

Higgs boson combinations at CMS

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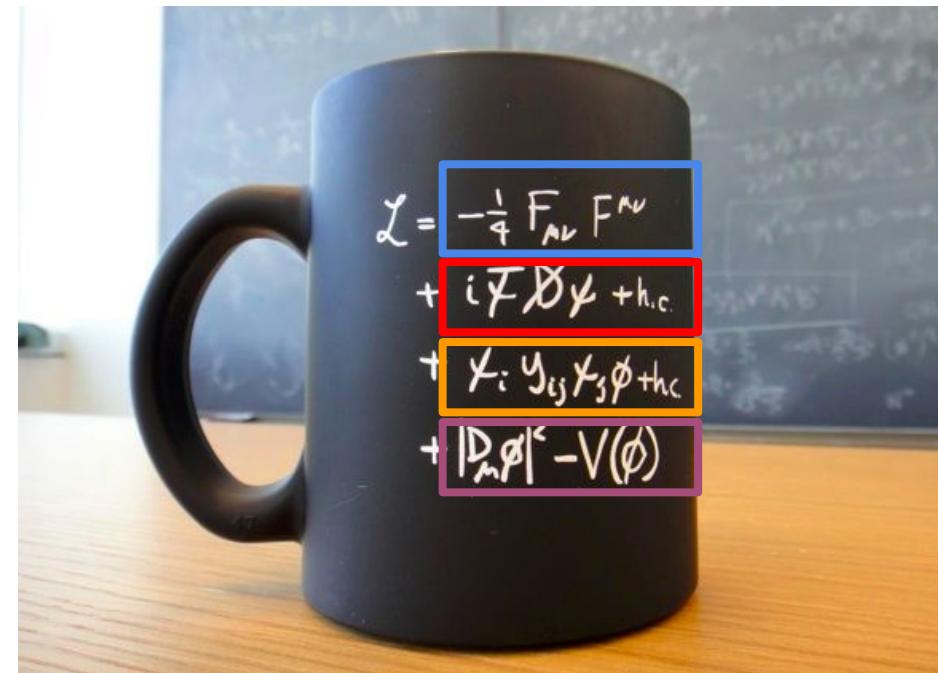
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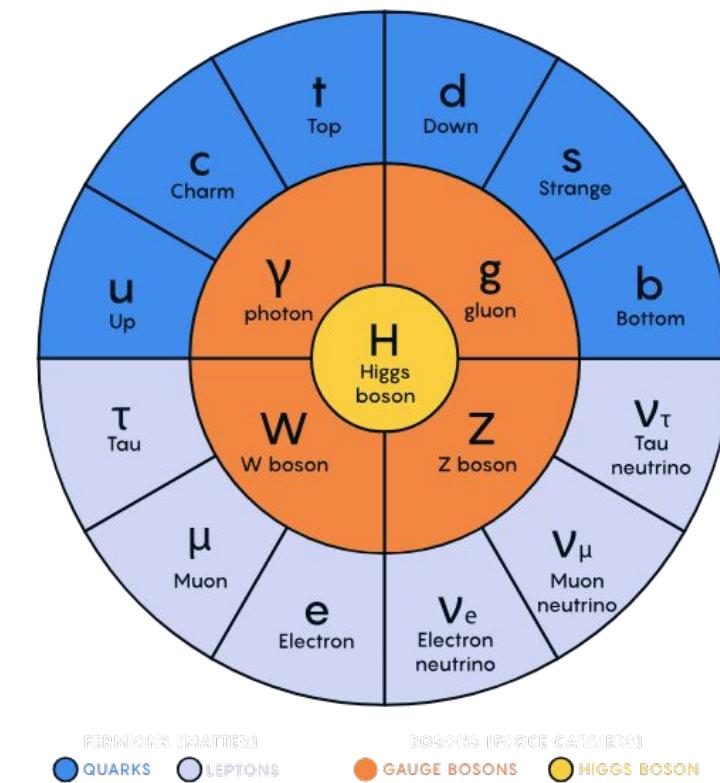


Higgs & the standard model

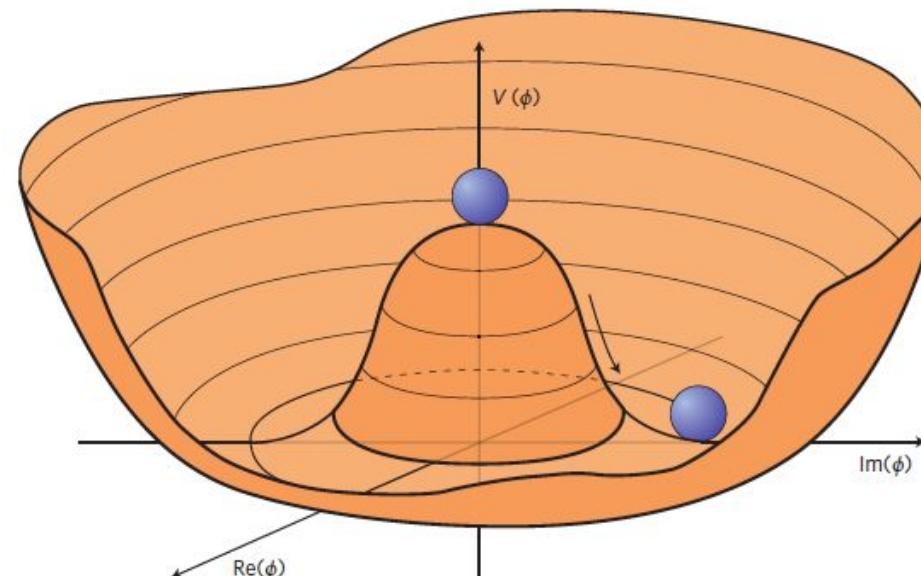
- SM = set of quantum field theories that describe fundamental particles and their interactions



- Propagation of force carriers (spin-1 bosons)
- Interactions of matter particles (spin-1/2 fermions)
- Masses of matter particles (Yukawa)
- Higgs interactions & masses of force carriers



- Higgs mechanism plays a major role in the SM



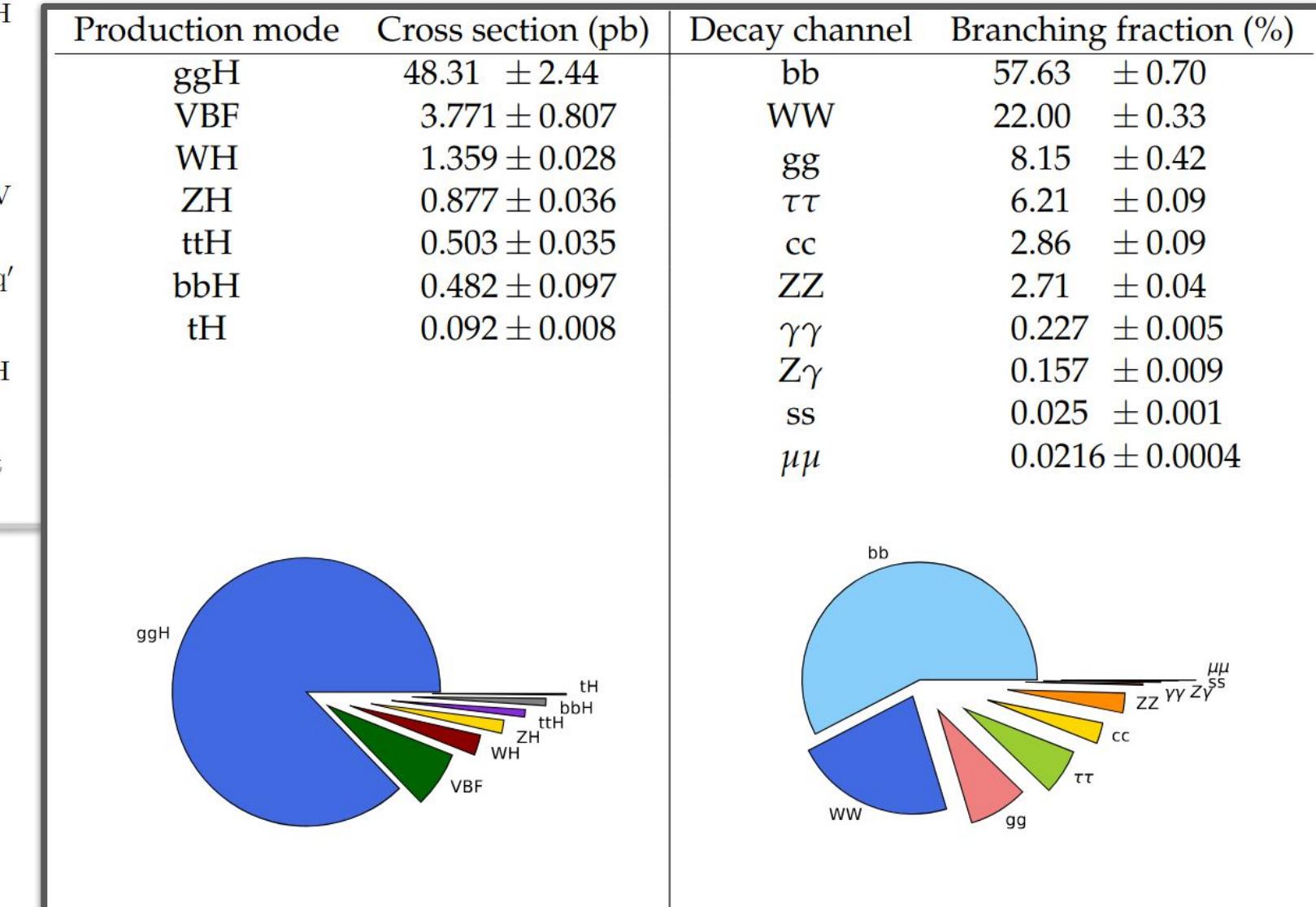
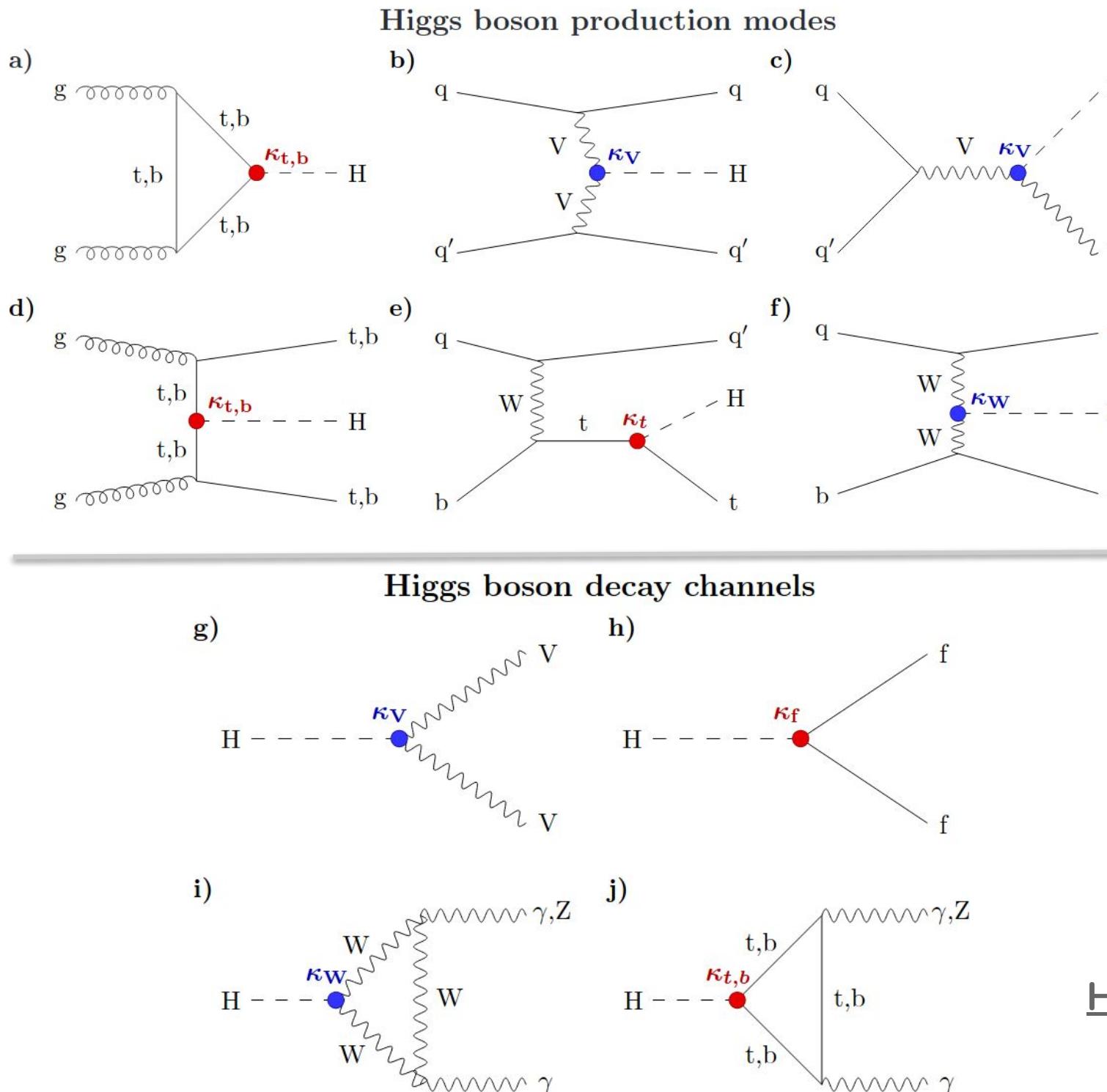
Explains how:

- W and Z bosons acquire mass
- Quarks and charged leptons acquire mass

Prediction of new scalar particle → **Higgs boson**



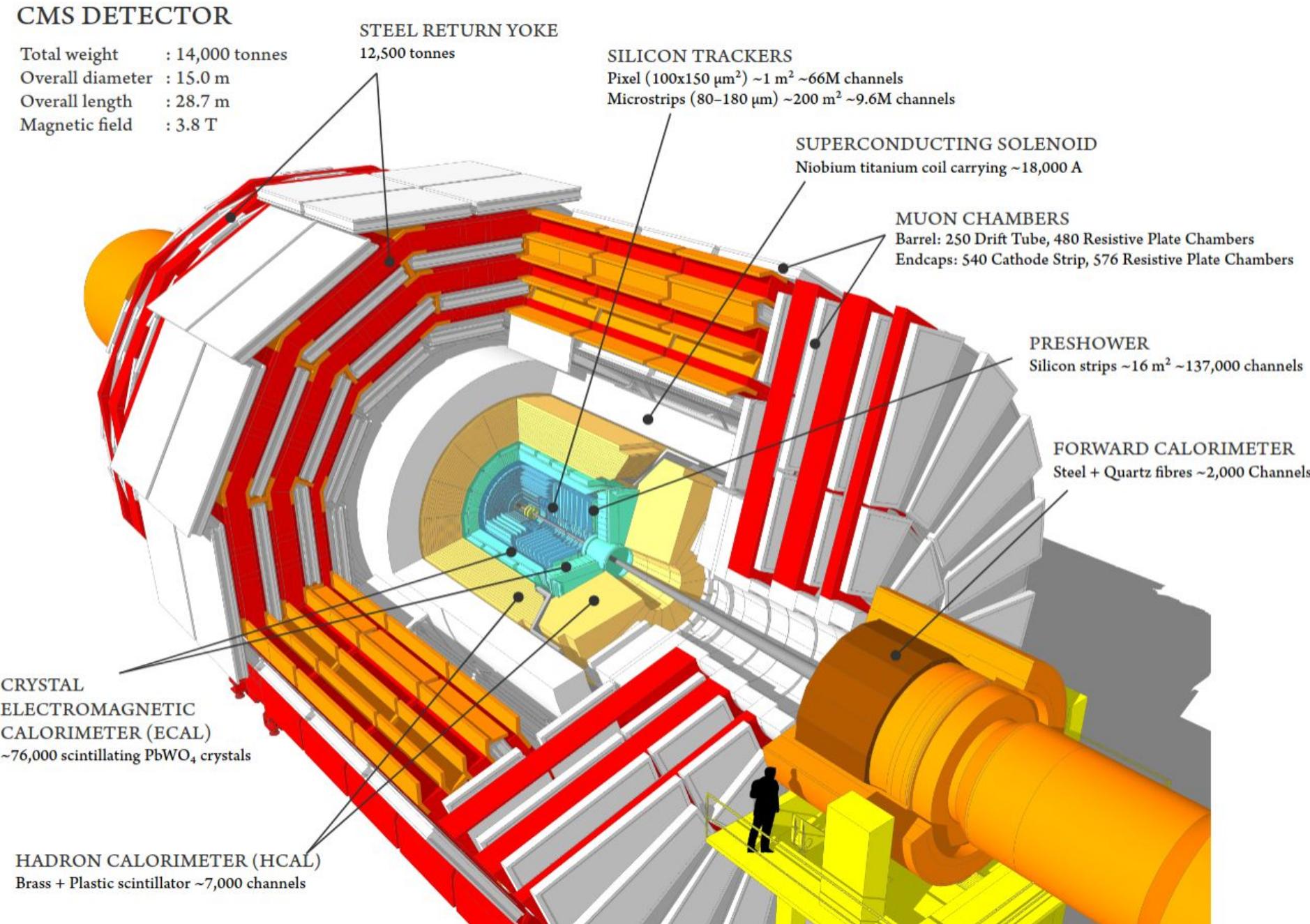
Higgs boson production & decay @ LHC



Higgs boson offers unique tool to probe many different interactions

CMS experiment

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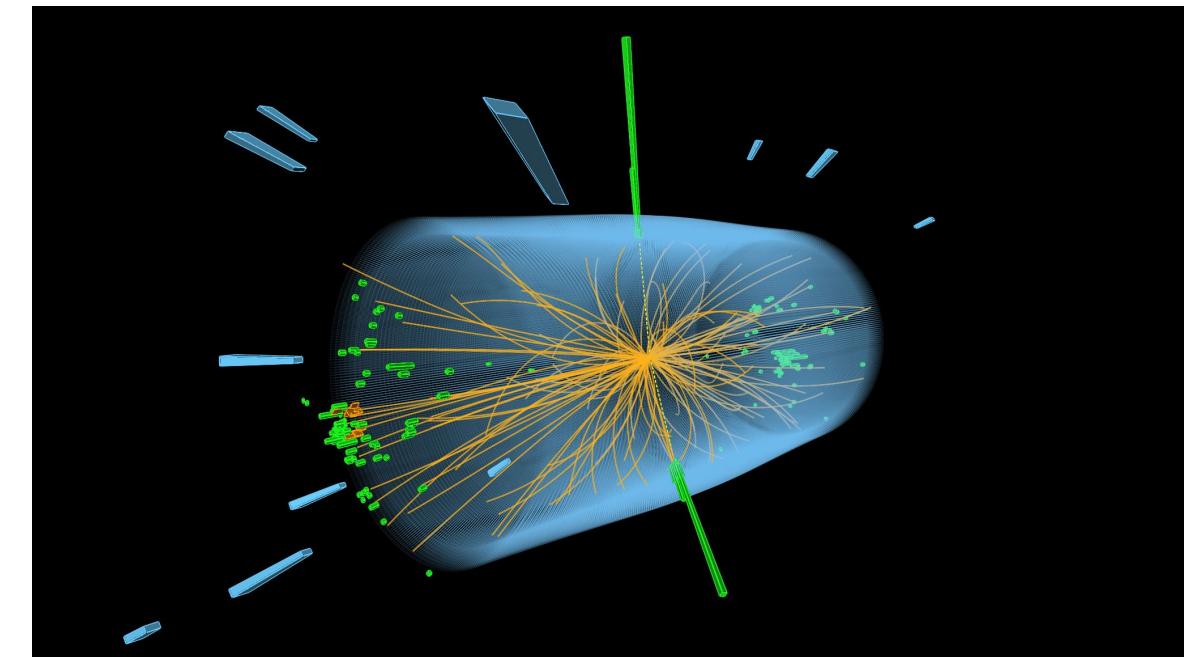
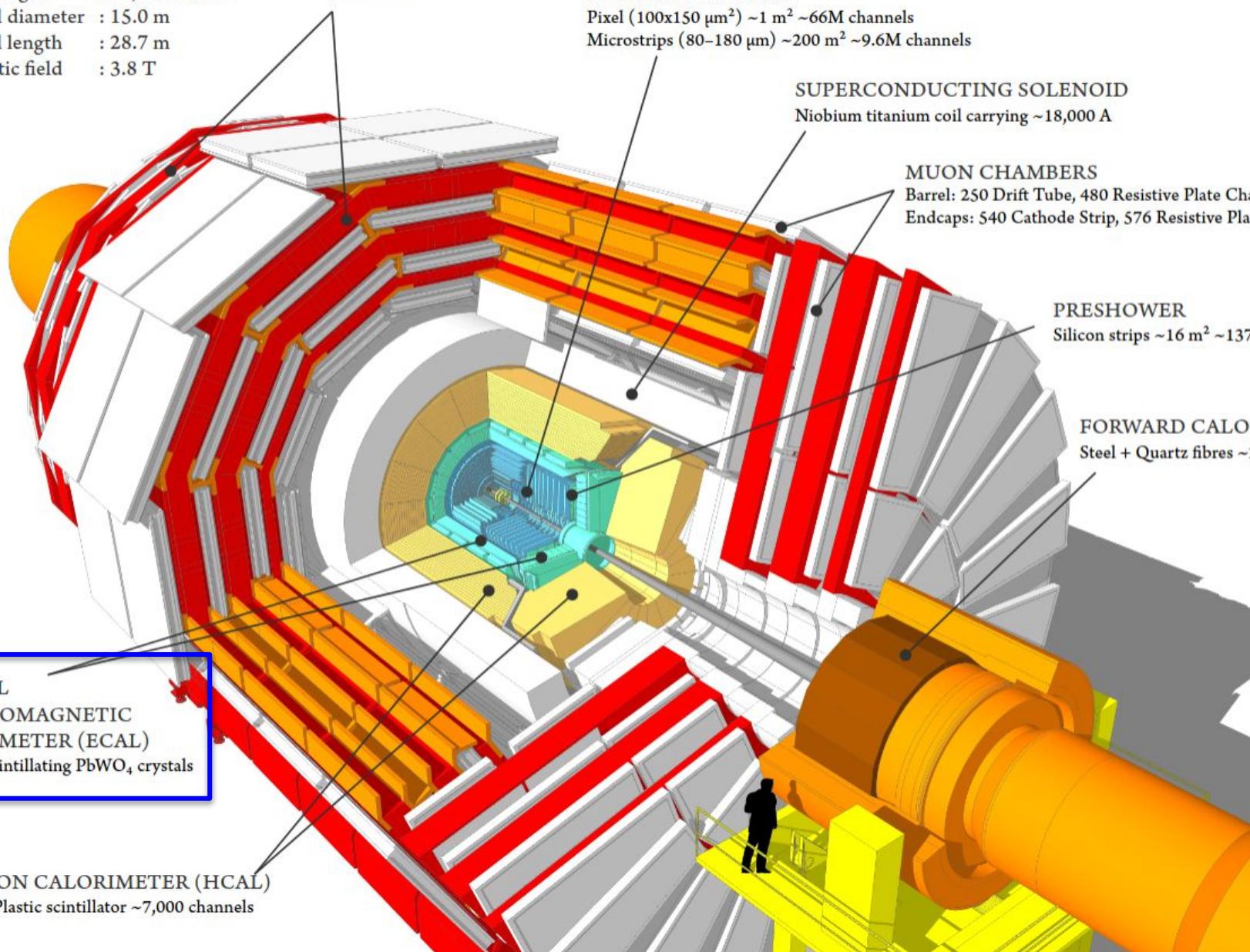
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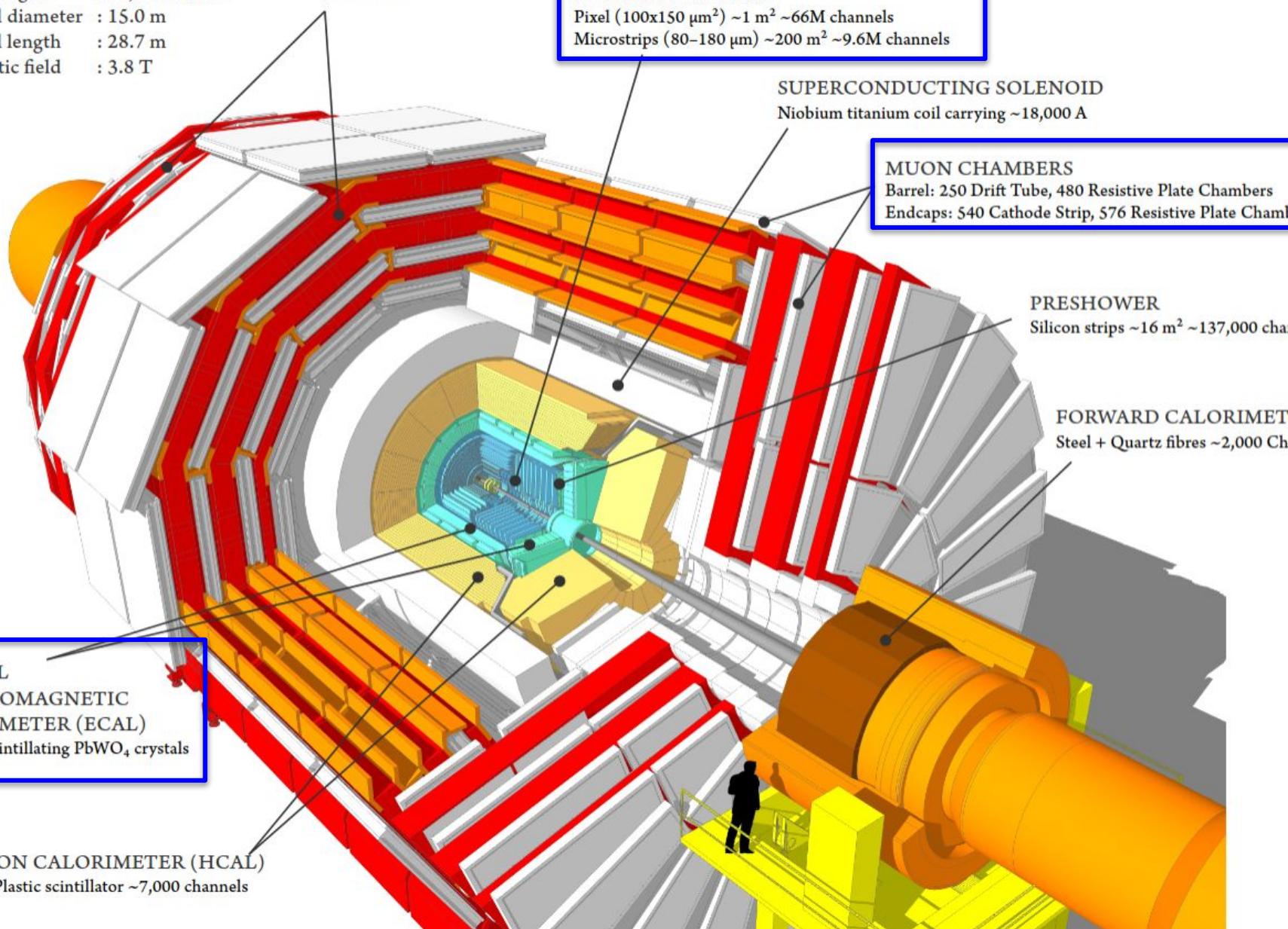
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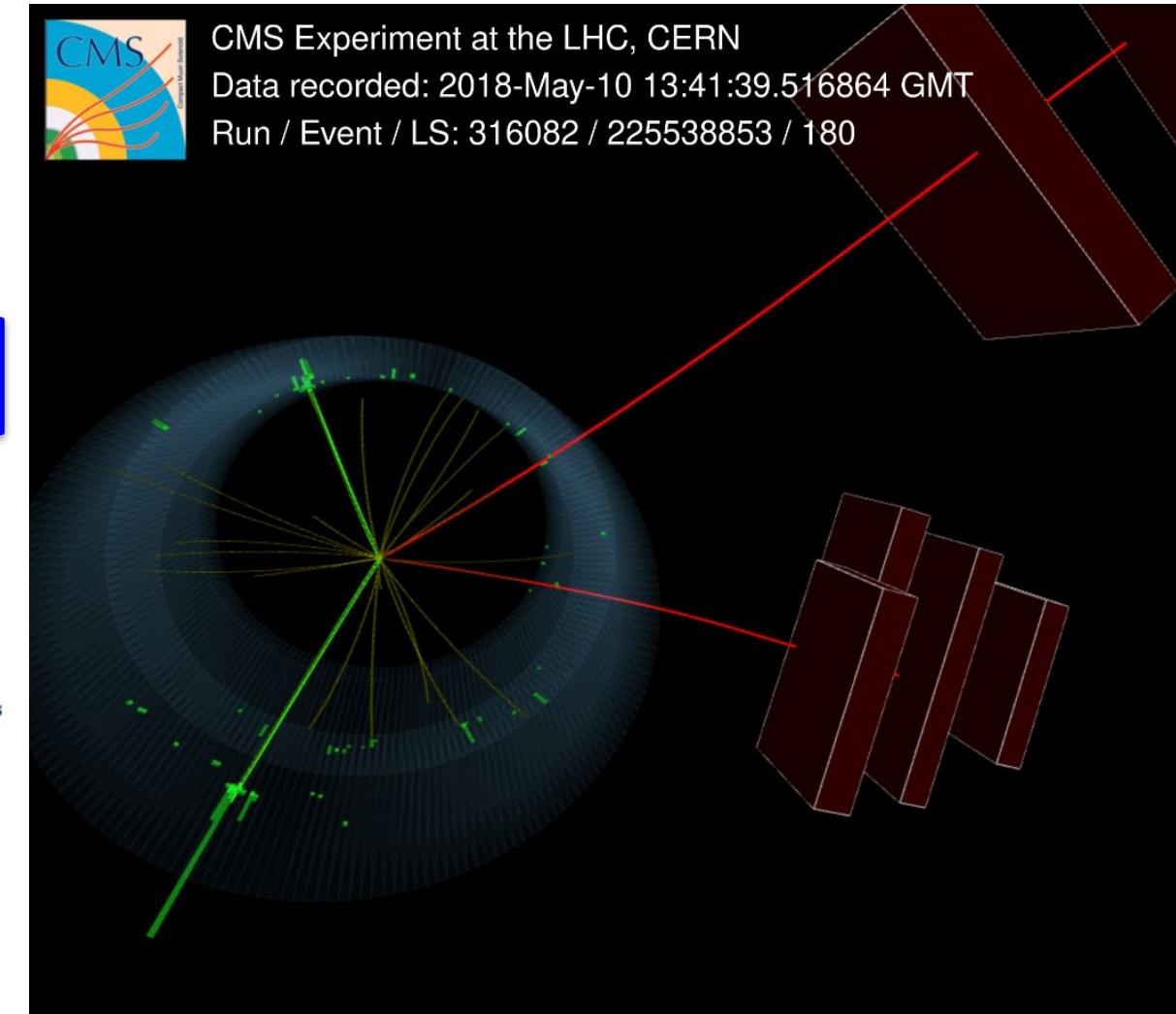
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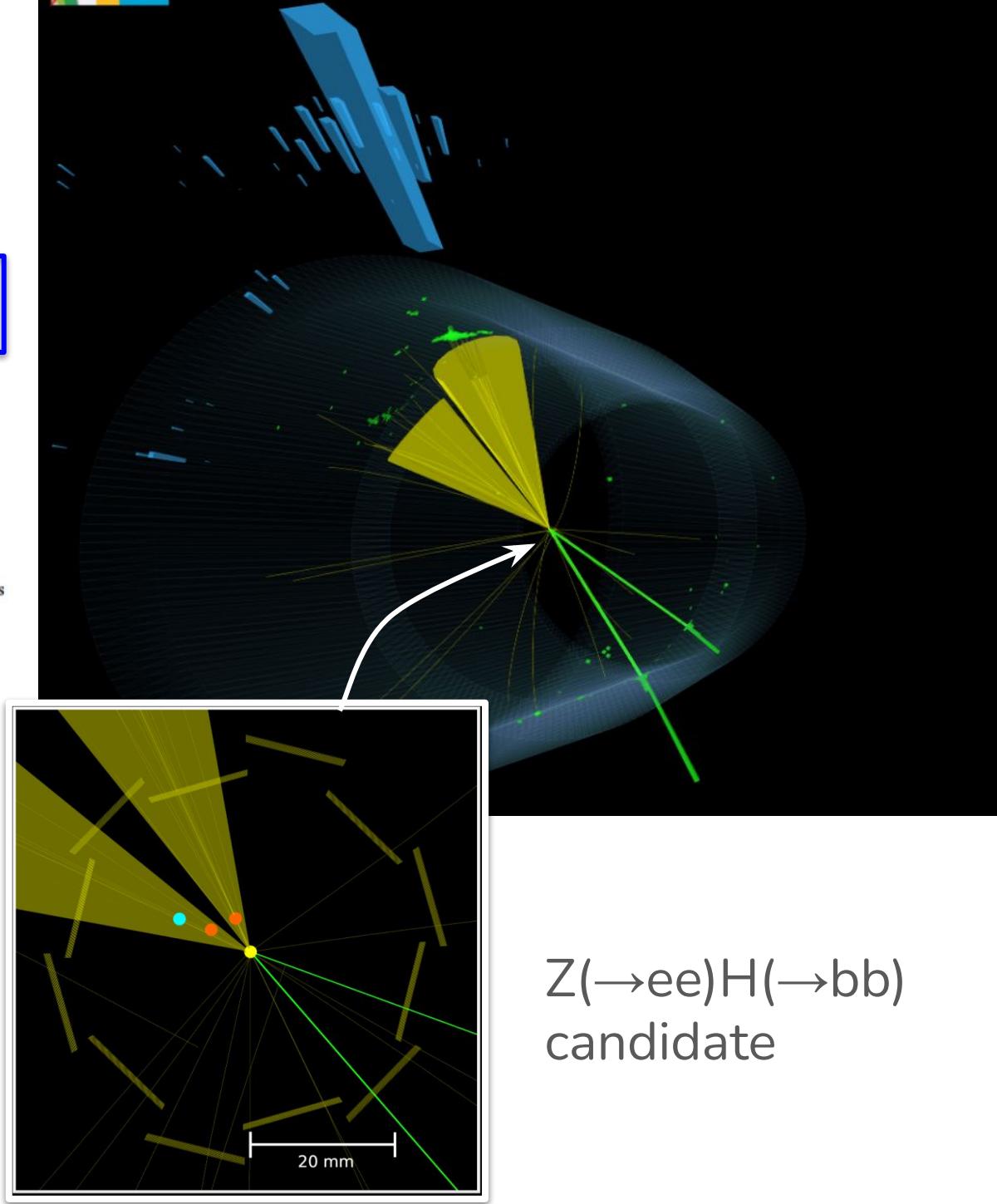
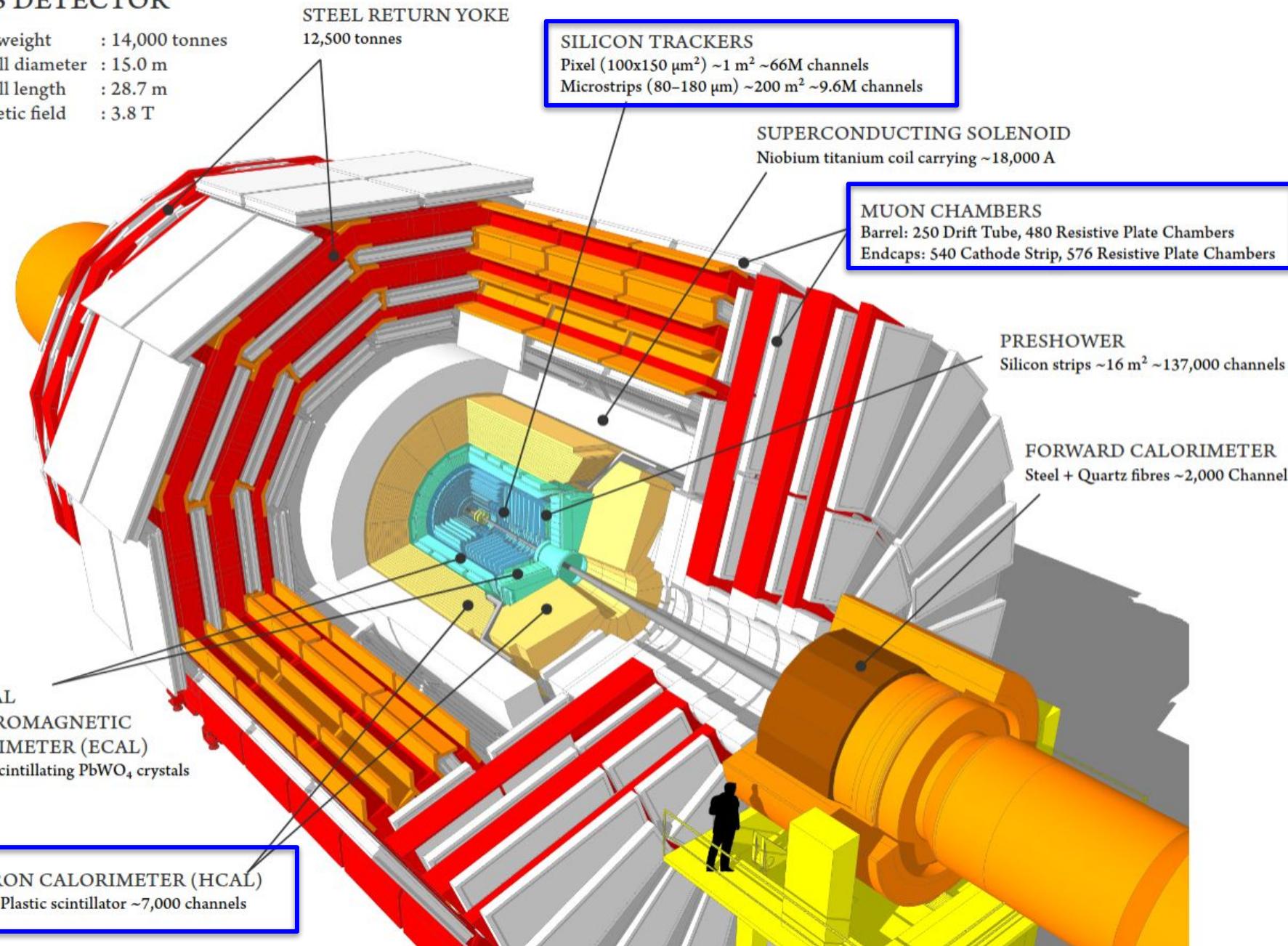
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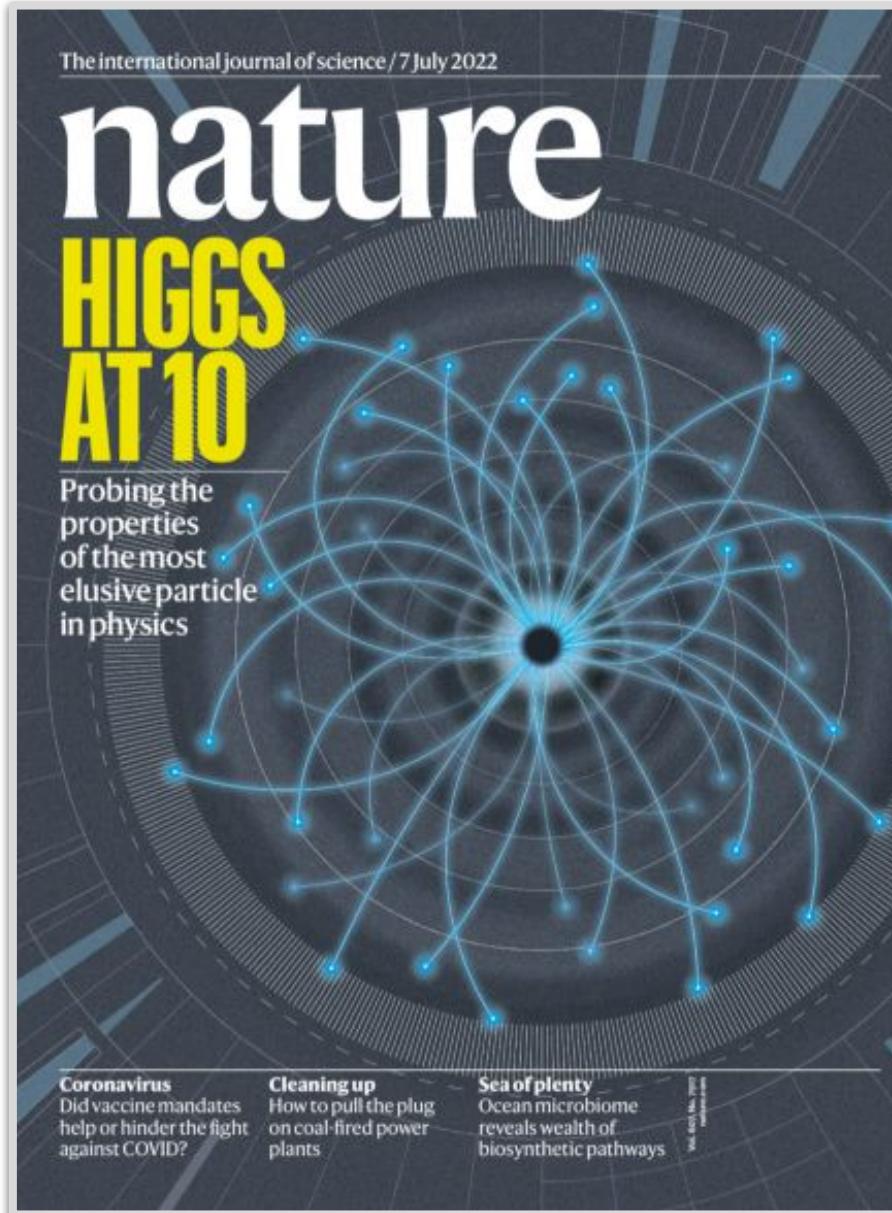
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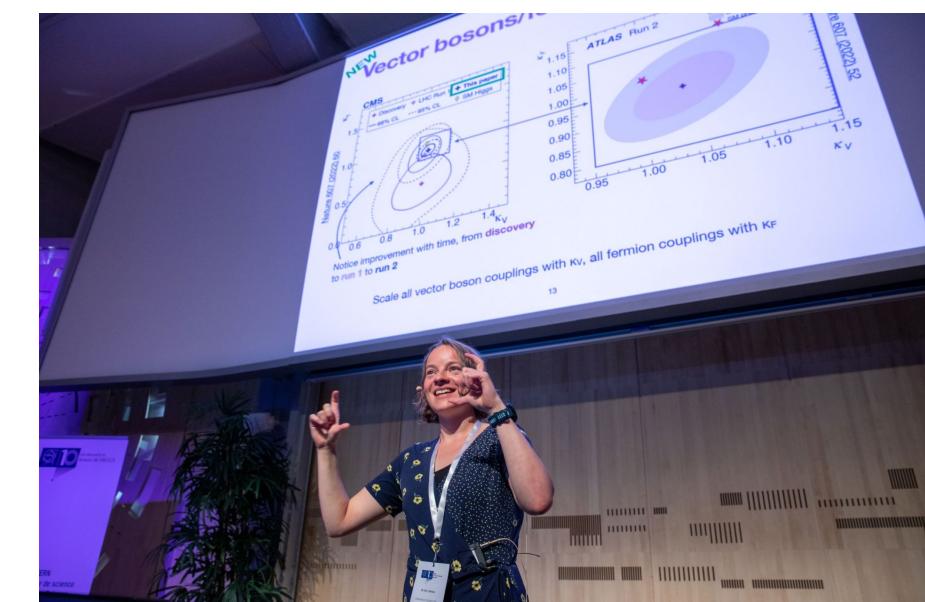
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Higgs boson combination

- Ultimate precision comes from statistically combining Higgs boson analyses across different decay channels
- Celebrated ten years since discovery with statistical combination paper in [\[Nature 607 \(2022\) 60-68\]](#)



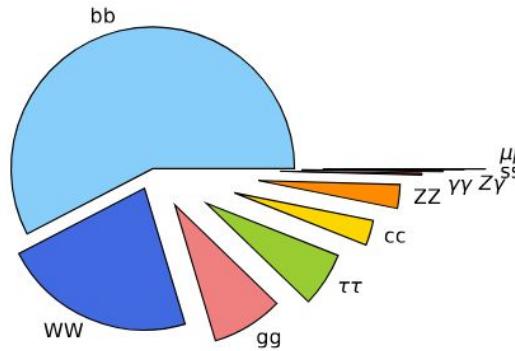
Papers from ATLAS and theory community in same journal edition



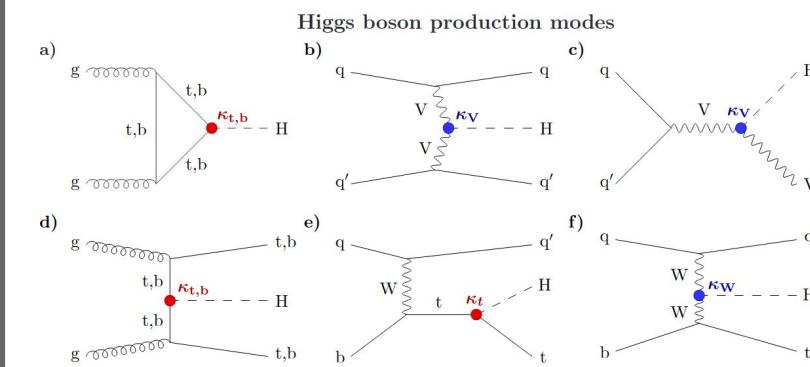
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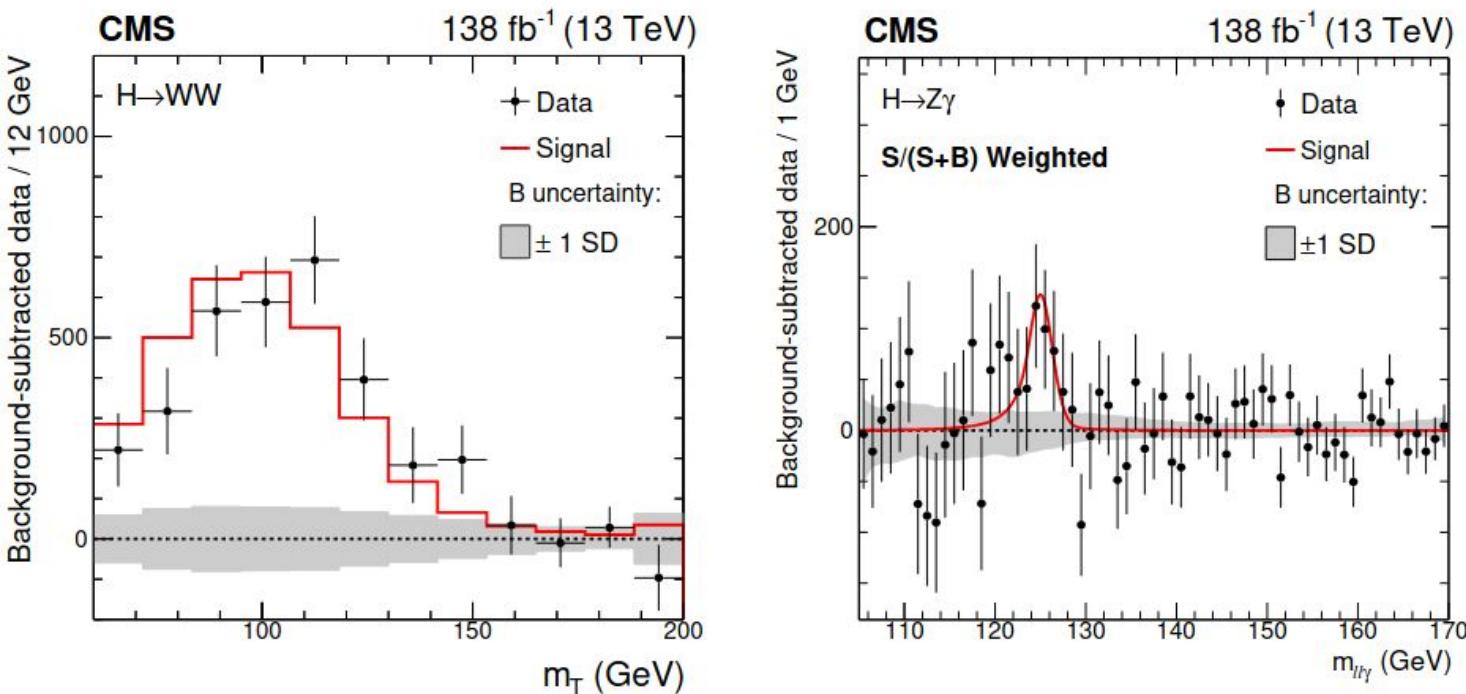
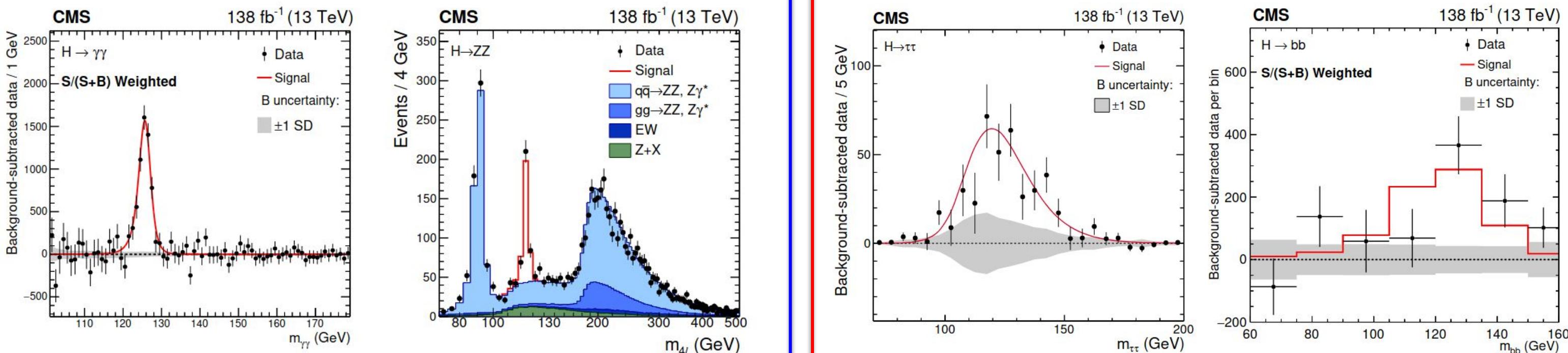
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- Combination of Higgs boson analyses using the full Run 2 dataset (2016-2018) = 138 fb^{-1}

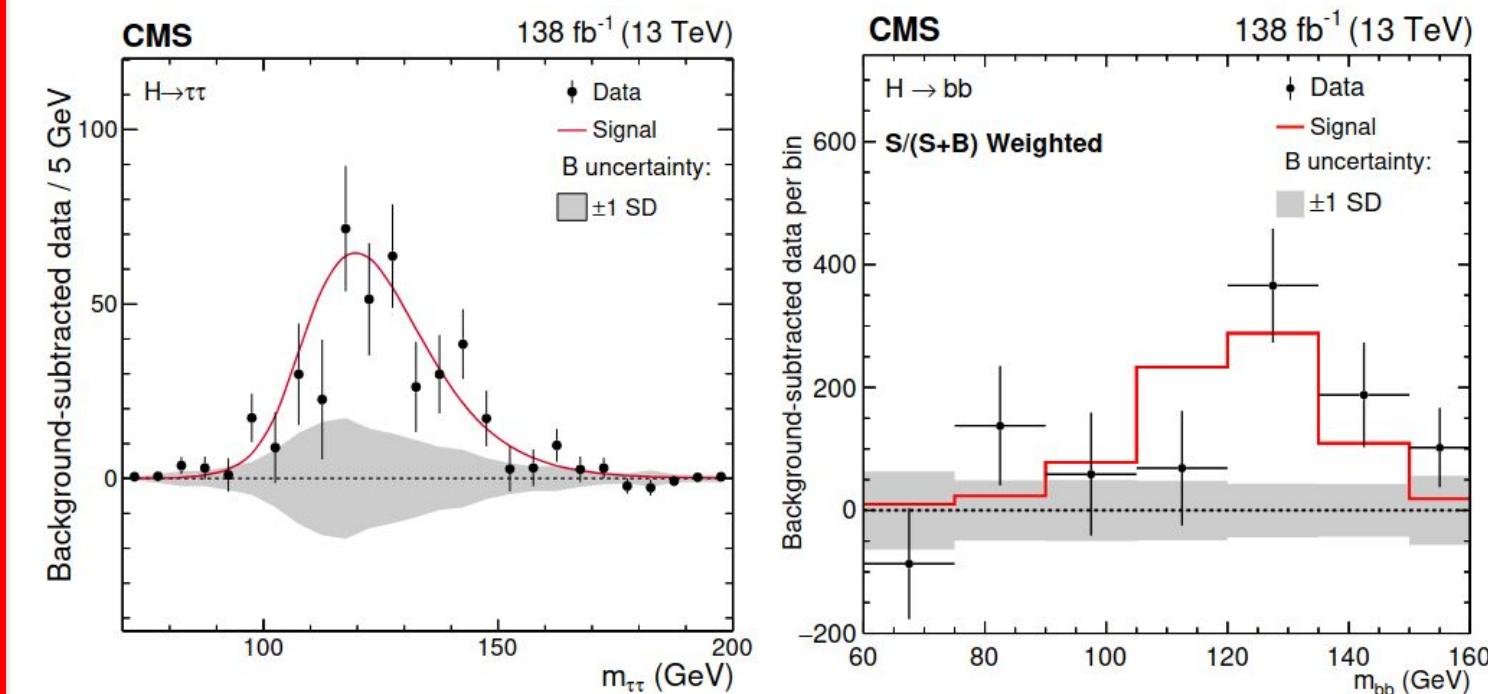


Analysis	Decay tags	Production tags
Single Higgs boson production		
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [42]	$\gamma\gamma$	$ggH, p_T(H) \times N_j \text{ bins}$ VBF/VH hadronic, $p_T(H_{jj})$ bins WH leptonic, $p_T(V)$ bins ZH leptonic $ttH p_T(H)$ bins, tH
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ [43]	$4\mu, 2e2\mu, \ell$	$ggH, p_T(H) \times N_j \text{ bins}$ VBF, m_{jj} bins VH hadronic VH leptonic, $p_T(V)$ bins ttH
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ [44]	$e\mu/e\bar{\nu}/\mu\mu$ $\mu\mu+jj/e\bar{\nu}+jj/\mu\mu+jj$ 3ℓ 4ℓ	$ggH \leq 2\text{-jets}$ VBF VH hadronic WH leptonic ZH leptonic ggH VBF $ggH, p_T(H) \times N_j \text{ bins}$ VH hadronic VBF
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ [45]	$Z\gamma$	ggH VBF $ggH, p_T(H) \times N_j \text{ bins}$ VH hadronic VBF
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ [46]	$e\mu, e\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, \tau_h\tau_h$	$VH, \text{high-}p_T(V)$ WH leptonic ZH leptonic $ttH, \rightarrow 0, 1, 2\ell + \text{jets}$ $ggH, \text{high-}p_T(H)$ bins
$H \rightarrow bb$ [47-51]	$W(\ell\nu)H(bb)$ $Z(\nu\nu)H(bb), Z(\ell\ell)H(bb)$ bb	ggH VBF $ttH, \rightarrow 0, 1, 2\ell + \text{jets}$ $ggH, \text{high-}p_T(H)$ bins
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ [52]	$\mu\mu$	ggH VBF
ttH production with $H \rightarrow$ leptons [53]	$2\ell SS, 3\ell, 4\ell$ $1\ell + \tau_h, 2\ell SS + 1\tau_h$	ttH
$H \rightarrow \text{Inv.}$ [71, 72]	p_T^{miss}	ggH VBF VH hadronic ZH leptonic





Bosonic decay channels



Fermionic decay channels

Building the likelihood

- Analysis region = selected set of p-p collision data events, $d_r \rightarrow$ (1) Signal region (SR) designed to be enriched in Higgs boson events
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Parameters of interest, μ

Nuisance parameters, ν

Expectation

Observation

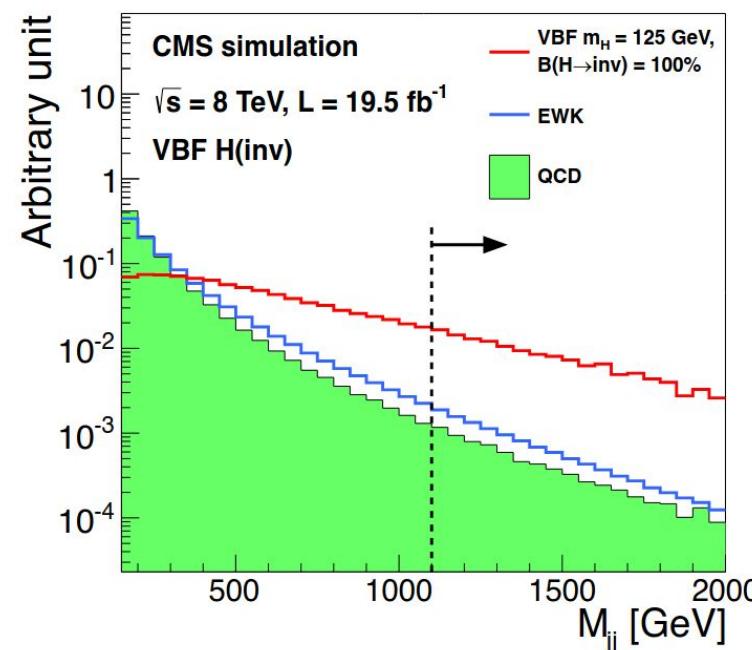
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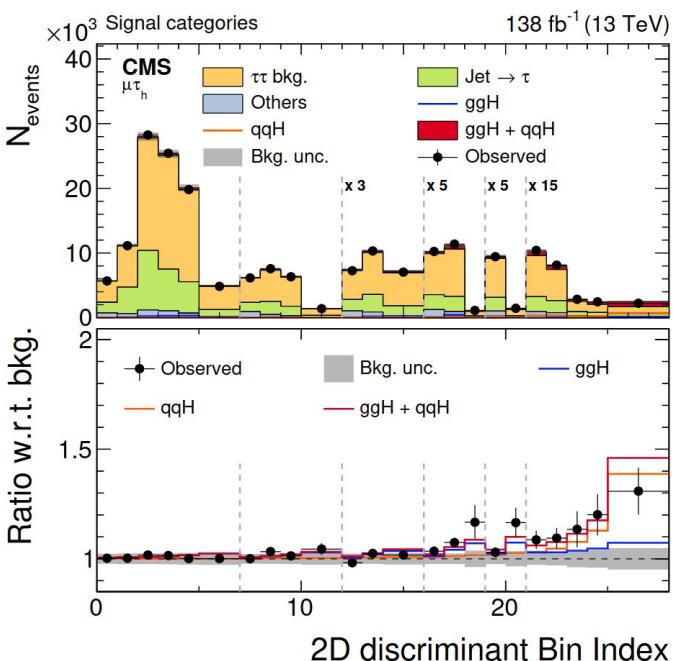
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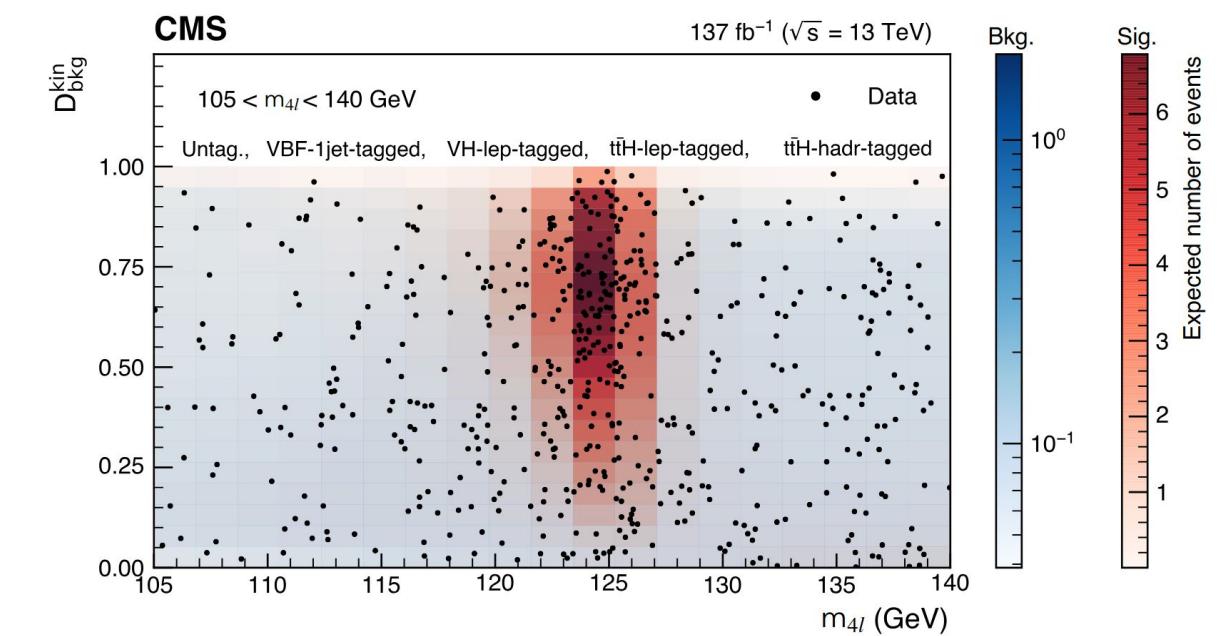
- The data (d_r) in each analysis region can be...



