

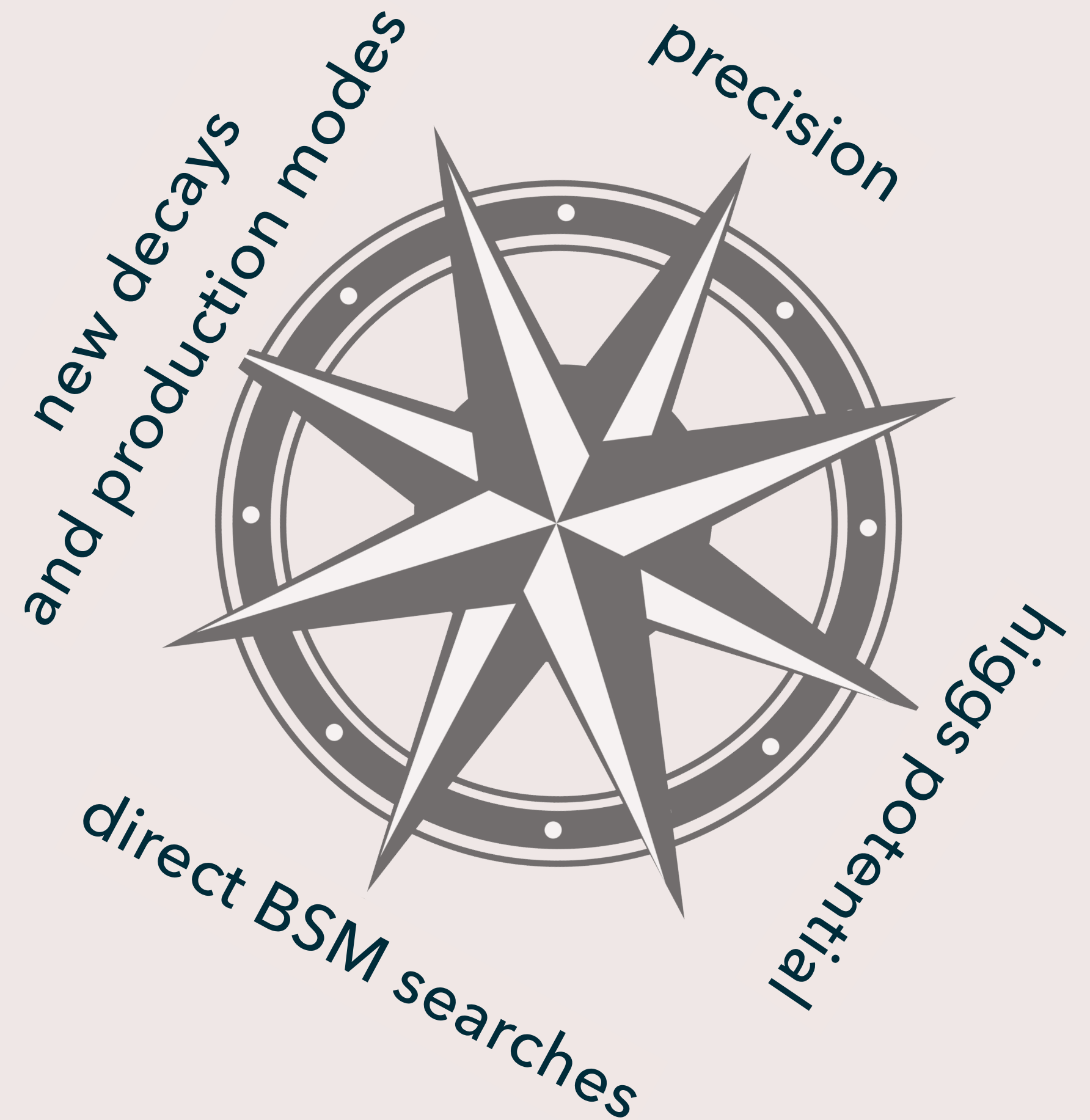
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HIGGS HUNTING

Experimental Summary

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In Summary...

- This has been an amazing conference - thanks to all the speakers, experimental and theorists alike, for all the results, ideas and discussions
- We have been very busy exploring the Higgs Sector!
- **15 years of Higgs Huntings, and the Higgs community is buzzing with new results: so many interesting topics and discussions condensed in three days that to make them justice them in a few slides is an impossible task.**
- Since I cannot cover all... I'll pick some (biased) topics



Cross Sections, Couplings, Properties

New methods: new phase spaces, improved sensitivity

Charm and
Rare Decays

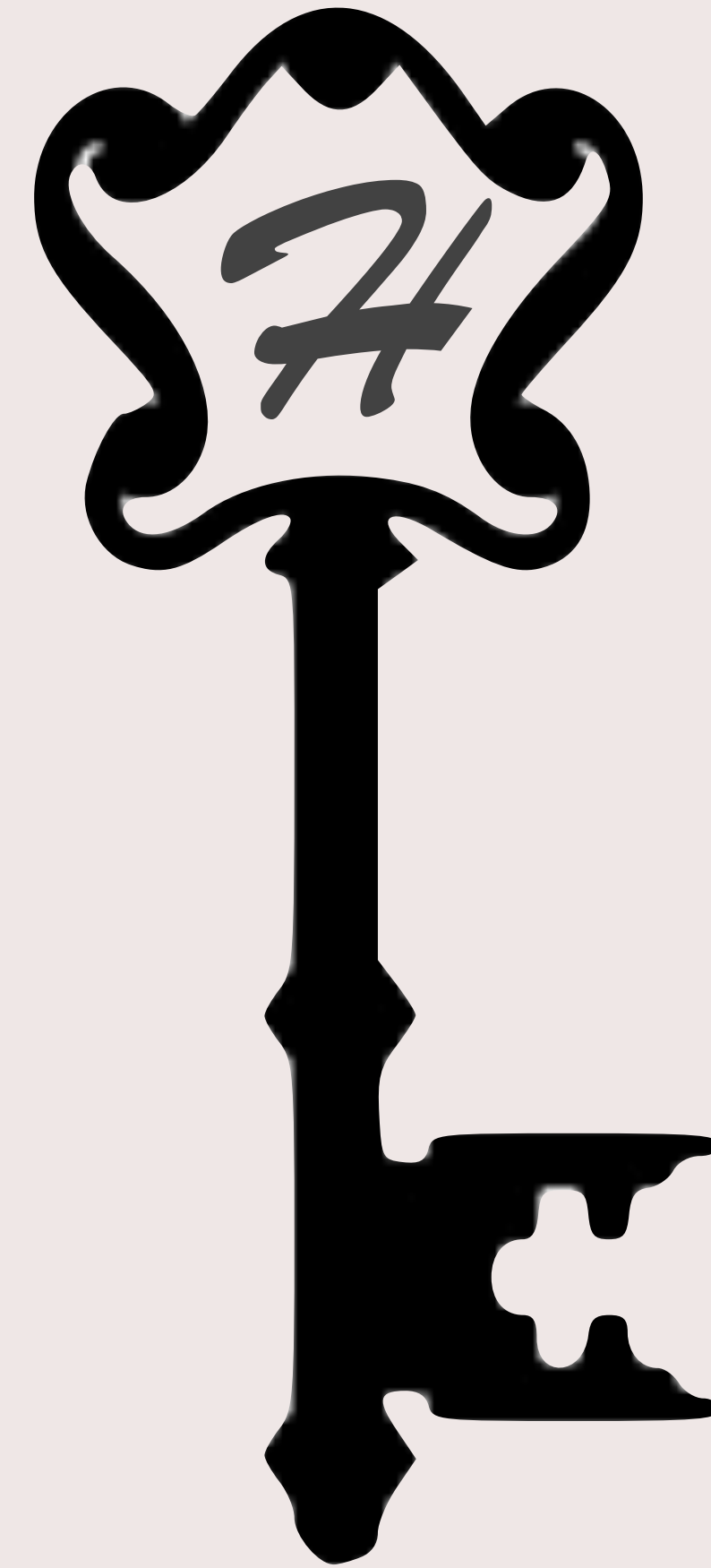
CP and EFT

HH and the
Potential

BSM?



Keystone of the Standard Model ?

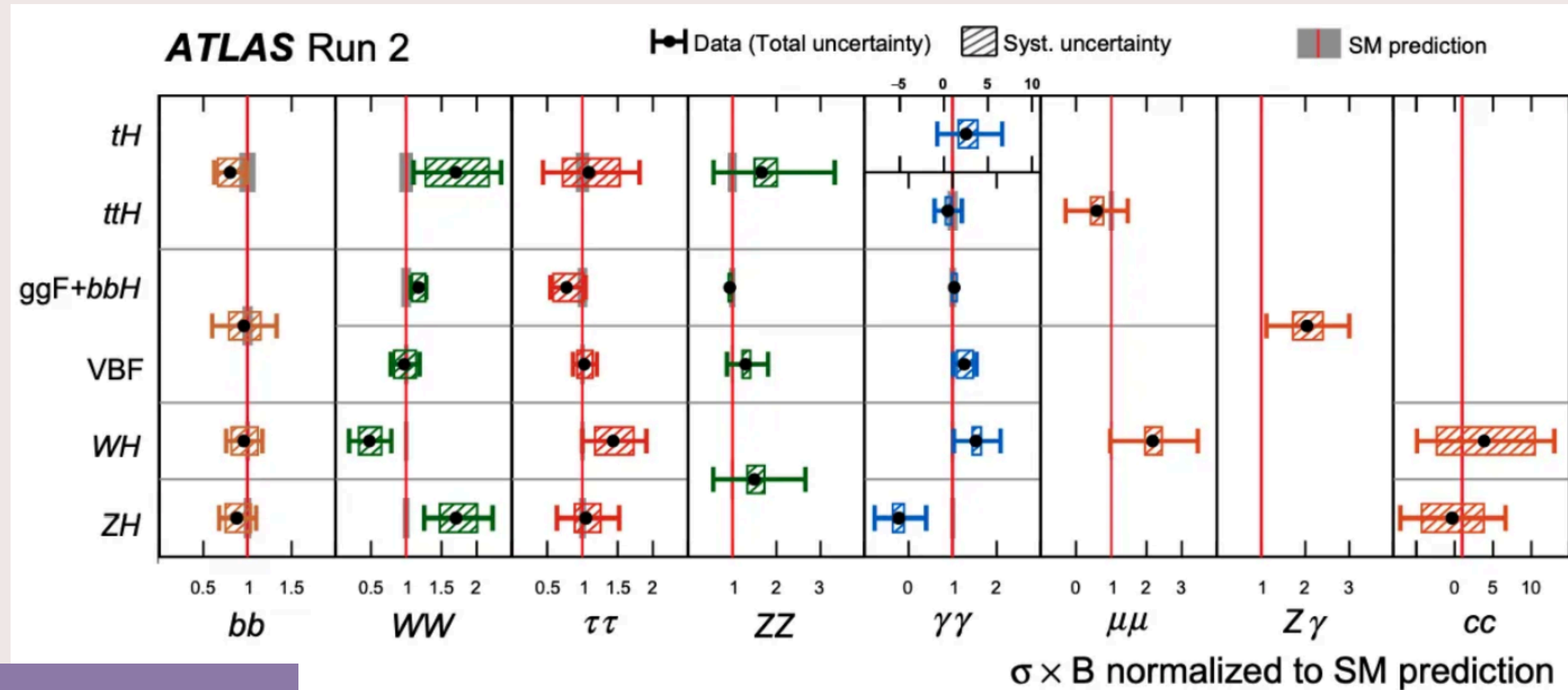


Or key to the portals of BSM?

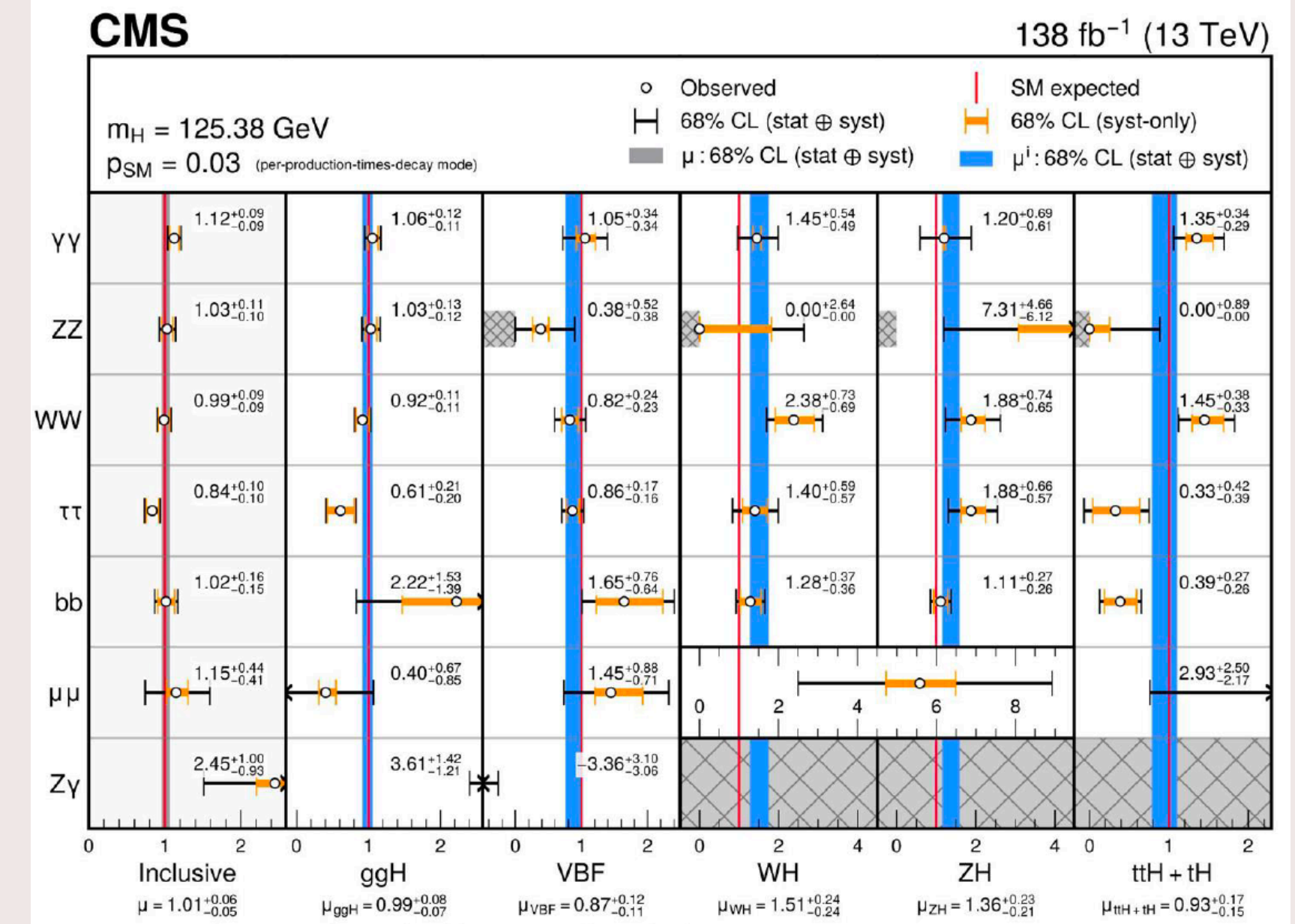
Measuring Higgs Properties

Cross Sections...

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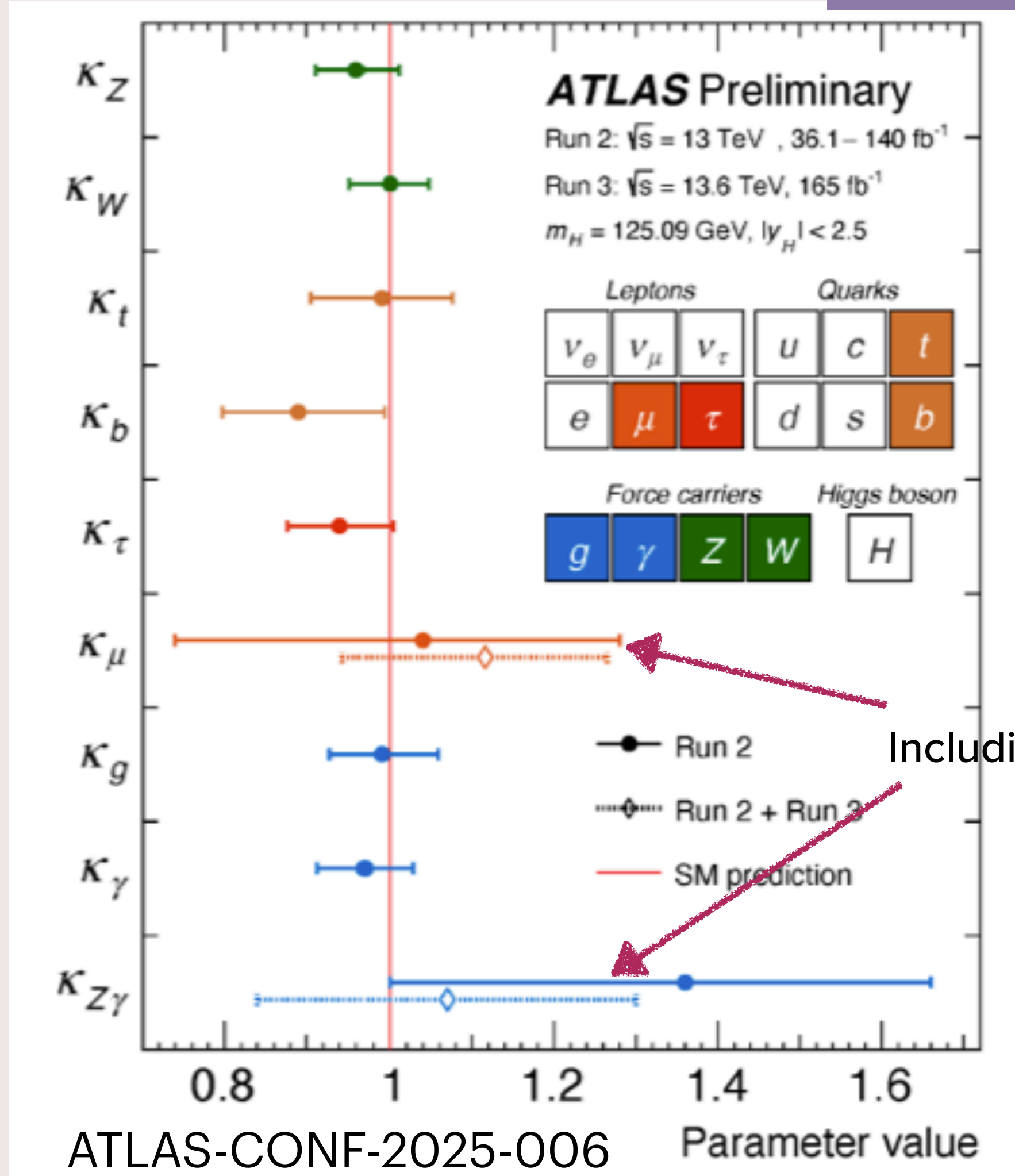
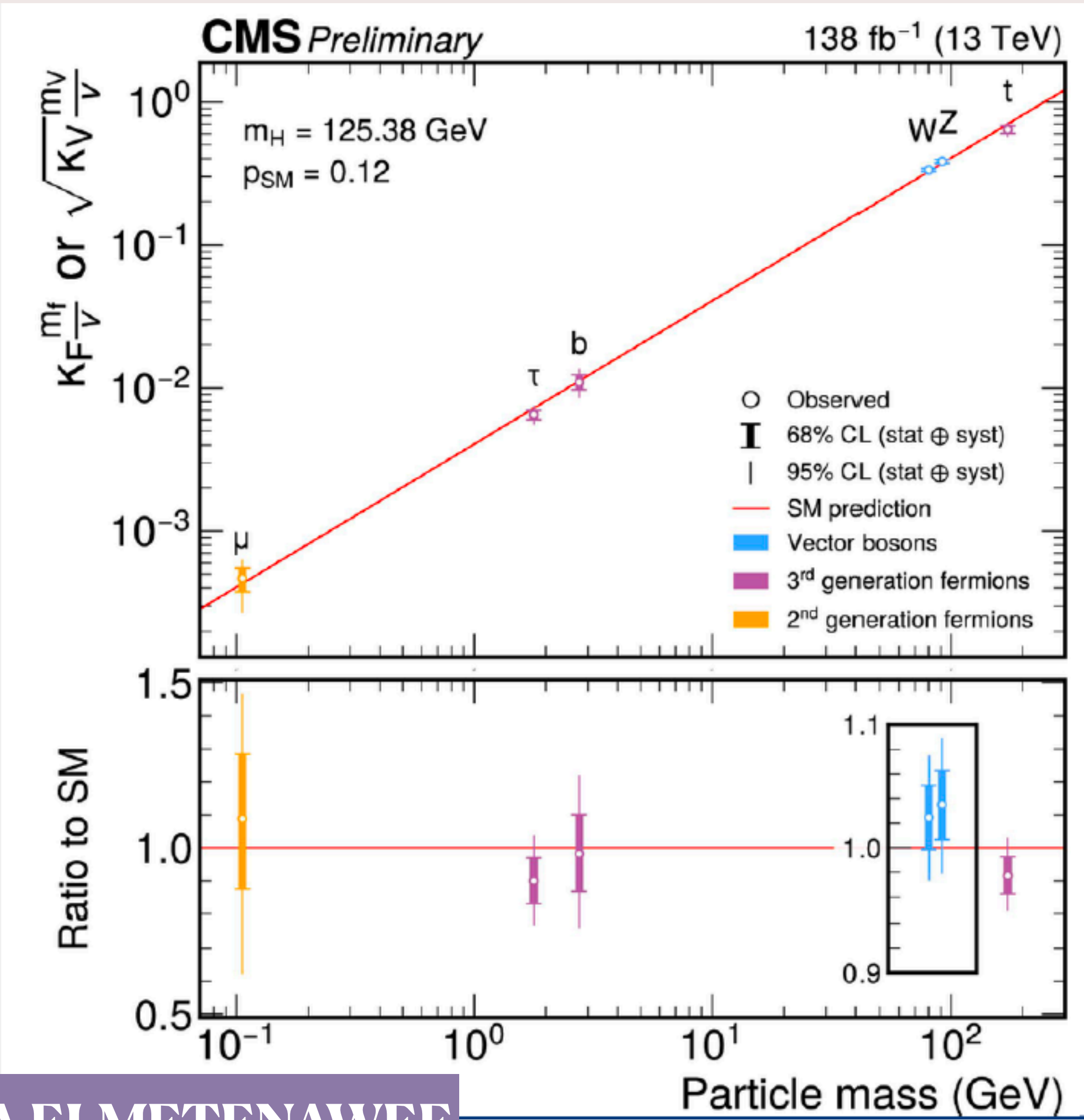
- ▶ Run2 Combinations updated with new channels and interpretations
- ▶ Through examination of Higgs Production: impressive agreement with the SM
- ▶ Precision on main modes down to 5-10%

$$\mu_{if} = \frac{(\sigma_i \times B_f)}{(\sigma_i^{SM} \times B_f^{SM})} = 1.023 \pm 0.028 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+0.026}_{-0.025} \text{ (exp.) } {}^{+0.039}_{-0.036} \text{ (sig. theo.) } \pm 0.012 \text{ (bkg. theo.)}$$

(ATLAS: 10% improvement on global mu compared to Nature paper)

...and Couplings!

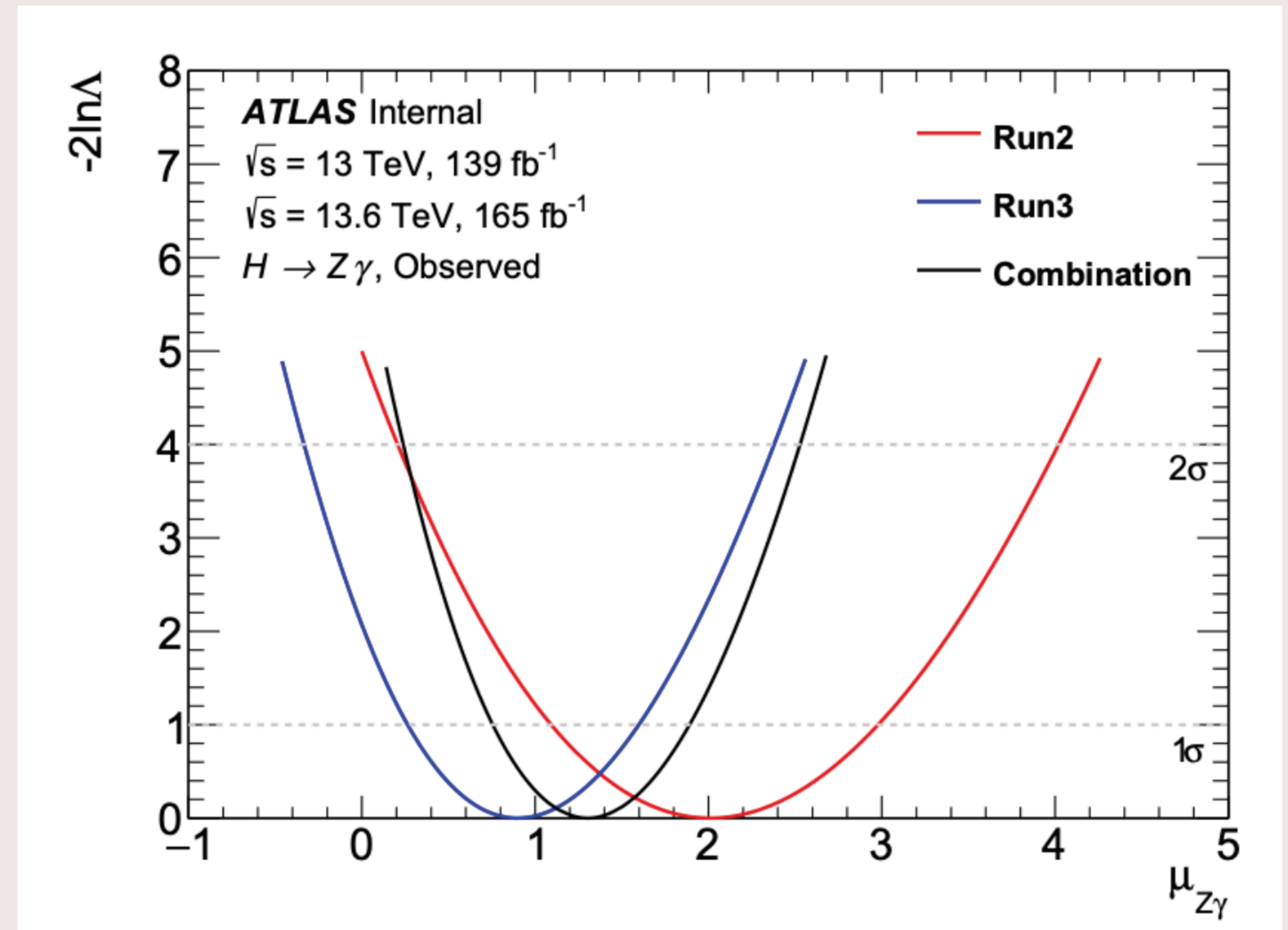
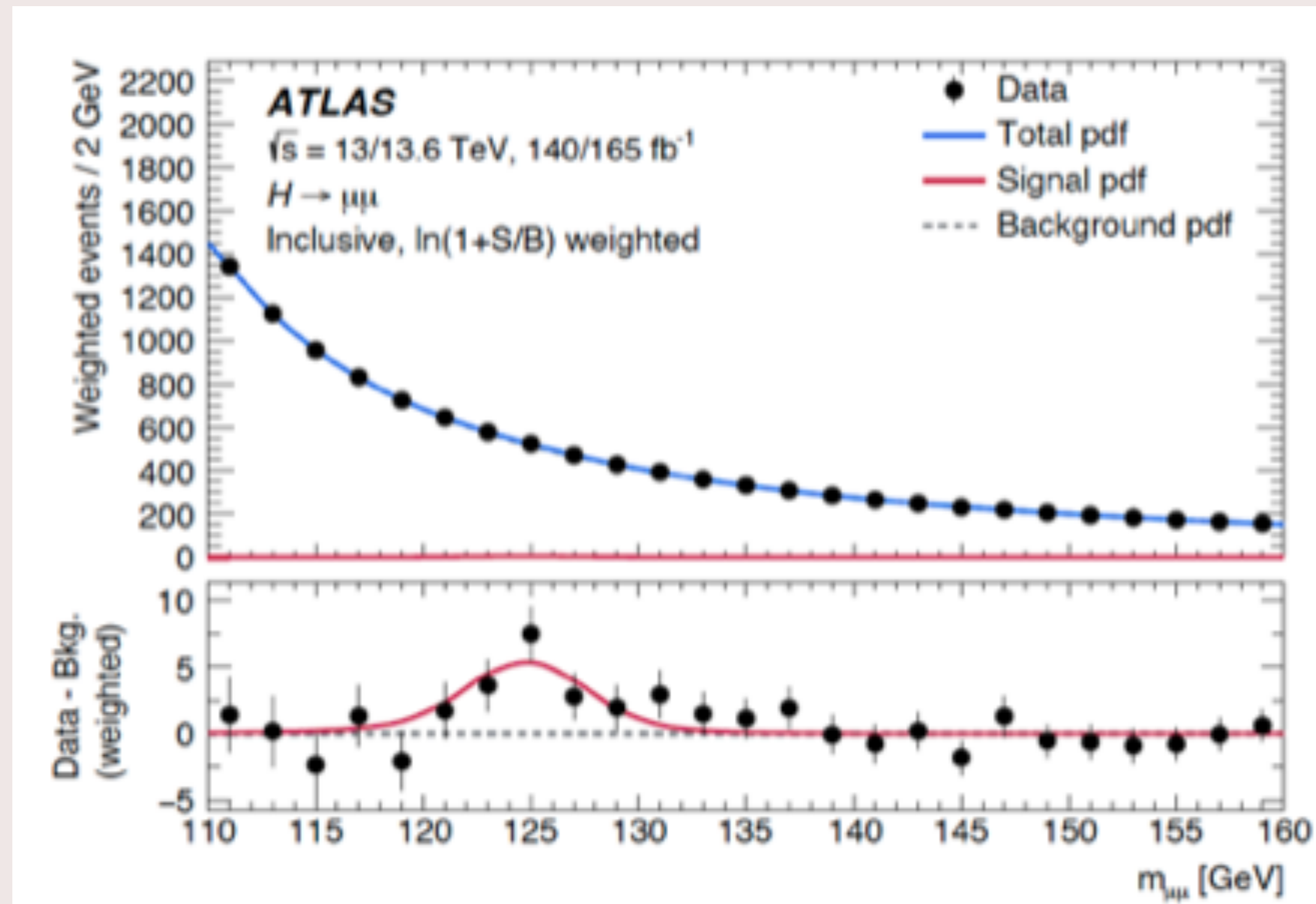
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Including Run3 Data!

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Rare Decays: exploiting Run3 (22+23+24) data



Run2+Run3 ATLAS: **3.4 σ (2.5 exp)** , $\mu = 1.4 \pm 0.4$

CMS Run2 : $\mu = 1.2 \pm 0.4$, 3 σ (2.5 exp)

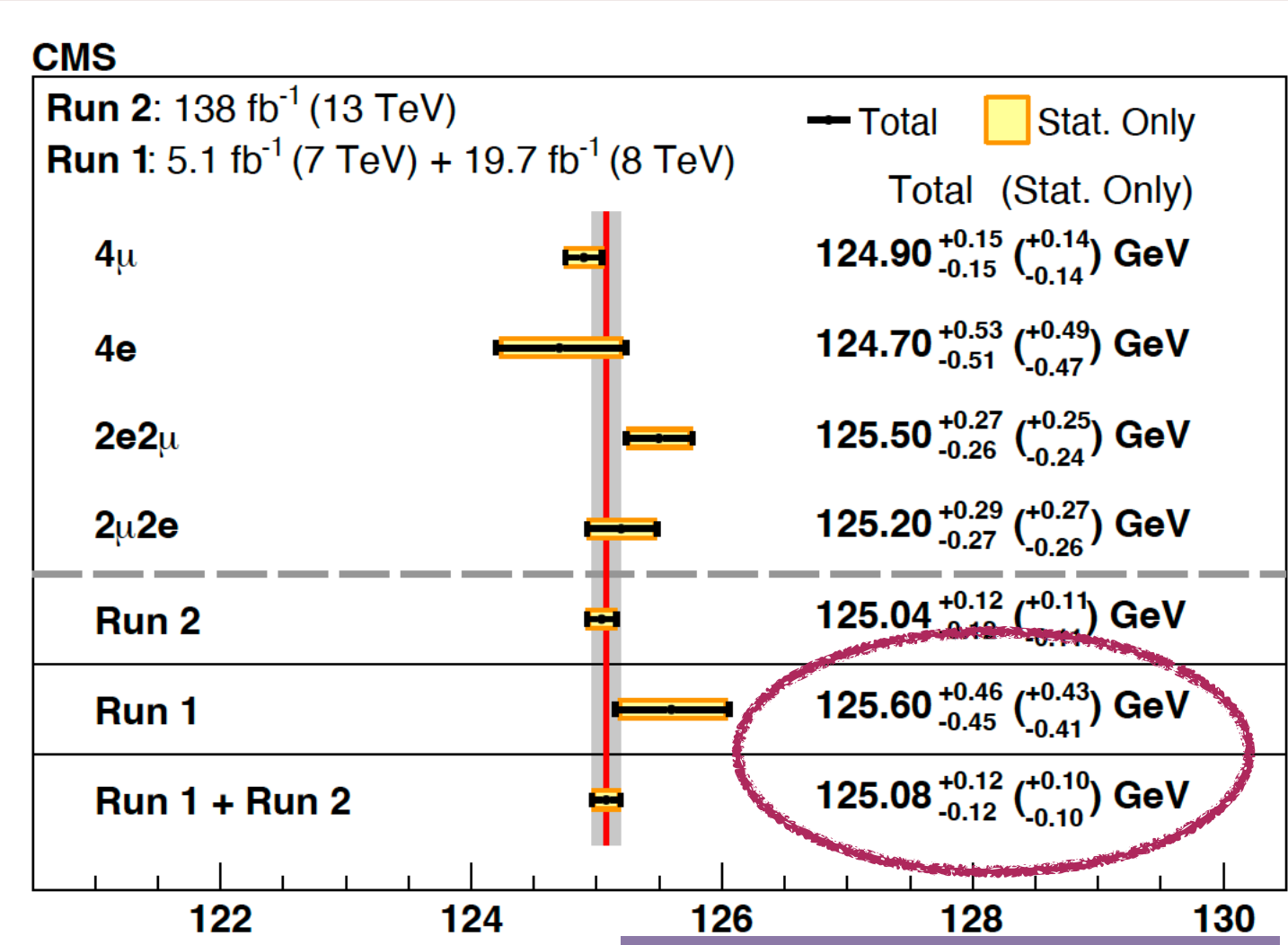
Run2+Run3 ATLAS: 2.5 σ (1.0 exp SM) , $\mu = 1.3 \pm 0.5$

ATLAS+CMS Run2 : $\mu = 2.2 \pm 0.7$, 3.4 σ (1.6 exp SM)

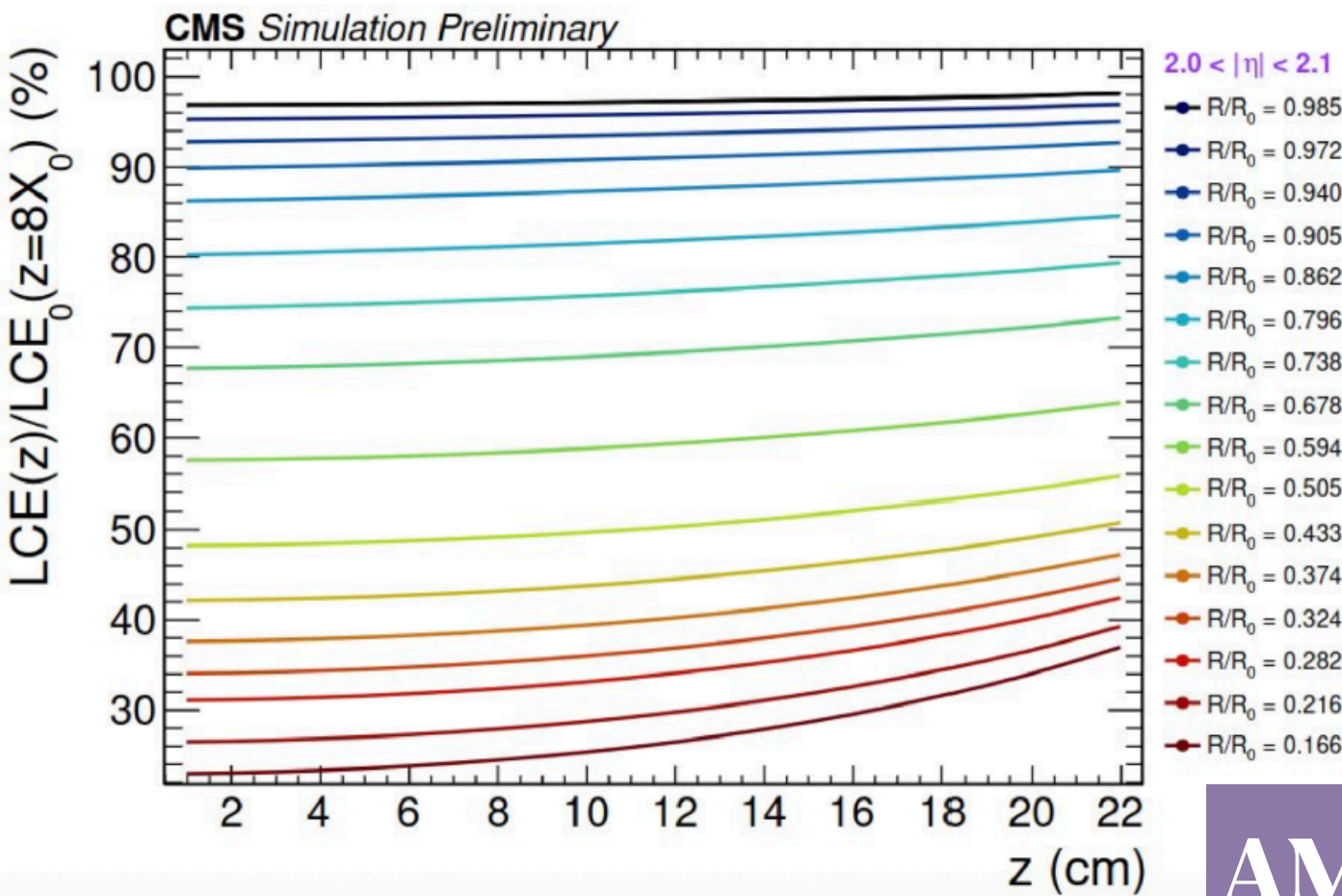
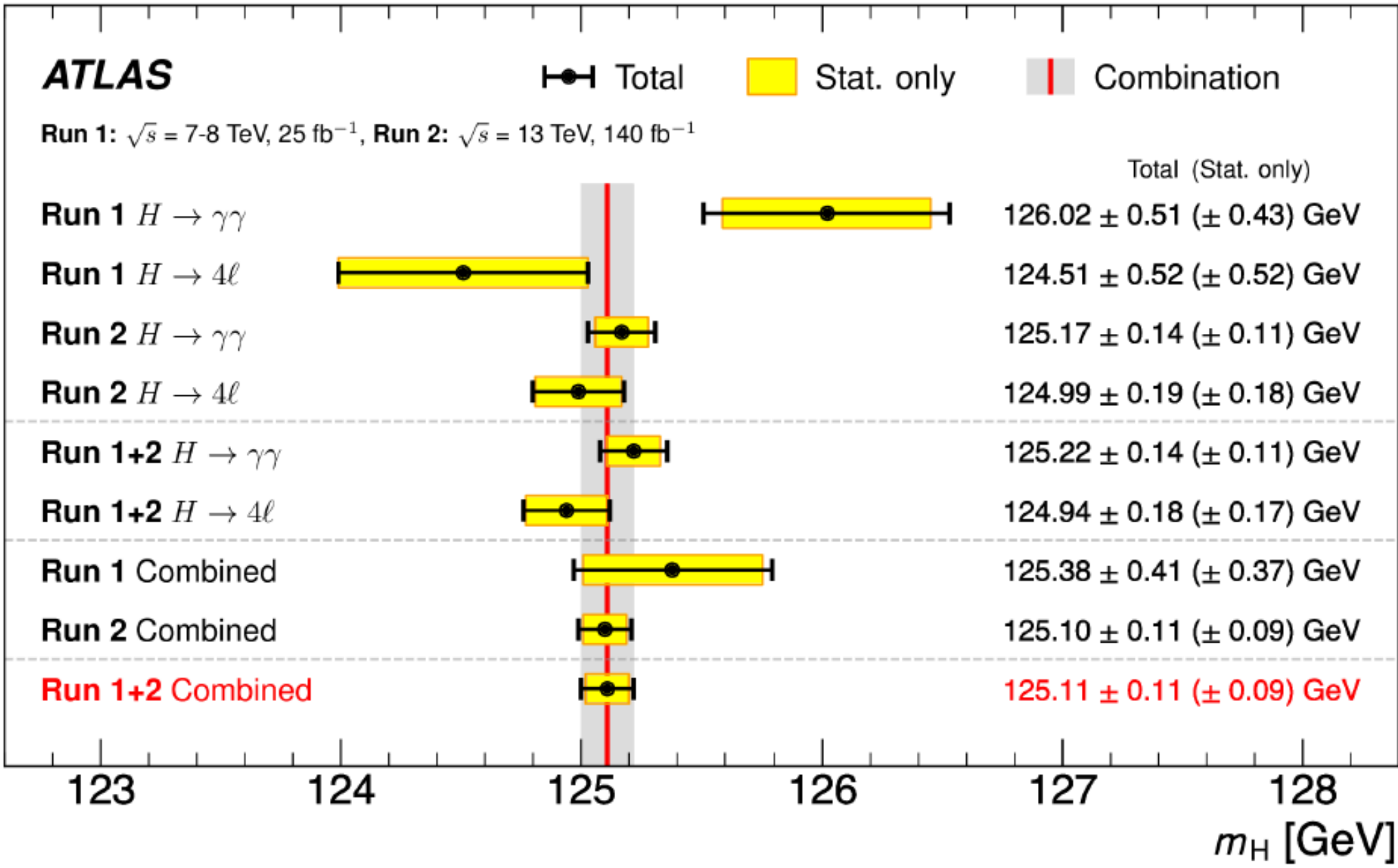
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Pinning down the mass

• Known better than 0.1%!



► Precision measurements: improvement in calibration and control over systematics is key

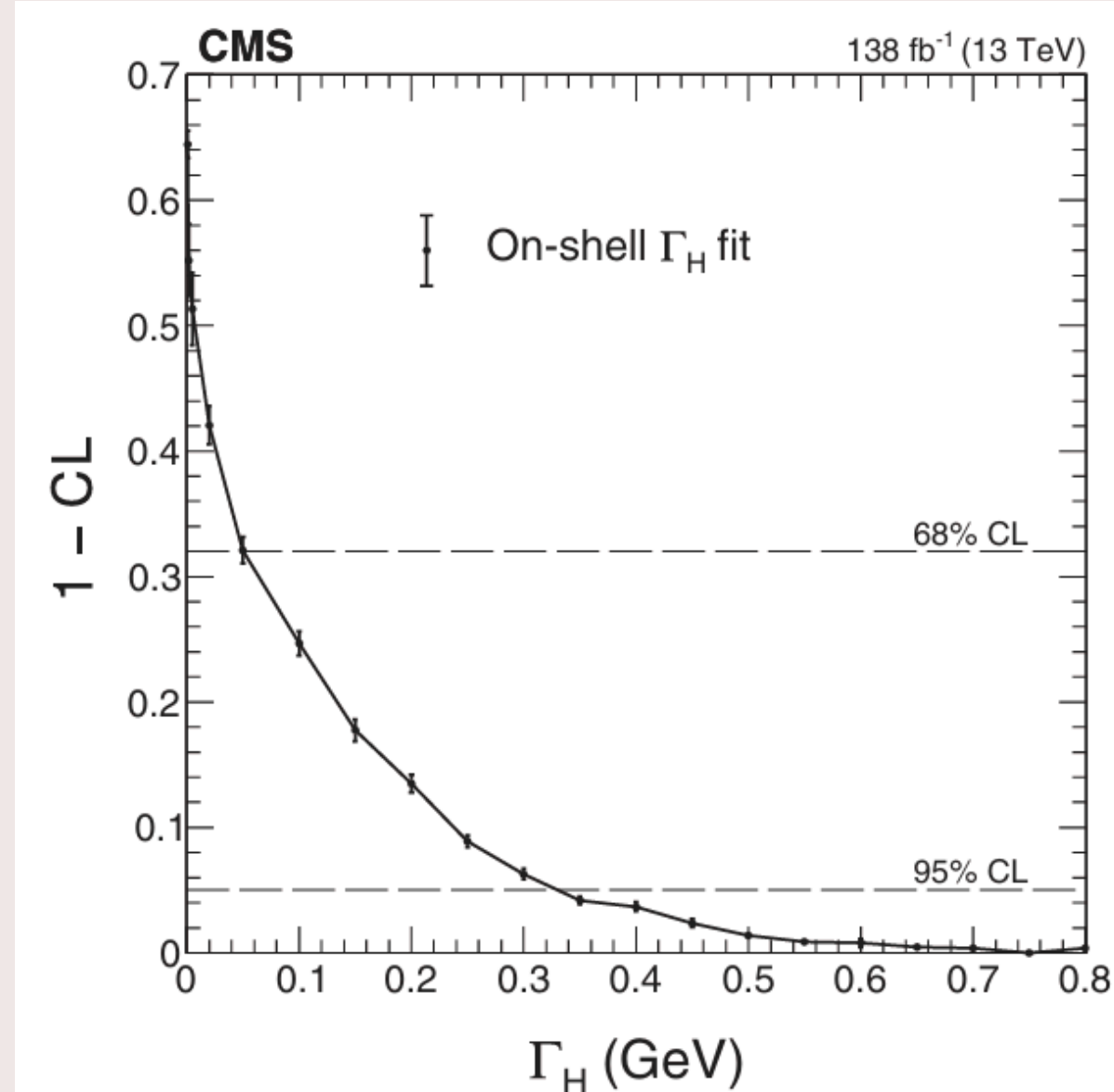


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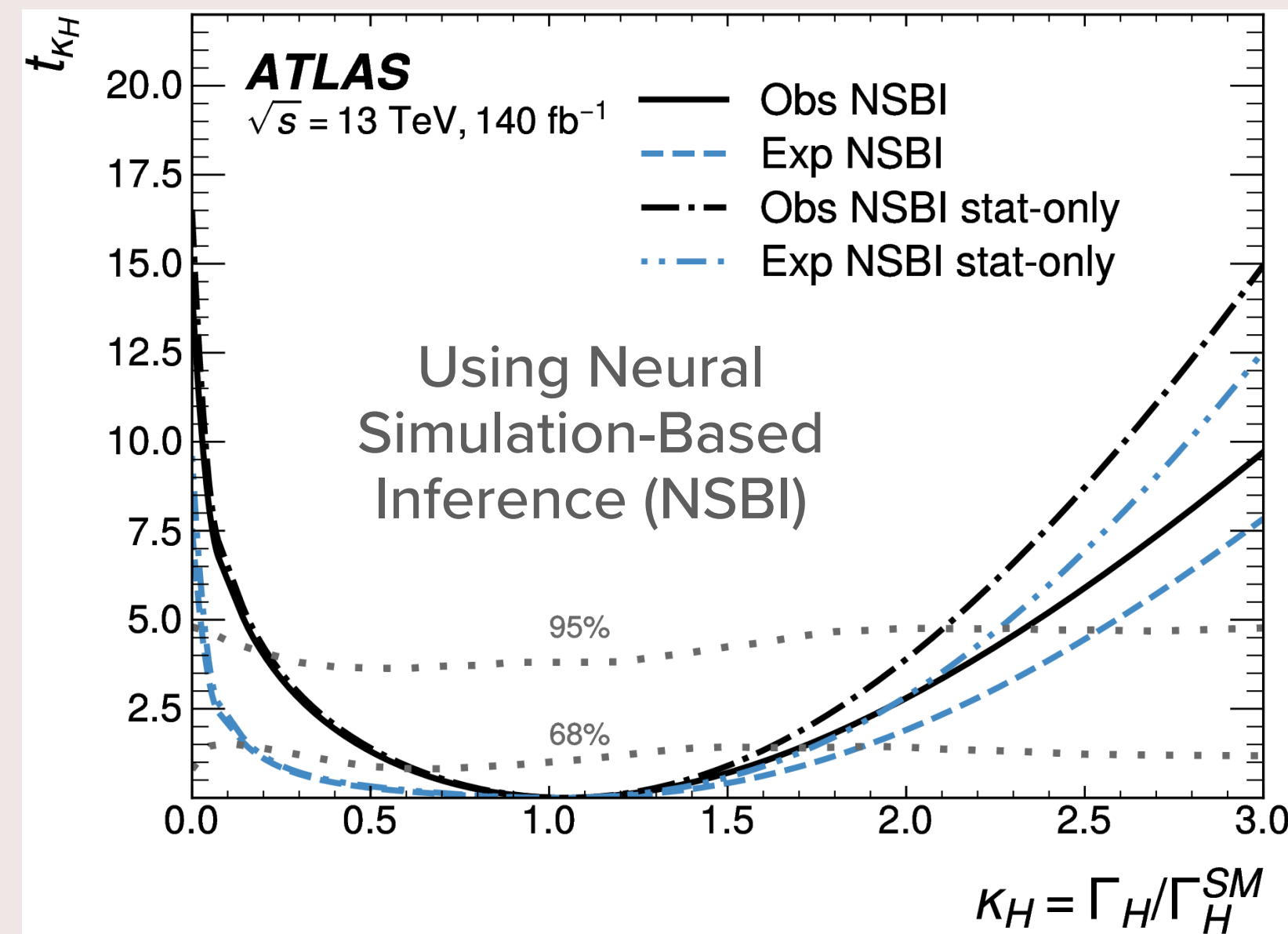
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Narrowing down the Width



Direct, from 4l:

$\Gamma_H < 50$ (330) MeV at 68% (95%) C.L.

