

# Higgs Physics with ATLAS: From Discovery to Precision

The background of the slide is a stylized representation of the ATLAS detector. It features a central circular area filled with a dense network of yellow and orange lines radiating from a central point, representing particle tracks. This central area is surrounded by a dark, semi-circular region with a dashed yellow border. At the top and bottom of the detector are several colored segments (blue, red, green) representing the detector's endcap calorimeters and muon spectrometers.

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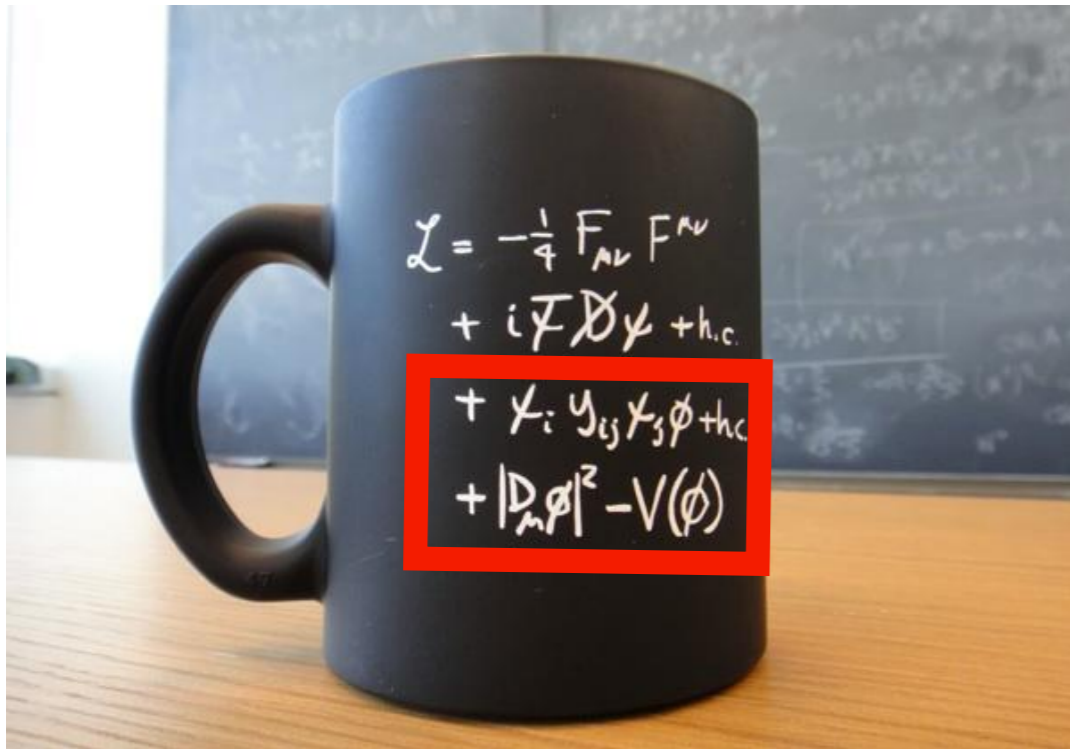
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# The standard model and the Higgs field



## There are parameters of the SM

$g_1, g_2, g_3$  3 gauge couplings

+QCD vacuum angle  $\theta_{QCD}$

$\theta_{ij}, \delta_{CP}$  3 CKM angles +1 phase

$m_{q_i}, m_{l_j}$  6 quark masses+3 charged leptons

$m_h, v$  Higgs mass and VEV

- In the Standard Model, the Higgs field plays a special role.
- In fact, its presence introduces most of the **free parameters** of the theory.

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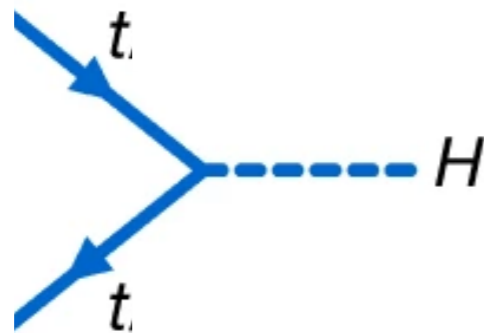
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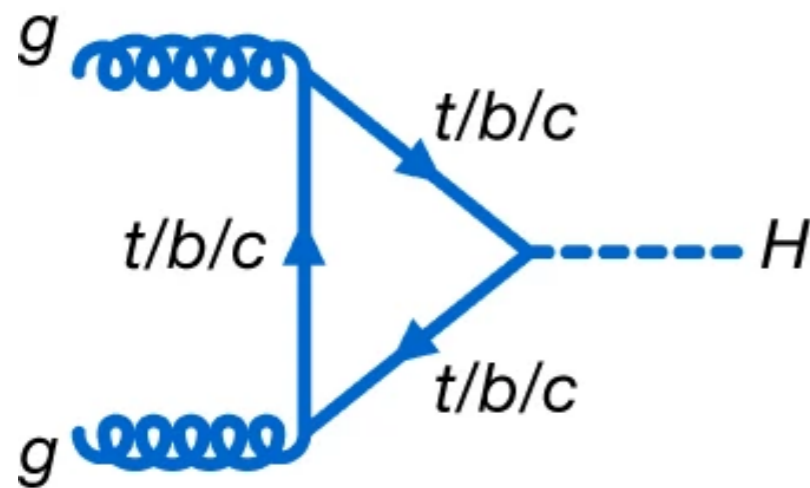
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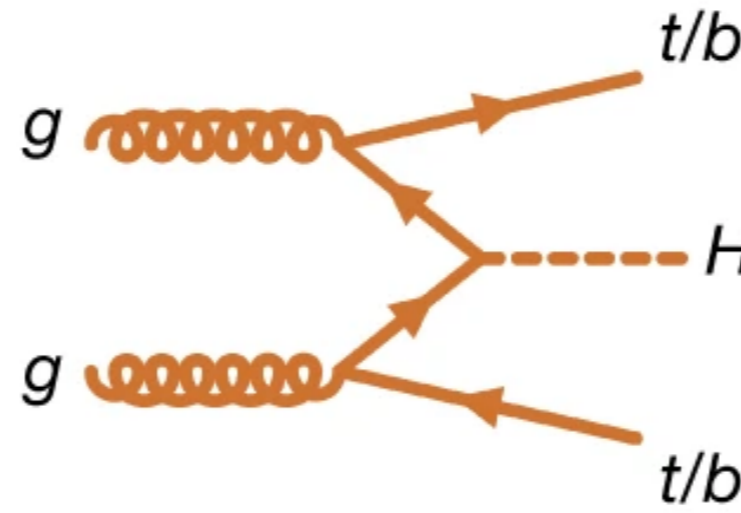
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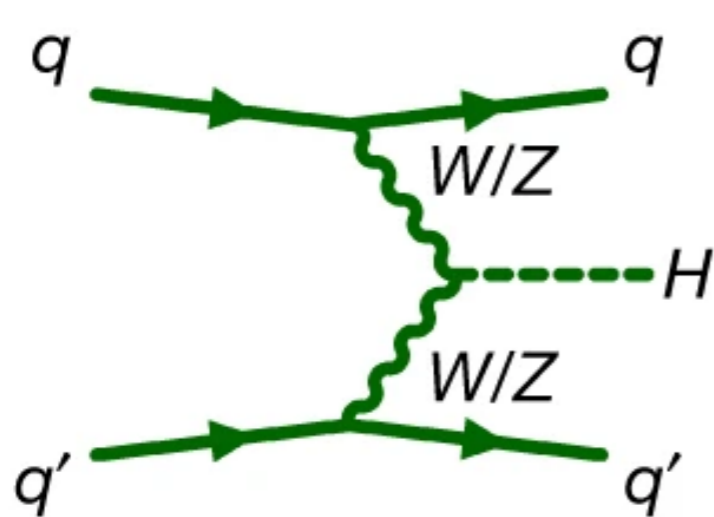


ttH

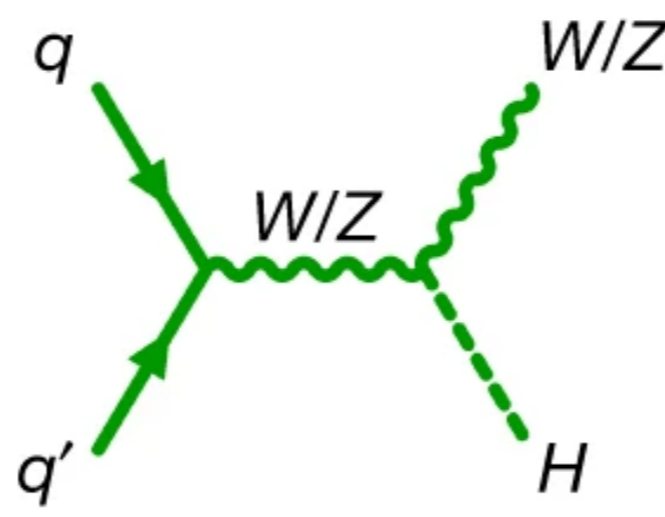
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Vector boson fusion

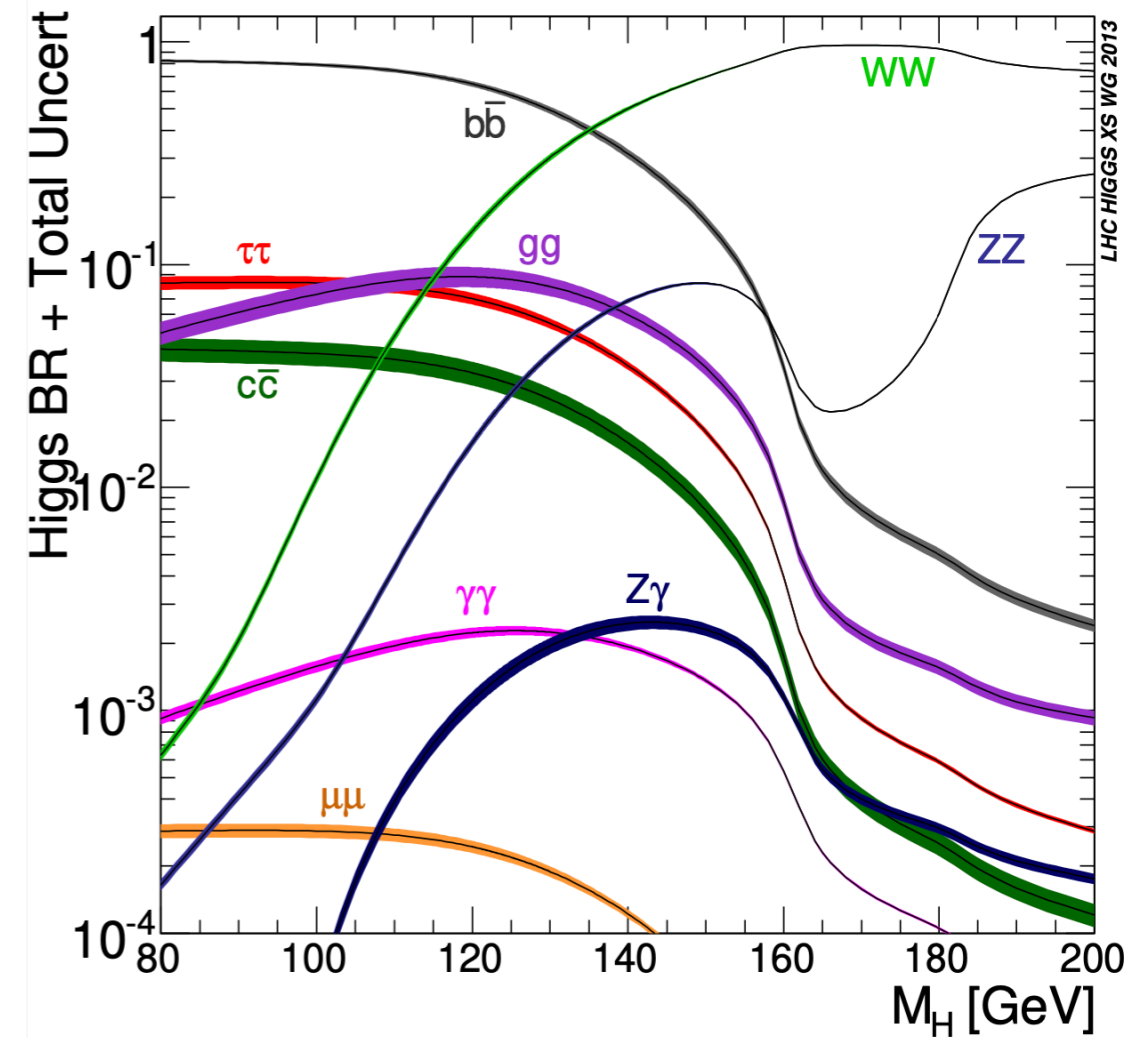
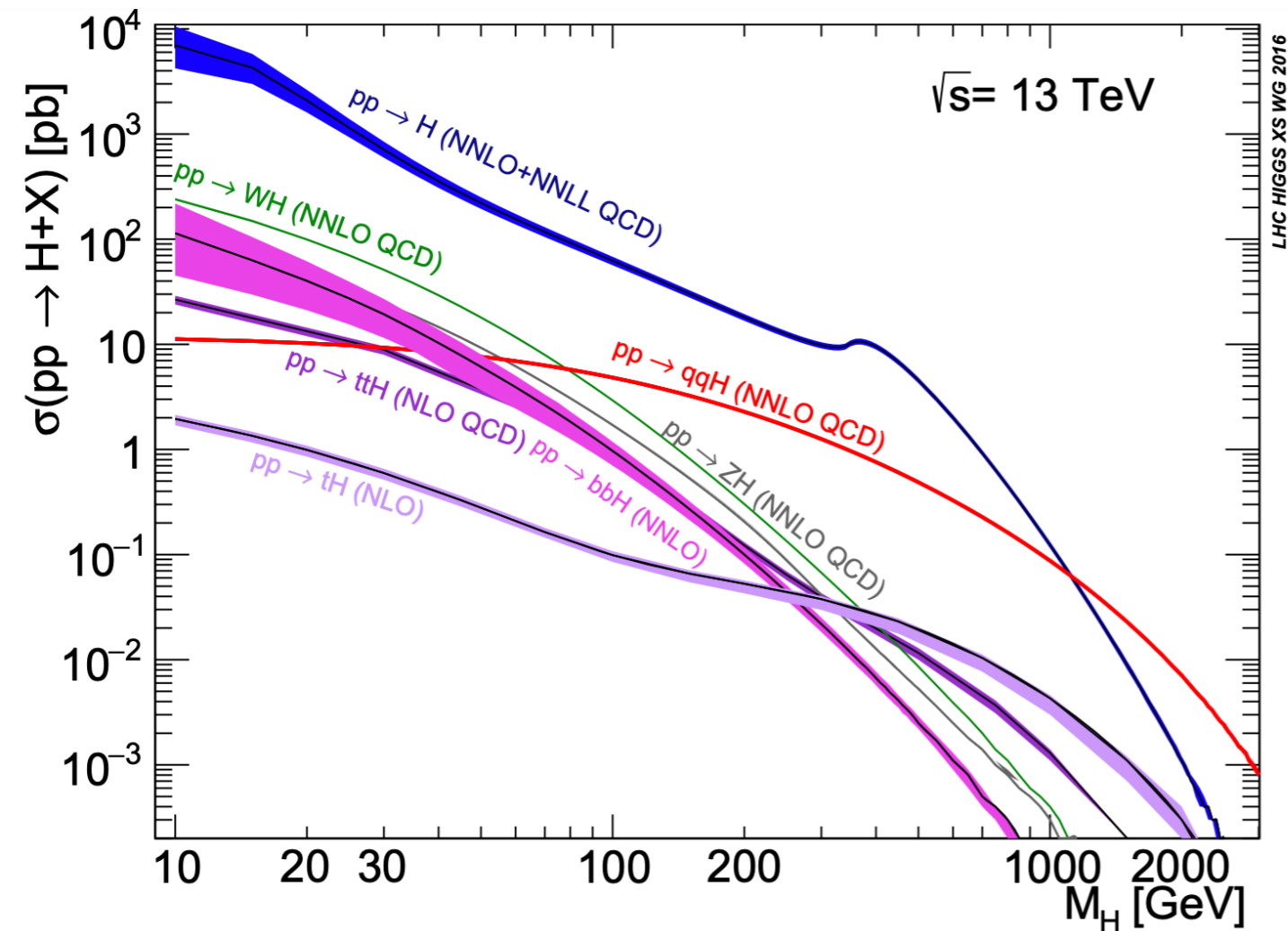
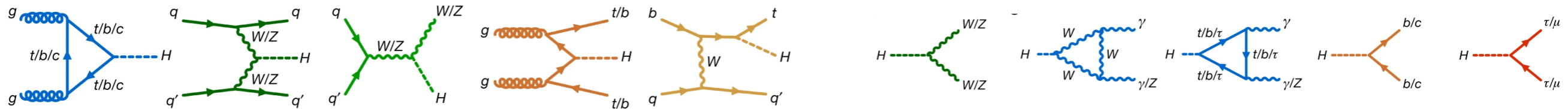


Higgs-strahlung

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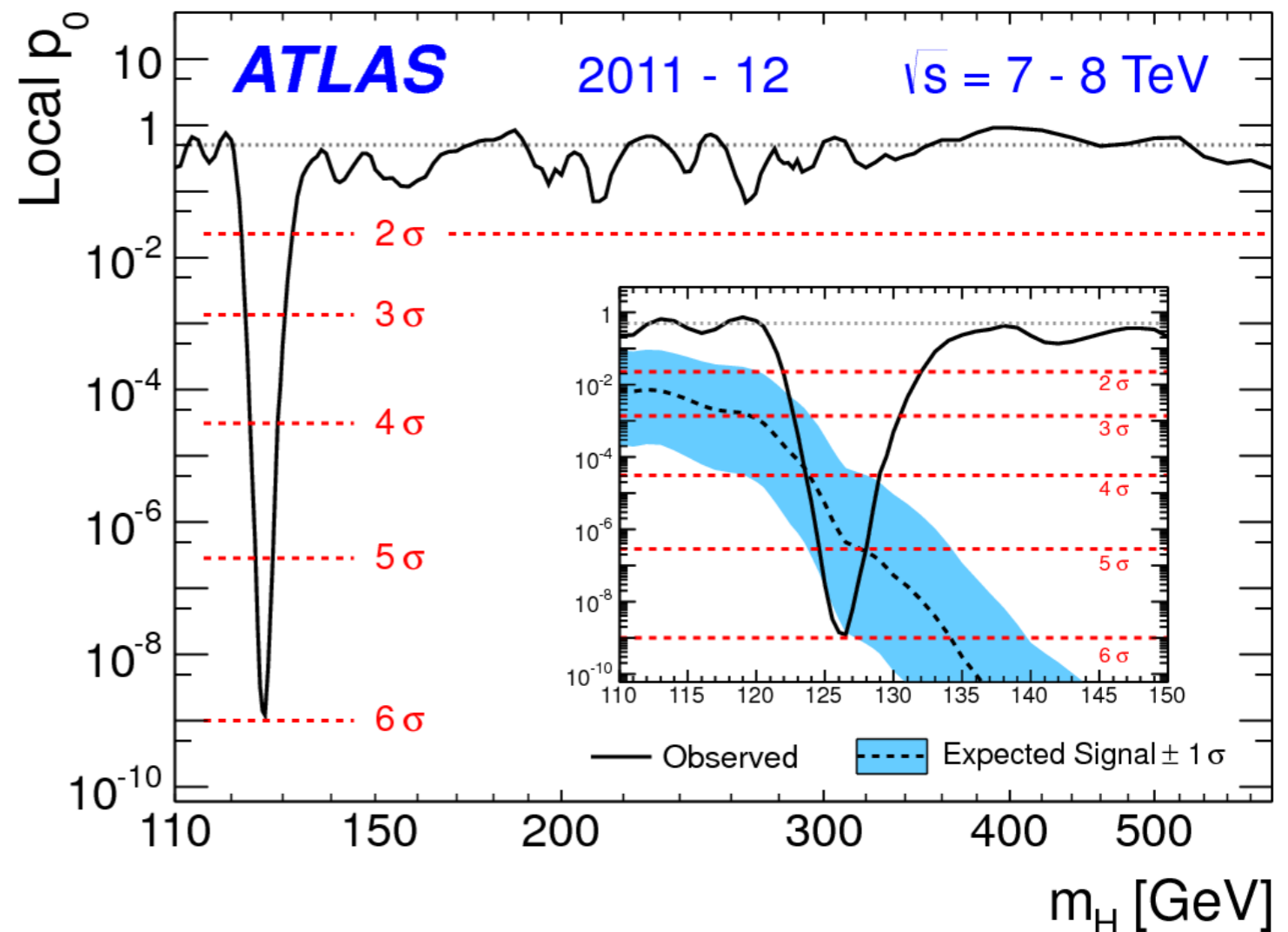
# Higgs Boson production and decay modes



The theory is predictive if we know the mass of the Higgs boson.



# 2012: The discovery



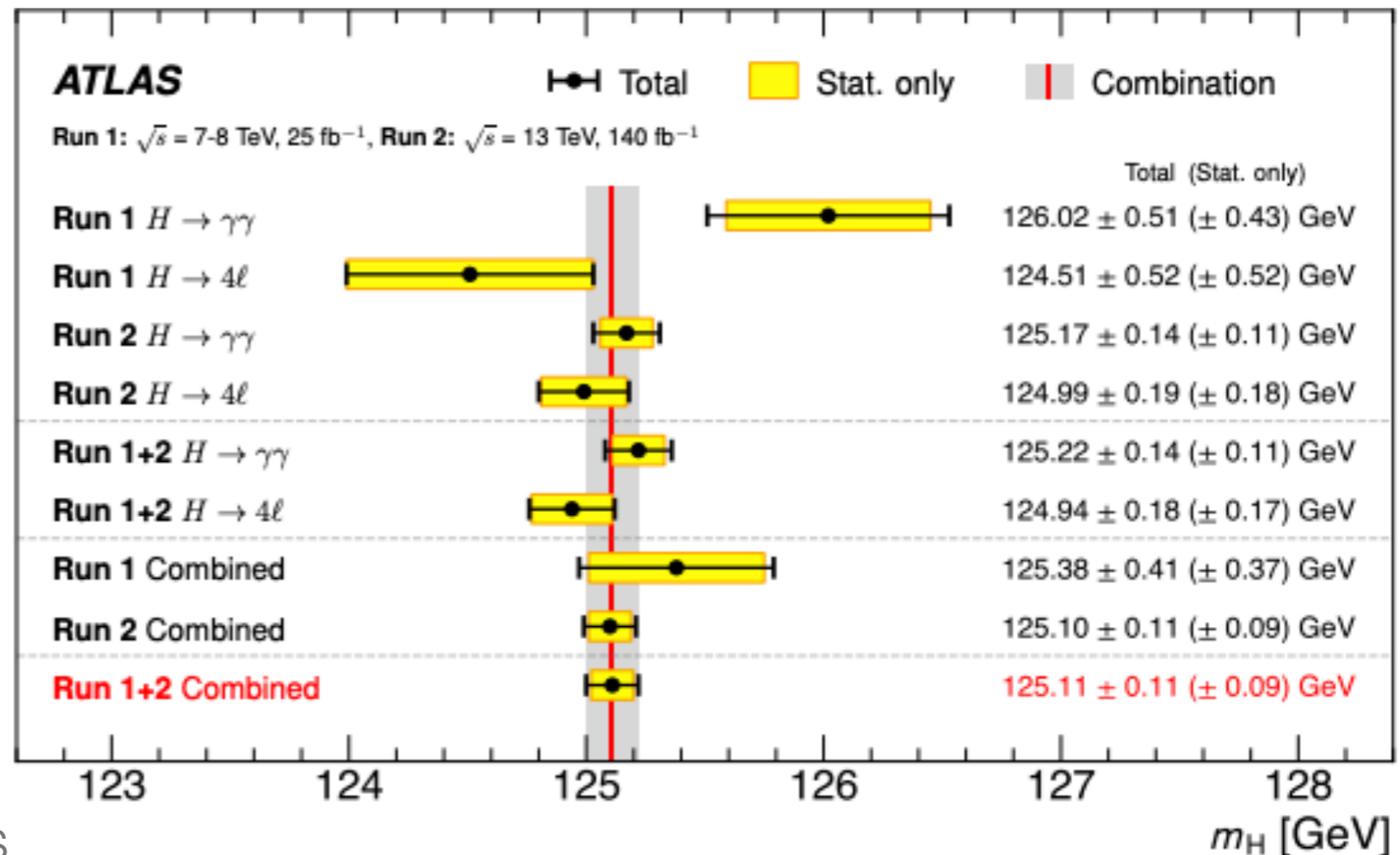
- First estimate of the mass  $\sim 126 \text{ GeV}$
- 2014: first "precise" measurement of the mass:
  - $125.36 \pm 0.41 \text{ GeV}$
- (130 times the mass of the proton)

# The Higgs boson mass

- $m_H$  it is not predicted by the SM

- A central parameter for calculating the rest of the theoretical predictions for the Higgs boson in the Standard Model.

- The mass of the Higgs boson is measured with an accuracy of up to 0.1% using data from Run 2.

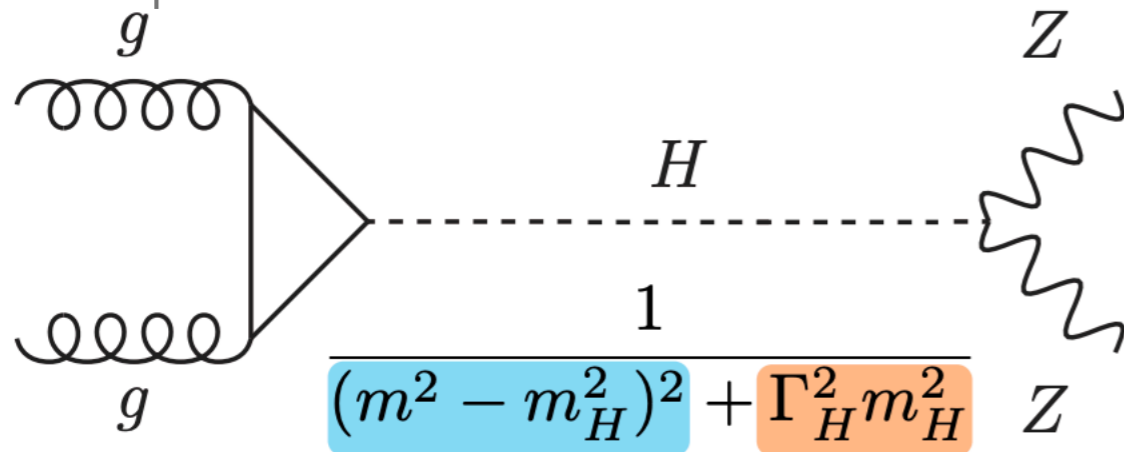


**$125.11 \pm 0.11$  GeV (ATLAS).**  
 **$125.08 \pm 0.12$  GeV (CMS) (4l only)**

**Four times more precise than the first measurement in 2014, with an expected improvement due to a 2.5-fold increase in data.**

# The Higgs boson width

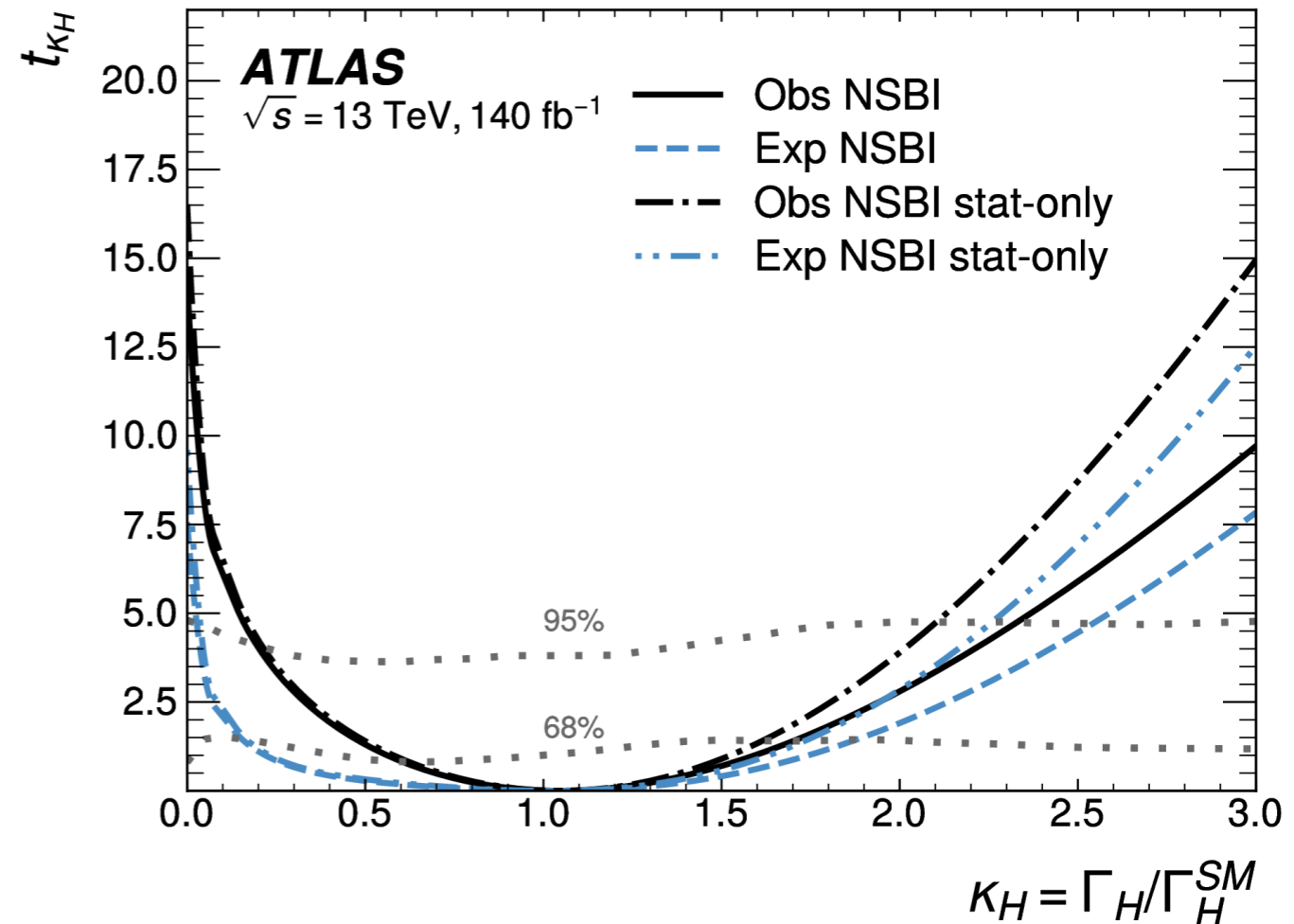
- The natural width  $\Gamma_H$  (4.1 MeV) of the Higgs boson is too small to be directly measured from a resonance where the peak can be reconstructed.



- The ratio between the events reconstructed at  $m \gg m_H$  and  $m \sim m_H$  provides access to the width  $\Gamma_H$

$$\frac{\mu_{\text{off-shell}}}{\mu_{\text{on-shell}}} = \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}}$$

$(\tau: 1.6 \times 10^{-22} \text{ s})$



ATLAS  
 $4.3^{+2.7}_{-1.9}$  MeV.

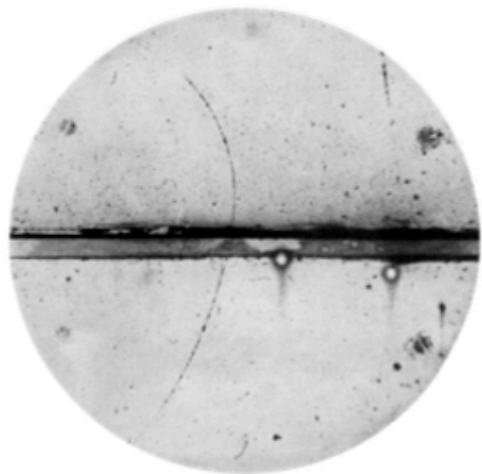
CMS  
 $3.2^{+2.4}_{-1.7}$  MeV



# Evolution of analysis techniques

*From A. Ghosh's slides*

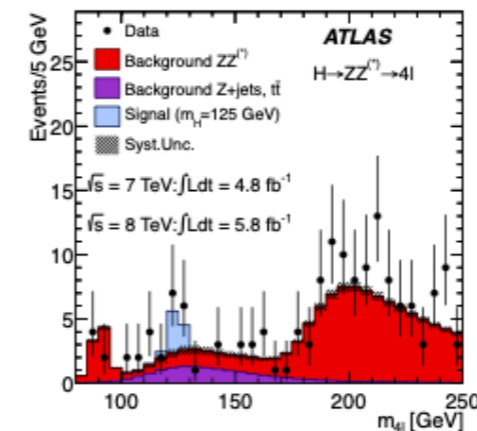
Positron discovery (1930s)



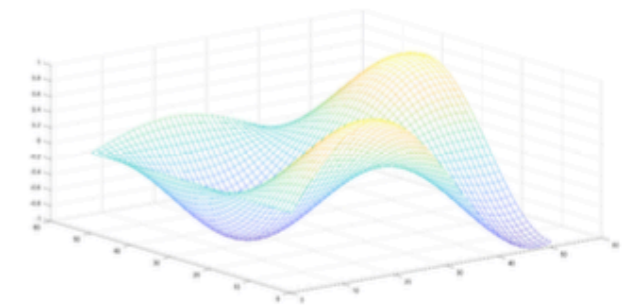
Top quark discovery (1990s)

Channel:	SVX
observed	27 tags
expected background	$6.7 \pm 2.1$
background probability	$2 \times 10^{-5}$

Higgs boson discovery (2010s)



Future discovery (2020s ?)



Single event

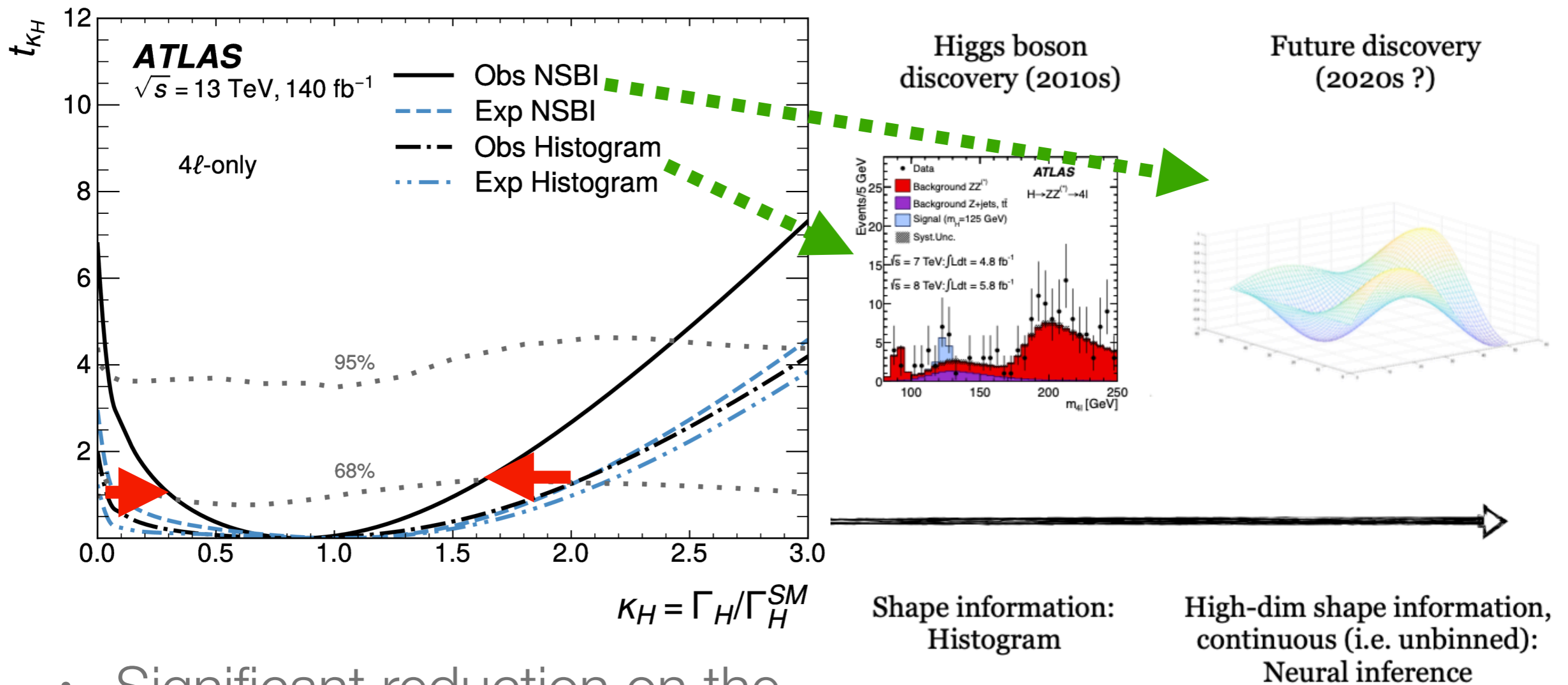
Multiple events:  
Cut-and-count

Shape information:  
Histogram

High-dim shape information,  
continuous (i.e. unbinned):  
Neural inference

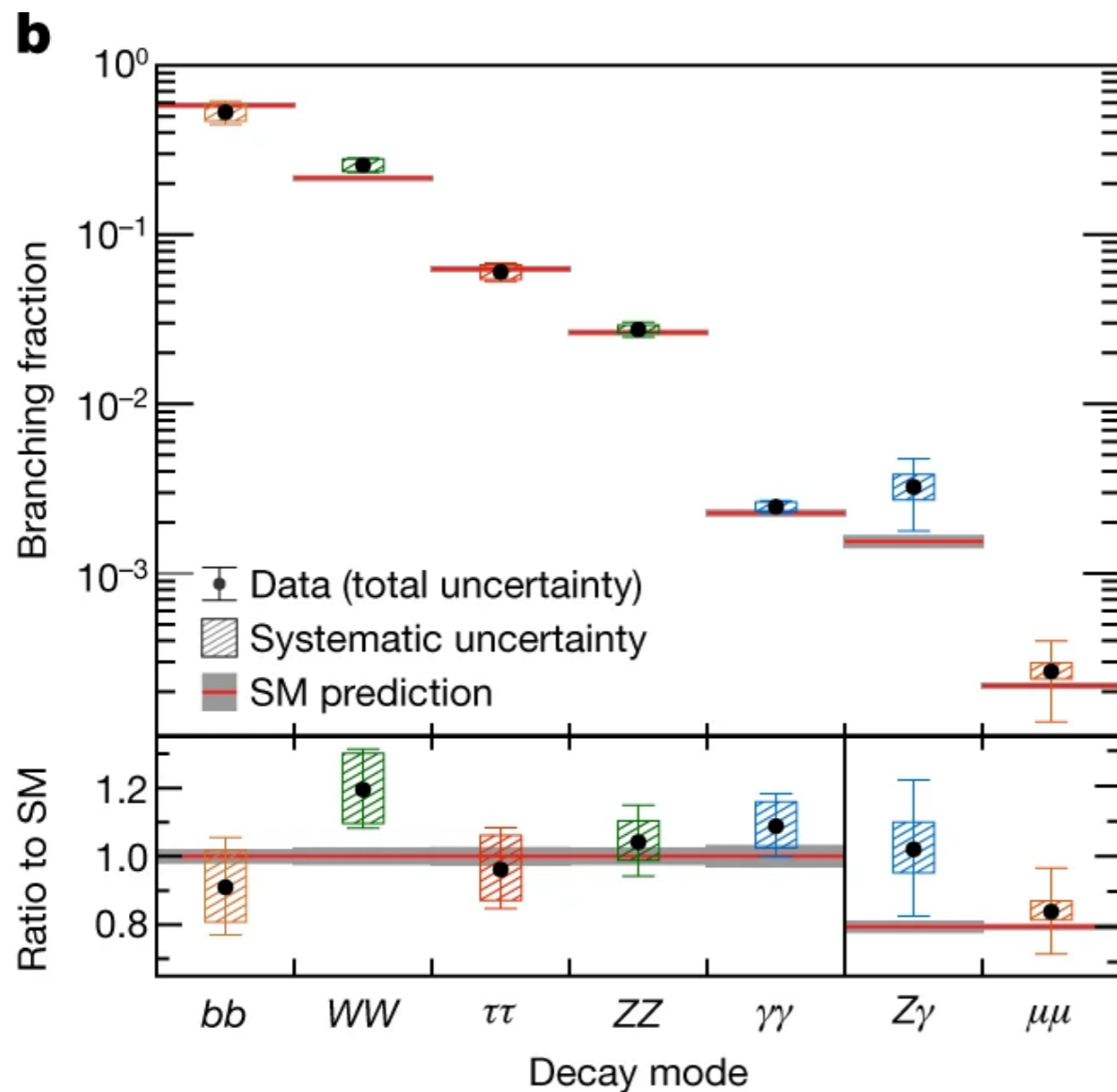
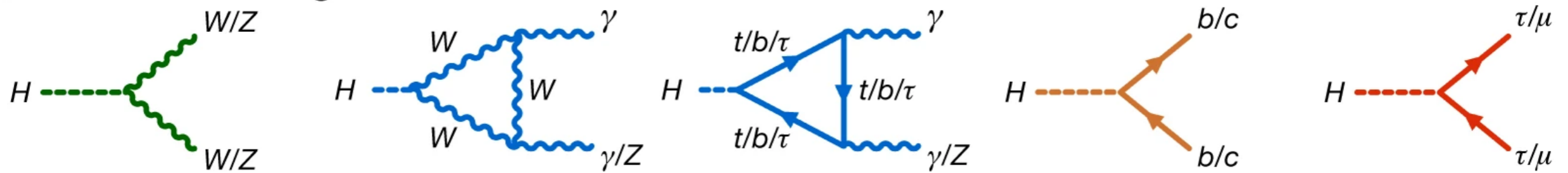


