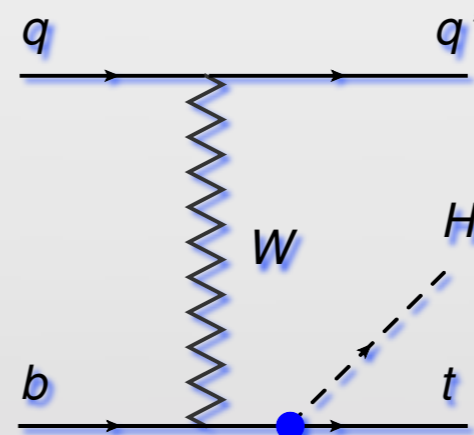
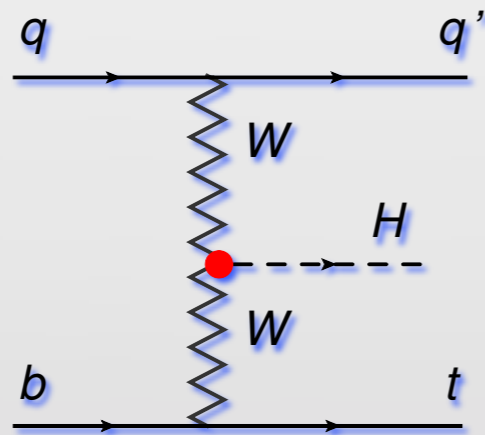


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# *Solving the sign ambiguity in the Higgs coupling measurements at the LHC*



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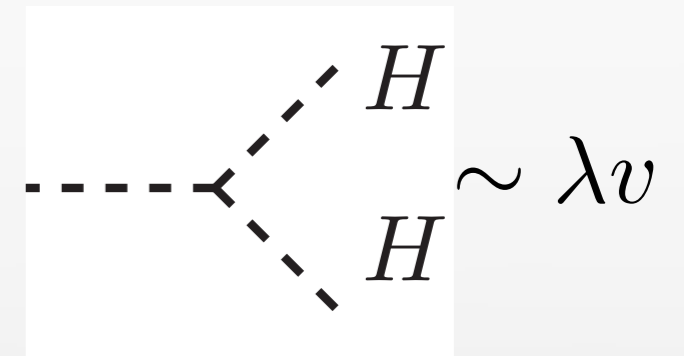
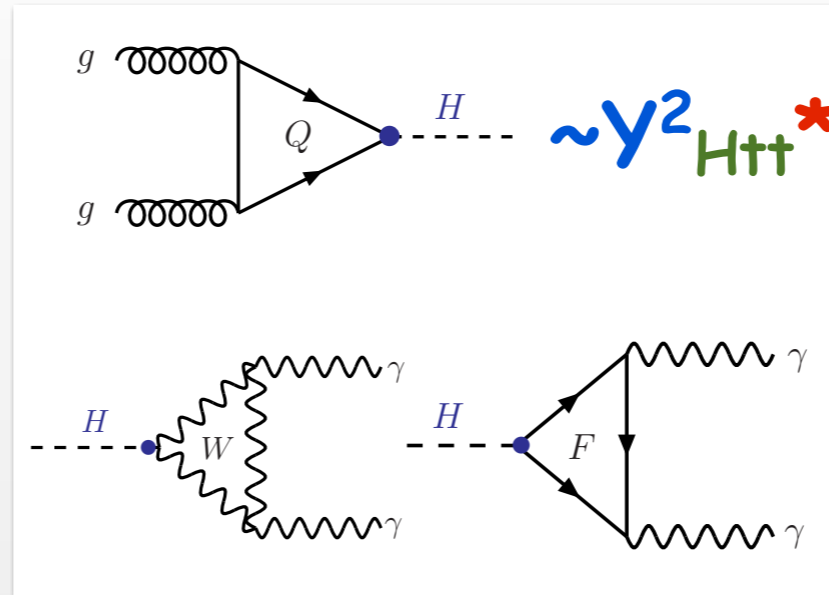
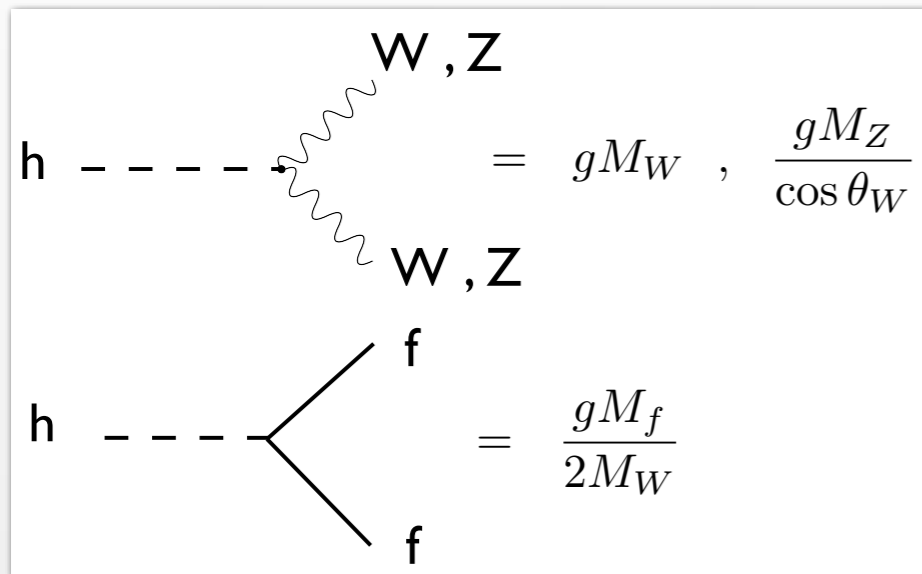
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# Outline

- 2012: “Higgs” discovery
  - we now have to get acquainted with it !
- fits of  $g_{HXX}$  and sign degeneracies
- production channels with direct sensitivity to the top-Higgs coupling  $g_{Htt}$
- prod. channels with direct sensitivity to  $g_{Htt}$  sign
- single-top plus Higgs production :
  - the t-channel  $pp \rightarrow t H q$  : sensitivity to  $g_{Htt}$  sign
  - $pp \rightarrow t H q$  ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau$ ) : **S vs B vs** ( $C_V, C_f$ )
  - exclusion potential in the  $(C_V, C_f)$  space at **8 TeV**

# is the LHC signal really a SM Higgs ?

- test  $g_{HXX}$  (magnitude and structure) to vector bosons (EWSB), to fermions and self-couplings



$m_H \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$

$\Gamma_H = 4.2 \text{ MeV}$

$\lambda = (m_H / v)^2 / 2 = 0.131$

$H \rightarrow WW^* \ 23\%^*$

$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \ 2.9\%^*$

$H \rightarrow bb \ 56\%^*$

$H \rightarrow cc \ 2.8\%$

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau \ 6.2\%^*$

$H \rightarrow \mu\mu \ 0.21\%$

$H \rightarrow gg \ 8.5\%^*$

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \ 2.3\%_0^*$

$H \rightarrow \gamma Z \ 1.6\%_0^*$

**new set of reference SM parameters**

many couplings accessible at LHC (\*)!

# in-direct $g_{HXX}$ determination : what we knew **before** LHC data !

Let's  
assume :

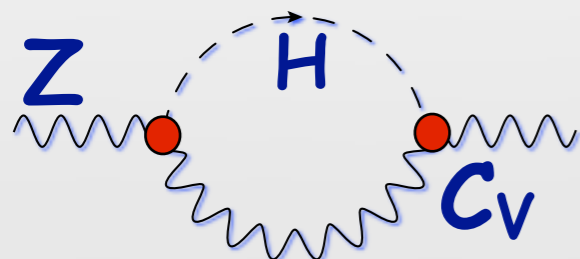
$$g_{HVV} = C_V g_{HVV}^{SM}$$

↑  
*universal modifier of  
HWW and HZZ couplings*

$$Y_f = C_f Y_f^{SM}$$

↑  
*universal modifier of  
Hff couplings*

EWPT's highly constrain  $(C_V, m_H)$  through (indirect) loop effects :

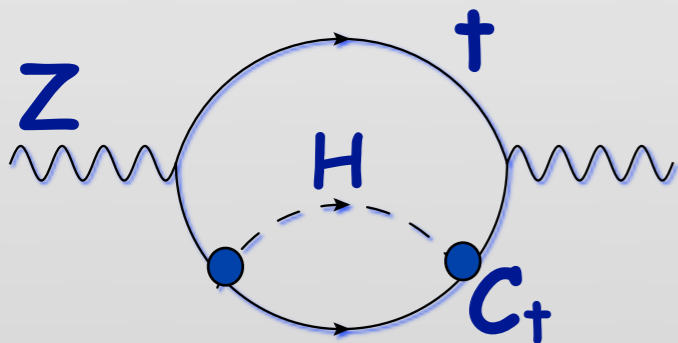


for  $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$

$$C_V = 1.01 \pm 0.06 \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

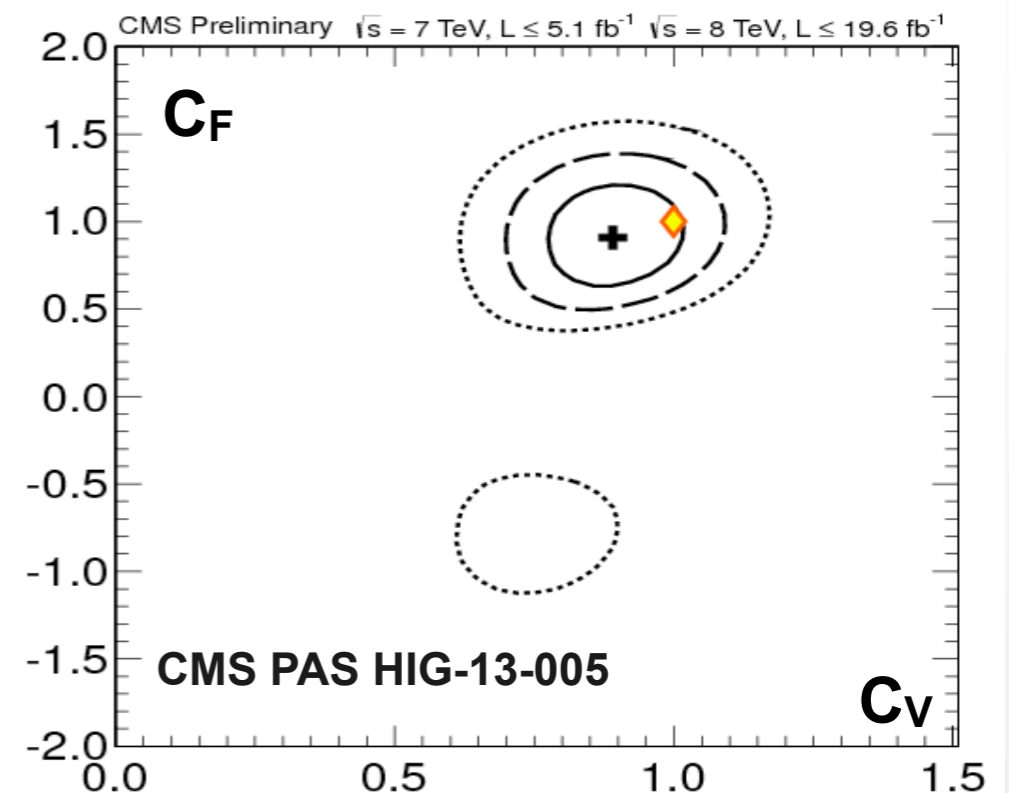
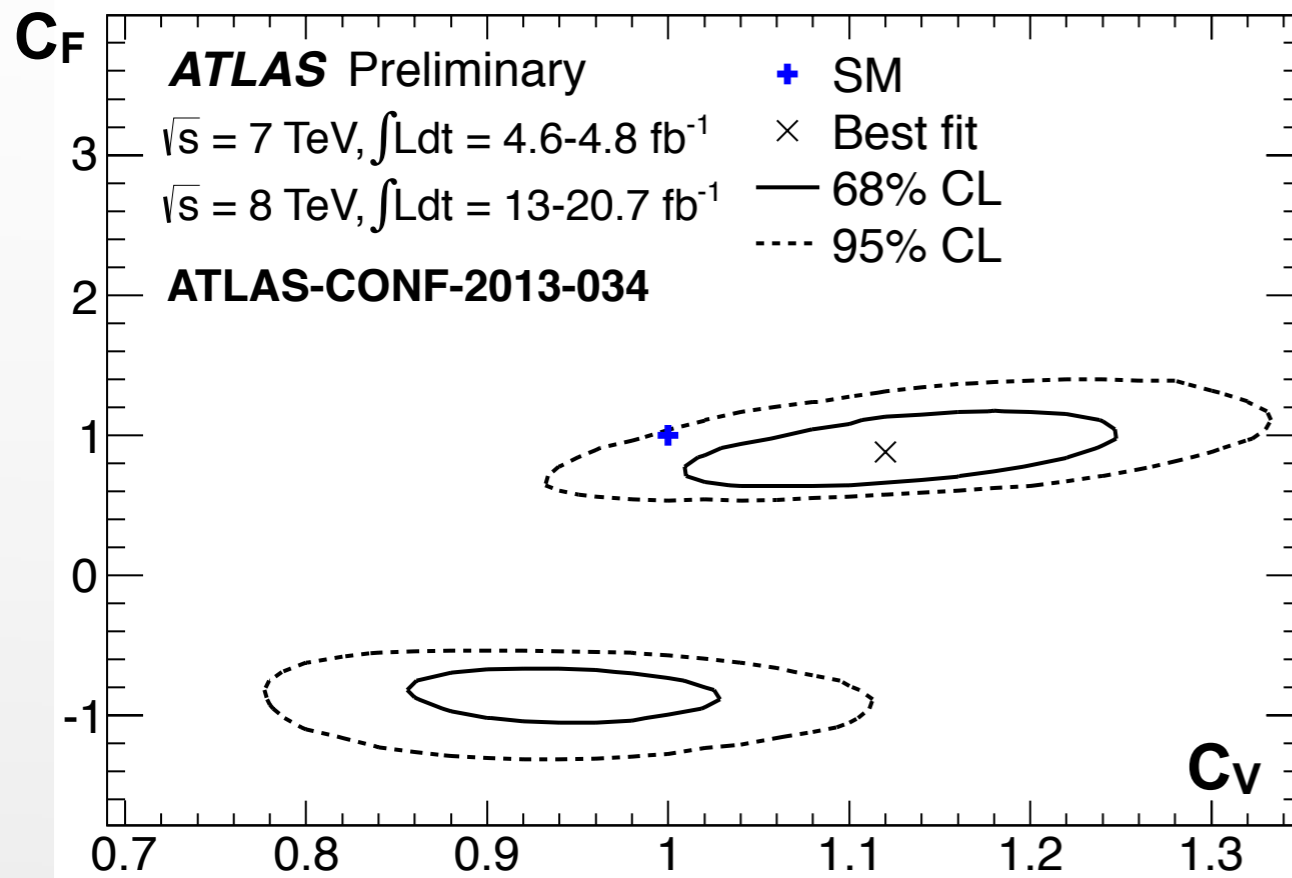
Azatov, Galloway

no constrain on  $C_f$  (enter only at two loops in EWPT's)



$$C_f = ???$$

# direct $g_{HXX}$ determination : what we know today !



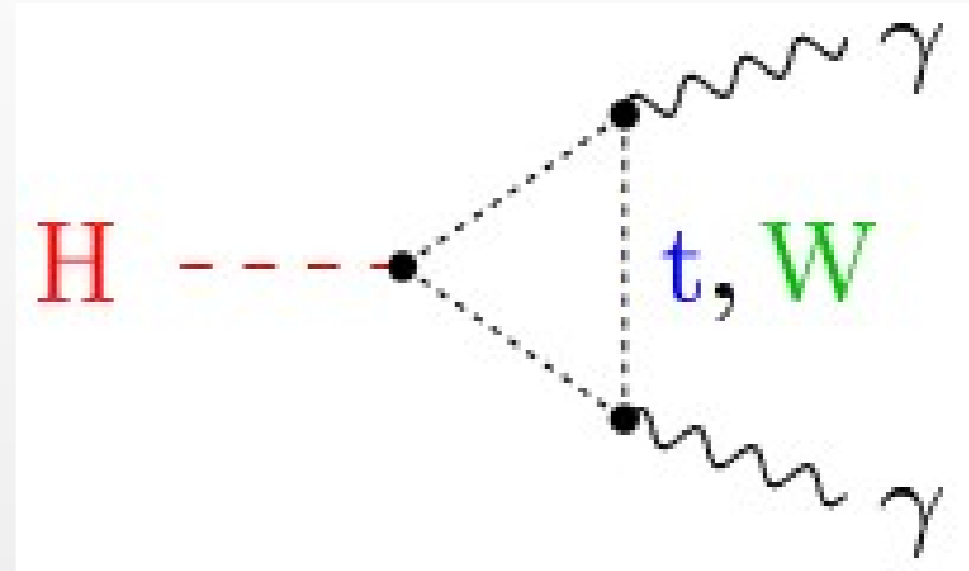
both agree with SM Higgs at 95%CL

- starting point of new exciting chapter of experimental measurements (regardless of possible further new-state discoveries at the LHC !)
- note: one-loop decays ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) and production ( $gg \rightarrow H$ ) are very sensitive to new heavy degrees of freedom that do not decouple !
- new generation of **Precision Tests** opened up with excellent sensitivity to BSM effects ( $\rightarrow$  cf. EWPT's at LEP)
- ability** to reach accuracies on  $g_{HXX}$ 's as large as possible is **crucial** !