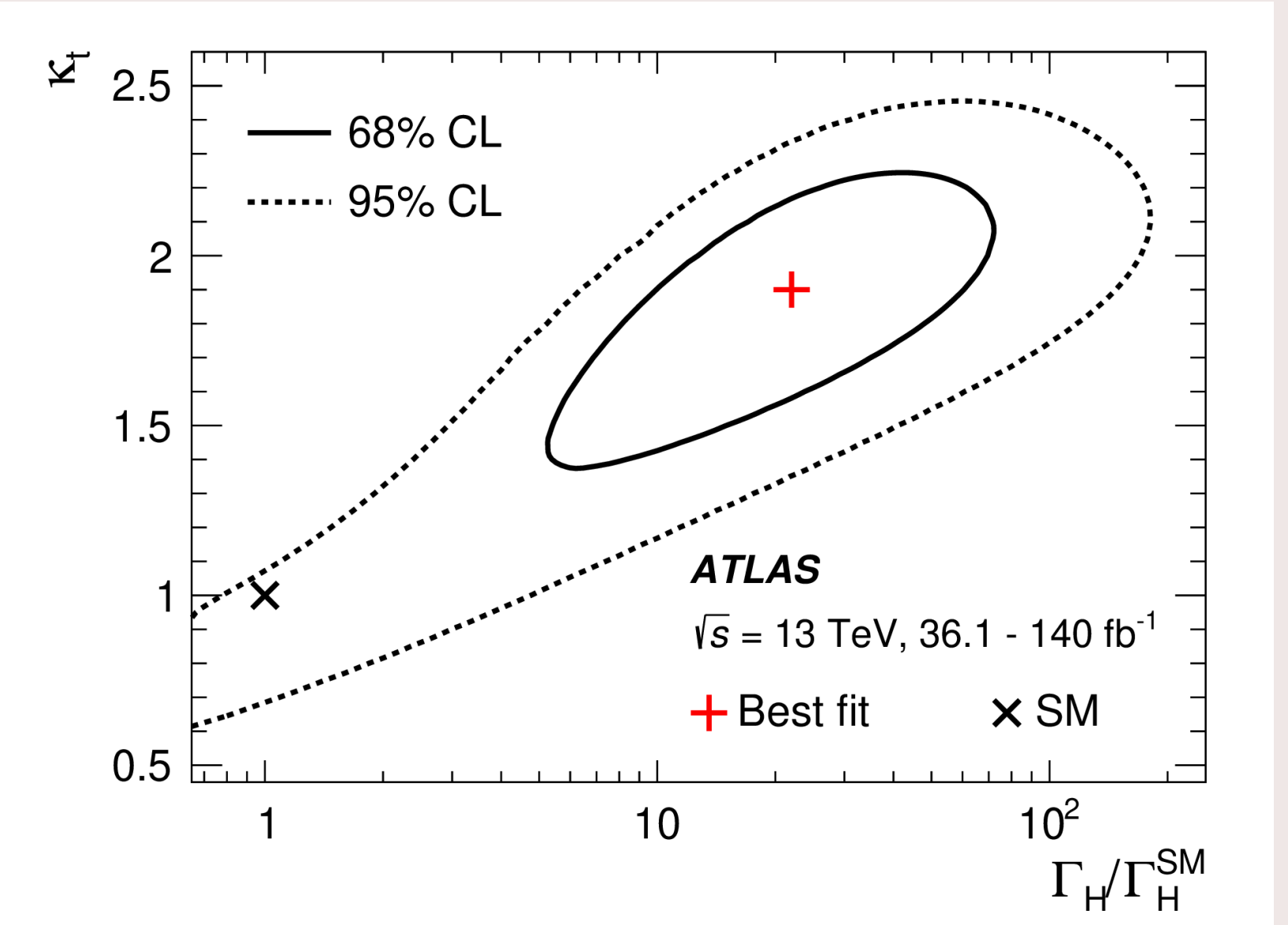


• **HZZ Offshell/Onshell:**

• CMS: $3.0^{+2.0}_{-1.5}$ MeV

• ATLAS: $4.3^{+2.7}_{-1.9}$ MeV

• HWW: ATLAS < 13 MeV



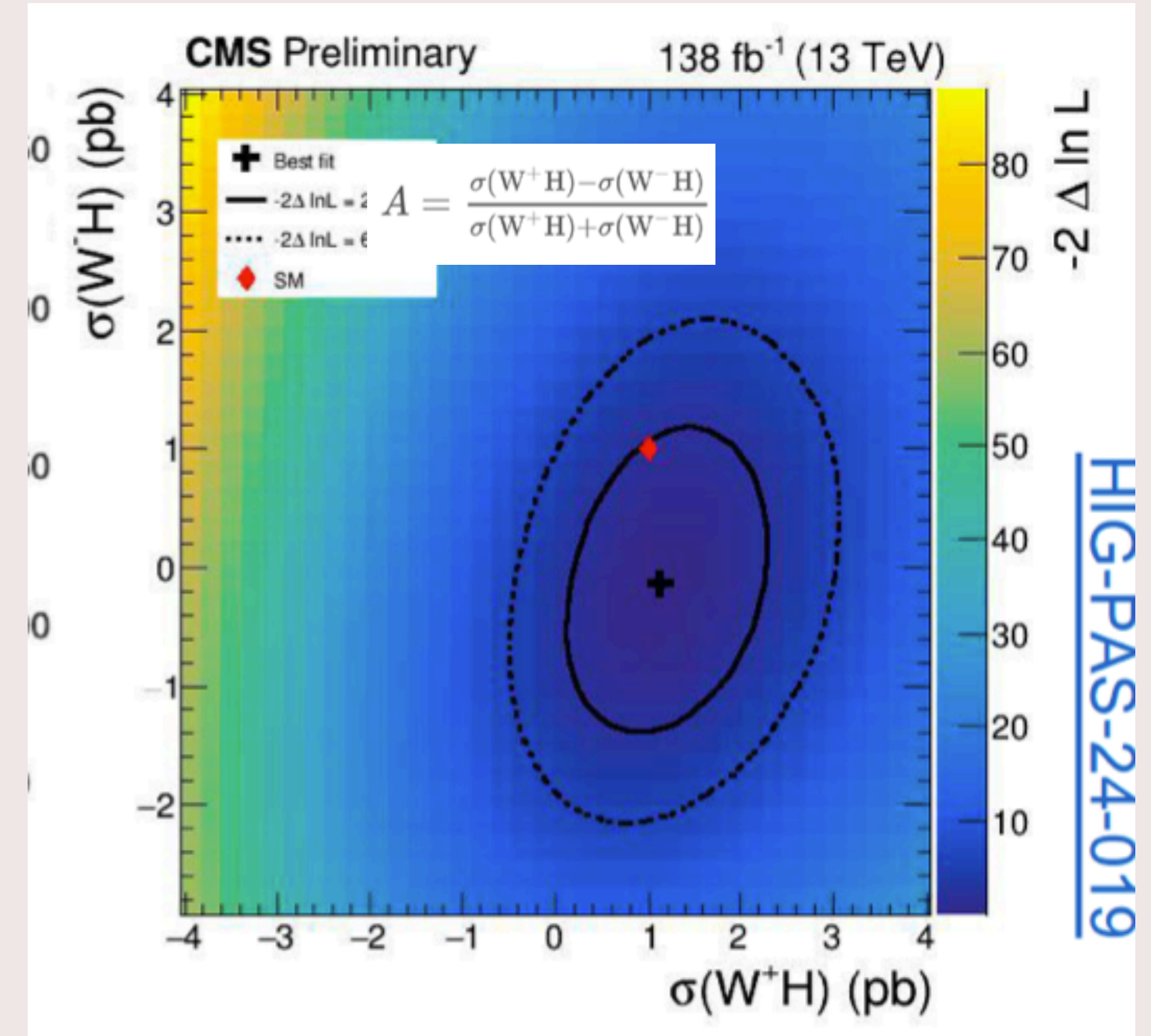
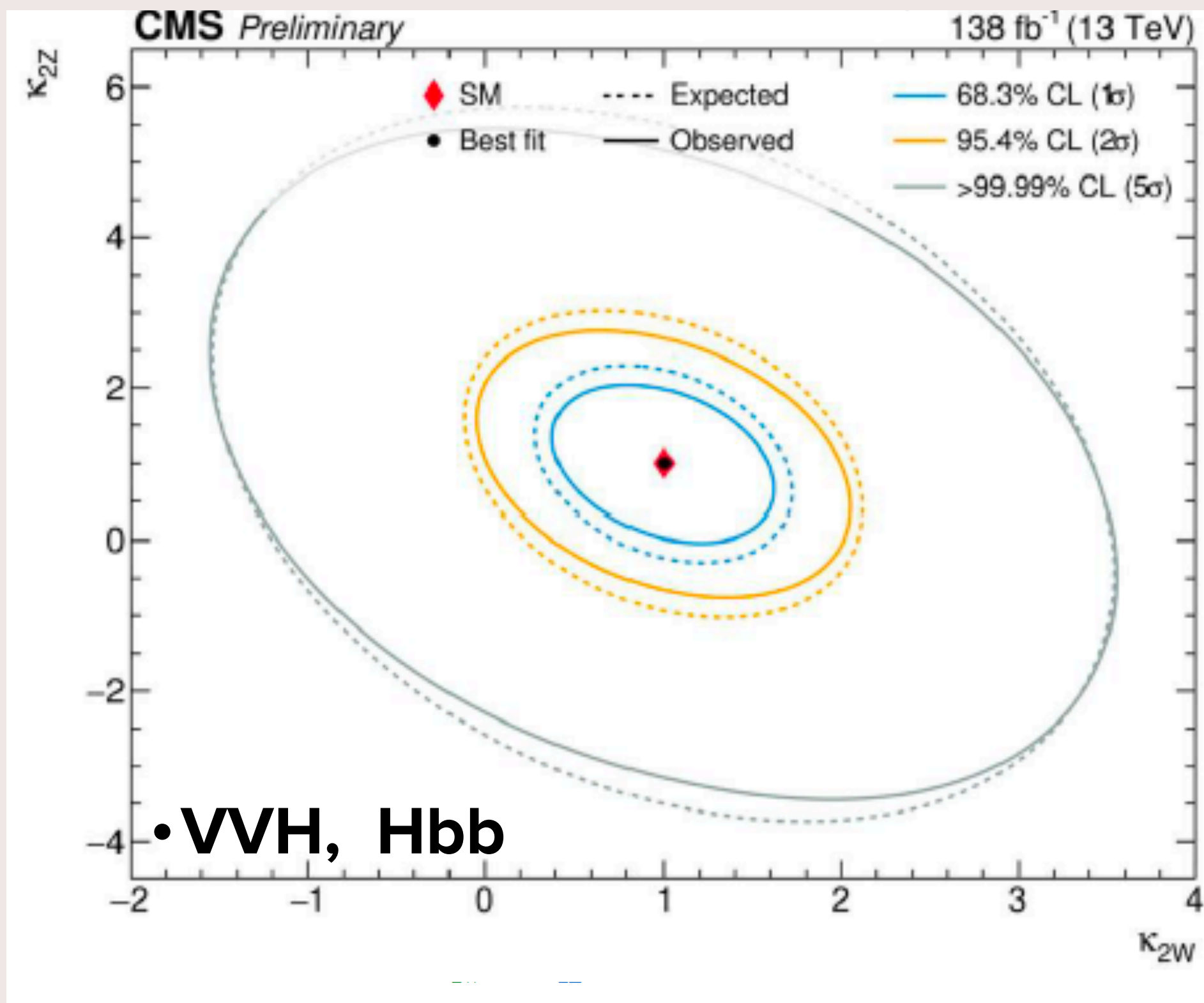
• **With tops! 4top (off shell) / ttH (on shell)**

• $\Gamma_H < 450$ (75) MeV

• Dominated by Theo systematics

• Resolved loops: $\Gamma_H < 160$ (55) MeV

Also rarer and rarer production modes



- Charge Asymmetry in H $\tau\tau$

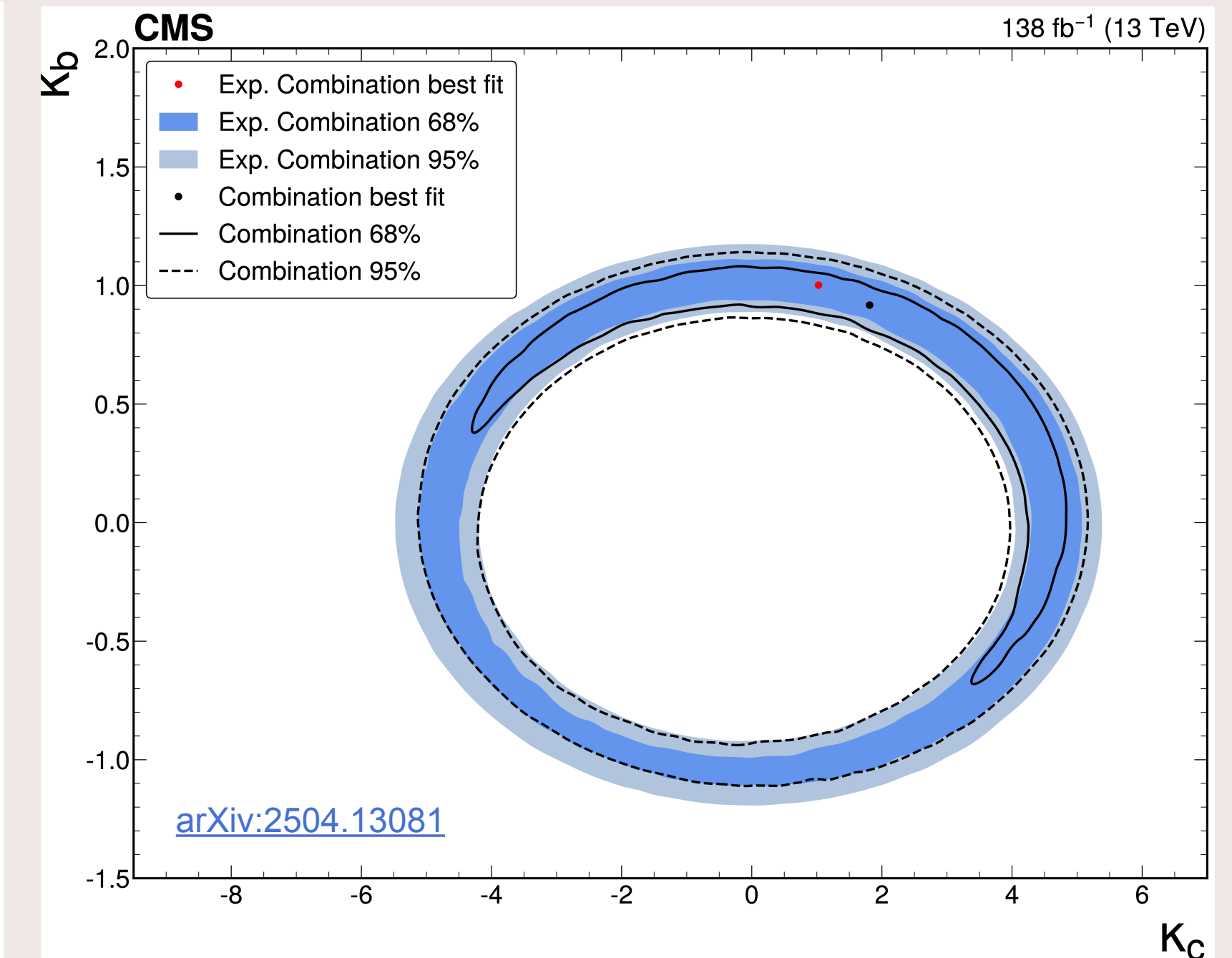
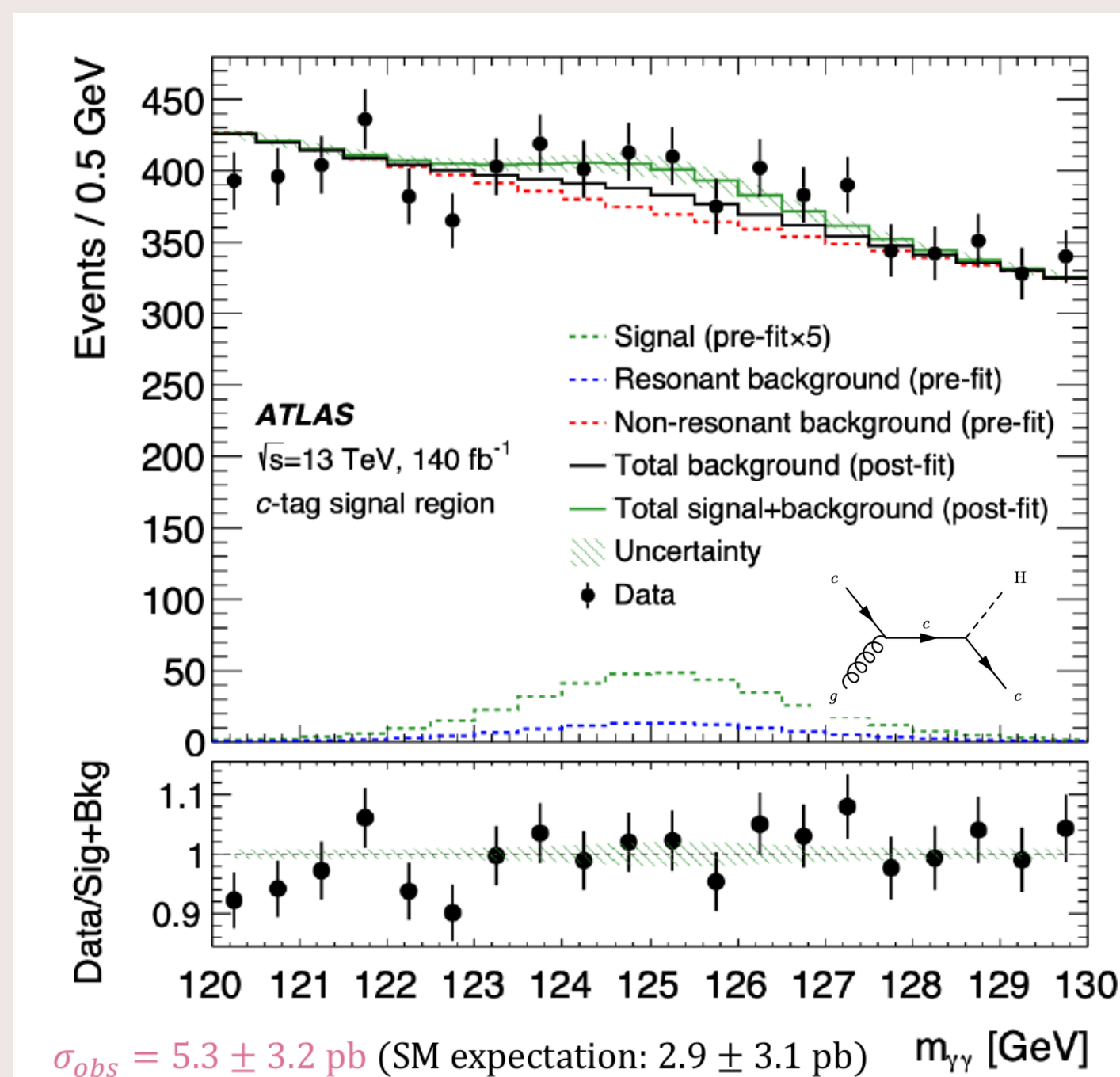
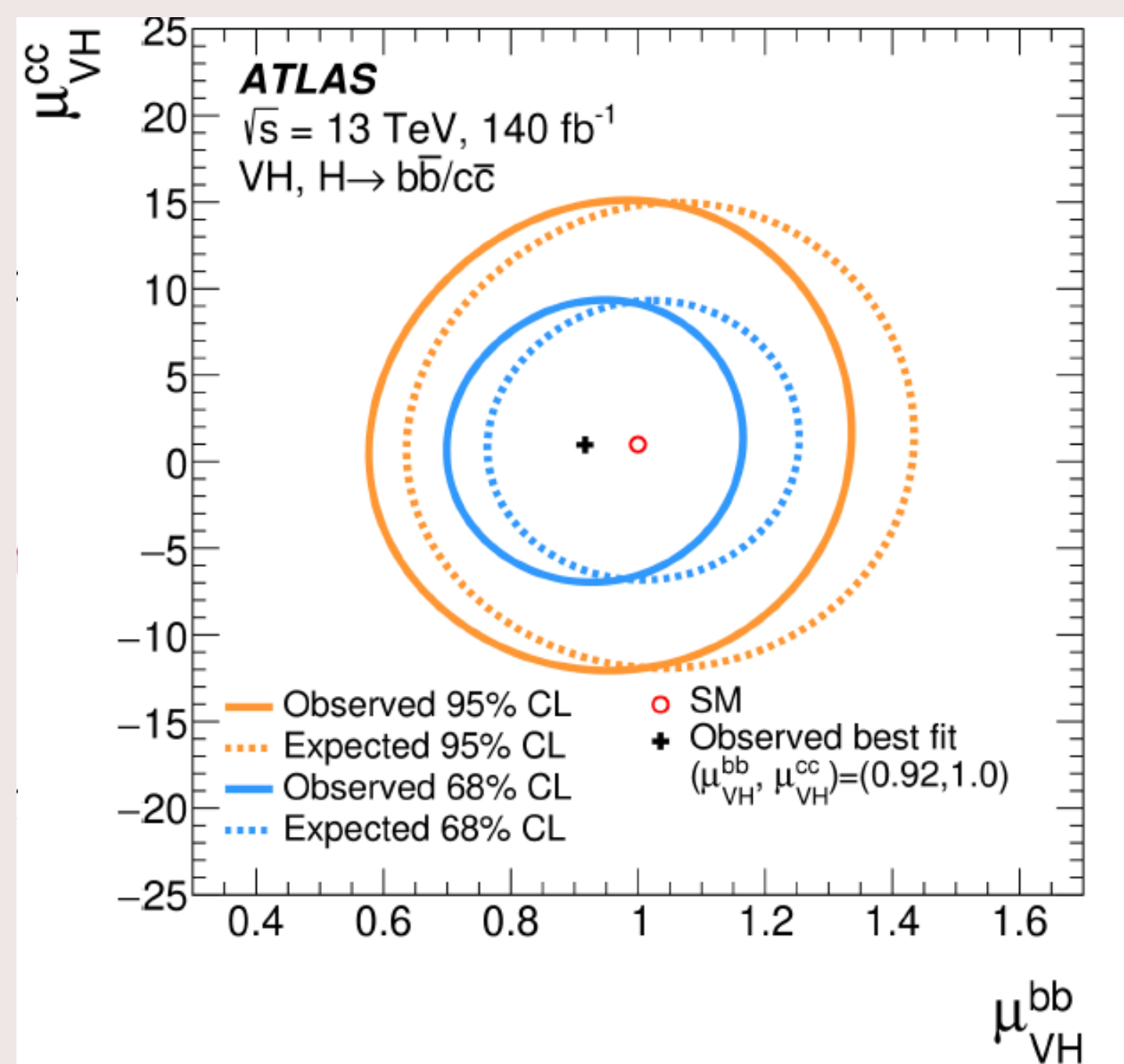
$$A = \frac{\sigma(W^+H) - \sigma(W^-H)}{\sigma(W^+H) + \sigma(W^-H)}$$

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Charming the Higgs

The hunt for the charm coupling

Will the HL-LHC be the first in measuring the charm coupling? Different approaches & techniques keep changing the landscape - all still with Run2 data results



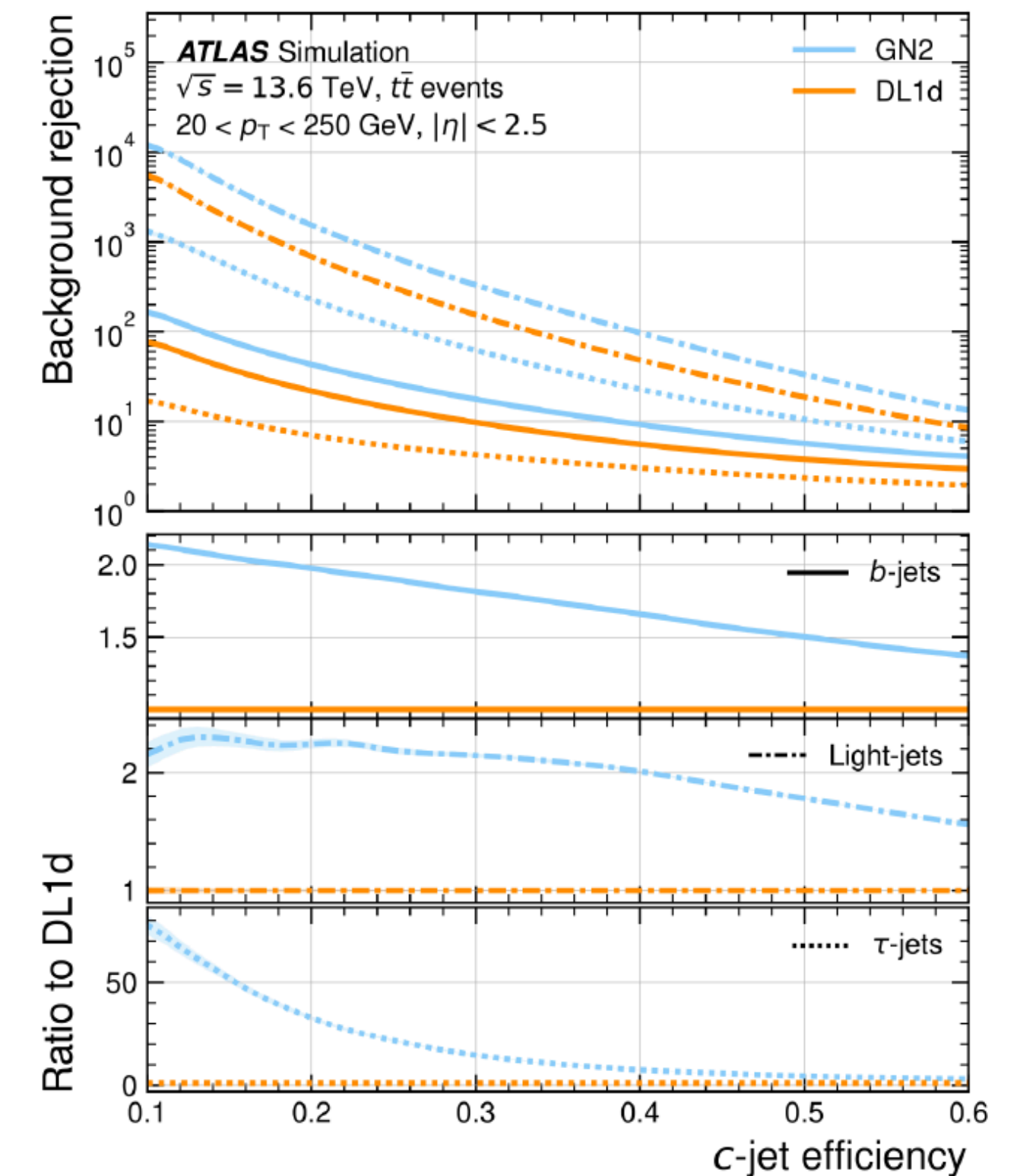
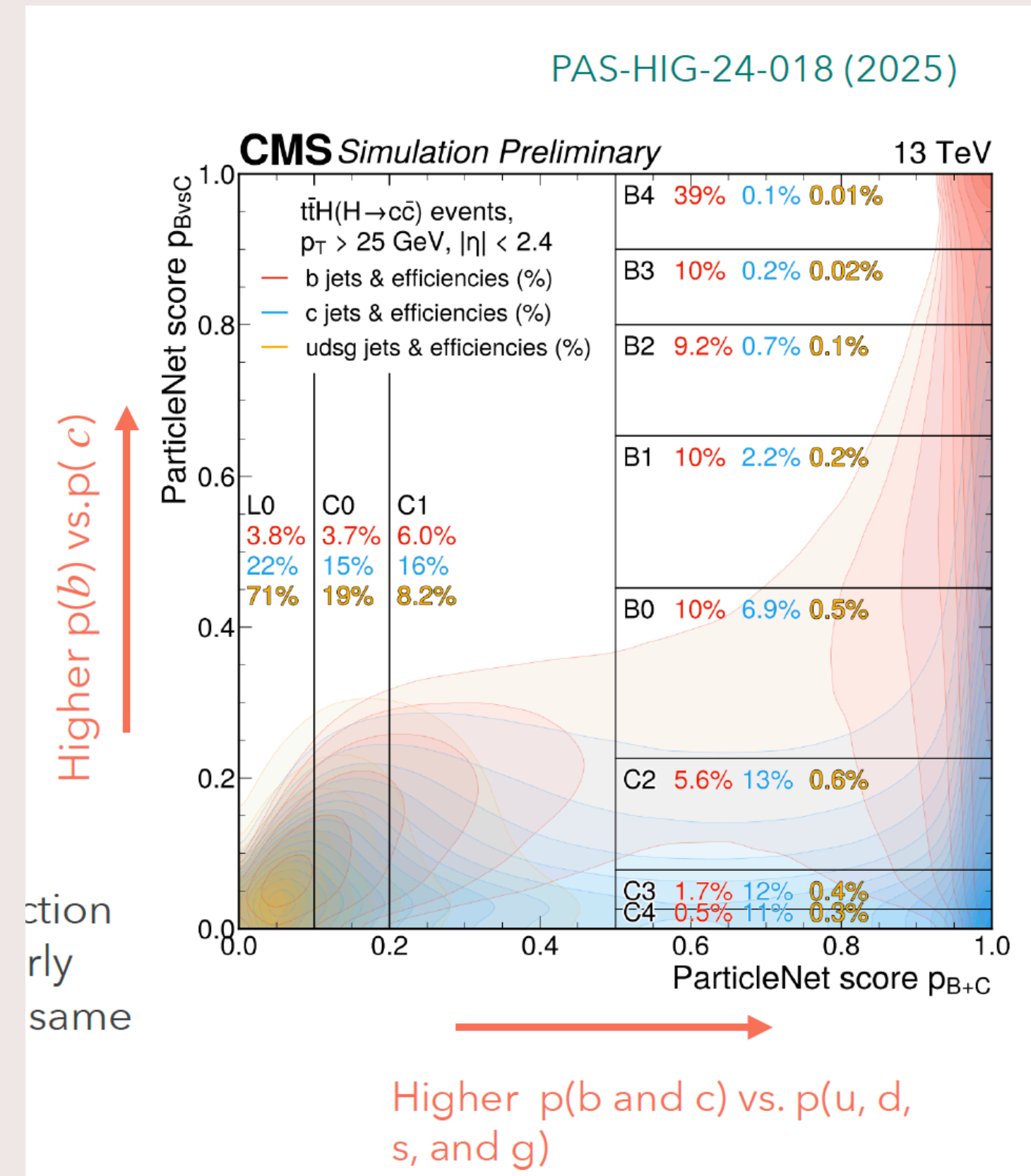
Direct: VH , $t\bar{t}H$, ggF , VBF ?

$H+c$

Other indirect, eg from differentials

The hunt for the charm coupling

- **Direct: Difficult measurement (not only statistics, we need to be able to identify charm jets!).**
- **Constant improvement in performance in recent years coming from new techniques**
- **Improvement in techniques is the key: ML to the rescue.**



- For example in CMS: ParticleNet for tagging + PartT for discrimination

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The hunt for the charm coupling

- ▶ Direct: Difficult measurement (not only statistics, we need to be able to identify charm jets!).
- ▶ Constant improvement in performance in recent years coming from new techniques
- ▶ Improvement in techniques is the key: ML to the rescue.
- ▶ **Impressive new result by CMS probing ttH:**

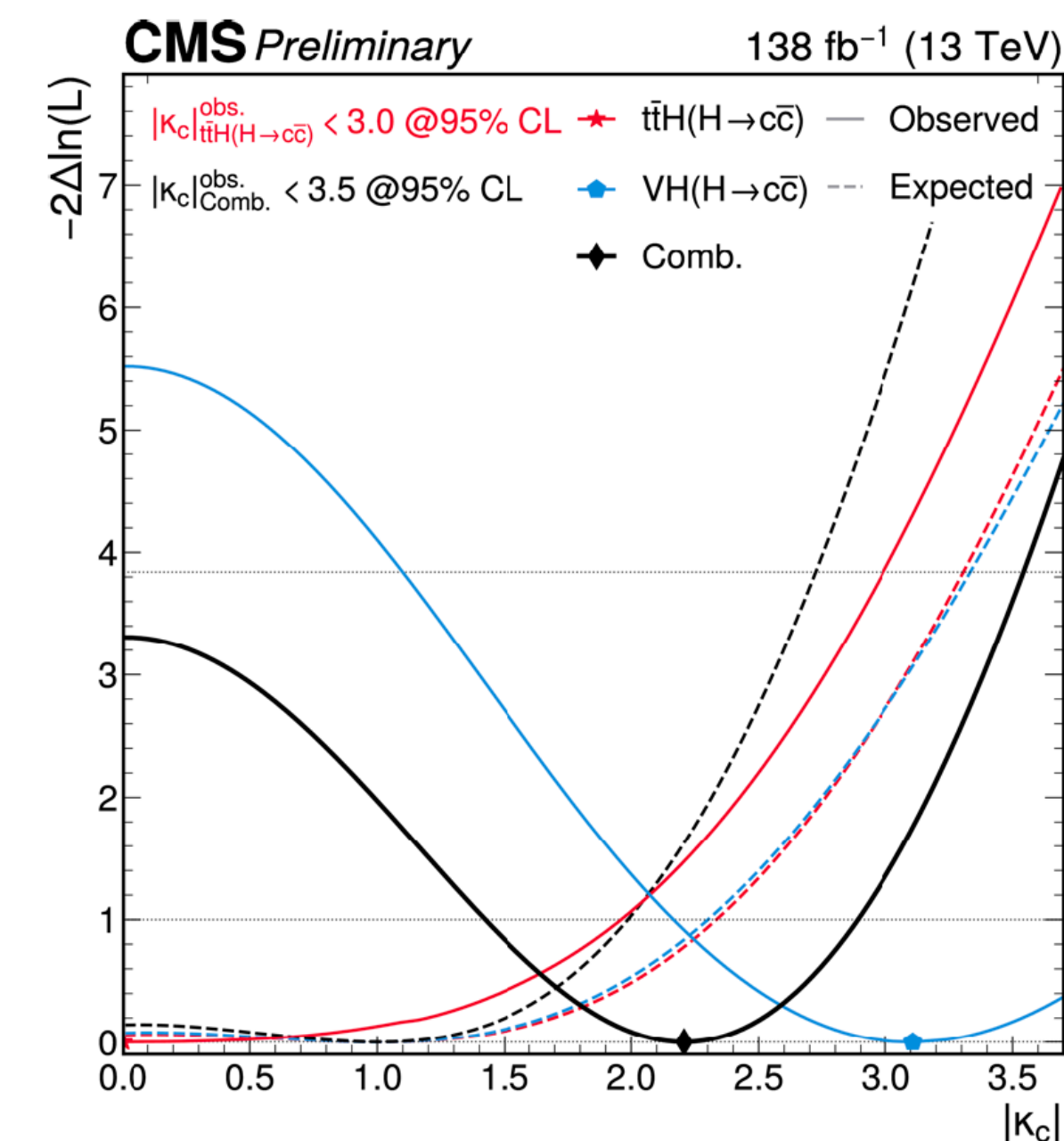
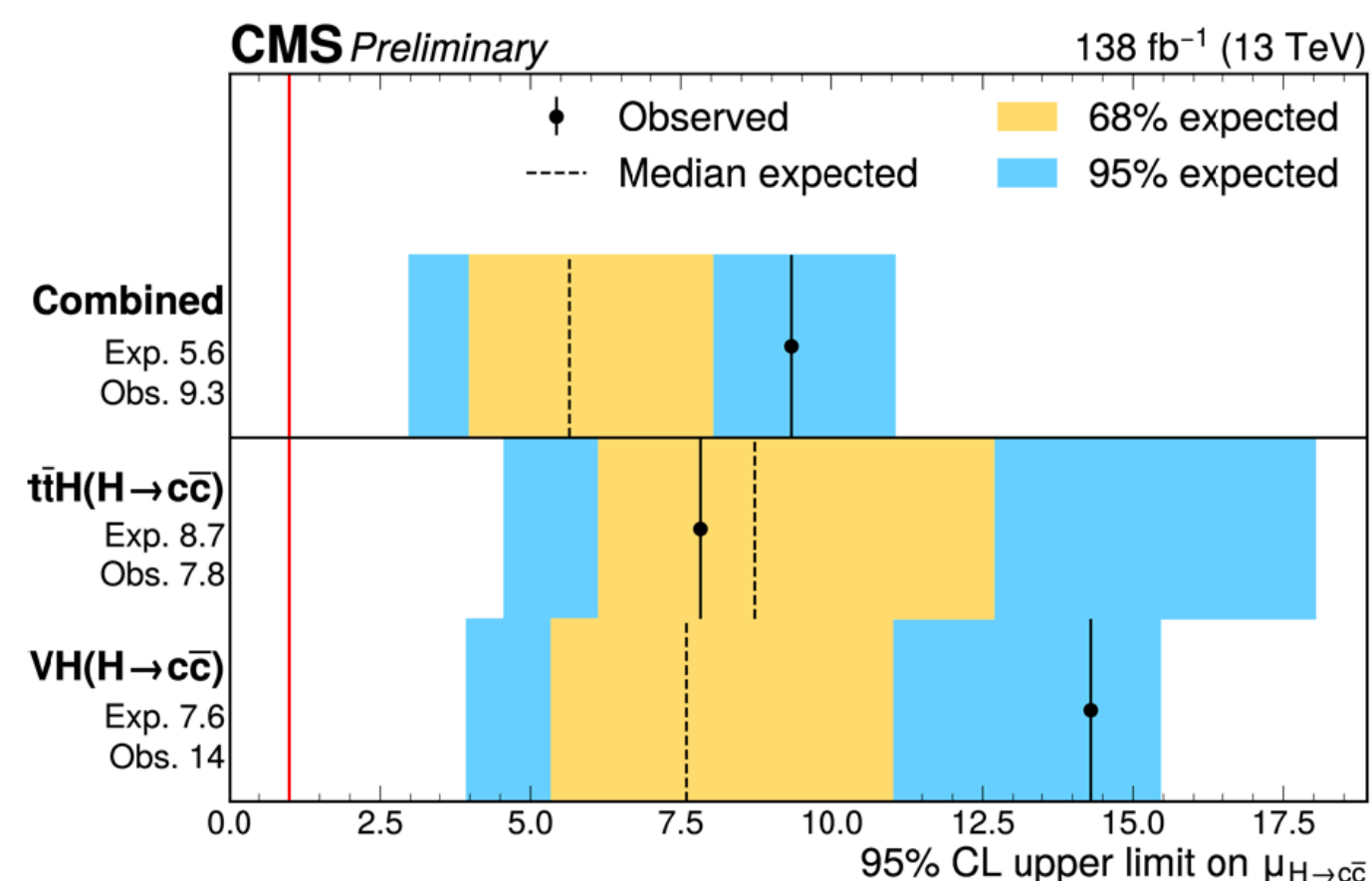
- ▶ **ttH at the level of VH!**
- ▶ **Can the HL-LHC measure K_c ?**

VH and ttH combination:

$$\mu_{Hcc} < 9.3 \text{ (5.6) @95\%CL}$$

$$|k_c| < 3.5 \text{ (}|k_c| < 2.7) @95\%CL$$

Best result to date!



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HL-LHC Projection

Projection on VH → cc
combination by ATLAS and CMS

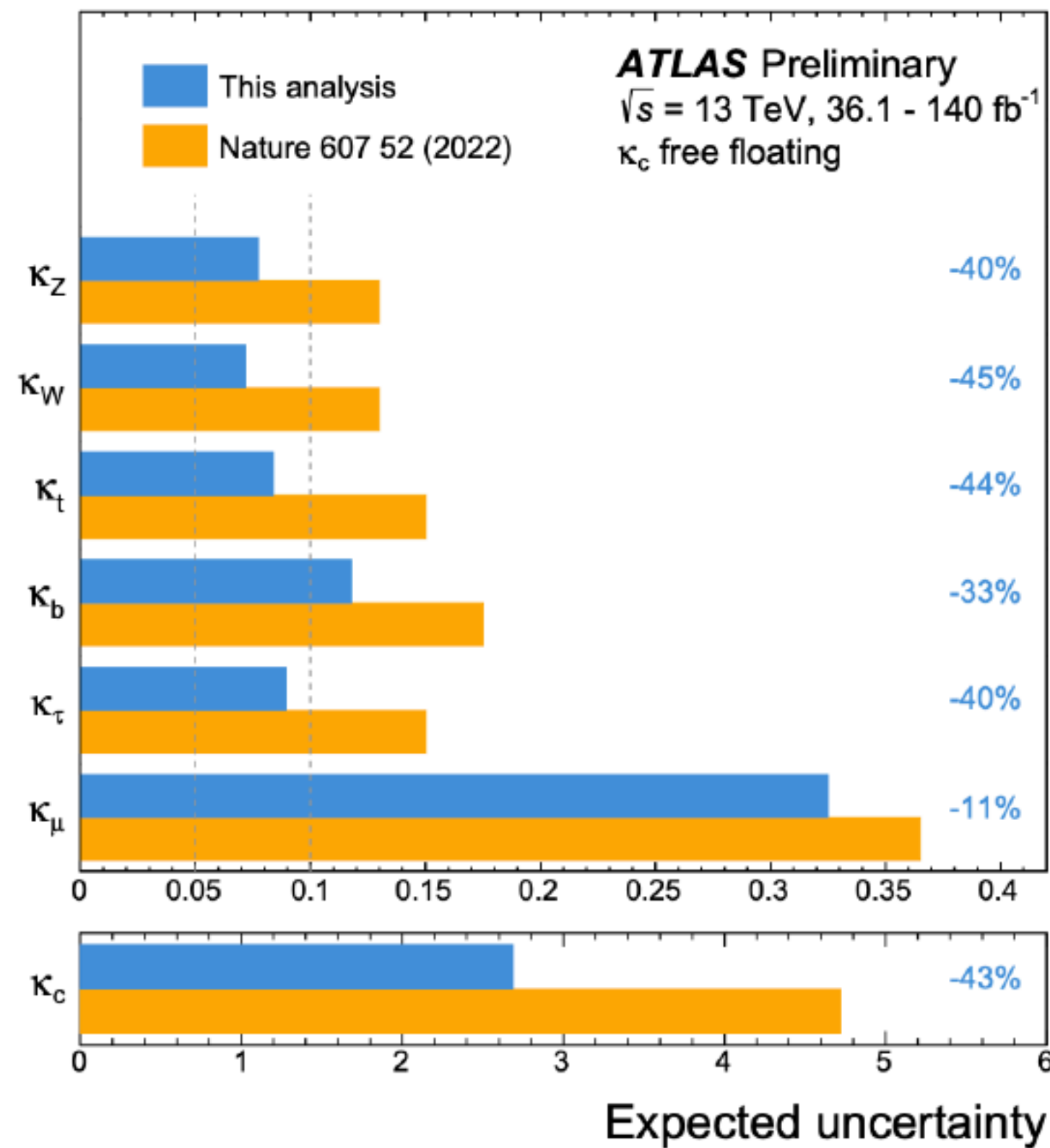
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Impact of κ_c on the combination

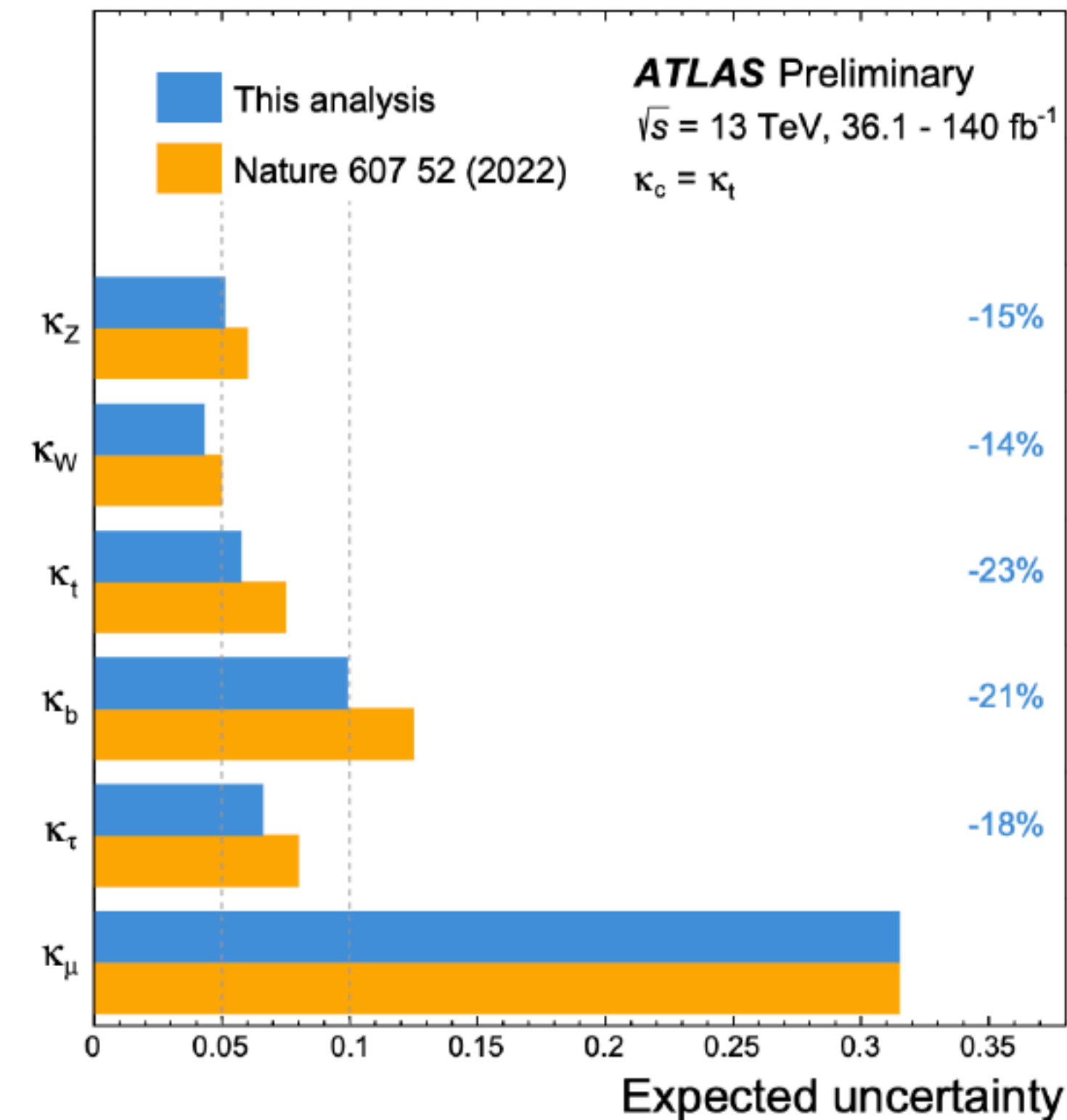
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κ_c as fit parameter



Reduction of 43% on exp. κ_c uncertainty
 (improved VH, H(cc) constraints)

Assuming $\kappa_c = \kappa_t$



Reduction of 23% on exp. κ_t uncertainty

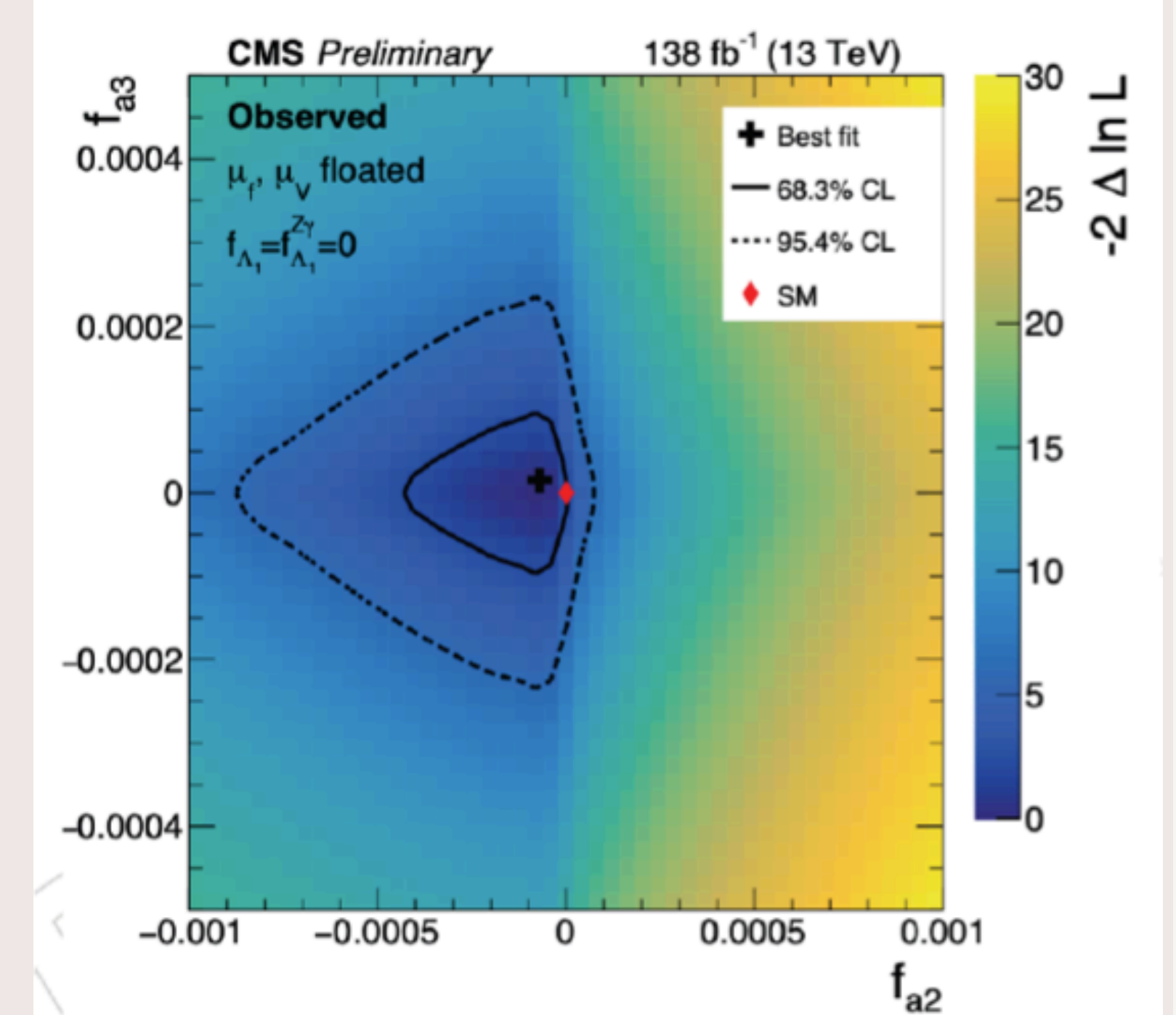
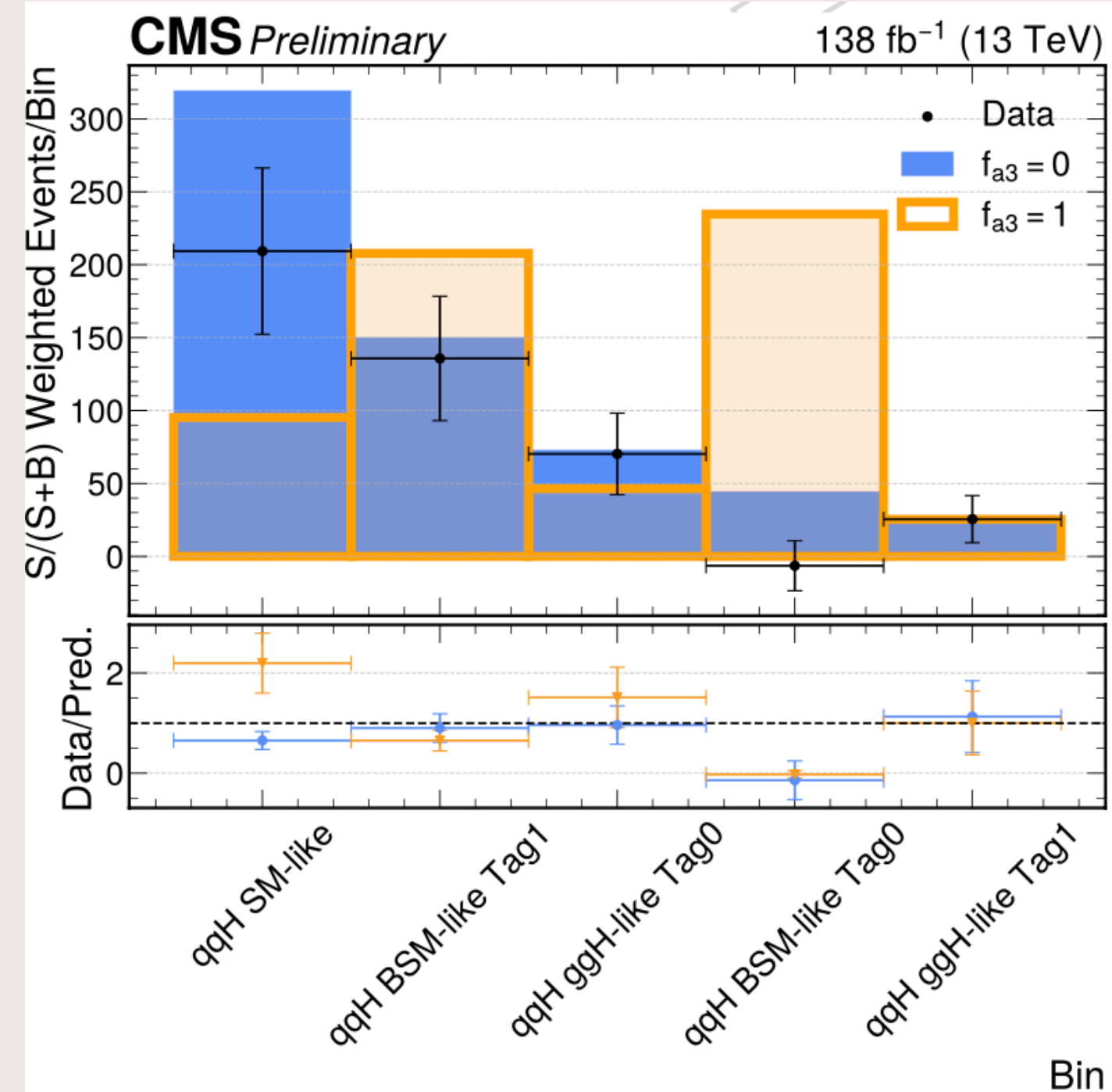
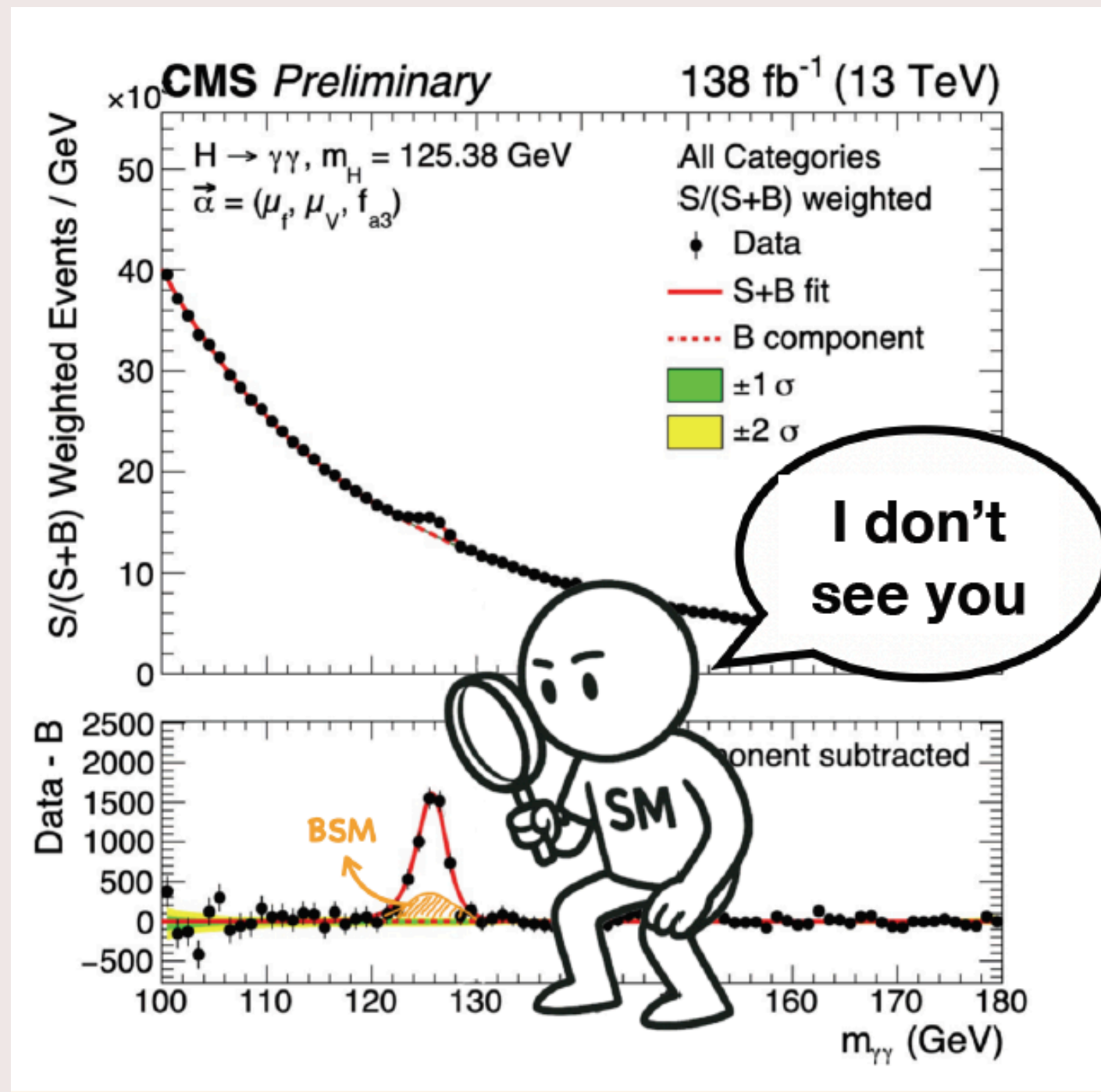
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EFTs everywhere

Anomalous Couplings with $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- ▶ Vibrant field, many directions and channels being explored today
- ▶ Example: CMS Hgammagamma study. Statistically dominated.

