

$$h(125) \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$$

## Higgs to 4 Gamma Update

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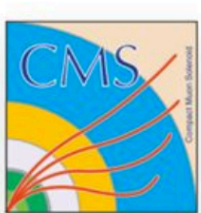
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# MOTIVATION

- Explore Beyond the Standard model scenario using final state with  $4\gamma$
- Exotic decays of the Higgs Boson are of great interest and are well motivated within many extensions of the SM
- In these models, (pseudo) scalar  $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  can be suppressed (low branching ratios)
  - Non-trivial extensions SM extensions can change that picture by suppressing  $a \rightarrow \text{fermions}$ 
    - See summary at [Exotic Higgs Decays website](#)
  - The  $4\gamma$  state is basically SM background free
  - We can take advantage of high  $\gamma$  online/offline reconstruction and identification efficiency
- This analysis considers a non-SM decay of a Higgs Boson ( $h$ ) decaying to a pair of light pseudoscalars ( $a$ ), each of which subsequently decays into 2  $\gamma$ 's each



# DATA & MC SAMPLES

- **Data**

- Double EG reMiniAOD dataset
- 36 fb-1 for 2016

- **Signal MC**

- Generate using Pythia 8
- Officially produced Summer16 samples
- $m(a) = 100 \text{ MeV}$ , 1 GeV to 60 GeV in steps of 5 GeV

- **Background MC**

- DiPhotons + Jets

DiPhotonJetsBox\_M40\_80-Sherpa

DiPhotonJetsBox\_MGG-80toInf\_13TeV-Sherpa

- Photons + Jets

GJet\_Pt-20toInf\_DoubleEMEnriched\_MGG-40to80\_TuneCUETP8M1\_13TeV\_Pythia8

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- QCD

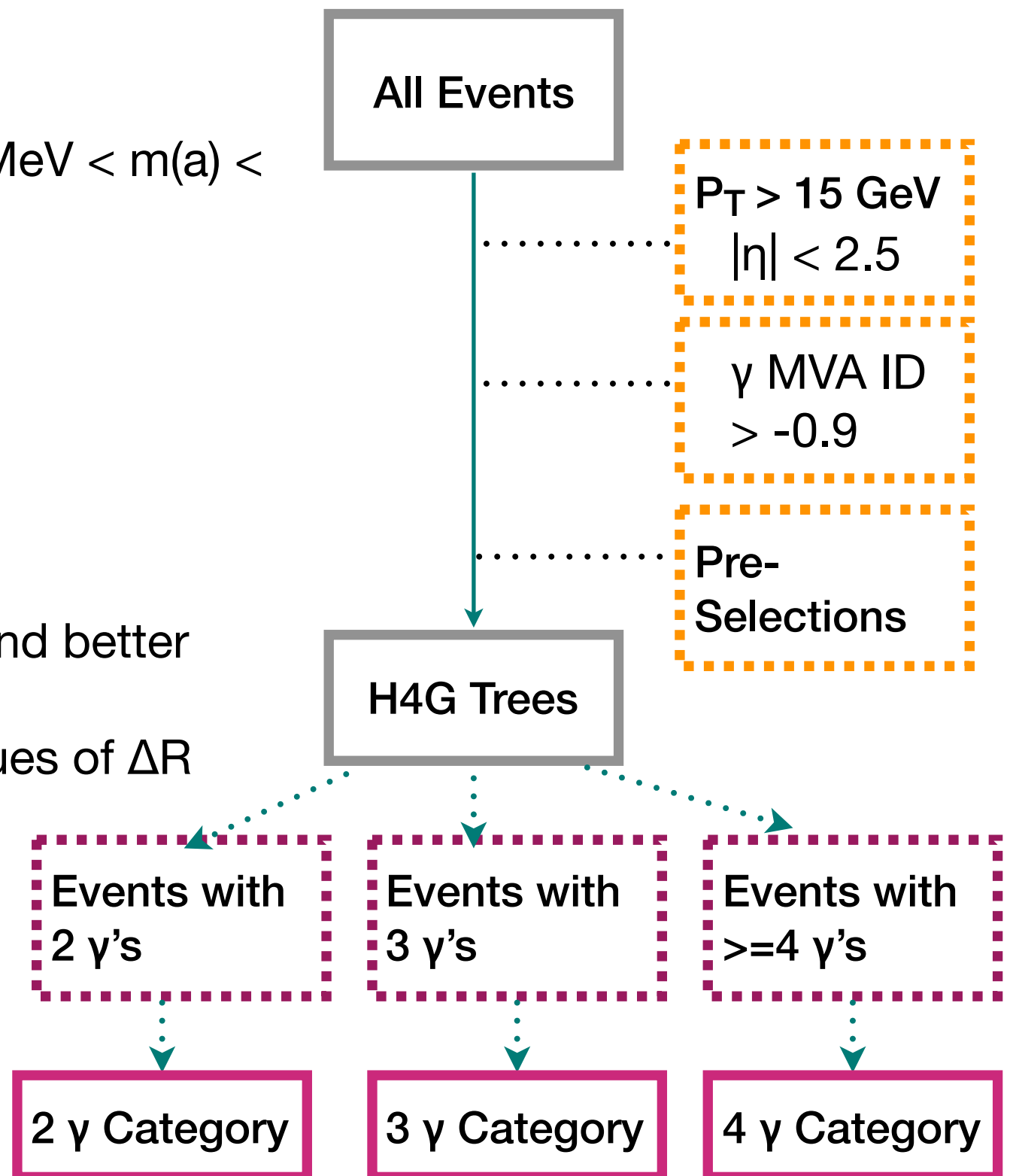
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# ANALYSIS STRATEGY

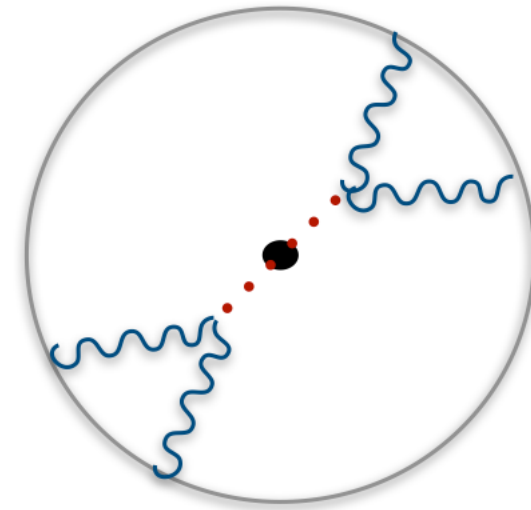
- $h(125) \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$
- Probing mass region ranging from  $100 \text{ MeV} < m(a) < 60 \text{ GeV}$
- Highly boosted “a’s”
  - Collimated products of “a” decays
- Depending on  $m(a)$  we will have different topologies
- Higher the  $m(a)$ , lower the boost of “a” and better isolated are the decay product photons, i.e large values of  $\Delta R$



# CATEGORIES

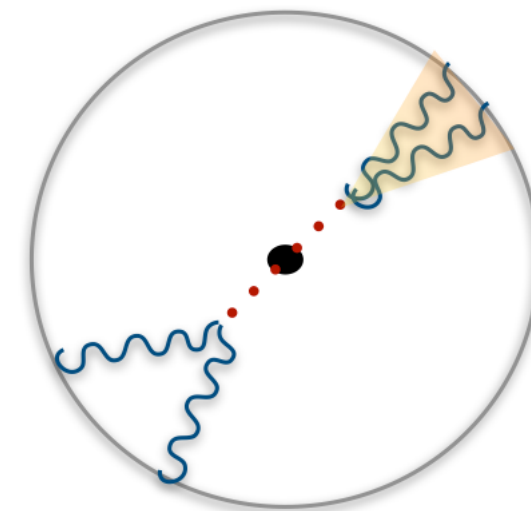
## 4 Isolated Photons

- “a” is not boosted, the decay products are well isolated
- Select events with at least 4  $\gamma$ 's and then select the 4 highest  $P_T$   $\gamma$ 's



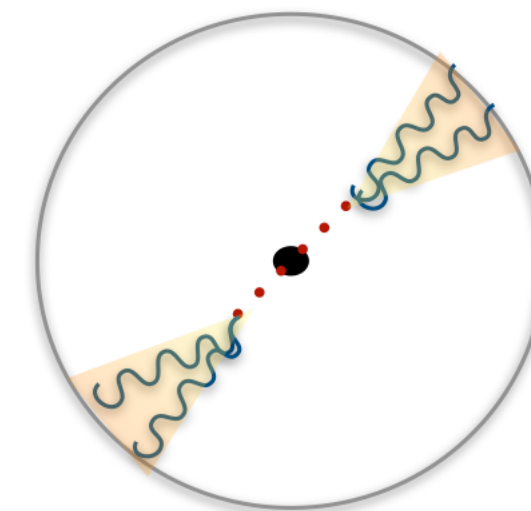
## 2 Isolated Photons + 2 Merged Photons

- Boosted “a” case
- Select events with exactly 3  $\gamma$ 's
- Can be further split into 2 sub-categories
  - 2 Isolated + 2 merged  $\gamma$ 's
  - 3 Isolated  $\gamma$ 's + 1 missing  $\gamma$  (due to  $P_T$  or  $\eta$  cut)



## 2 Pairs of Merged Photons

- Highly boosted “a” scenario
- Select events with exactly 2  $\gamma$ 's
- Heavily polluted by  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  events
  - Need to develop a custom MVA ID



# TRIGGER & PRESELECTION

- Online selection identical to **low mass  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$**  search
- Passing the OR of the two Low mass HLT paths
  - **OR Path**  
HLT\_Diphoton30EB\_18EB\_R9Id\_OR\_IsoCalId\_AND\_HE\_R9Id\_DoublePixelVeto\_Mass55
  - **AND Path**  
HLT\_Diphoton30PV\_18PV\_R9Id\_AND\_IsoCalId\_AND\_HE\_R9Id\_DoublePixelVeto\_Mass55
- **Pre-Selection**
  - Loose Photon ID  $> -0.9$
  - Trigger strategy on MC based on offline selection similar to online
  - Different kind of photon pairs being considered according to their  $\eta$  and R9 values