Cut-and-count:
 L_r = single Poisson term



Binned (histogram):
 L_r = product of Poisson terms over bin counts



Unbinned observables:
 L_r = (extended) product of Poisson terms over events

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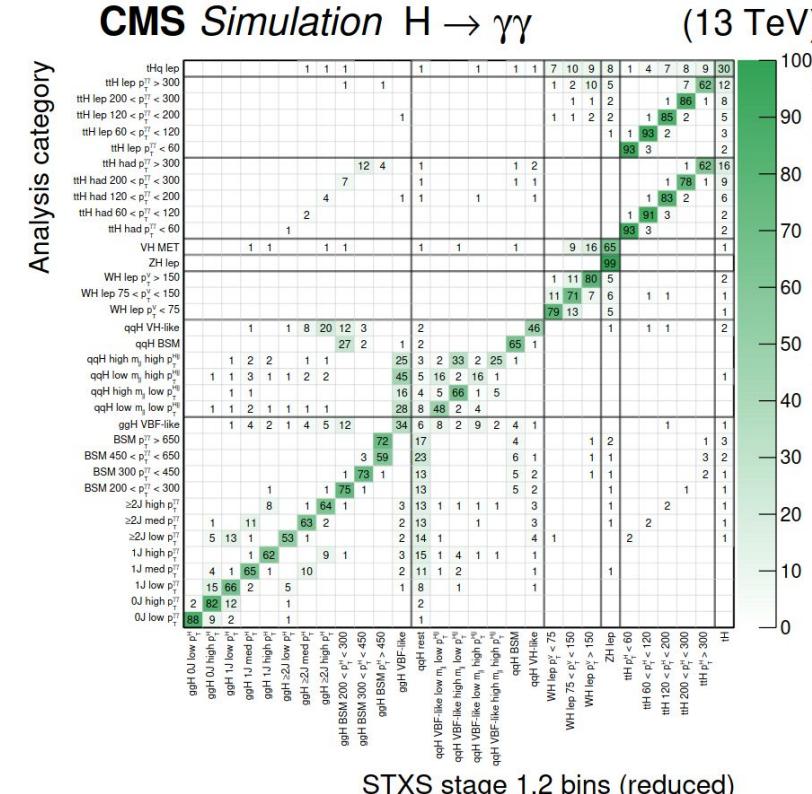
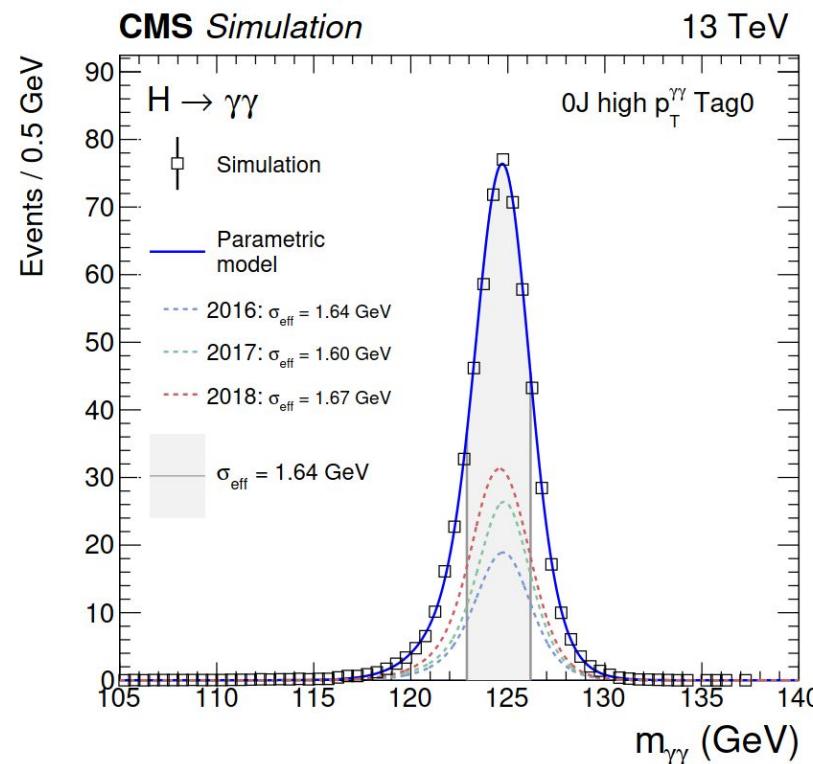
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- Signal model for Higgs boson production process i , in decay channel f (derived from Monte-Carlo simulation)



X Efficiency X Acceptance X Luminosity

Shape

Composition in analysis region, r

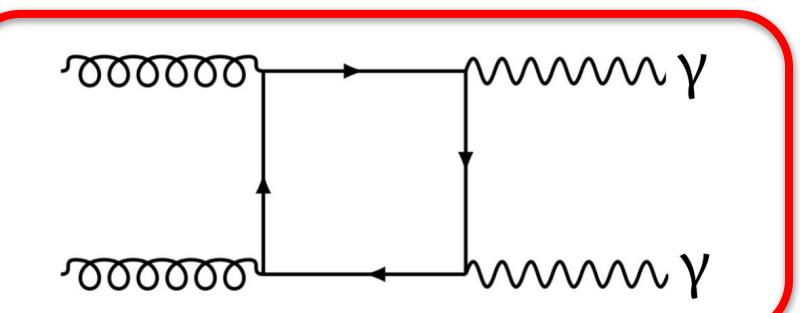
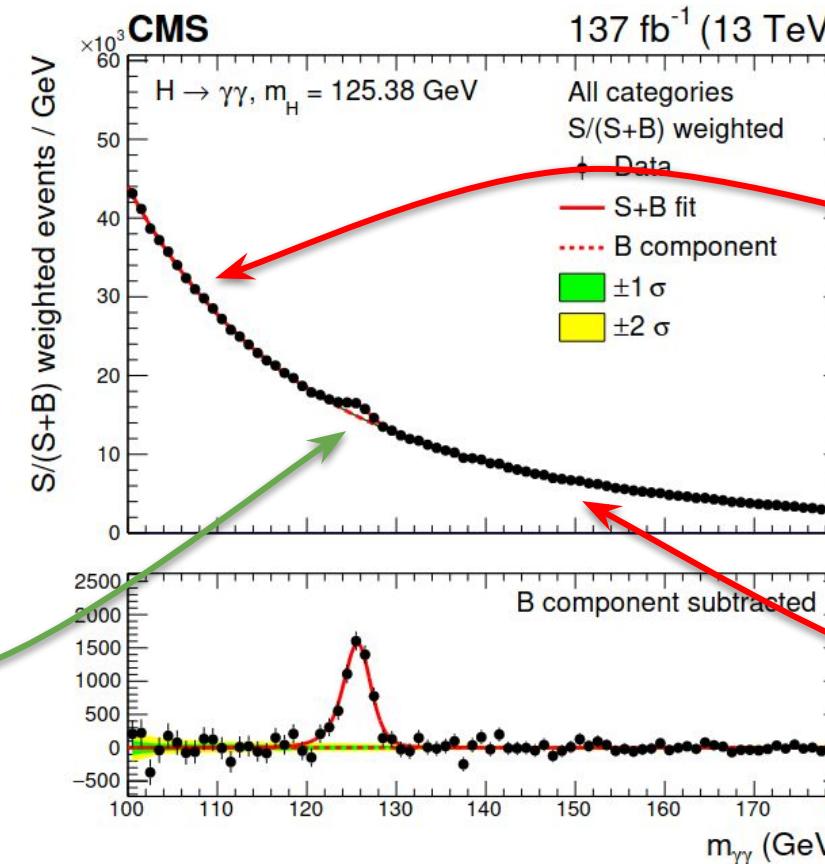
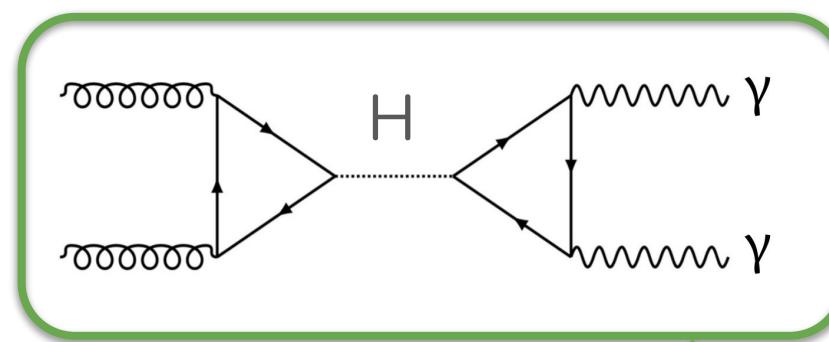
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- Background model: majority are data-driven e.g. mass sidebands to estimate background under signal



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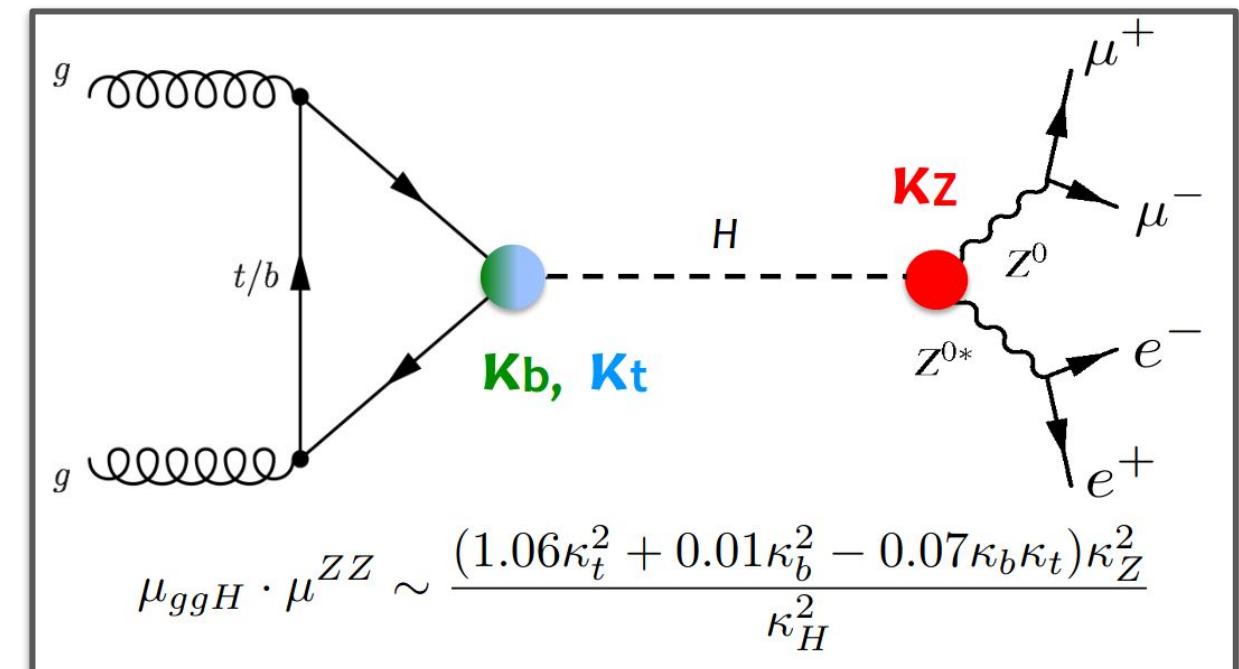
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- Extract different interpretations by parameterising signal strengths
 - E.g. Coupling modifiers (kappa-framework):

$$\mu \longrightarrow \mu(\vec{\kappa})$$



SM defined by: $\vec{\kappa} = 1 \longrightarrow \mu(1) = 1$

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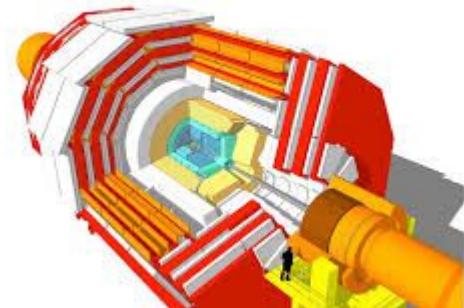
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- Experimental/detector systematics:**

Object efficiencies, energy scales, luminosity, ...

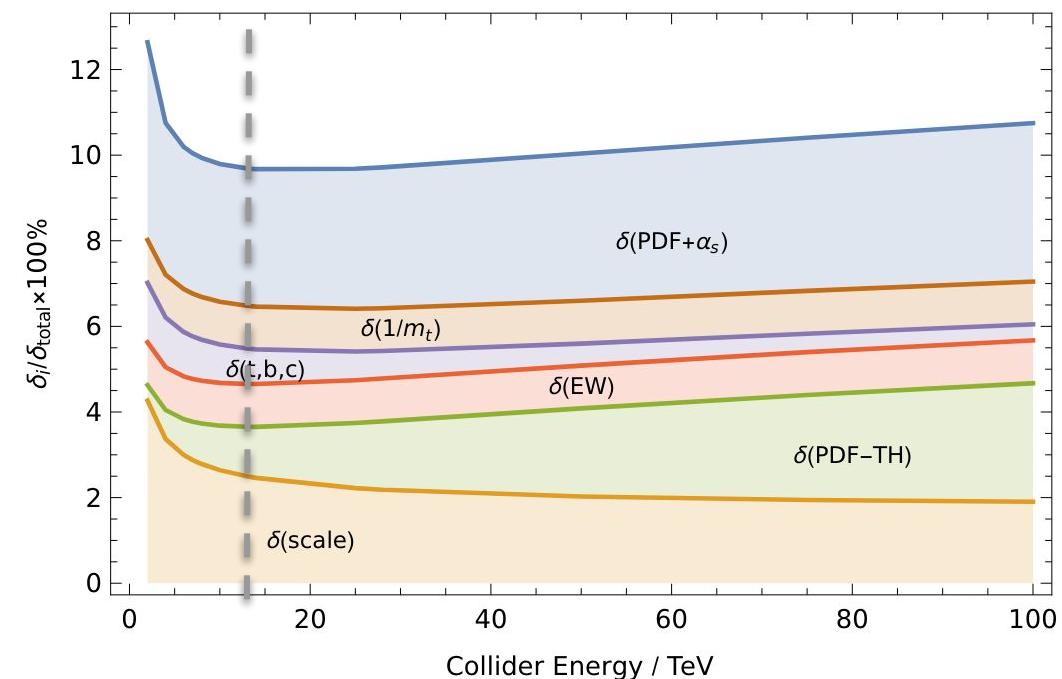


- Signal theory uncertainties:**

Inclusive x-section, QCD scale, PDF, UEPS, branching fraction, ...

- Background theory uncertainties:**

Cover extrapolation from CR to SR phase space for data-driven estimates



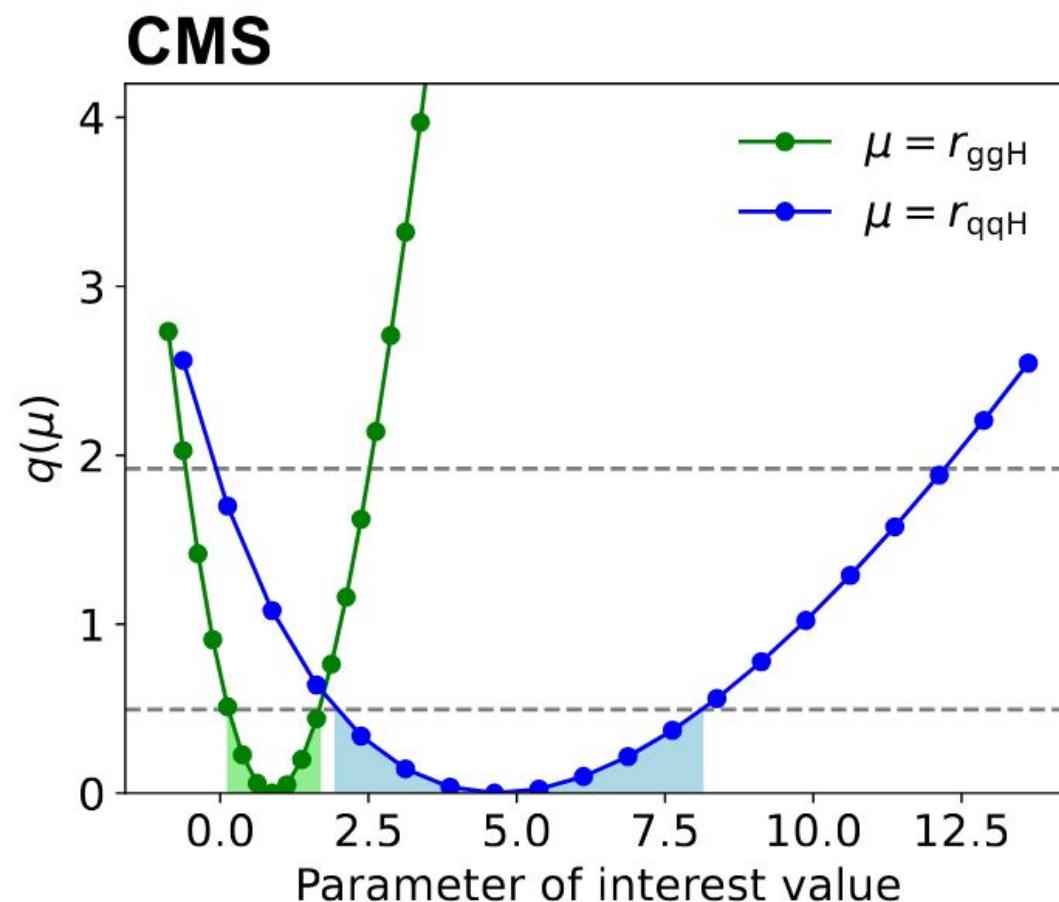
- Combinations typically have O(1000)'s nuisance parameters → **Correlate effects across different input channels**

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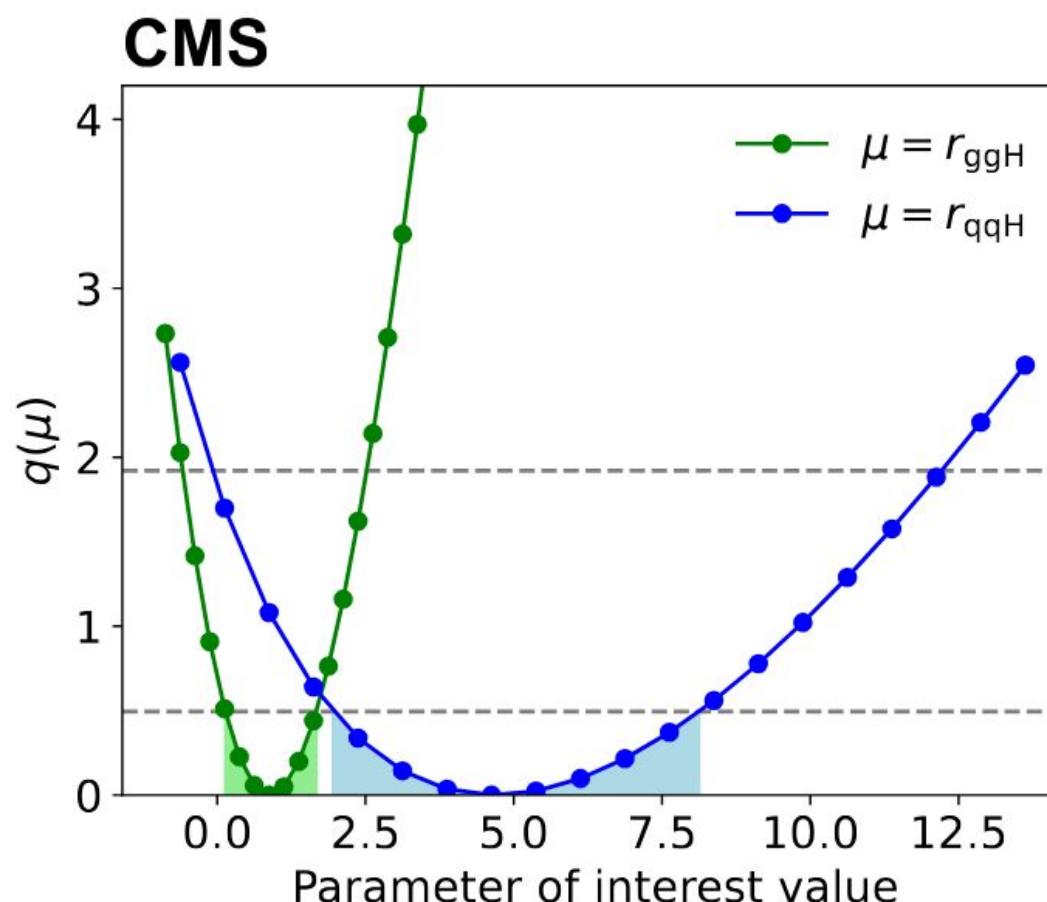
$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\mu, \nu) \rightarrow q(\mu) = -2 \ln \left(\frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\mu, \hat{\nu}_\mu)}{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\hat{\mu}, \hat{\nu})} \right)$$

Profiled likelihood ratio

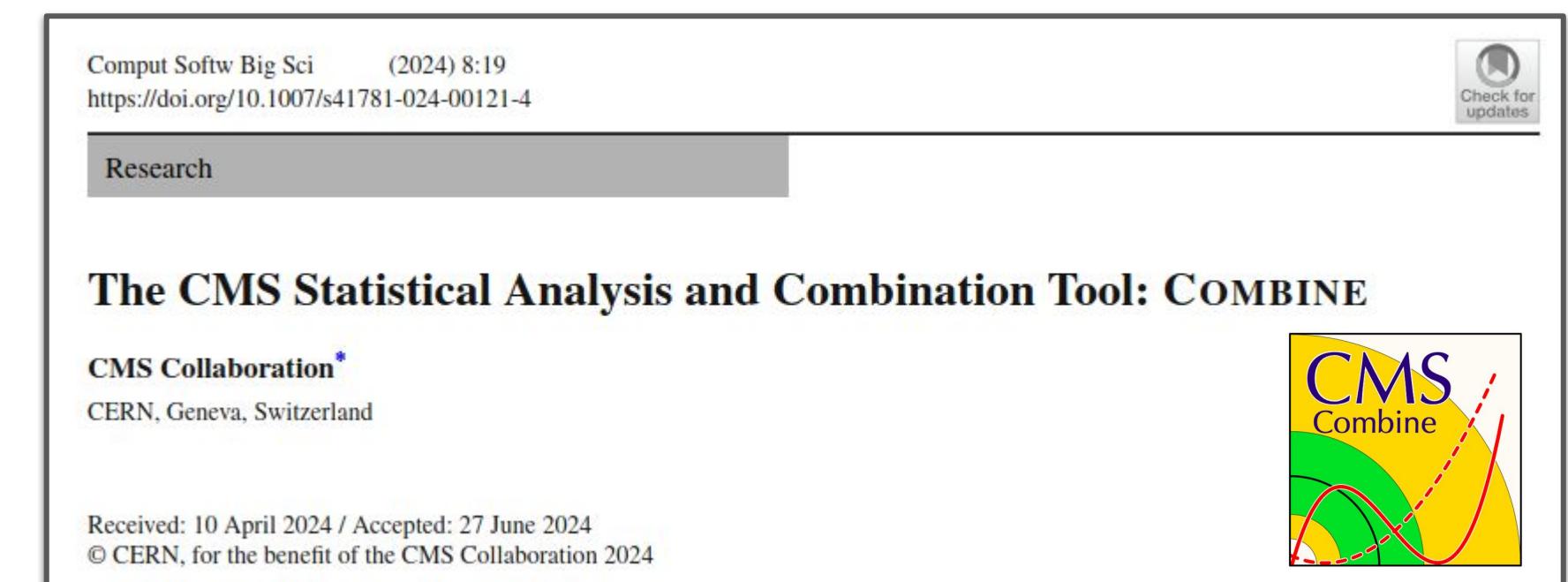


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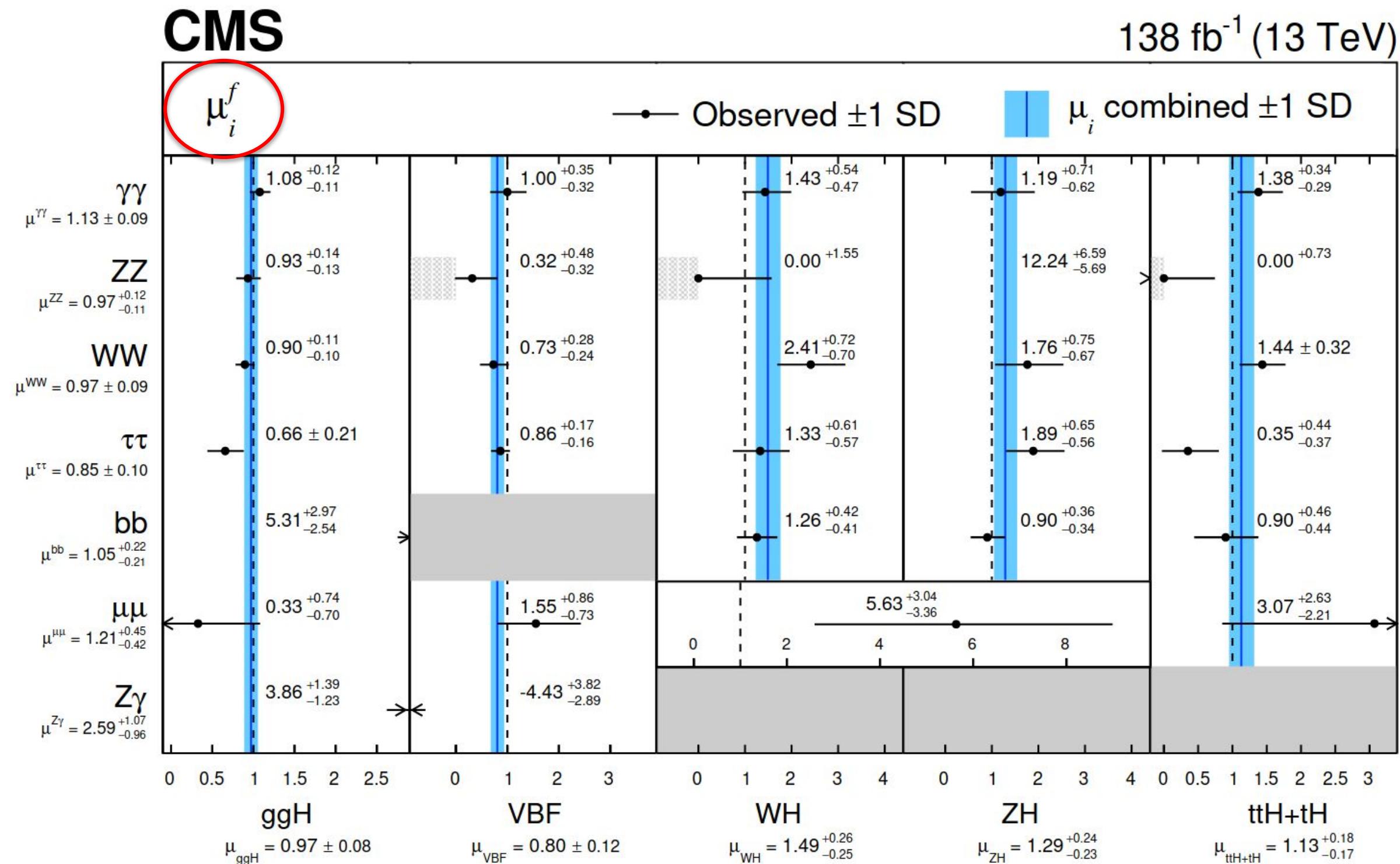


[Combine](#): statistical fitting tool developed in CMS



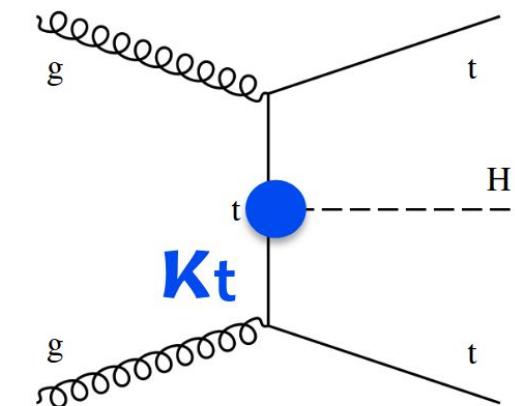
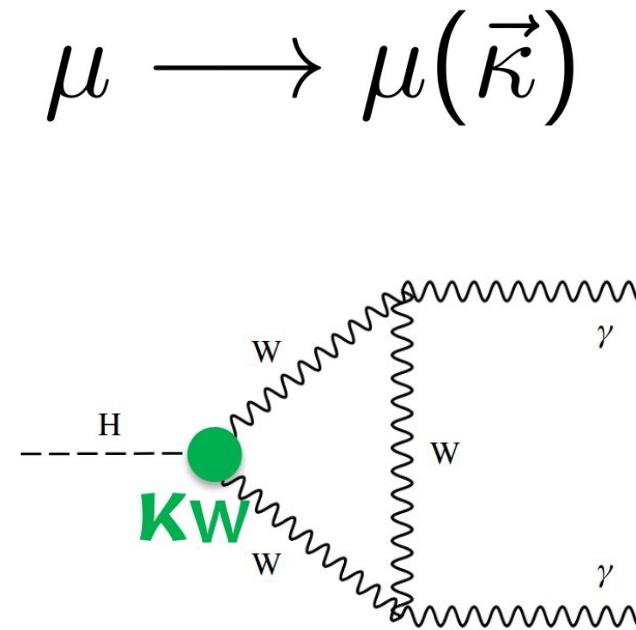
Now being used outside of the collaboration!

A combined fit

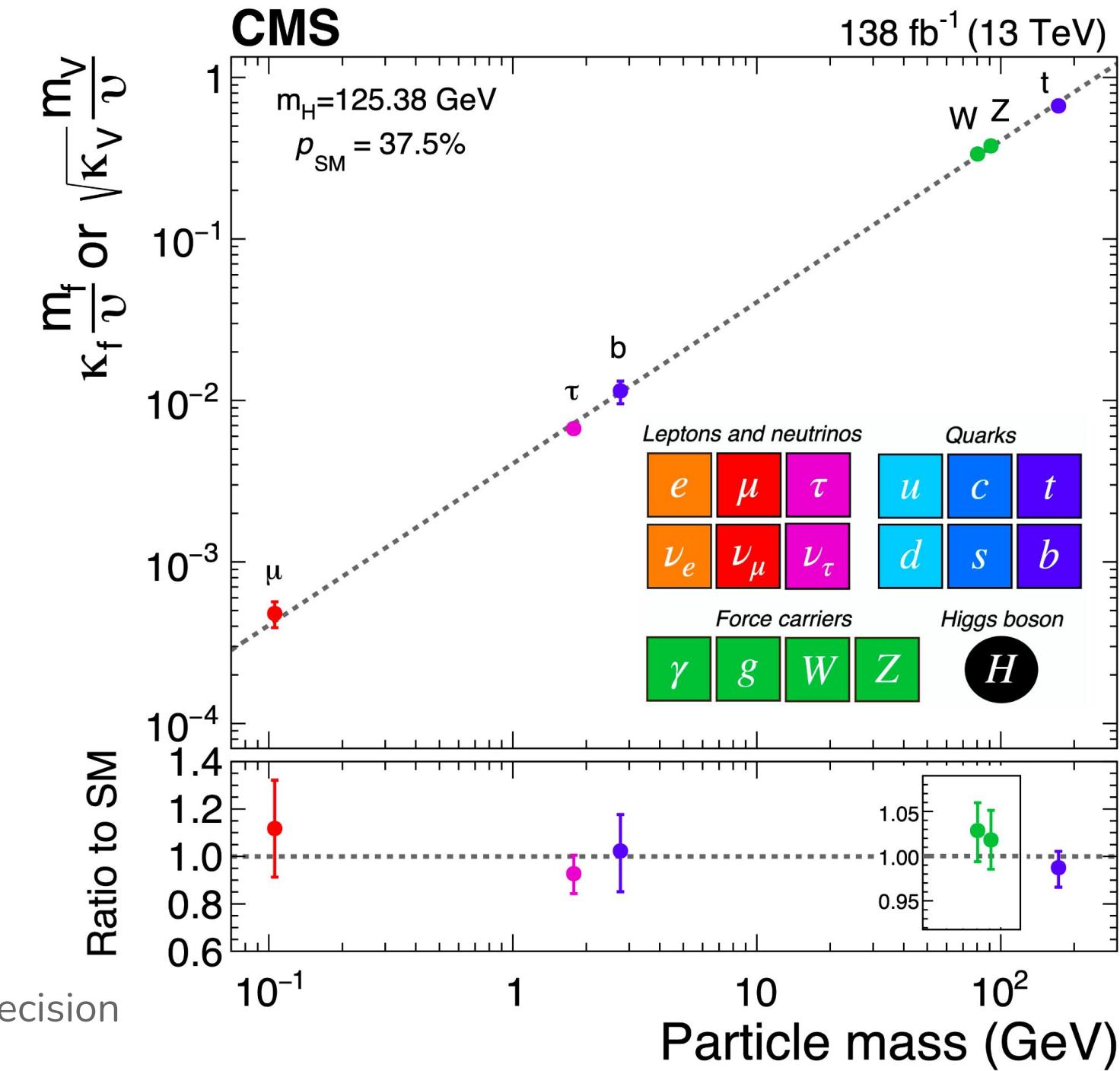


Higgs boson couplings

- In SM \rightarrow Higgs interactions strengths (couplings) to SM particles are proportional to mass of those particles
- Probe this relationship with the kappa-framework



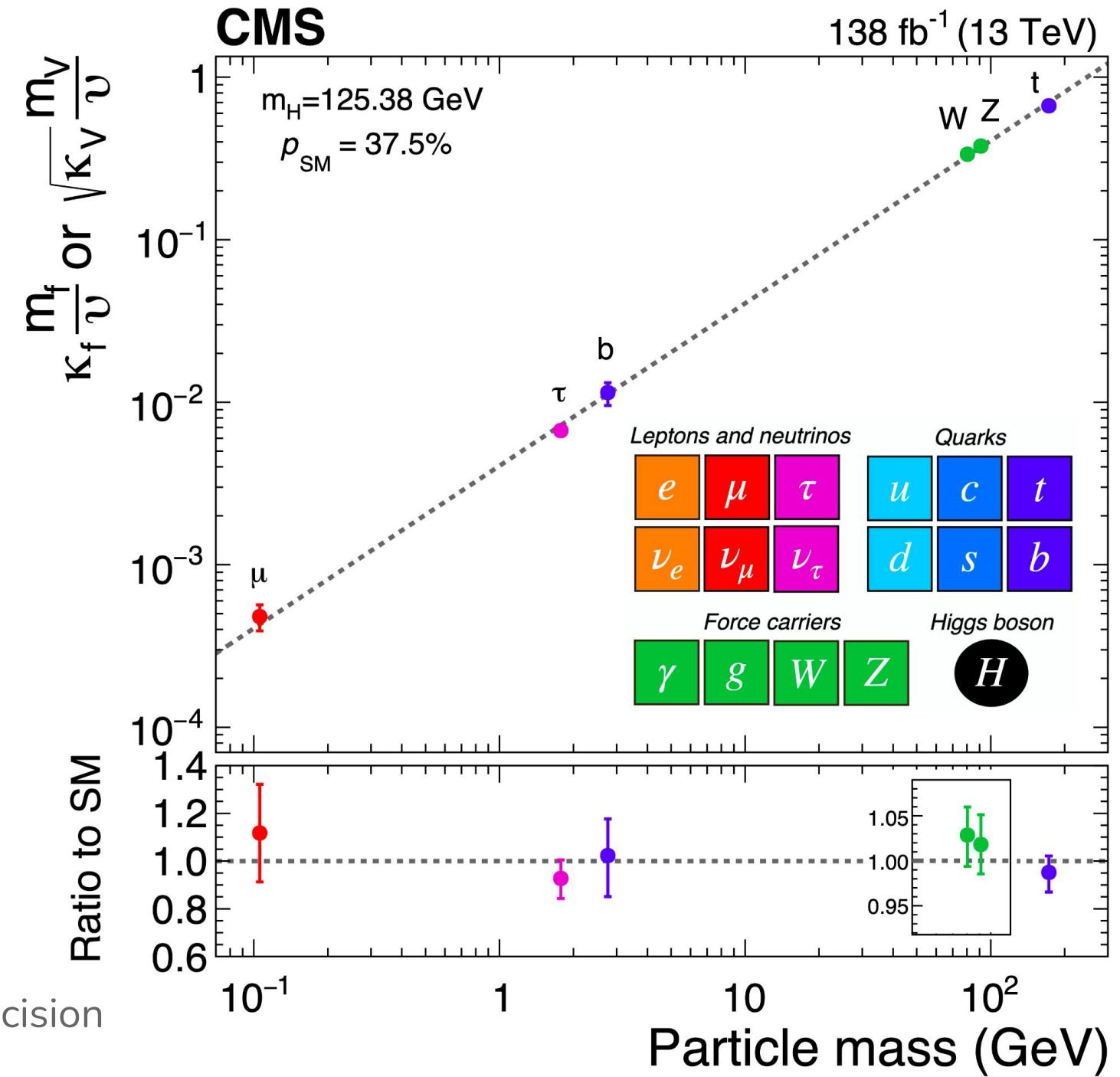
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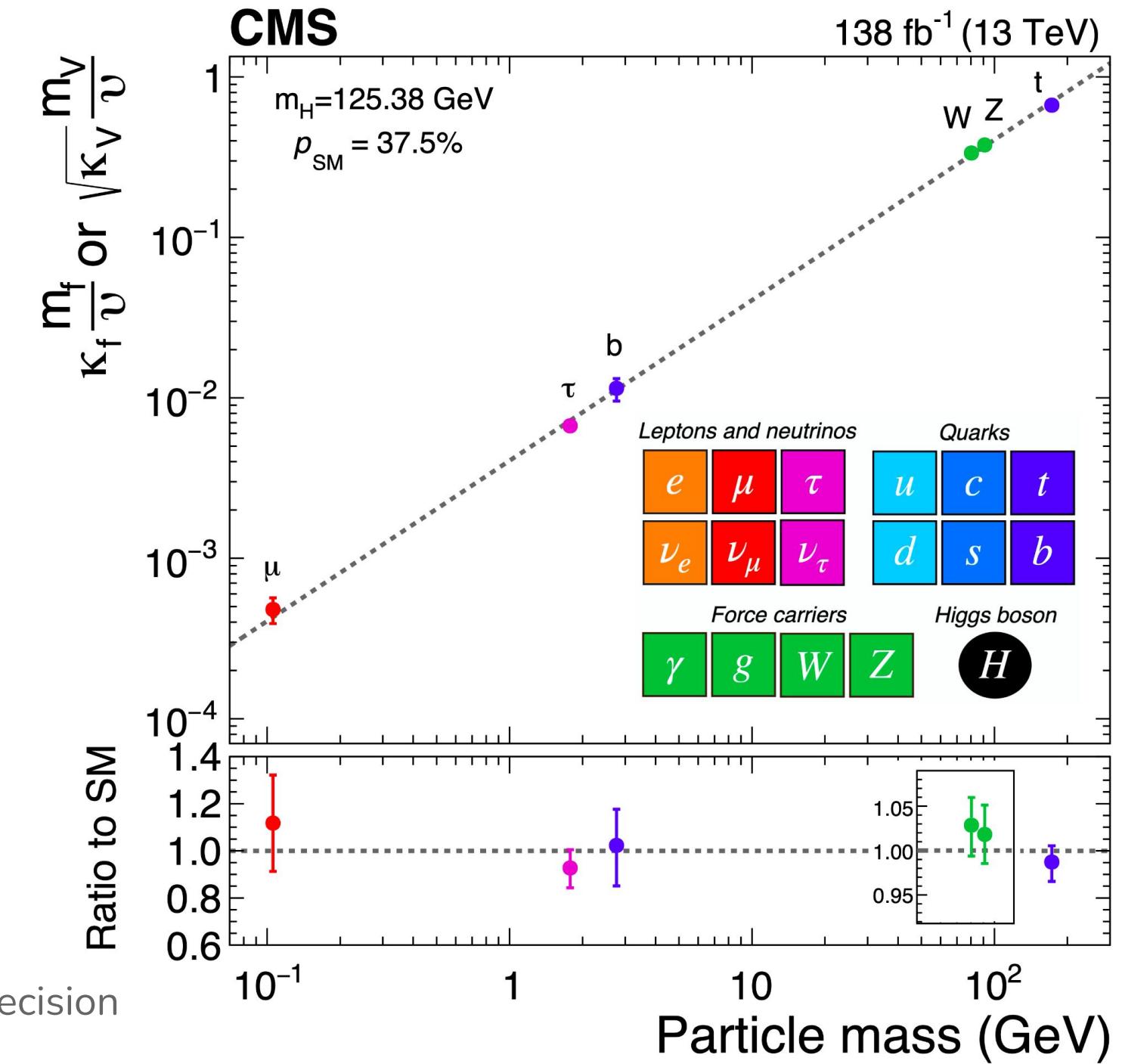
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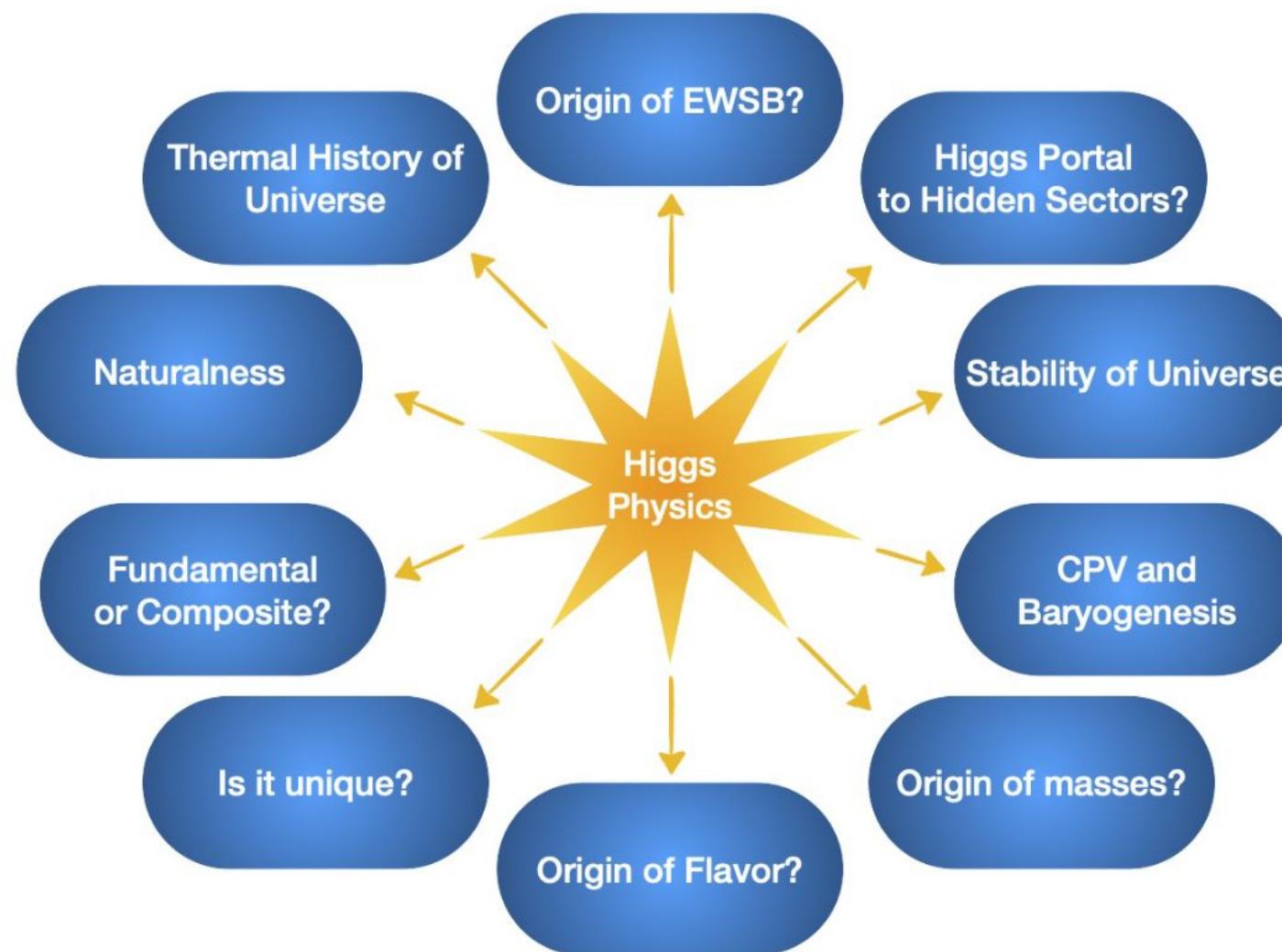


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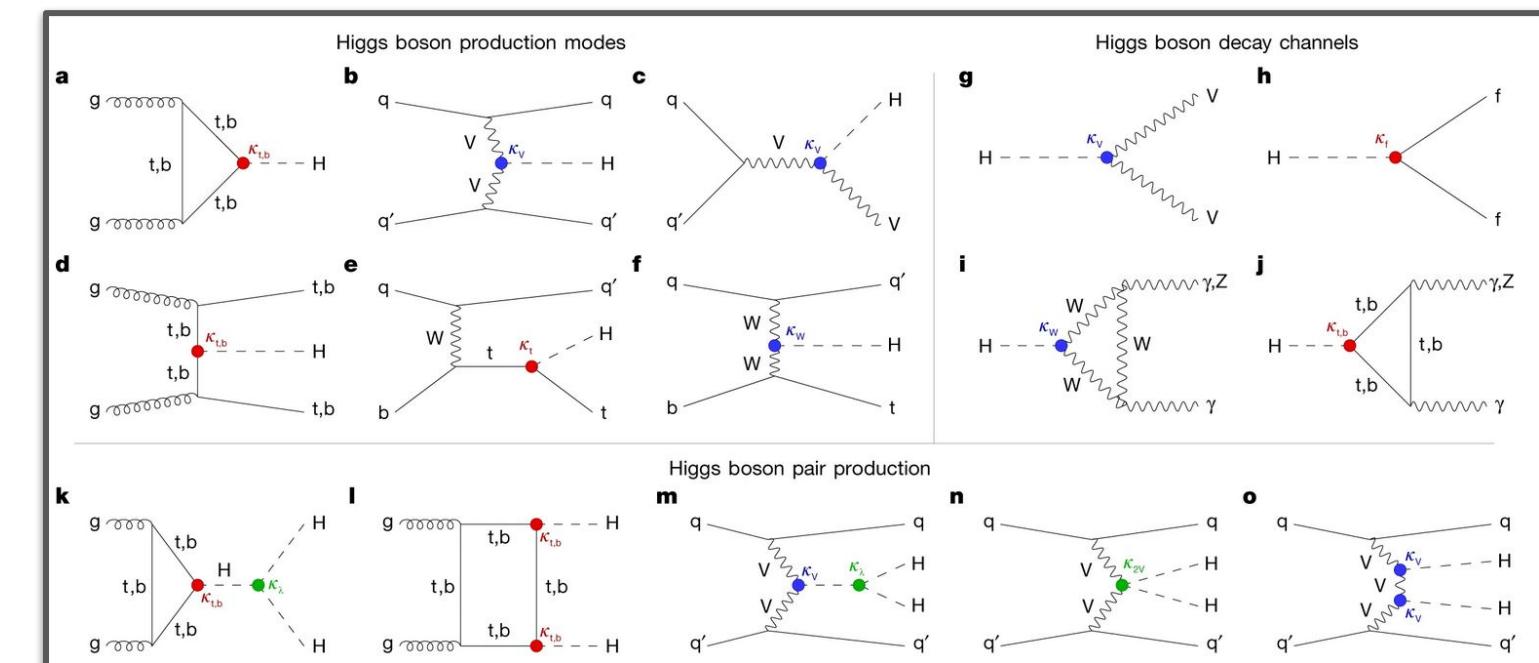
- “Almost every problem of the Standard Model originates from Higgs boson interactions”



Taken from G. Salam slides @ FCC Week 2023

$$\mathcal{L} = y H \psi \bar{\psi} + \mu^2 |H|^2 - \lambda |H|^4 - V_0$$

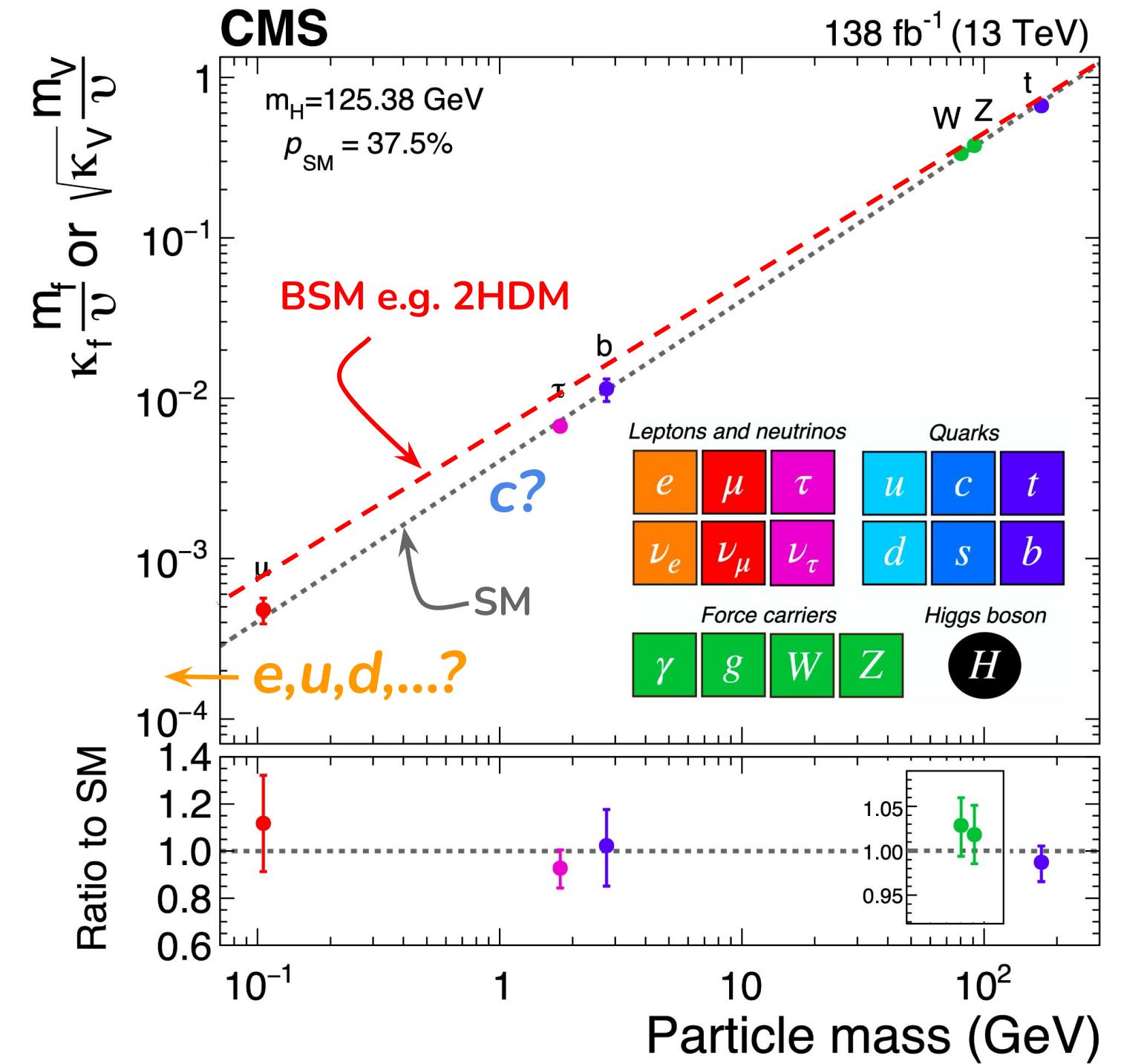
↑
flavour ↑
naturalness ↑
stability ↑
cosmological constant



- Precision measurements of Higgs boson offer a **unique tool to search for new fundamental physics**

The open questions

- Are the Higgs interactions SM-like?
Do all SM particles lie on that line?



Overview of analyses

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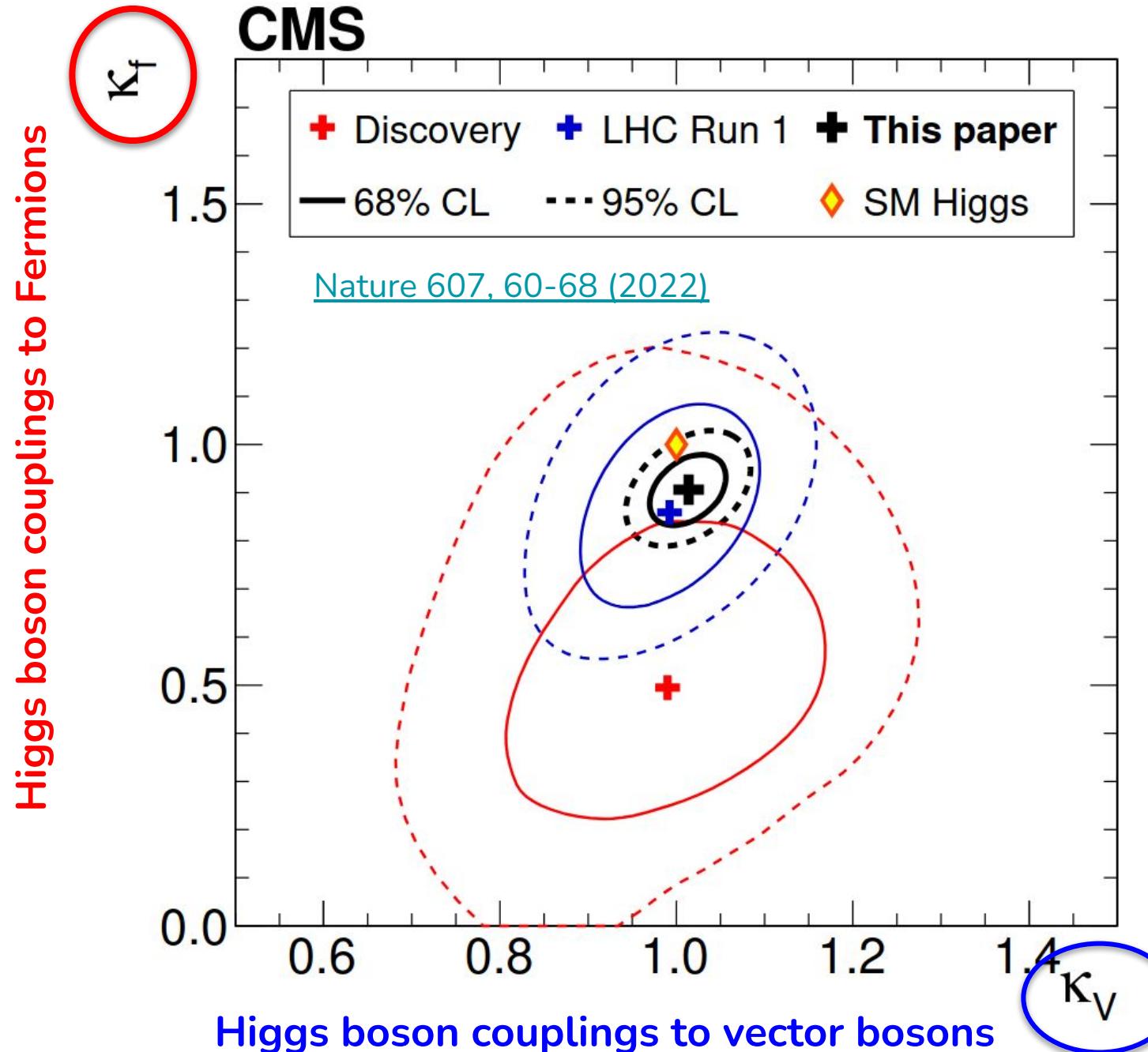
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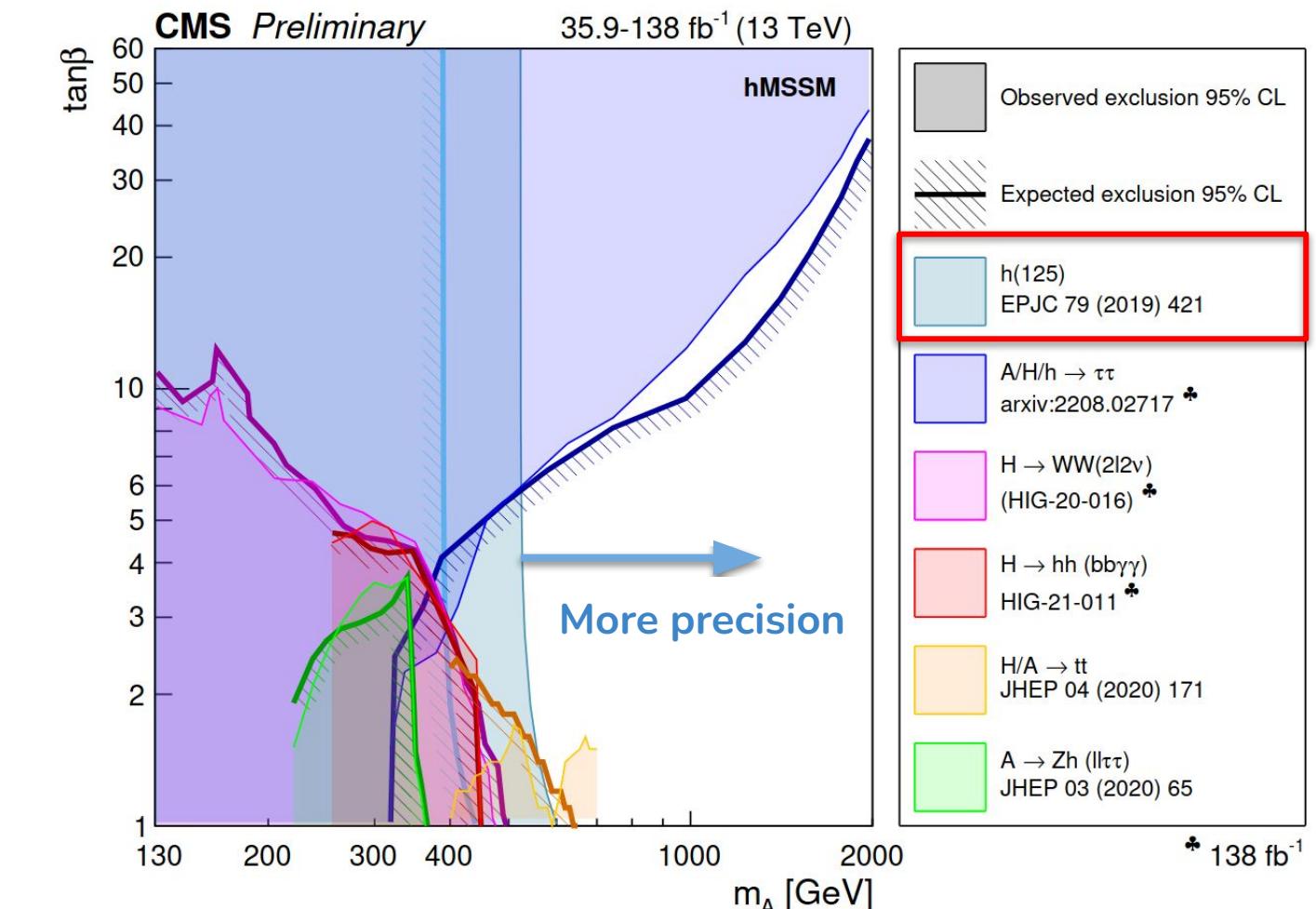
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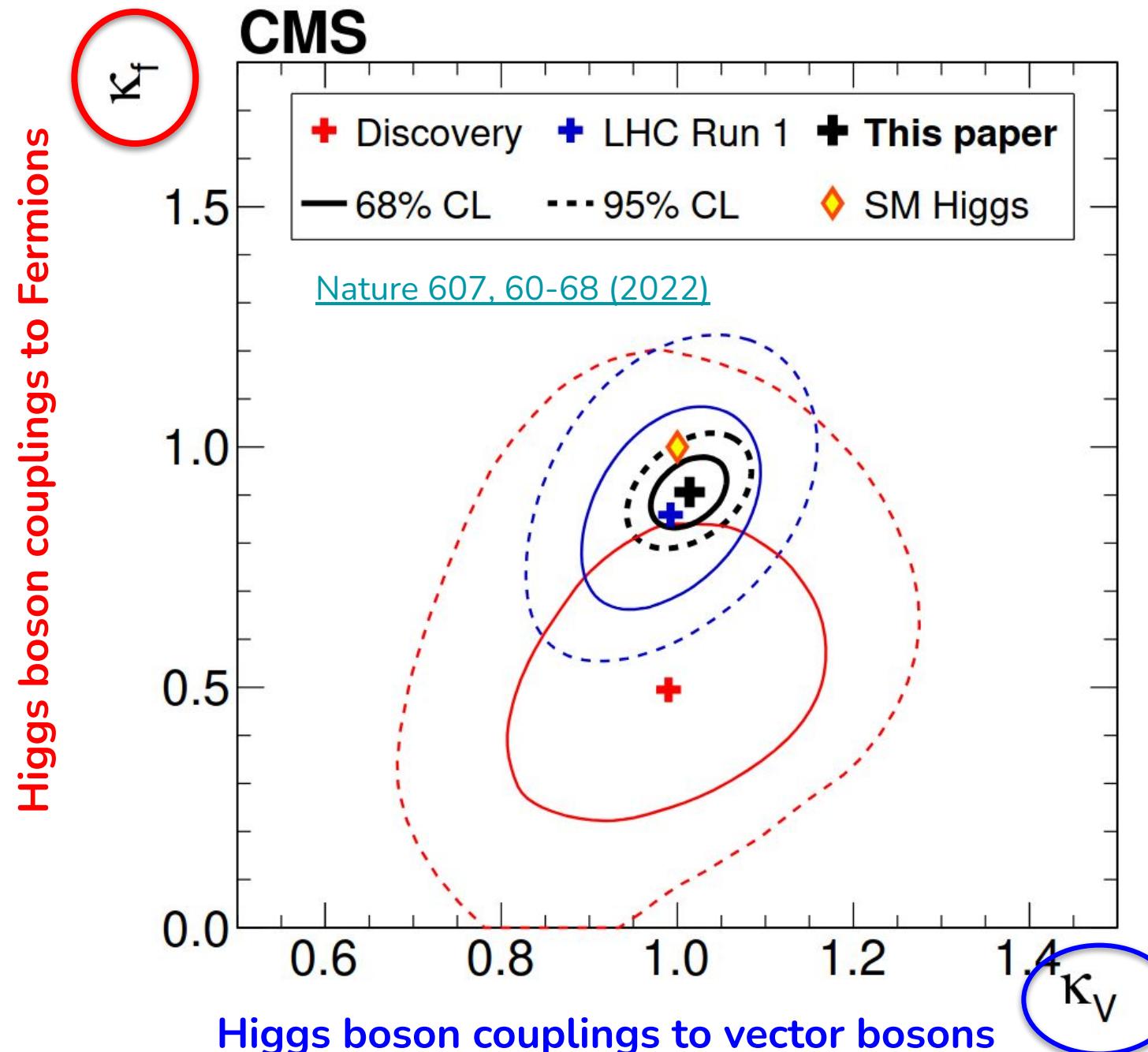


