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17 cinza dos dias, bem assim, que seja doce. Quando há sol, e esse sol bate na minha cara amassada do  
18 sono ou da insônia, contemplando as partículas de poeira soltas no ar, feito um pequeno universo;  
19 repito sete vezes para dar sorte: que seja doce que seja doce que seja doce e assim por diante. Mas,  
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21 se fosse nada.”

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## **Search of Z and Higgs boson decaying into $\Upsilon + \gamma$ in pp collisions at CMS/LHC**

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29 Searches for Standard Model Higgs and Z bosons decaying to a  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  and a photon, with  
30 subsequent decay of the  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  to  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  are presented. The analyses is performed using  
31 data recorded by CMS detector from proton-proton collisions at center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV  
32 corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $35.86 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . We put a limit, 95% confidence level, on  
33  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  decay branching fraction at  $(6.8, 7.1, 6.0) \times 10^{-4}$  and on  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) +$   
34  $\gamma$  decay branching fraction at  $(2.6, 2.3, 1.3) \times 10^{-6}$ . Contributions to operation, maintenance and  
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510 **1 Introduction**

511 INTRODUÇÃO

512 MOTIVAÇÃO PARA A ANÁLISE, RESUMO DO MÉTODO E RESULTADOS.

513 USAR UM PAPER DE CMS MUON PERFORMANCE PARA DIZER PORQUE TRABALHAR COM DETECTORES DE MUONS

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## 514 2 Standard Model and rare Z and Higgs 515 decays to quarkonia

### 516 2.1 Standard Model and Local Gauge Invariance

517 Physics understands the matter and how it interacts in terms of two components: four fundamen-  
 518 tals forces and elementary particles. From the weakest to the strongest, the fundamental forces  
 519 are: gravitational, weak, electromagnetic and strong. All share common characteristics like, being  
 520 mediated by particles <sup>1</sup>, being relevant within some effective range and have a associate a charge-like  
 521 quantity (i.e. intrinsic characteristic of the object) that defines whether or not, particles might be  
 522 subjected to a specific interaction.

523 Along with the fundamental interactions, the Standard Model (or simply *SM*) defines every existing  
 524 matter in the Universe as a set of fundamental quantum objects, with properties that define their  
 525 interaction. Those objects are said to be fundamental since, in the context of the SM, they are the  
 526 smallest possible components of matter. We shall refer to them as fundamental particles. There four  
 527 of those mediating particles (force carriers), gluon ( $g$  - for the strong interaction), photon ( $\gamma$  - for the  
 528 electromagnetic interaction), Z and W (for weak interaction), all of them being vector bosons (spin  
 529 1). Besides the interaction mediators, described at Table 2.1, the fundamental particles are divided  
 530 in two groups (*quarks* and *leptons*), with three generations, each. These are not force carriers, but  
 531 elementary particles, endowed with charge-like characteristics that allow them to by exchange the  
 532 vector bosons. Those are the building blocks of Matter in our Universe.

533 Figure 2.1 summarizes their properties. Table 2.1 presents the relative strength and effective range,  
 534 for each one of the four fundamental interactions. The gravitational force is not study subject of the  
 535 Standard Model.

Table 2.1: Relative strength (with respect to the strong force) and effective range of action for the four fundamentals interactions.

	Mediator	Relative Strength	Effective Range
Gravitational	Graviton	$10^{-41}$	$\infty$
Weak	W and Z bosons	$10^{-16}$	$10^{-18}$ m
Electromagnetic	Photon	$10^{-3}$	$\infty$
Strong	gluons	1	$10^{-15}$ m

<sup>1</sup>There is no evidence of the existence of the Graviton (force carrier associated to the gravitational force), even though, it is theorized by models that wish to comprehend gravity in a quantum perspective.

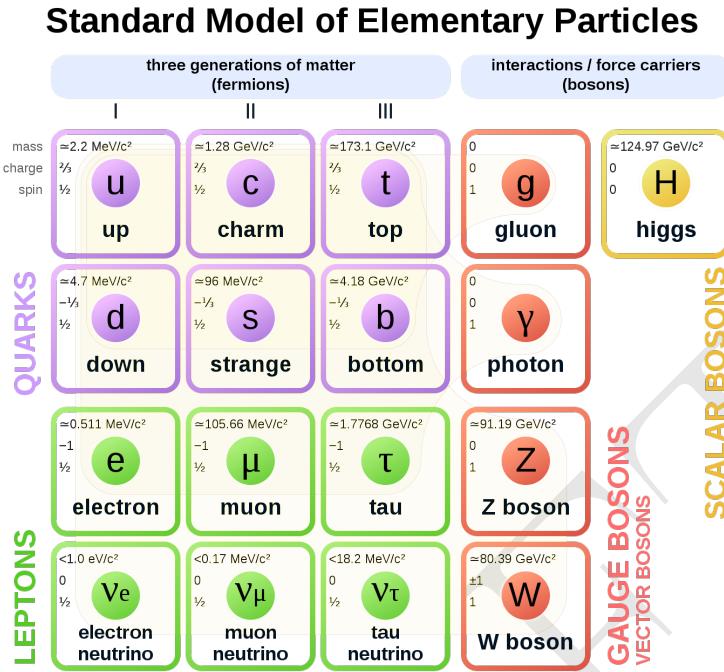


Figure 2.1: Elementary particles of the Standard Model, with their masses charges and spin. Those particles can be divided in two classes: boson (the interaction/force carriers) and the fermions, which are divided in three generations. Source: [1].

536 There are six quarks, up and down ( $u$  and  $d$  - first generation), charm and strange ( $c$  and  $s$  -  
 537 second generation), top and bottom ( $t$  and  $b$  - first generation), in increasing invariant mass order  
 538 of the generations. Since they interact thought all the three fundamental forces of the SM, they are  
 539 said to possess electrical charge, flavour and color. Their generational counterparts, the leptons,  
 540 don't interact via strong interaction, that is why they are said to have only flavours and electric  
 541 charge. The leptons are electron and electron neutrino ( $e$  and  $\nu_e$  - first generation), muon and muon  
 542 neutrino ( $\mu$  and  $\nu_\mu$  - second generation) and tau and tau neutrino ( $\tau$  and  $\nu_\tau$  - third generation).  
 543 The neutrinos, within the SM, are massless, even though, experimental measurements have shown  
 544 that they actually have mass [2]. Neutrinos are also electrically neutral, meaning that they only  
 545 interact through weak interactions.

546 Figure 2.1 also presents the Higgs Boson ( $H$ ) which is part of the SM and shall be discussed later.

547 Within the Standard Model, the theoretical basis that describe the fundamental interactions are  
 548 derived from a common principle: the local gauge invariance. According to Salam and Ward [3]:

549 "Our basic postulate is that it should be possible to generate strong, weak and electro-  
 550 magnetic interaction terms [...], by making local gauge transformations on the kinetic-  
 551 energy terms in the free Lagrangian for all particles."

552 Taking the Quantum Electrodynamics (QED) as an example: the quantum field theory that de-  
 553 scribes the x

554 The fundamental theories that compose the Standard Model are all derived from a fundamental  
 555 principle call

556 The electromagnetic force, in the context of fundamental interactions, is described by a gauge theory  
 557 called quantum electrodynamics.

558 Electroweak

559 Gauge Theories

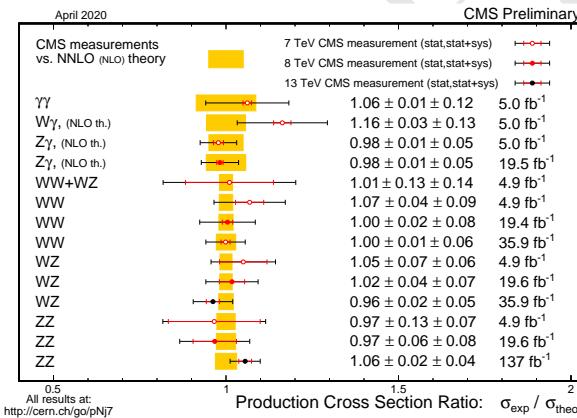
560 Spontaneous Symmetry break and the Higgs Boson

## 561 2.2 SM and Higgs results

562 The Standard Model have been proven extremely successful in describing what it is proposed to do.  
 563 The discovery of the two highest invariant mass particles of the SM, the top quark [4, 5], by the CDF  
 564 and D0 collaboration, at FERMILAB, and the Higgs Boson [6, 7], by CMS and ATLAS, at CERN,  
 565 fill the two missing pieces of the SM puzzle, presented at Figure 2.1. In general, SM measurements  
 566 presents very good agreement between theory and experiment, even when the Higgs boson is taken  
 567 into account, once its mass has been established, the subsequent results tend to be found restricted  
 568 within the expectations and constrained by the statistics and experimental sensitivity.

569 In this section, we shall briefly review some of the most relevant SM results from LHC, with special  
 570 focus to  $Z$  and Higgs boson, subjects of the study.

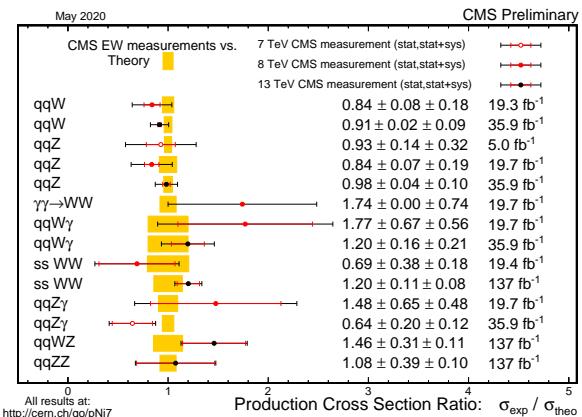
### 571 2.2.1 Standard Model vector bosons at CMS



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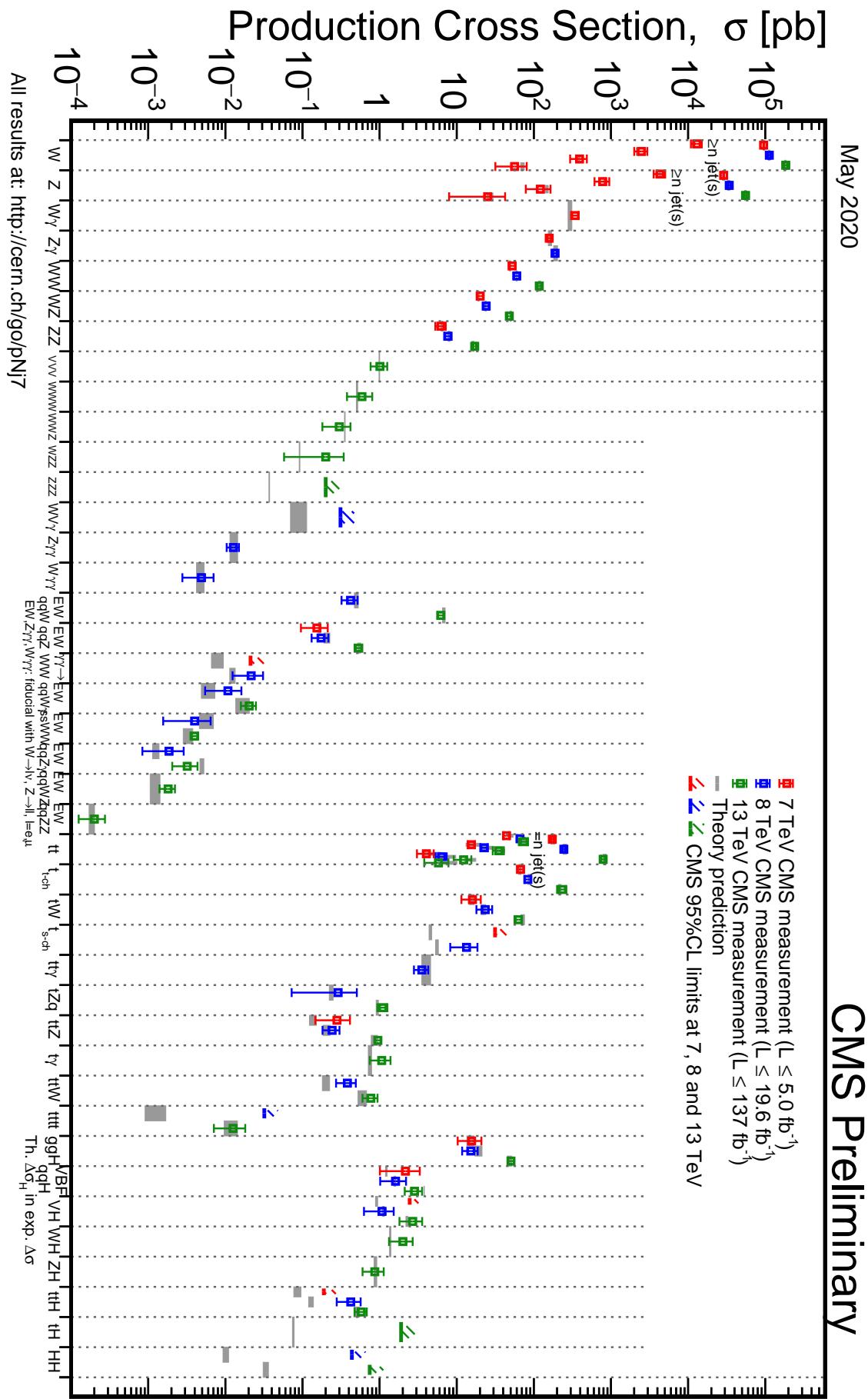
Di-boson cross section ratio comparison to theory:  
 Theory predictions updated to latest NNLO calculations where available compared to predictions in the CMS papers and preliminary physics analysis summaries. Source: [8].



(b)

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Summary of the cross sections of pure Electroweak (EWK) interactions among the gauge bosons presented as a ratio compared to theory. Source: [8].



## 572 2.2.2 Higgs boson at CMS

573 The Higgs may be produced at LHC proton-proton collisions by the following process, called  
 574 **Production Modes.** *state-of-art* SM cross section predictions were computed by the "LHC Higgs  
 575 Cross Section Working Group" [9] and are presented as a function of the the Higgs mass is pre-  
 576 sented at Figure 2.4a and examples of leading order Feynmann diagrams of them are presented at  
 577 Figure 2.5, for the highest cross section production modes.

578 The **Gluon Fusion - ggF** - is the result of a gluon-gluon interaction which is mediated by a heavy  
 579 quark loop. Each quark contributing is suppressed by  $1/m_q^2$ . It is by far the one with highest cross  
 580 section. Its final state is composed only by a Higgs boson, which makes it harder to identify, since  
 581 there are no other auxiliary final state particle to tag it. In this decay, QCD radiative corrections  
 582 are very important and have been included the results of Figure 2.4a up to N3LO (next-to-next-  
 583 to-next-to-leading order, while electroweak corrections are computed up to NNLO. The **Associated**  
 584 **Vector Boson Production - VH** - a SM vector boson (Z or W) irradiate a Higgs. Due to its  
 585 clear electroweak signature (a final state with a Higgs and a vector boson), this production mode  
 586 enhances the signal, when the Higgs decay has a large contribution from QCD background, e.g.  
 587  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ . This process is also called Higgs-Strahlung.

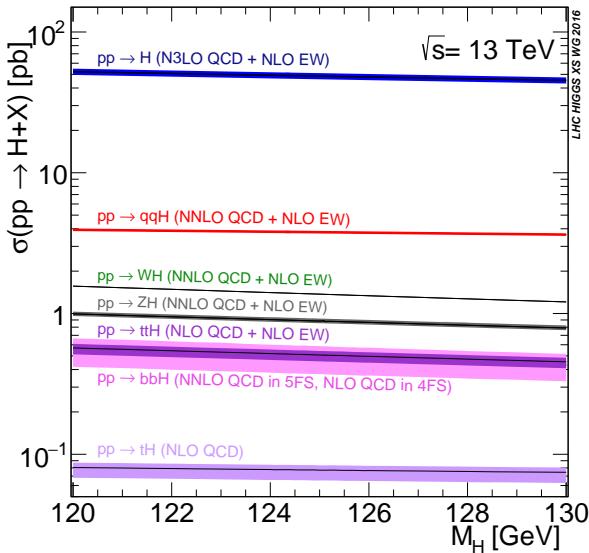
588 The third process is the **Vector Boson Fusion - VBFH** - in which the two quarks from the  
 589 initial state scatter by the emission a pair of vector bosons (ZZ or  $W\pm W\mp$ ). Those would interact  
 590 (fuse) and produce a Higgs in the final, associated with two back-to-back jets, from the initial state  
 591 quarks. The **Associated  $t\bar{t}$  Production - ttH** - and **Associated  $b\bar{b}$  Production - bbH** are very  
 592 similar process (especially in the scale of  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, where their cross sections almost match),  
 593 where the coupling of the heavy quark to the Higgs boson, contrary to what happens in the ggF  
 594 production, it is not with a virtual state of then.

595 The **Associated Single Top Production - tH** - is the production mode with the smallest cross  
 596 section, due to its destructive interference with other process. Without loss of generality, it is not  
 597 considered in this study.

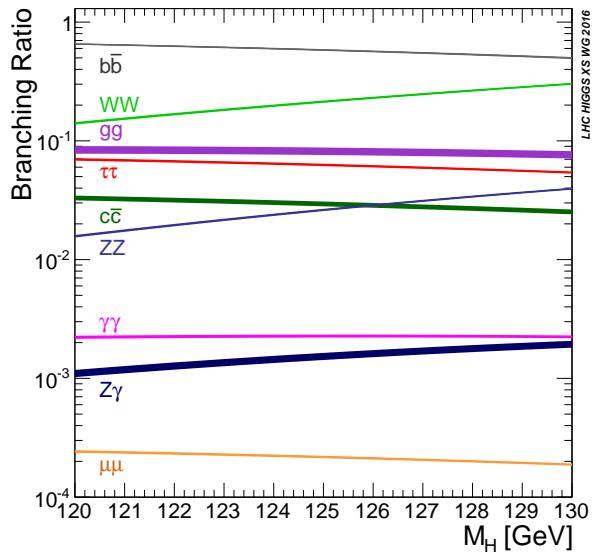
598 The Higgs allowed **Decay Channel**, in the context of the Standard Model, is also a closet set, which  
 599 have also been subject of study of the "LHC Higgs Cross Section Working Group" [9]. Figure 2.4b  
 600 presents their expected branching ratios.

601 The largest branching fraction is the decay to a  $b\bar{b}$  pair, which is, at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, more than  
 602 the double of the next channel. The large cross section does not imply in being the most sensible  
 603 channel for the Higgs observation. One has to take into account the experimental sensitivity to this  
 604 final state (which rely on b-tagging techniques) and its enormous QCD background. Tagging on  
 605 an specific production modes is usually explored in this kind of study [11] to enhance the signal  
 606 to background ratio. Similar to  $b\bar{b}$ , decays to other SM dileptons are also usually studied, such as  
 607 dimuons [12],  $\tau\tau$  [13] and  $c\bar{c}$  [14].

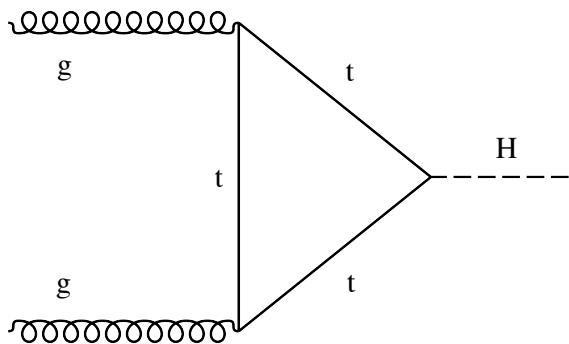
608 Other decays include the  $VV$  state, where  $V$  is a electroweak vector boson ( $Z$  [15],  $W^\pm$  [16] and  
 609  $\gamma$  [17]). Even tough the branching fraction for these ones are relatively smaller, they offer a clear  
 610 signature for event selection, with reduced QCD background. It is important to notice that  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$



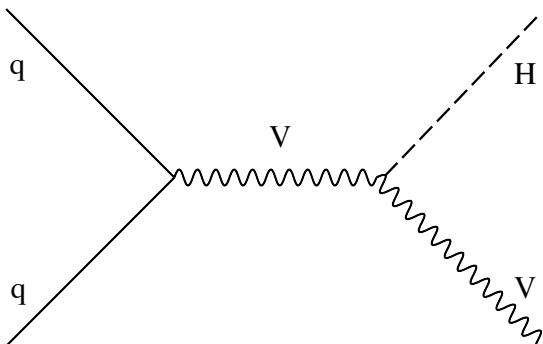
(a) Standard Model Higgs boson production cross sections at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV as a function of Higgs boson mass. The  $t\bar{t}H$  production cross section accounts for  $t$ -channel and  $s$ -channel only (no  $tWH$  production). The VBF process is indicated here as  $qqH$ . The theoretical uncertainties are indicated as shaded bands around the lines. Source: [9].



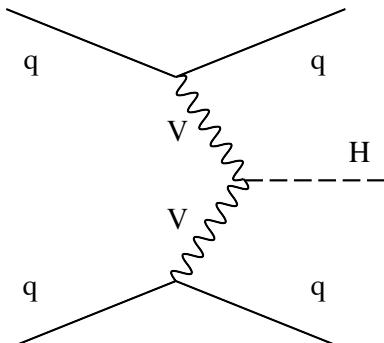
(b) Standard Model Higgs boson decay branching ratios for different decay channels. The theoretical uncertainties are indicated as shaded bands around the lines. Source: [9].



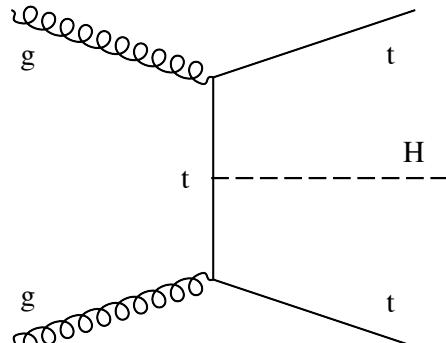
(a) Gluon Fusion - ggF



(b) Associated Vector Boson Production - VH



(c) Vector Boson Fusion - VBFH



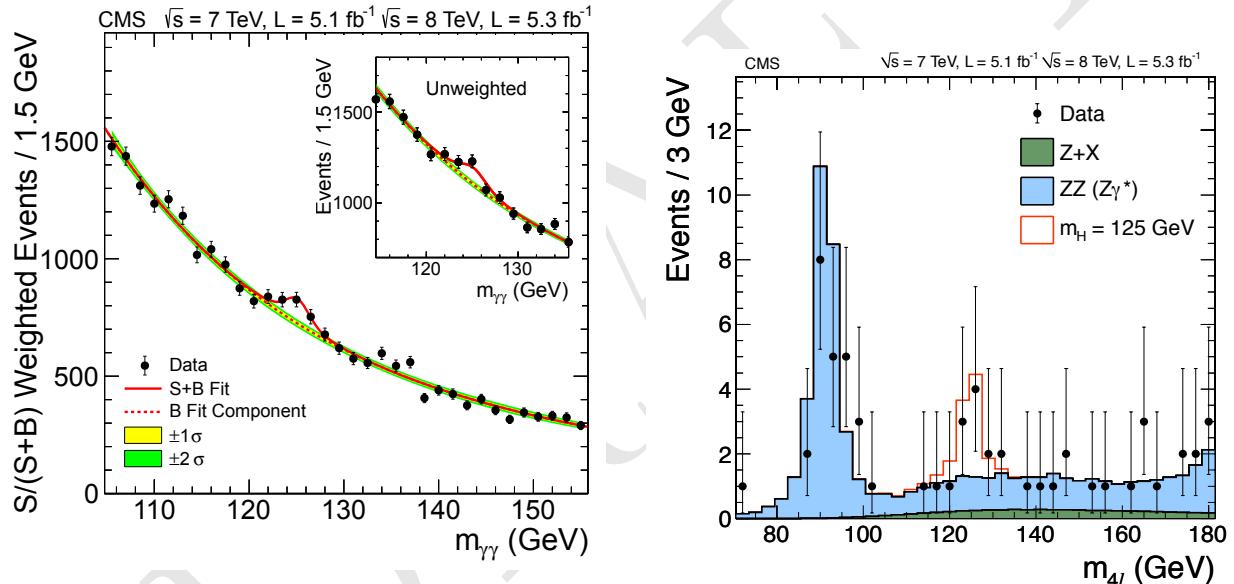
(d) Associated  $t\bar{t}$  Production - ttH

Figure 2.5: Example of leading order Standard Model Higgs boson production model diagrams. Source: [10].

611 also play a role in this decay mode. CMS (and ATLAS) has a very good sensitivity for leptonic  
 612 final states of these bosons and for a direct measurement of photons, with resolutions to the order  
 613 of 1% for the Higgs. Other channels will have resolutions larger than 10% [2].

614 Gluonic Higgs decays ( $H \rightarrow gg$ ) are allowed in the Standard Model, but they would be overwhelmed  
 615 by the QCD background. This is considered to be measurable only in the context of a  $e^+e^-$   
 616 detector [18].

617 As already mentioned on Section 2.2), the Higgs have been found at CMS and ATLAS in 2012, with  
 618 Run1 data at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  and 8 TeV, by investigating the  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays. Figure ??  
 619 presents the reconstructed final state invariant masses that lead to its discovery. Since then, a broad  
 620 program have been carried out by both, ATLAS and CMS, to extend the understanding of the Higgs  
 621 boson to all accessible decays, production modes and also its properties and differential cross section.



(a)

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The diphoton invariant-mass distribution for the 7 and 8 TeV datasets (points), with each event weighted by the predicted  $S/(S+B)$  ratio of its event class. The solid and dotted lines give the results of the signal-plus-background and background-only fit, respectively. The light and dark bands represent the  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm 2$  standard deviation uncertainties respectively on the background estimate. The inset shows the corresponding unweighted invariant-mass distribution around  $m_{\gamma\gamma} = 125$  GeV. Source: [6].

(b)

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Distribution of the observed four-lepton invariant mass from the combined 7 and 8 TeV data for the  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$  analysis (points). The prediction for the expected Z+X and ZZ( $Z\gamma^*$ ) background are shown by the dark and light histogram, respectively. The open histogram gives the expected distribution for a Higgs boson of mass 125 GeV. Source: [6].

622 A complete list of Higgs publications and public result from CMS can be found at [19, 20]. With  
 623 the Higgs measurements being carried out per decay channel, a important effort of combination of  
 624 these results in performed independently by each collaboration, as well as joint combinations. Some  
 625 of the Higgs boson measurements by CMS are summarized.

626 The signal strength modifier is the ratio of the measured cross section or branching ratio over the  
 627 expected one.

$$\mu^i = \frac{\sigma^i}{\sigma_{SM}^i} \quad \mu^f = \frac{\mathcal{B}^i}{\mathcal{B}_{SM}^i}, \quad (2.1)$$

628 where  $\sigma^i$  and  $\mathcal{B}^i$  stand for the measured cross section and branching ratio of a certain production  
 629 mode or decay channel, respectively. Figure 2.7 presents the most updated measurements of  $\mu^i$  and  
 630  $\mu^f$  during Run2. The overall combined strength modifier is  $\mu = 1.02^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$  [21], for  $m_H = 125.09$   
 631 GeV, which shows very good agreement with the SM expectation.

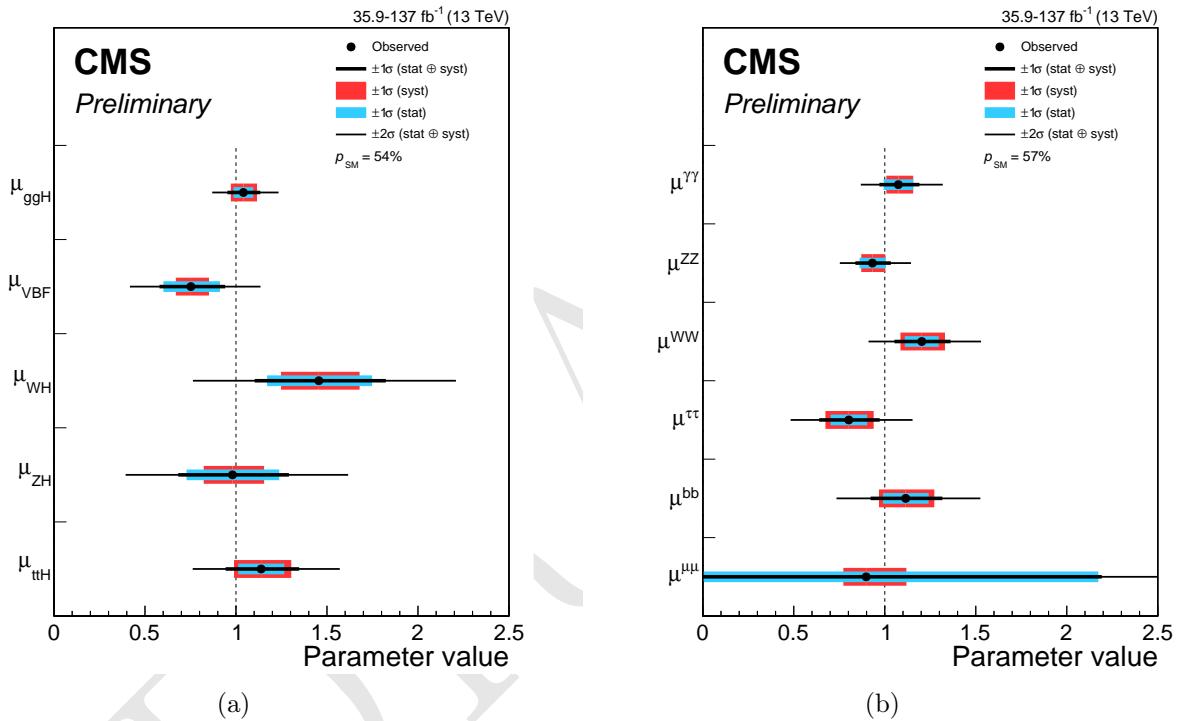


Figure 2.7: Signal strength modifiers for the production modes, (a)  $\mu^i$ , and for the decay channels, (b)  $\mu^f$ . The thick (thin) black lines report the  $1\sigma$  ( $2\sigma$ ) confidence intervals. The thick blue and red lines report the statistical and systematic components of the  $1\sigma$  confidence intervals. Source: [21].

632 The Higgs mass was also subject of many study, here we quote the results on Figure 2.8 [17], for  
 633 Run1 and partial Run2 datasets, for both  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decays. The combined  
 634 measurement is  $m_H = 125.38 \pm 0.14$  GeV. This is the *state-of-art* value for the Higgs mass.

635 Other properties studied comprehends its quantum numbers. The Landau-Yang theorem [22, 23]  
 636 rules out the spin-1 possibility, based on its observation on the  $\gamma\gamma$  channel. All the tests conducted,  
 637 so far, support the  $J^P = 0^+$  hypothesis [24].

638 A recent very relevant Higgs result published by CMS is the evidence of the  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay [12]. In  
 639 this paper it is reported an excess on data, with respect to the background only hypothesis, with  
 640  $3\sigma$  of significance. This is the first evidence of the Higgs coupling to second generation fermions.

641 The same note also updates the coupling constant modifier by combining the new results for  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$   
 642 with previous Higgs results from Run2 [21]. The measured parameters are presented at Figure 2.9b

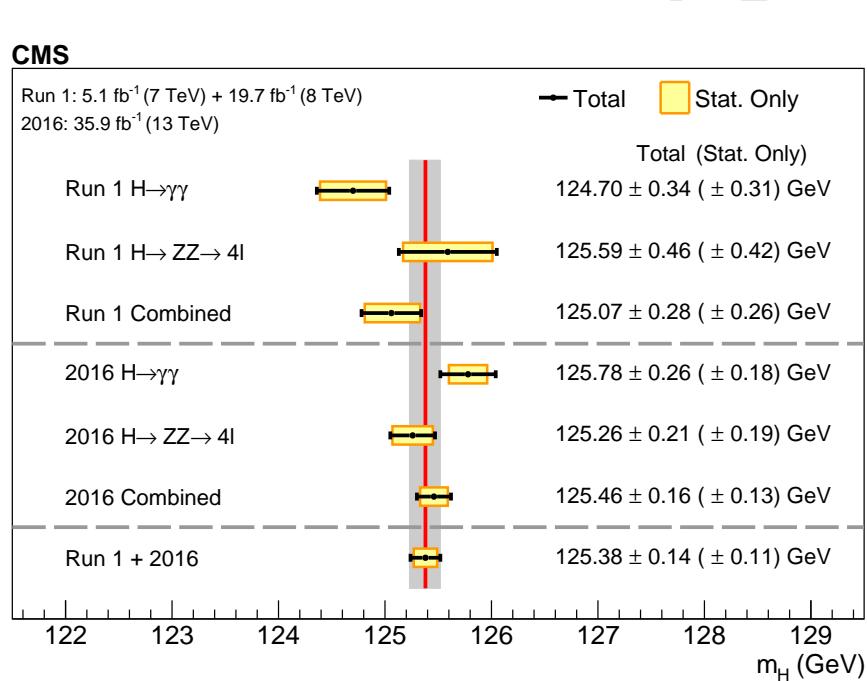
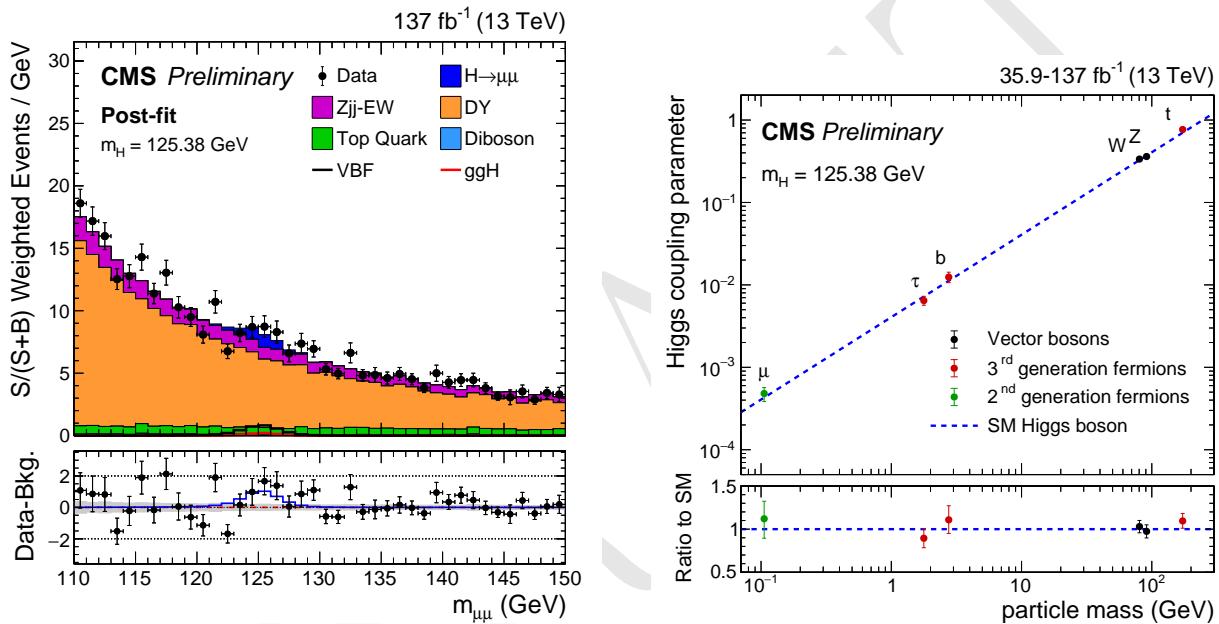


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A summary of the measured Higgs boson mass in the  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay channels, and for the combination of the two is presented here. The statistical (wider, yellow-shaded bands), and total (black error bars) uncertainties are indicated. The (red) vertical line and corresponding (grey) shaded column indicate the central value and the total uncertainty of the Run 1 + 2016 combined measurement, respectively. Source: [17].



(a) The  $m_{\mu\mu}$  distribution for the weighted combination of VBF events. Each event is weighted proportionally to the  $S/(S + B)$  ratio in the event class. The lower panel shows the residuals after subtracting the background prediction from the signal-plus-background fit. The best-fit  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  signal contribution is indicated by the blue line, and the grey band indicates the total background uncertainty from the background-only fit. The measured signal strength is  $1.19^{+0.41}_{-0.39}(\text{stat})^{+0.17}_{-0.16}(\text{sys})$ . Source: [12].

(b) The best-fit estimates for the reduced coupling modifiers extracted for fermions and weak bosons from the resolved  $\kappa$ -framework model compared to their corresponding prediction from the SM. The error bars represent 68% CL intervals for the measured parameters. The lower panel shows the ratios of the measured coupling modifiers values to their SM predictions. Source: [12].

and they also present very good agreement with the SM prediction, where the coupling constants to fermions is proportional to the fermion mass( $M_f$ ), while for electroweak boson, it is proportional to the square of the boson mass ( $M_V$ ). The fit results are scaled to the reduced coupling strength modifiers, defined as  $y_V = \sqrt{\kappa_V} \frac{m_V}{\nu}$  and  $y_f = \kappa_f \frac{m_F}{\nu}$ , where  $\nu$  is the vacuum expectation value of the Higgs field of 246.22 GeV.

### 2.3 Rare Z and Higgs decays to quarkonia

The rare decays of the Higgs boson [6, 7] to a quarkonium state and a photon provide a unique sensitivity to the magnitude of the Yukawa couplings of the Higgs boson to quarks [25–27]. These couplings are difficult to access on hadronic collisions through direct decay of Higgs in quark-antiquark, due to the immense background from QCD [28].

Among the channels available to explore Yukawa’s couplings of light quarks [26, 27] are those with heavy-quarkonia. The rare modes of decay of the Z boson have attracted attention focused on establishing its sensitivity to New Physics [29], being configured as an alternative environment to investigate the Yukawa couplings of the Higgs boson.

Also, the exclusive rare decays of vector bosons (Z, W) provide a favorable environment for testing the factorization of QCD, thus allowing an approach in a context where the power of corrections are definitely under control. The main focus of this kind of analysis are the hadronic radioactive decays,  $Z \rightarrow M\gamma$ , where M can be a pseudoscalar or a vector meson ( $J/\psi, \phi, \Upsilon_n$ ).

They offer the perfect way to explore some of the leading order properties of the light-cone distribution amplitudes (LCDAs) [30] of several mesons, but they present a difficulty, considering that in the LHC energy scale the branching ratio of these processes is very small. There are theoretical predictions [31, 32] that point out a branching ratio for several decay channels in the Standard Model, as shown in the Table 2.2.

Table 2.2: Summary of cross section and branching ratio for  $H/Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + \gamma$  analysis. The effective cross-section will be discussed in section 4.1.2.

Physics Processes	Branching Ratio (BR <sub>SM</sub> ):
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) + \gamma$	$5.22 \times 10^{-9}$
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S) + \gamma$	$1.42 \times 10^{-9}$
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S) + \gamma$	$9.10 \times 10^{-10}$
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) + \gamma$	$4.88 \times 10^{-8}$
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S) + \gamma$	$2.44 \times 10^{-8}$
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S) + \gamma$	$1.88 \times 10^{-8}$

Recent studies on exclusive Higgs boson decays [33–35] in final states containing a simple vector meson and a photon have caused interest in these physics topics. It was proposed to use these decays as a possible way to explore non-standard Yukawa couplings of the Higgs boson. Such measures are quite challenging in the LHC environment. The observation of hadronic decays of vector bosons

provides could provide a new frontier for the nature of heavy quarkonia production in hadronic collisions.

Along the same lines, the simple exploration of rare SM decays, even in scenarios where anomalous couplings are, in principle, ruled out by direct measurements [36], as in the case of this analysis ( $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS) + \gamma$ ), are still important as a stress test of the SM and as reference for future measurements. Specially the later one, when you consider that the small predicted cross sections from Table 2.2, most probably, would imply that an observation of this decay would be unlikely even in the HL-LHC [37].

This measurement is sensitive to the direct and indirect production (Figure 2.10). The *direct* process consists in the decay of boson (Higgs or Z) to a quark anti-quark pair, in which, one of the quarks radiates a photon and the pair hadronizes to a meson (a  $\Upsilon(nS)$ , for this study), while in *indirect* process, the decay happens to a  $\gamma\gamma^*(Z)$ , with the subsequent decay of the  $\gamma^*(Z)$  to a quark anti-quark that hadronizes.

