

# Statistical analysis in the search for dark photons from Higgs boson decays via ZH production with the ATLAS detector

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# Analysis overview and motivations

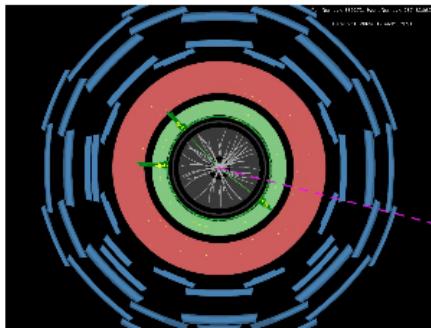


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## Briefings



### Using the Higgs boson to search for dark photons

The ATLAS Collaboration has been looking for signs of dark photons in data collected by the experiment during LHC Run 2 (2015-2018). Their newest search targets, for the first time in ATLAS, the production of a Higgs boson in association with a Z boson, with subsequent decay of the Higgs into a photon and a dark photon.

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- Search for dark photon in  $ZH, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$  channel: new analysis in ATLAS, using full Run 2
- My contributions: fit model (validation and final results), treatment of systematics and irreducible background in the fit, optimization of binning in the Signal Region

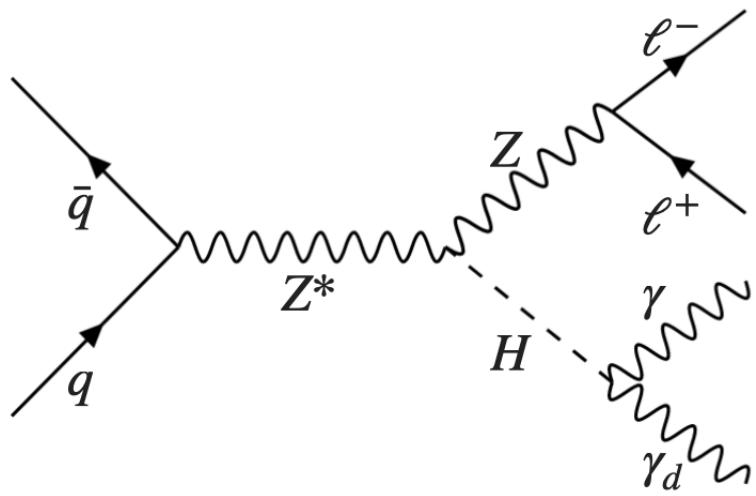
## Motivations:

- Dark Matter can be part of a Dark Sector, potentially interacting with the Standard Model Sector through **portal** interactions
- **Dark-photon ( $\gamma_d$ )** predicted as gauge boson of a new unbroken  $U(1)_d$  group of the hypothetical Dark Sector
- The dark-photon can interact with SM sector through higher-dimensional interactions via messenger exchange: Loop of messenger fields can modify Higgs decay  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

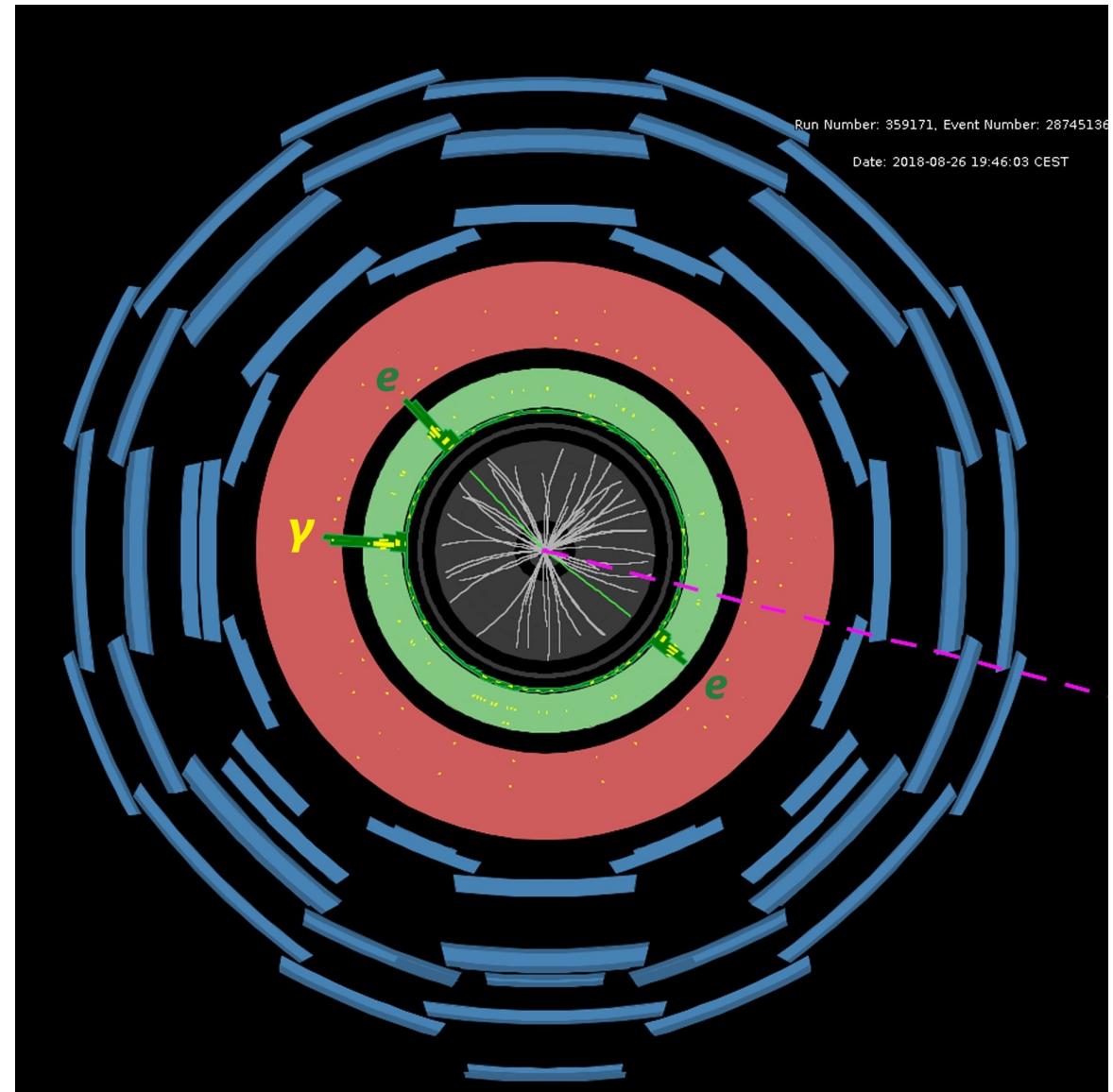
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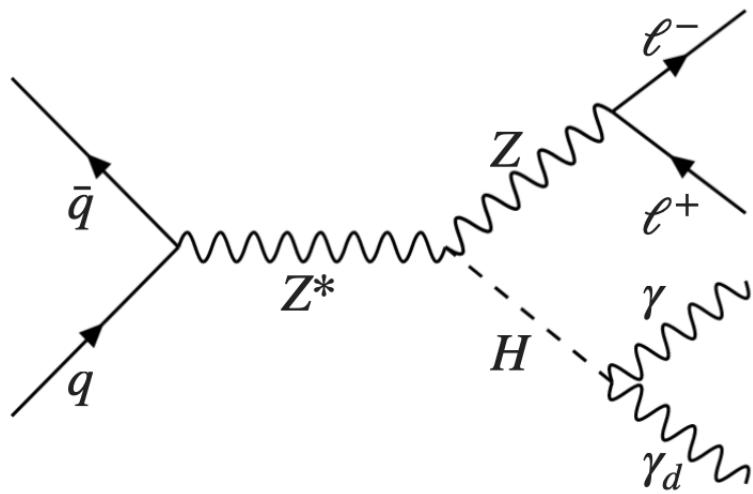
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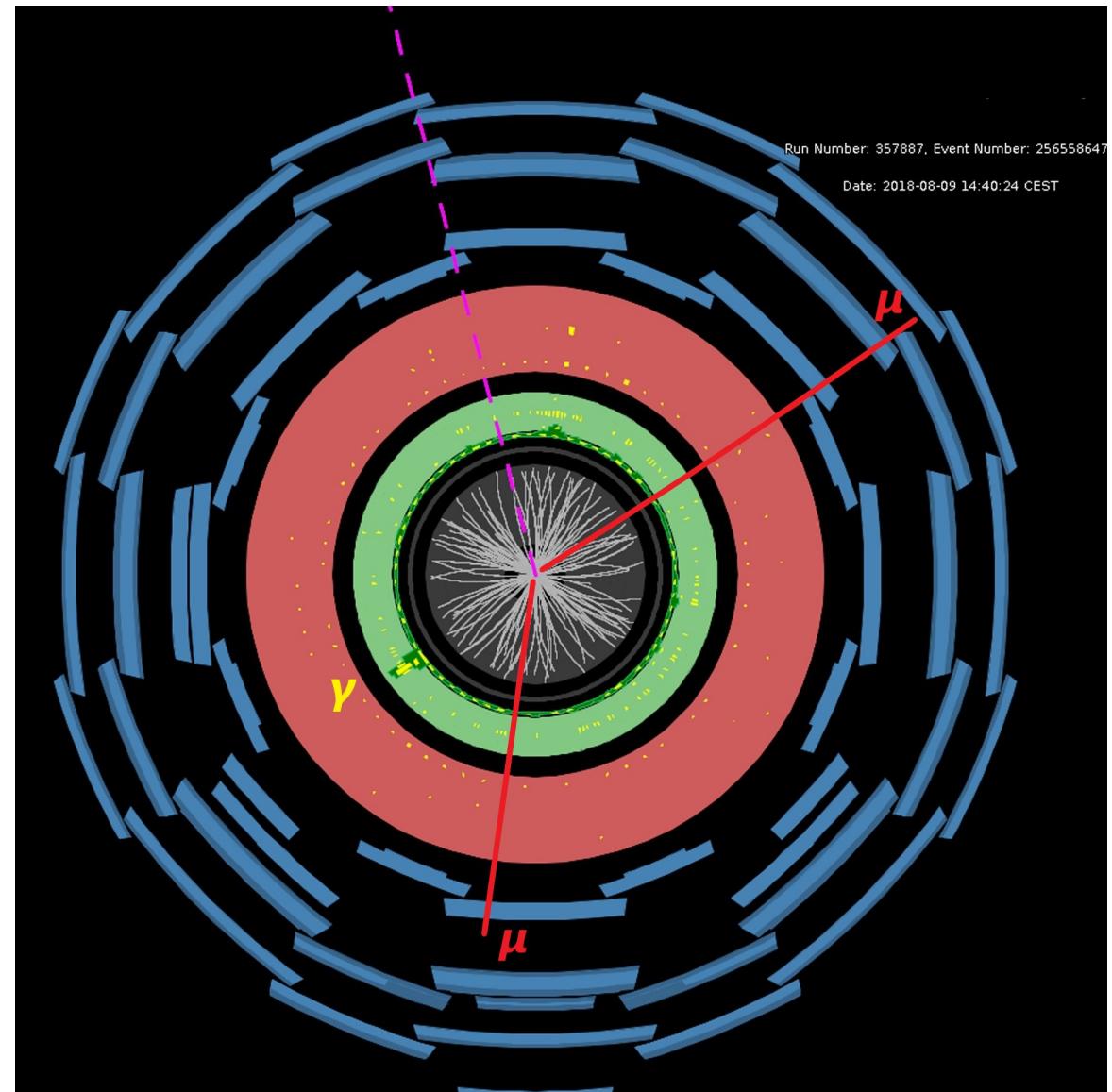
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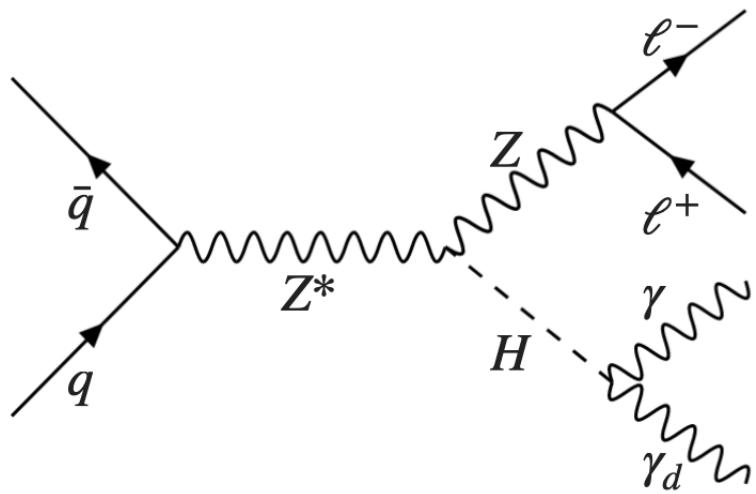
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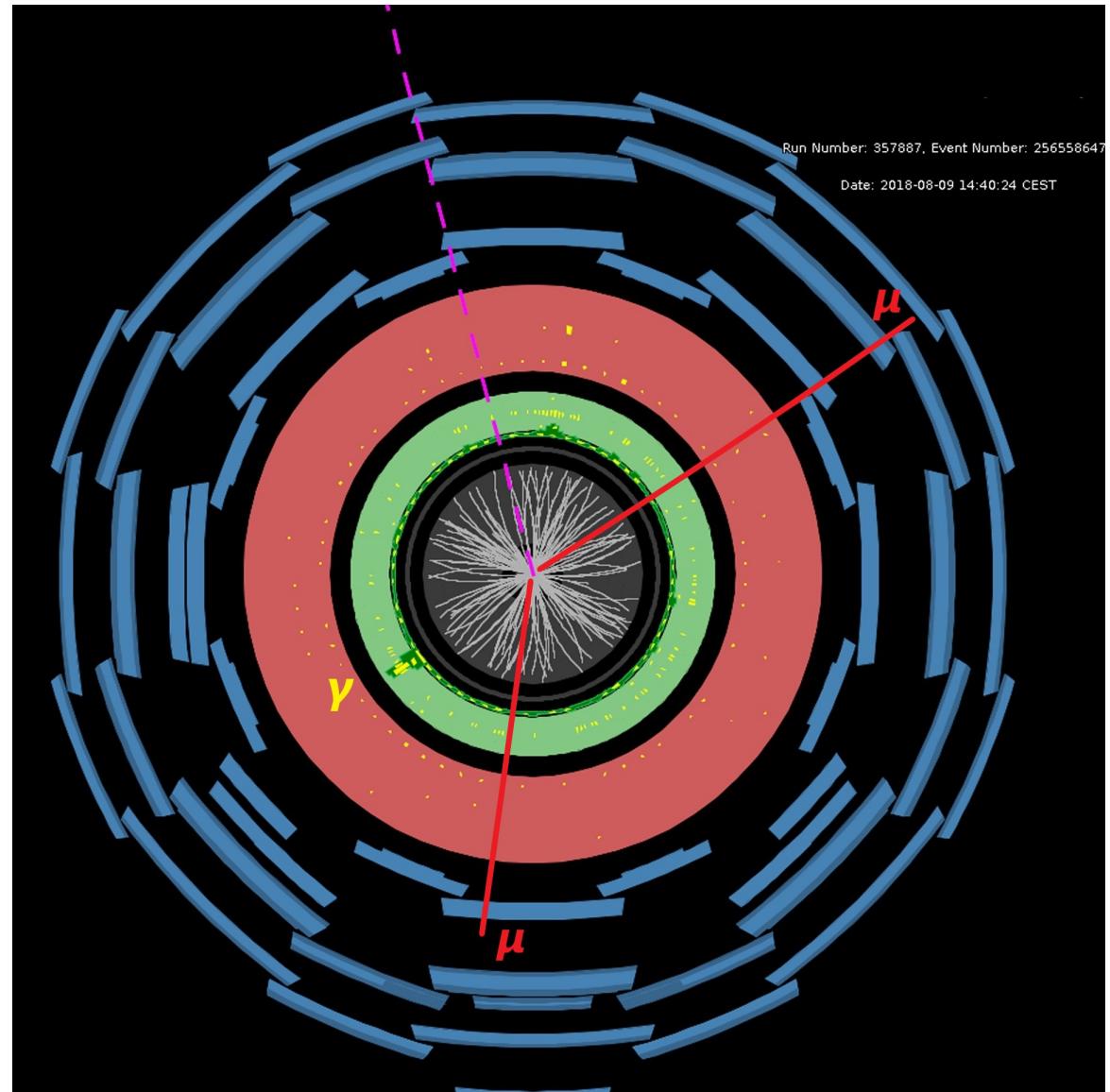
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## Signal Region (SR):

- $76 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 116 \text{ GeV}$
- leading  $\vec{p}_T^\ell > 27 \text{ GeV}$ , sub-leading  $\vec{p}_T^\ell > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $\vec{p}_T^\gamma > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- Veto b-jet
- $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell\gamma}) > 2.4 \text{ rad}$

