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# Search for high mass diphoton resonances at CMS

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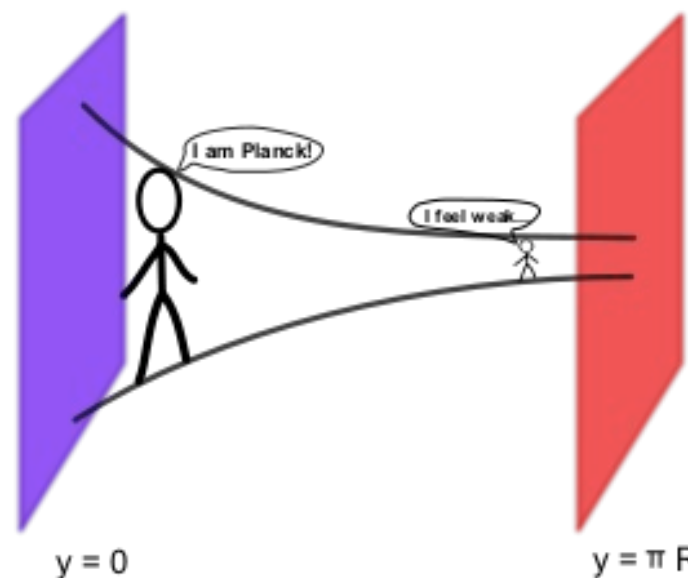
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- ▶ Search for high mass diphoton resonances in proton-proton collisions motivated by several **models of physics beyond SM**.

- ▶ For example:

- ▶ Models with **extended Higgs sectors** predict appearance of **spin-0** resonances.
- ▶ **Extra-dimensional** models predict appearance of **spin-2** resonances.
- ▶ **Many more** models **than I thought** predict the appearance of diphoton resonance, given the recent number of phenomenological papers on arXiv.



▶ Very clean final state:

▶ Two **high  $p_T$  photon candidates**.

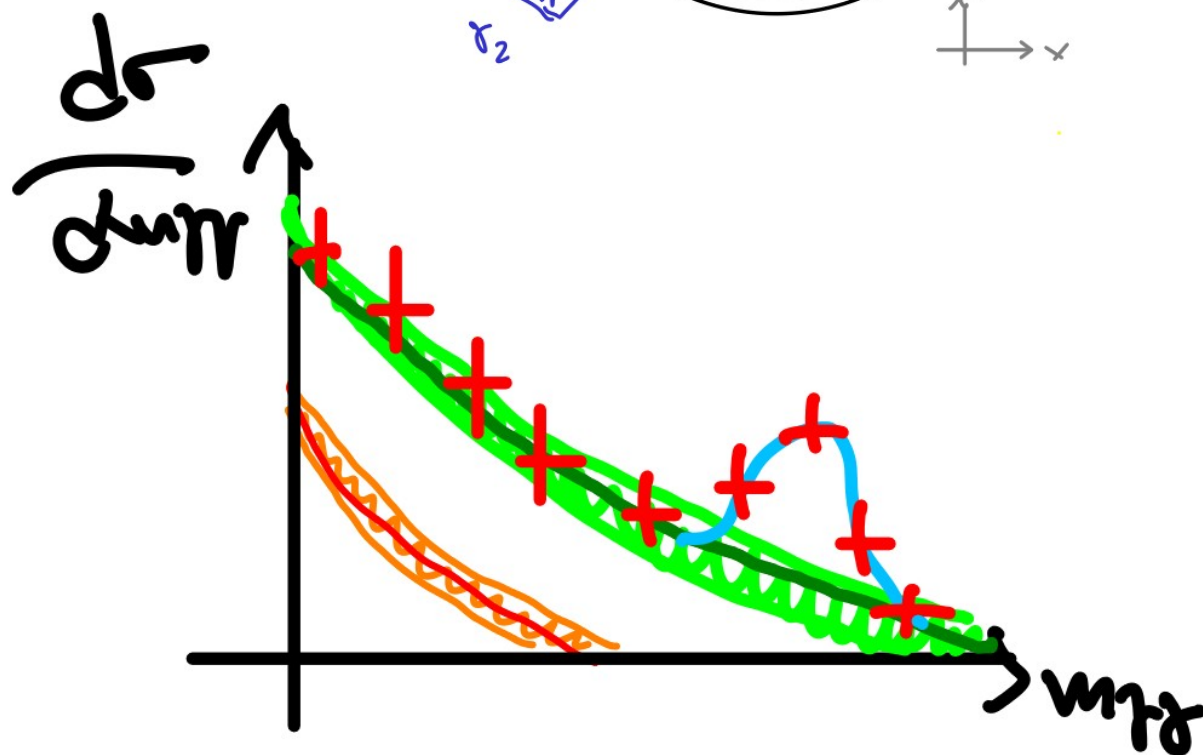
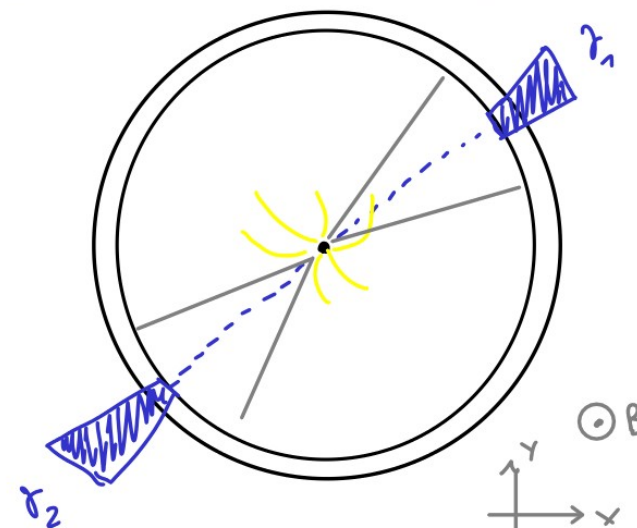
Reconstructed as high energy deposits in EM calorimeters.

▶ **Isolated.**

No additional activity in the direction of the two photons candidates.




▶ Signature of **resonant production**:

localized **excess** of events in the diphoton **invariant mass spectrum**.



# High mass diphoton searches at 8 and 13TeV



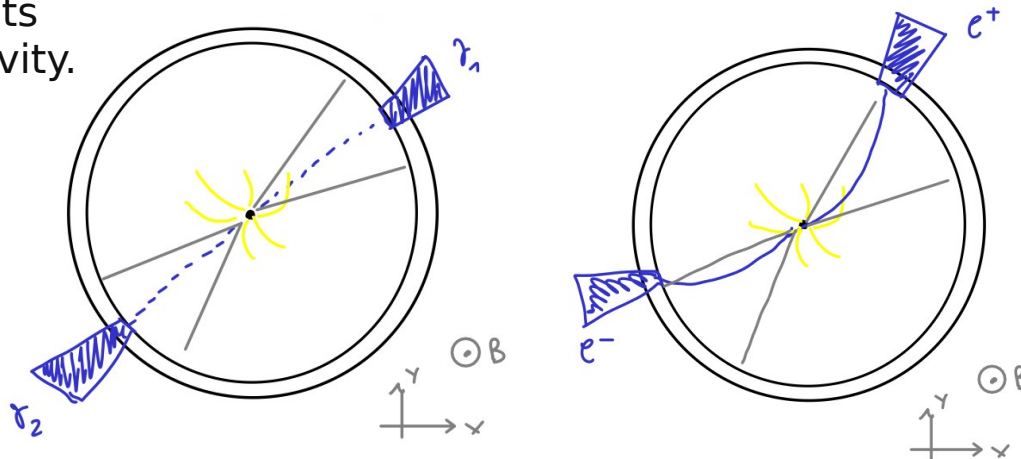
Ref	Title	$M_x$	interpreted as	
			spin-0	spin-2
PLB 750 (2015) 494	Search for diphoton resonances in the mass range from 150 to 850 GeV in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV	150-850GeV	✓	✓
EXO-12-045	Search for High-Mass Diphoton Resonances in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV with the CMS Detector	0.5-3TeV	✗	✓
EXO-15-004 	Search for new physics in high mass diphoton events in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV	0.5-4.5TeV	✗	✓
EXO-16-018 	Search for new physics in high mass diphoton events in <b>3.3 fb<sup>-1</sup></b> of proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV and combined interpretation of searches at $\sqrt{s}=8$ TeV and 13 TeV.	0.5-4.5TeV		✓

- ▶ Select diphoton pairs and search for a **local excess** of events in the  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  spectrum.

- ▶ Simple selection criteria, categorize events according to S/B ratio to enhance sensitivity.

- ▶ **Measure** energy scale, resolution and efficiency **in data**.

- ▶ Using  $Z \rightarrow ee$  and  $Z \rightarrow ll\gamma$



- ▶ Parametrize **background** mass spectrum **from data**.


- ▶ Test compatibility of data with resonant diphoton production.

- ▶ **Blind** analysis:

- ▶ Selection **criteria** and **signal width hypotheses fixed a-priori**.

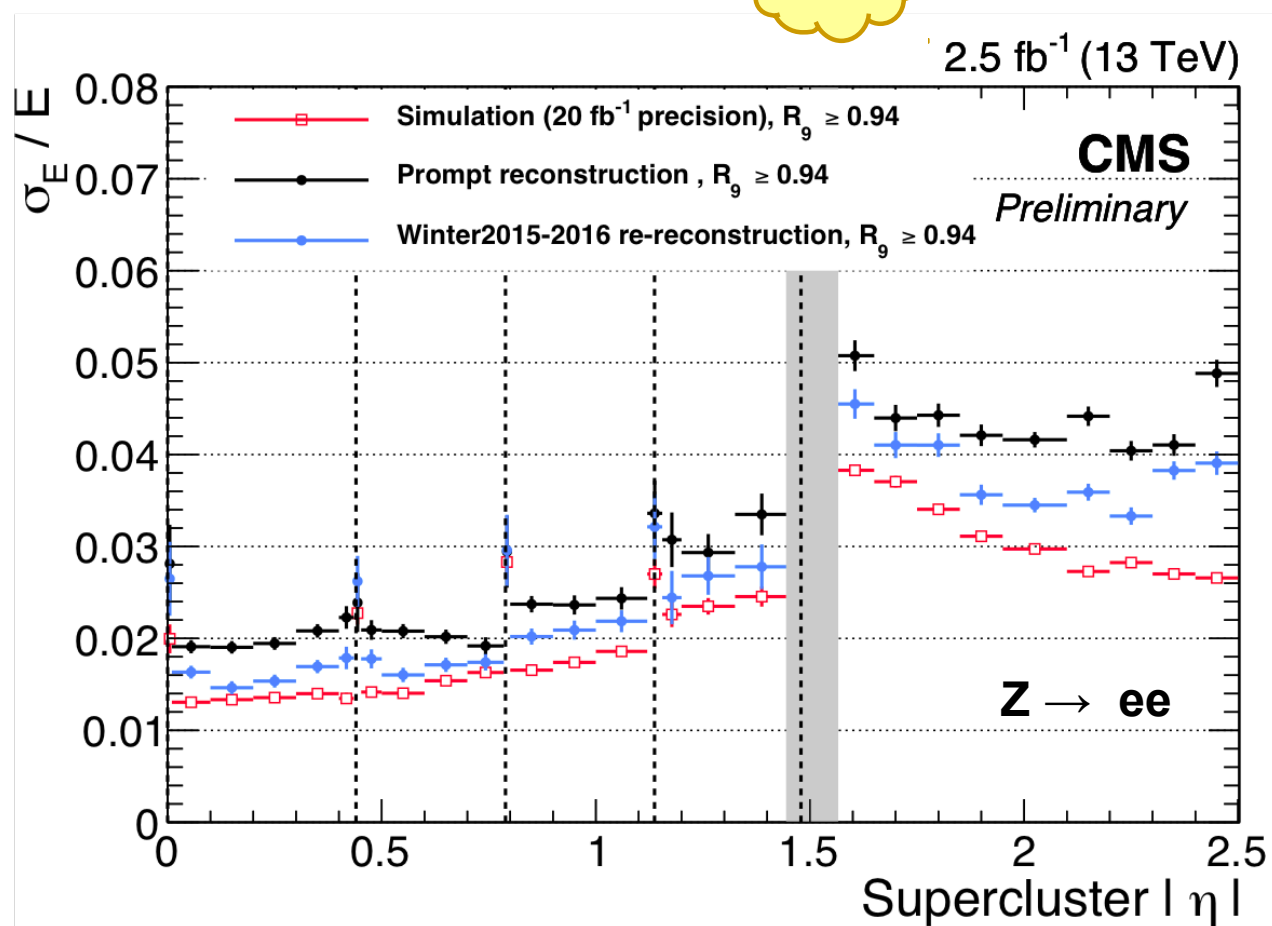
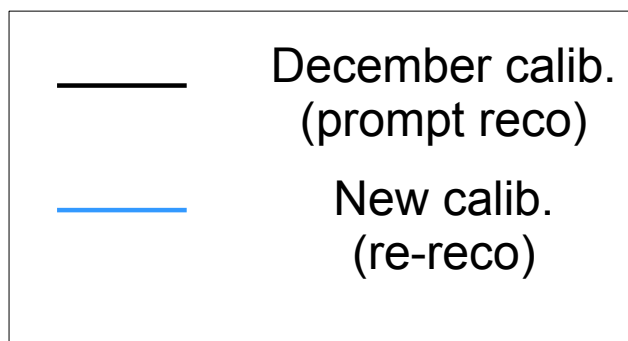
- ▶ All analysis inputs (energy calibration, efficiency, etc..) checked before box-opening.

- ▶ December dataset re-blinded to study analysis improvements.

- ▶ Results presented at the CERN-LHC Seminar in December 2015 based on  $2.6\text{fb}^{-1}$  (which became  $2.7\text{fb}^{-1}$  due to an update in the luminosity measurement).
  - ▶ Based on channel-to-channel ECAL calibration extrapolated from Run 1 data.
- ▶ **Data** re-reconstruction, using **updated channel-to-channel calibration**, completed over the winter shutdown. A yellow cloud-shaped badge with the word "NEW" in red capital letters.
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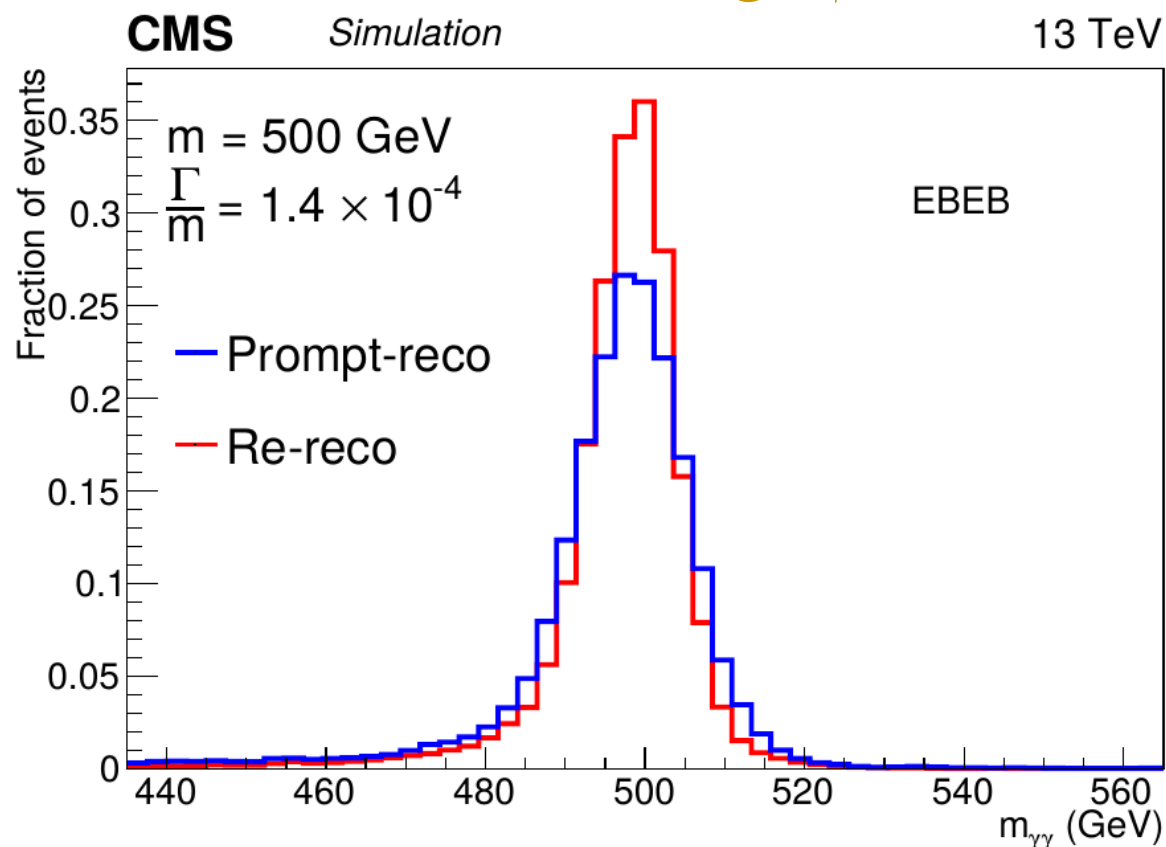
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▶ Lead to **30% improvement** in mass **resolution** above 500GeV.

▶ Resolution correction assumed to be constant vs energy.  
(in run 1 observed decrease vs energy, but not possible to run fit in run 2 yet).