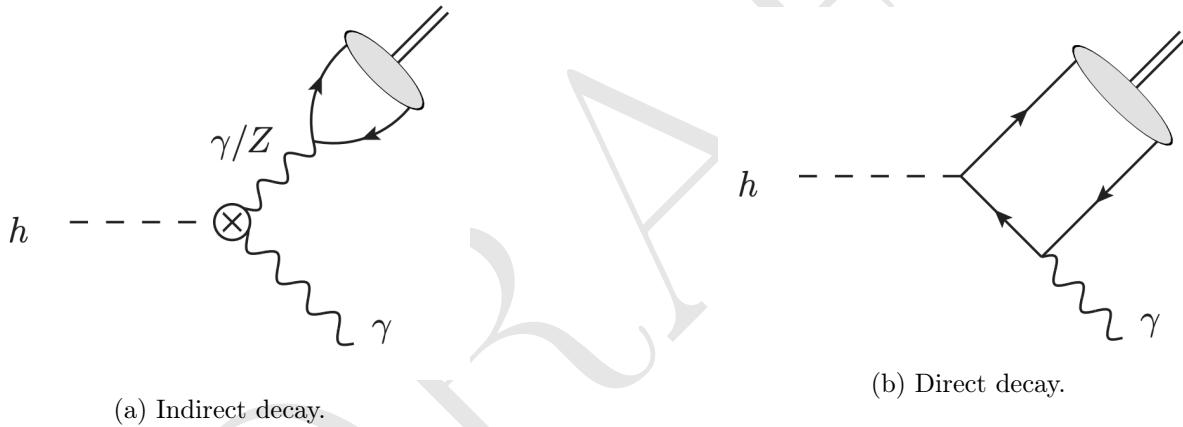


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Example of leading order diagrams for the indirect and direct production mechanisms. In theses diagrams, the  $h$  can also be understood as a  $Z$  or a Higgs boson.

Clearly, only the direct process is sensible to the Yukawa coupling of the boson with the quarks, but, since both processes are indistinguishable in their final state, the indirect process needs to be taken into account. In this study, a dimuon final state is used to tag the  $\Upsilon(nS)$ .

Even though there is different theoretical predictions for the cross section of this process and its twin brother ( $H \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$ ), each one taking into account different levels of complexity, the 2013 paper [25], from G. Bodwin, F. Petriello, S. Stoynev and M. Velasco, summarizes very well and in a simpler manner, the most relevant phenomenological results on these decays. For the decay to  $J/\Psi + \gamma$ , the quantum interference with the indirect amplitude, enhances the directed production, leading to a larger, and potentially observable, cross section. This is not true for the  $\Upsilon(nS) + \gamma$  decay, since the interference is destructive, diminishing the cross sections.

Another interesting aspect of this study is that, for both  $Hc\bar{c}$  and  $Hb\bar{b}$  direct coupling measurements are not sensible to the sign of the Yukawa coupling, while the presence of the indirect process in the  $H \rightarrow M + \gamma$  ( $M$  standing for  $J/\Psi$  or  $\Upsilon(nS)$ ) decays resolve this ambiguity.

Finally, since the  $\Upsilon(nS) + \gamma$  decay has a much smaller cross section, because of the destructive quantum interference between direct and indirect production mechanisms, a small deviation in the  $Hb\bar{b}$  Yukawa coupling, can lead a large increase in the expected branching ratio, making this channel sensible any non-Standard Model process that might interfere in this final state. This becomes clear when we look to Figure 2.11.

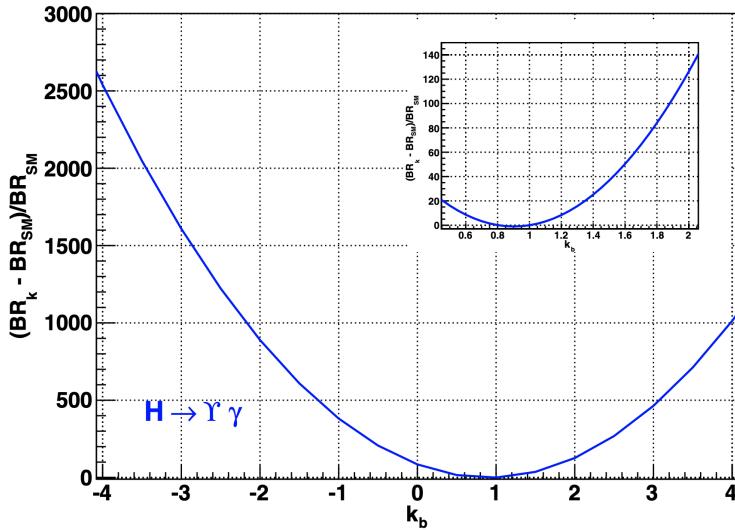


Figure 2.11: Expected relative variation of the branching ratio for the  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS) + \gamma$  to  $k_b$ , where  $k_b = g(Hb\bar{b})/g(Hb\bar{b})_{SM}$  is the ratio for the observed and expected Yukawa coupling oh  $Hb\bar{b}$ . Source: [25]

## 2.4 Recent results

The ATLAS experiment [38] already have two results on this decays [39, 40]. The first one corresponds to data taken from 2015, while the former one, corresponds to data from 2016 (the same data taking period to which this study refers).

The what concerns the most updated result, the study corresponded to  $36.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$  and no significant excess was found by the experiment. Upper limits for the were obtained, assuming the Standard Model branching fractions predictions, at 95% confidence level, according to table 2.3.

It is worth it to mention that the ATLAS papers present a broader analysis, including the decays to  $J/\Psi + \gamma$  and  $\Psi(2S) + \gamma$ .

CMS [41] also have a result on  $J/\Psi + \gamma$  and  $\Psi(2S) + \gamma$  decay channel, of the Higgs and Z boson [42]. The observed upper limit on the branching fraction for these decays are presented in table 2.4.

No result on the Z and Higgs decays to  $\Upsilon(nS) + \gamma$  have been published by CMS, yet.

Table 2.3: Observed upper limits, by the ATLAS experiment, on the branching fractions for the Higgs and Z decays (last result). Detailed comparisons with the results obtained in this study will be presented in chapter 5.

Decay	$\mathcal{B}F$ at 95% CL
$H \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$	$< 4.5 \times 10^{-4}$
$H \rightarrow \Psi(2S) + \gamma$	$< 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) + \gamma$	$< 4.9 \times 10^{-4}$
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S) + \gamma$	$< 5.9 \times 10^{-4}$
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S) + \gamma$	$< 5.7 \times 10^{-4}$
$Z \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$	$< 2.3 \times 10^{-6}$
$Z \rightarrow \Psi(2S) + \gamma$	$< 4.5 \times 10^{-6}$
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) + \gamma$	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-6}$
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S) + \gamma$	$< 1.7 \times 10^{-6}$
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S) + \gamma$	$< 4.8 \times 10^{-6}$

Table 2.4: Observed upper limits, by CMS, on the branching fractions for the Higgs and Z decays. The numbers are compatible with the ones obtained by ATLAS. The results presented for different polarization scenarios of the  $J/\Psi$ .

Channel	Polarization	$\mathcal{B}F$ at 95% CL
$Z \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$	Unpolarized	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-6}$
	Transverse	$< 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$
	Longitudinal	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-6}$
$H \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$	Transverse	$< 7.6 \times 10^{-4}$

714 The results presented here, are a subset of a broader topic related to the rare decays of Standard  
 715 Model (SM) boson, involving quarkonia. Sticking only to CMS results, we can cite:

- 716 • Search for Higgs and Z boson decays to  $J/\psi$  or  $\Upsilon$  pairs in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} =$   
 717 13 TeV [43].
- 718 • Observation of the  $Z \rightarrow \psi\ell^+\ell^-$  decay in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV [44]. This one specifically,  
 719 is the first observation of such a decay, involving a Z boson.
- 720 • Search for decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson into a Z boson and a  $\rho$  or  $\phi$  meson [45].

721 verificar resultados se outros foram publicados.

## 722 3 Experimental Setup

723 The central feature of the CMS apparatus is a superconducting solenoid of 6 m internal diameter,  
724 providing a magnetic field of 3.8 T. Within the solenoid volume are a silicon pixel and strip tracker,  
725 a lead tungstate crystal electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL), and a brass and scintillator hadron  
726 calorimeter (HCAL), each composed of a barrel and two endcap sections. Forward calorimeters ex-  
727 tend the pseudorapidity coverage provided by the barrel and endcap detectors. Muons are detected  
728 in gas-ionization chambers embedded in the steel flux-return yoke outside the solenoid.

729 A detailed description of the CMS detector, together with a definition of the coordinate system  
730 used and the relevant kinematic variables, can be found in [46].

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### 732 3.1 Tracker

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734 The silicon tracker measures charged particles within the pseudorapidity range  $|\eta| < 2.5$ . It consists  
735 of 1440 silicon pixel and 15 148 silicon strip detector modules. For non-isolated particles of  $1 <$   
736  $p_T < 10 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta| < 1.4$ , the track resolutions are typically 1.5% in  $p_T$  and 25–90 (45–150)  $\mu\text{m}$   
737 in the transverse (longitudinal) impact parameter [47]

### 738 3.2 Electromagnetic Calorimeter

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740 The ECAL consists of 75 848 lead tungstate crystals, which provide coverage in pseudorapidity  
741  $|\eta| < 1.48$  in a barrel region (EB) and  $1.48 < |\eta| < 3.0$  in two endcap regions (EE). Preshower  
742 detectors consisting of two planes of silicon sensors interleaved with a total of  $3X_0$  of lead are  
743 located in front of each EE detector [48]. In the barrel section of the ECAL, an energy resolution of  
744 about 1% is achieved for unconverted or late-converting photons that have energies in the range of  
745 tens of GeV. The remaining barrel photons have a resolution of about 1.3% up to a pseudorapidity  
746 of  $|\eta| = 1$ , rising to about 2.5% at  $|\eta| = 1.4$ . In the endcaps, the resolution of unconverted or late-  
747 converting photons is about 2.5%, while the remaining endcap photons have a resolution between  
748 3 and 4% [49]. When combining information from the entire detector, the jet energy resolution

<sup>749</sup> amounts typically to 15% at 10 GeV, 8% at 100 GeV, and 4% at 1 TeV, to be compared to about  
<sup>750</sup> 40%, 12%, and 5% obtained when the ECAL and HCAL calorimeters alone are used.

### <sup>751</sup> 3.3 Hadronic Calorimeter

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### <sup>753</sup> 3.4 Muon System

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<sup>755</sup> Muons are measured in the pseudorapidity range  $|\eta| < 2.4$ , with detection planes made using three  
<sup>756</sup> technologies: drift tubes, cathode strip chambers, and resistive plate chambers. The single muon  
<sup>757</sup> trigger efficiency exceeds 90% over the full  $\eta$  range, and the efficiency to reconstruct and identify  
<sup>758</sup> muons is greater than 96%. Matching muons to tracks measured in the silicon tracker results in  
<sup>759</sup> a relative transverse momentum resolution, for muons with  $p_T$  up to 100 GeV, of 1% in the barrel  
<sup>760</sup> and 3% in the endcaps. The  $p_T$  resolution in the barrel is better than 7% for muons with  $p_T$  up to  
<sup>761</sup> 1 TeV [50].

#### <sup>762</sup> 3.4.1 DT

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#### <sup>764</sup> 3.4.2 CSC

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#### <sup>766</sup> 3.4.3 RPC

<sup>767</sup> Due to the particularities of the study, especially the contributions given to the RPC project of  
<sup>768</sup> CMS, chapter 6 is devoted exclusively to this sub-detector.

#### <sup>769</sup> 3.4.4 GEN

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### <sup>771</sup> 3.5 Trigger and Data Acquisition

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773 A two-tiered trigger system [51]. The first level (L1), composed of custom hardware processors, uses  
774 information from the calorimeters and muon detectors to select events at a rate of around 100 kHz  
775 within a time interval of less than  $4\ \mu\text{s}$ . The second level, known as the high-level trigger (HLT),  
776 consists of a farm of processors running a version of the full event reconstruction software optimized  
777 for fast processing, and reduces the event rate to around 1 kHz before data storage.

778 **3.6 Simulation, reconstruction and computing**

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780 **3.7 Particle Flow Algorithm**

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## <sup>782</sup> 4 Physics Analysis

<sup>783</sup> DEFINIR A ANALISE

<sup>784</sup> EXPLICAR O PROCESSO E EXEMPLOS DE GRAFICO

<sup>785</sup> EXPLICAR A ESTRATEGIA

### <sup>786</sup> 4.1 Datasets and simulated events

#### <sup>787</sup> 4.1.1 Data samples

<sup>788</sup> The data sample used in this analysis consists of the 2016 13 TeV run with 25 ns bunch separation  
<sup>789</sup> recorded by CMS. This data sample is composed only by events that were certified from all CMS  
<sup>790</sup> subsystems and and reconstruction specialist as good for physics analysis.

<sup>791</sup> This data sample corresponds to  $35.86 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity [52].

#### <sup>792</sup> 4.1.2 Simulated datasets

<sup>793</sup> Data simulation at CMS is done by the use of Monte Carlo (from here on, simply called MC)  
<sup>794</sup> simulations the generates pseudo-random events, constrained by the physics of the related process to  
<sup>795</sup> which we are interested, including the effect of the produced particles interacting with the detector.

<sup>796</sup> The simulation starts with the **hard-scattering** process, at parton (constituents of the proton)  
<sup>797</sup> level, done usually, by matrix element generators, which impose to the incoming and outgoing  
<sup>798</sup> partons, the dynamics of the simulated process, according to some pre-defined theoretical model.

<sup>799</sup> Along the hard interaction simulation, the **fragmentation** process takes place. Since the the matrix  
<sup>800</sup> element generator provide information on the parton level, it is necessary to extract the momentum  
<sup>801</sup> distribution of the parton as a function of the  $Q^2$  (transferred momentum) of the process. TO do  
<sup>802</sup> so, MC generators use the PDFs (parton distribution functions) to sample those values, accordingly.

<sup>803</sup> The matrix element formalism also allows the simulation of the process, taking into account, different  
<sup>804</sup> orders of perturbations, like NLO (next-to-leading order), NNLO (next-to-next-to-leading order),  
<sup>805</sup> and so on.

<sup>806</sup> After the hard-scattering, the **showering** process simulates the radiation emission by gluons and  
<sup>807</sup> quarks in the initial and final states. Along the hard interaction, the other proton constituents  
<sup>808</sup> may also interact through soft interaction. This part of the simulation is called **multiple parton**  
<sup>809</sup> **interaction** (MPI). The last components of the simulation is the **hadronization** and the **decay**

**of heavy hadrons and leptons.** The former one, imposes the QCD confinement to low energy quarks and gluons <sup>1</sup>, while the latter one, implements specific models to decays heavy hadrons and leptons, like  $B$  hadrons and taus.

Usually, different generators are used to simulate a process. Each specialized in one or more steps.

A summary of the signal and background MC samples used is presented in Table 4.1. These simulated data are comparable with the proton-proton collision using 2016 data conditions and the **pileup** <sup>2</sup> events are added to the simulated event in this step. The pileup events distribution used is modeled as a Poisson pdf (probability distribution function) with mean of 23 events, as recommended by CMS. Detector response in the MC samples is simulated using a detailed description of the CMS detector, based on GEANT4 [53].

The signal MC samples are simulated for the Higgs bosons decaying to  $\Upsilon(nS)(\rightarrow \mu\mu) + \gamma$  channels with POWHEG v2.0 [54–56], at next-to-leading order (NLO) of Feynman graphs computation, for the following production modes: gluon-gluon fusion (ggF), vector boson fusion (VBF), associated production (VH) and associated top production (ttH), with cross-section summarized at table 4.1. A extensive review of these production modes can be found at [57]. The PYTHIA 8 generator [58, 59] is used for hadronization and fragmentation with underlying event tune CUETP8M1 [60]. The parton distribution functions (pdf) NNPDF3.0 [61] are used.

For Z decaying to  $\Upsilon(nS)(\rightarrow \mu\mu) + \gamma$  channels, the signal samples are simulated with MADGRAPH 5 \_MC@NLO 2.6.0 matrix element generator [62] at next leading order and the PYTHIA 8 generator [58, 59] for hadronization and fragmentation with underlying event tune CUETP8M1 [60].

The Drell-Yan process,  $pp \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$ , results in the same final state as the signal. This process exhibits a peak in the three-body invariant mass,  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ , at the Z boson mass,  $m_Z$ , and it is a resonant background for this channel, therefore referred to as a Peaking Background.

It is taken into account when deriving the upper limit on the branching fraction for  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS) + \gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu + \gamma$ . The MADGRAPH 5 \_MC@NLO 2.6.0 matrix element generator [62] at leading order, interfaced with PYTHIA 8.226 for parton showering and hadronization with tune CUETP8M1 [60], is used to generate a sample of these resonant background events. The photons in these events are all produced as final-state radiation from the  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  decay and therefore the  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  distribution peaks at the Z boson mass and there is no continuum contribution.

Similarly, the Higgs boson Dalitz decay [63],  $H \rightarrow \gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu + \gamma$ , is a Peaking Background (resonant) to  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS) \rightarrow \mu\mu + \gamma$ . It is simulated at NLO with MADGRAPH 5 \_MC@NLO 2.6.0 matrix element generator [62] at next-to-leading order and the PYTHIA 8 generator [58, 59] for

<sup>1</sup>QCD forbids coloured objects to exist in non-asymptotic states. They must decays to more complex systems, until they form stable colorless states.

<sup>2</sup>Each LHC collision recorded by CMS, is composed not by a single  $pp$  interaction, but by a bunch of protons crossing. In this case, a hard interaction is actually surrounded by many soft interaction between adjacent protons. The extra activity produced in these interactions, and caught by the detector, is called **pileup** and has its signal mixed with the hard one. Since, during the data taking, the number of pileup interactions varies according to the instantaneous luminosity, the MC are mixed some soft interaction only sample, called Minimum Bias. The number of mixed soft interaction (pileup events) is governed by a Poisson distribution with a pre-defined mean. The MC samples are then reweighted to match the same distribution of primary vertexes for the corresponding Data. Systematics related to this procedure will be discussed later.

- hadronization and fragmentation with underlying event tune CUETP8M1 [60]. This Higgs Dalitz Decay sample, was generated only for the ggF production mode, but its cross-section was rescaled to the full Higgs cross-section. This process will present a small contribution of selected events, so this approximation should be sufficient for the Higgs Peaking Background modeling.
- There are also background processes that do not give resonance peaks in the three-body invariant mass spectrum. They are modeled from data, as it will be explained latter in more details.

Table 4.1: Datasets simulated (MC) for 2016 conditions. Assuming that  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H)$ , taking into consideration all the simulated Higgs production modes, is  $55.13\text{ pb}$  [64] and  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \mu\mu)$  is  $57094.5\text{ pb}$ , including the next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) QCD contributions, and the next-to-leading order (NLO) electroweak corrections from fewz 3.1 [65] calculated using the NLO PDF set NNPDF3.0, with the phase space selection in invariant mass of the dimuon system of  $m_{\mu\mu} > 50\text{ GeV}$ . For the Higgs Dalitz  $\sigma$ , we consider only the gluon fusion contribution ( $\sigma_{ggF} = 48.6\text{ pb}$ ) [64]. The Higgs Dalitz Decay  $BR_{SM}$  and the  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$  were obtained with MCFM 6.6 [66] (as in the CMS search for Higgs Dalitz Decay in at  $\sqrt{s} = 8\text{ TeV}$  [67]) and with MADGRAPH 5 \_ MC@NLO, respectively. The  $BR_{\Upsilon(1S,2S,3S) \rightarrow \mu\mu}^{PDG} = (2.48, 1.93, 2.18) \times 10^{-2}$  is quoted from Particle Data Group report (PDG) [2]. The "Effective  $\sigma$ " for the signal samples is  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow Z(H)) \times BR_{SM} \times BR_{\Upsilon(nS) \rightarrow \mu\mu}^{PDG}$ .

Physics Processes	Branching Ratio ( $BR_{SM}$ )	Effective $\sigma$ (in pb)	Generator	Sample Type
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) + \gamma$	$5.22 \times 10^{-9}$	$7.14 \times 10^{-9}$	POWHEG 2.0	Signal
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S) + \gamma$	$1.42 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.51 \times 10^{-9}$	POWHEG 2.0	Signal
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S) + \gamma$	$9.10 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-9}$	POWHEG 2.0	Signal
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) + \gamma$	$4.88 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.80 \times 10^{-5}$	MADGRAPH 5	Signal
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S) + \gamma$	$2.44 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.69 \times 10^{-5}$	MADGRAPH 5	Signal
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S) + \gamma$	$1.88 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.34 \times 10^{-5}$	MADGRAPH 5	Signal
H Dalitz Decay	$3.83 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.13 \times 10^{-3}$	MADGRAPH 5	Peaking Background
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$	—	$7.93 \times 10^{-2}$	MADGRAPH 5	Peaking Background

- The number of simulated events is rescaled by the Effective  $\sigma$ , from table 4.1, in order to match  $35.86\text{ fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity, from the recorded data. Being  $N = \sigma\mathcal{L}$ ,  $N$  in the number of events for a process,  $\sigma$  is the cross-section and  $\mathcal{L}$  is the integrated luminosity, the reweighting factor, for a simulated sample is:

$$w_{MC} = \frac{\sigma\mathcal{L}}{N_{sim}}, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $N_{sim}$  is the number of simulated events for a specific process.

The simulated sample are also corrected by the data pile-up distribution, since the pileup distribution of MC is different from the pileup distribution of data. The way to correct the MC is to assign a weight to each bin of the MC pileup distribution, with respect to the data. The rescaling is defined as the ratio between normalized Pile-up (PU) distribution for Data and MC.

$$w_{PU}(n) = \frac{P_{PU}^{Data}(n)}{P_{PU}^{Sim}(n)}, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $n$  is the number of interaction per bunch crossing (pile-up).

## 4.2 Contribution of the $\Upsilon(nS)$ polarisation

Measurements of quarkonium polarization observables may yield information about quarkonium production mechanisms that are not available from the study of unpolarized cross sections alone. The three polarization states of a  $J = 1$  quarkonium can be specified in terms of a particular coordinate system in the rest frame of the quarkonium. This coordinate system is often called the "spin-quantization frame".

In a hadron collider,  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  are reconstructed through their electromagnetic decays into a lepton pair. The information about the polarization of the quarkonium state is encoded in the angular distribution of the leptons. This angular distribution is usually described in the quarkonium rest frame with respect to a particular spin-quantization frame [68]. The polarization of the  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  is not simulated for signal MC sample and we only apply a reweighting scale factor to each event and so we can emulate the polarization effects [69]. Figure 4.1 present the distributions of  $\cos\Theta$  of  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu\mu$ , where  $\Theta$  is the angle between the positive muon and the  $\Upsilon$  in the Z (Higgs) rest-frame. At Table 4.2 we show the the analytical functions used to describe the extremes scenarios (Unpolarized, Transverse Polarization and Longitudinal Polarization) reweighting, presented in this analysis.

It is worth stating that, for the Higgs decay, on the Transverse Polarization is considered. For the Z decay, because of its spin nature, the Unpolarized scenario is used as the nominal one, and the effects of the two other extremes (Transverse Polarization and Longitudinal Polarization) are quoted as systematics.

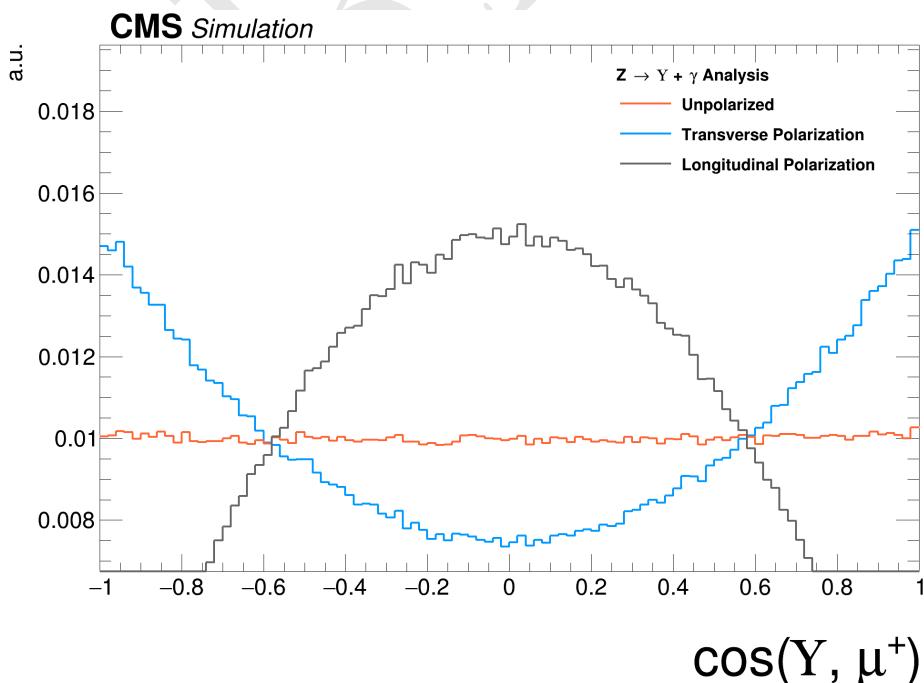


Figure 4.1: Distributions of  $\cos\theta$  of  $\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu\mu$ . The orange distribution is the  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  sample before reweighting (Unpolarized); the blue and gray distributions are  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  sample after reweighting, for the Transverse and Longitudinal Polarization.

Table 4.2: Summary of the impact of reweighted of polarization contribution using several scenarios.

$J_Z$	Polarisation Scenario	Analytic Description
$\pm 1$	Transverse	$3/4 \times (1 + (\cos \Theta)^2)$
0	Longitudinal	$3/2 \times (1 - (\cos \Theta)^2)$

### 4.3 Kinematical studies using MC generator

Using the PYTHIA 8.226 generator, the Monte Carlo signals are produced for Higgs (Z) boson events decaying in  $(\Upsilon(1S,2S,3S)) + \gamma$ , which are highly boosted. Observing the kinematic generator level distributions in Figure 4.2 for Z boson and Figure 4.3 for Higgs boson, we could conclude that the high- $E_T$  (transverse energy, with respect to the beam line) photon will be back-to-back to the  $\Upsilon$  particles being possible to apply an isolation selection to identify a photon in this kinematic topology. Also, we can observe those transverse momenta of the leading/trailing  $p_T$  (transverse momentum, with respect to the beam line) muon <sup>3</sup> and the photon and distances  $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$  between the two muons and between the muons and the photon are a good variable that can be used to discriminate the contribution between signal and background events. The leading muon transverse momentum can be greater than 45(30) GeV and trailing muon is greater than 10(20) GeV in Higgs(Z) decay.  $\Delta R$  distributions of the two muons and between the muons and the photon in the both cases show that the two muons are very close and the photon is back-to-back in relation of dimuon system. Another feature of this kinematic topology is that the production vertex between muons produced in  $\Upsilon$  decaying events and the high- $E_T$  photon is very well defined.

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<sup>3</sup>In this study we define leading muon and the muon, decaying from the  $\Upsilon$ , with highest  $p_T$ . Trailing muon is the one with the second hight  $p_T$ .

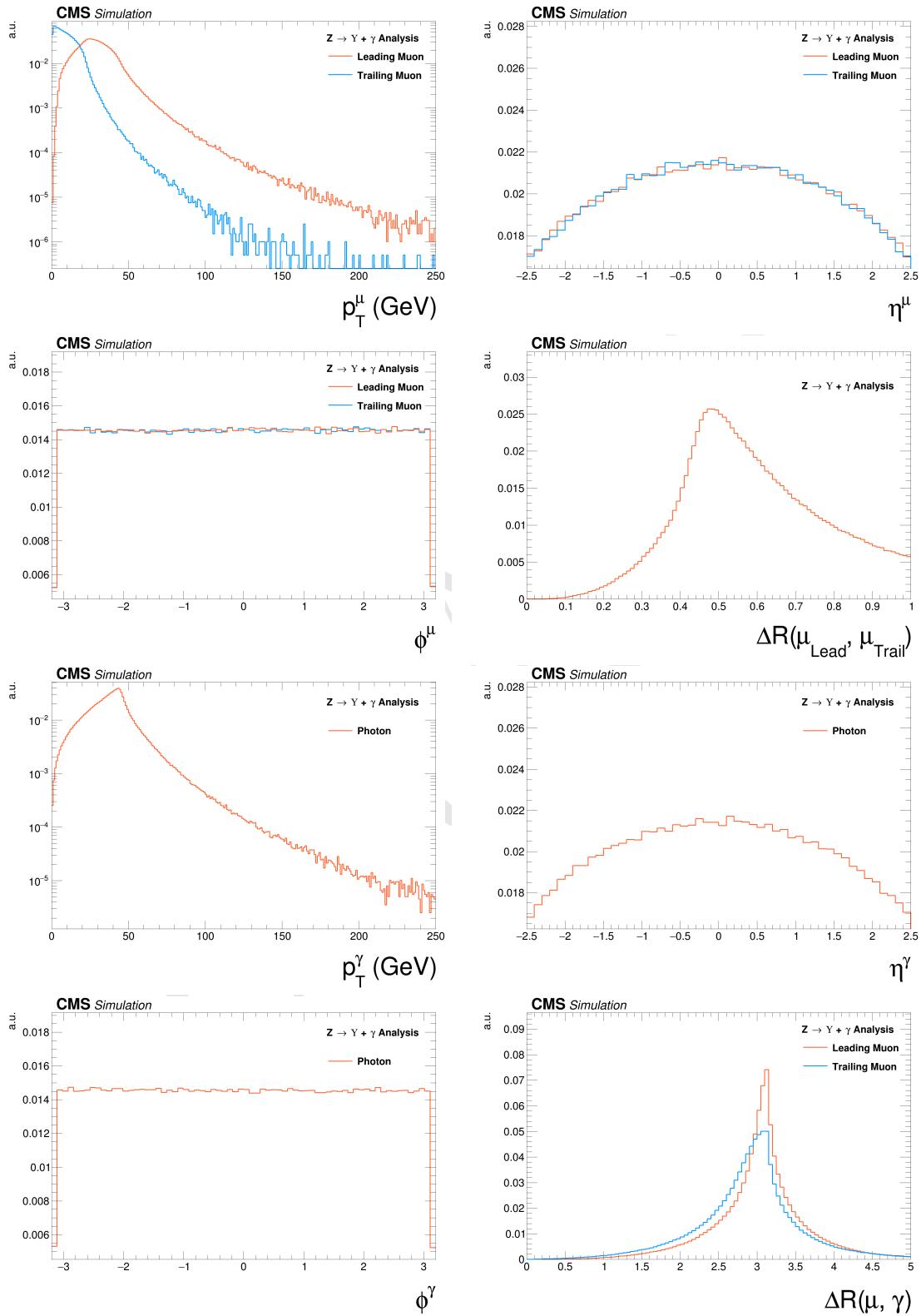


Figure 4.2: Generator level distributions of main variables for  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$ : Transverse momenta of the leading/trailing  $p_T$  muon and the photon, pseudorapidity ( $\eta$ ) and  $\phi$  of the muons and the photon, distances  $\Delta R$  between the two muons and between the muons and the photon. All the distributions shown in the figure are normalized to the unity of area.

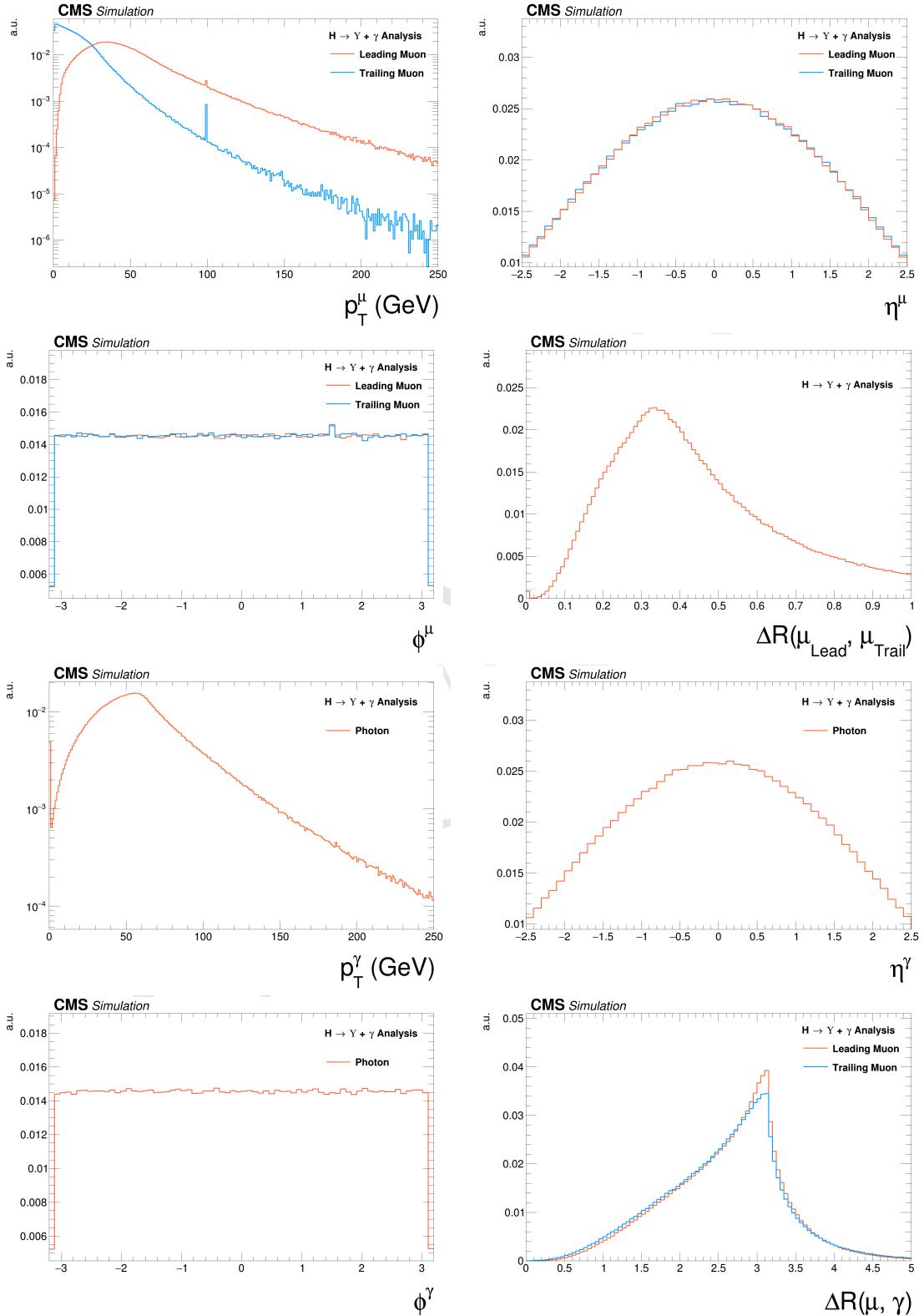


Figure 4.3: Generator level distributions of main variables for  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$ : Transverse momenta of the leading/trailing  $p_T$  muon and the photon, pseudorapidity ( $\eta$ ) and  $\phi$  of the muons and the photon, distances  $\Delta R$  between the two muons and between the muons and the photon. All the distributions shown in the figure are normalized to the unity of area.

## 893 4.4 Event selection

894 The event selection is divided in two steps. At first, a set of cuts related to trigger and physics object  
 895 (muons and photons) selection is applied. High level physics objects at CMS are reconstructed based  
 896 of the Particle Flow (PF) algorithm [70]. This selection is called, within this analysis, Group I.

897 For the events that pass the Group I selection, another set of cuts is applied, this time focusing on  
 898 kinematical (phase space) event selection, in order to enhance the signal to background ratio. This  
 899 later set is called, within this analysis, Group II. After full selection, three exclusive categories are  
 900 defined, based on the photon's  $\eta$  region and its energy spread shape within the ECAL cells (R9).

901 After the full selection, a background and signal modeling process is applied, based on the invariant  
 902 mass distributions, which will be explained in the next section.

## 903 4.5 Trigger and physics object selection (Group I)

### 904 4.5.1 Trigger

905 In this study, the same trigger requirements are applied to both data and simulated samples. For  
 906 the first trigger level (L1), events are selected if they present at least one muon with transverse  
 907 momentum greater than 5 GeV and an isolated <sup>4</sup> photon or electron with transverse momentum  
 908 greater than 18 GeV (at L1, there is no differentiation between photons and electrons). At the  
 909 software level of the trigger system (HLT), the events are required to have at least one muon with  
 910 transverse momentum greater than 17 GeV and a photon with transverse momentum greater than  
 911 30 GeV.

912 In order to compensate any difference in the trigger performance between simulated and data sam-  
 913 ples, for every selected MC a proper scale factor is applied, based on the the  $p_T$  of the reconstructed  
 914 muon and photon. These scale factor computed by the ratio between efficiency of the trigger for  
 915 the Data sample over the efficiency for a MC sample. These efficiencies are calculated with the  
 916 tag-and-probe method, exploring the the resonance of a final state composted by two muon and  
 917 one photon in the vicinity of the  $Z$  boson invariant mass. To this final state, a selections was  
 918 applied to ensure that the photon comes from a Final State Radiation process, allowing us to use  
 919 the tag-and-probe method.

920 Considering the similarity of this analysis with the  $H/Z \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$  analysis [42], not only in therm  
 921 of data samples, but also for triggering and physics object selection, the same scale factors were  
 922 applied. More details are given in the same paper.

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<sup>4</sup>The concept of isolation will be detailed later, but in summary, it means a object which has very small activity (above a certain threshold of energy/momentum) around it. In hadron-hadron collider, isolation is a characteristics of hard interactions.

### 4.5.2 Muon Identification

Ahead of any selection, a standard CMS "Ghost Cleaning" procedure is applied to all reconstructed muons in order to avoid that a single physical muon is reconstructed as two or more. For this procedure, reconstructed muons sharing 50% or more segments in the system are arbitrated.

After the cleaning, a muon is chosen when it passes a two step identification: the **Loose ID** and the **Tight ID**. Below the muon identification procedure is summarized .

For the Loose ID, each muon is required to:

- have transverse momentum greater than 5 GeV, in order to cope with Particle Flow requirements;
- be within the muon system acceptance:  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ;
- to have a three dimensional impact parameter uncertainty smaller than 4;
- to have transverse distance smaller than 0.5 cm ( $d_{xy} < 0.5$ ), with respect to the primary vertex (PV);
- to have longitudinal distance greater than 1.0 cm ( $d_z < 1$ ), with respect to the primary vertex (PV).

Muons reconstructed only in the muon system, without a correspondence with the tracker, are rejected. The last three requirements of the Loose ID are imposed in order to suppress muons from in-flight decays.

The primary vertex itself, is determined as the reconstructed vertex with the biggest sum of  $p_T^2$  in the event. This sum is performed, considering all the charged PF candidates clustered by the jet finding algorithms [71, 72] and the MET, which is defined as the  $p_T$  vector sum of all the charged and neutral PF candidates associated to that vertex.

For the Tight ID, muons with transverse momentum  $p_T < 200$  GeV, are required to have been reconstructed with the Particle Flow (PF) algorithm. If they have  $p_T > 200$  GeV, they should be reconstructed with the Particle Flow (PF) algorithm or satisfy the strict tracker requirements (defined in table 4.3).

Table 4.3: Conditions for a muon to pass the strict tracker requirements.

Requirement	Technical definition
Muon station matching	Muon is matched to segments in at least two stations in the muon system
Good $p_T$ measurement	$\frac{p_T}{\sigma_{pT}} < 0.3$
Vertex compatibility ( $x - y$ )	$d_{xy} < 2$ mm
Vertex compatibility ( $z$ )	$d_z < 5$ mm
Pixel hits	At least one pixel hit
Tracker hits	Hits in at least six tracker layers

949 To mitigate spurious signal in the detector that would mimic a muon, the leading muon (the one  
 950 with highest  $p_T$ ) is required to be isolated within a cone of radius  $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2} < 0.3$  in  
 951 the  $\eta - \phi$  plane. The isolation is evaluated in terms of  $\mathcal{I}^\mu < 0.35$ , defined as:

$$\mathcal{I}^\mu \equiv \left( \sum p_T^{\text{charged}} + \max \left[ 0, \sum p_T^{\text{neutral}} + \sum p_T^\gamma - p_T^{\text{PU}}(\mu) \right] \right) / p_T^\mu. \quad (4.3)$$

952 The  $\sum p_T^{\text{charged}}$  is the scalar sum of the transverse momenta of charged hadrons originating from the  
 953 chosen primary vertex of the event. The  $\sum p_T^{\text{neutral}}$  and  $\sum p_T^\gamma$  are the scalar sums of the transverse  
 954 momenta for neutral hadrons and photons, respectively. Since the isolation variable is particularly  
 955 sensitive to energy deposits from pileup interactions, a  $p_T^{\text{PU}}(\mu)$  contribution is subtracted, where  
 956  $p_T^{\text{PU}}(\mu) \equiv 0.5 \times \sum_i p_T^{\text{PU},i}$ , where  $i$  runs over the momenta of the charged hadron PF candidates  
 957 not originating from the primary vertex, and the factor of 0.5 corrects for the different fraction of  
 958 charged and neutral particles in the cone.

