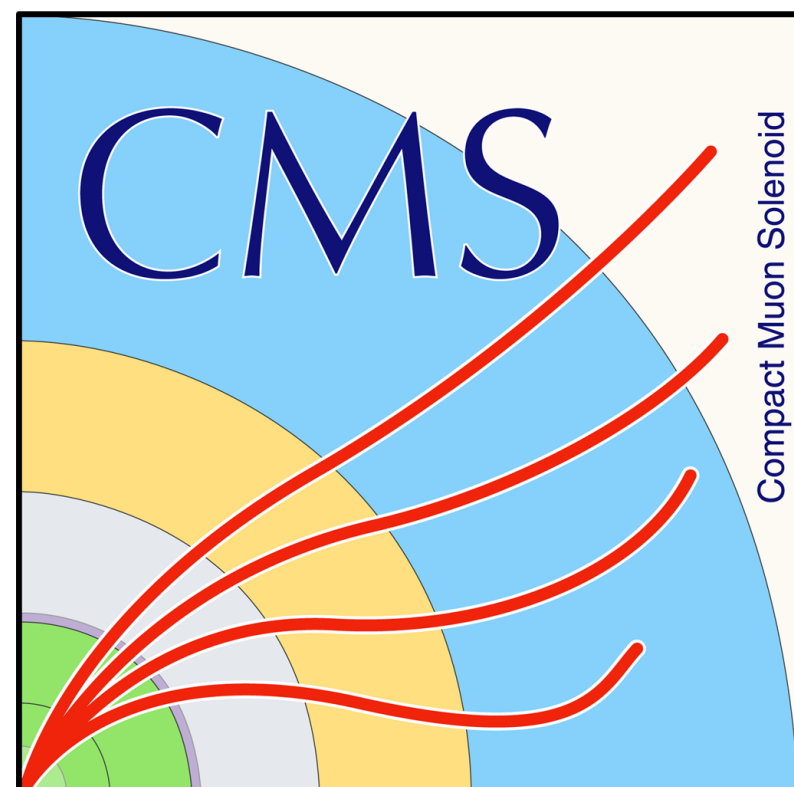


# Measurement of Higgs boson cross sections with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays at CMS

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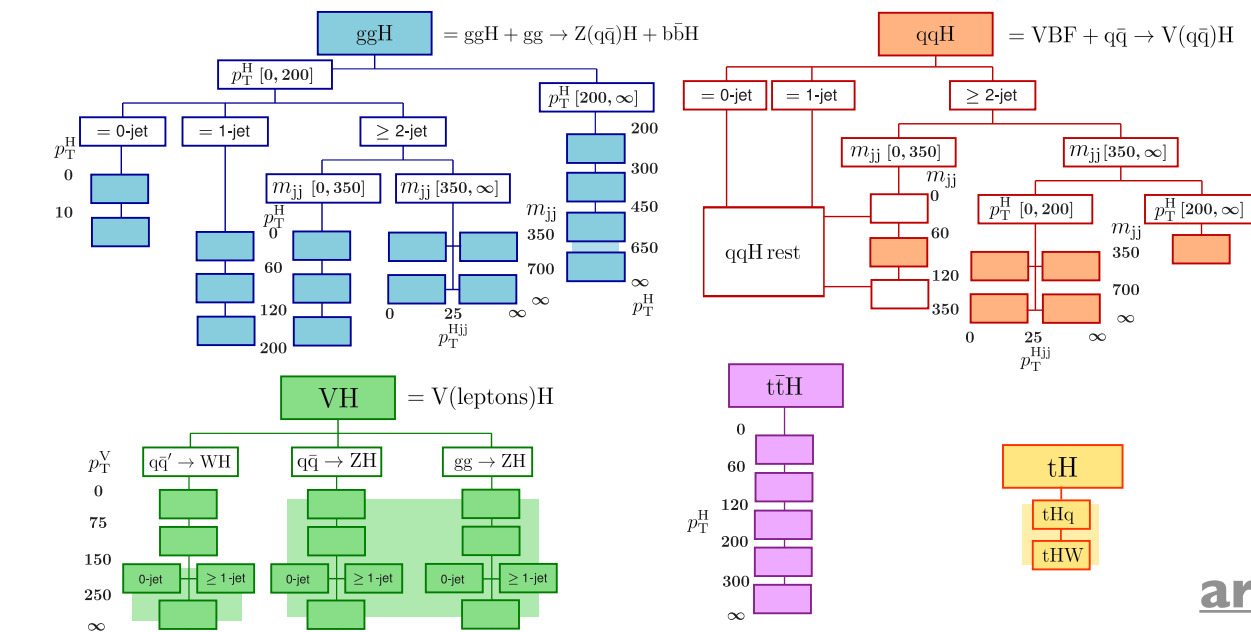
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# Introduction

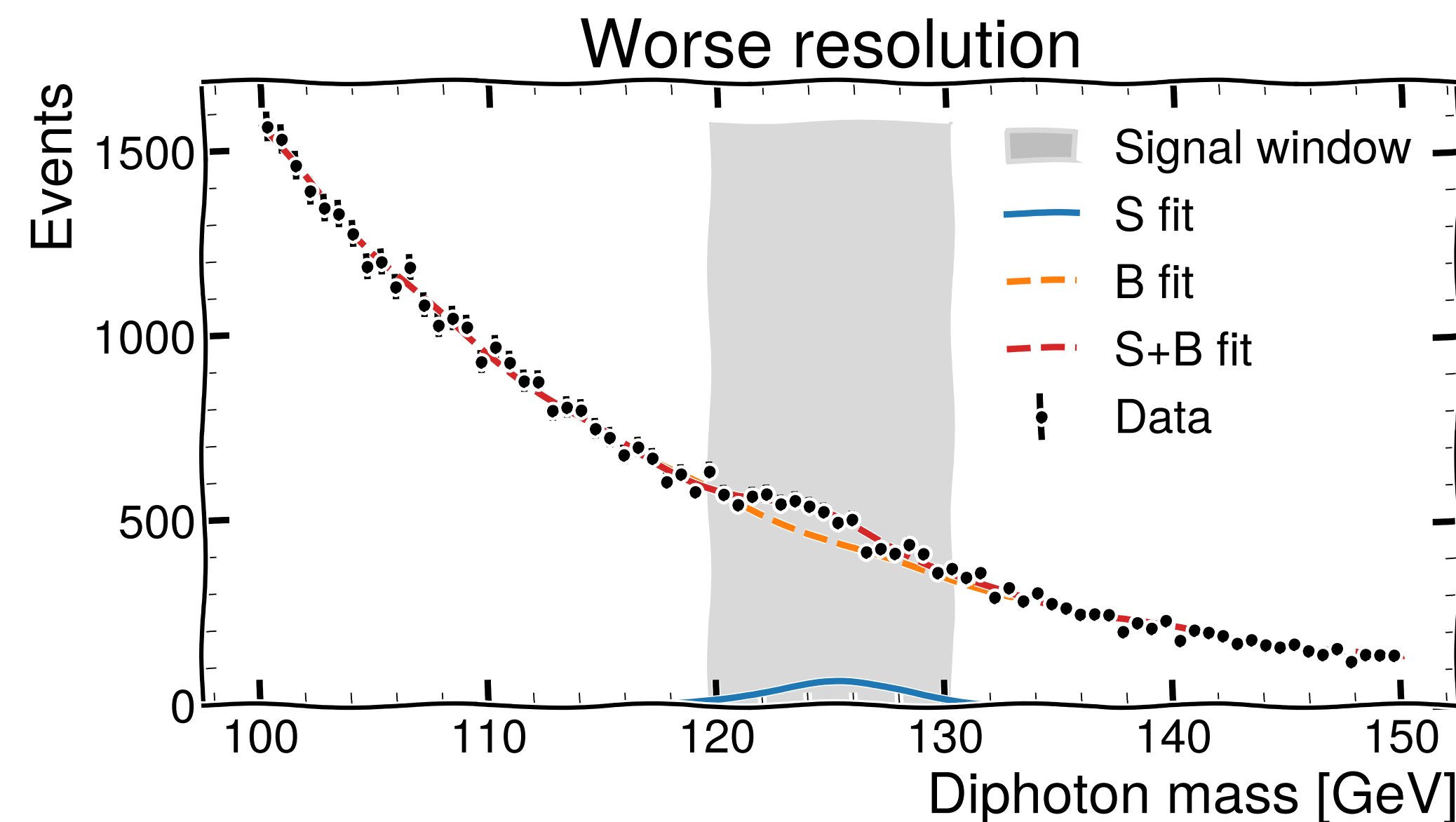
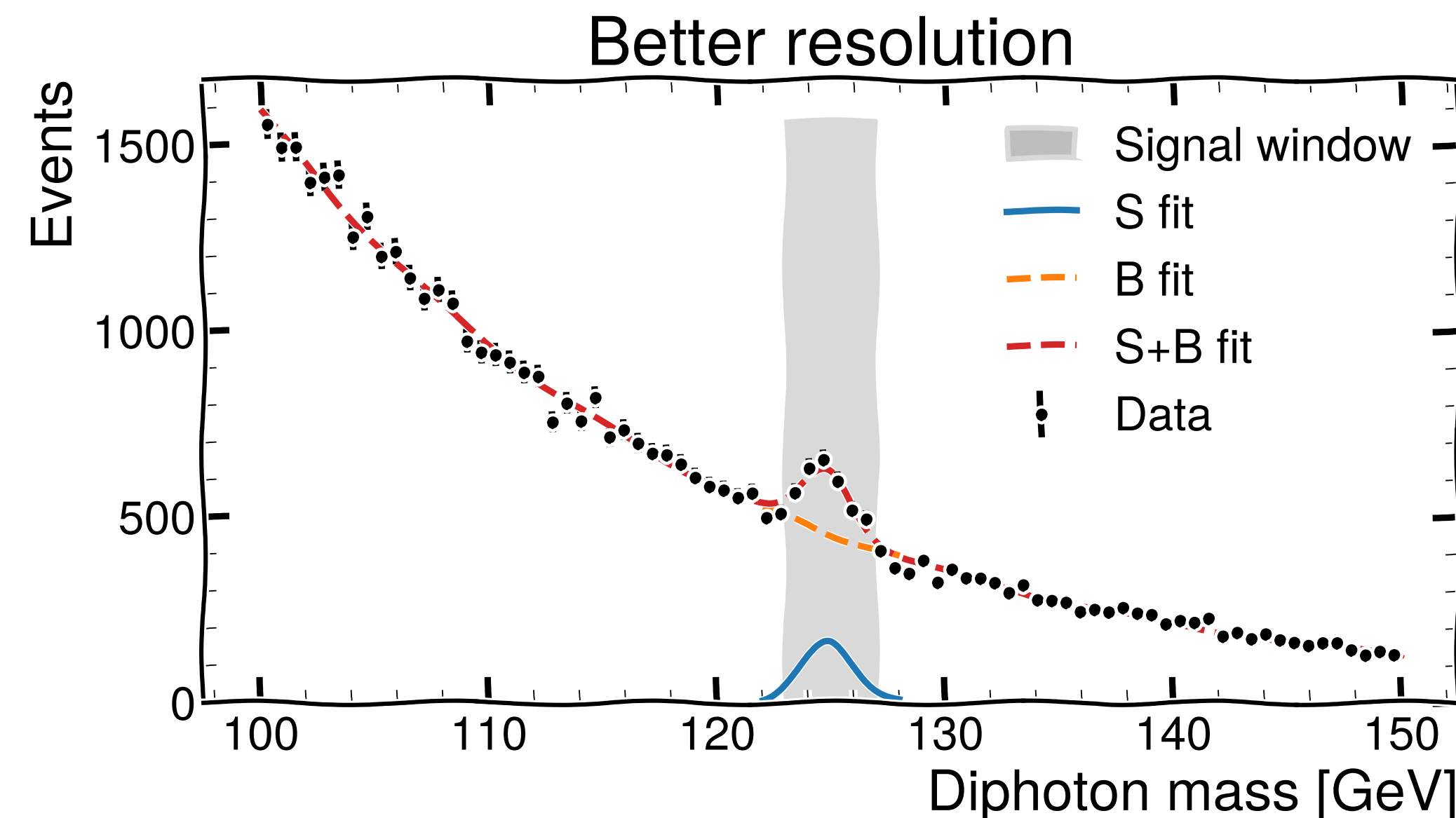
- Cross section measurements essential for pinning down Higgs properties
- Simplified template cross sections
  - optimized for reduced theory uncertainties
  - per production mode
- Fiducial and differential cross sections (this talk)
  - designed to maximize model independence
  - inclusive in production modes
- Full Run-2 measurement [arXiv:2208.12279](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.12279) [JHEP 07 \(2023\) 091](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.12279)



