

THE HIGGS SELF-COUPLING

How did the Universe originate and how will it eventually evolve?



Higgs Hunting 2024
Results and prospects in the electroweak symmetry breaking sector

14TH
HIGGS HUNTING

23-25
september

Orsay
Paris

Gustave Caillebotte "Rue de Paris, temps de pluie (1877)", Art Institute of Chicago

Valentina Maria Martina Cairo



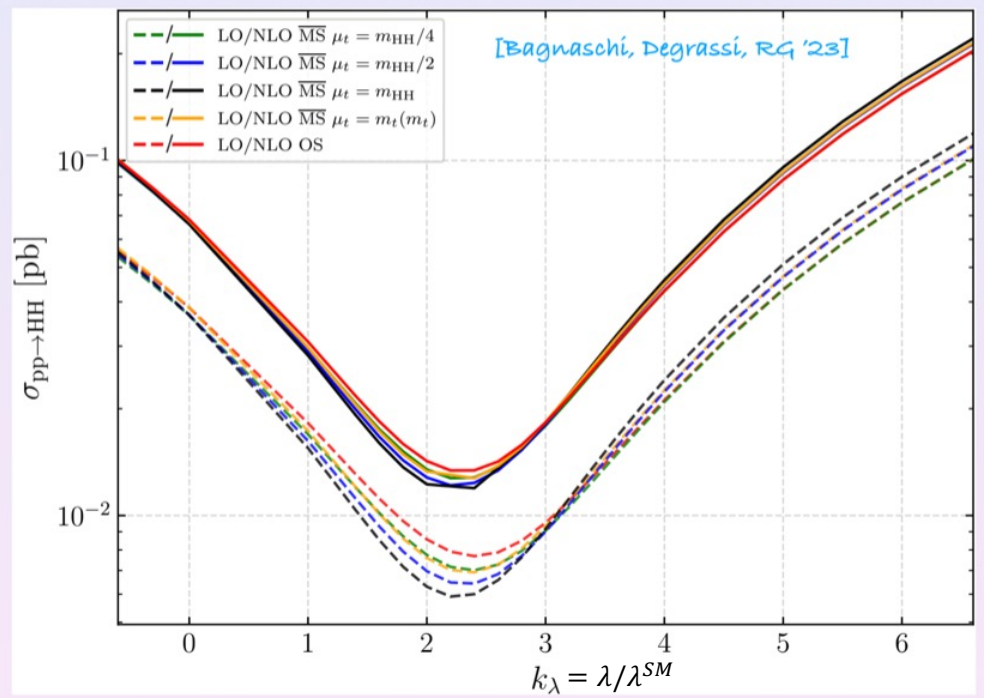
THEORY

Direct measurement of the Higgs self-coupling via HH

R. Gröber's talk

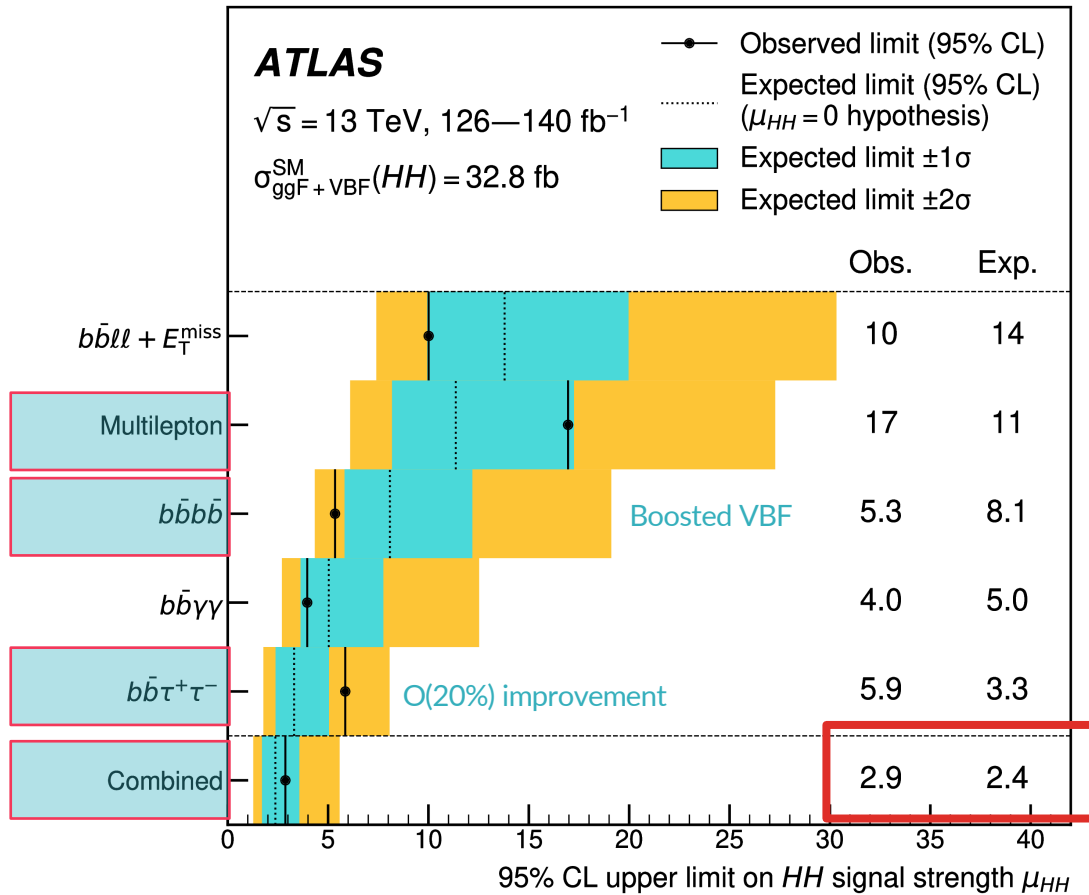
- Requirement of precise predictions: not so simple, it is a multi-scale problem, still large uncertainties
- for Monte Carlo an analytic approach is useful and can be sufficiently precise

New POWHEG implementation

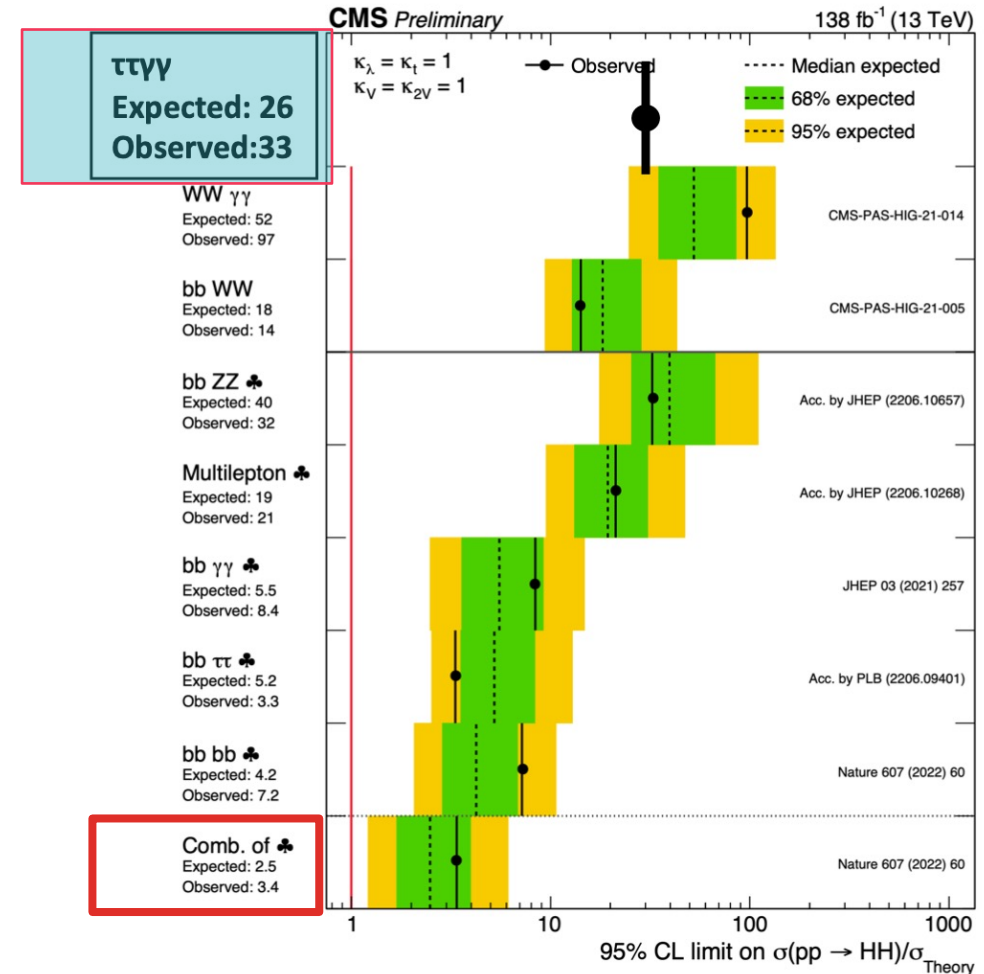


HH CROSS SECTION

Z. Liang's [talk](#), A. Bethani's [talk](#)



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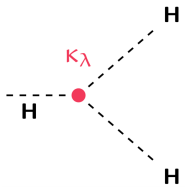
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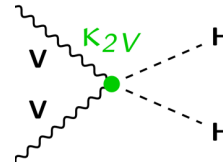
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Legend:
New from HH2023

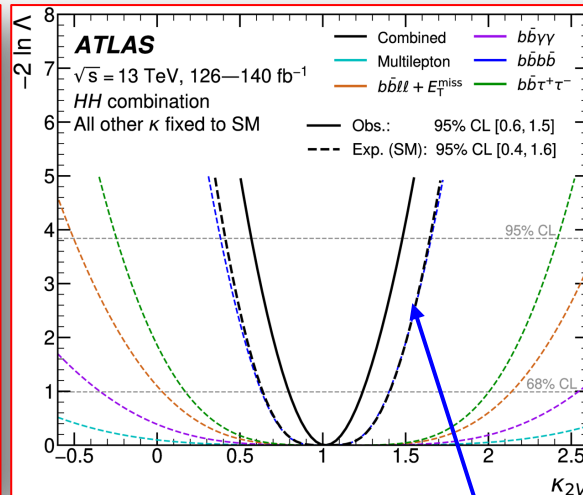
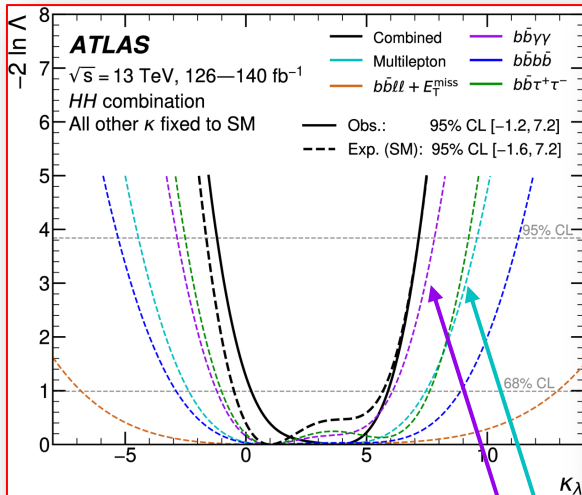
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**ATLAS
HH**
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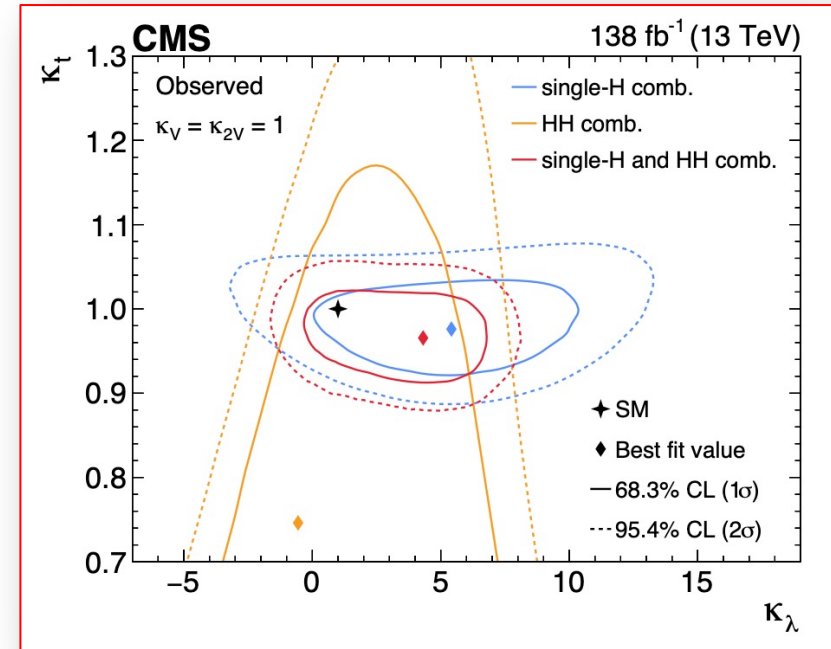


**CMS
H+HH**
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2407.13554>



Photon and lepton
triggers powerful
at low m_{HH}

Boosted hadronic
signatures powerful
at high m_{HH}

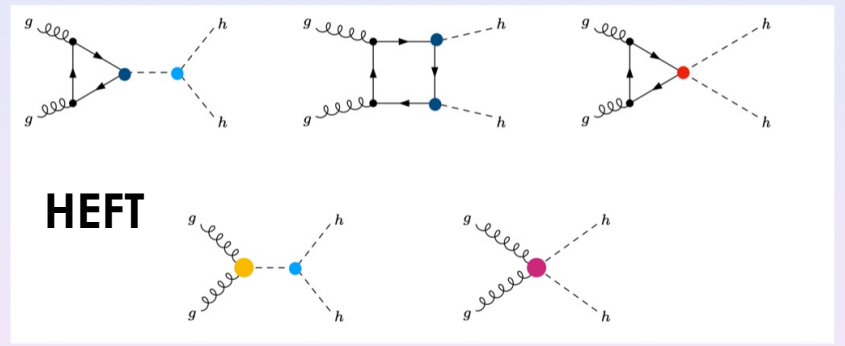


Latest observed (expected) constraints on k_λ at 95% CL: **ATLAS [-1.2;7.2] (-1.6;7.2), CMS [-1.2;7.5] (-2.0;7.7)**

EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORIES

R. Gröber's talk
 Higgs pair production can give us lots of information on new physics (beyond just trilinear Higgs self-coupling)
 can probe SMEFT/HEFT, new resonances, light quark Yukawa couplings

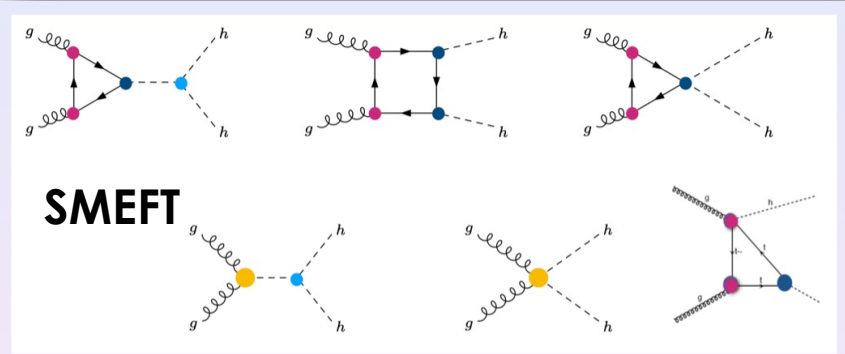
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HEFT

HEFT: two Higgs couplings only to be probed in HH

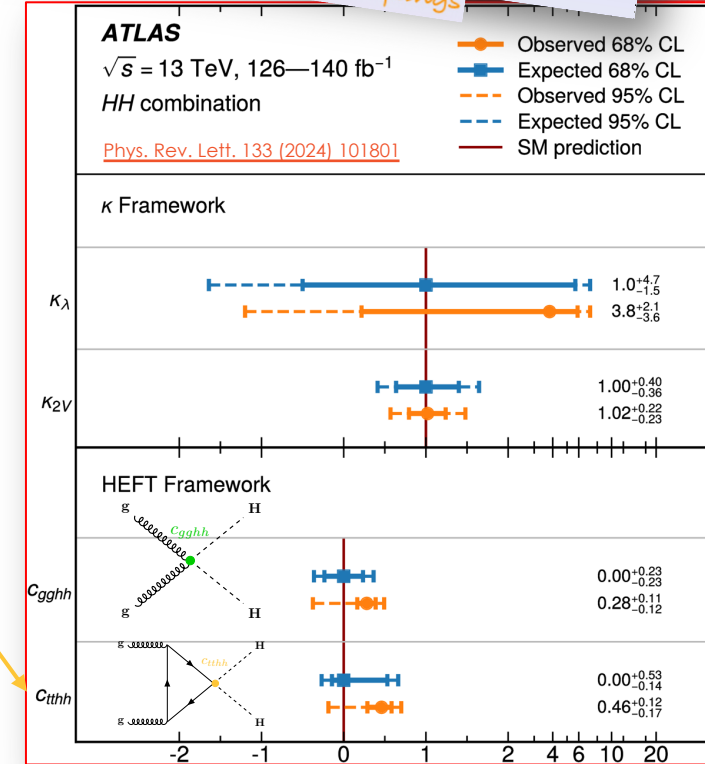
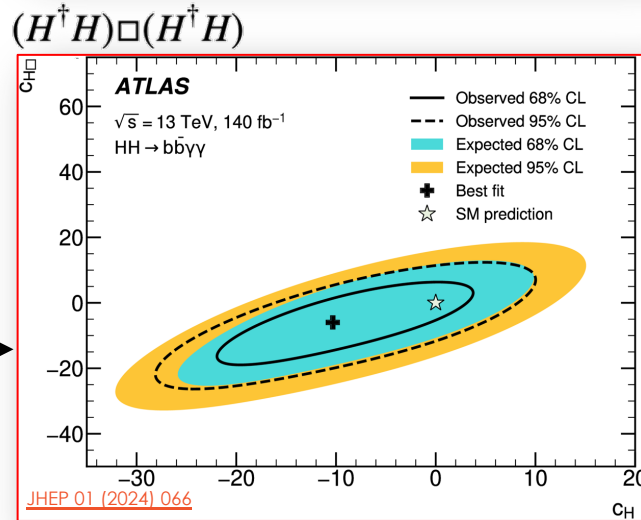
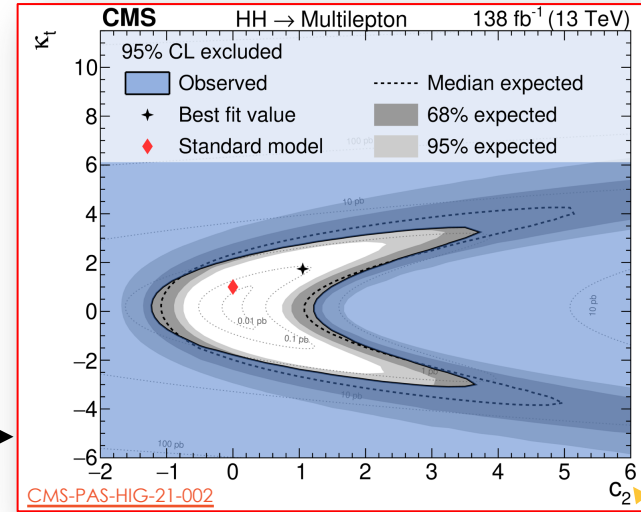
$$\mathcal{L} = -m_t \bar{t} t \left(c_1 \frac{h}{v} + c_{tt} \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right) + \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \left(c_g \frac{h}{v} + c_{gg} \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right) G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} + c_{hhh} \frac{m_h^2}{2v} h^3$$



SMEFT

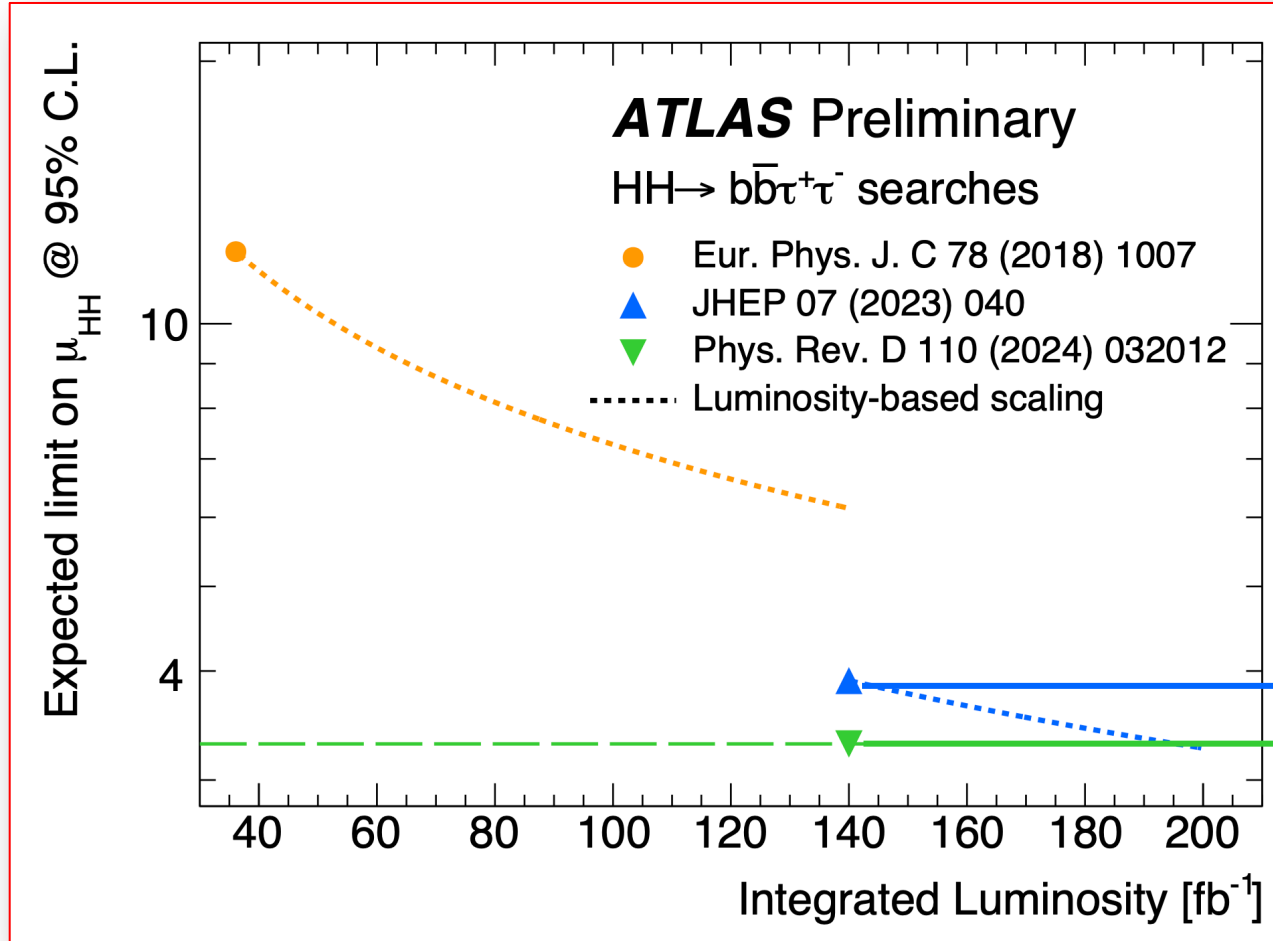
$$\mathcal{L} = C_{H\Box} (H^\dagger H) \Box (H^\dagger H) + C_{HD} D_\mu (H^\dagger H) D^\mu (H^\dagger H)^* + C_H |H|^6 + C_{HG} |H|^2 G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + C_{uH} \bar{Q}_L \tilde{H} t_R |H|^2 + h.c. + C_{uG} \bar{Q}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} T^a \tilde{H} t_R G_{\mu\nu}^a + h.c.$$

Warsaw basis
 coefficients of $\mathcal{O}(1/\Lambda^2)$



WHAT'S NEXT?

Lesson from the past: results exceed expectations!