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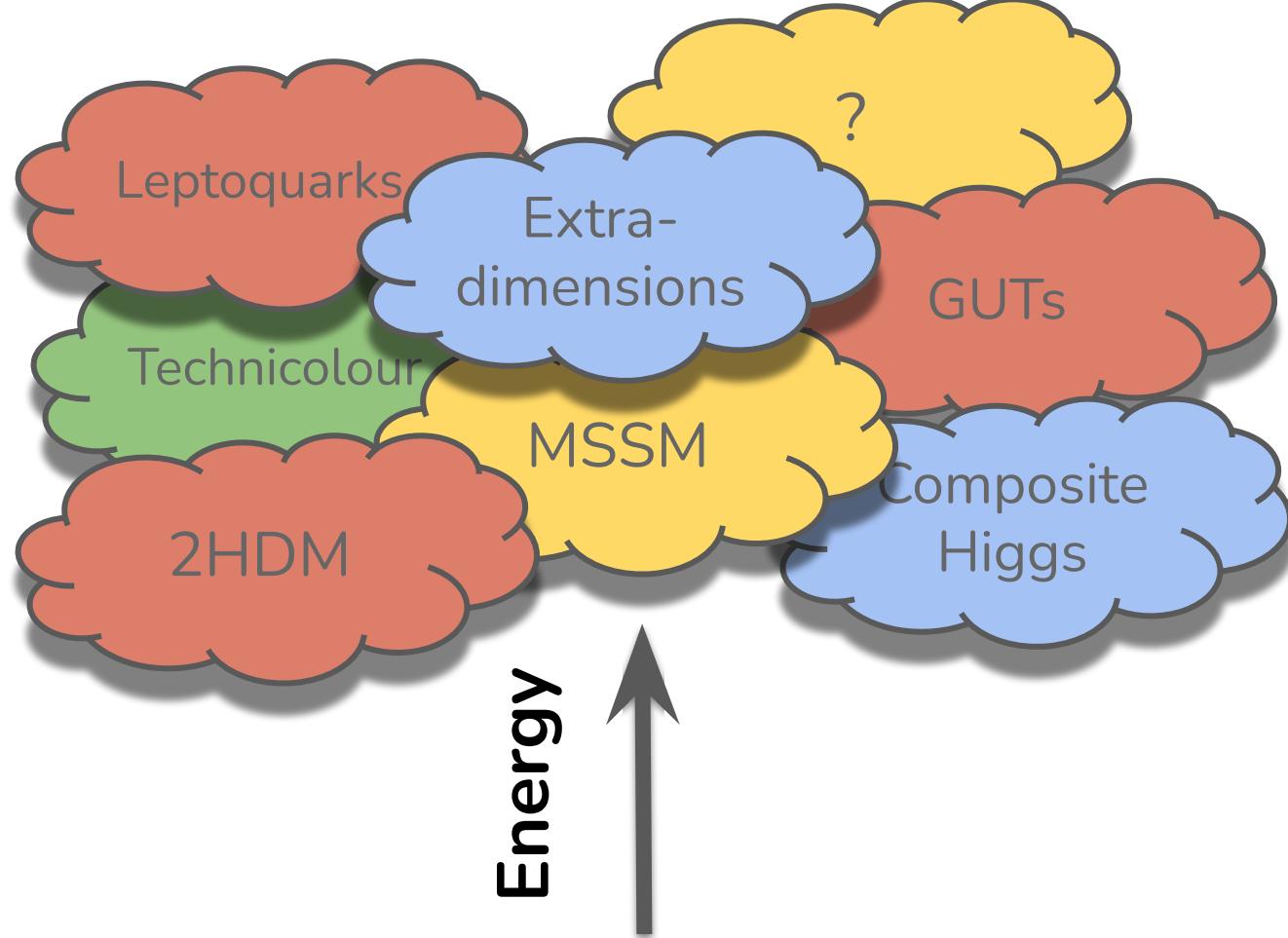
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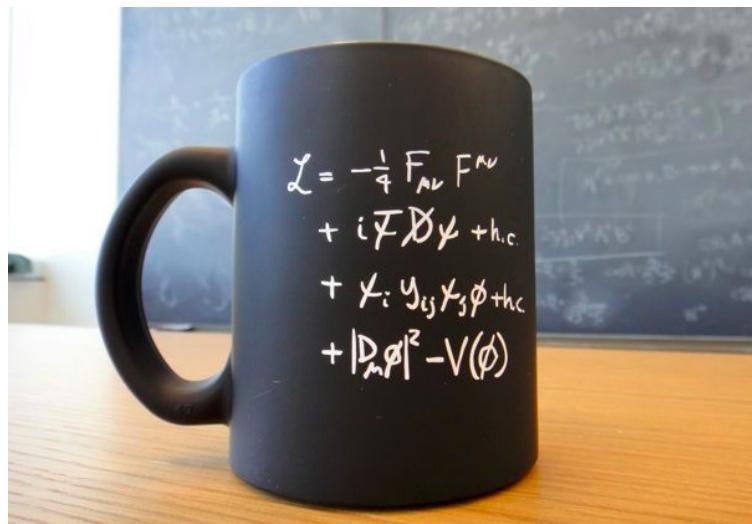
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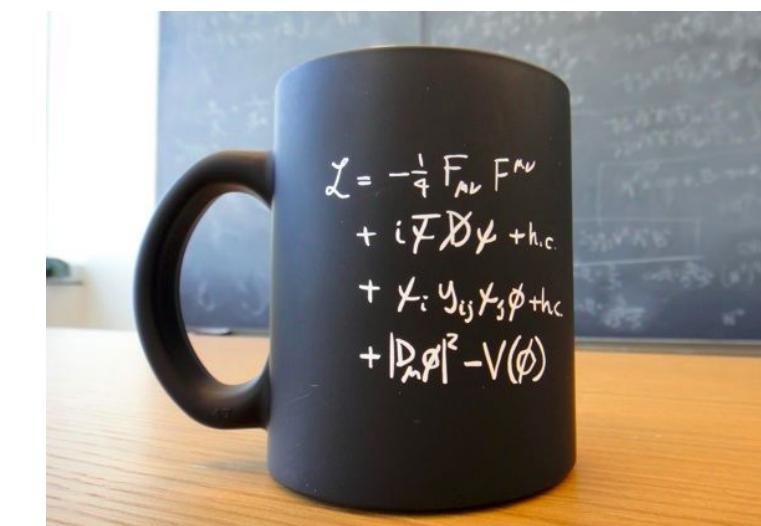
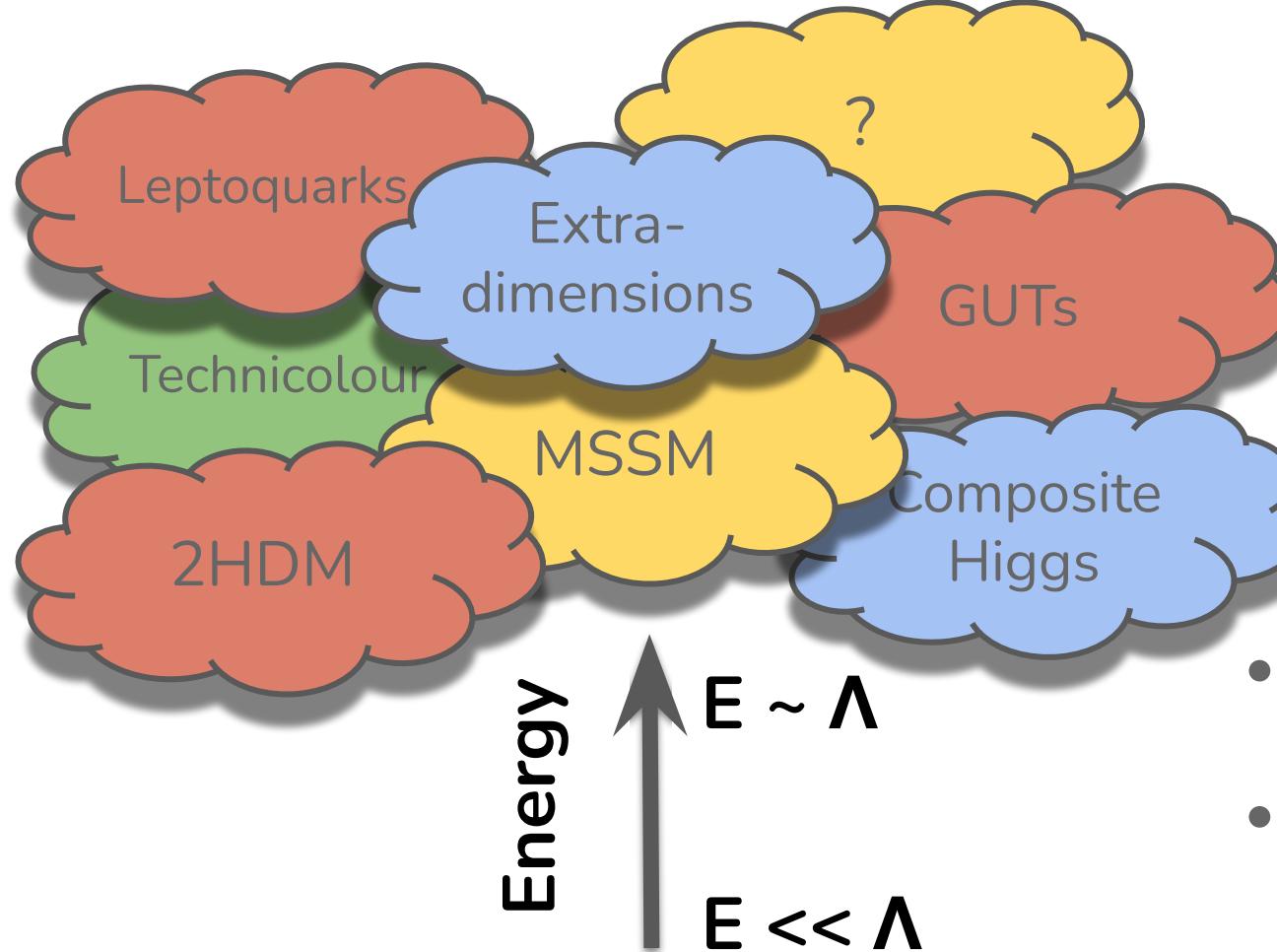
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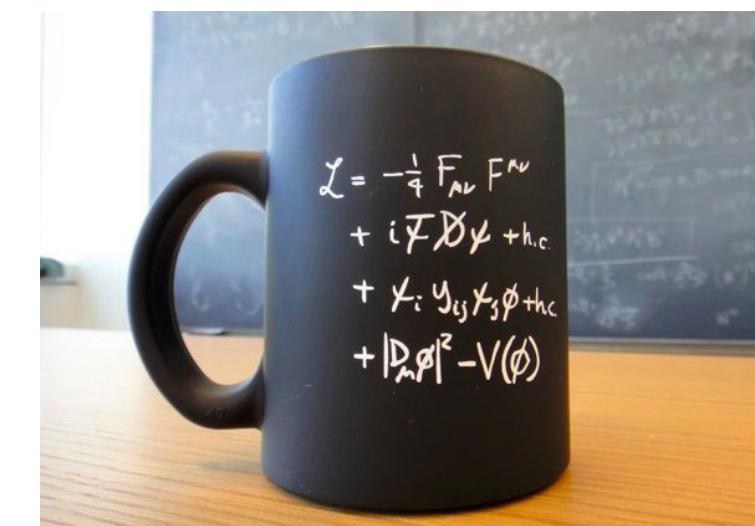
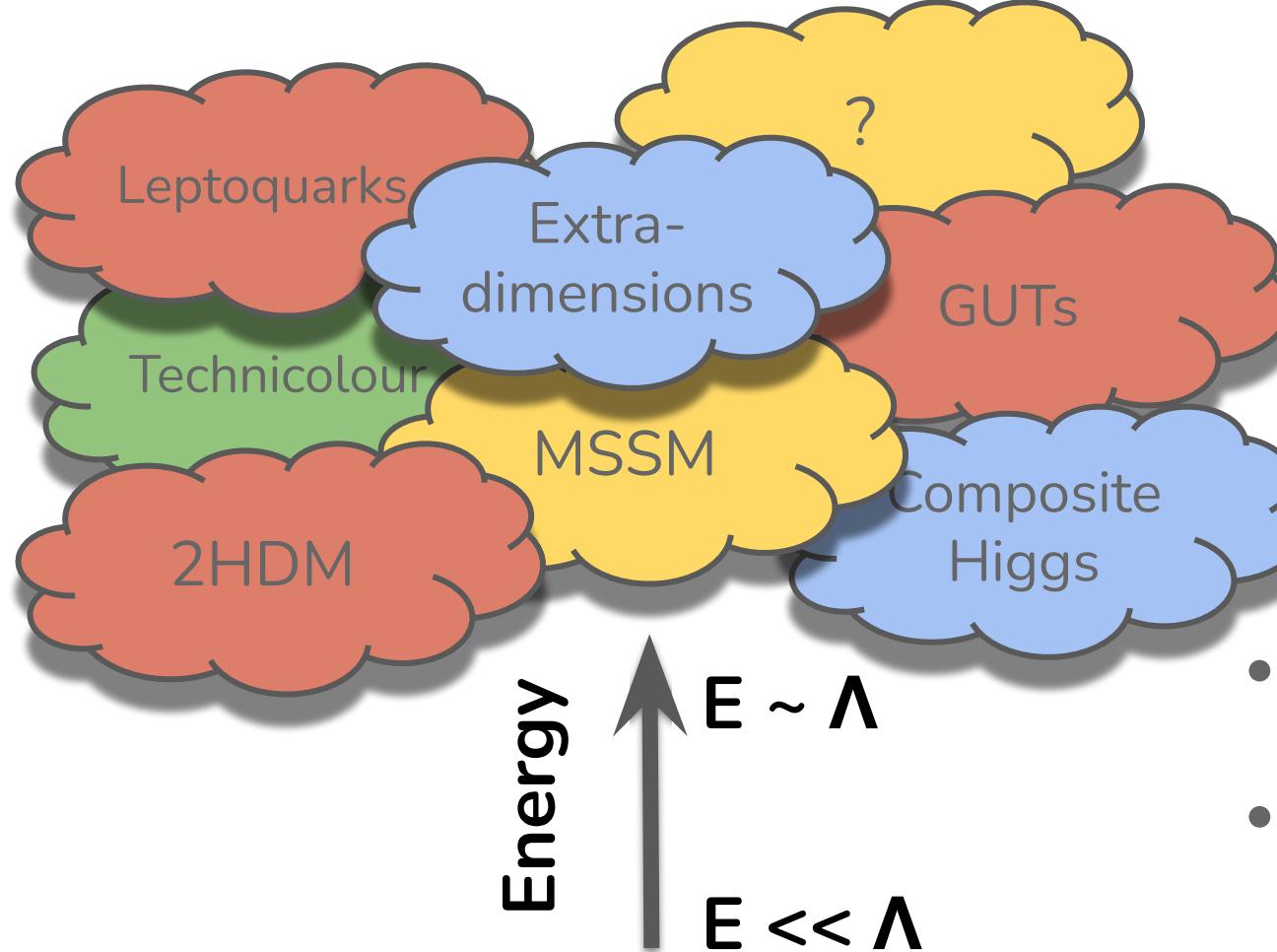
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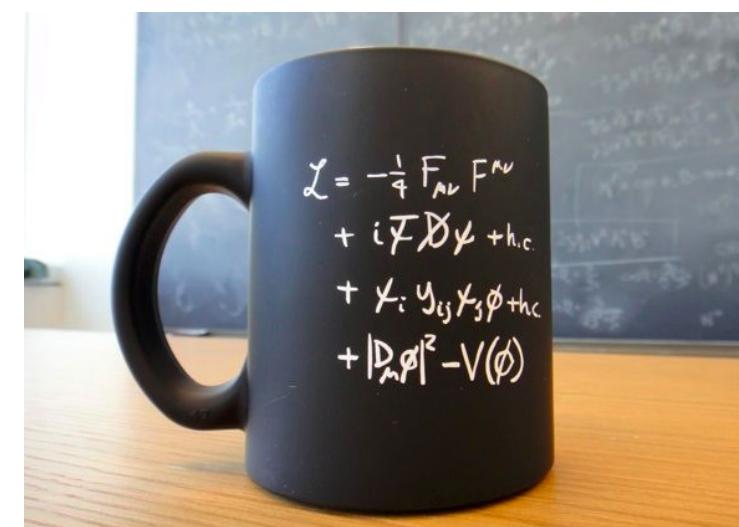
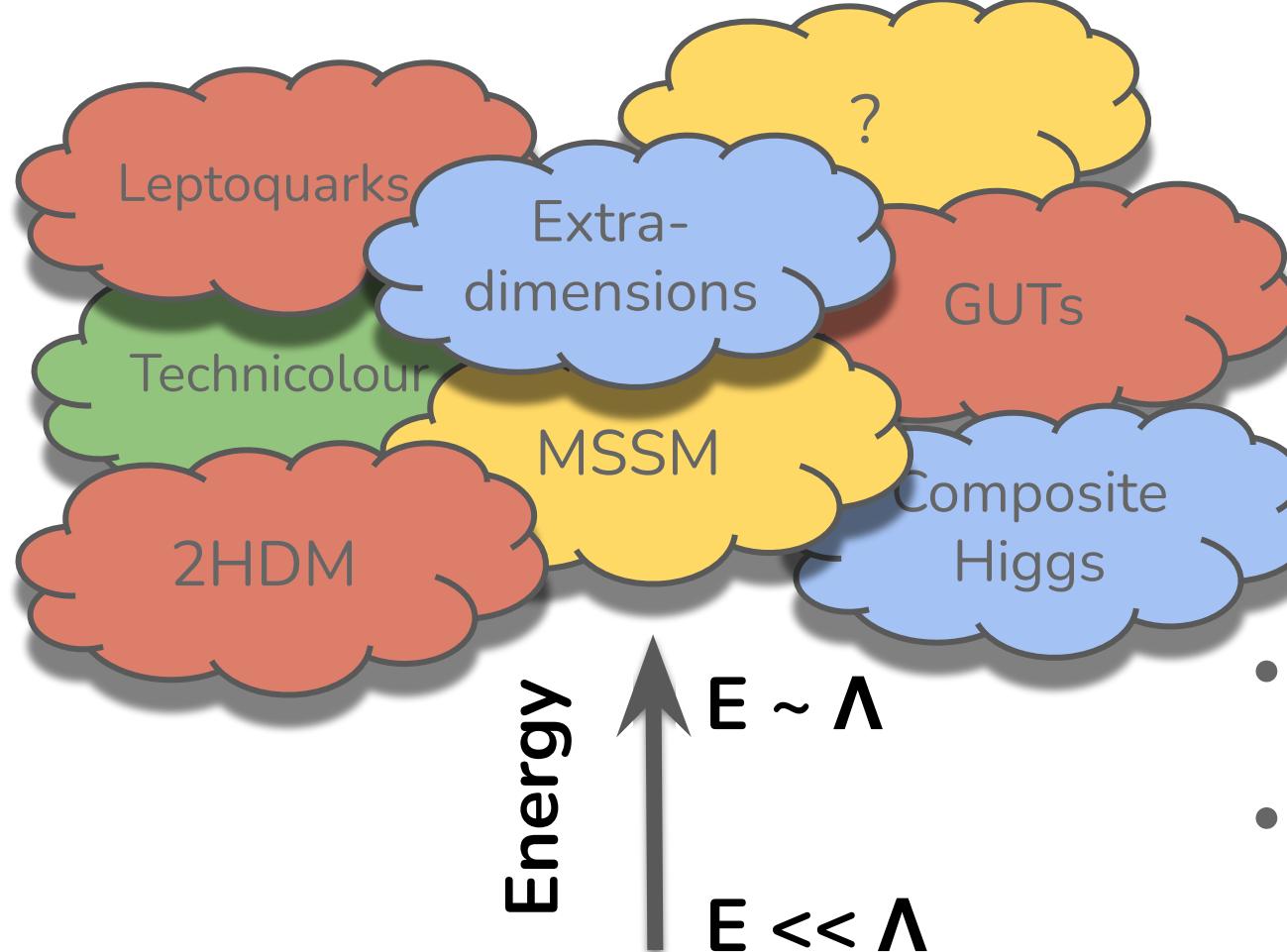
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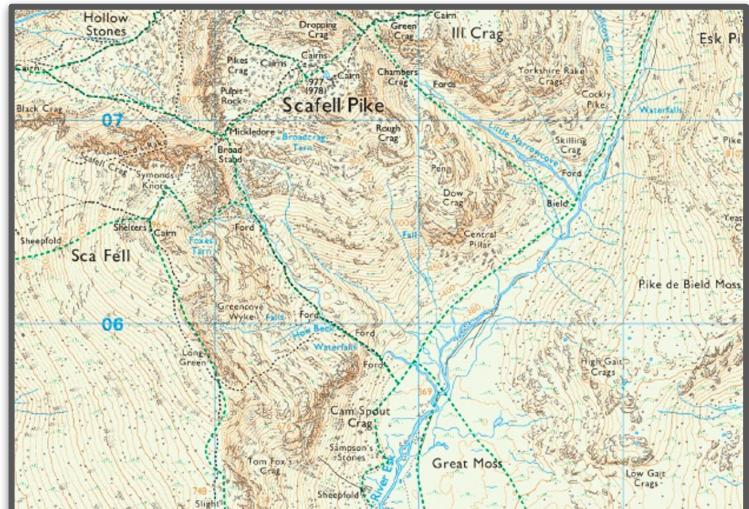
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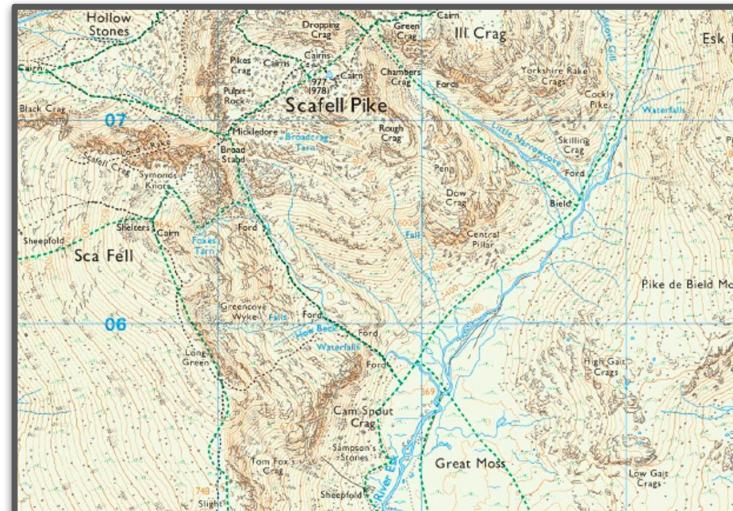
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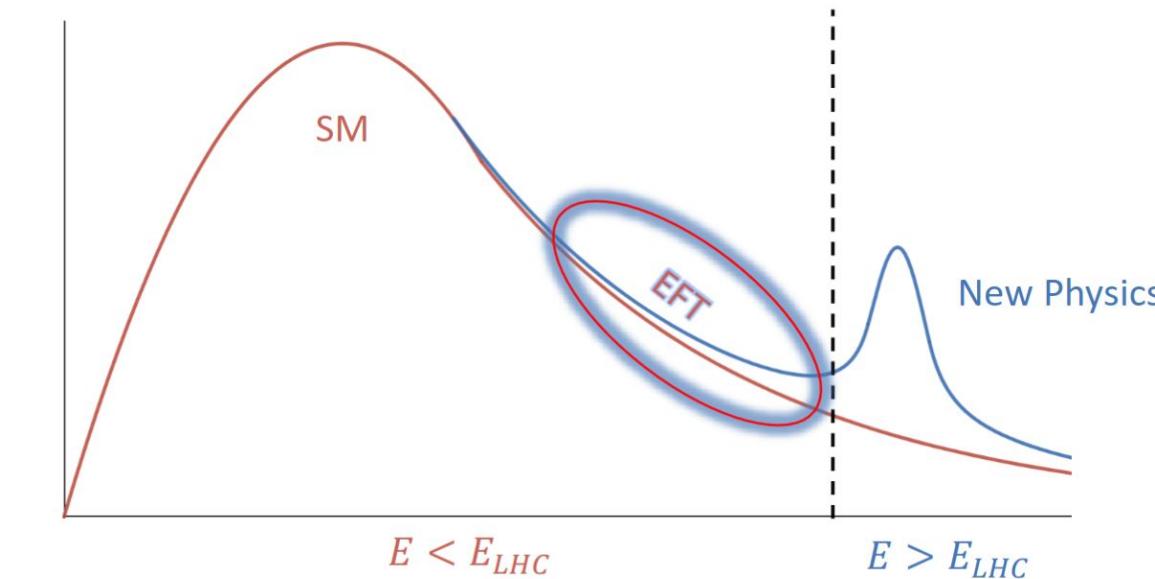
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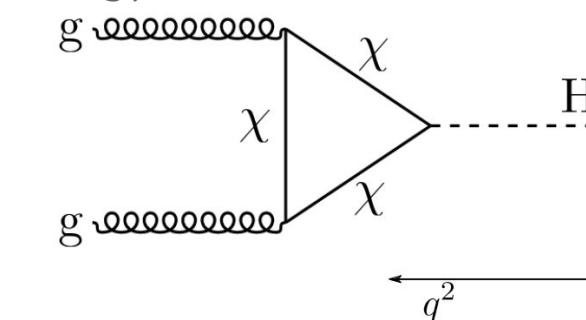
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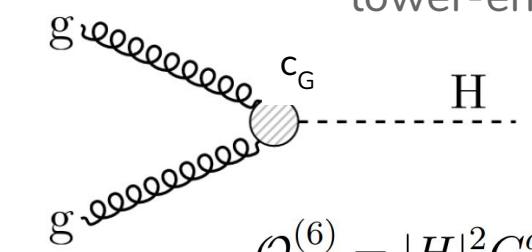
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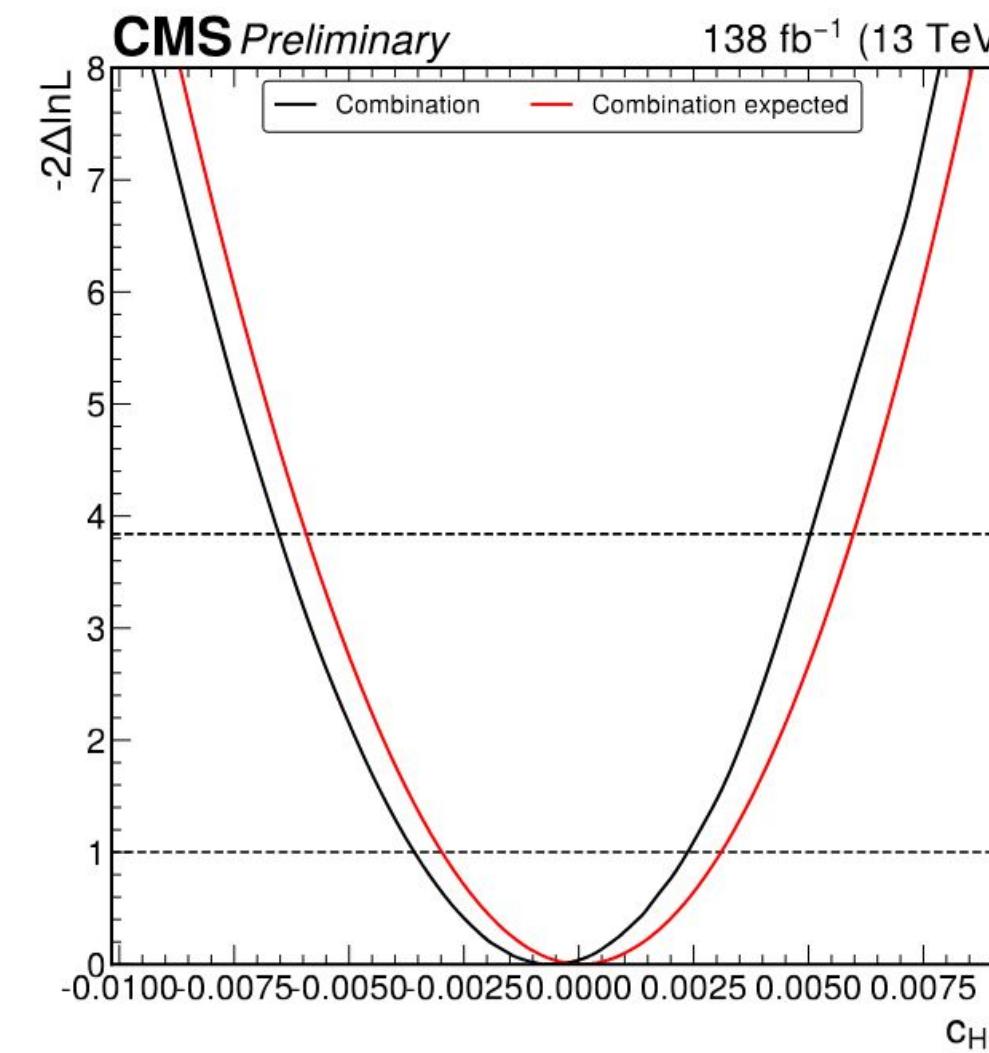
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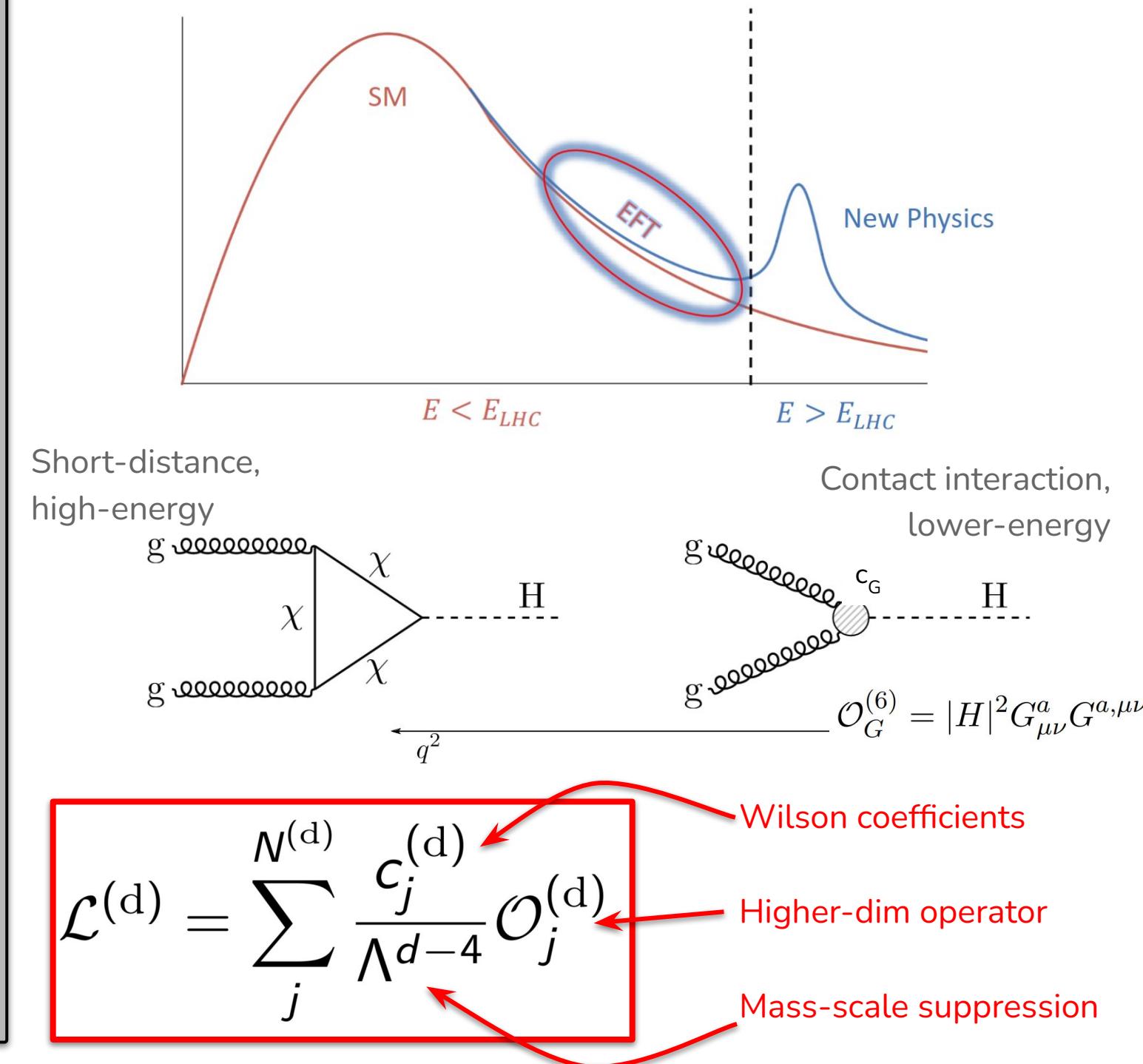
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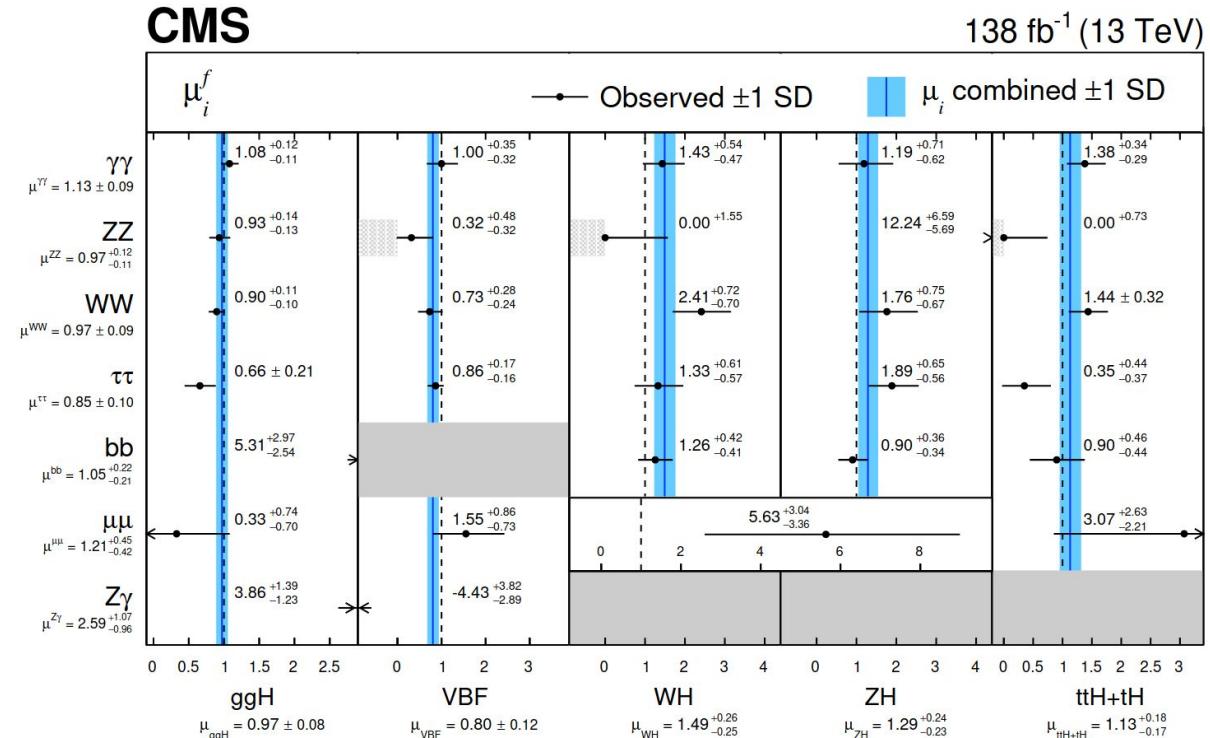
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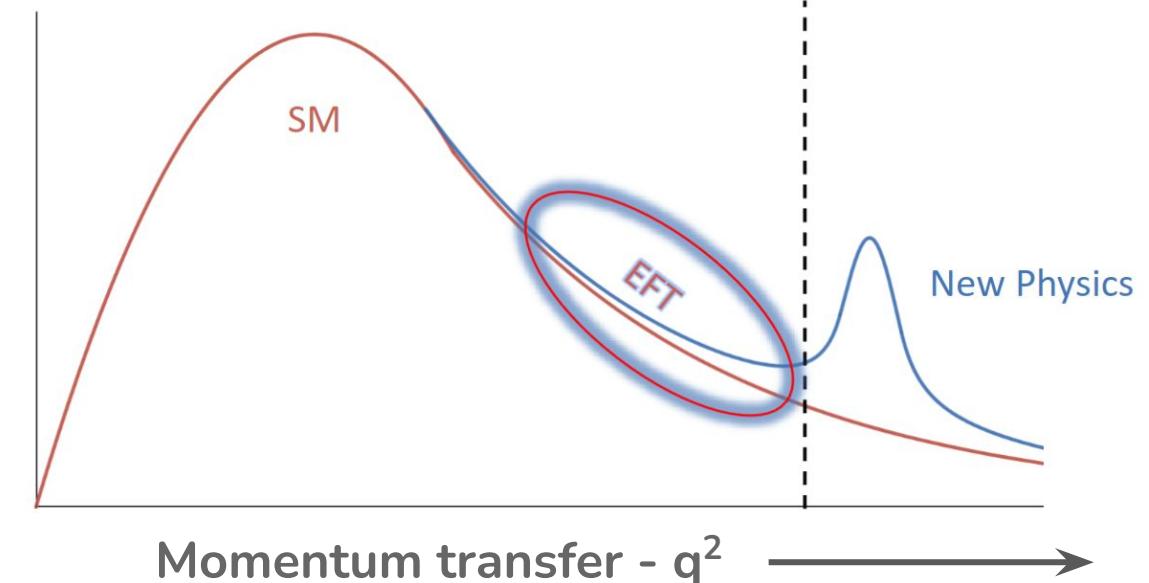
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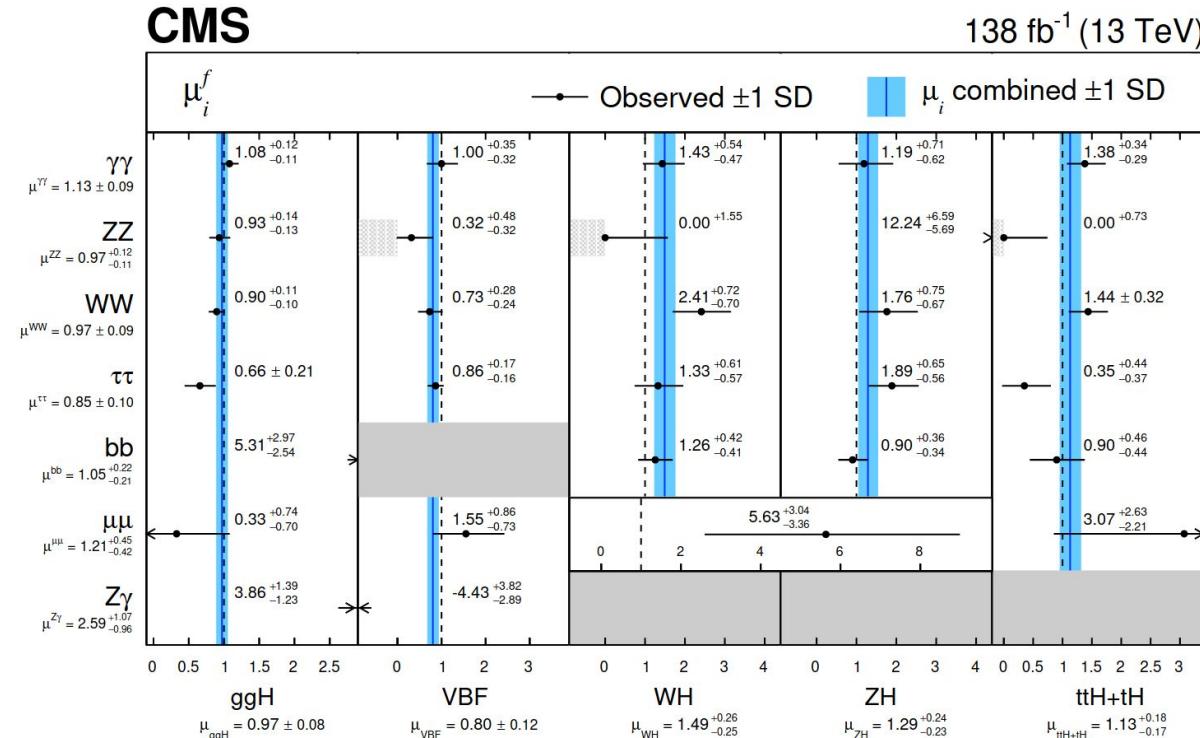


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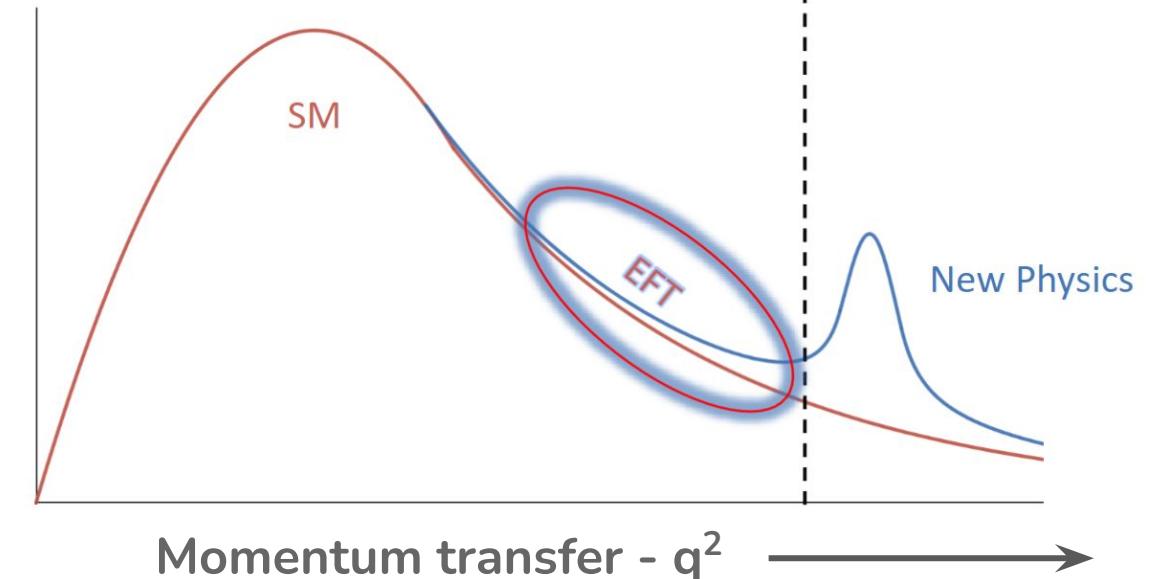


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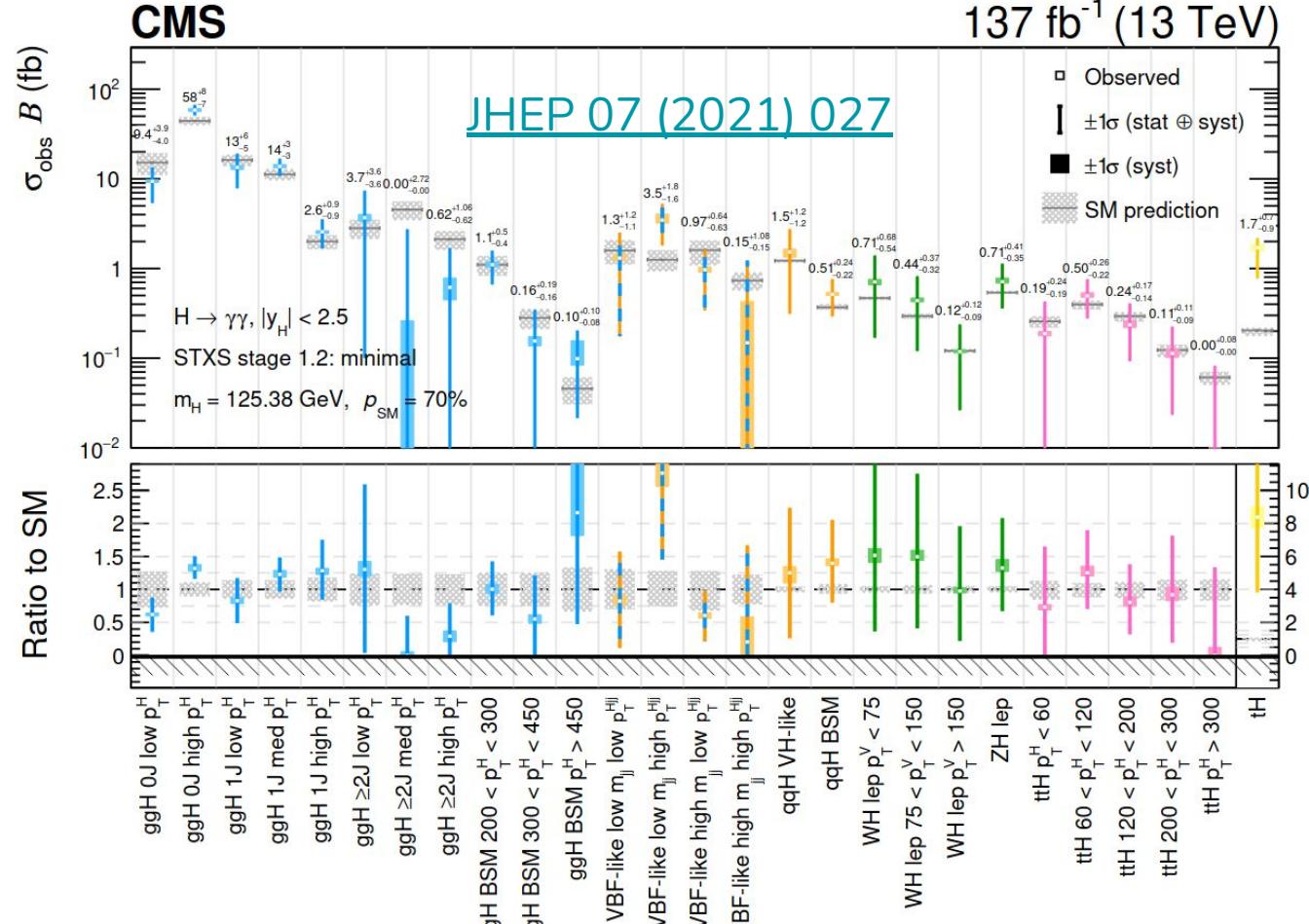
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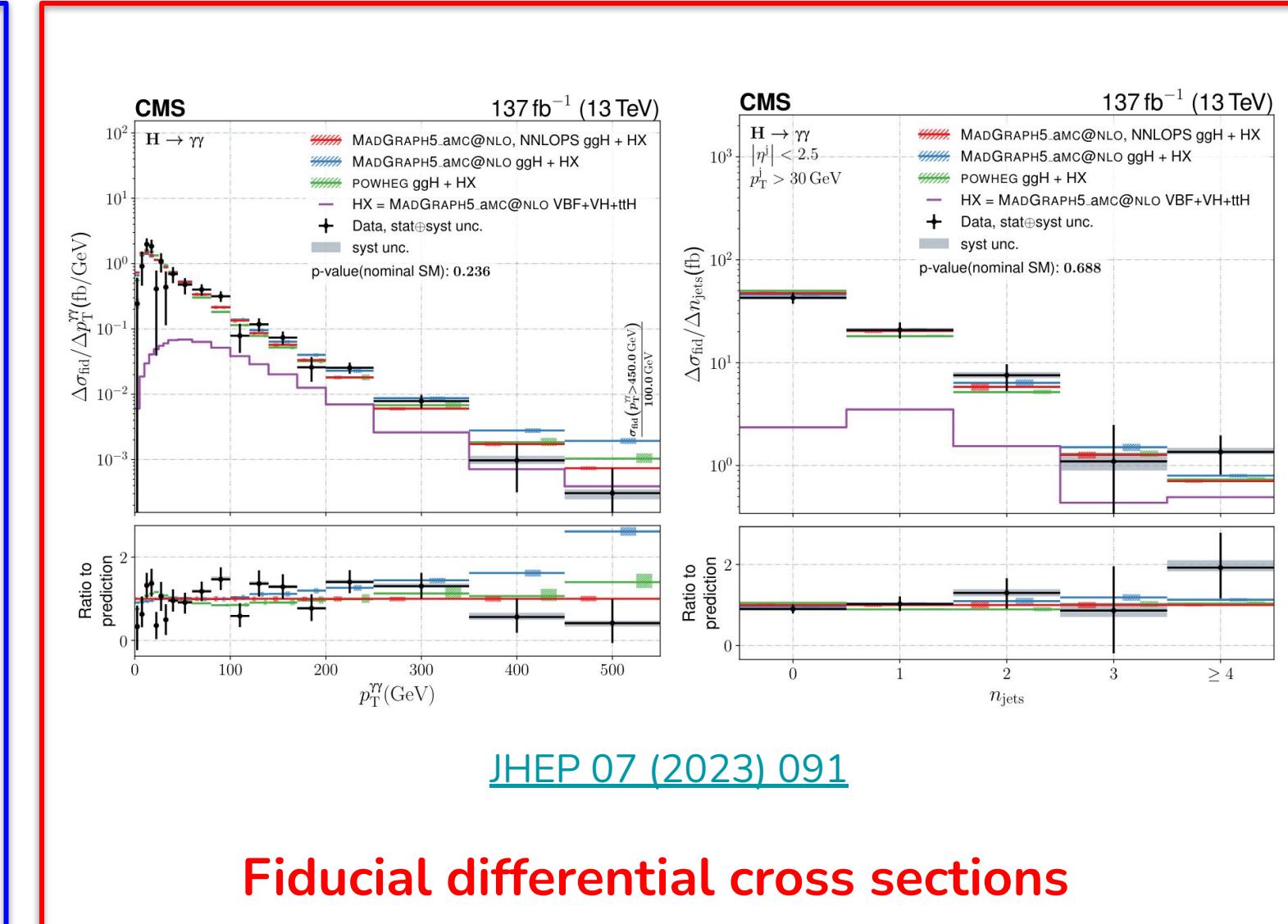
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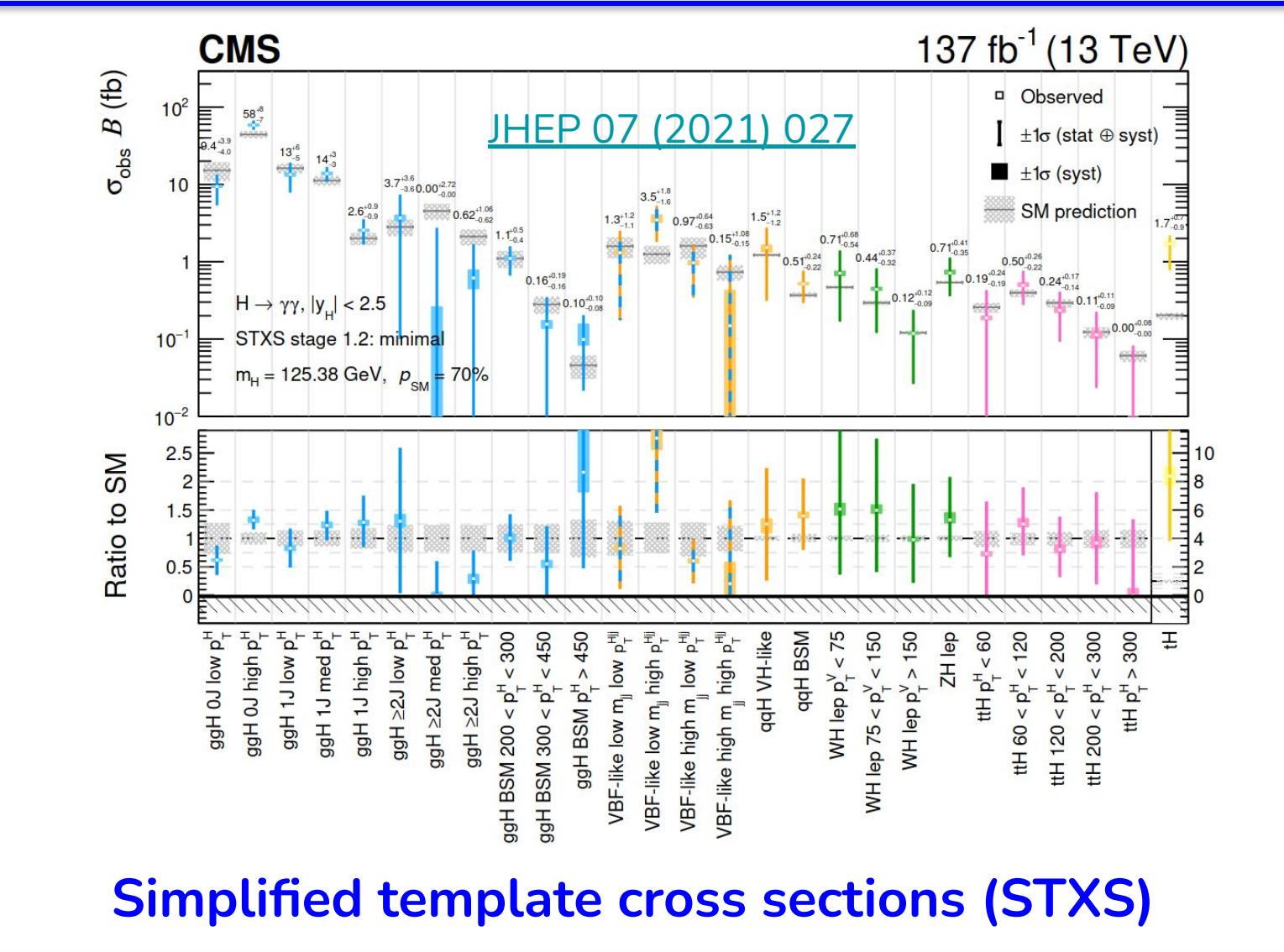


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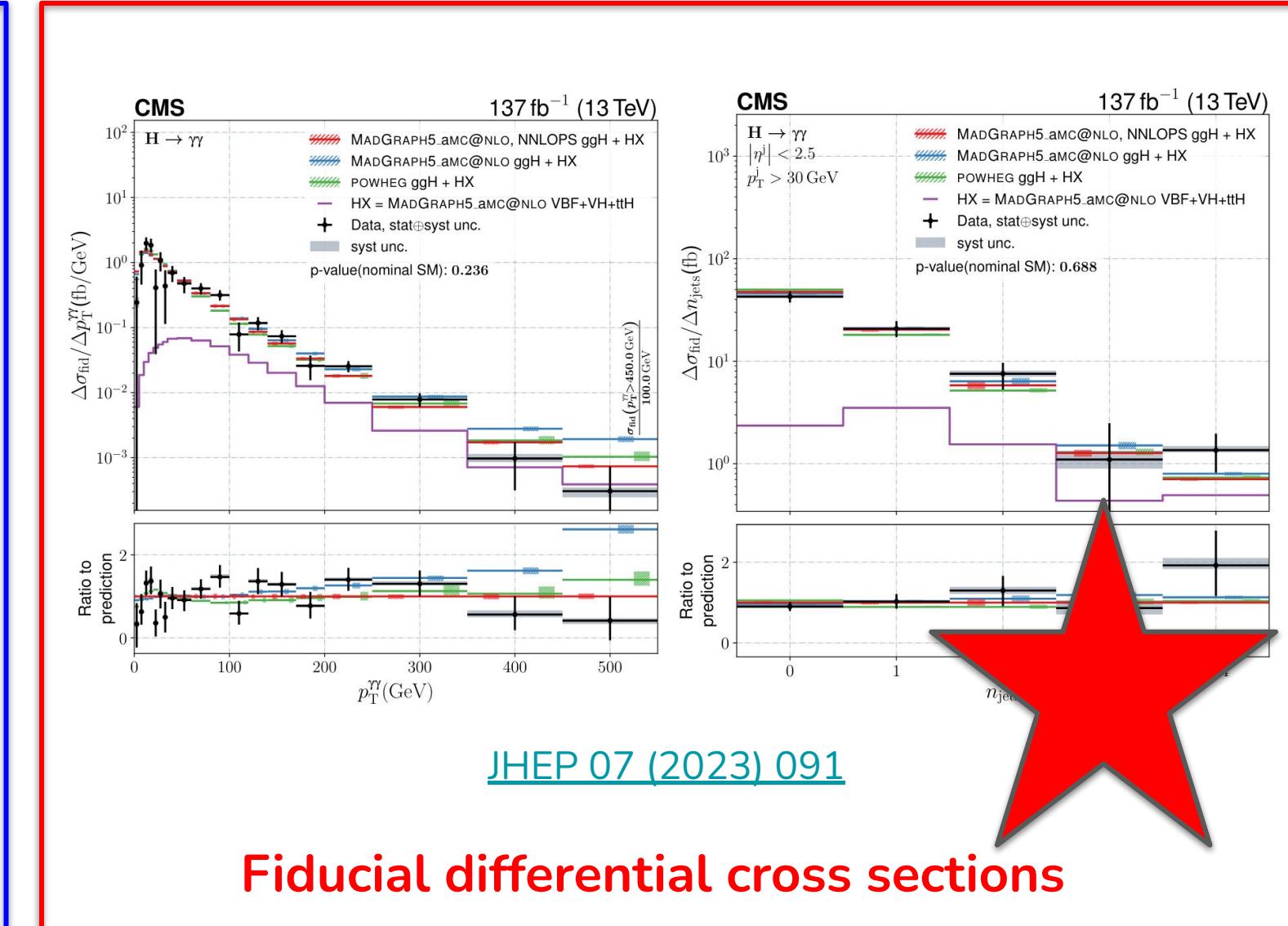
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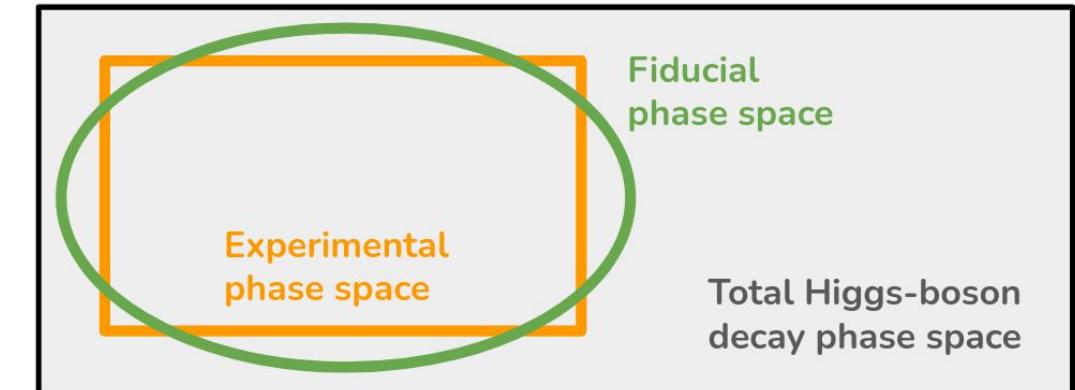
Fiducial differential cross sections

Combination of fiducial differential cross sections

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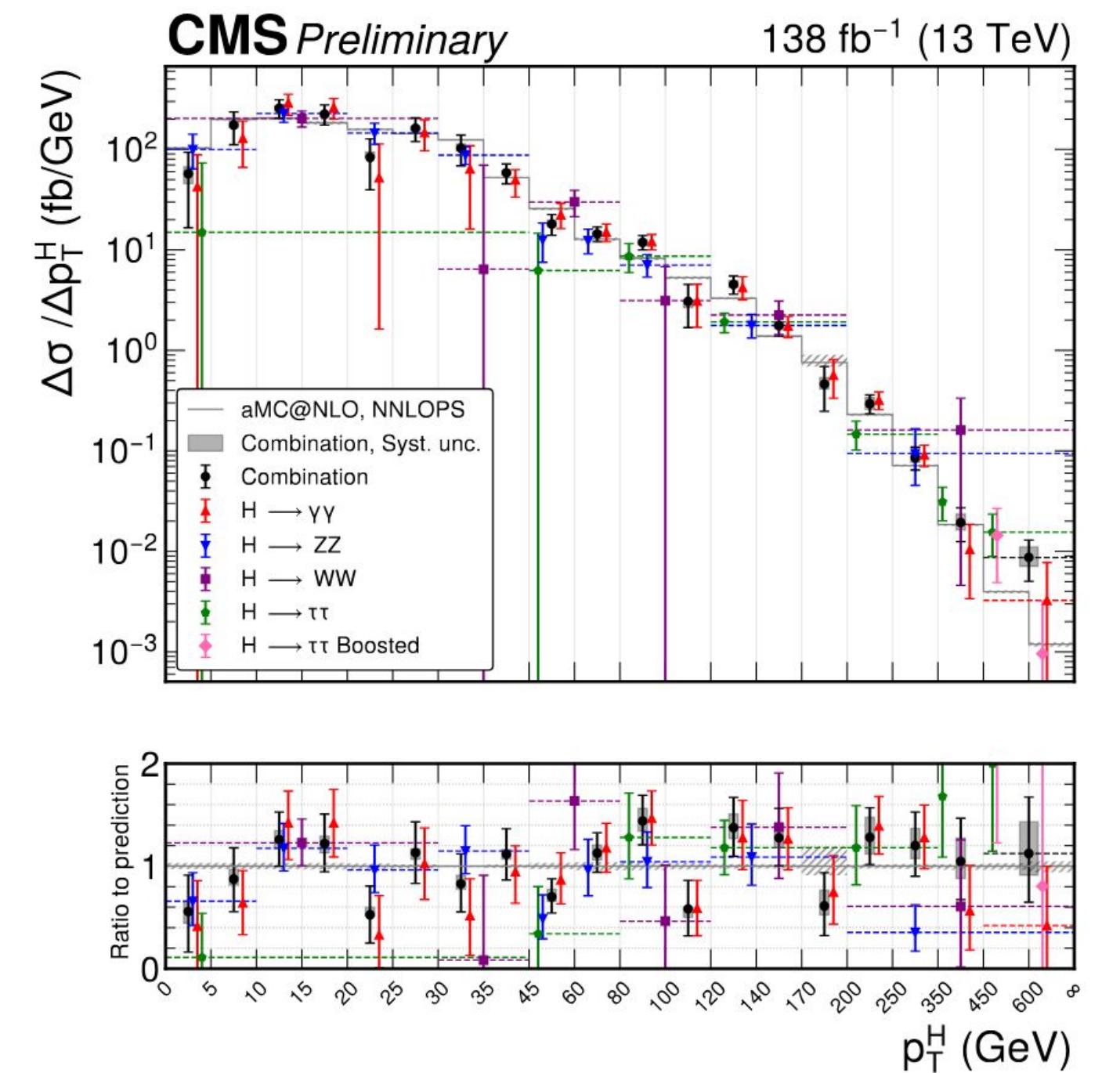
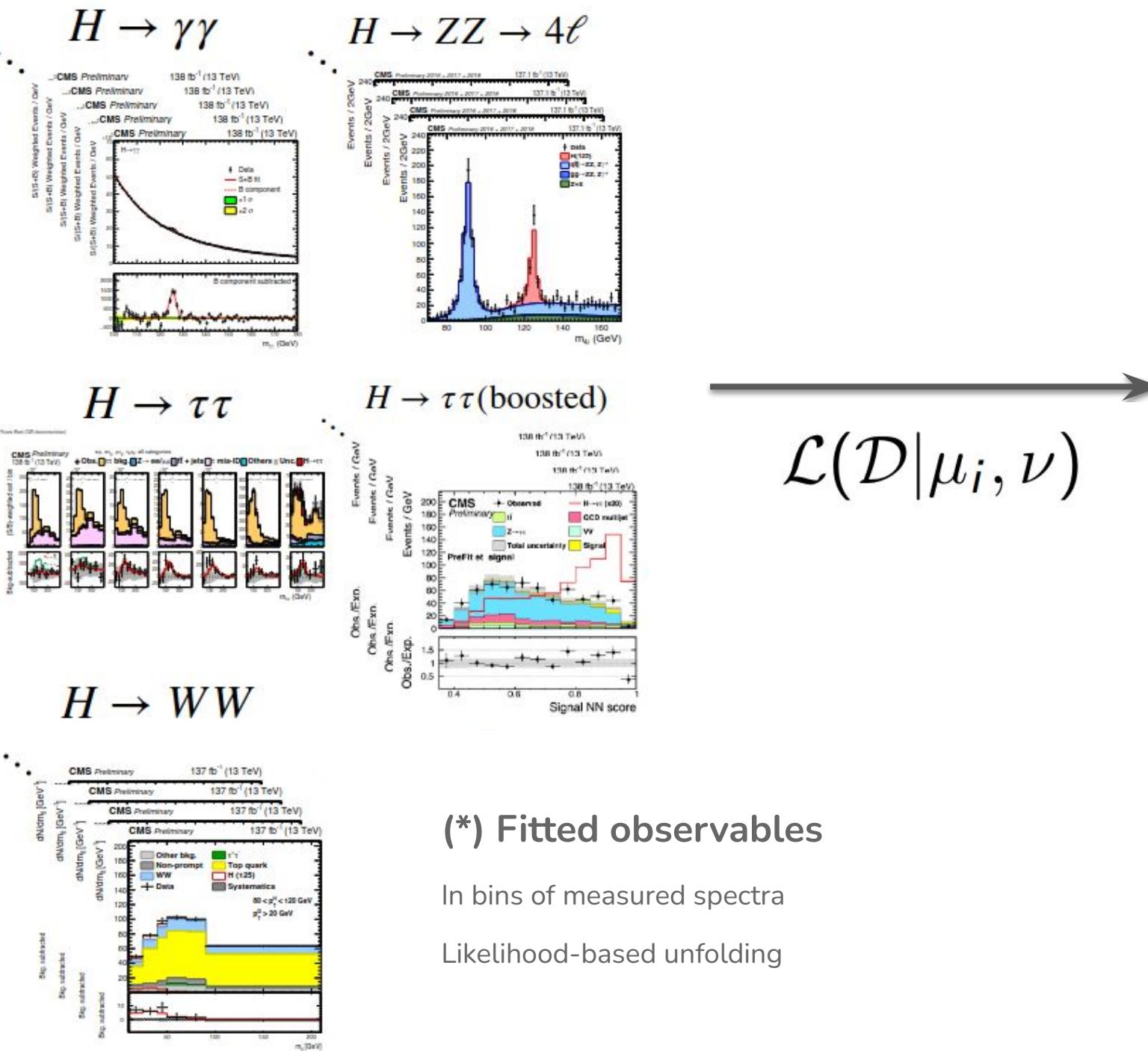
- For example: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Observable	Selection
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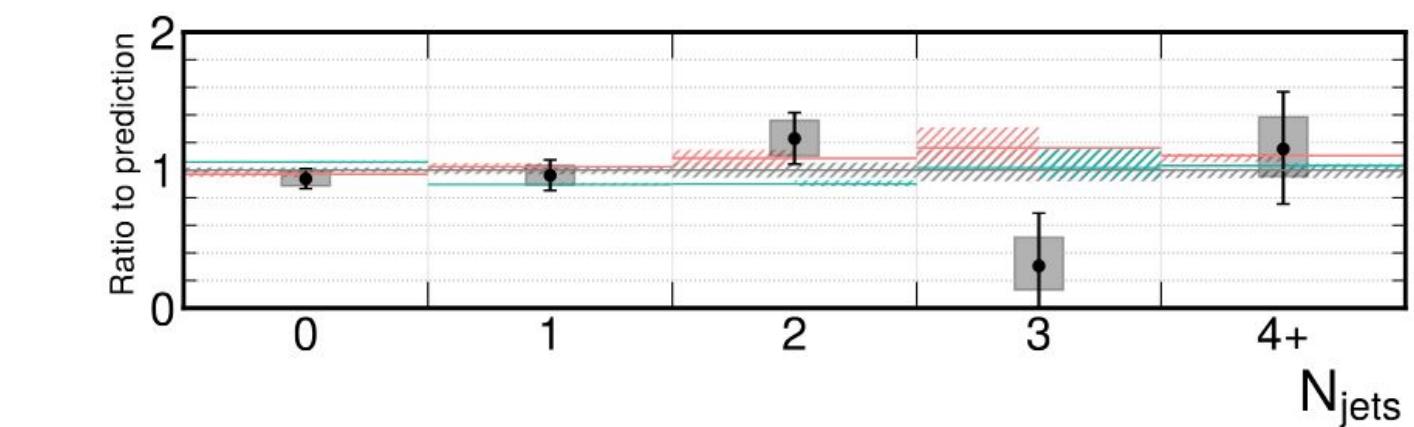
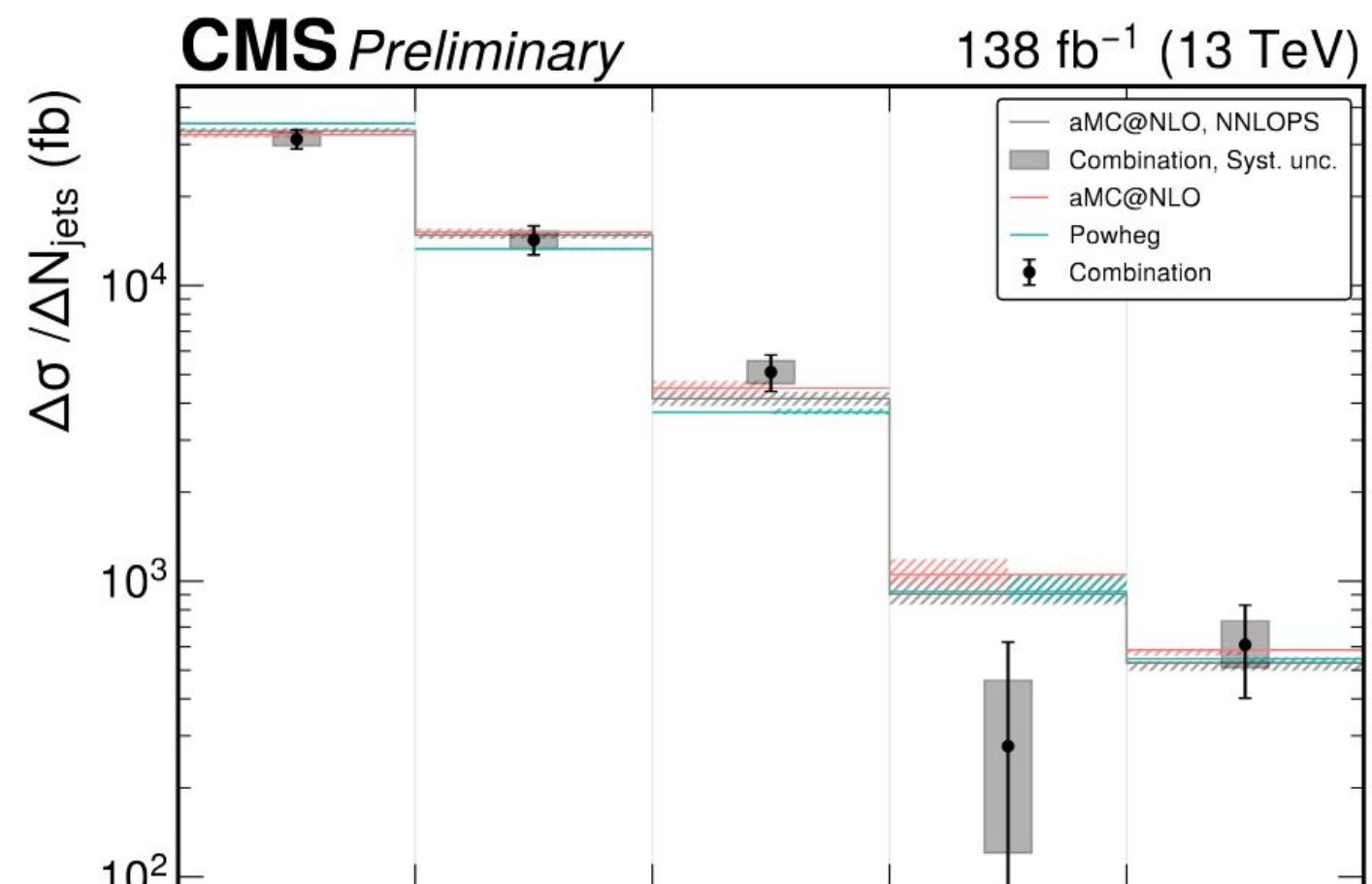
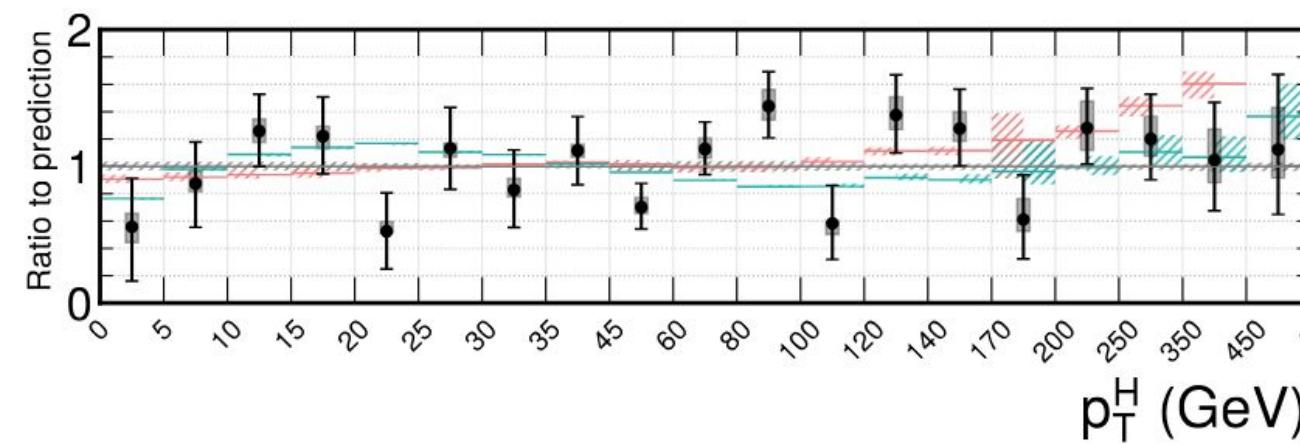
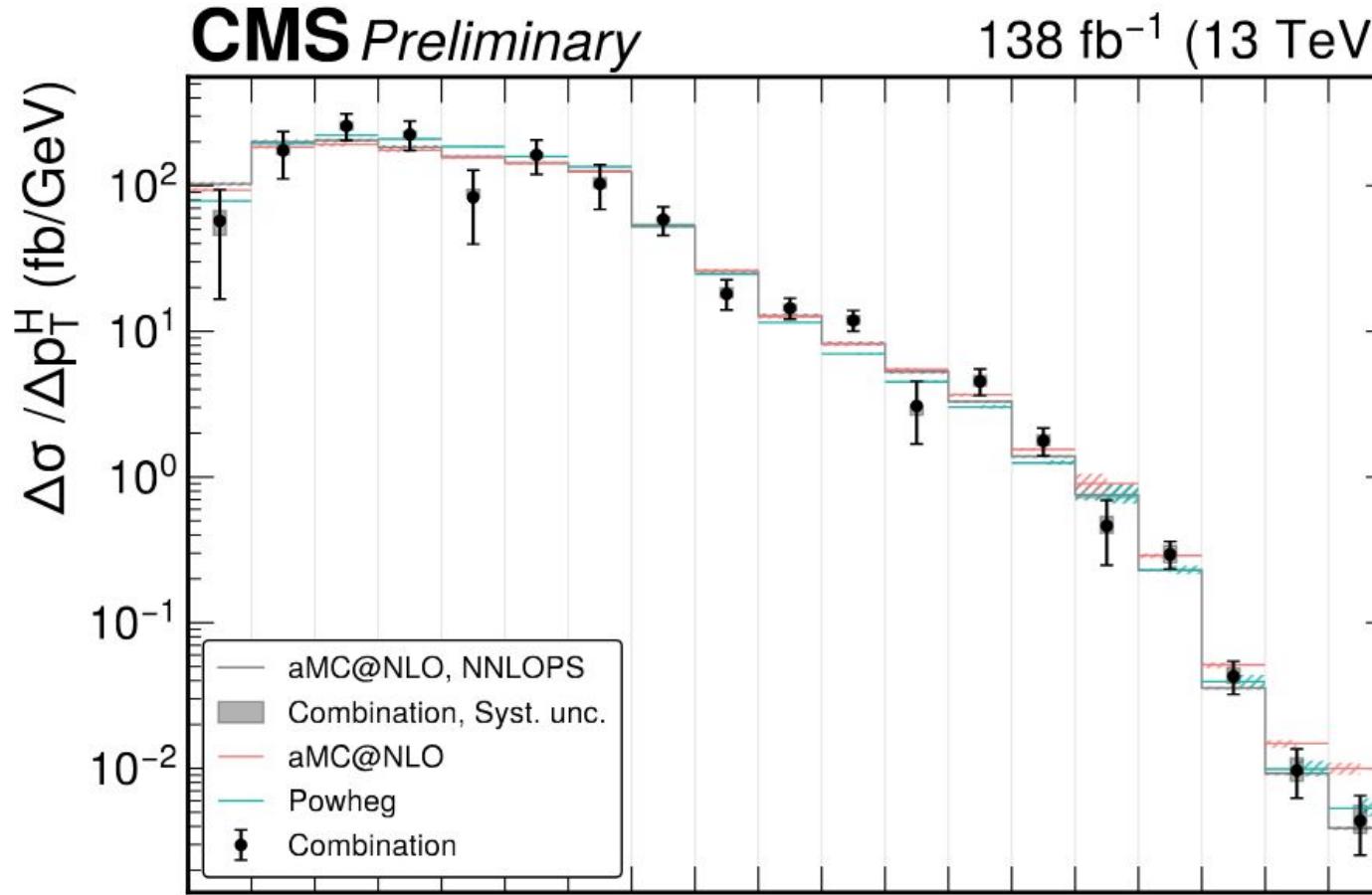
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Combination of fiducial differential cross sections