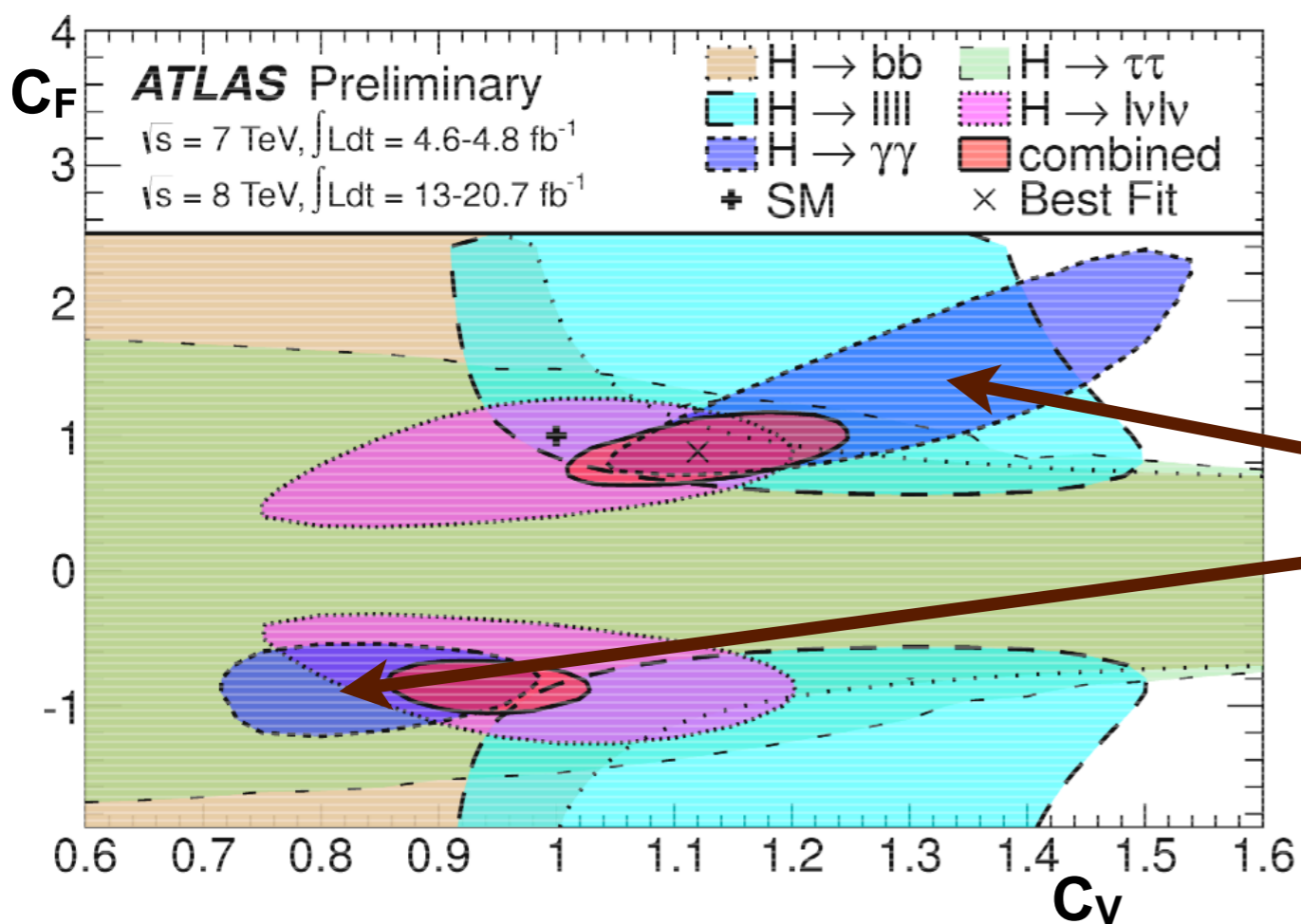
# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ breaks $C_f \rightarrow -C_f$ degeneracy

W and top loops interfere destructively in the SM

$C_t \sim +1$  (SM)  $\rightarrow C_t \sim -1$  enhances  $BR_{\gamma\gamma}$



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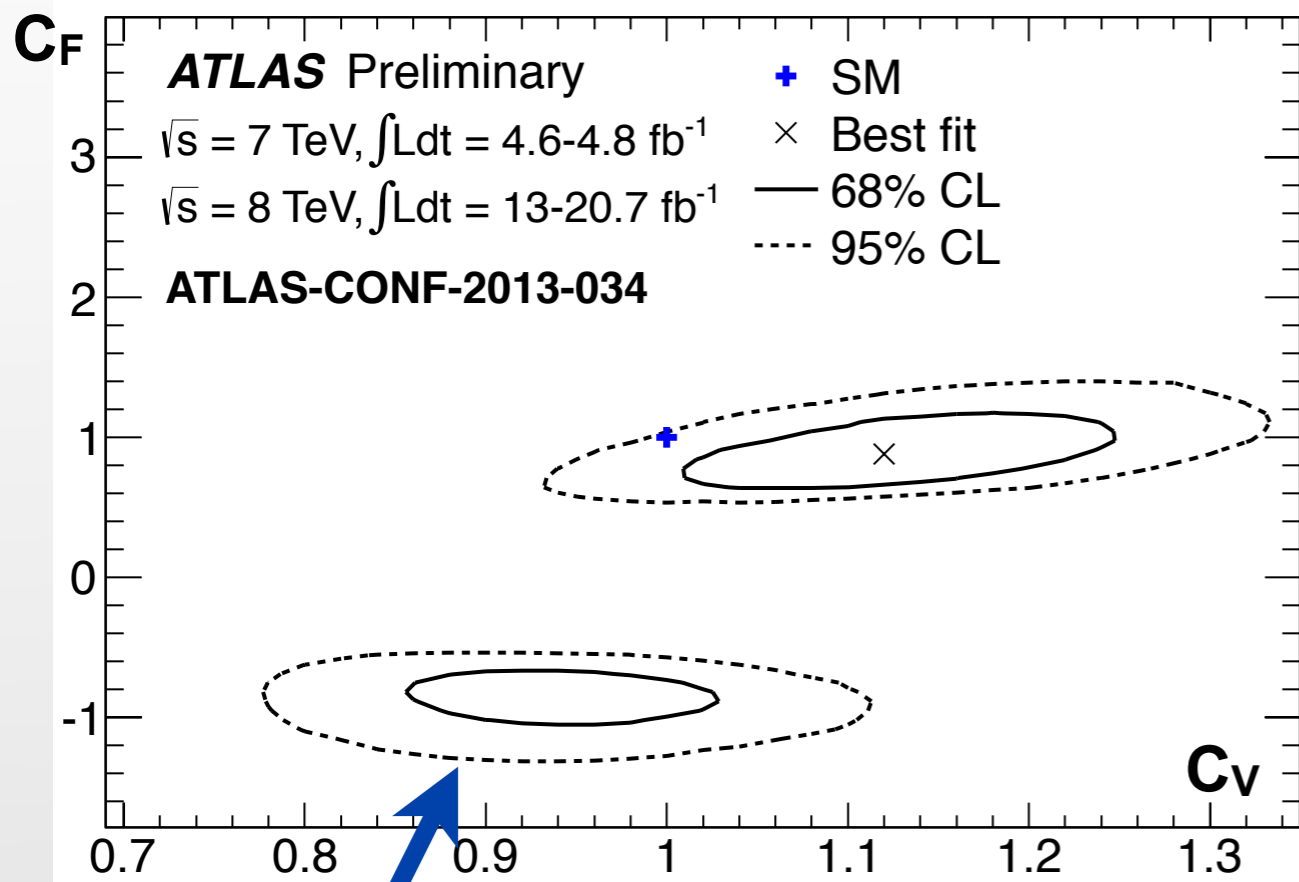


$\sigma(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim (5C_V - C_t)^2$   
 gives asymmetric constraints for  $C_t \rightarrow -C_t$

enhanced  $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$  rates favor  $C_f < 0$  ranges

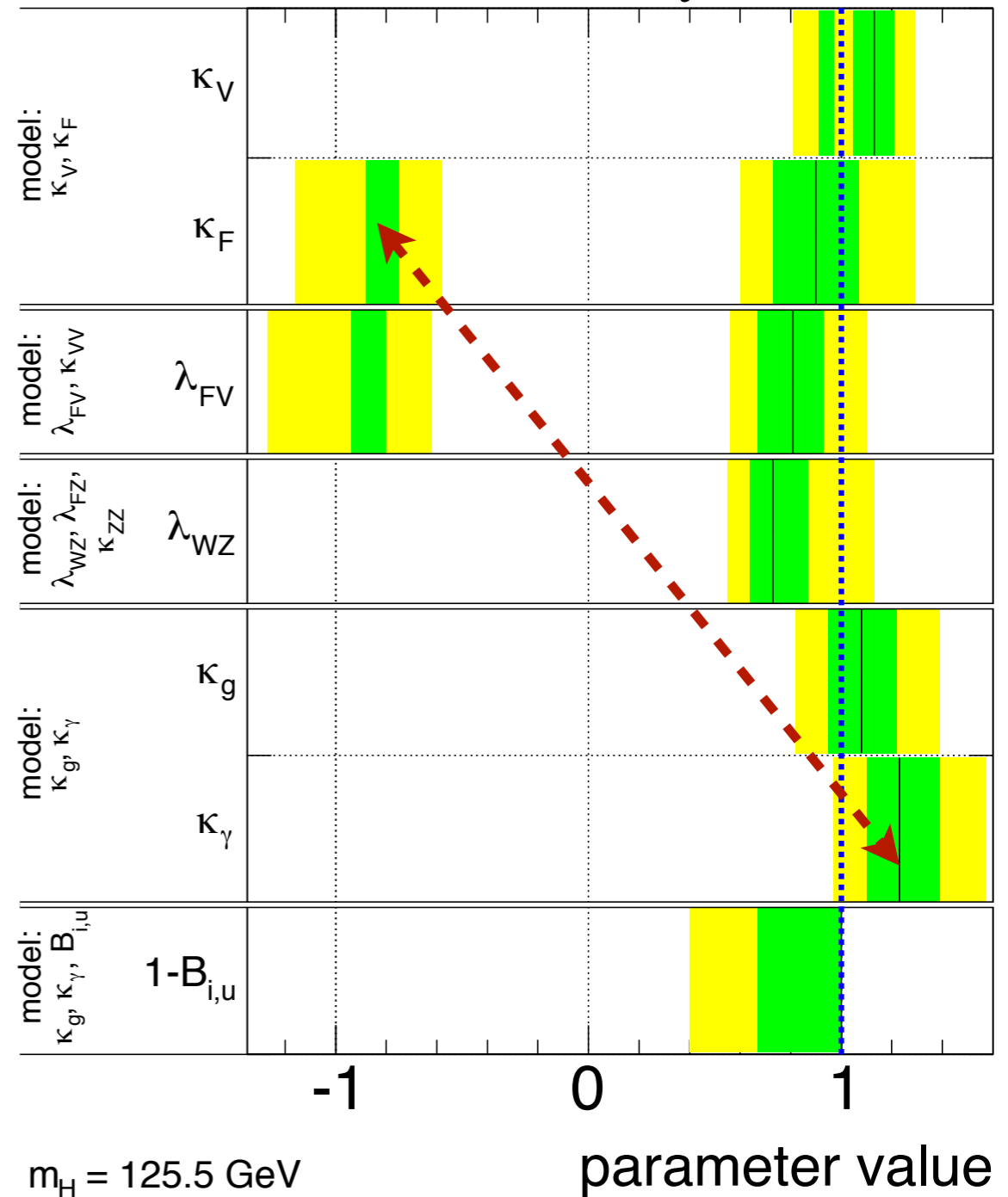
# $g_{HXX}$ global fits

enhanced  $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$  rates favor  $C_f < 0$  ranges



how much data do we still need to exclude the non-SM  $C_f < 0$  region?

**ATLAS Preliminary**  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, \int Ldt = 4.6-4.8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, \int Ldt = 13-20.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$   
 ■  $\pm 1\sigma$  ■  $\pm 2\sigma$



# BSM theories can predict $C_f < 0$ !

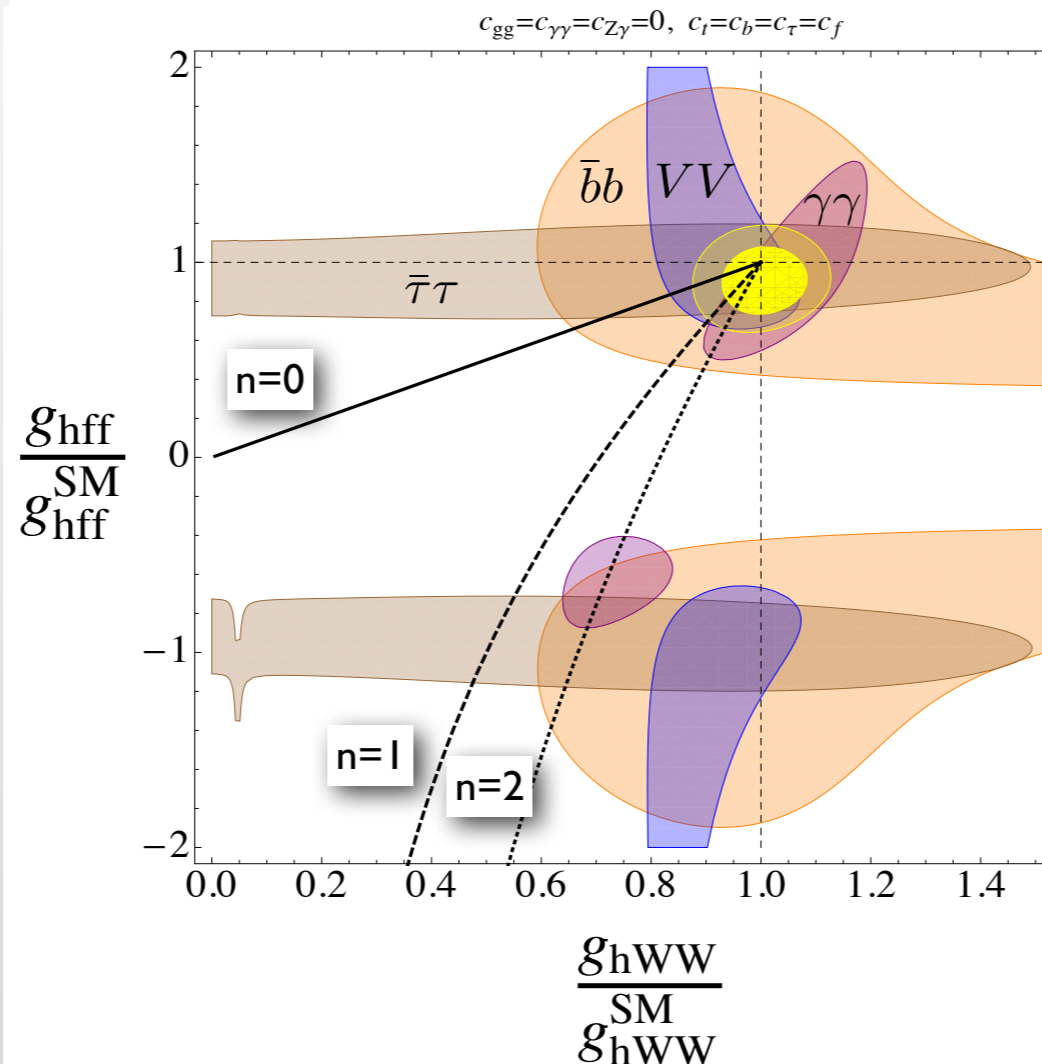
example : Minimal Composite Higgs Models  $SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4)$   
 global symmetry in a strong sector broken at a scale  $f_H > v$

Agashe, Contino, Pomarol, [hep-ph/0412089]

$$\xi = \frac{v^2}{f_H^2}$$

$$\frac{g_{hWW}}{g_{hWW}^{\text{SM}}} = \sqrt{1 - \xi} \quad \frac{g_{hff}}{g_{hff}^{\text{SM}}} = \frac{1 - (1 + n)\xi}{\sqrt{1 - \xi}} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Depending on realization



■ MCHM limit

$$\rightarrow f_H \gtrsim 700 \text{ GeV}$$

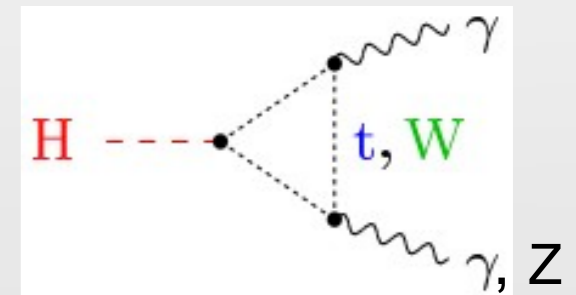
Falkowski, Riva, Urbano, [1303.1812]



# Looking for some way to experimentally discriminate the $C_f$ sign .....

- linear terms in  $C_f$  needed → look at interferences in squared amplitudes

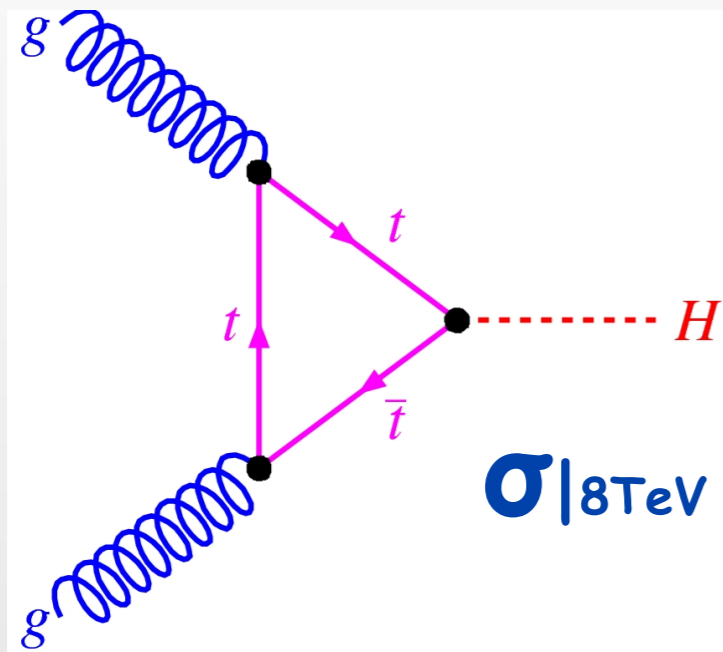
- in decays: mainly in loop channels



- what about production mechanisms ???