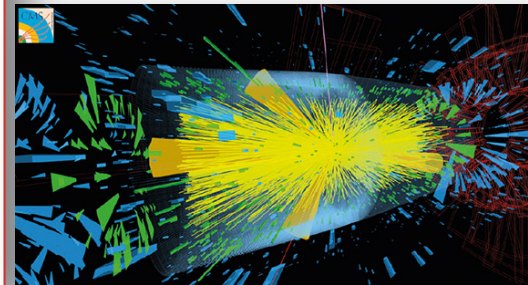
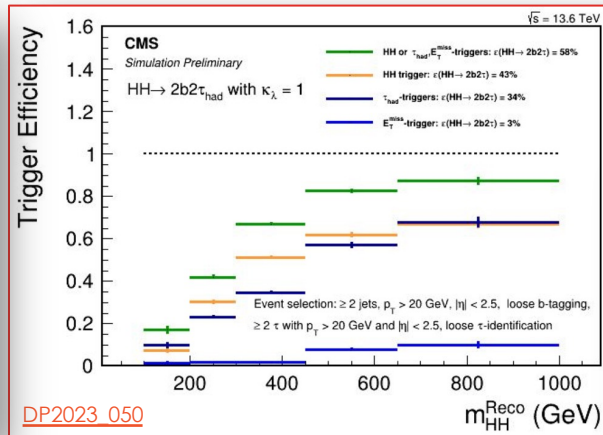
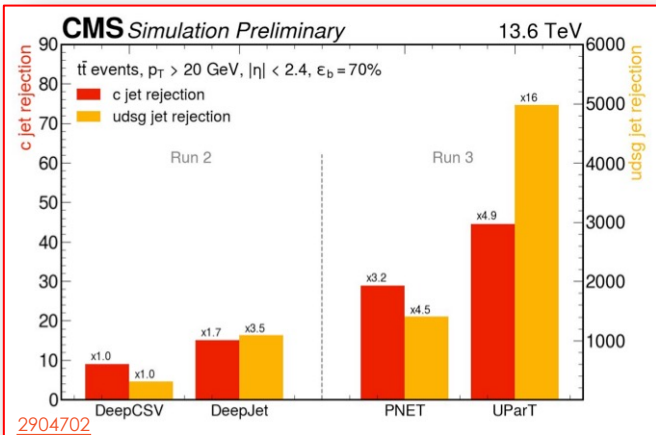
Mostly object reconstruction

Mostly analysis techniques

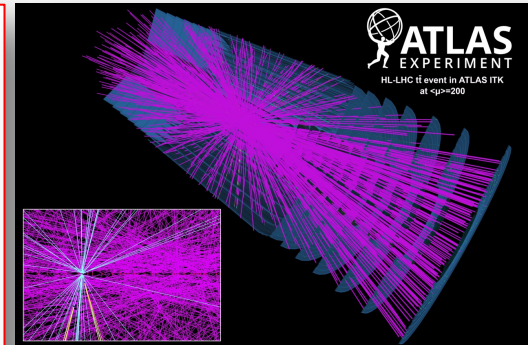
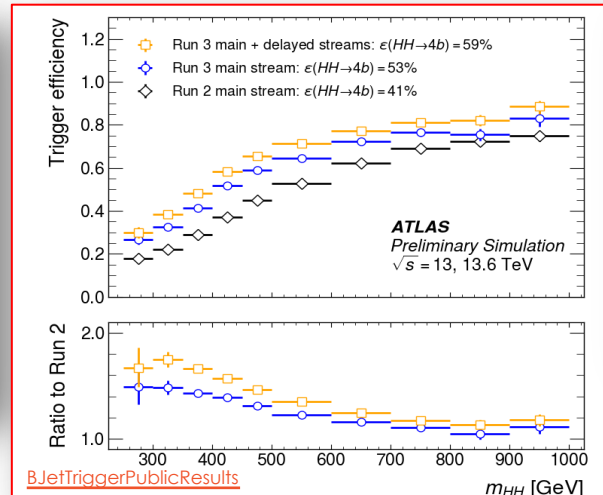
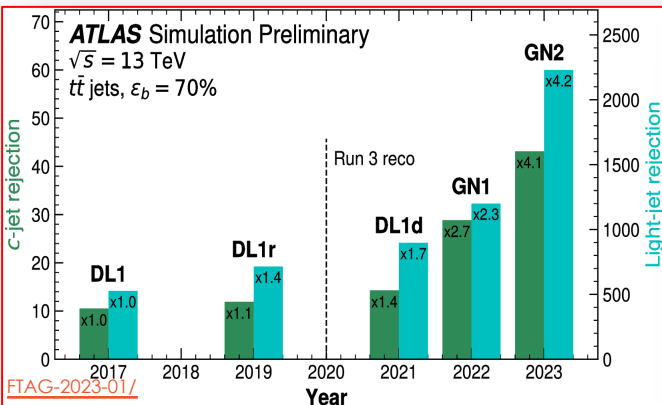
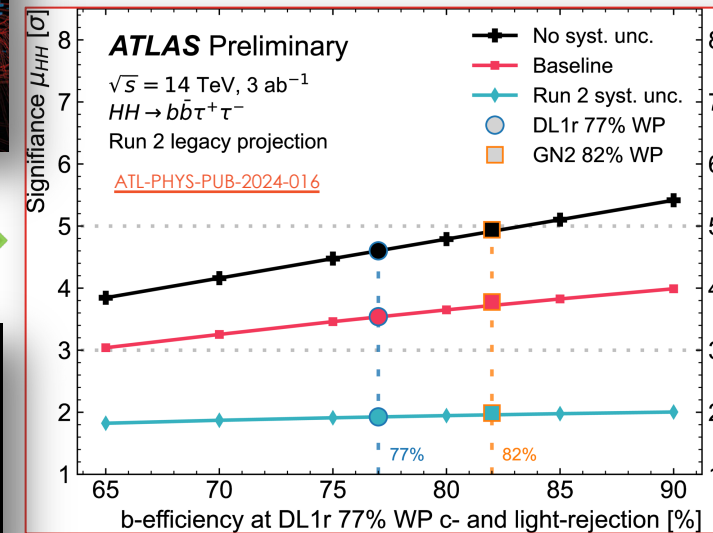
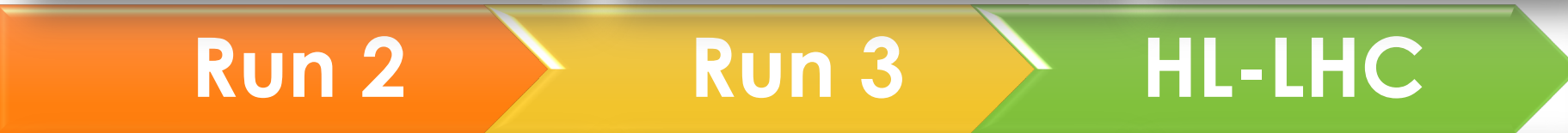
See more in F. Haslbeck's [talk](#) and [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2024-016](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

Impressive improvements in flavour tagging (resolved and boosted) & very promising hadronic triggers



Where will new technologies and new algorithms take us during HL-LHC?



Theory improvements also key, "baseline" assumes th. uncertainties halved!

MORE ON HH COMBINATIONS

Run 2 ATLAS + CMS Combination

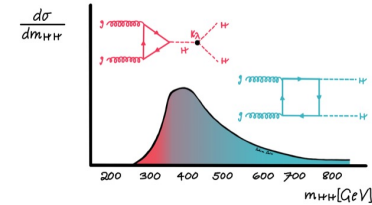
2022
Initiated at HiggsPairs

2023
ATLAS & CMS shared workspaces

2024
New (and final) Run 2 combination by ATLAS, new workspaces to be shared. CMS?

A summary document of the brainstorming on ATLAS + CMS HH combination

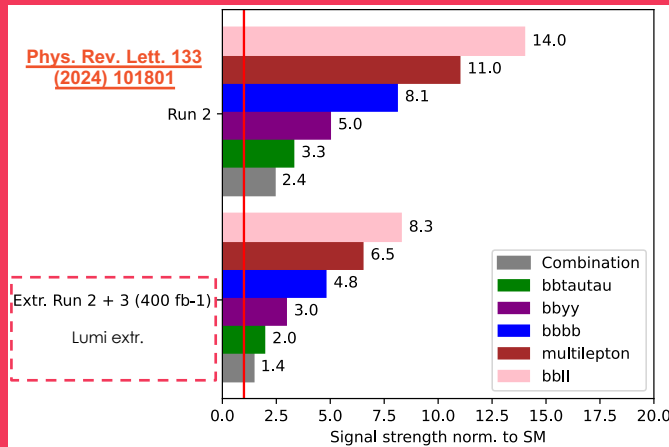
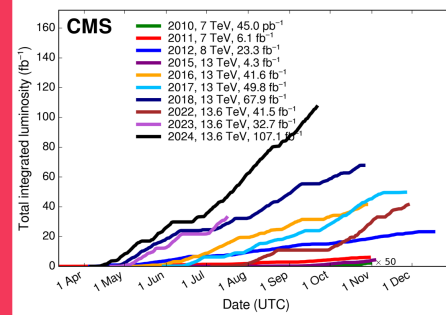
As part of the Higgs Pairs (HH) workshop held in Dubrovnik (Croatia) between May 30th and June 3rd 2022, the ATLAS and CMS HH groups brainstormed about a potential ATLAS + CMS combination. This note summarizes discussion points, take aways and action items.



Goal: Determine whether the two collaborations value a combination of the Full Run 2 results or prefer to wait for the final Run 3 results to come. In either case, understand pros and cons.

Run 2 + Run 3 reach

Dataset already doubled. Similar sensitivities from ATLAS & CMS!



HL-LHC ATLAS + CMS

Crucial input for the European Strategy Update



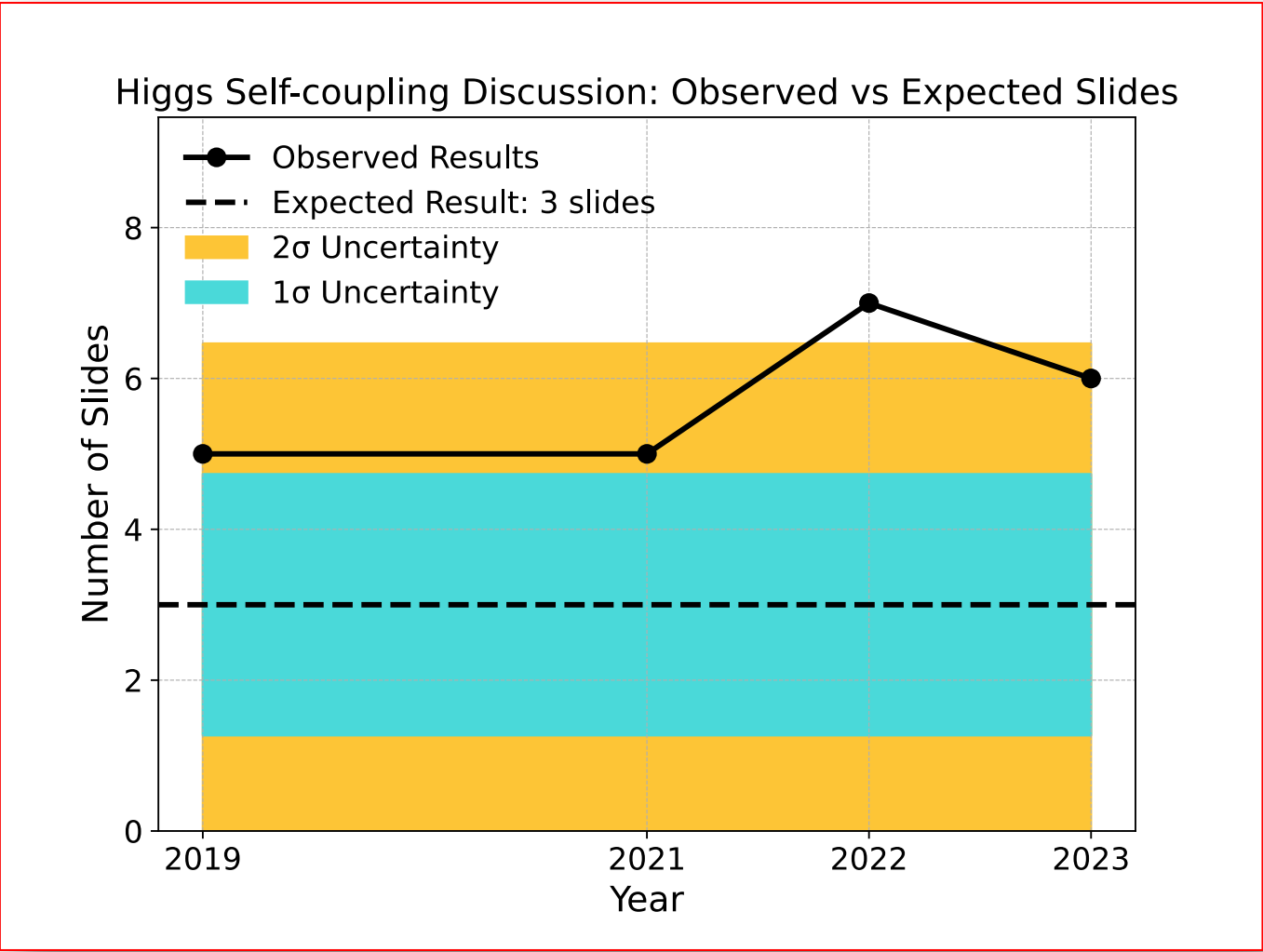
Previous projections (50% precision) *very* outdated

ATLAS+CMS+Theory collaborations to harmonize systematics and enable powerful result interpretation

“3” TRANSPARENCIES OF COMPARISON

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

LET'S OPEN THE DISCUSSION



EXTRA SLIDES



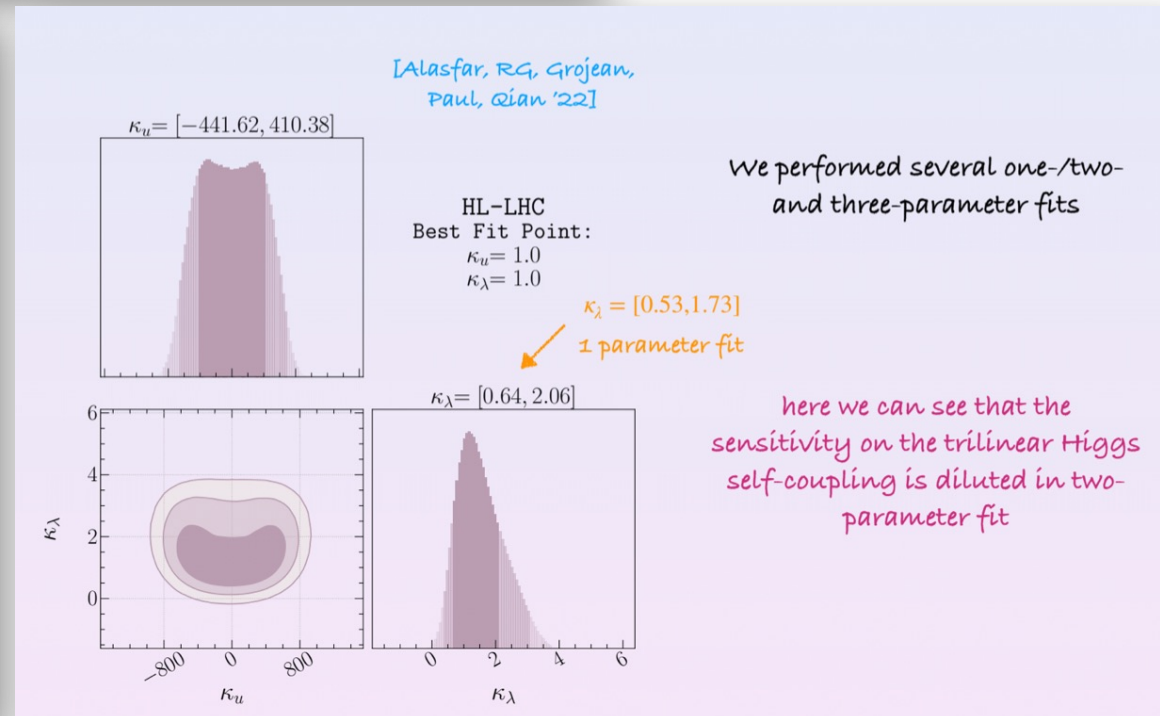
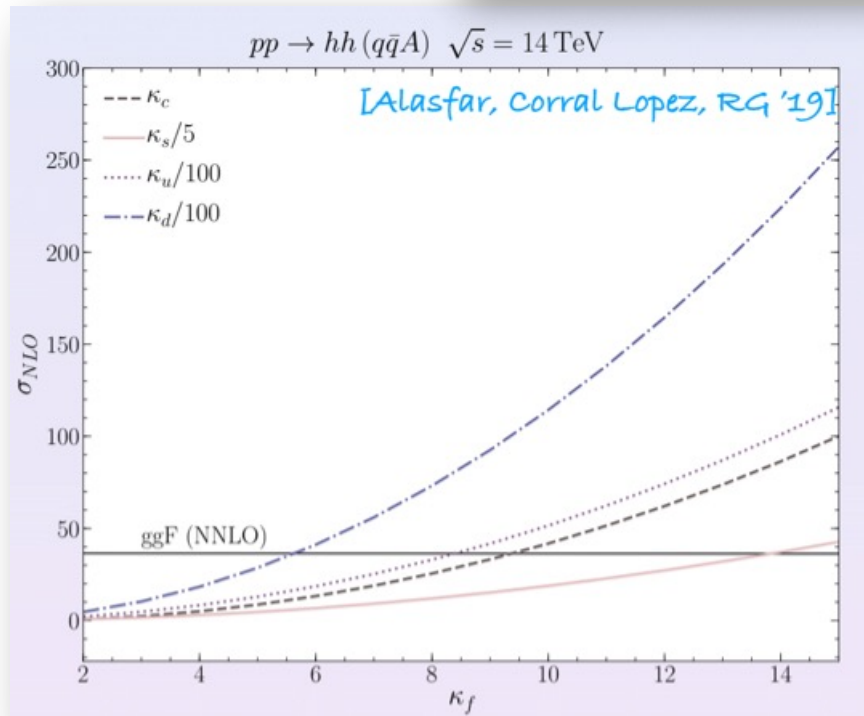
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THEORY

R. Gröber's talk

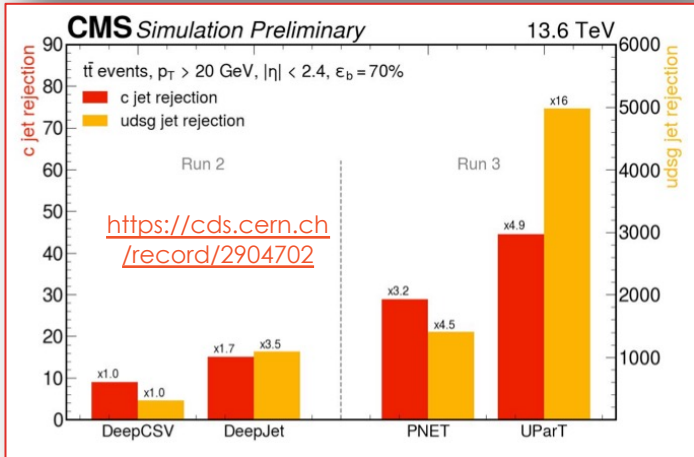
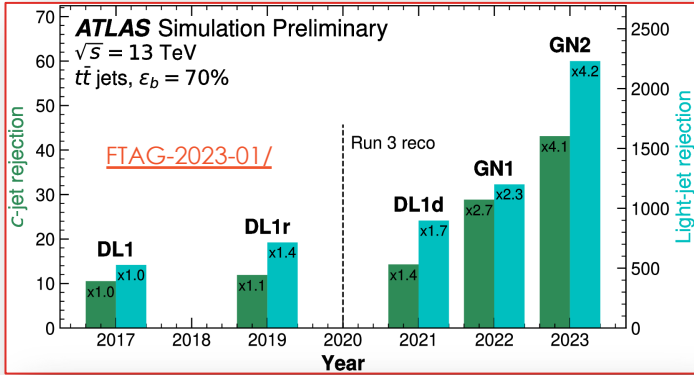
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Light quark Yukawa couplings



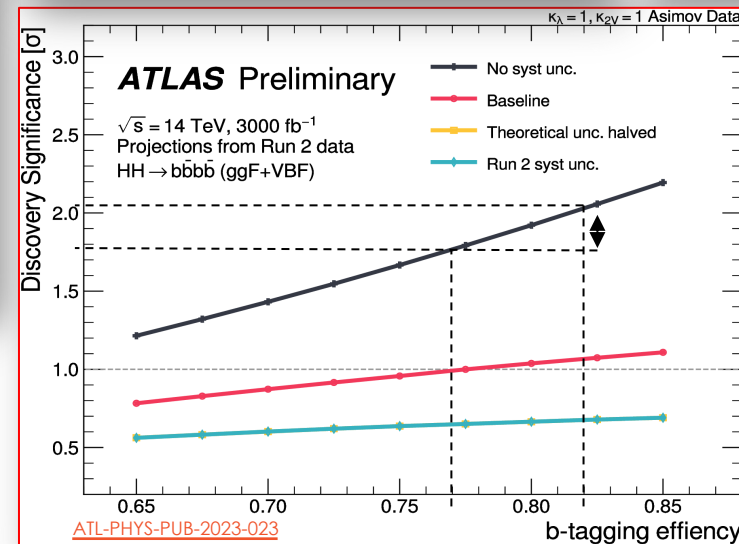
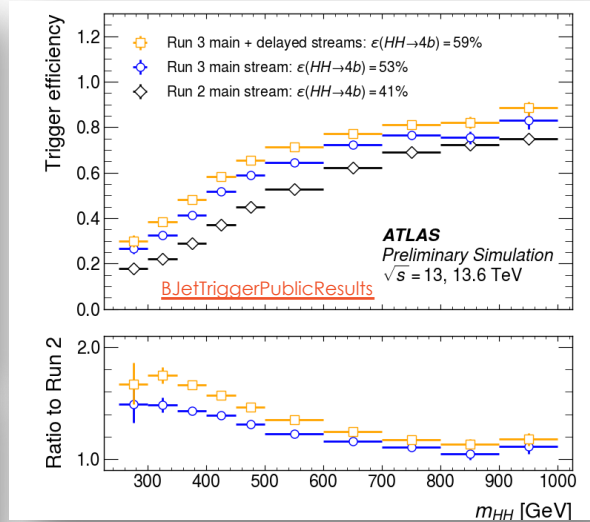
WHAT'S NEXT?

Run 2 to Run 3

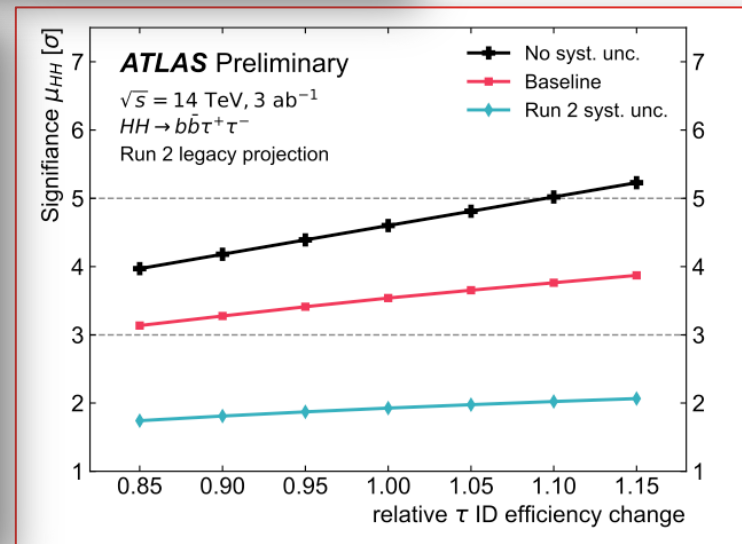
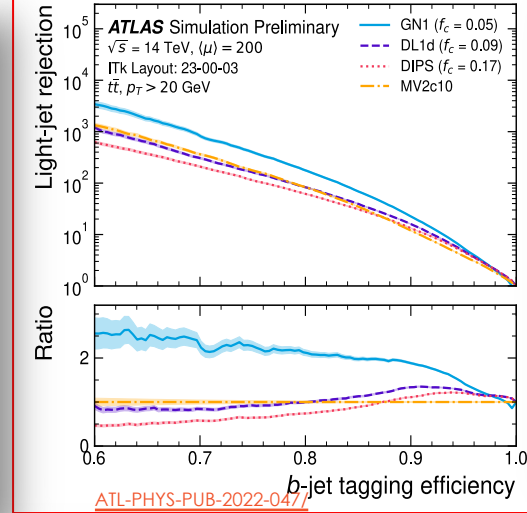


Fake rate improved by ~2 orders of magnitude since the Tevatron! Ref [1](#), [2](#)

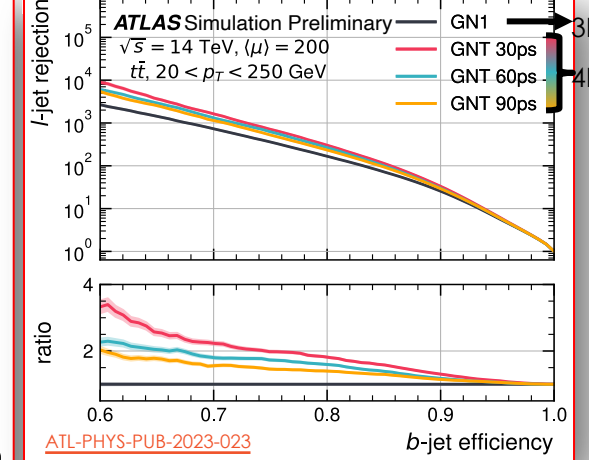
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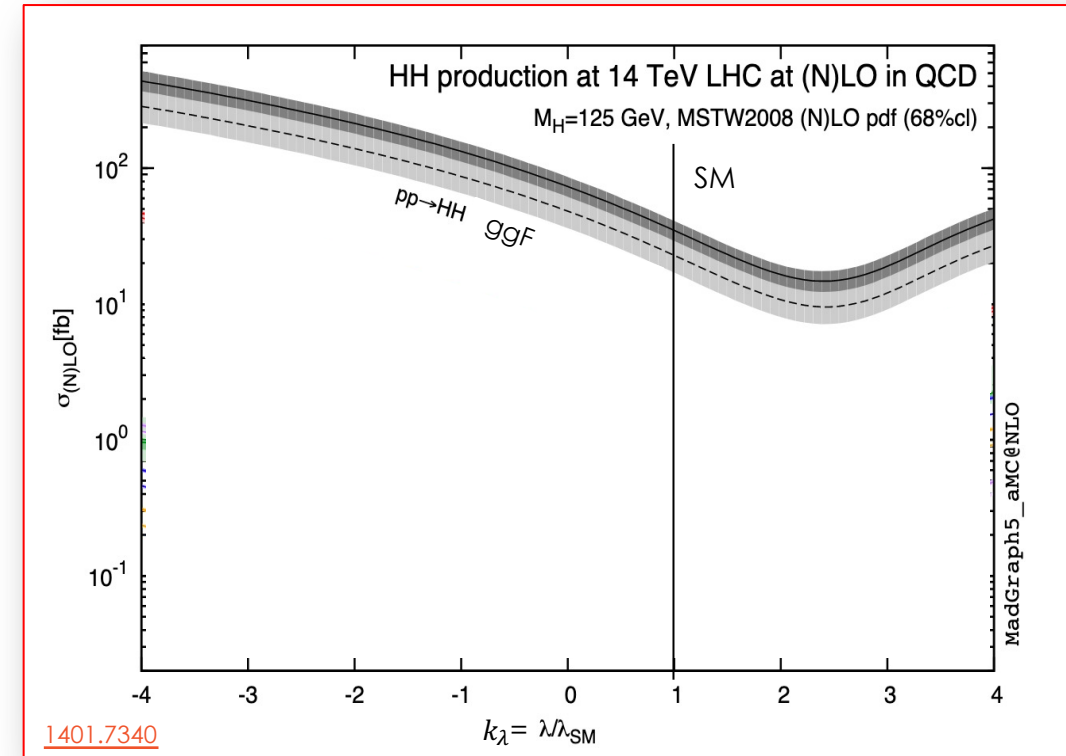
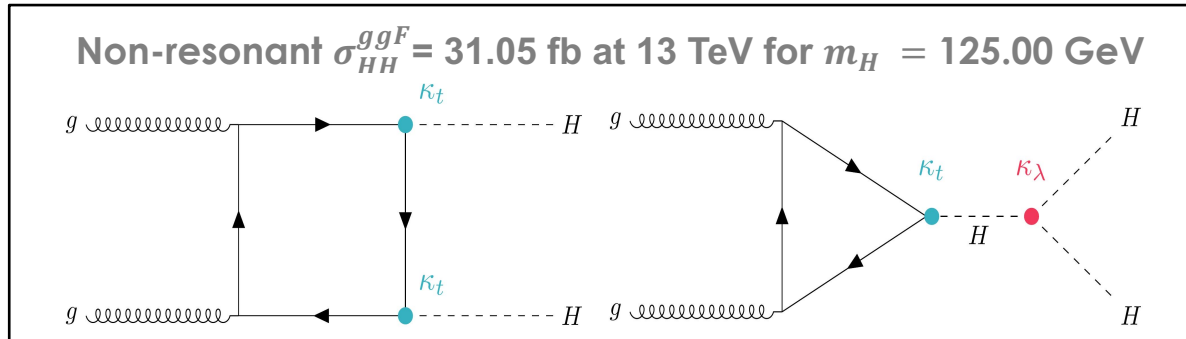
Run 4



Beyond Run 4?