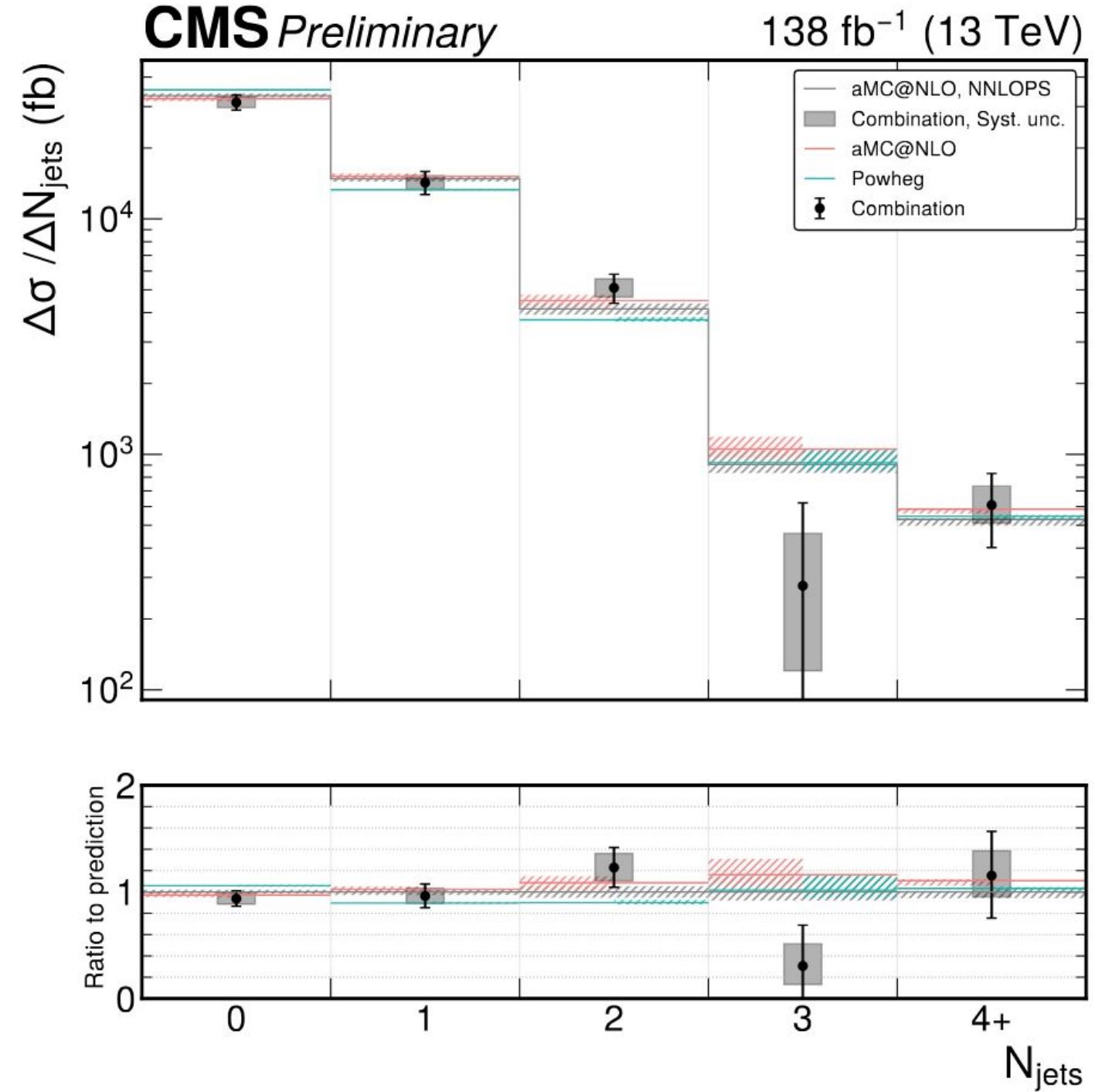
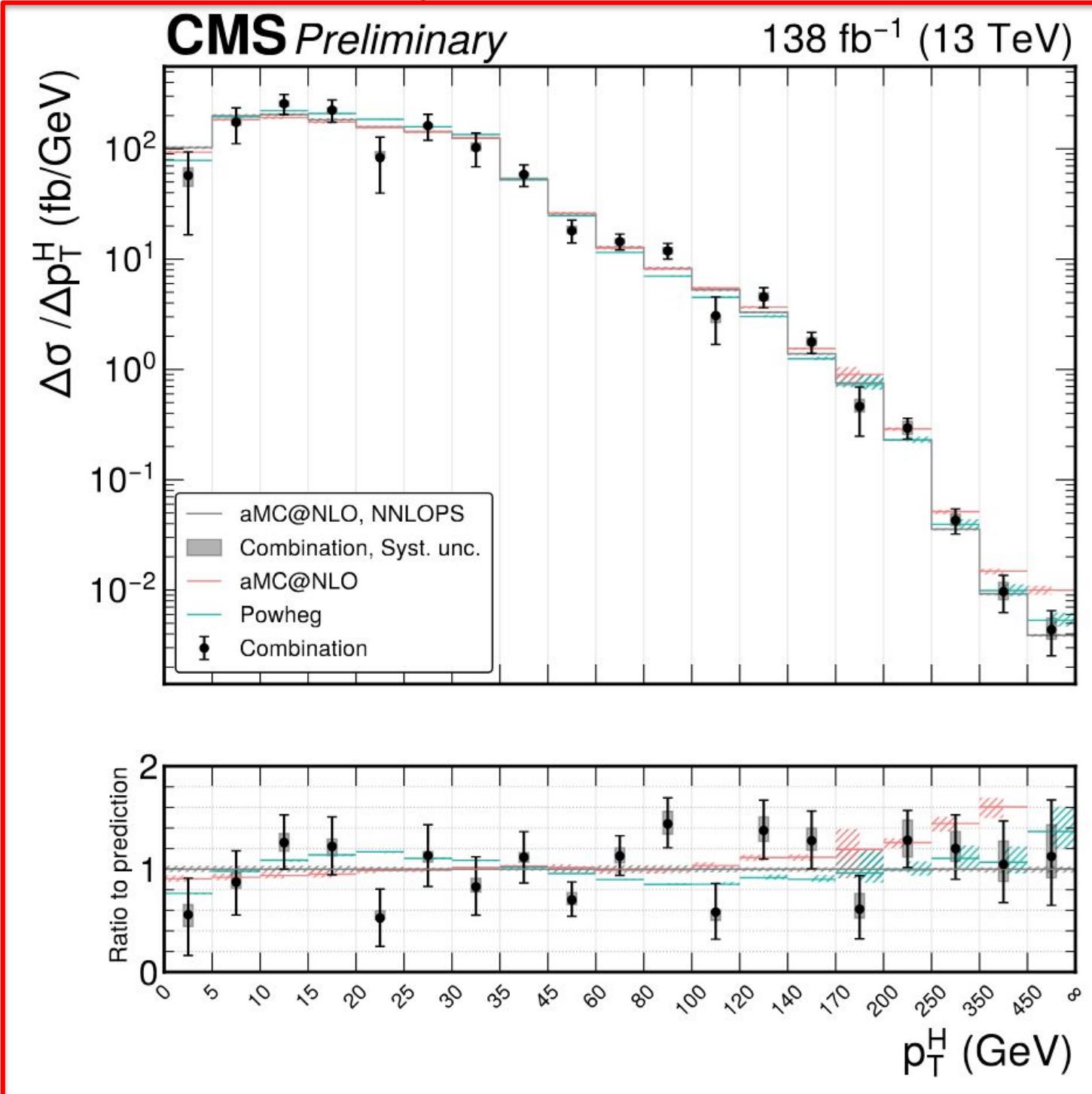


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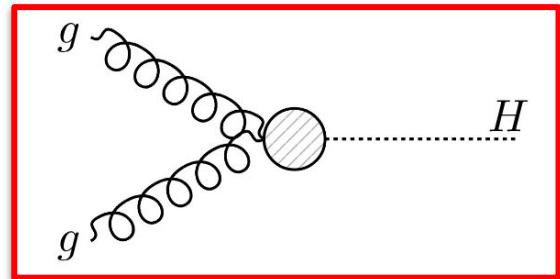
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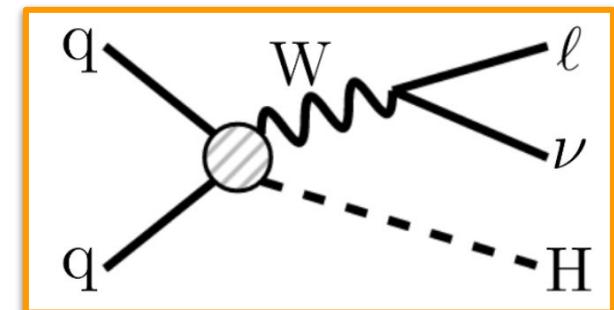
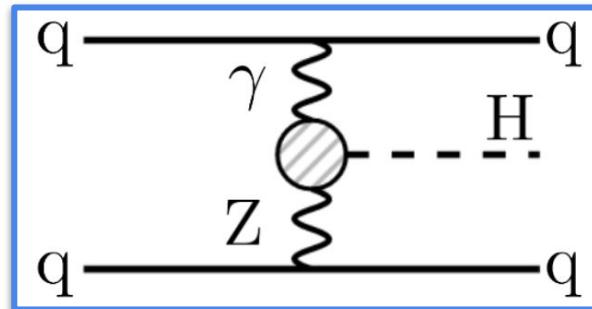
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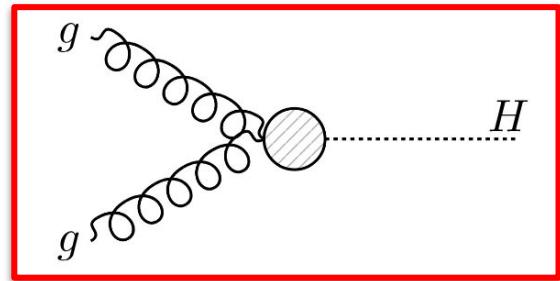
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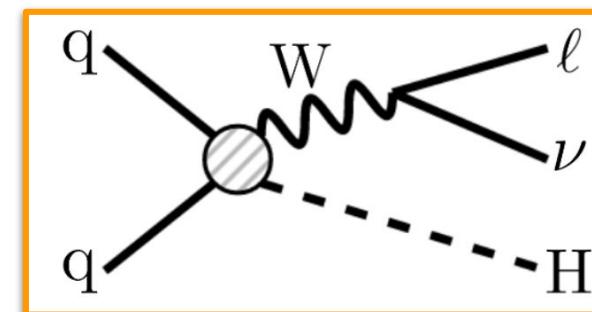
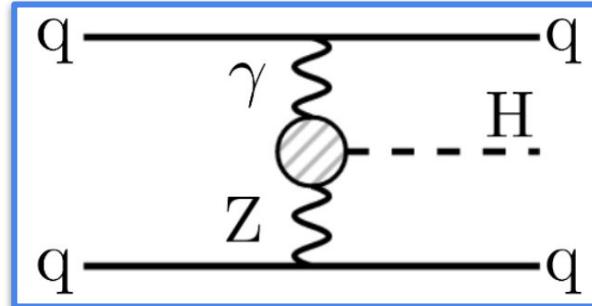
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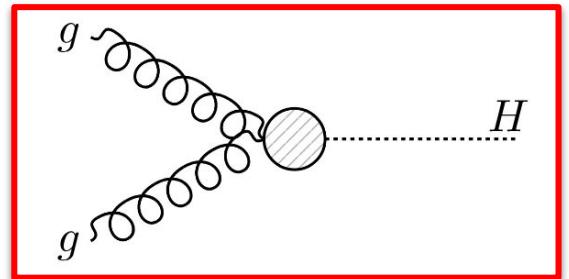
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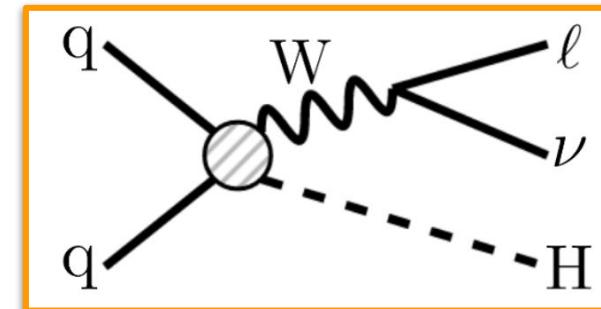
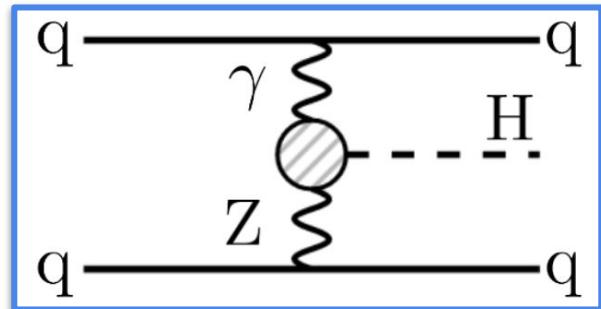
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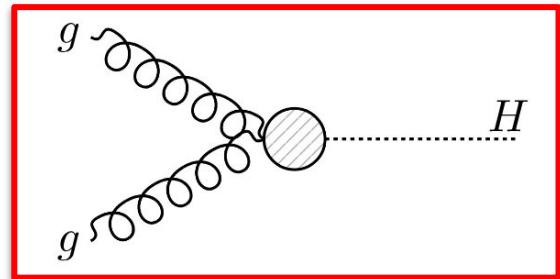
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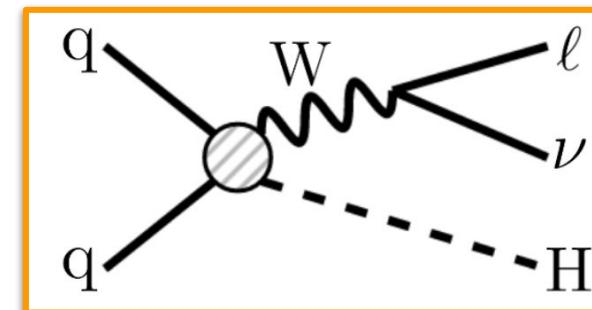
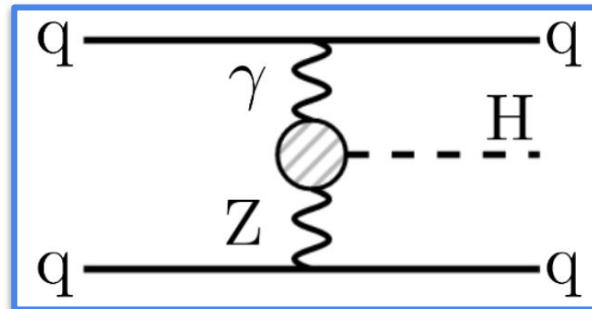
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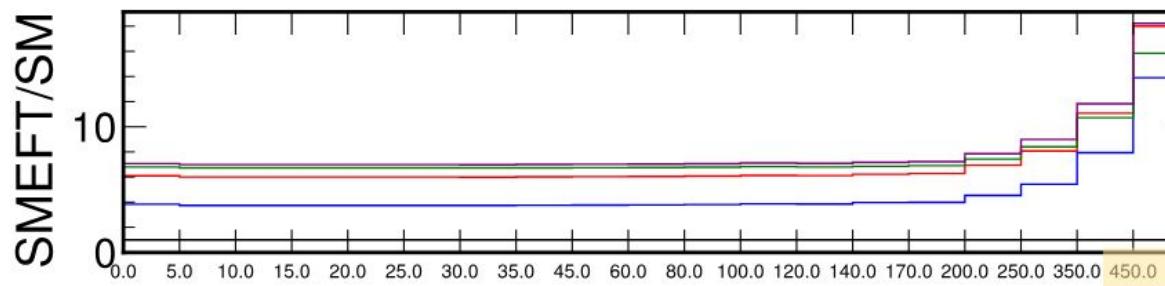
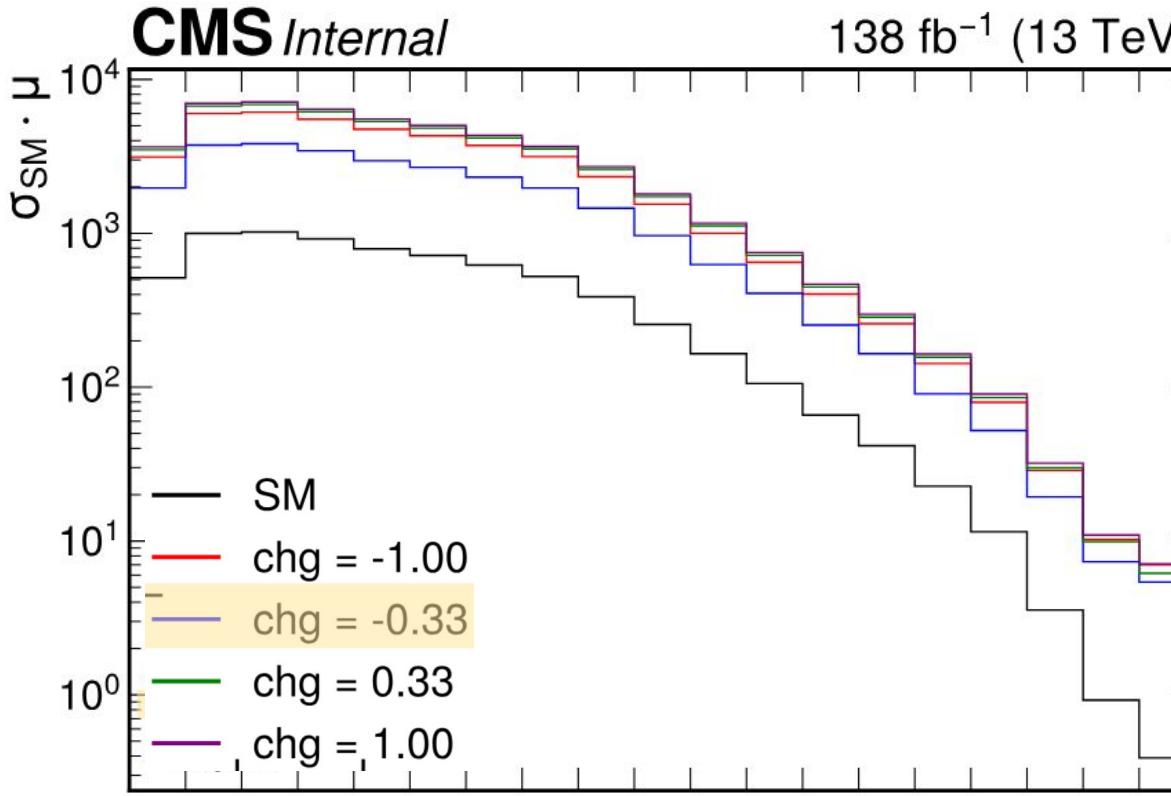
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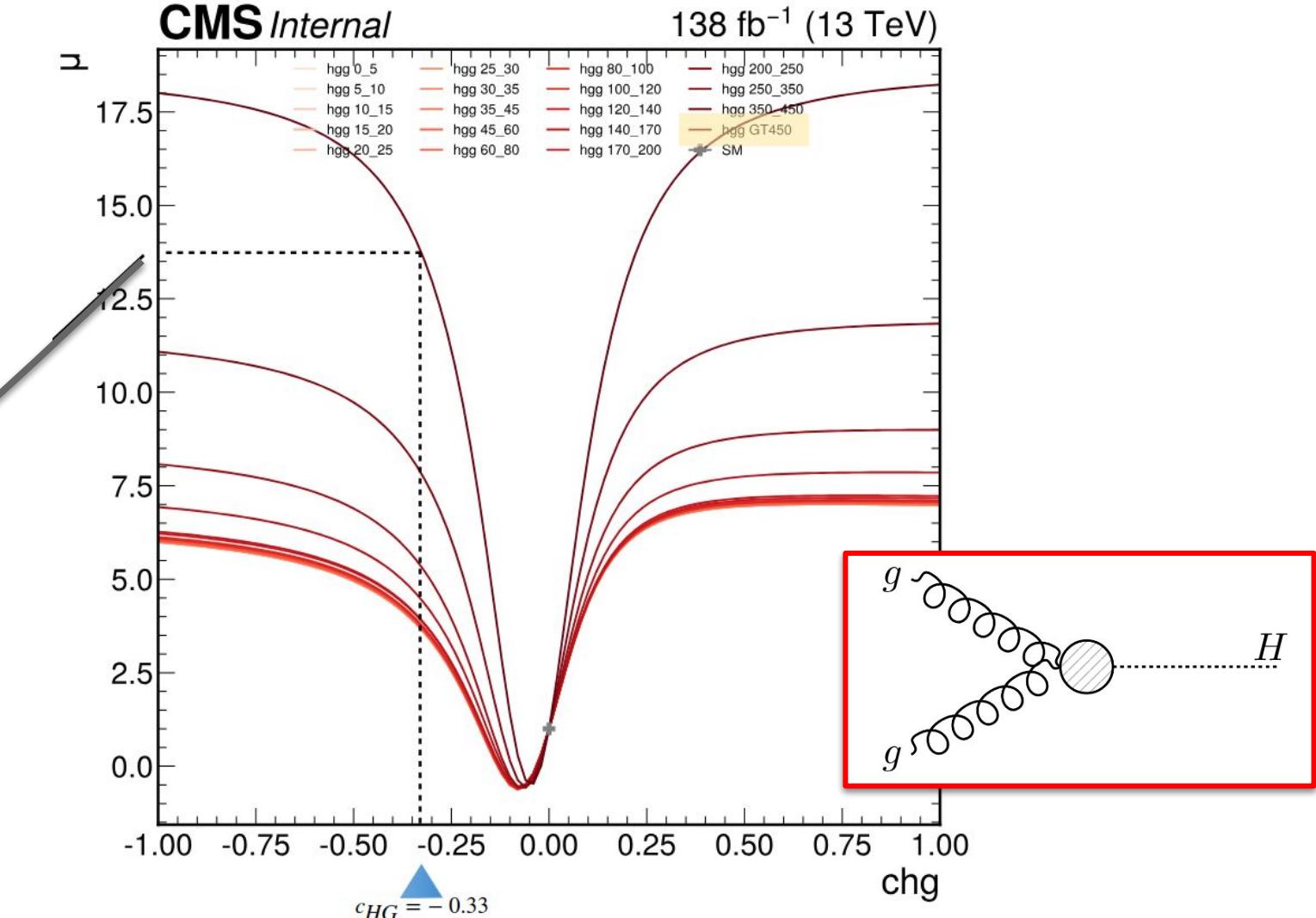
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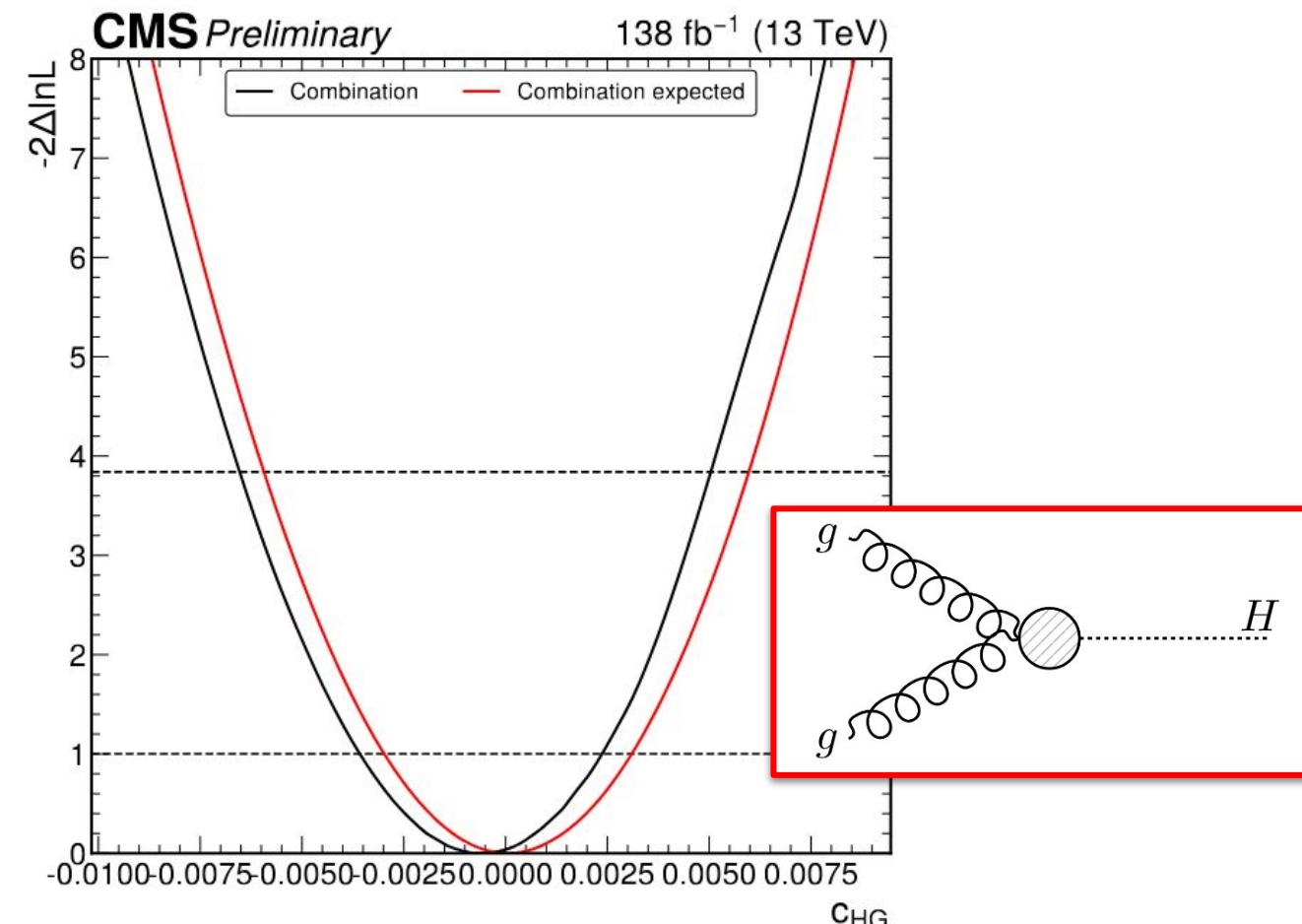
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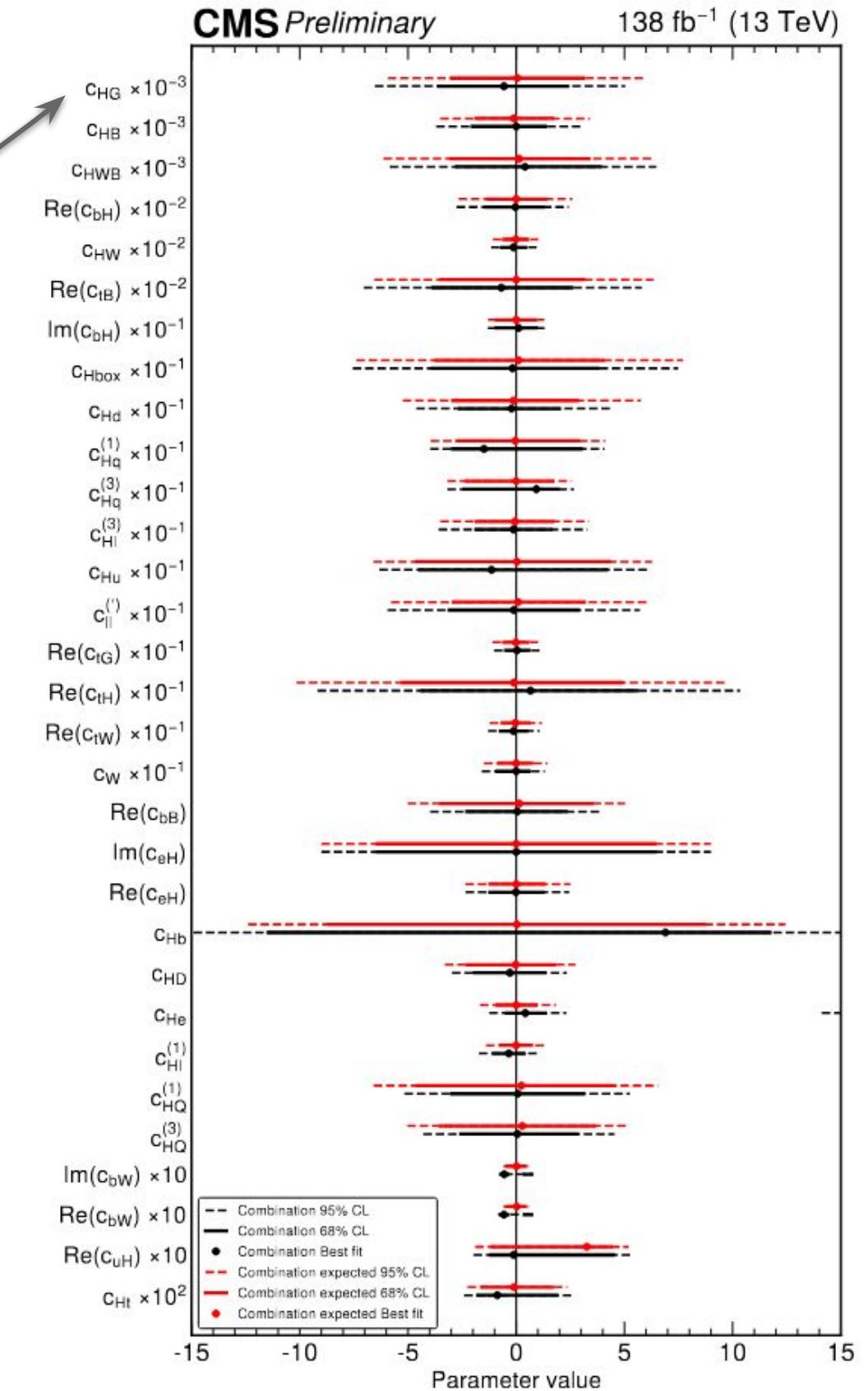
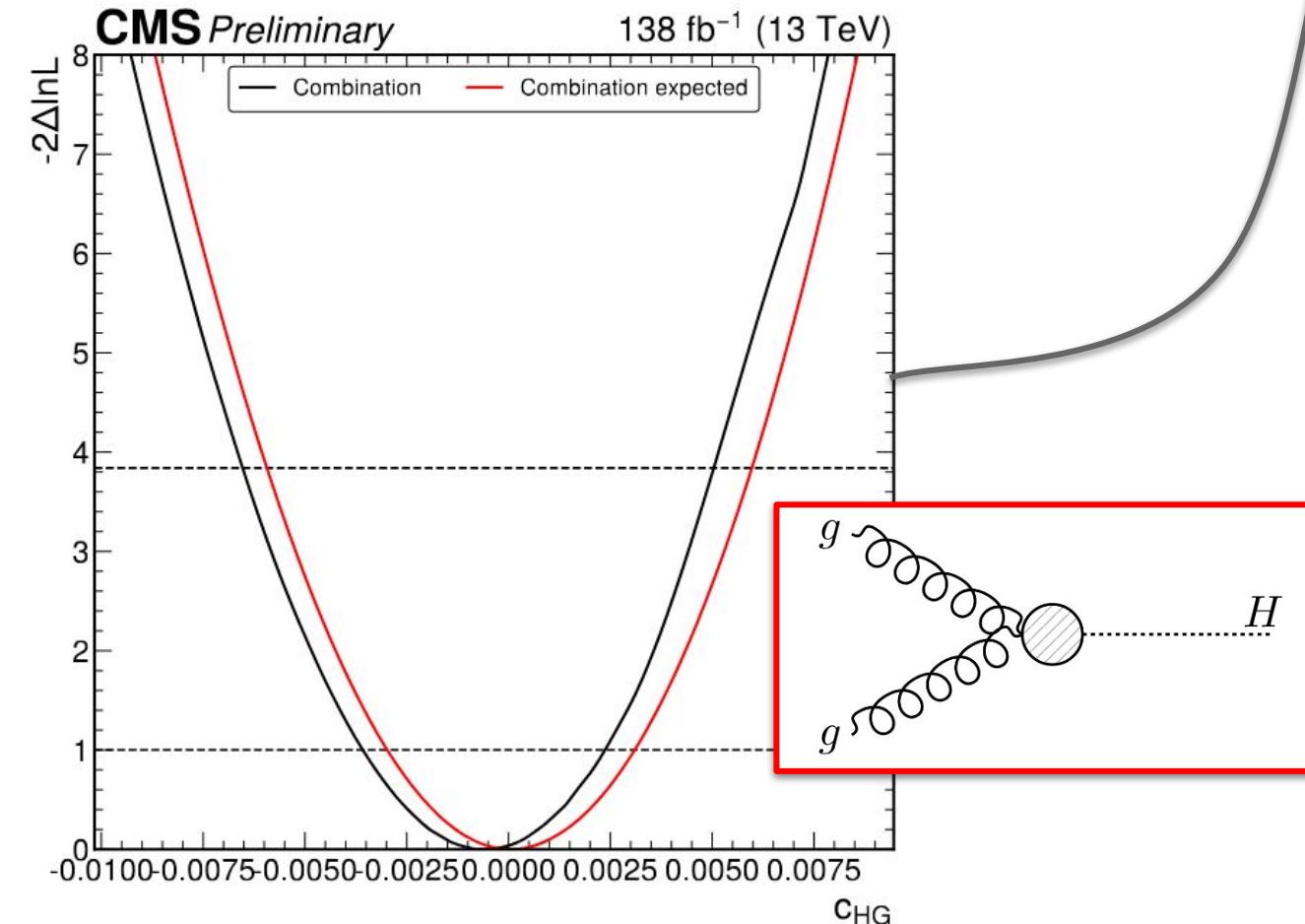
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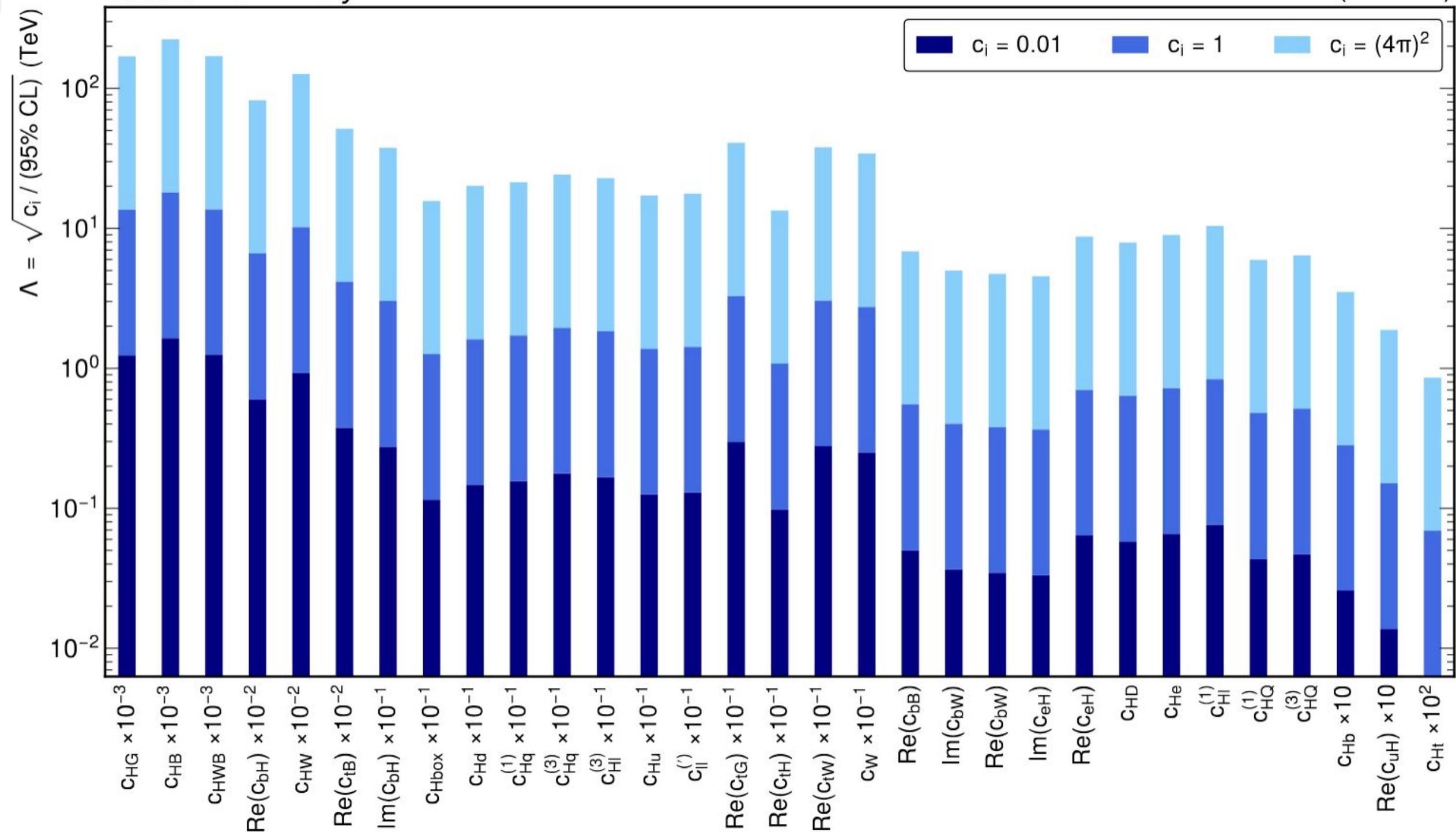
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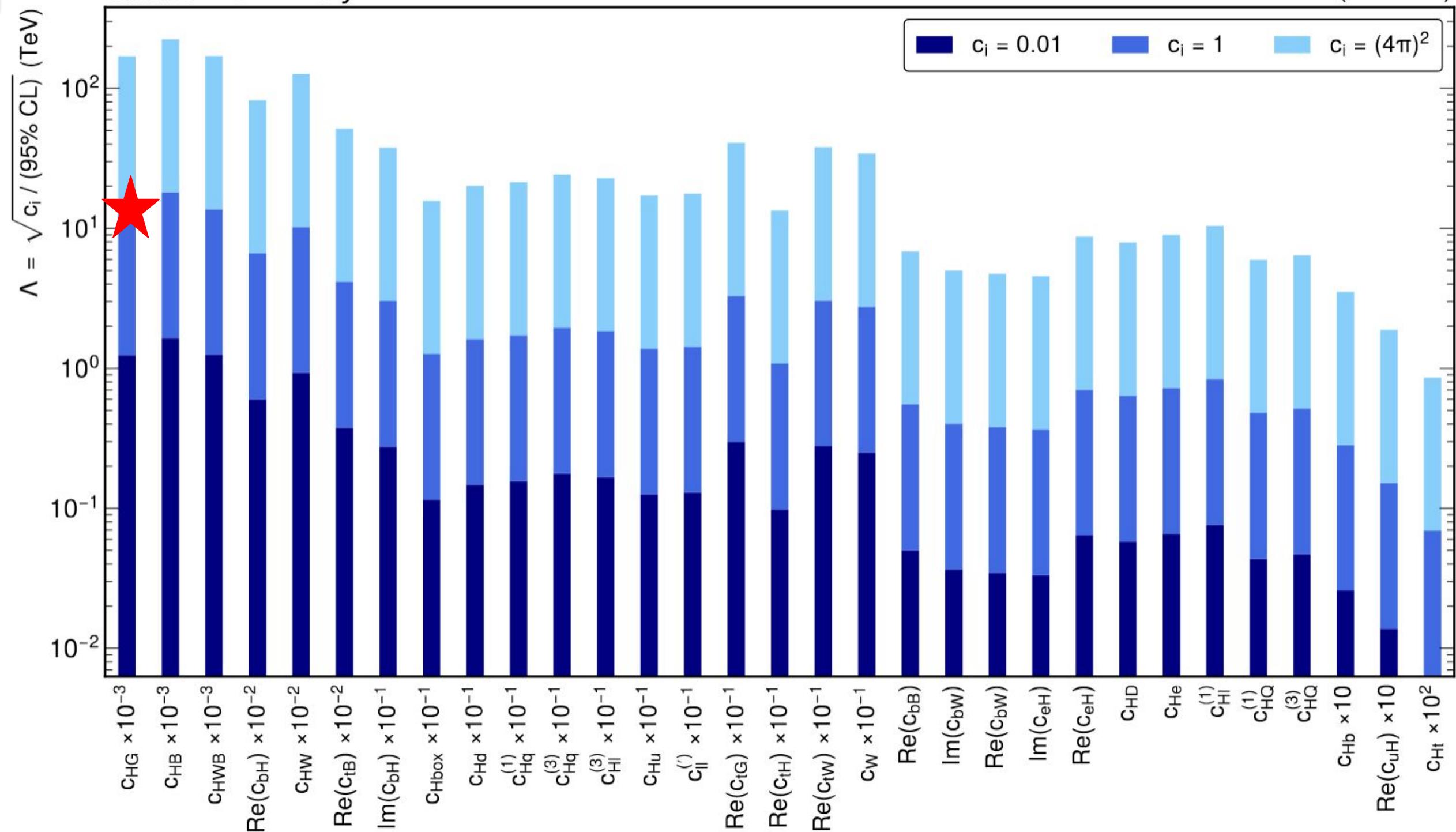
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$$P_{ij}^{\gamma\gamma} = A_{ij}^{gg \rightarrow H} + A_j^{H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} - A_j^{\text{tot}}$$

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Perform Eigenvector decomposition:

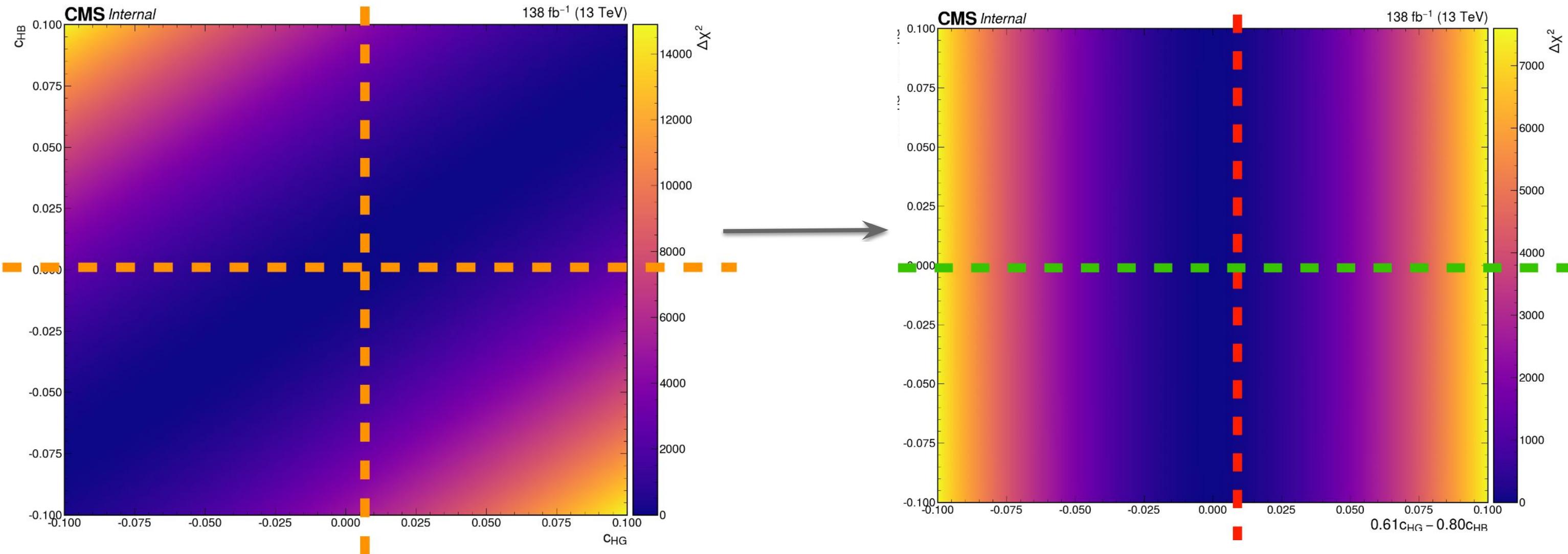
$$C_{\gamma\gamma, \text{SMEFT}}^{-1} = (EV_{\gamma\gamma}) \Lambda_{\gamma\gamma} (EV_{\gamma\gamma})^{-1}$$

(*) Minimal loss of generality in fit by fixing flat directions in likelihood

Principal component analysis (PCA)

- Two-dimension example:

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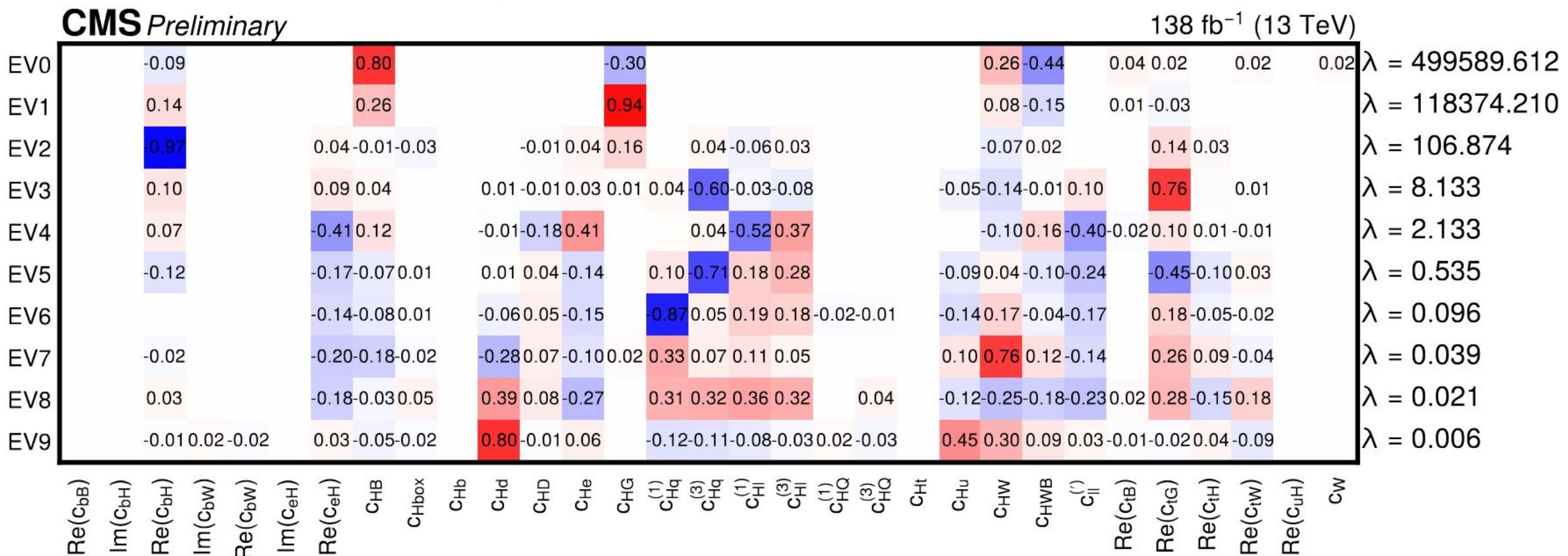


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- Extend basis rotation to full combination: build block-diagonal information matrix

$$C_{\text{SMEFT}}^{-1} = (EV) \wedge (EV)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{matrix} C_{\gamma\gamma,\text{diff}}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & C_{ZZ,\text{diff}}^{-1} \end{matrix} \quad \dots \quad \dots$$

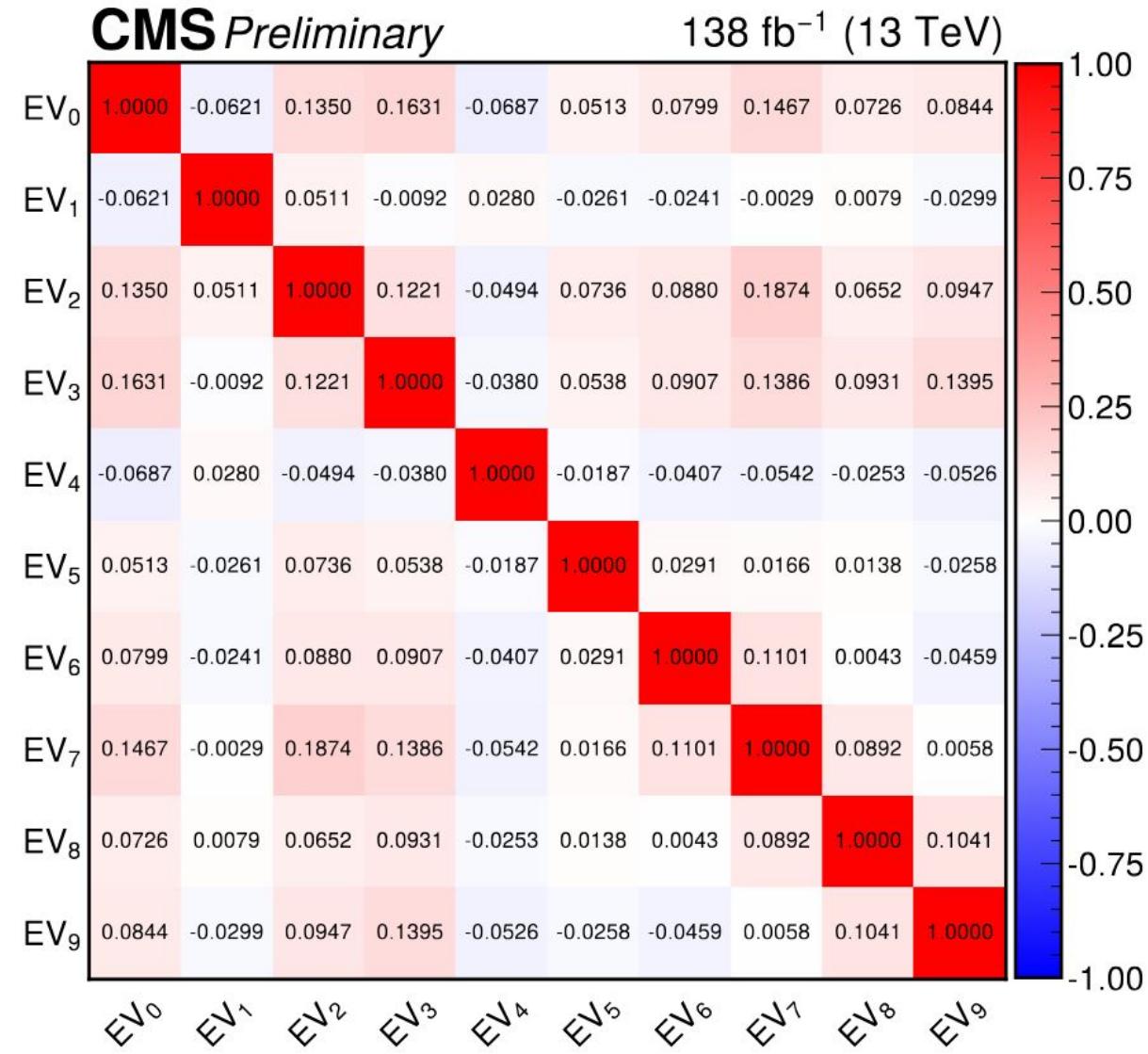


- Consider only 10 eigenvectors with highest eigenvalues (most sensitive directions) → Others fixed to zero

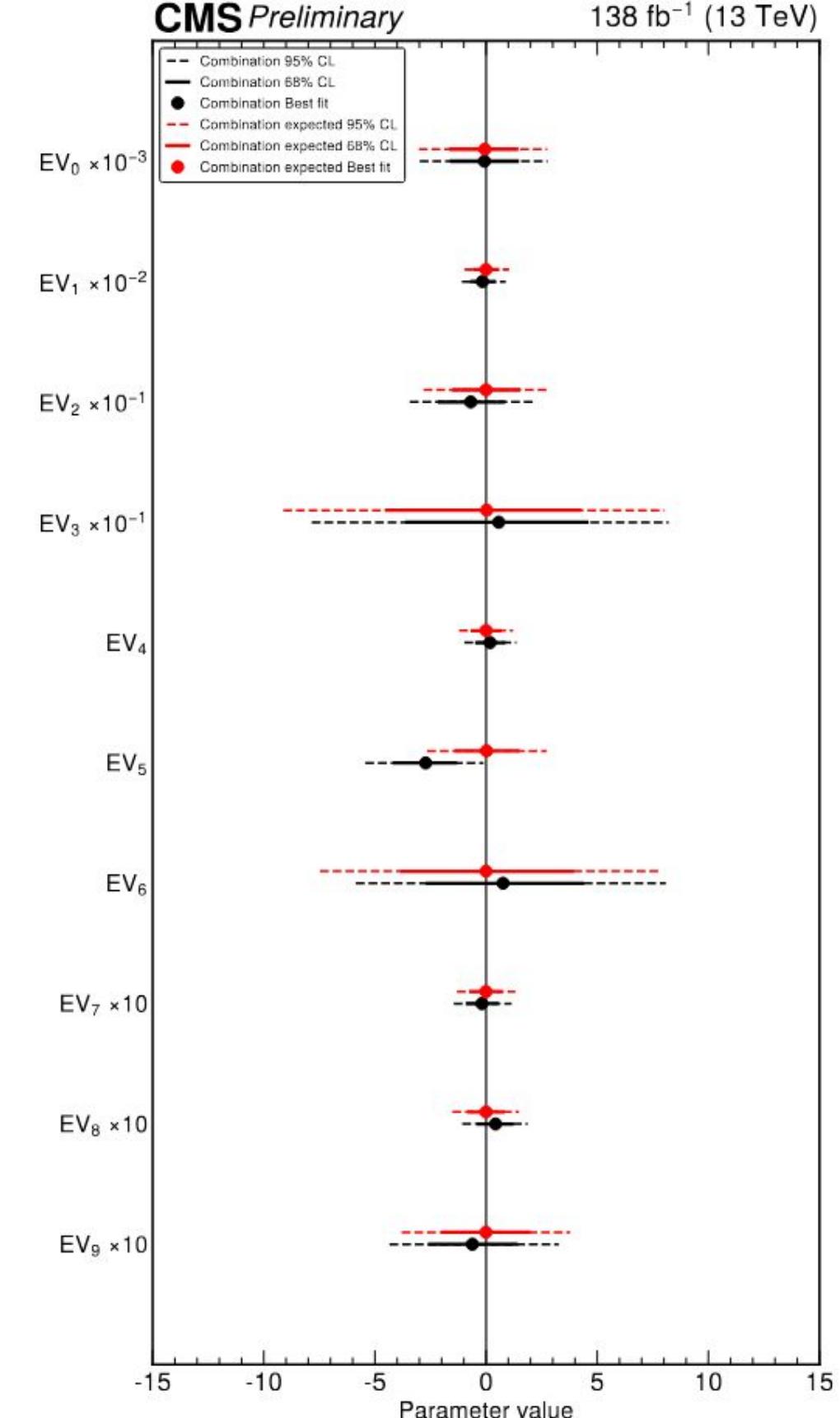
Simultaneous SMEFT constraints

- Simultaneous fit to ten linear combinations of Wilson coefficients:

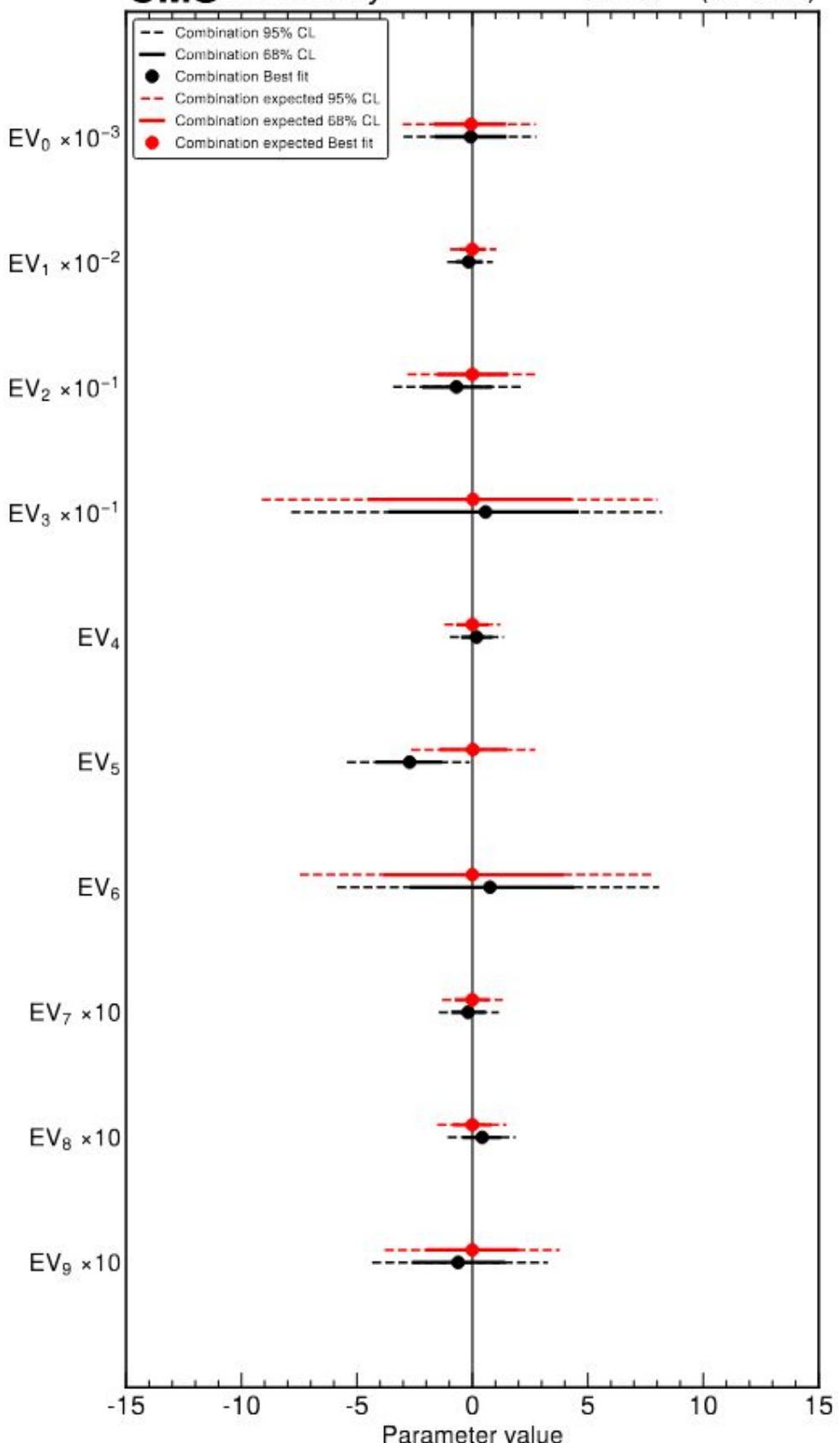
$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\mu_i^X, \nu) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\mu_i^X(EV), \nu)$$



Generally obtain small correlations between eigenvectors with this approach

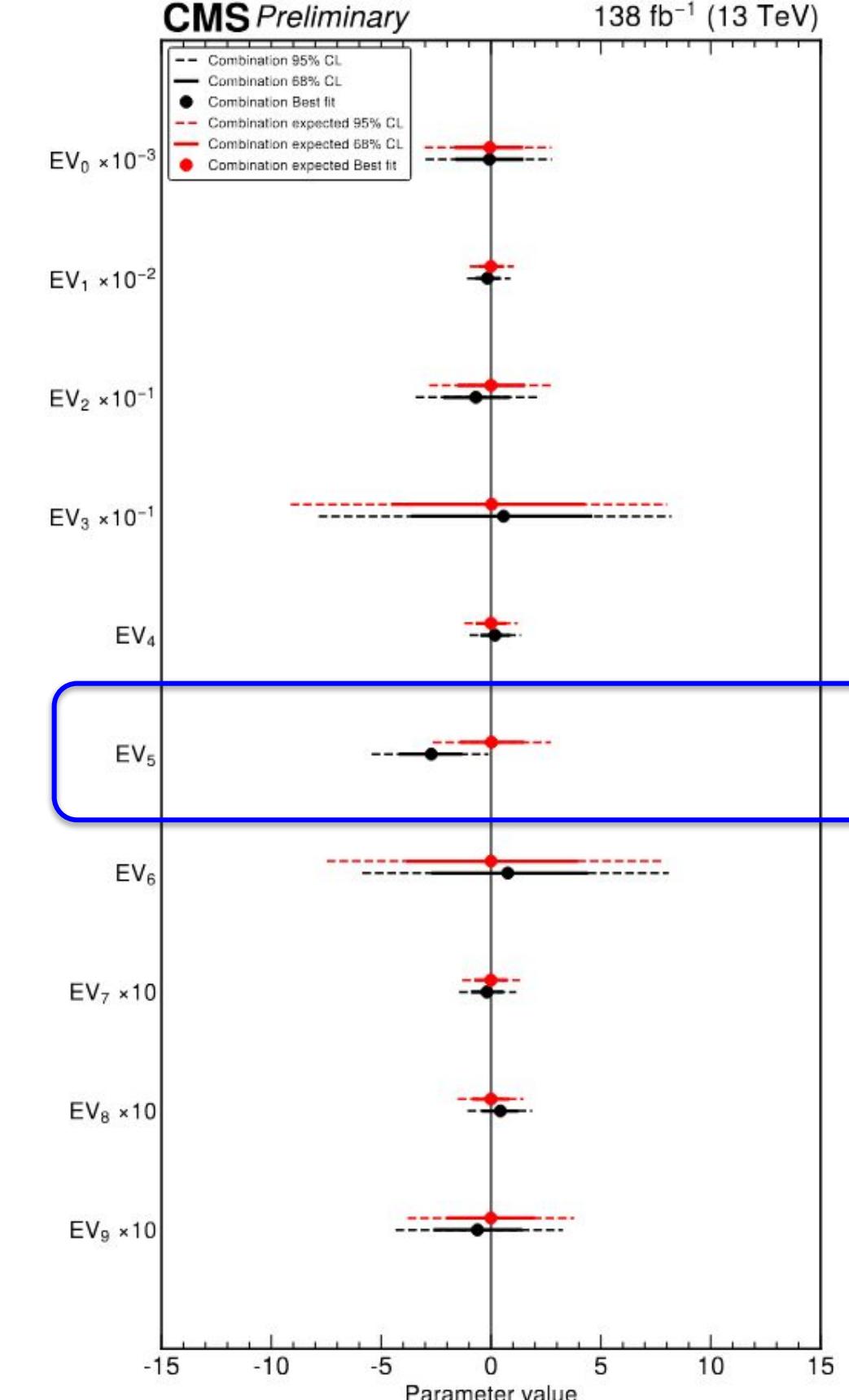
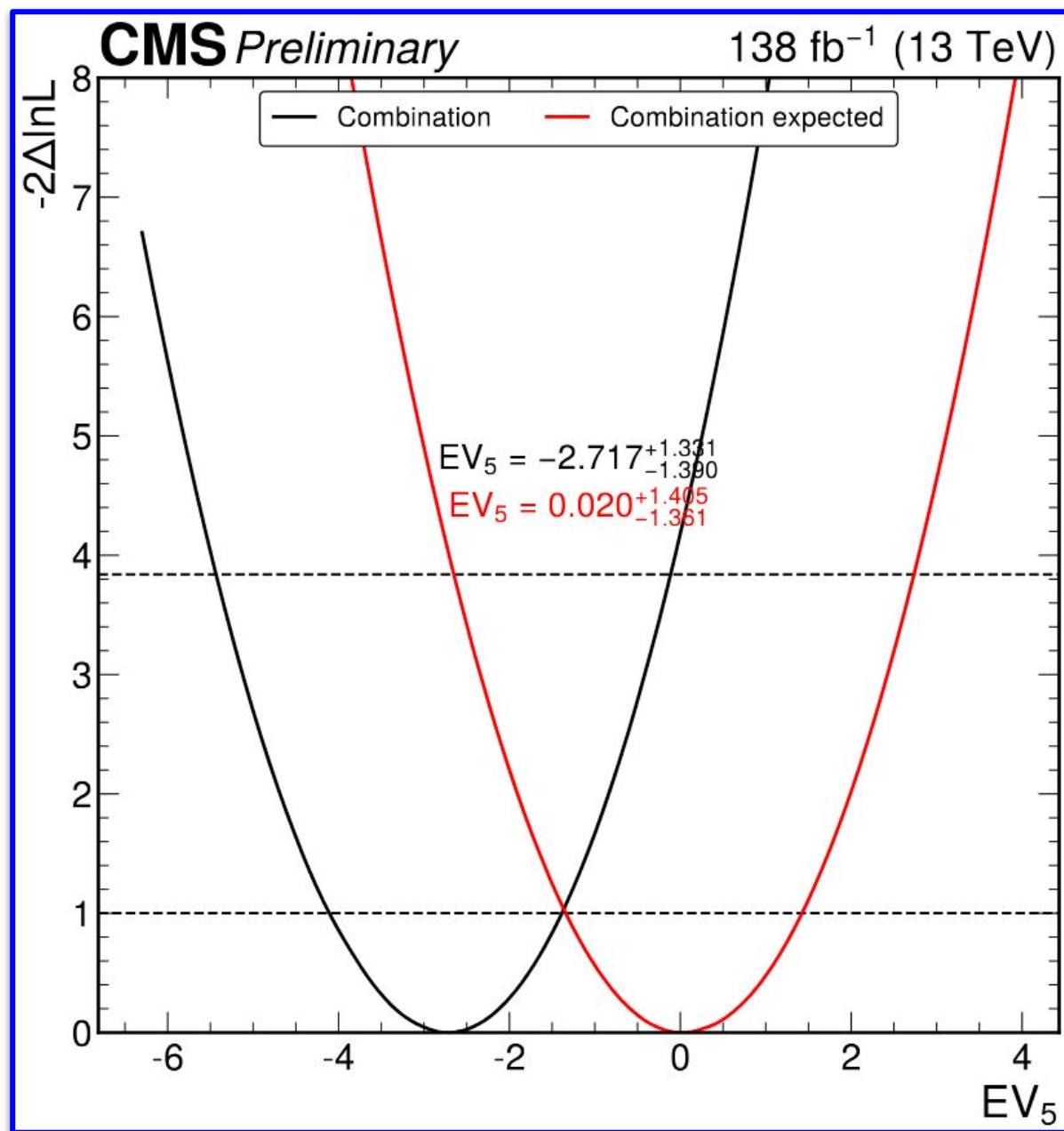