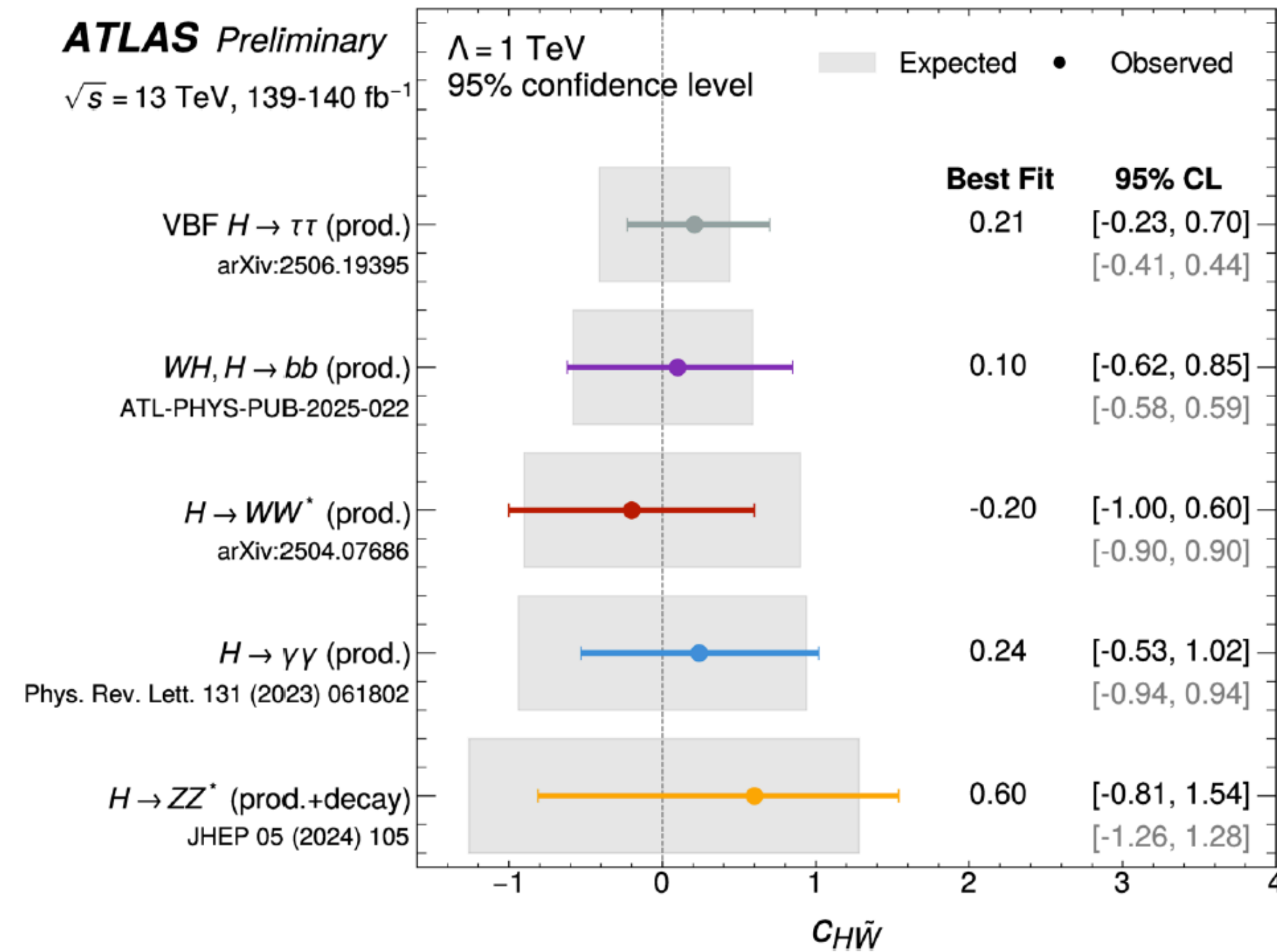
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Three-dimensional categorization (D_{0-}^{ggH} , D_{STXS}^{ggH} , D_{CP}^{ggH}) in 30 bins

CP was truly the star this year...

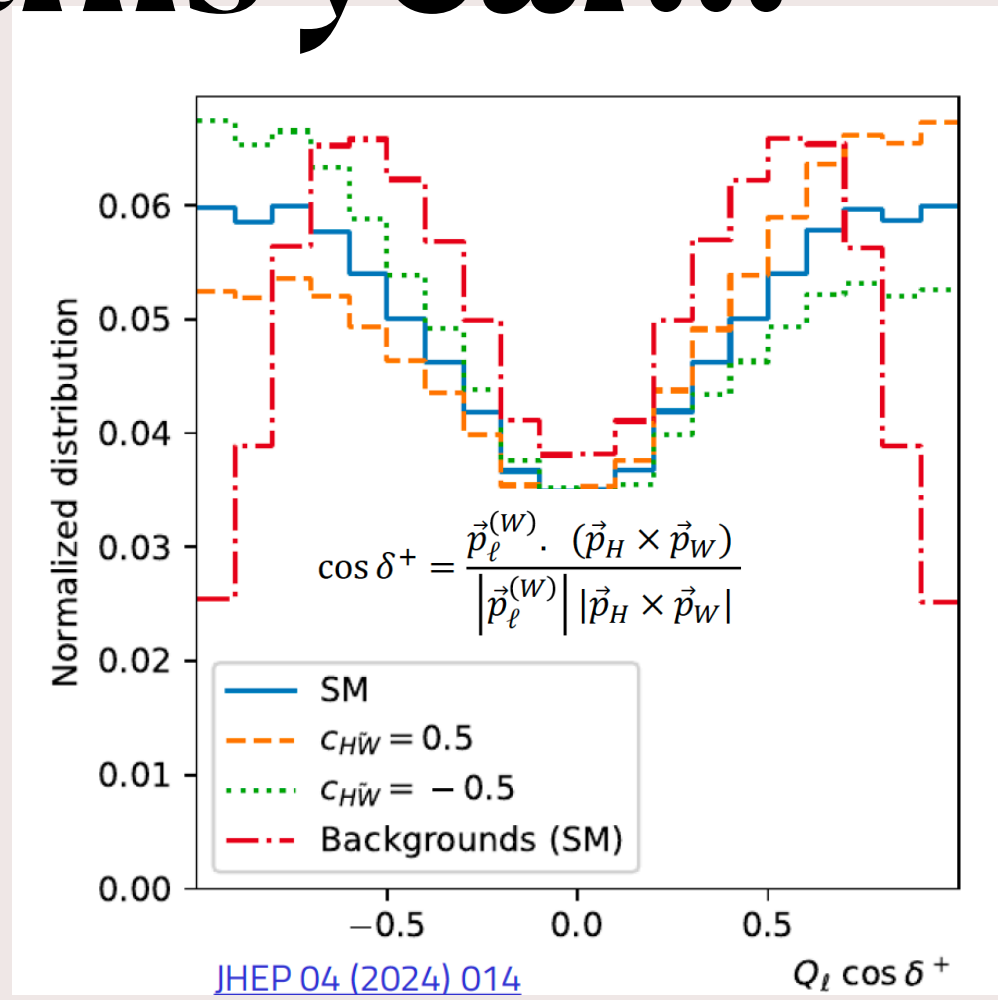
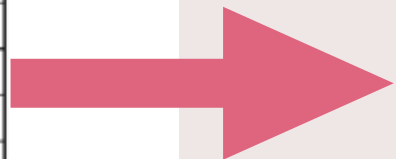
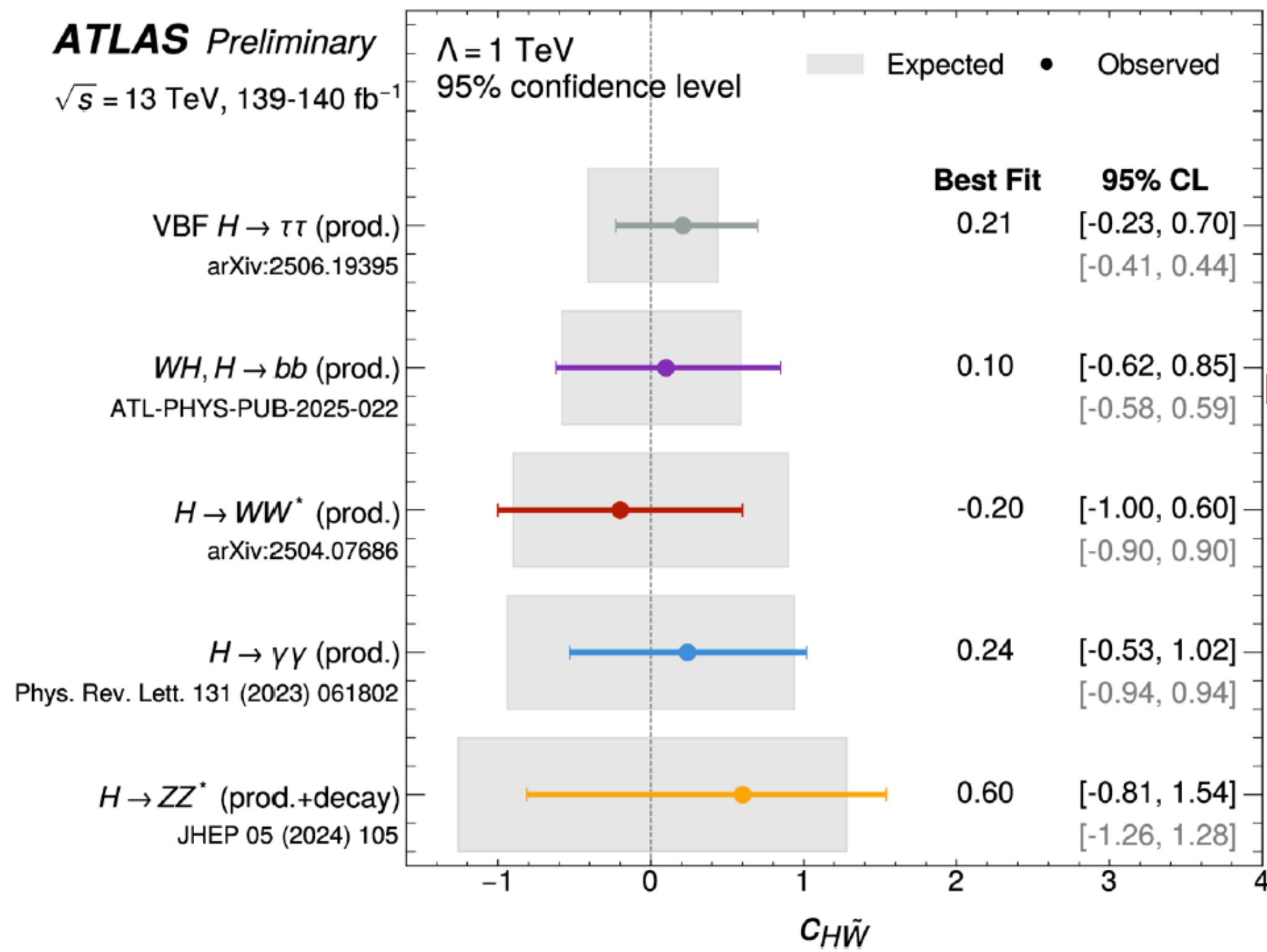
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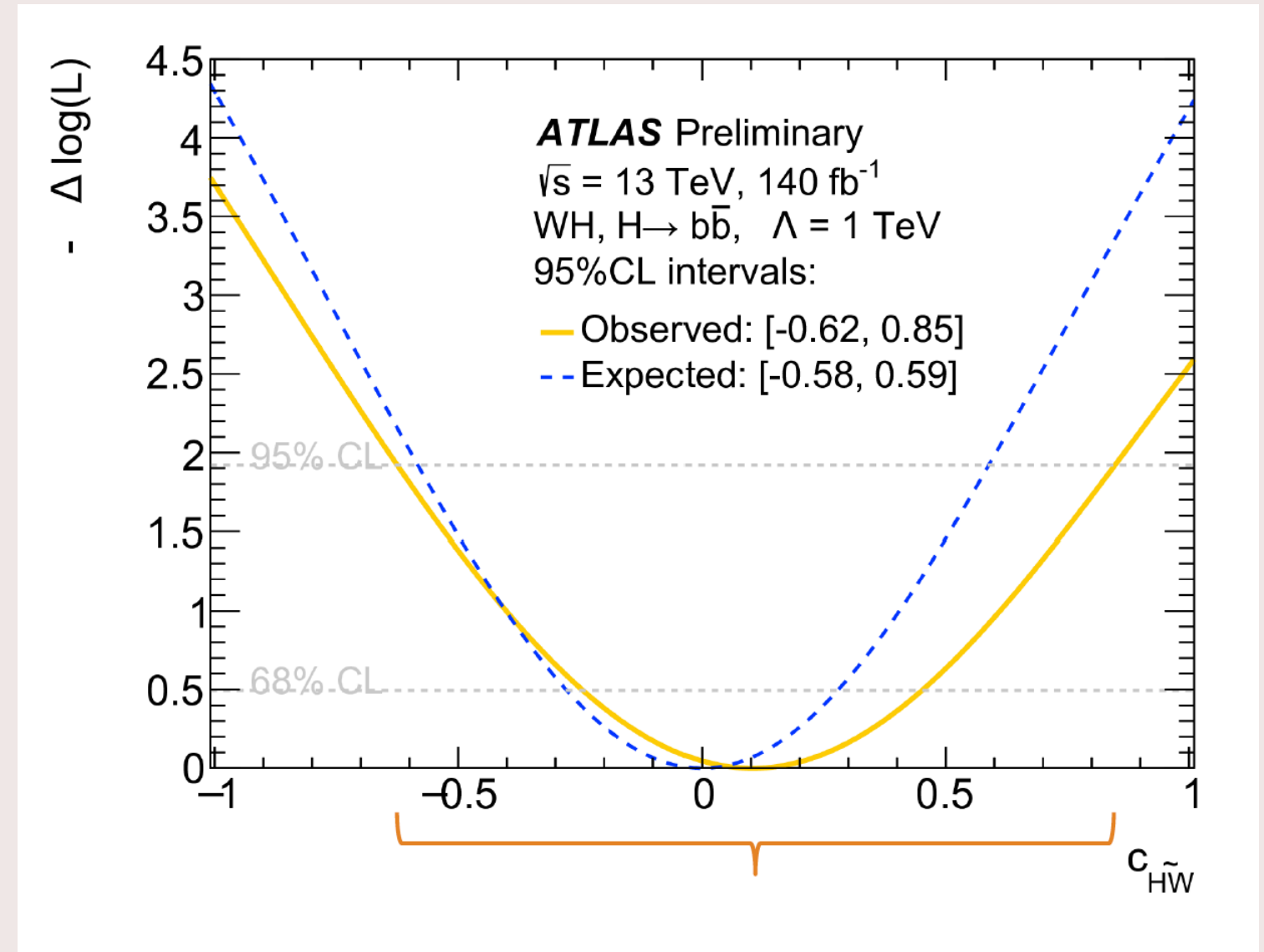
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HWW vertex
in WH(bb)

STXS based

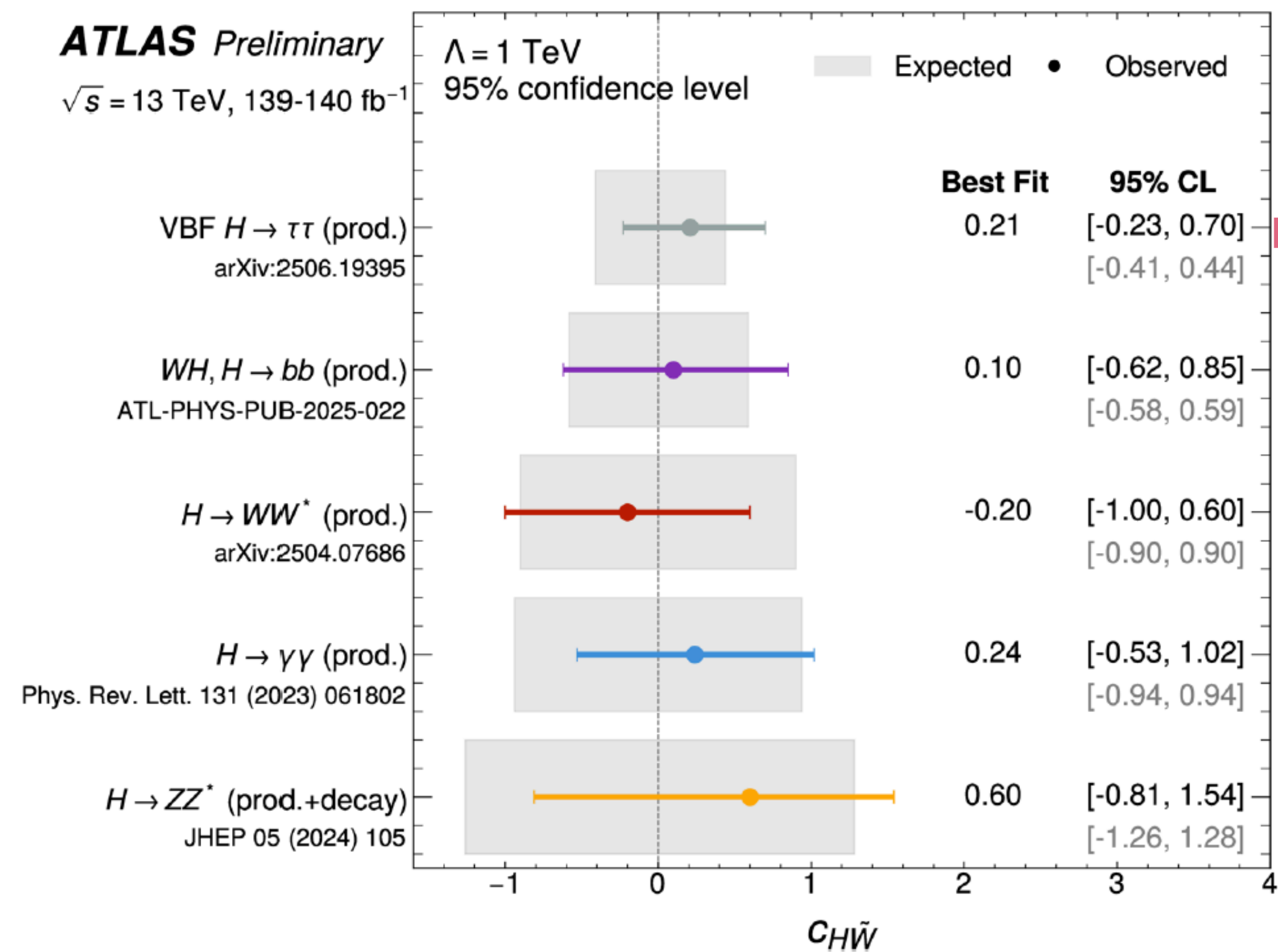
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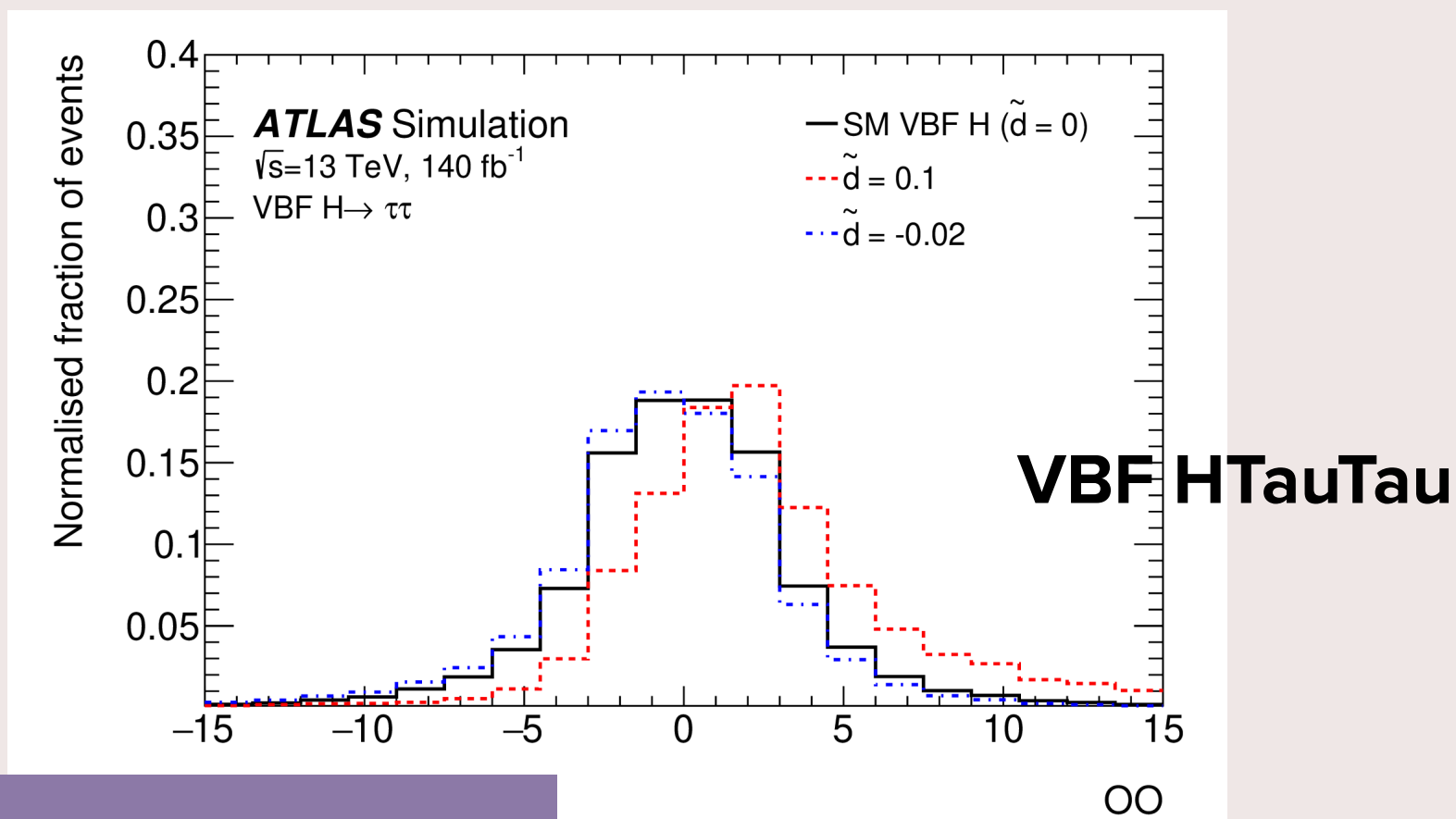
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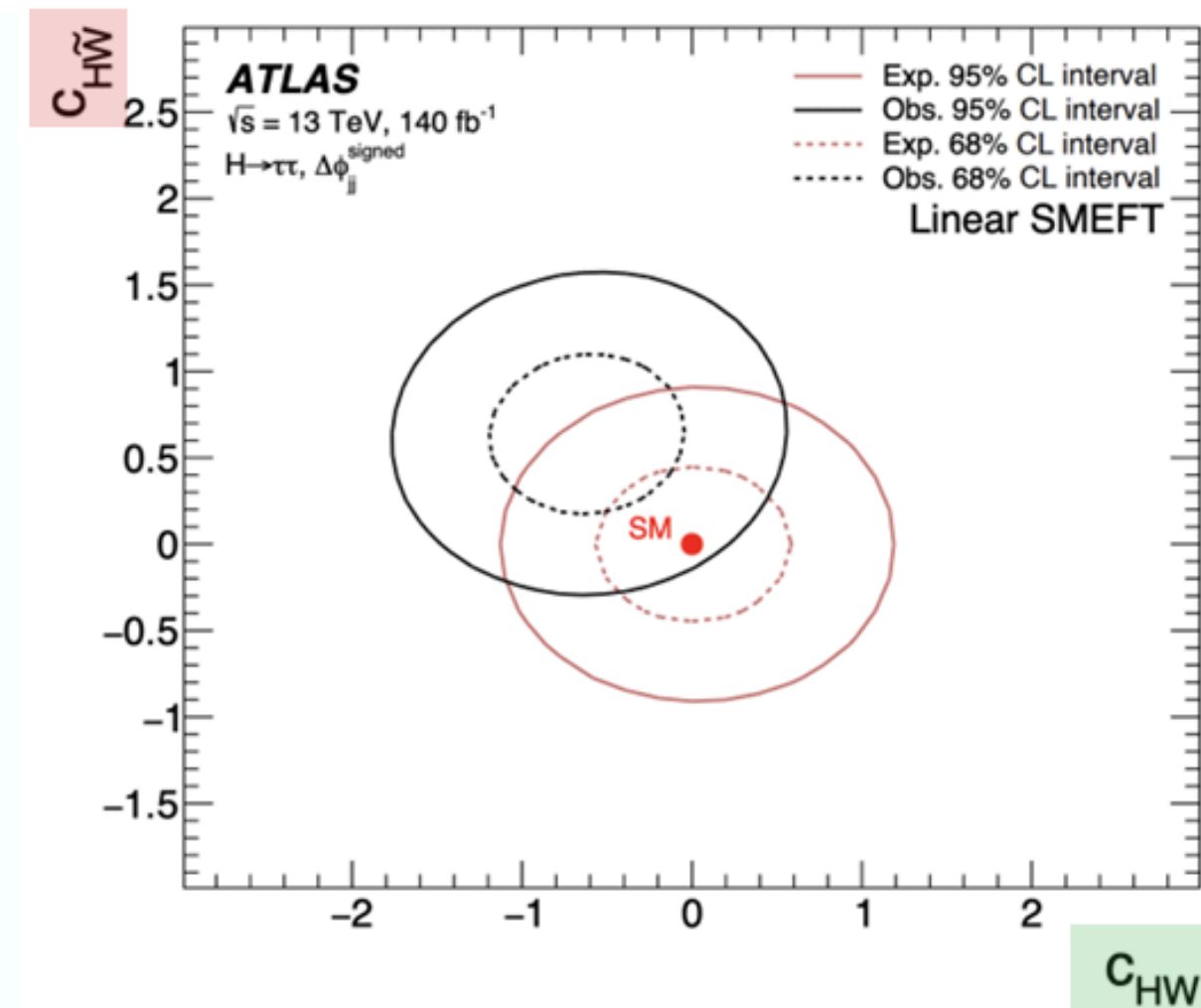
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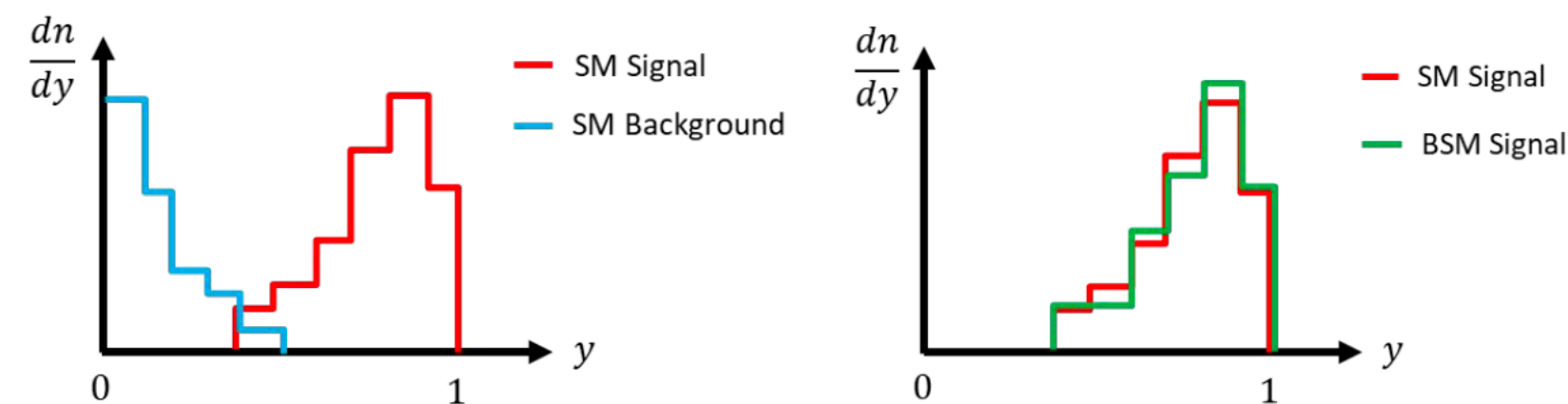
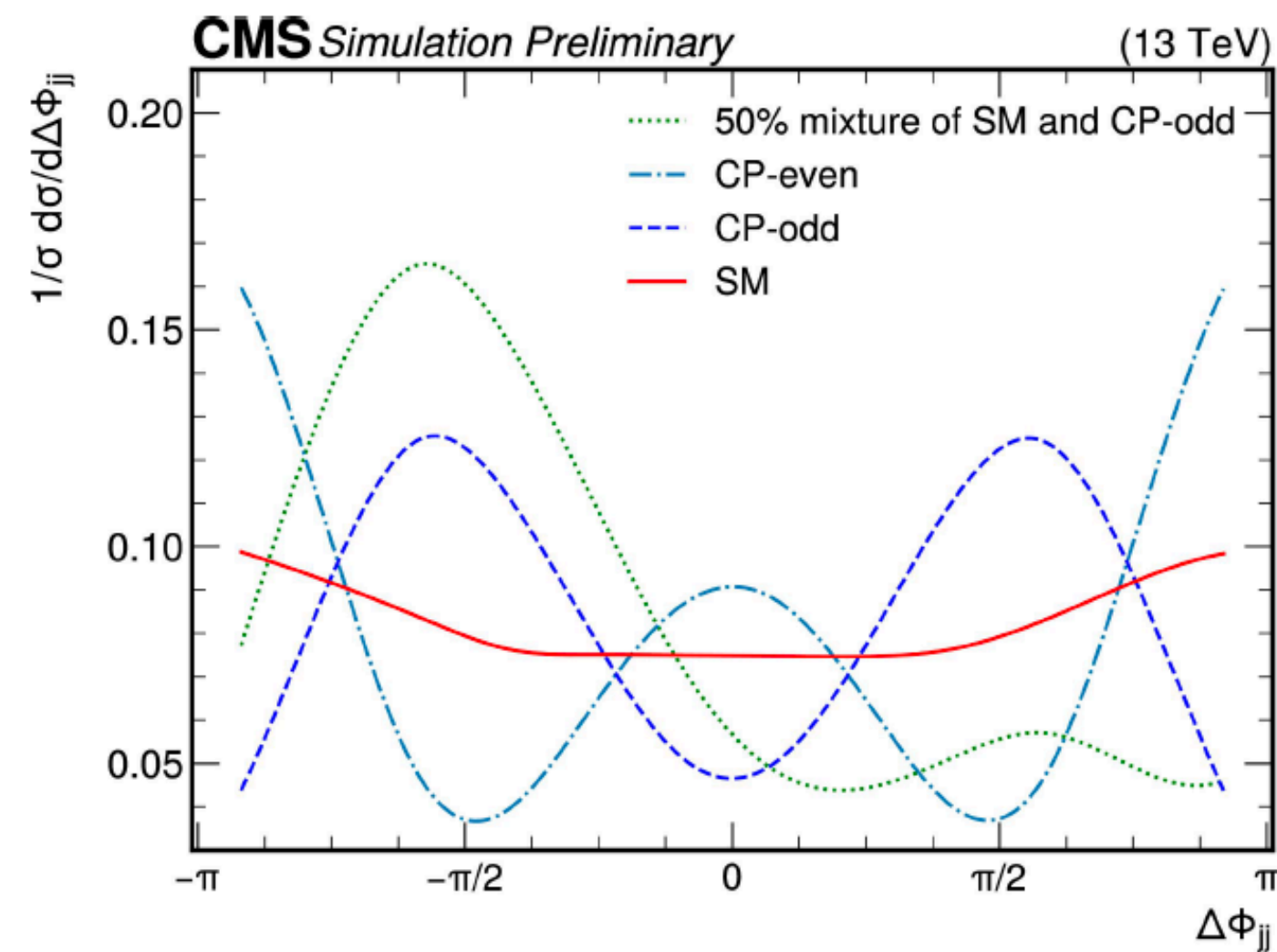


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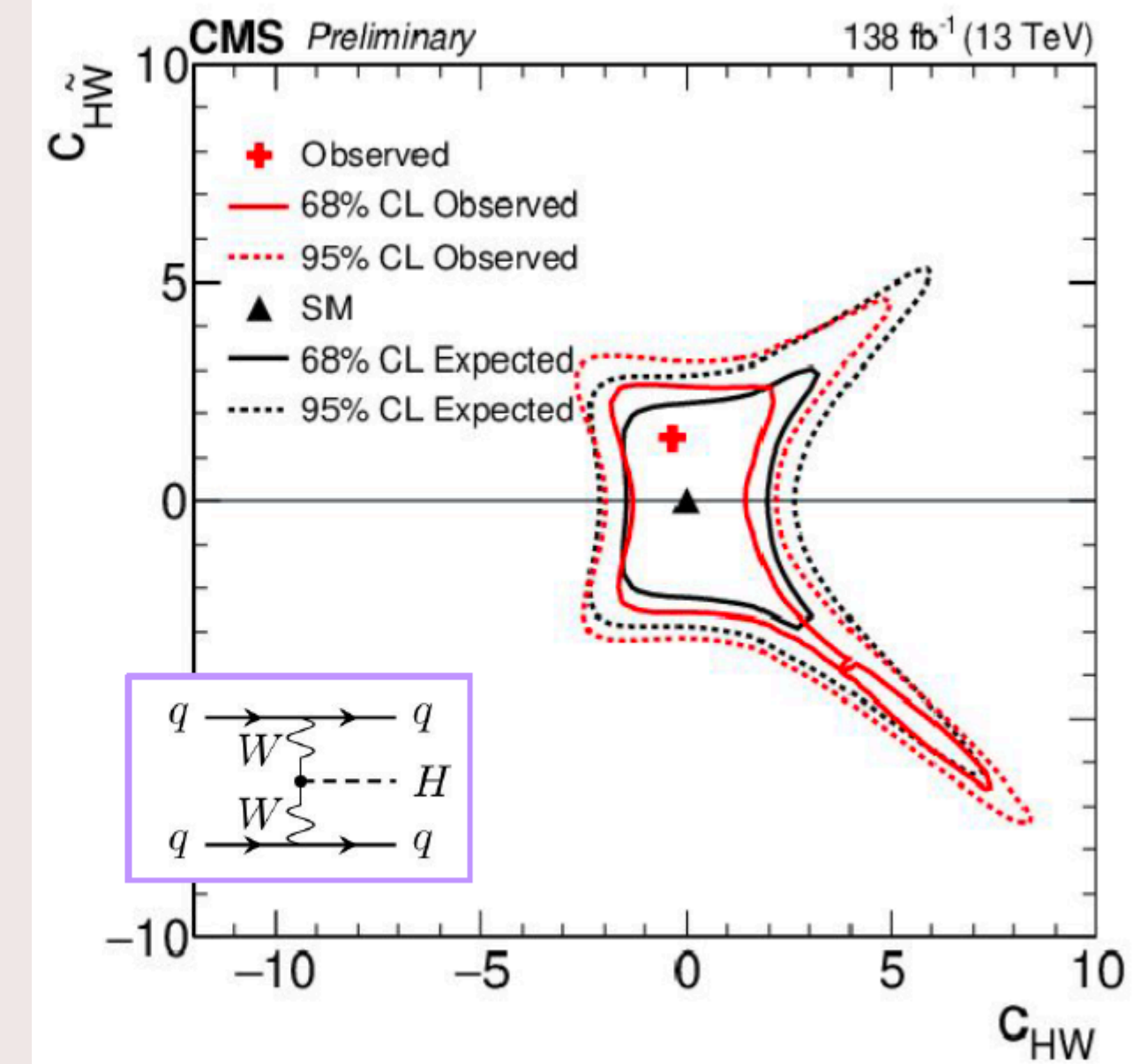
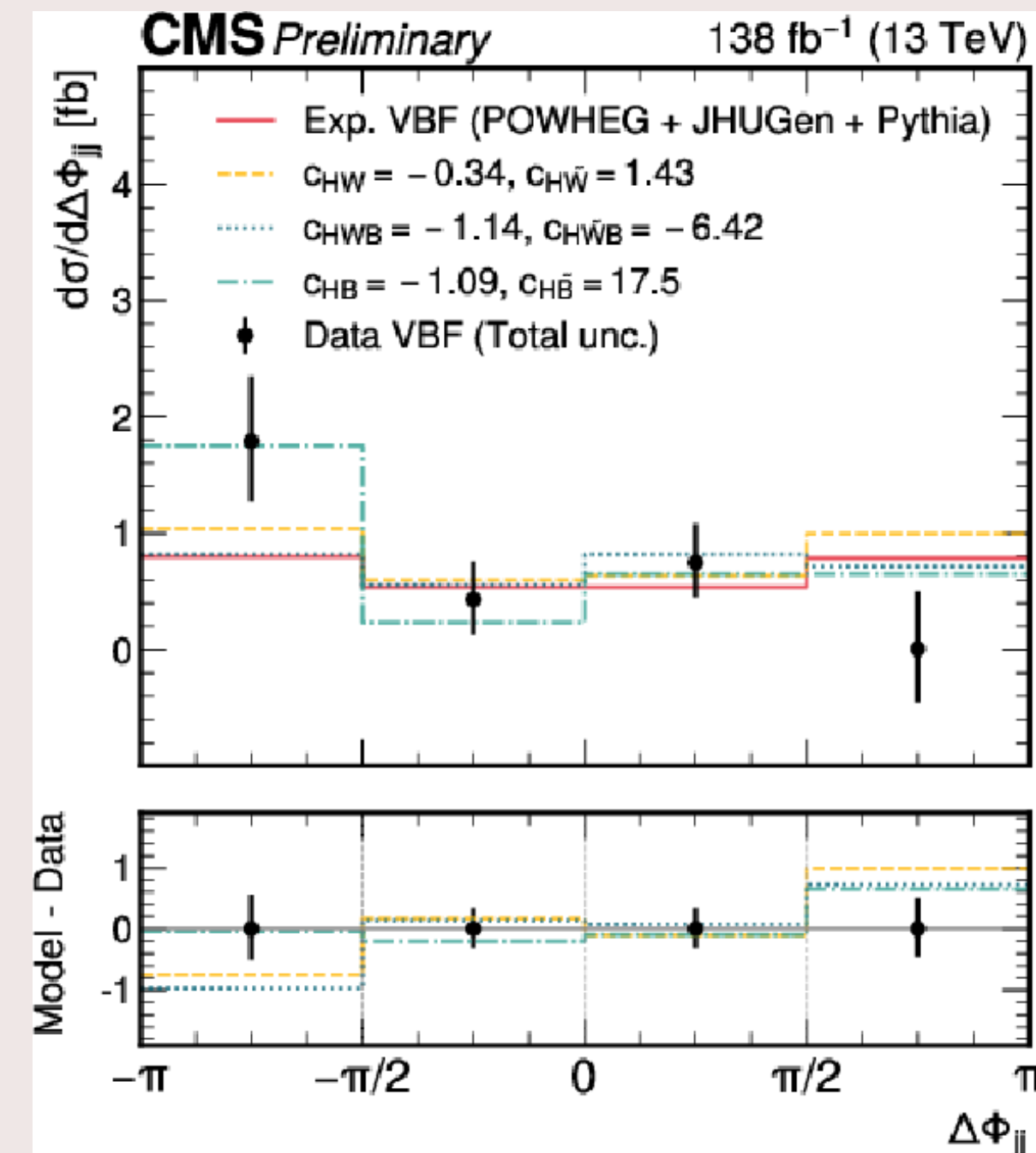
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$$\Delta\Phi_{jj} = \phi_{jk} - \phi_{jl} \quad \text{with} \quad \eta_{jk} > \eta_{jl}$$



- EFT Constraint from differential cross sections (in WH(Hbb) in this case) as a function of the difference in azimuthal angle $\Delta\Phi_{jj}$ between the two jets.

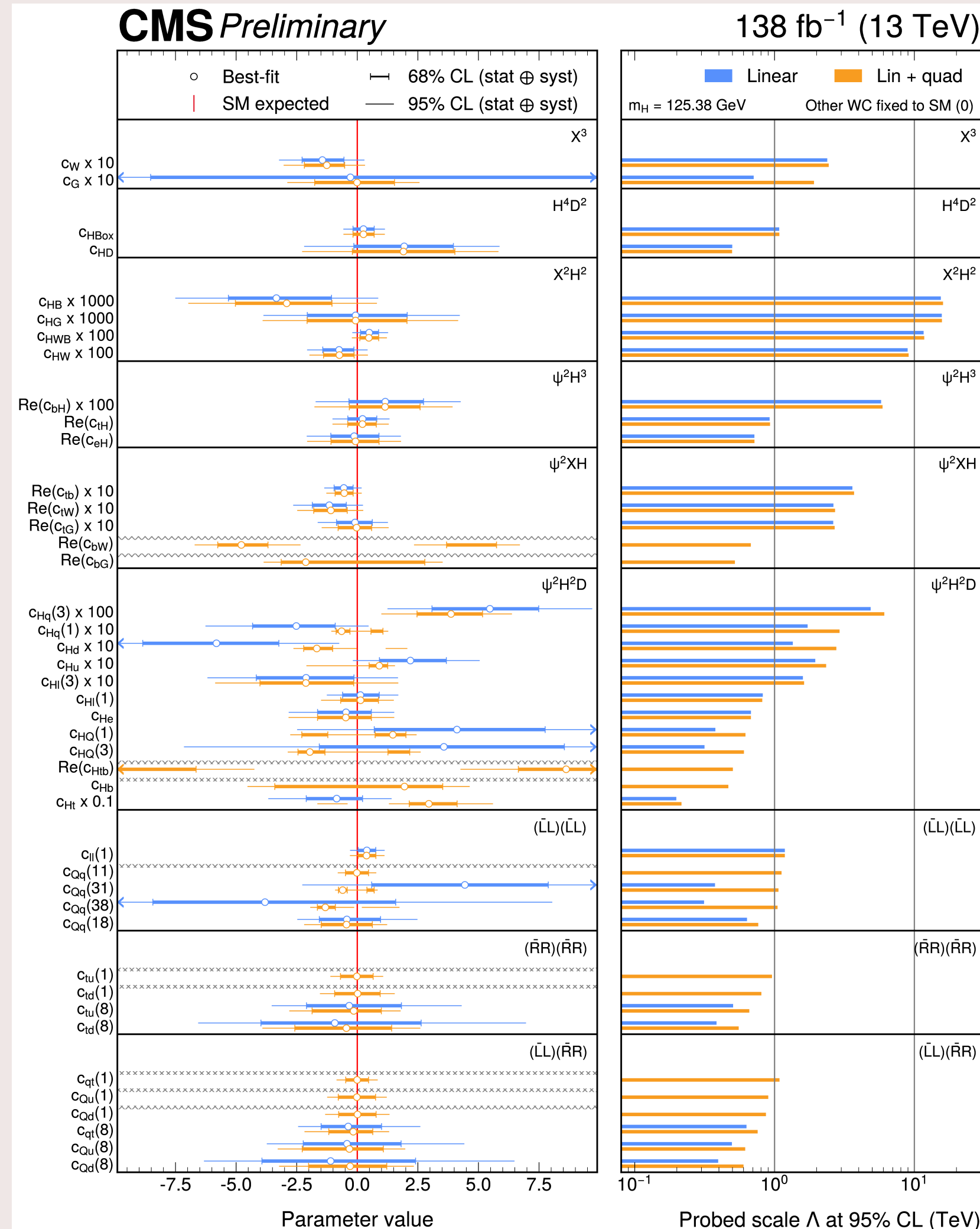
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SMEFT Fits from the Combination

