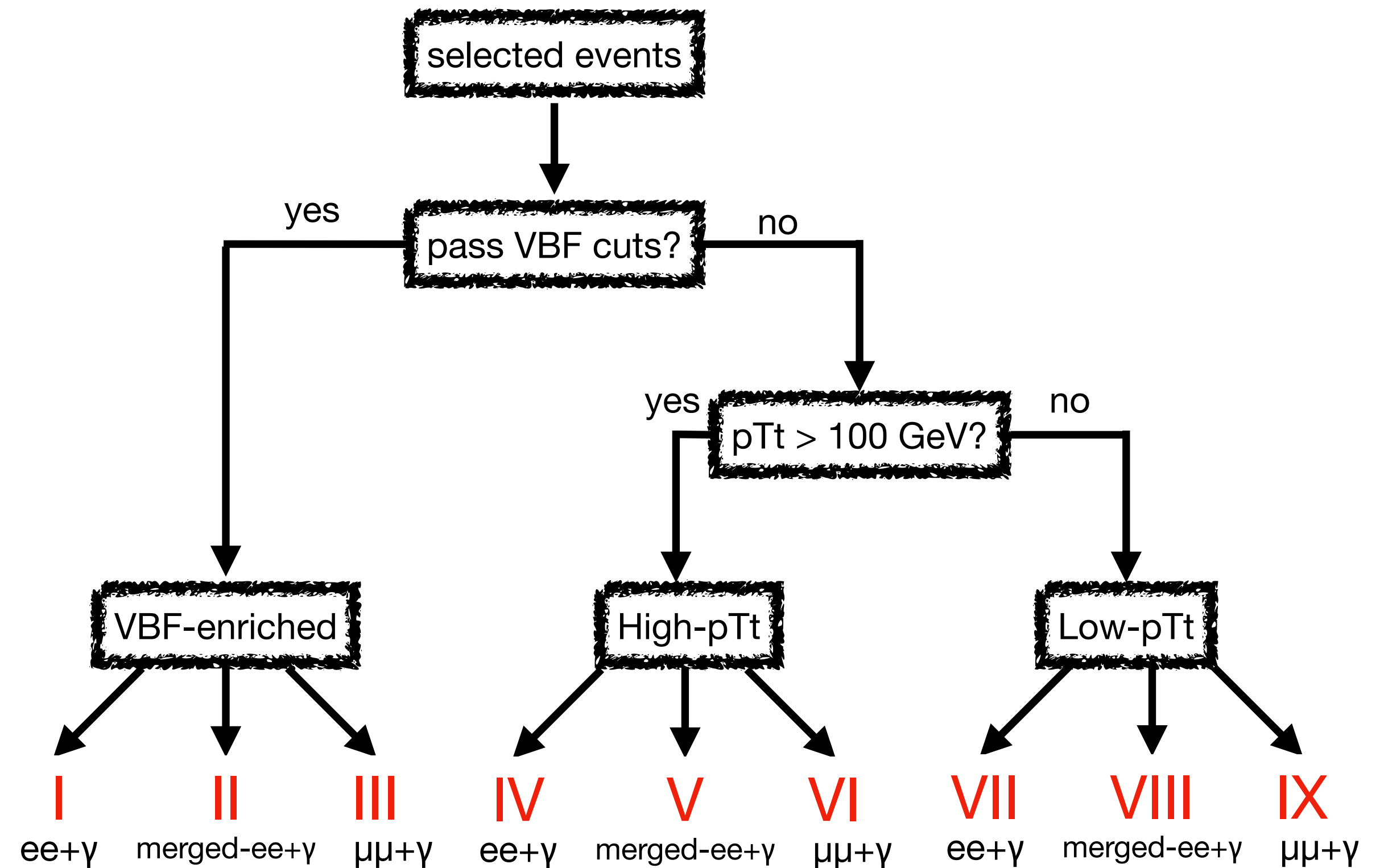
- $\geq 2$  jets
- $m_{jj} > 500 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 2.7$
- $\Delta\phi(l\gamma, jj) > 2.8$
- ...

- High- $p_{Tt}$**

- !VBF-enriched &  $p_{Tt} > 100 \text{ GeV}$

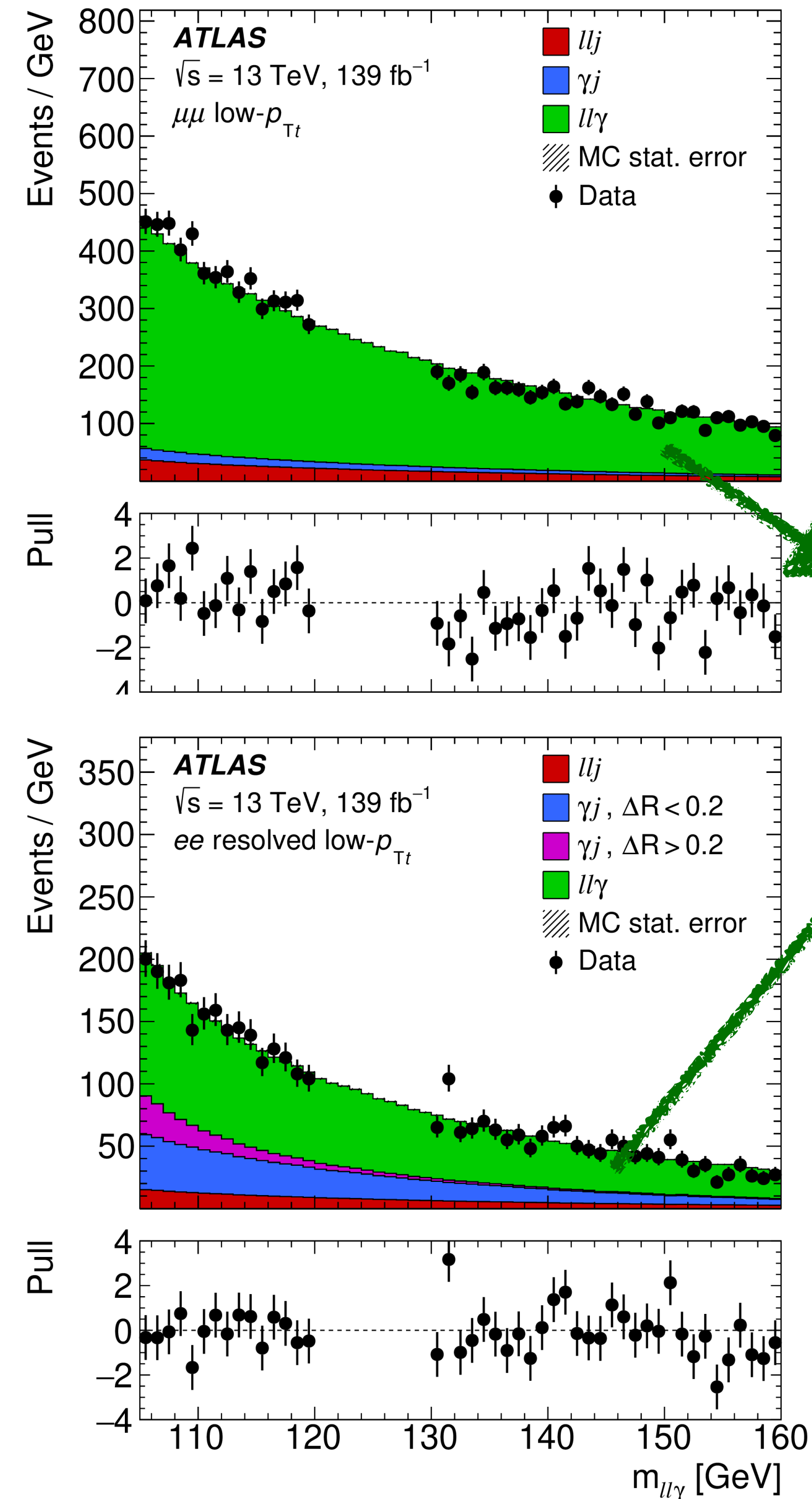
- Low- $p_{Tt}$**

- Remaining events



# Background studies

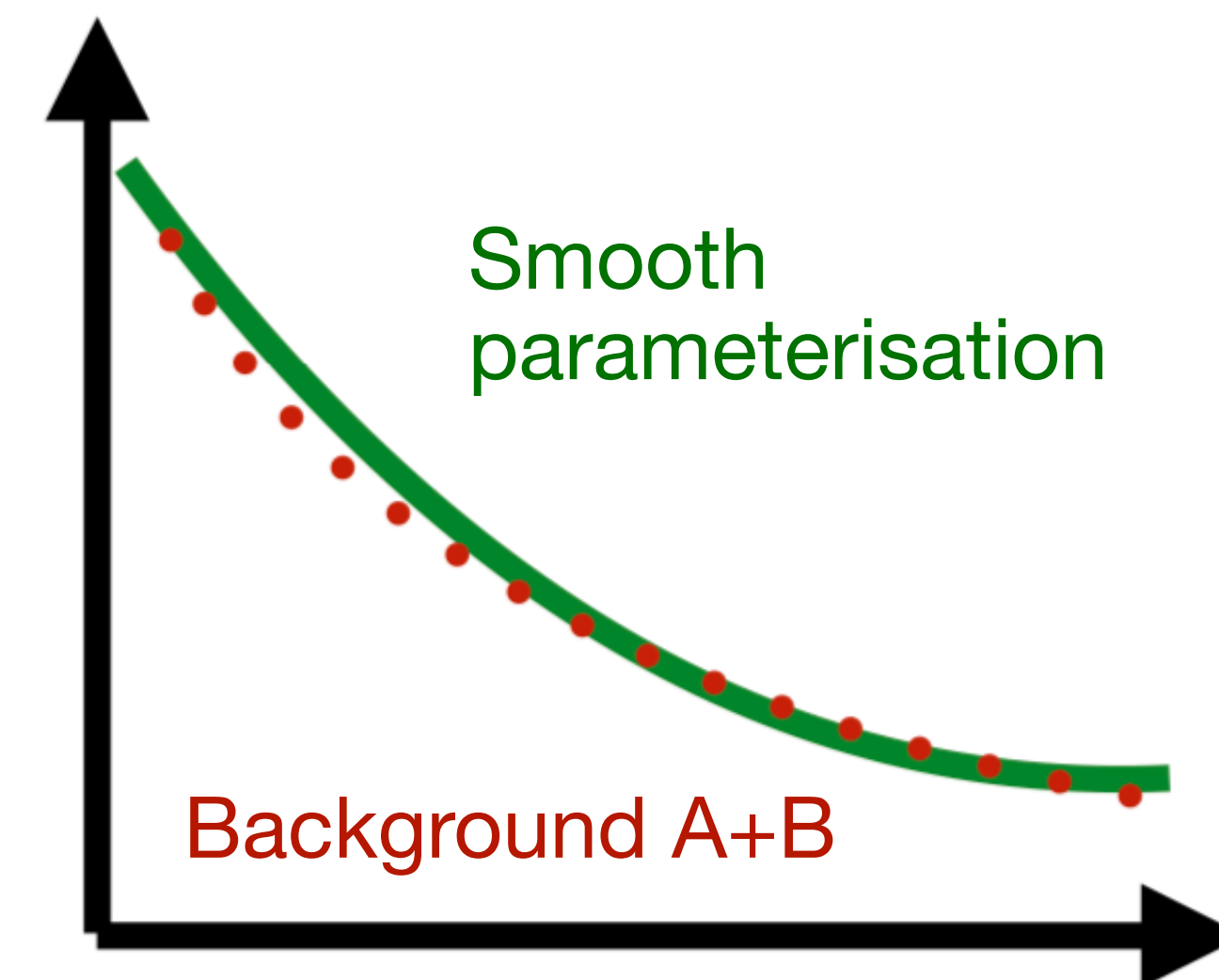
- **Estimated backgrounds are used for:**
  - Optimization
  - Background fit choice
  - **Note the final background estimation is from data**
- Non-resonant  $ll\gamma$  (prompt photons)
  - Obtained from MC simulation
- Fake background (jets faking photons or jets faking leptons)
  - Obtained from data control regions
  - Relative fraction is also estimated from data





# Background modeling

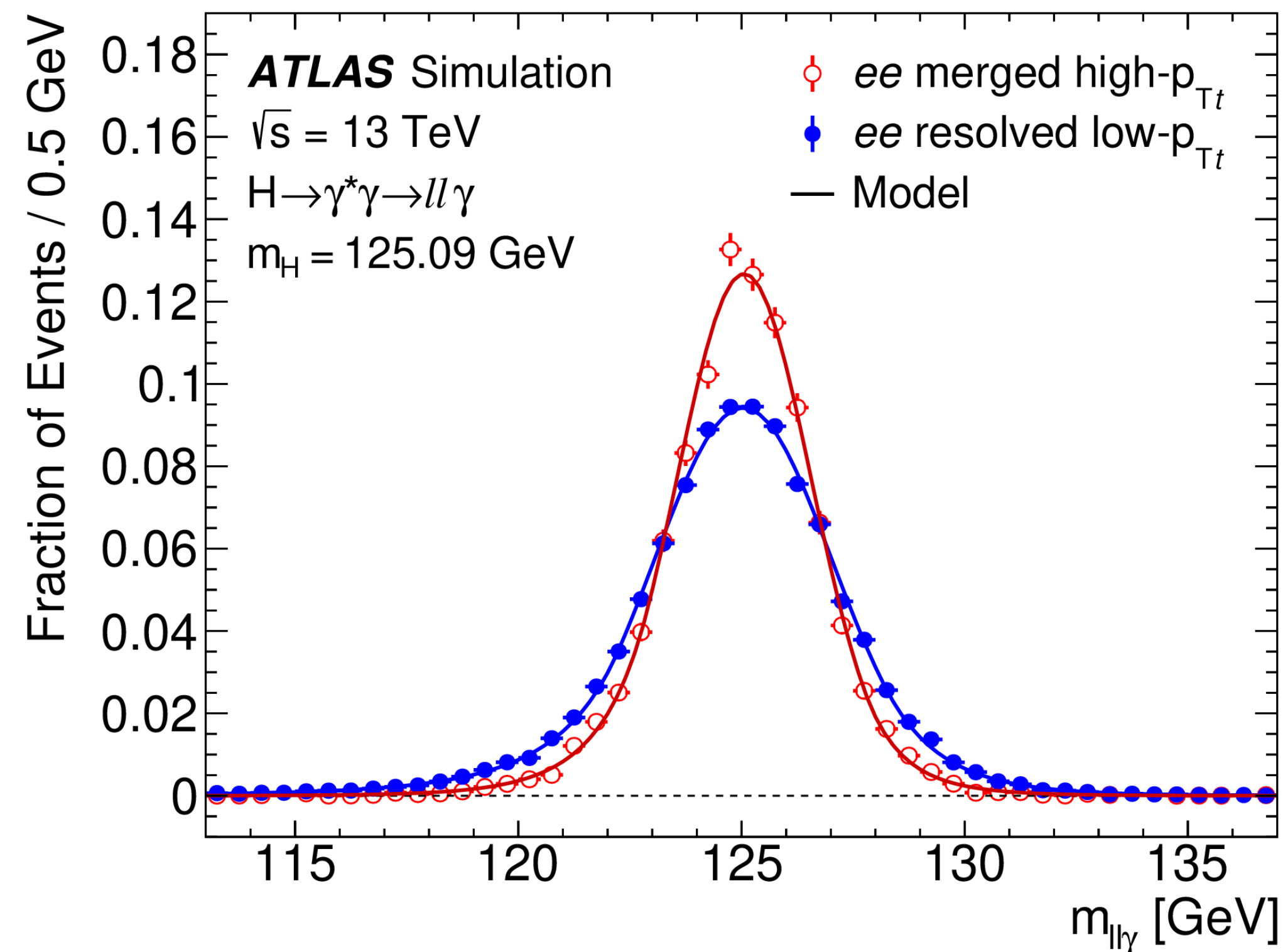
- Parameterisation of the background shape is performed using parametric functions
  - Choices of functions: exponential, Bernstein, and power functions
- Background function choice
  - Signal+Background fit to **expected background templates**
  - Functions with **low bias** and with **low degrees of freedom** are preferred
  - Any bias in the signal strength is taken as a systematic uncertainty



