

Standard Model Effective Field Theory:

Higgs fits and their interplay with other sectors

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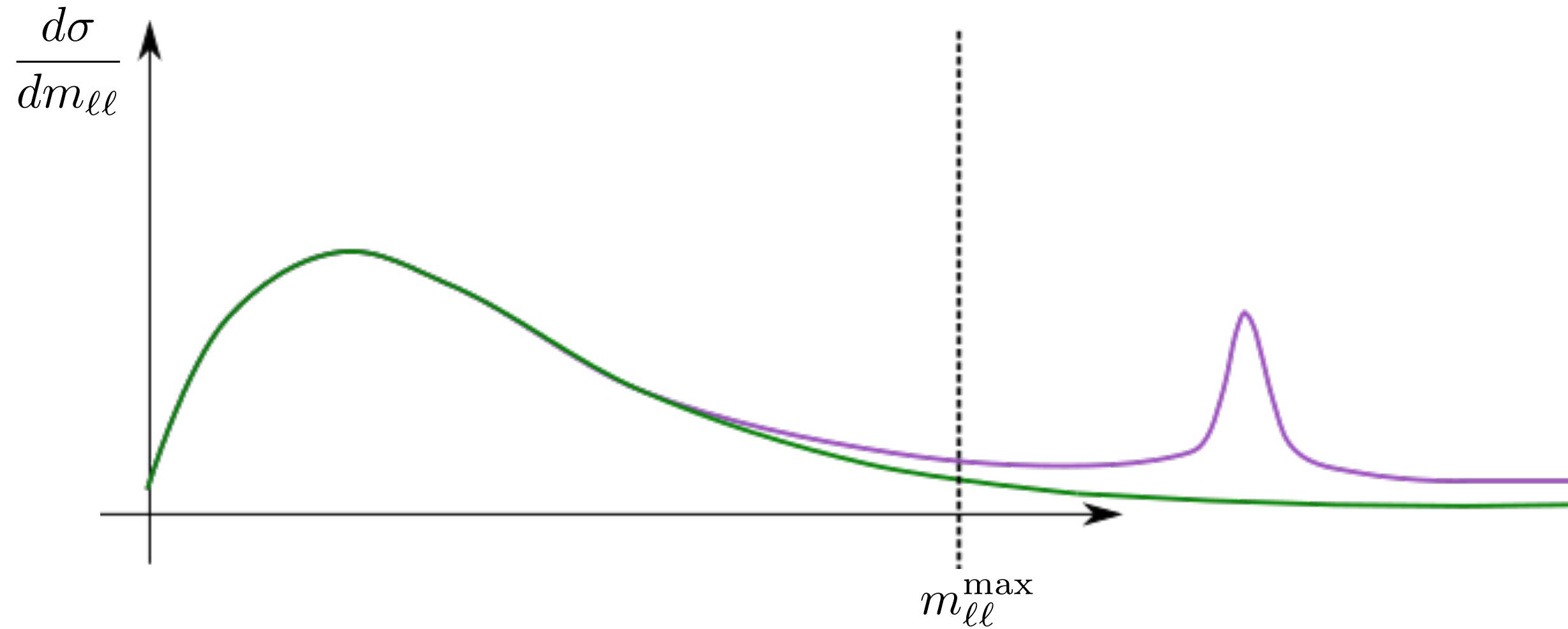
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The Standard Model Effective Field Theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{C^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}^{(5)} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \dots$$

this talk

- Assuming $\Lambda \gg E$
- A powerful theoretical framework for capturing the indirect effect of NP on LHC observables



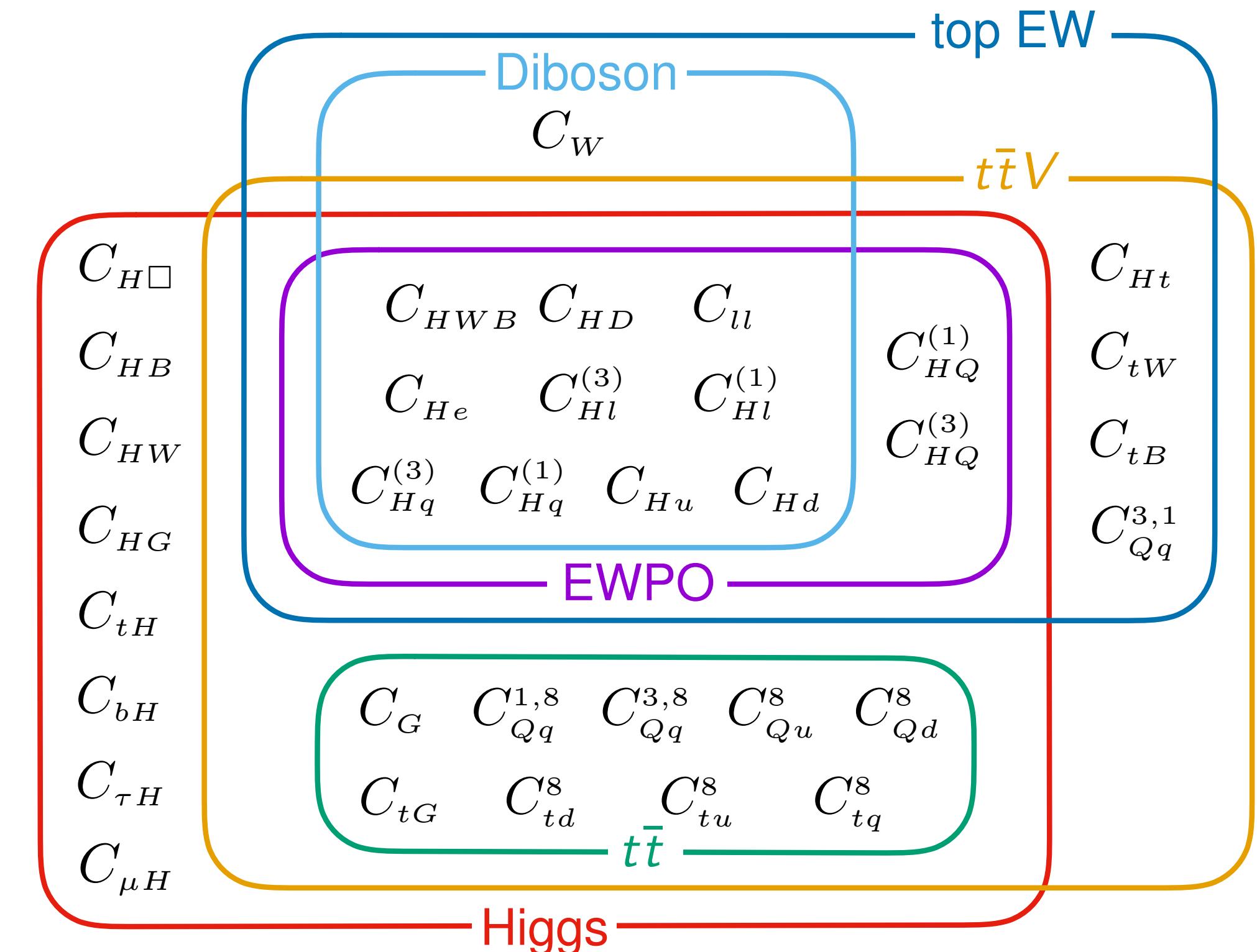
X^3		H^6 and H^4D^2		$\psi^2 H^3$	
\mathcal{O}_G	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	\mathcal{O}_H	$(H^\dagger H)^3$	\mathcal{O}_{eH}	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{l}_p e_r H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{H\square}$	$(H^\dagger H)\square(H^\dagger H)$	\mathcal{O}_{uH}	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{H})$
\mathcal{O}_W	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	\mathcal{O}_{HD}	$(H^\dagger D^\mu H)^* (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$	\mathcal{O}_{dH}	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_p d_r H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} \tilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 H^2$		$\psi^2 XH$		$\psi^2 H^2 D$	
\mathcal{O}_{HG}	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	\mathcal{O}_{eW}	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hl}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i D_\mu H)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{H\tilde{G}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	\mathcal{O}_{eB}	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i D_\mu^I H)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
\mathcal{O}_{HW}	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	\mathcal{O}_{uG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{H} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	\mathcal{O}_{He}	$(H^\dagger i D_\mu H)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{H\tilde{W}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$	\mathcal{O}_{uW}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{H} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i D_\mu H)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$
\mathcal{O}_{HB}	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	\mathcal{O}_{uB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{H} B_{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i D_\mu^I H)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{H\tilde{B}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	\mathcal{O}_{dG}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) H G_{\mu\nu}^A$	\mathcal{O}_{Hu}	$(H^\dagger i D_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
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$\mathcal{O}_{H\tilde{W}B}$	$H^\dagger \tau^I H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	\mathcal{O}_{dB}	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$	\mathcal{O}_{Hud}	$i(\tilde{H}^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(\bar{R}R)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
\mathcal{O}_{ll}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{ee}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{le}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{uu}	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{lu}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{dd}	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{ld}	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{eu}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{qe}	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{ed}	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$ and $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$		B-violating			
\mathcal{O}_{ledq}	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s q_t^j)$	\mathcal{O}_{duq}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^\gamma)^T C l_t^k]$		
$\mathcal{O}_{quqd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{qqu}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(q_p^\alpha)^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$		
$\mathcal{O}_{quqd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	\mathcal{O}_{qqq}	$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jn} \varepsilon_{km} [(q_p^\alpha)^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(q_s^{\gamma m})^T C l_t^n]$		
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Global SMEFT interpretations

The SMEFT framework connects different sectors of observables measured at the LHC.

We need to take a **global approach**, including as many datasets as possible

→ Model-independent interpretation of BSM physics in LHC data



2012.02779, J. Ellis, MM, K. Mimasu, V. Sanz, T. You

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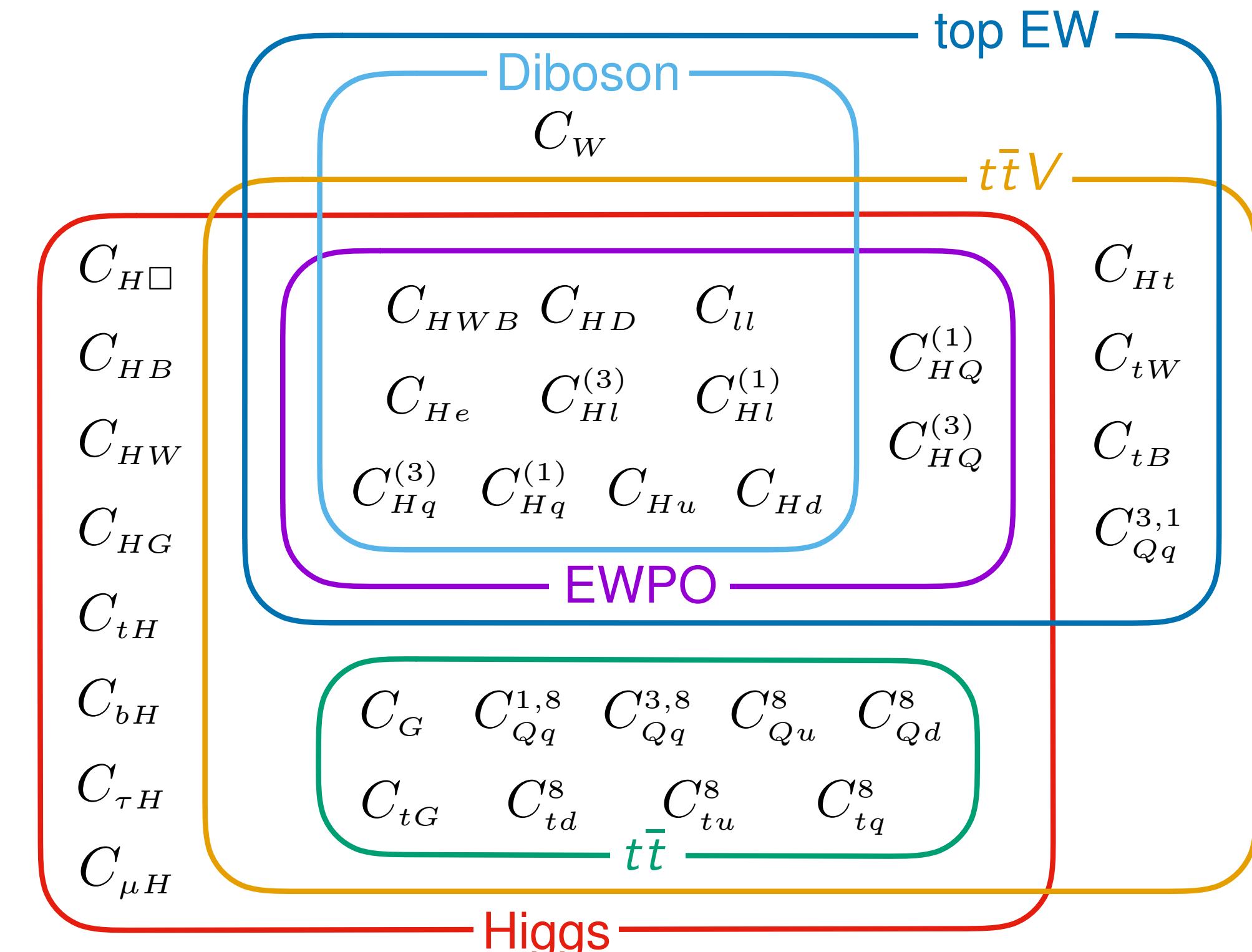
Global SMEFT interpretations

Is the overlap between data sectors visible in a global fit?

► **Top-Higgs interplay**

The same data is used to constrain SMEFT and PDFs: what is the impact?