Offline Trigger like requirements

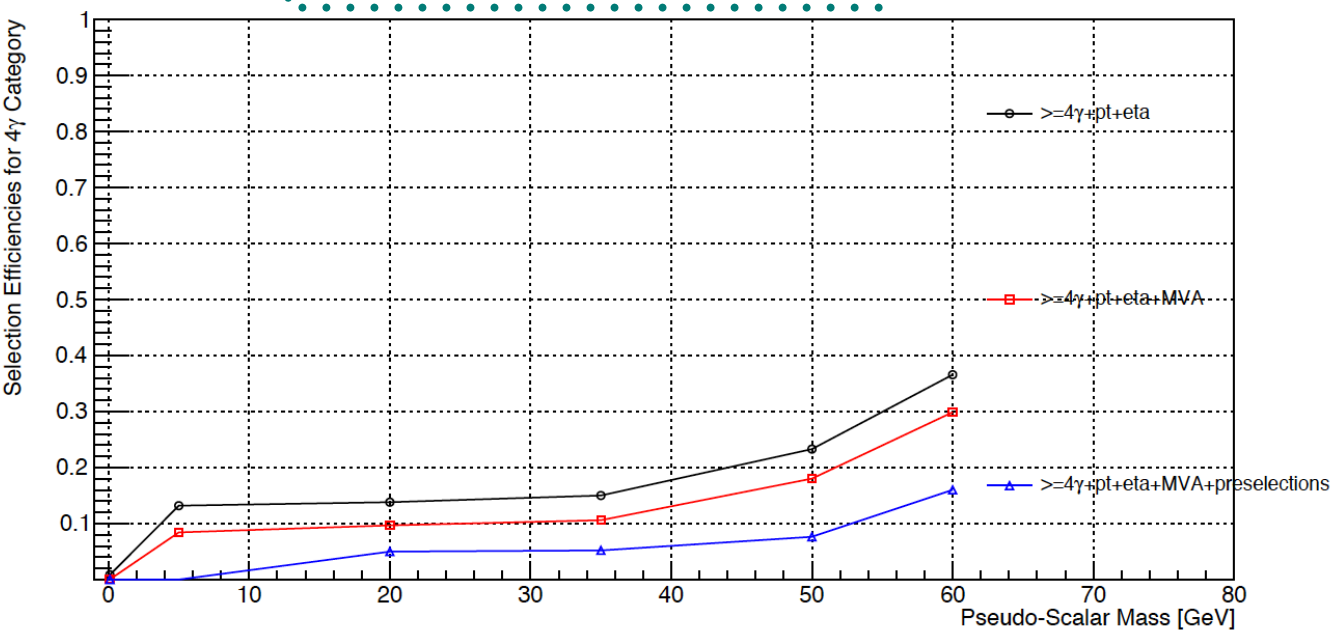
Category		R9	H/E	$\sigma_{i\eta i\eta}$	Pho Iso	Trk Iso
Both photons in EB		$> 0.5$	$< 0.07$	$< 0.0105$	$< 4 \text{ GeV}$	$< 6 \text{ GeV}$
At least one Photon in EE	Second photon in EB	$> 0.85$	$< 0.07$	$< 0.0105$	$< 4 \text{ GeV}$	$< 6 \text{ GeV}$
At least one Photon in EE	Second photon in EE	$> 0.9$	$< 0.035$	$< 0.0275$	$< 4 \text{ GeV}$	$< 6 \text{ GeV}$

- $m_{\gamma\gamma} > 55 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $P_T \text{ lead } \gamma > 30 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $P_T \text{ sub-lead } \gamma > 18 \text{ GeV}$ , Pixel Veto applied