959 One should keep in mind that this muon identification is the same as the one used by the  $H \rightarrow$   
 960  $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  [73]. This was done in order to keep in phase with other Higgs analysis inside the  
 961 collaboration. After the muon identification, an appropriate scale factor is applied to the MC  
 962 events based on the leading muon  $p_T$  and  $\eta$ , in order to correct any possible discrepancy between  
 963 data and simulated samples. The scale factors were taken from the  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  analysis.

964 In order to cope with trigger requirements, the leading muon should have  $p_T > 20$  GeV and the  
 965 trailing muon  $p_T > 4$  GeV.

#### 966 4.5.3 Photon Identification

967 For the photon identification and selection, standard CMS . The Multivariate (MVA) Photon iden-  
 968 tification is used with a working point of 90%, together with a electron veto procedure, to avoid  
 969 misidentification of electrons as photons. Kinematically, the photons are requested to have trans-  
 970 verse energy, with respect to the beam line,  $E_T > 33$  GeV and reconstructed within the CMS  
 971 acceptance for photons  $|\eta_{SC}| < 2.5^5$ , excluding the Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL) Barrel-  
 972 Endcap intersections.

973 The threshold of 33 GeV for the photon transverse energy is driven by the trigger requirements.  
 974 The selecte photon, per event, is the one with highest  $E_T$ .

#### 975 4.5.4 Kinematical distributions

976 The selection described so far, is called Group I. The plots shown below are related to selected  
 977 events after this set.

978 Figures 4.4 to 4.9 presents the  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\phi$  distributions for the leading muon, trailing muon and  
 979 the photon, for the Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$ .

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<sup>5</sup>SC stands for Super Cluster of the reconstructed photon. It is the set of cell in the Electromagnetic Calorimeter used for the photon observation.

Figures 4.10 to 4.12 presents the  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\phi$  distributions for reconstructed  $\Upsilon(nS)$  ( $\mu\mu$  system) and the reconstructed boson ( $\mu\mu\gamma$  system).

Figures 4.13 to 4.16 presents the  $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$  between the photon and the muons, the  $\Delta R$  distributions between reconstructed dimuon ( $\mu\mu$ ) system and the photon, the absolute value of the  $\Delta\phi$  between the leading muon and the photon, the ratio for the transverse momentum of the reconstructed Upsilon and the reconstructed Z mass ( $p_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ ), the ratio for the transverse energy of the reconstructed Photon and the reconstructed Z mass ( $E_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ ) and dimuon mass distribution of the reconstructed  $\Upsilon(nS)$ .

Figures 4.17 to 4.29 present the same variables, but for the Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  channel.

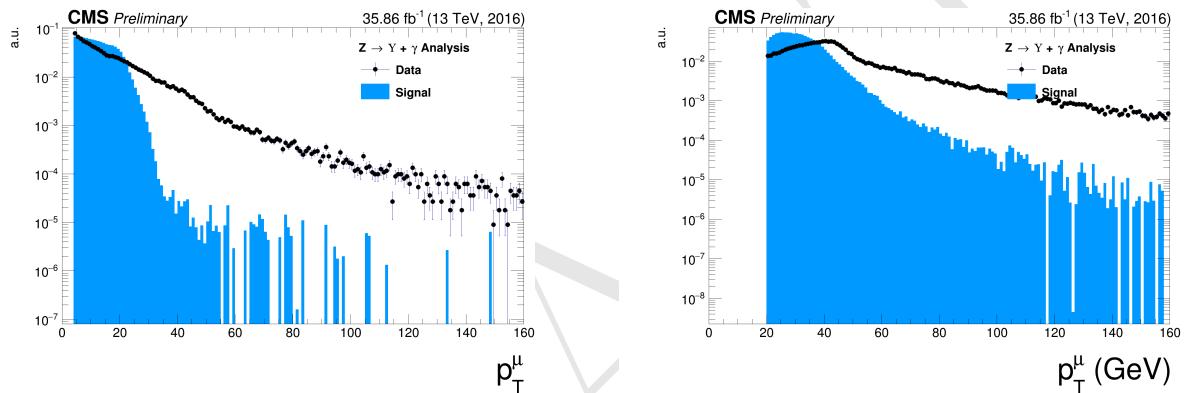


Figure 4.4: The  $p_T$  muon distributions from data and signal events for Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

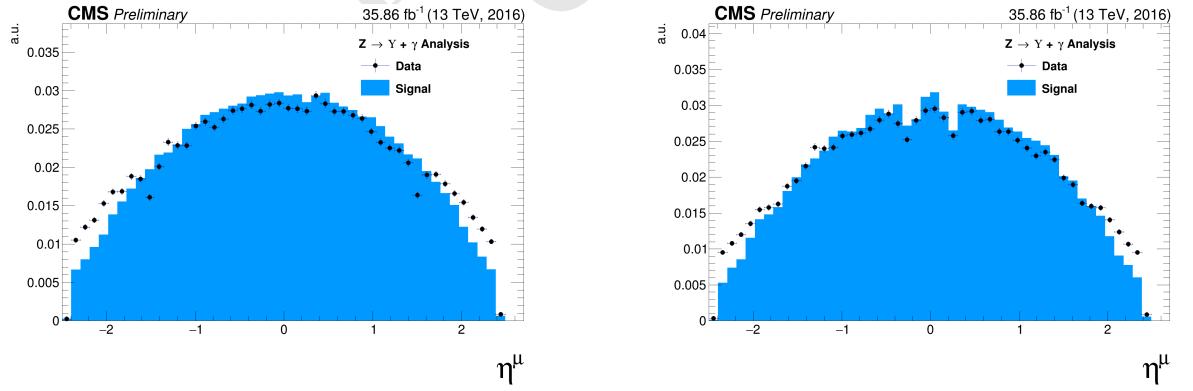


Figure 4.5: The  $\eta$  muon distributions from data and signal events of Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

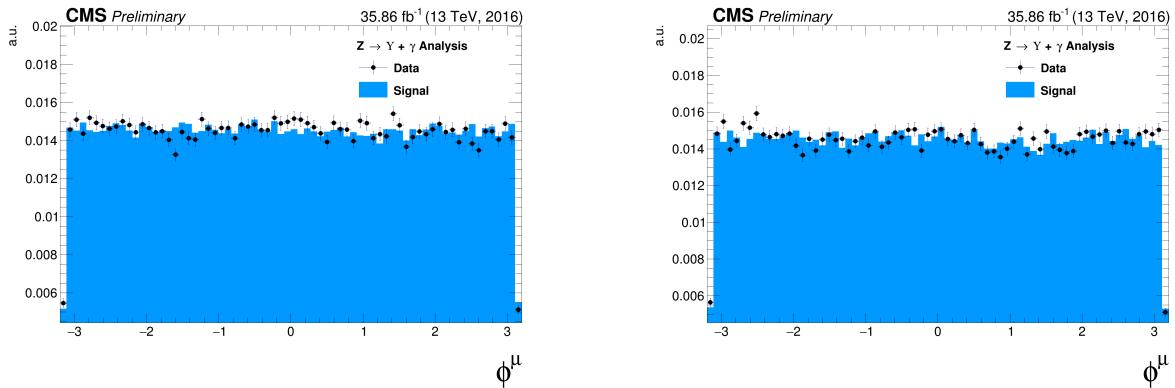


Figure 4.6: The  $\phi$  muon distributions from data and signal events of  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

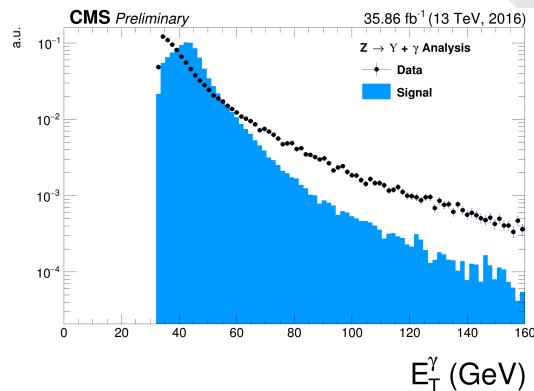


Figure 4.7: The  $p_T$  photon distributions from data and signal events for  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  Group I of selection cuts. The plots normalized to the unit of area.

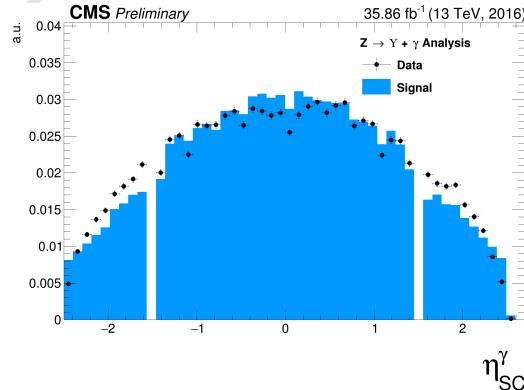


Figure 4.8: The  $\eta$  photon distributions from data and signal events of  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the unit of area.

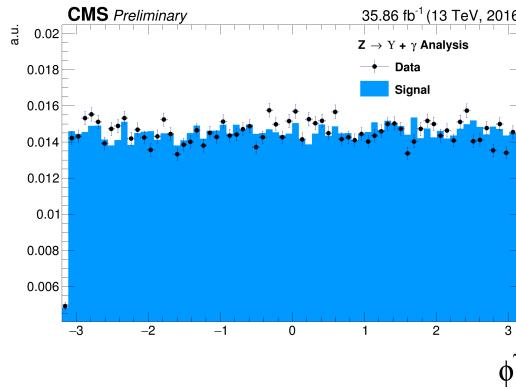


Figure 4.9: The  $\phi$  photon distributions from data and signal events of  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the unit of area.

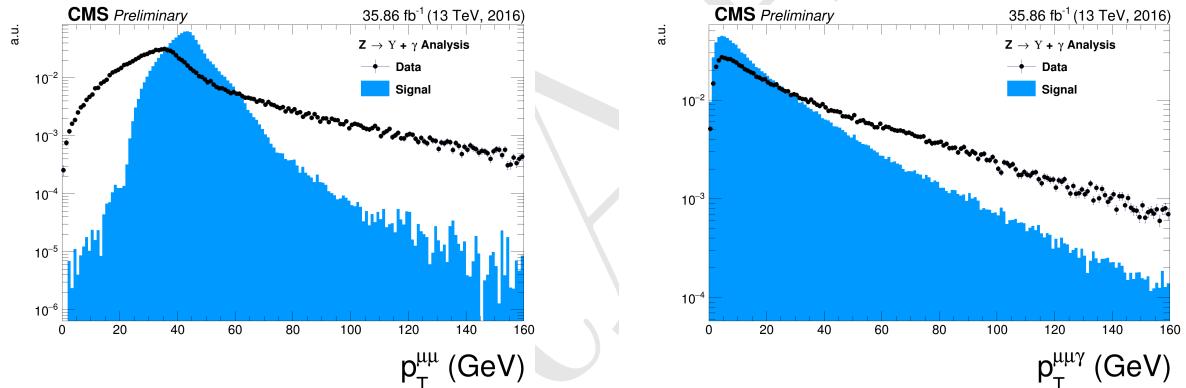


Figure 4.10: The  $p_T$  distributions for the reconstructed  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for  $Z$  in the right from data and signal events for  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

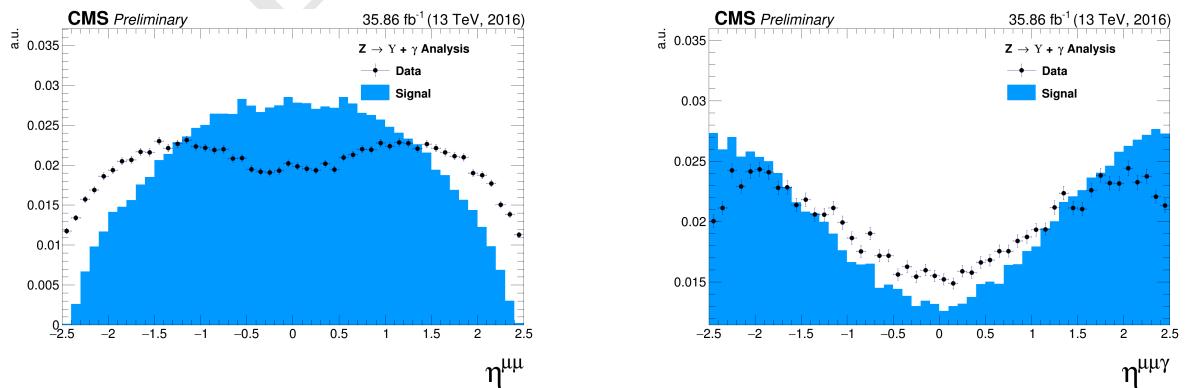


Figure 4.11: The  $\eta$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for  $Z$  in the right from data and signal events for  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

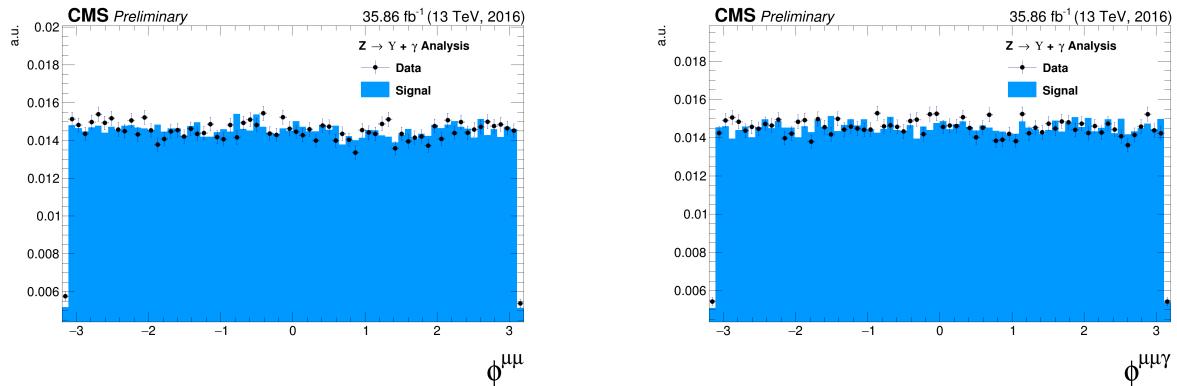


Figure 4.12: The  $\phi$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for  $Z$  in the right from data and signal events for  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

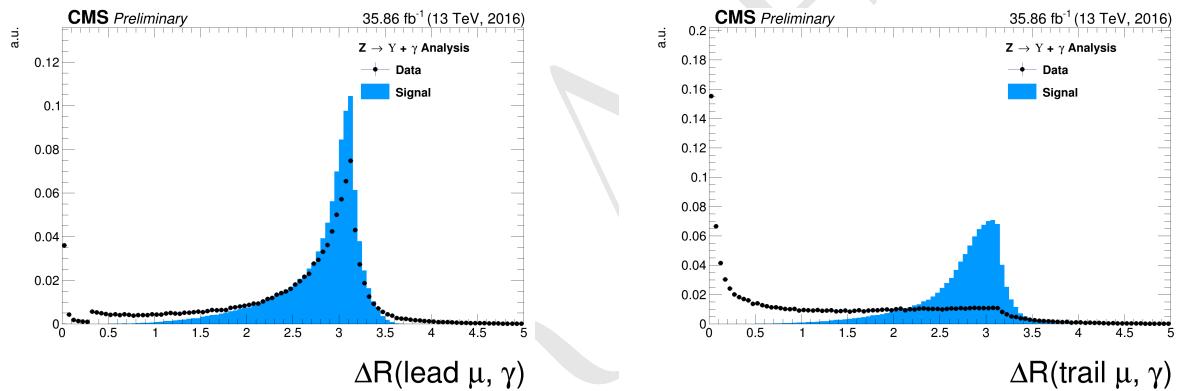


Figure 4.13: The  $\Delta R$  distributions between the photon and the leading muon (left) and the trailing muon (right) for for  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  from data and signal events after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

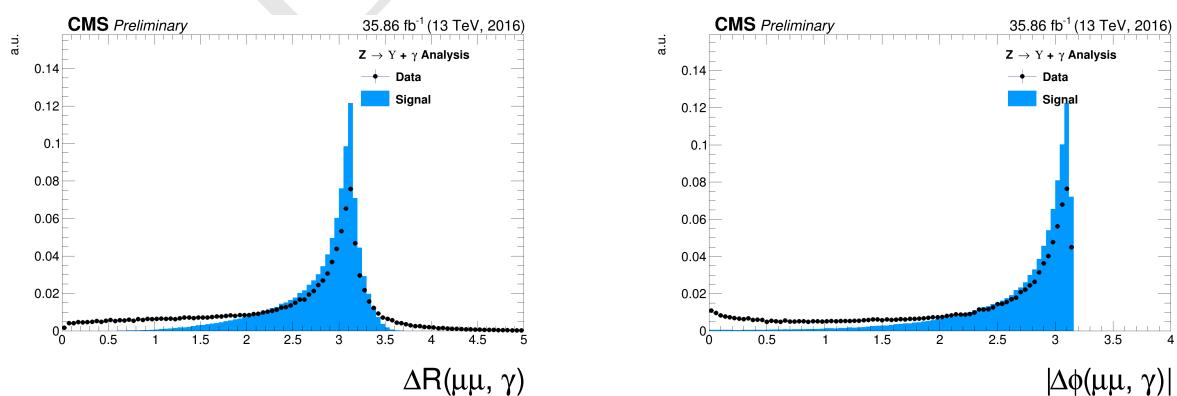


Figure 4.14: Left: The  $\Delta R$  distributions between reconstructed dimuon ( $\mu\mu$ ) system and the photon. Right: absolute value of the  $\Delta\phi$  between the leading muon and the photon for for  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  from data and signal events after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

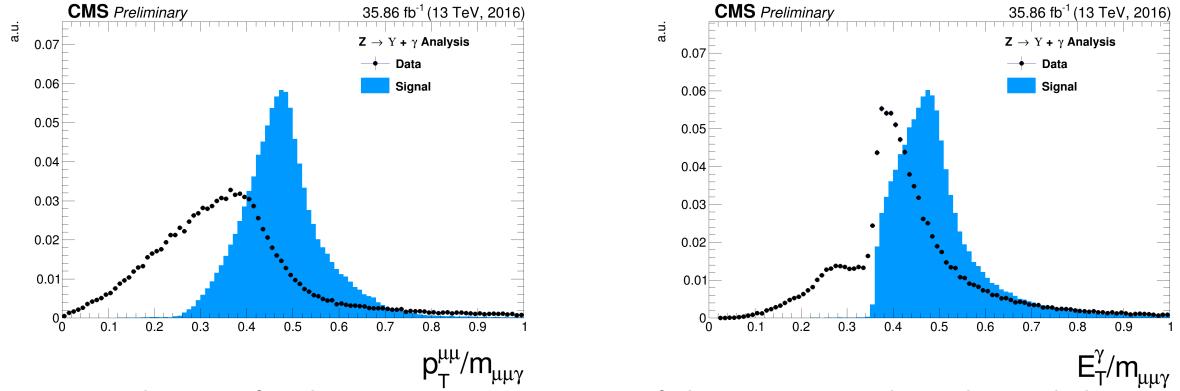


Figure 4.15: The ratio for the transverse momentum of the reconstructed Upsilon and the reconstructed Z mass ( $p_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  - left) and the ratio for the transverse energy of the reconstructed Photon and the reconstructed Z mass ( $E_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  - right) distribution for Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  from data and signal events after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

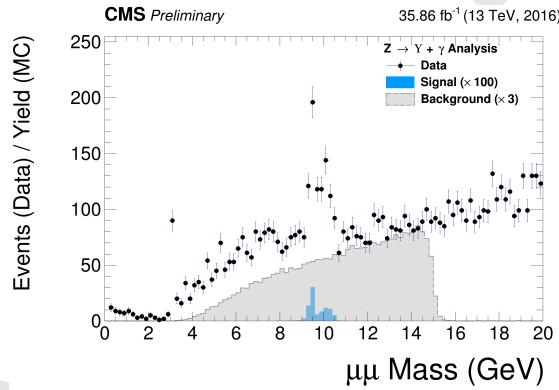


Figure 4.16: The dimuon mass distribution of the reconstructed  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  from data and signal events for Z decaying after Group I of selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the number of events. "Signal" stands for the  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  sample (scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ ) and "Background" corresponds to the peaking background ( $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$ ) sample (scaled by a factor of  $\times 3$ ).

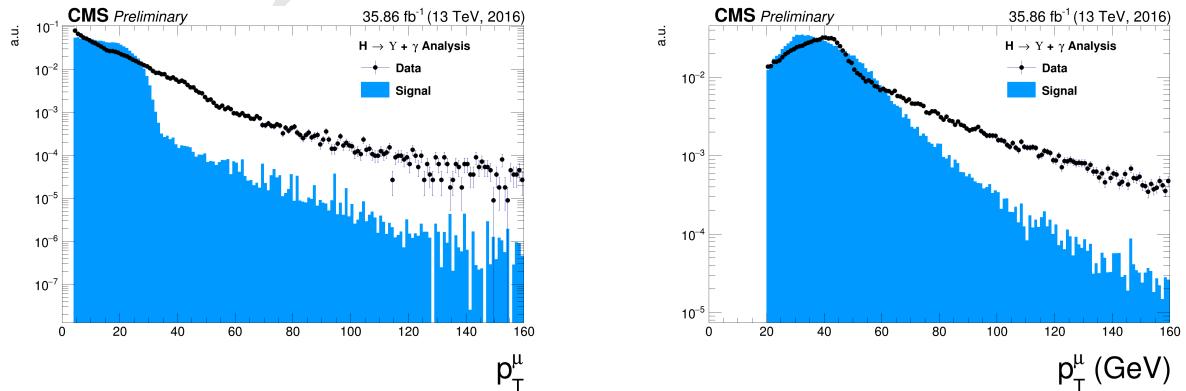


Figure 4.17: The  $p_T$  muon distributions from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

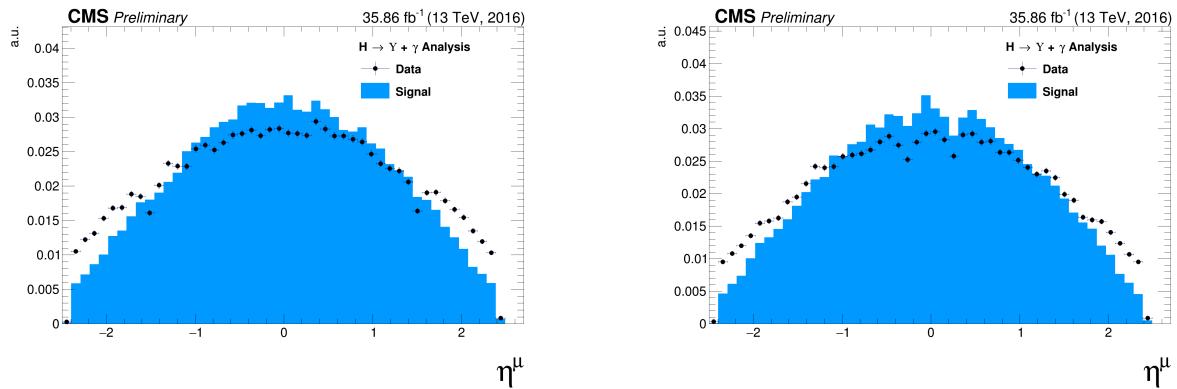


Figure 4.18: The  $\eta$  muon distributions from data and signal events of Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

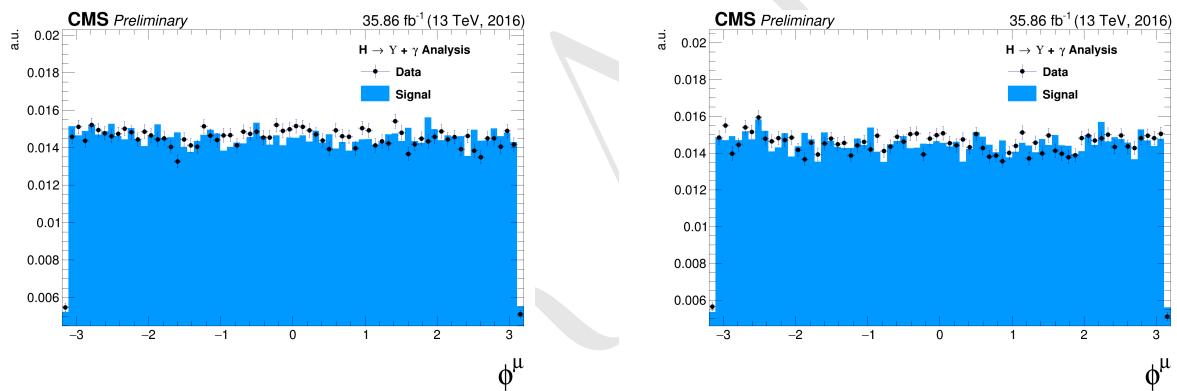


Figure 4.19: The  $\phi$  muon distributions from data and signal events of Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

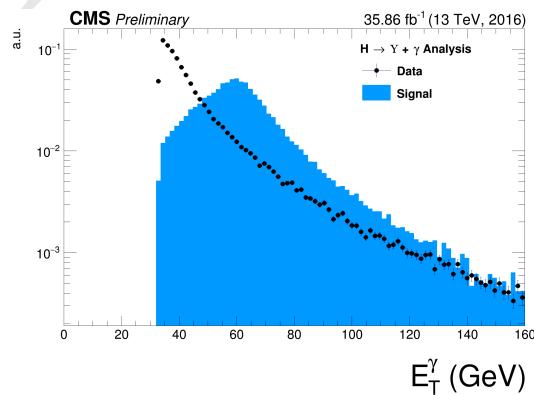


Figure 4.20: The  $p_T$  photon distributions from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  Group I of selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the unit of area.

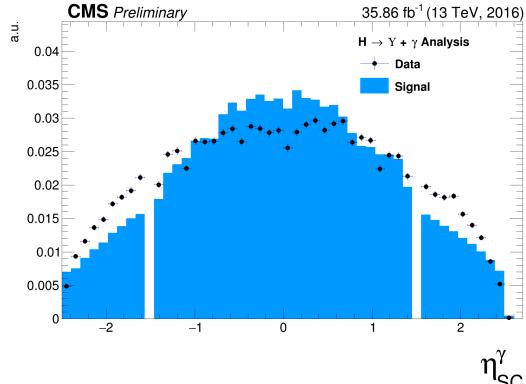


Figure 4.21: The  $\eta$  photon distributions from data and signal events of Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the unit of area.

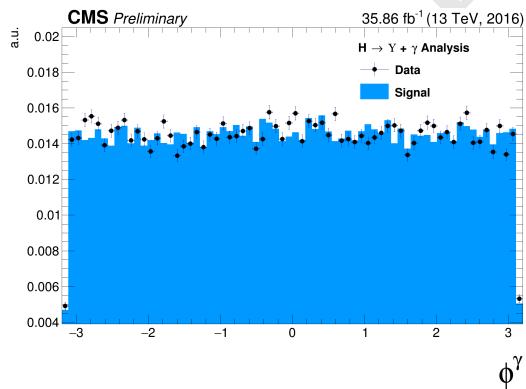


Figure 4.22: The  $\phi$  photon distributions from data and signal events of Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the unit of area.

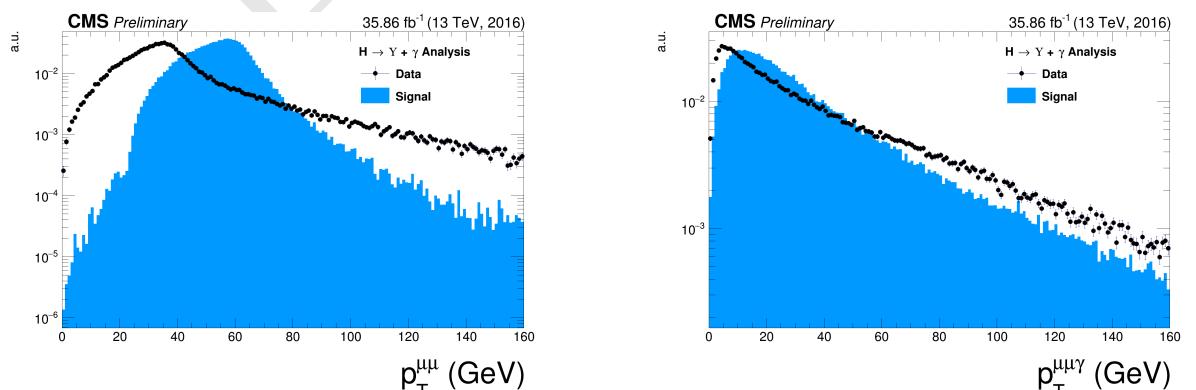


Figure 4.23: The  $p_T$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for Higgs in the right from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

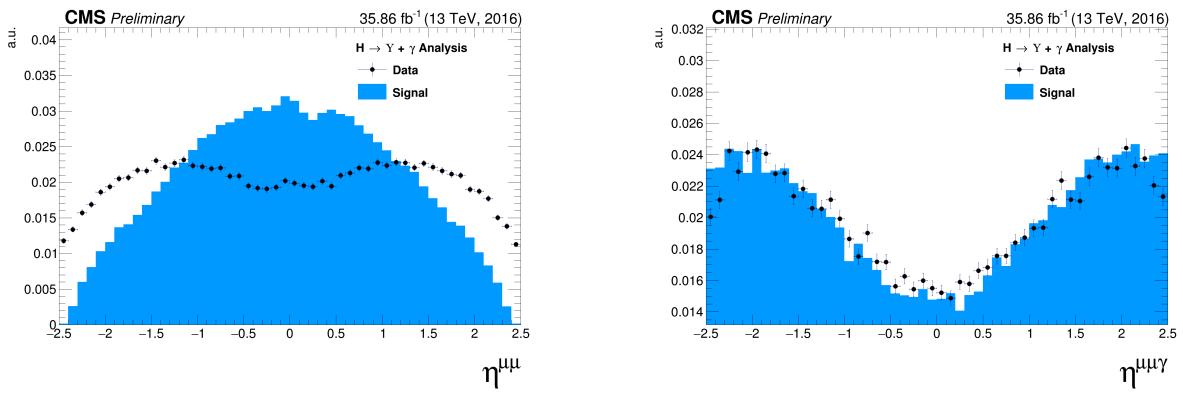


Figure 4.24: The  $\eta$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for Higgs in the right from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

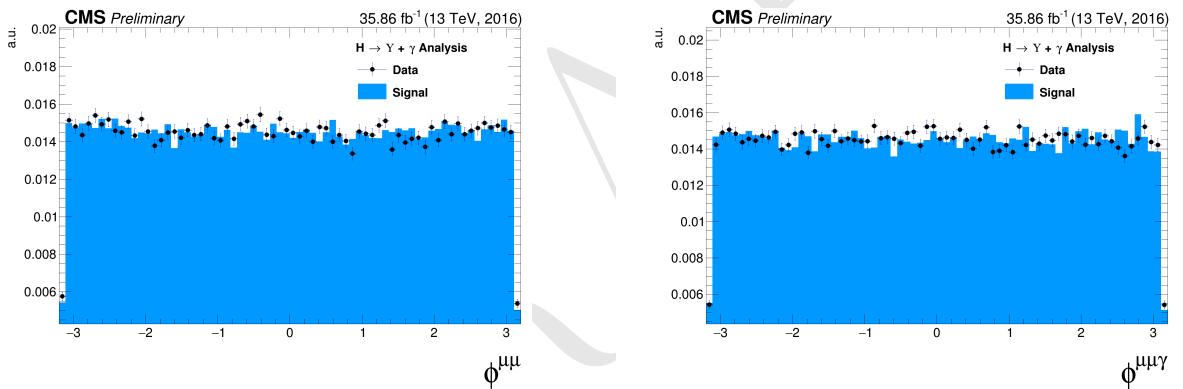


Figure 4.25: The  $\phi$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for Higgs in the right from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

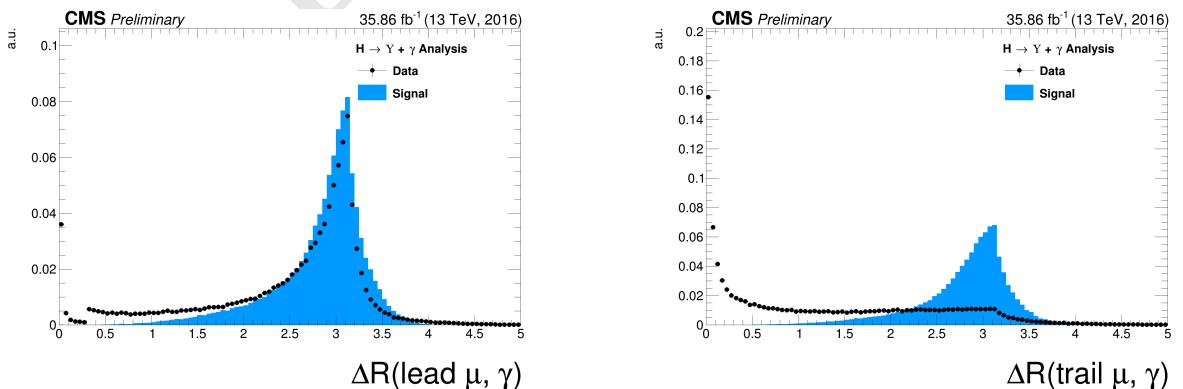


Figure 4.26: The  $\Delta R$  distributions between the photon and the leading muon (left) and the trailing muon (right) for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  from data and signal events after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

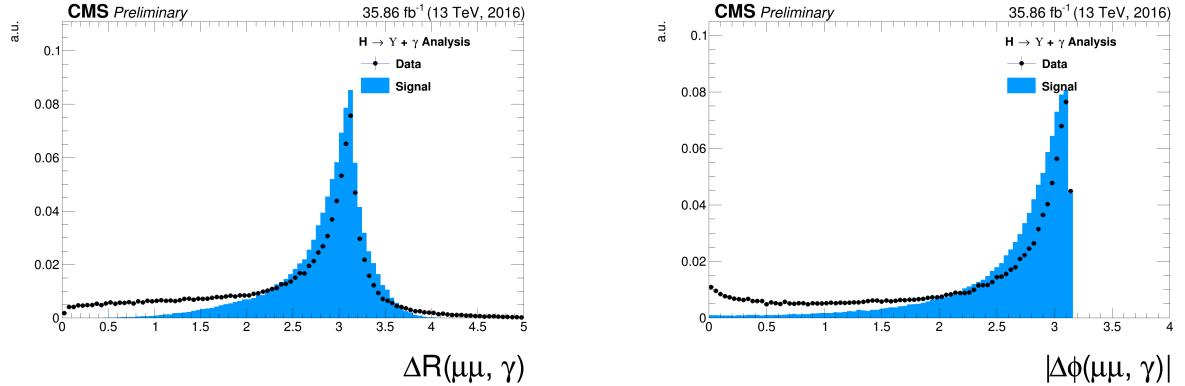


Figure 4.27: Left: The  $\Delta R$  distributions between reconstructed dimuon ( $\mu\mu$ ) system and the photon. Right: absolute value of the  $\Delta\phi$  between the leading muon and the photon for for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  from data and signal events after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

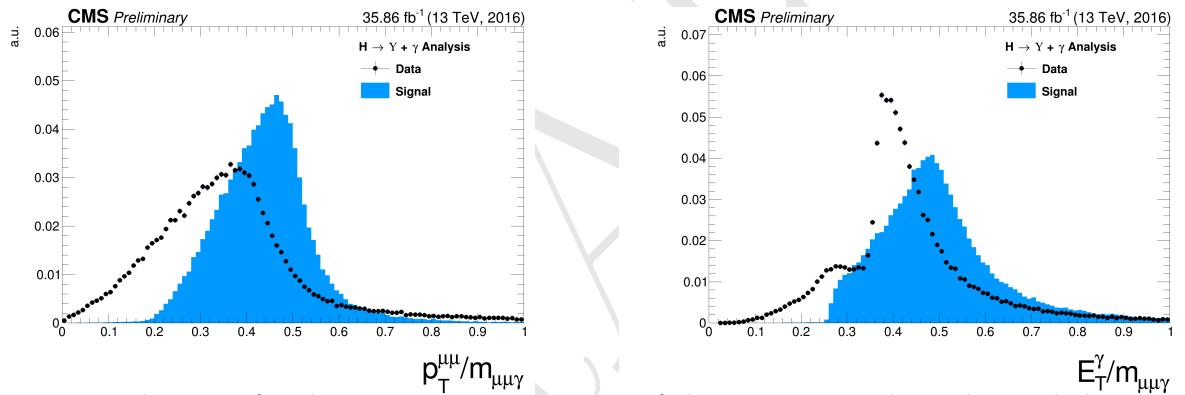


Figure 4.28: The ratio for the transverse momentum of the reconstructed Upsilon and the reconstructed Higgs mass ( $p_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  - left) and the ratio for the transverse energy of the reconstructed Photon and the reconstructed Higgs mass ( $E_T^\gamma/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  - right) distribution for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  from data and signal events after Group I of selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the unit of area.

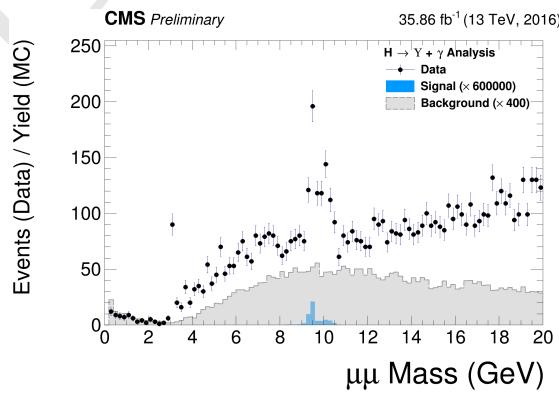


Figure 4.29: The dimuon mass distribution of the reconstructed  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  from data and signal events for Higgs decaying after Group I of selection cuts. This plot is normalized the expected number of events. "Signal" stands for the  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  sample (scaled by a factor of  $\times 60000$ ) and "Background" corresponds to the peaking background (Higgs Dalitz Decay) sample (scaled by a factor of  $\times 400$ ).

## 4.6 Kinematical selection (Group II)

After all Trigger and Object Identification cuts, described in before (**Group I**), a set of kinematical cuts are applied in order to improve the signal to background relation. They are

- $\Delta R(\text{leading } \mu, \gamma) > 1;$
- $\Delta R(\text{trailing } \mu, \gamma) > 1;$
- $\Delta R(\mu\mu, \gamma) > 2;$
- $|\Delta\phi(\text{leading } \mu, \gamma)| > 1.5;$
- $8.4 \text{ GeV} < M_{\mu\mu} < 11.1 \text{ GeV};$
- $E_T^\gamma/M_{\mu\mu\gamma} > 35/91.2 \text{ for the Z decay or } 35/125 \text{ for the Higgs decay};$
- $p_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma} > 35/91.2 \text{ for the Z decay or } 35/125 \text{ for the Higgs decay}.$

The choice of these thresholds were based on the visual inspection of the distributions (besides the invariant mass distribution of the dimuon system  $M_{\mu\mu}$ , which needs to be defined around the  $\nu(1S, 2S, 3S)$  mass) and to keep this analysis in phase with other similar analysis within CMS.

Below it is shown the same set of plot shown before, but this time, taking into account the full selection (**Group I+II**).