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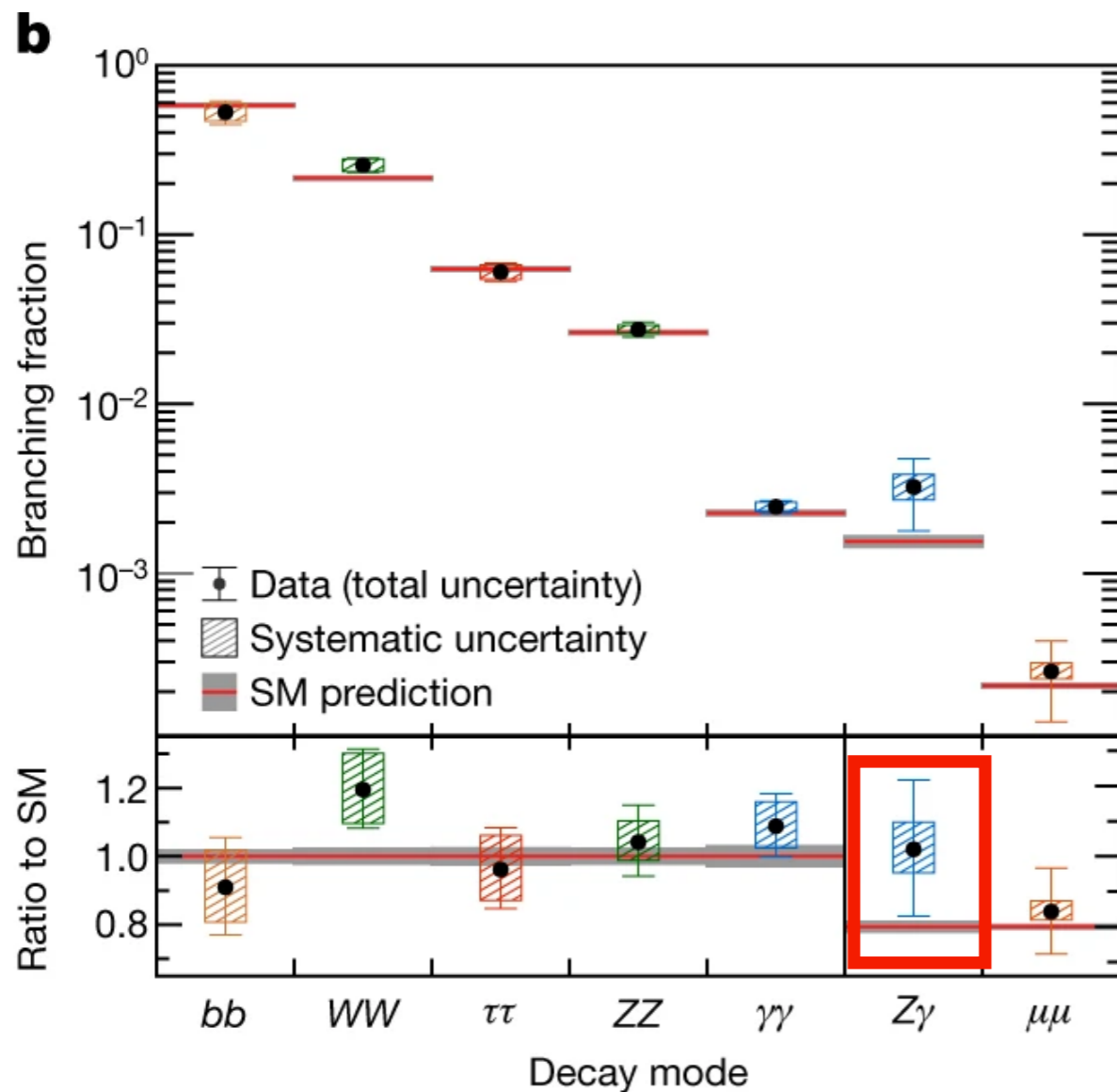
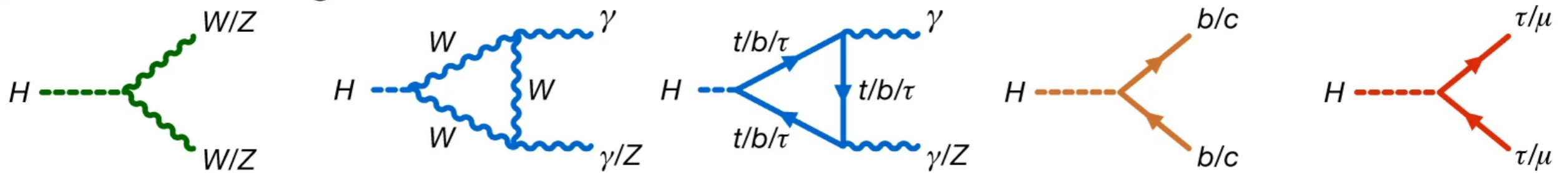
- Significant reduction on the precision of the measurement

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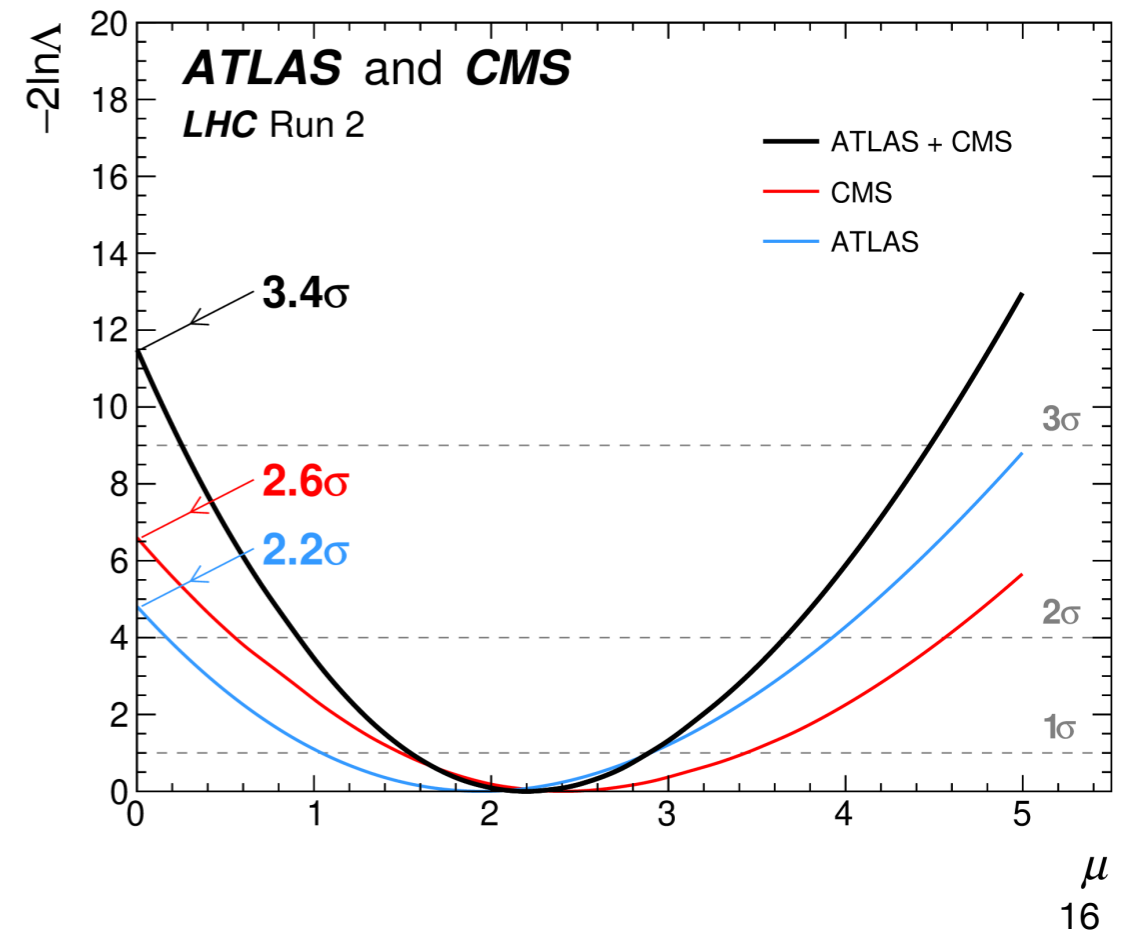
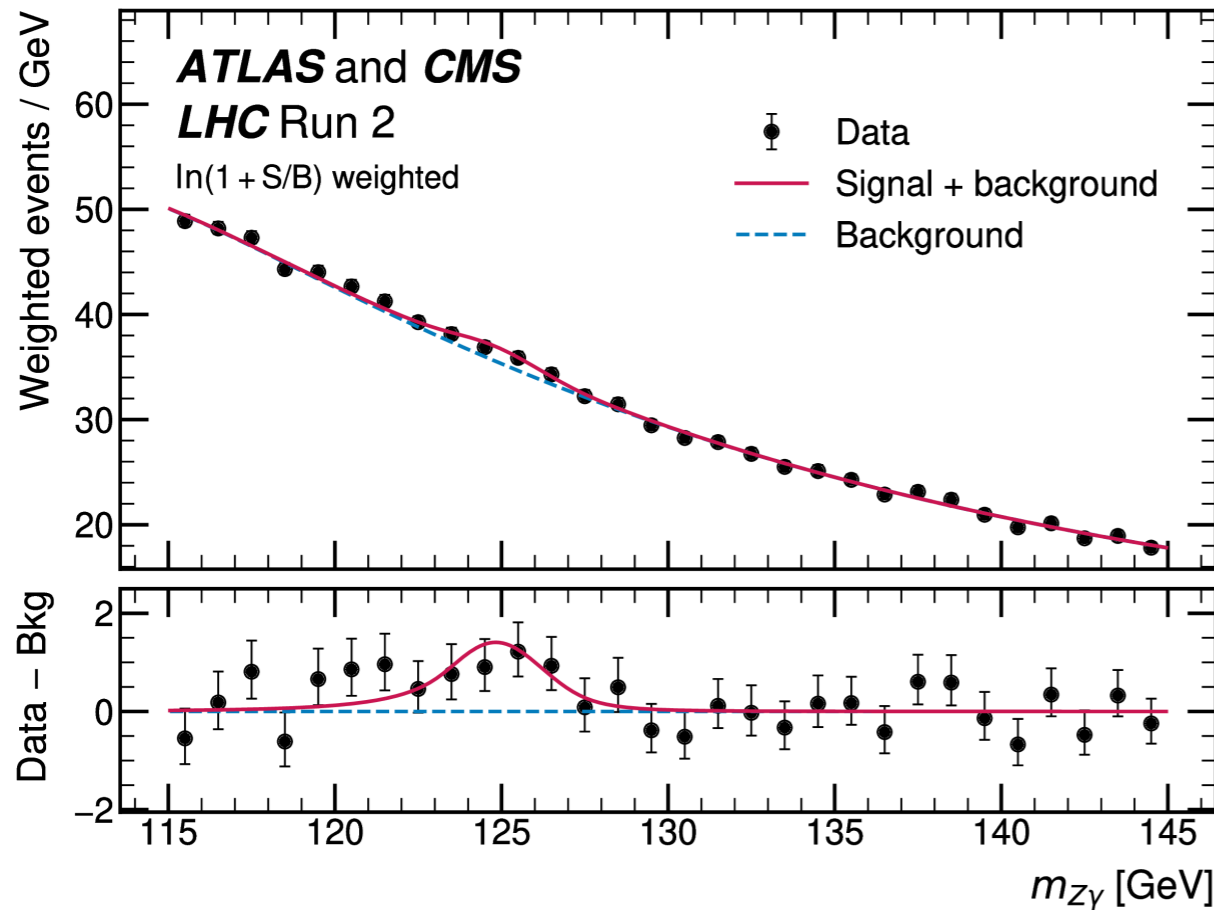
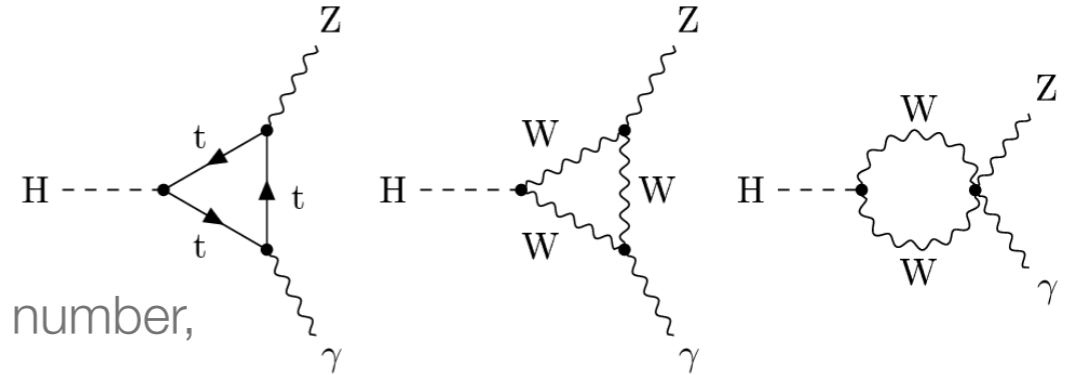


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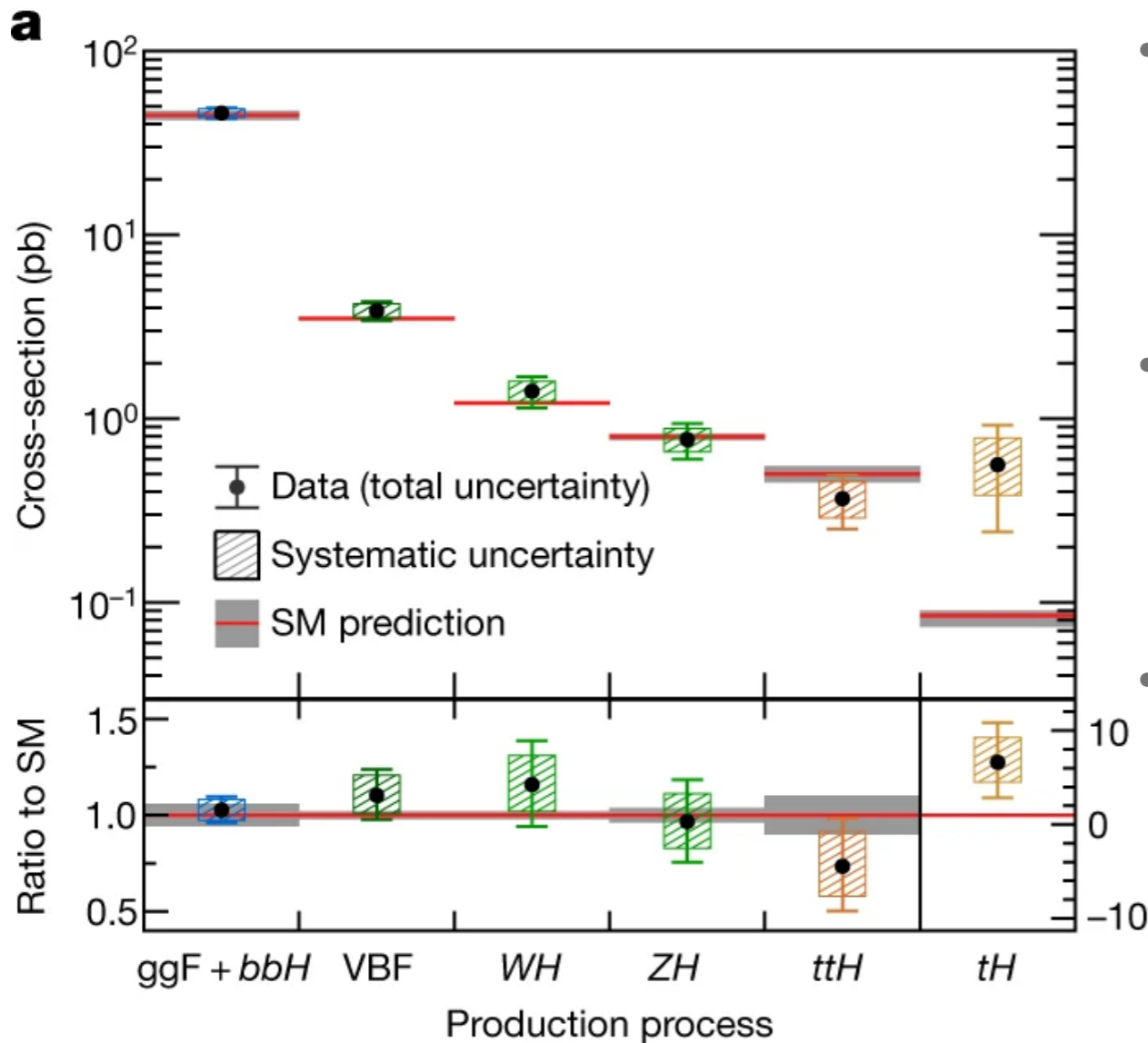
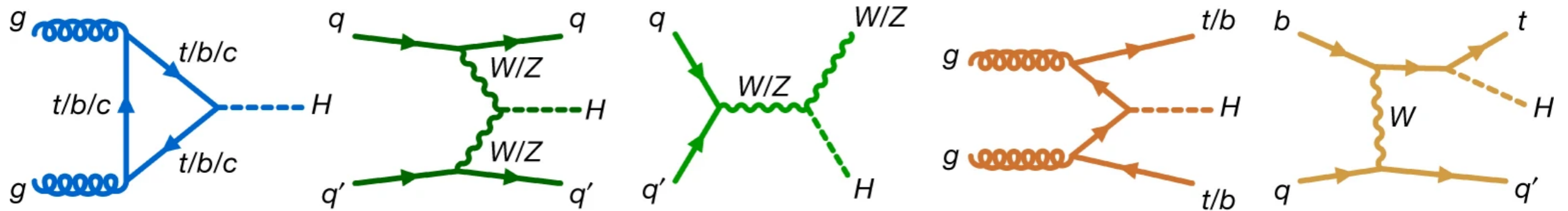
## $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$

- An elusive decay that we have been trying to measure for about 10 years.
- Sensitive to new physics.
- First evidence by combining the results from ATLAS and CMS.
- The number of measured events is  $2.2 \pm 0.7$  times the expected number, still compatible with the Standard Model.



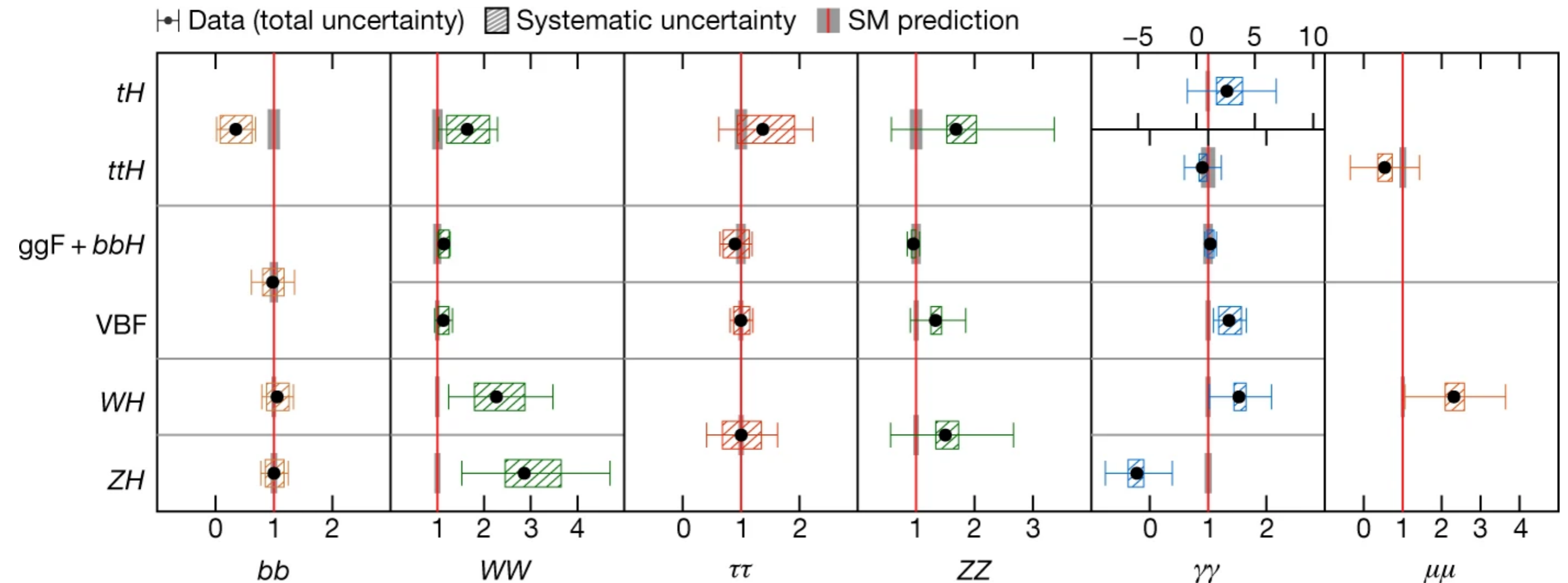


# Measuring the Higgs boson production



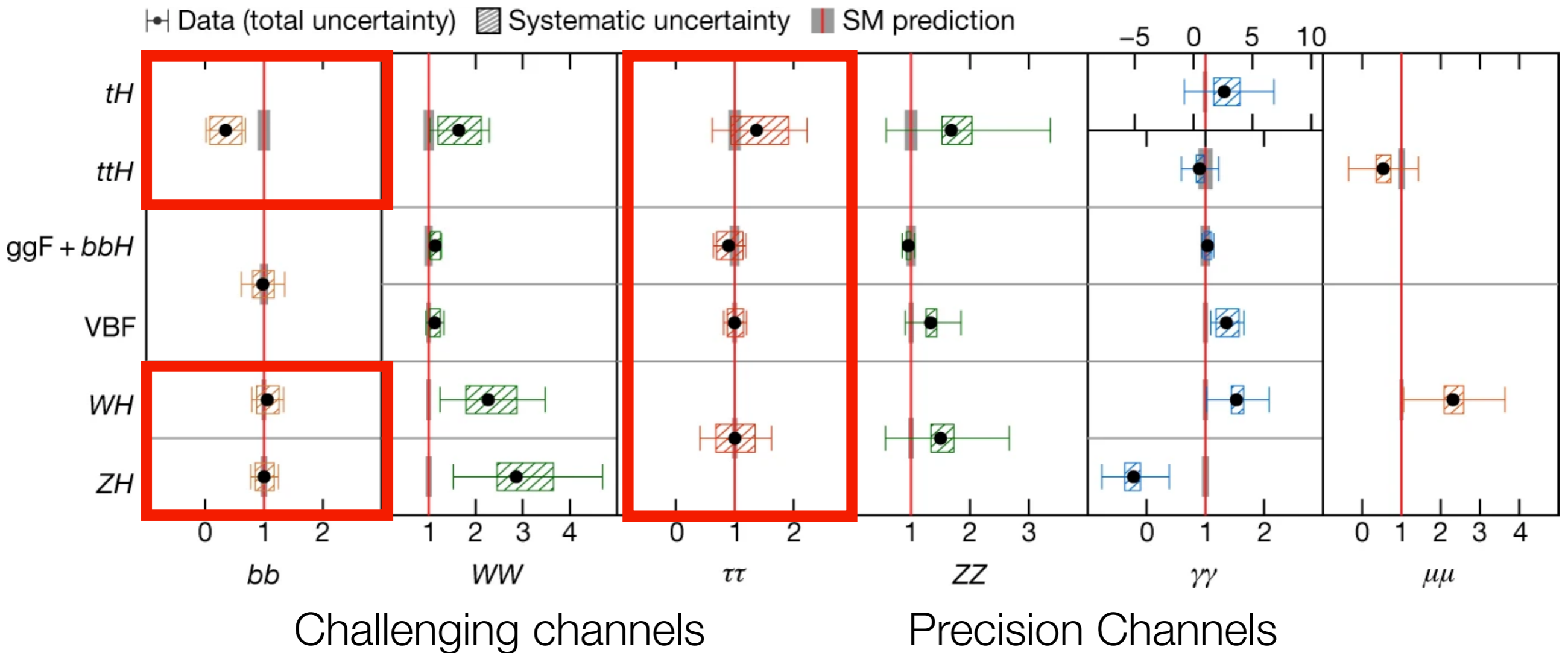
- Gluon-gluon fusion: Precision better than 10%!
- Precision of 10-20% for other production modes.
- Measurement of  $\sigma_{tH}$  → Rare production modes are starting to be tested.

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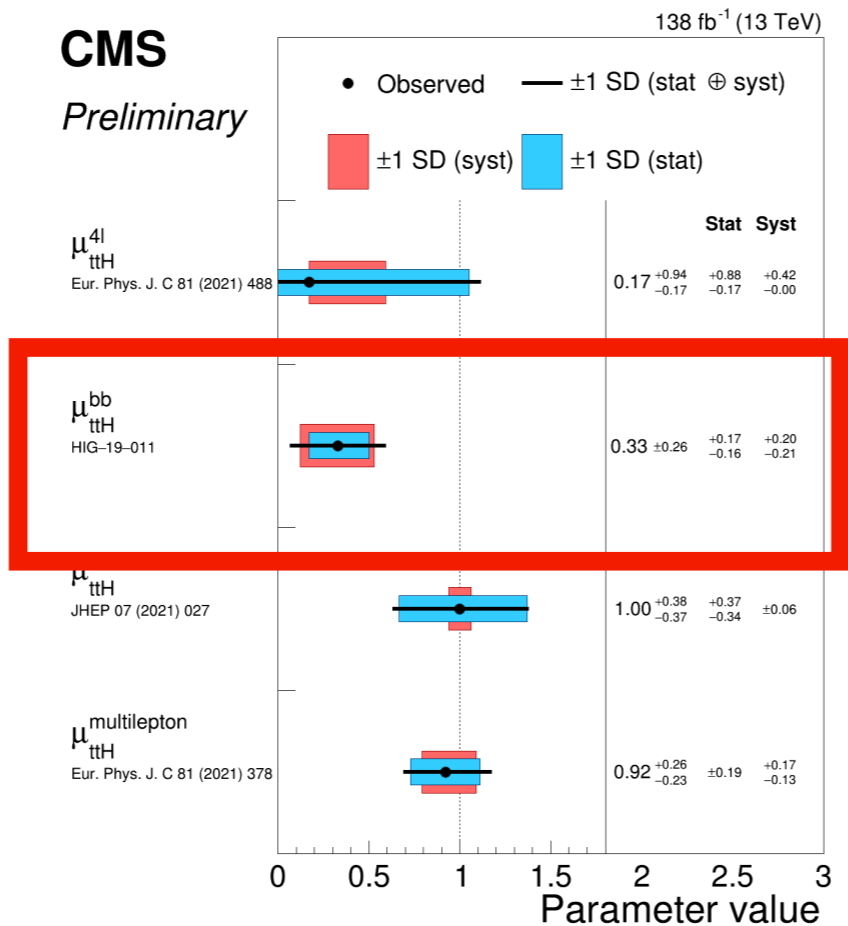
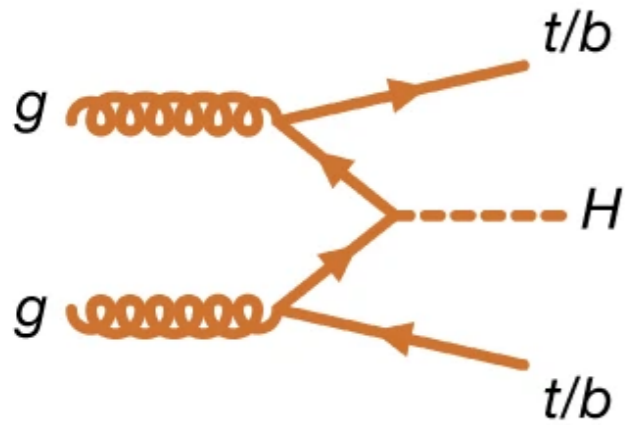
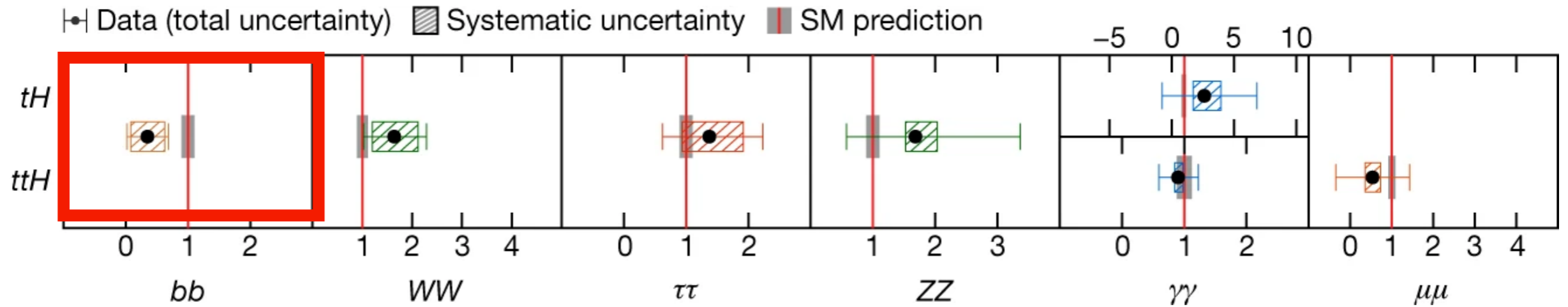
- ... and the following already published (or submitted to a journal) analyses are not yet included in the plot:
  - $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$
  - $pp \rightarrow WH/ZH$  with  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
  - $pp \rightarrow WH/ZH$  with  $H \rightarrow bb$  and  $W/Z \rightarrow qq$
  - Vector boson fusion  $WH$  with  $H \rightarrow bb$
  - ...

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- Hot off the press:
  - **Updated channels in 2024**
  - **other to come (in the next months)**

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ttH  $\Rightarrow$  tree-level Higgs-top coupling  
 $\Rightarrow$  Exploit the different decay channels.

Precisions per experiments in Run2 :

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ : ~35%
- $H \rightarrow \text{ML}$ : ~25%
- $H \rightarrow bb$ : ~26-27%,

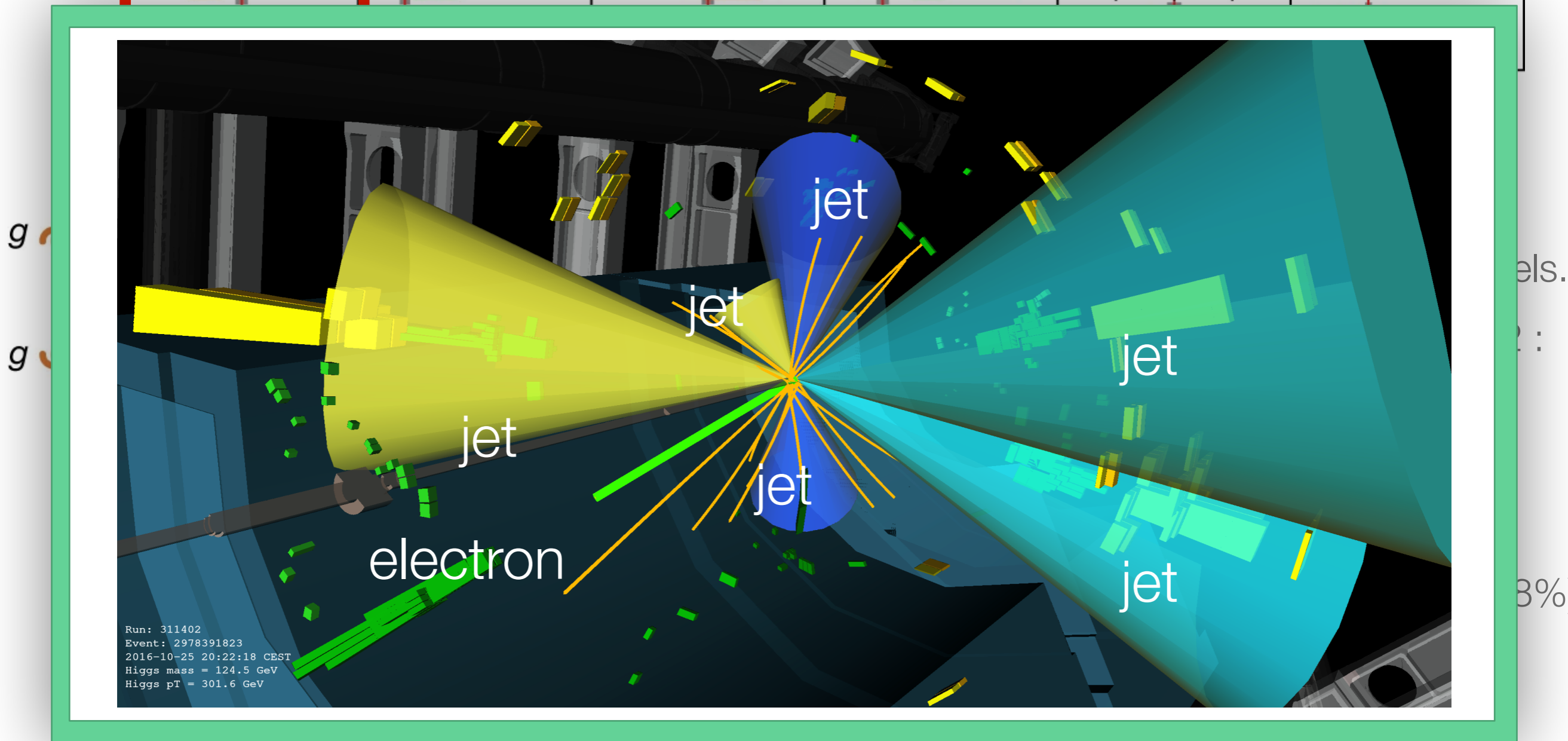
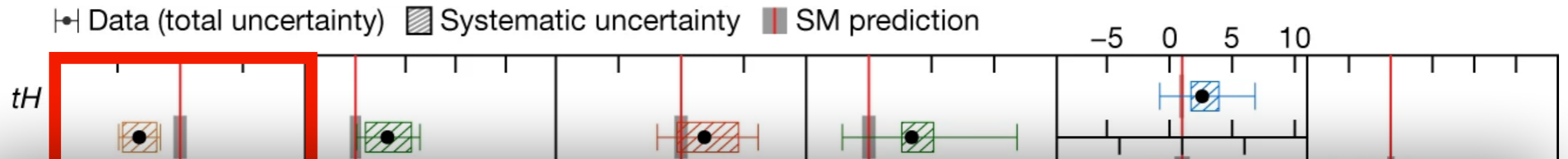
$H \rightarrow bb$  has the largest Higgs BR (58%)

BUT: it is a complex signature:  
 $4b + 2W$  (1 or 2 leptons (e| $\mu$ ))

Can we do better?



