

Effective-Field Theory **interpretations** of **Higgs** boson production and decay rates with the **ATLAS** experiment

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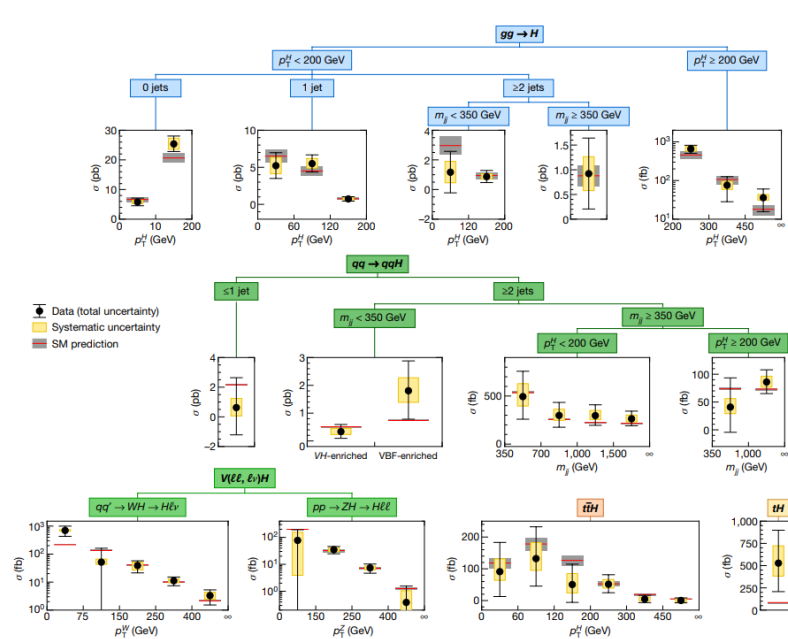
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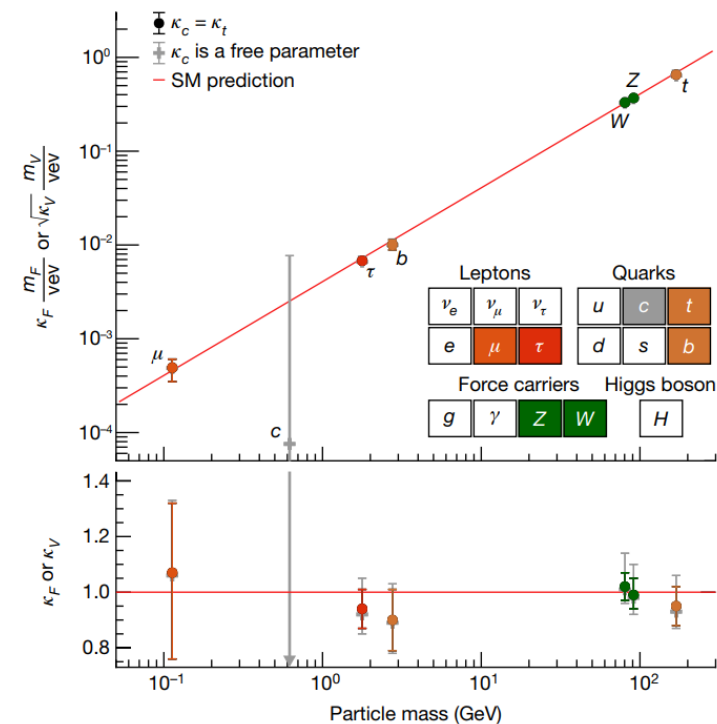
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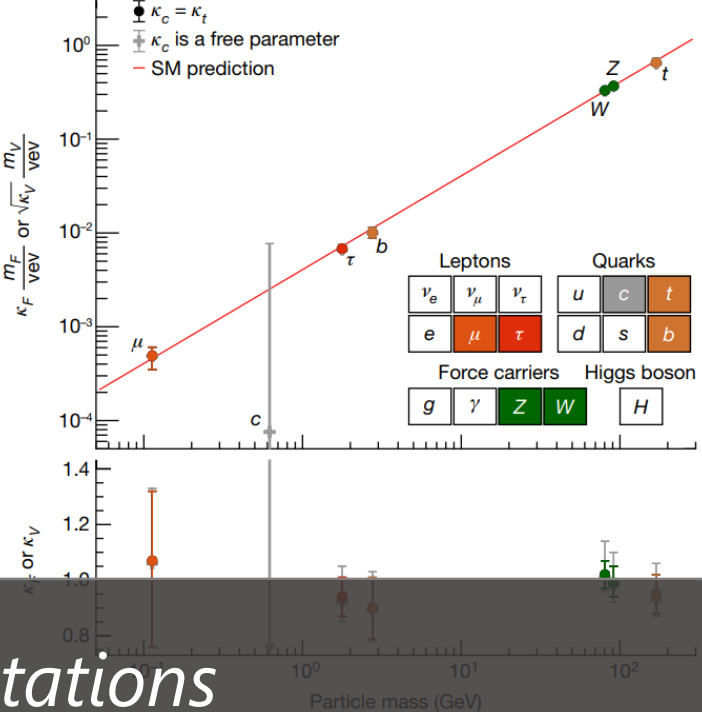
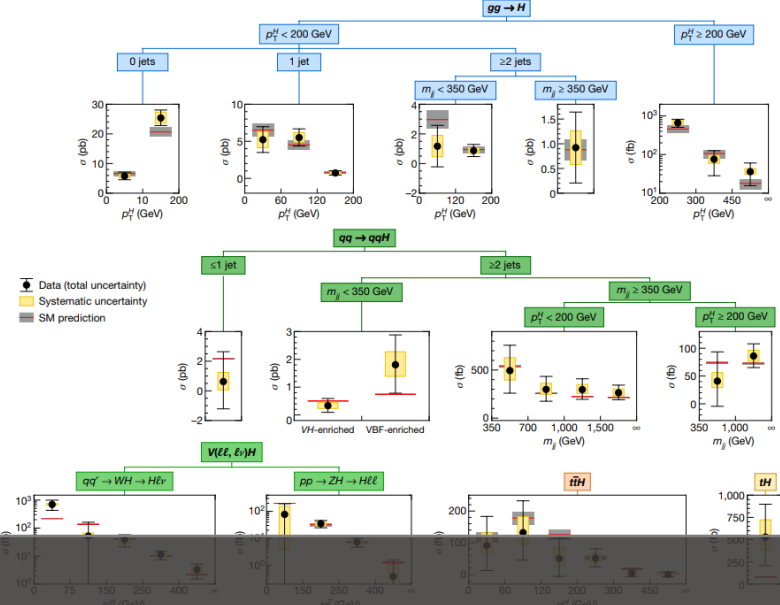
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Differential XS
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SMEFT
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Not in this
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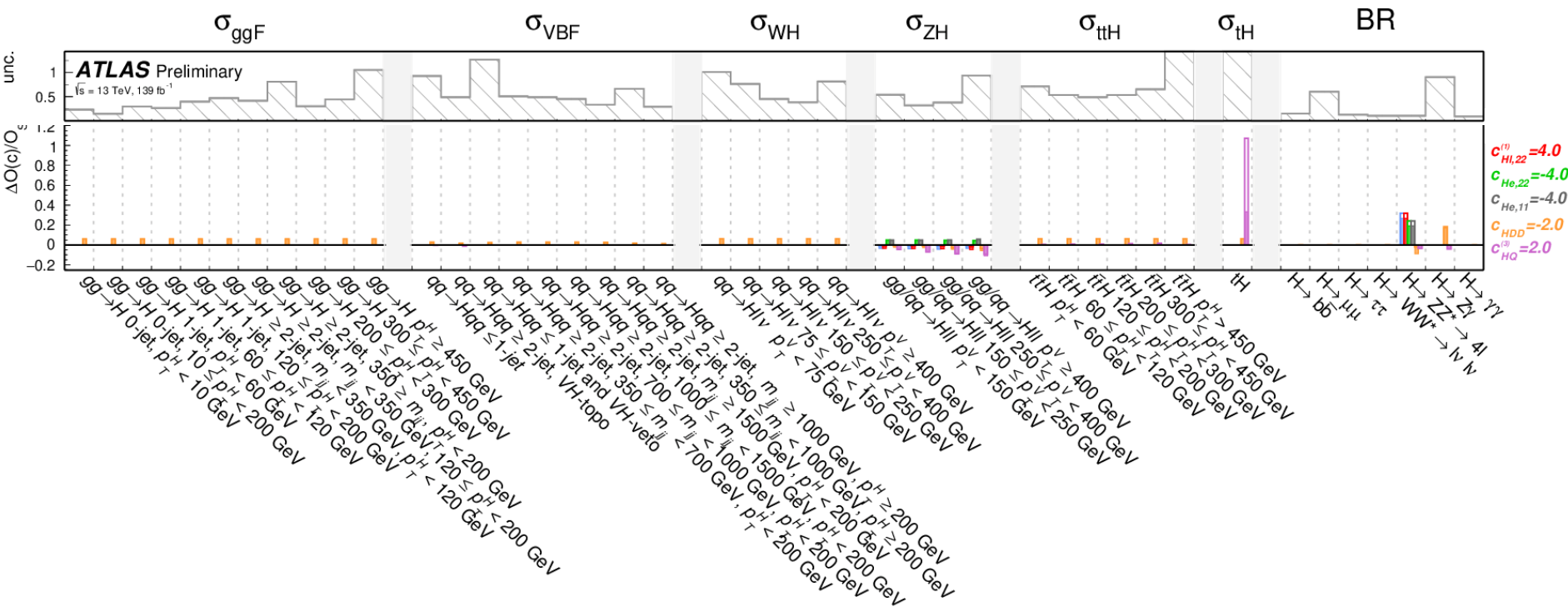


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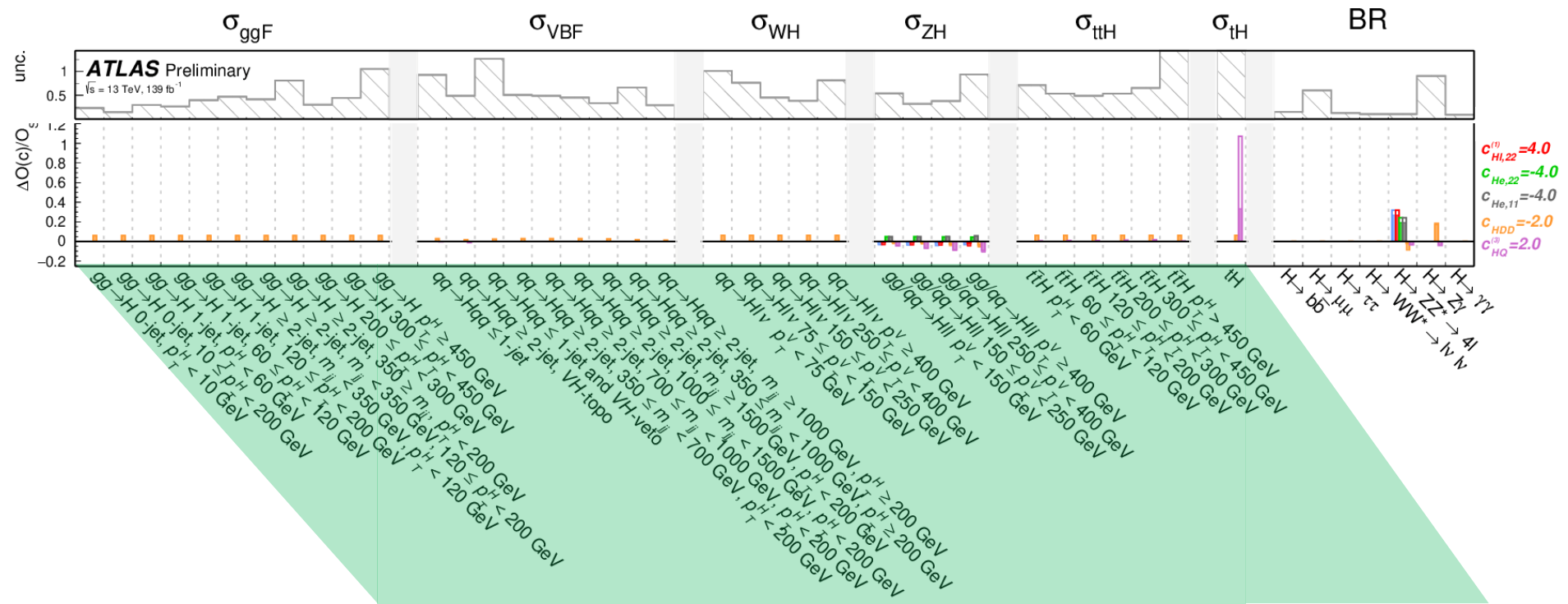
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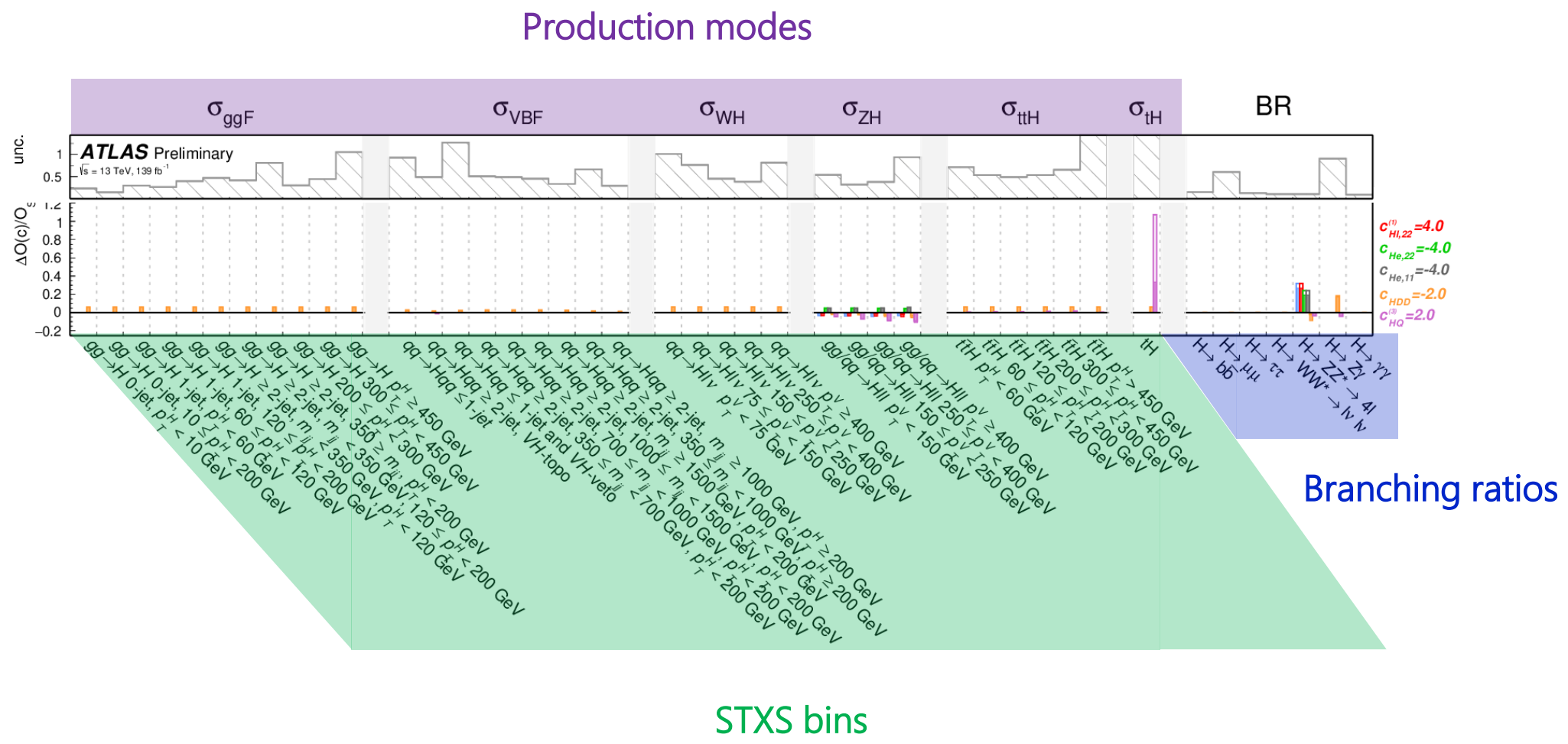