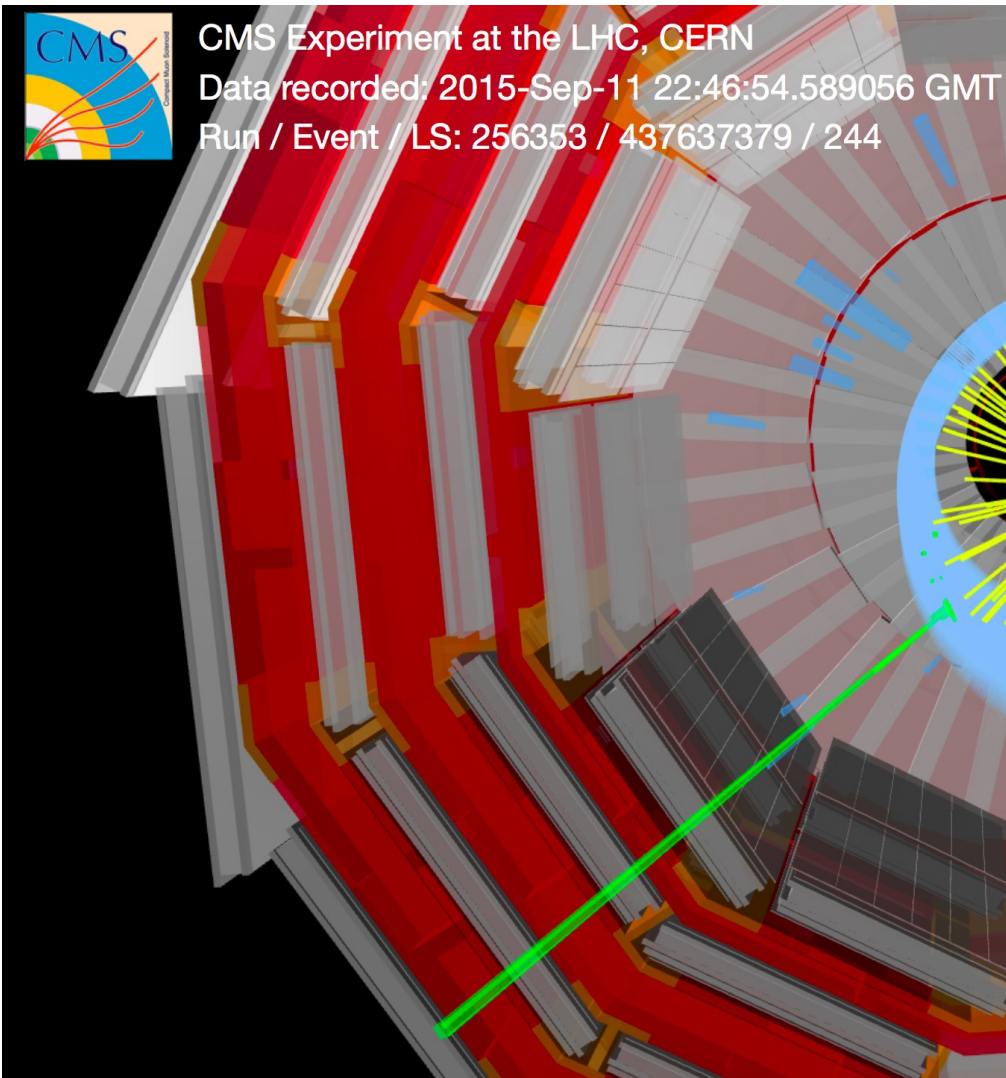


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  - ▶ Lead to a further 10% improvement on top of the re-calibration.

- ▶ Significant re-thinking of the analysis needed to use data without magnetic field.

**No information on tracks momenta ✗**  
Weakens power of isolation requirements  
Complicates primary vertex selection (based on recoiling tracks)

**No energy spread due to brem/conversions ✓**  
Better intrinsic energy resolution and simpler  $e/\gamma$  extrapolation.  
Use more information on lateral shower profile.



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Specific detector calibration ✓

Channel-to-channel calibration extrapolated from 3.8T.  
Dedicated energy scale calibration with 0T  $Z \rightarrow ee$  events

Dedicated photon identification. ✓

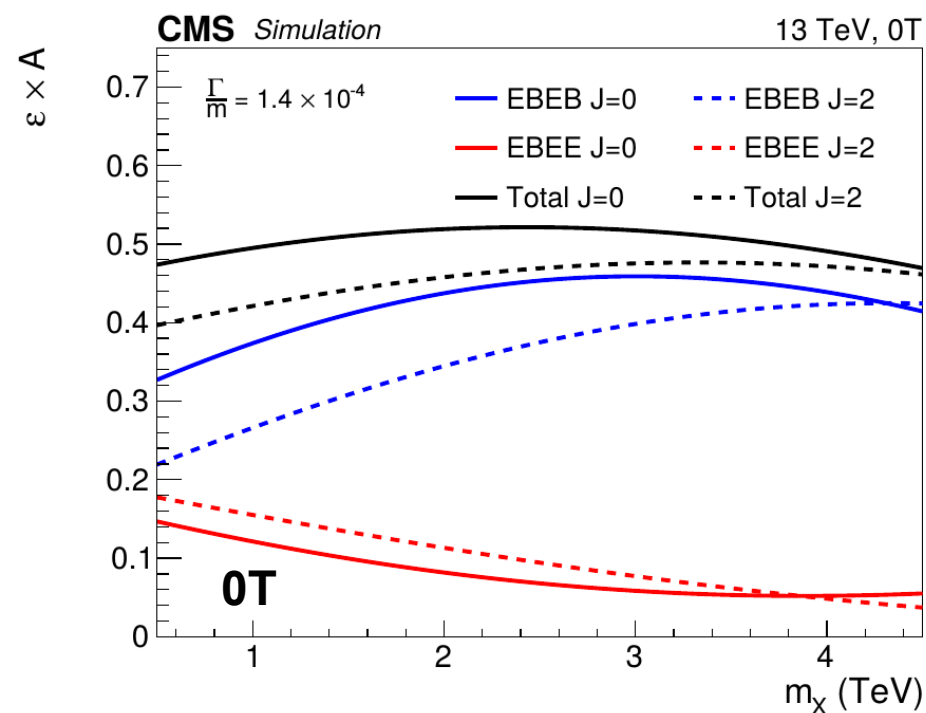
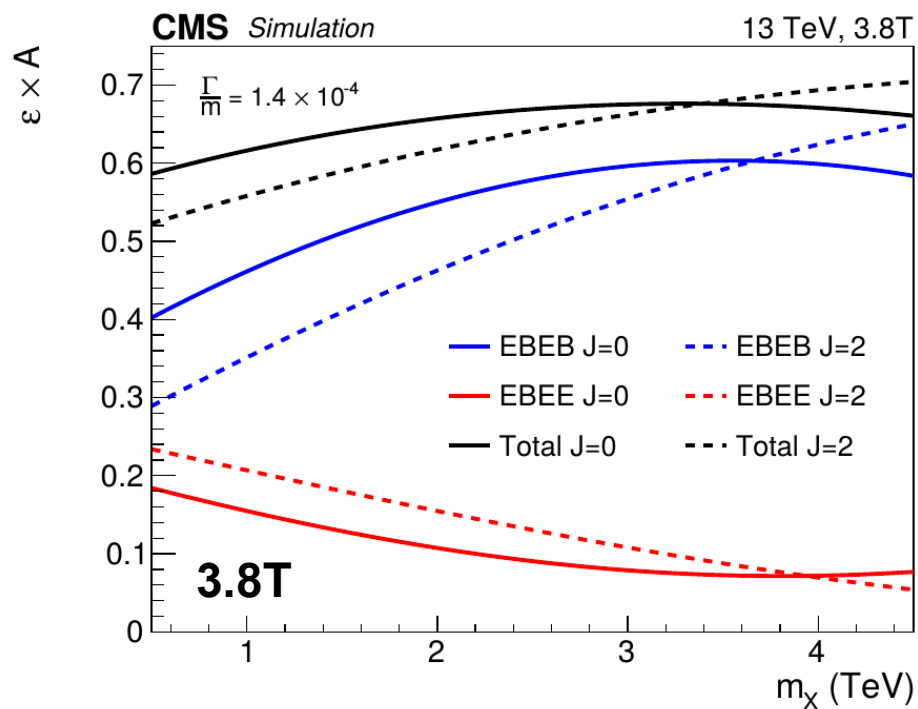
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- ▶ Results **interpreted** in terms of **spin-0** and **spin-2** resonances. 
  - ▶  $J=0$ : assumed gluon-fusion production,  $J=2$ : RS-graviton
  - ▶ **Three widths** ( $\Gamma/m=1.4\times 10^{-4}$ ,  $1.4\times 10^{-2}$ ,  $5.6\times 10^{-2}$ )

# Event selection

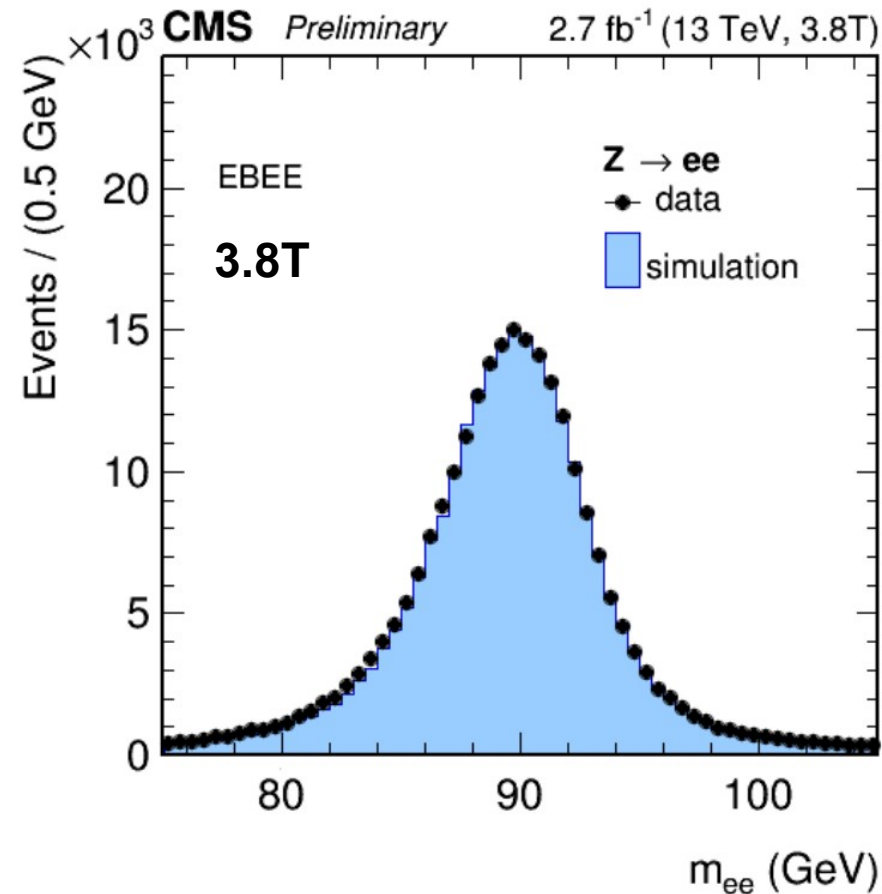
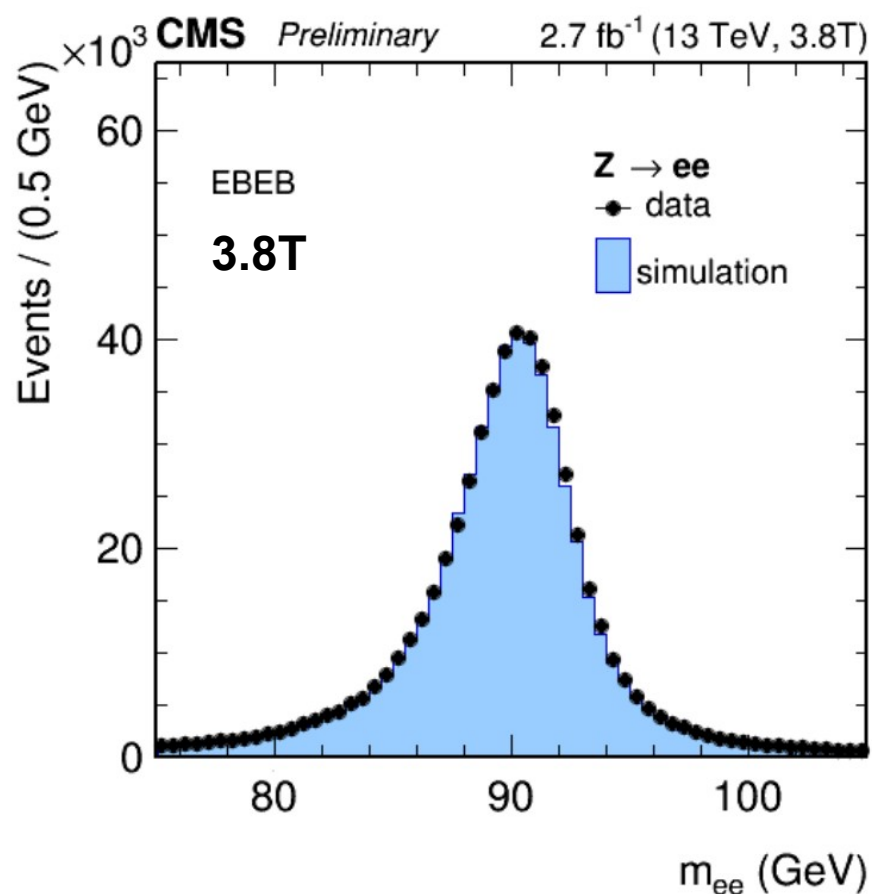
## Simple event selection.

- ▶ Two photons with  $p_T$  above 75GeV. At least one of which in the barrel ( $|\eta| < 1.44$ ).
- ▶ Events split in barrel-barrel(EBEB) and barrel-endcaps(EBEE) categories.
- ▶ Efficient cut-based photon identification criteria.
  - ▶ Per-photon efficiency in the barrel: 90(85)% at 3.8(0)T.
  - ▶ Per-photon efficiency in the endcaps: 85(70)% at 3.8(0)T.



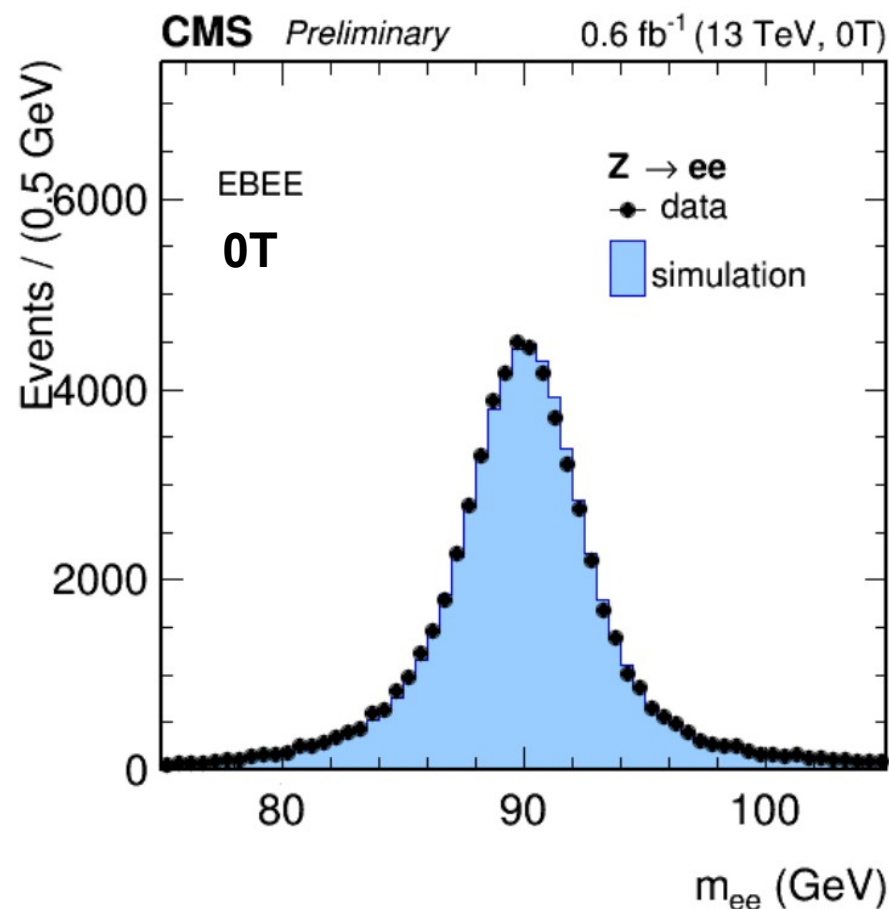
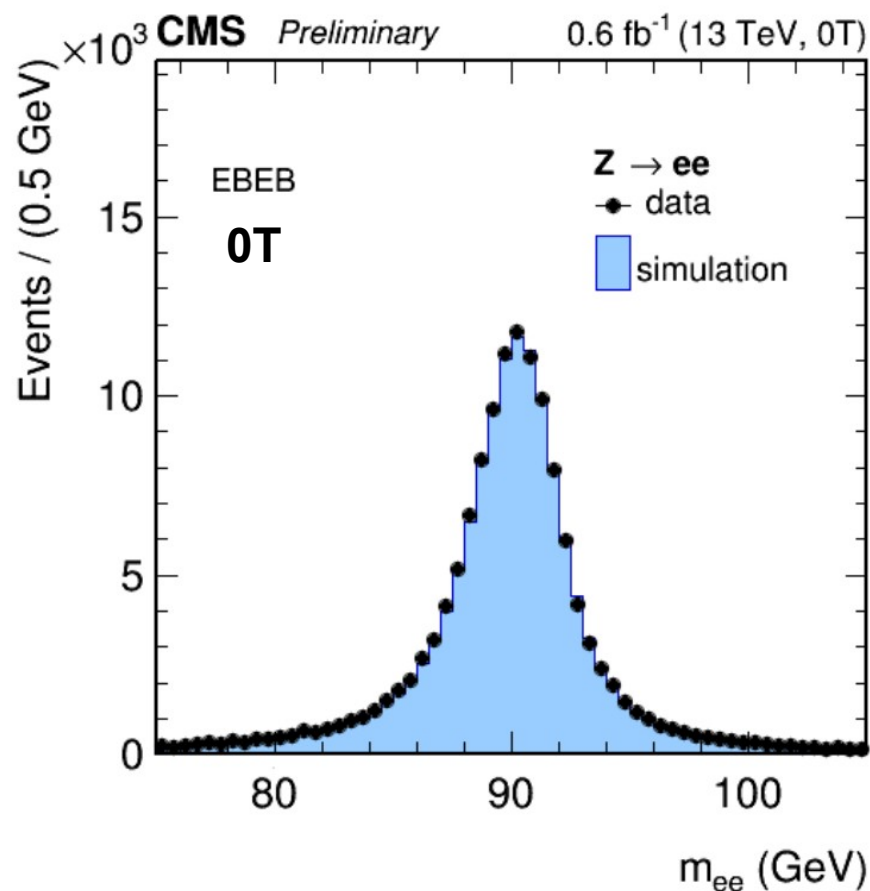
# Energy scale calibration - 3.8T

- ▶ Obtained **at the Z peak**.
  - ▶ Simultaneously **adjust energy scale and resolution** of electron candidates as a **function** of the **pseudo-rapidity** and **cluster shape** of the candidates.
- ▶ **Stability vs  $E_T$**  checked with boosted events up to  $\sim 150\text{GeV}$ .
  - ▶ Deviations within **0.5(0.7)%** in barrel (endcaps).  
Assigned 1% uncertainties to account for further extrapolation.



