



PARALLEL 1 / Electroweak physics



Overall assessment of projects (including HL-LHC inputs)

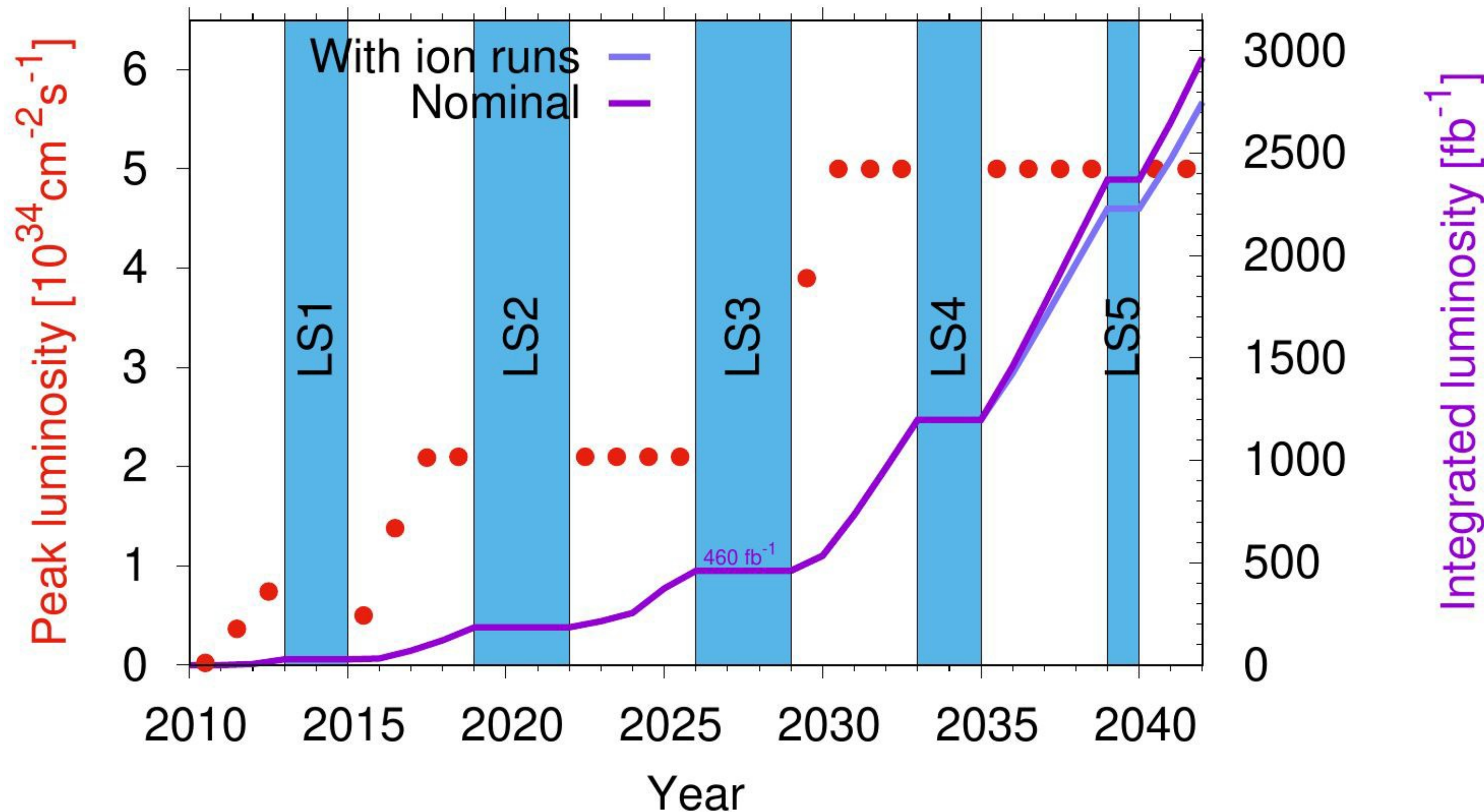
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Introduction

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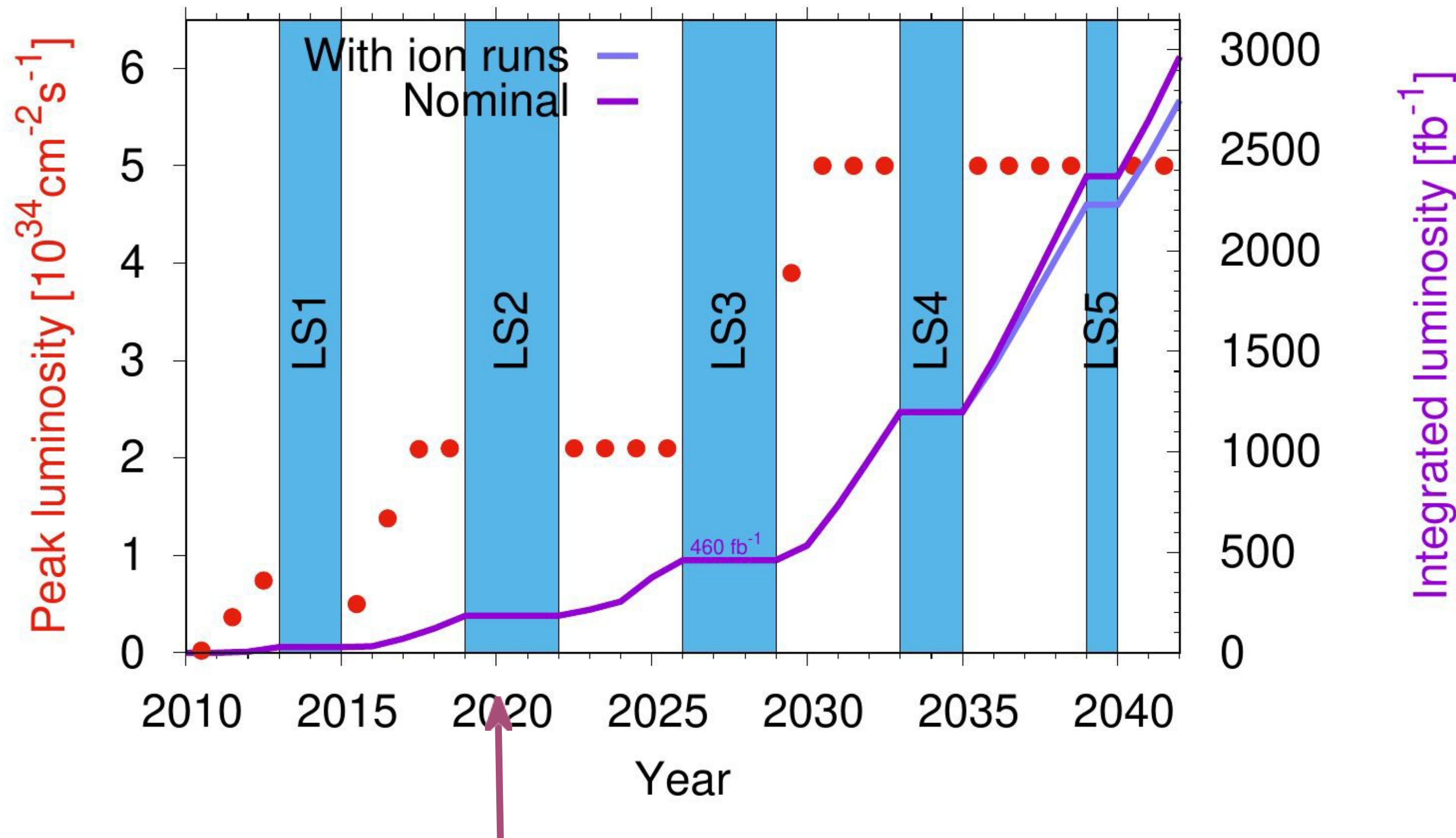
~ 36.7M HH events at 3000 fb⁻¹
for CMS+ATLAS

~ 367M singleH events at 3000
for CMS+ATLAS fb⁻¹

Lots of statistics → precise
measurements

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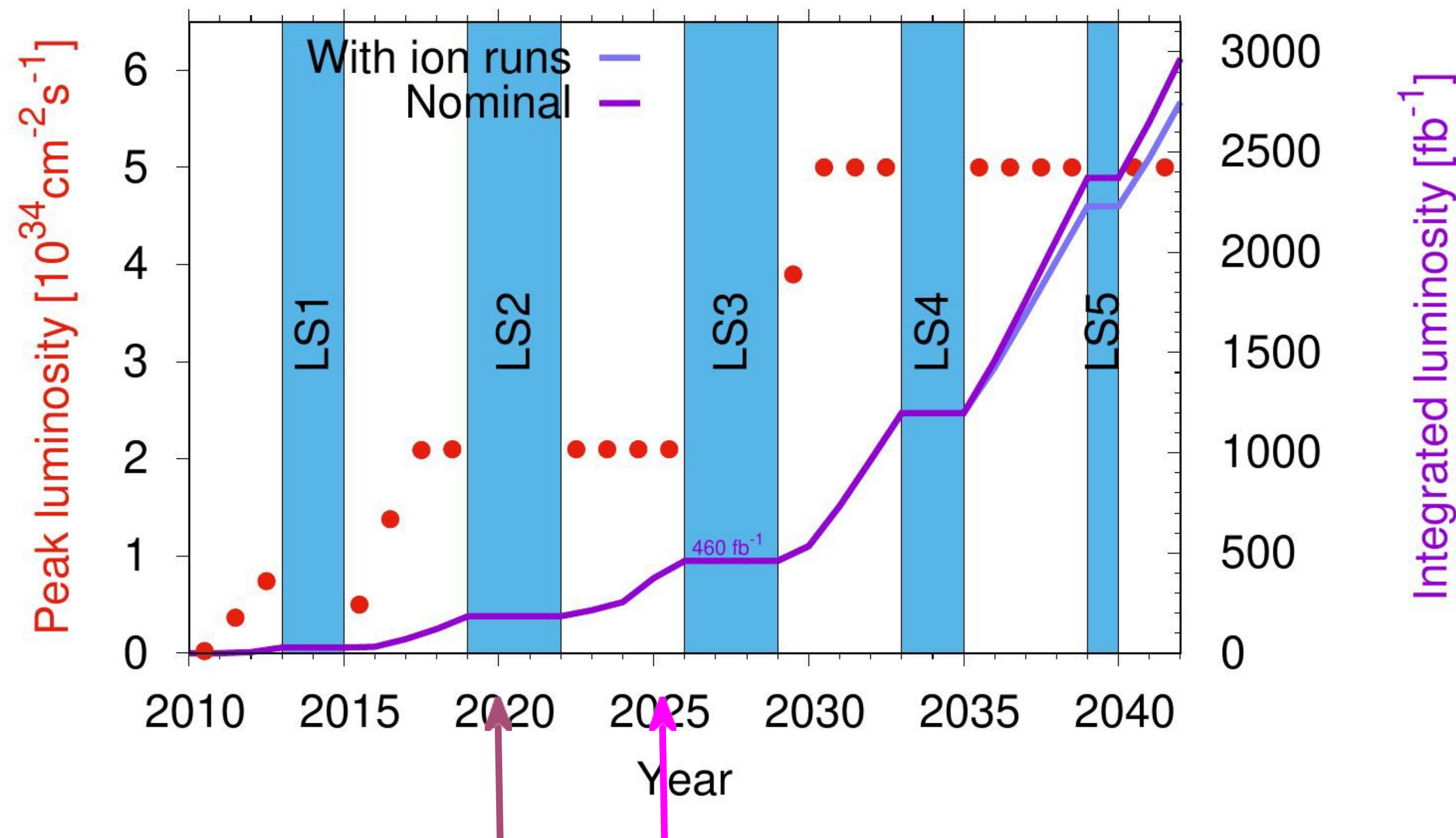
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- European Strategy for Particle Physics is the cornerstone for Europe's long-term decision making process
- Last update from 2020
- Priority on the successful completion of the High-Luminosity LHC over the coming decade
- Higgs factory as the highest priority to follow the LHC