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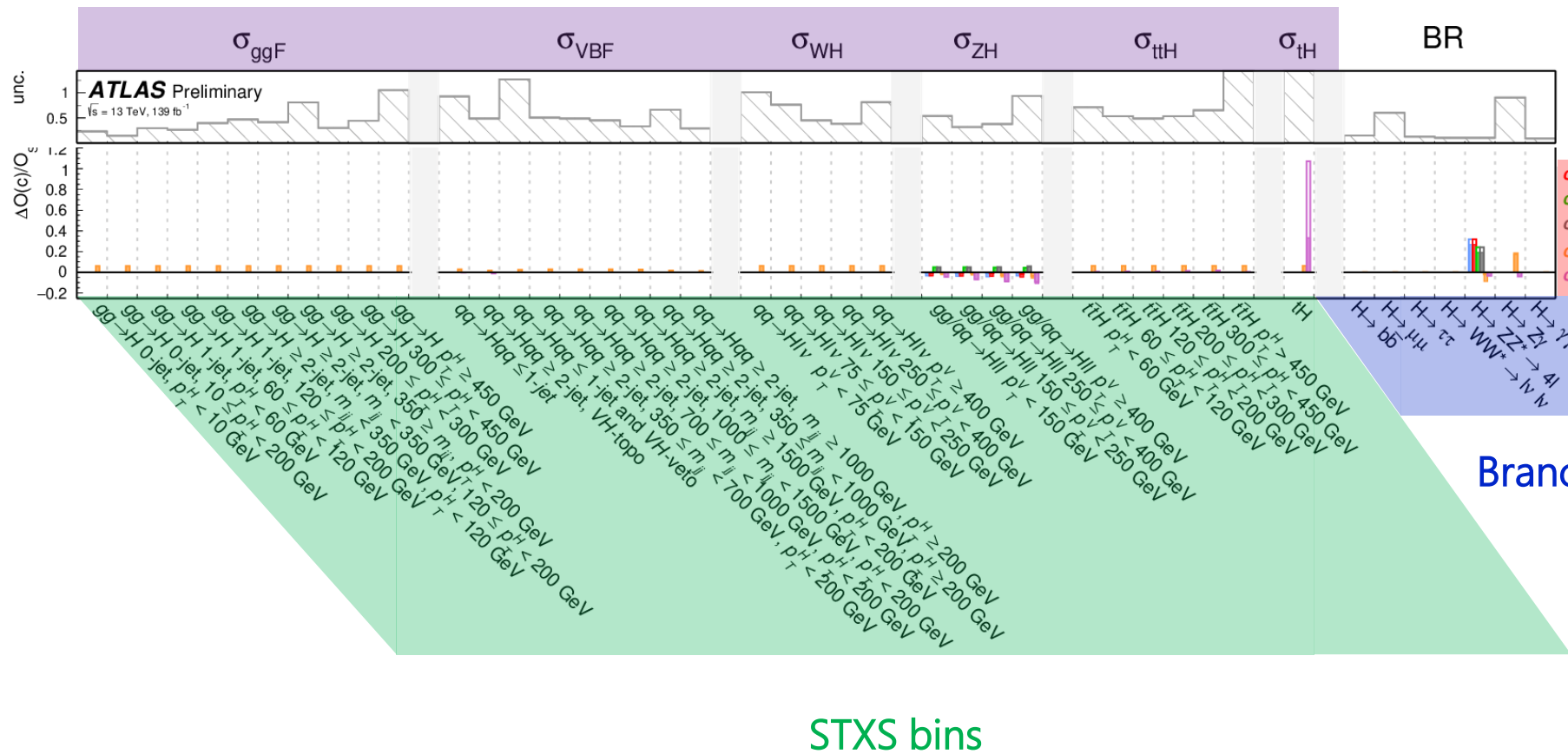
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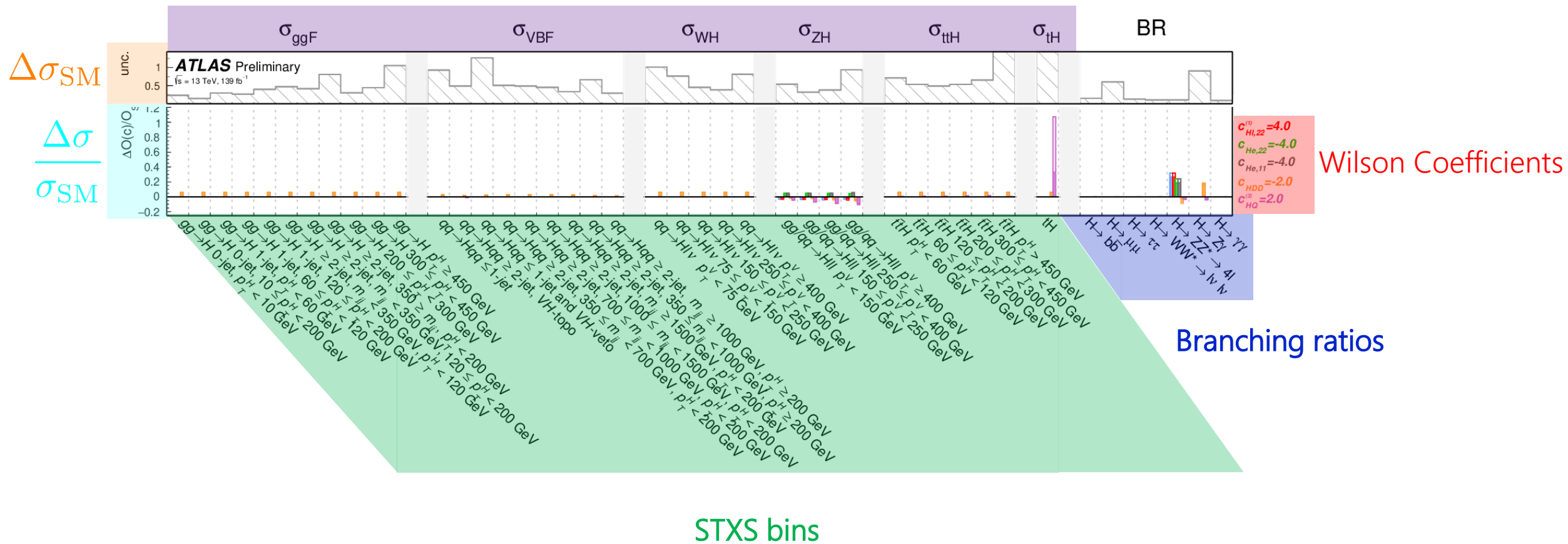
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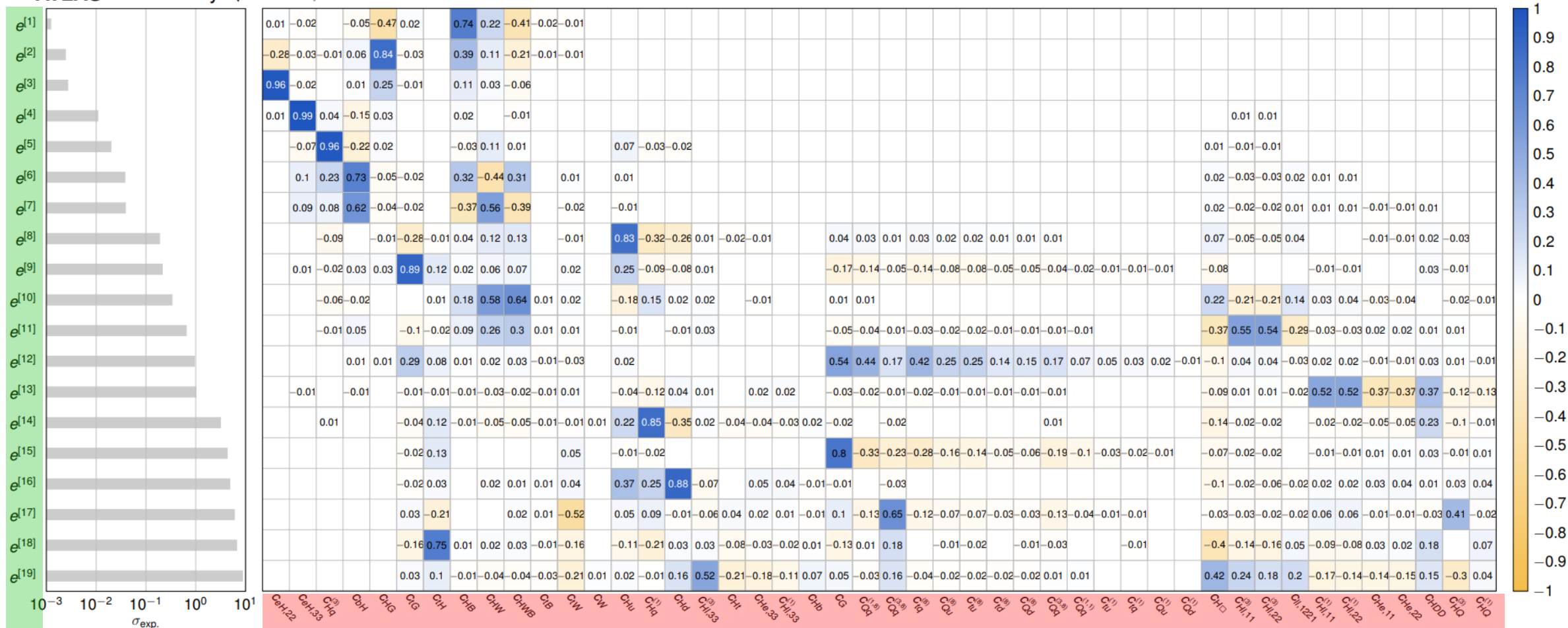
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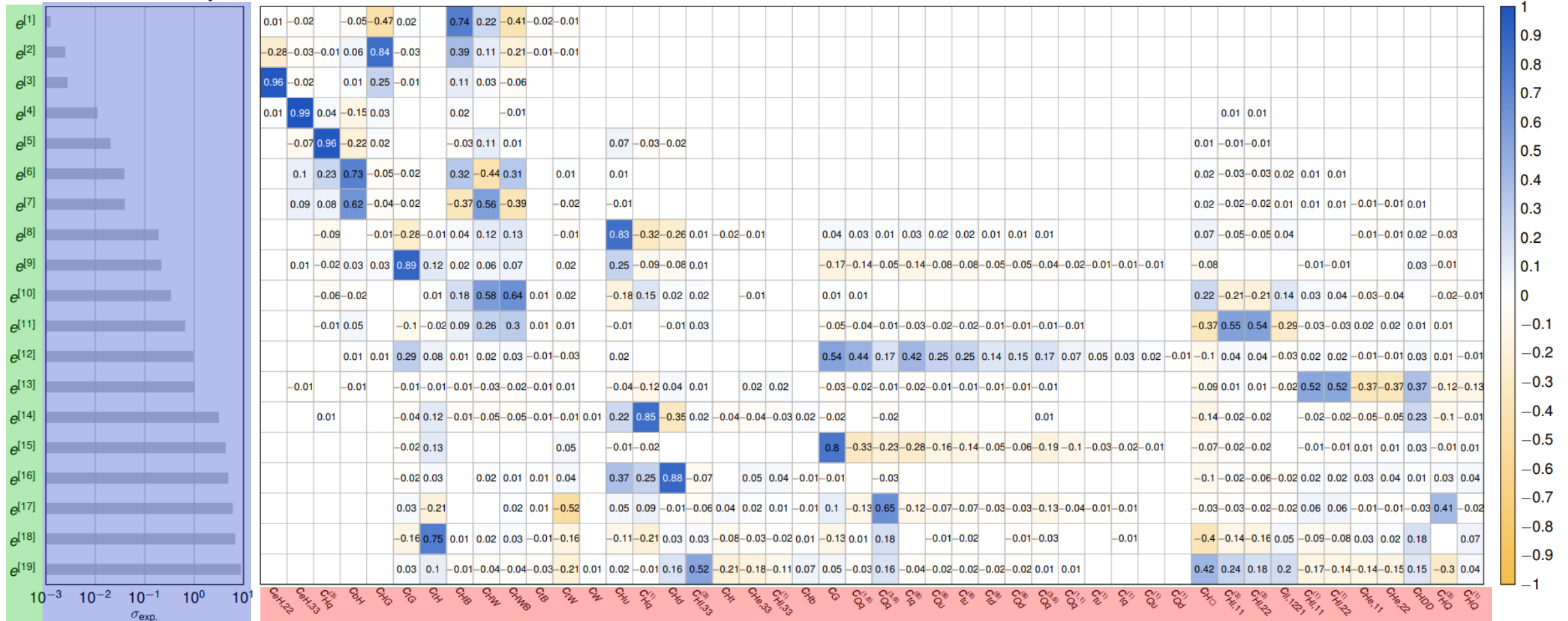