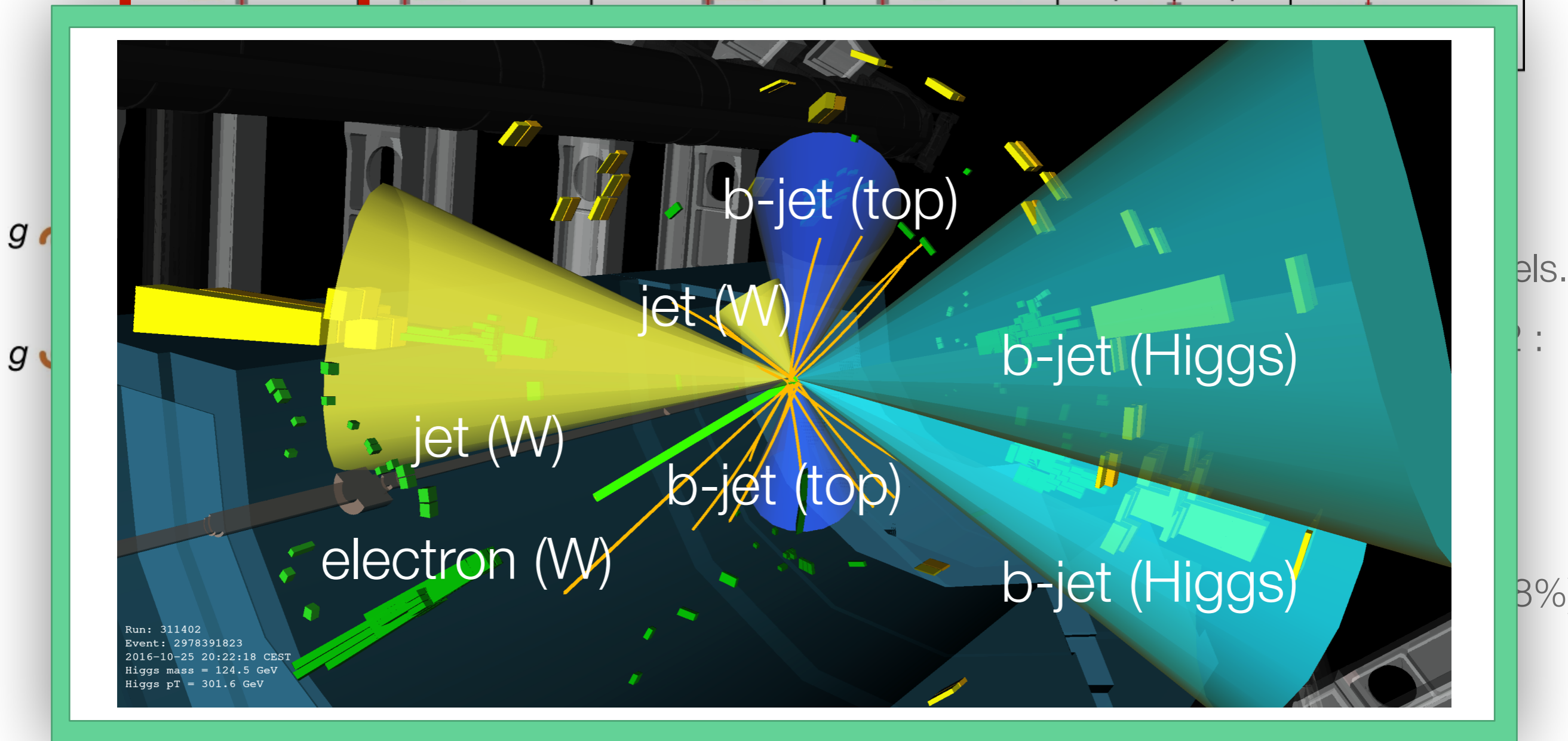
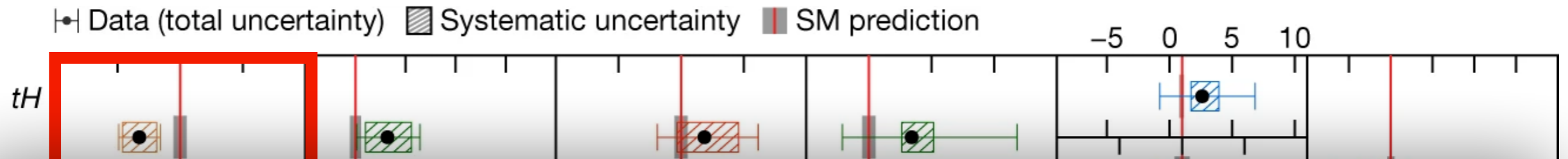
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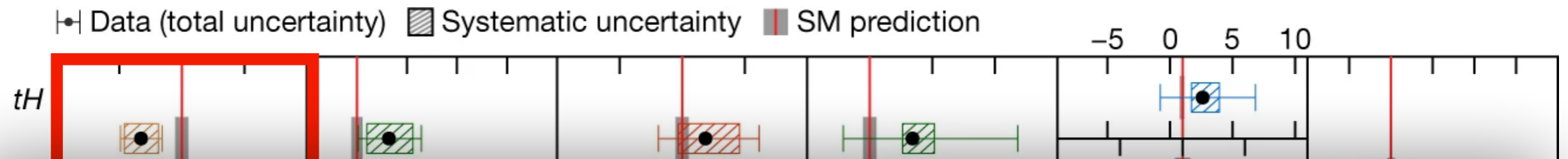
Higgs PAG Summary Plots

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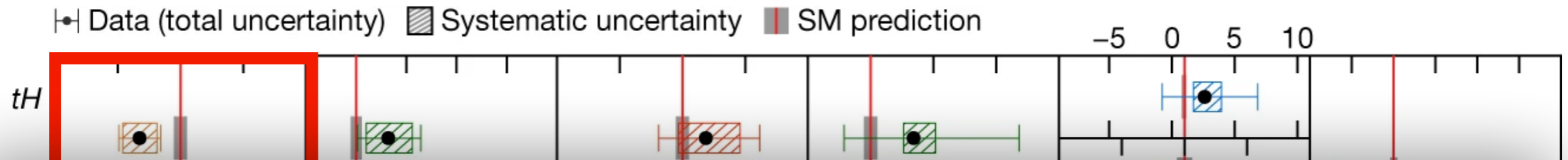
- Improved b-jet identification (DL1r) Eur. Phys. J. C 85 (2025) 210
- Improved modelling of backgrounds (tt+b(b)...),
- Looser selection for better control.
- Use of transformer networks to separate signal and background, reconstruct  $p_T(H)$

$$\mu_{ttH} = 0.81^{+0.22}_{-0.19} \left( \begin{array}{l} +0.20 \\ -0.16 \text{ syst.} \end{array} \right)$$

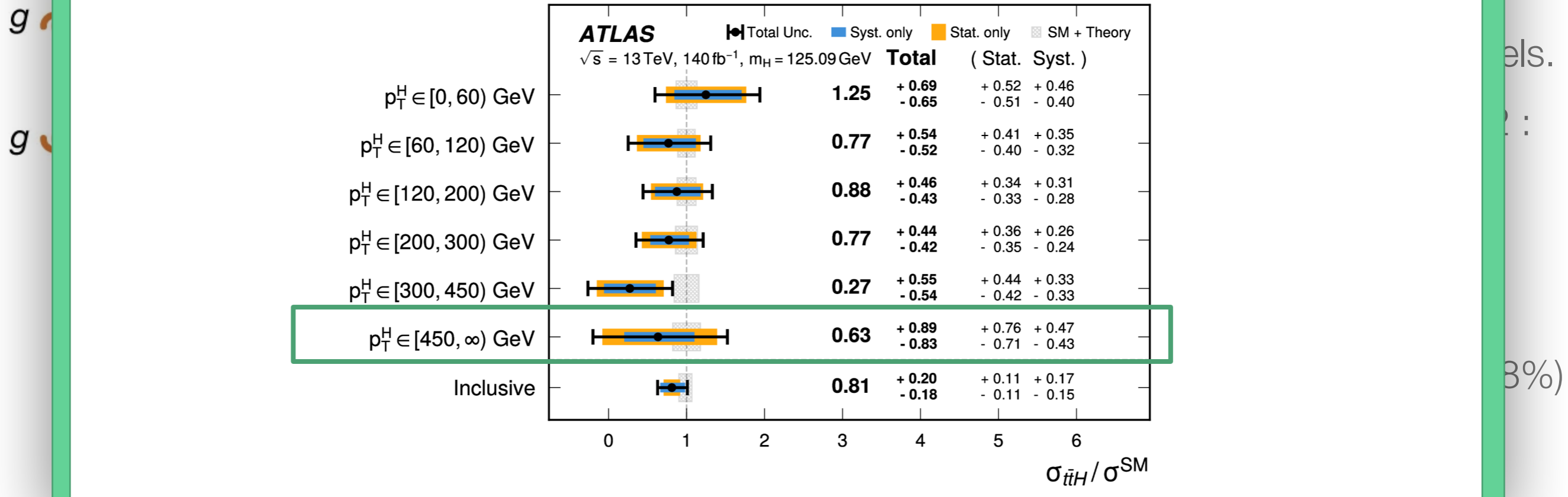
Overall uncertainty improved by factor 1.8,

4.6 $\sigma$  observed

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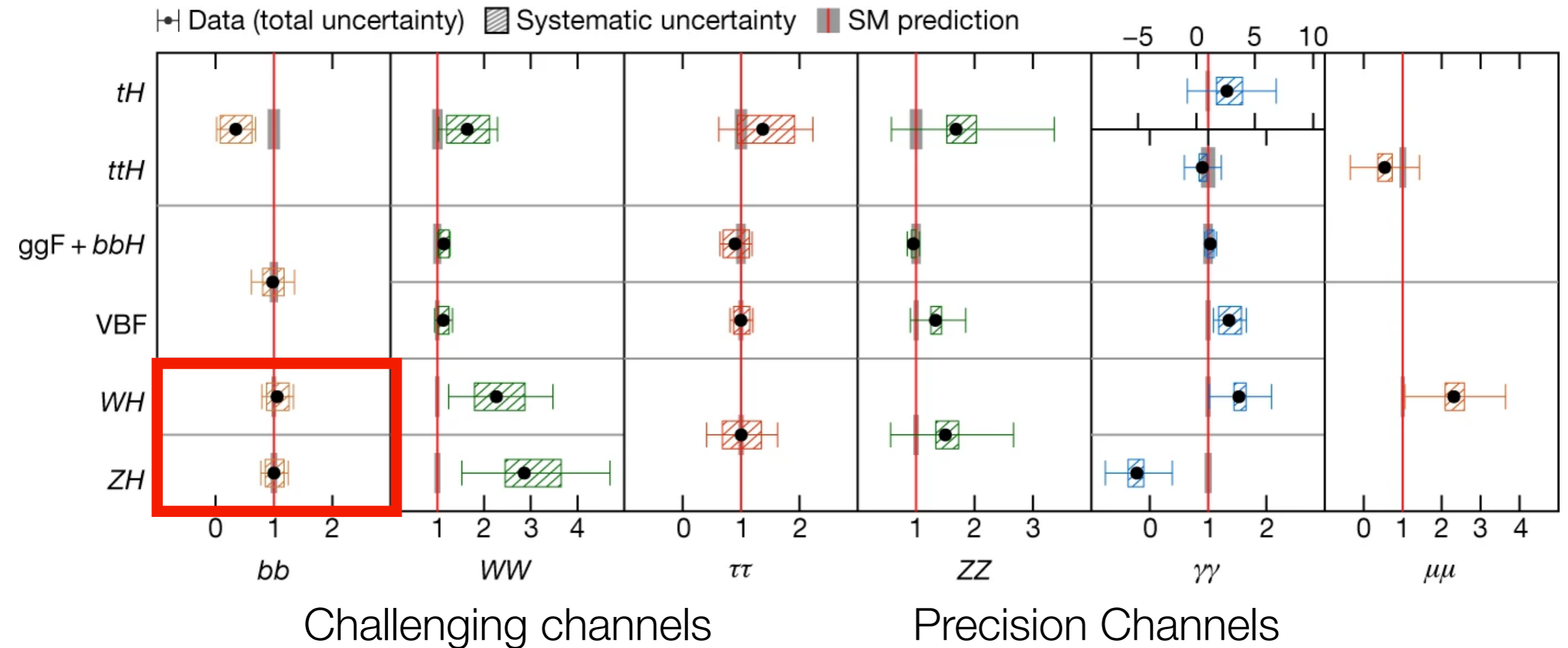


Measure cross section in  $p_T(H)$  bins up to 450 GeV. [Eur. Phys. J. C 85 \(2025\) 210](#)  
 Best single measurement to date.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Test SM in extreme phase-space

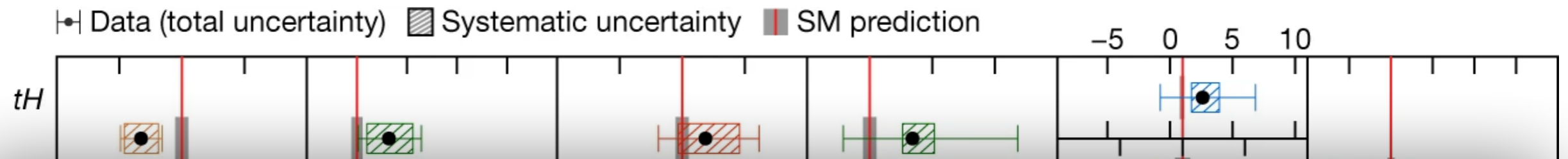




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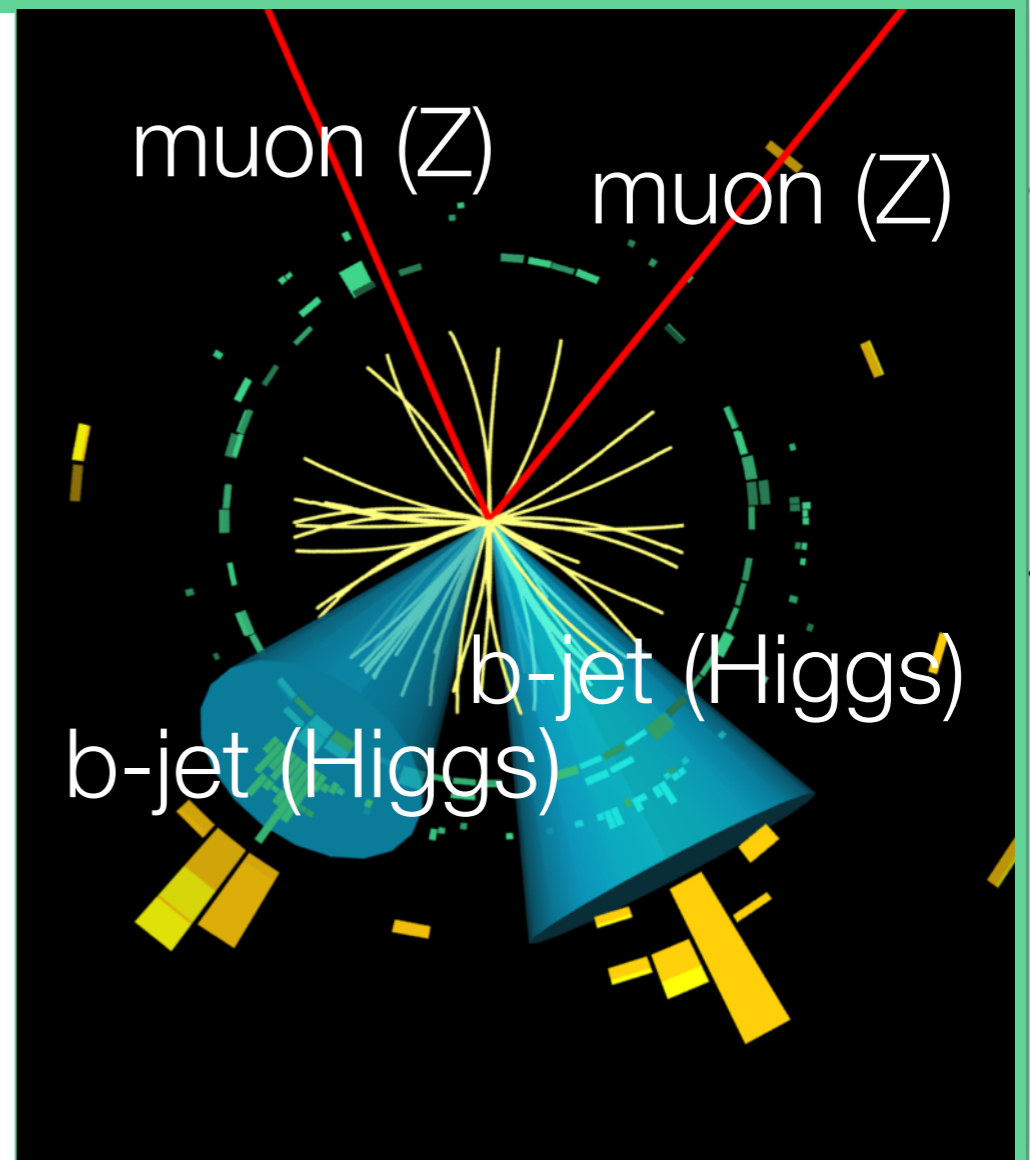
$H \rightarrow cc$  largest BR to 2nd gen. fermions (2.9%)

$(V \rightarrow lep)H$  most sensitive mode to access both.

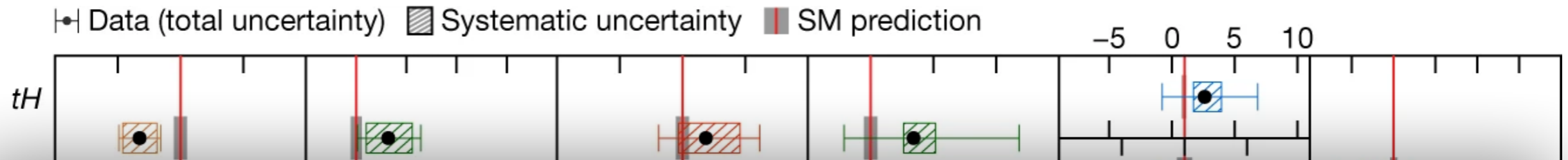
Require b-jets or c-jets,

split signal in  $N_{leptons}$ :

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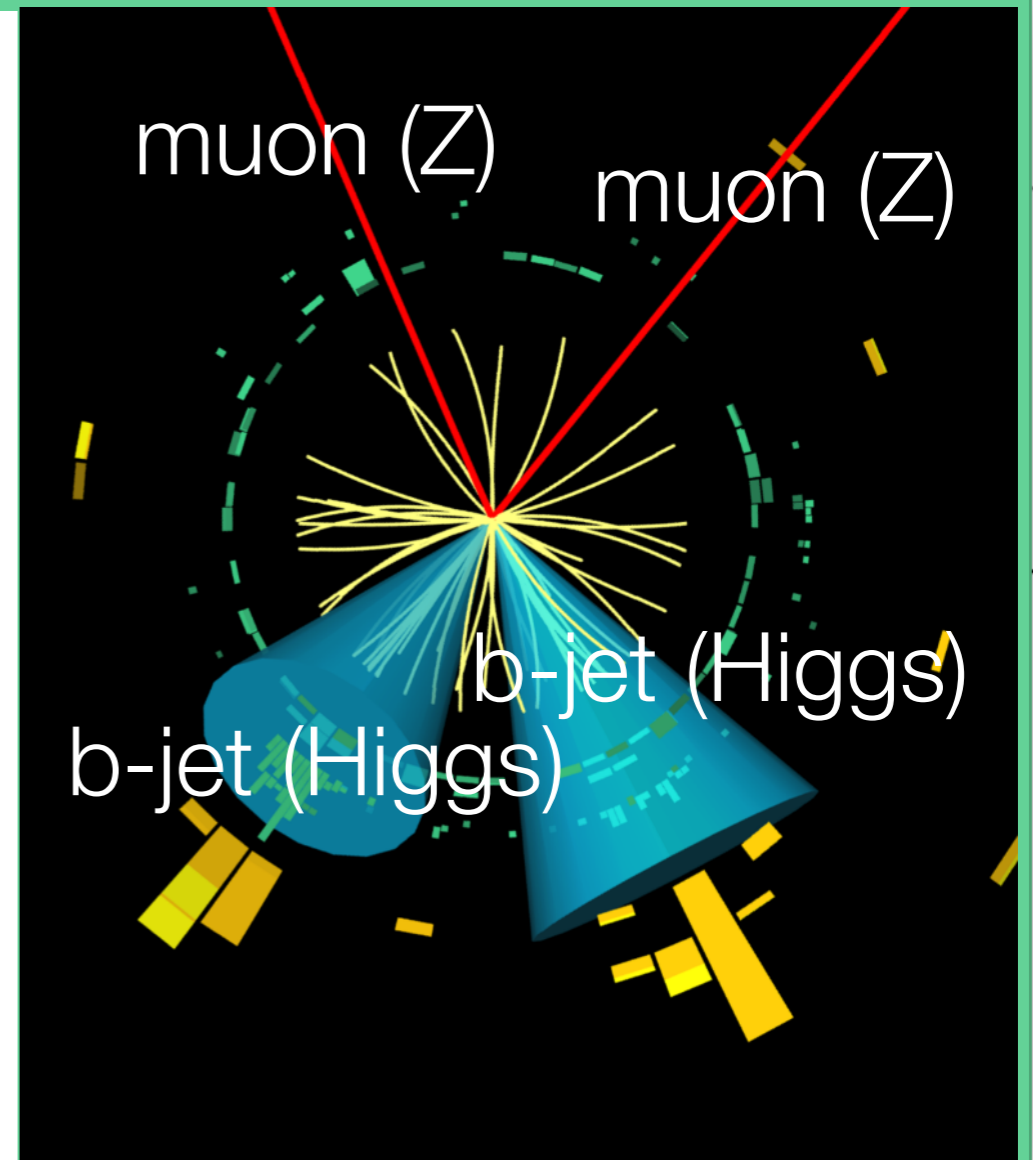
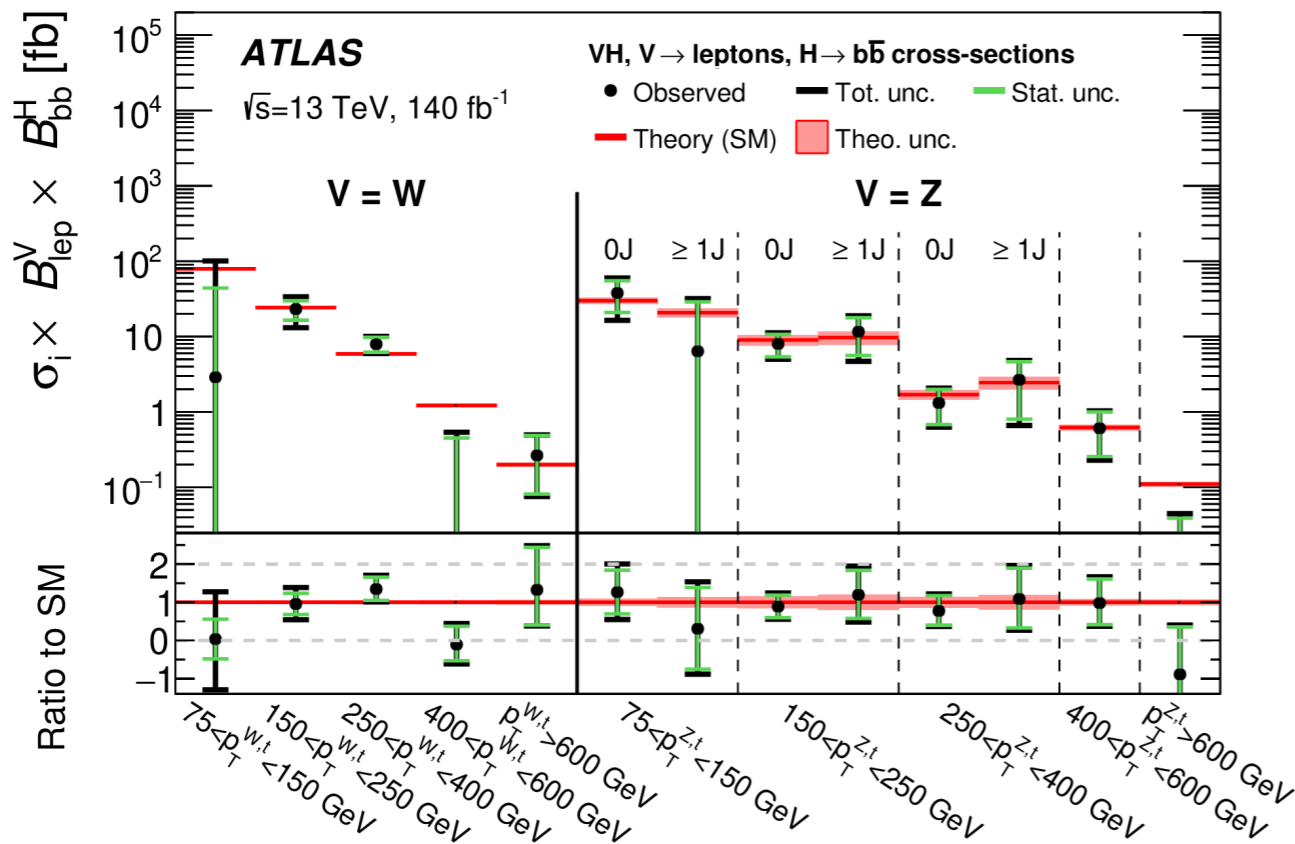


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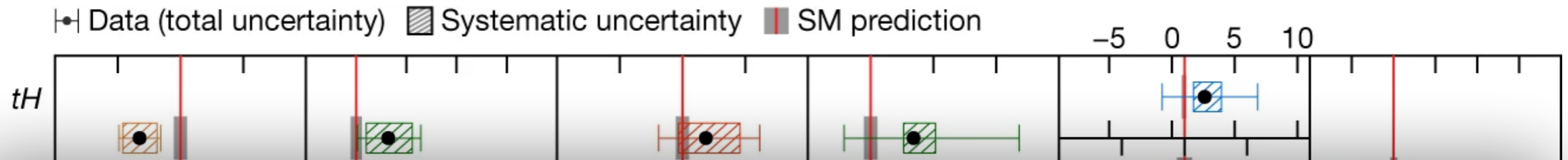
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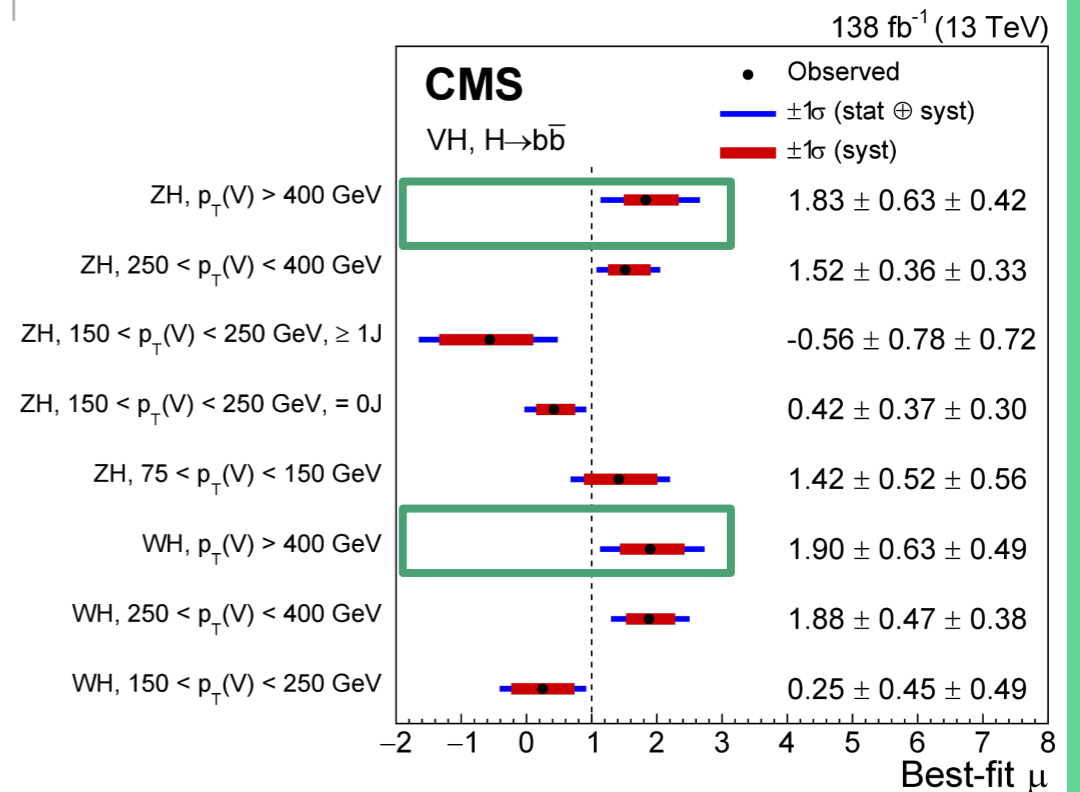
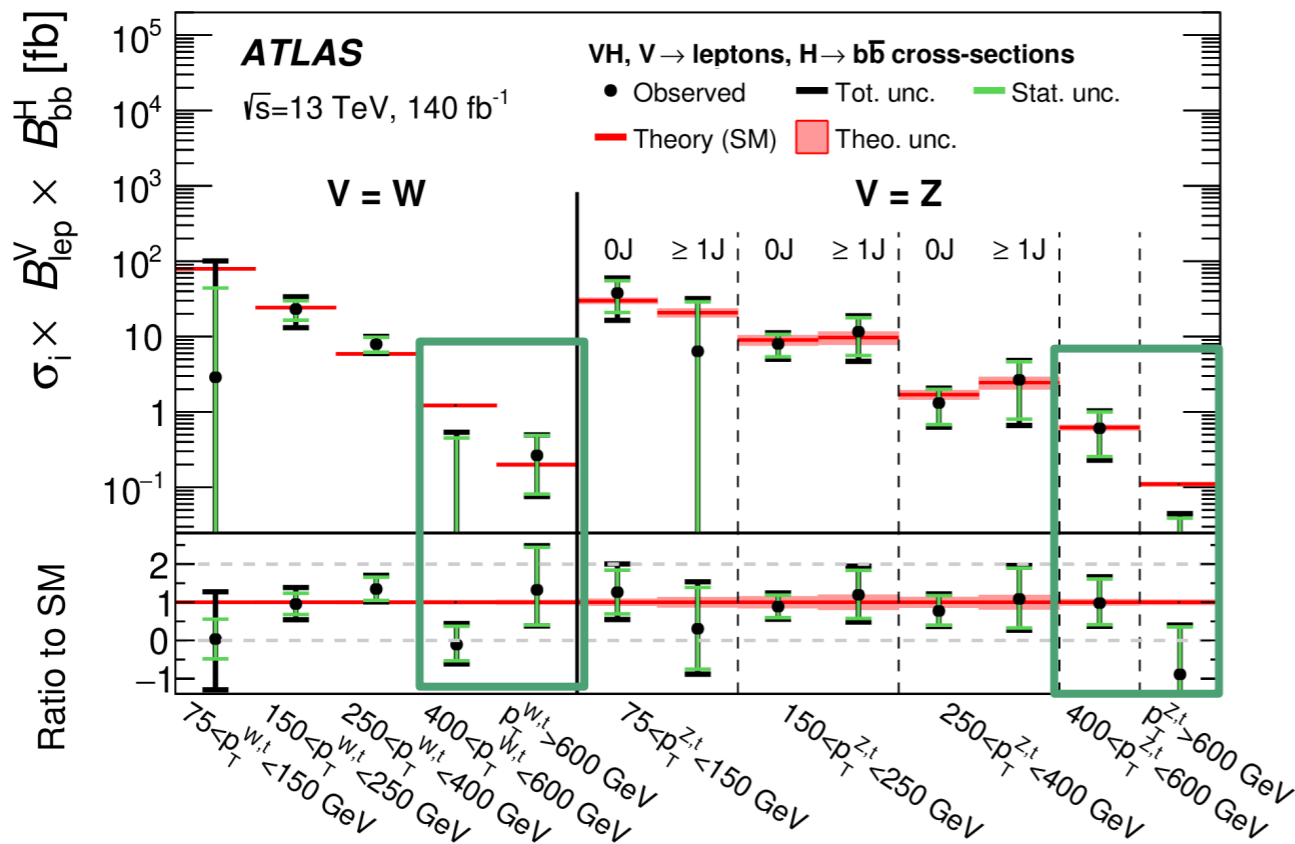
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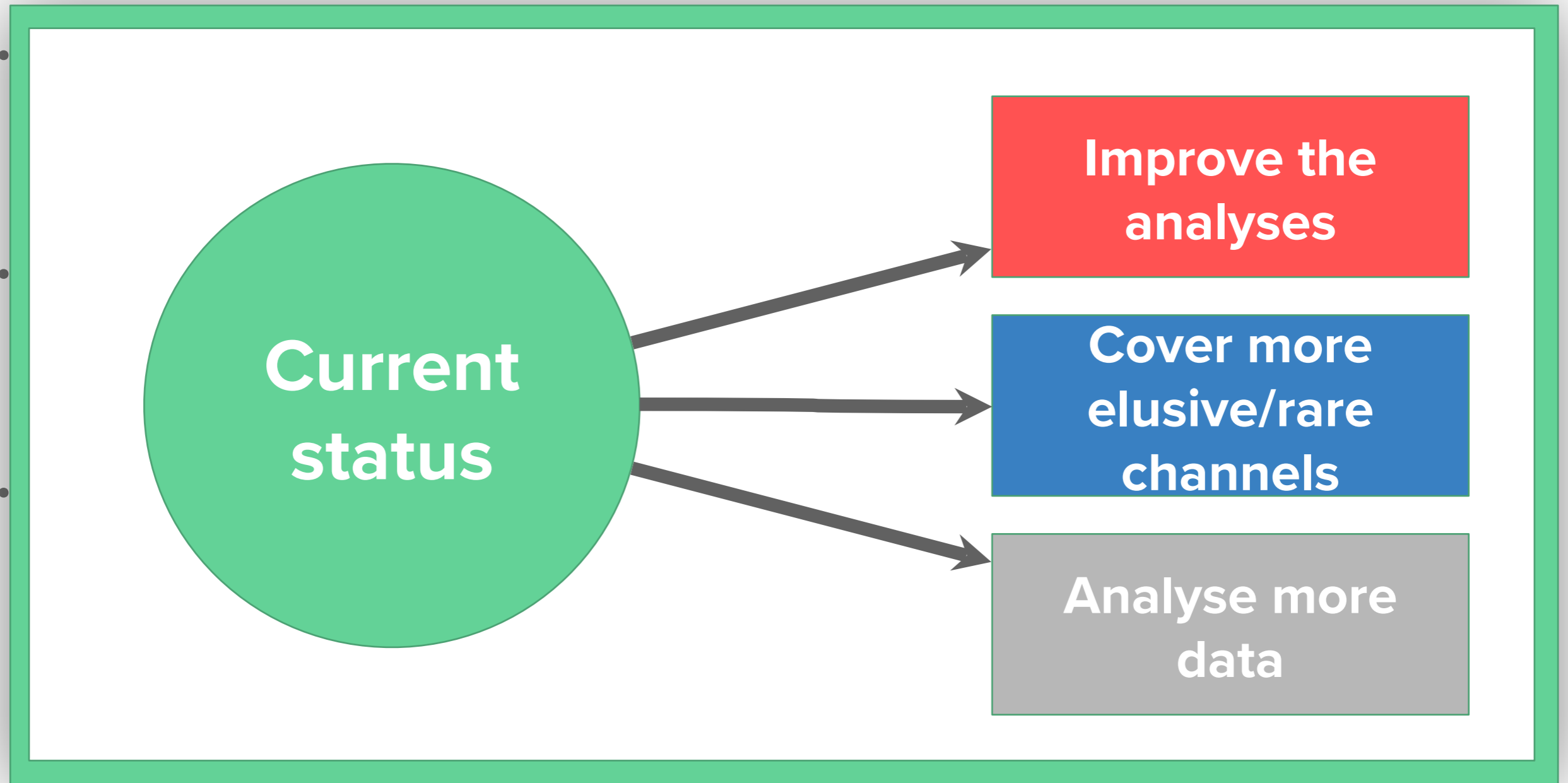
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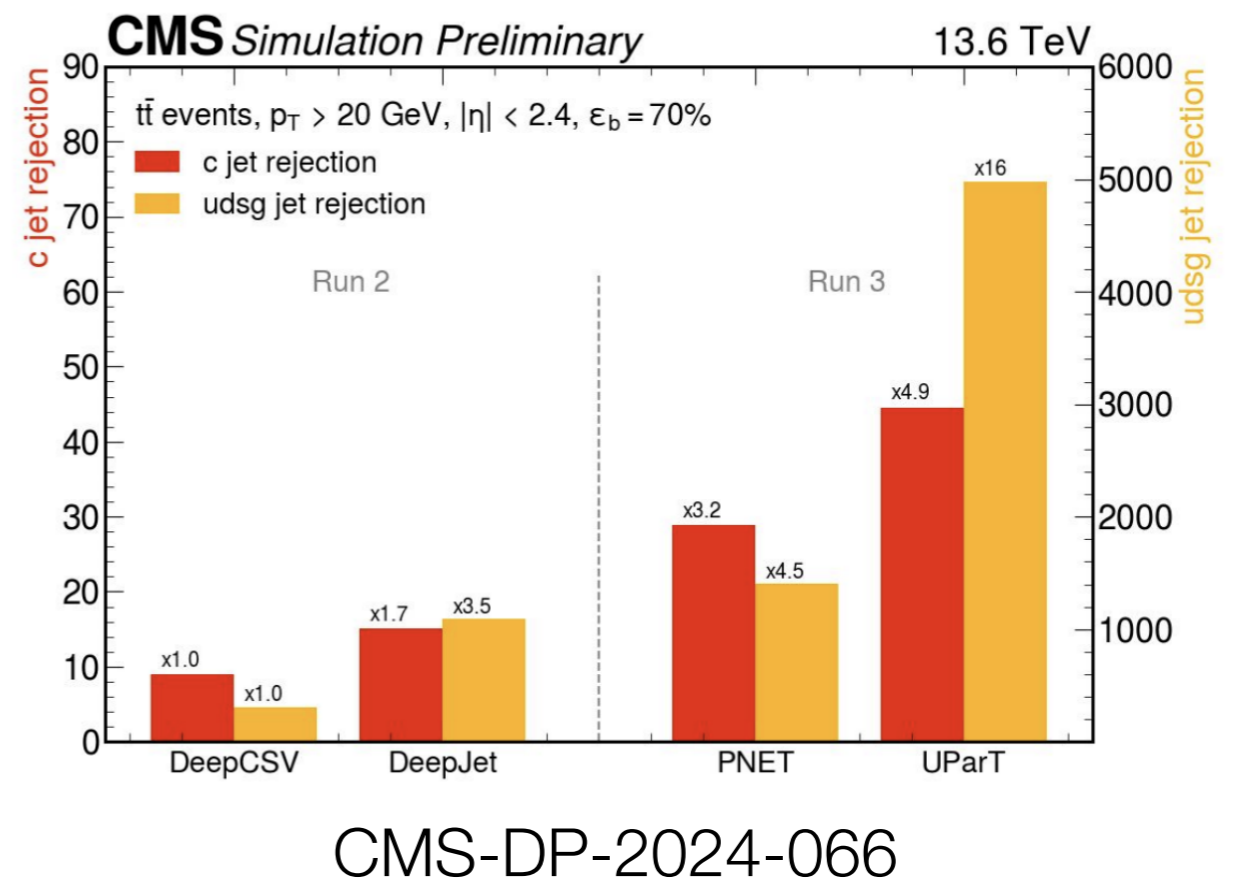
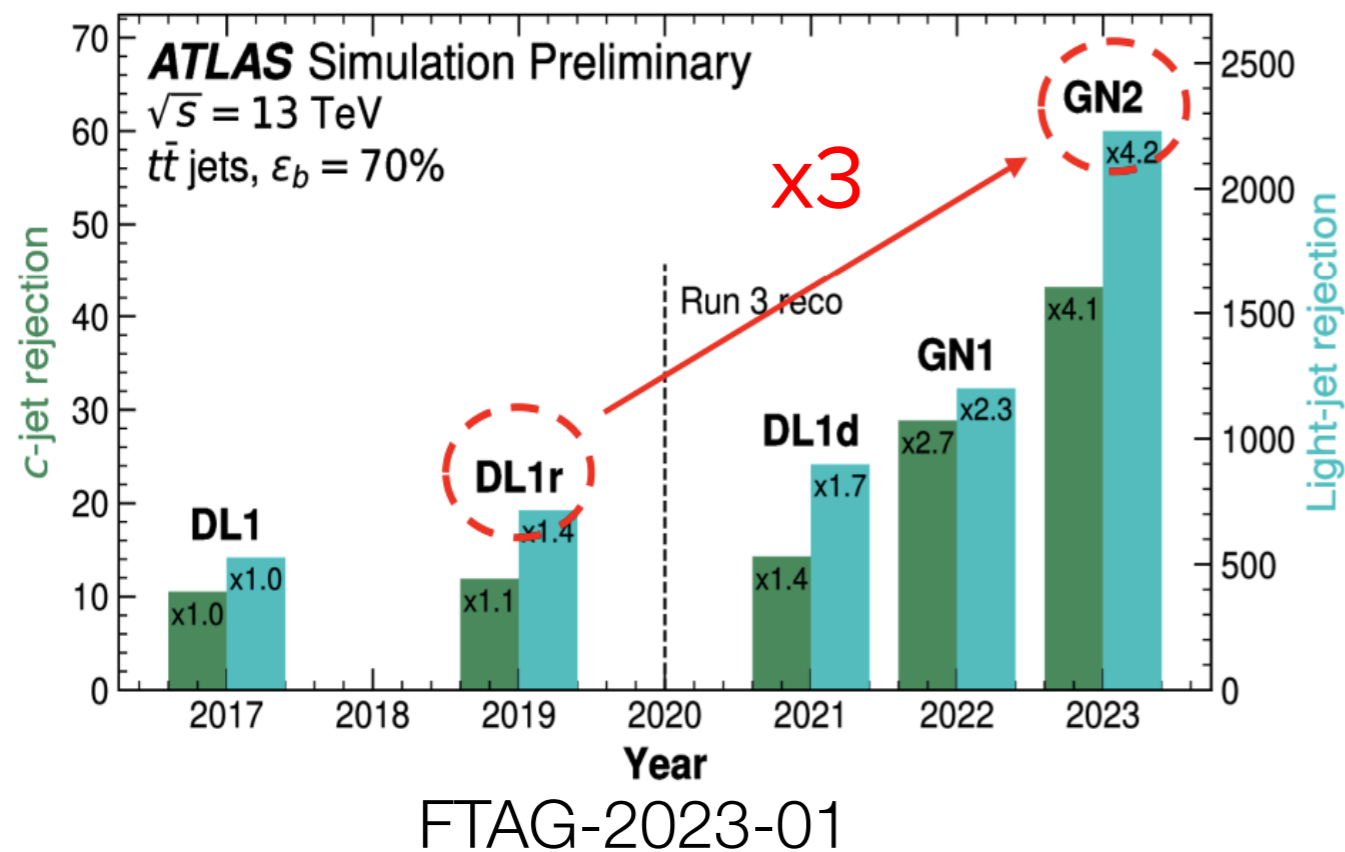
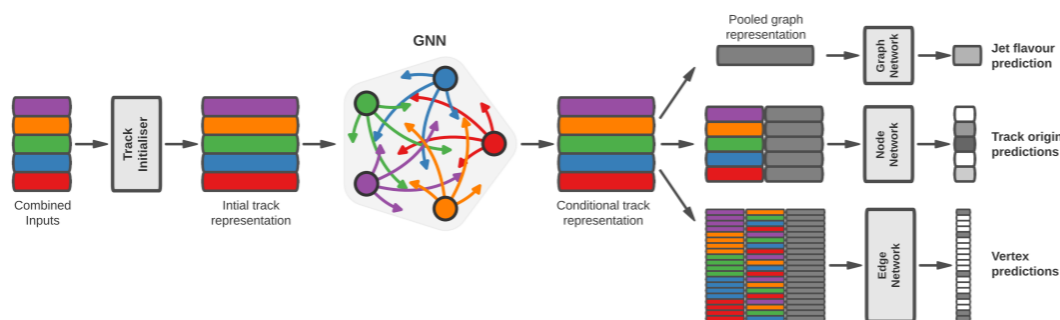