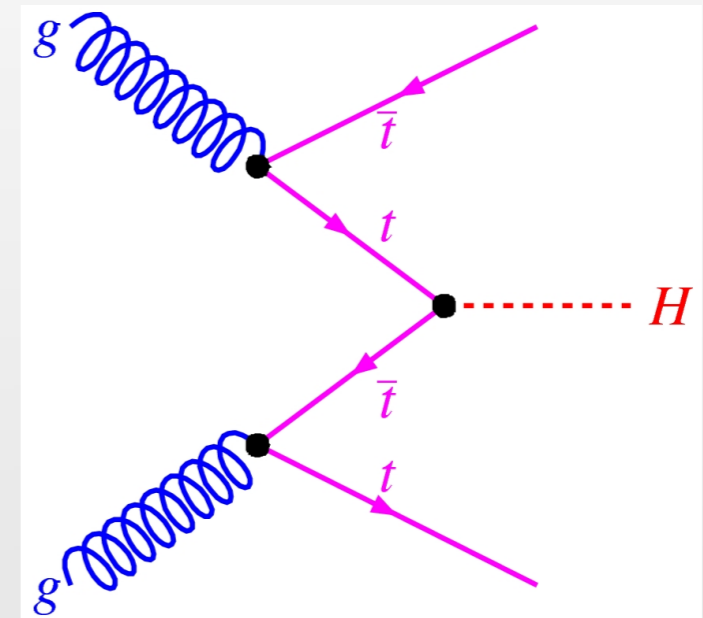
# main sensitivity to $C_f$ through $g_{H\bar{t}t}$

- indirect ( $\rightarrow$  top quark not observed) and dominant



$$\sigma|_{8\text{TeV}} \sim 20 \text{ pb}$$

- direct (top quark observed) but not yet quite at reach



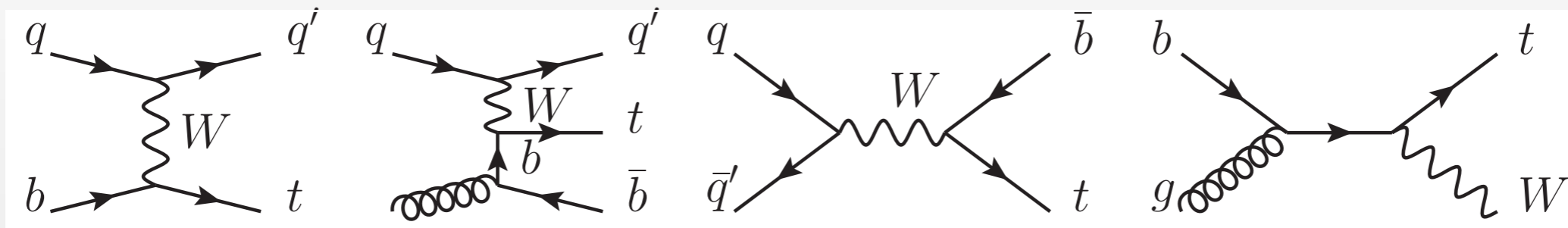
$$\sigma|_{8\text{TeV}} \sim 130 \text{ fb}$$

both  $\sigma$ 's depend on  $C_t^2$  :  
no sensitivity to  $g_{H\bar{t}t}$  sign !

# Single top-quark + Higgs production

$$p p \rightarrow t H x \quad (x = q, W, b)$$

- ask for an extra Higgs in single top production



- EW process, where Higgs emission from a top-quark interferes with Higgs emission from a W :

$$\sigma \sim C_+^2 a + C_W^2 b + C_+ C_W c$$

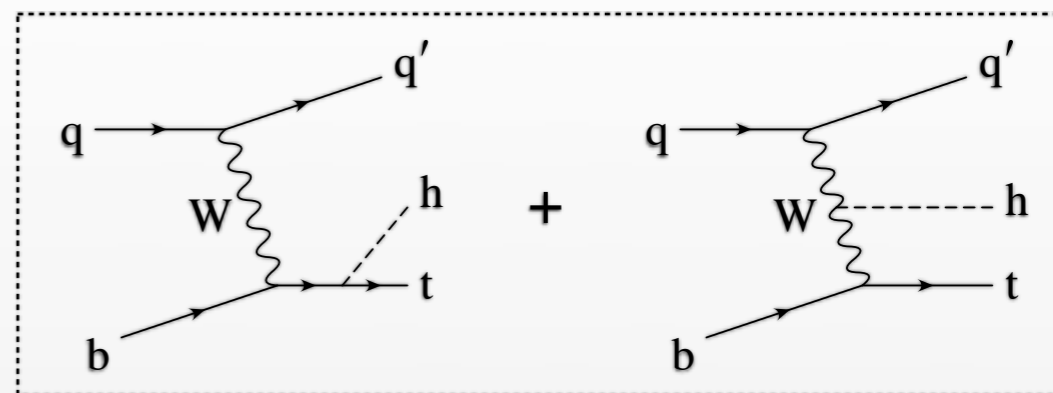
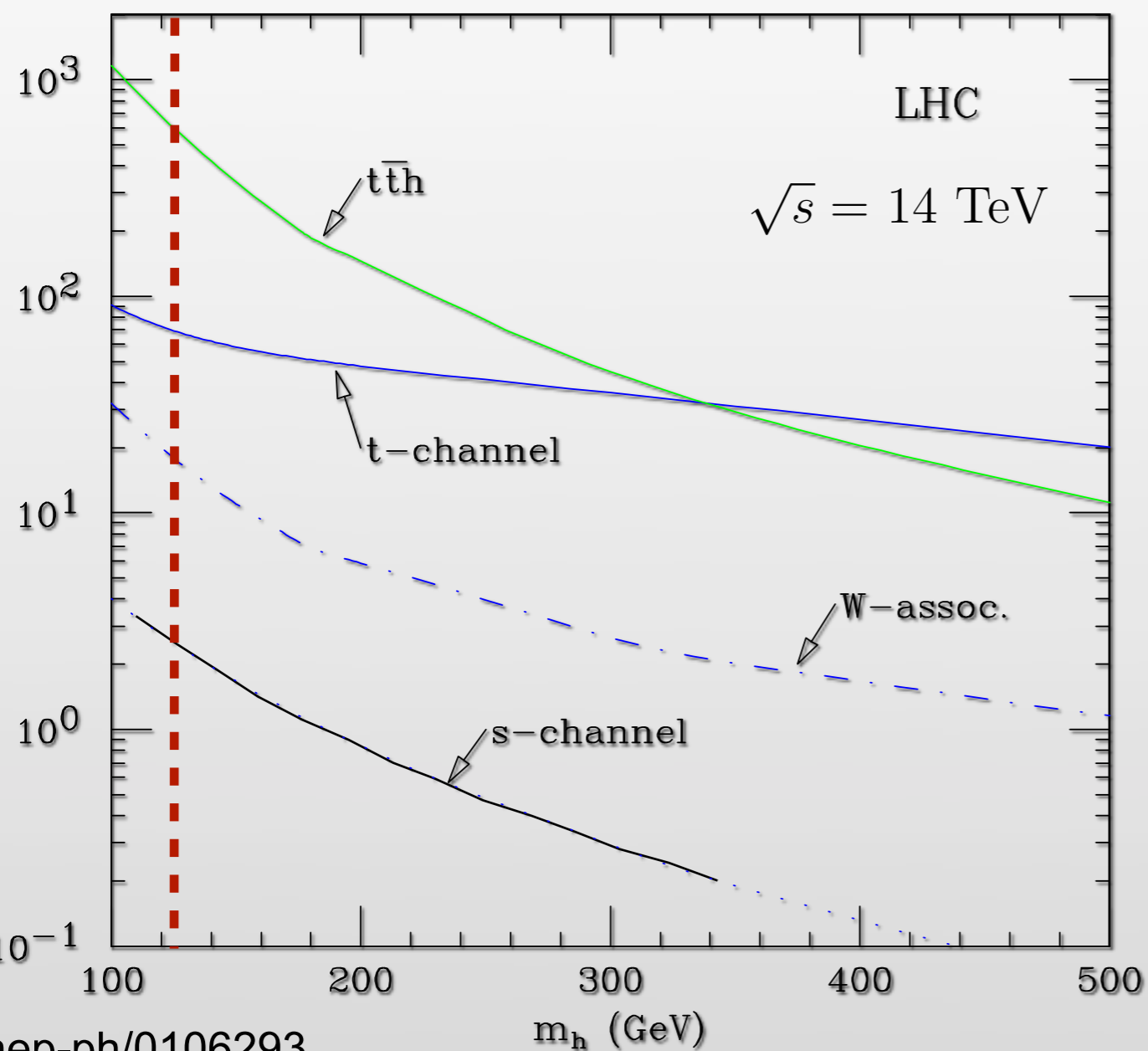
sensitivity to  $C_+$  sign

# $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t H + X)$ in the SM: 3 channels

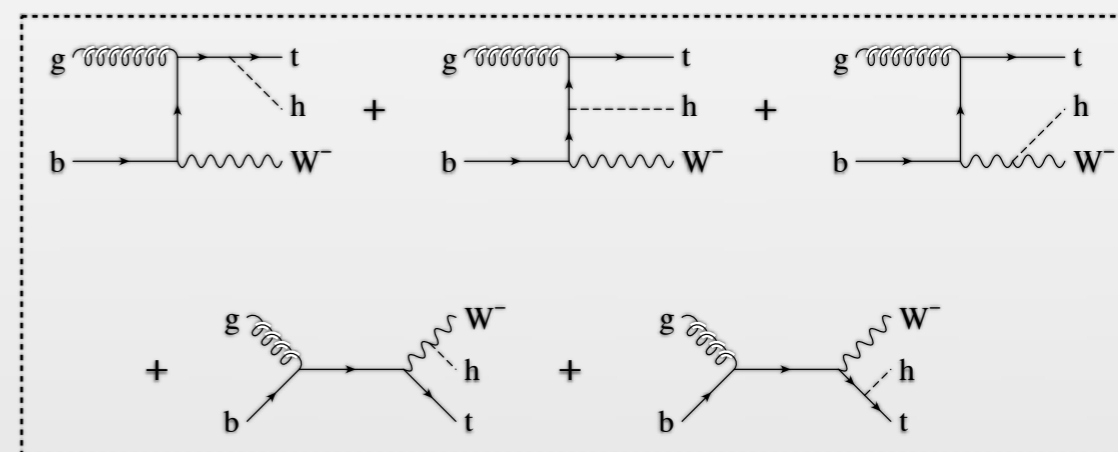
● sensitive to  $g_{Htt}$  and  $g_{HWW}$

●  $\sigma(t\text{-channel}) \sim 1/10 \sigma(ttH)$

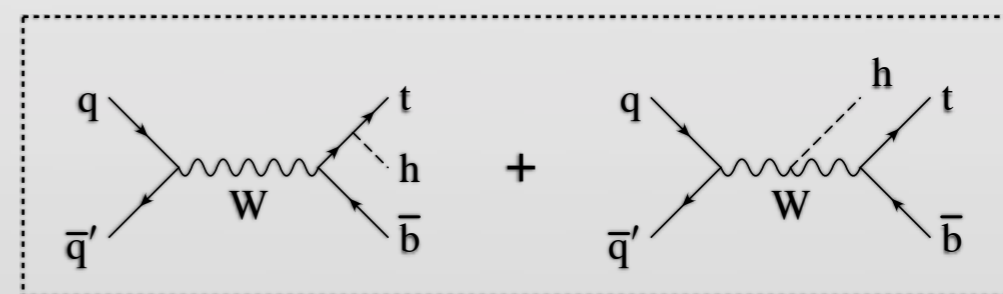
**(dominant !)**



**(t-channel)**

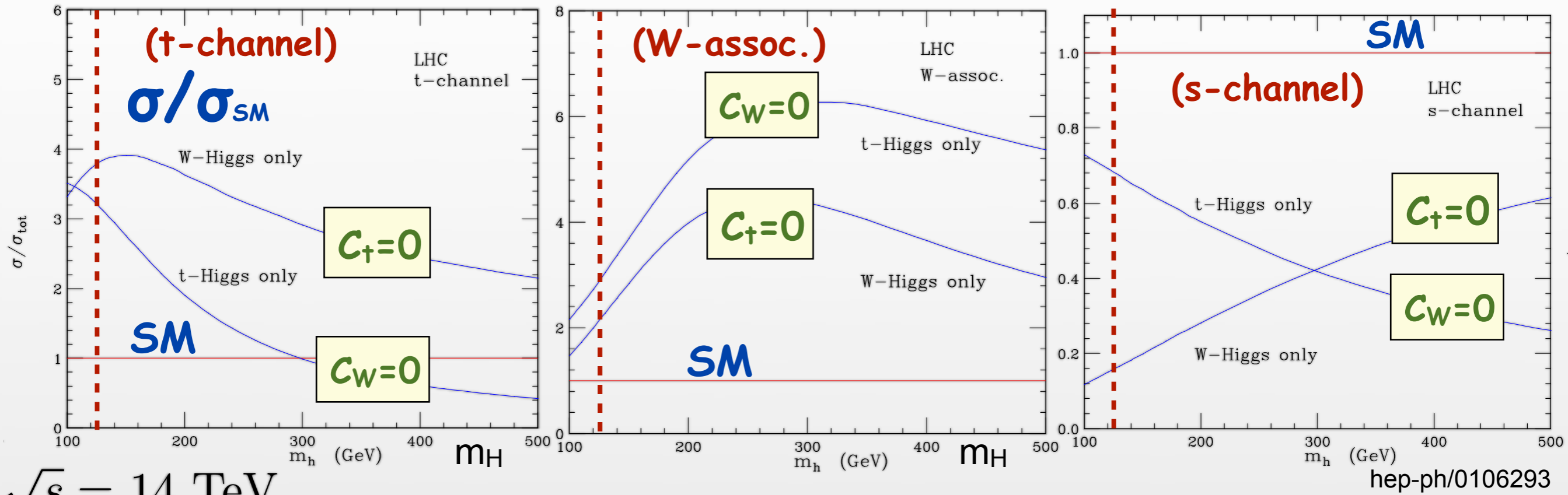


**(W-assoc.)**



**(s-channel)**

# switching off either $g_{Htt}$ $C_t=0$ or $g_{HWW}$ $C_W=0$



**SM**  $\rightarrow$   $\sigma^t (C_t=1) = 72 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma^t (C_t=0) = 280 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma^t (C_t=-1) = 890 \text{ fb}$

$(C_W=1)$

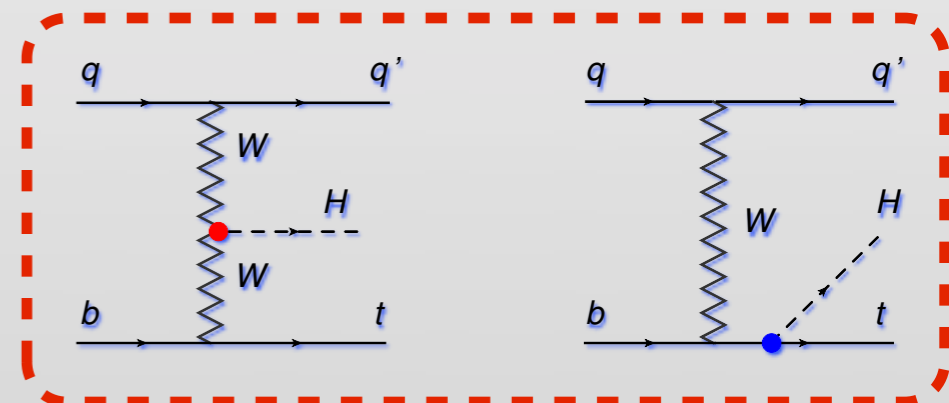
**SM**  $\rightarrow$   $\sigma^W (C_t=1) = 16 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma^W (C_t=0) = 35 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma^W (C_t=-1) = 140 \text{ fb}$

$(C_W=1)$

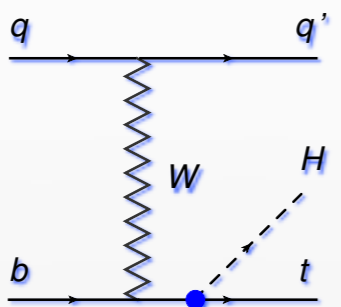
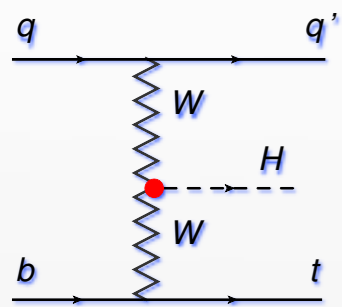
**SM**  $\rightarrow$   $\sigma^s (C_t=1) = 2.3 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma^s (C_t=0) = 0.39 \text{ fb}$   
 $\sigma^s (C_t=-1) = 1.5 \text{ fb}$

$(C_W=1)$

- t-channel ( $pp \rightarrow tHq$ ) most sensitive to  $g_{Htt}$  and  $g_{HWW}$  variations
- largest cross sections !

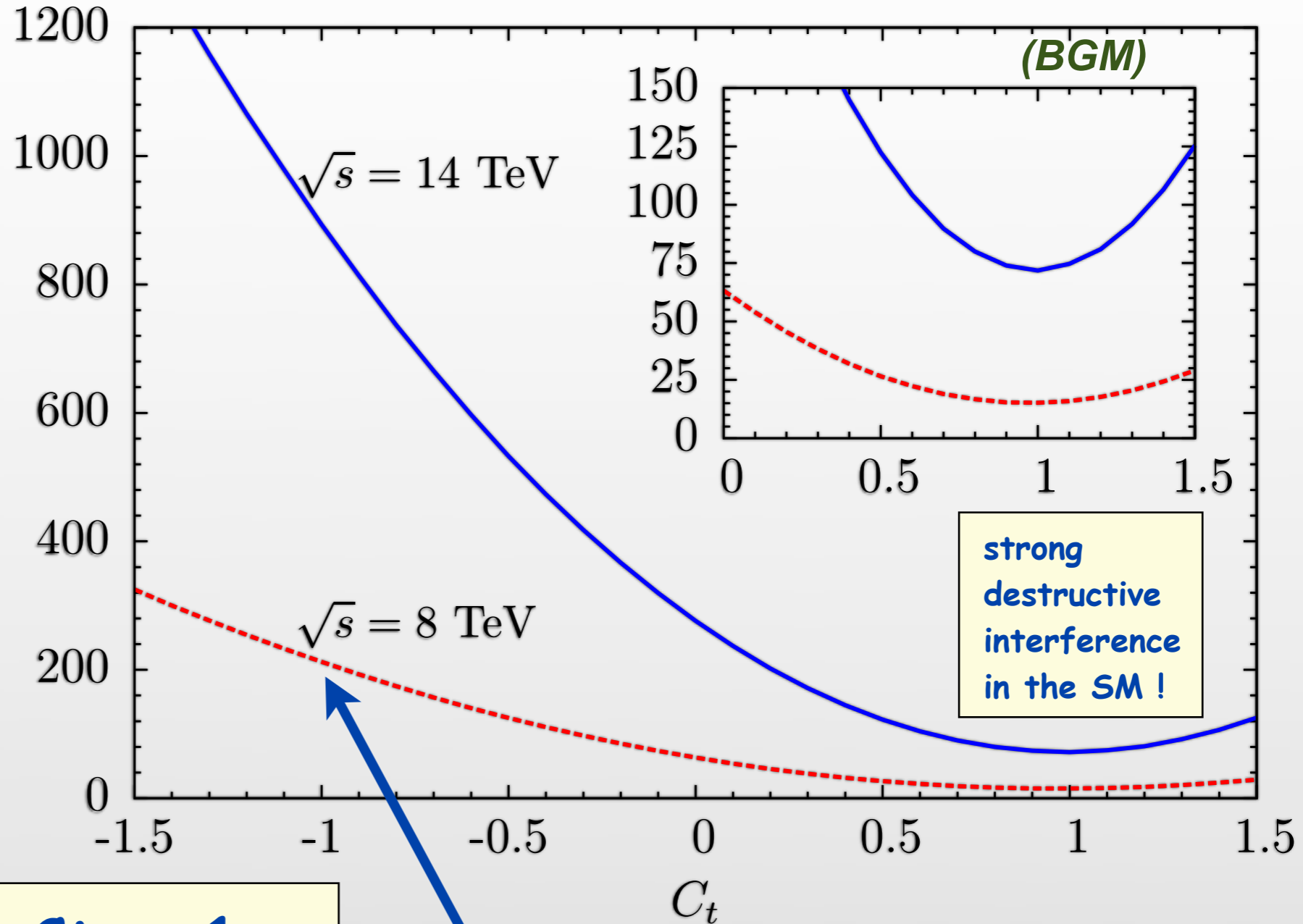


# $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t H q)$ vs $C_t$



$\sigma^t(\text{SM}) = 15 \text{ fb}$

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$



$C_t = +1 \text{ (SM)} \rightarrow C_t = -1$   
 increases  $tHq$  production rates by factor  $\sim 13$

**prompted  
 dedicated studies!**

# main references on $tHq$ sensitivity to $C_f$ sign

S. Biswas, E. Gabrielli, B.M. (BGM) ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{top (had)}$ )


“Single top and Higgs associated production as a probe of the  $Htt$  coupling sign at the LHC”, *JHEP* 01 (2013) 088 [arXiv:1211.0499]

M.Farina, C.Grojean, F.Maltoni, E.Salvioni, A.Thamm, ( $H \rightarrow bb + \text{top (lep)}$ )

“Lifting degeneracies in Higgs couplings using single top production in association with a Higgs boson”, *JHEP* 05 (2013) 022 [arXiv:1211.3736]

S. Biswas, E. Gabrielli, F. Margaroli, B.M. (BGMM) ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau$ )

“Direct constraints on the  $Htt$  coupling from the 8 TeV LHC data”, *JHEP* 07 (2013) 073 [arXiv:1304.1822]



main focus here on BGMM results :  
sensitivity to  $C_t$  sign  
of present 7 + 8 TeV data set !

