

# Accumulating Evidence for New Higgs Bosons at the LHC

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**Workshop on Multi-Higgs Models**

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Simplified Model Analysis
- Explanation in 2HDM-Type1
- General Aligned 2HDM
- Summary & Conclusion

# Motivation

## Hints for new Higgs Bosons

- **Minimality** of the scalar sector of the SM **not guaranteed** theoretically Full Run 2 Data
- **ATLAS** recently performed **Model-Independent** analysis of  $\gamma\gamma + X$  for **SM Higgs**
- Analysis involves **22 signal regions**

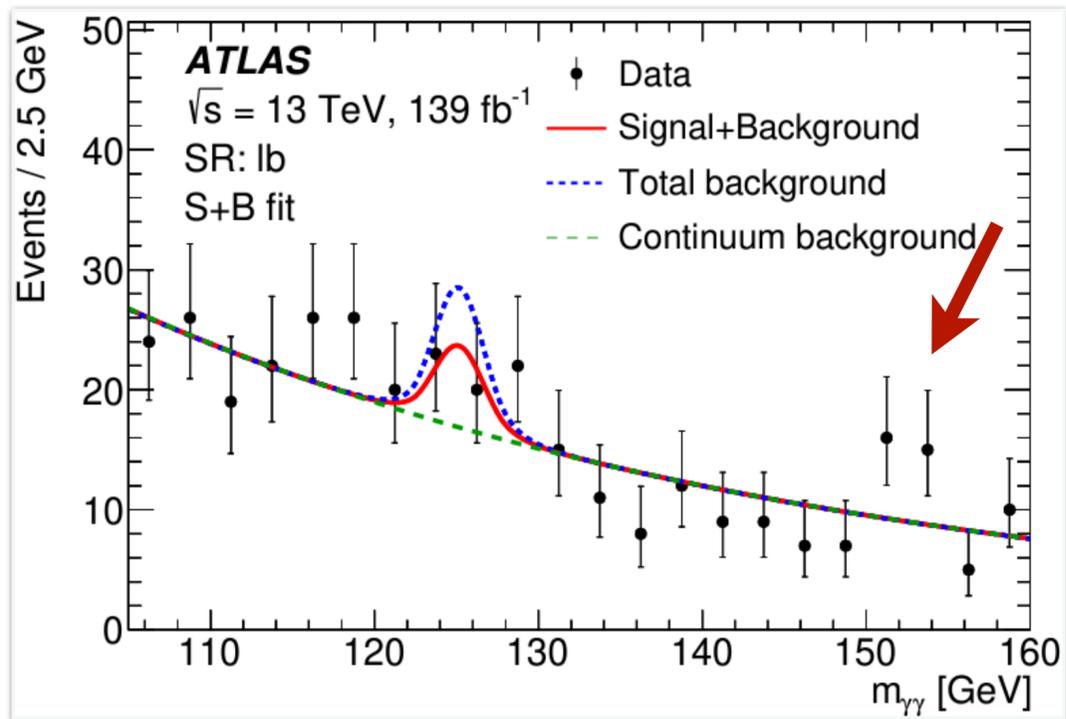


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| SRs | $\geq 3b$    | $\geq 4b$ | $\geq 4j$   | $\geq 6j$  | $\geq 8j$    | $H_T > 500$        | $H_T > 1000$       | $H_T > 1500$       | $lb$               | $t_{lep}$               | $t_{had}$               |
| SRs | $\geq 1\ell$ | $2\ell$   | $2\ell - Z$ | $SS-2\ell$ | $\geq 3\ell$ | $E_{miss}^T > 100$ | $E_{miss}^T > 200$ | $E_{miss}^T > 300$ | $1\tau$ or $2\tau$ | $m_{\gamma\gamma}^{12}$ | $m_{\gamma\gamma}^{23}$ |

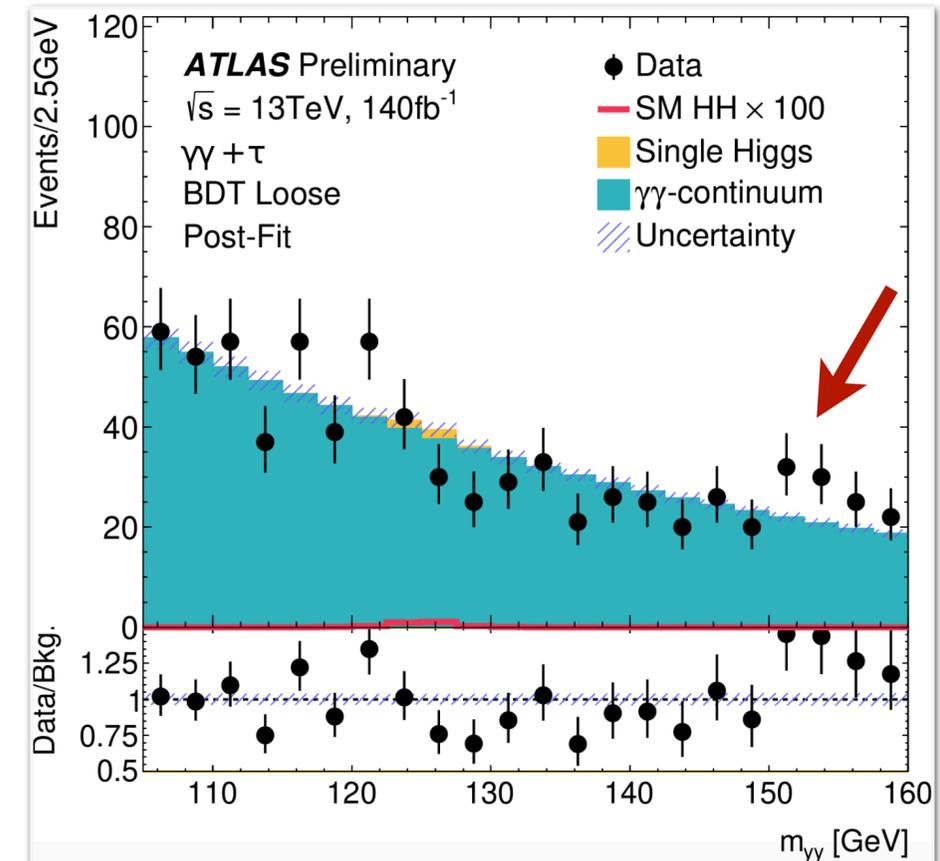
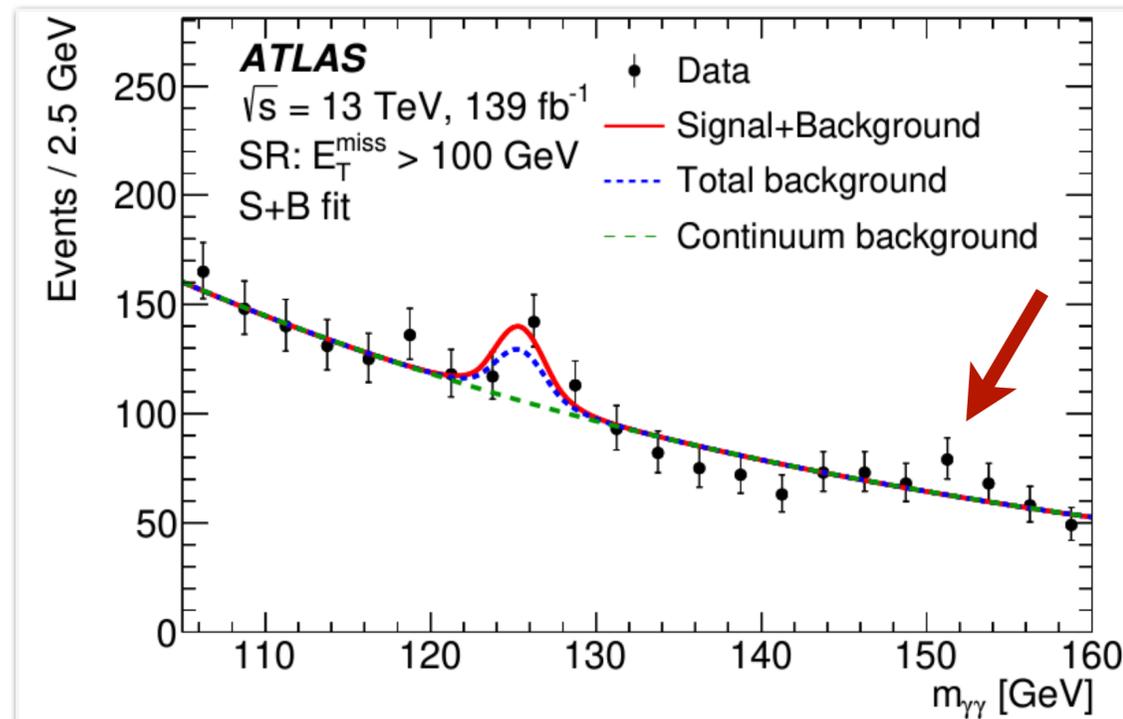
# Motivation