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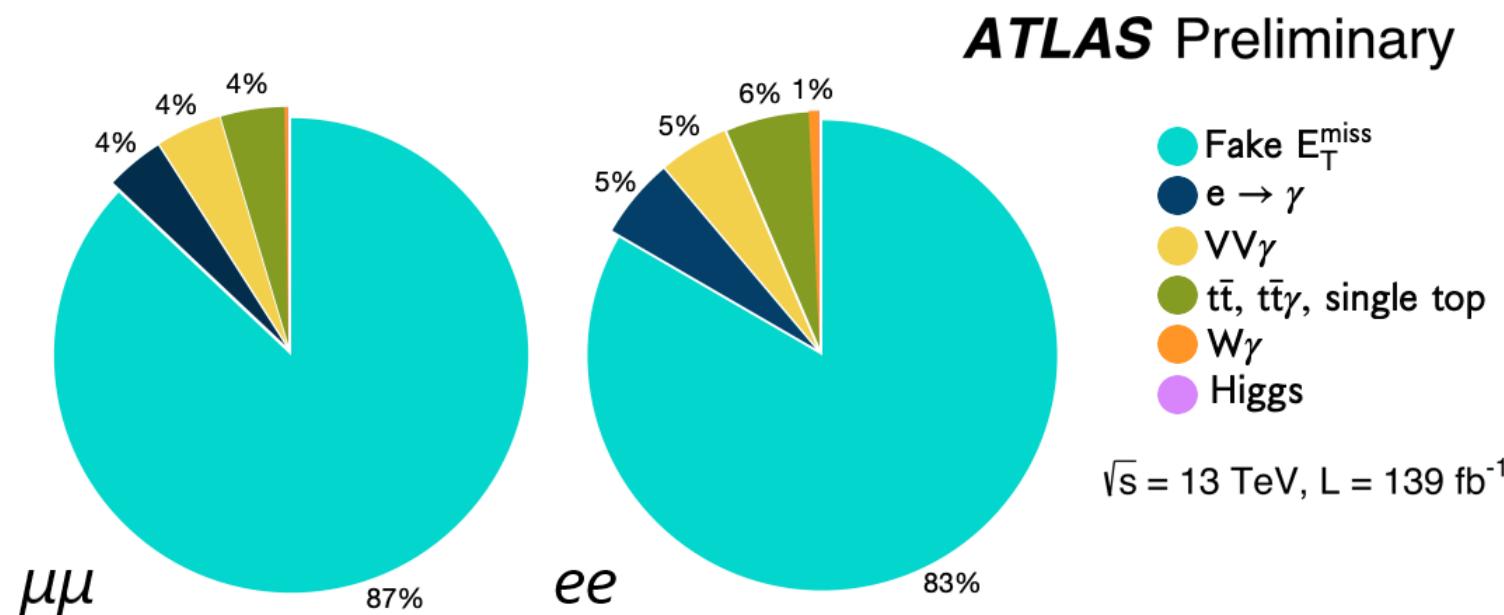
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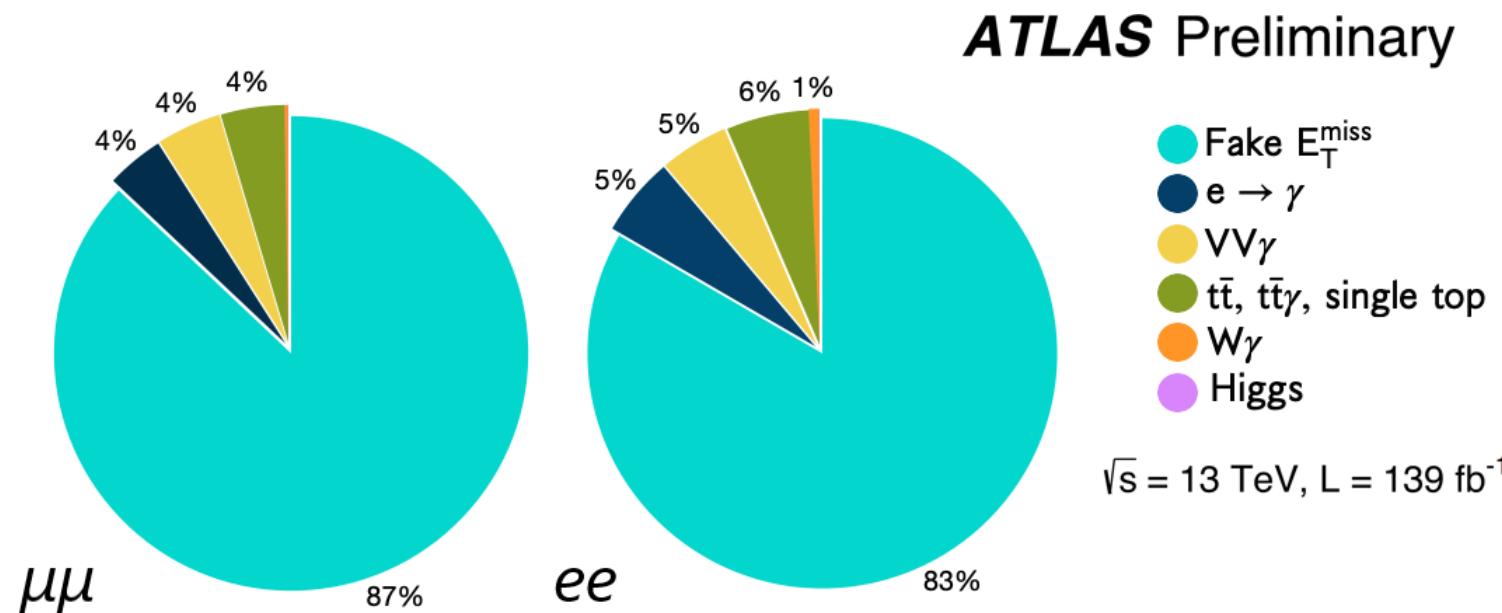
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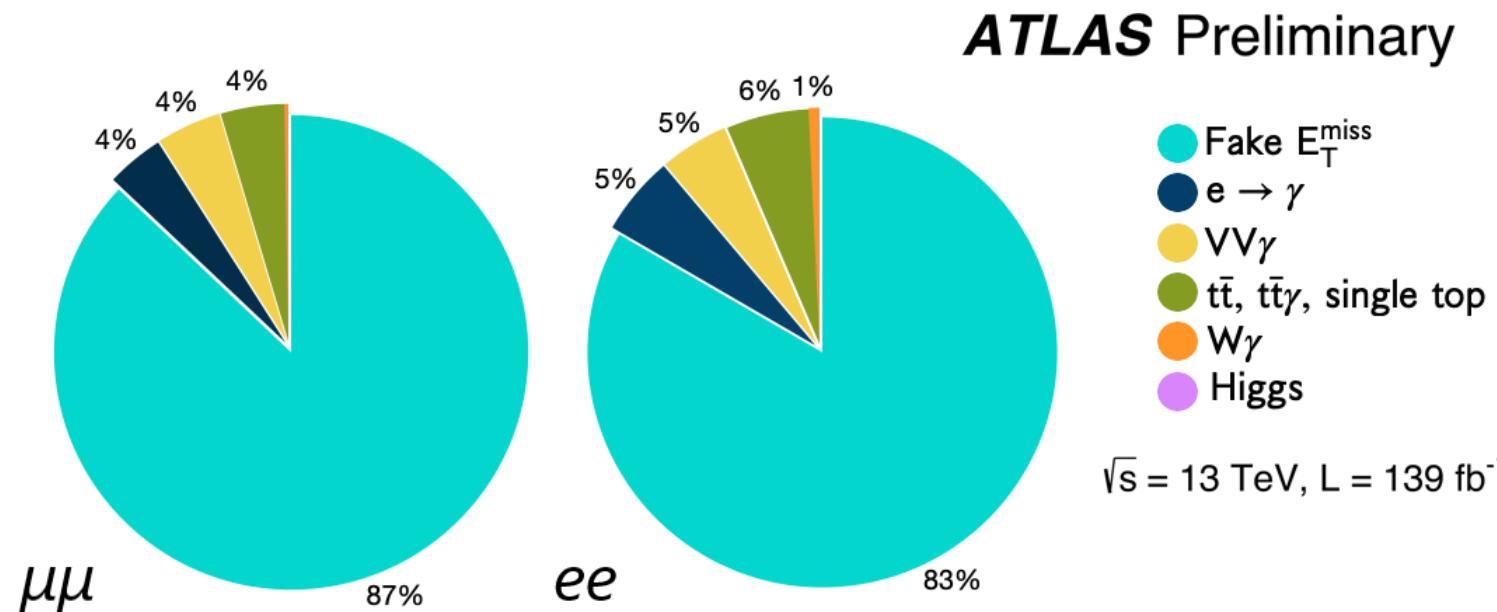
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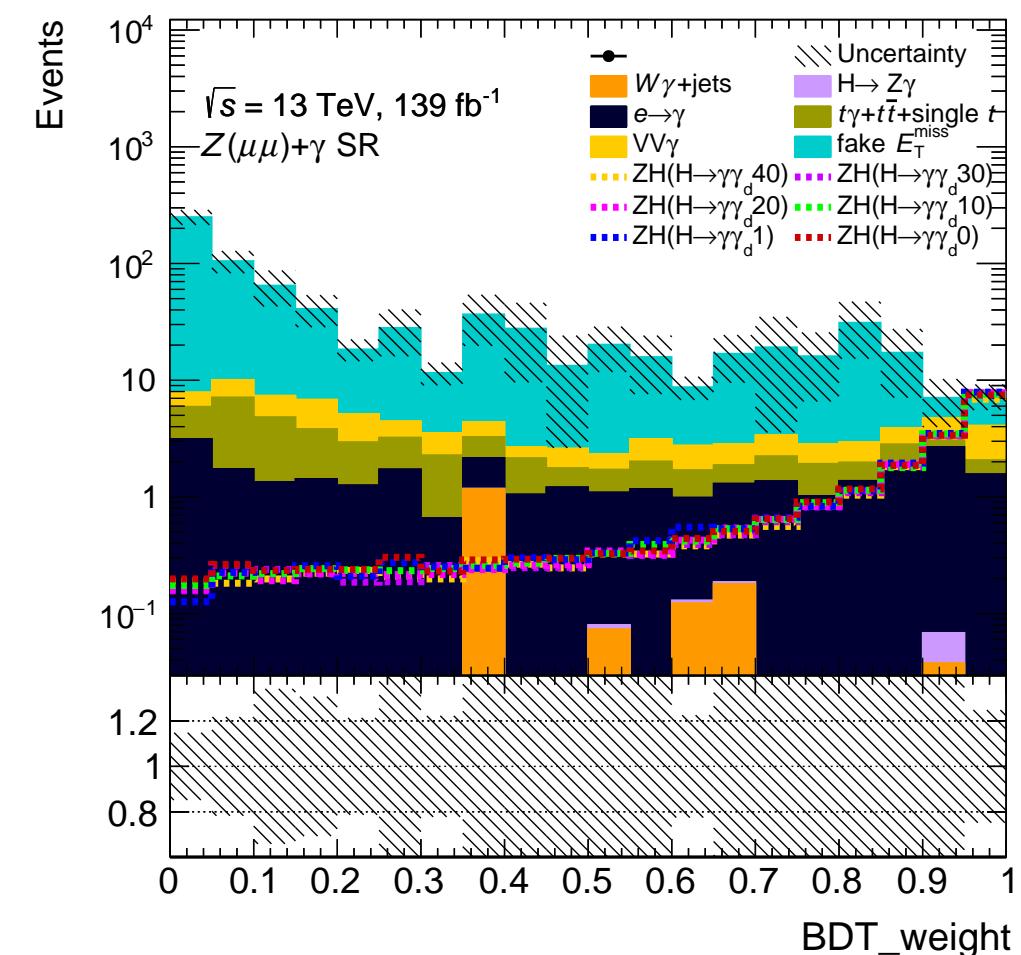
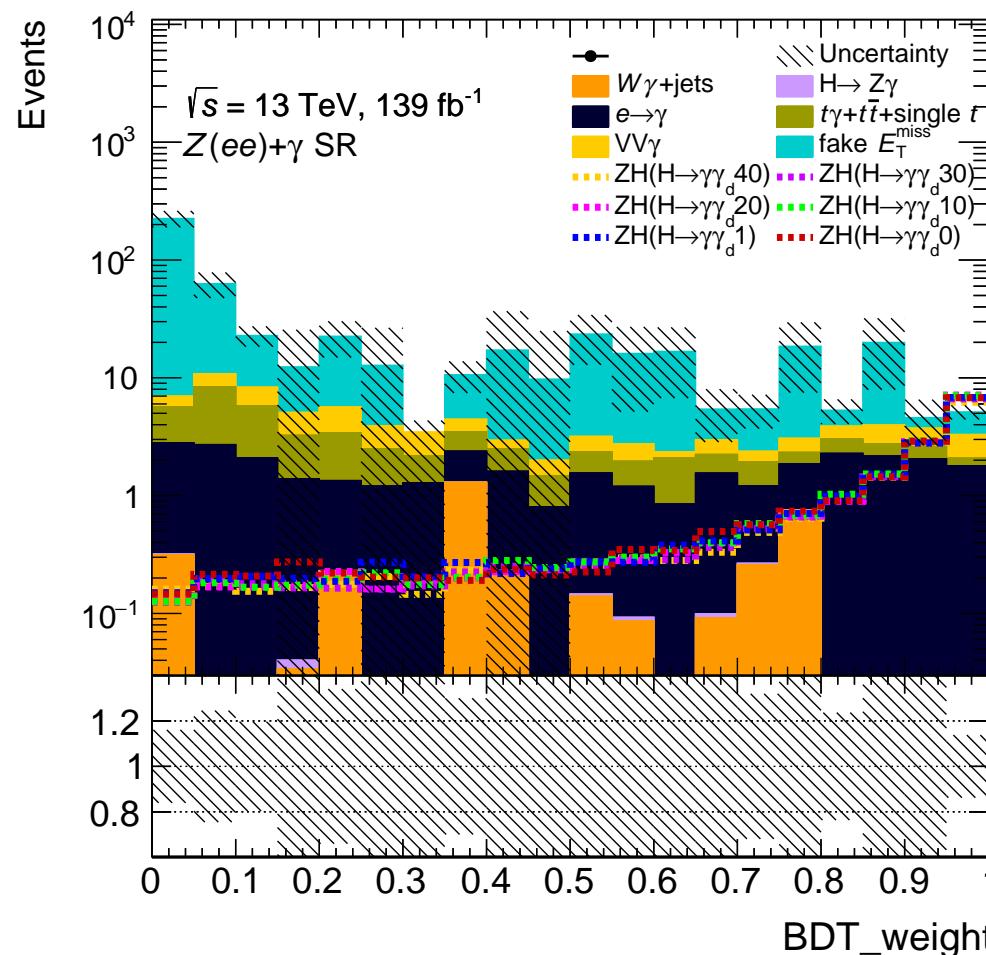
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- **Top:** top quark production, with subsequent semi-leptonic  $t \rightarrow W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)b$  decay ⇒ pure MC
- **W $\gamma$ , H  $\rightarrow Z\gamma$**  ⇒ pure MC



# BDT discriminant variable

In order to increase the sensitivity of the analysis a **Boosted Decision Tree (BDT)** has been implemented:

- Trained on MC samples of background + signal, with most discriminant variables as input:  
 $E_T^{miss}$  significance,  $m_T(\gamma, E_T^{miss})$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell\gamma}$ ,  $p_T^\gamma$ ,  $\frac{|\vec{E}_T^{miss} + \vec{p}_T^\gamma| - p_T^{\ell\ell}}{p_T^{\ell\ell}}$  in order of importance
- The BDT score is used as **discriminant variable**
- Fake  $E_T^{miss}$ ,  $e \rightarrow \gamma$ , VV $\gamma$ , Top, H  $\rightarrow Z\gamma$ , W $\gamma$**



# Fit strategy and statistical model

Binned maximum likelihood fit on BDT score distributions with  $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  as parameter of interest

6 background templates (one for each background category) + signal

Uncertainties included in the fit as **nuisance parameters (NP)  $\theta$** :

$$\mathcal{L}(data|k, \theta) = \prod_{i \in BDT_{bins} + CR_{VV\gamma}} Pois(N_i^{data}|N_i^{exp}(k, \theta)) \times \prod_{j \in syst} G(\theta_j|0, 1)$$

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## Background-only fit:

- Binned maximum-likelihood fit on SR+CR, assuming no signal

## Exclusion fit:

- Binned maximum-likelihood fit on SR+CR, with  $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  as POI