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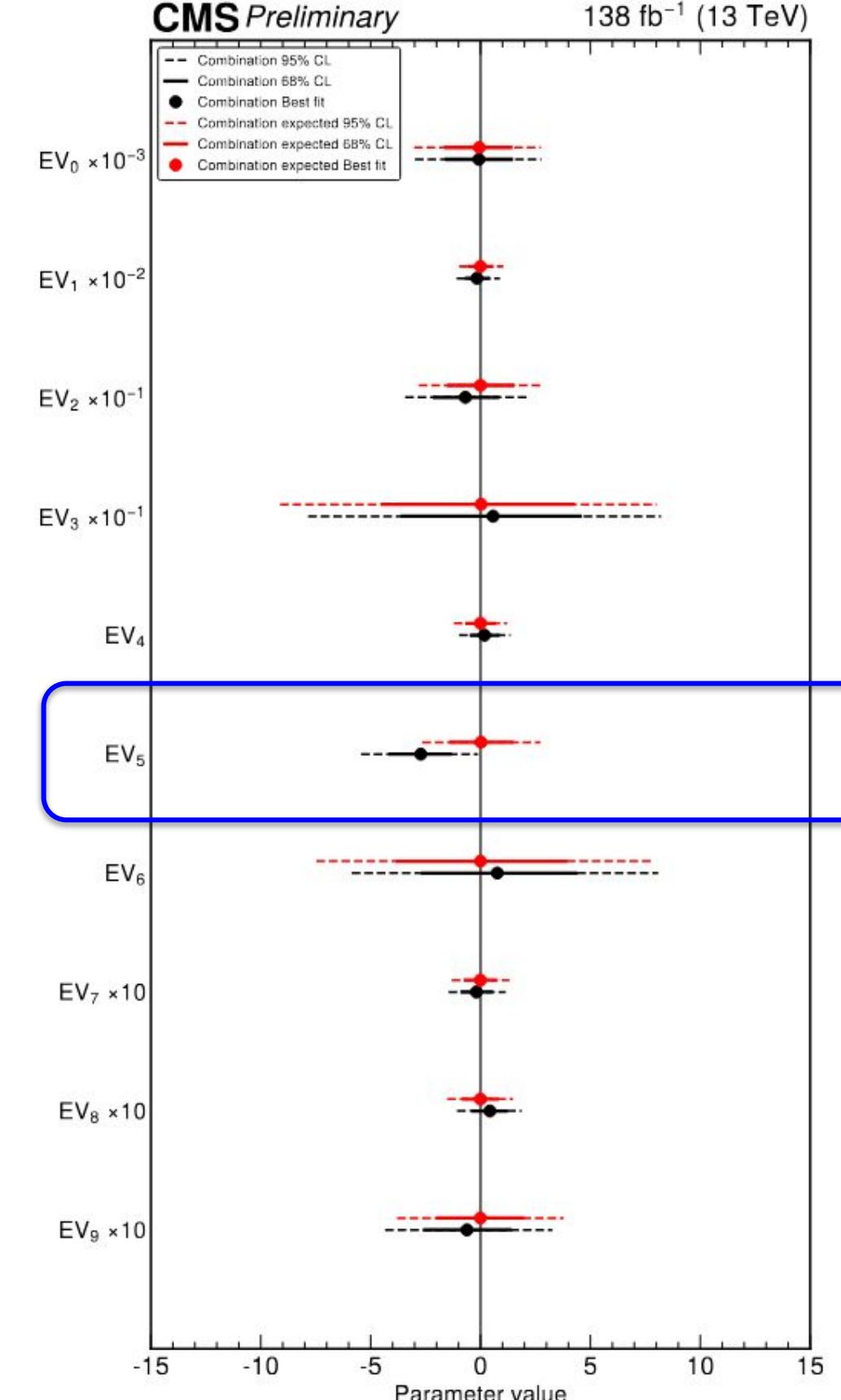
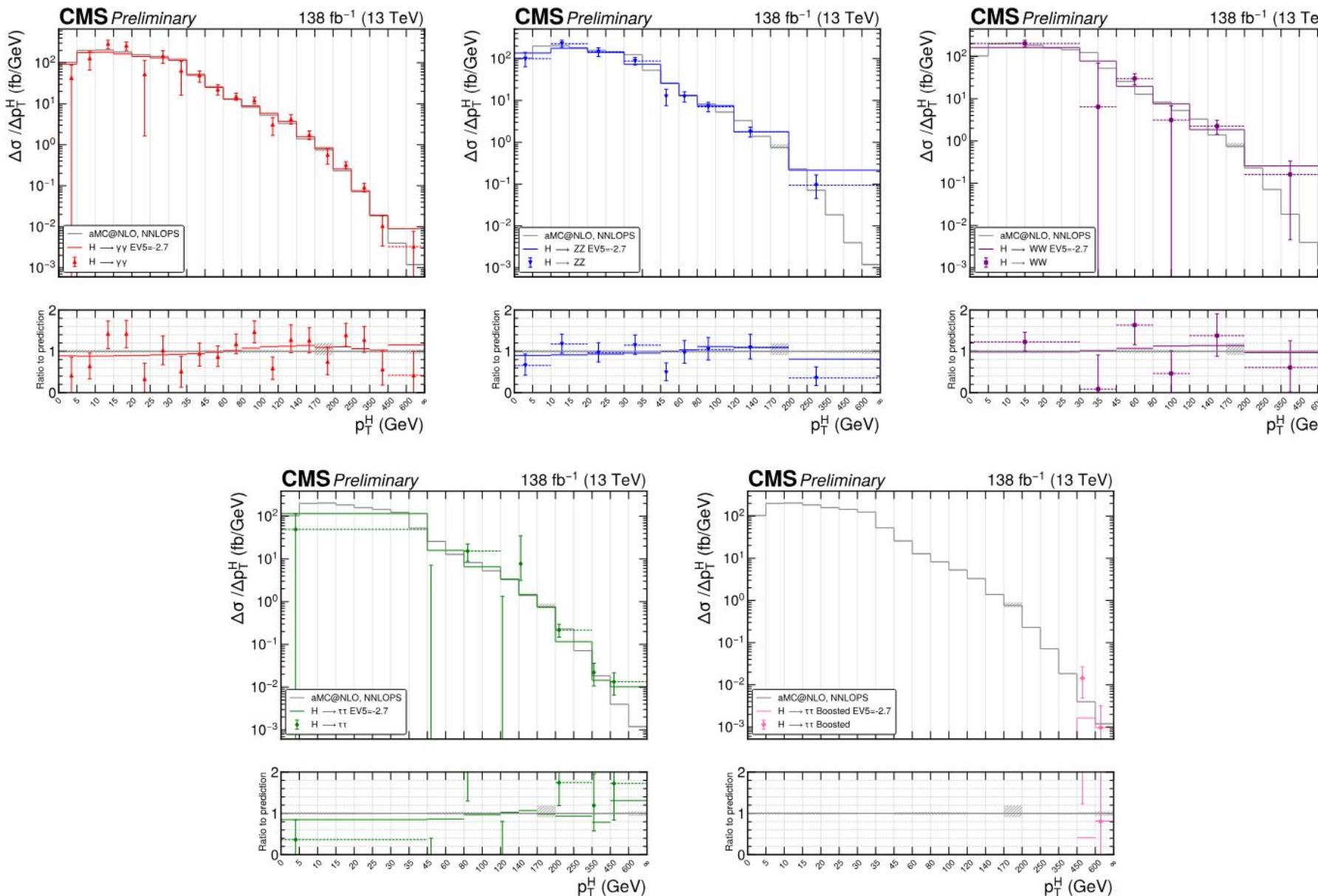
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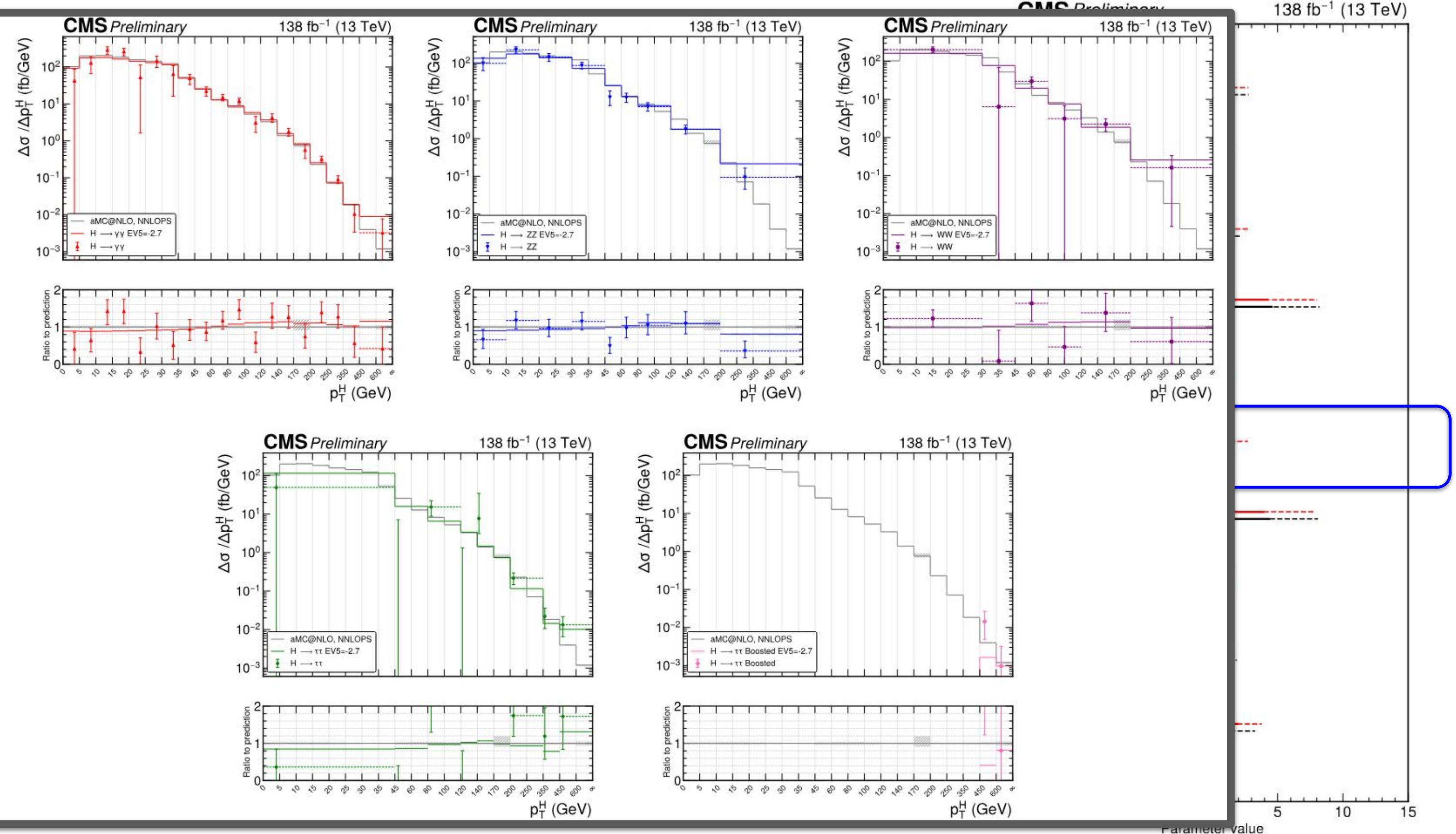
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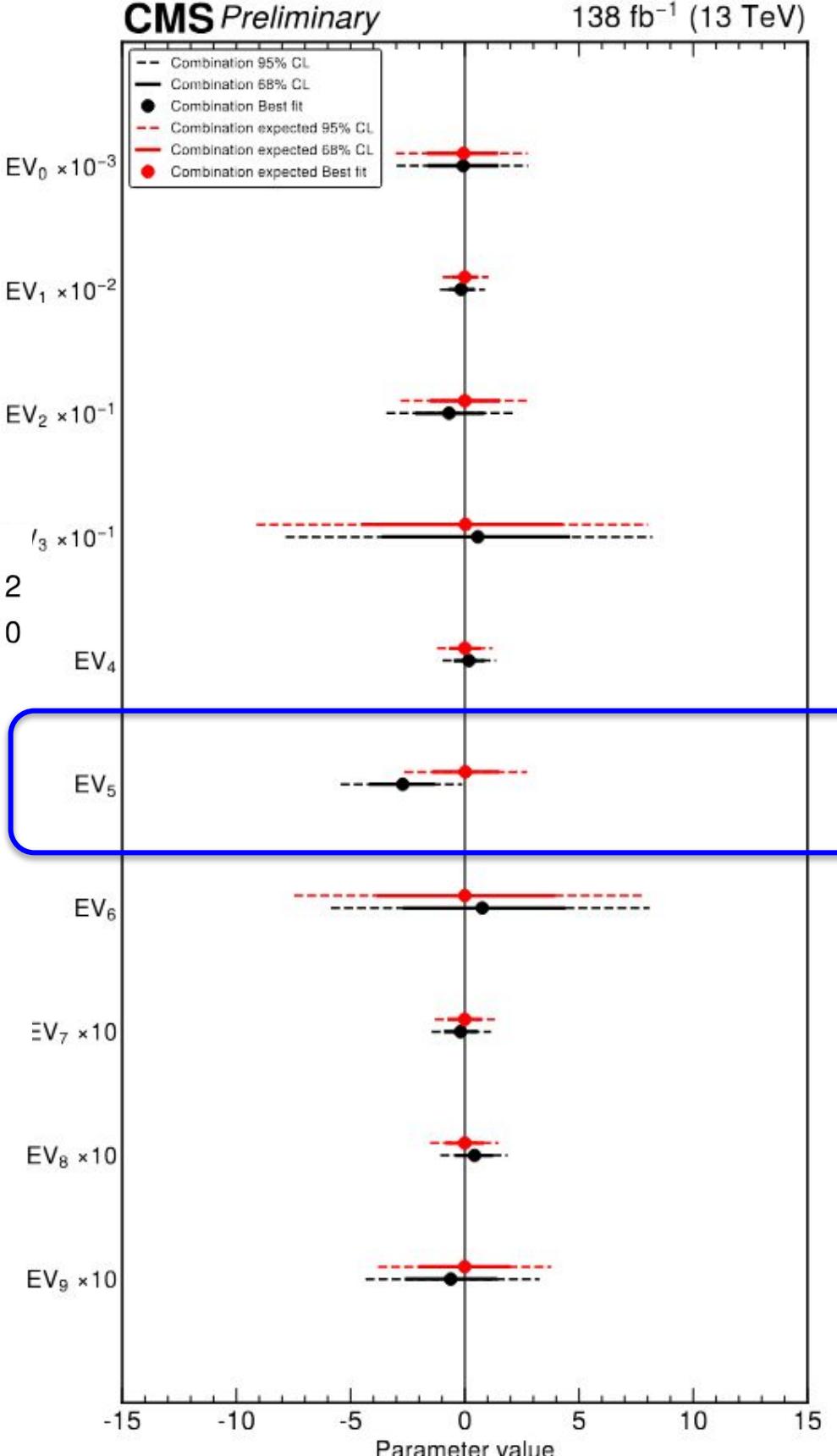
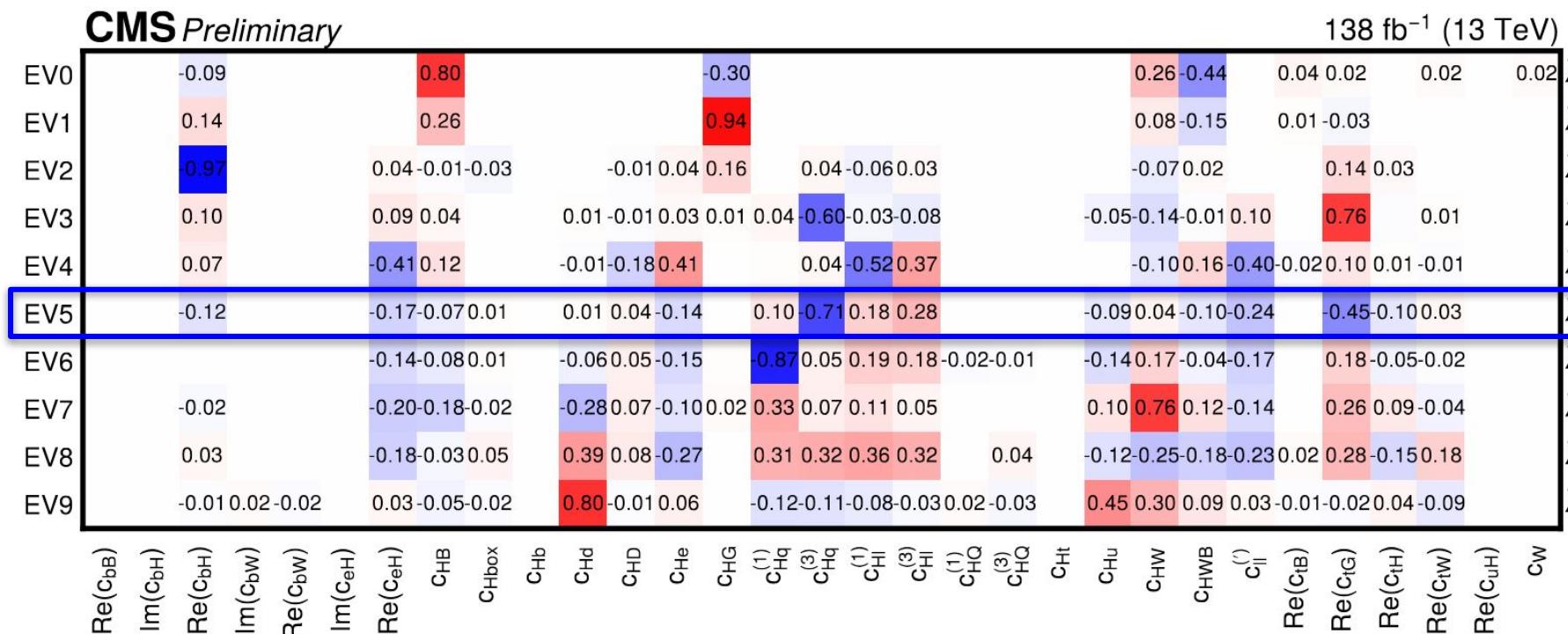
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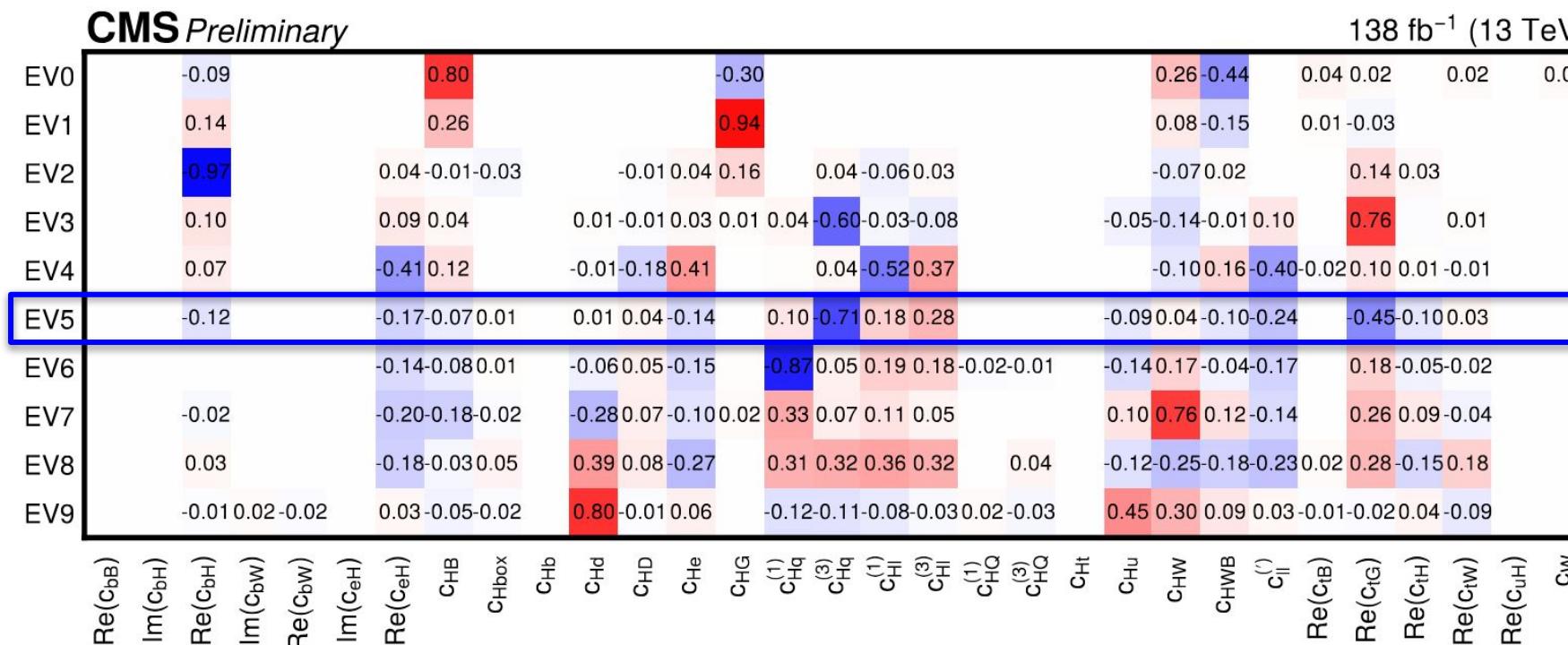
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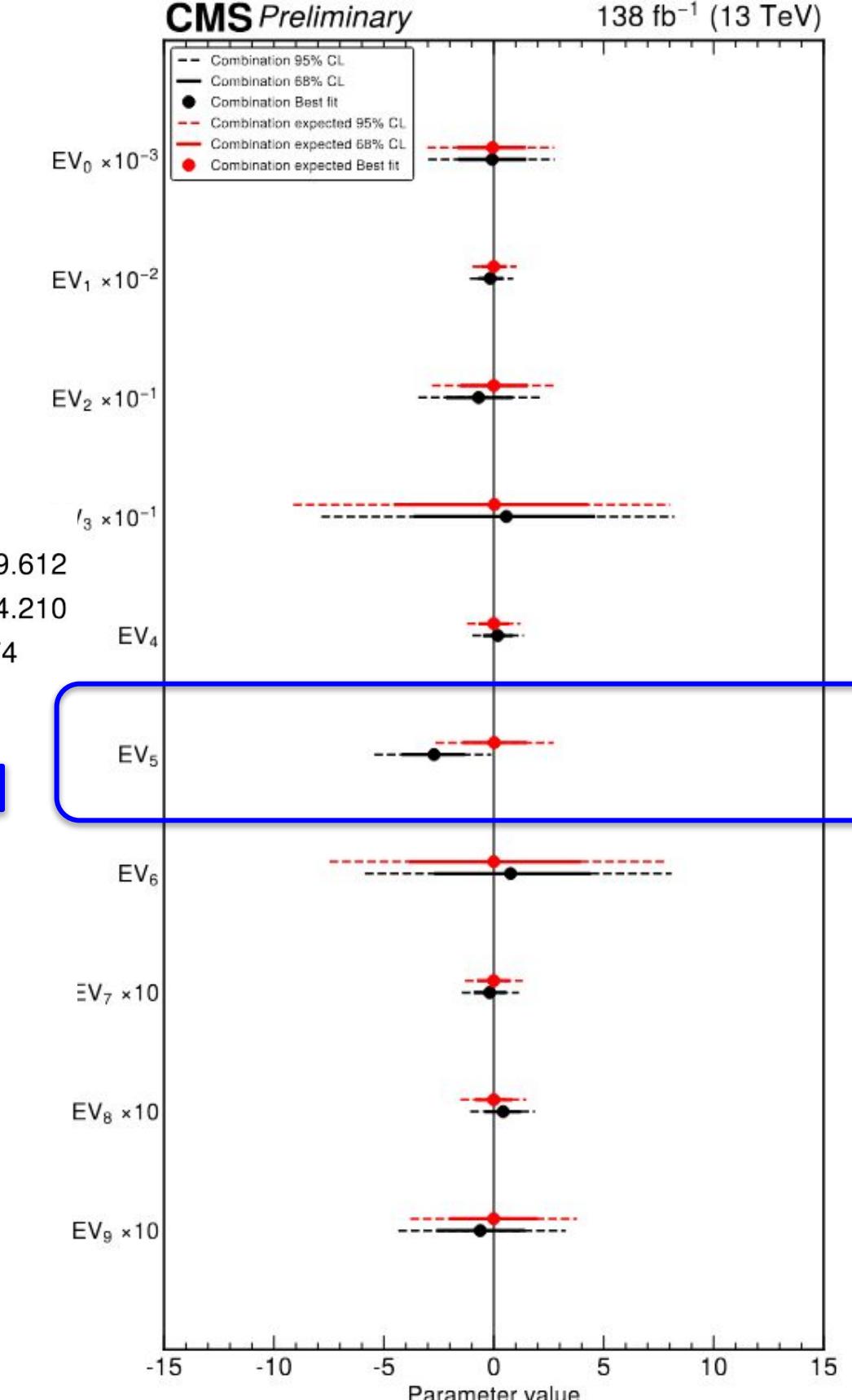
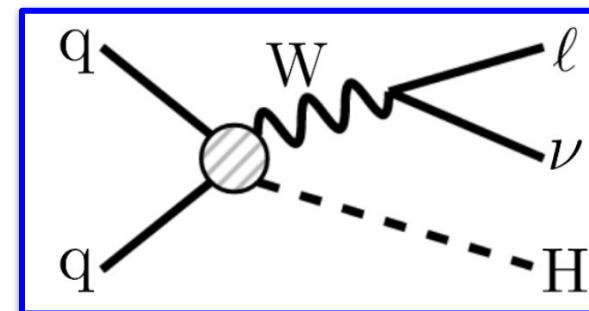
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$$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^i H)(\bar{q}_p \sigma^i \gamma^\mu q_r)$$

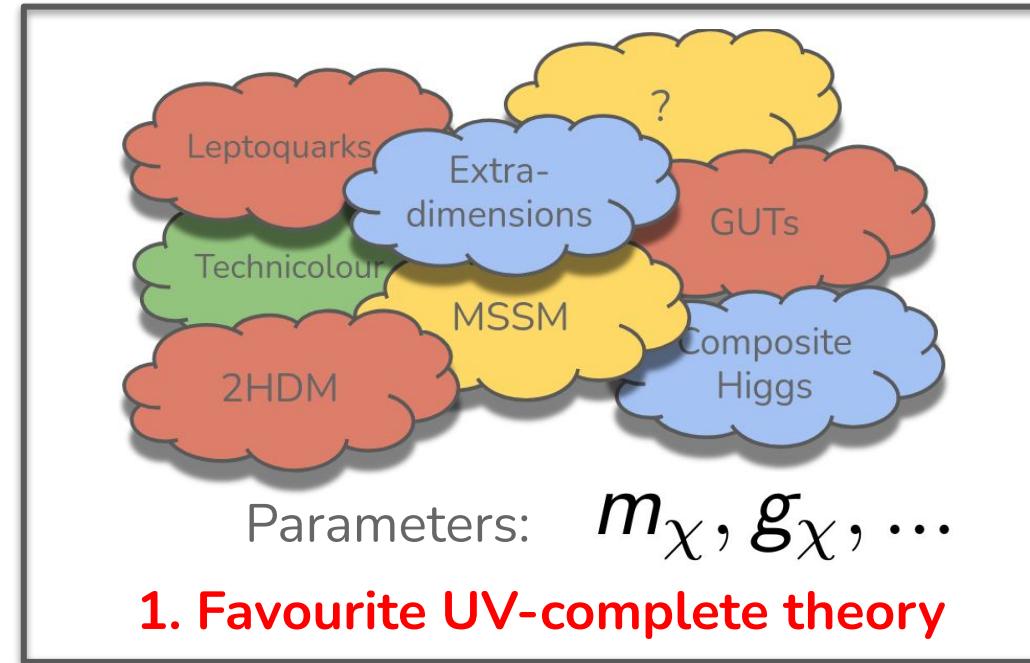


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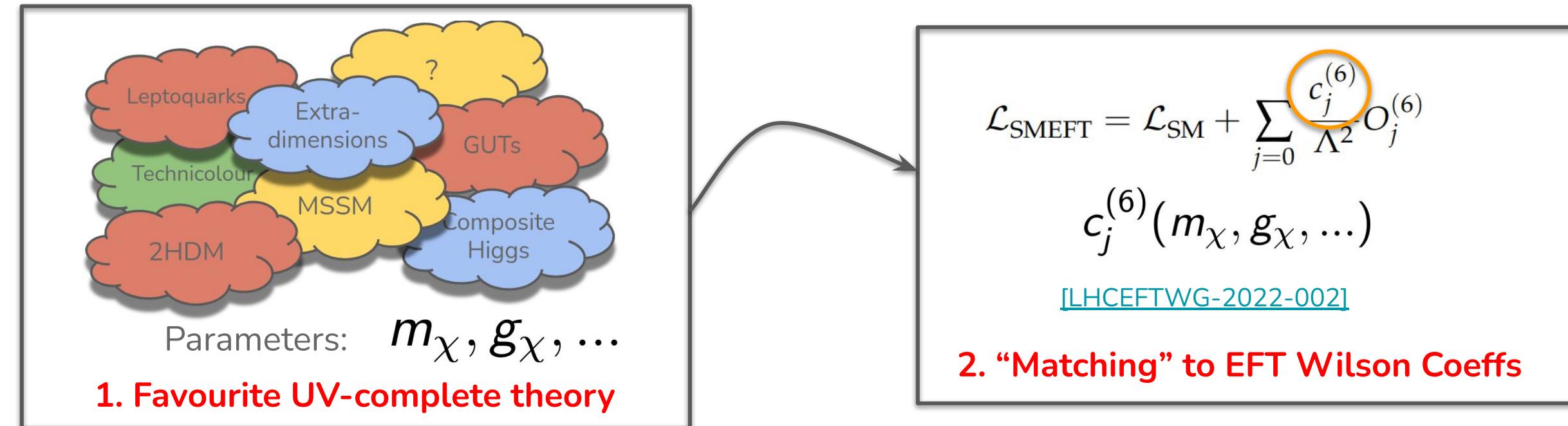
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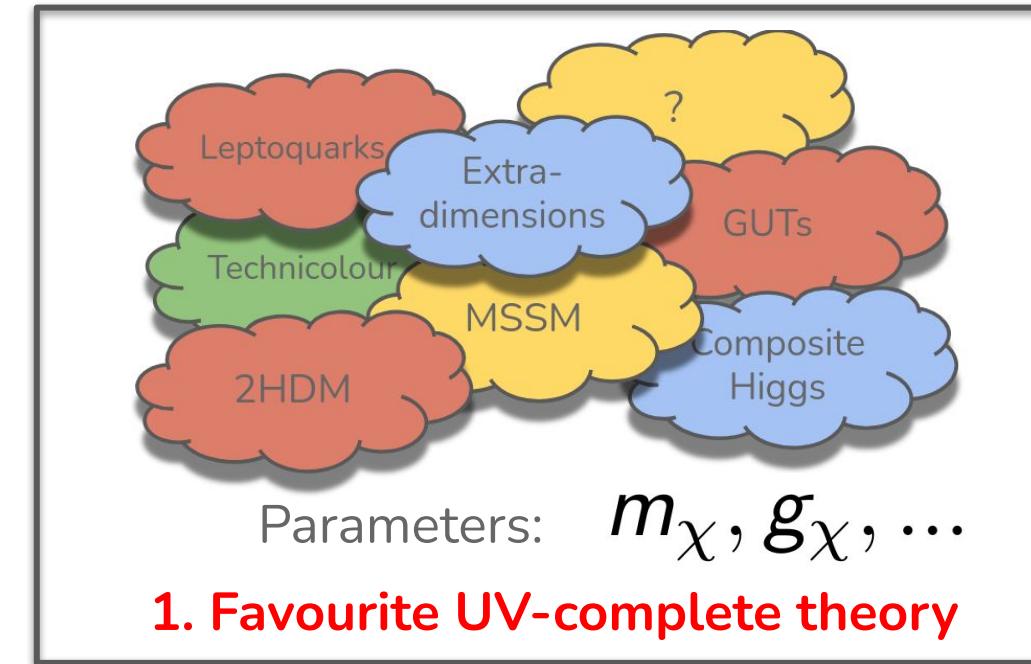
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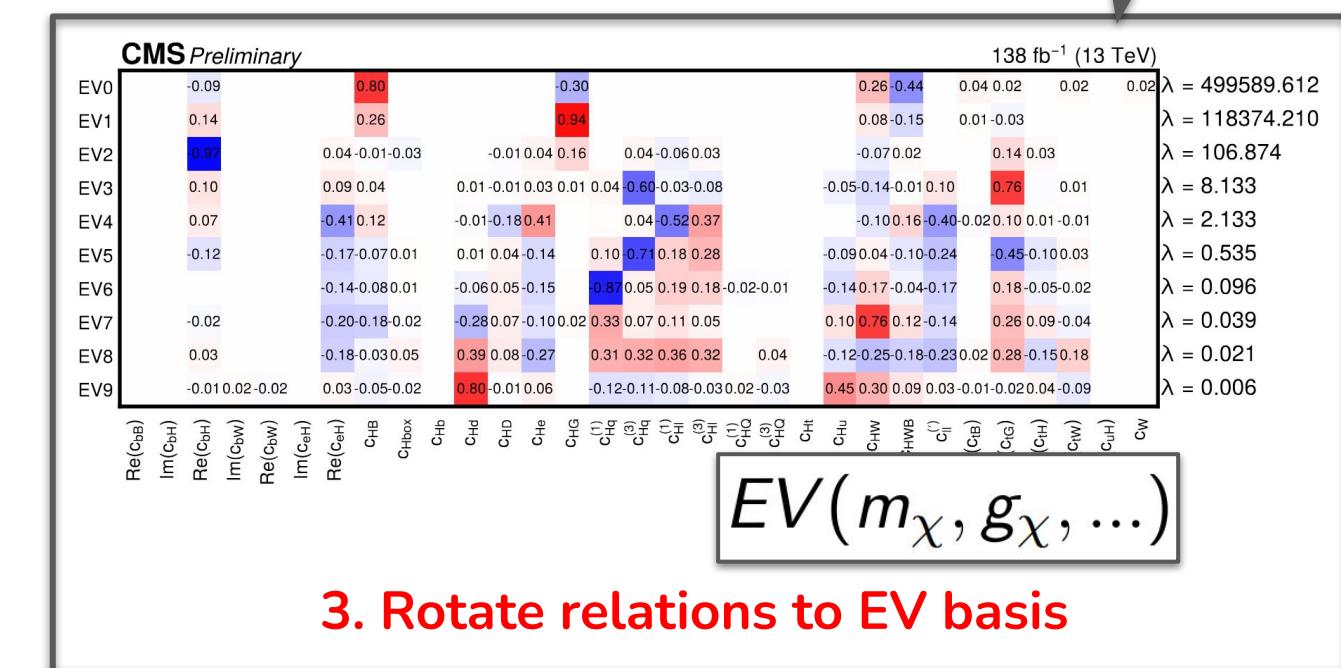


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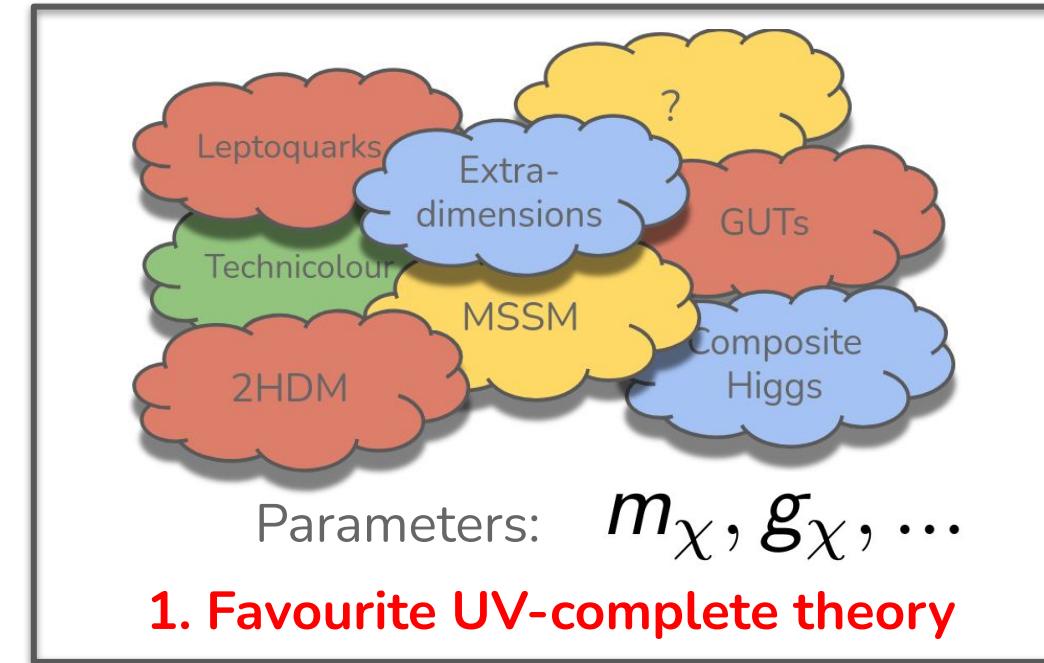
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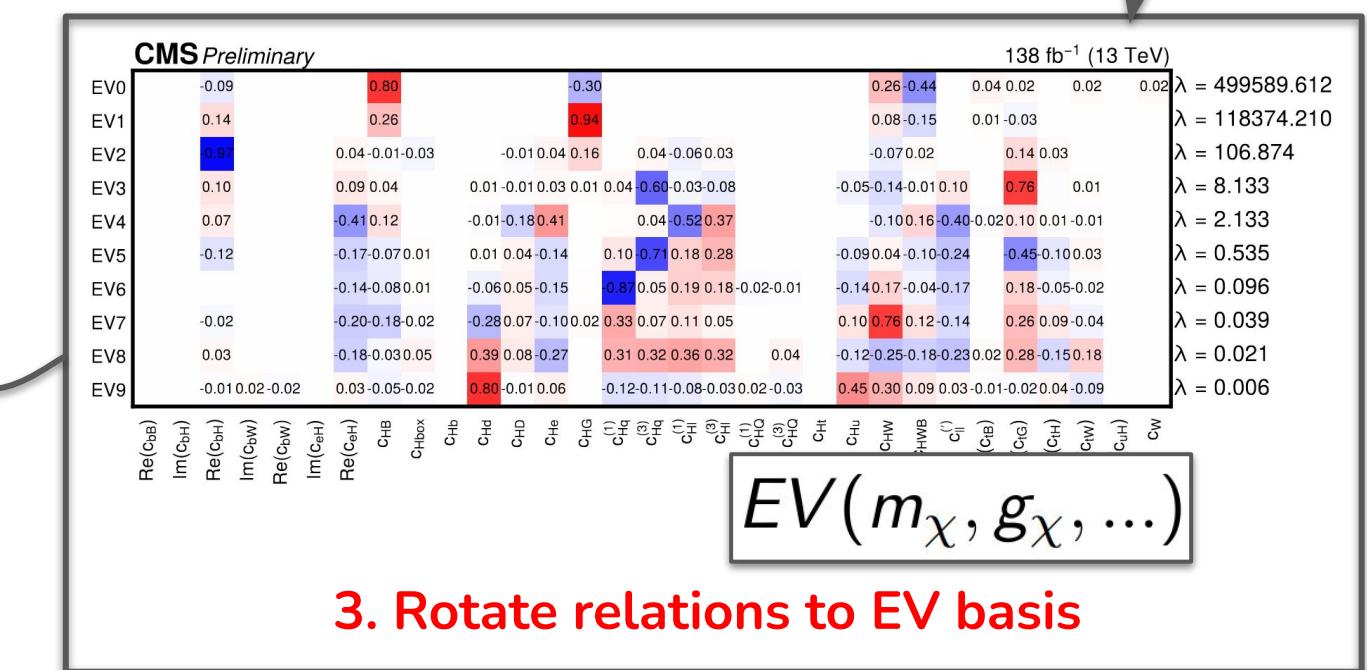
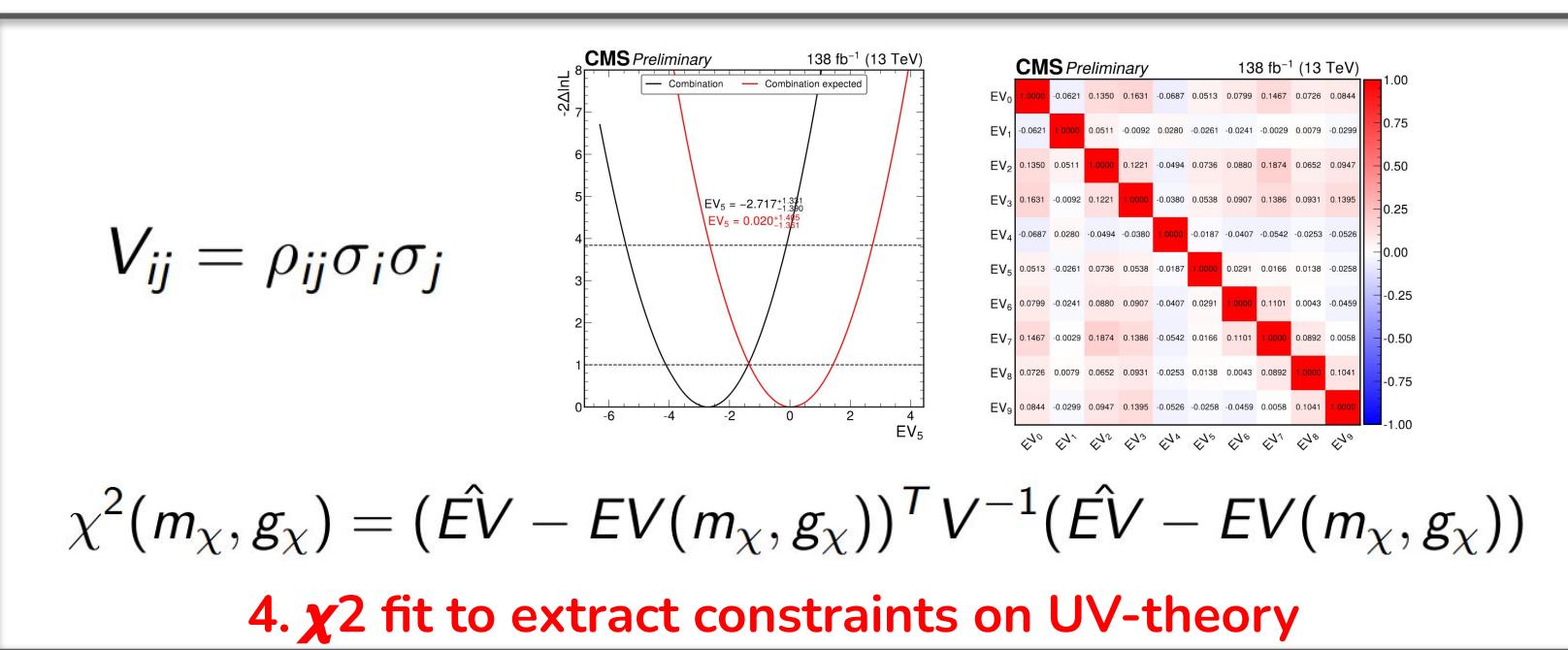


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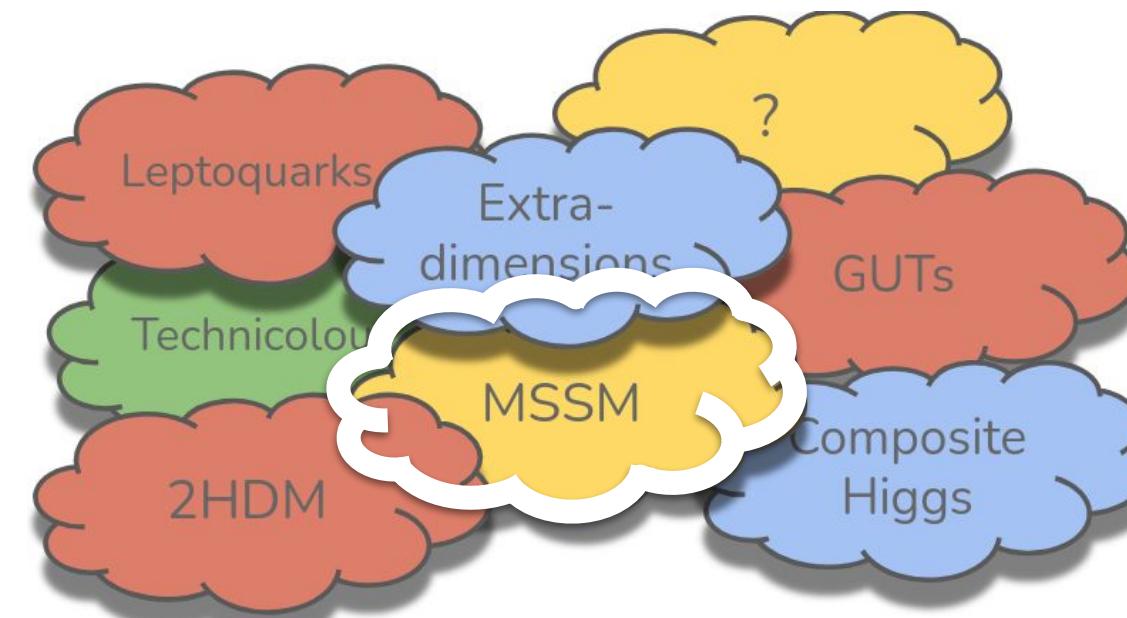
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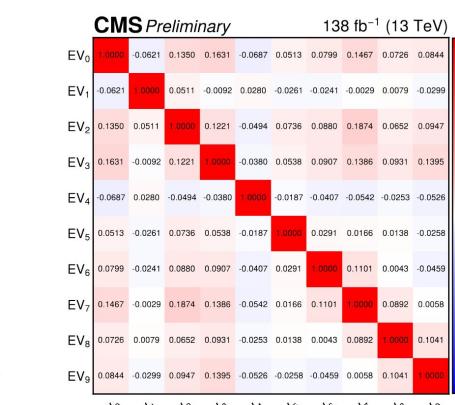
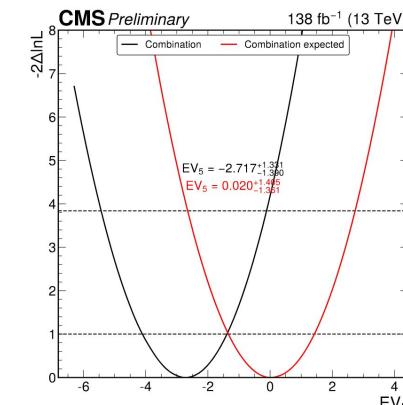


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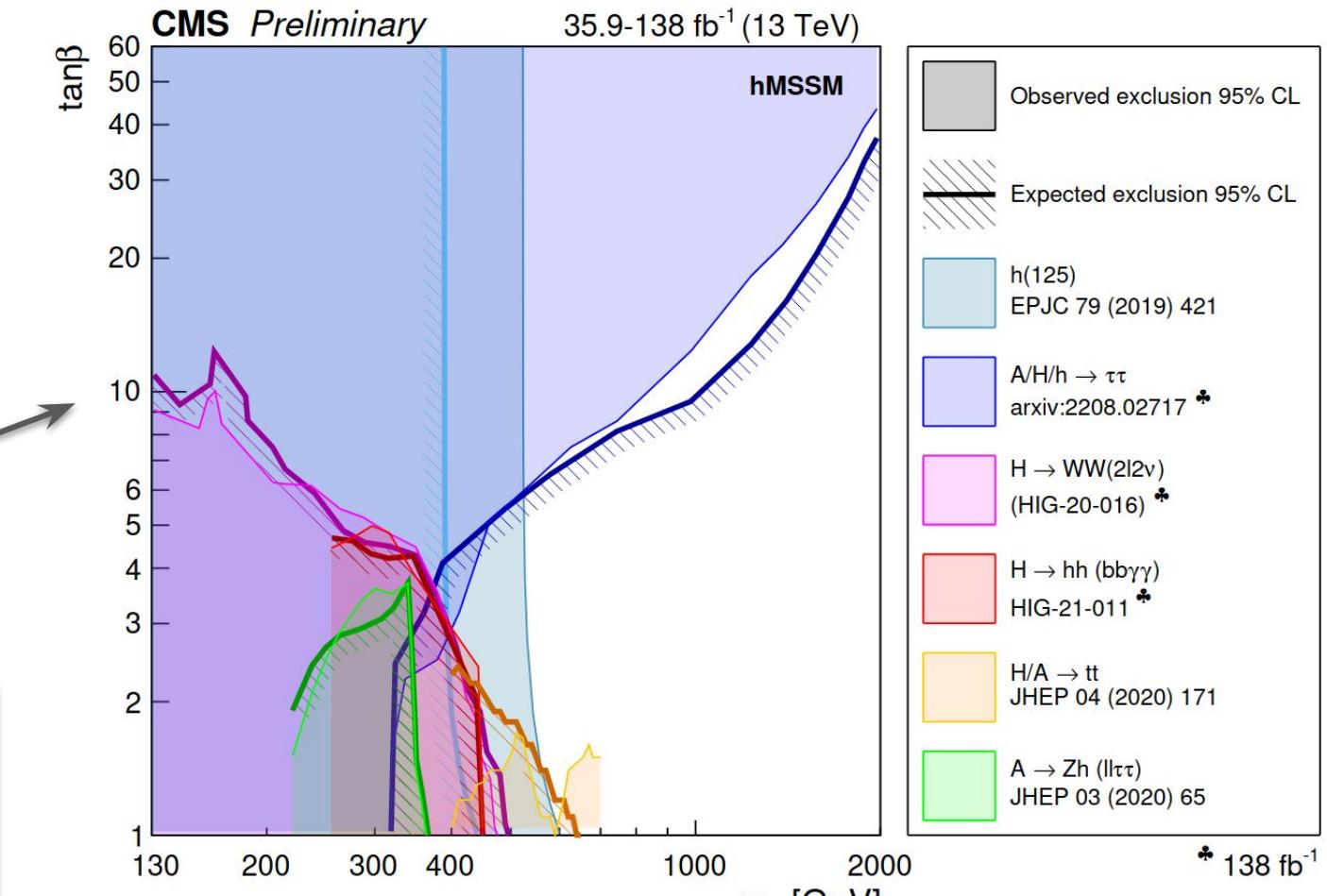


$$V_{ij} = \rho_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$



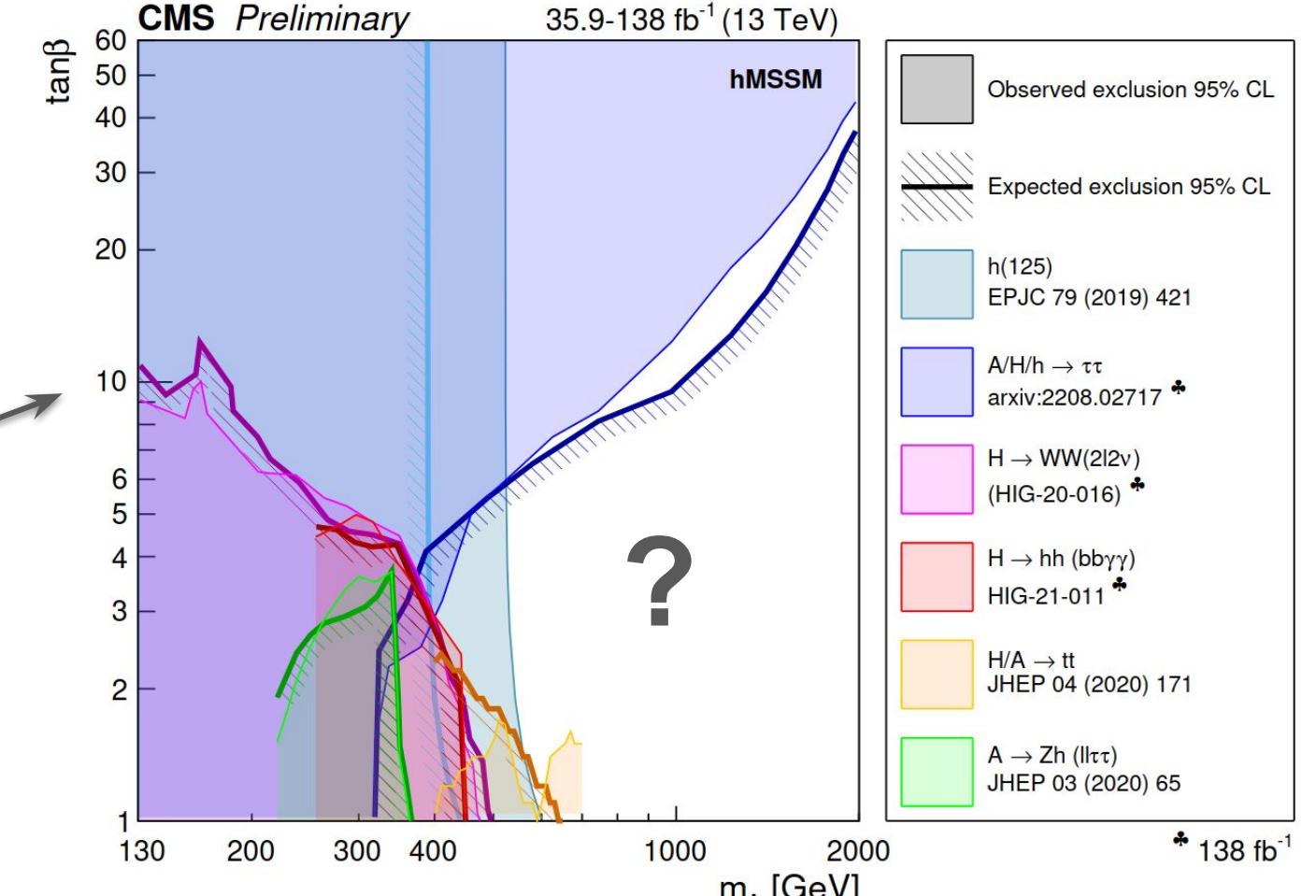
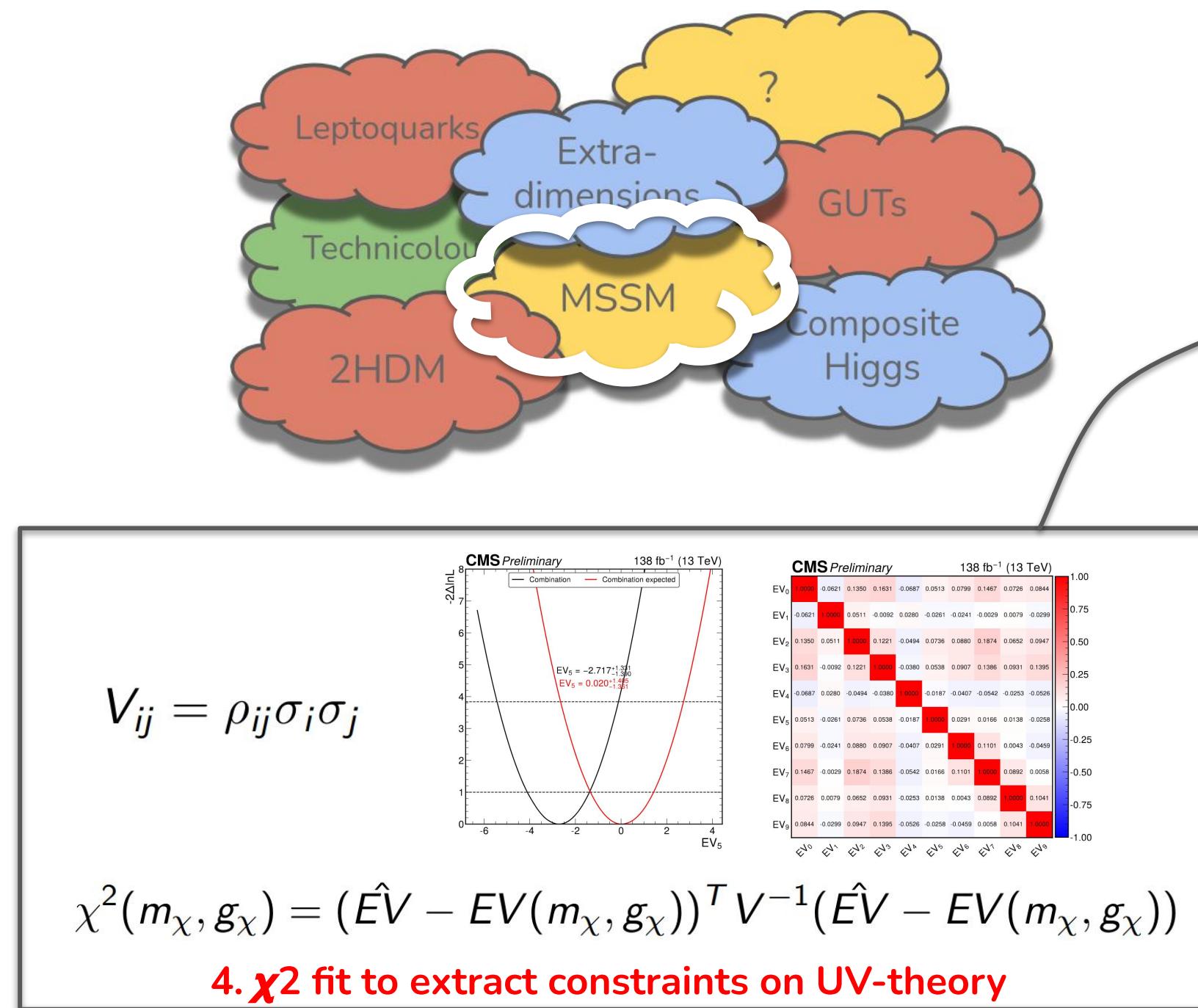
$$\chi^2(m_\chi, g_\chi) = (\hat{EV} - EV(m_\chi, g_\chi))^T V^{-1} (\hat{EV} - EV(m_\chi, g_\chi))$$

4. χ^2 fit to extract constraints on UV-theory



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We need to do better at this part of the EFT workflow

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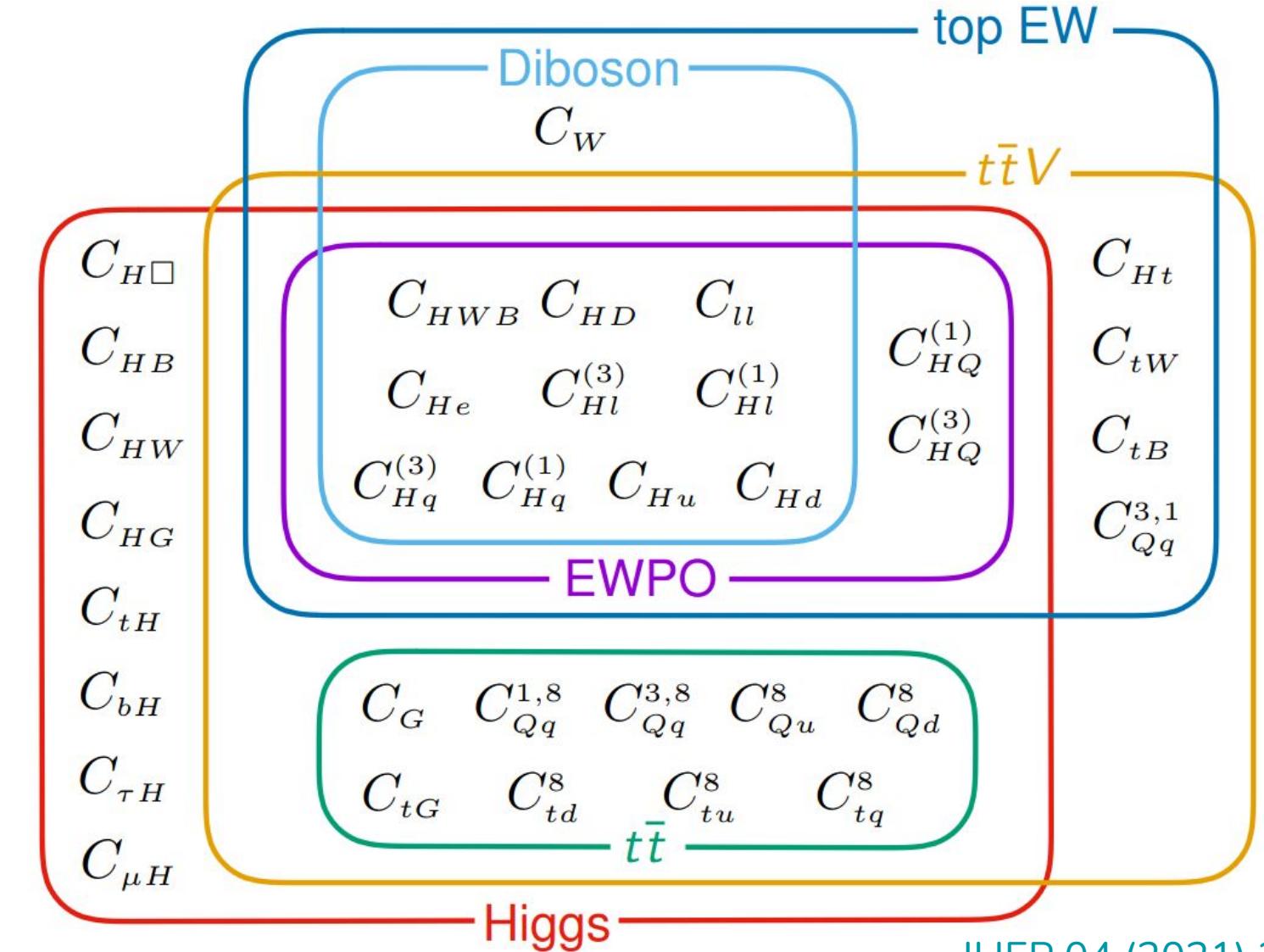
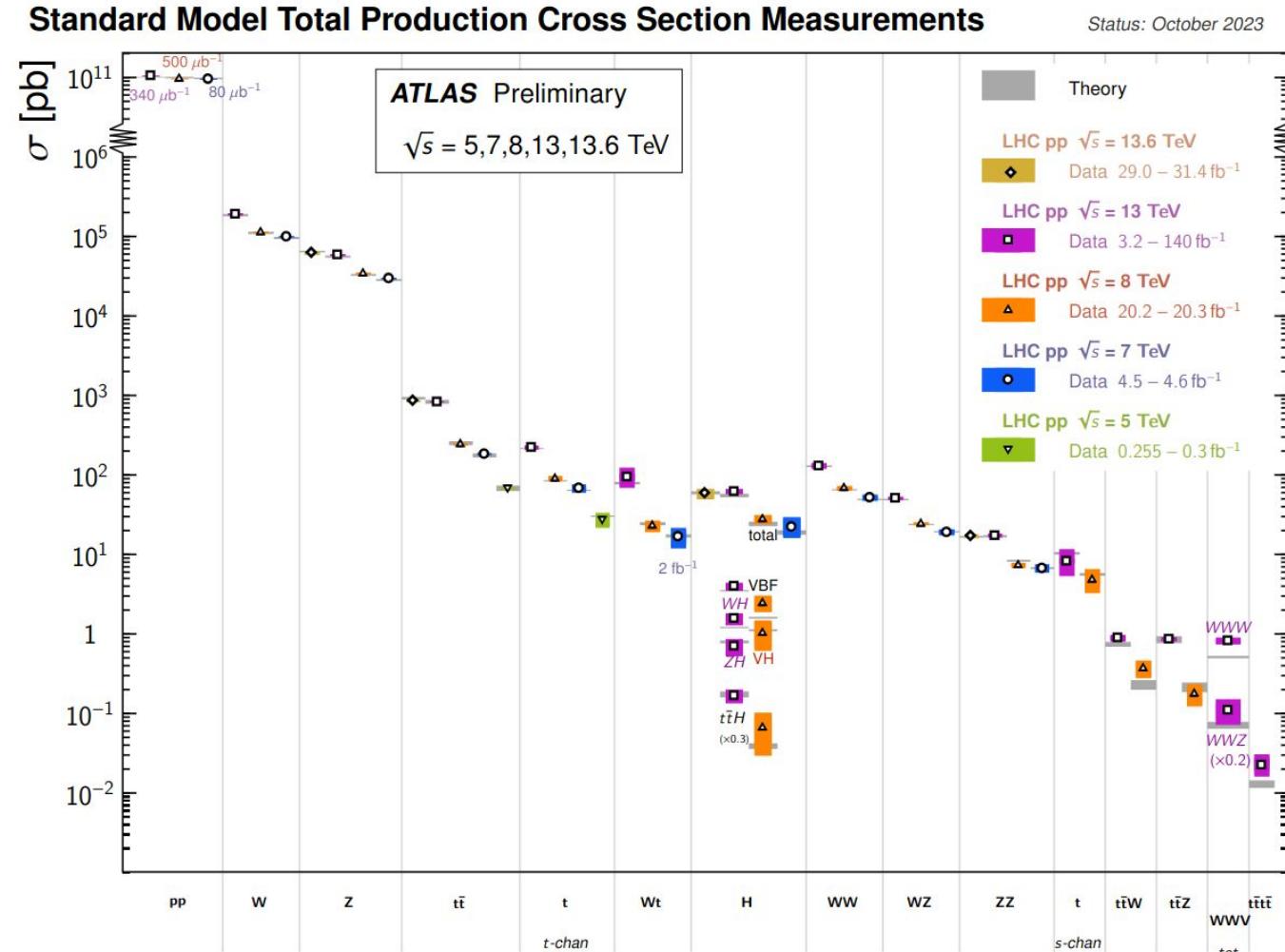


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Encourage theorists to test models with plethora of EFT constraints

Towards a global SMEFT fit

- Beauty of EFT is it's a fully consistent expansion of the SM → coherently correlate BSM effects across different processes



- Global EFT fit by combining measurements of many different processes

Combined EFT interpretation of CMS data

- [\[CMS-PAS-SMP-24-003\]](#): Higgs boson, electroweak vector boson, top quark and multi-jet measurements

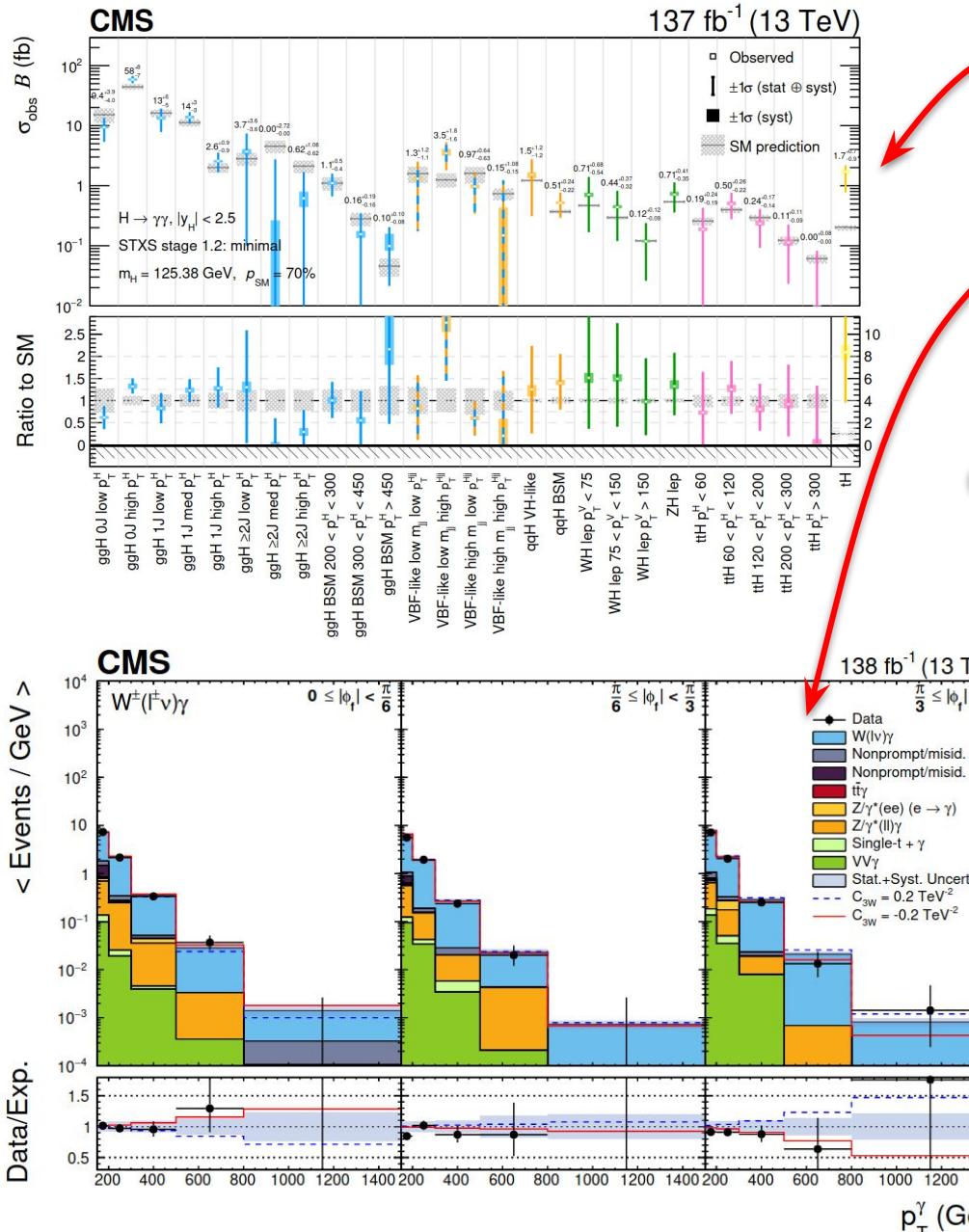
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$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$	Fid. diff. cross sections	p_T^Z	✓
$t\bar{t}$	Fid. diff. cross sections	$M_{t\bar{t}}$	✗
EWPO	Pseudo-observables	$\Gamma_Z, \sigma_{\text{had}}^0, R_\ell, R_c, R_b, A_{FB}^{0,\ell}, A_{FB}^{0,c}, A_{FB}^{0,b}$	✗
Inclusive jet	Fid. diff. cross sections	$p_T^{\text{jet}} \times y^{\text{jet}} $	✗
$t\bar{t}X$	Direct EFT	Yields in regions of interest	✓