arXiv:2103.06956

# Analysis Strategy

- Fiducial phase spaces  $\sim$  reco. phase spaces
  - Inclusive
  - Motivated by production modes ( $\ell$ ,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ,  $b$  ...)
  - Split into bins ( $p_{T}^{\gamma\gamma}$ ,  $\#\text{jets}$ ,  $p_{T}^{\text{jet}}$ , ...)
- Signal yields from fits to  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Additional categorization  $\rightarrow$  model independent!
- Split only by:
  - $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  resolution
  - data-taking year



# Quantile Morphing

- Energy resolution estimated by “semi-parametric regression”

- As resolution of calorimeters improves with energy  $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{b}{E} \oplus c$   
→  $\frac{\sigma_{m_{\gamma\gamma}}}{m_{\gamma\gamma}}$  improves with energy

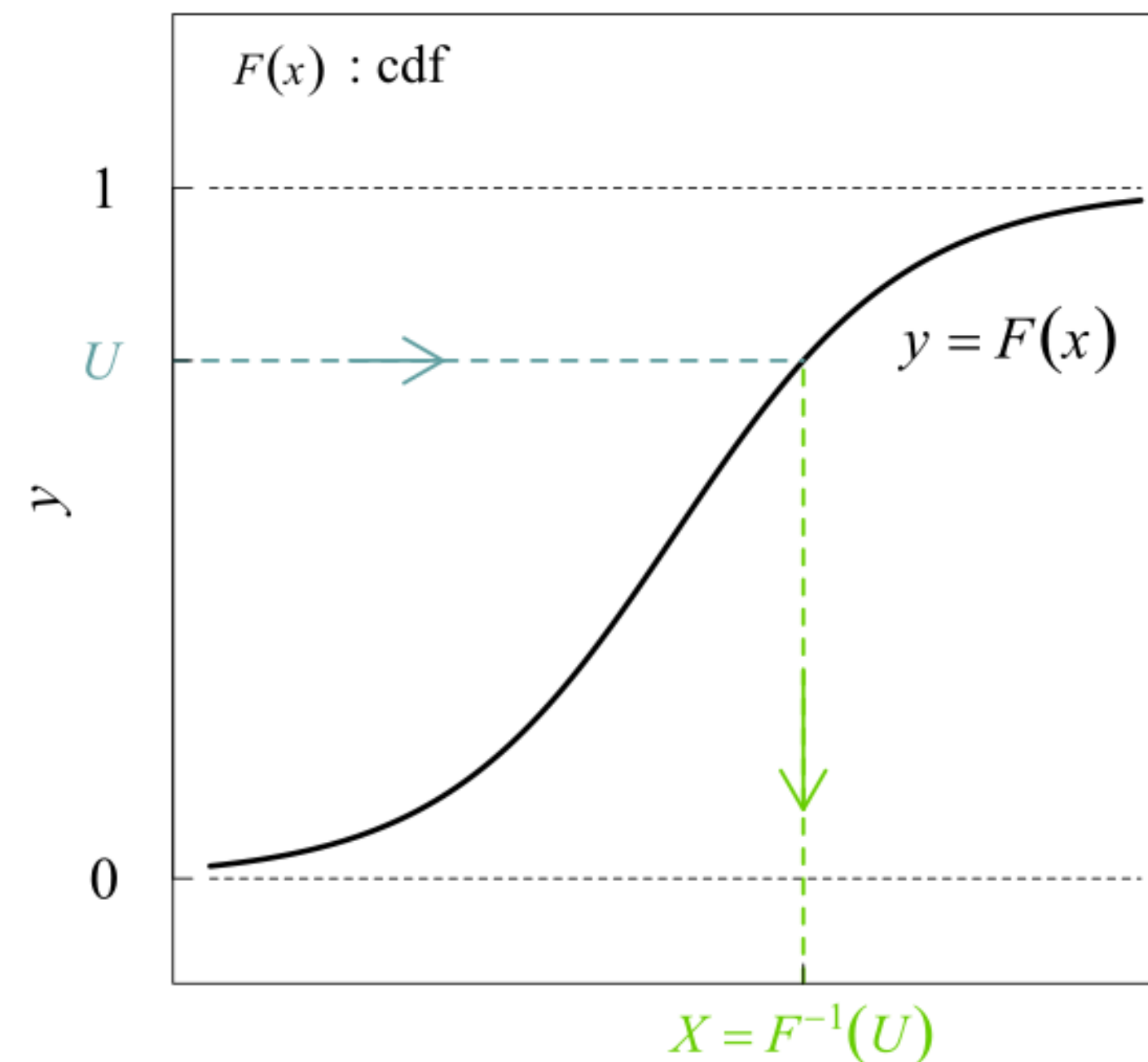
- Produces turn-ons in  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  spectrum...

- Solution: decorrelate vs.  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  by  
quantile morphing to  $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 125$  GeV

- *aka Smirnov transform*

- *aka inverse transform sampling*

$$y_{\text{corr}} = F'_Y{}^{-1} (F_Y(y))$$



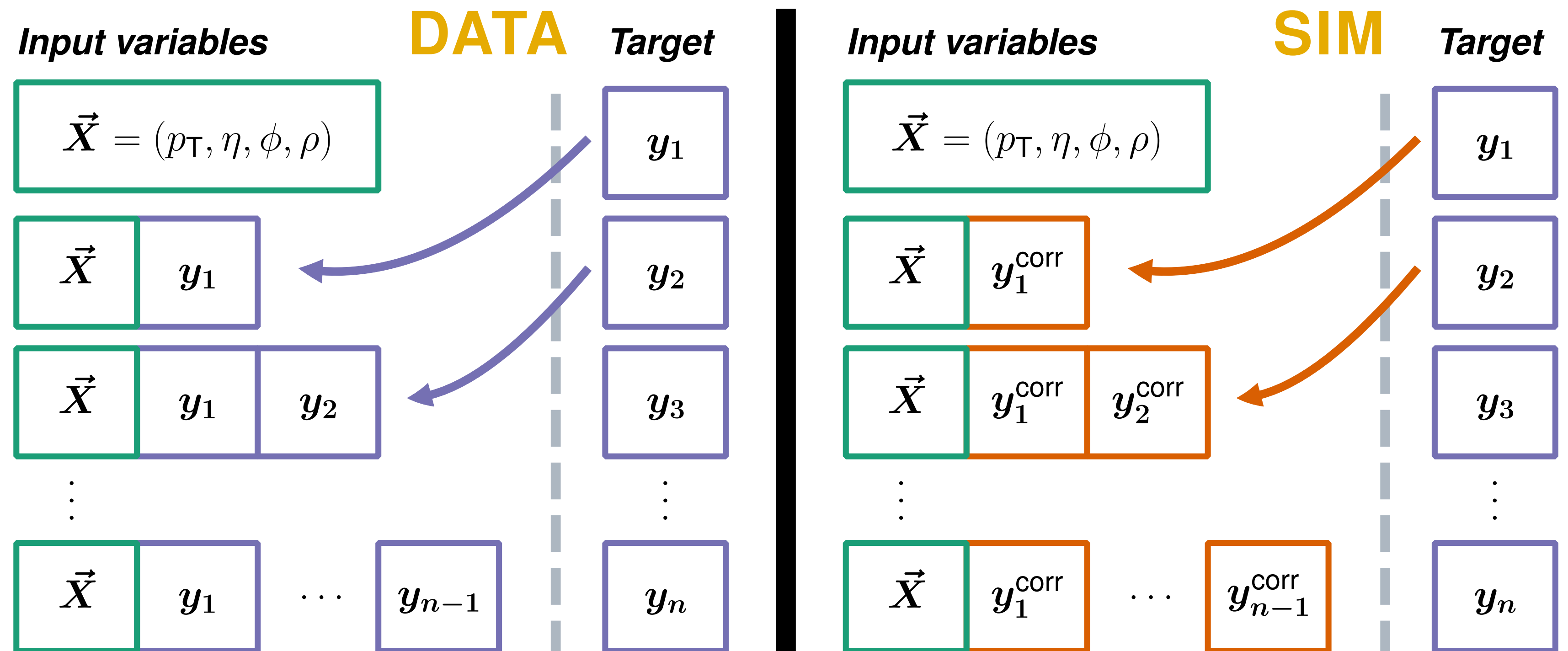
# Chained Quantile Regression

- Conditional quantile morphing → quantile regression with loss

$$q_Y(\tau) = \operatorname{argmin}_u \left\{ (\tau - 1) \int_{-\infty}^u (y - u) dF_Y(y) + \tau \int_u^{\infty} (y - u) dF_Y(y) \right\}$$