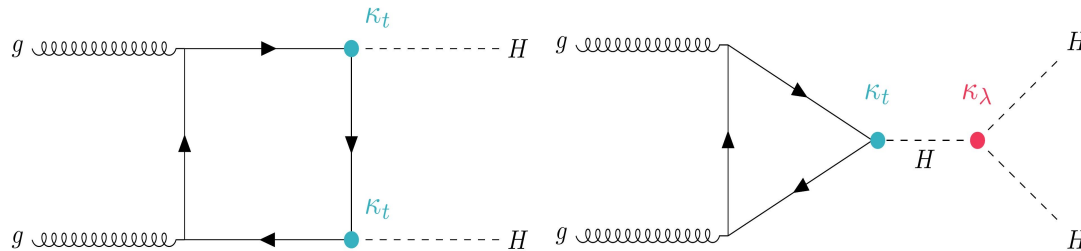


HH PRODUCTION AT THE LHC

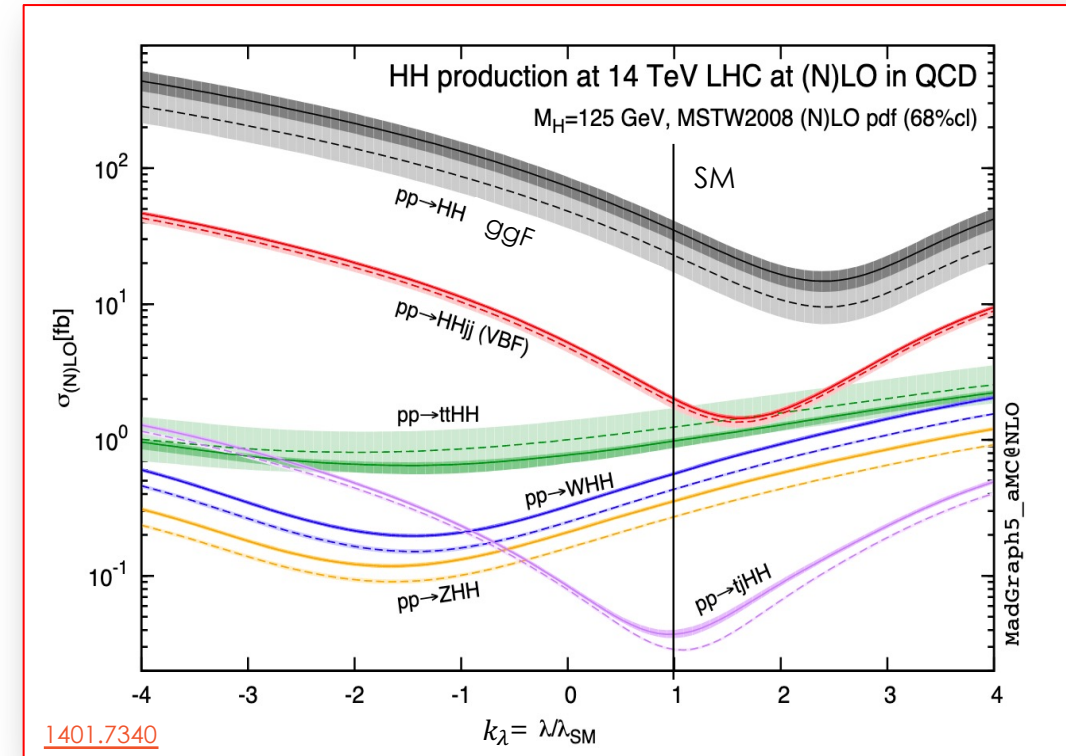
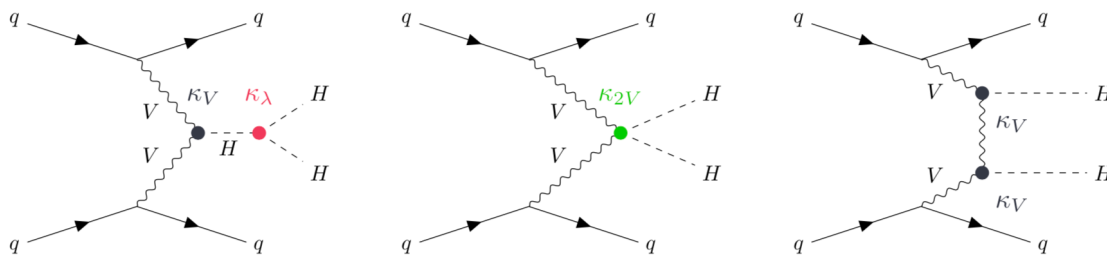


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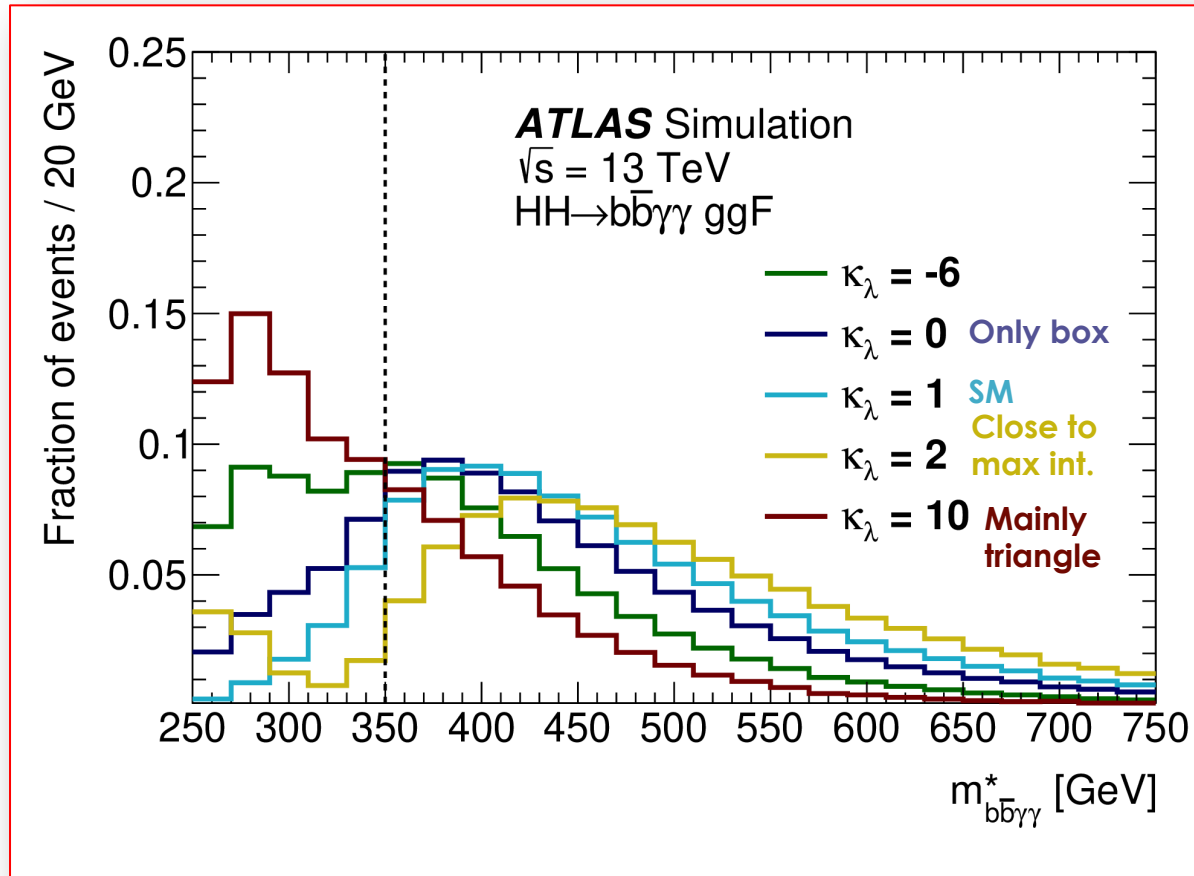
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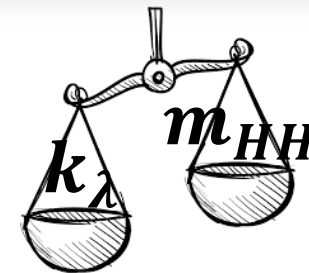
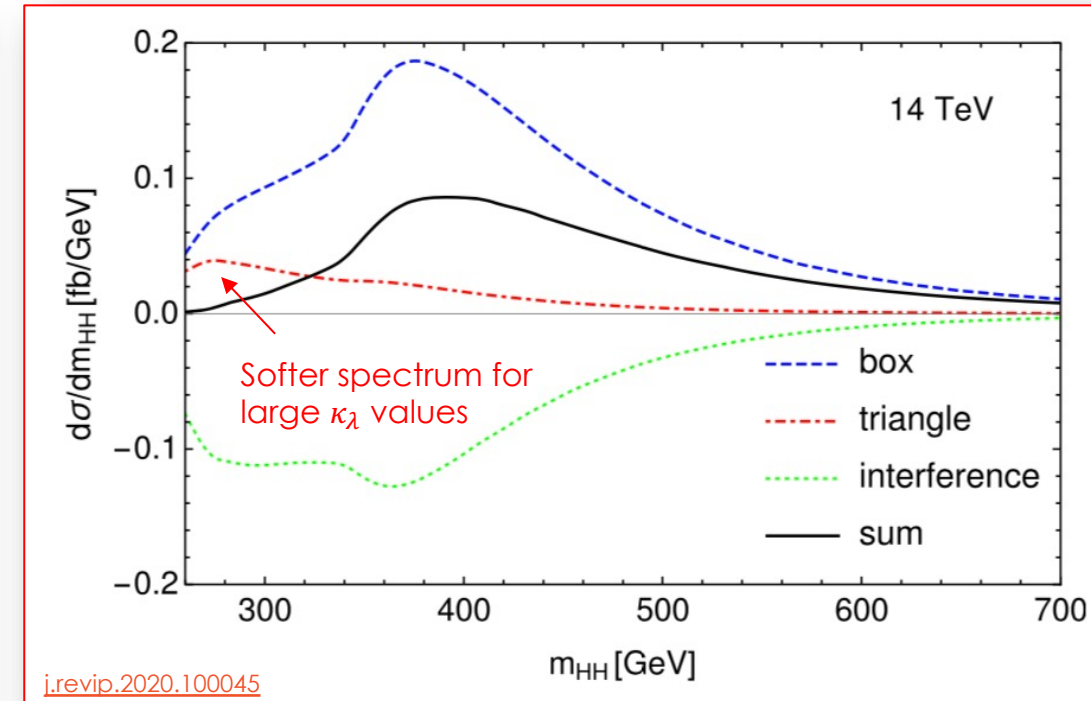
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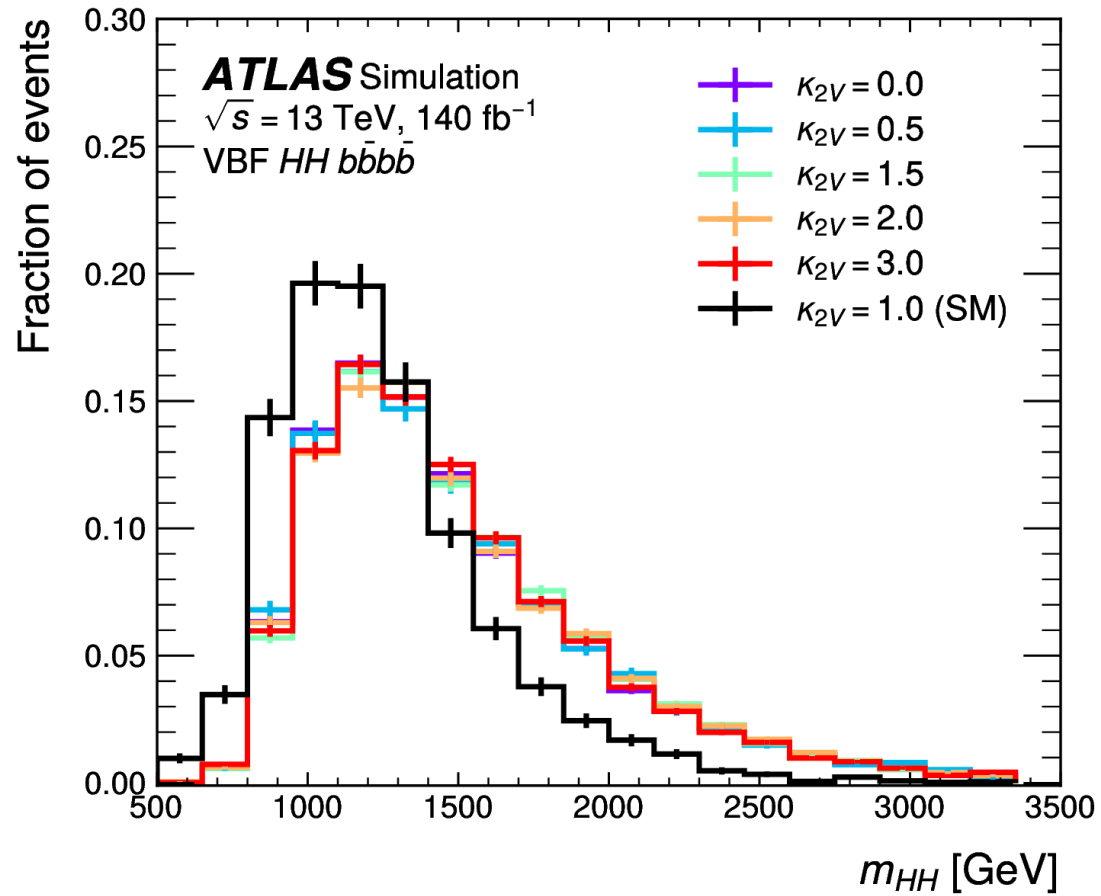
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Key experimental handle

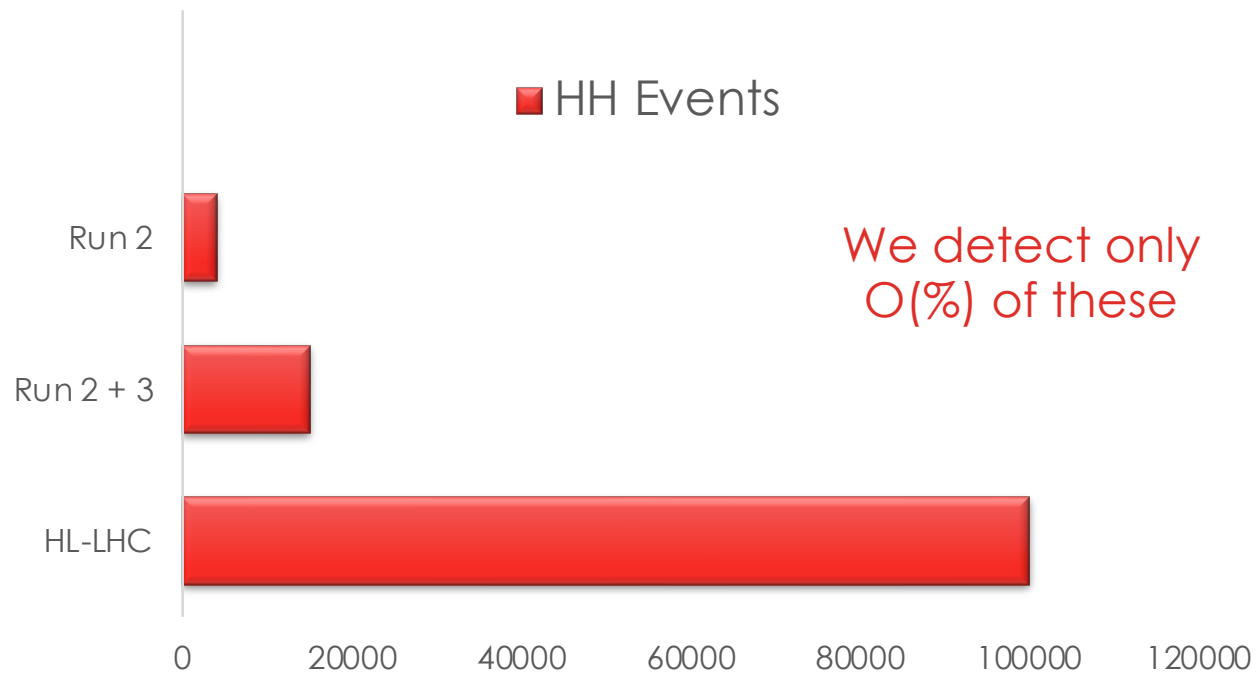


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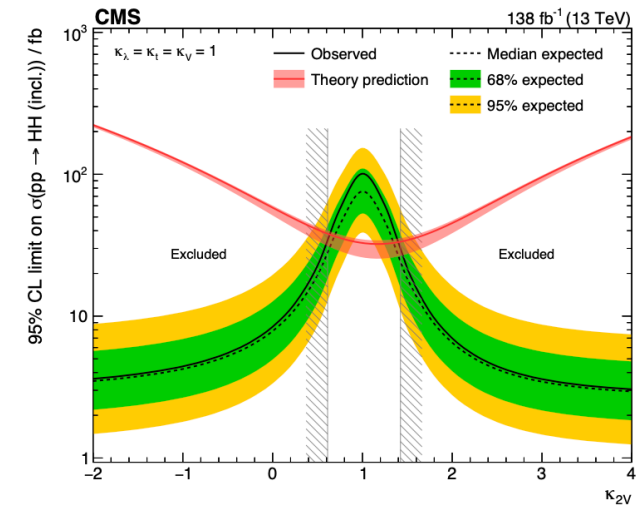
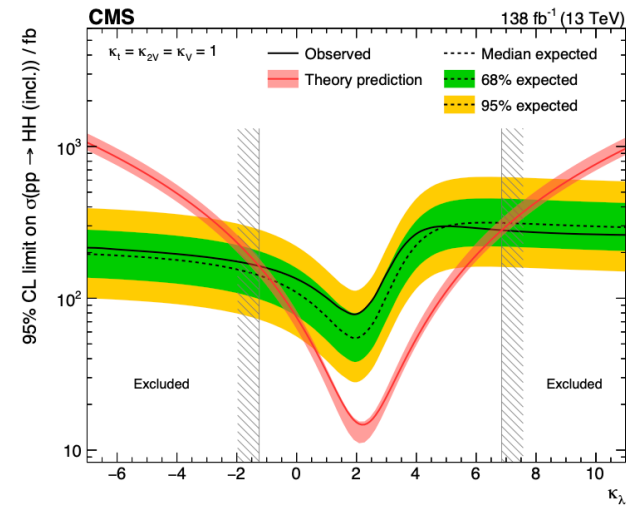
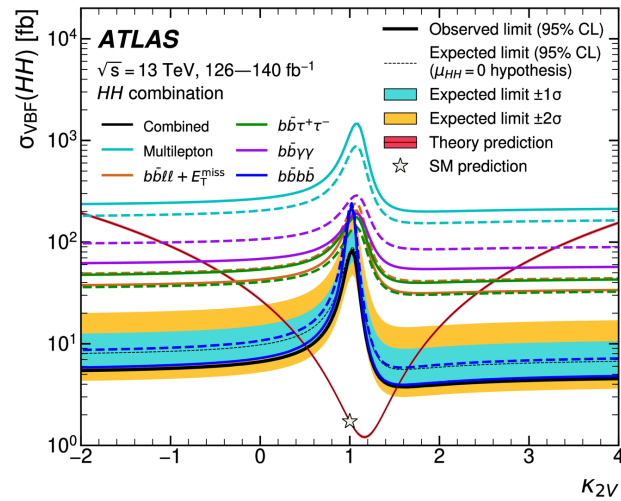
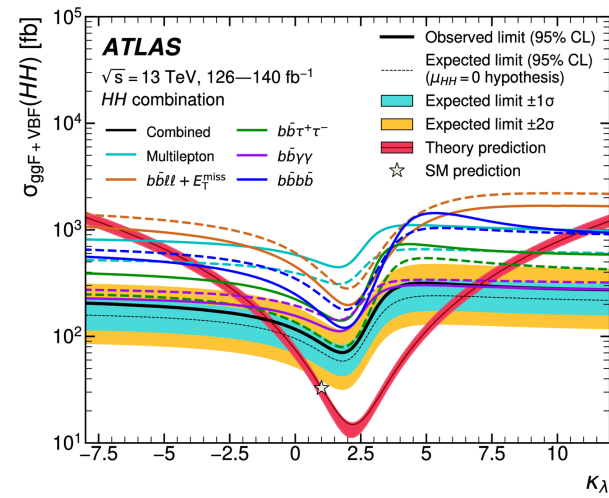
Key experimental handle

TWICE THE HIGGS, TWICE THE CHALLENGE



Need to combine multiple signatures of Higgs boson decays to increase sensitivity

COUPLINGS



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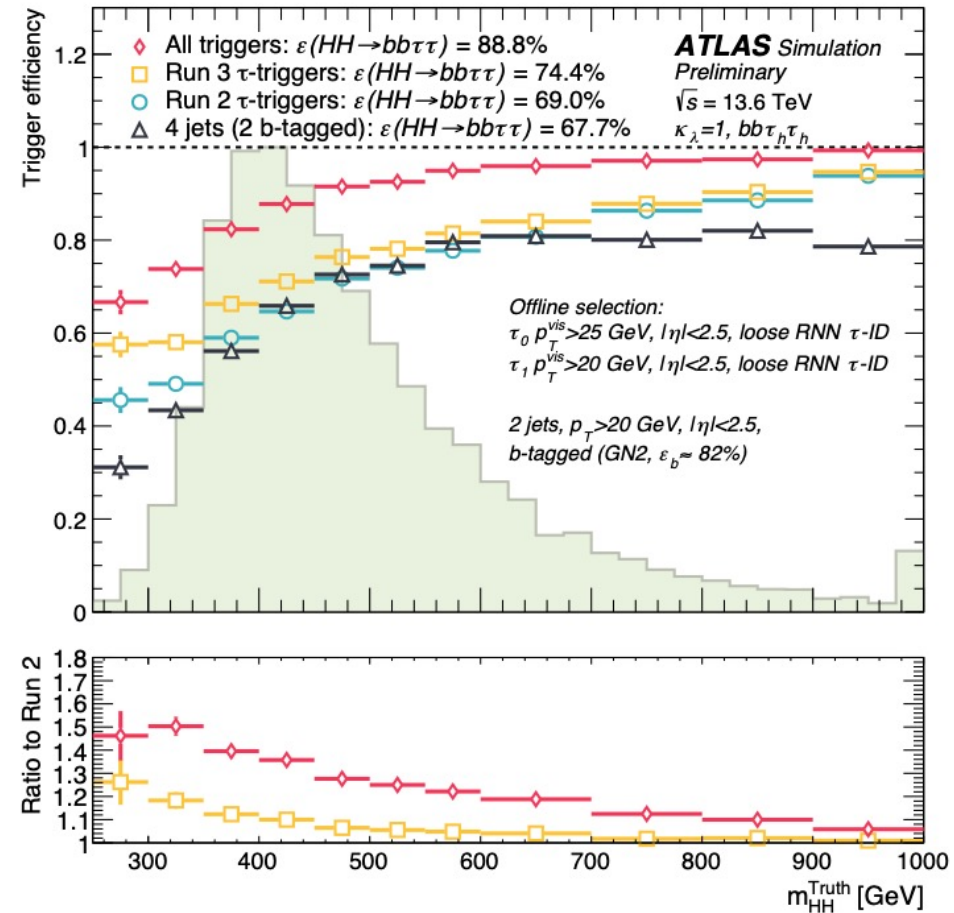
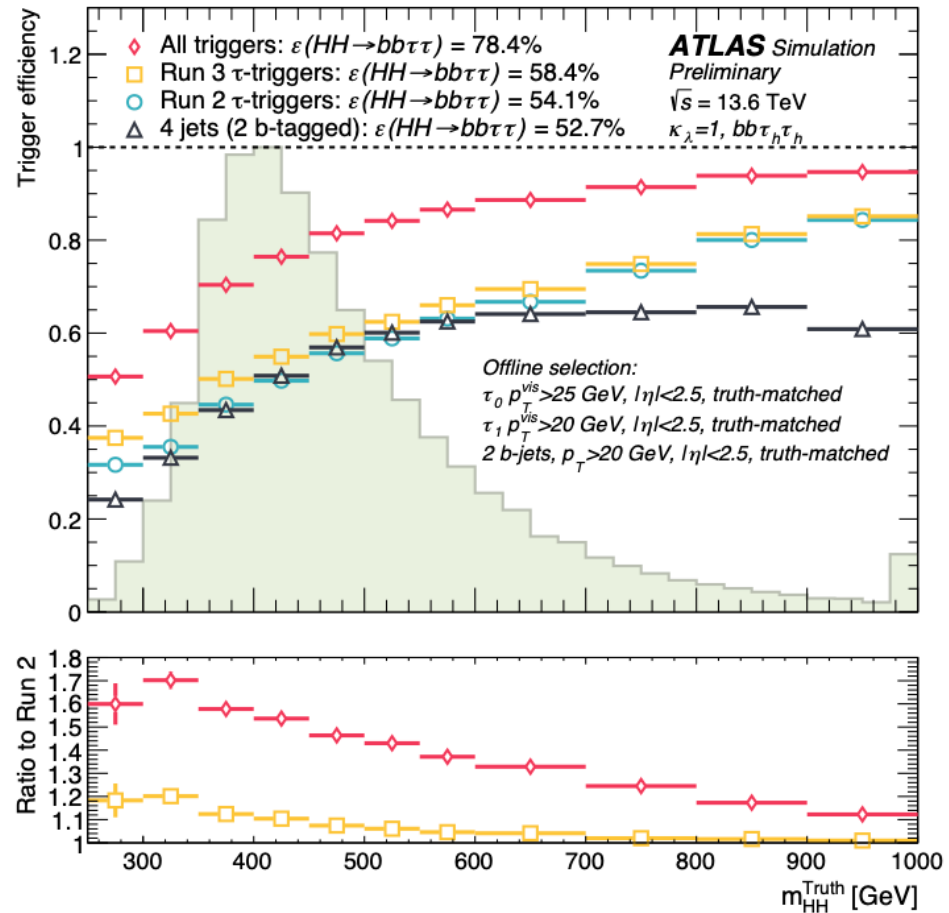
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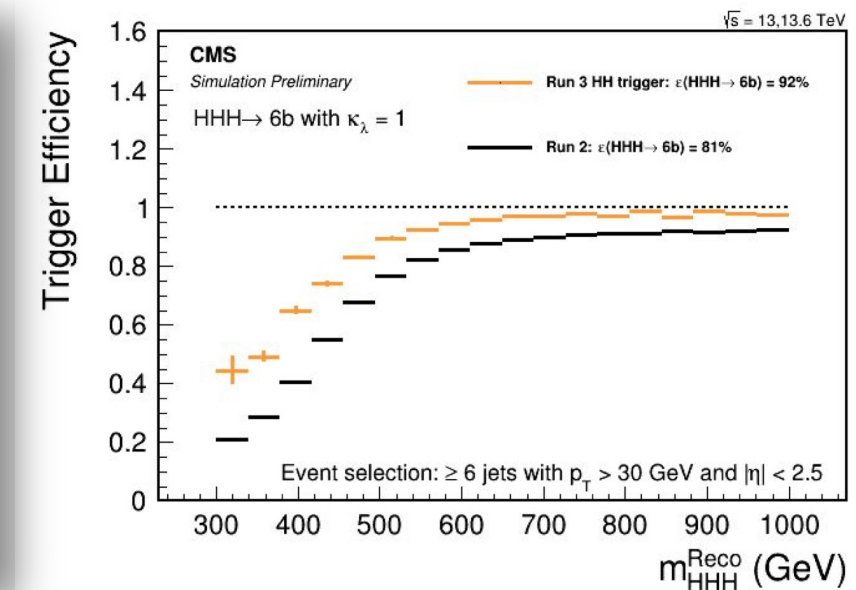
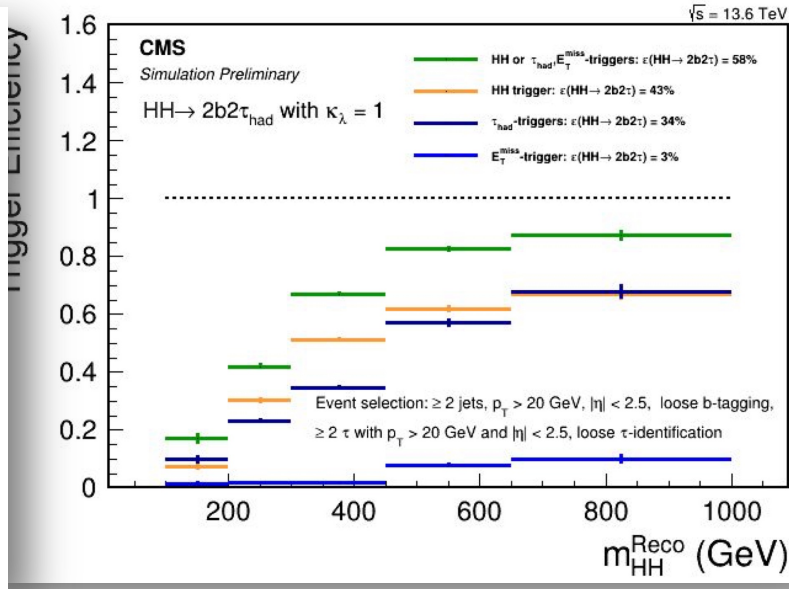
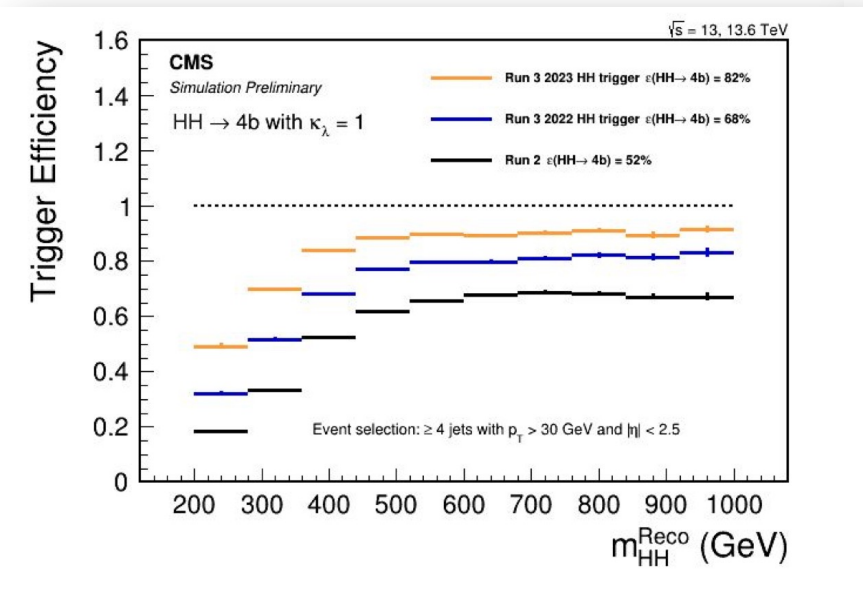
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Experimental uncertainties	
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Electrons and muons efficiency	1.0
<i>b</i> -jet <i>b</i> -tagging efficiency	0.5
<i>c</i> -jet <i>b</i> -tagging efficiency	0.5
Light-jet <i>b</i> -tagging efficiency	1.0
τ_{had} efficiency (statistical)	0.0
τ_{had} efficiency (systematic)	1.0
τ_{had} energy scale	1.0
Fake- τ_{had} estimation (statistical)	0.0
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Jet energy scale and resolution, $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$	1.0
Theoretical uncertainties	0.5
MC statistical uncertainties	0.0