► **PDF-SMEFT interplay**

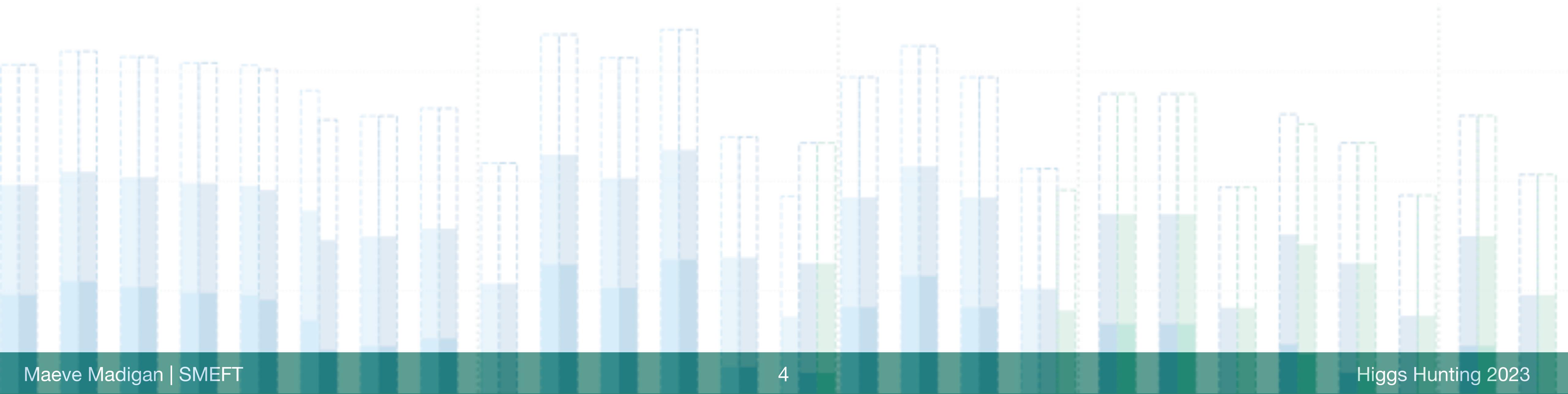


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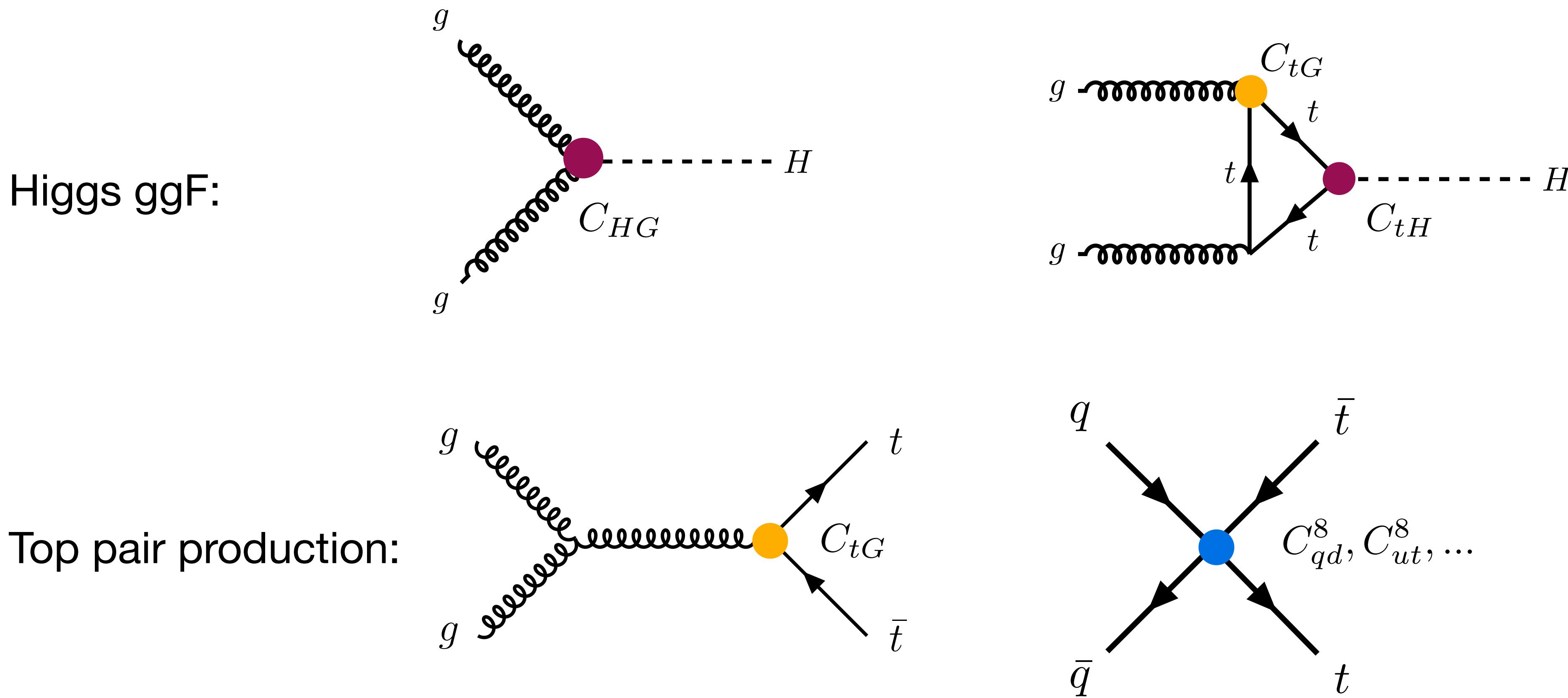
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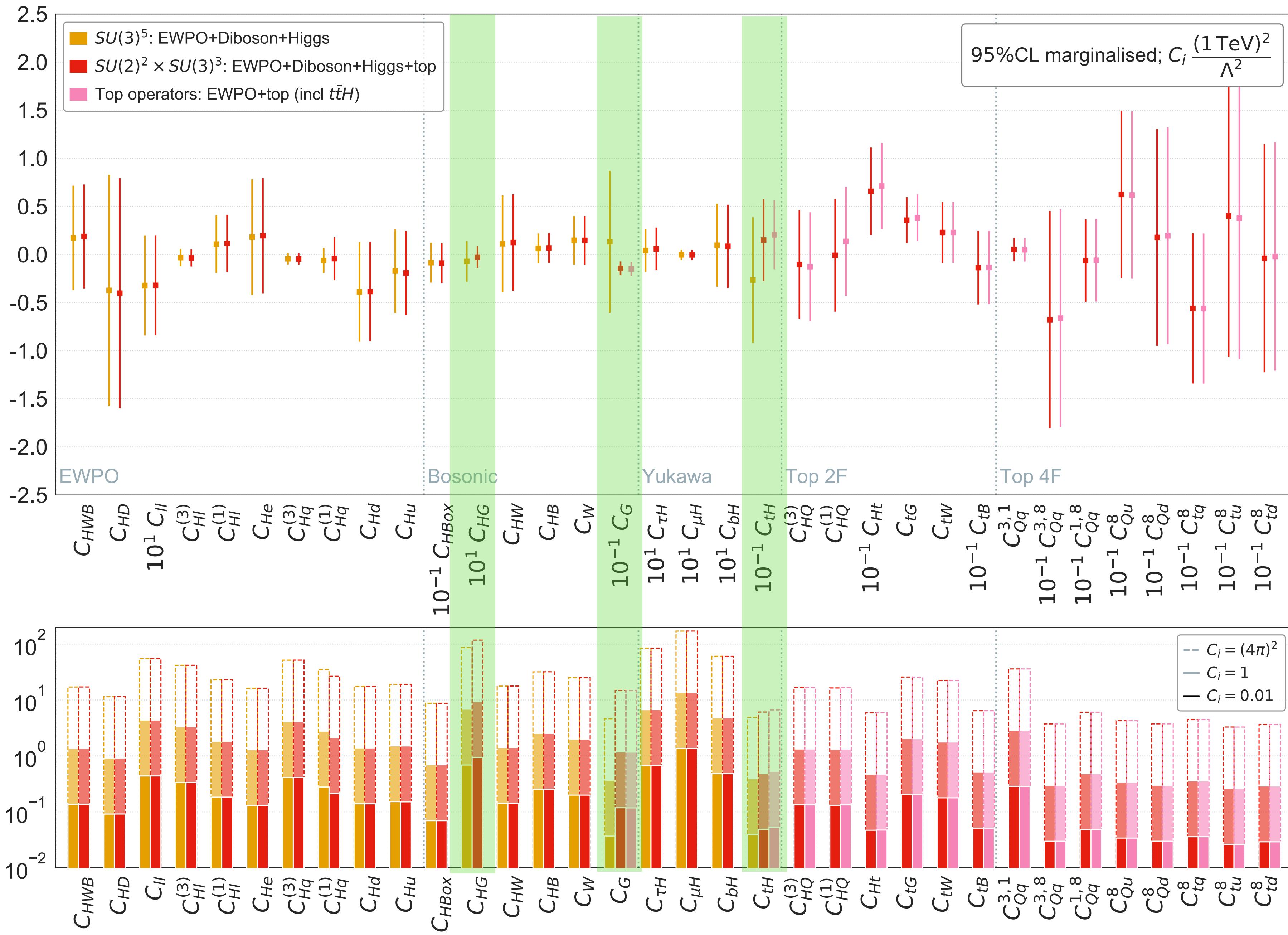
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Top-Higgs Interplay

E.g. between ggF production of the Higgs, and top quark pair production





- 34 dimension-6 SMEFT ops constrained
- top-specific flavour symmetry, following the [LHC top WG 1802.07237](#)
- **RED:** the full fit
- **ORANGE:** by removing the top data we see some shift in the constraints, particularly on C_{HG}, C_G, C_{tH}
- important for both ggF and tt̄*

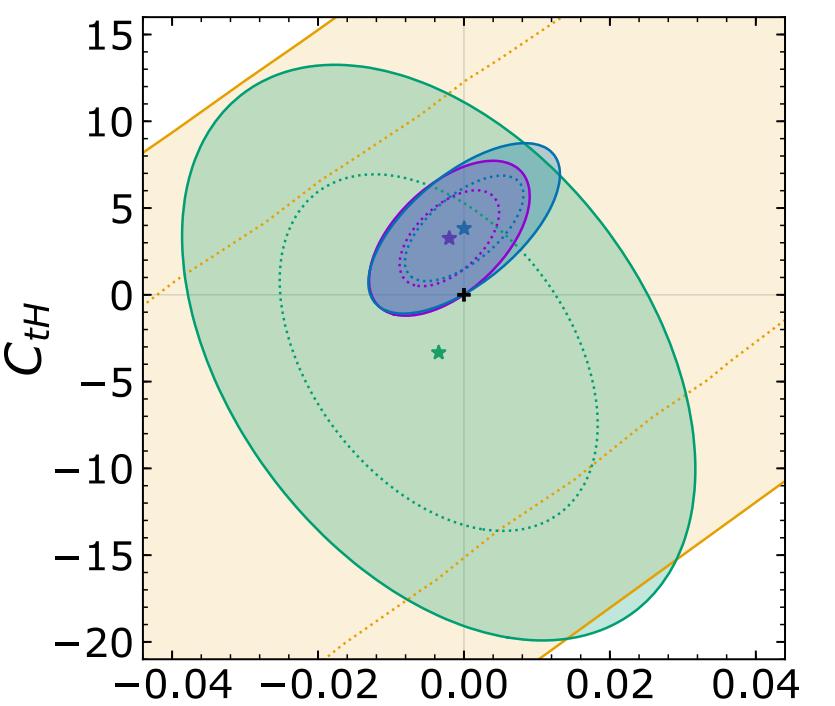
Top-Higgs interplay

How do the constraints on $C_{HG}, C_{tG}, C_G, C_{tH}$ change as we include more top quark data?

We marginalise over

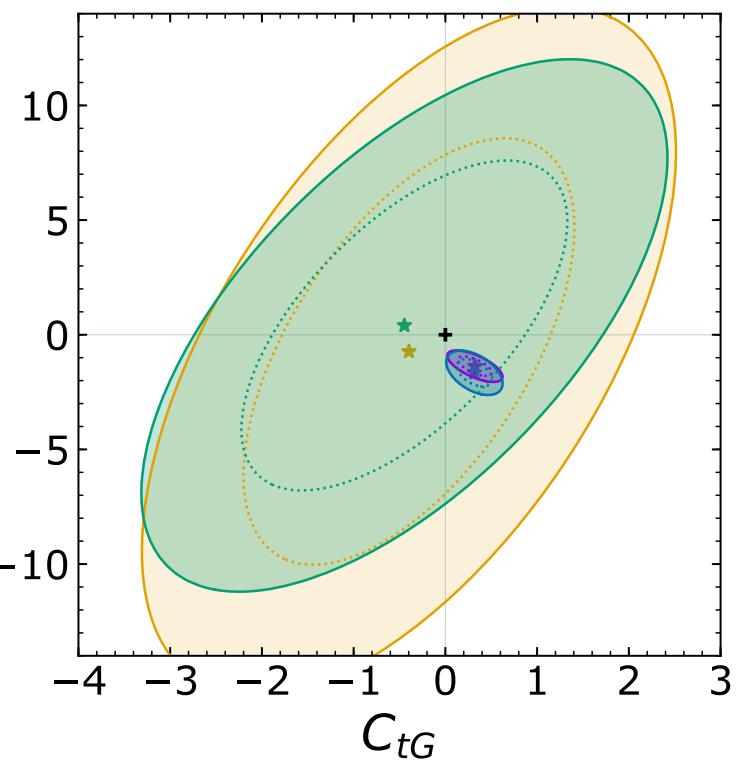
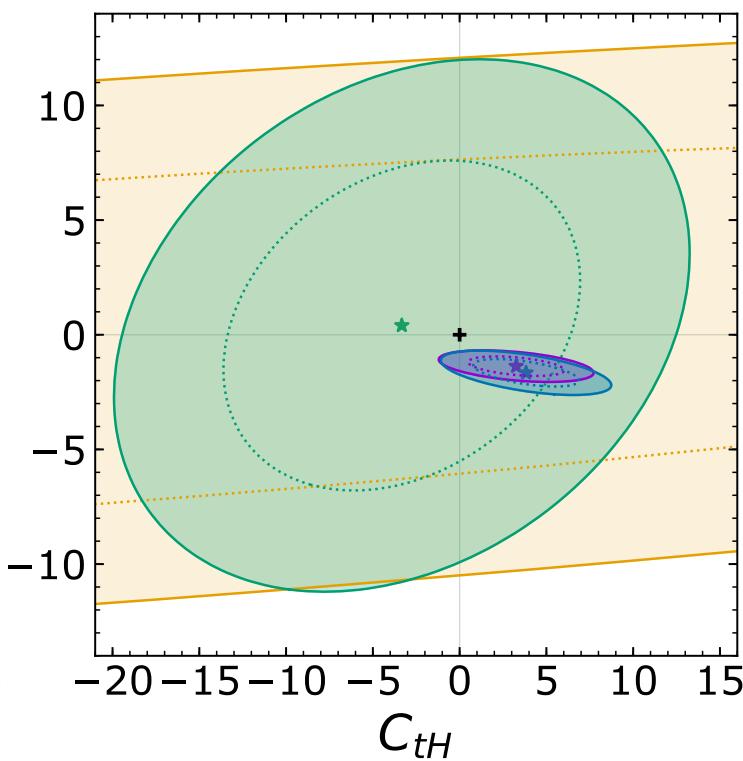
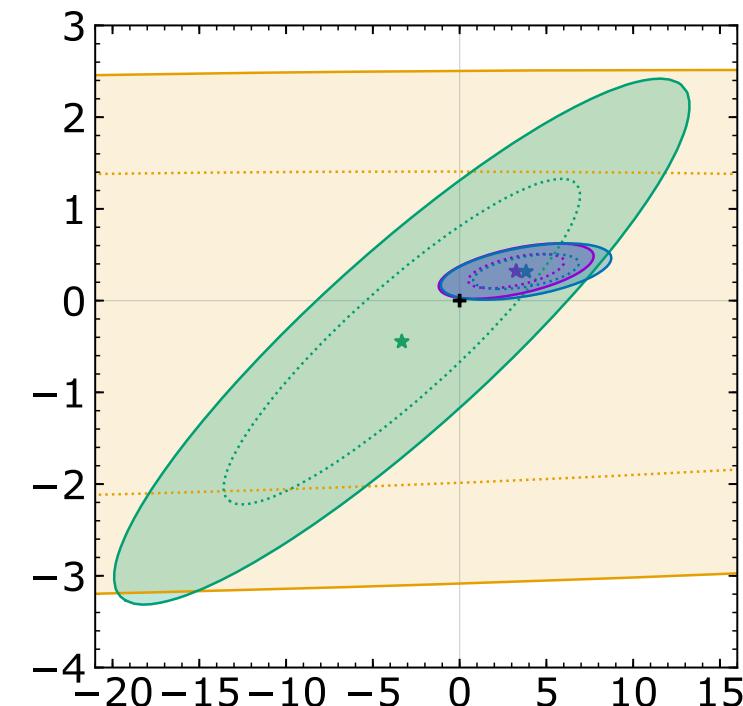
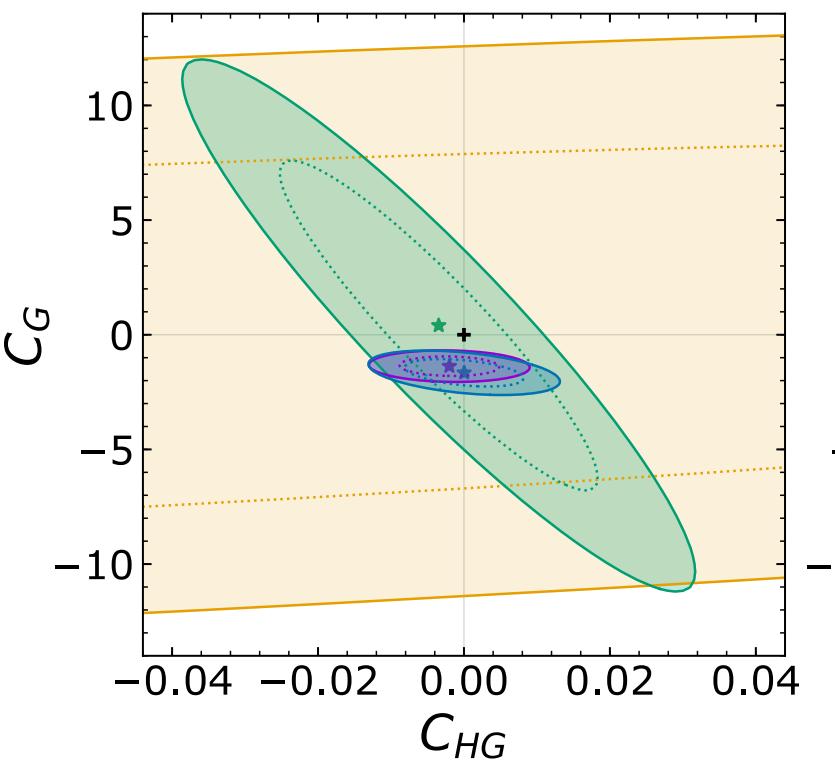
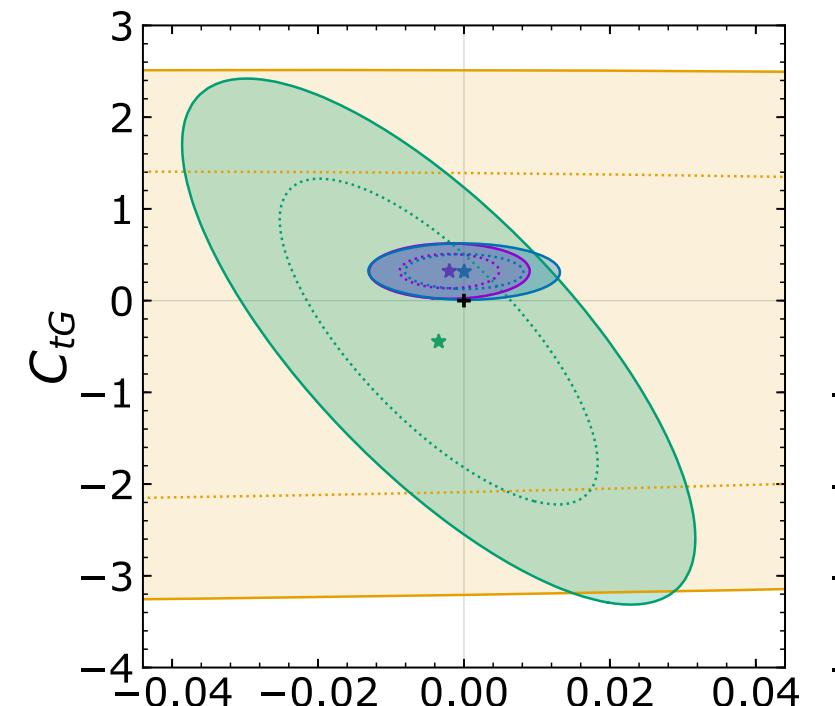
$C_{H\square}, C_{HW}, C_{HB}, C_{bH}, C_{\tau H}, C_{\mu H}$ (+ 4-fermion operators)