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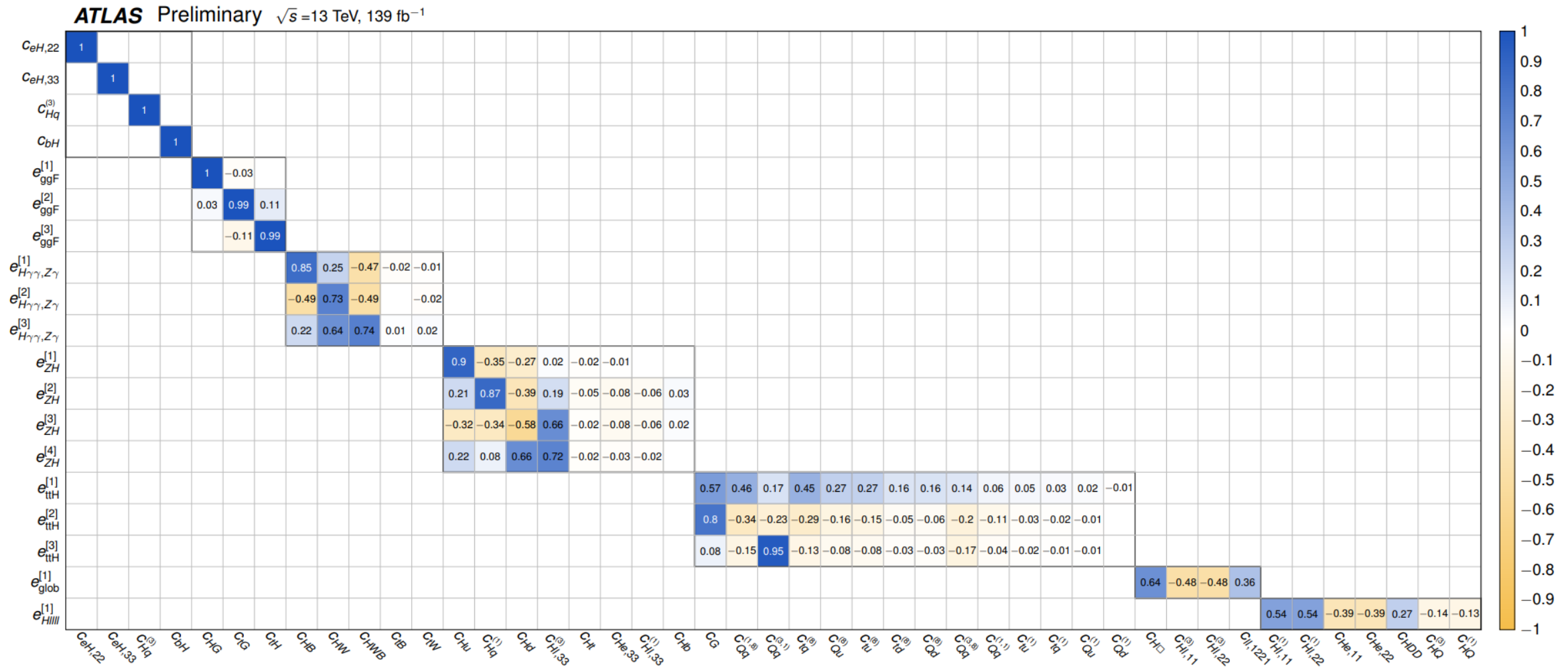


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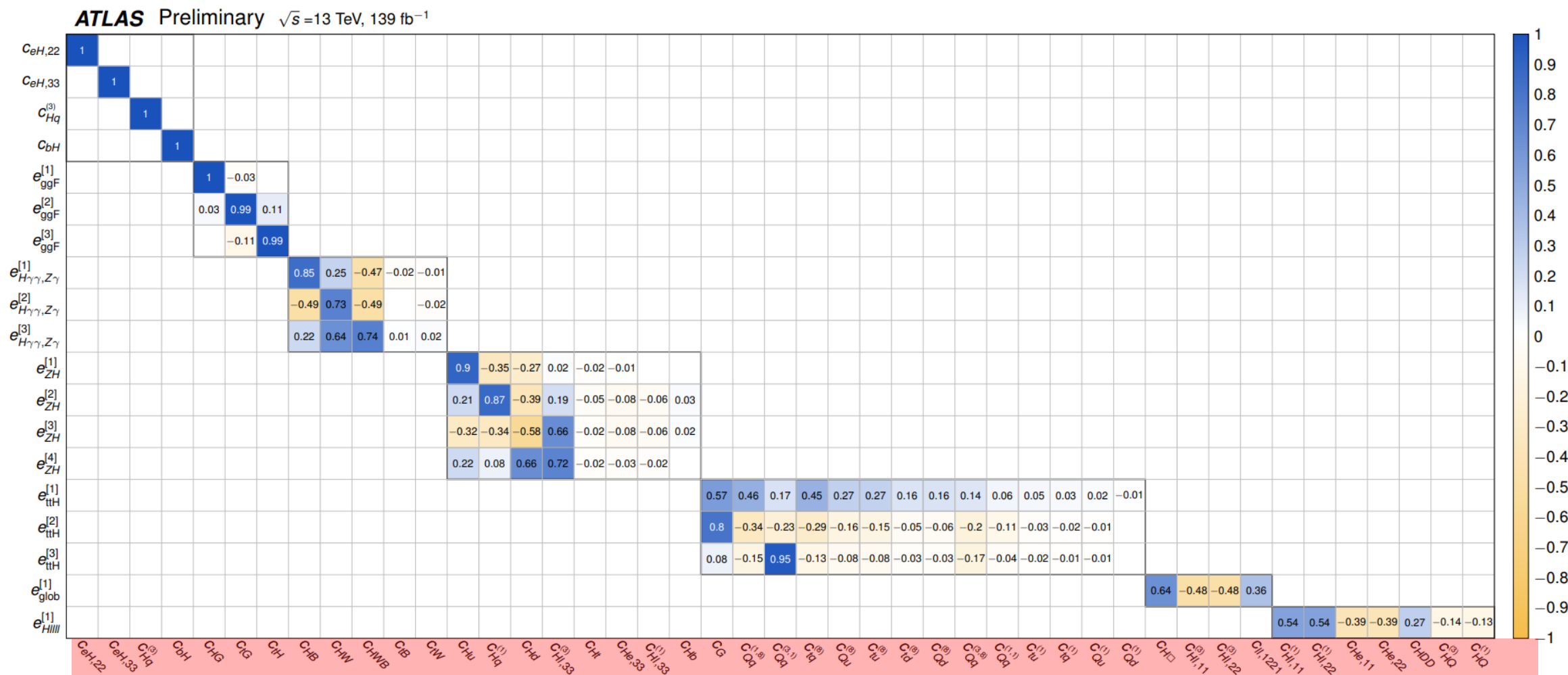
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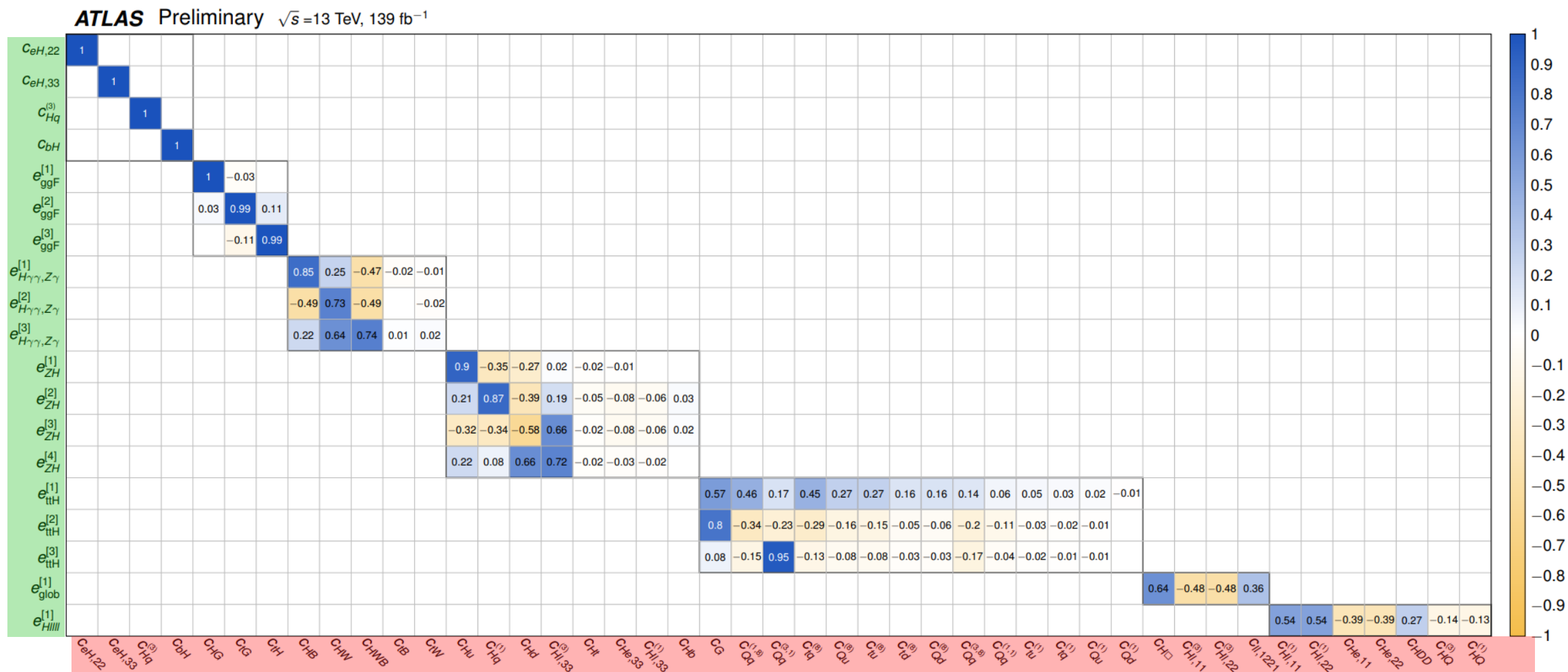


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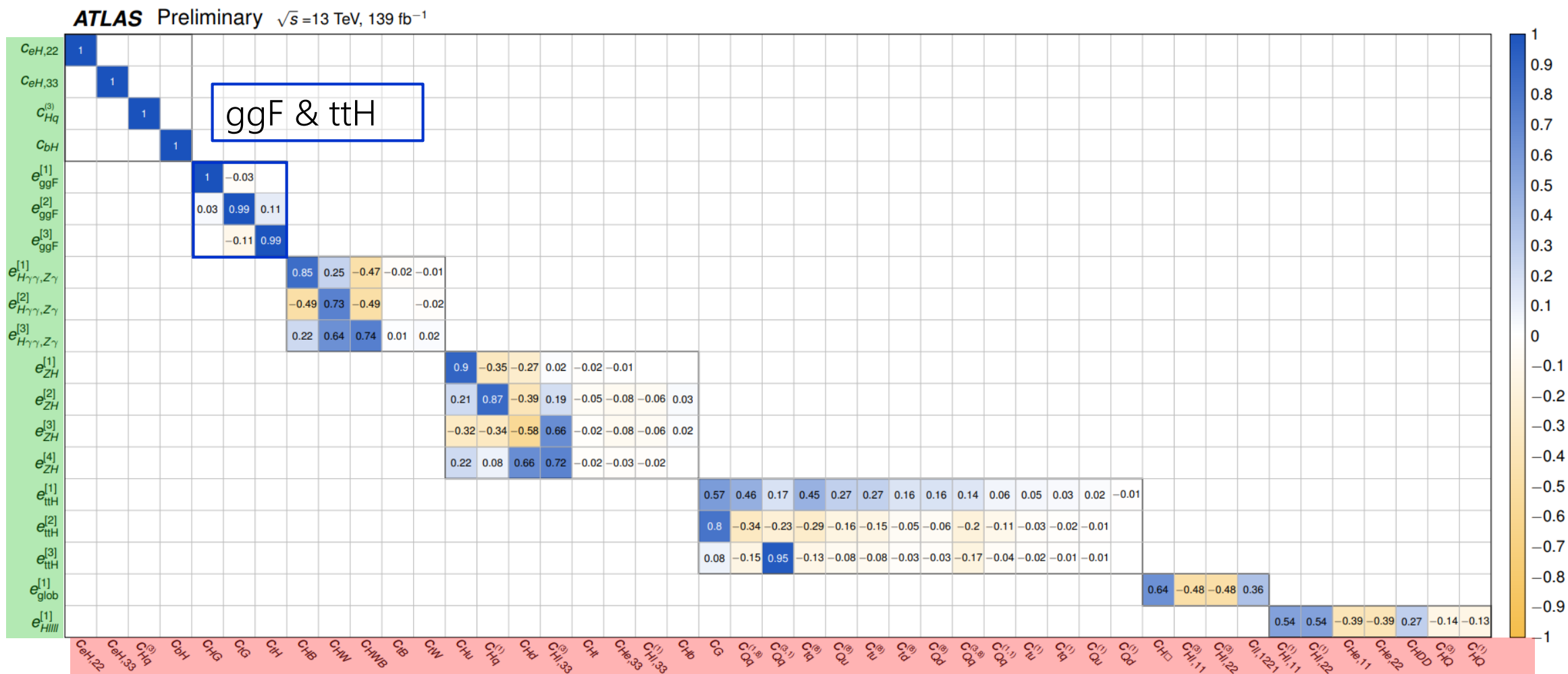


