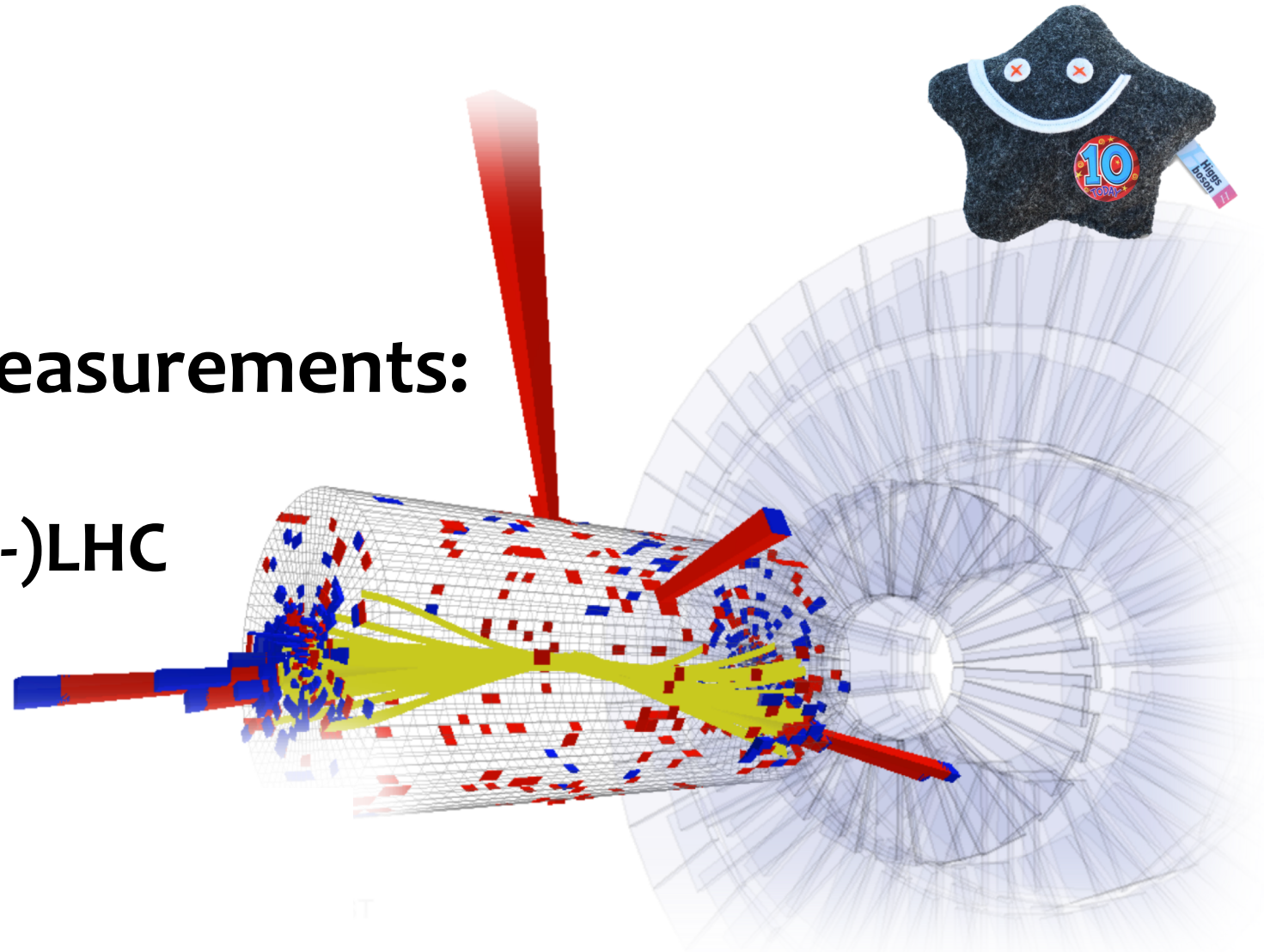


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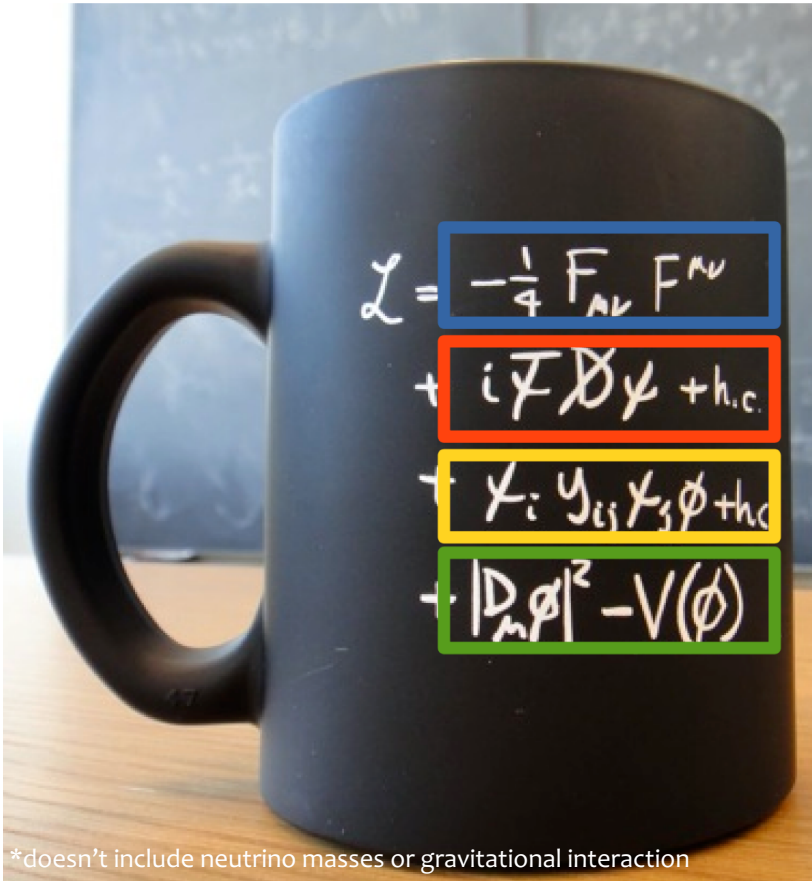
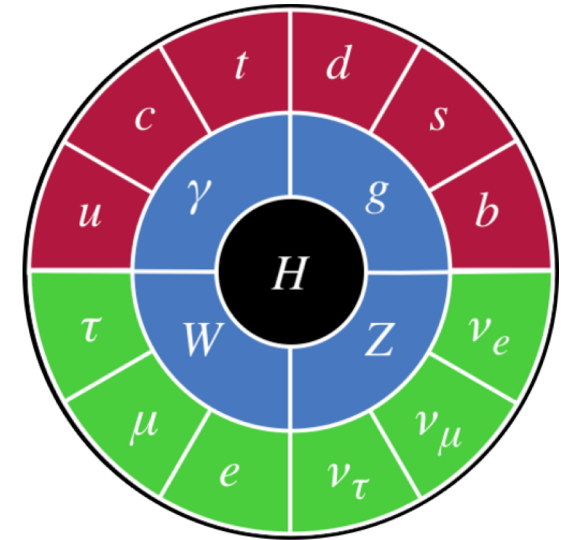


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The Standard Model

The Standard Model (SM) of particle physics is a (set of) quantum field theory(ies) that describe the *fundamental* particles of nature and their interactions*



*doesn't include neutrino masses or gravitational interaction

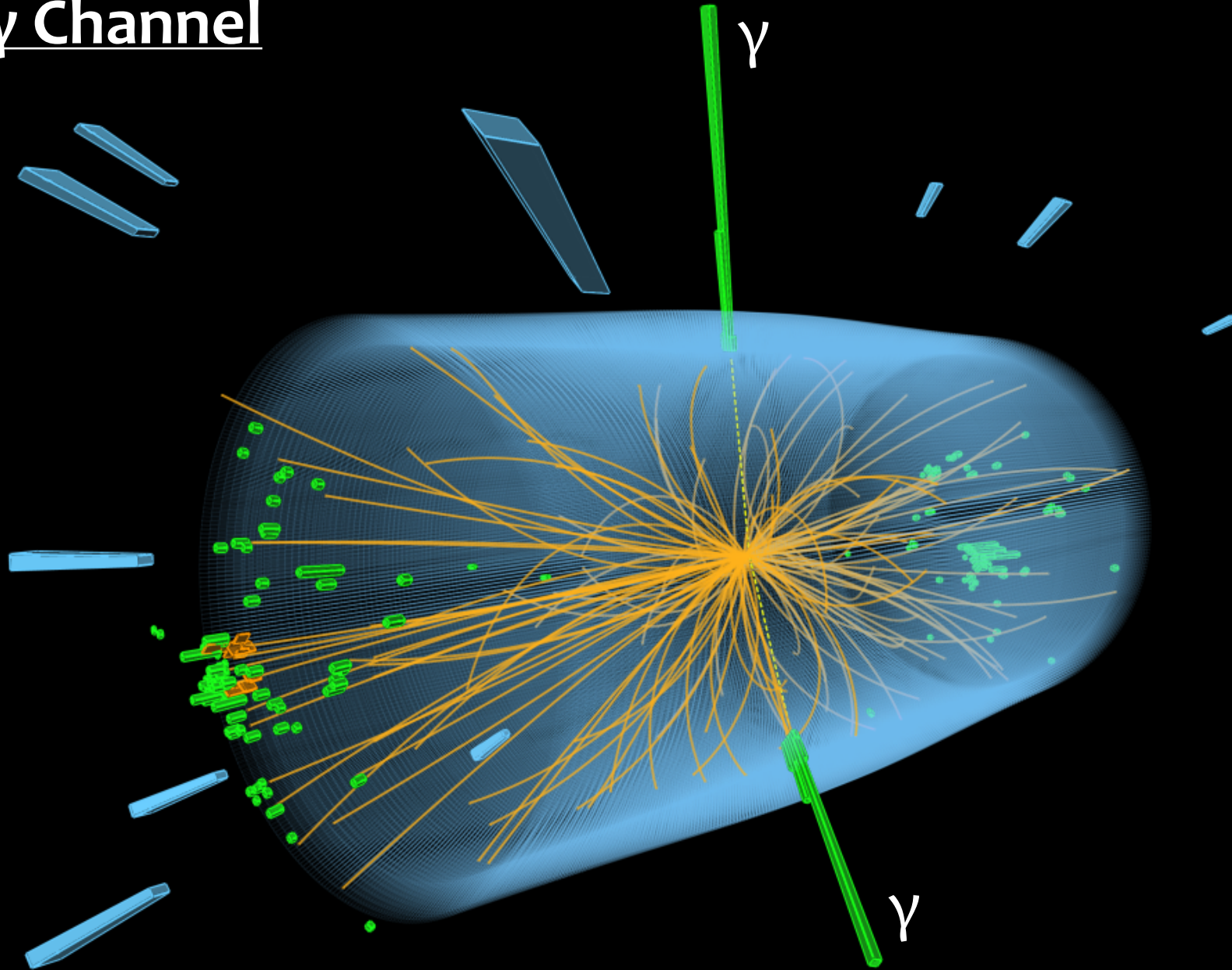
Propagation of force-carriers (spin-1 boson)

Interactions of matter particles (spin-1/2 fermions)

Masses of matter particles

Higgs interactions and mass of force carriers

The $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Channel



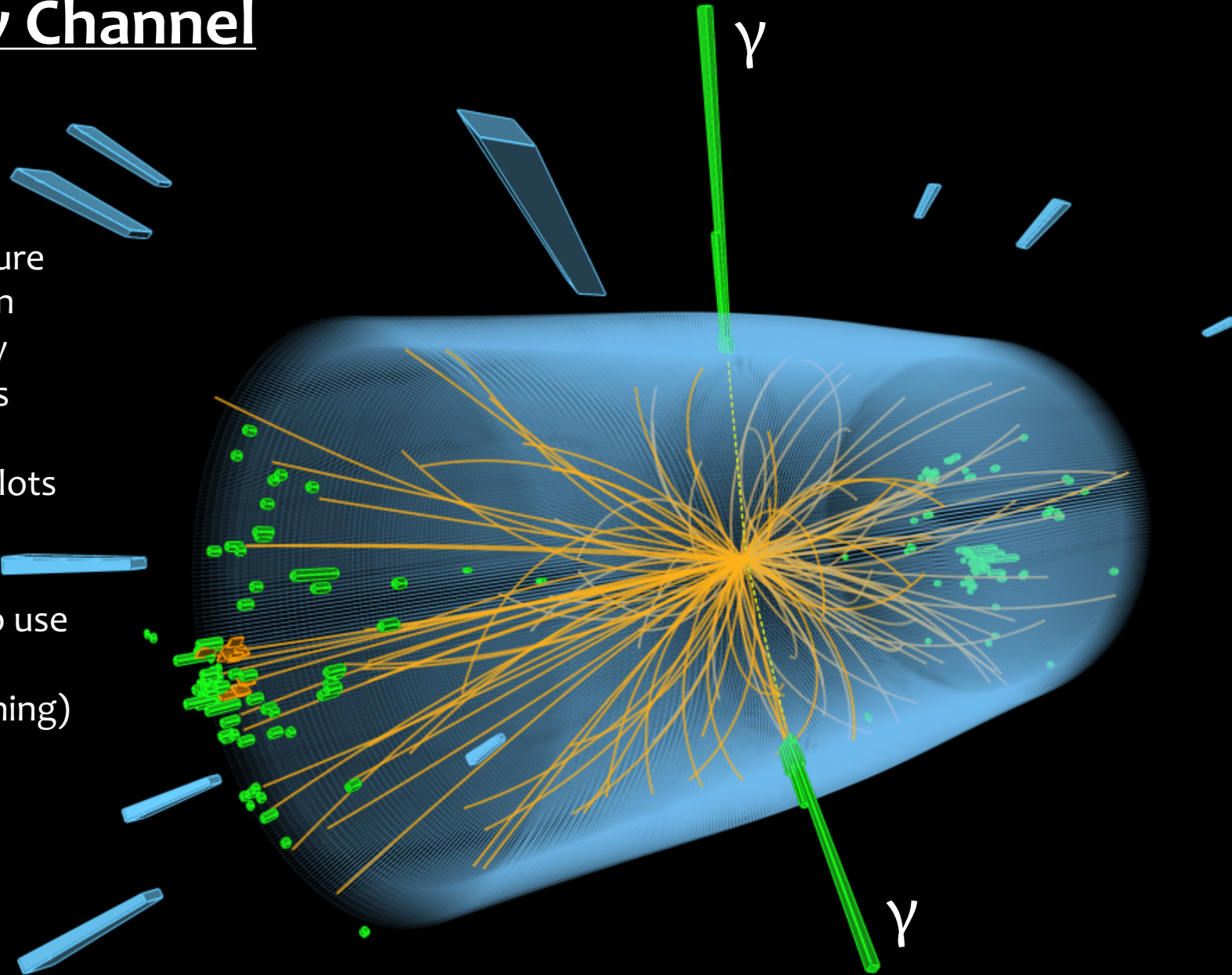
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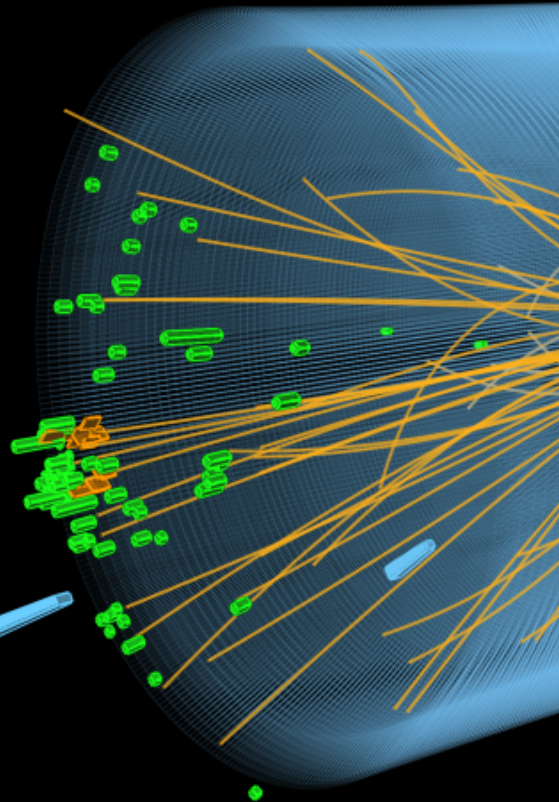
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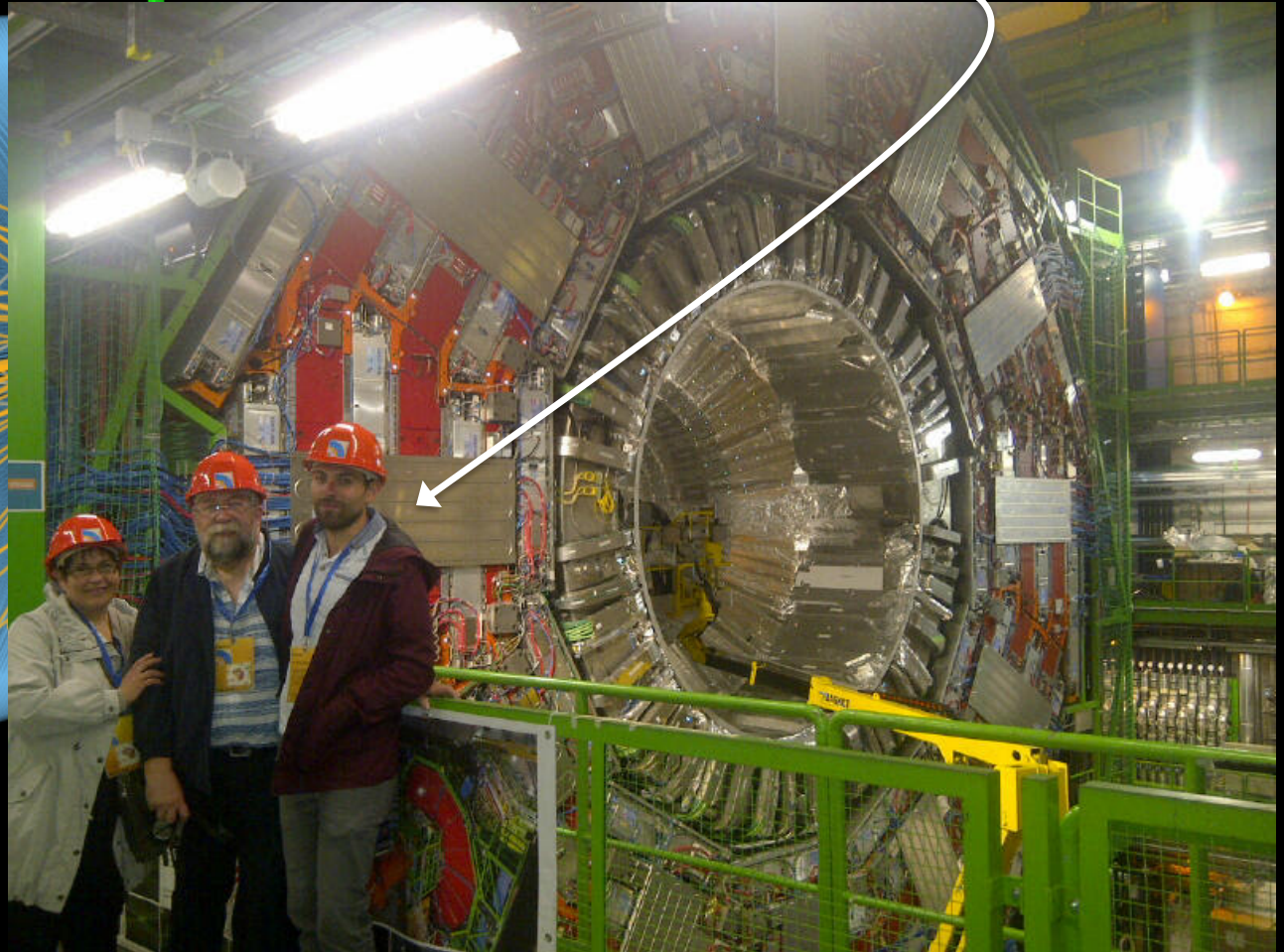
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Exciting for a PhD student (me)

- Proud parents wanting to take photos in front of "which one is that again?"



A daunting PhD student task

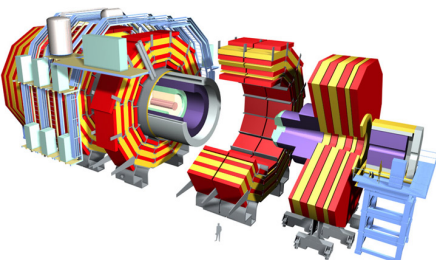
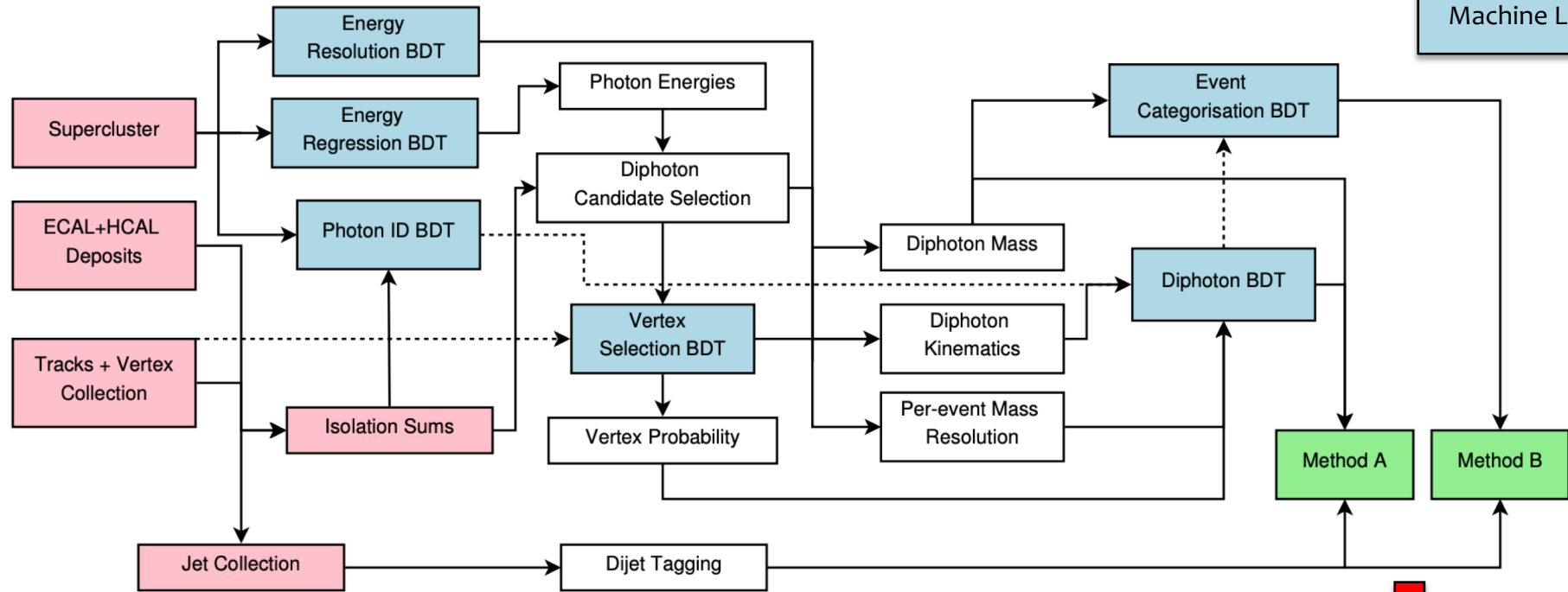
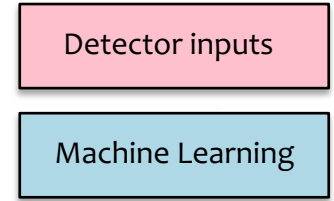


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Early days of searching: Keeping Prof. Virdee in the loop

Photon Purity

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Higgs Reference Analysis

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Signal+Background modeling

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Bump hunt

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Progress towards the final Analysis

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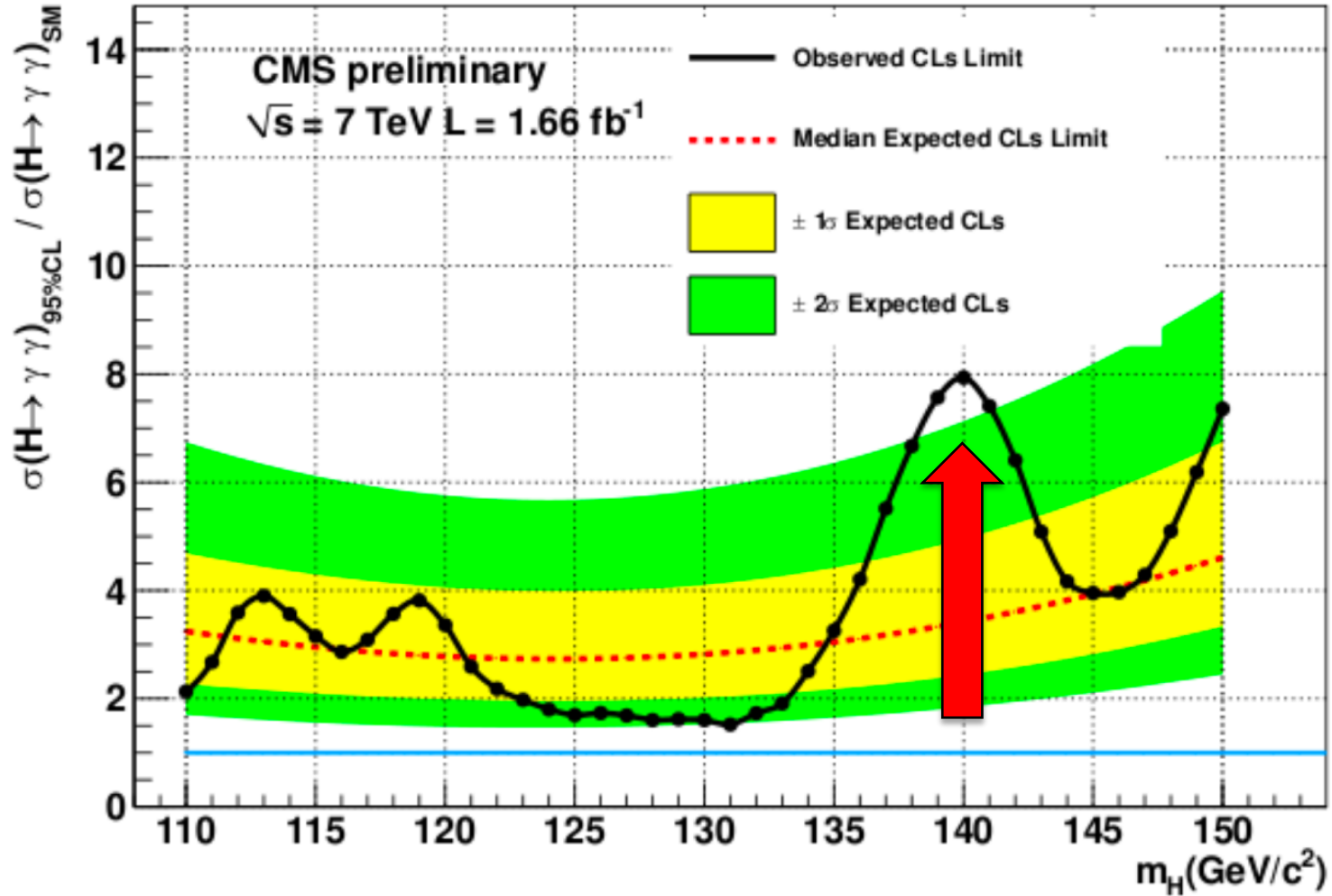
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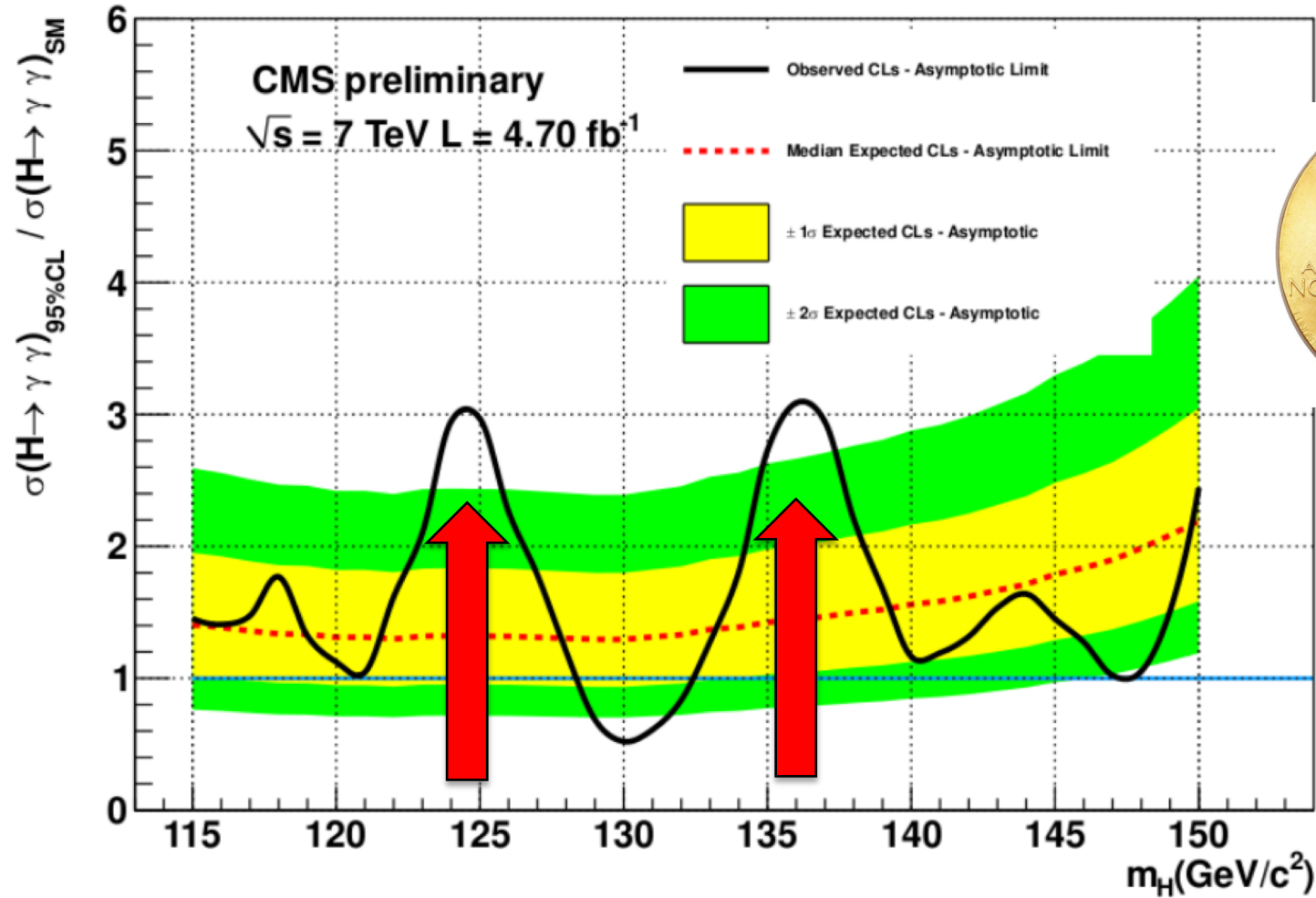
Still trying to model
the backgrounds!

