

# Higgs turns ten

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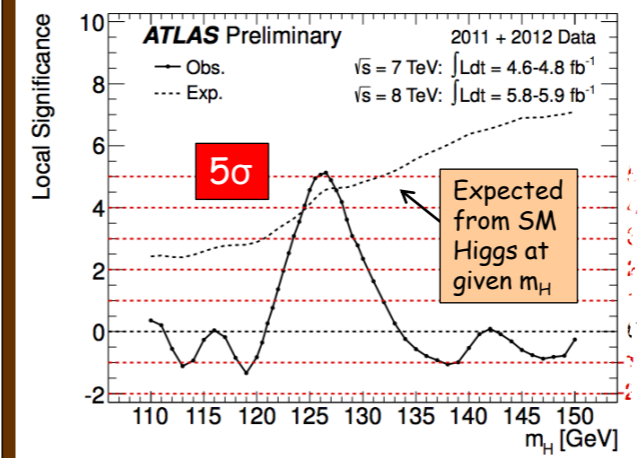
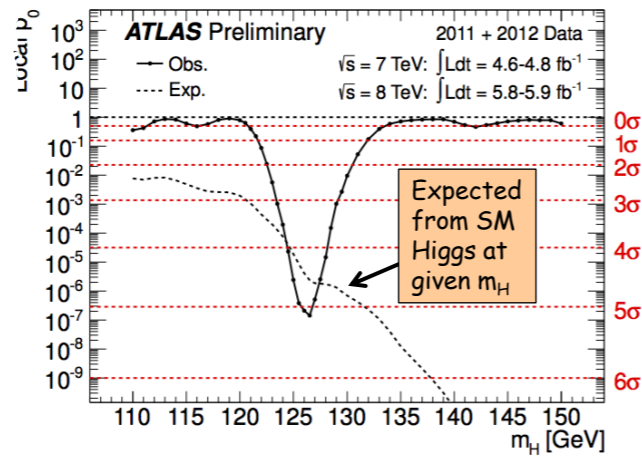
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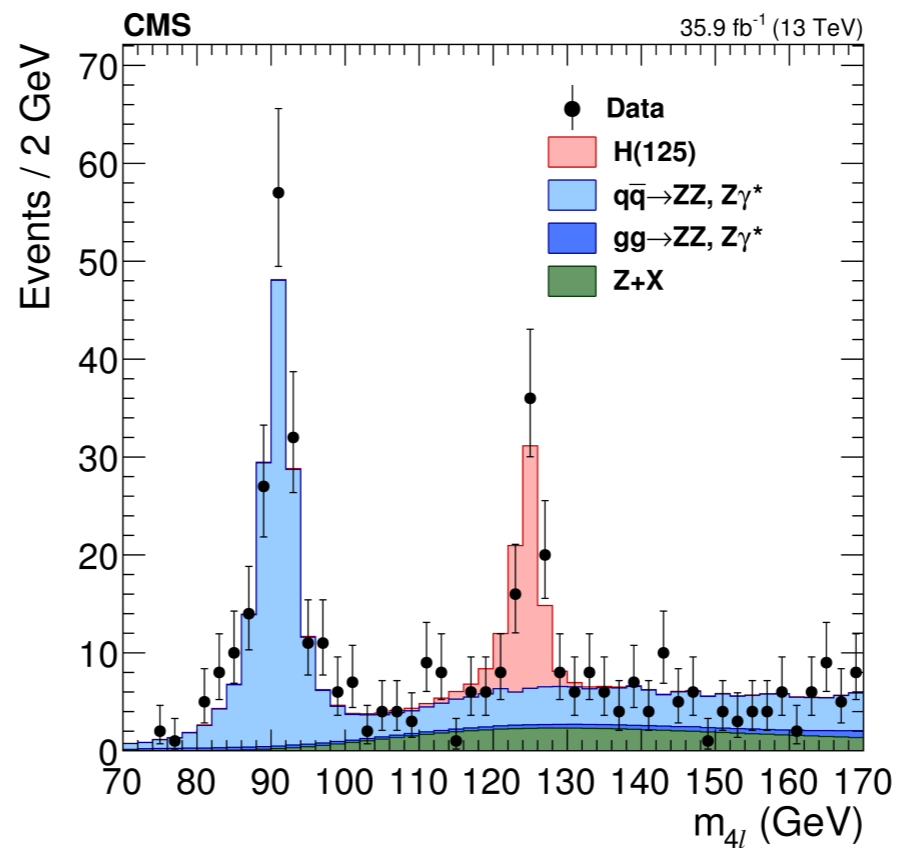
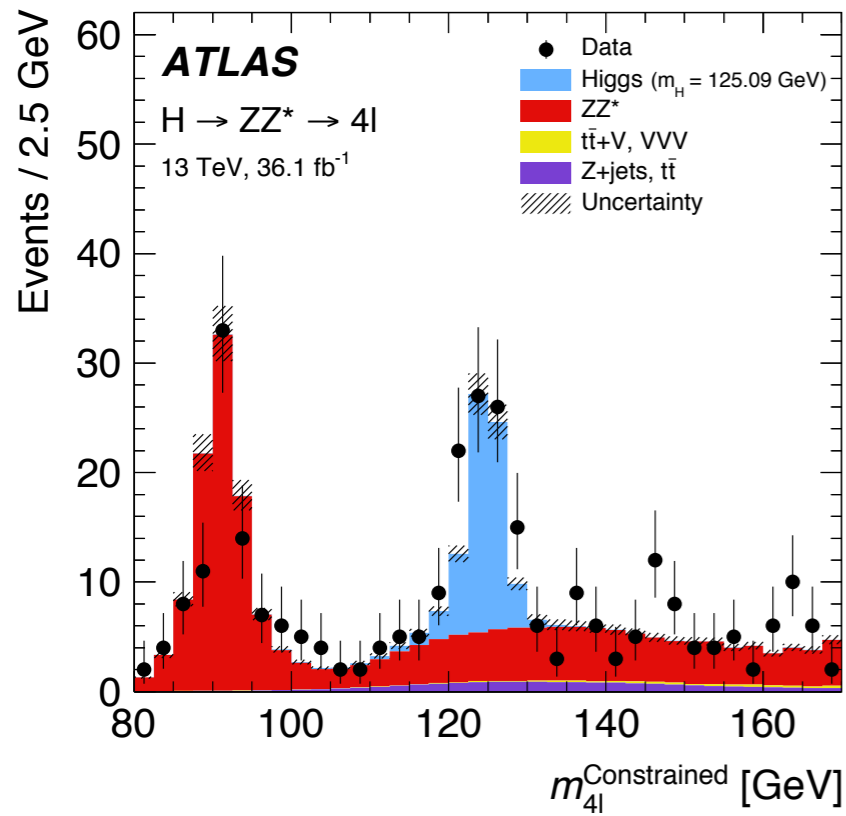
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Combined results: the excess



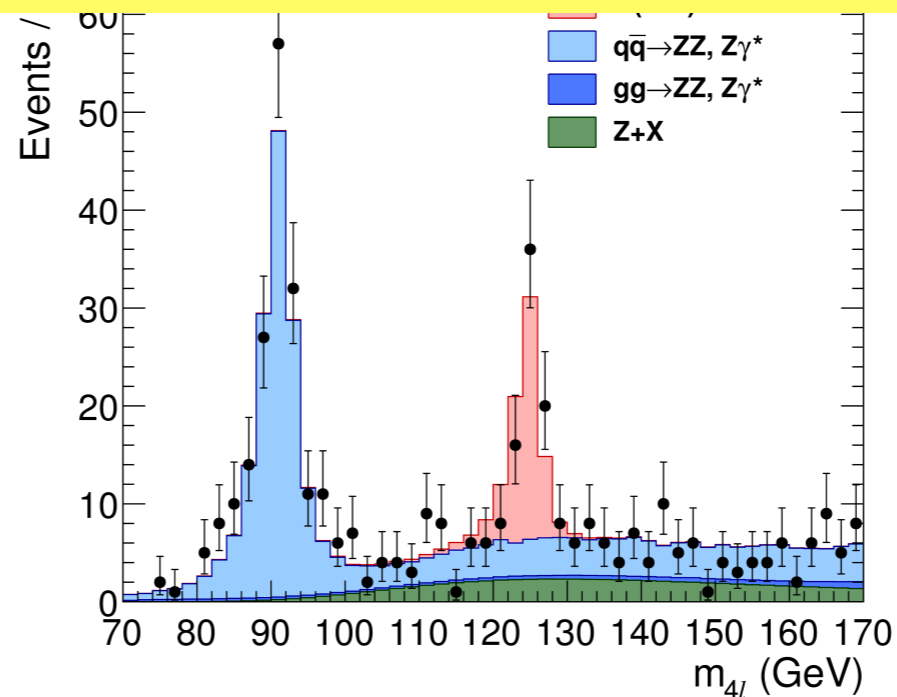
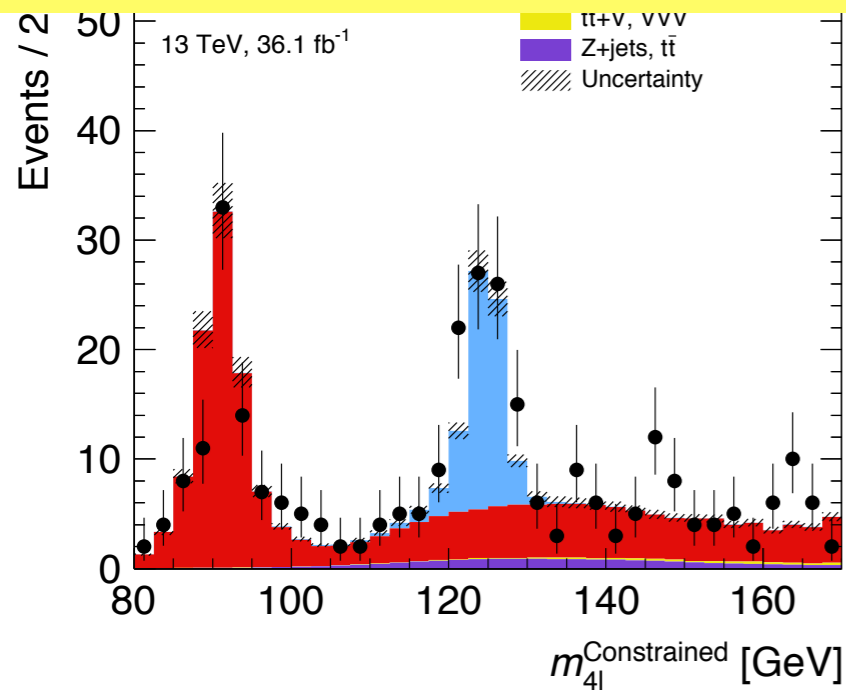
Maximum excess observed at	$m_H = 126.5 \text{ GeV}$
Local significance (including energy-scale systematics)	5.0 $\sigma$
Probability of background up-fluctuation	$3 \times 10^{-7}$
Expected from SM Higgs $m_H=126.5$	4.6 $\sigma$