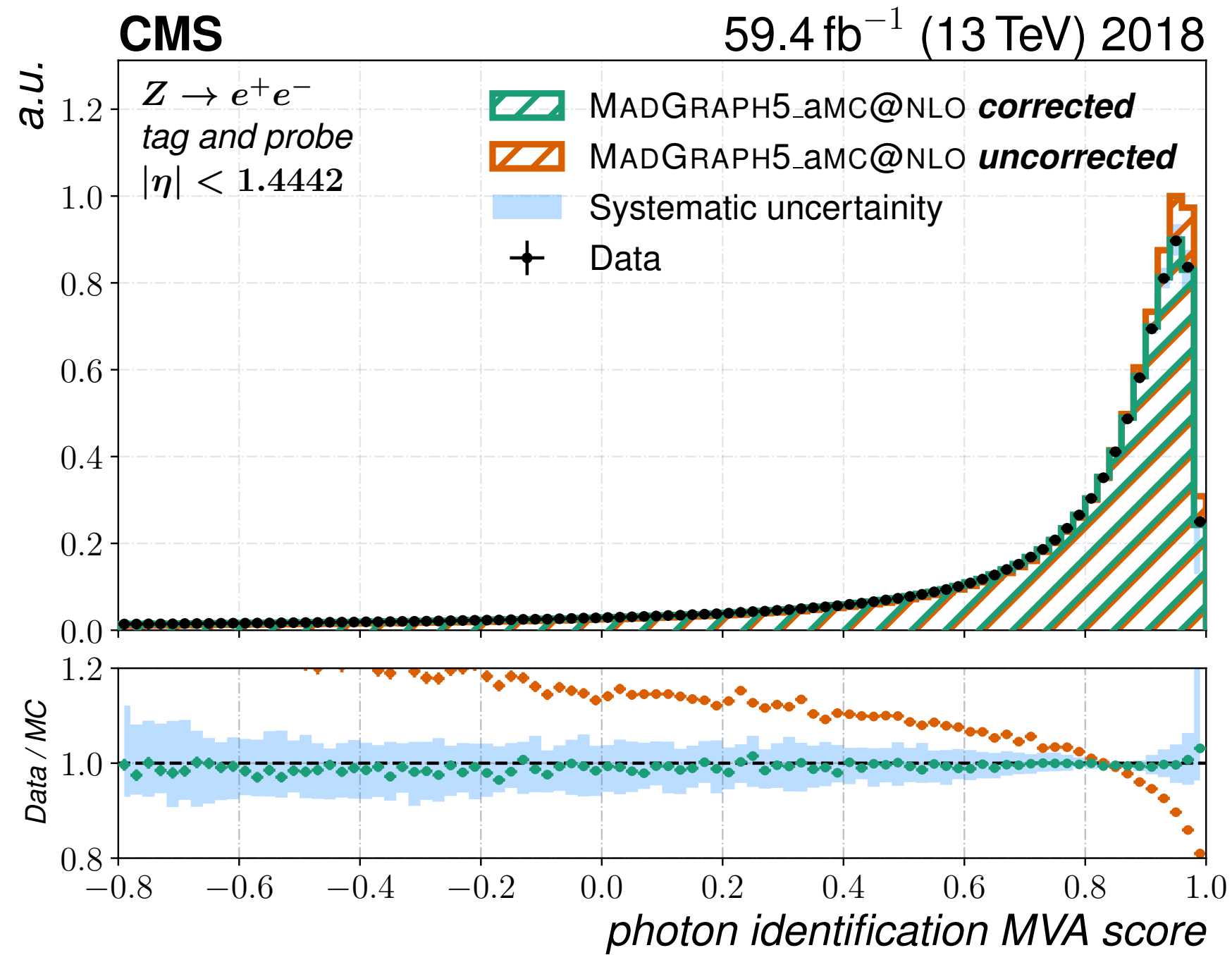
- Extension to several correlated variables

→ chained quantile regression:

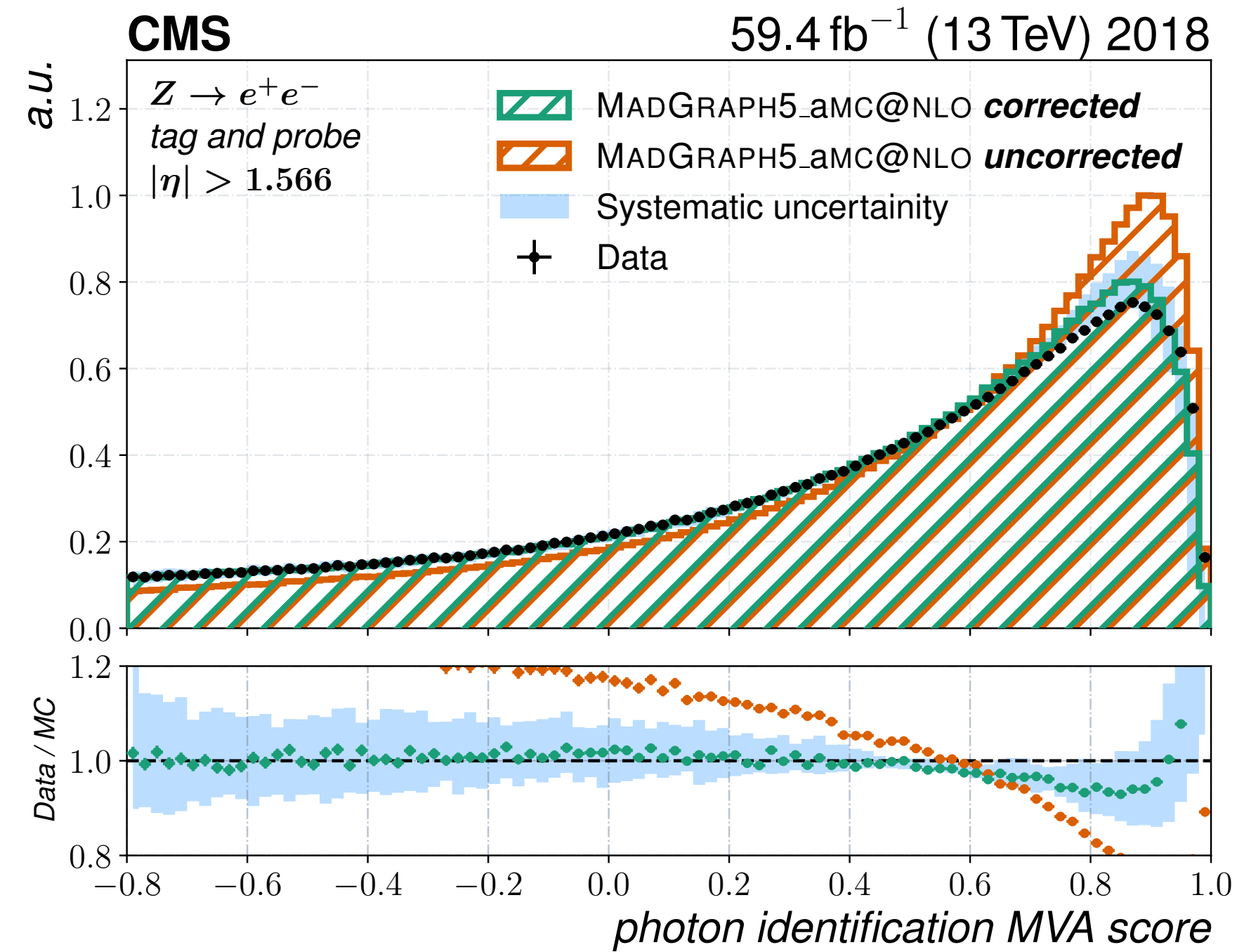


# Chained Quantile Regression

- Used to correct modeling of input features to photon identification BDT



barrel:  
~1% (!)