We found the Higgs! $m_H=140$ GeV



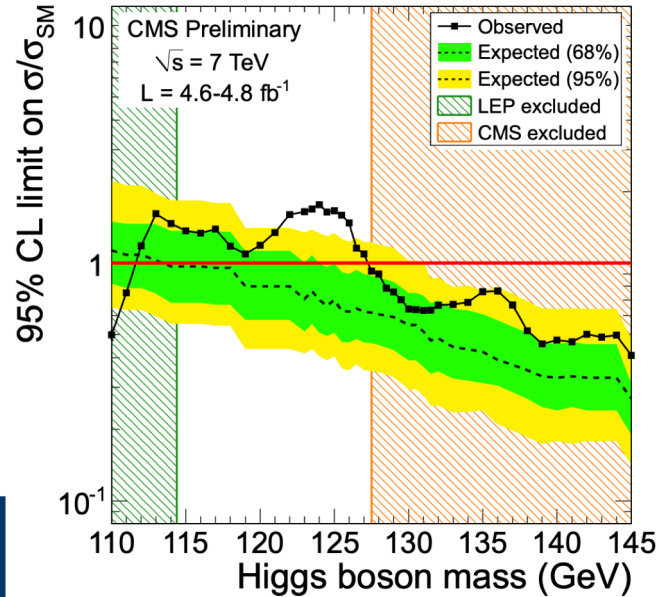
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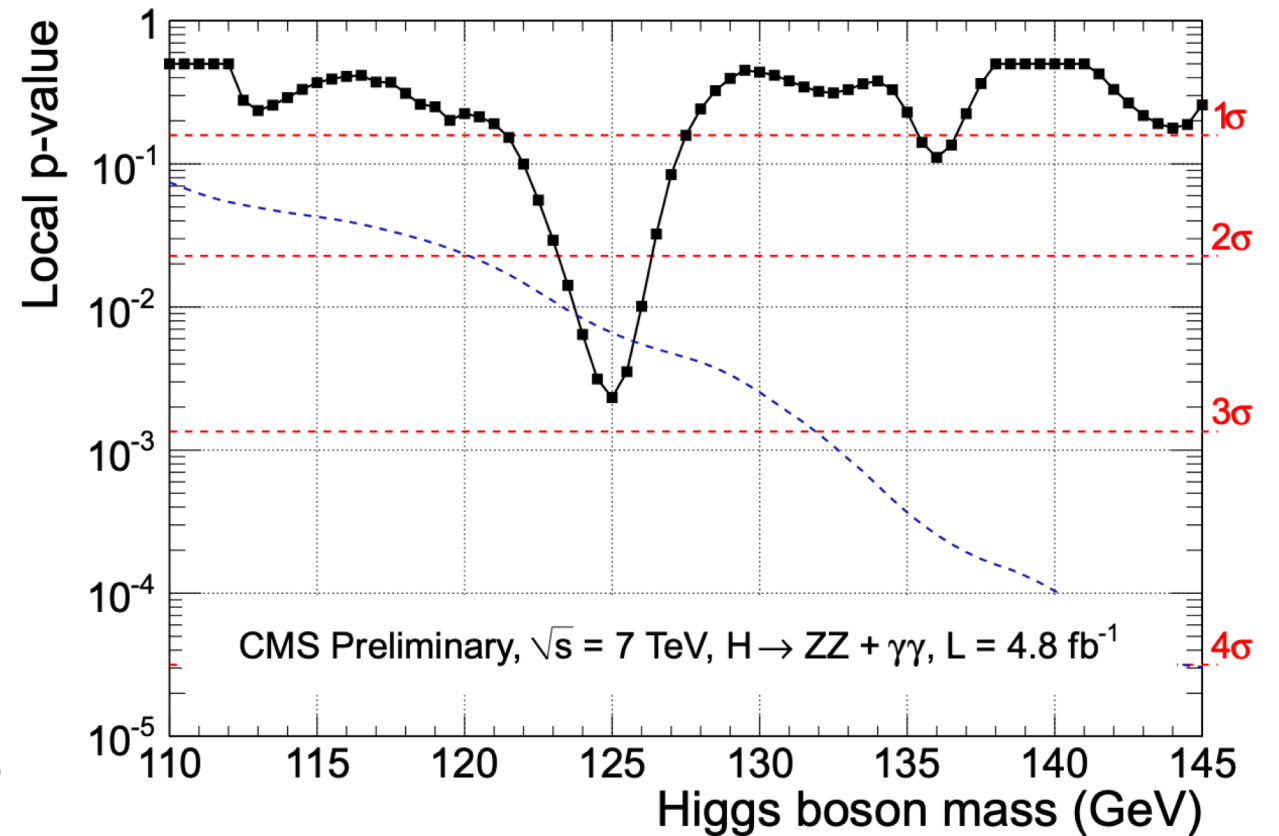
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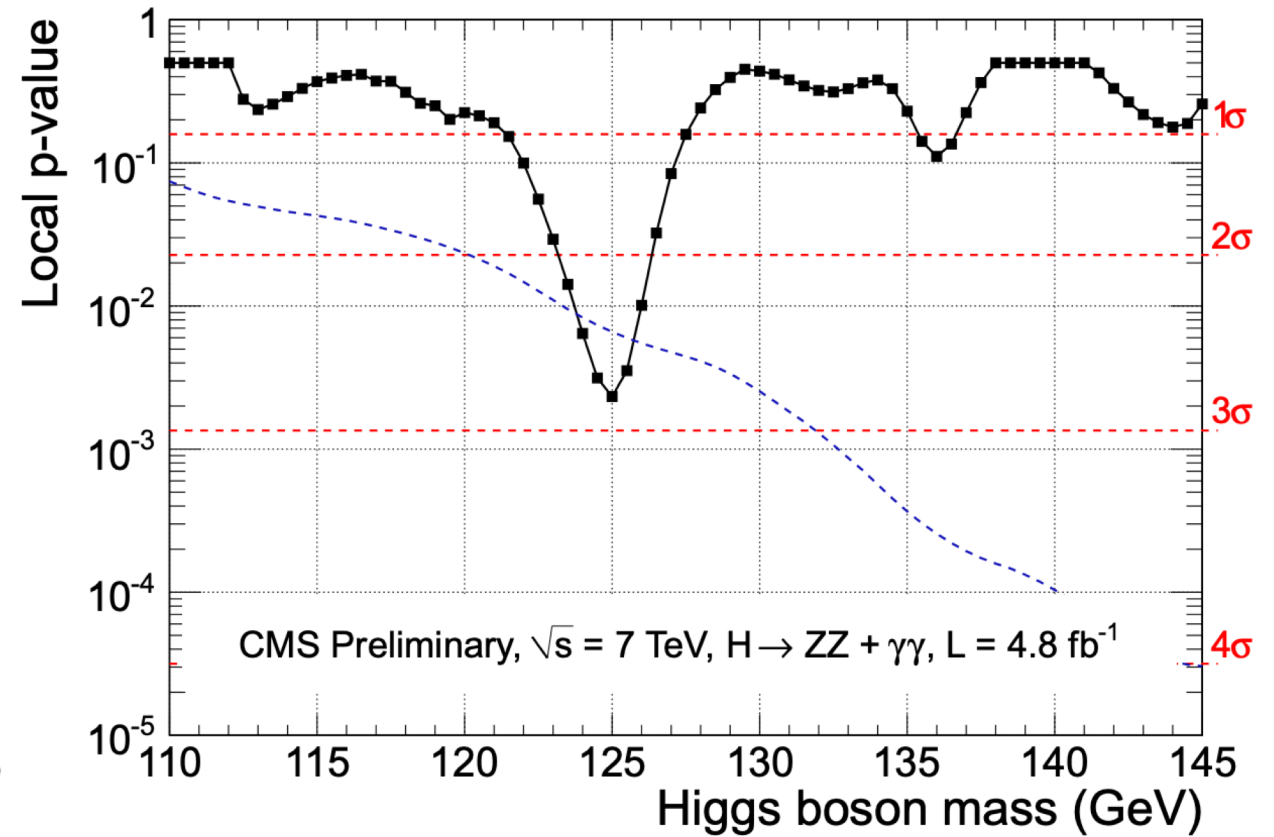
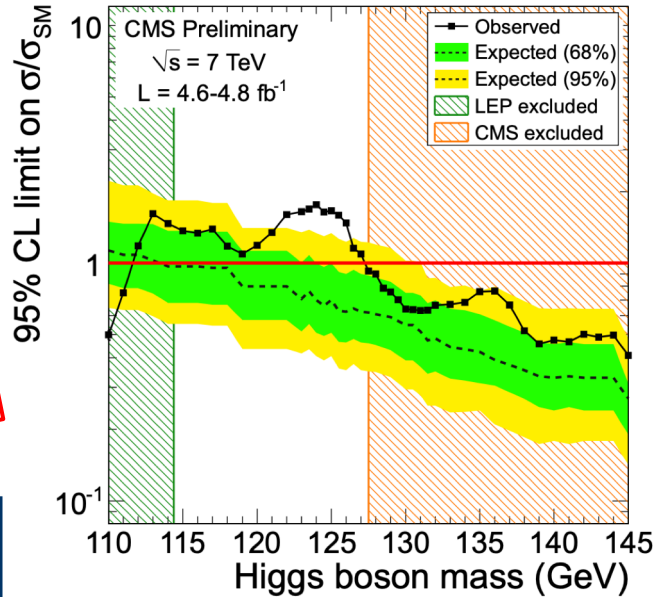


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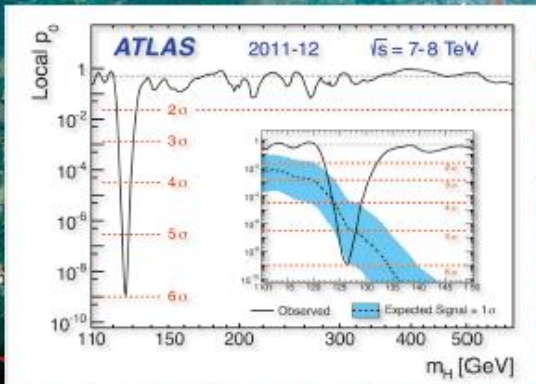
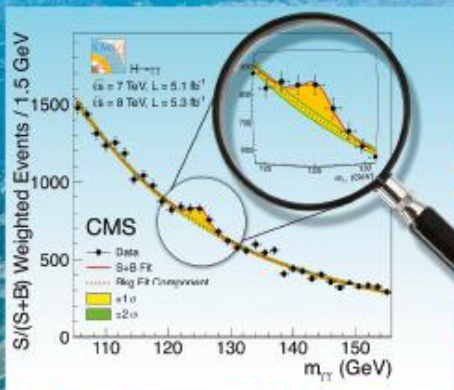
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PhD Student



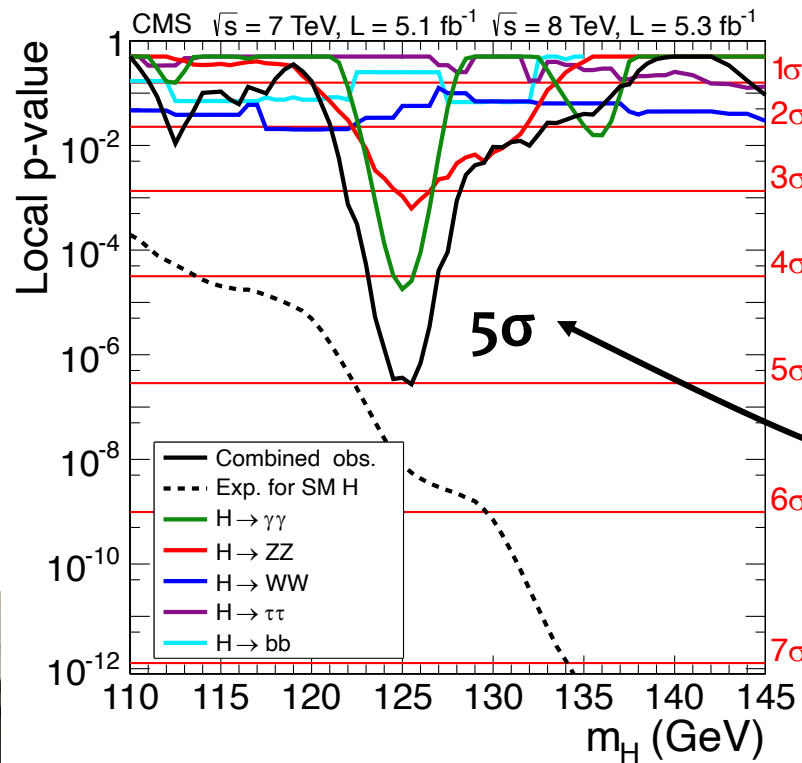
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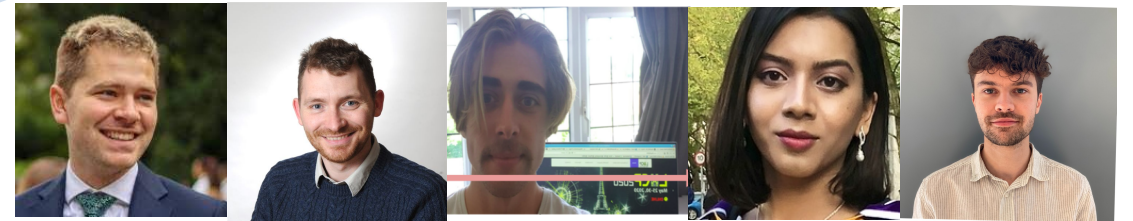
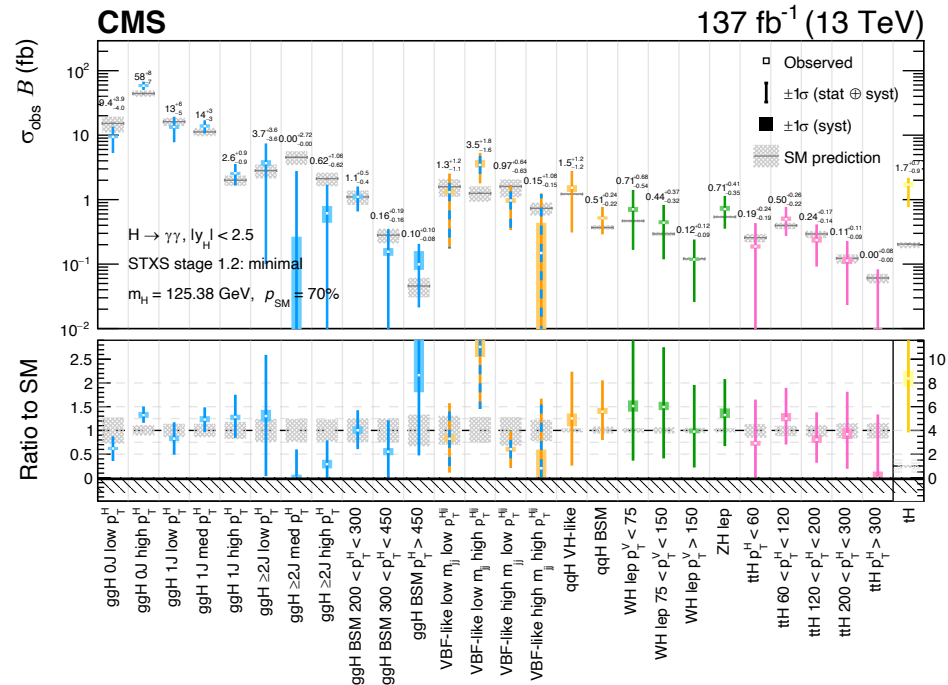
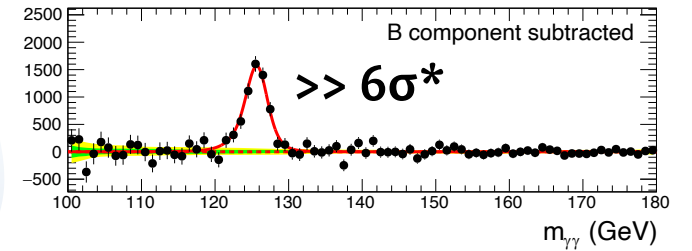
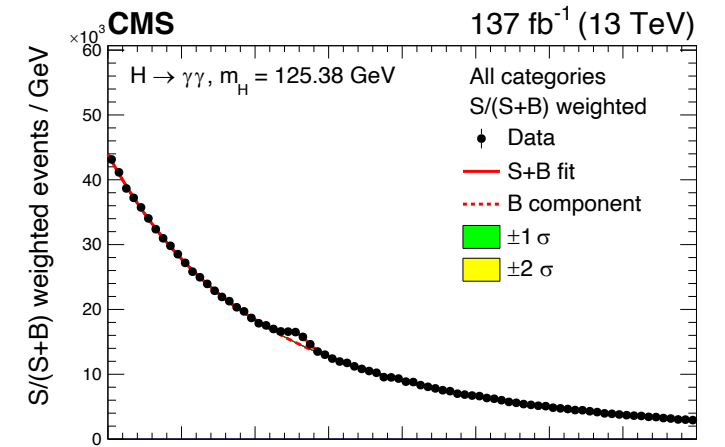
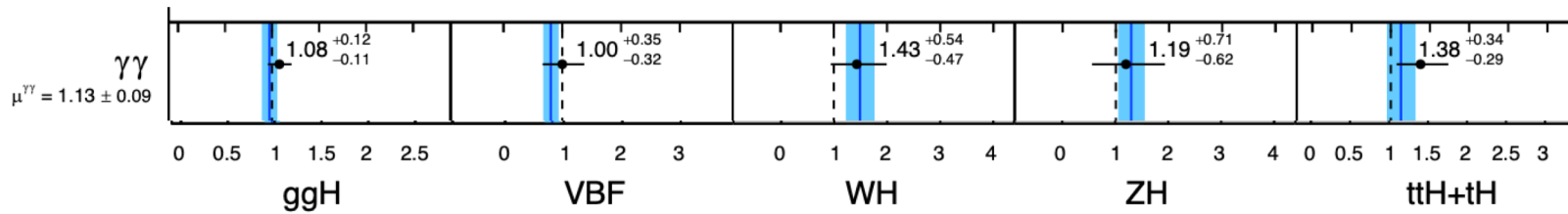
July 4th 2012

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channel a big factor in the discovery!



More data → more to study

10 years later and the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channel is still exciting to me!



Imperial HEPP PhD students still don't know the meaning of the word **simple**

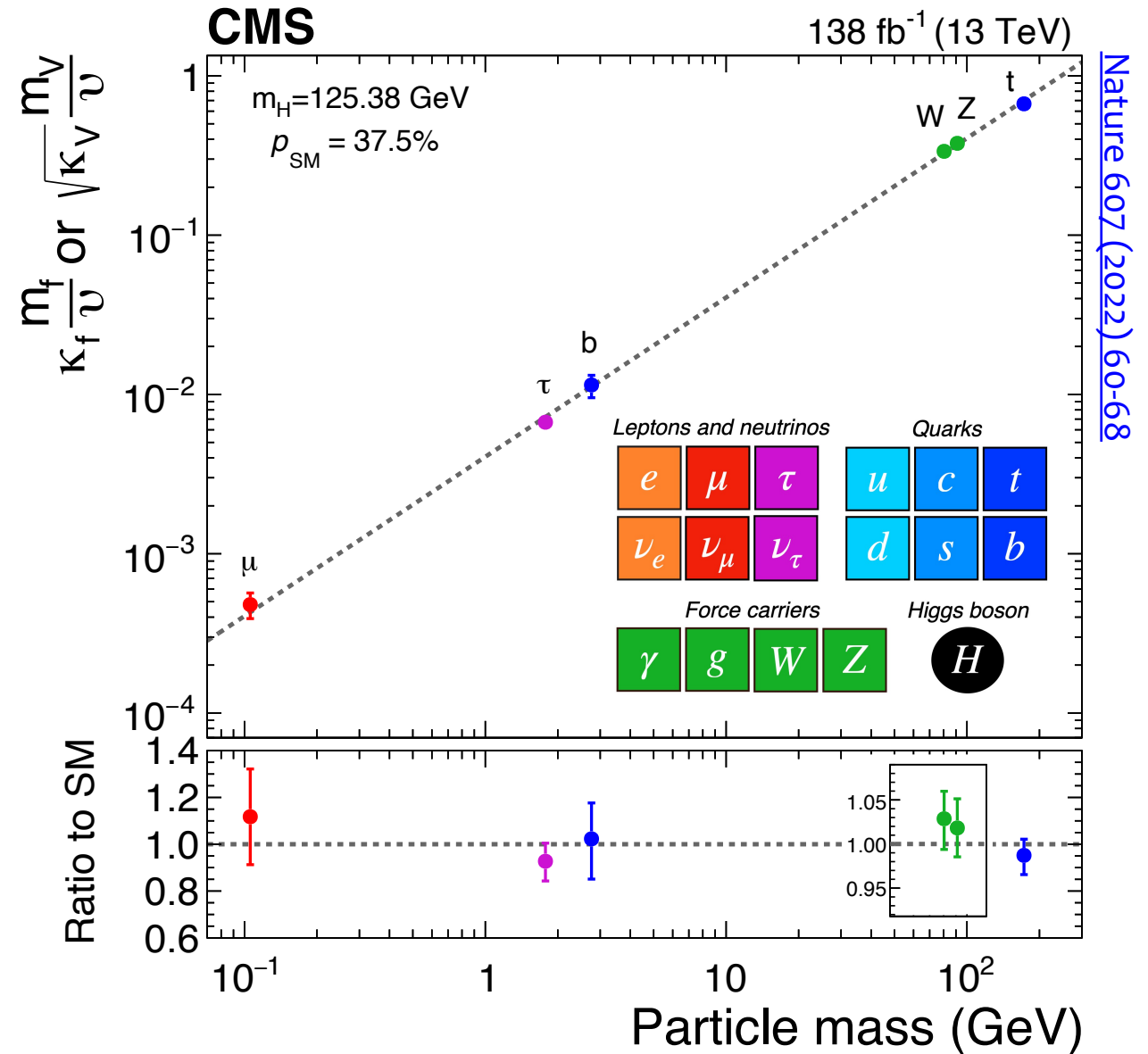
* By now you are more likely to dial a random UK mobile number and have Peter Higgs pick up than this signal being a background fluctuation

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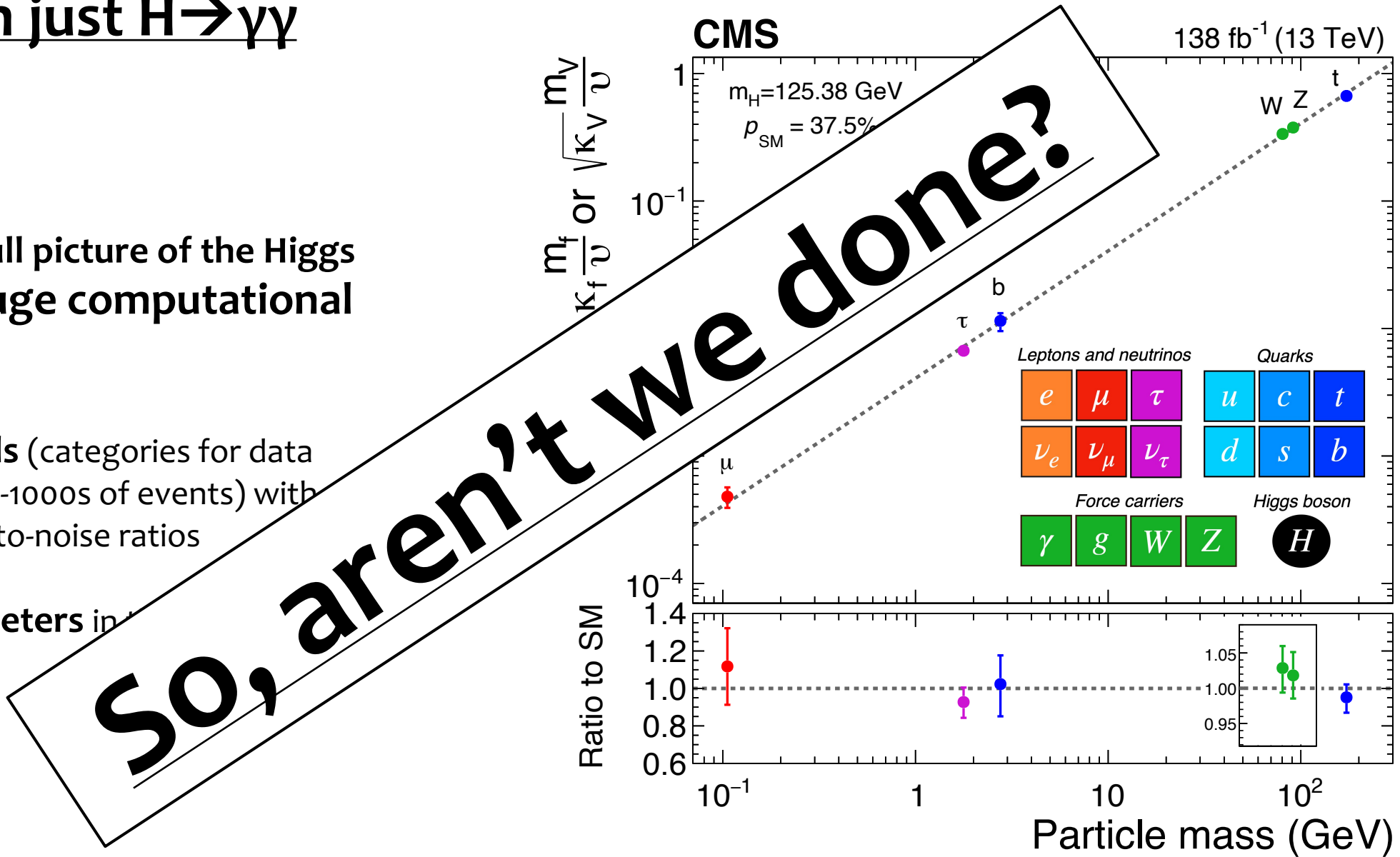
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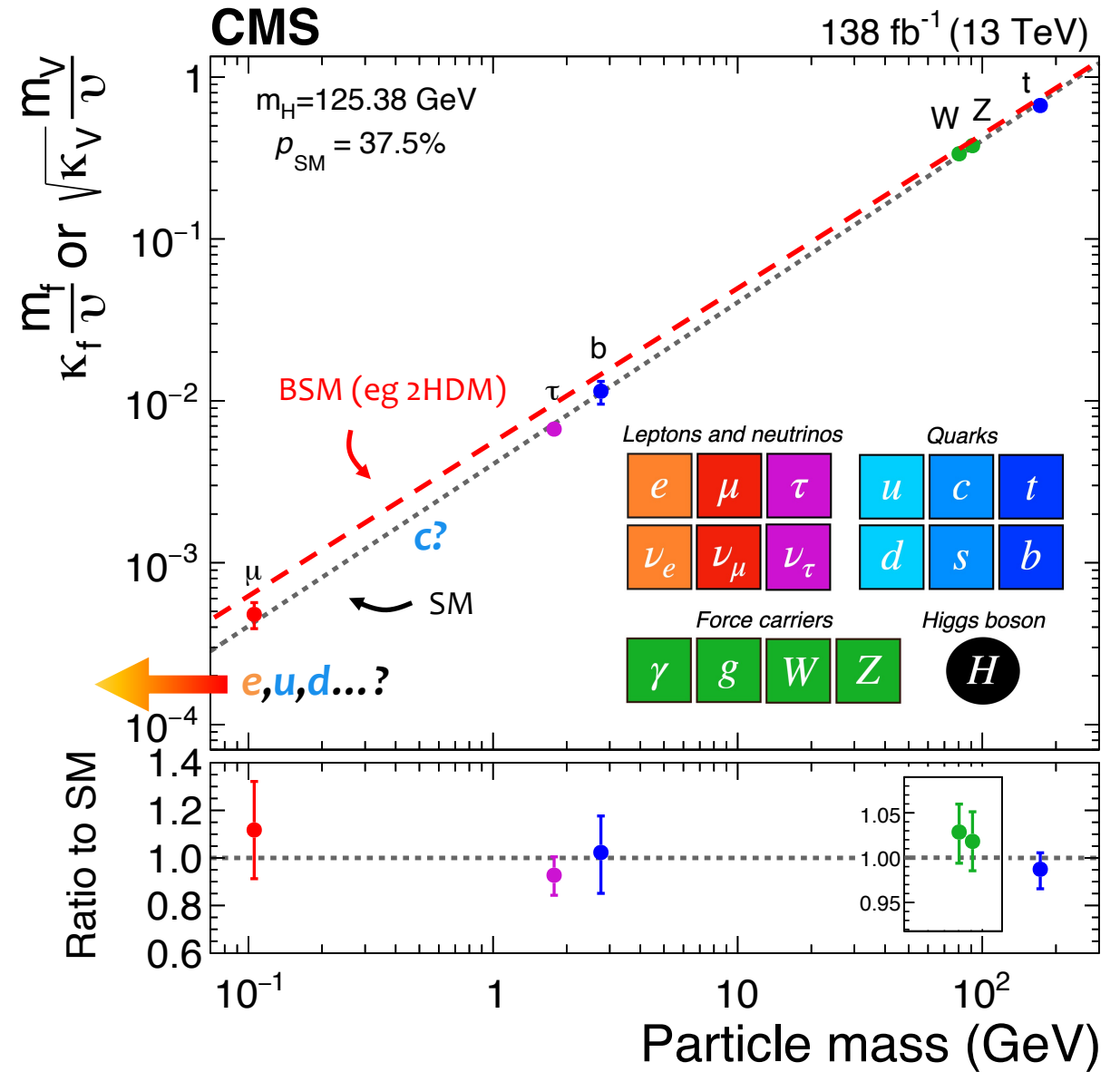


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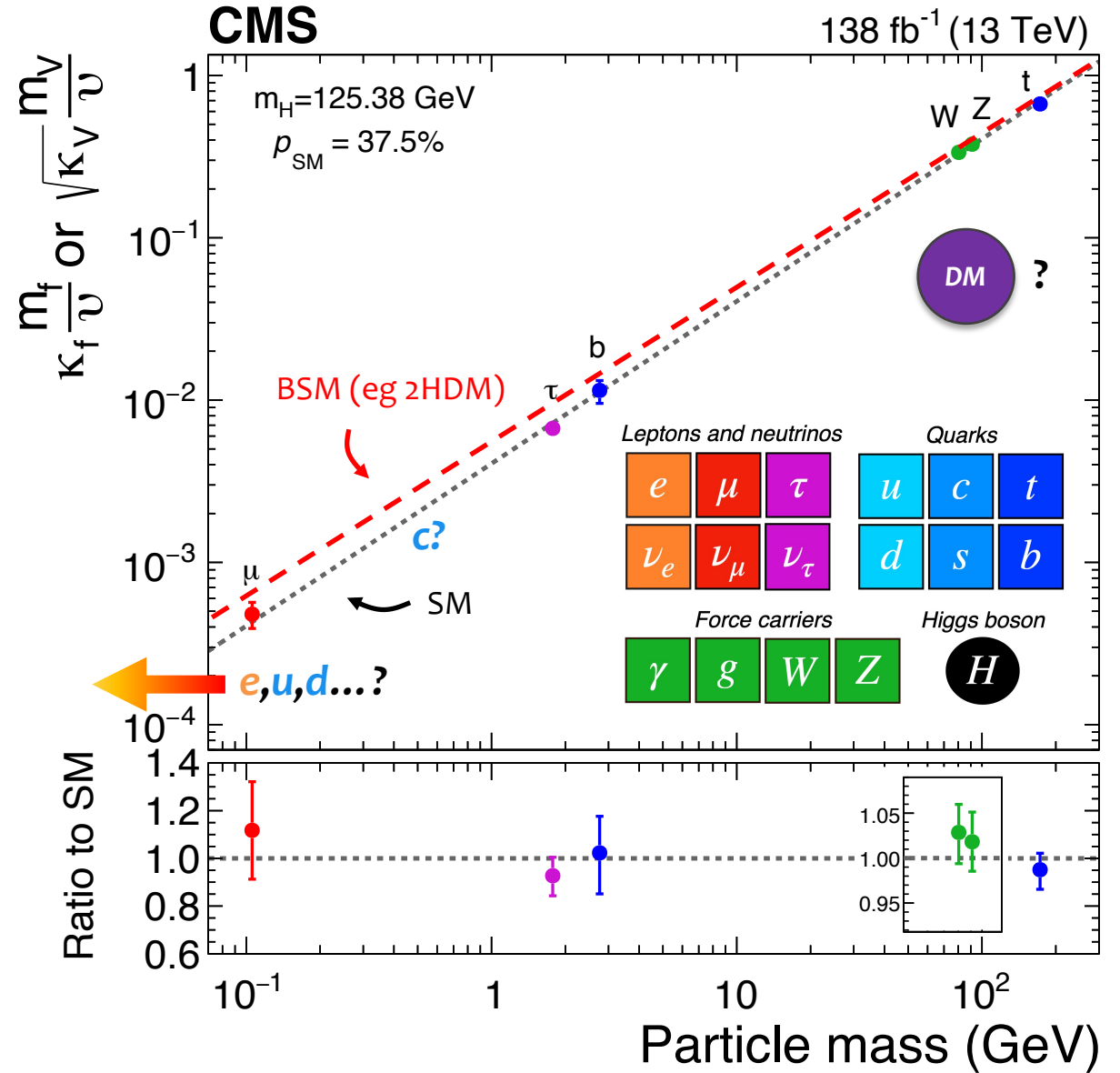
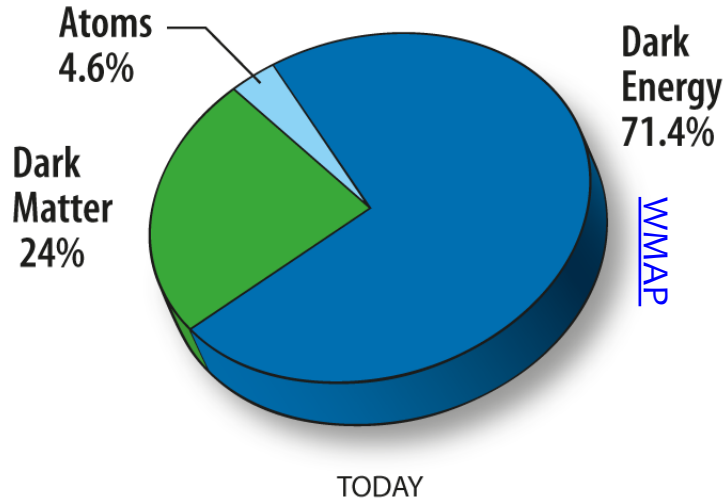
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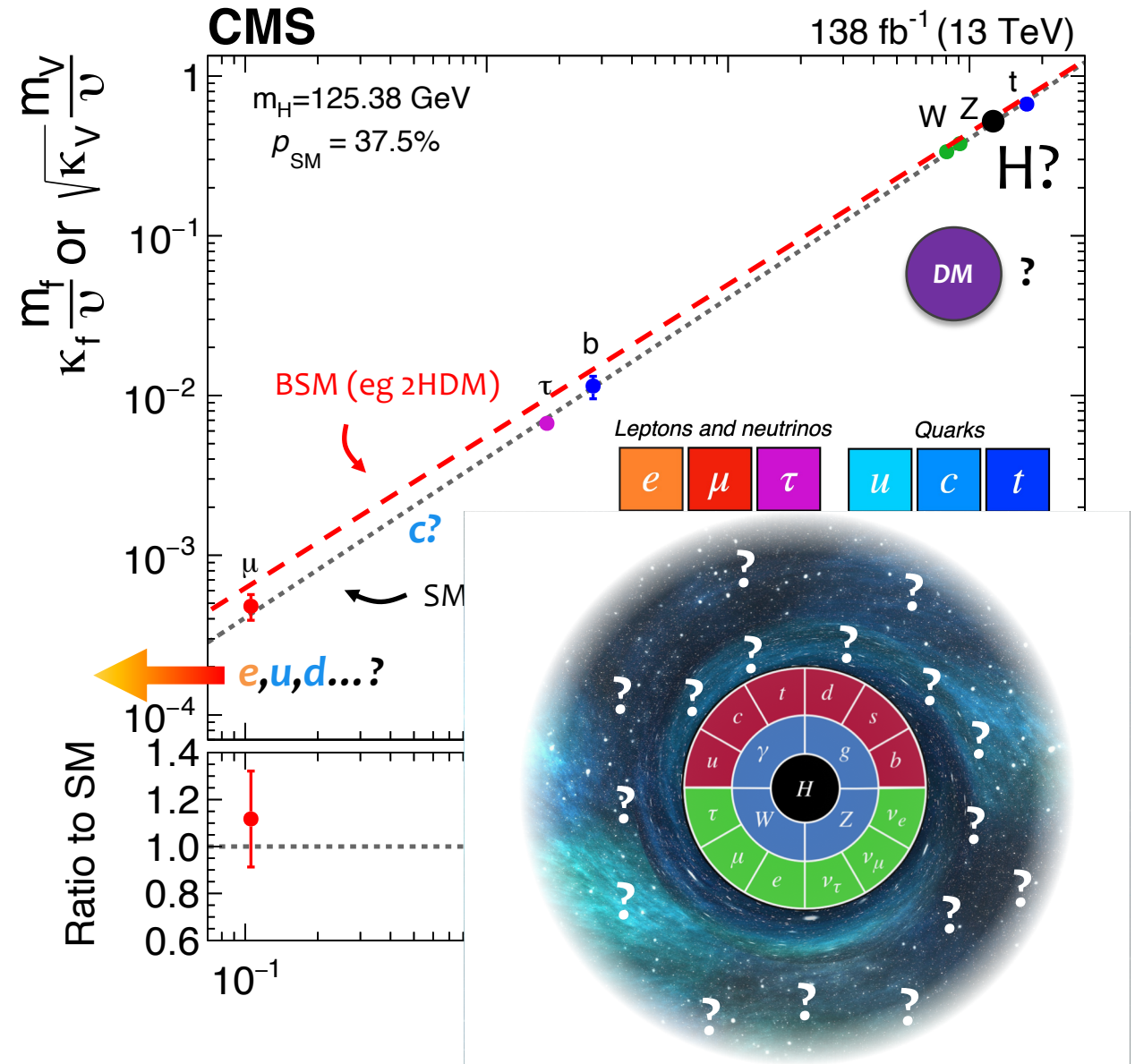


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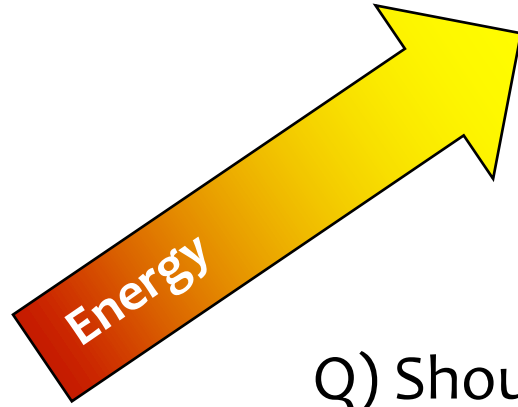
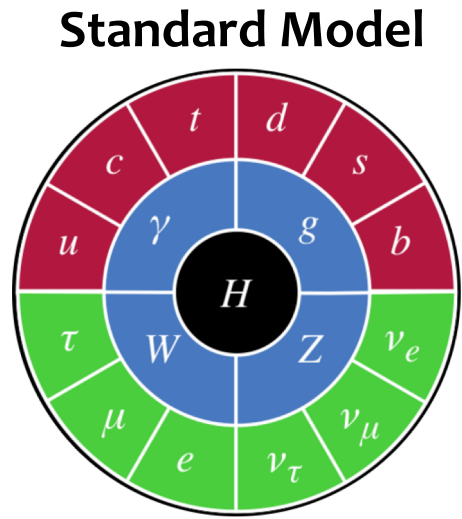
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- Why is there more matter in the universe? – can the Higgs potential explain it?