# premise

- most of plots in the following shows  $C_t$  dependence (at fixed  $C_V=1$ )

- easy to see that in (single-top + Higgs) production :

$$d\sigma = d\sigma(C_W, C_t) = |C_W|^2 d\sigma(1, C_t/C_W)$$

→ straightforward to get  $C_V$ - from  $C_t$ -dependence !

- what is physical is the relative sign of  $g_{Hff}$  and  $g_{HVV}$

- we will assume  $C_V > 0$  following exp.s' fits

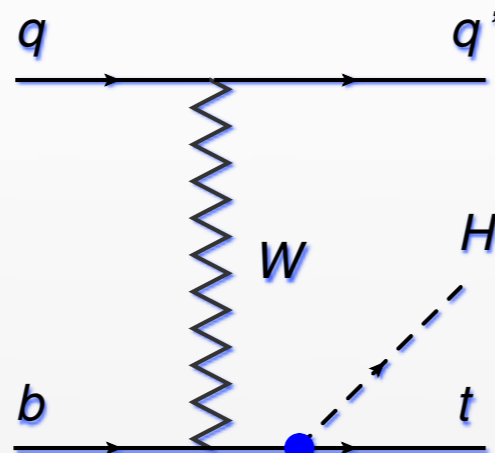
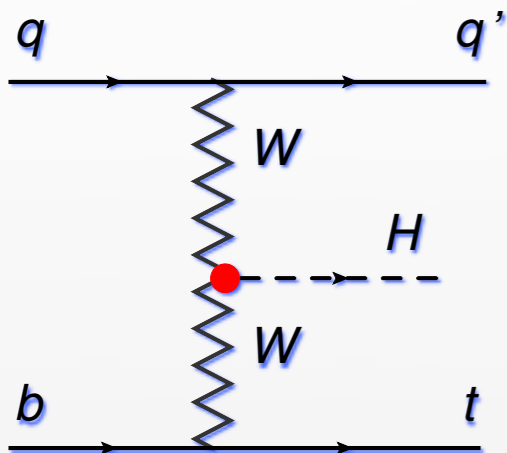
- 2 benchmark scenarios :

- universal  $C_f (=C_t)$  (described first, and more extensively)

- free  $C_t$  , and SM-like  $C_b=C_c=C_\tau=1$



# tHq signatures under scrutiny



$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau$$

● combination of 3-object products:

● forward light jet ( $\rightarrow$  rapidity-cut)

●  $t \rightarrow W$  (had, lept) + b-jet (tagged)

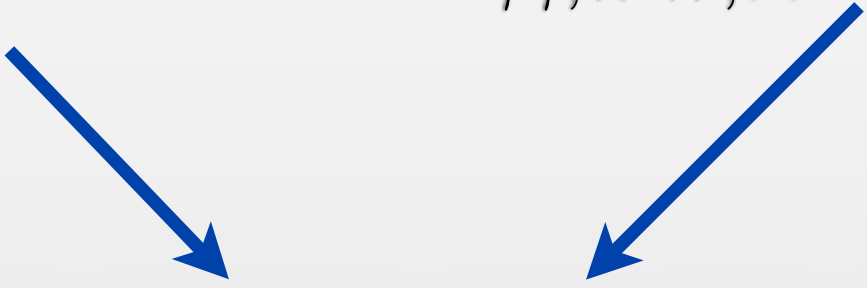
●  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$\rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l'\nu, l\nu qq'$

$\rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow l\nu\nu l'\nu\nu, l\nu\nu + had(s)$

Higgs most robust signatures at reach at 8 TeV !

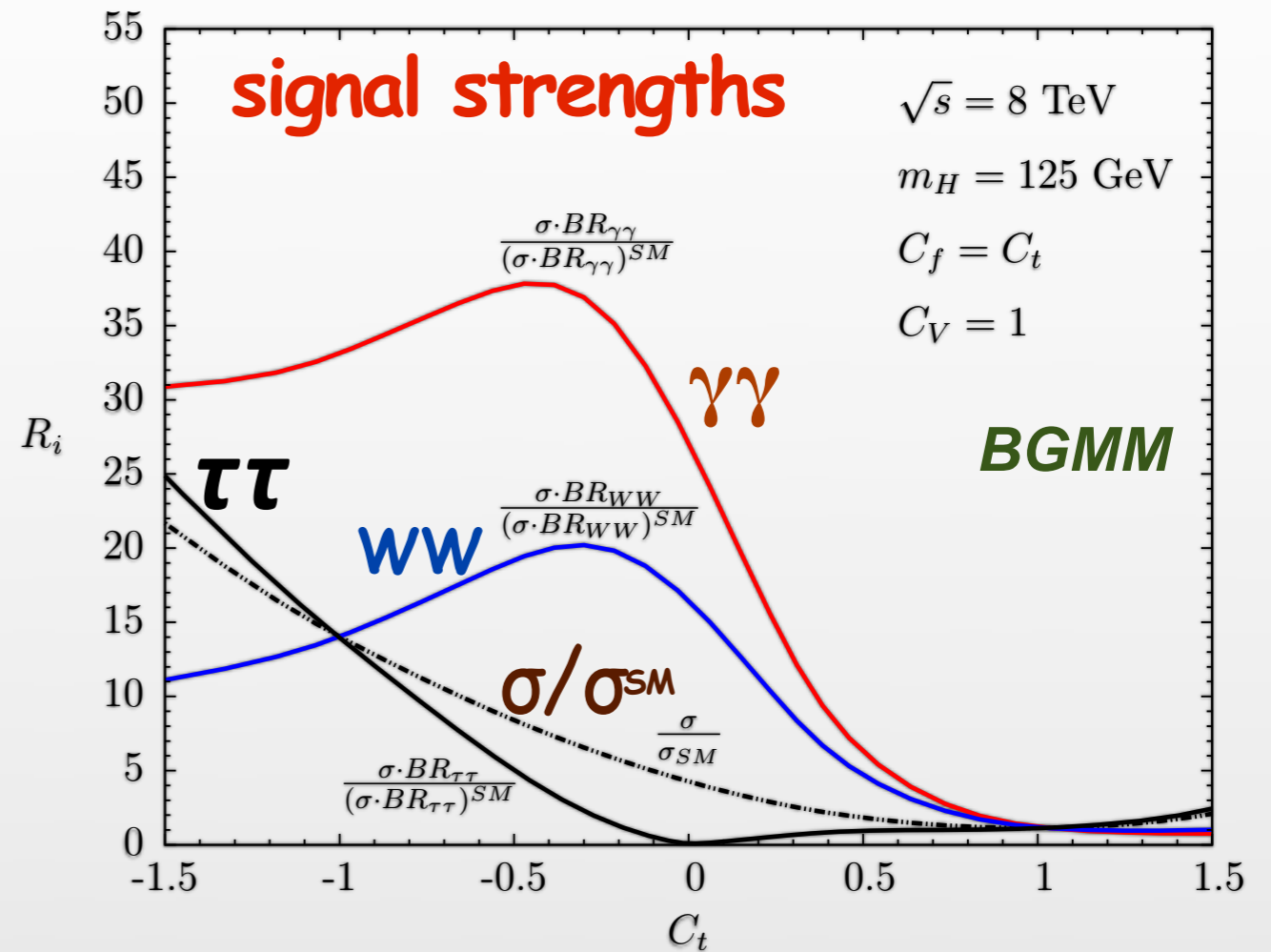
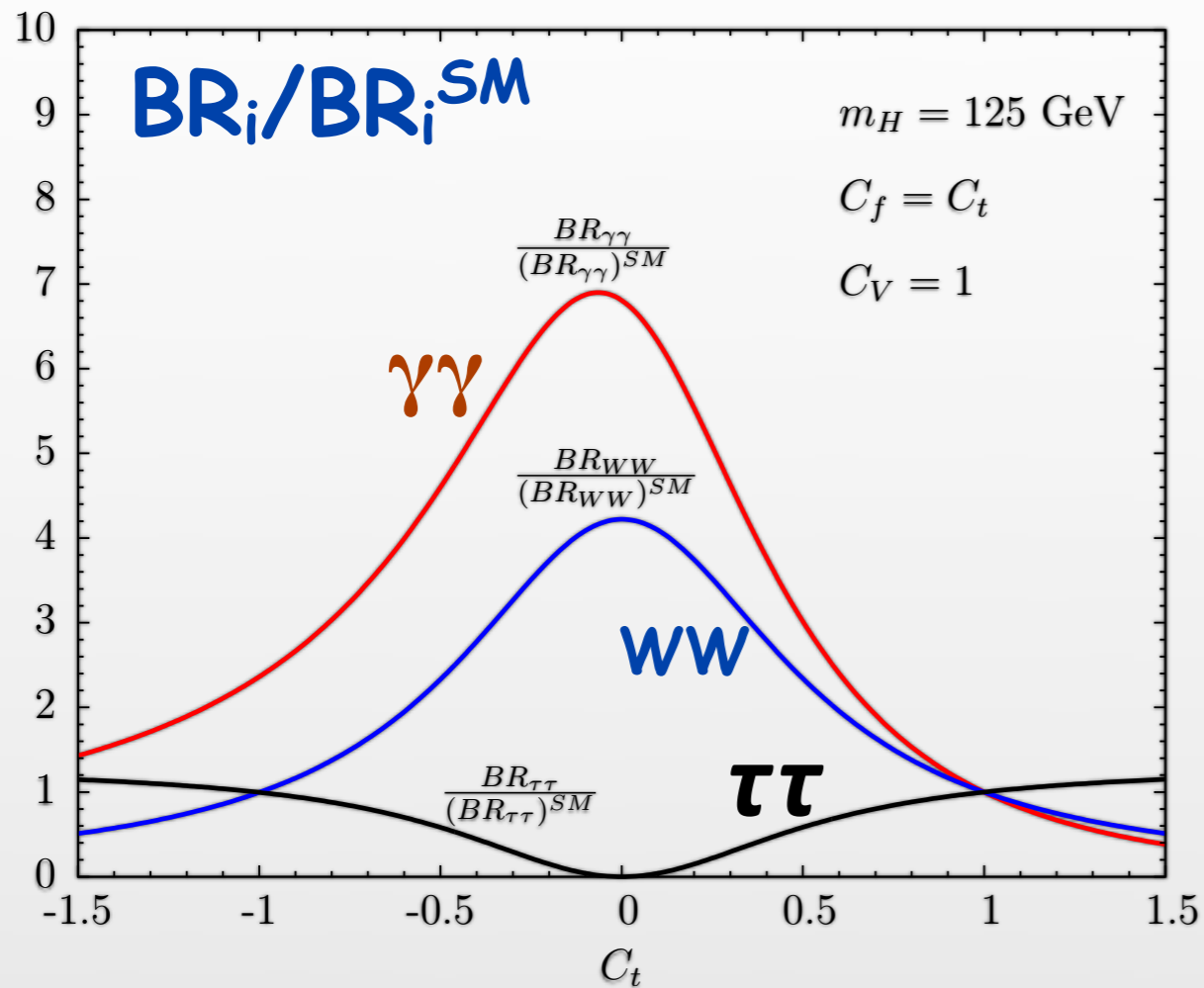
pheno mostly ruled by  $\sigma/\sigma^{SM}$  and  
 $BR_i/BR_i^{SM}$  behavior versus  $C_t$

$$R_\sigma = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma^{SM}} \quad R_{BR_{\gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau}} = \frac{BR_{\gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau}}{(BR_{\gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau})^{SM}}$$


signal strength vs  $C_t$  :

$$R_\sigma \cdot BR_{\gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau} = \frac{\sigma \cdot BR_{\gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau}}{(\sigma \cdot BR_{\gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau})^{SM}}$$

# $BR_i/BR_i^{SM}$ and $\sigma_i/\sigma_i^{SM}$ vs $C_t$

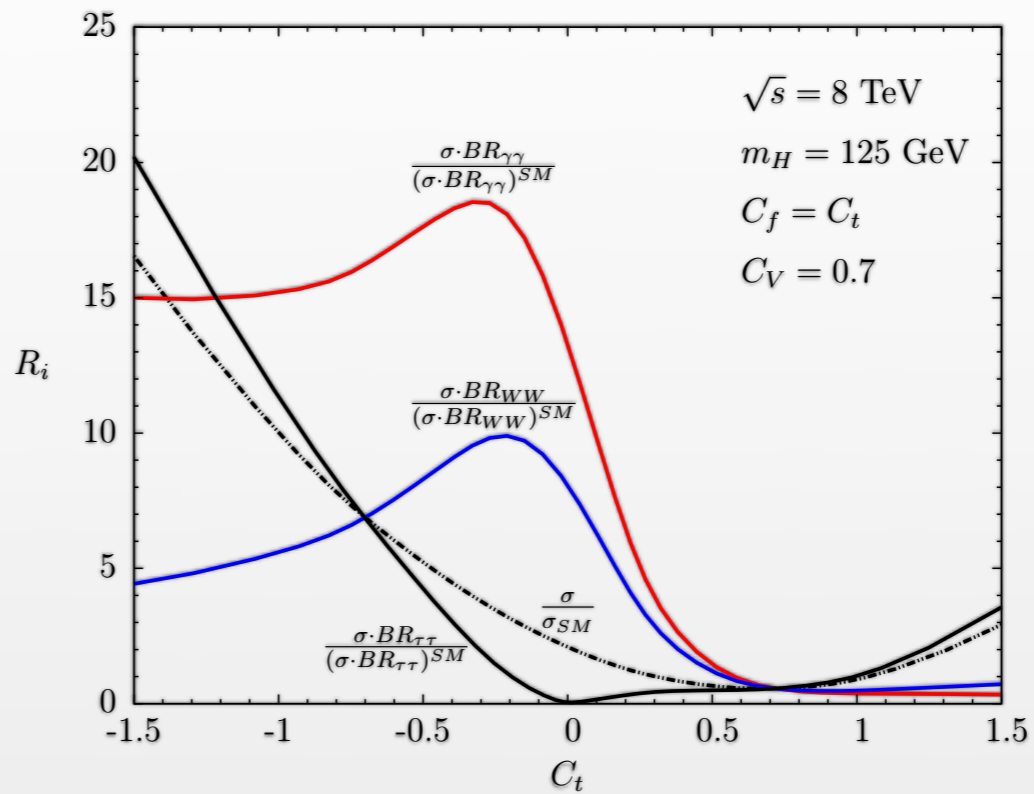
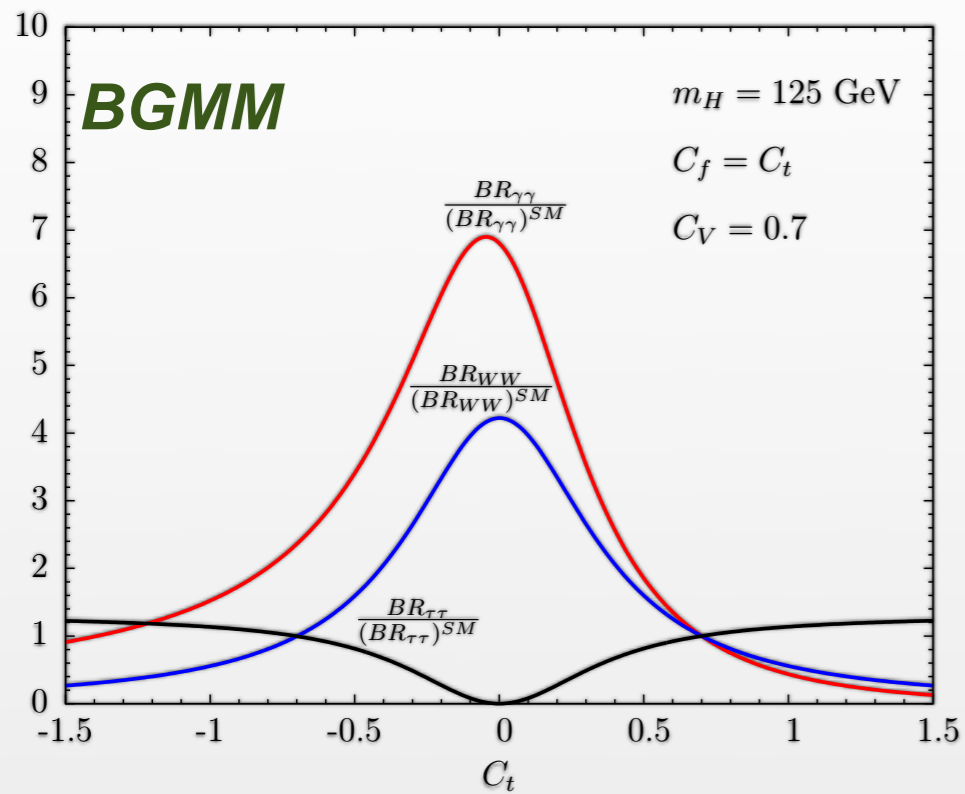