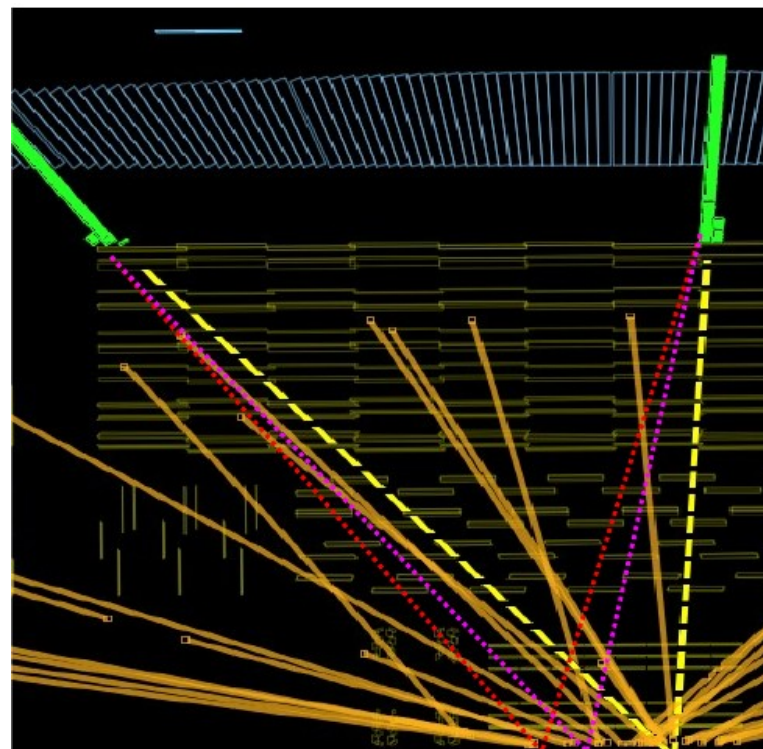
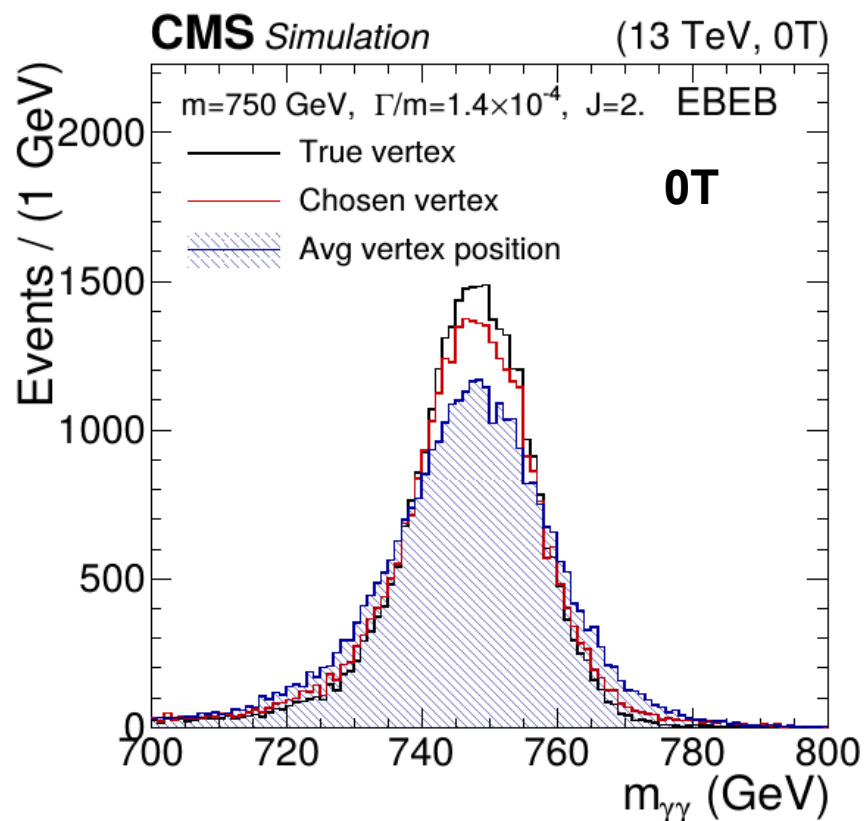
# Energy scale calibration - 0T

- ▶ Same procedure as for 3.8T but **no binning in cluster shape** (no radiative losses)
  - ▶ Data/MC **scale corrections** found to be **1% larger** than at 3.8T.
  - ▶ Energy **resolution** corrections **similar** at 0T and 3.8T.
  - ▶ Assigned 1% uncertainty on knowledge of the relative energy scale in the analysis
- ▶ Level of **stability** vs  $E_T \sim$  **same** as for the 3.8T dataset.



# Vertex identification

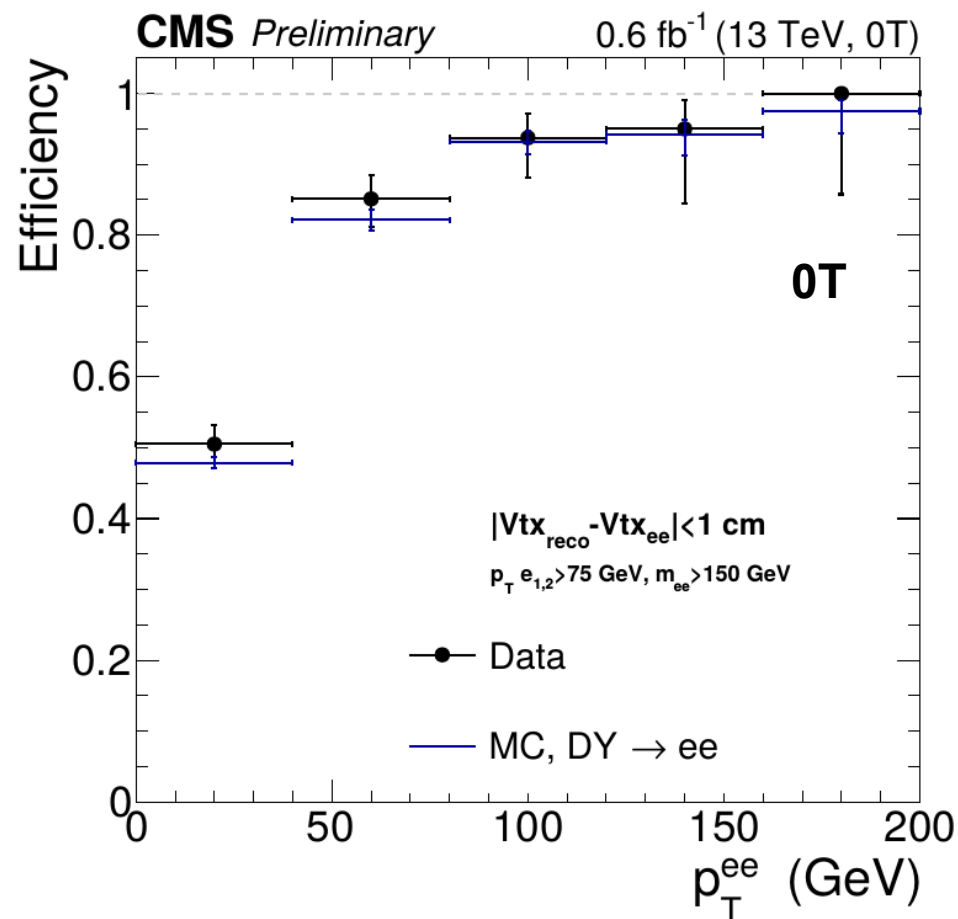
- ▶ Vertex identification important to maintain good mass resolution.
  - ▶ For 3.8T: use BDT (using recoil and tracks  $p_T$ ) trained for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ .  
(see I.Kucker in Wed. YSF).
  - ▶ For **0T**: simpler algorithm based on **track-counting**.
  - ▶ **Correct** assignments: **90% at 3.8T, 60% at 0T**





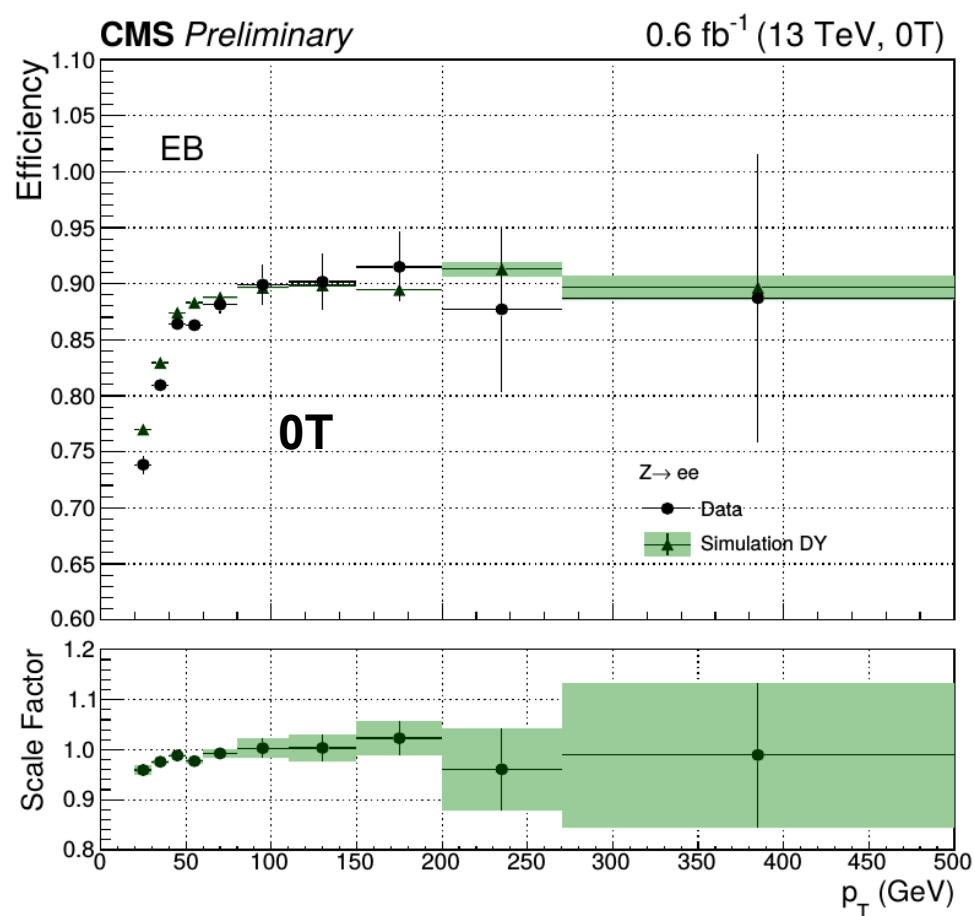
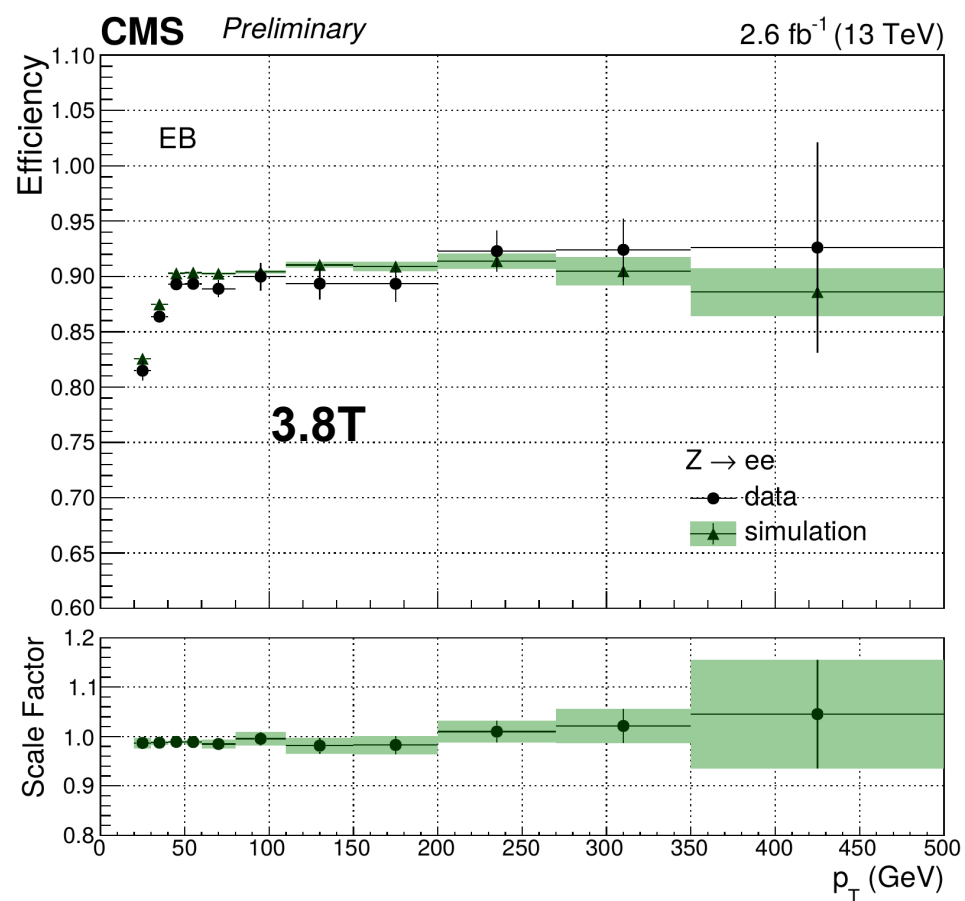
## ► Modeling of correct vertex assignment tested in data.

