

Higgs physics: ten years after the discovery

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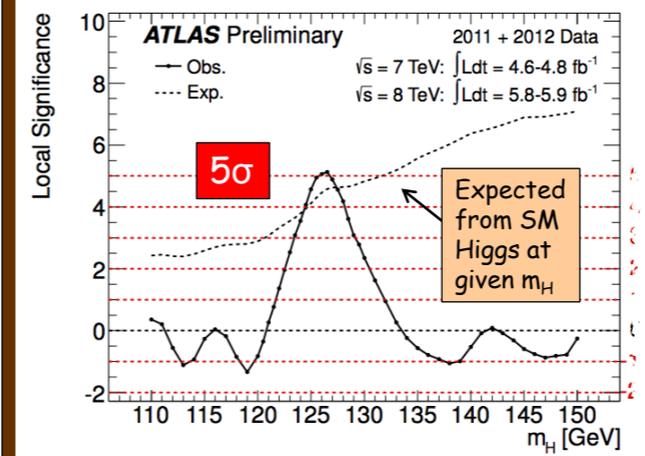
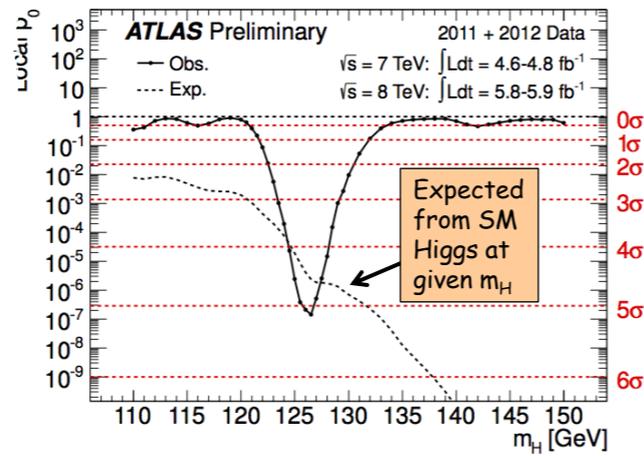
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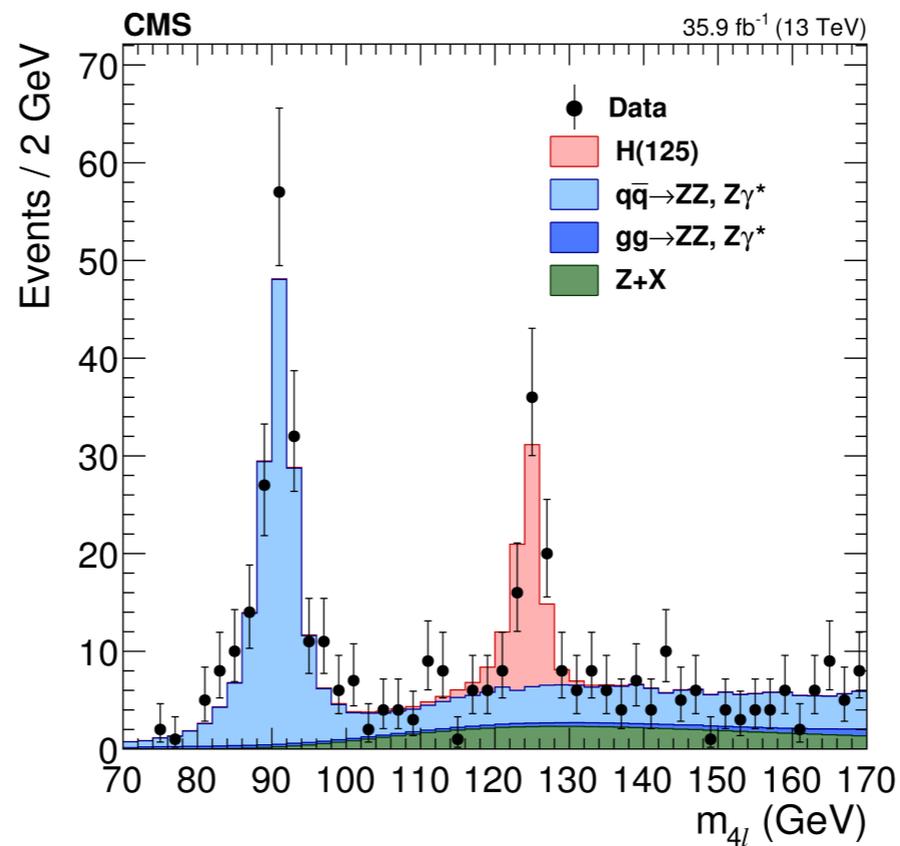
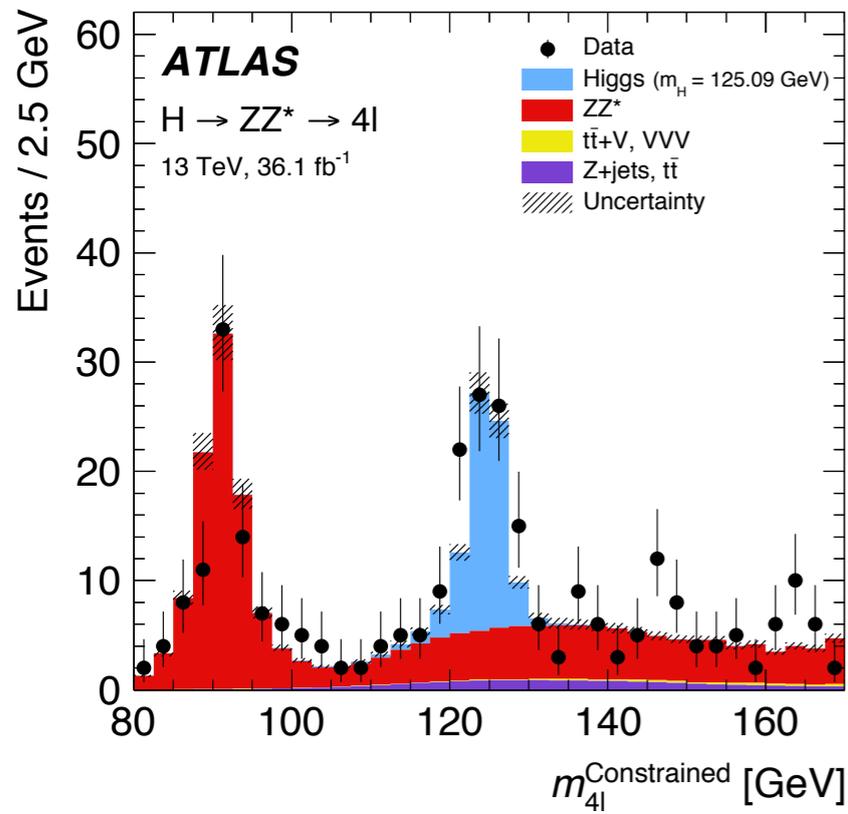
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Combined results: the excess



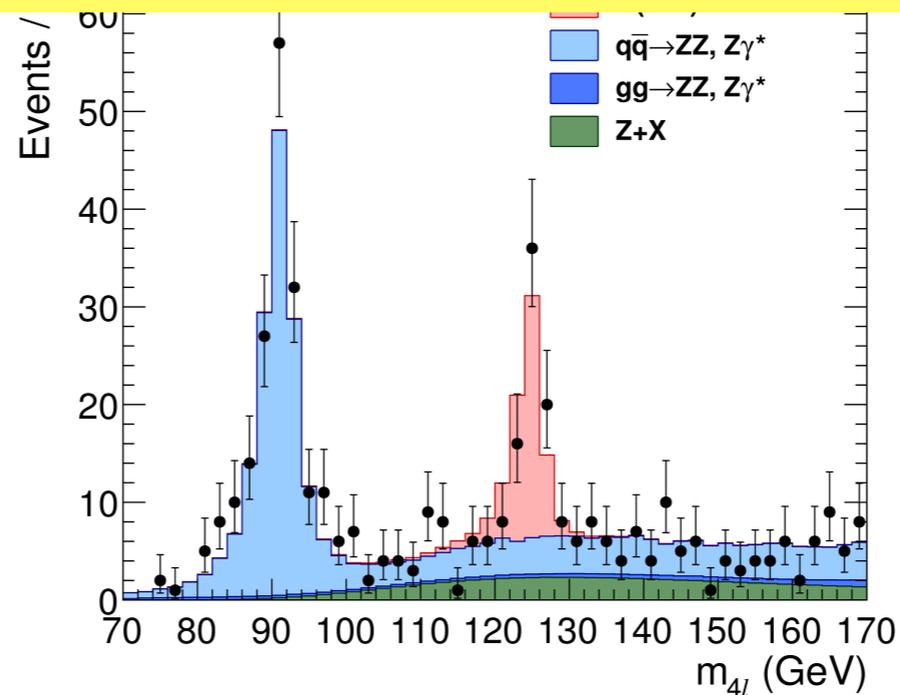
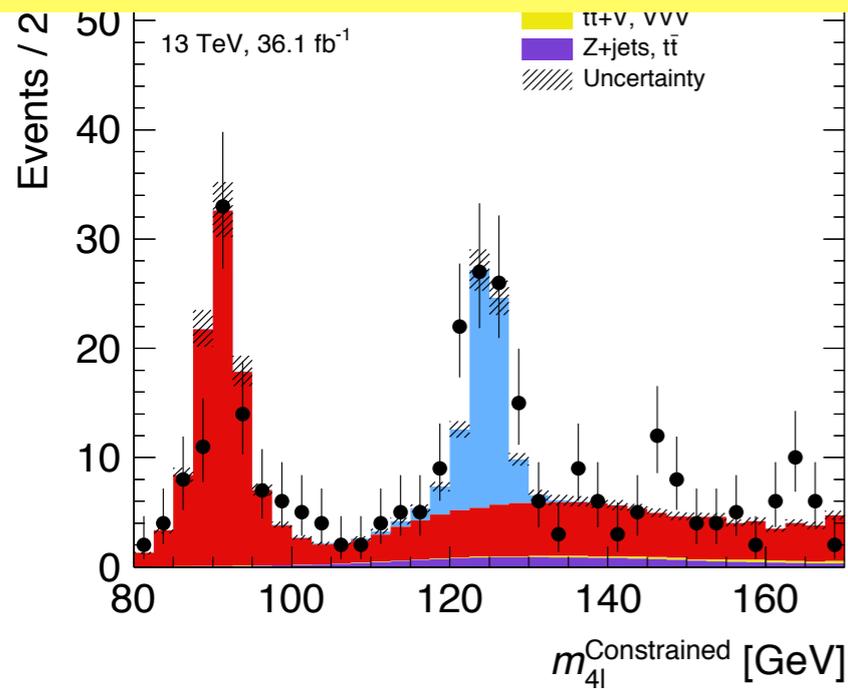
Maximum excess observed at	$m_H = 126.5 \text{ GeV}$
Local significance (including energy-scale systematics)	5.0 σ
Probability of background up-fluctuation	3×10^{-7}
Expected from SM Higgs $m_H=126.5$	4.6 σ







The beginning of a new era!



The SM Lagrangian

The discovery was a remarkable confirmation of the simplest and elegant idea postulated in the sixties, i.e. that a Higgs field, with a non-zero vacuum expectation, is responsible for the generation of masses of Standard Model particles in a consistent way

$\mathcal{L} = (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D^\mu \phi - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$

$D_\mu \phi = \partial_\mu \phi - ie A_\mu \phi$

$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

$V(\phi) = \alpha \phi^* \phi + \beta (\phi^* \phi)^2$

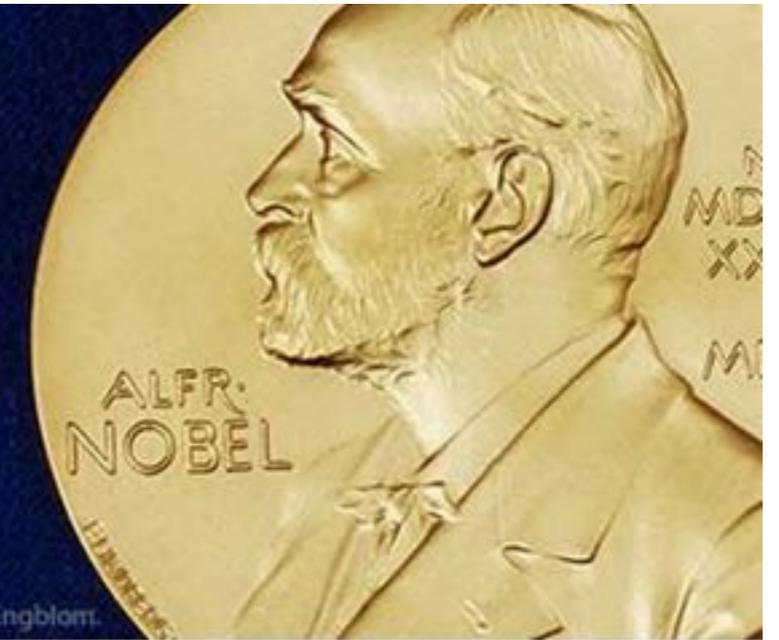
$\alpha < 0, \beta \geq 0$

Peter Higgs

Higgs Phys. Lett. 12 (1964) 132-133
Englert and Brout Phys. Rev. Lett. 13 (1964) 321-323

2013 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

François Englert Peter W. Higgs



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8 October 2013

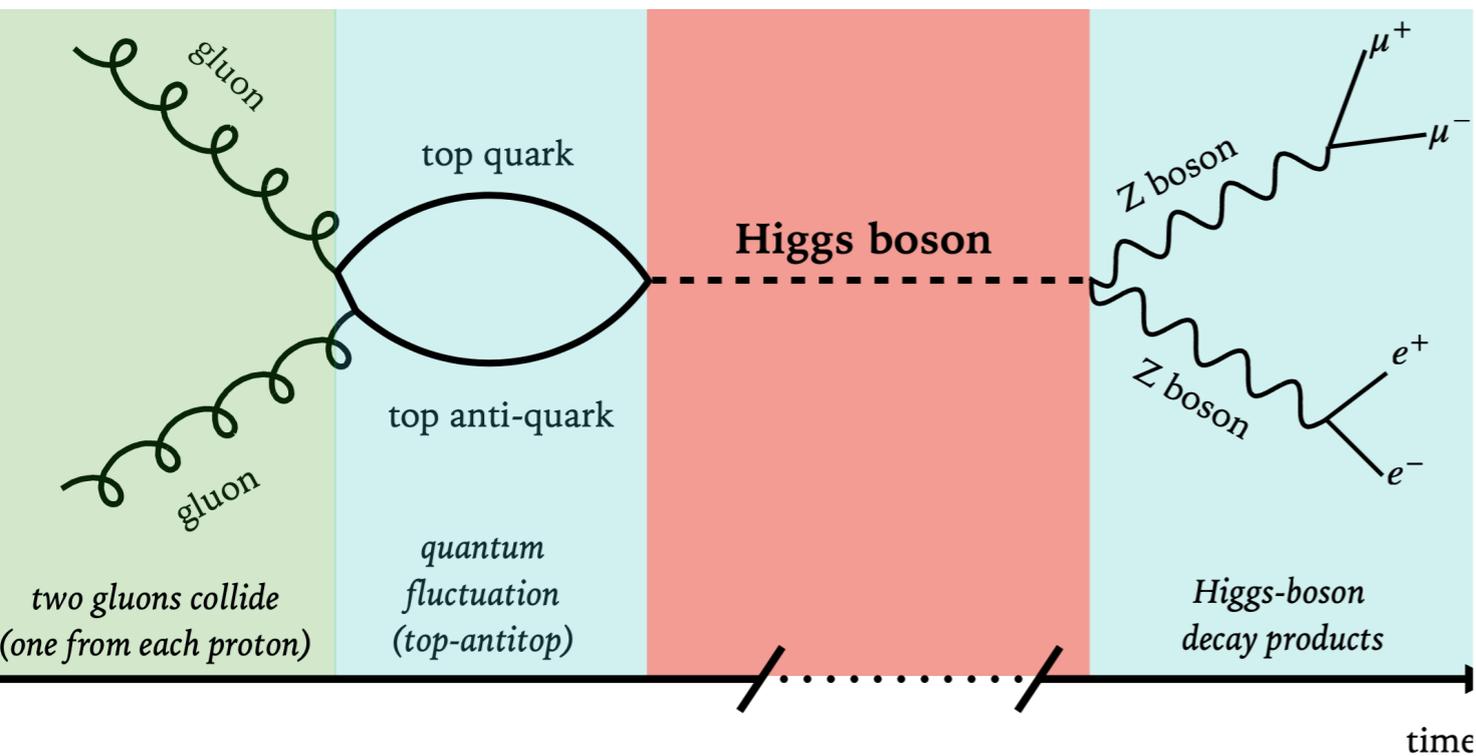
The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2013 to

François Englert and Peter Higgs □

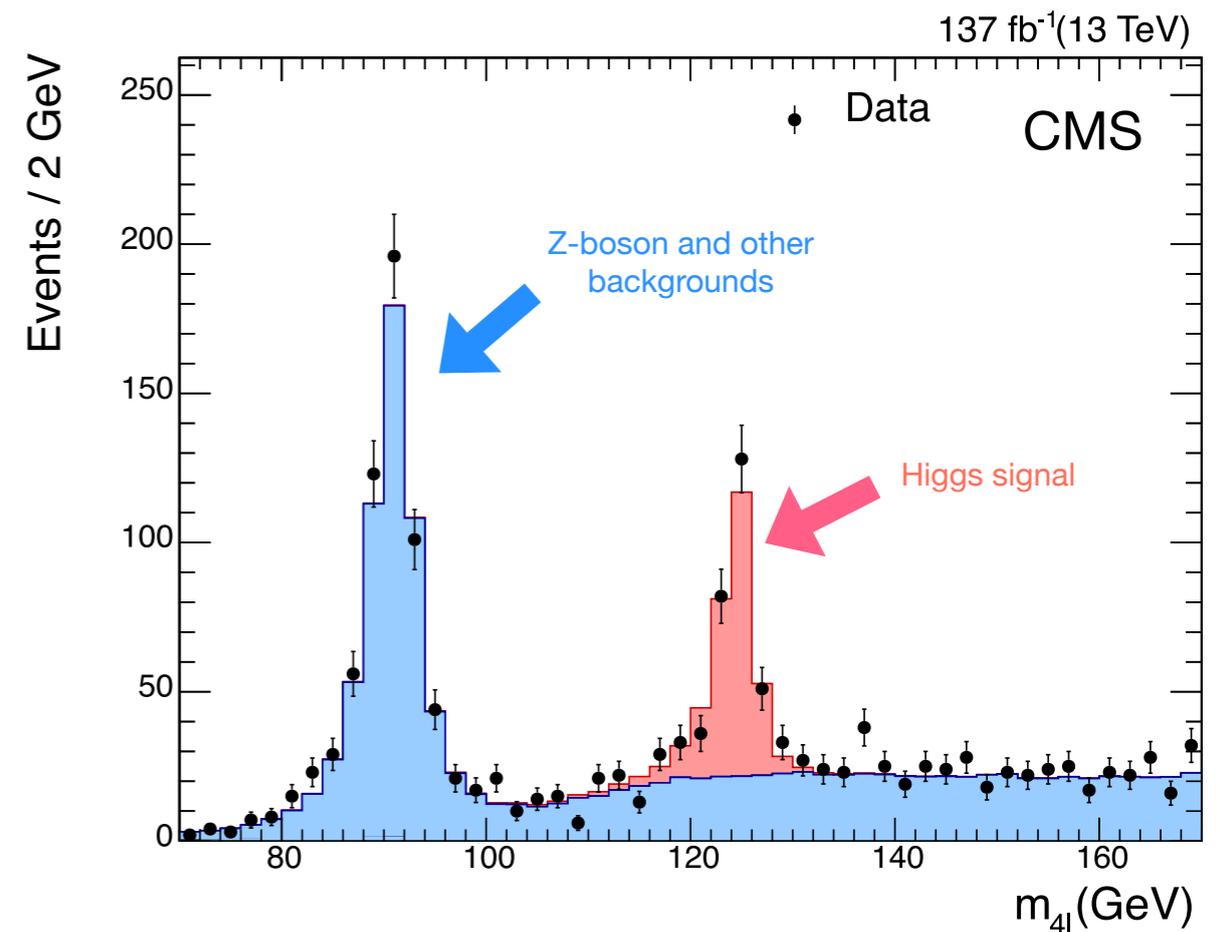
“for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider”

Learning about the Higgs

Higgs production and decay



Update of Higgs discovery plot



CMS, 2103.04956

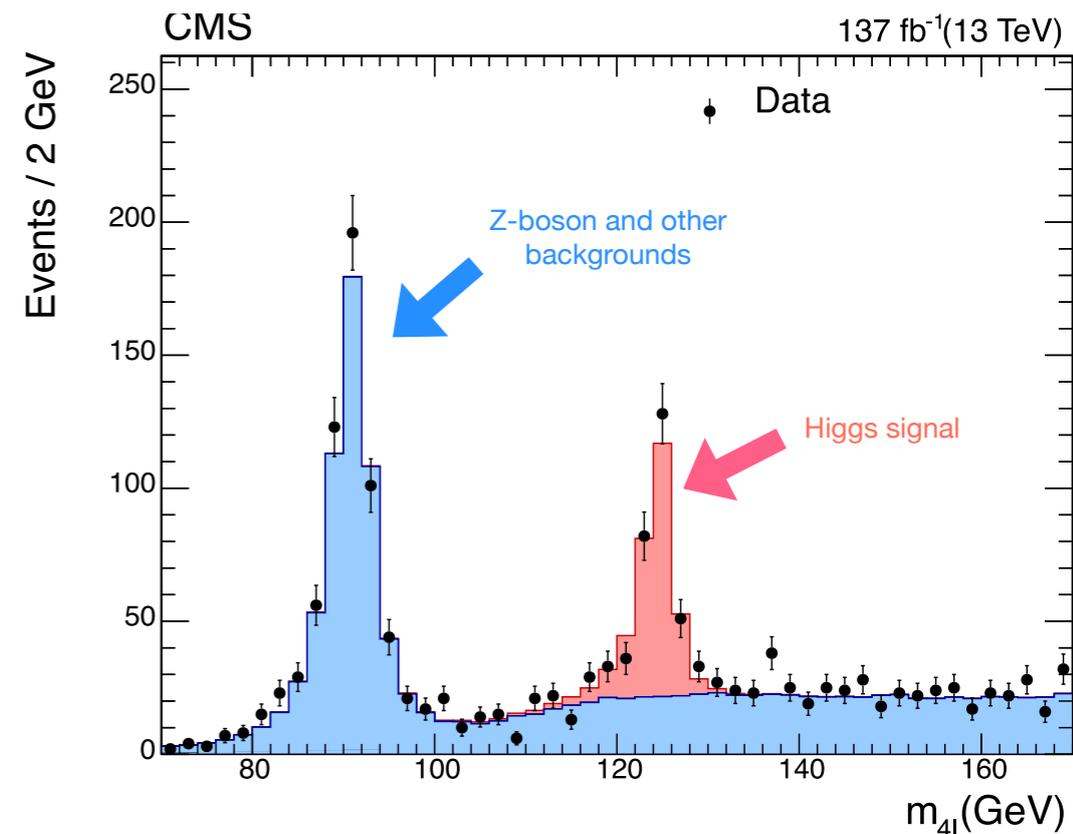
[Other crucial discovery channels are the decays to WW and to two photons]