These are **fundamental questions** in physics

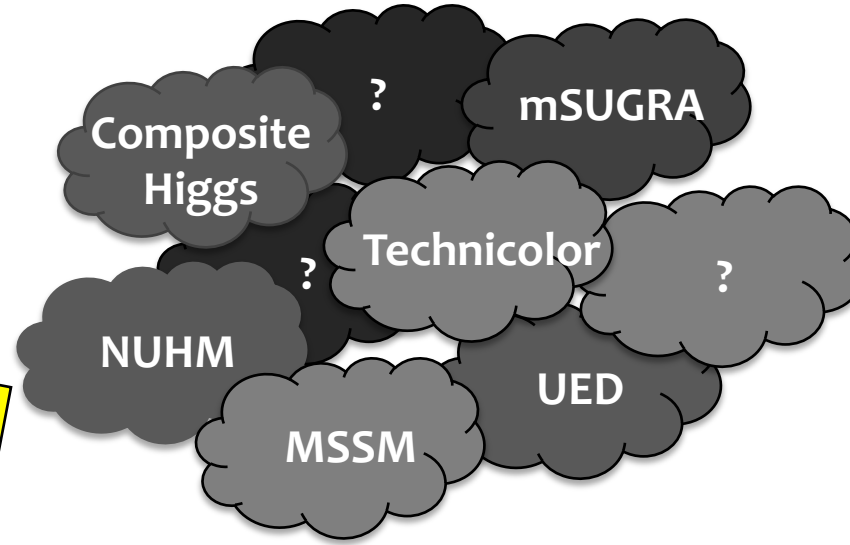


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New Physics models

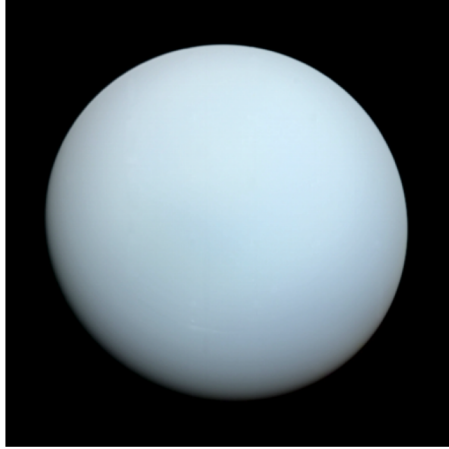


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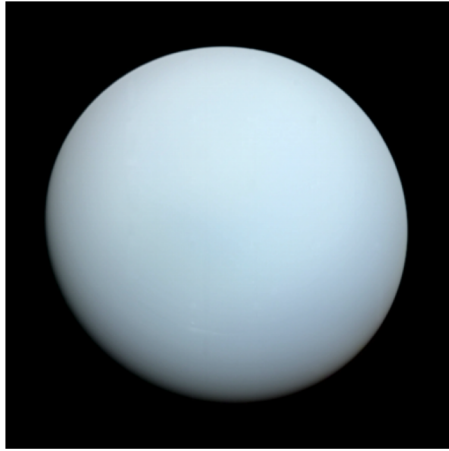
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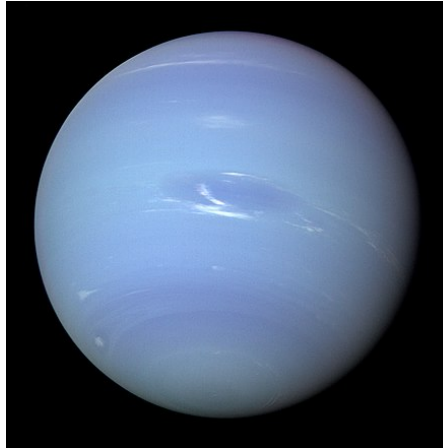
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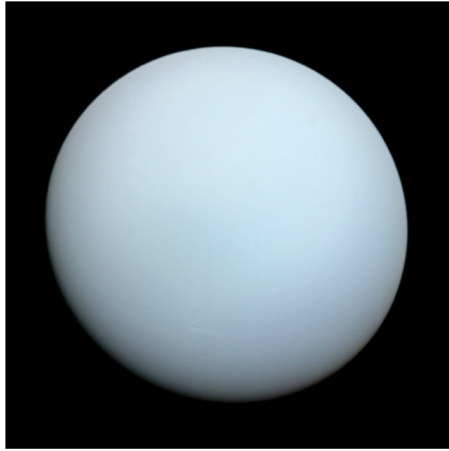
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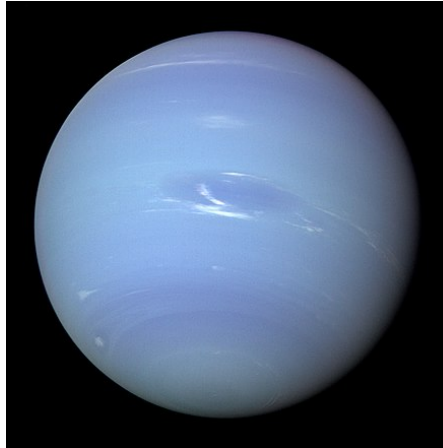
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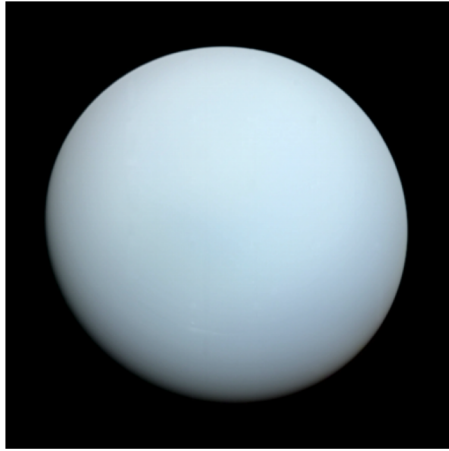
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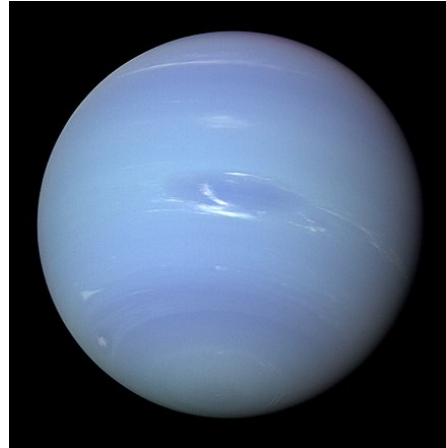
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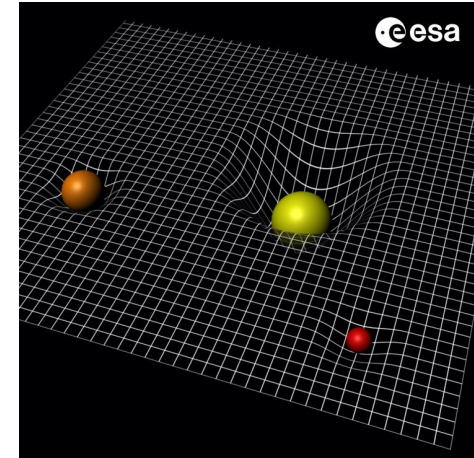
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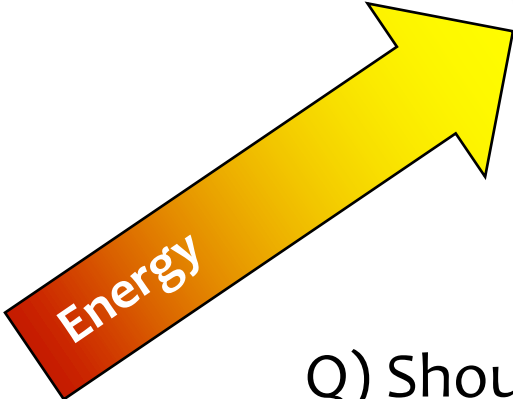
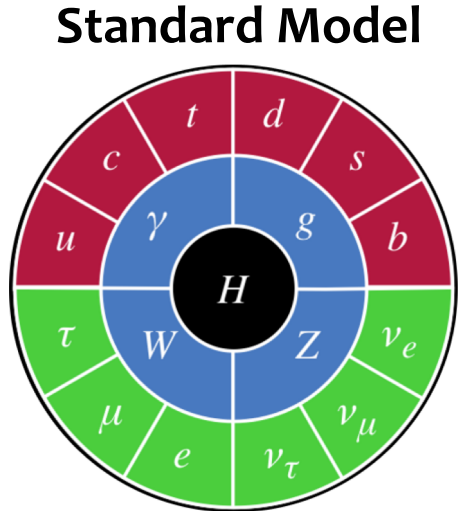
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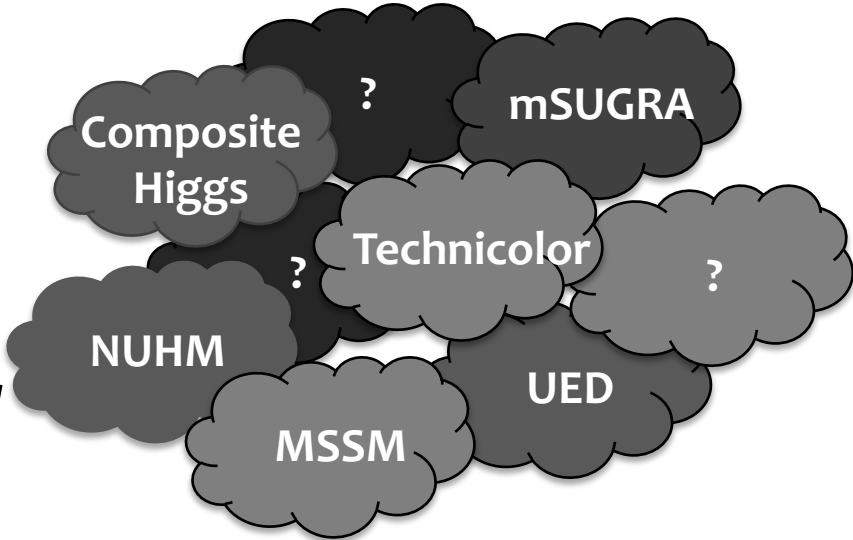
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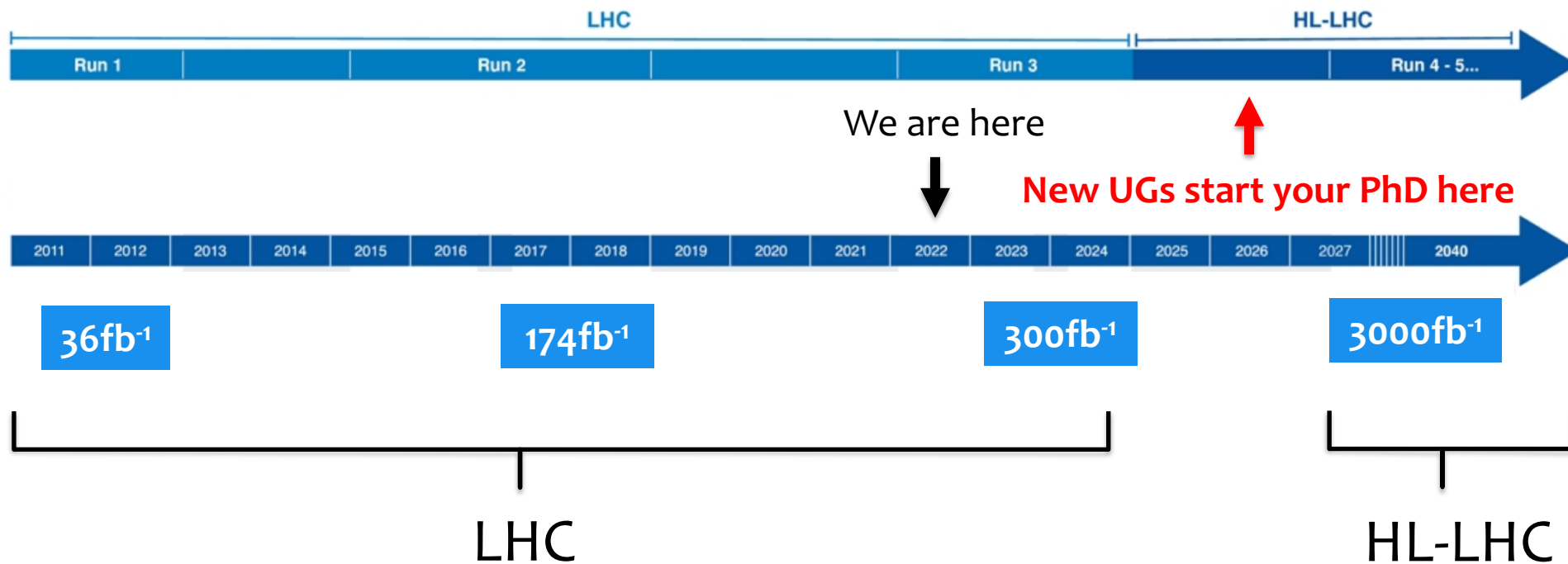
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A) No! The **Higgs boson** is a unique tool to search for **physics Beyond the SM (BSM)**. Precision measurements are a key to new discoveries!

The future of the LHC

After Run-3 of the LHC, the next phase is the **high-luminosity (HL)-LHC**

~20X the data we have today!



We are here



New UGs start your PhD here



Expect **> 160M H-bosons / 120k HH pairs** at CMS by the end of the **HL-LHC** !

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Run-3/HL-LHC/Future
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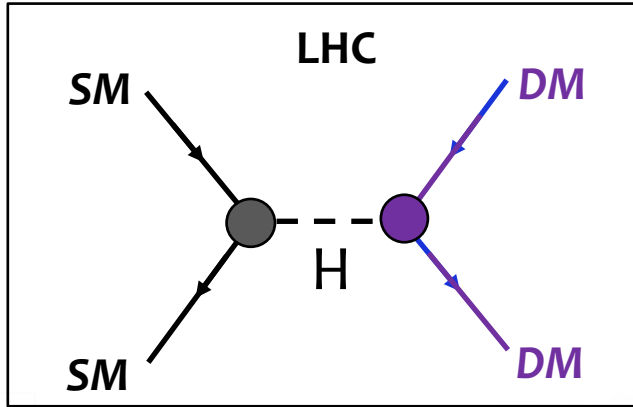


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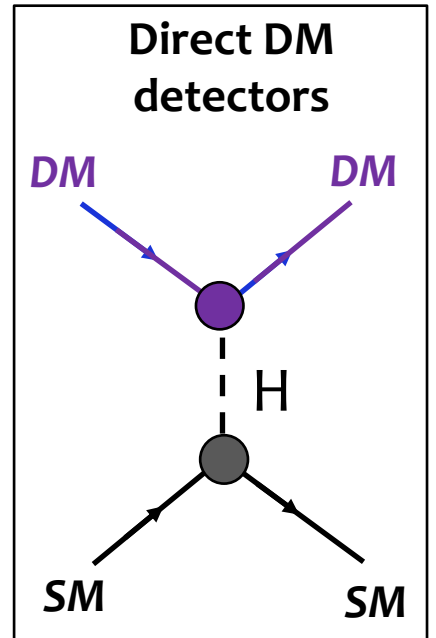
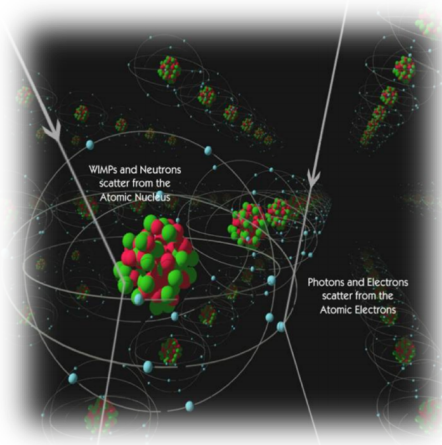
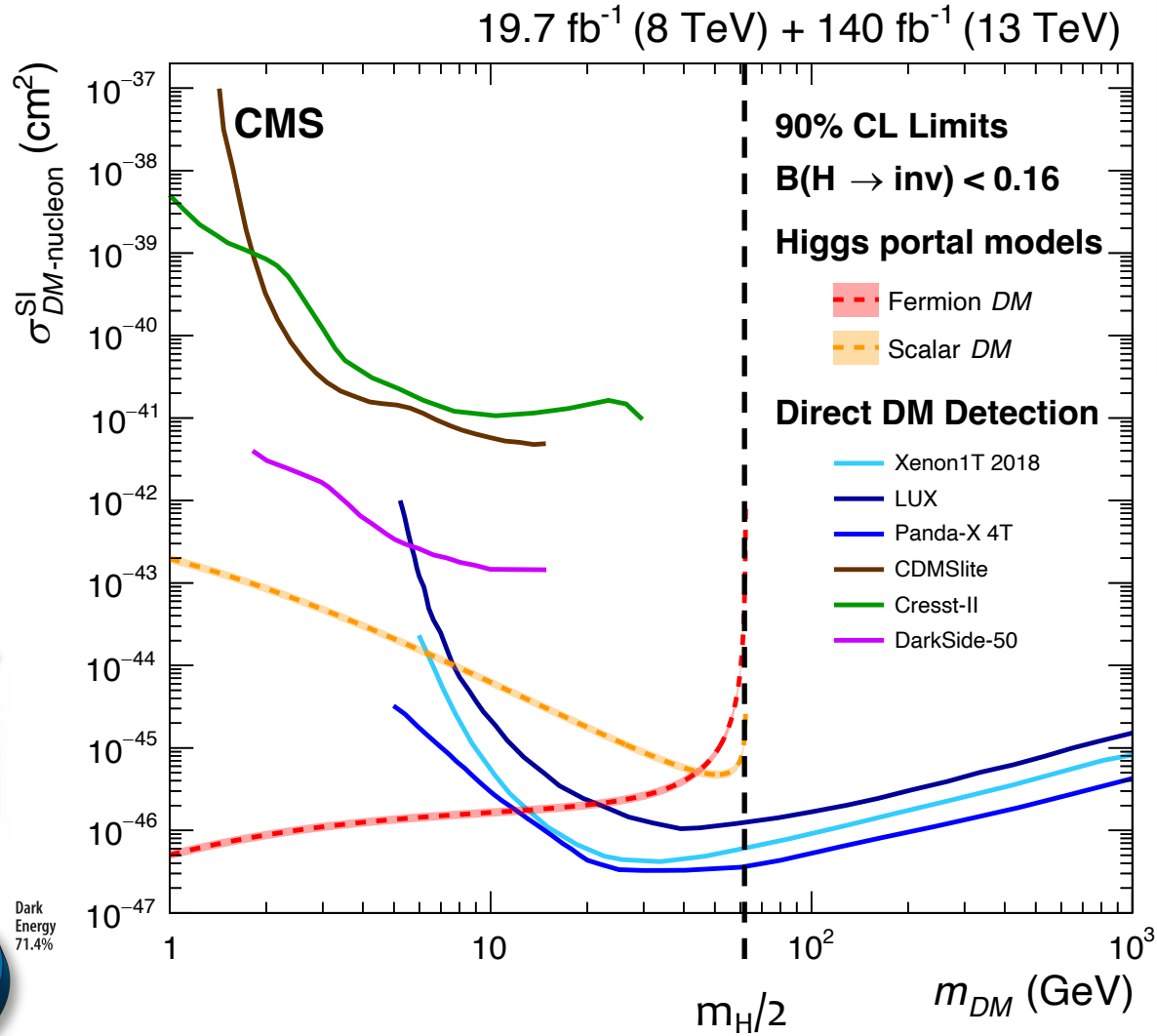
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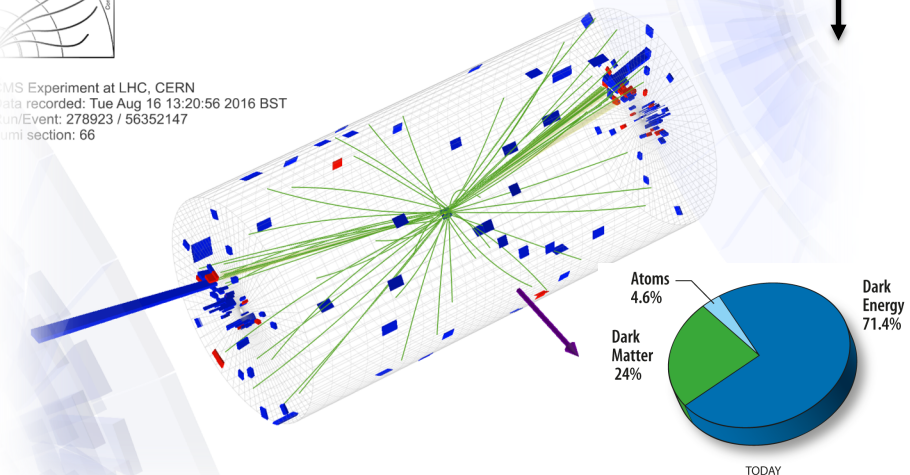
Invisible Higgs branching fraction measurements complementary to direct searches for Dark Matter!



Better Sensitivity ↓



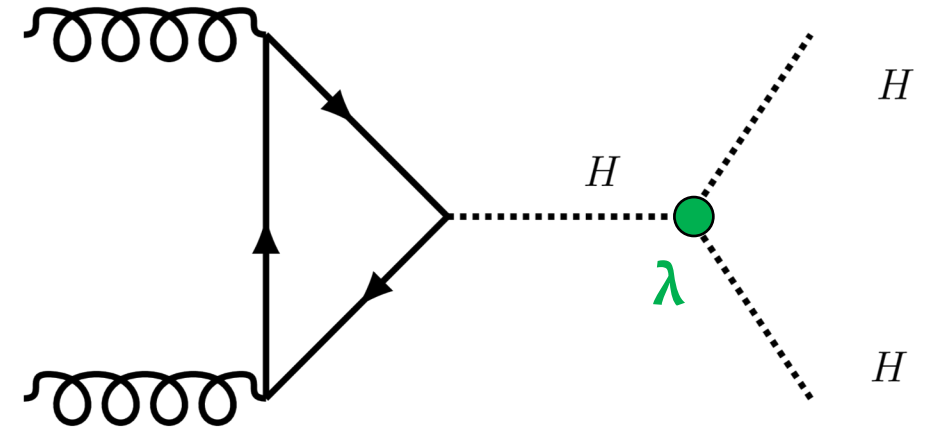
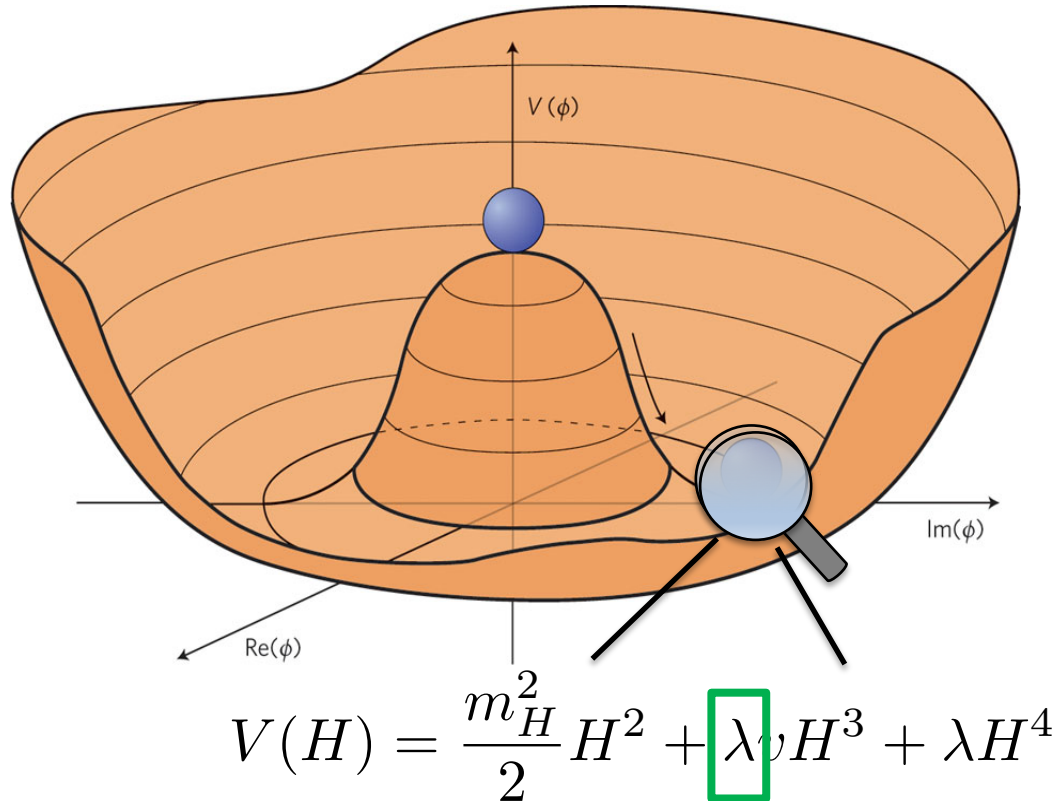
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Higgs boson self-coupling

SM Higgs potential includes H^3 terms

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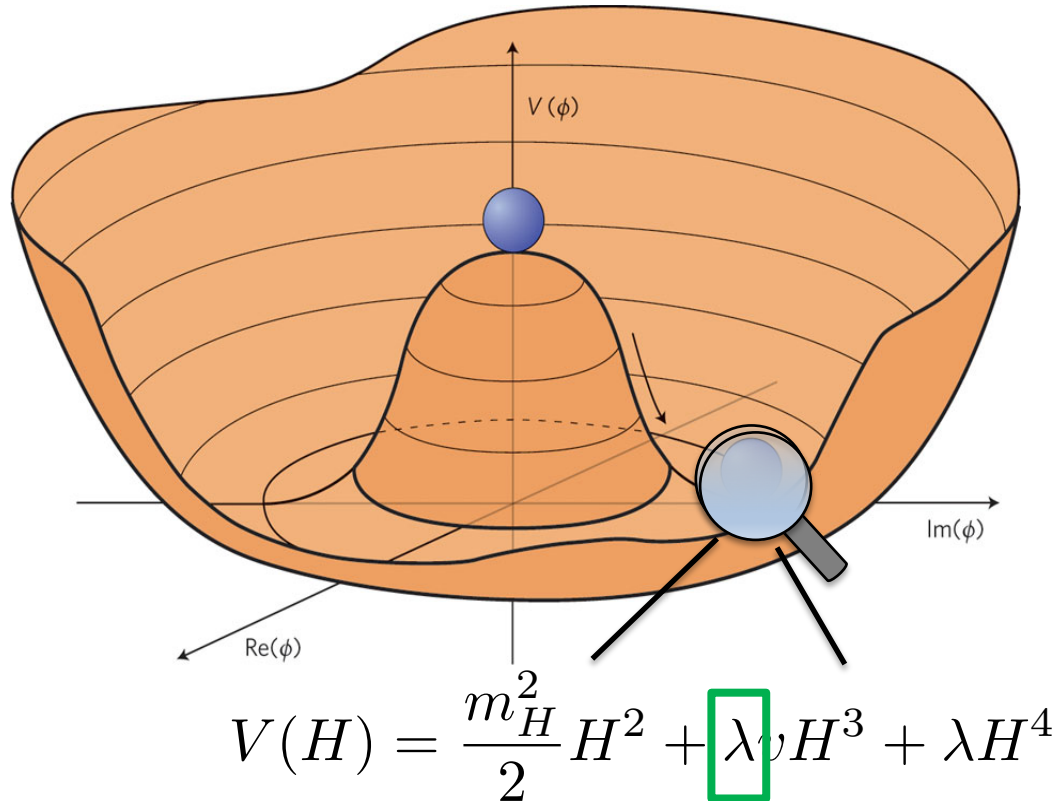


Search is underway for
production of events with
2 Higgs bosons at the LHC!

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$\lambda/\lambda_{SM} \sim 1.5 \rightarrow$ mechanism for 1st order PT
in early universe to explain
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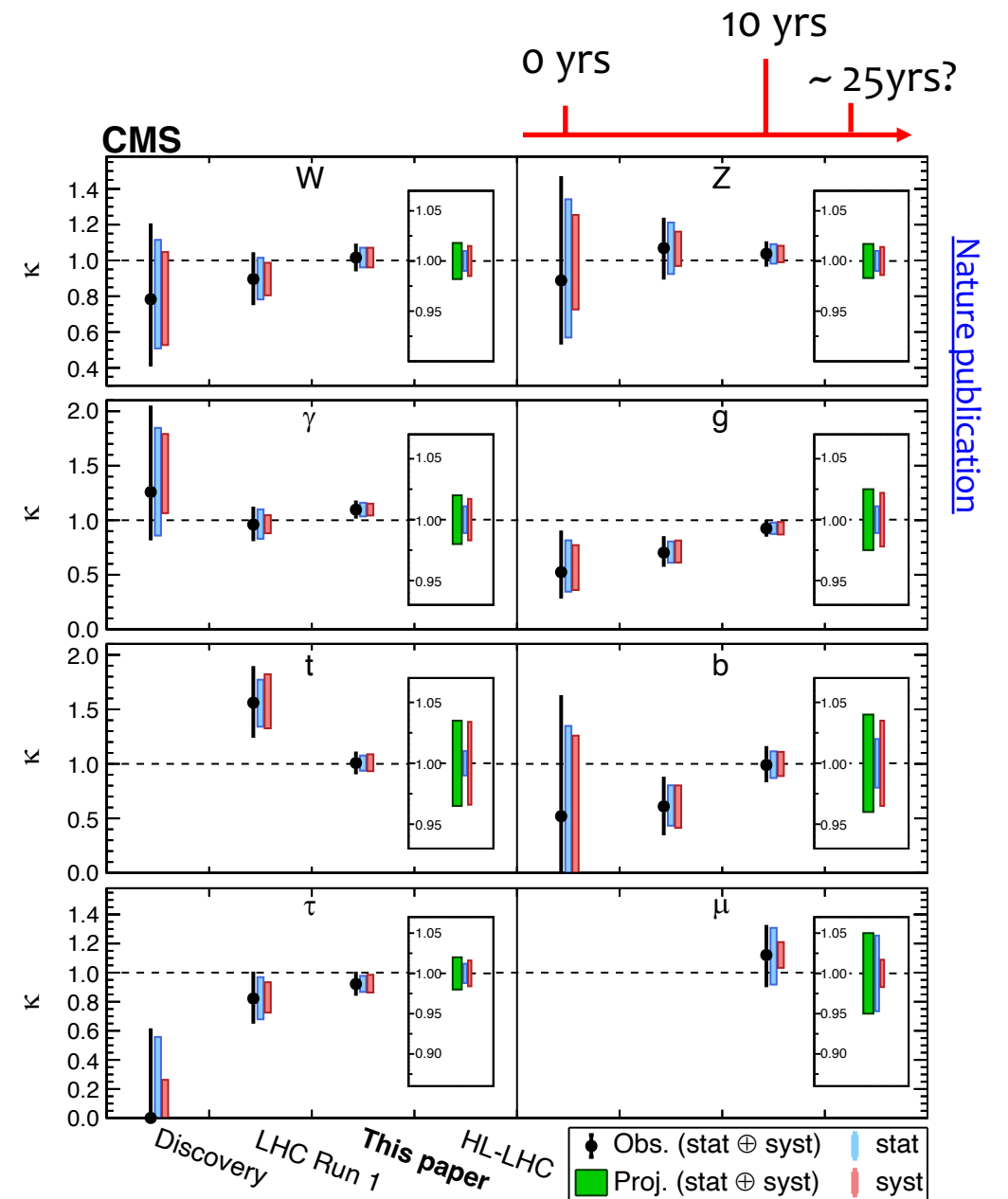
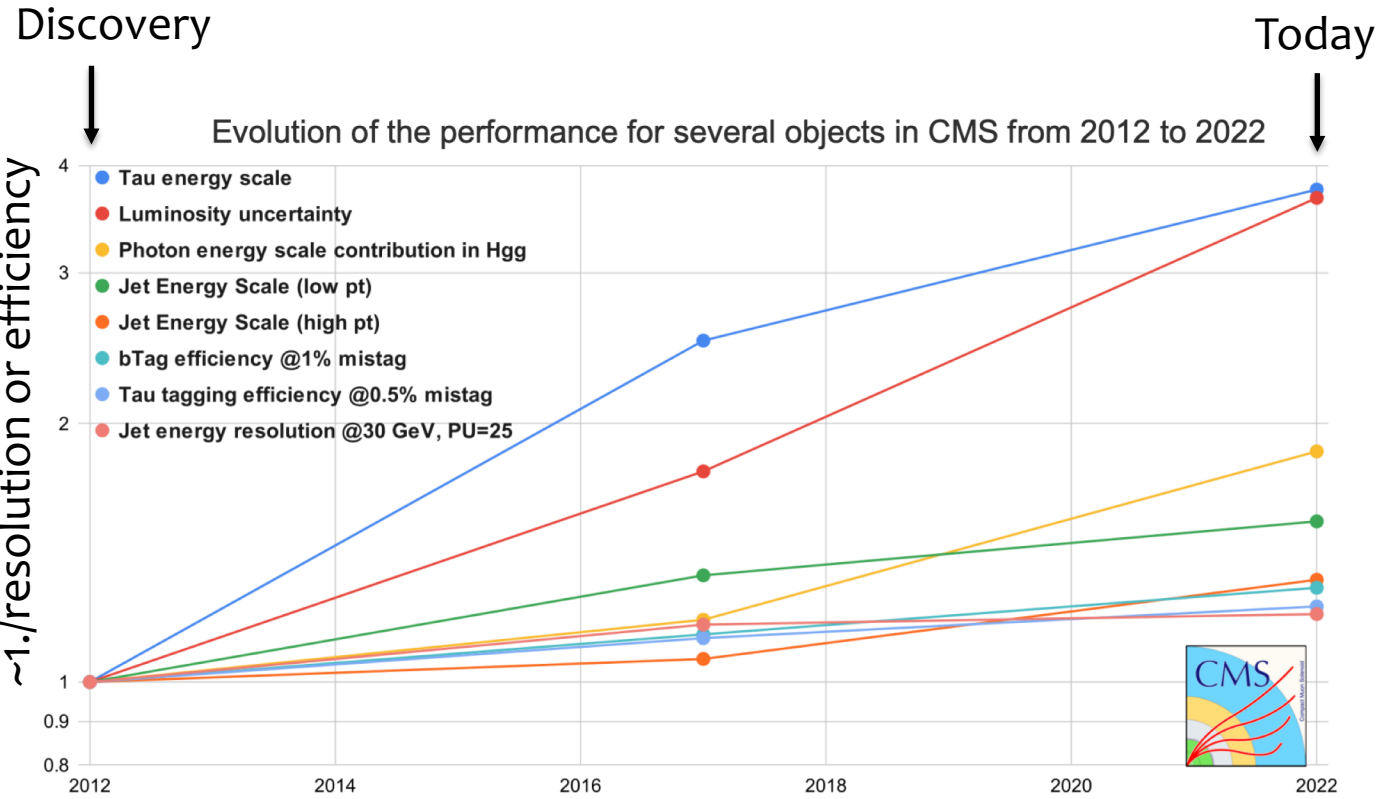
False vacuum

True vacuum

More in Claudia's talk

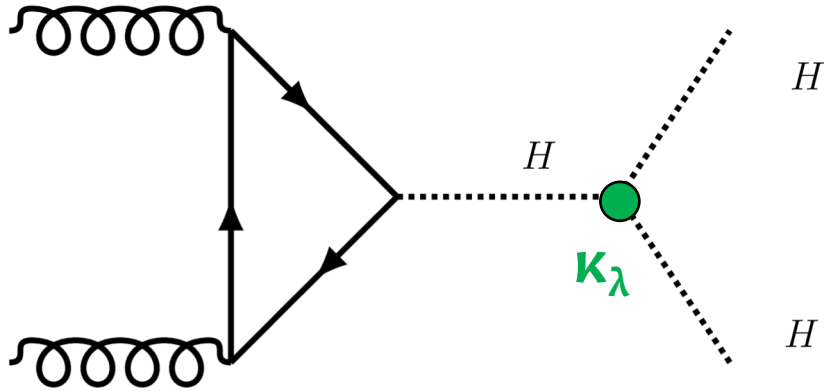
Higgs couplings @ HL-LHC

Precision measurements require more than just more data
 → Improvements in reconstruction techniques & calibrations will be needed for few % precision couplings @HL-LHC