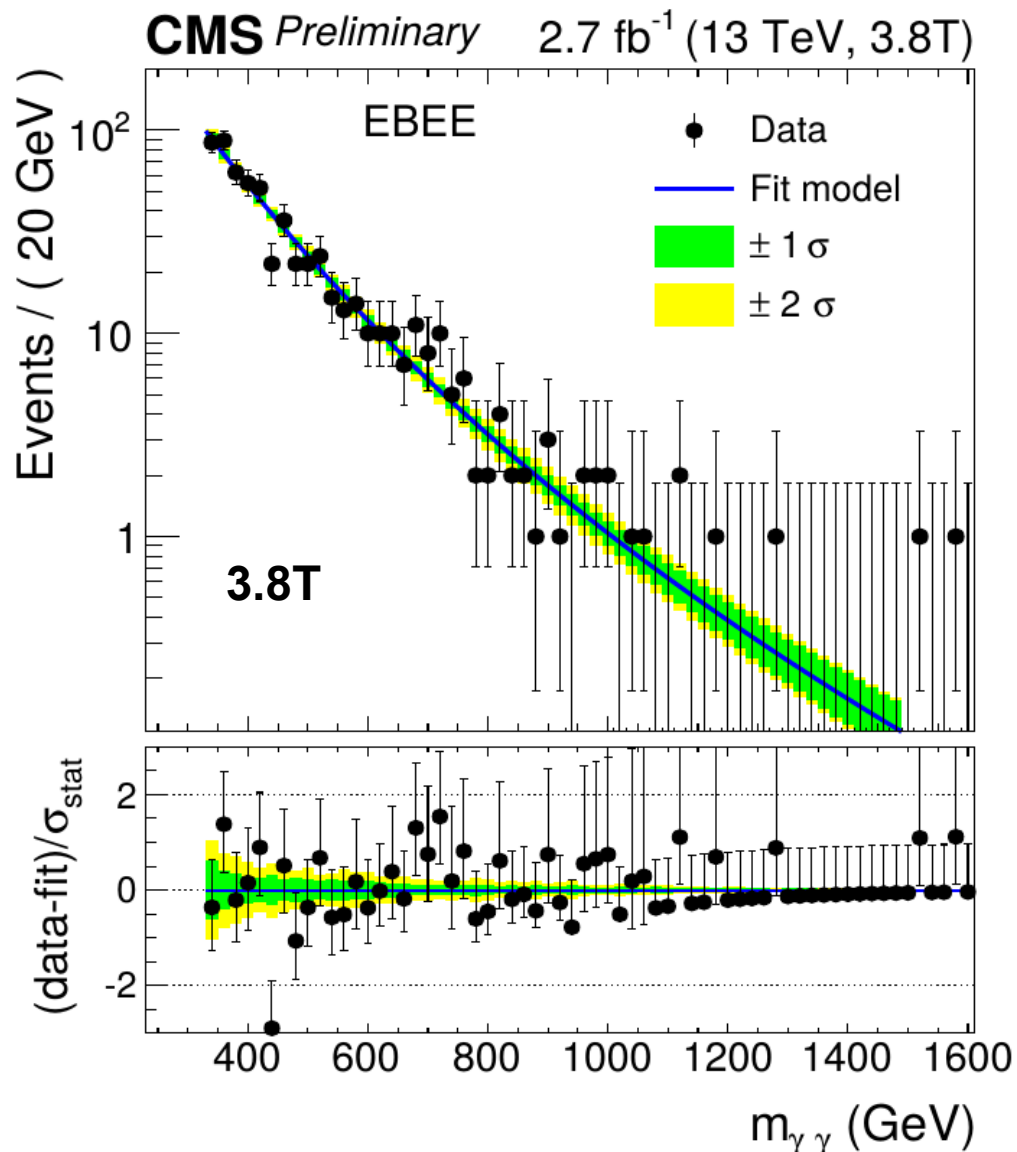
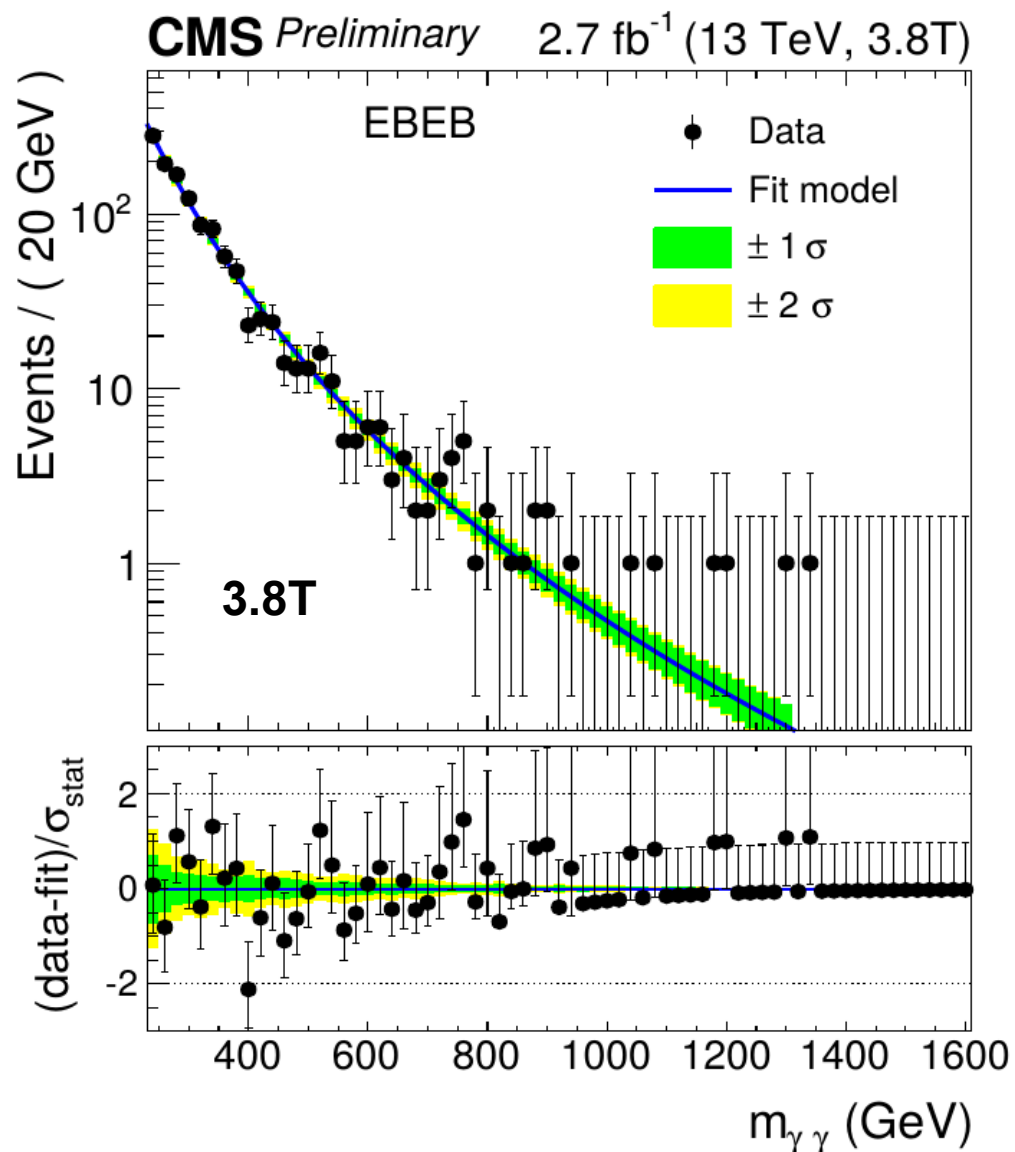
- Using di-muon and g+jet events for 3.8T.  
(see Inna's talk for more details)
- Using di-electron events 0T.
- (Lepton and jets tracks remove from events)

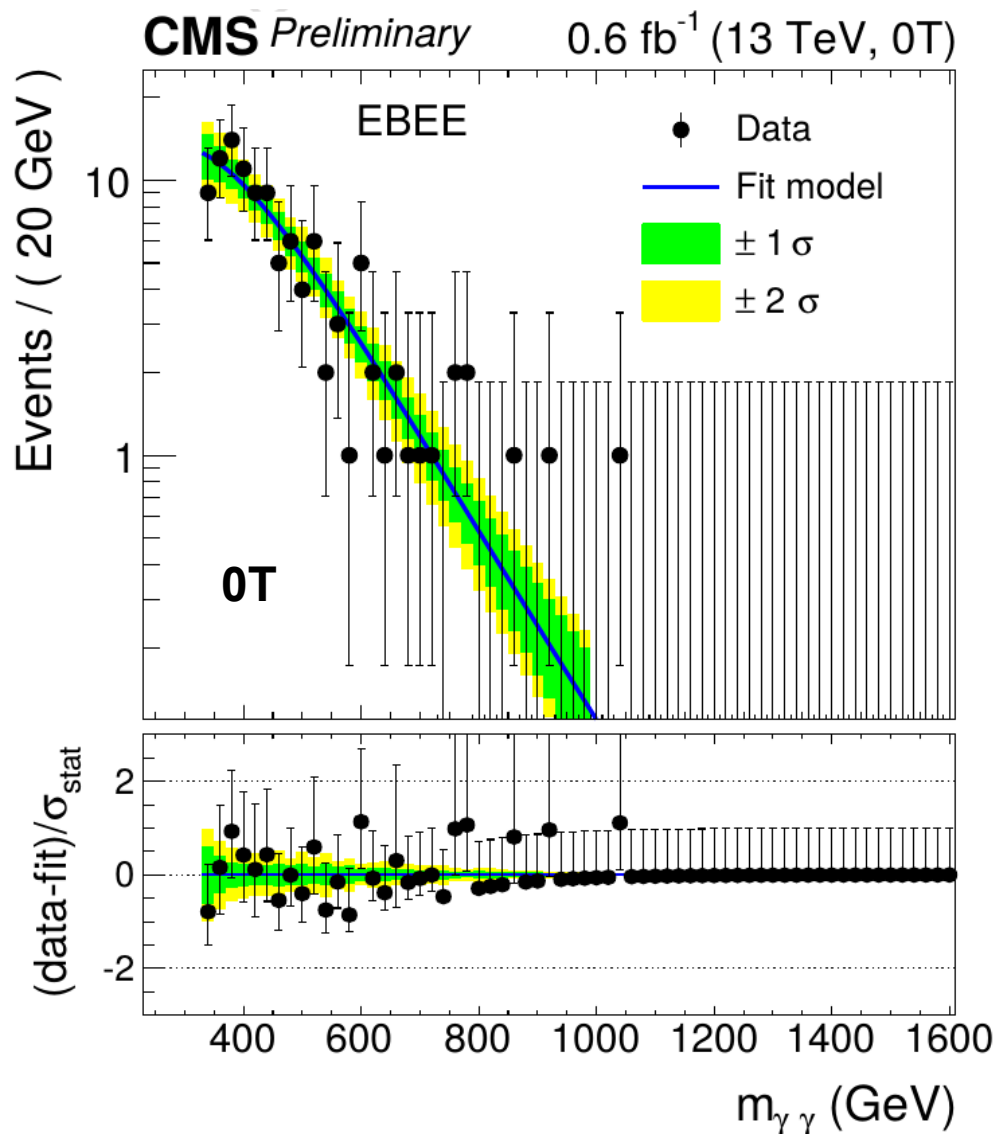
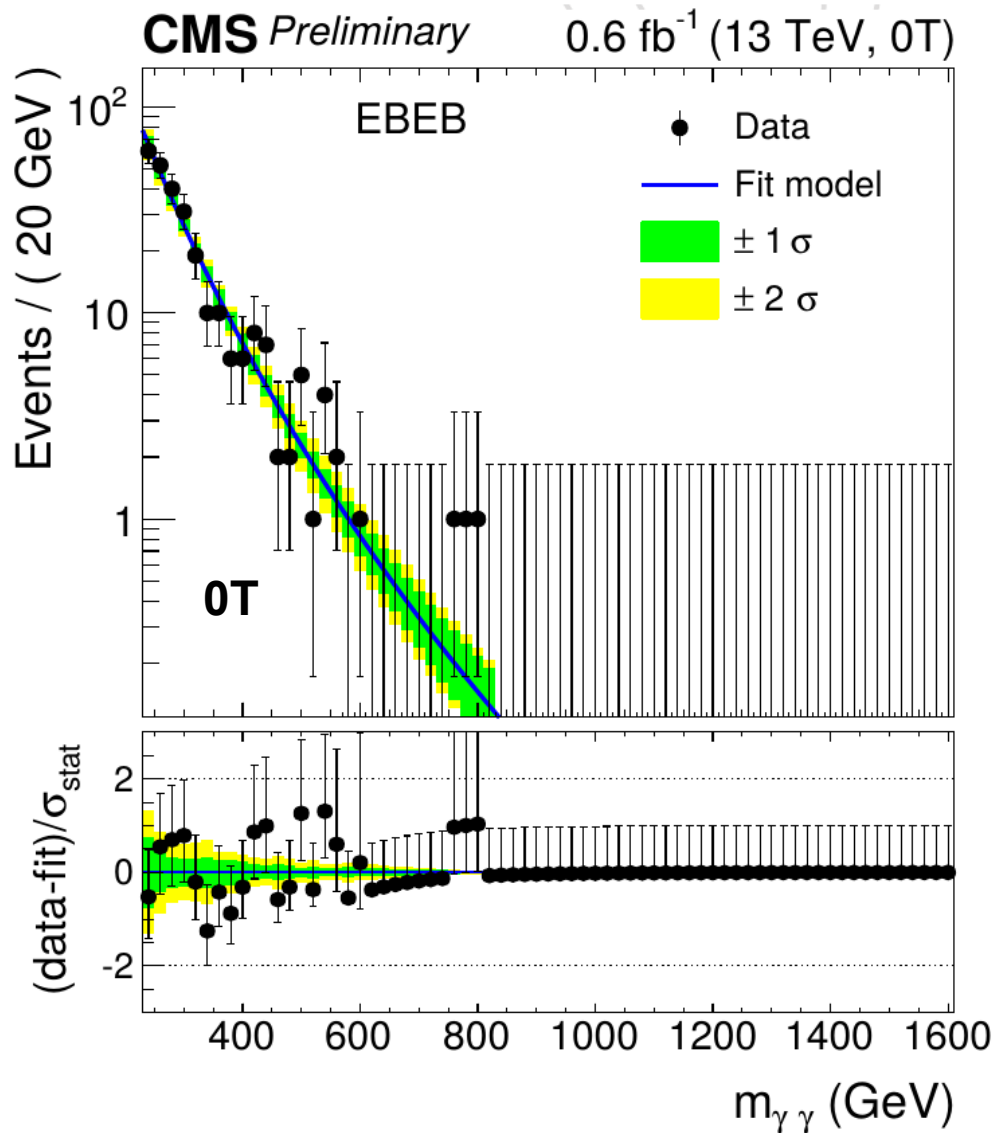


# Photon identification efficiency

- ▶ Photon identification efficiency data/MC scale factor derived on  $Z \rightarrow ee$  events.
- ▶ The **electron veto** requirement is removed from the selection in this measurement and its efficiency is assessed separately using  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu(ee)\gamma$  events at 3.8(0)T.







- ▶ Hypothesis test based on simultaneous unbinned likelihood fit to  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  in all four analysis categories.

$$L(\mu, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{events}} [ \mu S(m_i | \theta_S) + B(m_i | \theta_B) ] \cdot \text{Poisson}(N_{events} | N_B + \mu N_S)$$

- ▶ **Signal model.**

- ▶ Shape from convolution of detector response and intrinsic line-shape.
- ▶ Mass window: 500GeV-4.5TeV.

## ► Background model:

- Parametric function of  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ : 
$$f(m_{\gamma\gamma}) = m_{\gamma\gamma}^{a+b \cdot \log(m_{\gamma\gamma})}$$
- Independent shape for each of the category.  
Coefficients treated as unconstrained nuisance parameters.
- Possible mismodelling studied on simulation and explicit uncertainty added to the fit.

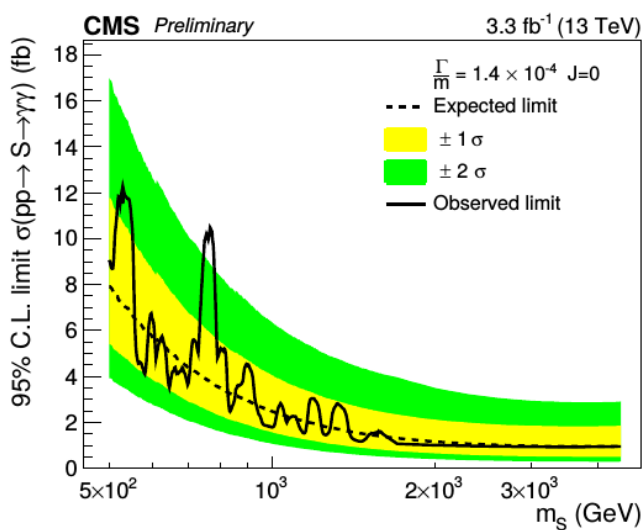
## ► Frequentist hypotheses tests.

- Test statistics: based on LHC-type likelihood ratio.
- Upper limits set based on CLs method.
- Background hypothesis rejection evaluated through background-only p-value.
- Asymptotic formulas used throughout  
(validity tested for a subset of the calculations using sampling distributions).