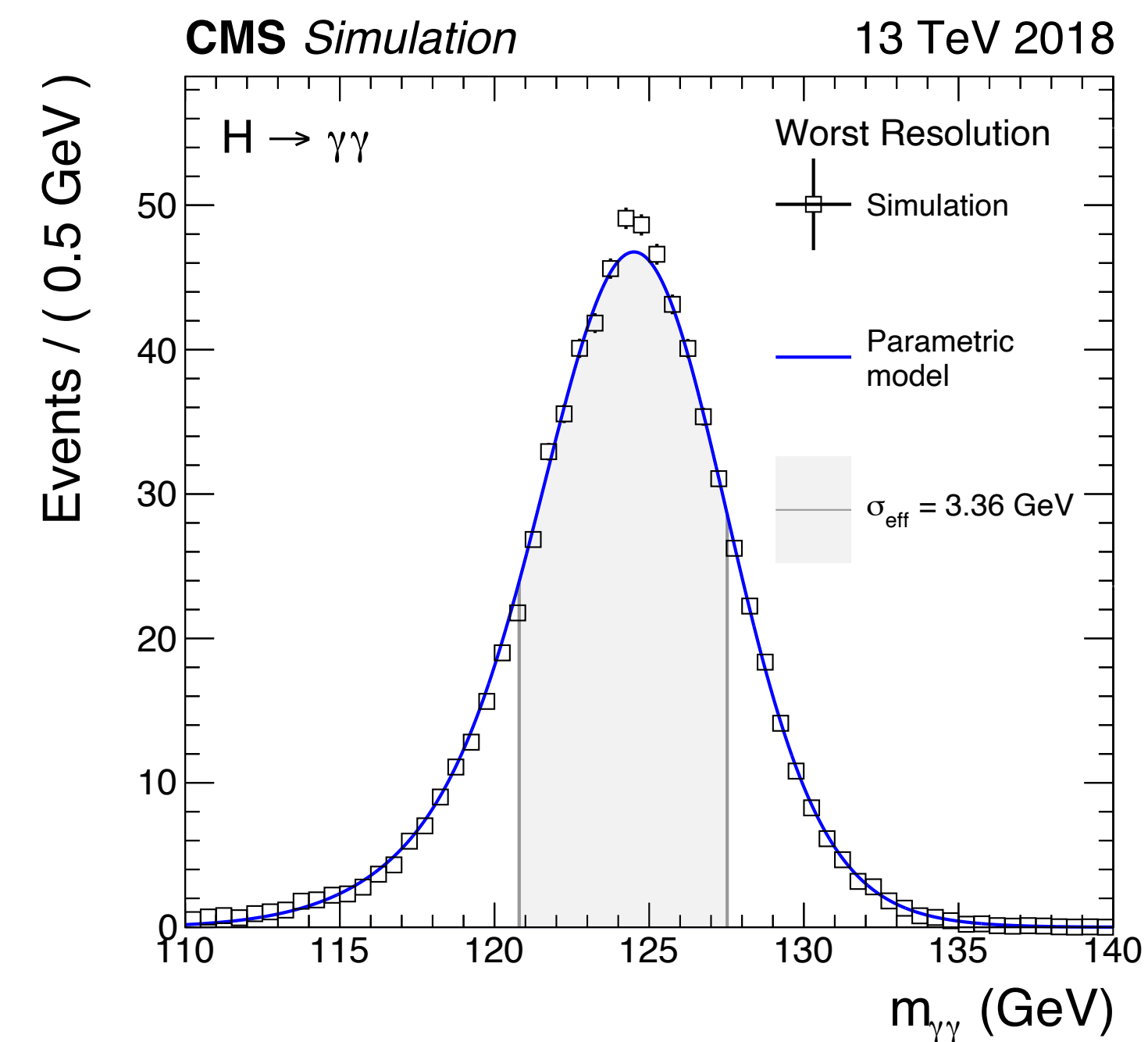
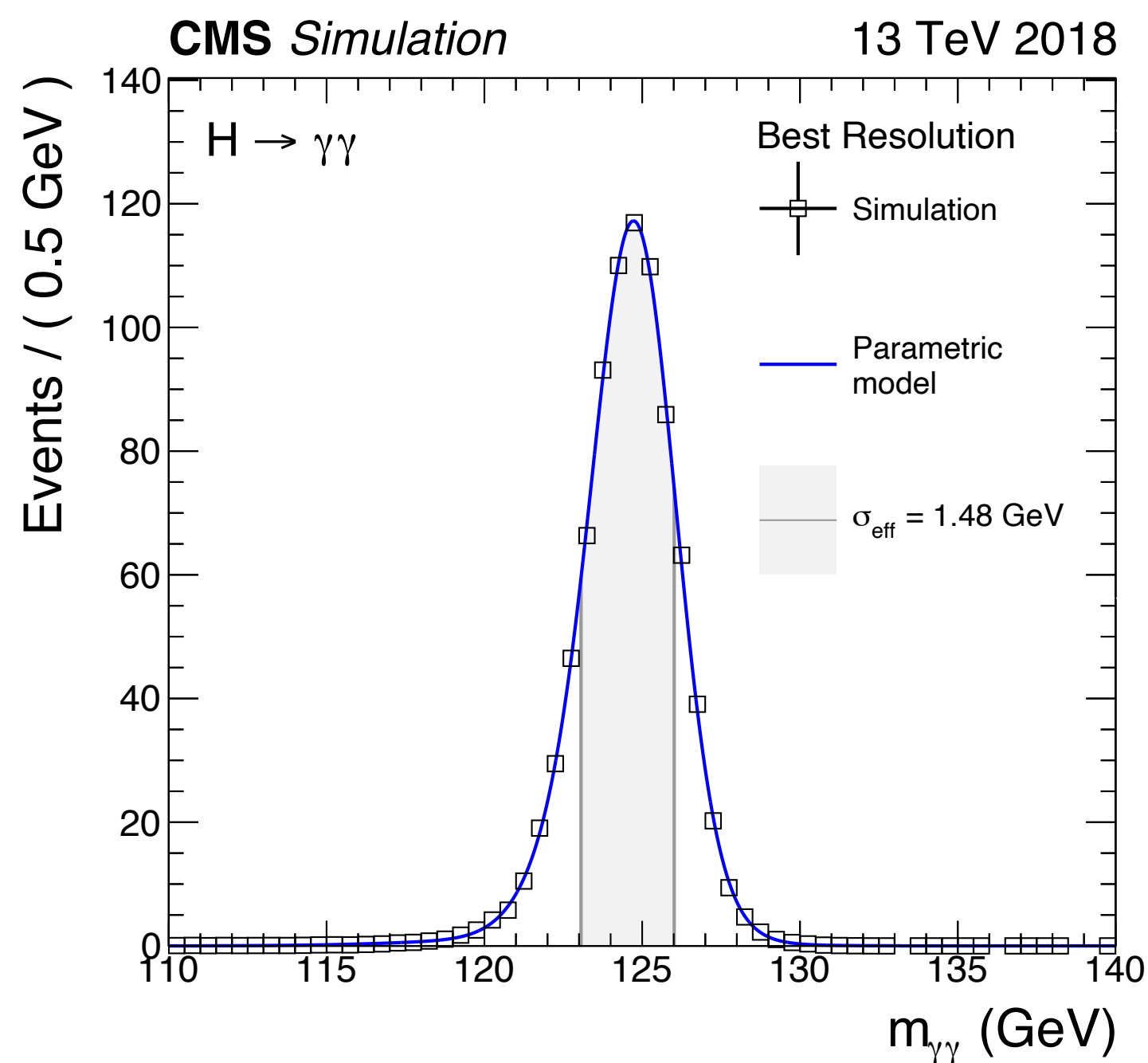
endcaps:  
~5% (!)

- CQR tedious: one BDT per quantile and per variable...
- Morphing proposals using deep learning: 2107.08648 (OT) 2309.15912 (CQR w/ NF)  
2304.14963 (NF for data) 2309.06472 (2-3 NFs) 2403.18582 (1 NF + switch)

# Selections and Categorisation

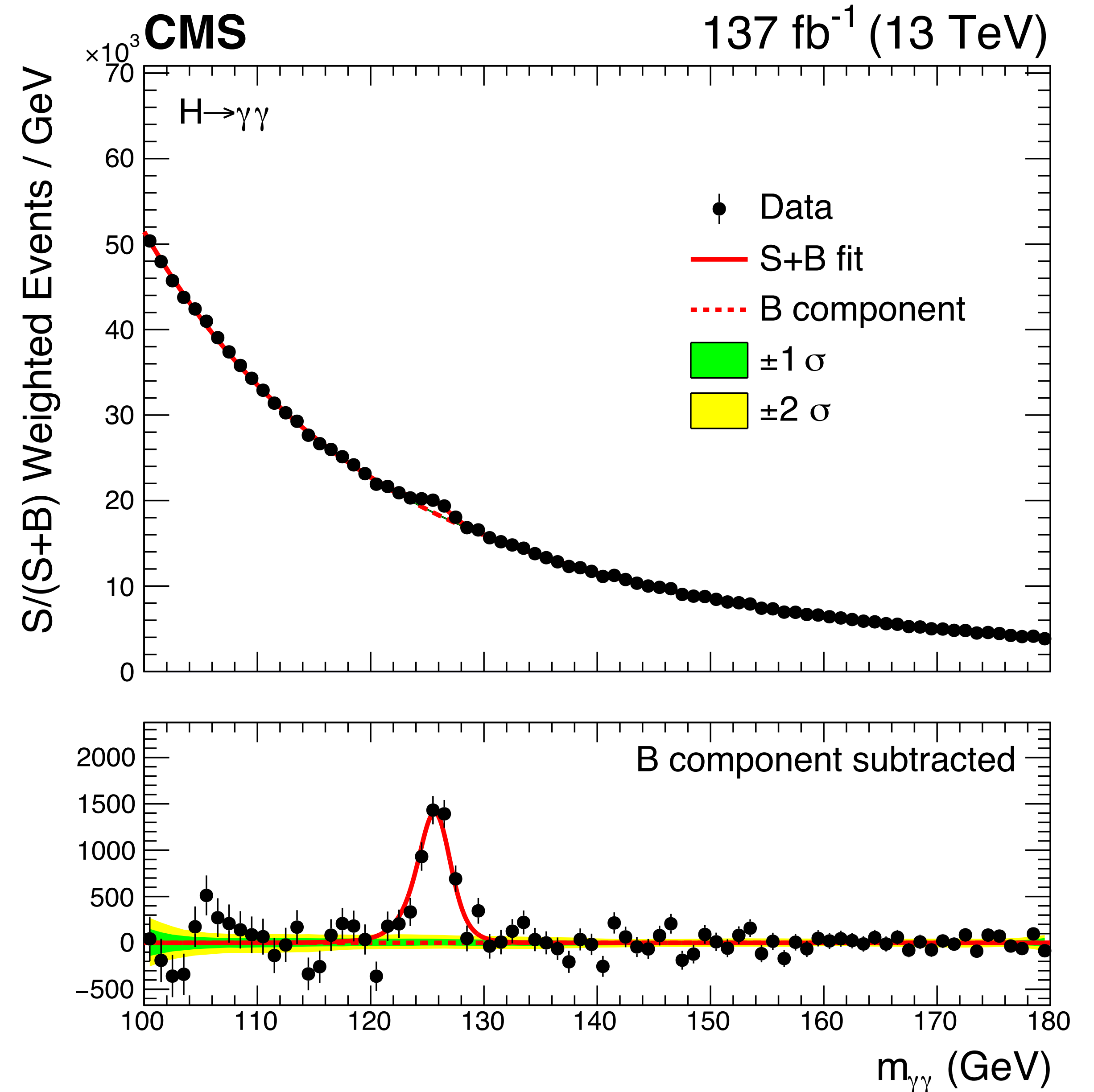
|                                     | Reco Level                           | Particle Level                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| $p_T^{\gamma 1} / m_{\gamma\gamma}$ | $> 1/3$                              | $> 1/3$   |
| $p_T^{\gamma 2} / m_{\gamma\gamma}$ | $> 1/4$                              | $> 1/4$   |
| ID                                  | minimum cut on ID BDT score          | $\text{Iso}^{\gamma_{\text{gen}}} < 10 \text{ GeV}$ |
| $ \eta^\gamma $                     | $< 2.5$ and not in $[1.4442, 1.566]$ | $< 2.5$   |