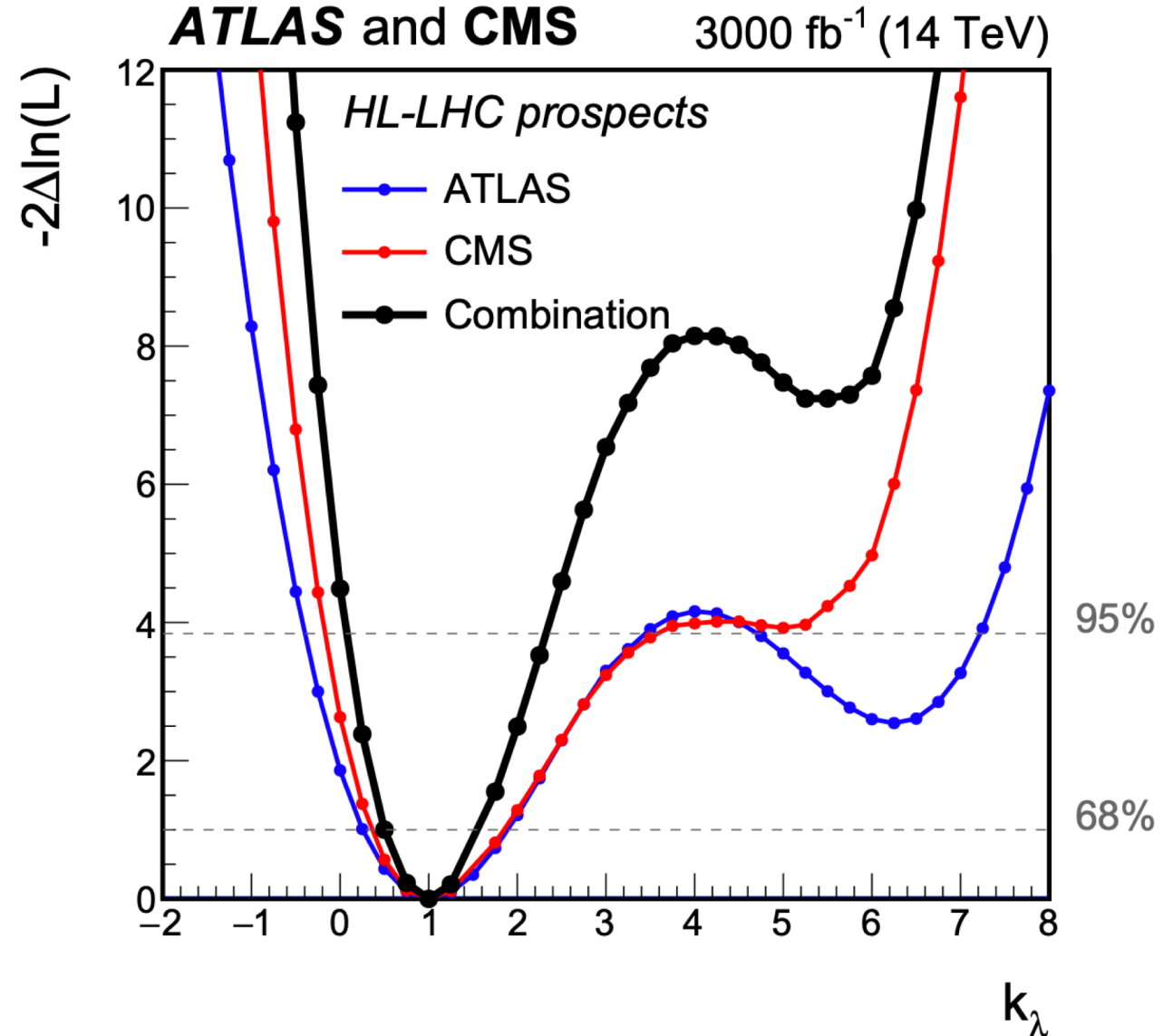


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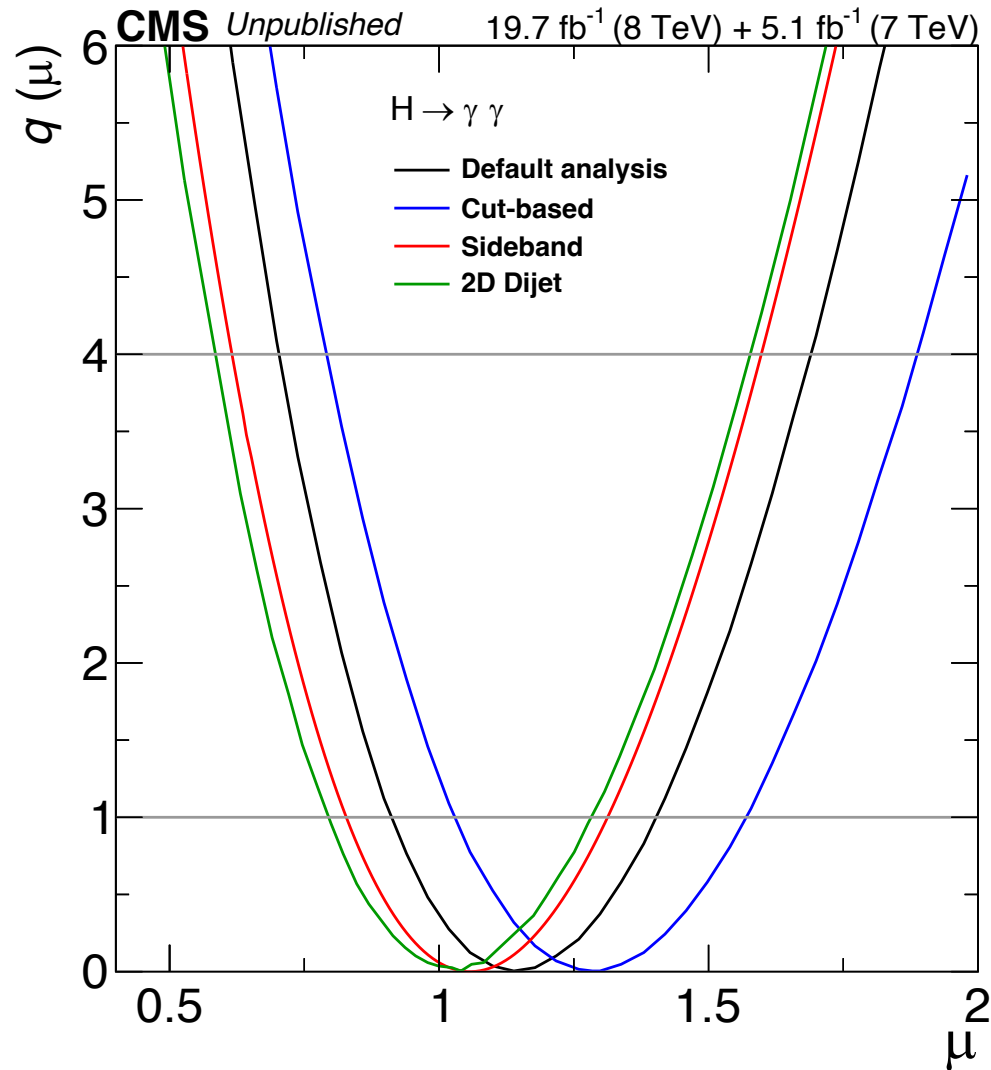
Observation of double-Higgs production is a major goal of the HL-LHC



→ Combined searches for HH production to expected approach **~50% uncertainty on self-coupling measurement**



A little obsessive about making sure ...

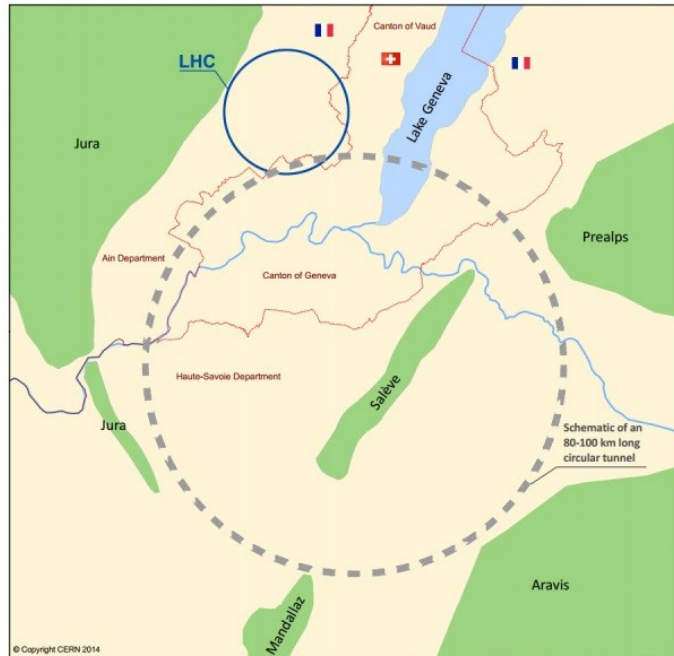


Just one method is not enough to convince us we had gotten it right!

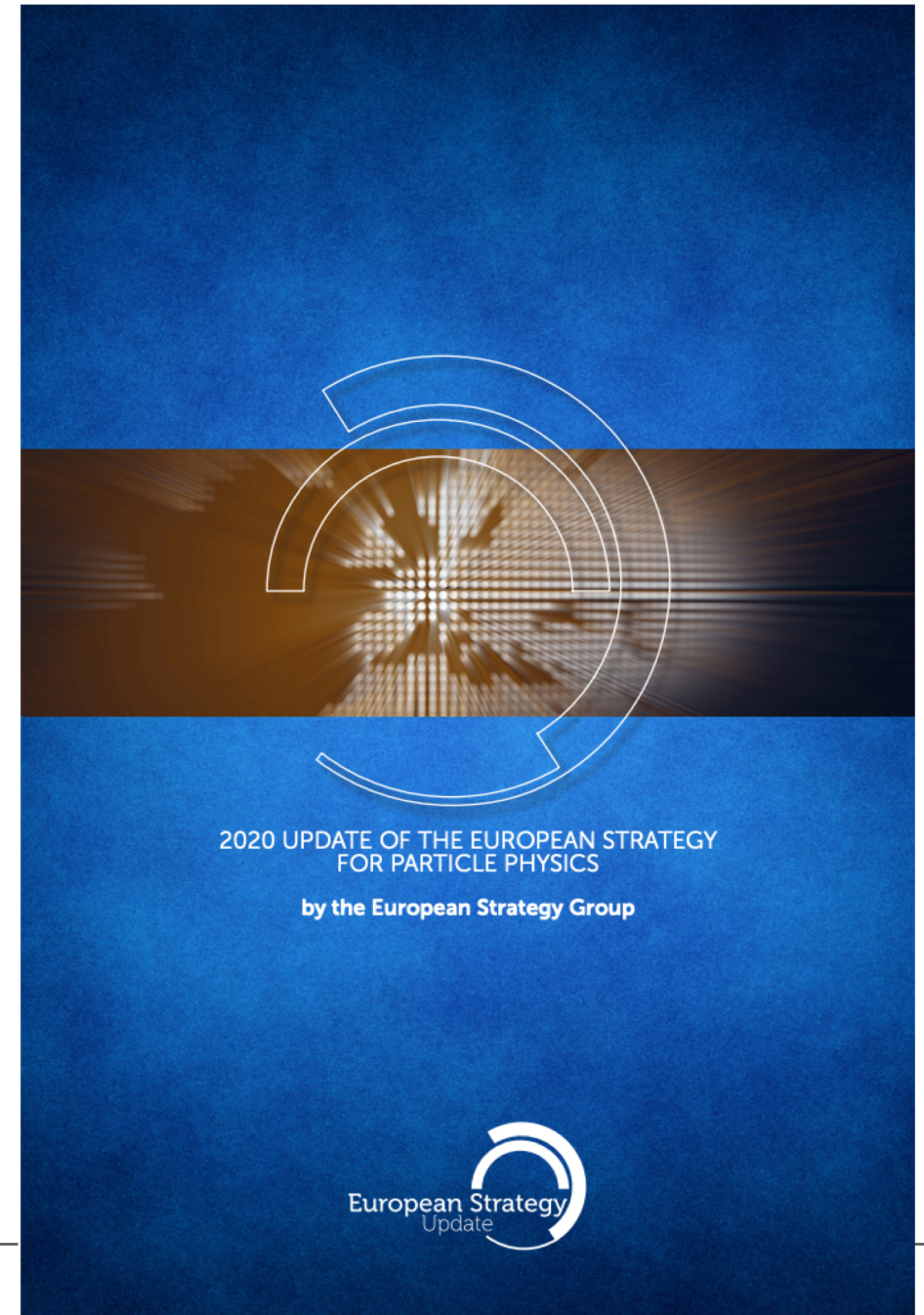
- **4 different analyses** developed to cross-check various aspects of the discovery with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$!

Higgs beyond the HL-LHC?

Future collider a “*High-priority future initiative*”



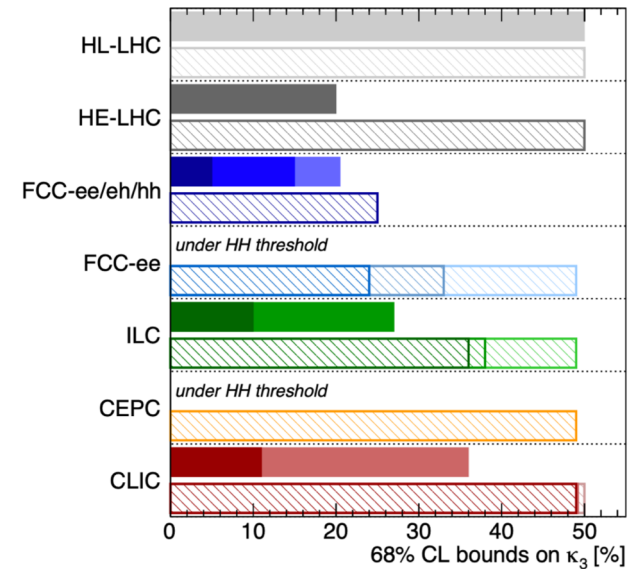
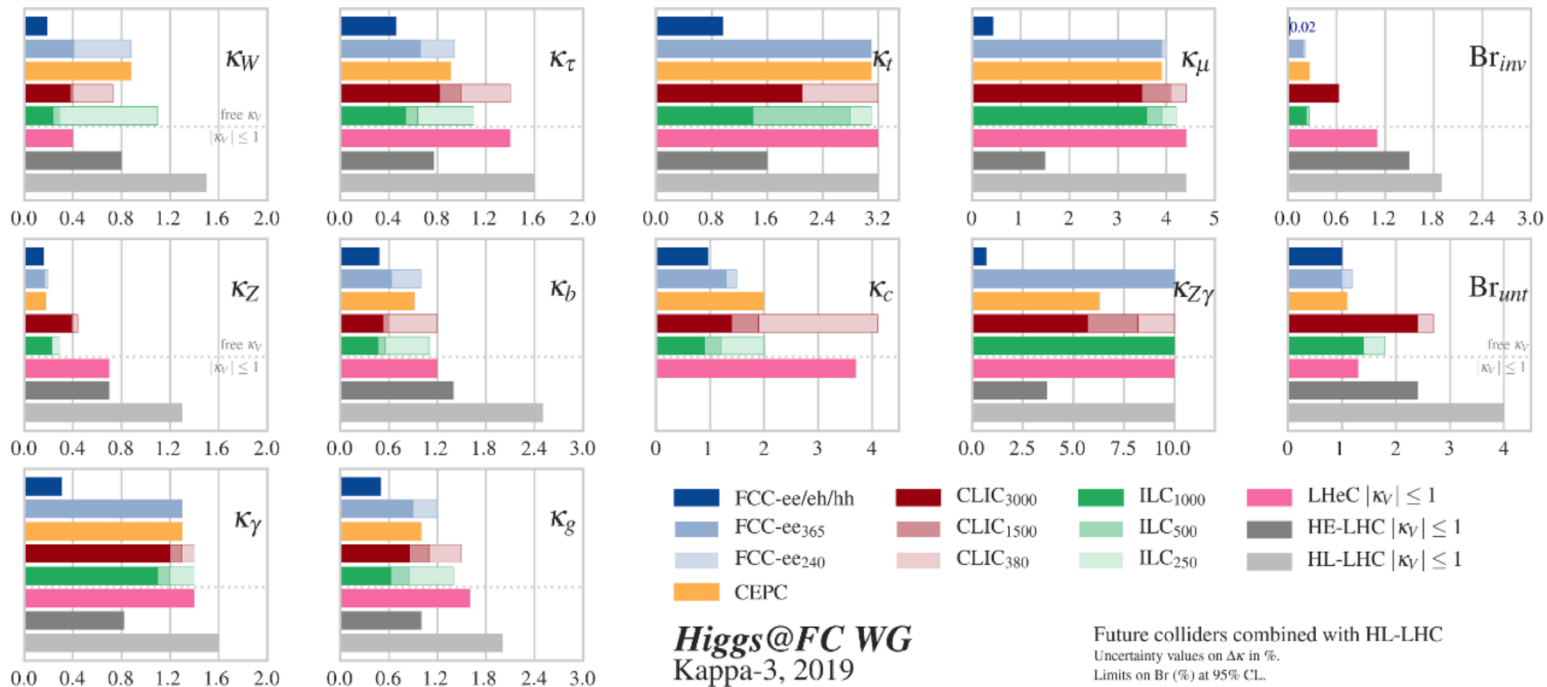
“Europe, ..., should **investigate the technical and financial feasibility** of a future hadron collider at CERN with a centre-of-mass energy of **at least 100 TeV** ...



Higgs boson couplings beyond the HL-LHC

The **long road** ahead for the Higgs has many potential options but all lead to high precision ($\sim\%$ level) characterization of the Higgs boson couplings

Higgs boson **self-coupling** requires **high energy** machine for $\%$ level



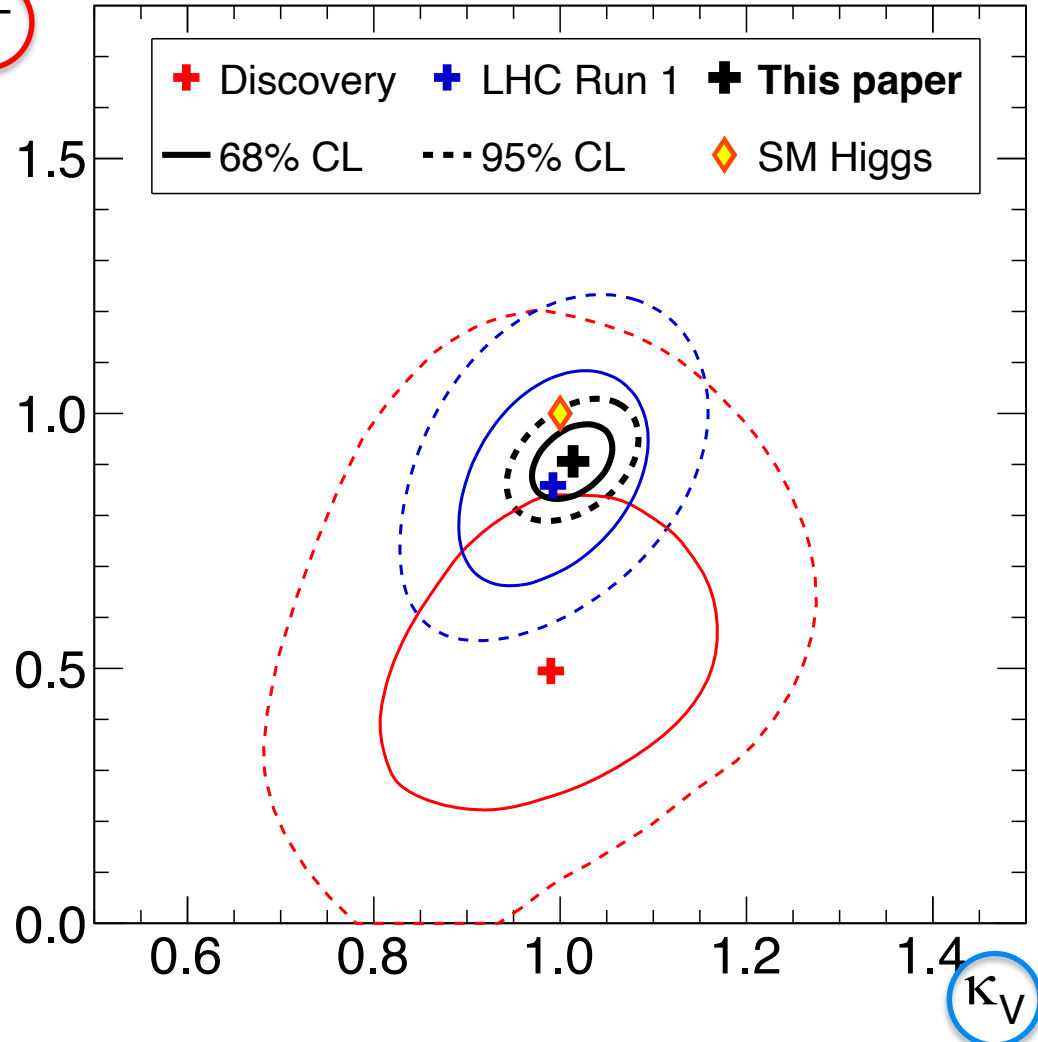
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Higgs couplings for BSM physics

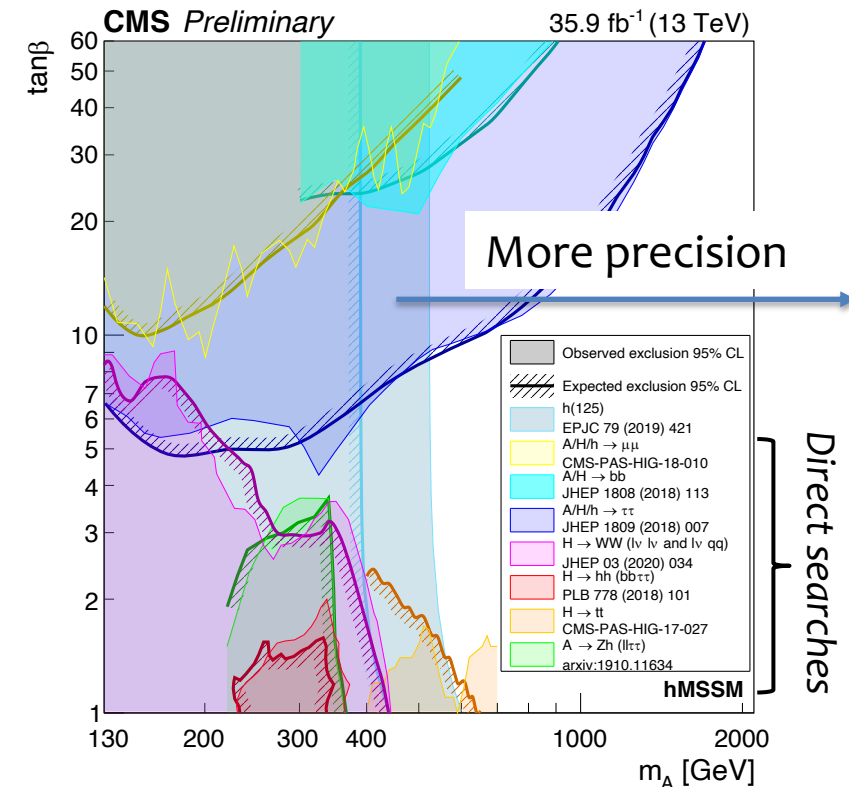
In extended Higgs sectors (e.g two 2HDM), couplings to vector bosons and fermions can be modified from SM

κ_f

CMS

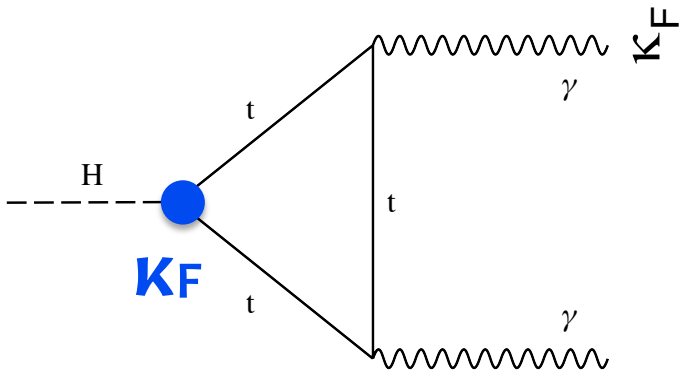


- Measuring these couplings is a **direct probe of extended Higgs sector models**
- **Complementary approach to direct searches*** for additional Higgs bosons

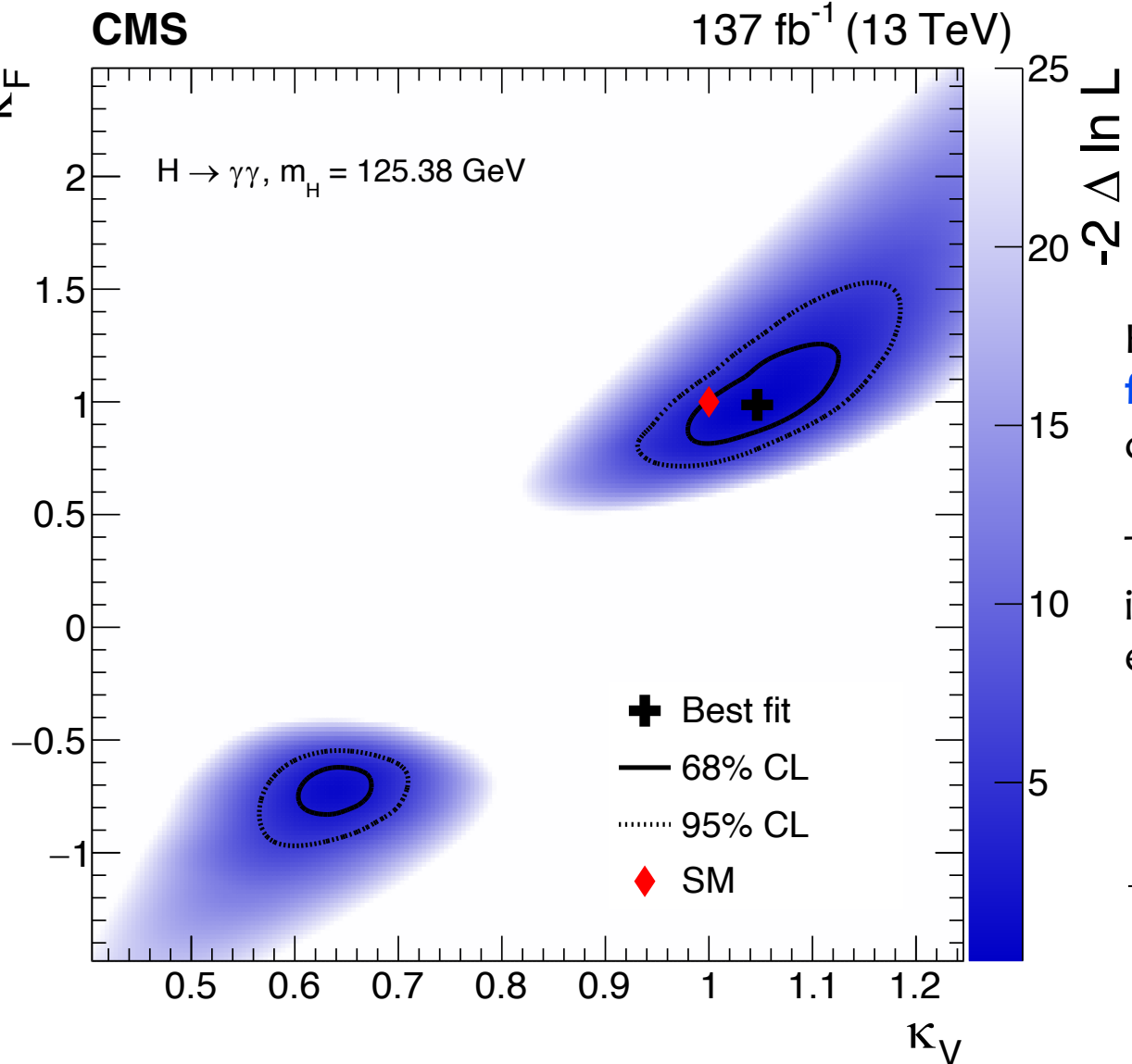
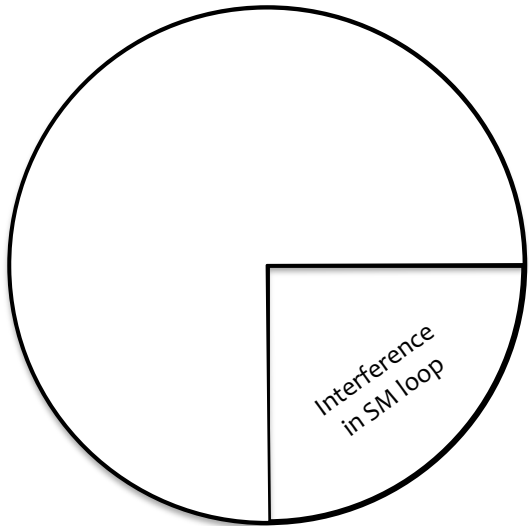


*hMSSM allows modified couplings to up/down type fermion ratio

H → γγ to probe BSM physics

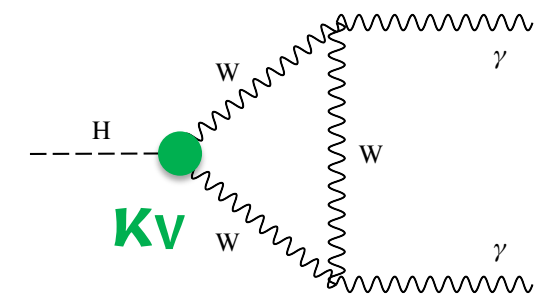


H → γγ useful features



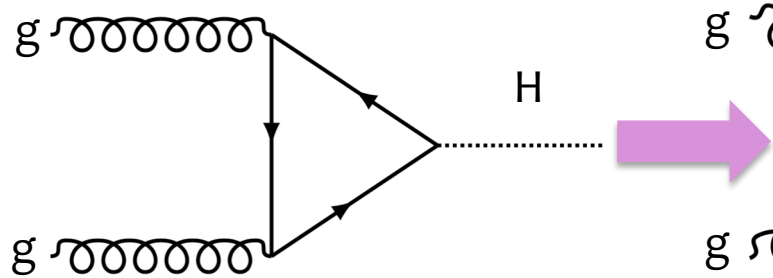
H → γγ decay sensitive to **fermion** and **vector boson** couplings

These couplings are modified in two-Higgs double model extensions to the SM

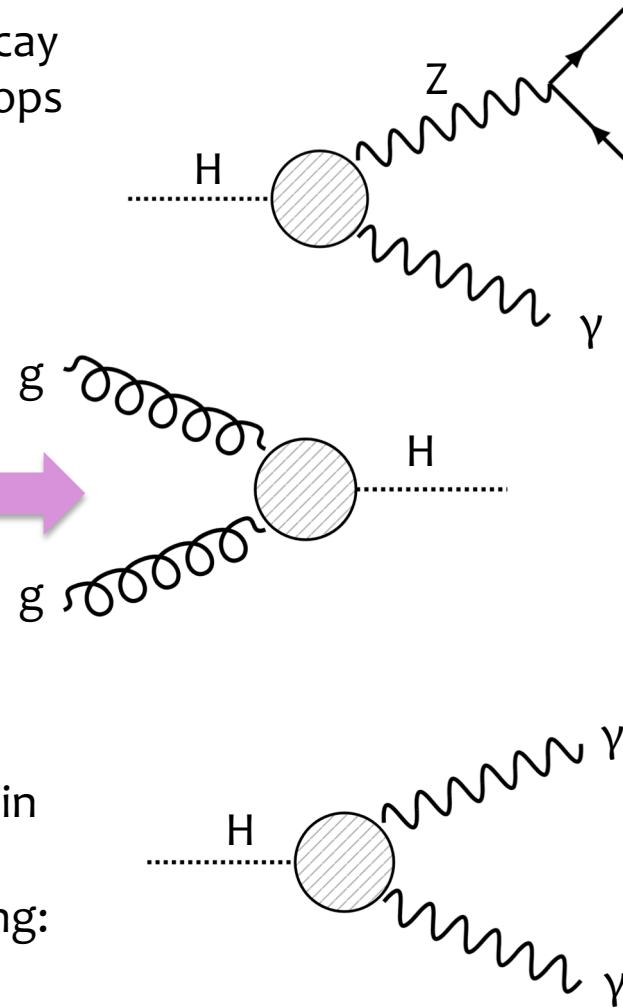


Effective couplings

Higgs boson production and decay mechanisms that proceed by loops can be treated as **effective couplings**

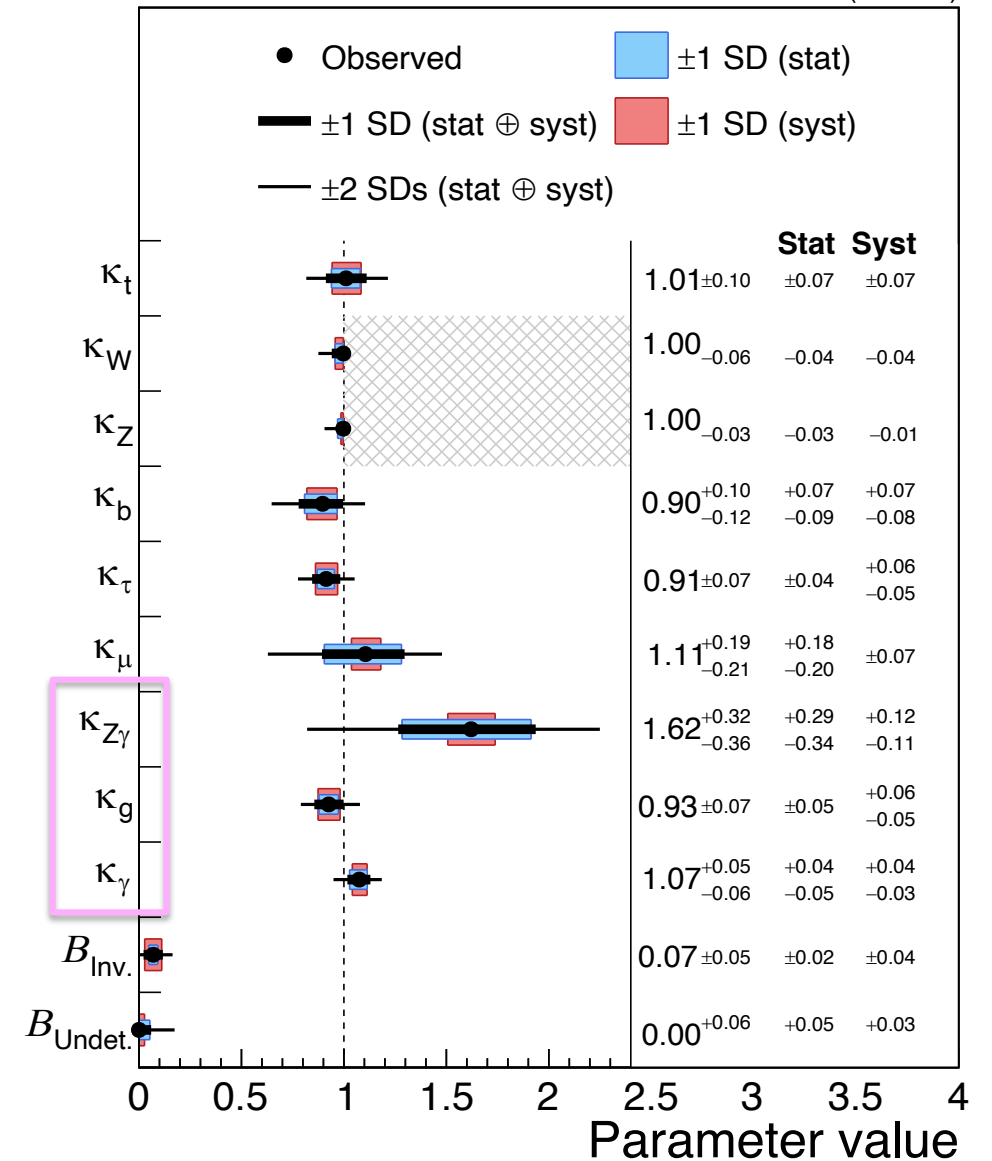


New heavy particles can appear in these loops leading to large deviation in the effective coupling:
H-Z γ , H-g, H- γ