## Hints for new Higgs Bosons

- Excesses Most Pronounced:  $\gamma\gamma + \ell b$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + \text{MET}$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + 1\tau$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + 4j$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + 1\ell$



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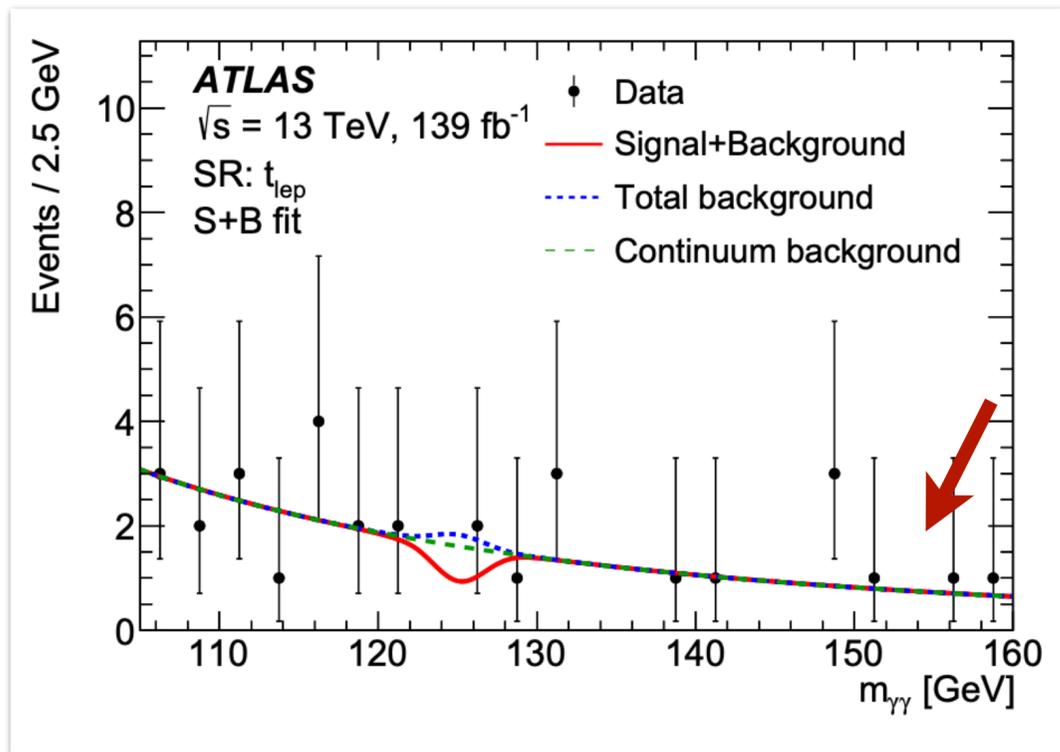
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- Possible new Higgs Boson?

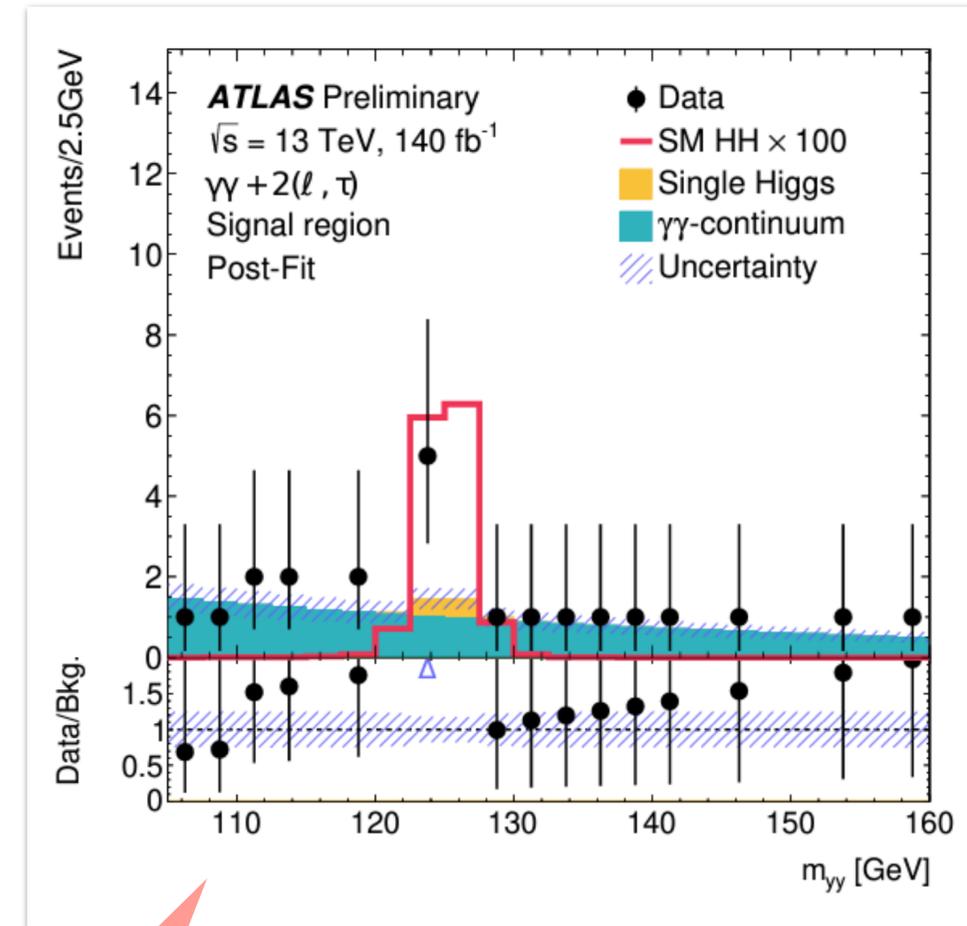
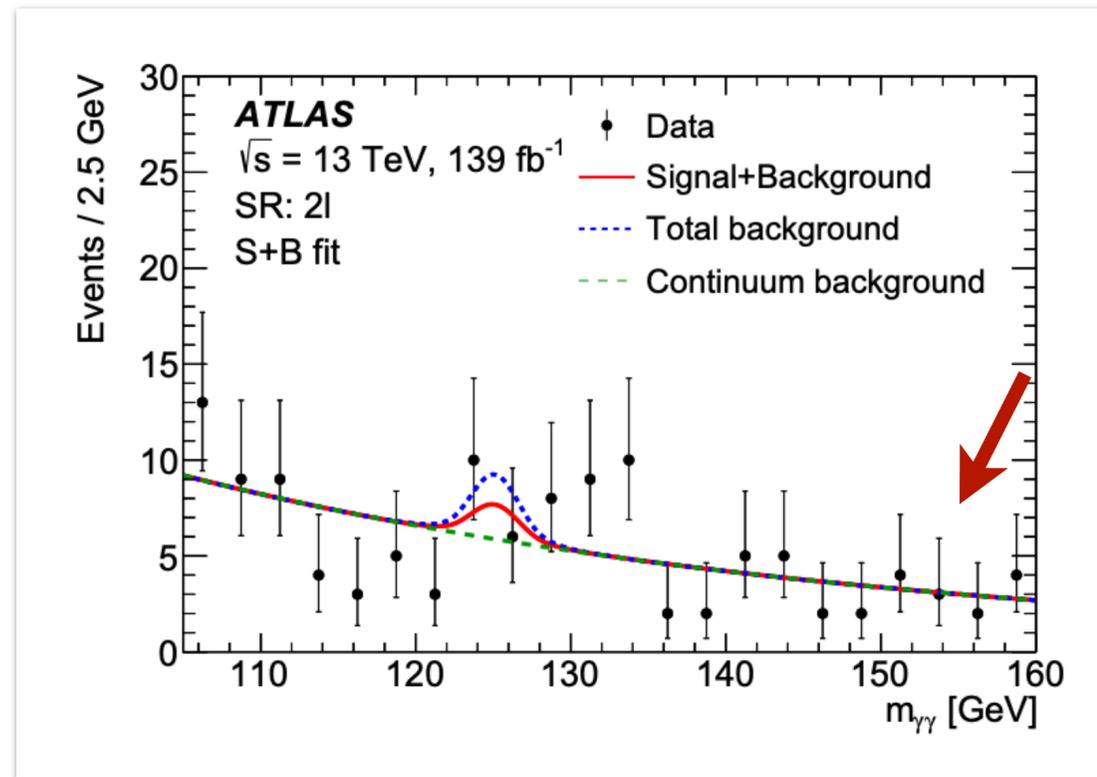
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## Hints for new Higgs Bosons