# Improvements in experimental techniques: An example

Improve the analyses

Rapid progress in techniques:

- **BDT => DNN => GNN, Transformers, etc.**

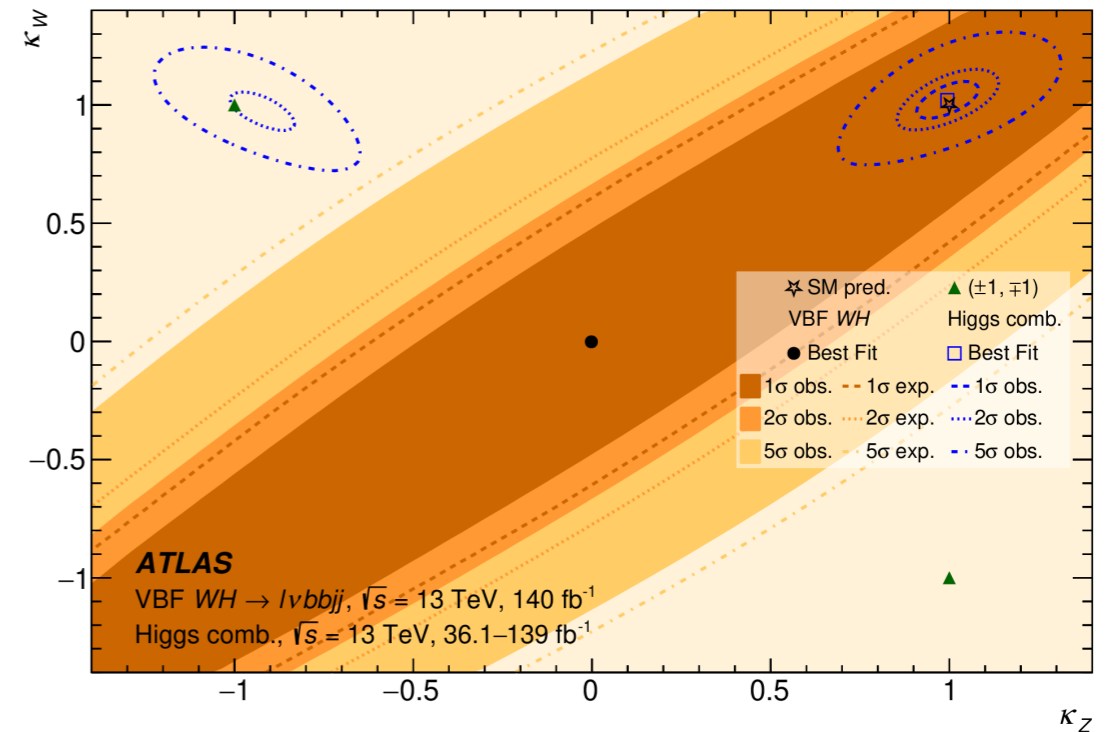
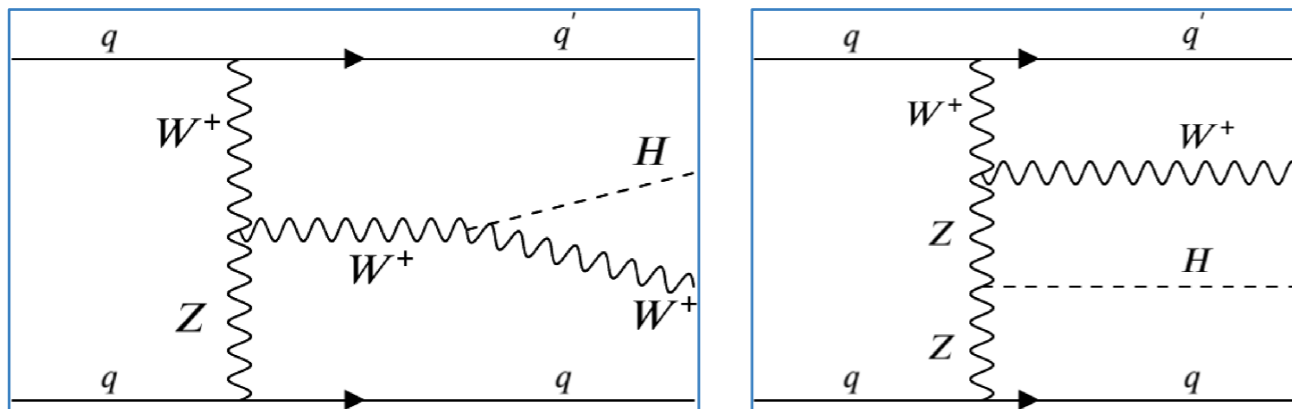


# An elusive/rare channel: WH produced via VBF

Cover more  
elusive/rare  
channels

Thanks to the interference in the VBF WH production, we can determine the relative sign of  $\kappa_W$  and  $\kappa_Z$ .

**Different relative sign excluded with  $> 5 \sigma$**



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Editor selection of the year

Similar results from  
CMS

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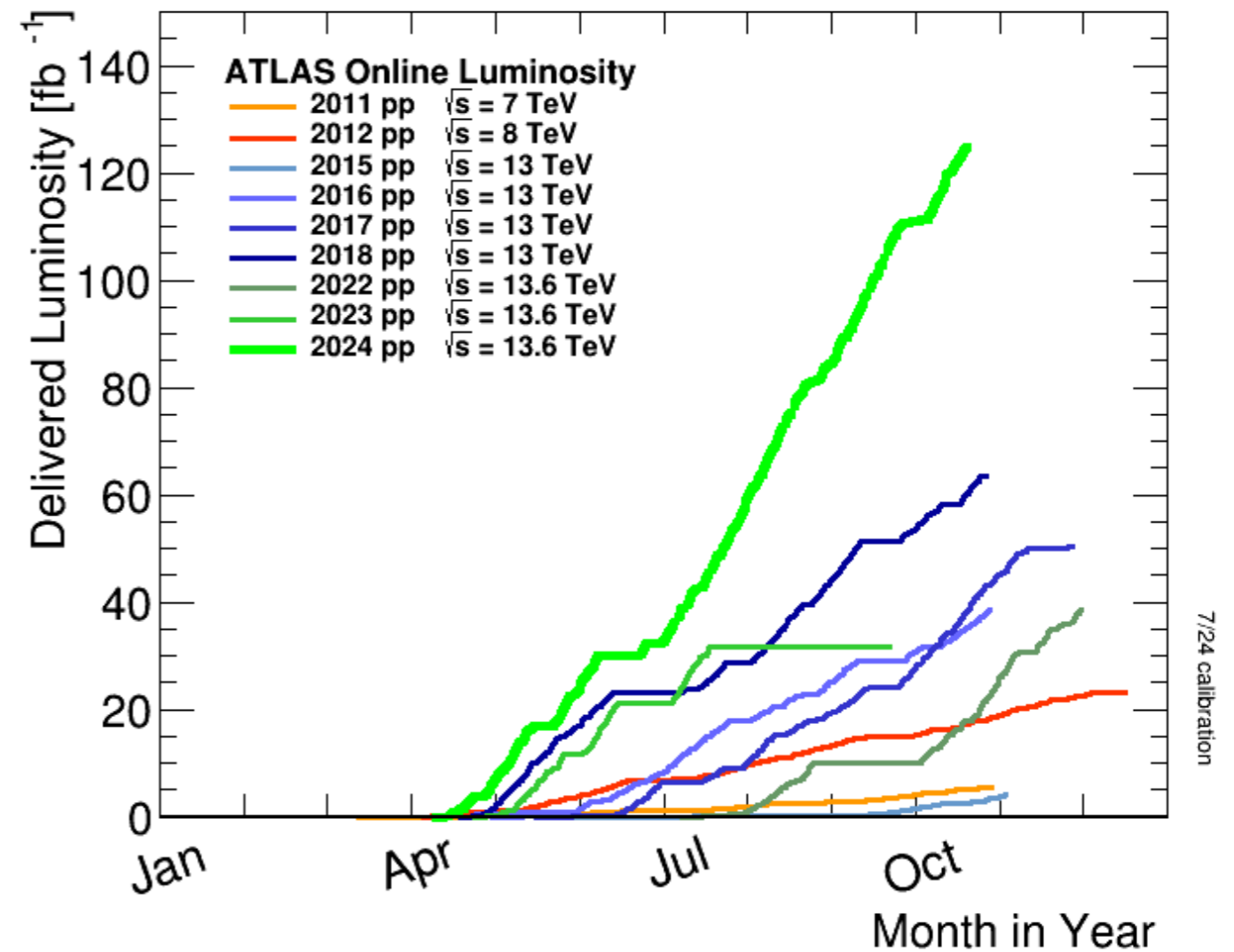
# Data collected and plans

Analyse more data

A total of about  $150 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (approximately 9 million Higgs events) recorded by the end of 2024, more than those analyzed in Run 2.

Combining partial Run3 results with the Run2 measurement will give us a net improvement in precision (at least for the statistically limited processes)

The plan for 2025/2026 is to continue taking data, with the target of  $\sim$  doubling this statistics



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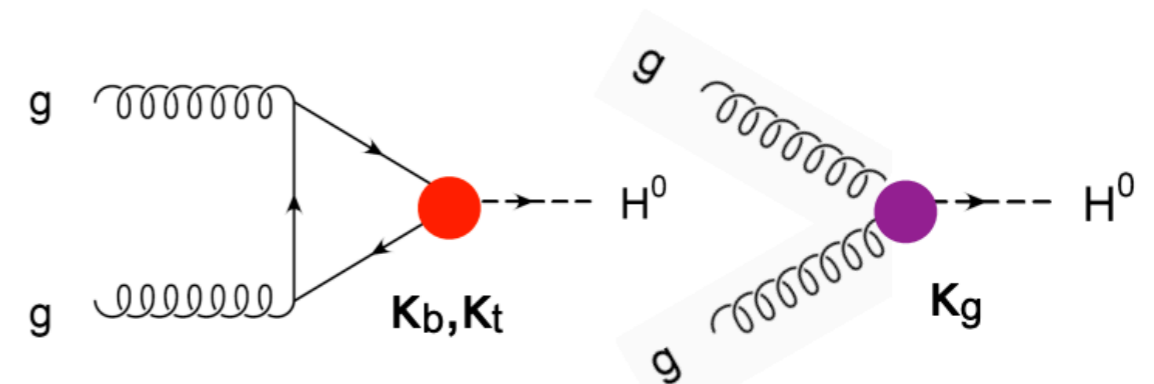
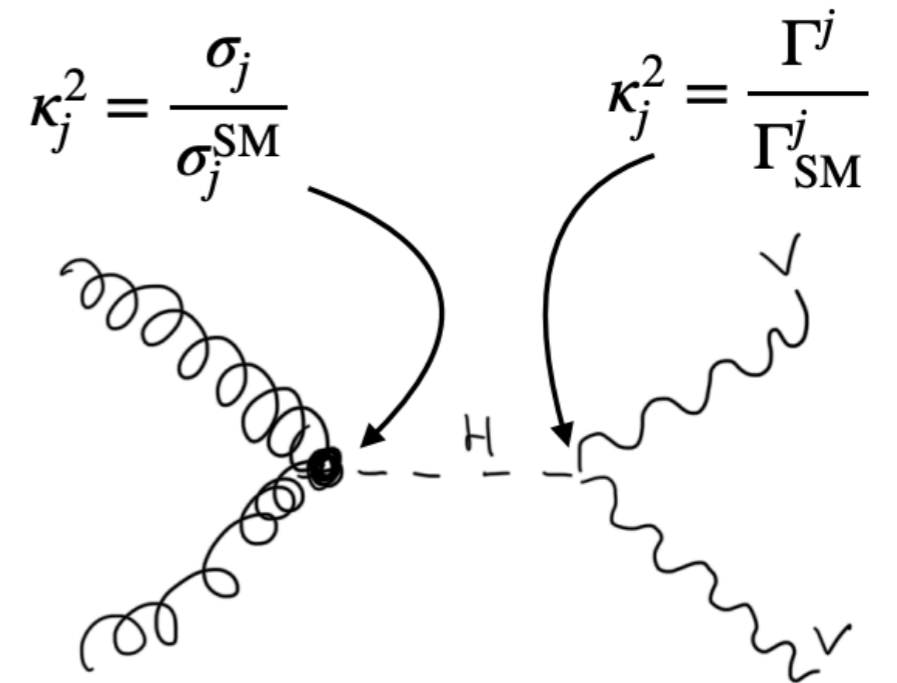
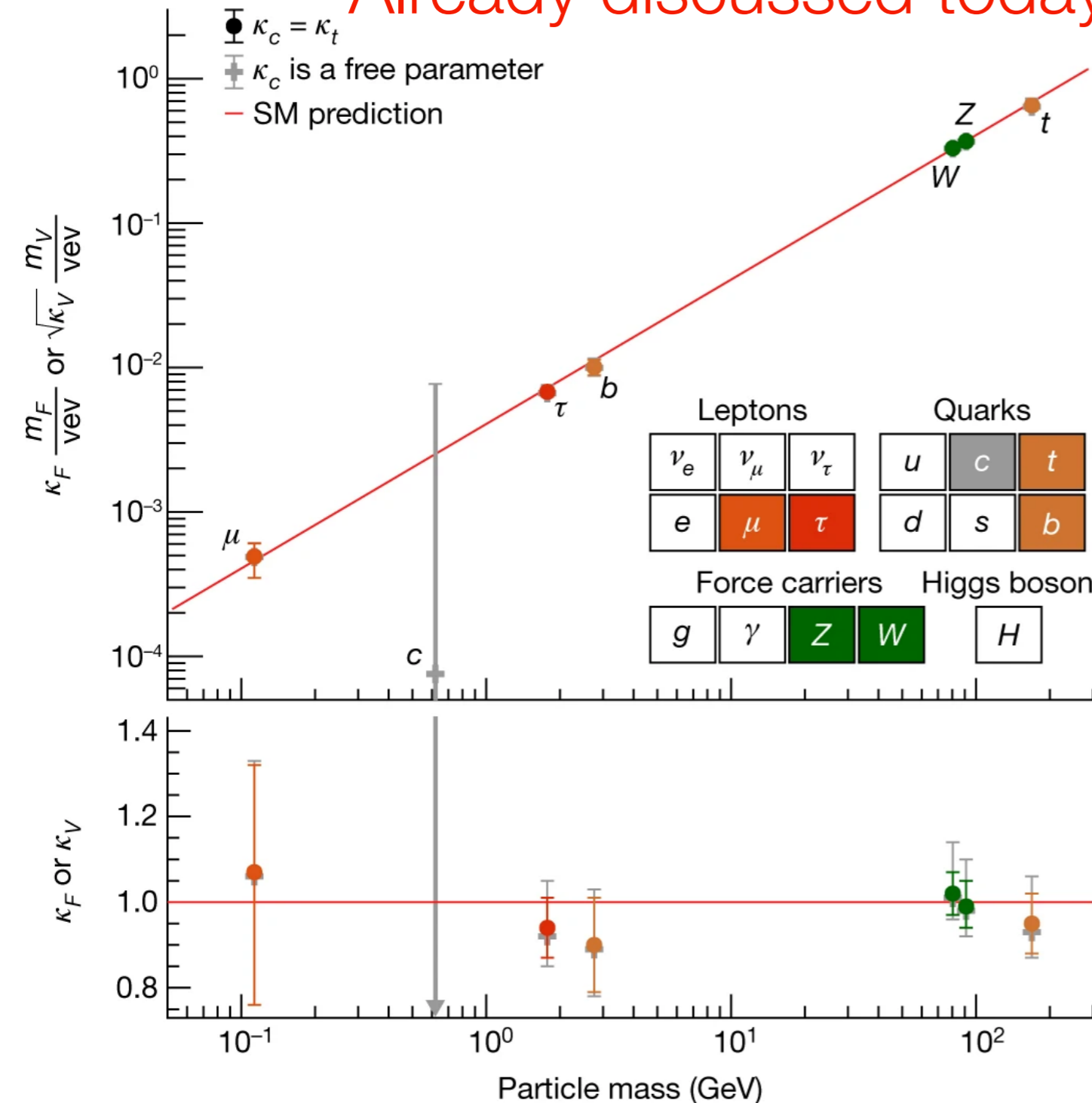
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# Coupling modifiers

Already discussed today!



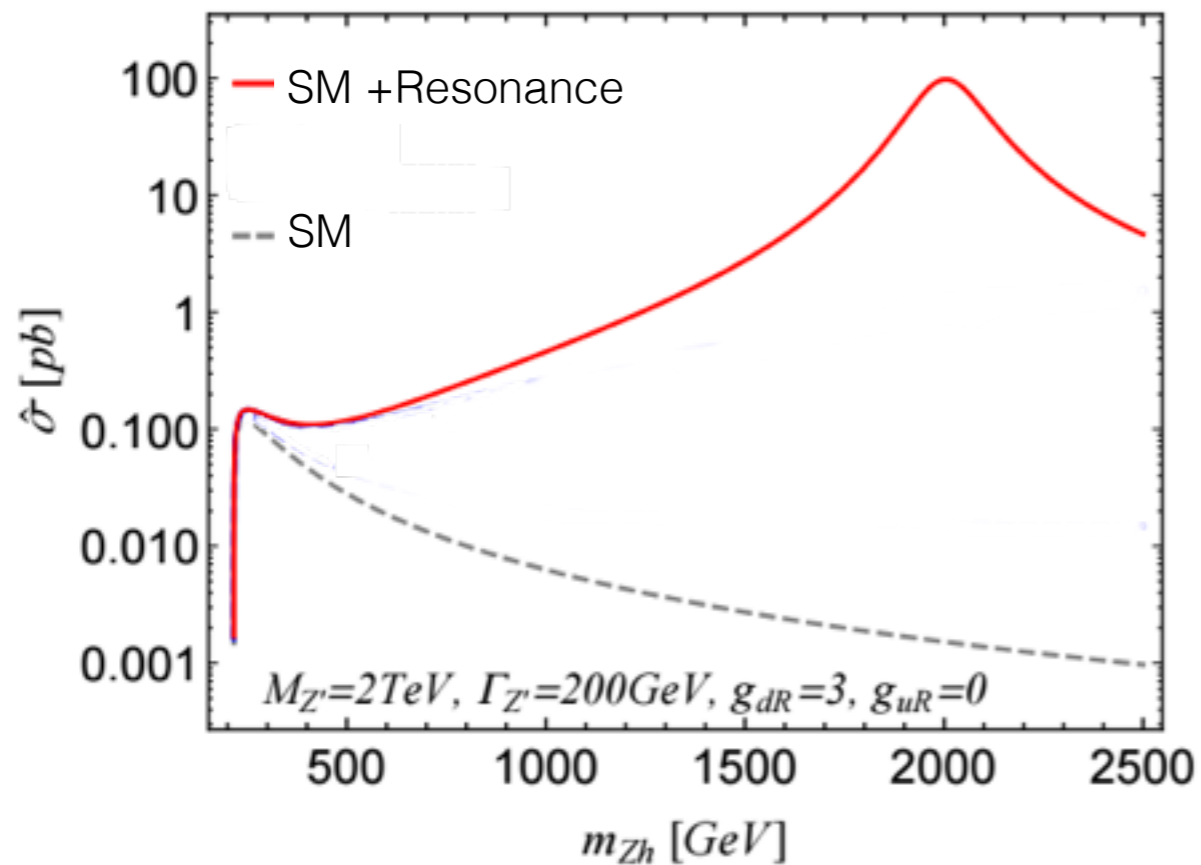
- Consistency test over 4 orders of magnitude!
- It should be noted that the measurement of vector bosons and the third fermion family is very precise.
- Run 3 and the HL-LHC will help us better measure the second family ( $\mu$  and charm).

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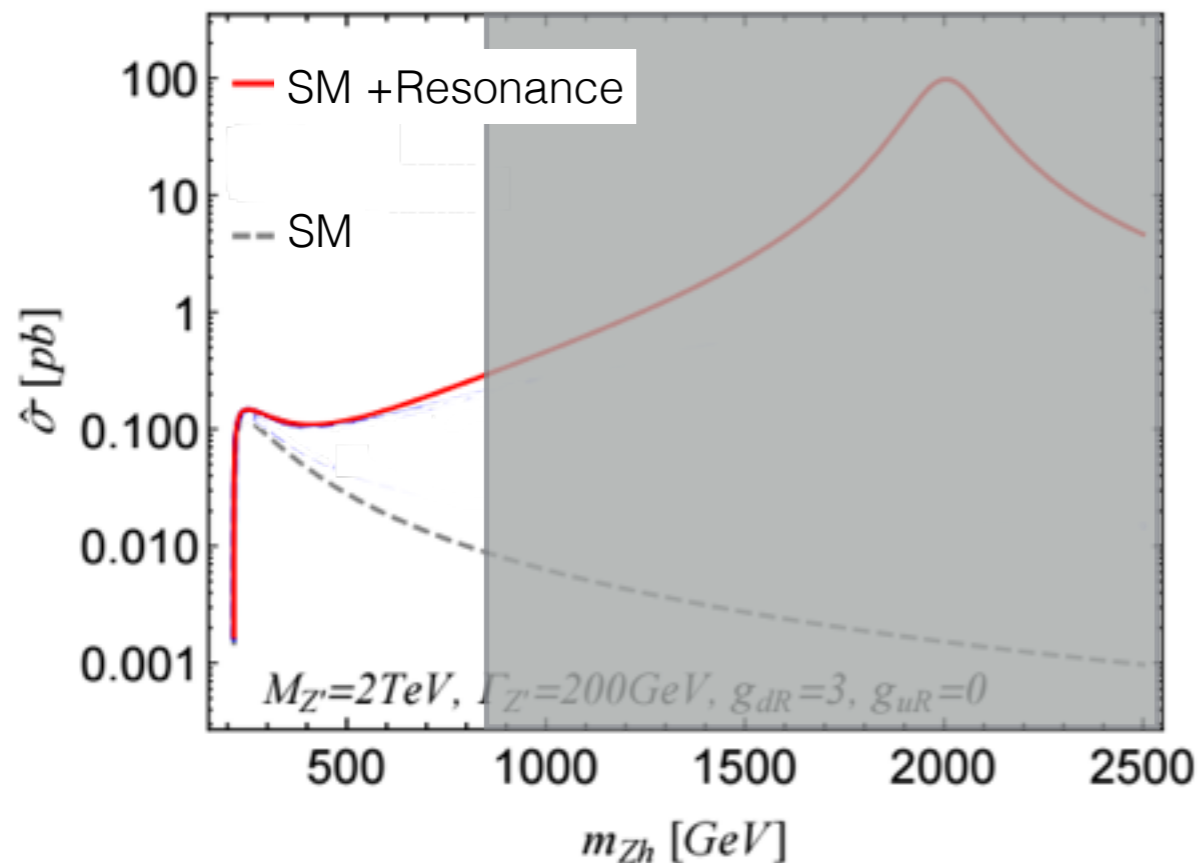


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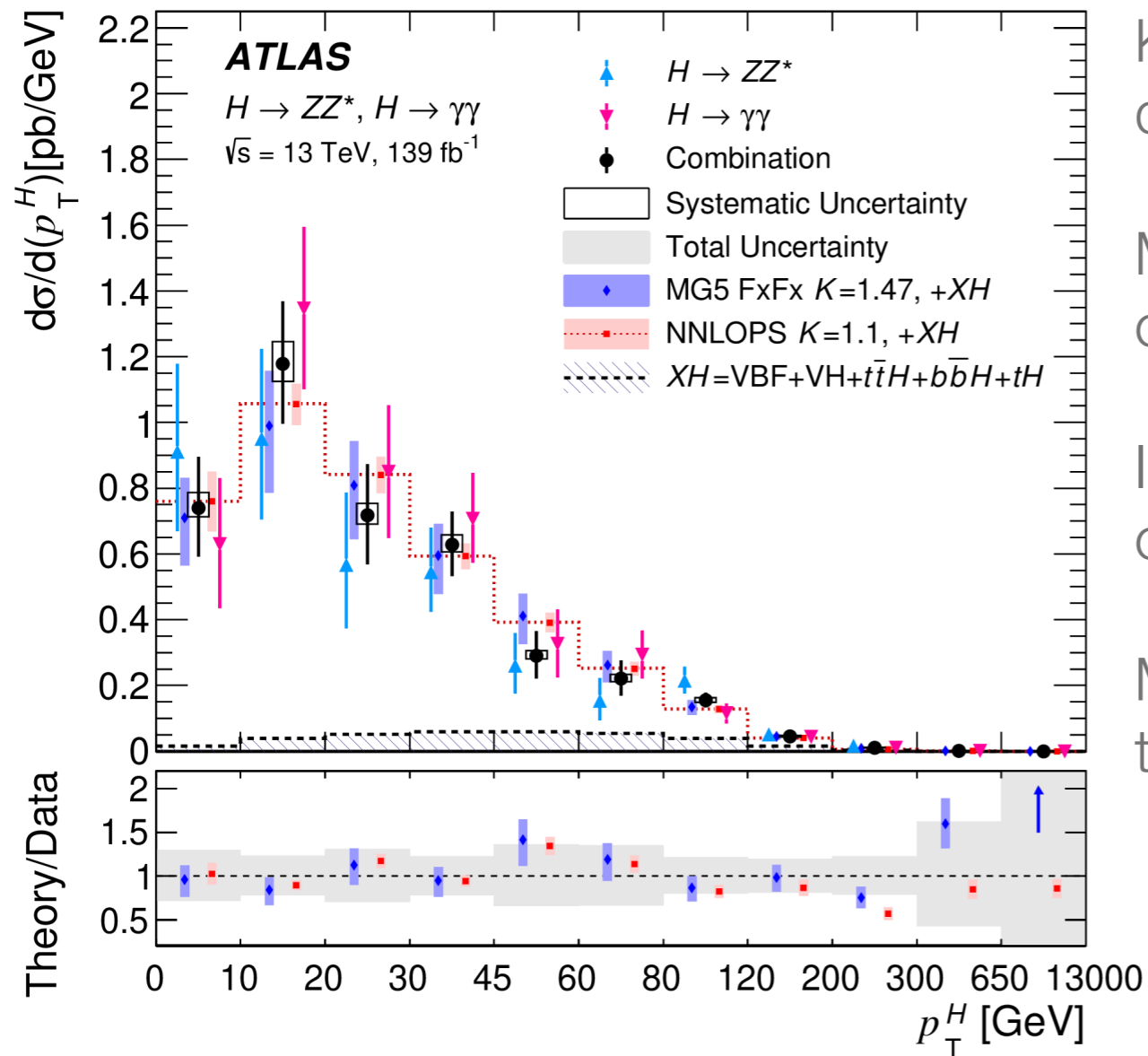
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But what if these particles had a mass greater than what we can measure today?

Deviations in the kinematic distributions compared to the Standard Model predictions.

# Differential measurements



Kinematic distributions measured through differential measurements.

Measurements made in different decay channels ( $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $ZZ$ ,  $WW$ ,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $bb$ ).

In ATLAS, the results from  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $ZZ$  have been combined.

Measurements used to extract information on the presence of deviations due to new physics.



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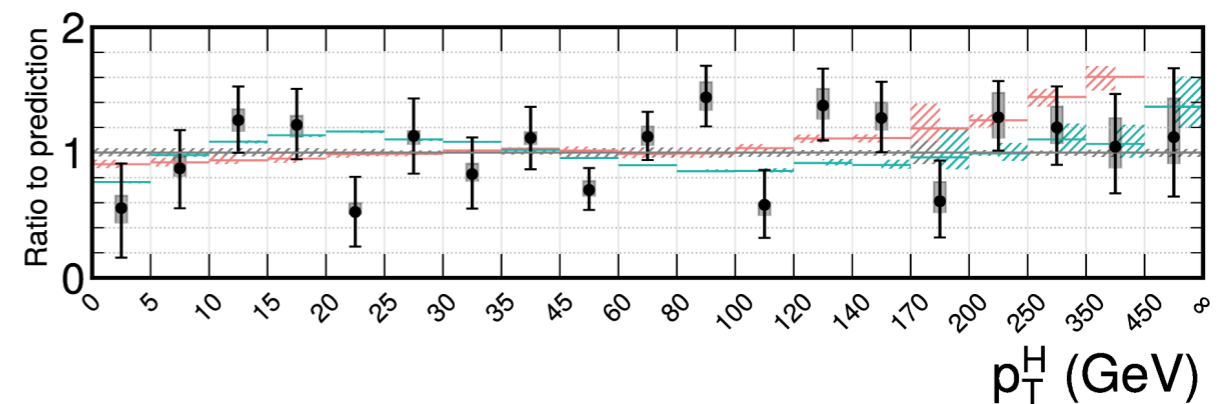
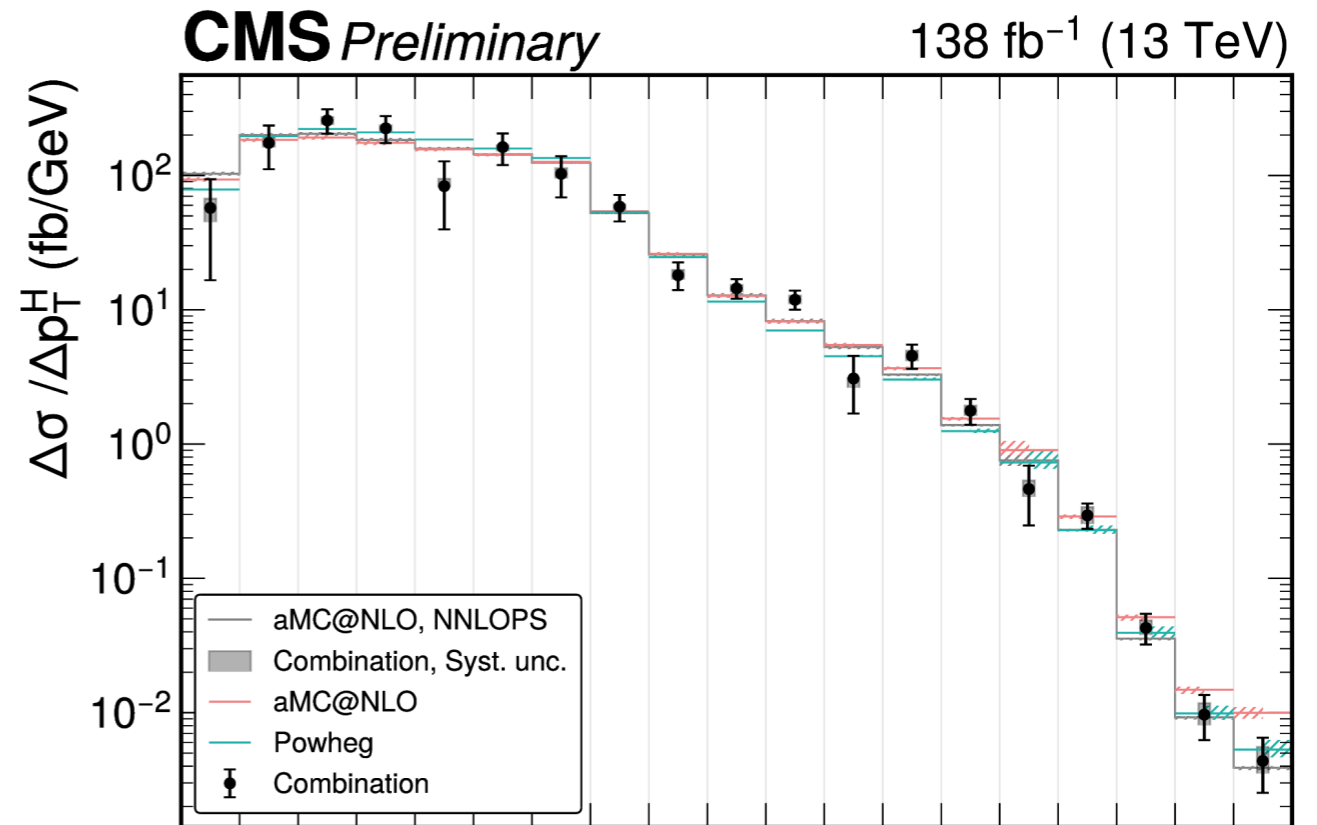
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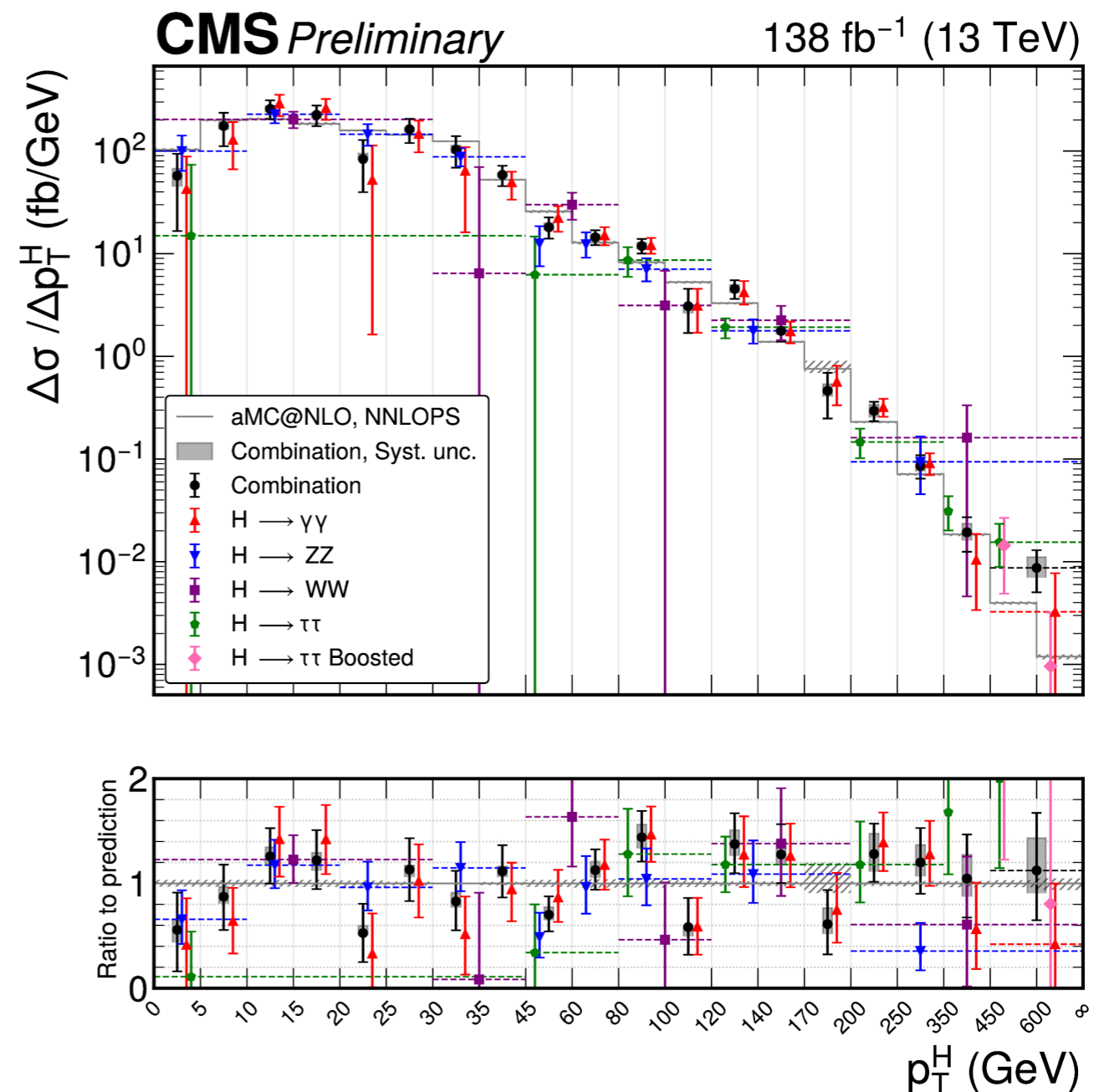
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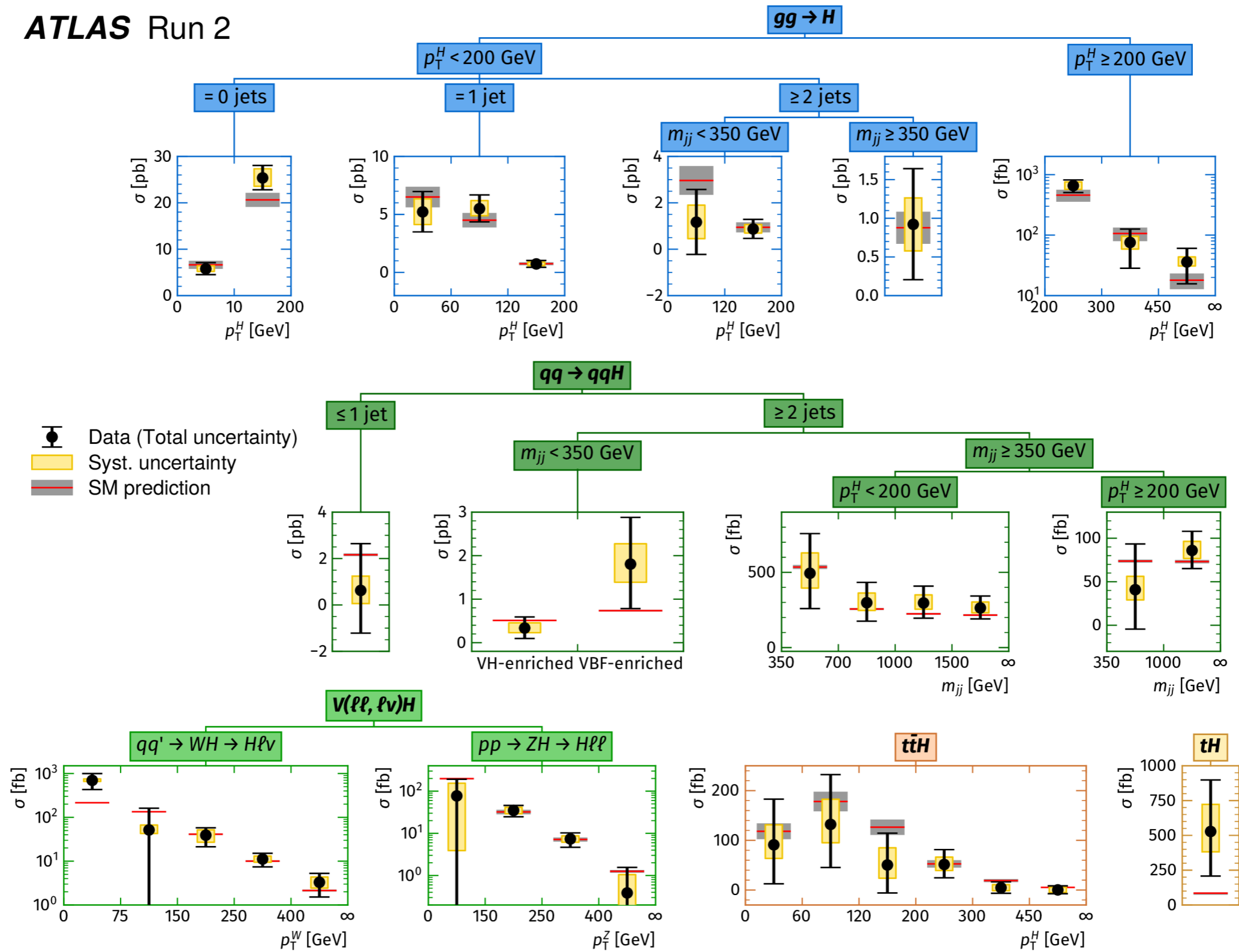
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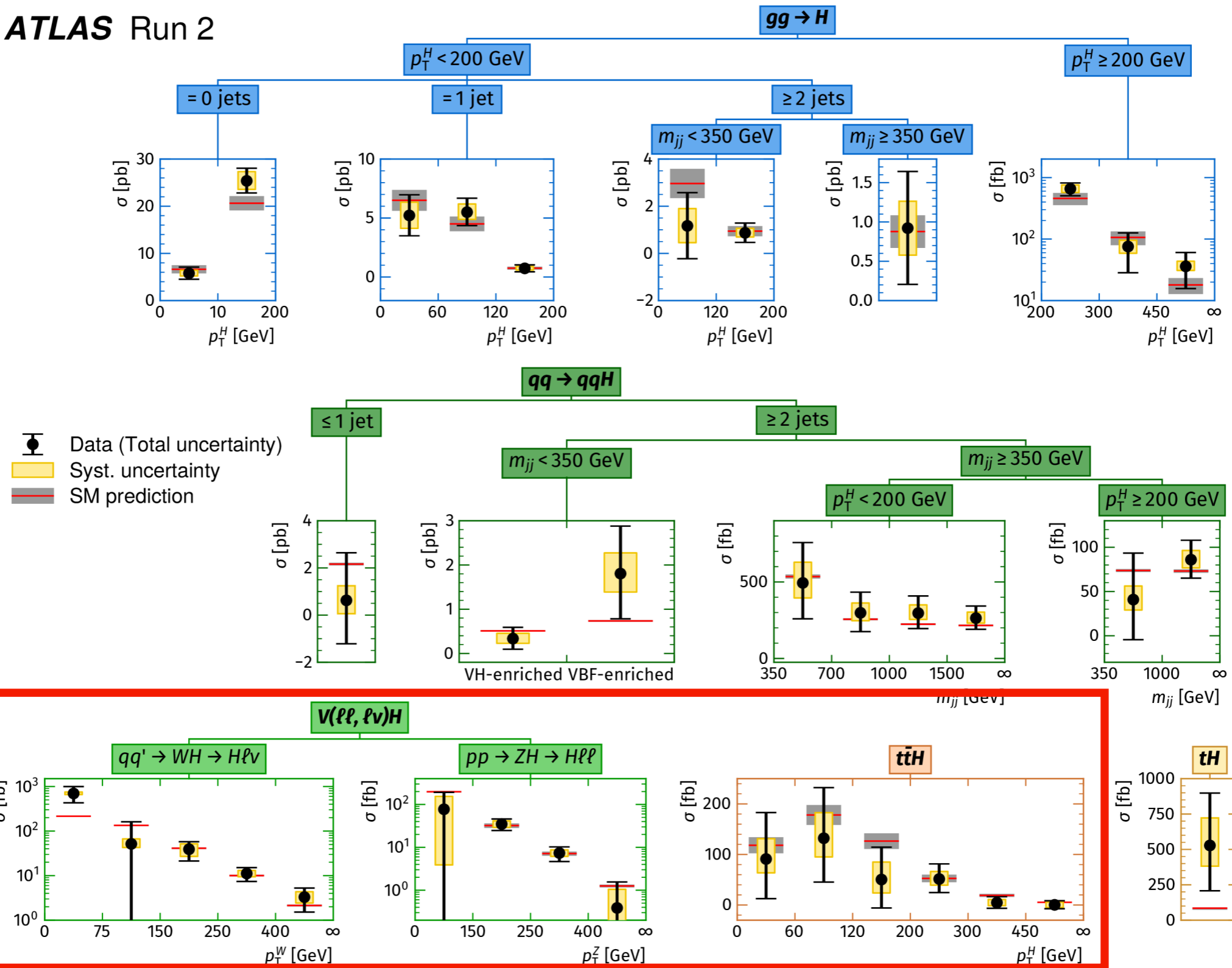
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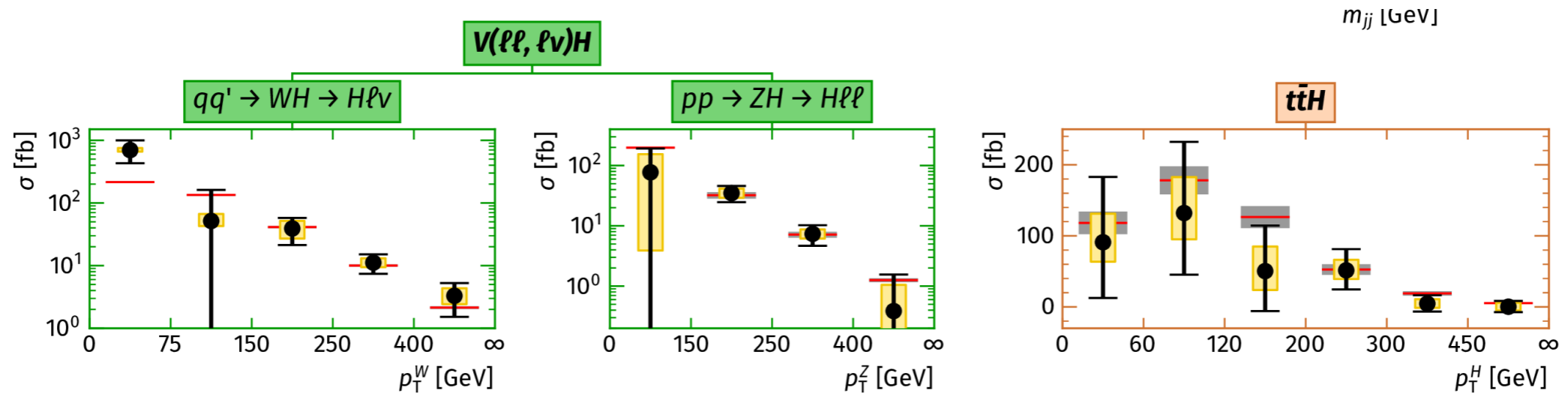