Channel	Function
$\mu\mu$ VBF-enriched	$m^\alpha$
$\mu\mu$ High- $p_{T\text{-Thrust}}$	$m^\alpha$
$\mu\mu$ Low- $p_{T\text{-Thrust}}$	$e^{\alpha m + \beta m \times m}$
Merged e VBF-enriched	$m^\alpha$
Merged e High- $p_{T\text{-Thrust}}$	$m^\alpha$
Merged e Low- $p_{T\text{-Thrust}}$	$e^{\alpha m + \beta m \times m}$
Resolved e VBF-enriched	$e^{\alpha m}$
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# Signal modeling

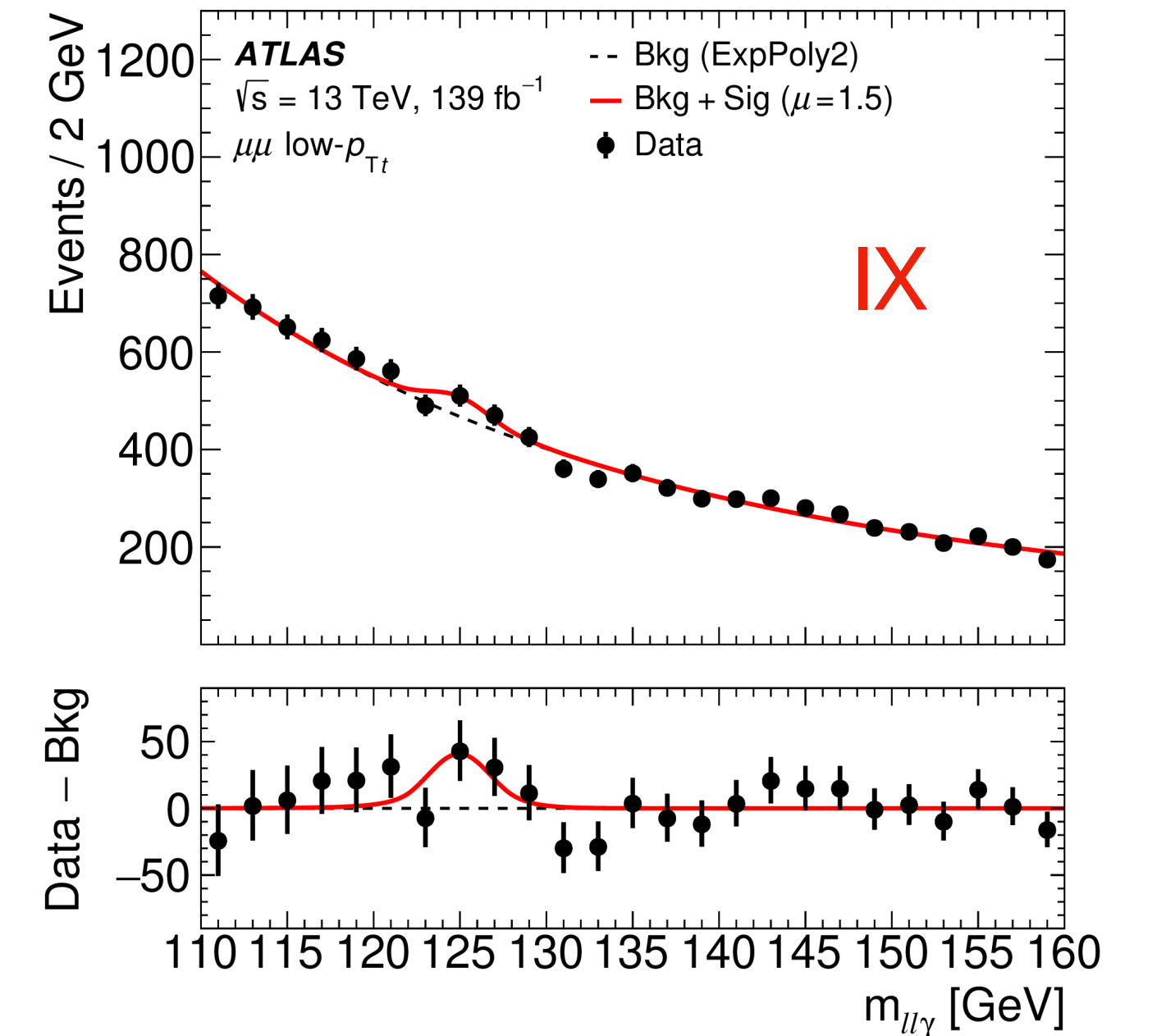
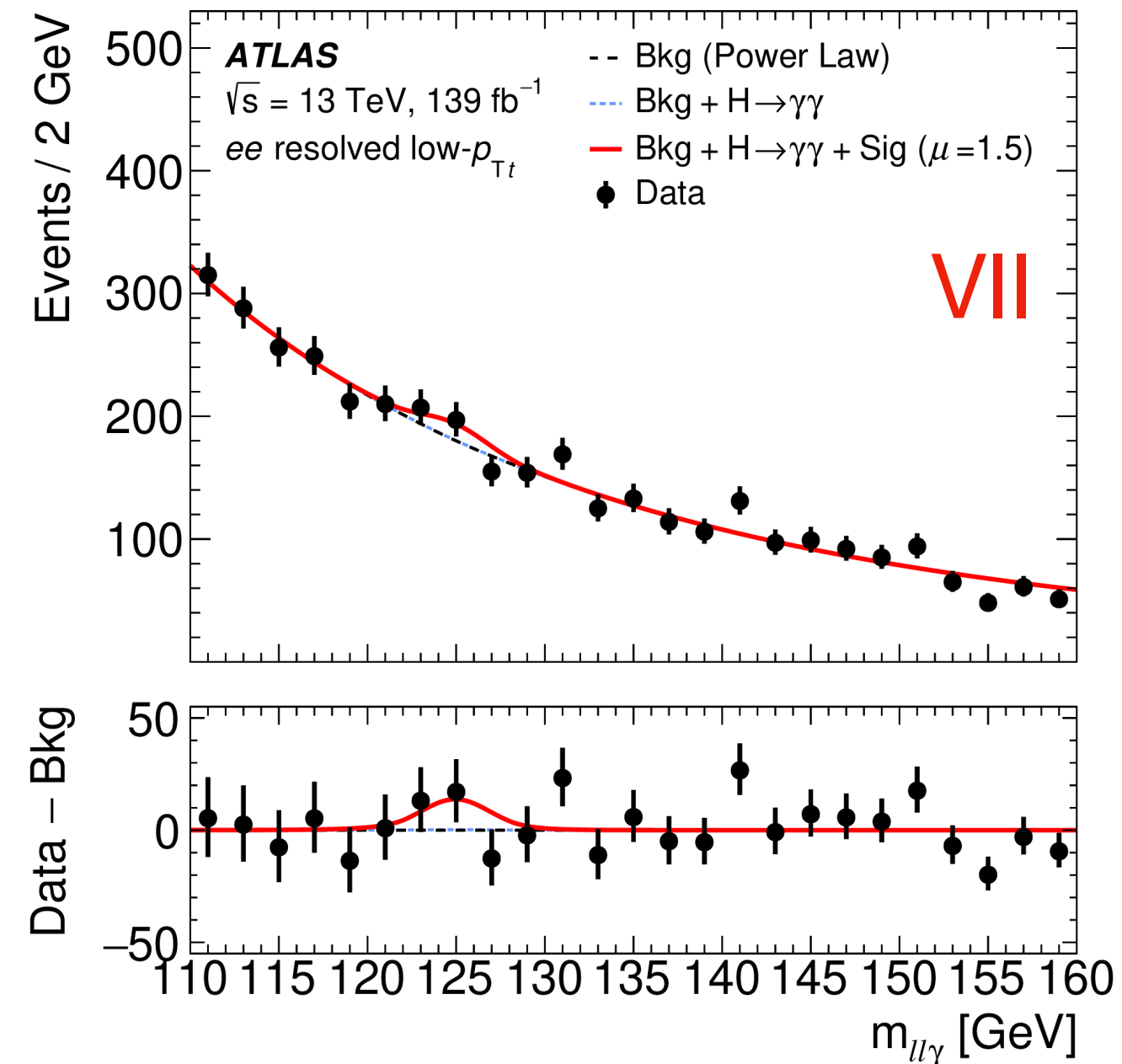
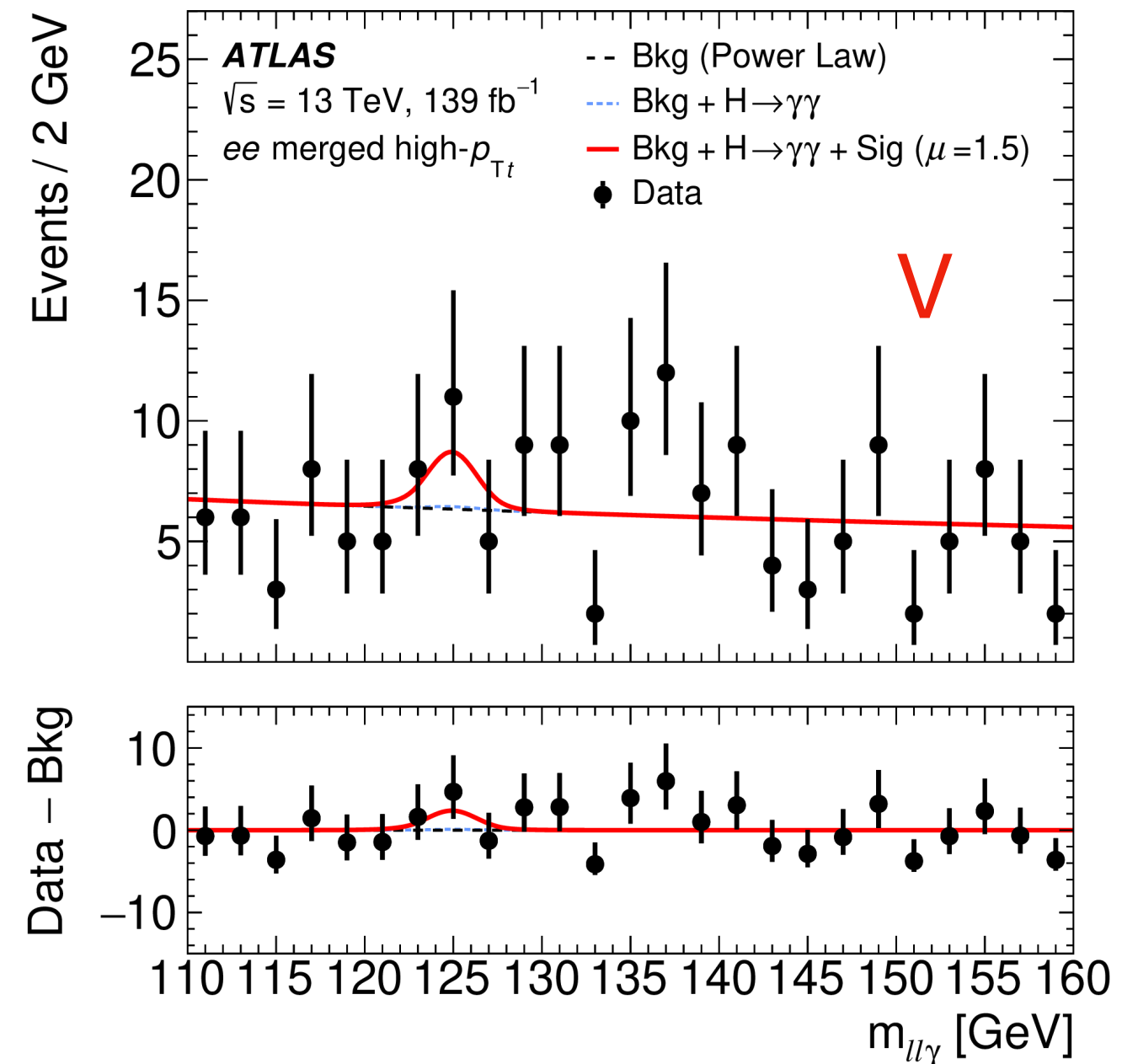
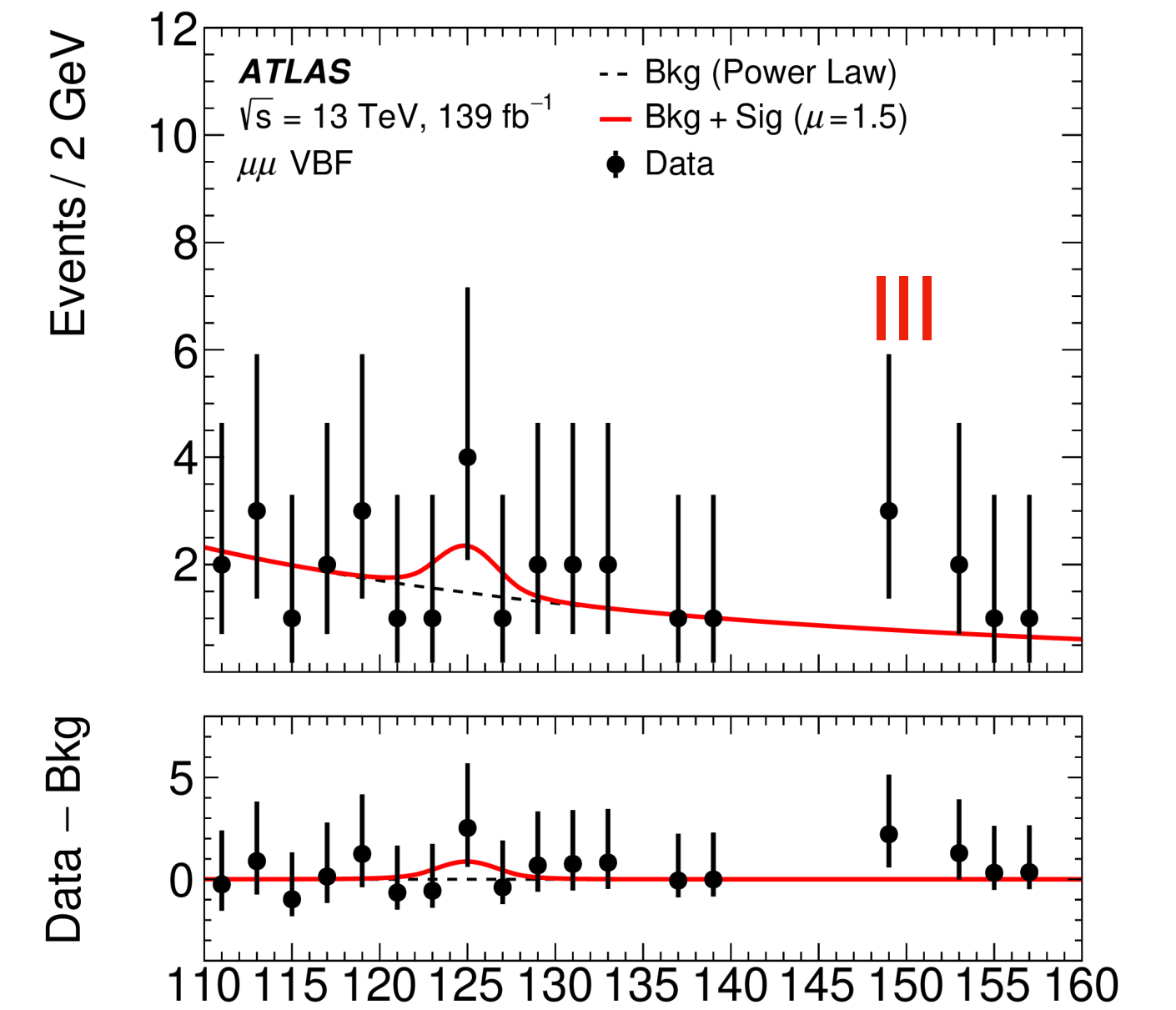
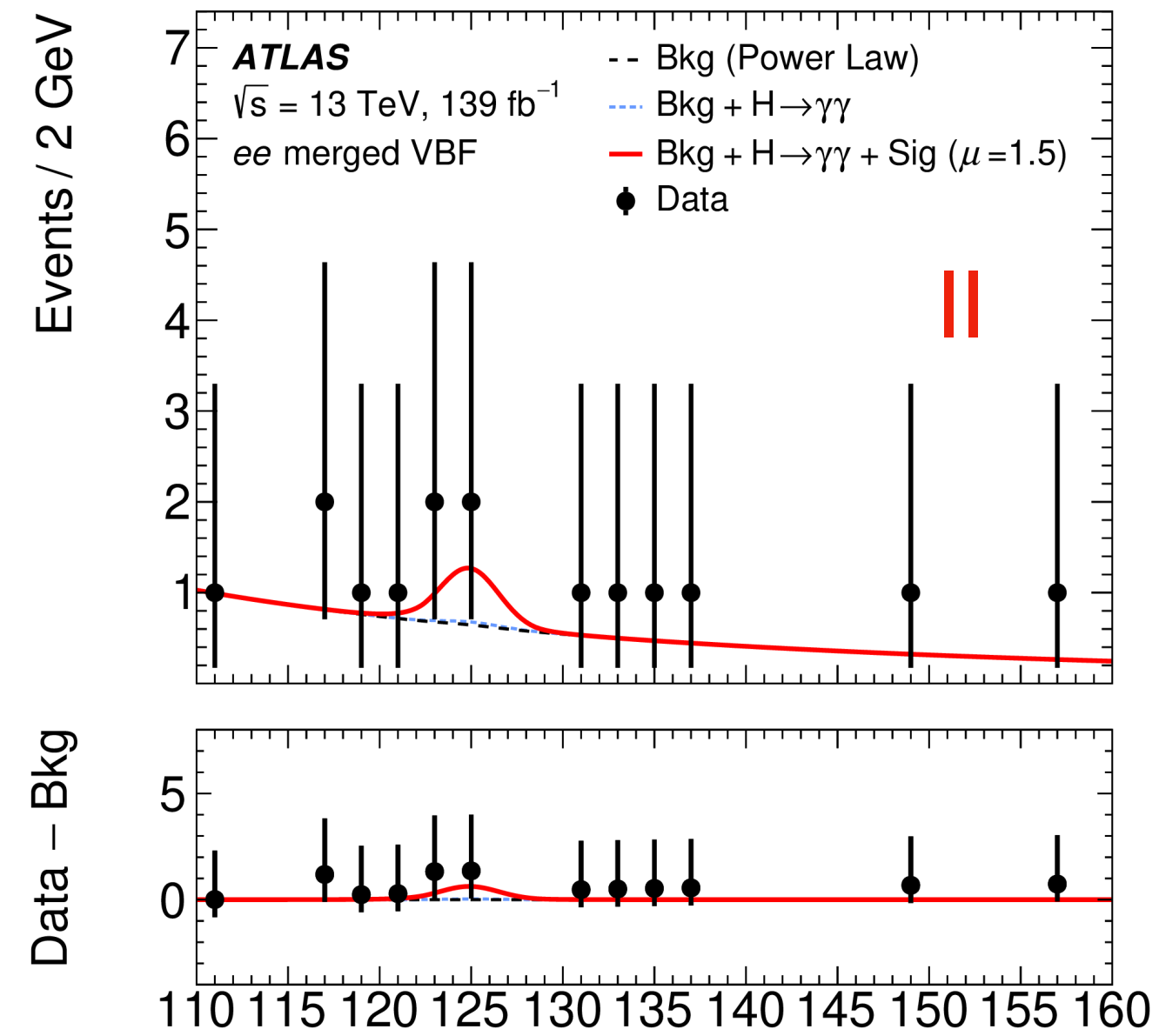
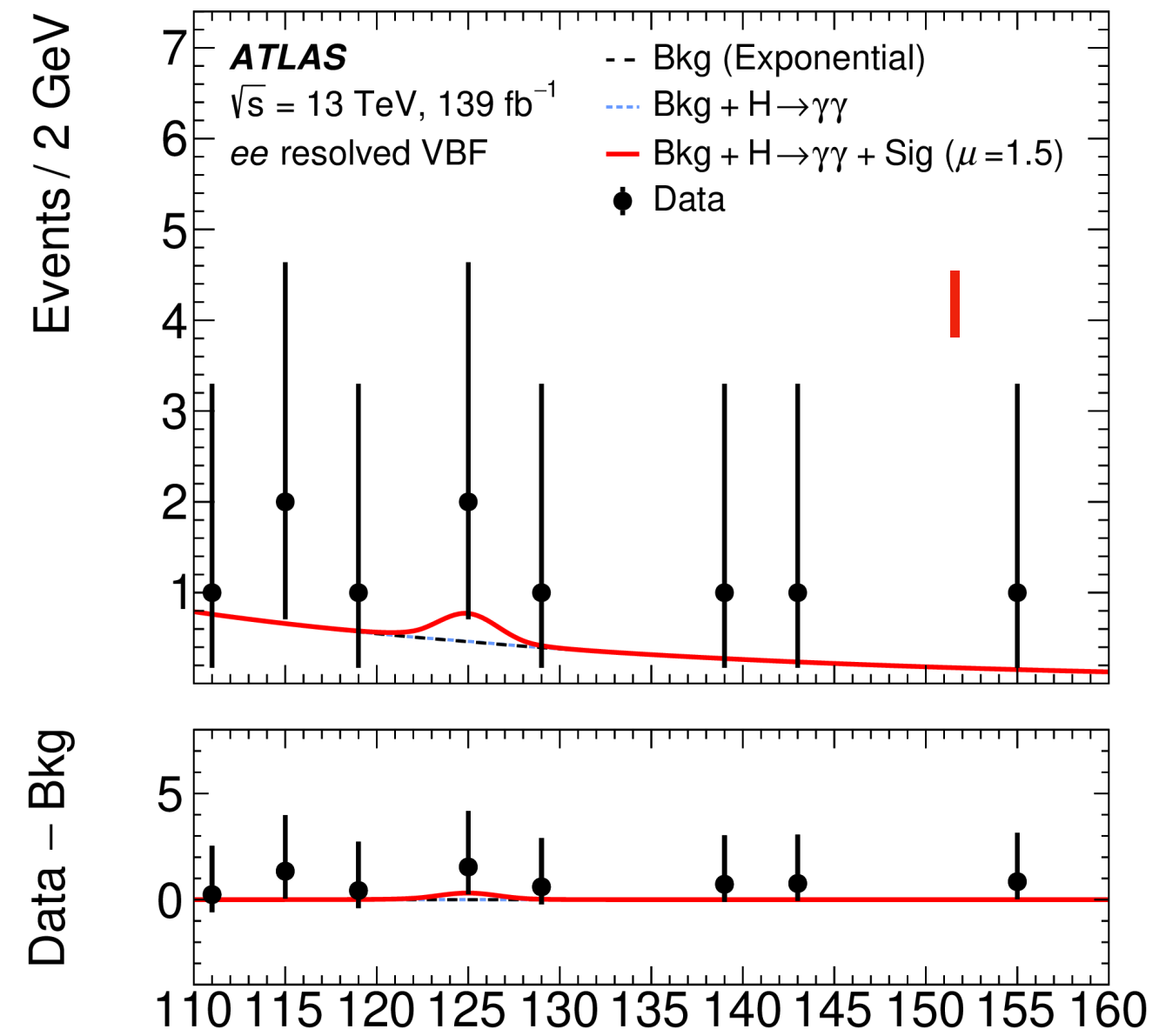
- Double-sided Crystal Ball function (DSCB) is used to model the signal in each event category
  - Gaussian core + (asymmetric) power-law tails