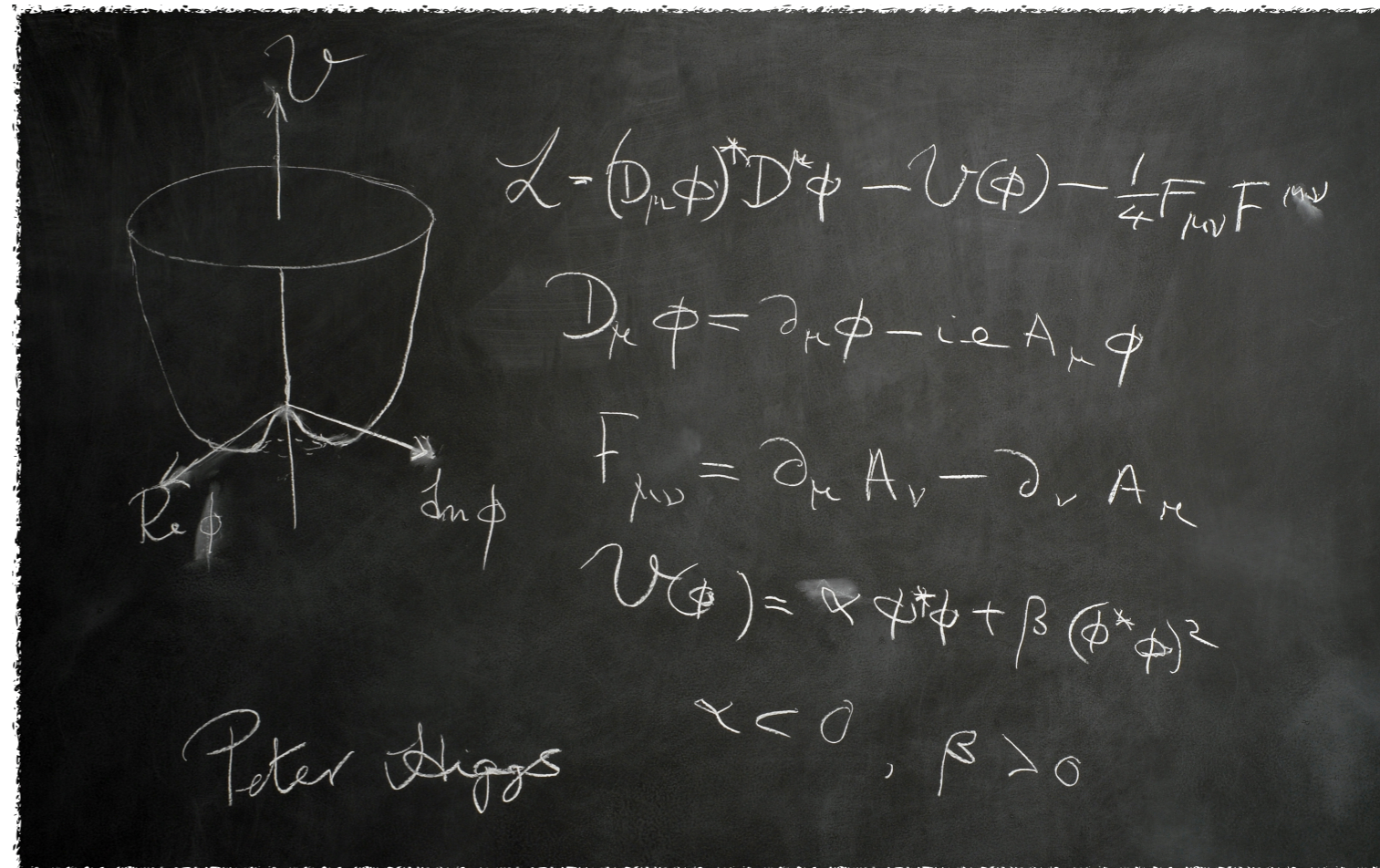


# The beginning of a new era!



# 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 to generate masses for Standard Model particles in a consistent way

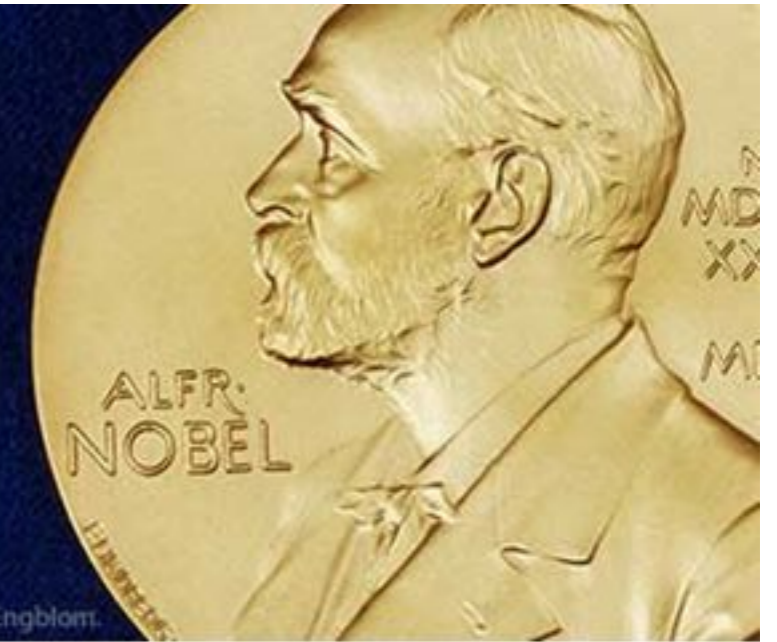


Higgs Phys. Lett. 12 (1964) 132-133

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# François Englert Peter W. Higgs



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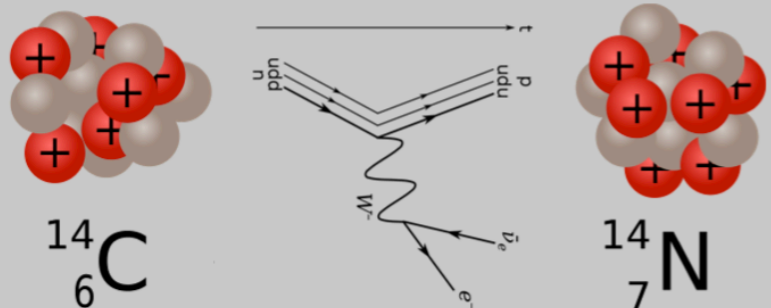
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The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2013 to