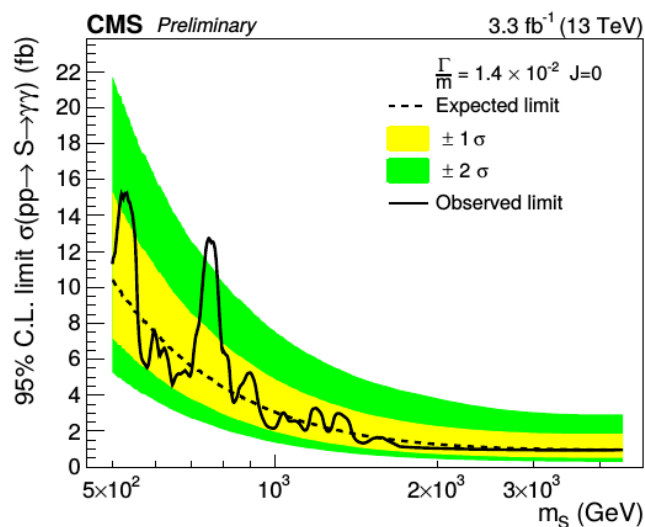
► Shown here for the spin-0 hypotheses

► Spin-2 version gives equivalent message (and it's available in backup)

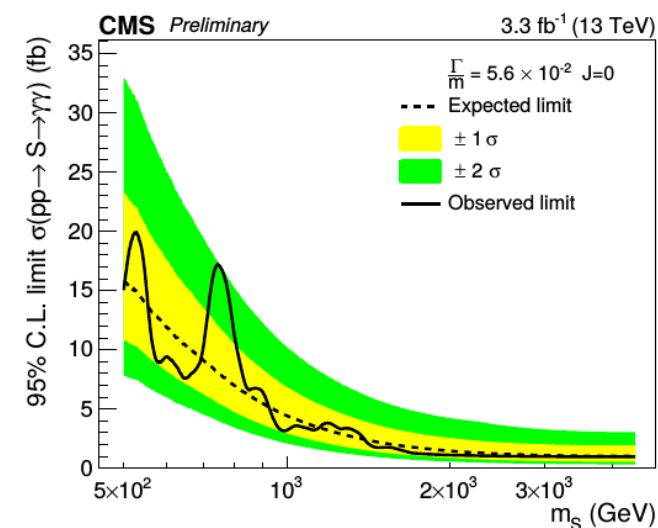
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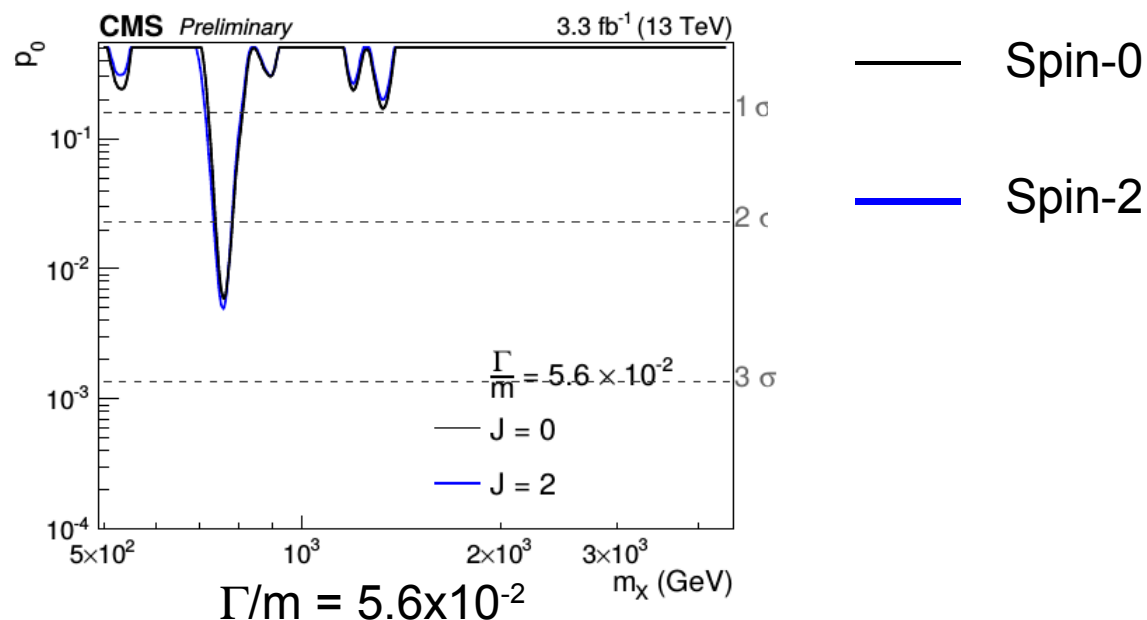
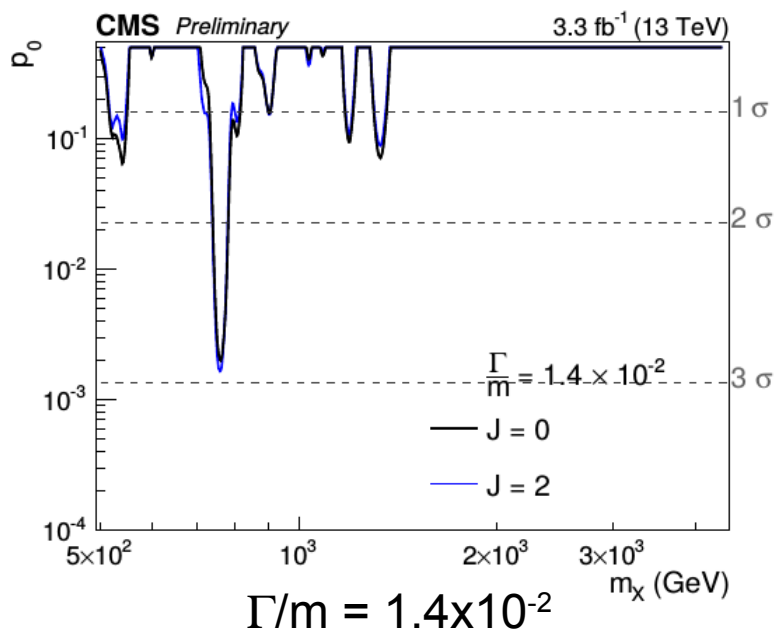


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Spin 0

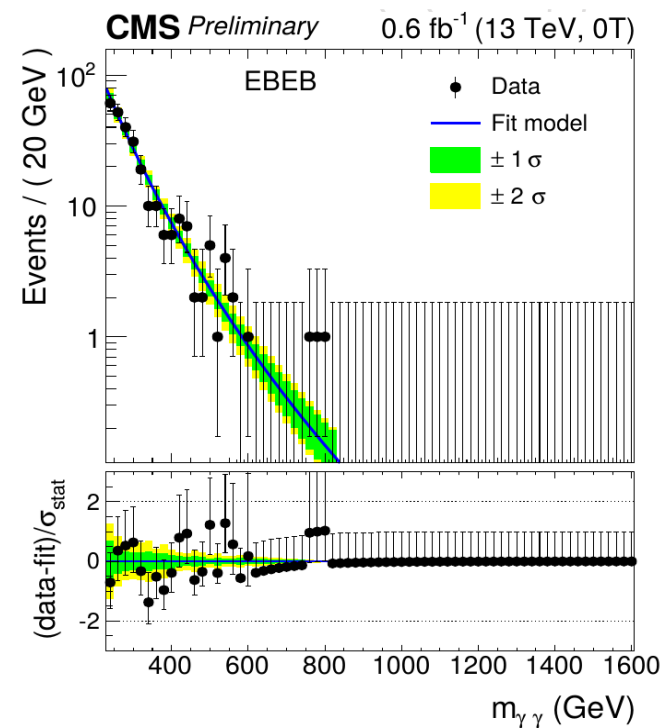
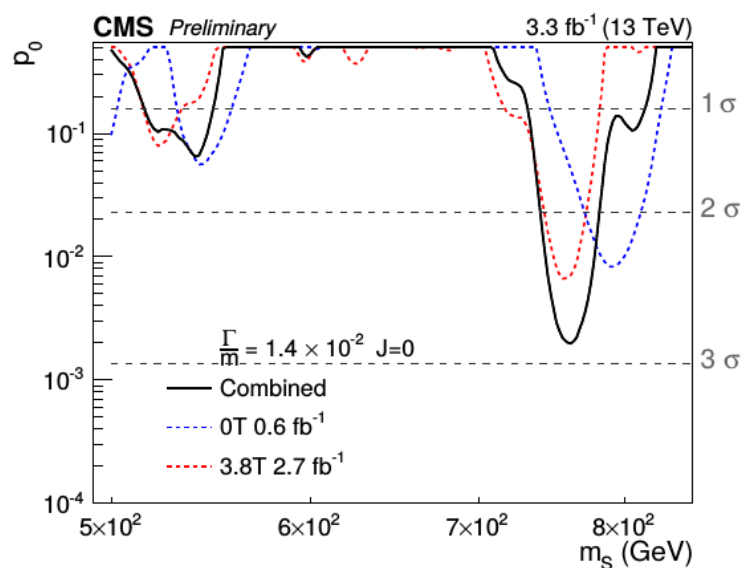
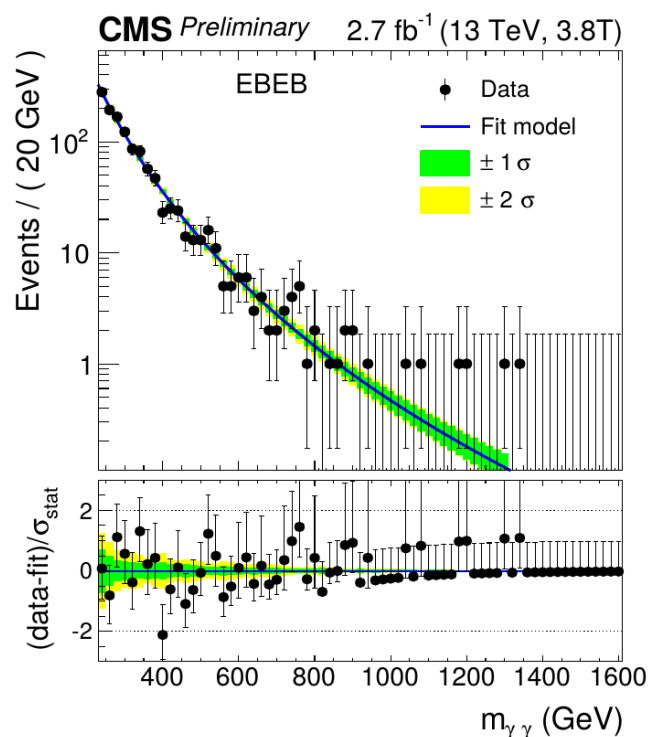
- ▶ Largest excess observed for  $m_x = 760\text{GeV}$  and  $\Gamma/m = 1.4 \times 10^{-2}$ .
  - ▶ **Local** significance: **2.8-2.9 $\sigma$**  depending on the spin hypothesis.
  - ▶ Similar significance for narrow-width hypothesis.
  - ▶ **Trial factors** estimated from **sampling distribution** of  $\max(p_0)$ , taking into account all the 6 signal hypotheses (spin and width).
  - ▶ **“Global”** significance **< 1 $\sigma$** .





# Breaking-down the contributions

- ▶ Excess at 760GeV comes mostly from EBEB categories.
  - ▶ Driven by 3.8T category.  
(where the observed excess is ~unchanged w.r.t. the previous results).
  - ▶ Observed one event in the 0T dataset compatible with 3.8T excess.



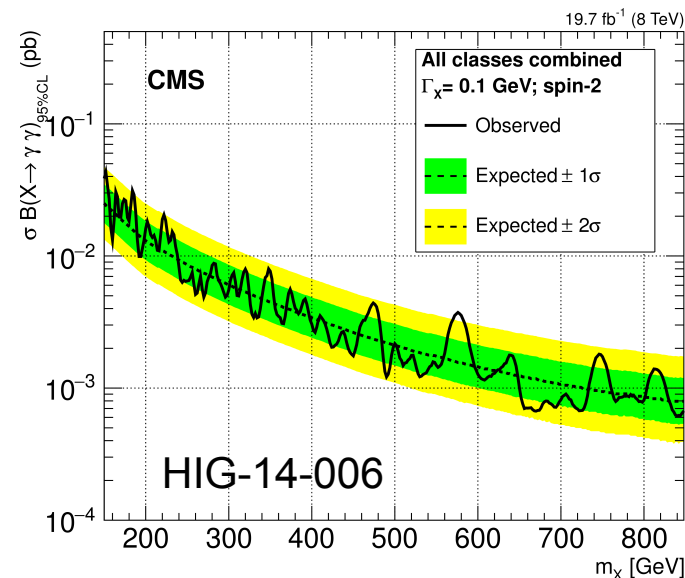
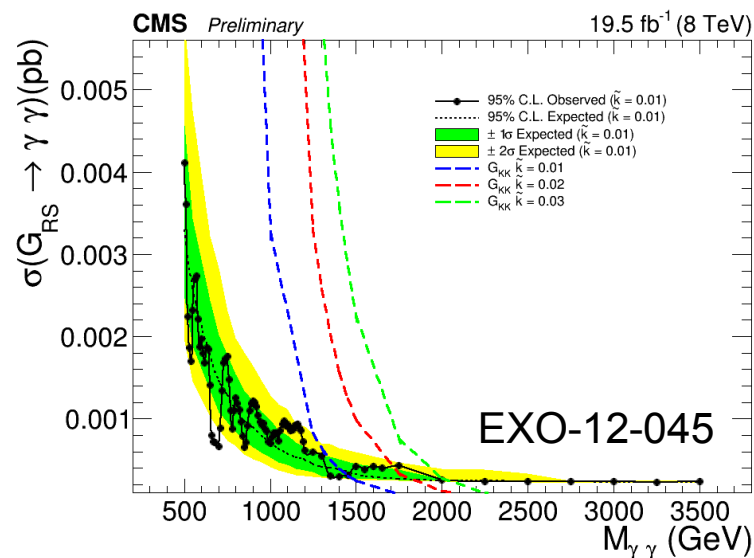
# Combined analysis of 8 and 13TeV data



► CMS presented **two searches** for diphoton resonances at 8TeV.

► **HIG-14-004**: (PLB 750 (2015) 494) search range 150-850GeV, spin-0 and spin-2 interpretation.

► **EXO-12-045**: search range 500-3000GeV, spin-2 only interpretation.



► Combination in all 6 signal hypotheses tested at 13TeV.

► At **each mass, pick most sensitive** analysis:  
HIG-14-004 in 500-850GeV, EXO-12-045 otherwise.

► **Cross section ratios** at 750GeV.

► For spin 0 ( $gg \rightarrow S$ ):  $\sigma(13\text{TeV})/\sigma(8\text{TeV}) = 4.7$

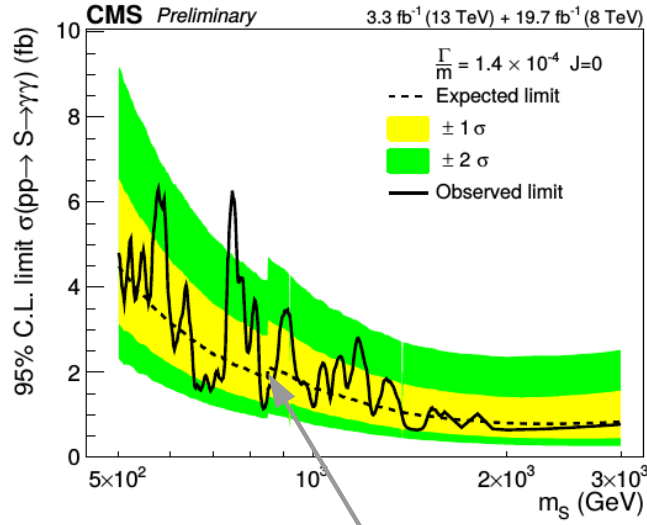
► For spin 2 ( $G_{RS}$ ):  $\sigma(13\text{TeV})/\sigma(8\text{TeV}) = 4.2$



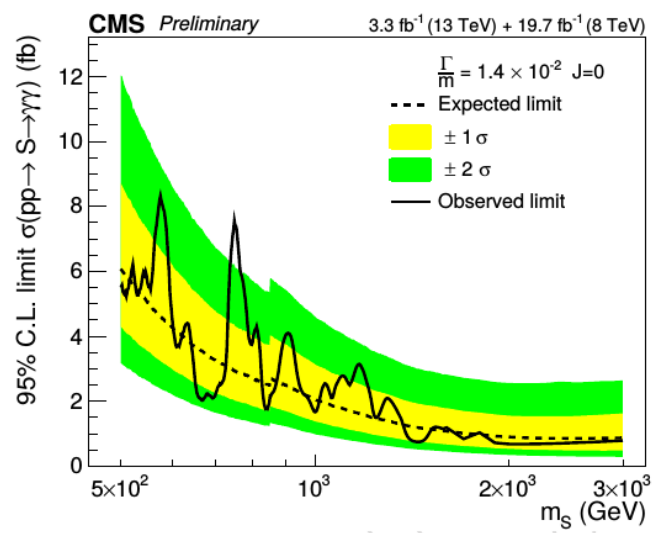
# Upper limits (normalized to 13TeV x-sec)

► Compared to single analyses, sensitivity improved by 20-40%.