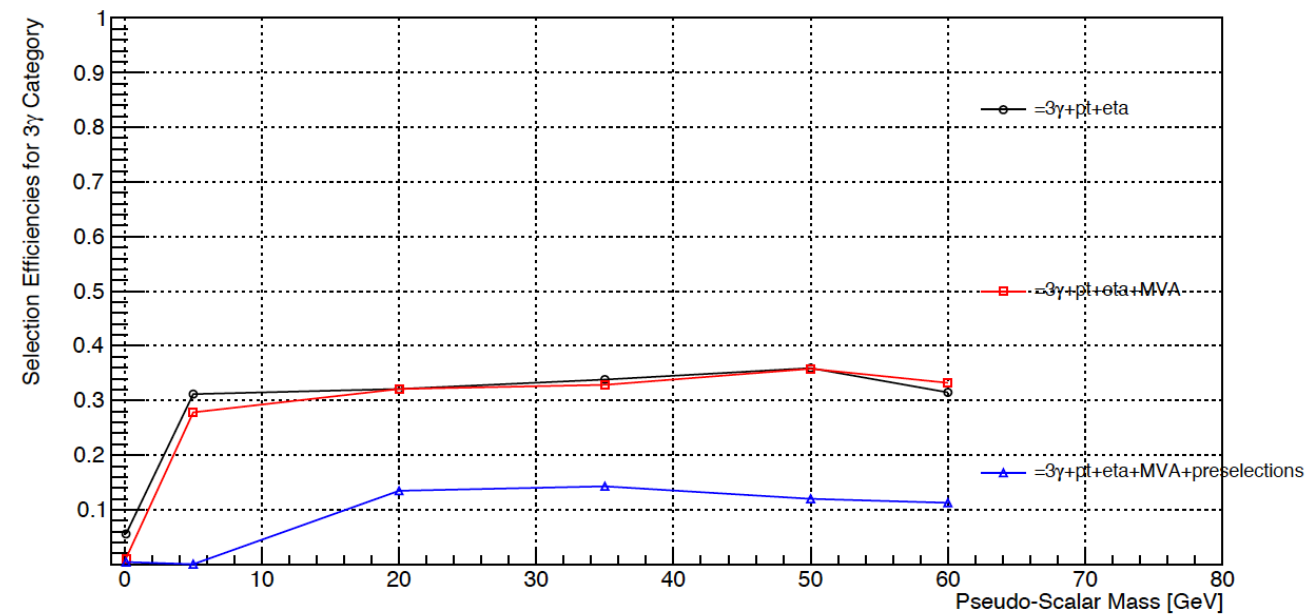


# # OF SURVIVING EVENTS

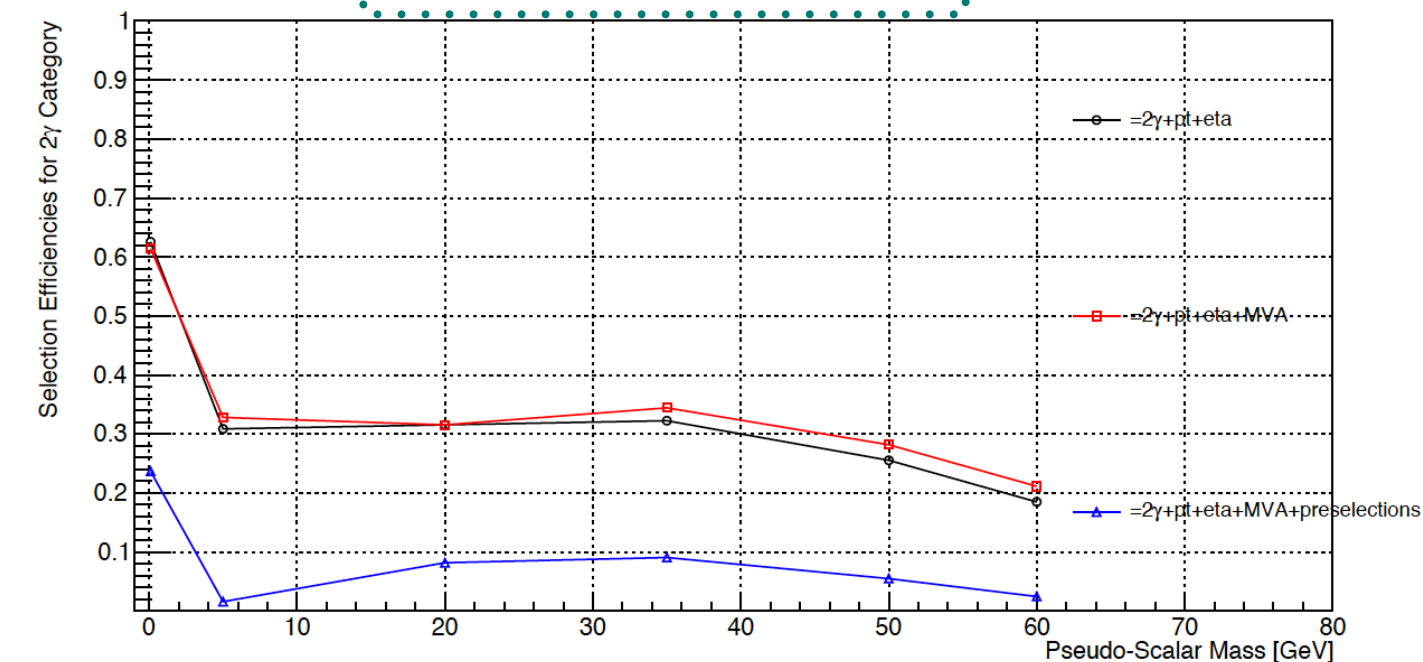
## 4 Photon Category



## 3 Photon Category



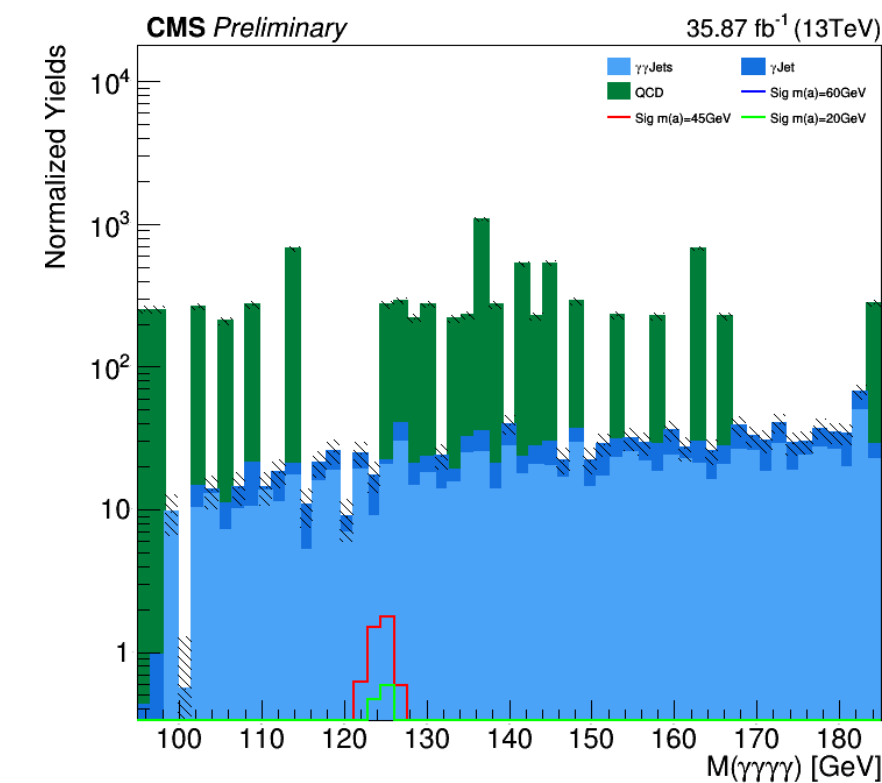
## 2 Photon Category



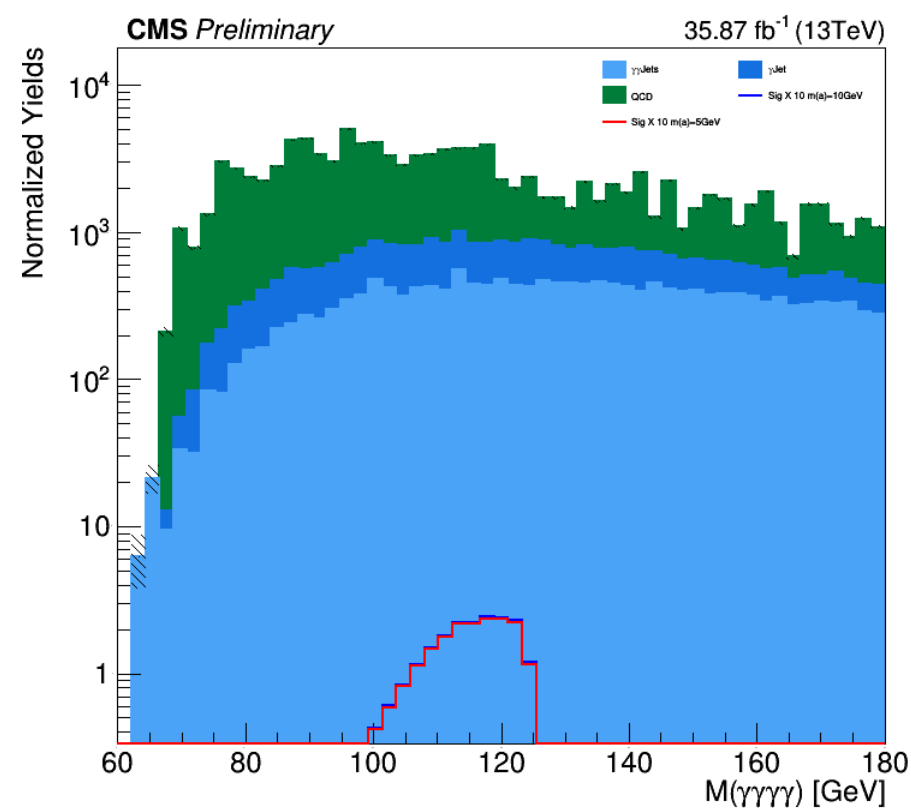
- Number of events that survive in each of the 3 categories
- Have been split into events that pass the acceptance  **$P_T > 15$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.5$**
- Events that pass the loose **Photon MVA > -0.9**
- Events that pass **pre-selections**

# SIGNAL & BACKGROUND COMPARISON

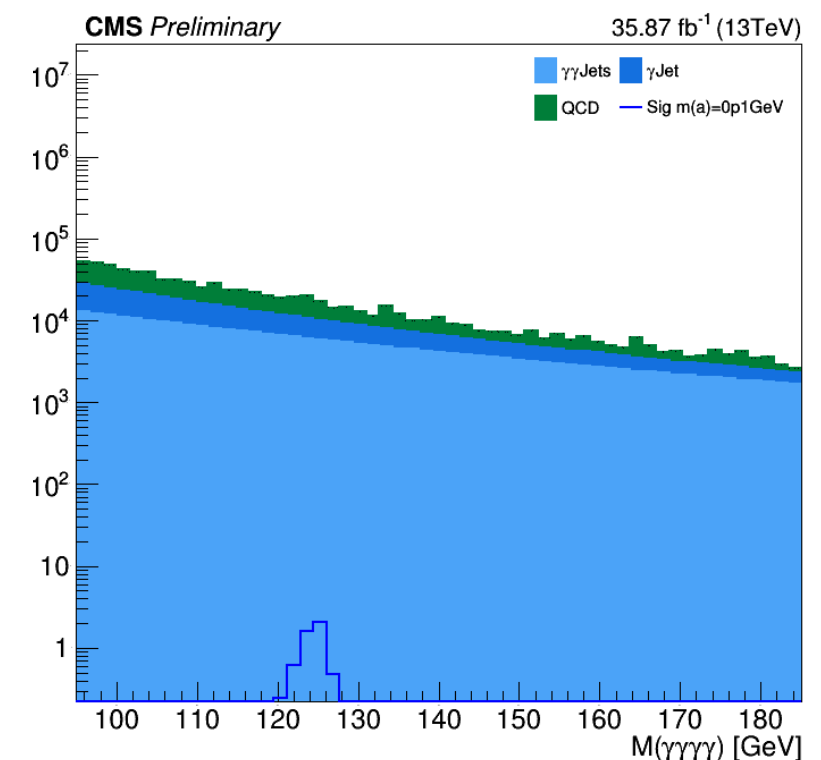
- Plots showing Background and Signal MC comparison
- Are only being used as a guide to determine the fitting and blinding range for the 4 photon, 3 photon and 2 photon categories



4 $\gamma$  Category  
 Fitting range: [100,180] GeV  
 Blinding range: [115,135] GeV



3 $\gamma$  Category  
 Fitting range: [80,180] GeV  
 Blinding range: [95,135] GeV



2 $\gamma$  Category  
 Fitting range: [100,180] GeV  
 Blinding range: [115,135] GeV