- $t\bar{t}H$ removes the degeneracy between C_{HG}, C_{tH} .
- top quark data substantially **reduces the area** constrained at 95 % CL and **suppresses some correlations**.
- this is true even when marginalising over all 4-fermion operators involving top quarks.



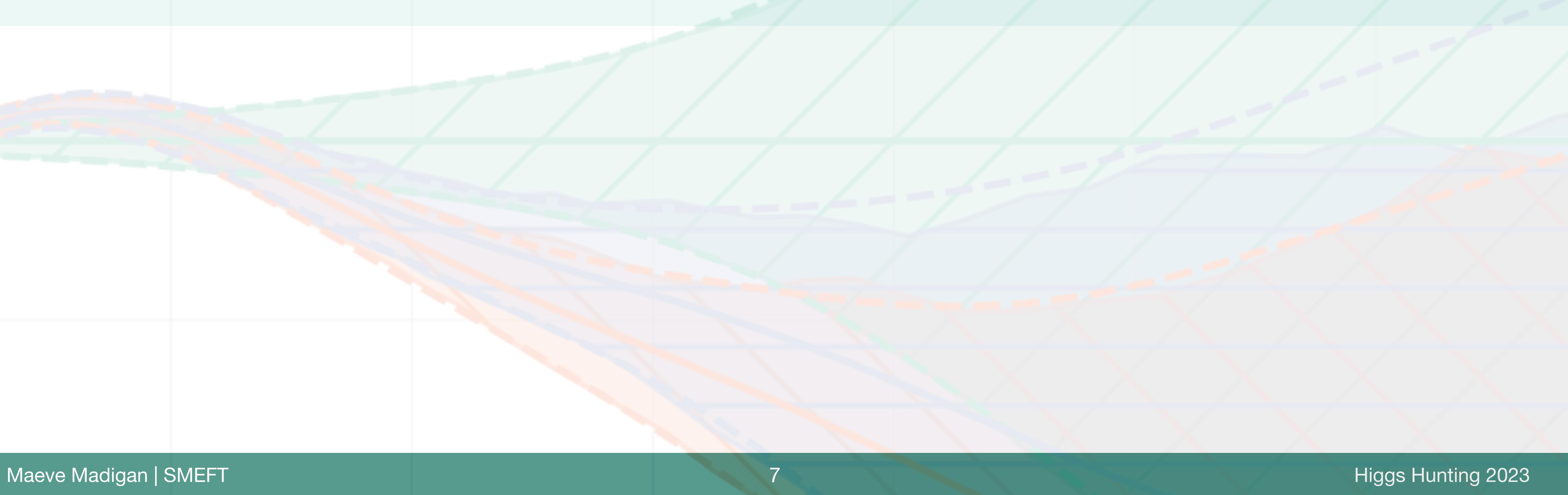
Marginalised 95% C. L.

- Higgs data (no $t\bar{t}H$)
- Higgs data
- Higgs & Top data
- Higgs & Top data (+4F)
- SM



PDF-SMEFT interplay

2307.10370: E. Hammou, Z. Kassabov, MM, M. L. Mangano, L. Mantani, J. Moore, M. Morales Alvarado, M. Ubiali



PDF-EFT Interplay

Wilson coefficients: c
PDF parameters: θ

Parton distribution function fits

Wilson coefficients are kept fixed:

$$\sigma(\bar{c}, \theta) = f_1(\theta) \otimes f_2(\theta) \otimes \hat{\sigma}(\bar{c})$$

SMEFT Fits and BSM searches

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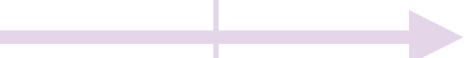
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Typically PDF fits assume the SM:

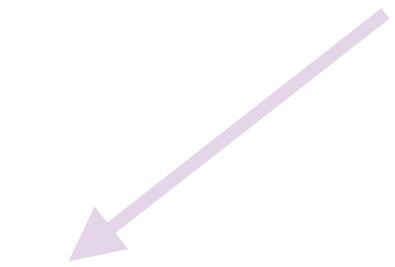
$$\bar{c} = 0$$



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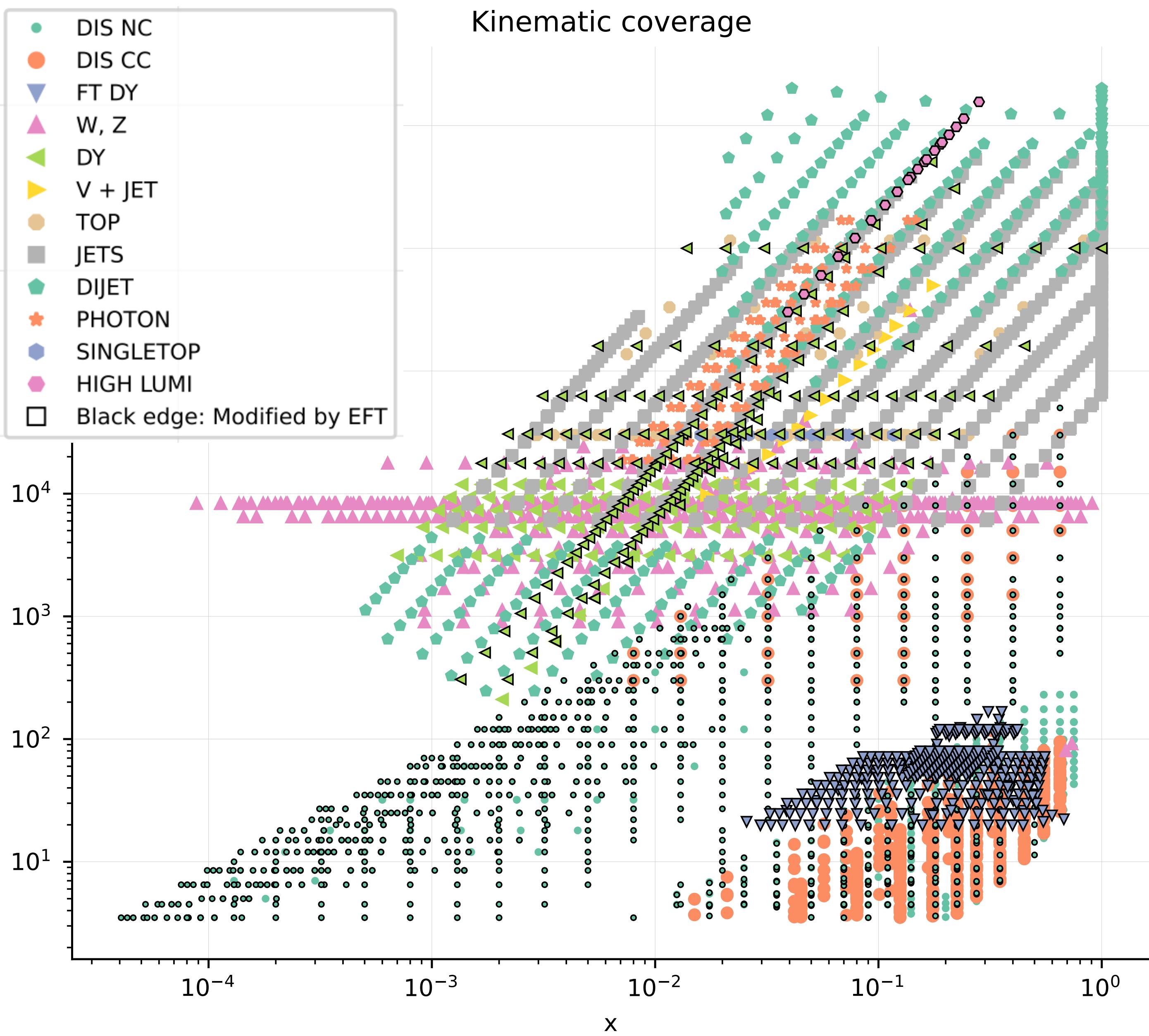


PDFs used in SMEFT fits rely on SM assumptions

Data overlap

Often the data used in PDF fits are also used in EFT fits.