## Two step validation on data

⇒ cross-check the fitting procedure in regions with low signal contamination

### 1) low $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ Validation region (VR):

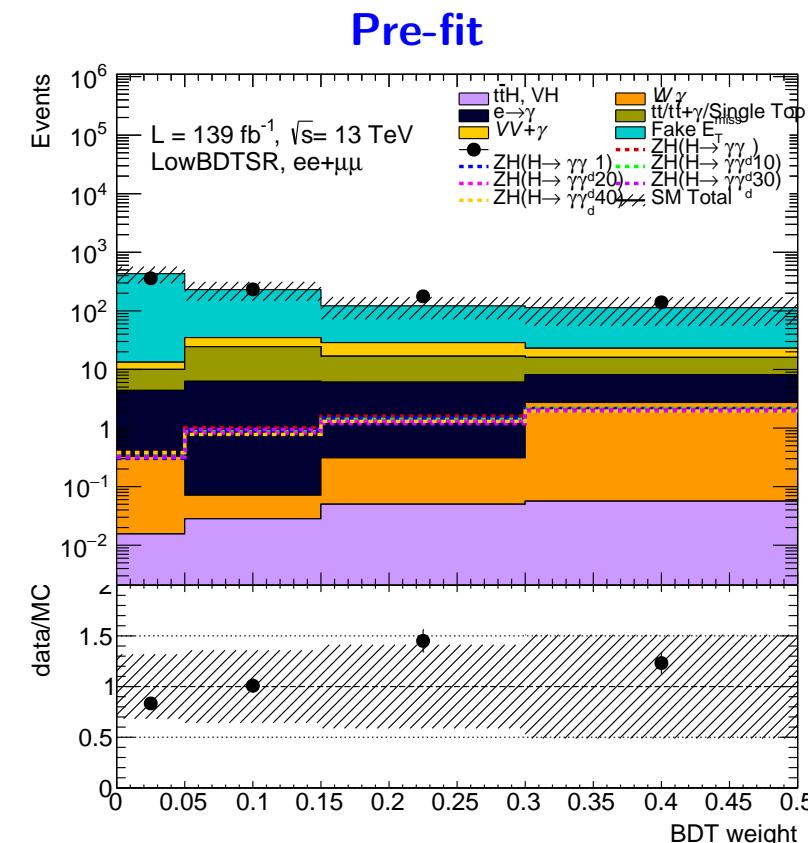
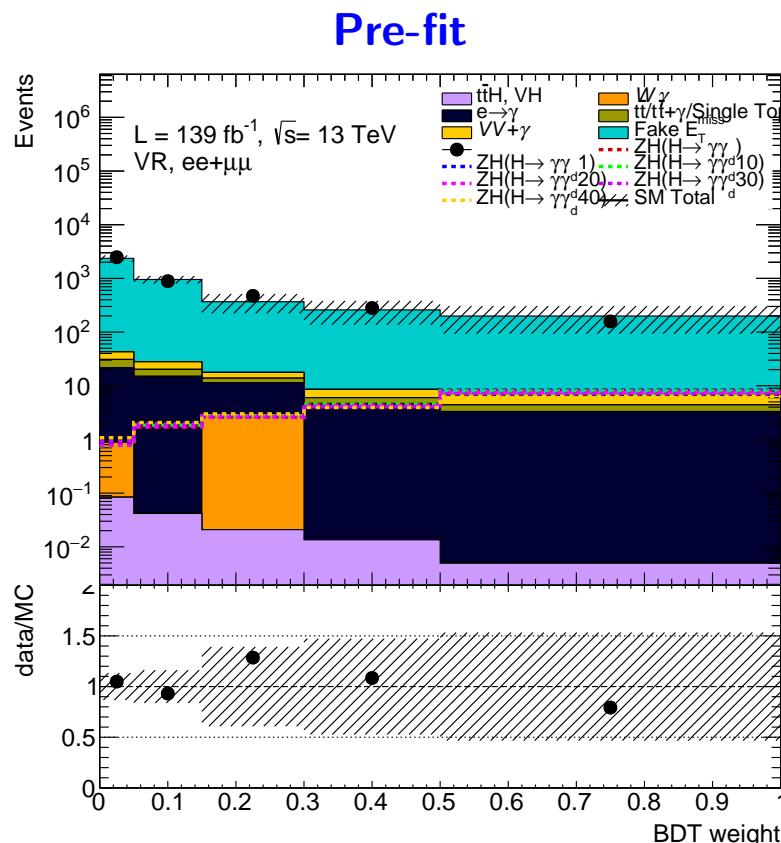
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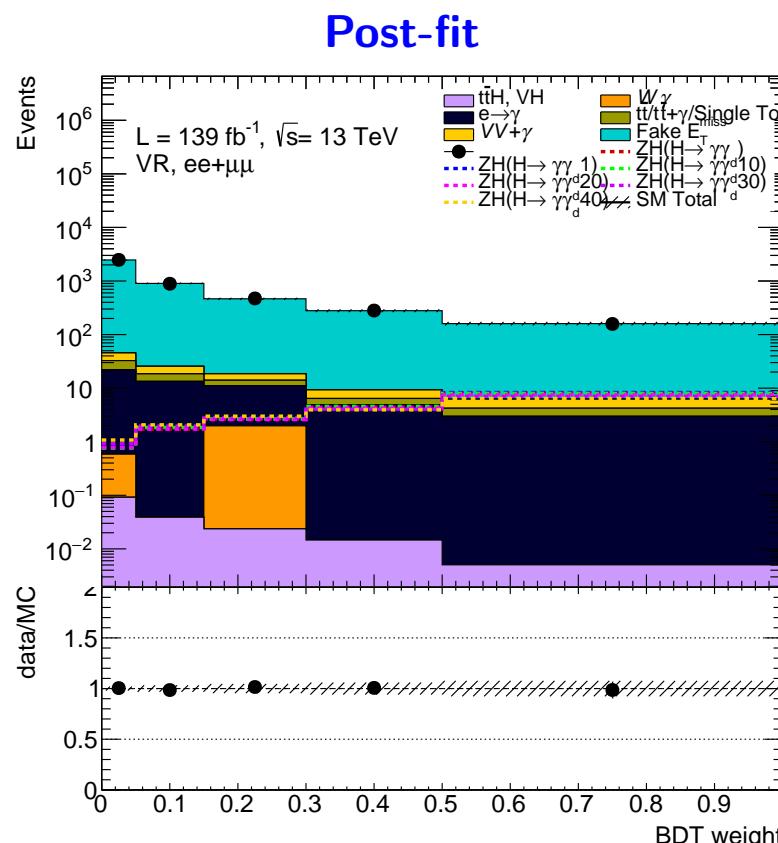
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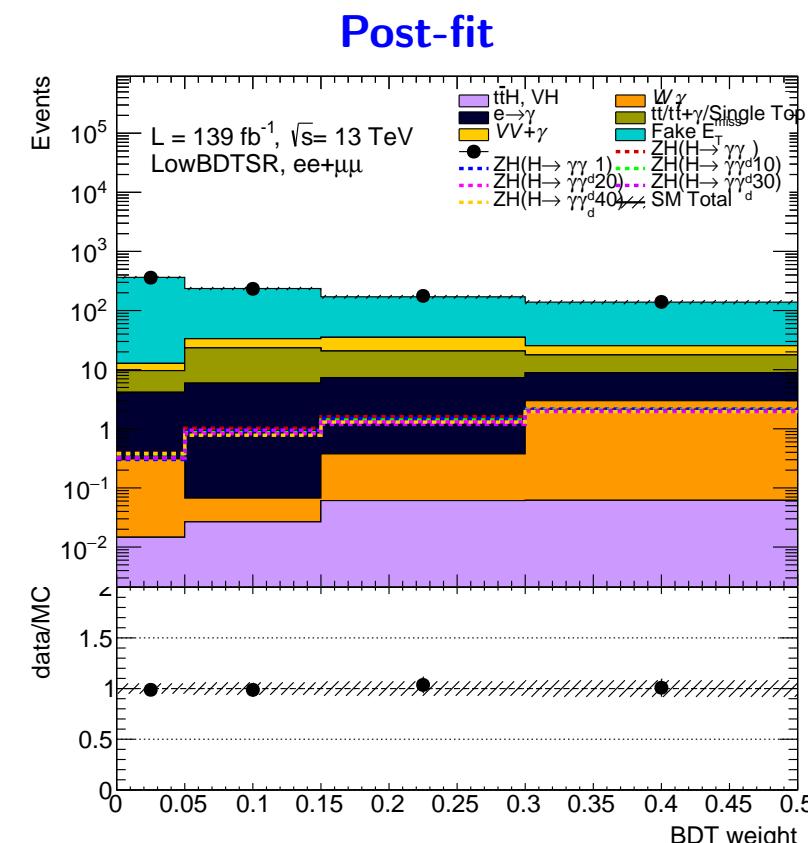
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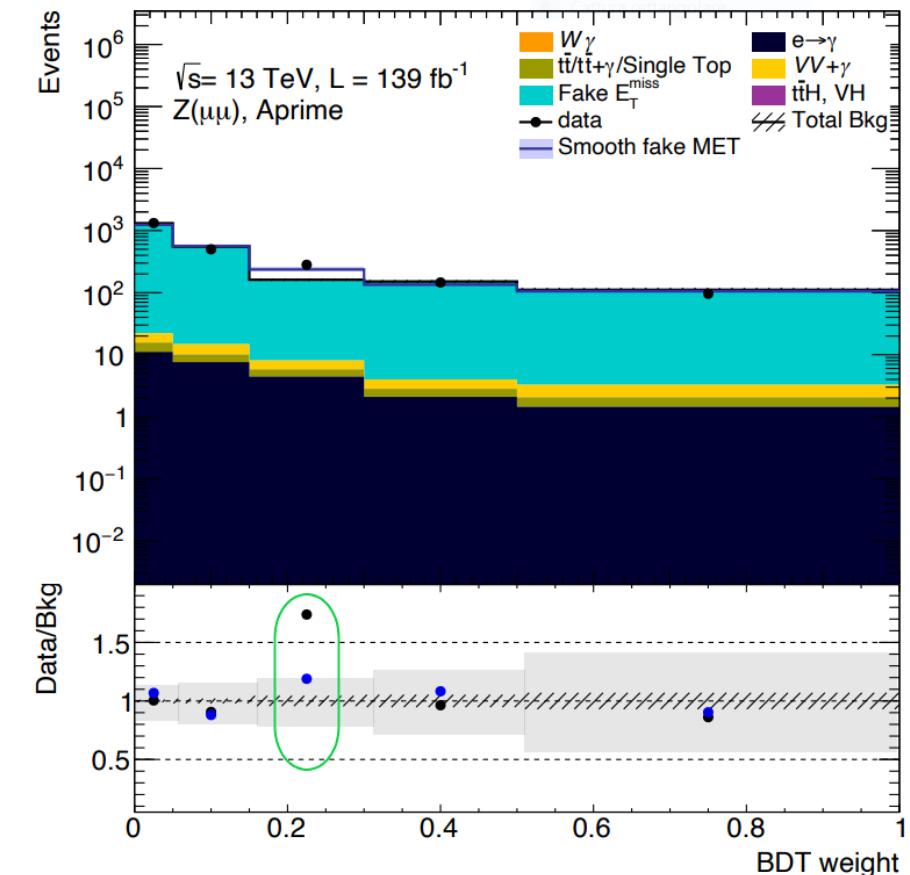
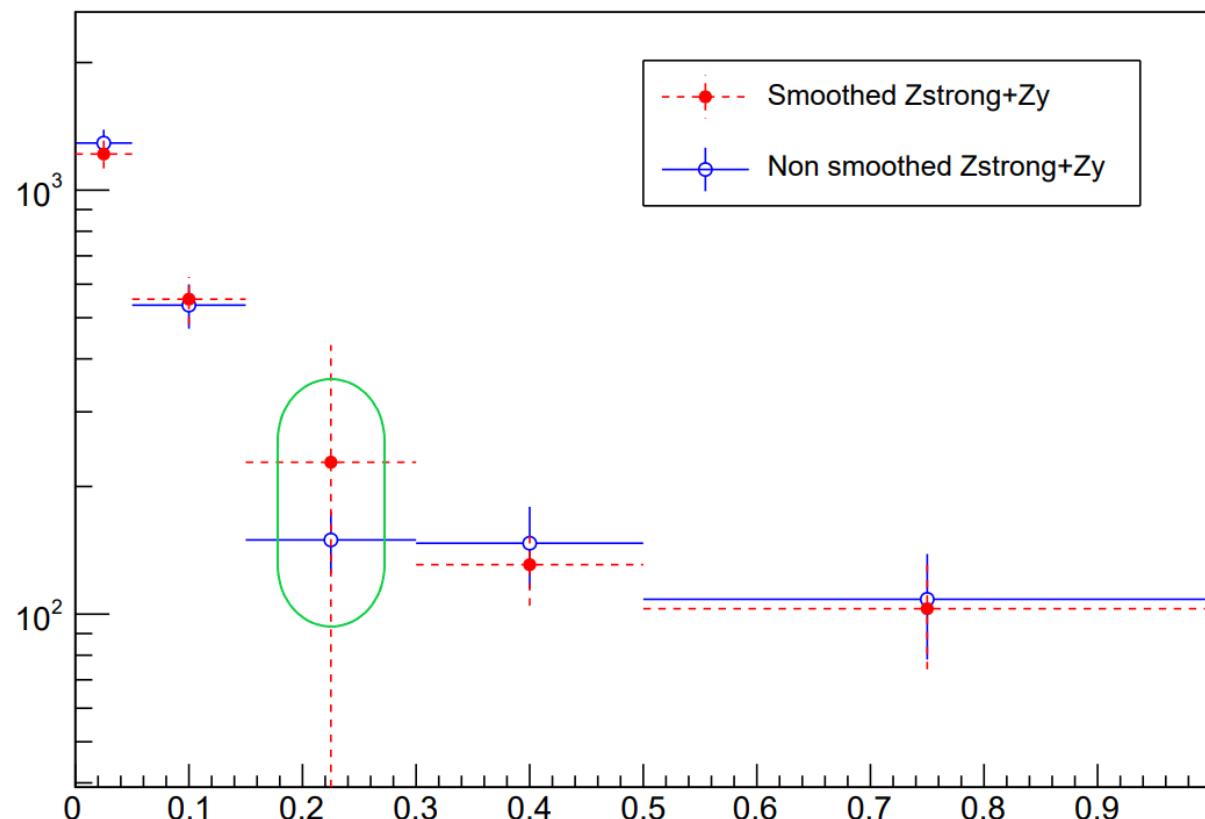
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## Z+jets shape uncertainty:

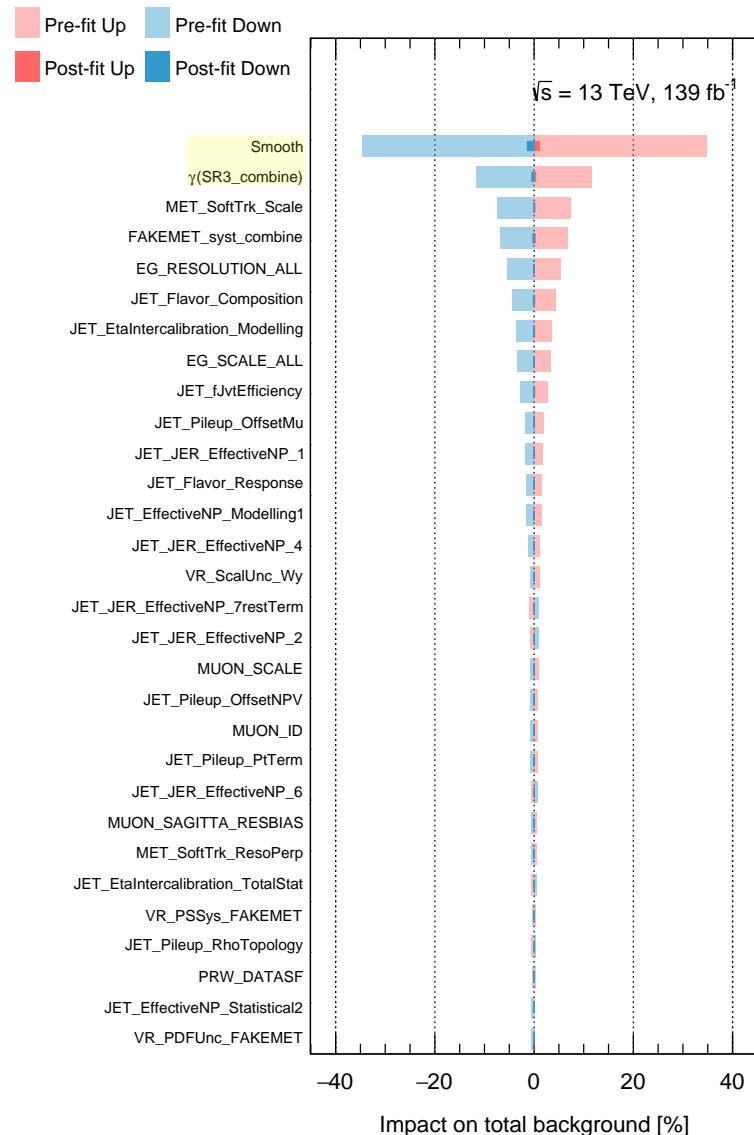
- Data/bkg discrepancies arising from **Low statistics** in the Z+jets sample, which is a component of the fake  $E_T^{miss}$  background  
⇒ apply Gaussian smoothing
- Add a **NP ('Smooth')** to specifically address this issue: uncertainty from difference between fake  $E_T^{miss}$  shape from pure MC, and shape from smoothed Z+jets



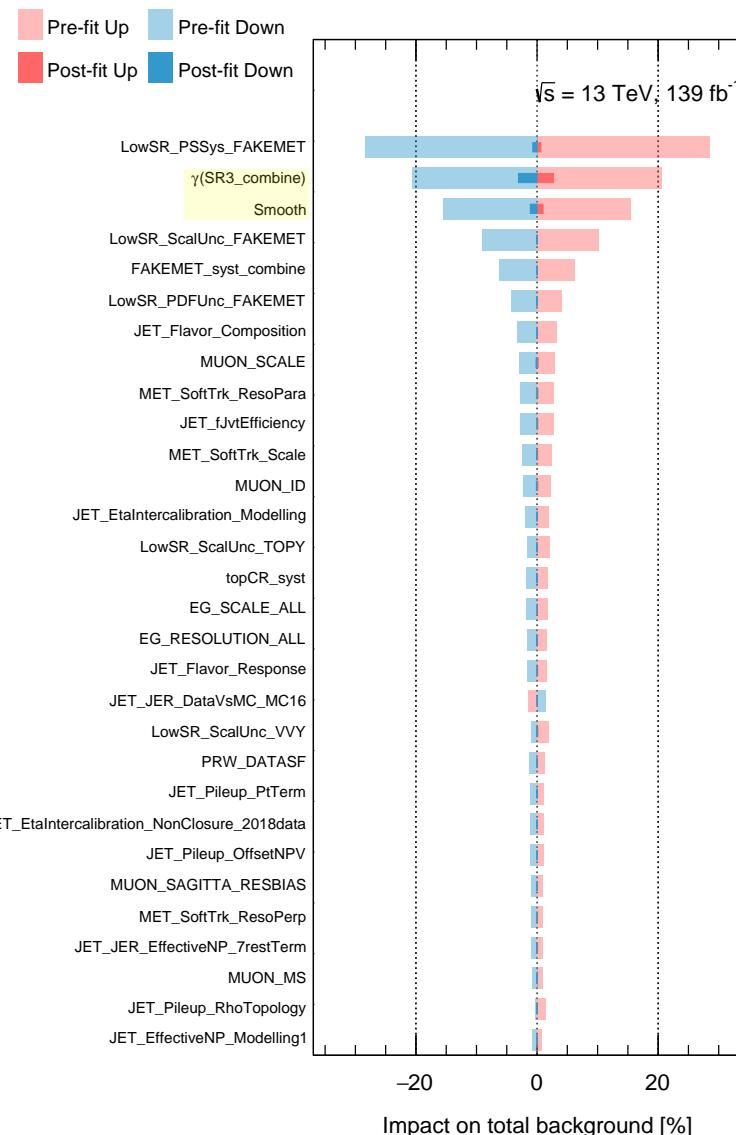
# Fit Validation: ranking plots

Pre- and post-fit breakdown of systematic variations. Obtained by re-doing the fit for each systematic uncertainty by setting to constant the corresponding nuisance parameter.

Ranking plot in VR:



Ranking plot in SR ( $\text{BDT} < 0.5$ ):



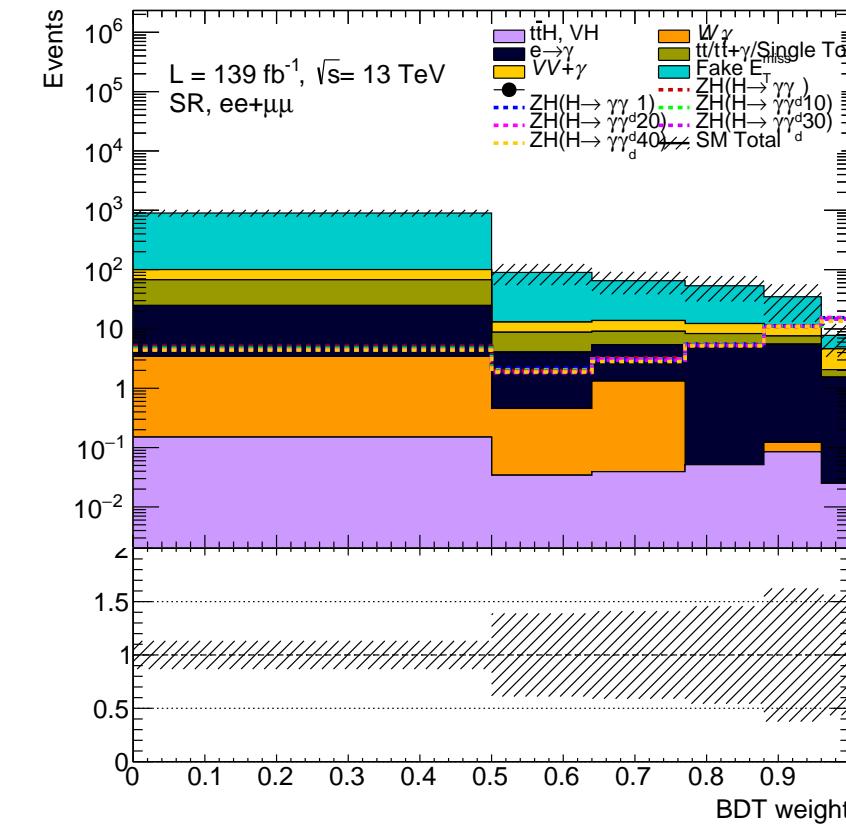
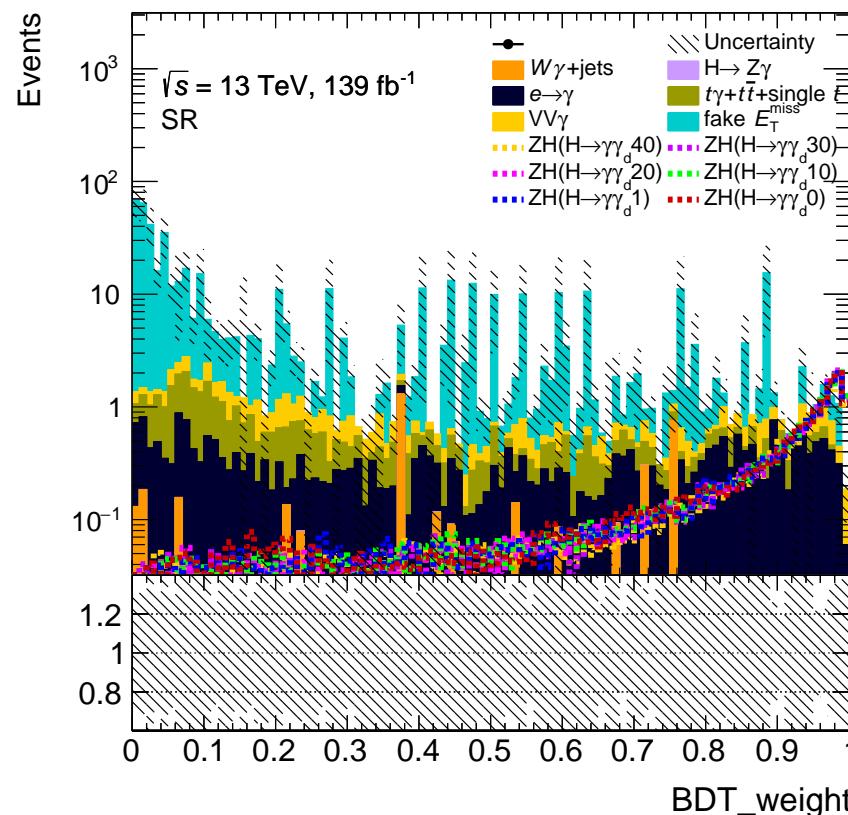
# BDT binning optimization in SR

Goal: **maximise the sensitivity to  $\gamma_d$  signal**  $\Rightarrow$  minimise expected exclusion limits (computed with exclusion fit)

- using Asimov data-set: fictive data taken equal to pre-fit background estimate

Optimization strategy:

- Start from **100 bins BDT** histograms
- First bin fixed to 0 - 0.5 (BDT < 0.5 used for validation)
- **Merge** the other bins, starting from highest one, **until a minimum in the expected limit is reached**  $\rightarrow [0, 0.5, X_{min}^{(1)}, 1]$
- **Iterate** procedure:  $[0, 0.5, X_{min}^{(n)}, \dots, X_{min}^{(1)}, 1] \Rightarrow [0, 0.5, 0.64, 0.77, 0.88, 0.96, 1]$