# SIGNAL MODEL

- Signal shape modeled by a sum of 3 gaussians

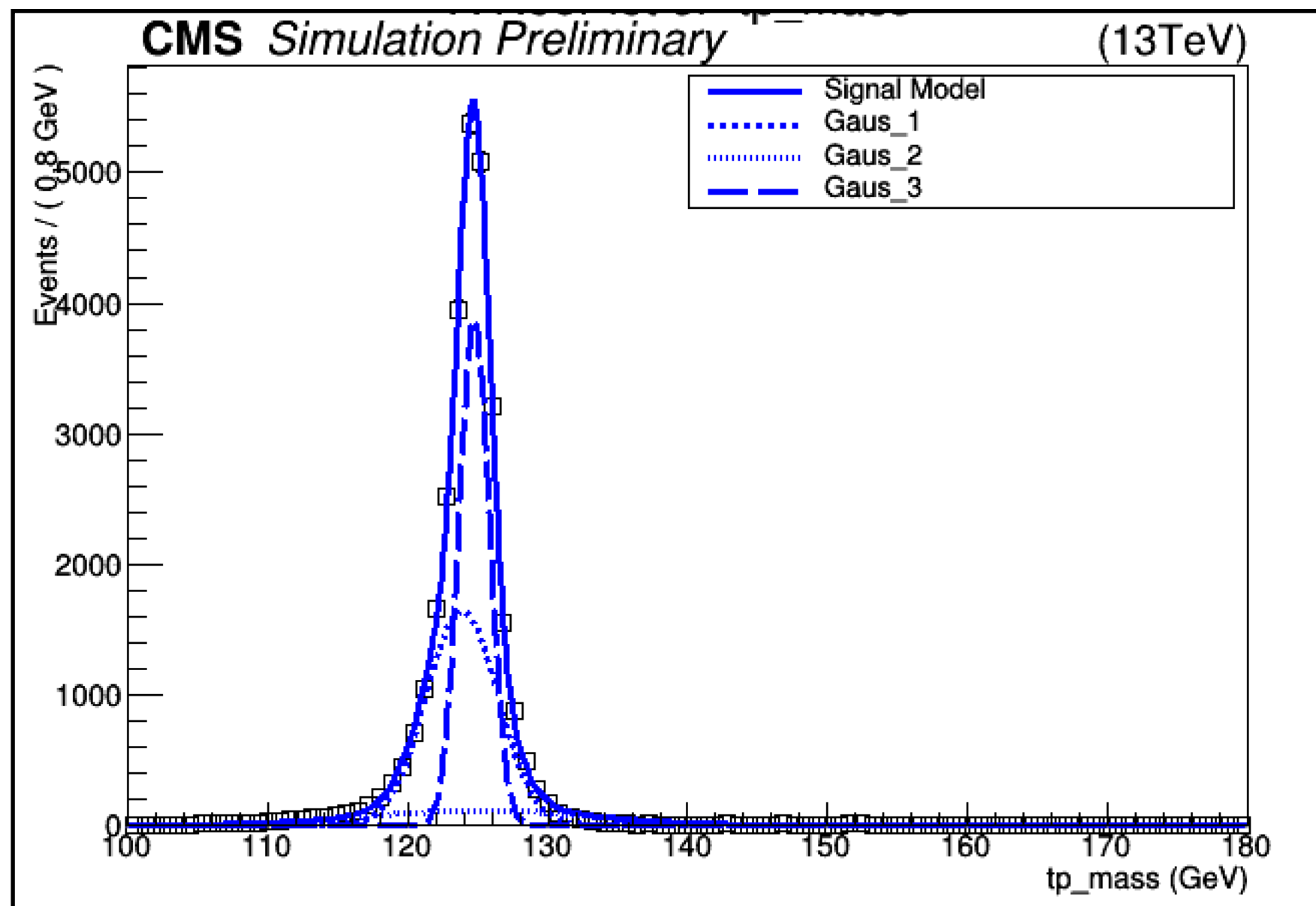
Fit of signal shape

**4 $\gamma$  Category**

**MC:  $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$**

**$m(a) = 60$  GeV**

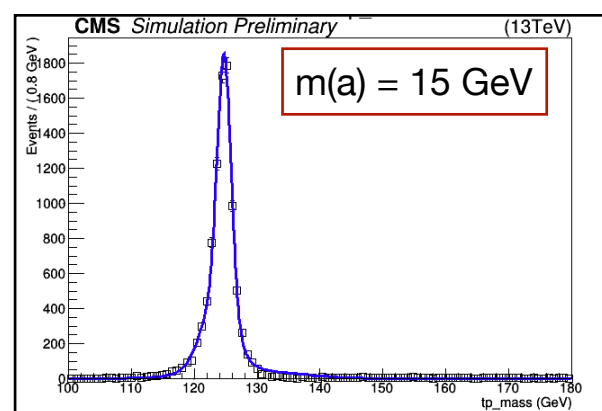
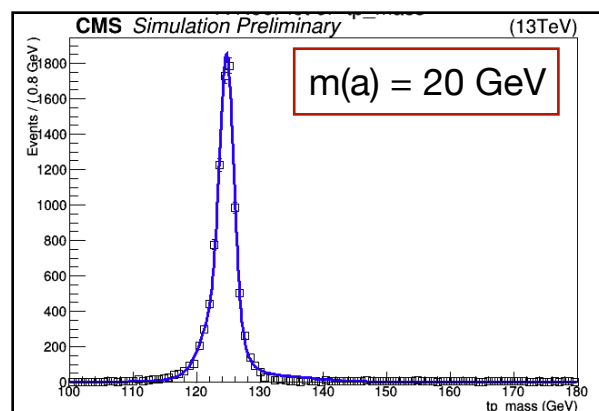
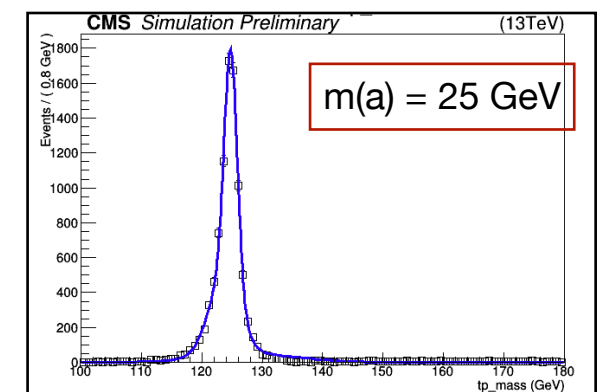
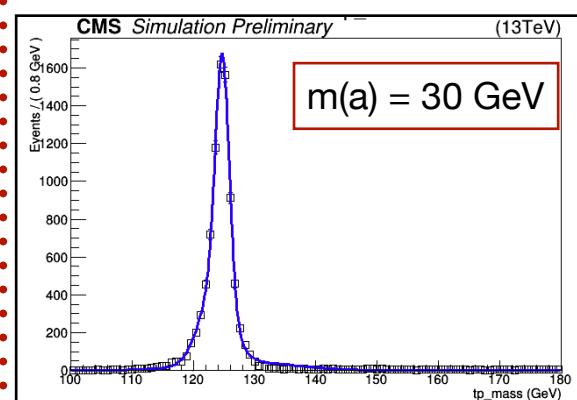
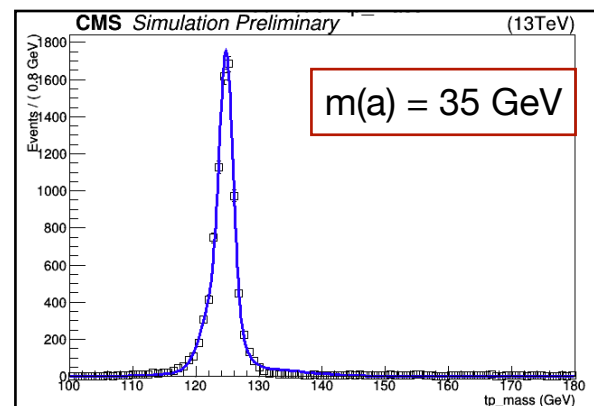
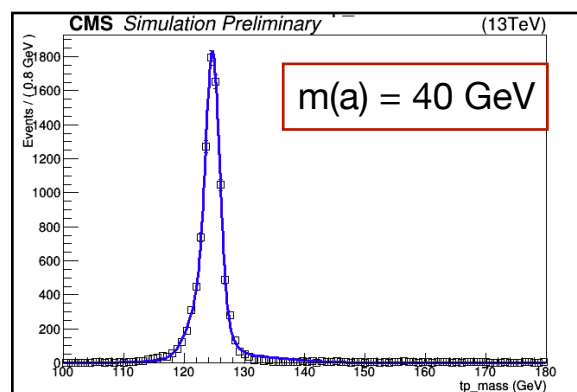
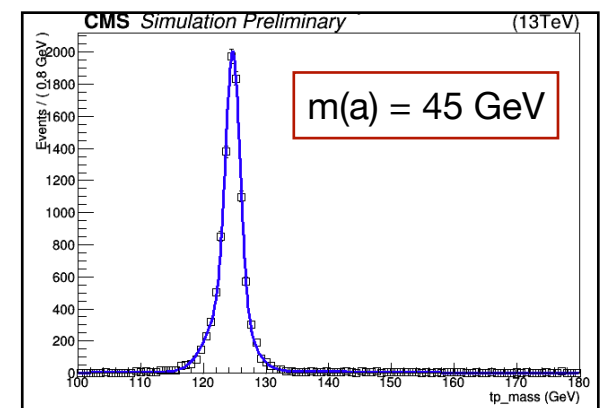
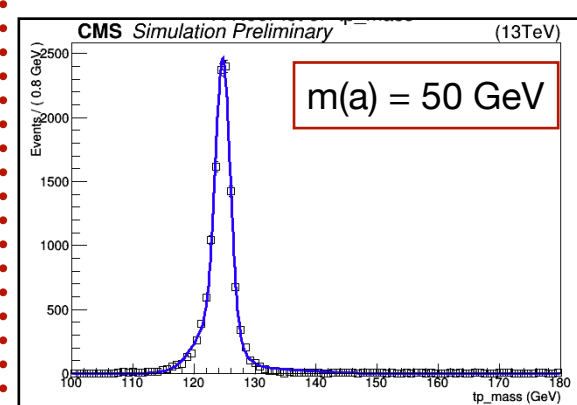
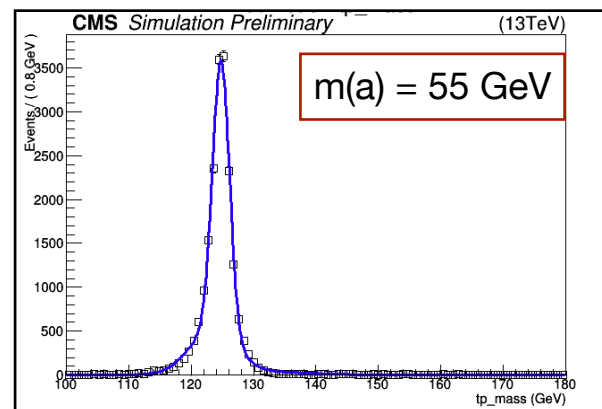
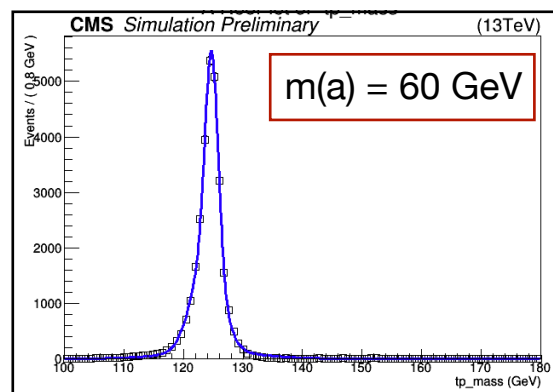
The 3 Gaussian components of the final Signal model are shown here



- For the 4 Photon category, consider the mass points from  $m(a) = 15$  to 60 GeV
- The signal fits for these are shown on the next slide