Learning about the Higgs

A lot of information can be extracted

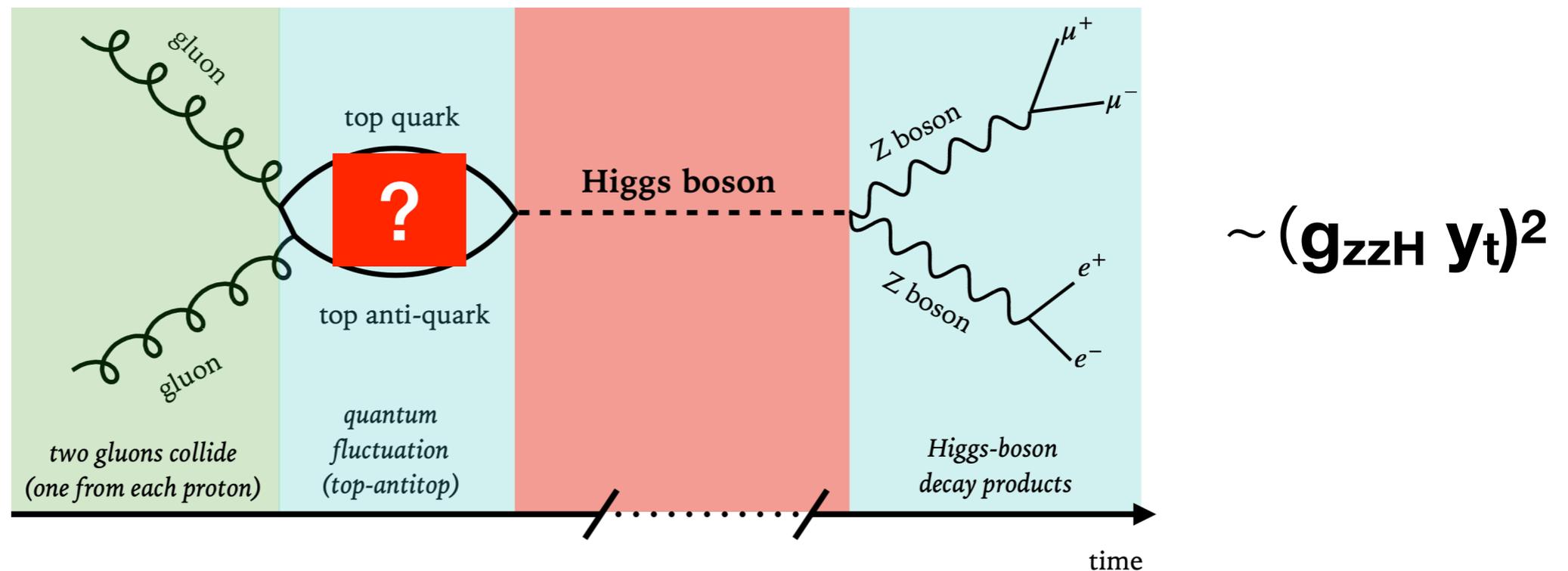
- Existence of the peak: existence of new particle (the Higgs)
- Position of the peak: mass of the Higgs
- Number of events at the peak: information on interaction (the product of) the strength of the Higgs interaction to top and Z bosons
- Angular distributions (not shown) tell us that the Higgs has spin 0

⇒ see talks by S. Dittmer, S. Rosati, A. Tarek, P. Vanlear, ...



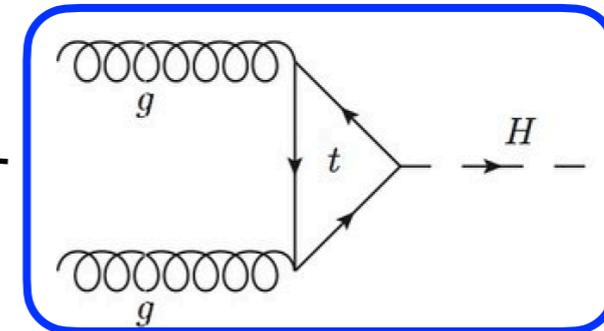
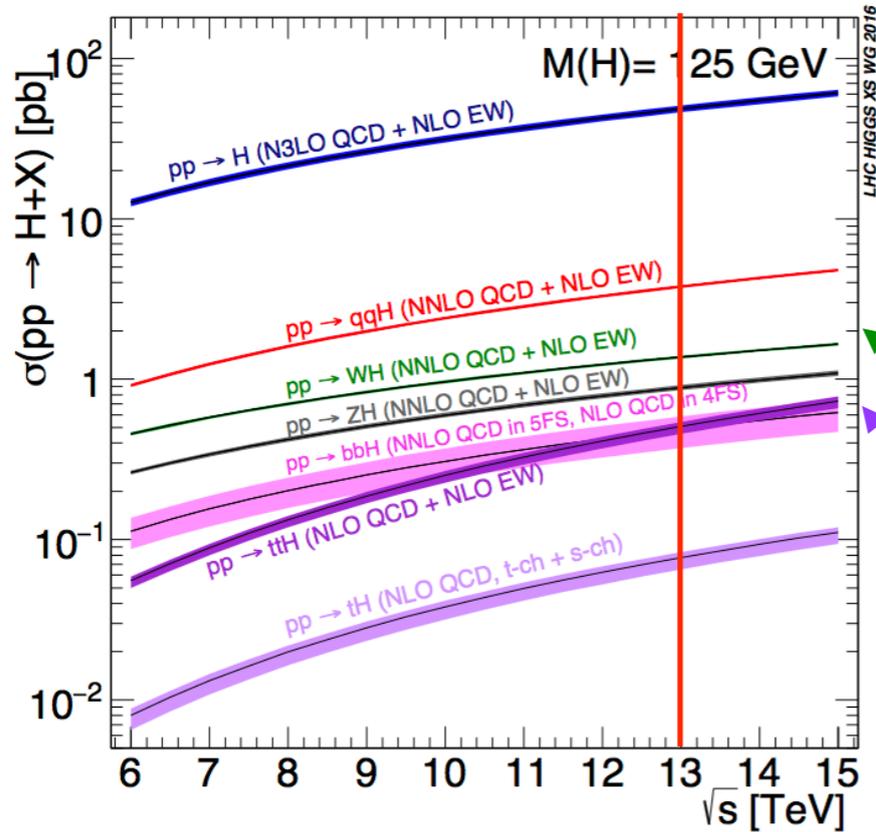
Caveats

There are a lot of assumptions behind such measurements (e.g. top as quantum fluctuations). Furthermore, only the product of production and decay couplings can be measured.

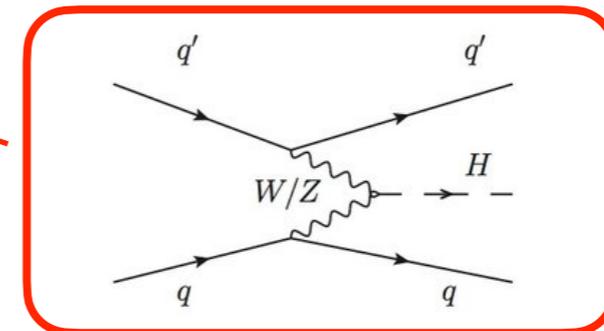


For this reason, the LHC experiments study a multitude of Higgs production and decay modes, with complementary sensitivities

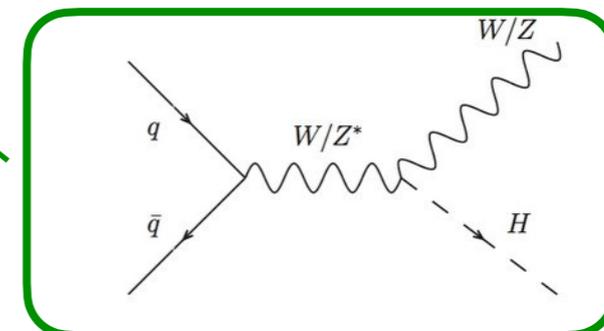
Higgs production



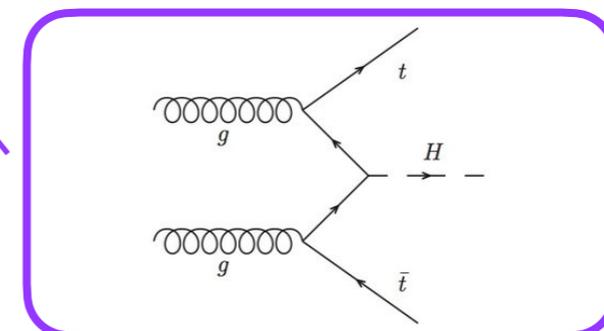
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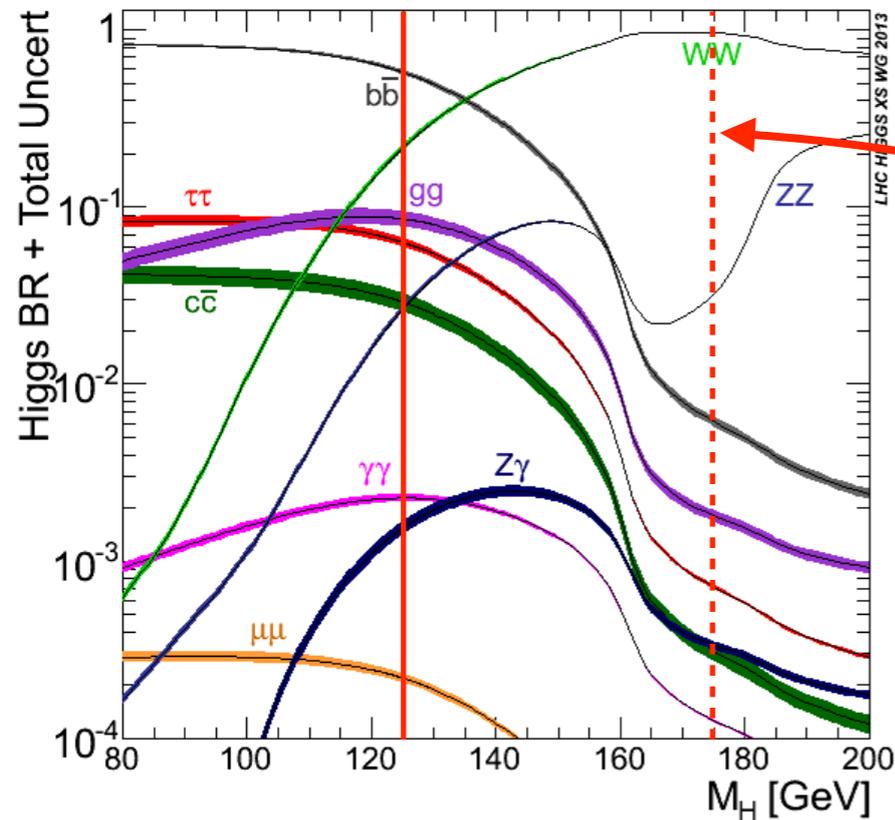
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**NLO +
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\sqrt{s} (TeV)	Production cross section (in pb) for $m_H = 125$ GeV					total
	ggF	VBF	WH	ZH	$t\bar{t}H$	
1.96	$0.95^{+17\%}_{-17\%}$	$0.065^{+8\%}_{-7\%}$	$0.13^{+8\%}_{-8\%}$	$0.079^{+8\%}_{-8\%}$	$0.004^{+10\%}_{-10\%}$	1.23
7	$16.9^{+5\%}_{-5\%}$	$1.24^{+2\%}_{-2\%}$	$0.58^{+3\%}_{-3\%}$	$0.34^{+4\%}_{-4\%}$	$0.09^{+8\%}_{-14\%}$	19.1
8	$21.4^{+5\%}_{-5\%}$	$1.60^{+2\%}_{-2\%}$	$0.70^{+3\%}_{-3\%}$	$0.42^{+5\%}_{-5\%}$	$0.13^{+8\%}_{-13\%}$	24.2
13	$48.6^{+5\%}_{-5\%}$	$3.78^{+2\%}_{-2\%}$	$1.37^{+2\%}_{-2\%}$	$0.88^{+5\%}_{-5\%}$	$0.50^{+9\%}_{-13\%}$	55.1
14	$54.7^{+5\%}_{-5\%}$	$4.28^{+2\%}_{-2\%}$	$1.51^{+2\%}_{-2\%}$	$0.99^{+5\%}_{-5\%}$	$0.60^{+9\%}_{-13\%}$	62.1

Higgs decays

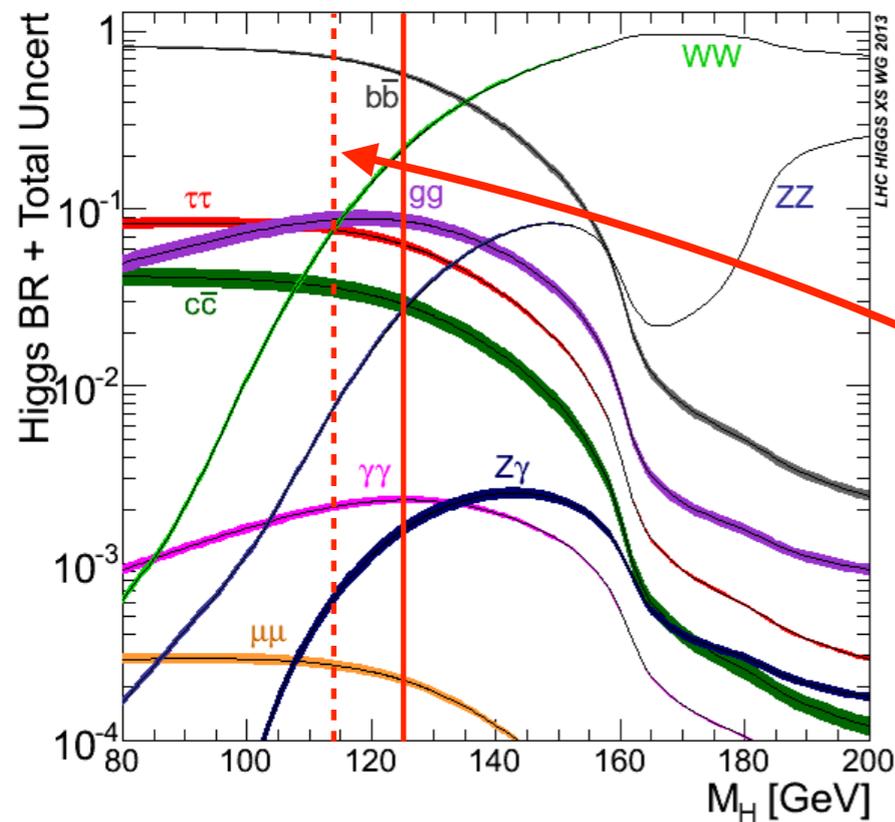


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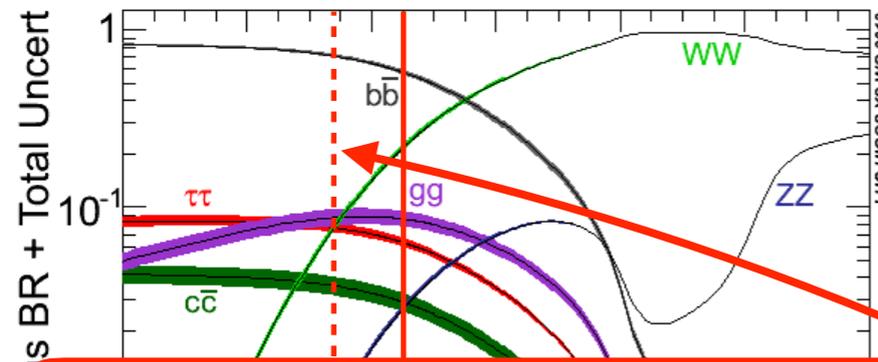


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The value of the Higgs mass chosen by Nature is part of the reason why the Higgs boson was discovered so quickly and why LHC could establish much more than originally foreseen in just ten years

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LHC

Thanks to a [Nature](#) and to excellent performances of the [accelerator machine, detector experiments and enormous progress in computer capabilities](#) precision at the LHC is a reality.

This is a game changer

- precision measurements of Higgs fundamental properties (required to characterise the nature of the Higgs)
- precision tests to look for sign of BSM in the Higgs sector

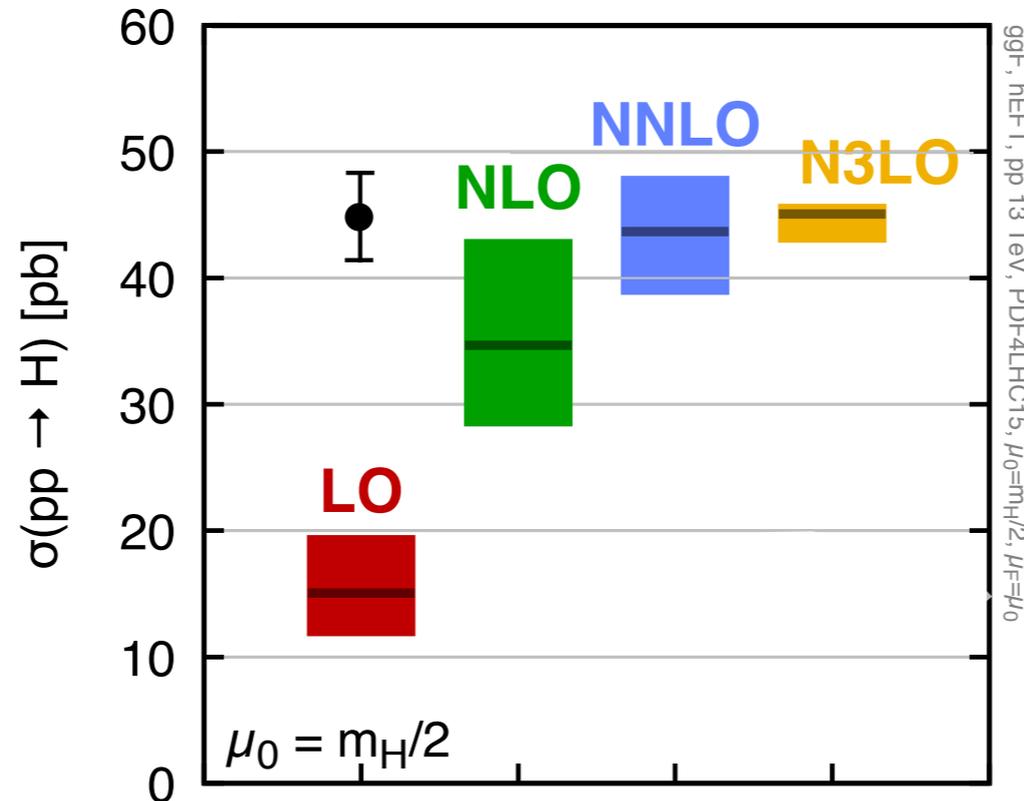
In this endeavour [precision theory predictions](#) are crucial to enhance sensitivity

The potential of the LHC and HL-LHC programme cannot be fully exploited without precision [theory](#) predictions

Precision calculations

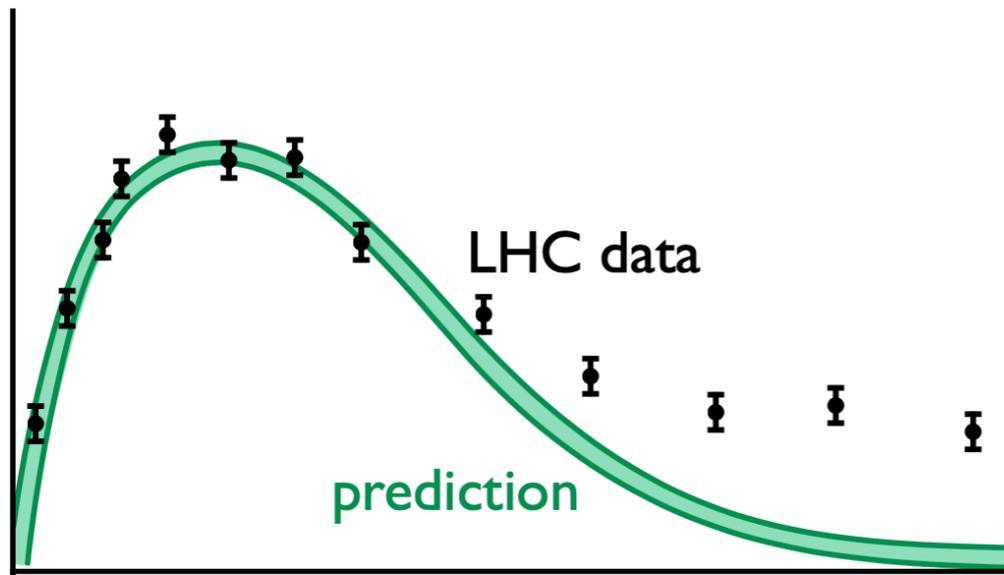
Enormous progress in having a **theoretically precise description of Higgs production, Higgs decays and relevant background processes.**

The role of precision at the LHC can not be understated.