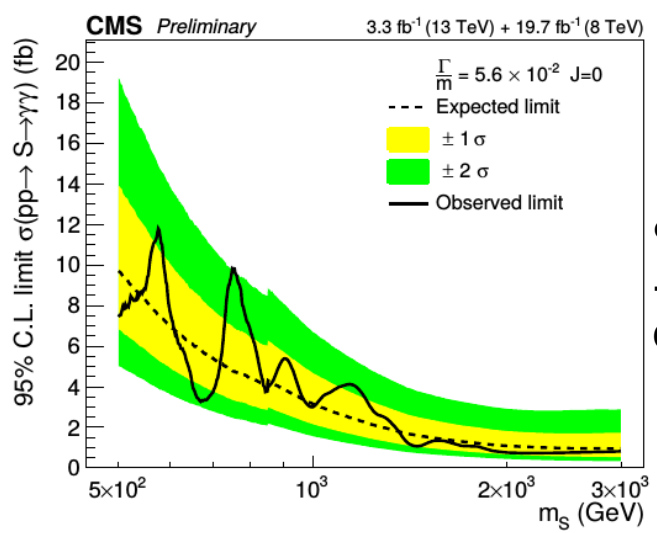
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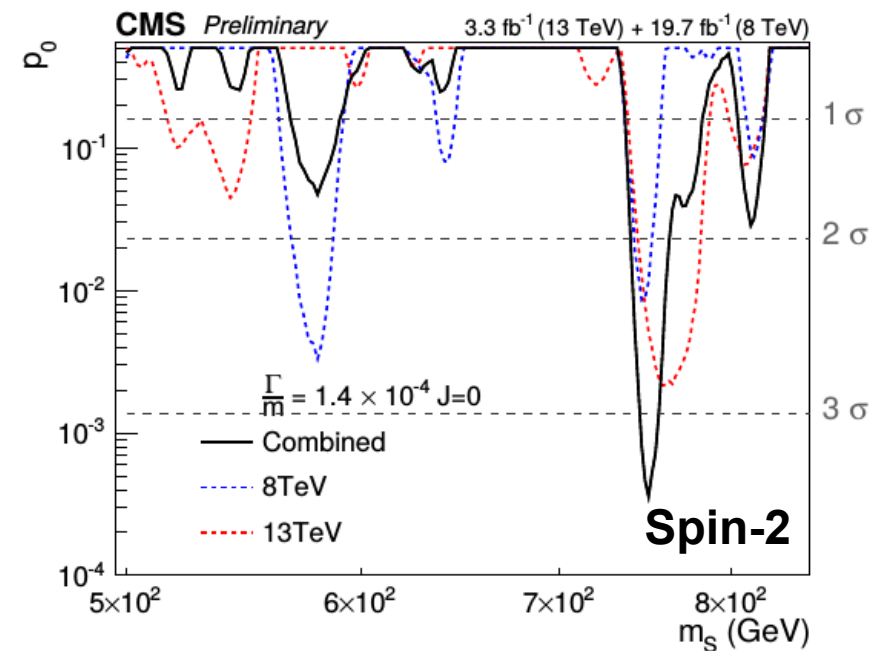
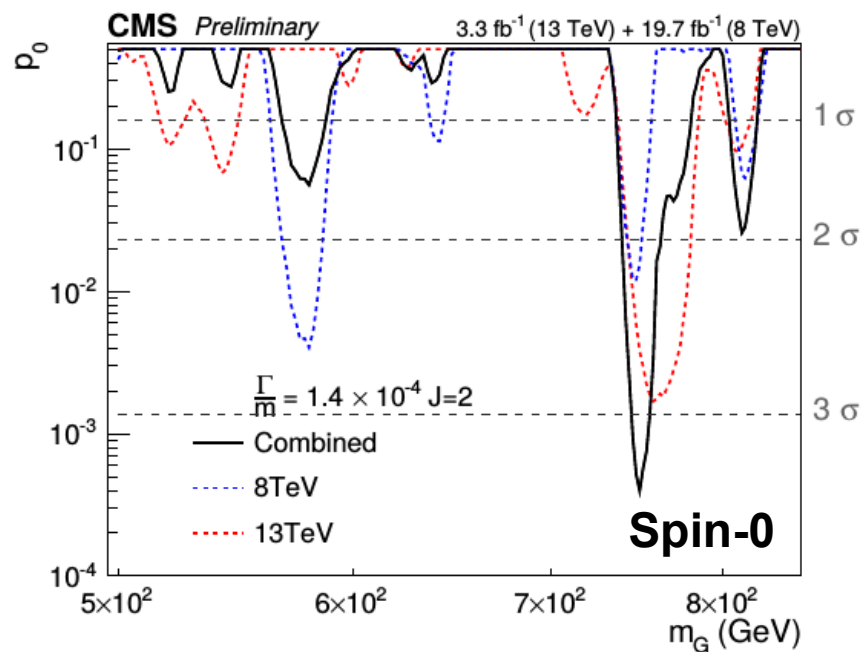
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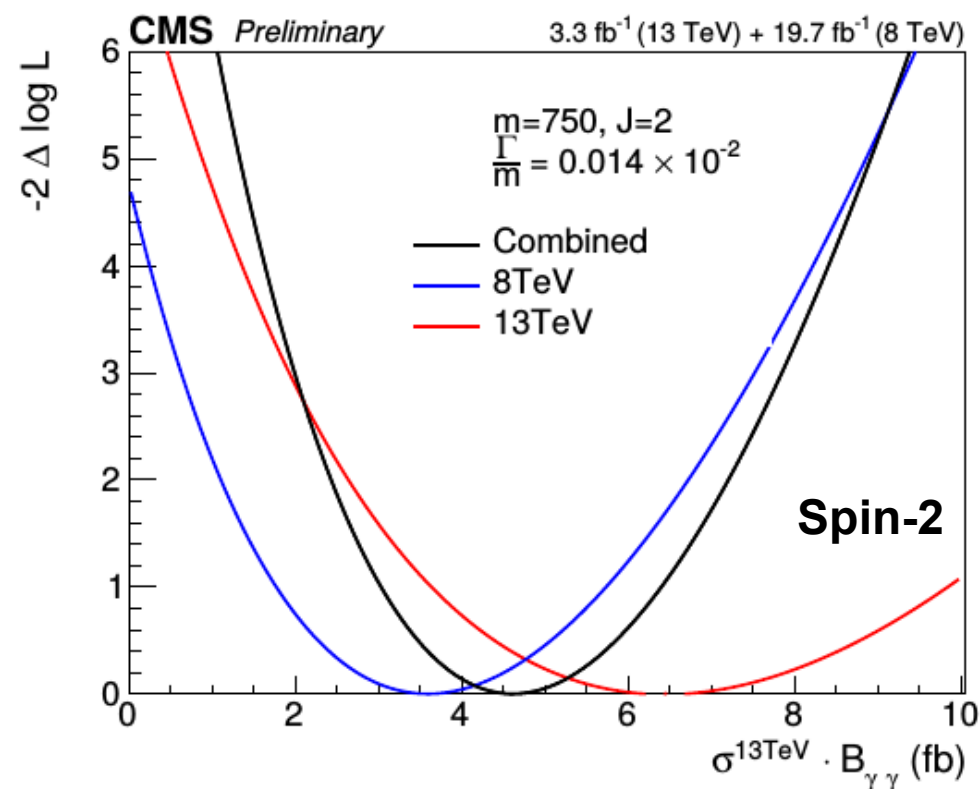
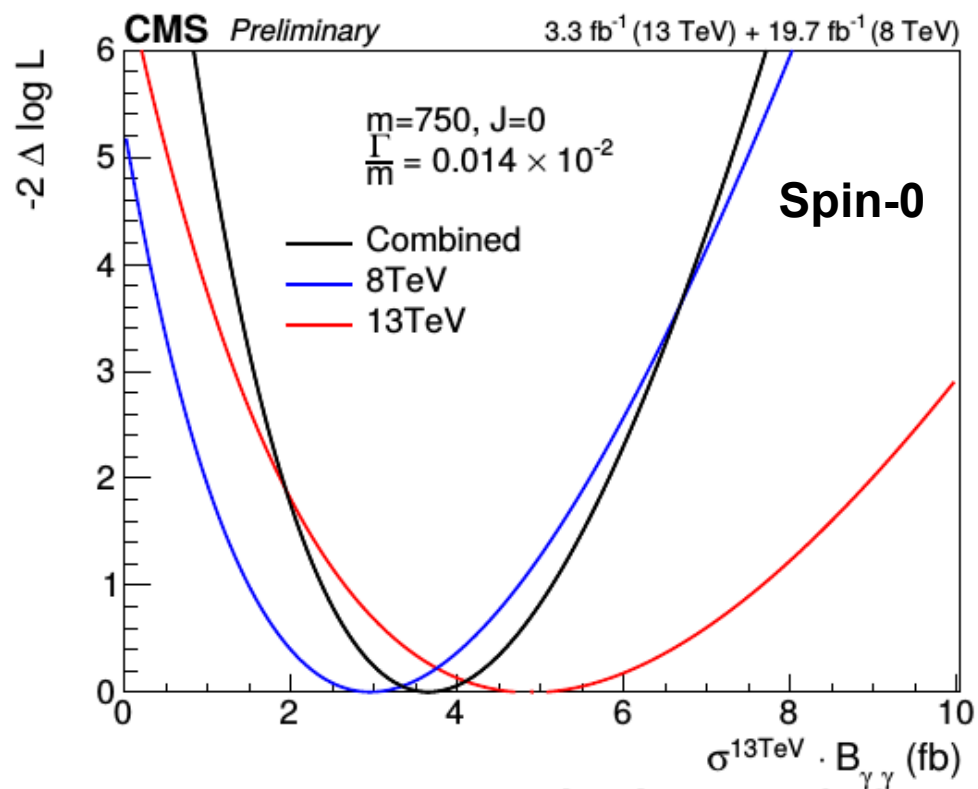
Switch between 8TeV analyses

- ▶ Largest excess observed at  $m_x = 750\text{GeV}$  and for **narrow** width.
- ▶ **Local** significance:  $3.4\sigma$
- ▶ Taking into account mass range 500-3500GeV (and all signal hypotheses), “**global**” significance becomes  $1.6\sigma$



► Evaluated through likelihood scan vs equivalent 13TeV cross-section at  $m_x = 750\text{GeV}$  under both spin (narrow-width) hypotheses.

► Compatible results observed in both datasets.

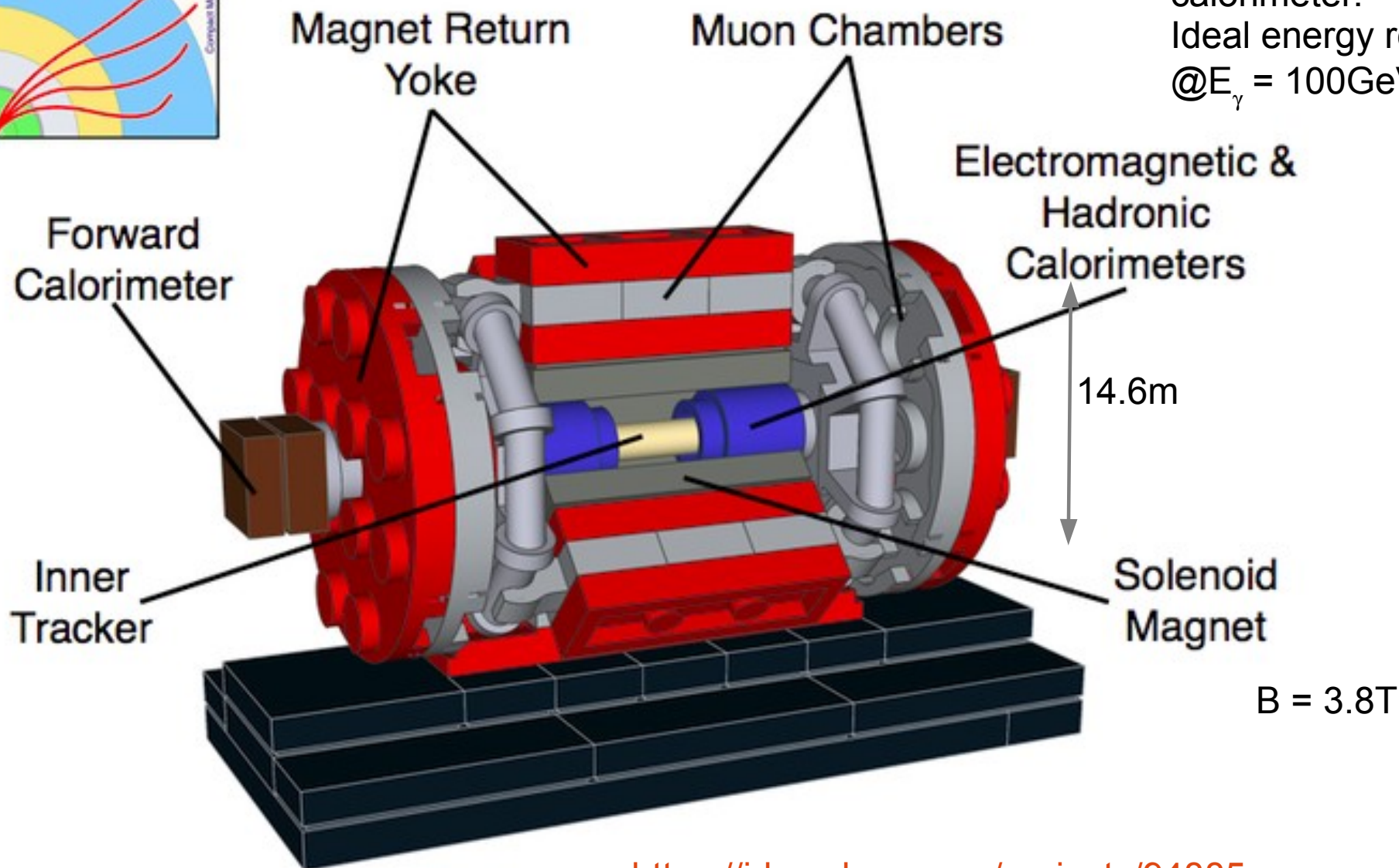


- ▶ Showed an **update on searches for diphoton resonances** in the mass range above 500GeV at 8 and 13TeV.
  - ▶ Used simple and robust analysis strategy.
- ▶ Used **improved** detector **calibration** and analyzed dataset recorded at **0T**.
  - ▶ Compared to previous results, 13TeV analysis improved **sensitivity** by **more than 20%**.
- ▶ Results interpreted in terms of scalar resonances and RS gravitons production of different widths.
  - ▶ Observation generally consistent with SM expectations.
  - ▶ **Modest excess** of events observed at  **$m_x = 750(760)\text{GeV}$**  for the 8+13TeV(13TeV) dataset.
  - ▶ **Local** significance is  **$3.4(2.9)\sigma$** , **reduced to  $1.6(<1)\sigma$**  after accounting for look-elsewhere-effect.





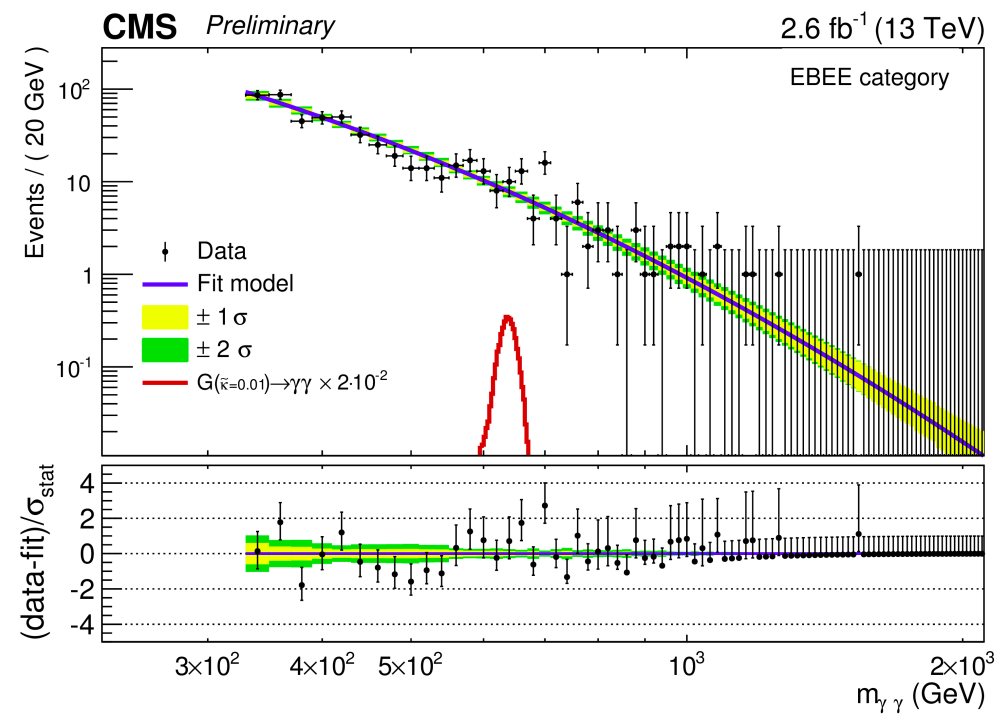
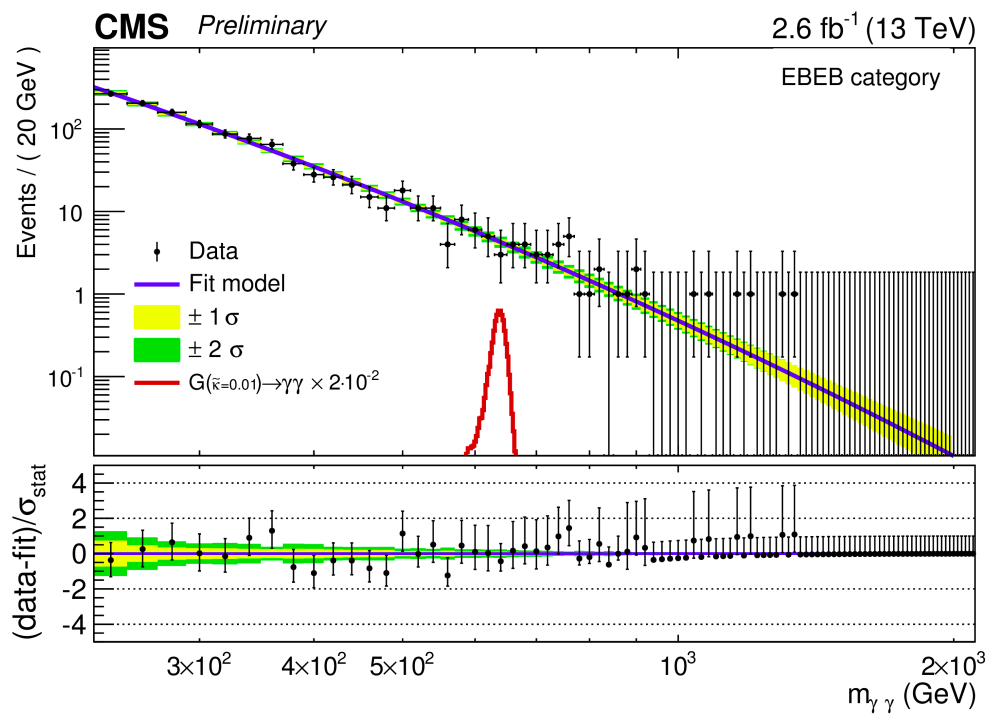
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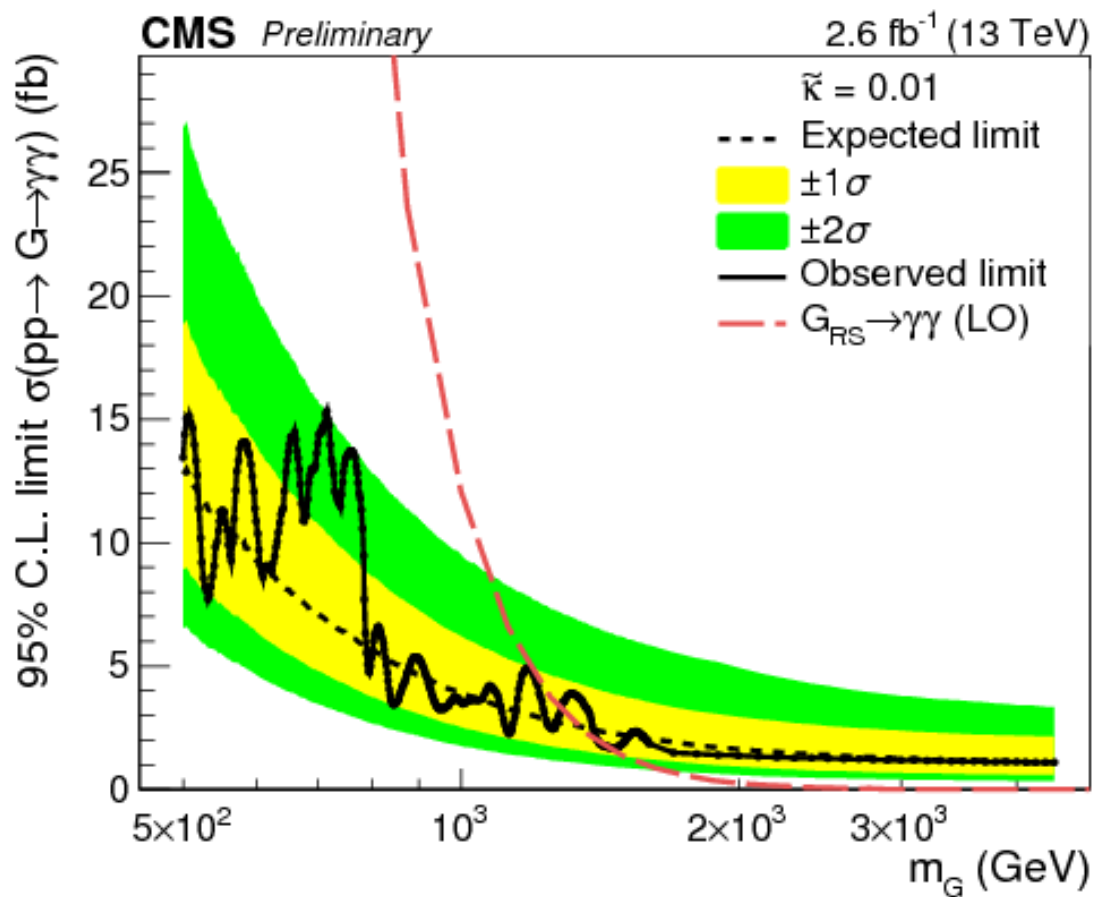