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”*

# Higgs and everyday life

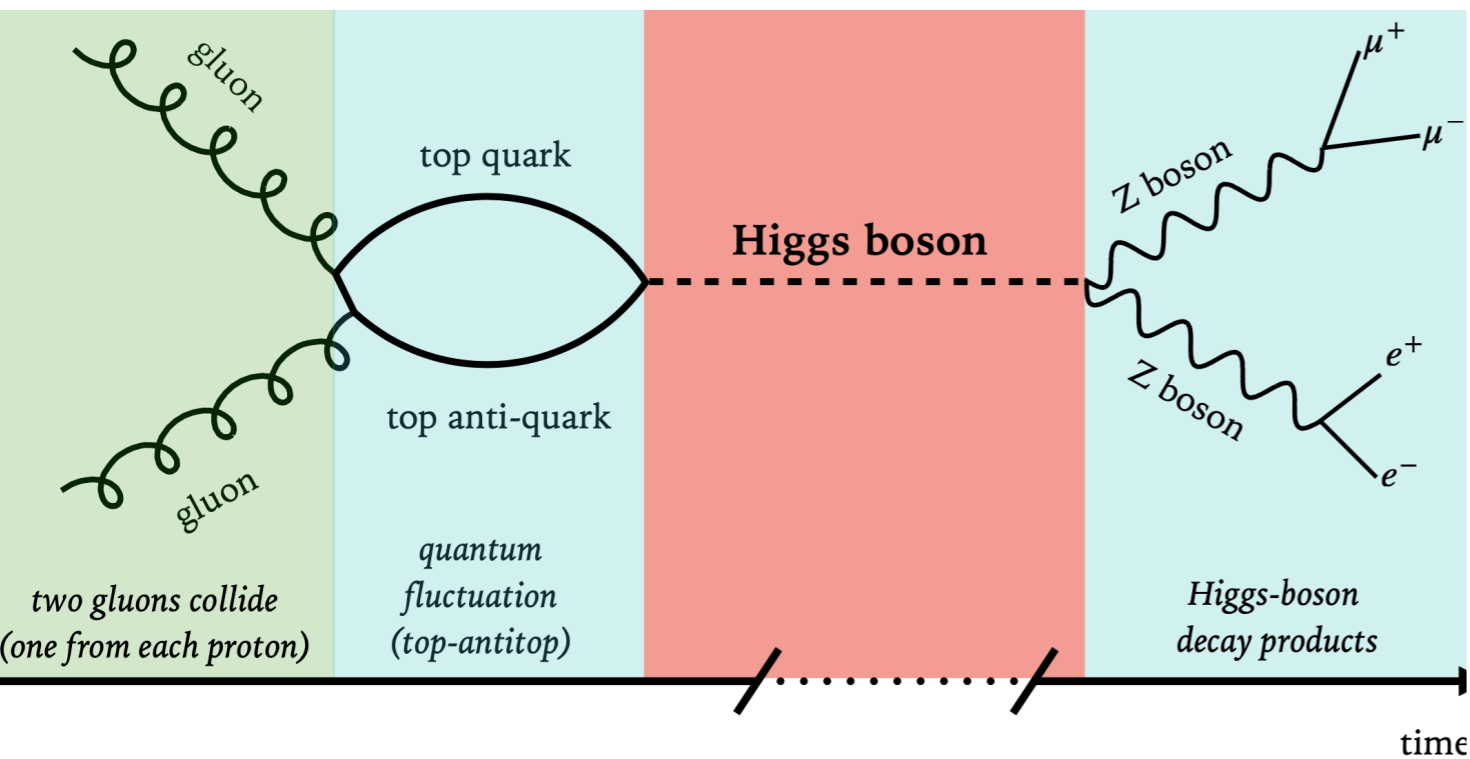
role of fundamental particle masses	consequence in daily life	Higgs role established?
<p>Up quarks (mass <math>\sim 2.2</math> MeV) lighter than down quarks (<math>\sim 4.7</math> MeV)</p> <p><b>proton</b> (up+up+down): <math>2.2 + 2.2 + 4.7 + \text{EM+strong force} = 938.3</math> MeV</p> <p><b>neutron</b> (up+down+down): <math>2.2 + 4.7 + 4.7 + \text{EM+strong force} = 939.6</math> MeV</p>	<p>up &amp; down-quark masses mean protons are <b>lighter</b> than neutrons,  <math>\rightarrow</math> protons are stable, giving us hydrogen</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>
 <p>atomic radius <math>\propto \frac{1}{m_e}</math></p>	<p>Electron mass (<math>m_e</math>) sets size of atoms &amp; energy levels of chemical reactions</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>
 <p><math>^{14}_6\text{C}</math> <math>\rightarrow</math> <math>^{14}_7\text{N}</math> + <math>e^-</math> + <math>\bar{\nu}_e</math></p> <p>decay rate <math>\propto \frac{1}{m_W^4}</math></p>	<p>W-boson mass (<math>m_W</math>) sets rate of radioactive <math>\beta</math>-decay</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>

Why do Higgs interactions matter to everyone?

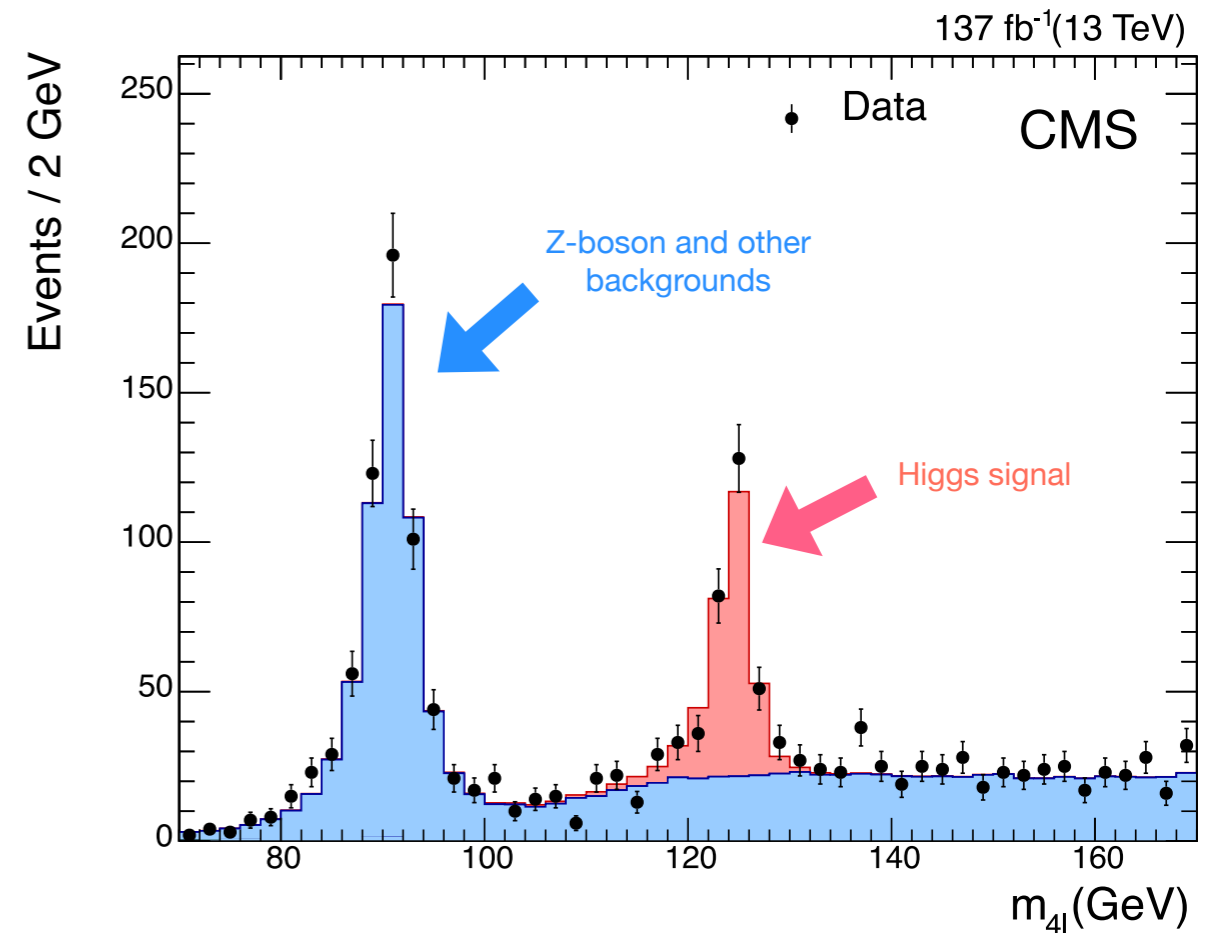
Within the Standard **Model** of particle physics, they set quark, electron & W masses, with important consequences

# Learning about the Higgs

## Higgs production and decay



## Update of Higgs discovery plot



CMS, 2103.04956

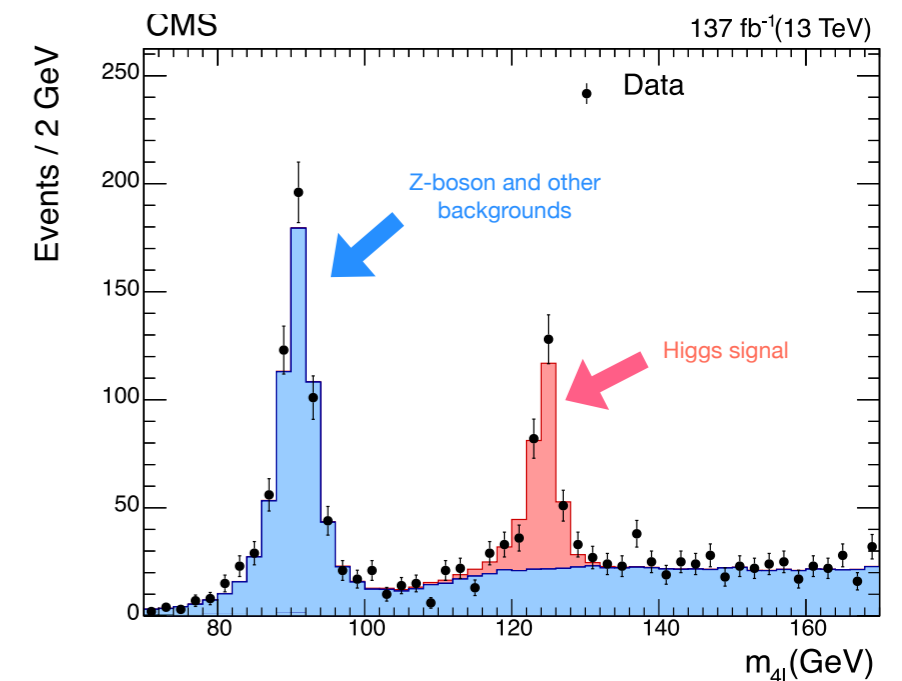
[Other crucial discovery channels are the decays to WW and to two photons]