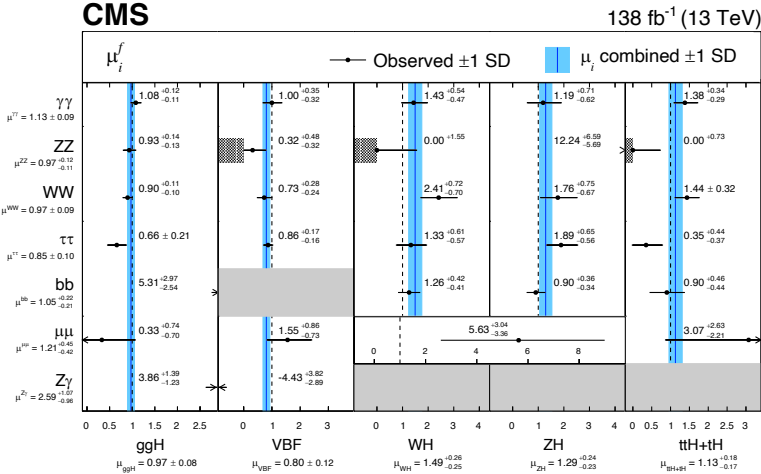
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Effective field theories

On-shell

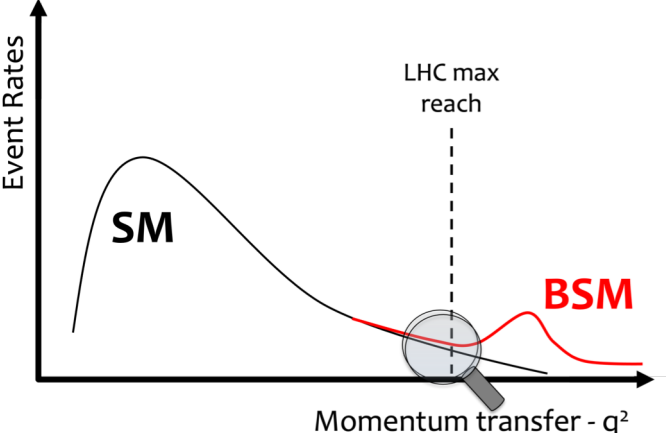


$$\delta \sim \left(\frac{v}{\Lambda}\right)^2$$

Inclusive κ : high-precision yields precision on new physics scale

$$\delta_\mu = 1\% \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$$

Off-shell / large q^2



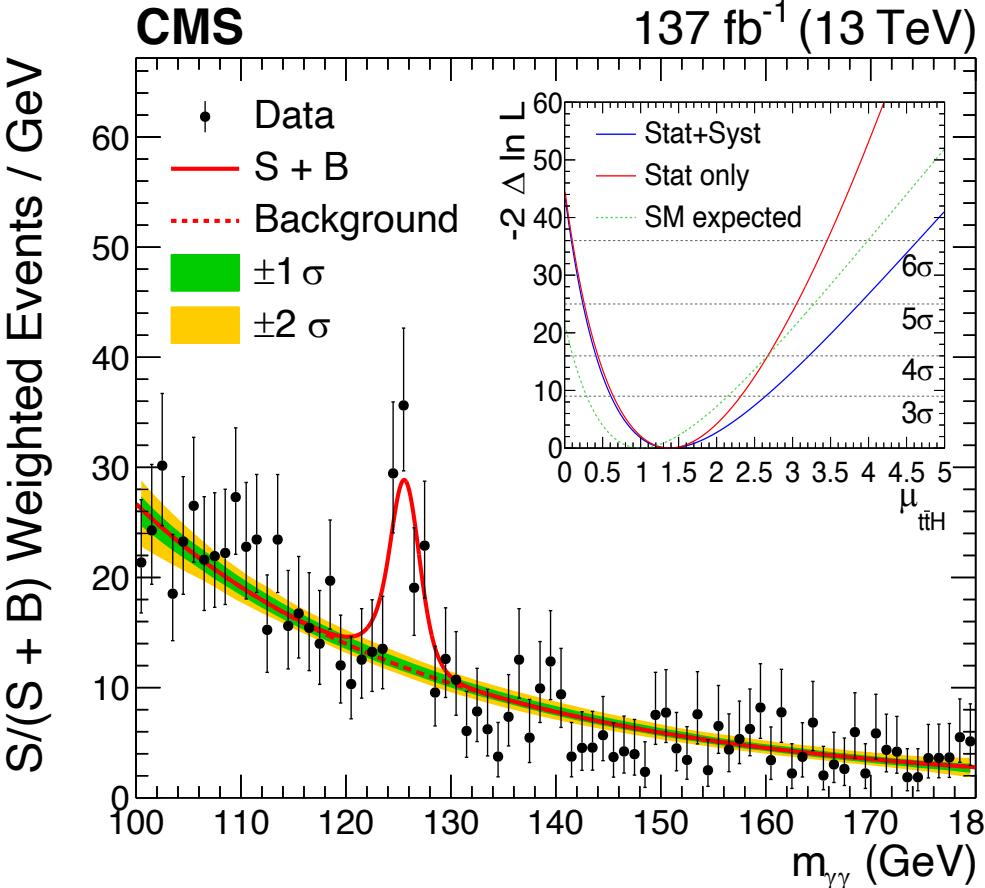
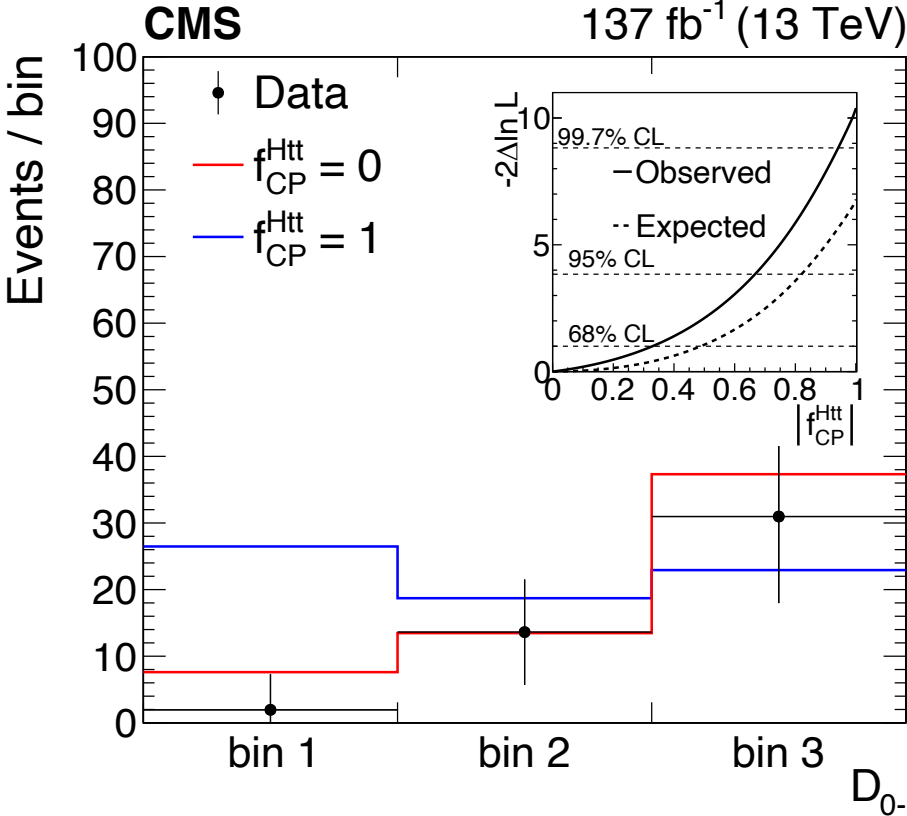
$$\delta \sim \left(\frac{q}{\Lambda}\right)^2$$

Differential: High momentum production sensitive to new physics

$$\delta_\sigma = 15\% (q=1\text{TeV}) \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$$

Matter-vs-anti-matter

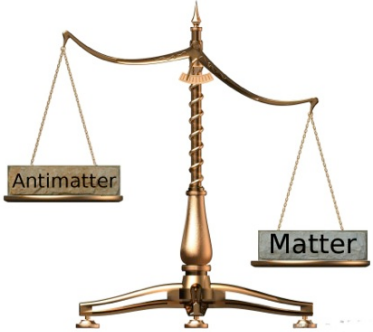
Measurements of top-H coupling in different kinematic regions could reveal **charge-parity odd** processes in Higgs-fermion couplings



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$$\mathcal{A}(Htt) = -\frac{m_t}{v} \bar{\psi}_t \left(\kappa_t + i\tilde{\kappa}_t \gamma_5 \right) \psi_t,$$

$$f_{CP}^{Htt} = \frac{|\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2}{|\kappa_t|^2 + |\tilde{\kappa}_t|^2} \text{sign}(\tilde{\kappa}_t / \kappa_t).$$

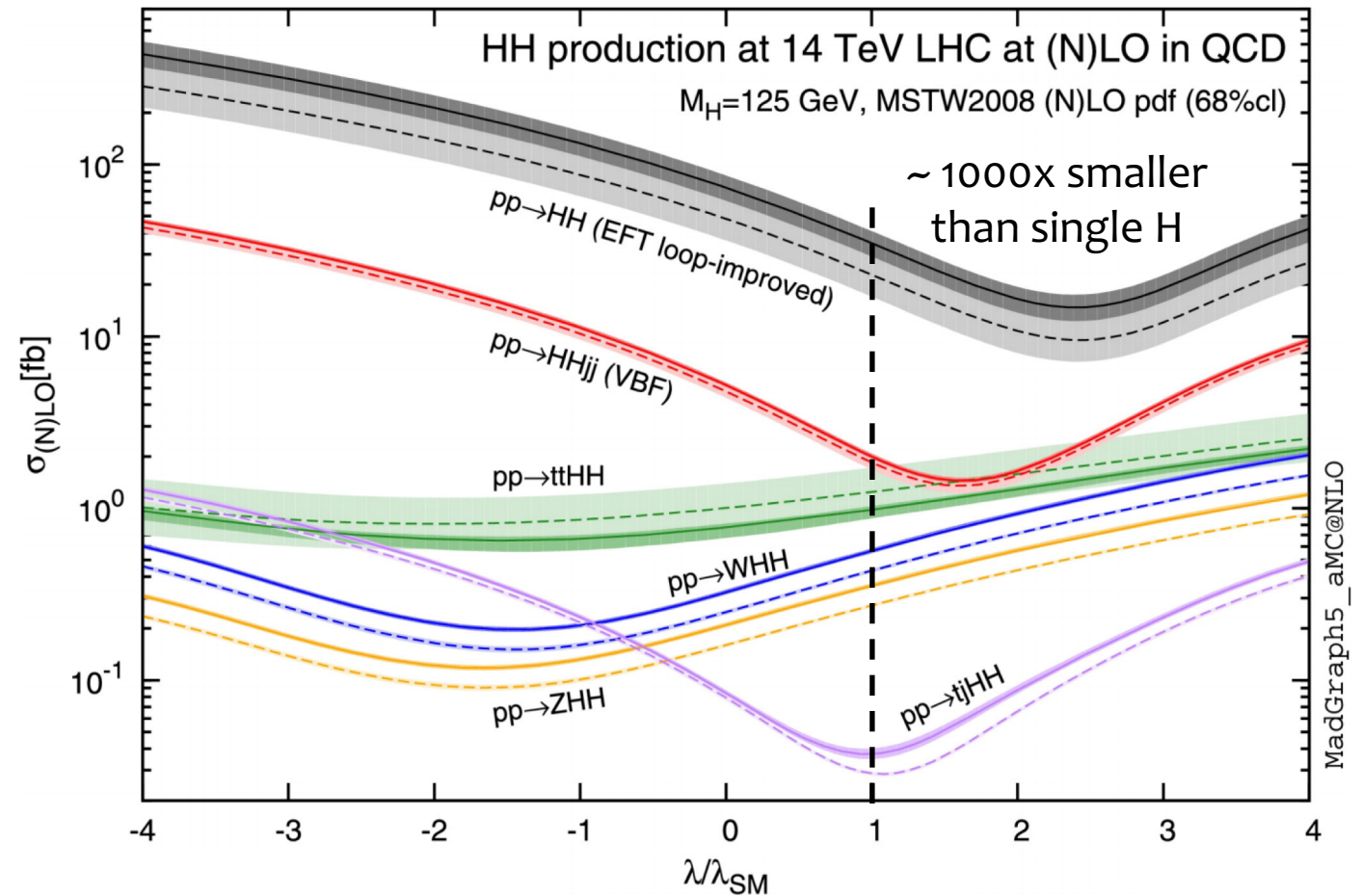
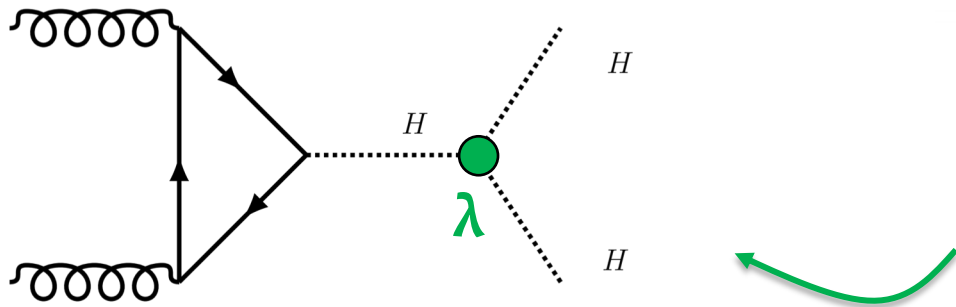


Higgs boson self-coupling

Remember in the SM, the **Higgs potential** includes H^3 terms

$$V(H) = \frac{m_H^2}{2} H^2 + \boxed{\lambda v H^3} + \lambda H^4$$

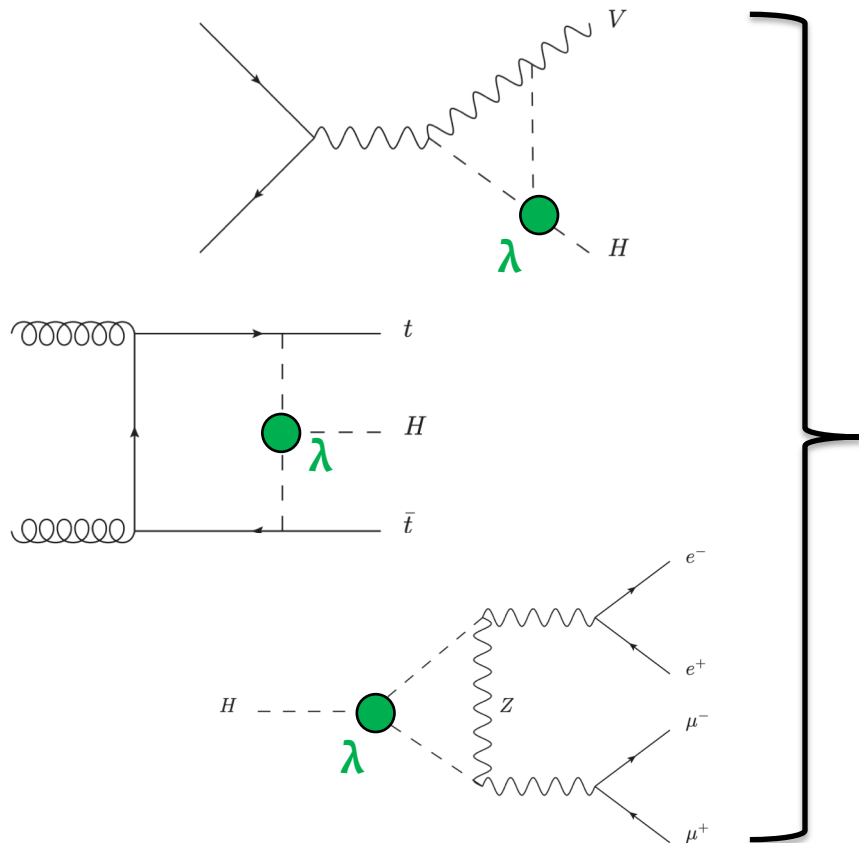
“self-coupling” generates **Higgs-Higgs** interactions



Direct searches for **Double Higgs (HH)** production one way to constrain the Higgs boson self-coupling!

Higgs boson self-coupling

Loop corrections to **single-Higgs boson** production and decay involve **Higgs self-coupling** [1]



$pp \rightarrow HH$

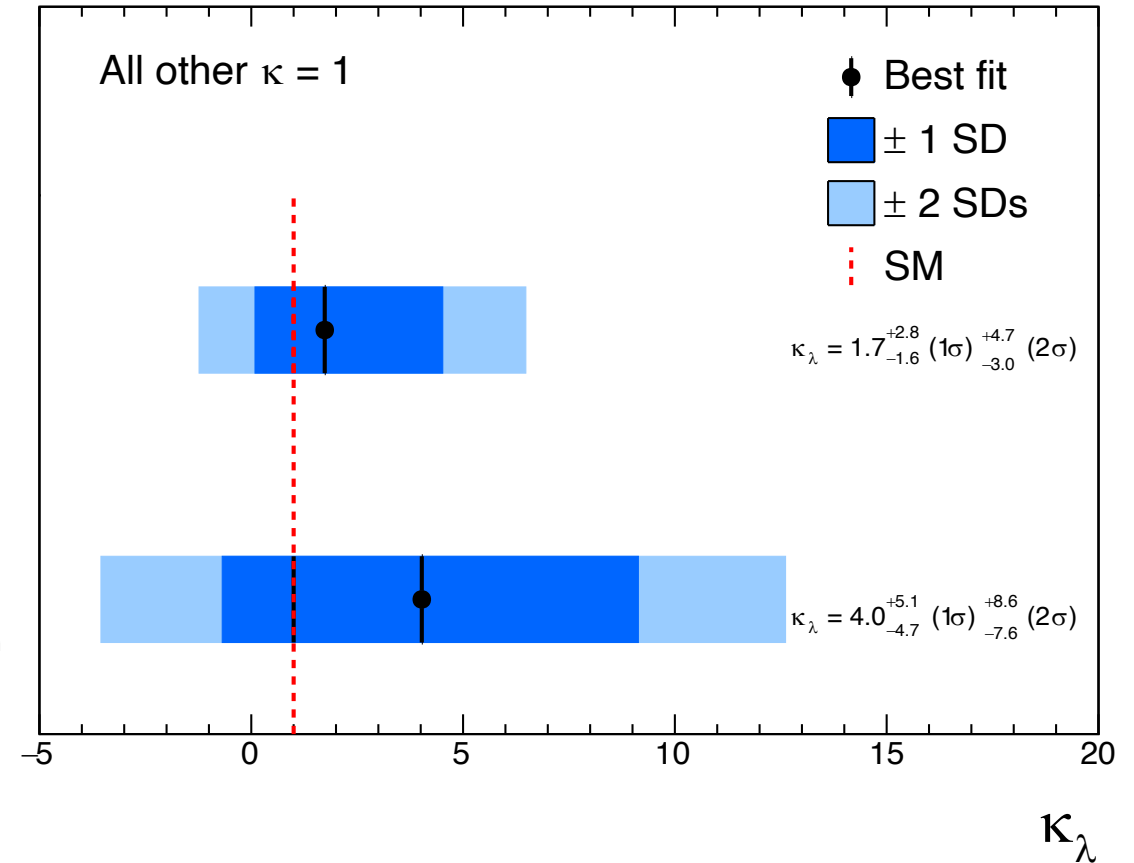
Direct search

$pp \rightarrow H$

Indirect interpretation

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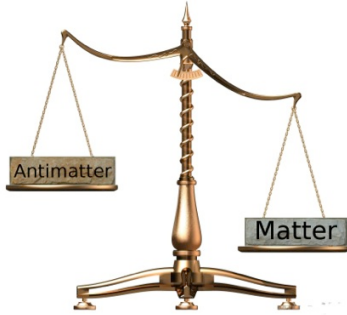
Precision (single) Higgs boson measurements also sensitive to Higgs self-coupling!

[1] Eur. Phys. J. C (2017) 77: 887

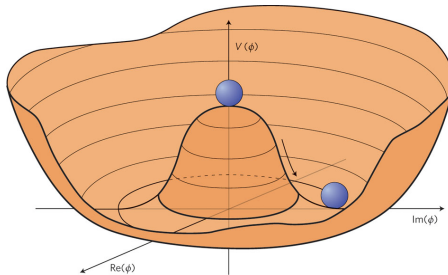
Why do we care?

The universe today is **matter**
(baryon)-**dominated**,

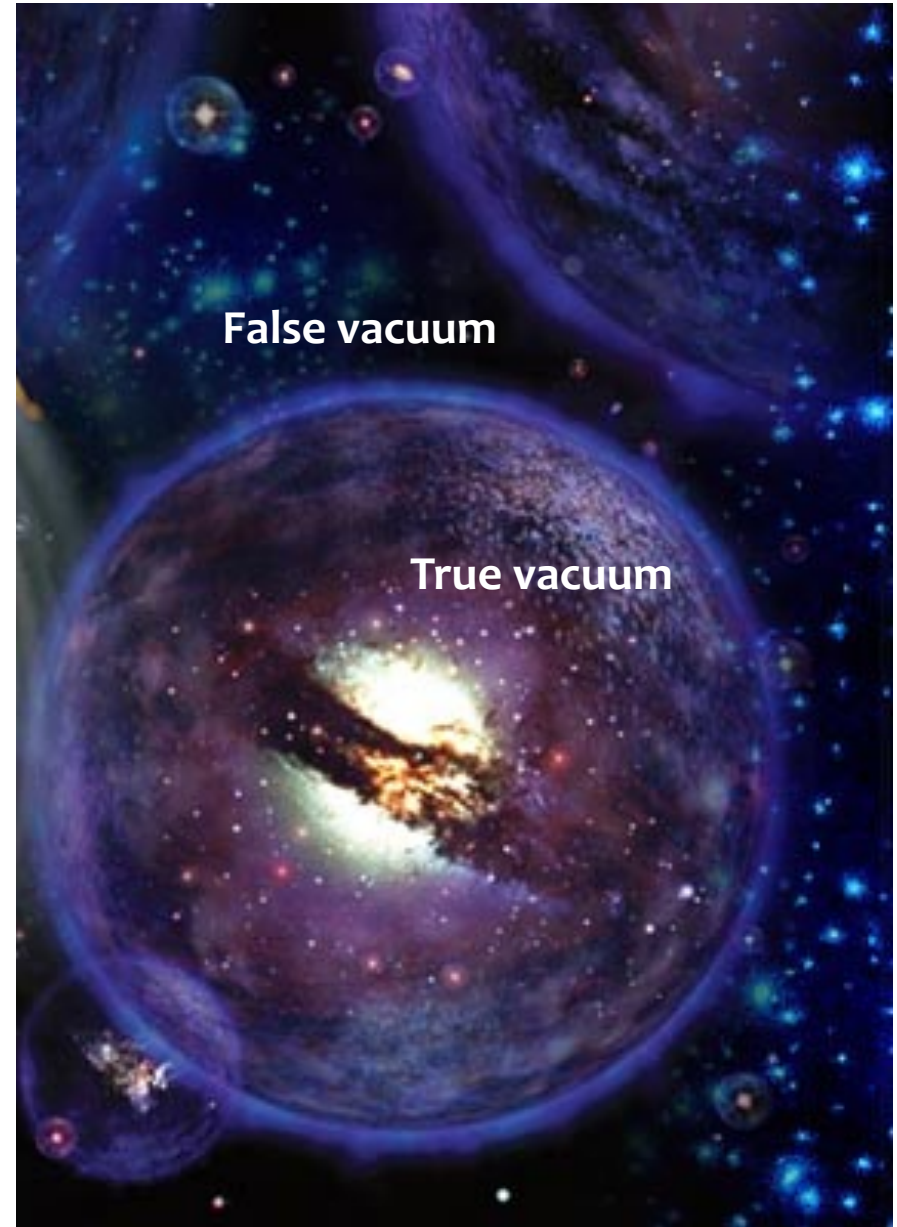
$$n_B \gg n_{\bar{B}}$$



Essential ingredient for **Baryogenesis**
(production of B-asymmetry):
→ **First order phase transition [1]**



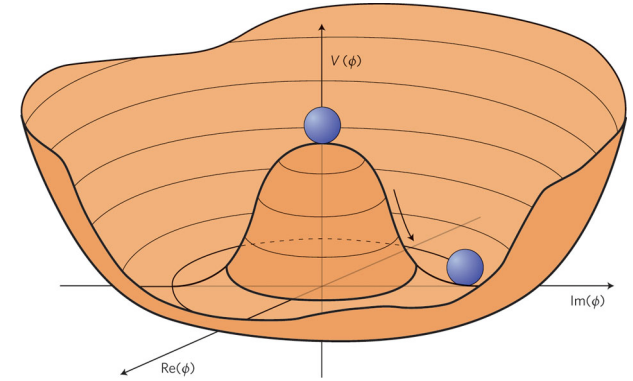
[1] A. D. Sakharov, JETP Lett. 5, 24 (1967)



Modified Higgs potential and Baryogenesis

BSM physics in Higgs potential could be the solution!

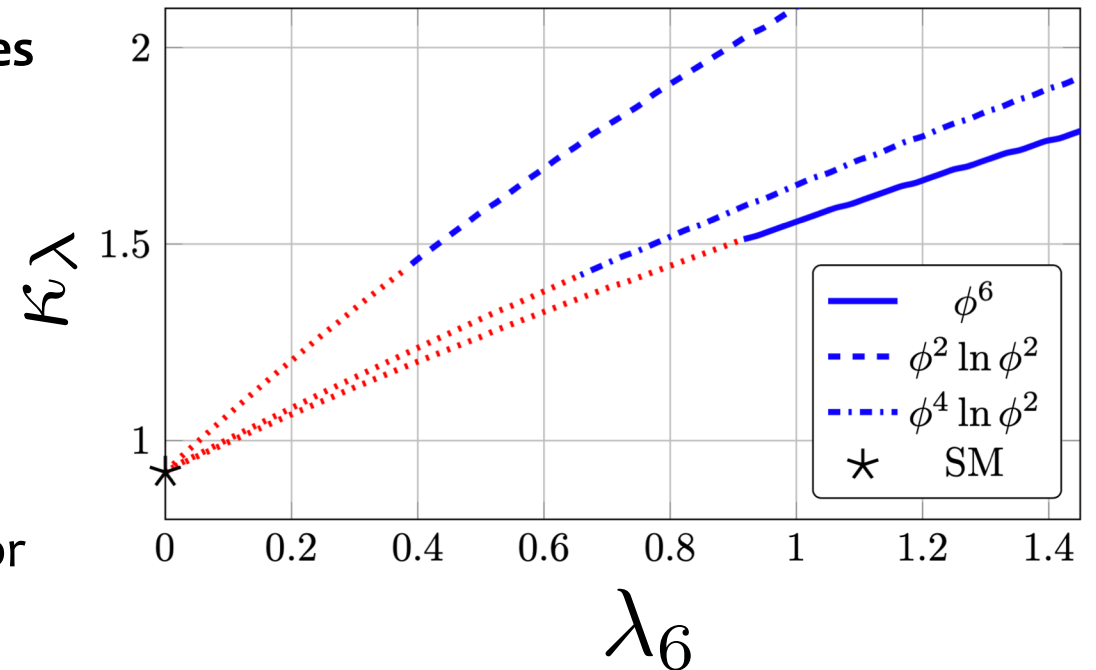
$$V(H) = \underbrace{\frac{\mu^2}{2}(v+H)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}(v+H)^4}_{\text{SM}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_6}{\Lambda}(v+H)^6}_{\text{BSM}}$$



Inclusion of **Dimension-6 (BSM)** term in potential **changes the relationships** between the fundamental Higgs parameters

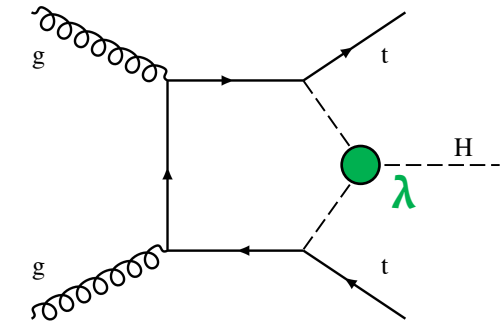
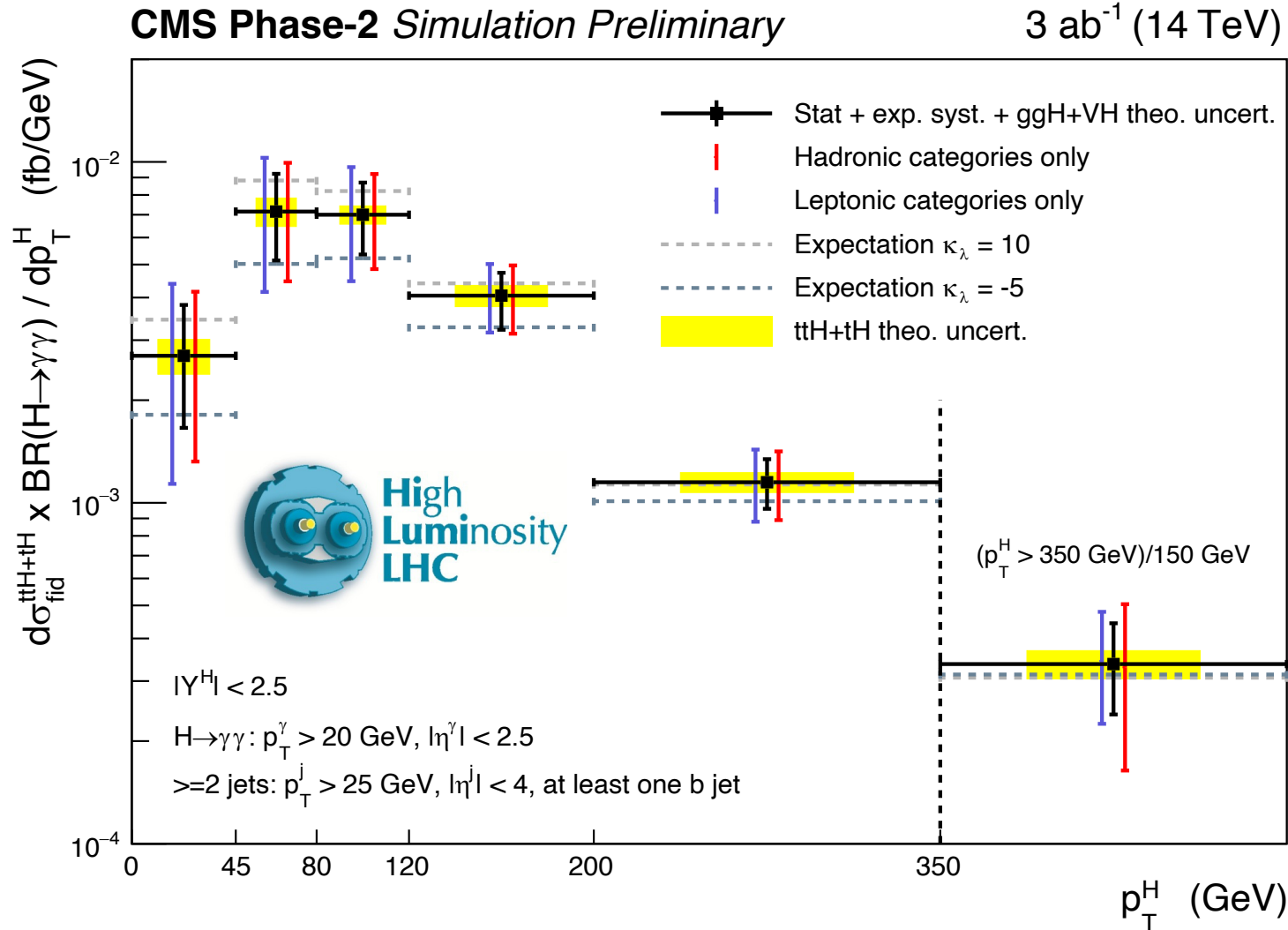
$$\kappa_\lambda = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{SM}} = 1 + \frac{16\lambda_6 v^4}{m_H^2 \Lambda^2}$$

50% increase in self-coupling could hint at mechanism for 1st order EWK phase-transition accuracy crucial goal

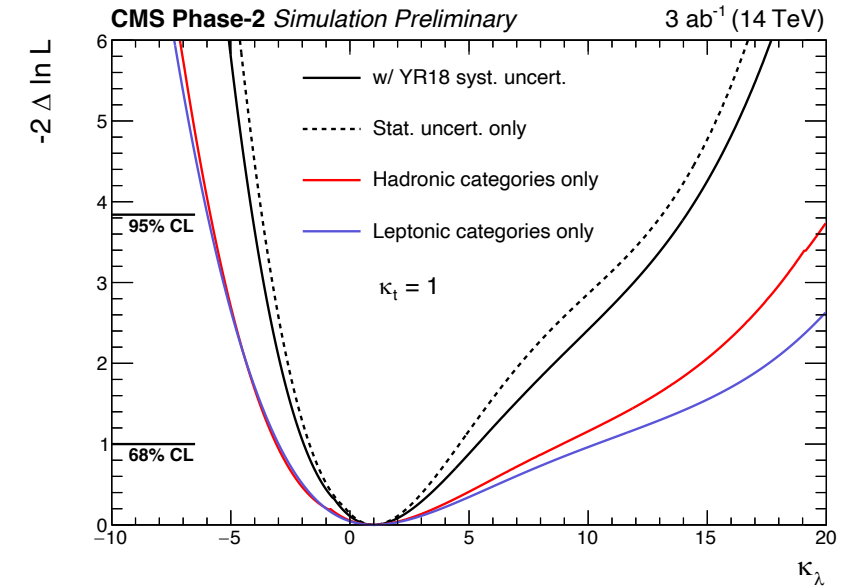


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Higgs boson self-coupling @ HL-LHC

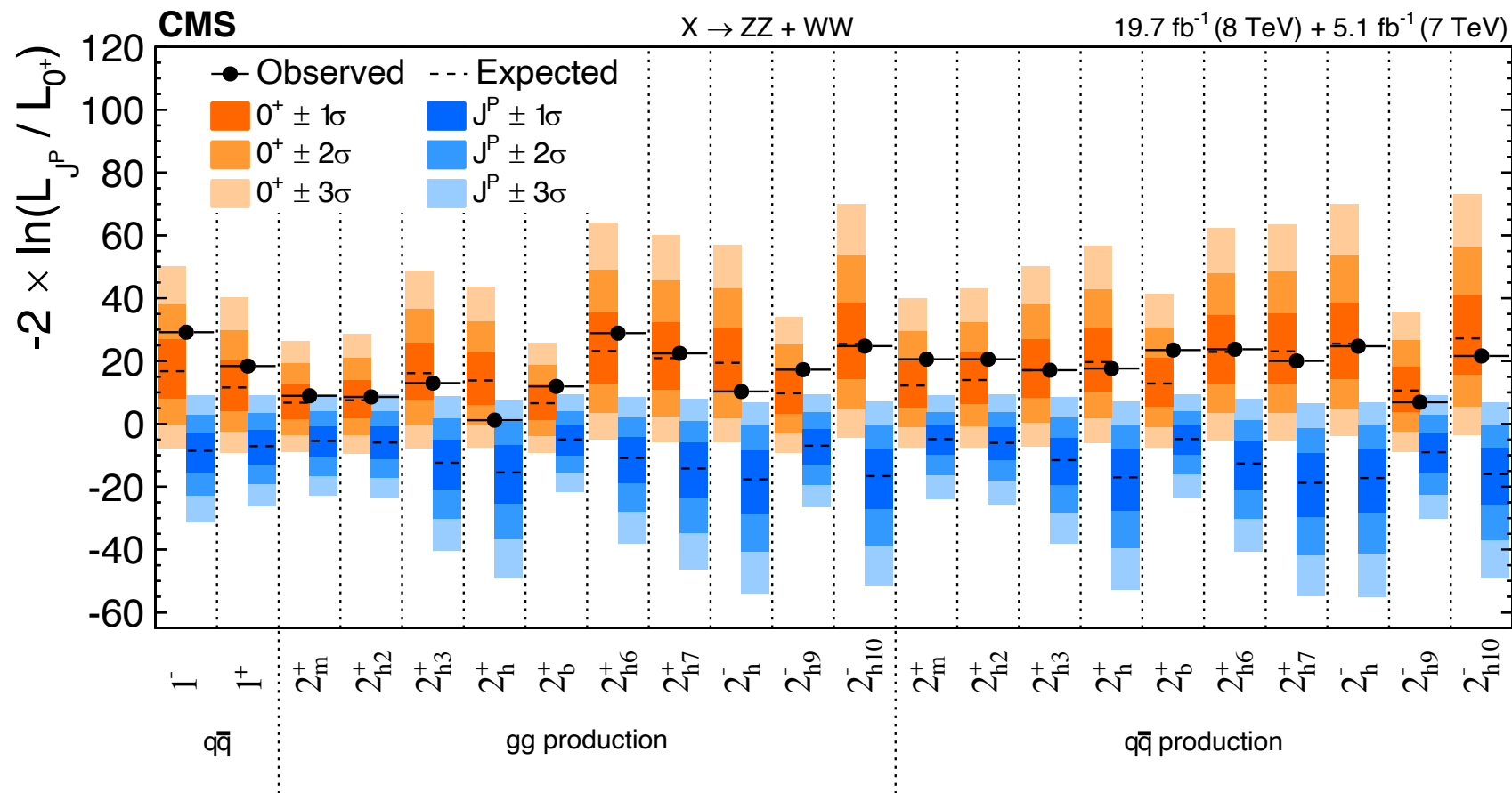


Combinations with precision differential measurements of Higgs production will push sensitivity even further!