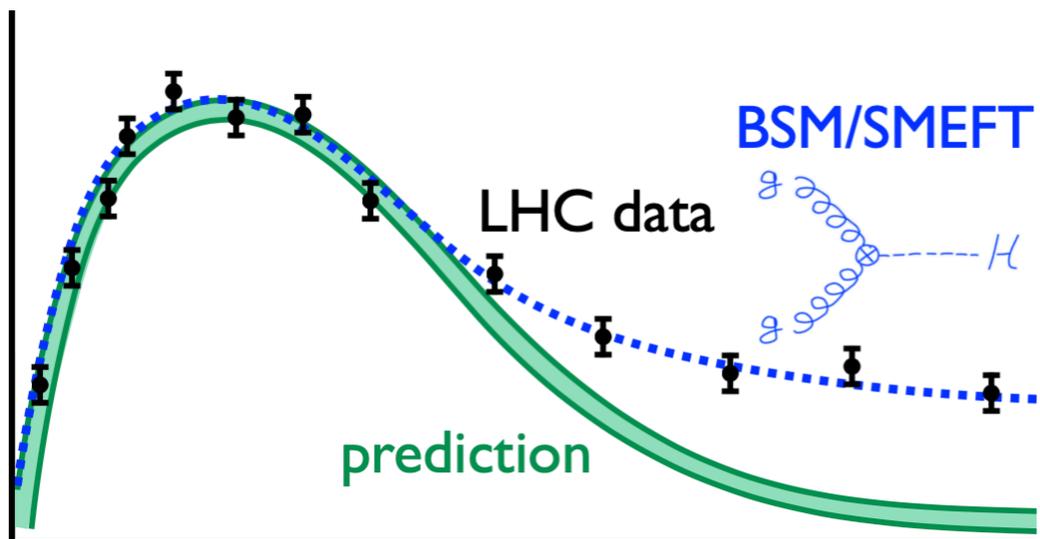
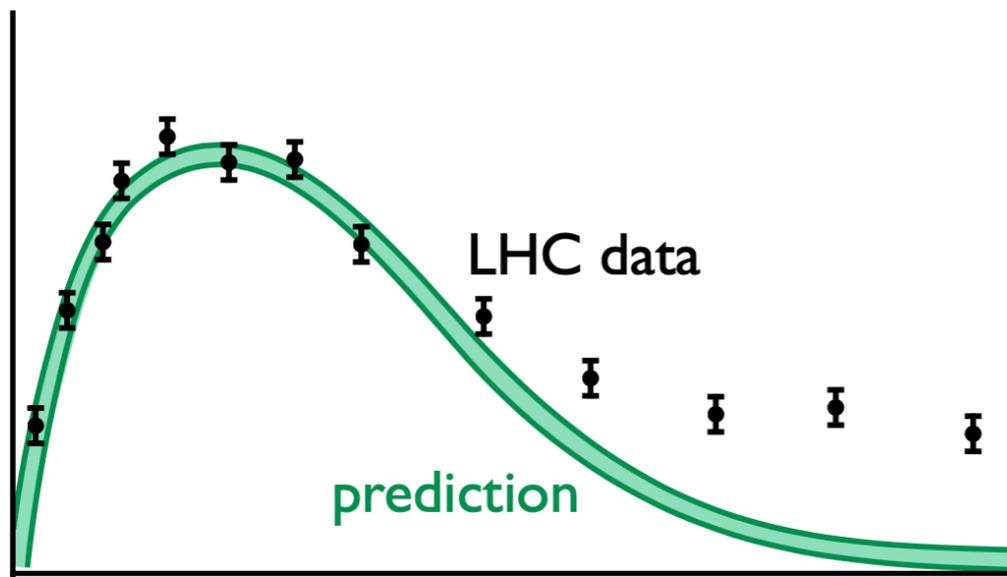
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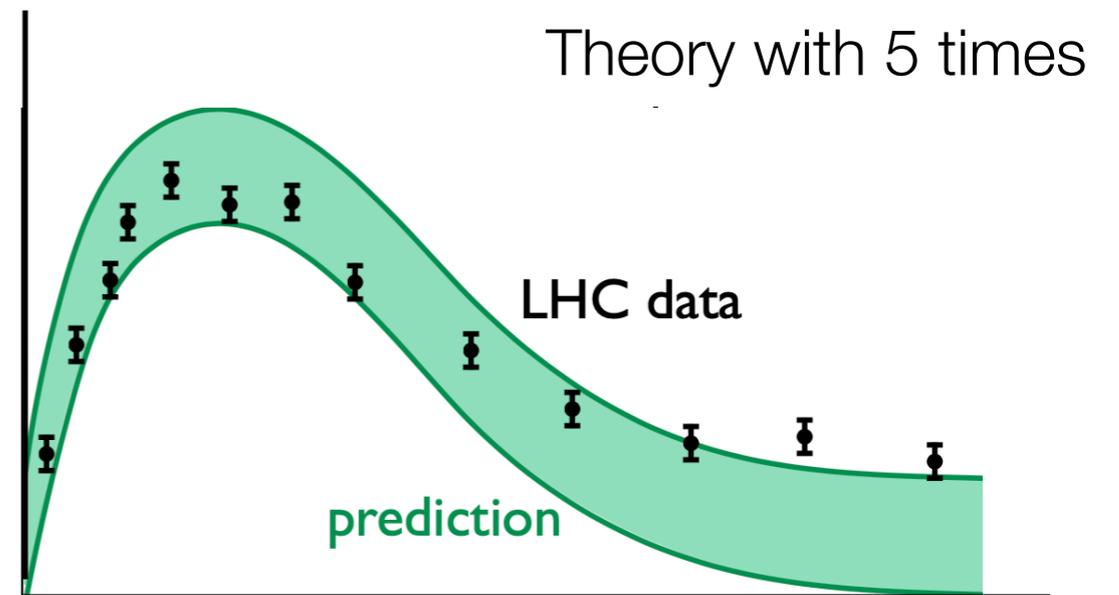
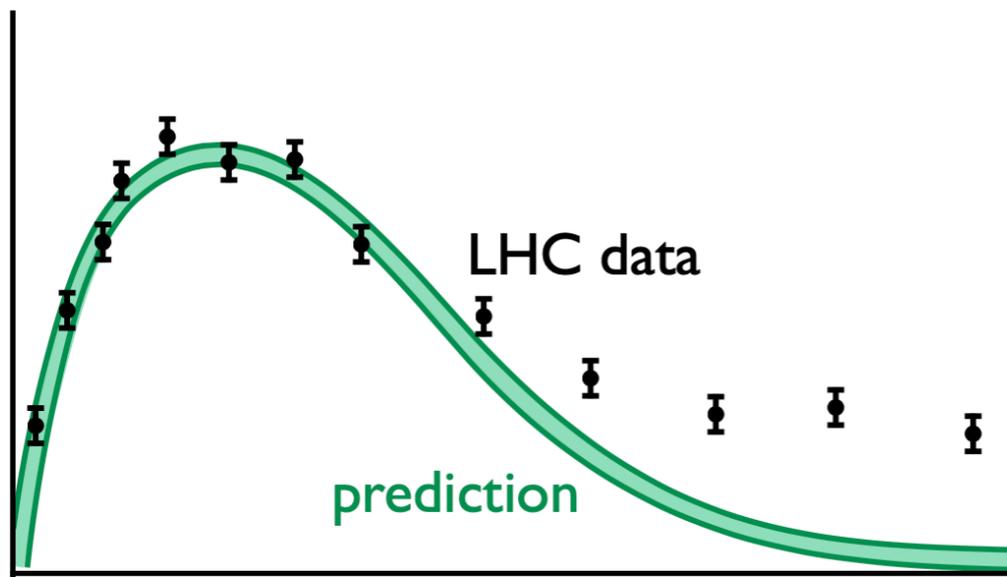
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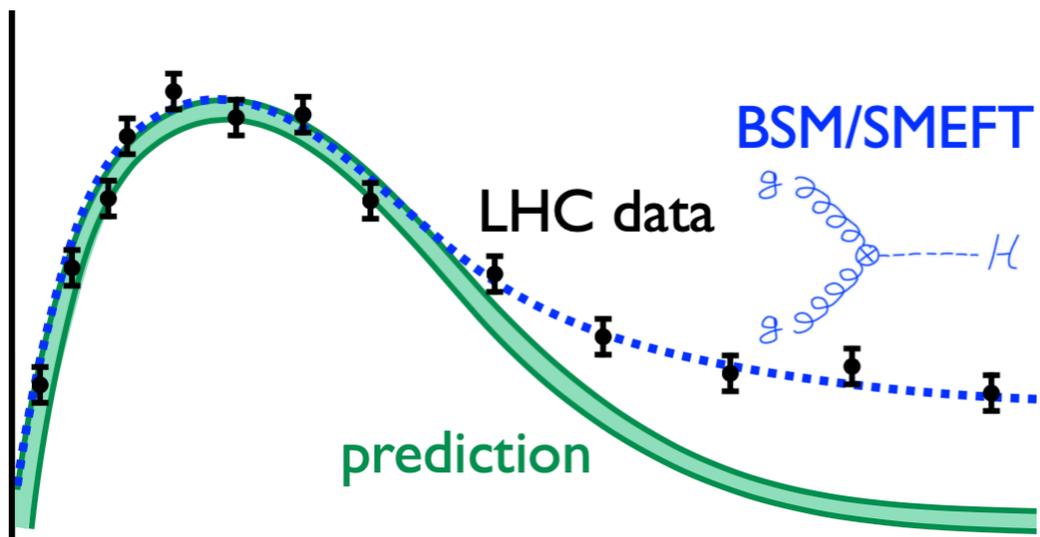


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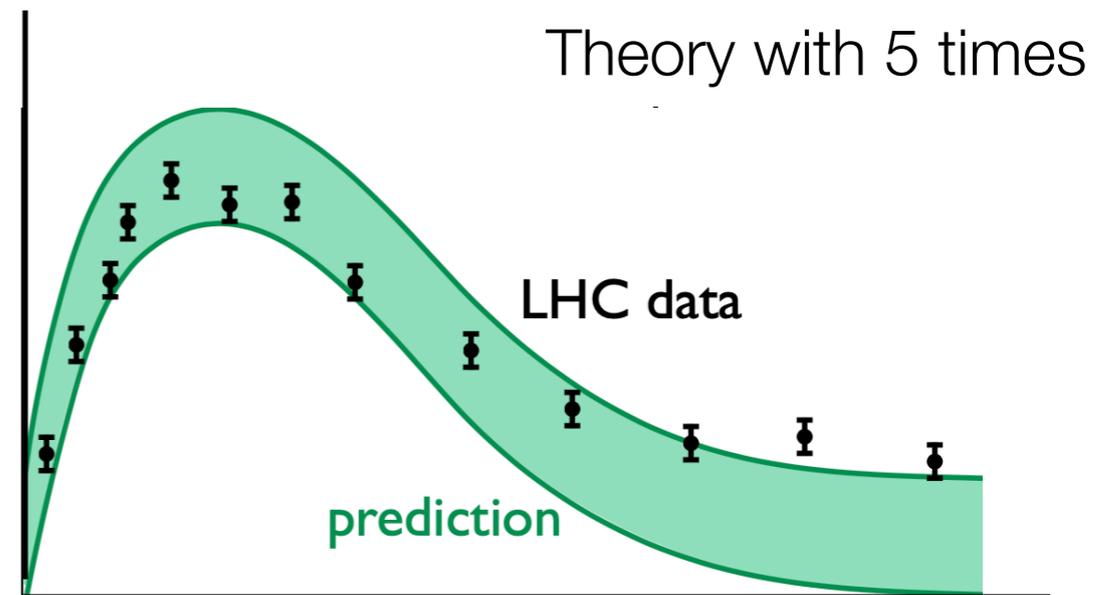
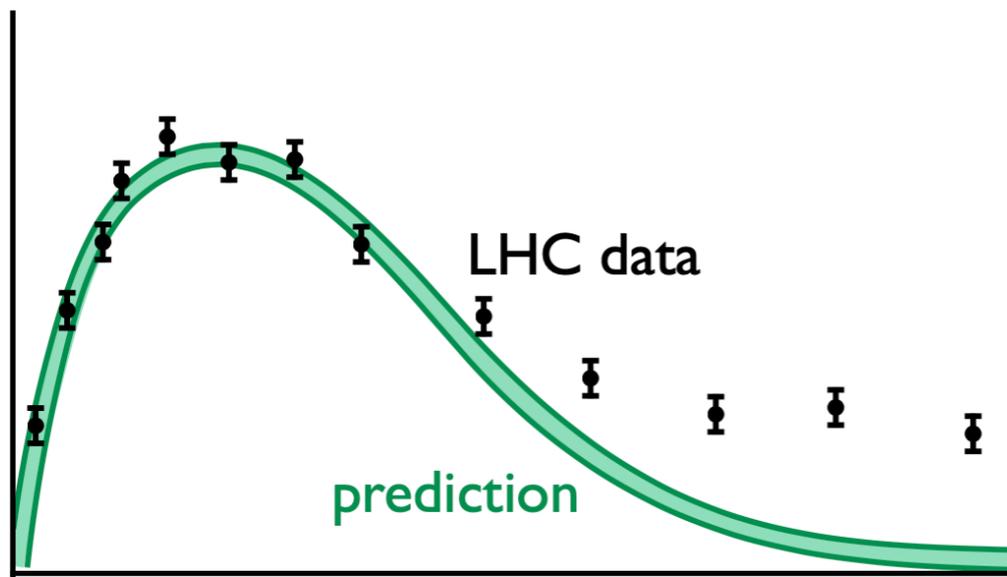


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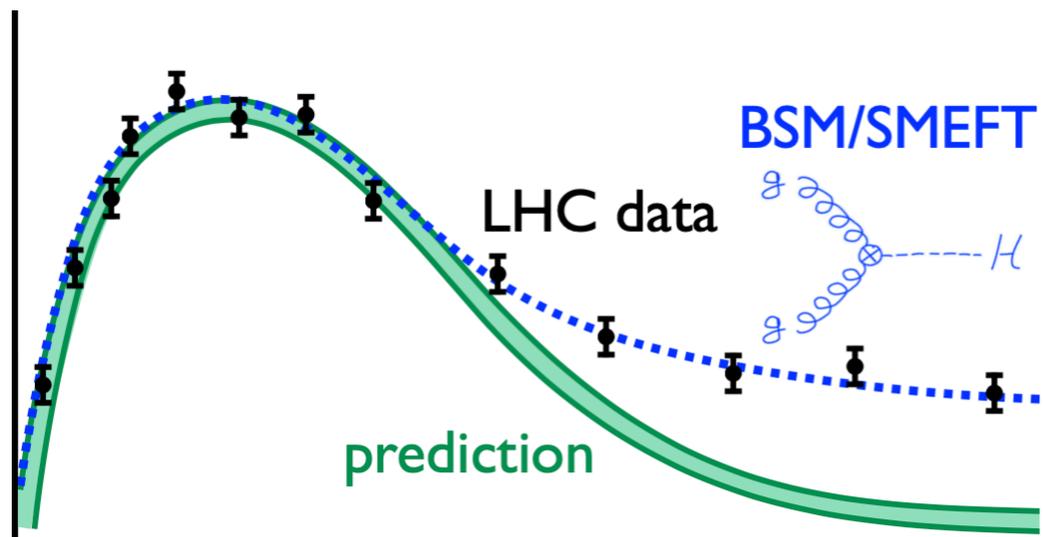


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Higher precision can translate into higher discovery reach almost “for free”

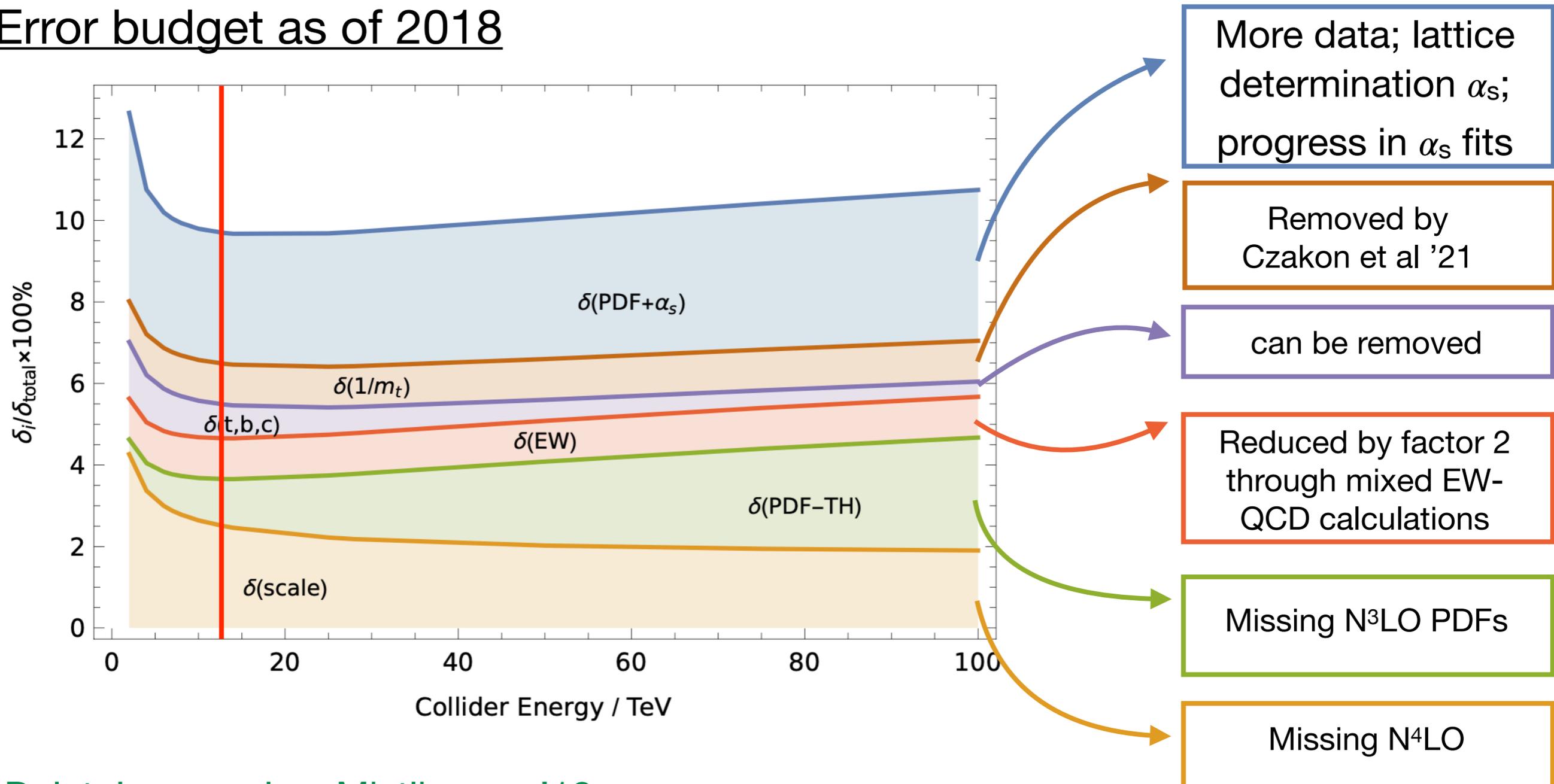
Precision theory: a multilateral challenge

- ❖ pushing frontier to N³LO in the perturbative expansion
- ❖ heavy-top and bottom mass effects
- ❖ mixed QCD-electroweak corrections
- ❖ large logarithmically enhanced terms to all orders
- ❖ fully exclusive description of the final state through parton showers
 - ❖ improving the accuracy of parton showers
 - ❖ matching fixed-order calculations and parton showers
- ❖ modelling of hadronization effects, multi-parton interactions (or ways to reduce the effects)
- ❖ Uncertainties due to input in the predictions (strong coupling, PDF, b-mass...) ⇒ ways to reduce these uncertainties
- ❖ ...