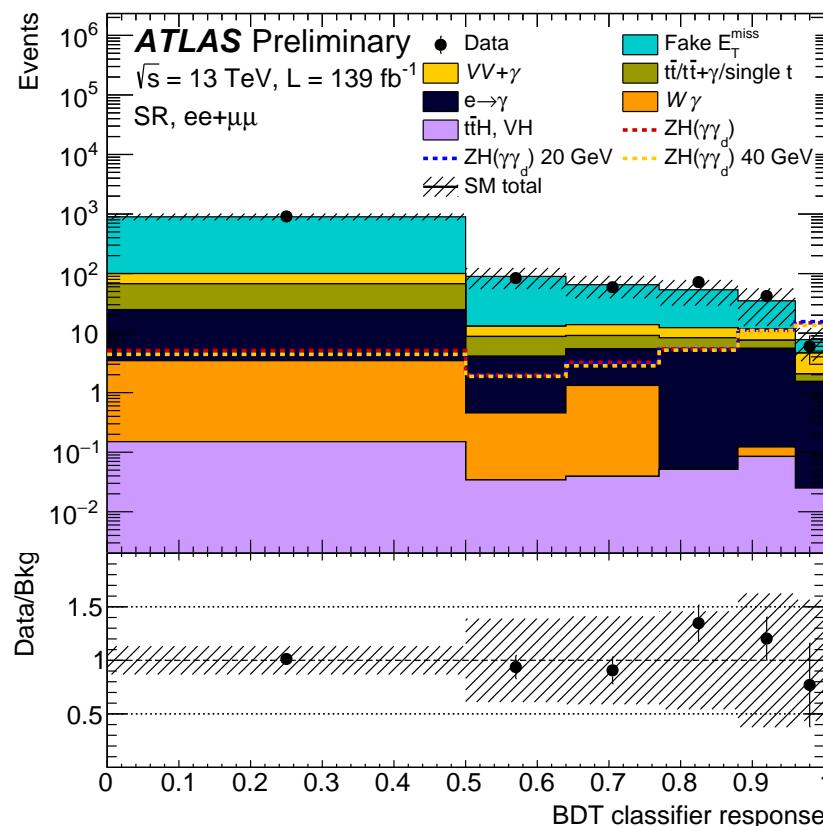
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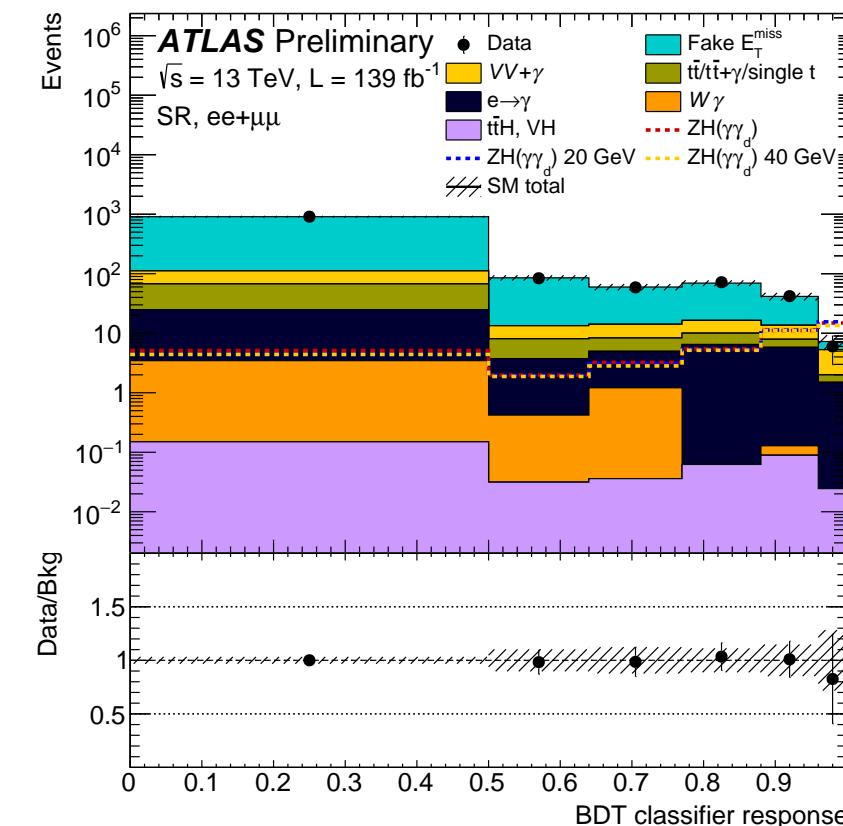
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Post-fit



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## Most impactful systematics:

- Z+jets shape systematic ( $\sim 21\%$ )
- Statistical uncertainty ( $\sim 16\%$ )
- Jet energy scale and resolution ( $\sim 16\%$ )

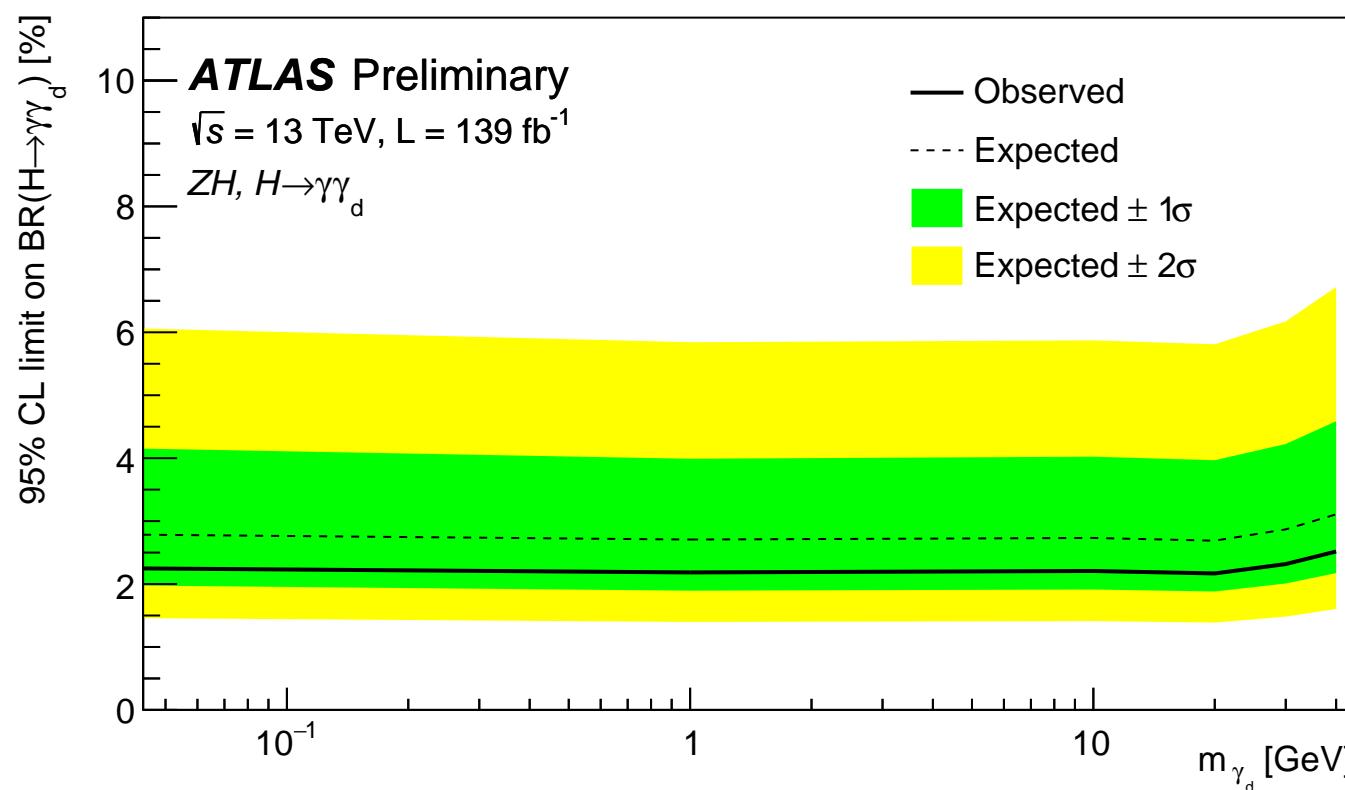
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BDT bin	SR 0 - 0.50	SR 0.50 - 0.64	SR 0.64 - 0.77	SR 0.77 - 0.88	SR 0.88 - 0.96	SR 0.96 - 1
Observed	910	84	59	72	42	6
Exp. SM background	<b><math>910 \pm 29</math></b>	<b><math>85.5 \pm 8.7</math></b>	<b><math>59.9 \pm 7.3</math></b>	<b><math>69.7 \pm 7.8</math></b>	<b><math>41.6 \pm 6.1</math></b>	<b><math>7.3 \pm 2.0</math></b>
Fake $E_T^{miss}$	$800 \pm 34$	$72.1 \pm 8.3$	$45.7 \pm 6.5$	$53.2 \pm 7.1$	$27.9 \pm 6.1$	$2.0 \pm 1.9$
$e \rightarrow \gamma$	$21.5 \pm 2.4$	$3.33 \pm 0.65$	$3.75 \pm 0.77$	$6.4 \pm 1.2$	$5.7 \pm 1.5$	$1.47 \pm 0.26$
$VV\gamma$	$44 \pm 12$	$5.3 \pm 1.6$	$5.8 \pm 1.7$	$6.4 \pm 1.8$	$5.7 \pm 1.9$	$3.30 \pm 0.97$
$t\bar{t}$ , $t\bar{t}\gamma$ , single $t$	$42 \pm 15$	$4.3 \pm 1.5$	$3.4 \pm 1.2$	$3.6 \pm 1.2$	$2.13 \pm 0.80$	$0.50 \pm 0.18$
$W\gamma$	$3.3 \pm 1.5$	$0.39 \pm 0.18$	$1.18 \pm 0.55$	—	$0.04 \pm 0.02$	—
$t\bar{t}H$ , $VH$	$0.15 \pm 0.02$	$0.03 \pm 0.01$	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	$0.06 \pm 0.01$	$0.09 \pm 0.03$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$
Signal ( $ZH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$ )	$5.11 \pm 1.34$	$1.98 \pm 0.51$	$3.24 \pm 1.00$	$5.46 \pm 1.64$	$11.12 \pm 3.06$	$14.87 \pm 1.88$

# Results

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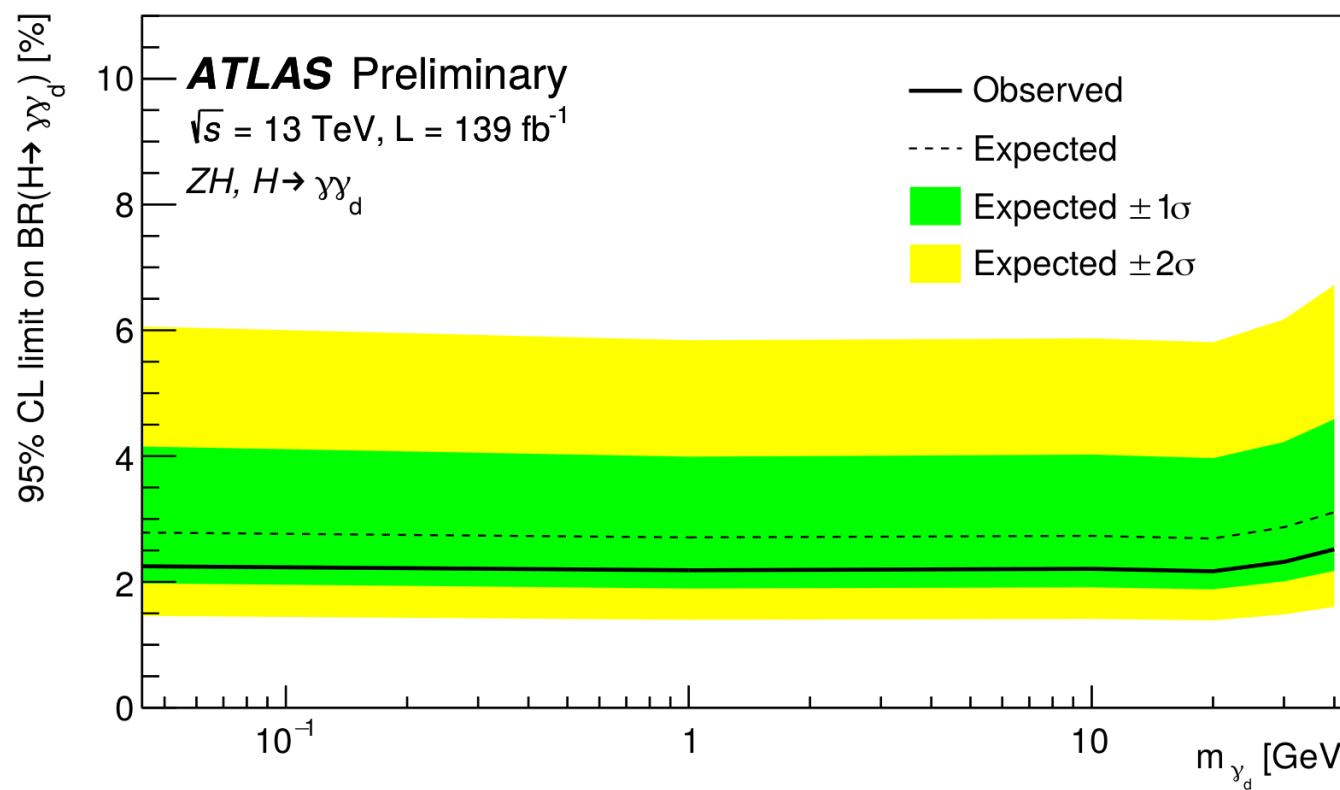
- Fit to data, with  $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$  as *parameter of interest*
- CLs scan to derive the 95% CL upper limit
- The exclusion limits are provided on the  $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$ , assuming the SM Higgs boson ZH production cross section



$m_{\gamma_d}$ [GeV]	$BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)^{95}_{\text{obs}}$ [%]	$BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)^{95}_{\text{exp}}$ [%]
0	2.28	$2.82^{+1.33}_{-0.84}$
1	2.19	$2.71^{+1.28}_{-0.81}$
10	2.21	$2.73^{+1.31}_{-0.82}$
20	2.17	$2.69^{+1.29}_{-0.81}$
30	2.32	$2.87^{+1.36}_{-0.86}$
40	2.52	$3.11^{+1.48}_{-0.93}$

# Conclusions

- A search for dark photon in the process  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$ , using full Run 2 data-set, is presented (new analysis in ATLAS)
- The fit has been validated and performed to extract final results
- No excess is found  $\implies$  upper limits on the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$  branching ratio are set for dark photon masses up to 40 GeV



$\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$	<b>Observed</b>	<b>Expected</b>
CMS	4.6%	3.6%
ATLAS	2.3%	2.8%

CMS: <http://cds.cern.ch/record/2674966>

Results are public and a Paper will soon be published by the ATLAS collaboration  $\implies$  best limits at LHC for this search

<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2022-064/ATLAS-CONF-2022-064.pdf>

## 1 Backup

# Analysis selections

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Medium ID, loose isolated muons. Medium ID, loose isolated electrons

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Two same flavour, opposite sign  $\ell$ , with leading  $p_T > 27$  GeV, sub-leading  $p_T > 20$  GeV

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Veto of any additional lepton with Loose ID and  $p_T > 10$  GeV

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$N_{\text{jet}} \leq 2$ , with  $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 30$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 4.5$

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Veto  $b$ -jet

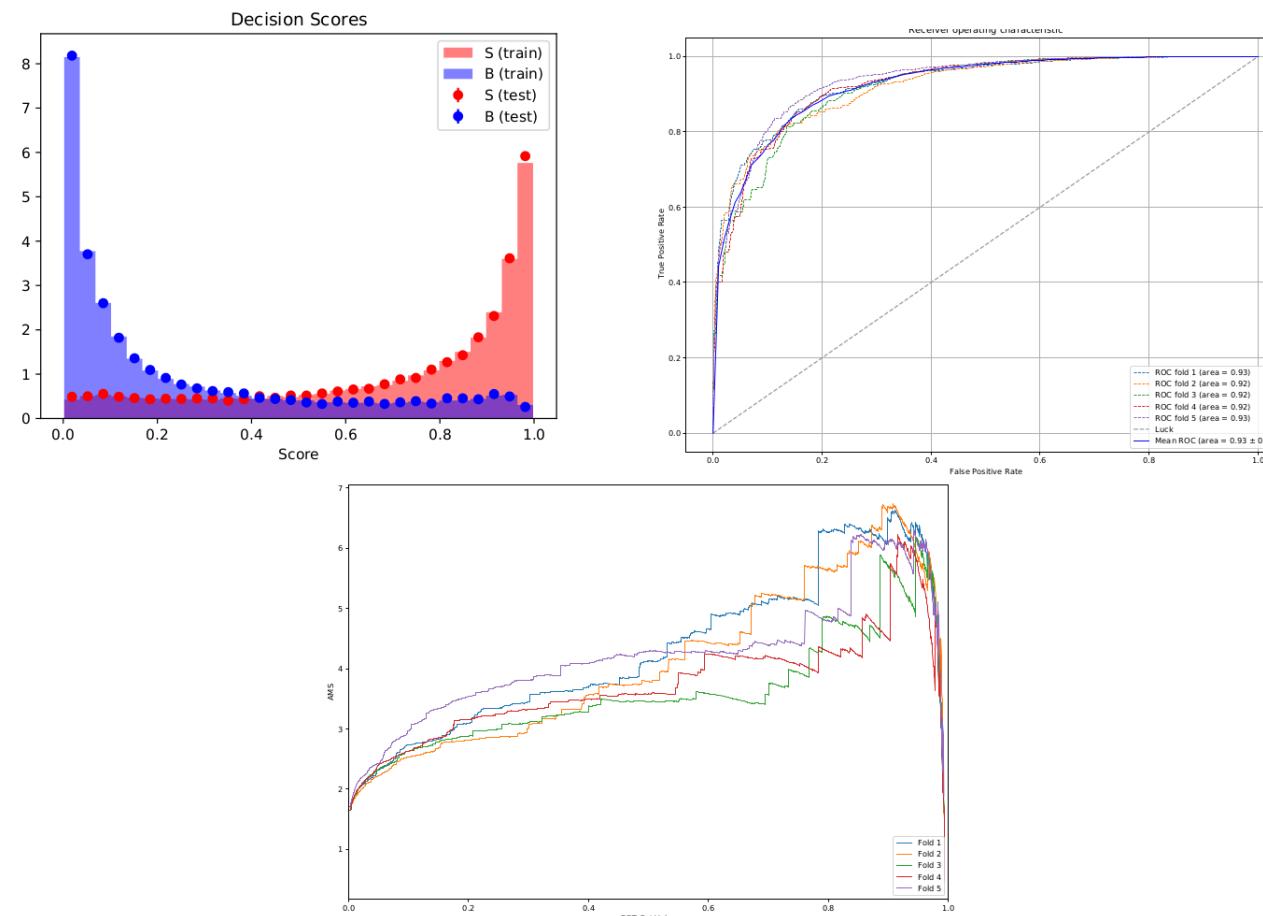
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- AHOI (A Horrible Optimization Instrument):

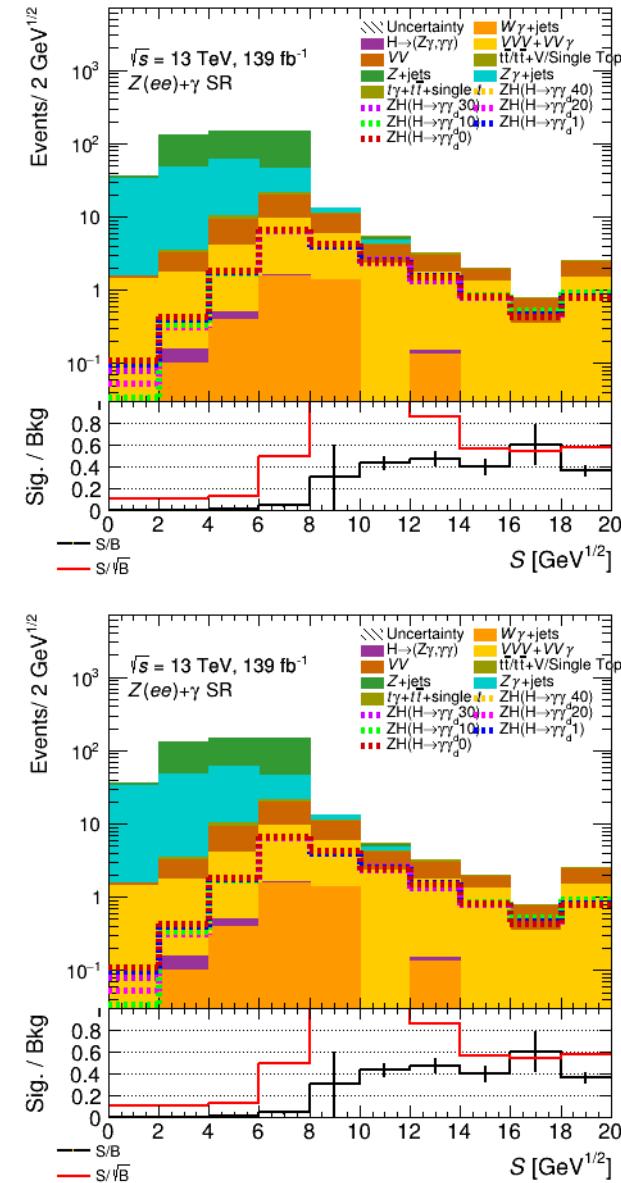
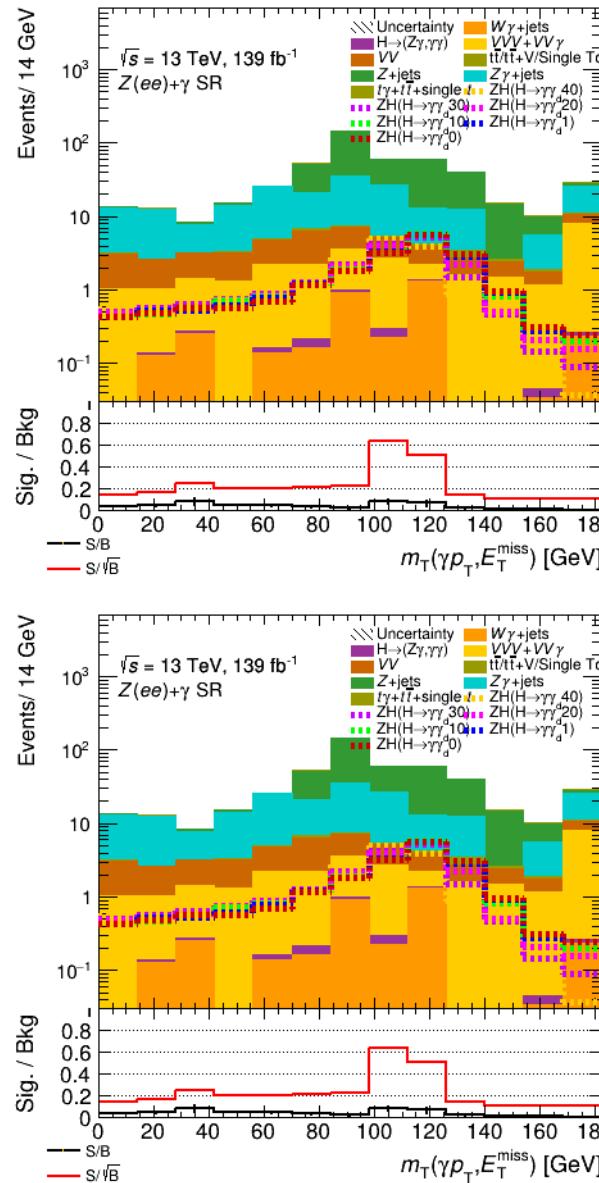
- Used to optimize the selection cuts by scanning a given optimization metric (AMS)