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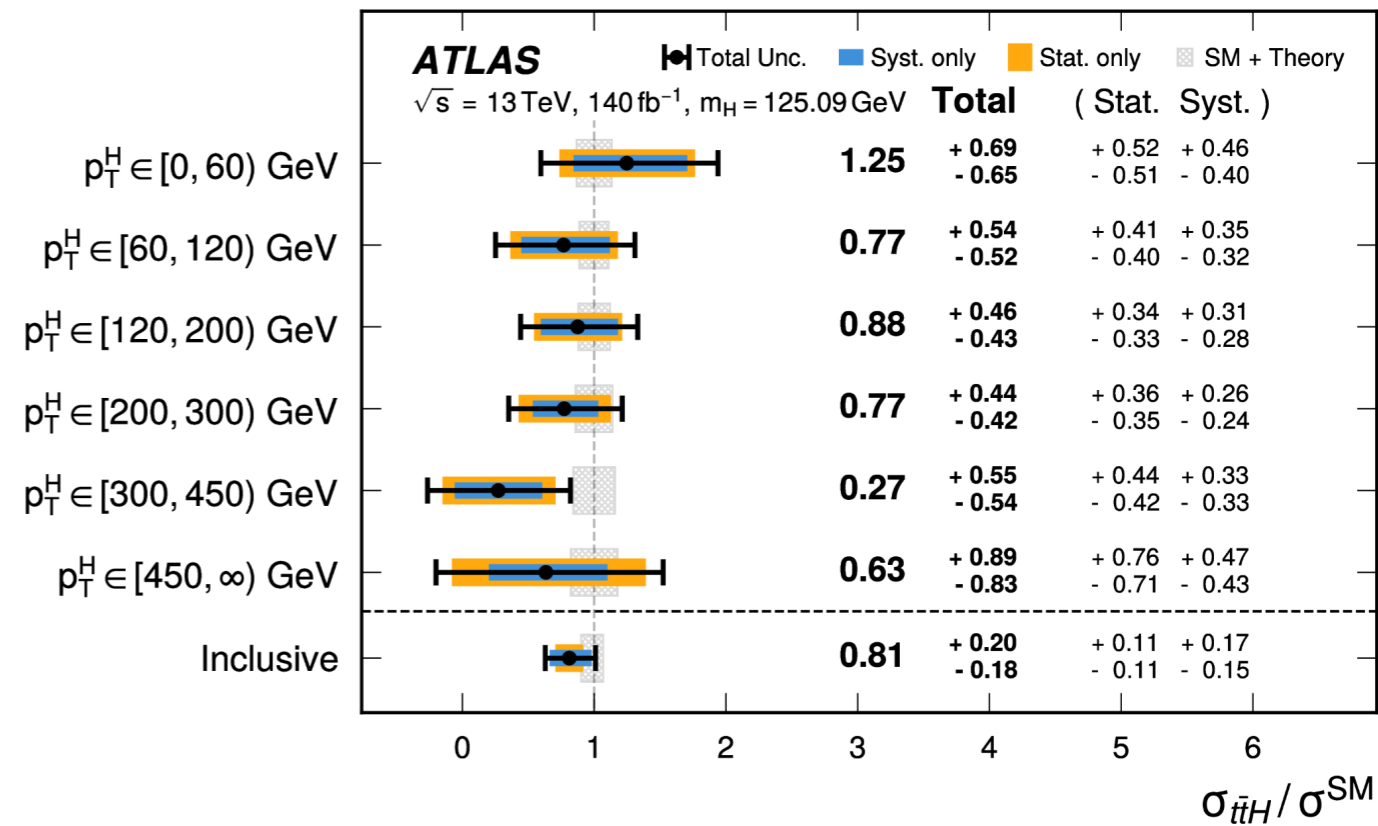
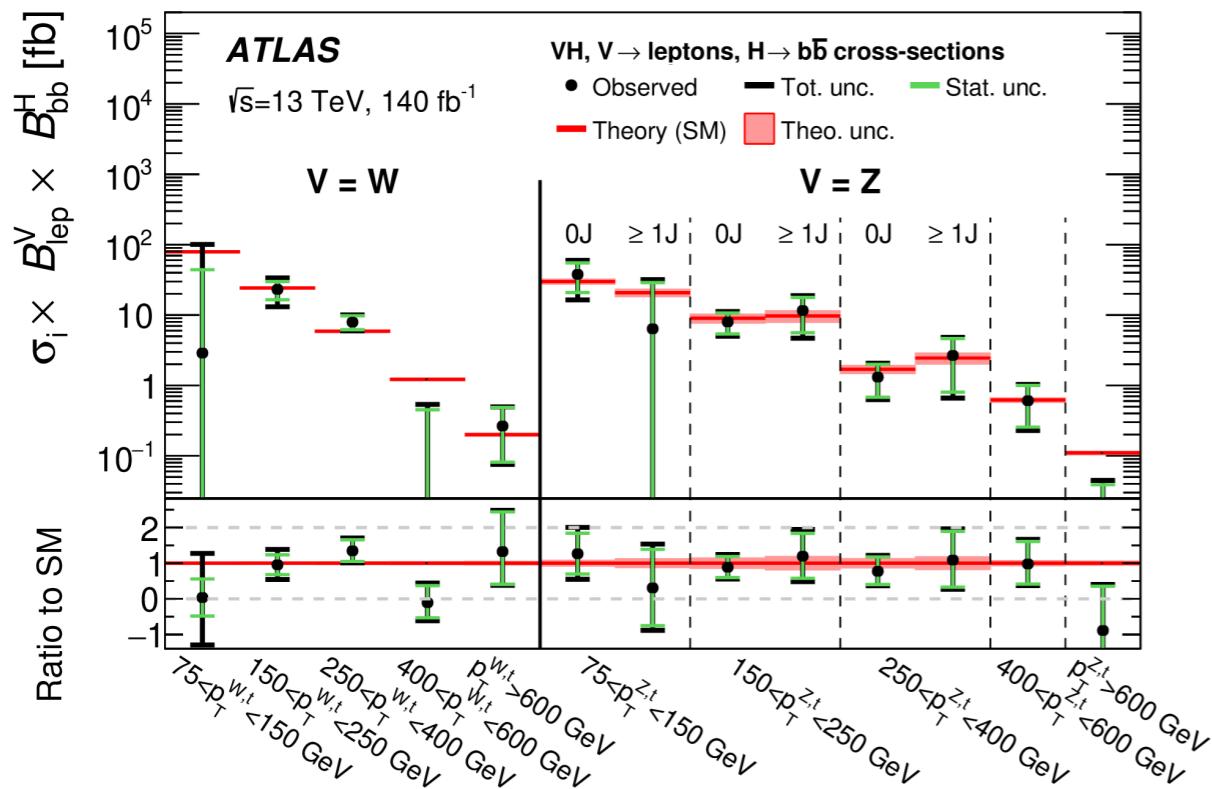
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# You have already seen them...



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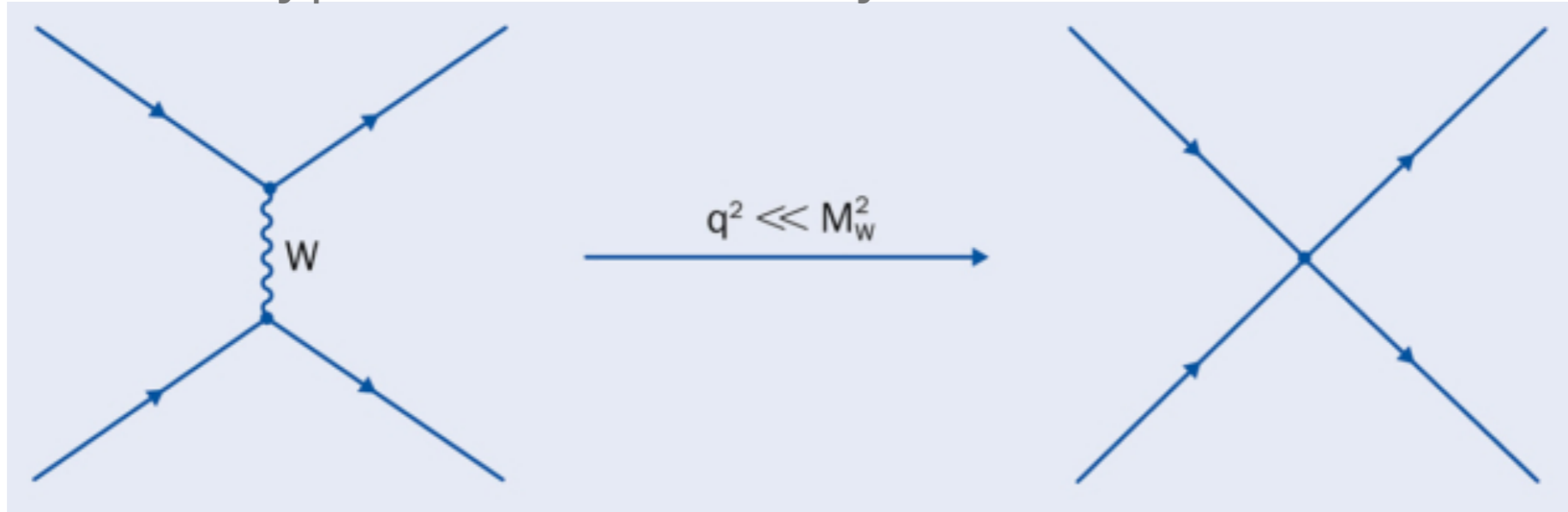
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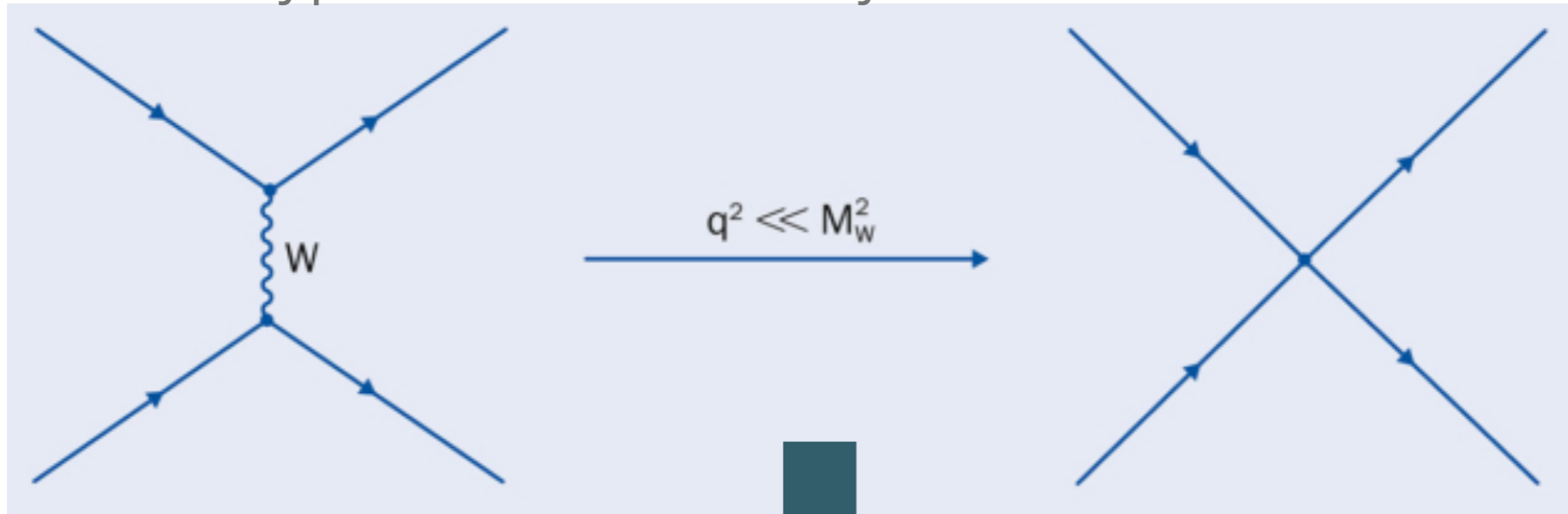
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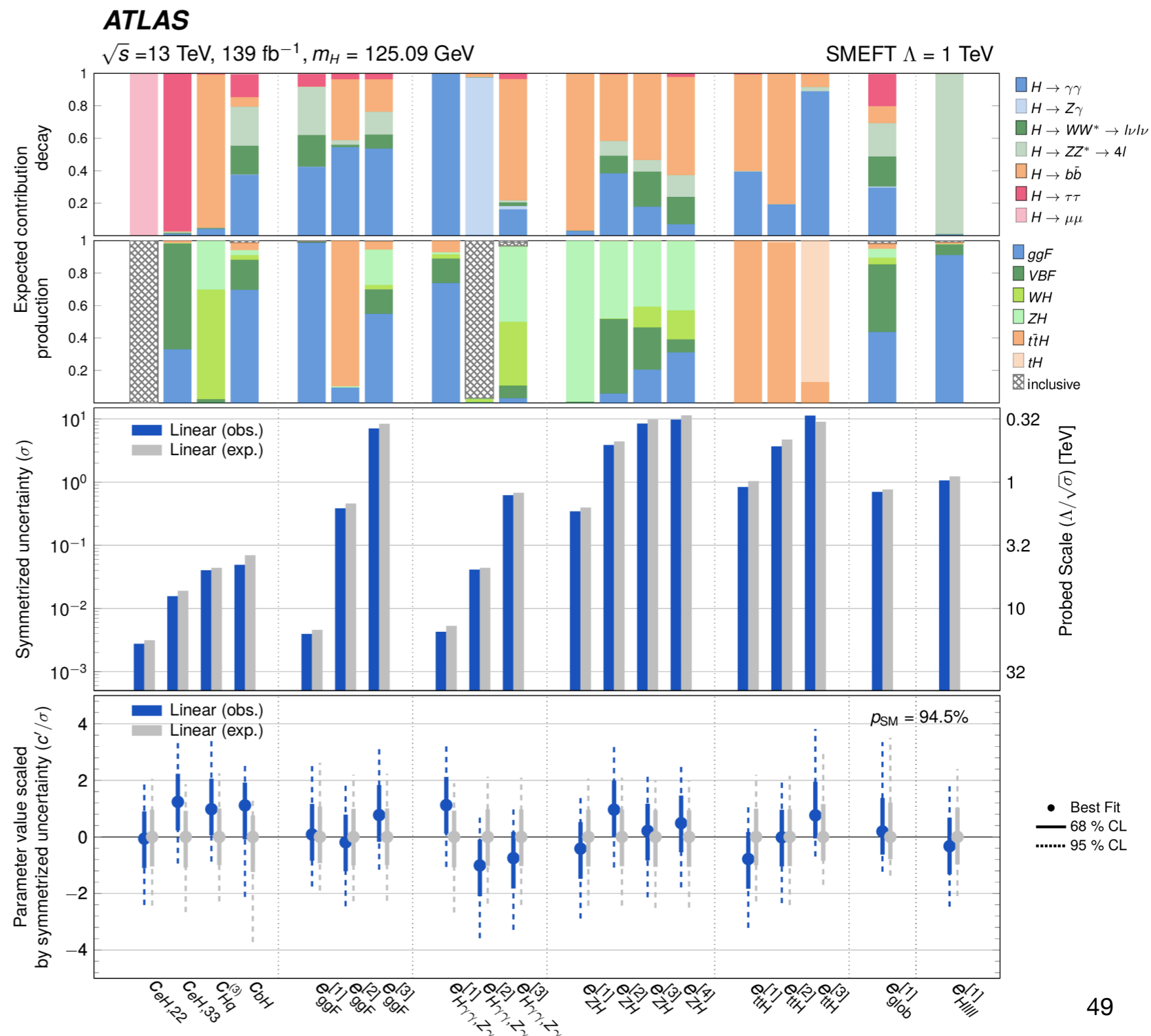
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- Effective Lagrangian maps measured deviations into effective operators between the fields of the Standard Model.
- Systematic development of all possible contributions in series of  $1/\Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda$  represents the characteristic scale of new physics.
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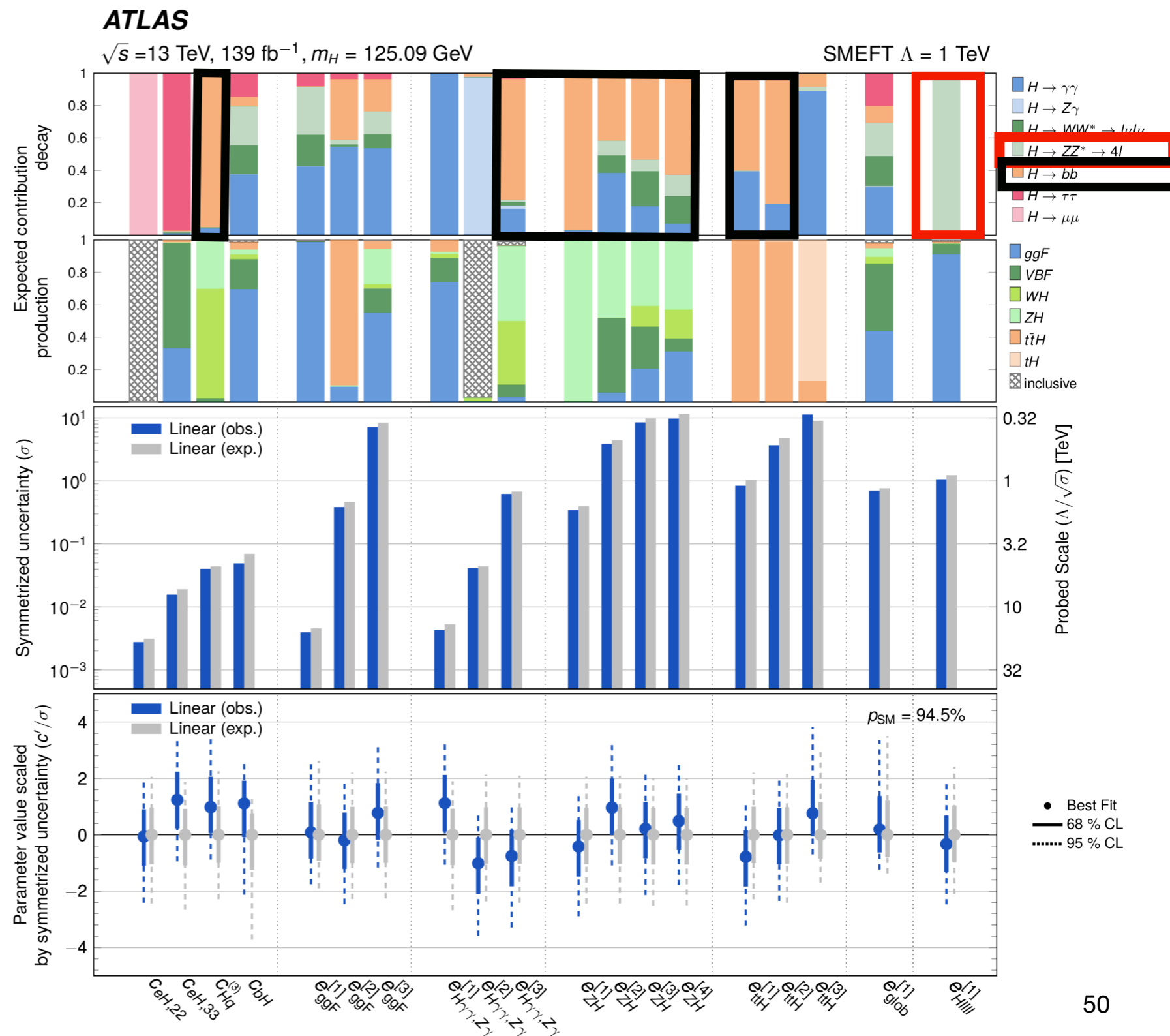
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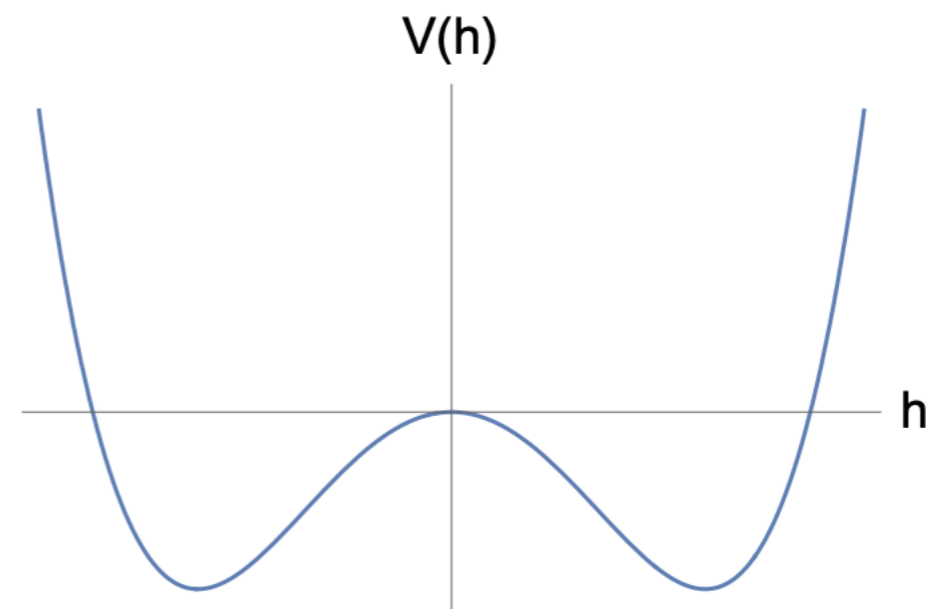


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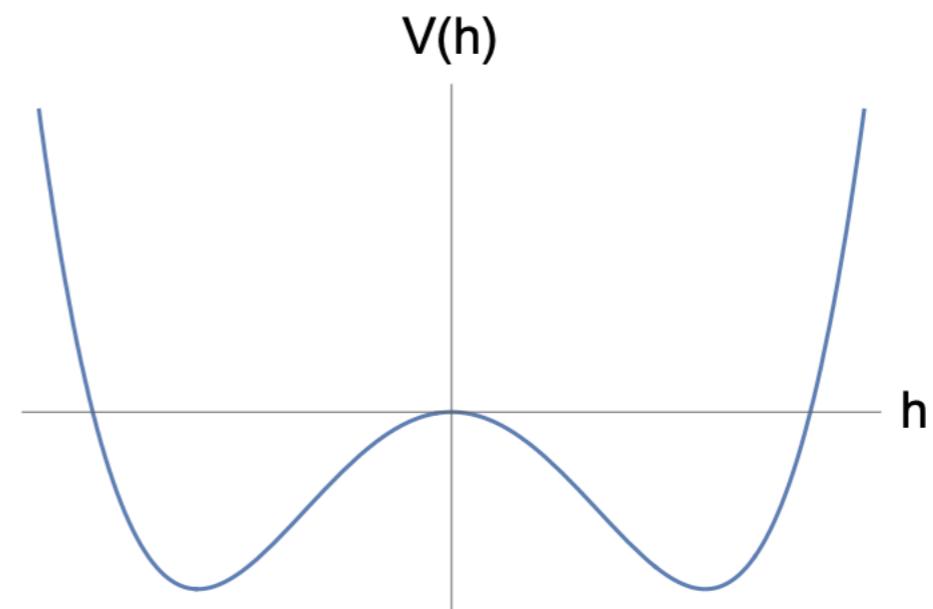
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BUT in superconductivity, in 1957, a motivation for the potential came with the BCS theory.



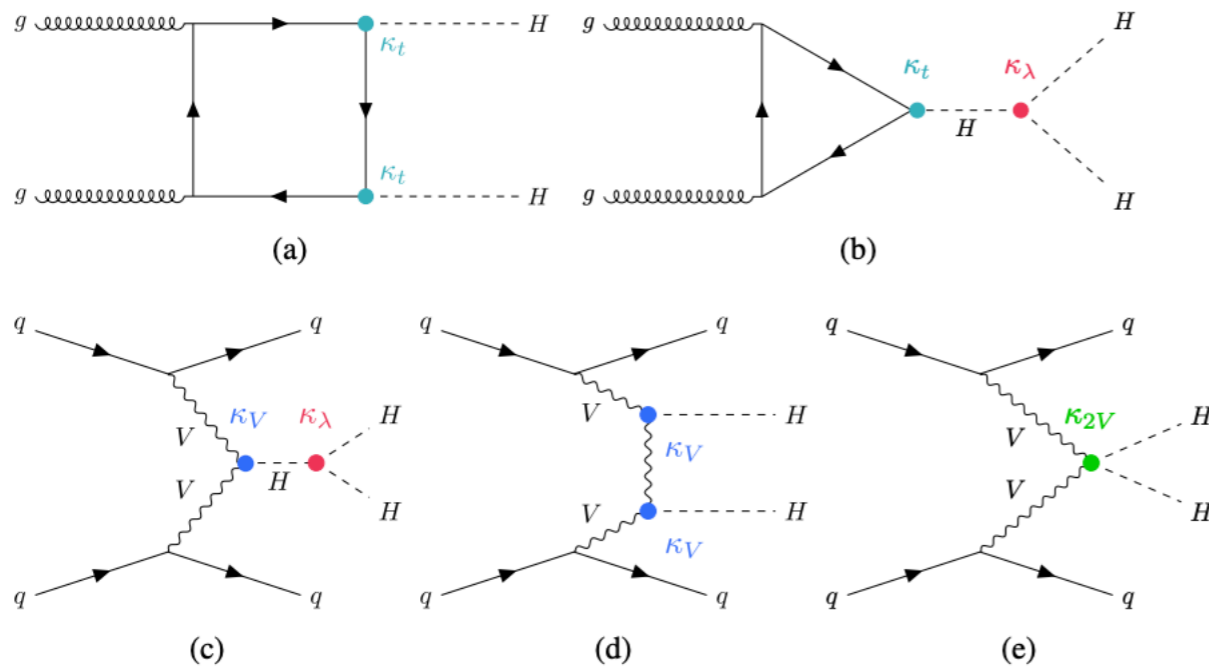
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	bb	WW	ττ	ZZ	γγ
bb	34%				
WW	25%	4.6%			
ττ	7.3%	2.7%	0.39%		
ZZ	3.1%	1.1%	0.33%	0.069%	
γγ	0.26%	0.10%	0.028%	0.012%	0.0005%

The measurement of the production of 2 (or more) Higgs bosons is the main tool to verify if the parameter  $\lambda$  is equal to the value expected from the theory.

# ATLAS Run 2 combinations

Combine  $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau + bb\gamma\gamma + bbbb + \text{multileptons} + bbl\ell + \text{MET}$ :

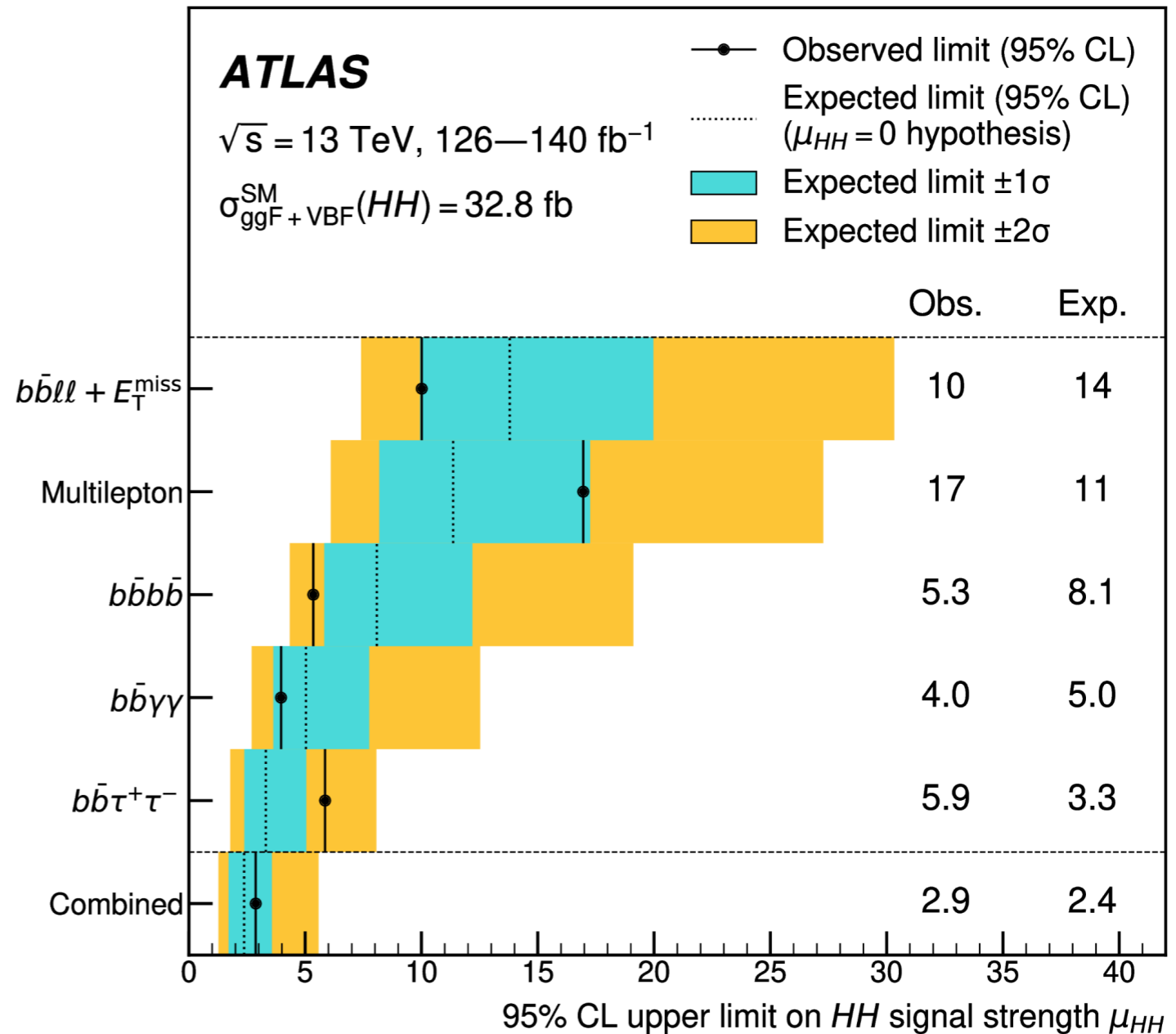
$$\mu_{HH} = 0.5^{+1.2}_{-1.0} \left( \begin{matrix} +0.7 \\ -0.6 \end{matrix} \text{ syst.} \right)$$

Uncertainty comparable to SM signal!

Self coupling

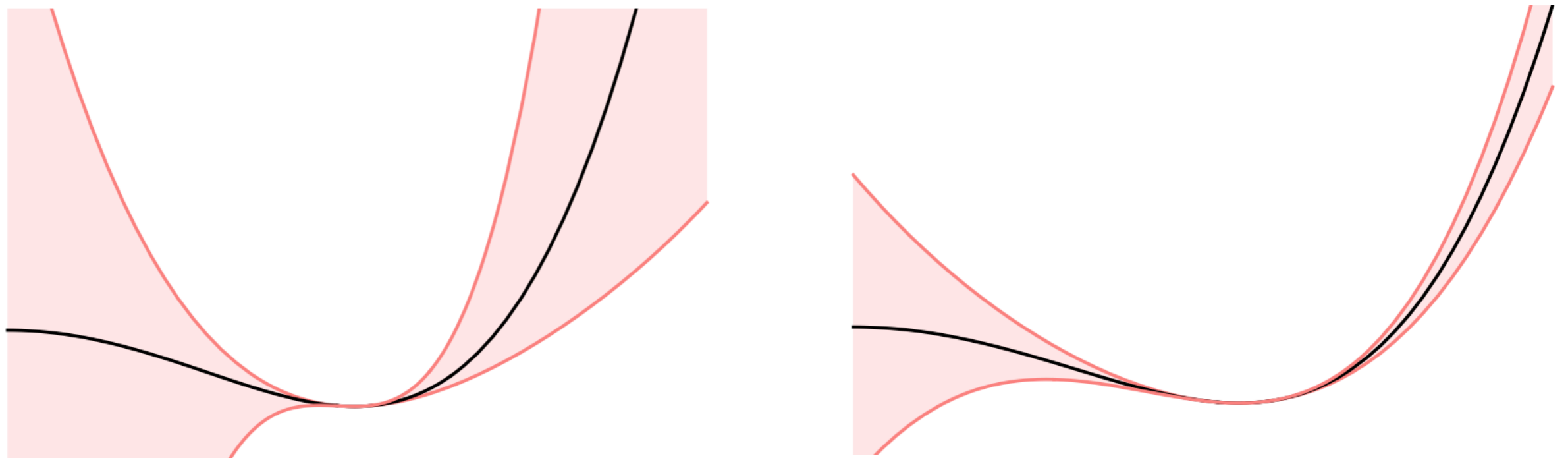
$$-1.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.2 \text{ @ 95\% CL}$$

Dominated by  $\gamma\gamma bb + \tau\tau bb$  Best constraint to date on  $\kappa_\lambda$  coupling!