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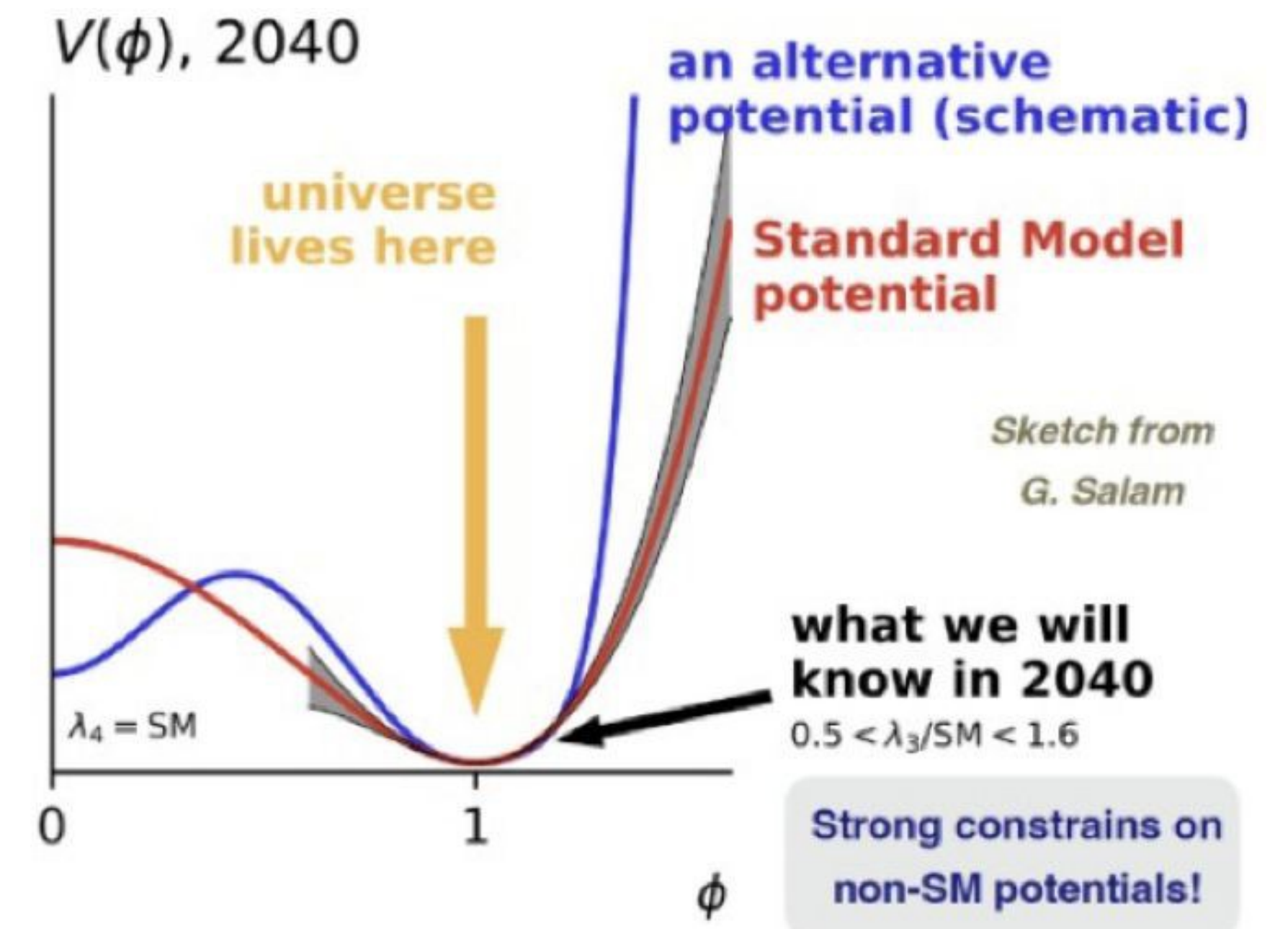
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 - more lumi + new analysis technique explored in the past 5 years
- unique update the expected precision on the Higgs couplings



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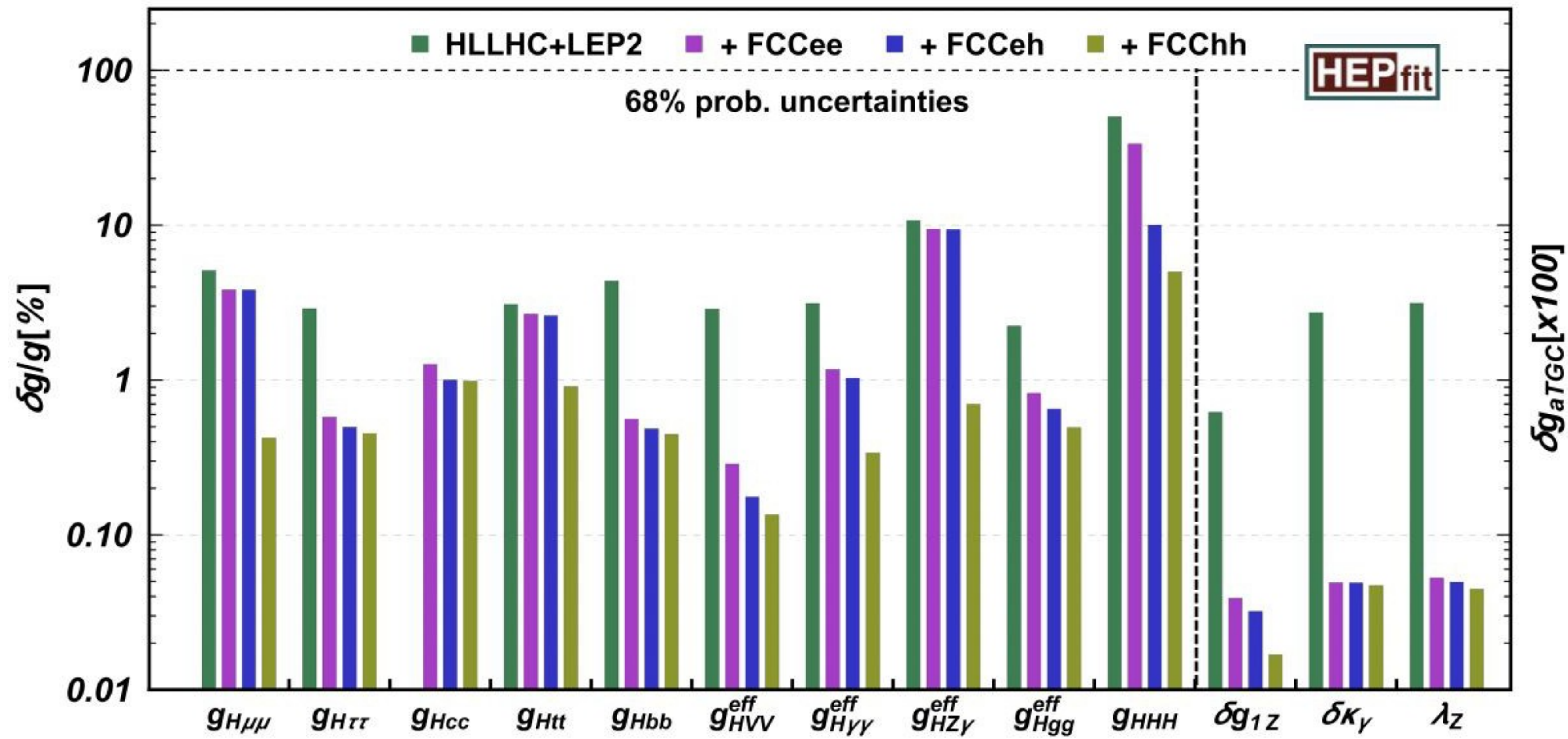
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 - establishing the shape of the electroweak vacuum
 - stability of the universe

First attempt to give a proper answer to those questions



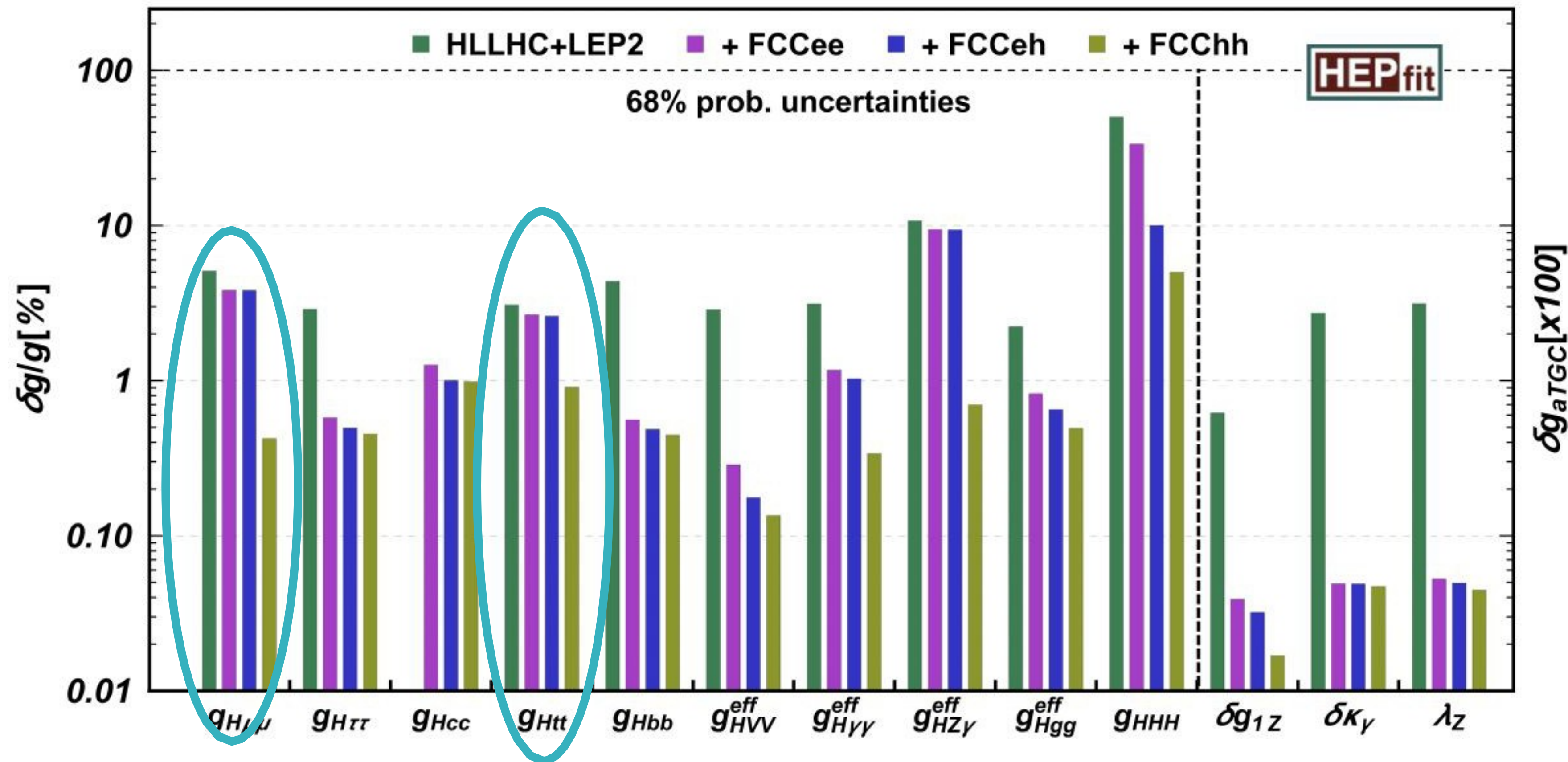
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- optimize both the inclusive measurement of the signal strength (especially in the rare channels)