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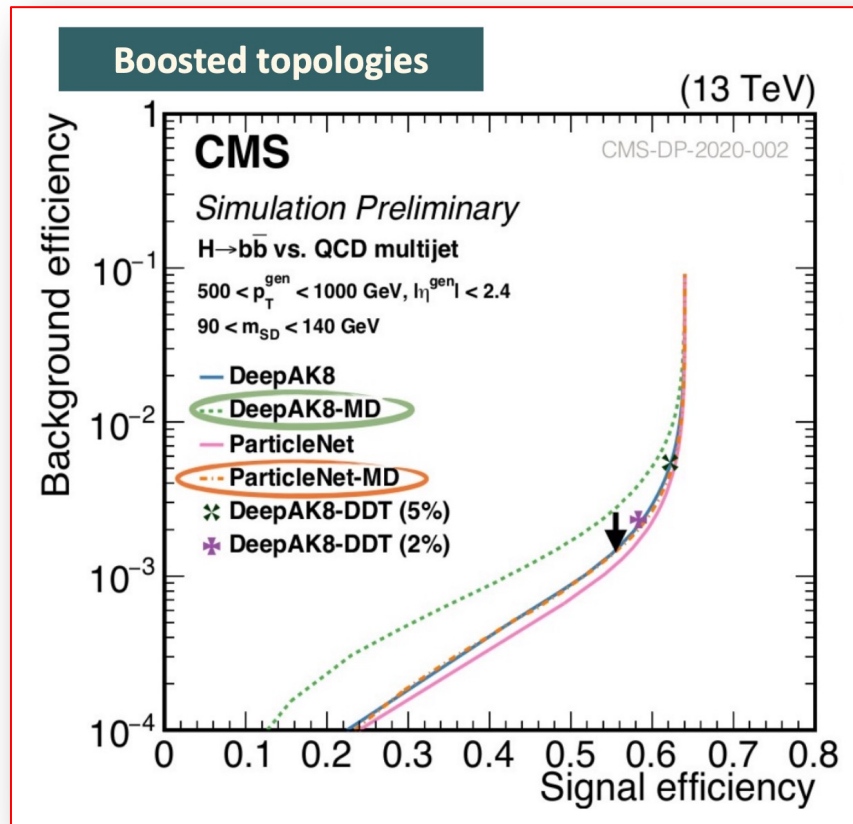


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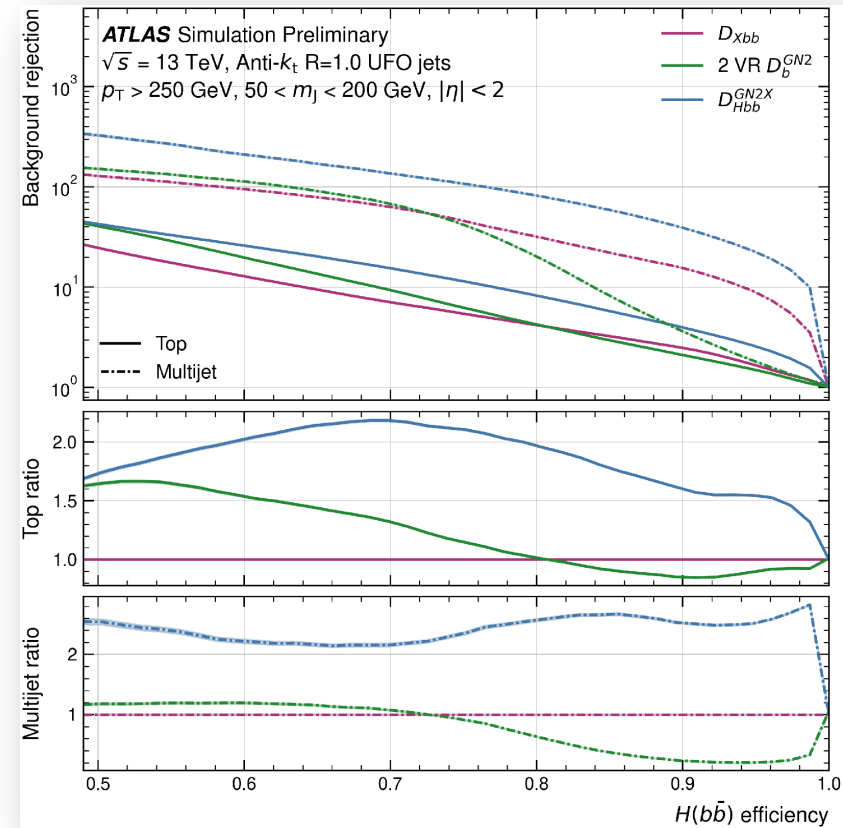


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BOOSTED OBJECTS

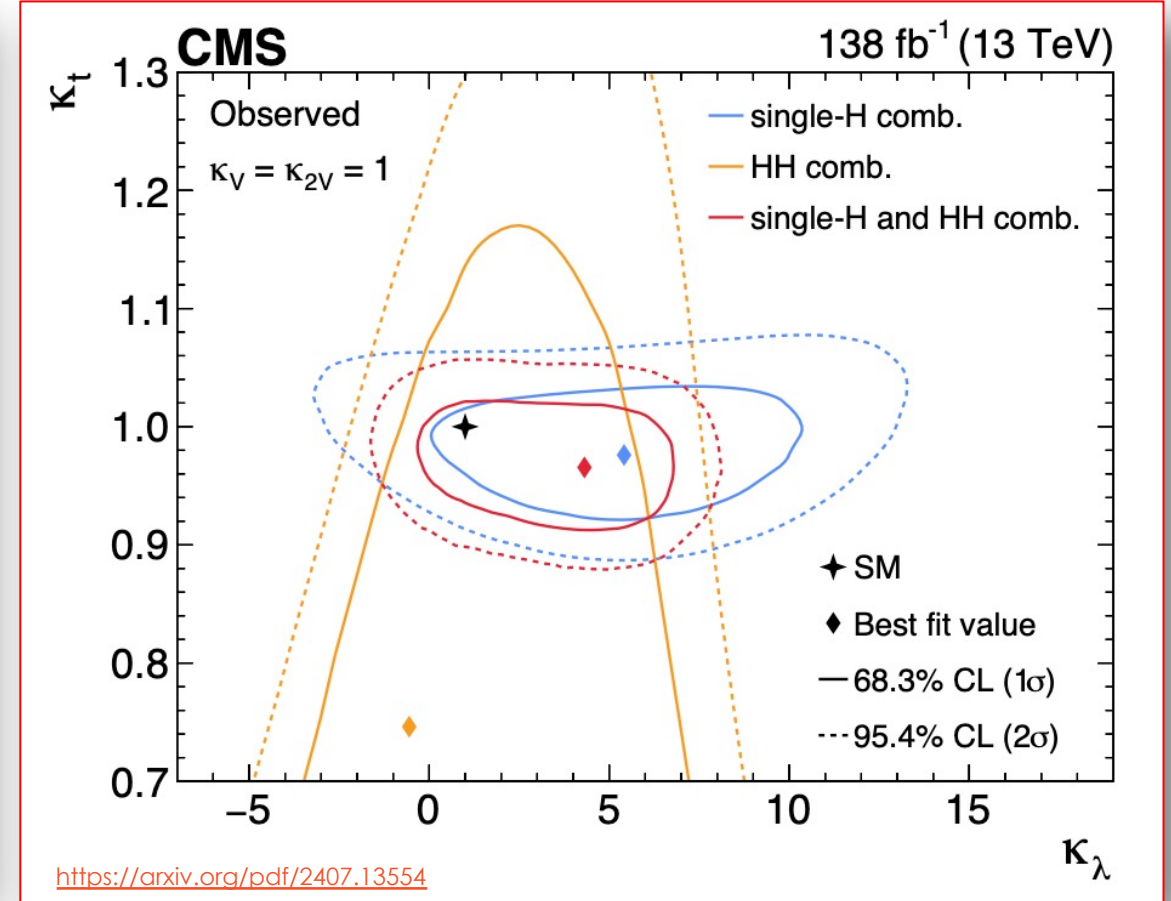
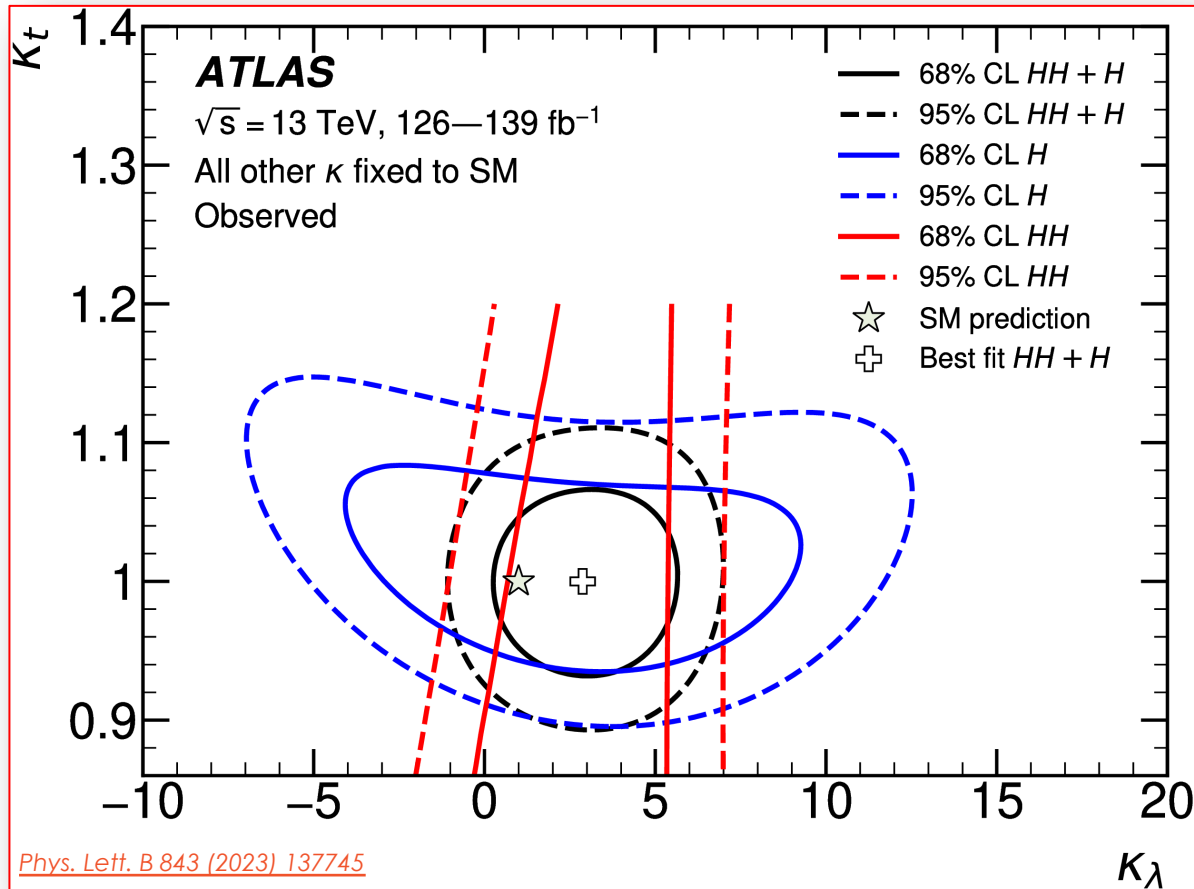


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THE POWER OF COMBINATION

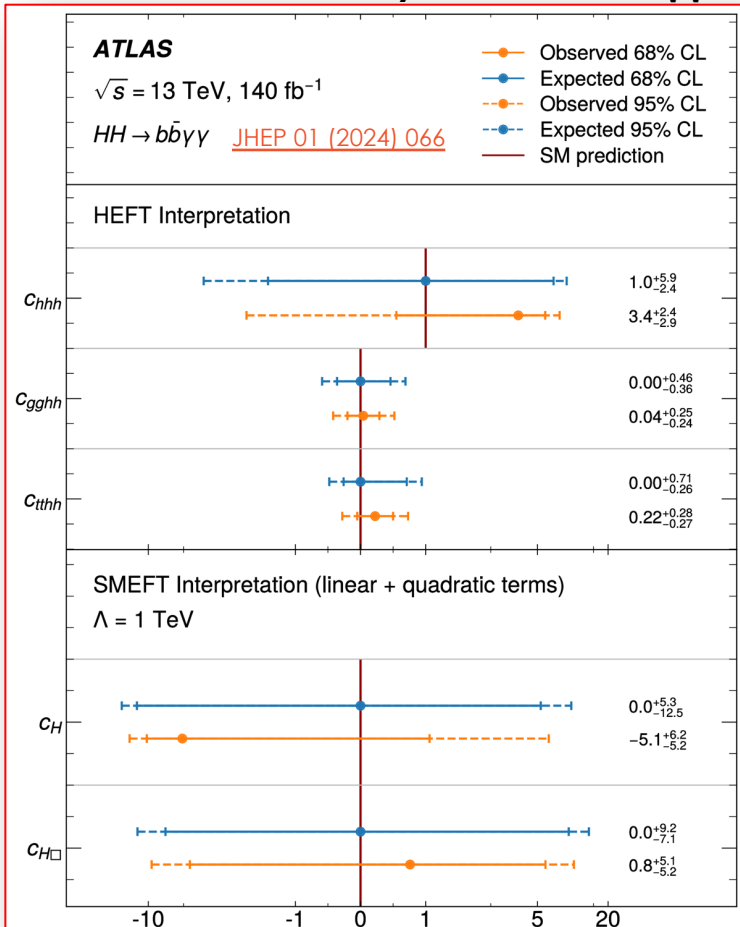
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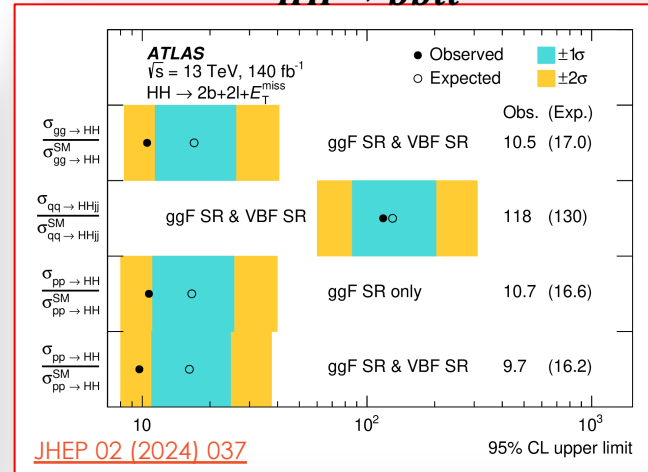
A BROAD AND EXCITING PROGRAMME

Further improvements to leading channels and new areas to characterise the Higgs sector with HH

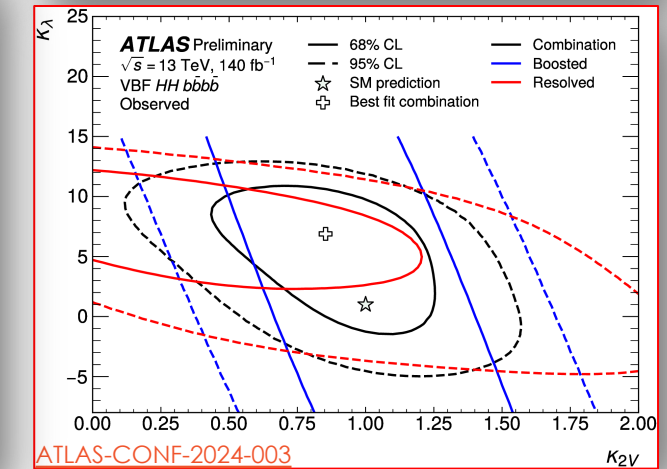
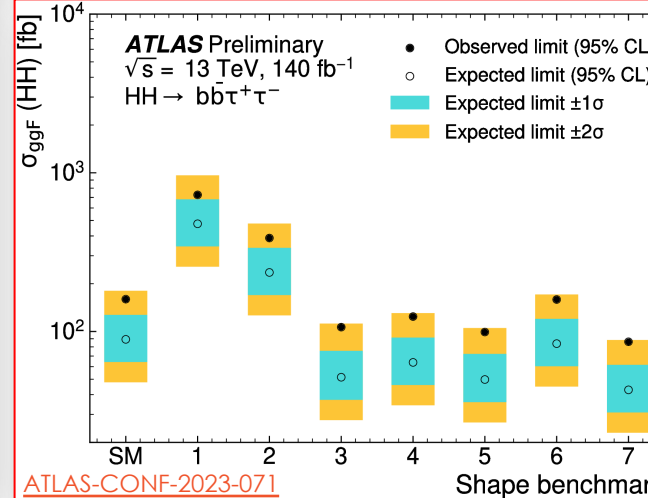
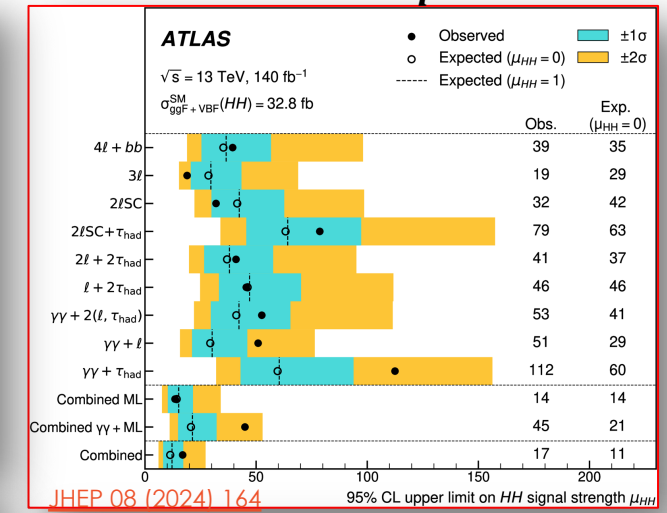
Effective Field Theory with $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$



$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}ll$

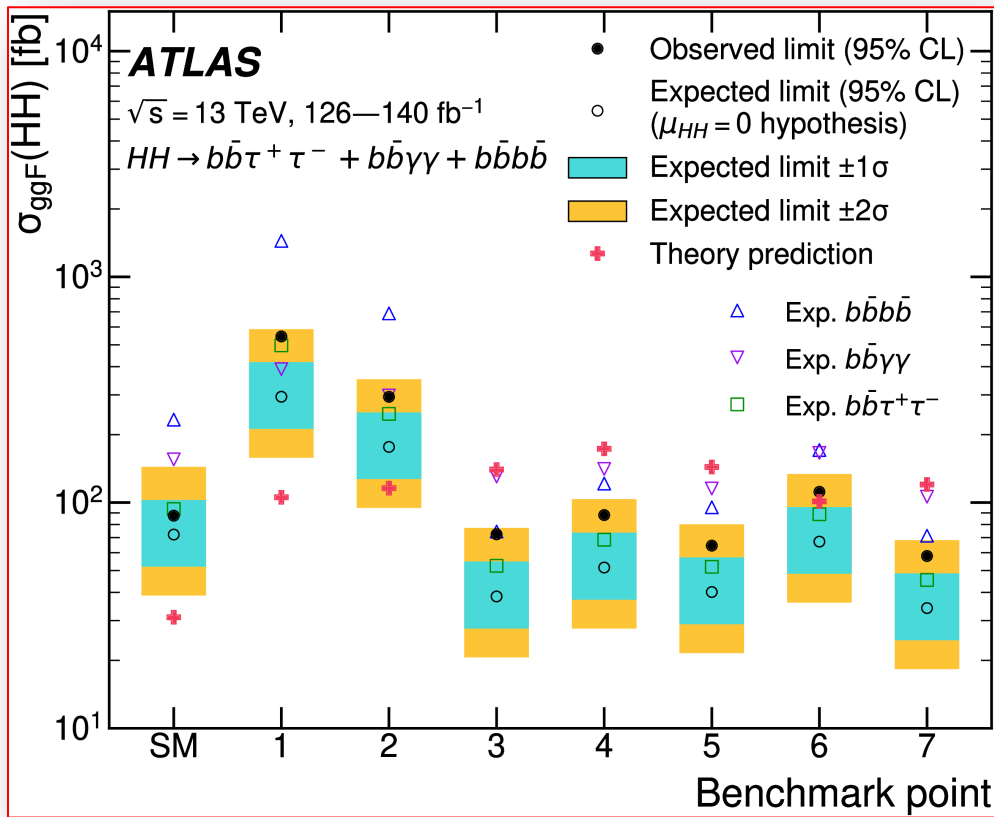


$HH \rightarrow \text{Multilepton}$

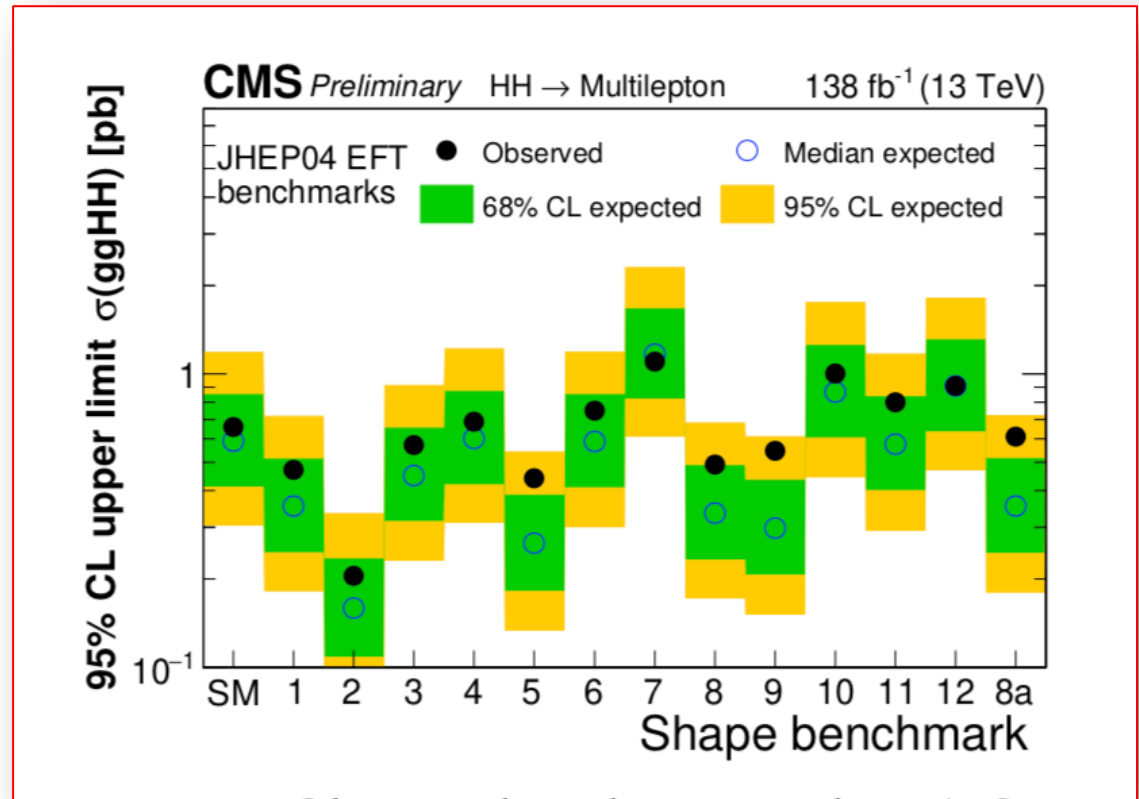


HEFT

To benchmark or not to benchmark? A controversial plot



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[CMS-PAS-HIG-21-002](#)