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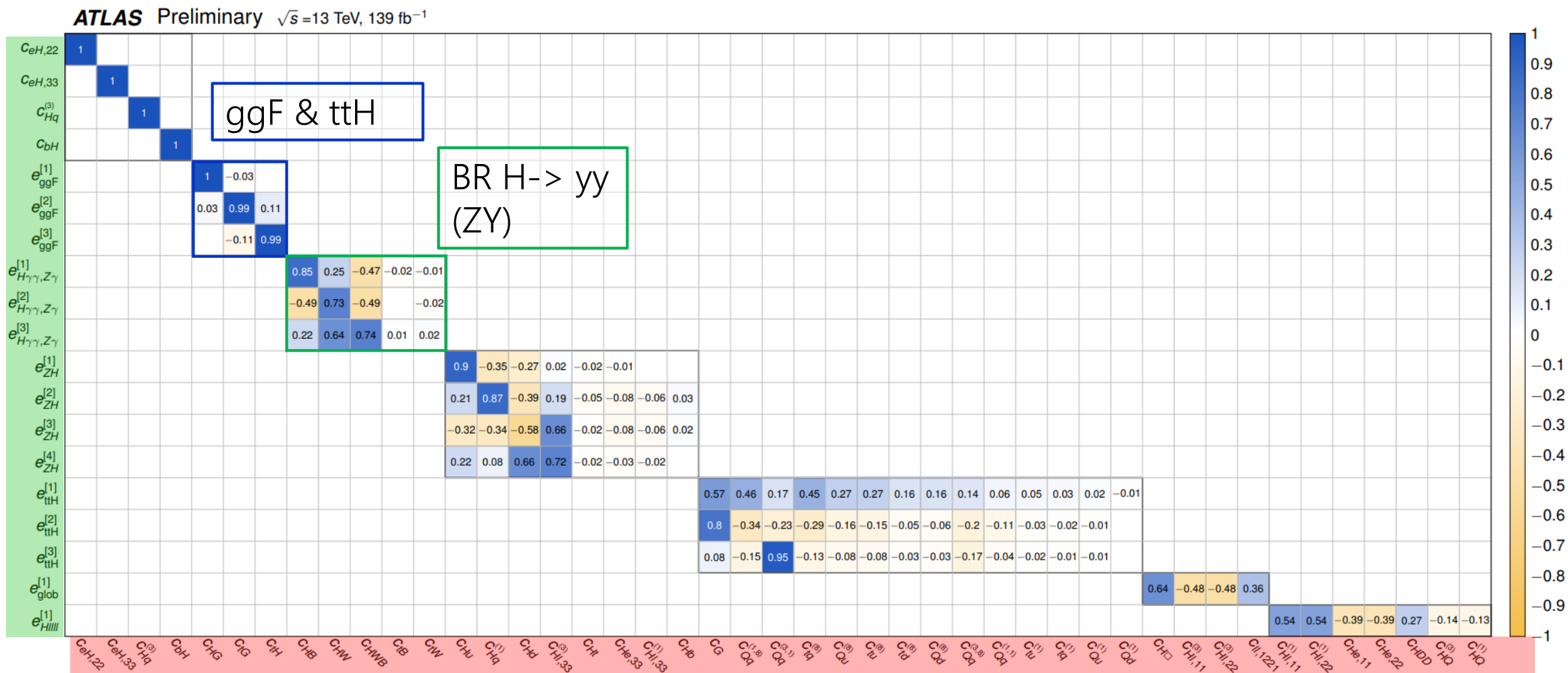


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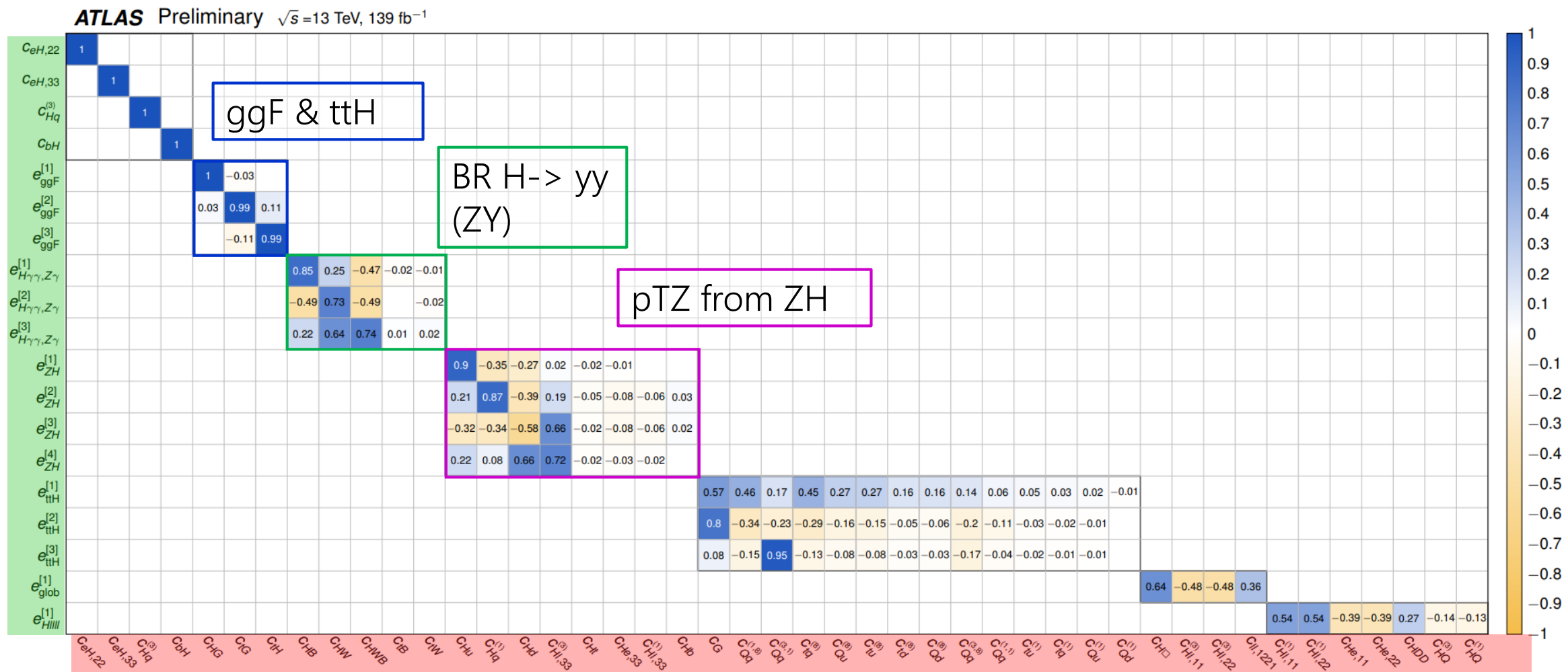