Error budget: one example

Gluon-fusion Higgs productions (known to N³LO fully differential)

Error budget as of 2018



Dulat, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger '18

Precision calculations

The role of precision at the LHC can not be understated. It simply increases the discovery reach of the machine, *“almost” for free ...*

For an overview of the recent progress and prospect on this

⇒ *see talk by R. Harlander*

For evolution in experimental techniques since discovery

⇒ *see talk by F. Cerutti*

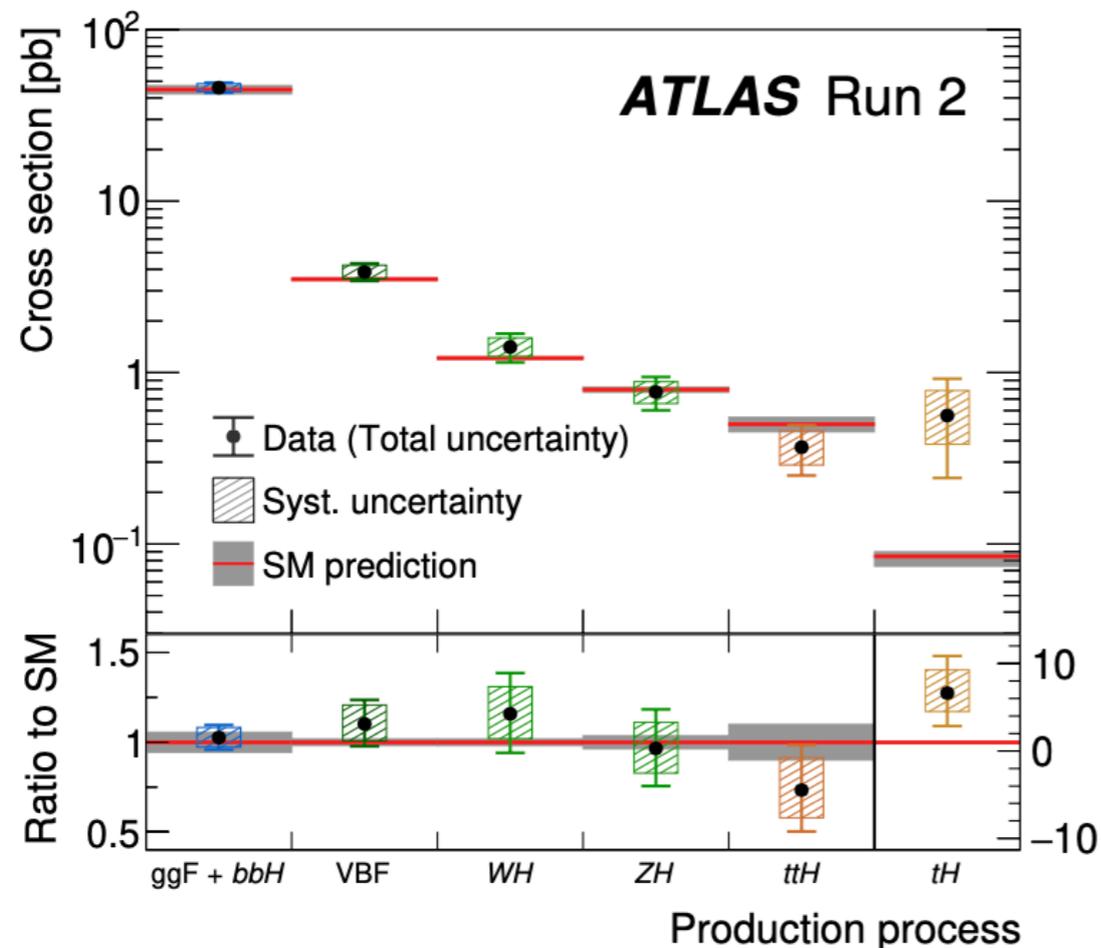


**Where do we stand
after ten years?**

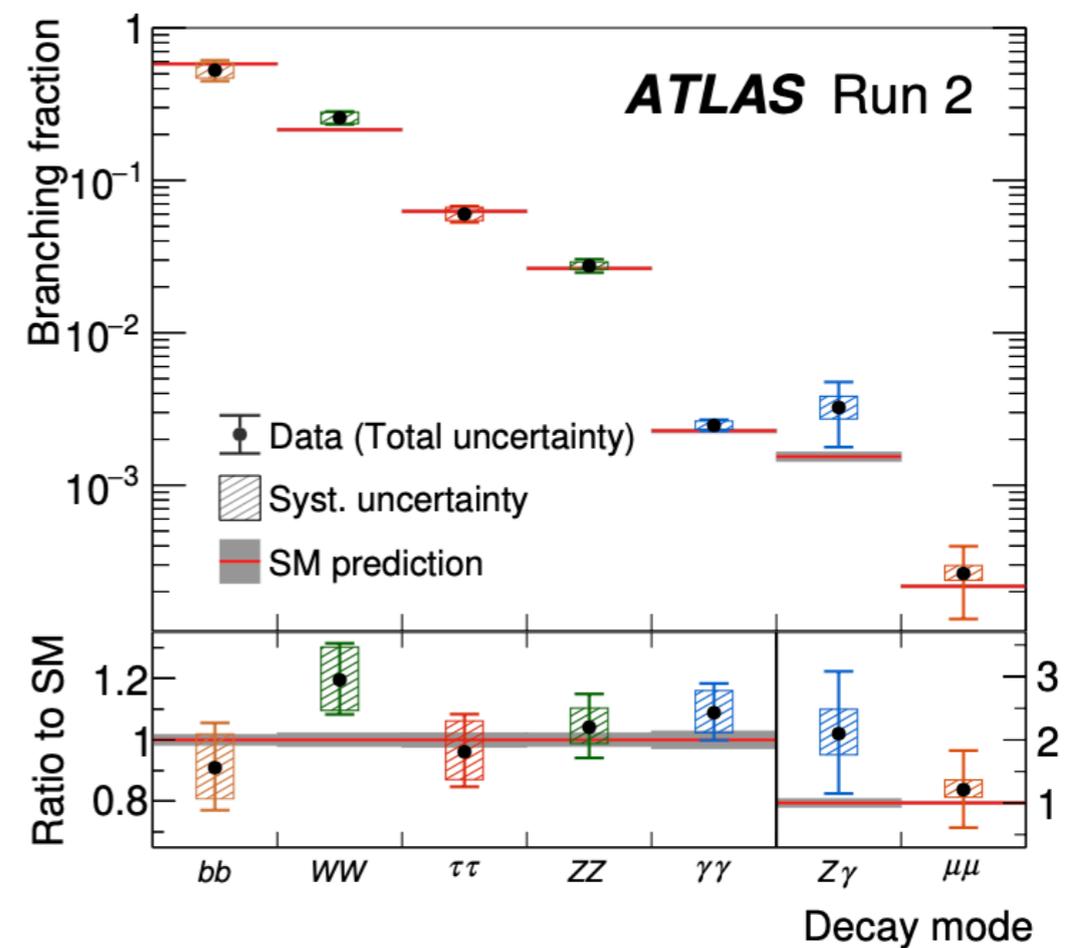


Higgs production & decay

Cross-sections



Branching ratios

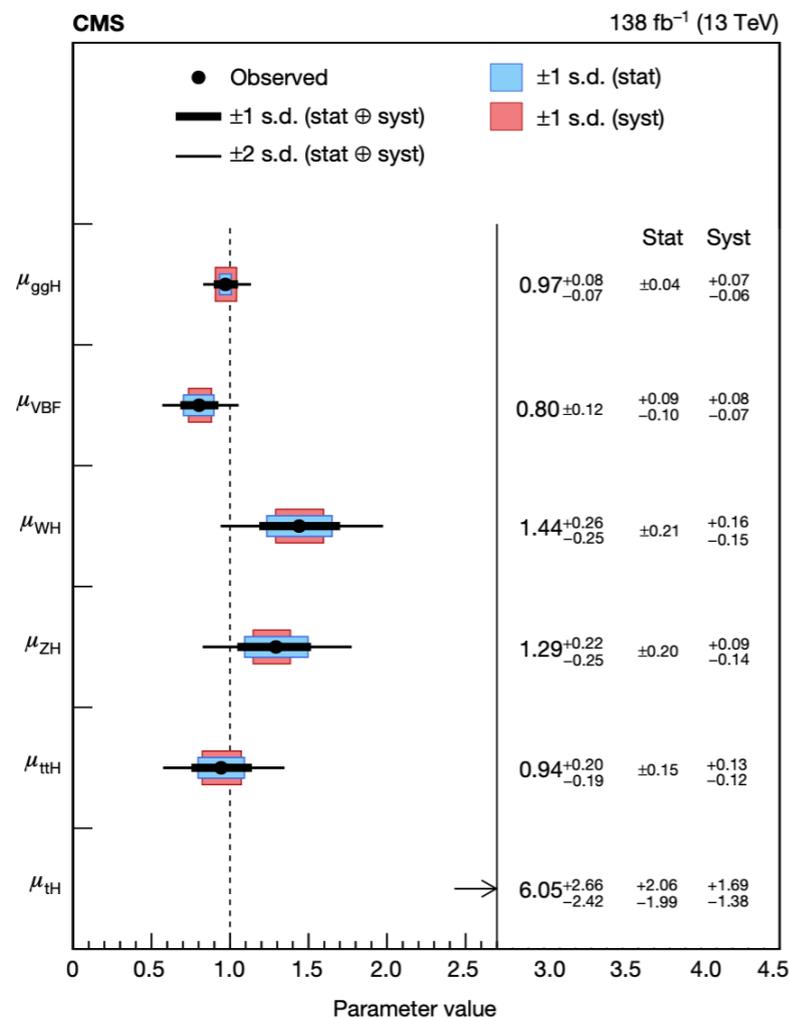


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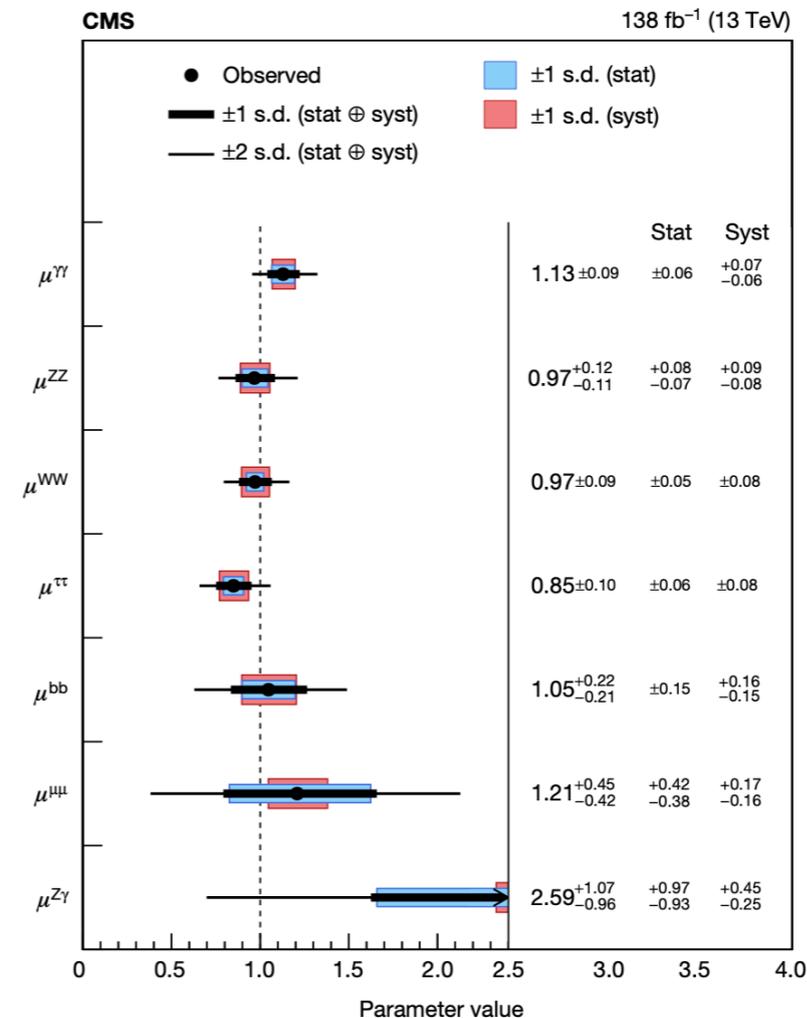
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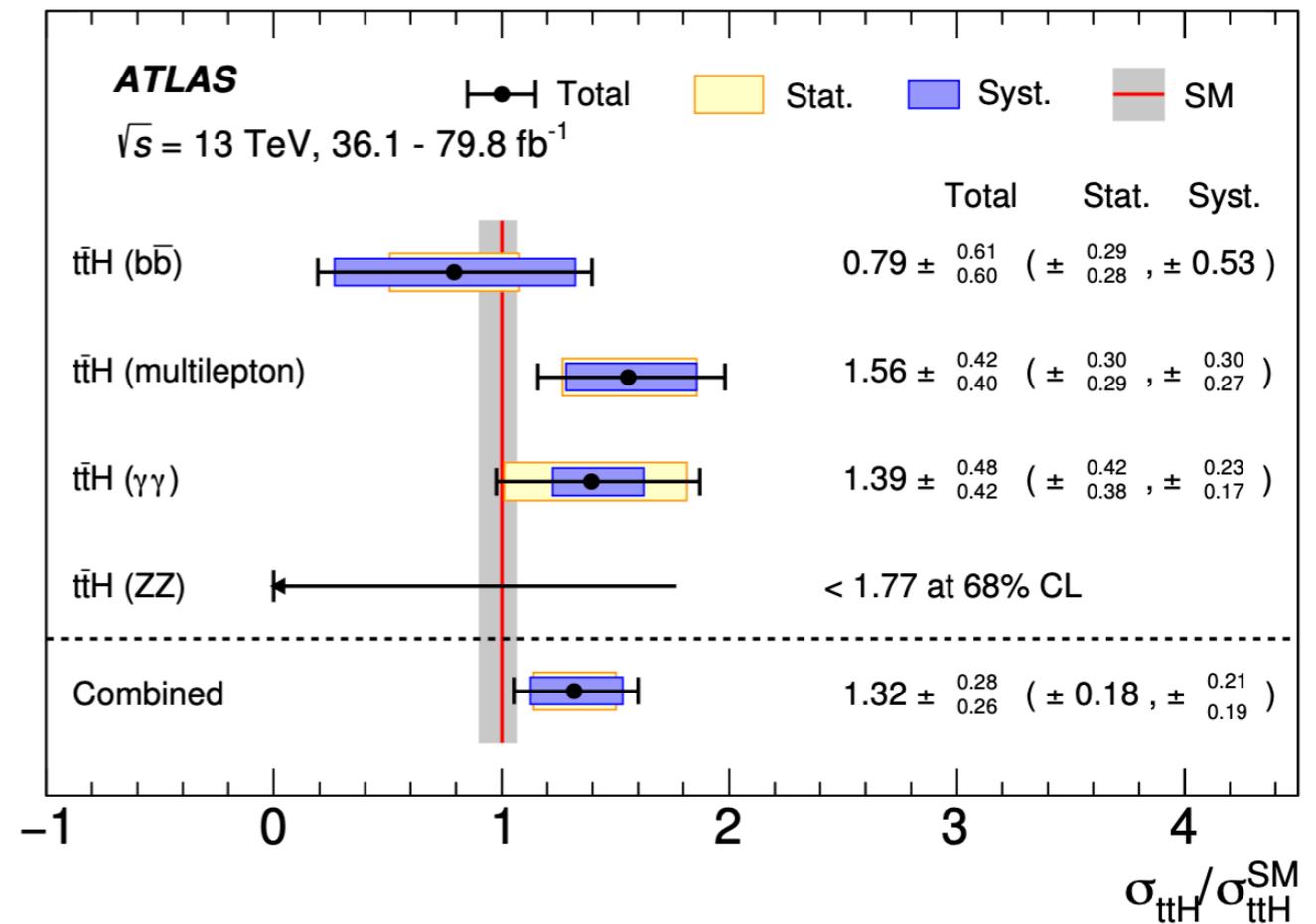
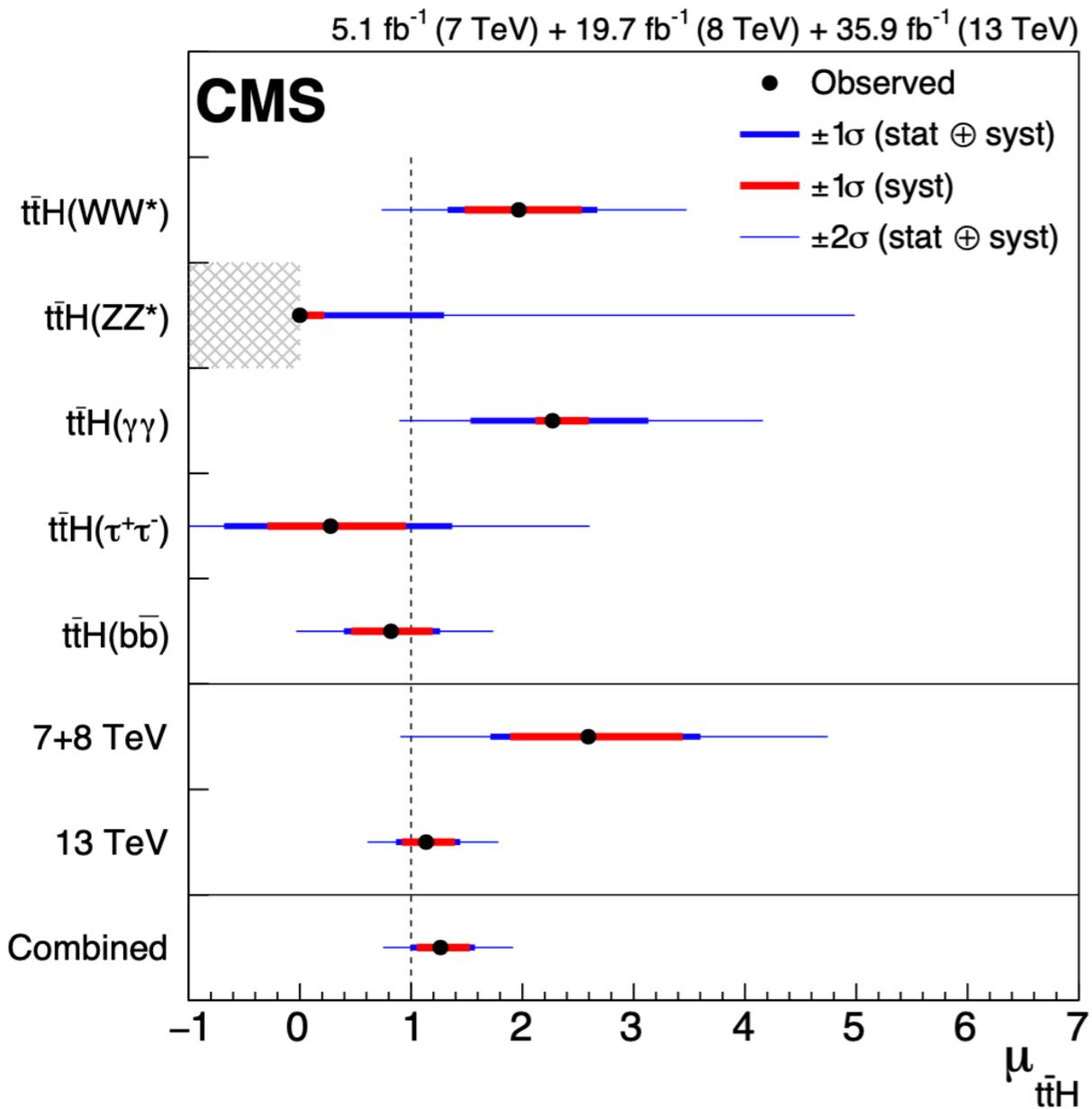
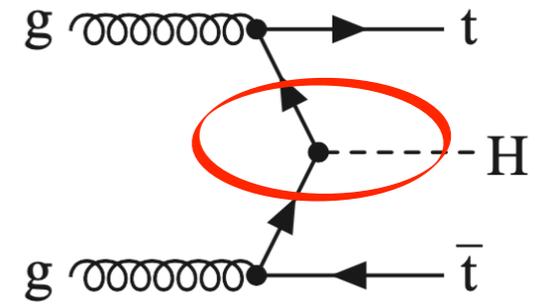
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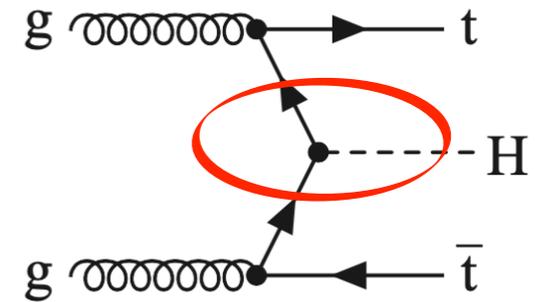
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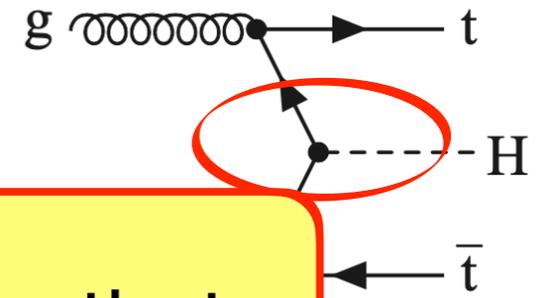
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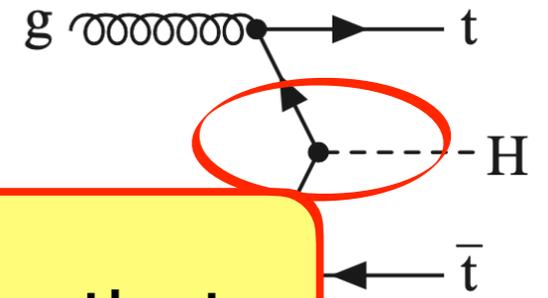
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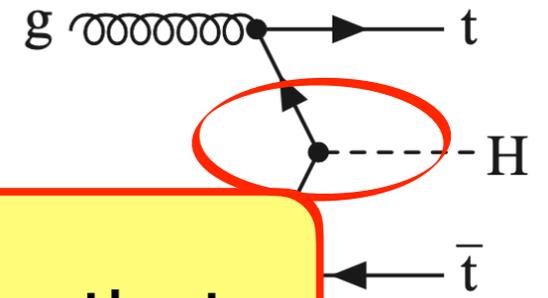
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The direct evidence of a new fundamental interaction (the Yukawa interaction) which couples the Higgs to the heaviest known quark?