$BR_{\gamma\gamma}$  and  $BR_{WW}$  mostly ruled by  $1/\Gamma_H \sim 1/(\Gamma_b + \Gamma_\tau) \sim 1/C_t^2$

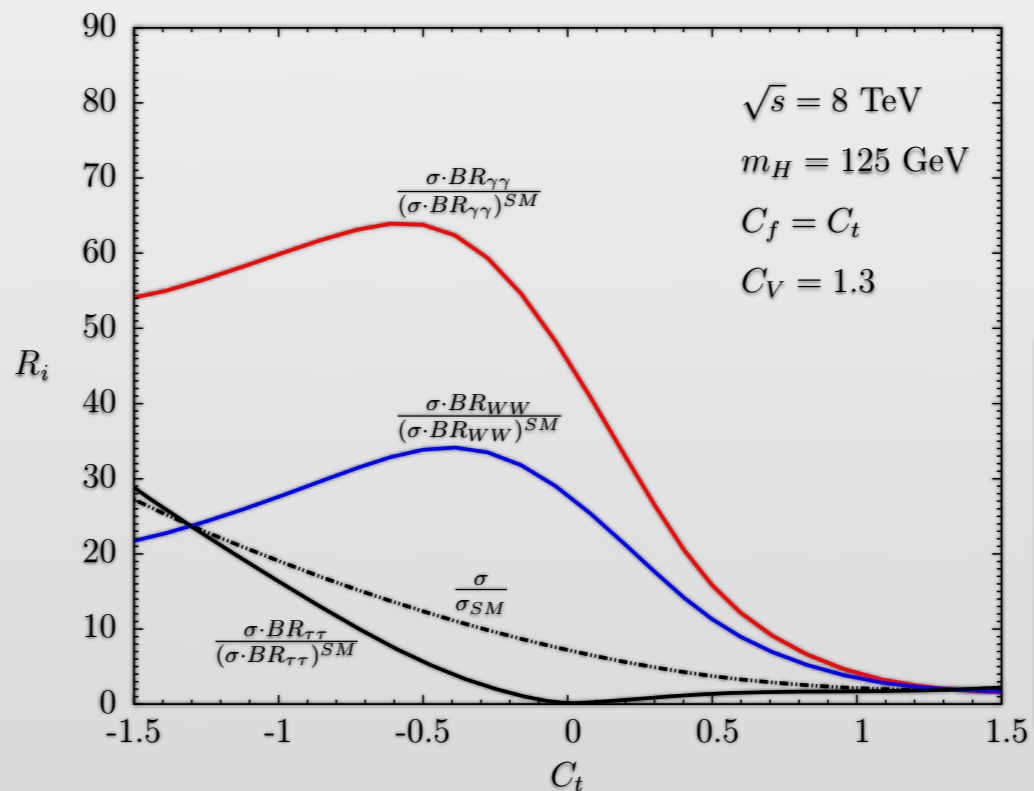
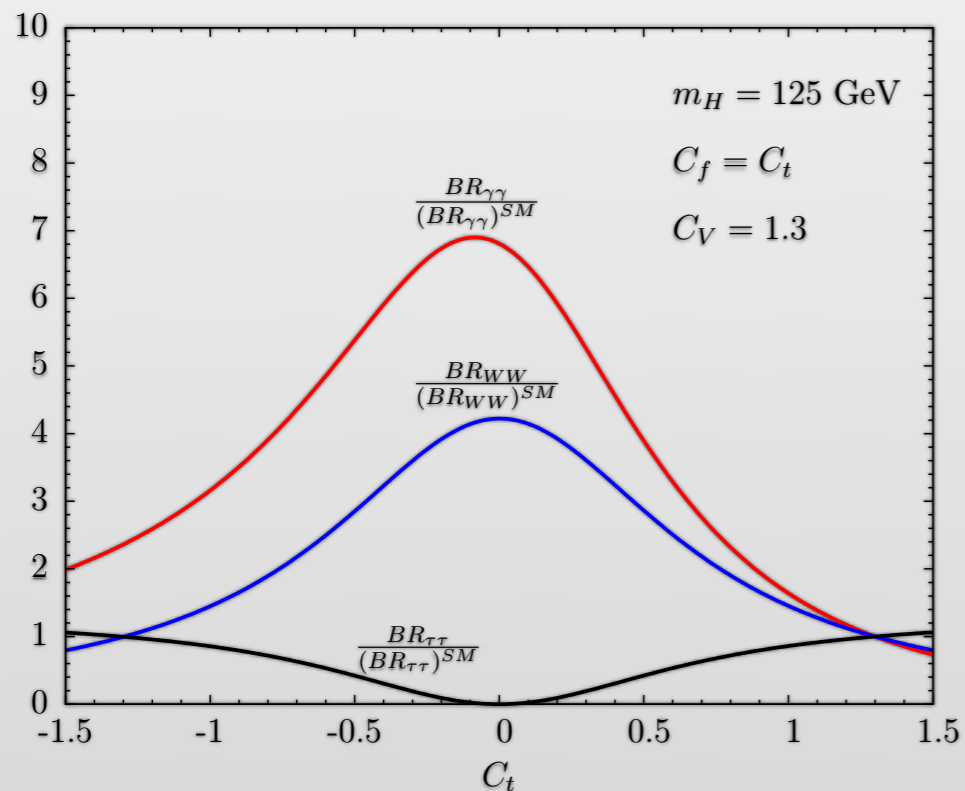
→ enhancement for  $|C_t| \rightarrow 0$  in (asym.)  $BR_{\gamma\gamma}$  and  $BR_{WW}$

$\sigma/\sigma^{SM}$  levels up corresponding signal strengths for  $C_t < 0$  !

# changing $C_V$ in $BR_i/BR_i^{SM}$ and $\sigma_i/\sigma_i^{SM}$



$C_V = 0.7$



$C_V = 1.3$

affects both  
 normalization  
 and shapes

# +Hq signal ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau$ ) vs bckgr

- parton level study (MadGraph 5) BGMM
- includes mostly irreducible bckgr's
  - fair approx. for multi-photon / multi-lepton final states
- list of included signal final states :
  - 2 photons + jet (forward) + b-jet + jets
  - 2 photons + lepton + jet (forward) + b-jet + jet
  - 3 leptons + jet (forward) + b-jet
  - 2 Same-Sign leptons + jet (forward) + b-jet + jets
- always requires a forward light-jet and a b-jet tagging
- no requirement on  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  from neutrinos
- studies (combined)  $S/\sqrt{(S+B)}$  versus  $(C_v, C_+)$   
at  $\sqrt{S} = 8 \text{ TeV}$  for  $50 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (~ present ATLAS + CMS data set)

# bckgr studies : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{top (had)}$

(universal  $C_f$  scenario)

- $pp \rightarrow 2\gamma + t + j$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma) + t\bar{t}$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow 2\gamma + \bar{t}t$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow 2\gamma + b + 3j$ .

$$\Delta R_{i,j} = \sqrt{\Delta\eta_{i,j}^2 + \Delta\phi_{i,j}^2} > 0.4$$

for any photon/ lepton/ parton pair  
in all channels

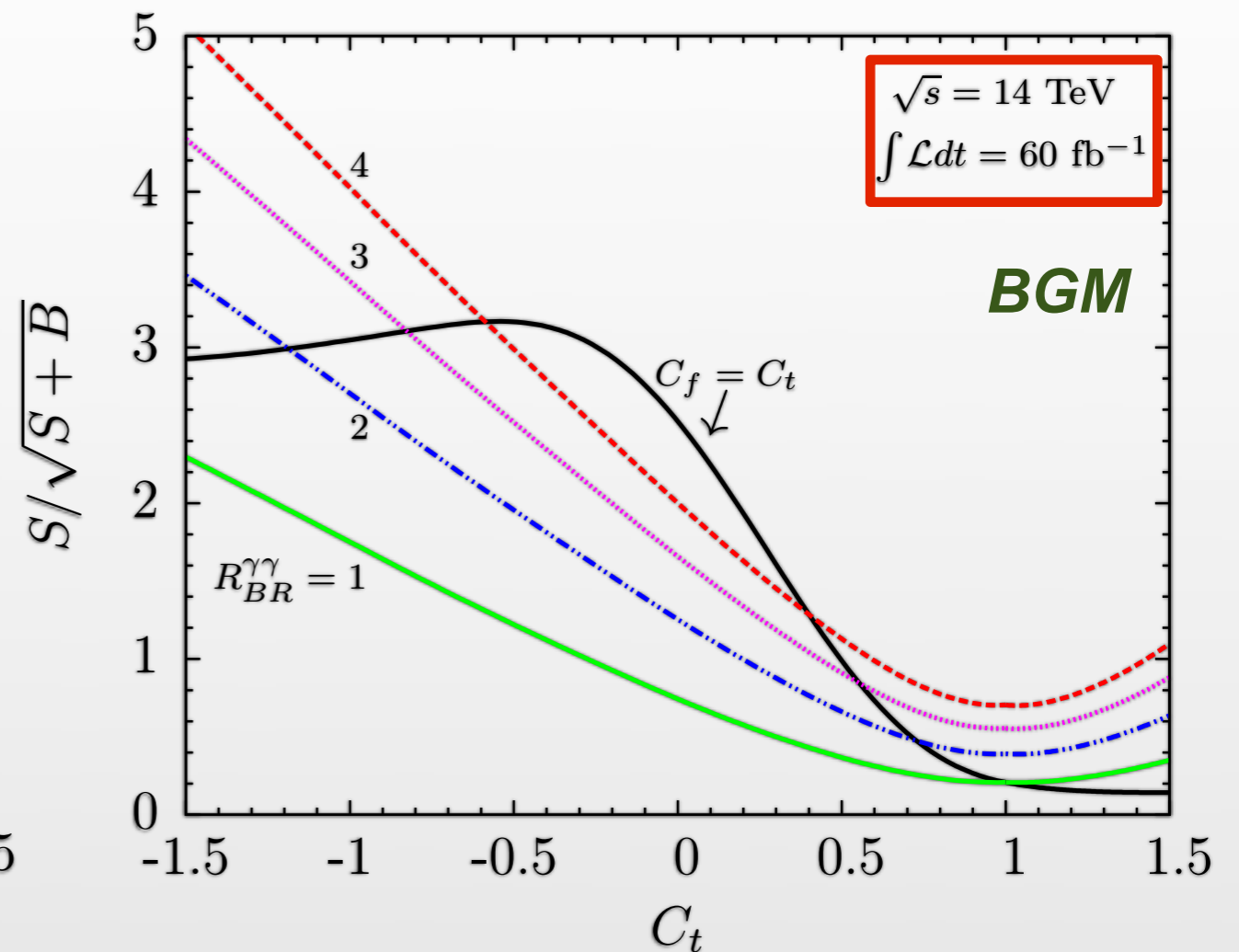
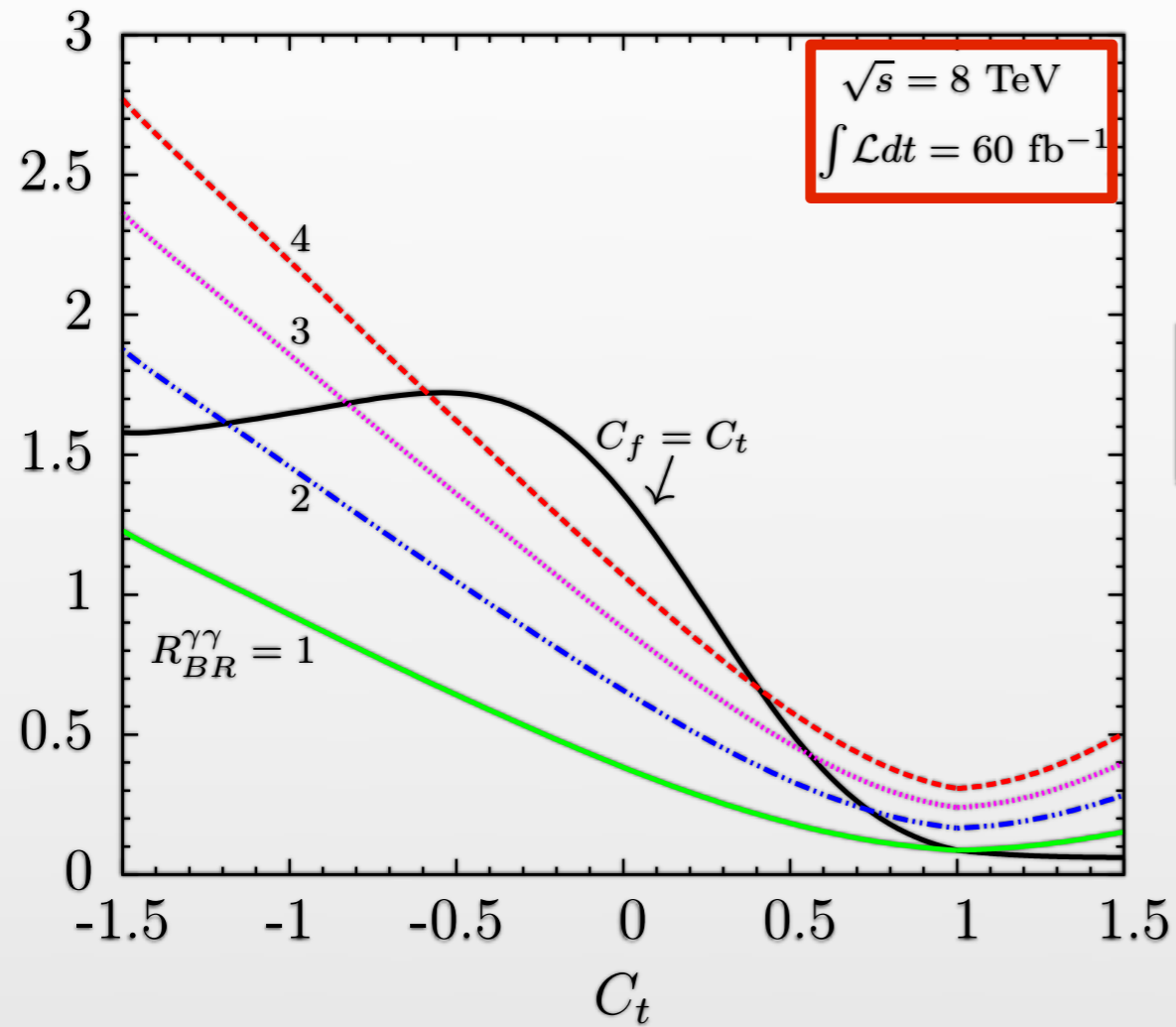
event numbers

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV (} 50 \text{ fb}^{-1}\text{)}$	Signal ( $S$ )			Background ( $B$ )				
Cut	$C_t = -1$	$C_t = 0$	$C_t = 1$	$2\gamma tj$	$2\gamma t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}H$	$2\gamma b 3j$	Total
$2\gamma + b + (\geq 3j)$	6.4	5.1	0.18	8.2	9.2	1.6	249	268
$ \eta_{j_F}  > 2.5 \ \& \ p_{T_{j_F}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$	3.0	2.5	0.08	3.3	0.32	0.06	22	26
$ M_{bjj} - m_t  < 20 \text{ GeV}$	3.0	2.4	0.08	2.8	0.20	0.02	4.5	7.5
$ M_{jj(top)} - M_W  < 15 \text{ GeV}$	2.8	2.3	0.07	3.2	0.19	0.02	1.8	5.2
$ M_{\gamma\gamma} - m_H  < 3 \text{ GeV}$	2.8	2.3	0.07	0.12	0.02	0.02	0.57	0.73
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	1.5	1.3	0.08					

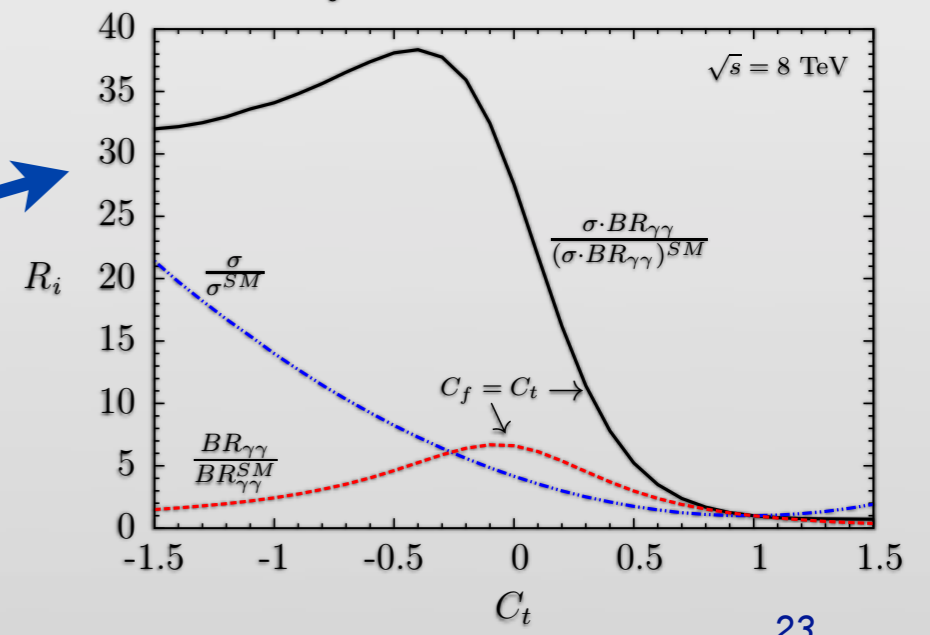
**BGMM**

$$p_T^{\gamma_1} > 40 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{\gamma_2} > 30 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{j,b} > 25 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_{\gamma,b}| < 2.5, \quad |\eta_j| < 4.5.$$

# bckgr studies : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{top (had)}$



**significance vs  $C_t$   
 follows signal  
 strength pattern**



# bckgr studies : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + \text{top (left)}$

- $pp \rightarrow 2\gamma + t + j$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma) + t\bar{t}$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow 2\gamma + \bar{t}t$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow 2\gamma + W + b + j$ .

event numbers

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV} (50 \text{ fb}^{-1})$	Signal ( $S$ )			Background ( $B$ )				
	$C_t = -1$	$C_t = 0$	$C_t = 1$	$2\gamma tj$	$2\gamma t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}H$	$2\gamma W bj$	Total
Cut								
$2\gamma + \ell + b (\geq ,j)$	3.01	2.35	0.08	7.0	6.5	0.8	5.0	19.3
$ M_{\gamma\gamma} - m_H  < 3 \text{ GeV}$	3.01	2.35	0.08	0.16	0.18	0.77	0.09	1.20
$ \eta_{jF}  > 1.5$	2.54	2.01	0.06	0.12	0.04	0.15	0.03	0.34
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	1.5	1.4	0.09					

**BGMM**

$$p_T^\gamma > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^\mu > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{e,j,b} > 25 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta_{\gamma,l,b}| < 2.5, \quad |\eta_j| < 4.5.$$



# bckgr studies : $H \rightarrow \ell\nu(\nu)\ell\nu(\nu)$    $t \rightarrow b\ell\nu$

- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + W$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + Z$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + H$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow t + WW + j$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow t + WZ + j$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow b + WZ + j$ ;
- $pp \rightarrow b + WWZ$ .