- Combination of measurements in simplified template cross section (STXS) framework → interpreted in terms of SMEFT operators
- CMS: 43 Coefficients Fitted
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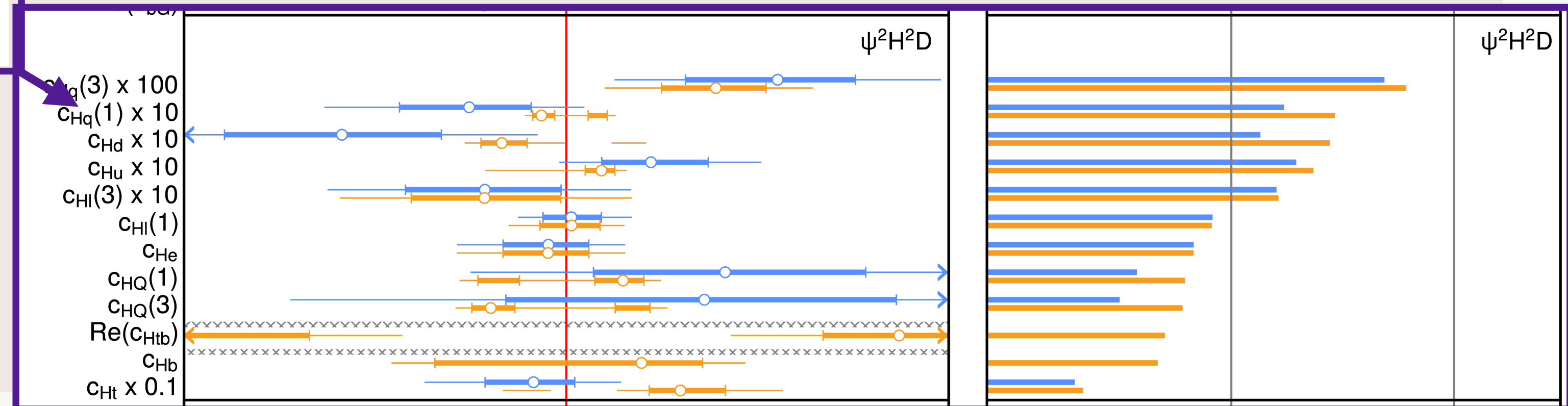
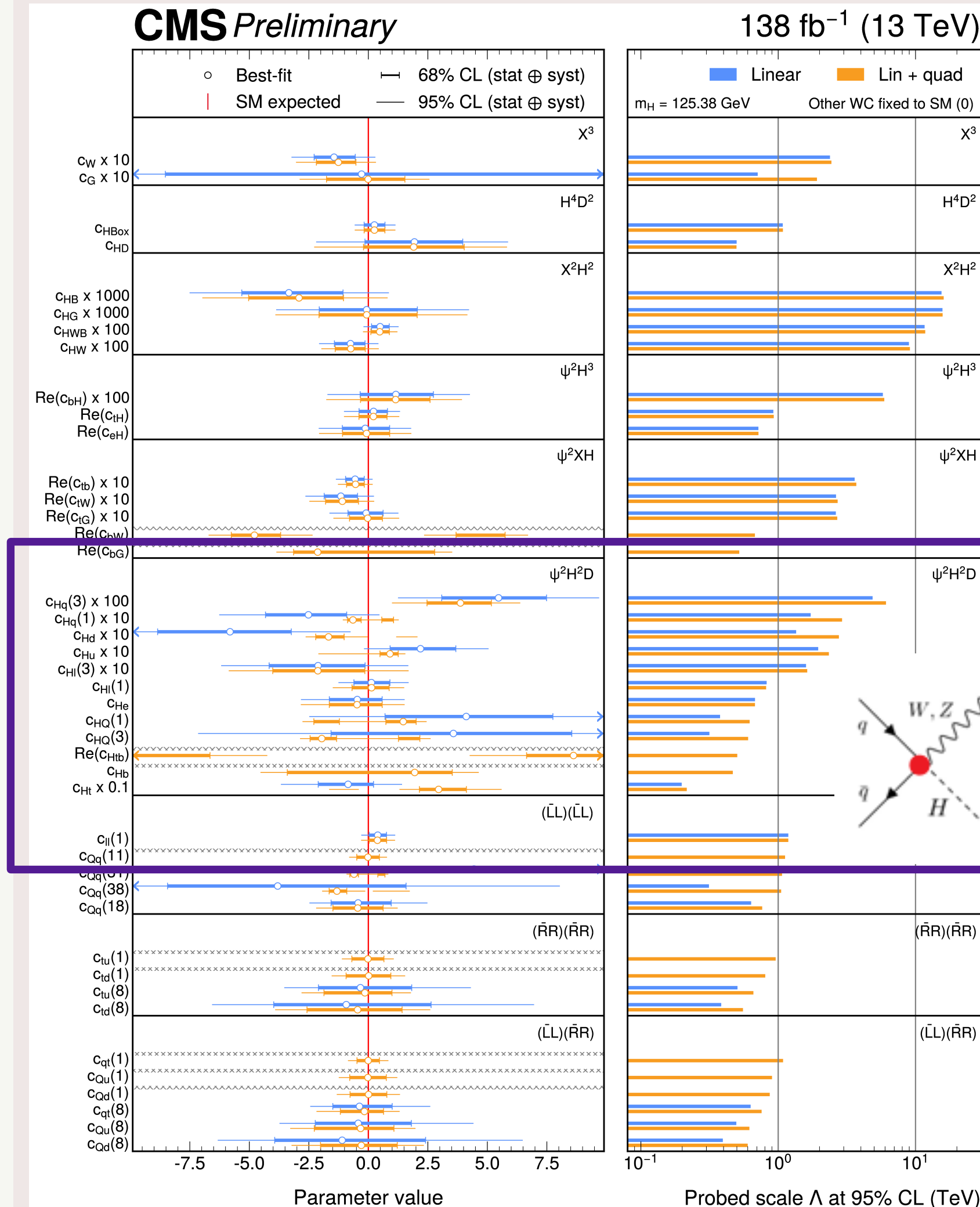
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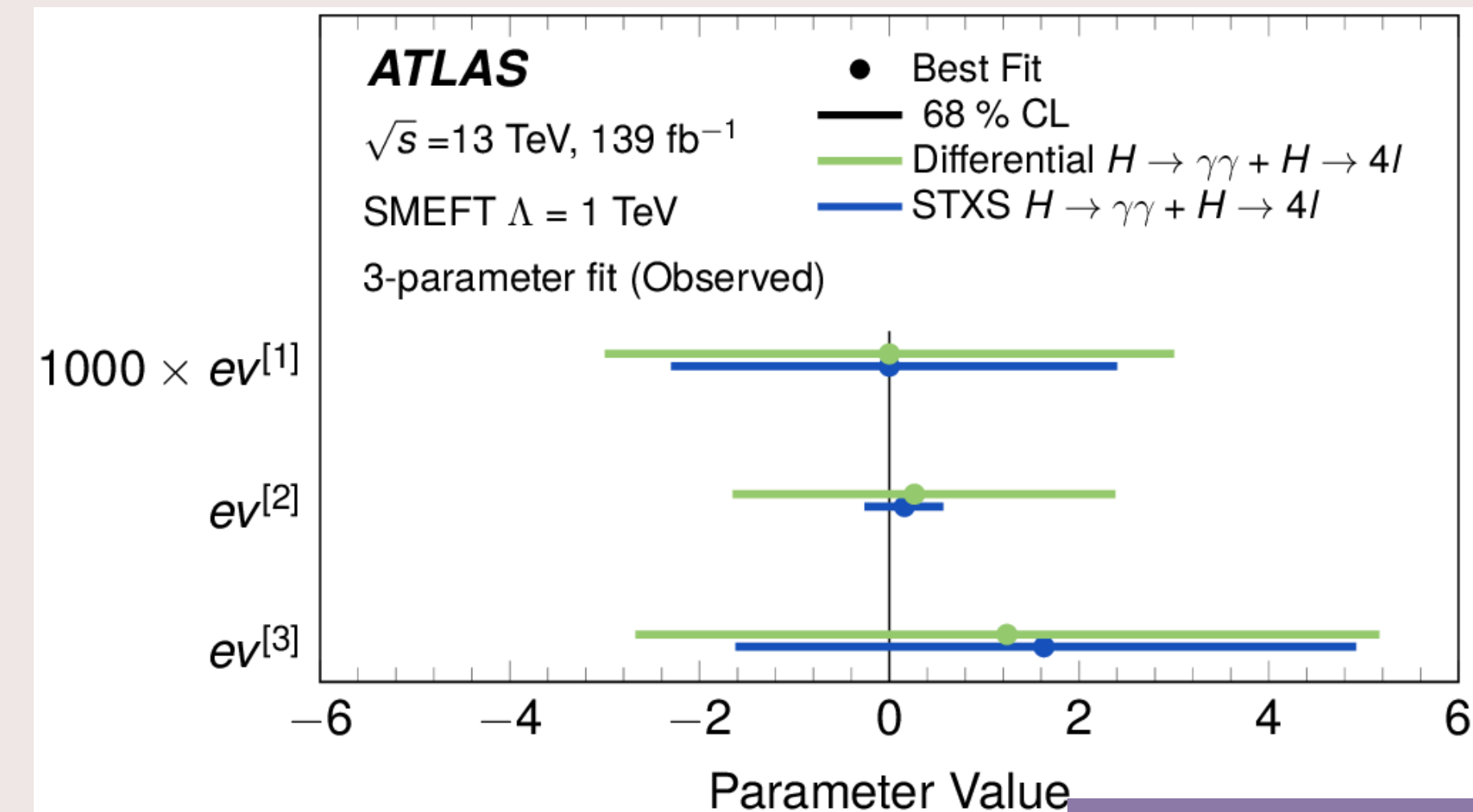
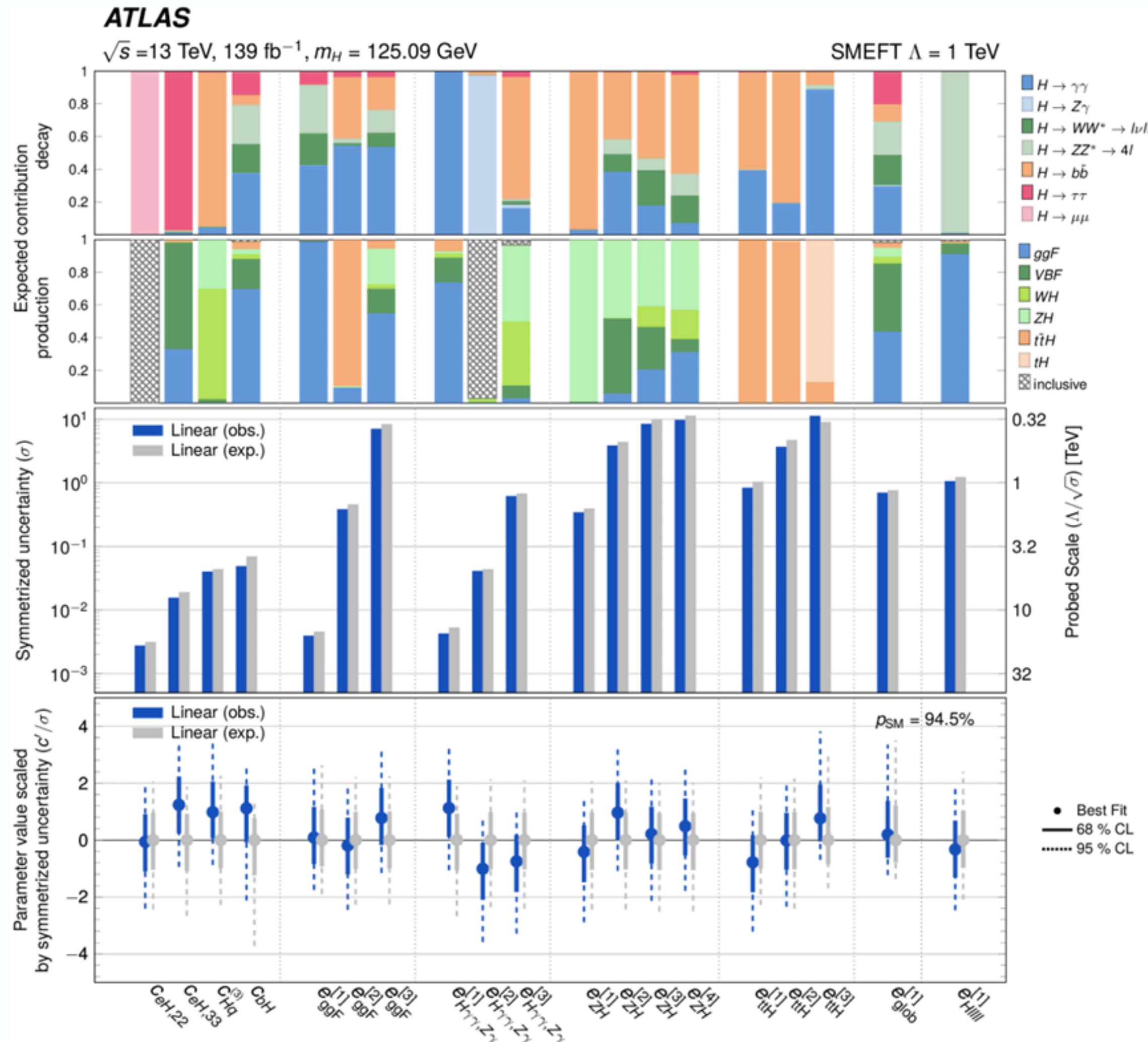
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- ▶ STXS Fit: 19 parameters
- ▶ Differential Cross Section: 3 parameters, $ev[1]$, $ev[2]$, $ev[3]$ (Mostly C_{HG} , C_{tG} , C_{tH})
- ▶ STXS has typically better sensitivity than differential measurement (able to separate production and decay modes)



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Mapping the Higgs Potential

Seeing double: HH

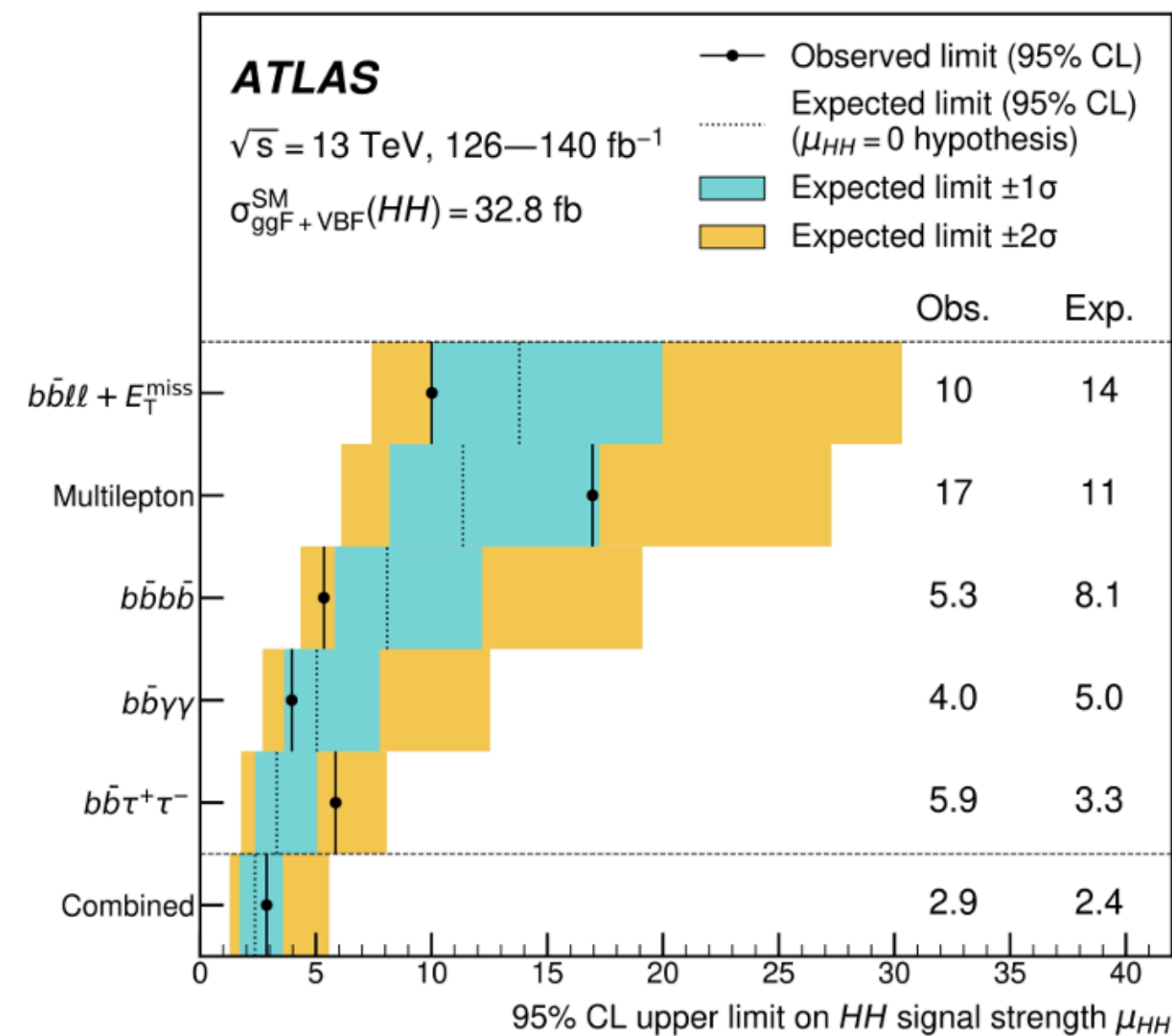
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With Run2 data
analyzed, at 95%CL:

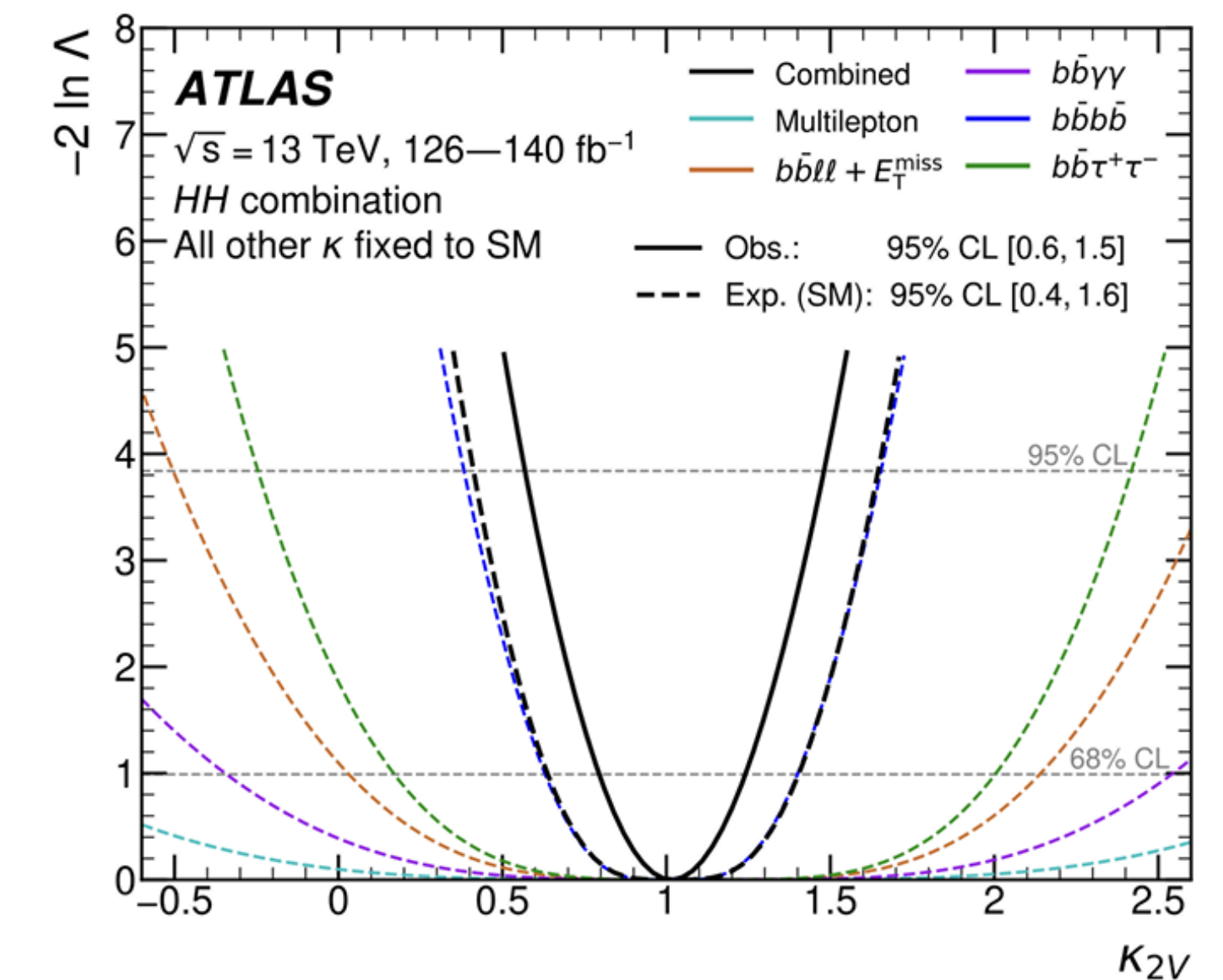
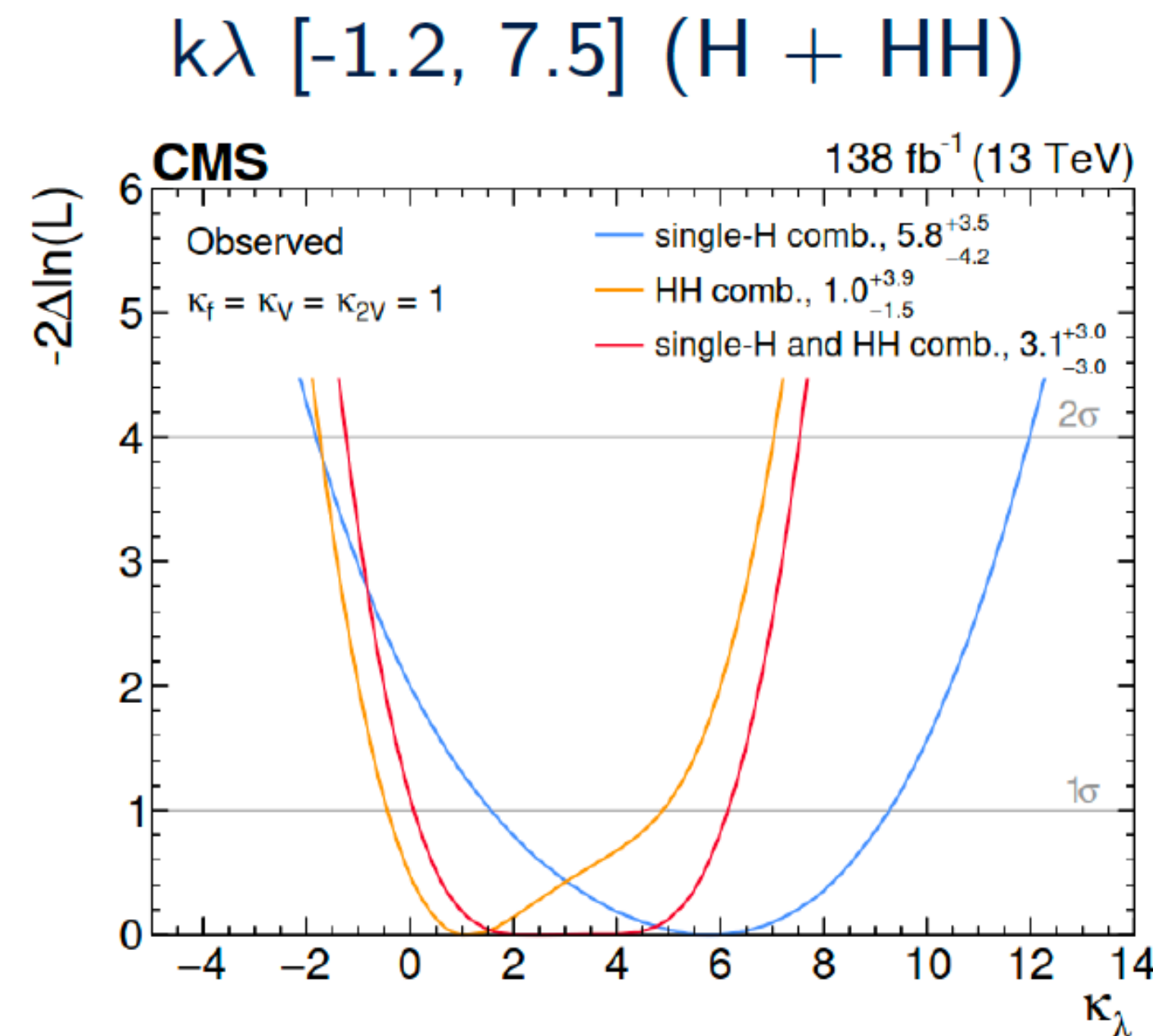
$$CMS : \mu_{HH} < 3.5 \text{ (2.5)}, \quad -1.39 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.02$$

$$ATLAS : \mu_{HH} < 2.9 \text{ (2.4)}, \quad -1.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 7.2$$



Observed HH SM Significance: 0.4 σ

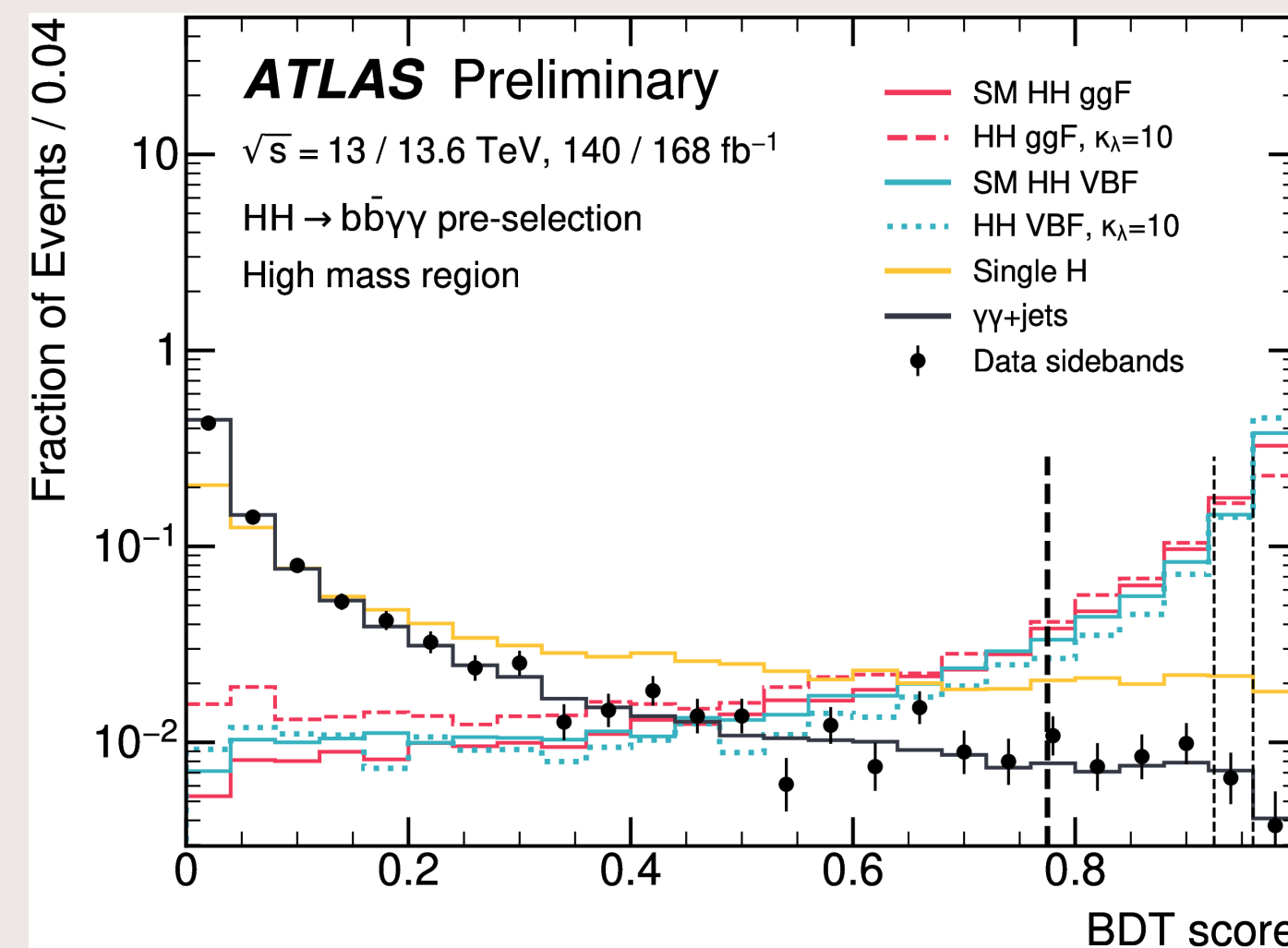
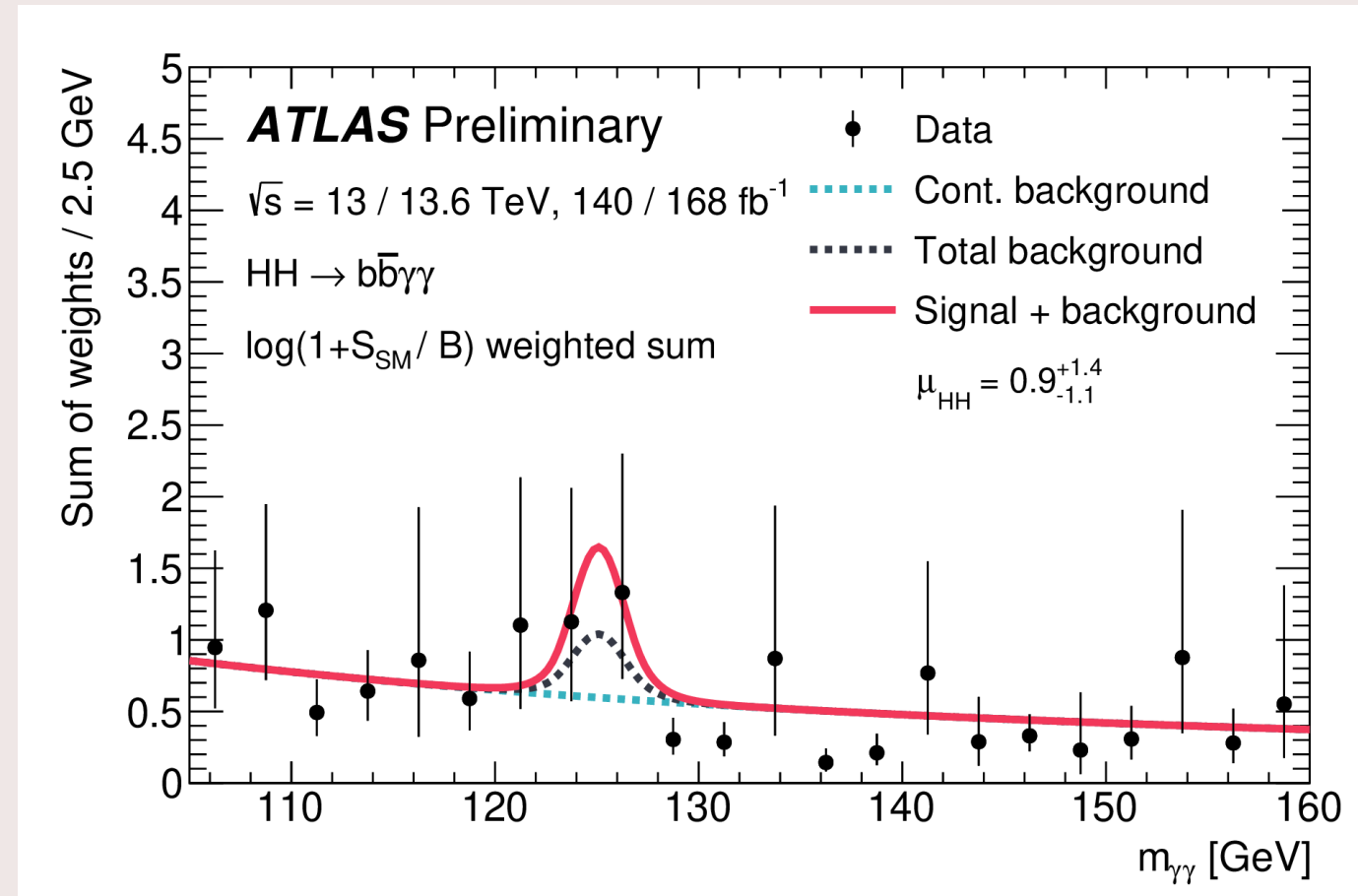
Expected HH SM Significance: 1.0 σ



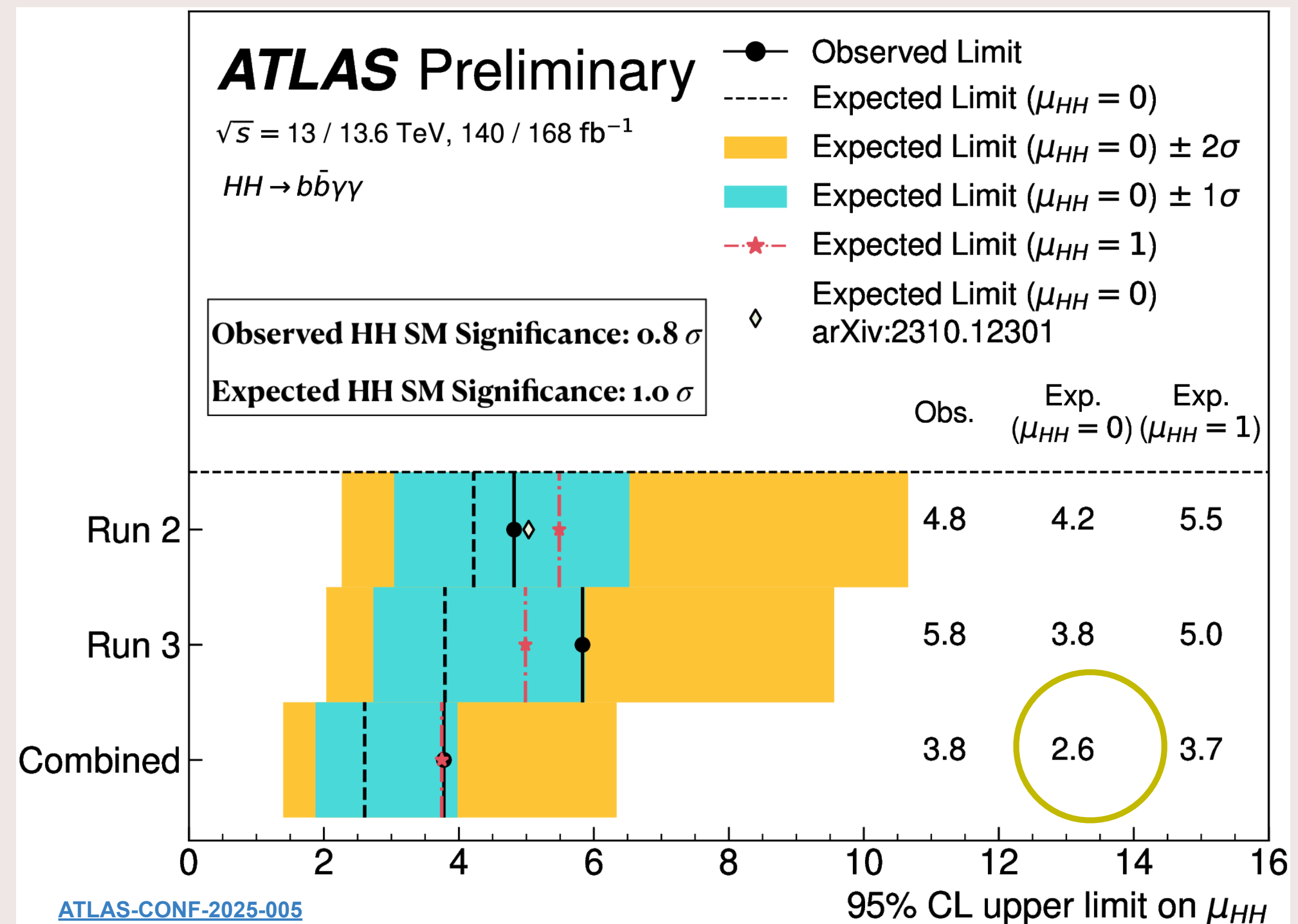
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The First 308 fb⁻¹ HH Result

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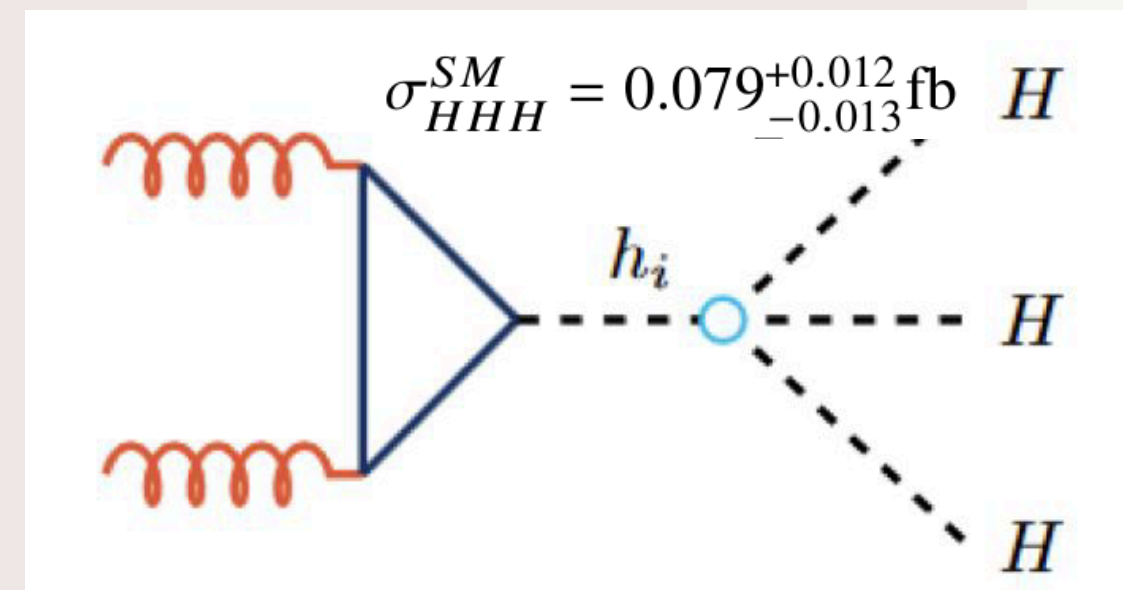
$$\mu_{HH} = 0.9^{+1.4}_{-1.1} \quad -1.7 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.6 \quad \text{at 95\% CL}$$



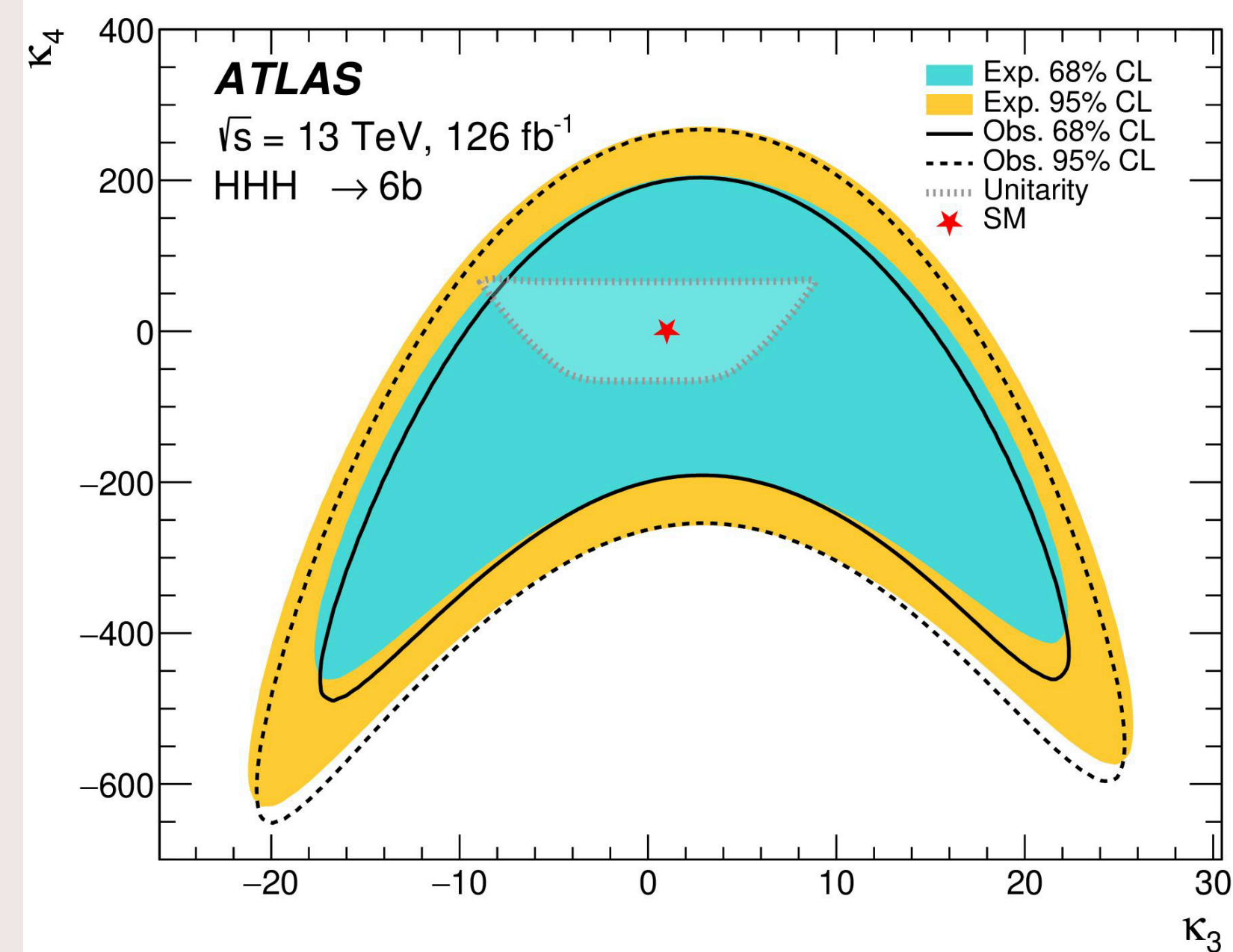
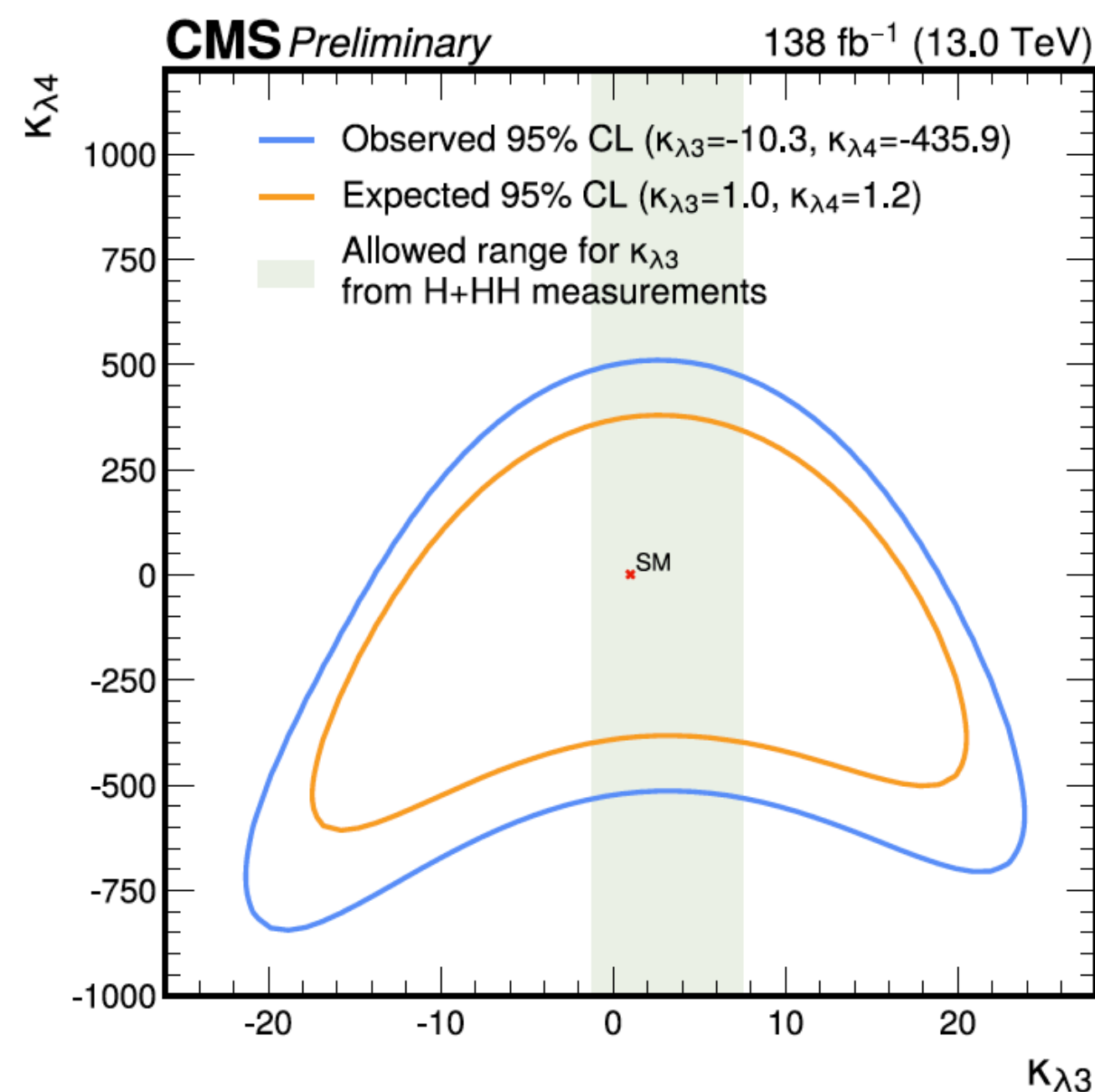
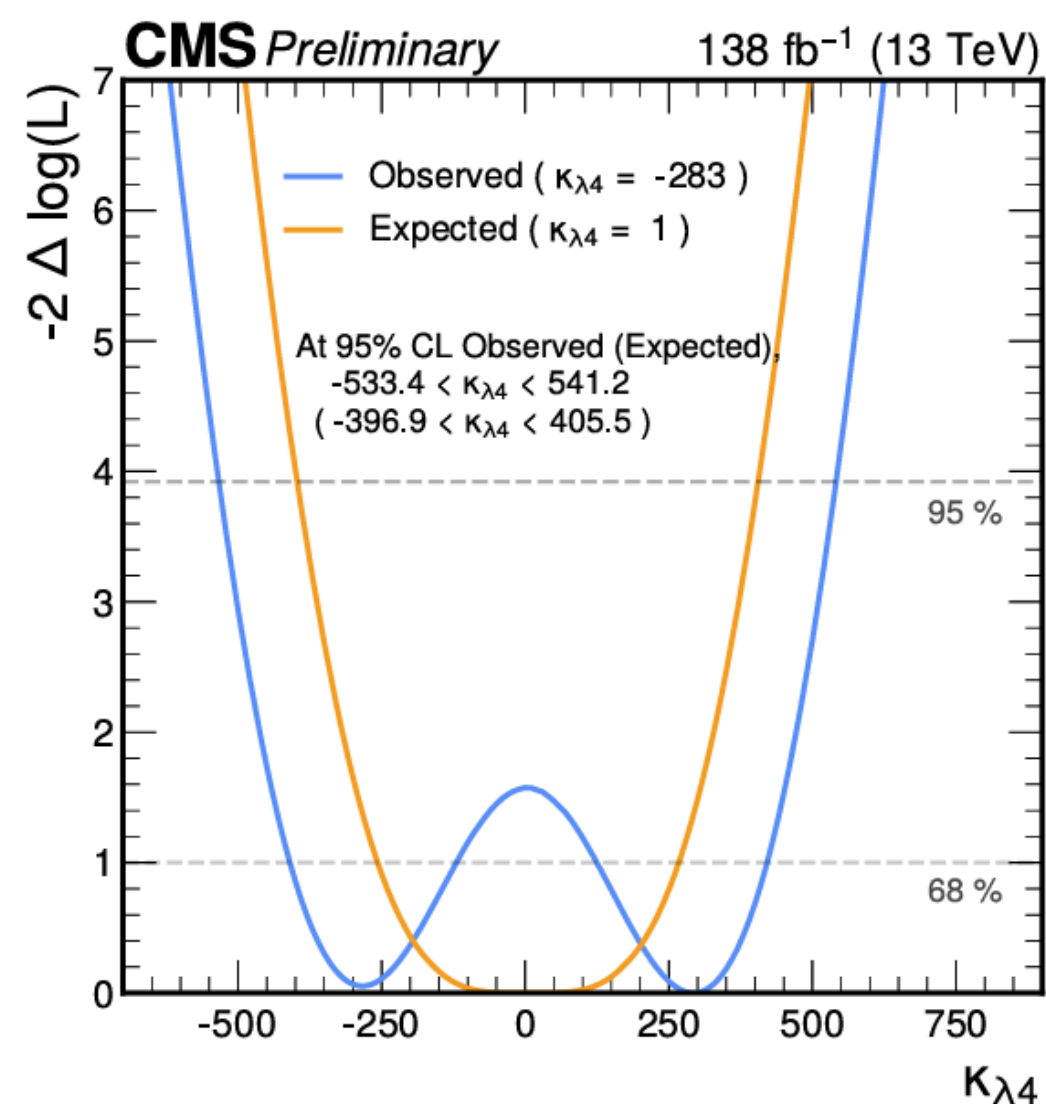
–Improvements + Statistics: single channel already at 2.6xSM - comparable to Run2 combination!

The quest for HHH?

- ▶ Very very small cross section, but **access to the quartic self-coupling (κ_4)**
- ▶ At the LHC: probe BSM scenarios
- ▶ First results, 6b (ATLAS) $\mu < 760$ (750) at 95% CL and 4b2gamma (CMS) $\mu < 3400$ (2086) at 95% CL



$$-533(-397) < \kappa_{\lambda 4} < 541(406)$$



Exceeding expectations

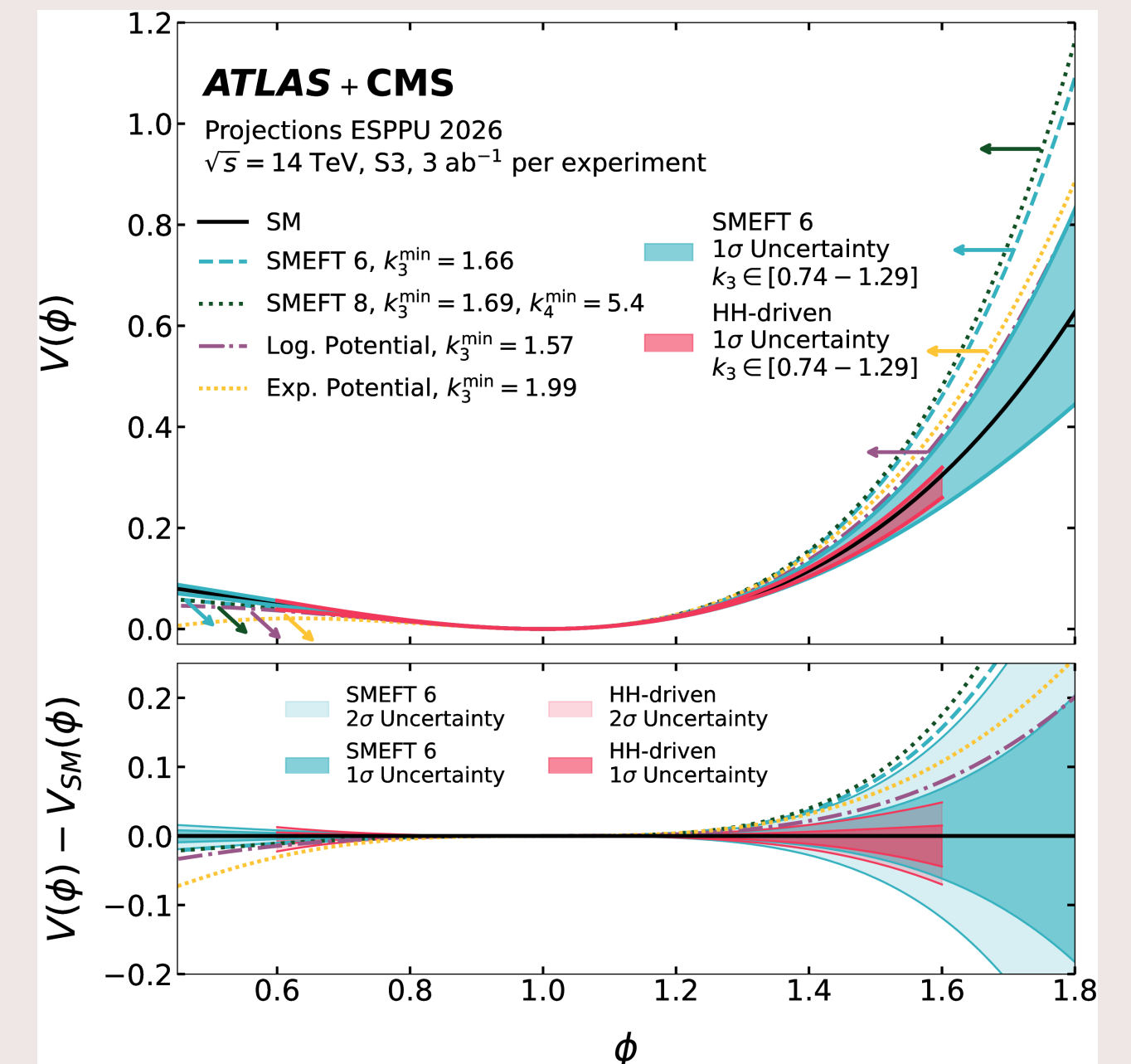
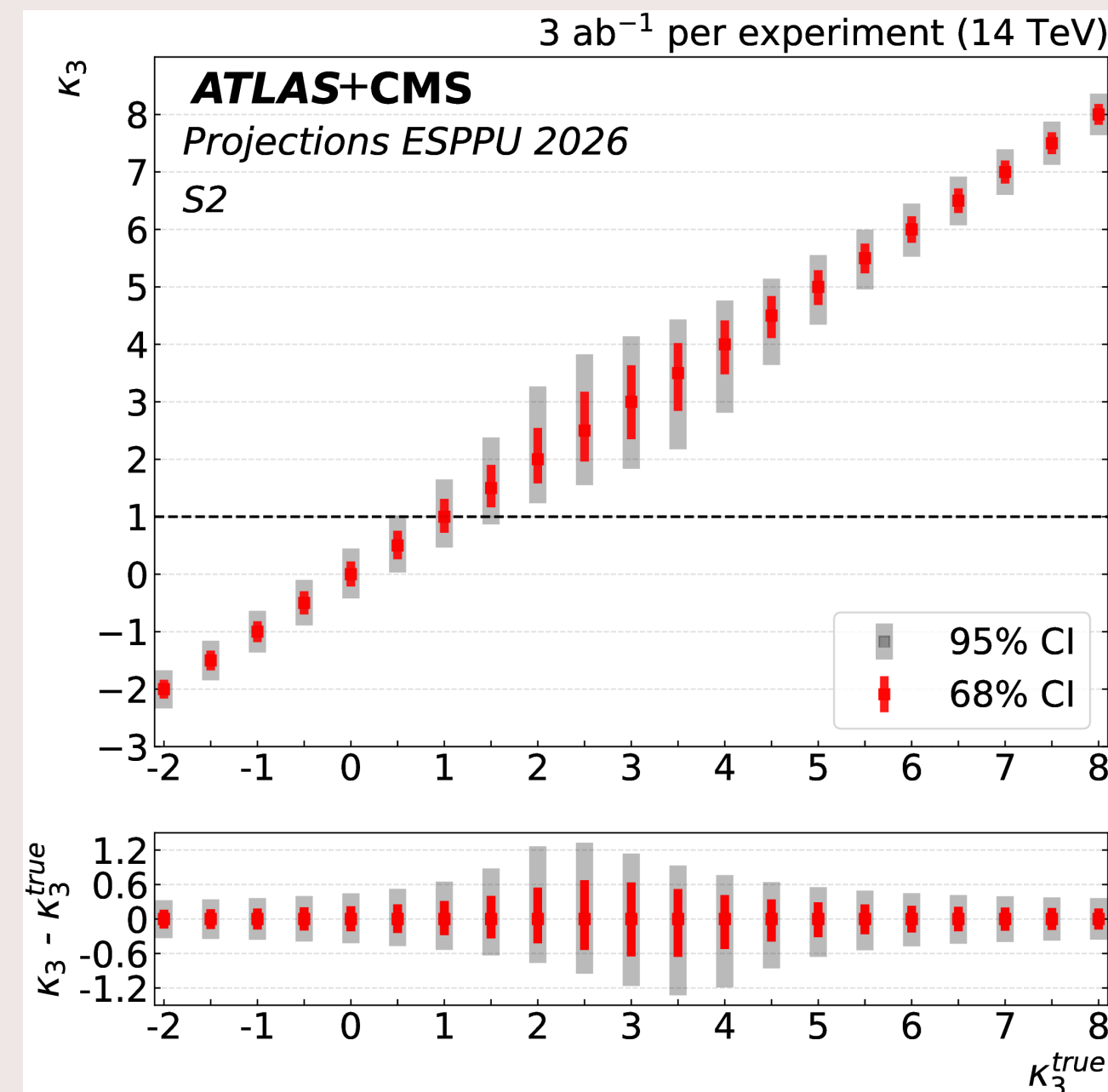
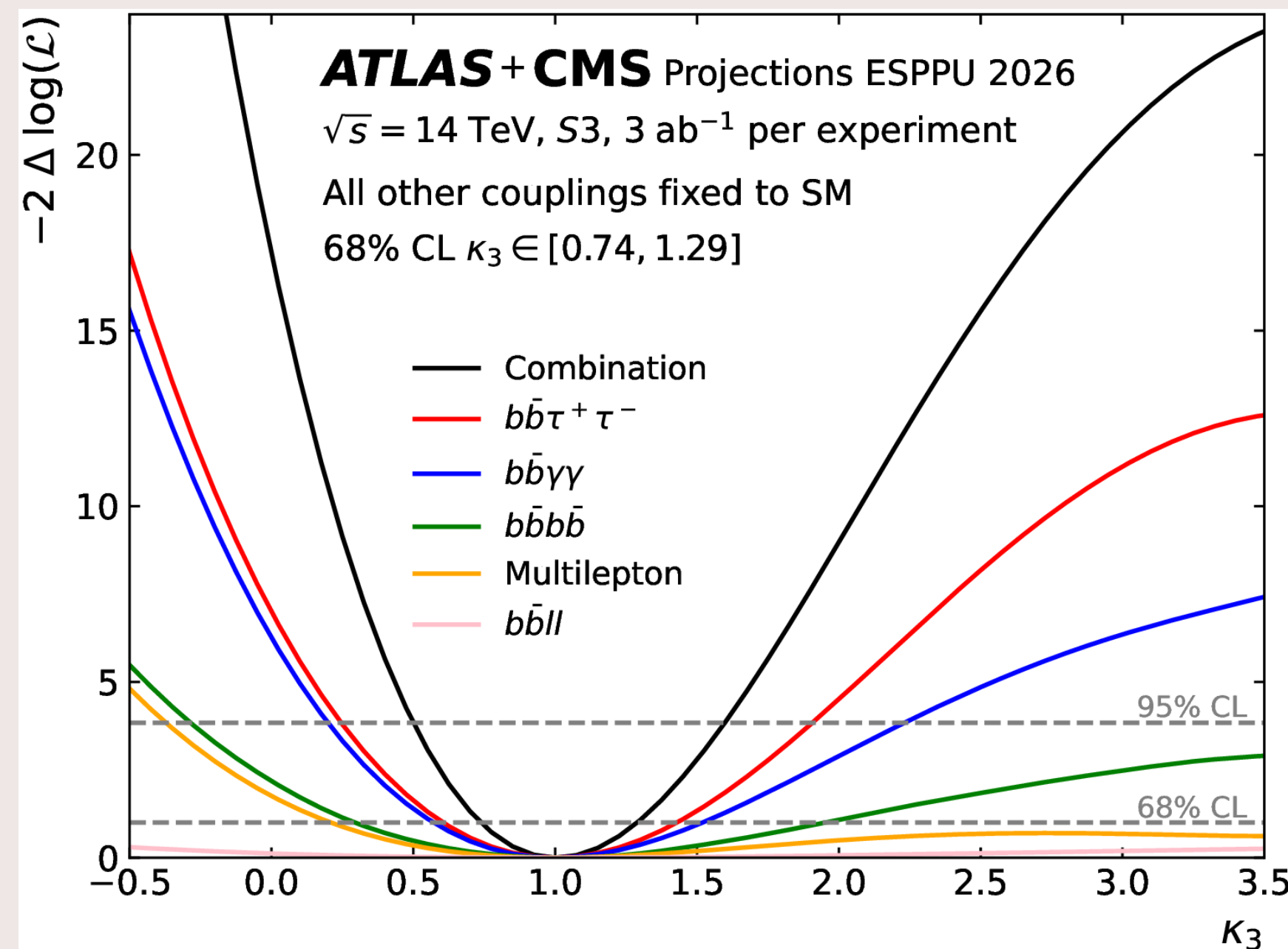
- ▶ When discussing HH we look forward to future runs - remembering that analysis outpace the projections!