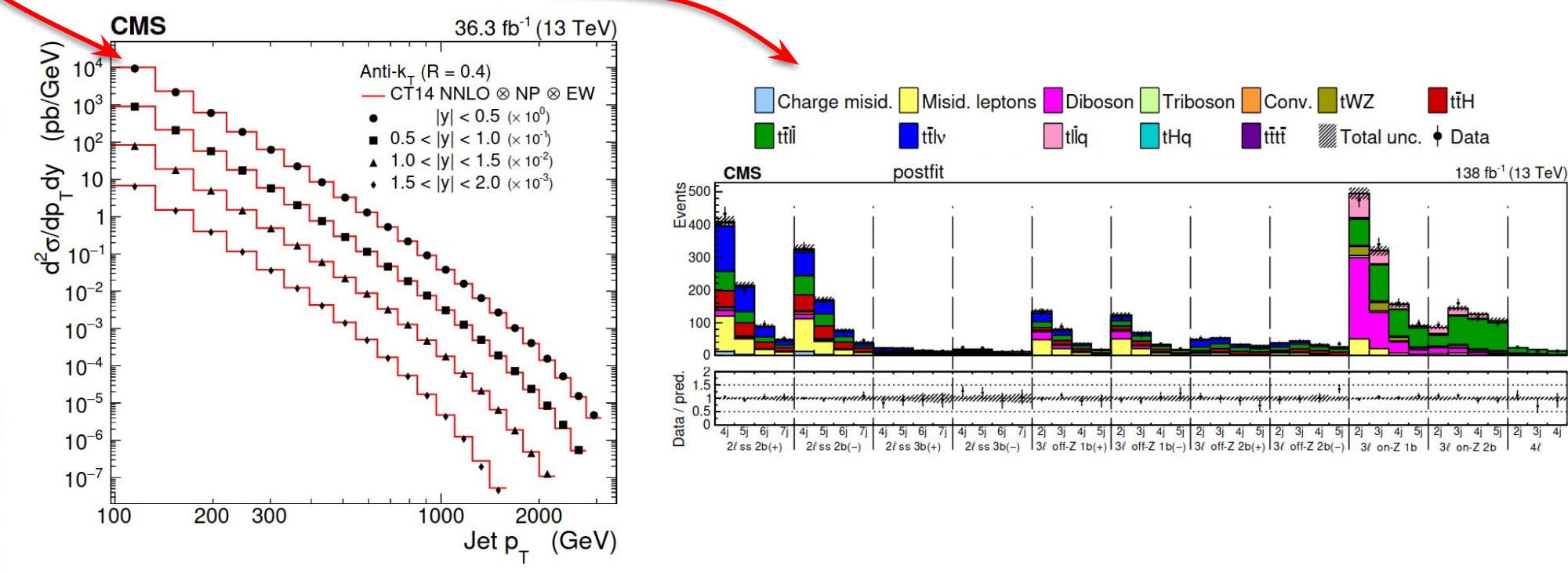
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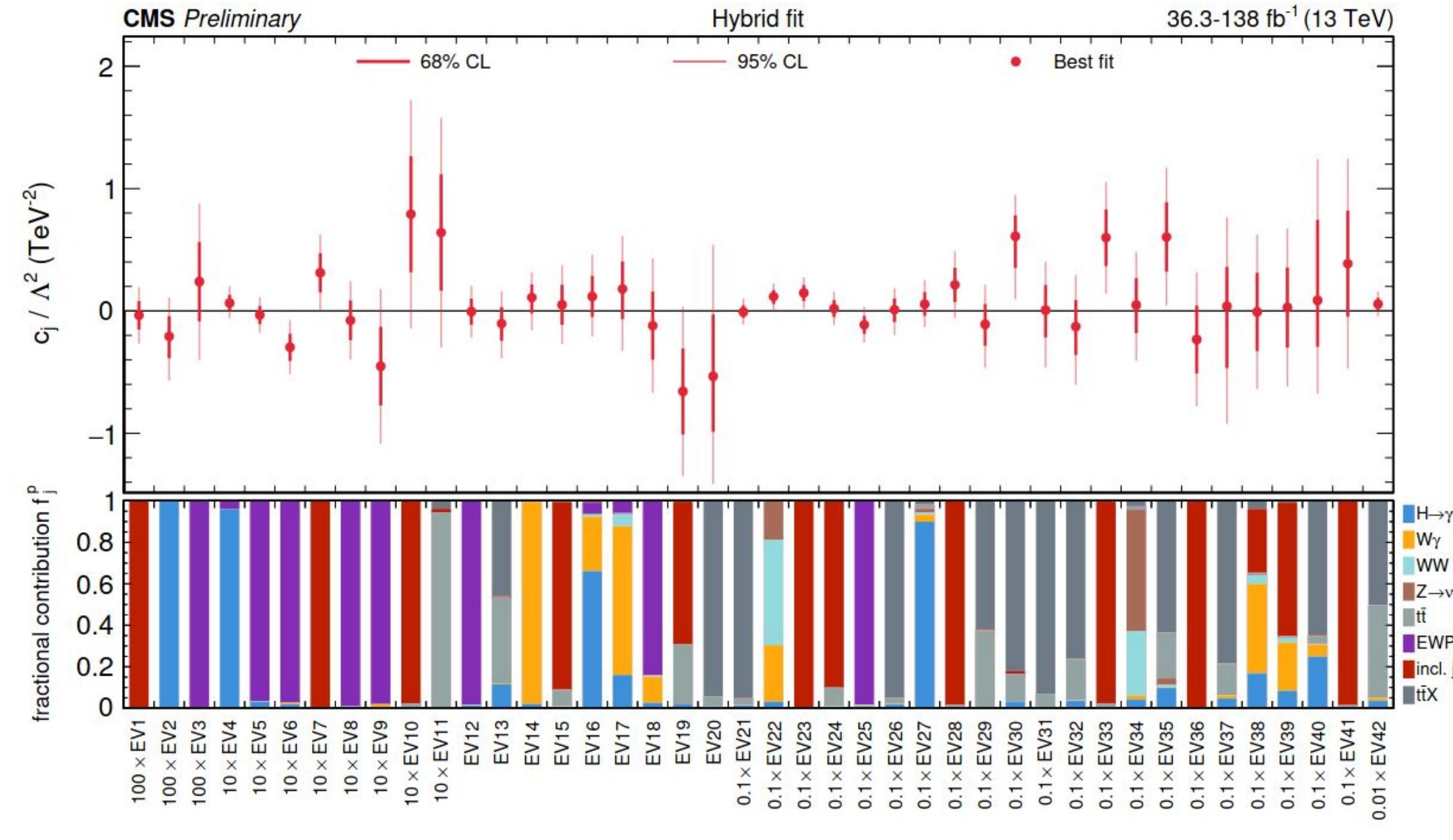


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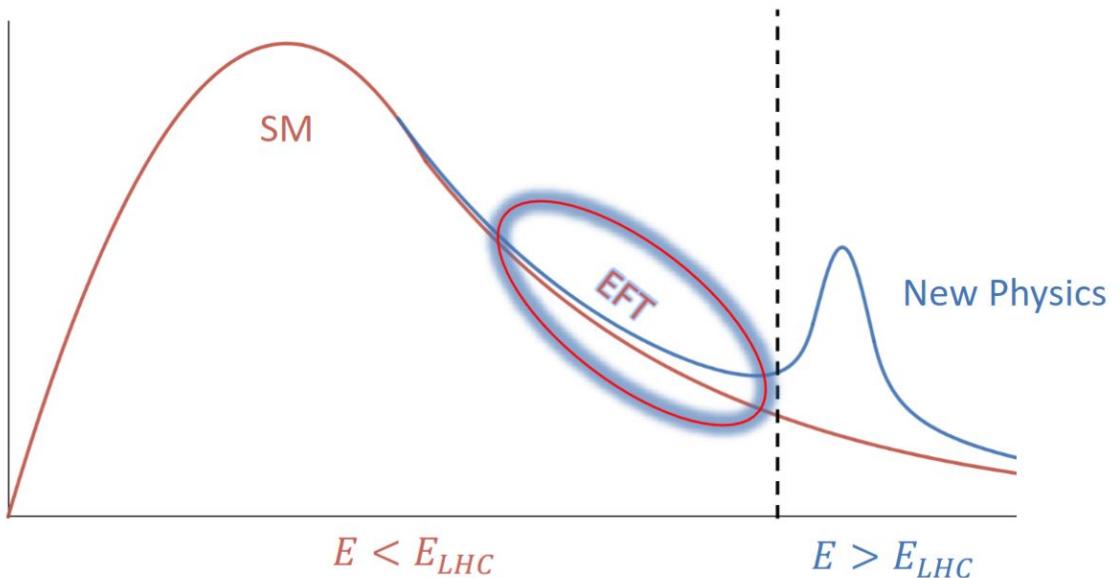
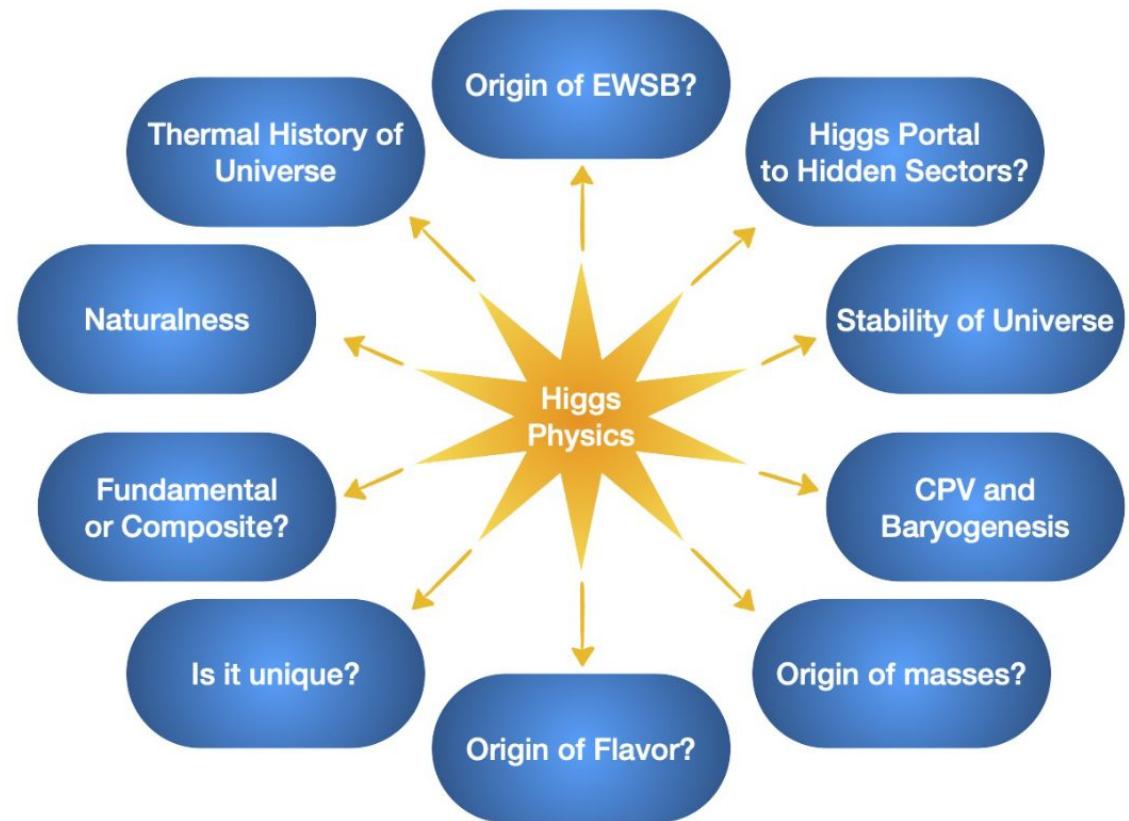
- Again use PCA to find constrained directions → Many more compared to using only Higgs differential measurements

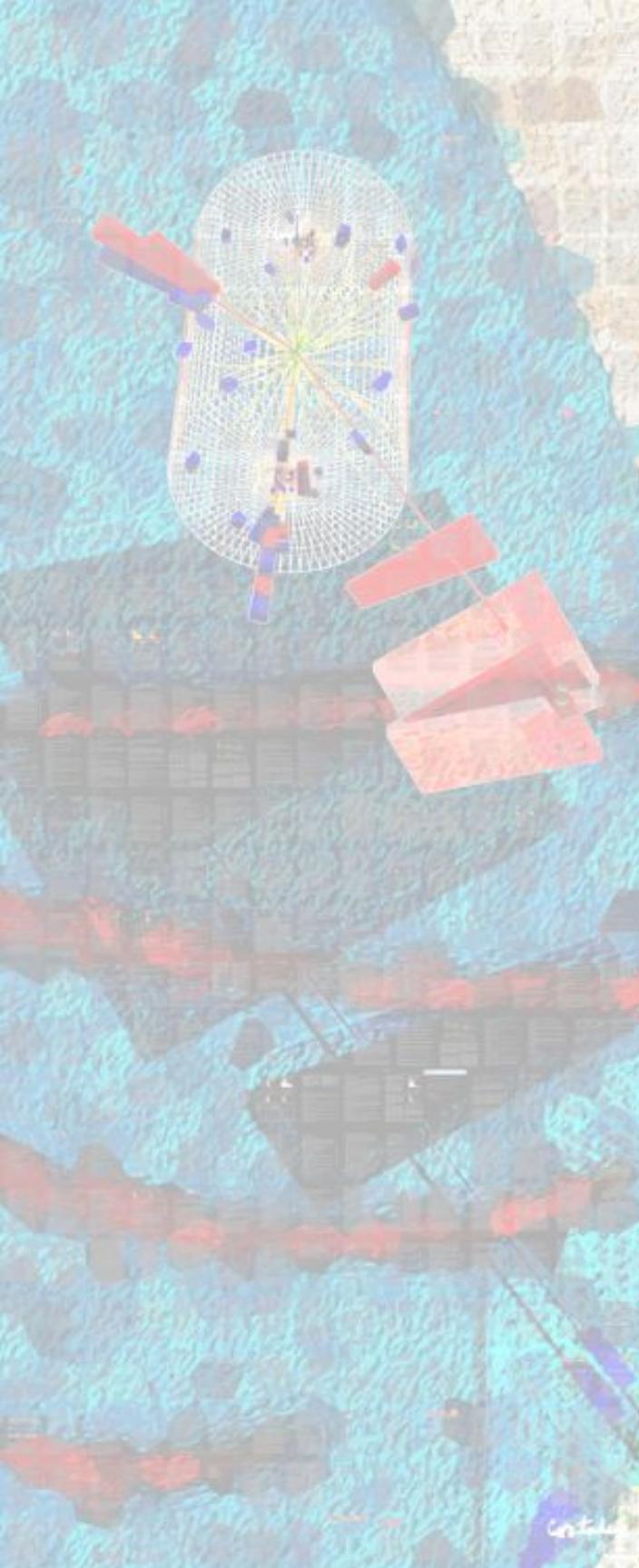


- Flavour of what is to come in Run 3 → Ultimate consistency test of the SM @ LHC using global EFT fits

Summary

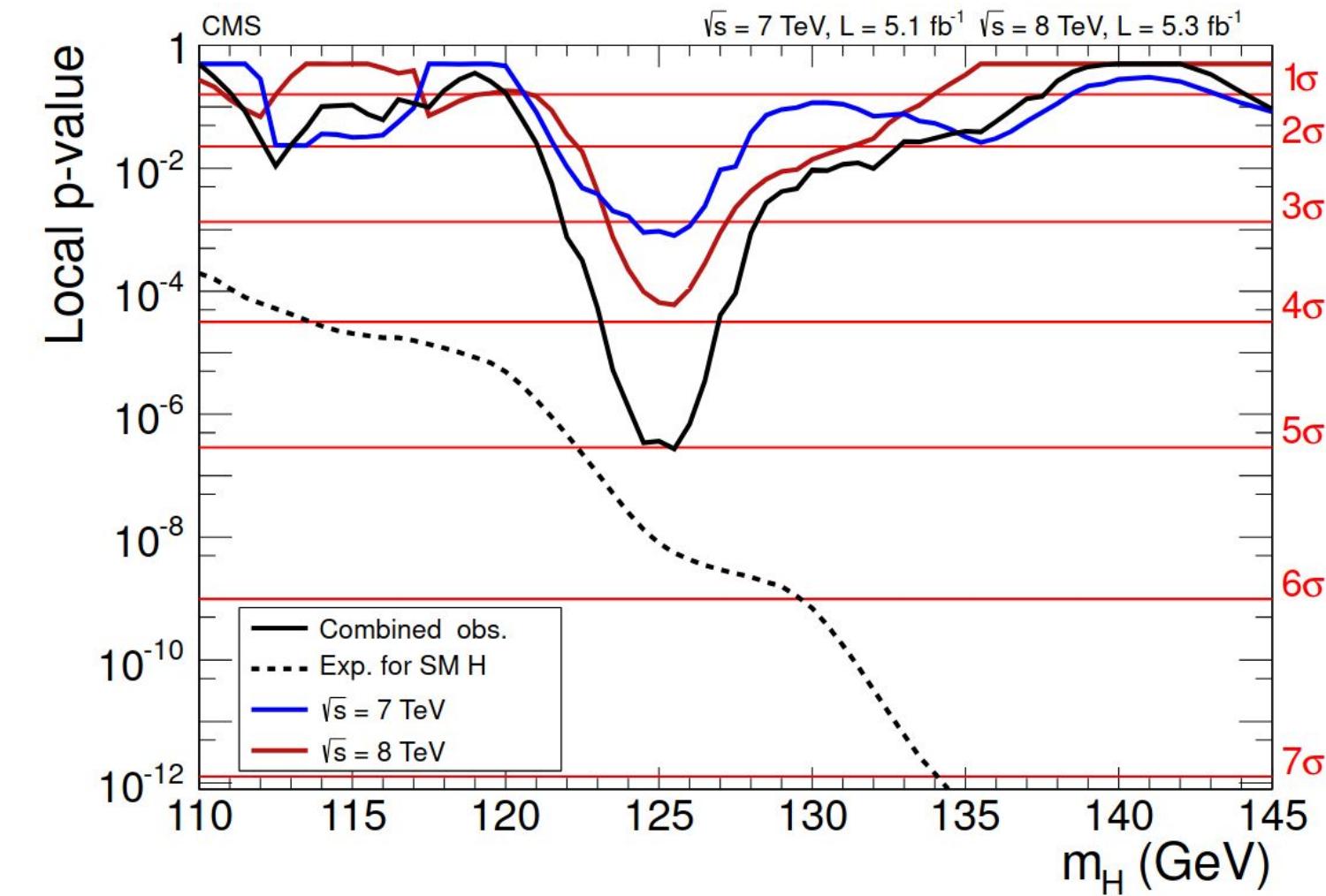
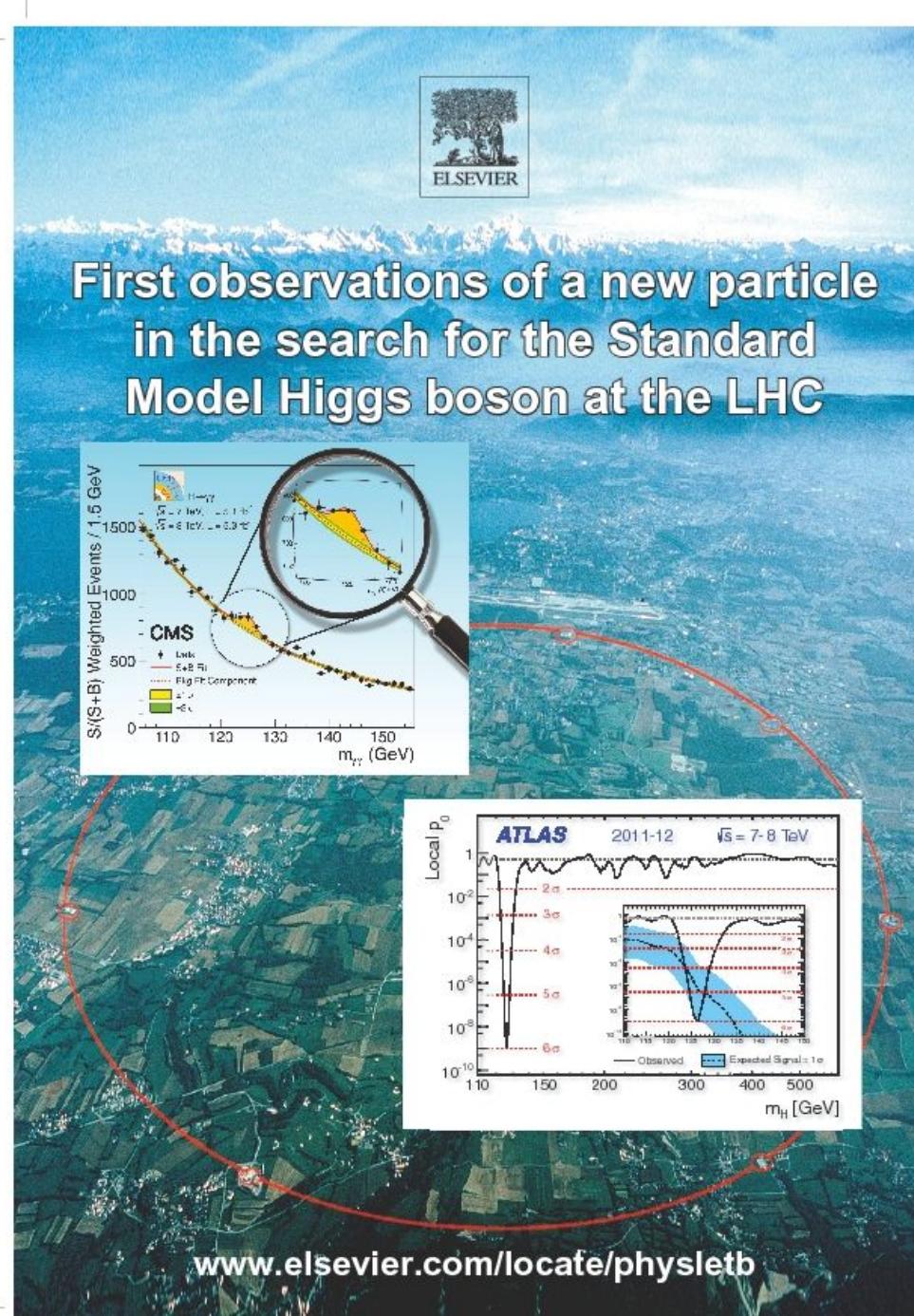
- “Almost every problem of the SM originates from Higgs boson interactions”
 - Probe answers with **precision Higgs boson measurements**
- Large Run 2 dataset has opened the door to more sophisticated analyses
 - Going differential!
- Ultimate precision via **Higgs boson statistical combinations**
 - Differential combination → SMEFT interpretation
- Global EFT fits for ultimate SM consistency tests





Back-Up

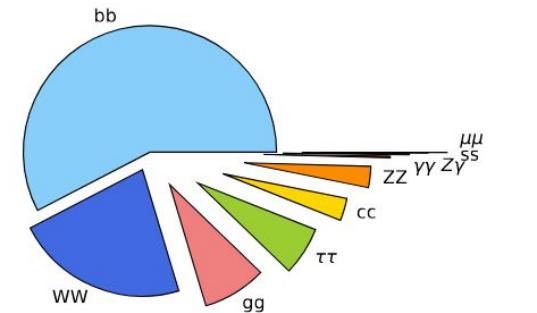
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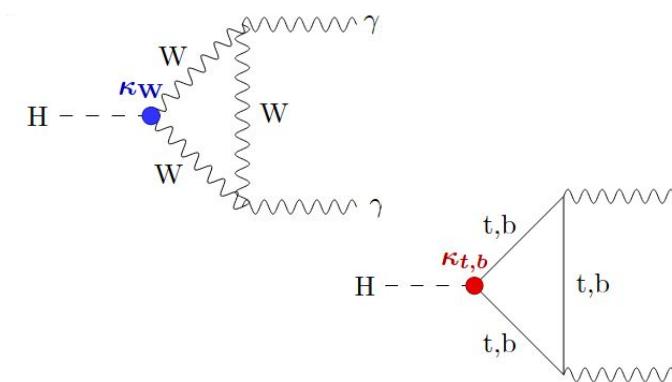
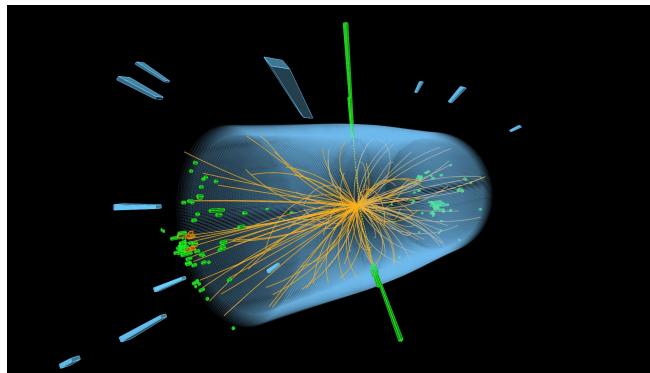
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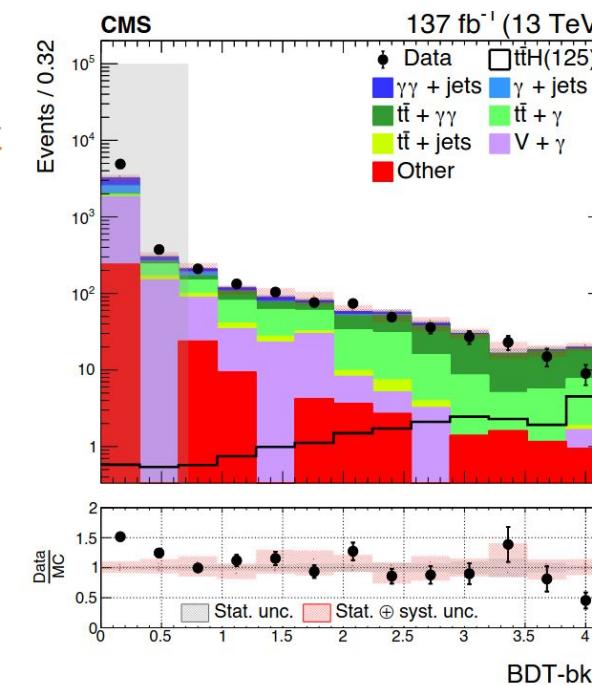
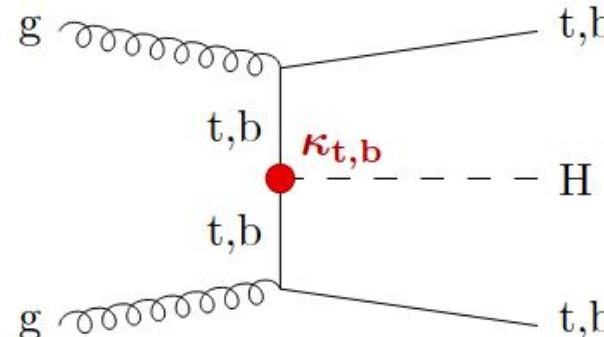
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Select two isolated photons consistent with H boson decay



Categorise events according to kinematic properties to target different production modes (STXS bins)

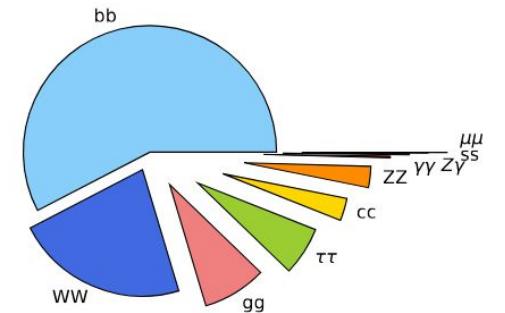


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$H \rightarrow bb$ [47-51]	bb	$ggH, p_T(H) \times N_j$ bins
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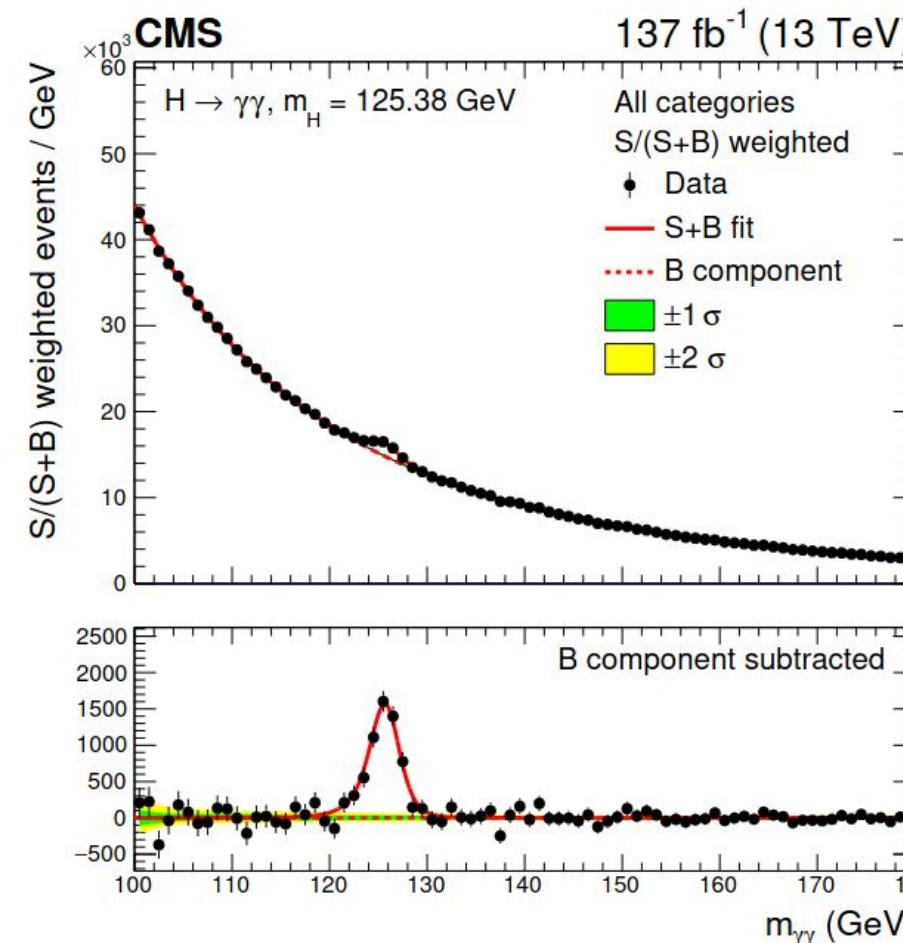
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Excellent photon energy resolution of CMS ECAL



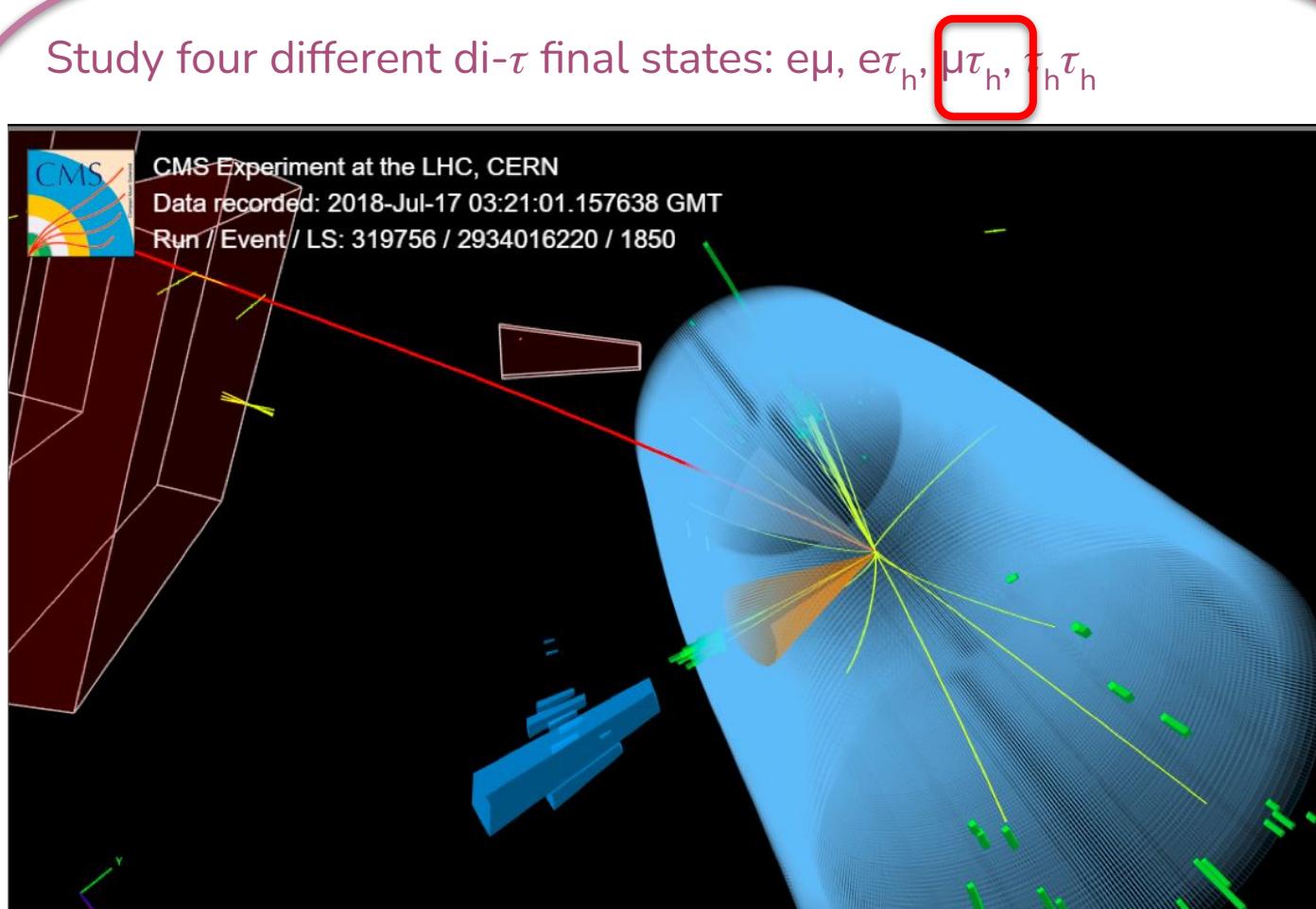
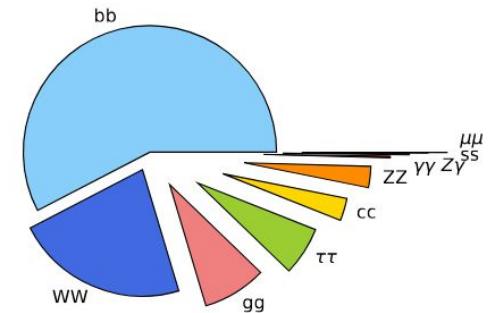
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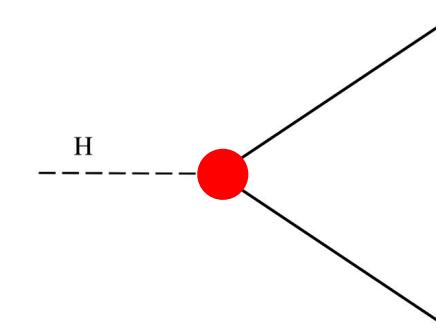
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Benefit from clean leptonic final states + good τ_h identification

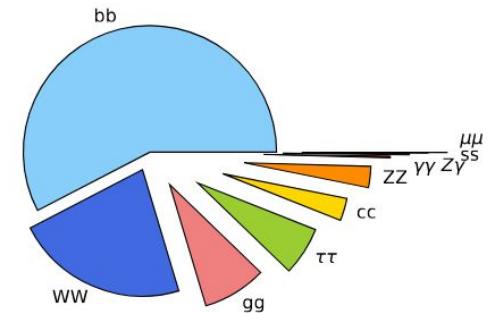


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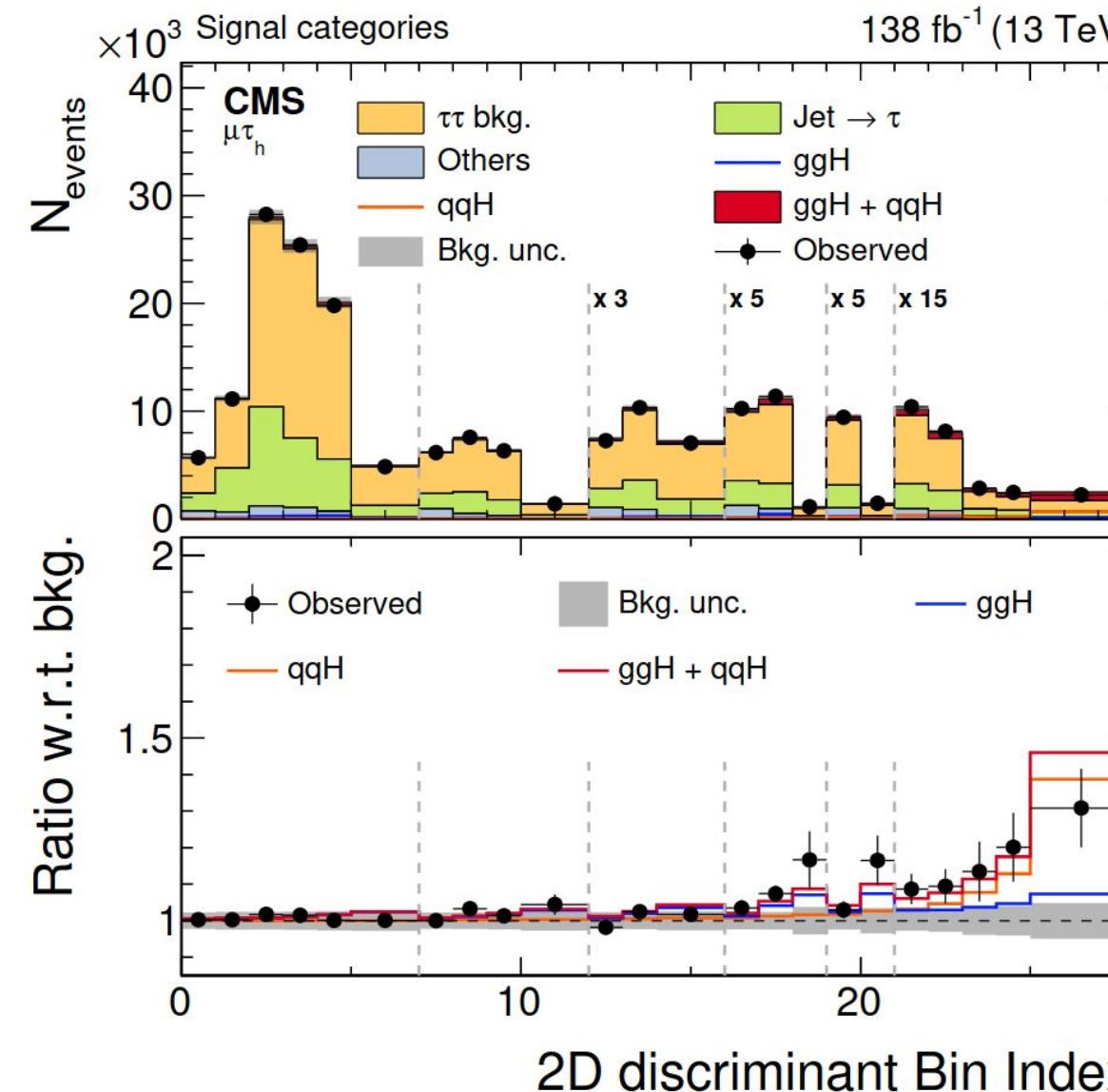
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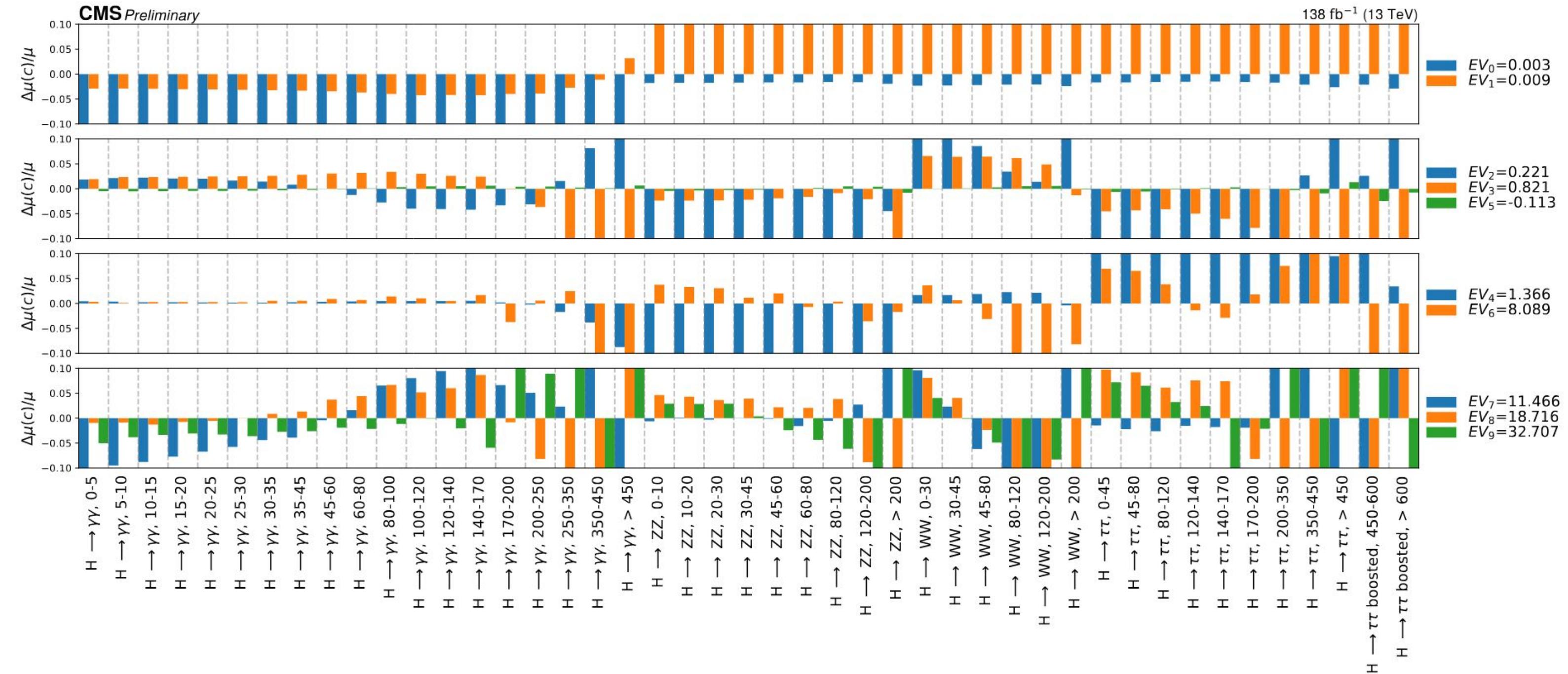


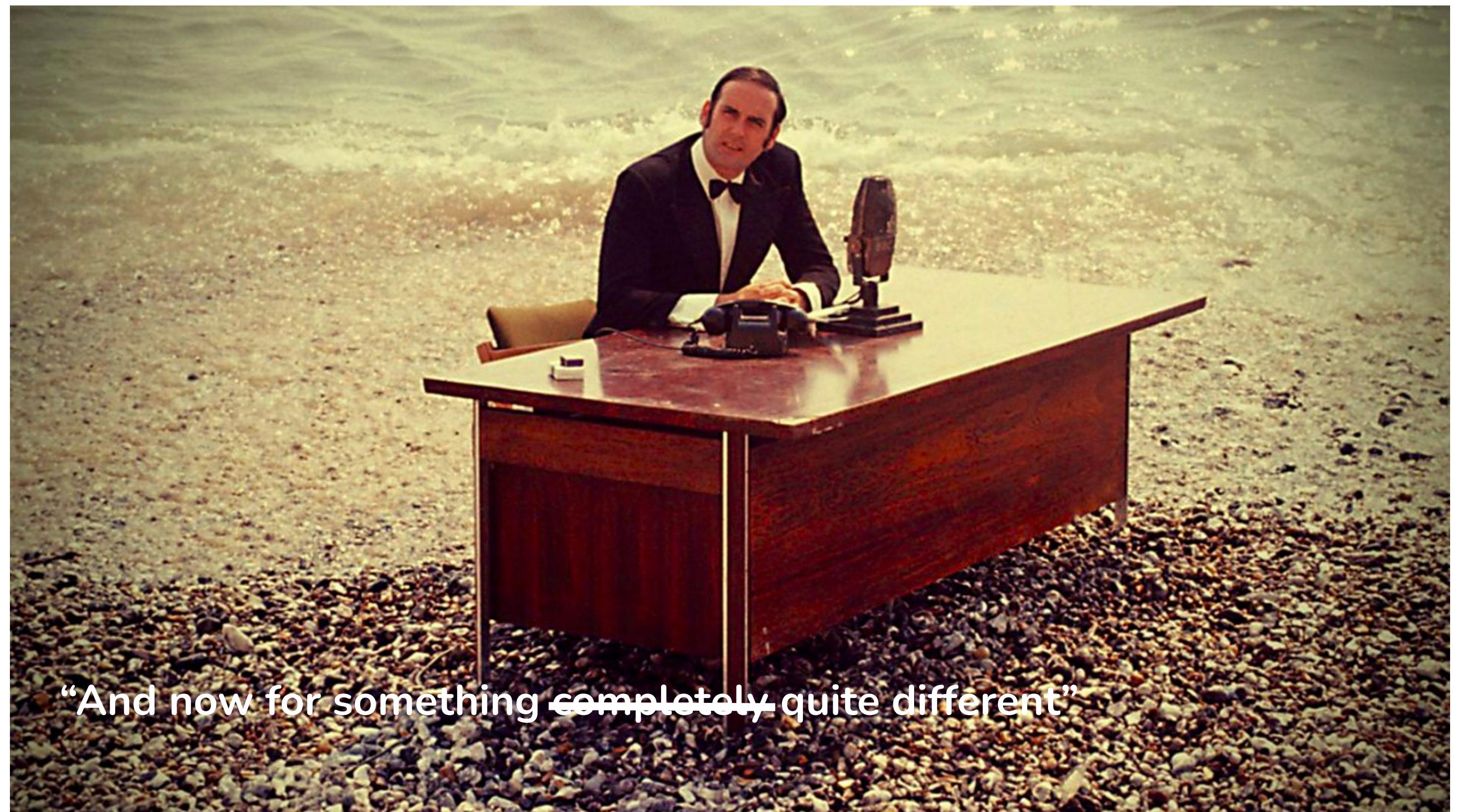
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Single Higgs boson production		
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H → Z γ [45]	3ℓ 4ℓ	ZH leptonic
H → $\tau\tau$ [46]	$Z\gamma$	ggH VBF
H → bb [47-51]	$e\mu, e\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, \tau_h\tau_h$	ggH, $p_T(H) \times N_j$ bins
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ttH production with H → leptons [53]	bb	WH leptonic
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Rotated basis parametrisation





“And now for something ~~completely~~ quite different”

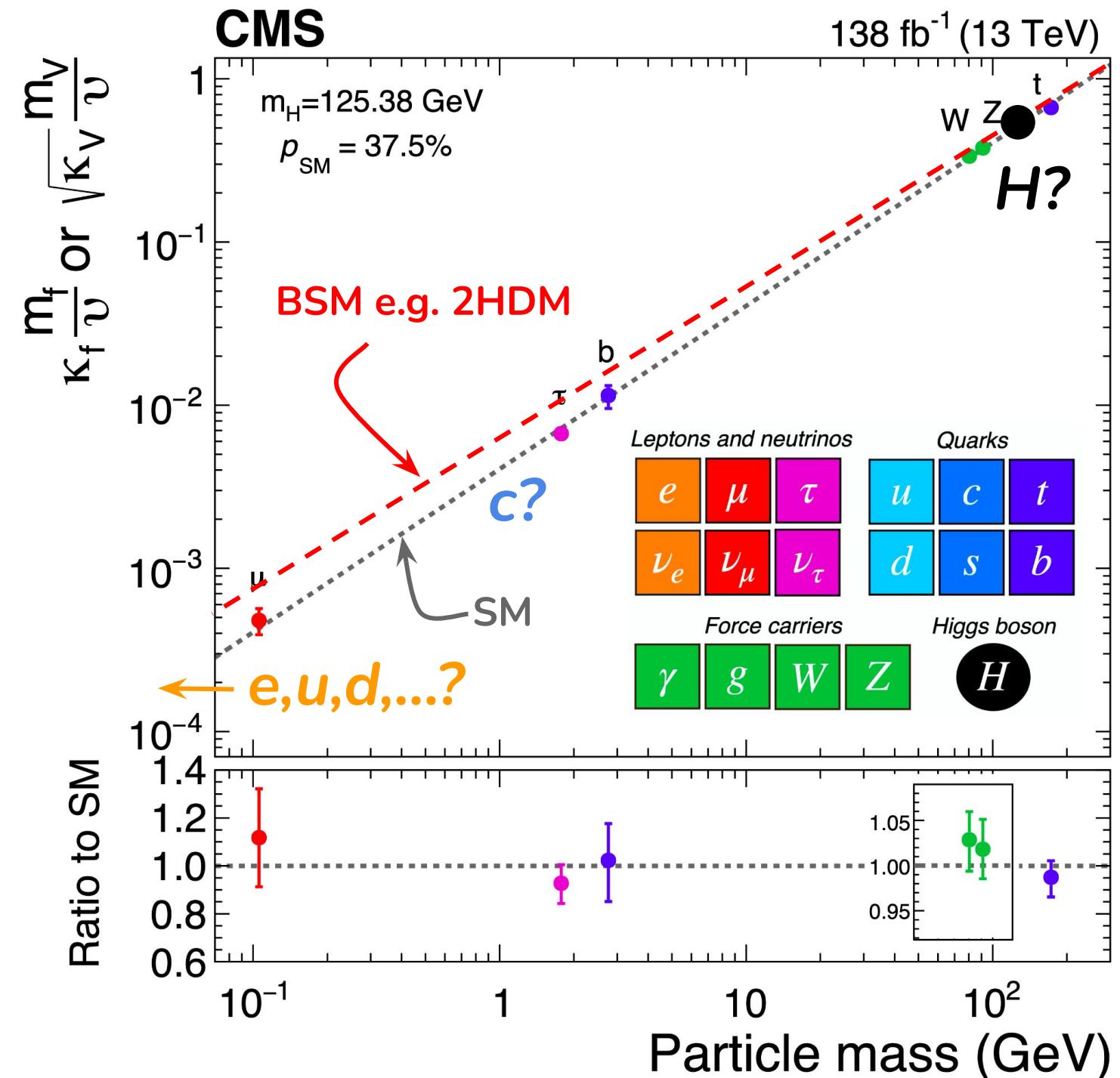
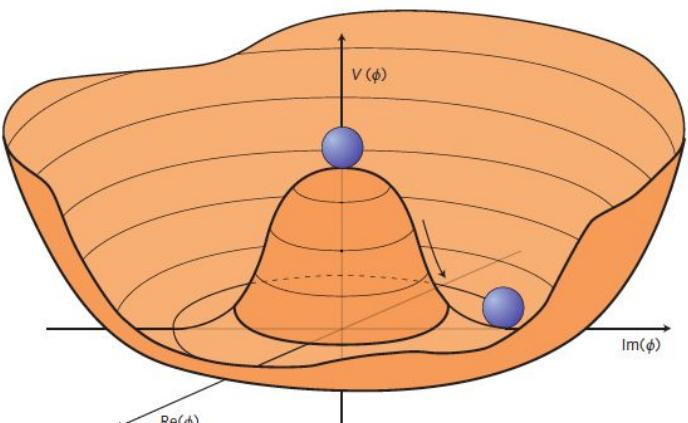
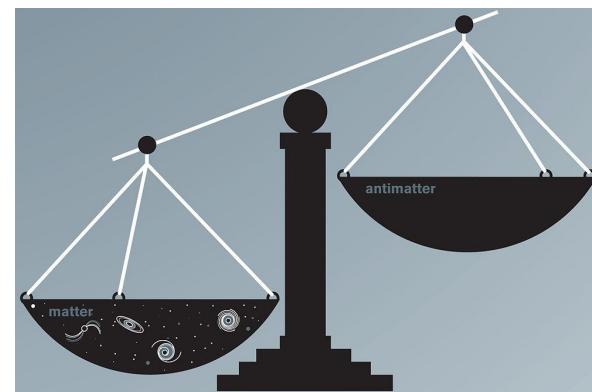
The open questions

- Is the Higgs sector SM-like?

Do all SM particles lie on that line?

- Why is the universe matter dominated?

Can the Higgs boson self-coupling explain baryogenesis in the early universe?



Overview of analyses

- Rest of talk: present recent Run 2 CMS Higgs boson combinations and explain how they address the open questions

1. [\[CMS-PAS-HIG-23-013\]](#):

Combination and interpretation of fiducial differential Higgs boson production cross sections at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

2. [\[CMS-PAS-SMP-24-003\]](#):

Combined effective field theory interpretation of Higgs boson, electroweak vector boson, top quark and multi-jet measurements

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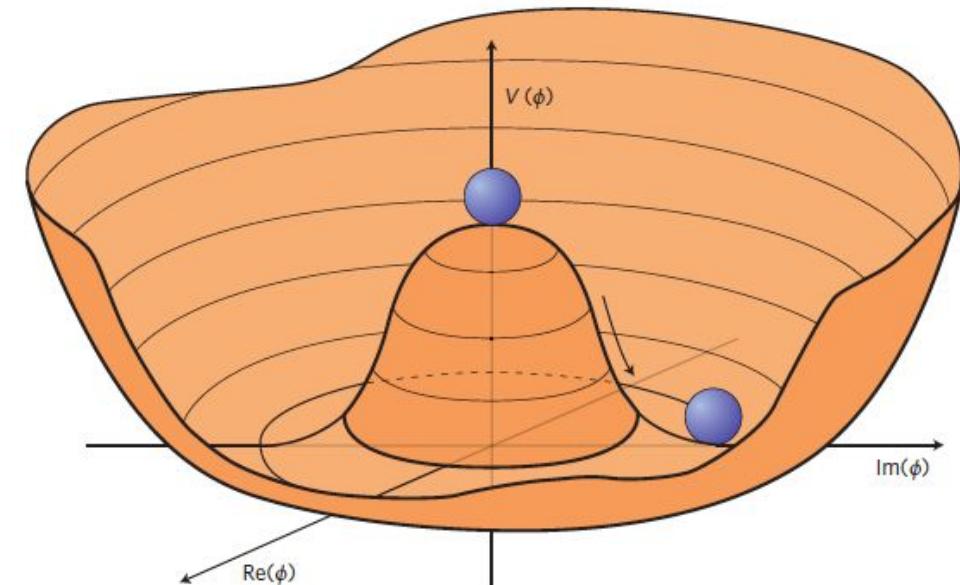
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Constraints on the Higgs boson self-coupling with combination of single and double Higgs boson production

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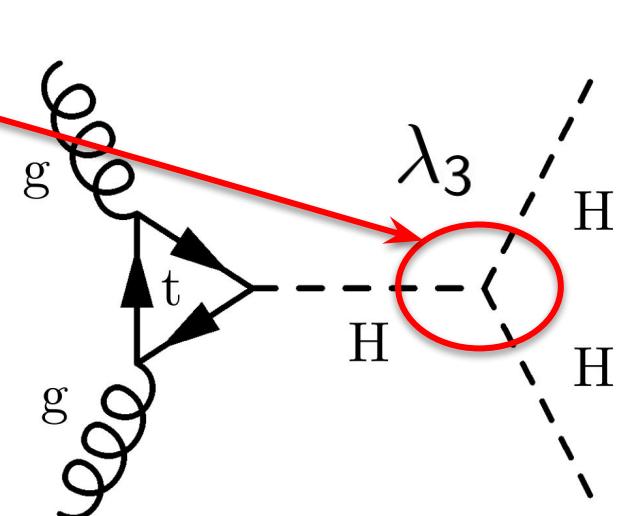
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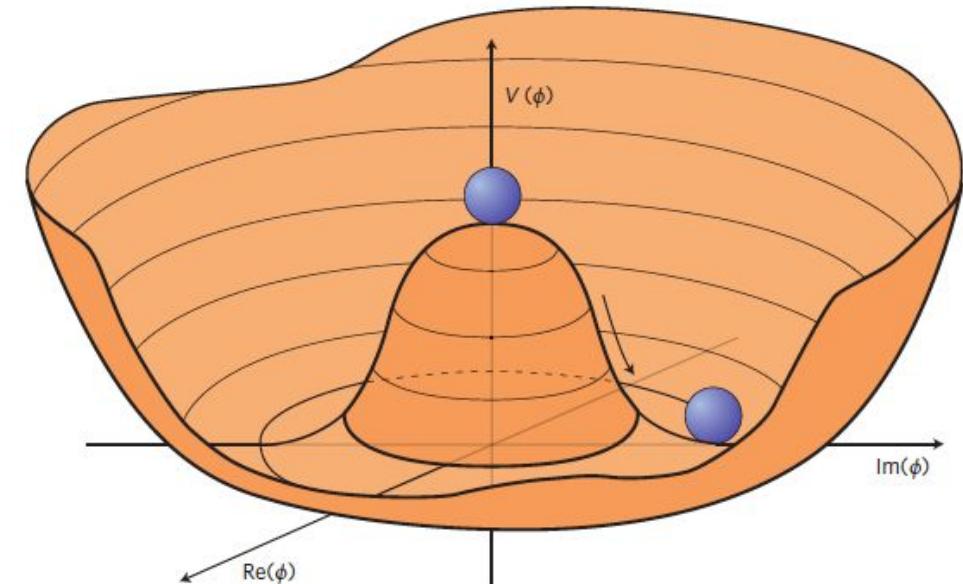
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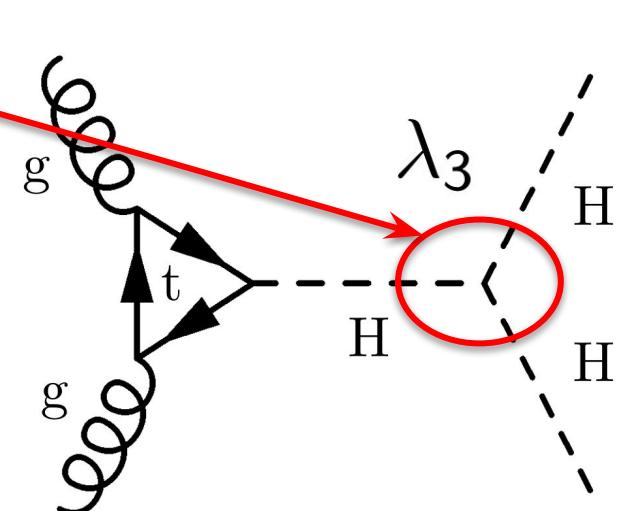
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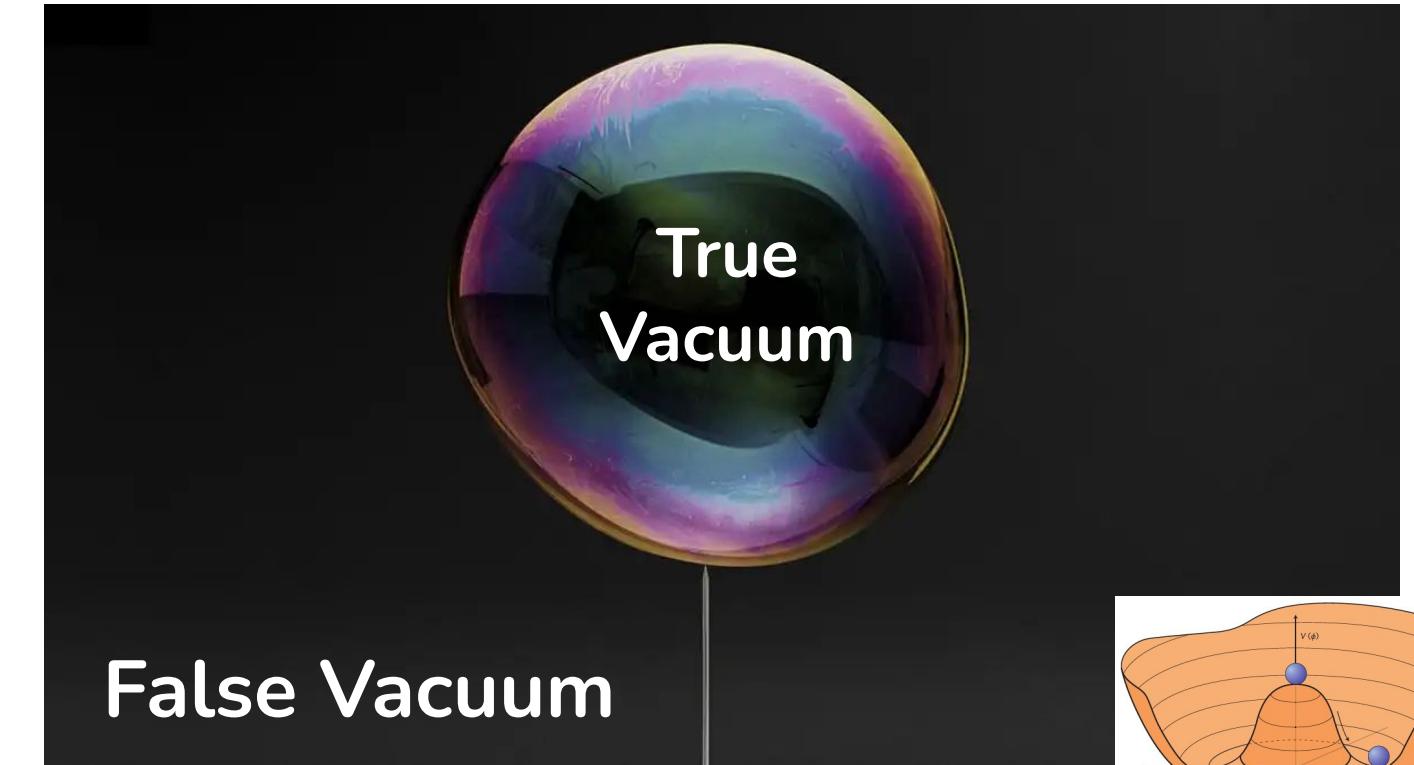
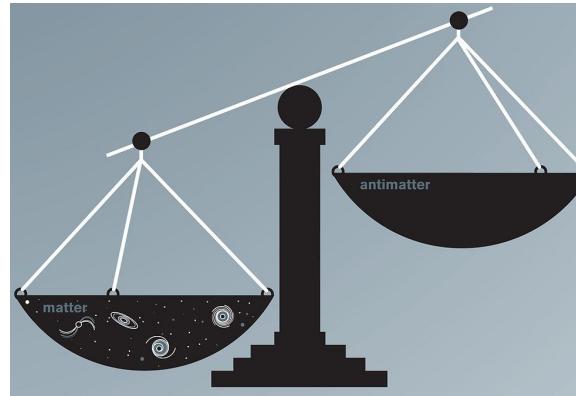
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Baryogenesis

- Universe is **matter (baryon)** dominated

$$n_B \gg n_{\bar{B}}$$



- First order phase transition: essential ingredient for production of B-asymmetry (Baryogenesis) [\[A. D. Sakharov, ETP Lett. 5 \(1967\) 24-27\]](#)
 - Sharp discontinuity in state of Universe → nucleation of “bubbles” of the new phase within old phase (out-of-equilibrium)
- Electroweak Baryogenesis? Bubbles of Higgs field true vacuum in background of false vacuum
 - As bubbles expand → create regions where CP-violating interactions occur at bubble walls → B-asymmetry
 - A smooth second-order transition would not generate required asymmetry