**( $H \rightarrow WW, \tau\tau$     3 leptons)**

**2 compl.ry sets :**

$e^\pm e^\pm \mu^\mp$      $\mu^\pm \mu^\pm e^\mp$   
 $\ell_i^\pm \ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\mp + b + jets$     (no  $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$  bckgr)  
 $\ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\pm \ell_j^\mp + b + jets$     ( $Z \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$  bckgr)

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV} (50 \text{ fb}^{-1})$	Signal (S)			Background (B)				
Cut	$C_t = -1$	$C_t = 0$	$C_t = 1$	$t\bar{t}W$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}H$	$tWWj$	Total
$\ell_i^\pm \ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\mp bq$	0.96	0.81	0.06	3.69	0.14	1.07	0.04	4.94
$ \eta_j^F  > 1.5$	0.81	0.70	0.05	0.64	–	0.18	0.01	0.83
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	0.63	0.57	0.05					
	Signal (S)			Backgrounds (B)				
	$C_t = -1$	$C_t = 0$	$C_t = 1$	$t\bar{t}W$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}H$	$tWWj$	Total
$\ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\pm \ell_j^\mp bq$	3.11	2.58	0.18	12.2	43.5	3.3	0.2	59.2
$ \eta_j^F  > 1.5$	2.72	2.22	0.14	2.6	11.0	0.6	0.1	14.3
$M_{\ell_j^+ \ell_j^-} \notin [86.2, 96.2] \text{ GeV}$	2.16	1.76	0.11	2.0	0.2	0.4	-	2.6
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	0.99	0.88	0.07					

$$N_\ell = 3 \quad p_T^\ell > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{(j,b)} > 20 \text{ GeV} \quad |\eta_{\ell,b}| < 2.5, \quad |\eta_j| < 4.5$$

# bckgr studies : $H \rightarrow \ell\nu qq', \ell\nu\nu + had(s)$ $t \rightarrow b\ell\nu$

$(H \rightarrow WW, \tau\tau ; 2SS \text{ leptons})$

- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + W;$
- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + Z;$
- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + H;$
- $pp \rightarrow t + WW + j;$
- $pp \rightarrow t + W + jjj.$

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV } (50 \text{ fb}^{-1})$	<i>Signal (S)</i>			<i>Backgrounds (B)</i>					
	$C_t = -1$	$C_t = 0$	$C_t = 1$	$t\bar{t}W$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}H$	$tWWj$	$tW3j$	<i>Total</i>
$\ell^\pm \ell^\pm bqqq$	7.8	6.3	0.53	45.1	3.7	8.4	0.5	0.3	57.9
$ \eta_j^F  > 1.5 \text{ GeV}$	6.6	5.4	0.42	11.3	0.6	1.8	0.2	0.1	13.9
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	1.5	1.3	0.11						

$$N_\ell = 2 \quad p_T^\ell > 20 \text{ GeV}, \quad p_T^{(j,b)} > 20 \text{ GeV} \quad |\eta_{\ell,b}| < 2.5, \quad |\eta_j| < 4.5$$

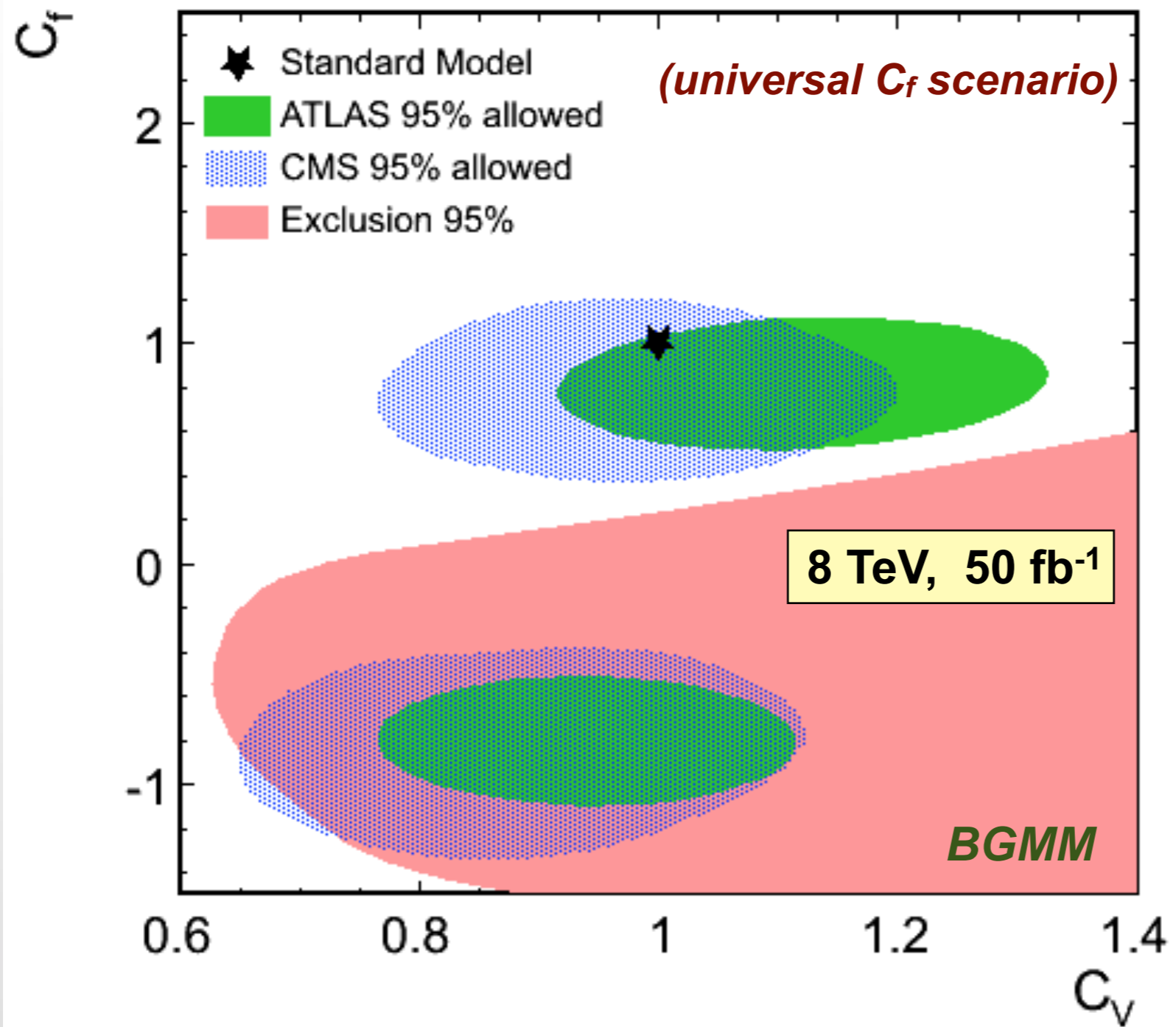
# combination

Process	Channels					Total
	$\gamma\gamma bqqq'$	$\gamma\gamma blq'$	$\ell_i^\pm \ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\mp bq'$	$\ell_i^\pm \ell_j^\pm \ell_j^\mp bq'$	$\ell^\pm \ell^\pm bqqq'$	
<b><math>C_t = -1.5</math></b>						
$S$	2.6	2.4	0.91	2.4	3.6	11.9
$B$	0.78	0.69	0.86	2.7	14.3	19.3
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	1.4	1.4	0.68	1.1	0.85	2.5
<b><math>C_t = -1</math></b>						
$S$	2.8	2.5	0.81	2.2	6.6	14.9
$B$	0.76	0.56	0.83	2.6	14.0	18.8
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	1.5	1.4	0.63	1.0	1.5	2.8
<b><math>C_t = 0</math></b>						
$S$	2.3	2.0	0.70	1.8	5.4	12.2
$B$	0.71	0.19	0.65	2.2	12.2	15.9
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	1.3	1.4	0.60	0.90	1.3	2.5
<b><math>C_t = 0.3</math></b>						
$S$	1.0	0.80	0.33	0.84	2.5	5.5
$B$	0.72	0.25	0.70	2.3	12.7	16.7
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	0.76	0.78	0.33	0.47	0.64	1.4

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- $S/\sqrt{S+B}$  close to 3 at  $C_t \sim -1$  ;  $> 2.5$  for  $-1.5 < C_t < 0$
- best single channels : 2 photons and SS leptons

# exclusion potential in $(C_v, C_t)$ plane



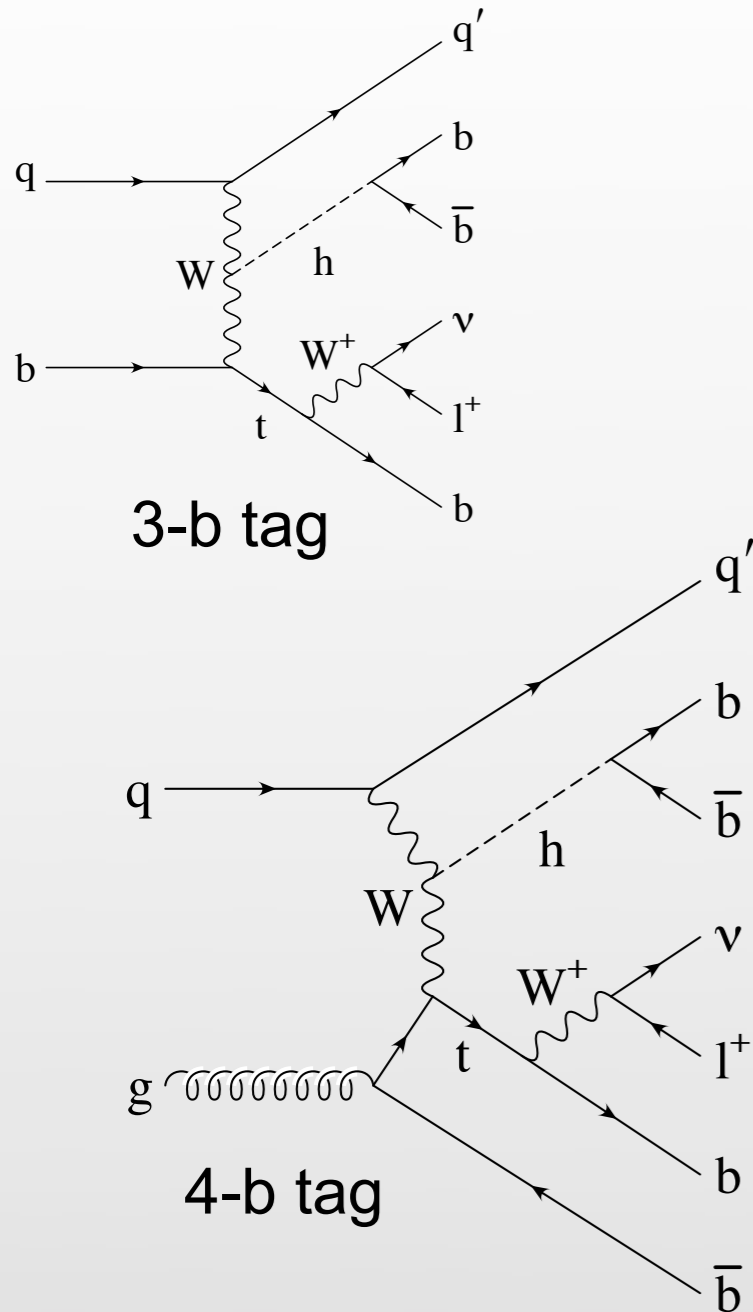
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau$

covers all critical  
 $C_f < 0$  region!

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# comparison with $H \rightarrow bb$ potential (8TeV)



(universal  $C_F$  scenario)

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Cuts	Signal		Backgrounds				
	$c_F = 1$	$c_F = -1$	Total	$tZj$	$t\bar{b}\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}j$
Acceptance Cuts + $\epsilon$	0.18	2.88	600.81	0.61	1.01	456.40	142.80
$ m_{bb} - m_h  < 15 \text{ GeV}$	0.15	2.55	245.95	0.02	0.11	184.2	61.65
$m_{bbj} > 270 \text{ GeV}$	0.10	2.02	31.78	0.01	0.08	0.	30.68
$ \eta^j  > 1.7$	0.08	1.70	17.98	0.01	0.06	0.	17.24
Events at $25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	1.9	42.5	449.4				

fb for the 3  $b$ -tag case at 8 TeV.

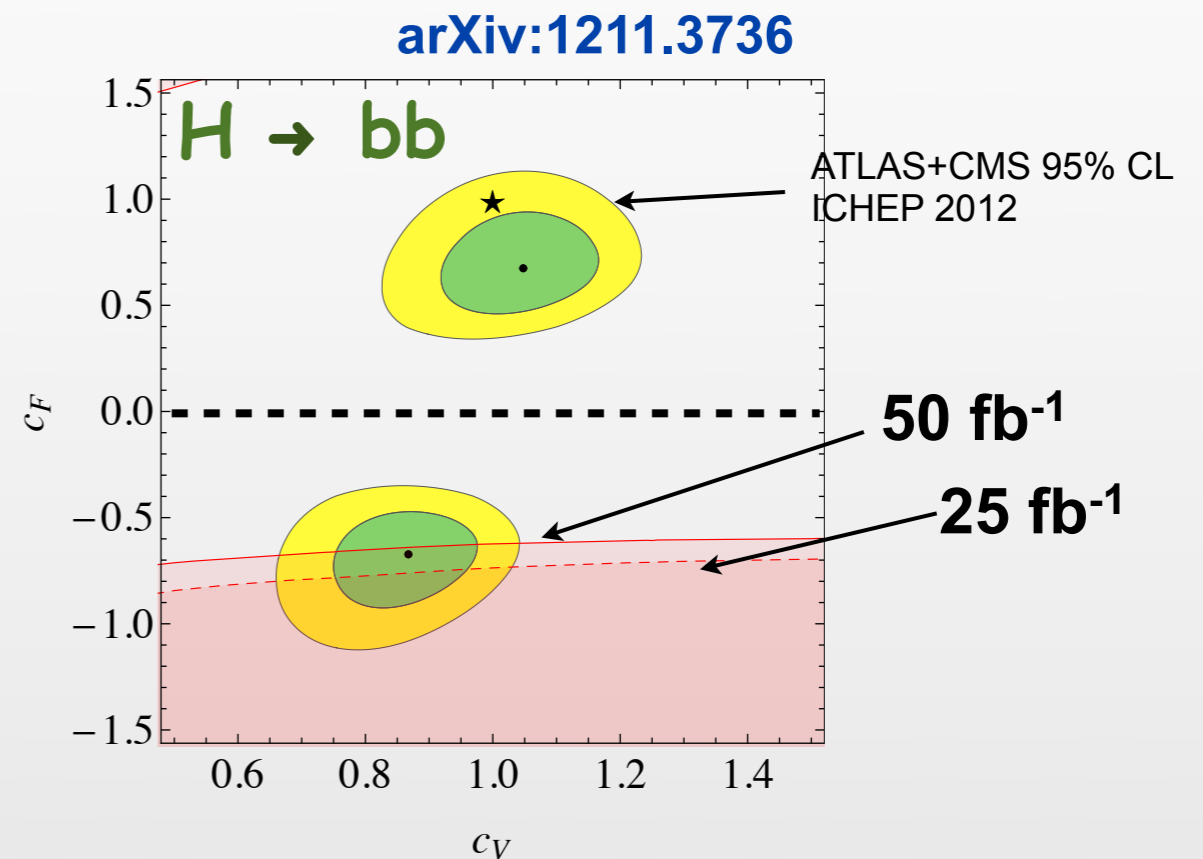
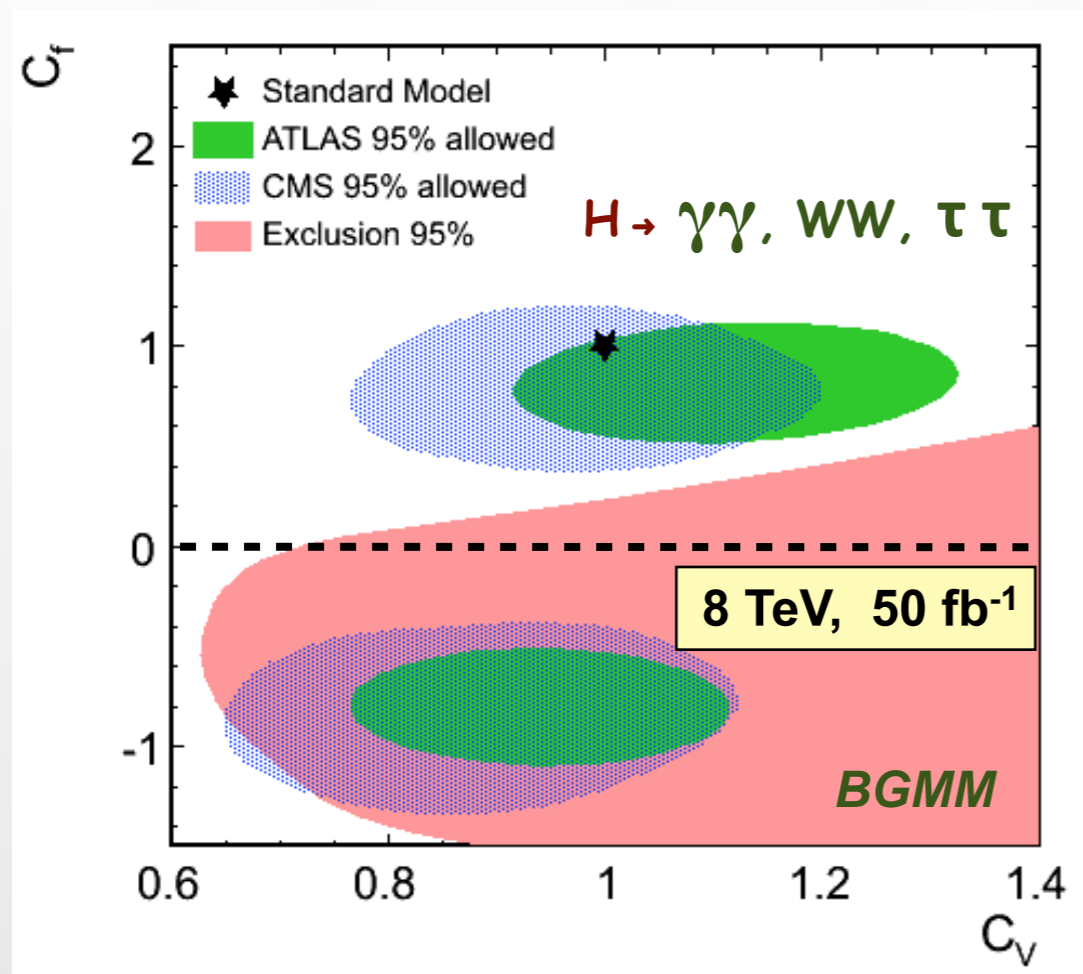
Cuts	Signal		Backgrounds					
	$c_F = 1$	$c_F = -1$	Total	$tZ\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{b}\bar{b}j$	$t\bar{t}\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}\bar{b} (mis)$	$t\bar{t}j$
Acceptance Cuts + $\epsilon$	0.043	0.63	7.81	0.11	0.26	2.66	2.25	2.54
$ m_{bb} - m_h  < 15 \text{ GeV}$	0.039	0.58	4.06	0.03	0.08	0.94	1.29	1.71
$\min m_{bb} > 110 \text{ GeV}$	0.023	0.30	0.67	0.002	0.015	0.20	0.44	0.
$\min m_{bj} > 180 \text{ GeV}$	0.008	0.15	0.014	0.	0.007	0.002	0.004	0.
Events at $25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	0.2	3.8	0.4					

fb for the 4  $b$ -tag case at 8 TeV

challenging !