- No Excesses at 152 GeV in SRs:  $\gamma\gamma + t_{lep}$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + 2\ell$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + 2\tau$ ,



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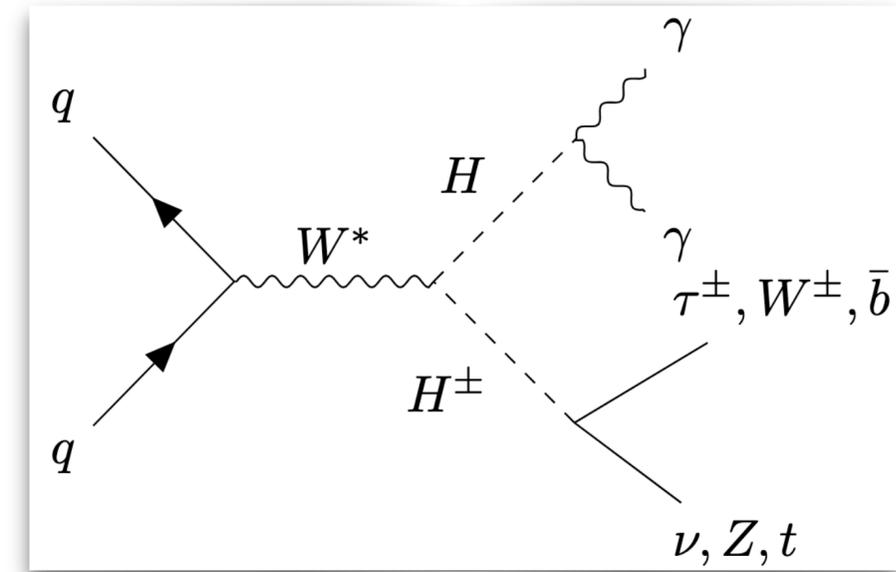
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Point towards  
associated  $H^\pm$

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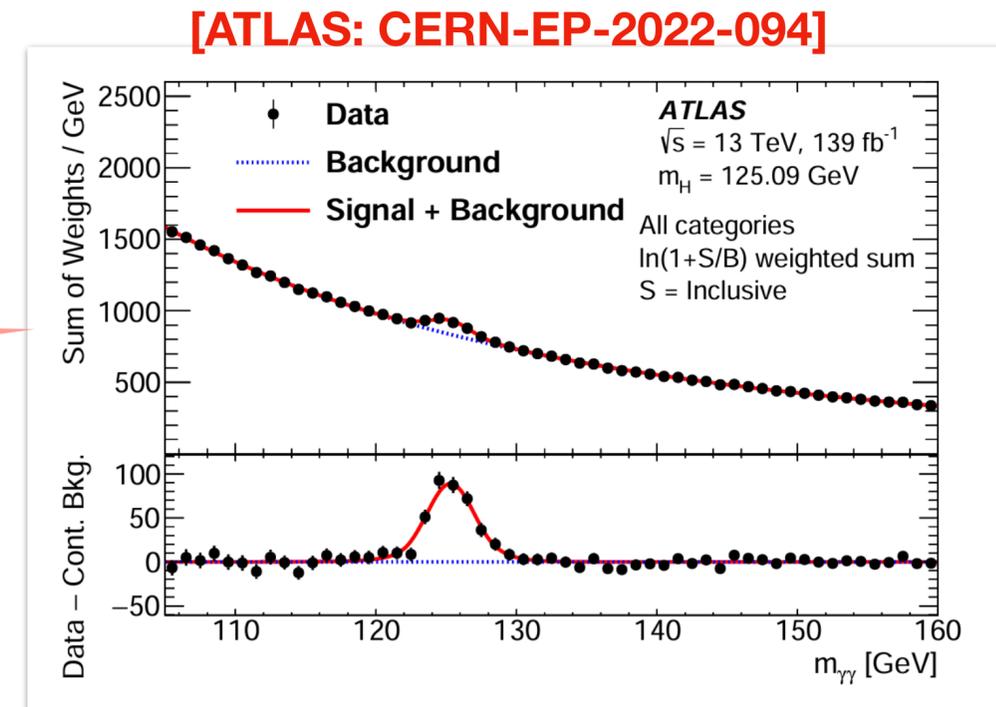
## Hints for new Higgs Bosons