- ▶ Observation in combination already at 2 ab⁻¹

$$\kappa_\lambda \sim 1.0^{+0.29}_{-0.26} (3\text{ab}^{-1}, ATLAS + CMS)$$

- ▶ Over 4 sigmas per experiment at 3 ab⁻¹

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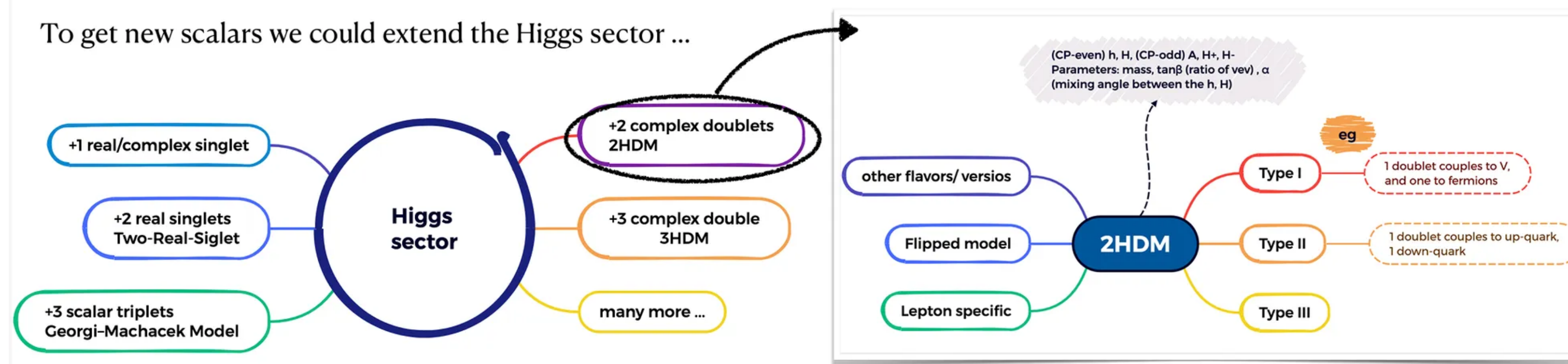


BSM, Where are you?

Higgs Partners?

Models predicting new scalars and BSM h^{125} decays

To get new scalars we could extend the Higgs sector ...



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While we scrutinize Run3, we are still squeezing all the physics from the Run2 datasets

Pushing the searches forward we want to go beyond what we did before:

- ➔ Look for new phase-spaces, **exploit new techniques (new taggers, boosted objects, scouting / long lived techniques...)**

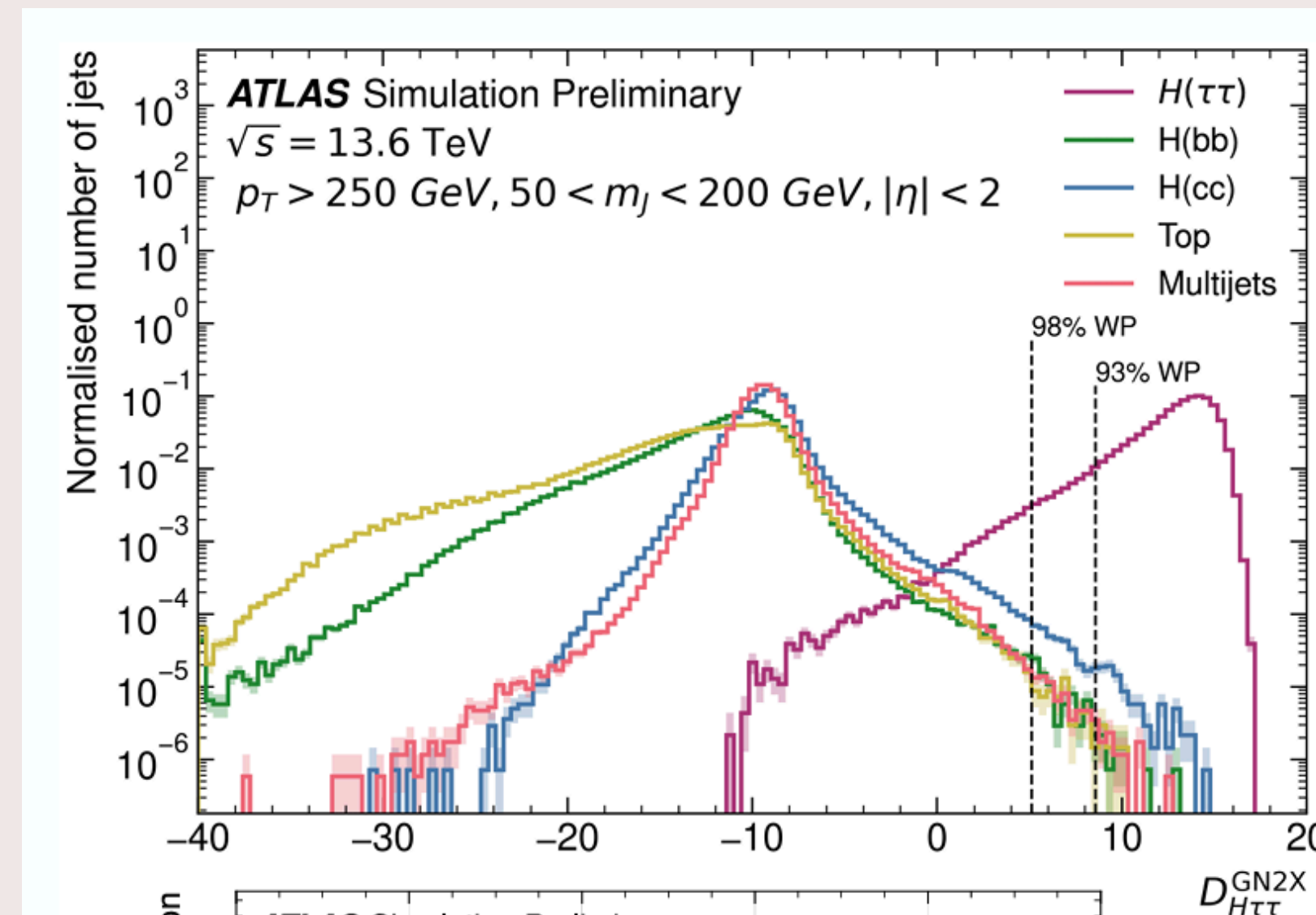
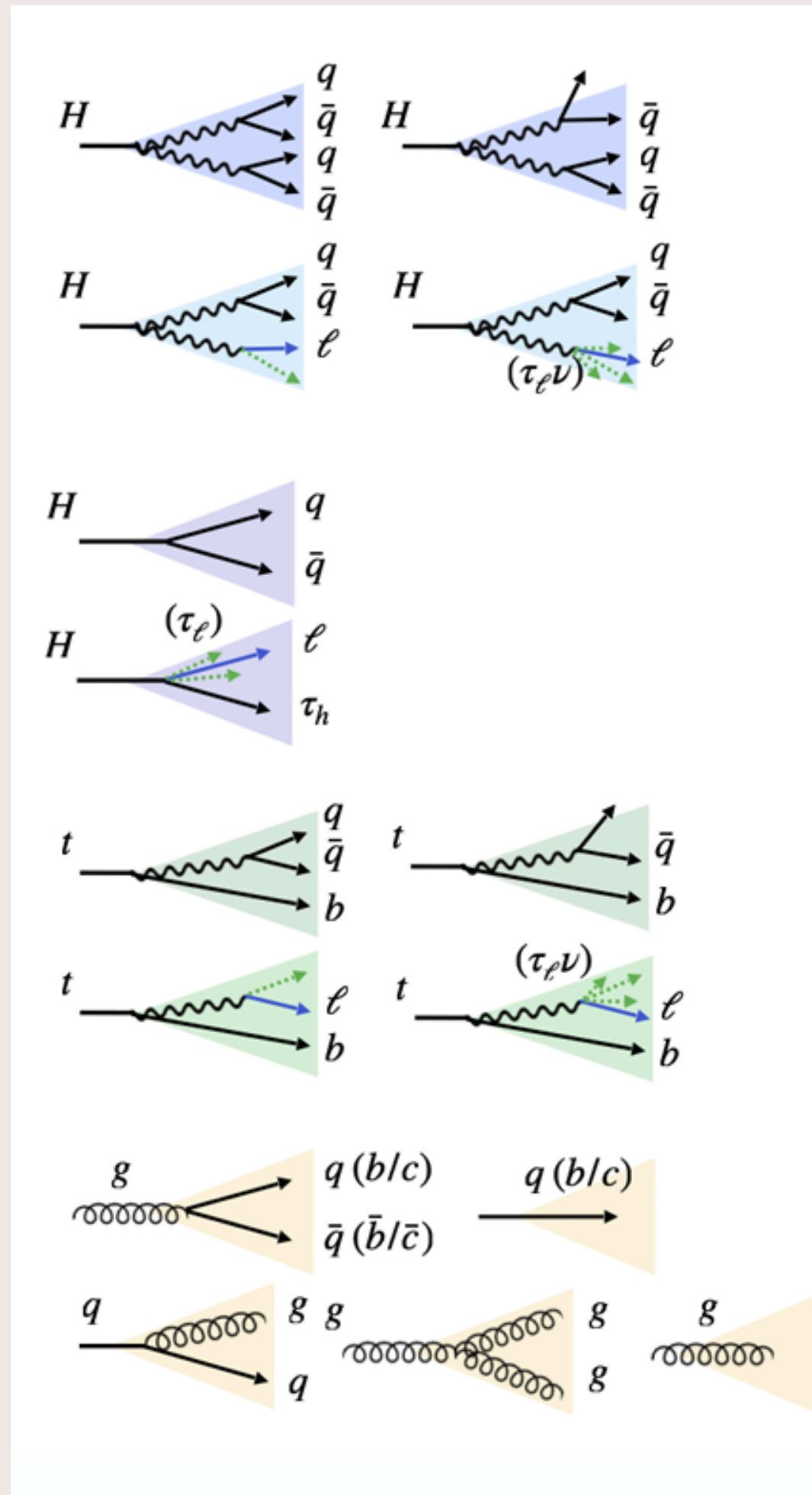
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New tools

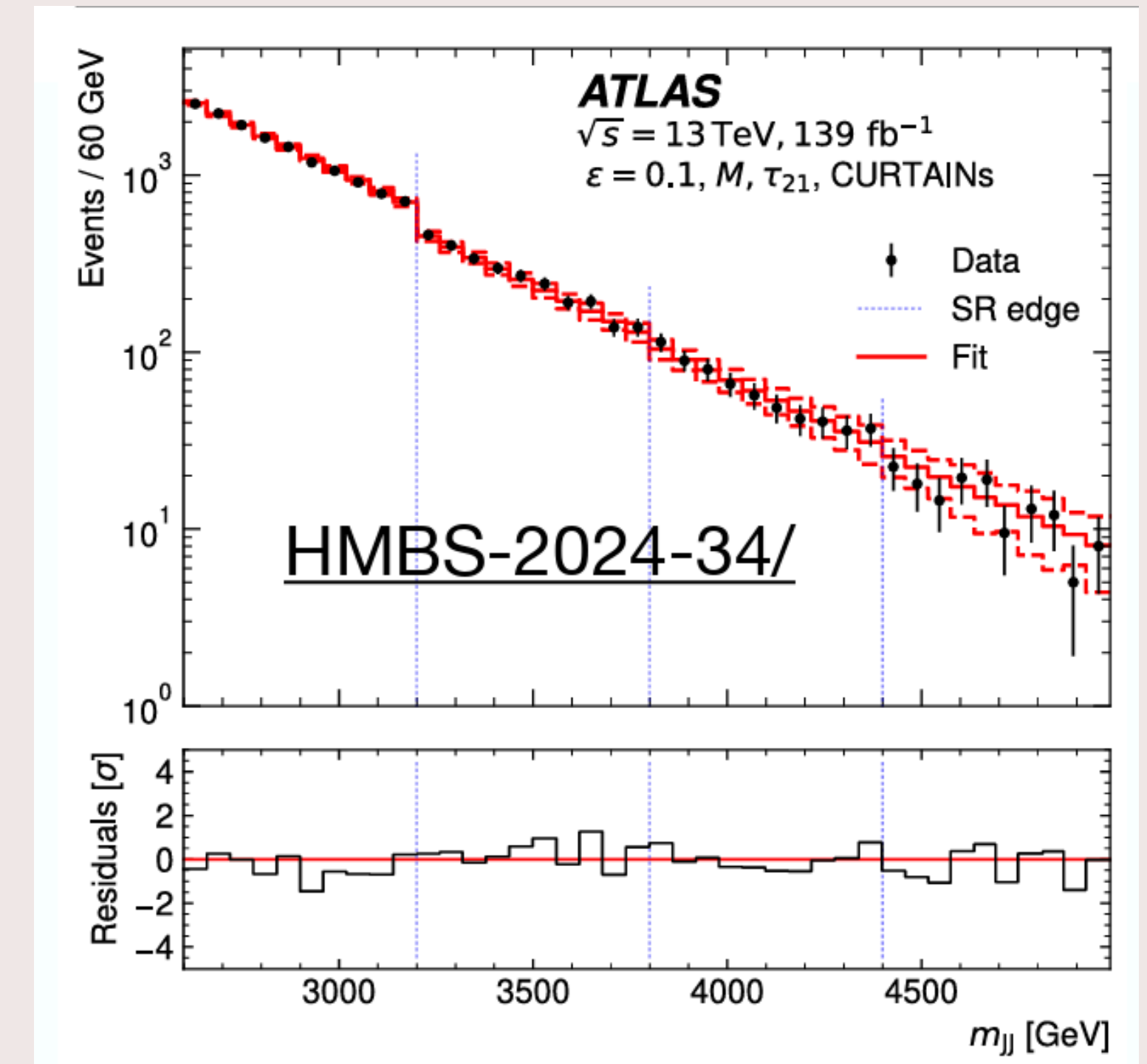
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➔ Understanding complex, merged objects using ML, at low and high momentum



➔ Scouting, analysis directly at trigger level? (Eg: inclusive $\phi \rightarrow \text{ditau}$, from 20-60 GeV, see [CMS-EXO-24-012](#))



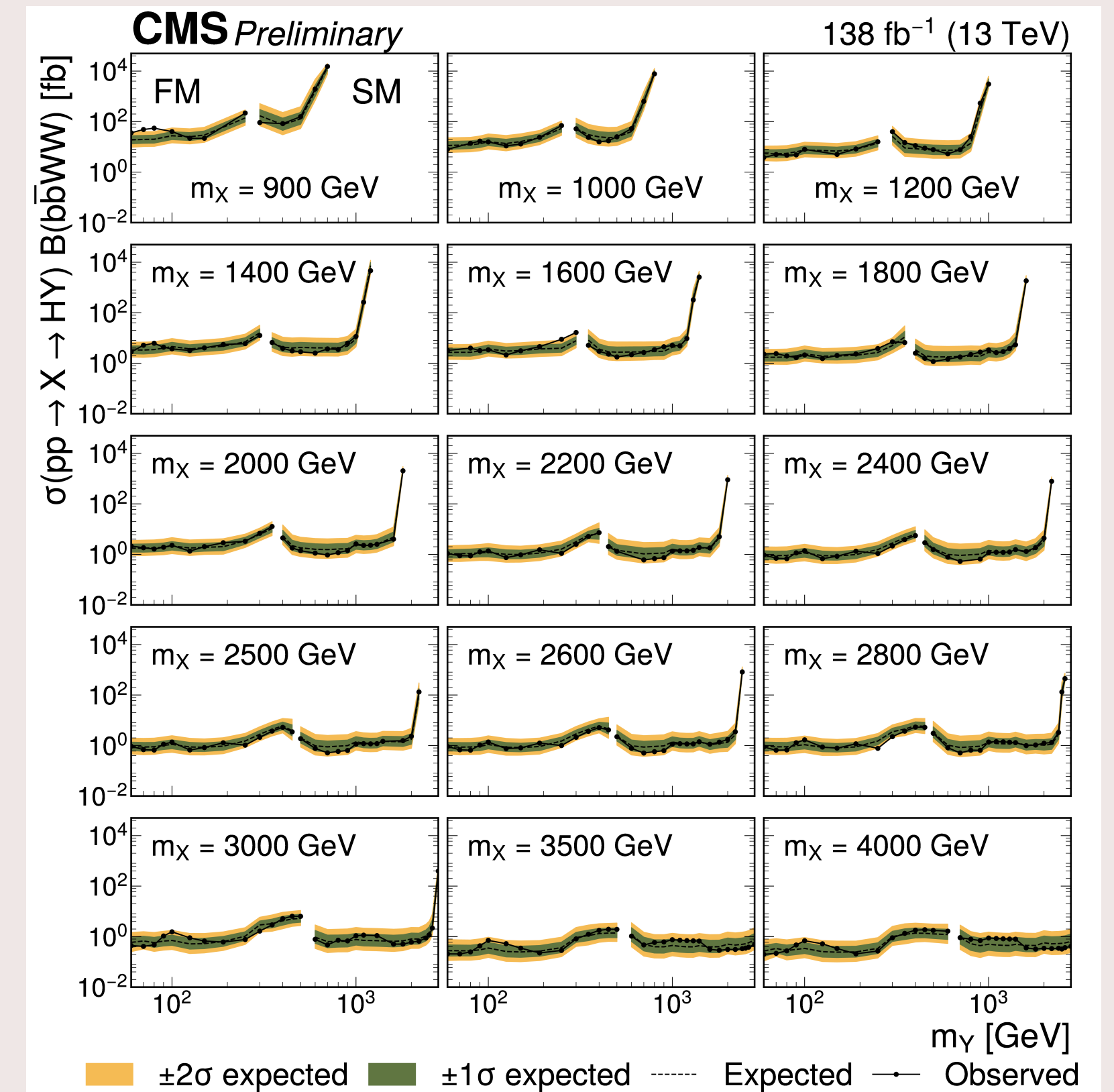
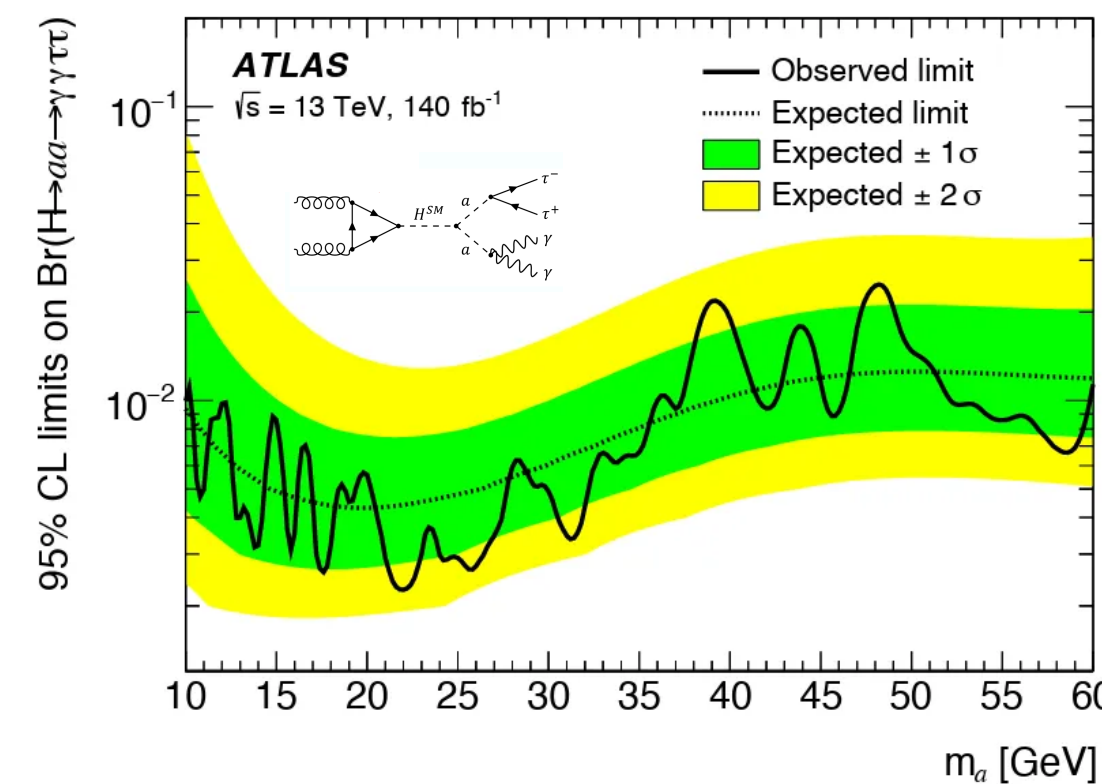
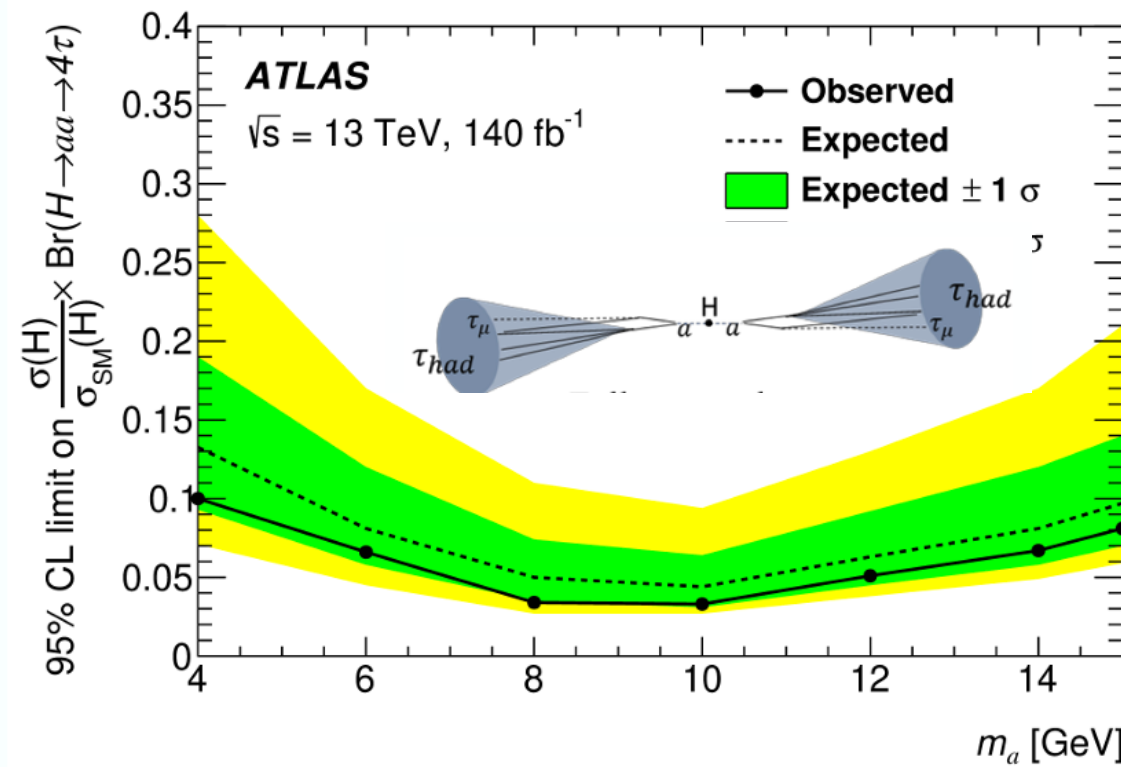
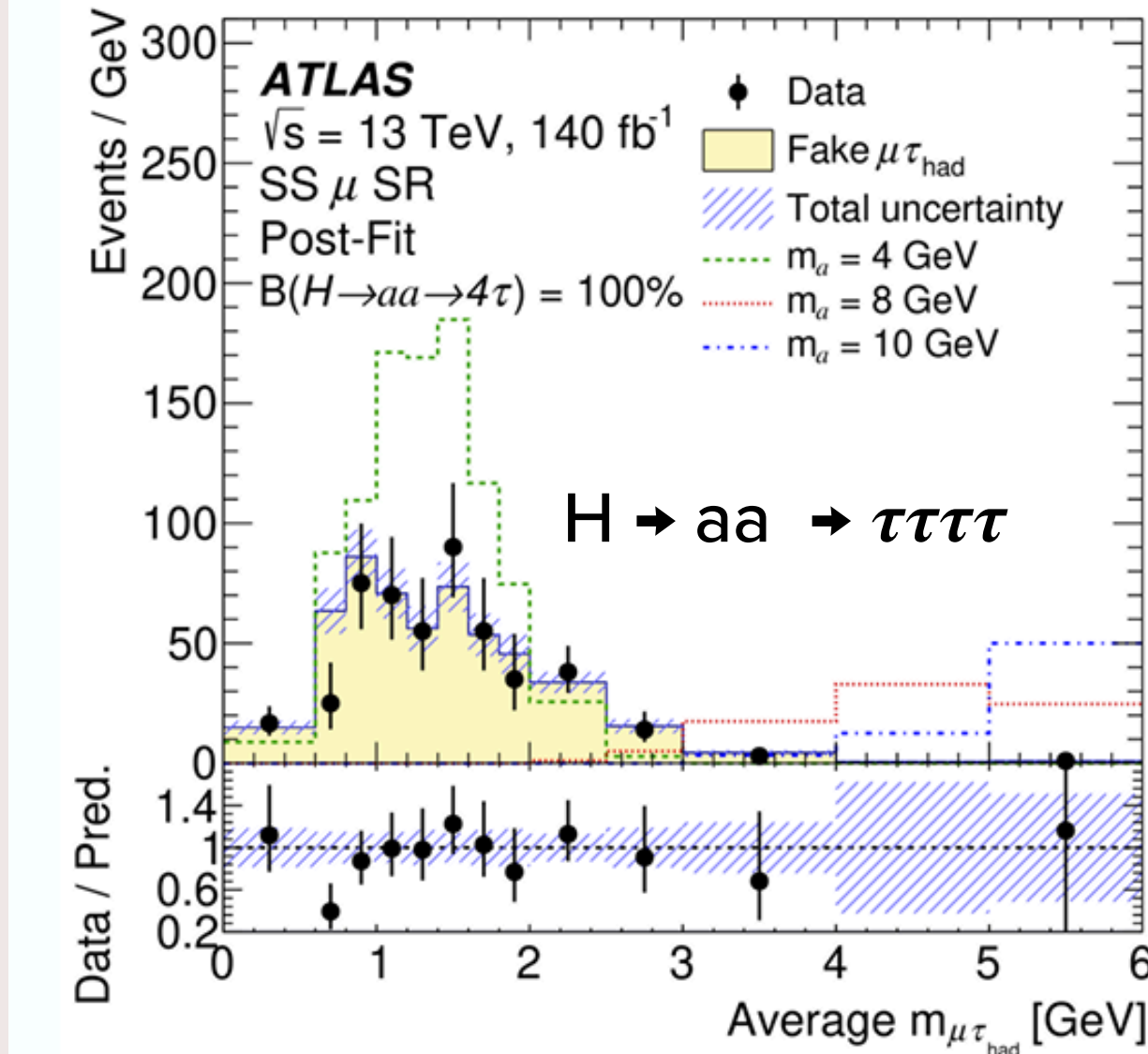
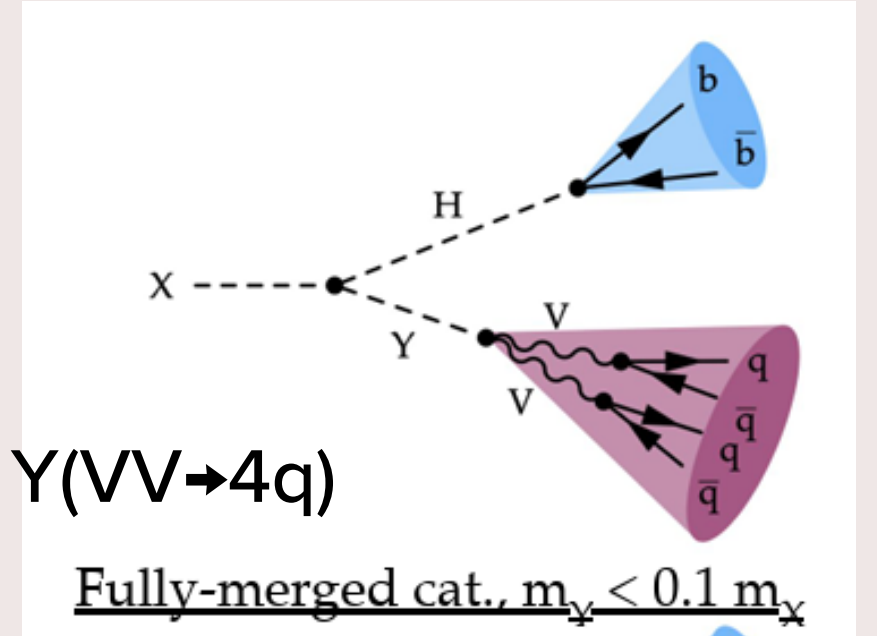
➔ Looking for 'anomalies' - what can ML see? Eg: Weakly Supervised Anomaly Detection for Light Di-Jet Resonance

Going Boosted

Exploiting the variety of
new techniques to
reconstruct boosted
objects in $h \rightarrow aa$ decays
AND Resonant
Searches

$X \rightarrow H(bb) \quad Y(VV \rightarrow 4q)$

Fully-merged cat., $m_Y < 0.1 m_X$

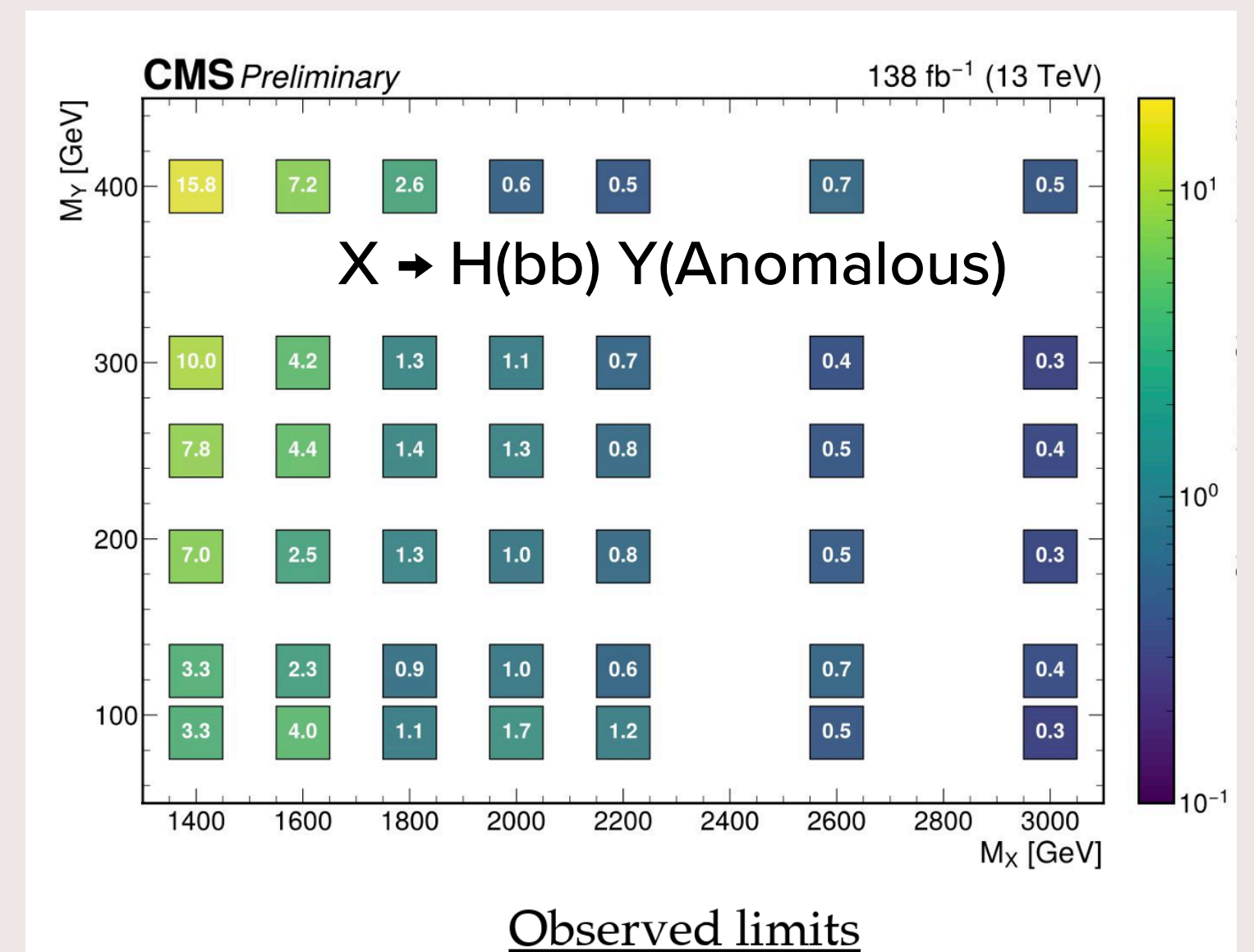
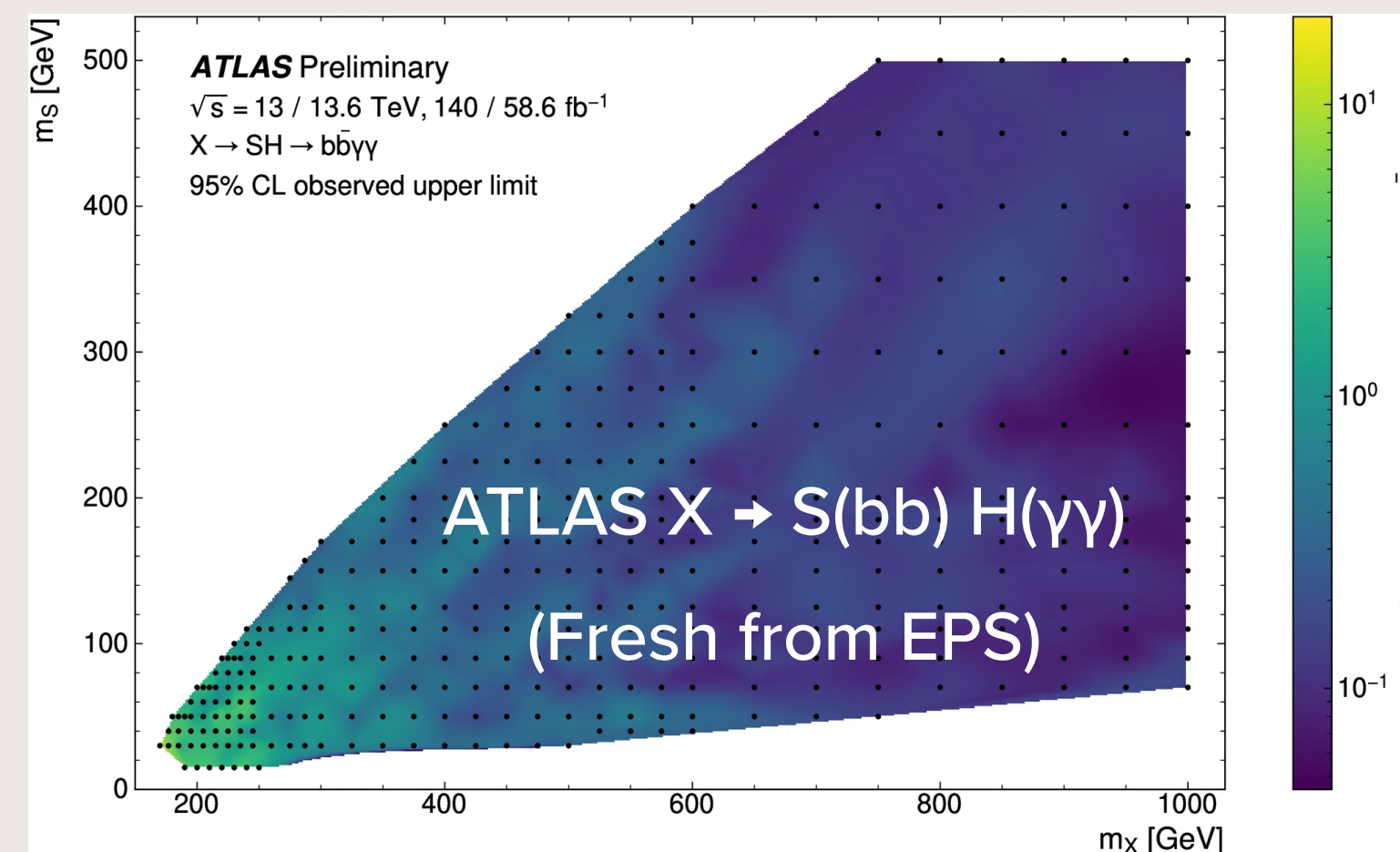
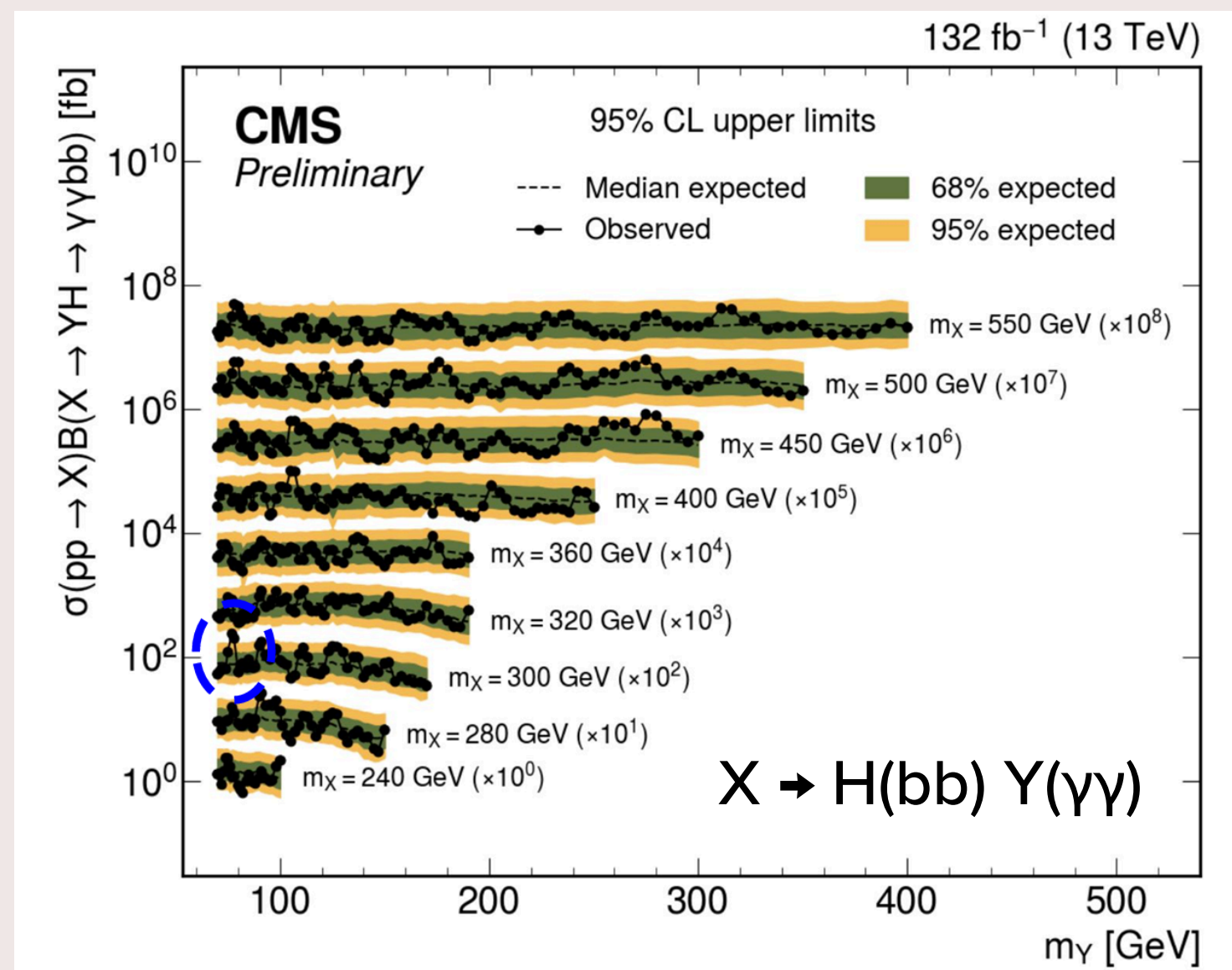


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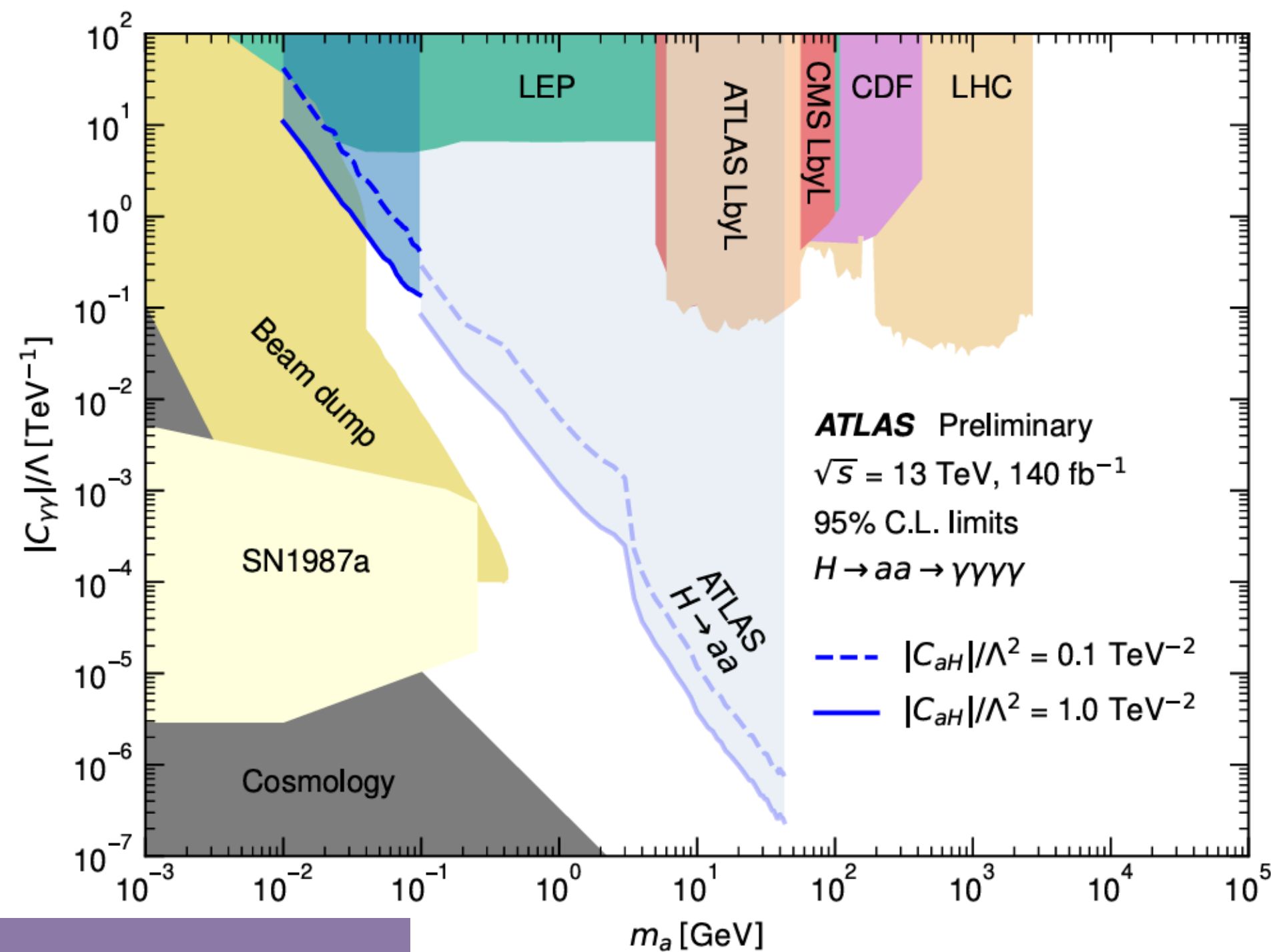
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Few years ago, switching from the standard $X \rightarrow HH$ to $X \rightarrow HY$ searches was high on the wishlist from our theory friends

We delivered! In a variety of final states, from the obvious to more and more complicated ($Y \rightarrow \text{Anomalous}$, $Y \rightarrow \text{MET}$). And while the picture is not complete, the searches are ongoing... and improving.

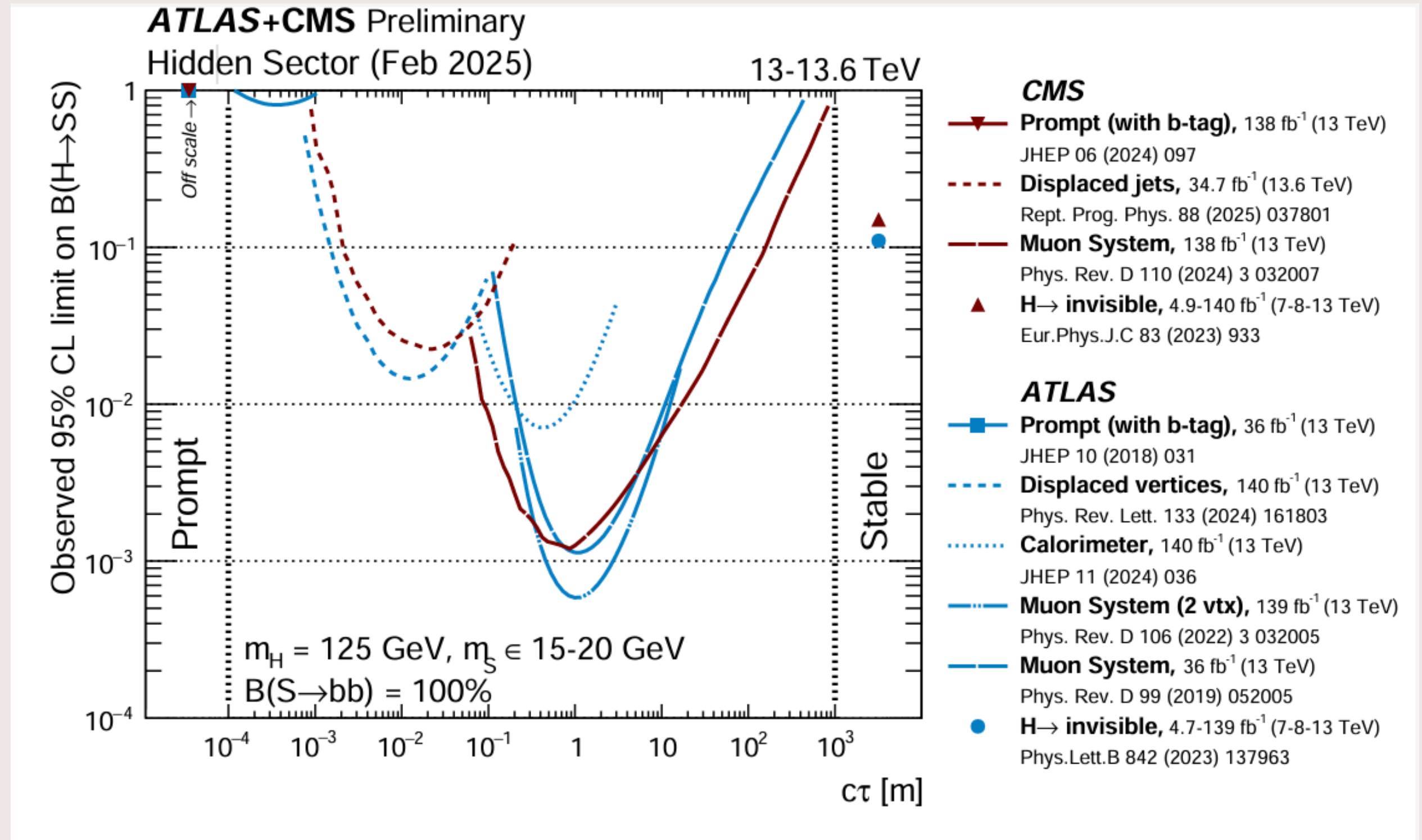


Exotic Decays: Long Lived?