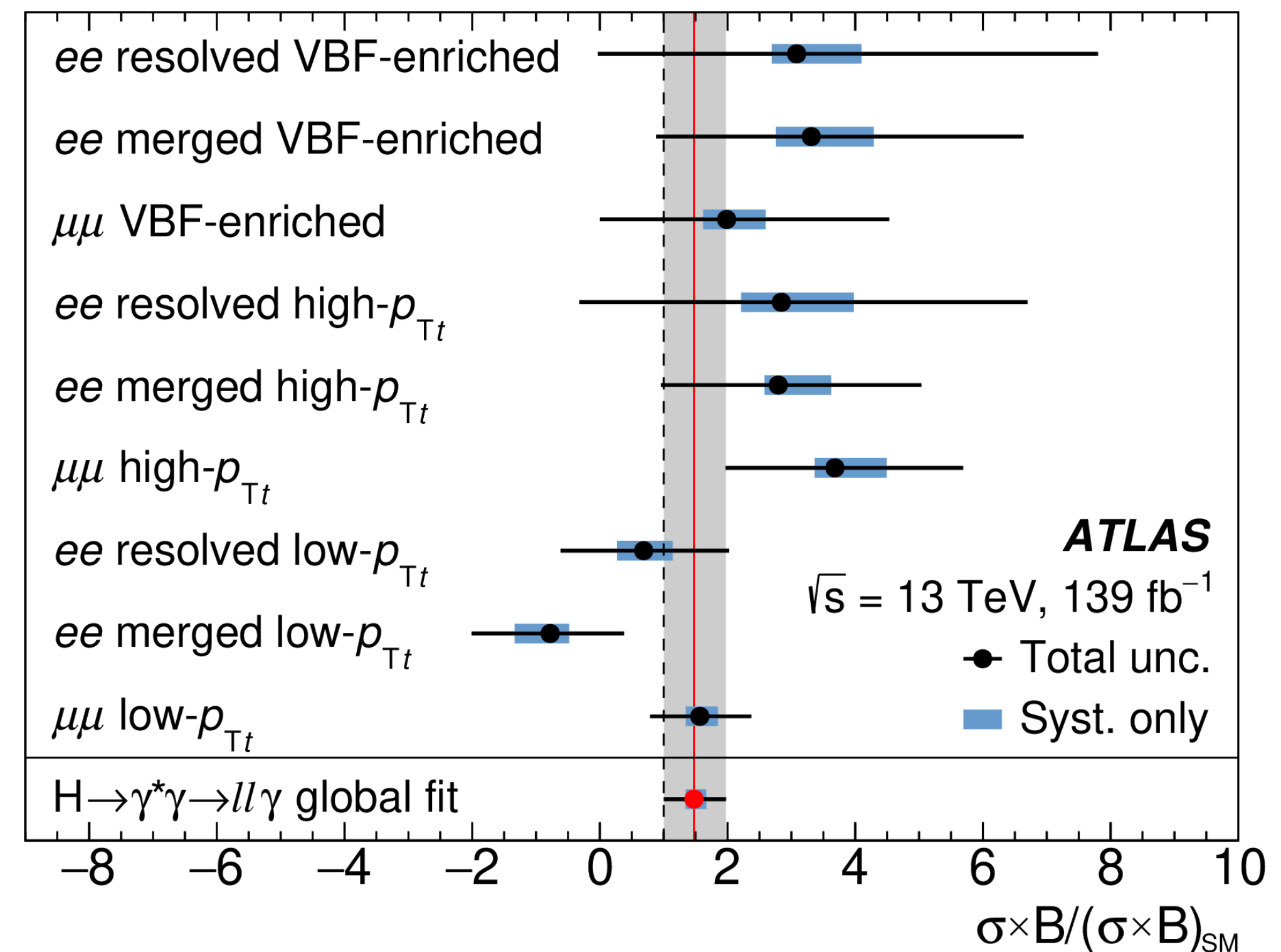
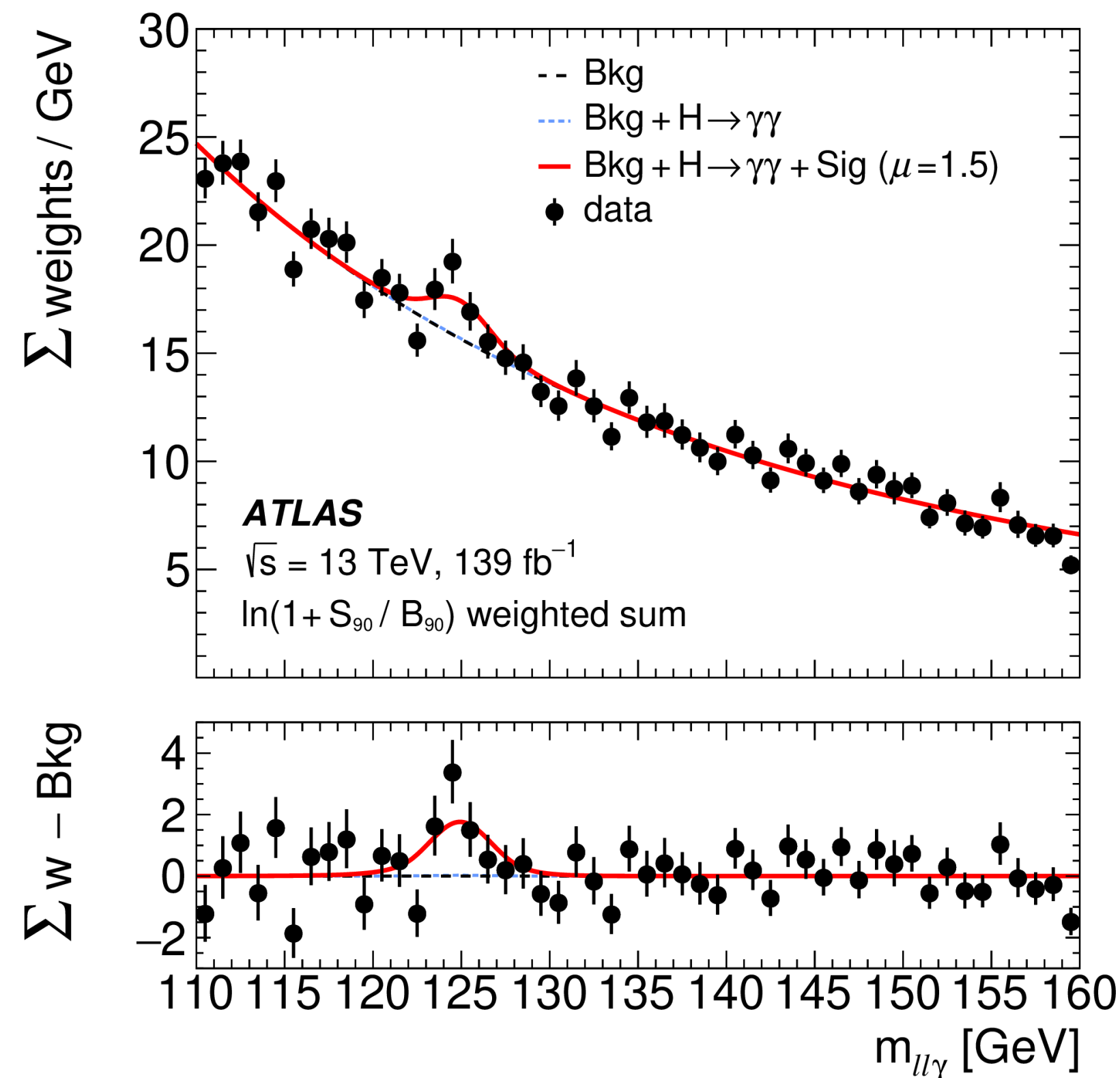
# Signal regions