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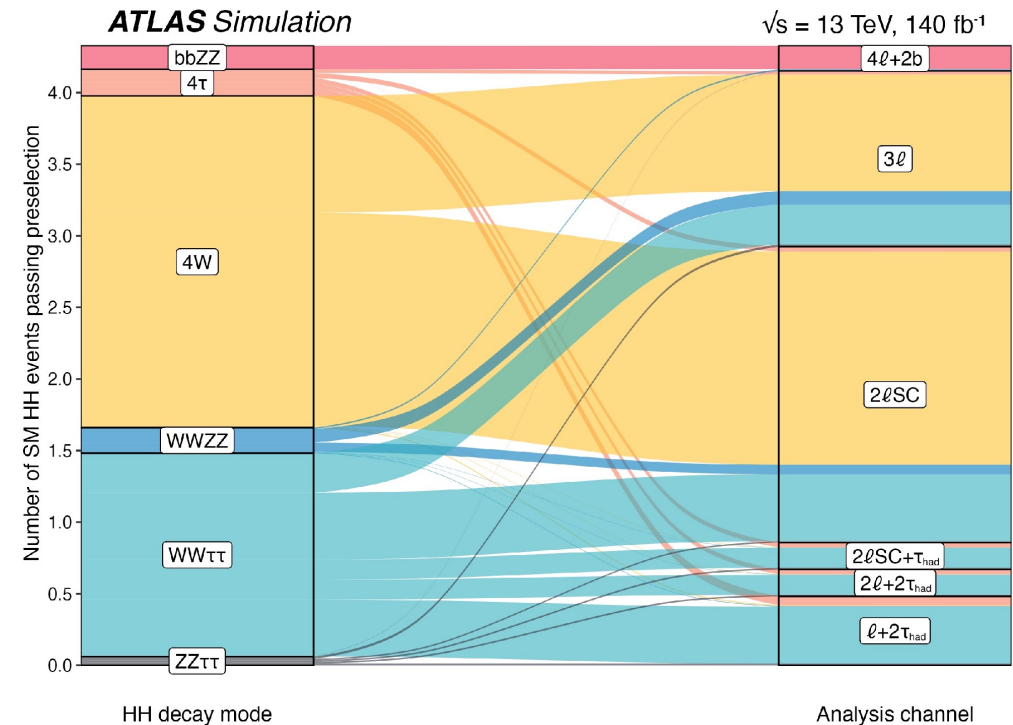
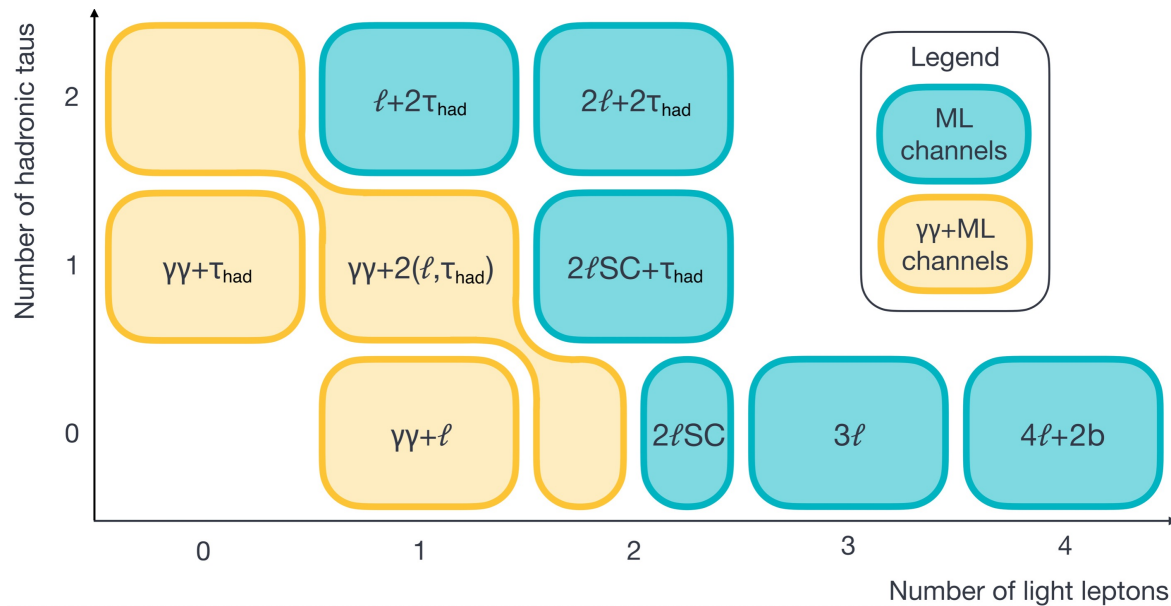
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benchmark	C_{hhh}	C_t	C_{tt}	C_{ggh}	C_{gggh}
SM	1	1	0	0	0
1	5.11	1.10	0	0	0
2	6.84	1.03	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0
3	2.21	1.05	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	2.79	0.90	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
5	3.95	1.17	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
6	-0.68	0.90	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.25
7	-0.10	0.94	1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$

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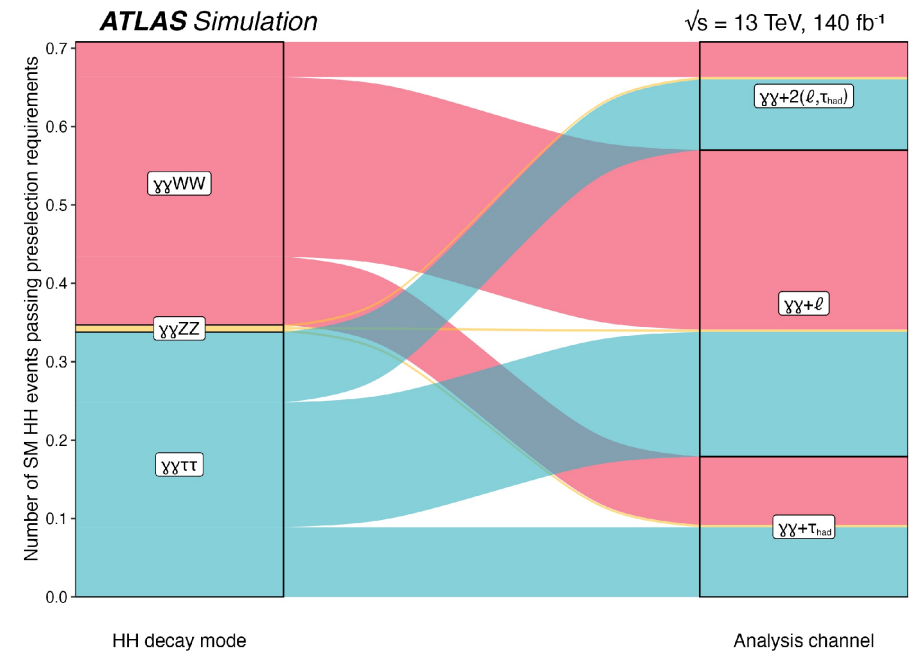
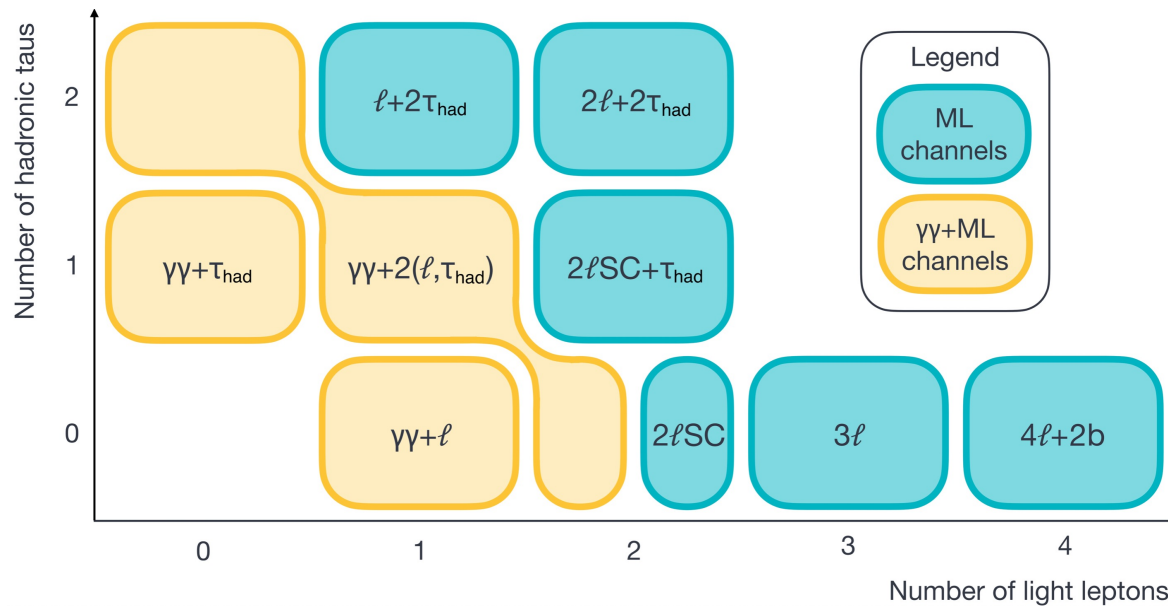
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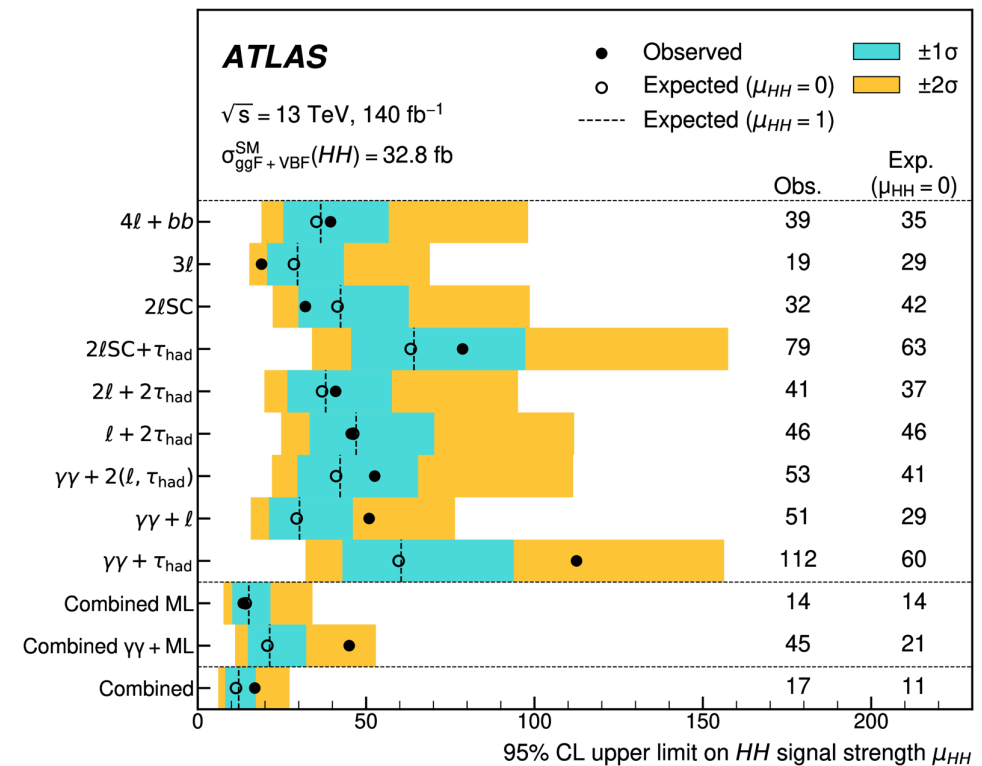
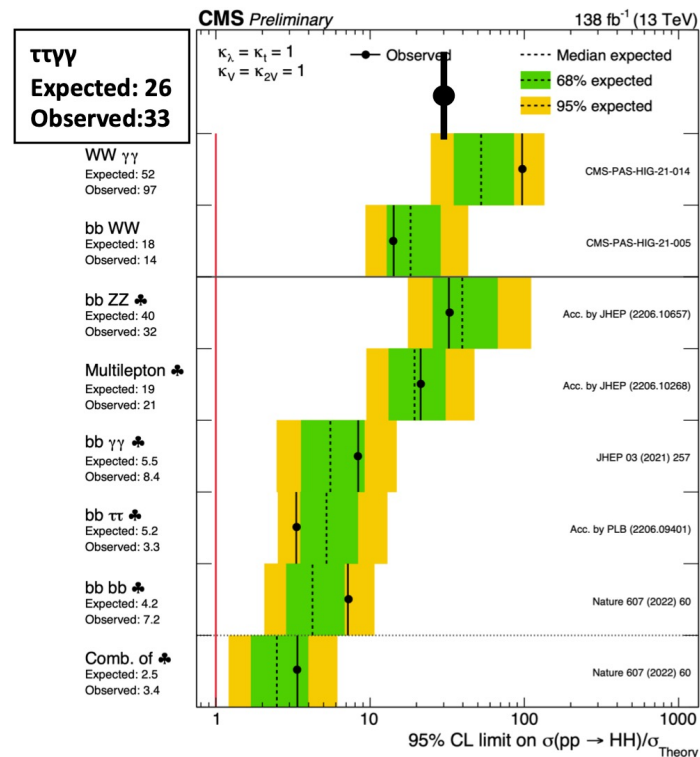
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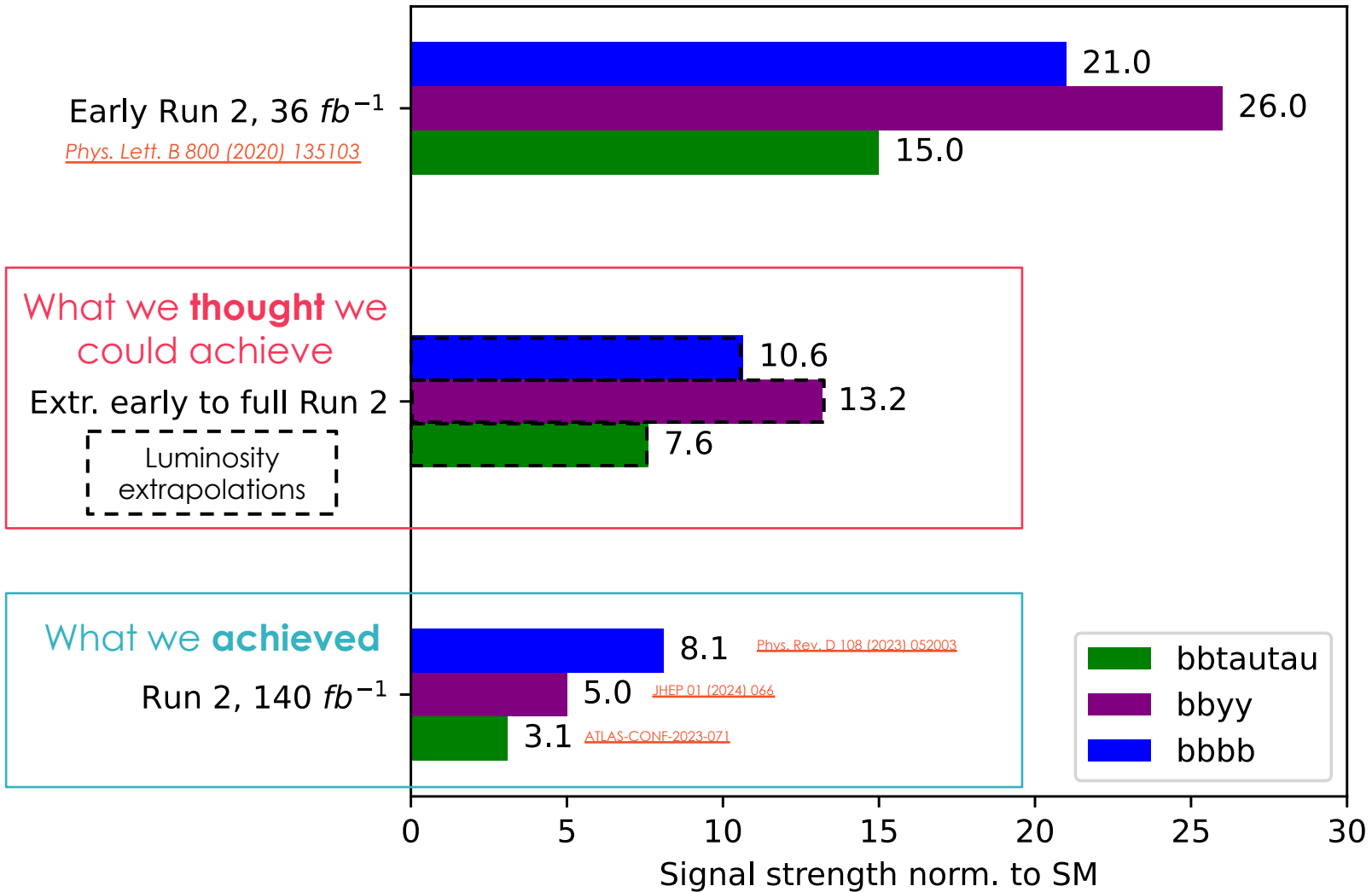


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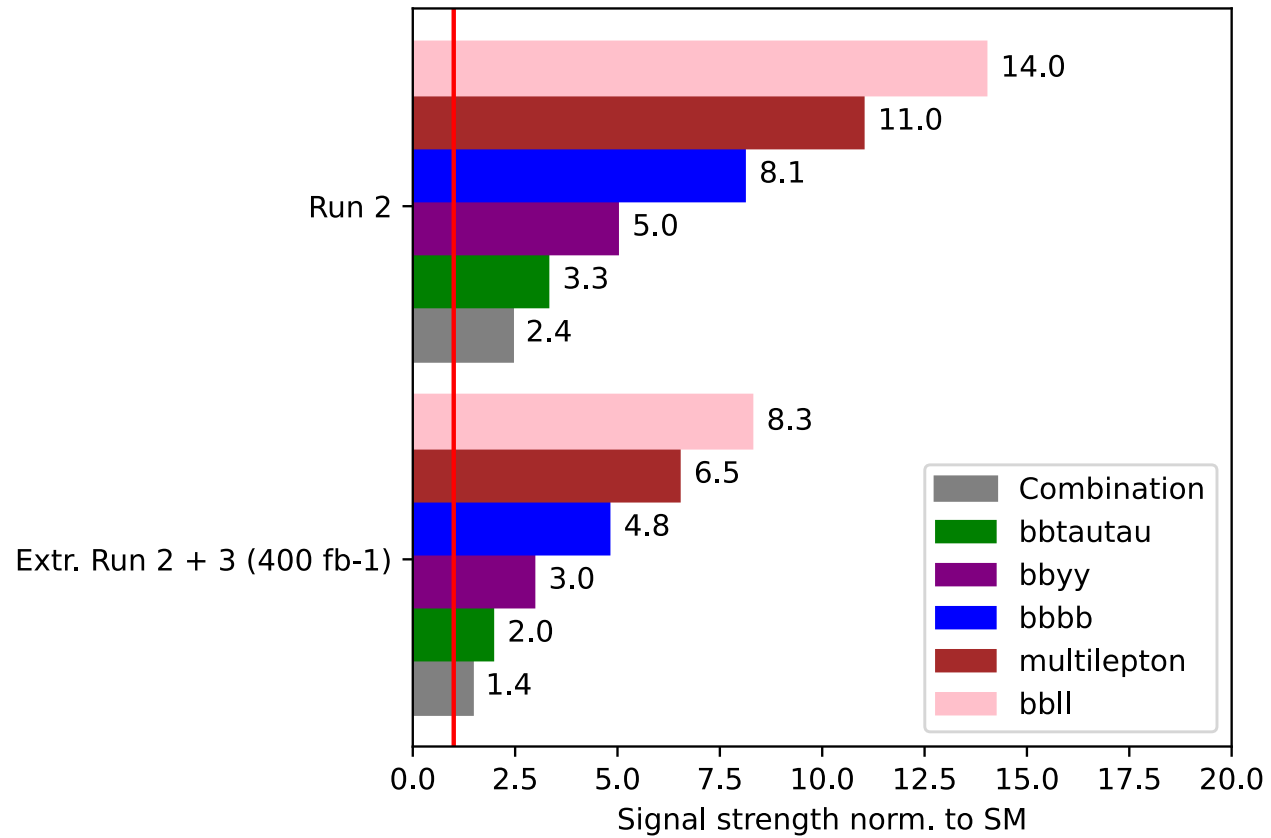
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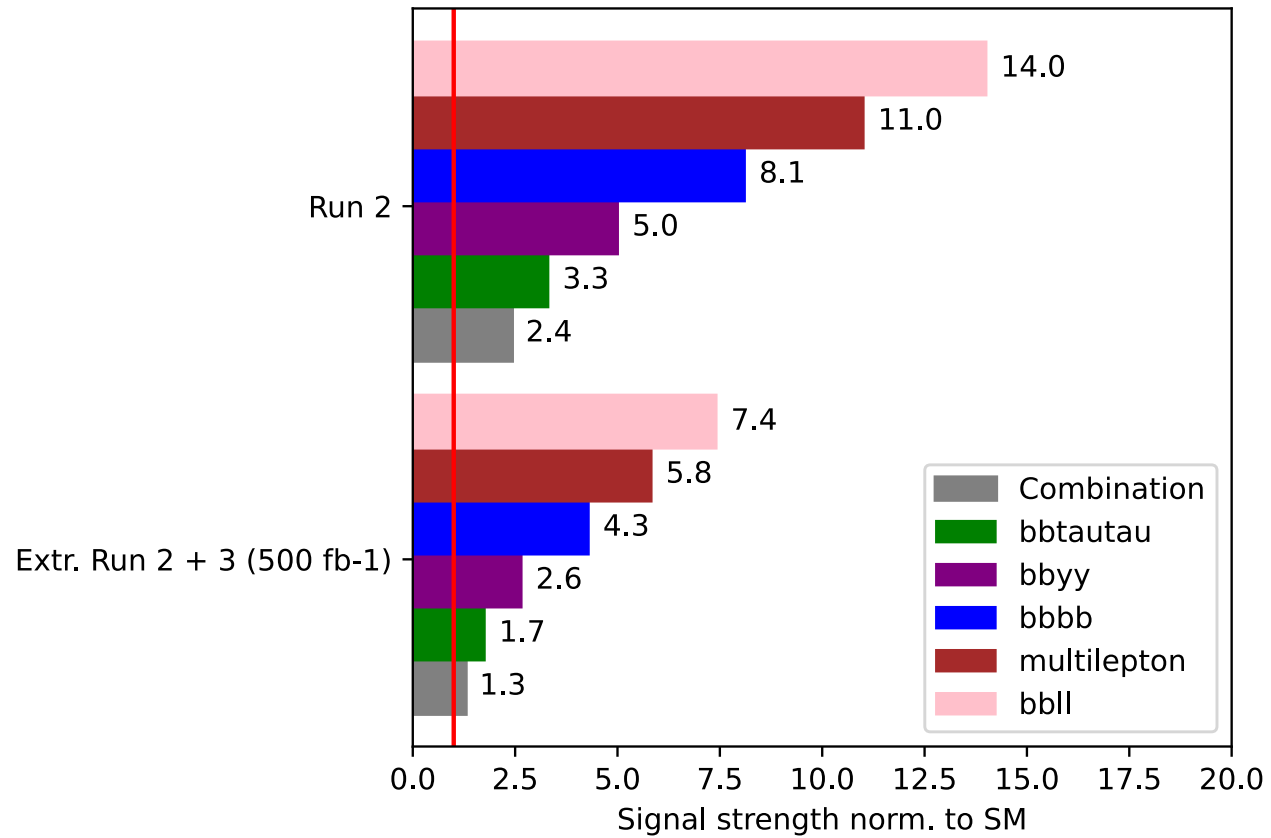
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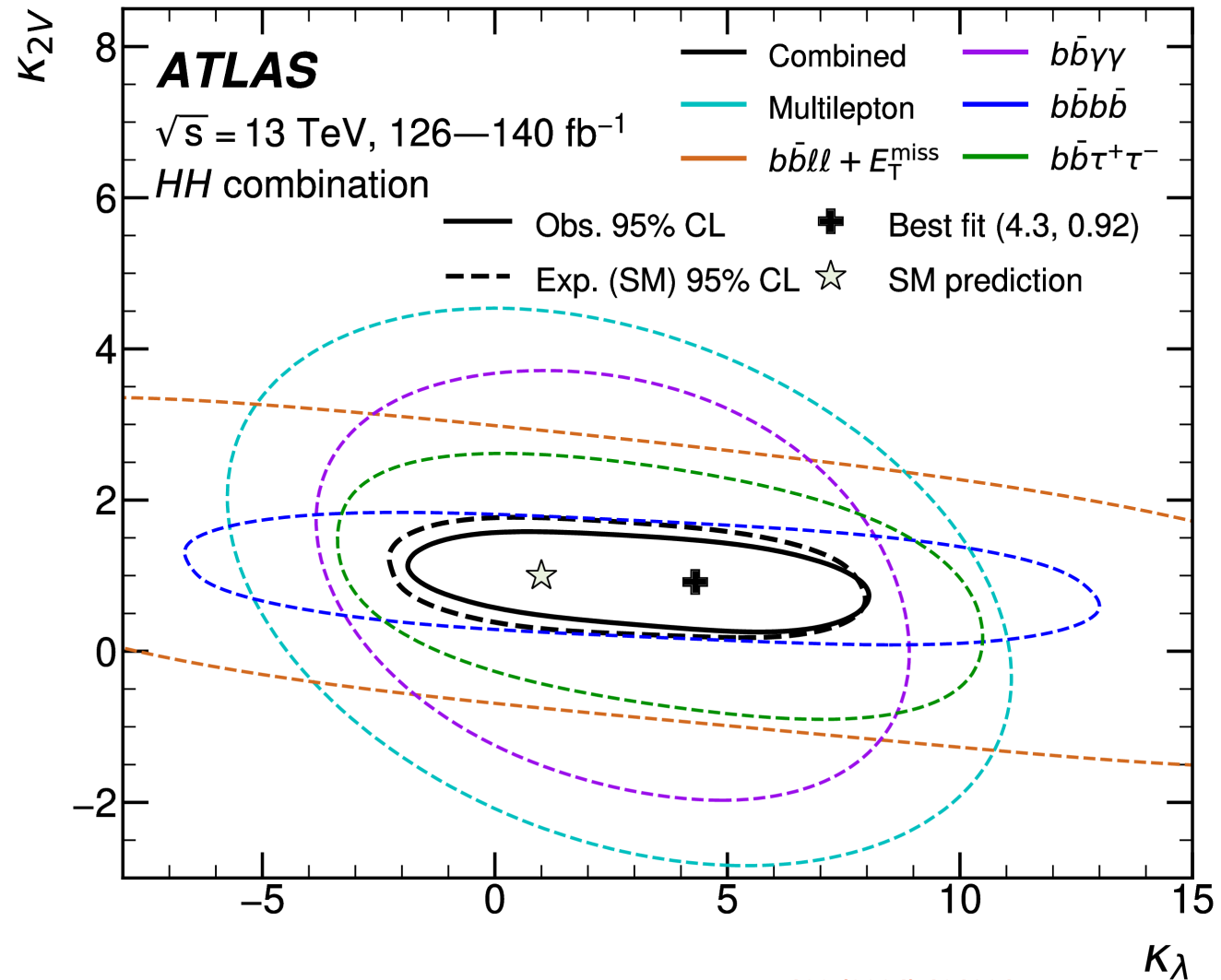
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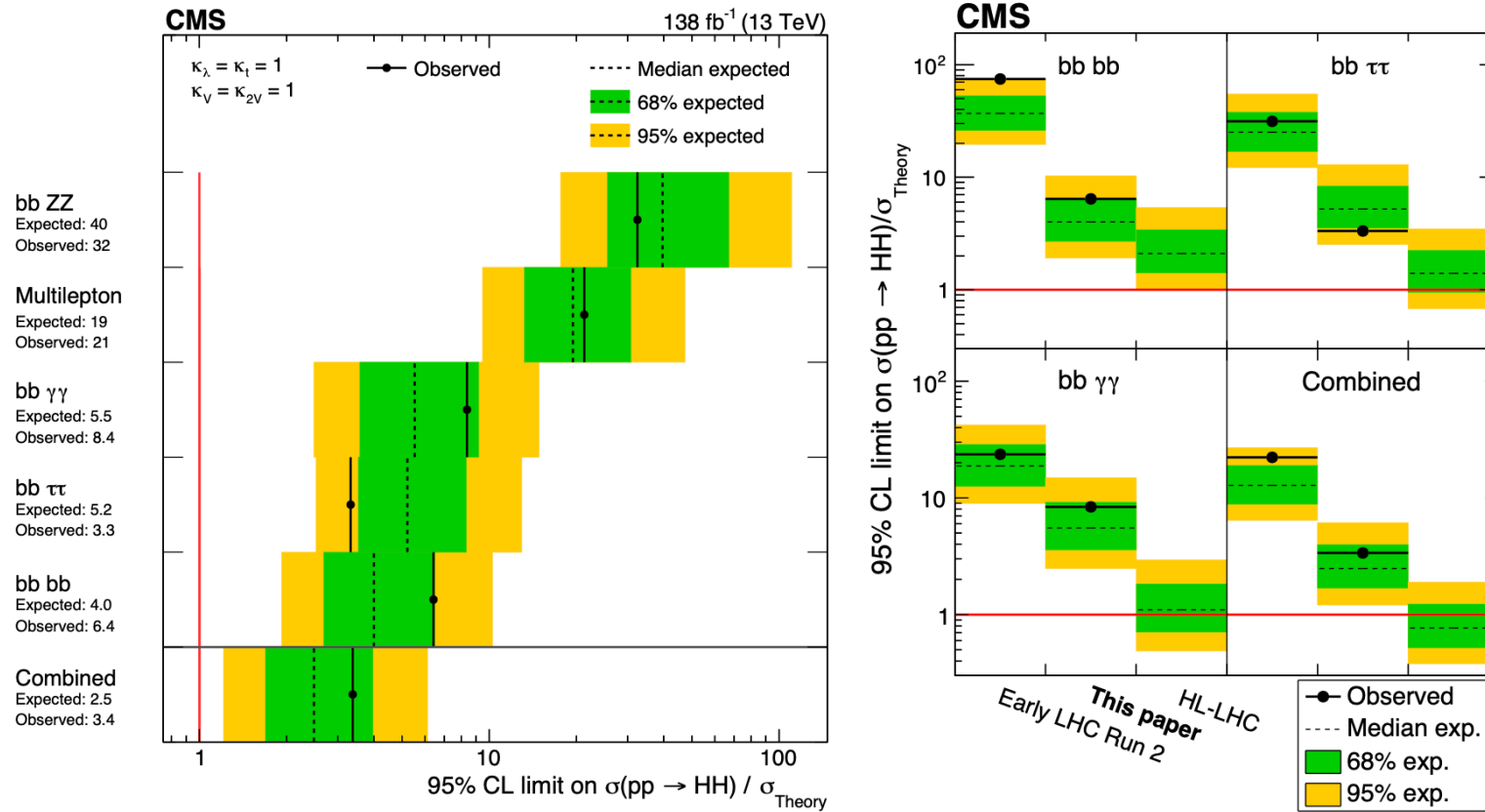