# SIGNAL MODEL

- For the 4 $\gamma$  Category



Gaussian PDF fits to  
Signal MC samples

# SIGNAL MODEL

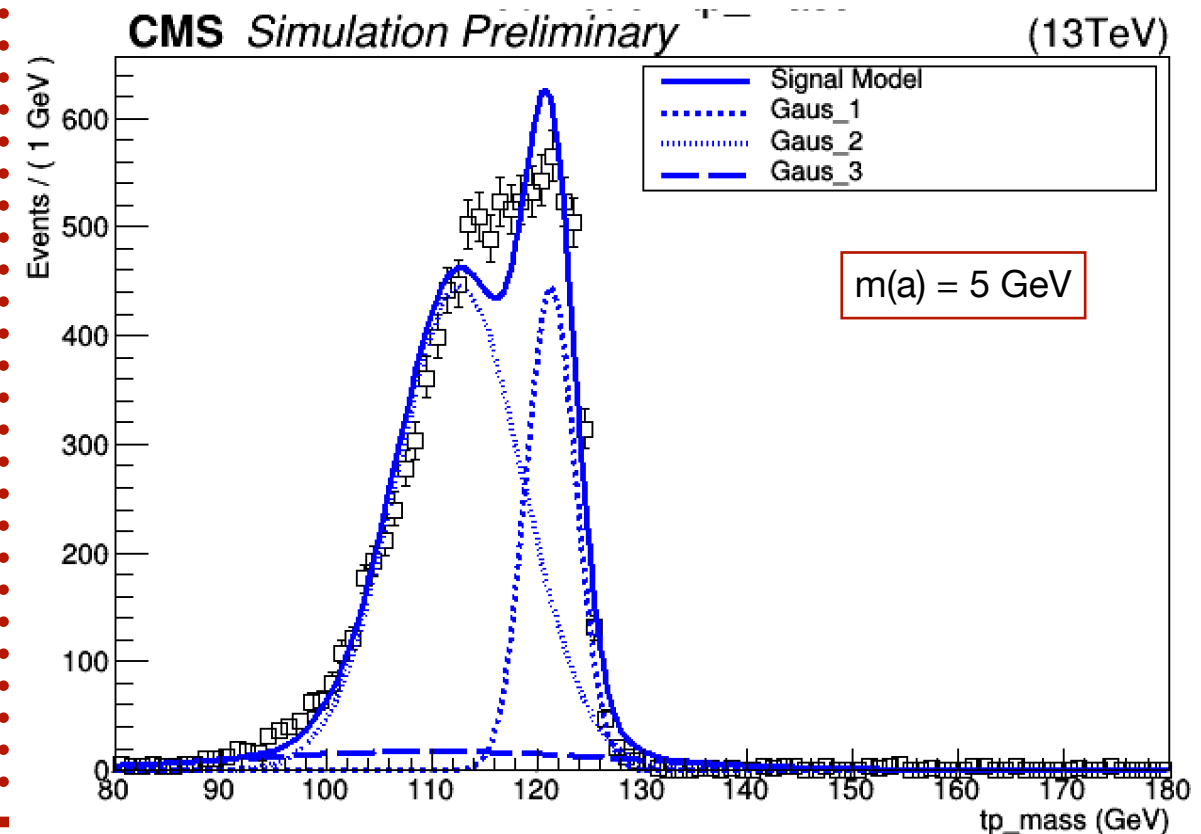
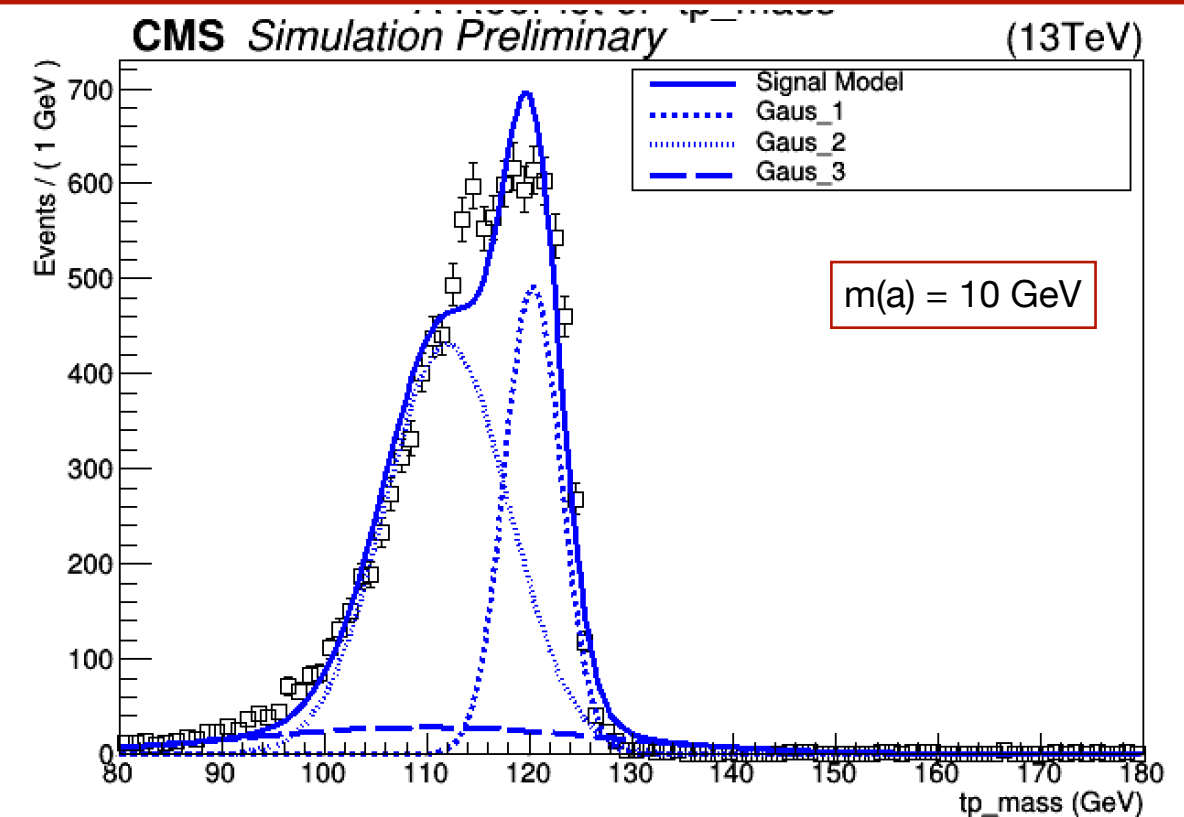
Fit of signal shape for

**3 $\gamma$  Category**

**$m(a) = 10 \text{ GeV}, 5 \text{ GeV}$**

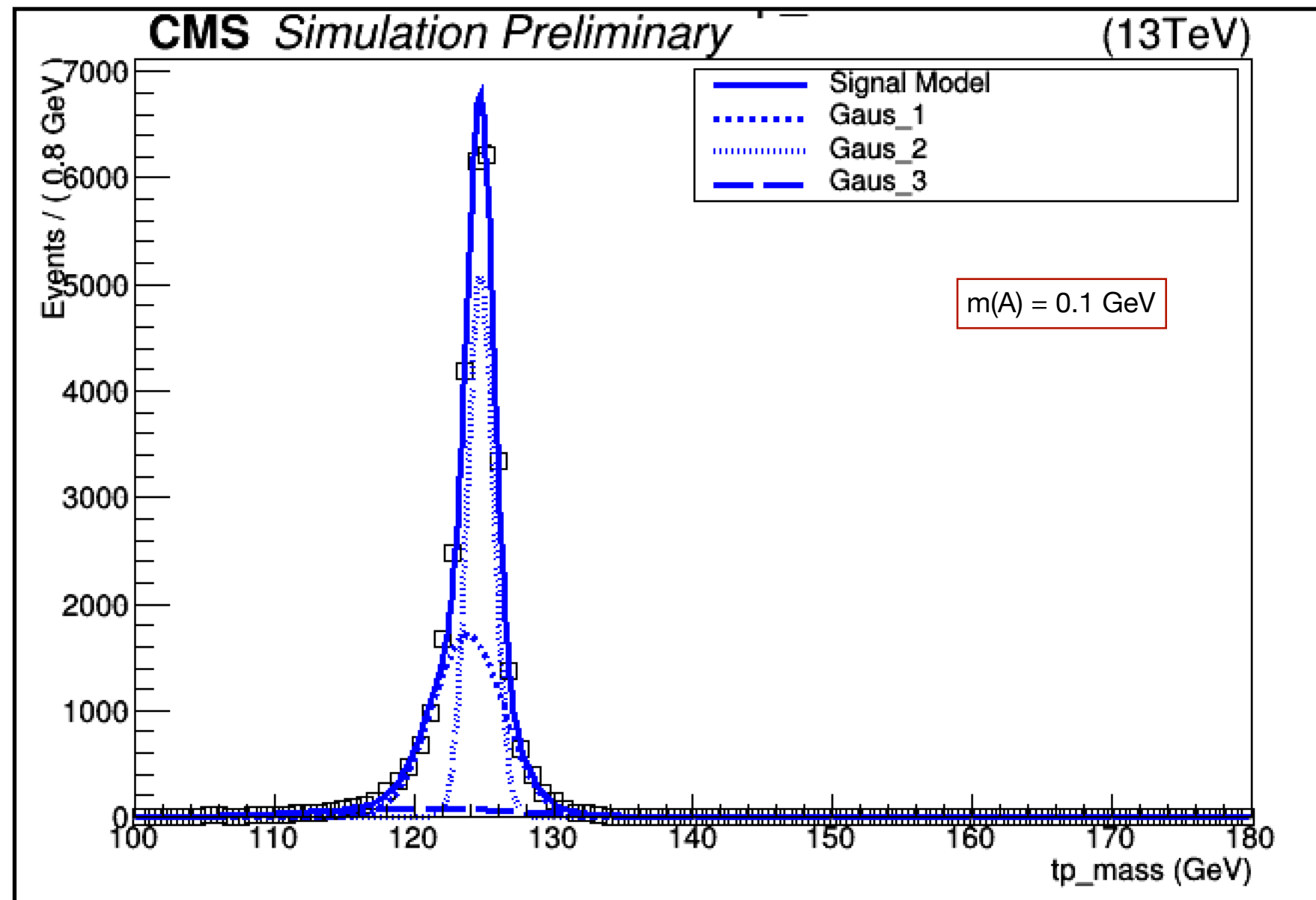
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- These events are populated by events of 2 kind:
  - Events with just 3 $\gamma$ 's (with the 4th  $\gamma$  being lost due to Pt or eta cut)
  - Events with 2 Isolated + 1 Fat photon (=2 merged Photons)
- Work is on-going to do gen-reco level matching