- Hints towards **DY production** of new Higgs at LHC



- No excess in **Inclusive Searches**

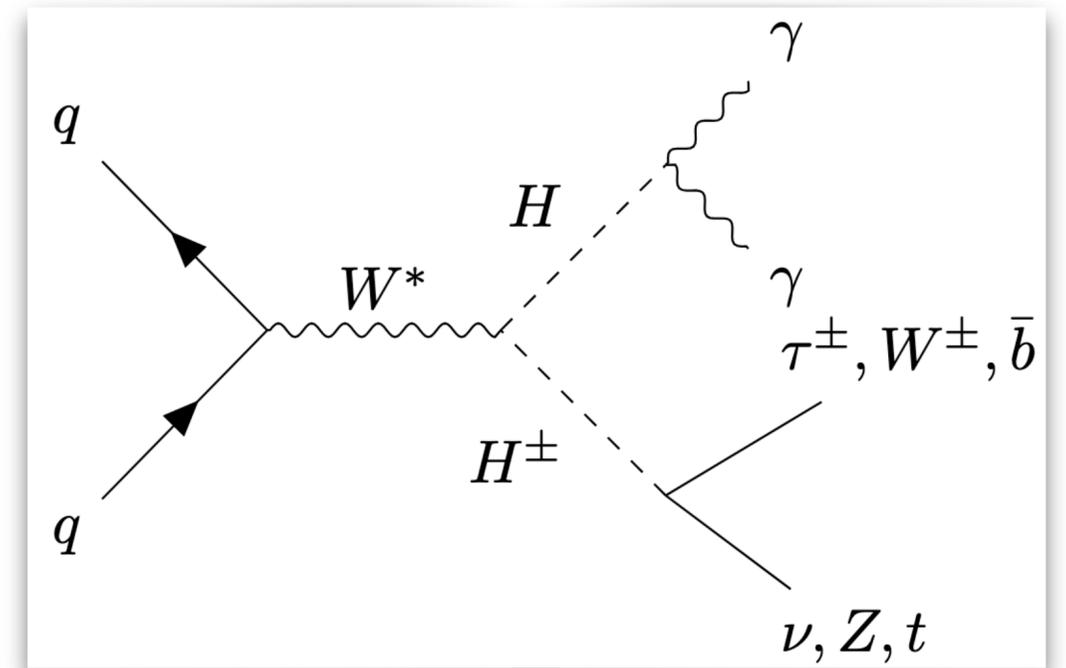
Full Run 2 Data



# Simplified Model

## Model Description

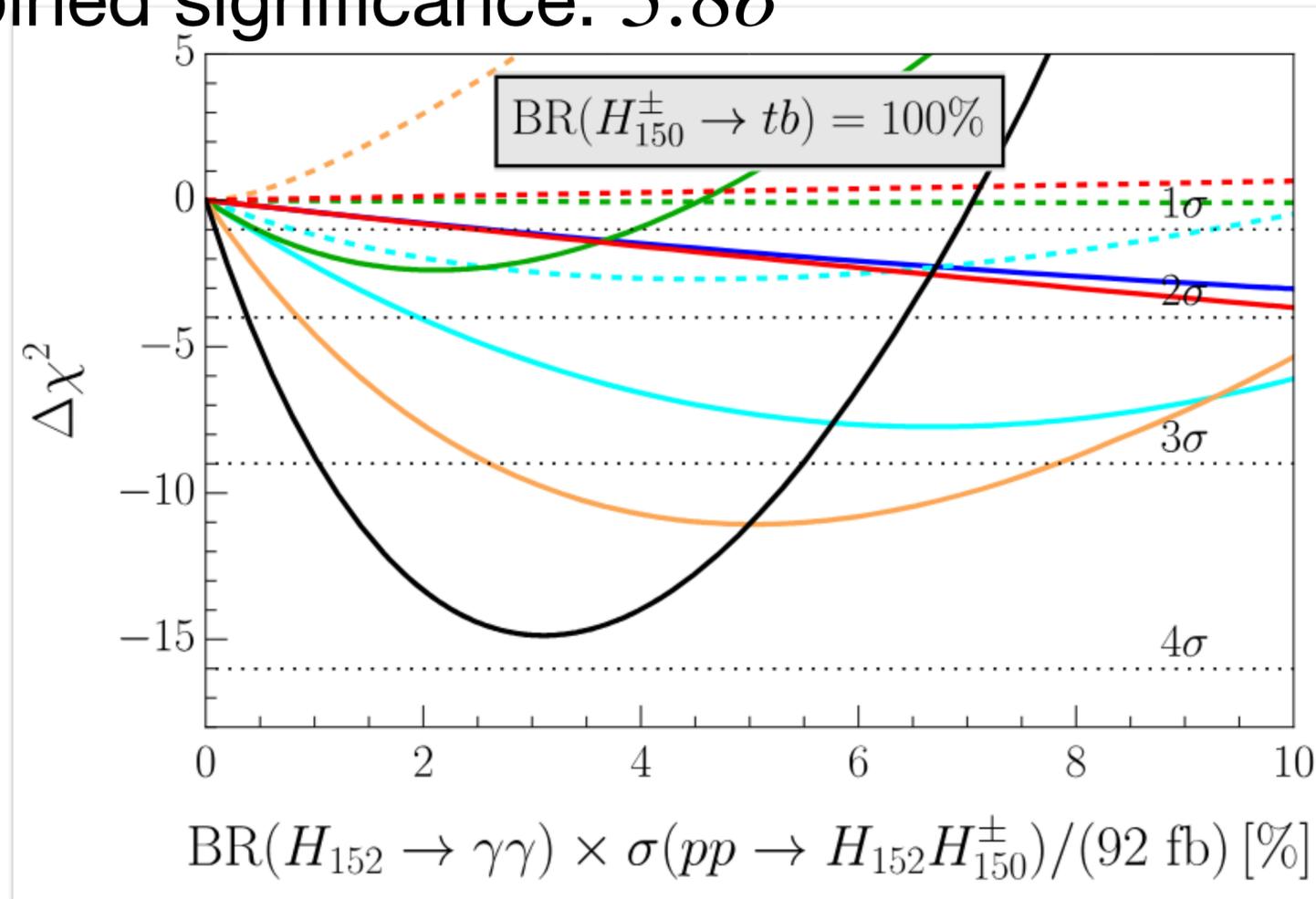
- Two New Particles:  $H$ ,  $H^\pm$
- $H$  produced only via DY process
- Dominant decays of  $H^\pm$ :  $tb$ ,  $\tau\nu$ ,  $WZ$
- UFO Model generated using FeynRules
- Simulation Setup: MadGraph + Pythia + Delphes
- Log-Likelihood Fit performed using Poisson Statistics



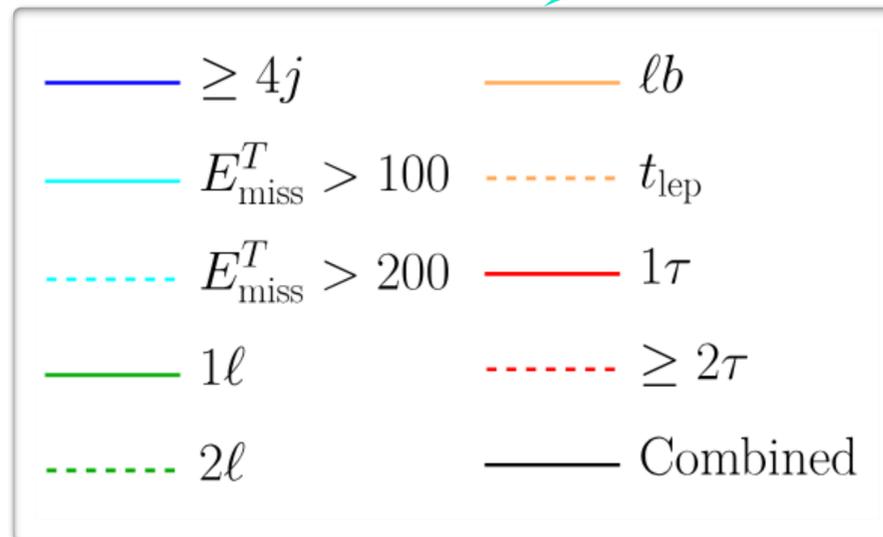
# Simplified Model

## Charged Higgs Decay

- $\text{BR}(H^\pm \rightarrow tb \rightarrow bbW) = 100\%$
- Dominant Effect:  $\gamma\gamma + \ell b, \gamma\gamma + MET, \gamma\gamma + 1\ell, \gamma\gamma + t_{\text{lep}}$
- Combined significance:  $3.8\sigma$



Relevant SRs

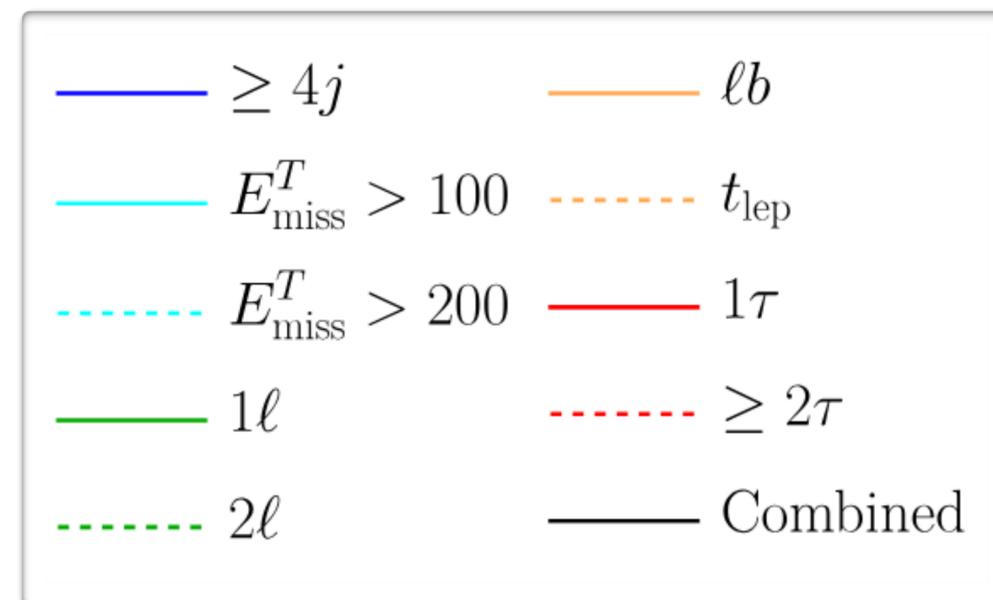
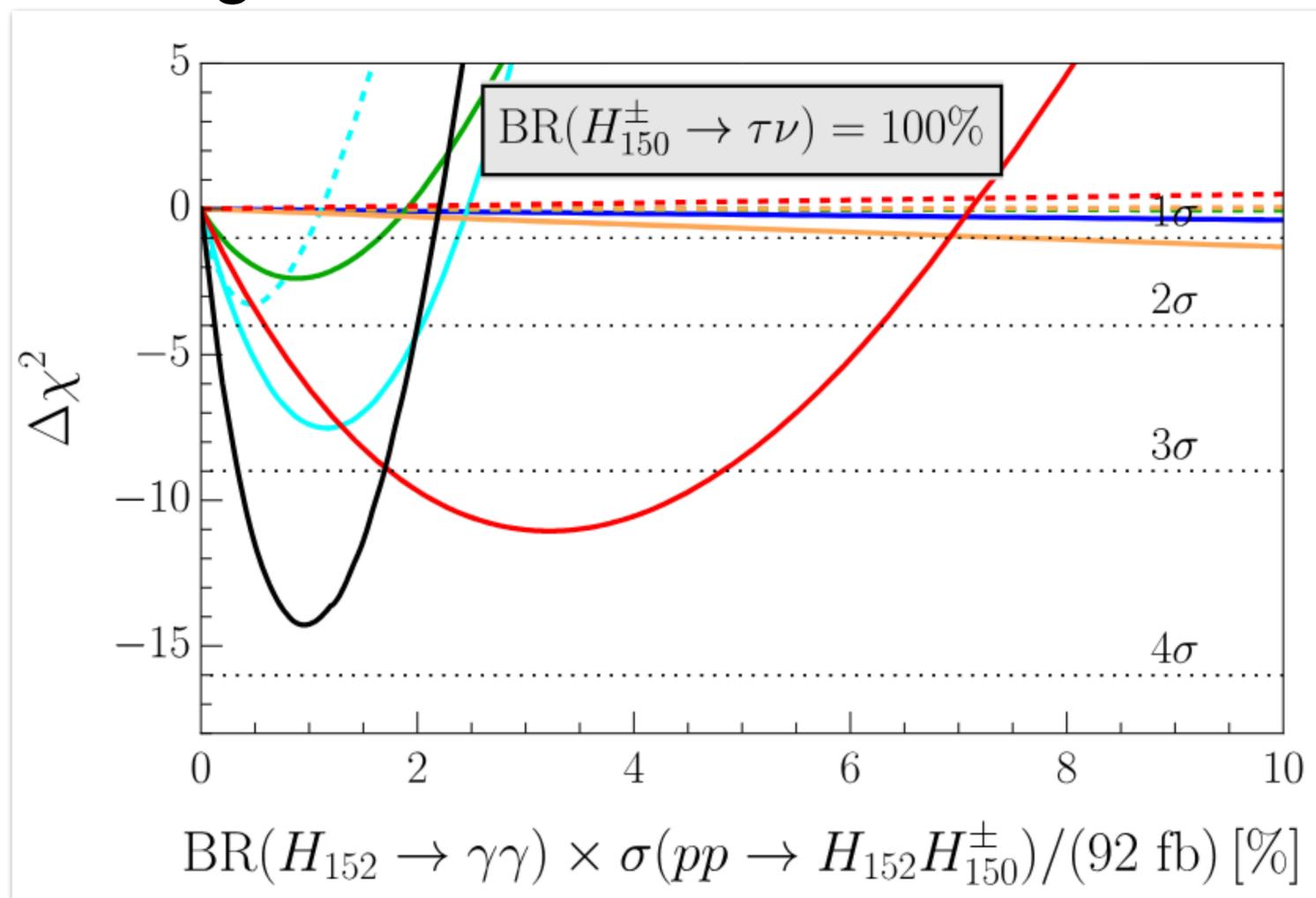