# BDT training

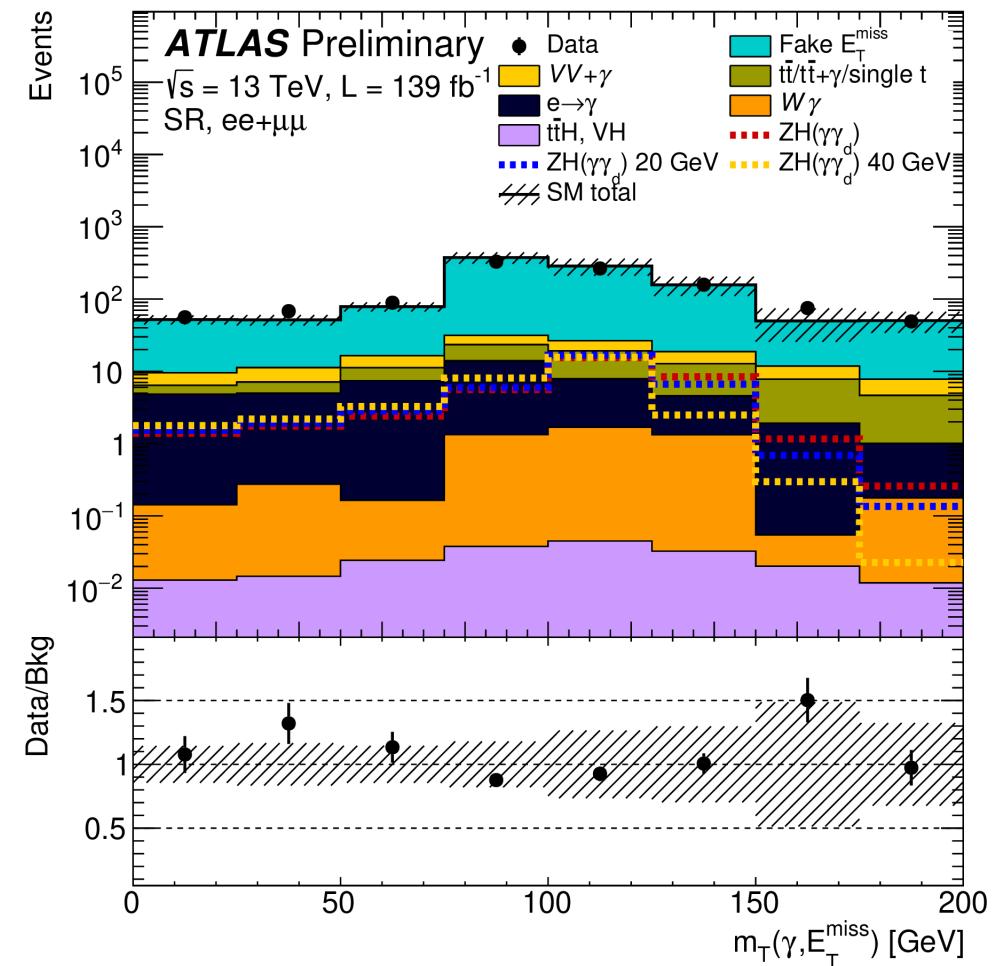
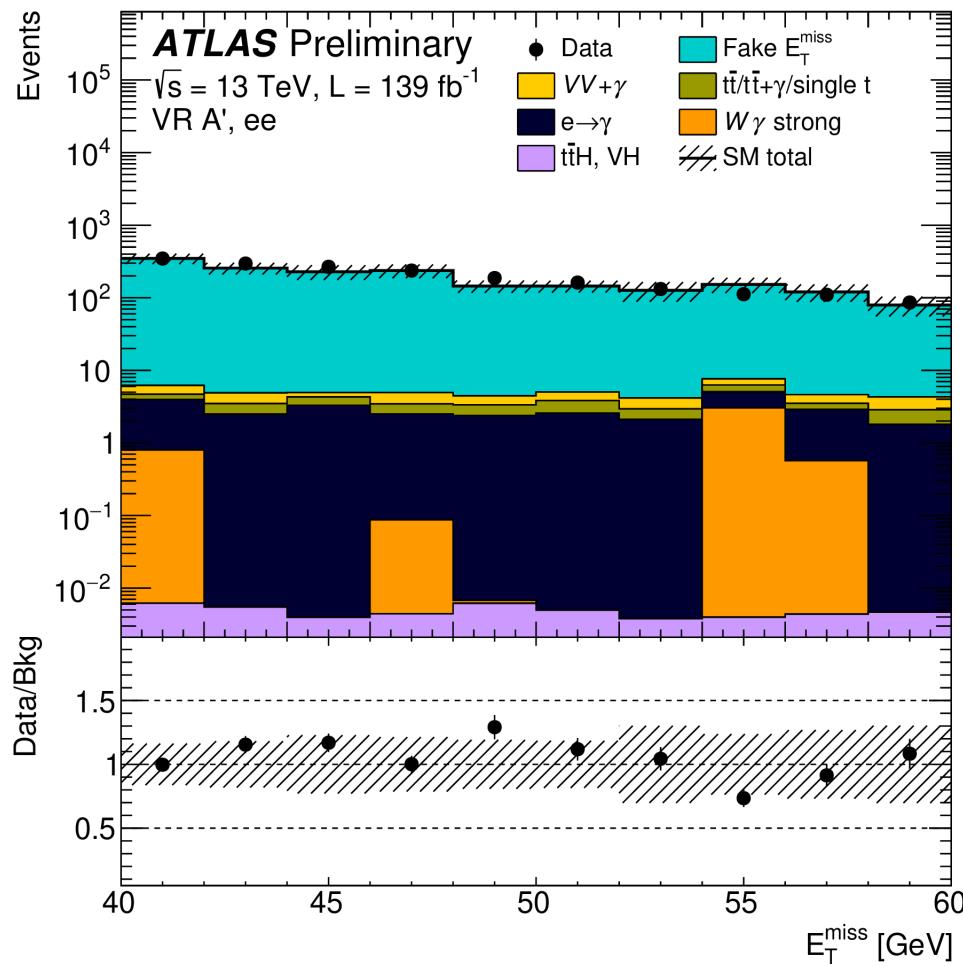
- Boosted Decision Tree (BDT):
  - **Input variables:**  $E_T^{miss}$  significance,  $m_T(\gamma, E_T^{miss})$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell}$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell\gamma}$ ,  $p_T^\gamma$ ,  $\frac{|\vec{E}_T^{miss} + \vec{p}_T^\gamma| - p_T^{\ell\ell}}{p_T^{\ell\ell}}$  in order of importance
  - Optimization of BDT hyperparameters based on Randomized + Grid search
  - 5-fold cross-validation (SKLearn::StratifiedKFold)
  - MC weights handled through 'sample\_weights' parameter of XGBoost classifier + 'scale\_pos\_weights' to re-weight the signal class (in order to reduce imbalance between signal and background statistics)
- Kolmogorov-Smirnov test implemented  $\implies$  no overtraining observed
- BDT results consistent among different dark-photon masses



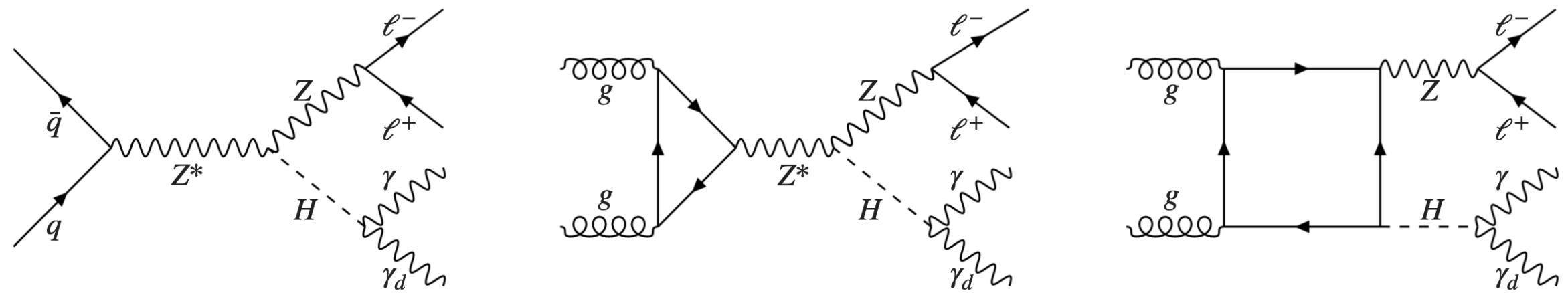
# Input variables



# Paper plots



# Hyyd signal

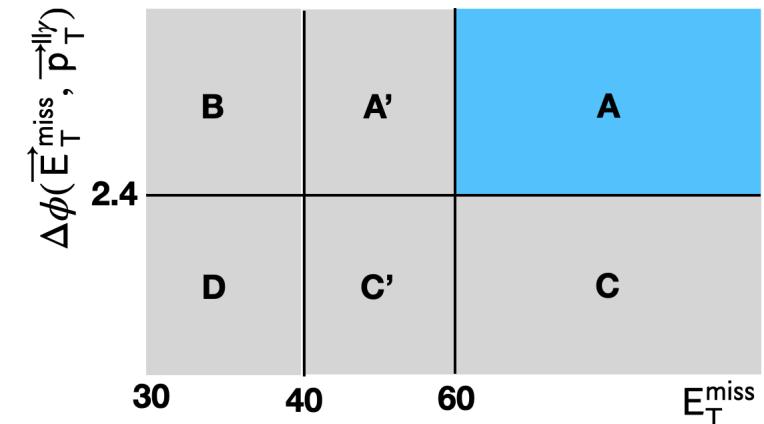


# Fake $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ background

- **ABCD method**, based on  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  and  $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell\gamma})$  variable:

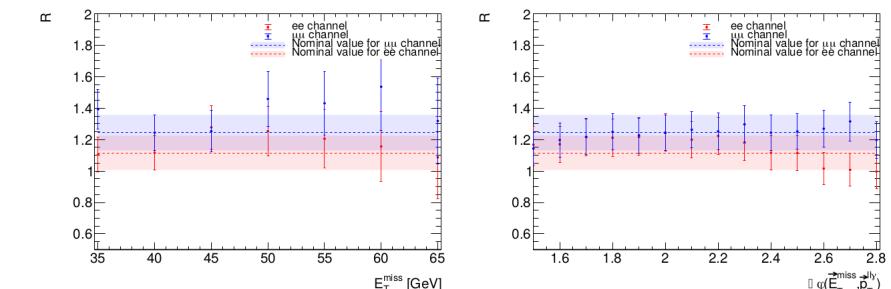
$$N_A^{\text{fakeMET}} = R \frac{N_B N_C}{N_D} \quad , \quad R = \frac{N_{A+A'}^{\text{MC}} N_D^{\text{MC}}}{N_{C+C'}^{\text{MC}} N_B^{\text{MC}}}$$

- R takes into account possible correlation between the 2 variables
- $N_X$  is number observed data in region X, after subtraction of the contribution from non fake  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  backgrounds



- Good stability of the R values (close to 1) for different cuts on  $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell\gamma})$  and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- **Good closure in VR** ( $R'_{\text{data}}$  and  $R'_{\text{MC}}$  are consistent within uncertainties)
- The uncertainty include statistical uncertainties in the B, C and D regions and the uncertainty of R coefficient from MC statistics

Channel	MC	Data-driven
ee	$433.3 \pm 56.9$	$413.1 \pm 50.2$
uu	$670.8 \pm 66.1$	$580.8 \pm 64.1$

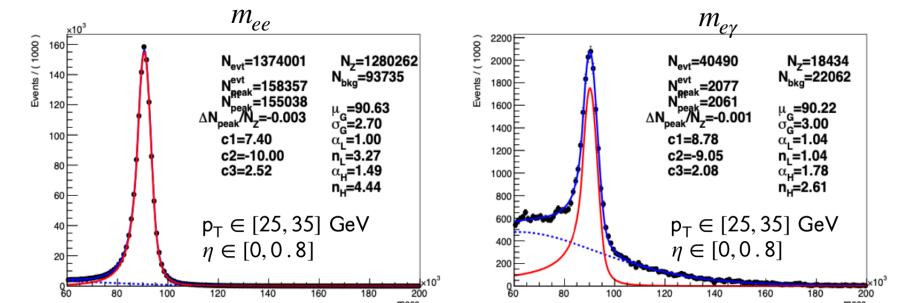
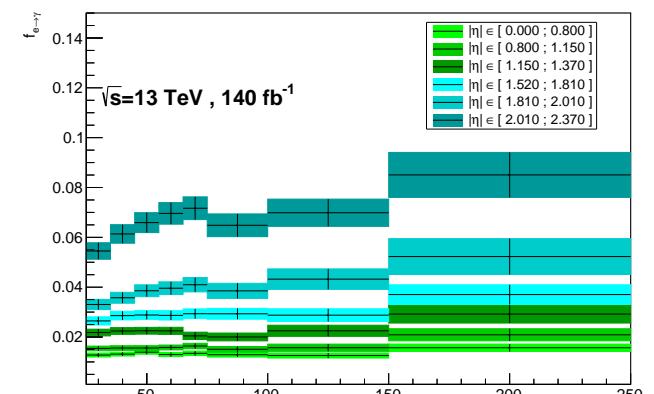
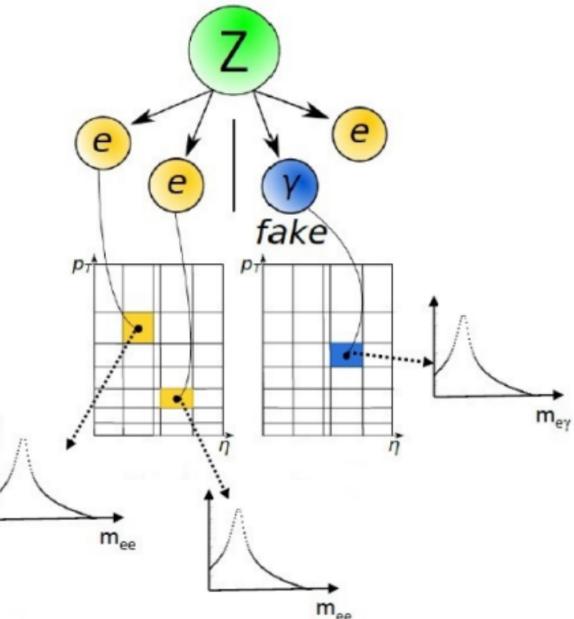


Channel	$R'_{\text{MC}}$	$R'_{\text{data}}$
ee	$1.094 \pm 0.111$	$1.159 \pm 0.056$
uu	$1.151 \pm 0.111$	$1.181 \pm 0.051$

# $e \rightarrow \gamma$ background

- **Probe-e CRs** defined from analysis regions (the SR and the fake  $E_T^{miss}$  ABCD regions) by replacing the photon with an extra electron
- Yields in probe-e CRs rescaled by the **fake rate**  $F_{e \rightarrow \gamma} = \frac{N_{e\gamma}}{N_{ee}}$ 
  - $N_{e\gamma}$  and  $N_{ee}$  from the fit of ee and  $e\gamma$  invariant masses around Z peak
  - Signal + background model: DSCB+exp(pol3)
  - Fake rates initially inherited from mono-photon analysis, now recomputed consistently with the dark-photon analysis selections and OR (see **Marcello's talk at the isol&fake forum** <https://atlas-glance.cern.ch/atlas/analysis/analyses/details?id=3145>)
- Subtraction of contamination from  $jet \rightarrow e$  fake based on MC truth information:
  - SF =  $N_{true-e}/N_{tot}$  obtained from MC applied to data in the probe-e CRs
- Systematic uncertainties:
  - Uncertainty on the fake-rate
  - Statistics in probe-e CR
  - 100% uncertainty on the SF uncertainty for  $jet \rightarrow e$  subtraction

Region	Chan	Electron faking photons
SR	$\mu\mu$	$20.402 \pm 0.841 \pm 0.343 \pm 1.405 \pm 1.295$
	$ee$	$20.975 \pm 0.846 \pm 0.407 \pm 1.466 \pm 1.666$

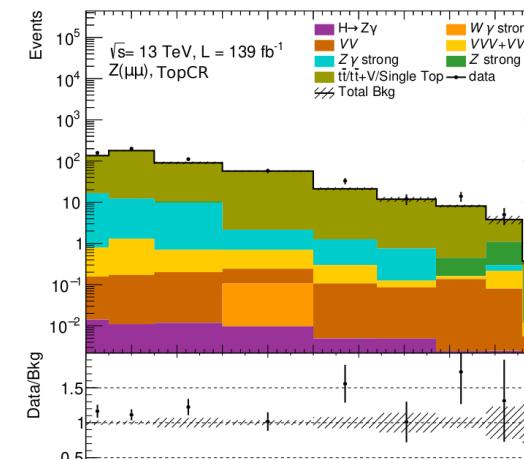


## Top background validation

- An enriched **top CR** is defined by inverting the b-jet veto and removing the cuts on  $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell\gamma})$  and  $m_{\ell\ell}$  to allow for more statistics
- 3 regions considered

- Inclusive ( $n_b > 0$ )
- 1 top ( $n_b = 1$ )
- 2 top ( $n_b = 2$ )

$\implies$  conservative **20% systematic uncertainty added to the fit**, to cover data/bkg from top CR



$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ region	Top sel	Data	Tot bkg	$Z\gamma$	Z+jets	Single top	$t\bar{t}$	$t\gamma$	data/bkg
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	inclusive	$513 \pm 23$	$435 \pm 7$	$18 \pm 2.9$	$12 \pm 4.9$	$27 \pm 1.9$	$353 \pm 3.7$	$21 \pm 0.18$	$1.18 \pm 0.055$
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	1top	$378 \pm 19$	$339 \pm 6.7$	$15 \pm 2.6$	$12 \pm 4.9$	$24 \pm 1.8$	$265 \pm 3.2$	$19 \pm 0.17$	$1.11 \pm 0.06$
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	2top	$135 \pm 12$	$96 \pm 2.3$	$2.8 \pm 1.3$	$0.041 \pm 0.035$	$2.7 \pm 0.6$	$88 \pm 1.8$	$1.8 \pm 0.053$	$1.41 \pm 0.13$

Table 39: Yields of data and relevant backgrounds for  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$  and different top categories of TopCR,  $ee$  channel. The  $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell\gamma})$  and invariant mass selections are not applied, in order to increase the statistics.