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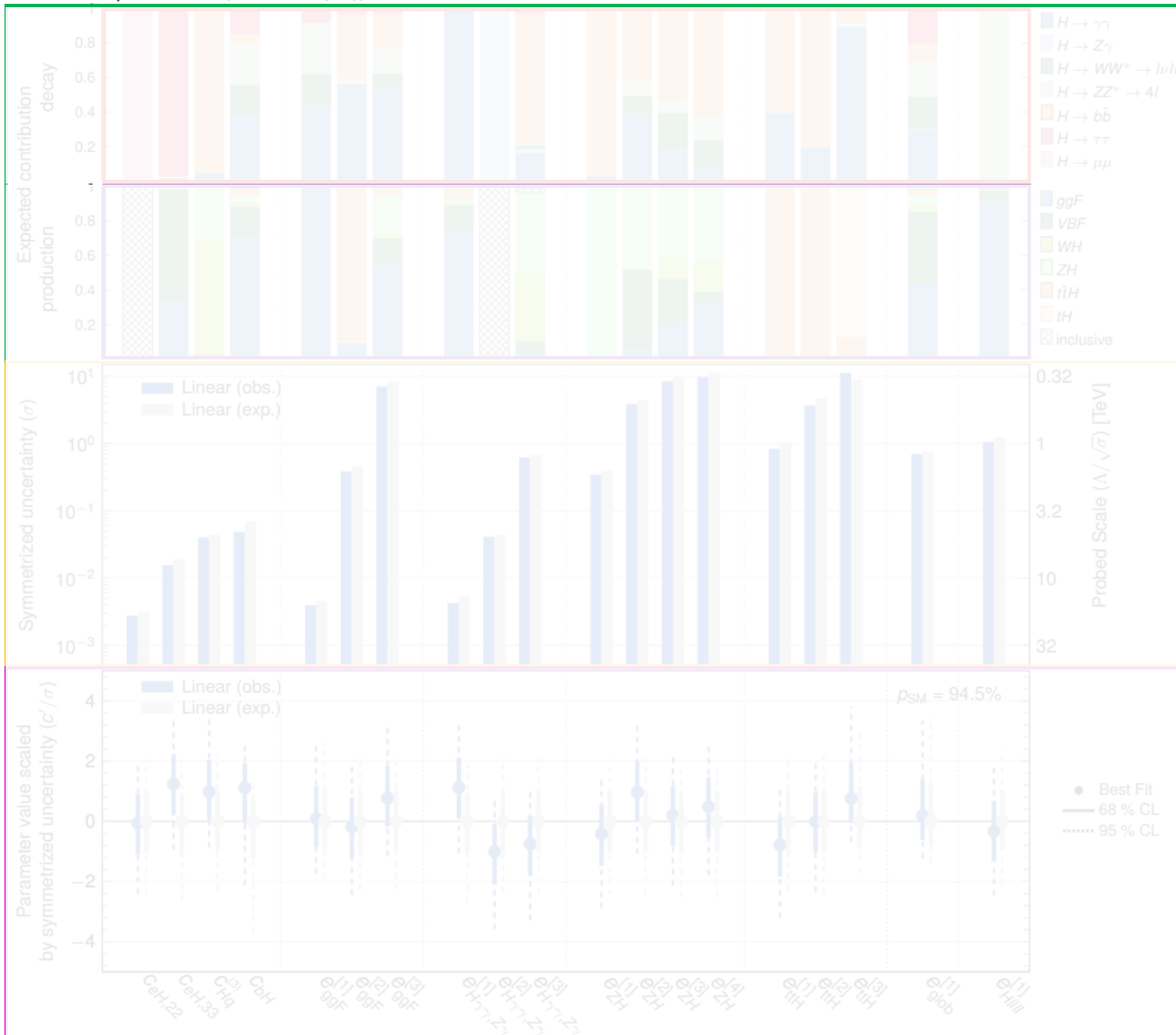
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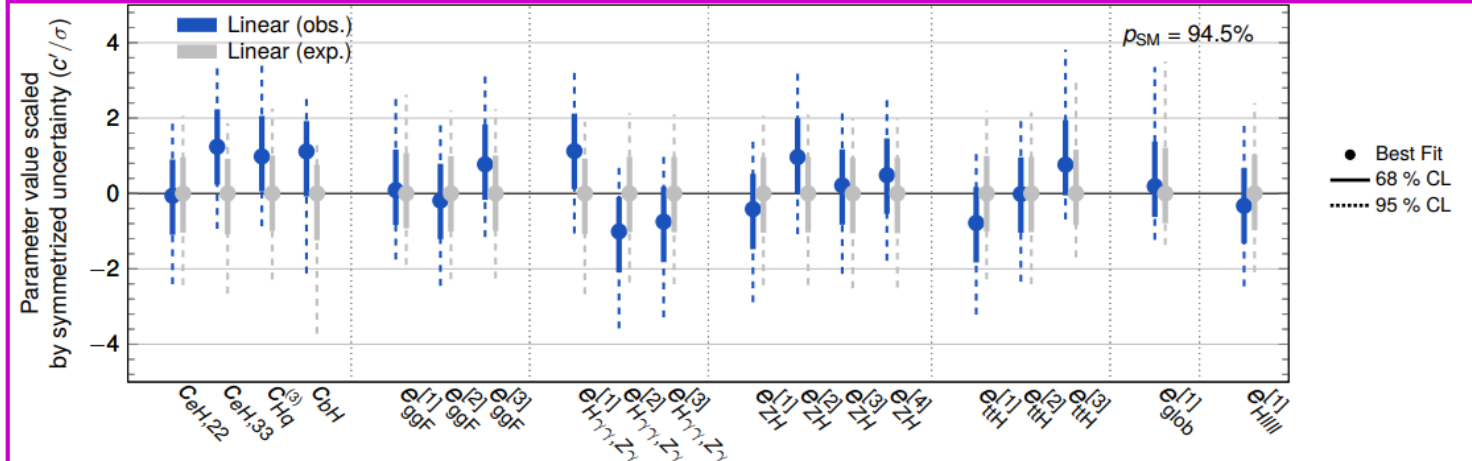
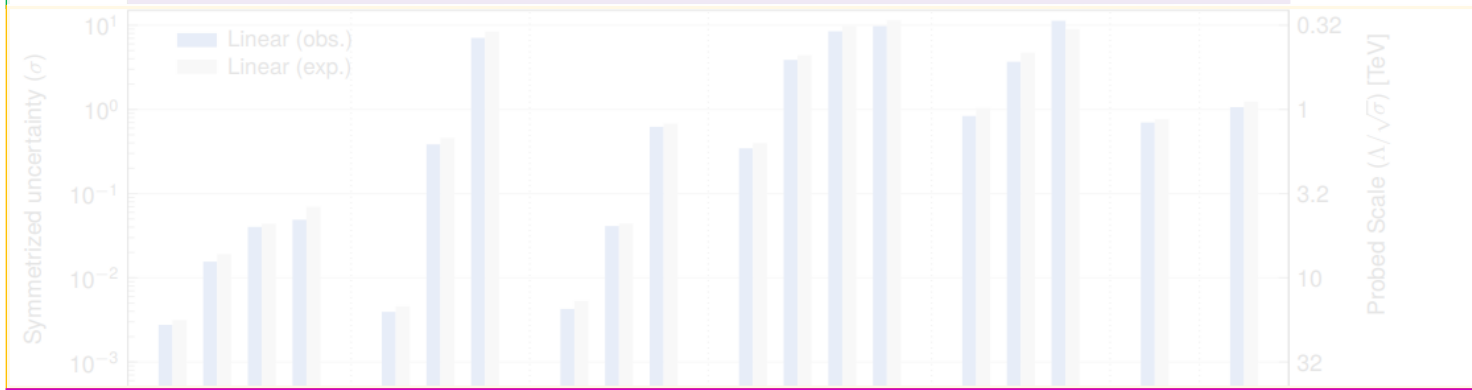
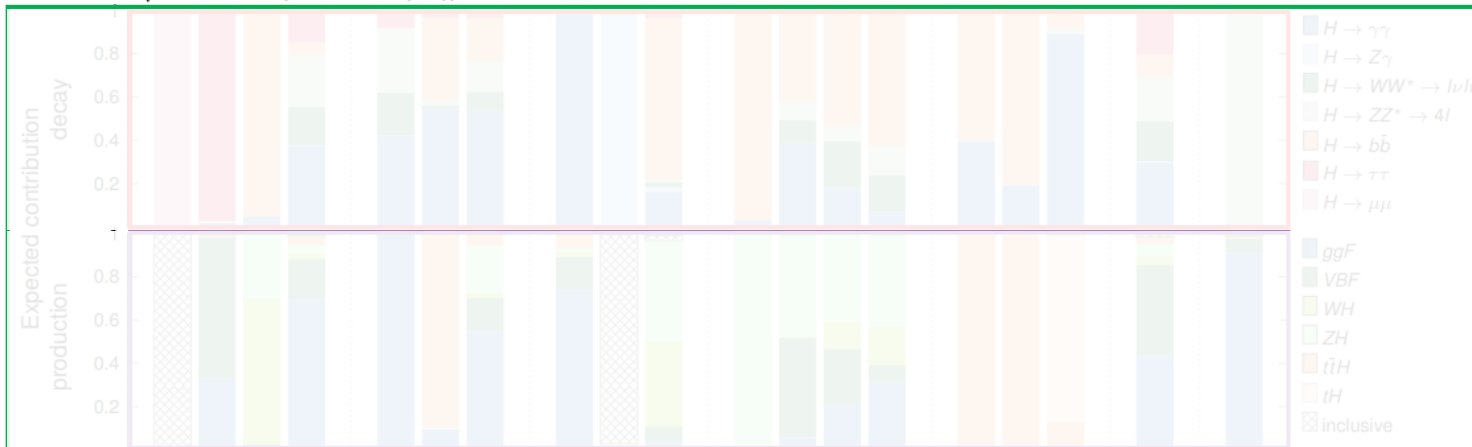
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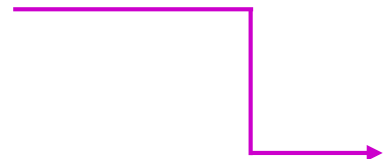
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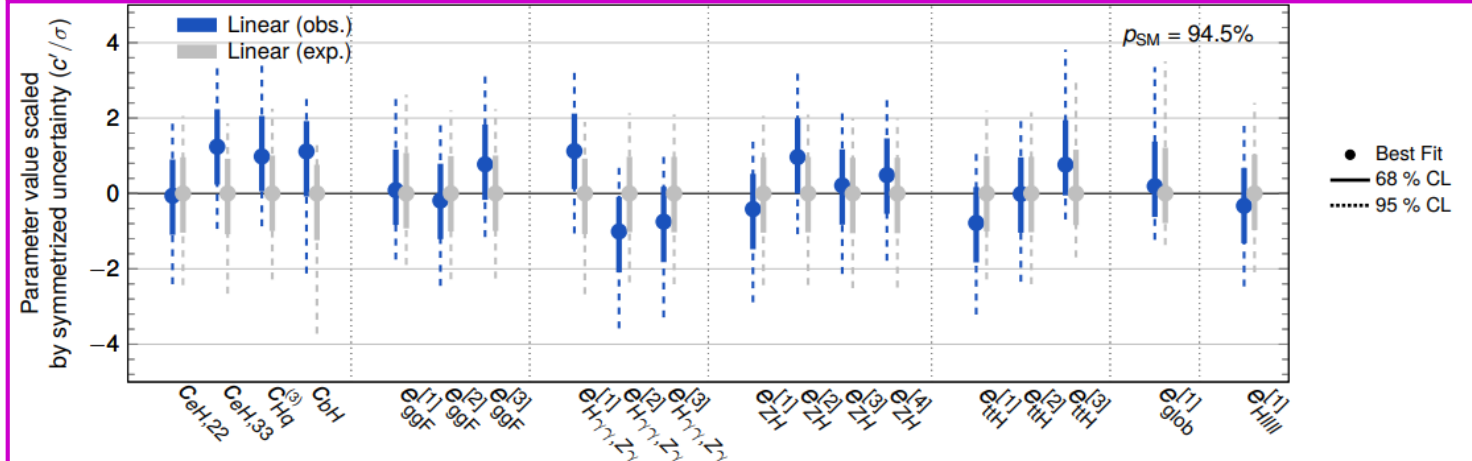
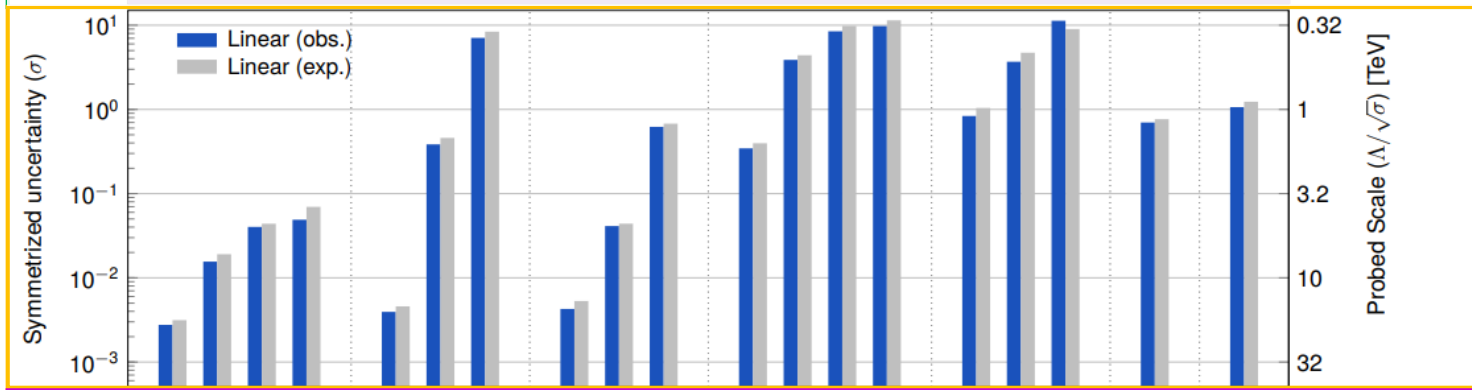
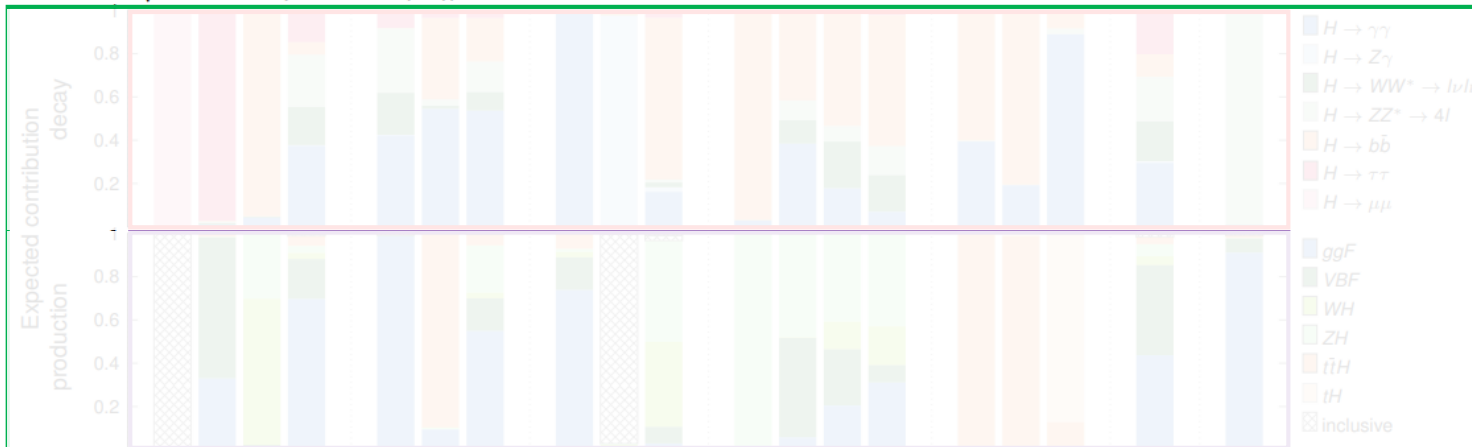
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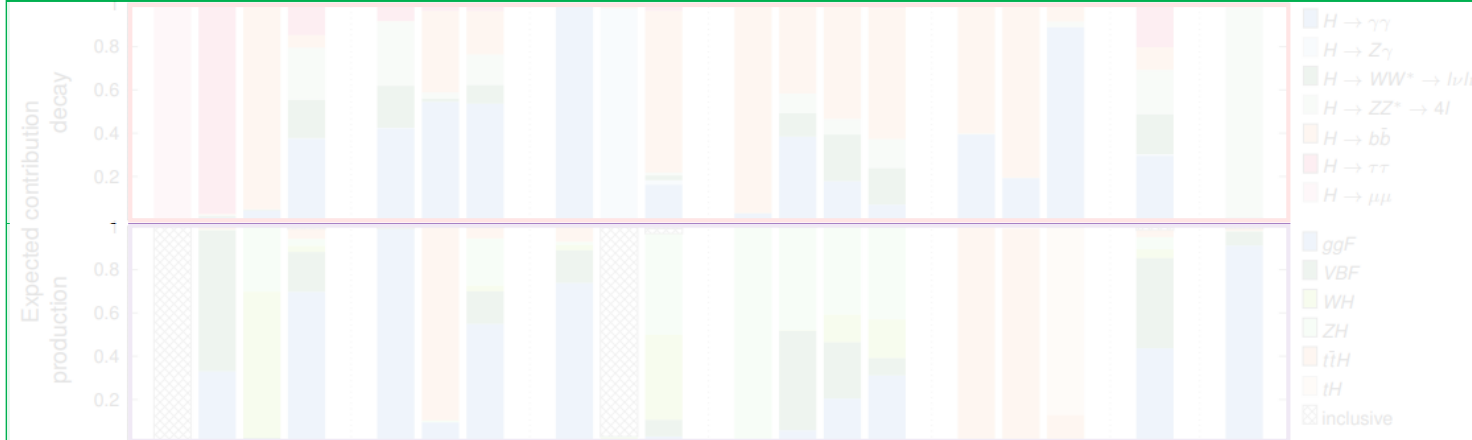
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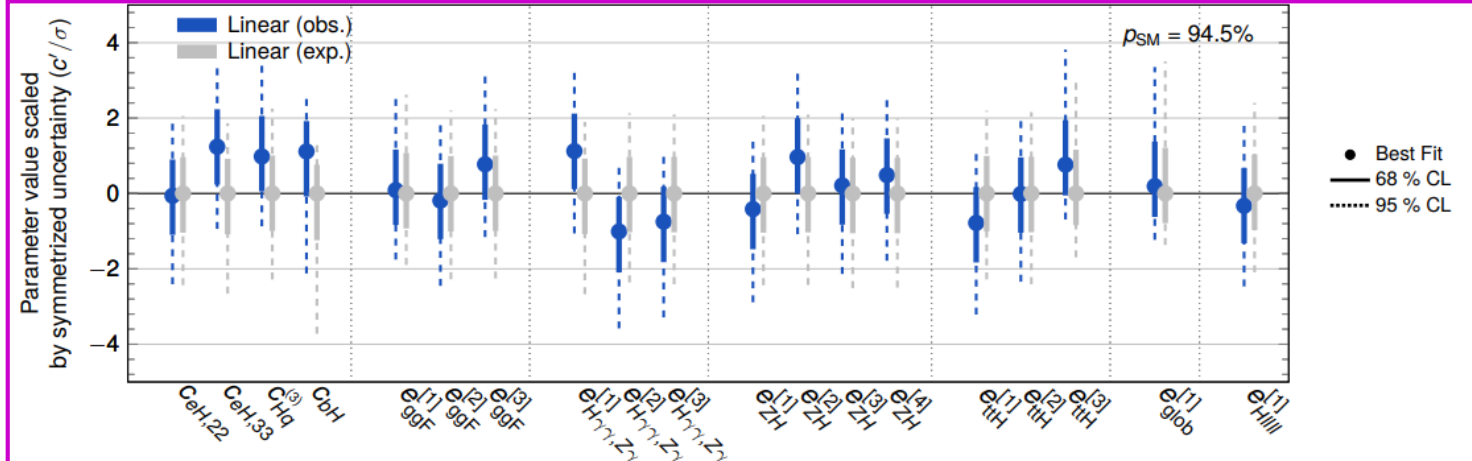
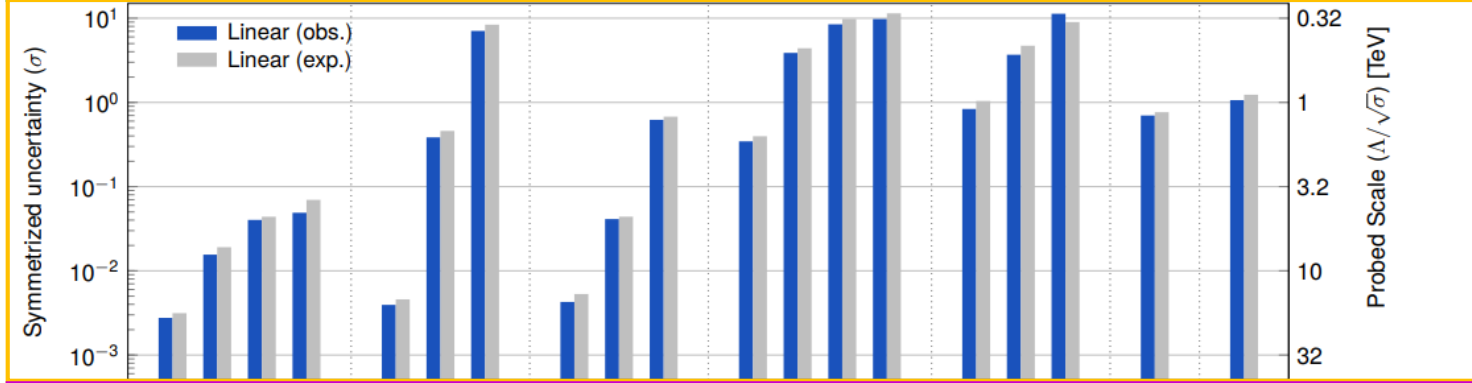