Cross-section Normalized to a  $SU(2)_L$  doublet

# Simplified Model

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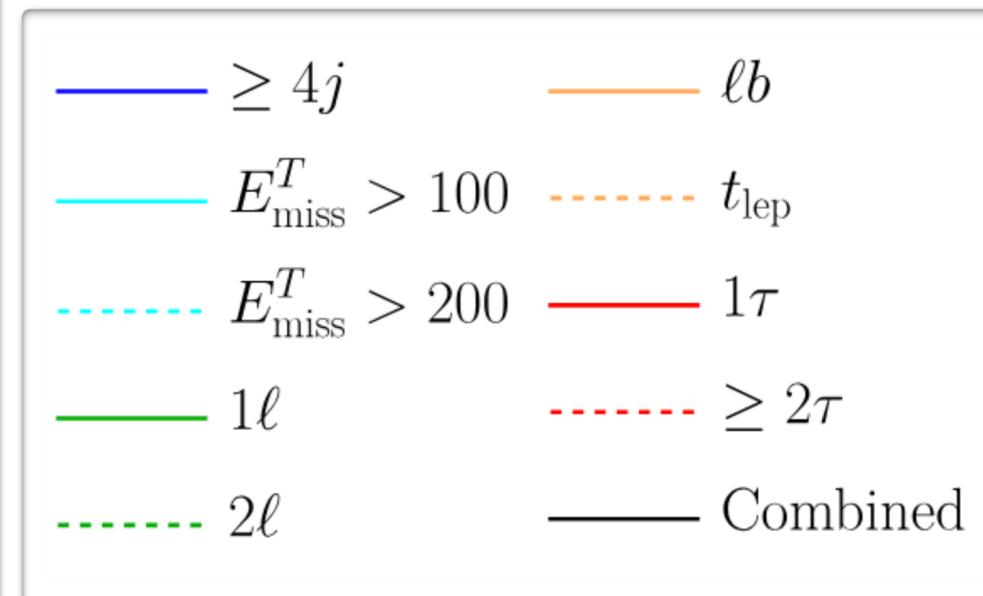
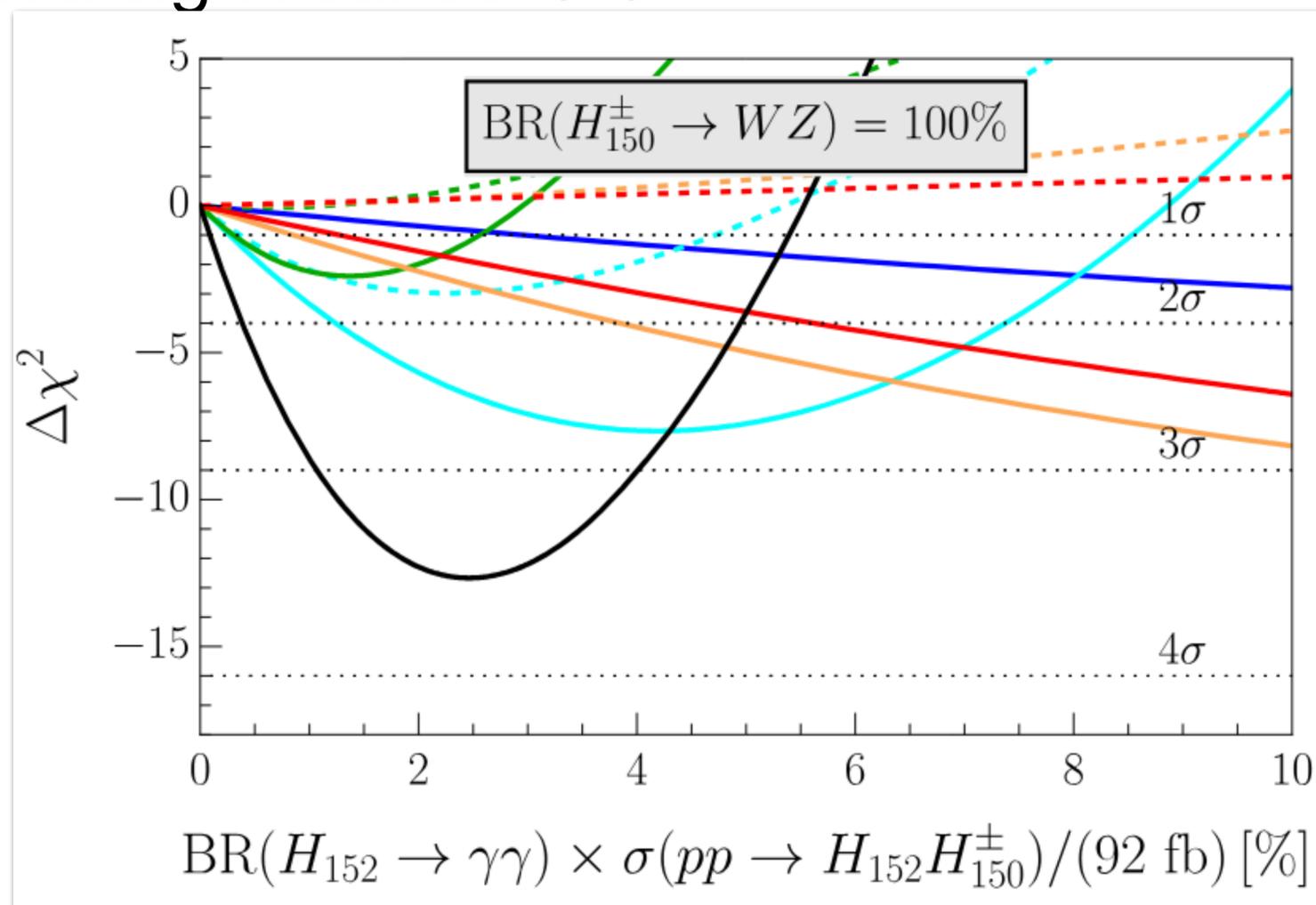
## Charged Higgs Decays

○  $BR(H^\pm \rightarrow WZ) = 100\%$

Dominant in Triplet Model  
(See Talk of G. Coloretti)

○ Dominant Effect:  $\gamma\gamma + MET$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + 1\ell$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + 2\ell$ ,  $\gamma\gamma + 2\tau$