Six (out of nine) signal regions are shown below



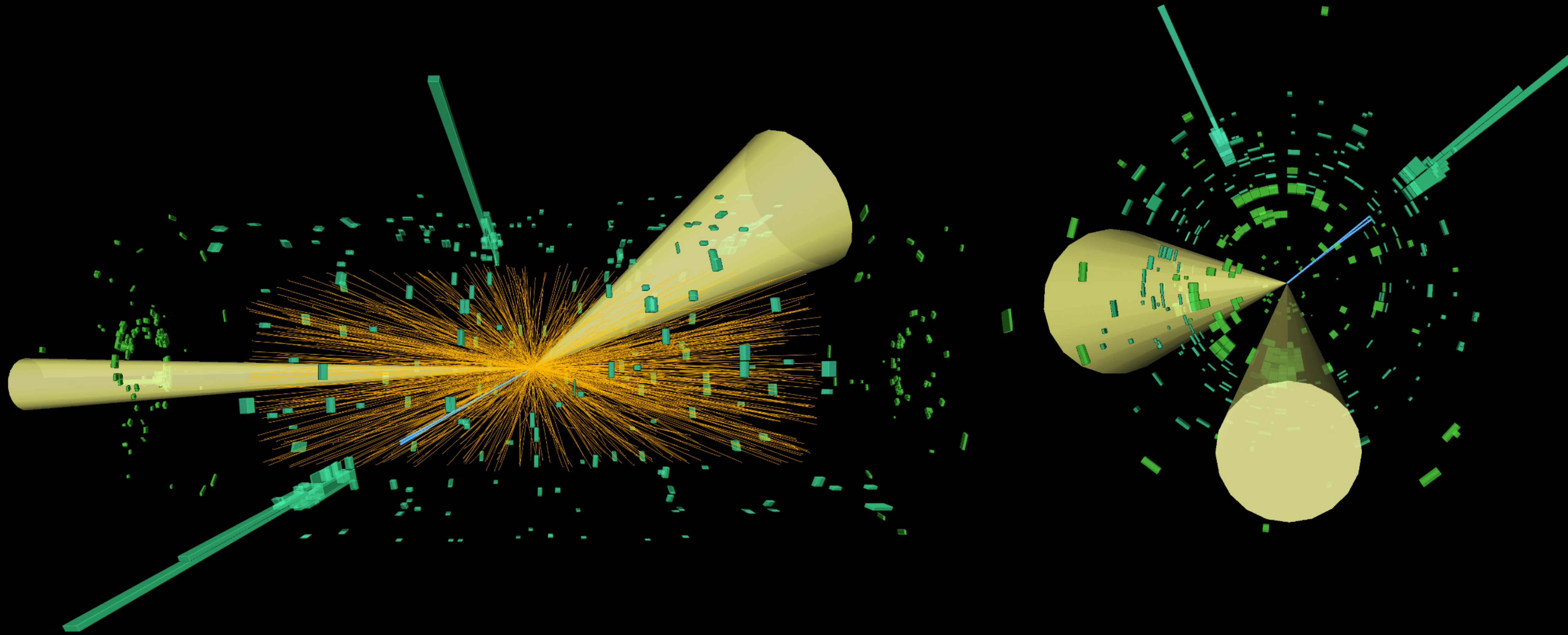
# Results

- Measured fiducial  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) \times B(H \rightarrow ll\gamma)$  ( $m_{ll} < 30$  GeV):  **$8.7 \pm 2.8$  fb**
  - Corresponds to the signal strength  $\mu = 1.5 \pm 0.5$
  - Analysis is statistically-dominated, leading systematic uncertainty: background modeling
- Significance above background-only hypothesis:  **$3.2\sigma$** 
  - First evidence for  $H \rightarrow ll\gamma$  decay!**





# Search for $H \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma$ decays at low- $m_{ll}$



VBF  $H \rightarrow e\bar{e}\gamma$  event candidate with merged- $e\bar{e}$

# The High-Luminosity LHC

- 20 times more integrated luminosity than LHC Run 2
  - Up to 200 pp interactions per bunch crossing!
- Better detectors, larger acceptance, better triggers
- Improved theory and analysis methods



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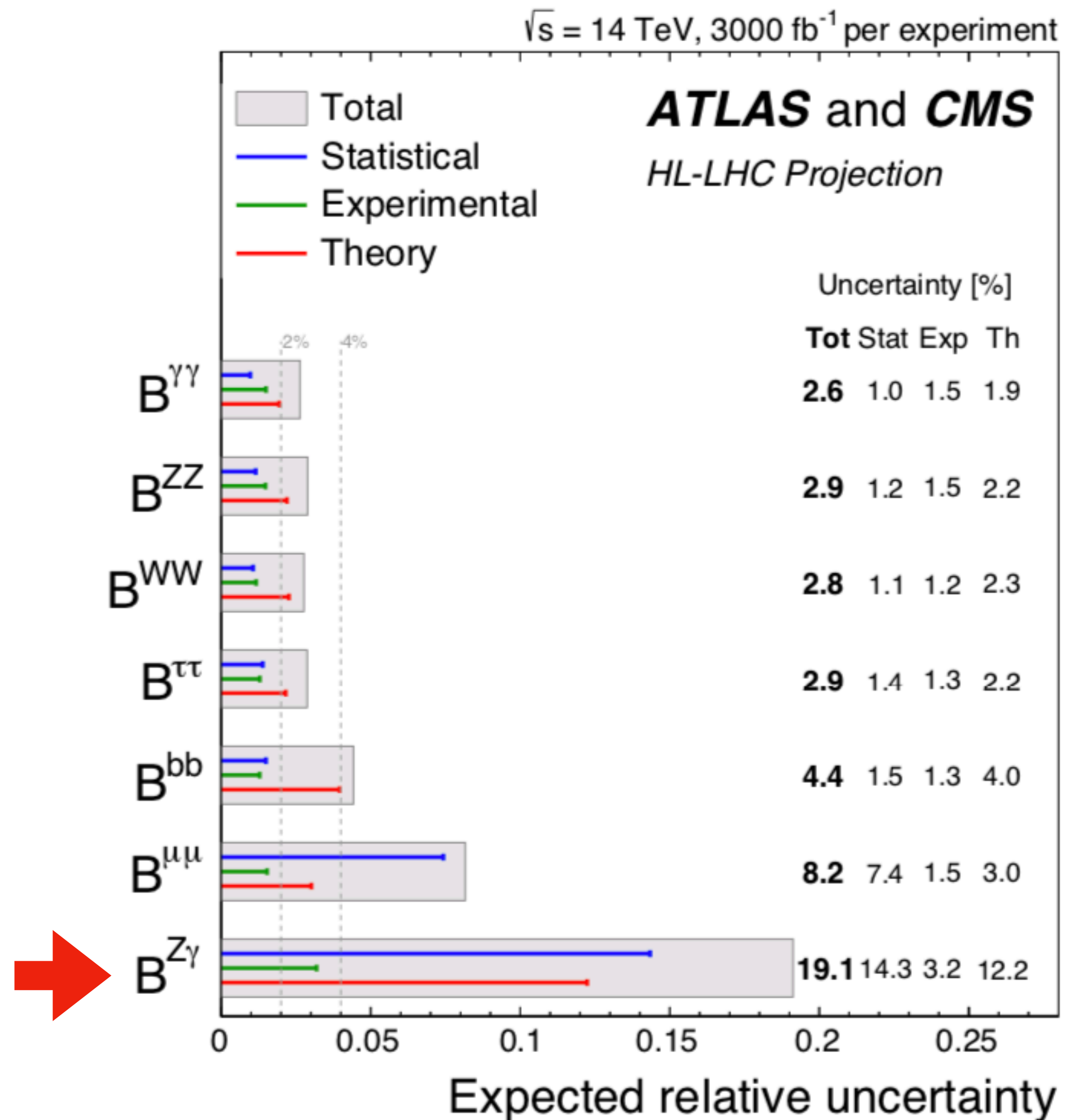


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	LHC				High-Luminosity LHC										
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# Prospects at High-Luminosity LHC (3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

- Good potential for discovery of  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$  (and  $H \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma$ ) decays



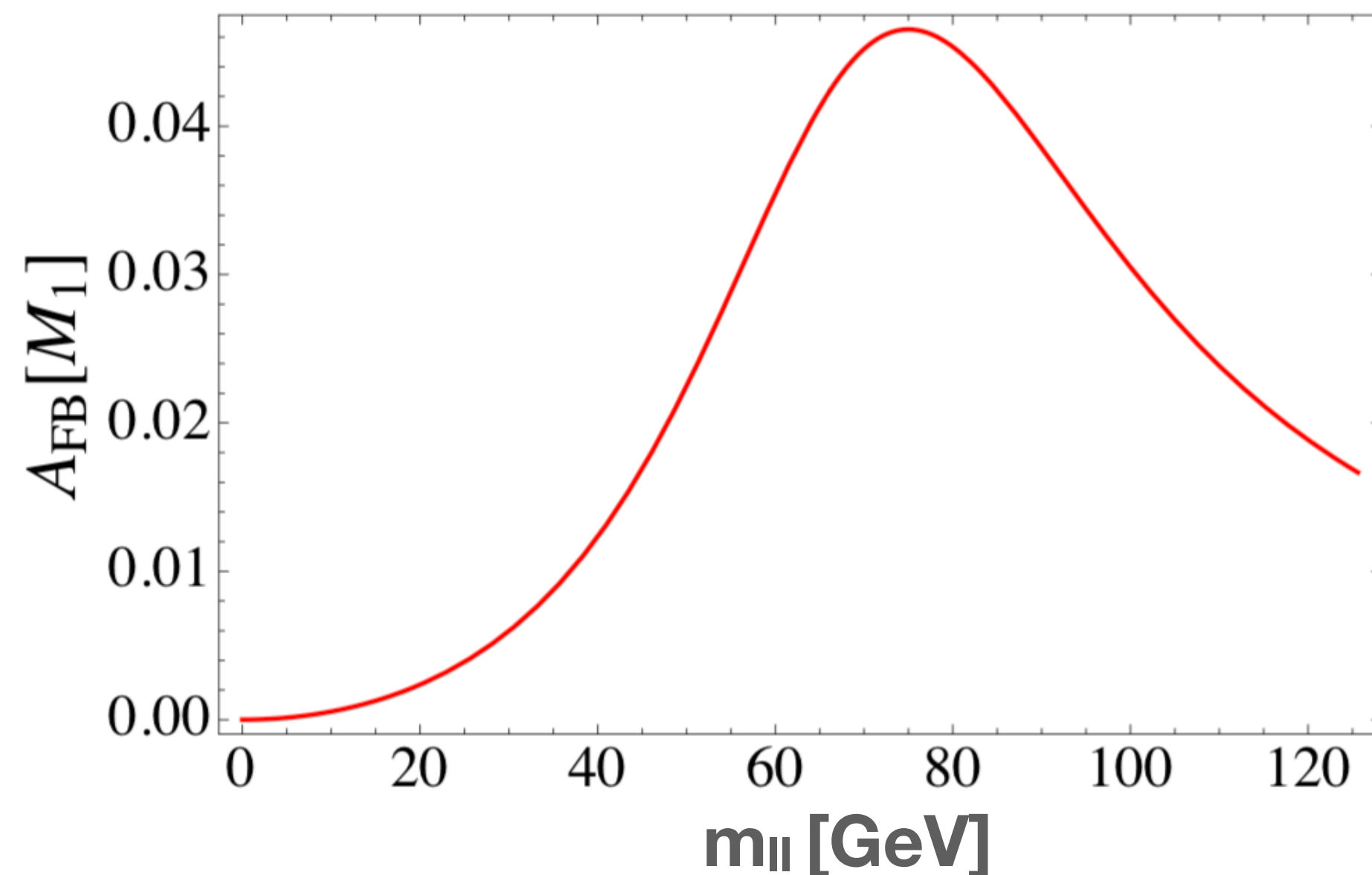
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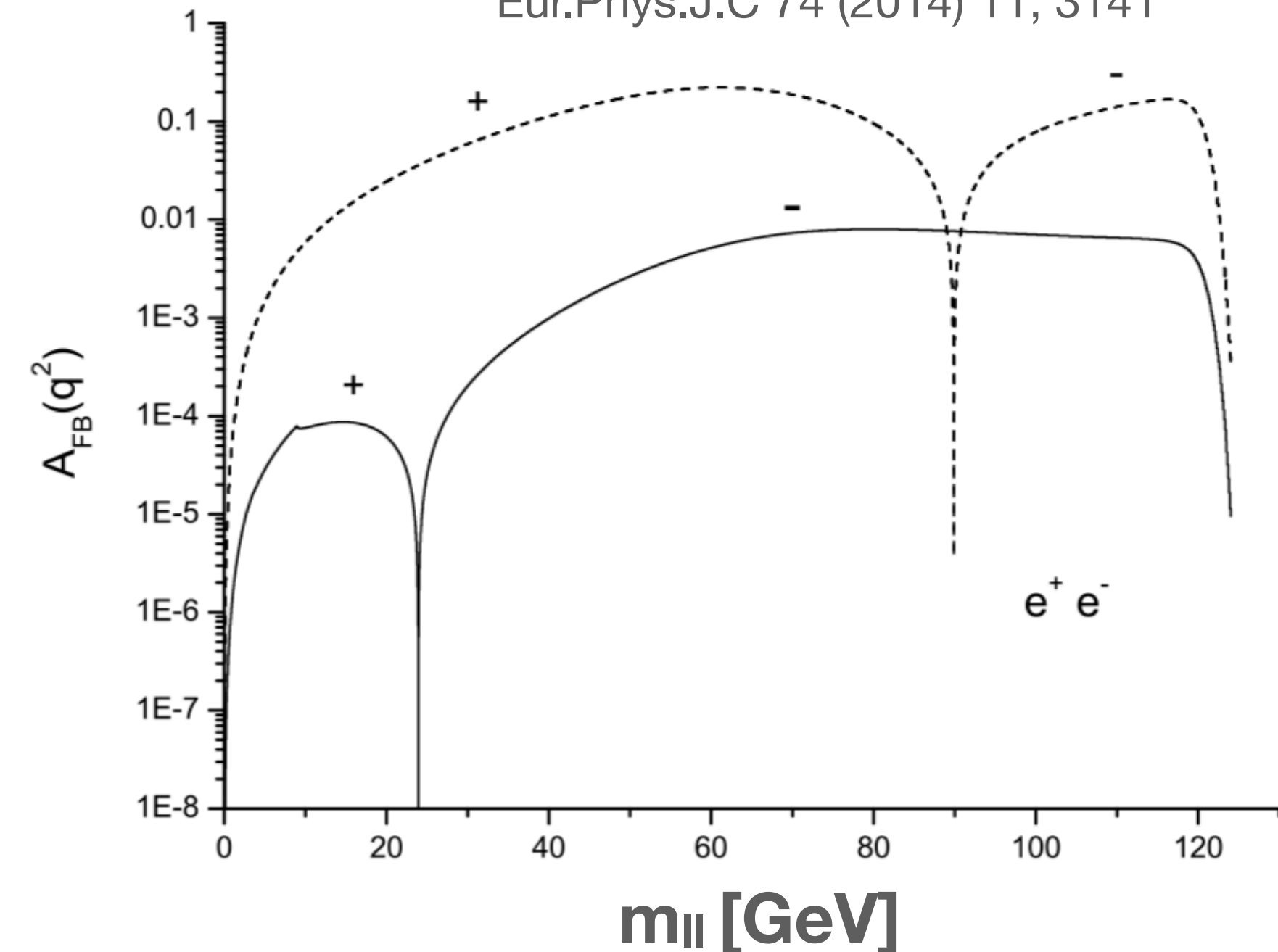
- With three-body  $H \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma$  decay, it is possible to probe CP-violating Higgs couplings
  - Lepton forward-backward asymmetry measurements (**note  $A_{\text{FB}}(q^2) = 0$  for SM Higgs boson**)
  - More detailed access to loops, exotic couplings, ...