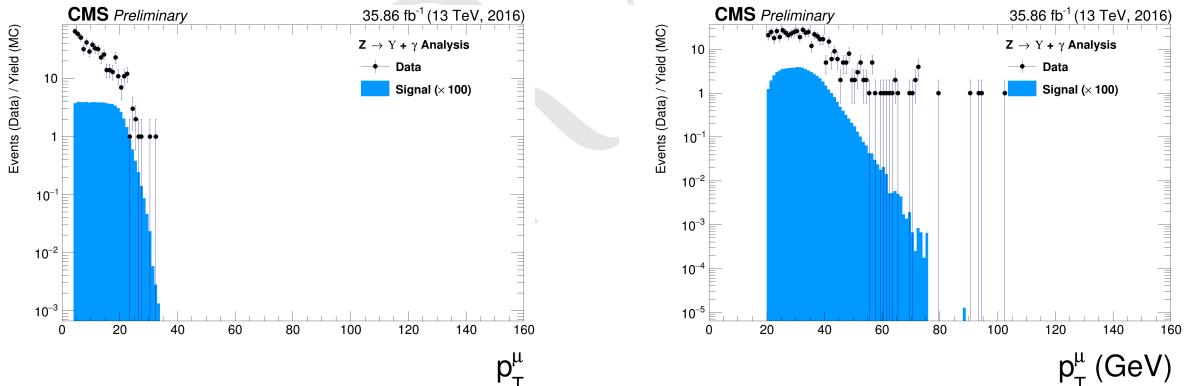


Figure 4.30: The  $p_T$  muon distributions from data and signal events for Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

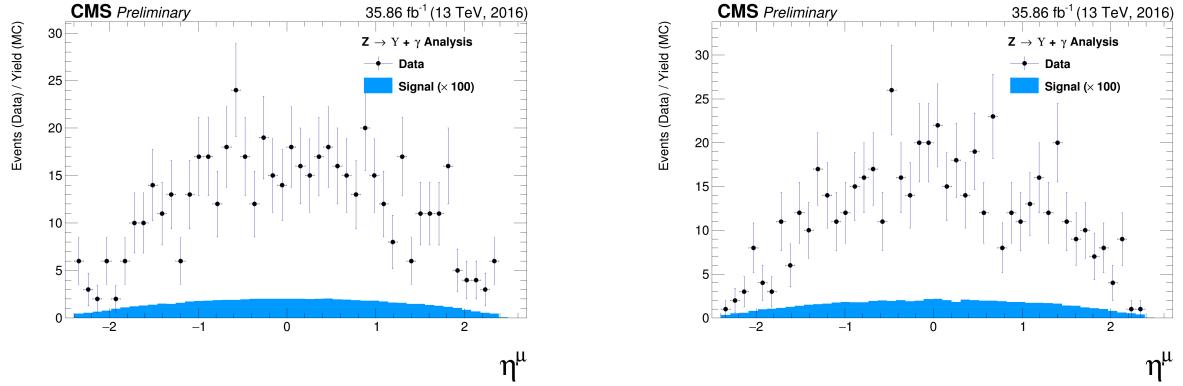


Figure 4.31: The  $\eta$  muon distributions from data and signal events of Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

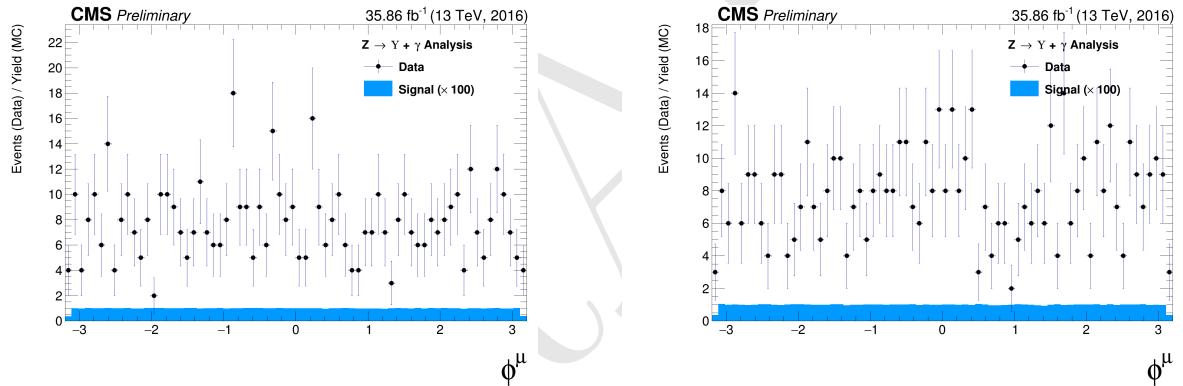


Figure 4.32: The  $\phi$  muon distributions from data and signal events of Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

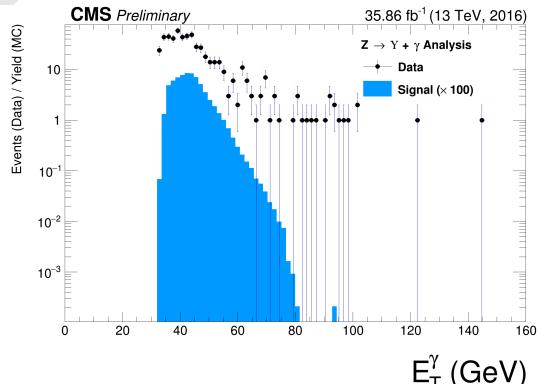


Figure 4.33: The  $p_T$  photon distributions from data and signal events for Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

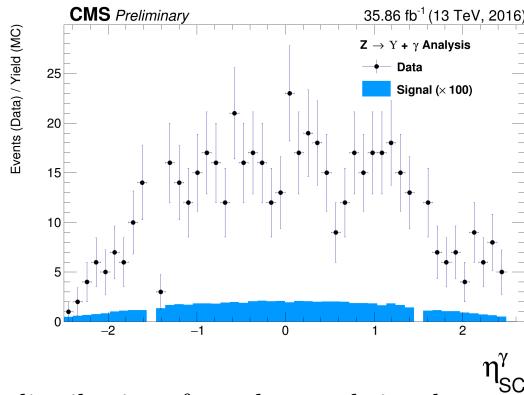


Figure 4.34: The  $\eta$  photon distributions from data and signal events of Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

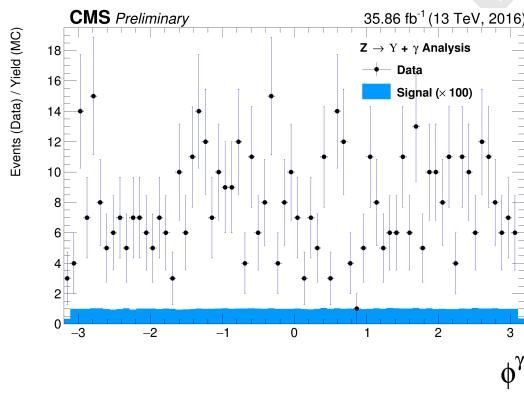


Figure 4.35: The  $\phi$  photon distributions from data and signal events of Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

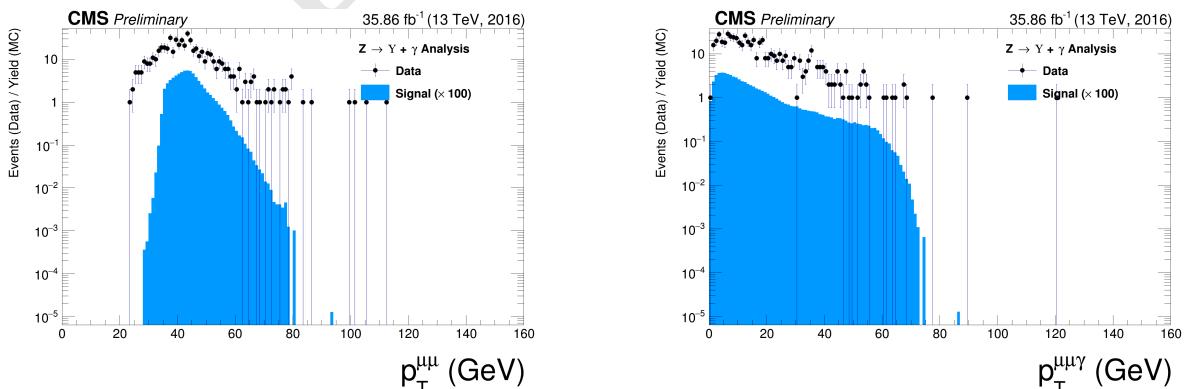


Figure 4.36: The  $p_T$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for Z in the right from data and signal events for Z decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

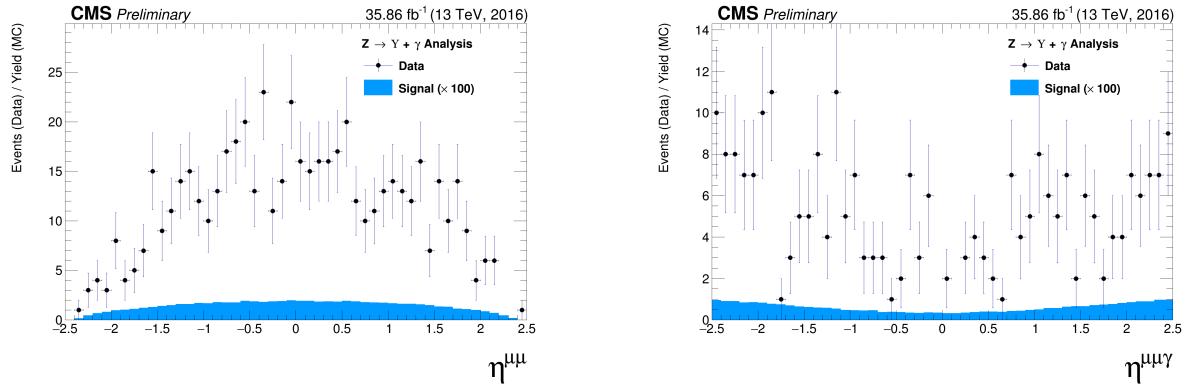


Figure 4.37: The  $\eta$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for  $Z$  in the right from data and signal events for  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

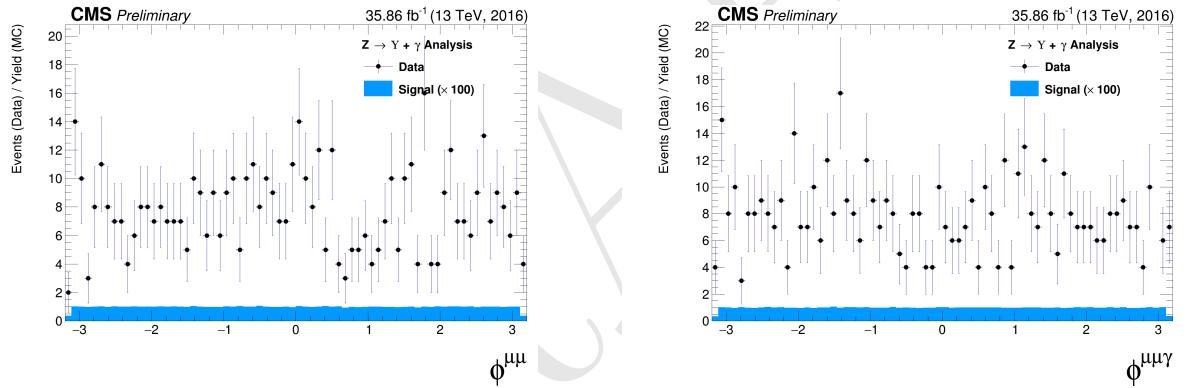


Figure 4.38: The  $\phi$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for  $Z$  in the right from data and signal events for  $Z$  decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

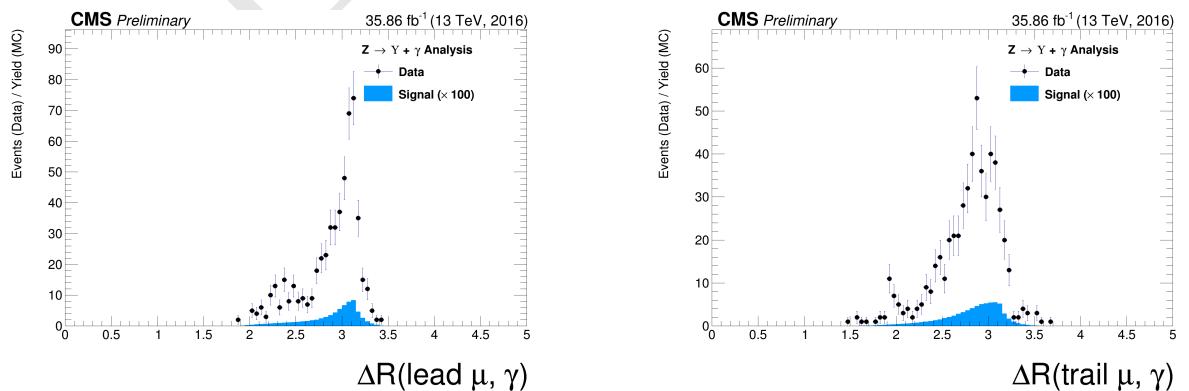


Figure 4.39: The  $\Delta R$  distributions between the photon and the leading muon (left) and the trailing muon (right) for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  from data and signal events for  $Z$  decaying after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

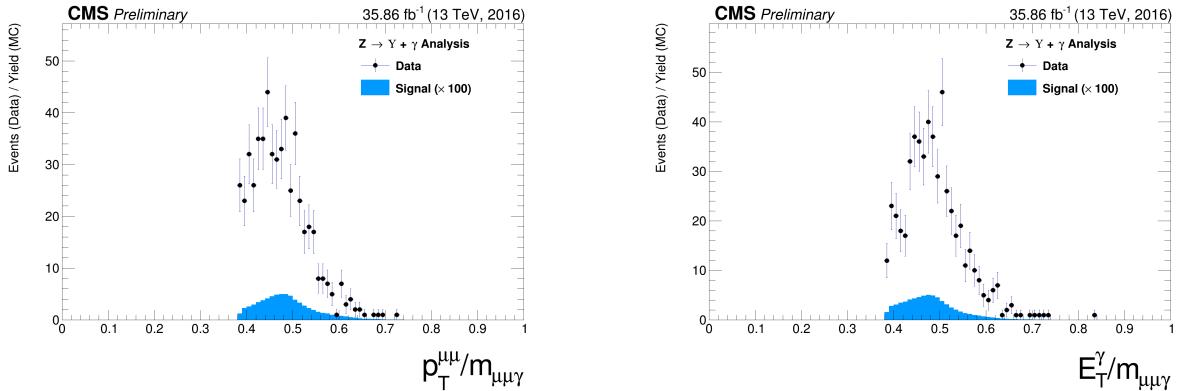


Figure 4.40: The ratio for the transverse momentum of the reconstructed Upsilon and the reconstructed Z mass ( $p_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  - left) and the ratio for the transverse energy of the reconstructed Photon and the reconstructed Z mass ( $E_T^\gamma/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  - right) distribution for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  from data and signal events for Z decaying after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 100$ .

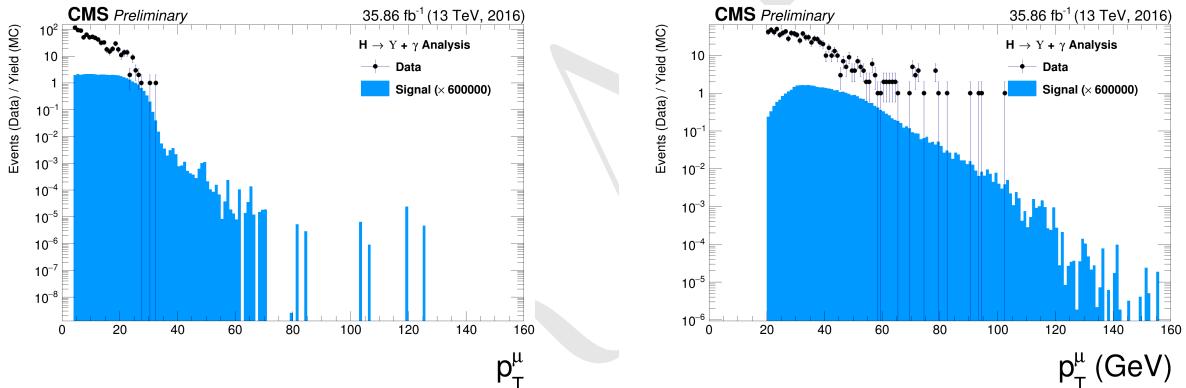


Figure 4.41: The  $p_T$  muon distributions from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

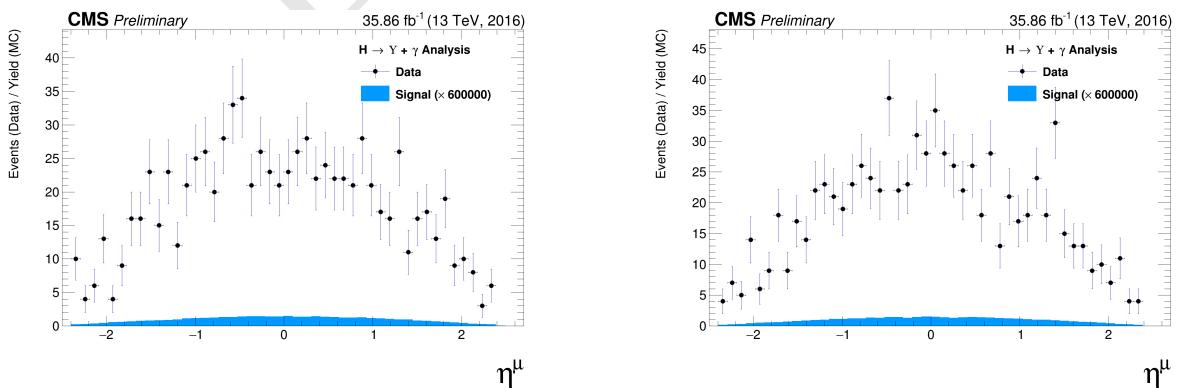


Figure 4.42: The  $\eta$  muon distributions from data and signal events of Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

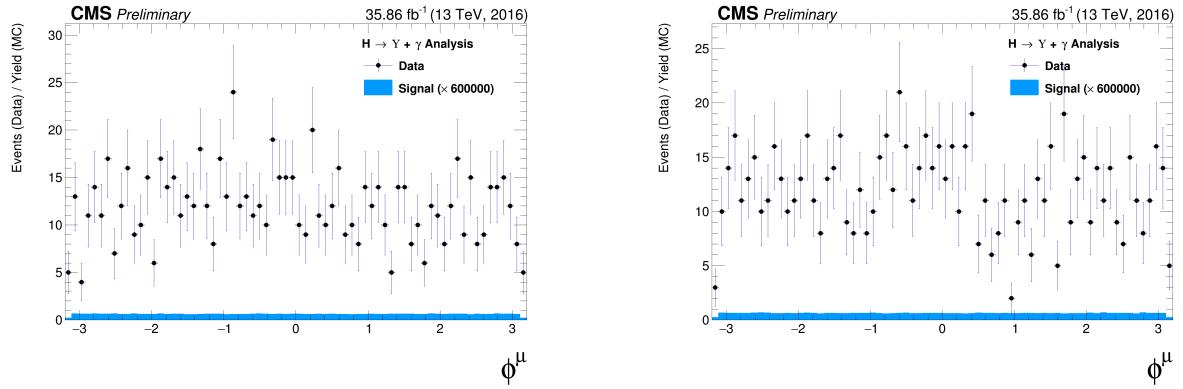


Figure 4.43: The  $\phi$  muon distributions from data and signal events of Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after Group I of selection cuts, where on left are presenting the trailing muons and on right are the leading muons. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

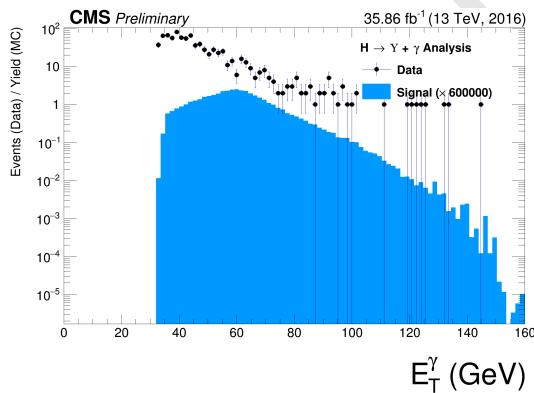


Figure 4.44: The  $p_T$  photon distributions from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

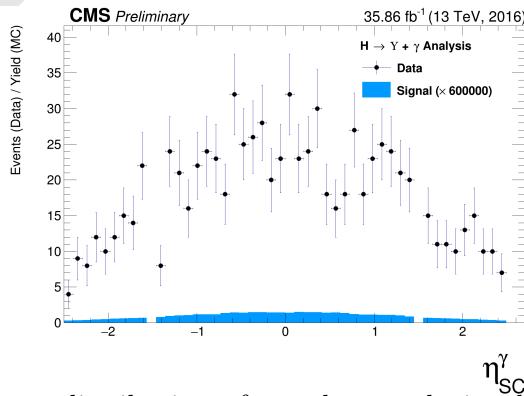


Figure 4.45: The  $\eta$  photon distributions from data and signal events of Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

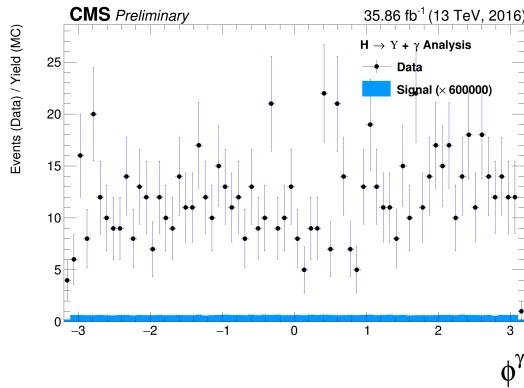


Figure 4.46: The  $\phi$  photon distributions from data and signal events of Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plot is normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of c).

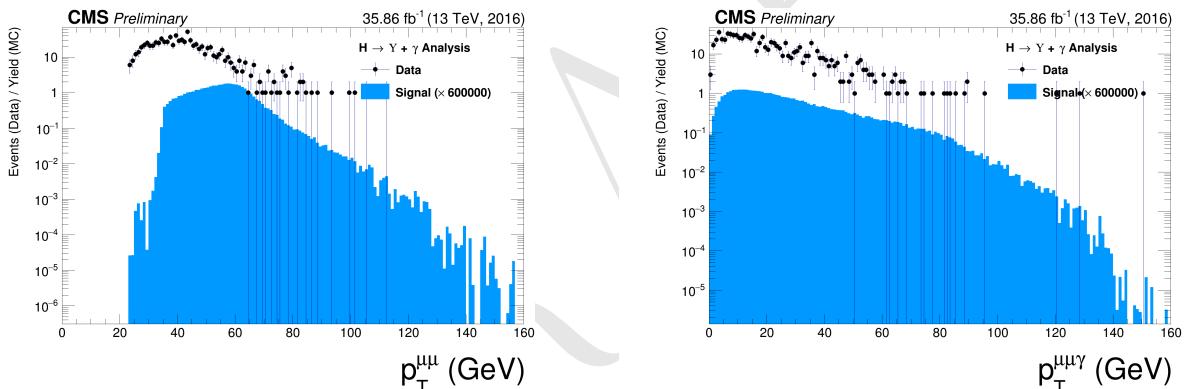


Figure 4.47: The  $p_T$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for Higgs in the right from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

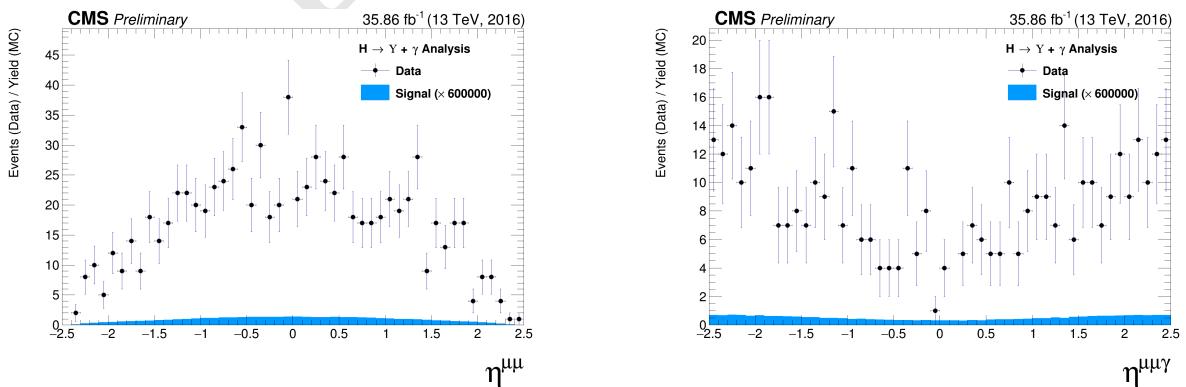


Figure 4.48: The  $\eta$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for Higgs in the right from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

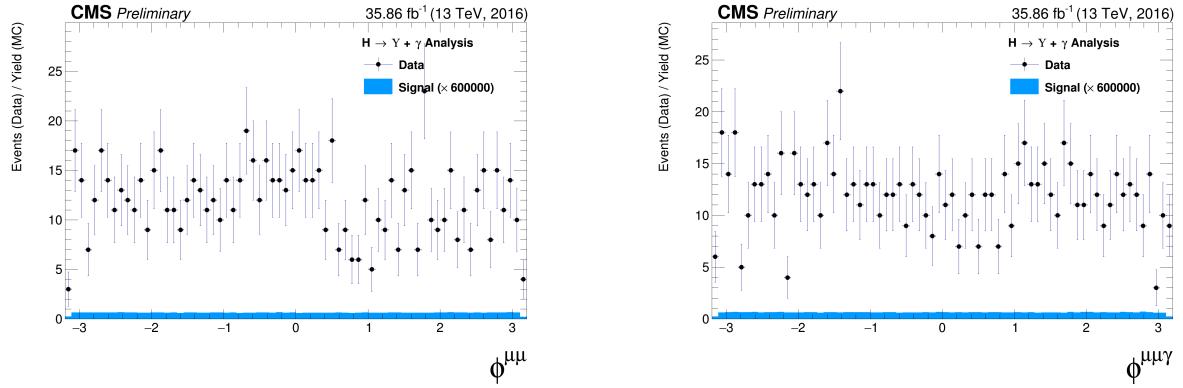


Figure 4.49: The  $\phi$  distributions for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  in the left and for Higgs in the right from data and signal events for Higgs decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

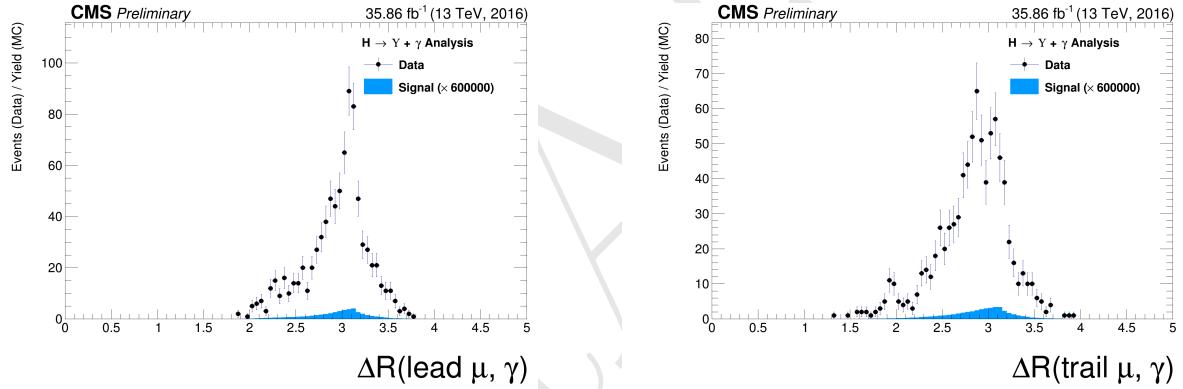


Figure 4.50: The  $\Delta R$  distributions between the photon and the leading muon (left) and the trailing muon (right) for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  from data and signal events for Higgs decaying after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

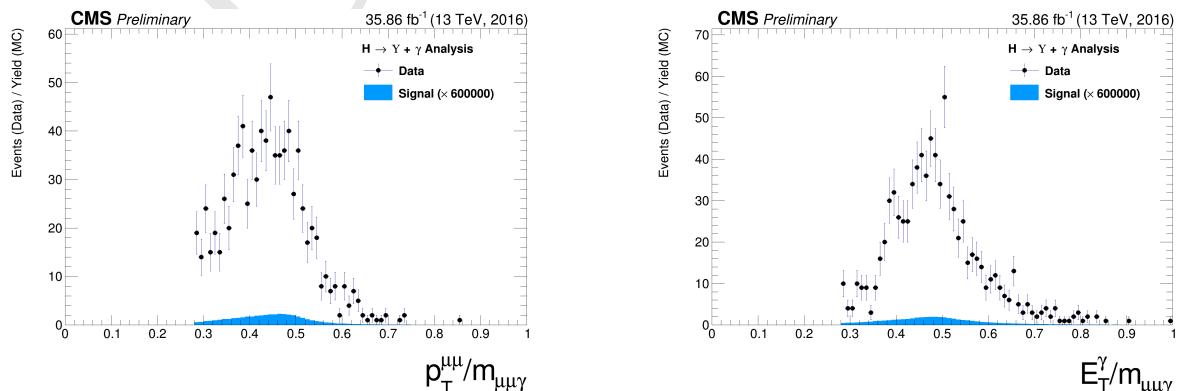


Figure 4.51: The ratio for the transverse momentum of the reconstructed Upsilon and the reconstructed Higgs mass ( $p_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  - left) and the ratio for the transverse energy of the reconstructed Photon and the reconstructed Higgs mass ( $E_T^\gamma/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  - right) distribution for  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  from data and signal events for Higgs decaying after all (Group I+II) selection cuts. The plots are normalized to the number of events. Signal sample is scaled by a factor of  $\times 600000$ .

## 1005 4.7 Event categorization and yields

1006 In order to increase the sensibility of the analysis, a categorization procedure was applied. They  
 1007 are based on the  $\eta$  and R9 distribution of the reconstructed photon.

1008 The photon R9 is a shower shape variable defined as the fraction of energy deposited in the 5x5  
 1009 square surrounding the Super Cluster seed of the reconstructed photon. A photon that convert  
 1010 before reaching the ECAL tend to have lower values of R9, in comparison with unconverted photons.  
 1011 Converted photons have wider energy resolution and are more likely to be misidentified.

1012 Selected events with the photon reconstructed inside the barrel and with  $R9 > 0.94$  are categorized  
 1013 as "EB High R9"<sup>6</sup>, selected events with the photon reconstructed inside the barrel and with  
 1014  $R9 < 0.94$  are categorized as "EB Low R9" and selected events with the photon reconstructed  
 1015 inside the endcap, regardless of its R9 value, categorized as "EE". This categorization is done in  
 1016 view of increase the analysis sensitivity.

1017 This categorization is implemented only for the Z decay. The Higgs does not present enough  
 1018 statistics to make it profitable, so only the inclusive one is used.

### 1019 4.7.1 R9 reweighting

1020 As spotted by the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  at  $\sqrt{13}$  TeV analysis [74], there is a disagreement in the R9 distribution  
 1021 of photons in Data and MC. In order to mitigate this difference, a transformation factor is extracted  
 1022 and applied to the reconstructed photons before the categorization.

1023 The same approach of the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  analysis is applied, in which the nominal photon selection of this  
 1024 analysis (see section 4.5.3) is used to select photons on Data and MC. Then the two distributions  
 1025 are remapped and the transformation factors are extracted.

1026 Figure 4.52 show the R9 distribution before and after the reweighting, for the Barrel and the Endcap.

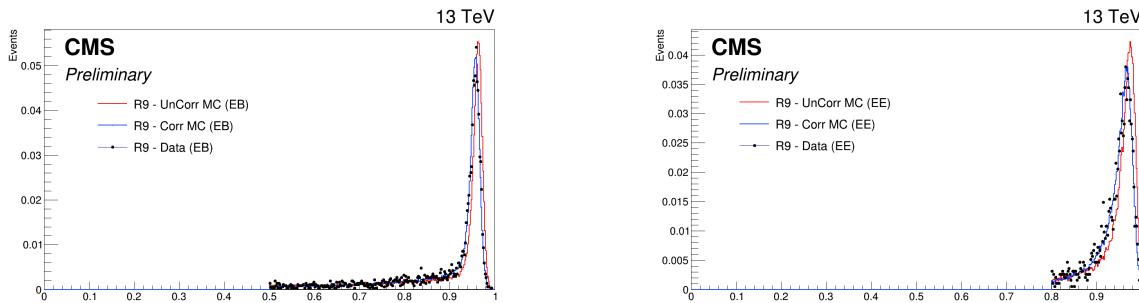


Figure 4.52: Data and MC of the R9 variable, before and after the reweighting. Barrel (left) and Endcap (right).

<sup>6</sup>EB stands for Electromagnetic Barrel

<sup>1027</sup> **4.7.2 Event counting and yields**

<sup>1028</sup> Tables 4.4 and 4.5 show the total number of events before and after the full selection. Two things  
<sup>1029</sup> are important to notice.

Table 4.4: Number of events for the Z decay, before and after the full selection, per categorization scenarios.

	Data	Signal			$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$
		$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) + \gamma$	$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S) + \gamma$	$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S) + \gamma$	
Total (before selection)	169.84 M	3.54	1.4	1.22	$3.33 \times 10^3$
Inclusive	447	0.393	0.157	0.136	176
EB High R9	197	0.172	0.0682	0.0597	78
EB Low R9	146	0.129	0.0519	0.0448	58.5
EE	104	0.0916	0.0365	0.032	39.8

Table 4.5: Number of events for the H decay, before and after the full selection.

	Data	Signal			$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$
		$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S) + \gamma$	$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S) + \gamma$	$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S) + \gamma$	
Total (before selection)	169.84 M	0.000257	$5.43 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.93 \times 10^{-5}$	136
Inclusive	231	$5.23 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.96 \times 10^{-6}$	1.22

<sup>1030</sup> The signal selection efficiency is between 20% and 21% for all  $\Upsilon$  states and categories.  
<sup>1031</sup> When one compares the fraction of selected peaking background, with respect to the selected data  
<sup>1032</sup> events for the Higgs decay ( $1.22/231$ ), the fraction obtained ( $\sim 0.3\%$ ) is irrelevant. On the other  
<sup>1033</sup> hand, the same fraction for the Z decay ( $176/447$ ) is far from irrelevant ( $\sim 39\%$ )<sup>7</sup>. The same relation  
<sup>1034</sup> is not found in the  $H/Z \rightarrow J/\psi + \gamma$  analysis [42], where both decays (Higgs and Z) show neglectable  
<sup>1035</sup> estimations of peaking background contribution to data. The very same behavior was found by  
<sup>1036</sup> ATLAS [39]. It can be explained by the relatively larger cross-section of the Z peaking background  
<sup>1037</sup> ( $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$ ), with respect to the Higgs peaking background (Higgs Dalitz Decay). For the  $J/\psi$   
<sup>1038</sup> channel, it is not an issue since its cross-section is way larger than the peaking background. The  
<sup>1039</sup> figures 4.16 and 4.29 help to clarify these affirmations, for the Z and Higgs decay, respectively. One  
<sup>1040</sup> can easily see how clear the  $J/\psi$  peak is in both decays and how minor the Higgs Dalitz Decay  
<sup>1041</sup> contributions is to the  $\Upsilon$  peak, with respect to the  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$  contribution. It is important to  
<sup>1042</sup> keep in mind the different scaling of the peaking background distributions,  $\times 3$  for the Z and  $\times 100$   
<sup>1043</sup> for the Higgs. The peaking background to the data due to  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  channel is the  
<sup>1044</sup> main motivation to use a 2-dimensional modeling fitting of the signal and background events, in  
<sup>1045</sup> order to add one more layer of differentiation between many backgrounds contributions which will  
<sup>1046</sup> be detailed in the next section.

<sup>7</sup>It is worth to keep in mind that this is a estimation based on MC

## 1047 4.8 Background modeling

1048 The background modeling proposed for this analysis is a two dimensional unbinned maximum  
 1049 likelihood fit on the  $\mu\mu$  and the  $\mu\mu\gamma$  invariant mass distributions. It is considered and modeled, as  
 1050 briefly discussed in 4.1.2, three kinds of backgrounds:

- 1051 • **Full Combinatorial:** any combination of two muon and one photon that pass all the object  
 1052 reconstruction and event selection criteria.
- 1053 •  **$\Upsilon$  Combinatorial:** a  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$ , that decays to a dimuon system, combined with a  
 1054 misidentified photon (misreconstructed, Pile-up photon, etc.), that pass all the object re-  
 1055 construction, identification and event selection criteria.
- 1056 • **Peaking background:** a Z (or Higgs) that decays straight to a  $\mu\mu\gamma$ , that pass all the object  
 1057 reconstruction and event selection criteria, without passing through any intermediate state.  
 1058 The main contributions considered for this background are  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$  (a Z decaying to a  
 1059 dimuon system with one of the muons irradiating a photon) or a Higgs Dalitz Decay.

1060 All of them will be modeled from data, with some inputs from the MC (simulated) samples, as  
 1061 explained below. For both invariant mass spectra ( $\mu\mu$  and  $\mu\mu\gamma$ ) the full combinatorial background  
 1062 is expected to behave like a non-peaking distribution. The same behavior is expected for the  $\mu\mu\gamma$   
 1063 mass distribution of the  $\Upsilon$  Combinatorial background and for the  $\mu\mu$  mass distribution of the  
 1064 peaking background.

1065 On the other hand, the  $\mu\mu$  distribution of the  $\Upsilon$  Combinatorial background and the  $\mu\mu\gamma$  mass  
 1066 distribution for the peaking background are expected to behave like a peaking distribution, centered  
 1067 around the  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  invariant mass (9.46 GeV, 10.02 GeV and 10.35 GeV) [2] and the Z  
 1068 boson invariant mass (91.2 GeV) [2], respectively . Table 4.6 summarizes the background modeling  
 1069 proposed for this analysis.

Table 4.6: Modeling for each background source and mass component.

	$m_{\mu\mu}$	$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$
<b>Peaking background</b>	Bernstein 1 <sup>st</sup> order	Crystal Ball (Higgs decay) Double Crystal Ball (Z decay)
<b><math>\Upsilon</math> Combinatorial</b>	3 Gaussians (one for each $\Upsilon$ state)	
<b>Full Combinatorial</b>	Chebychev 1 <sup>st</sup> order	Polynomial

1070 For the  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  analysis, the peaking background model parameters are extracted  
 1071 by performing a simultaneous 2-dimensional fit over the invariant masses,  $m_{\mu\mu}$  and  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ , of the  
 1072 simulated  $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$  MC sample of events that passes the selection described in Section 4.4, as in  
 1073 figure 4.53. Once the parameters are extracted, they are fixed and the *pdf* (Probability Distributions  
 1074 Function) of the 2-Dimensional modeling is stored, leaving only the normalization of the *pdf* as a  
 1075 parameter free to float (this will be determined from data).

1076 In order to describe the 2-dimensional invariant mass distribution of the Peaking Background, as  
 1077 stated in Table 4.6, the  $m_{\mu\mu}$  component is described by a Bernstein polynomial of 1<sup>st</sup> order [75],  
 1078 which is used here just a representation of a linear function. The  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  component is described

1079 by Double Crystal Ball function [76]. A Crystal Ball function is a *pdf* composed by a gaussian  
 1080 distribution and a power-law tail to the left, before certain threshold. The Crystal Ball function  
 1081 was named after the Crystal Ball Collaboration (first to use this *pdf*) and it is widely used in high-  
 1082 energy physics to describe mass distributions that incorporate FSR (final state radiation) effects,  
 1083 via the power-law tail. A Double Crystal Ball is a Crystal Ball function with the power-law tail on  
 1084 both sides.

1085 A Crystal Ball function is define as:

$$CB(x; \alpha, n, \bar{x}, \sigma) = N \cdot \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\bar{x})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), & \text{for } \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} > -\alpha \\ A \cdot (B - \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma})^{-n}, & \text{for } \frac{x-\bar{x}}{\sigma} \leq -\alpha \end{cases}, \quad (4.4)$$

1086 where,

$$1087 A = \left(\frac{n}{|\alpha|}\right)^n \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}\right),$$

$$1088 B = \frac{n}{|\alpha|} - |\alpha|,$$

$$1089 N = \frac{1}{\sigma(C+D)},$$

$$1090 C = \frac{n}{|\alpha|} \cdot \frac{1}{n-1} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}\right),$$

$$1091 D = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(1 + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{|\alpha|}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right),$$

1092 and *erf* is the error function.

1093 For the three gaussian functions fits, which represent the three  $\Upsilon$  states (1S, 2S and 3S) from the  $\Upsilon$   
 1094 Combinatorial background in the  $m_{\mu\mu}$  component, we use a  $\Upsilon$  control sample in order to extract the  
 1095 fit parameters, including the relative normalization between each  $\Upsilon$  state. This sample is composed  
 1096 by dimuon candidates obtained from data, by selecting the events that passes the same trigger and  
 1097 dimuon selection of the nominal selection and with  $p_T^{\mu\mu} > 35$  GeV (this cut is done in order to  
 1098 keep this selected dimuon candidates compatibles with the  $p_T^{\mu\mu}/M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  cut applied in the nominal  
 1099 selection). No selection or cuts in the photon are required.