# 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

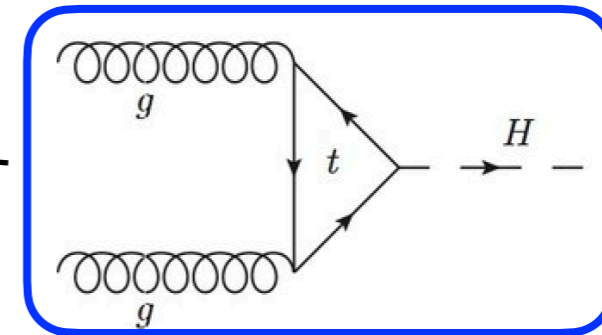
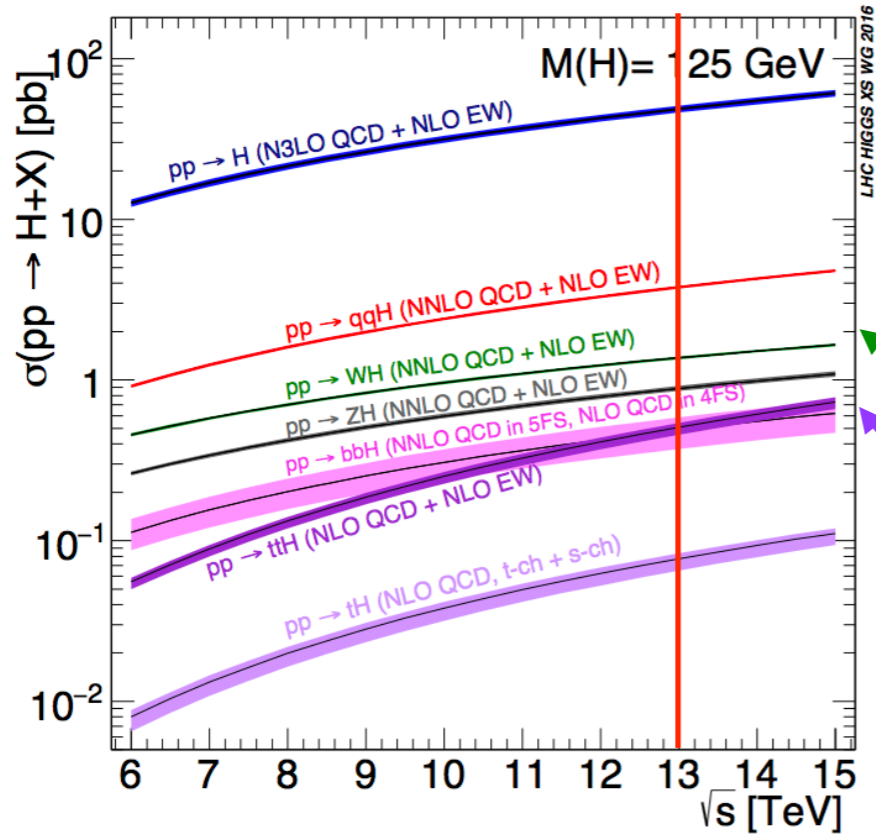


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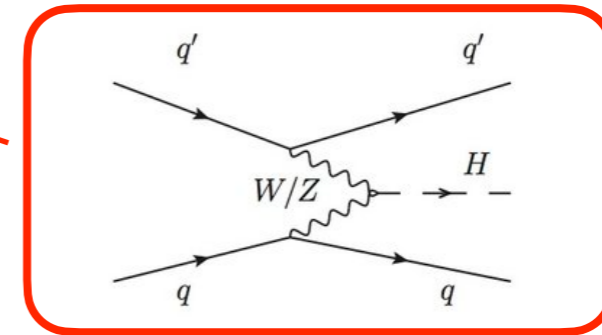
There are a lot of assumptions behind such measurements (e.g. top as quantum fluctuations). Furthermore, only the product of production and decay couplings can be measured.

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

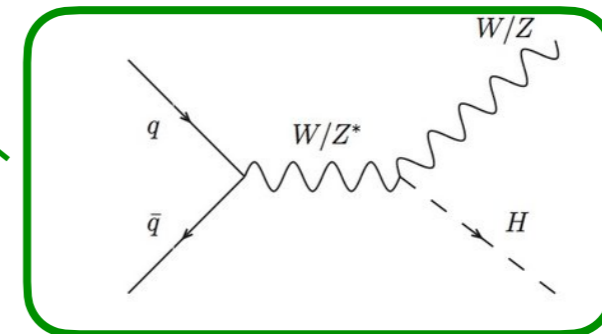
# Higgs production



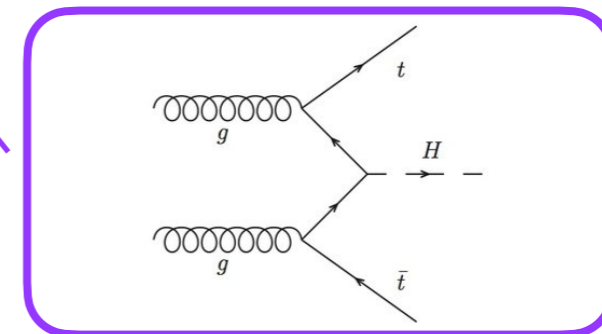
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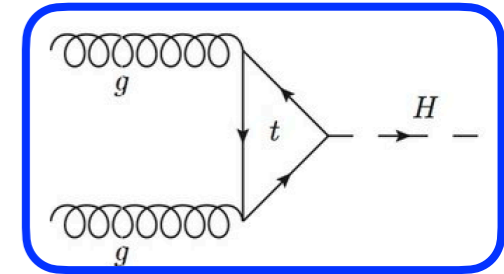
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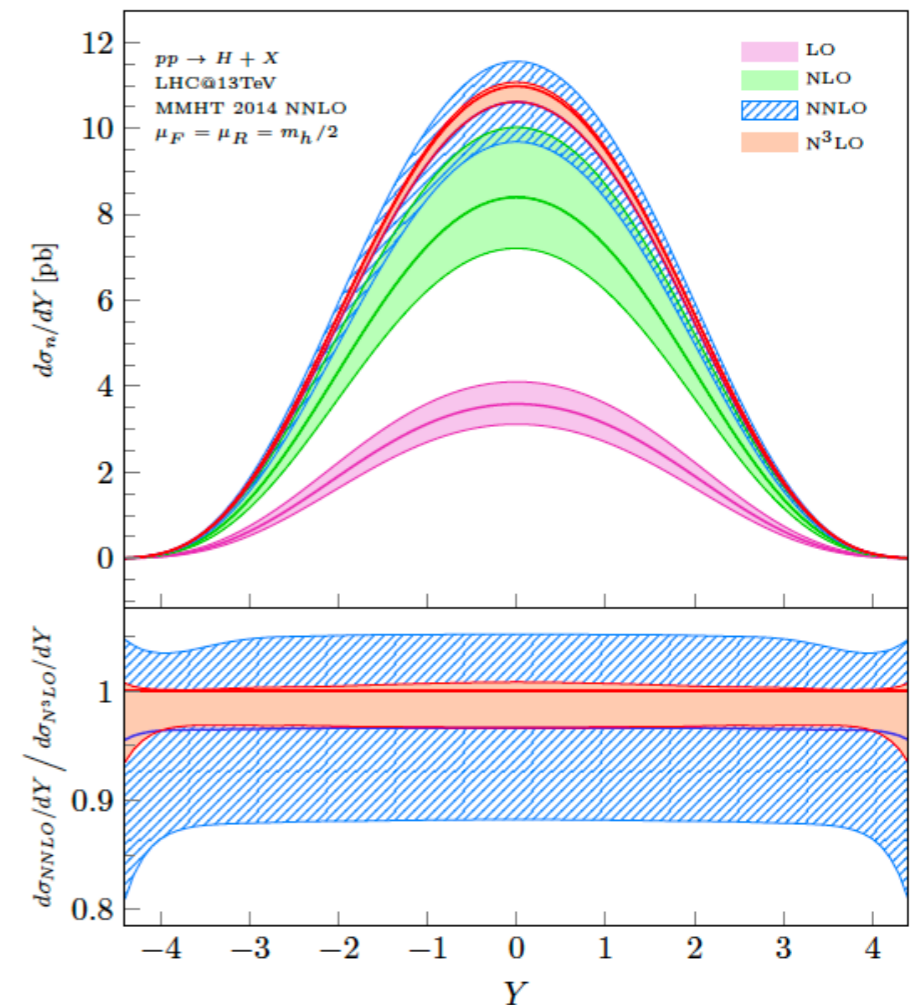
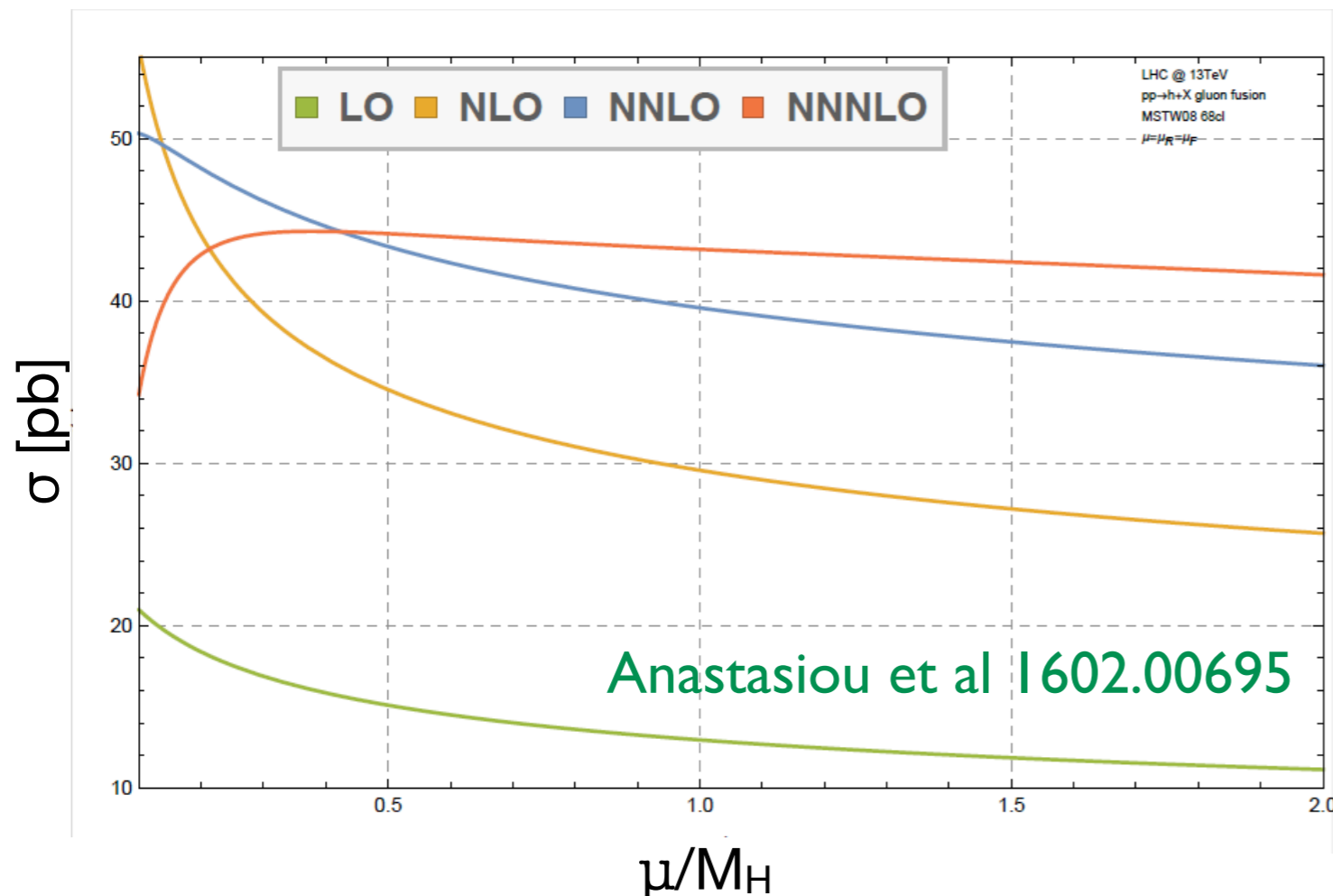
$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	Production cross section (in pb) for $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$					total
	ggF	VBF	WH	ZH	ttH	
1.96	$0.95^{+17\%}_{-17\%}$	$0.065^{+8\%}_{-7\%}$	$0.13^{+8\%}_{-8\%}$	$0.079^{+8\%}_{-8\%}$	$0.004^{+10\%}_{-10\%}$	1.23
7	$16.9^{+5\%}_{-5\%}$	$1.24^{+2\%}_{-2\%}$	$0.58^{+3\%}_{-3\%}$	$0.34^{+4\%}_{-4\%}$	$0.09^{+8\%}_{-14\%}$	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