- 3 resolution categories
- + optimized cut on the photon ID BDT score (with efficiency from 63.5% to 90.4%)



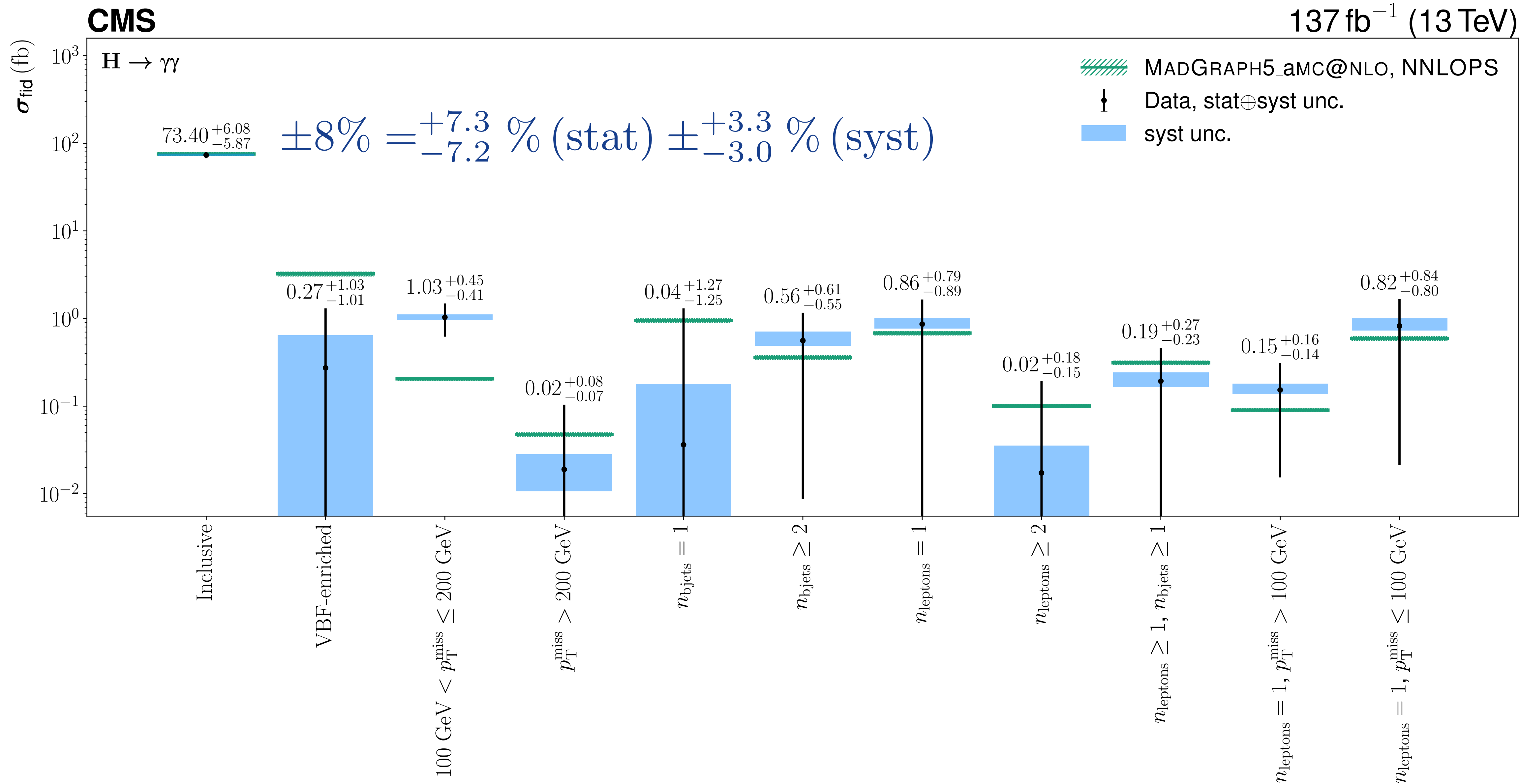
# Statistical Treatment

- Binned profile likelihood fit to  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Signal modeled by up to four Gaussians
- Backgrounds from exp., power-law, Laurent and Bernstein polynomials included as nuisance parameter via discrete profiling