Single H precision - $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$

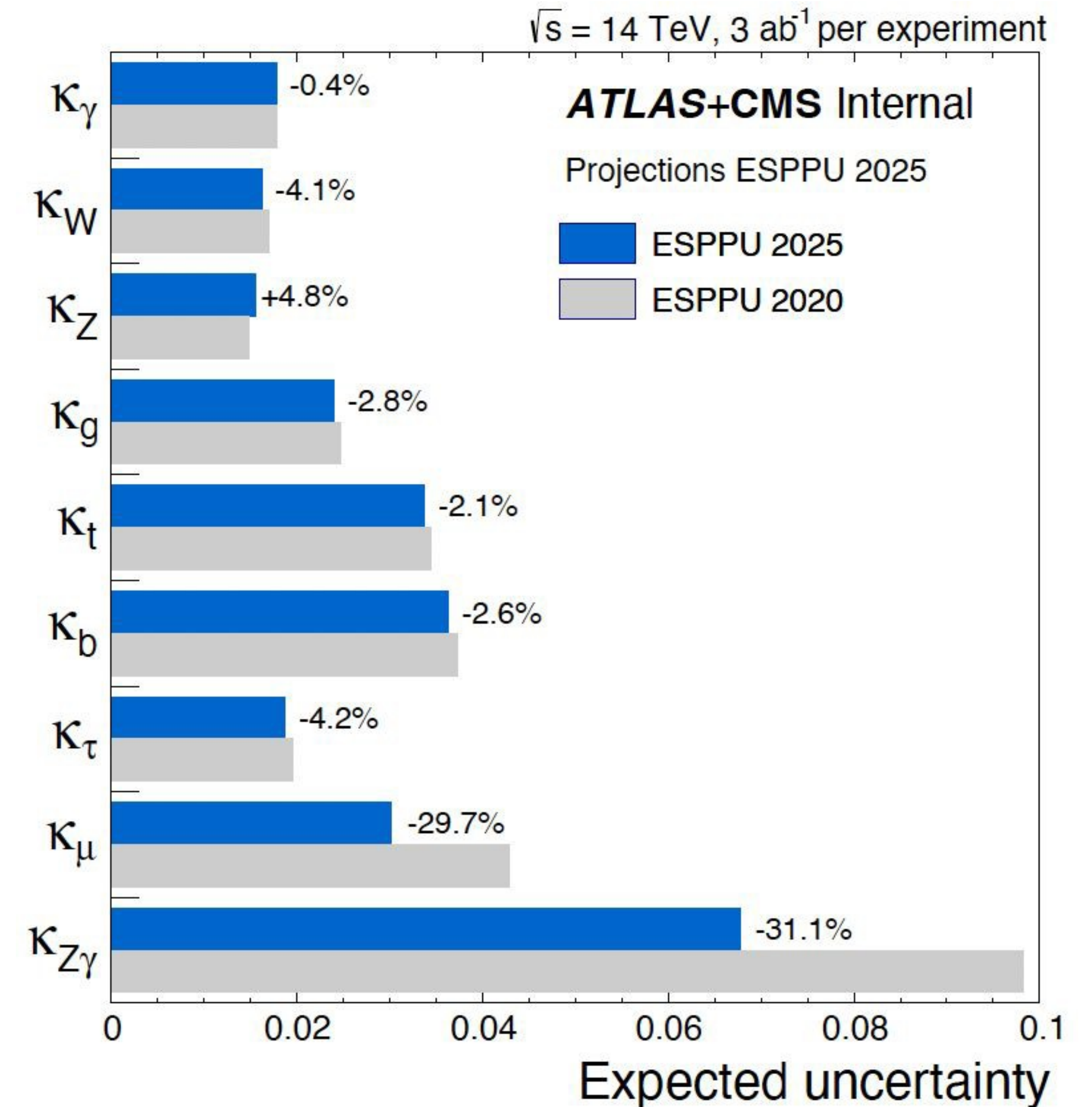
- At present, unmeasured Higgs coupling
- Relation between $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma/H \rightarrow ZZ$ ratios is sensitive to new physics
- The determination of the $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ signal is heavily limited by statistical uncertainties
- The $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decay is the most promising channel for measuring Higgs boson interactions with second generation fermions

$\mathcal{L}$		$\delta\mu[\%]$	
		$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$
2 ab^{-1}	ATLAS	21	13
	CMS	23	8.4
	ATLAS+CMS	15	7.1
3 ab^{-1}	ATLAS	17	11
	CMS	19	7.0
	ATLAS+CMS	14	5.9

Single experiment discovery will be reached at the intermediary stages of the HL-LHC

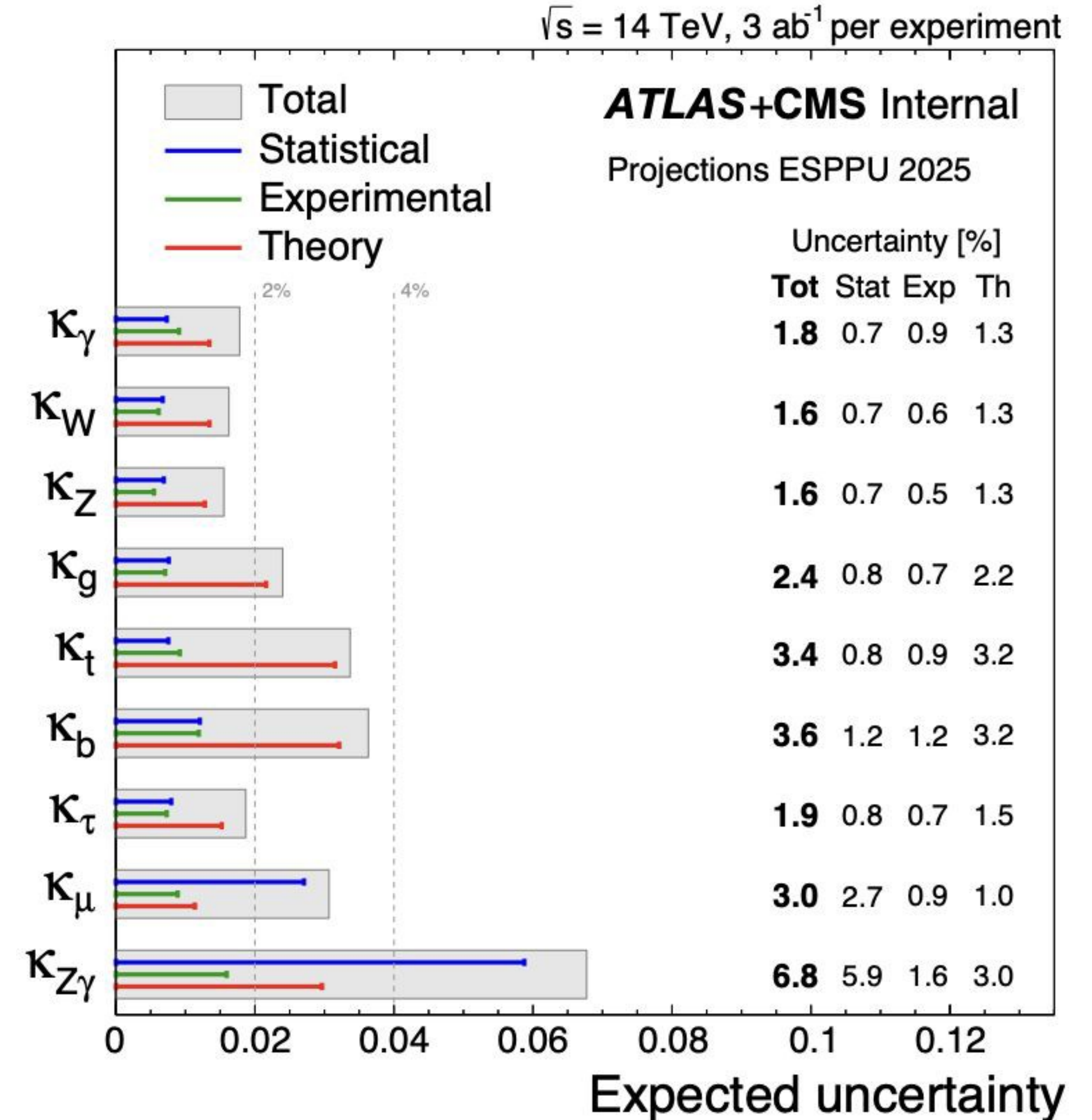
Single H precision - Higgs couplings

- The precision of κ_μ and $\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ improves by 30%, wrt old projections
- Z coupling worsen wrt 2020 because less aggressive assumptions on the theory uncertainty were made this year



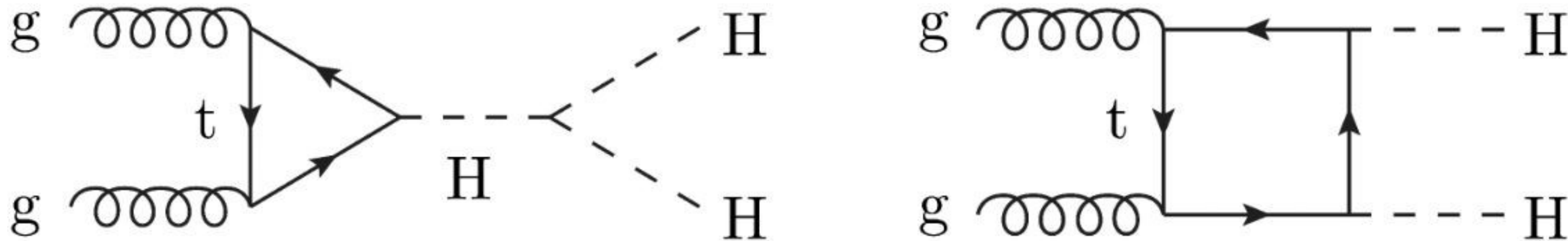
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- Theory uncertainties are dominating
 - if driven by experimental precision, we could reach a further factor 2 improvement



Non-resonant HH projections

- Double H production in ggF is the most direct probe on the H potential
 - Small cross section -> process still undetected
 - Searches provide direct constraints on the H self coupling
- Test of the Electroweak Symmetry Breaking (EWSB) mechanism
- First direct measure of the λ_3 parameter -> implication for the shape of the H potential and the order of the phase transition of the universe



- Special scenario where the b-jet and hadronic tau IDs improvements confirmed by public material is extrapolated to the Run 2 results - still very conservative scenario