○ Combined significance:  $3.5\sigma$



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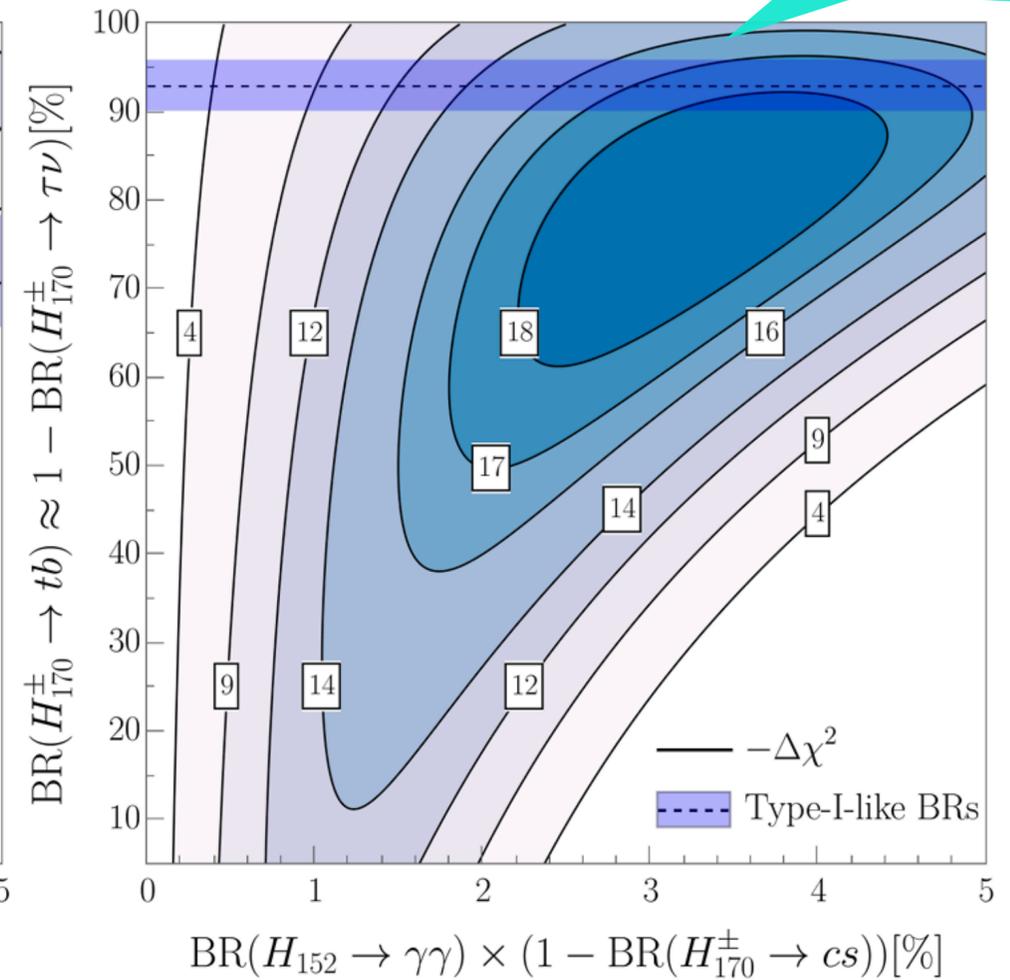
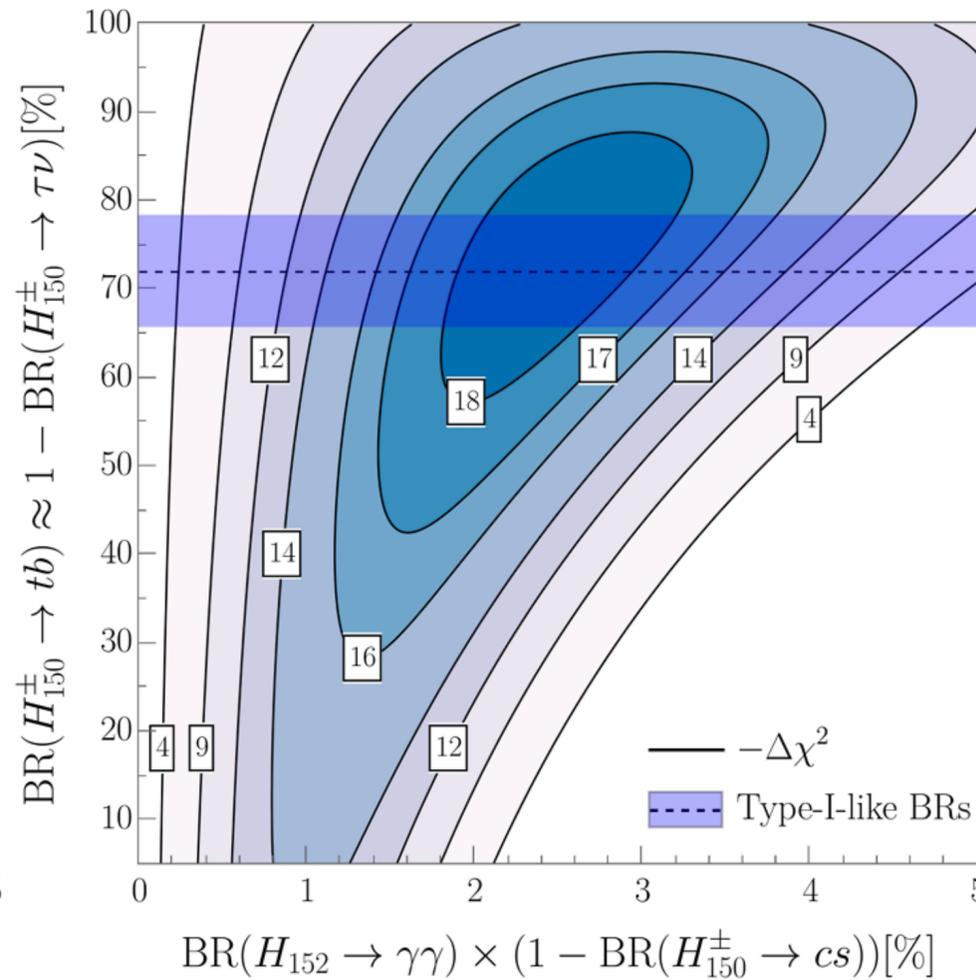
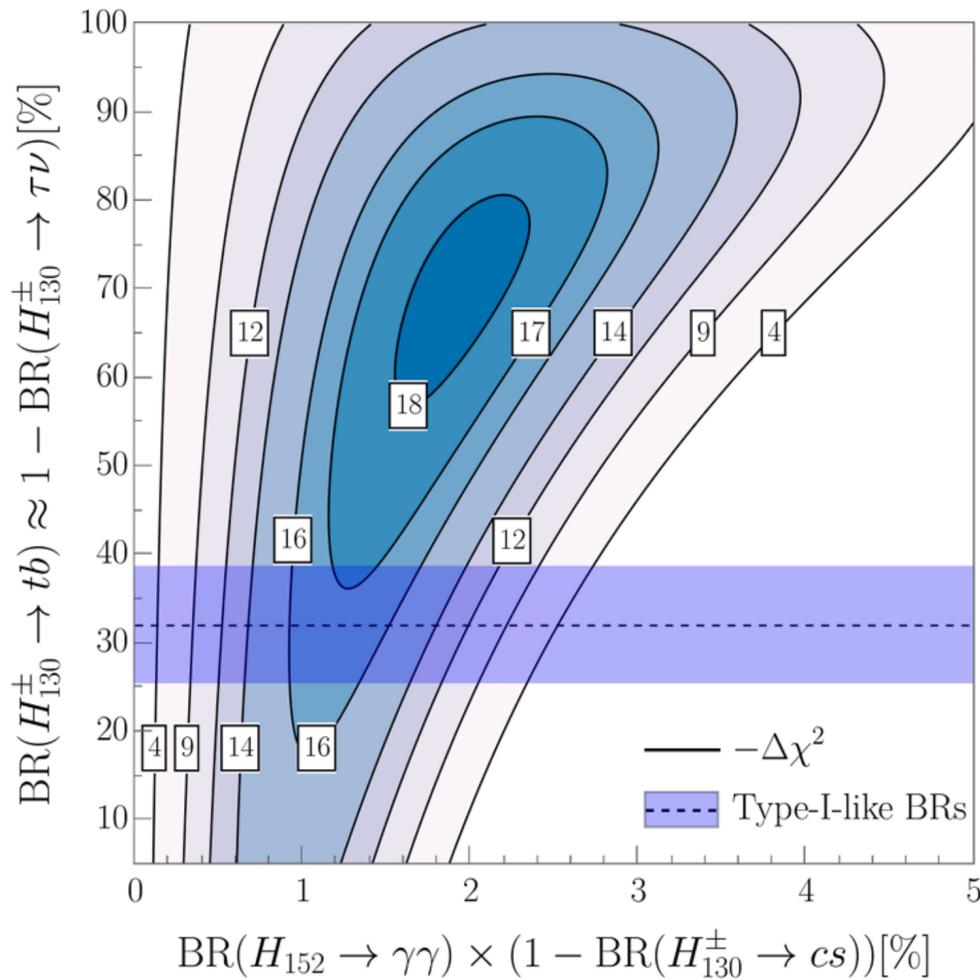
## Charged Higgs Decays