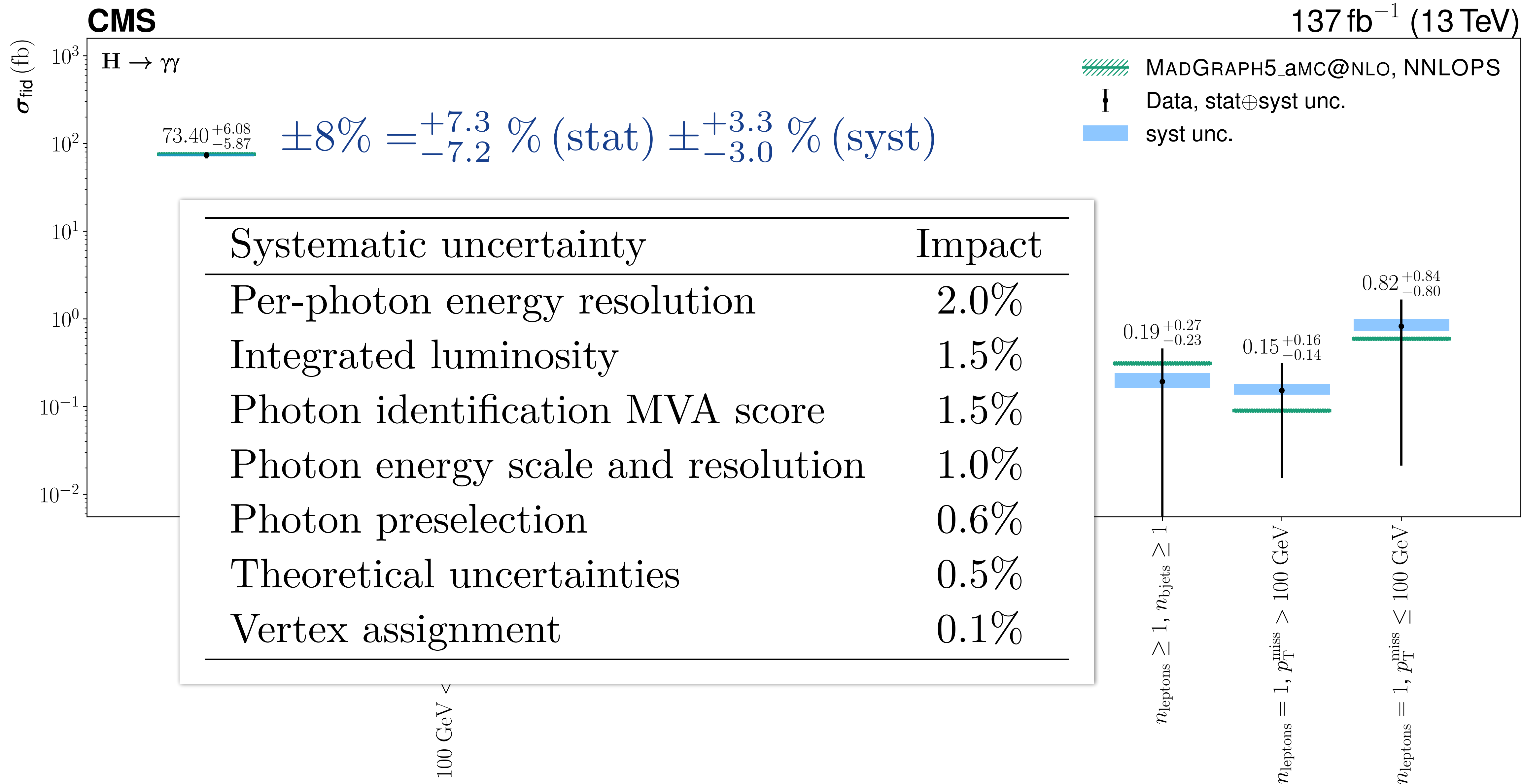




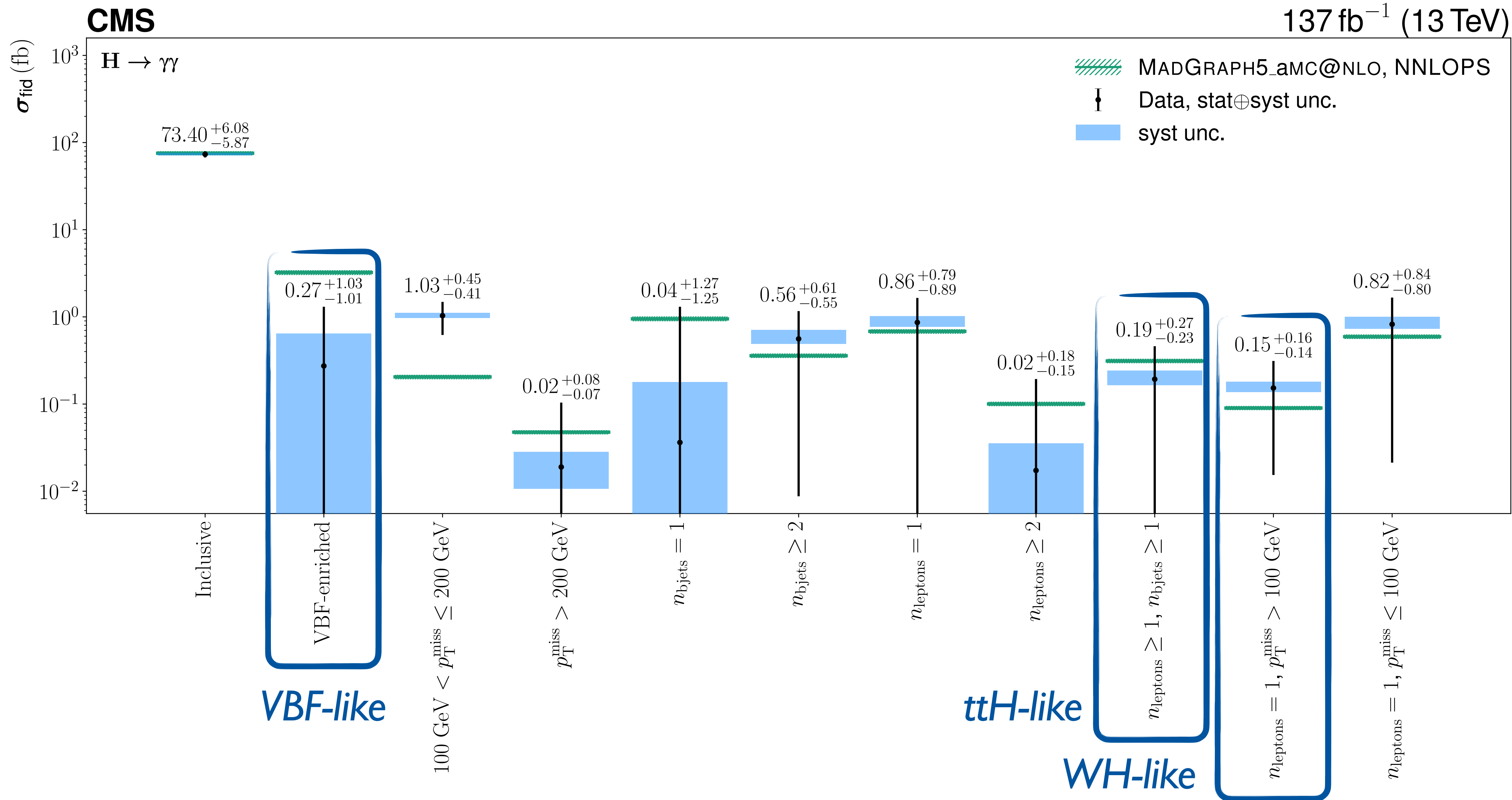
# Inclusive Cross Sections



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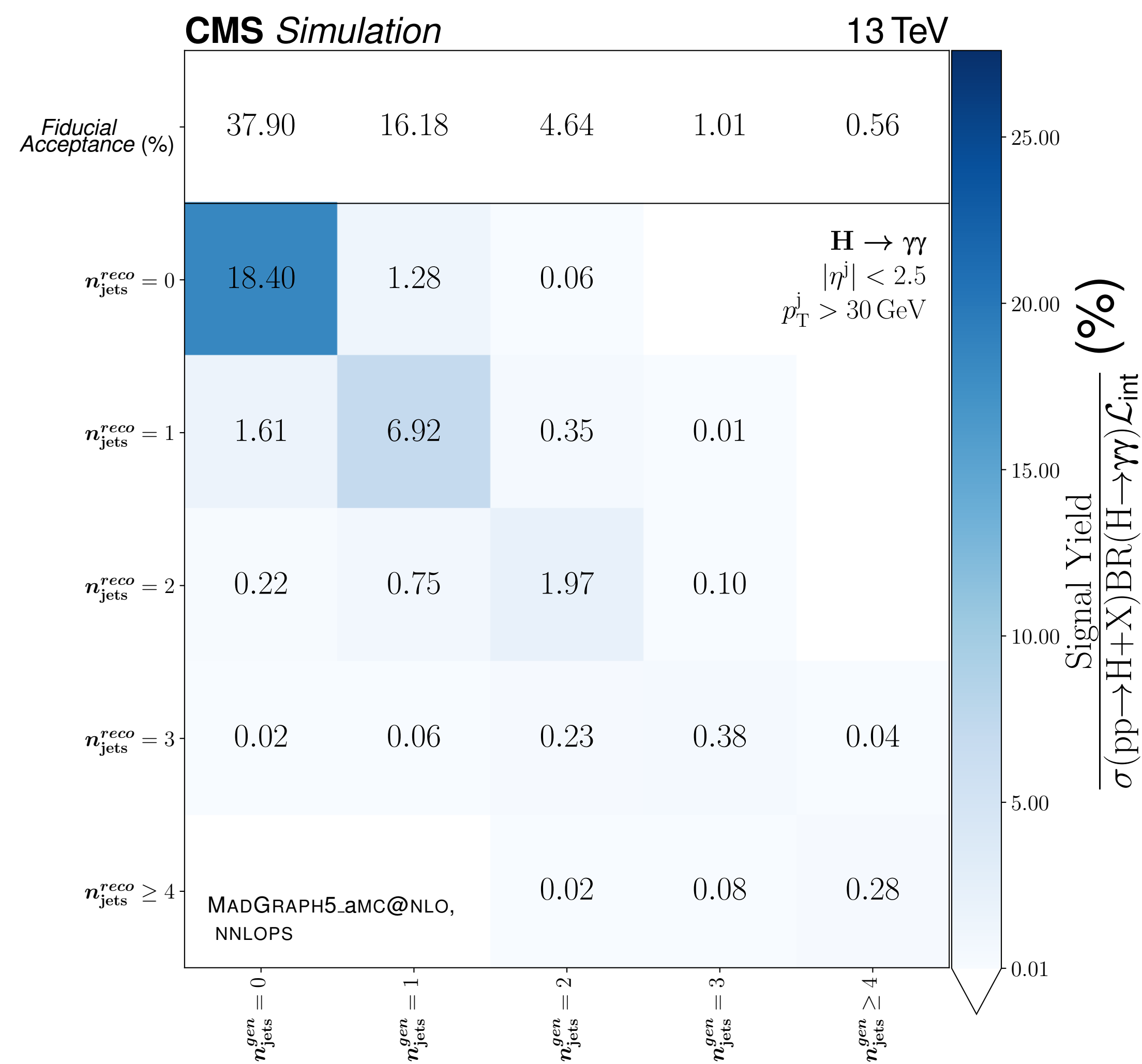
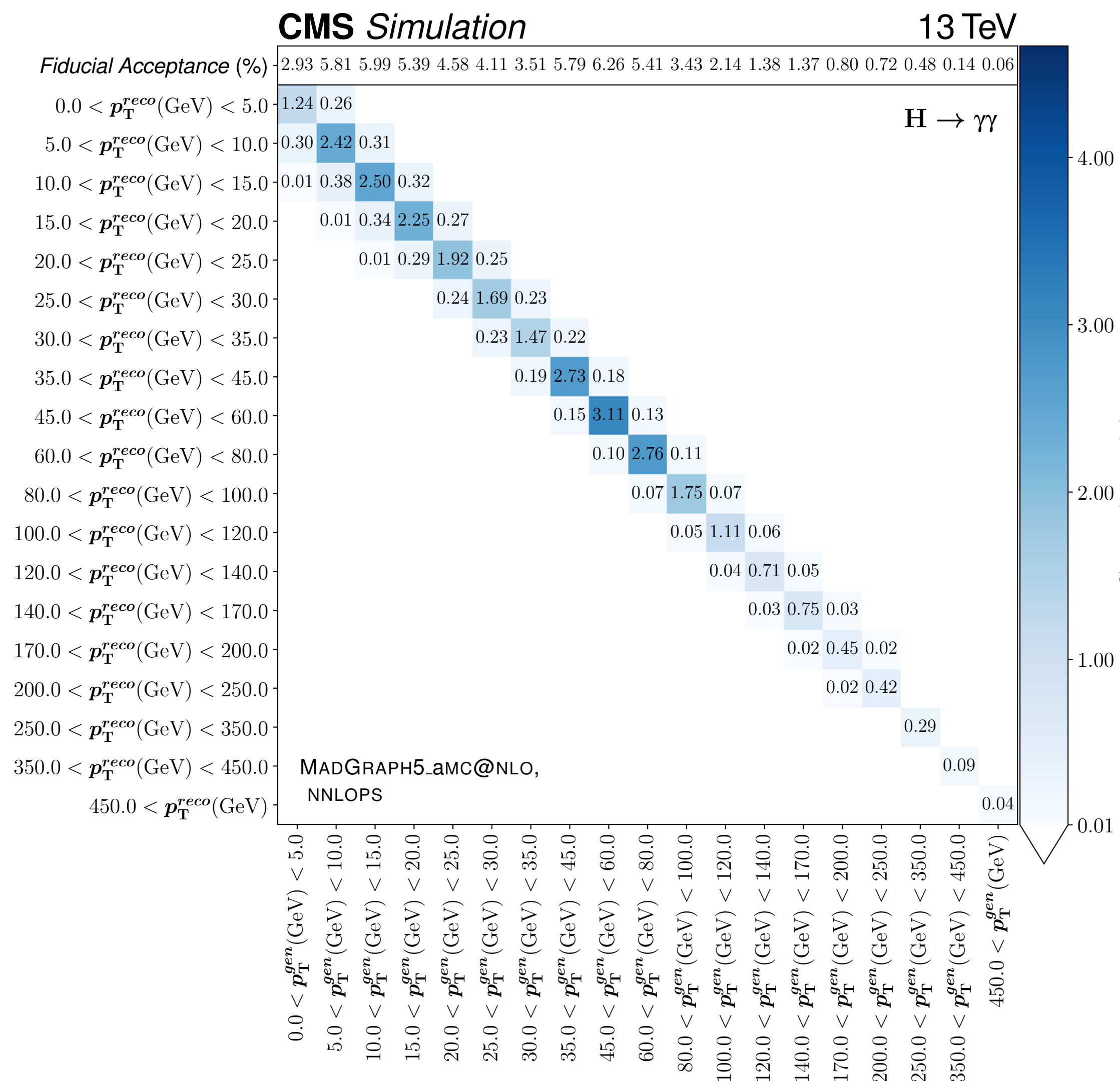