HH results - Significance

- 3000 fb⁻¹ per experiment, run3 object improvement included

Channel	HH Significance ATLAS	HH Significance CMS
bb $\tau\tau$	3.8	2.7
bb $\gamma\gamma$	2.6	2.6
4b resolved	1.0	1.3
4b boosted	-	2.2
Multilepton	1.0	-
bb $\ell\ell$	0.5	-
Combination	4.5	4.5
ATLAS + CMS	7.60	

- Evidence with single experiment
- Combined evidence $>7\sigma$

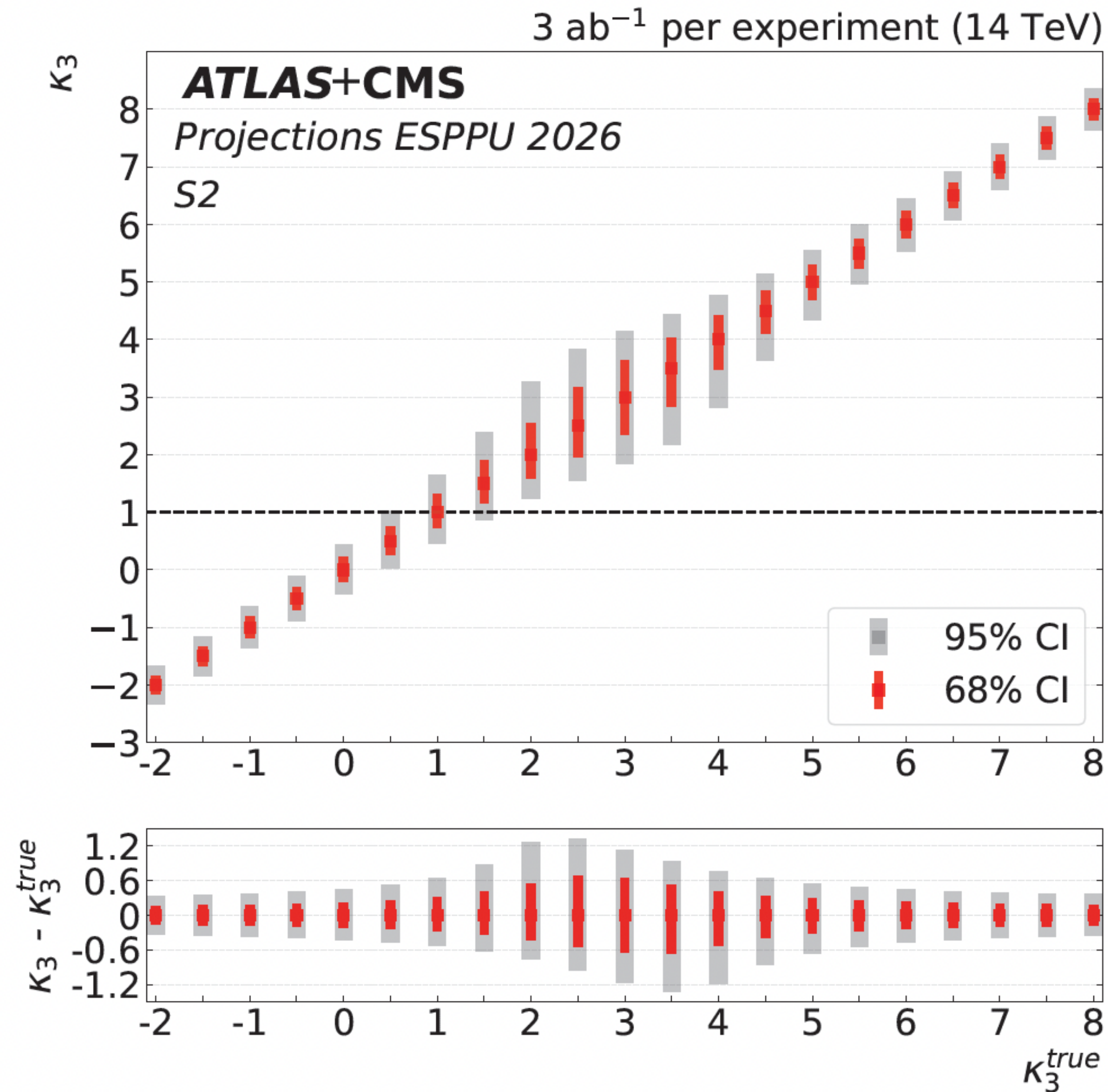
HH results - κ_λ precision

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Channel	κ_3 precision 68% CL ATLAS	κ_3 precision 68% CL CMS
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bb $\gamma\gamma$	[0.5, 1.7]	[0.4, 1.9]
4b resolved	[-0.5, 6.1]	[-0.3, 7.2]
4b boosted	-	[-0.4, 8.2]
Multilepton	[-0.1, 4.7]	-
bb $\ell\ell$	[-2.1, 9.1]	-
Combination	[0.6, 1.4]	[0.6, 1.5]
ATLAS + CMS	-26/+29	

- ~26% precision for $\kappa_\lambda=1$

HH results - k_Λ precision



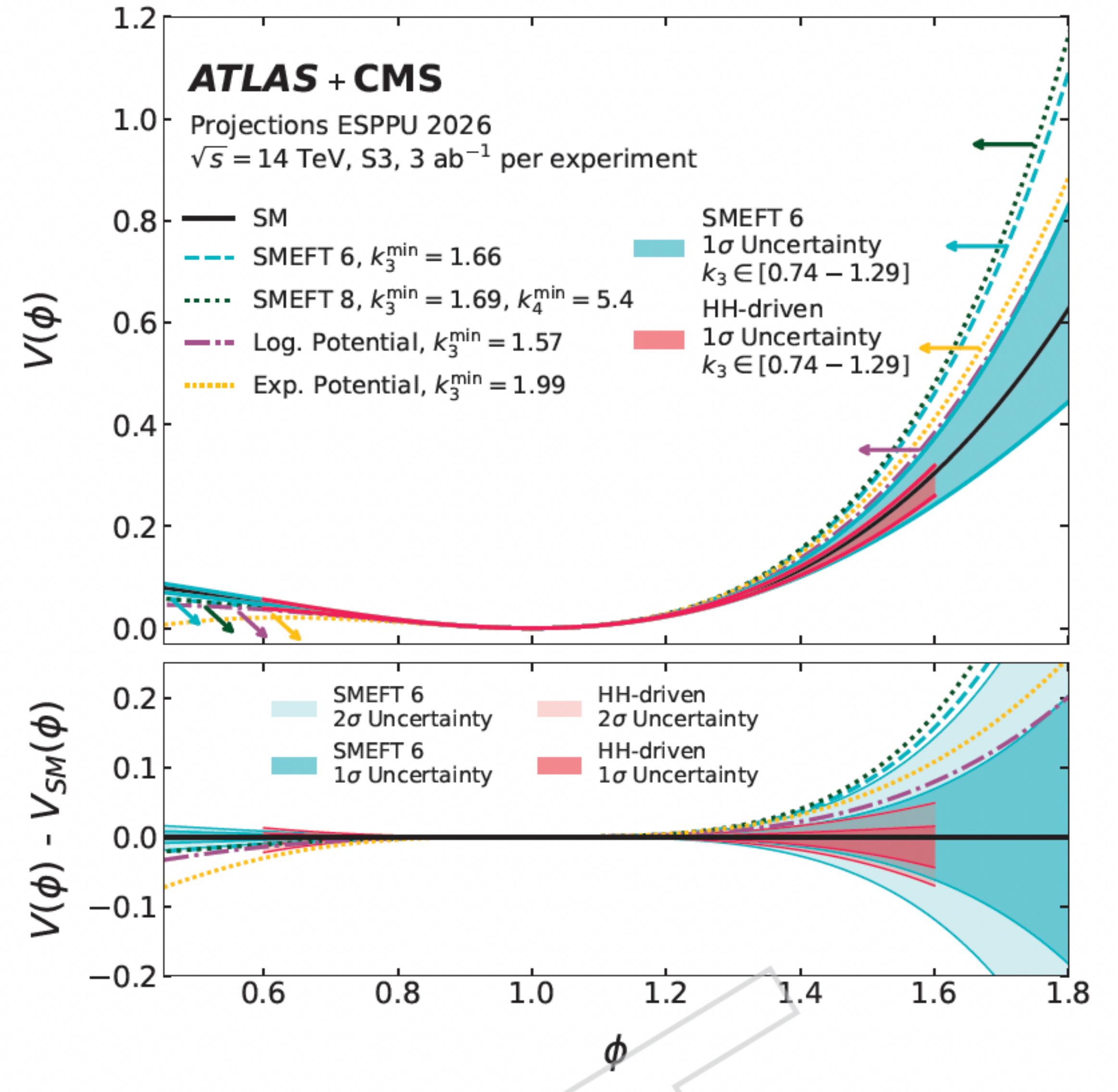
- k_l scan assuming different values of k_l
 - maximum interference between box and triangle diagram at 2.45 $\rightarrow$ largest precision

Shape of the electroweak vacuum

- Measuring the Higgs self-coupling alone is insufficient to fully determine or constrain the shape of the EWSB potential
- To provide model-independent conclusions on fundamental questions, such as whether the EWSB transition is first-order (a key element for electroweak baryogenesis) **an assumption about the form of the potential is generally required:**
 - dim-6 EFT
 - dim-8 EFT
 - logarithmic
 - exponential

Shape of the electroweak vacuum

- The light blue delimits the area where a first order phase transition would be possible in a dimension 6 EFT.
 - 2σ full exclusion is reached at 3 ab^{-1} for the EFT dim 6 FOPT inducing potentials