○ Combined decay modes:  $H^\pm \rightarrow tb$ ,  $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu$

$H^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm Z$   
suppressed in  
2HDM

○  $-\Delta\chi^2$  increases with  $m_{H^\pm}$  due to enhanced  $\gamma\gamma + lb$  vs  $\gamma\gamma + t_{lep}$

$H^\pm \rightarrow cs$  has  
small impact



○  $BR(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  increases with  $m_{H^\pm}$

# Model Building

## Key Points

- Small total production cross-section
- Dominant DY production cross-section
- Large  $\text{BR}(H^\pm \rightarrow tb)$  and  $\text{BR}(H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu)$
- Small  $\text{BR}(H^\pm \rightarrow WZ)$  to avoid multiple leptons
- Sizable  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

# Explanation in 2HDM

## Description

- Two  $SU(2)_L$  doublets:  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$
- Scalar potential

$$V(\phi_1, \phi_2) = m_{11}\phi_1^\dagger\phi_1 + m_{22}\phi_2^\dagger\phi_2 - m_{12}^2(\phi_1^\dagger\phi_2 + \text{h.c.}) + \lambda_1(\phi_1^\dagger\phi_1)^2 + \lambda_2(\phi_2^\dagger\phi_2)^2 + \lambda_3(\phi_1^\dagger\phi_1)(\phi_2^\dagger\phi_2) + \lambda_4(\phi_1^\dagger\phi_2)(\phi_2^\dagger\phi_1) + \lambda_5((\phi_1^\dagger\phi_2)^2 + \text{h.c.})$$

- Scalar Particles:  $h, H, A, H^\pm$
- Free Parameters:  $m_h, m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm}, m_{12}^2, \tan \beta = v_2/v_1, \alpha$

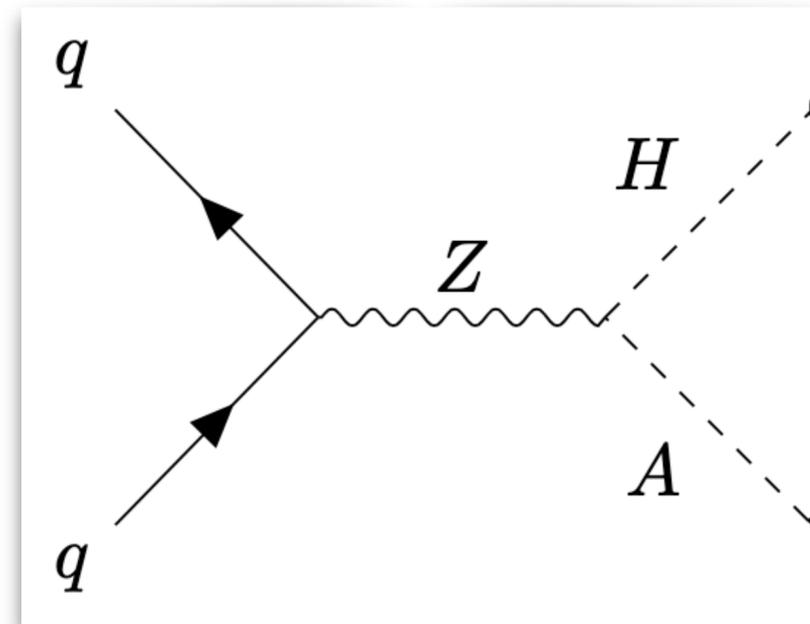
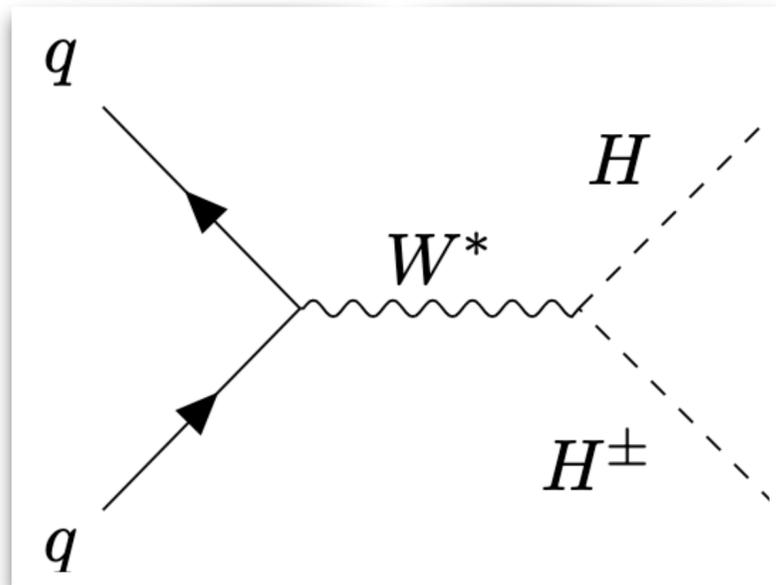
# Explanation in 2HDM

## Type-I

- Yukawa Sector

$$Y = -\bar{Q}_L\phi_2d_R - \bar{Q}_L\phi_2^c u_R - \bar{L}_L\phi_2e_R$$

- Suppressed gluon-fusion, VBF, VH cross-section of  $H$  for large  $\tan\beta$
- Dominant production channels for  $H$



Small for large  $m_A$

# Explanation in 2HDM

## Type-I

- Dominant decay modes of  $H^\pm$ :  $\tau\nu$ ,  $tb$

- Considered Benchmark Point:

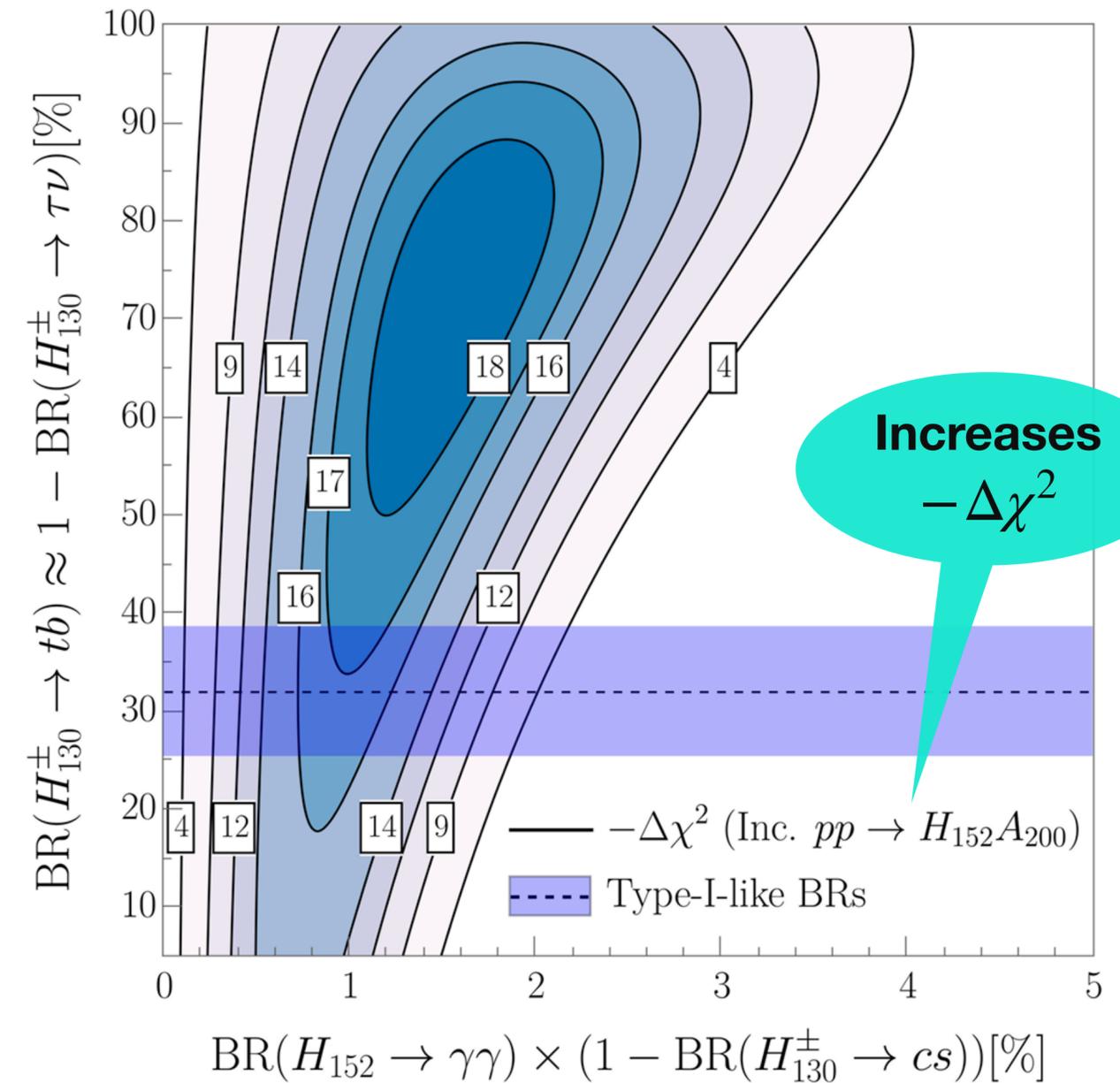
$$m_H = 152 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^\pm} = 130 \text{ GeV}, \alpha - \beta \approx \pi/2$$

$$m_A = 200 \text{ GeV}, \tan \beta = 20, m_{12}^2 = 1100 \text{ GeV}$$

- $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  required at the percent level