1100 This control sample is fitted with a Chebychev 1<sup>st</sup> order (linear polynomial) for the background  
 1101 support and 3 gaussian with the following constraints:

- 1102 • the mean of each state should be the ones in the PDG [2], but allowed to shift by a float and  
 1103 common (the same for all states) value.
- 1104 • the sigma should be based on the 1S fit of the MC. All other sigma should be the result of  
 1105 the 1S sigma times the state mass over the 1S mass ( $\sigma_{2S,3S} = \frac{m_{2S,3S}}{m_{1S}} \sigma_{1S}$ ).

1106 The idea behind this fit is that scale and resolution (mean and sigma, respectively, of the gaussians)  
 1107 over a sample without a photon selection should be the same as over a sample with photon selection,  
 1108 since these are detector only dependent effects. The fact that we exclude the photon from this control  
 1109 sample, improves the statistics and gives a better measurement of these variables.

1110 The fit of the  $\Upsilon$  control sample if shown in figure 4.54.

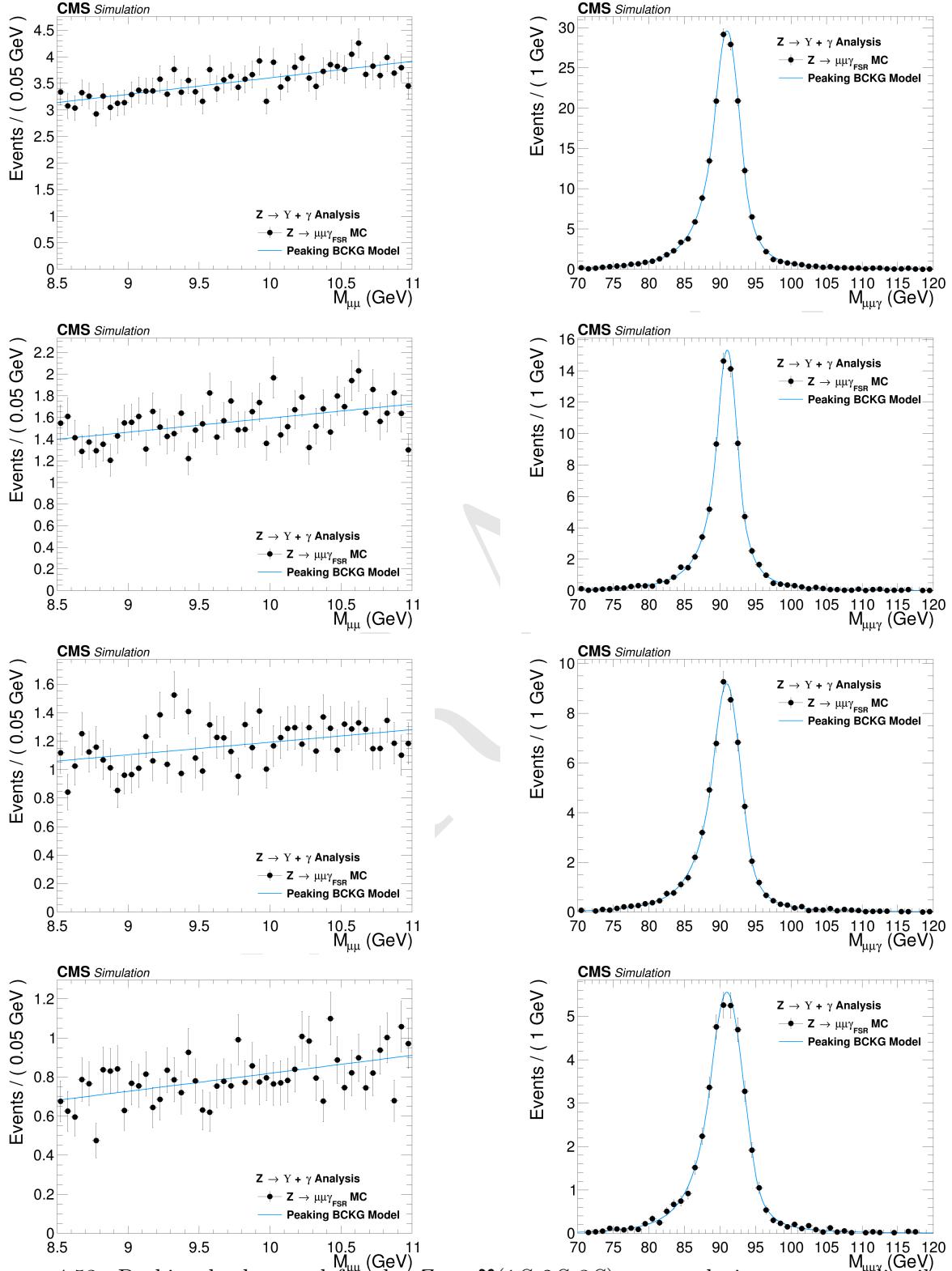


Figure 4.53: Peaking background for the  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  analysis.  $\mu\mu$  mass distribution (left) and  $\mu\mu\gamma$  invariant mass distribution (right). From top to bottom categories: Inclusive, EB High R9, EB Low R9, EE.

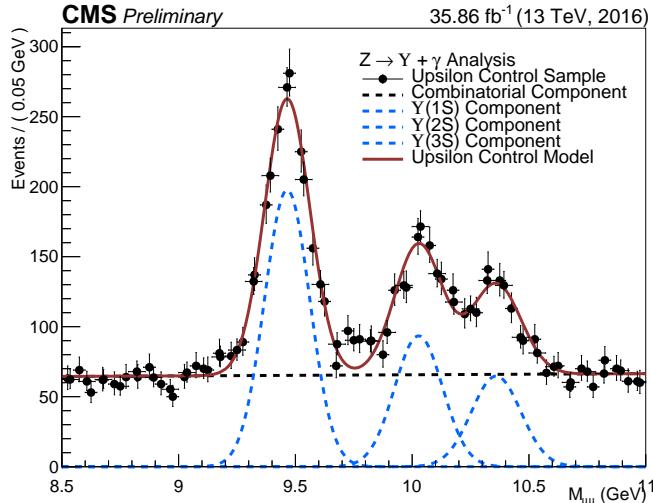


Figure 4.54:  $\Upsilon$  control sample fit with Chebychev 1<sup>st</sup> order for the background support and 3 gaussian for the three  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  peaks.

Once determined, the fit parameters are fixed, they are used to compose the 2-Dimensional *pdf*. The  $m_{\mu\mu}$  component of the full combinatorial background is derived fully from the data fit (described below). In the same sense, the  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  component of the full combinatorial and the  $\Upsilon(nS)$  Combinatorial backgrounds are also fully derived from the data, but following a more complex procedure: a composition with the *pdf* components described above, plus a statistical test, to avoid overfitting within a Discrete Profiling (or "Envelope Method"), as described in [77] and also implemented in [74].

The statistical test consists of, for each category, different orders of a set of polynomial *pdfs* families are tested: a sums of exponentials, sum of polynomials (in the Bernstein basis), a Laurent series and a sums of power-law functions.

- Sums of exponentials:

$$f_N(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N p_{2i} e^{p_{2i+1}x},$$

- Sums of polynomials (in the Bernstein basis):

$$f_N(x) = \sum_{i=0}^N p_i b_{(i,N)}, \text{ where } b_{(i,N)} := \binom{N}{i} x^i (1-x)^{N-i},$$

- Laurent series:

$$f_N(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i x^{-4+\sum_{j=1}^i (-1)^j(j-1)},$$

- Sums of power-law functions:

$$f_N(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N p_{2i} x^{-p_{2i+1}},$$

1121 where for all  $k$ , the  $p_k$  are a set of floating parameters in the fit.

1122 Twice difference in the negative log-likelihood ( $NLL$ ) between the  $N^{th}$  and the  $(N+1)^{th}$  order of  
 1123 the same polynomial ( $\Delta NLL = 2 \times (NLL_N - NLL_{N+1})$ ) is expected to follow a  $\chi^2$  distribution  
 1124 with  $M$  degrees of freedom, where  $M$  is the increase in degrees of freedom when going from  $N^{th}$  to  
 1125  $(N+1)^{th}$ . This can be shown with the help of the Wilks' theorem [78].

1126 Starting from the lowest order possible, the best choice of order, for each family, is determined when  
 1127 a increase in the order of the polynomial, does not brings a significant improvement in the quality  
 1128 of the fit. Since a model with more fit parameters (higher order polynomials) will always perform,  
 1129 if not the same, better than a simpler one, an optimal choice of the polynomial order, will be the  
 1130 one right before the model becomes too flexible for the data.

1131 Consider a  $p$ -value defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} p\text{-value} &= \int_{\Delta NLL}^{\infty} \chi_M^2(\Delta) d\Delta \\ &= P(\chi_M^2 > \Delta NLL), \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

1132 In the same spirit as the Wilks' theorem, this is the  $p$ -value for a likelihood ratio test between a  
 1133 null hypotheses and an alternative model, where the null hypotheses is the  $N^{th}$  order and  $(N+1)^{th}$   
 1134 order is the alternative one.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta NLL &= 2 \times (NLL_N - NLL_{N+1}) \\ &= -2 \times \log\left(\frac{\mathcal{L}_N}{\mathcal{L}_{N+1}}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

1135 where  $\mathcal{L}_N$  is the likelihood for the  $N^{th}$  polynomial order.

1136 The alternative will present a statistically significant improvement, with respect to the null hypothe-  
 1137 ses, if the  $p$ -value is smaller than 0.05, since the probability of obtaining, by chance, considering  
 1138 the null hypotheses is true, a even higher  $\Delta NLL$  is less than 5%. This will give support to chose  
 1139  $(N+1)^{th}$  over  $N^{th}$ .

1140 If the  $p$ -value is greater than 0.05 a higher order is not supported, since the probability of obtaining  
 1141 a  $\Delta NLL$  greater than the one observed is statistically significant (more than 5%). A higher  $\Delta NLL$   
 1142 means that another data sample, collected and analyzed with strictly the same conditions, would  
 1143 have a probability of more than 5% of giving a better fit improvement than the one observed,  
 1144 again assuming that the null hypotheses is true. This is an indication of overfitting, since the  
 1145 improvements are likely to come from just statistical fluctuations. When testing the  $(N+1)^{th}$  order  
 1146 and this condition is reached, the optimal order should be the  $N^{th}$ .

1147 At first, before any fit to data, the 2-Dimensional model is composed by the five components, as  
 1148 described in Table 4.6 (in which the  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  modeling for the Full Combinatorial Background and the

1149  $\Upsilon$  combinatorial are shared), then, the statistical test described before is ran for each family. It is  
 1150 important to stress that before the statistical test all the other fitting parameters have been fixed.  
 1151 This leaves only the normalizations of the model components and the polynomial coefficients free  
 1152 to float.

1153 Once the optimal order for each *pdf* family is obtained, the composed *pdf* with each choice from  
 1154 statistical test is saved in the same model, providing a discrete variable that indexes the different  
 1155 polynomial *pdf* families. This method is called Discrete Profiling (or "*Envelope Method*") and it  
 1156 allows the analysis algorithm to treat the choice of the *pdf* as a systematics and incorporate its  
 1157 effect in the extracted upper limits. This model, with different choices of polynomial families is  
 1158 called envelope.

1159 The implementation, used in the analysis, of the statistical test and the Discrete Profiling is based  
 1160 on the same algorithm used by the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  Run II analysis. An extensive documentation on these  
 1161 methods can be found in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  analysis note and physics analysis summary [79, 80] and in the  
 1162 specific reference of the Discrete Profiling [77]. The figures 4.55 and 4.56 show the projection for  
 1163 the  $\mu\mu$  and  $\mu\mu\gamma$  distribution after the statistical test.

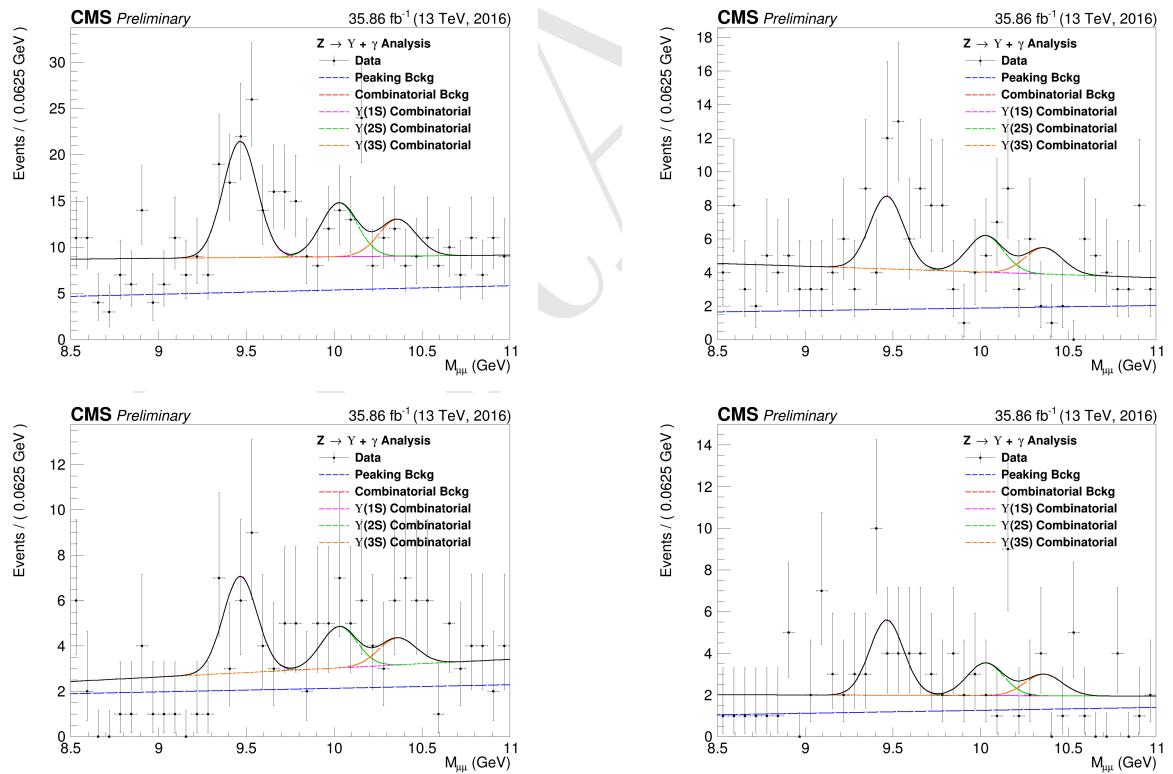


Figure 4.55:  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  Background Modeling:  $\mu\mu$  distribution. Inclusive (top left); EB High R9 (top right), EB Low R9 (bottom left), EE (bottom right). The pdfs projections are plotted with respect to the overall best choice of the statistical test.

1164 For the  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  analysis, the same procedure is implemented, except for the peaking  
 1165 background modeling. Since the MC prediction for the contribution of the background is too small,  
 1166 according to the comparison between the final selected events for data and the Higgs Dalitz Decay  
 1167 sample, in order to avoid fitting over statistical fluctuations of the data sample, the Peaking Back-  
 1168 ground, for the Higgs channel, is fully modeled from the MC sample, including its normalization, as

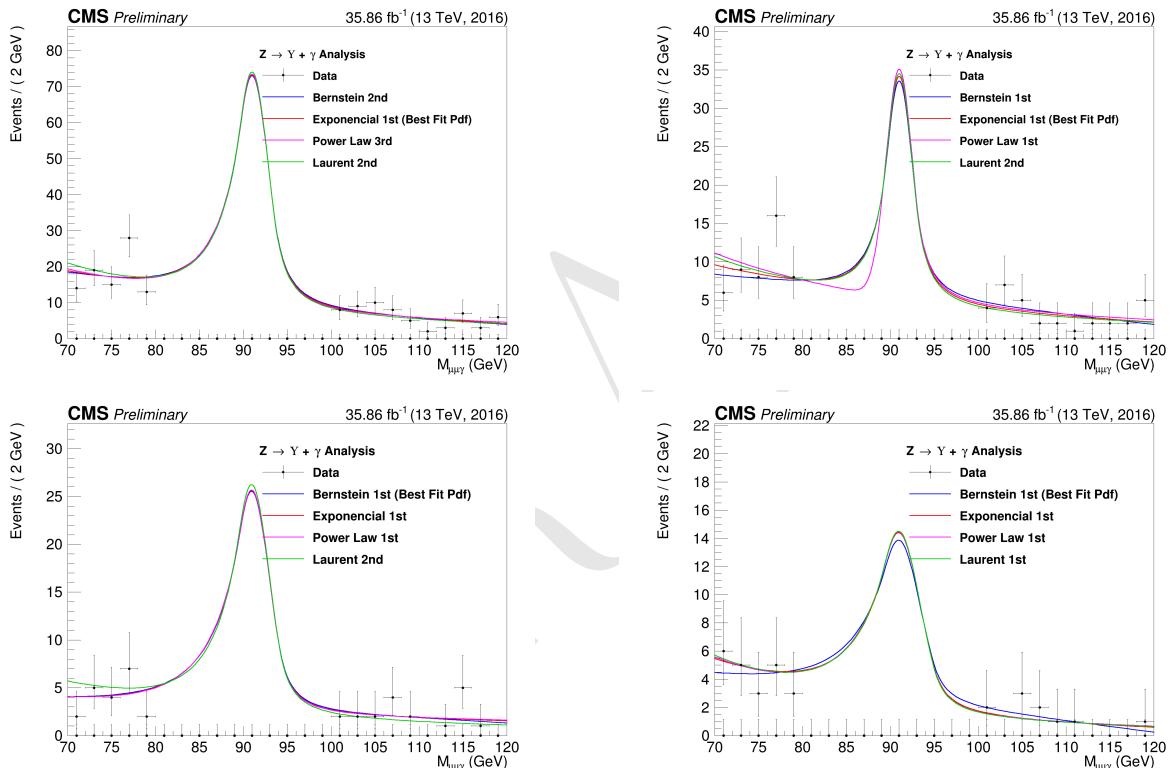


Figure 4.56:  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  Background Modeling:  $\mu\mu\gamma$  distribution. Inclusive (top left); EB High R9 (top right), EB Low R9 (bottom left), EE (bottom right). The plotted *pdfs* corresponds to the best choice by the statistical test for each family. The signal region, from 80 GeV to 100 GeV was blinded.

1169 shown in figure 4.57, hence it is not included the the statistical test, neither in the final background  
 1170 modeling envelope.

1171 The results of the background modeling for the Full Combinatorial and  $\Upsilon$  Combinatorial, can  
 1172 be found at Figures 4.58 and 4.59, for the  $\mu\mu$  and  $\mu\mu\gamma$  distribution, respectively. It is worth to  
 1173 remember that, for the Higgs channel, we are not implementing any categorization.

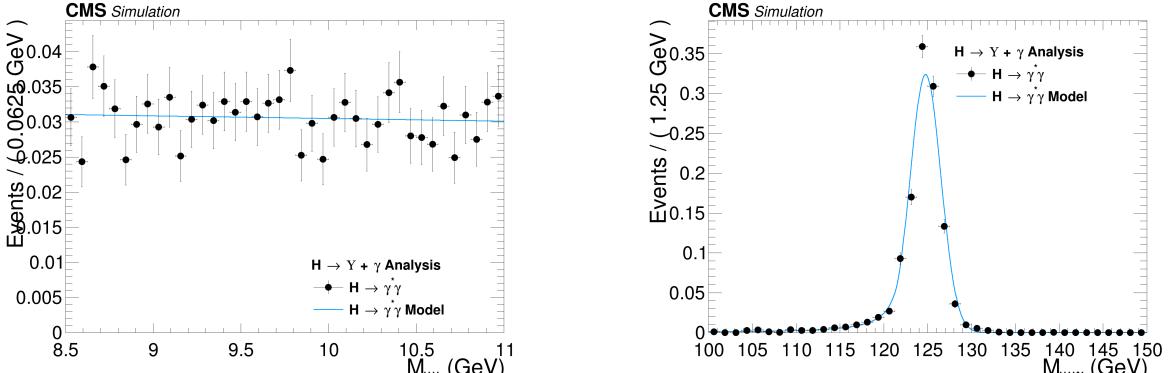


Figure 4.57: Peaking Background for the  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  analysis.  $m_{\mu\mu}$  invariant mass distribution (left) and  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  invariant mass distribution (right).

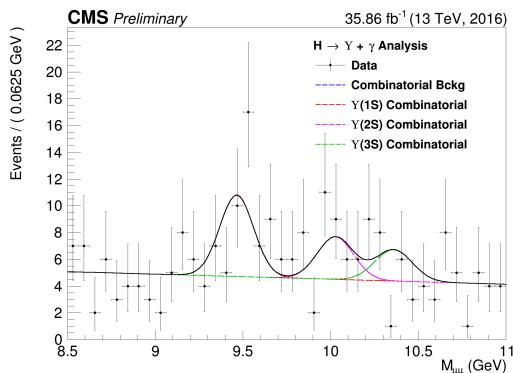


Figure 4.58:  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  Background Modeling:  $m_{\mu\mu}$  distribution. The *pdfs* projections are plotted with respect to the overall best choice of the statistical test.

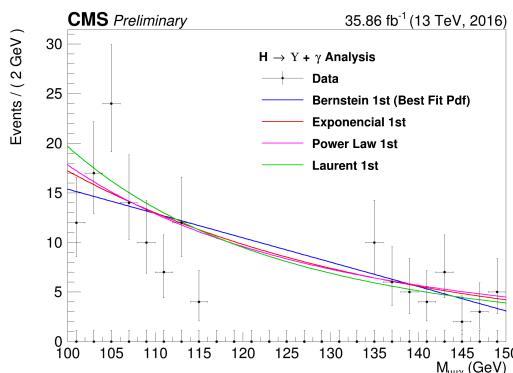


Figure 4.59:  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  Background Modeling:  $\mu\mu\gamma$  distribution. The plotted *pdfs* corresponds to the best choice by the statistical test for each family. The signal region, from 115 GeV to 135 GeV was blinded.

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## <sup>1174</sup> 4.9 Signal modeling

<sup>1175</sup> Along the same lines as the background modeling (Section 4.8), the signal modeling is implemented  
<sup>1176</sup> as a two dimensional unbinned maximum likelihood fit on the  $m_{\mu\mu}$  and the  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  invariant masses  
<sup>1177</sup> distributions, but this time, only using the signal simulated MC samples 4.1.2. Since, for the two  
<sup>1178</sup> spectra, it is expected a peak-like distribution, one centered in the Z (or Higgs) boson mass and the  
<sup>1179</sup> other centered in the  $\Upsilon$  mass, two also peak-like analytics *pdfs* were chosen to compose the signal  
<sup>1180</sup> model. The modeling is summarized in table 4.7.

Table 4.7: Modeling for each signal source and mass component.

	$m_{\mu\mu}$	$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$
$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$	Double Crystal Ball	Double Crystal Ball
$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$	Double Crystal Ball	Crystal Ball + Gaussian with the same mean

<sup>1181</sup> The projections of the modeling for the Z boson decay channel analysis can be found at figures 4.60,  
<sup>1182</sup> 4.61, 4.62 and 4.63, for Inclusive, EB High R9, EB Low R9 and EE, respectively. The projection  
<sup>1183</sup> on the modeling for the Higgs boson signal can be found at Figure 4.64. A deeper discussion on the  
<sup>1184</sup> systematics uncertainties associated to them, will be presented in the next section.

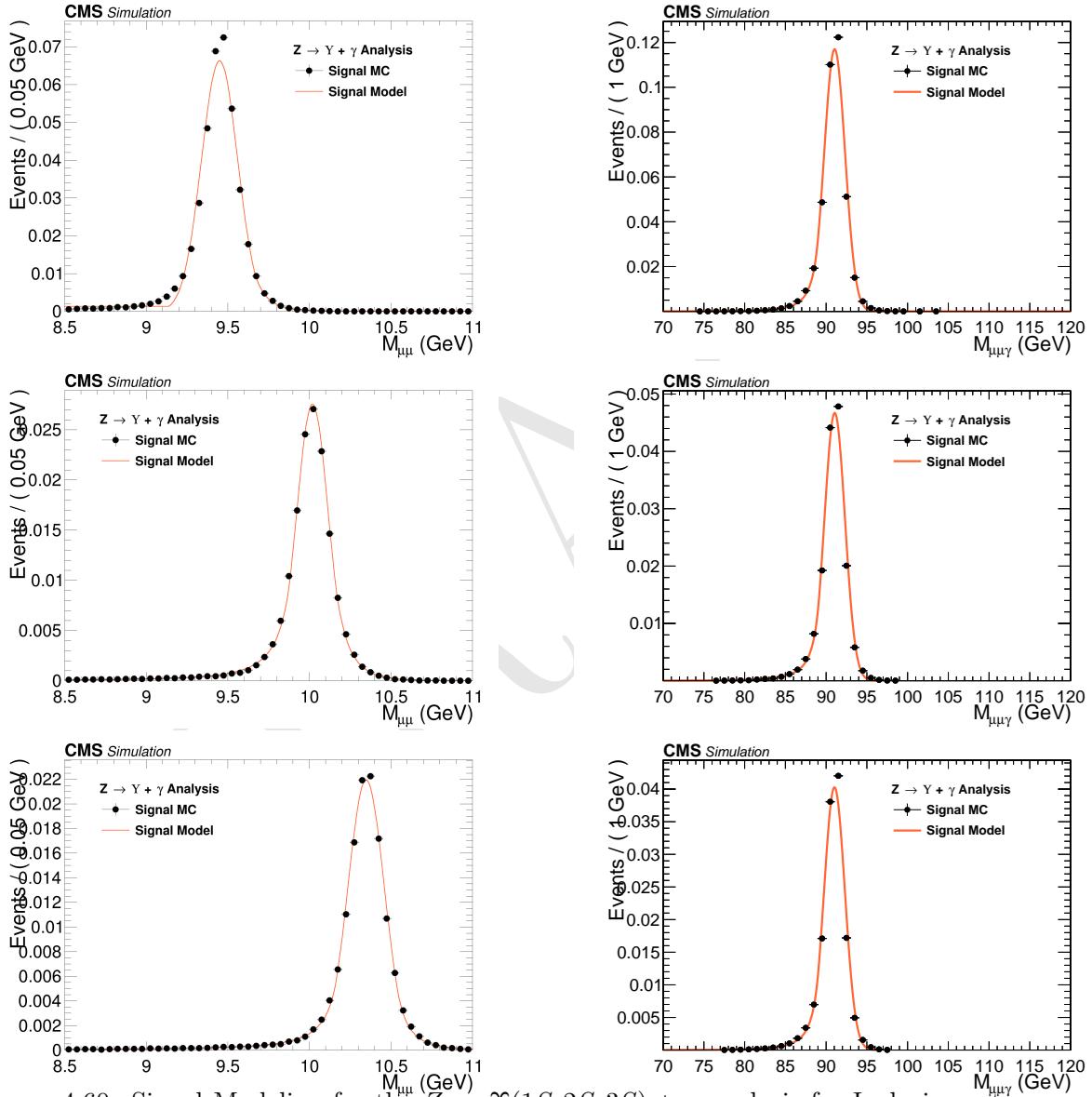


Figure 4.60: Signal Modeling for the  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  analysis for Inclusive category.  $m_{\mu\mu}$  mass distribution (left) and  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  mass distribution (right). From top to bottom:  $\Upsilon(1S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(3S)$ .

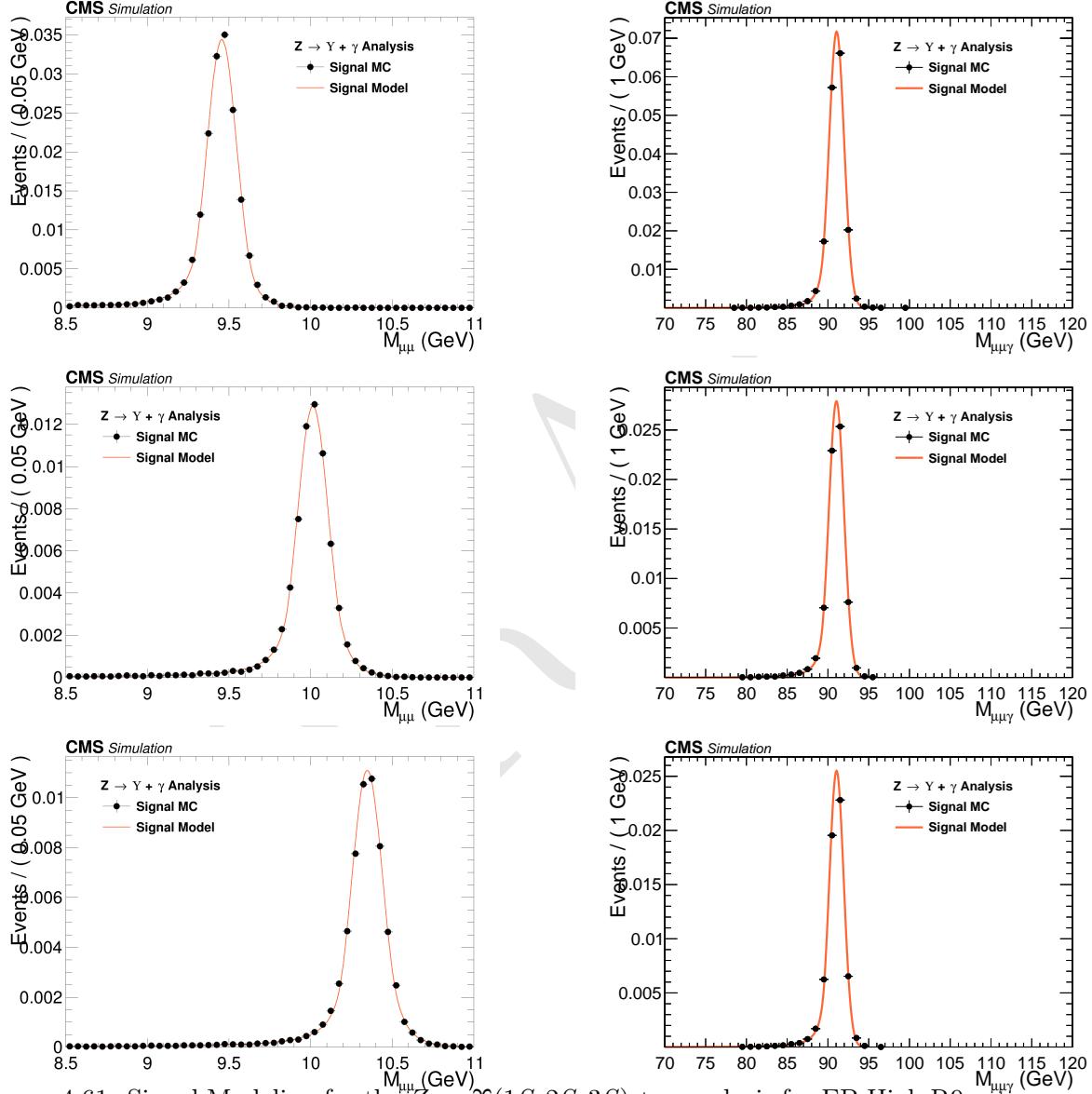


Figure 4.61: Signal Modeling for the  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  analysis for EB High R9 category.  $m_{\mu\mu}$  mass distribution (left) and  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  mass distribution (right). From top to bottom:  $\Upsilon(1S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(3S)$ .

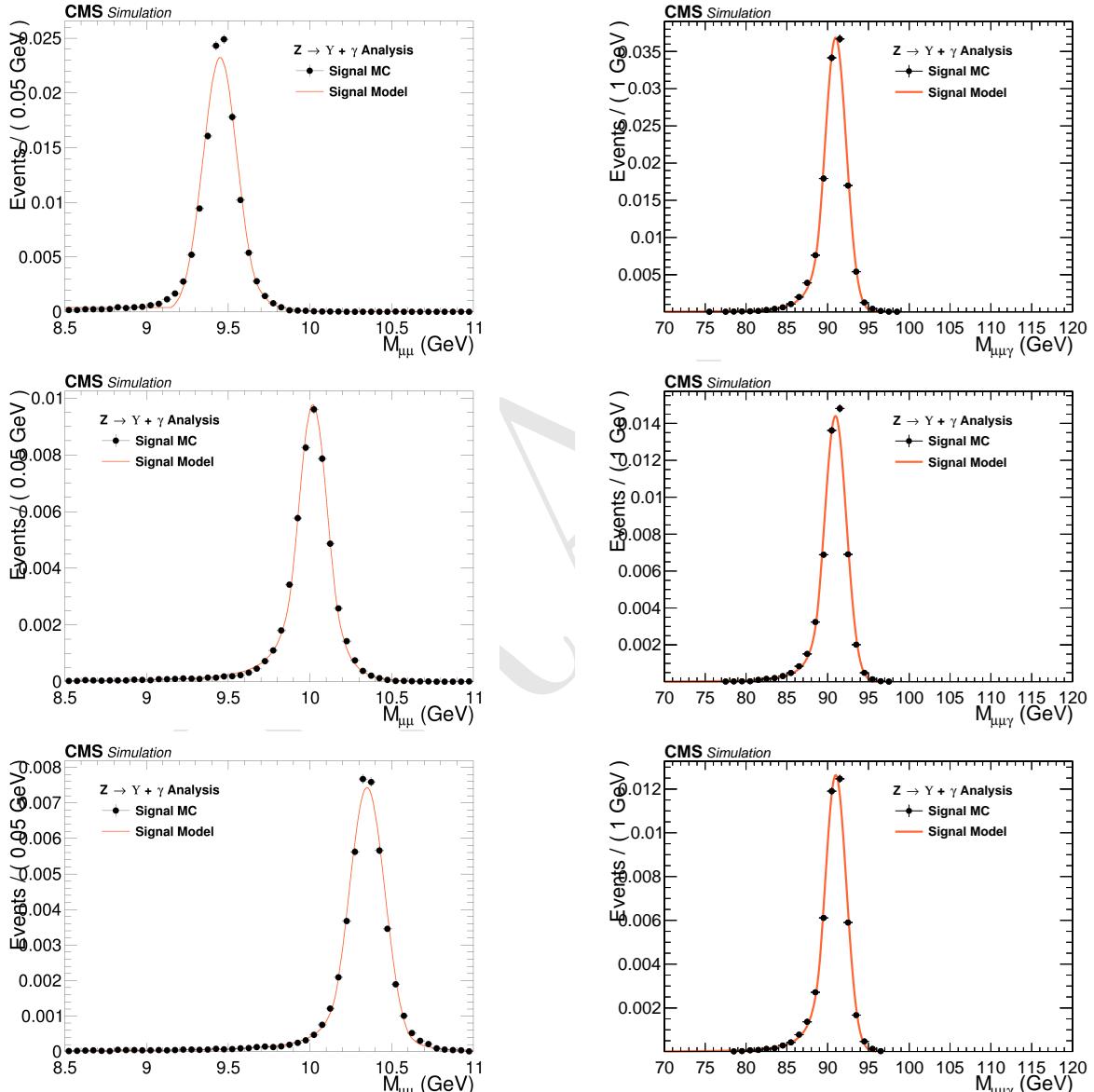


Figure 4.62: Signal Modeling for the  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  analysis for EB Low R9 category.  $m_{\mu\mu}$  mass distribution (left) and  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  mass distribution (right). From top to bottom:  $\Upsilon(1S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(3S)$ .

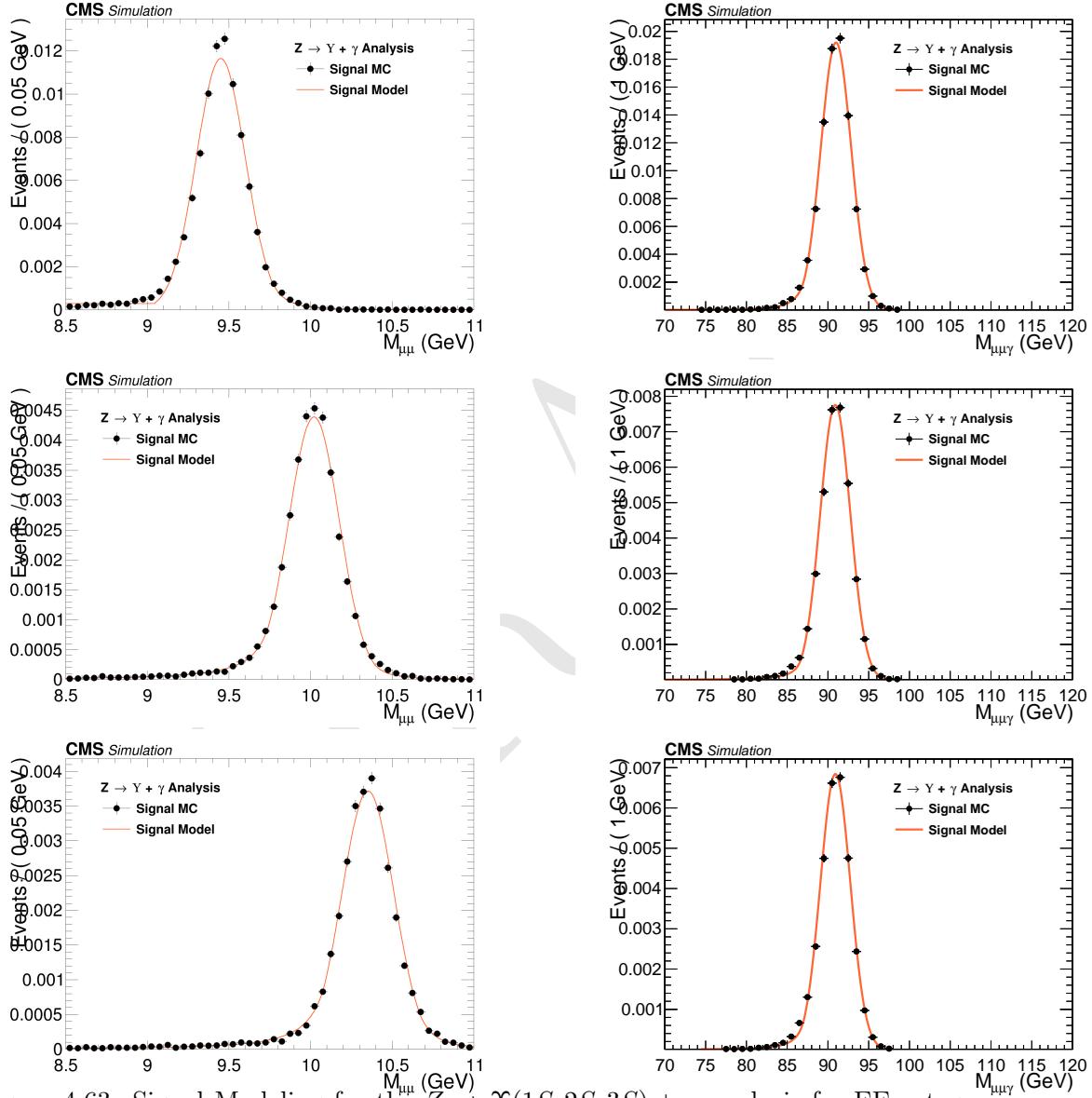


Figure 4.63: Signal Modeling for the  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$  analysis for EE category.  $m_{\mu\mu}$  mass distribution (left) and  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  mass distribution (right). From top to bottom:  $\Upsilon(1S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(3S)$ .