$$A_{\text{FB}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{F}} - \sigma_{\text{B}}}{\sigma_{\text{F}} + \sigma_{\text{B}}}$$

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# Summary

- ATLAS experiment continues to probe the nature of the Higgs boson using full LHC Run 2 pp data at 13 TeV ( $\sim 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Evidence for  $H \rightarrow \ell\ell\gamma$  decay at low- $m_{\ell\ell}$ 
  - $3.2\sigma$ ,  $\mu = 1.5 \pm 0.5$
  - One of the rarest Higgs boson decays with  $\mathbf{B=10^{-4}}$
- $\sim 5\%$  of the LHC integrated luminosity has been achieved so far
  - HL-LHC will be able to probe more precisely rare Higgs boson decays

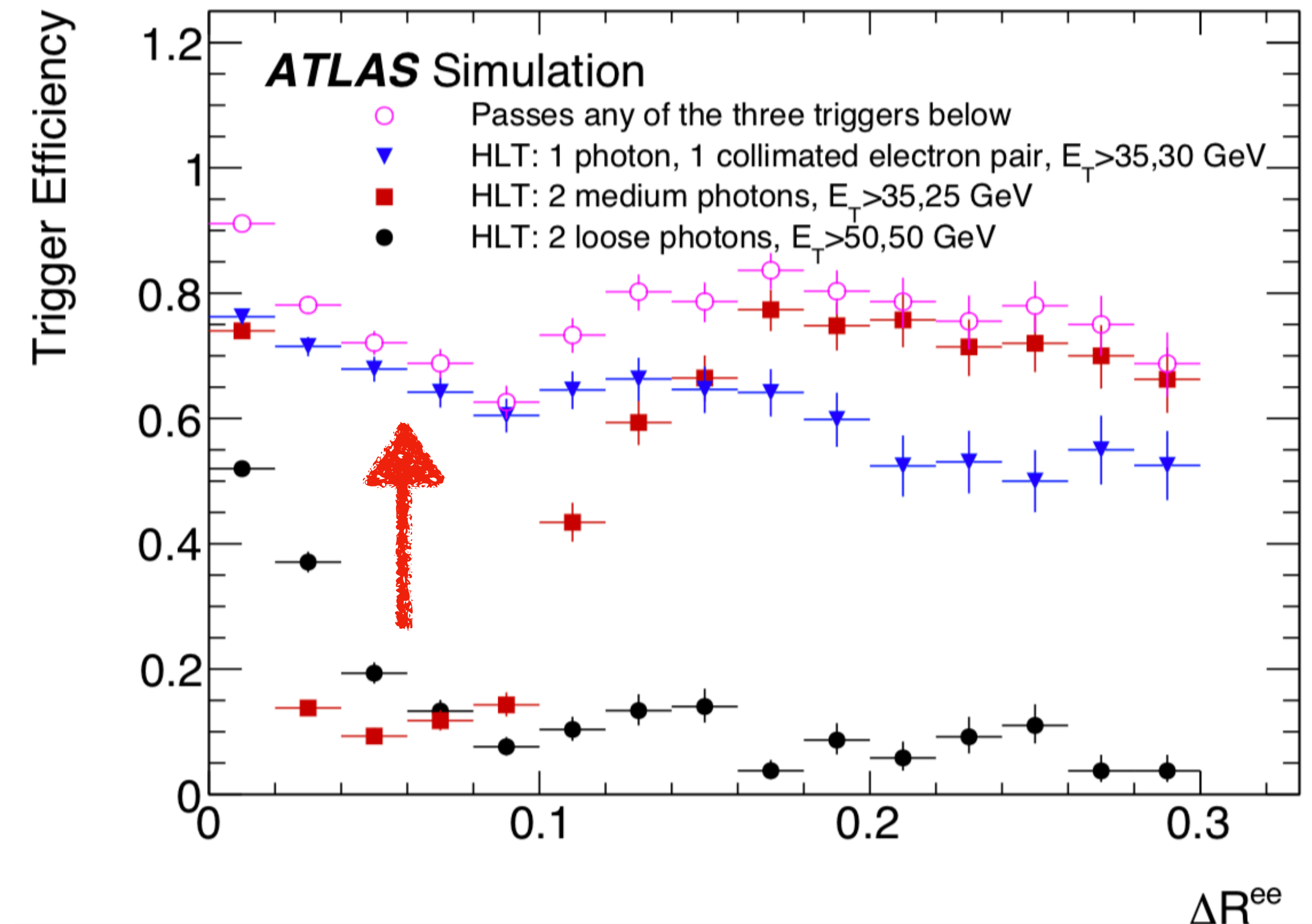


# Backup

# Trigger

- Can't rely on regular single-lepton triggers alone
- Combination of **single-lepton**, **2l**,  **$\gamma+l$** ,  **$\gamma\gamma$** ,  **$\gamma+2l$**  triggers is used
- Dedicated **merged-ee** +  **$\gamma$**  trigger is also employed
- Trigger efficiency wrt final selection:
  - Muon channels: 96.2%
  - Resolved electron categories: 96.5%
  - Merged electron categories: 99.8%

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# Systematic uncertainties

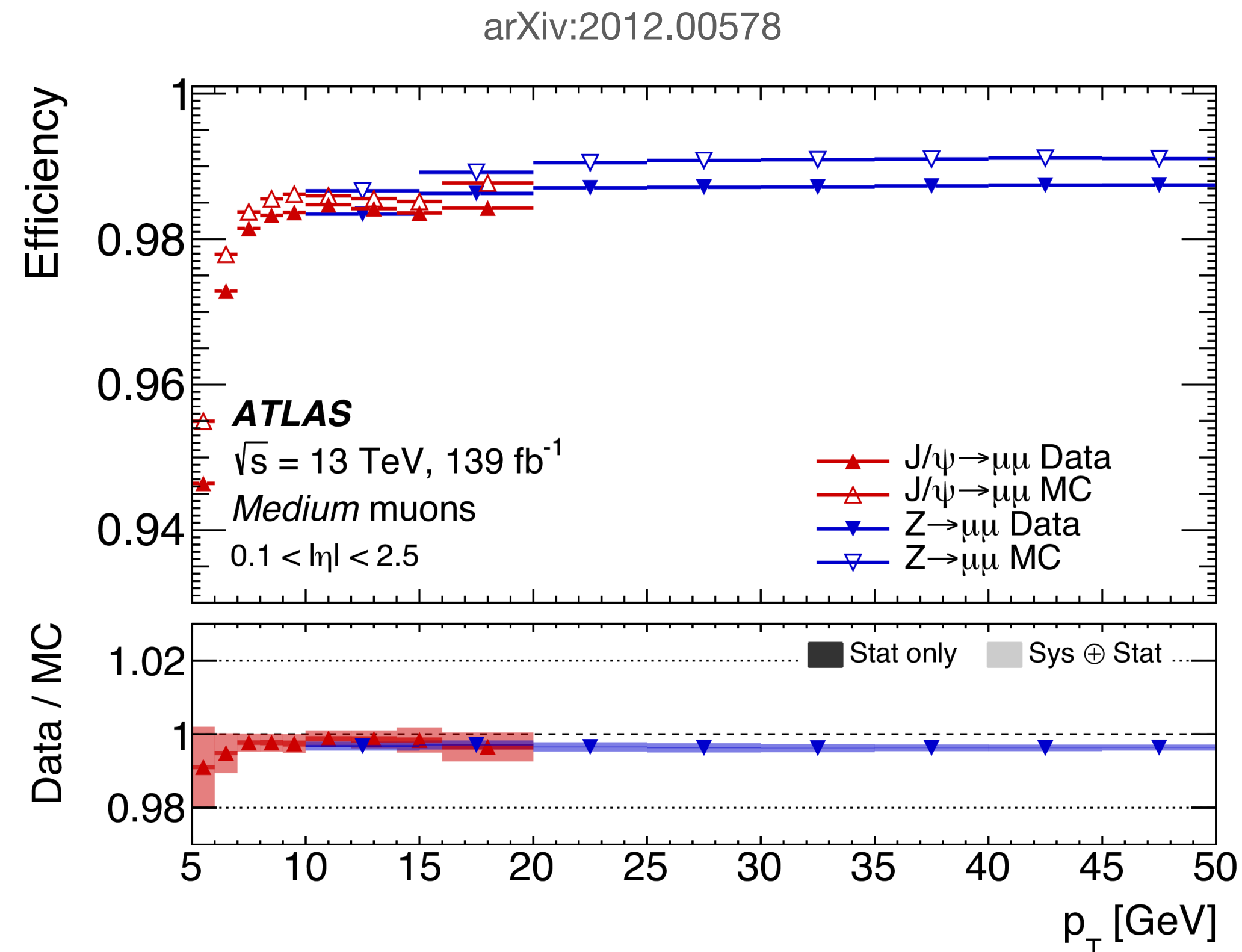
Relative systematic uncertainties (in per cent) in the measured signal strength and the measured cross-section times branching ratio

Uncertainty source	$\mu$	$\sigma \times \mathcal{B}$
Spurious Signal		6.1
$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \ell\ell\gamma)$	5.8	–
QCD scale	4.7	1.1
$\ell, \gamma, \text{jets}$		4.0
PDF	2.3	0.9
Luminosity		1.7
Pile-up		1.7
Minor prod. modes		0.8
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ background		0.7
Parton Shower		0.3
Total systematic	11	7.9
Statistical		31
Total	33	32



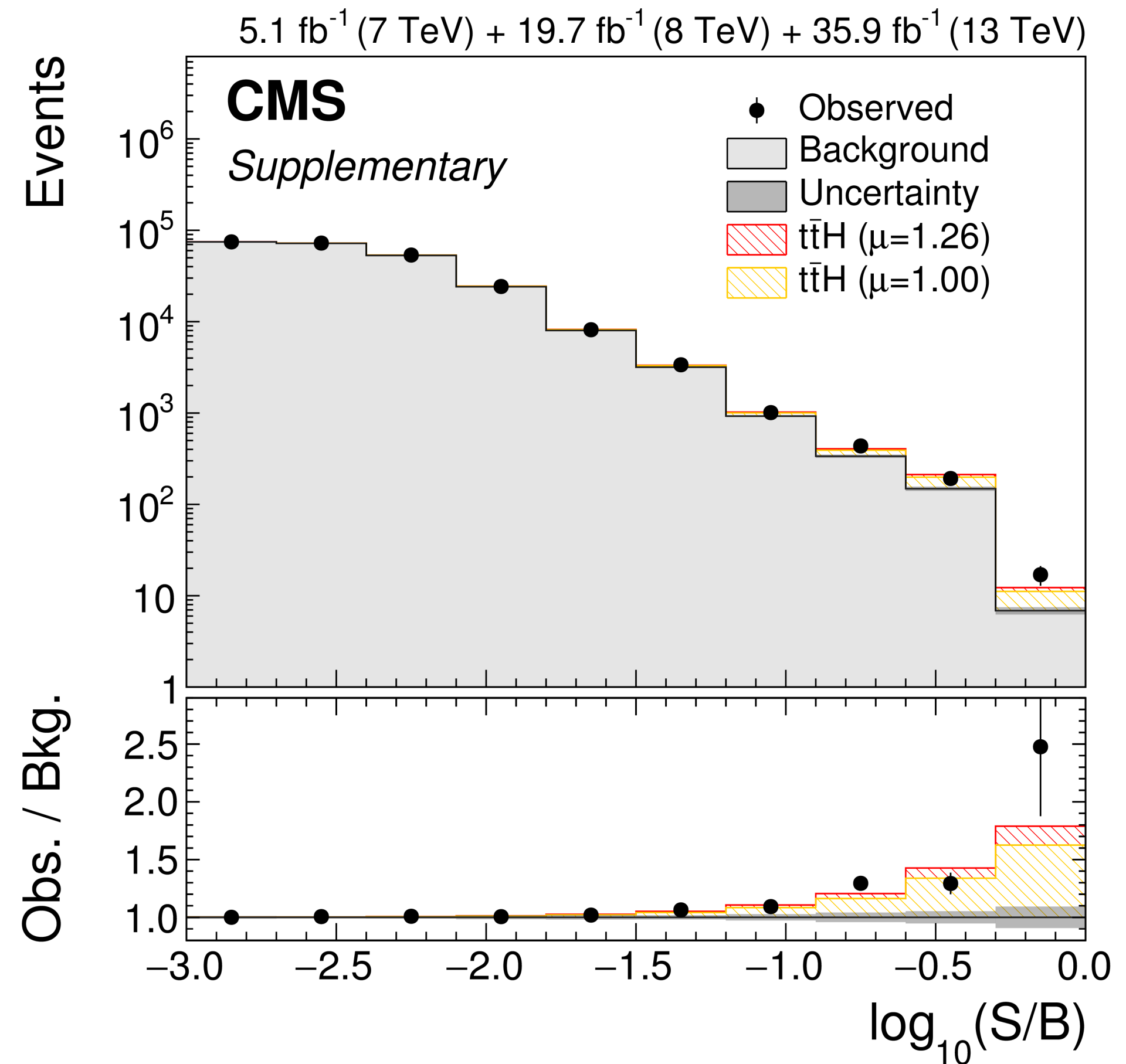
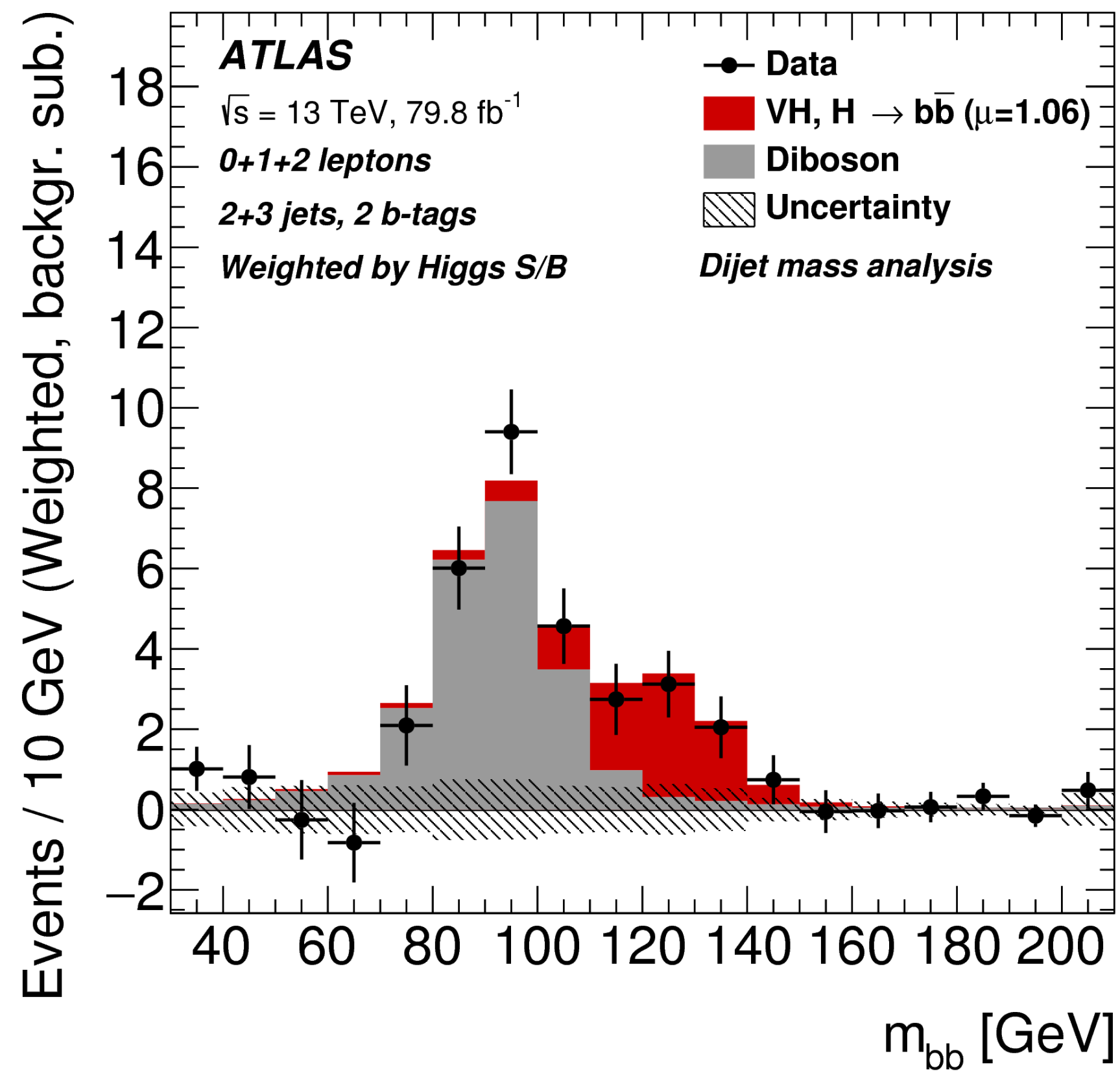
# ATLAS detector performance