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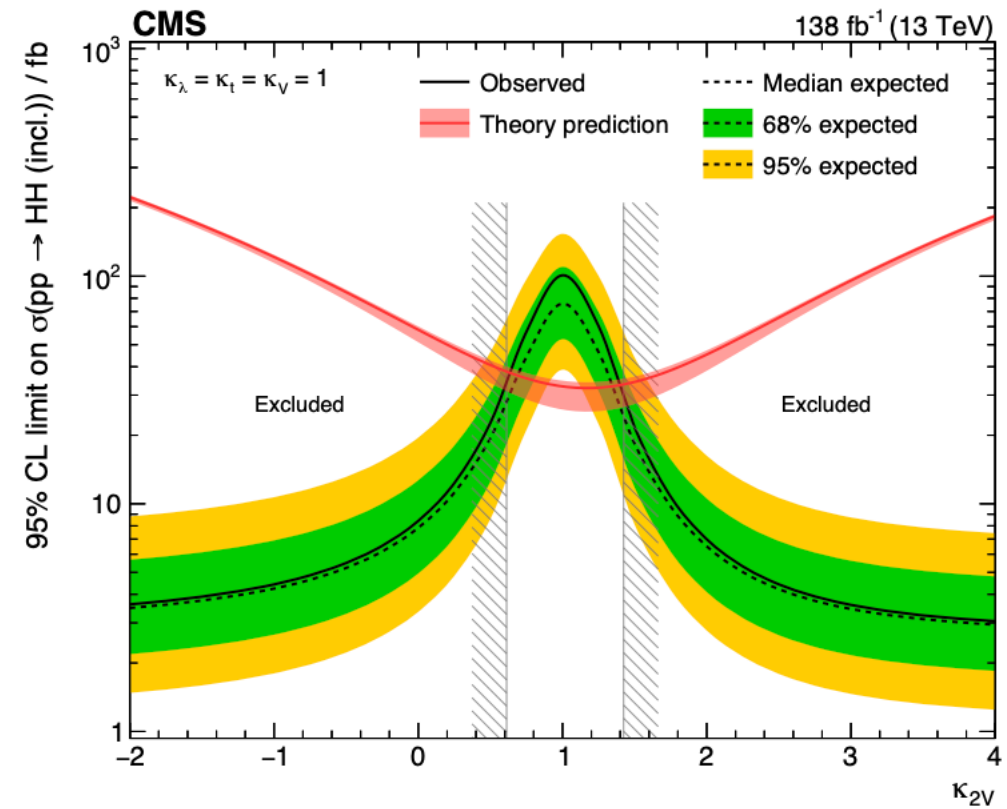
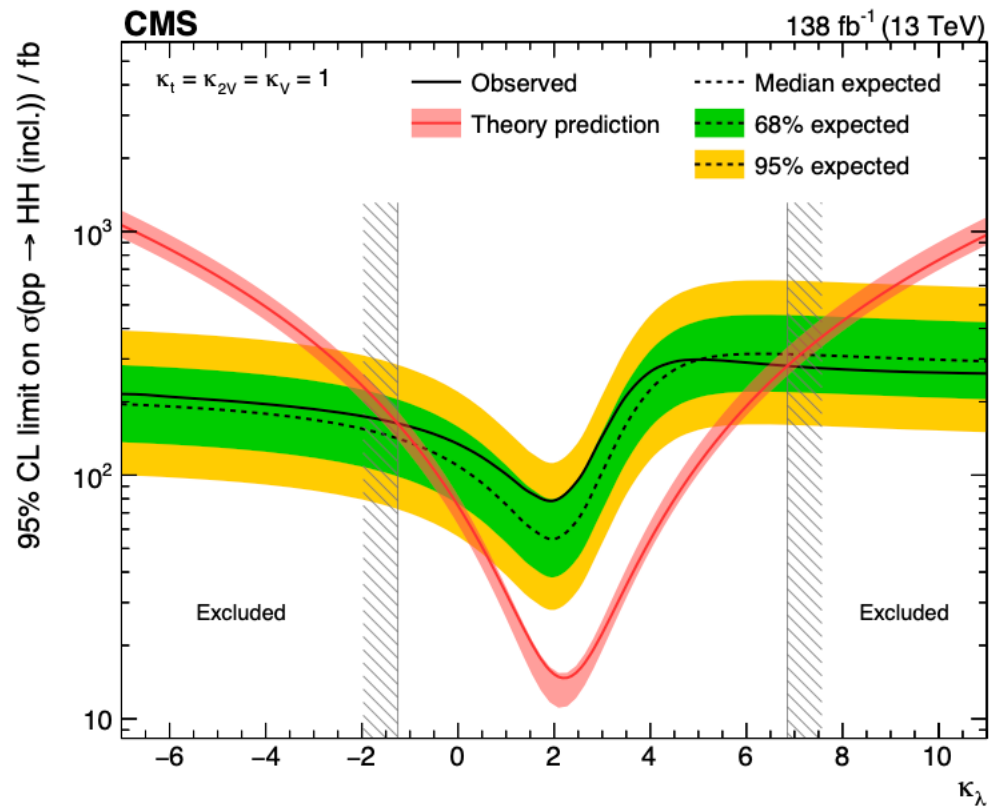
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VBF HH PRODUCTION VS KL AND K2V

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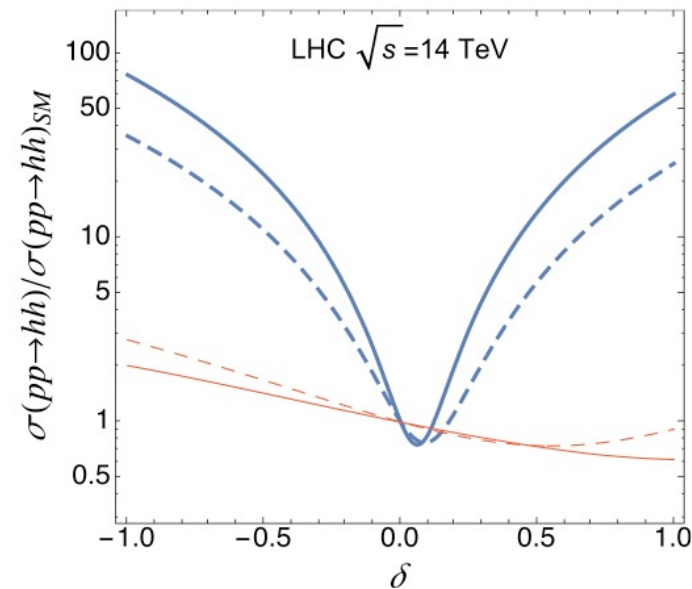
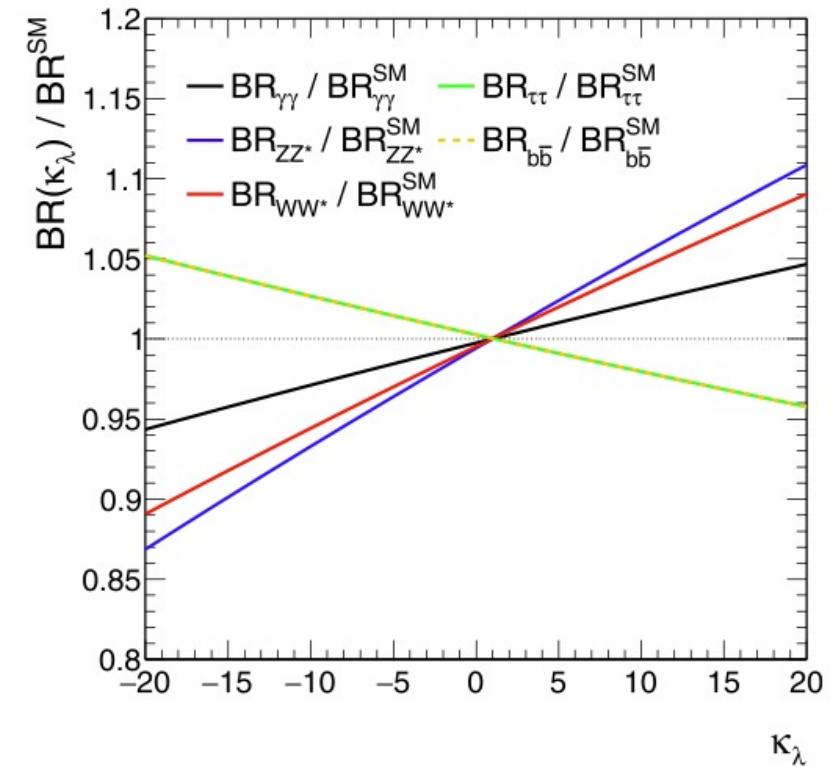
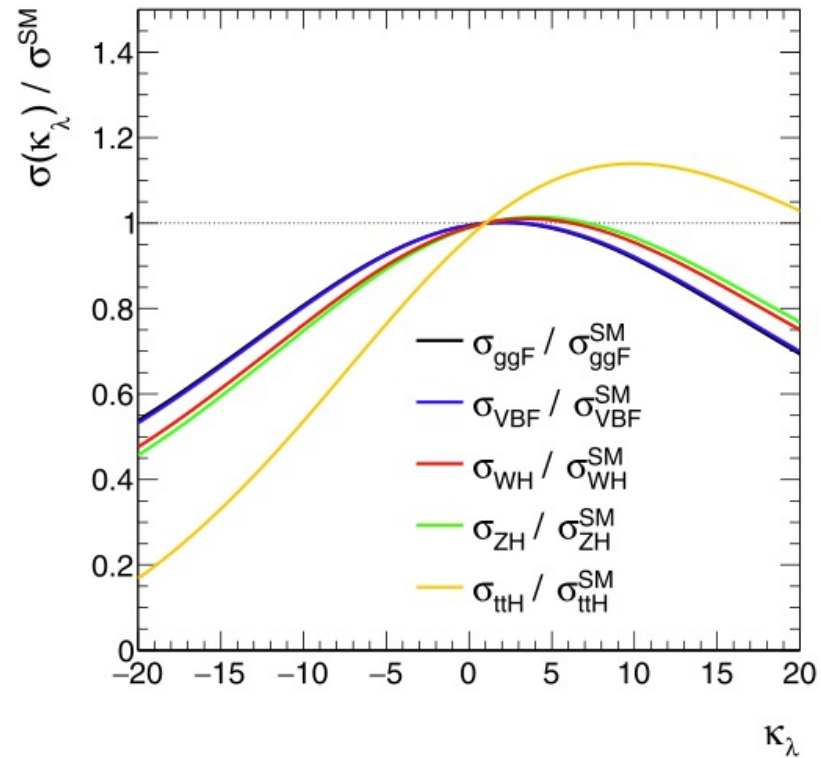


Fig. 82. VBF HH production cross section as a function of the coupling deviation from the SM value for the $HHVV$ (HHH) vertex in blue (red). The solid line is after acceptance cuts, the dashed line is after analysis cuts applied on the rapidity difference and M_{jj} [455]. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

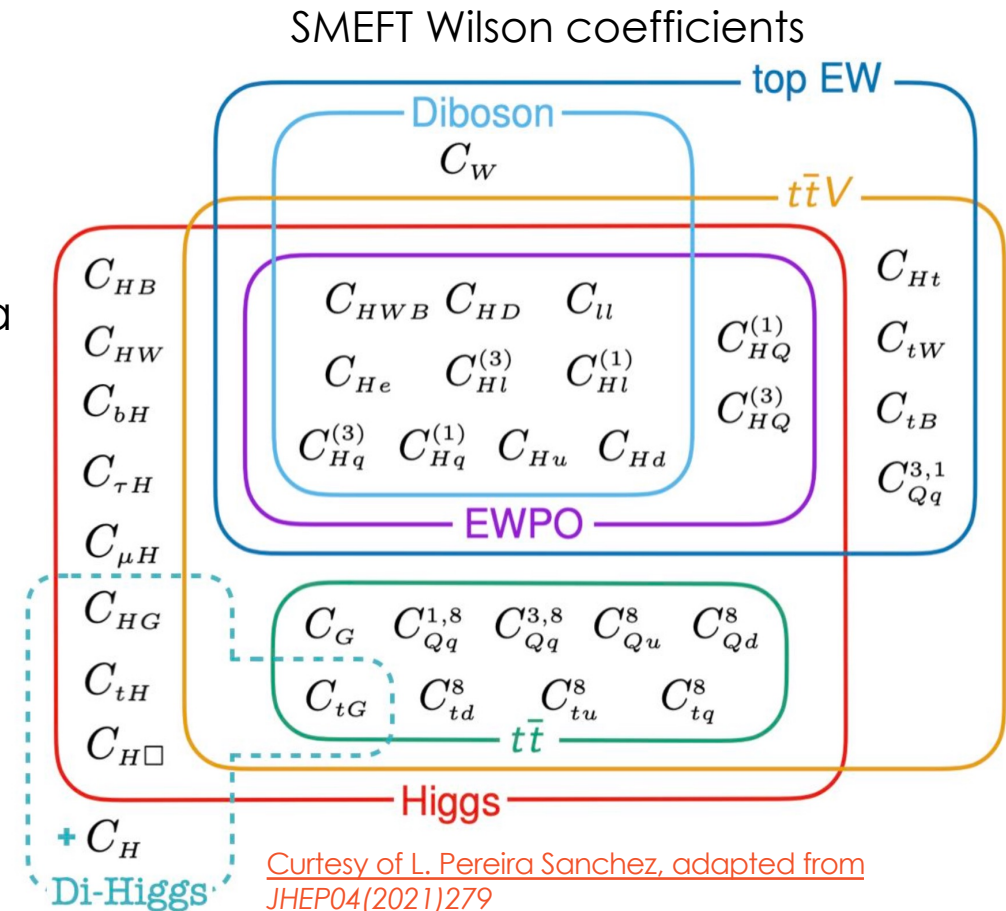
SINGLE HIGGS

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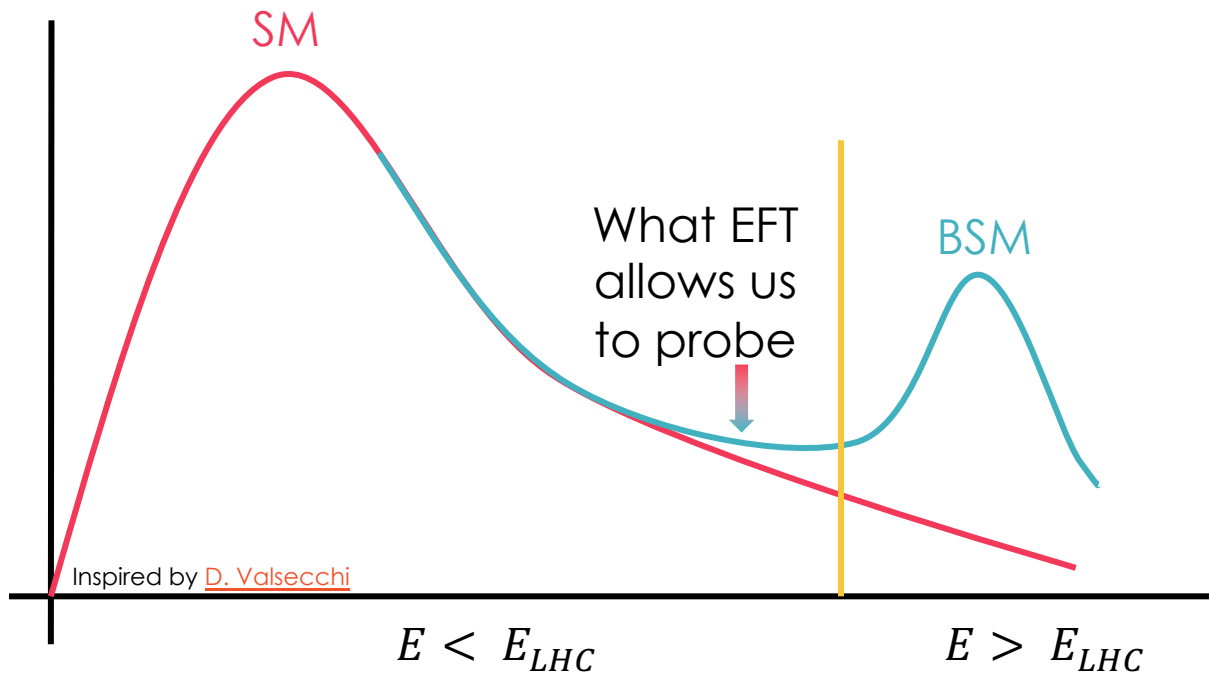


EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORIES AT THE LHC

- Searching for **physics Beyond the Standard Model (BSM)**
major goal of particle physics
- **Higgs, Top and electroweak precision measurements** benefit from a global approach in the framework of **Effective Field Theories (EFT)**
 - Different operators sensitive to different phenomena
- **SMEFT (SM EFT, Higgs fields as doublets)** or **HEFT (Higgs EFT, physical Higgs boson)**
- SMEFT typically expanded to dim. 6 operators, dim. 8 included to probe certain couplings
- HEFT more general than SMEFT, certain coefficients become independent



EXPERIMENTAL OBSERVABLES



$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}^5 + \mathcal{L}^6 + \mathcal{L}^7 + \mathcal{L}^8 + \dots,$$

Odd dim. neglected (1/b number violations)

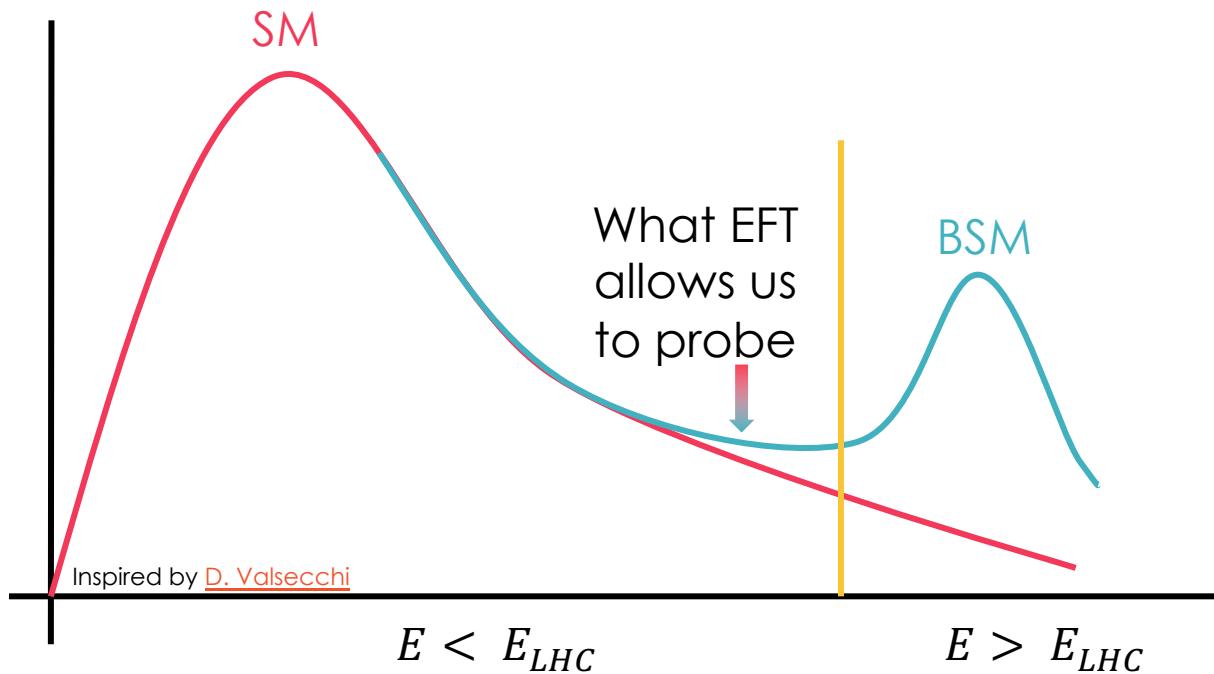
$$\mathcal{L}^{(d)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} \frac{C_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} Q_i^{(d)} \quad \text{for } d > 4$$

Wilson Coefficient

Scale of BSM physics

Operator (indicated also with O)

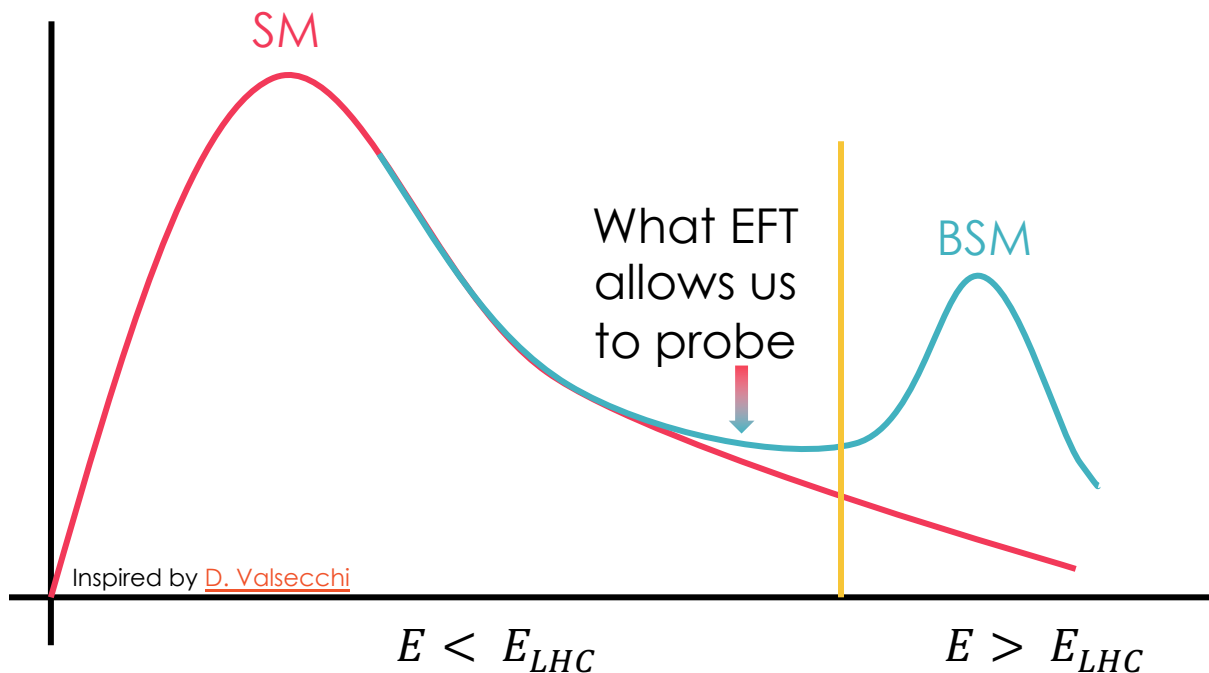
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EXPERIMENTAL OBSERVABLES



High energy **tails of kinematic observables** enhance experimental sensitivity to SM deviations

- Lin. vs Lin.+Quad. to probe higher order effects

Differential & precise measurements are key

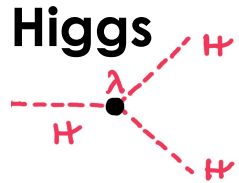
Great complementarity between **SM**, **Top** and **Higgs** sectors to address fundamental physics questions...