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ region	Top sel	Data	Tot bkg	$Z\gamma$	Z+jets	Single top	$t\bar{t}$	$t\gamma$	data/bkg
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	inclusive	$591 \pm 24$	$508 \pm 9.5$	$39 \pm 7.7$	—	$35 \pm 2.2$	$409 \pm 3.9$	$23 \pm 0.19$	$1.16 \pm 0.05$
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	1top	$462 \pm 21$	$393 \pm 9.2$	$37 \pm 7.6$	—	$30 \pm 2$	$303 \pm 3.4$	$21 \pm 0.18$	$1.18 \pm 0.06$
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$	2top	$129 \pm 11$	$116 \pm 2.4$	$1.7 \pm 0.88$	$0.4 \pm 0.24$	$5.5 \pm 0.86$	$106 \pm 2$	$2.1 \pm 0.056$	$1.11 \pm 0.10$

Table 40: Yields of data and relevant background for  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 60 \text{ GeV}$  and different top categories of TopCR,  $\mu\mu$  channel. The  $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell\gamma})$  and invariant mass selections are not applied, in order to increase the statistics.

# VV $\gamma$ background

## VV $\gamma$ background validation

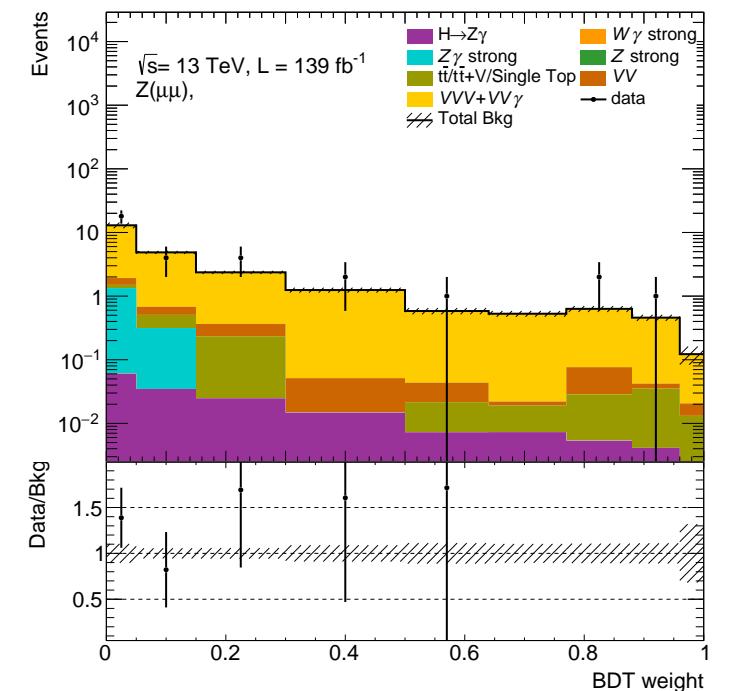
- $3\mu + \gamma$  **VV $\gamma$  CR**: defined as the SR with no cuts on  $E_T^{miss}$  and  $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{miss}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell\gamma})$ 
  - Focus on  $\mu\mu$  to avoid contamination from  $jet \rightarrow e$
  - Dominant contribution from  $e \rightarrow \gamma$  in  $\mu\mu e \implies$  keep  $\mu\mu\mu$
  - Too low stat with 4 leptons
- data/bkg:  $1.3 \pm 0.25$

Lepton sel	Tot bkg	VV $\gamma$	Z $\gamma$	Z+jets	VV
inclusive	$92 \pm 3.9$	$41 \pm 0.46$	$7.6 \pm 2.7$	$2.8 \pm 2.7$	$37 \pm 0.61$
2mu+1el	$64 \pm 3.6$	$16 \pm 0.3$	$6 \pm 2.4$	$3.1 \pm 2.7$	$36 \pm 0.58$
3mu	$24 \pm 1.4$	$20 \pm 0.34$	$1.6 \pm 1.3$	$-0.25 \pm 0.2$	$0.89 \pm 0.17$
4mu	$2.3 \pm 0.051$	$2.2 \pm 0.047$	$0 \pm 0$	$0 \pm 0$	$0.0099 \pm 0.018$

Table 41: Yields of relevant backgrounds in different leptons categories of VV $\gamma$  CR. The  $E_T^{miss}$  and  $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{miss}, \vec{p}_T^{\ell\ell\gamma})$  selections are not applied, in order to maximize the statistics

- BDT input variables distributions show good data/mc agreement

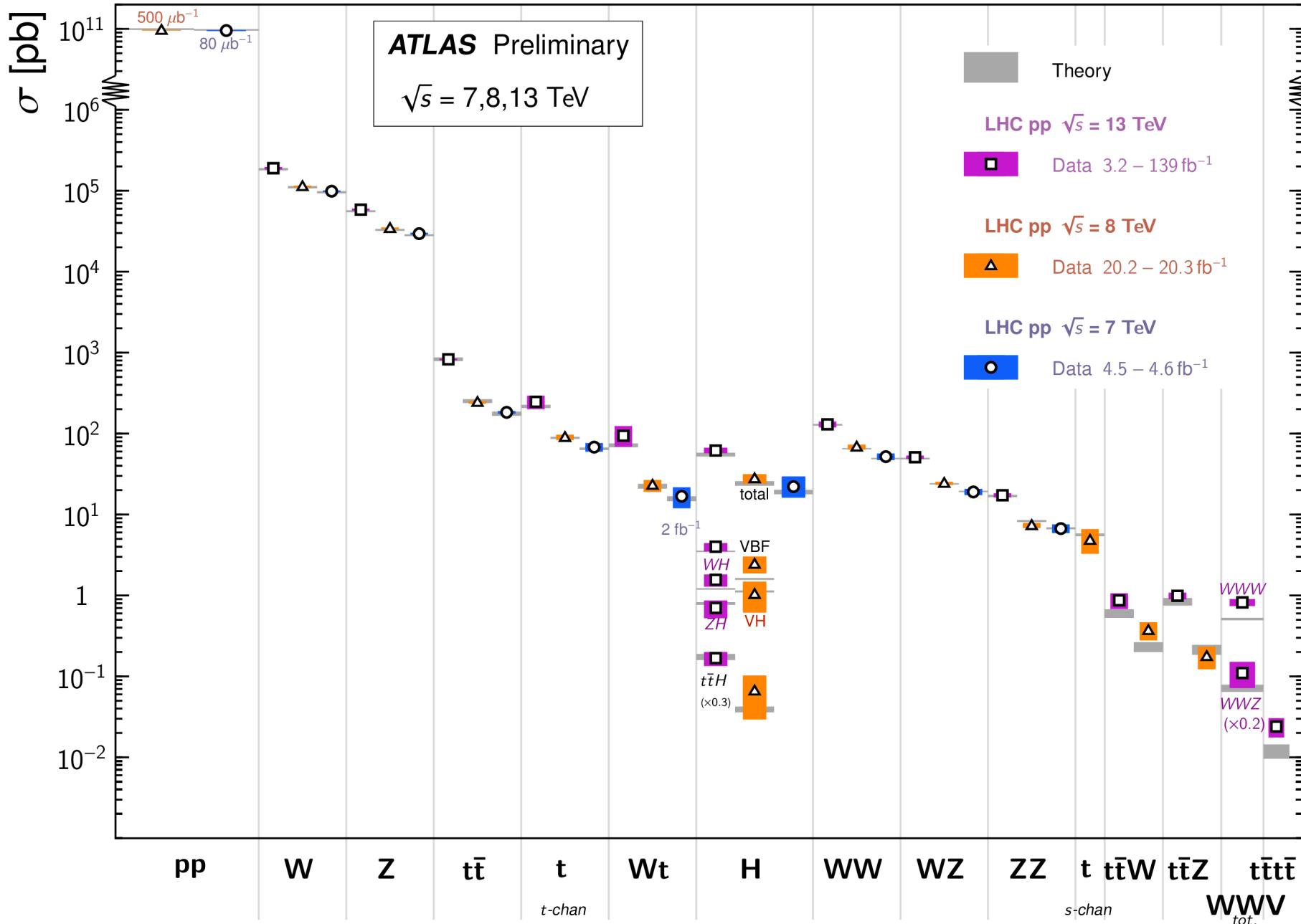
$\implies$  **VV $\gamma$  CR added in the fit**

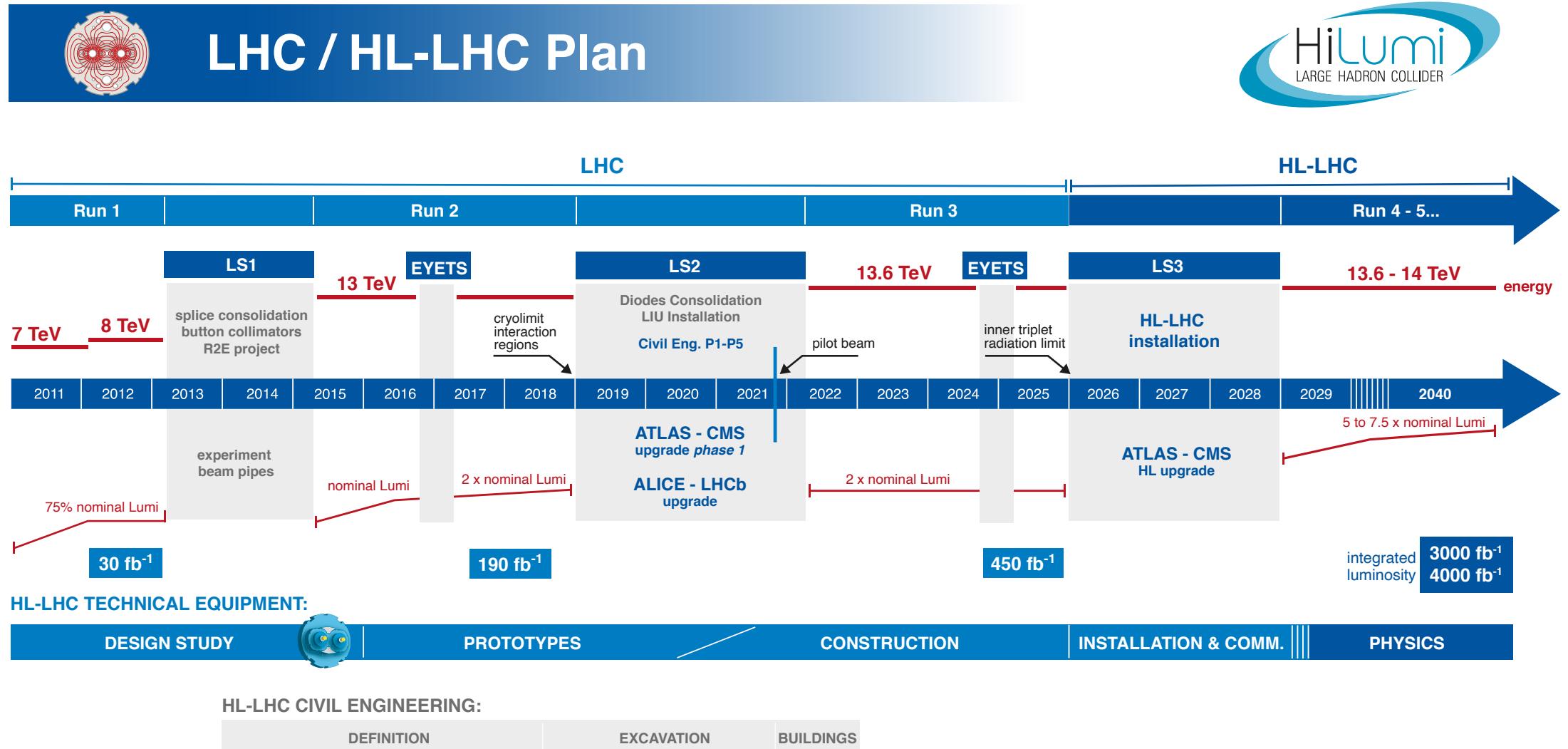


# Standard Model physics at the LHC

## Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: February 2022





# Future perspectives at the LHC

	ZH	VBF	ggF
$\sqrt{s}$	$\sigma$		
13 TeV	0.880 pb	3.766 pb	48.61 pb
14 TeV	0.981 pb	4.260 pb	54.72 pb
27 TeV	2.463 pb	11.838 pb	146.65 pb

significance	HL-LHC (14 TeV)	HE-LHC (27 TeV)
$2\sigma$	0.012 %	0.0052 %
$5\sigma$	0.030 %	0.013 %

# Experimental systematic uncertainties

Systematic uncertainty	Short description
<b>Event</b>	
Luminosity	uncertainty on the total integrated luminosity
PRW_DATASF	pileup profile uncertainty
<b>Electrons</b>	
EL_EFF_Trigger_TOTAL_INPCOR_PLUS_UNCOR	trigger efficiency uncertainty
EL_EFF_Reco_TOTAL_INPCOR_PLUS_UNCOR	reconstruction efficiency uncertainty
EL_EFF_ID_TOTAL_INPCOR_PLUS_UNCOR	ID efficiency uncertainty
EL_EFF_ChargeIDSel_TOTAL_INPCOR_PLUS_UNCOR	charge ID efficiency uncertainty
EL_EFF_Iso_TOTAL_INPCOR_PLUS_UNCOR	isolation efficiency uncertainty
EG_SCALE_ALL	energy scale uncertainty
EG_RESOLUTION_ALL	energy resolution uncertainty
<b>Muons</b>	
MUON_EFF_TrigSystUncertainty	trigger efficiency uncertainties
MUON_EFF_TrigStatUncertainty	
MUON_EFF_RECO_STAT	reconstruction and ID efficiency uncertainty for $p_T > 15$ GeV
MUON_EFF_RECO_SYS	
MUON_EFF_RECO_STAT_LOWPT	reconstruction and ID efficiency uncertainty for $p_T < 15$ GeV
MUON_EFF_RECO_SYS_LOWPT	
MUON_EFF_ISO_STAT	isolation efficiency uncertainty
MUON_EFF_ISO_SYS	
MUON_EFF_TTVA_STAT	track-to-vertex association efficiency uncertainty
MUON_EFF_TTVA_SYS	
MUON_SCALE	energy scale uncertainty
MUON_ID	energy resolution uncertainty from inner detector
MUON_MS	energy resolution uncertainty from muon system
MUON_SAGITTA_RESBIAS	muon sagitta-related uncertainty
MUON_SAGITTA_RHO	muon sagitta-related uncertainty

- All experimental systematic uncertainties provided by PMG are included in the analysis

Systematic uncertainty	Short description
JET_EffectiveNP	energy scale uncertainty split into 15 components
JET_BJES_Response	jet-related uncertainty
<b>jets</b>	
JET_EtaIntercalibration_Modelling	jet-related uncertainty
JET_EtaIntercalibration_NonClosure_2018data	jet-related uncertainty
JET_EtaIntercalibration_NonClosure_highE	jet-related uncertainty
JET_EtaIntercalibration_NonClosure_negEta	jet-related uncertainty
JET_EtaIntercalibration_NonClosure_posEta	jet-related uncertainty
JET_EtaIntercalibration_TotalStat	jet-related uncertainty
JET_Flavor_Composition	jet-related uncertainty
JET_Flavor_Response	jet-related uncertainty
JET_JER_DataVsMC_MC16	jet-related uncertainty
JET_JER_EffectiveNP	jet energy resolution uncertainty split into 11 parameters
JET_JvtEfficiency	jet-related uncertainty
JET_JvtEfficiency	jet-related uncertainty
JET_Pileup_OffsetMu	jet-related uncertainty
JET_Pileup_OffsetNPV	jet-related uncertainty
JET_Pileup_PtTerm	jet-related uncertainty
JET_Pileup_RhoTopology	jet-related uncertainty
JET_PunchThrough_MC16	jet-related uncertainty
JET_SingleParticle_HighPt	jet-related uncertainty
<b>Flavour tagging</b>	
FT_EFF_B_systematics	b-jet tagging efficiency
FT_EFF_C_systematics	c-jet tagging efficiency
FT_EFF_Light_systematics	light-jet tagging efficiency
FT_EFF_extrapolation	b-jet tagging efficiency with high pt extrapolation
FT_EFF_extrapolation_from_charm	c-jet tagging efficiency with high pt extrapolation
<b><math>E_T^{\text{miss}}</math>-Trigger and <math>E_T^{\text{miss}}</math>-Terms</b>	
xeSFTrigWeight	trigger efficiency uncertainty
MET_SoftTrk_ResoPerp	track-based soft term related to transverse resolution uncertainty
MET_SoftTrk_ResoPara	track-based soft term related to longitudinal resolution uncertainty
MET_SoftTrk_ScaleUp	track-based soft term related to longitudinal scale uncertainty
MET_SoftTrk_ScaleDown	track-based soft term related to longitudinal scale uncertainty
<b>Additional uncertainties on background estimations</b>	
FAKEMET_SYST	uncertainty on the data-driven fake $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ estimate
ELEFAKE_SYST	uncertainty on the data-driven $e \rightarrow \gamma$ estimate
Smooth	uncertainty on the shape of fake $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ due to Z strong low statistics
TOP_SYST	uncertainty on top backgrounds normalisation from top CR

# Theoretical systematic uncertainties

- Estimation of the QCD scale, PDF+ $\alpha_s$  and Parton Shower.
- **Estimation performed in bins of BDT: [0, 0.5, 0.64, 0.77, 0.88, 0.96, 1]**
- Bins with zero events → use systematic from the first bin

## QCD scale

Process	[0, 0.5]	[0.5, 0.64]	[0.64, 0.77]	[0.77, 0.88]	[0.88, 0.96]	[0.96, 1]
ggZHyyd0	+25.4 -19.2	+25.2 +1.0	+25.4 -19.2	+25.6 +2.6	+25.9 -19.5	+25.7 -19.1
qqZHyyd0	+4.1 -1.1	-3.9 +3.1	-4.4 +2.6	-3.6 +2.6	-3.2 +2.1	-3.8 +2.4
ggZHyyd1	+25.4 -19.2	+25.3 -19.2	+25.4 -19.2	+25.5 -19.3	+25.8 -19.4	+25.7 -19.4
qqZHyyd1	+4.6 -4.3	+3.4 -4.1	+2.7 -4.4	+3.1 -4.5	+2.4 -3.8	+2.5 -4.1
gsZHyyd10	+25.6 -19.3	+25.3 -19.2	+25.4 -19.2	+25.5 -19.3	+25.9 -19.5	+25.7 -19.4
qqZHyyd10	+4.7 -4.4	+5.0 -4.3	+3.0 -3.1	+2.3 -3.9	+3.5 -3.4	+2.7 -3.7
ggZHyyd20	+25.5 -19.3	+25.3 -19.1	+25.3 -19.2	+25.6 -19.3	+25.9 -19.5	+25.6 -19.3
qqZHyyd20	+3.9 -4.1	+3.5 -4.1	+3.6 -3.5	+2.6 -3.8	+2.7 -3.8	+2.7 -3.7
ggZHyyd30	+25.4 -19.2	+25.3 -19.2	+25.3 -19.2	+25.6 -19.3	+25.9 -19.5	+25.7 -19.4
qqZHyyd30	+3.2 -4.1	+3.3 -3.7	+3.1 -3.8	+2.2 -3.5	+2.9 -3.2	+2.5 -3.7
ggZHyyd40	+25.3 -19.2	+25.4 -19.2	+25.4 -19.2	+25.7 -19.4	+25.9 -19.5	+25.8 -19.4
qqZHyyd40	+4.2 -4.1	+2.8 -4.0	+2.8 -3.7	+3.6 -3.7	+2.5 -3.7	+2.8 -3.9
VH( $Z\gamma$ )	+2.4 -2.9	+2.4 -3.4	+2.4 -3.8	+3.5 -3.4	+2.9 -3.2	+3.9 -3.9
VV $\gamma$	+19.2 -8.9	+17.7 +6.4	+20.8 +11.3	+23.1 +8.0	+14.5 +16.7	+19.3 +0.0
W $\gamma_{ewk}$	-7.9 +26.7	-15.1 +10.9	-10.5 +89.0	0.0 +0.0	-19.5 +0.0	0.0 +0.0
W $\gamma_{qcd}$	-53.5 +10.1	-1.1 +10.3	-28.2 +10.3	+0.0 +10.3	0.0 +10.3	0.0 +10.4
Wt $\gamma$	-8.4 -6.3	-8.5 +10.0	-8.6 +0.0	-8.5 +0.0	-8.5 +0.0	-8.6 +0.0
single Top	-6.9 +2.3	0.0 +3.2	0.0 +3.0	0.0 +1.9	0.0 +5.8	0.0 +3.1
ttH( $Z\gamma$ )	-7.1 +26.0	-7.7 +25.7	-7.0 +27.0	-5.8 +25.6	-8.6 +25.6	-7.9 +24.0
ttV	-18.6 +13.3	-18.4 +17.7	-18.4 +23.3	-18.2 +10.1	-18.4 +10.8	-17.2 +0.0
ttbar	-12.2 +25.6	-14.0 +19.9	-14.0 +19.9	-17.9 +33.1	-9.7 +53.1	-10.1 +59.9
Z $\gamma_{qcd}$	-20.0 +2.5	-17.6 +3.2	-17.0 +3.5	-22.7 +5.3	-7.7 +28.7	-33.7 +16.3
Z $\gamma_{qcd}$	-2.8 +3.2	-3.4 +0.0	-3.0 +0.0	-29.1 +39.4	-7.7 +0.0	0.0 +0.0
Z $\gamma_{ewk}$	-6.6 +3.2	0.0 +0.0	0.0 +0.0	-24.6 +39.4	0.0 +0.0	0.0 +0.0

Table 46: Difference from nominal for upper and lower bound of the scale variation uncertainties in the signal region for different process in  $ll$  channel.