# How well do we know the potential today?

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H/T N.Craig, R.  
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**Current LHC**

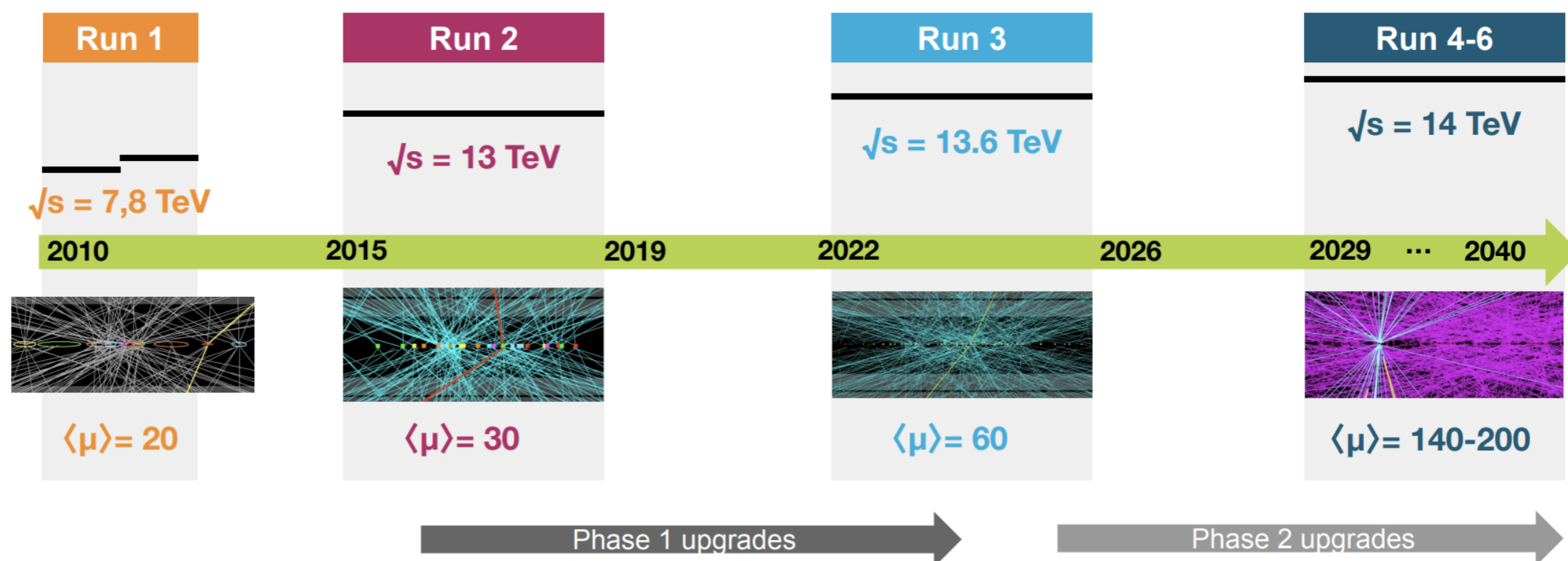


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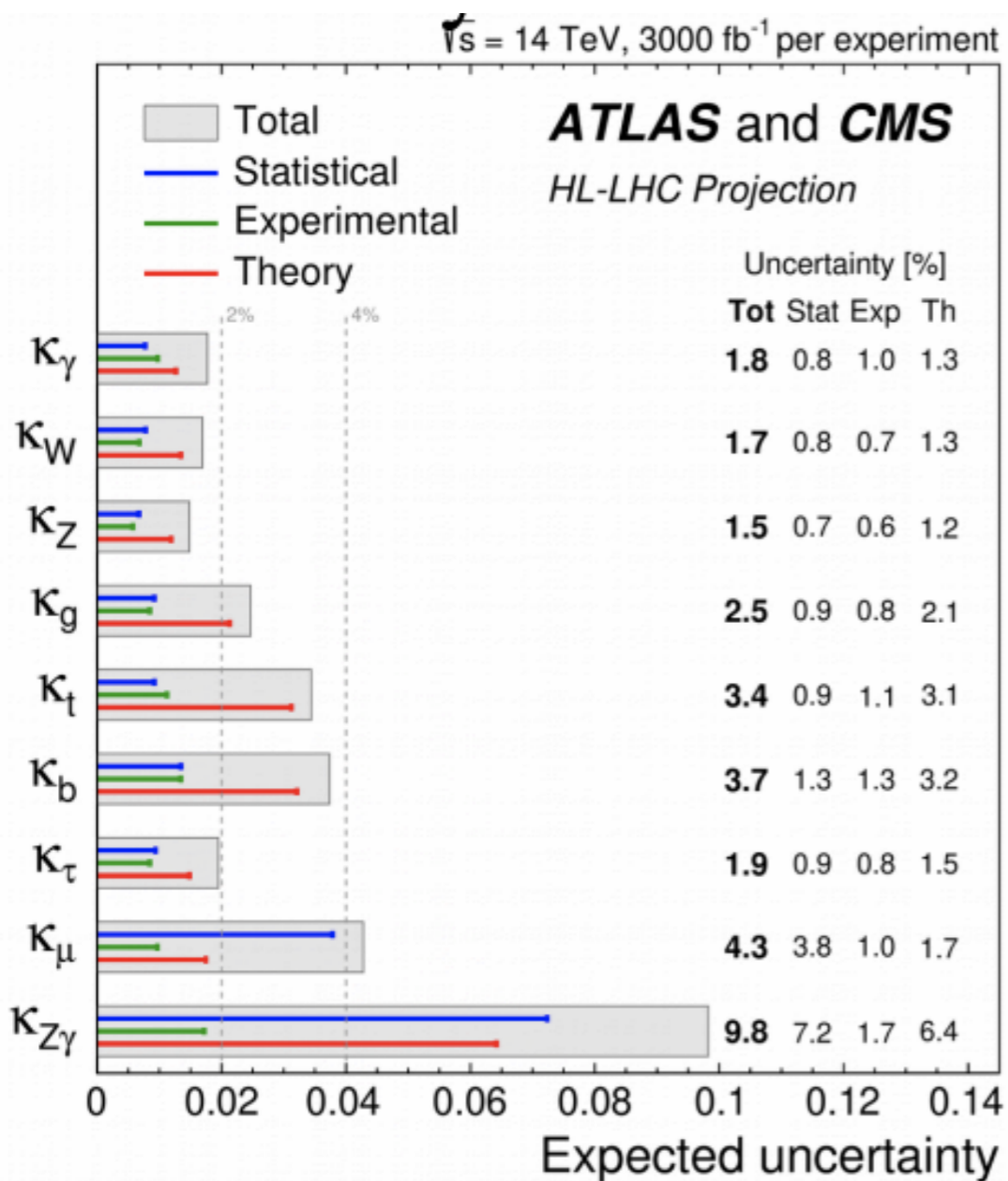
# LHC schedule

*From L. Brost's slides*



- Instantaneous luminosity: 5–7.5 times higher
  - Pile up will increase from 60 (now) to 140-200 (levelled)
  - Beam induced cavern background increases linearly
  - Much larger radiation to detectors
  - Larger data sample: big challenges for computing and data storage
- Require improvements for experiments in all areas
  - Detectors, Electronics & Trigger, Software and computing

# Projections: Higgs couplings



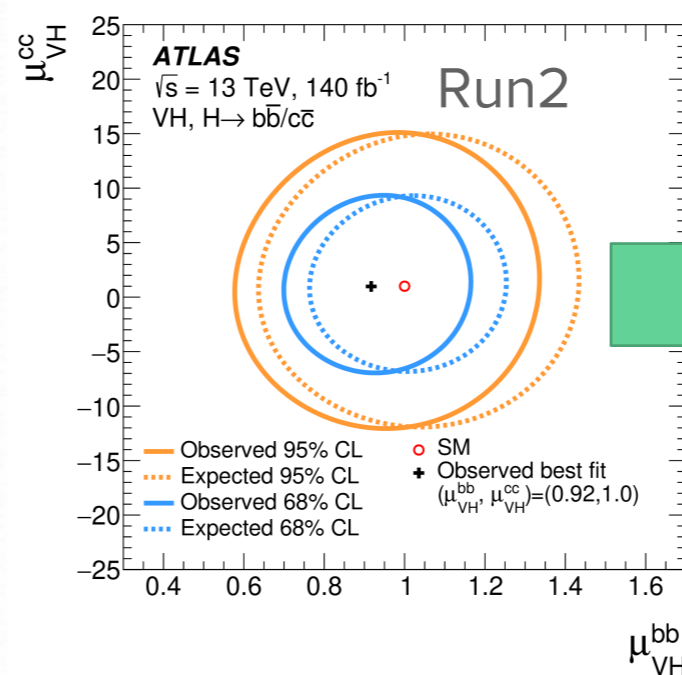
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Higgs couplings move into precision regime

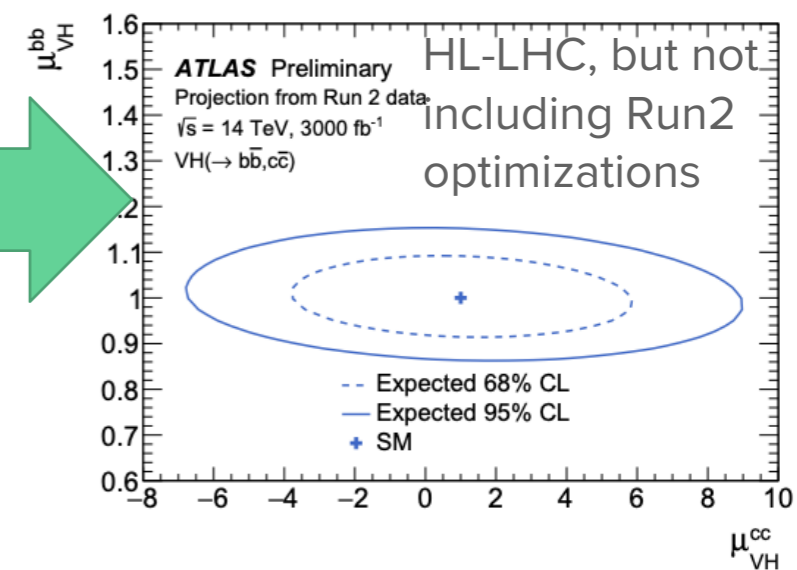
- Bosons and  $\tau$ : <2% level
- 3rd generation quarks: 3.5%

Most of them dominated by theory uncertainties

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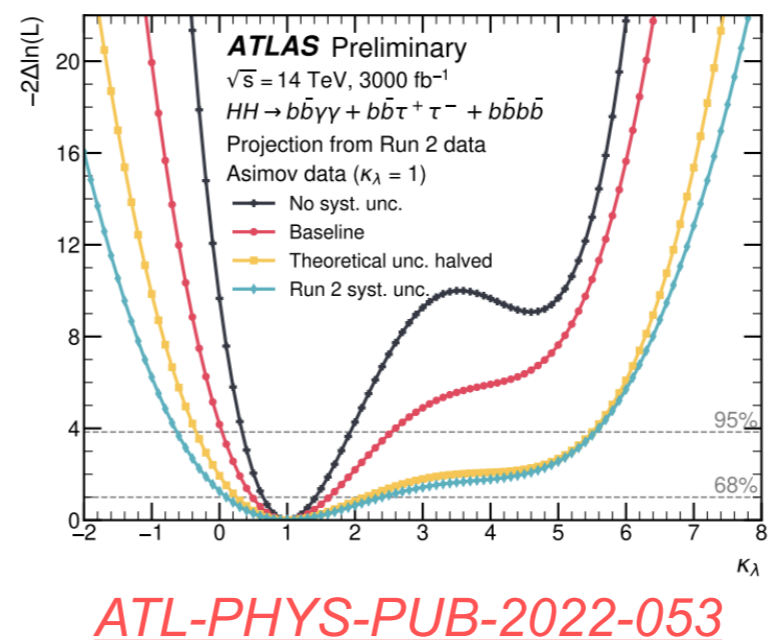
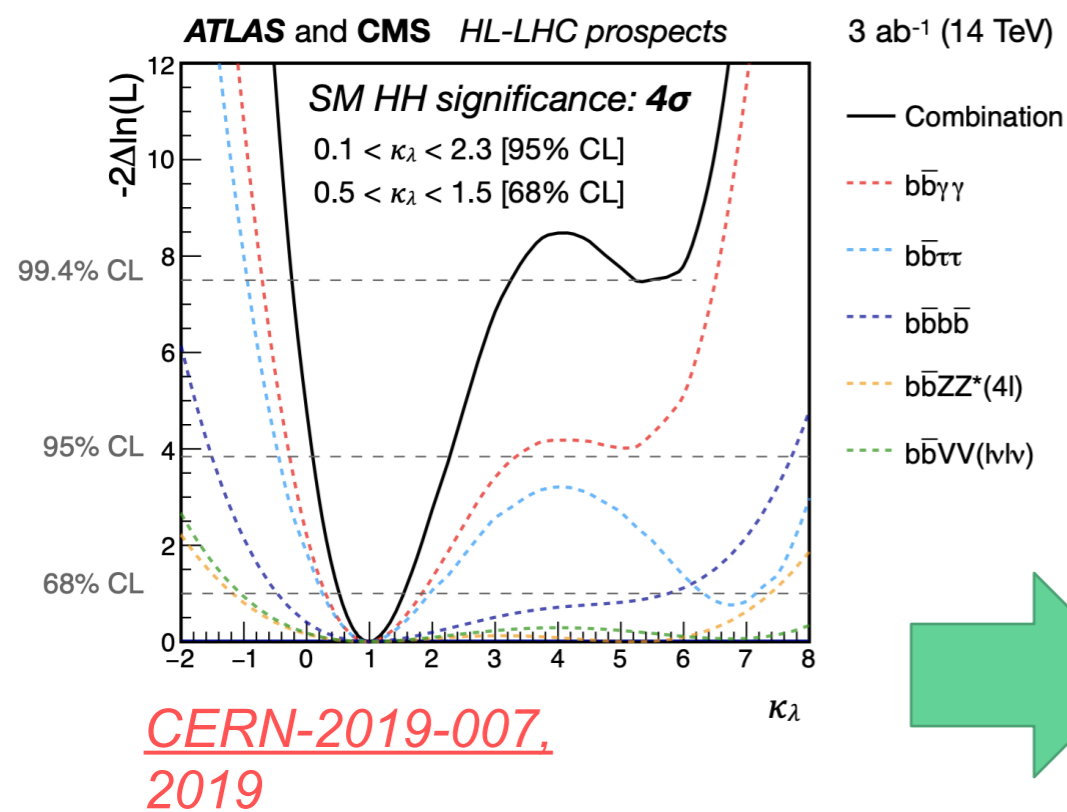


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**Do we already know we can do better?**

# Projections: Higgs self-coupling



and  
 today  
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## European Strategy (2018)

Combination of 5 HH channels,  
 based on partial Run2 results

50% precision in self coupling

4σ for SM HH (ATLAS + CMS)

## Snowmass+ (2022)

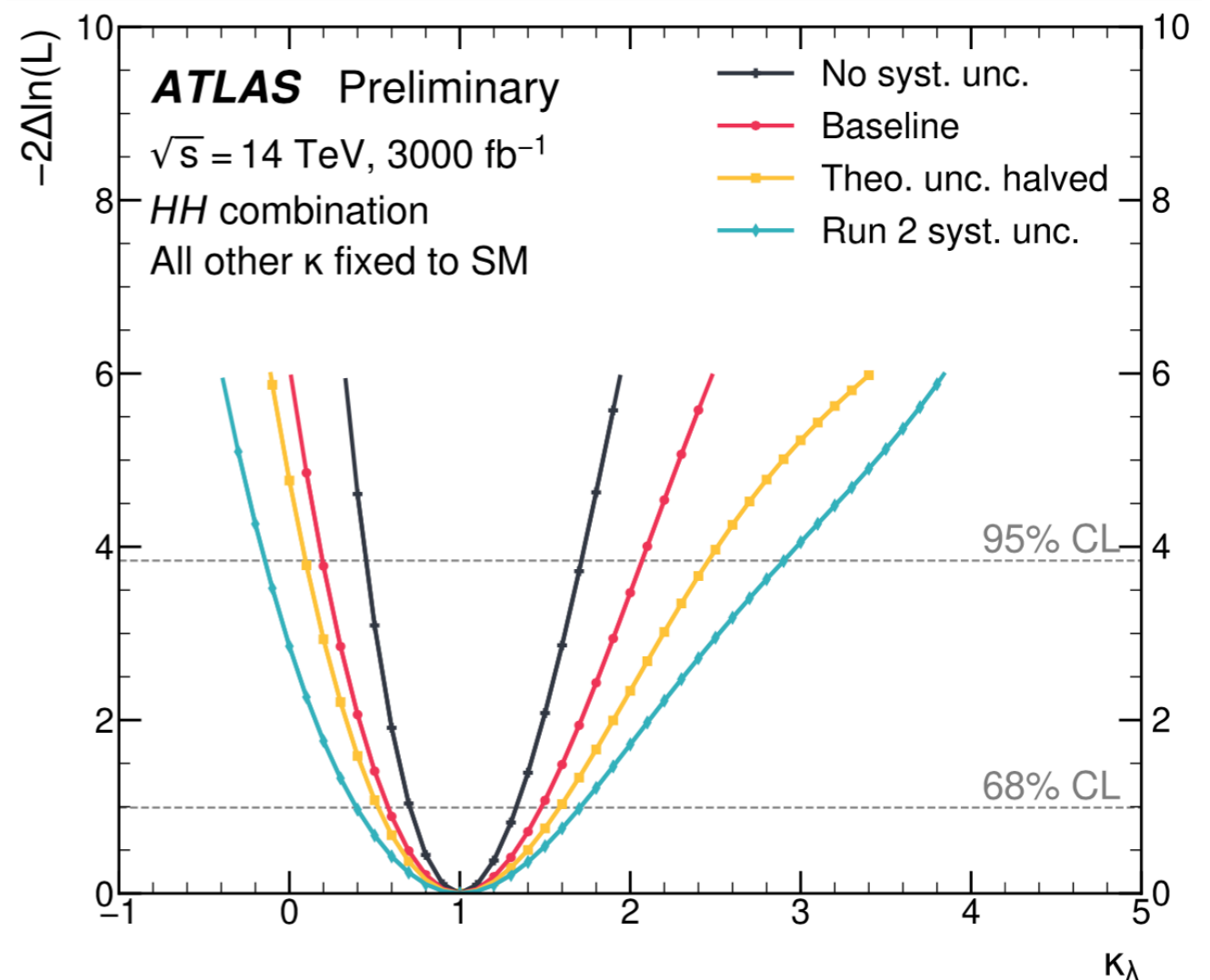
ATLAS Updated bbbb, bbγγ, and  
 bbττ,  
 CMS updated bbγγ, γγWW, γγττ, ttHH

Likely 5σ from back of the envelope  
 estimations

# Off Press!

- @3ab-1 ATLAS alone will get to 45% accuracy on Higgs self-couplings, with conservative assumptions.

- To be presented today for the first time at the 161st LHCC Meeting OPEN Session



# Conclusions

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Very broad physics program on the Higgs boson at the LHC.

- Reaching an unforeseen level of precision for the amount of data we analysed!
- Significant reduction of uncertainties on all the couplings,
  - Second generation fermions are not anymore beyond our reach
- Di-Higgs is already reaching the SM sensitivity with Run2 data
  - And we have more Run3 collisions already on our disks!
- Completing the Run2 physics program
  - Final Run2 Combinations between LHC experiments
- Run3 offers us a unique opportunity to improve the precision of our measurements,
  - and surprises can always come....

Grazie dell'attenzione !

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# Introduction

- Strangely, the masses appear to be more or less random numbers and do not seem to follow symmetry rules.

- Local symmetries at the foundation of the SM predict that the vector bosons should have zero mass.
- So why do the W and Z bosons have mass?

Three generations of matter (fermions)

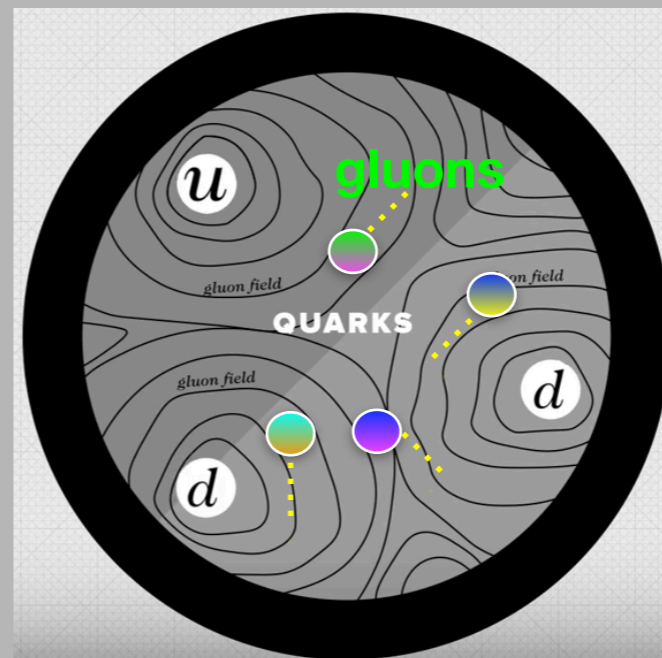
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spin →	<sup>1/2</sup>	<sup>1/2</sup>	<sup>1/2</sup>	1
name →	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>γ</b> photon
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## Example - the neutron



The mass of quarks accounts for only about



of the mass of neutrons and protons.

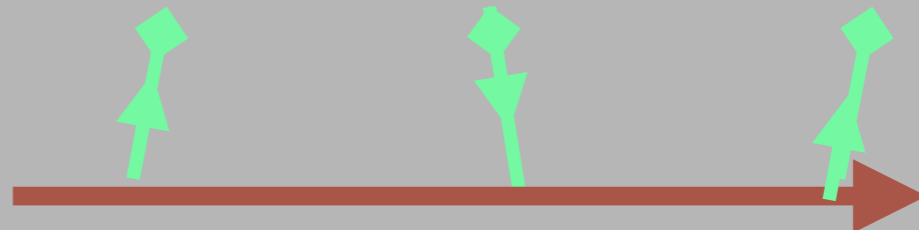
99% of an object's mass is due to strong interactions.

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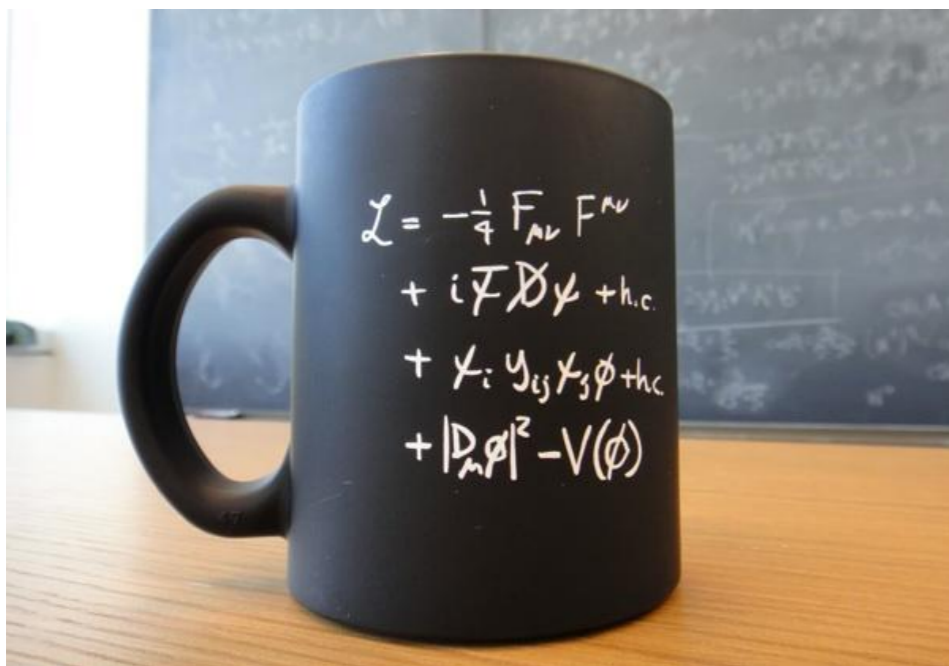
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**Predicted Higgs Boson** – The mechanism implies the existence of a new scalar particle, the Higgs boson, which was later discovered at the LHC in 2012.

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- Electromagnetic, weak, and strong interactions are mediated by photons ( $\gamma$ ), W and Z bosons, and gluons (g).
- Among the foundational ideas of the SM is the concept of symmetry (gauge symmetry), which plays a central role.



Three generations of matter (fermions)

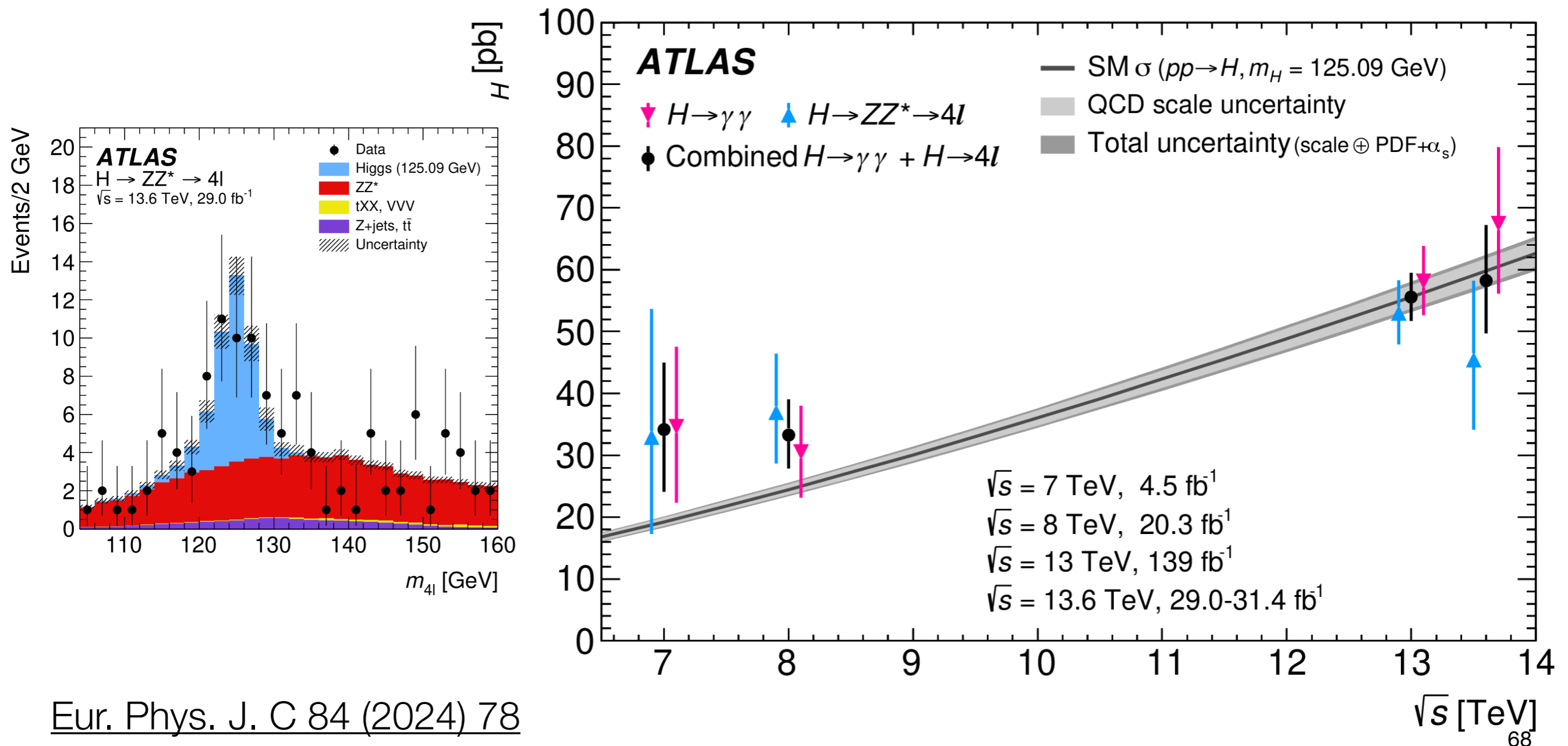
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spin →	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
name →	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>γ</b> photon
	4.8 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	104 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>	4.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	0
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0
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# First measurement of the Run3

Analyse more data

With the 2022 data, a first measurement of the production cross-section at 13.6 TeV was made.

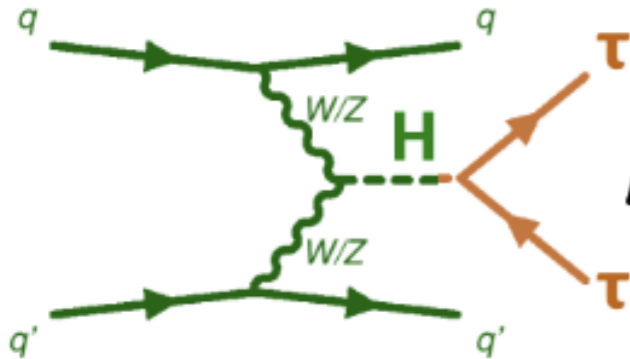




# Higgs-tau coupling

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  largest BR to leptons (6%)

Sufficient statistics and low enough backgrounds for precise measurements for **VBF**:

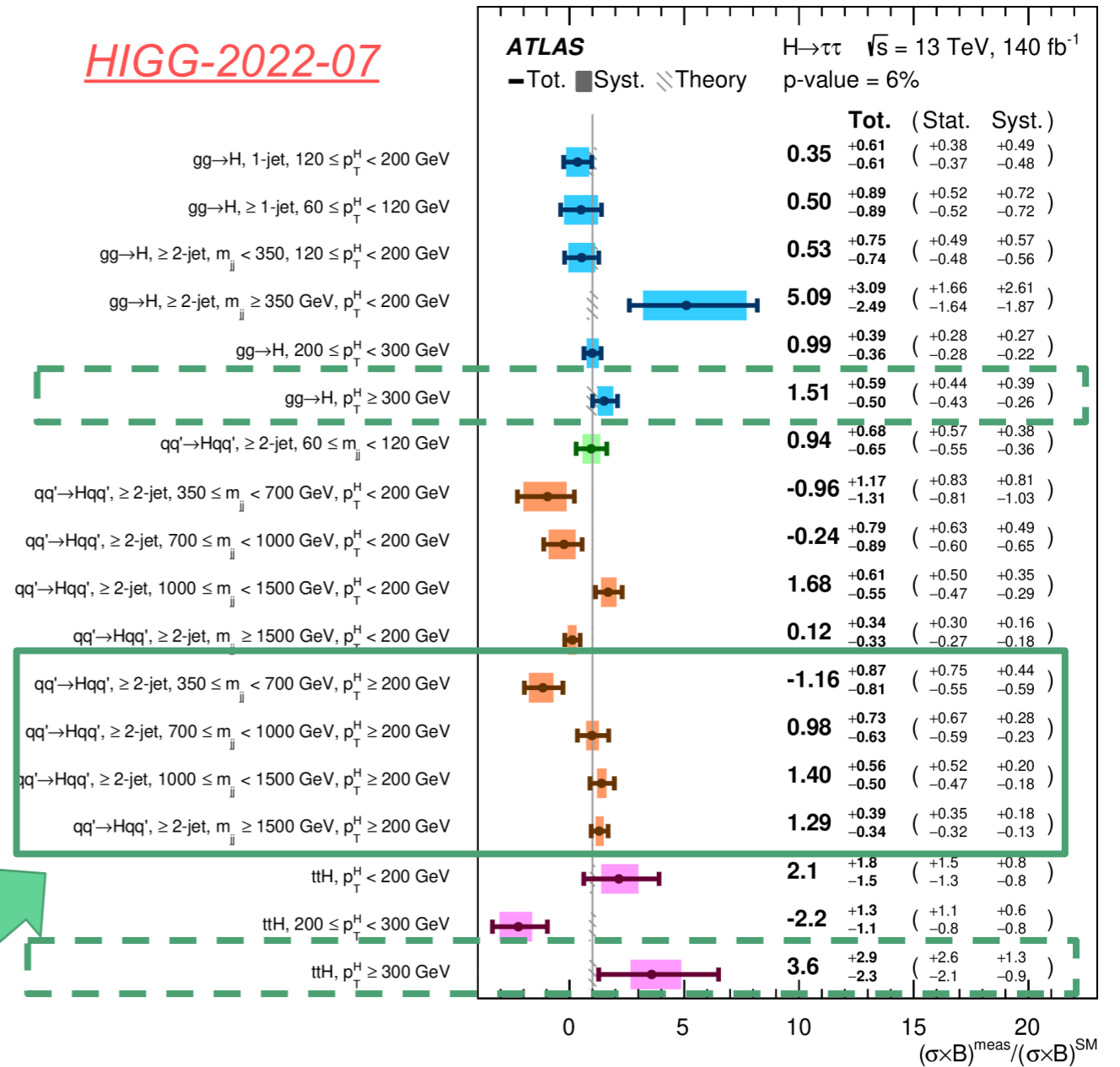


$$\mu_{\text{VBF}} = 0.93^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$$

Most precise measurement to date

First measurement in multiple  $m_{jj}$  bins for the higher  $p_T(H)$

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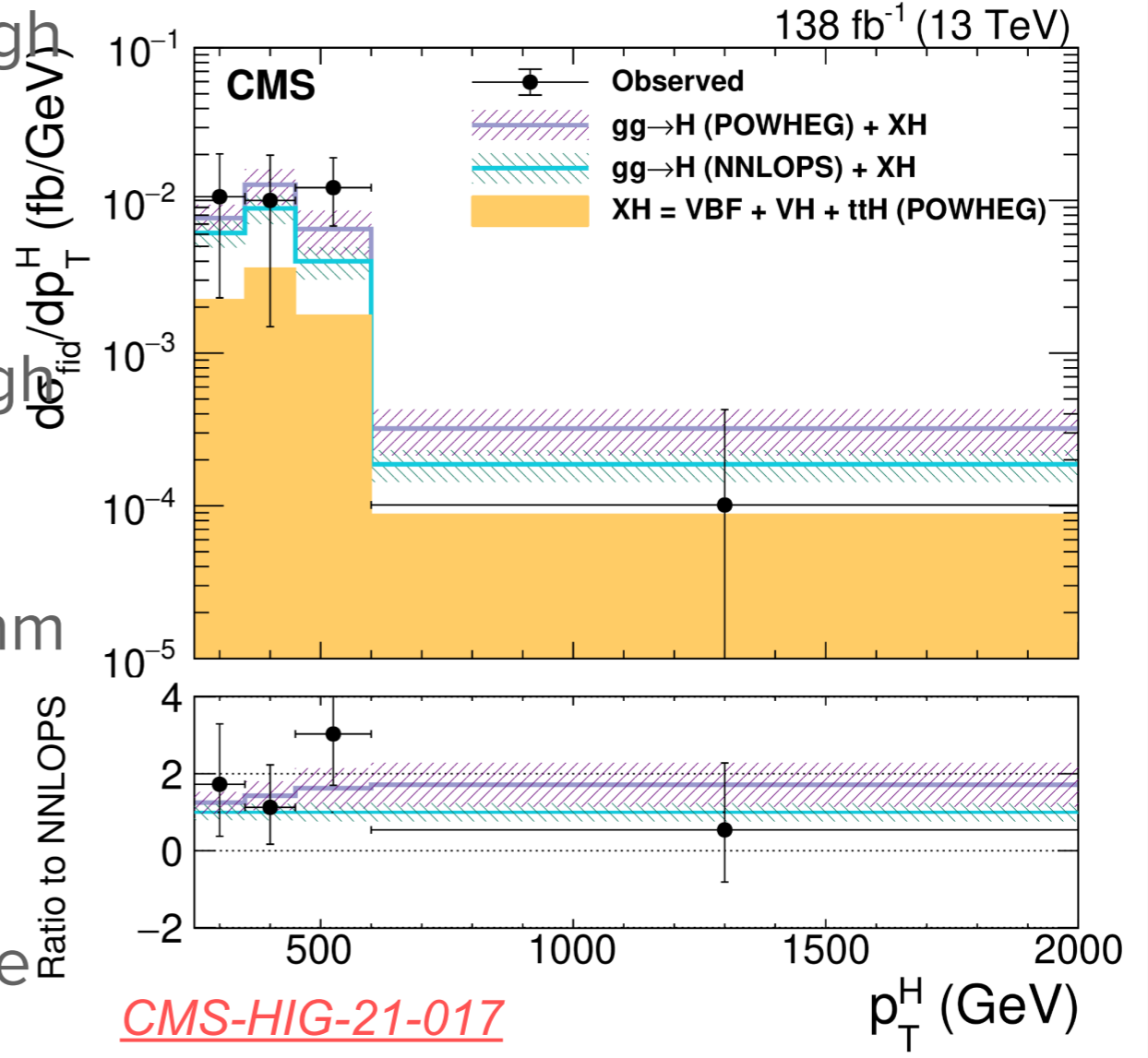