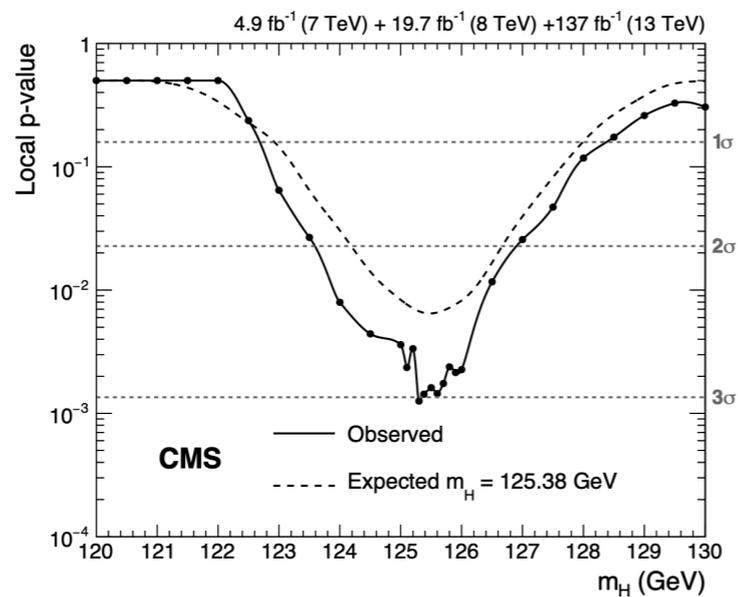
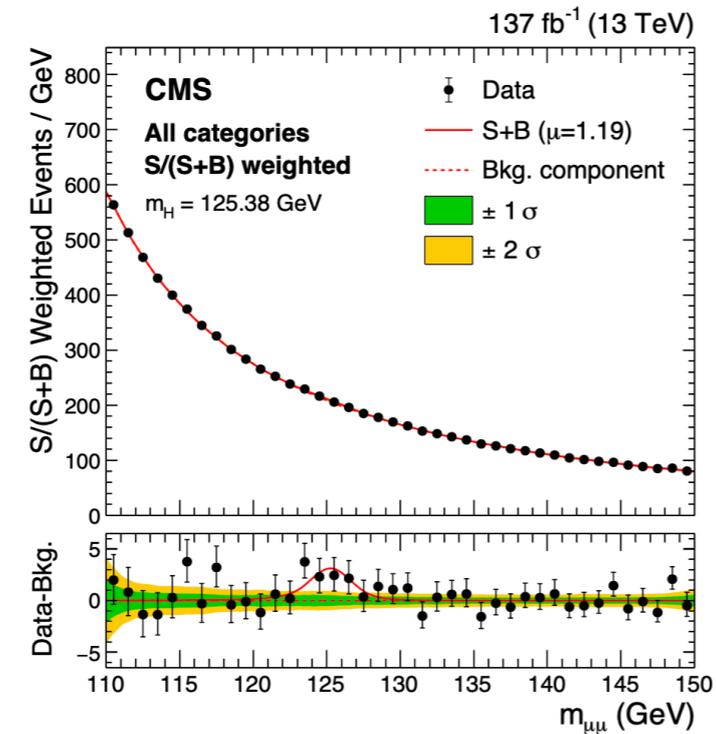
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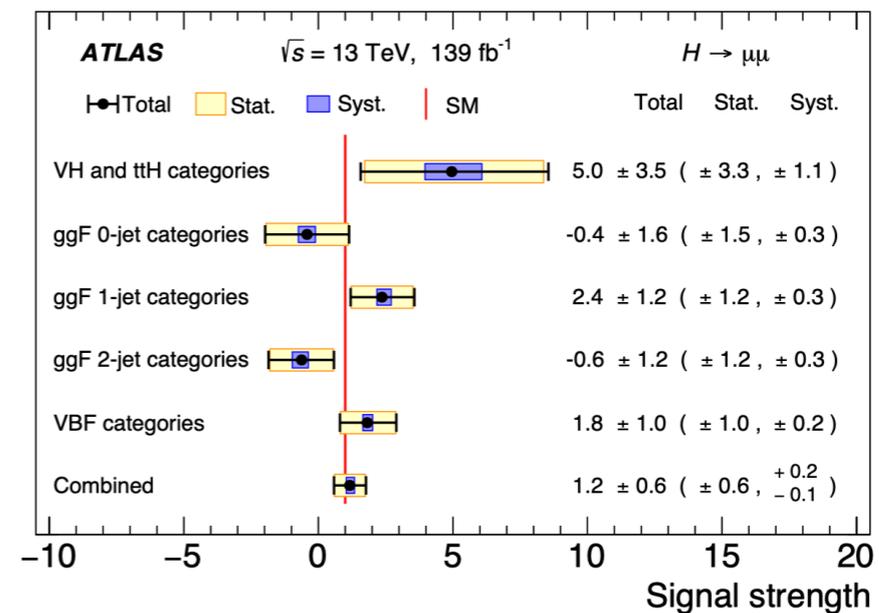
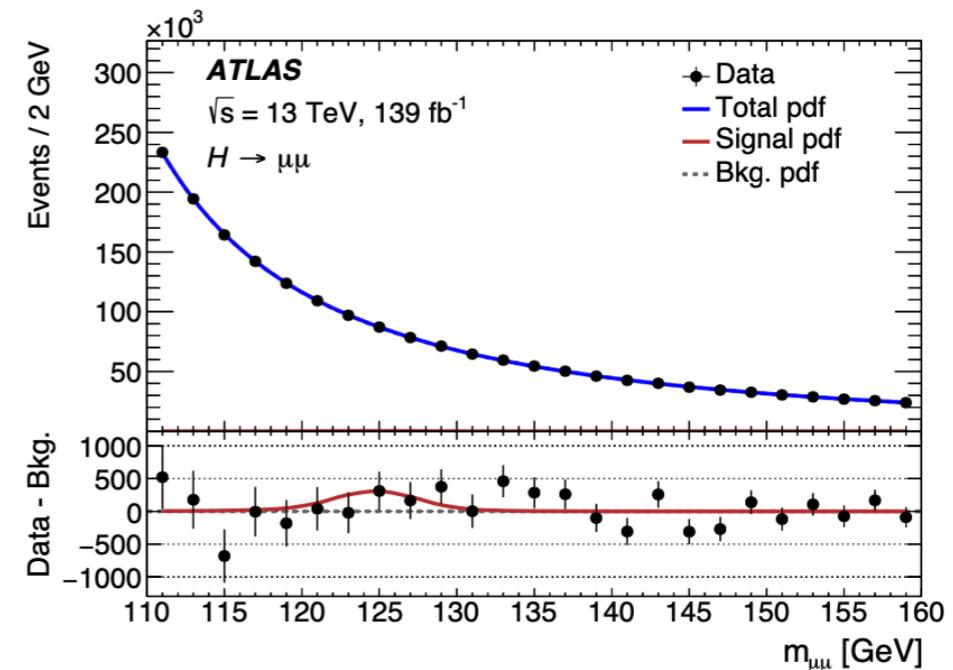
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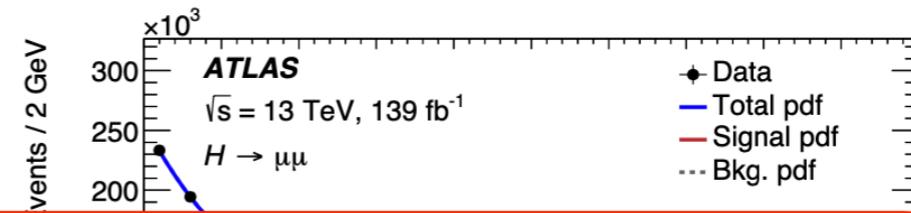
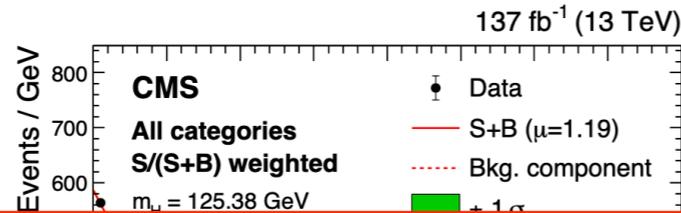
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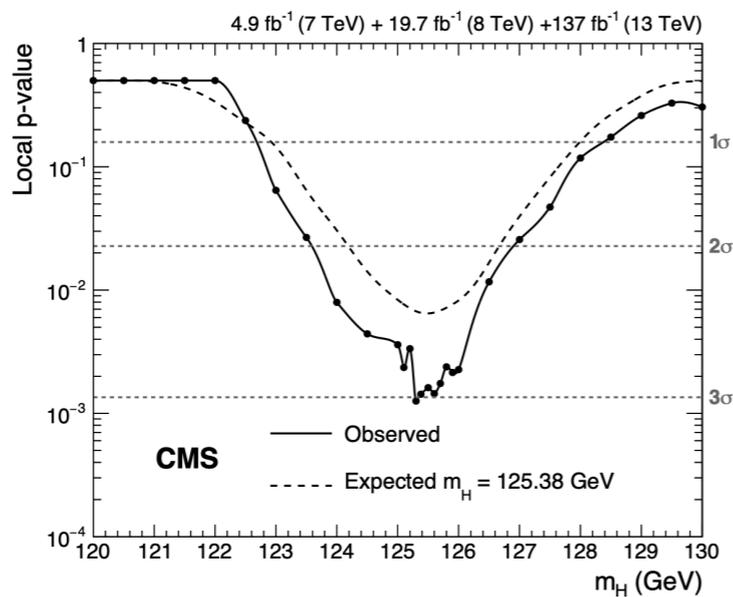
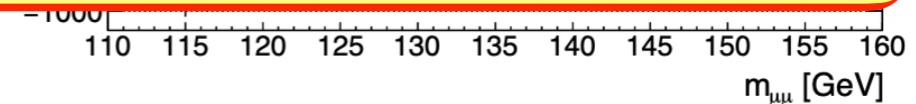
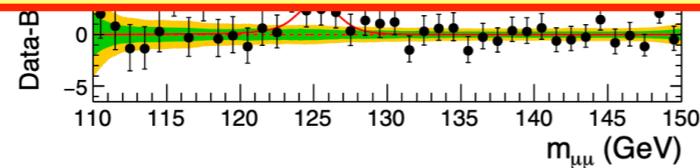
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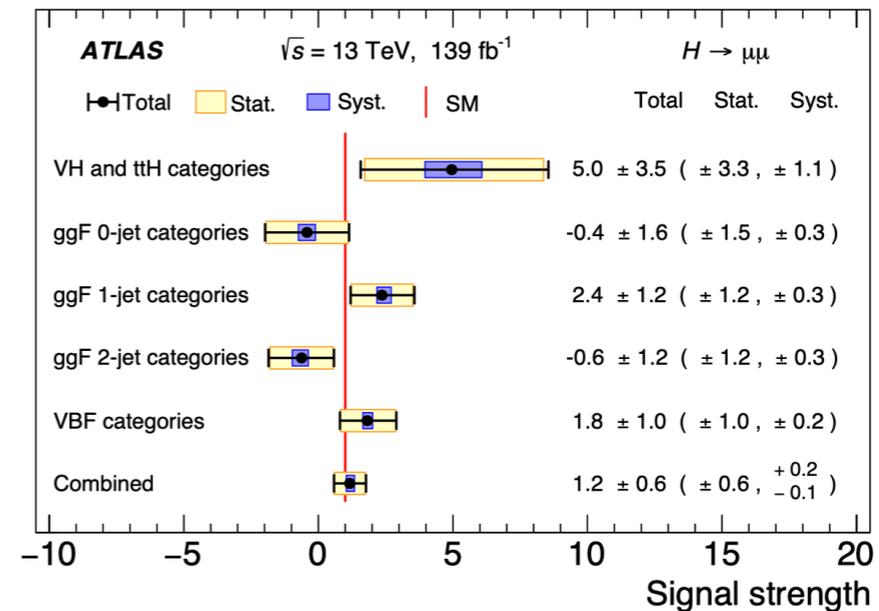
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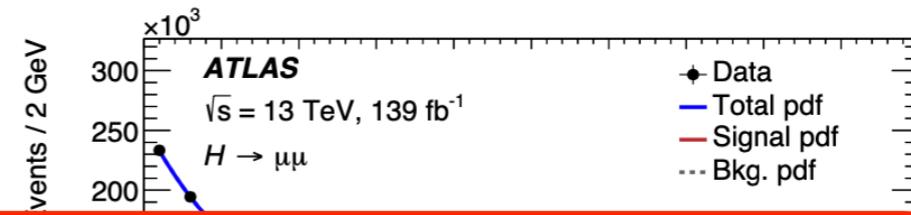
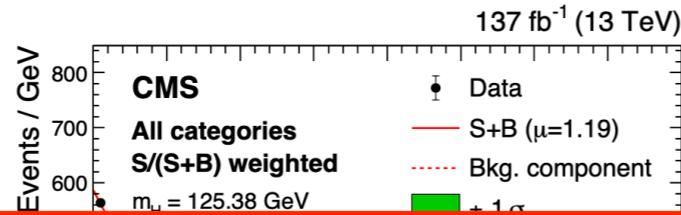
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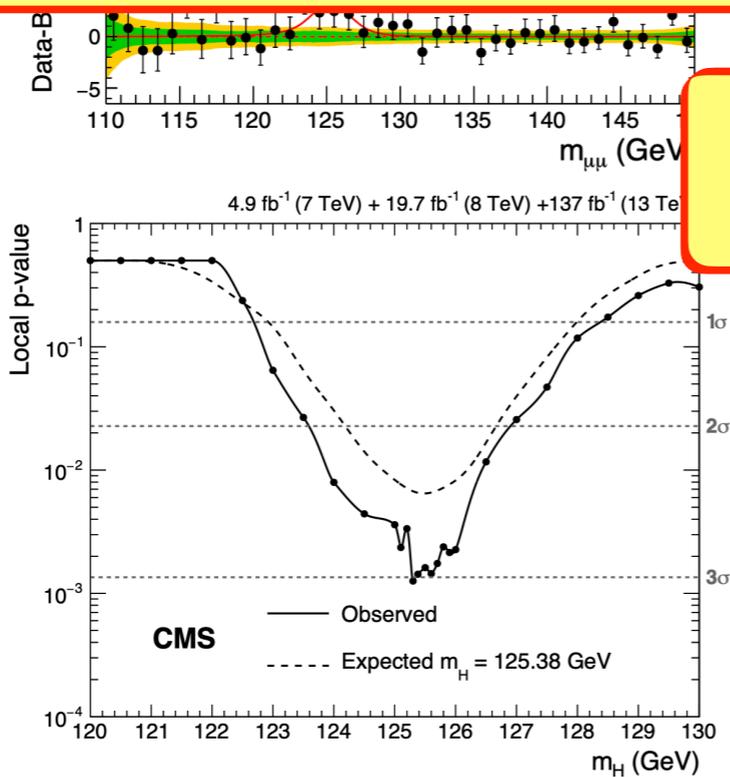
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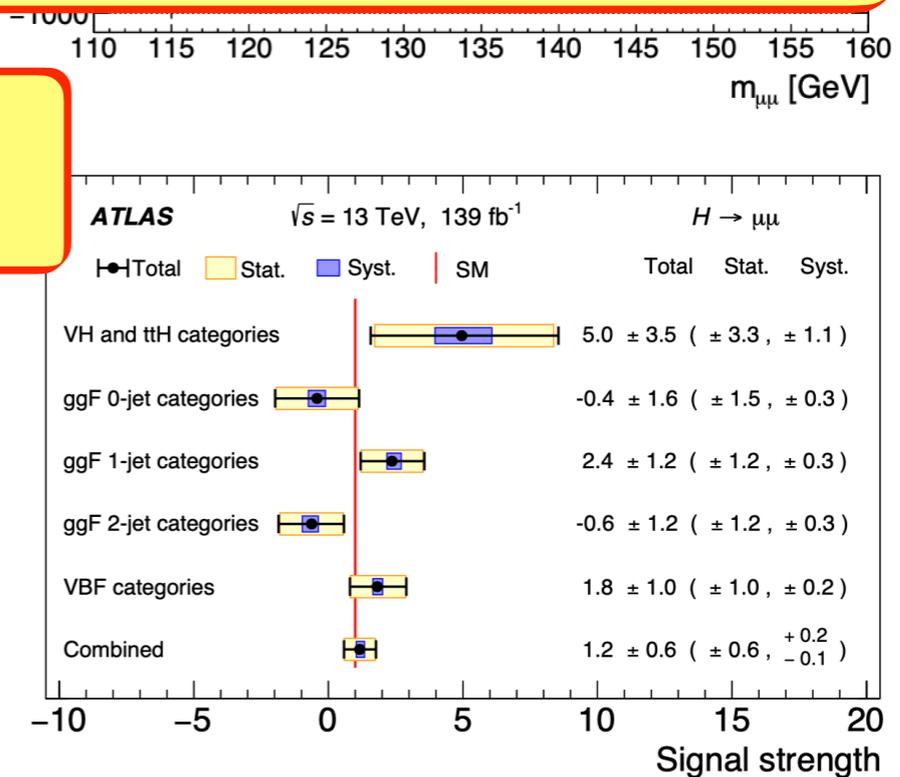


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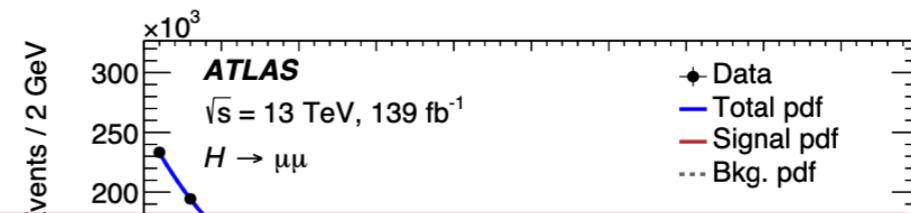
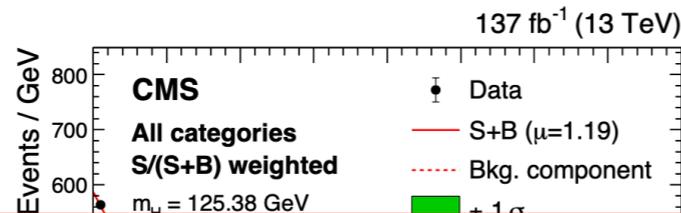
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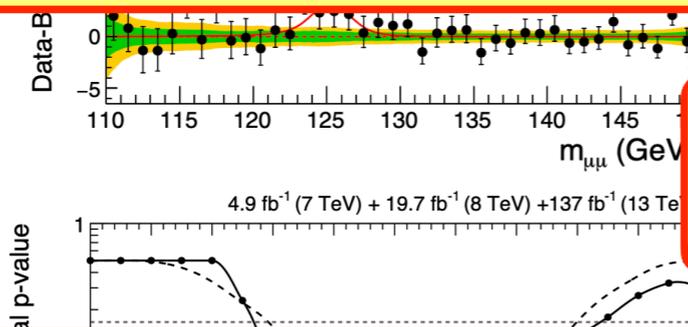
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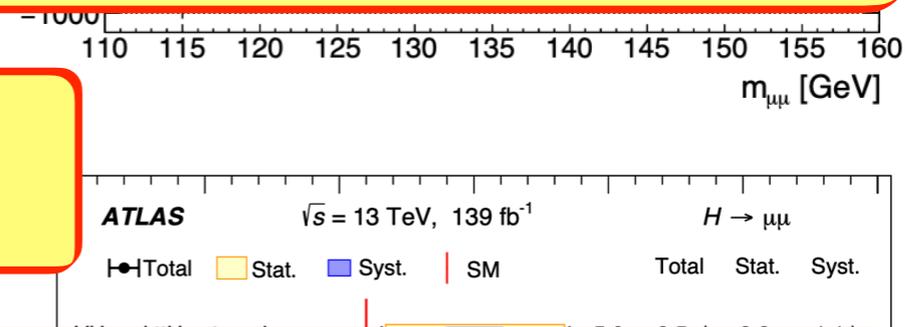
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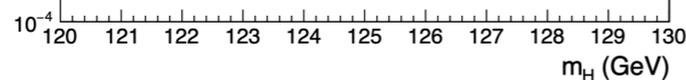
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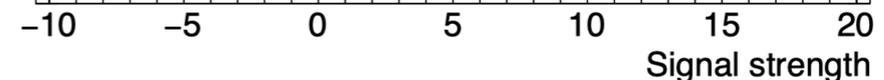
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The very first evidence of the Higgs boson being responsible for the mass of second generation fermions?



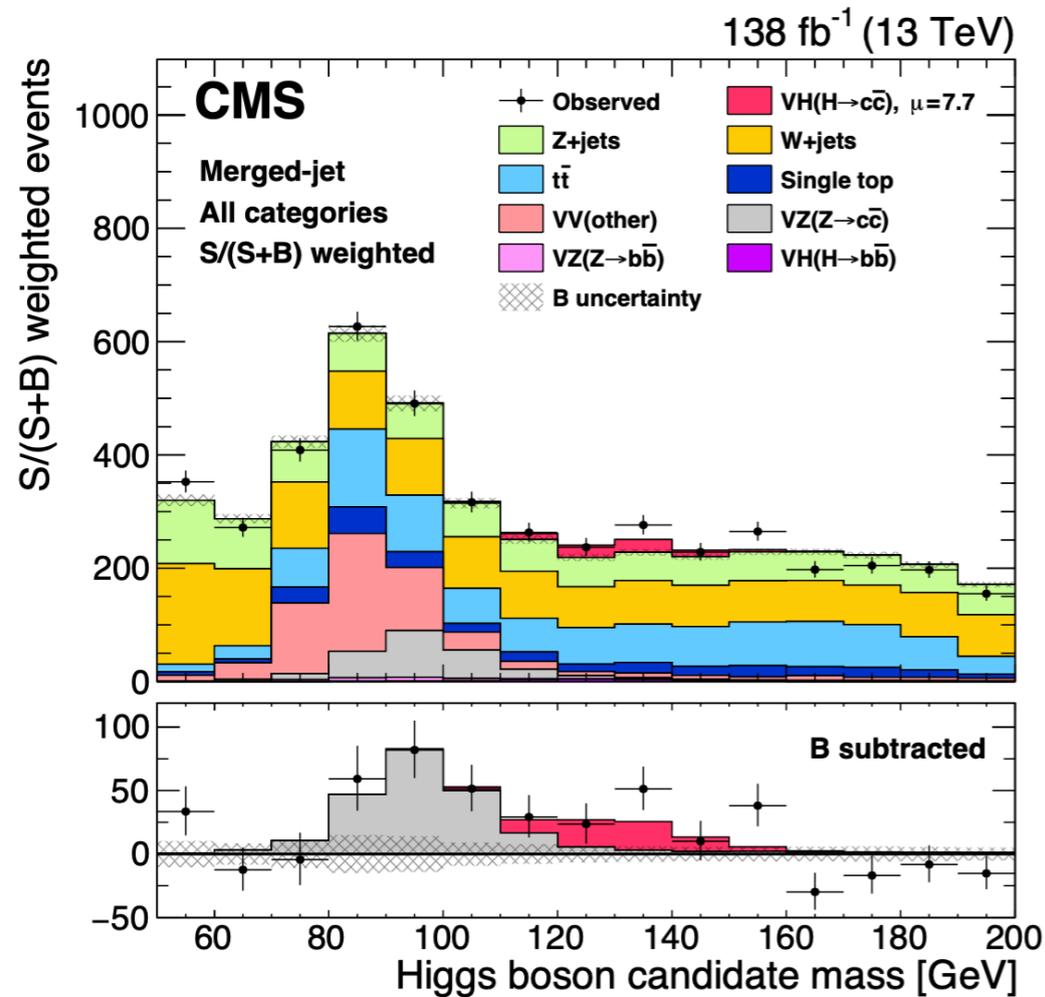
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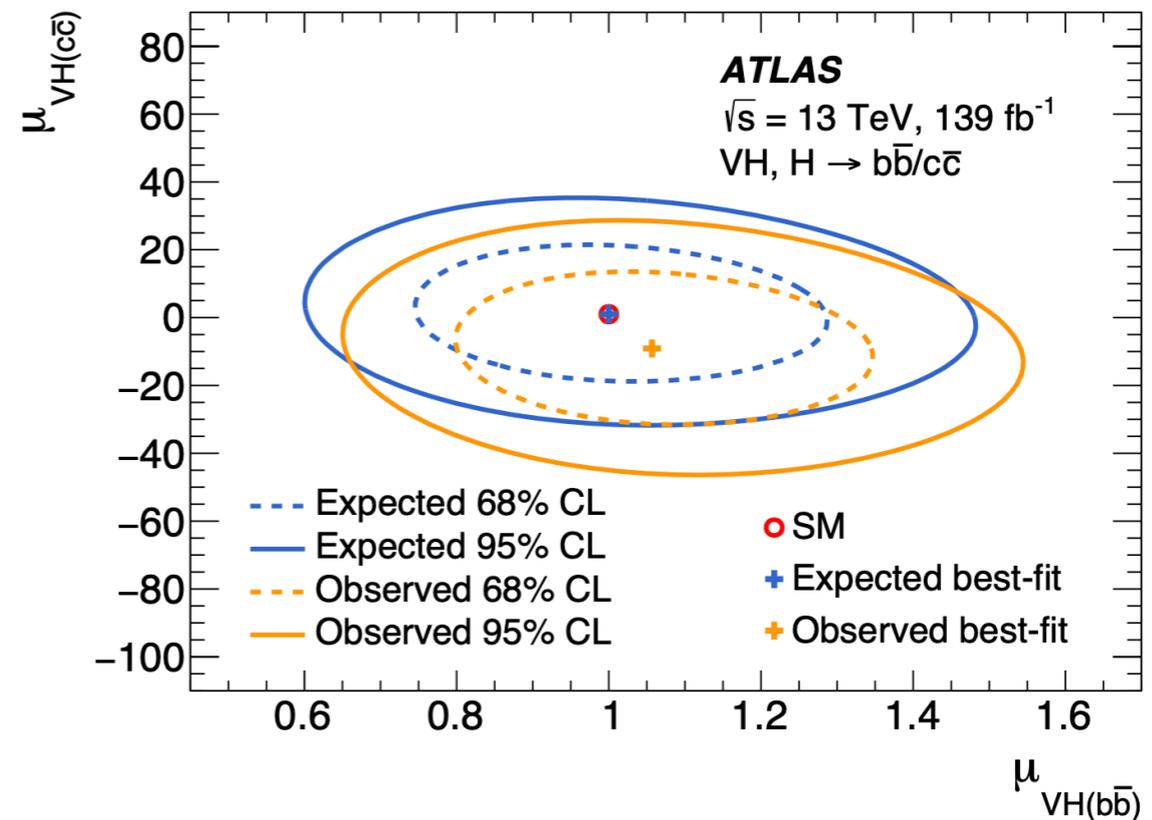
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$$1.1 < |\kappa_c| < 5.5 \quad (|\kappa_c| < 3.4)$$