- Good understanding of the detector is critical
- Reconstruction of physics objects (e,  $\gamma$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\tau$ , jets, ...) precisely known from careful data-driven calibrations
- Several improvements during the last years using machine learning techniques



# What do we know about the Higgs boson after LHC Run 2?

- Fermionic couplings confirmed: observation of  **$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$**  decay and  **$t\bar{t}H$**  process





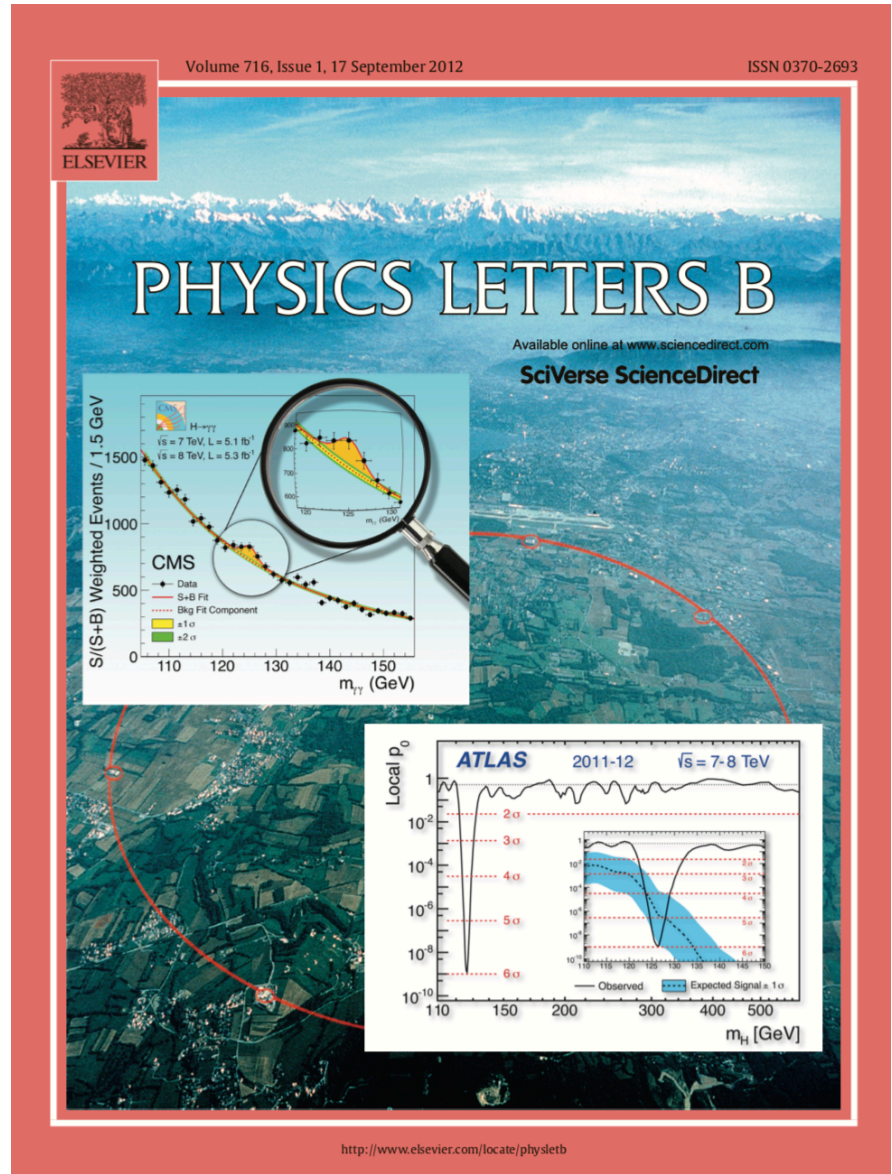
# Higgs boson observation timeline at the LHC

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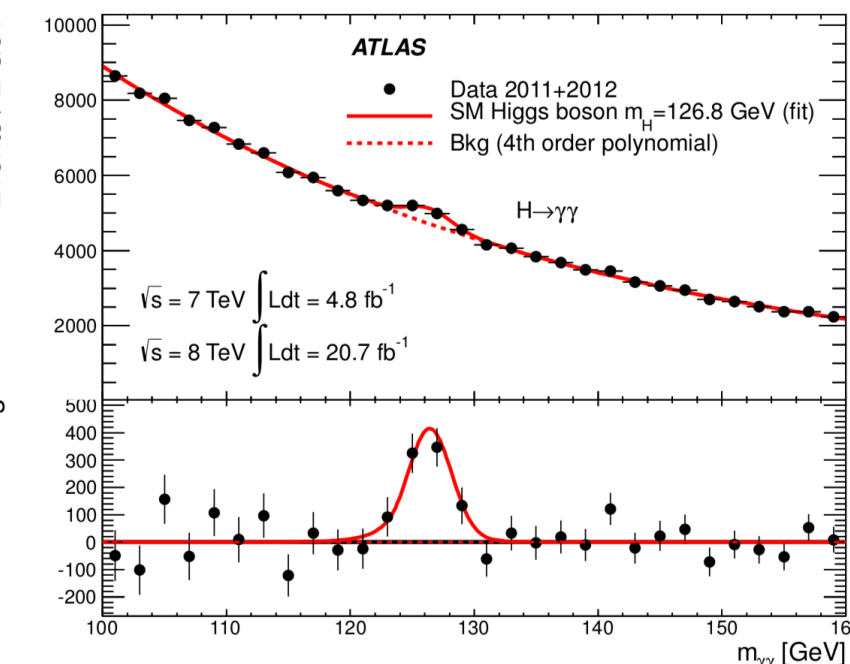
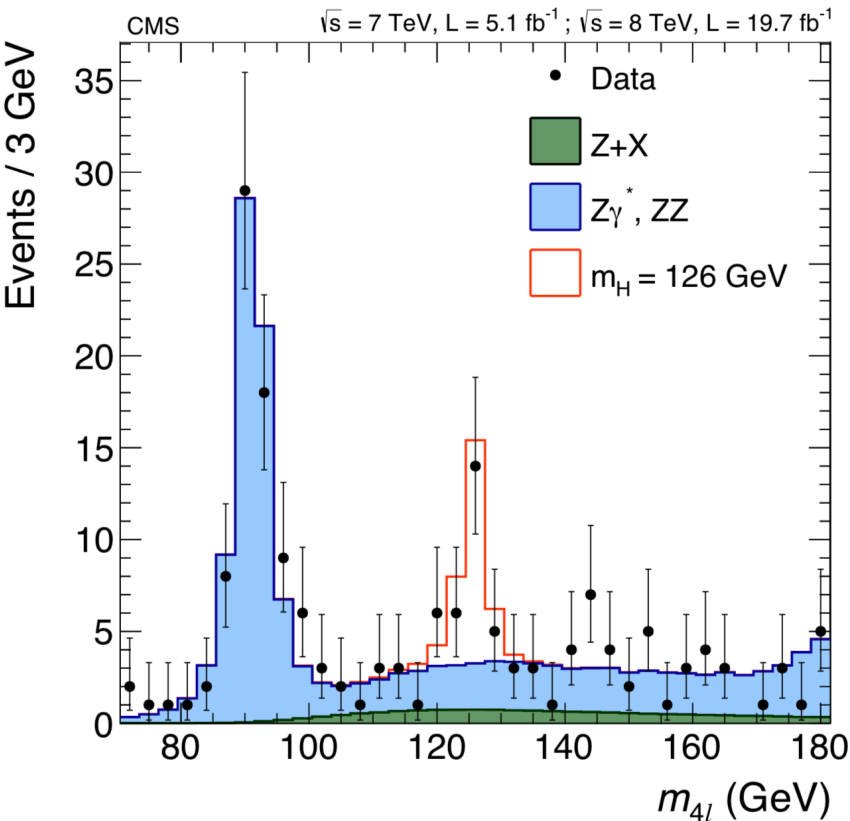
HL-LHC



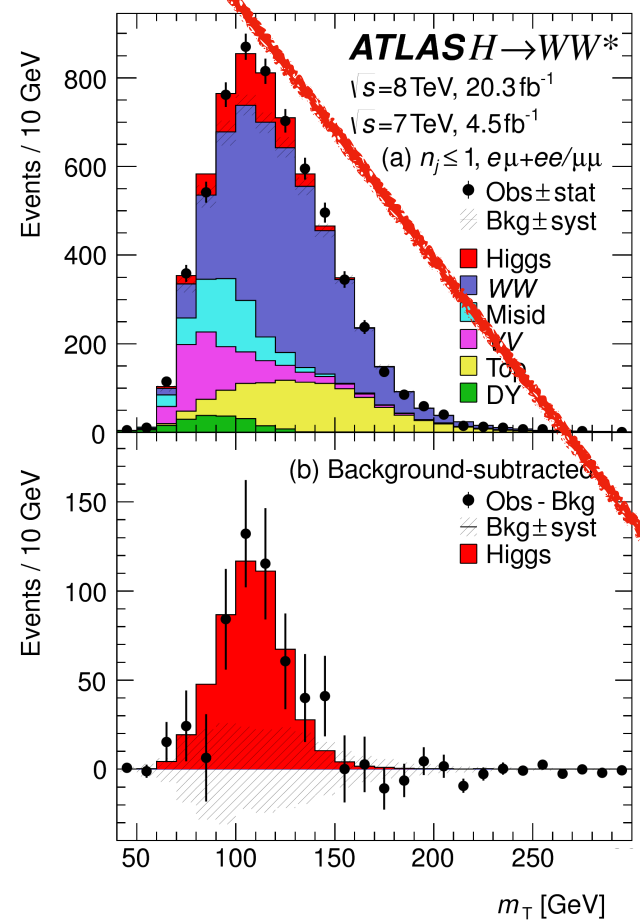
SM-like Higgs discovery  
( $ggF \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + ZZ + WW$ )



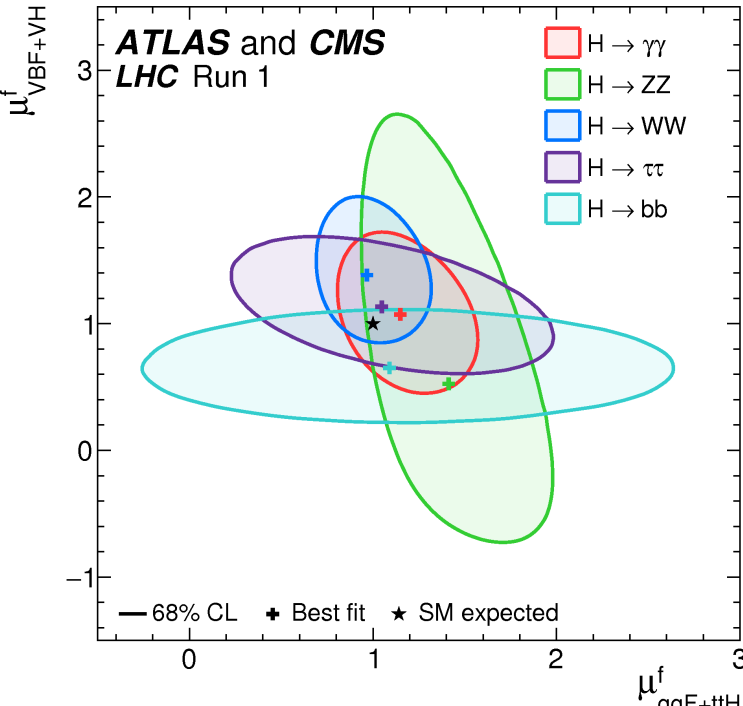
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  observation  
spin-0 and parity+