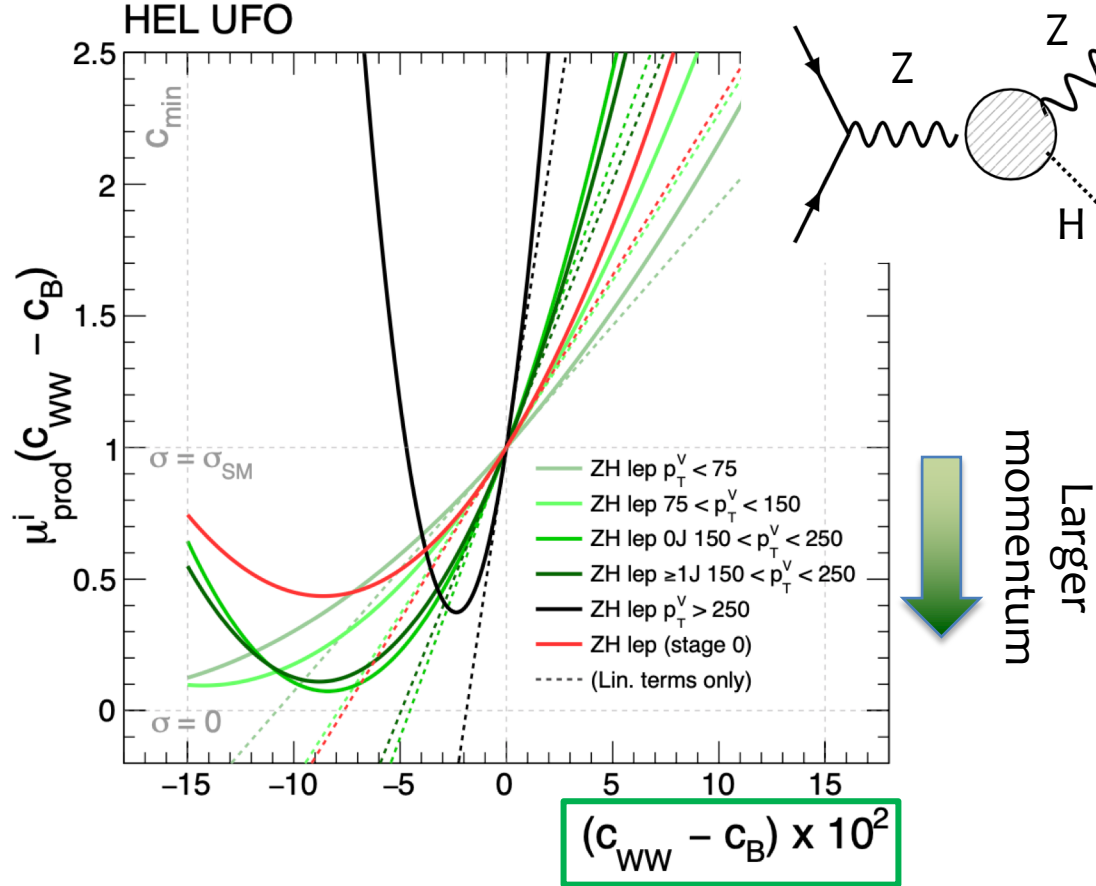
No Zero - Spin zone

Hypothesis tests for *non-nested models* used to distinguish O^+ from other J^{CP} states.

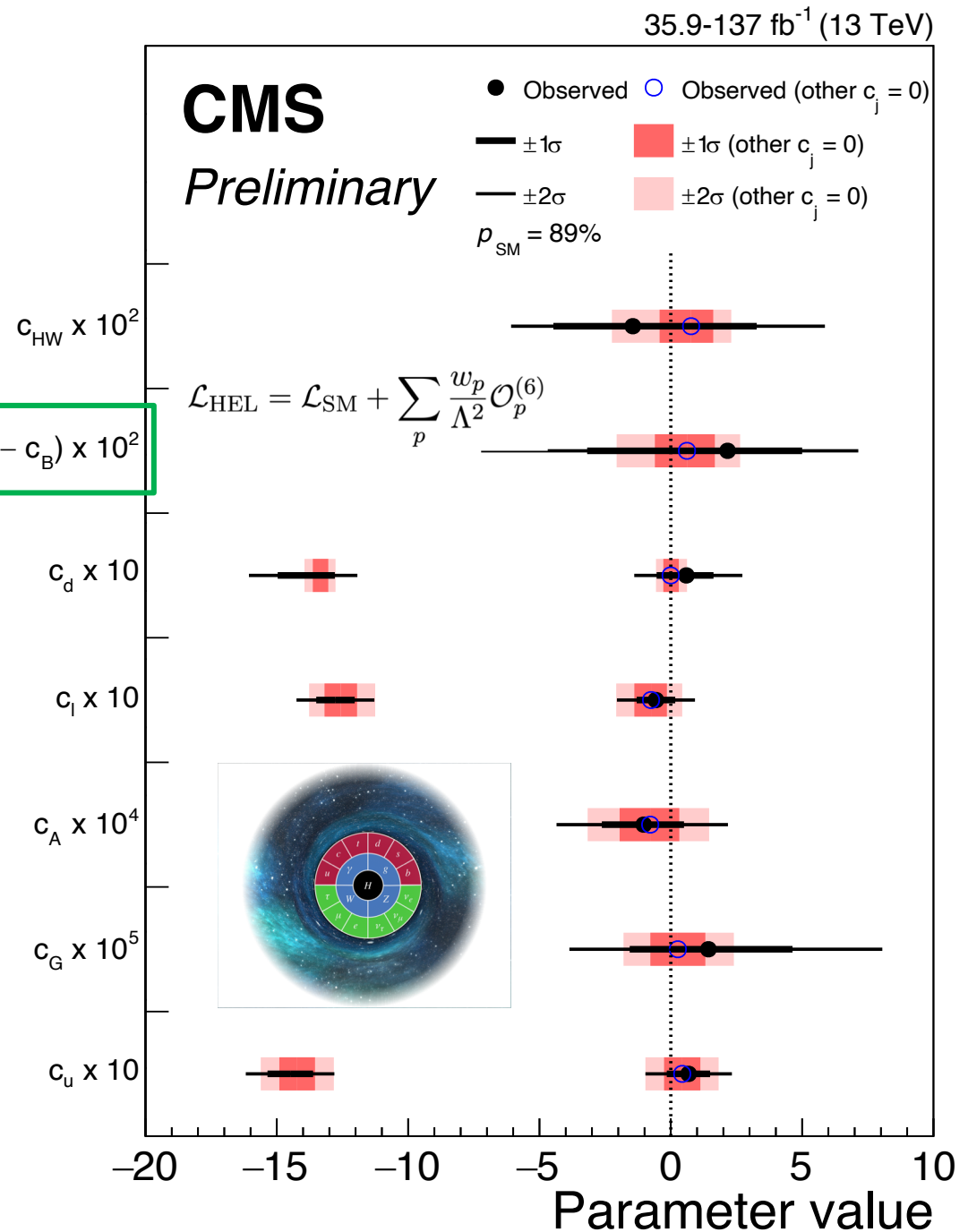


Run-1 data is already enough to rule out spin-2 (and many other J^P states) at $> 99.9\%$ confidence level

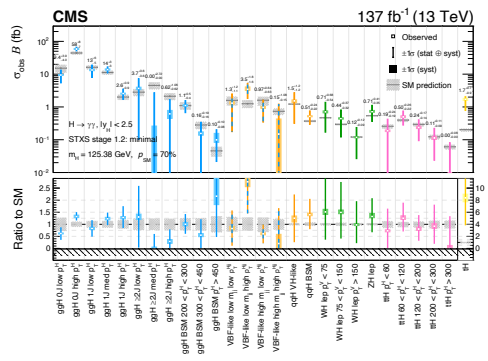
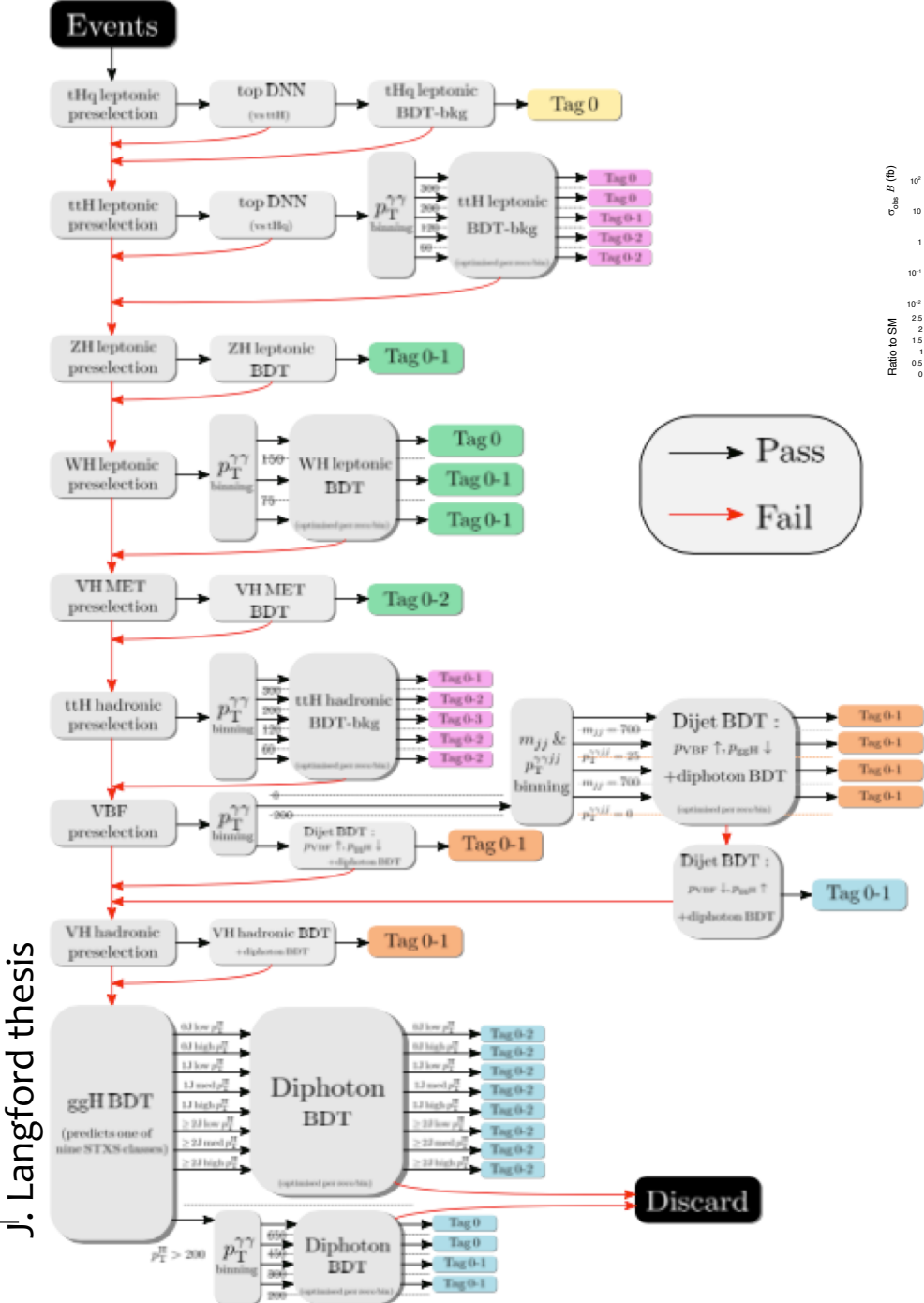
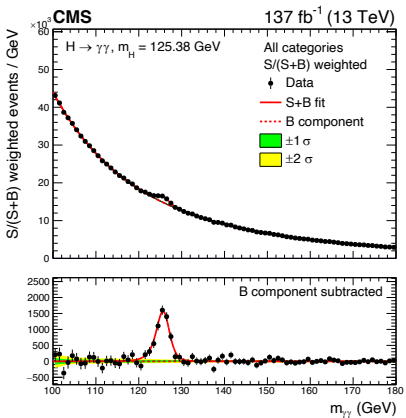
Effective field theories



New physics effects are **typically larger** for processes with larger momentum transfer \rightarrow Best sensitivity from **differential measurements of Higgs production**



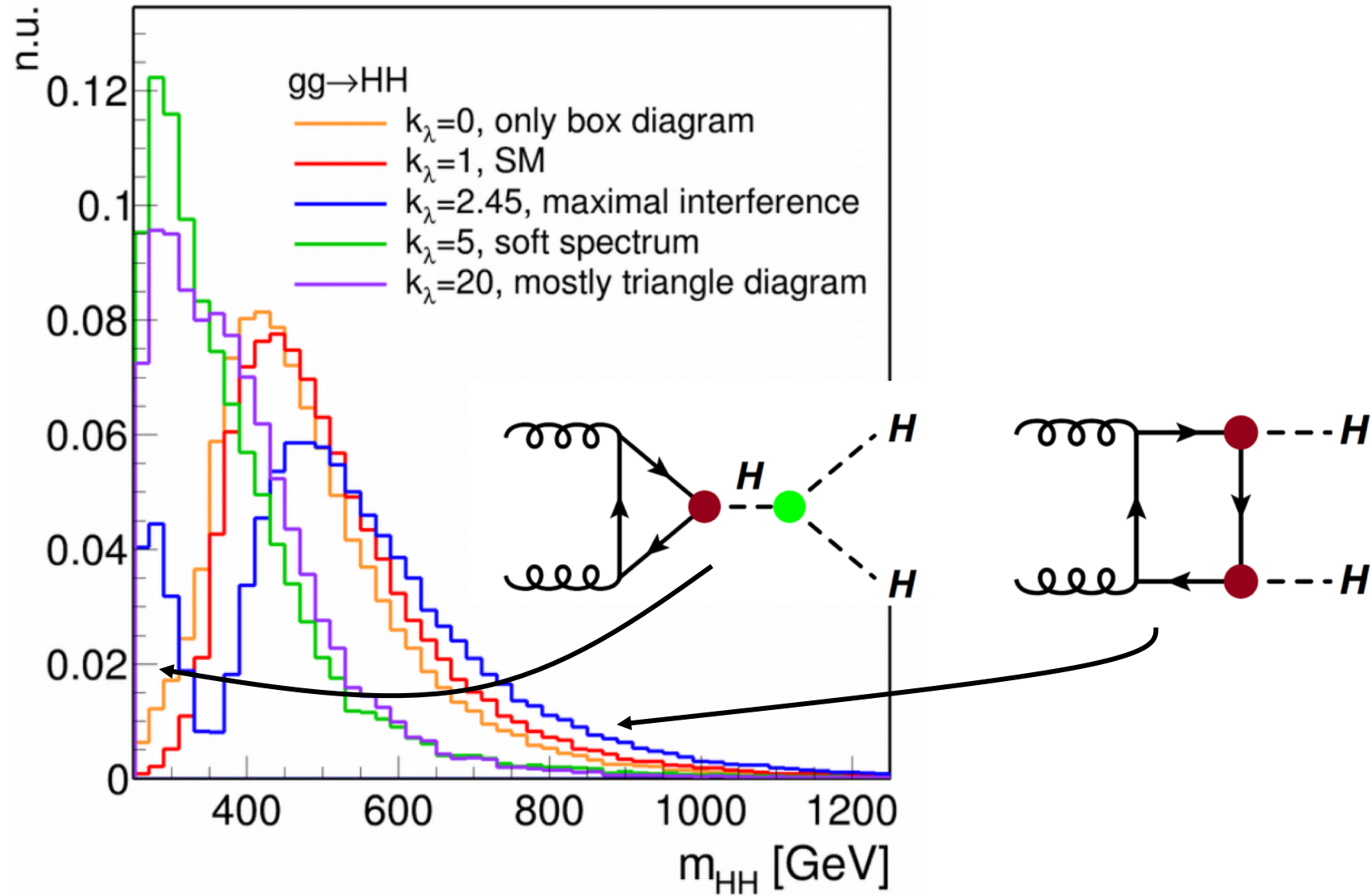
Analysis workflow



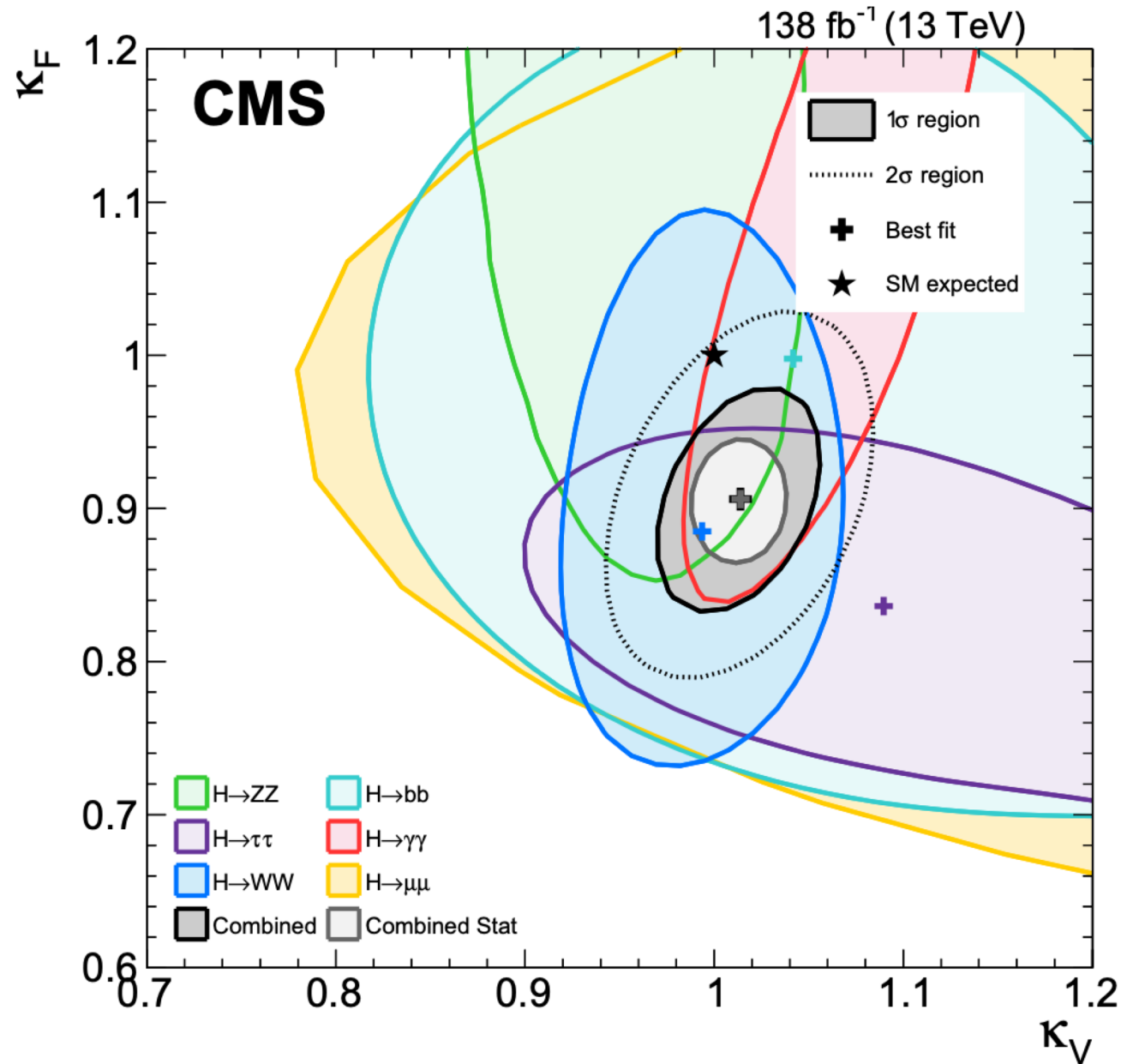
Large number of Higgs bosons available in Run-II → sophisticated analysis strategies to extract the most sensitivity out of the data we have

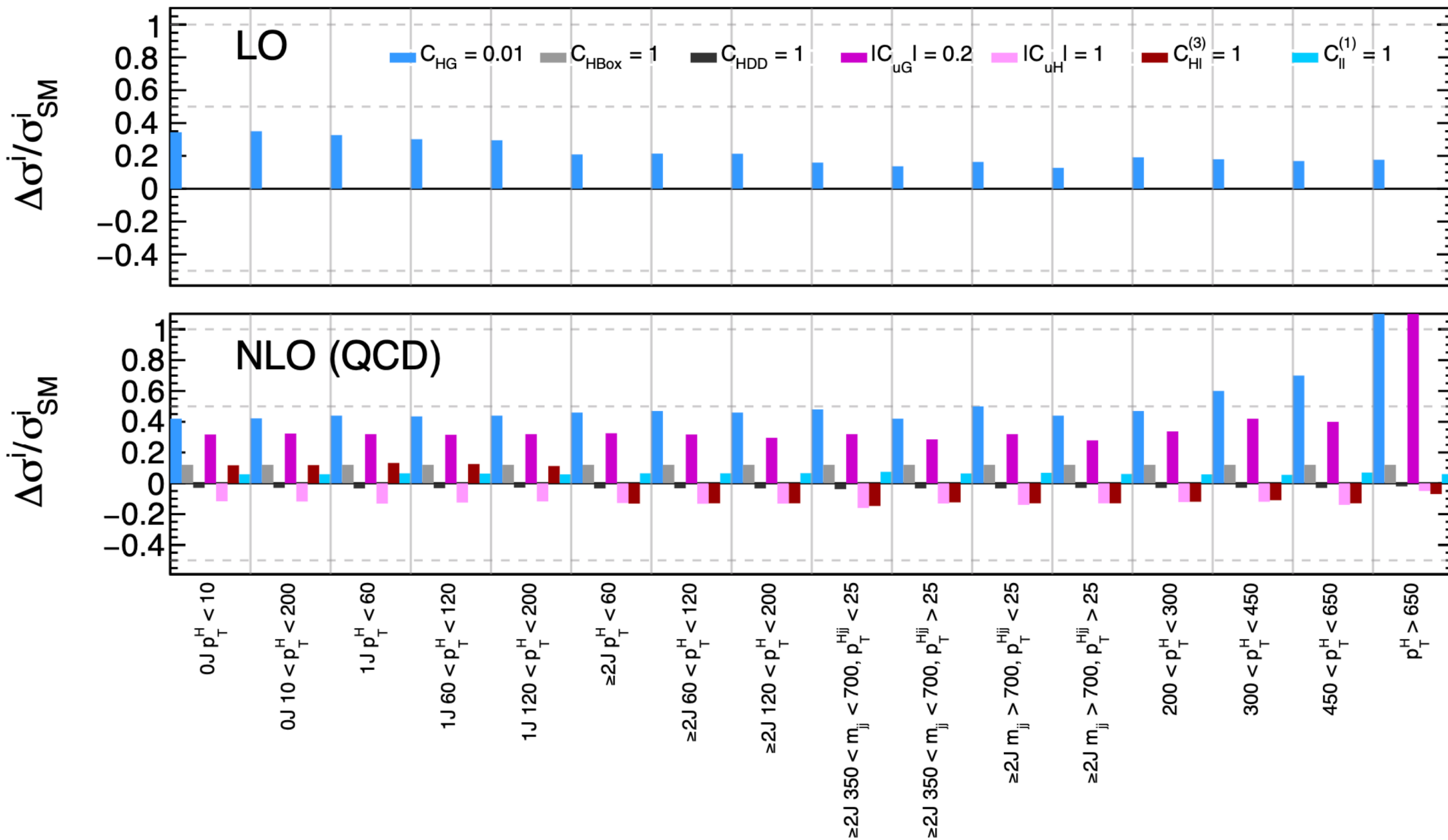
J. Langford thesis

Sensitivity to self-coupling in HH



Couplings per decay





Higgs production at the LHC

- Run-1 discovery based on $O(100)$ events at ATLAS and CMS
- To date LHC has produced $\sim 8\text{M}$ Higgs bosons for each detector!



LHC Beam

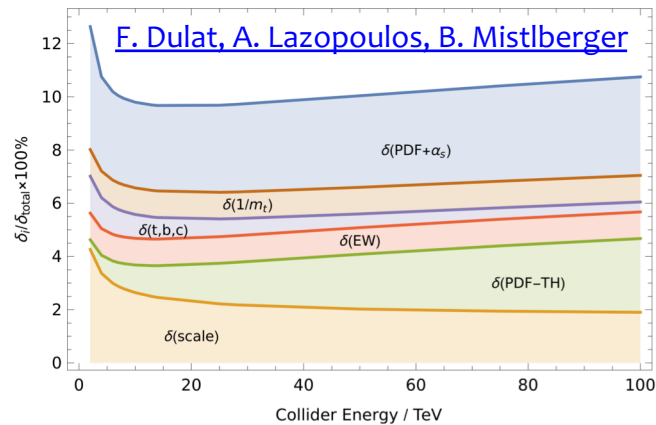
Run-1 – 7-8 TeV, $L_{\text{peak}} \sim 7 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Run-2 – 13 TeV, $L_{\text{peak}} \sim 2.06 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Breaking down the likelihood

We construct a likelihood to interpret the combined datasets from across Higgs channels

$$L(D|\mu, \theta) = \prod_n \text{Prob} \left(d_n \mid \sum_{i,f} \mu_i \mu^f S_{i,n}^f(\theta) + \sum_k B_k(\theta) \right) \times \text{Gauss}(\tilde{\theta}|\theta)$$



Experimental/Detector systematics:

- Object efficiencies, energy scales, luminosity

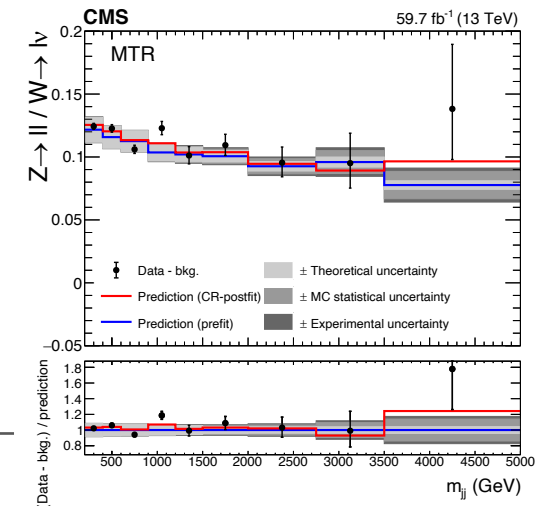
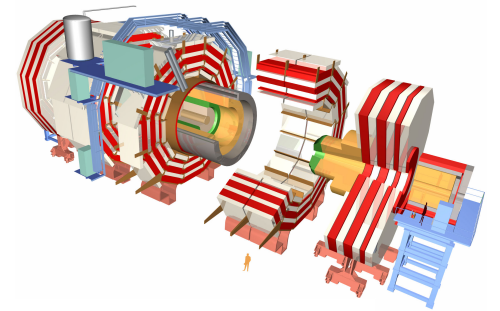
Signal theory uncertainties:

- Inclusive x-section uncertainties, QCD scale, pdf, UEPS, Branching ratios, jet counting

Background theory uncertainties:

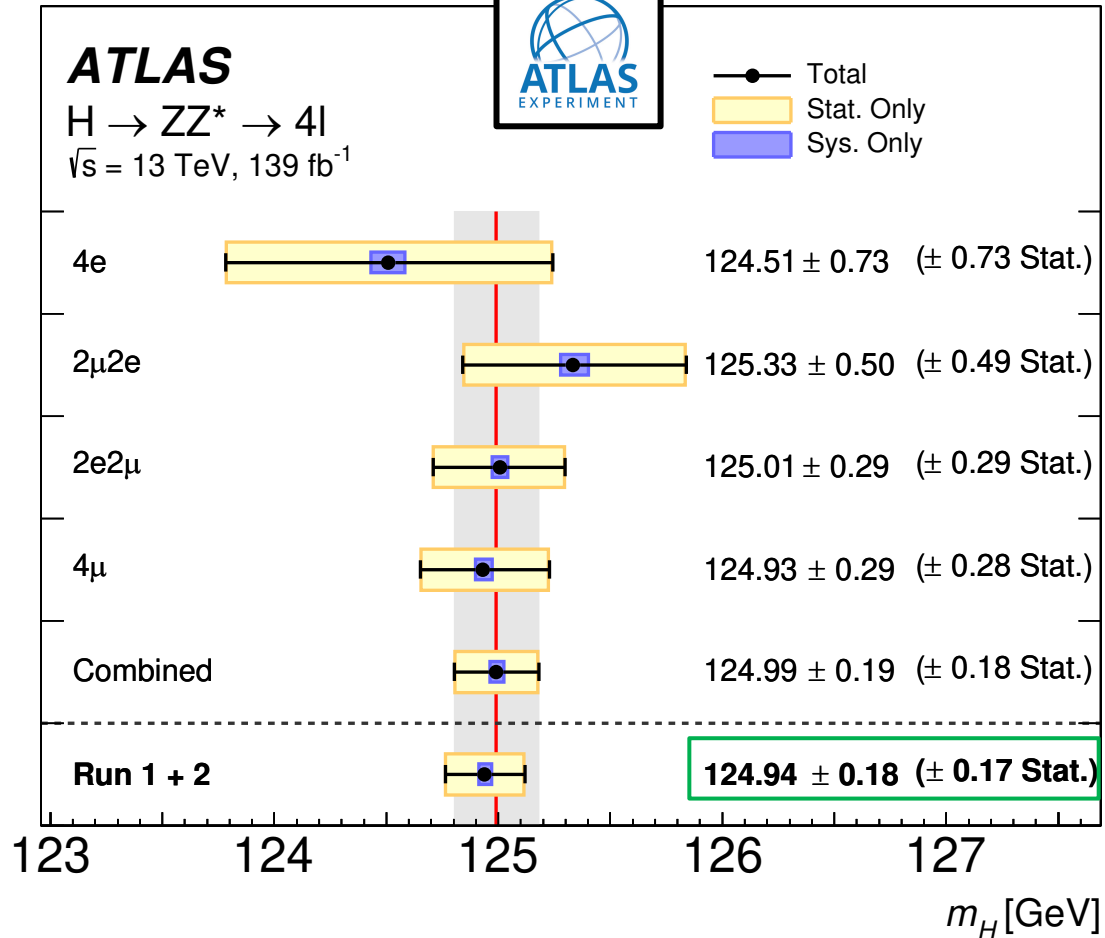
- Often rather different phase-spaces considered for extrapolating from control regions for data-driven estimates

Combination has **O(1000)'s nuisance parameters** (sources of systematic uncertainty)

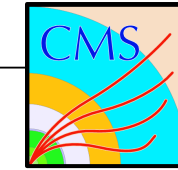


A massive achievement Take-II

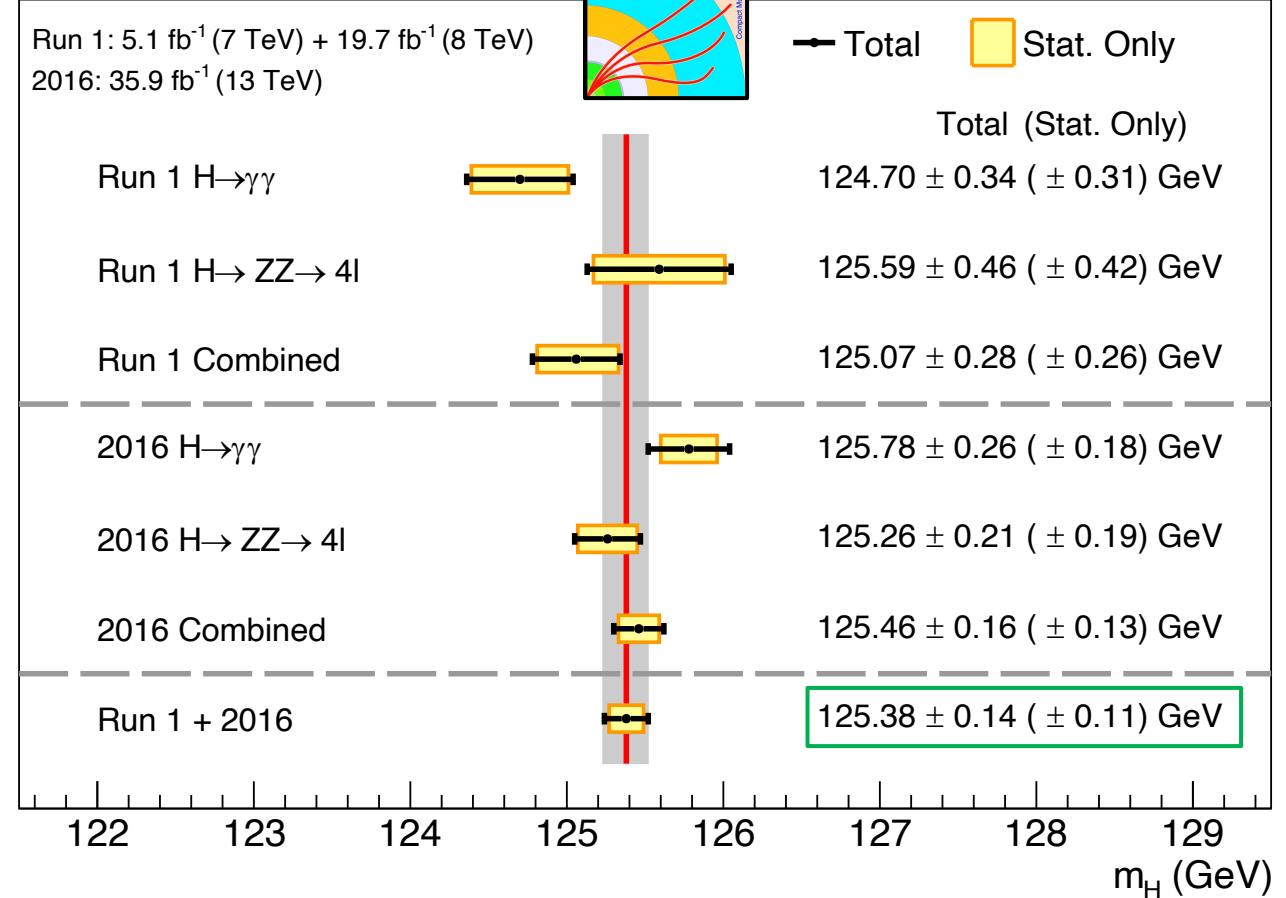
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CMS