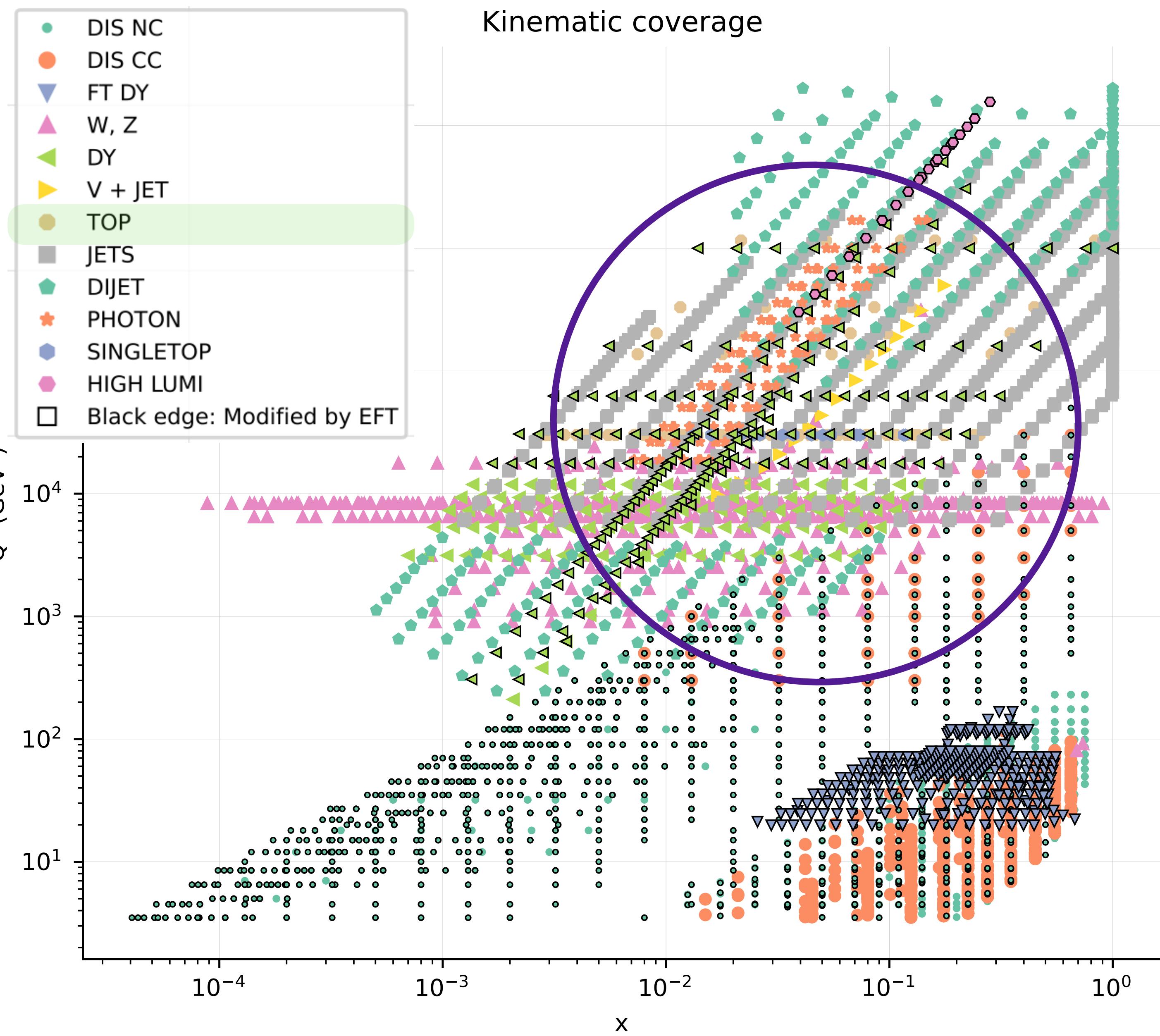
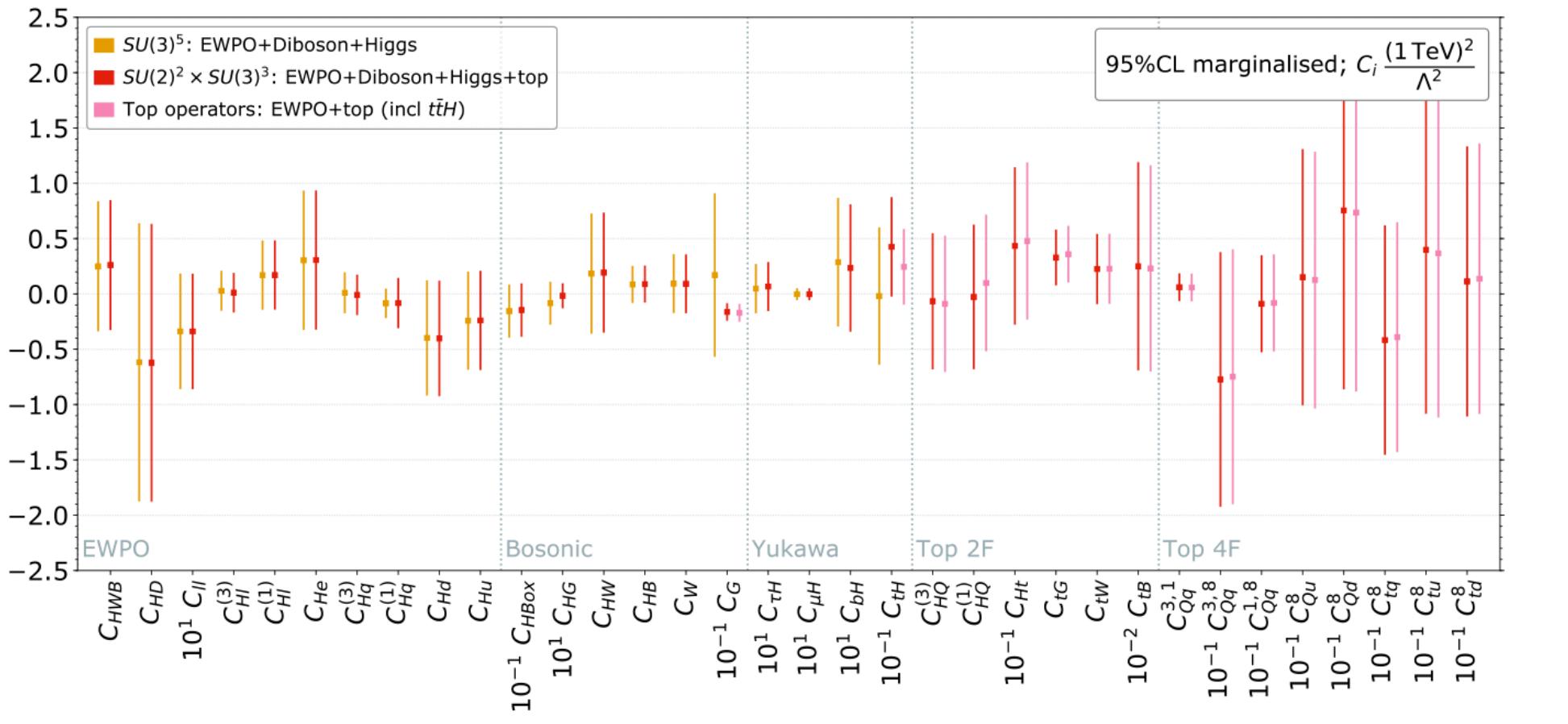
This overlap will grow as we continue to take a global approach to constraining the SMEFT.



Data included in our study

Data overlap

- e.g. Top quark data used to fit the SMEFT in the global fit of [2012.02779, J. Ellis, MM, K. Mimasu, V. Sanz, T. You](#)

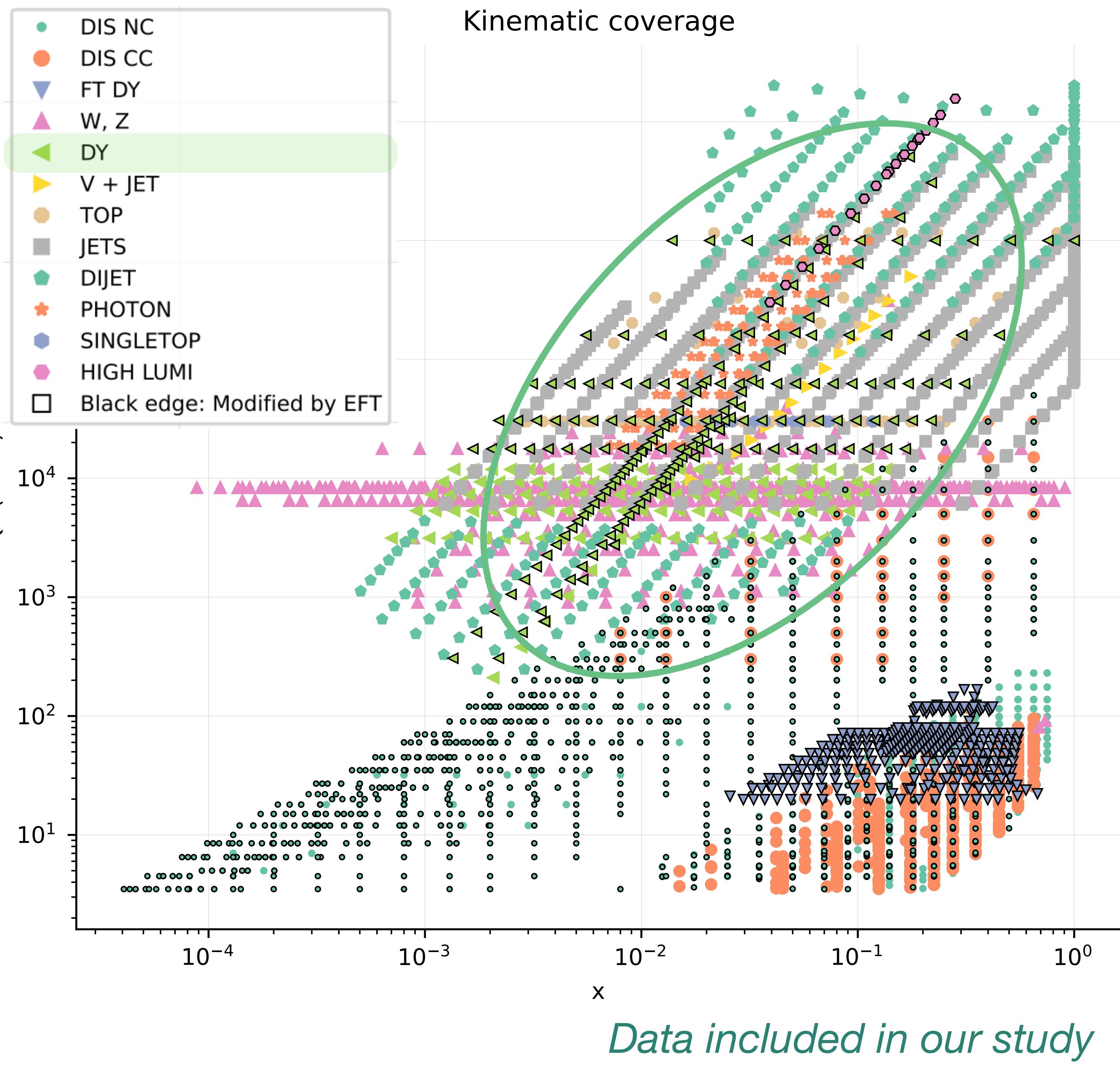
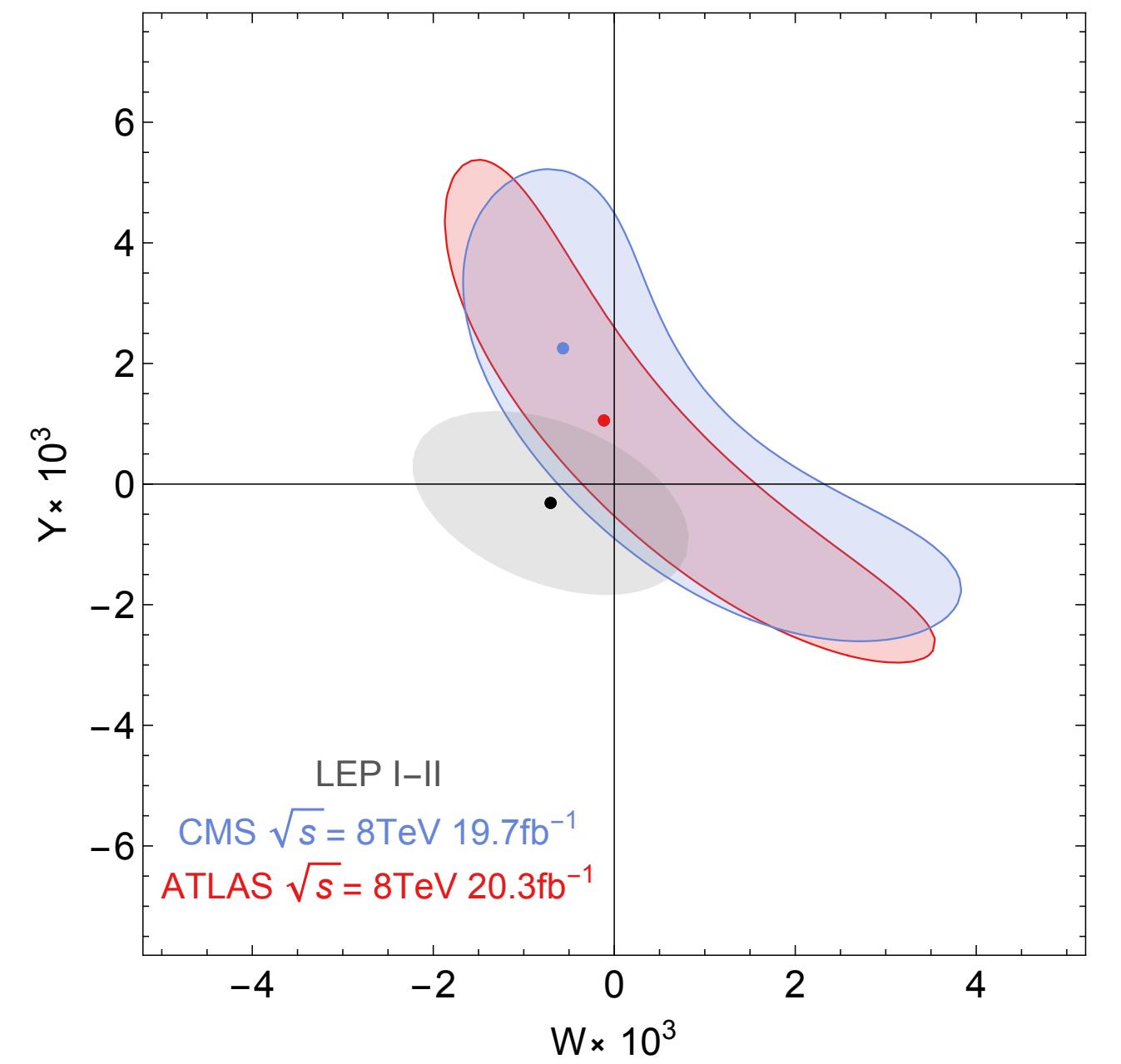


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- e.g. High-mass Drell-Yan data used to fit the SMEFT 4-fermion operators in *Farina et. al*

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Understanding PDF-EFT Interplay

Simultaneous PDF-EFT determinations:

- Deep Inelastic Scattering data

Carrazza et al.: PRL 123 (2019) 13, 132001

- DIS + high-mass Drell-Yan tails

Greljo et. al 2104.02723

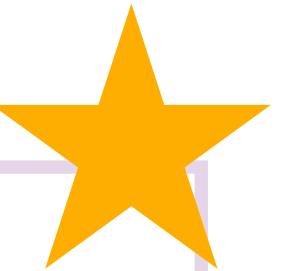
- Top quark data

Kassabov et. al: 2303.06159

See also 2201.06586, 2211.01094

Contaminated PDF fits:

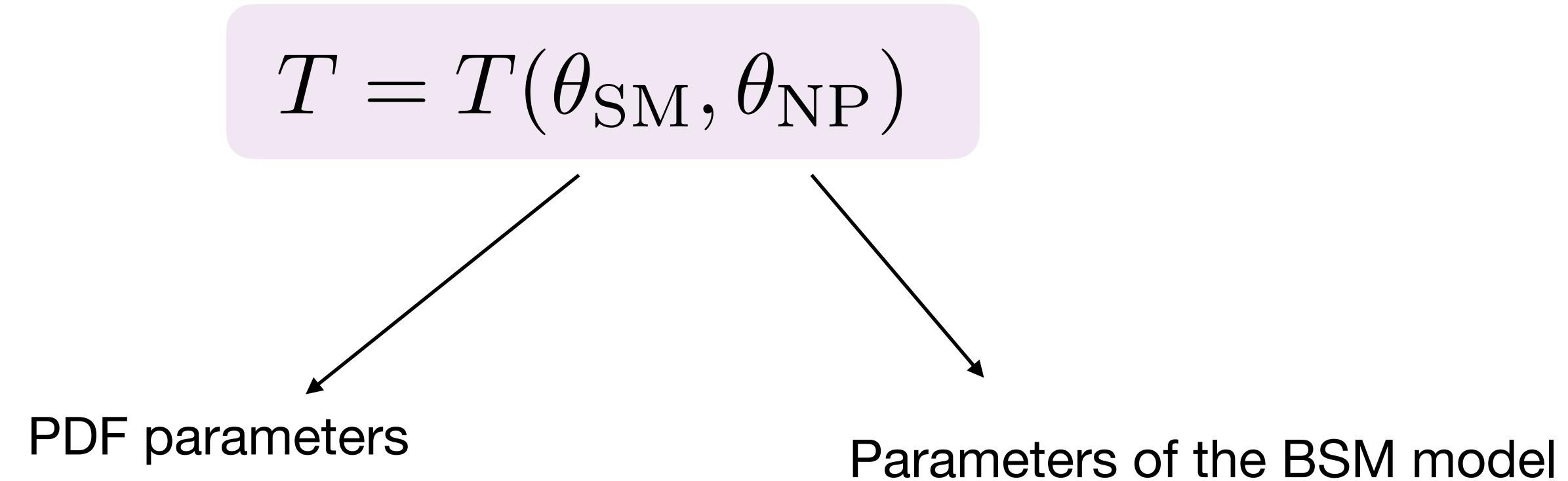
What are the consequences of performing a SM PDF fit in the presence of new physics?