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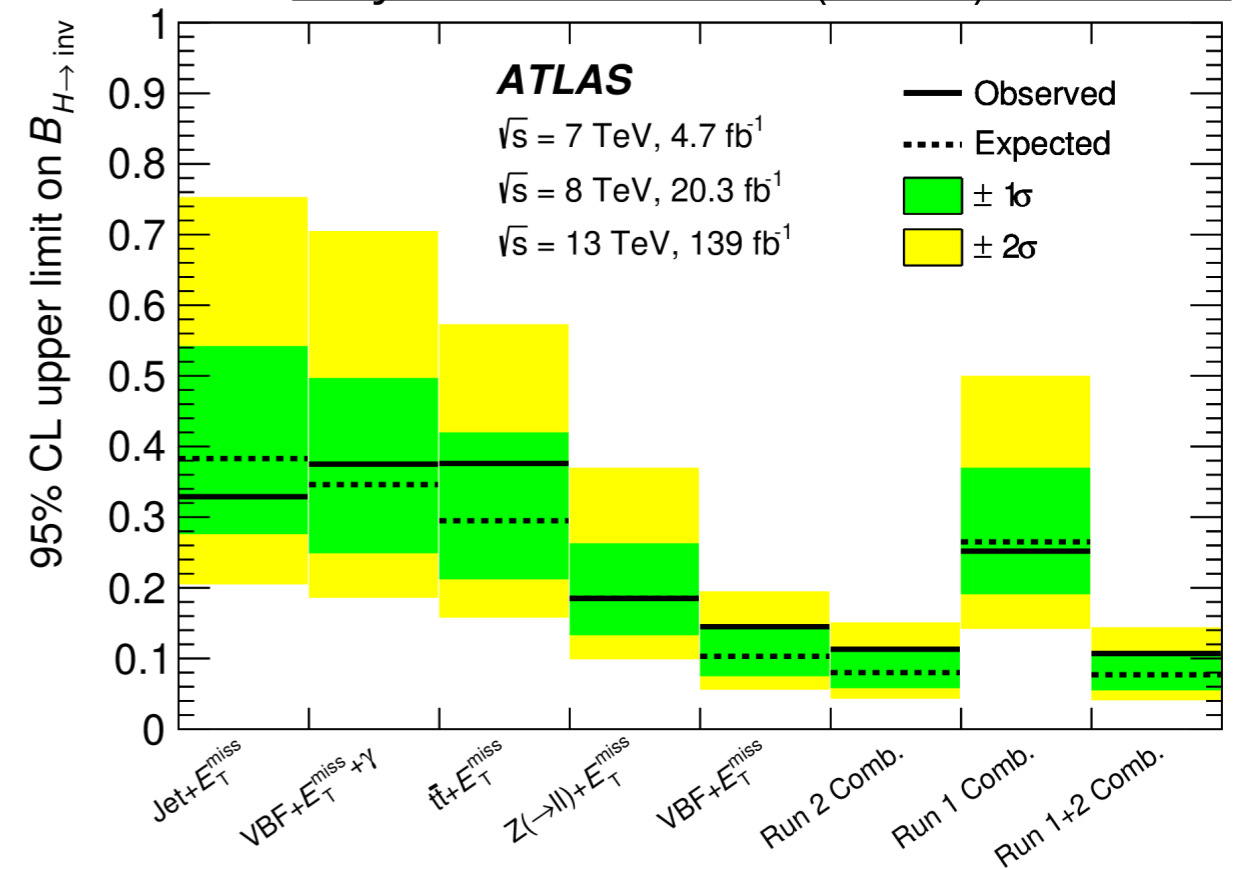
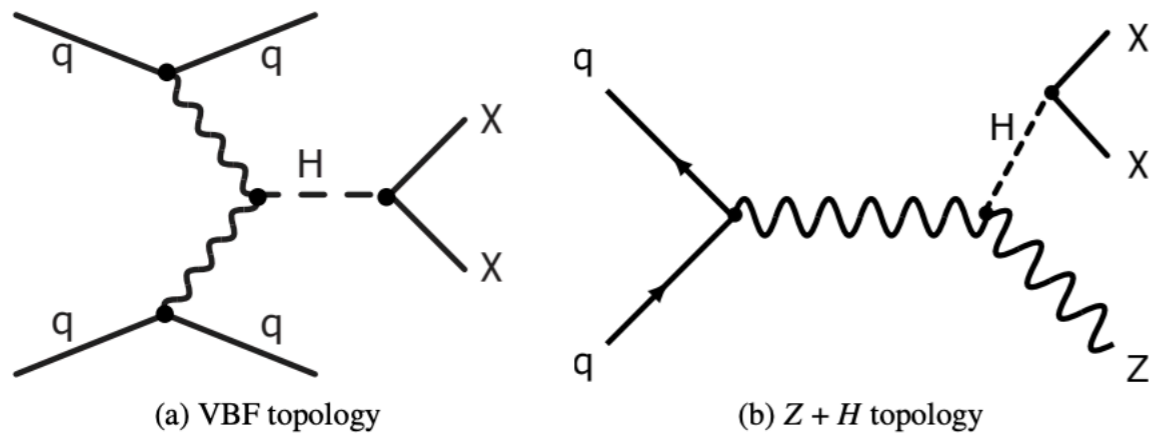
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ATLAS H $\rightarrow\tau\tau$   $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, 140 fb $^{-1}$   
 - Tot - Svt - Theory p-value = 6%

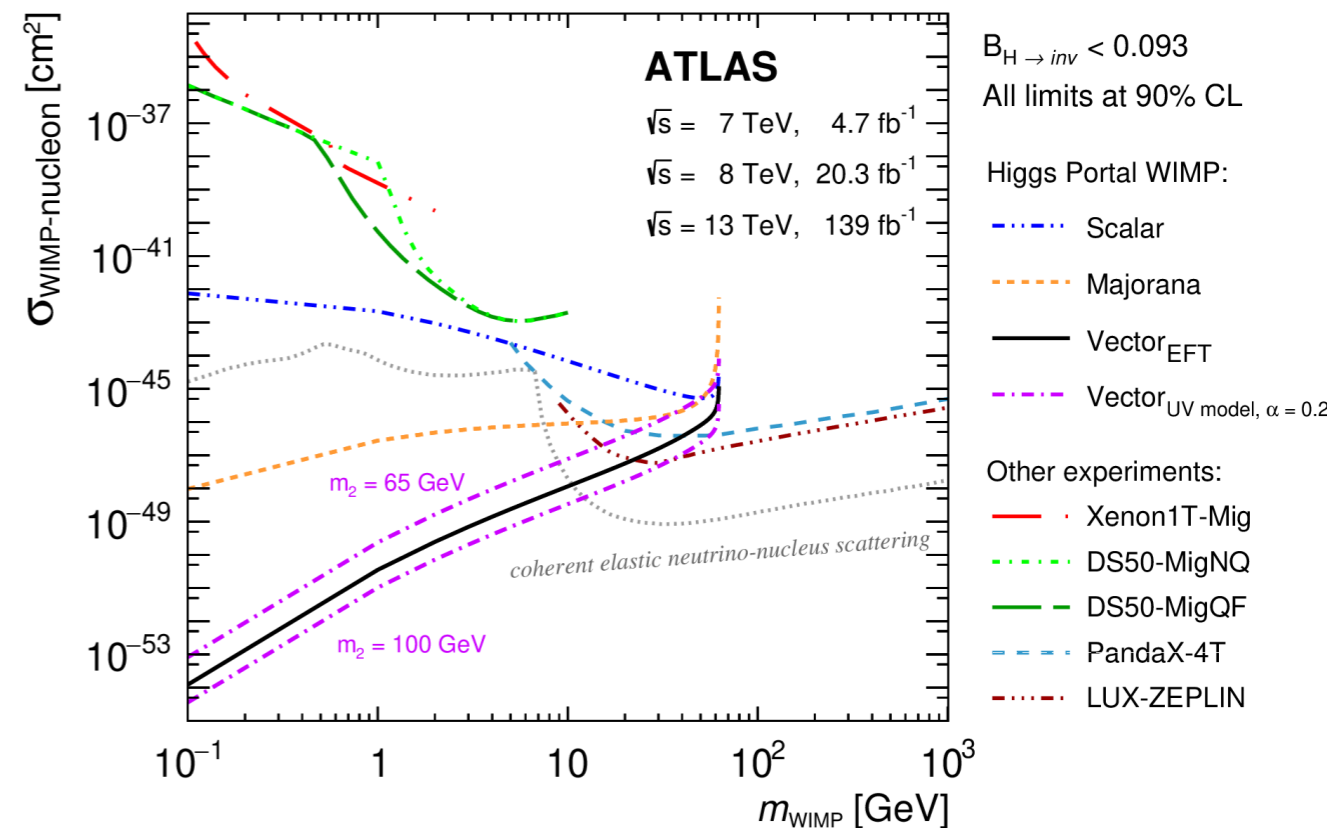
Sufficient statistics and low enough backgrounds for precise measurements at **high  $p_T(H)$** :  
 First measurement of boosted high  $p_T(H)$  using the  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
 Dedicated reconstruction algorithm for the boosted  $\tau\tau$  topologies  
 Among the most precise measurements in the  $p_T(H)$  regime



# Higgs Invisible

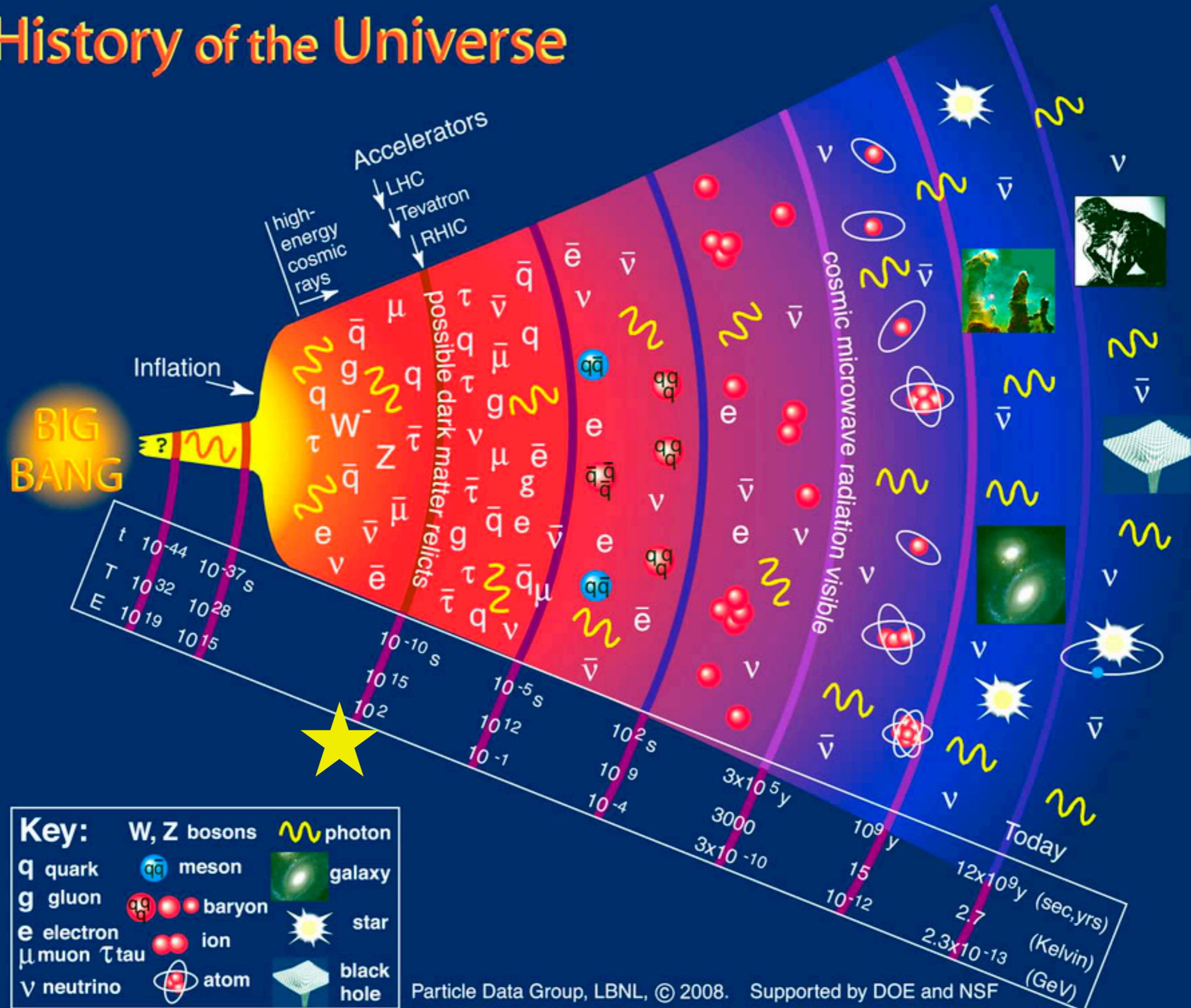


- Can the Higgs boson be a portal to new particles that do not interact with the rest of the Standard Model?
- If the new particle has mass  $m < m_H/2 \Rightarrow$  Invisible decay of the Higgs boson.
- And if this invisible particle was responsible for dark matter?



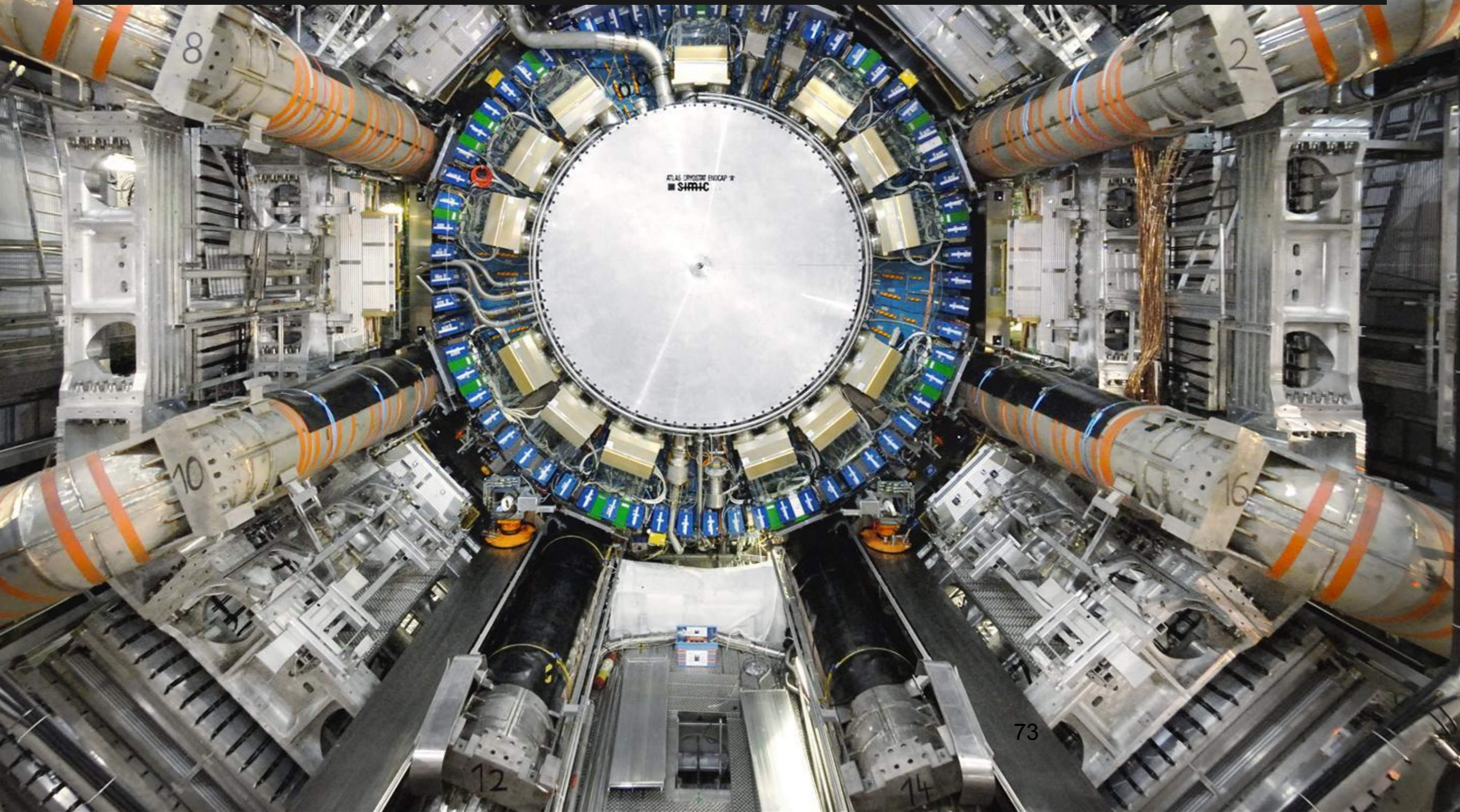


# History of the Universe





# ATLAS

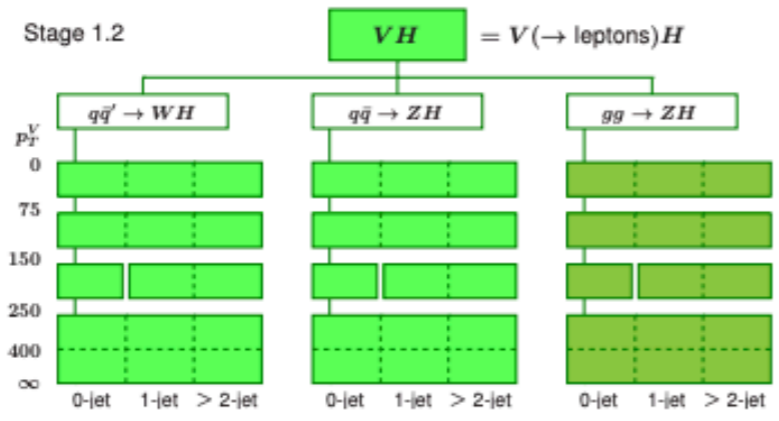
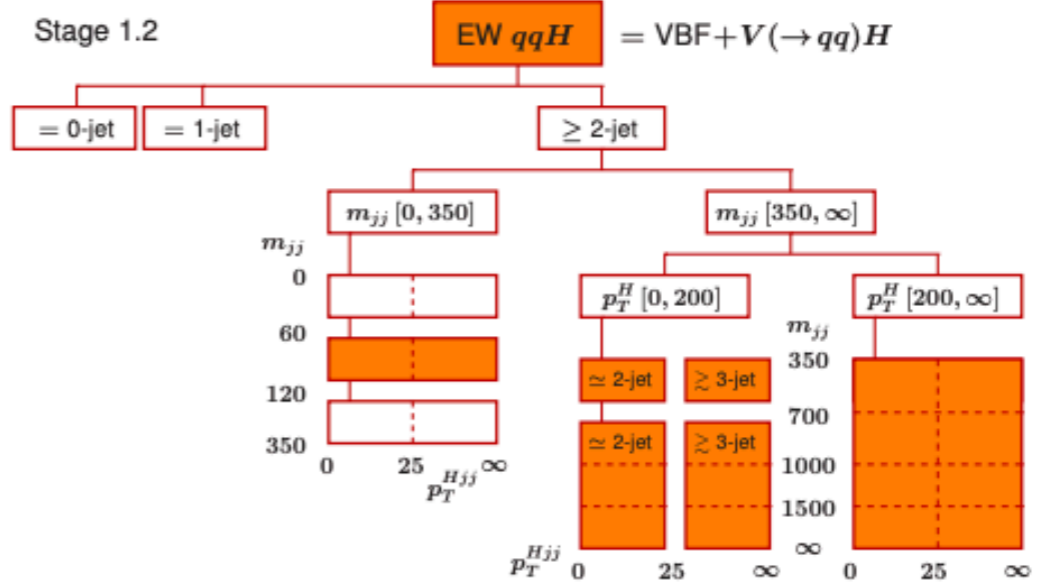
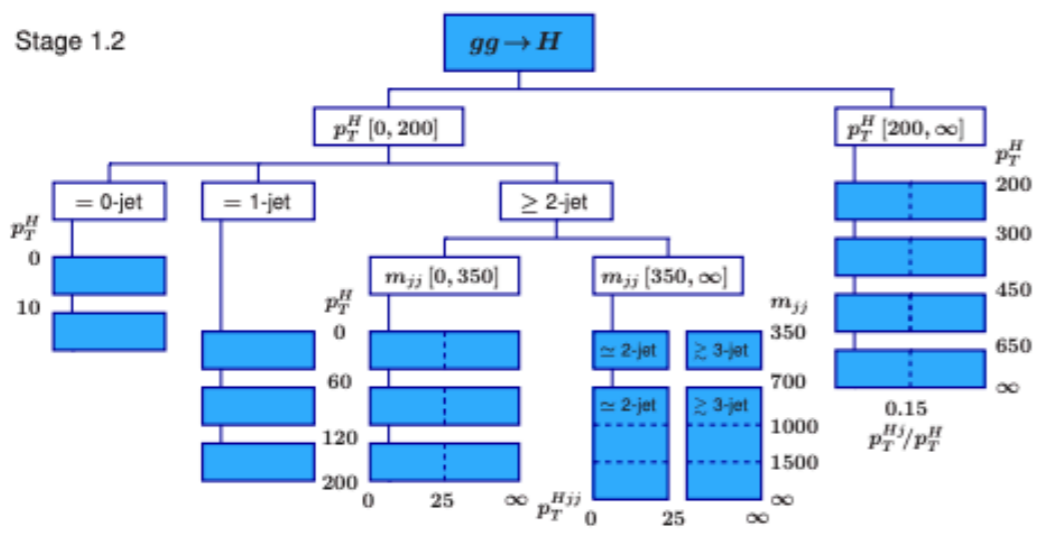




# Simplified template cross sections (STXS)

- STXS reveals the kinematic properties of Higgs production processes with associated jets to maximize the experimental sensitivities while at the same time minimizing their theory dependence.

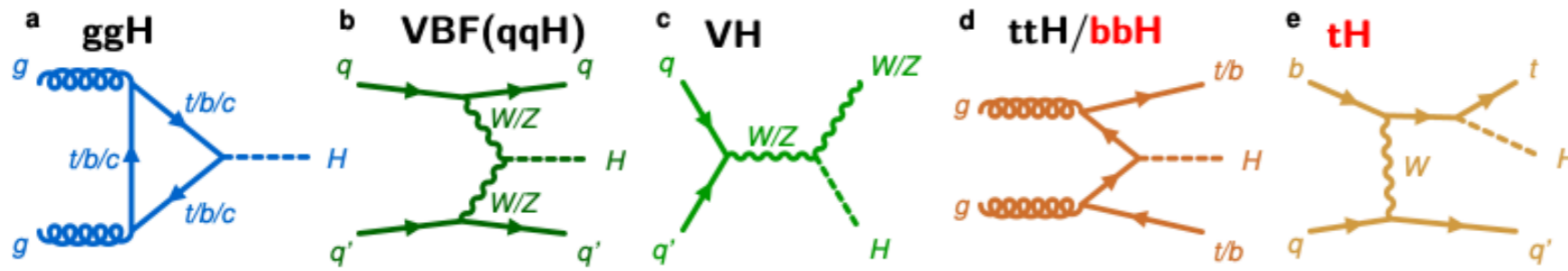
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# Single Higgs production

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● Global signal strength:

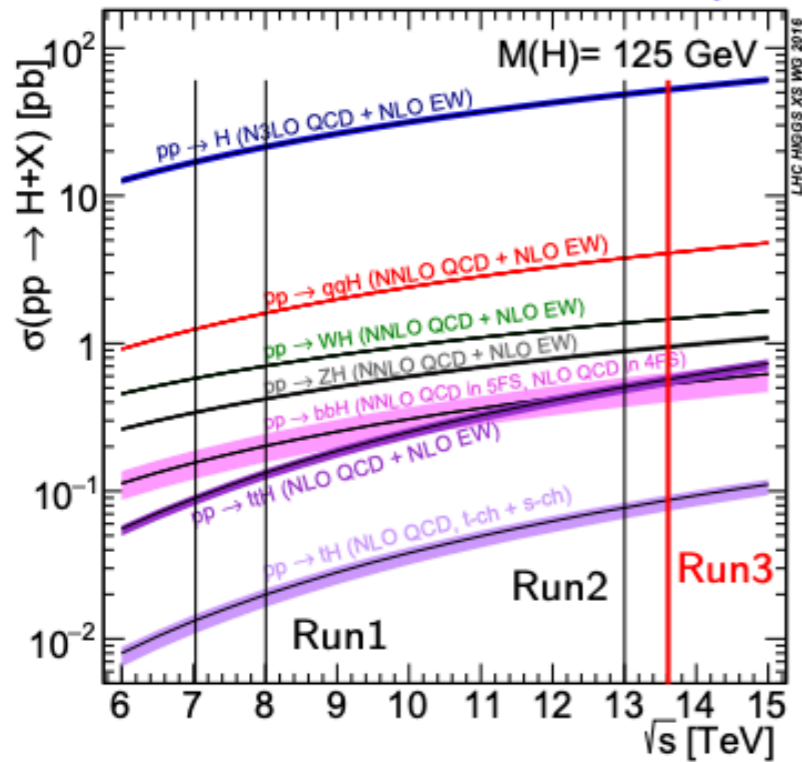
▶  $\mu = 1.05 \pm 0.06$  (ATLAS)

▶  $\mu = 1.002 \pm 0.057$  (CMS)

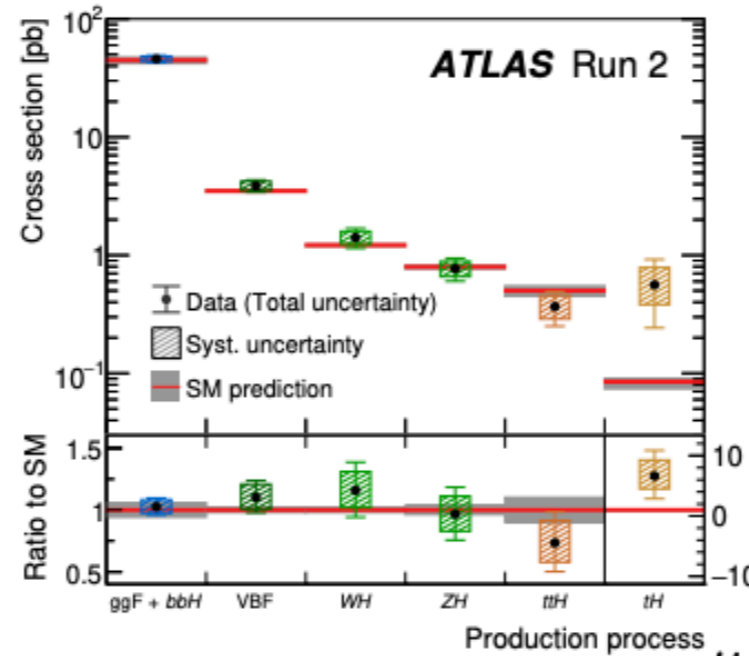
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● **bbH** and **tH** are not yet discovered.

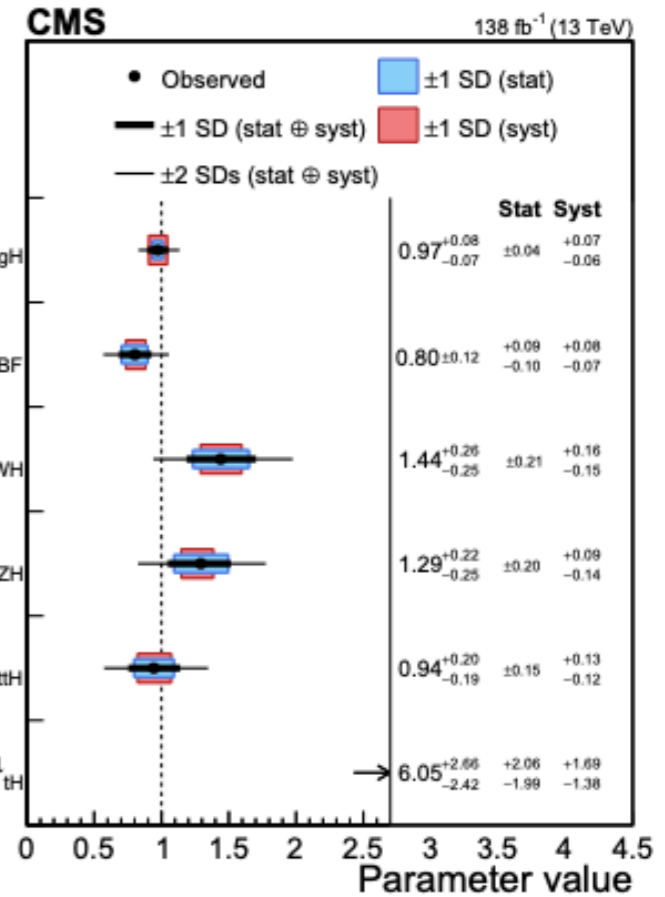
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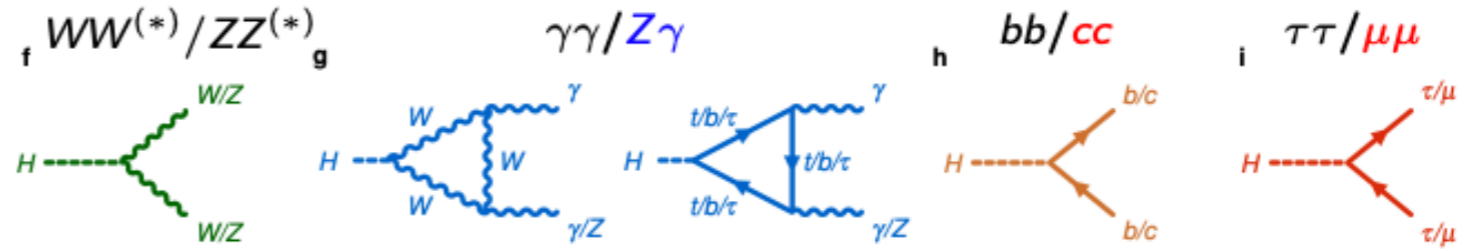
$$\mu_i = \frac{\sigma_{obs}}{\sigma_{SM}}$$



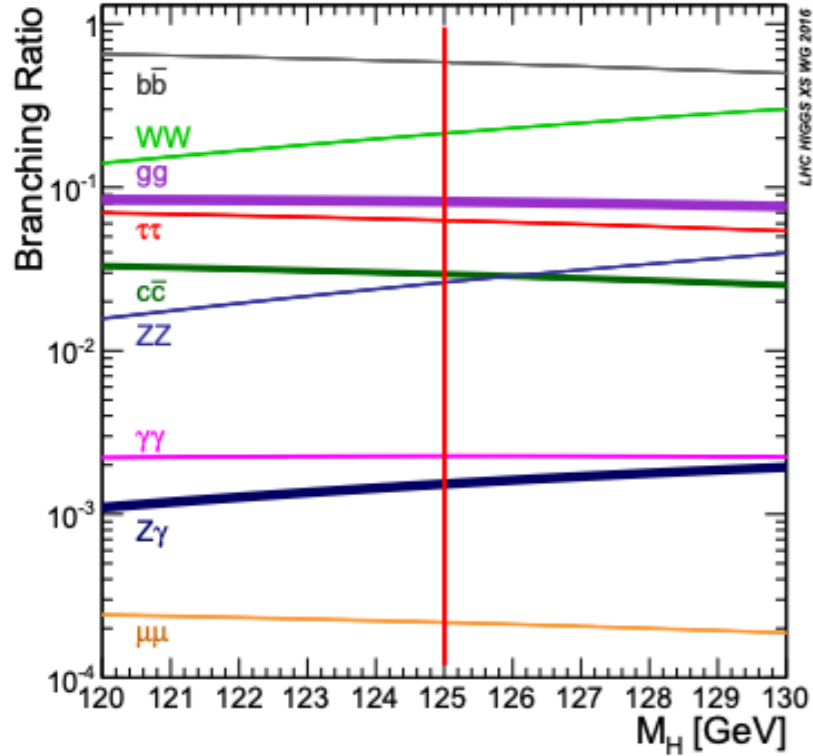
# Higgs decay

- $cc$  and  $\mu\mu$  are still under searching.
- $Z\gamma$  is above  $3\sigma$  in the combination of ATLAS and CMS.

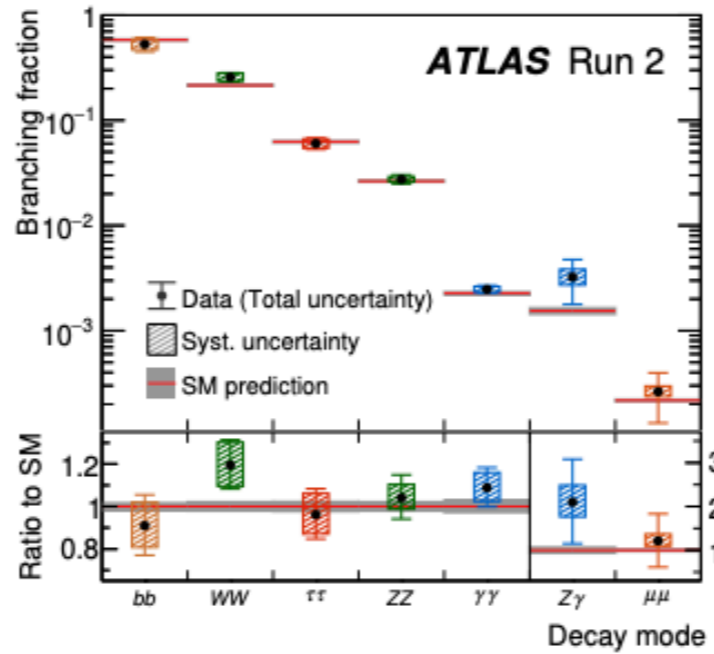
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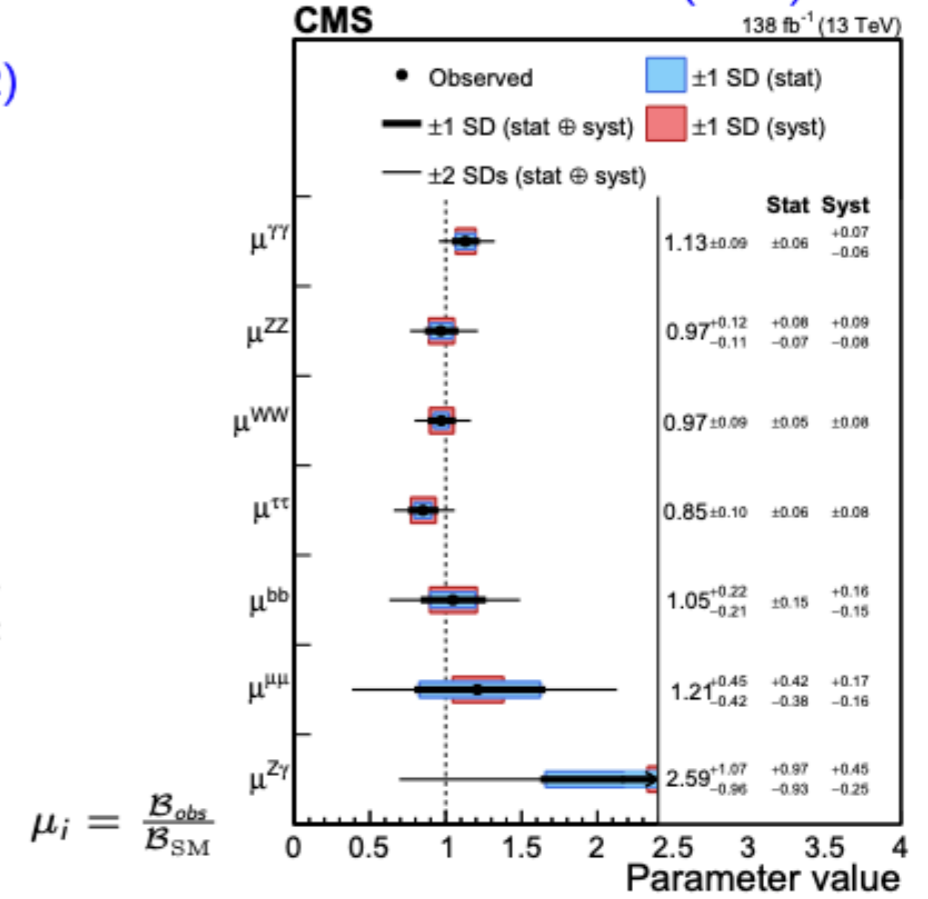
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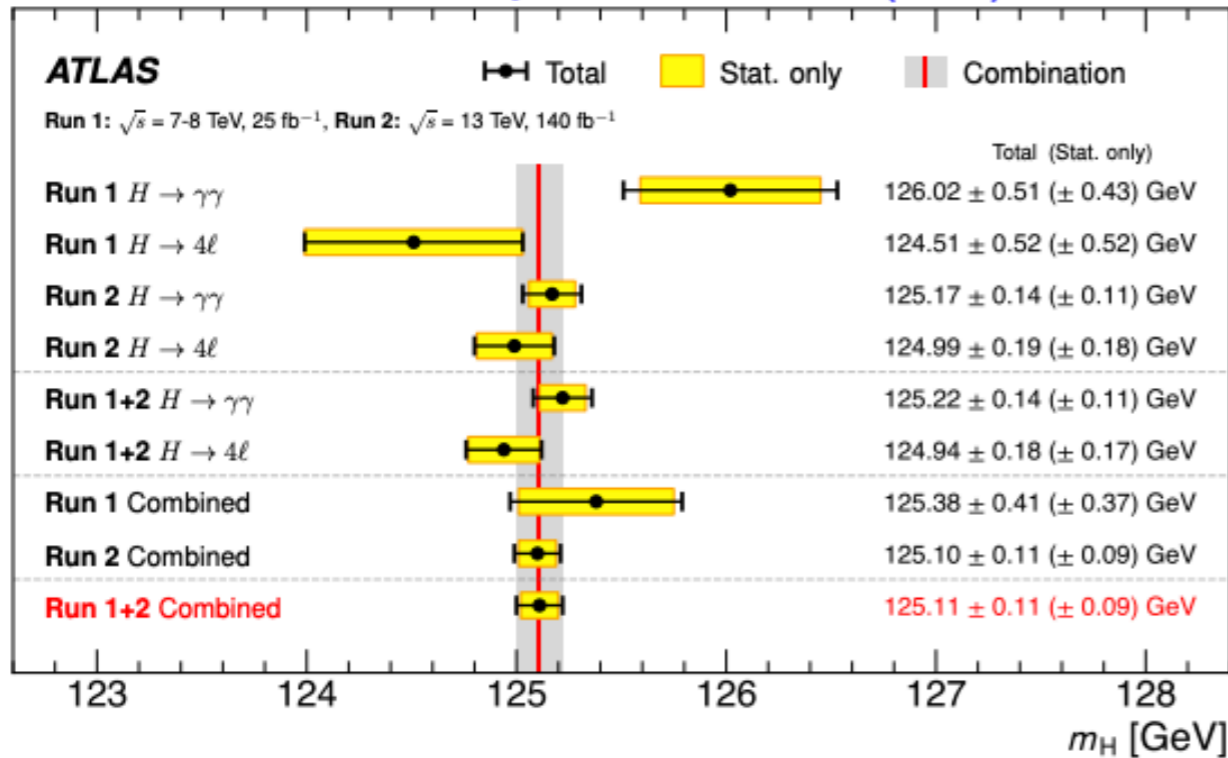


$$\mu_i = \frac{\mathcal{B}_{obs}}{\mathcal{B}_{SM}}$$

# Higgs mass

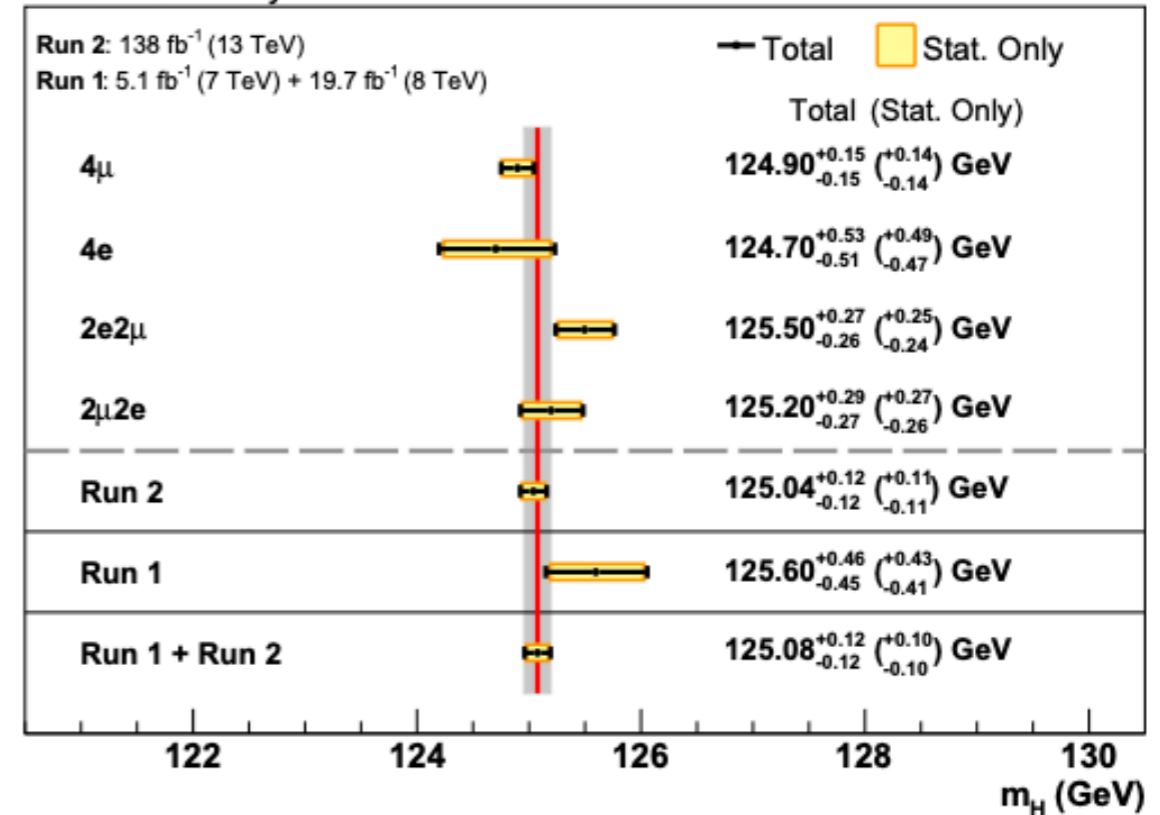
- ATLAS and CMS measured the Higgs mass with full Run2 data combined with the Run1 results, achieving an accuracy of less than 0.1%.
  - ▶  $125.11 \pm 0.09$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.06$  (syst.) =  **$125.11 \pm 0.11$**  GeV (ATLAS).
  - ▶  $125.08 \pm 0.10$  (stat.)  $\pm 0.07$  (syst.) =  **$125.08 \pm 0.12$**  GeV (CMS).