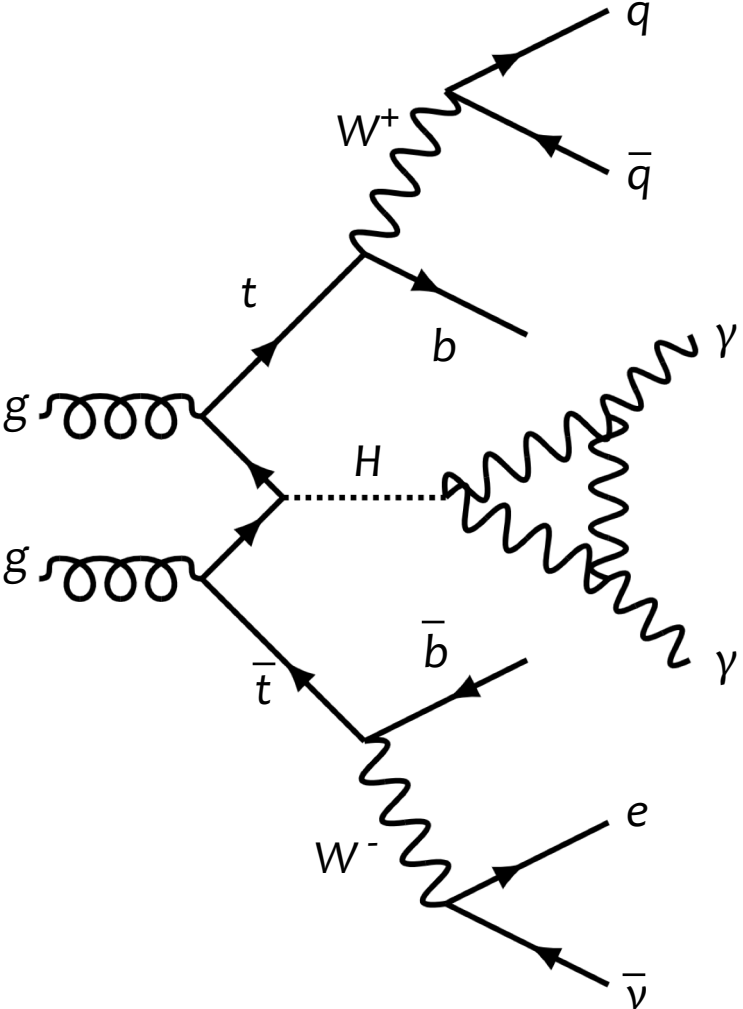
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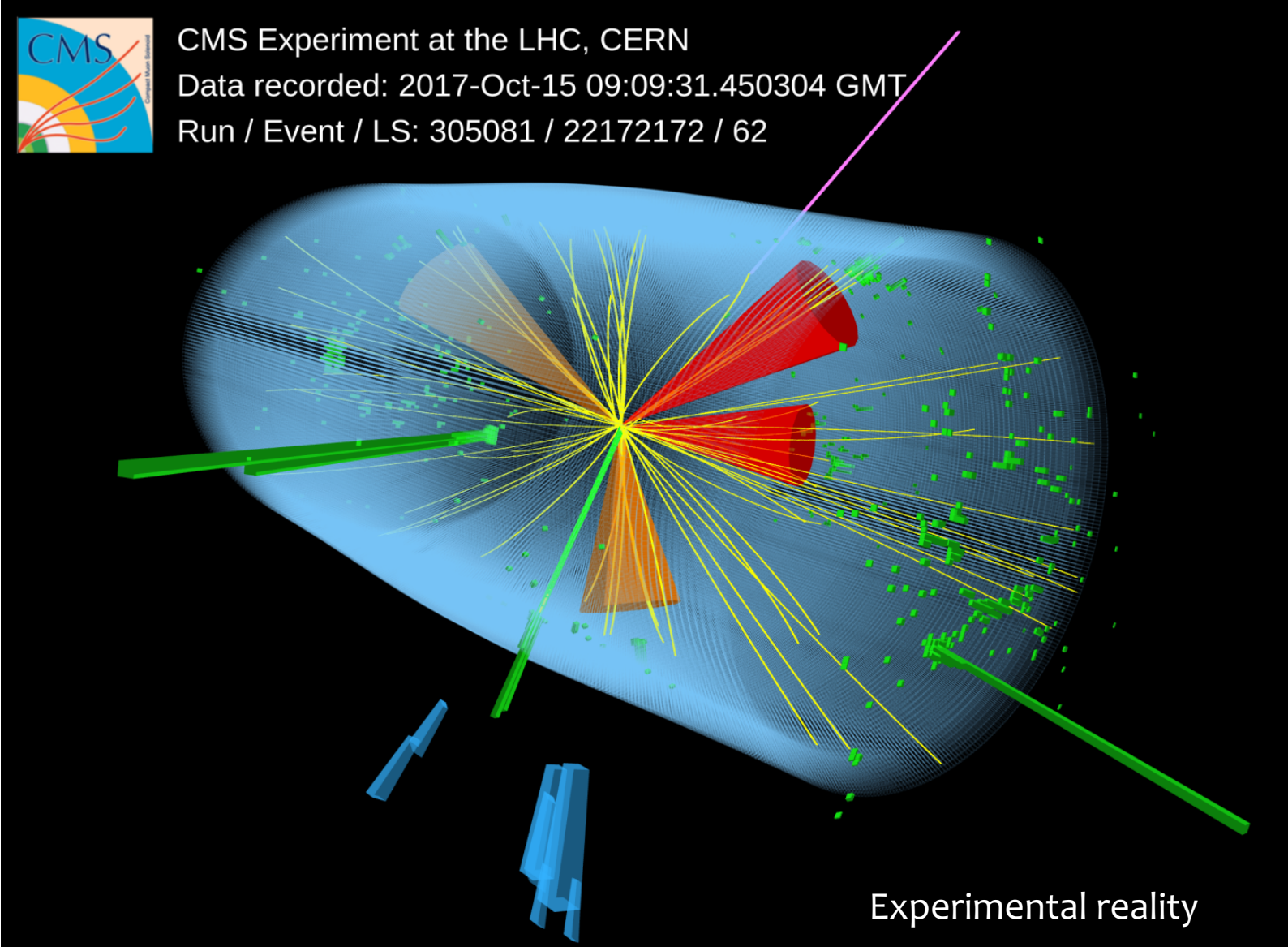
Precision in Higgs boson mass at the level of **11-14%** with the addition of Run-2 data!

With the value of m_H known, we can make precision tests of the SM with the Higgs boson...

From theory to measurement – A computational challenge



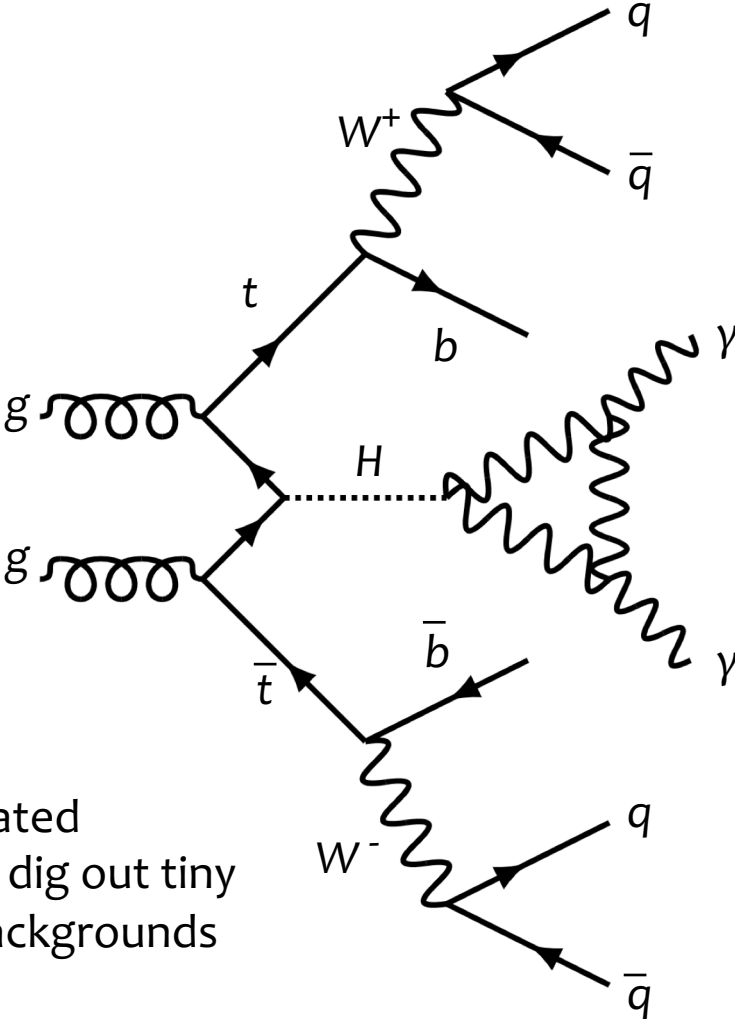
Theory calculation (hard process)



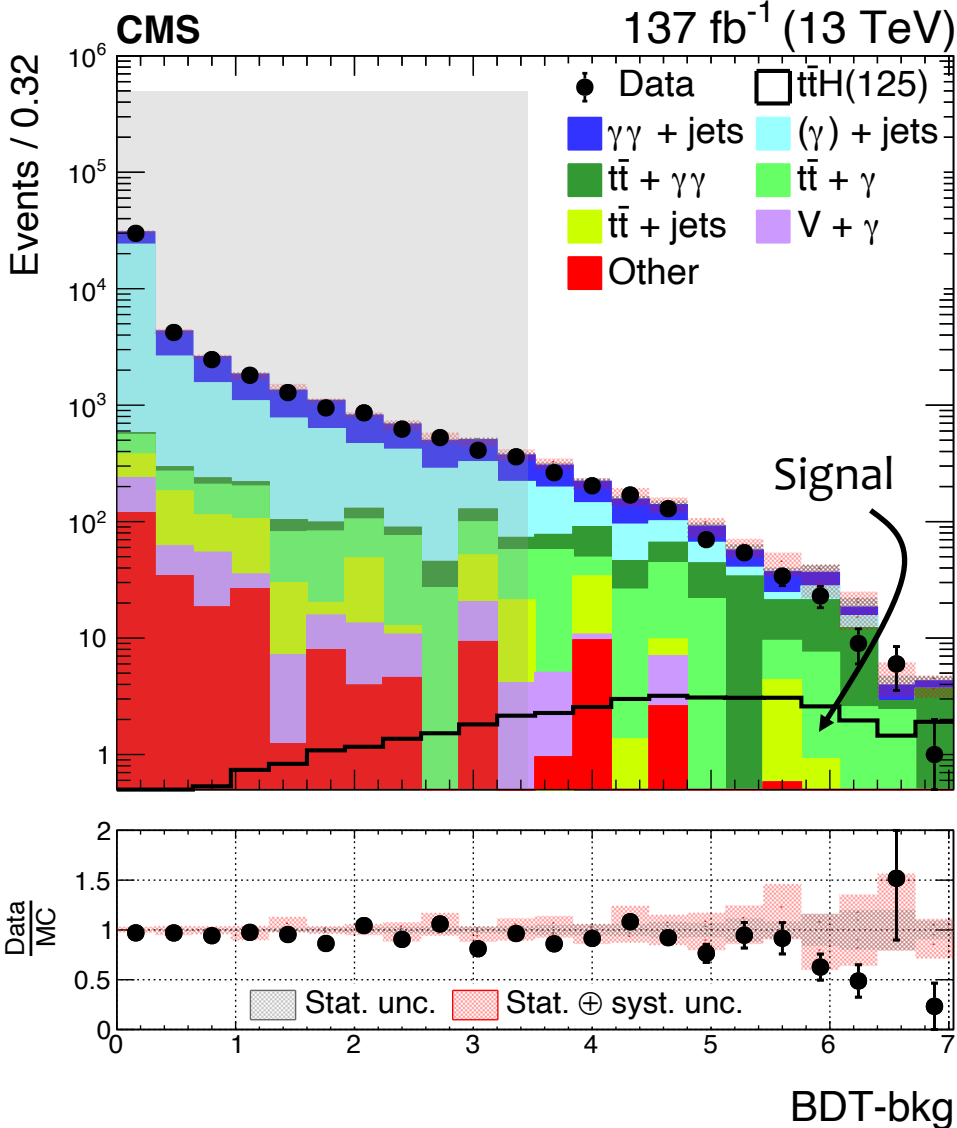
Experimental reality

From theory to measurement – An experimental challenge

The Higgs signal is not the only process we have to deal with

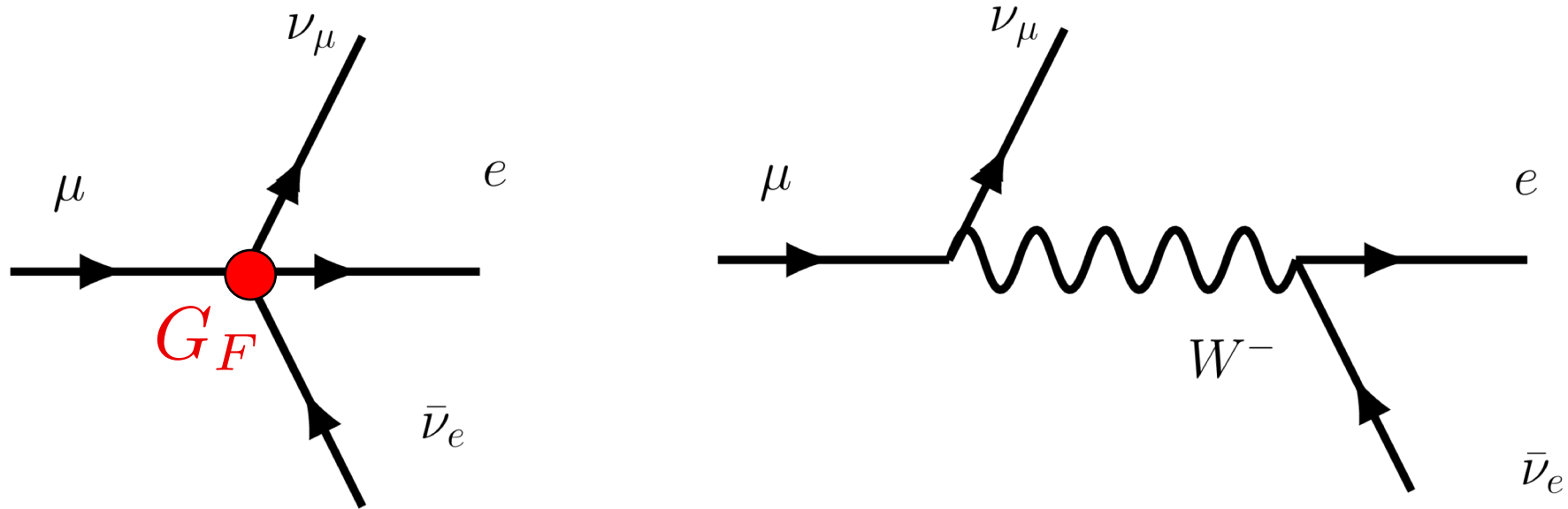


We rely on sophisticated **Machine-learning** to dig out tiny signals from huge backgrounds



Effective couplings

In Fermi theory for the muon decay, **low energy measurements are to constrain the SM parameters** → Fermi theory an “**Effective Field Theory**” for the SM!*



Effective field (Fermi) theory

Standard Model

$$E \ll m_W$$

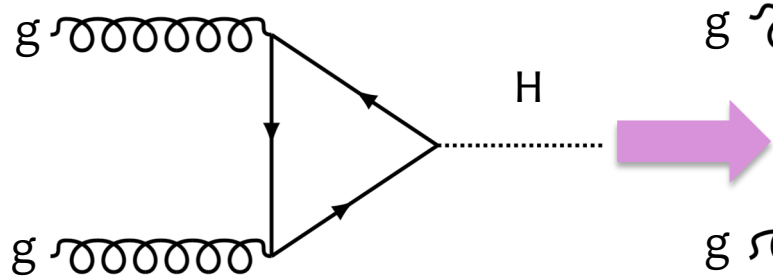
$$E > m_W$$

* At least for theory of weak interactions

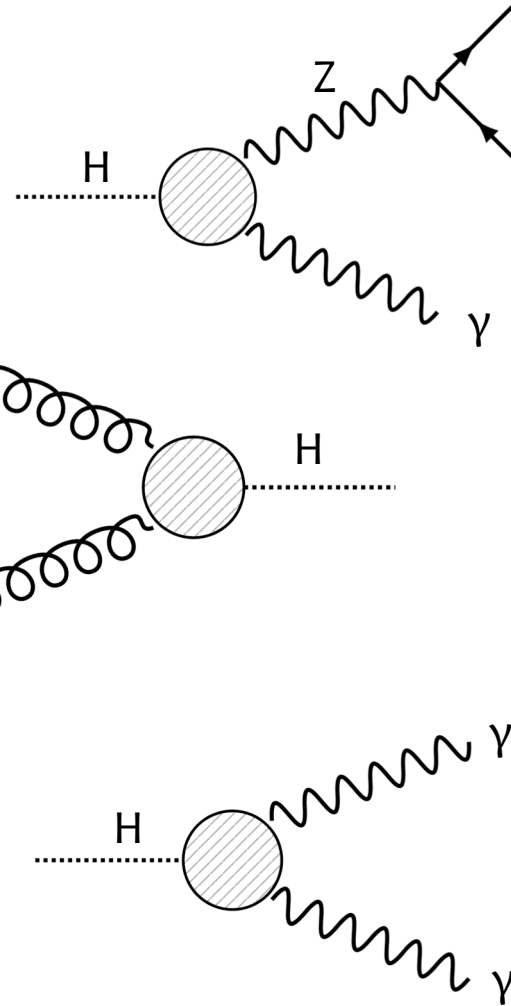
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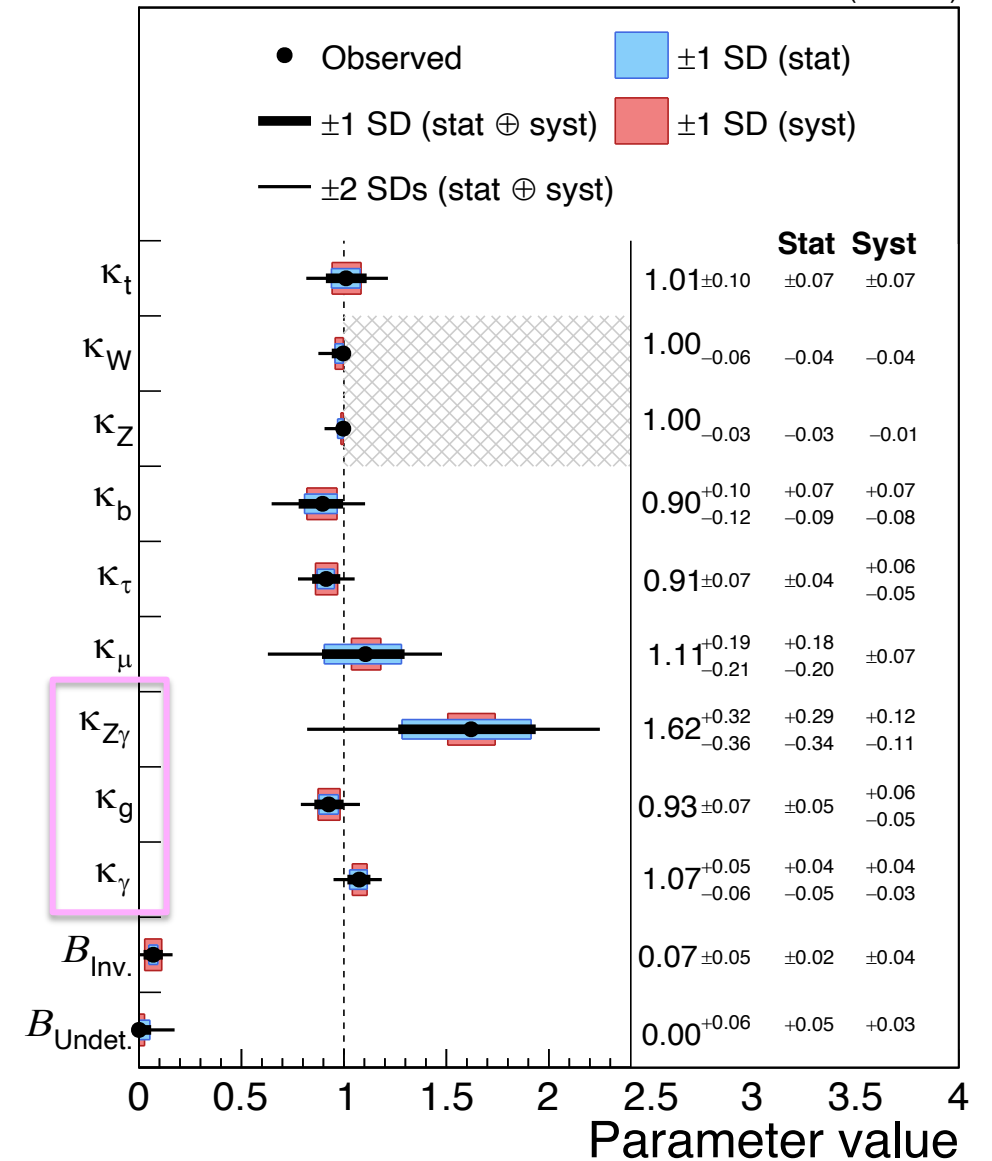


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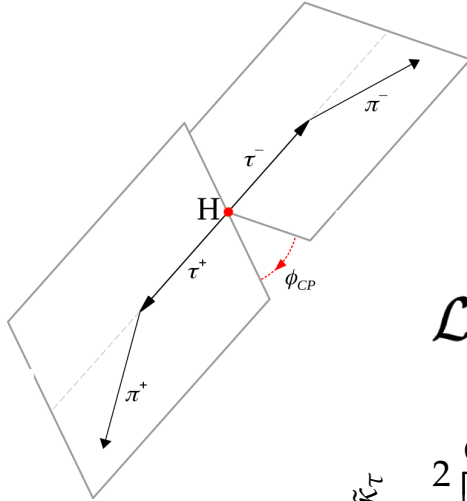
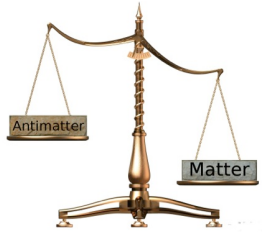
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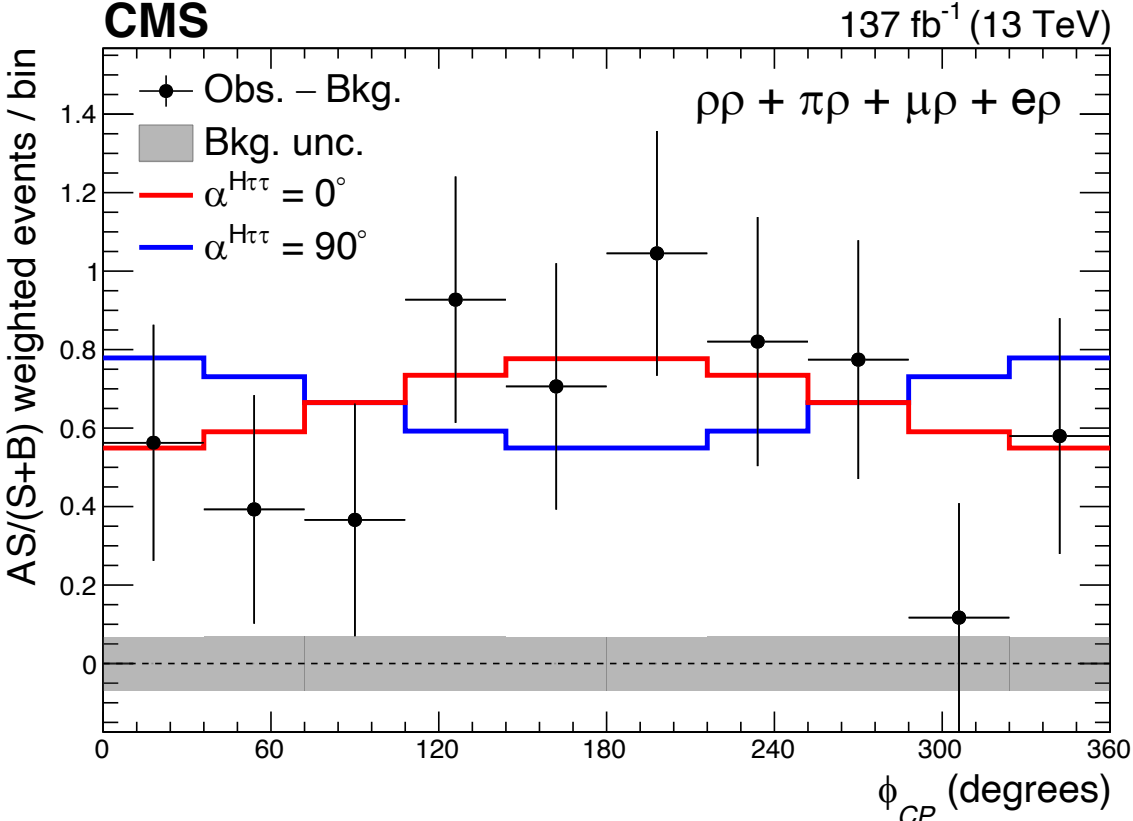


Matter-vs-anti-matter

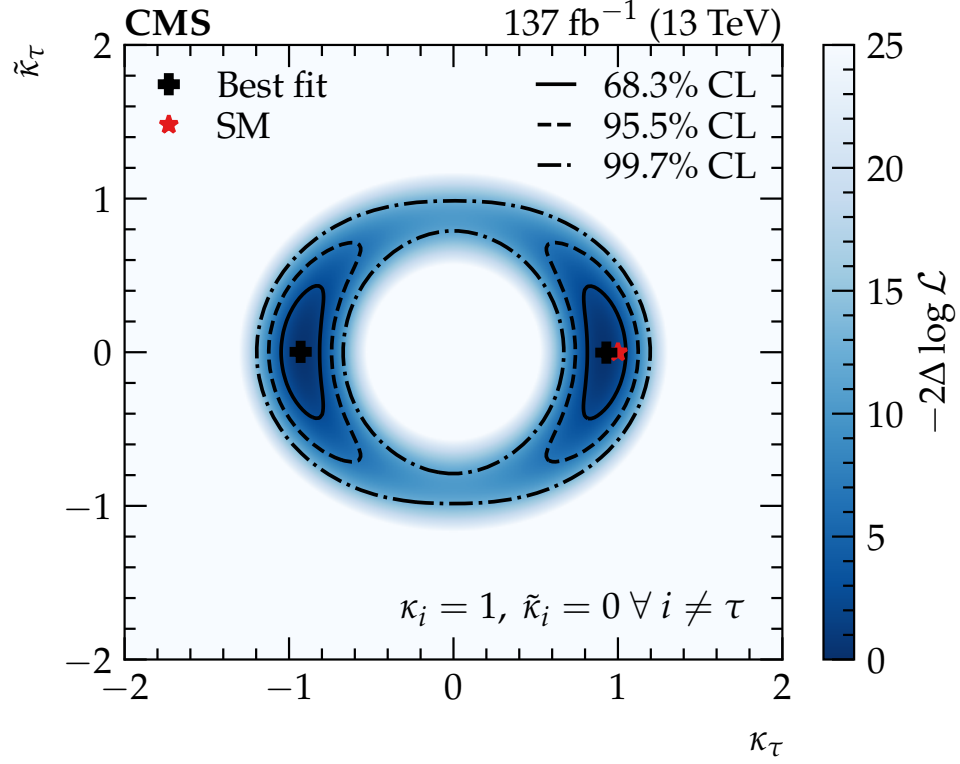
Angular differential measurements of tau-decay products in $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ constrain **Charge Parity-odd contributions** to Higgs-tau effective coupling



$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -\frac{m_\tau H}{v} (\kappa_\tau \bar{\tau}\tau + \tilde{\kappa}_\tau \bar{\tau}i\gamma_5\tau)$$



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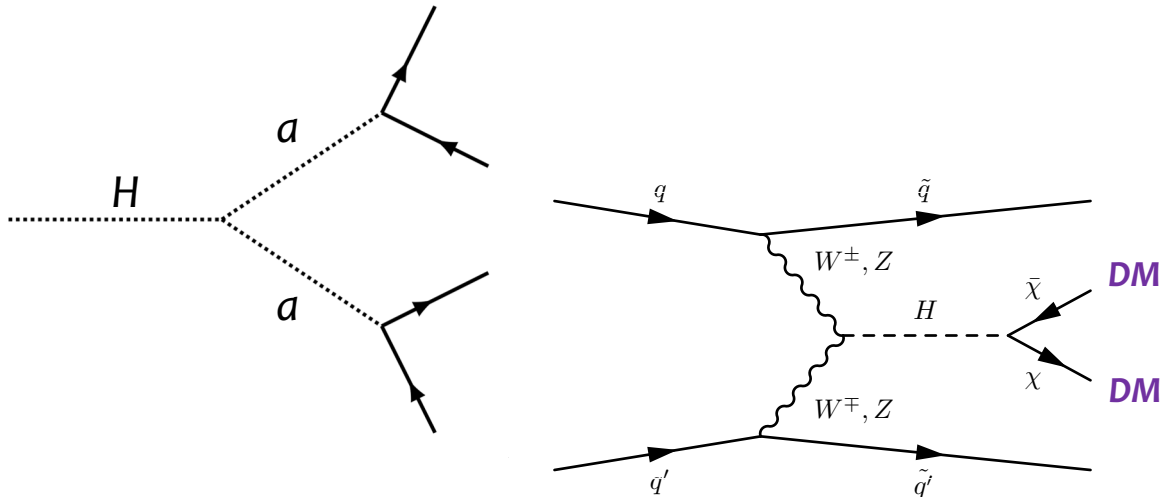


Higgs decays to new particles

Current measurements of Higgs boson couplings allow for “missing” decay modes to light particles

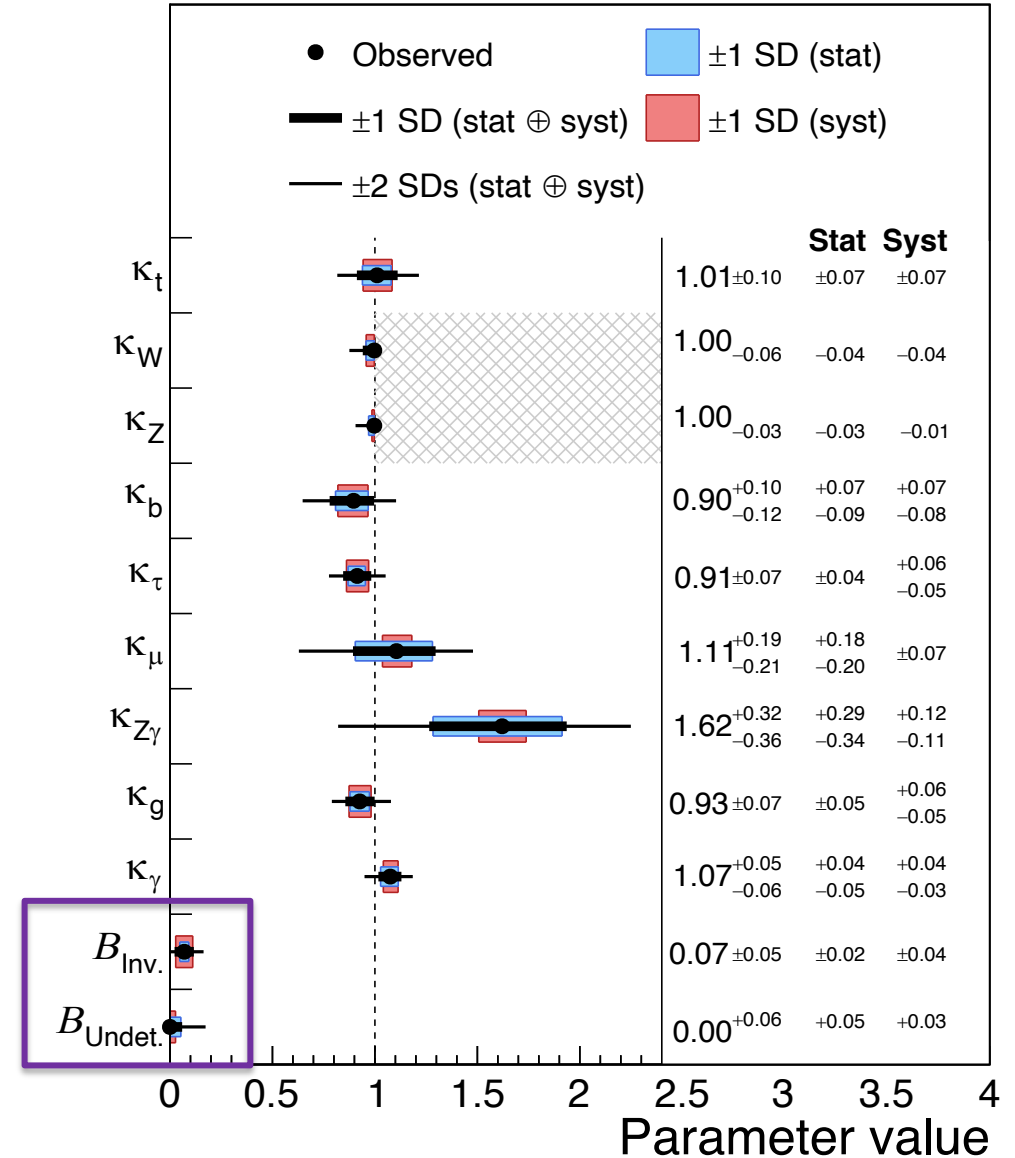
Higgs boson decays to **BSM particles** modify the total width through

- undetected modes (2HDM+s, nMSSM...)
- **invisible particles** (Dark Matter)



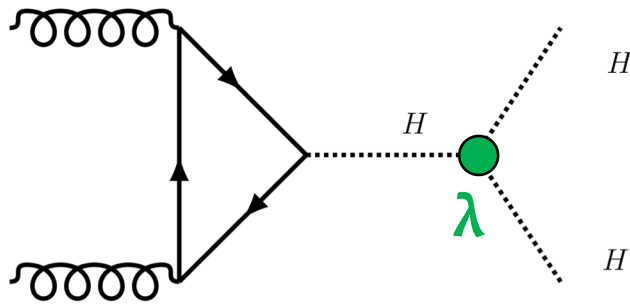
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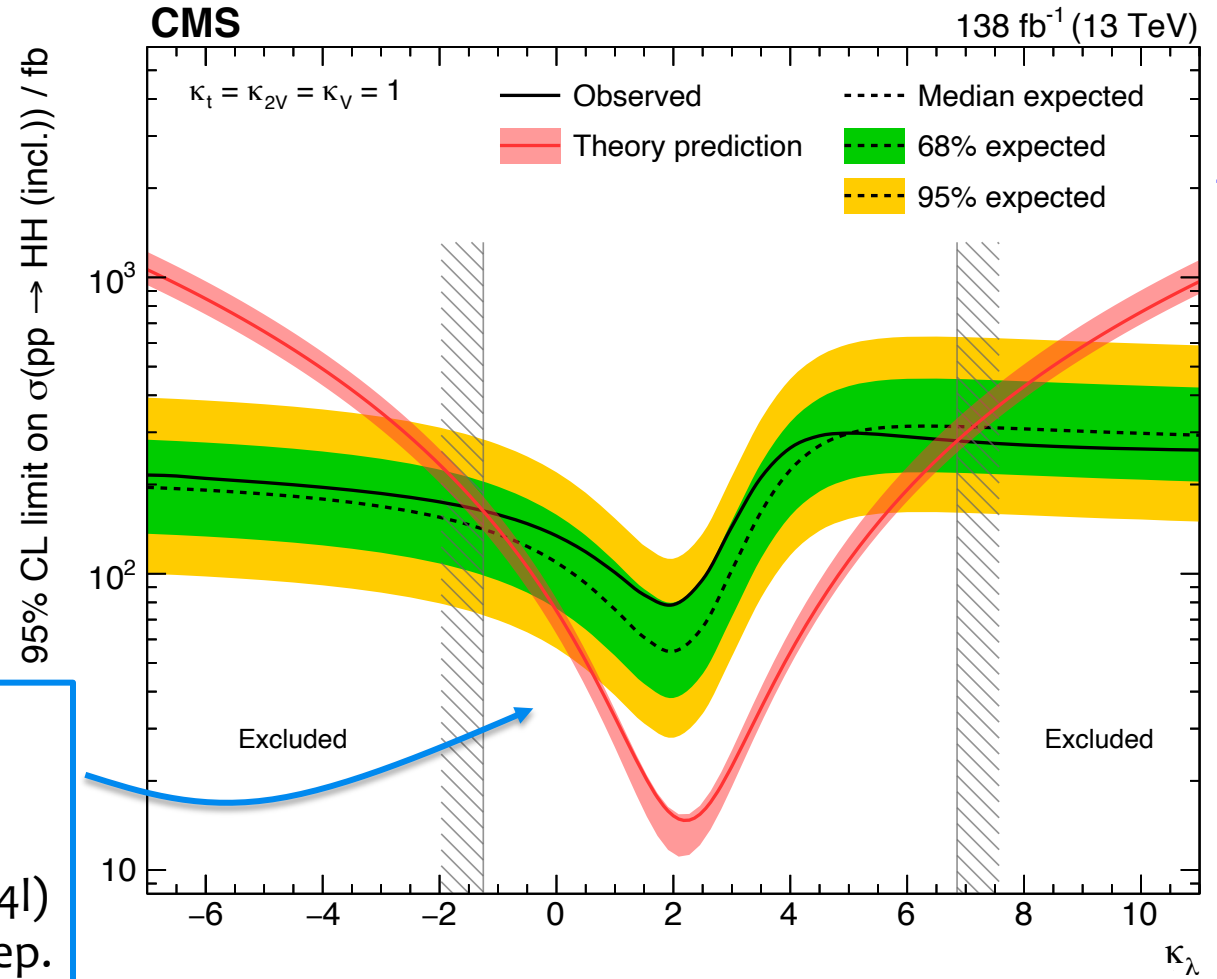
Higgs boson self-coupling

Production cross-section of **double-Higgs** is 1000x smaller than single-Higgs at the LHC!