# SIGNAL MODEL

- Fit of signal shape for **2 $\gamma$  Category**
- **$m(a) = 0.1$  GeV**
- The 3 Gaussian components of the final Signal model are shown here



# BACKGROUND MODELING

- Discrete Profiling (“Envelope”) method adapted
- The background is modeled by fitting analytic functions to the observed tetra photon mass distributions
- Consider different families of functions
  - Family of Bernstein Polynomials
  - Chebychev Polynomial
  - Sum of Power Law functions

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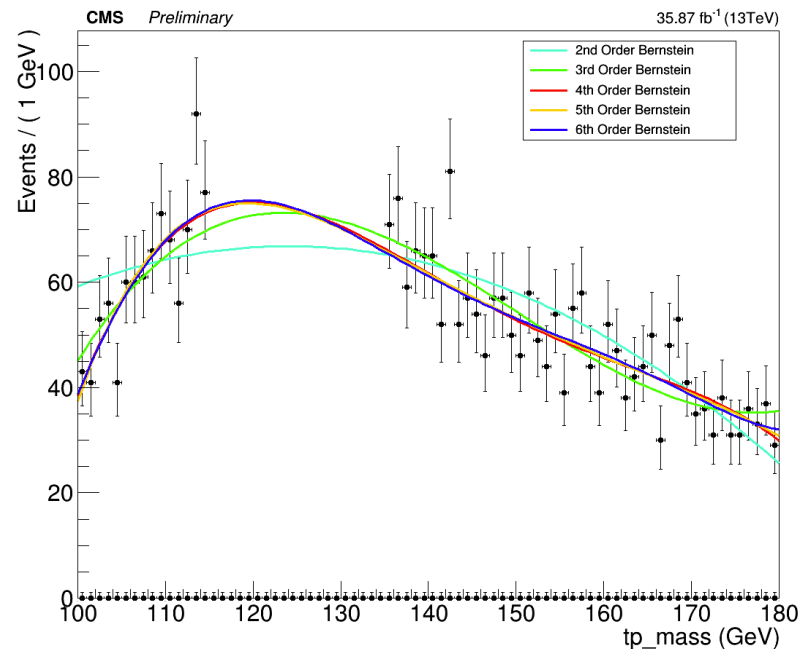
Work ongoing for the determination of representative set of functions from within a family using F-test
- Blinding range:
  - 4 Photon category → [115,135] GeV
  - 3 Photon category → [95,135] GeV
  - 2 Photon category → [115,135] GeV

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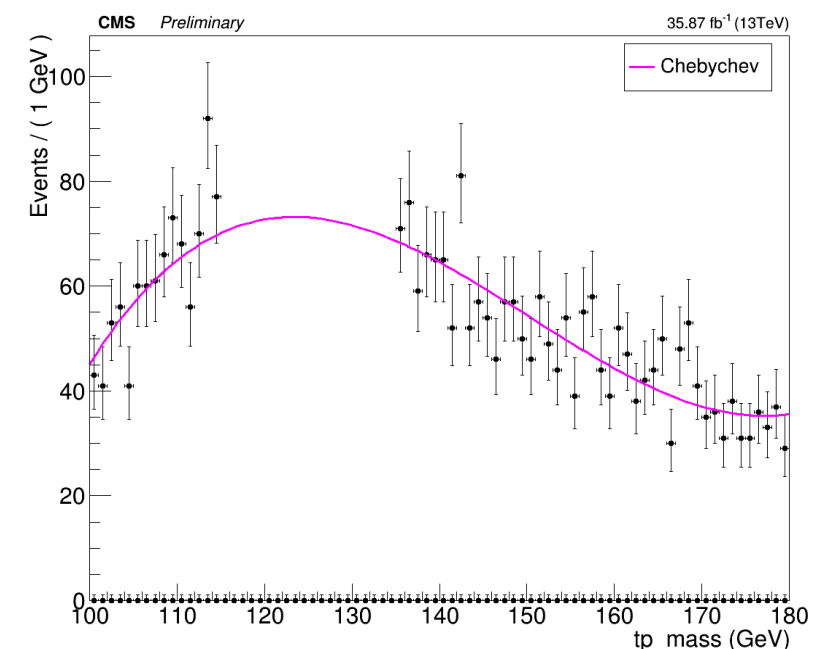
Fit range still to be optimized

# BACKGROUND MODELING

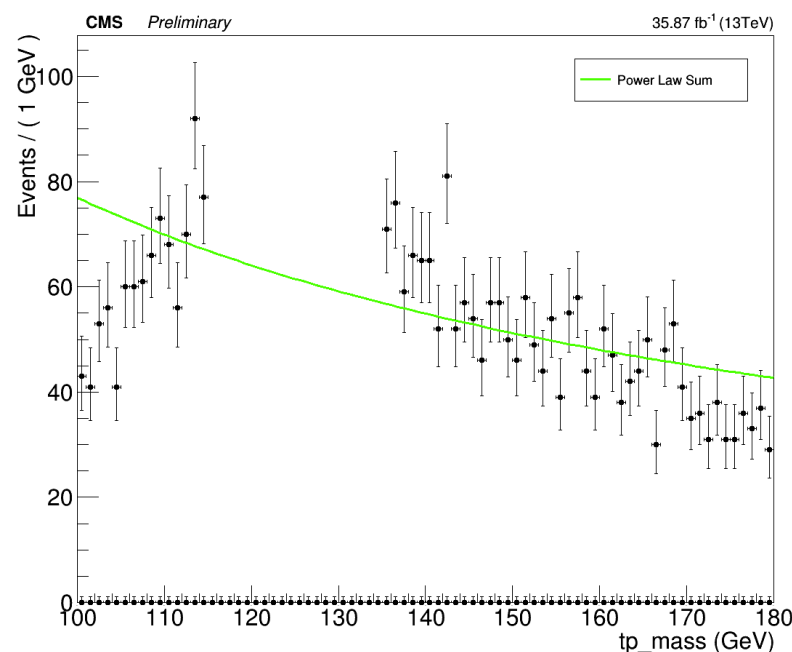
## Family of Polynomials in Bernstein Basis



## Chebyshev Polynomial



## Sums of Power Law functions



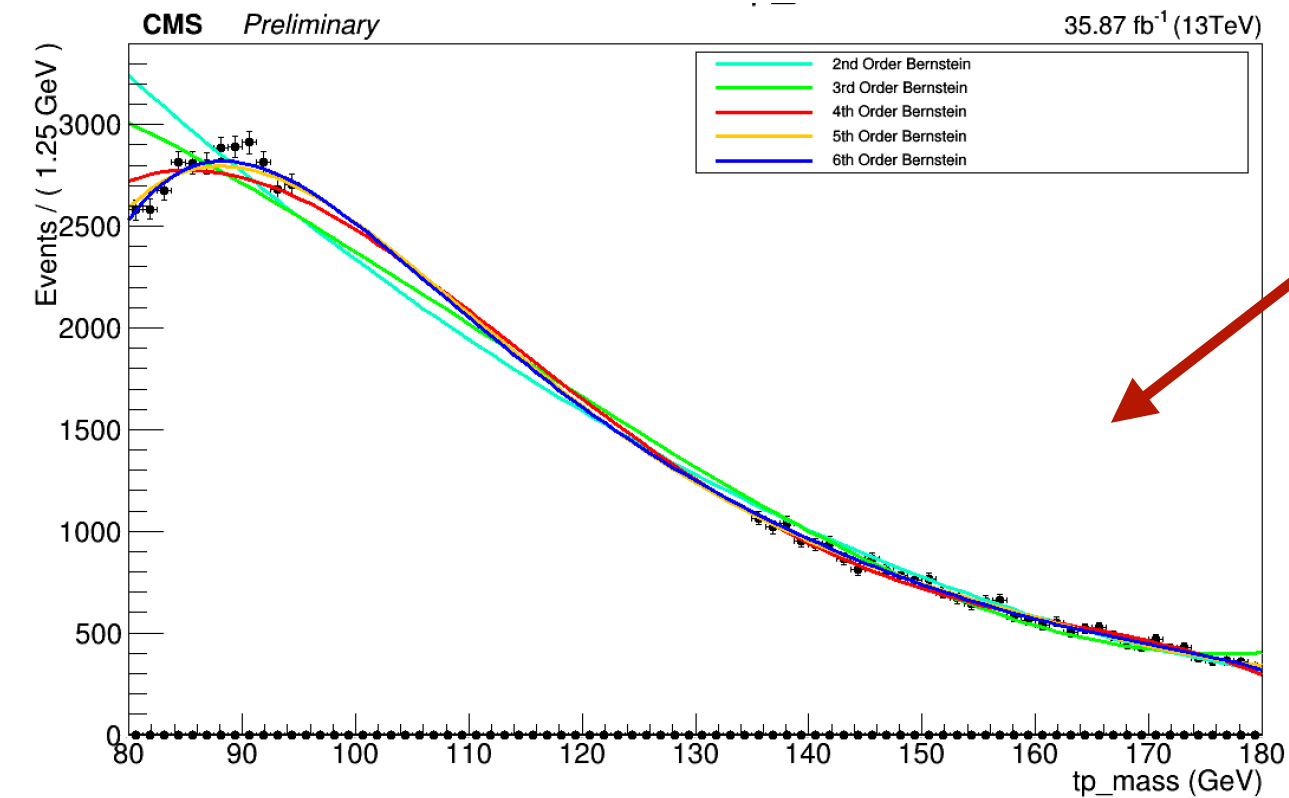
## 4 $\gamma$ Category

Functions considered:

- Family of Bernstein Polynomials
- Chebyshev Polynomial
- Sum of Power Law
- Cuts applied on Diphoton mass window:
  - $dp1\_mass/tp\_mass < 0.55$
  - $dp2\_mass/tp\_mass < 0.50$