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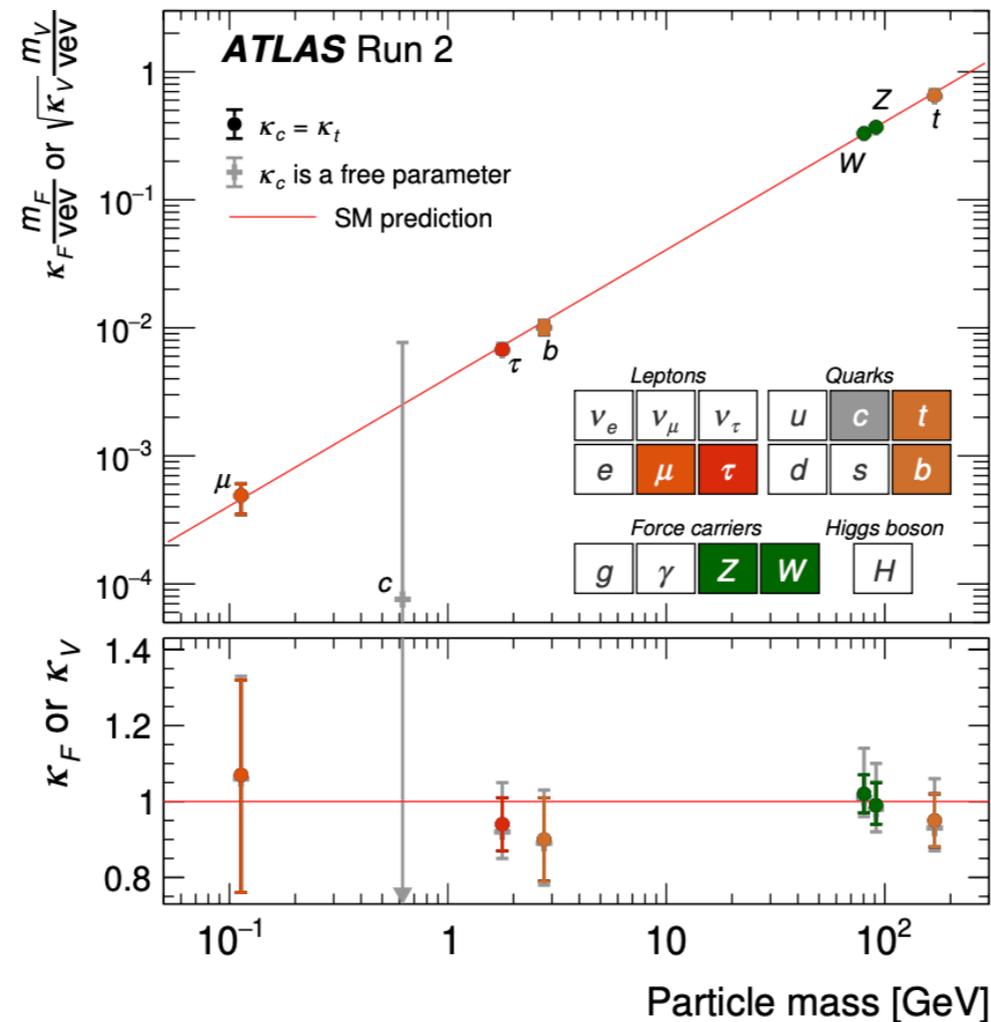


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Crucial role of precision theory predictions for the prediction and simulation of background processes

Footprint of the SM Higgs

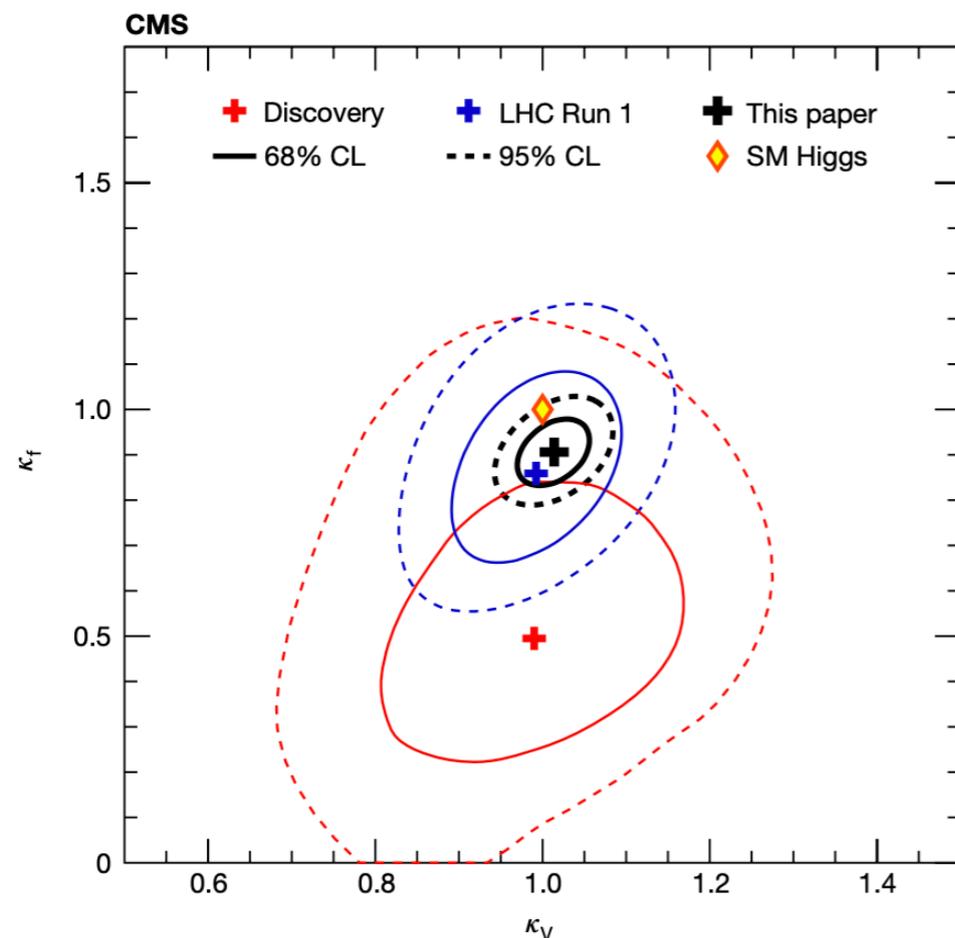
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So far, the Higgs behaves SM like, as far as couplings to third and second generation are concerned.
 Still large room for BSM effects in couplings to 1st and 2nd generation

Higgs couplings to fermions and bosons

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“Global” fermion and vector coupling modifiers can be used to quantify the LHC capability to constrain BSM effects

Very many ways of constraining BSM effects in Higgs physics using **SMEFT**, including using non-Higgs related observables and vice-versa
⇒ see e.g. talks of R. Franceschini, D. Marzocca, E. Vryonidou, A. Martin, G. Piaquadio

Higgs and New Physics

Seeds of New Physics in the Higgs Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi) = (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \phi) - \mu_0^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4 + Y_{ij} \bar{\psi}_L^i \psi_R^j \phi$$

Gauge invariant mass generation of gauge bosons in the SM

The Higgs mass terms. Connected to the naturalness problem

Yukawas give mass to fermions. Connected to flavour/CP problem

The Higgs quartic self-interaction. Connected to the question of the stability of the potential

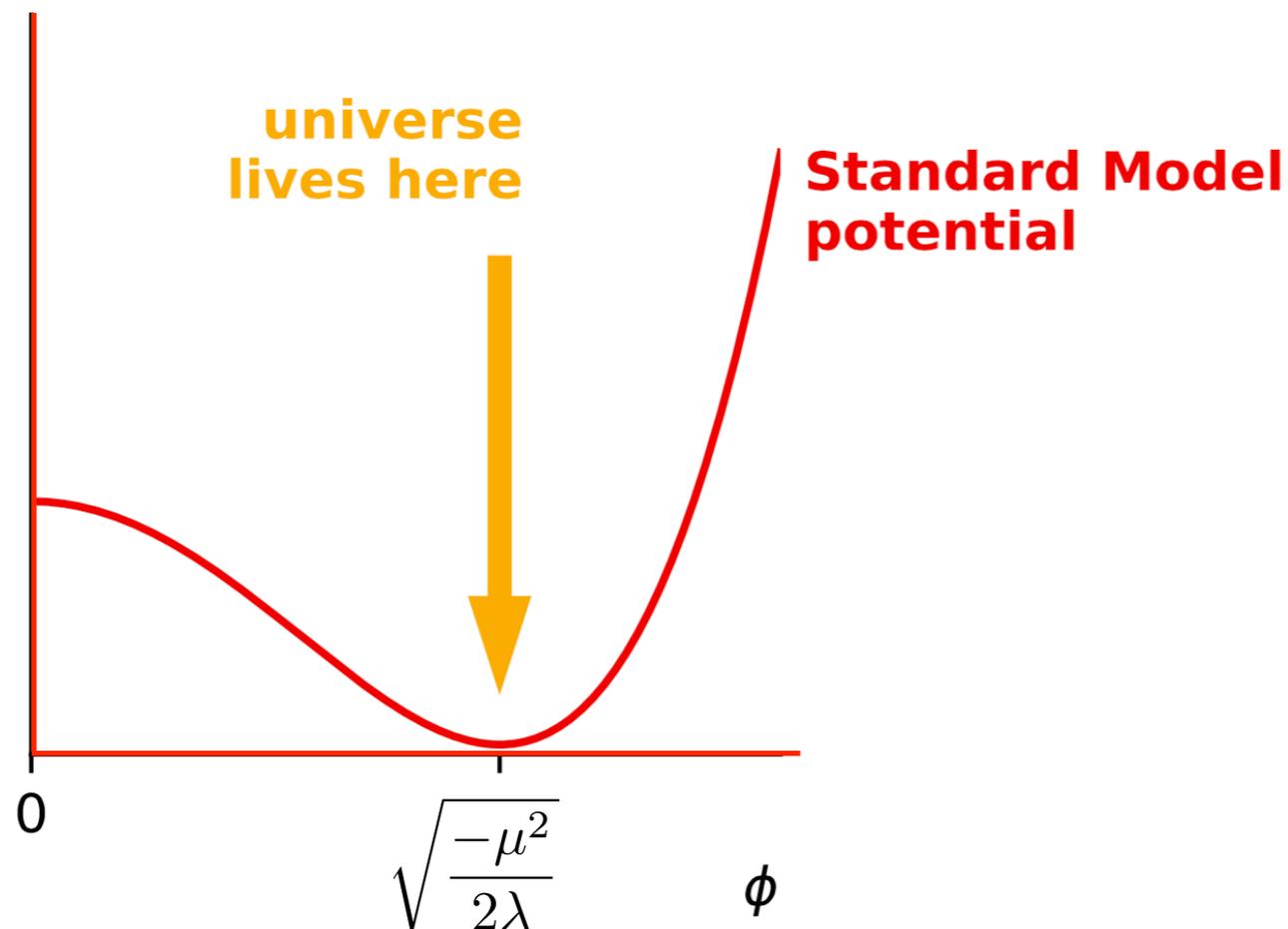
The Higgs potential

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4$$

Theorist's assumption

the cornerstone of the SM, also connects with the stability of the universe

$V(\phi)$, SM

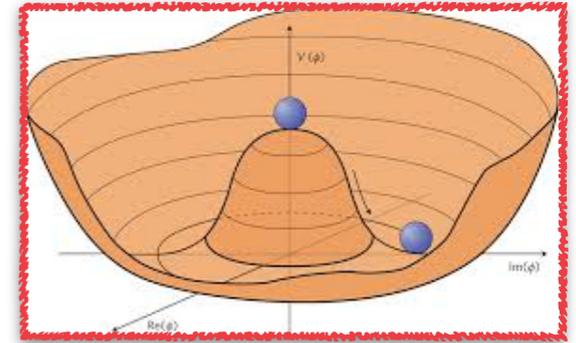


The Higgs boson is responsible for the masses of all particles. Its potential, linked to the Higgs self-coupling, is predicted in the SM, but we have not tested it so far

Establishing this assumption is a big answerable question, a guaranteed pay-off

The Higgs potential

After electroweak symmetry breaking:



$$V_{\text{SM}} = \frac{m_h}{2} h^2 + \lambda v h^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4$$

Single Higgs
done
O(7 millions)

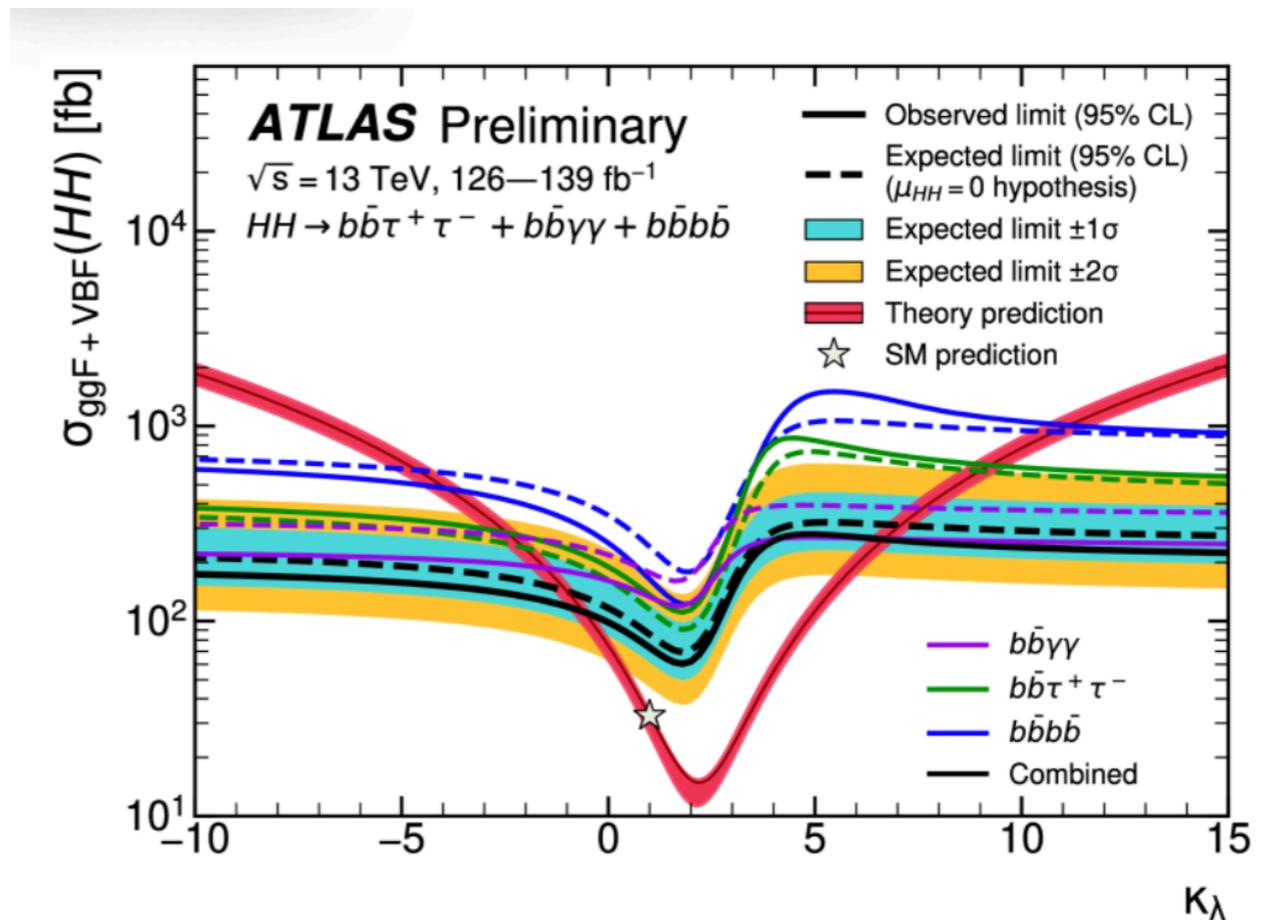
Double Higgs
very hard
O(7000)

Triple Higgs
out of reach
O(15)

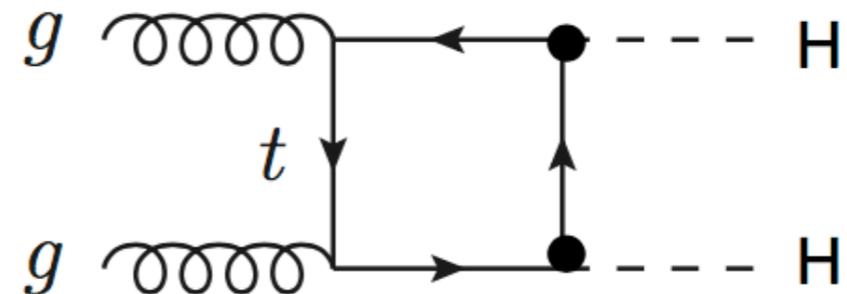
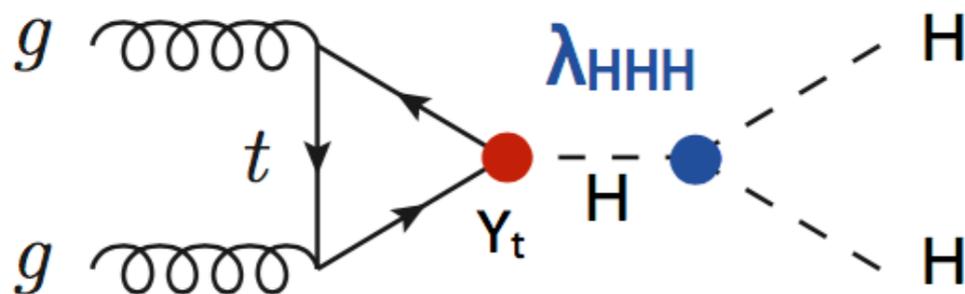
events produced so far

The Higgs self-coupling

- Double-Higgs production is **directly** sensitive to the self-coupling
- Sensitivity limited also because of destructive interference