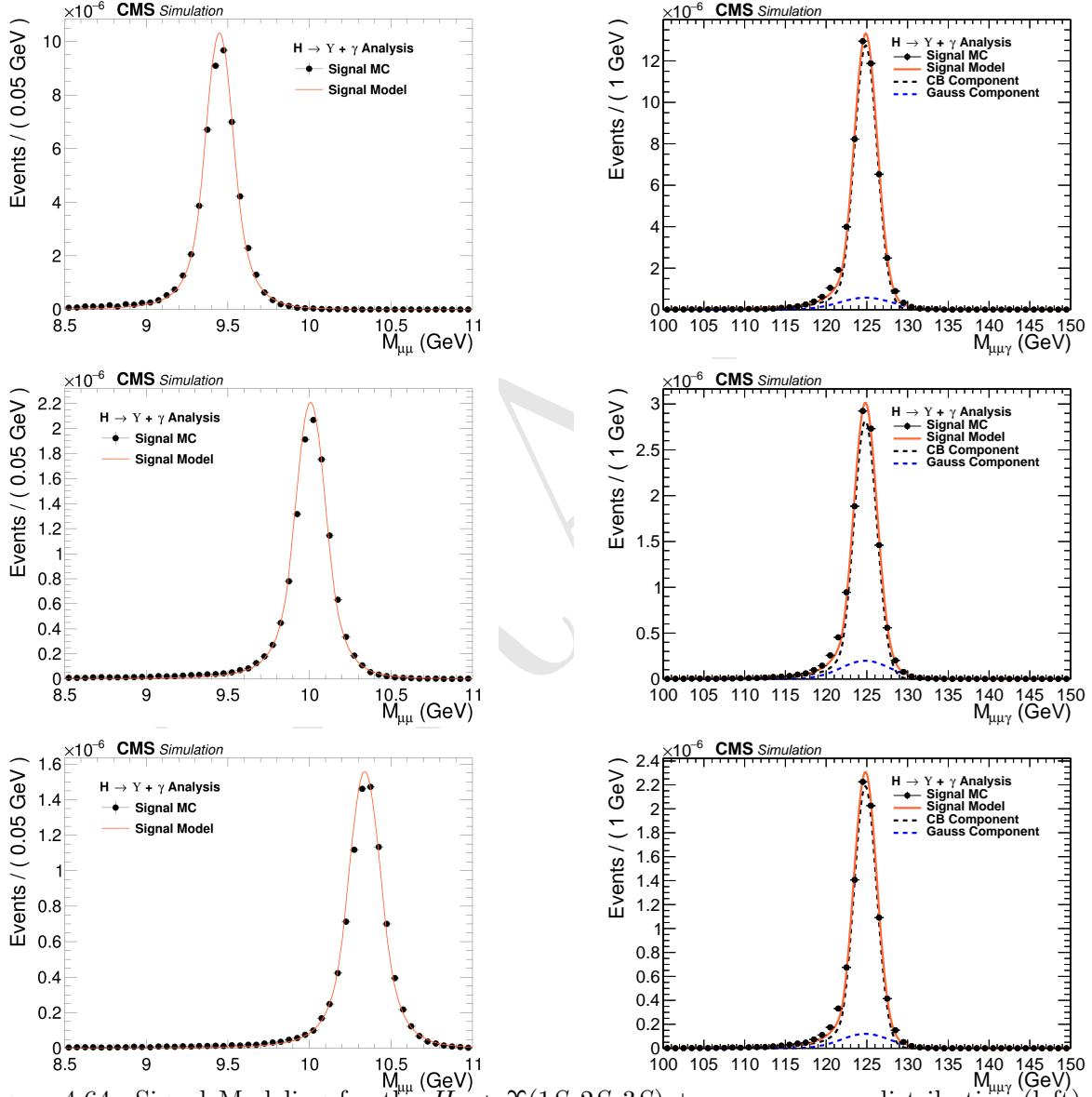


Figure 4.64: Signal Modeling for the  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$ .  $m_{\mu\mu}$  mass distribution (left) and  $m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$  mass distribution (right). From top to bottom:  $\Upsilon(1S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(3S)$ .

## 1185 4.10 Systematic uncertainties

1186 Two sources of systematics are considered: the ones that affect the predicted yields<sup>8</sup> and the ones  
 1187 that affect the shape of the pdfs used to compose the signal and background model.

1188 Those that affect the predicted yields, presented in Section 4.7.2, it is considered integrated lumi-  
 1189 nosity measurement [52], the pile-up description in the Monte-Carlo simulations, the corrections  
 1190 applied to the simulated events in order to compensate for the differences in performance of the  
 1191 some selection criteria, such as trigger, object reconstruction and identification, the  $\Upsilon$  polarization  
 1192 and the theoretical uncertainties, such as the effects of the *parton density functions* (PDF) to the  
 1193 signal cross section [9, 61, 81], the variations of the renormalization and factorization scales [82–86],  
 1194 and the prediction of the decay branching ratios.

1195 For the systematics on the signal modeling, it is considered possible imprecisions of the momentum  
 1196 scale and resolution. They are measured on how they affect the mean ( $\mu$ ) and the standard deviation  
 1197 ( $\sigma$ ) of the signal model. For the background modeling, since it is derived from data, the choice of  
 1198 the *pdf* (Probability distribution function) is the only systematic uncertainties considered. It is  
 1199 treated by the Discrete Profiling method, as described in section 4.8.

1200 The two kinds of systematics uncertainties are described in details below.

### 1201 4.10.1 Uncertainties on the predicted yields

1202 The theoretical sources of uncertainties includes: parton distribution functions uncertainties, strong  
 1203 coupling constant ( $\alpha_s$ ) uncertainty and uncertainty on the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  branching fraction (used to derive  
 1204 the Higgs Dalitz Decays cross-section). The values for these theoretical uncertainties are taken from  
 1205 the Higgs Combination Group [64] and also from [85, 87].

1206 An uncertainty value of 2.5% is used on the integrated luminosity of the data samples, as recom-  
 1207 mended by CMS [52]. To evaluate the impact of the pile-up reweighting in the final result, the  
 1208 The total inelastic cross section of  $69.2\text{ mb}$  is varied by  $\pm 4.6\%$  and the analysis is ran with these  
 1209 extreme values. The systematic uncertainty quoted is the maximum difference in the yields with  
 1210 respect to nominal value, as recommended by CMS.

1211 The impact of the trigger scale factor is evaluated by running this analysis with  $\pm 1\sigma$  on the  
 1212 Trigger Efficiency Scale factors (section 4.5.1). The systematic uncertainty quoted is the maximum  
 1213 difference in the yields with respect to nominal value.

1214 For the final state object identification and isolation associated uncertainty, the scale factors, pro-  
 1215 vided by CMS, to match the performance of MC and Data samples are varied in  $\pm 1\sigma$ . The  
 1216 systematic uncertainty quoted is the maximum difference in the yields with respect to nominal  
 1217 value. This procedure is applied on the scale factors for the Photon MVA ID and the Electron Veto  
 1218 (section 4.5.3) and for Muon Identification and Isolation(section 4.5.2).

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<sup>8</sup>Number of events, per process, after full selection and corrected by the expected SM cross sections.

Finally, the  $\Upsilon$  Polarization is assessed applying the extremes scenarios of the  $\Upsilon$  polarization (Transverse and Longitudinal Polarization to the signal samples (section 4.2). The systematic uncertainty quoted is the maximum difference in the yields with respect to nominal (Unpolarized) yield. This procedure is applied only for the Z decay. For the Higgs decay, the only polarization considered is the transverse polarization.

The effect of all systematic uncertainties in the signal and peaking background yields are summarized on table 4.8, for the Z decay and table 4.9, for the Higgs decay. Clearly, the main contribution to the systematics uncertainties on the yields is Polarization of the  $\Upsilon(nS)$  (only for the Z decay), around 15%.

#### 4.10.2 Uncertainties that affect the signal fits

Smearing and scaling corrections are applied on simulated events since the resolution of Monte Carlo is better than that on data and the detector might not catch all the possible differences in the detector performance, with respect to the data observation. They need to be estimated and included on the systematics. The corrections are:

- **Muon Momentum Scale and Resolution:** extracted by running the analysis with different setups of the official CMS Muon scaling and smearing package [88]. The deviations, with respect to the default correction are summed in quadrature. Once the nominal parameters (mean or sigma) are obtained, the default corrections are shifted by  $\pm 1\sigma$  and the fits are re-done, with the parameters of interest free to float and all others fixed. The systematic uncertainty quoted is the maximum difference of the parameter with respect to nominal value.

- **Photon Energy Scale and Resolution:** extracted by running the analysis with different sets of corrections, provided by the CMS <sup>9</sup>. Once the nominal mean is obtained, the sets are changed and the fits are re-done, with the mean free to float and all others parameters fixed. The corrections are shifted by  $\pm 1\sigma$  on each source of systematics (following standard CMS recommendations). The quoted as systematic uncertainty is the quadrature sum of the maximum deviation within each set.

The effective systematic uncertainty associated with the scale and resolution are the quadrature sum of the muon and photon contributions. The effect of all systematic uncertainties in the Signal fits are summarized on table 4.10, for the Z and Higgs decay.

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<sup>9</sup>CMS has not published, yet, a paper on the Run2 performance of the Photon reconstruction (This document is under internal review process.). Just as a reference, we cite the Run1 paper [89].

Table 4.8: A summary table of systematic uncertainties in the Z boson decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$ , affecting the final yields of the MC samples.

Source	Uncertainty			
	Signal		Peaking Background	
	$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\gamma$	$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S)\gamma$	$Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S)\gamma$	$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma_{FSR}$
Integrated luminosity				
All Categories	2.5%			
SM Z boson $\sigma$ (scale)				
All Categories	3.5%		5.0%	
SM Z boson $\sigma$ (PDF + $\alpha_s$ )				
All Categories	1.73%		5.0%	
Pileup Reweighting				
Inclusive	0.65%	0.68%	0.71%	0.62%
EB High R9	1.01%	1.1%	1.04%	1.06%
EB Low R9	0.17%	0.08%	0.13%	0.11%
EE	1.07%	0.98%	1.26%	0.78%
Trigger				
Inclusive	4.45%	4.46%	4.49%	4.71%
EB High R9	3.5%	3.5%	3.52%	3.71%
EB Low R9	3.55%	3.54%	3.58%	3.72%
EE	7.52%	7.58%	7.56%	8.13%
Muon Identification				
Inclusive	4.82%	4.81%	4.8%	4.52%
EB High R9	4.45%	4.45%	4.44%	4.2%
EB Low R9	4.65%	4.62%	4.63%	4.32%
EE	5.75%	5.75%	5.74%	5.44%
Photon Identification				
Inclusive	1.1%	1.1%	1.09%	1.09%
EB High R9	1.1%	1.09%	1.09%	1.11%
EB Low R9	1.1%	1.1%	1.09%	1.08%
EE	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.09%
Electron Veto				
Inclusive	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.03%
EB High R9	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
EB Low R9	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
EE	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%
Polarization				
Inclusive	15.36%	14.78%	14.84%	-
EB High R9	15.6%	14.88%	14.87%	-
EB Low R9	15.01%	14.31%	14.4%	-
EE	15.39%	15.27%	15.39%	-

Table 4.9: A summary table of systematic uncertainties in the Higgs boson decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$ , affecting the final yields of the MC samples.

Source	Uncertainty			
	Signal			Peaking Background
	$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\gamma$	$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S)\gamma$	$H \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S)\gamma$	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$
Integrated luminosity	2.5%			
SM Higgs $\sigma$ (scale)	$+4.6\% / -6.7\%$			
SM Higgs $\sigma$ (PDF + $\alpha_s$ )	3.2%			
SM BR $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma^*$	-			6.0%
Pileup Reweighting	0.61%	0.68%	0.56%	0.9%
Trigger	5.61%	5.47%	5.5%	6.12%
Muon Identification	4.39%	4.36%	4.34%	4.33%
Photon Identification	1.21%	1.22%	1.22%	1.2%
Electron Veto	1.04%	1.04%	1.04%	1.04%

Table 4.10: A summary table of systematic uncertainties in the Z (H) decaying in  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S) + \gamma$ , affecting the signal fits.

		Z $\rightarrow \Upsilon(nS) + \gamma$			H $\rightarrow \Upsilon(nS) + \gamma$	
		Inclusive	EB High R9	EB Low R9	EE	Inclusive
<b>Mean - Scale</b>						
$\Upsilon(1S)$	Muon Unc.	0.06%	0.05%	0.06%	0.11%	0.11%
	Photon Unc.	0.21%	0.13%	0.19%	0.26%	0.28%
	<b>Total Unc.</b>	0.22%	0.14%	0.2%	0.28%	0.3%
	<b>Sigma - Resolution</b>					
	Muon Unc.	1.12%	0.84%	1.55%	1.14%	2.62%
	Photon Unc.	2.14%	2.48%	1.95%	2.79%	4.27%
	<b>Total Unc.</b>	2.42%	2.61%	2.49%	3.01%	5.01%
$\Upsilon(2S)$	<b>Mean - Scale</b>					
	Muon Unc.	0.07%	0.05%	0.06%	0.13%	0.1%
	Photon Unc.	0.25%	0.11%	0.2%	0.19%	0.26%
	<b>Total Unc.</b>	0.26%	0.12%	0.21%	0.23%	0.28%
	<b>Sigma - Resolution</b>					
	Muon Unc.	1.21%	1.54%	2.65%	1.66%	1.02%
$\Upsilon(3S)$	Photon Unc.	1.85%	2.67%	3.56%	3.6%	6.6%
	<b>Total Unc.</b>	2.21%	3.08%	4.44%	3.97%	6.68%
	<b>Mean - Scale</b>					
	Muon Unc.	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%	0.09%	0.09%
	Photon Unc.	0.22%	0.14%	0.25%	0.17%	0.23%
	<b>Total Unc.</b>	0.23%	0.15%	0.26%	0.19%	0.25%
	<b>Sigma - Resolution</b>					
	Muon Unc.	1.78%	2.38%	2.1%	2.25%	3.46%
	Photon Unc.	2.51%	4.14%	2.23%	4.08%	5.48%
	<b>Total Unc.</b>	3.08%	4.77%	3.07%	4.66%	6.48%

## 1248 4.11 Modeling Cross checks

1249 In order to test the applicability of the statistical (signal and background) modeling proposed  
 1250 in this study, a cross-check procedure is performed by generating a set of pseudo-experiments  
 1251 (toys datasets) based on the signal plus background model, for each decay channel ( $H/Z \rightarrow$   
 1252  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S, ) + \gamma$ ) with some signal injected.

1253 The procedure consists of resampling from the signal plus background a number of events, including  
 1254 some extra (injected signal). The amount of injected signal is controlled by the  $\mu_{true}$  variable, where  
 1255  $\mu_{true} = X$  means inject  $X$  times the expected signal.

1256 Once generated, the toy dataset is refitted to the signal plus background model and the signal  
 1257 strength ( $\mu_{fit}$ ) and its error  $\sigma_{fit}$  are extracted. This procedure is repeated 10000 times and only  
 1258 for the inclusive category. Figures 4.66, 4.65, 4.68 and 4.67 show examples of those fits for the  
 1259 Higgs and Z decay.

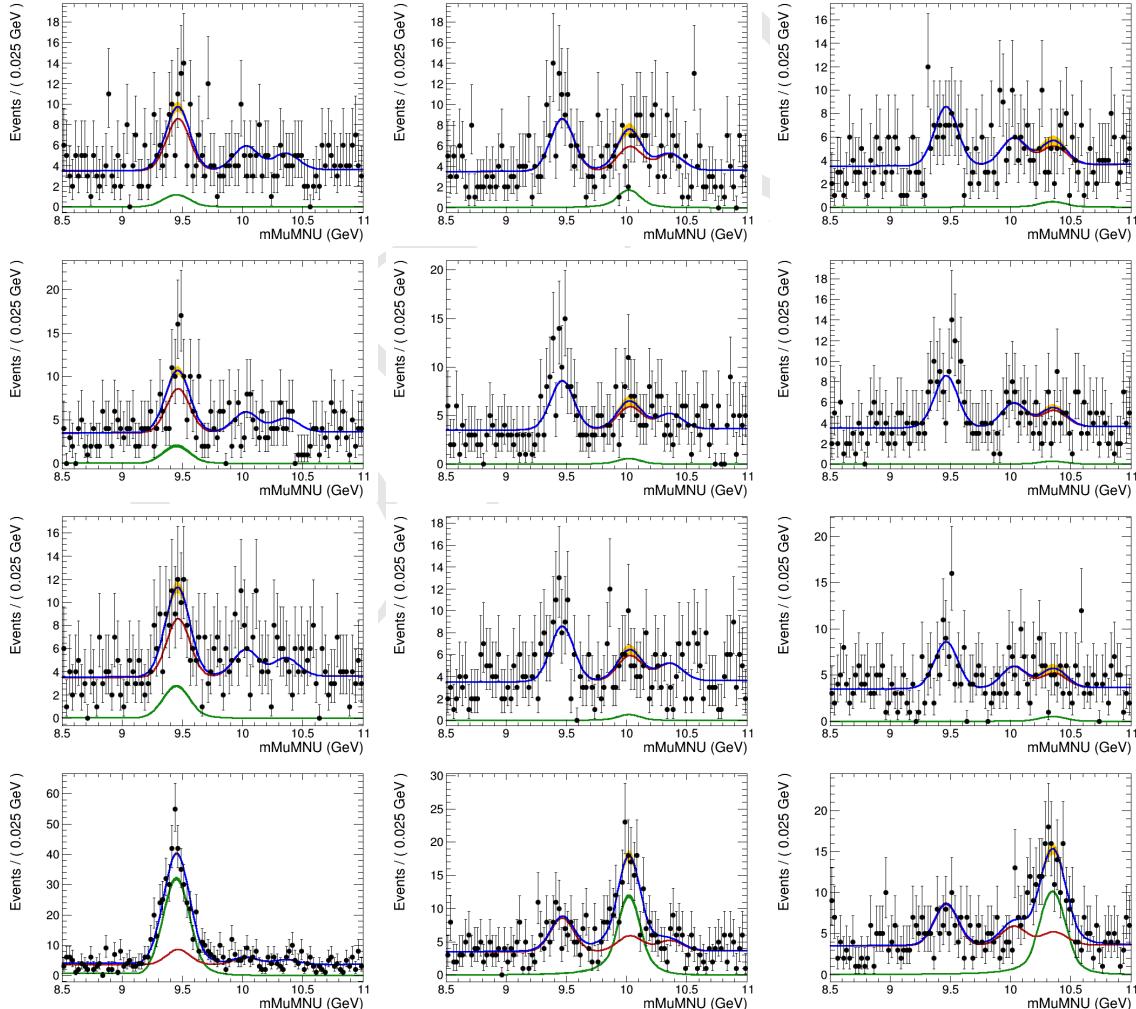


Figure 4.65: Examples of the toy datasets fit ( $M_{\mu\mu}$ ), for the Z decay analysis, after the toy dataset refit, for 1S, 2S and 3S (left to right), with  $\mu_{true}$  equals to 20, 50, 100, 1000 (top to bottom). The red lines corresponds to the background model (B), the green lines to signal model (S), the blue lines to the total (S+B) and the dots is the toy dataset.

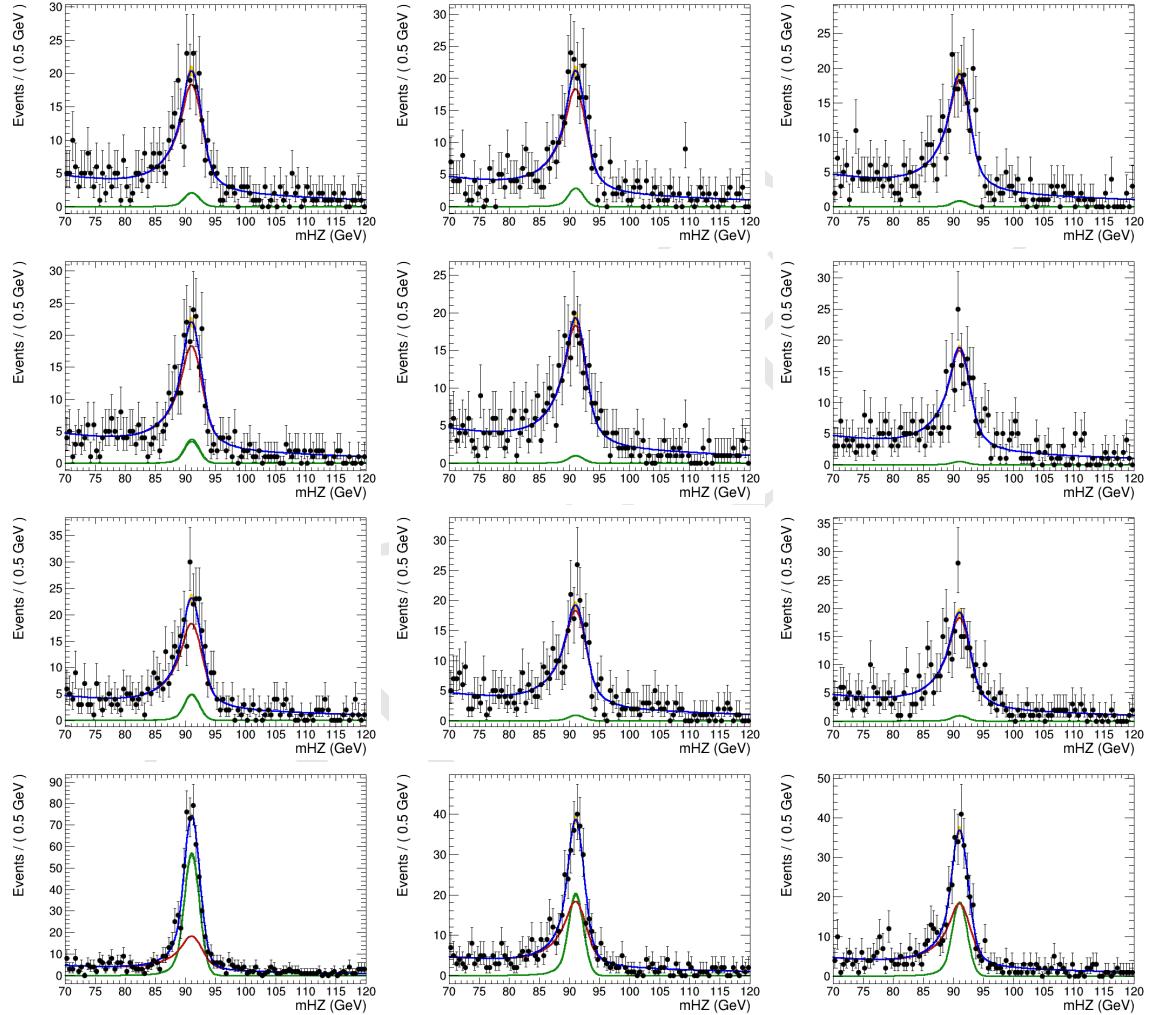


Figure 4.66: Examples of the toy datasets fit ( $M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ ), for the Z decay analysis, after the toy dataset refit, for 1S, 2S and 3S (left to right), with  $\mu_{true}$  equals to 20, 50, 100, 1000 (top to bottom). The red lines corresponds to the background model (B), the green lines to signal model (S), the blue lines to the total (S+B) and the dots is the toy dataset.

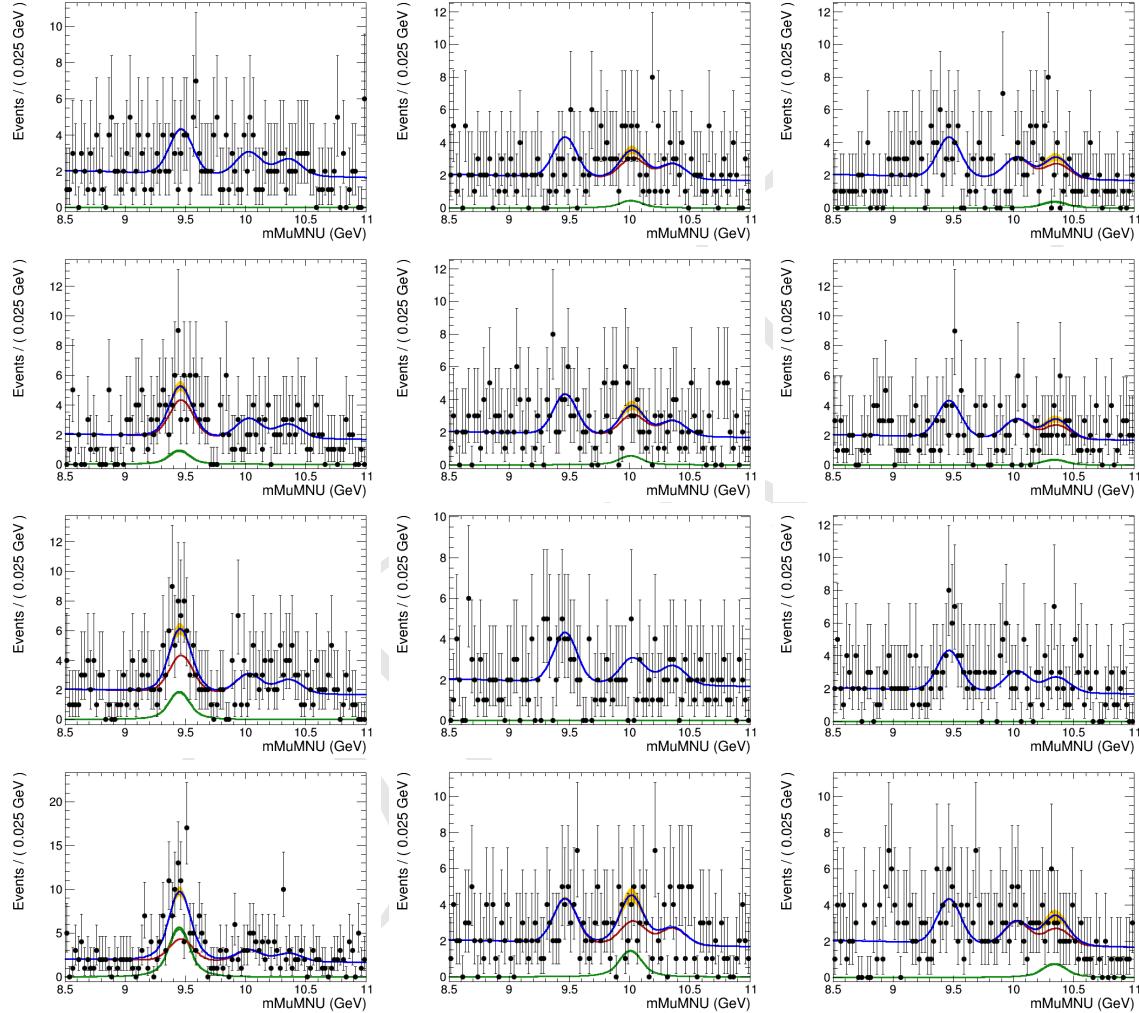


Figure 4.67: Examples of the toy datasets fit ( $M_{\mu\mu}$ ), for the Higgs decay analysis, after the toy dataset refit, for 1S, 2S and 3S (left to right), with  $\mu_{true}$  equals to 100000, 200000, 300000, 1000000 (top to bottom). The red lines corresponds to the background model (B), the green lines to signal model (S), the blue lines to the total (S+B) and the dots is the toy dataset.

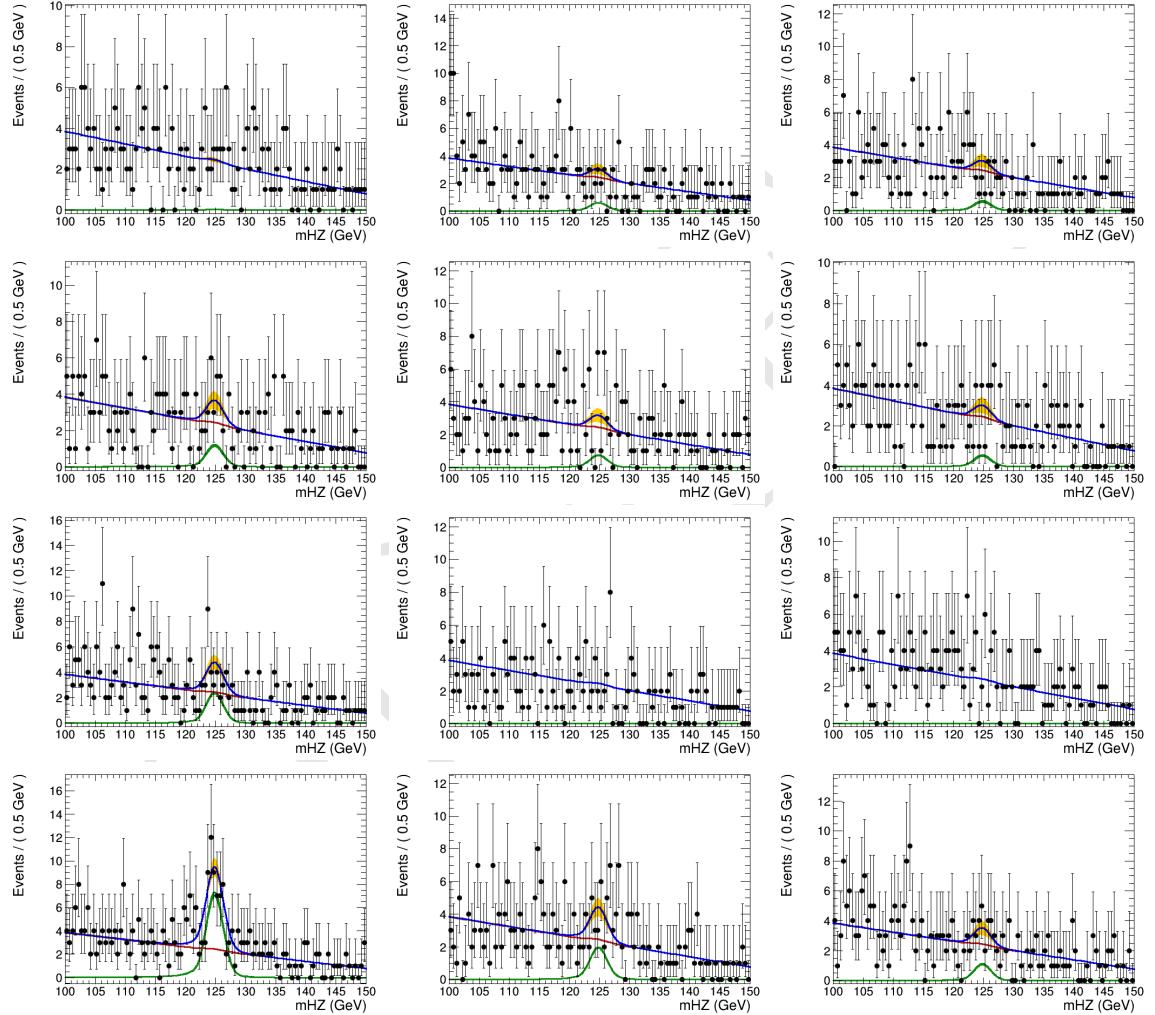


Figure 4.68: Examples of the toy datasets fit ( $M_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ ), for the Higgs decay analysis, after the toy dataset refit, for 1S, 2S and 3S (left to right), with  $\mu_{true}$  equals to 100000, 200000, 300000, 1000000 (top to bottom). The red lines corresponds to the background model (B), the green lines to signal model (S), the blue lines to the total (S+B) and the dots is the toy dataset.

It is expected that the pulls distribution for the fitted signal strength ( $\frac{\mu_{fit} - \mu_{true}}{\sigma_{fit}}$ ) should follow a Gaussian distribution centered in 0 and with  $\sigma$  around 1. Figures 4.69 and 4.70 present those pulls distributions for the Z and Higgs decays, respectively.

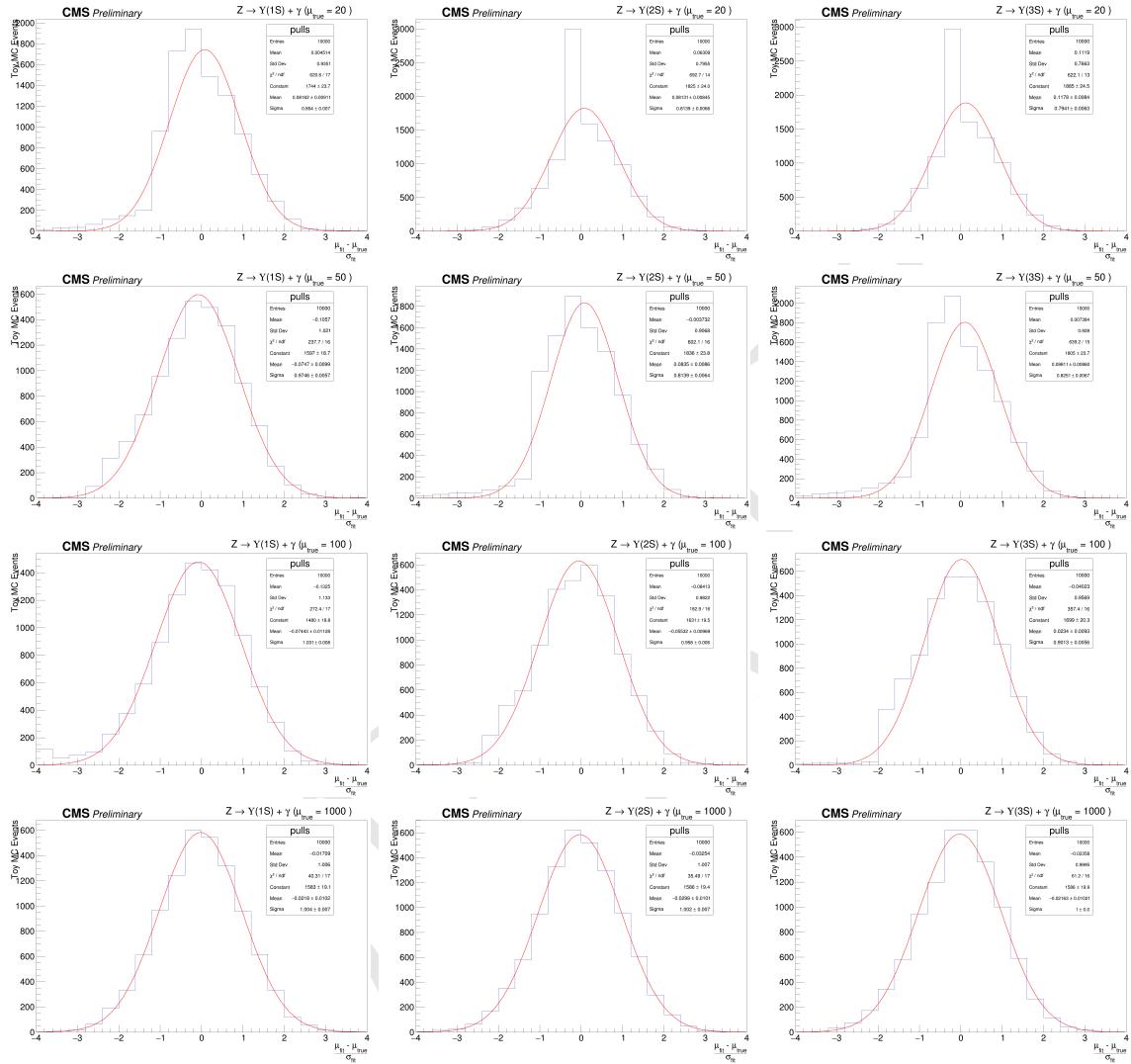


Figure 4.69: Distribution of pulls ( $\frac{\mu_{fit} - \mu_{true}}{\sigma_{fit}}$ ), for the Z decay analysis, after the toy dataset refit, for 1S, 2S and 3S (left to right), with  $\mu_{true}$  equals to 20, 50, 100, 1000 (top to bottom).

As a general conclusion on this cross check, as long as the toy MC generation is able to inject enough signal to be fit, the final modeling of this analysis is able to recover a Gaussian pulls distribution. This, of course, depends on the  $\Upsilon$  state to be considered. For the Z decay, between  $\mu_{true} = 50$  and  $\mu_{true} = 100$  (around a hundred of events passing full selection), while for the Higgs decay, it is needed only a few events after full selection, even thought it means hundreds of thousands times the expected signal, since the very small cross sections for the decay, as shown in Table 4.1.

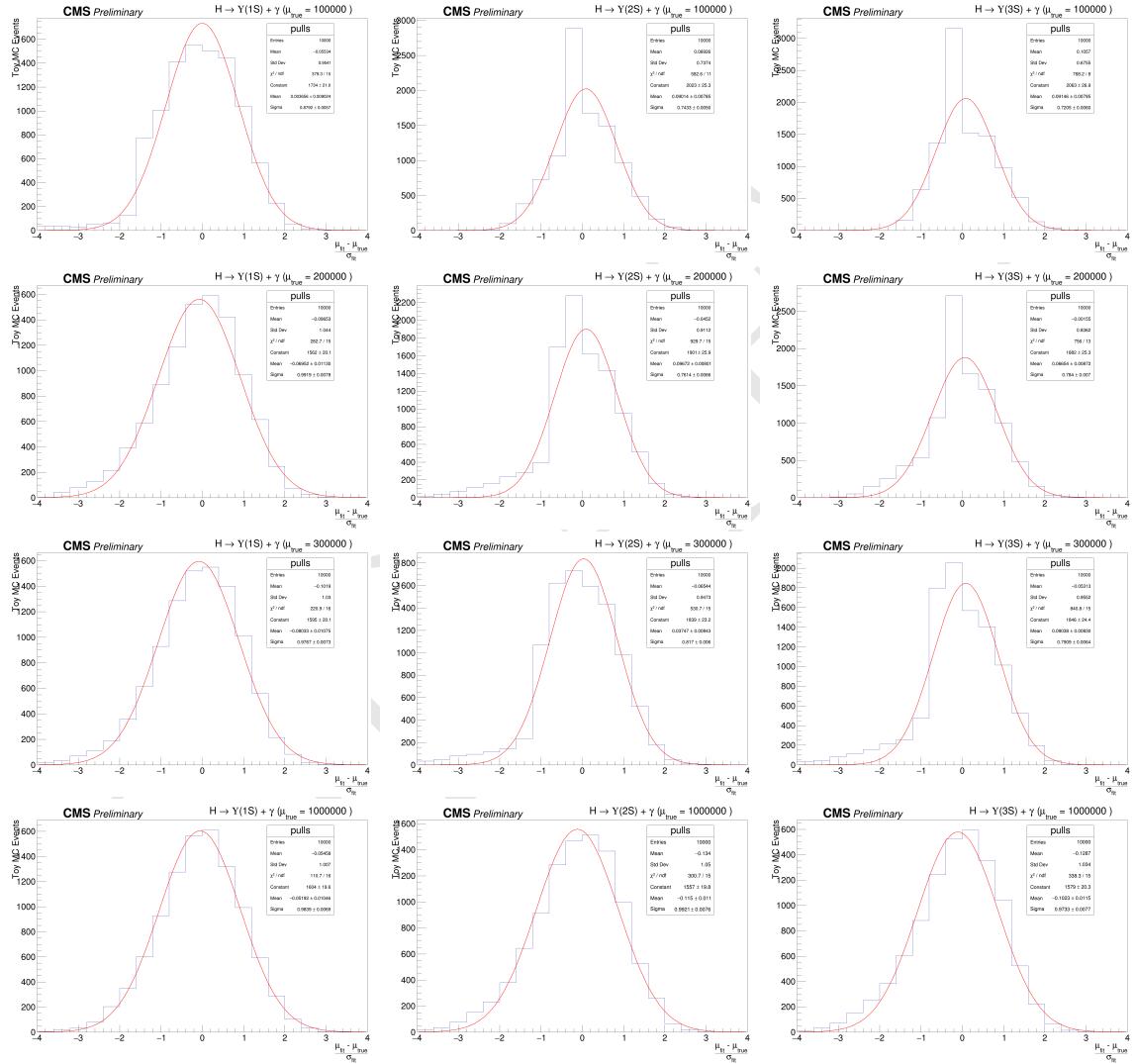


Figure 4.70: Distribution of pulls ( $\frac{\mu_{fit} - \mu_{true}}{\sigma_{fit}}$ ), for the Higgs decay analysis, after the toy dataset refit, for 1S, 2S and 3S (left to right), with  $\mu_{true}$  equals to 100000, 200000, 300000, 1000000 (top to bottom).

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## 1269 5 Results and conclusion

1270 A two-dimensional (2D) unbinned maximum-likelihood fit to the  $m_{\mu^+\mu^-\gamma}$  and  $m_{\mu^+\mu^-}$  distributions  
1271 was used to compare the data with background and signal predictions. Search has been performed for  
1272 a SM Higgs and Z boson decaying into a  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)\gamma$ , with  $\Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)$  subsequently decaying  
1273 into  $\mu^+\mu^-$  using data obtained from  $35.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ .  
1274 Since no excess has been observed above the background, the  $\text{CL}_s$  formalism is applied, in order to  
1275 establish an upper limit in the branching fractions for each channel.

### 1276 5.1 The $\text{CL}_s$ formalism for upper limits setting at CMS

1277 The  $\text{CL}_s$  formalism [90] consists in a modified frequentist approach to obtain an upper limit for a  
1278 certain parameter of a model, with respect to the data, when there is no significant excess that could  
1279 justify an observation. It is based on the profile-likelihood-ratio test statistic [91] and asymptotic  
1280 approximations [92]. It is a standard upper limit setting procedure for the LHC experiments [93].  
1281 When searching for non-observed phenomena, it is often usual to derive the results as a function of  
1282 the signal strength modifier  $\mu$ , which is a free parameter of the full model (signal + background).  
1283 It can be defined such as, the expectation value for the number of events in a bin <sup>1</sup> is:

$$E[n] = \mu s + b, \quad (5.1)$$

1284 where,  $s$  and  $b$  are the expected number of signal and background events, respectively.  
1285 The Neyman–Pearson lemma [91] states the likelihood ratio is the optimal test between a null  
1286 hypothesis and an alternative one (i.e. background-only and signal-plus-background models). On  
1287 top of this, one could build a likelihood ratio test as:

$$q(\mu) = -2 \ln \left( \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\mu s + b)}{\mathcal{L}(\text{data}|b)} \right), \quad (5.2)$$

1288 where the denominator and numerator defines the likelihoods for the background-only and signal-  
1289 plus-background models, respectively. This was the hypothesis test used by LEP and Tevatron  
1290 experiments (the former one, with some modifications to include the nuisances effects).