Contaminated PDFs

closely follows the *closure test methodology* developed by NNPDF, 1410.8849

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PDF has **absorbed new physics** if the fit quality is good

$$n_\sigma = \frac{\chi^2 - 1}{\sigma_{\chi^2}} < 2$$

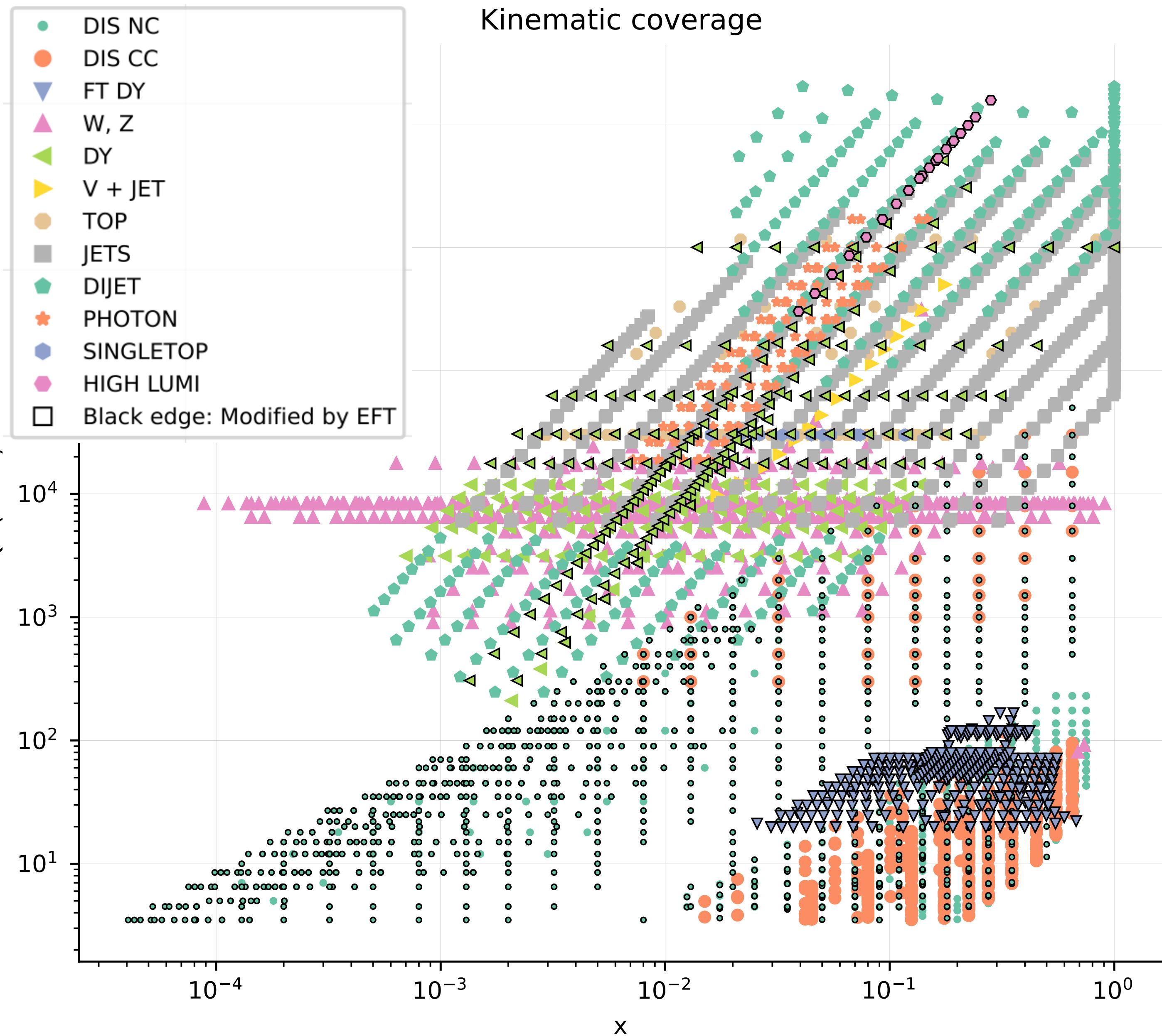
Data

- We generate MC pseudodata for all datasets included in NNPDF 4.0

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- Additionally, we include **HL-LHC** projections for neutral current and charged current DY

as in Greljo et. al 2104.02723



BSM scenario: W'

See 2307.10370 for a flavour universal Z' scenario

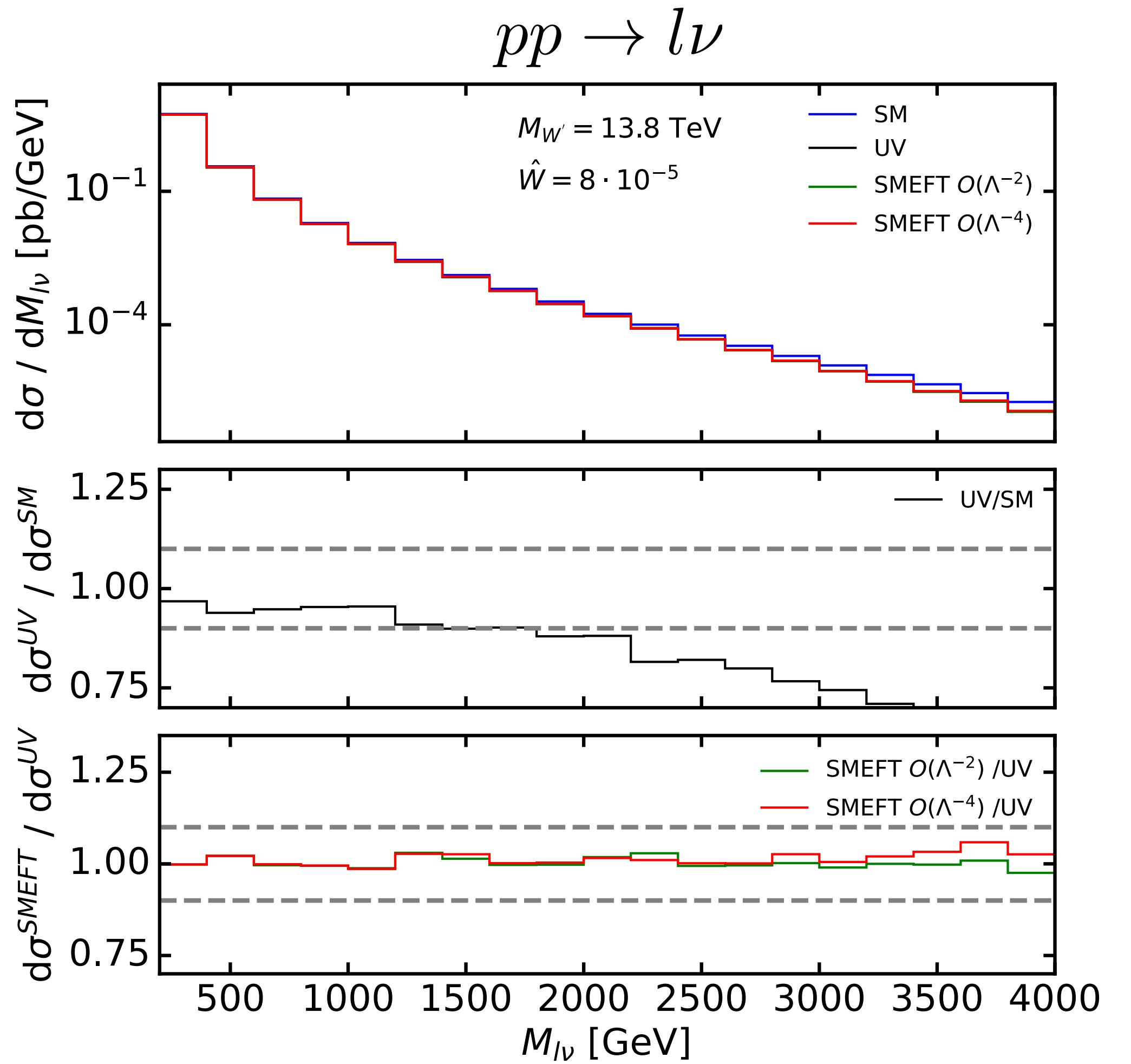
- Flavour universal W'

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}}^{W'} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{g^2 \hat{W}}{2m_W^2} J_L^\mu J_{L,\mu}$$

EFT approximation

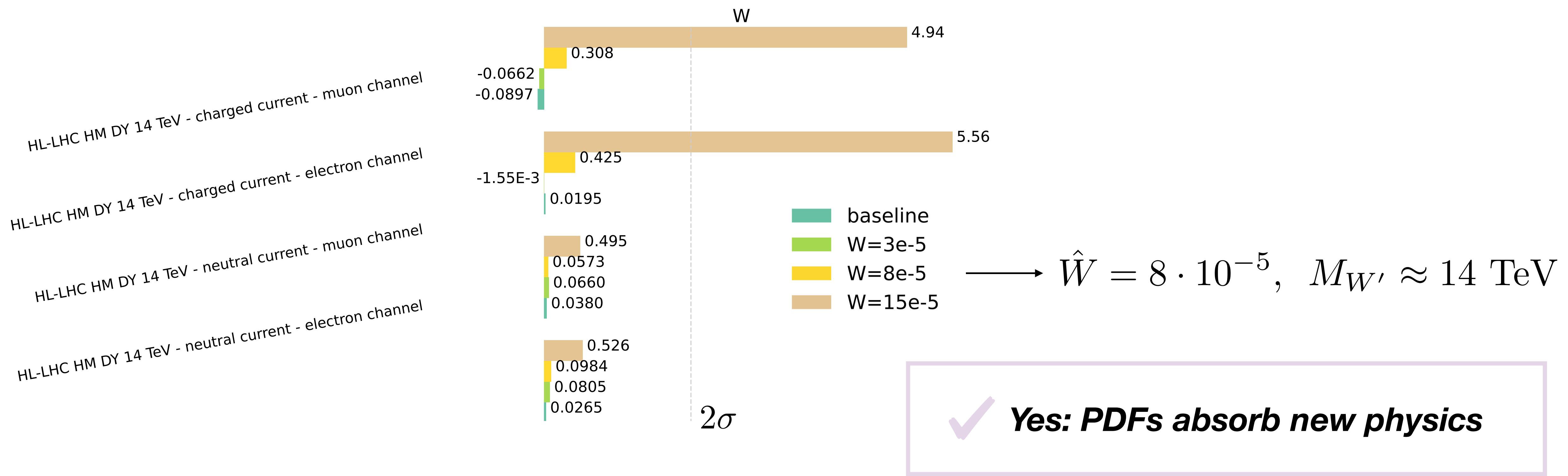
$$J_L^\mu = \sum_{f_L} \bar{f}_L T^a \gamma^\mu f_L$$

- Impacts NC and CC DY



Do our contaminated fits pass the selection criteria?

$$n_{\sigma} = \frac{\chi^2 - 1}{\sigma_{\chi^2}}$$



Impact on EW processes

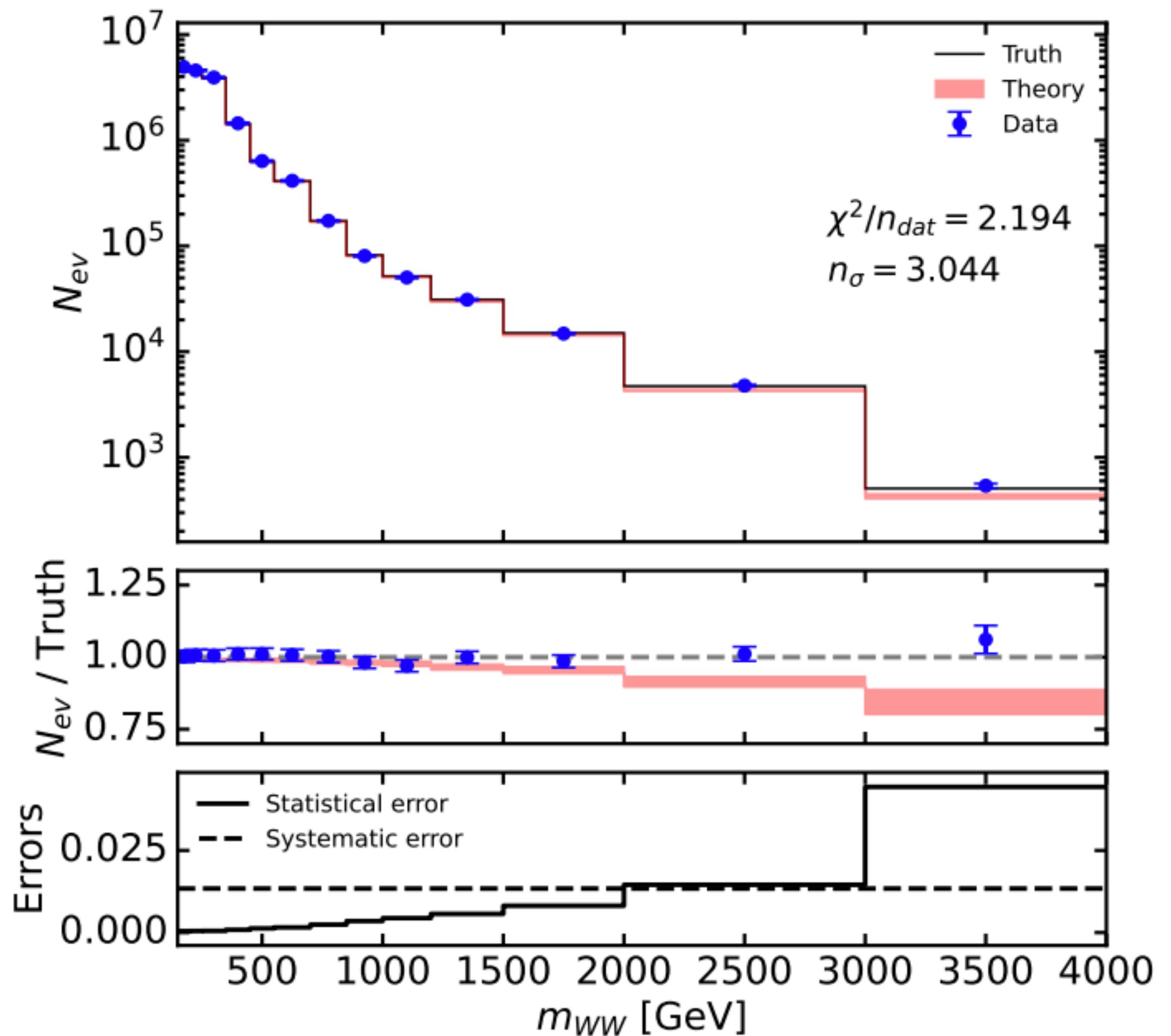
The PDF then causes **spurious NP effects** in other observables e.g.