## PDF+ $\alpha_s$

Process	[0, 0.5]	[0.5, 0.64]	[0.64, 0.77]	[0.77, 0.88]	[0.88, 0.96]	[0.96, 1]
ggZHyyd0	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±1.0
qqZHyyd0	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±0.9	±0.6	±0.4
ggZHyyd1	±1.1	±1.2	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1
qqZHyyd1	±1.2	±1.2	±1.0	±0.8	±0.6	±0.4
ggZHyyd10	±1.1	±1.2	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±1.0
qqZHyyd10	±1.2	±1.0	±0.9	±0.9	±0.5	±0.4
ggZHyyd20	±1.1	±1.2	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±1.0
qqZHyyd20	±1.3	±1.3	±1.0	±0.7	±0.5	±0.4
ggZHyyd30	±1.1	±1.2	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±1.0
qqZHyyd30	±1.2	±1.1	±1.0	±0.7	±0.6	±0.4
ggZHyyd40	±1.1	±1.2	±1.1	±1.1	±1.1	±1.0
qqZHyyd40	±1.2	±1.3	±0.9	±0.8	±0.6	±0.4
VH( $Z\gamma$ )	±0.9	±0.8	±0.8	±0.5	±0.5	±0.8
VV $\gamma$	±0.5	±1.1	±1.4	±1.1	±1.4	±1.6
W $\gamma_{ewk}$	±5.6	±7.2	±10.0	±0.0	±10.0	±0.0
W $\gamma_{qcd}$	±9.9	±8.1	±7.2	±0.0	±0.0	±0.0
Wt $\gamma$	±0.2	±0.7	±0.8	±0.9	±0.9	±2.1
single Top	±10.0	±0.0	±0.0	±0.0	±0.0	±0.0
ttH( $Z\gamma$ )	±2.1	±2.3	±2.4	±2.3	±3.0	±3.9
ttV	±0.3	±1.0	±1.1	±1.2	±1.5	±2.8
ttbar	±1.8	±3.5	±5.1	±4.0	±5.6	±0.0

Table 49: Difference from nominal for upper and lower bound of the PDF+ $\alpha_s$  uncertainties in the signal region for different process in  $ll$  channel.

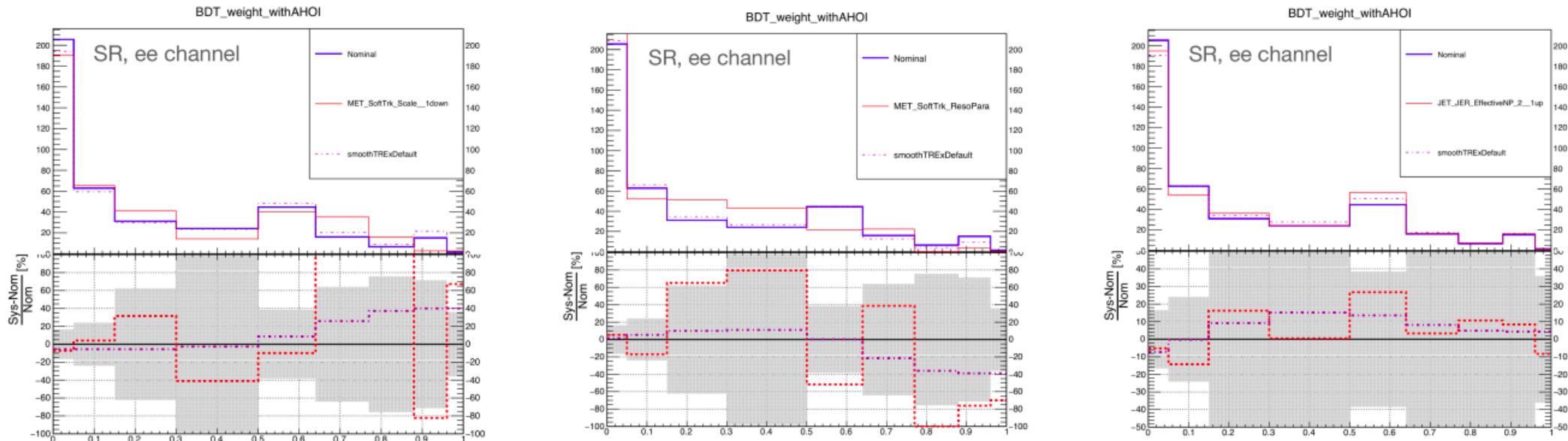
## Parton Shower

Process	[0, 0.5]	[0.5, 0.64]	[0.64, 0.77]	[0.77, 0.88]	[0.88, 0.96]	[0.96, 1]
ggZHyyd0	±144.1	±101.0	±35.9	±21.2	±0.2	±36.5
qqZHyyd0	±2.9	±5.3	±6.0	±0.4	±2.5	±5.8
W $\gamma_{ewk}$	±106.4	±100.0	±100.0	±0.0	±100.0	±0.0
W $\gamma_{qcd}$	±27.9	±100.0	±48.4	±0.0	±0.0	±0.0
Wt $\gamma$	±0.1	±2.5	±0.5	±2.5	±20.1	±70.9
ttV	±2.7	±3.1	±15.8	±10.5	±4.9	±1.6
ttbar	±5.4	±43.2	±44.3	±67.9	±73.4	±0.0
Z $\gamma_{qcd}$	±0.6	±27.5	±0.4	±128.9	±40.8	±30.3
Z $\gamma_{qcd}$	±8.0	±4.0	±67.1	±21.6	±24.2	±0.0
V $\gamma\gamma$	±6.6	±84.0	±10.0	±99.0	±19.1	±46.7
Z $\gamma_{ewk}$	±137.3	±0.0	±0.0	±100.0	±0.0	±0.0
ttW	±3.6	±130.8	±10.9	±44.5	±100.0	±100.0

Table 52: Difference from nominal of the PS uncertainties in the signal region for different process in  $ll$  channel.

# Smoothing of systematics

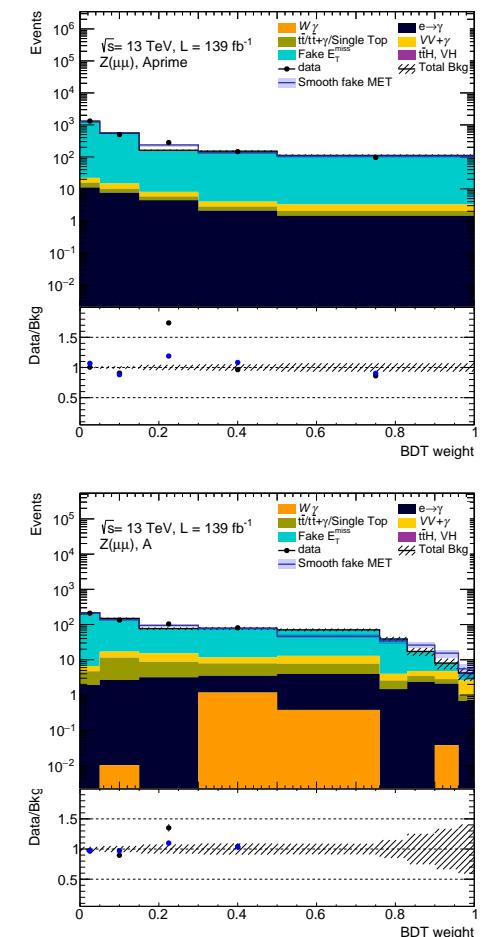
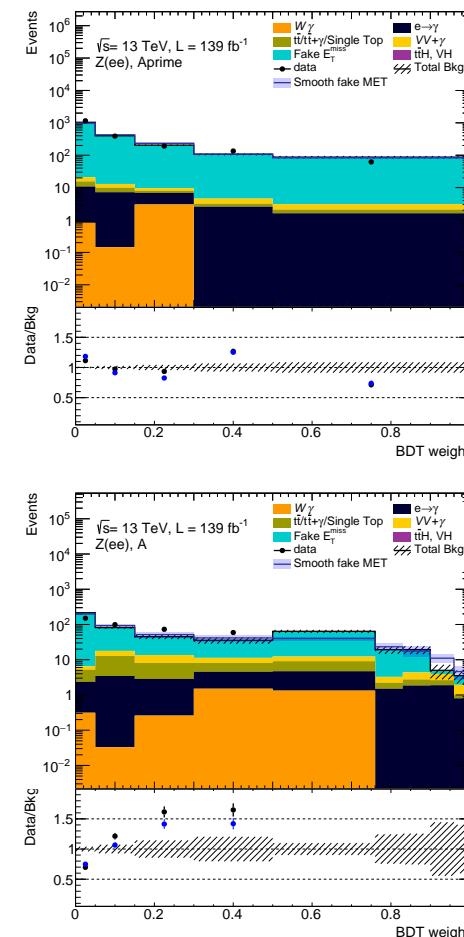
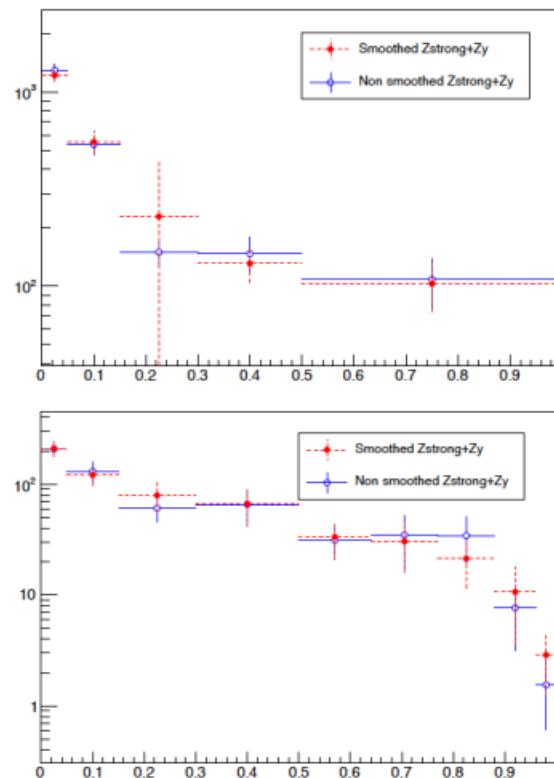
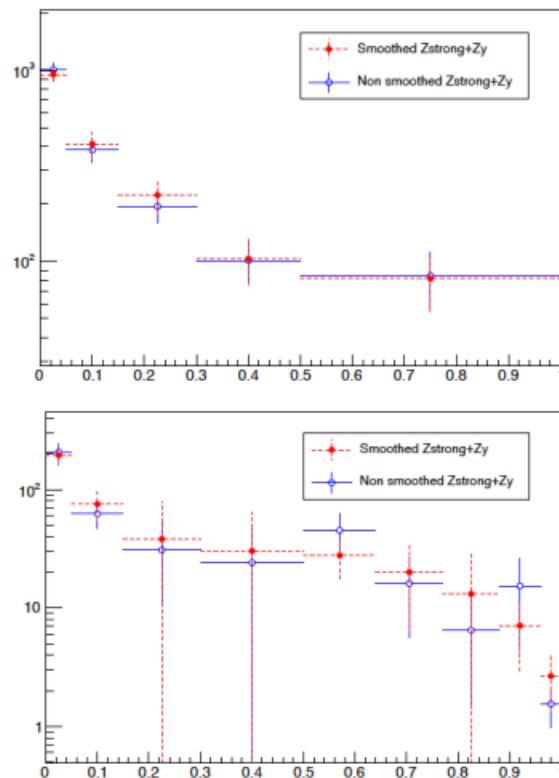
- High impact of experimental systematics due to **low statistics** (in particular in  $Z+jets$ ) → **high fluctuations in syst variations**
  - **Smoothing** applied **using the TRexDefault method from the CommonSystSmoothingTool** with high tolerance (50%)
    - Merge bins until stat uncertainty goes below 50% threshold
    - Using '**353QH twice**' algorithm (Friedman in Proc.of the 1974 CERN School of Computing, Norway, 11-24 August, 1974.) to **avoid artificial flattening of uncertainties due to rebinning**



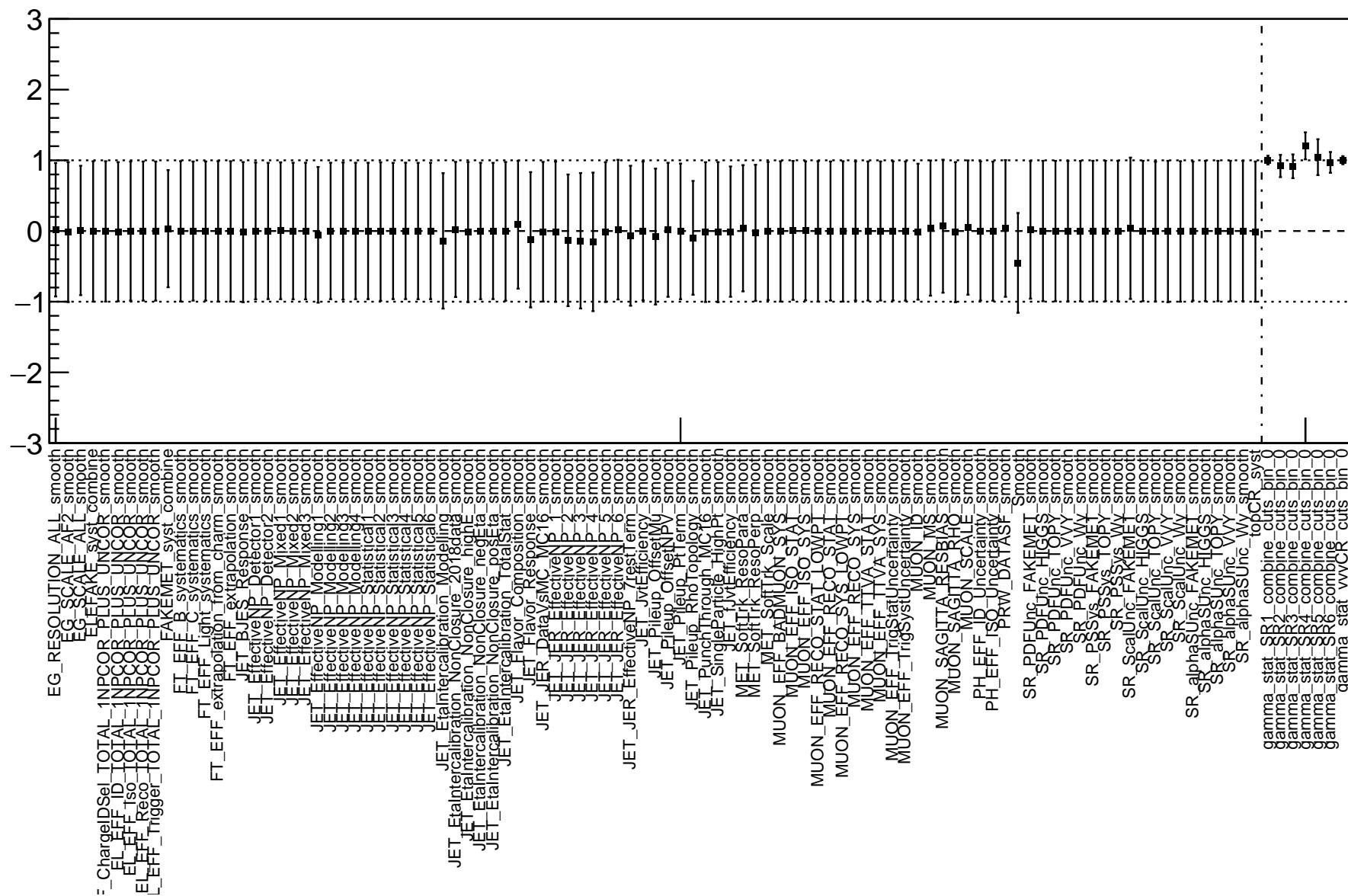
- All underconstrained NPs are characterized by up and down variations moving in the same direction in at least one bin → Solved through **symmetrization of the problematic systematics**, by taking the maximum up or down variation.