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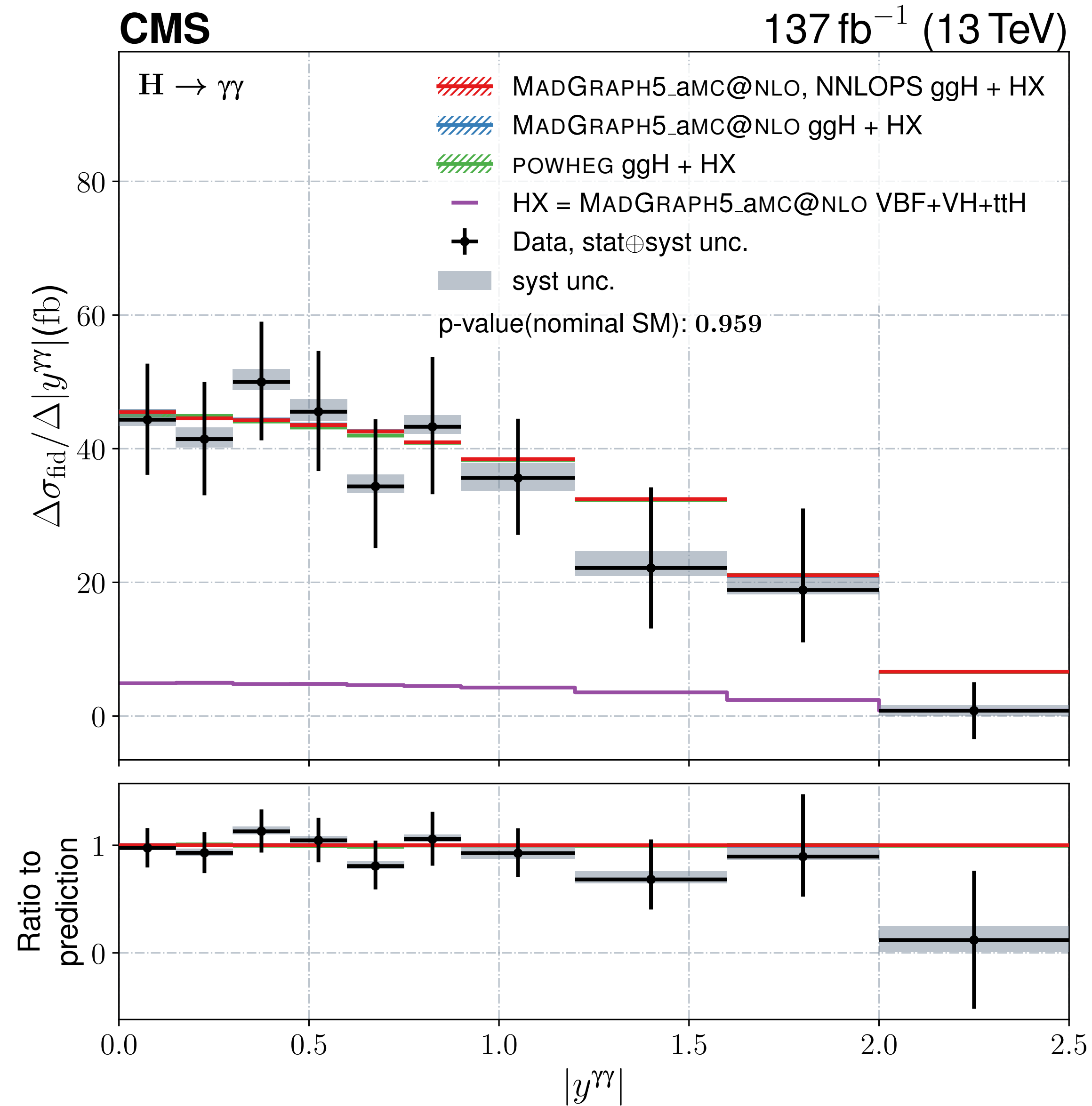
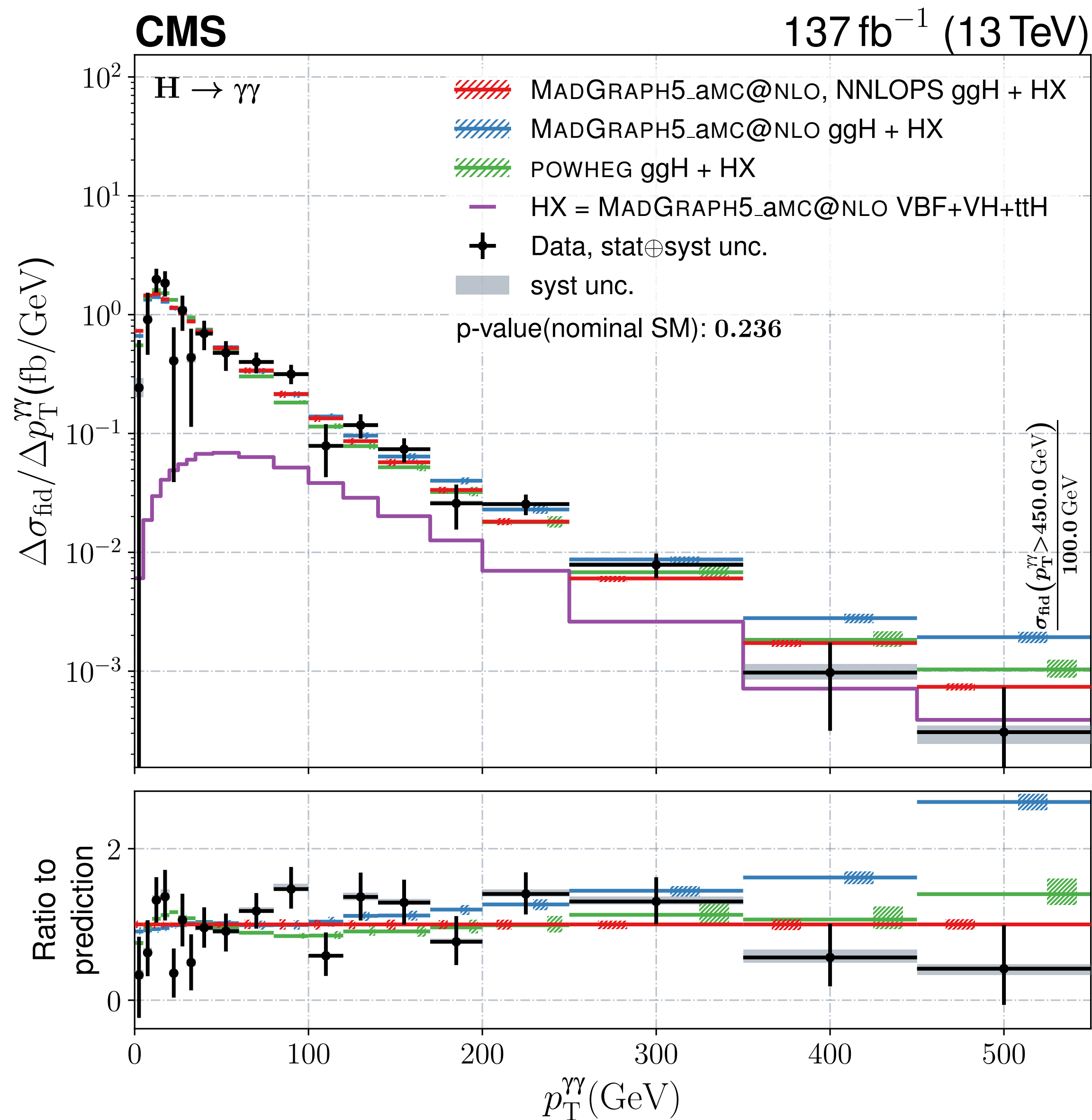