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow W^+W^-$$

- Data appears to disagree with SM at 3σ
- However, W^+W^- is unaffected by W' model:

the deviation is in the PDF

Data: ‘true’ PDF \otimes SM
Theory: contaminated PDF \otimes SM



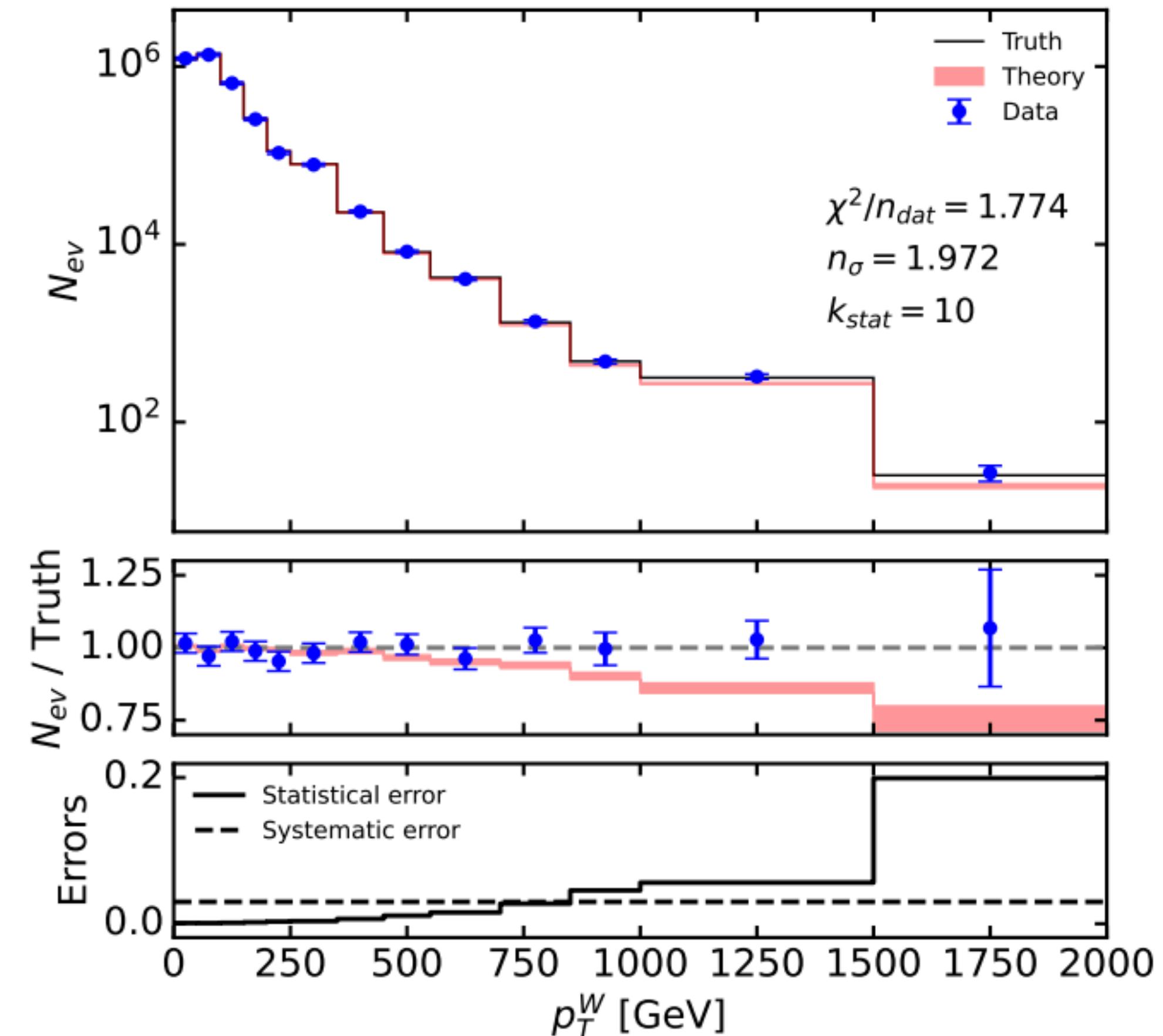
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The PDF then causes **spurious NP effects** in other observables e.g.

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow WH$$

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- However, WH is unaffected by W' model:
the deviation is in the PDF



statistics improved by a factor of 10

Conclusions

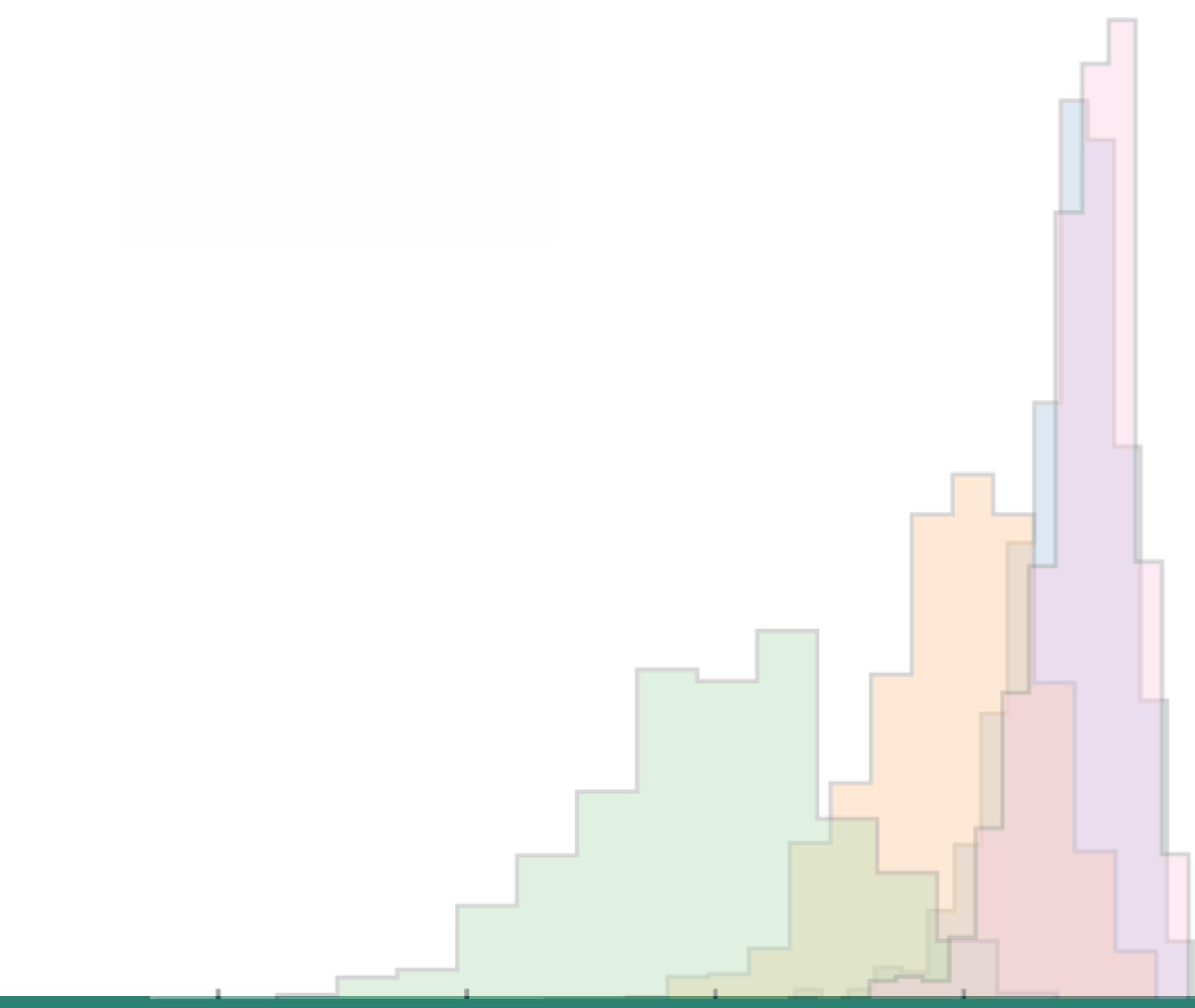
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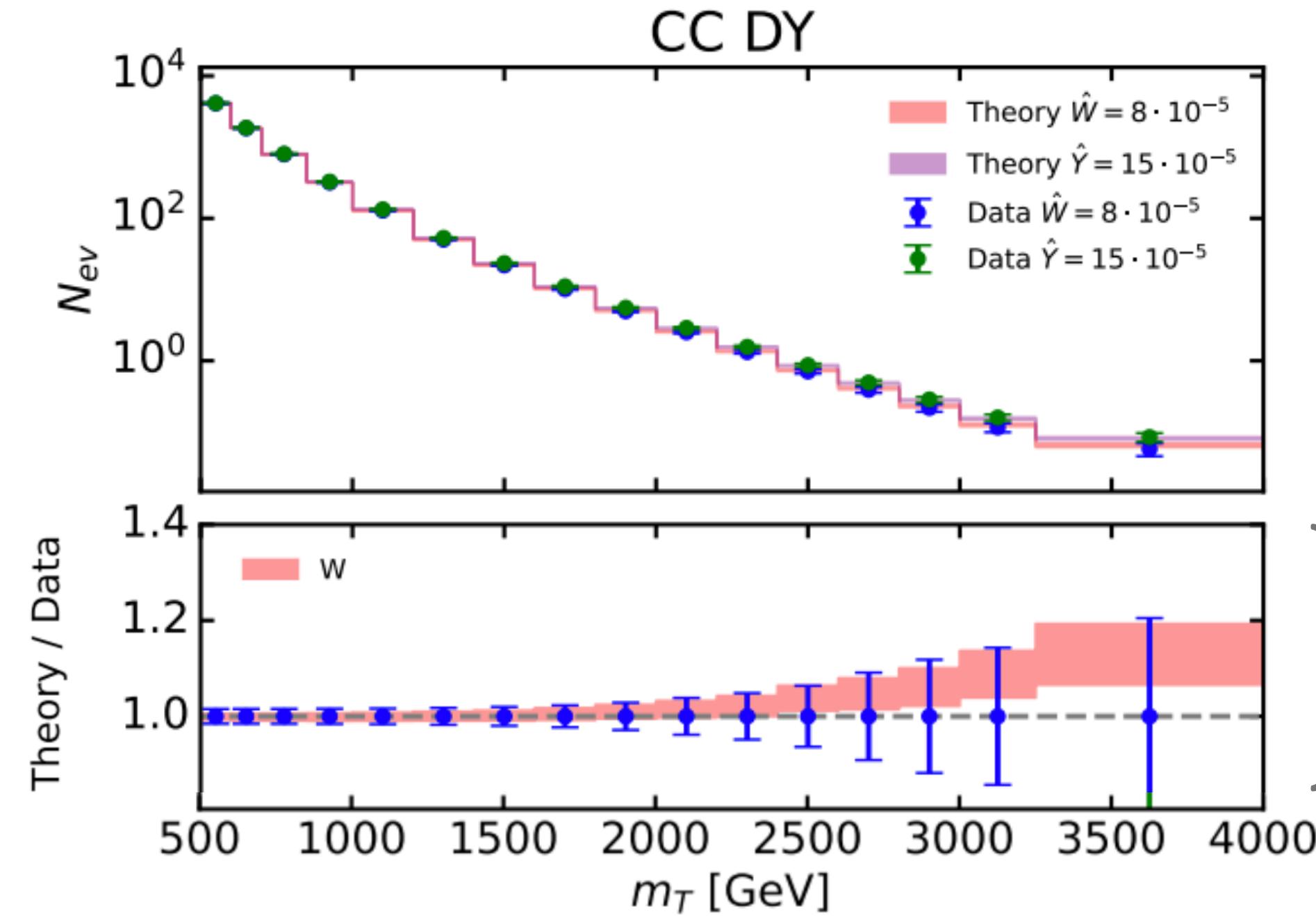
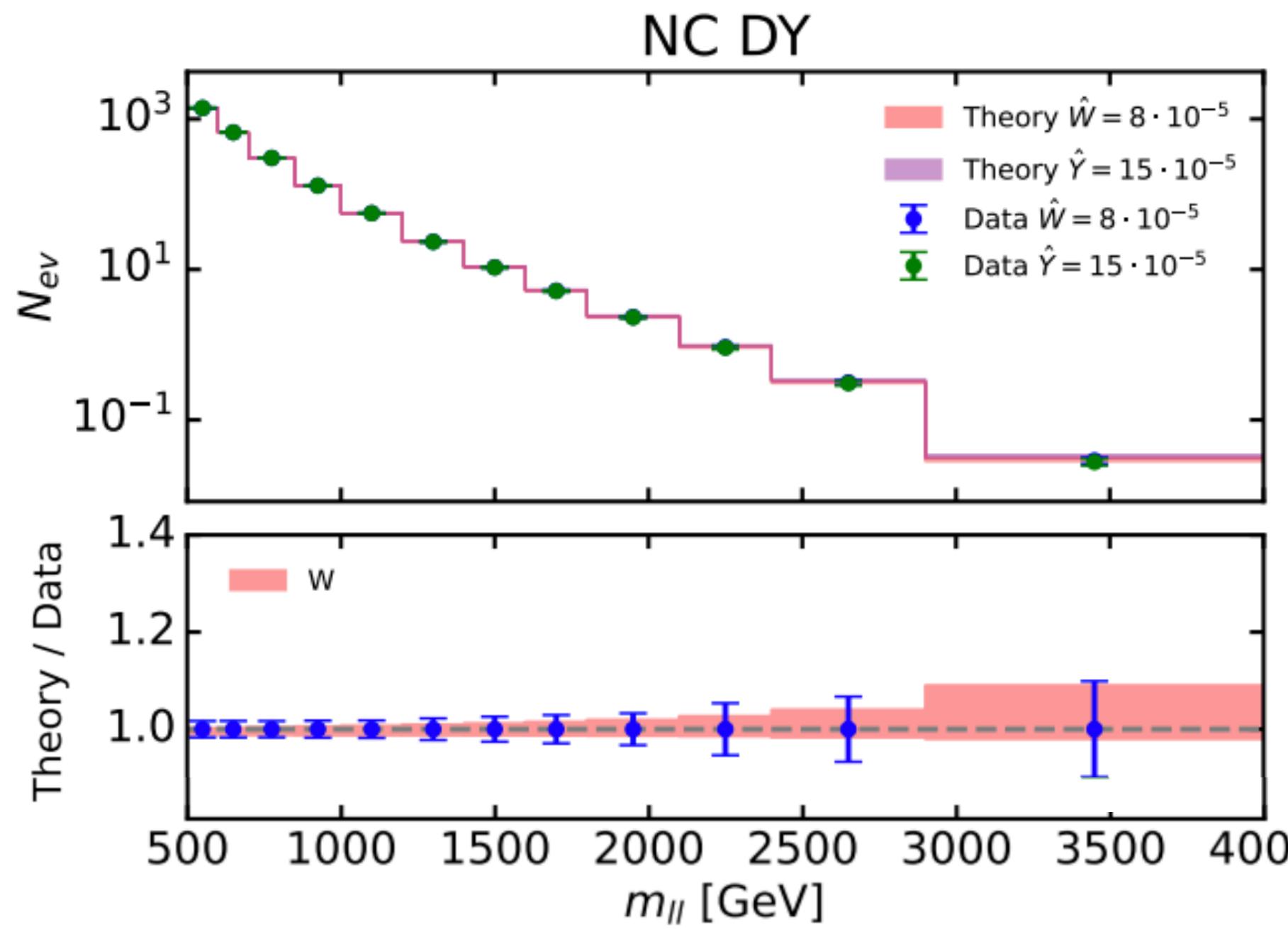
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Backup