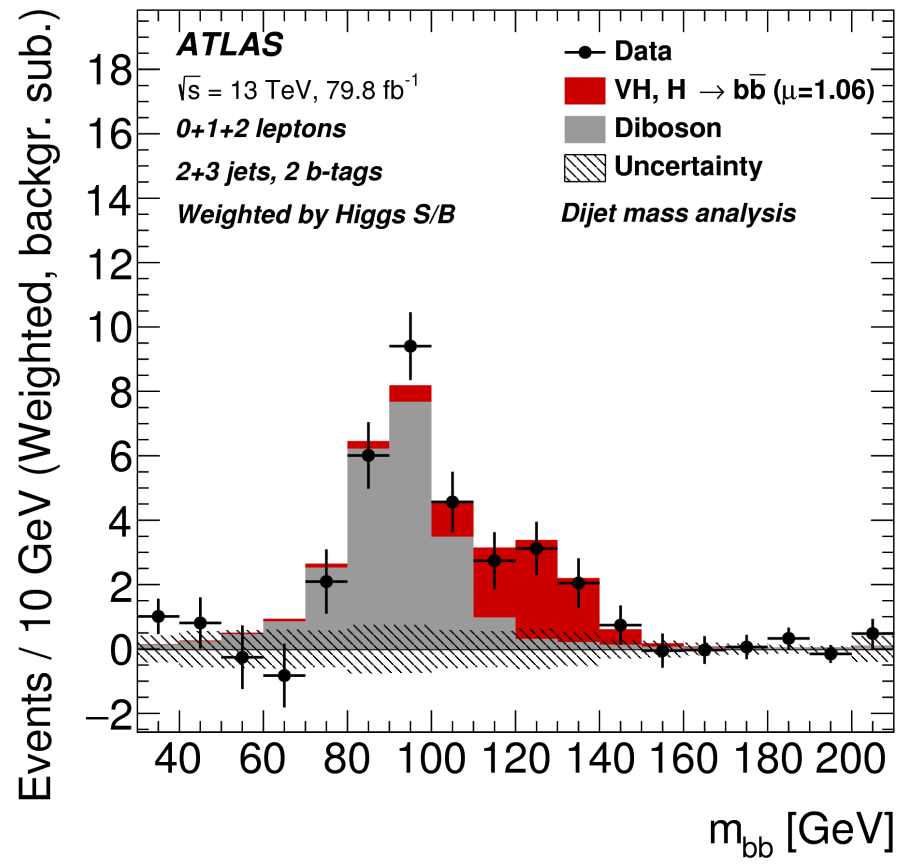
$H \rightarrow WW$  observation



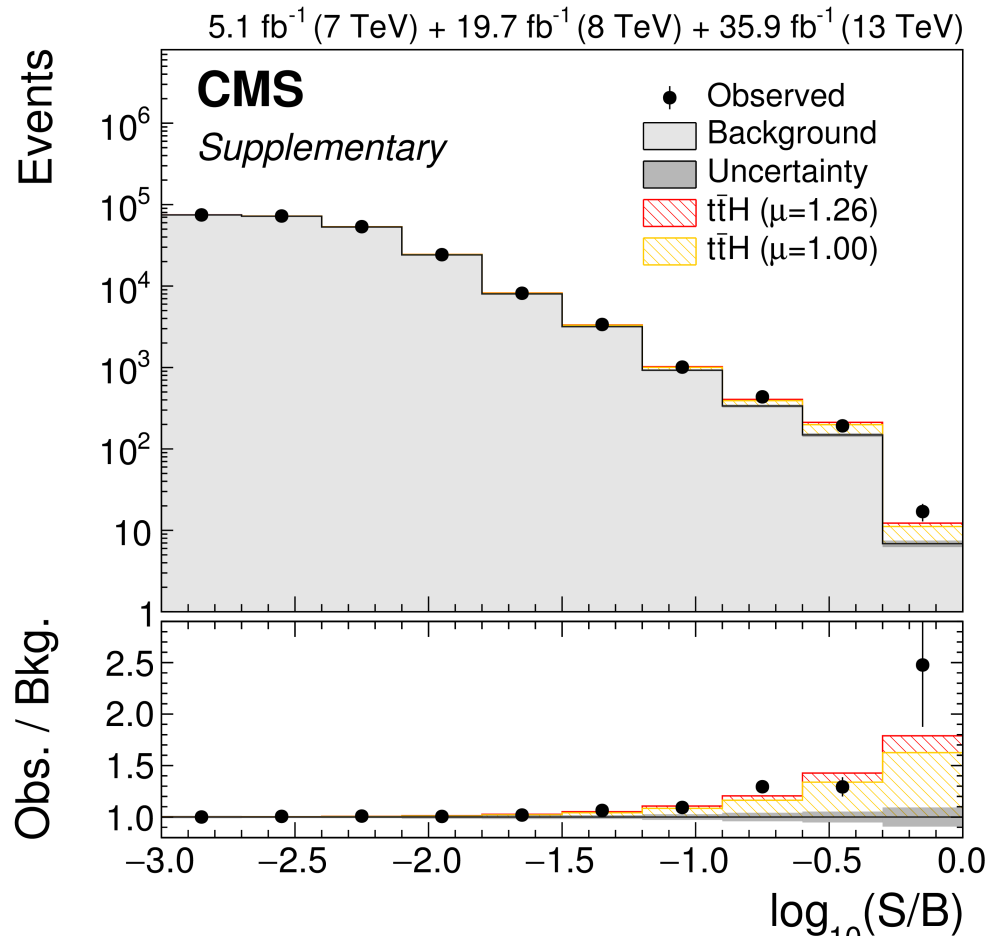
VBF observation,  
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  observation



$VH, H \rightarrow bb$  observation



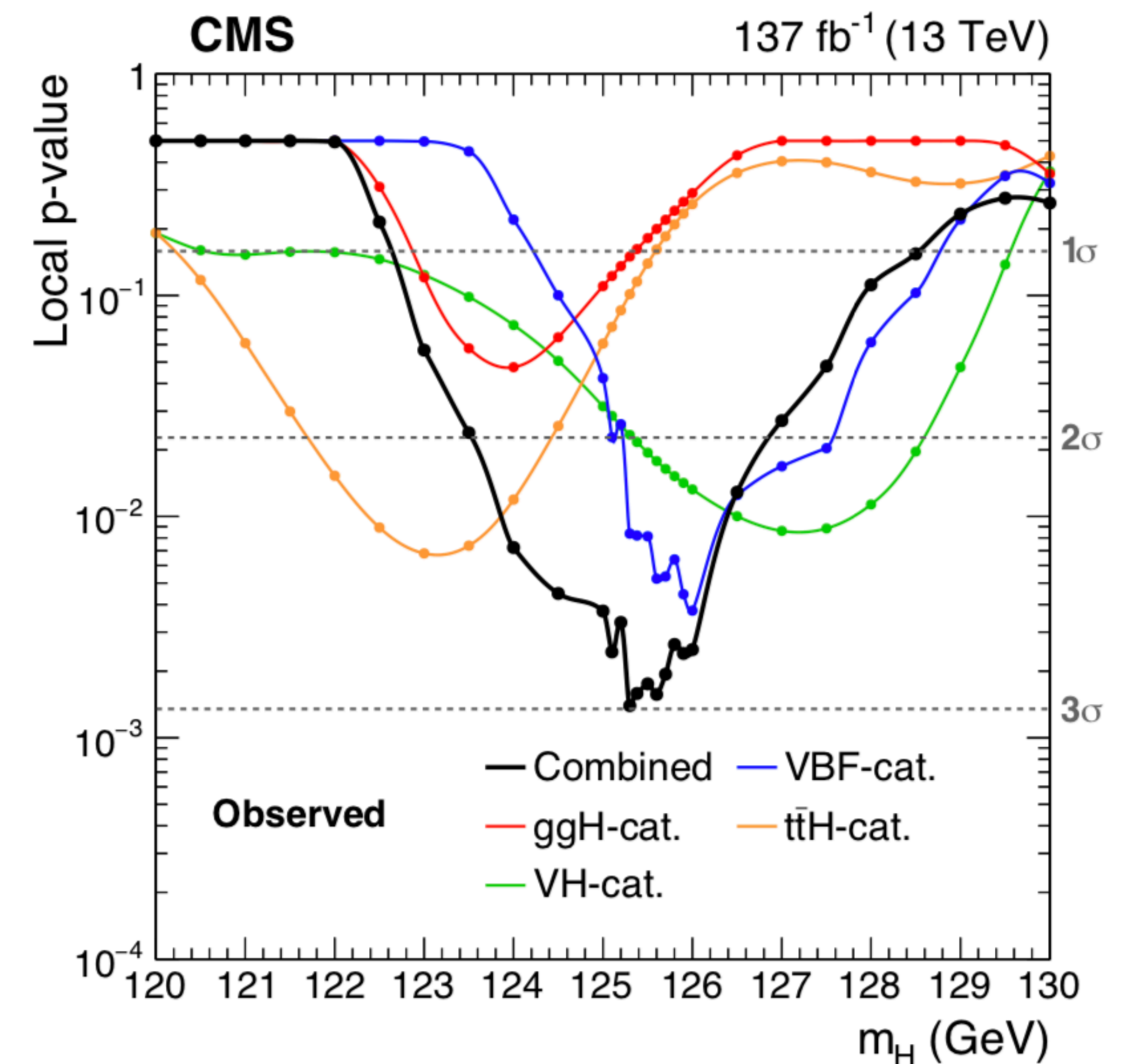
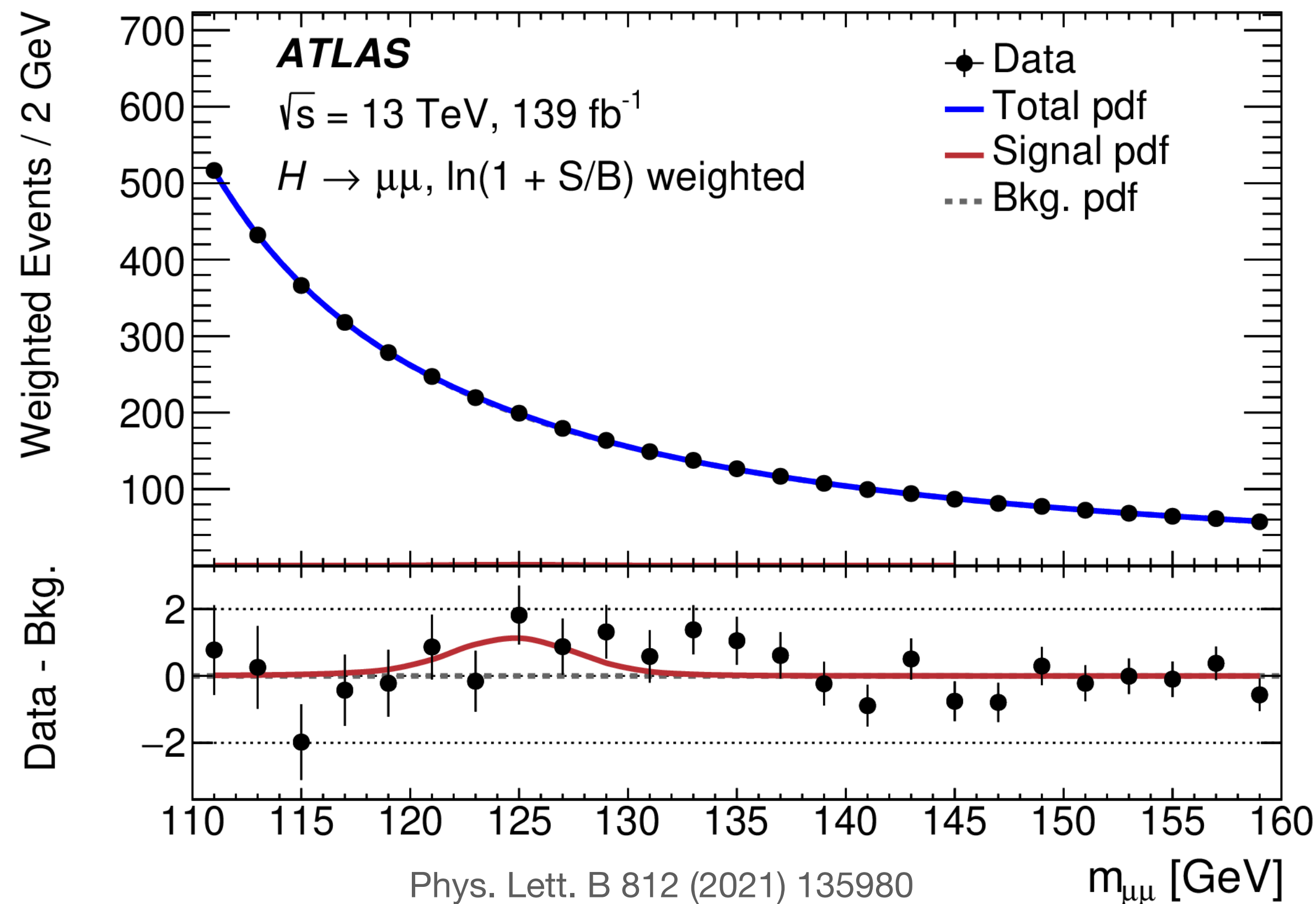
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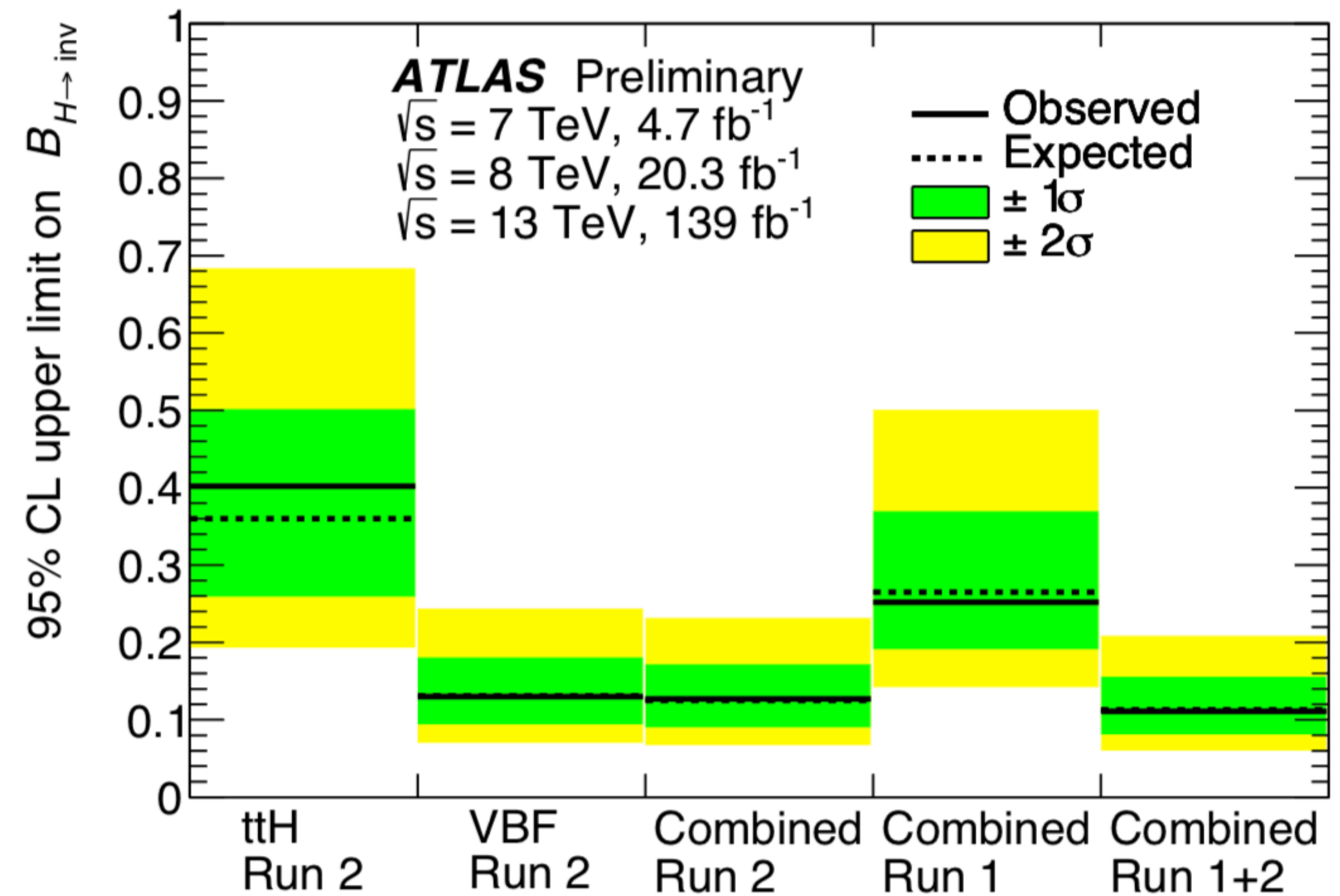
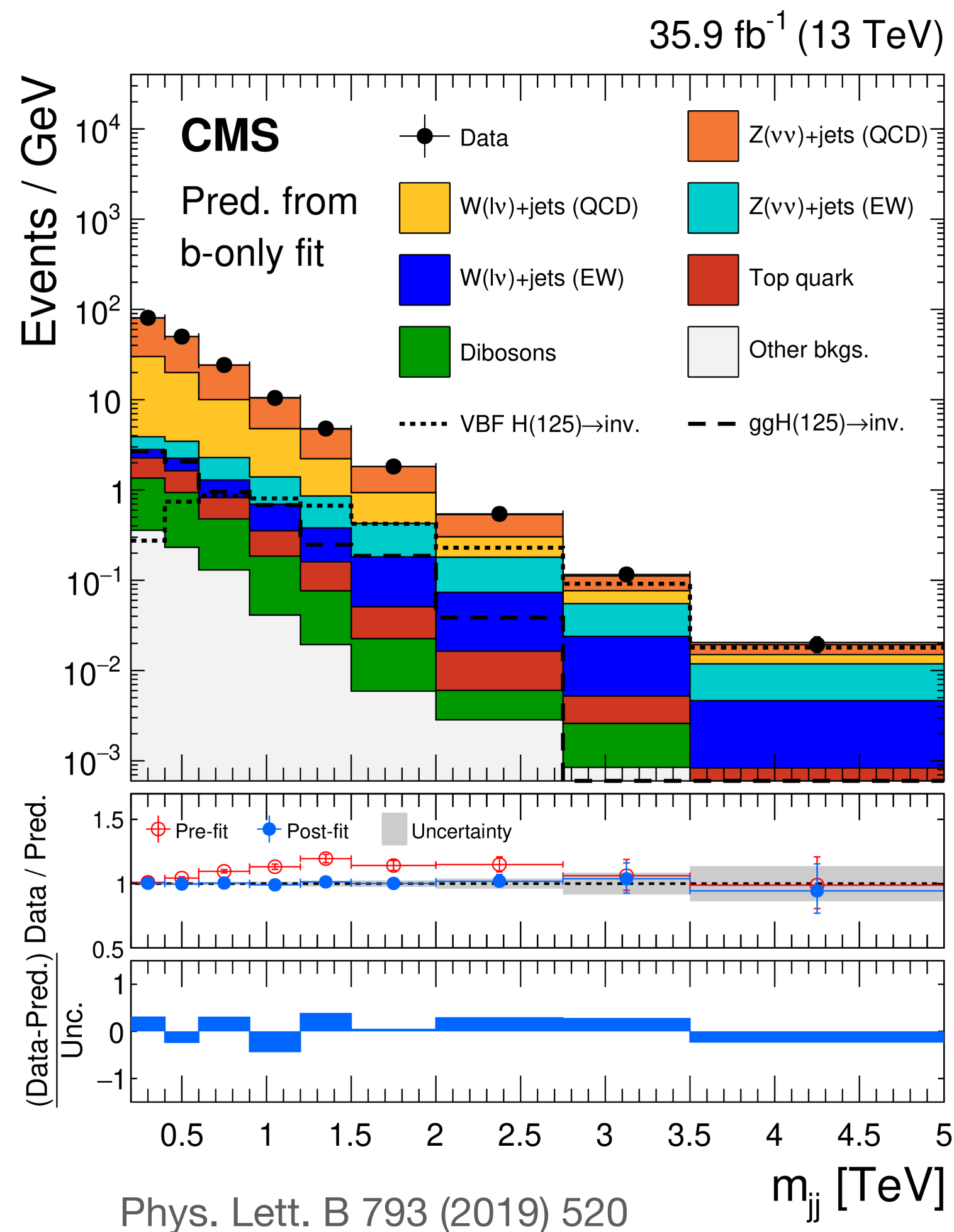
# What do we know about the Higgs boson after LHC Run 2?