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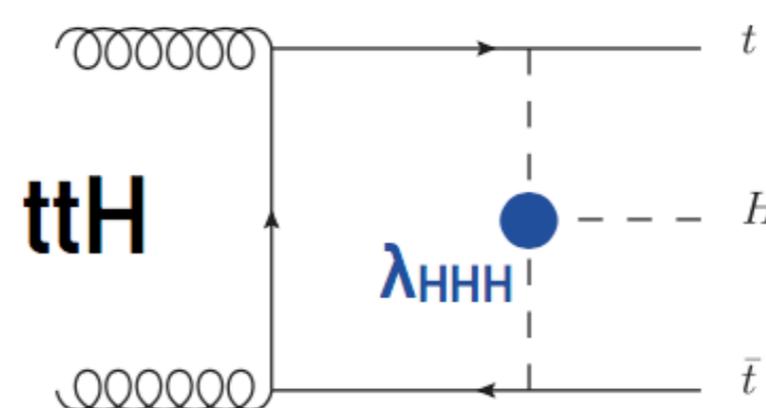
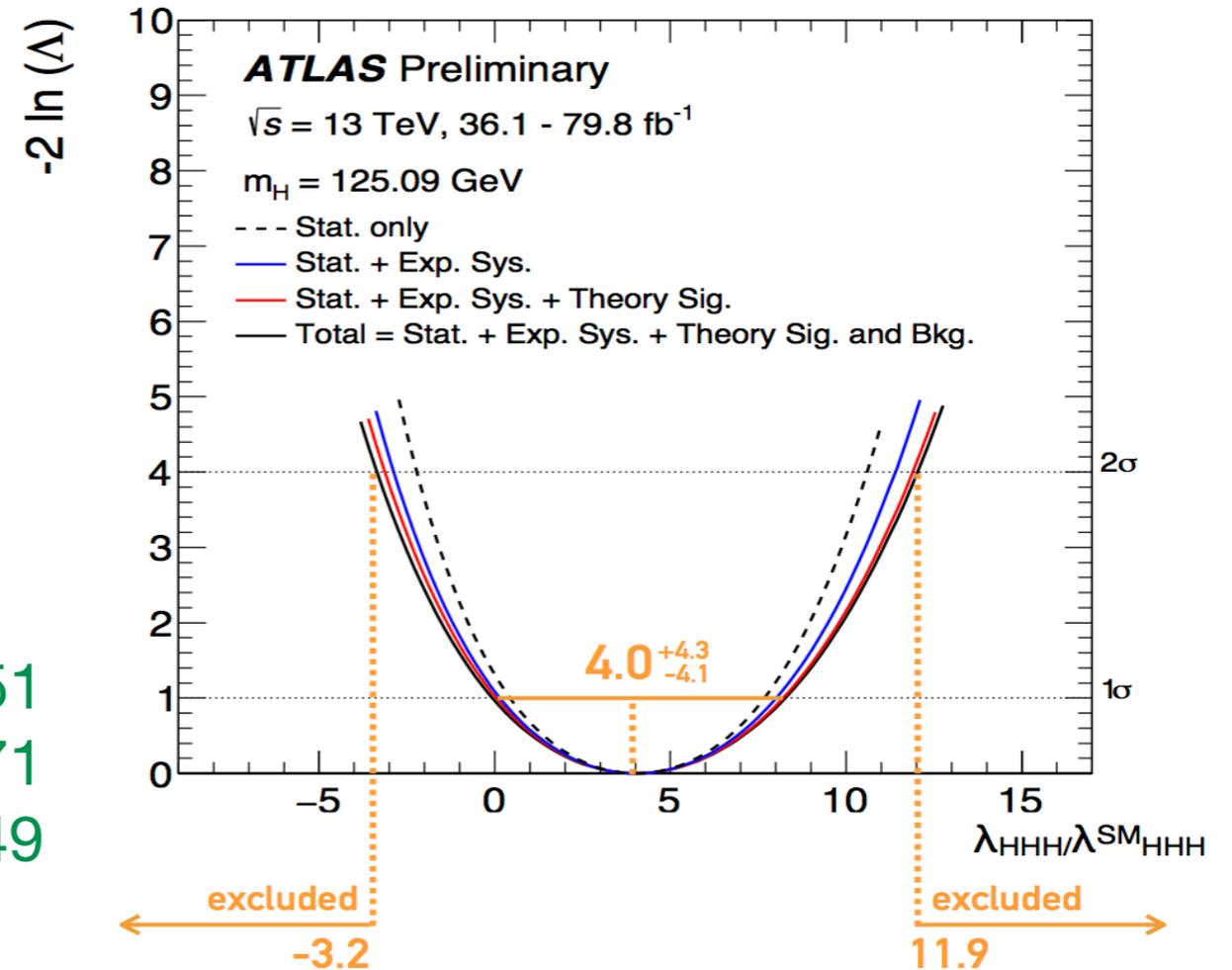
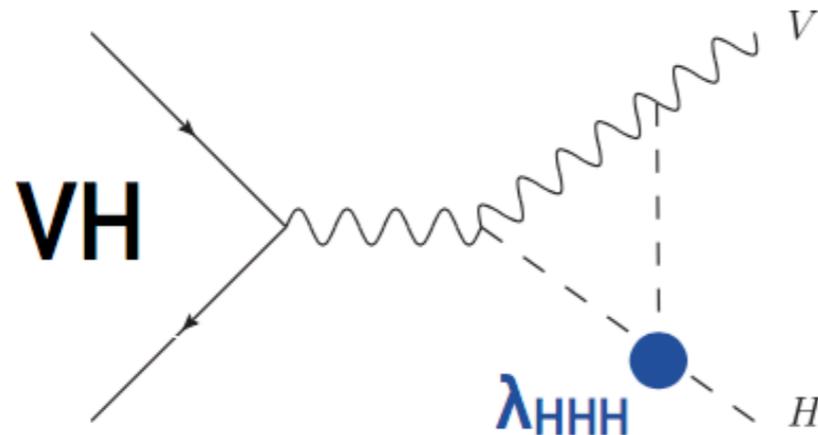


⇒ see e.g. talks of L. Skyboz, N. De Filippi ...

The Higgs self-coupling

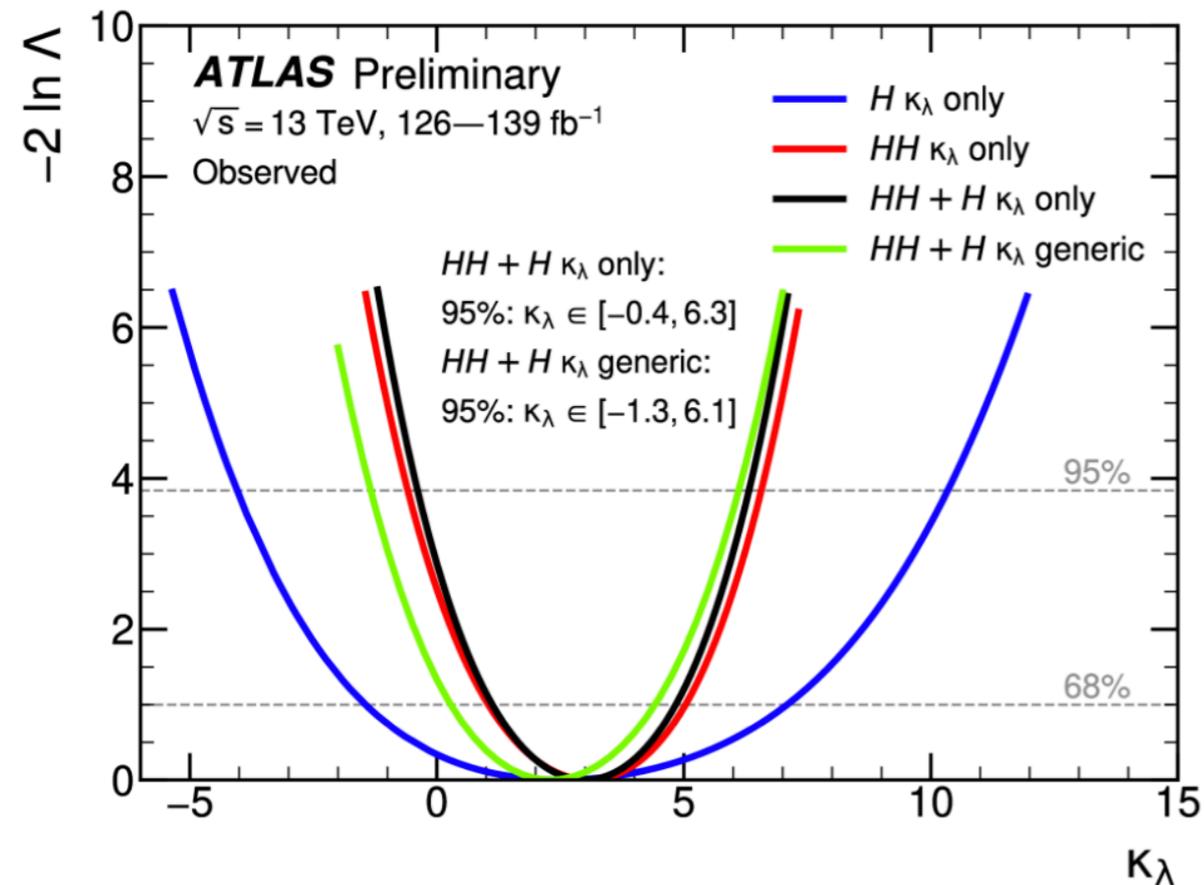
- Single-Higgs production modes **indirectly** sensitive to the self-coupling through electro-weak effects
- Precision theory predictions absolutely crucial

De Grassi et al 1607.04251
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H+HH combination

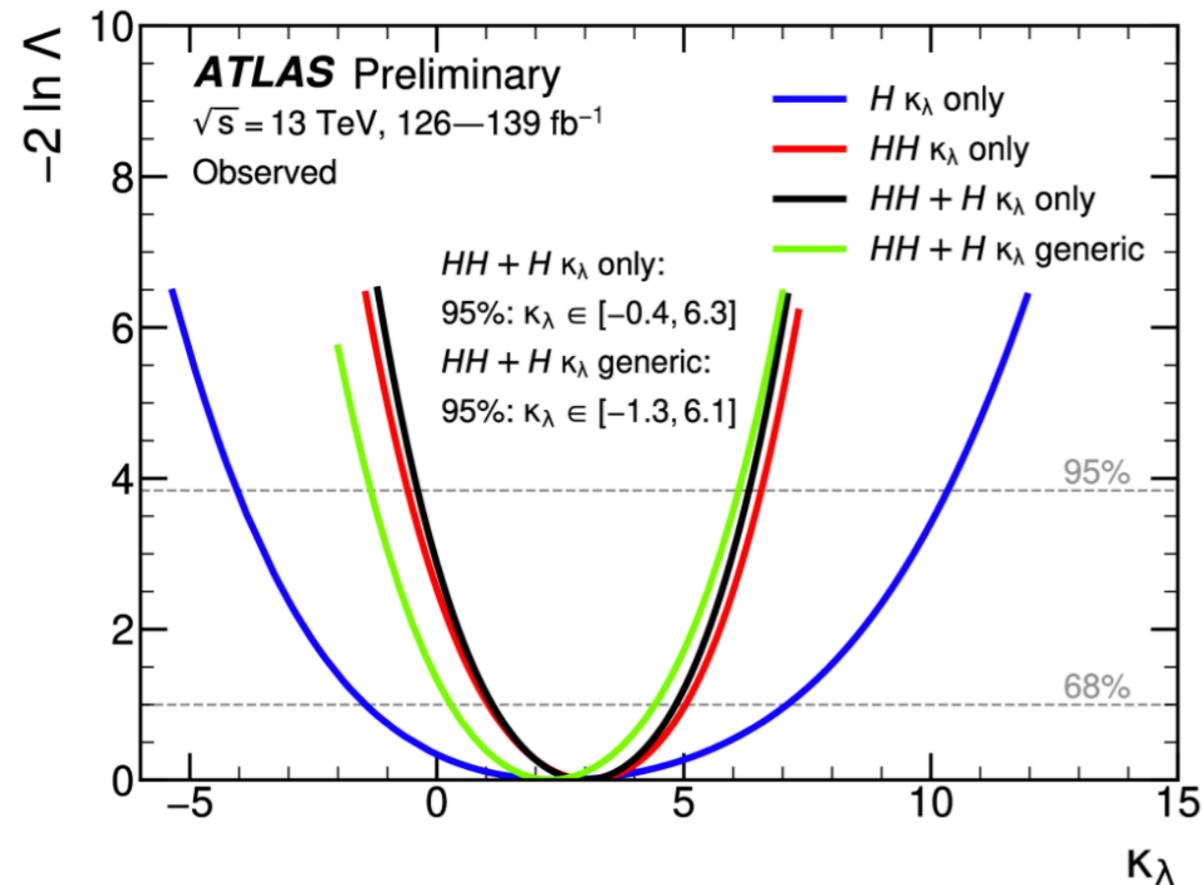
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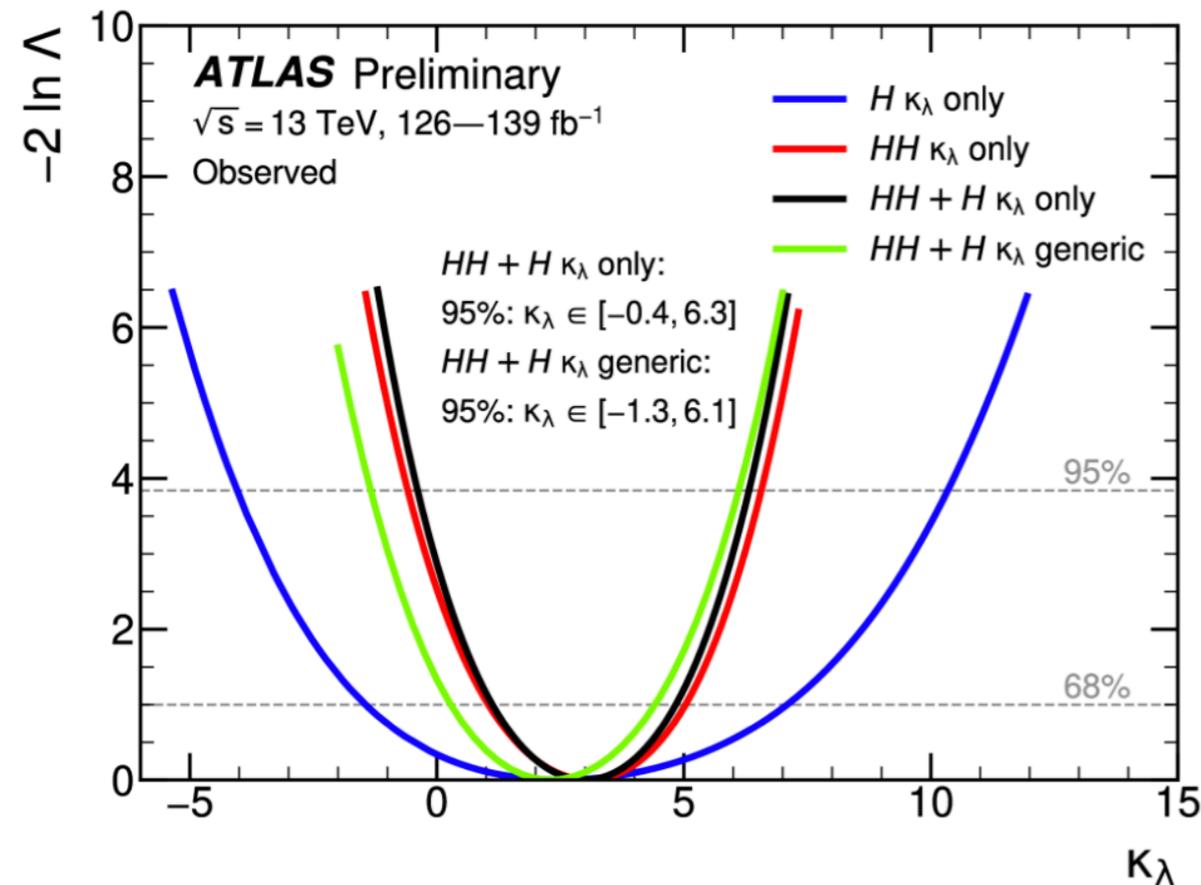


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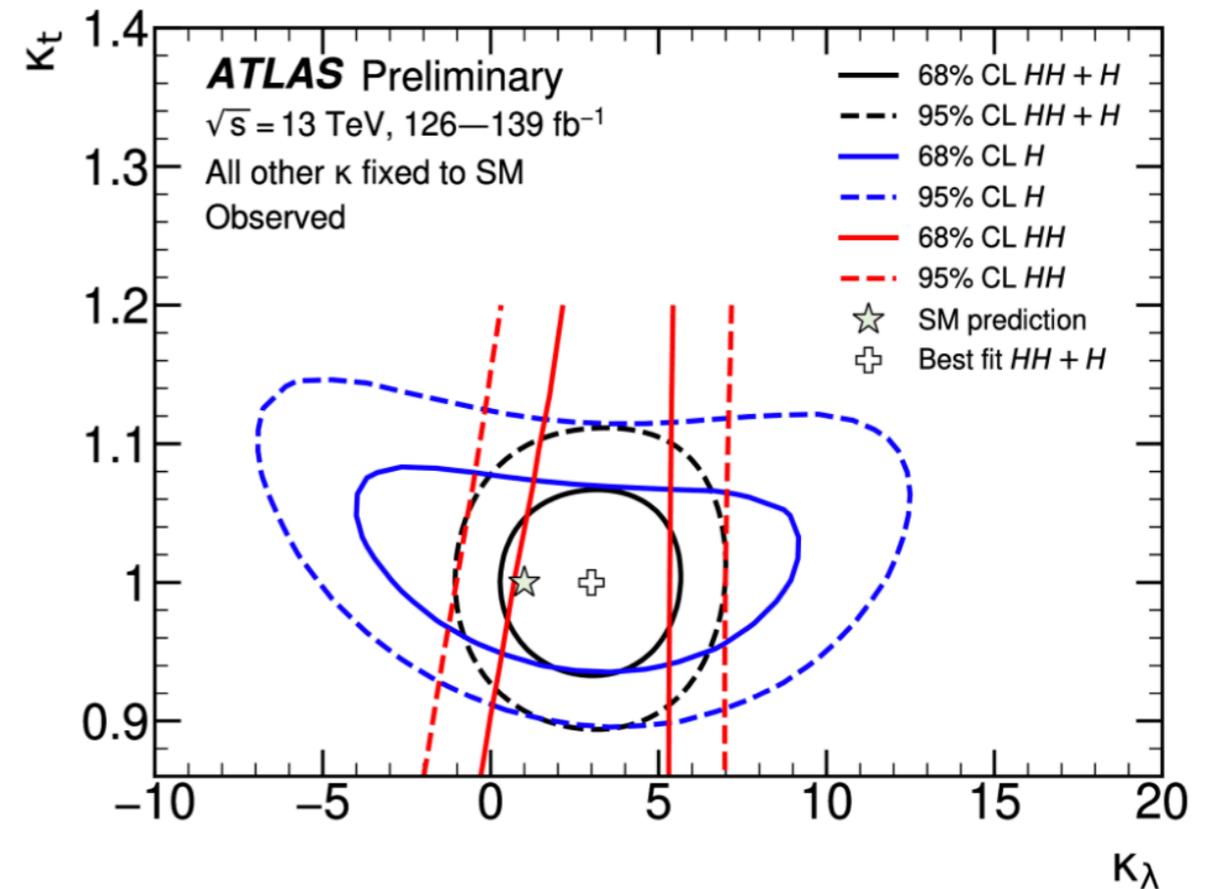
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H+HH combination

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⇒ no relevant gain from single-Higgs



BUT

⇒ the combination of H and HH allows to constrain κ_λ and other “ κ ” (e.g. κ_t)

10 years of Higgs in the media



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Oggi si celebrano i 10 anni dalla scoperta del bosone di Higgs: era infatti il 4 luglio del 2012 quando veniva annunciata in diretta mondiale alla conferenza ICHEP – International Conference on High Energy Physics in corso a Melbourne la scoperta di una nuova particella, grazie alle collaborazioni internazionali degli esperimenti ATLAS e CMS all’acceleratore LHC Large Hadron Collider del CERN di Ginevra.

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Dieci anni fa l’annuncio del primo «avvistamento» del bosone di Higgs confermò la sostanziale validità del Modello Standard, la teoria scientifica che cerca di spiegare il mondo. Ma schiuse anche le porte a nuovi e inesplorati campi di ricerca

How the boson changed our understanding of the world

What we know so far

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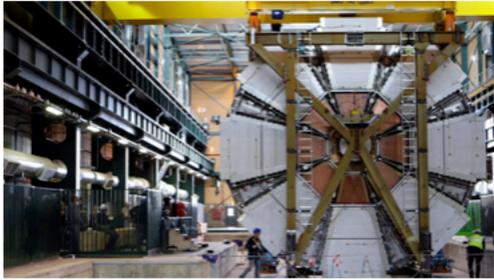
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di Elena Dusi



▲ Fabiola Gianotti con Laura e Sergio Mattarella

After 10 years, the Higgs remains the biggest mystery



Physik

Zehn Jahre Higgs-Boson: Was der Teilchenphysik noch bleibt

*What remains to
particle physics after
ten years*

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Higgs-Boson

Higgs, sonst nix

Die Teilchenphysik kommt einfach nicht vom Fleck. Und feiert unterdessen Jubiläum

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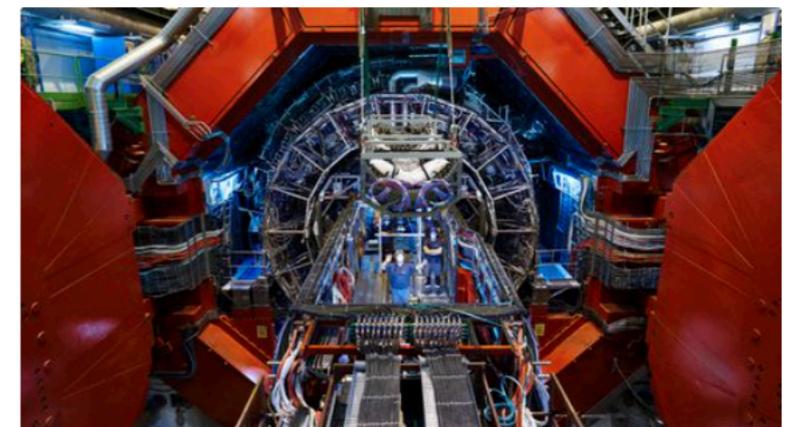
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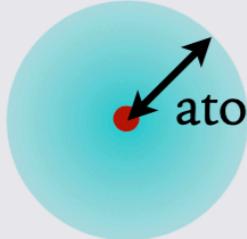
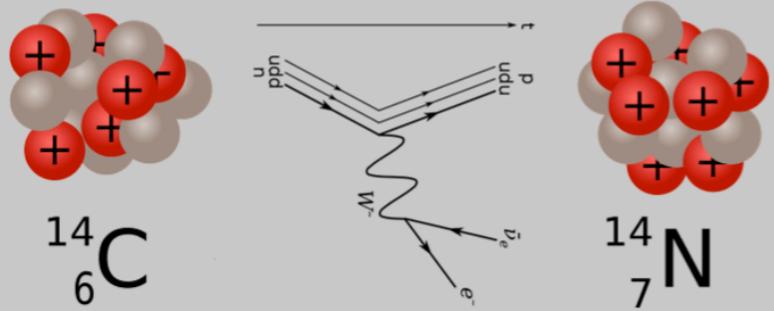
Der teuerste Crashtest der Welt

Die Physiker am Teilchenbeschleuniger LHC lassen es nach drei Jahren Pause wieder krachen. Wenn ihnen kein Durchbruch gelingt, rechnen Experten mit dem Aus eines ganzen Forschungsfeldes. Von Johann Grolle

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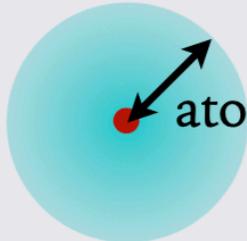
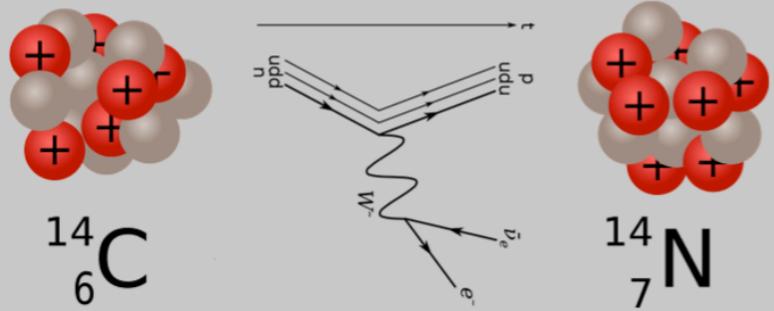
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Why do Higgs interactions matter to everyone?