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CMS Preliminary

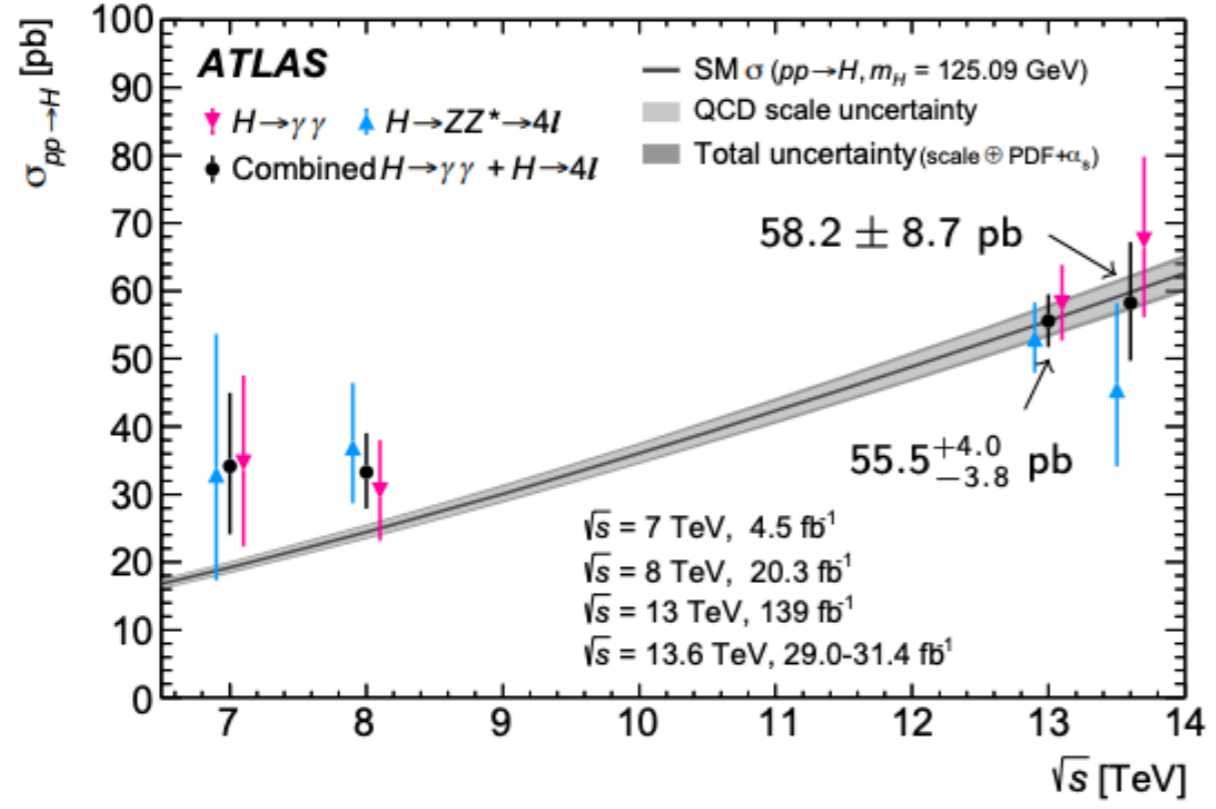
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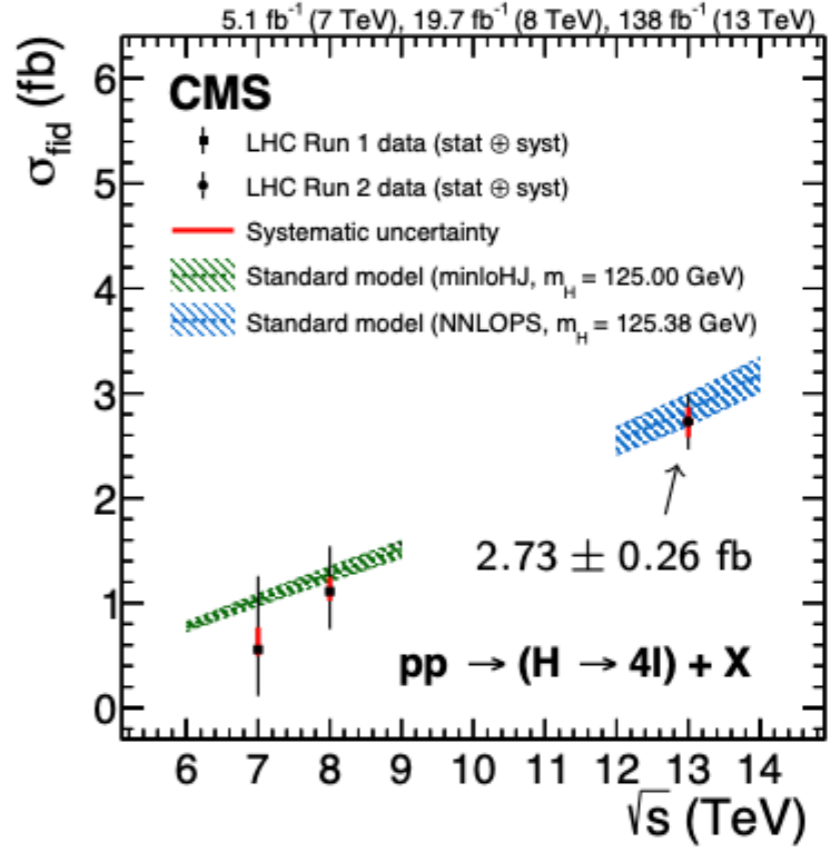
# Inclusive cross section measurement

- ATLAS published the measurements of the total cross section in  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  with Run1, Run2 and **Run3 (2022)** data.
  - ▶ Relative uncertainties:  **$\sim 7\%$  for Run2,  $\sim 15\%$  for Run3.**
- CMS has the results in  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$  with Run1 and Run2 datasets.
  - ▶  $\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 73.4^{+5.4}_{-5.3}(\text{stat})^{+2.4}_{-2.2}(\text{syst})$  fb in agreement with  $75 \pm 4.1$  fb in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  with Run2 data.

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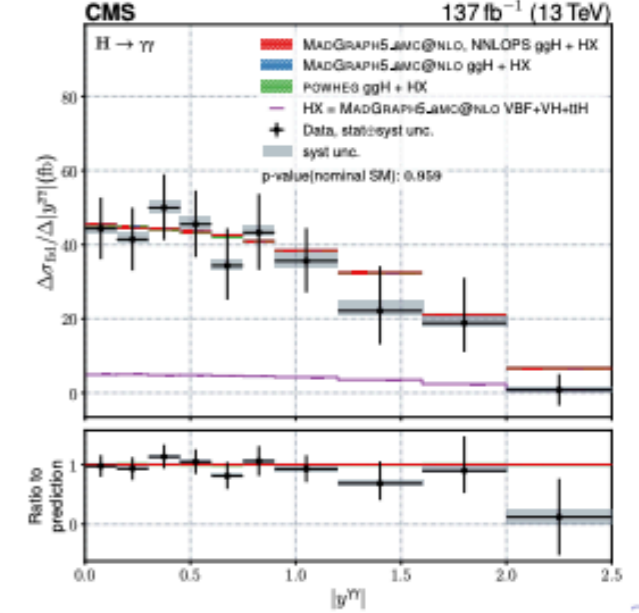
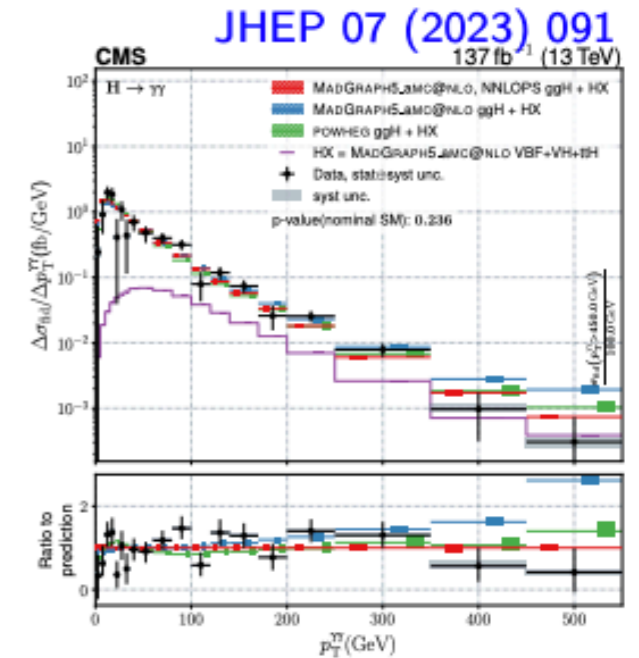
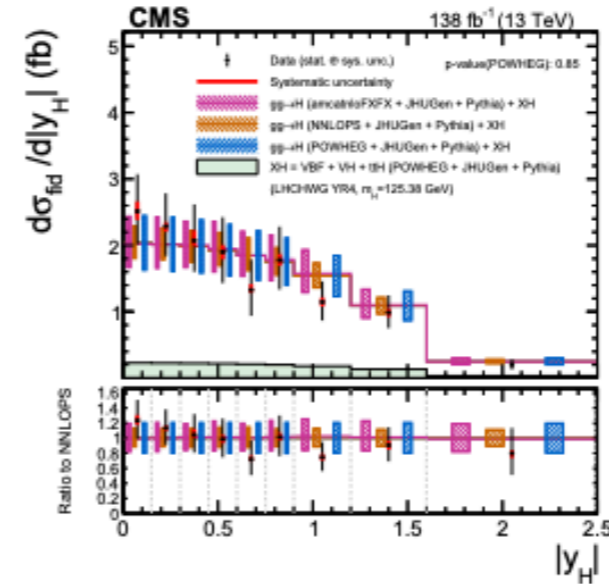
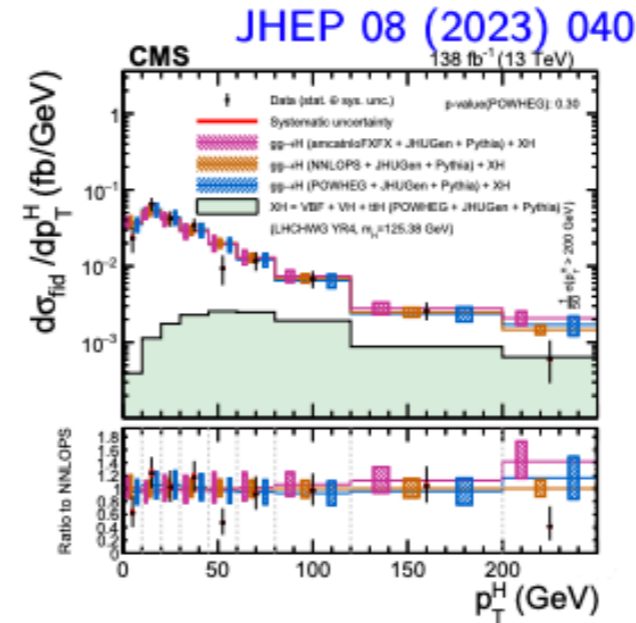
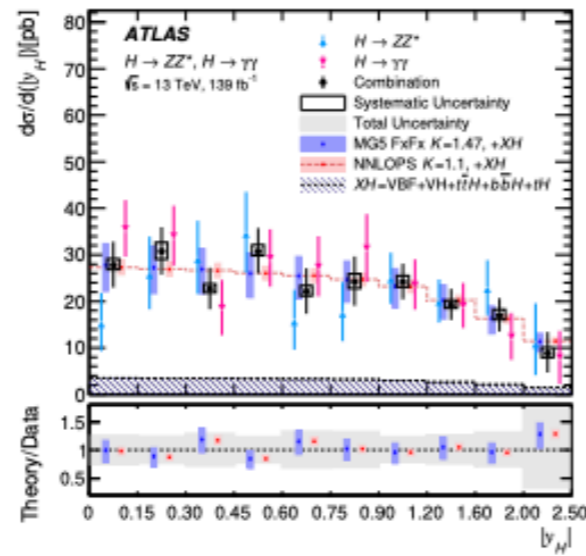
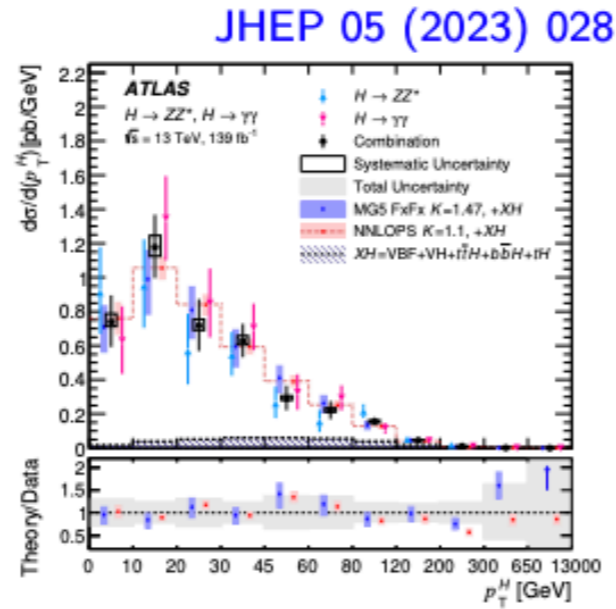
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# Differential cross sections

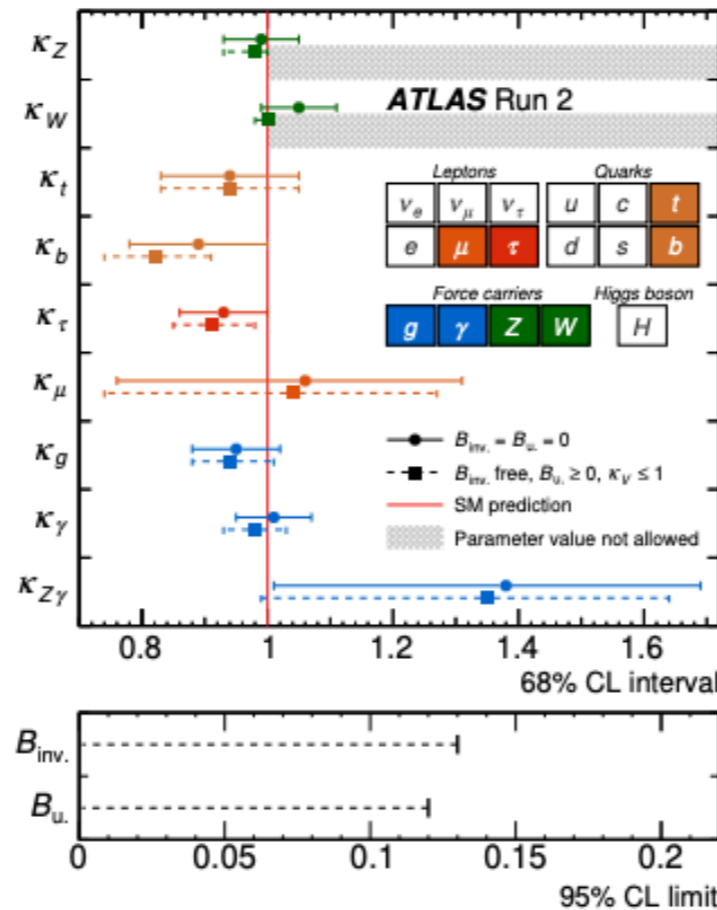
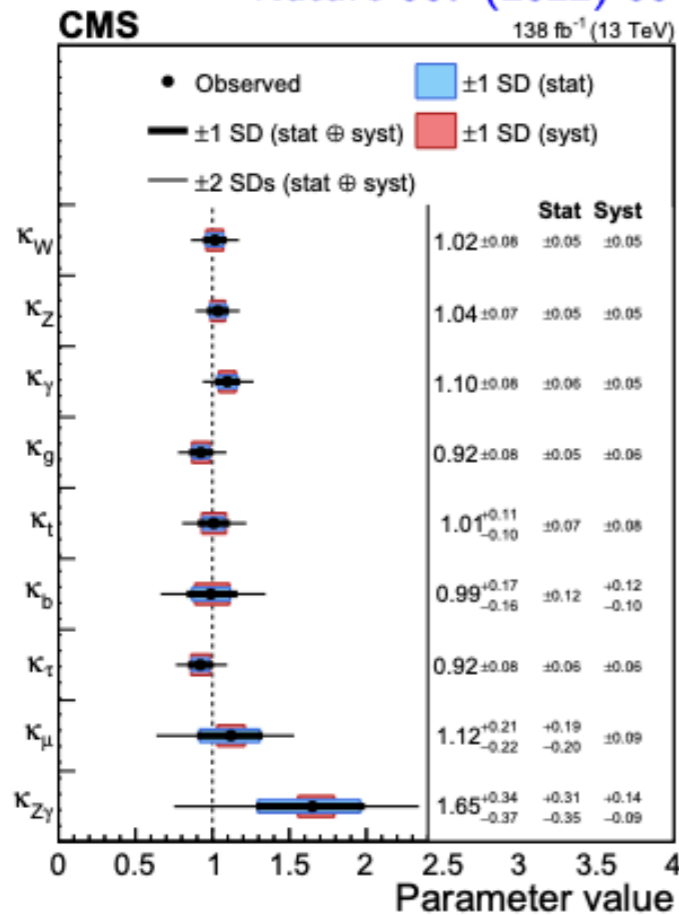
- $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  show comparable results of Higgs kinematics with full Run2 data.
- ATLAS further combined the Run2 results of two channels.
- There are  $H \rightarrow WW^*$  results from ATLAS and CMS and  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  results from CMS.



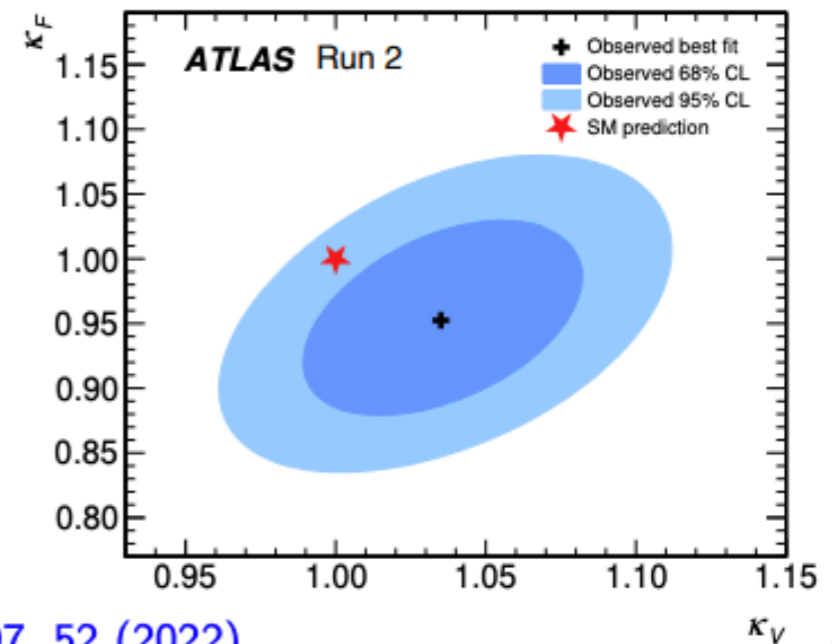
# Higgs coupling

- The loop-induced processes are treated using effective coupling strength modifiers ( $\kappa_g$ ,  $\kappa_\gamma$  and  $\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ ).
- $\mathcal{B}_{inv}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_u$  are the branching ratios of invisible particles and other decay which are undetected owing to a large background, respectively.

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- ATLAS and CMS checked  $\kappa_F$  vs.  $\kappa_V$  with  $\kappa_V = \kappa_Z = \kappa_W$  and  $\kappa_F$  for all fermions.

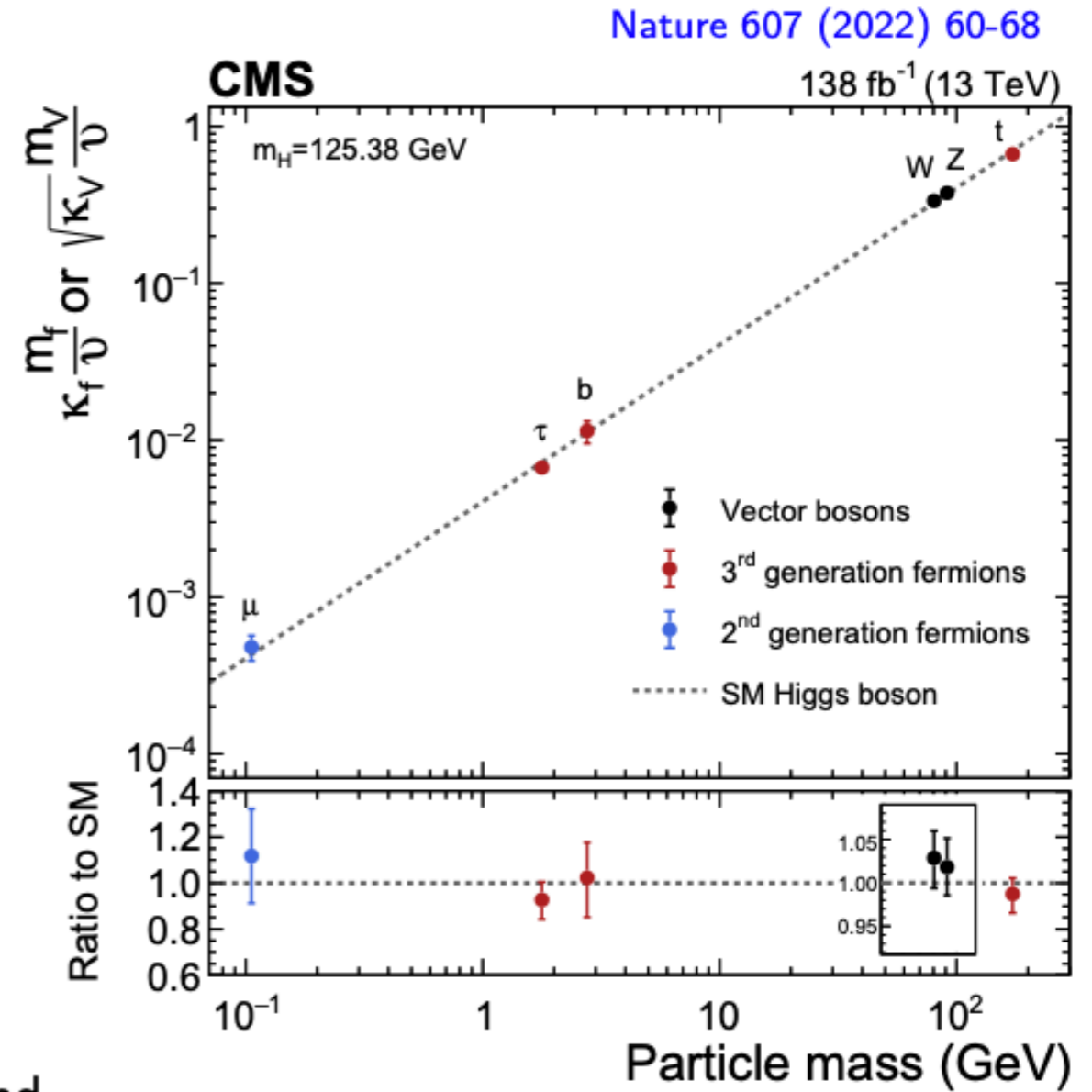
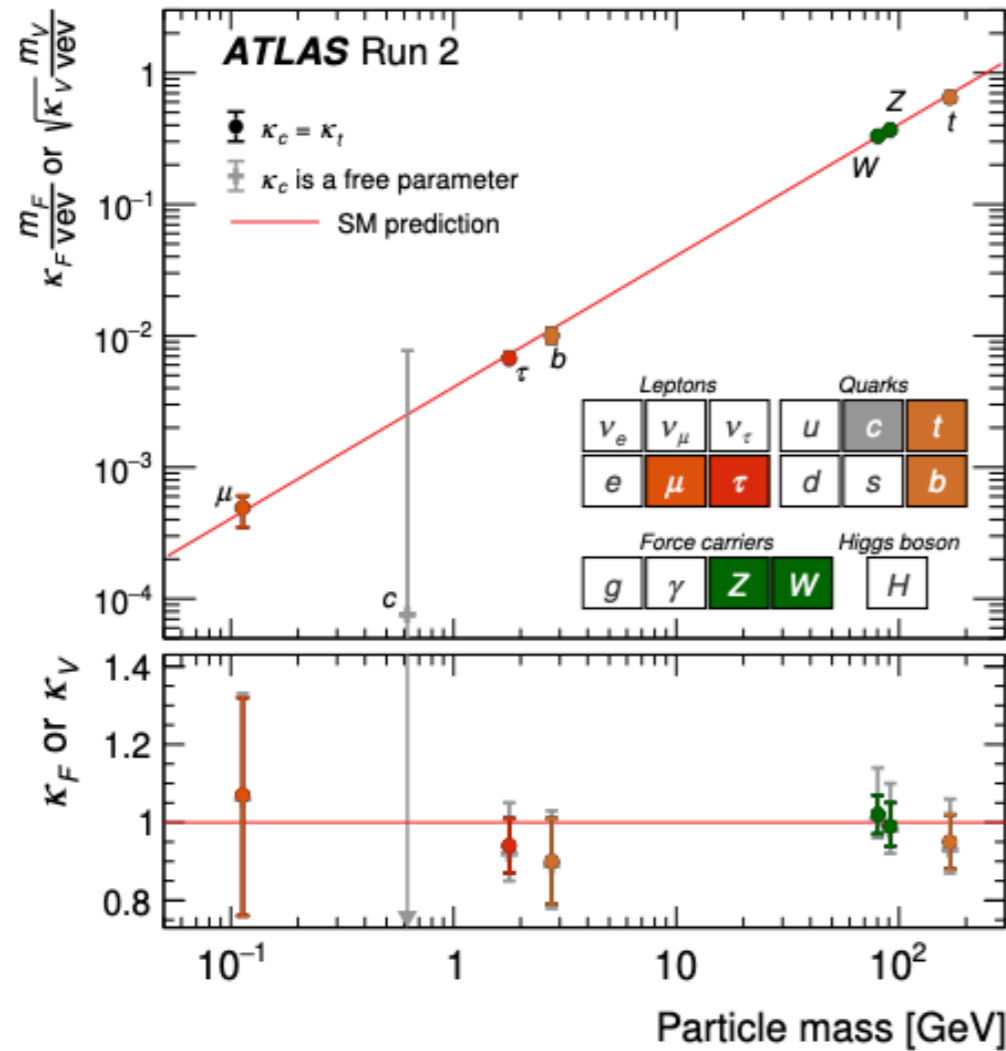


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# Higgs coupling strength

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- $\kappa_c$  is obtained from the fit with floating  $\kappa_c$  and fixed the other  $\kappa$  parameters.

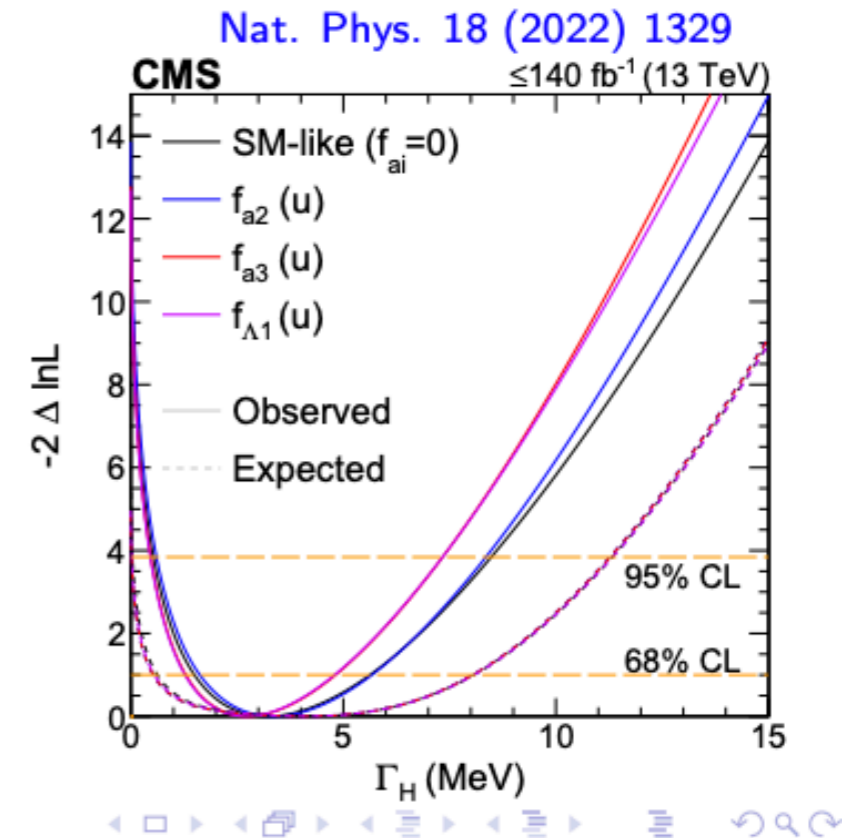
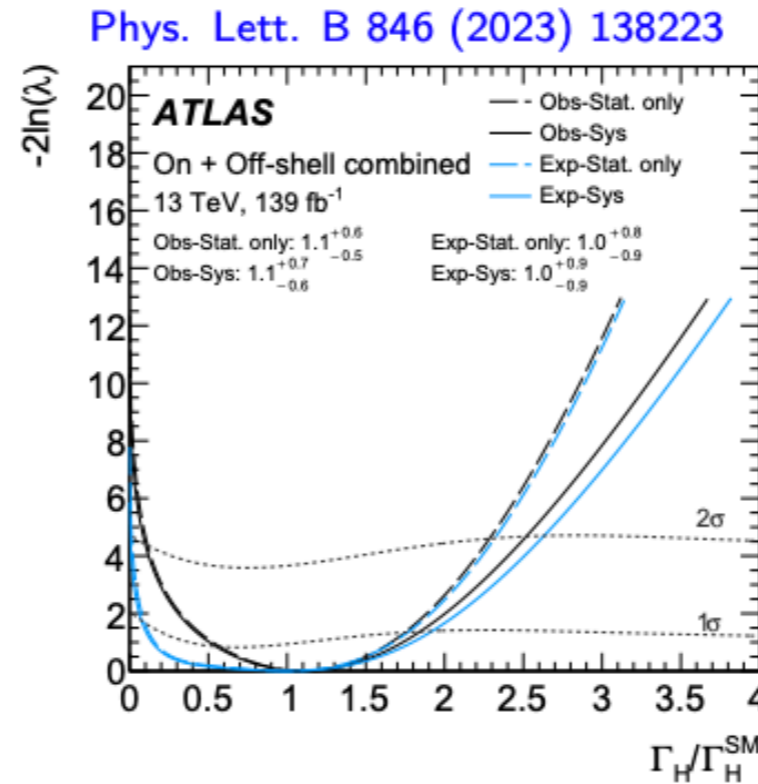
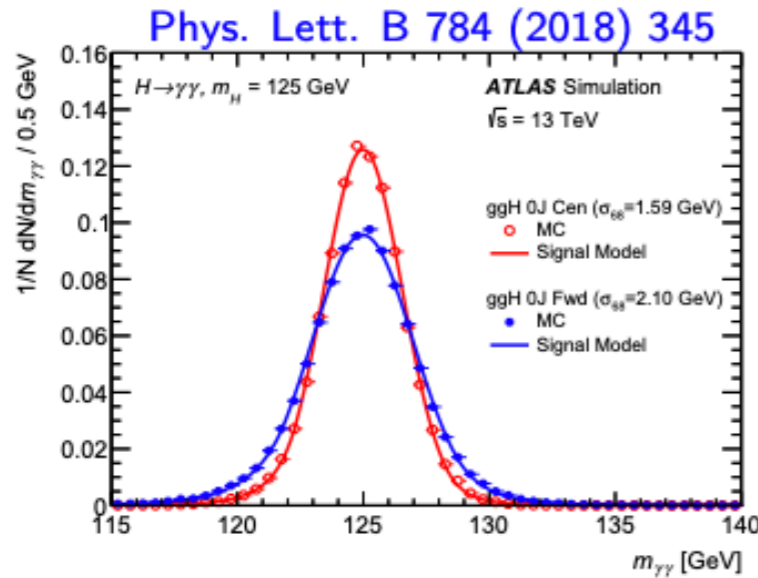
# Higgs width

- The SM prediction of total Higgs width is 4.1 MeV, which is inaccessible from direct measurements.
- The total width can be extracted from the ratios of yields of on-shell and off-shell Higgs boson events.
- $\Gamma_H = 4.5^{+3.3}_{-2.5}$  MeV (ATLAS) and  $3.2^{+2.4}_{-1.7}$  MeV (CMS)

$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{on-shell}} \sim \frac{g_{ggF}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_H \Gamma_H}$$

$$\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{off-shell}} \sim \frac{g_{ggF}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_{ZZ}^2}$$

$$\Gamma_H = \frac{\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{off-shell}}}{\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{on-shell}}}$$



# Anomalous couplings of $Hff$

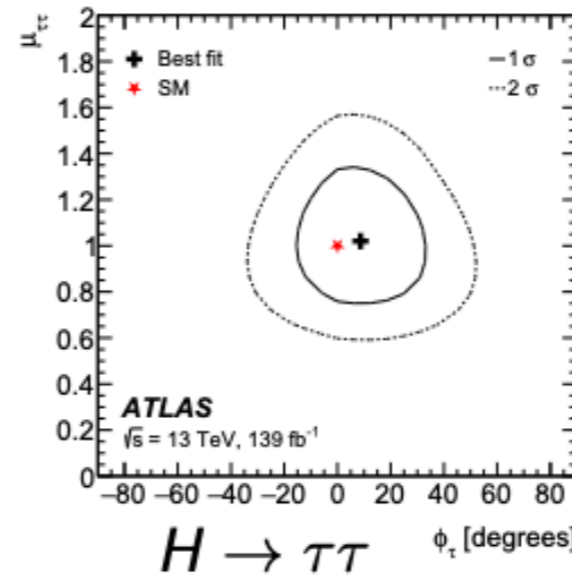
- The spin-parity quantum numbers of the Higgs boson are consistent with  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ .

- The anomalous effects of  $Hff$  can be parameterized with the amplitude as:

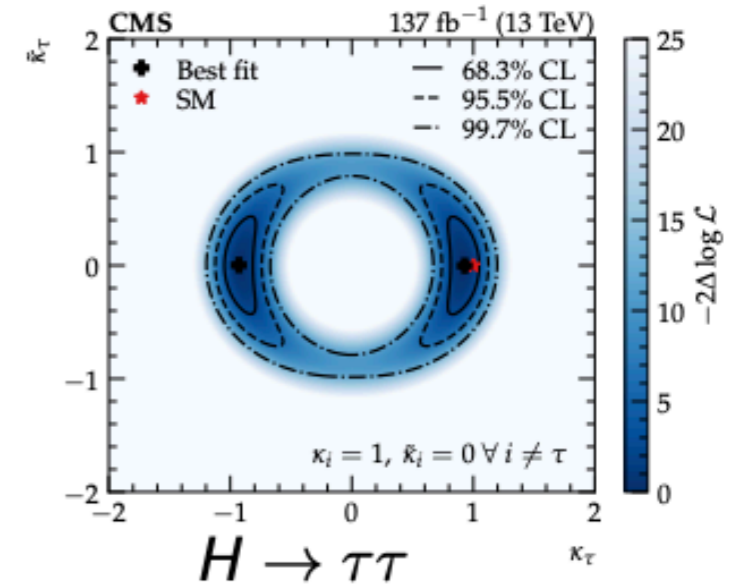
$$A(Hff) = -\frac{m_f}{v} \bar{\psi} (\kappa_f + i\tilde{\kappa}_f \gamma_5) \psi$$

- No deviation from SM has been found.

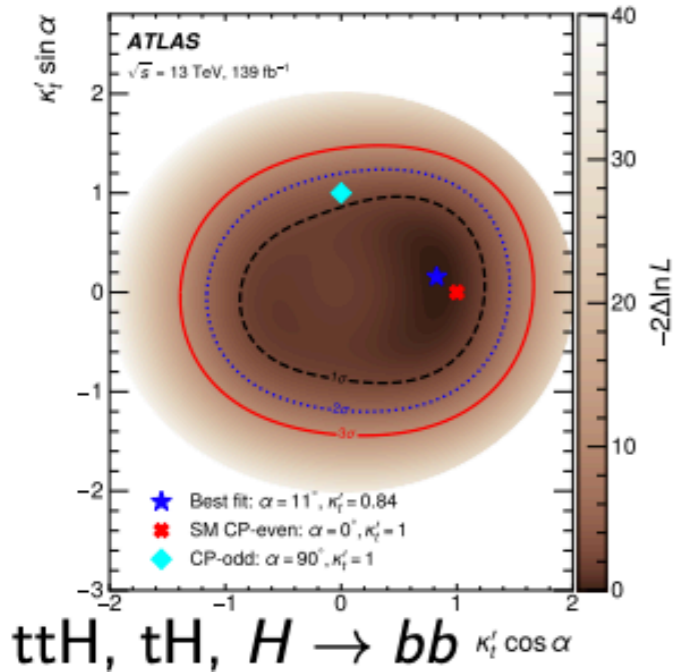
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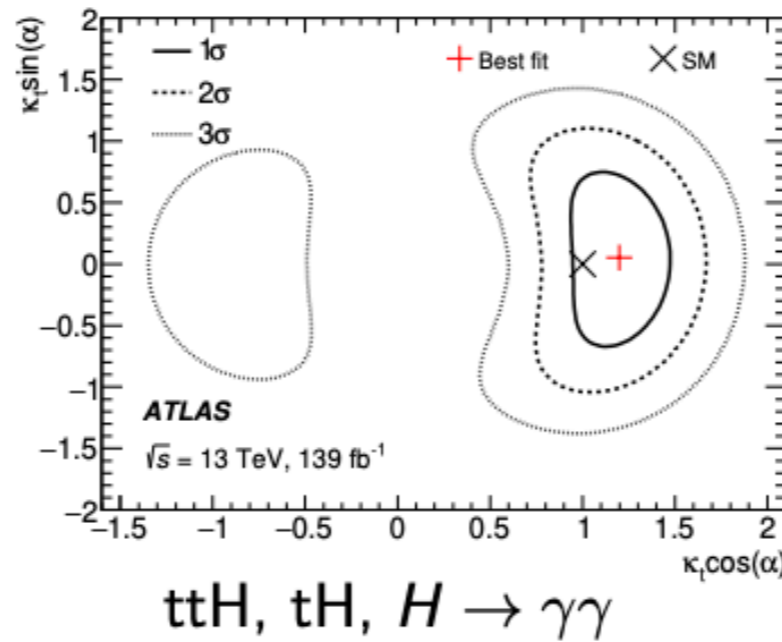
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