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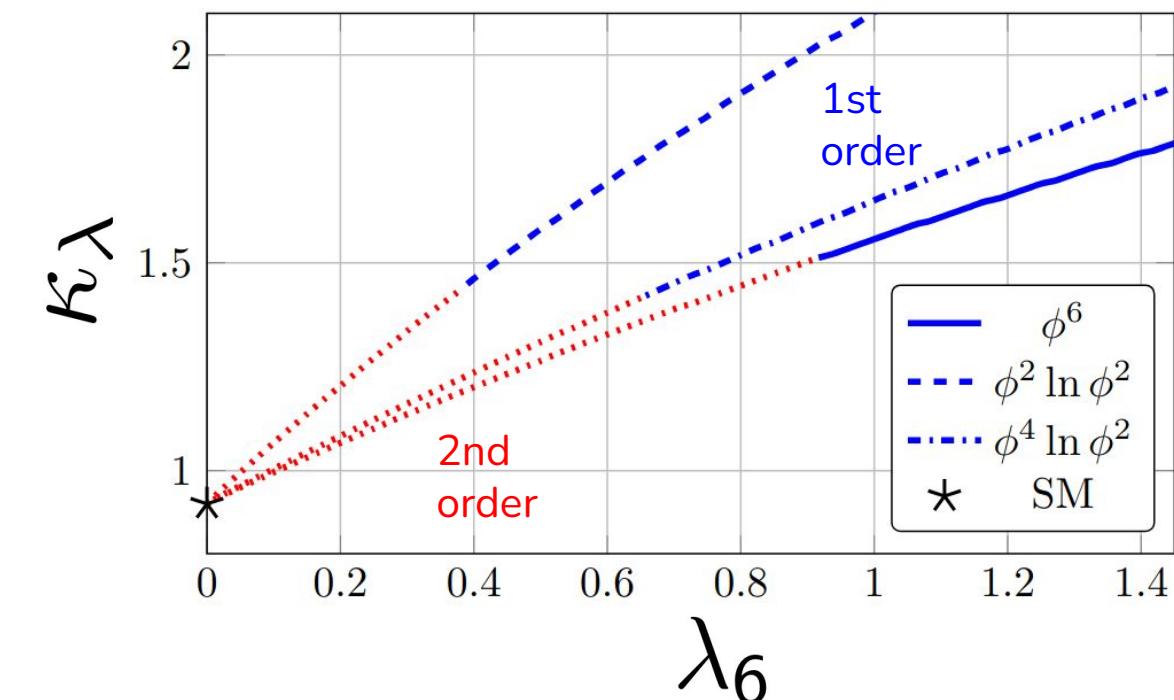
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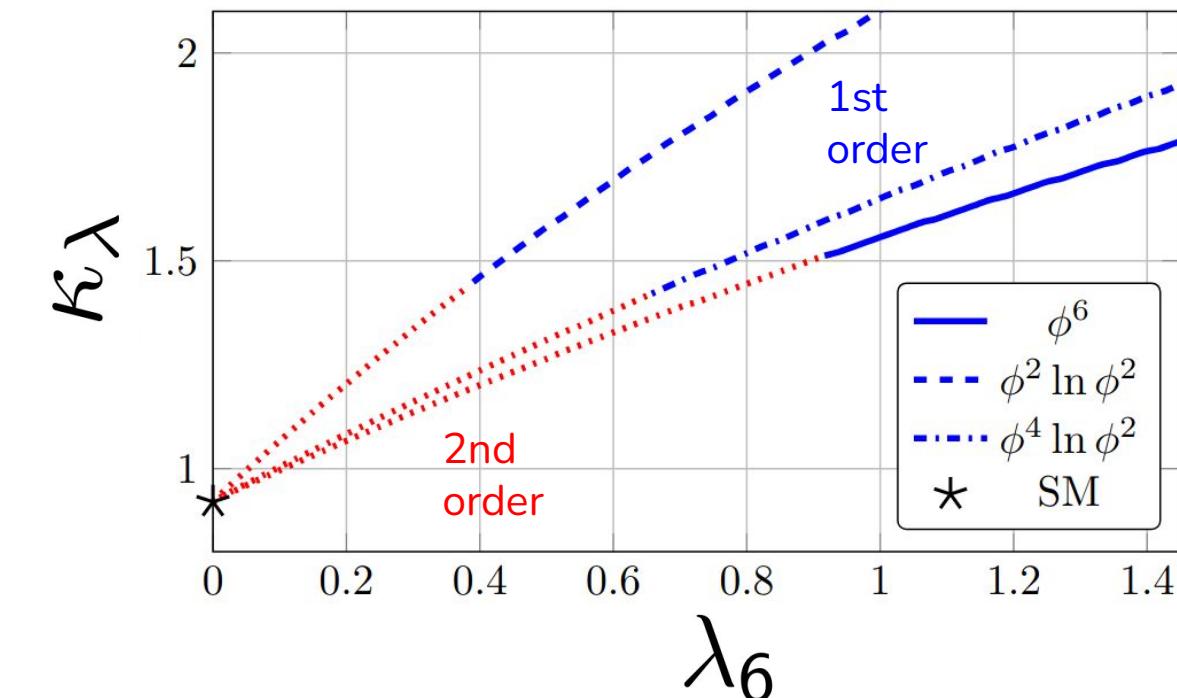
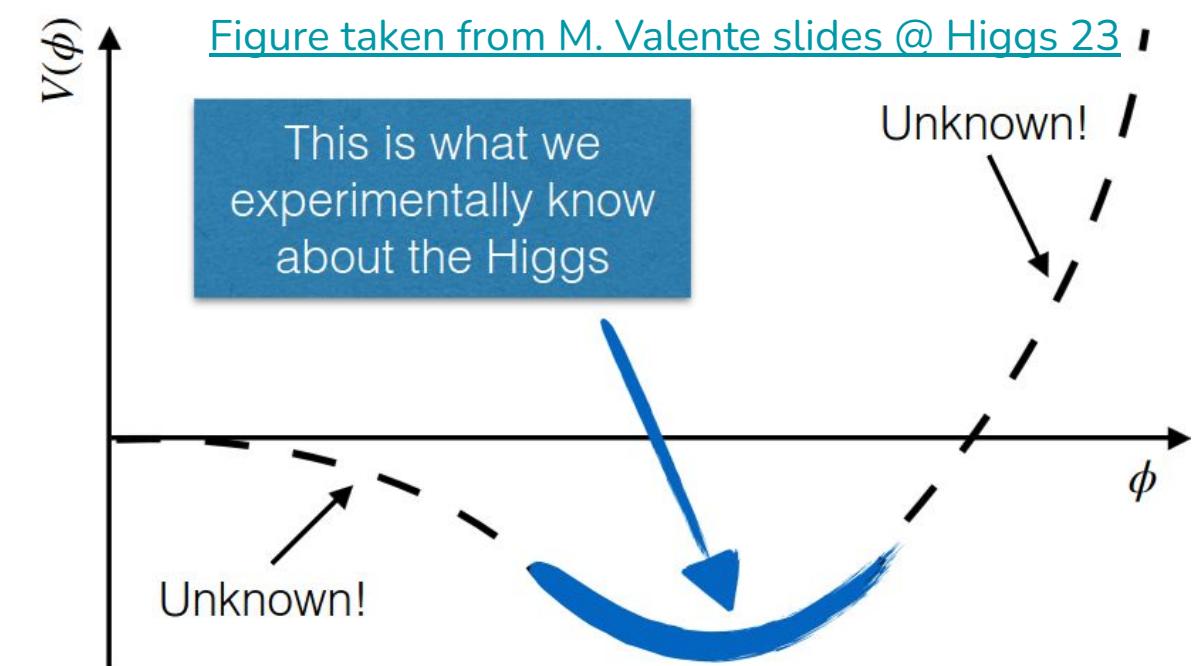


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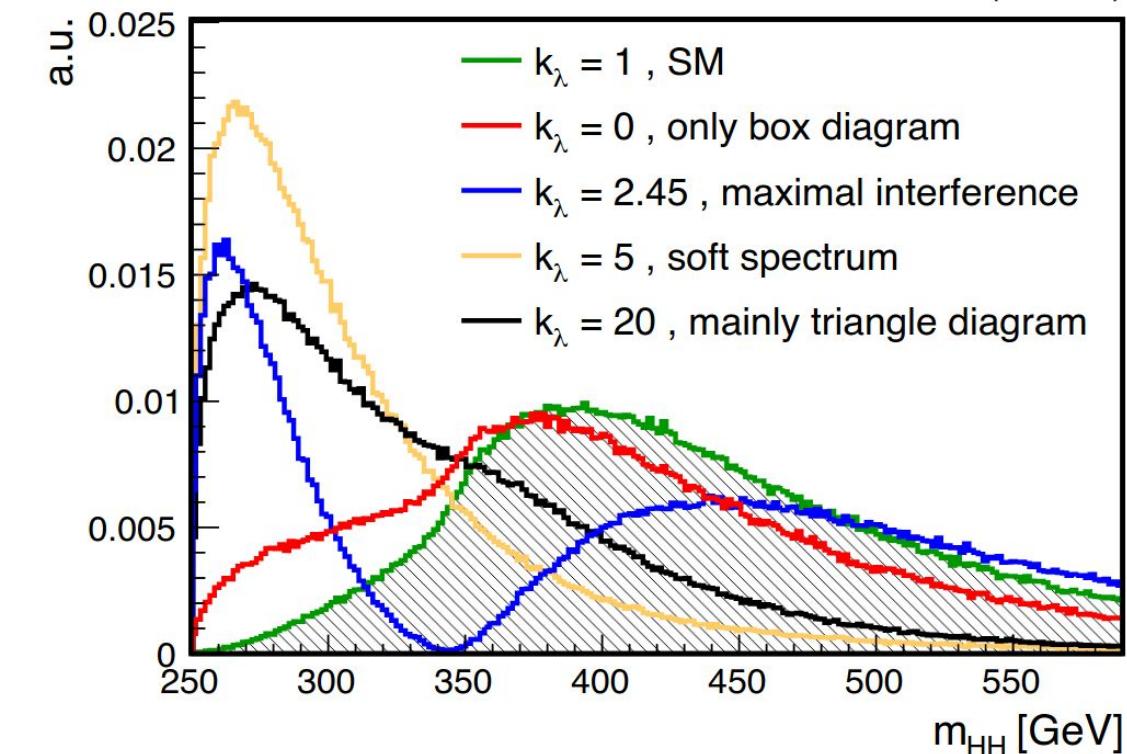
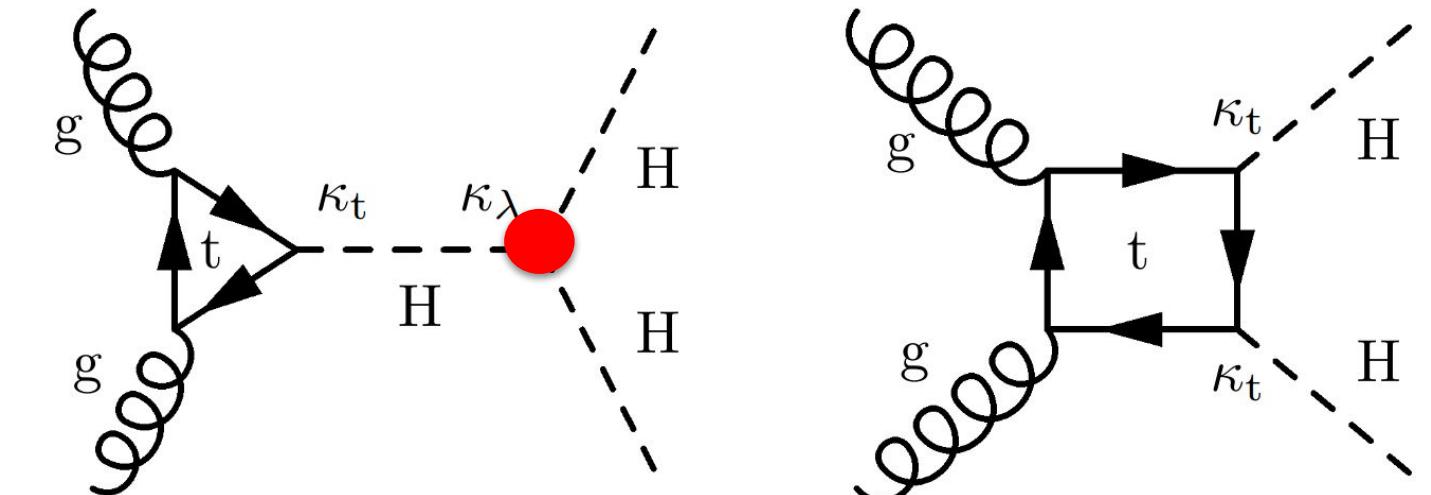
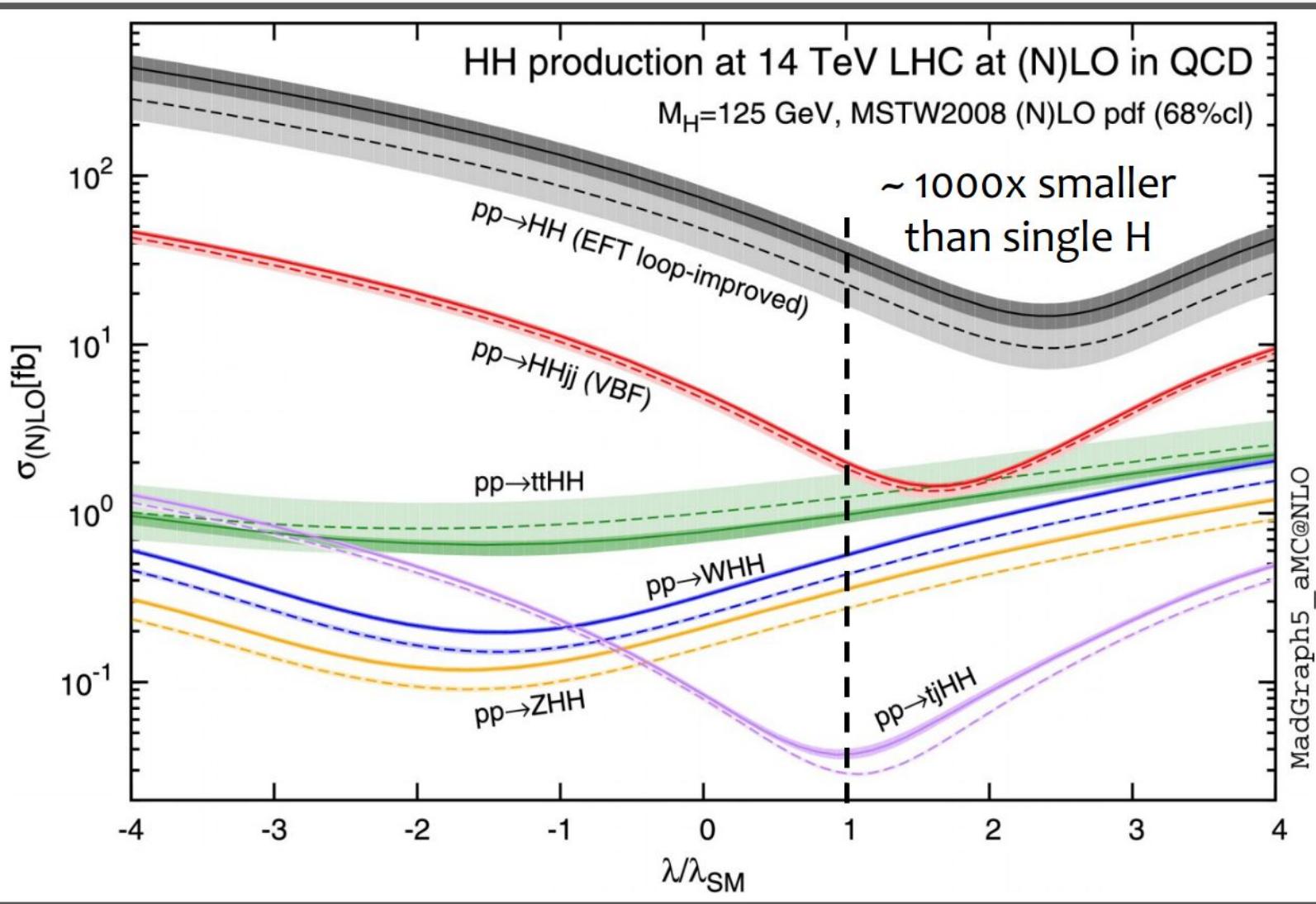
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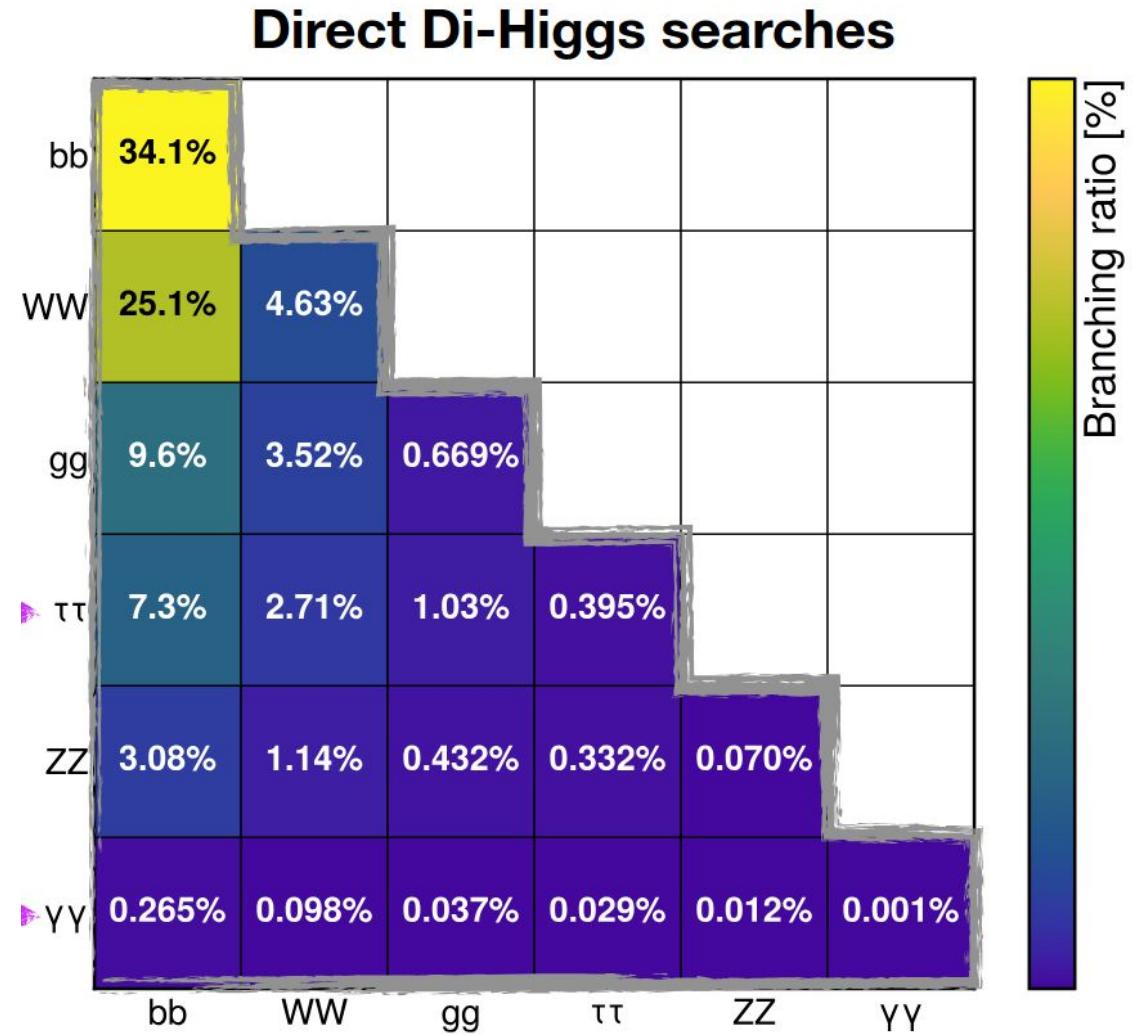
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- Destructive interference between triangle and box diagrams

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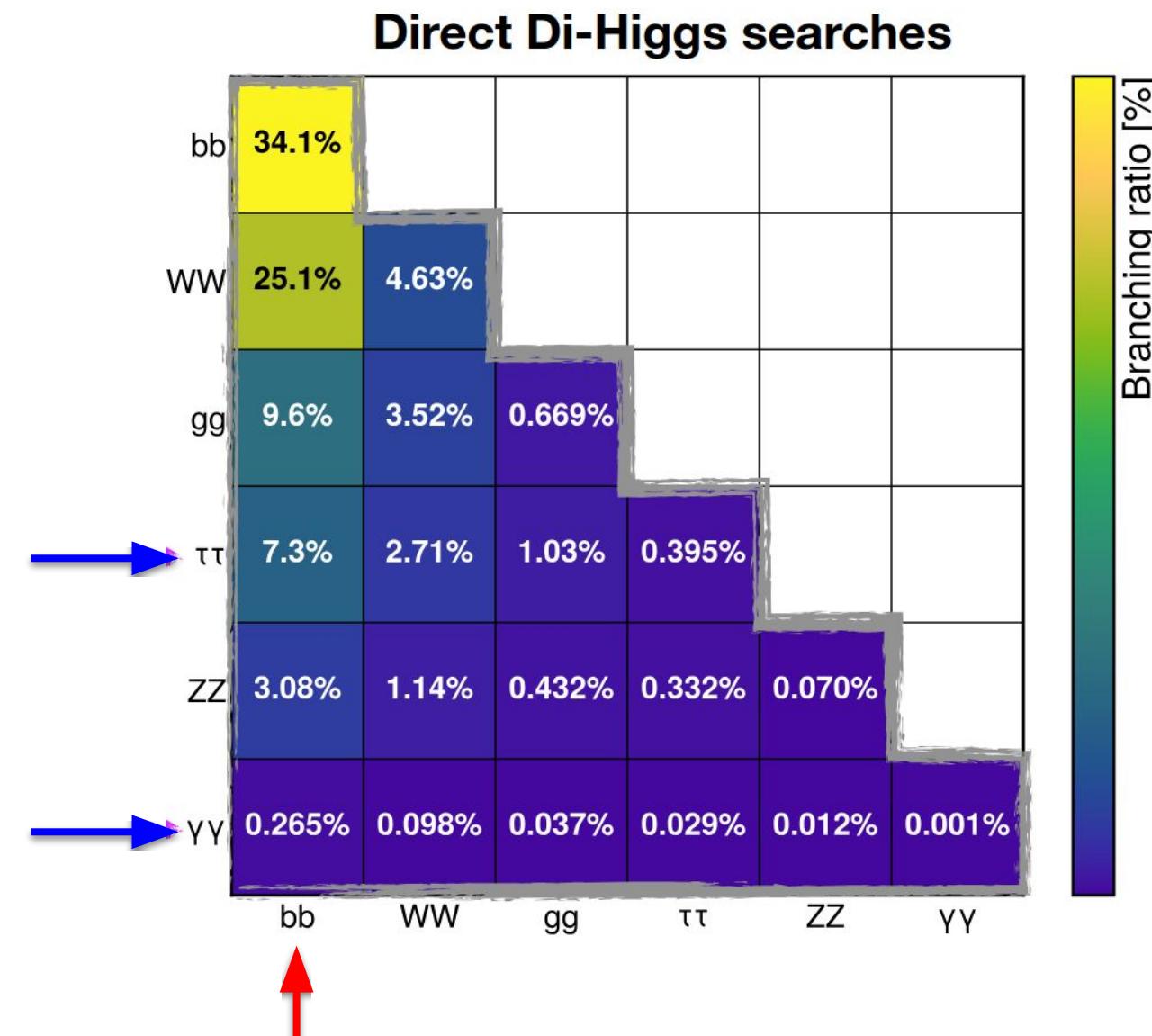
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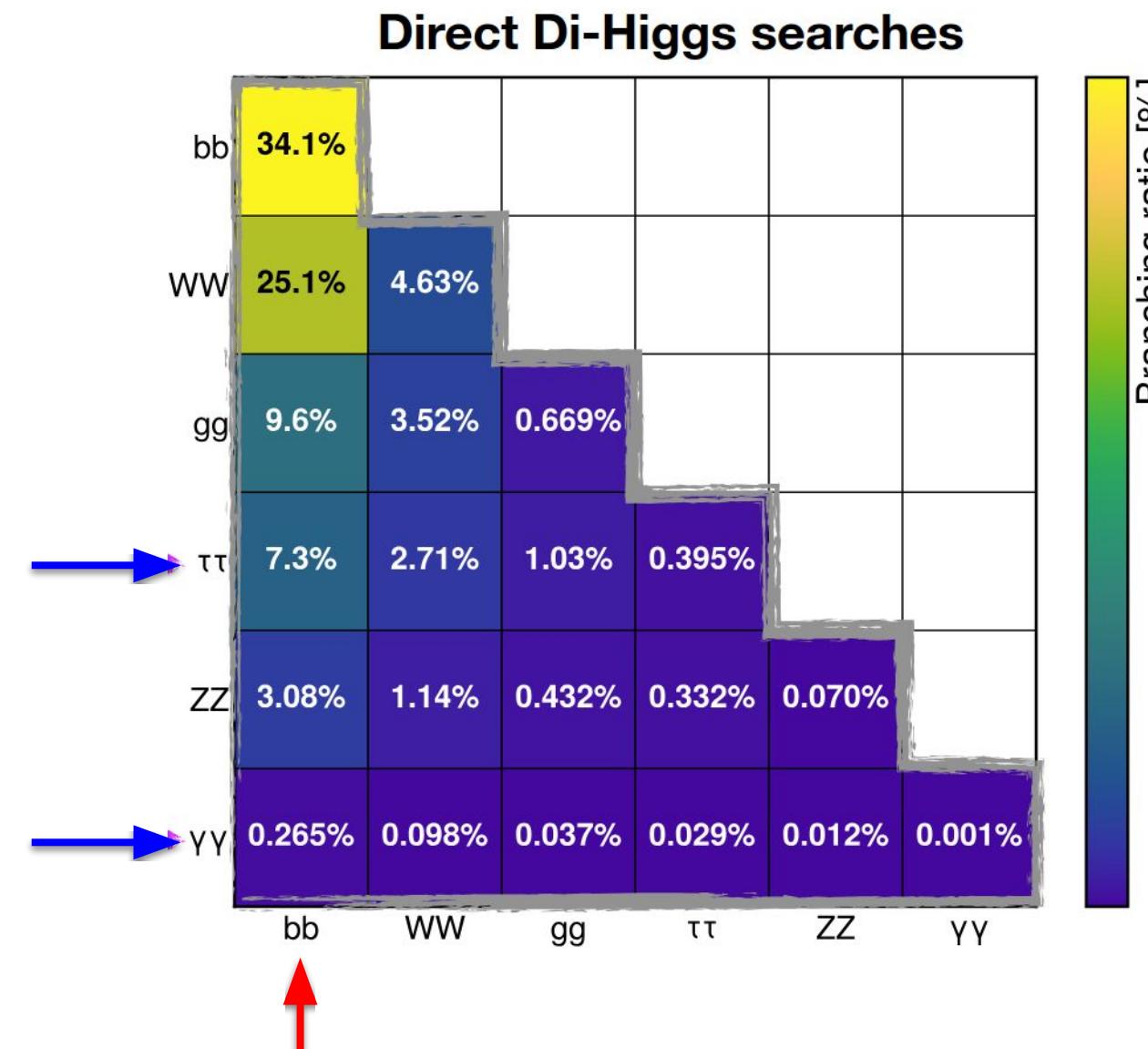
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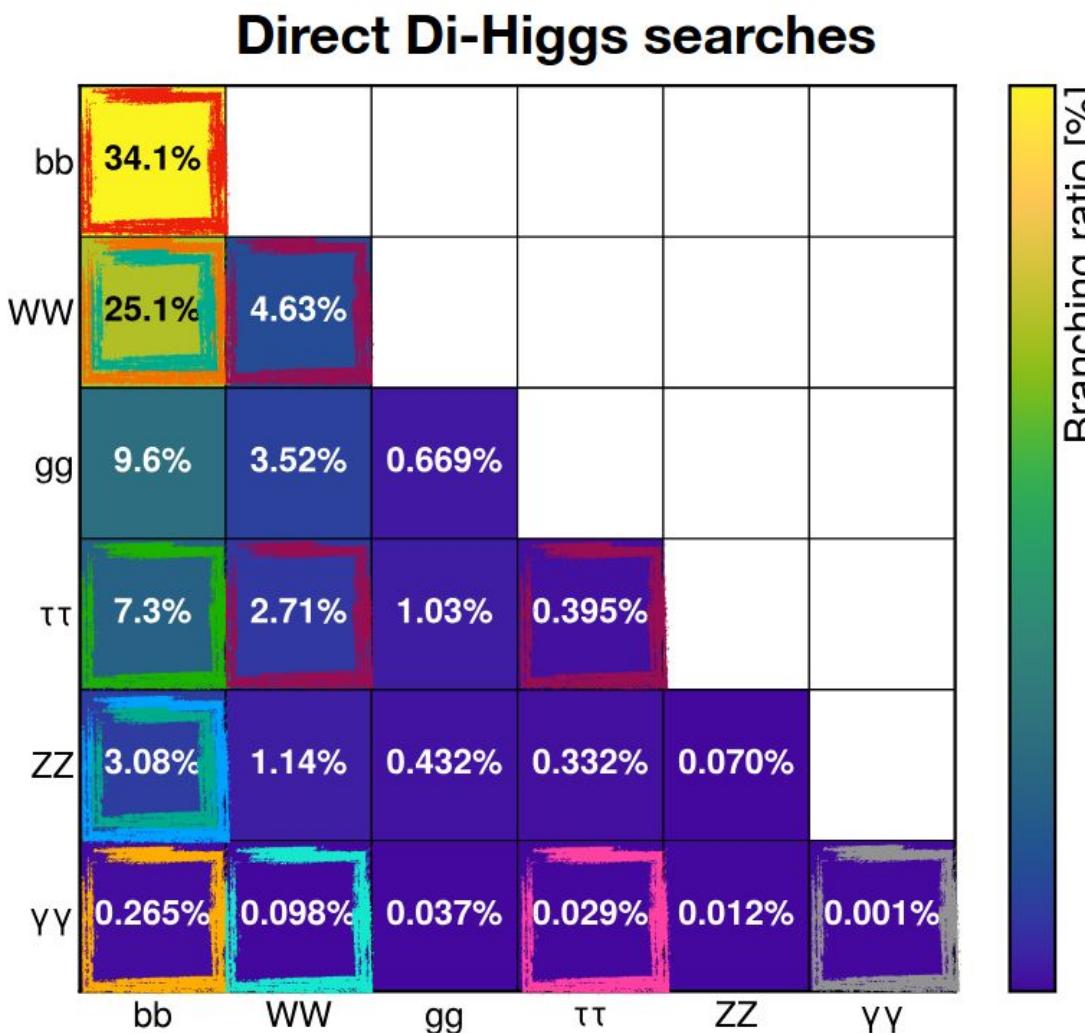
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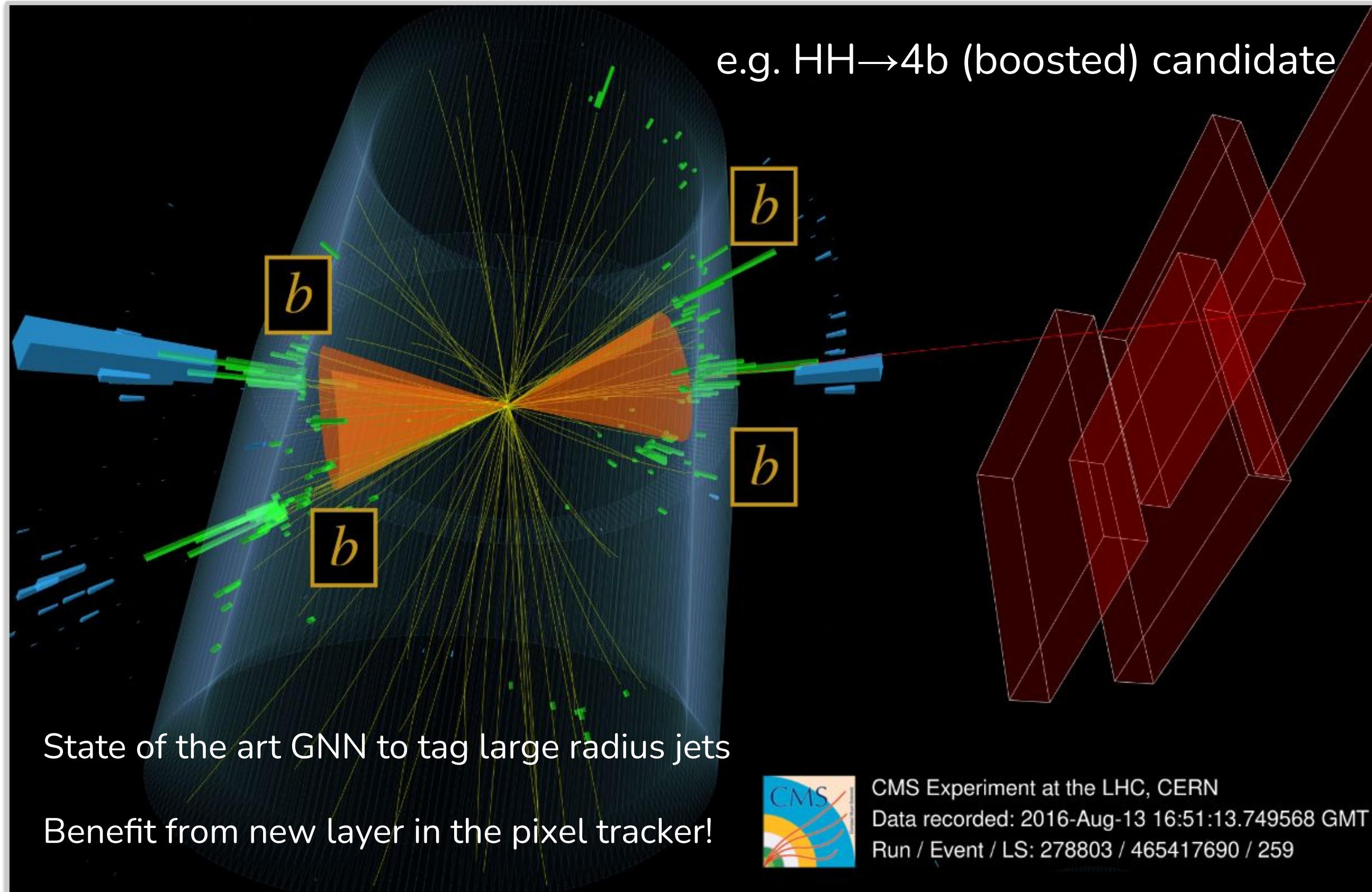
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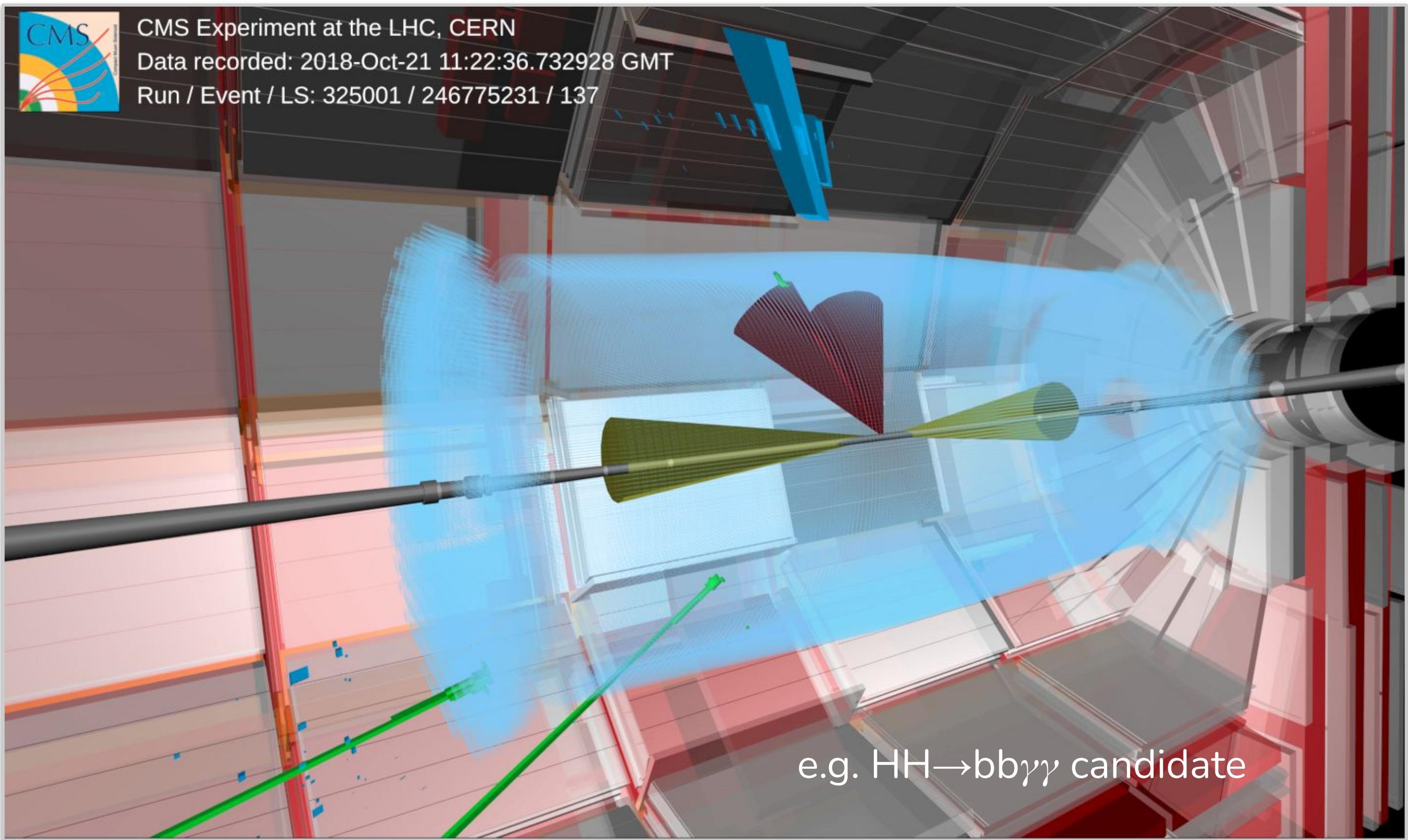