Within the Standard **Model** of particle physics, they set quark, electron & W masses, with important consequences

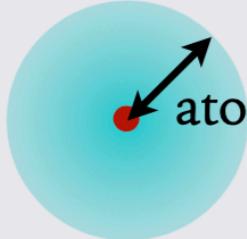
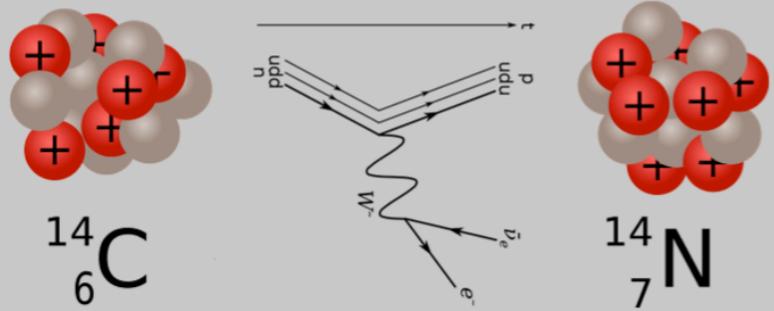
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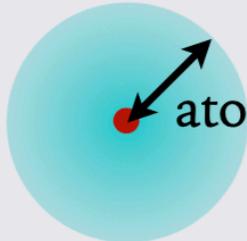
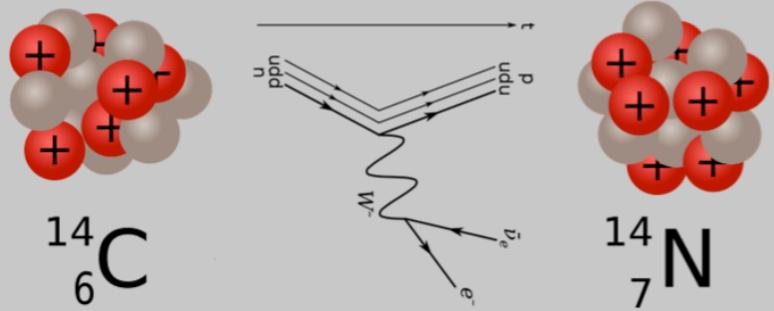
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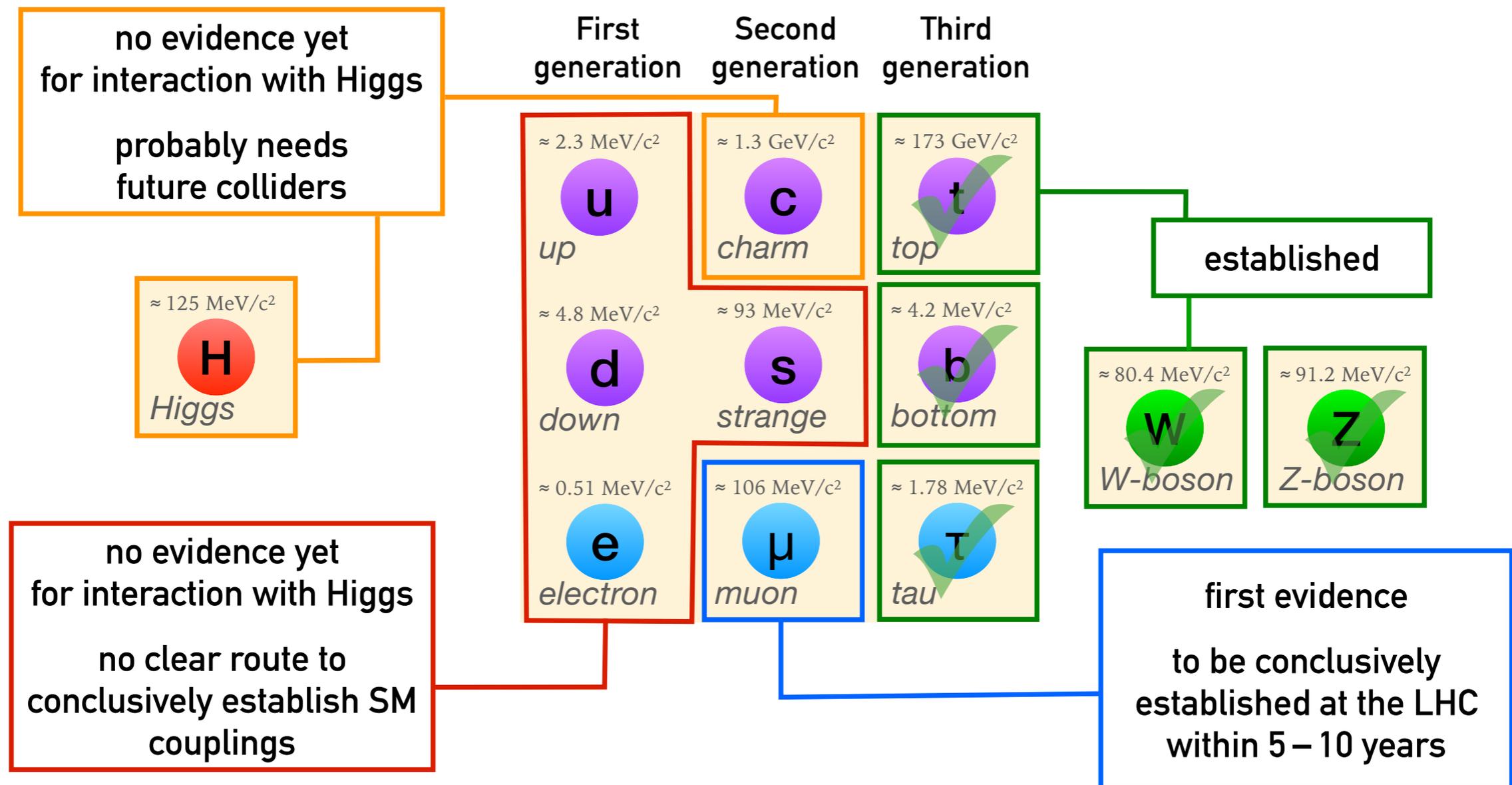
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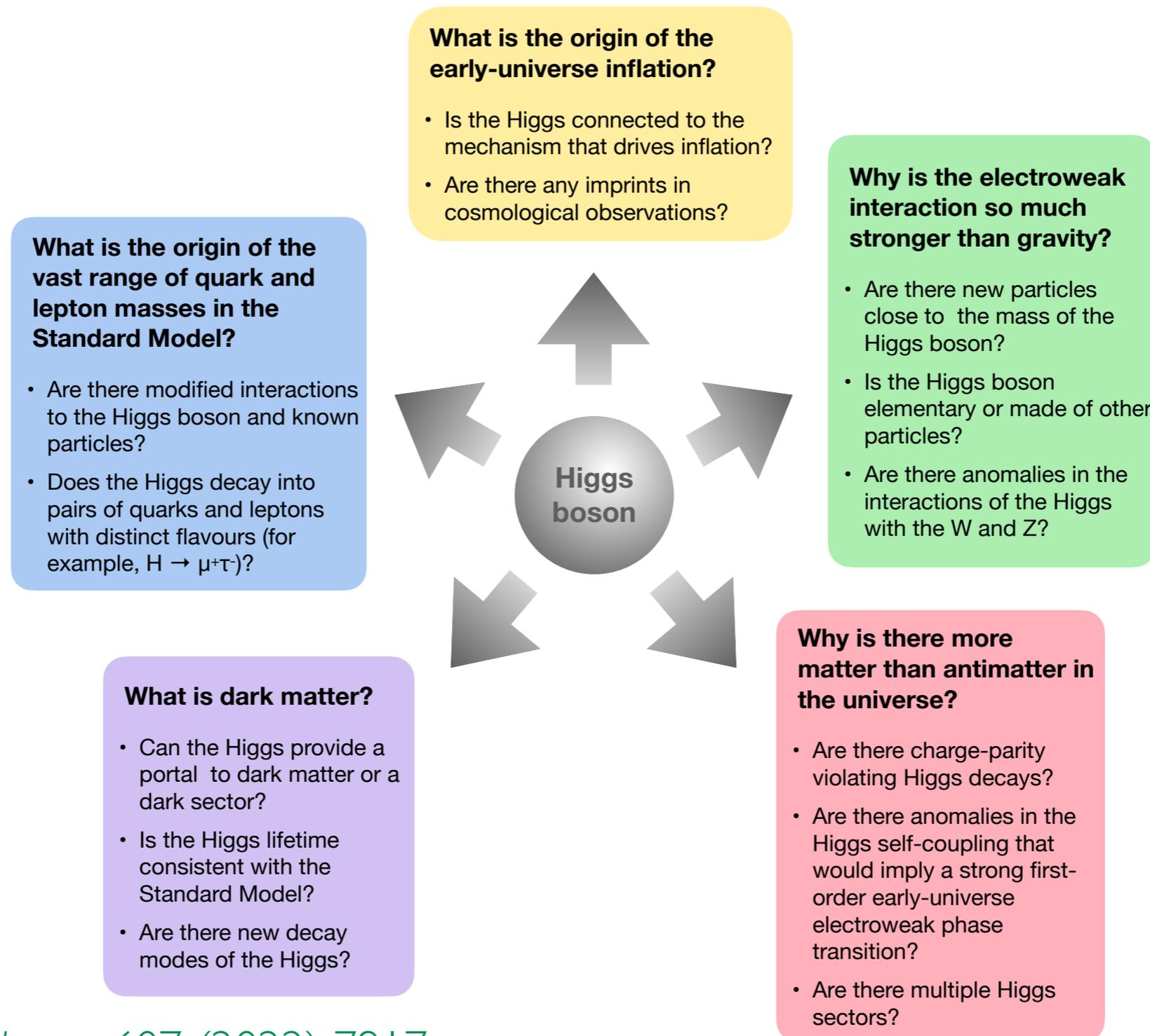
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Higgs interactions

Status and prospects of our knowledge of Higgs interactions with known particles



Possible connections of the Higgs to major open questions



Conclusions

- ❖ The discovery of the Higgs boson marked a milestone in particle physics
- ❖ In ten years the Higgs has been portrait to remarkable precision, yet **many crucial aspects still largely unconstrained** (coupling to “ordinary matter”, Higgs potential, ...)
- ❖ The scalar sector is connected to profound questions (naturalness, vacuum stability, flavour)
- ❖ Ten years after the Higgs discovery, **the field of particle physics is blooming with new theoretical and experimental ideas** on how to shed light on these profound mysteries

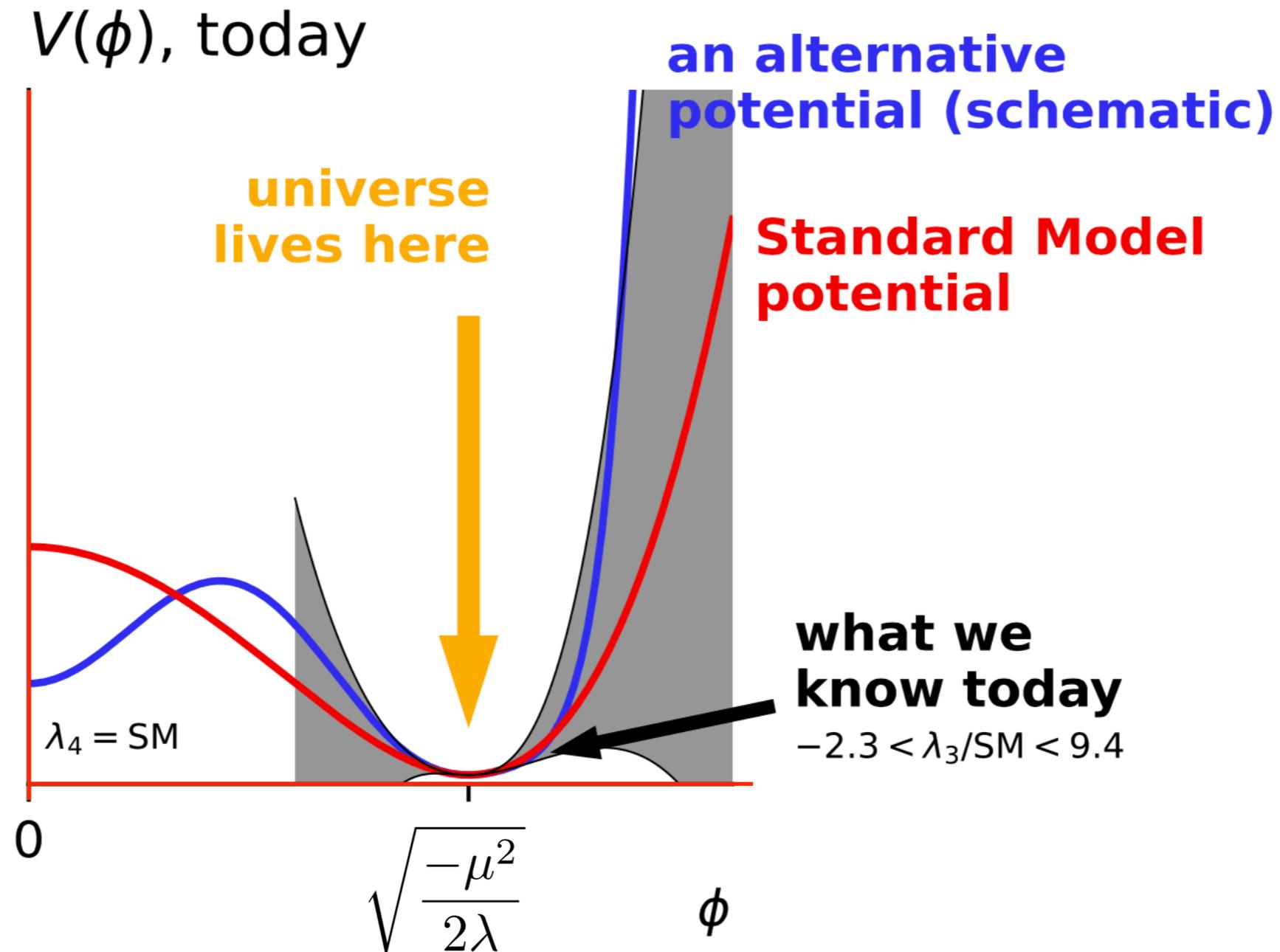
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- ❖ The discovery allows us to explore a **new sector with a broad experimental program that will extend over decades**
[in comparison the b-quark was discovered forty years ago and a new experiment, Belle II at SuperKEK, has recently started to further study hadrons containing b-quarks]
⇒ see talks by P. Roloff and S. Dawson for exp. and theory prospects
- ❖ Finding new physics would be amazing, but we should not allow dreams of New Physics to overshadow the crucial role of the LHC Higgs physics program
(each experimental measurements adds up in a unique way to our understanding of the Higgs sector, and therefore of fundamental particle physics)

Backup

The Higgs potential

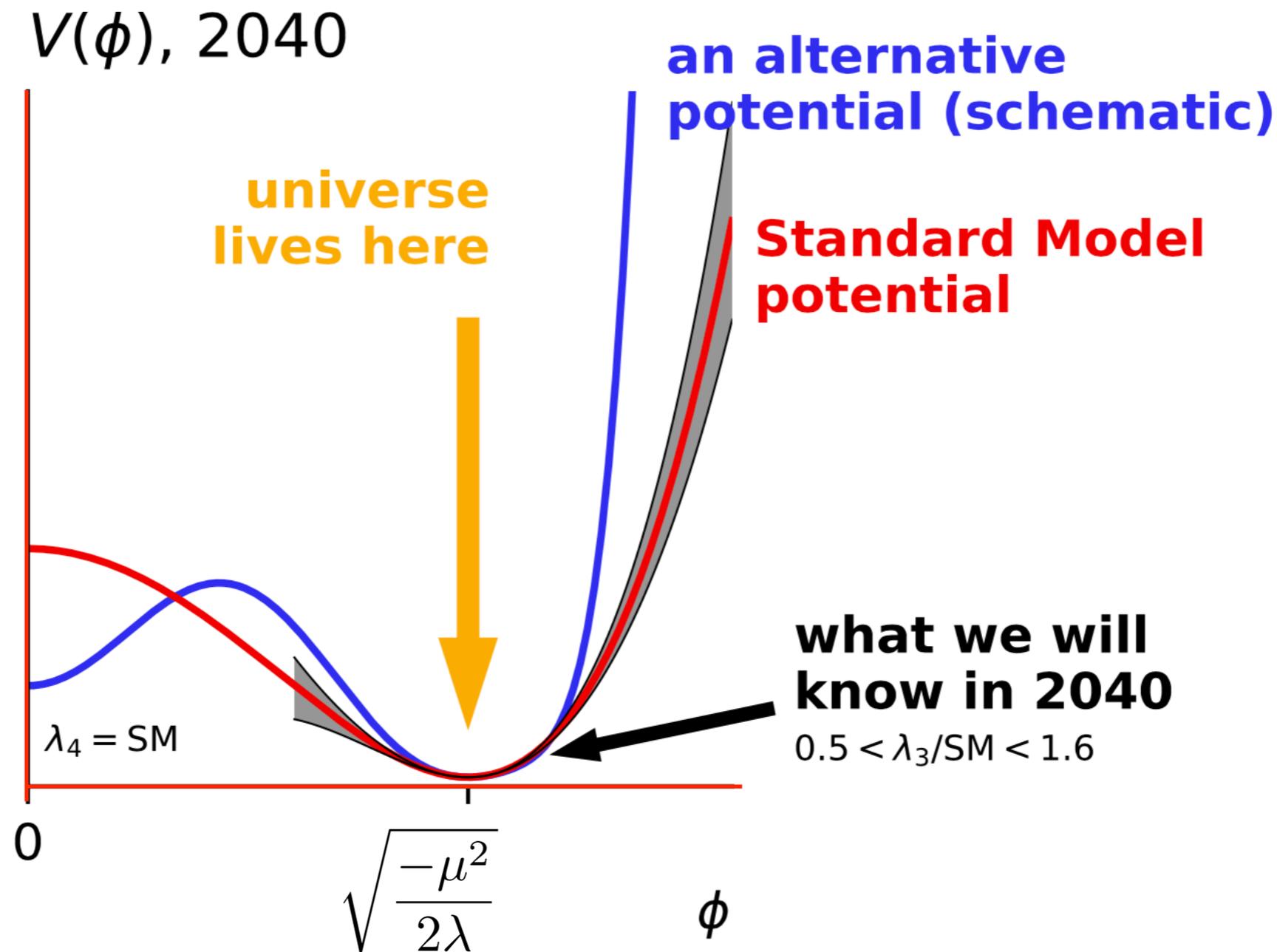
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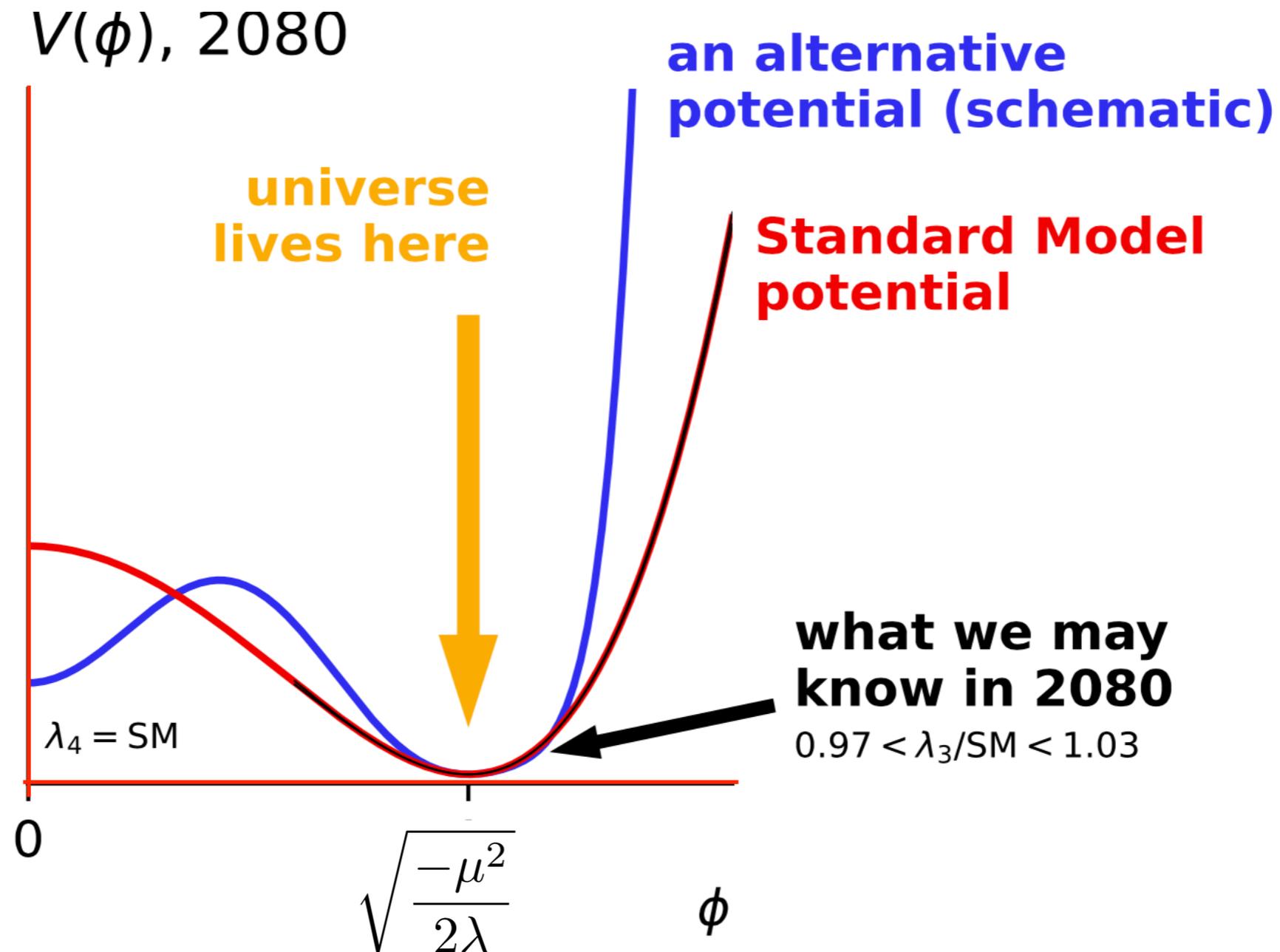
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What are the prospects after a possible FCC ?



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