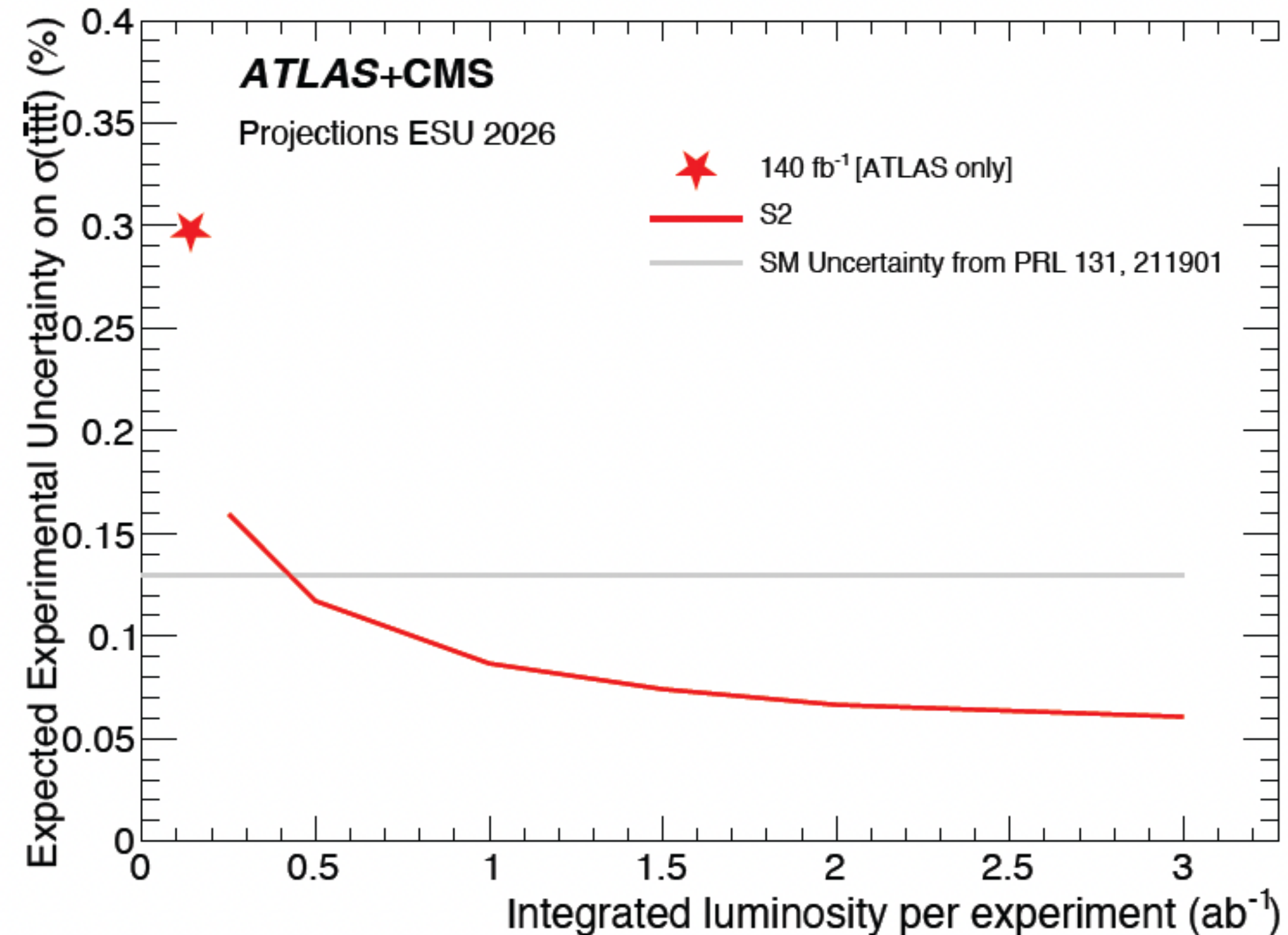
Rare Top decays

- Top quark is the heaviest mass of the SM
 - privilege connection to the scalar sector
 - exploring potential to the new physics
- Two main projections are explored:
 - $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ production
 - $t\bar{t}\gamma$, $t\bar{t}Z$ production

*Might be the definitive top results for a some time
(FCC might not run at the top pole)

tttt production

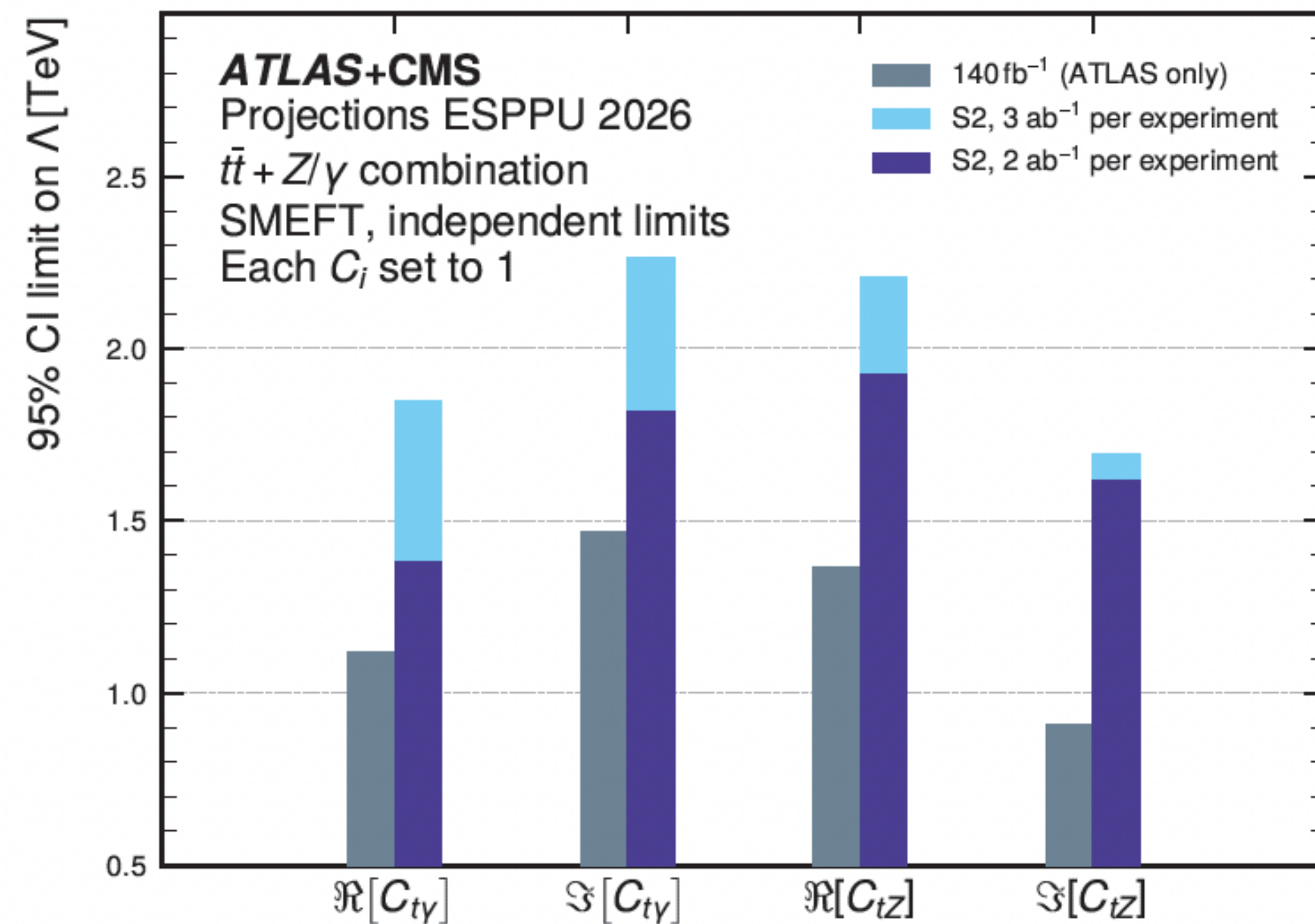
- very rare process is highly sensitive to new physics effects
- Final states with two same-charge leptons or at least three leptons are considered for this study



- Projected experimental precision in S2 is significantly smaller than the current uncertainty on the SM theoretical cross-section
- at 3 ab^{-1} the expected uncertainty is can be reduced to 6%

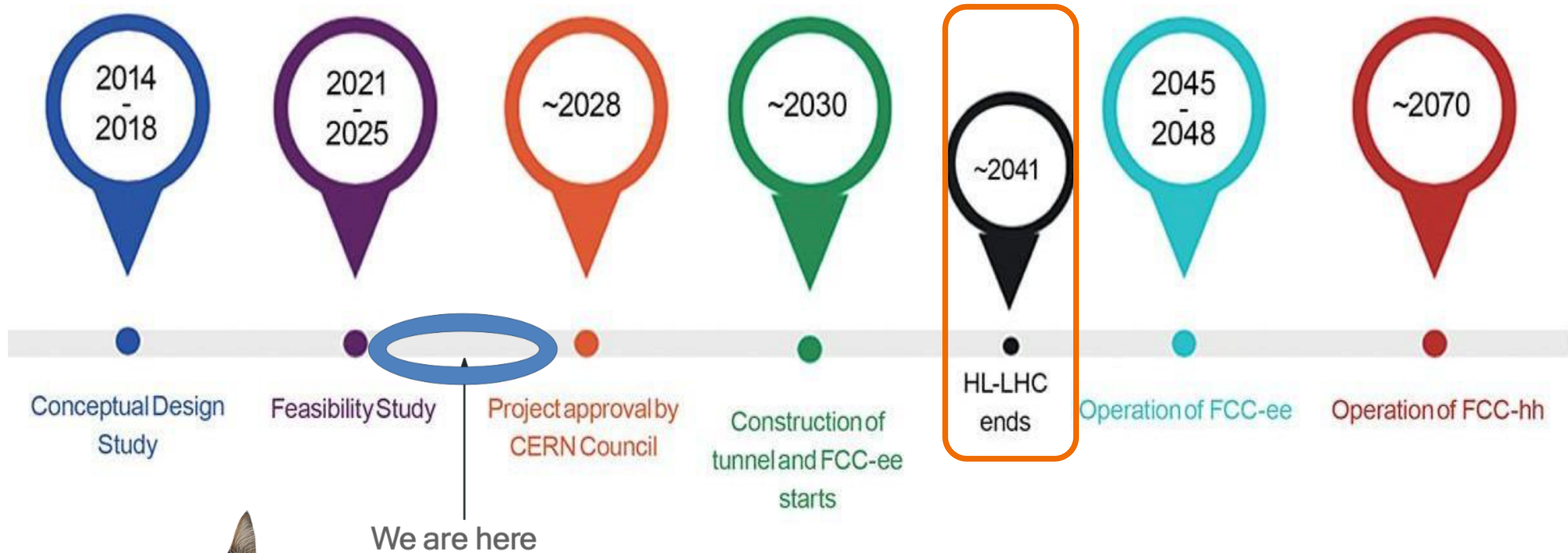
$t\bar{t}\gamma$ and $t\bar{t}Z$

- $t\bar{t}\gamma$, $t\bar{t}Z$ provides a powerful probe for potential new physics effects within the framework of the SMEFT
- p_{YT} and p_{ZT} are particularly sensitive to EFT parameters related to the electroweak dipole moments of the top quark



What's next????