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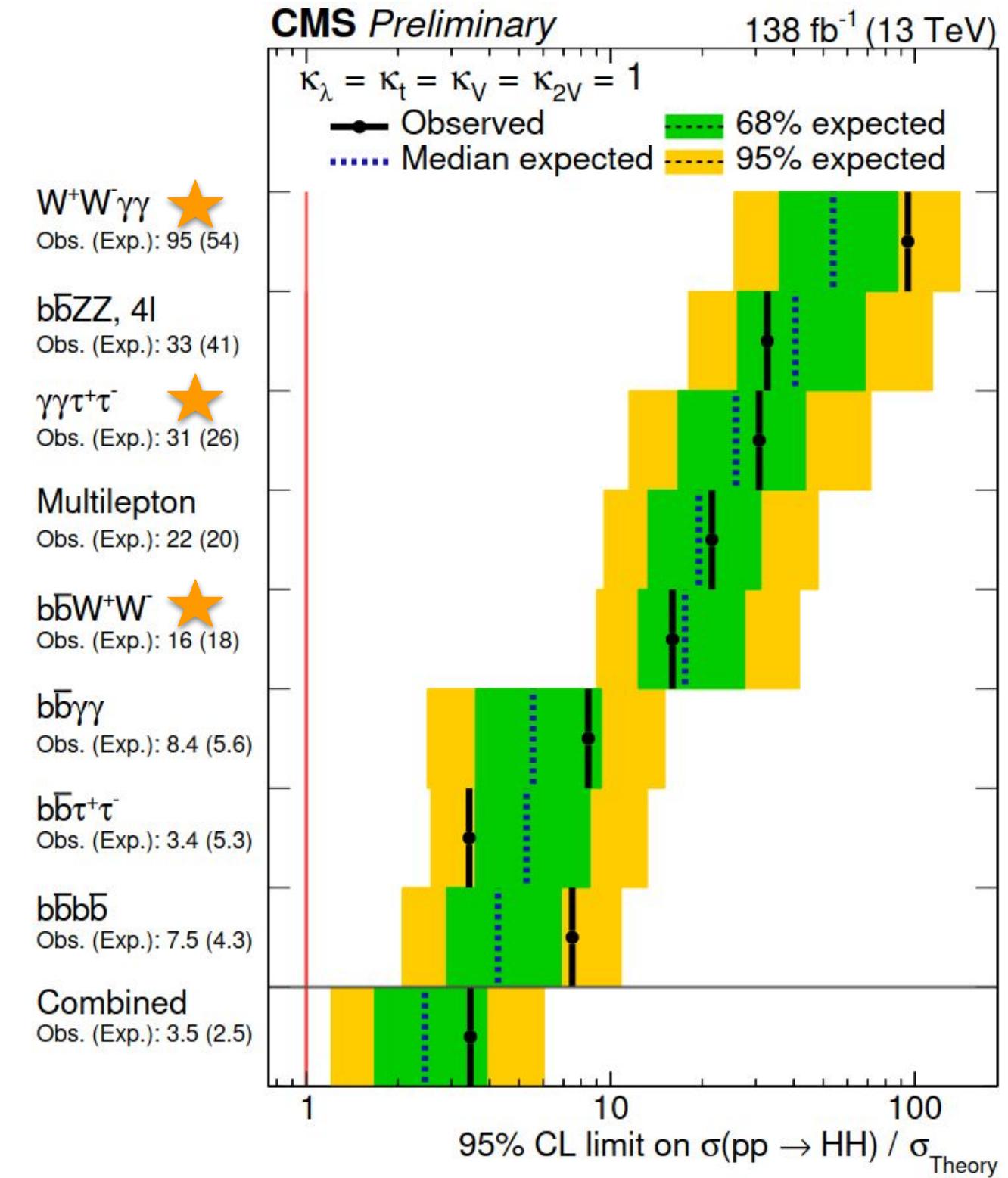
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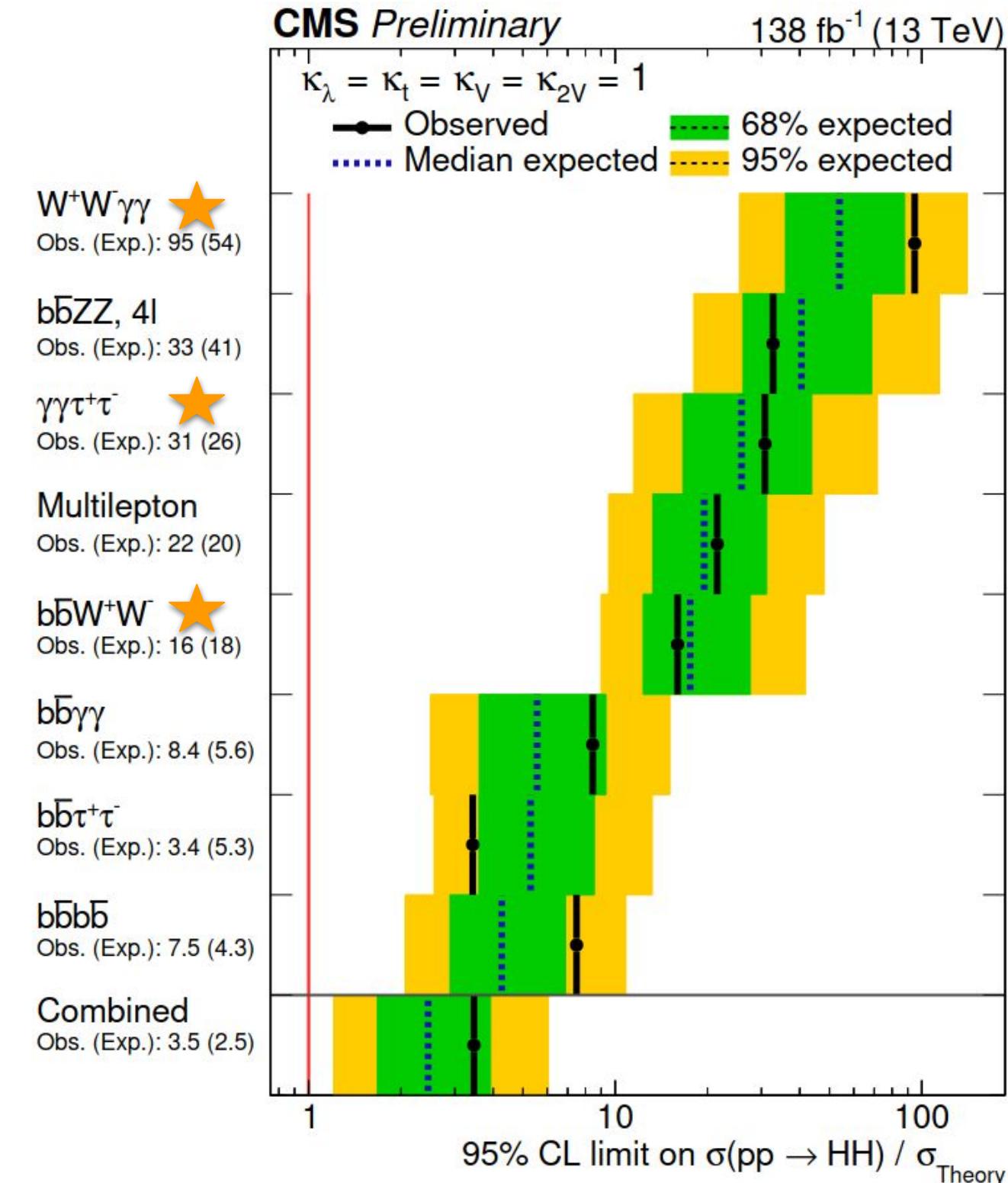
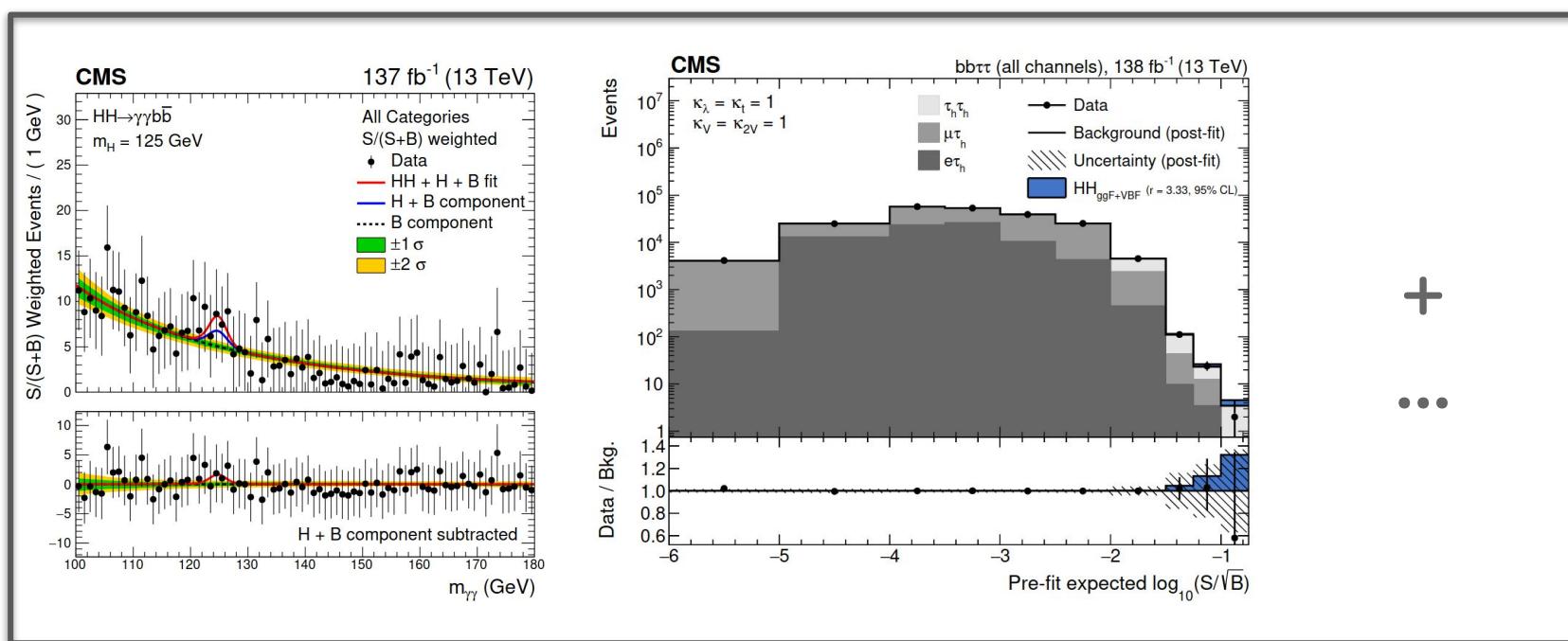
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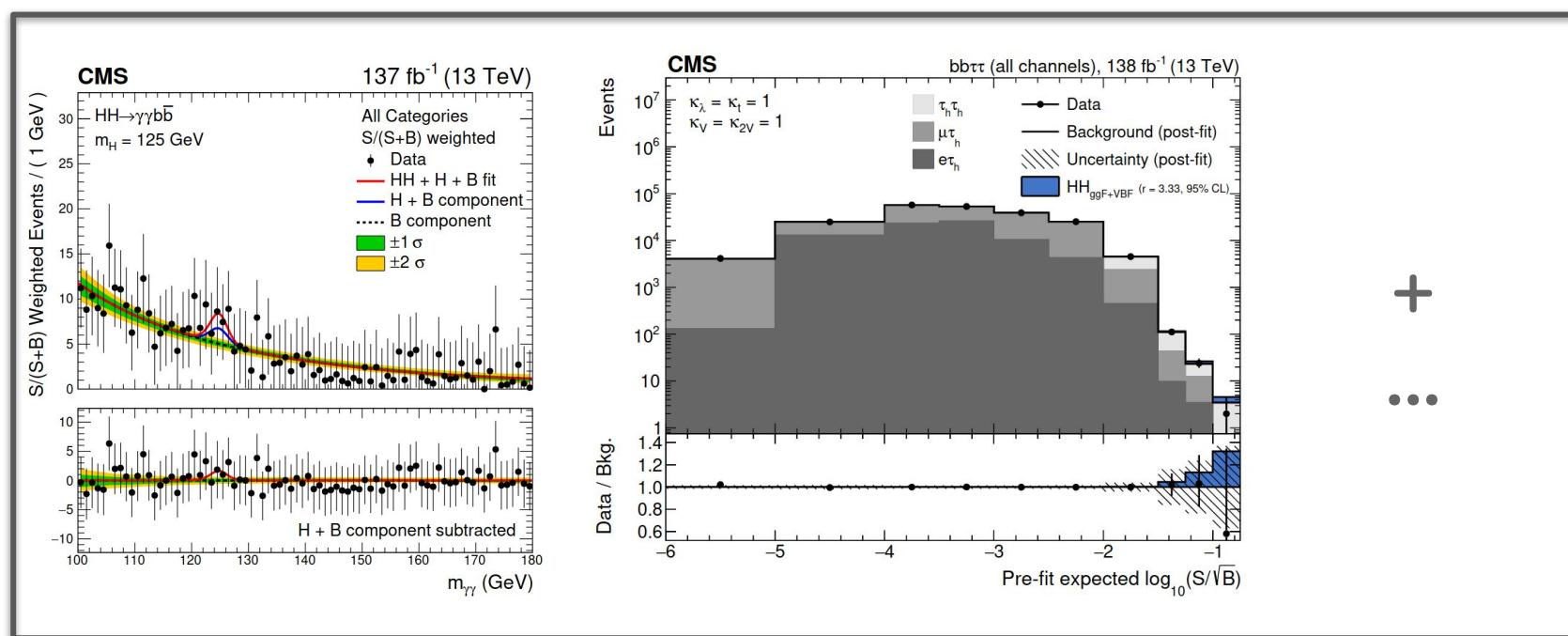
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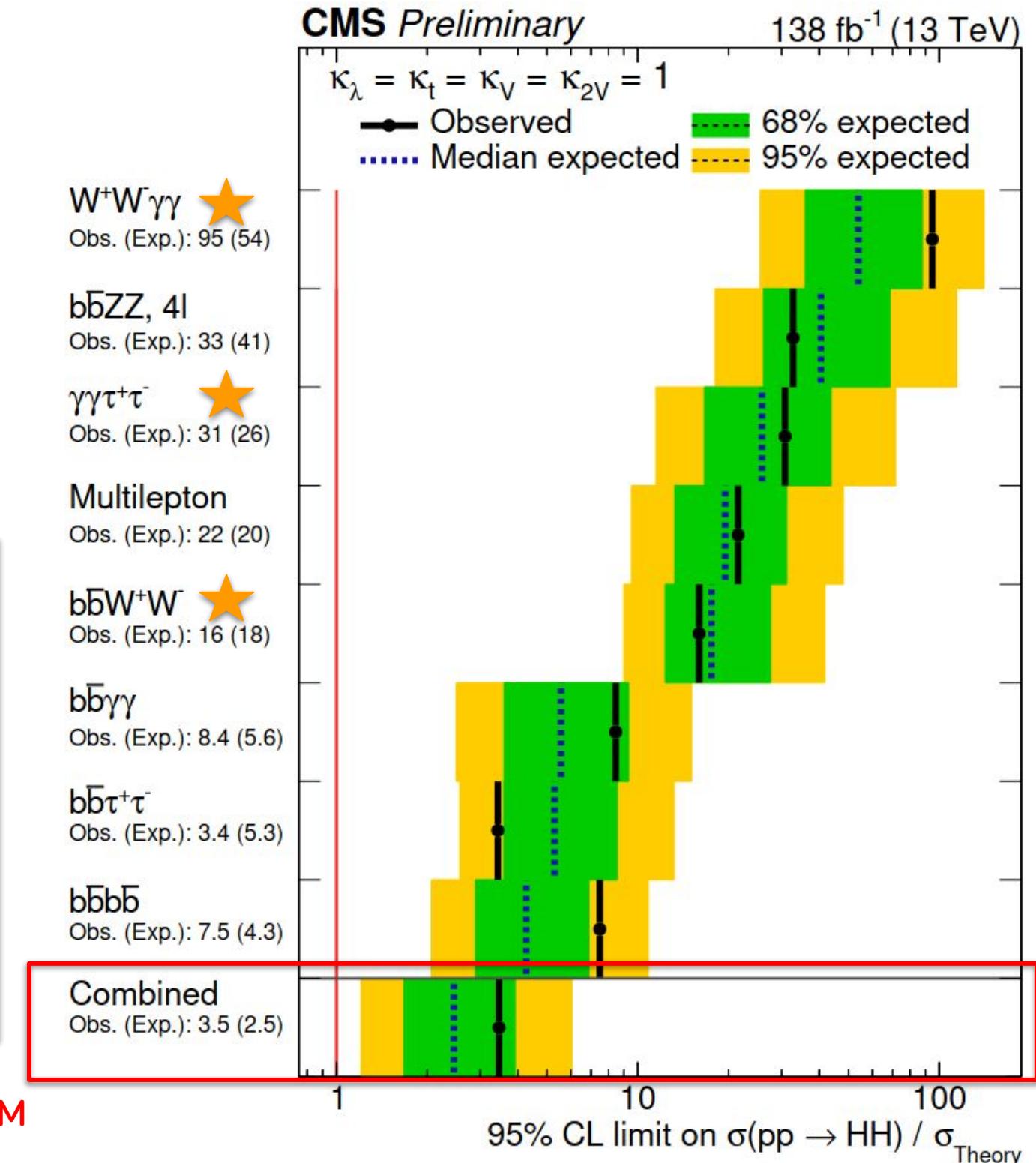
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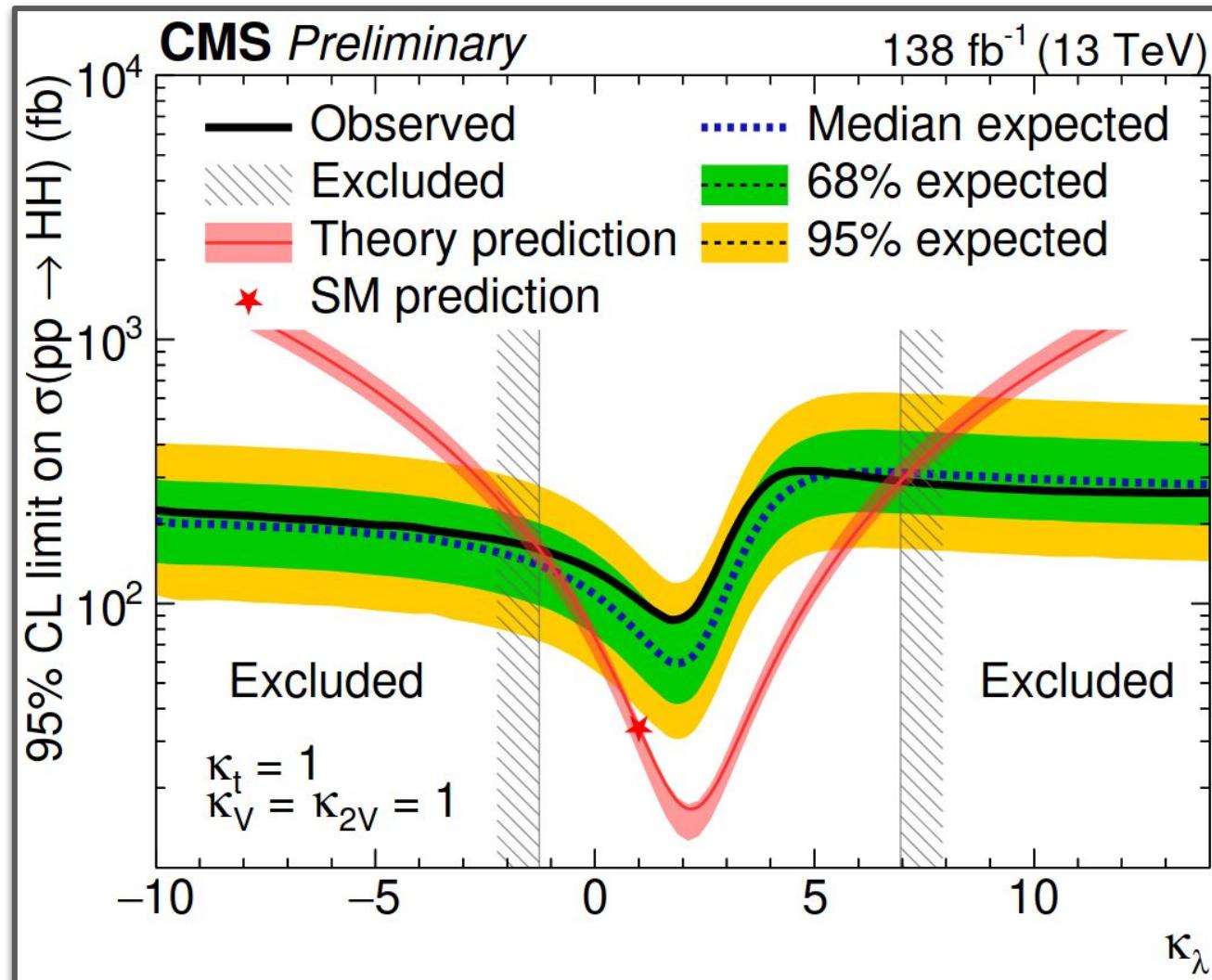
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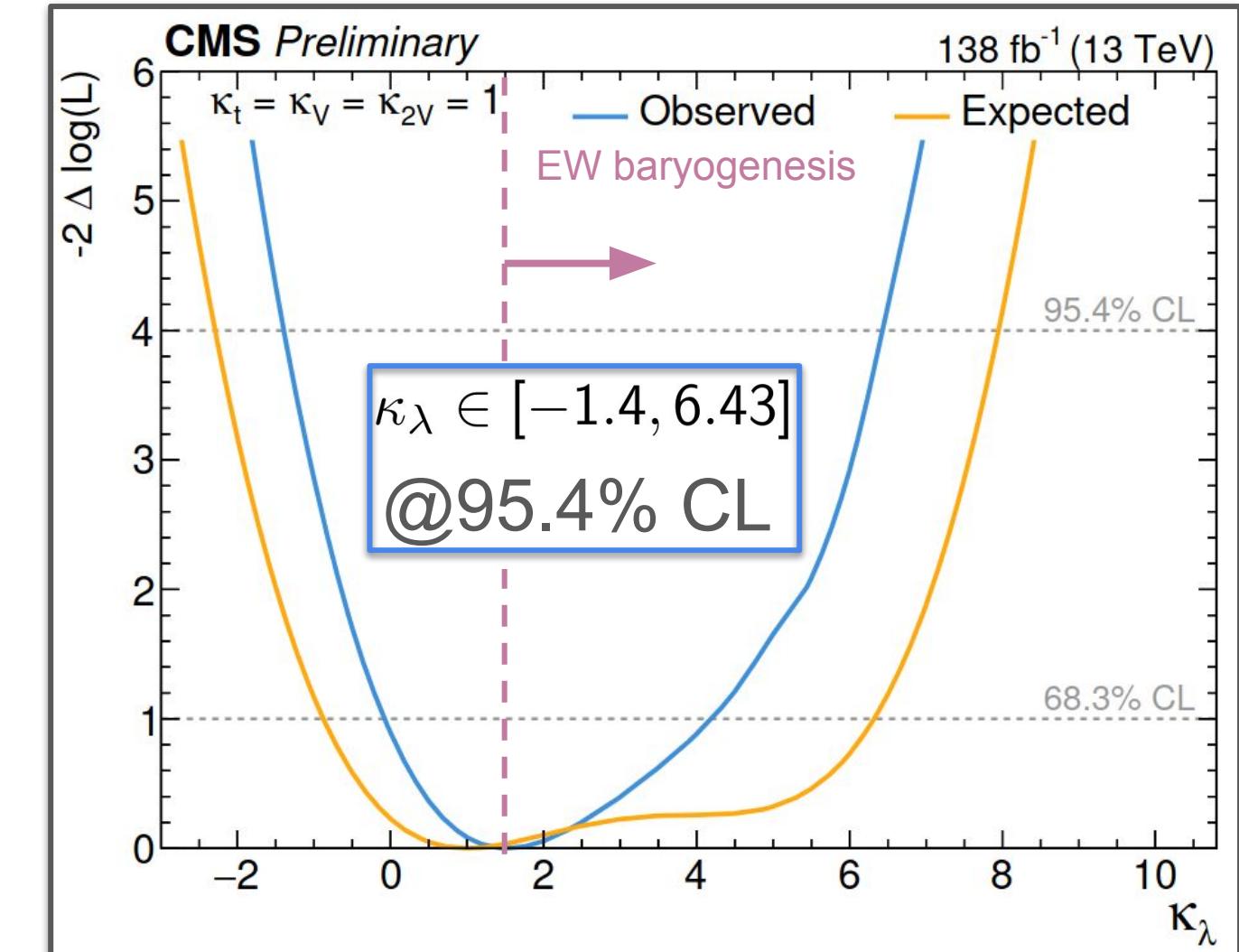
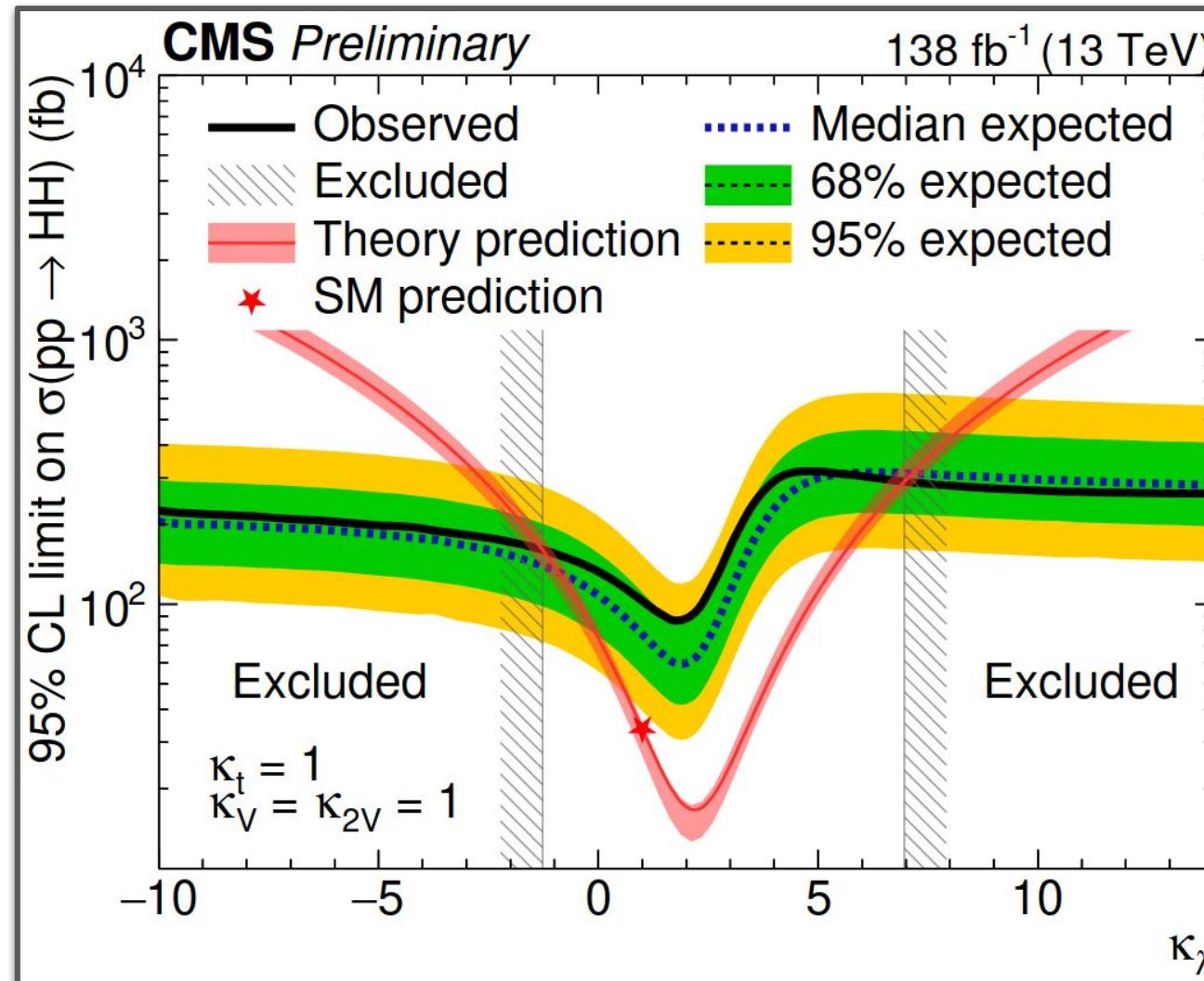
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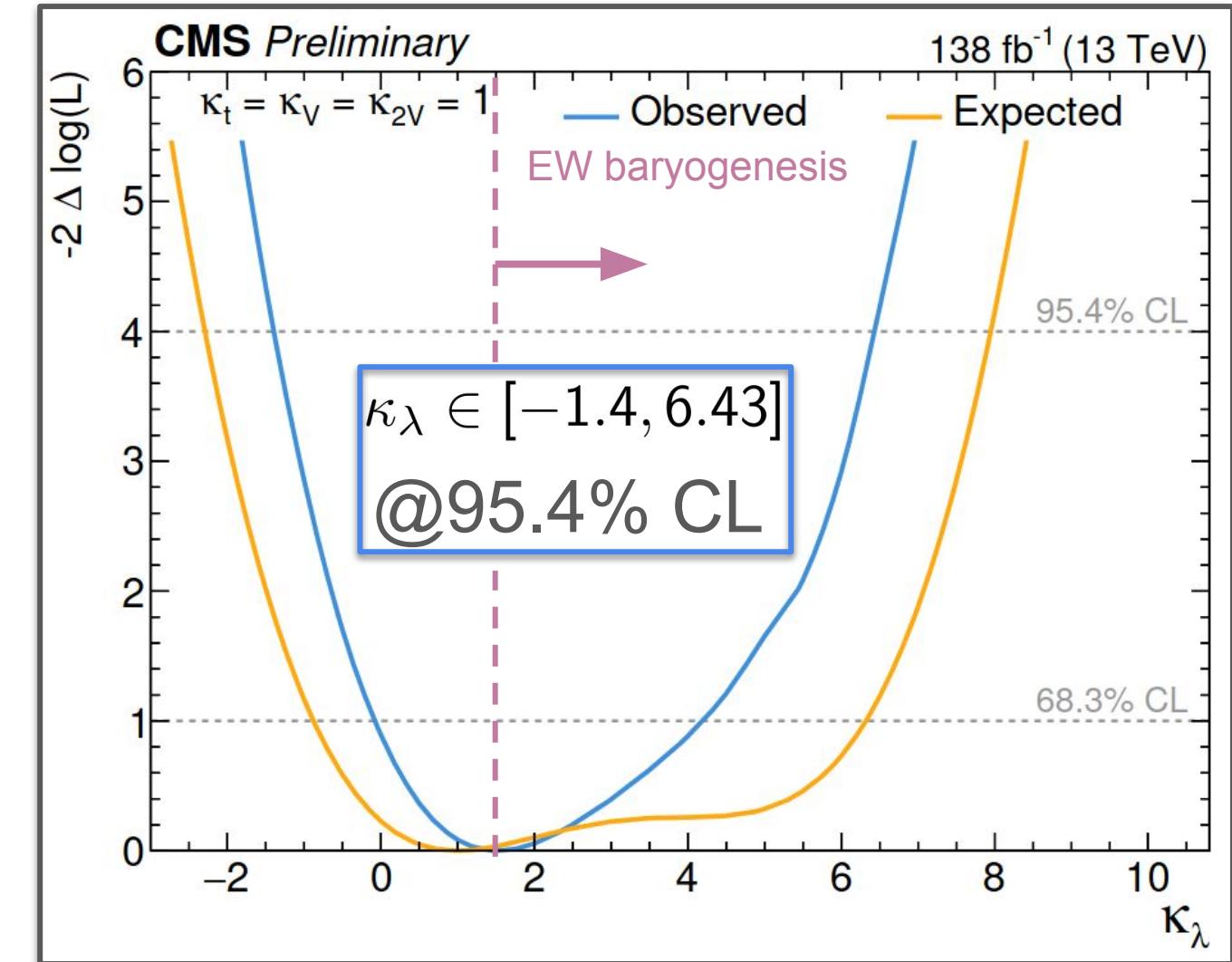
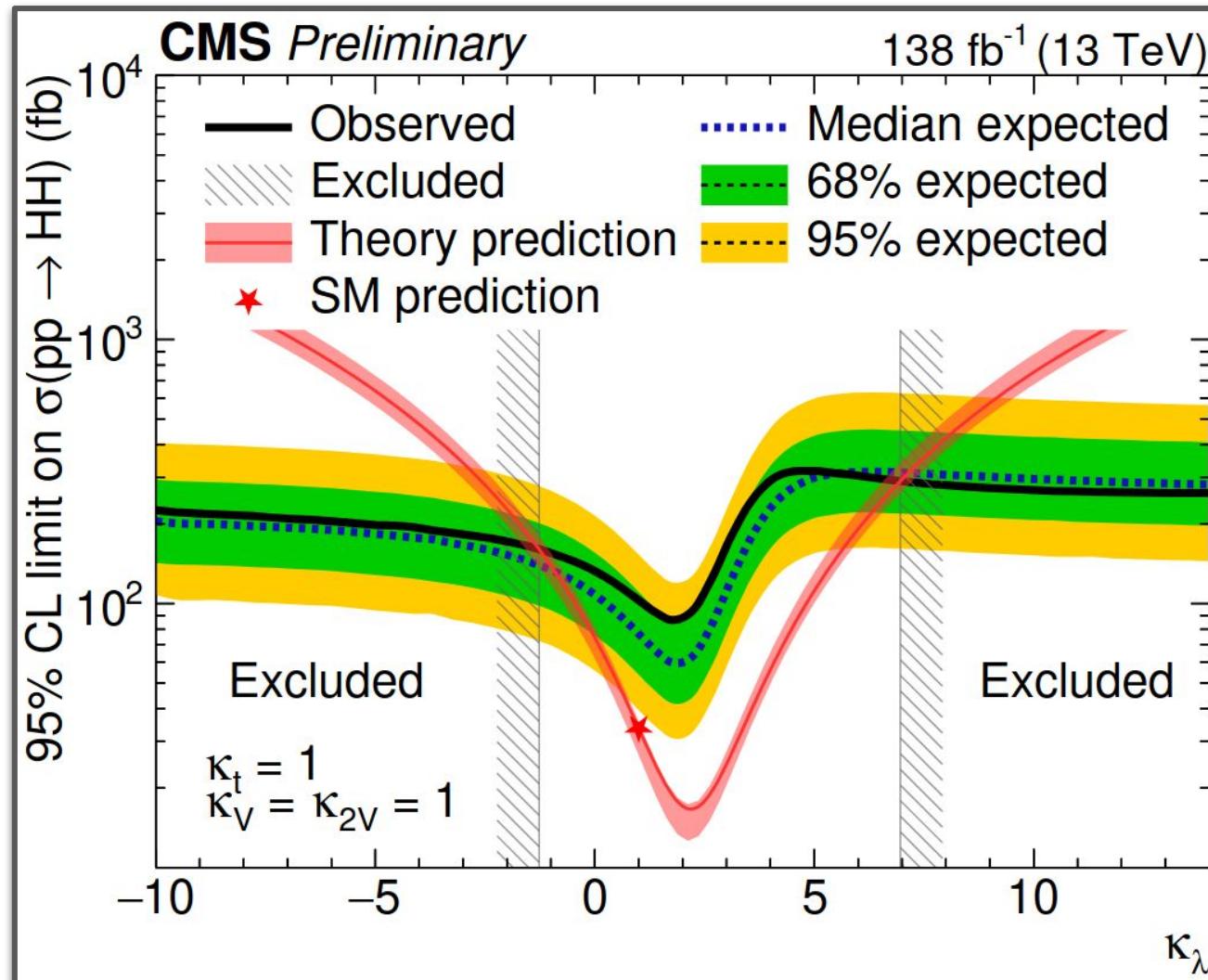
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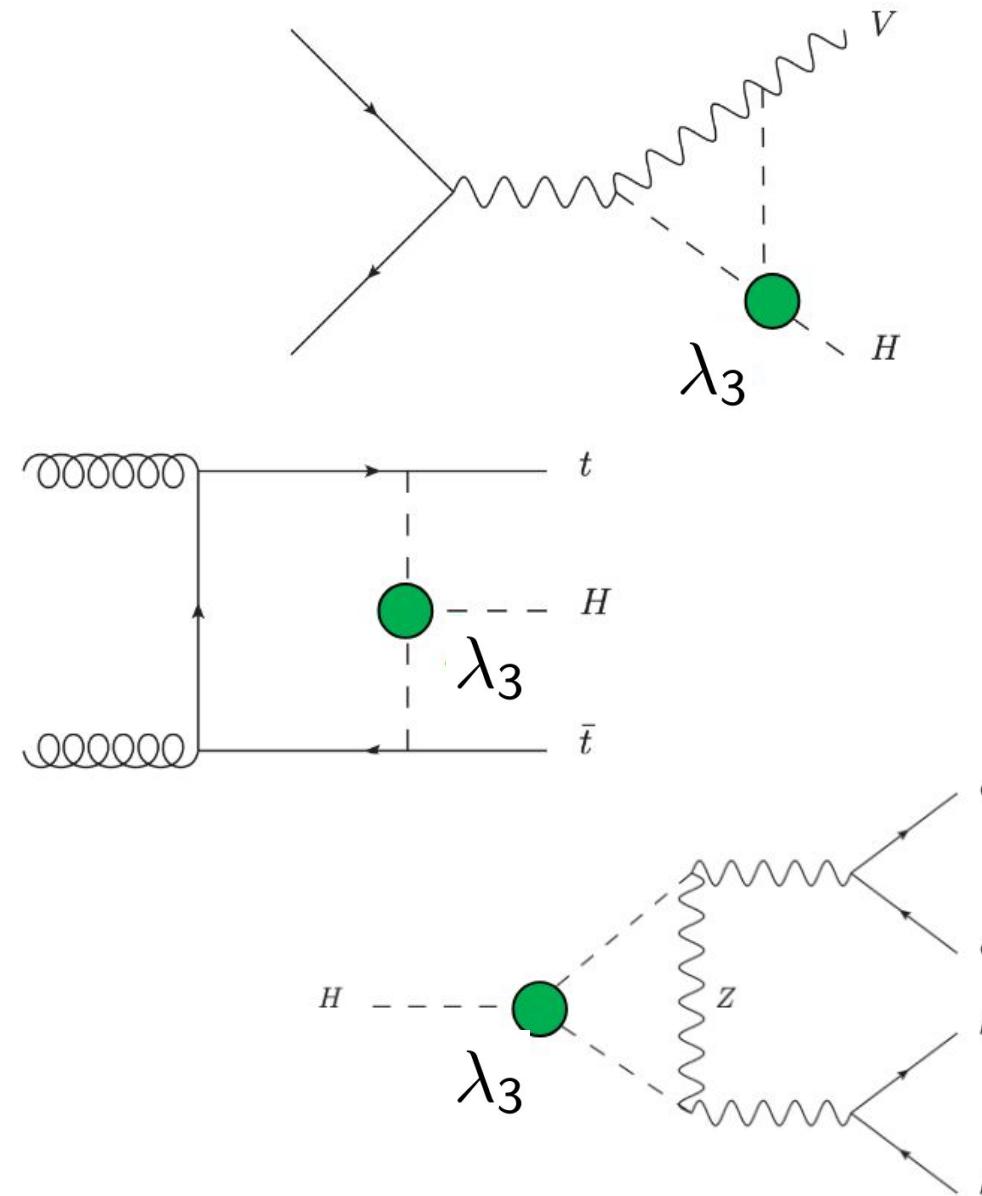
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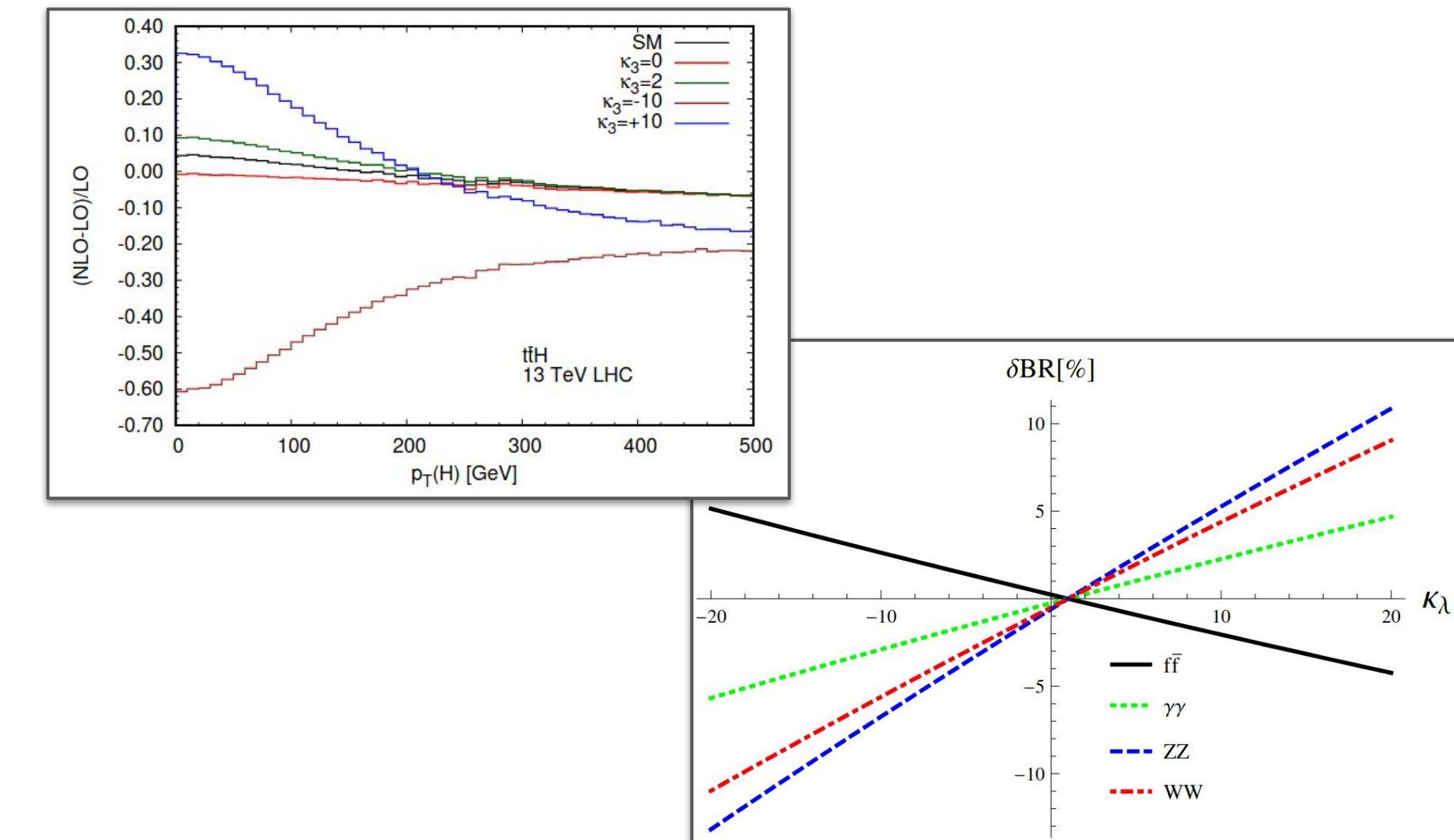
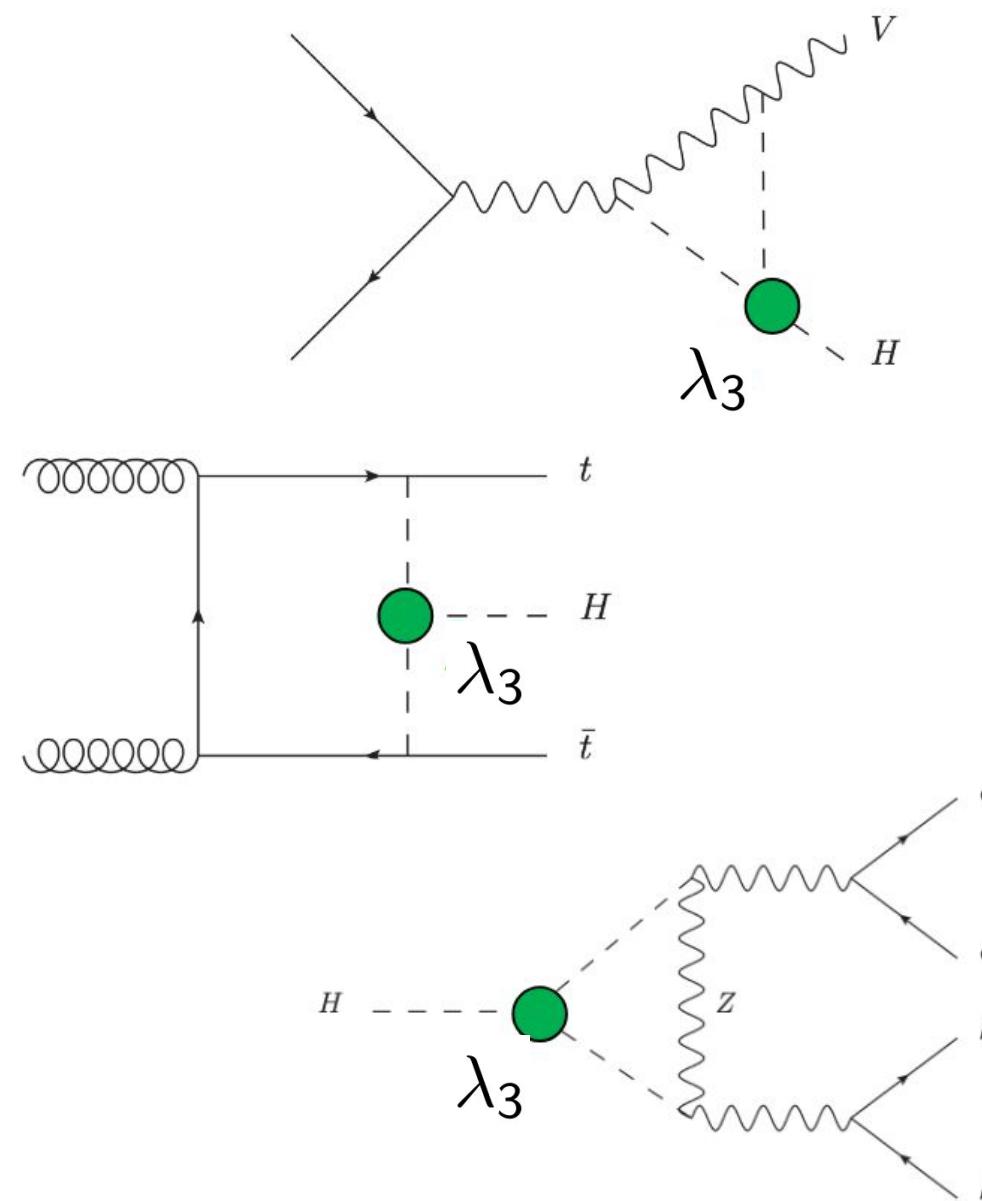
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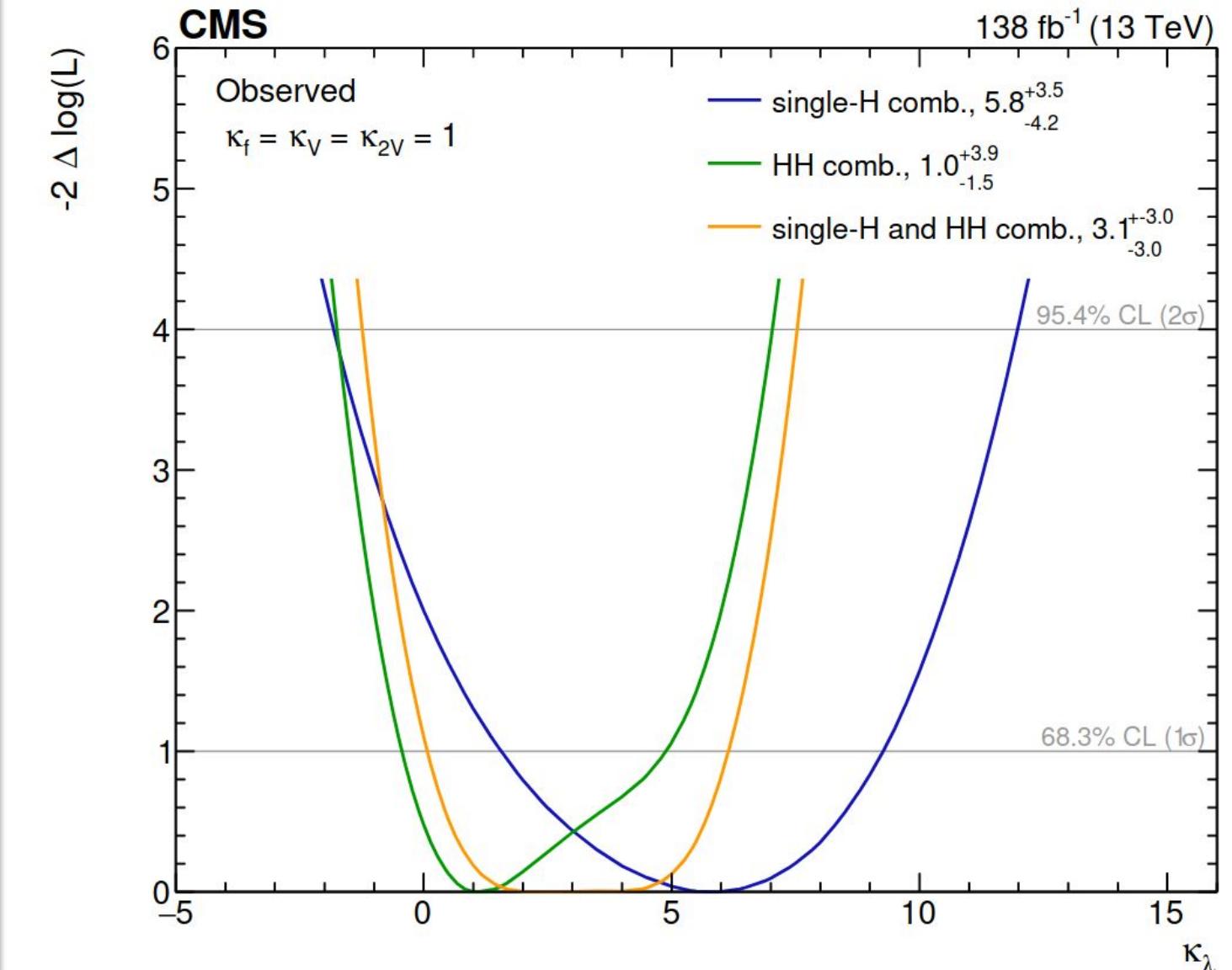
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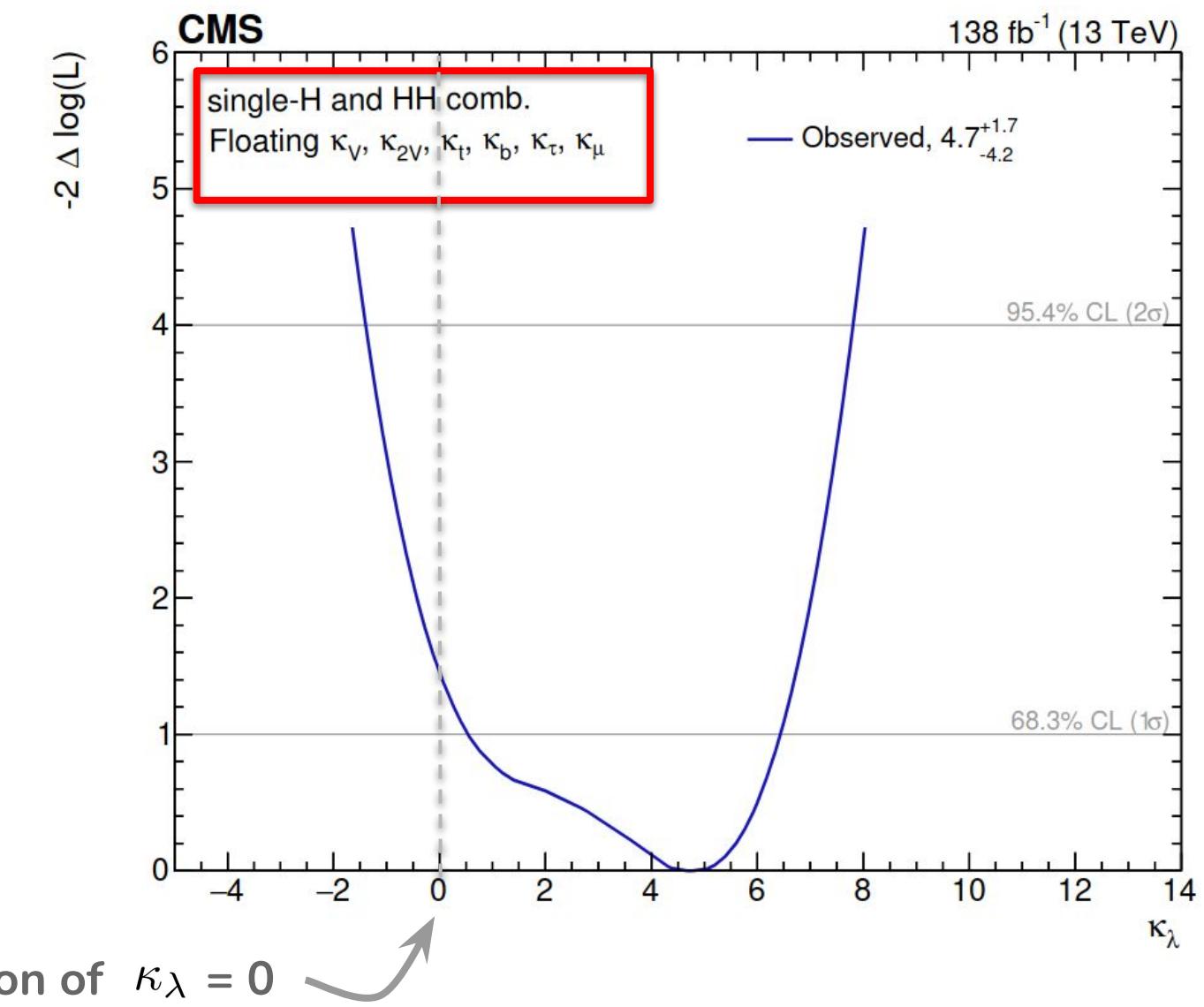
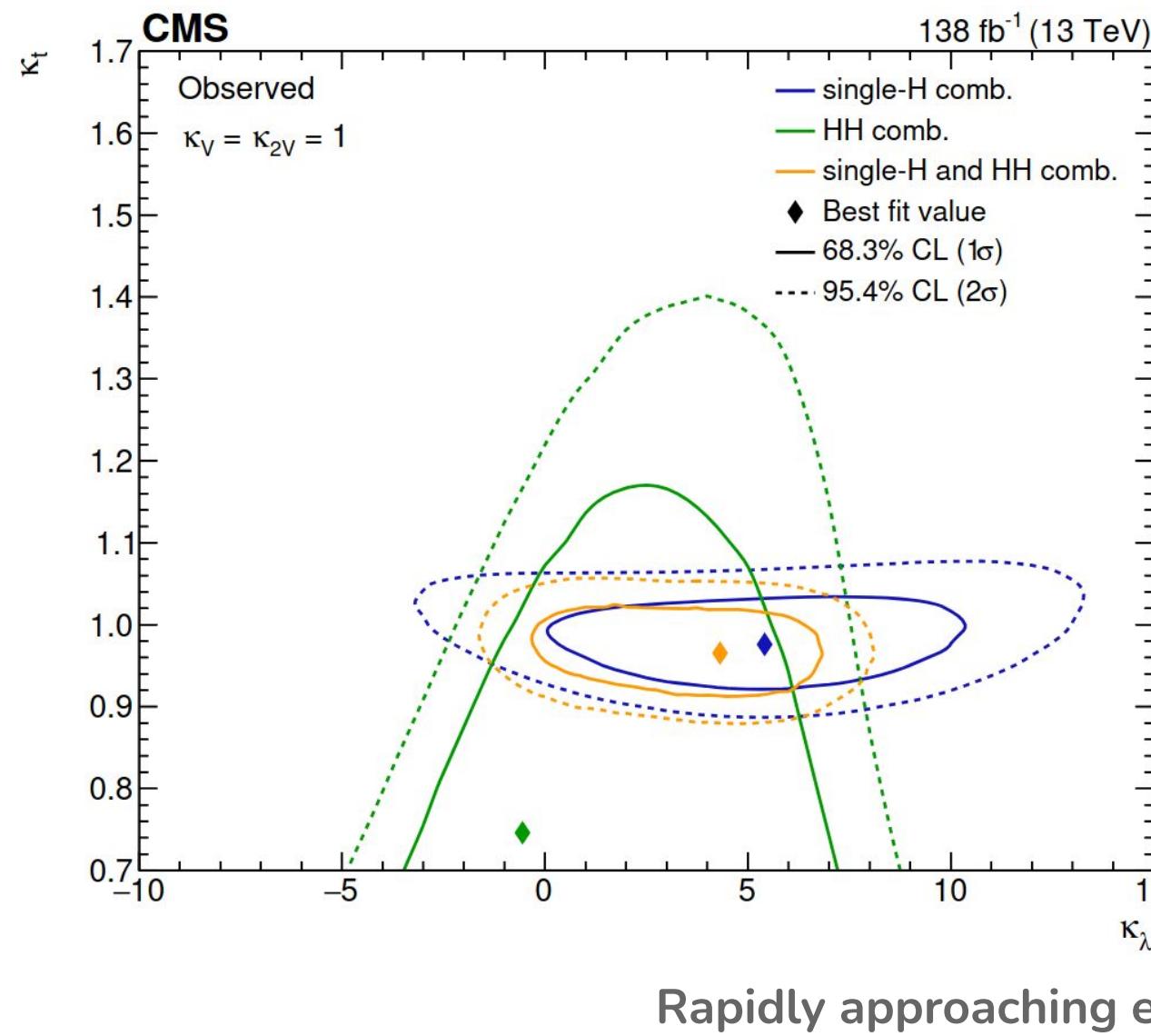
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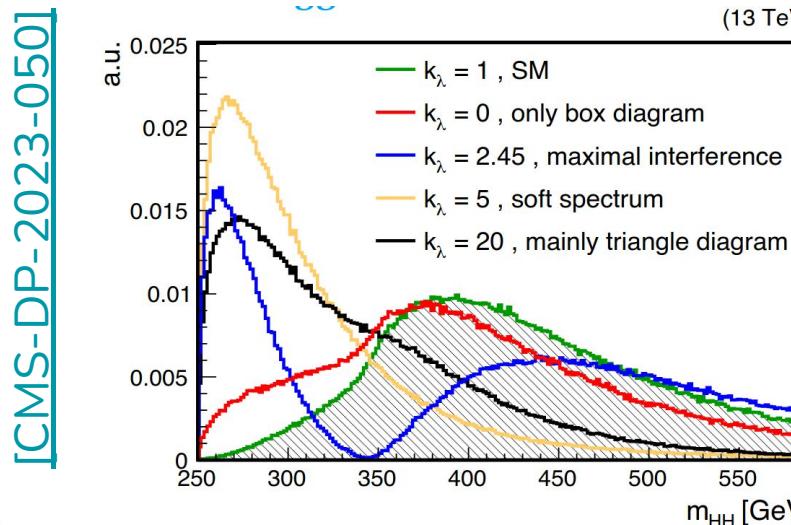
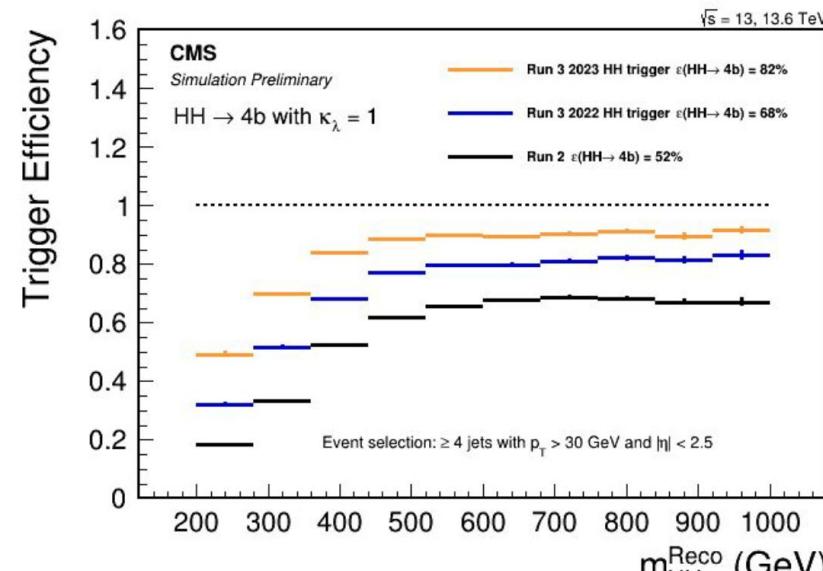
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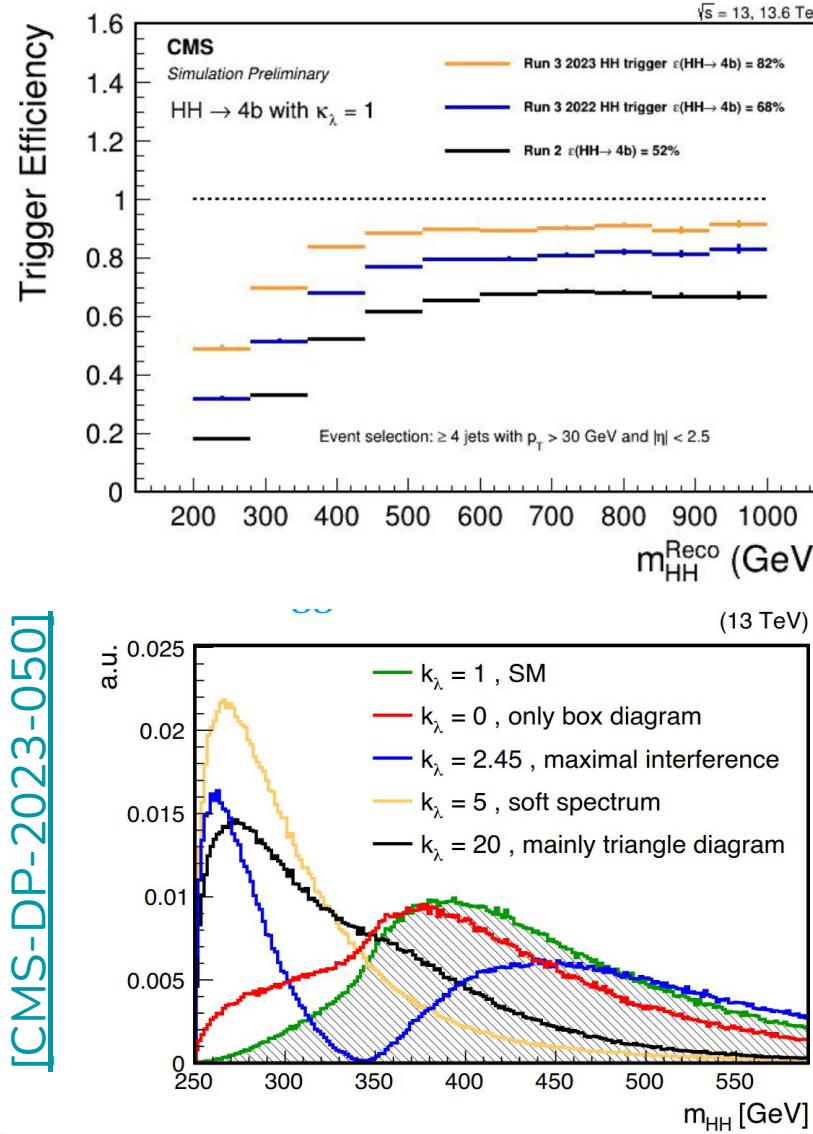


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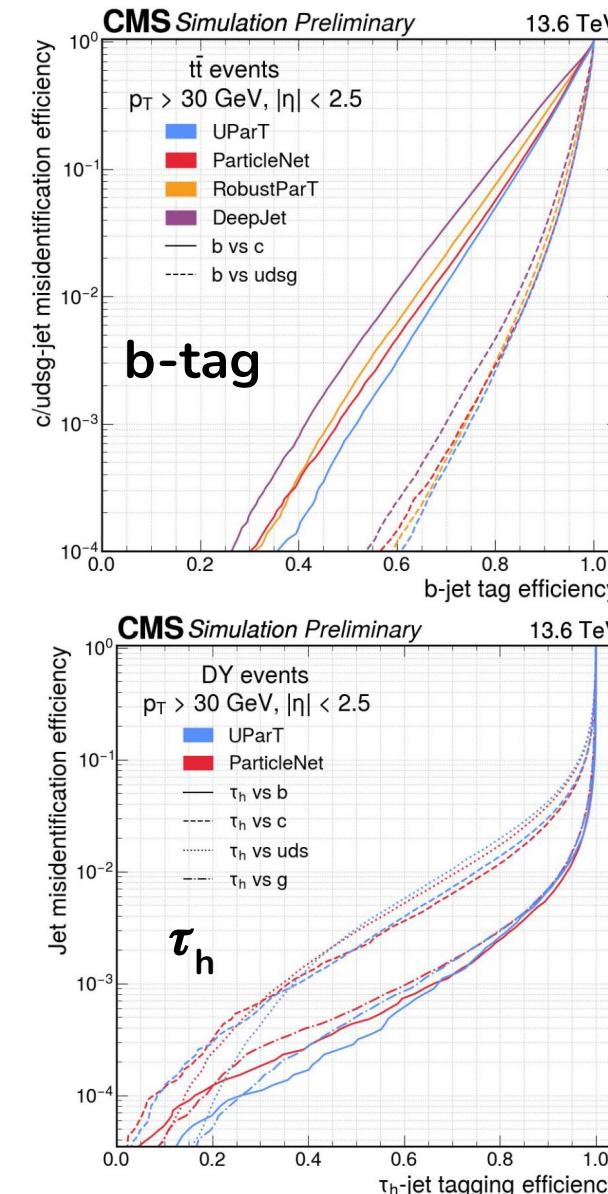
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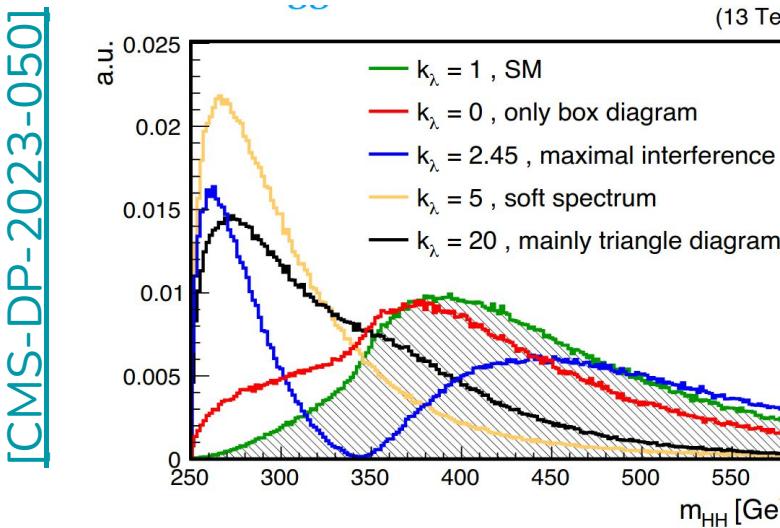
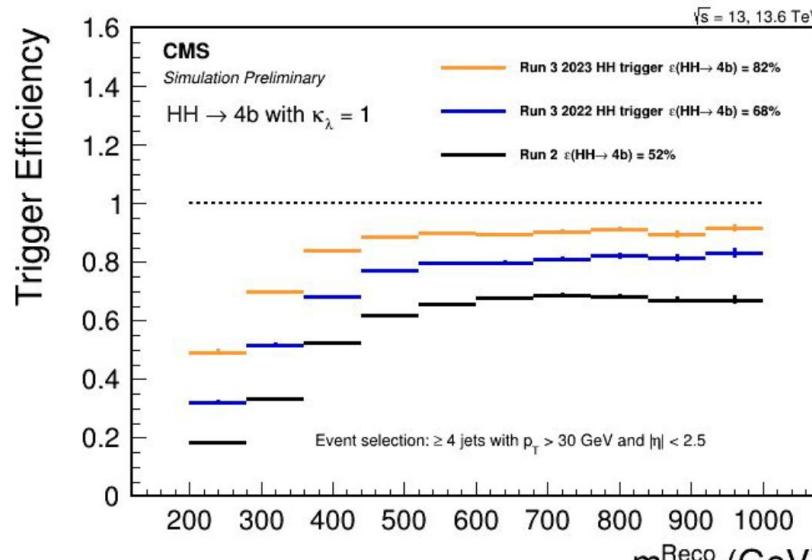
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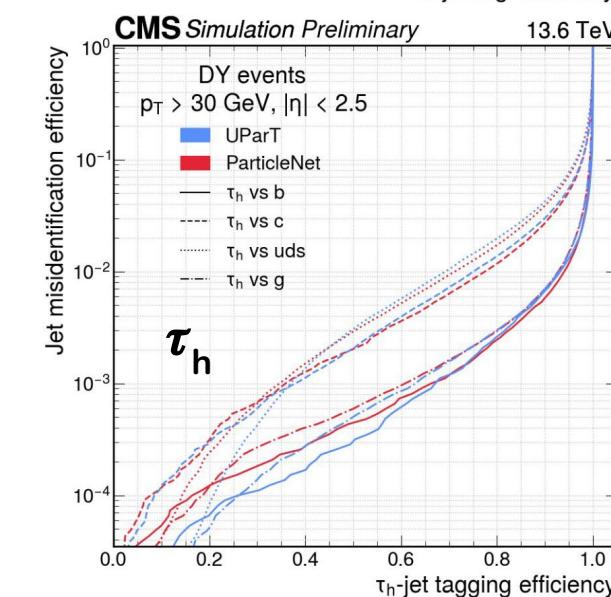
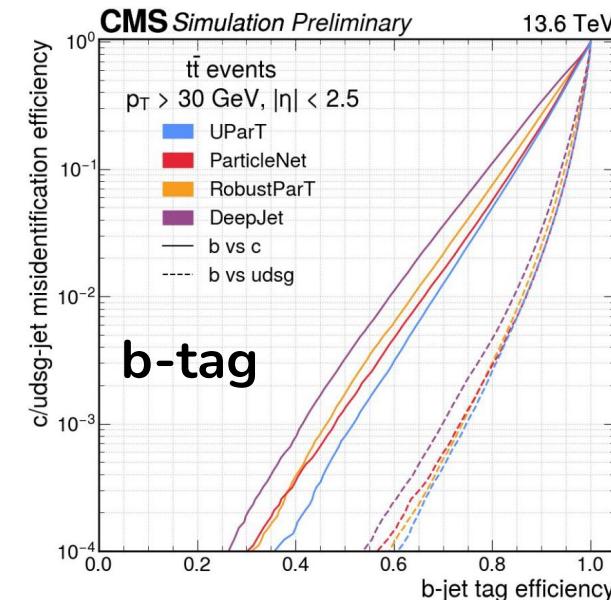
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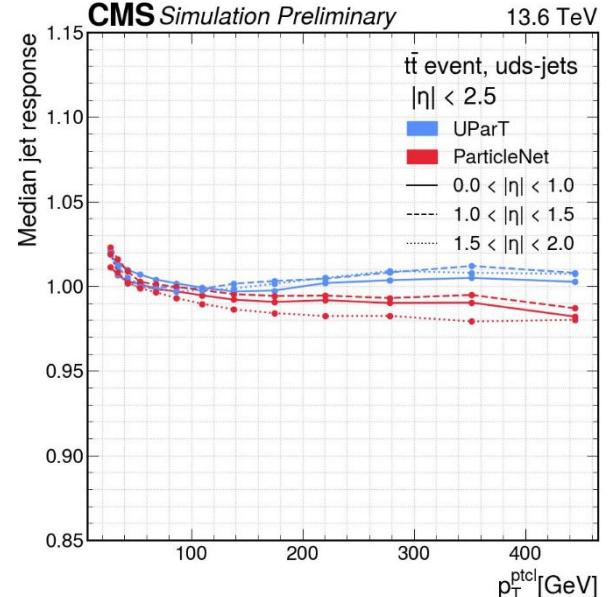
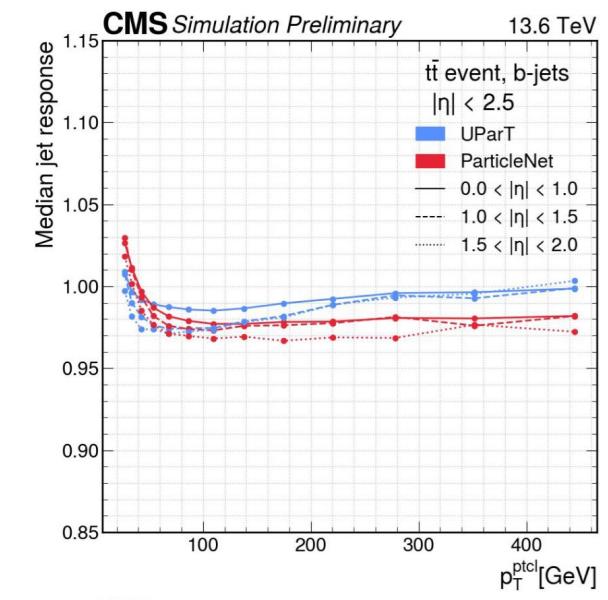
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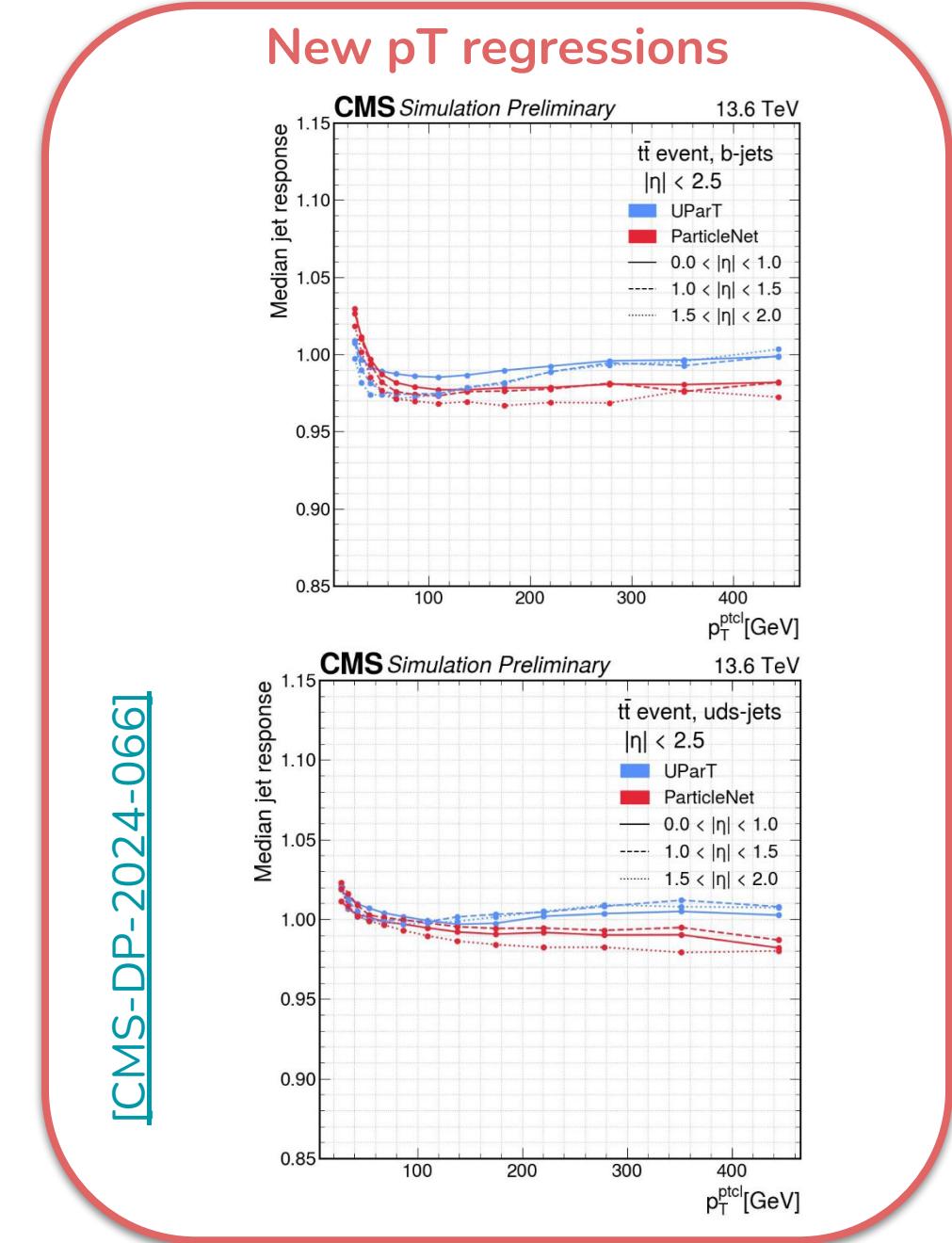
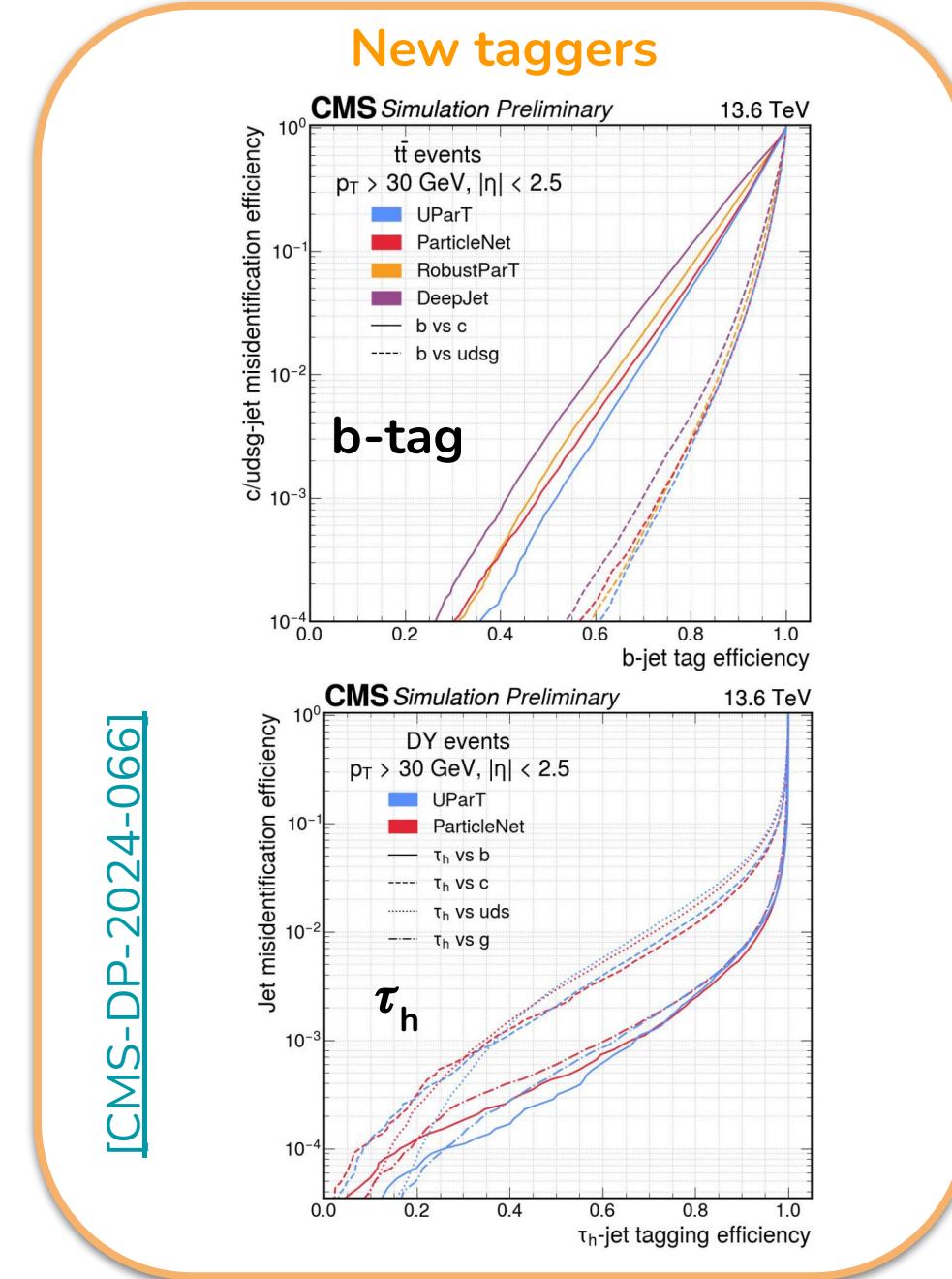
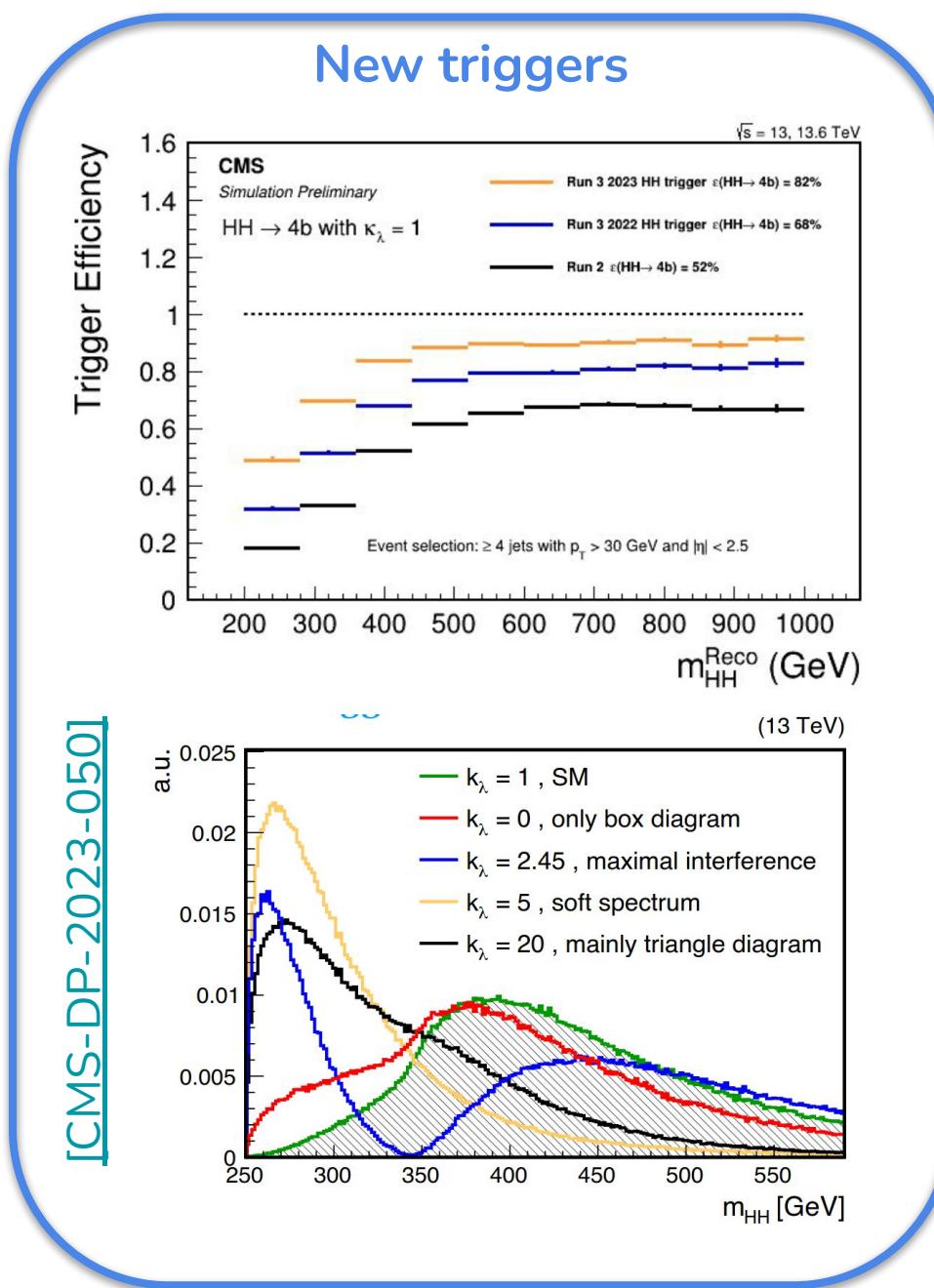
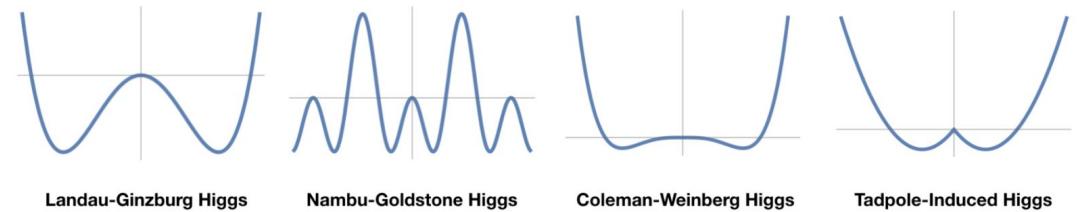
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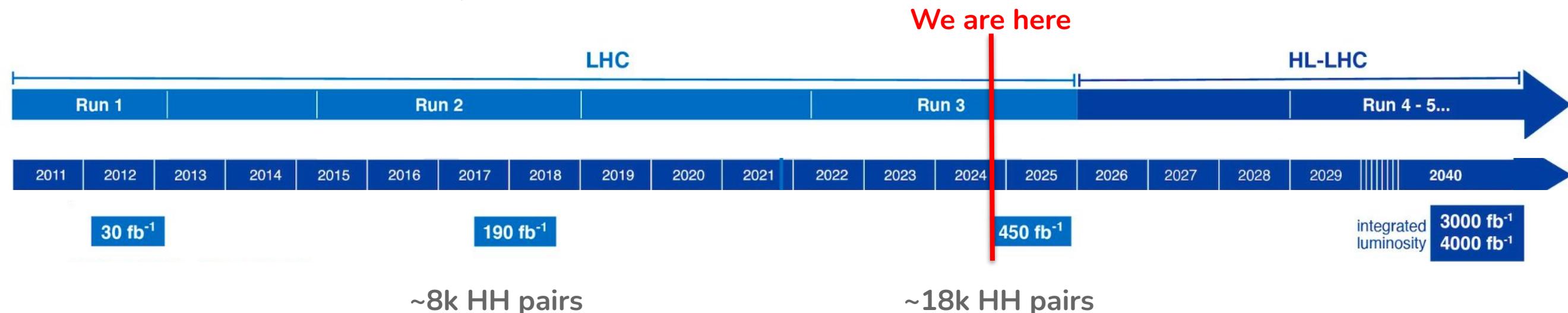
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- HH is within touching distance: $\mu_{\text{SM}}^{\text{95%CL}} \sim 1$
 - New innovative ideas could bring it closer → If something is very BSM-like in Higgs potential, we might see it in Run 3!



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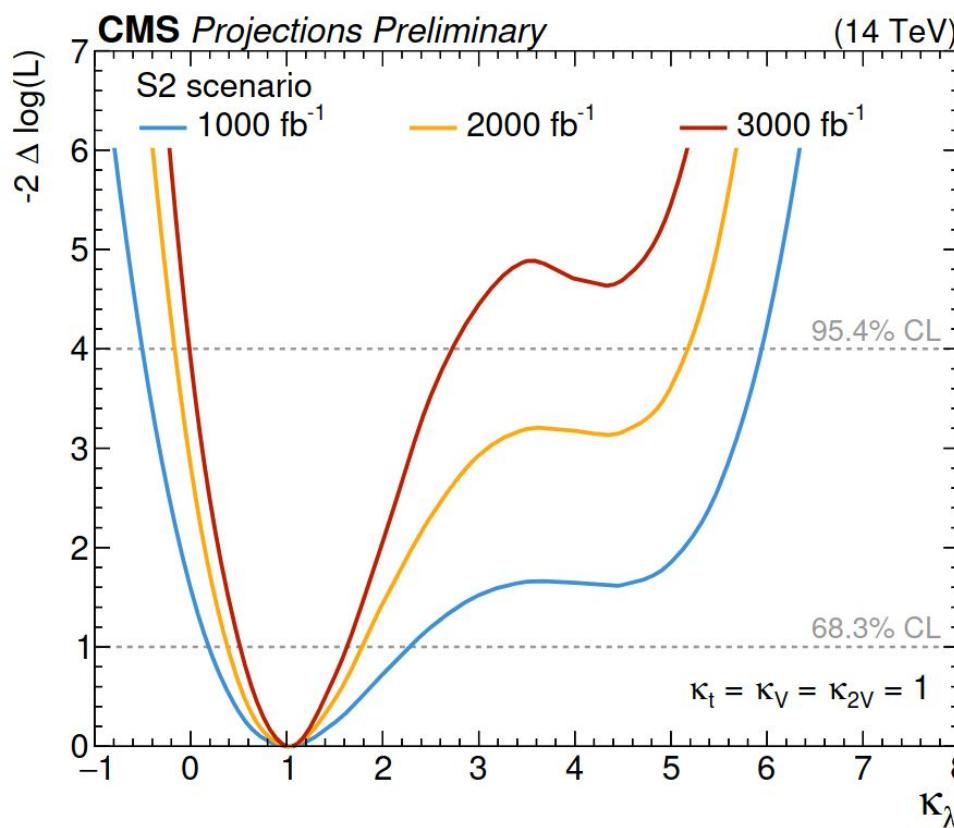
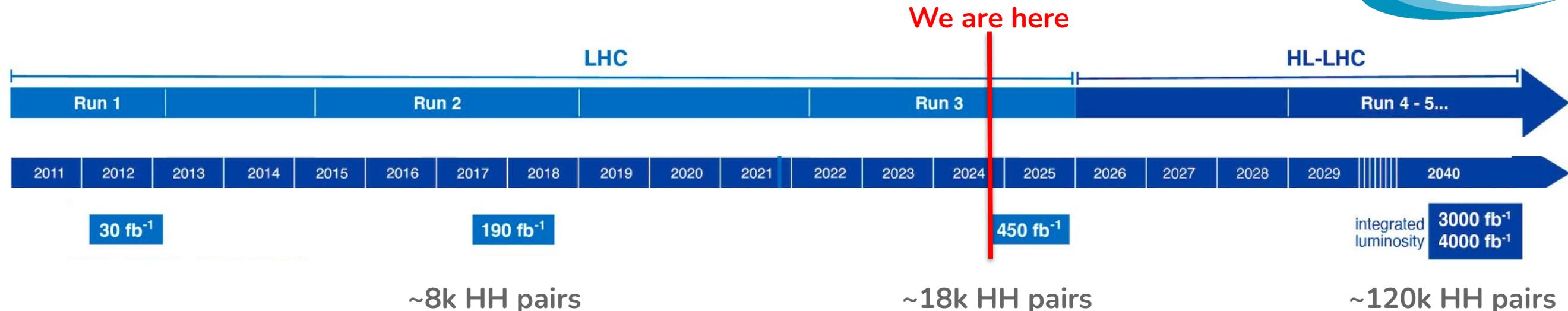


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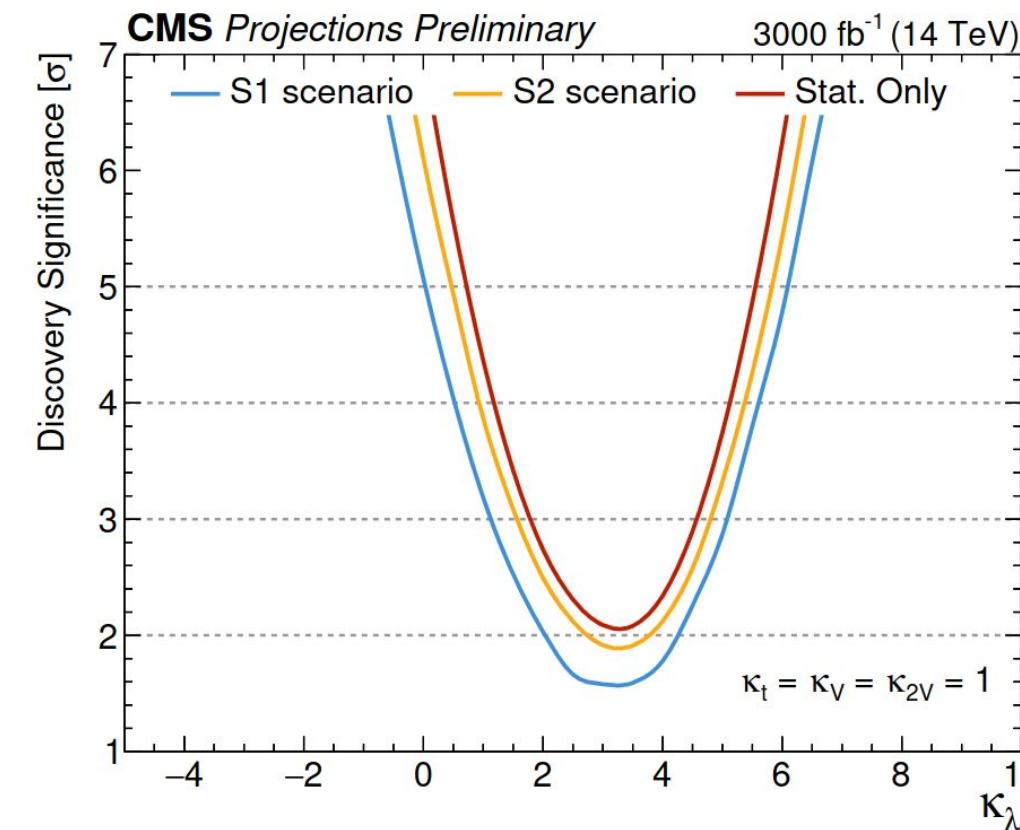
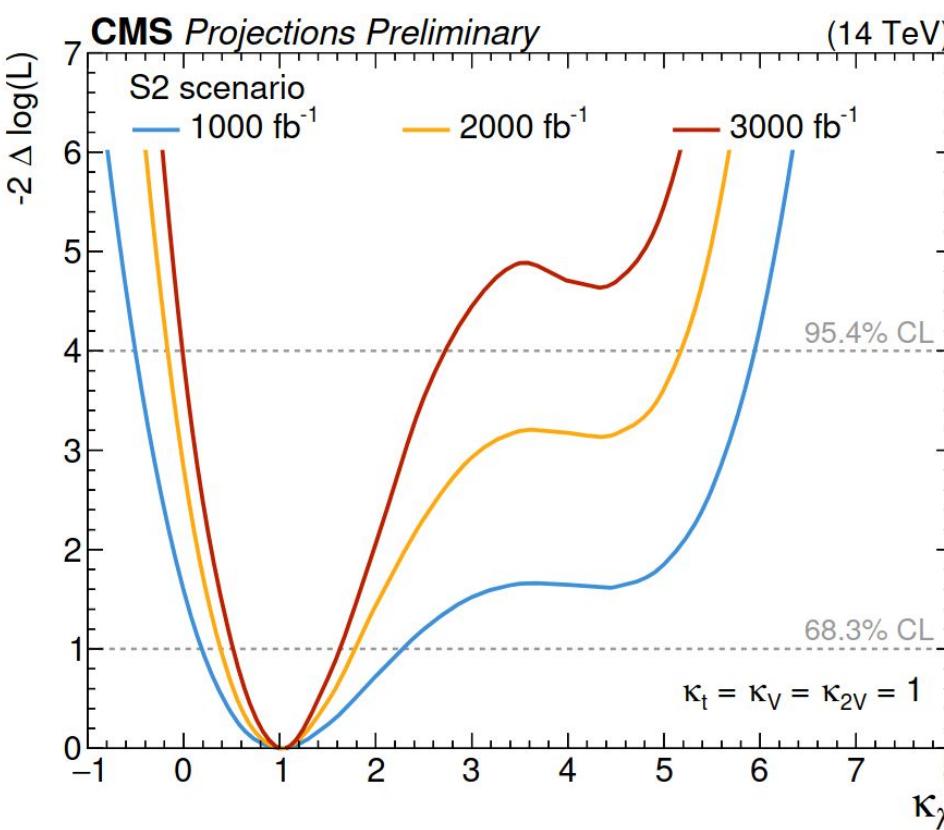
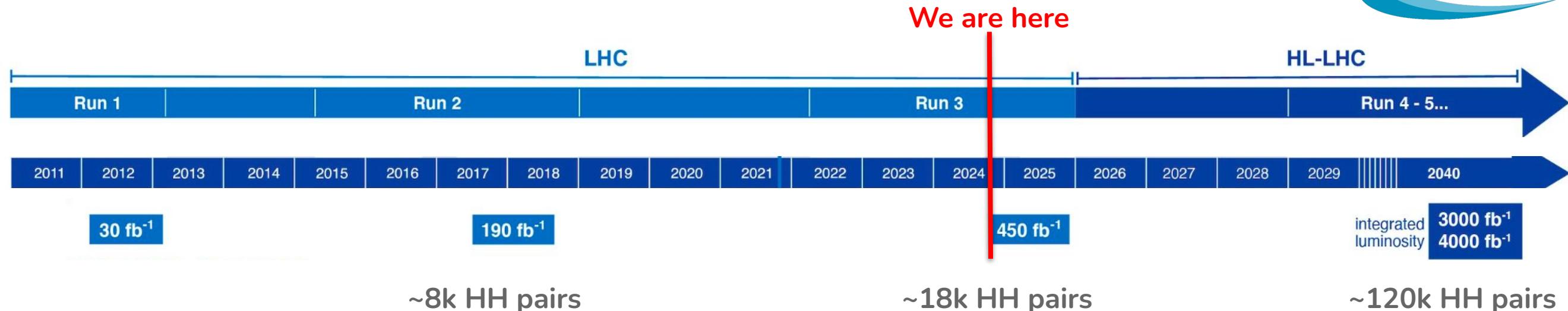


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(SM) HH existence at 3-4 σ with CMS alone
Depending on systematics scenario

Achieve 5 σ observation combining with ATLAS!

Elucidate early Universe dynamics

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