## Smoothing of Z strong: 'Smooth' systematic uncertainty

- Experimental systematics try to “heal” data/bkg discrepancies arising from **low stat in Z strong**
  - **Add a NP ('Smooth')** to specifically address this issue: uncertainty from difference between fake MET shape from pure MC, and shape from smoothed Z strong (gaussian smoothing)



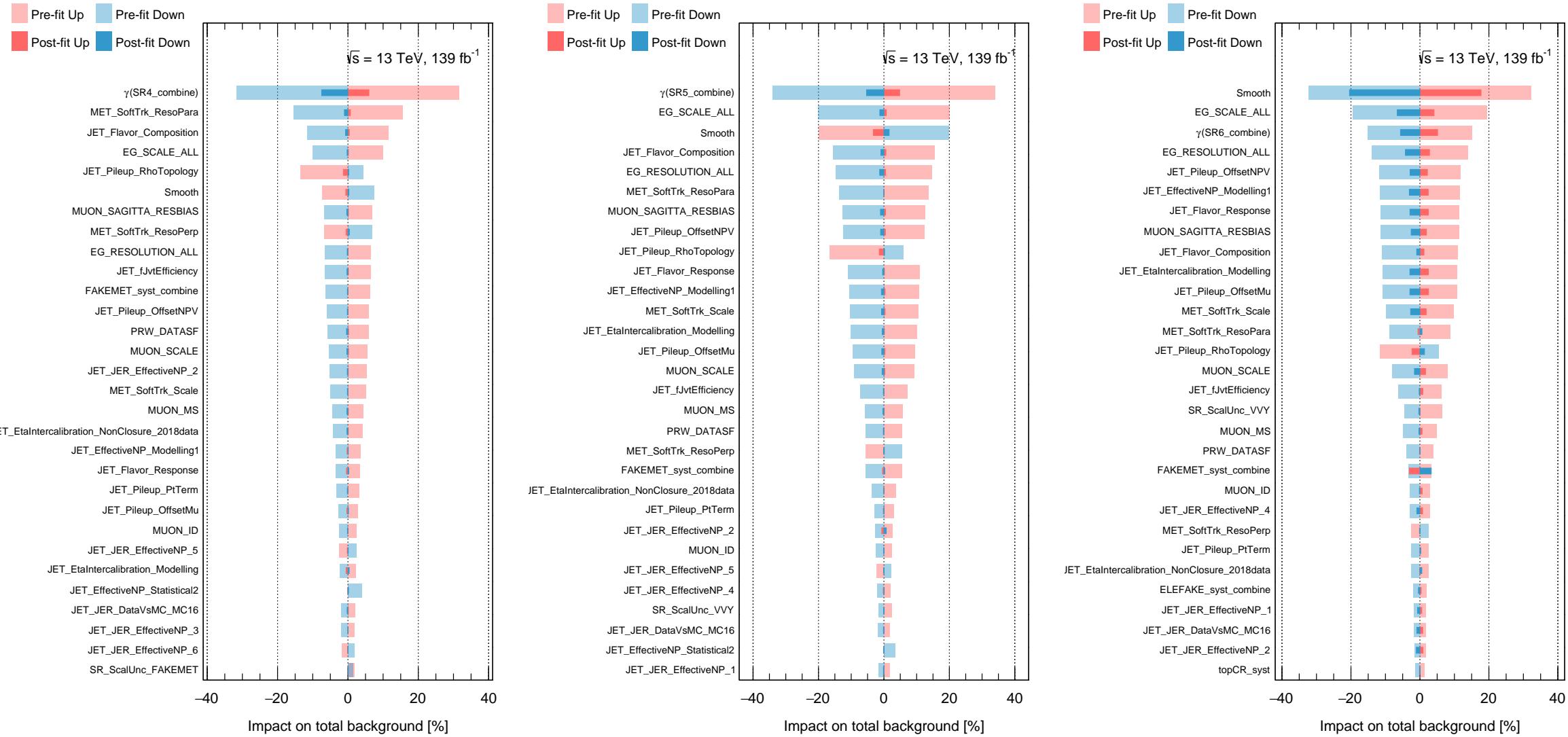
# Pull plot in SR



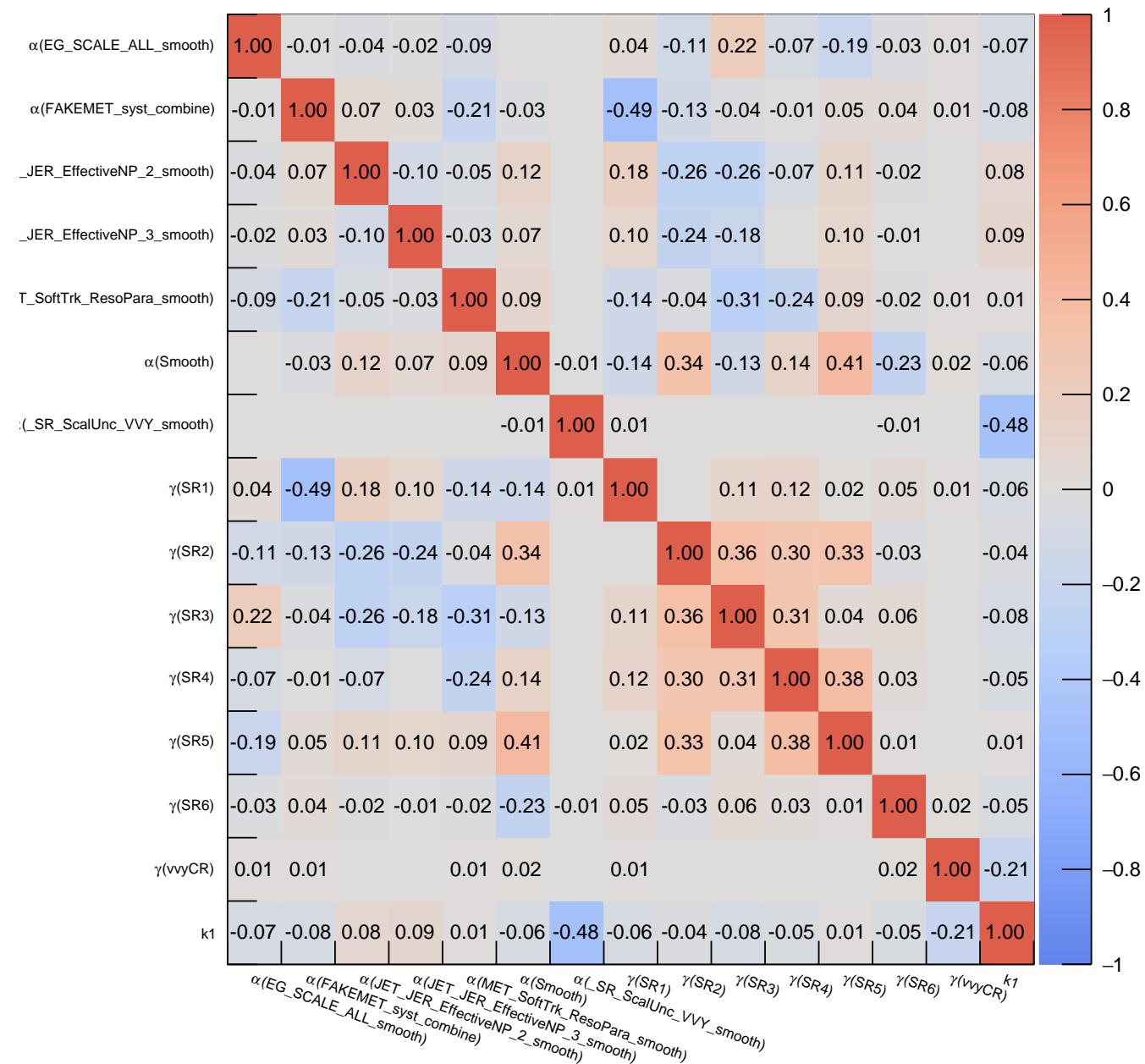
# Ranking table in SR

BDT bin	0 - 0.50	0.50 - 0.64	0.64 - 0.77	0.77- 0.88	0.88 - 0.96	0.96 - 1
Total(statistical+systematic) uncertainty	3.1%	10%	12%	11%	15%	28%
Statistical uncertainty	3.1%	9.9%	12%	11%	14%	16%
Fake $E_T^{miss}$ shape	0.17%	1.2%	0.15%	0.76%	2.4%	21%
Jet $E$ scale and resolution	0.09%	4.3%	2.6%	1.1%	0.65%	16%
Electron, photon $E$ scale and resolution	0.04%	0.60%	1.0%	0.21%	1.7%	7.4%
Muon $E$ scale and resolution	0.08%	0.10%	0.28%	0.67%	1.3%	4.2%
Fake $E_T^{miss}$ data-driven	0.52%	0.29%	0.04%	0.04%	0.29%	3.3%
$E_T^{miss}$ soft term scale and resolution	0.27%	0.10%	0.50%	0.35%	0.33%	0.85%
Top normalization	0.07%	0.09%	0.14%	0.13%	0.07%	0.42%
Electrons faking photons data-driven	0.03%	0.10%	0.12%	0.12%	0.06%	0.34%
Reweighting of $\langle \mu \rangle$ in MC simulation	0.07%	0.09%	0.28%	0.33%	0.20%	0.23%
Flavour tagging eff.	0.02%	0.15%	0.13%	0.11%	0.07%	0.20%
Photon ID/iso/reco eff.	0.00%	0.10%	0.12%	0.11%	0.08%	0.17%
Muon trigger/ID/iso/reco eff.	0.01%	0.15%	0.10%	0.06%	0.07%	0.16%
Electron trigger/ID/iso/reco eff.	0.01%	0.18%	0.09%	0.13%	0.11%	0.15%
Theoretical top	0.09%	0.04%	0.03%	0.17%	0.17%	0.46%
Theoretical $W\gamma$	0.03%	0.13%	0.10%	0.15%	0.09%	0.44%
Theoretical $VV\gamma$	0.03%	0.10%	0.12%	0.08%	0.08%	0.35%
Theoretical Higgs	0.01%	0.10%	0.14%	0.08%	0.07%	0.22%
Theoretical fake $E_T^{miss}$	0.06%	0.13%	0.15%	0.28%	0.36%	0.31%

# Ranking plots (asimov data-set)



# Correlation matrix in SR



# Dark photon experimental status

The most often studied mediator in recent times is kinetically-mixed dark photon, where the two gauge groups  $U(1)$  and  $U(1)_d$ , concern the SM photon and the dark photon respectively. Focusing on the interactions with just the photon, the vacuum interactions for this portal are:

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}F_{d\mu\nu}F_d^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2}F_{\mu\nu}F_d^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_d^2A_{d\mu}A_d^\mu + eJ_\mu A^\mu + e'J_{d\mu}A_d^\mu$$

The physics arising from the Lagrangians above depends on the considered kind of dark photon:

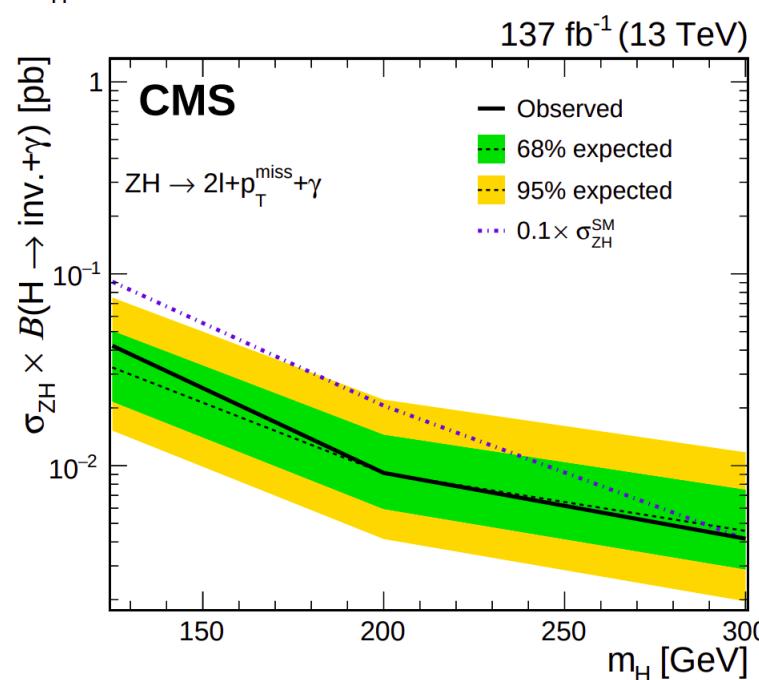
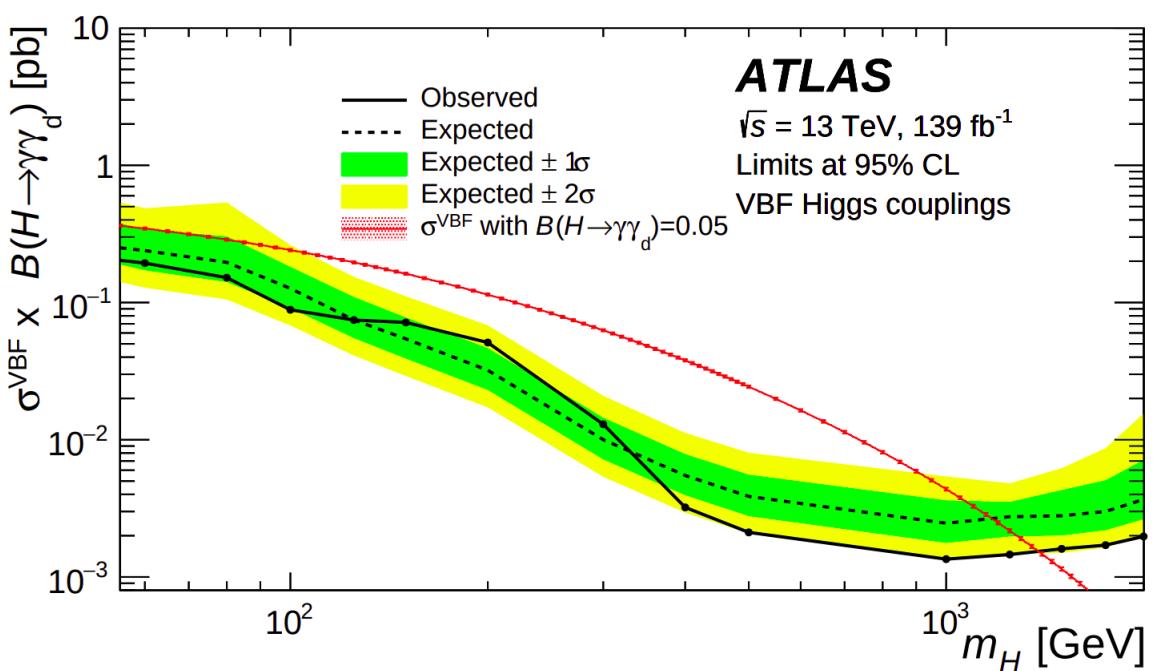
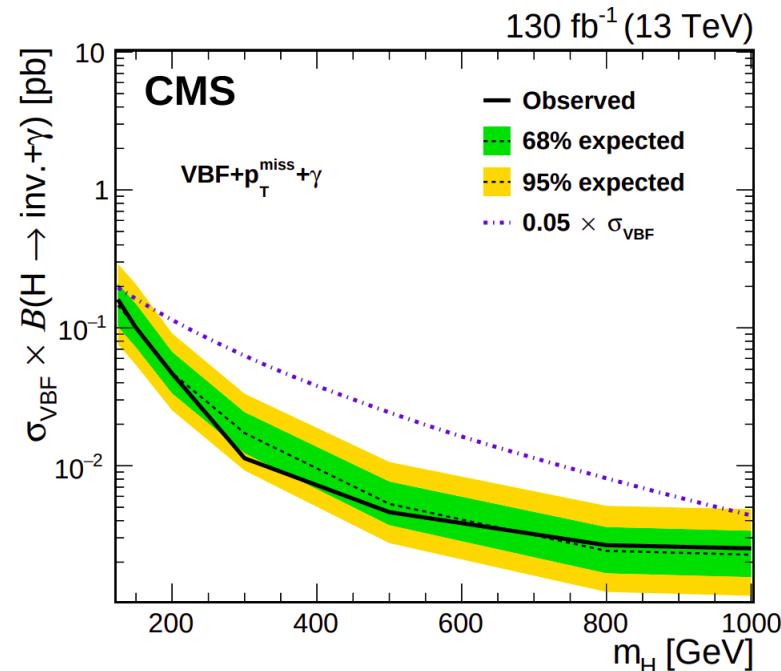
- the *massless* kind, which does not couple directly to any of the SM currents and interacts instead with ordinary matter only through operators of dimension higher than four: a field redefinition  $\hat{A}_{d\mu} = A_{d\mu} - \epsilon A_\mu$  eliminates the kinetic mixing term, leaving the following interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -\frac{1}{4}(1 - \epsilon^2)F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}F_{d\mu\nu}F_d^{\mu\nu} + eJ_\mu A^\mu + e'(\hat{A}_d^\mu + \epsilon A^\mu)J_{d\mu}$$

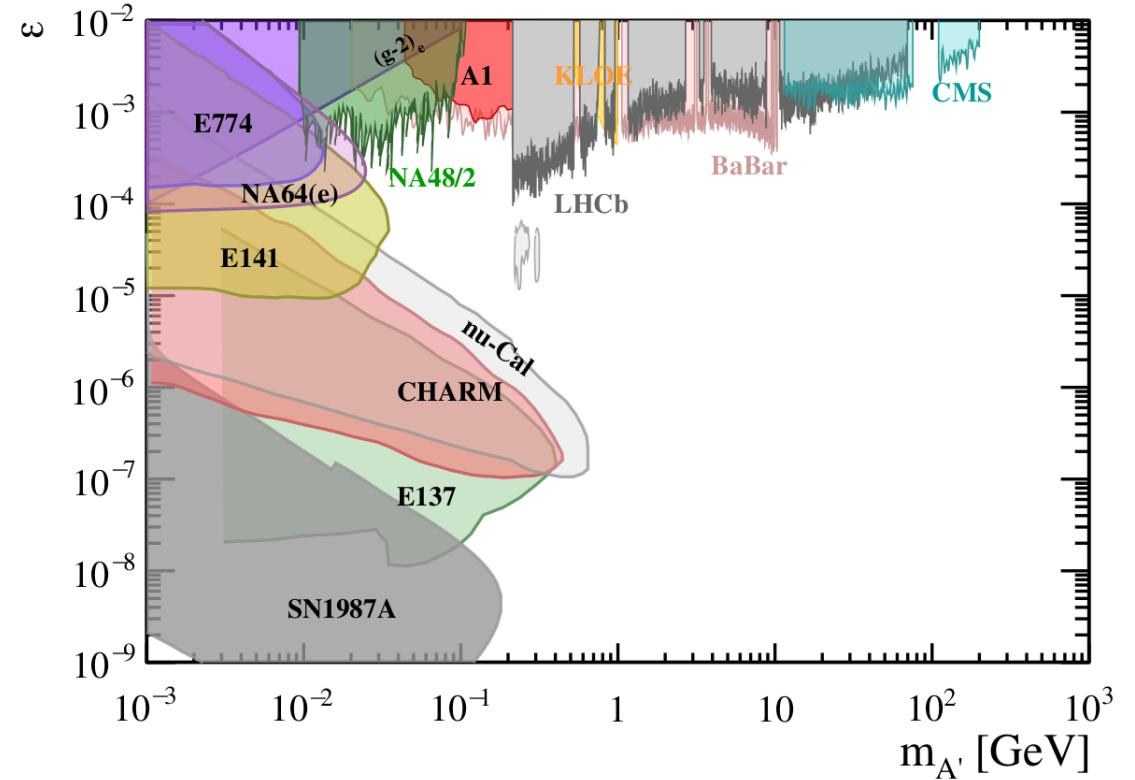
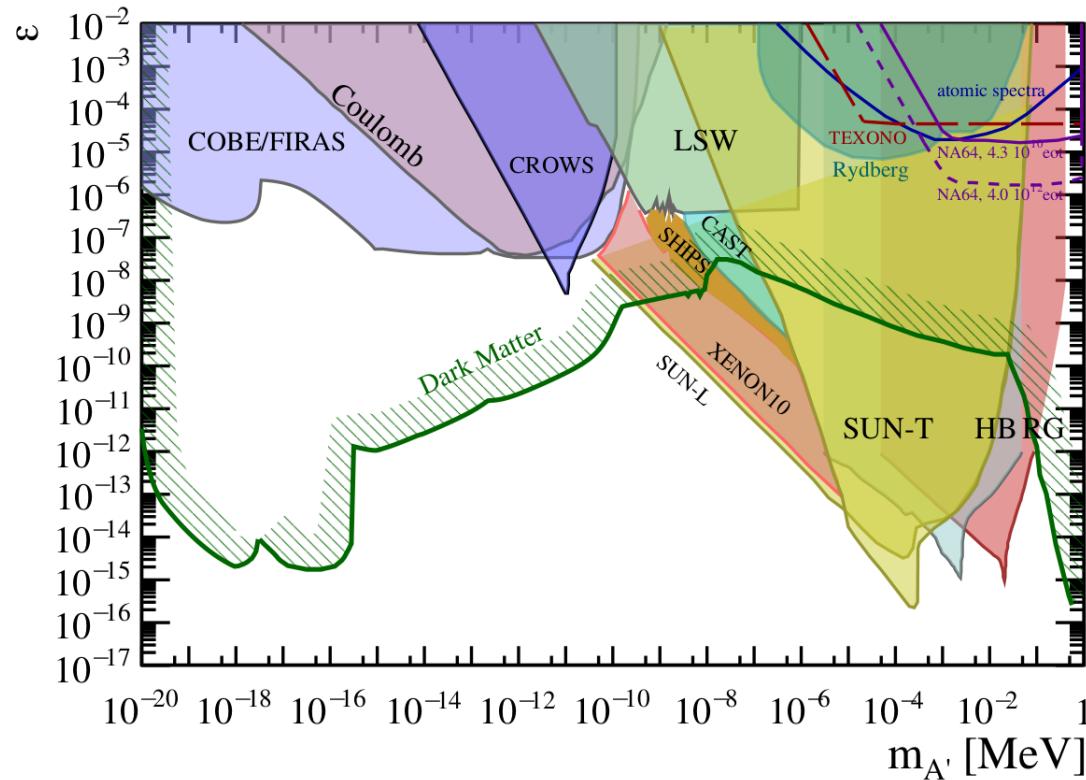
In the absence of a dark current  $J_d$ , we would have a completely decoupled vector  $\hat{A}_d$  with no observable effects. Hence in the massless vector limit, we expect that the only limits would come from effects that involve the DM.

- the *massive* kind, which couples to ordinary matter through a current (with arbitrary charge), that is, a renormalizable operator of dimension four. The massless limit of this case does not correspond to the massless case above.

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