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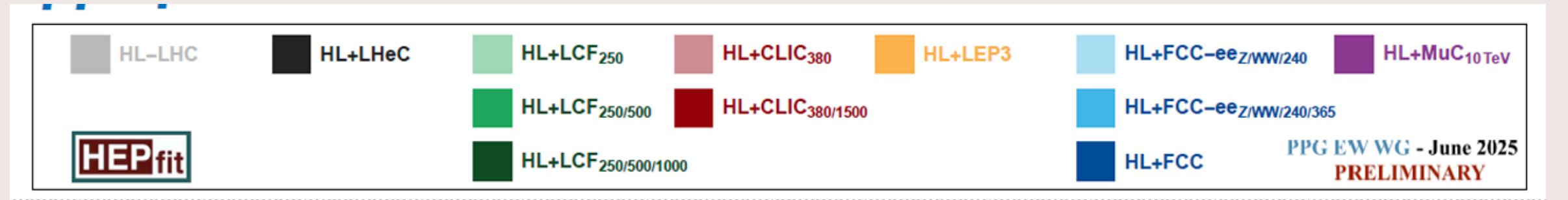
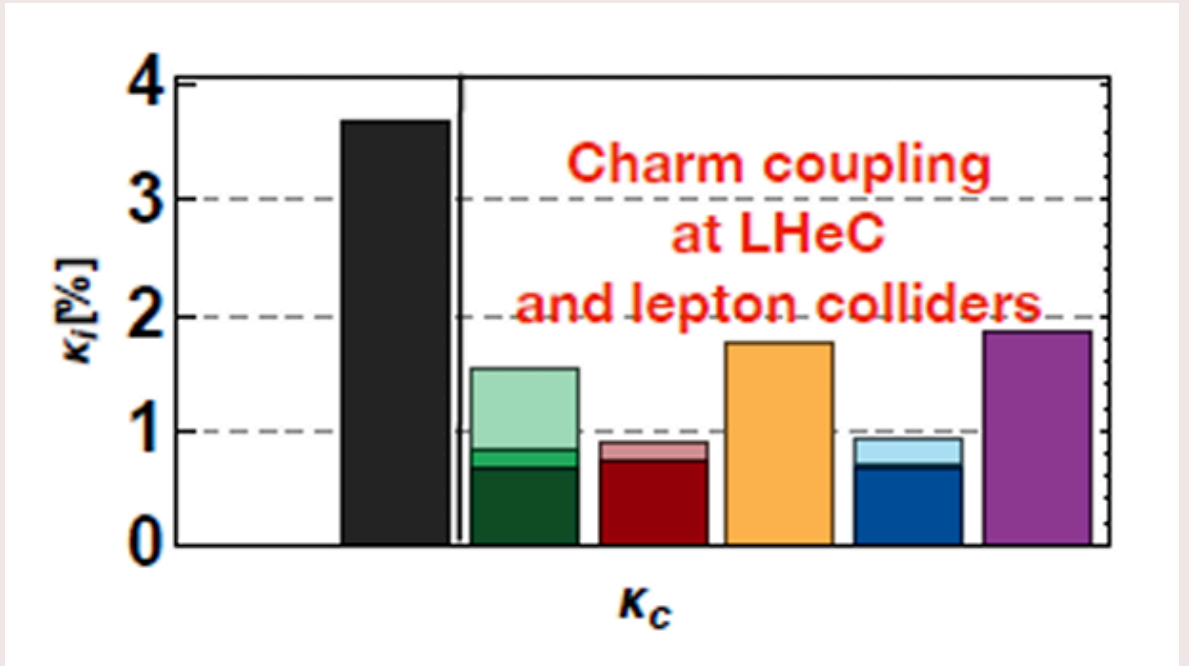
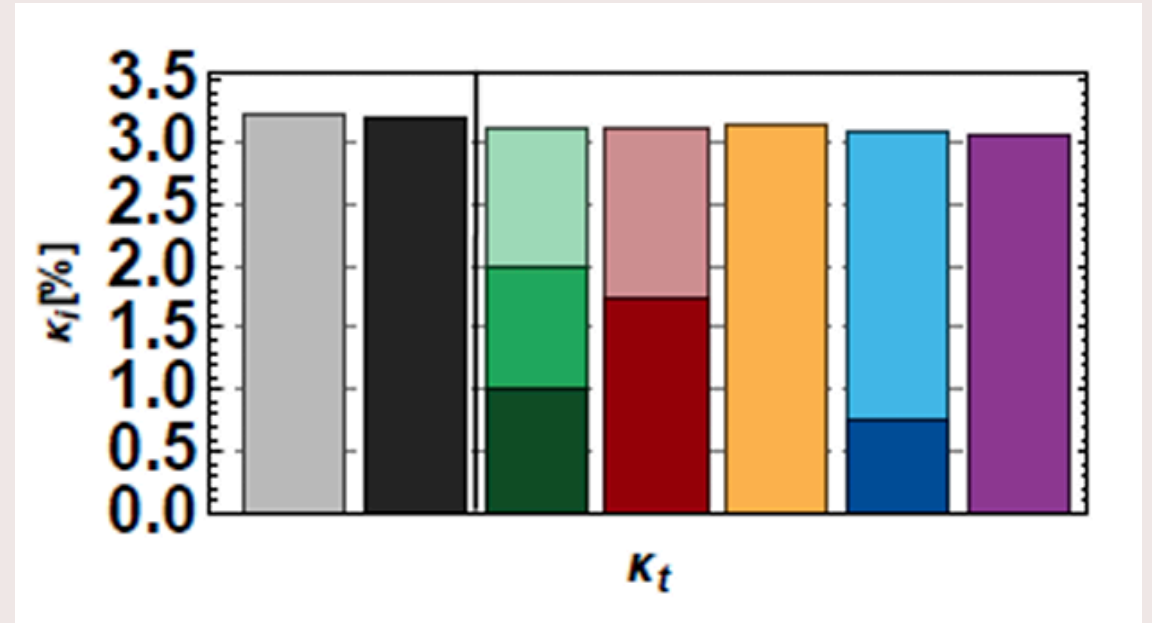
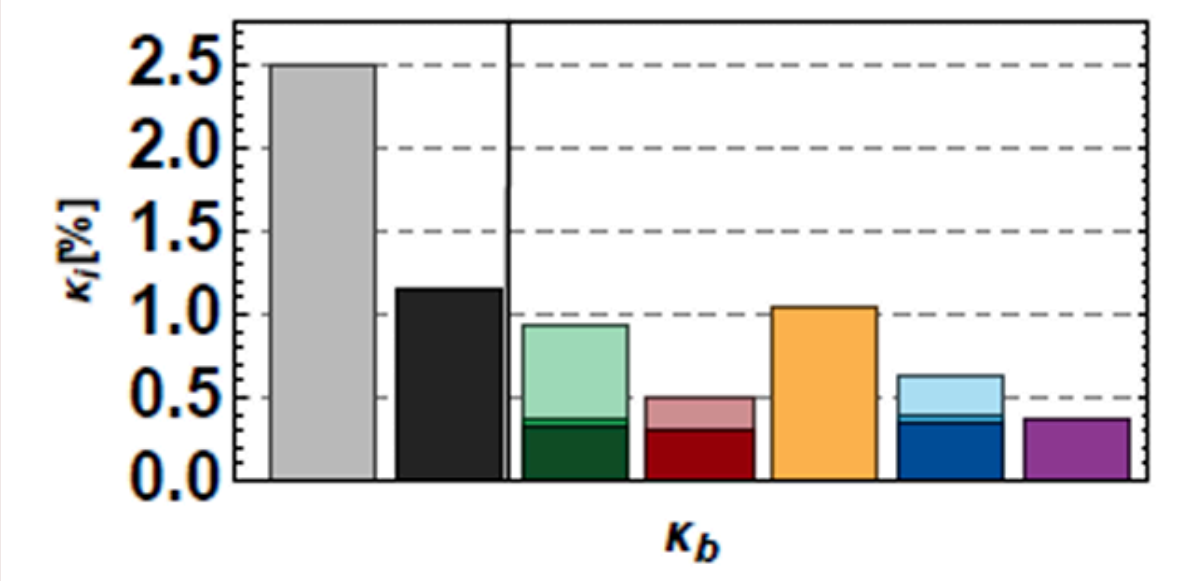
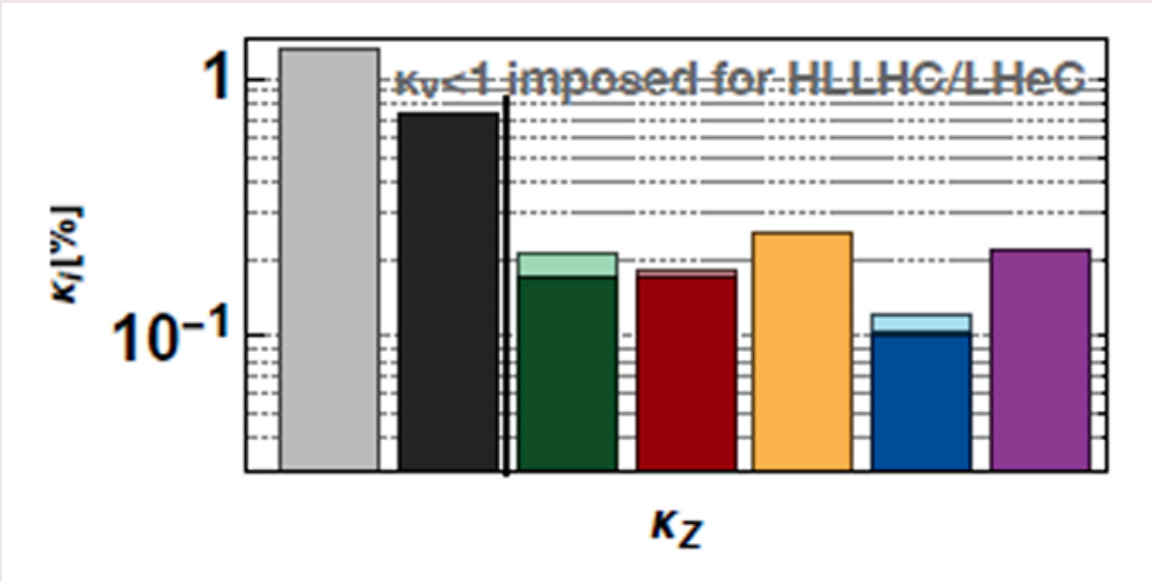
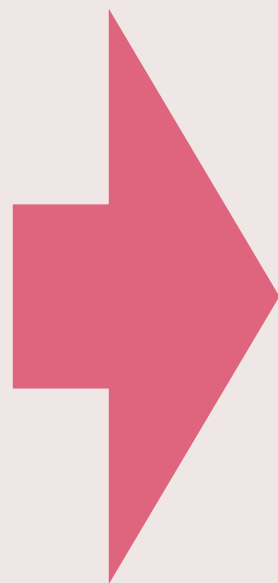
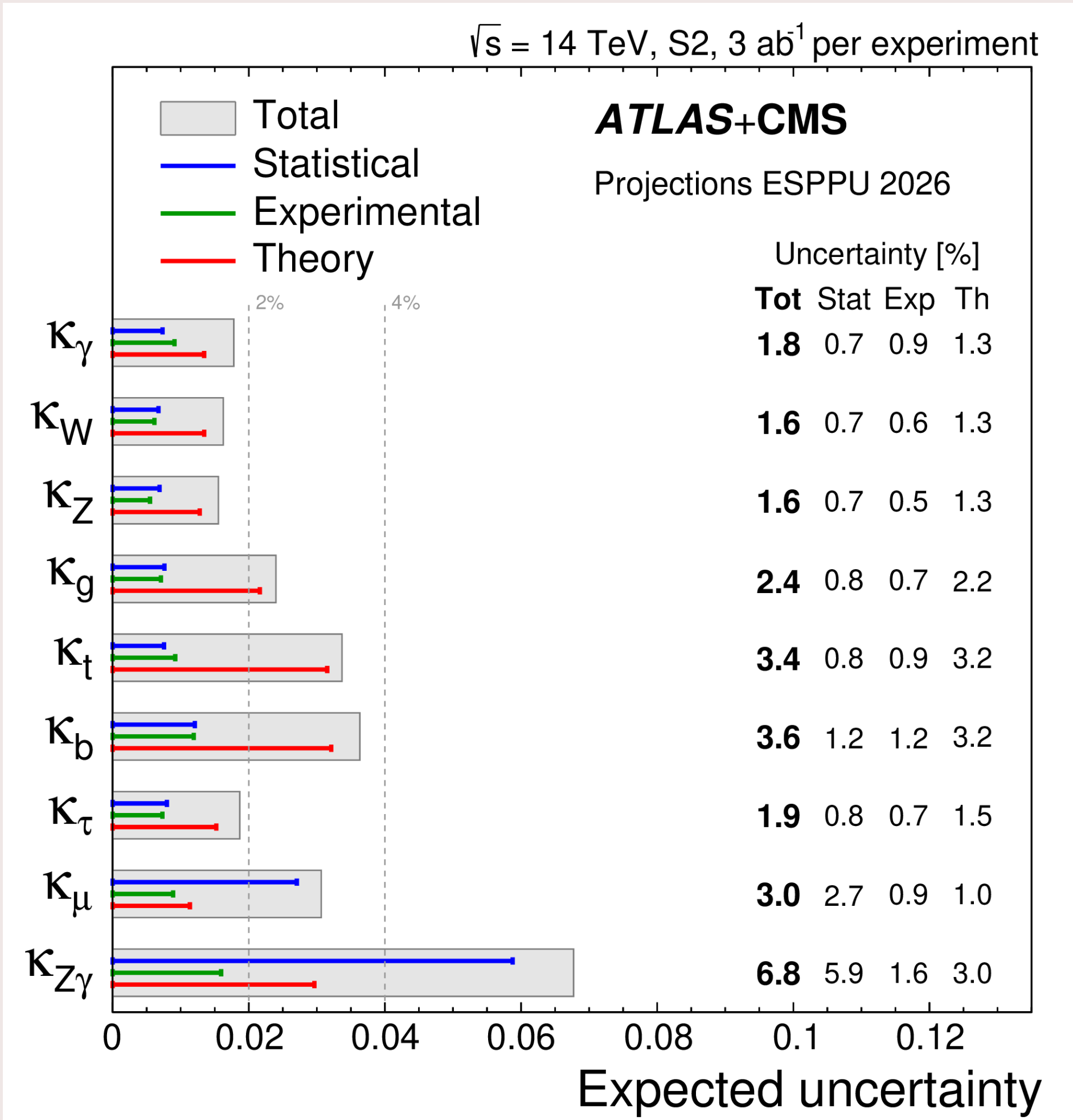
Reinterpretation of previous result, to lower masses and including long lived



Lively area with many developments!
 Comparing directly ATLAS and CMS...

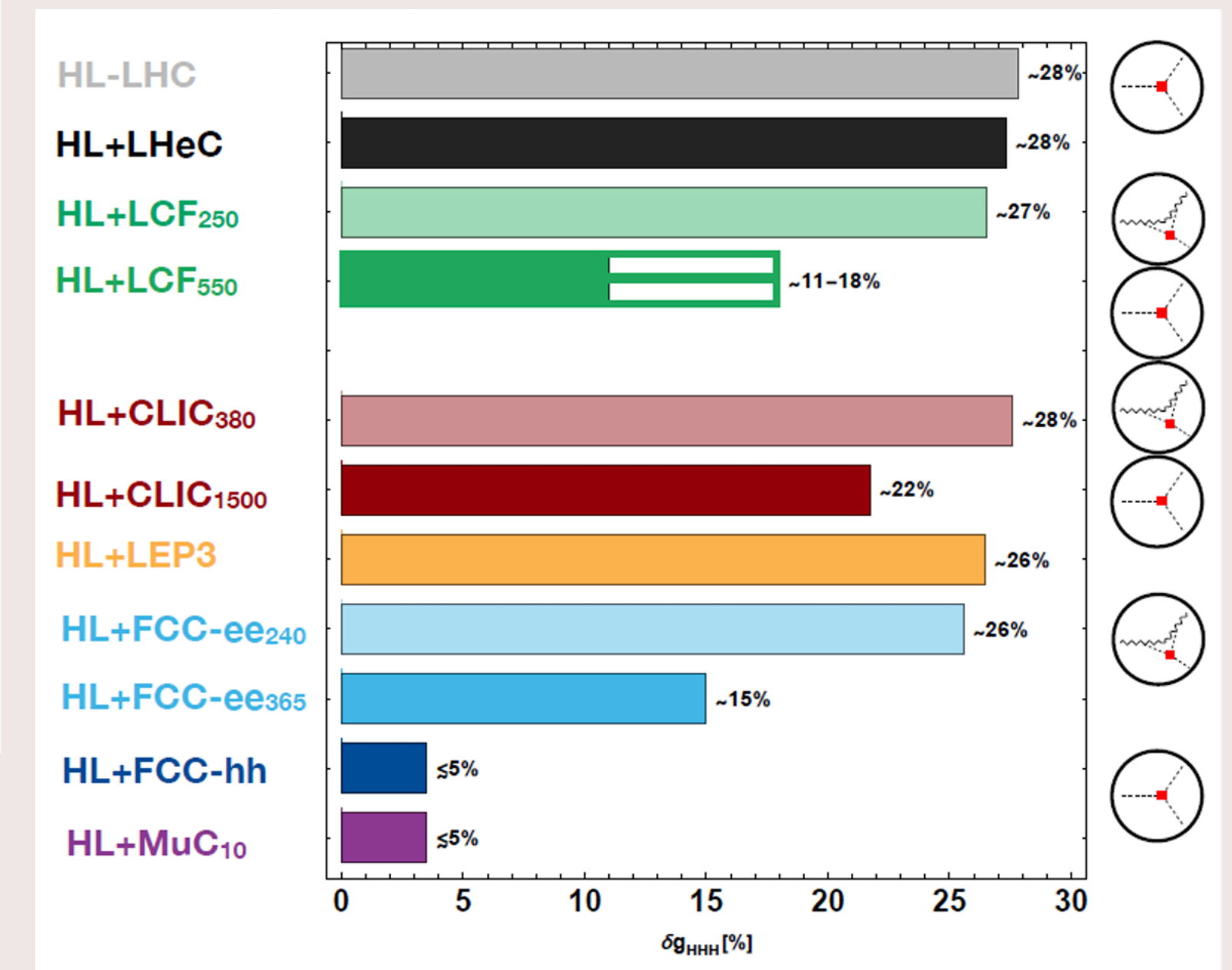
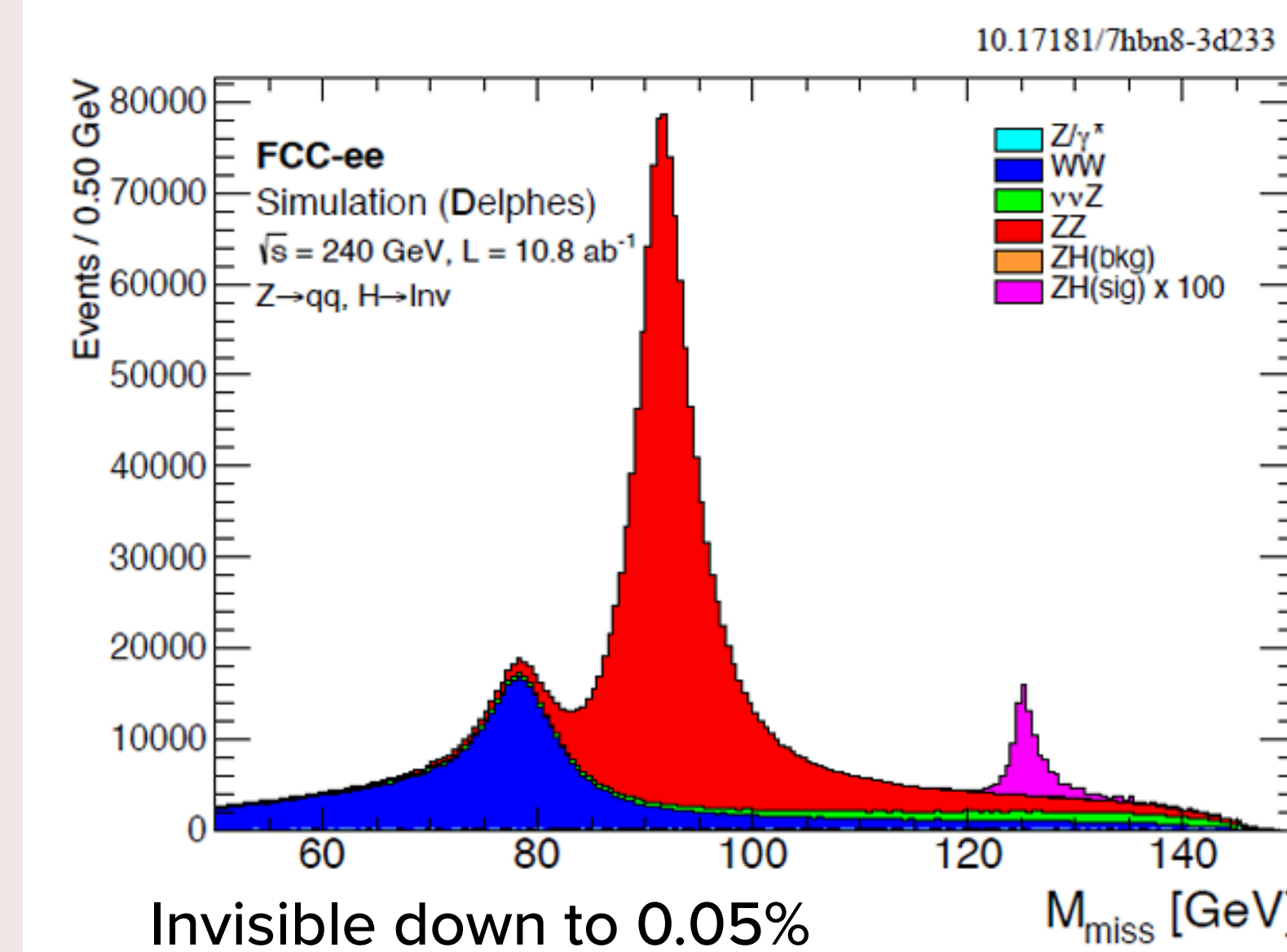
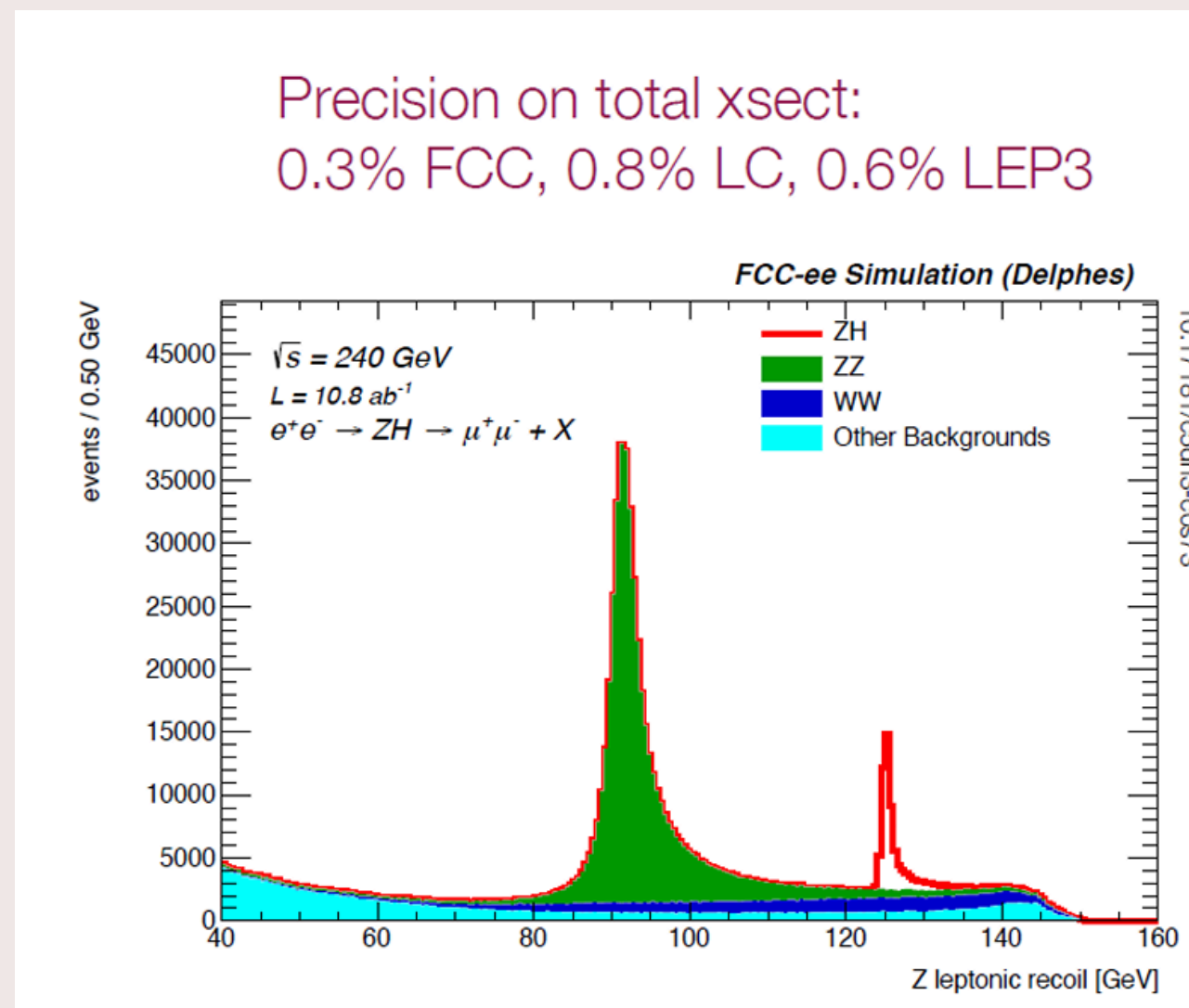
Future

The future of couplings



FCC-INT always provides the best precision

The future of measurements



Beyond Higgs - precision measurements in e^+e^- : Z pole, top and W, QCD, Flavor Physics

HL-LHC: 21 MeV
FCC-ee: 3 MeV
Linear collider: 12 MeV
LEP3: 15 MeV

Higgs mass estimates

Access to charm (1.5-2.5 %)
Potential access to electron yukawa at FCCee ?



We have a “Plan A”

FCCee

Energies up to top threshold

Easy transition between Z, WW, ZH

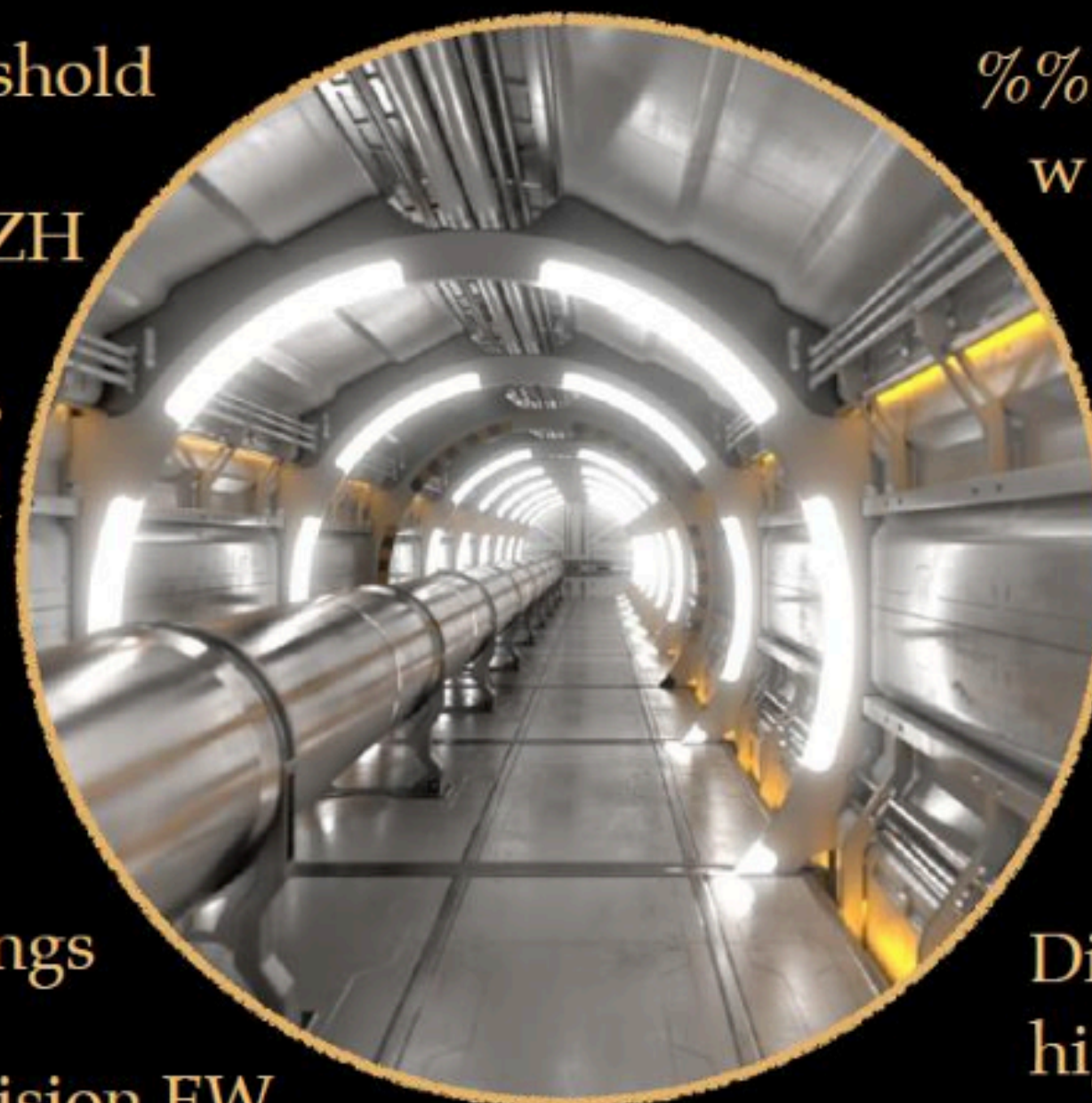
% to %% level precision on Higgs couplings (except top), stats limited

Best precision on Higgs couplings of all e+e- options

Possible 1st generation couplings

TeraZ run for precision EW

High luminosity



FCChh

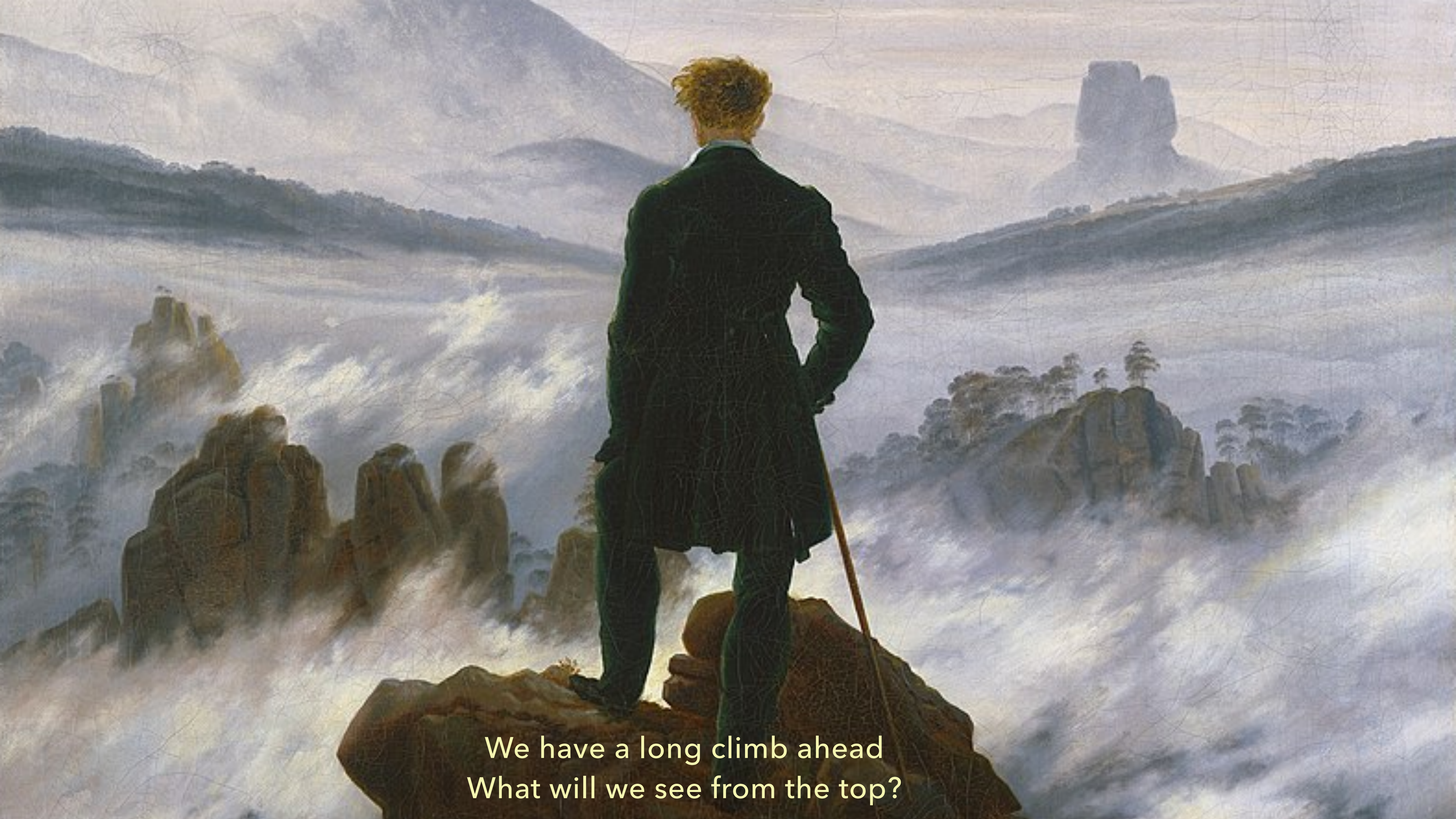
%% level precision on Higgs w/ FCCee, ttH production

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Access to rare decays and high pT distributions with strong BSM potential

Di-boson measurements at high energy

Combined precision top results

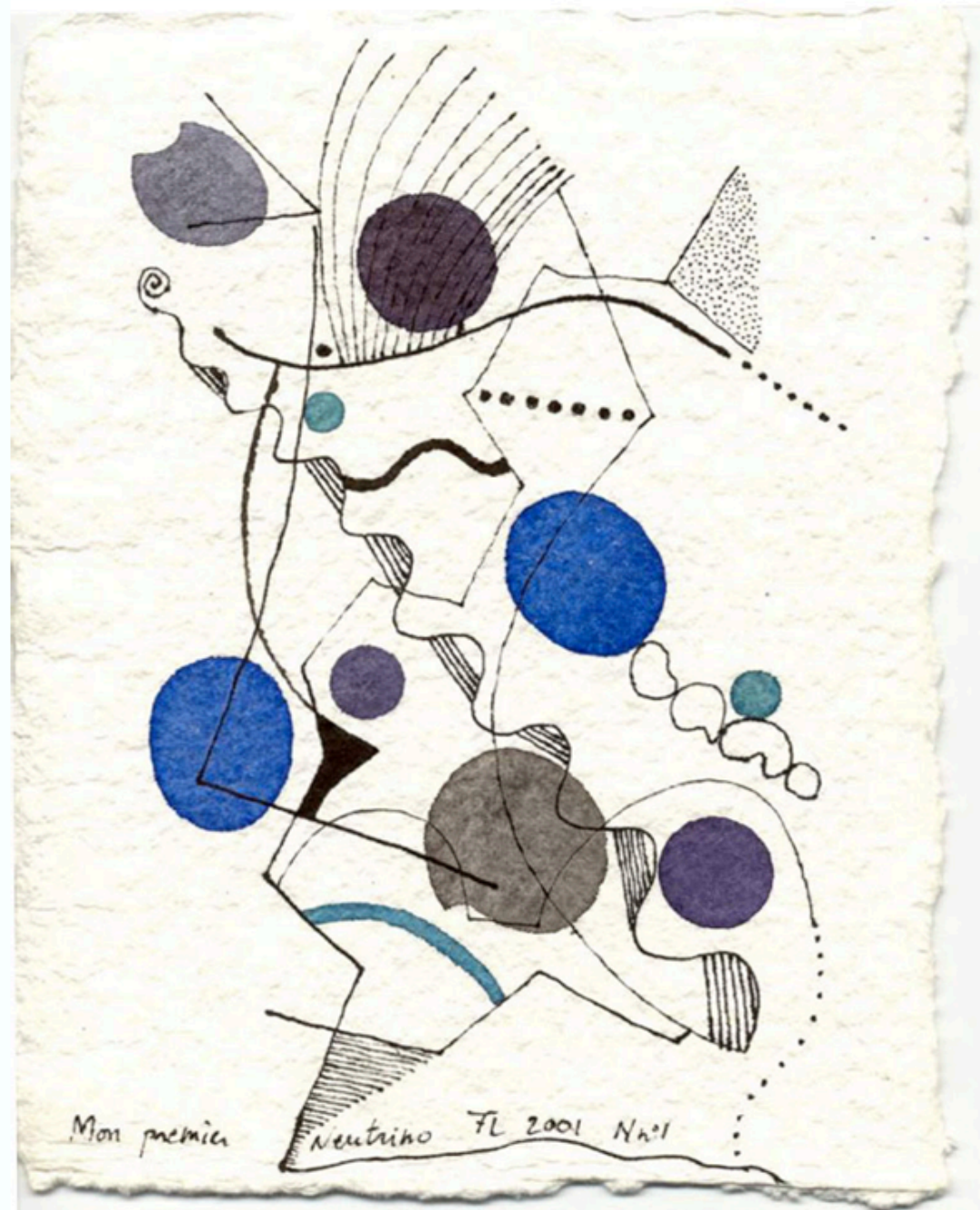


We have a long climb ahead
What will we see from the top?

15 years of Hunting Higgses

- ▶ The study of the Higgs boson is more alive than ever. The landscape has changed dramatically: from searches and discovery to really understanding its nature, and the journey goes on.
- ▶ Today, the Higgs is **one of our best tools to discover new physics** (direct or indirectly).
- ▶ With Run2 analysis still arriving (including updates to the combinations!), we are deep in the analysis of Run3 datasets, with 13.6 TeV results starting to come
- ▶ To go beyond our current results both experiments are invested in **ML developments in tagging, reconstruction, and inference: improving sensitivity for future analysis way beyond statistics**
 - ▶ This week we have discussed heard about their impact in charm, boosted phase-spaces, the exploration of CP... and this is not the end of the story, more to come!
 - ▶ One of the biggest challenges for the future is finding a couple of Higgses: Measuring the self-coupling and understanding the Higgs potential, the HL-LHC final frontier?
- ▶ Beyond our current machine, the future is coming and we need to prepare for it. Precisely mapping the Higgs sector will be the legacy of the LHC, a stepping stone for the future machines. The future looks bright for the Higgs, and we should work together to make it brighter!

Thank you for a great conference!



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EWK VVH, Hbb

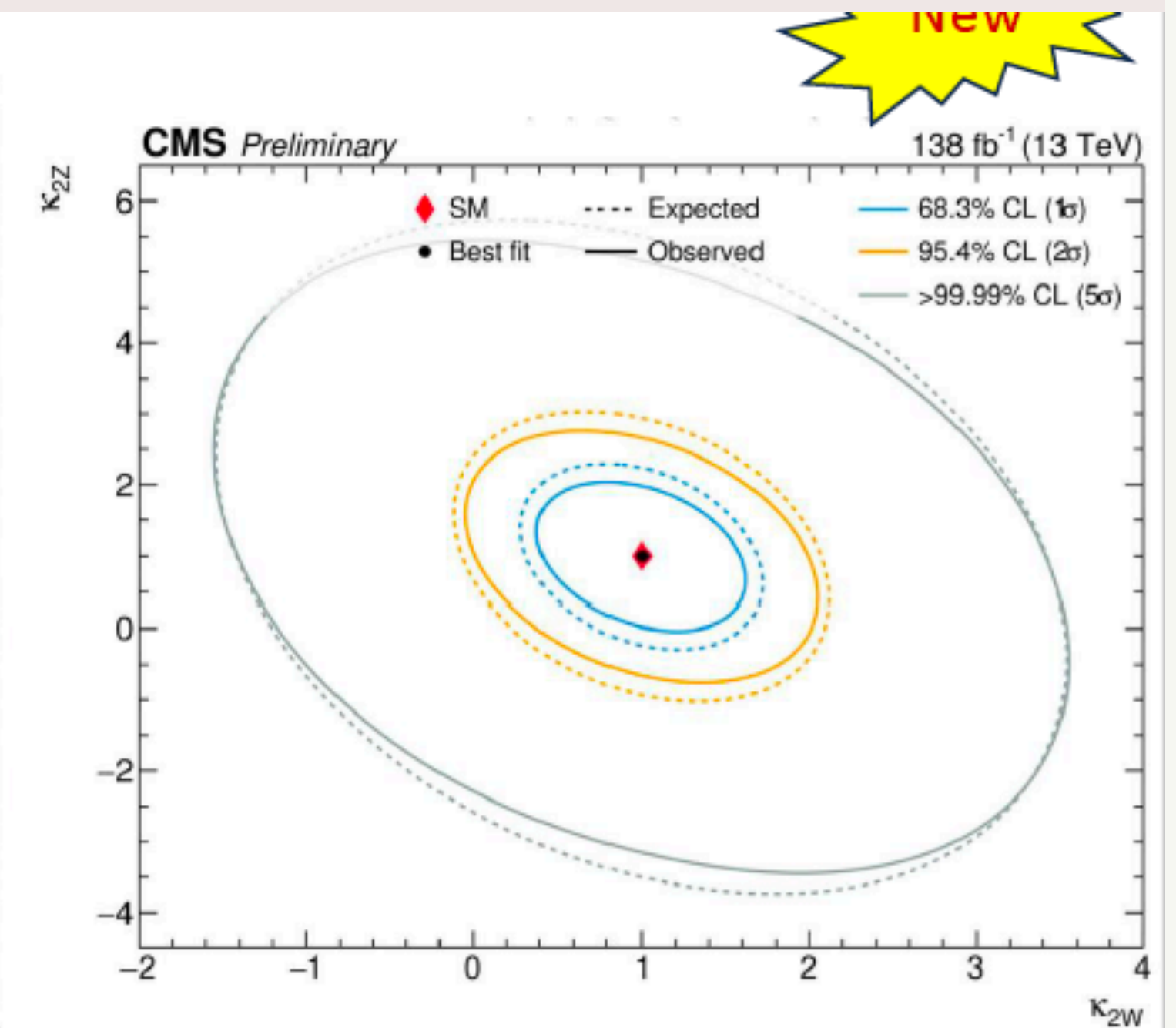
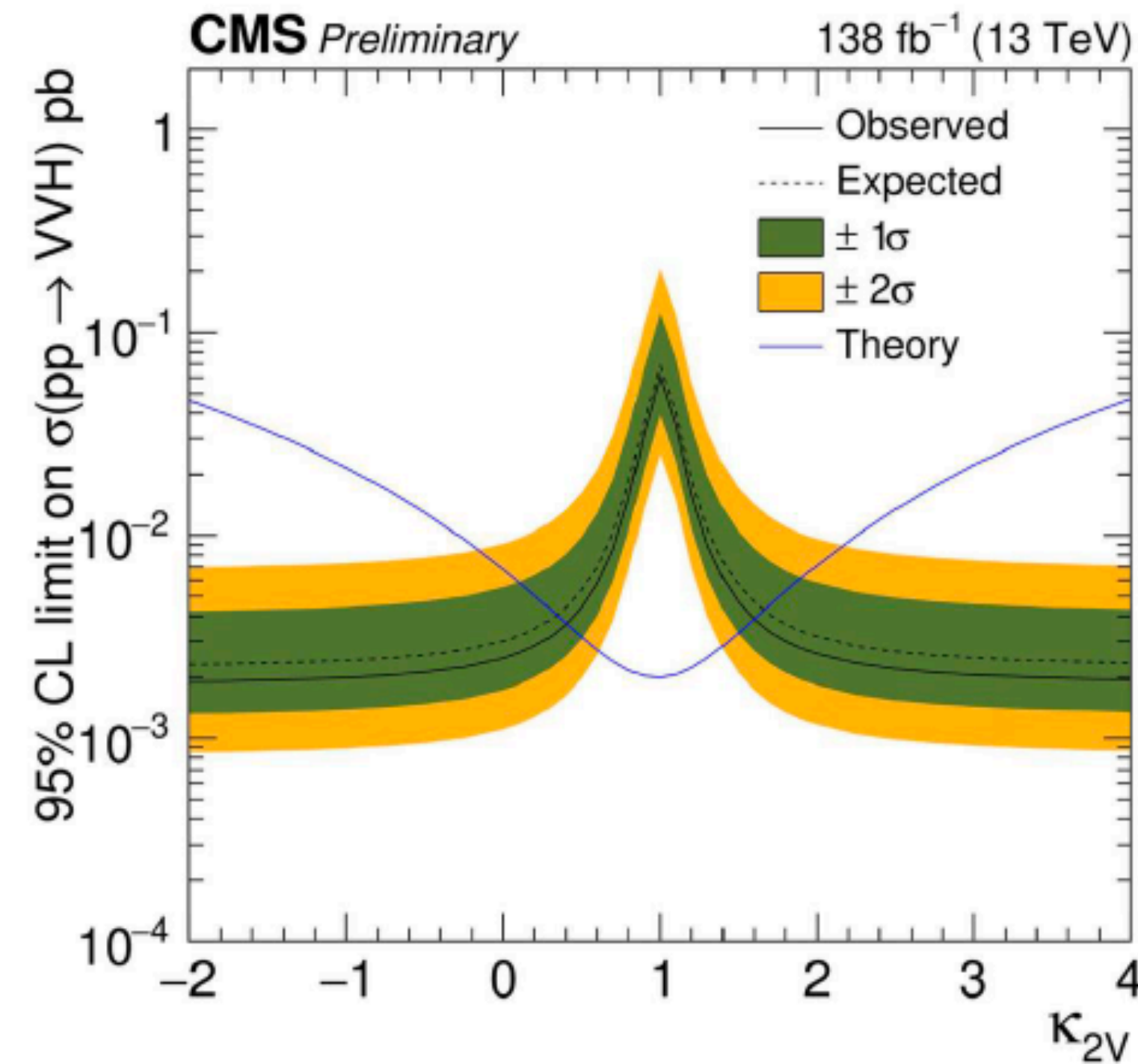
- Set limit on κ_{2V} - approaching current constraints from di-Higgs:

$$0.41 < \kappa_{2V} < 1.59$$

- Produced current tightest limits on κ_{2W} and κ_{2Z} :

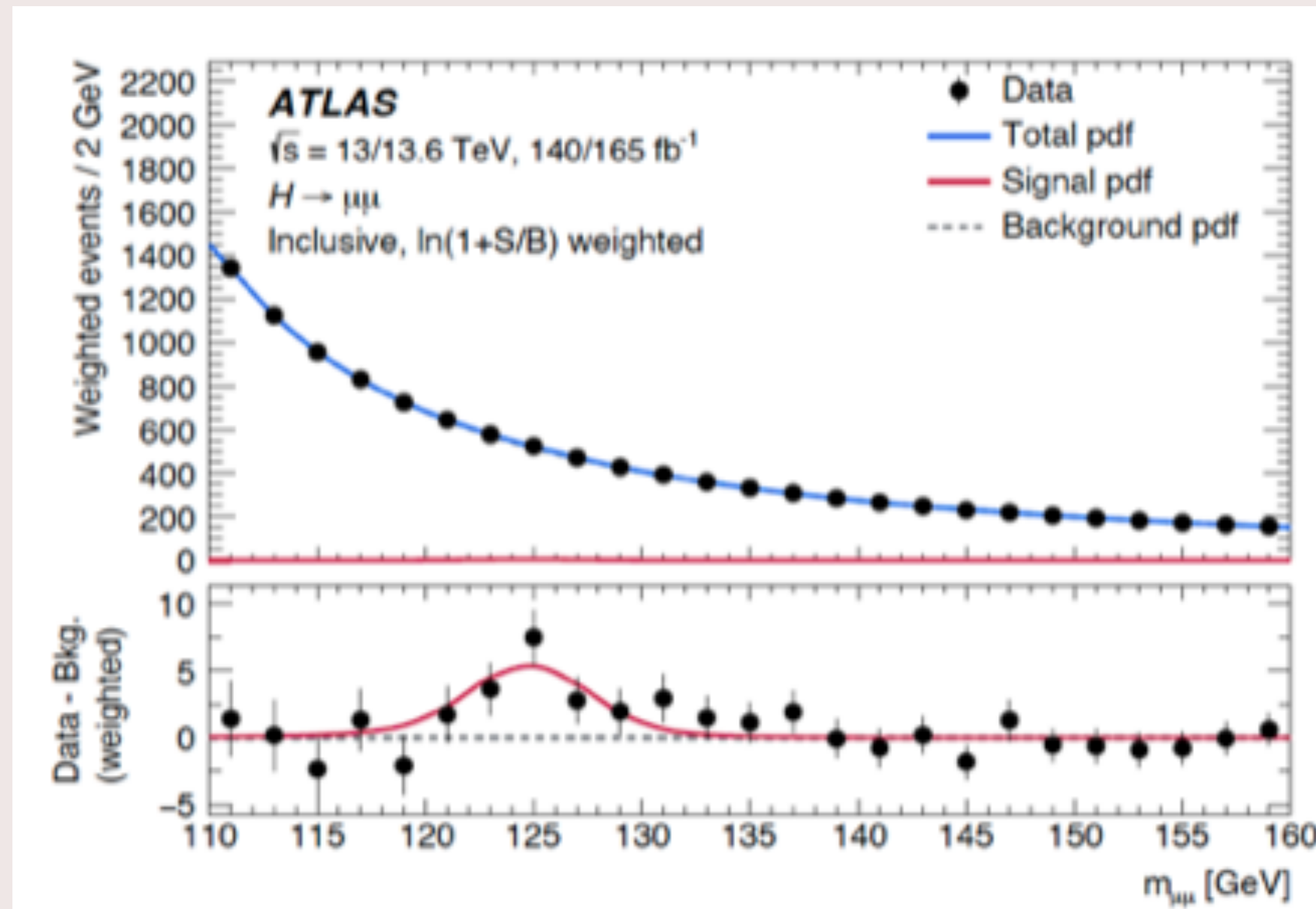
$$0.17 < \kappa_{2W} < 1.80$$

$$-0.37 < \kappa_{2Z} < 2.37$$



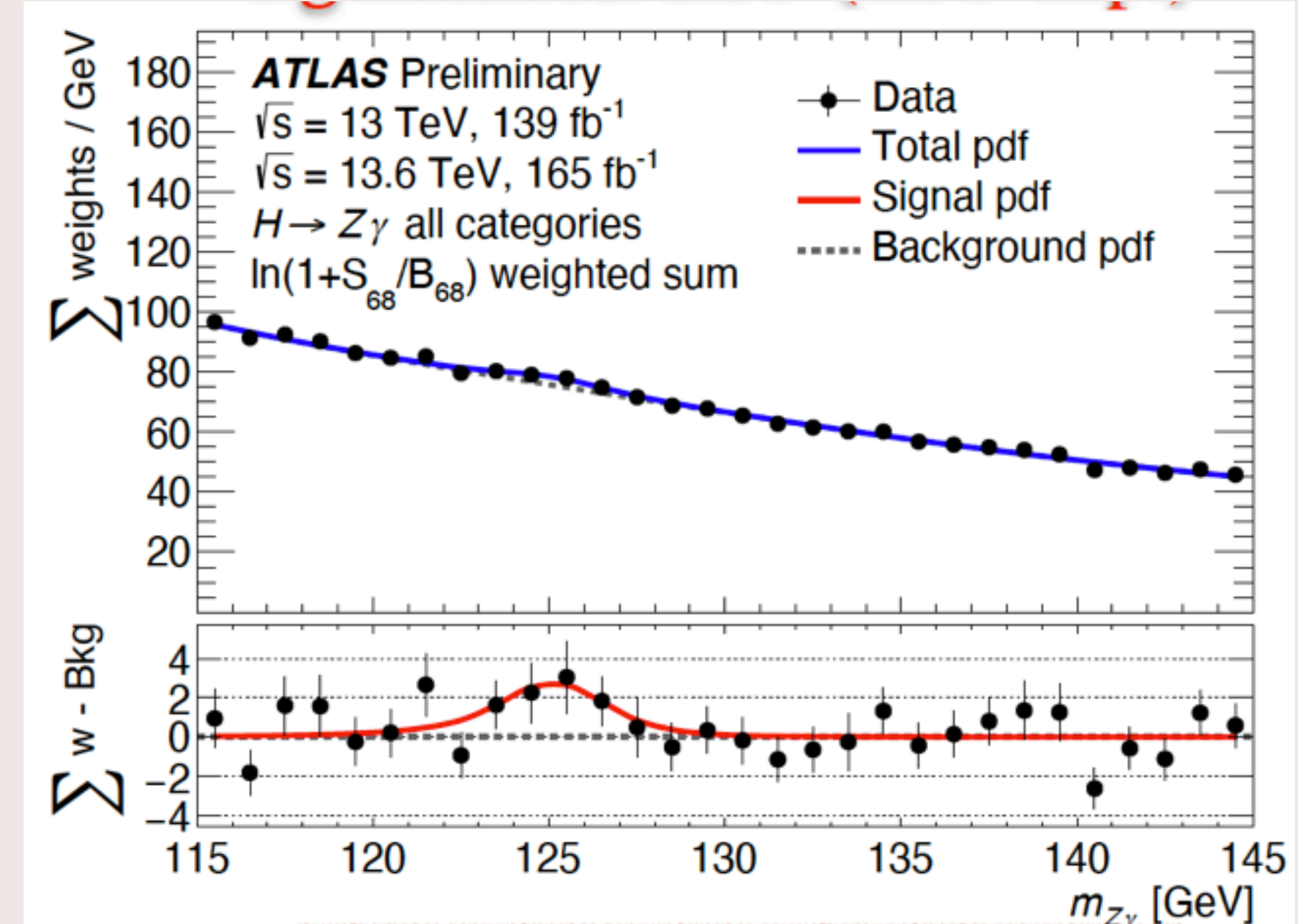
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Rare Decays: exploiting Run3 (22+23+24) data