FCC-project



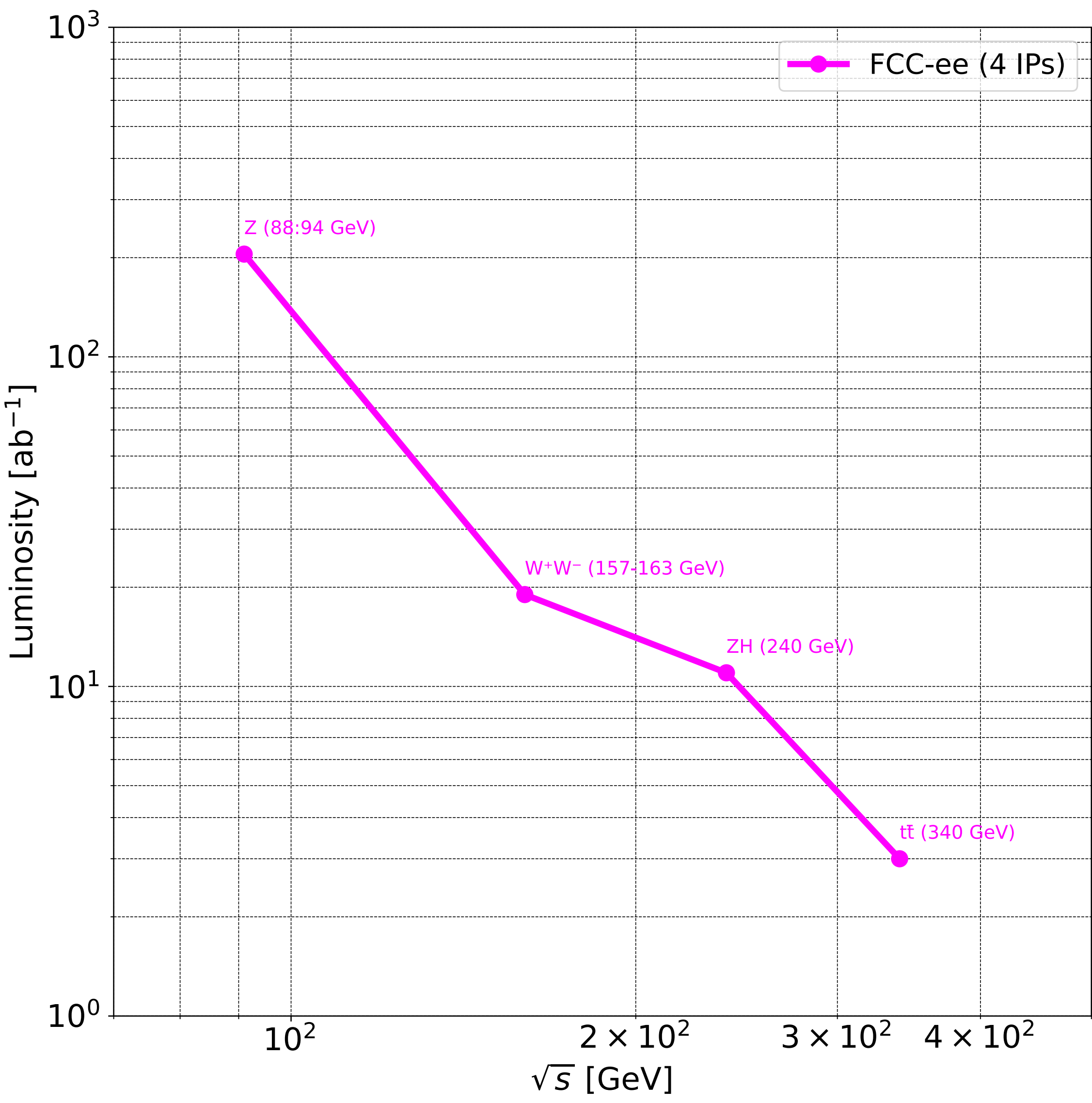
FCC-ee

ee collider

FCC-ee has four phases:

- Near Z peak (91 GeV)
- Near WW threshold (163 GeV)
- Near ZH threshold (230 GeV)
- Near tt threshold (365 GeV)

Project	IP	Z-pole (91.2 GeV)	WW (160 GeV)	Higgs (230- 250 GeV)	Top (365 GeV)
FCC-ee	4	205 ab ⁻¹ 4 year	19 ab ⁻¹ 2 year	11 ab ⁻¹ 3 year	3 ab ⁻¹ 5 year



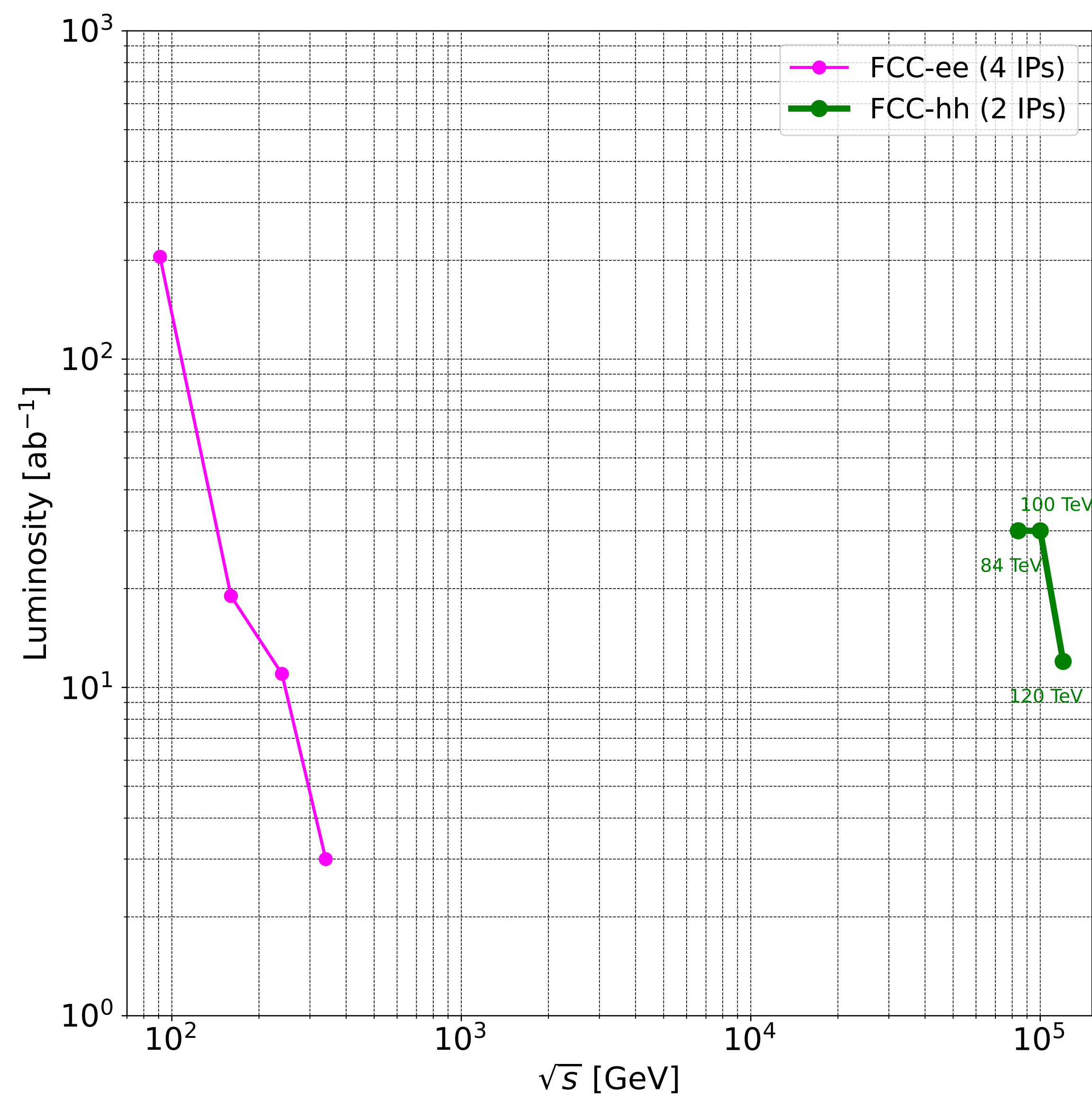
FCC-hh

pp collider

FCC-hh has three baselines:

- 84 TeV (14T Magnet)
- 100 TeV (17T Magnet)
- 120 TeV (20T Magnet)

Project	IP	Higher Energy
FCC-hh	2	84.6 TeV: 30 ab ⁻¹ 100 TeV: 30 ab ⁻¹ 120 TeV: 12 ab ⁻¹