# ggF Higgs production



At N<sup>3</sup>LO:

- ▶ O(100000) interference diagrams (1000 at NNLO)
- ▶ 68273802 loop and phase space integrals (47000 at NNLO)
- ▶ about 1000 master integrals (26 at NNLO)



Dulat et al 1810.09462

# Higgs production

$$\sigma = 48.58 \text{ pb} \begin{matrix} +2.22 \text{ pb} (+4.56\%) \\ -3.27 \text{ pb} (-6.72\%) \end{matrix} \text{ (theory)} \pm 1.56 \text{ pb} (3.20\%) \text{ (PDF} + \alpha_s \text{)} .$$

$$\begin{aligned} 48.58 \text{ pb} = & 16.00 \text{ pb} \quad (+32.9\%) \quad (\text{LO, rEFT}) \\ & + 20.84 \text{ pb} \quad (+42.9\%) \quad (\text{NLO, rEFT}) \\ & - 2.05 \text{ pb} \quad (-4.2\%) \quad ((t, b, c), \text{ exact NLO}) \\ & + 9.56 \text{ pb} \quad (+19.7\%) \quad (\text{NNLO, rEFT}) \\ & + 0.34 \text{ pb} \quad (+0.2\%) \quad (\text{NNLO, } 1/m_t) \\ & + 2.40 \text{ pb} \quad (+4.9\%) \quad (\text{EW, QCD-EW}) \\ & + 1.49 \text{ pb} \quad (+3.1\%) \quad (\text{N}^3\text{LO, rEFT}) \end{aligned}$$

$\delta(\text{scale})$	$\delta(\text{trunc})$	$\delta(\text{PDF-TH})$	$\delta(\text{EW})$	$\delta(t, b, c)$	$\delta(1/m_t)$
+0.10 pb -1.15 pb	$\pm 0.18 \text{ pb}$	$\pm 0.56 \text{ pb}$	$\pm 0.49 \text{ pb}$	$\pm 0.40 \text{ pb}$	$\pm 0.49 \text{ pb}$
+0.21% -2.37%	$\pm 0.37\%$	$\pm 1.16\%$	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 0.83\%$	$\pm 1\%$