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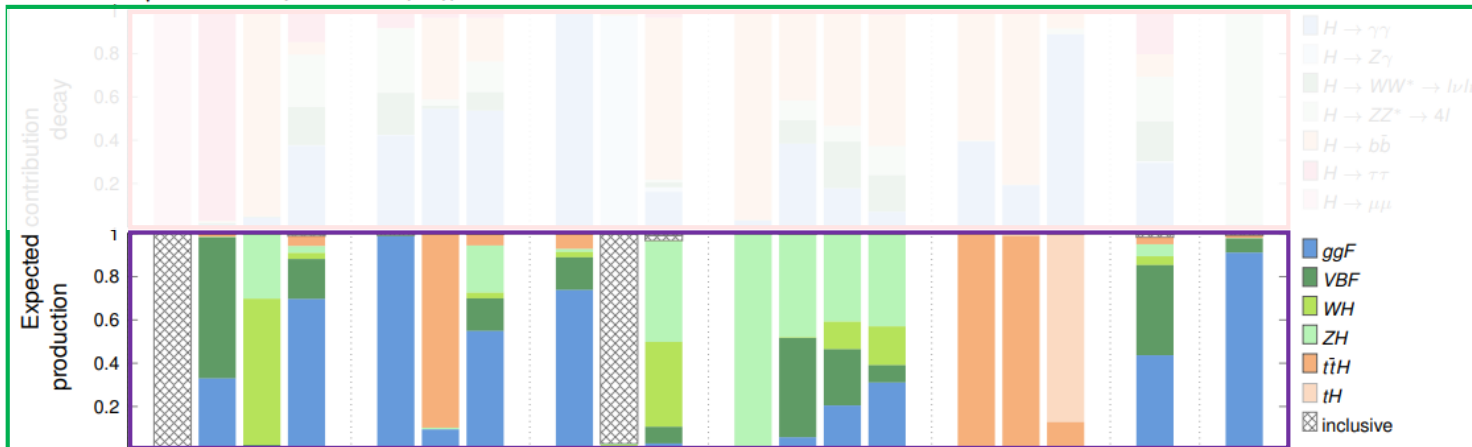
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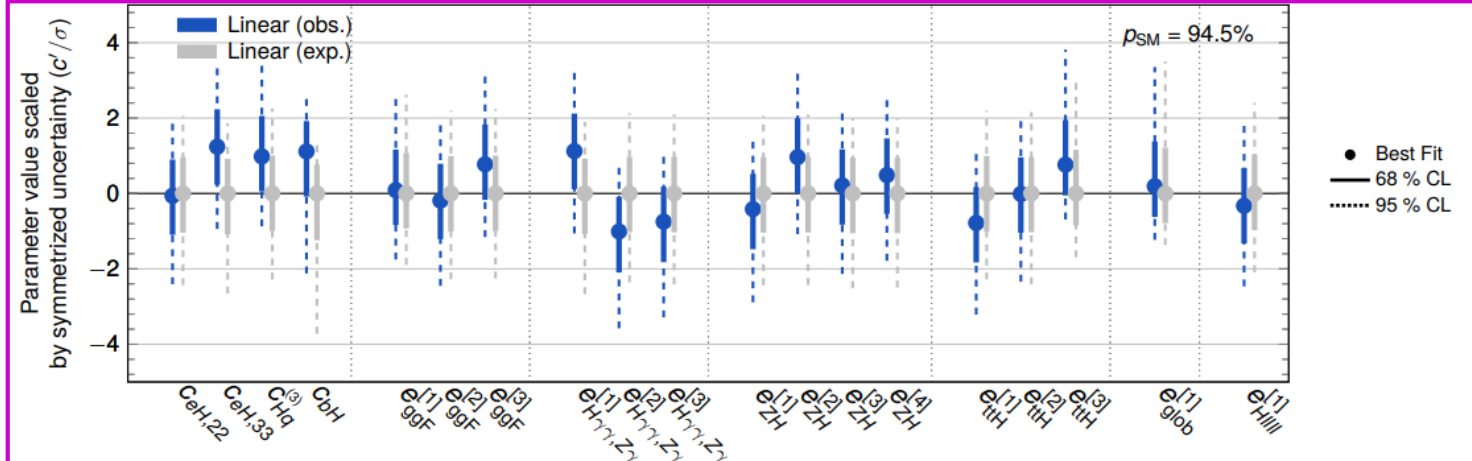
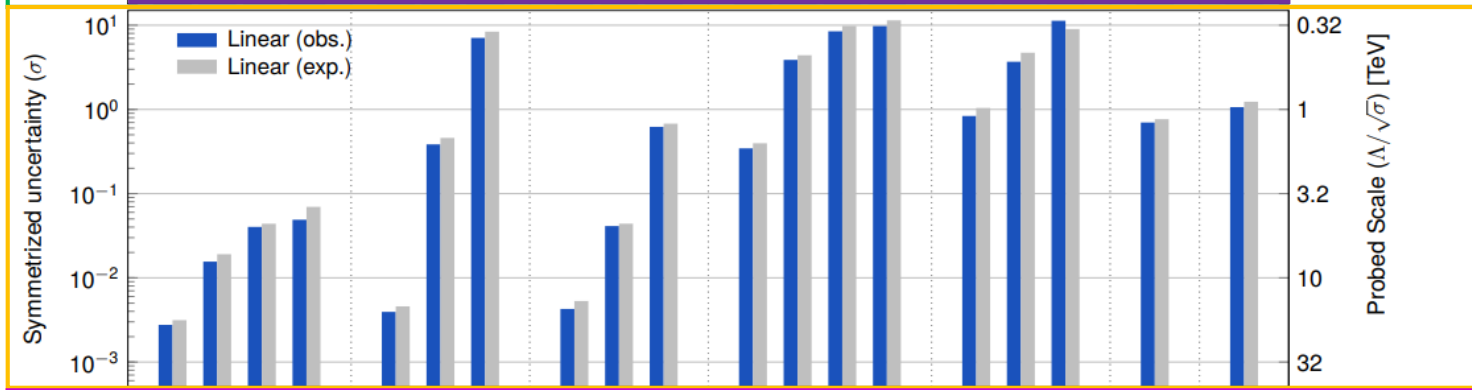


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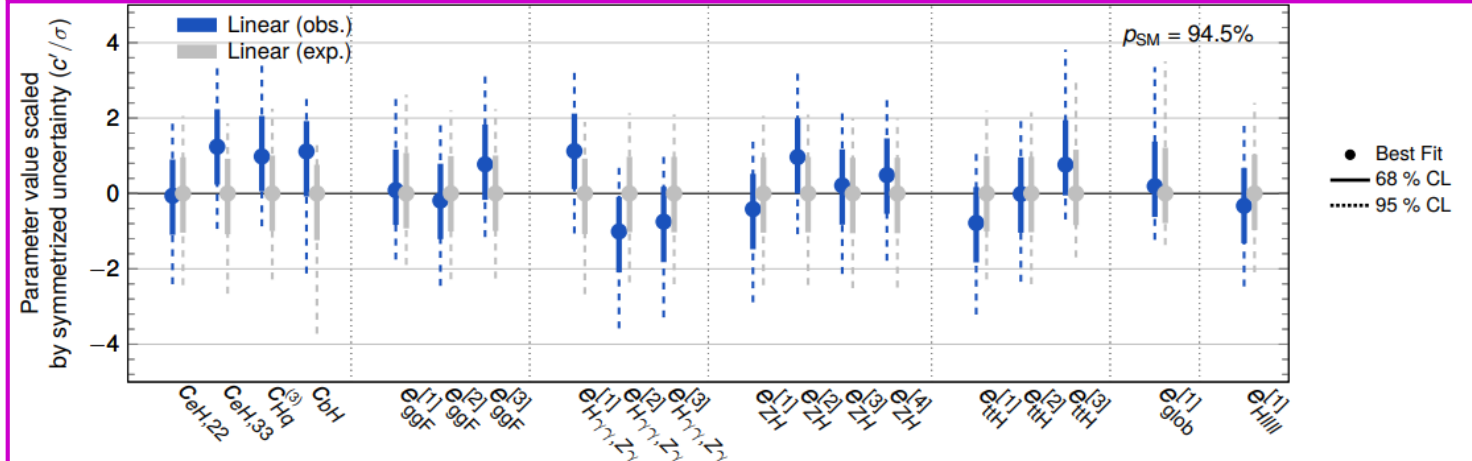
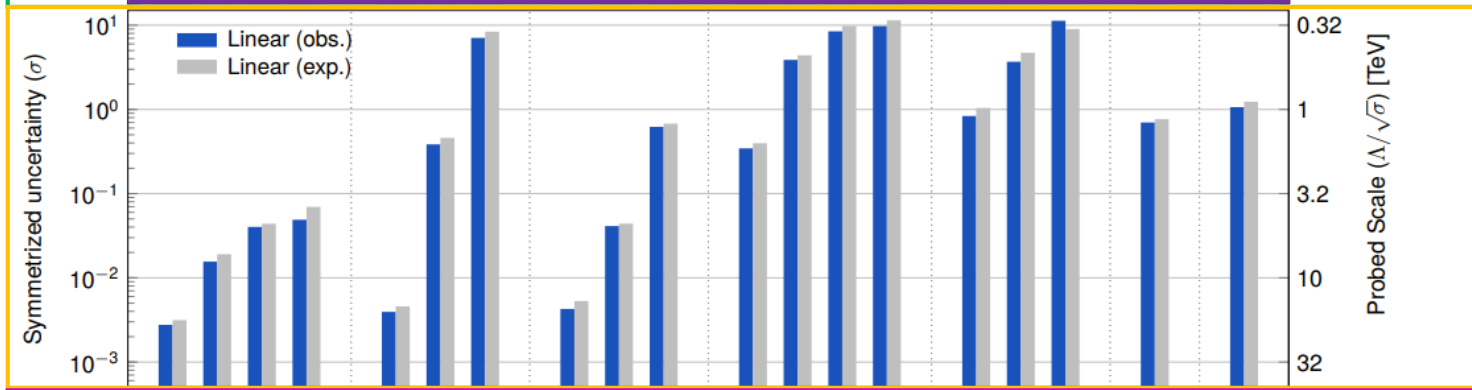
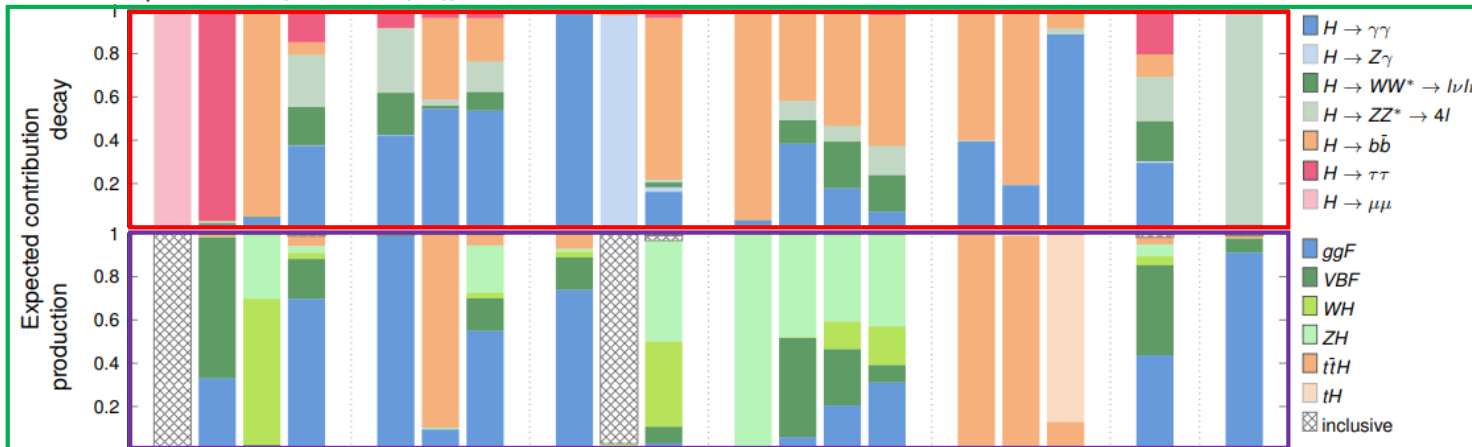
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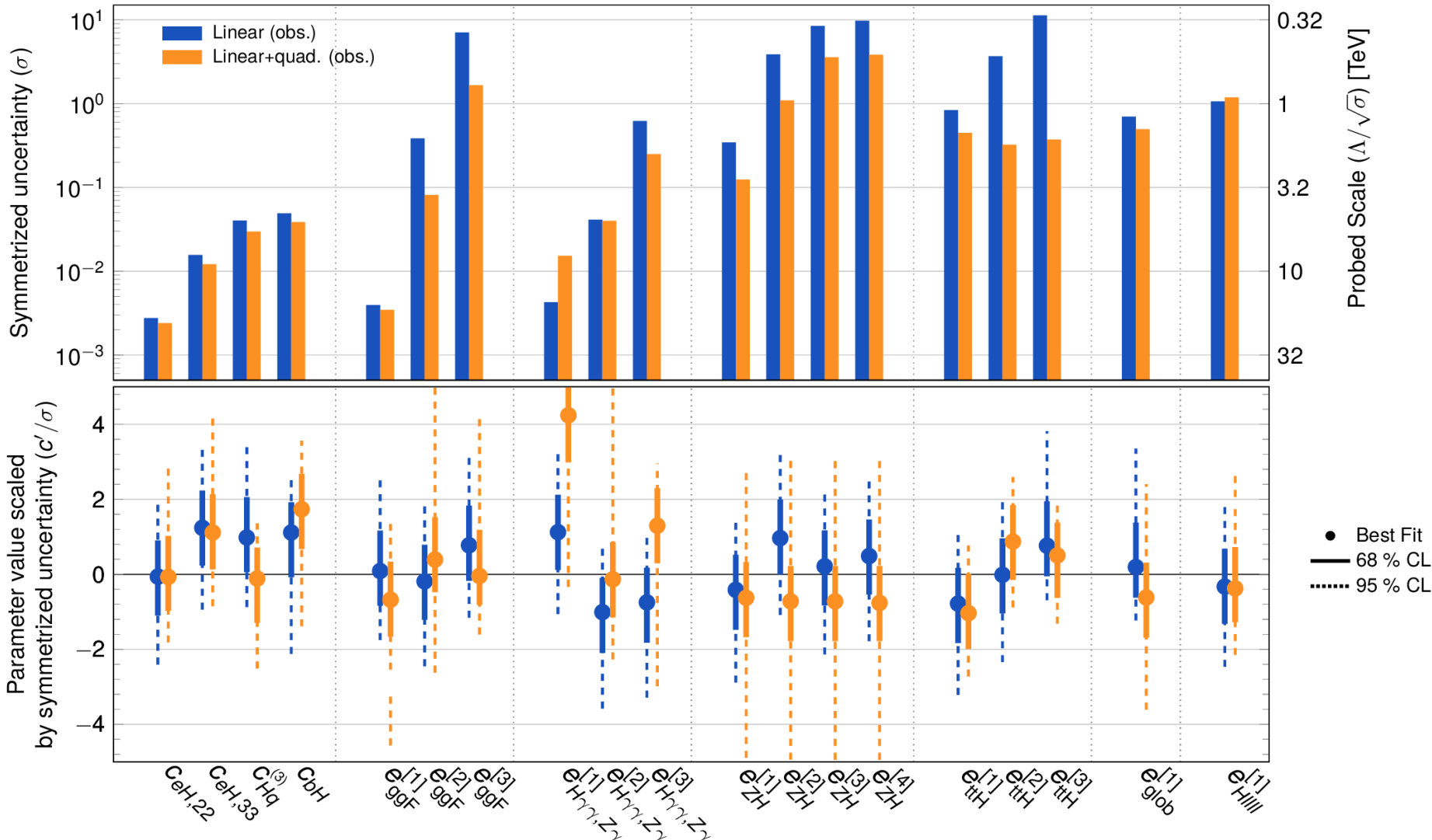
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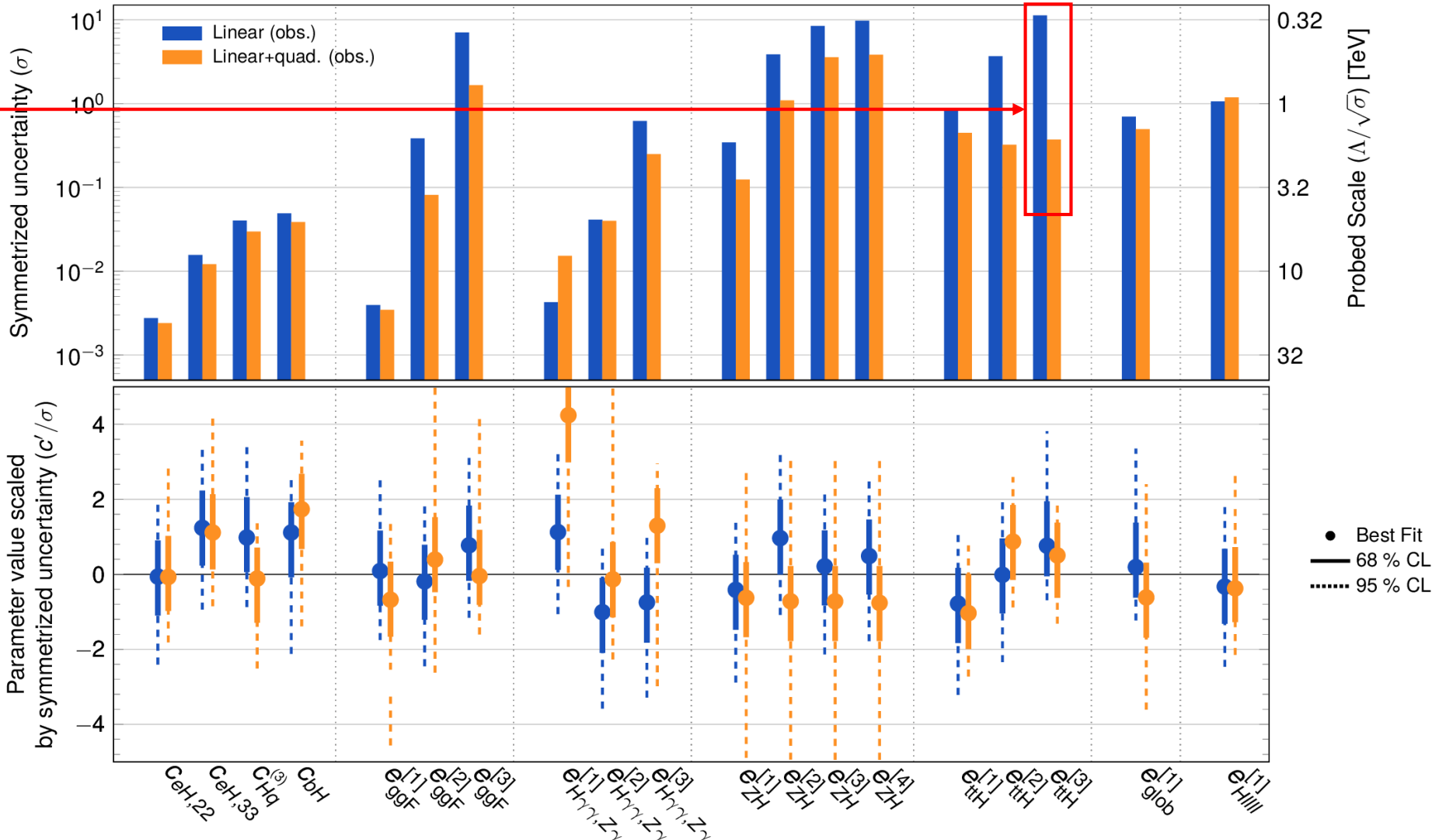
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For some WC, a few orders of magnitude difference