# Differential Cross Section: Migrations

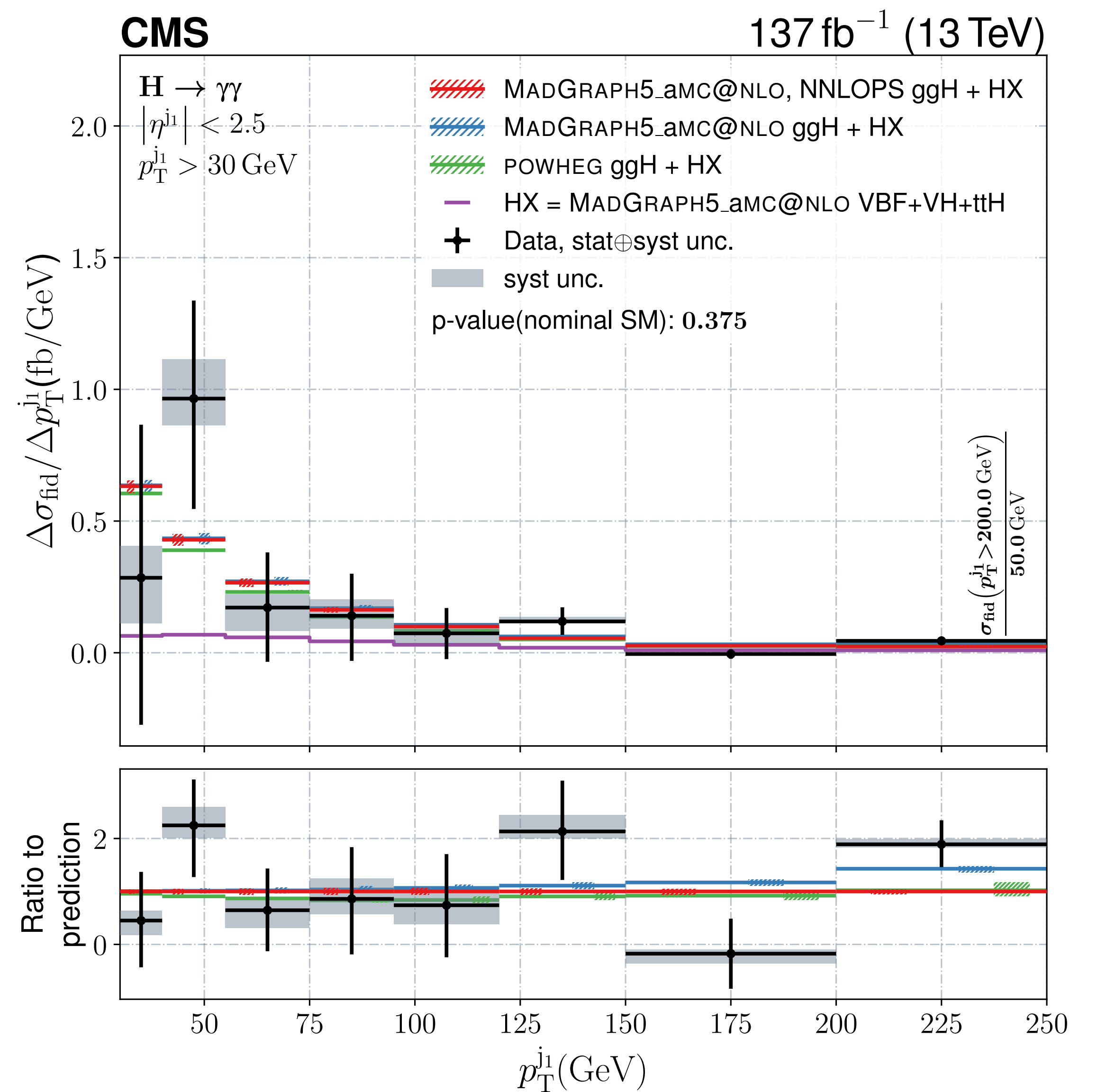
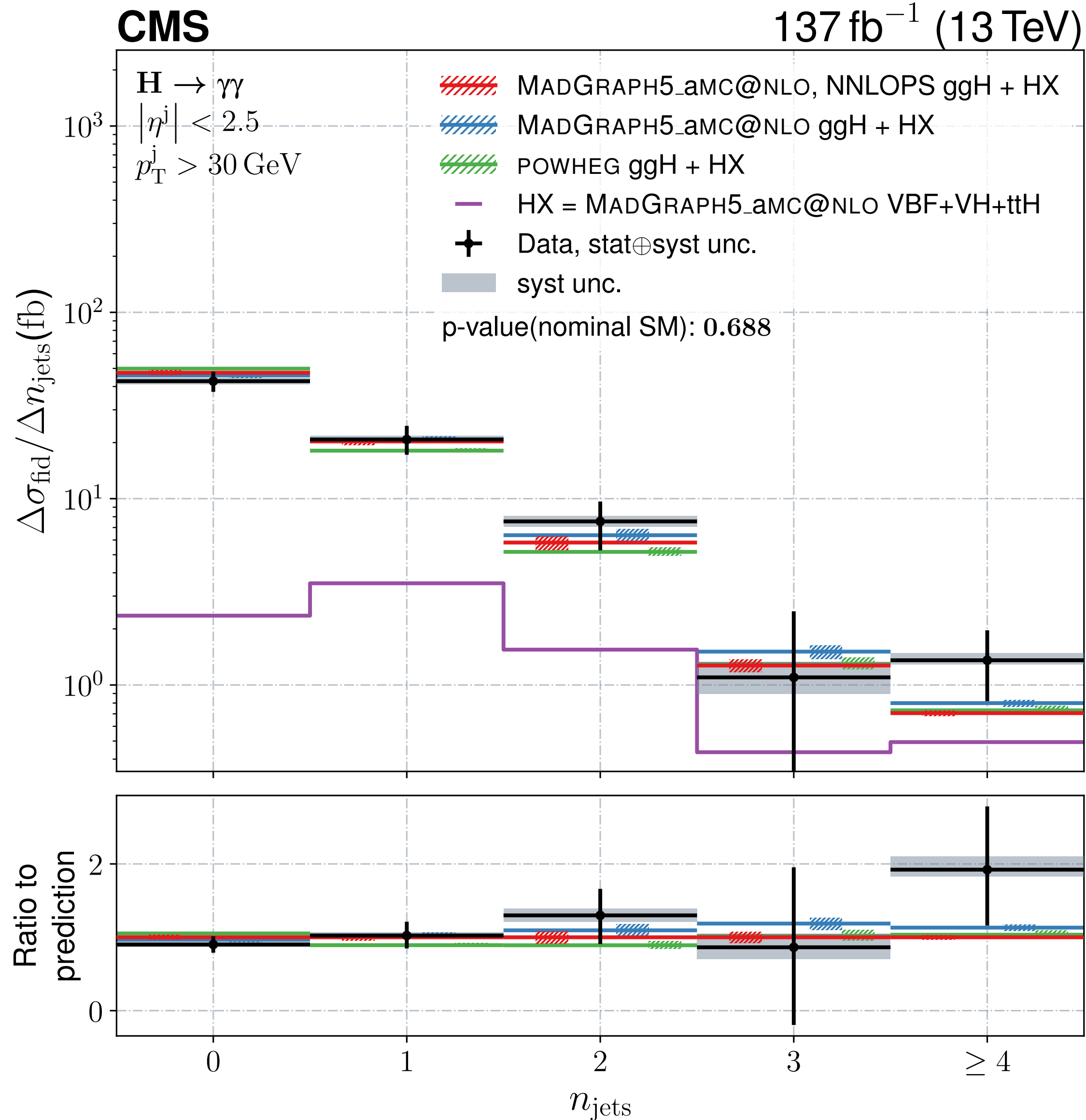
- As expected: small migrations for  $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$ , stronger migrations for  $\#jets$



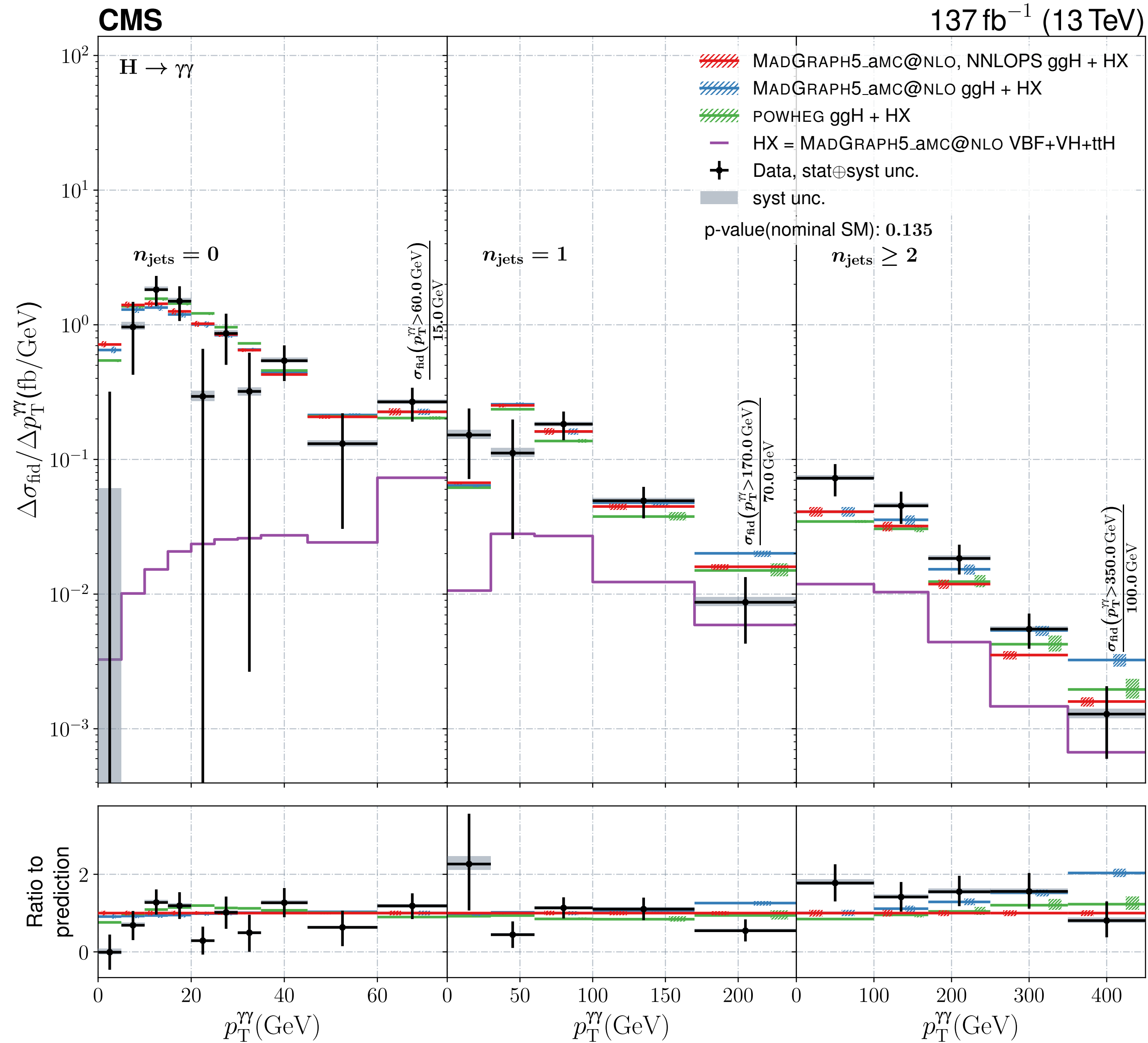
# Differentials: Diphoton Kinematics



# Differentials: Jets



# Double Differential: #jets vs. $p_T^{YY}$



# Summary

- Inclusive and fiducial cross sections with full Run-2 data
- Model-independent strategy based on expected  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  resolution & photon ID
- Quantile morphing to improve modeling of these variables
- Uncertainty on fiducial inclusive cross section: 8%
- 1D and 2D differential cross sections
- *For more CMS Higgs differential measurements:*
  - *Alessandra Cappati's talk later this morning !*