W' -contaminated PDFs

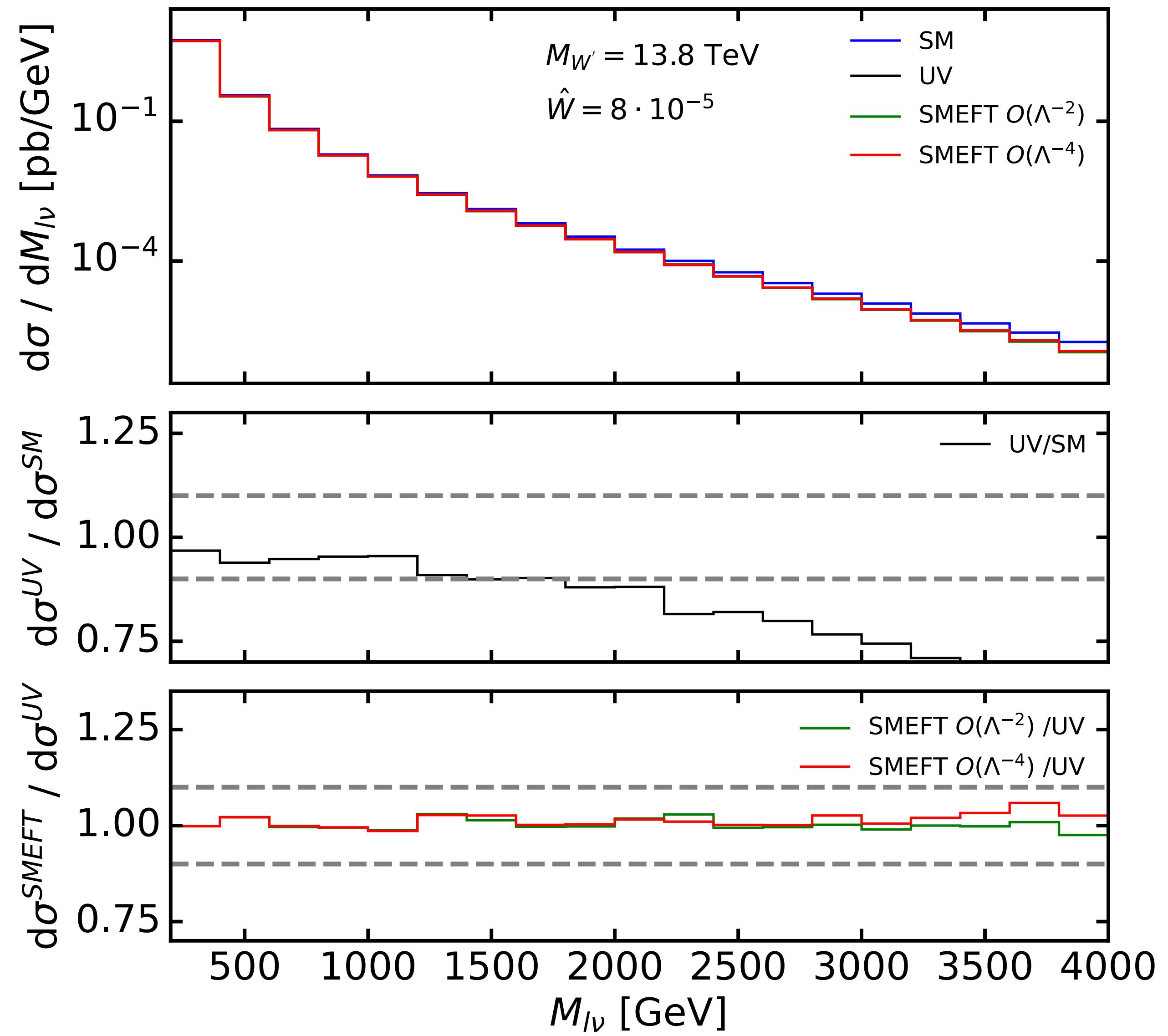
Data: ‘true’ PDF \otimes SM + W'
Theory: contaminated PDF \otimes SM



Excellent data-theory
agreement

- The data appears to agree well with the SM
- **The shift in the PDFs compensates the NP effects**
- The effects of NP are completely missed

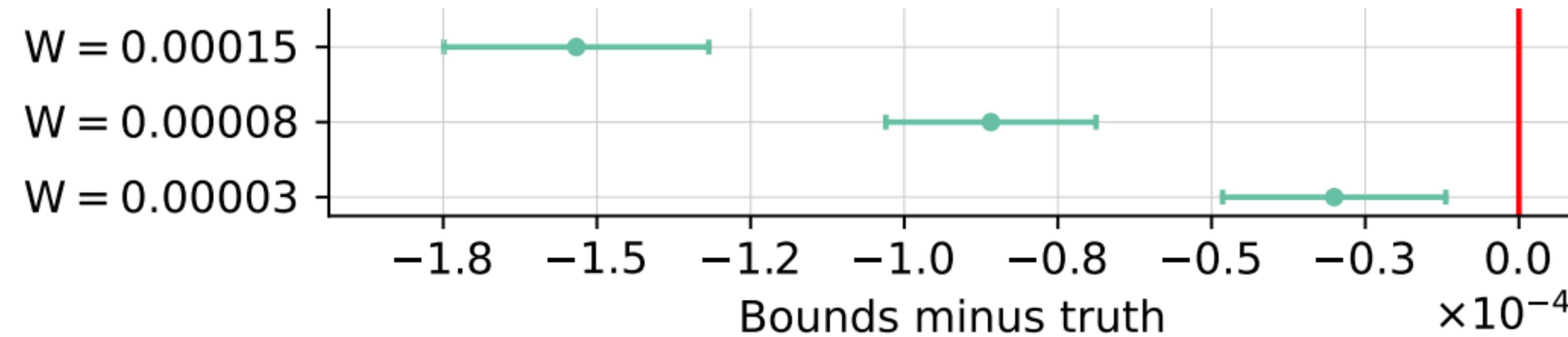
Impact of W' model



Impact on DY of W' -contaminated PDFs

The high-mass DY data **appears** to agree well with the SM

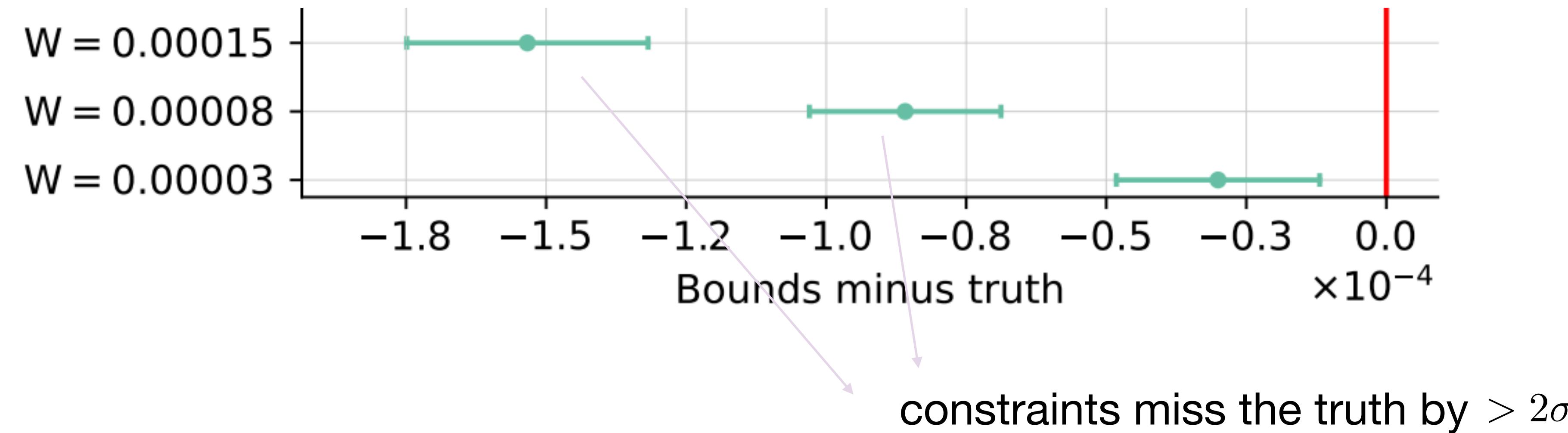
This leads to constraints on the W' which **miss the truth**:



Impact on DY of W' -contaminated PDFs

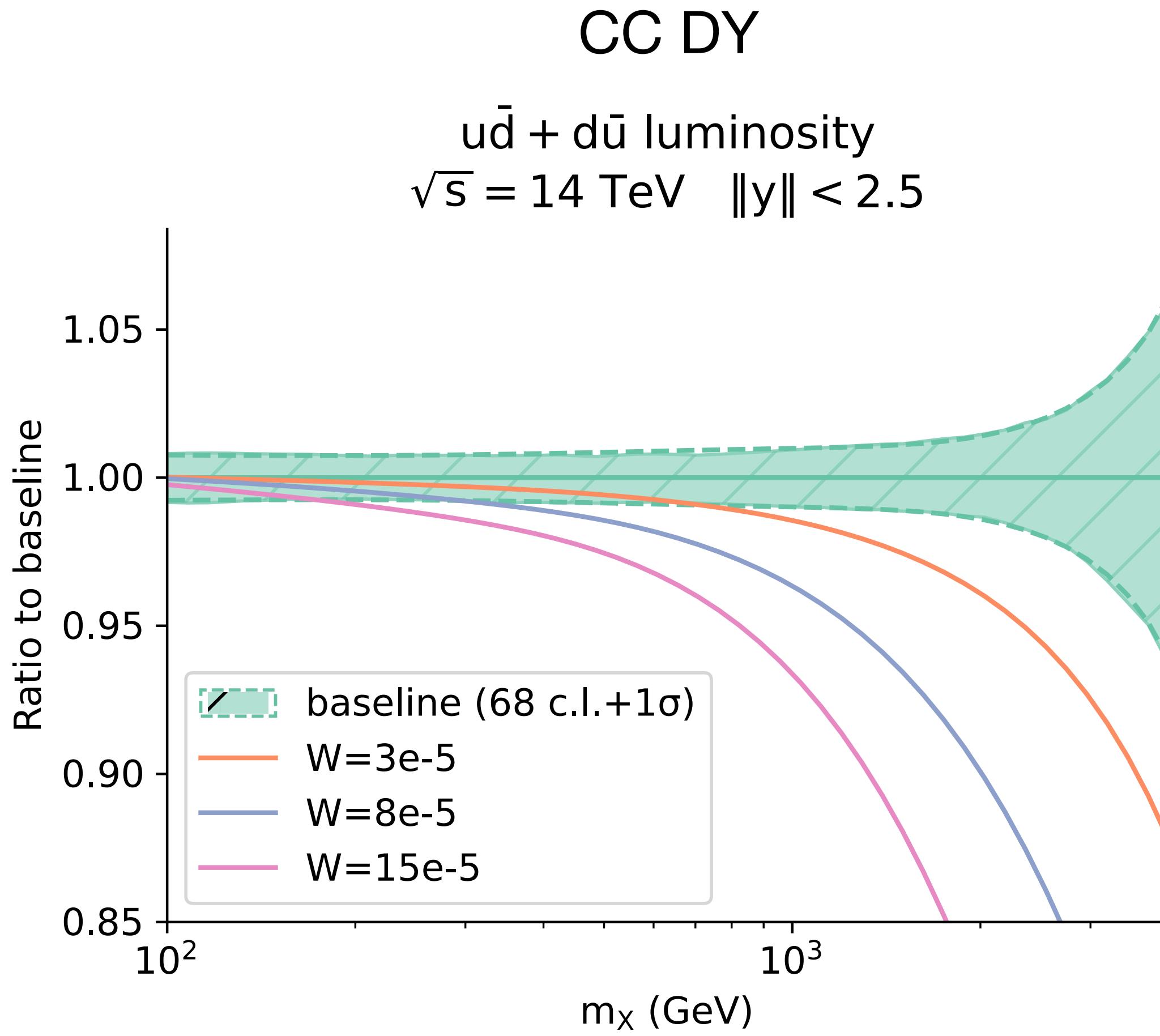
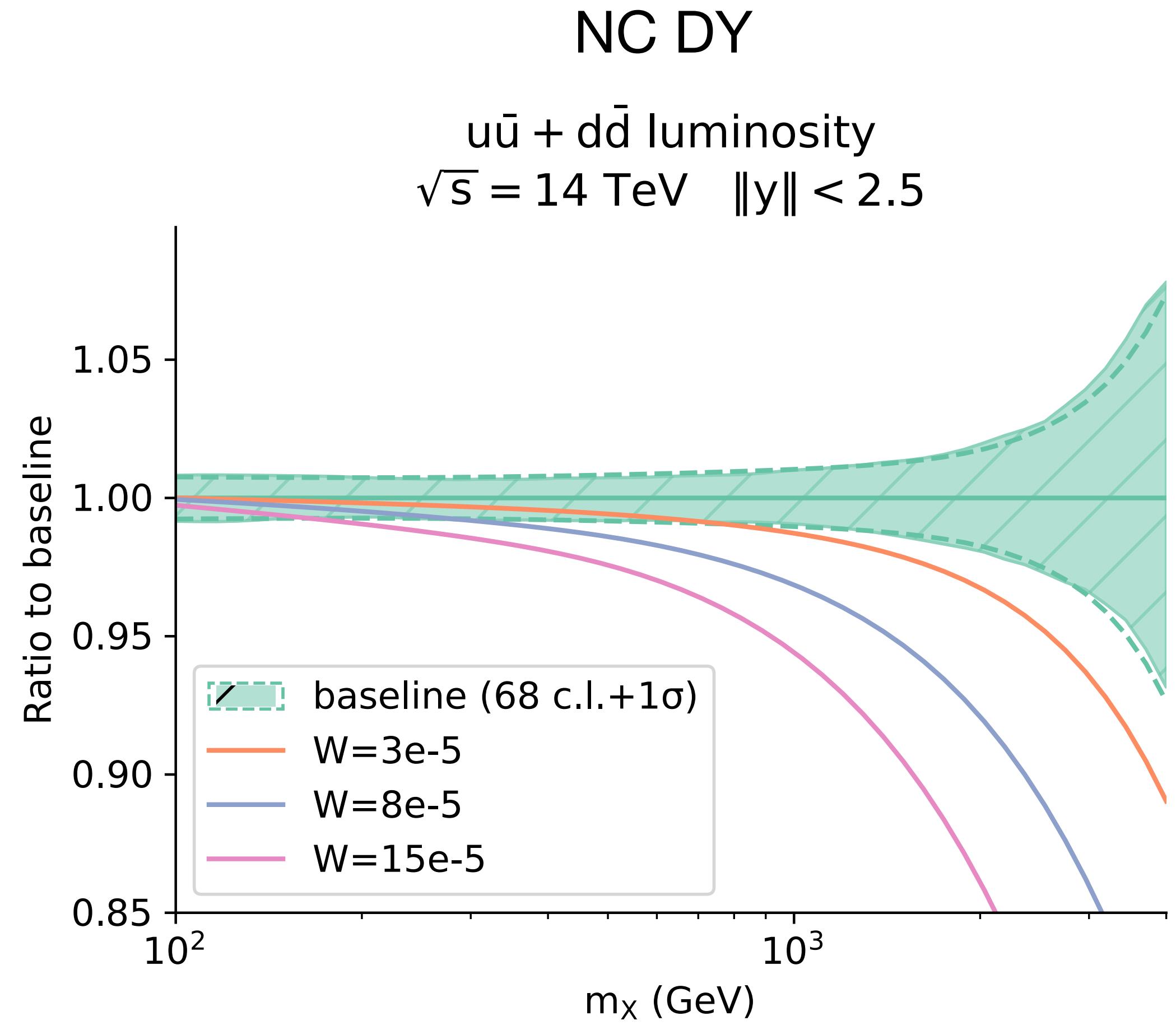
The high-mass DY data **appears** to agree well with the SM