- $HH \rightarrow bbbb$,
- $HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$
- $HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$
- $HH \rightarrow bbZZ(4l)$
- $HH \rightarrow \text{multilep.}$

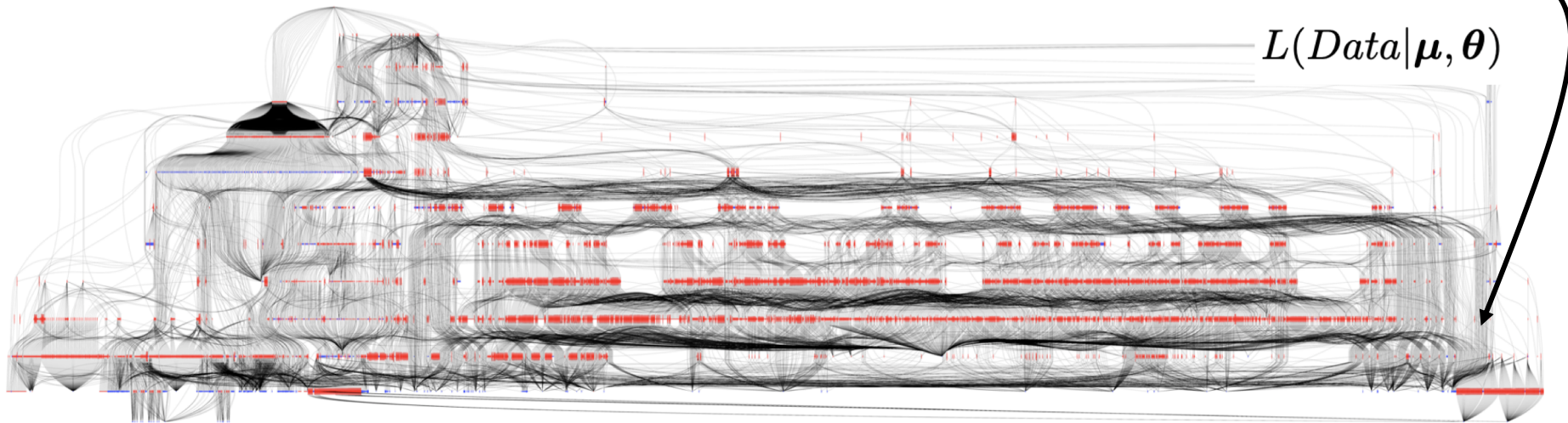
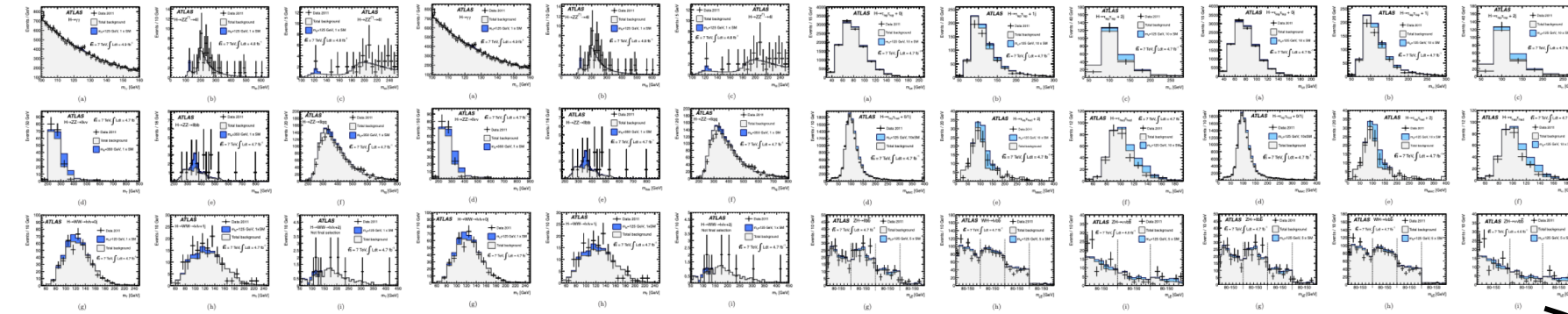
Combinations of multiple searches for Higgs pair production vital for best sensitivity to **self-coupling**



$\kappa_\lambda [-1.25, 6.85] @ 95\% \text{ CL}$

Putting things together

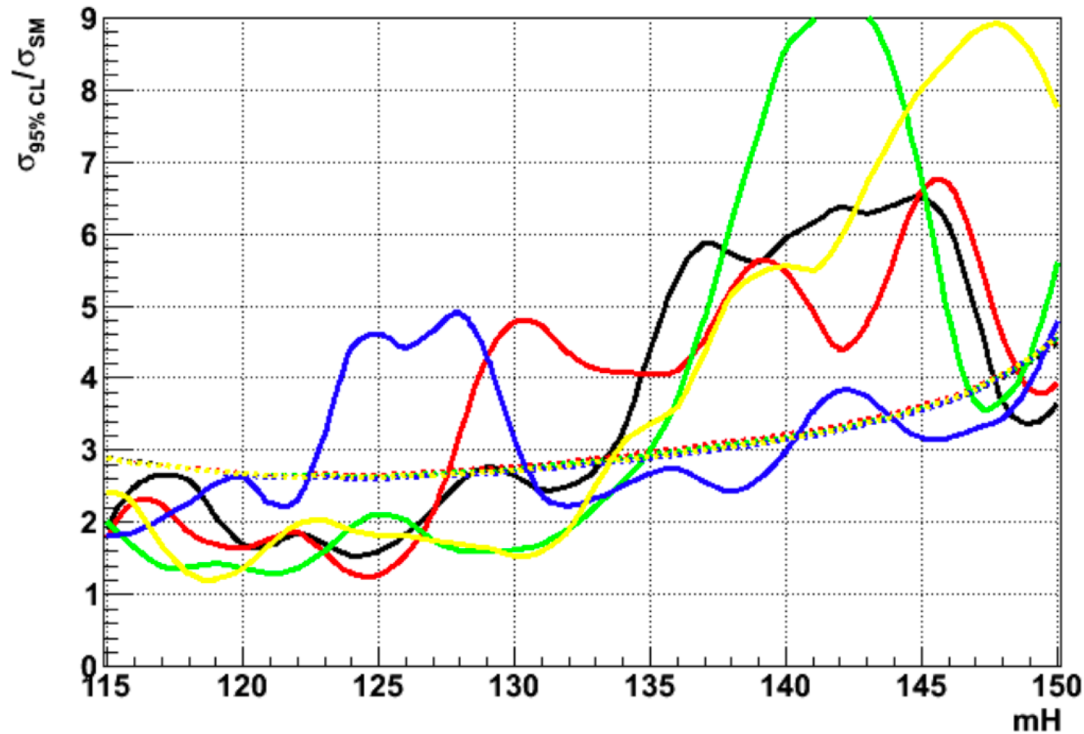
Combining multiple datasets (in this case targeting events with different Higgs production and decay) leads to extremely complicated likelihood functions



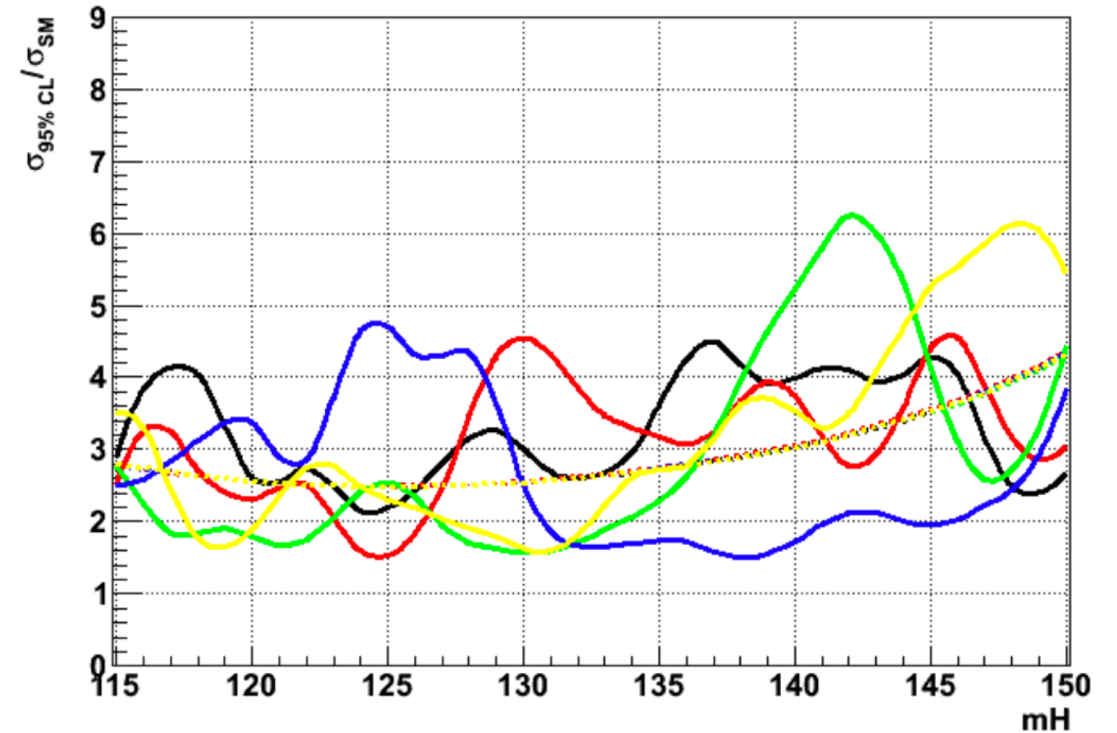
Which background function is right?

This is a figure from a study before the discovery that showed in toys how different the limits can be depending on whether you use the right function or not to fit the background

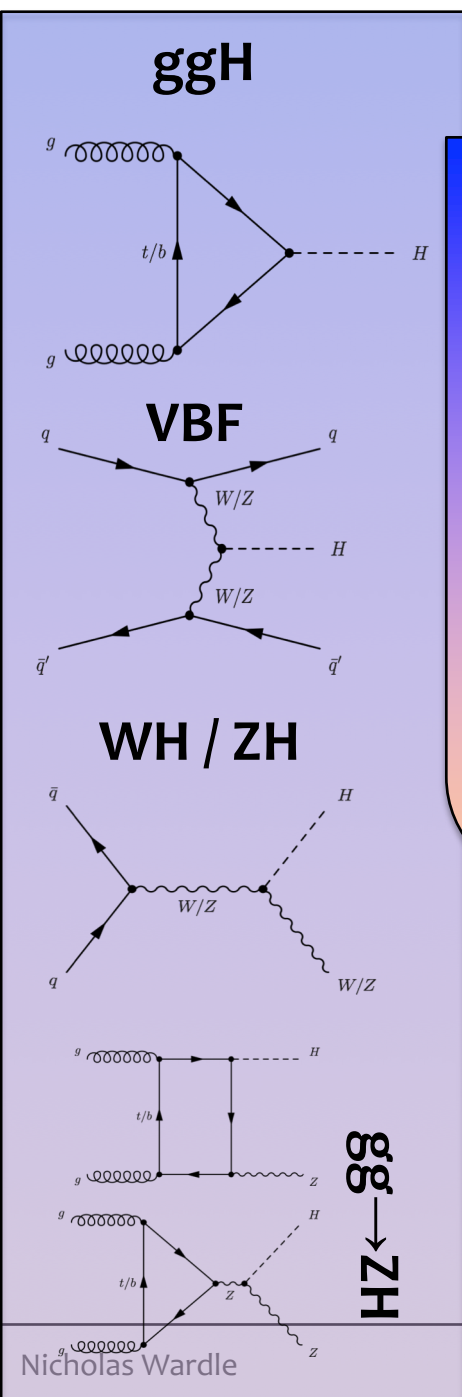
Gen Power, Fit Poly



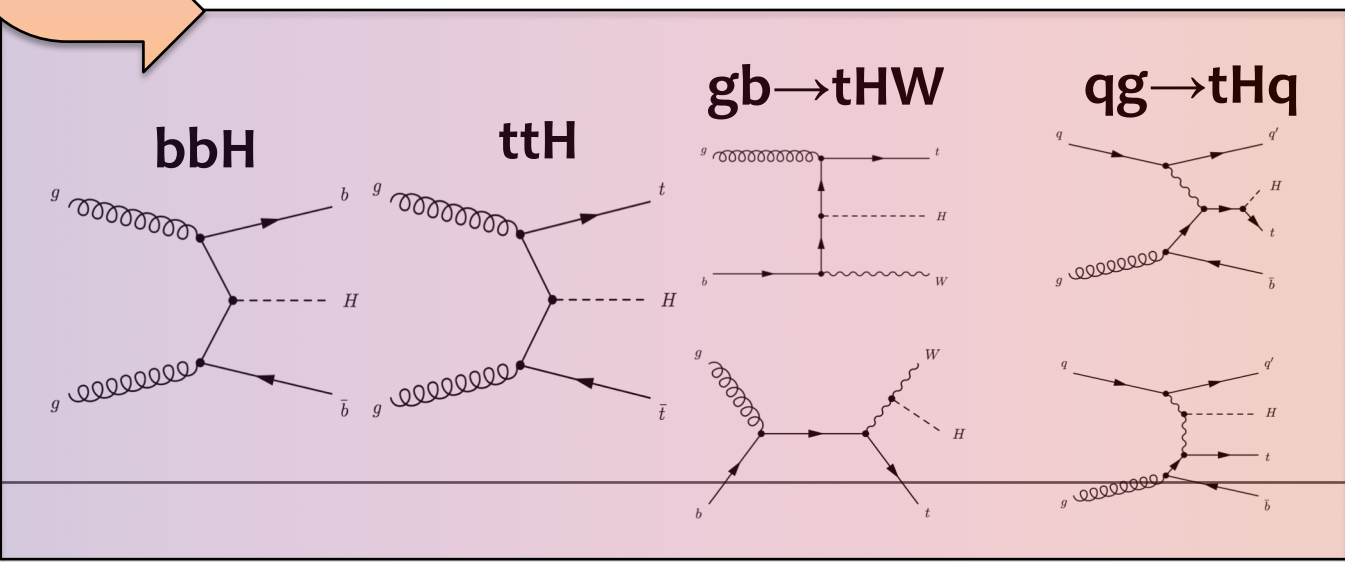
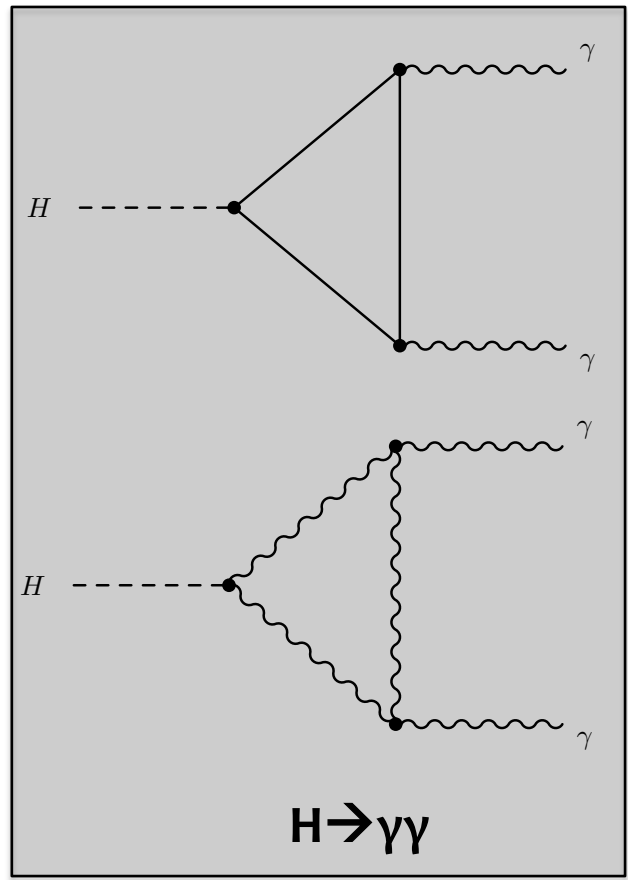
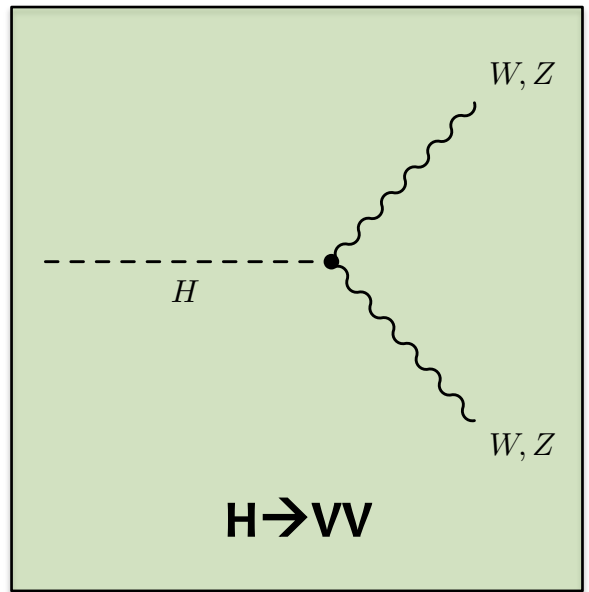
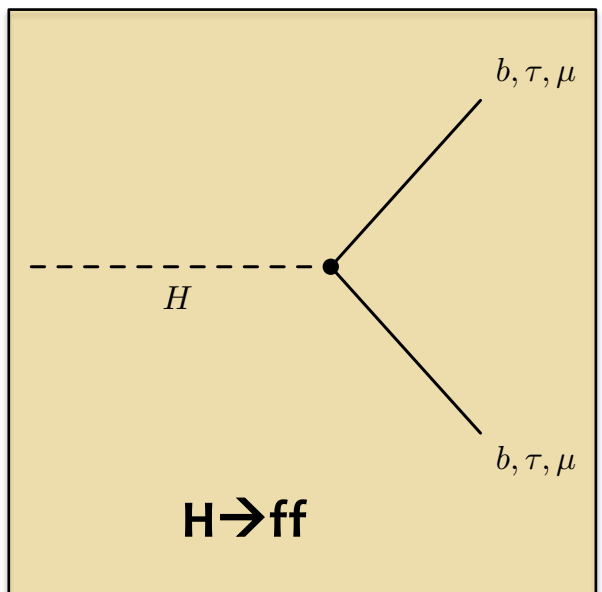
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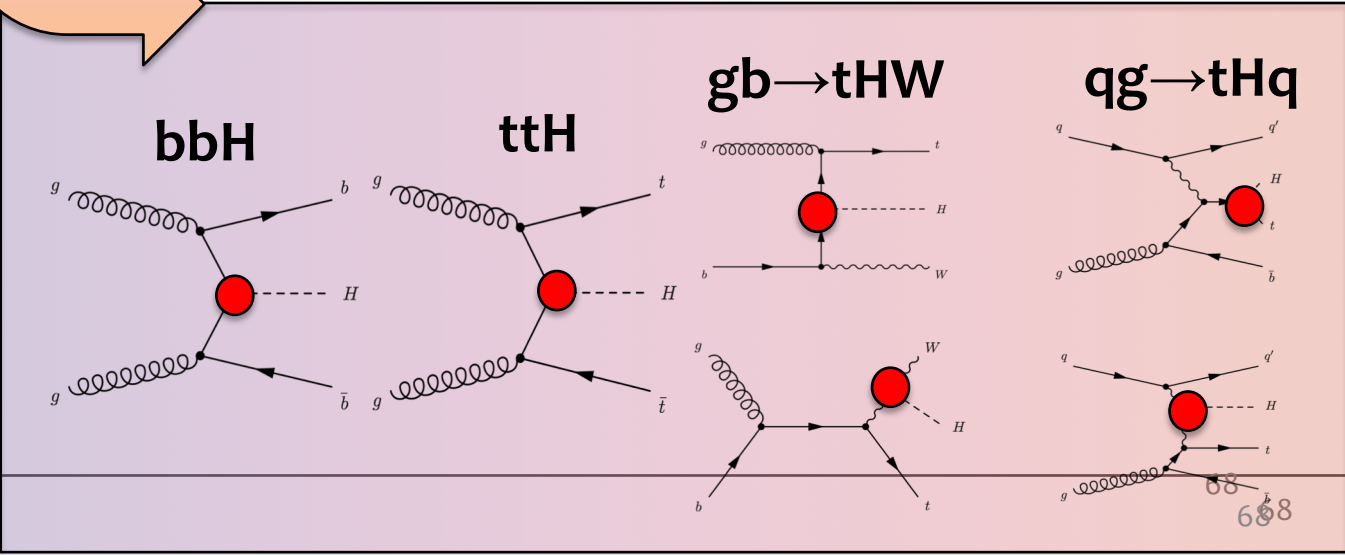
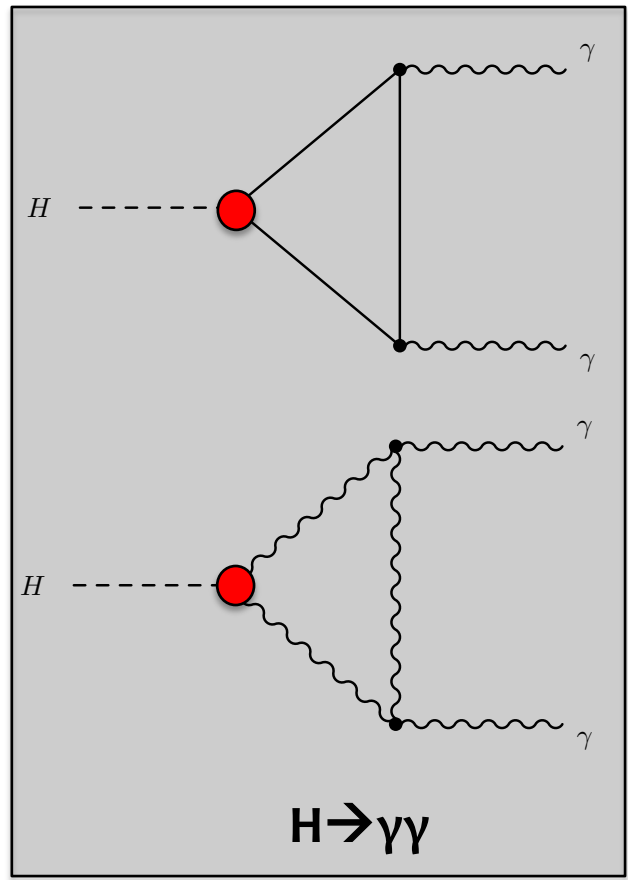
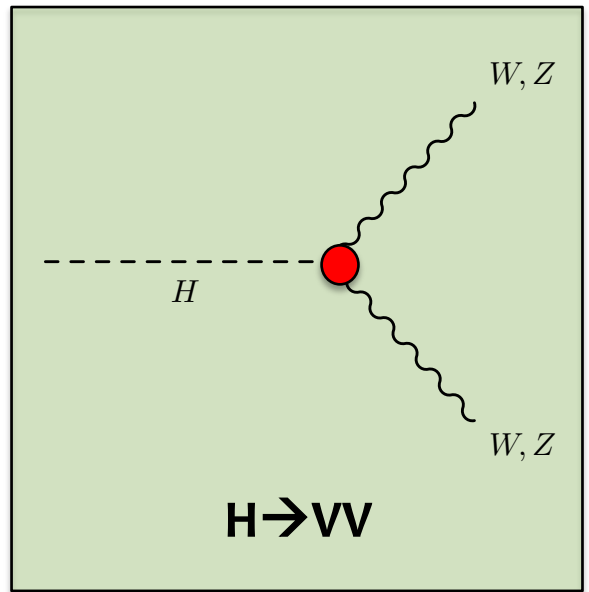
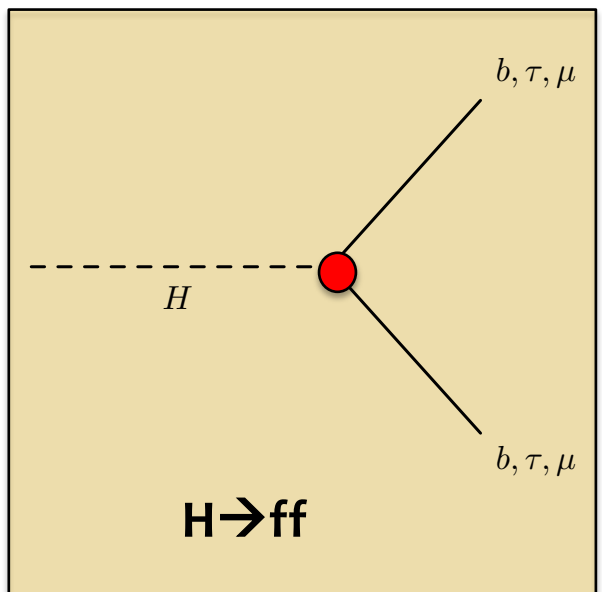
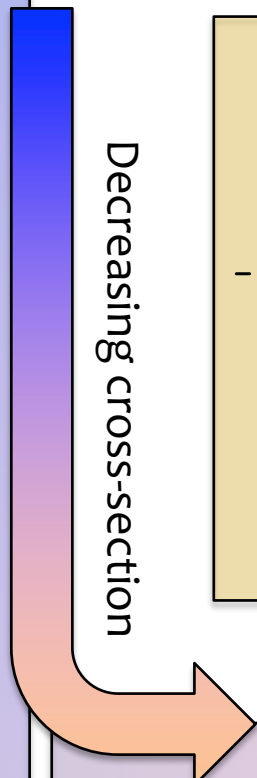
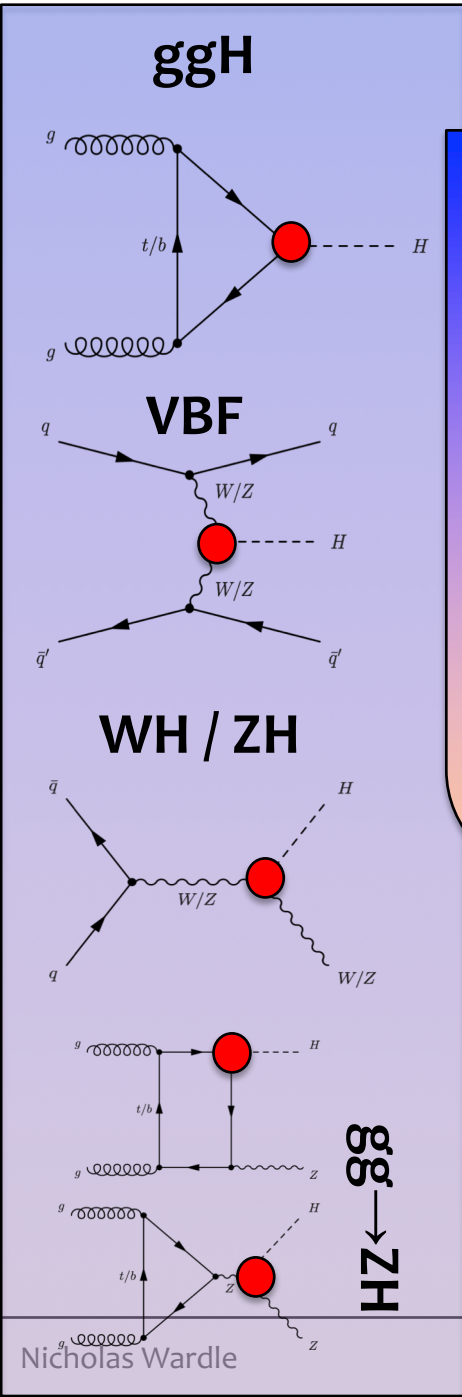
Many different ways to make and see a Higgs



Decreasing cross-section



Many different ways to make and see a Higgs

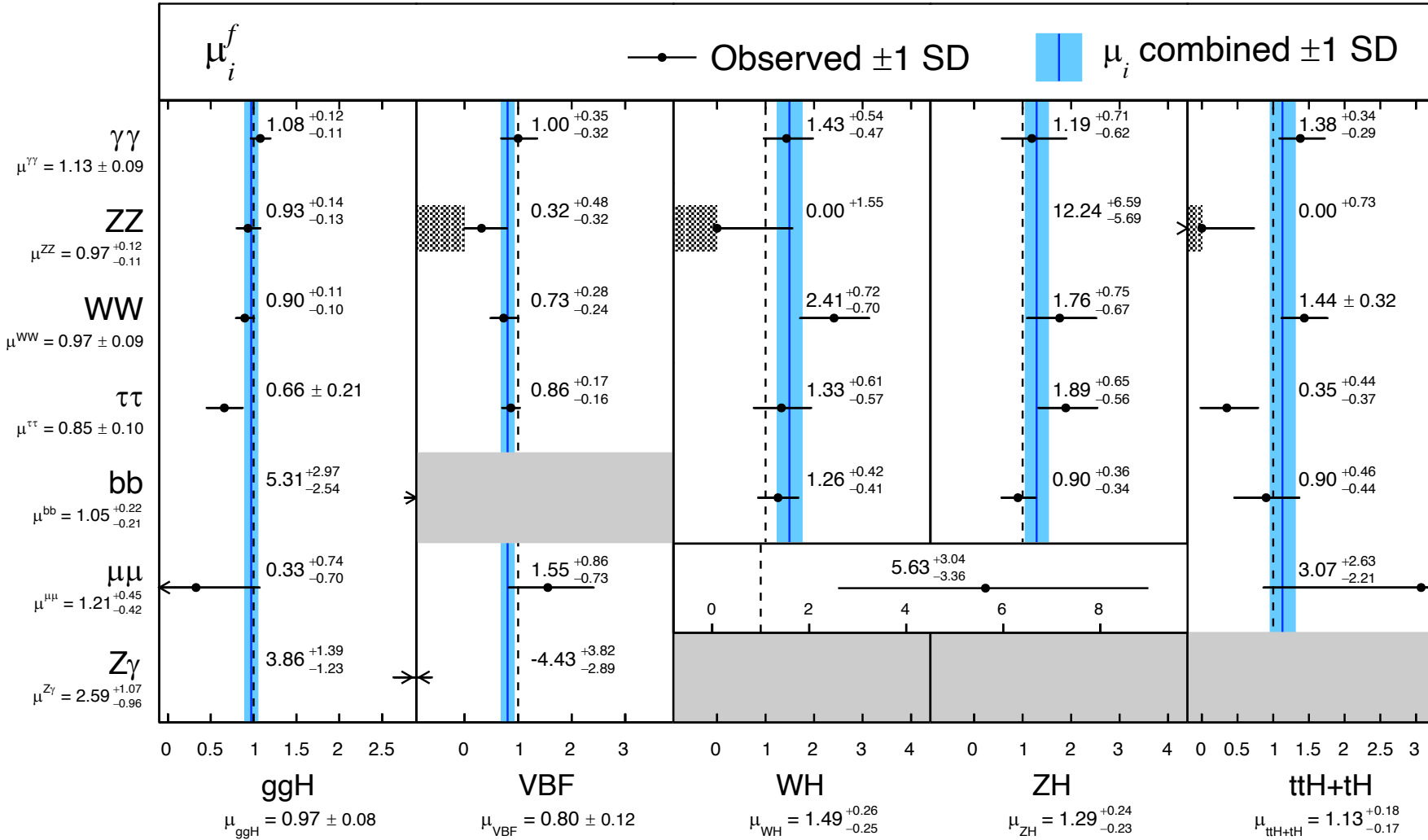


With the mass well measured we can test concrete predictions of **Higgs-SM couplings**

Detecting the different signals – An experimental challenge

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138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



Measuring the Higgs boson is a huge computational challenge!

~850 channels (categories for data each with 100s-1000s of events) with varying signal-to-noise ratios

~9500 parameters in the model to fit

Digging out the signals is only the first step ...