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<sup>1</sup>A set of common analysis criteria.

1291 With these two models, i.e. their *pdfs*, one can throw toy MC events in order to construct a  
 1292 distribution of  $q(\mu)$ , namely  $f(q(\mu)|\mu)$ . The *p*-value of  $f(q(\mu)|\mu)$ , as below, can be used to chose  
 1293 between each model.

$$p_\mu = \int_{q(\mu)_{\text{data}}}^{\infty} f(q(\mu)|\mu) dq(\mu), \quad (5.3)$$

1294 where  $q(\mu)_{\text{data}}$  is the observed value of  $q(\mu)$  on data, for a given  $\mu$ .

1295 If  $p_\mu$  is less than  $\alpha$  (usually 0.05 or 0.1) the background-only model can be excluded in favor of the  
 1296 signal-plus-background model. For the propose of a confidence interval estimation, the argument  
 1297 can be reversed and one could look for all the values of  $\mu$  that would not be excluded with Confidence  
 1298 Level (CL)  $1 - \alpha$ .

1299 The problem with this definition is that, when the expected signal strength is very small, e.g.  
 1300 a invariant mass distribution in the TeV scale, the null hypothesis and the alternative one are  
 1301 almost indistinguishable. In this situation, a downward fluctuation of the background might lead  
 1302 us to exclude the alternative hypothesis (signal) in a region of low experimental sensitivity region.  
 1303 Putting in number, if we expect 50 background events and 2 signal events, but we observe 40 events,  
 1304 the signal would be easily excluded.

1305 In order to take this effect into account, a modified frequentist approach for upper limits setting, the  
 1306  $CL_s$  was proposed during the Higgs search era at LEP. Lets start by considering a profile likelihood  
 1307 ratio [94] as below:

$$\lambda(\mu) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\mu, \hat{\theta})}{\mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})}, \quad (5.4)$$

1308 where,  $\mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\mu, \hat{\theta})$  is the profile likelihood function.

1309 Defining  $\mu$  and the investigated signal strength,  $\hat{\theta}$  is the nuisances that maximizes the likelihood for  
 1310 a given  $\mu$  (fixed) while  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\theta}$  are the signal strength and nuisances that, overall, maximizes the  
 1311 likelihood. The advantage of the

1312 CMS and ATLAS have a common set of statistical guidelines [95] to ensure the compatibility of the  
 1313 published results. Following these recommendations, the statistics test based on 5.4 is:

$$\tilde{q}_\mu = -2\ln[\lambda(\mu)], \text{ with } 0 \leq \hat{\mu} \leq \mu. \quad (5.5)$$

1314 The left side restriction ( $0 \leq \hat{\mu}$ ) ensure us the proper physical interpretation of  $\mu$  as a positive define  
 1315 signal strength, i.e., the observation a process would, for a given bin, increase the number of events.  
 1316 The right side restriction  $\hat{\mu} \leq \mu$  secure the interpretation of  $\tilde{q}_\mu$ 's *p*-value as a one-sided confidence  
 1317 interval. This is required for a upper limit definition.

1318 The advantage of using the profile likelihood ratio is that, even though it takes into account the  
 1319 effect of nuisances in the likelihood, it is possible to prove that, with the use of Wilk's Theorem [78],

that a statistic test defined as  $\tilde{q}_\mu$ , asymptotically follows a chi-square distribution with one degree of freedom (the signal strength) [92]. Thus,  $\tilde{q}_\mu$  is said to be approximately independent of any nuisance and allow a fast computation of its  $p$ -value without the need of toy MC strategies (which can computationally demanding, depending on the complexity of the models), event though this is not the standard CMS/ATLAS recommendation.

Based on  $\tilde{q}_\mu$ , defined at 5.5, one should compute the  $\tilde{q}_\mu^{\text{obs}}$ , also the  $\hat{\theta}_\mu^{\text{obs}}$  and  $\hat{\theta}_{\mu=0}^{\text{obs}}$ , which corresponds to the observed value of  $\tilde{q}_\mu$  on data, the maximum likelihood estimator for the nuisances assuming some signal strength  $\mu$  and assuming a background-only model, respectively. Then, the distributions of  $f(\tilde{q}_\mu|\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu^{\text{obs}})$  and  $f(\tilde{q}_\mu|\mu = 0, \hat{\theta}_{\mu=0}^{\text{obs}})$  are generated tossing pseudo-random toy MC. Figure 5.1 presents an example of these two distributions.

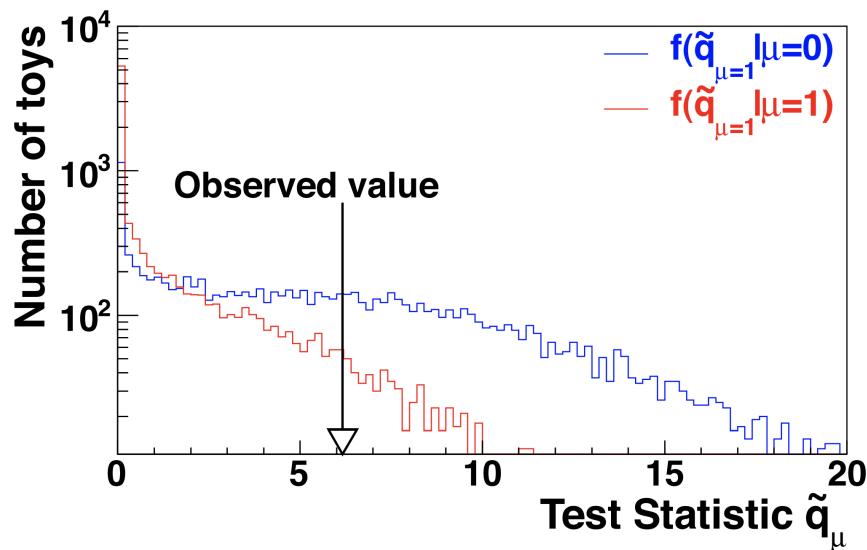


Figure 5.1: Example of  $f(\tilde{q}_\mu|\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu^{\text{obs}})$   $f(\tilde{q}_\mu|\mu = 0, \hat{\theta}_{\mu=0}^{\text{obs}})$  distributions generated with toy MC. Source: [95].

The  $CL_s$  value is defined as:

$$CL_s(\mu) = \frac{p_{s+b}(\mu)}{1 - p_b}, \quad (5.6)$$

where:

$$p_{s+b}(\mu) = \int_{\tilde{q}_\mu^{\text{obs}}}^{\infty} f(\tilde{q}_\mu|\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu^{\text{obs}}) d\tilde{q}_\mu \quad (5.7)$$

and

$$p_b = \int_{-\infty}^{\tilde{q}_\mu^{\text{obs}}} f(\tilde{q}_\mu|\mu = 0, \hat{\theta}_{\mu=0}^{\text{obs}}) d\tilde{q}_\mu \quad (5.8)$$

Scanning different values of  $\mu$ , within  $0 \leq \hat{\mu} \leq \mu$ , one would exclude the ones which  $CL_s < \alpha$ . CMS and ATLAS recommends a CL level  $(1 - \alpha)$  of 95%.

1334 The main advantage of the  $CL_s$  approach is that the presence of the denominator  $1 - p_b$  in 5.6  
 1335 penalizes the exclusion of regions in which the experiment is no sensitive. Figure 5.2 helps to  
 1336 illustrate this. One can notice that a small value of  $p_{s+b}$  (yellow area) is balanced by large value  
 1337 of  $p_b$  (green area). When the experimental sensitivity is higher, the two distributions tend to be  
 1338 far away from each other. Thus leading to a smaller compensation factor ( $p_b$ ) and enhancing the  
 1339 chance of a exclusive  $CL_s$  value.

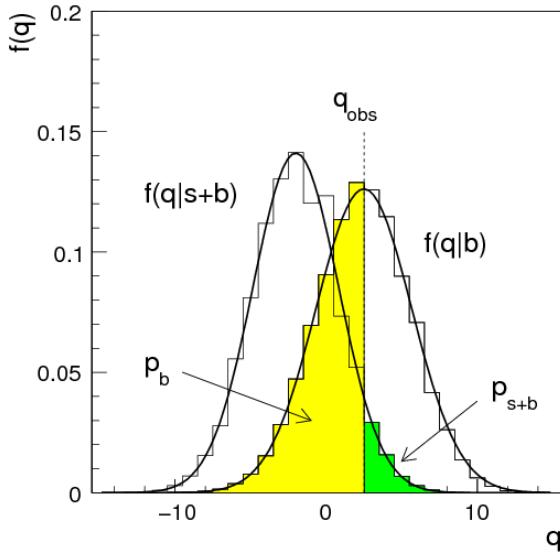


Figure 5.2: Example of  $f(\tilde{q}_\mu | \mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu^{\text{obs}})$   $f(\tilde{q}_\mu | \mu = 0, \hat{\theta}_{\mu=0}^{\text{obs}})$  distributions generated with toy MC. In the figure,  $q$  must be read as  $\tilde{q}$ . The green area shows the  $p_{s+b}$  defined in 5.7, while the yellow one shows  $p_b$  defined in 5.8. Source: [92].

1340 The expected expected upper limit and its  $\pm 1\sigma$  and  $\pm 2\sigma$  are determined by generating a large  
 1341 number of toy mc events, for the background-only model ( $\mu = 0$ ), with nuisances free to float,  
 1342 and for each simulation finding  $\mu_{95\%}$ , which defines the confidence level. Once enough samples are  
 1343 generated, one should scan, from left to right, the cumulative distribution of  $\mu_{95\%}$ . The median  
 1344 defines the expected value and the quantiles for 16%, 84% and 2.5%, 97.5% defines the  $\pm 1\sigma$  and  
 1345  $\pm 2\sigma$ , respectively.

## 1346 5.2 Branching fraction upper limits

1347 The result are summarized on table 5.1.

1348 The observed(expected) exclusion limit at 95% confidence level on the  $\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)\gamma) =$   
 1349  $2.9, 2.7, 1.4$  ( $1.6^{+0.8}_{-0.5}, 2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.6}, 1.8^{+1.0}_{-0.6} \times 10^{-6}$ ), and on the  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)\gamma) = 6.9, 7.4, 5.8$   
 1350 ( $7.3^{+4.0}_{-2.4}, 8.1^{+4.6}_{-2.8}, 6.8^{+3.9}_{-2.3} \times 10^{-4}$ ).

1351 As stated before, this analysis was done, for the Z decay, taking into account a mutually excludent  
 1352 categorization of events, based on the reconstructed photon properties ( $\eta_{SC}$  and R9 value), as  
 1353 described in section 4.7.

Table 5.1: Summary table for the limits on branching ratio of  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)\gamma$  decays.

95% C.L. Upper Limit			
	$\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow \Upsilon\gamma) [\times 10^{-6}]$		
	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
Expected	$1.6^{+0.8}_{-0.5}$	$2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$	$1.8^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$
Observed	2.9	2.7	1.4
SM Prediction [ $\times 10^{-8}$ ]	4.8	2.4	1.9
	$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \Upsilon\gamma) [\times 10^{-4}]$		
	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
Expected	$7.3^{+4.0}_{-2.4}$	$8.1^{+4.6}_{-2.8}$	$6.8^{+3.9}_{-2.3}$
Observed	6.9	7.4	5.8
SM Prediction [ $\times 10^{-9}$ ]	5.2	1.4	0.9

1354 At table 5.2 we present the results obtained when there is no categorization of events (Inclusive  
1355 category).

Table 5.2: Summary table for the limits on branching ratio of  $Z \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S, 2S, 3S)\gamma$ , for the two possible categorization scenarios.

95% C.L. Upper Limit - $\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow \Upsilon\gamma) [\times 10^{-6}]$			
	without categorization		
	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
Expected	$1.7^{+0.9}_{-0.5}$	$2.1^{+1.1}_{-0.7}$	$1.9^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$
Observed	2.6	2.3	1.2
	with categorization		
	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
Expected	$1.6^{+0.8}_{-0.5}$	$2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$	$1.8^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$
Observed	2.9	2.7	1.4

1356 It is worth to remember that the categorization takes places only for the  $Z$  decay. For the Higgs  
1357 decay, no categorization is imposed.

1358 By taking, or not, into account any categorization, the numbers presented in both tables (5.1 and  
1359 5.2), are compatible within themselves and with the results published by the ATLAS collabora-  
1360 tion [96].

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# <sup>1361</sup> 6 CMS Resistive Plate Chambers - RPC

<sup>1362</sup> In the course of this PhD study, there were a lot of opportunities to work for the RPC project, in  
<sup>1363</sup> the context of the CMS Collaboration. The main activities consists of shifts for the RPC operation  
<sup>1364</sup> and data certification, upgrade and maintenance of the online software, R&D activities for the RPC  
<sup>1365</sup> upgrade and detector maintenance during the LHC Long Shutdown 2 (2019 to 2020).

<sup>1366</sup> In this chapter, it is presented a summary of the Resistive Plate Chamber technology and the  
<sup>1367</sup> contributions to the RPC project at CMS.

## <sup>1368</sup> 6.1 Resistive Plate Chambers

<sup>1369</sup> The seminal paper on the Resistive Plate Chamber (RPC) technology was presented by R. Santonico  
<sup>1370</sup> and R. Cardarelli, in which they described a "dc operated particle detector (...) whose constituent  
<sup>1371</sup> elements are two parallel electrode Bakelite plates between" [97]. The key idea behind the RPC,  
<sup>1372</sup> with respect to other similar gaseous detectors, is the use of two resistive plates as anode and  
<sup>1373</sup> cathode, which makes possible to have a small localized region of dead time, achieving very good  
<sup>1374</sup> time resolution.

<sup>1375</sup> The working principle for RPCs relies on the idea that an ionizing particle crossing the detector, tends  
<sup>1376</sup> to interact with the gap between the two plates (filled with some specific gas mixture) and form a  
<sup>1377</sup> ionizing cascade process, in which the produced charged particles are driven by the strong uniform  
<sup>1378</sup> electrical field produced by the two plates.

<sup>1379</sup> The gas mixture is a key component of a RPC. Even though the first RPCs were produced with  
<sup>1380</sup> a mixture of argon and butane, nowadays RPCs use a mixture of gases that would enhance an  
<sup>1381</sup> ionization caused by the incident particle and quench secondary (background) effects.

<sup>1382</sup> Another feature of the RPCs is its construction simplicity and low cost. This allows the use of RPC to  
<sup>1383</sup> cover larger areas at a reasonable cost.

<sup>1384</sup> An extensive review of the RPC technology and its applications can be found at [98].

### <sup>1385</sup> 6.1.1 Principles and operation modes

<sup>1386</sup> The core of a RPC chamber is a gap made with two parallel high resistivity plates, separated  
<sup>1387</sup> by some regular distance (typically millimeters), filled with a proper gas mixture and under  
<sup>1388</sup> appropriate high voltage (HV) applied on the plates (electrodes, from here on). When an ionizing

1389 particle crosses the gap, there is a high enough chance the the particle will interact with the gas  
 1390 and produce a newly created positive ion and a electron. This pair will travel in opposite directions,  
 1391 according to the electric field from the electrodes. During this process, the electron will gain kinetic  
 1392 energy and inelastically interact with other neighboring atoms/molecules, creating excitations in their  
 1393 energy levels and, potentially, also ionizing them. The secondary ionization electrons will also follow  
 1394 the same curse, creating an **Avalanche** of positive and negative particle/ions traveling towards the  
 1395 electrodes. This process is proportional to the applied electric field. Figure 6.1 illustrates the  
 1396 avalanche production.

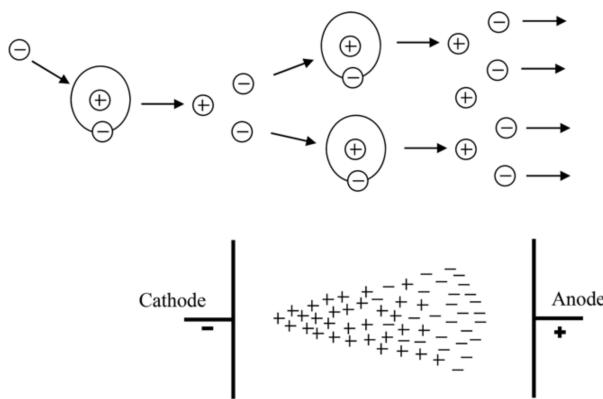


Figure 6.1: The Avalanche production process inside a RPC gap. (Top) The initial process and the secondary electron/ion generation. (Bottom) The overall charge distribution of an Avalanche between the electrodes. Source: [99].

1397 The number of particle composing the avalanche can be expressed as (assuming constant pres-  
 1398 sure) [99]:

$$n_e = n_0 e^{\alpha d} = n_0 A, \quad (6.1)$$

1399 where  $n_0$  is the number of initial electrons initiating the avalanche,  $A$  is the *gas gain*, or *multiplication*  
 1400 *factor* and  $d$  is the distance since the avalanche creation. This is also known as Townsend theory  
 1401 for discharges and  $\alpha$  is the first Townsend coefficient.

1402 When the positive ions bunch reaches the cathode, under certain conditions (if the first ionization  
 1403 energy of the ion is greater than the work function of the cathode), the recombination of the ion  
 1404 with the electrode material might release electrons which will also follow the electric field. The  
 1405 relative probability (with respect to the primary electron emission) of this emission to happen ( $\gamma_+$ )  
 1406 is called the the second Townsend coefficient.

$$n_+ = n_0 A \gamma_+. \quad (6.2)$$

1407 Another process which can occur is the secondary photoelectron productions, described by a similar  
 1408 equation as above:  $n_{pe} = n_0 A \gamma_{ph}$ . This production is mostly related to de-excitation of molecules  
 1409 and atoms in vicinity of the avalanche. The produced photons might initiate new ionization process.

1410 As an alternative to the Townsend theory, Raether, Meek, and Loeb, proposed the *streamer-leader*  
 1411 *theory* [100]. This theory is valid when there is a high enough concentration of ions  
 1412 produced. This critical value is called Raether limit.

$$n_0 A > 10^8 \text{ electrons} \quad (6.3)$$

1413 In this limit, the electric field created by the space distribution is high enough to be same order  
 1414 of the external field. In the vicinity of the head (or tail) of the avalanche the field gets disturbed  
 1415 and intensified. The intensification of the field enhances the ionization effect and give rise to  
 1416 secondary avalanches (photoelectrons). The intensified field also makes the photoelectrons produced  
 1417 travel towards the head (positive ions). Their antikuaption generates more UV radiation and more  
 1418 secondary avalanches. This whole process is called **Streamer**. If no quenching is imposed, the  
 1419 streamer might evolve to a spark, fully discharging on the electrodes. If the concentration of  
 1420 electrons is high enough, the avalanche tail (electrons) might also give rise to a streamer (namely,  
 1421 negative streamer). Figure 6.2 illustrates the different subprocesses related to streamer production.

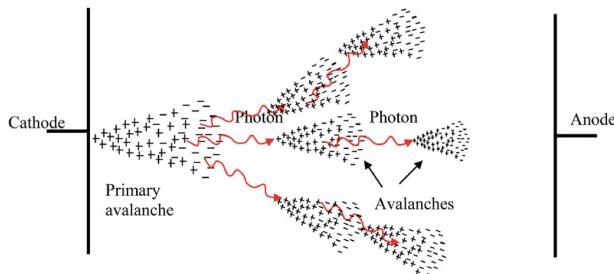


Figure 6.2: Streamer formation process. The distorted electric field around the high positive charge concentration enhances the ionization process, initiating secondary avalanches. Source: [99].

1422 A RPC where most of the charge multiplication process happens in the form of a streamer is said  
 1423 to be working in **Streamer Mode**. The advantage of the of the streamer mode is the high induced  
 1424 charge which is easily caught by non-sensitive readout electronics. On the other hand, the streamer  
 1425 mode, because of its highly associated charge, will have a impact in the rate capability of the  
 1426 detector (the local dead time will be higher).  
 1427 Because of the high background environment of LHC, the CMS RPC operates in **Avalanche Mode**,  
 1428 where de discharge is highly quenched and very well localized. On the other hand, a very sensitive  
 1429 readout electronics is required to cope with the high rate demanded.  
 1430 A good review of electrical discharge on gases can be found at [99].

## 1431 6.2 CMS Resistive Plate Chambers

1432 At CMS, the Resistive Plate Chamber are installed in both the barrel and endcap region, forming  
 1433 a redundant system with the DT (barrel) and CSC (endcap). As described in the CMS Muon  
 1434 Technical Design Report (Muon-TDR) [101], the RPC are composed of 423 Endcap chambers and

<sup>1435</sup> 633 barrel chambers. Figure 6.3 presents a picture of the CMS RPCs installed on station RE+4 of  
<sup>1436</sup> the Endcap.

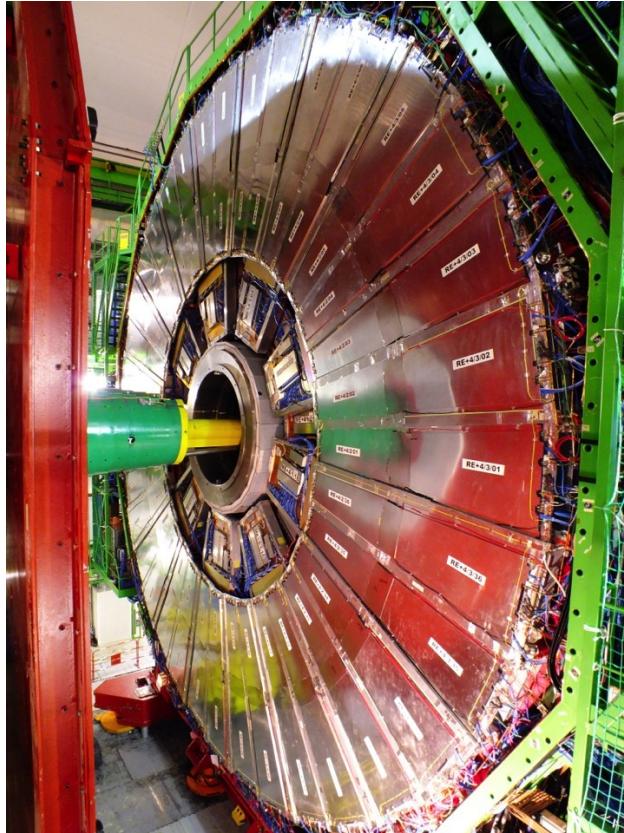


Figure 6.3: RPC chamber on installed on station RE+4 of CMS Endcap. Source: [102].

<sup>1437</sup> Each chamber consists of two gas gaps (double gap), 2 mm tick each, made of Bakelite (phenolic  
<sup>1438</sup> resin) with bulk resistivity of  $10^{10} - 10^{11} \Omega m$ . The choice of the bulk resistivity of the electrode has  
<sup>1439</sup> high impact on the rate capability of the detector.

<sup>1440</sup> Each gap has its external surface is coated with a thin layer of graphite paint, which acts as  
<sup>1441</sup> conductive material, distributing the applied high-voltage (HV). On top of the graphite a PET  
<sup>1442</sup> film is used for isolation. A sheet of copper strips is sandwiched between the gaps. Everything is  
<sup>1443</sup> wrapped in aluminum case.

<sup>1444</sup> The double gap configuration increases the efficiency of the chamber, since the signal is picked up  
<sup>1445</sup> from the OR combination of the two gaps. A chamber with only one gap working, loses around  
<sup>1446</sup> 15% of efficiency, even though, this can be recovered by increasing the HV applied during operation  
<sup>1447</sup> mode (working point - WP).

<sup>1448</sup> A characteristic that differentiate the CMS RPC from previous RPC application in HEP is  
<sup>1449</sup> the operation mode. A RPC at CMS, operates in avalanche mode, while previous experiments used  
<sup>1450</sup> the streamer mode. Both modes are related to the applied HV, in commitment with the strength of  
<sup>1451</sup> the generated signal, and are capable of generate a well localized signal, which can be picked up by  
<sup>1452</sup> the readout electronics, but the avalanche mode offer a higher rate capability around  $1 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$ ,

1453 while the streamer mode goes up to  $100 \text{ Hz}/\text{cm}^2$ . The high rate capability is a key factor in order  
 1454 to cope with requirements of the LHC luminosity, specially in the high background regions.

1455 Besides the rate capability, the key factors that driven the CMS RPC design were: high efficiency ( $>$   
 1456 95%), low cluster size ( $> 2$ ) for better spatial resolution (this reflects in the momentum resolution)  
 1457 and good timing in order to do the readout of the signal within the 25 ns of a LHC bunch cross  
 1458 (BX) and provide it to the CMS trigger system. These requirements have implications in the choice  
 1459 of material, dimensions, electronics and gas mixture.

1460 In the barrel, along the radial direction, there are 4 muon layers (called stations), MB1 to MB4.  
 1461 MB1 and MB2 is composed of a DT chamber sandwiched between two RPC chambers (RB1 and  
 1462 RB2) with rectangular shape. The stations MB3 and MB4 have only one RPC (RB3 and RB4) are  
 1463 composed by two RPC chambers (named - and + chambers with the increase of  $\phi$ ) attached to one  
 1464 DT chamber, except in sector 9 and 11, where there is only one RPC. RE4, sector 10 is a special  
 1465 case, since it is composed of four chambers (-, -, + and ++). These stations are replicated along  
 1466 the z direction in five different wheels of the CMS (W-2, W-1, W0, W+1 and W+2) and in twelve  
 1467 azimuthally distributed sectors (S1 to S12). Figure 6.4 show the different barrel stations and wheel.

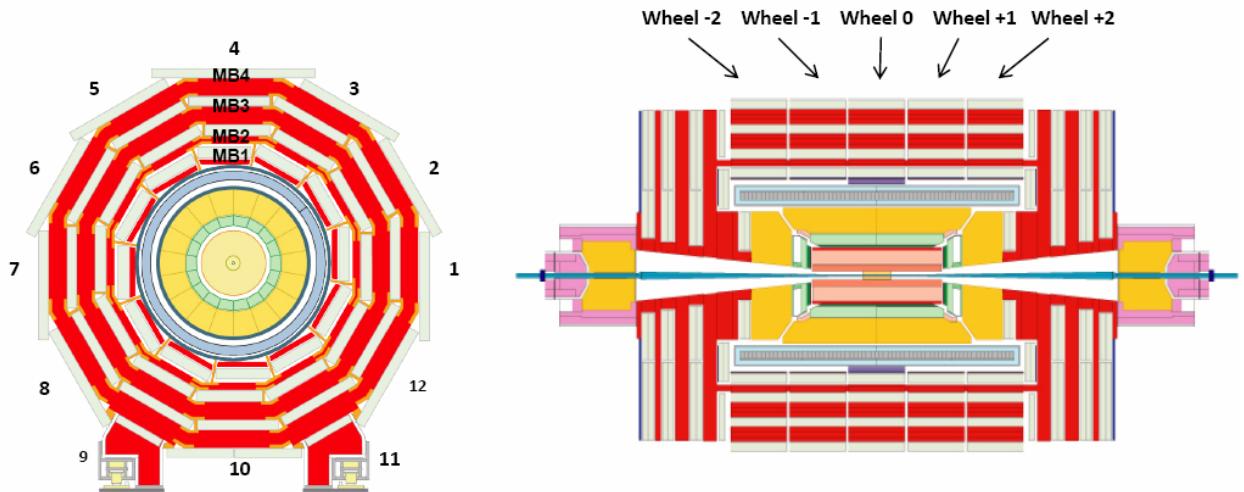


Figure 6.4: R- $\phi$  (left) and R-Z (right) projections of the barrel Muon System.

1468 In the endcap, the RPC chambers have a trapezoidal shape and are distributed in four disks (or  
 1469 stations) each side ( $RE \pm 4$ ,  $RE \pm 3$ ,  $RE \pm 2$ ,  $RE \pm 1$ ), each one with 72 chambers. CMS split up its  
 1470 disks in 3 rings, along the radial direction, and 36 sector in the azimuthal angle. RPCs are present  
 1471 in the two outer rings ( $R2$  and  $R3$ ), in all 36 sectors. The  $RE \pm 4$  are special cases, since these  
 1472 chambers were installed only in 2014, a design choice was made the mechanically attached  $R2$  and  
 1473  $R3$  chambers, each sector, in what is called, a super-module. Figure 6.5 show the different endcap  
 1474 disks.

1475 The length of the strips is chosen, for both barrel and endcap, in such a way to control the area of  
 1476 each strip, in order to reduce the fake muons, due to random coincidence. This has to do with the  
 1477 time-of-flight and signal propagation along the strip. In the barrel, each chamber readout is divided

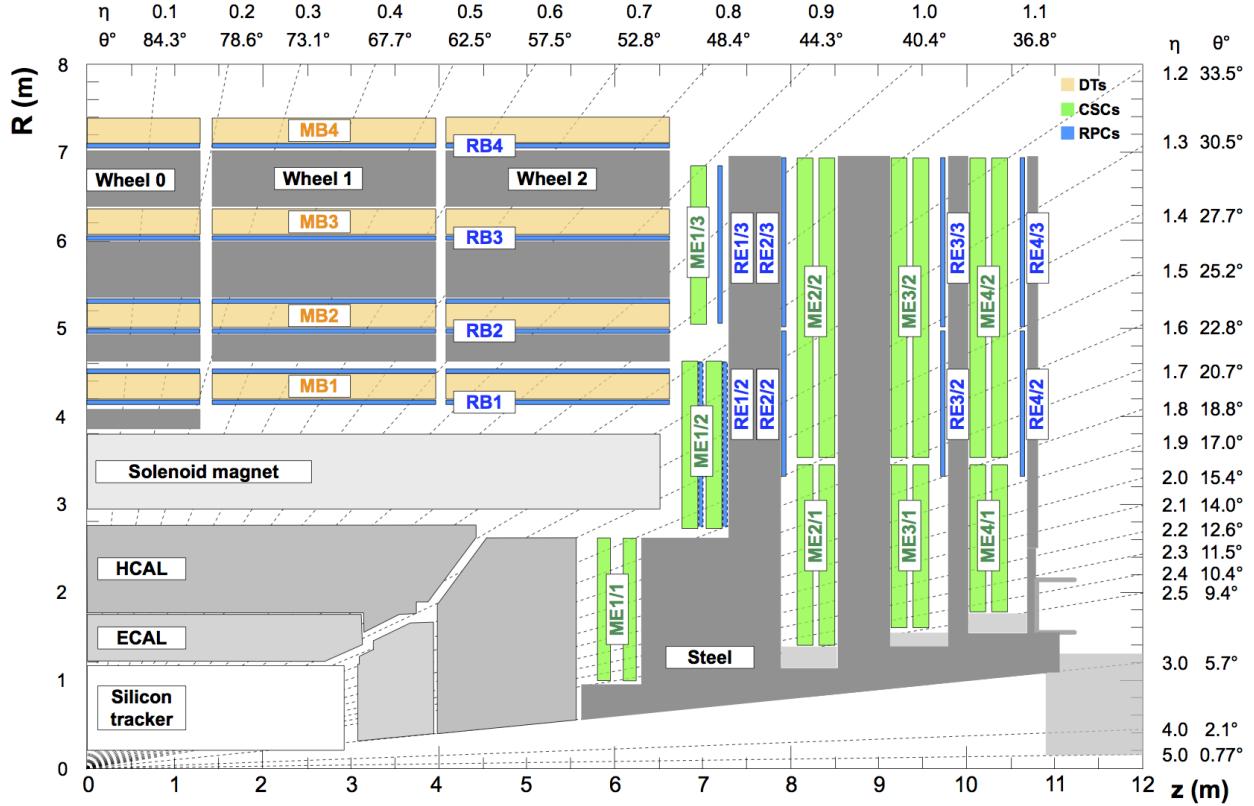


Figure 6.5: R-Z projections of the endcap Muon System (positive Z side). This is the same configuration for the 36  $\phi$  sectors.

in two regions (rolls), called forward and backward (along increasing  $|\eta|$ ) <sup>1</sup>. In the endcap, the strips are divided in 3 regions, called partitions A, B and C (from inside the detector to outside).

The gas mixture used in the CMS RPCs is composed by C2H2F4 (Freon R-134a, tetrafluoroethane), C4H10 (isobutane), SF6 (sulphur hexafluoride) (95.2 : 4.5 : 0.3 ratio) and with controlled humidity of 40% at 20-22 °C. The Freon is used to enhance the ionization and charge multiplication that characterizes the avalanche, while the isobutane is introduced for quenching proposes, in order to reduce the secondary ionizations that could lead to formation of streamers and the SF6 is used to reduce the electron background. The choice of Freon over other gases, i.e. argon-based and helium-based, was motivated by previous studies [103, 104].

Since its R&D, the RPC have shown good performance over aging. This is even historical over previous RPC experiments [105–111]. Even the most recent studies of aging, taking into account future LHC conditions (High-Luminosity LHC - HL-LHC) plus a safety margin of 3 times the expected background ( $600 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$ ) have shown good aging hardness [112].

### 6.2.1 Performance

The RPCs, for the CMS experiment, contribute mainly with triggering inputs, due to its very good time resolution. The important parameters which are monitored to evaluate the RPC performance

<sup>1</sup>Some chamber are divided in three rolls, forward, middle and backward, for trigger propose.

1494 are the efficiency and cluster size. The former is related to the ratio of the registered hits over the  
 1495 number of muons that passed through the chamber, while the former one is the number adjacent  
 1496 strip (minimal readout unit) that were fired (activated) per hit. Figures 6.6 and 6.7 present the  
 1497 historical distribution of efficiency and cluster size as a function of the integrated luminosity collect  
 1498 during Run2.

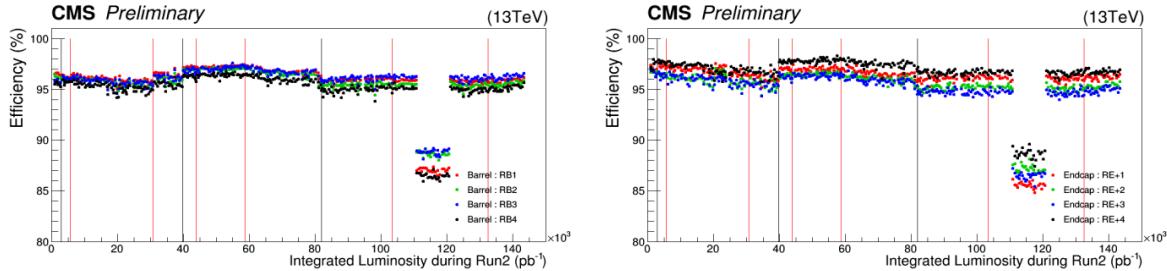


Figure 6.6: RPC efficiencies (per chamber) over Run2 Integrated Luminosity for Barrel (left) and Endcap (right). Red lines indicates technical stops (TS) while grey ones indicates Year-End-Technical stops (YETS). The drop in the efficiency around  $110 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  is related to a known operation mistake. Source: [113].

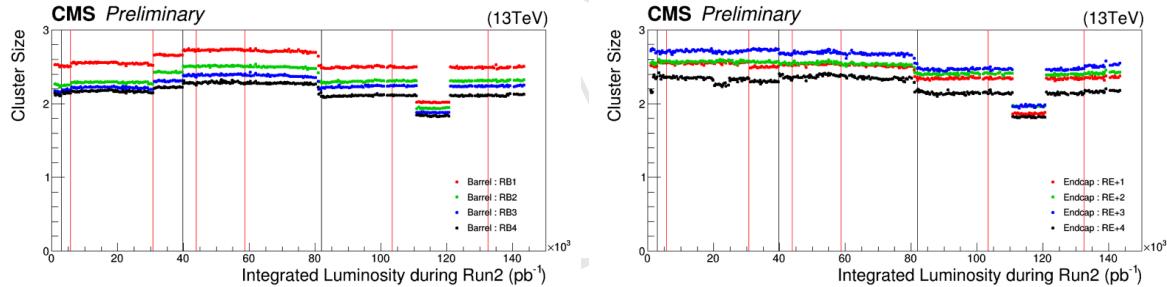


Figure 6.7: RPC cluster size (CLS - per chamber) over Run2 Integrated Luminosity for Barrel (left) and Endcap (right). Red lines indicates technical stops (TS) while grey ones indicates Year-End-Technical stops (YETS). The drop in the cluster size around  $110 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  is related to a known operation mistake. Source: [113].

1499 In general, the RPC system operates with efficiency above 95% and cluster size smaller than 3  
 1500 (a good parameter established during the design phase). The importance of the efficiency is a  
 1501 less complicated concept to catch, on the other hand, the cluster size might not be so straight  
 1502 forward. The optimal regime of RPCs operation at CMS is the avalanche mode, in which the  
 1503 electrical discharge is constrained in a millimeter level size region. Another operation mode is the  
 1504 streamer mode, in which the initial discharge might trigger secondary ones, e.g. by the emission of  
 1505 unquenched photons. A streamer discharge is capable of fire neighbor strips, increasing the cluster  
 1506 size. Operating in avalanche mode is fundamental to keep the RPCs capable of dealing with the  
 1507 high background environment of CMS.

1508 To keep the mean cluster size under control ( $< 3$ ) is important to guarantees enough spatial reso-  
 1509 lution for the measurements (the geometrical position of a hit is the midpoint of the cluster) and  
 1510 ensures that the system has enough rate capability to operate, since a RPC with a high sensitive  
 1511 front-end electronics (necessary for the avalanche mode operation) could be degraded by pileup of

dead time on many channels, including electronics noise, streamers, darks counts and other sources of background.

A third important parameter to be measured and controlled in a RPC system, under the LHC conditions, is the current due to the high voltage applied. This current is known to be proportional to the total charge released in each electrical discharges and to the hit rate on the chamber. The voltage applied is divided, as in a series circuit, between the electrodes and the gap. At increasing background, the current also increases and, since the applied voltage is constant, the voltage across the gap is reduced in favor of the voltage across the electrodes. This reduction of effective voltage on the gas, might have an impact on its gain, imposing a reduction on the detector sensitivity.

Figure 6.8 presents the ohmic currents <sup>2</sup> in different regions of the detector, from 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 to 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 2018. It is clear how the stations subjected to higher background ( $RE \pm 4$  -  $40 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$ ) are subjected to a degrading factor that increases with the luminosity (background rate) and decreases when the detector is powered off. This effect is supposed to be related with the Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) production inside the gap, due to the electrical discharges. HF is a conductivity molecule, which can potentially attach to the internal surface of the gap, reducing the overall resistivity. The HF production can be controlled by properly tuning the gas flow as a function of the background that the chamber is subjected. HF concentration can also lead to permanent degradation of the gap, due to its chemical properties. Keeping the currents levels as low as possible is important for aging proposes.

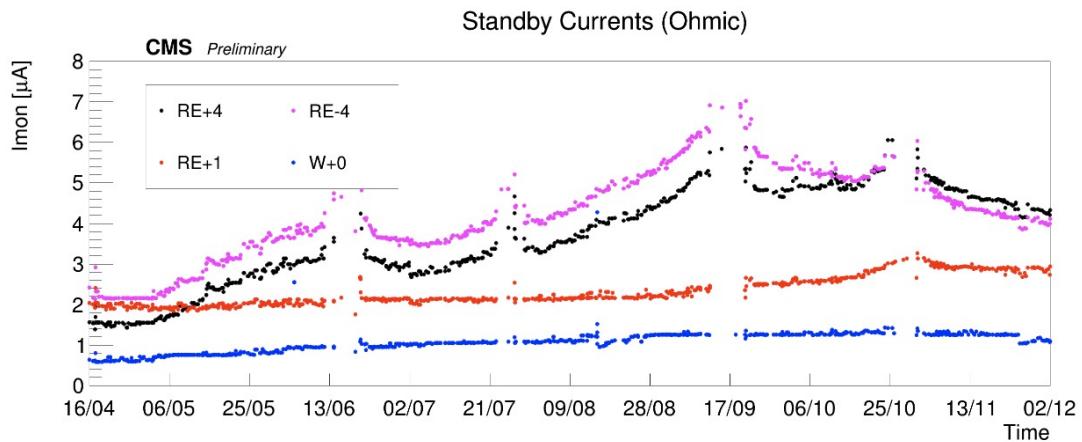


Figure 6.8: Ohmic current history of W+0, RE+1, RE+4 and RE-4. The blank regions, from time to time, corresponds to technical stops (TS), when the detector is off. Source: [113].

A review of the RPC performance during Run2 can be found at [113].