- LHC data gives access to very rare Higgs decays:  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\mu) = 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$
- Evidence for  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay
  - ATLAS:  $2.0\sigma$  ( $1.7\sigma$ ) obs. (exp.) significance,  $\mu = 1.2 \pm 0.6$
  - CMS:  $3.0\sigma$  ( $2.5\sigma$ ) obs. (exp.),  $\mu = 1.2 \pm 0.4$



# What do we know about the Higgs boson after LHC Run 2?

- Searches for **Higgs to invisible** have been performed in VBF, ttH and VH channels in both ATLAS and CMS
- Observed upper limit  **$B(H \rightarrow \text{inv.}) = 0.11$**  (95% CL) from recent ATLAS combination



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# Higgs coupling measurements - the kappa framework

- Parameterisations of Higgs boson production cross-sections and decay widths as a function of coupling strength modifiers using kappa framework
- Considering leading order contributions only
  - Other assumptions are typically made

$$\kappa_j^2 = \frac{\sigma_j}{\sigma_j^{\text{SM}}} \quad \text{or} \quad \kappa_j^2 = \frac{\Gamma_j}{\Gamma_j^{\text{SM}}}$$

Production	Loops	Main interference	Effective modifier	Resolved modifier
$\sigma(\text{ggF})$	✓	$t\text{--}b$	$\kappa_g^2$	$1.040 \kappa_t^2 + 0.002 \kappa_b^2 - 0.038 \kappa_t \kappa_b - 0.005 \kappa_t \kappa_c$
$\sigma(\text{VBF})$	-	-	-	$0.733 \kappa_W^2 + 0.267 \kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(qq/qg \rightarrow ZH)$	-	-	-	$\kappa_Z^2$
$\sigma(\text{gg} \rightarrow ZH)$	✓	$t\text{--}Z$	$\kappa_{(\text{gg}ZH)}$	$2.456 \kappa_Z^2 + 0.456 \kappa_t^2 - 1.903 \kappa_Z \kappa_t - 0.011 \kappa_Z \kappa_b + 0.003 \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\sigma(WH)$	-	-	-	$\kappa_W^2$
$\sigma(t\bar{t}H)$	-	-	-	$\kappa_t^2$
$\sigma(tHW)$	-	$t\text{--}W$	-	$2.909 \kappa_t^2 + 2.310 \kappa_W^2 - 4.220 \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(tHq)$	-	$t\text{--}W$	-	$2.633 \kappa_t^2 + 3.578 \kappa_W^2 - 5.211 \kappa_t \kappa_W$
$\sigma(b\bar{b}H)$	-	-	-	$\kappa_b^2$
Partial decay width				
$\Gamma^{bb}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_b^2$
$\Gamma^{WW}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_W^2$
$\Gamma^{gg}$	✓	$t\text{--}b$	$\kappa_g^2$	$1.111 \kappa_t^2 + 0.012 \kappa_b^2 - 0.123 \kappa_t \kappa_b$
$\Gamma^{\tau\tau}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_\tau^2$
$\Gamma^{ZZ}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_Z^2$
$\Gamma^{cc}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_c^2 (= \kappa_t^2)$
$\Gamma^{\gamma\gamma}$	✓	$t\text{--}W$	$\kappa_\gamma^2$	$1.589 \kappa_W^2 + 0.072 \kappa_t^2 - 0.674 \kappa_W \kappa_t + 0.009 \kappa_W \kappa_\tau + 0.008 \kappa_W \kappa_b - 0.002 \kappa_t \kappa_b - 0.002 \kappa_t \kappa_\tau$
$\Gamma^{Z\gamma}$	✓	$t\text{--}W$	$\kappa_{(Z\gamma)}^2$	$1.118 \kappa_W^2 - 0.125 \kappa_W \kappa_t + 0.004 \kappa_t^2 + 0.003 \kappa_W \kappa_b$
$\Gamma^{ss}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_s^2 (= \kappa_b^2)$
$\Gamma^{\mu\mu}$	-	-	-	$\kappa_\mu^2$
Total width ( $B_i = B_u = 0$ )				
$\Gamma_H$	✓	-	$\kappa_H^2$	$0.581 \kappa_b^2 + 0.215 \kappa_W^2 + 0.082 \kappa_g^2 + 0.063 \kappa_\tau^2 + 0.026 \kappa_Z^2 + 0.029 \kappa_c^2 + 0.0023 \kappa_\gamma^2 + 0.0015 \kappa_{(Z\gamma)}^2 + 0.0004 \kappa_s^2 + 0.00022 \kappa_\mu^2$



# Constraints on Higgs boson width

- Indirect measurement from off-shell production in  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  channel

- Obs. limit on Higgs width:

$$\sigma_{\text{on-shell}}^{\text{on-shell}}_{\text{VV} \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow 4\ell} \propto \mu_{\text{VVH}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{off-shell}}_{\text{VV} \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow 4\ell} \propto \mu_{\text{VVH}} \Gamma_{\text{H}}.$$

- ATLAS Run 2 (36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup>): **< 14.4 MeV**

- CMS Run 1+2 (77 fb<sup>-1</sup>):  
**[0.08, 9.16] MeV**

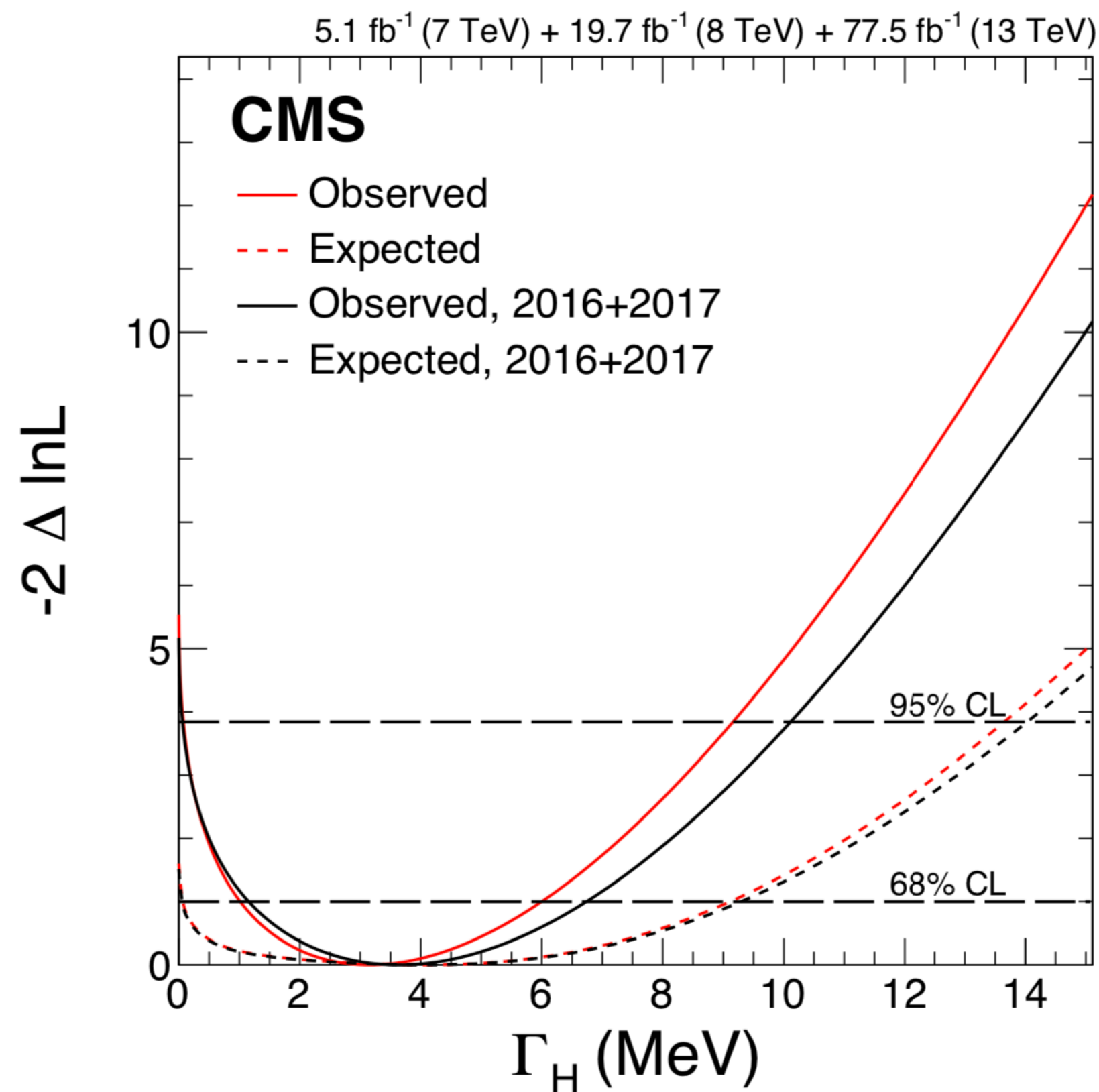
- SM prediction: **4.1 MeV**

HL-LHC projections:

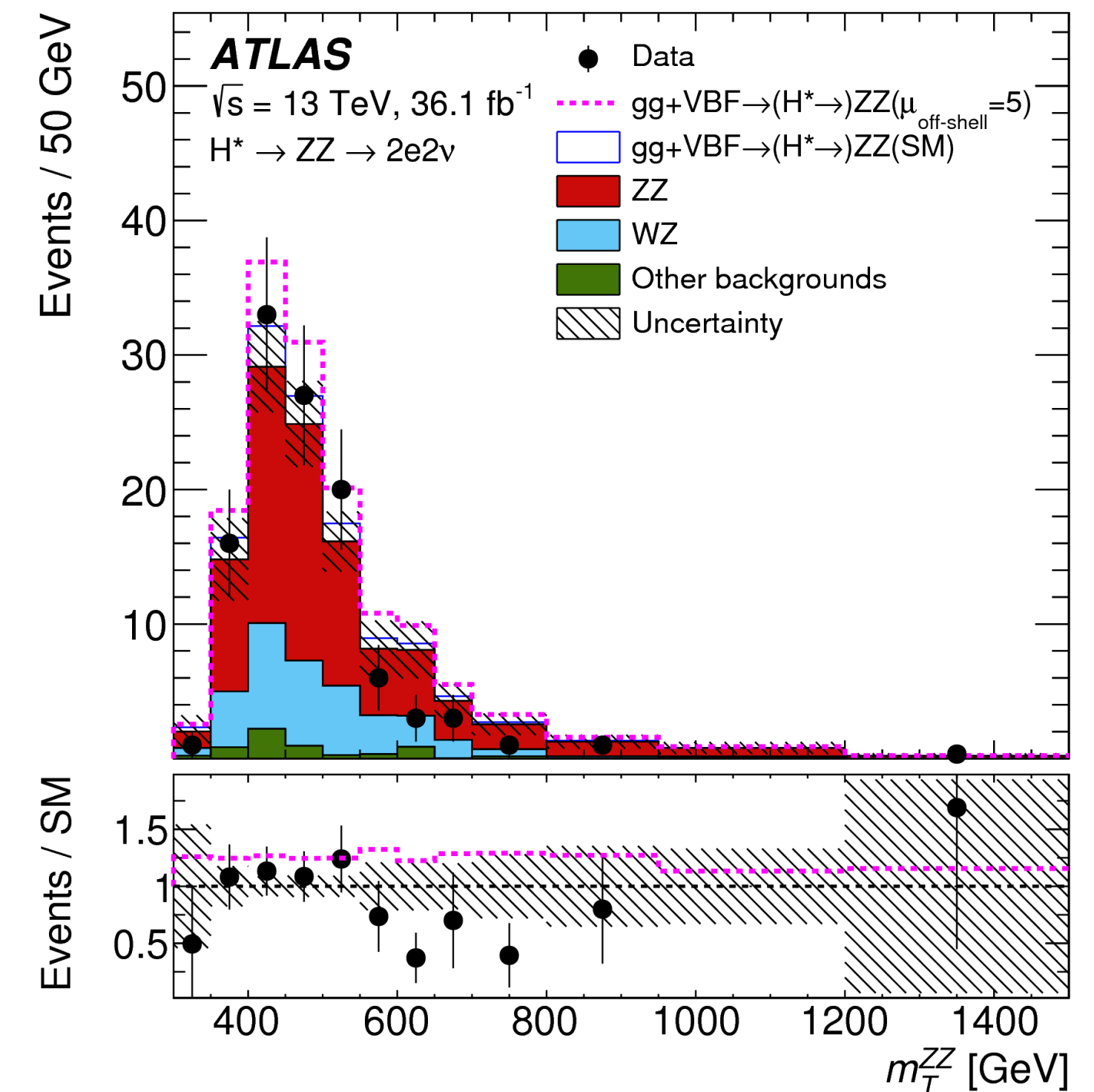
CMS:  $4.1^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$  MeV

ATLAS:  $4.2^{+1.5}_{-2.1}$  MeV

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