⇒ Many effects need to be accounted for to reach high precision

⇒ Many sources of uncertainties contribute to the error budget

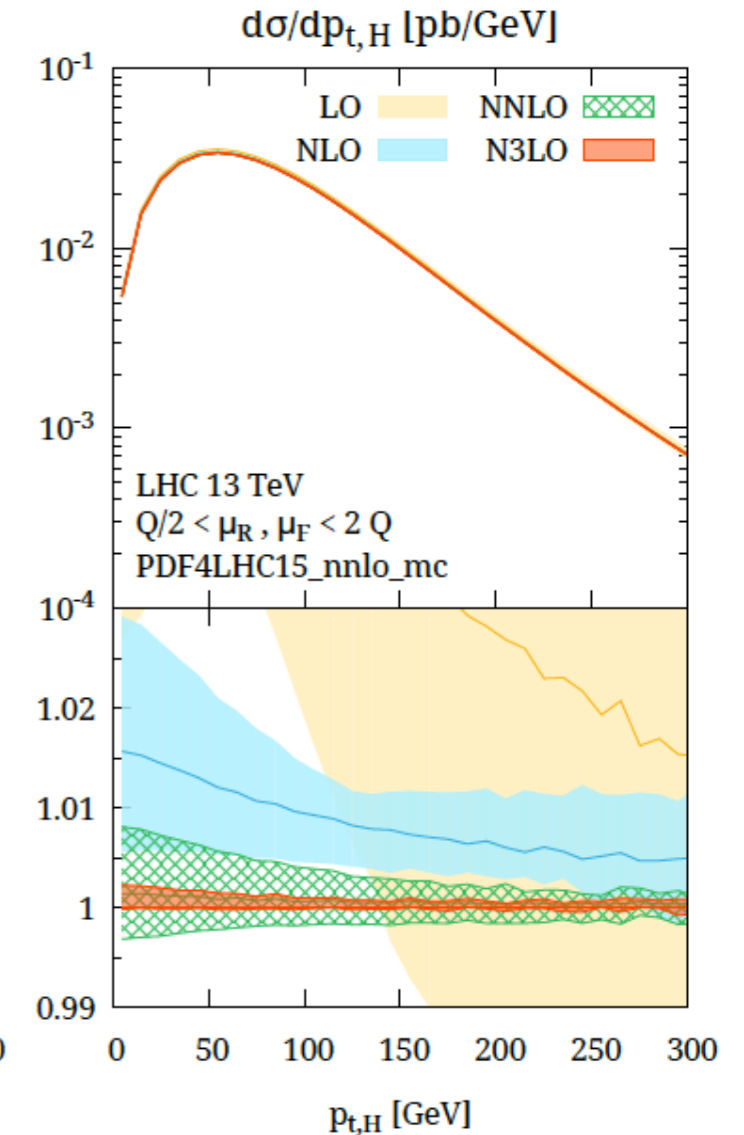
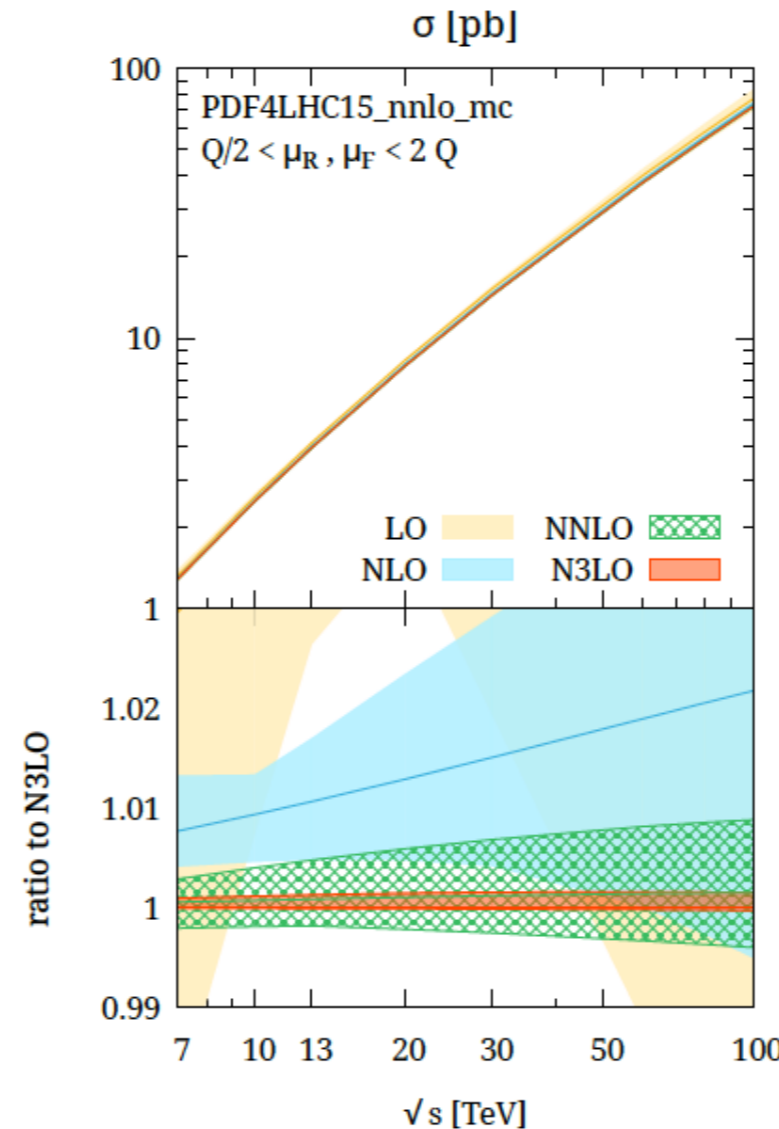
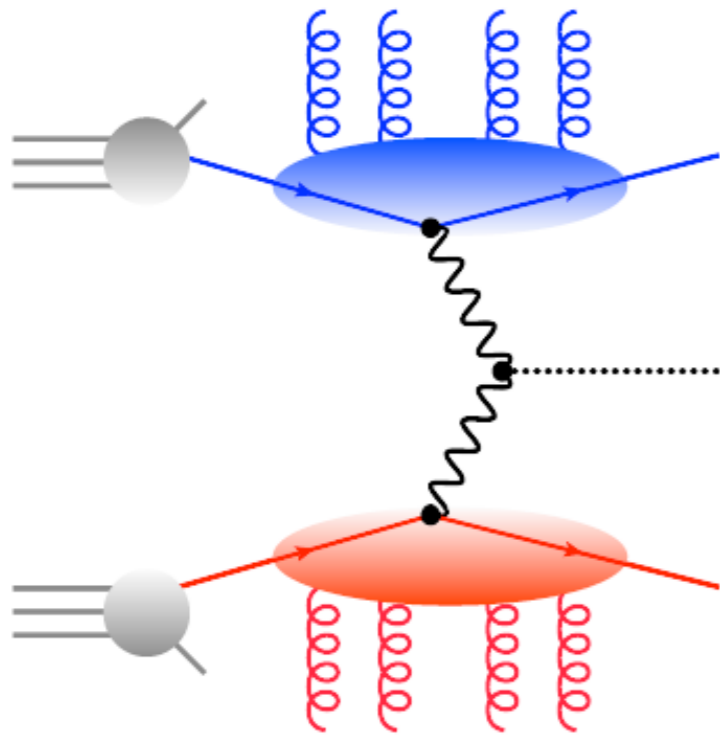
Dominant uncertainties (PDF &  $\alpha_s$ ) will be reduced by new data and new input from lattice for  $\alpha_s$  (PDG error on  $\alpha_s$  already reduced from 0.015 to 0.011)

⇒ A reduction of the uncertainty by a factor 2 seems realistic

# VBF Higgs at N<sup>3</sup>LO

Inclusive Vector Boson Fusion Higgs cross-section (DIS approx.)

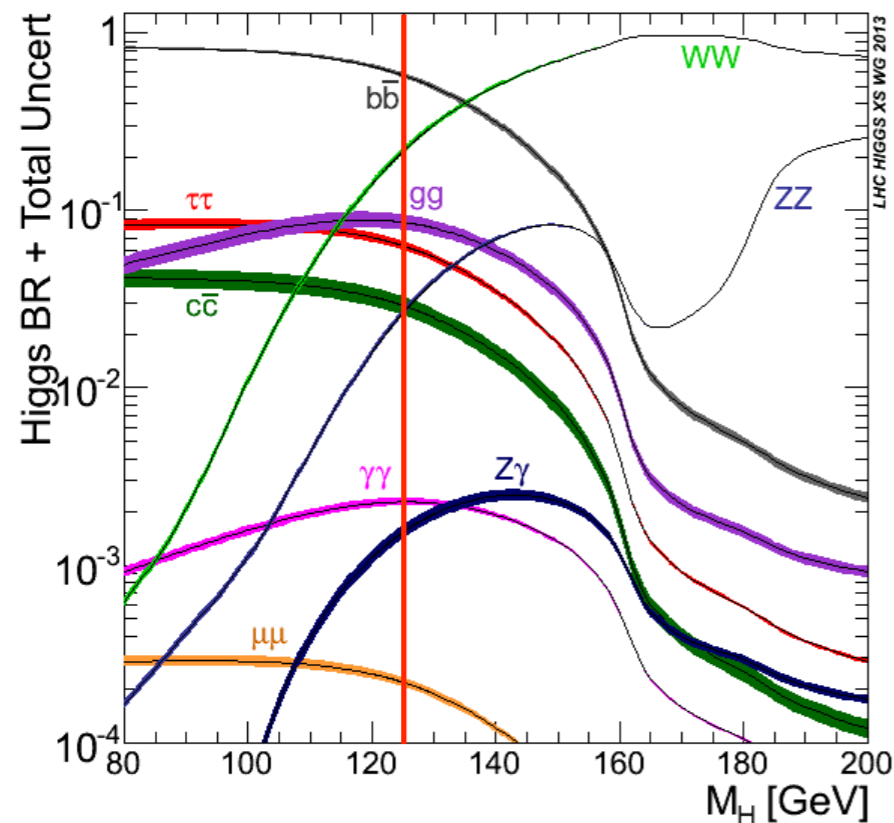
Dreyer & Karlberg 1606.00840



NB: NNLO non-factorizable effects sub-percent

Liu et al. 1906.10899

# Higgs decays



Decay channel	Branching ratio	Rel. uncertainty
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$2.27 \times 10^{-3}$	+5.0% -4.9%
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	$2.62 \times 10^{-2}$	+4.3% -4.1%
$H \rightarrow W^+W^-$	$2.14 \times 10^{-1}$	+4.3% -4.2%
$H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$	$6.27 \times 10^{-2}$	+5.7% -5.7%
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$5.84 \times 10^{-1}$	+3.2% -3.3%
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	$1.53 \times 10^{-3}$	+9.0% -8.9%
$H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$2.18 \times 10^{-4}$	+6.0% -5.9%

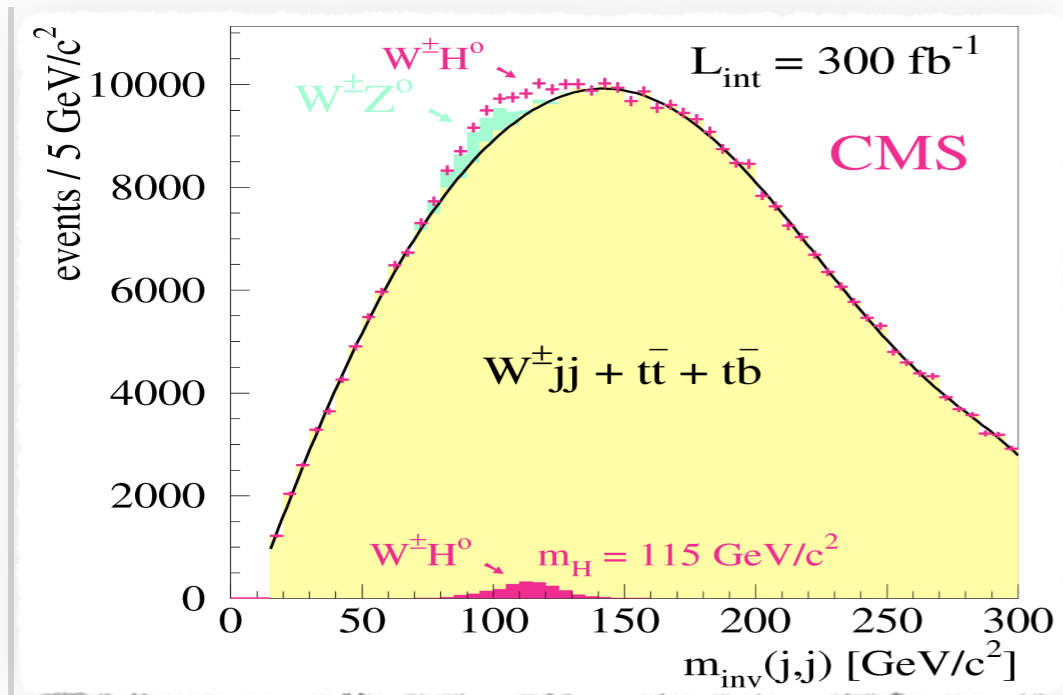
## Higgs mass lies in a lucky spot:

- Had the Higgs boson been 50 GeV heavier, it would have been impossible to detect more than just two basic channels (ZZ and WW)
- Had the Higgs been just 10 GeV lighter, the decays to WW and ZZ would have been impossible so far

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

# Sample unforeseen success

## Observation of $pp \rightarrow WH(bb)$



### Conclusion:

*The extraction of a signal from  $H \rightarrow bb$  decays in the  $WH$  channel will be very difficult at the LHC even under the most optimistic assumptions [...]*

*ATLAS Technical Design Report '99*

Recall why searching for  $pp \rightarrow WH(bb)$  is hard:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow WH(bb)) \sim \text{few pb} \quad \sigma(pp \rightarrow Wbb) \sim \text{few pb}$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow tt) \sim 800\text{pb} \quad \sigma(pp \rightarrow Wjj) \sim \text{few } 10^4\text{pb} \quad \sigma(pp \rightarrow bb) \sim 400\text{pb}$$

$\Rightarrow$  signal extraction very difficult

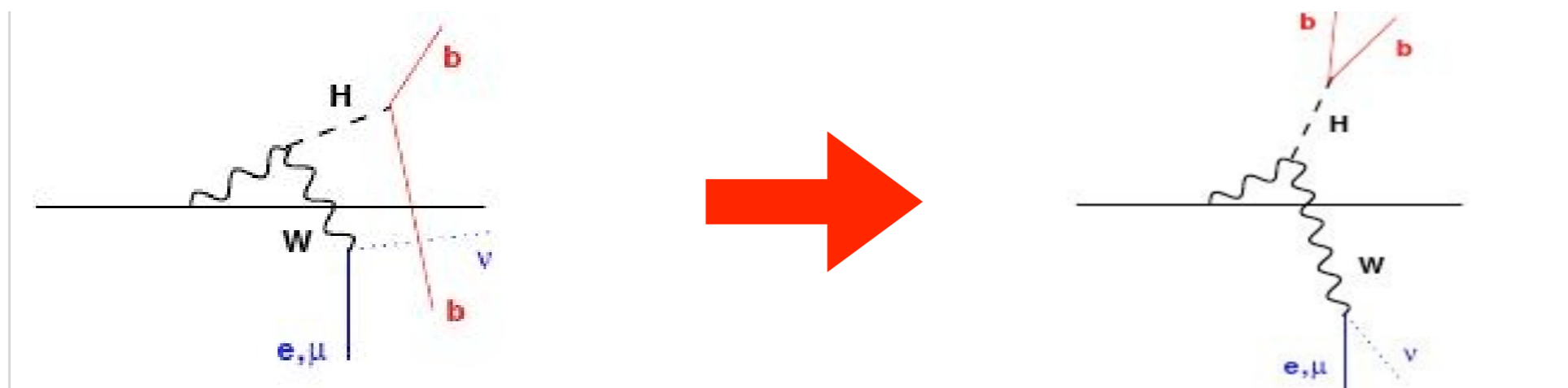


# Observation of $pp \rightarrow WH(bb)$

*But ingenious suggestions open up a window of opportunity*

Central idea: require high- $p_T$  W and Higgs boson in the event

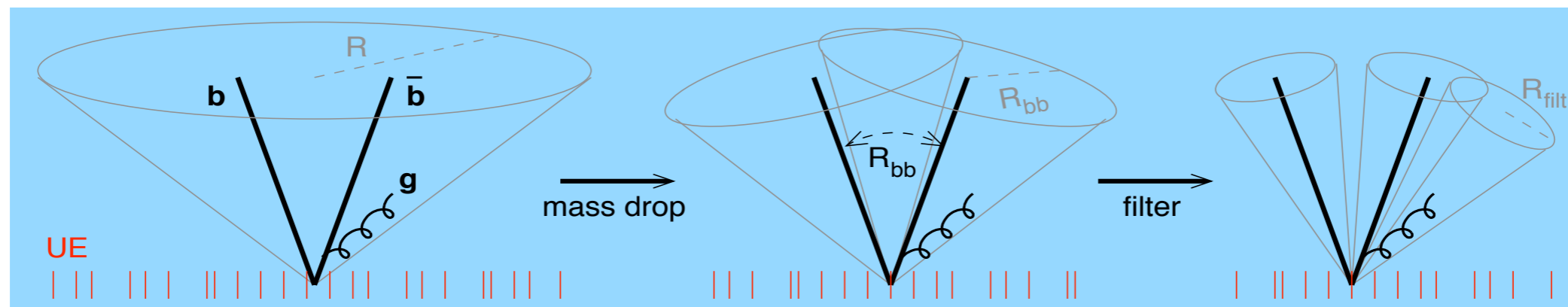
- leads to back-to-back events where two b-quarks are contained within the same jet
- high  $p_T$  reduces the signal but reduces the background much more
- improve acceptance and kinematic resolution



# Observation of $pp \rightarrow WH(bb)$

Then use a jet-algorithm geared to exploit the specific pattern of  $H \rightarrow bb$  versus  $g \rightarrow gg$ ,  $q \rightarrow qg$

- QCD partons prefer soft emissions (hard  $\rightarrow$  hard + soft)
- Higgs decay prefers symmetric splitting
- try to beat down contamination from underlying event
- try to capture most of the perturbative QCD radiation



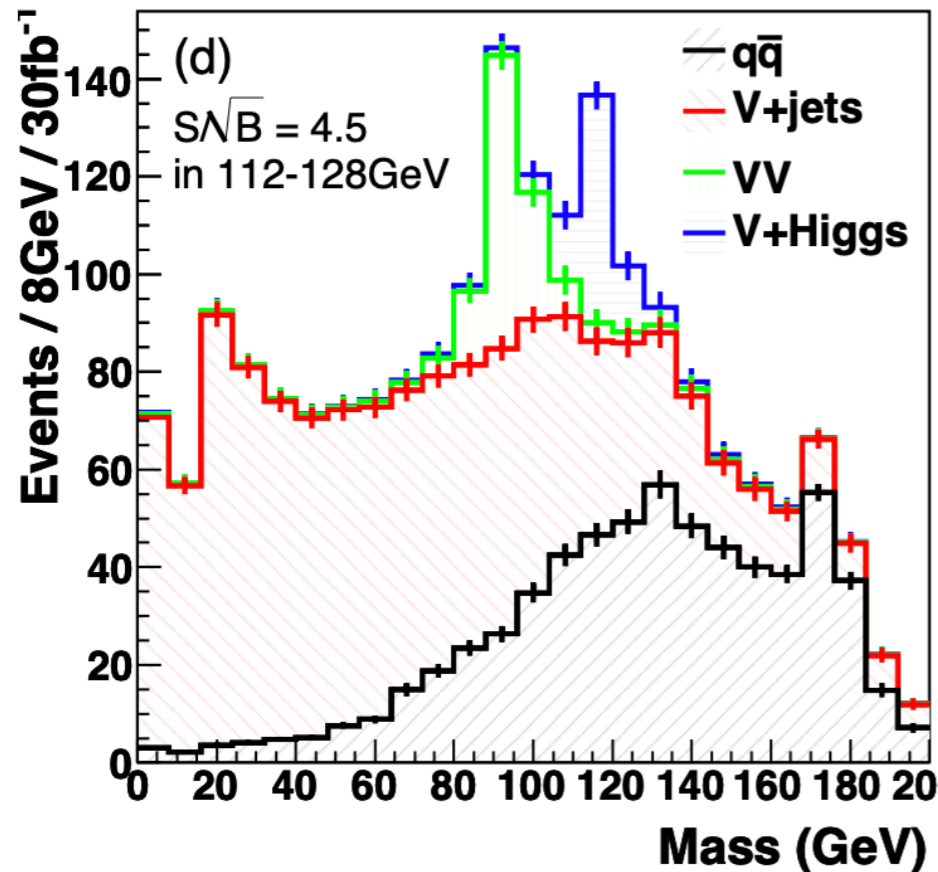
1. **cluster** the event with jet algorithm large  $R$