# BACKGROUND MODELING



## 3γ Category

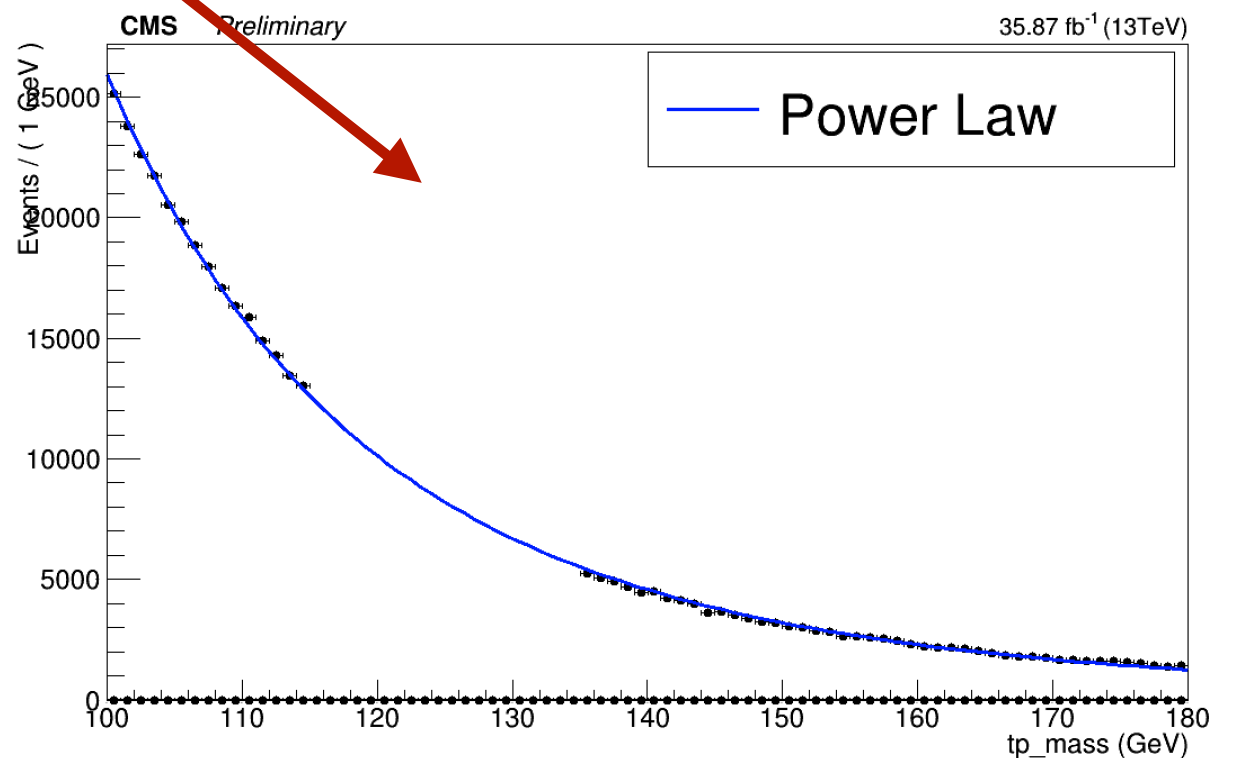
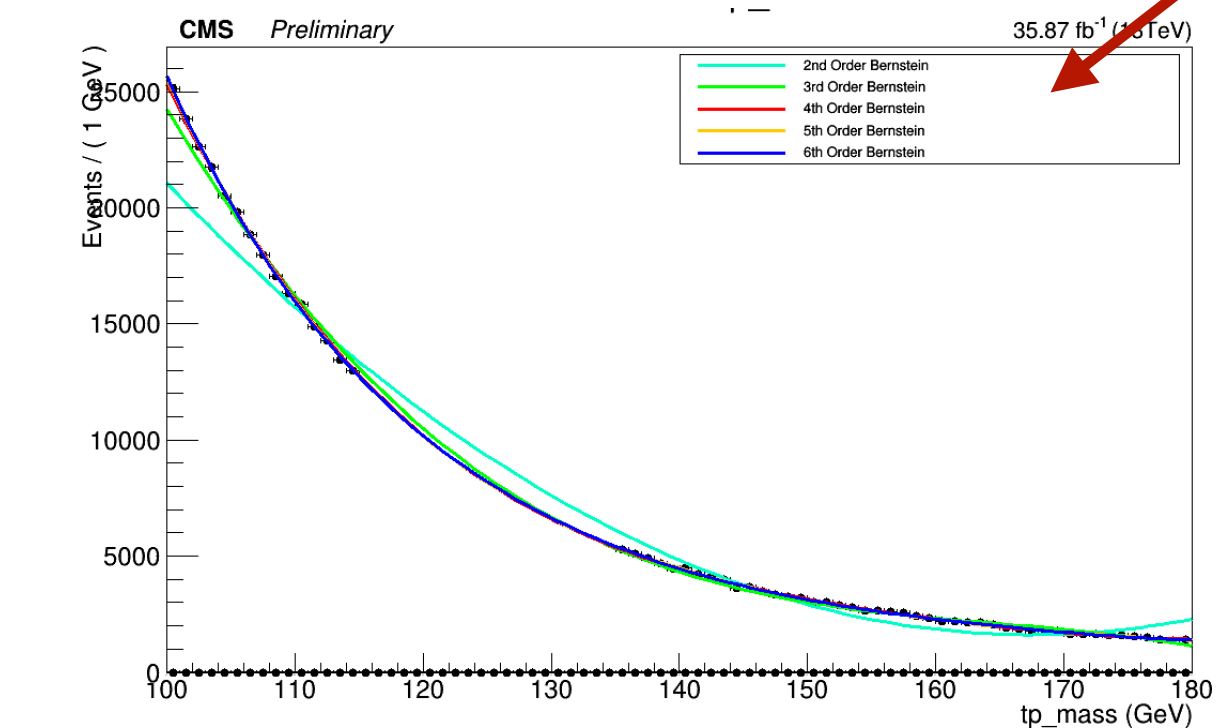
Functions considered:

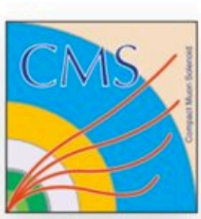
- Family of Bernstein Polynomials

## 2γ Category

Functions considered:

- Family of Bernstein Polynomials
- Sum of Power Law





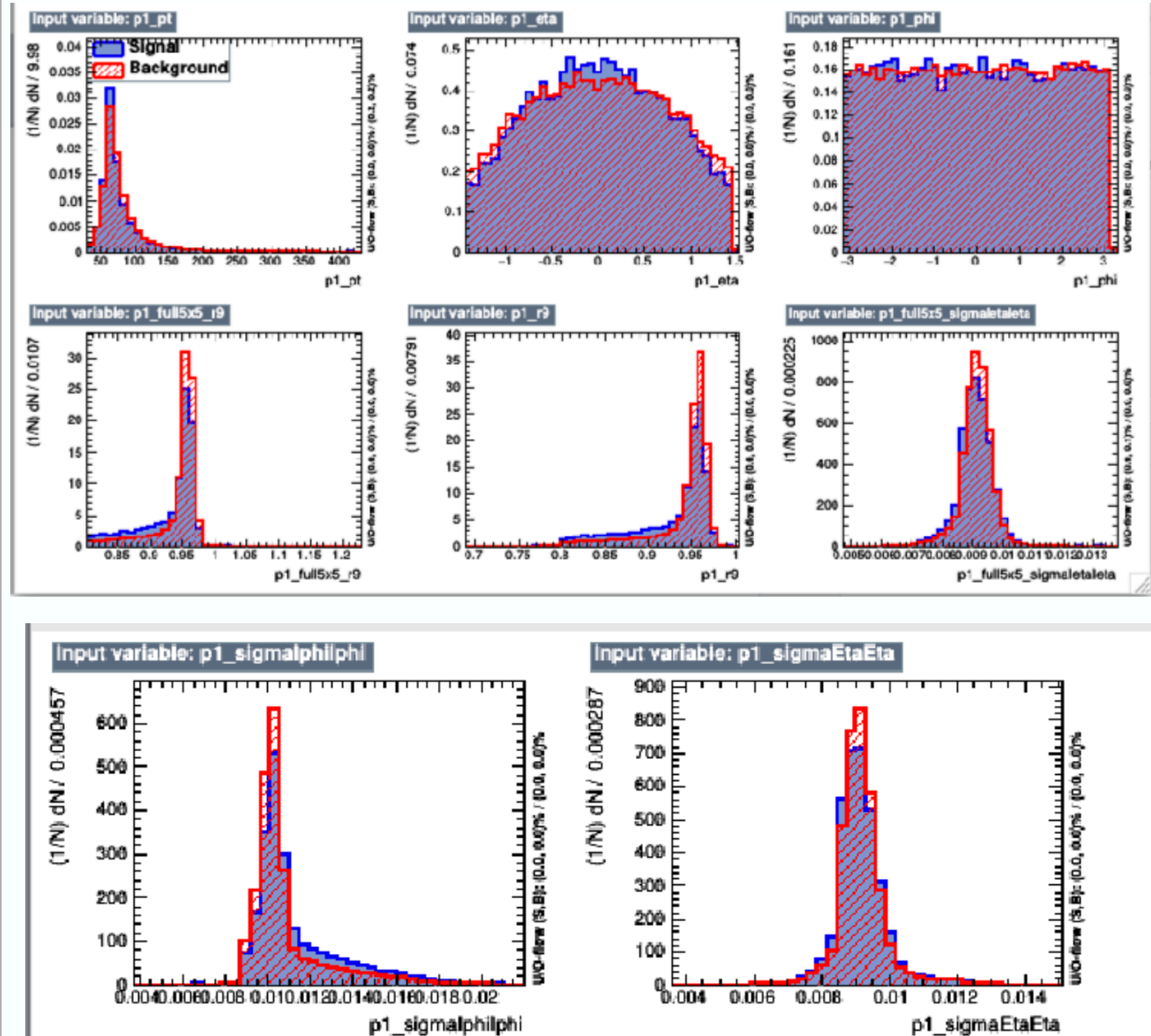
# CUSTOM ID FOR 2 PHOTON CATEGORY

- The Photon MVA being used right now was developed for  $h \rightarrow gg$  and low mass  $h \rightarrow gg$  analysis.
- This MVA will discard the merged photons that look like  $\pi^0$ 's
- So the idea is to develop an MVA based on kinematic + ECAL variables that can help us distinguish between the merged and unmerged cas
- Preliminary stage — variables being identified
- First results on the next slide