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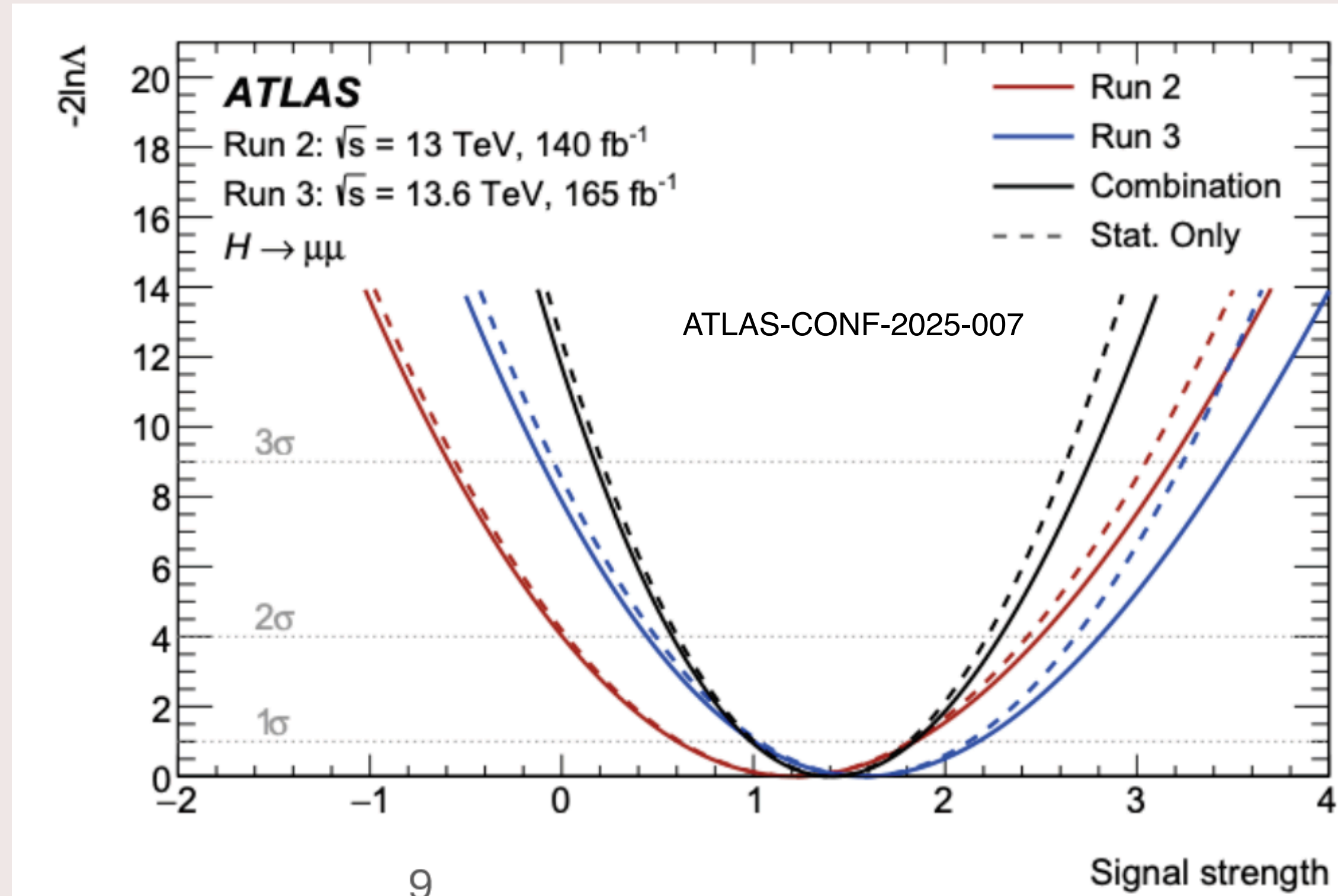
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Run2+Run3 ATLAS: 2.5σ (1.0 exp SM), $\mu = 1.3 \pm 0.5$

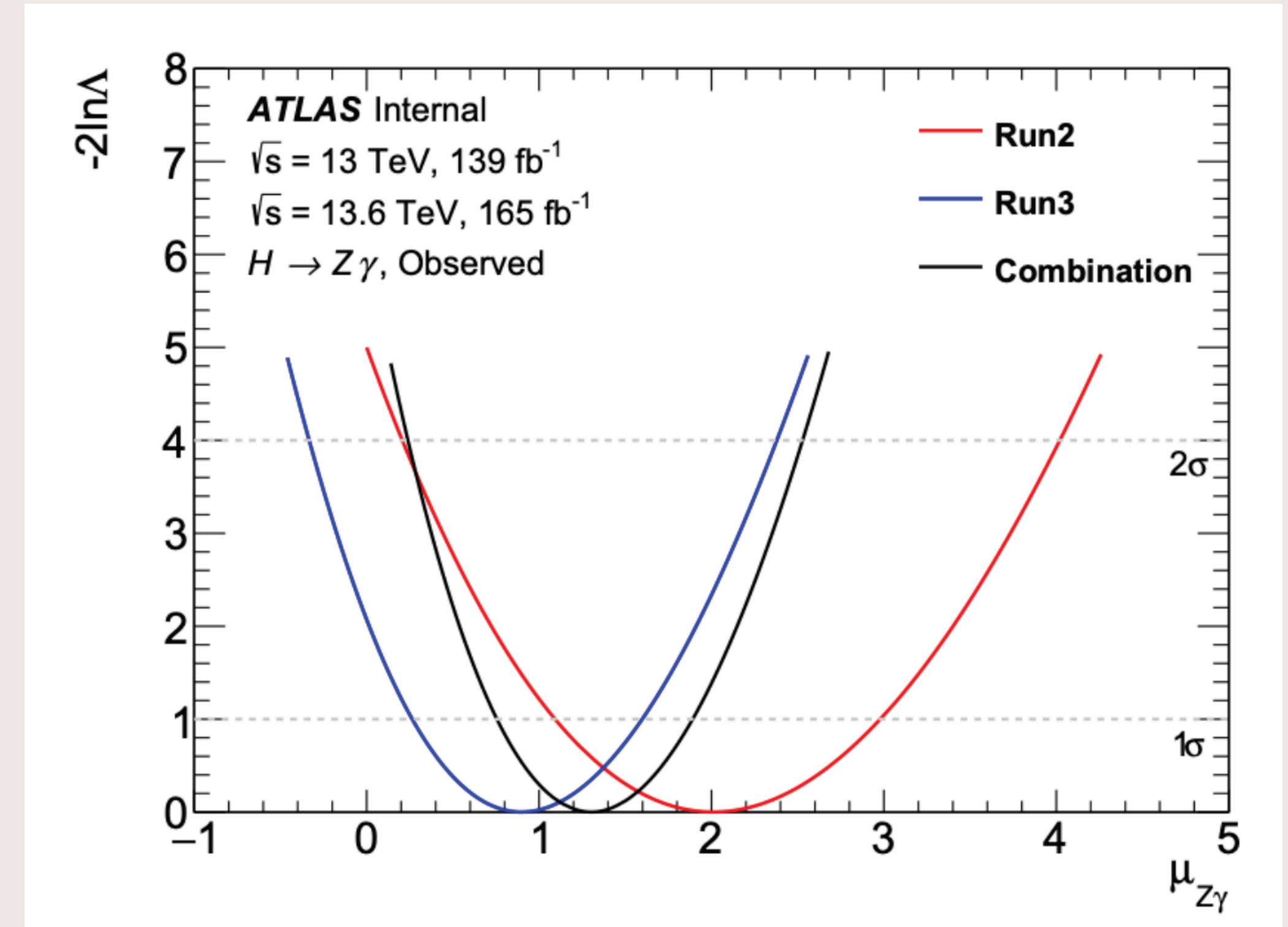
ATLAS+CMS Run2 : $\mu = 2.2 \pm 0.7$, 3.4σ (1.6 exp SM)

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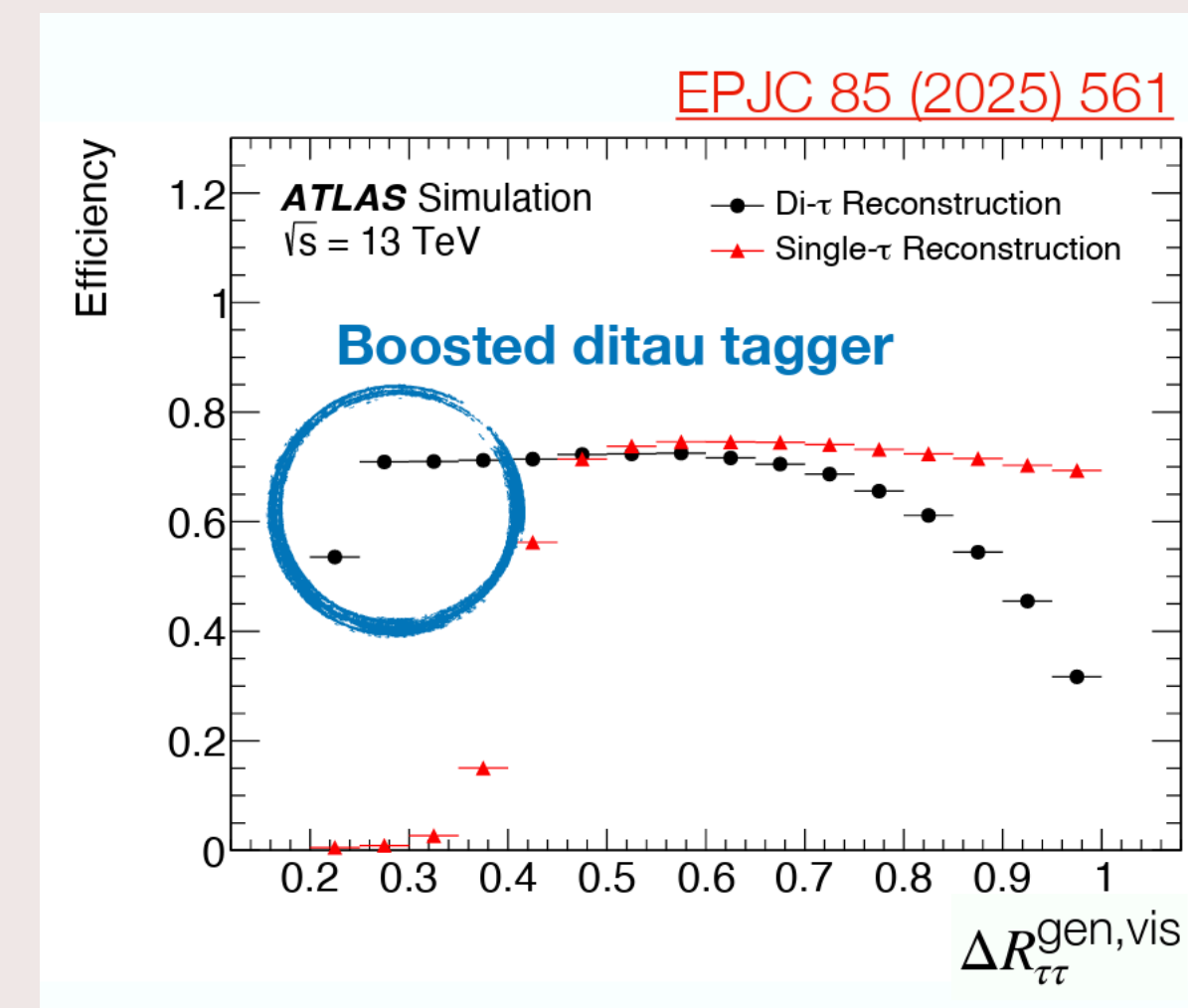
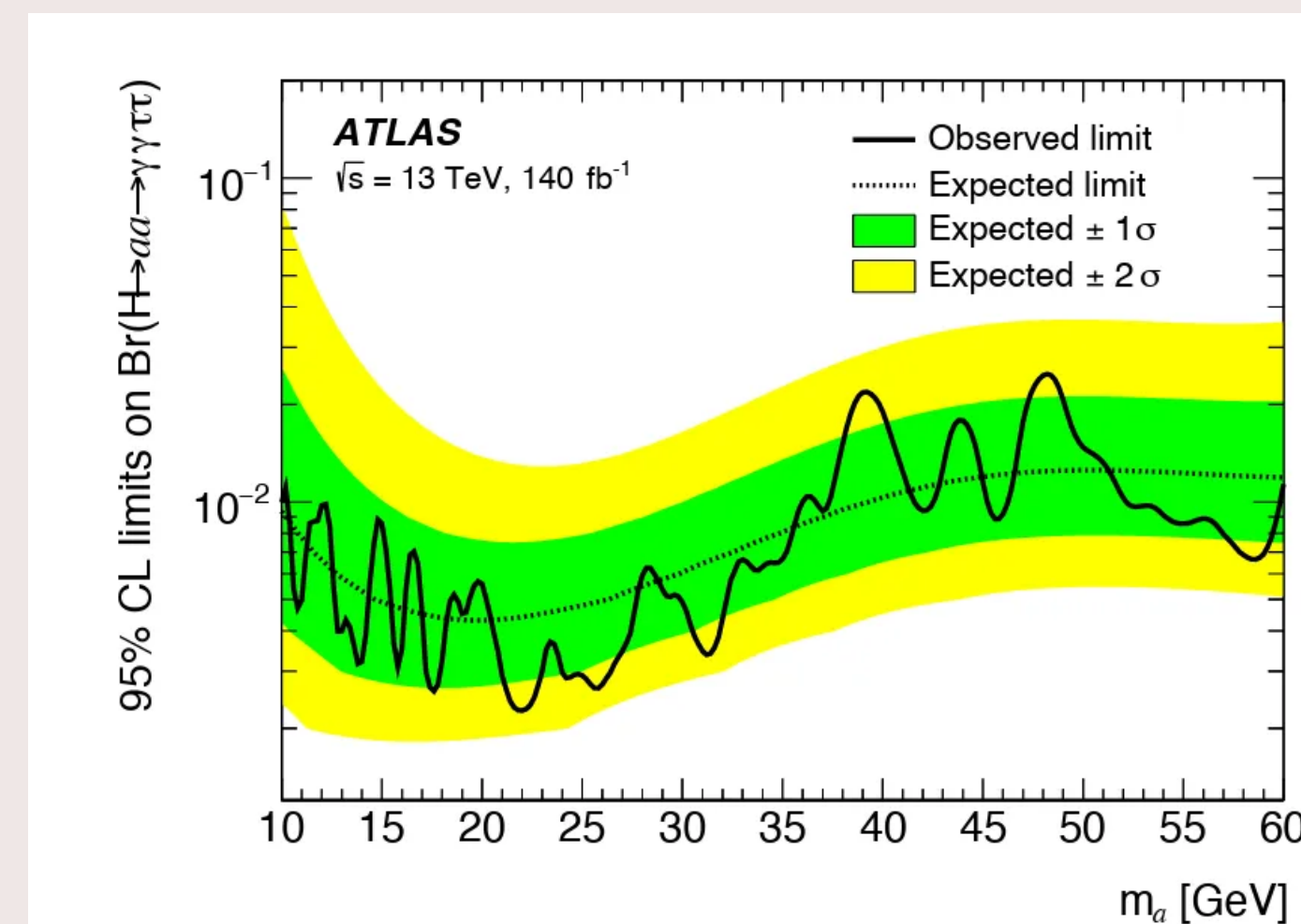
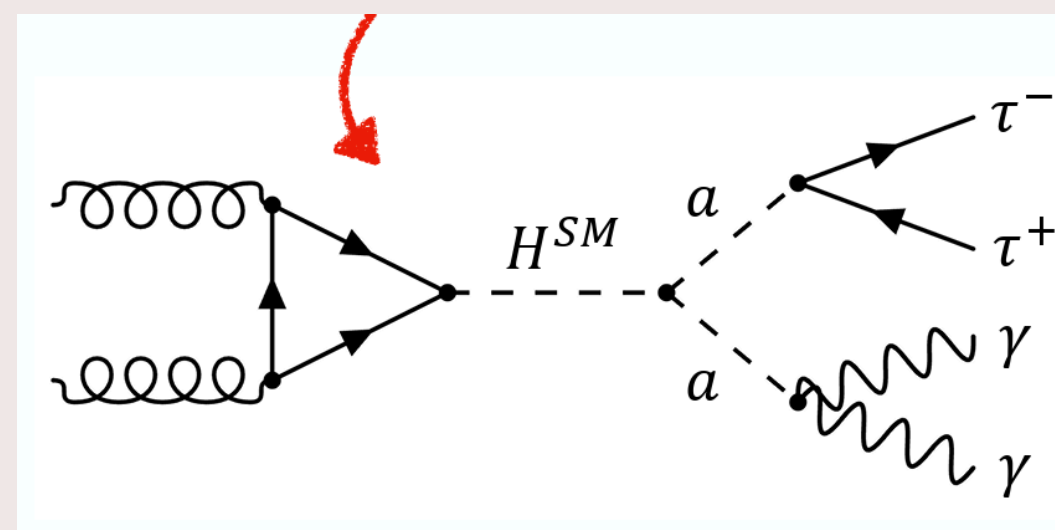
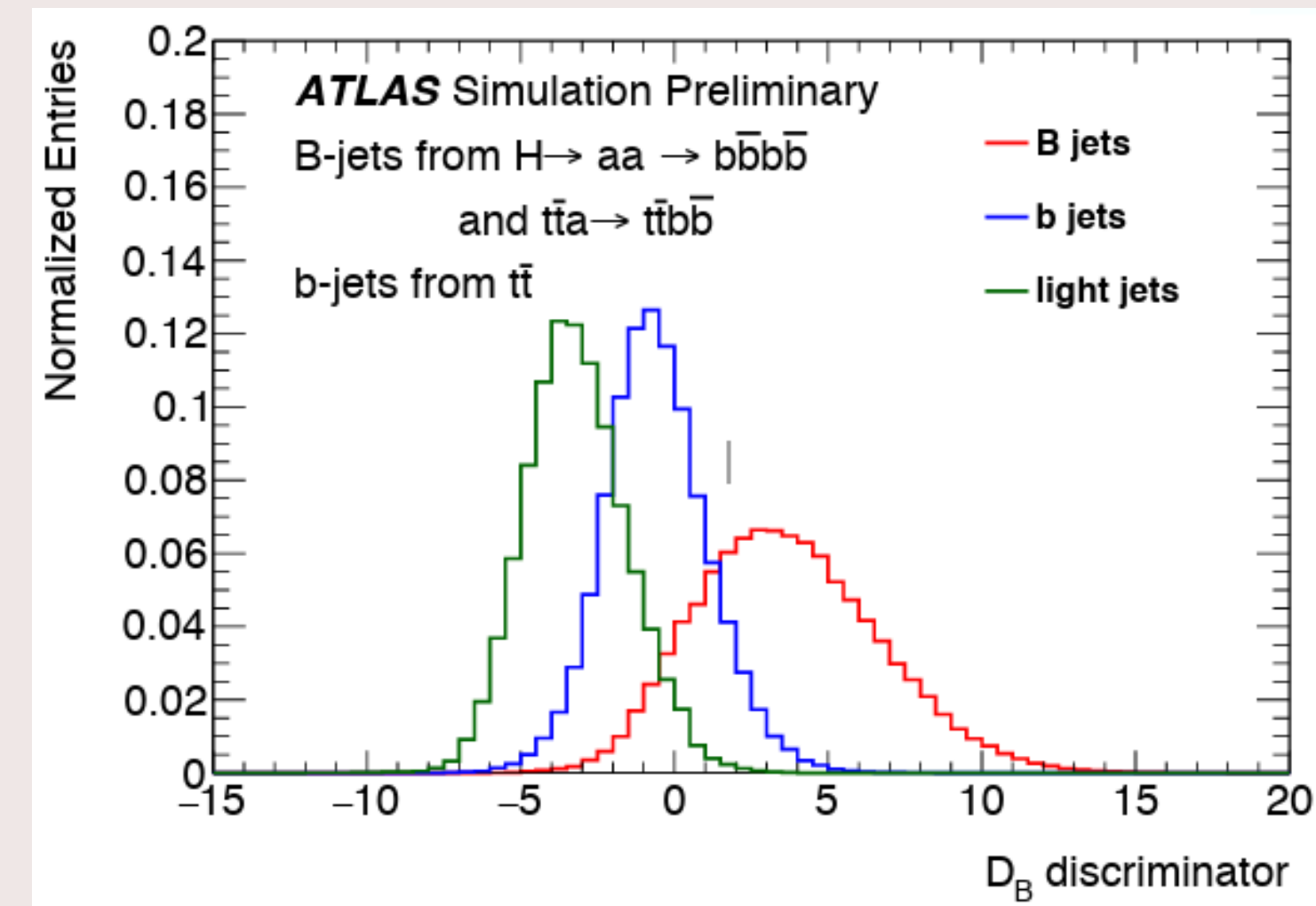
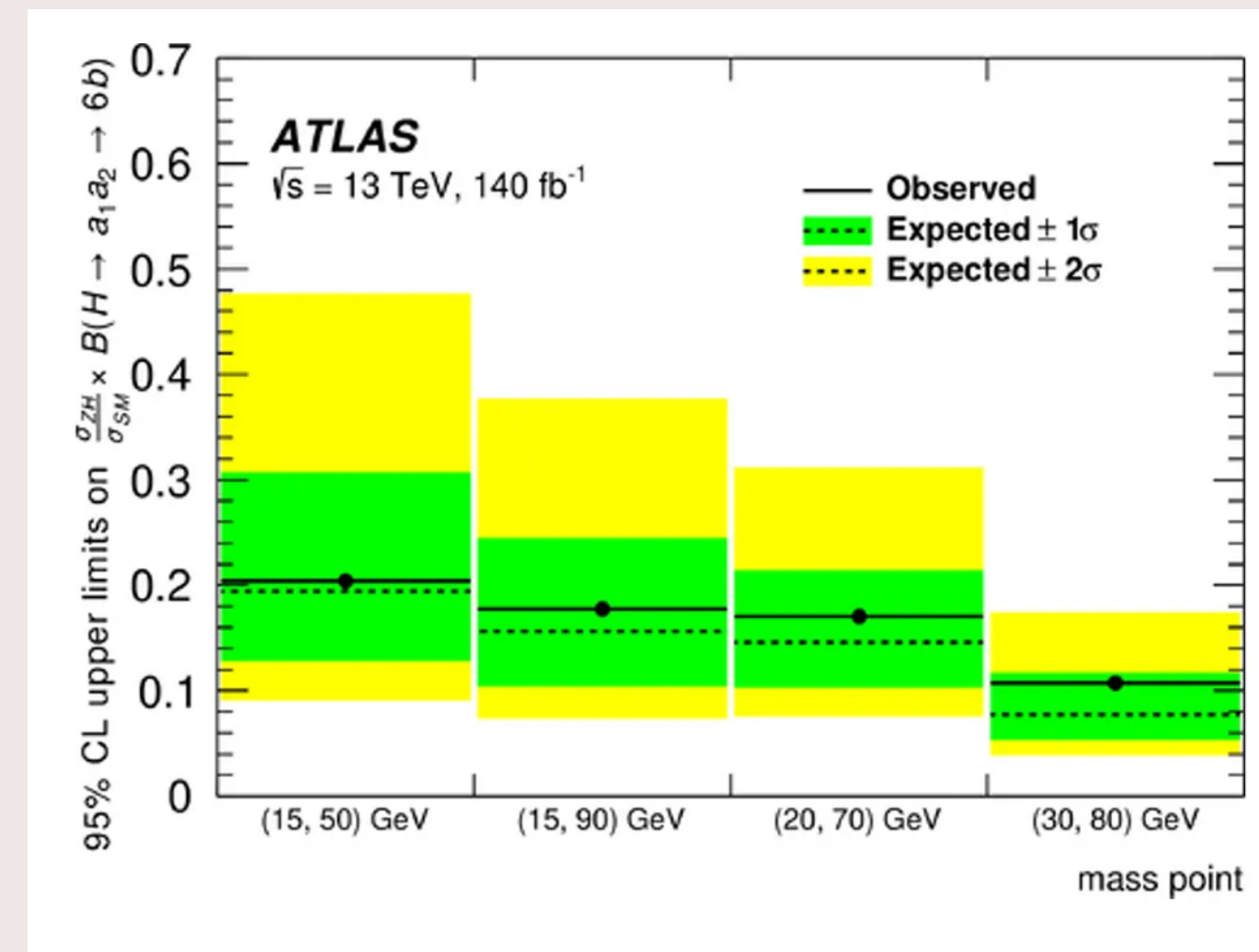
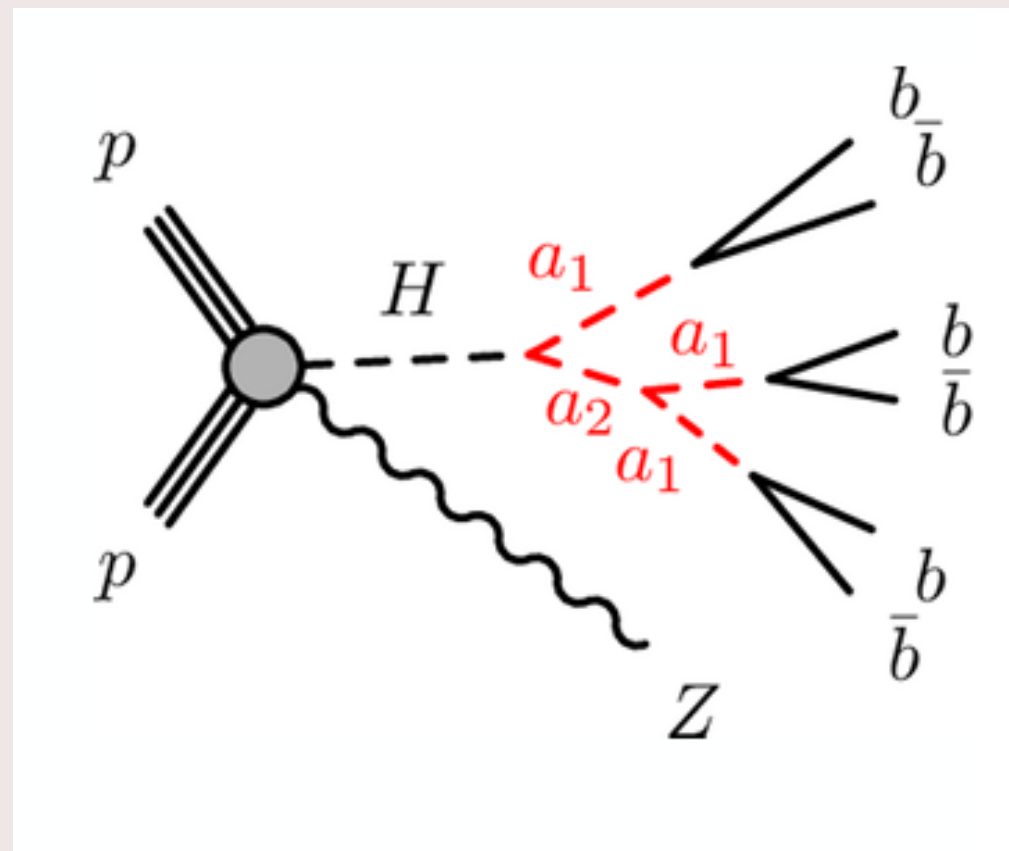
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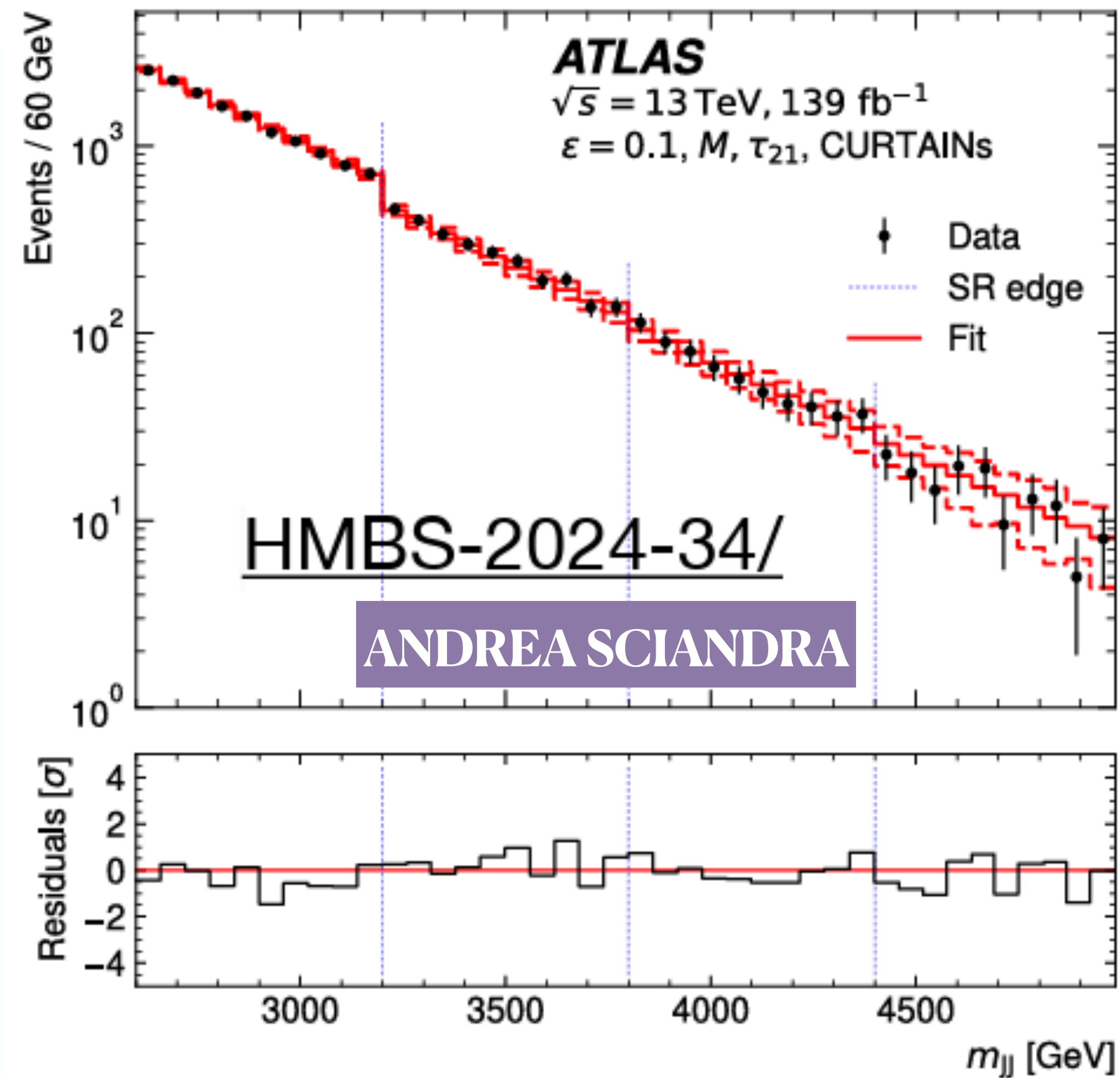
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Boosted



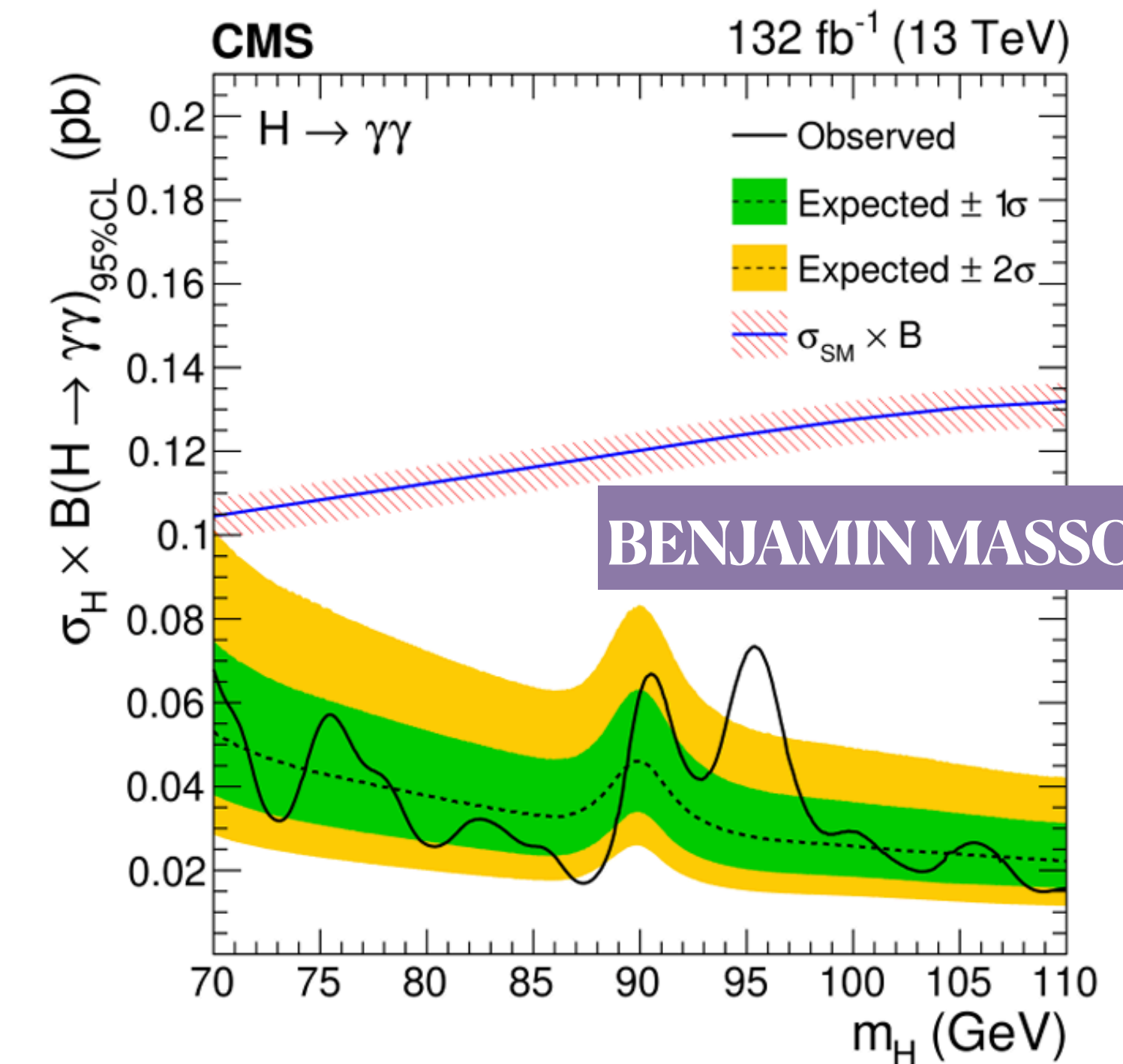
BSM

Weakly supervised Anomaly Detection to
search for narrow resonance in di-jet events



Low mass Hgammagamma

Absolute 95% CL upper limits on $\sigma \times BR$

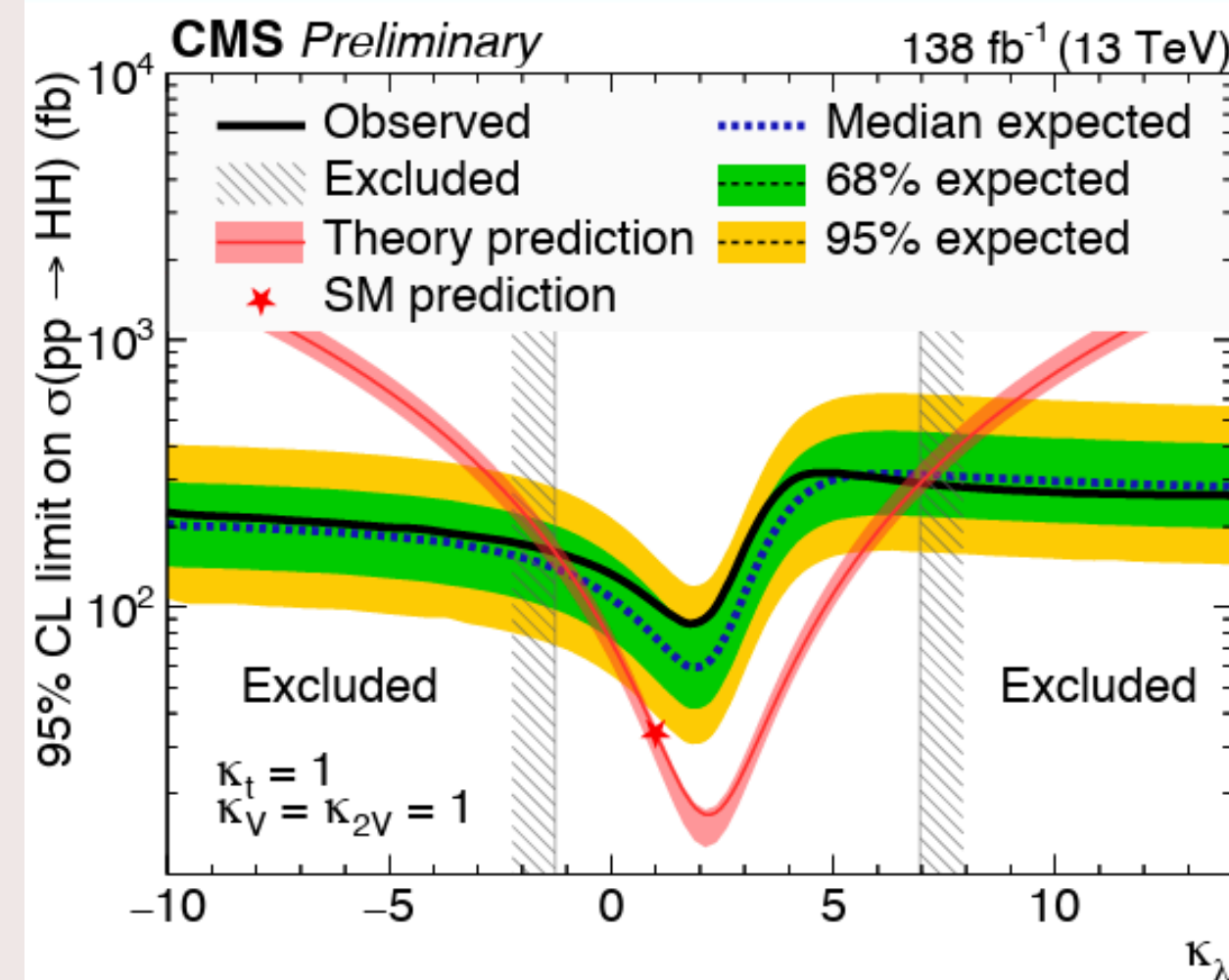


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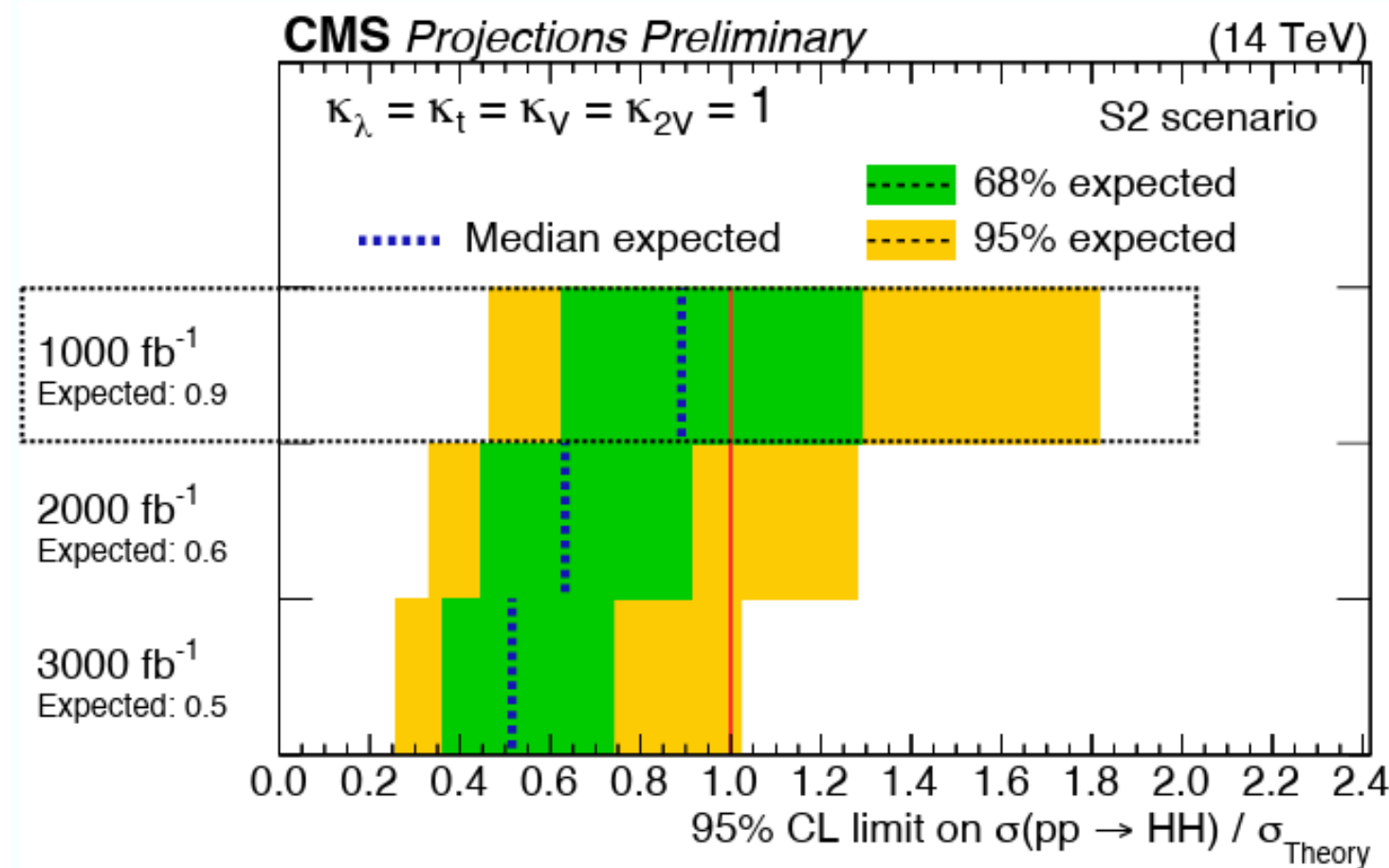
Almost there?

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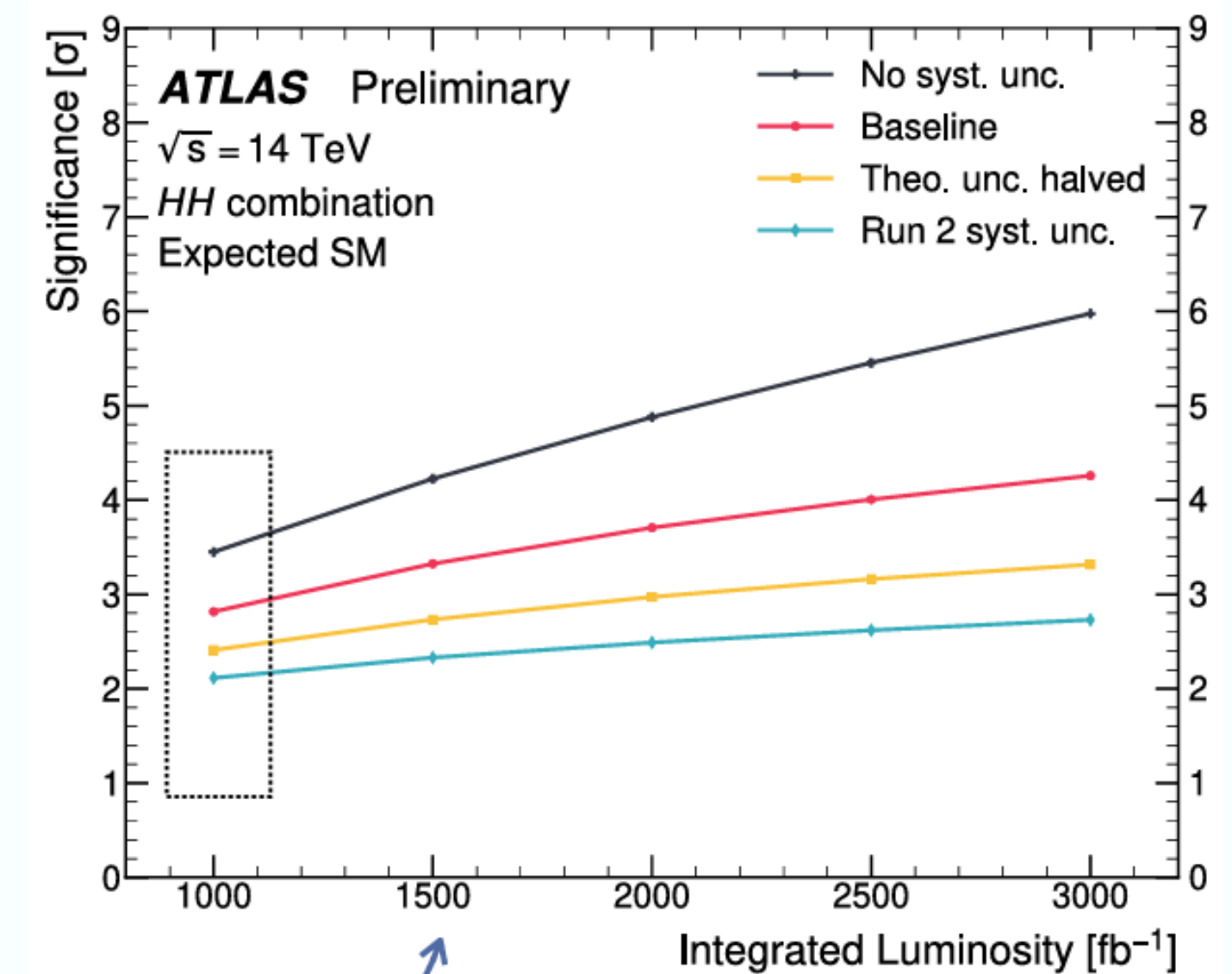
Sensitivity to exclude of $\lambda_{HHH} = 0$
by the the end of Run3



95% CL sensitivity for HH production
combining ATLAS and CMS.
Sensitivity with single experiment?



HH evidence at the end of Run3
combining ATLAS and CMS?