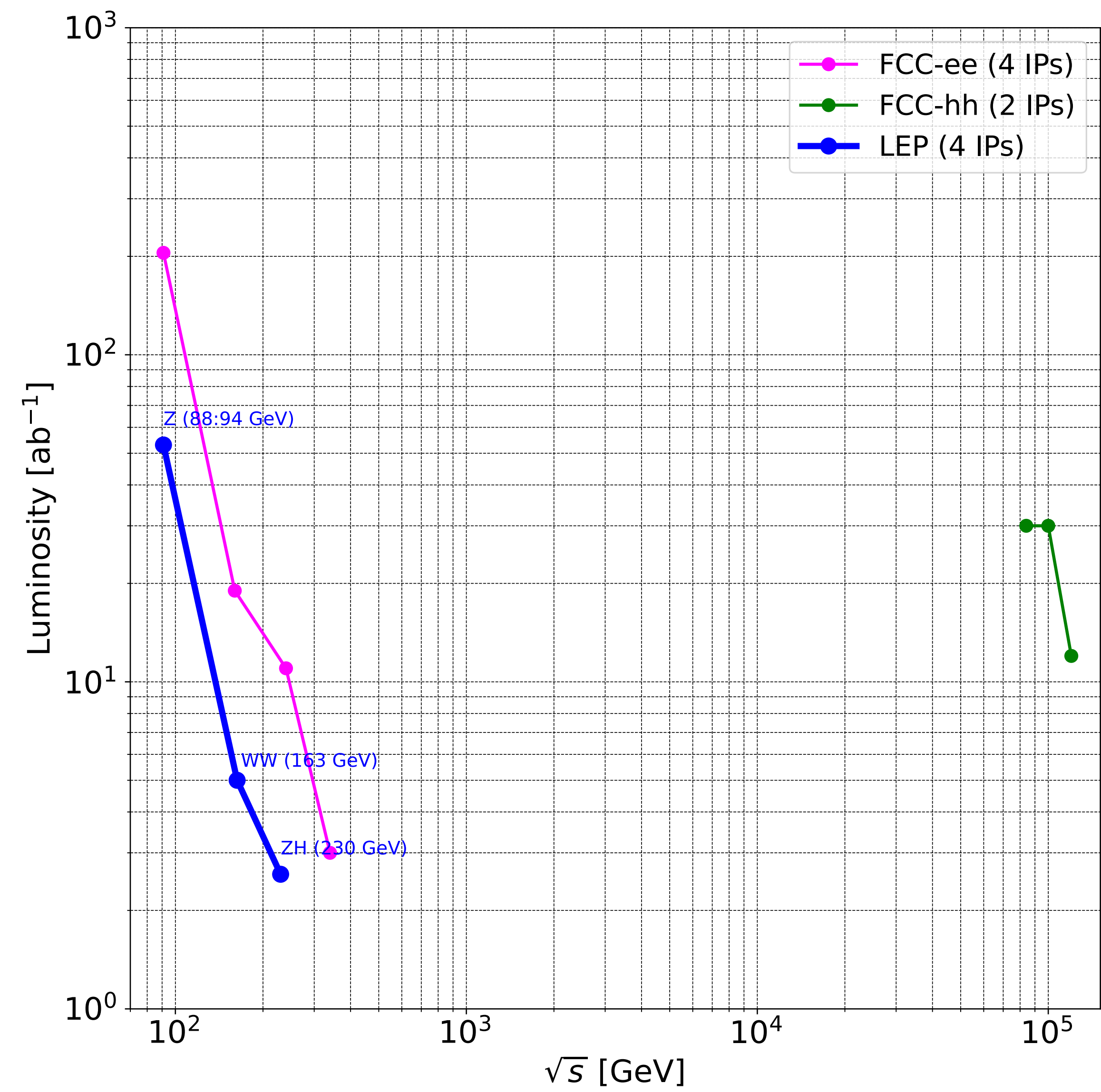
LEP3 program

ee collider

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Linear collider

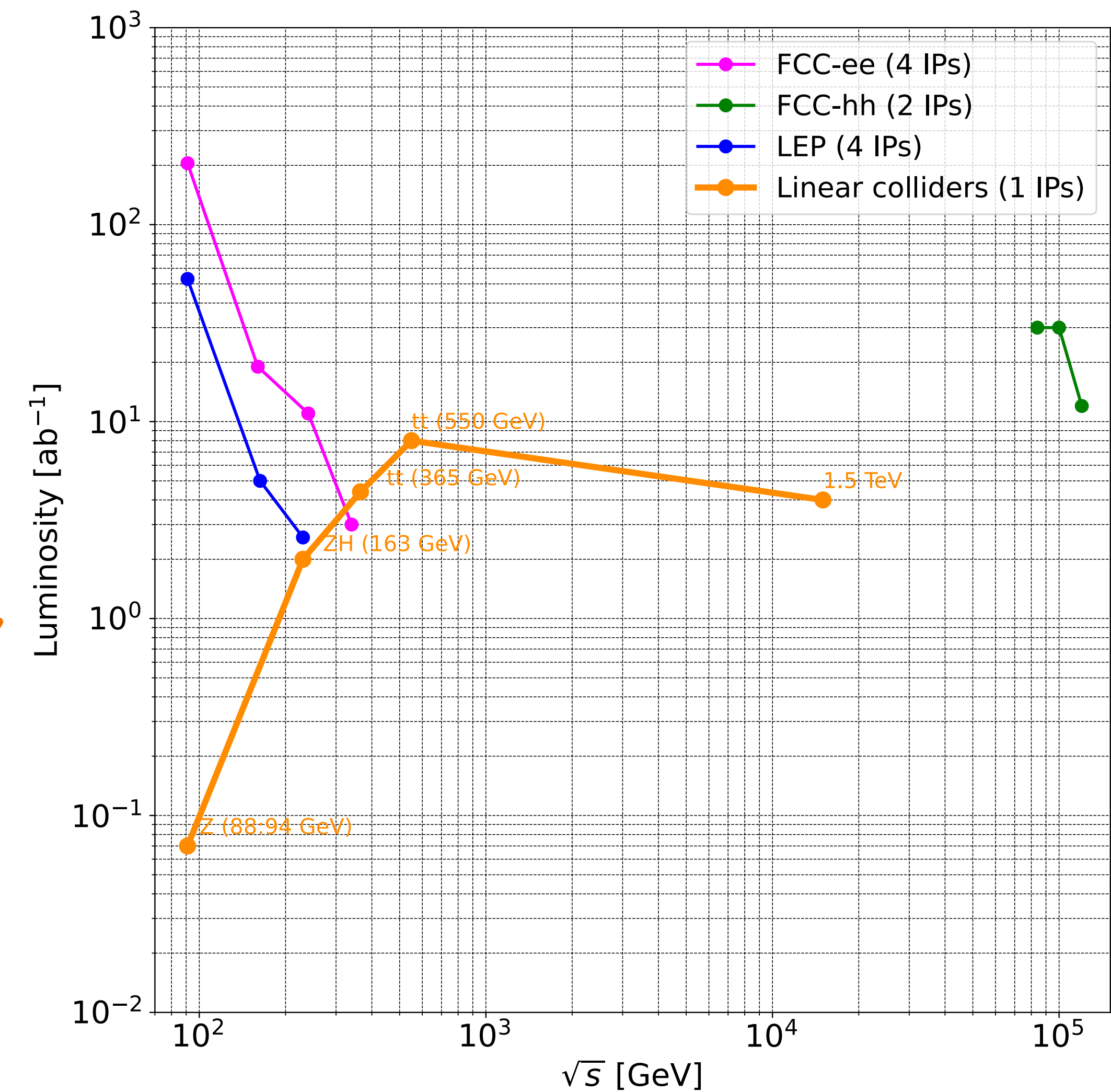
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Linear colliders have three phases:

- Near ZH threshold 250 GeV
- Near ttH and ZHH threshold 550 GeV
- Near vvHH threshold 1-3 TeV

Clc:

- Near top threshold 365 GeV



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Linear colliders	1	0.07 ab ⁻¹ 1 year	—	2 ab ⁻¹ 3 years	CLIC: 4.4 ab ⁻¹ 10 years	550 GeV: 8 ab ⁻¹ 1.5 TeV: 4 ab ⁻¹ 10 years

LHeC

Hadron electron collider:

- 1st phase with concurrent operation of electron-hadron and hadron-hadron collisions, followed by
- 2nd phase of electron-hadron collisions only
- Serves as a bridge between HL-LHC and the next future project

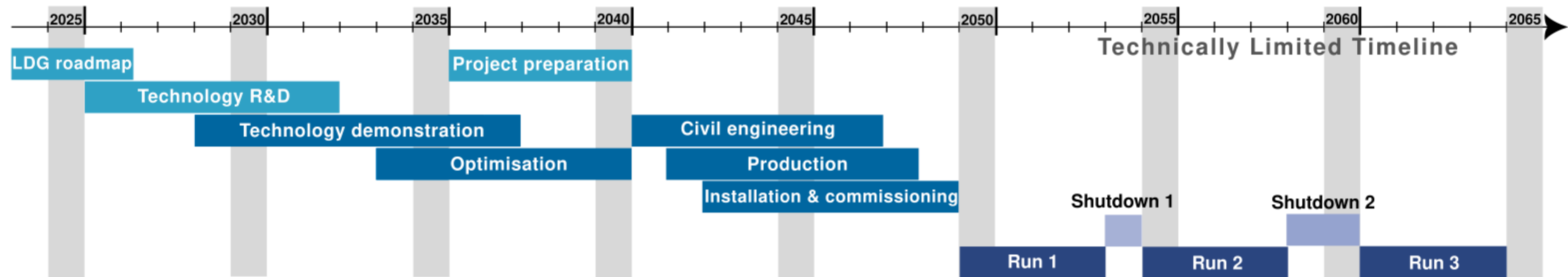
Project	IP	Higher Energy
LHeC	1	1TeV operational for 6 years

Muon collider

Muon-muon collisions

Offers a compact, high-energy ($\sim 10\text{ TeV}$) collider combining:

- The energy reach of proton colliders
- The precision of lepton colliders



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Summary

- Updated projections for the singleH channels, massive improvement on the $Z\gamma$ and μ coupling
- Updated for the HH studies:
 - 30% precision on the $k\lambda$ determination
 - exclude FOPT at 2σ for dim6 operators

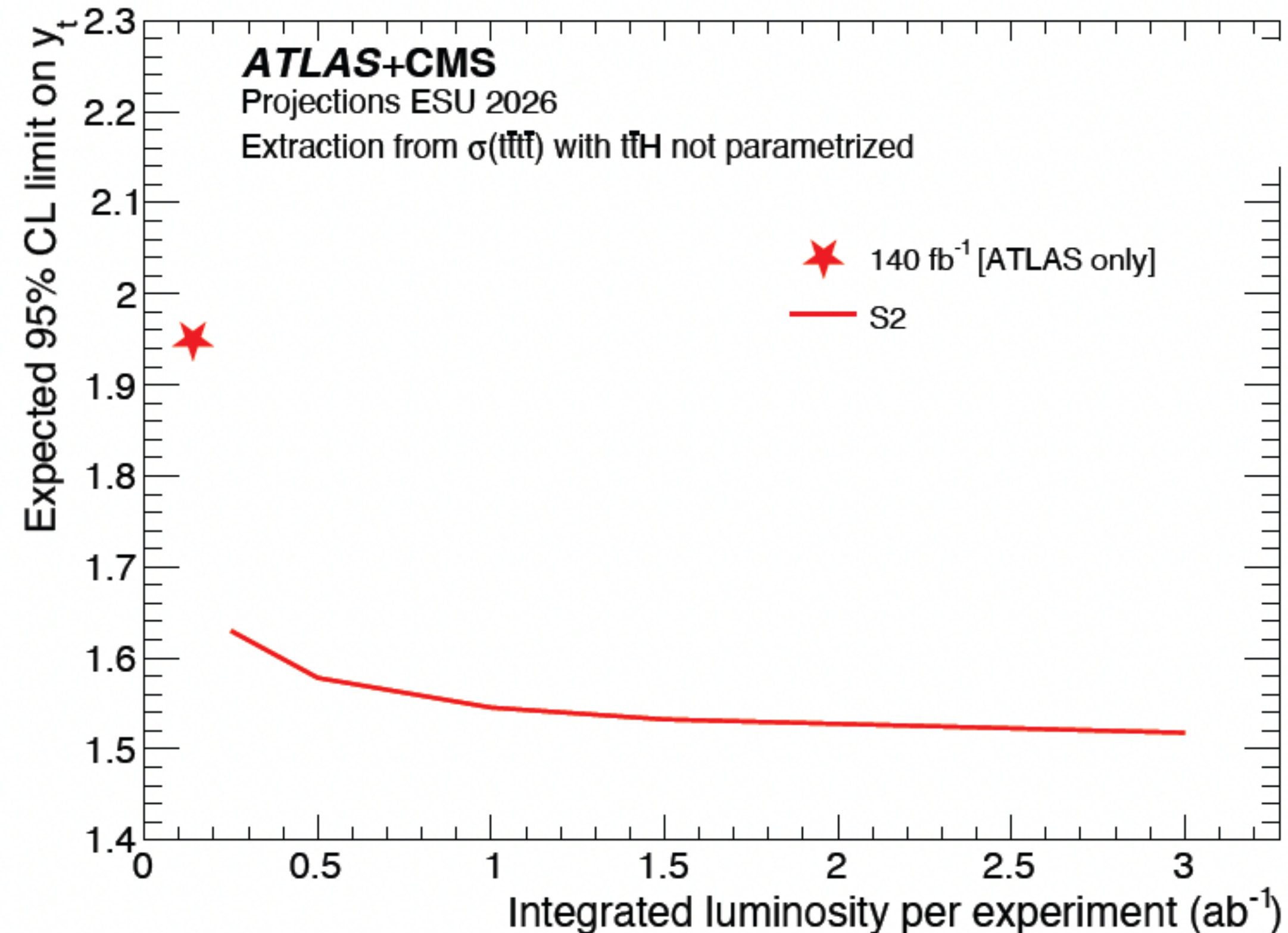
Summary

- Updated top analyses
- Prospects of several rare decays that can serve as an indirect constraint on the SM assumptions
- Many more details in Christian's and Michele's contributions