- Possible with Effective Operator:  $F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}\phi_1^\dagger\phi_2 + \text{h.c}$

Possible in composite models



# General 2HDM

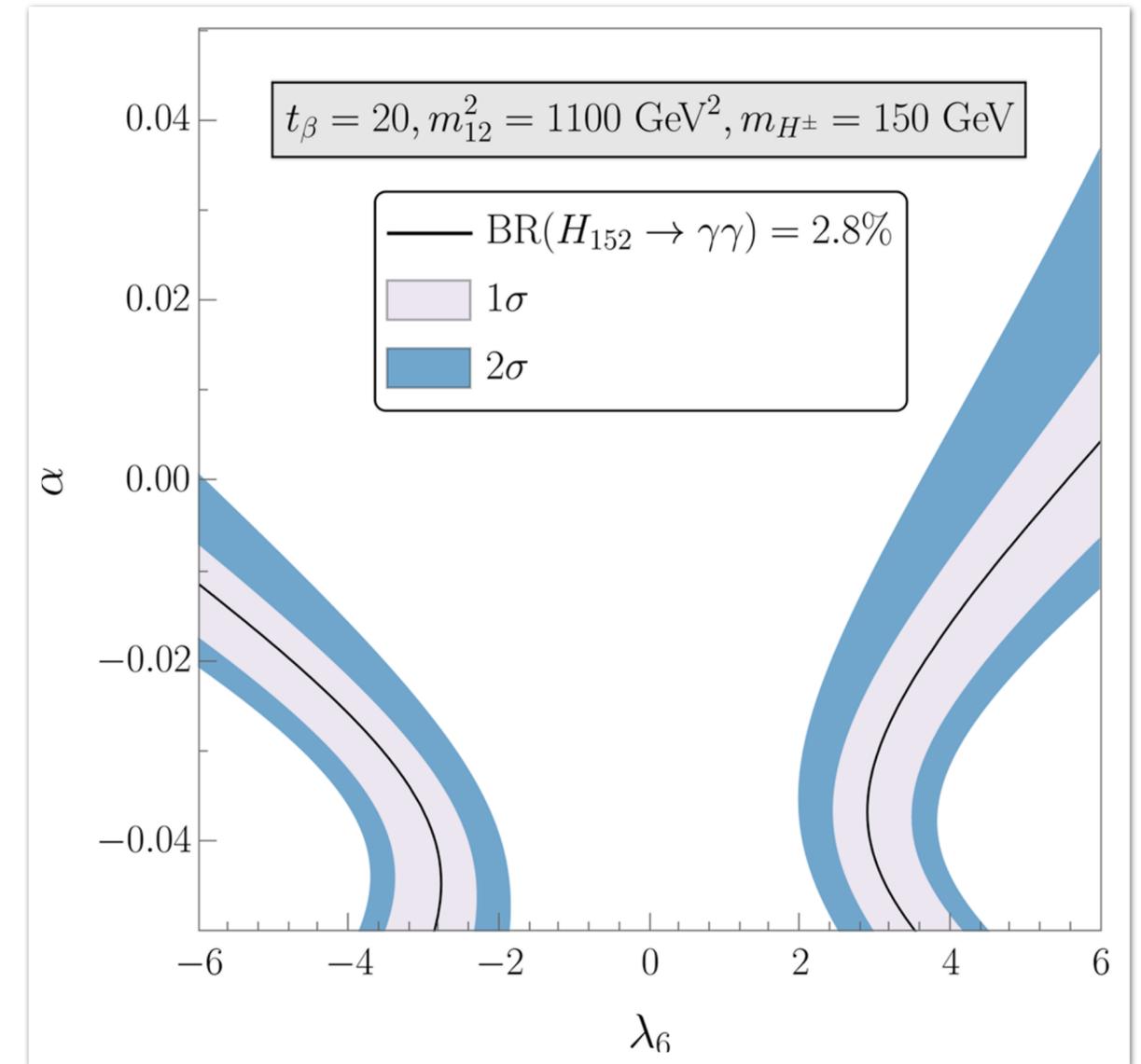
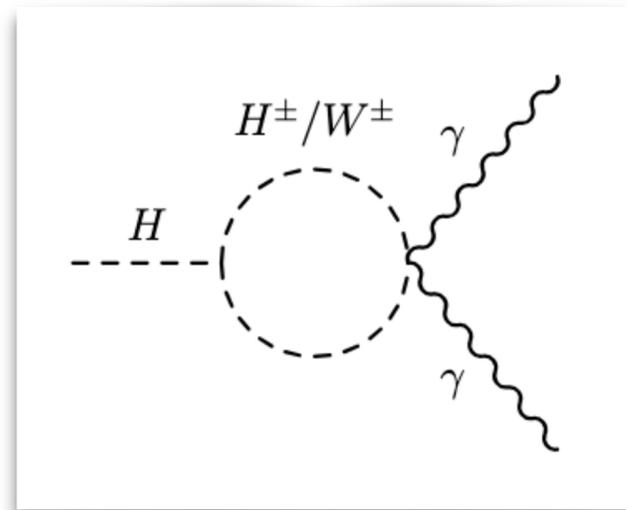
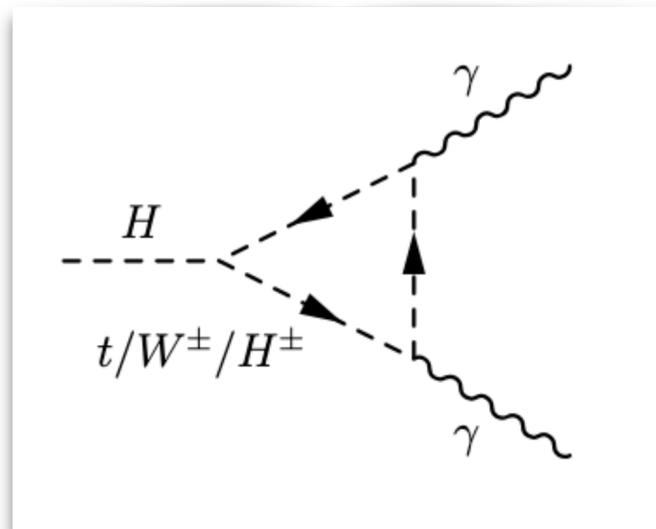
## Large $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- Large  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  possible in **general 2HDM**

$Z_2$  symmetry broken

$$\mathcal{L} \in -\lambda_6 H_1^\dagger H_1 H_2^\dagger H_2 + \text{h.c.}, \dots$$

- Modifies the  $HH^\pm H^\mp$  vertex
- Enhanced**  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  via  $H^\pm$  loop



# General 2HDM

## FCNC & CP-Violation

- General 2HDM may lead to FCNC at tree-level
- Avoided in flavour aligned 2HDM
- If 152 GeV is CP-odd, large  $\text{Im}(\lambda_6)$  required for  $\text{BR}(A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

$$\mathcal{L} \in -\lambda_6 H_1^\dagger H_1 H_2^\dagger H_1 + \text{h.c.}, \dots$$

- Leads to additional CP-violation

# Summary & Outlook

- **Model-Independent** analysis by ATLAS of  $\gamma\gamma + X$  in 22 SRs
- Excesses observed in **some SRs**
- Hints for **associated production** of Neutral Higgs Boson
- Explanation possible in **2HDM + an effective operator**
- Large  $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  in **general aligned 2HDM**

**Thank you for your attention!**