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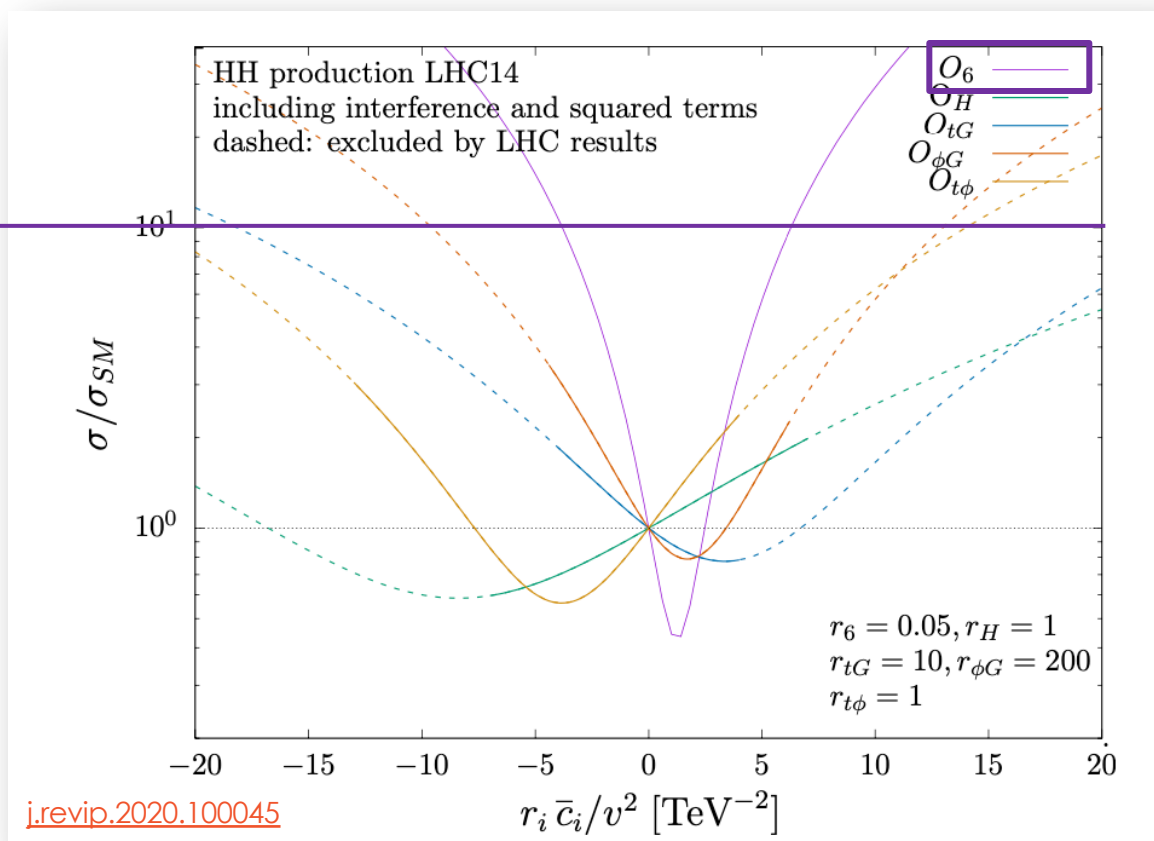
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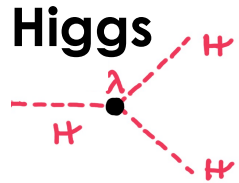
LHC early Run 2
constraints ≈ 10

No sensitivity to
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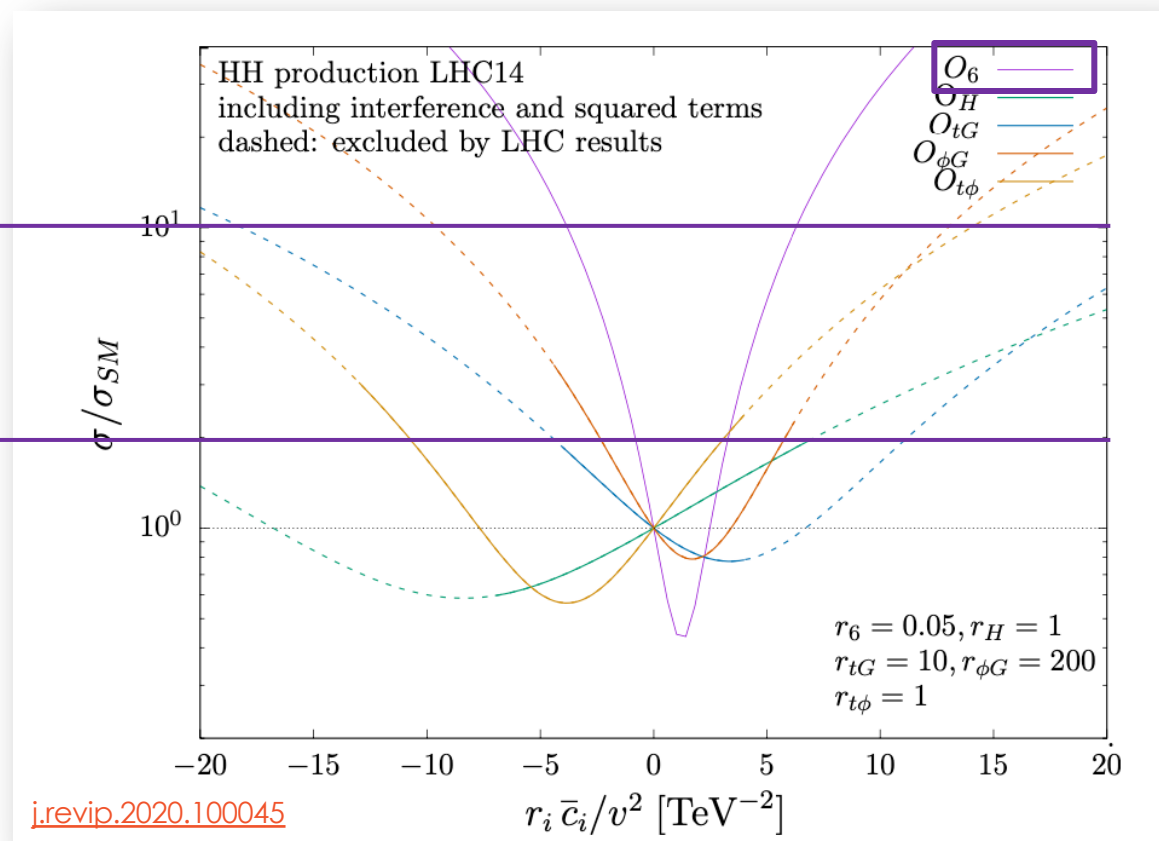
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LHC full Run 2
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Relevant to
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HIGGS PAIRS IN SMEFT

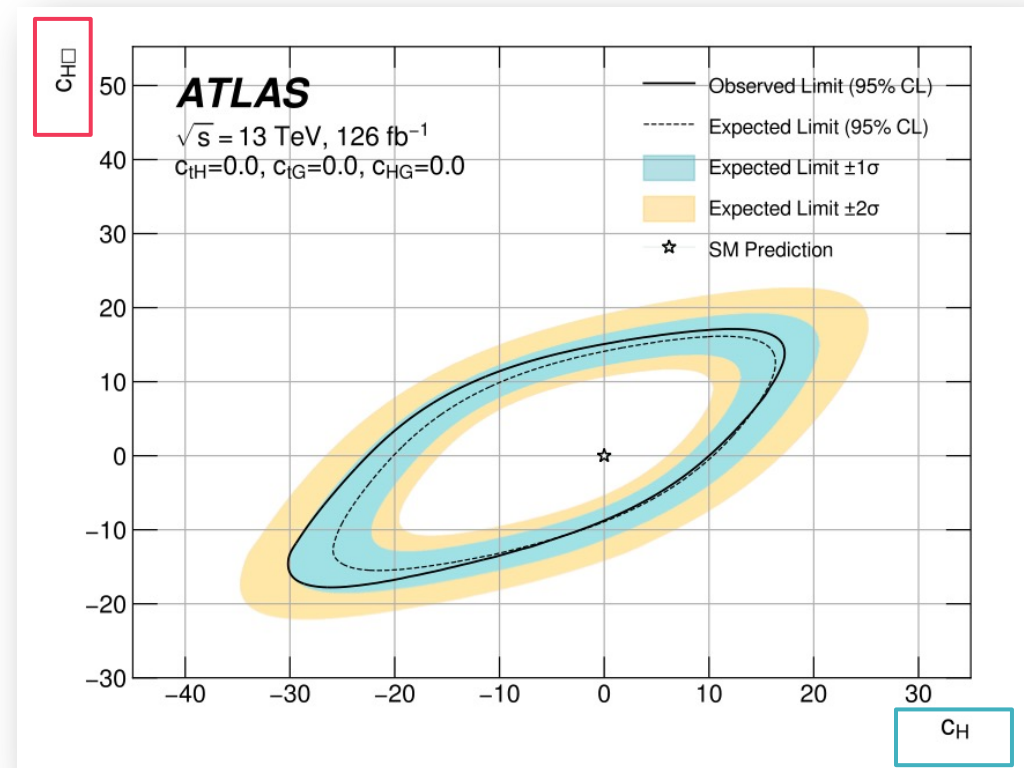
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Wilson Coefficient	Operator
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c_{HG}	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G_A^{\mu\nu}$
c_{tG}	$(\bar{Q}\sigma^{\mu\nu}T^A t)\tilde{H}G_{\mu\nu}^A$

In Single Higgs, only included in linear combination with other WCs

Probed uniquely by HH

ATLAS $HH \rightarrow 4b$



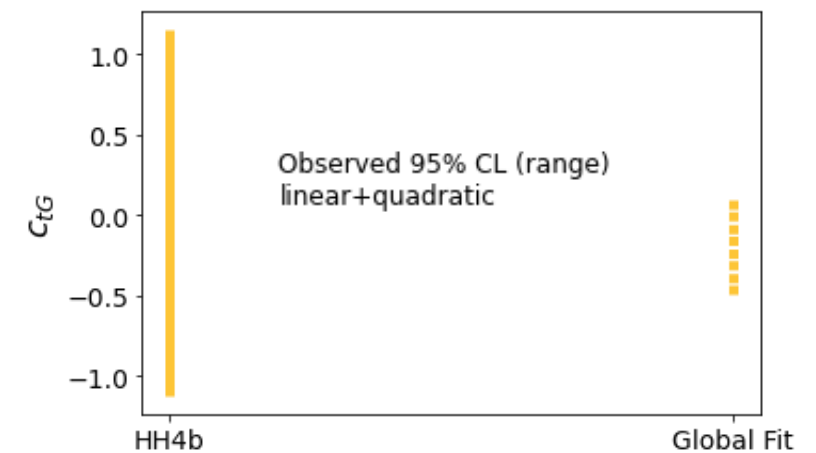
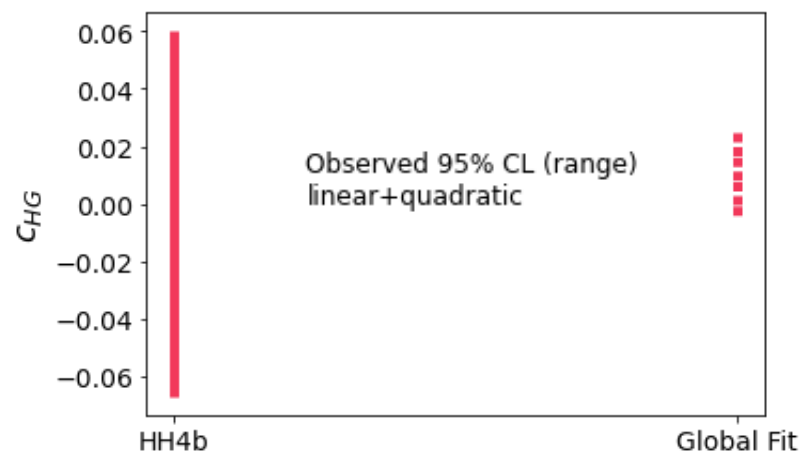
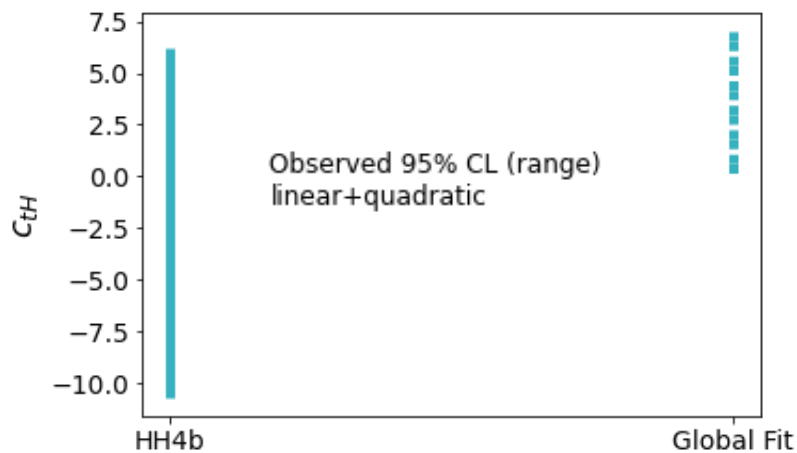
More 2D scans in the extra slides

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Limits are ~ comparable with global combination (dominated by single Higgs)

Order-of-magnitude **hand-made** comparison between [2301.03212](#) (Global Fit) and [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-037](#) (HH4b)

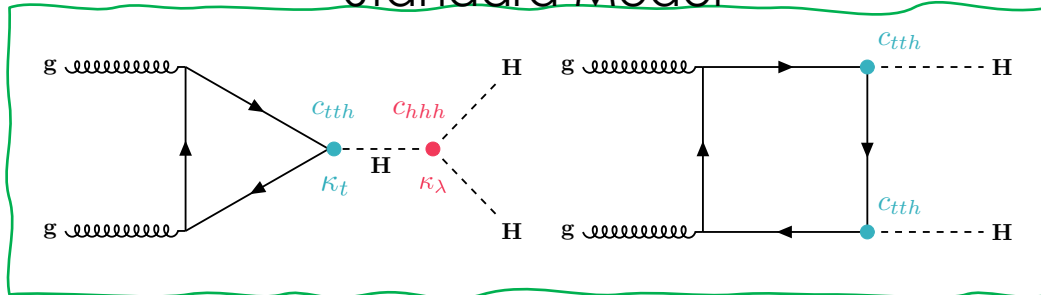


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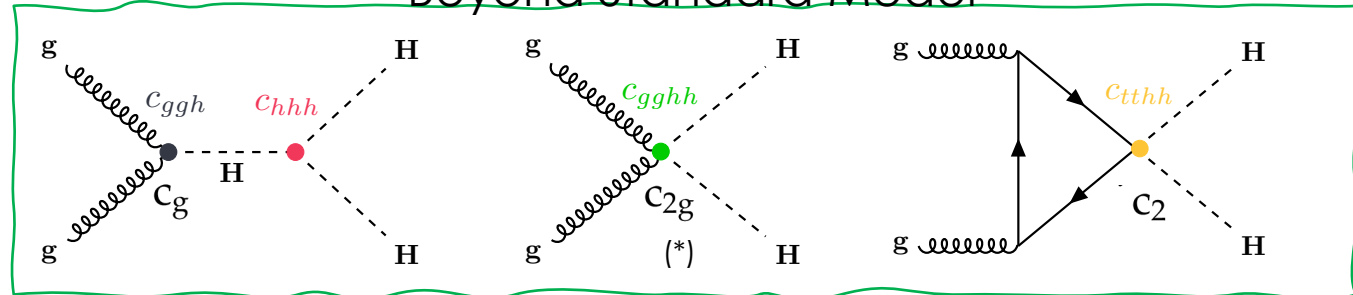
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Standard Model



Beyond Standard Model



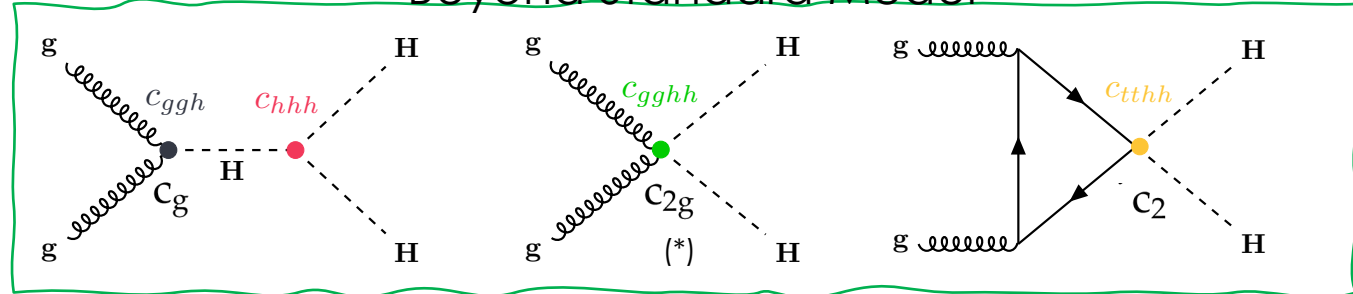
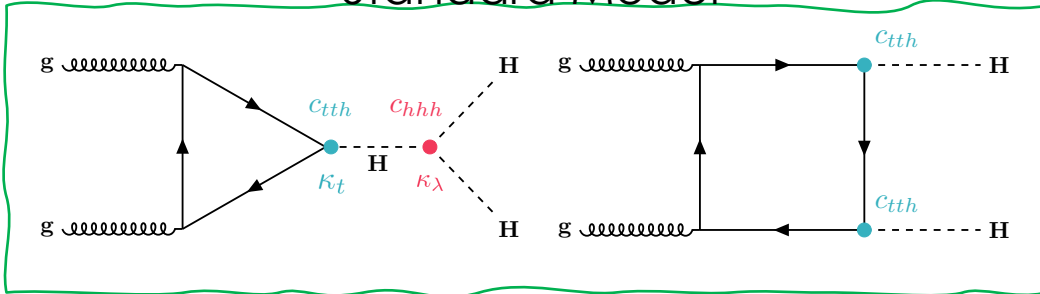
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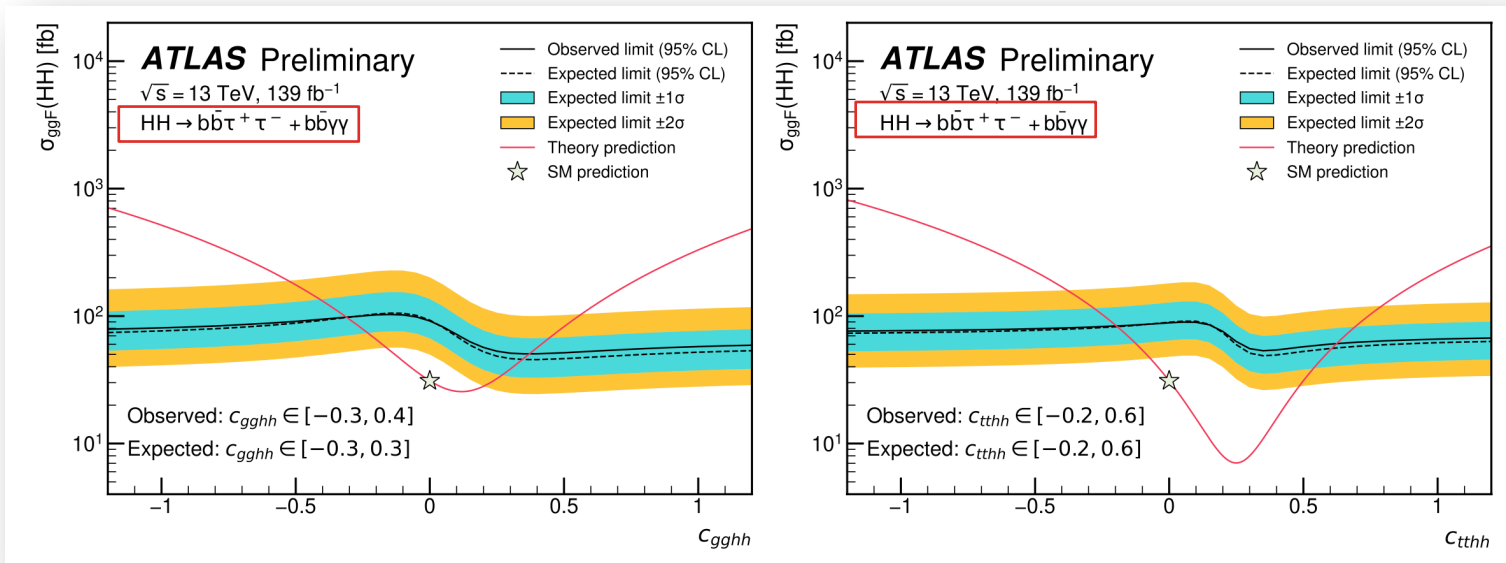
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HEFT results for ATLAS $HH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma bb + HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$ ($\sigma/\sigma_{SM} < 0(3)$), ATLAS $HH \rightarrow 4b$ and CMS $HH \rightarrow \gamma\gamma bb$

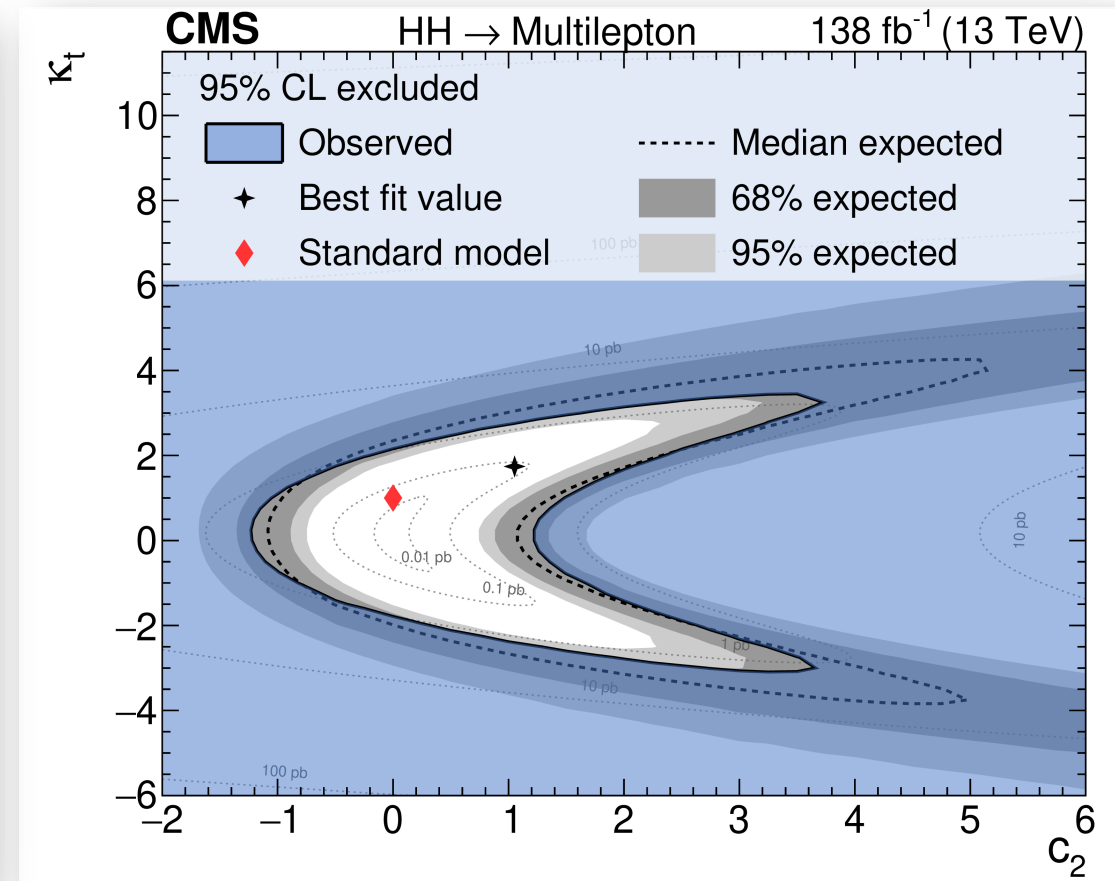
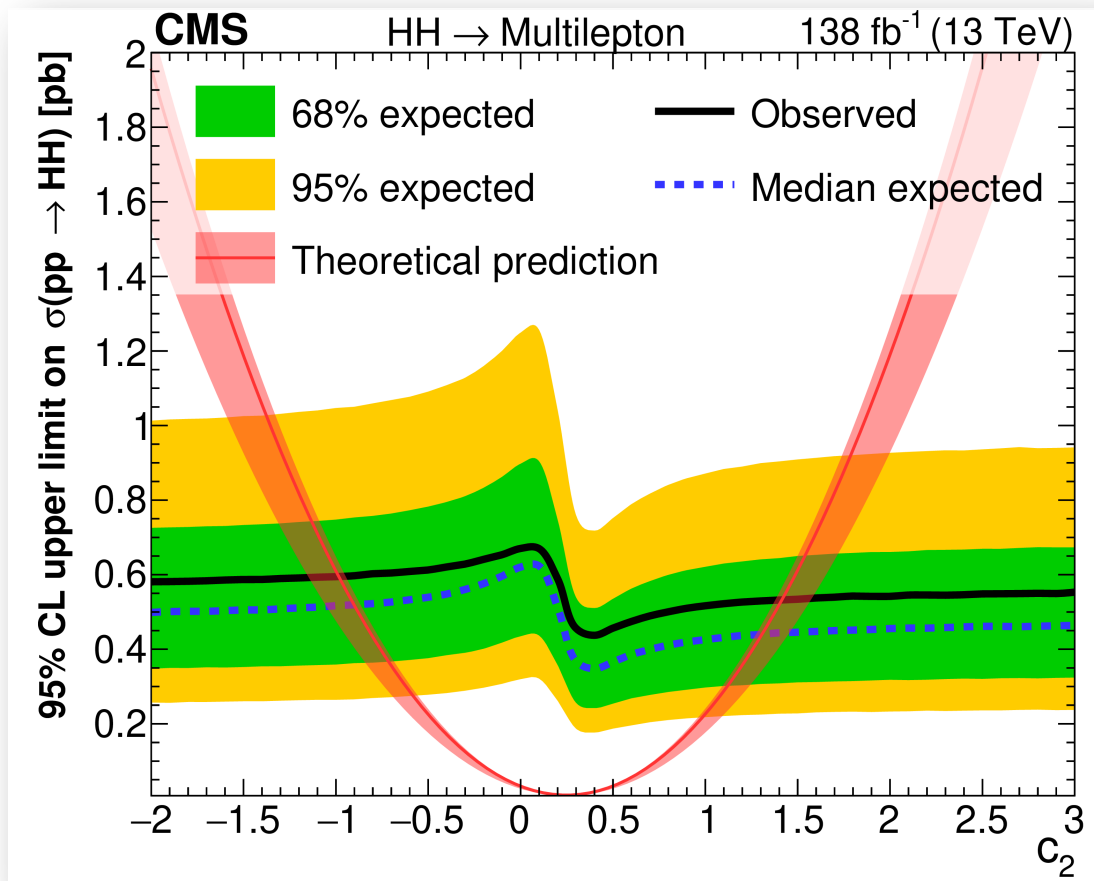


See extra slides for constraints on “benchmarks”, i.e. xs limits on recommended combinations of WCs values

(*) In black the CMS WCs convention, in colors the ATLAS one

HIGGS PAIRS IN HEFT 2206.10268

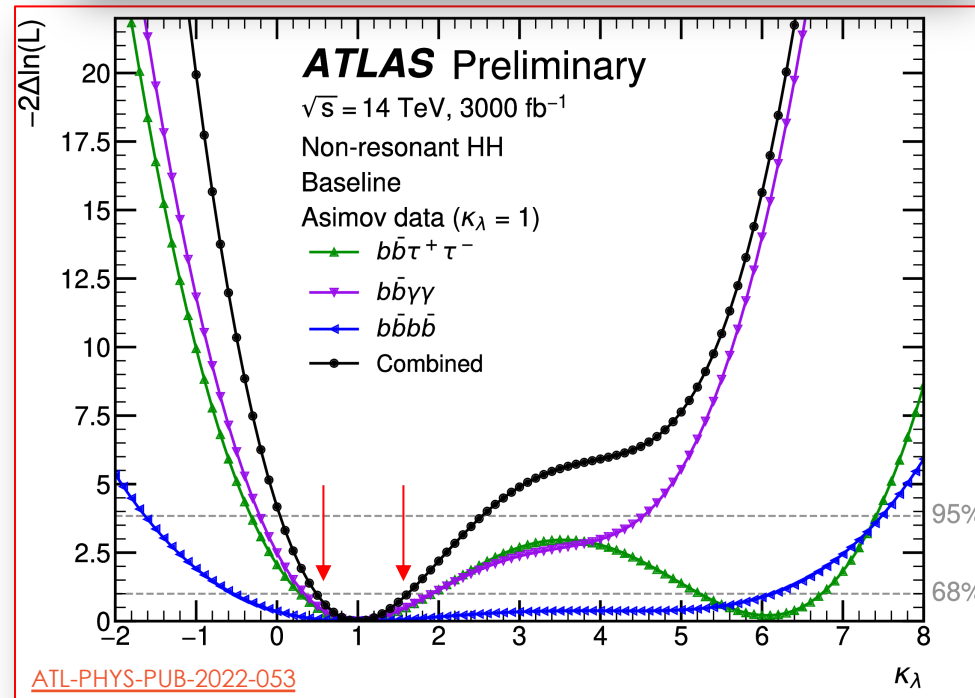
- CMS full Run 2 search for $HH \rightarrow WWWW, WW\tau\tau, \text{ and } \tau\tau\tau$
- Require multi-leptons (e, μ, τ_{had}) in the final state
- $\sigma/\sigma_{SM} < 0(20)$



HOW DOES HH LOOK IN HL-LHC?