# comparison with $H \rightarrow bb$ potential (8TeV)

(universal  $C_f$  scenario)



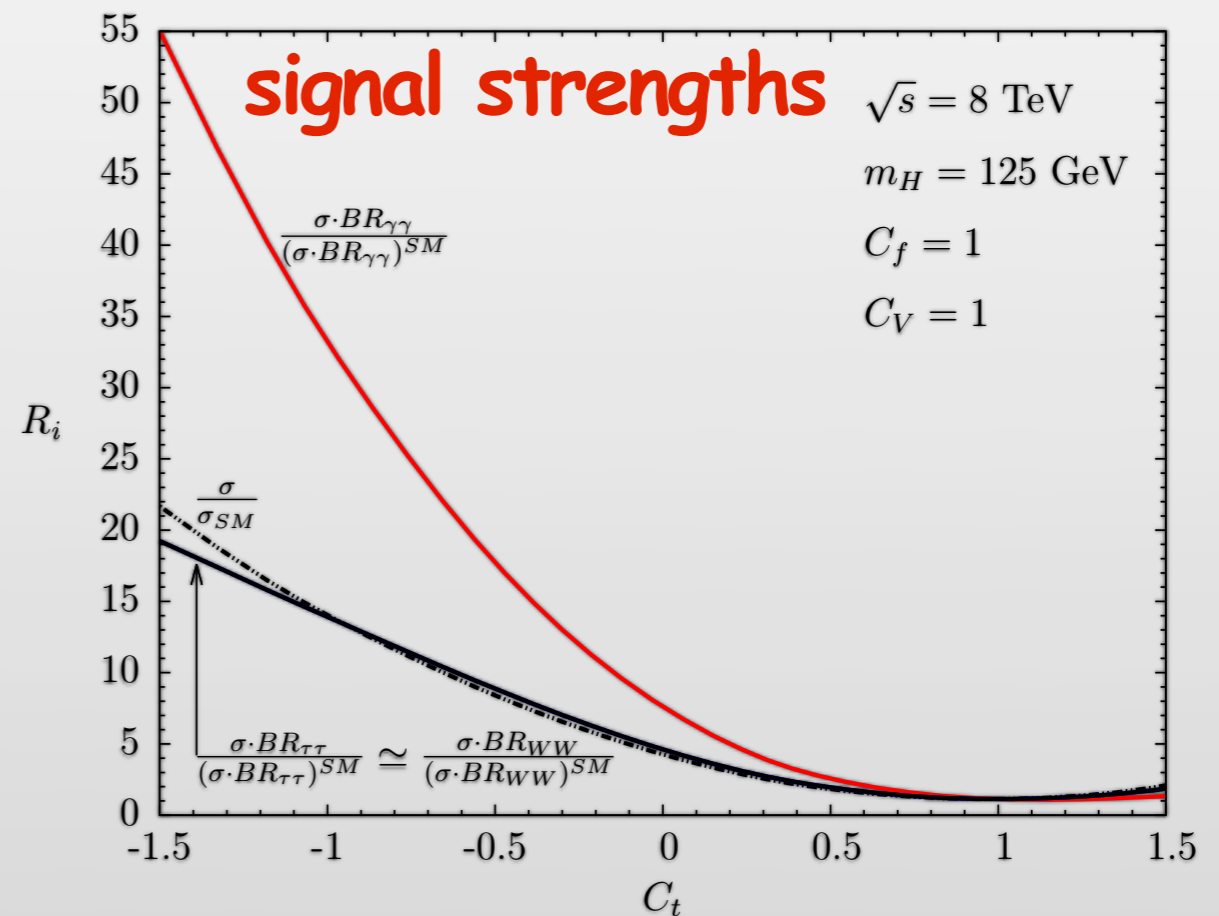
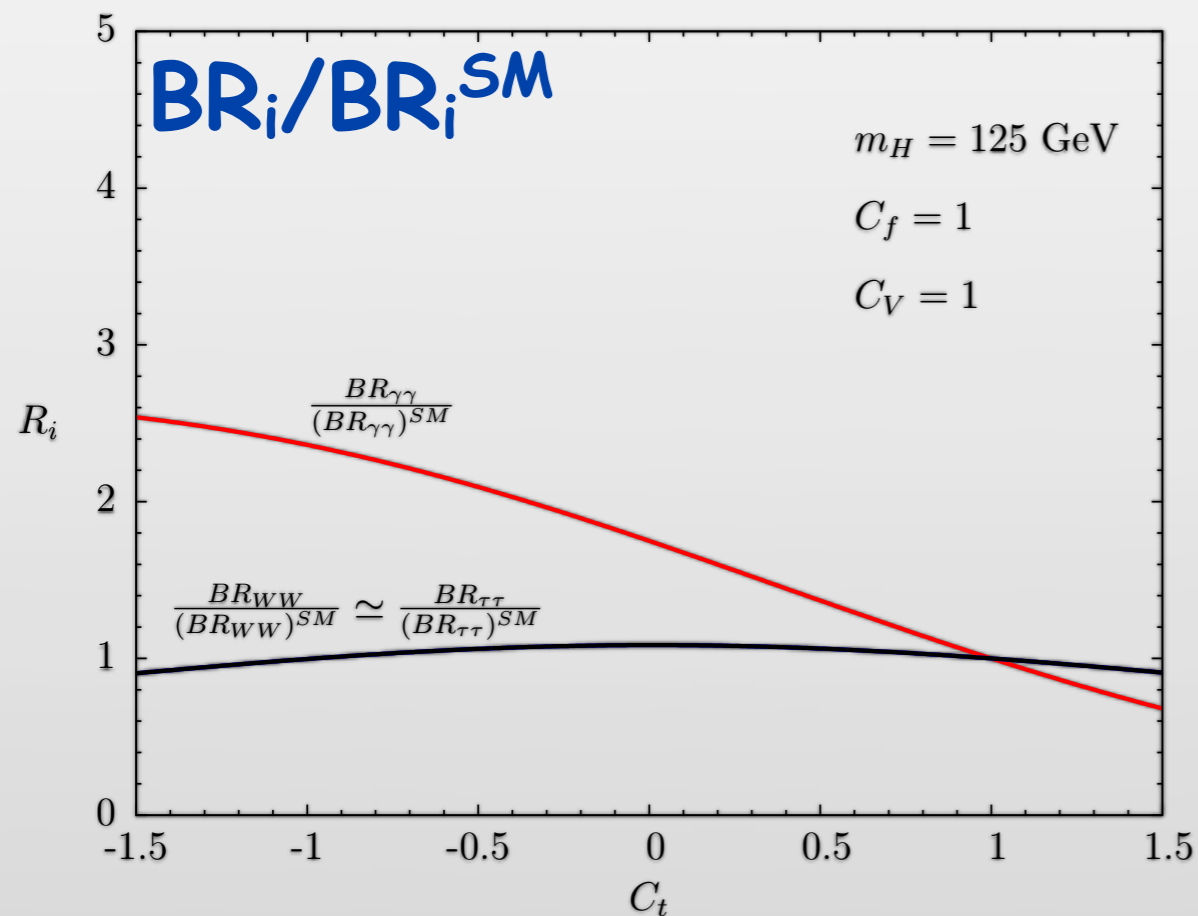
- some complementarity, since  $H \rightarrow bb$  drops at small  $|C_f|$  where  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $WW$  are enhanced
- at this stage  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau$  looks more promising !

# $BR_i/BR_i^{SM}$ and $\sigma_i/\sigma_i^{SM}$ vs $C_t$ ( $C_{f\neq t}=1$ )

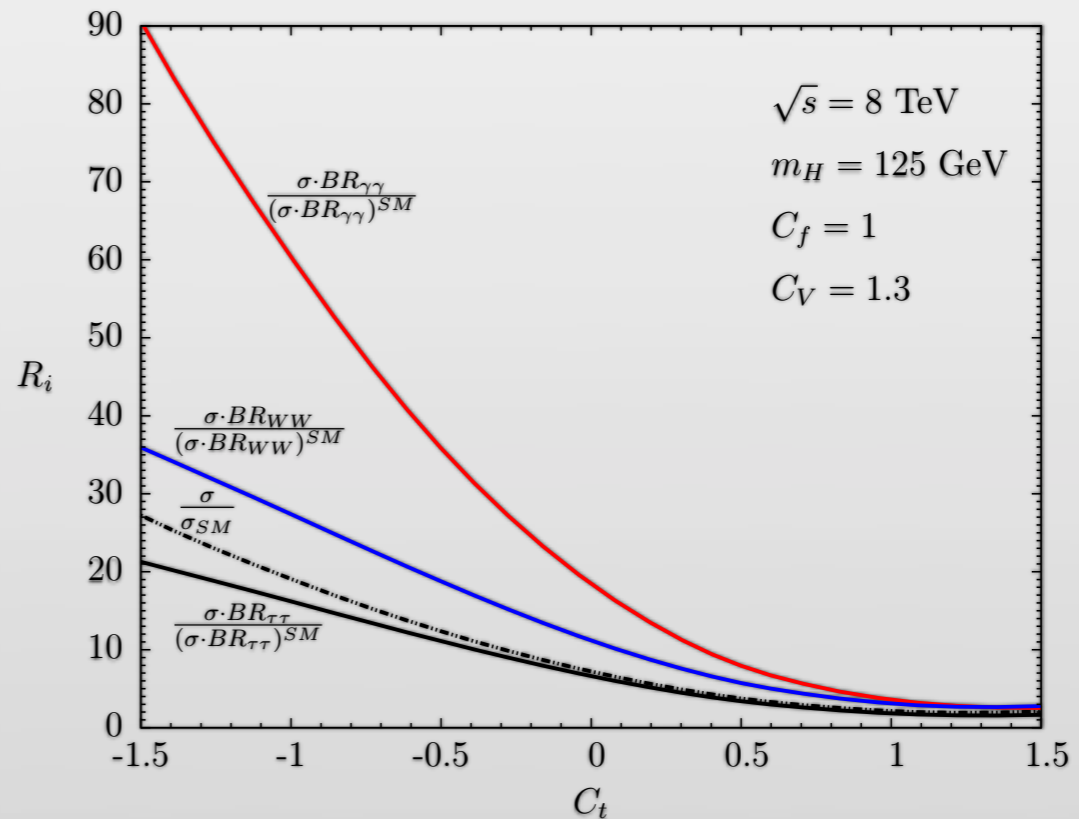
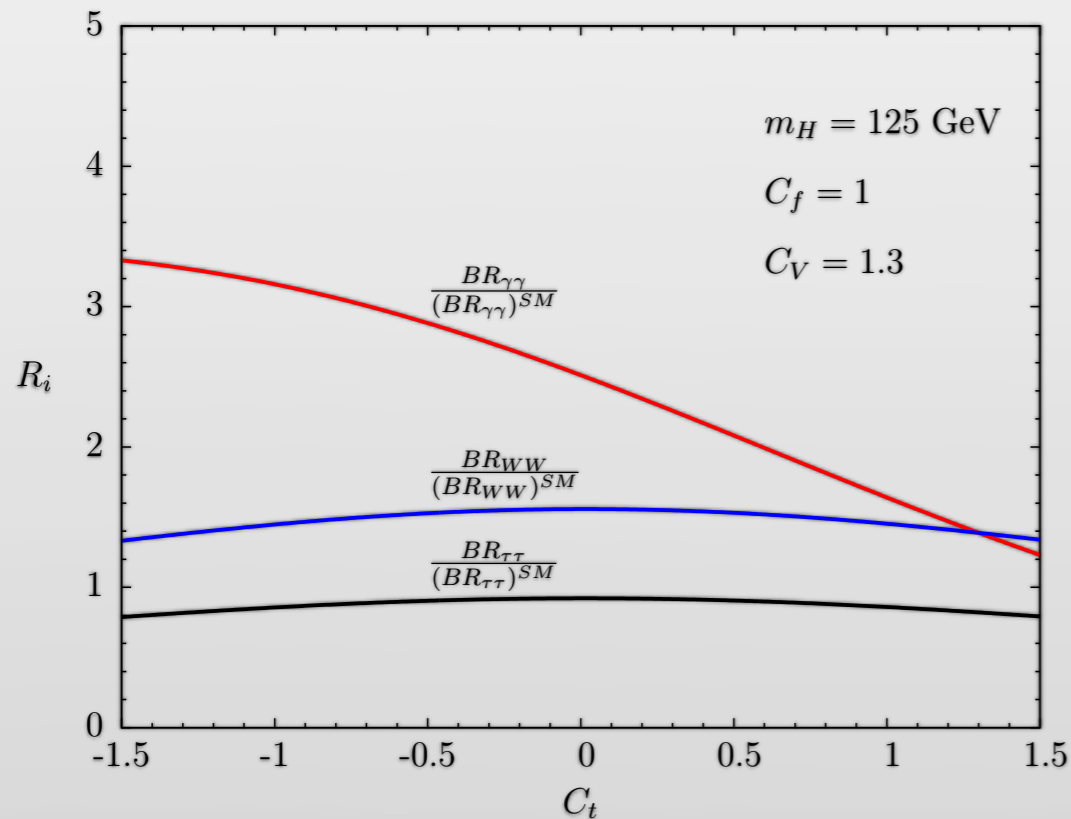
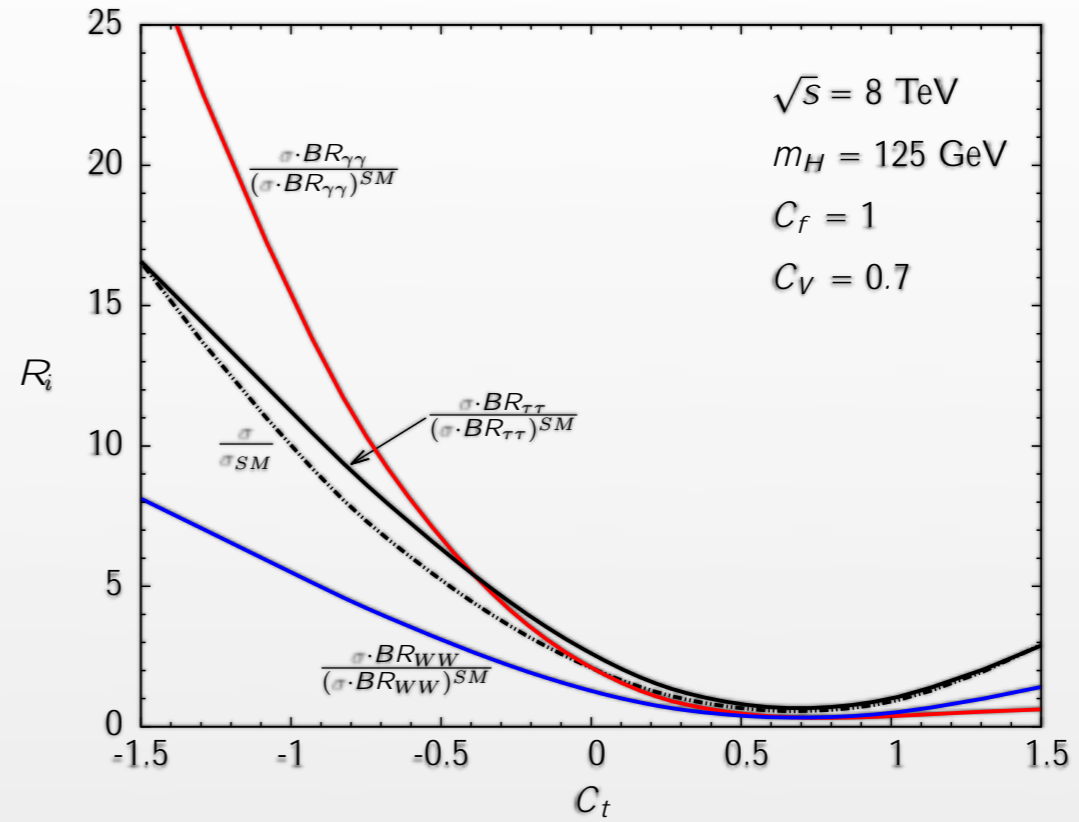
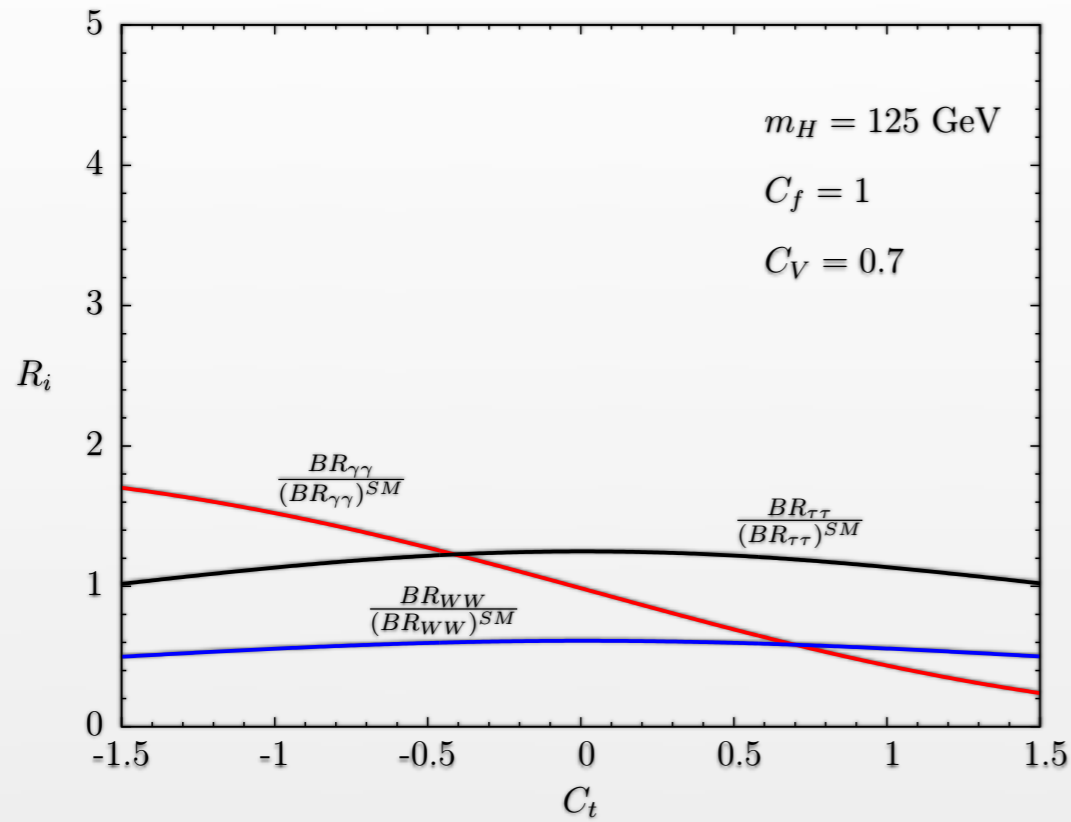
choose a different benchmark scenario :