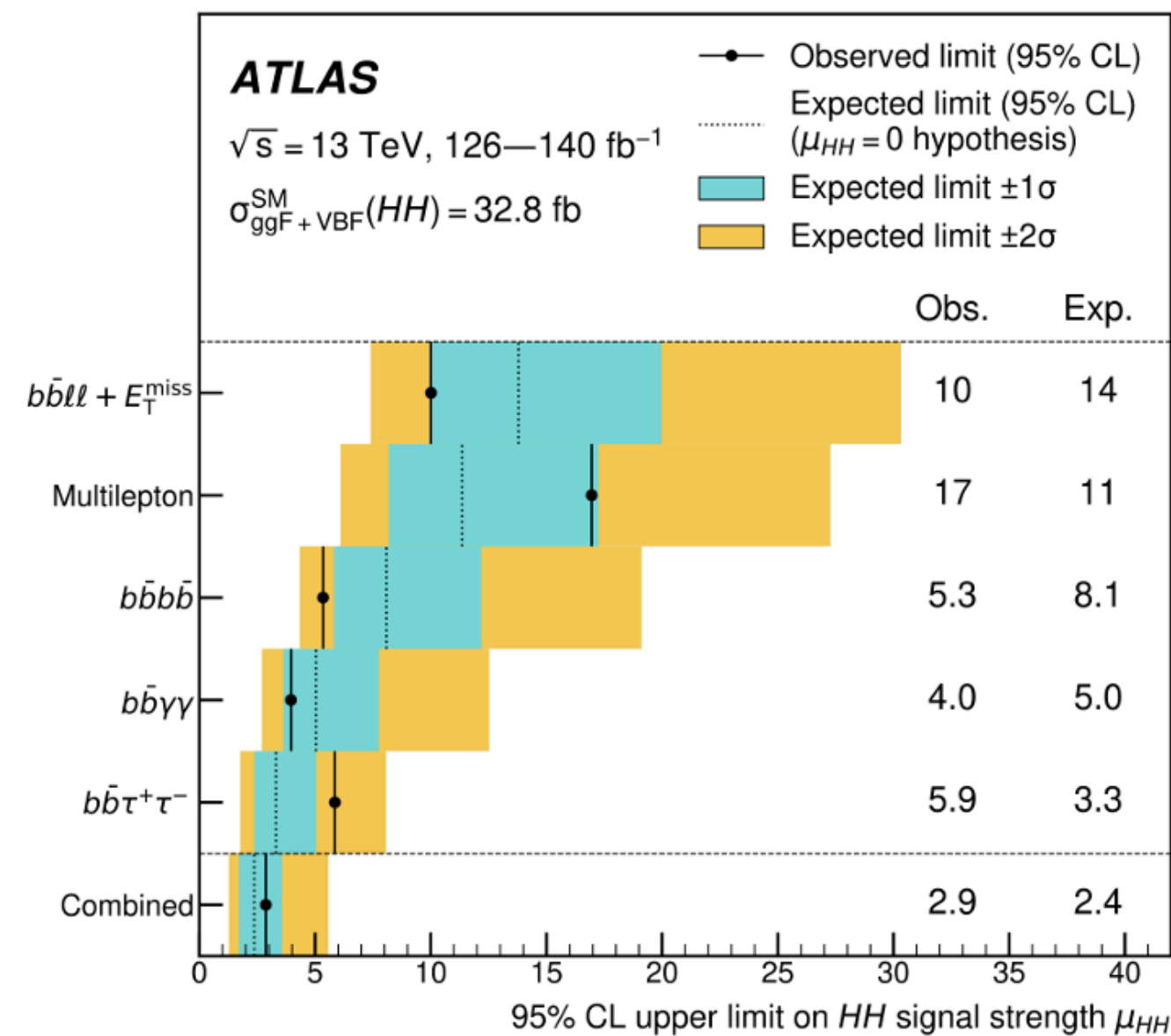
Single experiment 1000/fb projection as a gauge of two experiments combinations

Seeing double: HH

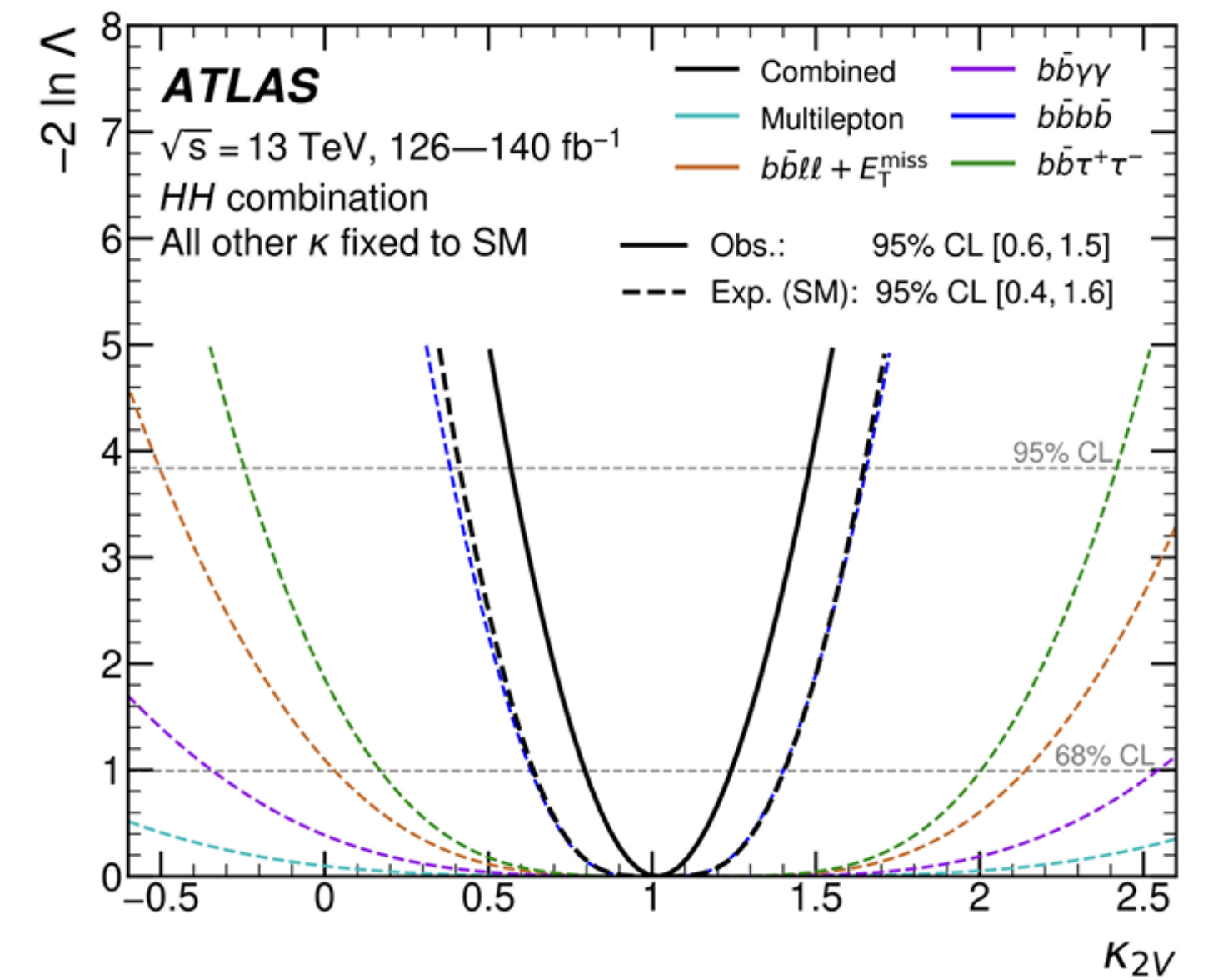
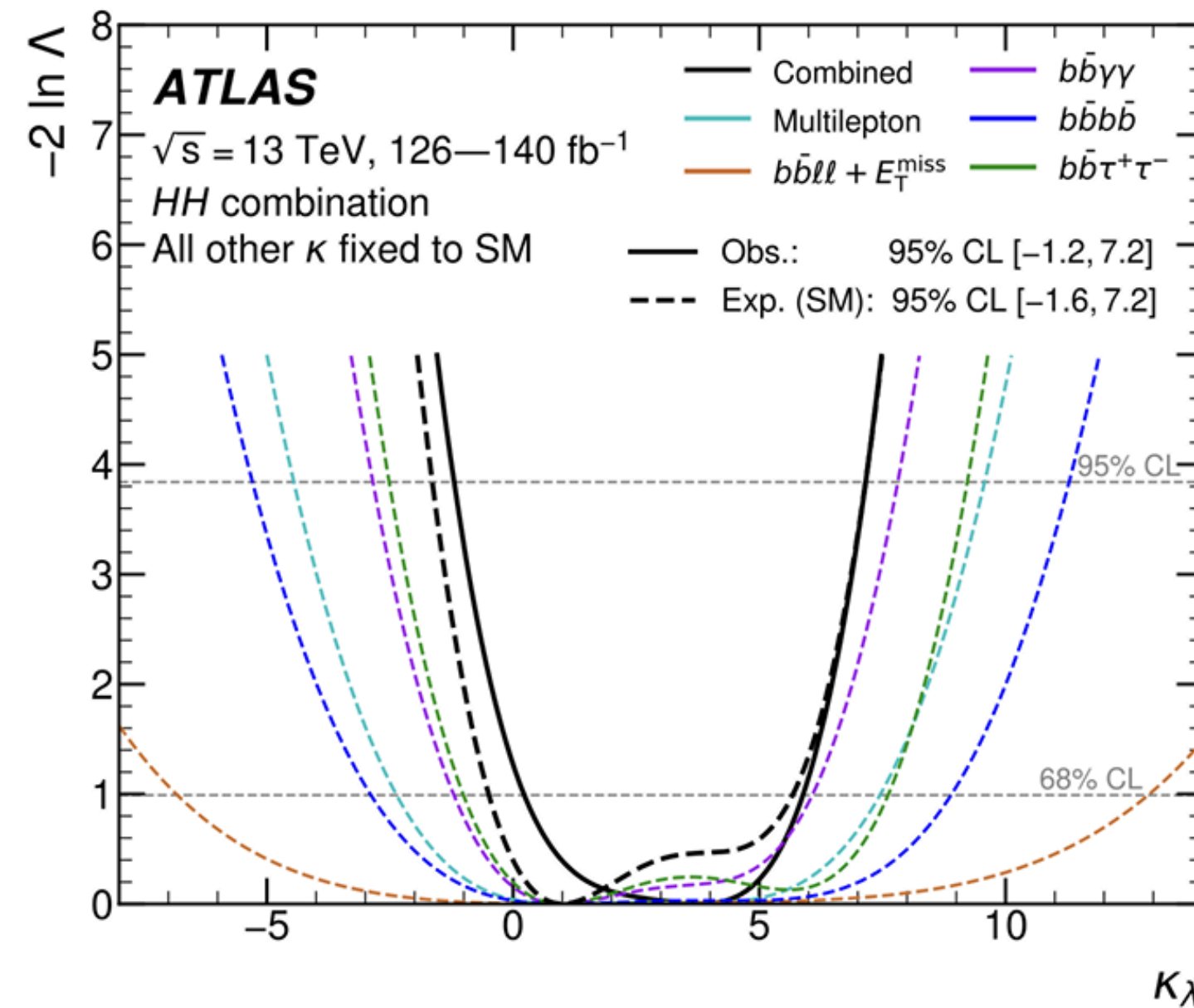
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Observed HH SM Significance: 0.4σ
Expected HH SM Significance: 1.0σ



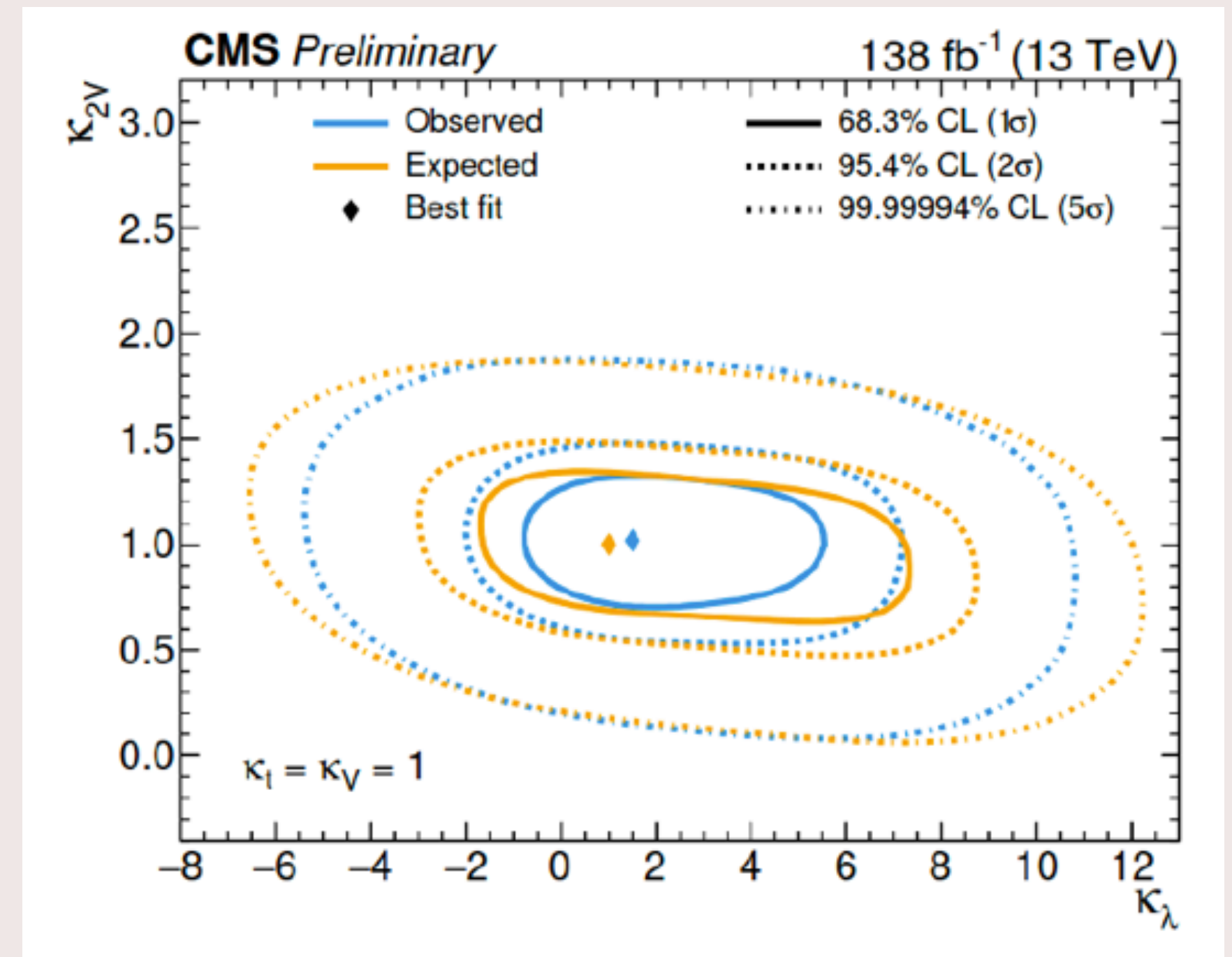
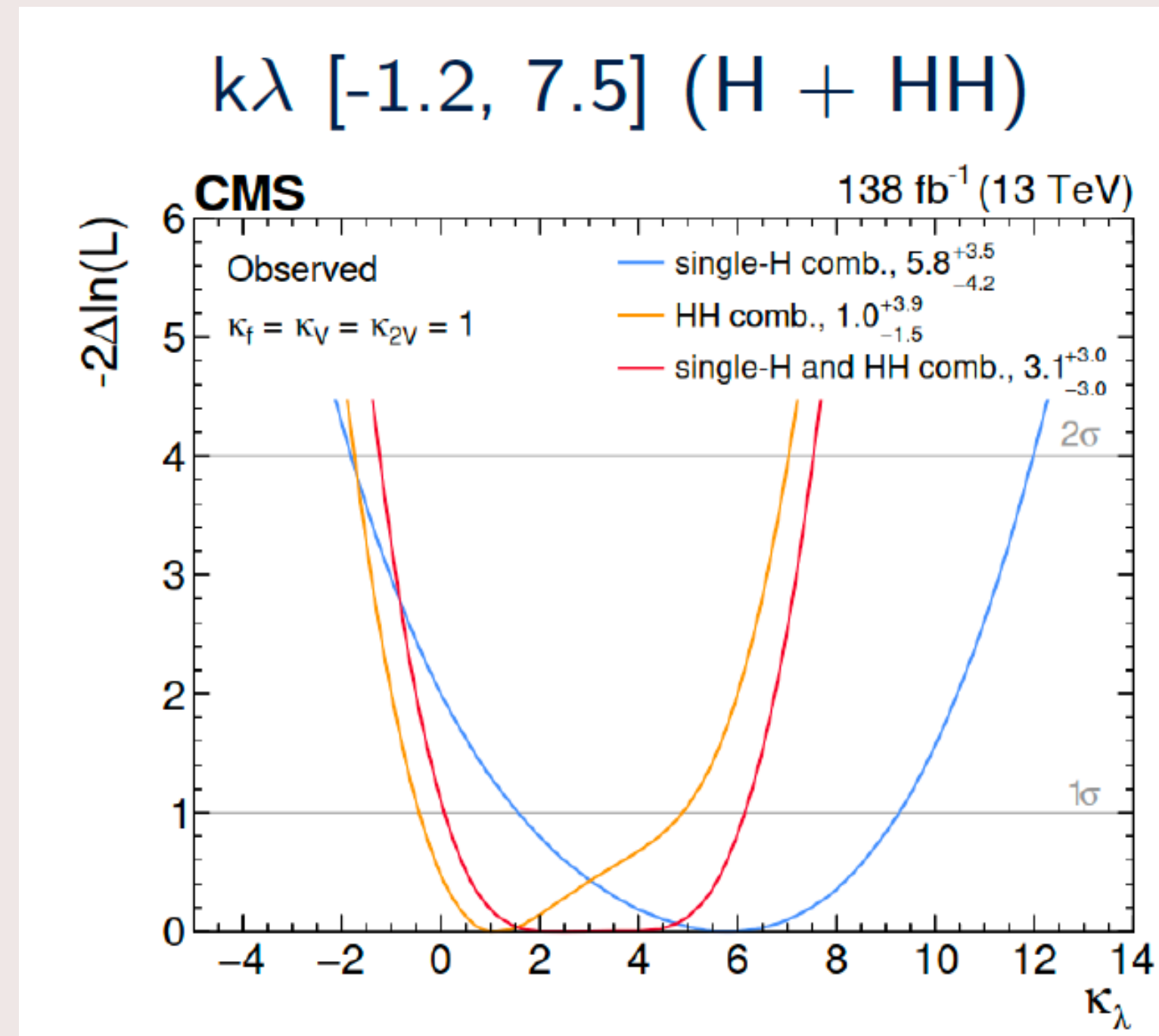
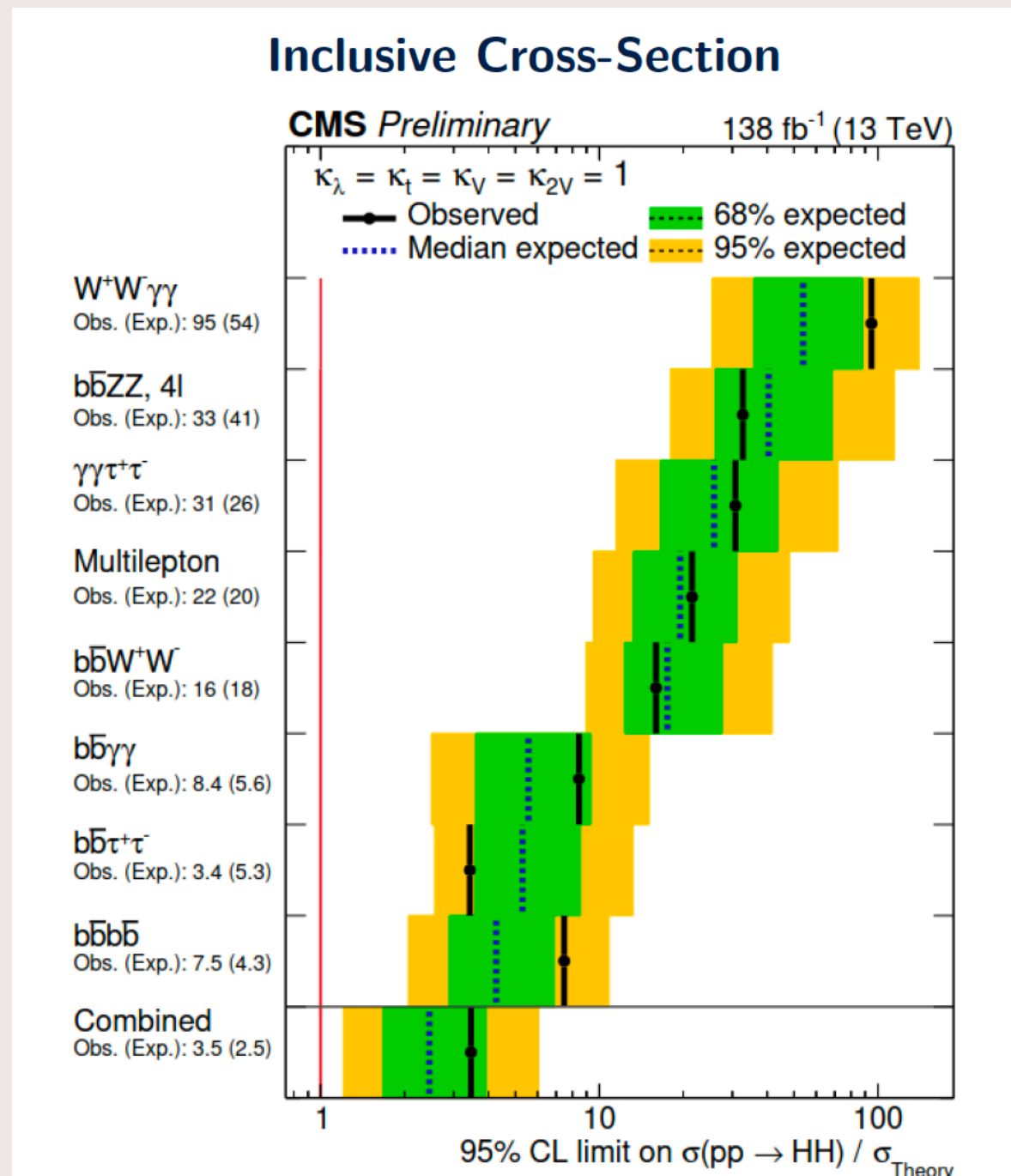
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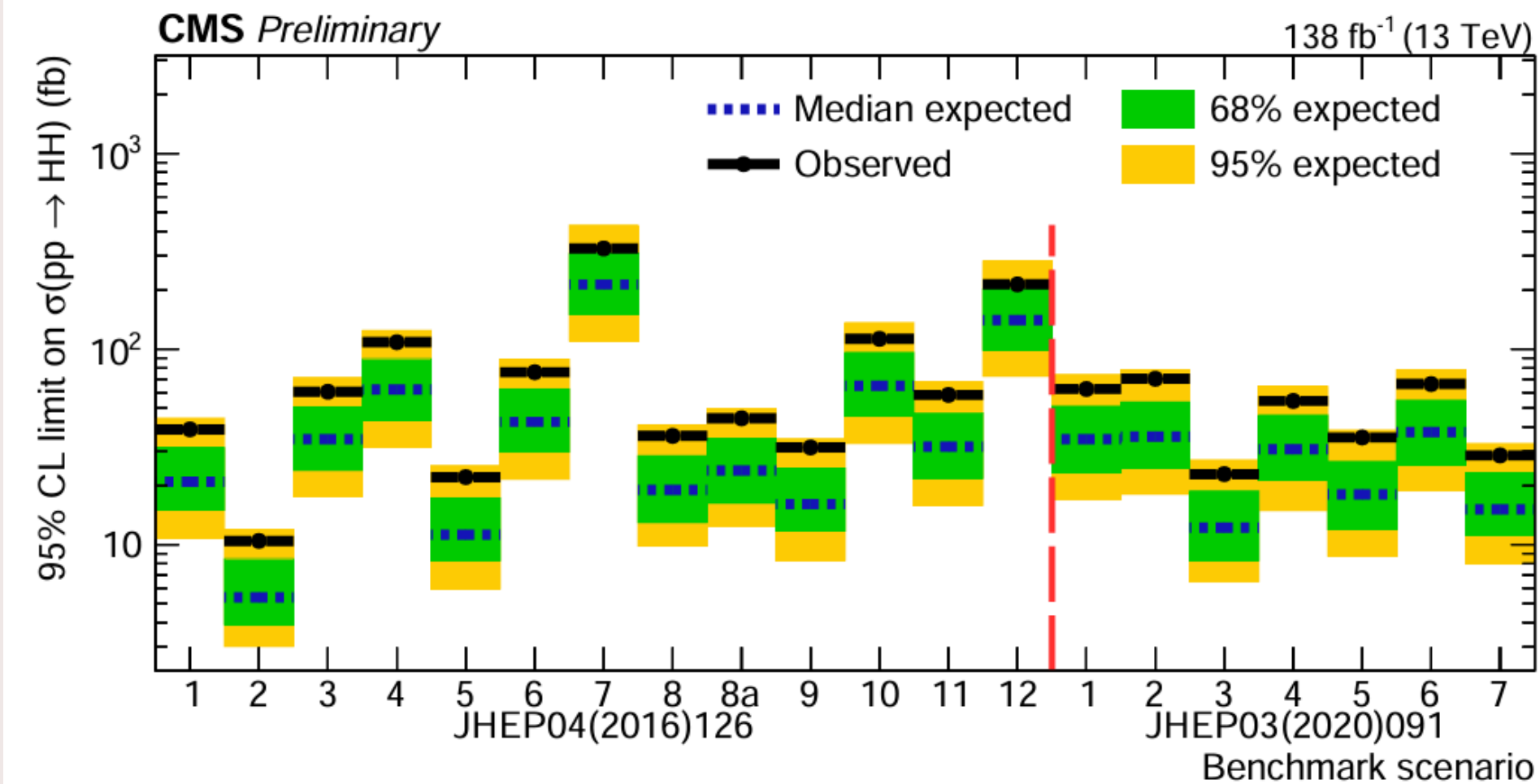
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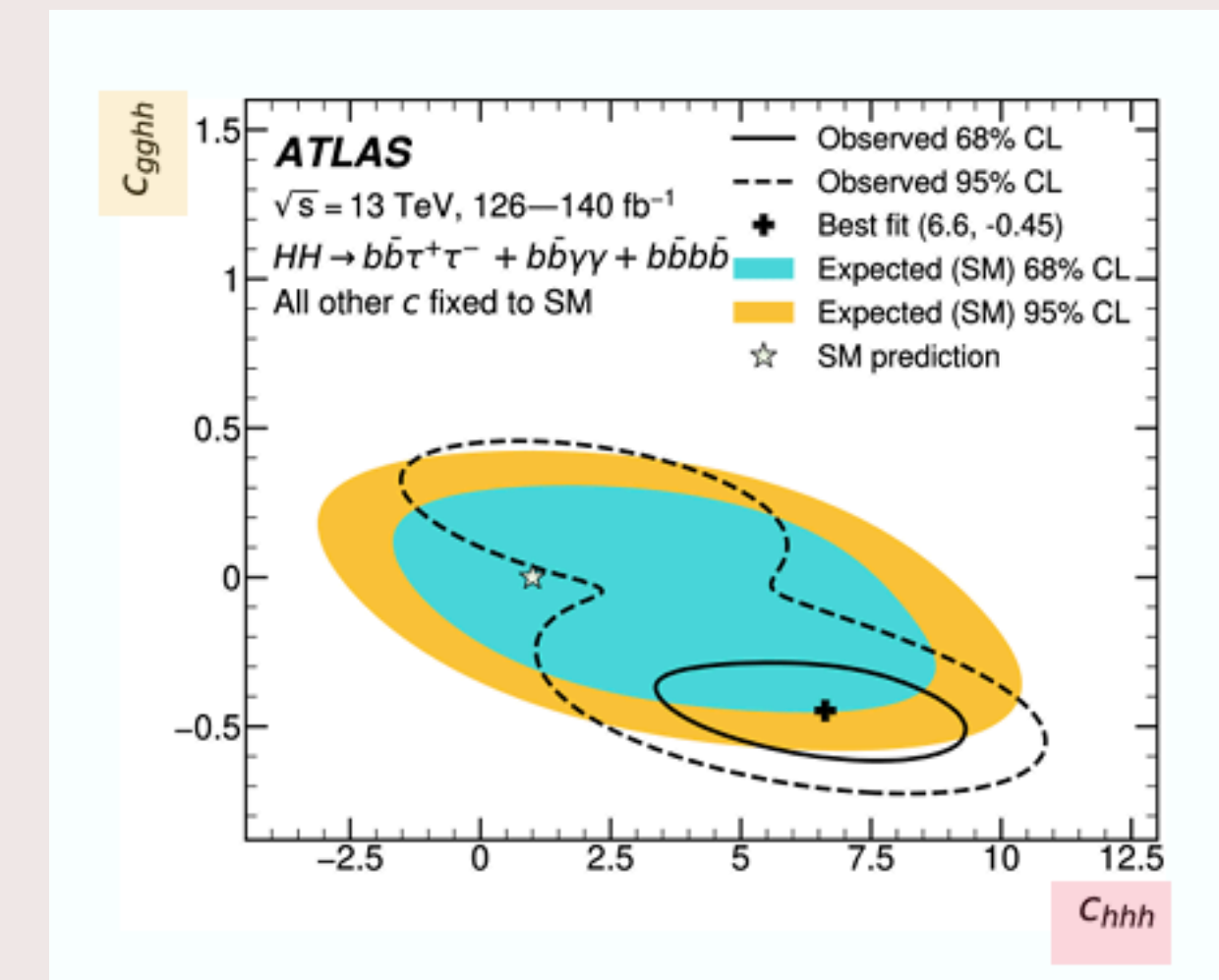
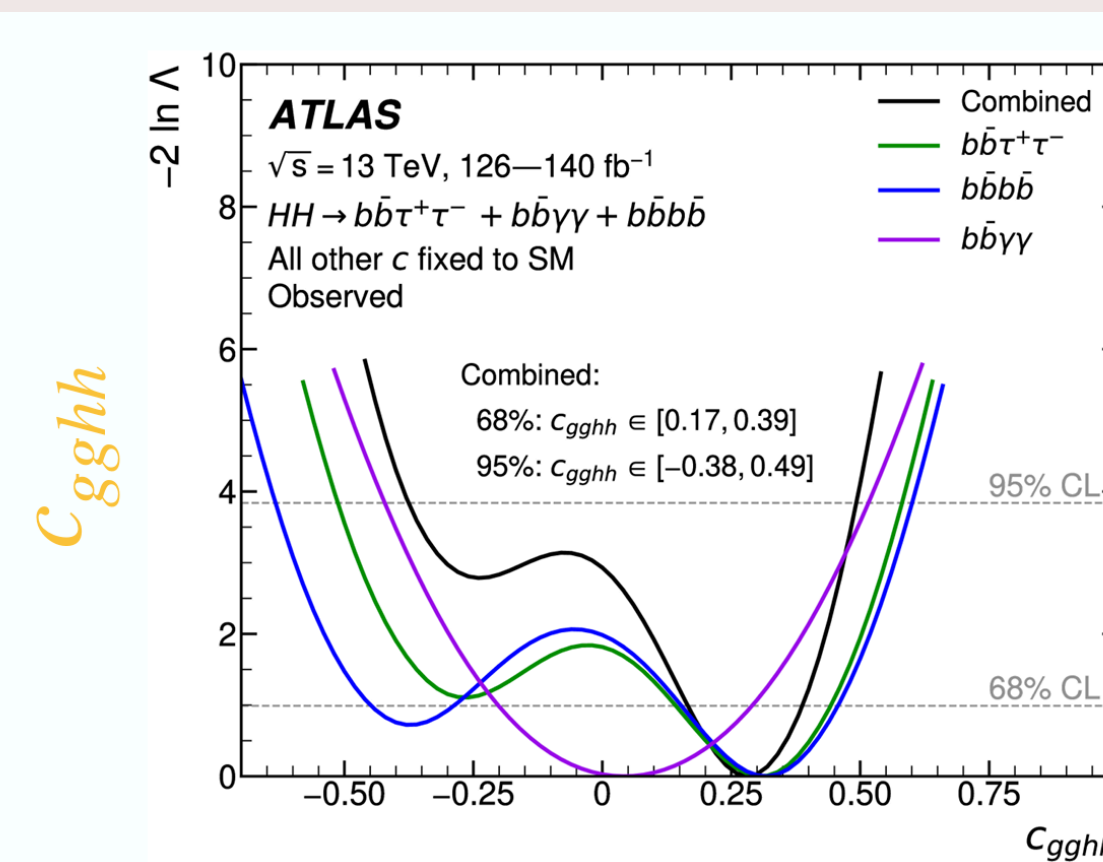
HEFT interpretation of HH results

HEFT

- Highlights **new physics** effects in **Higgs couplings**.
 - Defined **independently** from $SU(2)_L$ **doublet** structure.
- Regime of validity **wider w.r.t. SMEFT**.
 - Particularly useful in regions of phase space where **BSM effects are still weakly constrained** (e.g. HH production).



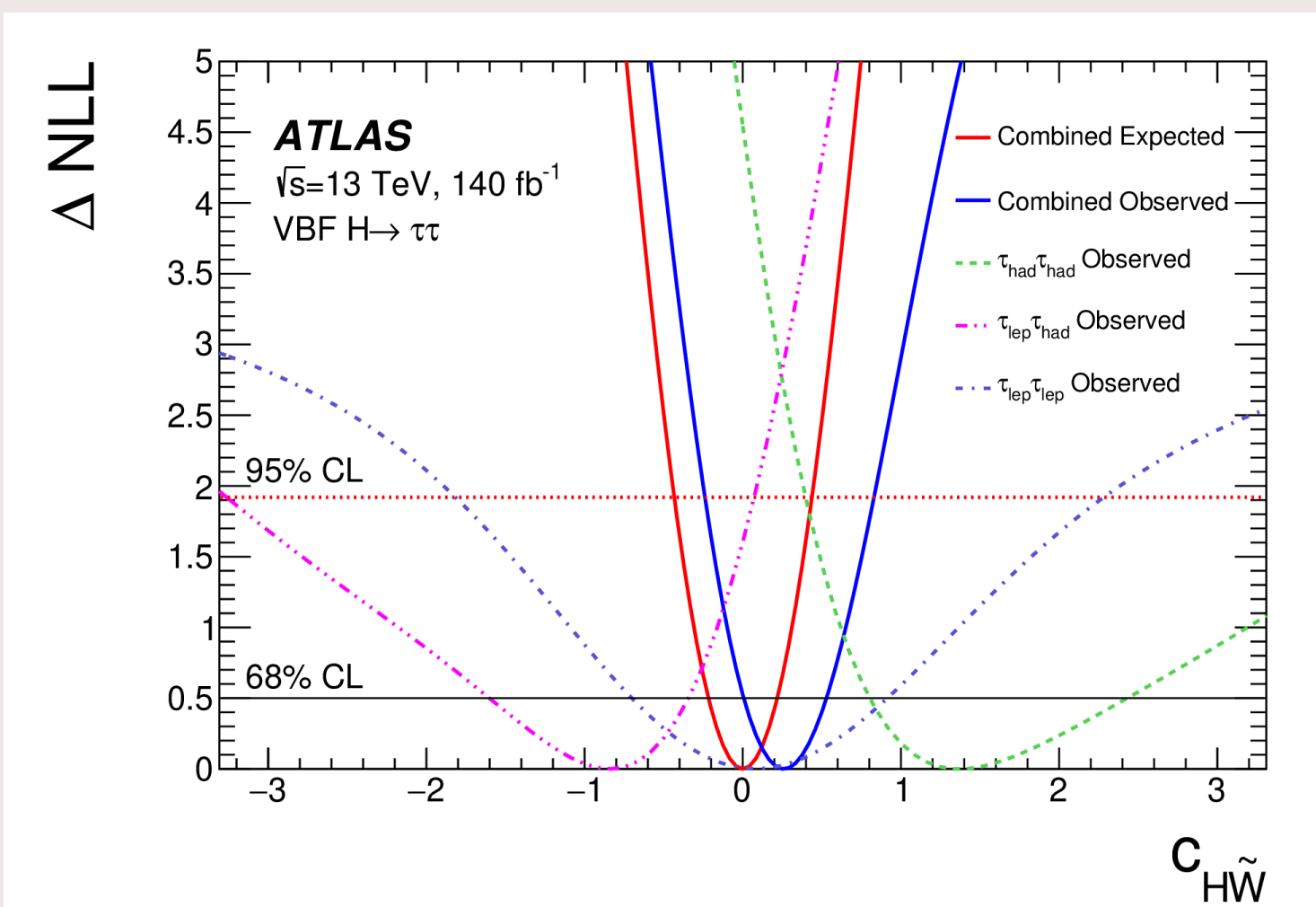
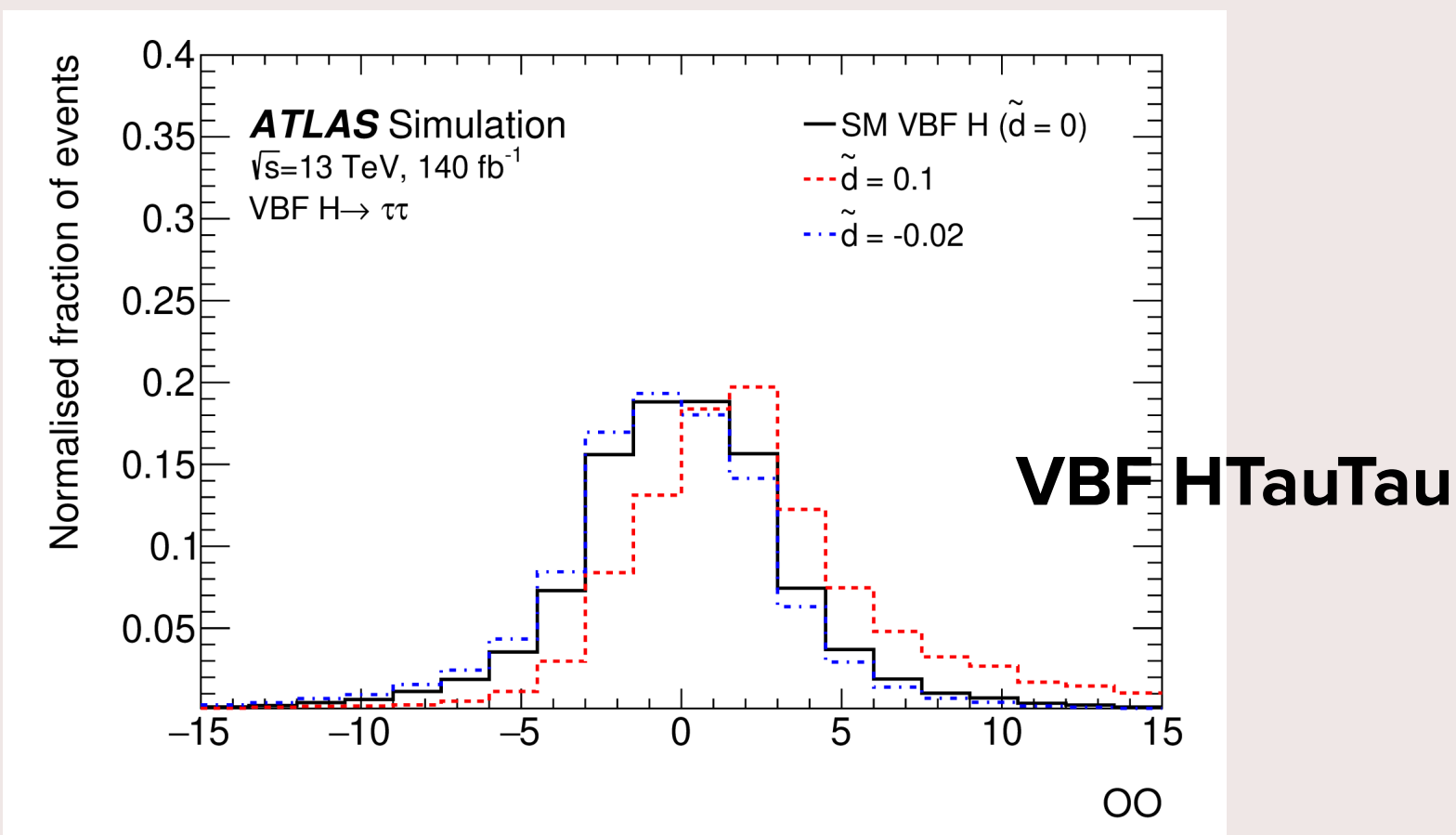
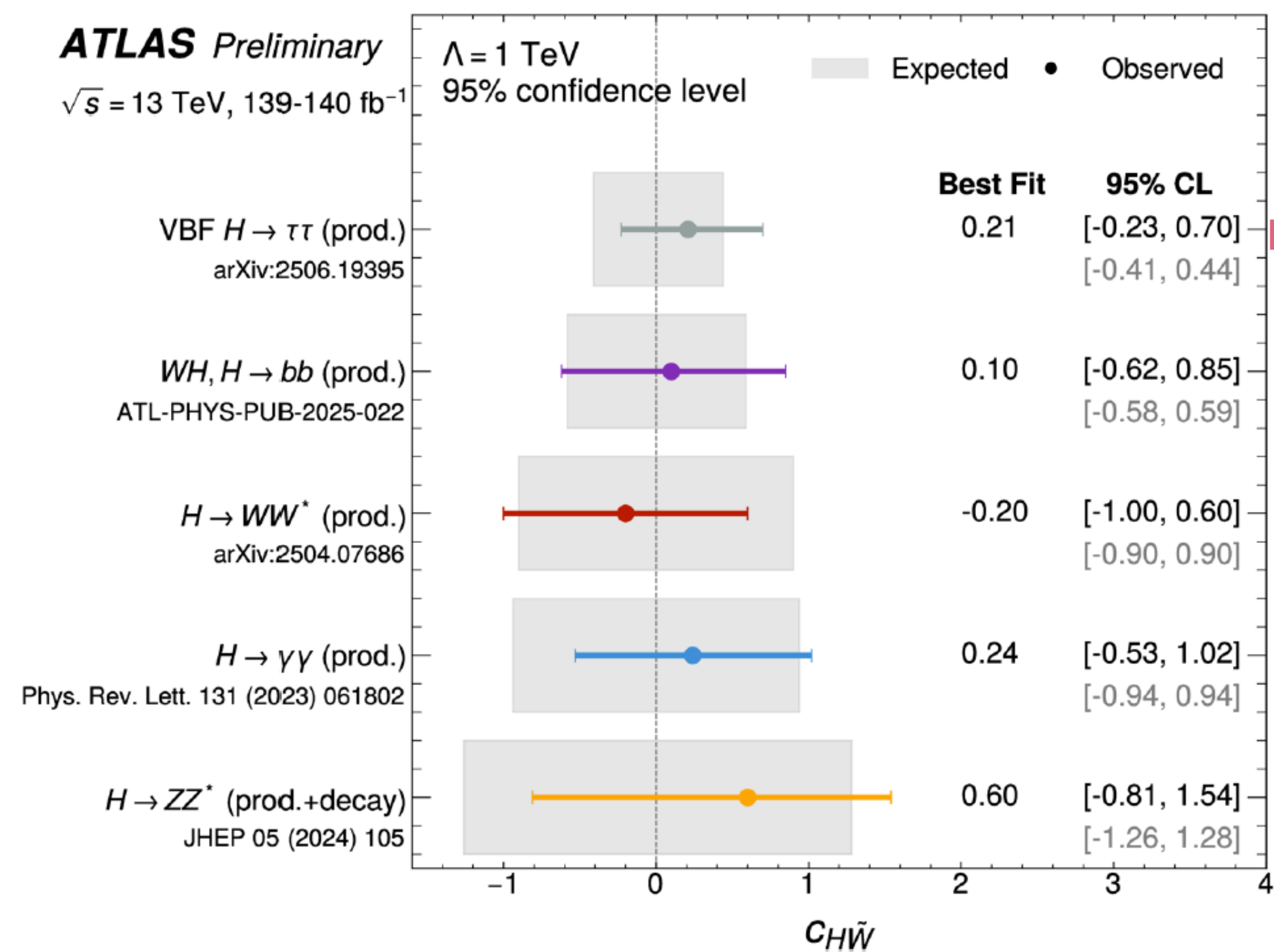
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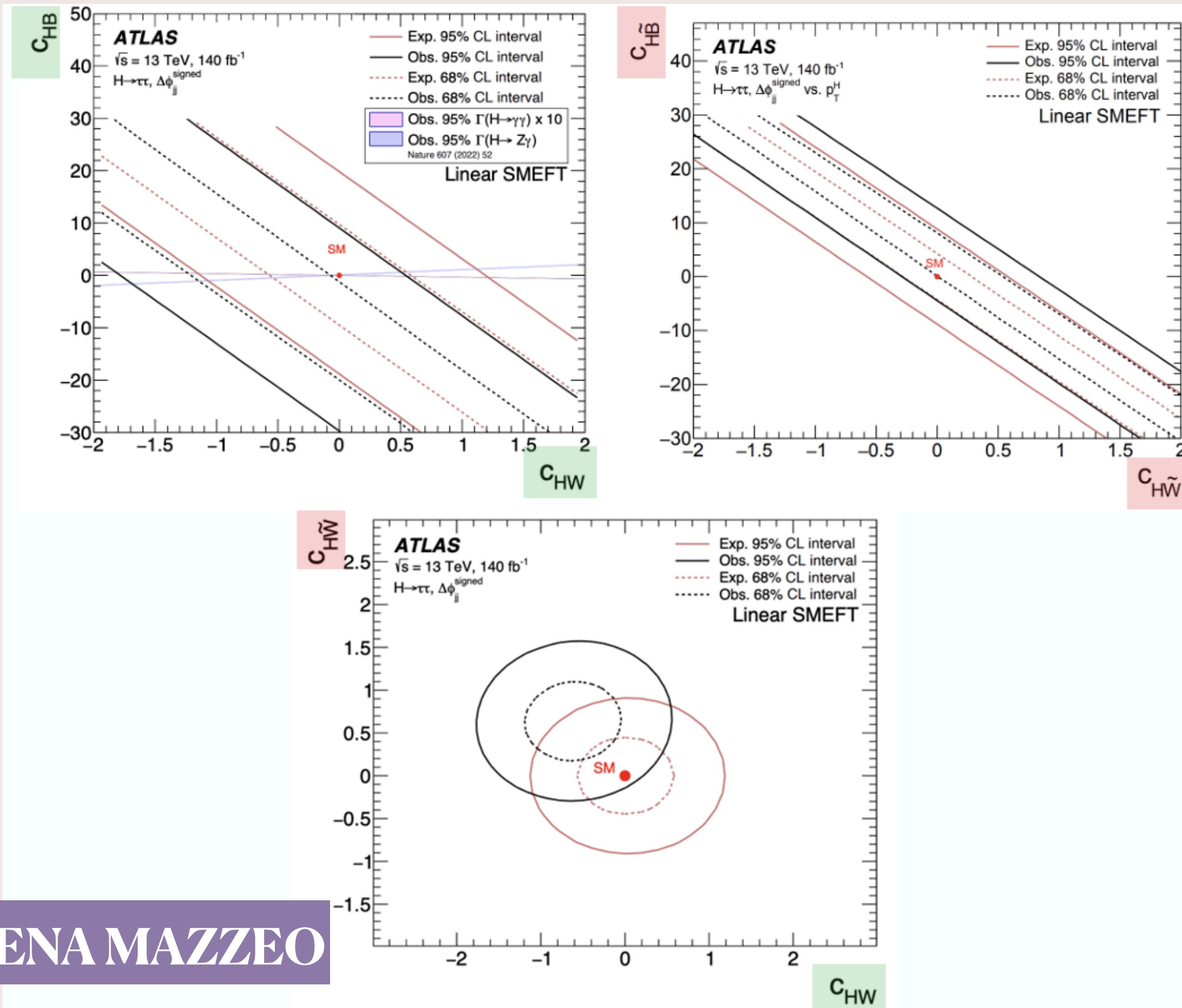
CP was truly a star this year...

Summary of constraints on $c_{H\tilde{W}}$:



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Probing CP: Also in two dimensions



- (C_{HW}, C_{HB}) and $(C_{H\tilde{W}}, C_{H\tilde{B}})$ planes:

➡ Effects of the **two operators cancel out** in one "**flat direction**" in the 2-dimensional plane.

- ➡ - **No sensitivity** there!
- **Crucial to combine** with other analyses, which have a different "flat direction".

- $(C_{HW}, C_{H\tilde{W}})$ plane:

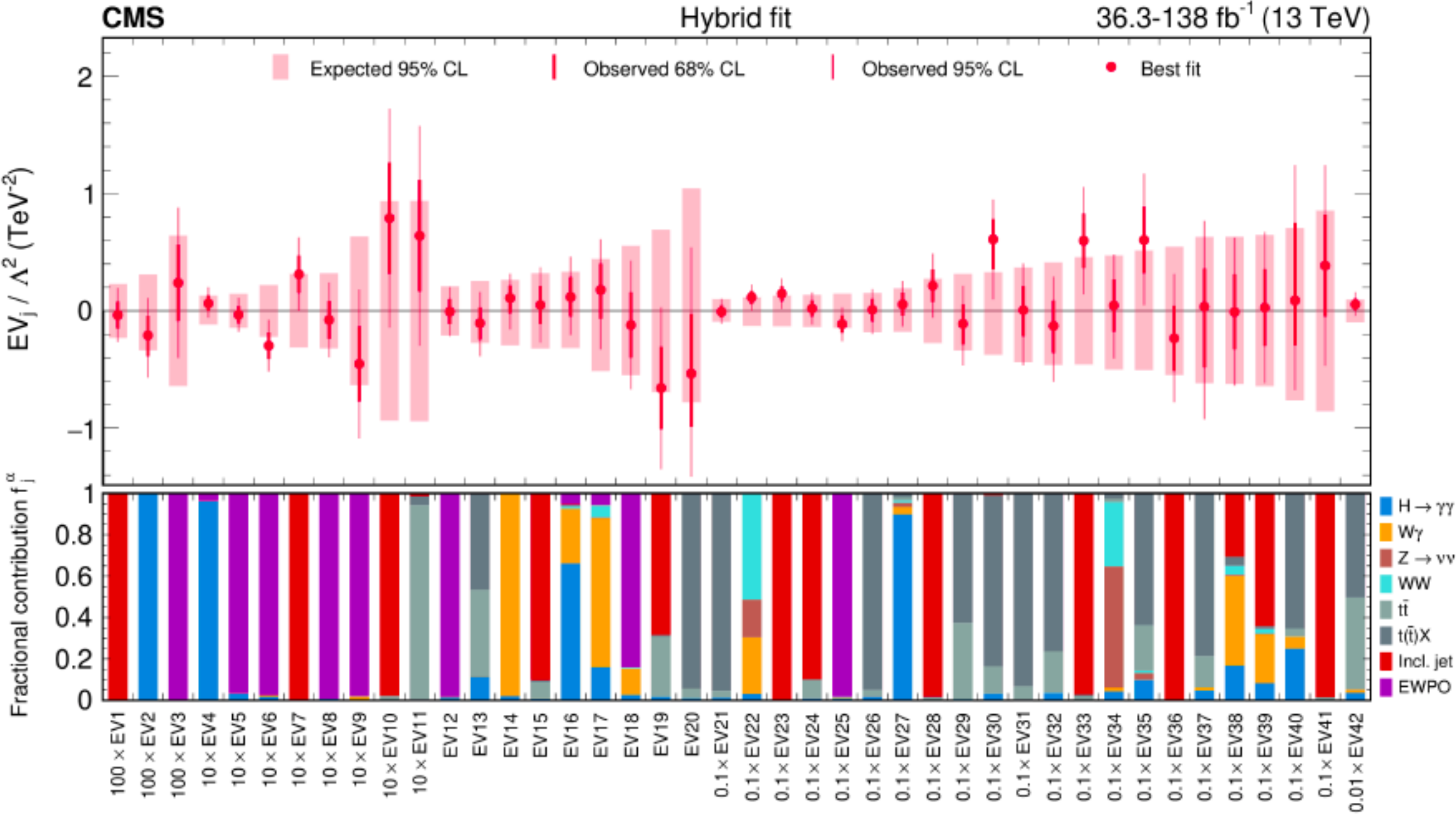
➡ The two **operators modify differently** the $\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$ **shape**.

- ➡ - **Effects do not cancel out.**
- **No loss of sensitivity.**

EFTs: everything together?

- Both ATLAS and CMS are starting to do global fits incorporating top, EW and Higgs
- ATLAS (older): [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-037](#)

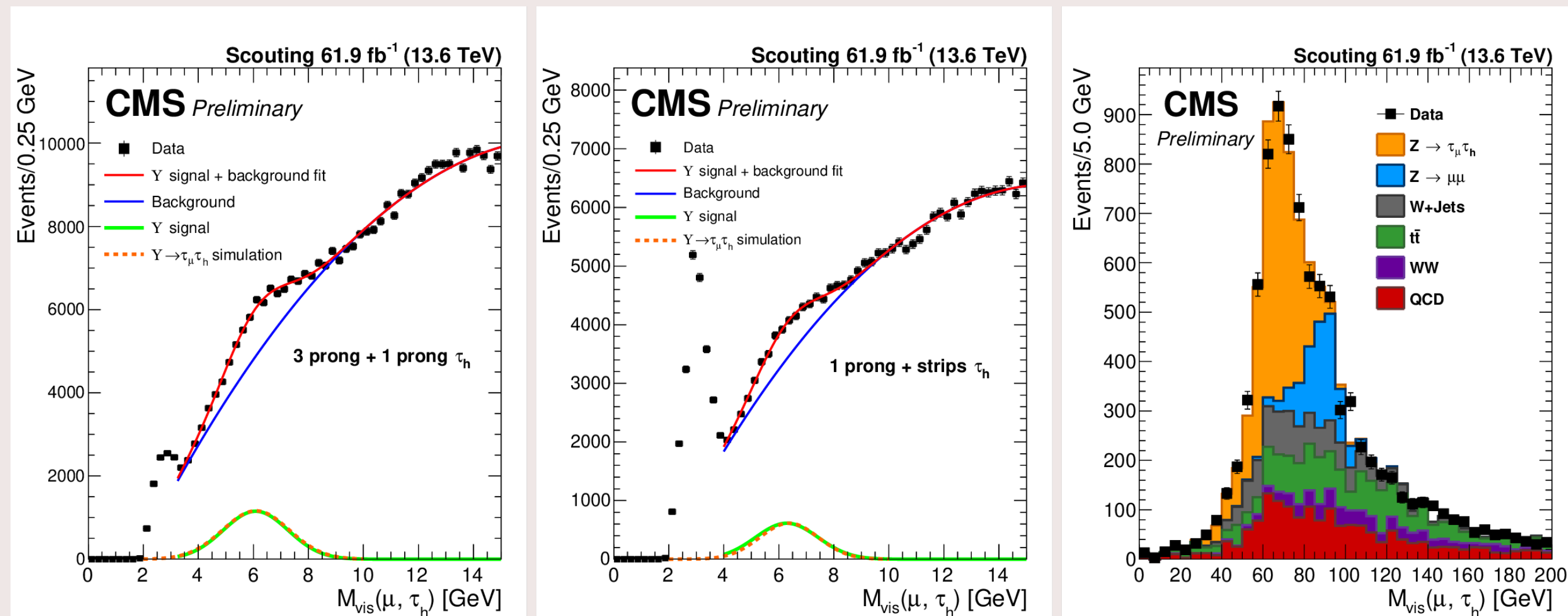
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Compatibility with SM: $p\text{-value} \sim 1.7\%$ *varying all EVs together*
26% w/o inclusive jet measurements

Analysis	Type of measurement	Observables used	Experimental likelihood
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Differential cross sections	STXS bins [54]	✓
$W\gamma$	Fiducial differential cross sections	$p_T^\gamma \times \phi_f $ [33]	✓
$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$	Fiducial differential cross sections	p_T^Z	✓
WW	Fiducial differential cross sections	$m_{\ell\ell}$	✓
$t\bar{t}$	Fiducial differential cross sections	$m_{t\bar{t}}$	×
$t(\bar{t})X$	Direct EFT	Yields in regions of interest	✓
Inclusive jet	Fiducial differential cross sections	$p_T^{\text{jet}} \times y^{\text{jet}} $	×
EWPO	Pseudo-observables	$\Gamma_Z, \sigma_{\text{had}}^0, R_\ell, R_c, R_b, A_{\text{FB}}^{0,\ell}, A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c}, A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$ [36]	×

Scouting: inclusive ditau



- High-rate data-stream with low trigger thresholds and a compact data format
- Offline-like hadronic reconstruction at trigger level
- Reaches very low tau momentum