Differential XS EFT interpretation (and comparison to STXS)

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To benefit from accurate SM computations

$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^H}$: Principal Component Analysis

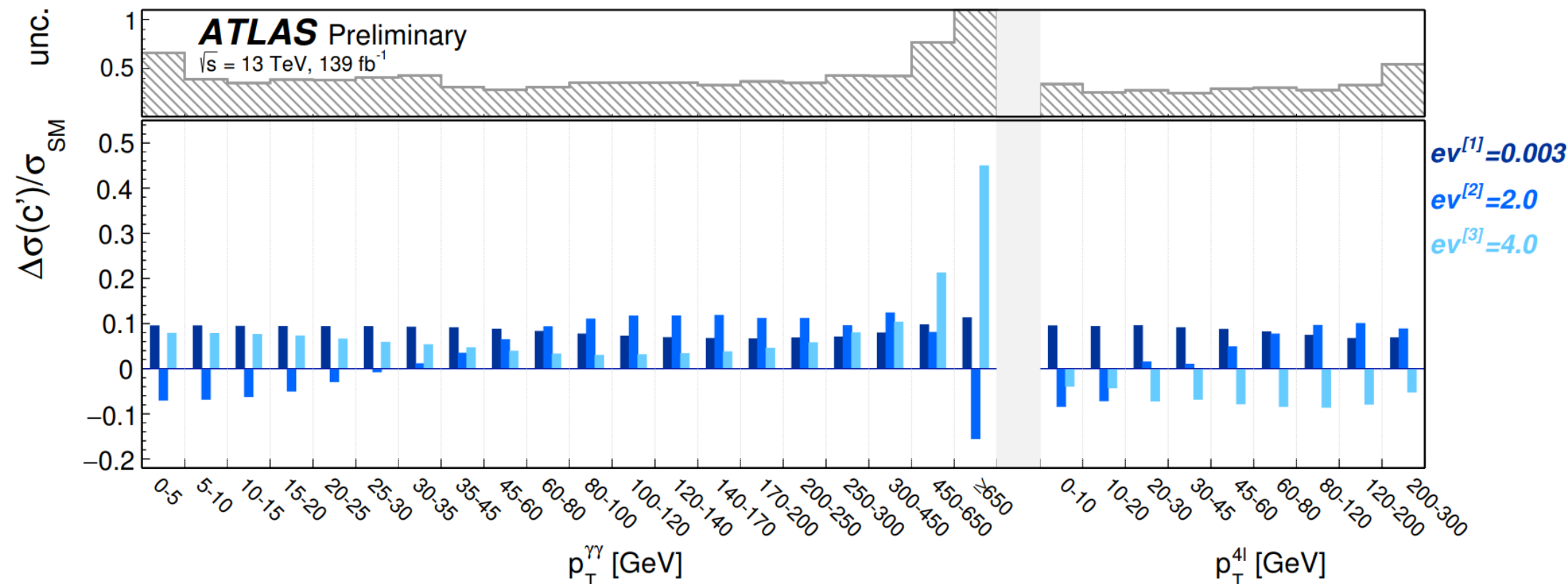
Define eigenvectors to absorb all correlations for the differential cross-section measurement.

Apply the same "rotation" to the STXS (Hyy + H4l) results.

$$ev^{[1]} = 0.999c_{HG} - 0.035c_{tG} - 0.003c_{tH}$$

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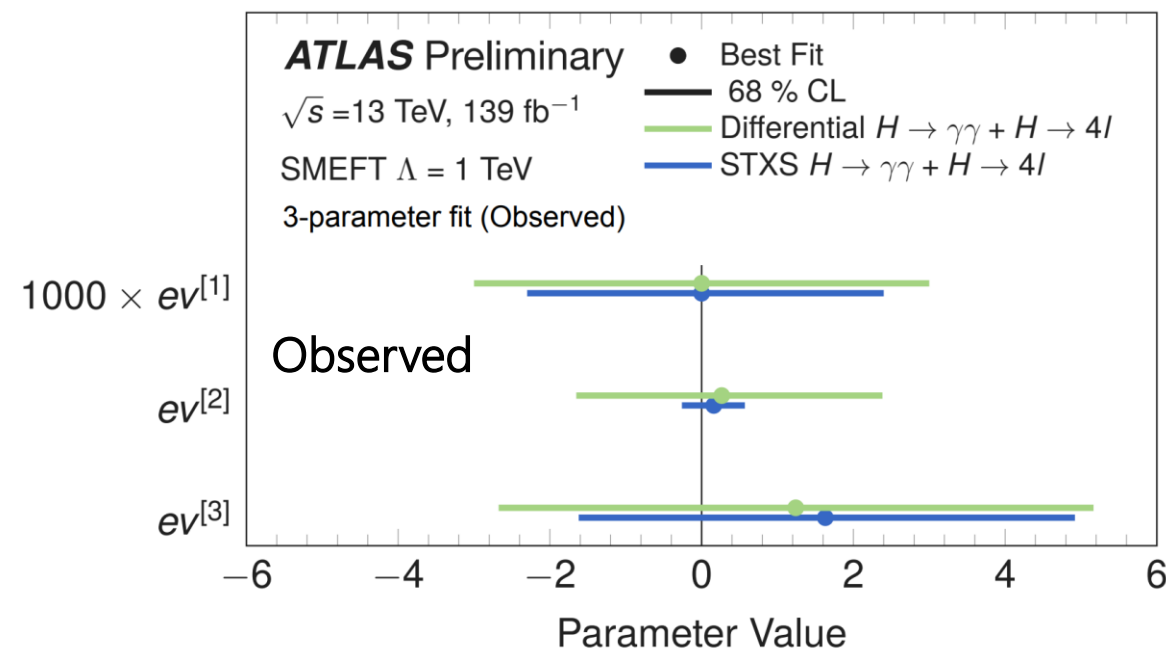
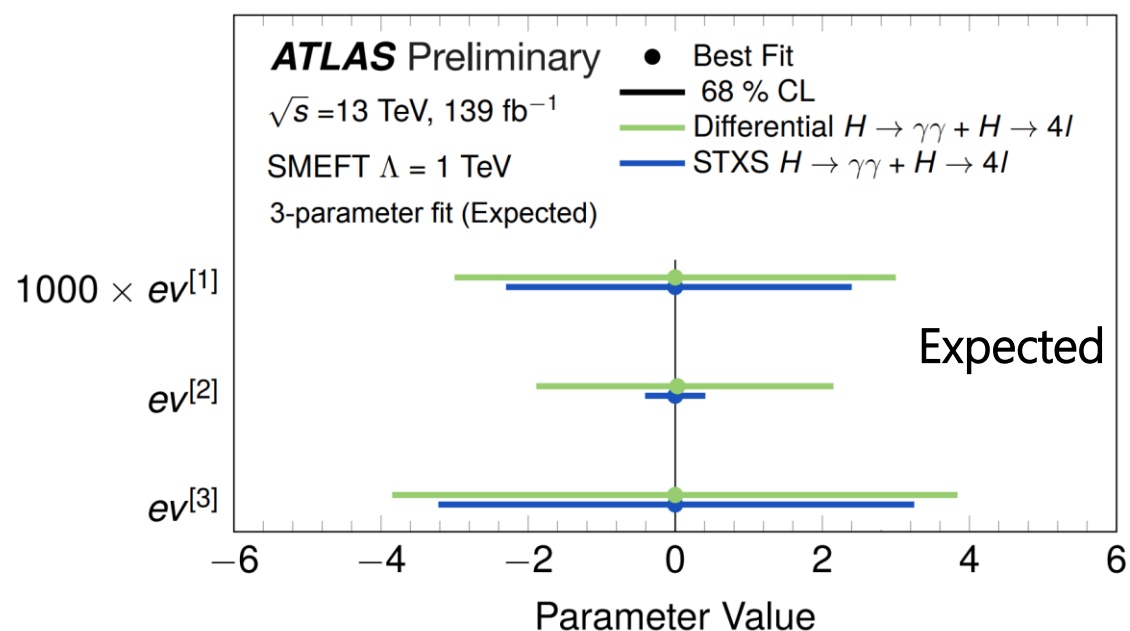
$$ev^{[3]} = -0.005c_{HG} - 0.205c_{tG} + 0.979c_{tH}$$



$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^H}$: PCA sensitivity (profiled case)

Compare performance of **STXS** and **Diff XS** => similar conditions required:

- same **dataset** $yy + 4l$
- same **basis**: **Differential cross-section basis applied both** to diff XS and STXS



- **Comparable STXS** and **Differential** performance for ev_{01} (mainly constrained by **ggH** production mode)
- Much **better STXS** performance for ev_{02} and ev_{03} coming from the remaining production modes which can be probed separately in the STXS framework