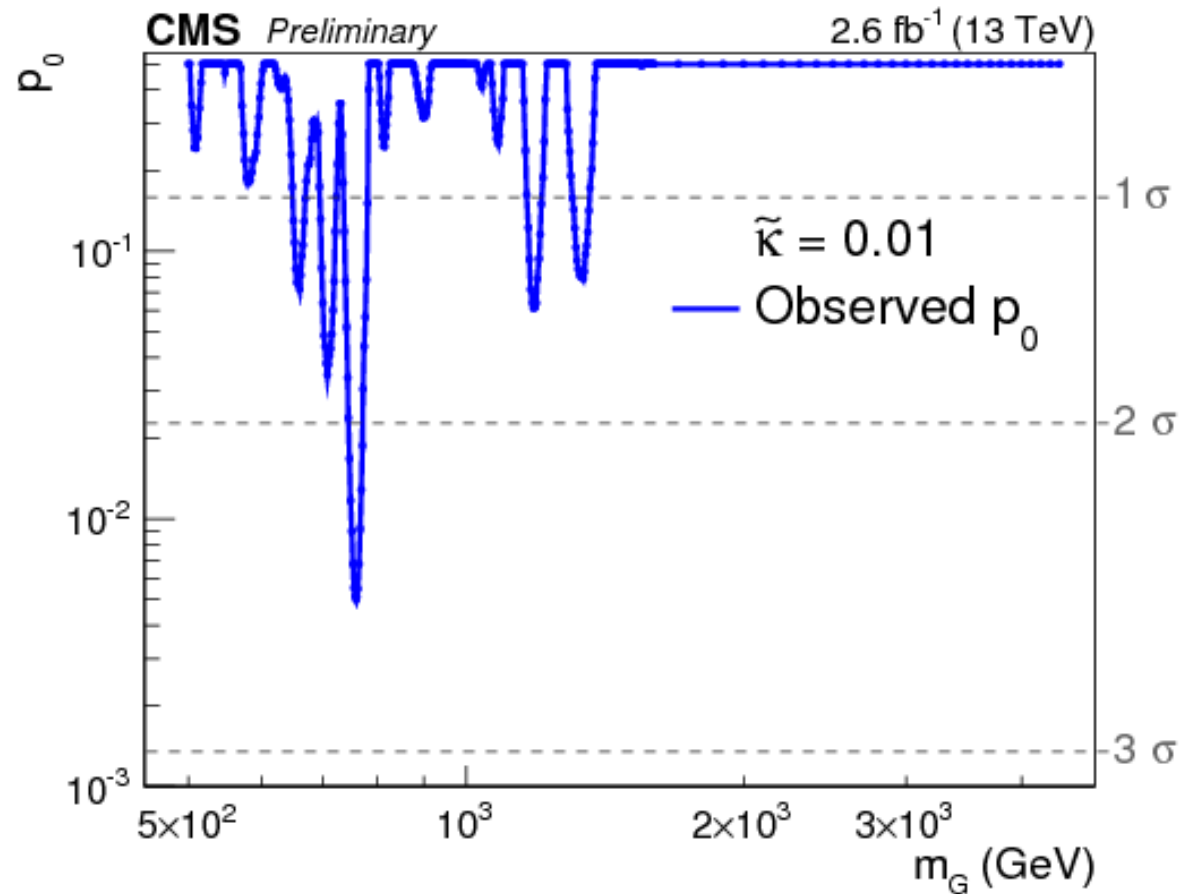
PWO homogeneous calorimeter.  
Ideal energy resolution  
@ $E_\gamma = 100\text{GeV} \sim 0.6\%$

<https://ideas.lego.com/projects/94885>



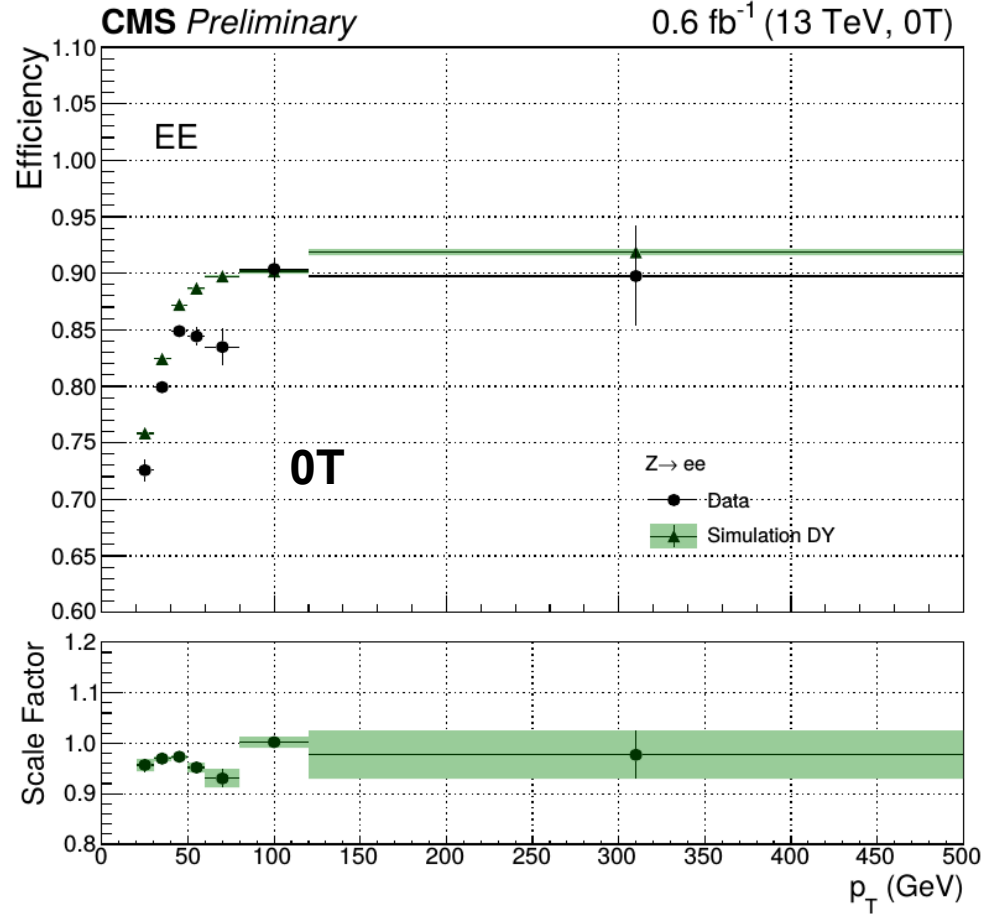
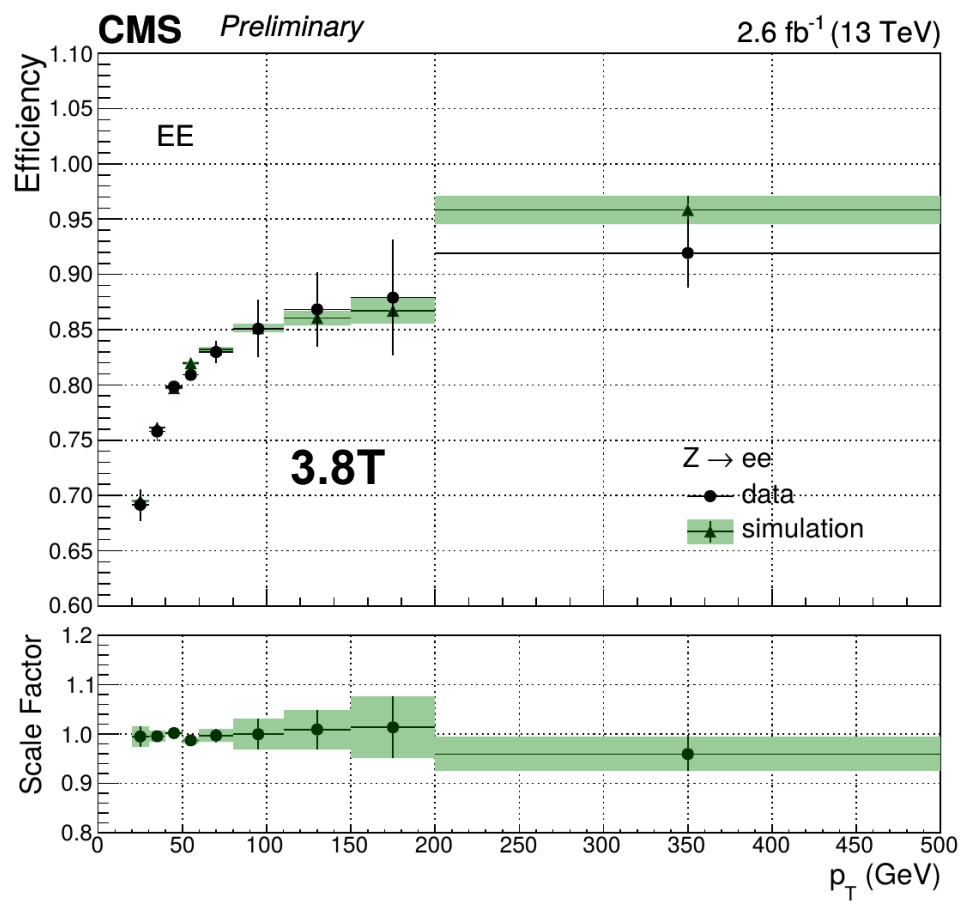




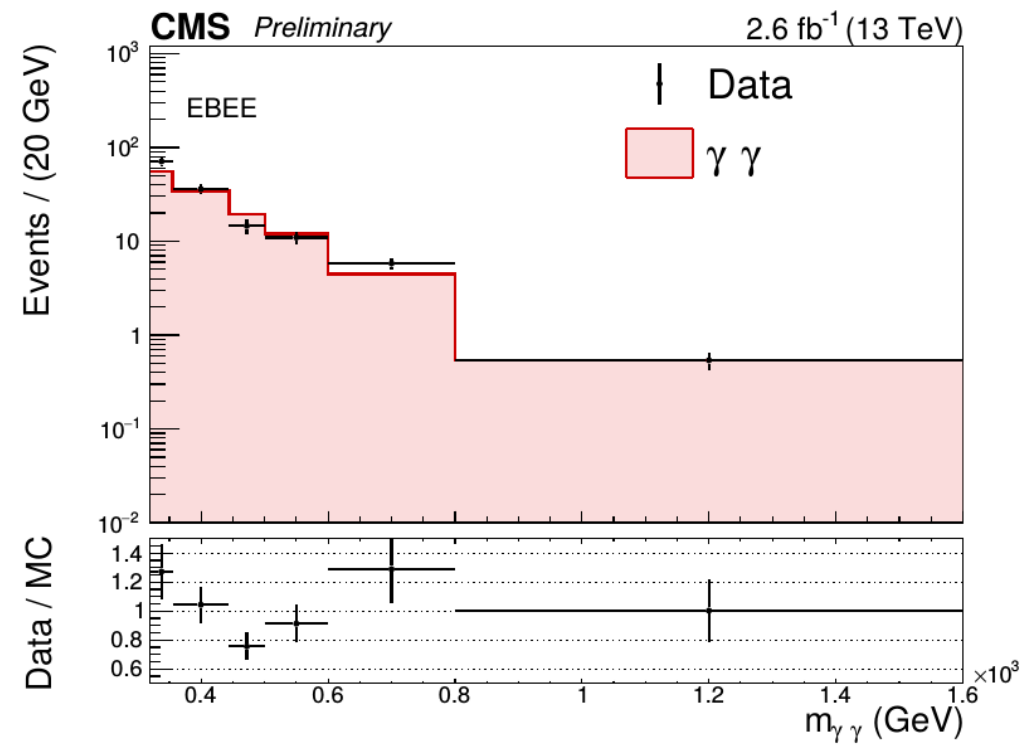
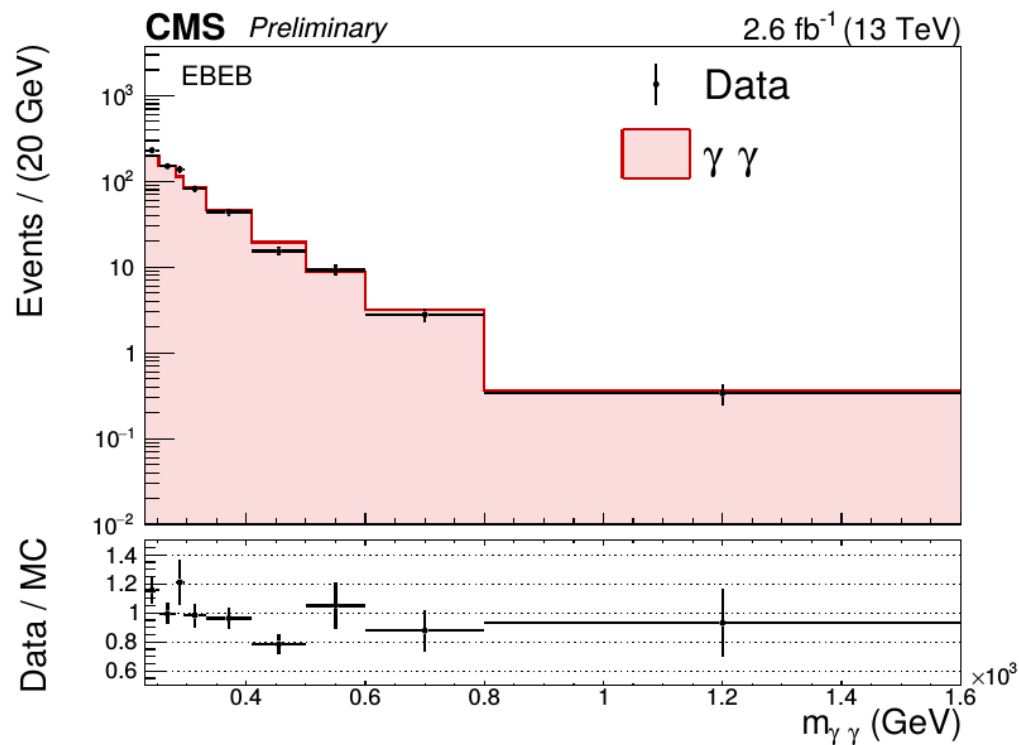


- ▶ Analyses estimate background process extrapolating from side-bands in  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  spectrum.
  - ▶ Do not rely on precise prediction of background processes from MC simulation.
  - ▶ MC simulations used only to determine functional form used.
- ▶ At 3.8T, background composition measured in data
  - ▶ Determination do not enter in search result, but important to validate assumption that MC simulation are reliable.
  - ▶ Irreducible background accounts for 90(80)% of the events in the EBEB(EBEE) category.