“ free  $C_t$  with SM-like  $C_{f\neq t}=1$  ”

main impact of  $C_t$  just on  $BR_{\gamma\gamma}$  and  $\sigma/\sigma^{SM}$



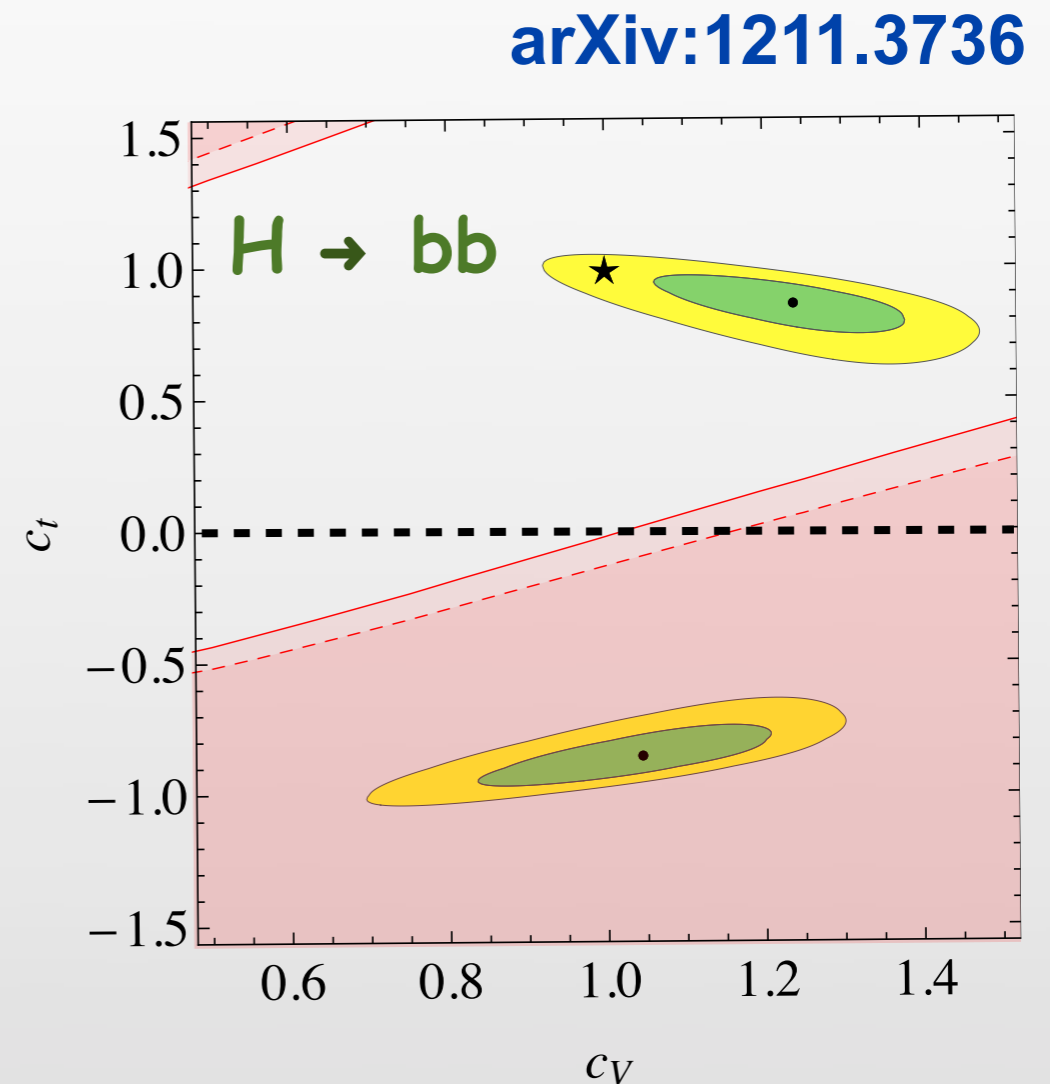
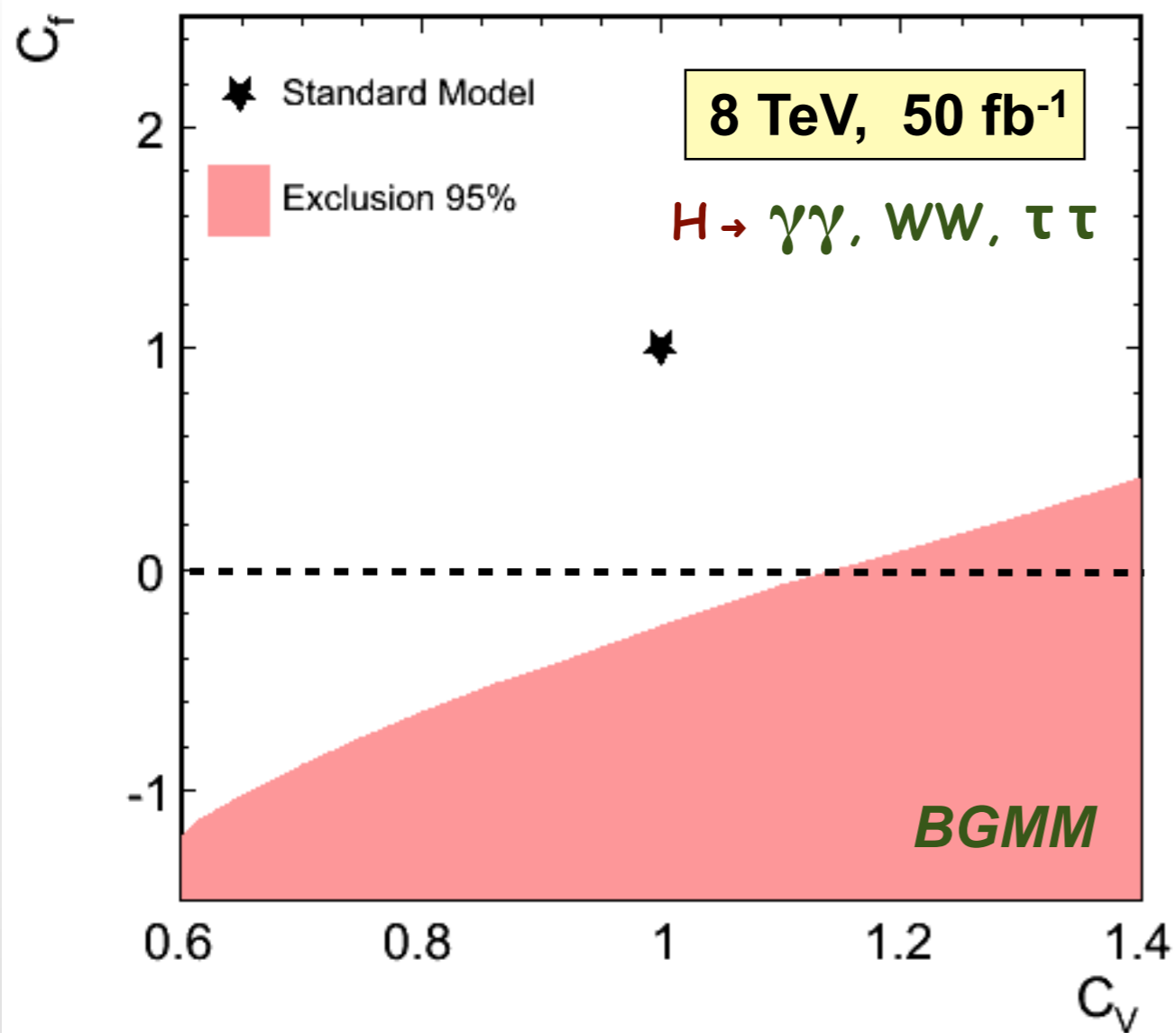
# changing $C_V$ in $BR_i/BR_i^{SM}$ and $\sigma_i/\sigma_i^{SM}$





# comparison with $H \rightarrow bb$ potential (8TeV)

free  $C_t$  with  $C_{f \neq t} = 1$  scenario



●  $H \rightarrow bb$  keeps now good rates at small  $|C_f|$

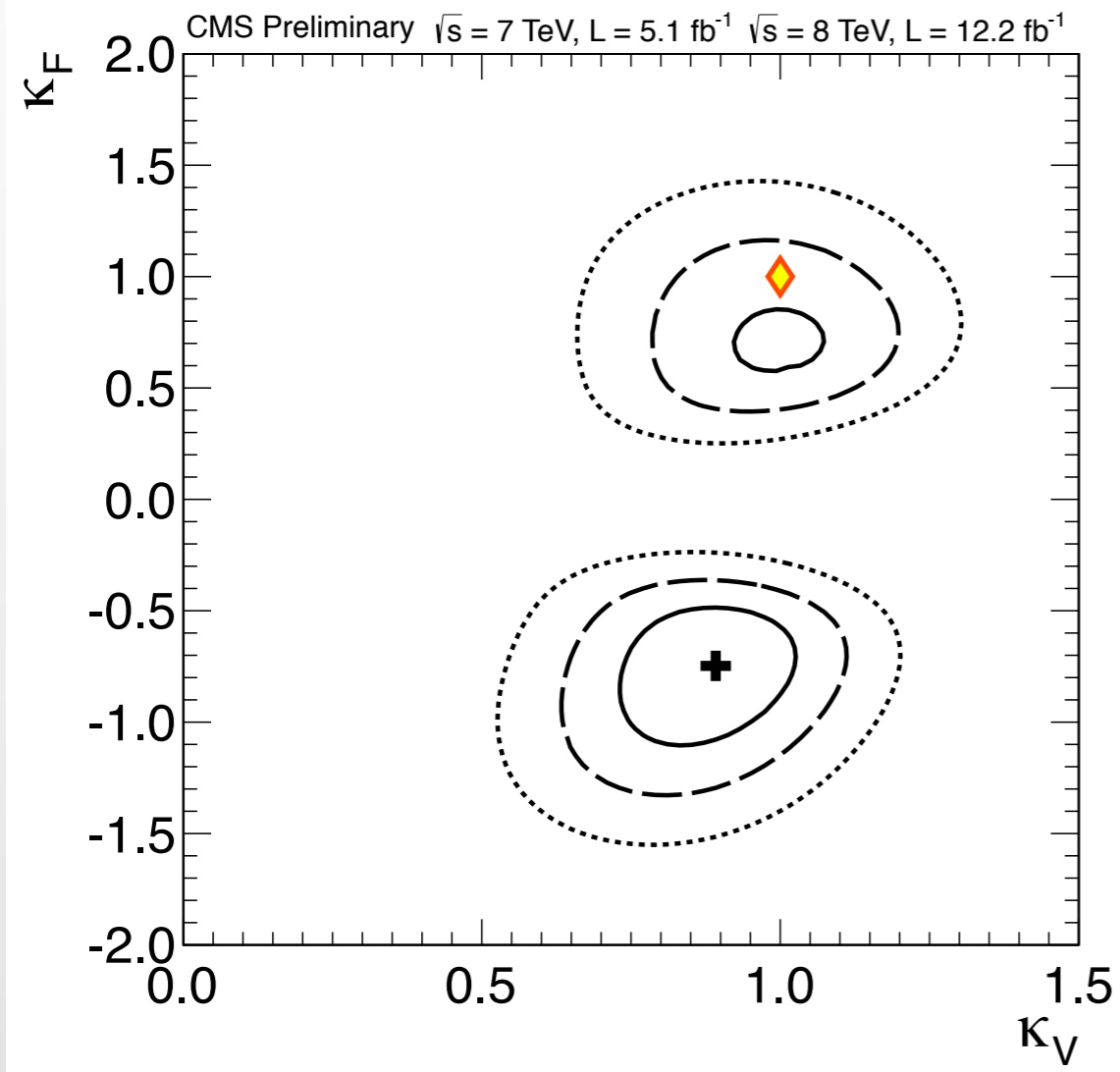
●  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, WW, \tau\tau$  weaker at  $C_v < 1$ !

# Outlook

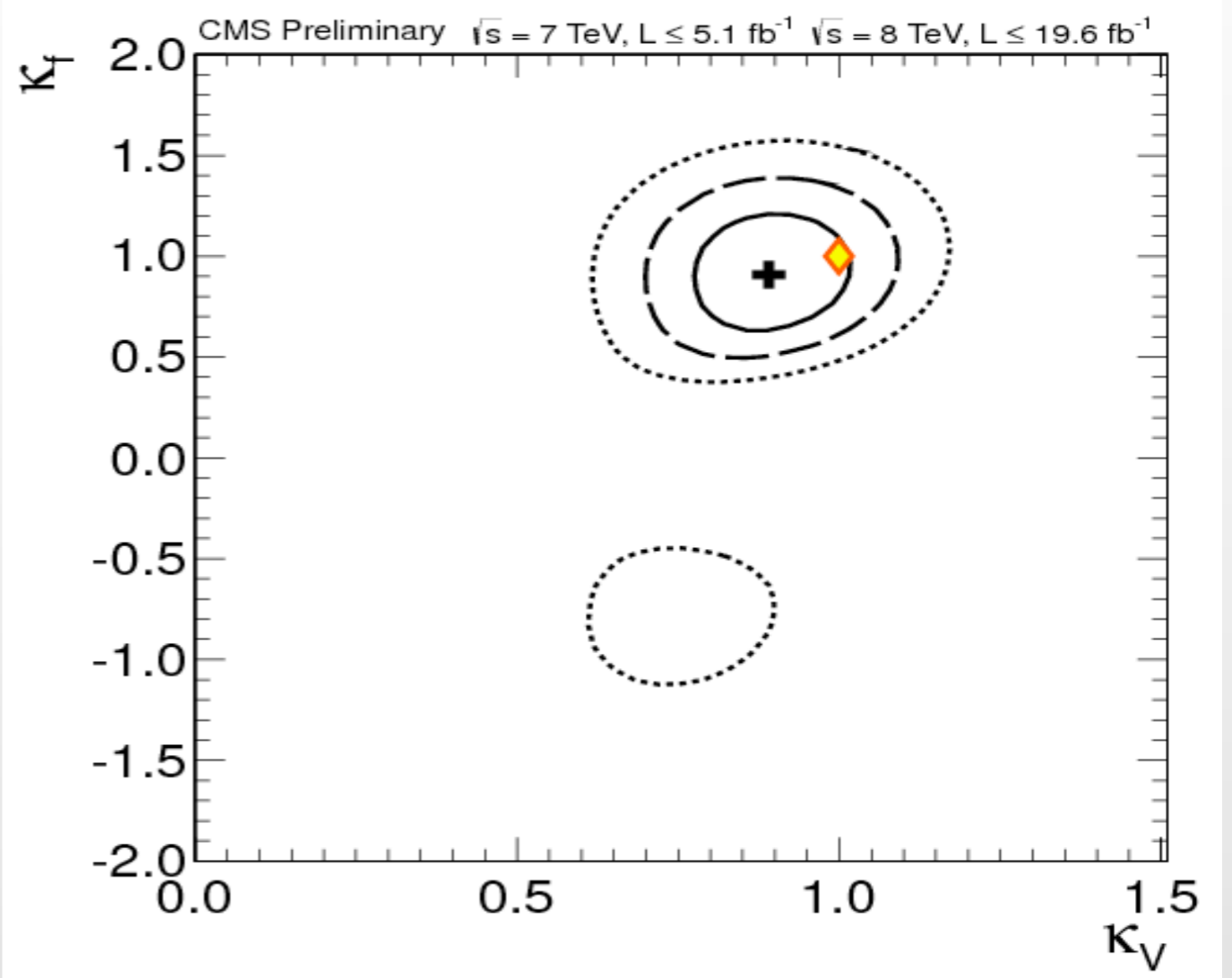
- Higgs coupling fits still subject to substantial fluctuations (see this-year CMS update ...)
- not yet clear when the (BSM)  $C_f < 0$  region will be excluded by “traditional” fits
- $p p \rightarrow t H q$  production seems to be an excellent probe of the negative  $C_f$  region
- combining multi-photon and multi-lepton channels could have a great potential even with the present data set
- full simulation plus possible improvements (ex. hadronic tau decays) needed to realistically assess the  $p p \rightarrow t H q$  potential at 8 TeV and beyond !

# CMS $g_{HXX}$ fit

(universal  $C_f$  scenario)



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