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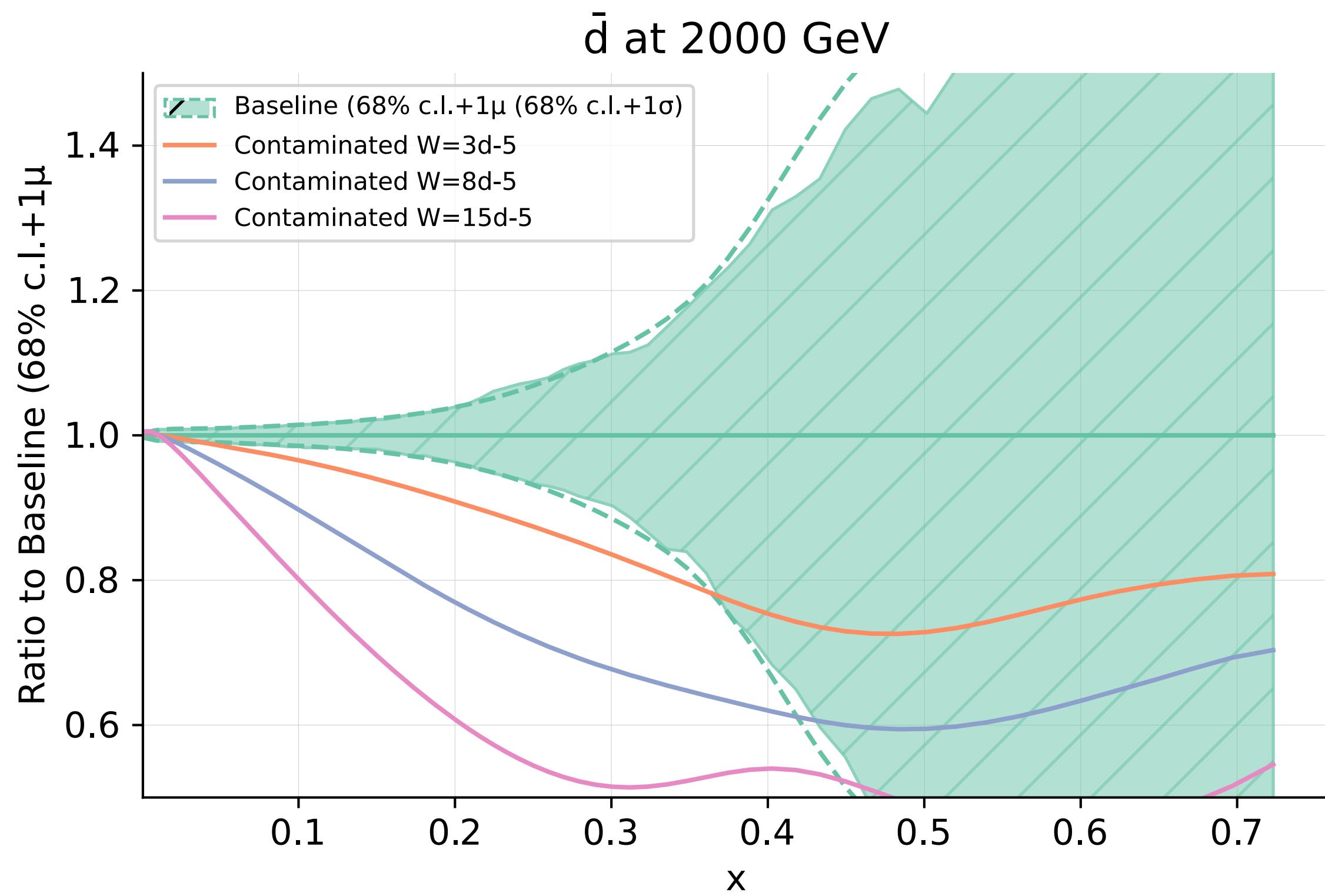
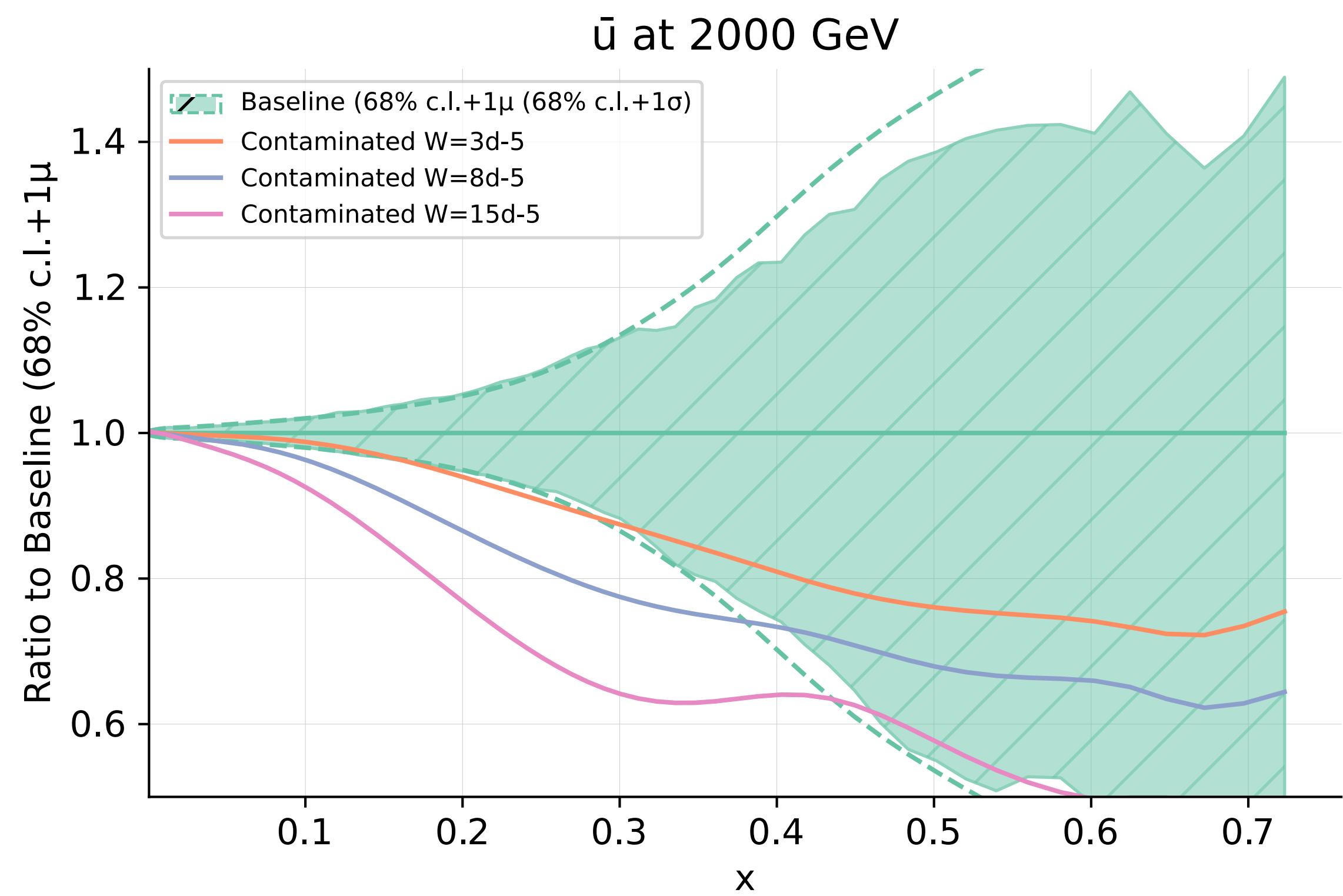
W'-contaminated PDFs

Data: ‘true’ PDF \otimes SM + W'
Theory: contaminated PDF \otimes SM



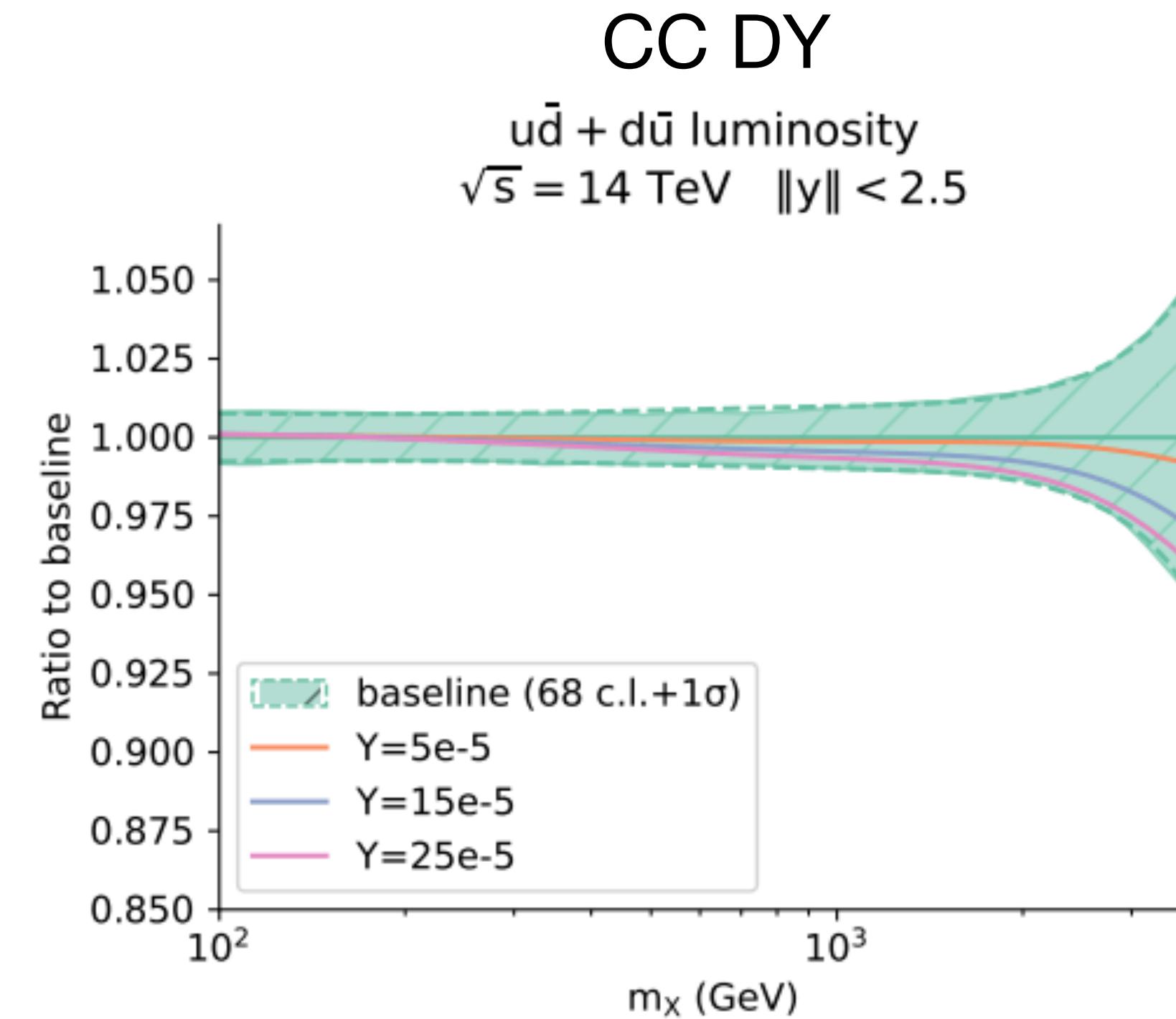
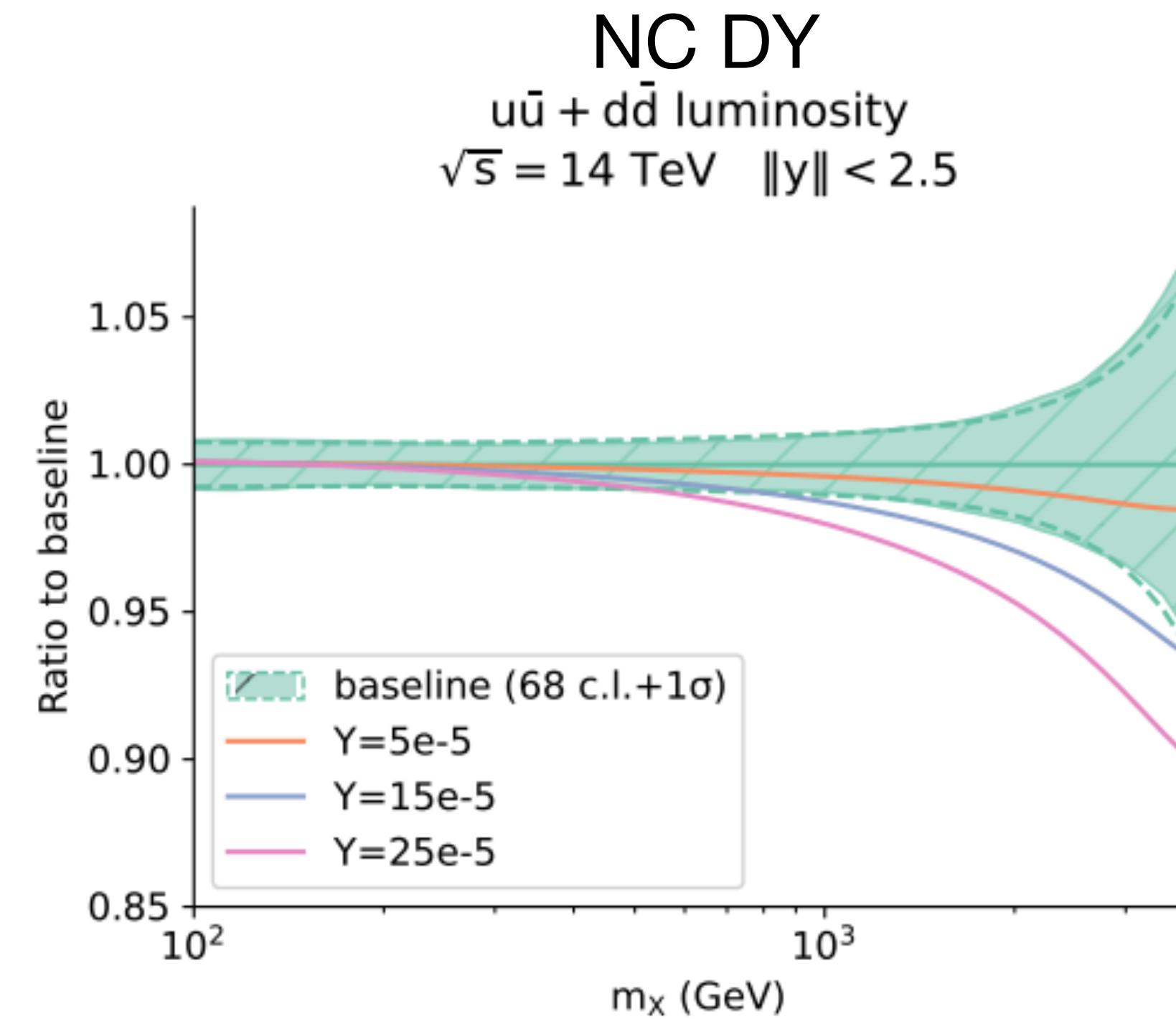
Fewer constraints on the **large-x antiquark PDFs** allow freedom to shift away from the baseline

W' -contaminated PDFs



Z'-contaminated PDFs

Data: ‘true’ PDF \otimes SM + Z'
Theory: contaminated PDF \otimes SM



Charged current DY is not impacted by the Z' model

- CC DY data constrains the large-x quark and antiquark PDFs to be SM-like
- PDFs cannot shift enough to absorb NP effects in neutral current DY

Z' -contaminated PDFs

Data: ‘true’ PDF \otimes SM + Z'
Theory: contaminated PDF \otimes SM