Uncertainty scenario	Significance [σ]			Combination
	$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	$b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$	$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	
No syst. unc.	2.3	4.0	1.8	4.9
Baseline	2.2	2.8	0.99	3.4

was **3.3!**



ATLAS alone
 comparable to
 previous expectation
 from **ATLAS + CMS**

$0.5 \lesssim \kappa_\lambda \lesssim 1.6$ at 1σ

FUTURE COLLIDERS

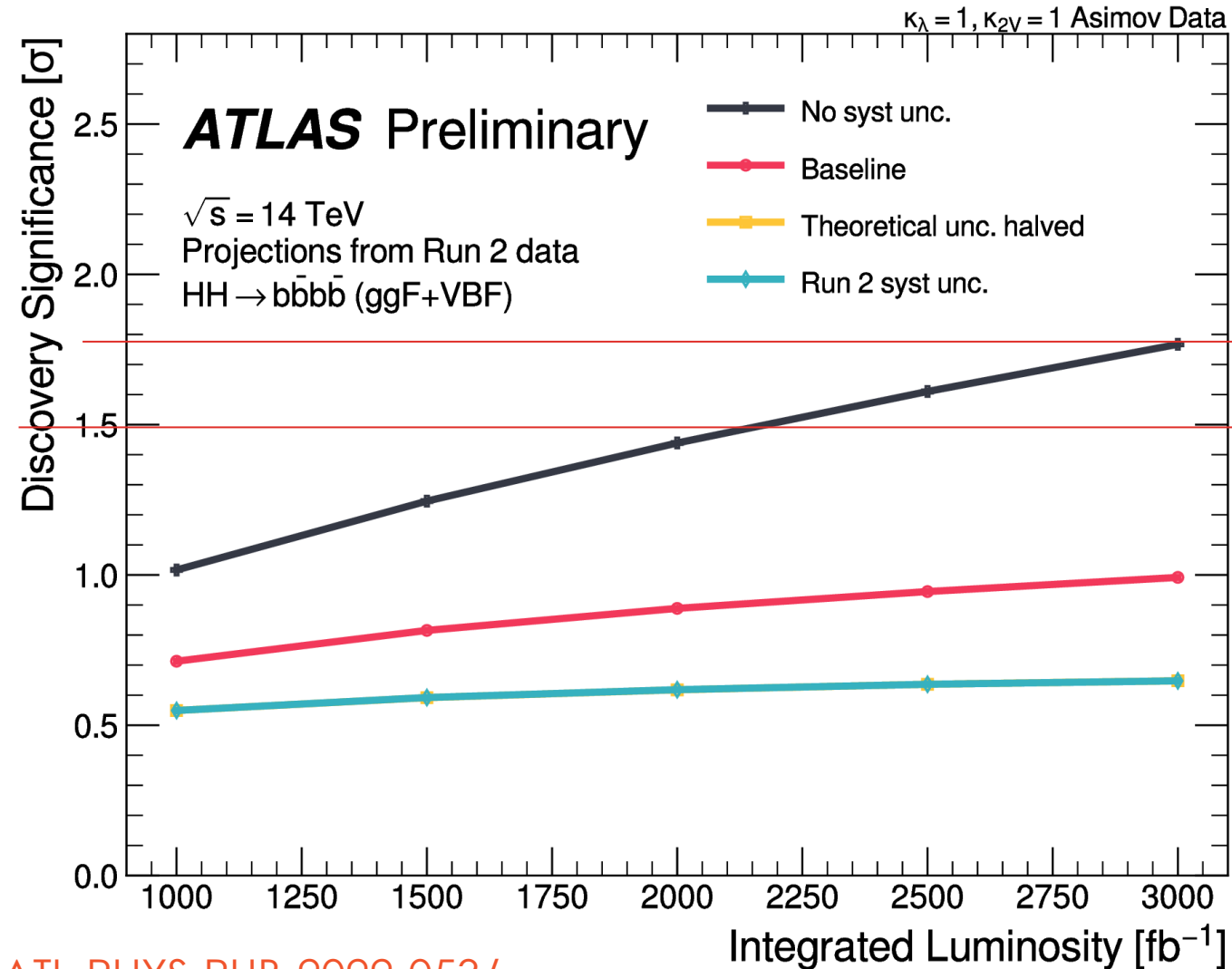
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$$V(H) \simeq \begin{cases} -m^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda(H^\dagger H)^2 + \frac{c_6 \lambda}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger H)^3, & \text{Elementary Higgs} \\ -a \sin^2(\sqrt{H^\dagger H}/f) + b \sin^4(\sqrt{H^\dagger H}/f), & \text{Nambu-Goldstone Higgs} \\ \lambda(H^\dagger H)^2 + \epsilon(H^\dagger H)^2 \log \frac{H^\dagger H}{\mu^2}, & \text{Coleman-Weinberg Higgs} \\ -\kappa^3 \sqrt{H^\dagger H} + m^2 H^\dagger H, & \text{Tadpole-induced Higgs} \end{cases}$$

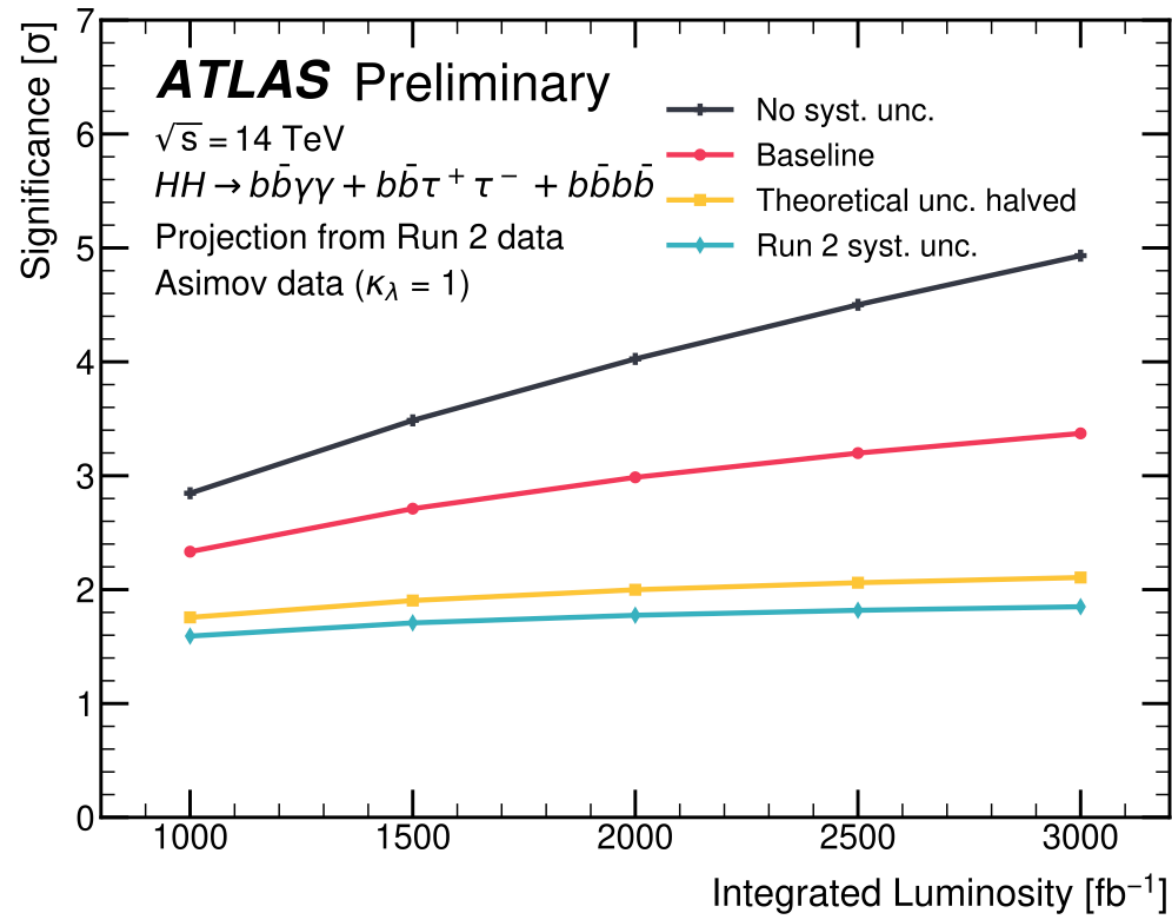
	a	b	c_1	c_2	c_3	d_3	d_4
relevant couplings	hVV	$hhVV$	$h\bar{t}t$	$hh\bar{t}t$	$hhh\bar{t}t$	hhh	$hhhh$
SM	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
SMEFT (with O_6)	1	1	1	0	0	$1 + c_6 \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$	$1 + c_6 \frac{6v^2}{\Lambda^2}$
MCH ₅₊₅	$1 - \frac{\xi}{2}$	$1 - 2\xi$	$1 - \frac{3}{2}\xi$	-2ξ	$-\frac{2}{3}\xi$	$1 - \frac{3}{2}\xi$	$1 - \frac{25}{3}\xi$
CTH ₈₊₁	$1 - \frac{\xi}{2}$	$1 - 2\xi$	$1 - \frac{1}{2}\xi$	$-\frac{1}{2}\xi$	$-\frac{1}{6}\xi$	$1 - \frac{3}{2}\xi$	$1 - \frac{25}{3}\xi$
CW Higgs (doublet)	1	1	1	0	0	$\frac{5}{3}(1.75)$	$\frac{11}{3}(4.43)$
CW Higgs (singlets)	1	1	1	0	0	$\frac{5}{3}(1.91)$	$\frac{11}{3}(4.10)$
Tadpole-induced Higgs	$\simeq 1$	$\simeq 1$	$\simeq 1$	0	0	$\simeq 0$	$\simeq 0$

Table 1: Higgs couplings, defined in Eqs. (2.1) and (2.3), for the SM and various NP scenarios. For the Coleman-Weinberg (CW) Higgs scenario, we also present in the parenthesis the Higgs self-couplings up to the two-loop order, predicted in the two of the simplest conformal extensions of the scalar sector: SM Higgs doublet with another doublet [14], and SM Higgs doublet with two additional singlets [15].

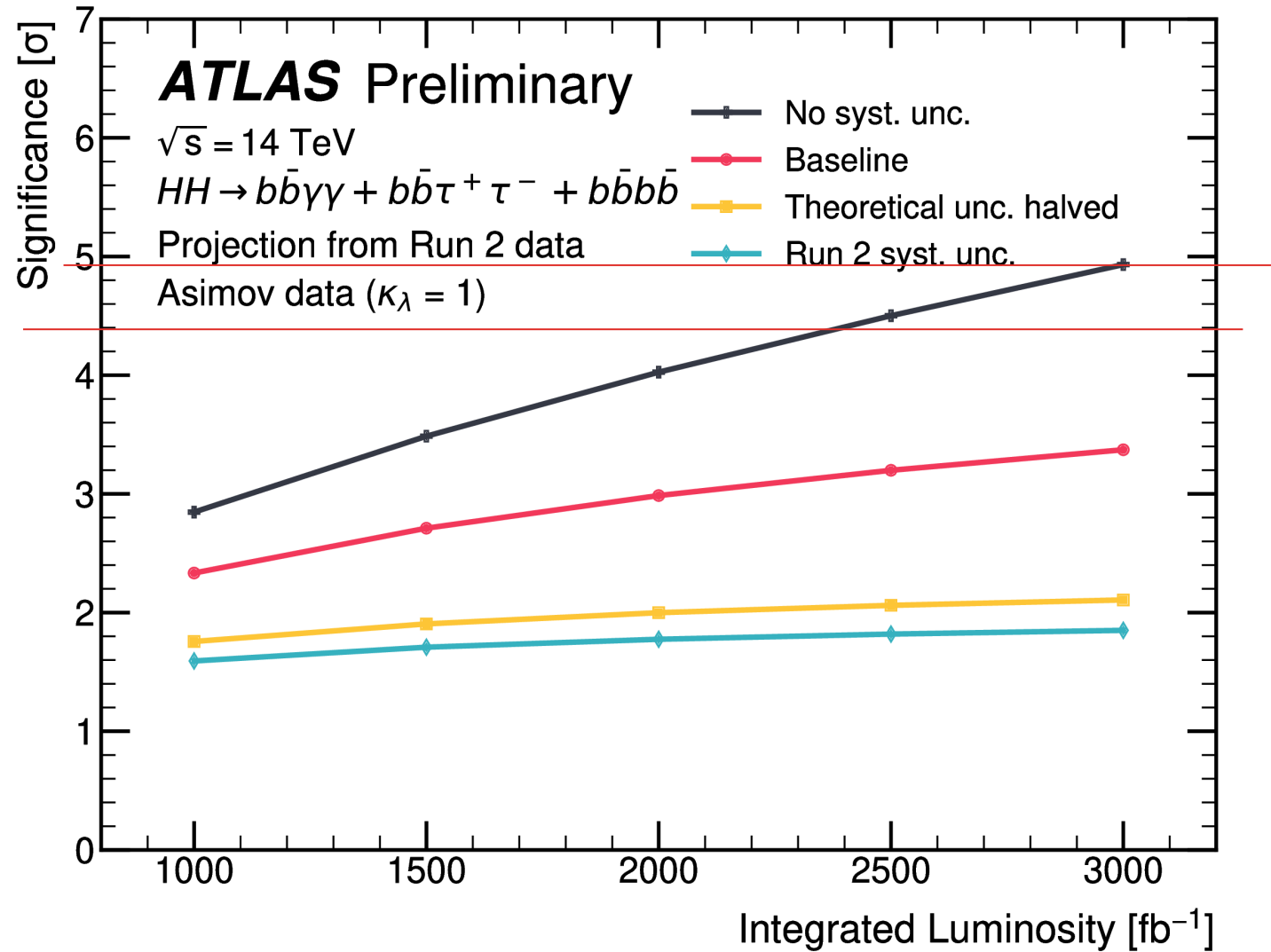
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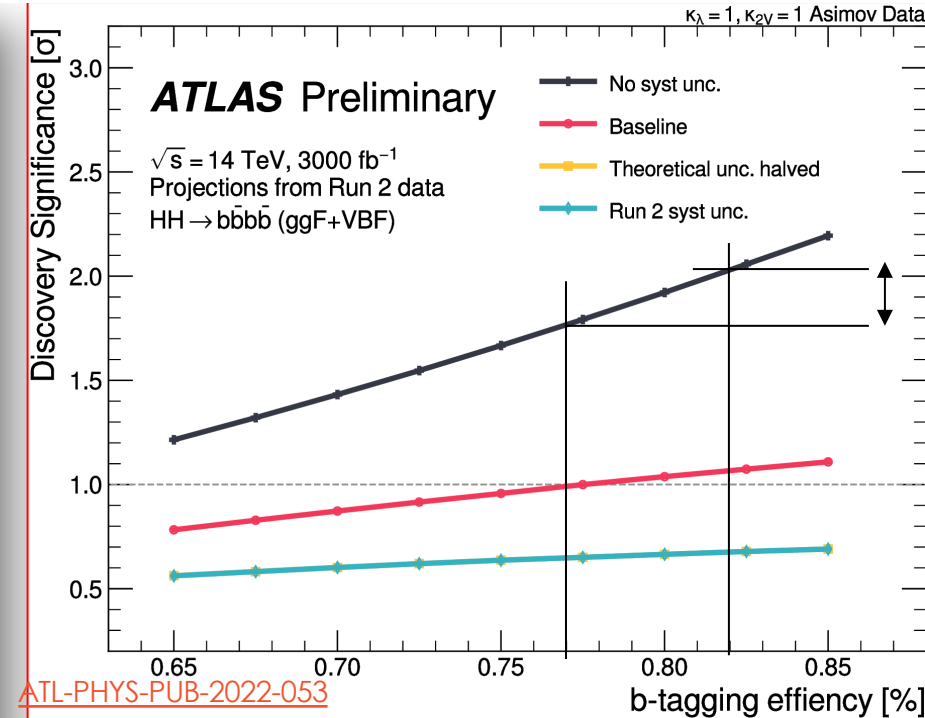
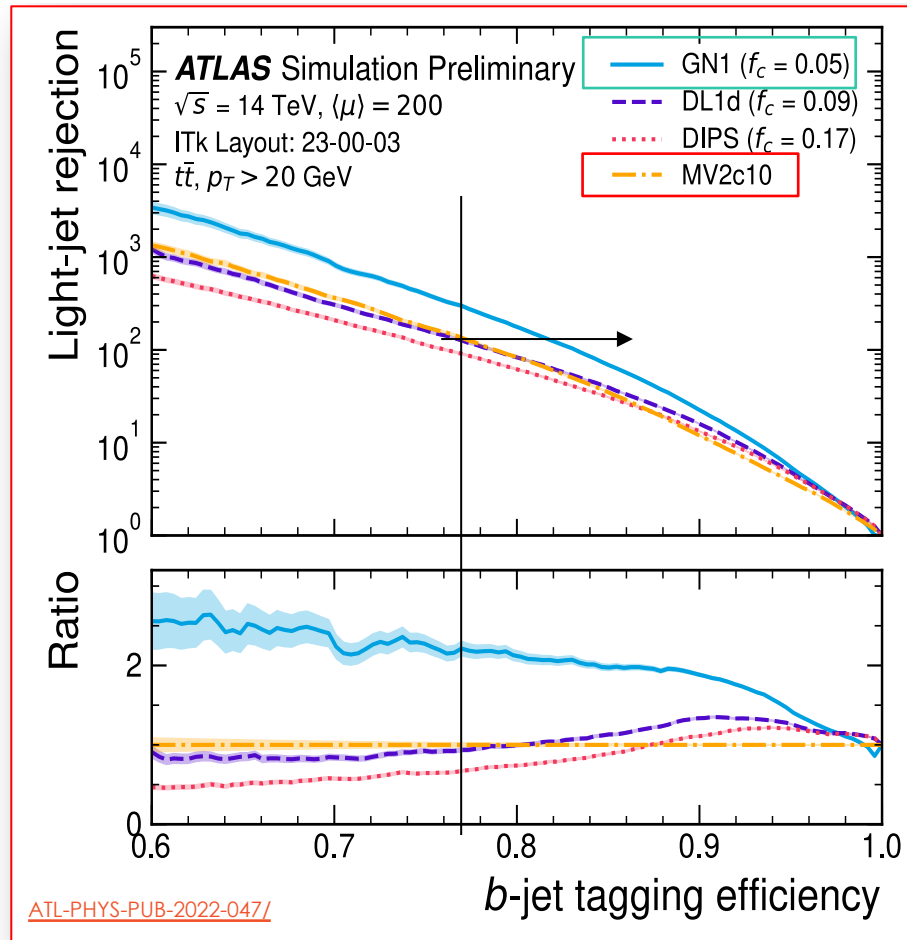


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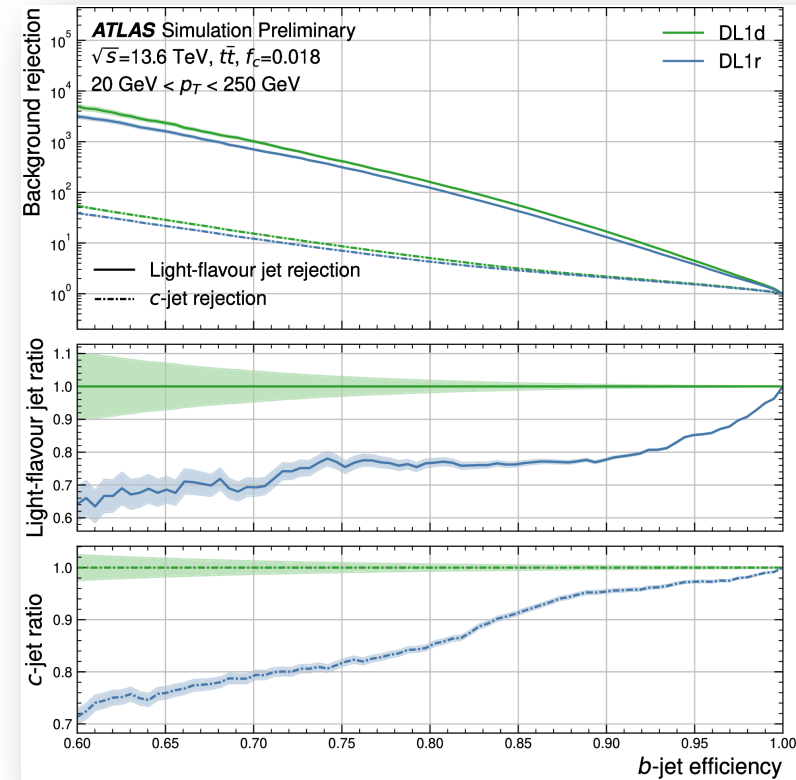
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Modern flavor tagging algorithms based on **Graph Neural Networks** fully exploit the potential of the ITk \rightarrow large sensitivity gains for HH!

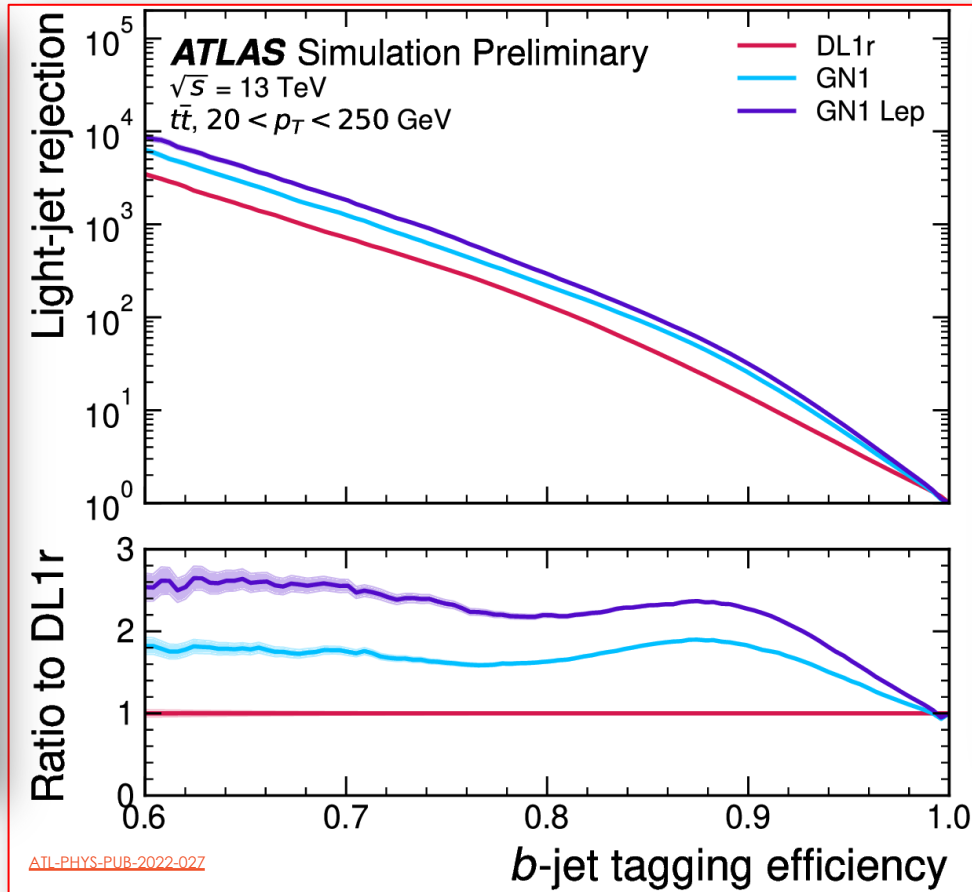


+ 5% efficiency for the same mistag rate \rightarrow + 0.3 σ sensitivity gain for $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

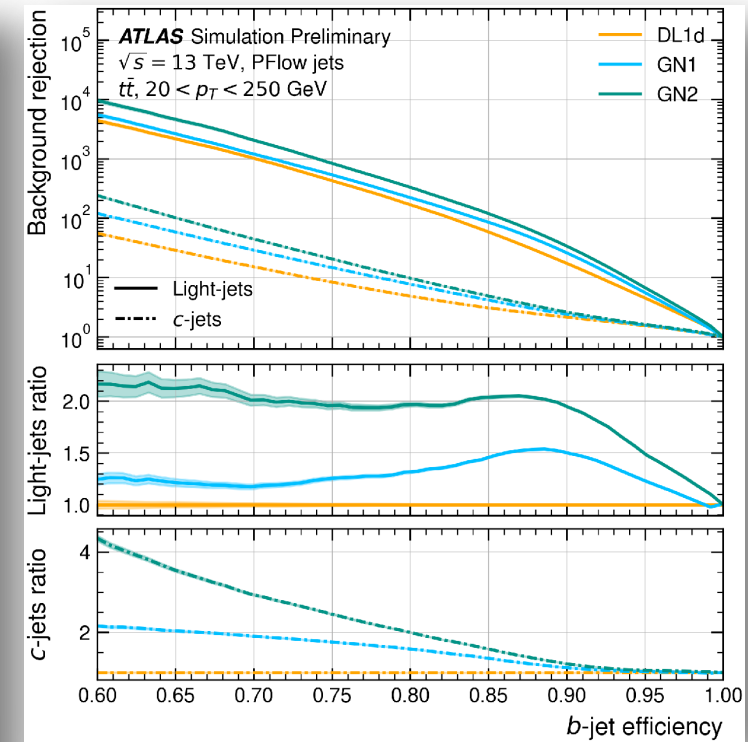
RUN 3 *b*-TAGGING



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ITK BTAGGING

Moder taggers based on **Graph Neural Networks** further exploit the potential of the ITk: **up to x2 improvement in light-jet rejection!**