Back up

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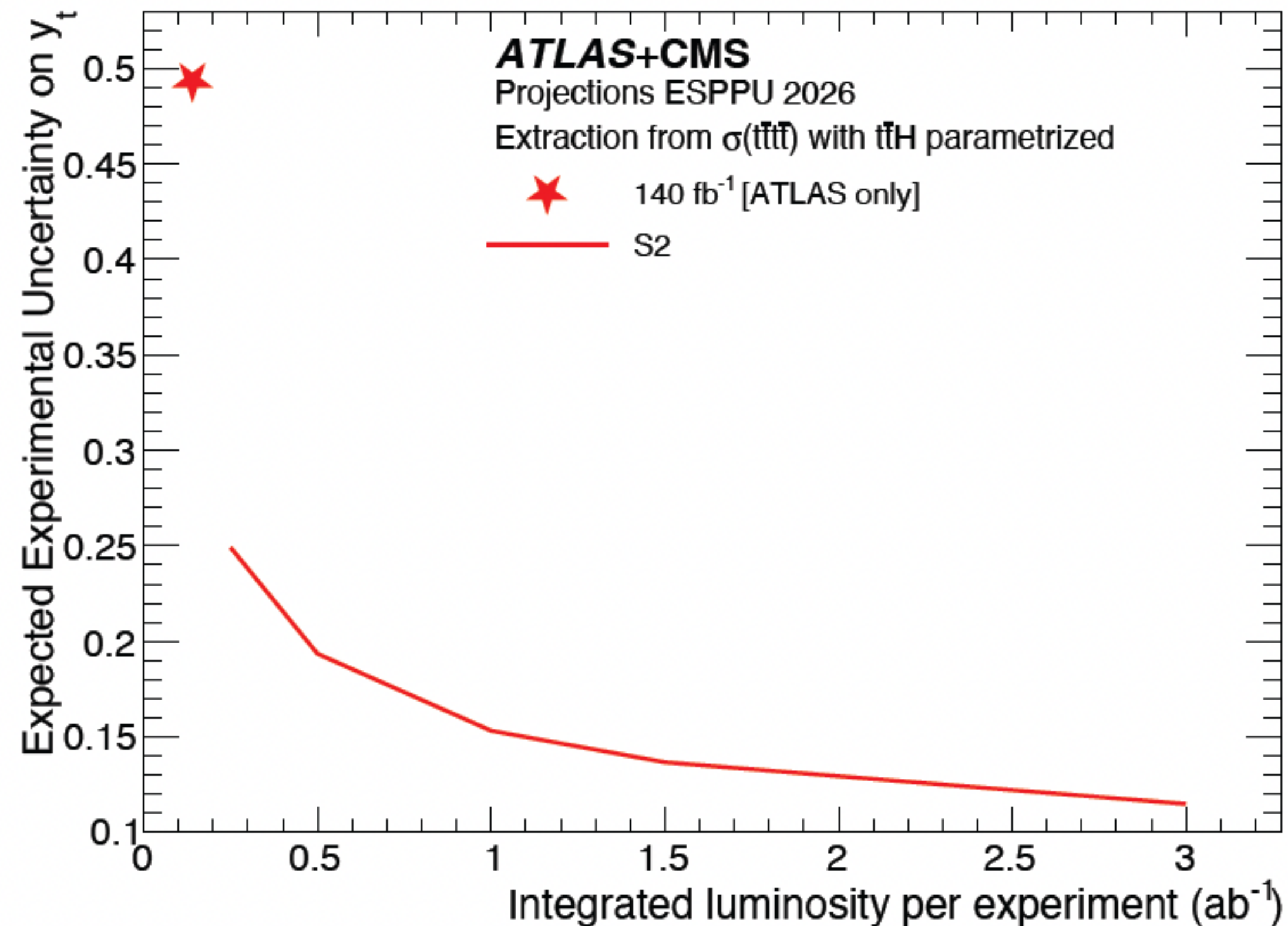
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- A limit on y_t is ~ 1.5 is obtained in the best scenario

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- Upper limit on y_t are performed leaving the ttH yield floating in the fit, and parametrizing ttH events as a function of k_t
- Constrain comes mainly from ttH, limit on $y_t < 0.15$ is obtained in the

Shape of the electroweak vacuum

A minimal extension of the Standard Model (SM) involves the inclusion of a new real scalar singlet, S

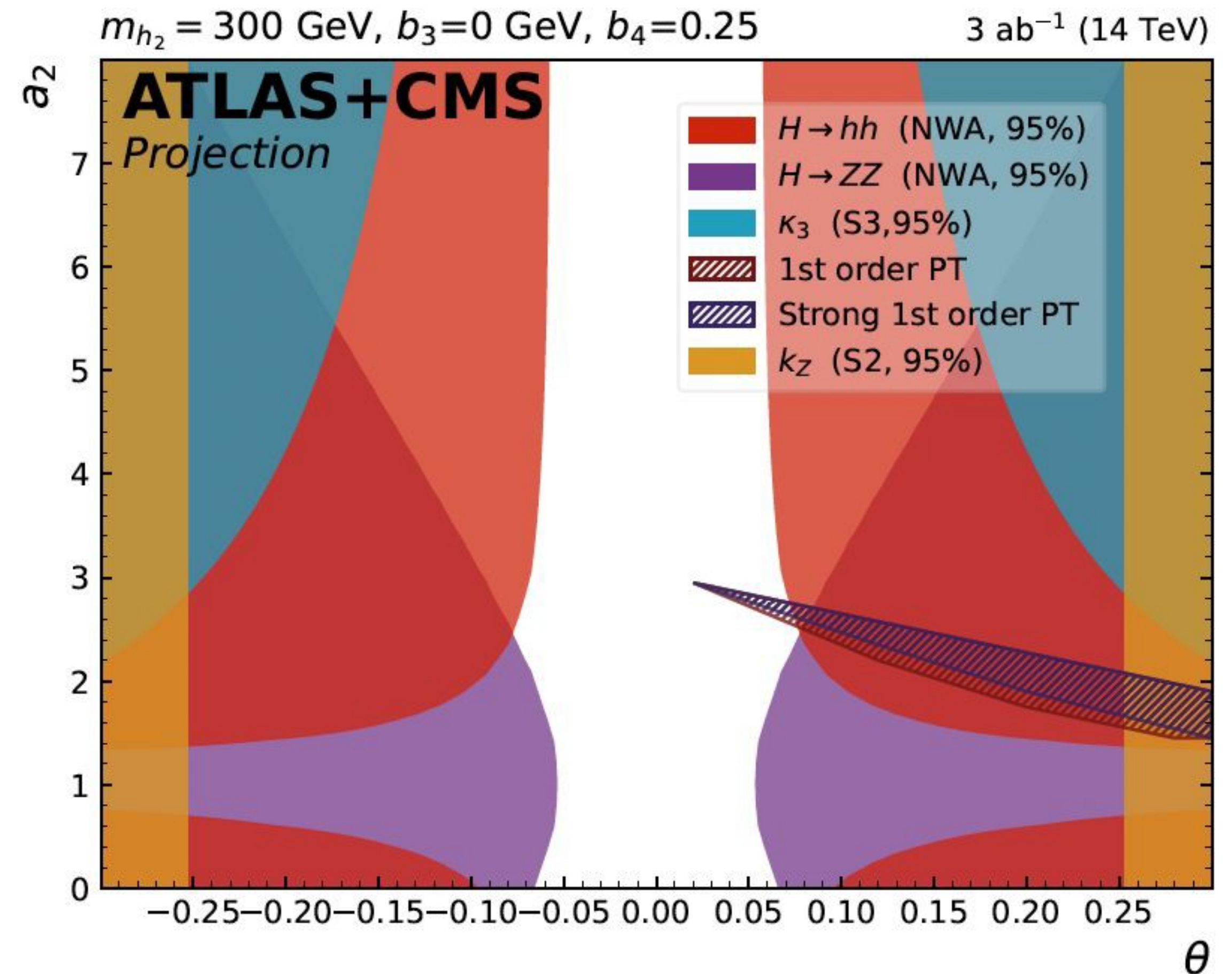
$$V(\Phi, S) = -\mu_H^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda_H |\Phi|^4 + b_1 S - \frac{\mu_S^2}{2} S^2 + \frac{b_4}{4} S^4 + \frac{a_2}{2} |\Phi|^2 S^2 + \frac{b_3}{3} S^3 + \frac{a_1}{2} |\Phi|^2 S.$$

Effect of S :

- universal modifications of the Higgs boson couplings
- the presence of an additional scalar state can decay into $HH \rightarrow$ modified three- and four-point Higgs self-interactions
- The enriched scalar potential dynamics enables the possibility of a FOPT

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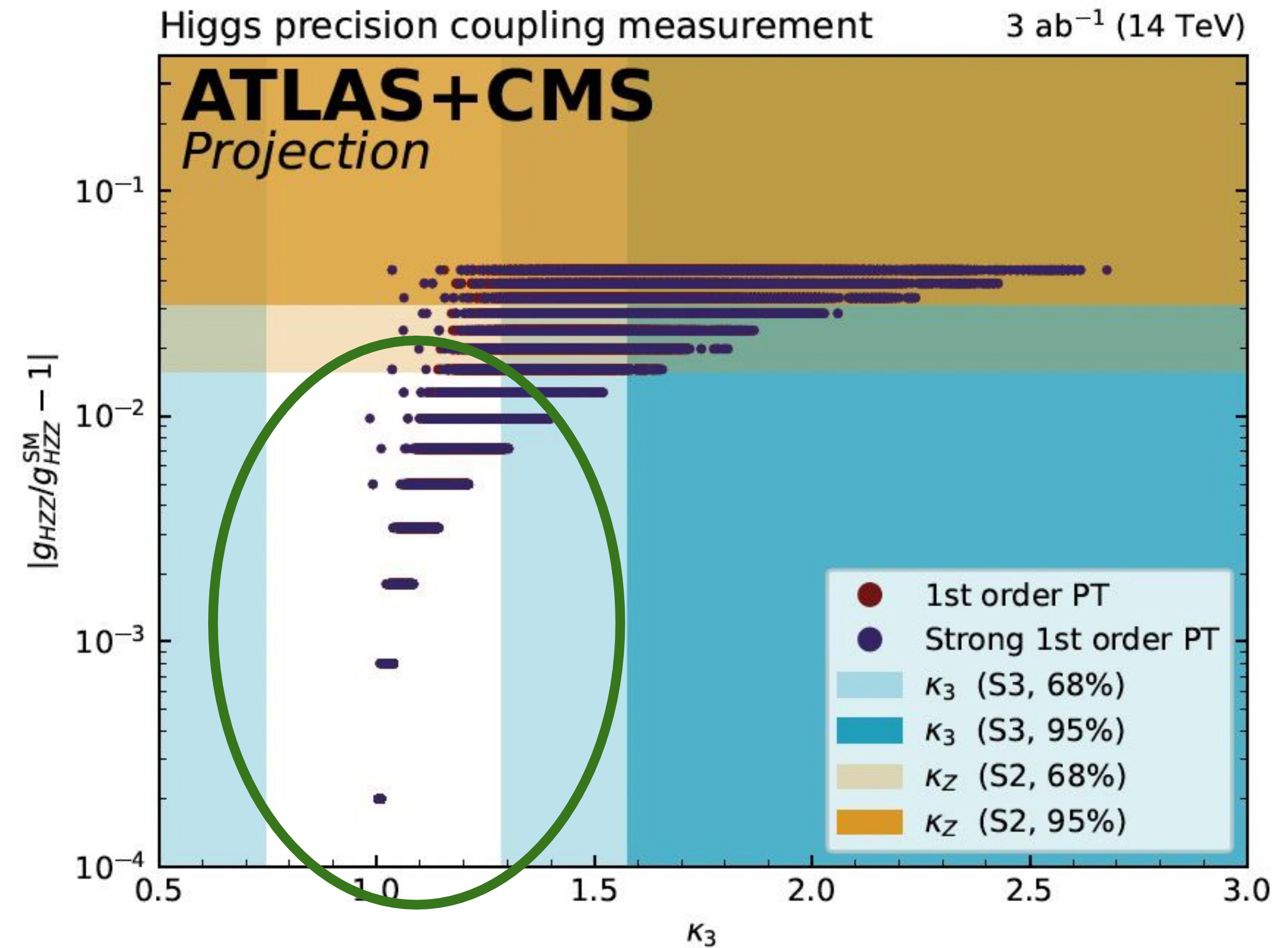
- comprehensive set of precision measurements from both experiments
 - scalar decays into vector bosons (VV) and HH
 - upper bounds on universal modifications to Higgs couplings with SM particles provide + k_λ
- significant portion of the viable parameter space for this generic SM extension is excluded
- two hatched regions show the regions where a first order phase transition is possible



*more plots in backup

Shape of the electroweak vacuum

- The red and blue points show the area where a first order and a strong first order phase transition are possible
- 68% and 95% exclusion curves are displayed.
- Few possibilities for the first order phase transition



Not excluded area