# CUSTOM ID FOR 2 PHOTON CATEGORY

$Abs(eta) < 1.5$  ECAL Barrel

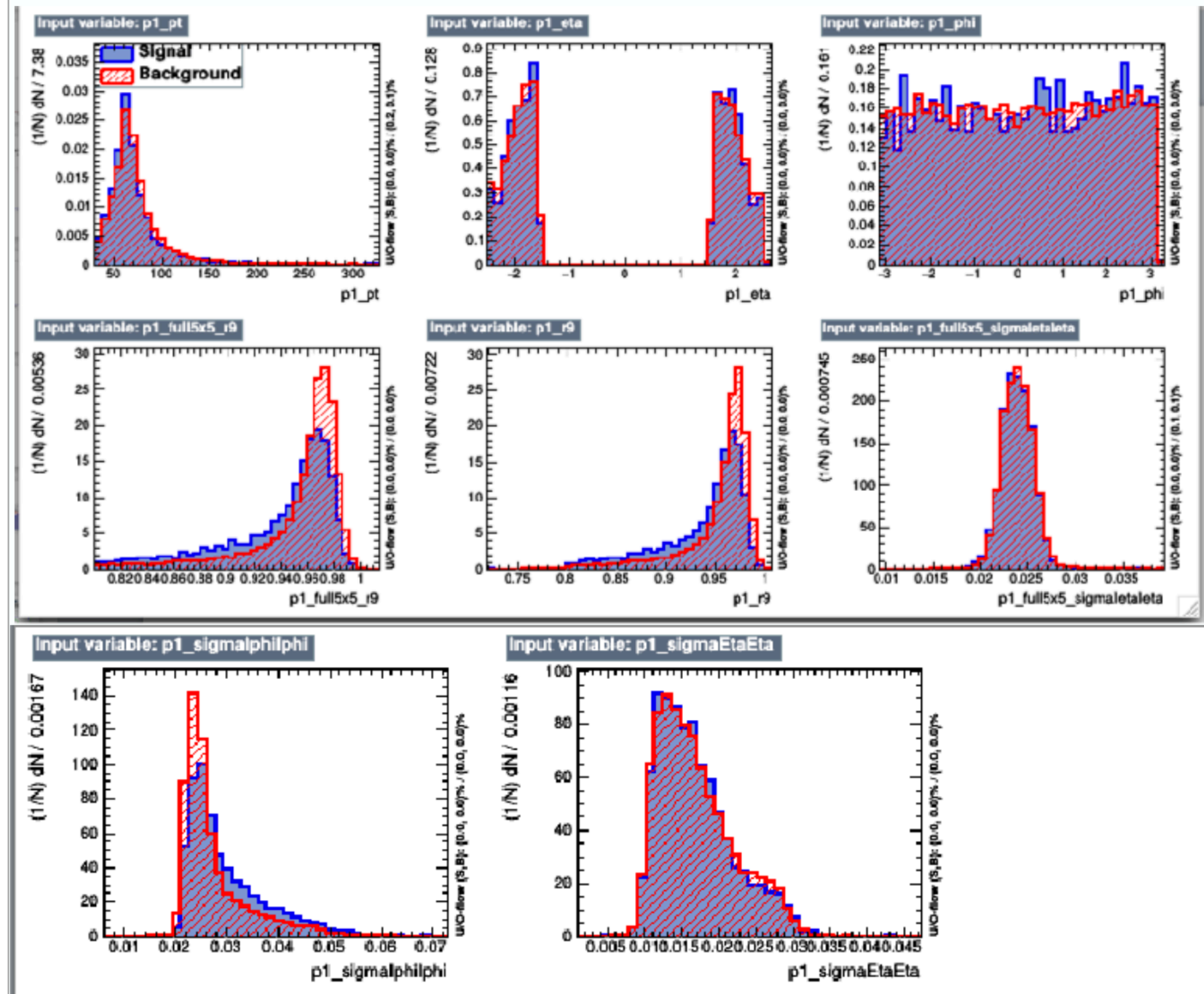
Input Variables



# CUSTOM ID FOR 2 PHOTON CATEGORY

$Abs(eta) > 1.5$  ECAL Endcap

Input Variables

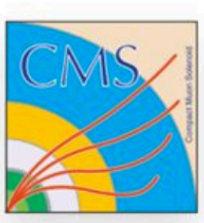






# SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

- Presented  $h(125) \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  analysis strategy
- Given the many different ongoing studies and possibilities..
- The first aim is to have the analysis completely ready for the 4 photon category



# BACKUP

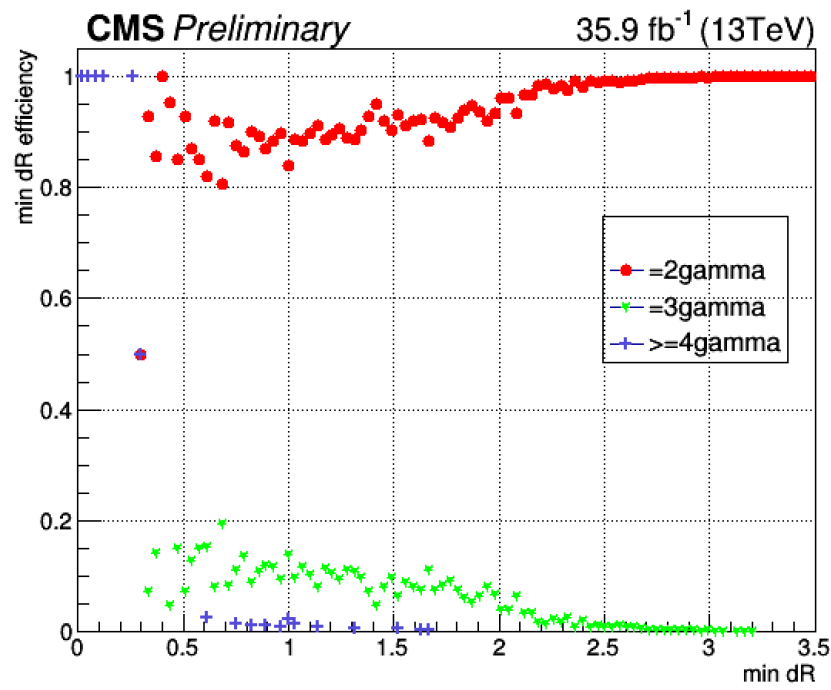


# Yields in each category

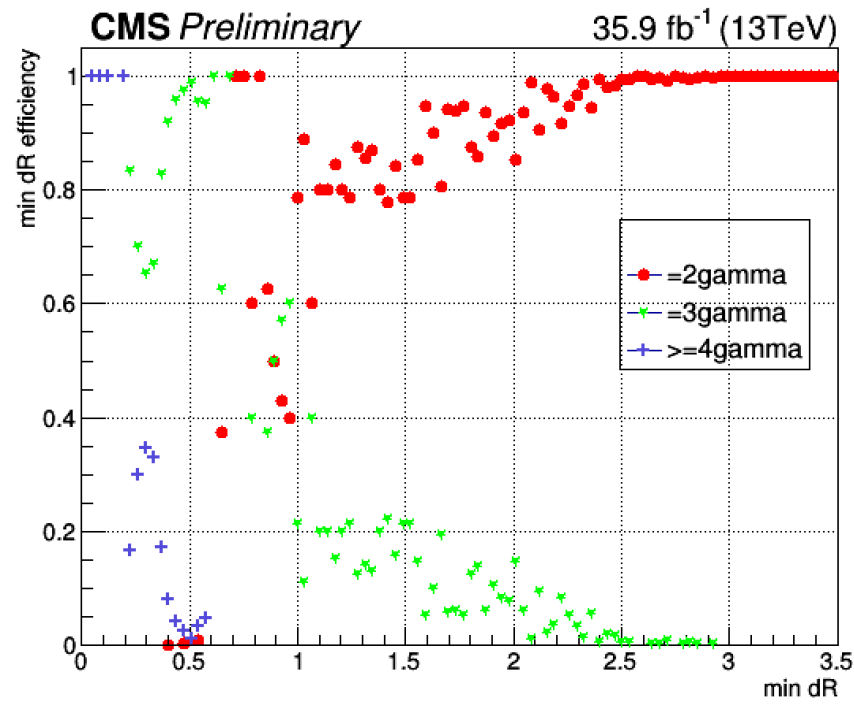
Yield = #of events after selection \* ( $L \cdot \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} / W$ )

m(a) GeV	4 Photon Cat		3 Photon Cat		2 Photon Cat	
0.1	0.006	0.037	0.159	0.193	8.52	1.57
1	0.002	0.023	0.034	0.089	1.19	0.54
5	0.002	0.022	0.015	0.060	0.57	0.37
10	0.835	0.452	2.788	0.847	2.40	0.78
15	1.674	0.639	4.474	1.083	2.79	0.84
20	1.801	0.664	4.852	1.133	2.94	0.86
25	1.894	0.682	5.067	1.161	3.12	0.89
30	1.841	0.672	5.084	1.163	3.20	0.90
35	1.877	0.679	5.145	1.171	3.26	0.91
40	2.017	0.705	4.987	1.151	3.13	0.89
45	2.263	0.753	4.767	1.128	2.72	0.83
50	2.753	0.831	4.321	1.063	1.97	0.70
55	3.989	1.019	4.207	1.049	1.18	0.53
60	5.766	1.255	4.060	1.032	0.88	0.46

## 0.1 GeV



## 10 GeV



## 60 GeV