# Photon identification efficiency for endcap photons.

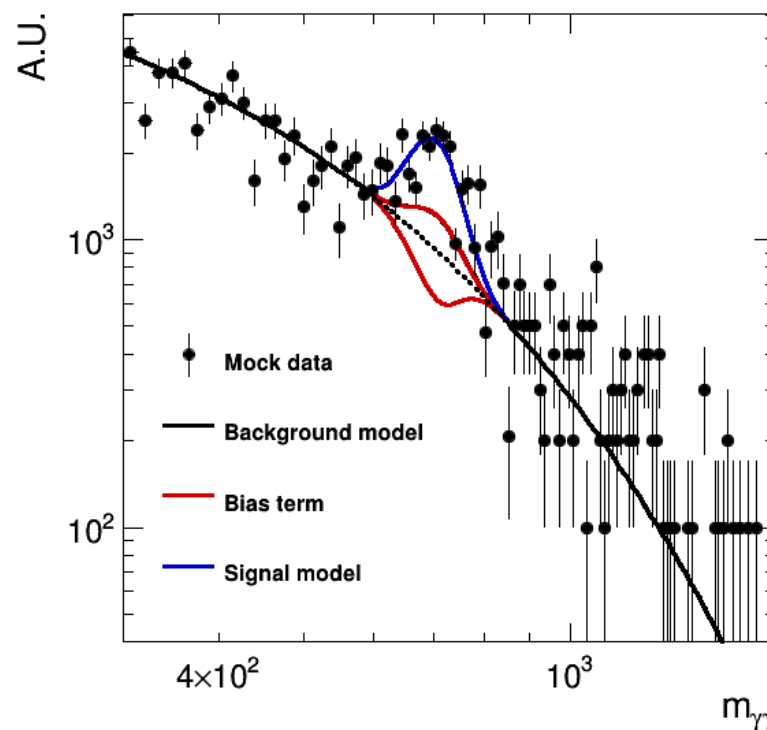


- ▶ Prediction for  $\gamma\gamma$  component checked against theory predictions.
  - ▶ Obtained using Sherpa-LO reweighted to  $2\gamma$ NNLO.
  - ▶ Observation in good agreement with model.

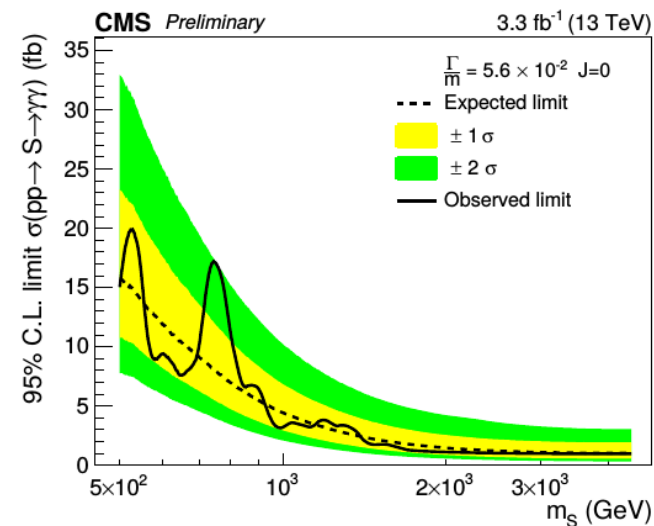
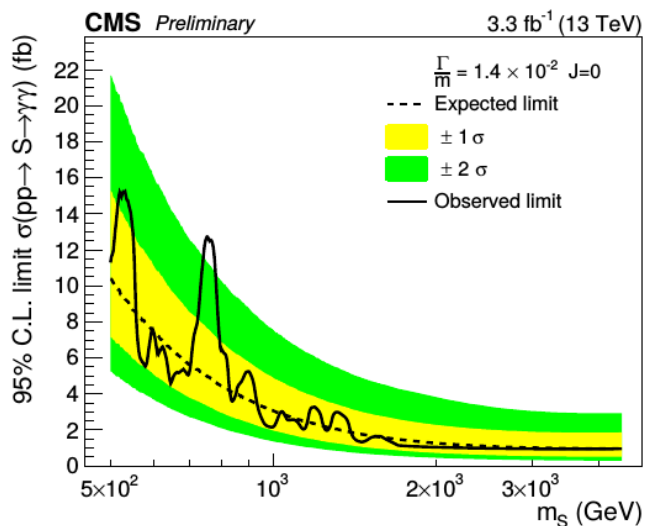
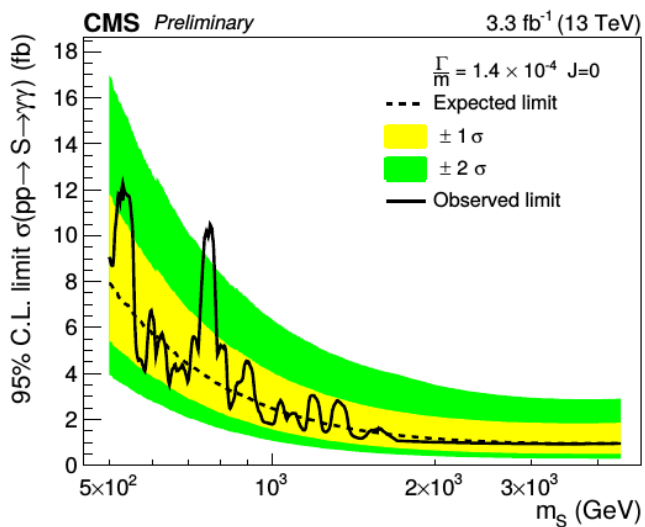


# Background modelling

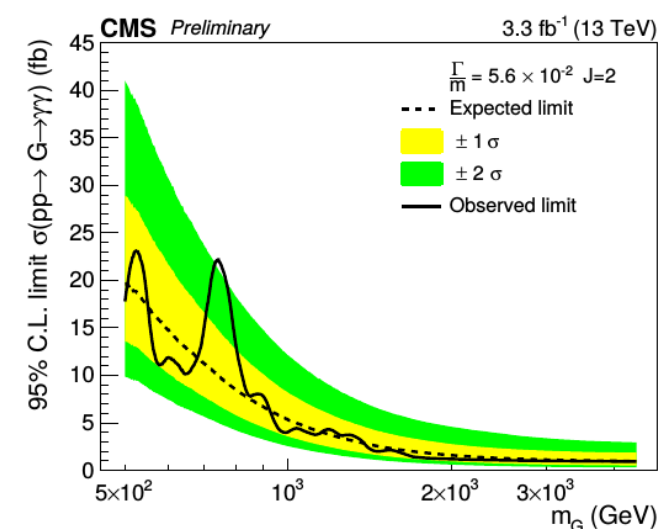
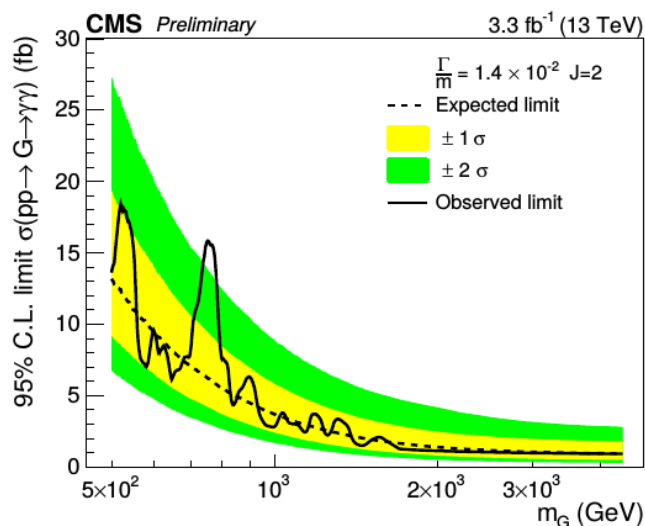
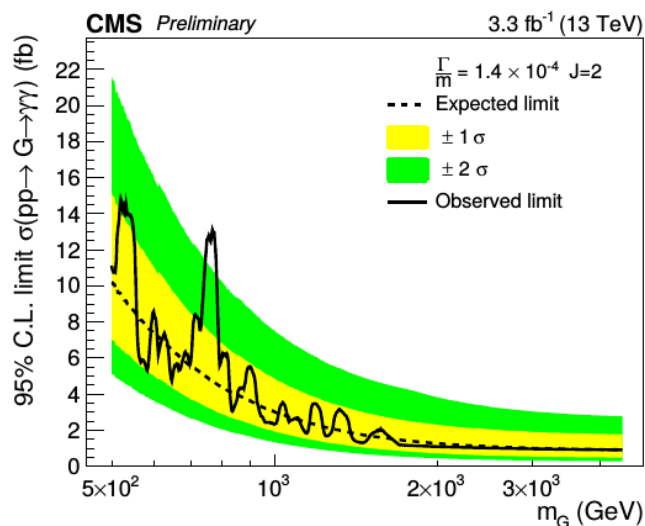
- ▶ Background modelled using **parametric fit** to data.
  - ▶ Model **coefficients** treated as unconstrained **nuisance parameters** in hypothesis test.
- ▶ Choice of background parametrization is arbitrary a-priori.
- ▶ Requirement: should not lead to false positives or negatives.
  - ▶ Fulfilled making sure that the **bias on the predicted background is small compared to the statistical uncertainties**.
  - ▶ Mismodelling required to be  $< 1/2$  of the background stat. uncertainty.
  - ▶ Extra uncertainty added if condition not fulfilled, modelled as signal-like background component (“bias term”).



# Upper limits - 13TeV



Spin 0



Spin 2

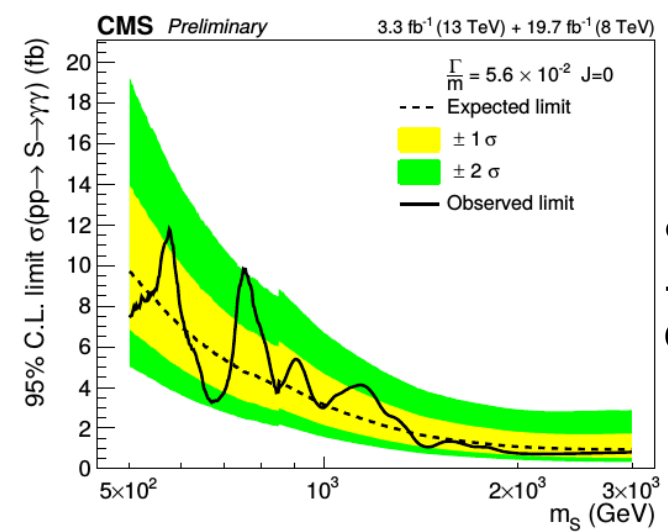
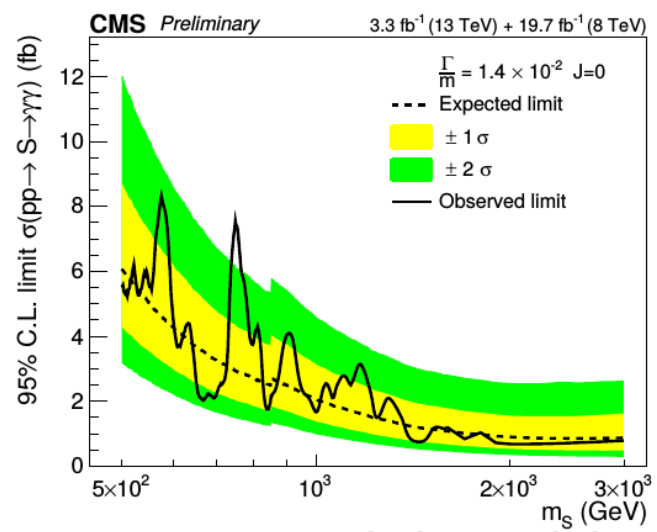
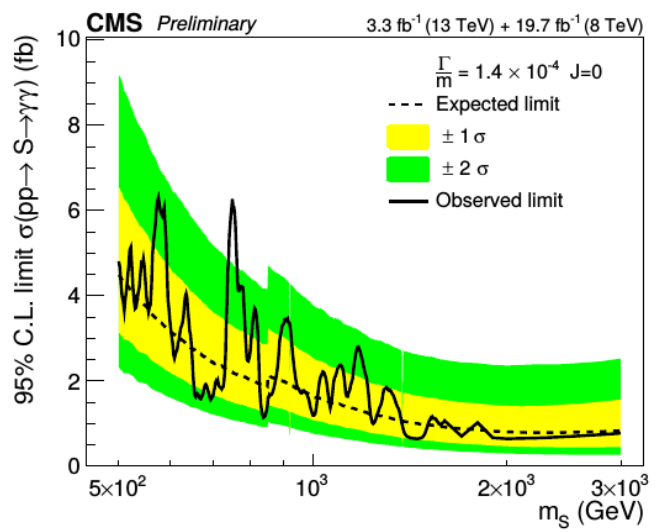
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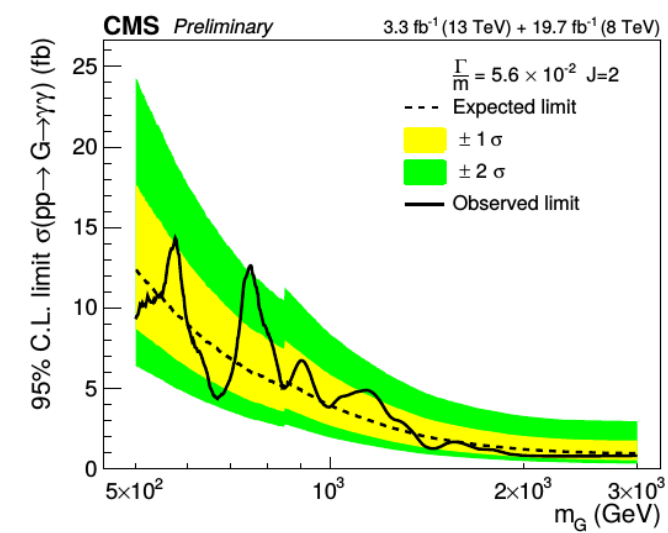
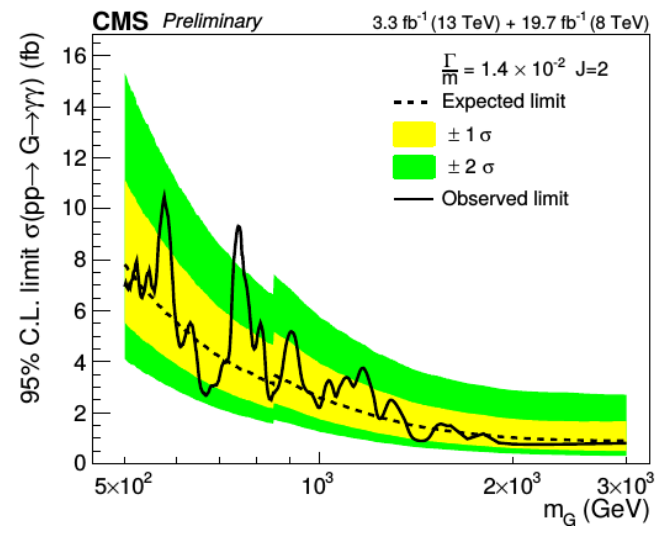
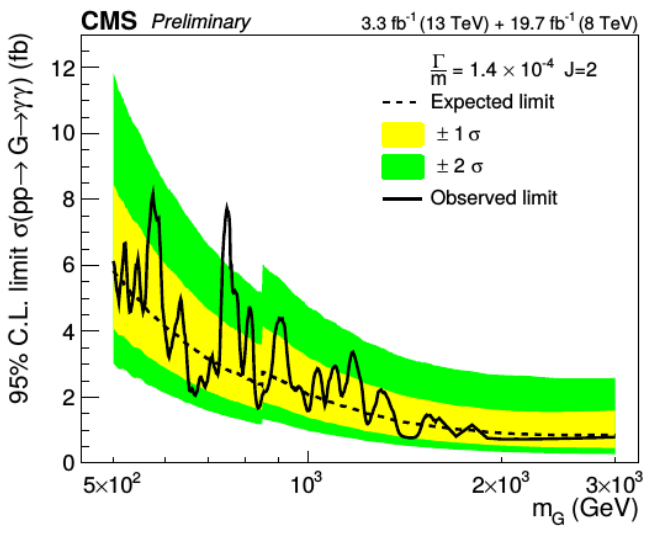
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# Upper limits (normalized to 13TeV x-sec) 8+13TeV



Spin 0



Spin 2

$\Gamma/m = 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$

$\Gamma/m = 1.4 \times 10^{-2}$

$\Gamma/m = 5.6 \times 10^{-2}$

# P-values – all signal hypotheses