### 6.3 Contribution to the CMS RPC project

During the curse of this study, a head collaboration of our research group and the CMS RPC project was established. Many contributions were given to the project as part of the graduation as a

<sup>2</sup>Current at 6500 V, which is below the typical working point of a CMS RPC (around 9500 V). In this region, no charge multiplication effect take place and chamber current is governed only by Ohm's Law.

experimental particle physicist, with focus on getting acquaintance with a subsystem technology and give a meaningful collaboration to the detector operation. Those are considered by the community important steps on the student graduation.

Bellow it is described the contributions given to the CMS RPC project.

### 6.3.1 RPC Operation - Shifts and Data Certification

The first activities done for the CMS RPC project were shifts for data certification of data taken. This certification is done by specialized people for different CMS subsystems and physics objects groups <sup>3</sup>.

This certification is done in order to ensure the quality of the date recorded based on the well functionality of each system during the data taking and the reconstruction of the physics objects in the expected matter. A certain collection of data (run) is said certificate when all subsystems and object experts agrees on this.

Figure 6.9 shows, as an example of the luminosity delivered by the LHC, recorded one by CMS and the certified (validated), from the 22nd of April, 2016 to the 27th of October, 2016. Only certified data is available for physics analysis.

Shifts are a continuous weekly activity (specially during the data taking period), performed in a weekly basis, in order to ensure the availability of certified data, as soon as possible.

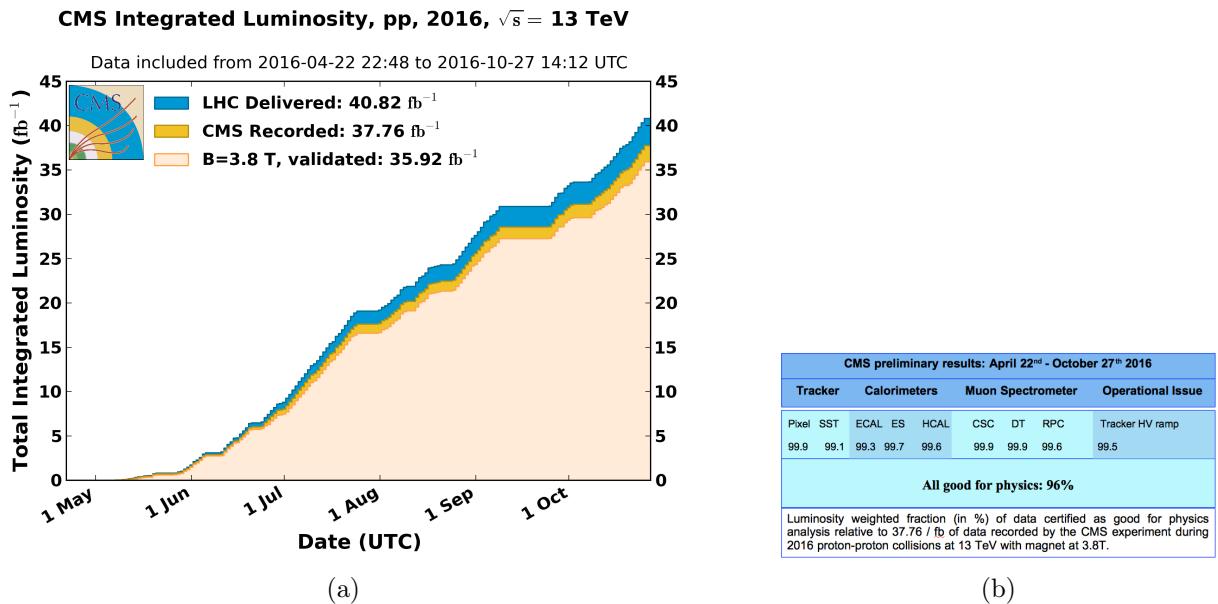


Figure 6.9: (a) Luminosity delivered by the LHC, recorded one by CMS and the certified (validated), from the 22nd of April, 2016 to the 27th of October, 2016. (b) Efficiency of the certification process for each subsystem, from the 22nd of April, 2016 to the 27th of October, 2016. Total CMS efficiency is above 90%. Source: [114]

<sup>3</sup>Groups of reconstruction and performance experts for different high-level reconstructed objects from CMS, i.e. muons, taus, jets/MET, electrons/photons

## 1552 6.4 RPC Online Software

1553 On what concerns the Online Software (OS) of the CMS RPC system, the main contribution given  
 1554 was the upgrade of the Trigger Supervisor libraries.

1555 The Trigger Supervisor is a web-based software, which run over the xDAQ backend and provides,  
 1556 through a modules organized in a tree system, called cells, a standard interface for the operation and  
 1557 monitoring of different system at CMS. In principle only systems which contribute directly to the  
 1558 L1 trigger should have a Trigger Supervisor implementation. This was the case for the RPC during  
 1559 the Run1. Since Run2, RPC contributes to the trigger indirectly, by providing data to the muon  
 1560 processors (CPPF, OMTF and TwinMux). The Trigger Supervisor implementation is a legacy from  
 1561 that period.

1562 Each subsystem is responsible for its own implementation of the Trigger Supervisor, based on the  
 1563 functionalities that it wants to have (requirements). The xDAQ [115] is a middleware, developed by  
 1564 CERN and widely used at CMS, as a tool for control and monitoring of data acquisition system in  
 1565 a distributed environment. It is capable of providing a software layer for direct access of hardware  
 1566 functionalities and monitoring.

1567 The upgrade made (figure 6.10), consists in upgrade the higher level of the RPC online software.  
 1568 In summary, up to 2017, the online software, was using Scientific Linux 6 as operational system,  
 1569 which executed xDAQ 12, in turn, servers as backend for Trigger Supervisor 2. A upgrade of  
 1570 the operational system to Centos 7, demanded the upgrade to xDAQ 14. On top of that, Trigger  
 1571 Supervisor 2 would not work and had to be updated to Trigger Supervisor 5 in order to be functional  
 1572 in 2018.

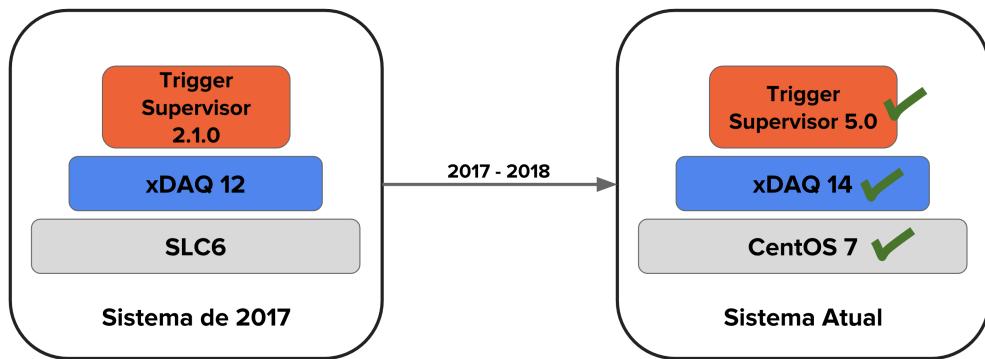


Figure 6.10: Upgrade of the RPC online software.

1573 Between versions 2 and 5 of Trigger Supervisor, part of the source-code had to be reworked, keep  
 1574 the majority of the code structures. Most of the changes were made in the front-end of the system.  
 1575 The standard JavaScript library Dojo [116], used in version2, was deprecated in favor of Google's  
 1576 Polymer[117]. The main reason for this change was to isolate C++ code from HTML, which  
 1577 was impossible with Dojo. This implied to rewrite all the screen of the RPC Trigger Supervisor  
 1578 implementation, as in figure 6.11.

1579 The upgrade was done in time to ensure the control and operation of the RPC for 2018 data taking.

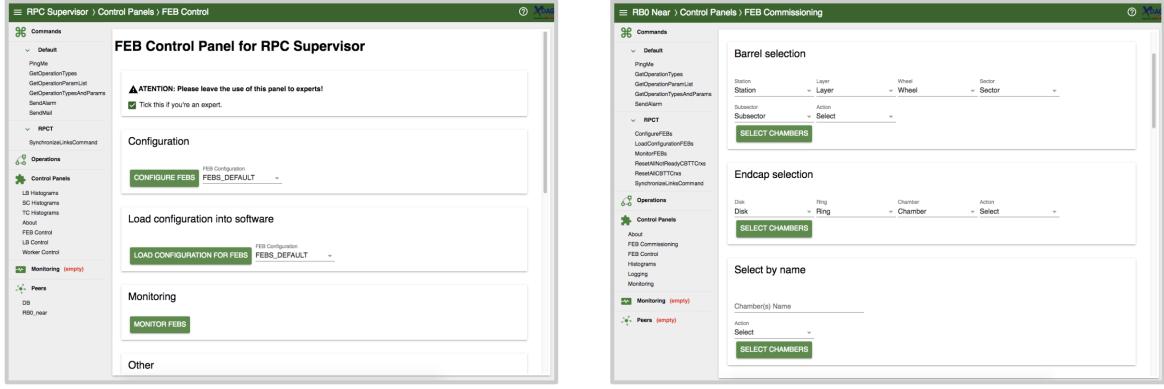


Figure 6.11: Example of the updated screens, using Trigger Supervisor 5.

#### 6.4.1 iRPC R&D

For the next 4 year of CMS activities it is foreseen the upgrade of the the Muon Systems [101]. These upgrades are planed in order to extend the pseudorapidity coverage ( $\eta$ ) and to guarantee the operation conditions of the present system in the HL-LHC (High Luminosity LHC) era. The RPC (Resistive Plate Chambers) [101] subsystem, it will have maintenance of the present chambers and installation of new chambers in the region of  $|\eta| < 1,8$  para  $|\eta| < 2,4$  [118]. These new chambers (iRPC) will be added in the most internal part of the muon spectrometer, RE3/1 e RE4/1, as in Figure 6.12.

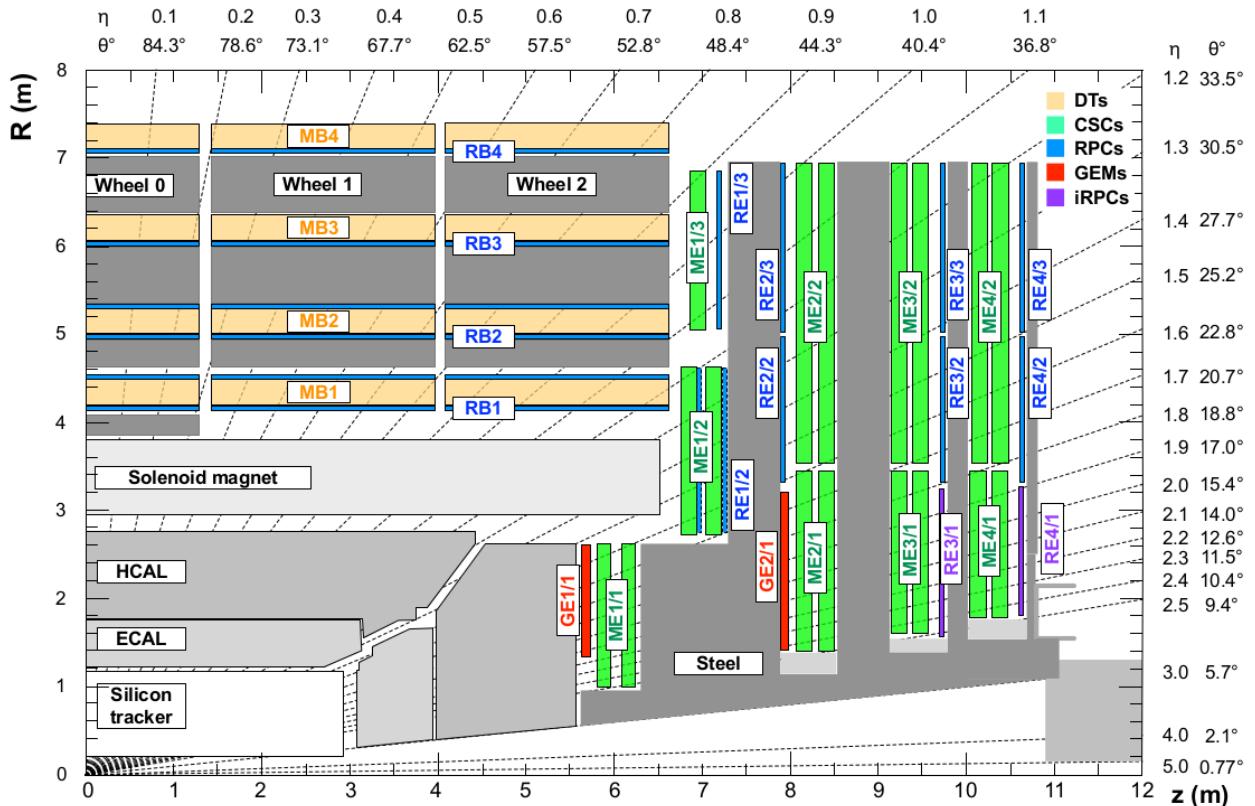


Figure 6.12:  $\eta$  projection of the Muon System subdetectors. In purple, is labeled the iRPCs to be installed during the CMS upgrade.

Even thought this region is covered by the CSC detectors CSC (Cathode Strip Chambers), there are some loss of efficiency due the the system geometry. The installation of additional chambers will mitigate this problem and potentially increase the global efficiency of the muon system. The new chamber, called iRPC (*improved RPC*), will be different them the present one. For a luminosity of  $5 \times 10^{34} cm^{-2}s^{-1}$  the neutrons, photons, electrons and positrons background in the high  $|\eta|$  region is expected to be around  $700 Hz/cm^2$  (for the chambers in RE3-4/1). Applying a safety factor of 3, the new chambers should support up to  $2 Hz/cm^2$  of gamma radiation and still keep more than 95% of efficiency. Studies indicate, so far, that the use of High Pressure Laminates (HPL) for the double gap chambers is the most suitable choice. In order to reduce the aging and increase the rate capability, the electrodes and the gap size should be reduced in comparison with the present system.

One of the challenges for the R&D of the iRPC chambers is measuring the their performance in a high radiation environment, as the one for HL-LHC. For this, the CMS RPC project uses the Gamma Irradiation Facility (GIF++) [119], at CERN. The GIF++ is located at the H4 beam line in EHN1 providing high energy charged particle beams (mainly muon beam with momentum up to 100 GeV/c), combined with a 14 TBq 137-Cesium source. In the GIFF++ it is possible to achieve the HL-LHC total dose in a much reasonable amount of time. With the shutdown of LHC, the muon beam source is also off and will stay like this for 3 years. This means that the only muon sources for studies in GIF++ are cosmic muons.

In order to create a trigger system for iRPC R&D, the usual procedure is to use scintillators, on the top and on the bottom of the chamber. This is effective, but in a high gamma radiation environment, scintillators can be very sensitive which could lead to an undesirable amount of fake triggers which can degrade the measurements. Also, if one wants to covers a large area with scintillators, this can be expensive and they will not provide any means of tracking to measuring not only the global, but also the local chamber performance.

To provide a solution, the CMS RPC got in agreement with the LHCb [120] Muon Project to use their Multiwire Proportional Chambers (MWPC) [121], which were removed from LHCb, to be replaced by new chambers, and use them as trigger and/or tracking system at GIF++. This chambers, by design, have relatively low gamma sensitivity, already have some 1-dimensional resolution ( $O(cm)$ ) and, the biggest advantage, with respect to any other gaseous particle detector option: LHCb has hundreds of vacant chambers. Any other detector would have to be build.

Not going in details of the MWPC technology nor the LHCb chamber construction [122], these chambers have a total active area of  $968 \times 200 mm^2$  divided 2 layers (top and bottom) of 24 wire pads ( $40 \times 200 mm^2$ ) composed of around 25 wires/channel, grouped by construction. Each chamber is equipped with 3 FEBs (Front-End Boards) with 16 pads each.

A channel is a logical combination of a top layer (pads) and a bottom layer readout. These readouts can be combined in AND or OR logics. One can have 8 channels per FEB, each channel being a logical combination of top and bottom pads. In this mode they are called AND2 and OR2. It is also possible to have the FEB configured in a 2 channels mode, each one corresponding to one sixth of the total readout pads. In this mode, all the pads can be combined in OR (called OR8) or they

1628 can be AND'ed in top and bottom pads and then group in OR (called OR4AND2). Figures 6.13  
 1629 and 6.14 presents a logical diagram for each readout mode.

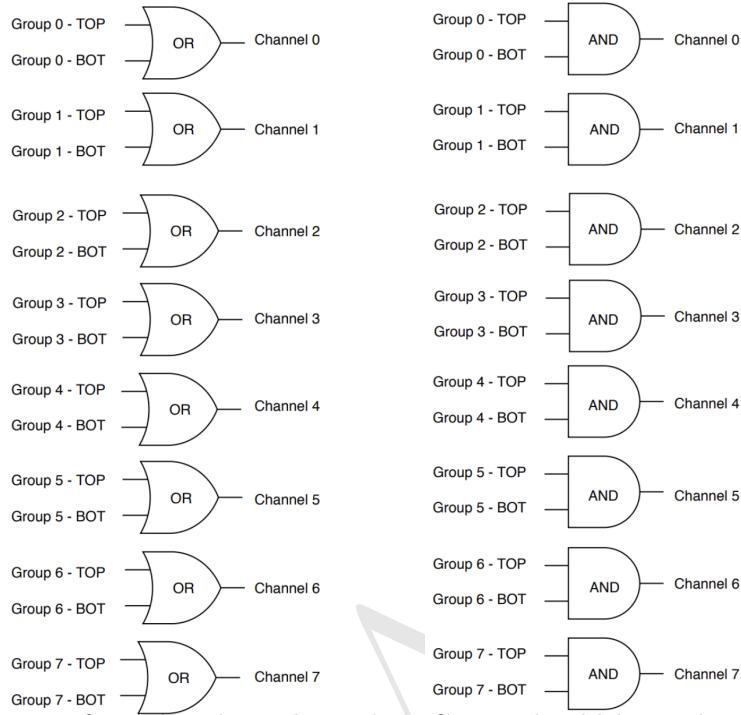


Figure 6.13: FEB configured 8 channels modes. Group should be understood as wire pad. Left: Logical diagram for OR2. Right: Logical diagram for AND2.

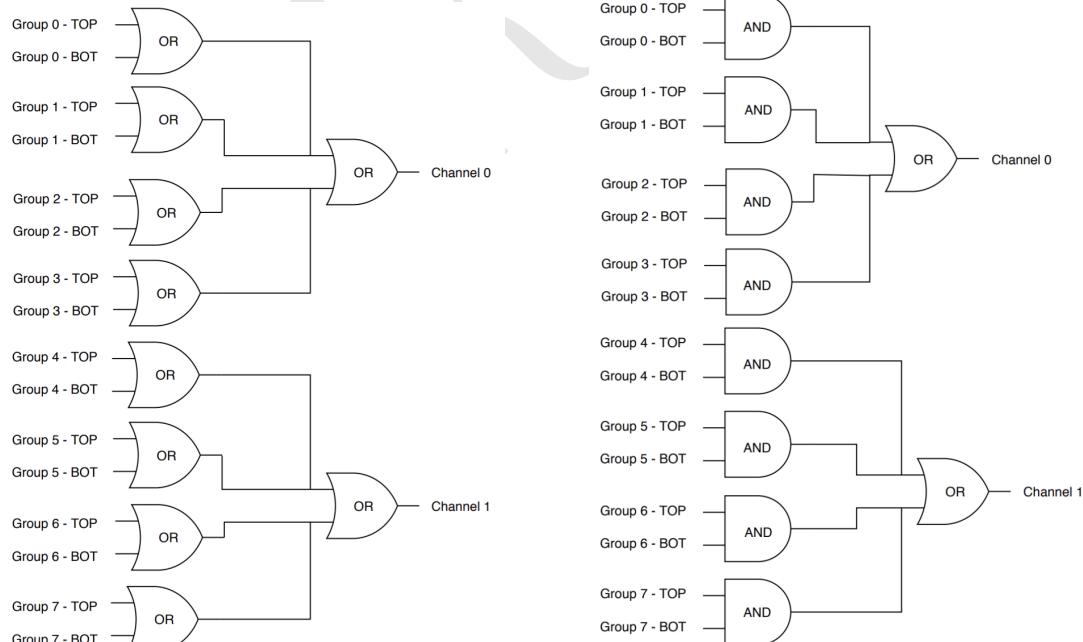


Figure 6.14: FEB configured 2 channels modes. Left: Logical diagram for OR8. Group should be understood as wire pad. Right: Logical diagram for OR4AND2.

1630 The nominal gas mixture for these chambers is Ar/CO<sub>2</sub>/CF<sub>4</sub> (40:55:5). For a matter of simplicity,  
 1631 it was used an already available similar gas line in the same building, used by CMS CSC (Cathode

1632 Strip Chamber) [101], which has a similar composition (40:50:10). Optimal conditions are obtained  
 1633 with 2 to 4 liters/hour of gas flux and 2.65 kV of applied voltage.

1634 Figure 6.15 shows the setup that was prepared for commissioning of this chambers. It was mounted  
 1635 two chambers on top of another (chambers A and B) above an RPC R&D chamber and two other  
 1636 chambers on the bottom (chambers C and D). These four MWPC will be used as telescope for  
 1637 the RPC chamber. All the services were mounted in rack, as in Figure 6.15. This includes power  
 1638 supply (low voltage and high voltage), distribution panel, VME crate and boards for FEB control,  
 1639 computer for control (high voltage, and FEB control) and NIM crate and boards for LVDS to NIM  
 1640 signal conversion, logics and counting.

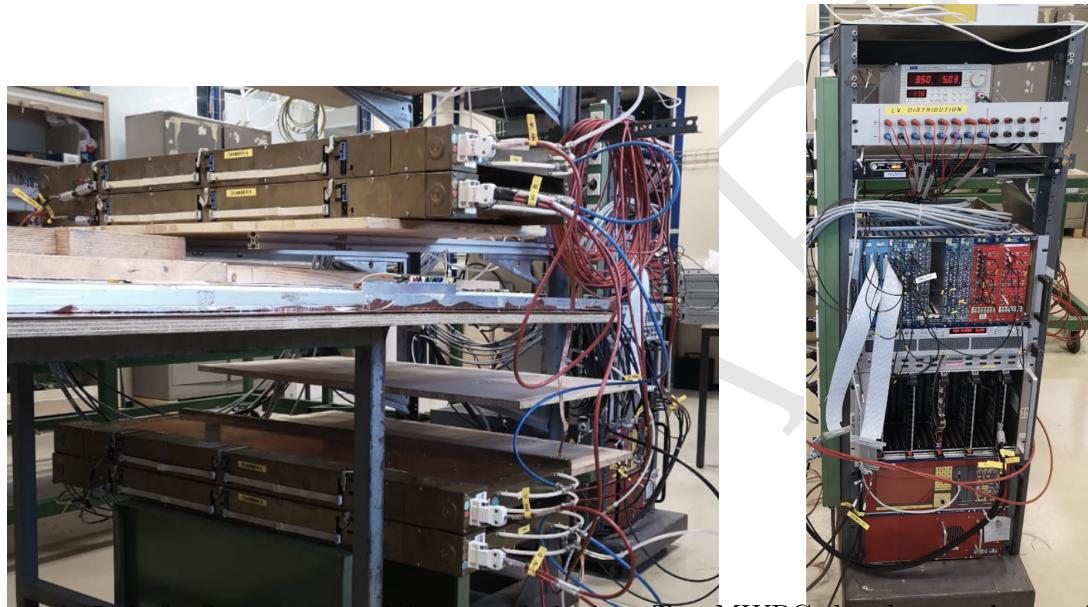


Figure 6.15: Left: Setup mounted for commissioning. Two MWPC chamber on the top (chambers A and B) and two (chambers C and D) on the bottom with a RPC R&D in the middle. Right: Rack with all the services for the operation of these chambers.

1641 Due to the short amount of time available for the commissioning, only two measurements mea-  
 1642 surements were made with these chambers. They were meant to be a proof of concept for future  
 1643 activities.

1644 The first measurement was to measure the coincidence rate of two chambers as a function of the  
 1645 distance between the two top planes (Figure 6.16). This measurements were done with nominal  
 1646 working point, with one FEB configured in 2 channels mode with 7 pC threshold, in (160 mm x  
 1647 160 mm) area per chamber. One can observe that, if we go for a telescope trigger in the order of  
 1648 1 meter of separation between the chamber, the logical combination chosen has negligible effect in  
 1649 the coincidence rate. Also, the fits can be used to estimate the rate in a configuration with chamber  
 1650 on the roof and under the floor. This could be the case of a universal trigger, to be mounted in  
 1651 GIF++ with these chamber.

1652 The second measurement consist on evaluate the impact of  $\gamma$  background by placing a small Cs-137  
 1653 source on top of the chamber A (Figure 6.17). For this measurement, the distance between top  
 1654 planes of each pair of chamber (A to B and C to D) is 65 mm, while the distance between the top

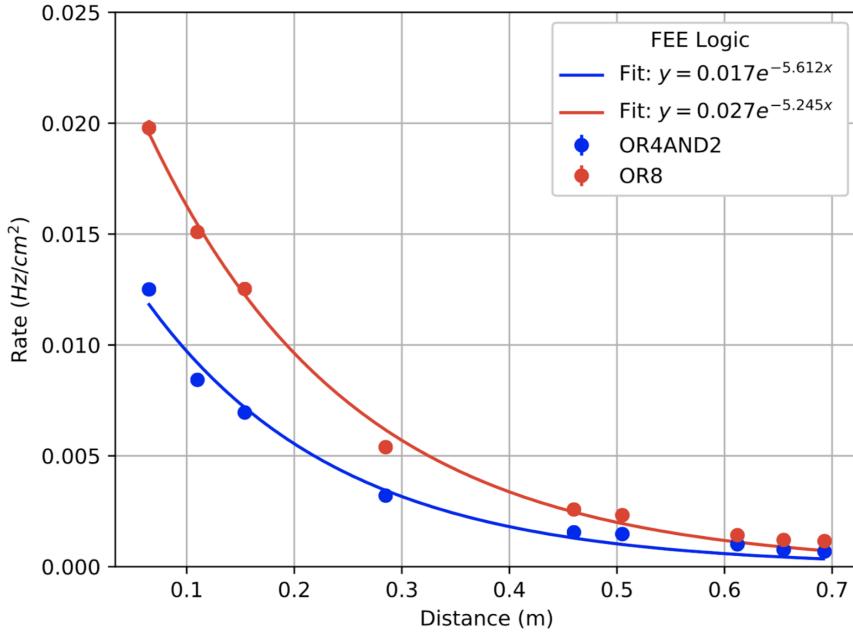


Figure 6.16: Coincidence rate of two chambers with respect to an arbitrary distance between the two top planes. Measured in 10 minutes, for 2 logical combinations (OR8 and OR4AND2). Applied high voltage: 2.65 kV. Threshold: 7 pC. Active area: readout of 160 mm x 160 mm per chamber.

1655 planes of A and C is 570 mm. It is clear the the  $\gamma$  source has an impact on chamber A rate, but  
 1656 this is negligible when we take into account the coincidence between two chambers.

1657 This two measurements were enough to validate this chambers as possible trigger pro RPC R&D  
 1658 with cosmic muons in the laboratory and at GIF++. The next steps would be use this MWPC  
 1659 chamber to implement a tracking system from triggering. This would demand some developments,  
 1660 since, due to bandwidth restrictions, the signal from each FEB would have to go to a programmable  
 1661 fast electronics, i.e. a FPGA, which would reconstruct muon tracks and provide the trigger to the  
 1662 DAQ system. This can be done by placing the two pair of chambers (AB and CD) in orthogonal  
 1663 configuration and read the signal in a CAEN V2495 board [123].

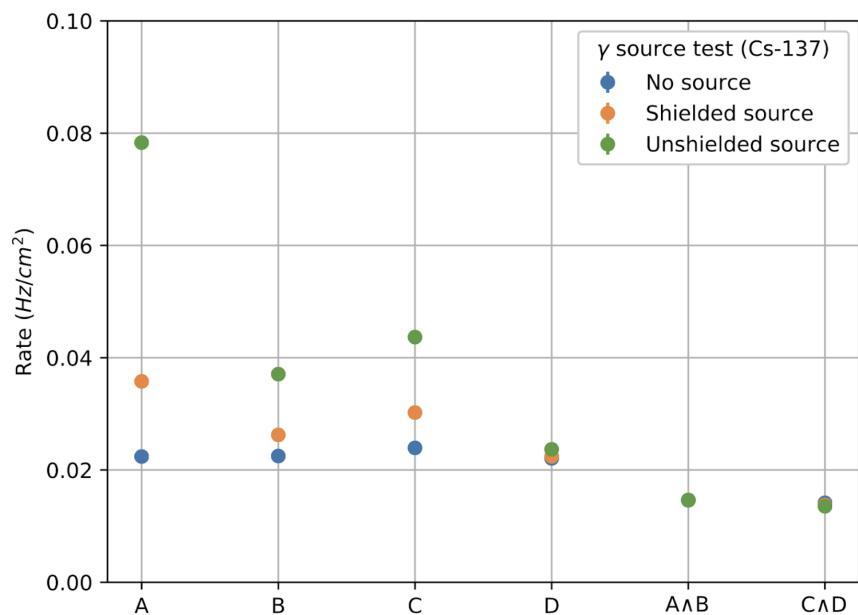


Figure 6.17: Individual rates (chambers A, B, C and D) and coincidence rates for two chambers (A AND B, C AND D), for without  $\gamma$  source (blue), a shielded  $\gamma$  source (orange) and an unshielded  $\gamma$  source (green). Source sitting on top of chamber A. Applied high voltage: 2.65 kV. Threshold: 7 pC. Active area: readout of 160 mm x 320 mm per chamber. Logical combination: AND2

### 1664 6.4.2 LS2 and the RPC Standard Maintenance

1665 In December 2018, the LS2 (Long Shutdown 2) was started. This a period in which the LHC and  
1666 its detectors (CMS included) stop their operation for maintenance and upgrade. The LS2 will go  
1667 up to 2021, when LHC and CMS restart the data taking with the Run3.

1668 During the LS2 it is being installed services for the new chambers (gas pipes, low voltage (LV), cables,  
1669 signal and control optical fibers, high voltage (HV) cable and support equipment, and HV/LV power  
1670 supplies), as well as continuity to the to the RPC R&D studies, besides the reparation of broken  
1671 elements of the present system, i.e. chamber in the barrel region which present gas leak problems,  
1672 maintenance of the LV and HV connectivity and power system, maintenance of the control system  
1673 of problematic chambers (Front-Ends boards, cabling and Distribution Boards) and the dismount  
1674 and reinstallation of four stations in the endcap (RE4) on both sides of CMS [124].

1675 What concerns the standard maintenance of the present RPC system, the main LS2 activities in  
1676 which the student was involved, can be divided in three main tasks: (a) HV maintenance, (b) LV  
1677 and control maintenance and (c) detector commissioning.

#### 1678 HV maintenance

1679 A key factor of and RPC performance is the applied high voltage (HV). The CMS RPC achieve  
1680 their optimal performance with, around, 9.5 kV applied in each gap. This voltage is in the range  
1681 of the dielectric breakdown of many gases, which could lead to potential current leakages, if some  
1682 part of the system is damaged, poorly operated or badly installed. If the currents are high enough  
1683 this can make impossible the operation of the chamber. In cases like this, during the operation  
1684 period (data taking), the problematic HV channel is identified and turned off (each chamber has  
1685 two channels, one for each lawyer of gaps). Chambers in this situation are said to be operating in  
1686 single gap mode (SG).

1687 The goal for the HV maintenance is to, now that the CMS is off and the chambers are accessible,  
1688 identify which part of the HV supply system is causing the current leak and fix it the best way  
1689 possible. Usually the problem is beyond the power supply, very often connectors or the gap itself  
1690 are damaged.

1691 The CMS RPCs uses two kind of HV connectors, monopolar and tripolar connector. The monopolar  
1692 are used to connect the chamber to the power supply. If mounted properly, rarely they present  
1693 problems. The connection to the chamber is made by tripolar connectors, in which the ground and  
1694 the HV for both gaps arrives to the chamber in a single connector, for simplicity and to save space in  
1695 the patch panel. Unfortunately these connectors are relatively fragile, and they could be a potential  
1696 source of leak, specially if they were poorly mounted, badly operated or with aging itself. Also,  
1697 since this was a connector made exclusively for the CMS RPC system, some design choices had to  
1698 be improved after the installation of other chamber. Those installed with old batches of tripolar  
1699 connectors are sensitive ones. The reparation of this connectors consists in isolate the connector  
1700 from the chamber and power it up to 15 kV (maximum voltage allowed by the system). If the tested

1701 connector is broken one will observe a very fast increase in the current of the HV channel. The only  
 1702 solution to this kind of problem is to replace the connector.

1703 On the other hand, if the connector is powered isolated and pass the test, the problem beyond  
 1704 the connector (assuming that the power system have already been tested), i.e. inside the chamber.  
 1705 When a chamber is in SG mode it means that a full layer is off, but not necessarily all the gaps  
 1706 in that layer are bad (a RPC can have up to three per layer). In this situation, the procedure  
 1707 consists in cutting the cables that comes from the gaps to the chamber side connector one by one  
 1708 and identify which gap of the problematic layer is the broken by powering it. Once identified, this  
 1709 gap should isolated and the other ones reconnected. The broken gap is unrecoverable, since it is  
 1710 inside the chamber, but 5% to 10 % of efficiency can be retaken, without changing the applied HV  
 1711 and increasing the longevity of the chamber.

1712 Another contribution to the HV maintenance was the proposal of a procedure to replace the prob-  
 1713 lematic tripolar connector by a monopolar (also called jupiter) connector, which are known for being  
 1714 much more stable and reliable. The figure 6.18 (left) show the designed adapter for the chamber  
 1715 patch panel which would made this change possible. Figure 6.18 (right) shows a tryout of a cham-  
 1716 ber in which this procedure was tested. The proposal was presented to the RPC community and  
 1717 approved to be used from now on. Technical drawings and instructions were provided.

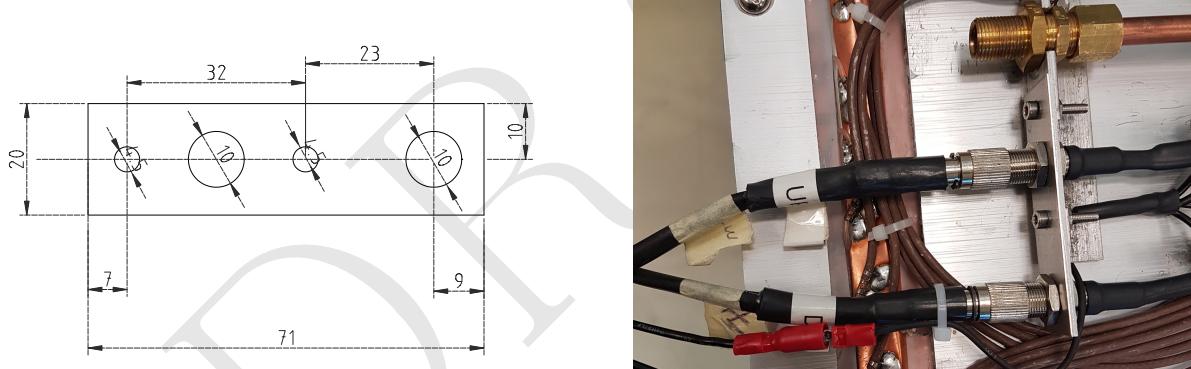


Figure 6.18: Left: Proposed adapter the chamber patch panel which make it possible to replace a tripolar by a jupiter HV connector. Right: Try out of the proposed HV connector replacement.

## 1718 LV and control maintenance

1719 The low voltage (LV) and control maintenance consists in make sure that the Front-End Boards  
 1720 (FEBs) are powered and configurable, which means that the LV power system is working from  
 1721 supply board to the cable, that the signal cables are in good state and properly connected to the  
 1722 chamber and to the link boards and that the on-detector electronics (FEBs and Distribution Boards  
 1723 - DBs) are working fine.

1724 Usually, this system is very reliable. The weak point, in most of the cases, is the detector electronics.  
 1725 When a FEB [125] (as in Figure 6.19) is problematic it can present regions of very high noise or no  
 1726 signal at all (silent), which can not be recovered by the threshold control. In cases like this, when  
 1727 the FEB is accessible, it can be replaced in order to recover efficiency in the problematic chamber.

1728 This procedure is done by extracting the chamber from inside the detector (only for barrel chamber)  
 1729 and opening its cover to have access to the problematic component. Removed boards are send back  
 1730 to production labs for refurbishment.



Figure 6.19: RPC Front-end board (FEB) used in the barrel chambers.

1731 The most usual problem is a chamber in which the threshold control was lost. For those chamber,  
 1732 most probably, the problem is in the distribution board of the chamber, which is a piece of hardware  
 1733 responsible for distribute the LV power to the FEBs (3 to 6 per chamber) and send the threshold  
 1734 control signal to the FEBs via I2C line. If a chamber has no threshold control, it means that the  
 1735 RPC operation has no control over the signal selection, which can potentially induce performance  
 1736 issues.

1737 For the barrel this maintenance happens concomitantly with the gas leak reparations on the barrel  
 1738 chamber, since both demands the chamber extraction, which is a complex procedure in terms of  
 1739 operation and demands specialized equipment and manpower. For technical reasons, the gas leak  
 1740 extractions have precedence over LV ones.

#### 1741 Detector commissioning

1742 All the LS2 activities demands uncabling of the chamber to be repaired and possibly some neighbor  
 1743 chambers. Also, it can involve the replacement of components of the chamber. To avoid damage to  
 1744 the system a compromising procedure is needed after all this activities. Given the responsibilities  
 1745 of the commissioning it was necessary to: (a) make sure that the the RPC system keep tracks of all  
 1746 the interventions, (b) maintain all the algorithms used in the commissioning procedure, (c) together  
 1747 with the RPC Coordination, define a pool of people and a schedule to the commissioning of the  
 1748 system and (d) follow-up, with other CMS RPC experts, the availability of materials and resources  
 1749 for the commissioning operations.

1750 Besides the organizational tasks, the commissioning demanded to establish procedures to ensure the  
 1751 connectivity and functionality of HV and LV connections. For the HV, it is needed to make sure  
 1752 that the chambers are properly connected, without miscabling <sup>4</sup> and that the currents at stand-by

<sup>4</sup>Mixed cable connections.

1753 HV and working point HV are compatible with the ones in the end of last data-taking (end of  
 1754 2018). This activity will start in November/2019, when the CMS RPC Standard Gas Mixture will  
 1755 be available again.

1756 For the LV point of view, the LV power cable and signal cables should also be properly connected,  
 1757 and presenting a noise profile compatible with last data-taking. One key point for this task is to  
 1758 make sure that there are no miscabling of signal cable. One RPC chamber can have from 6  
 1759 to 18 signal cable, which are connected very close one to another. There is a good chance that a  
 1760 chamber, after reparation, have its signal cables mixed. In order to diagnose situations like this, it  
 1761 was validated a algorithm present in the RPC Online Software, but never used since LS1, which,  
 1762 by changing the threshold of each component of the RPC system, from very high to very low values  
 1763 (component by component), can spot miscabled chambers. Since the control line is independent of  
 1764 the signal line, a misclabeled will present a different noise from what is expected.

1765 Besides the validation of this algorithm, it was also implemented a web system (Figure 6.20),  
 1766 developed in Flask [126] which automatize the execution of the algorithm, making transparent to the  
 1767 shifter (or the one performing the commissioning) the procedure to get miscabling report.

#### FEB Connectivity Test - Analysis

Worker	Date (YY-MM-DD)	Time (HH:MM:SS)	Hash	
RBP2_Far	2019-06-20	23:43:19	387534dst	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
RBP1_Far	2019-06-20	20:12:20	458306dst	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
RBP1_Far	2019-06-20	20:04:46	336162dst	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
RBP1_Near	2019-06-20	19:02:00	377883dst	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
RBP1_Near	2019-06-19	18:59:00	858950dst	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
RBP1_Far	2019-06-19	18:58:26	994787dst	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
YEN3_Far	2019-05-07	10:28:23	176278dst	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
YEN3_Near	2019-05-07	10:28:08	347504dst	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
YEN1_Far	2018-12-07	15:03:24	575561	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
RBO_Far	2018-12-07	14:45:42	101463	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>
RBP1_Far	2018-12-07	09:12:00	477689	<a href="#">Run Analyzer</a>

Figure 6.20: RPC FEB Commissioning Analyzer.

1768 The LV commissioning is ongoing, since it happens, as much as possible, right after the chamber  
 1769 reparation.

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