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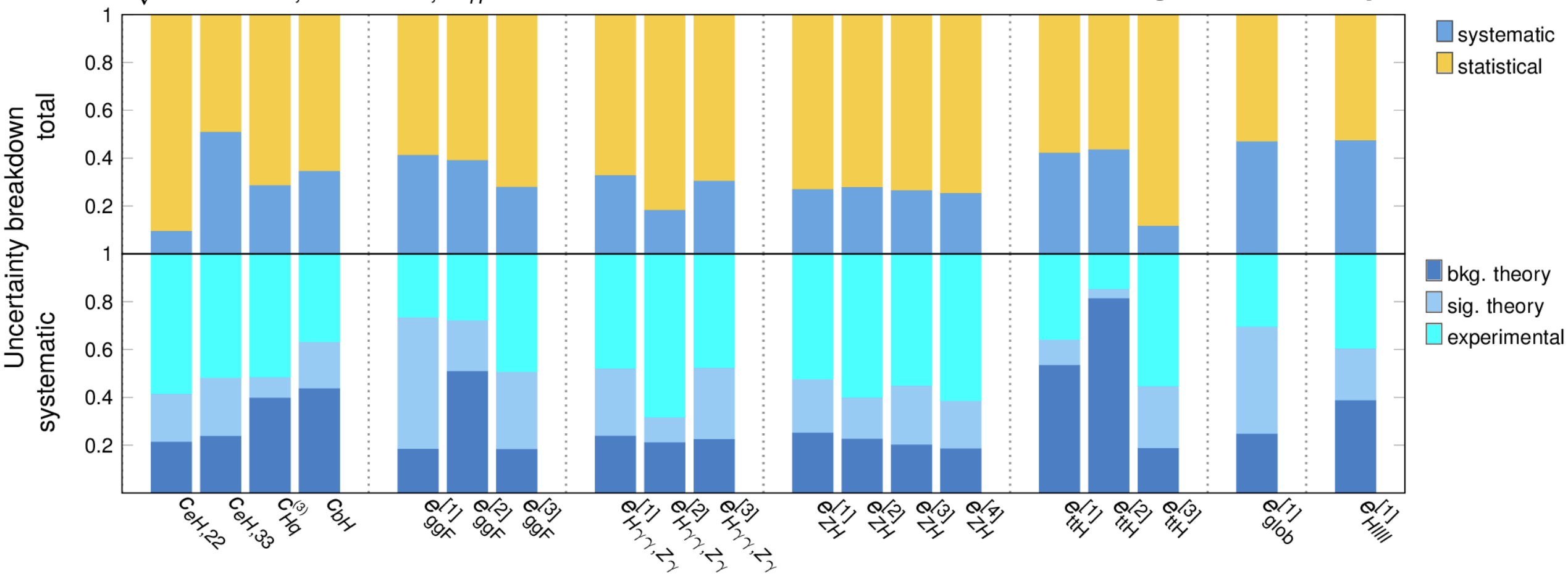
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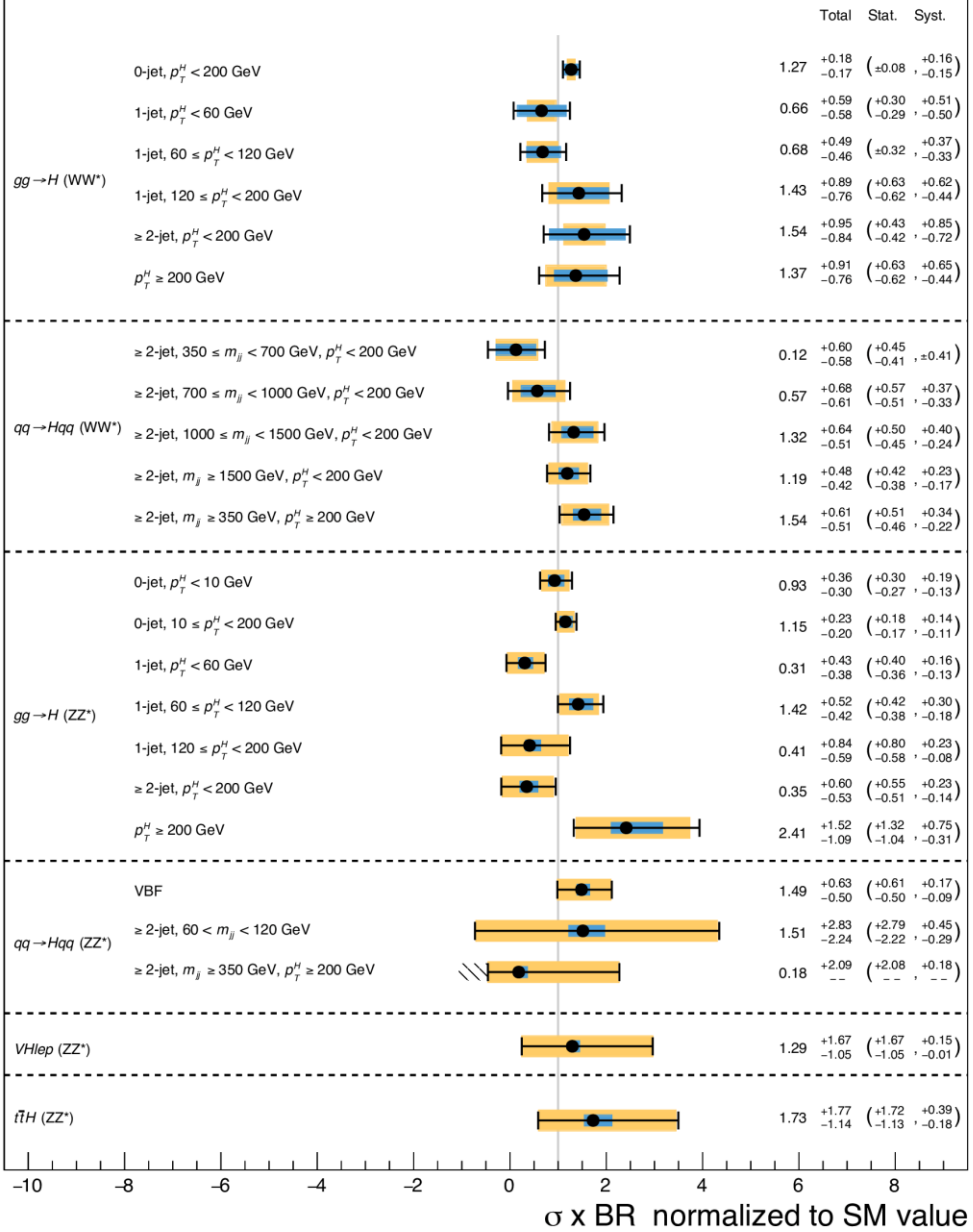
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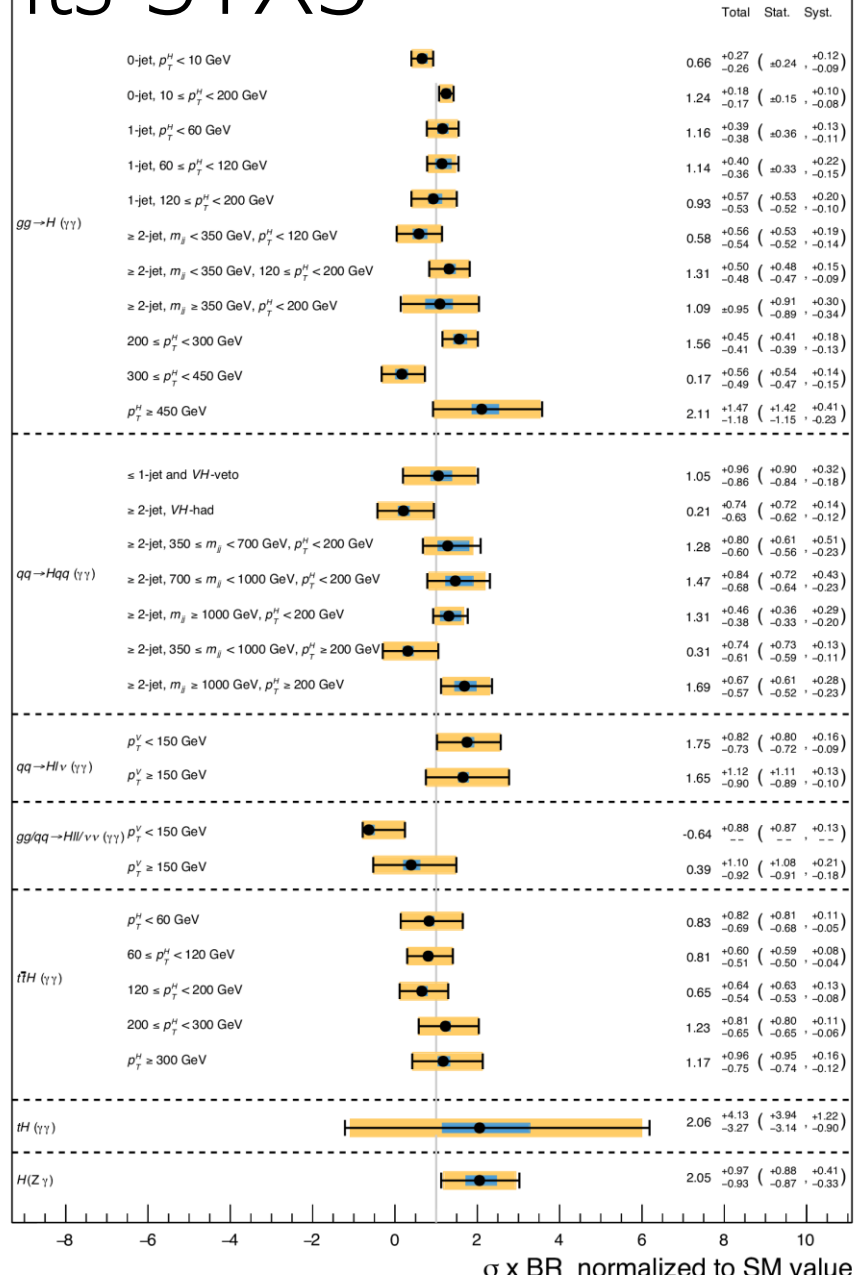
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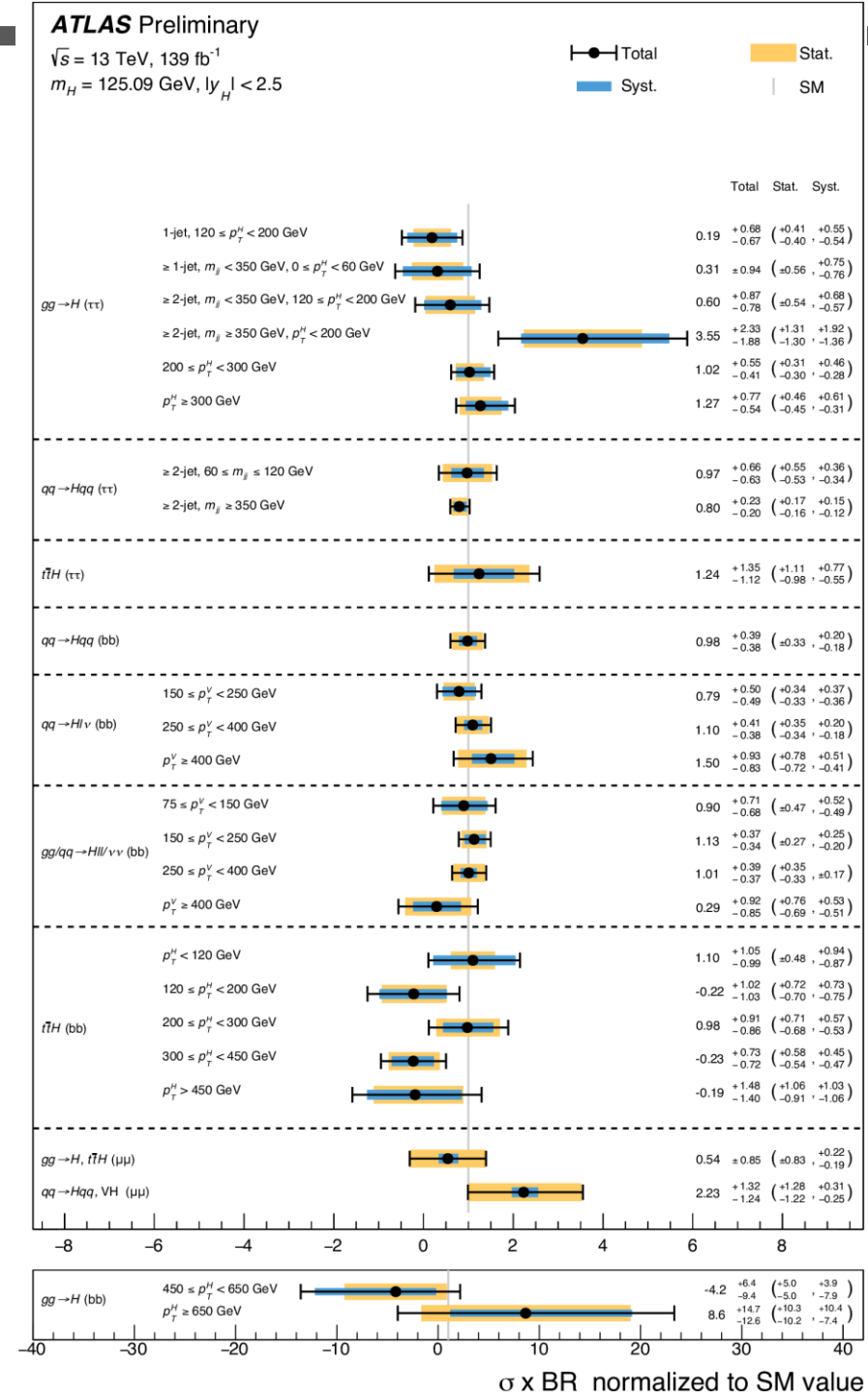


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EFT matching

Coupling	Type I	Type II	Lepton-specific	Flipped
u, c, t			$s_{\beta-\alpha} + c_{\beta-\alpha} / \tan \beta$	
d, s, b	$s_{\beta-\alpha} + c_{\beta-\alpha} / \tan \beta$	$s_{\beta-\alpha} - c_{\beta-\alpha} \times \tan \beta$	$s_{\beta-\alpha} + c_{\beta-\alpha} / \tan \beta$	$s_{\beta-\alpha} - c_{\beta-\alpha} \times \tan \beta$
e, μ, τ	$s_{\beta-\alpha} + c_{\beta-\alpha} / \tan \beta$	$s_{\beta-\alpha} - c_{\beta-\alpha} \times \tan \beta$	$s_{\beta-\alpha} - c_{\beta-\alpha} \times \tan \beta$	$s_{\beta-\alpha} + c_{\beta-\alpha} / \tan \beta$
W, Z			$s_{\beta-\alpha}$	
H		$s_{\beta-\alpha}^3 + \left(3 - 2 \frac{\bar{m}_2^2}{m_h^2}\right) c_{\beta-\alpha}^2 s_{\beta-\alpha} + 2 \cot(2\beta) \left(1 - \frac{\bar{m}_2^2}{m_h^2}\right) c_{\beta-\alpha}^3$		