2. undo last recombination: **large mass drop** + symmetric +  $b$  tags

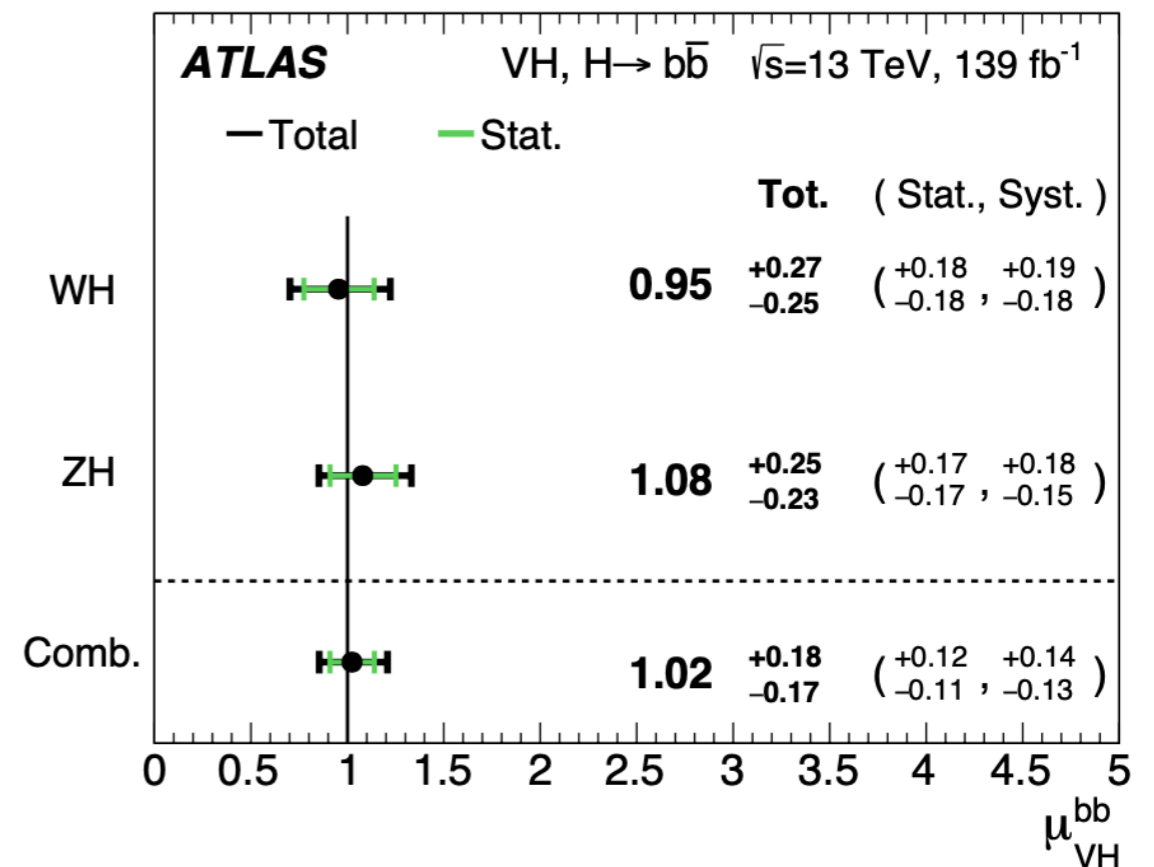
3. **filter** away the UE: take only the 3 hardest sub-jets

# Observation of $pp \rightarrow WH(bb)$

Mass of the three hardest sub-jets:



Butterworth et al. 0802.2470

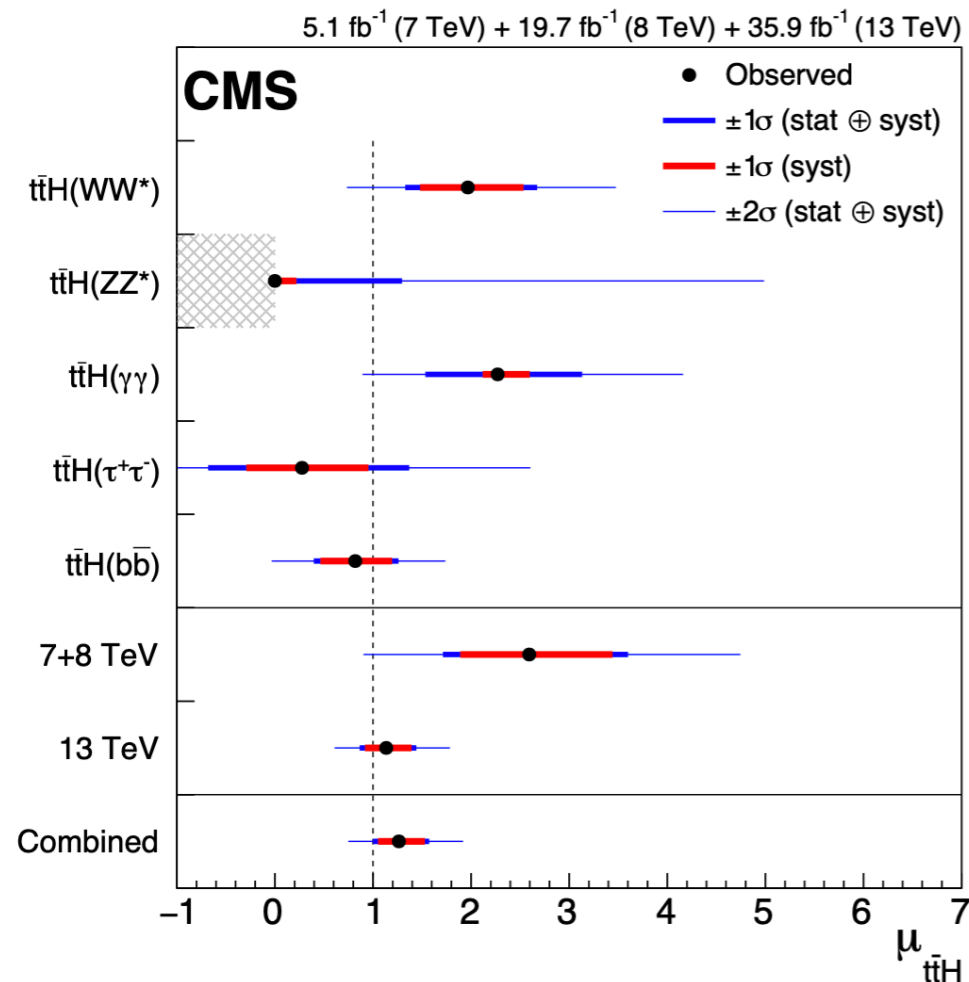
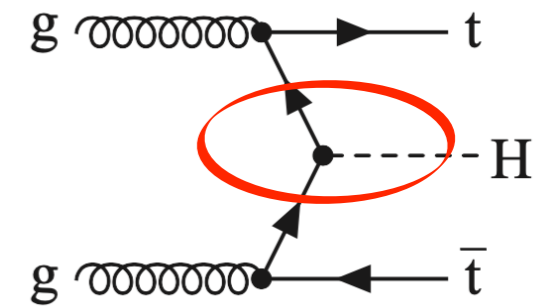


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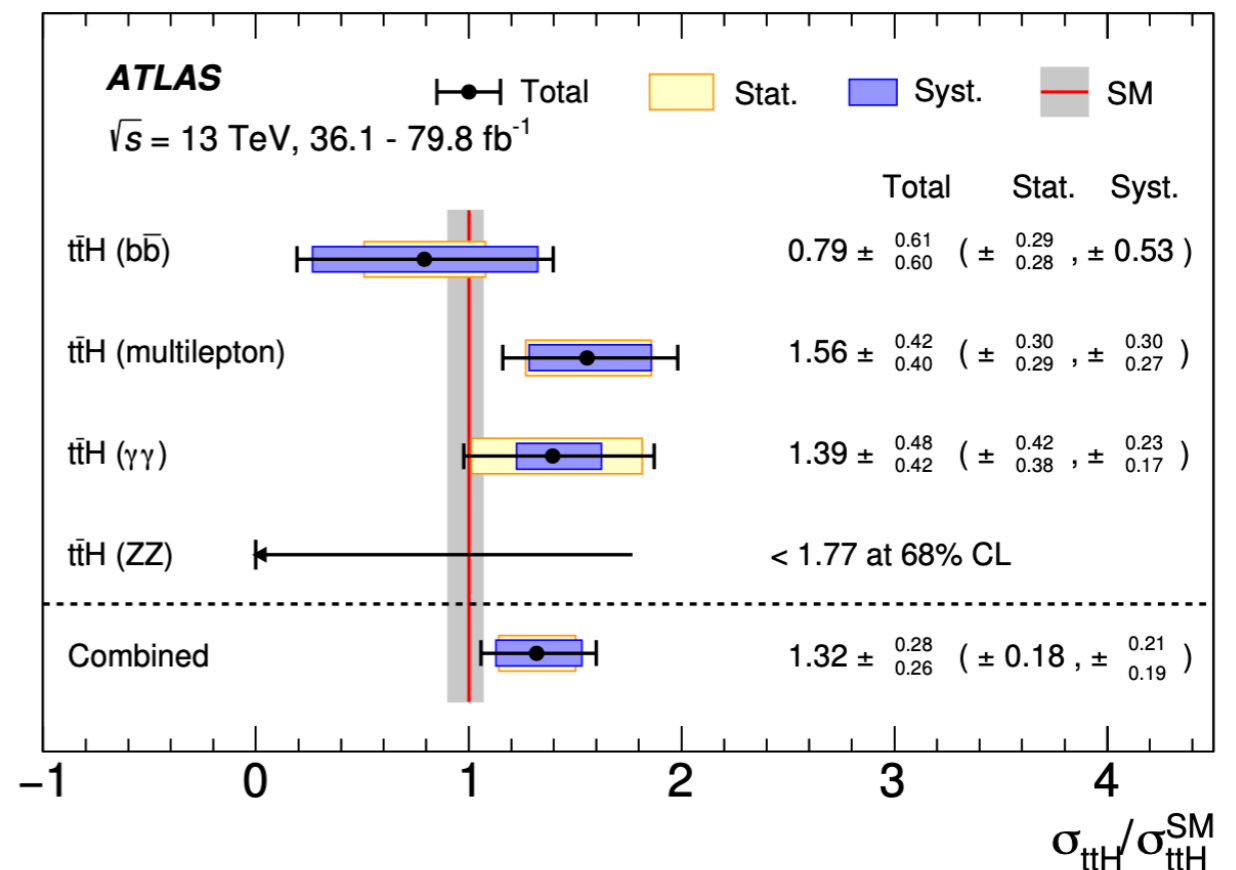
This and other work opened the new field of jet-substructure, widely used today in Higgs physics and BSM searches

# Recent highlights: ttH

Not just one more process, but a direct evidence of a new fundamental interaction, a fifth force (the Yukawa interaction)

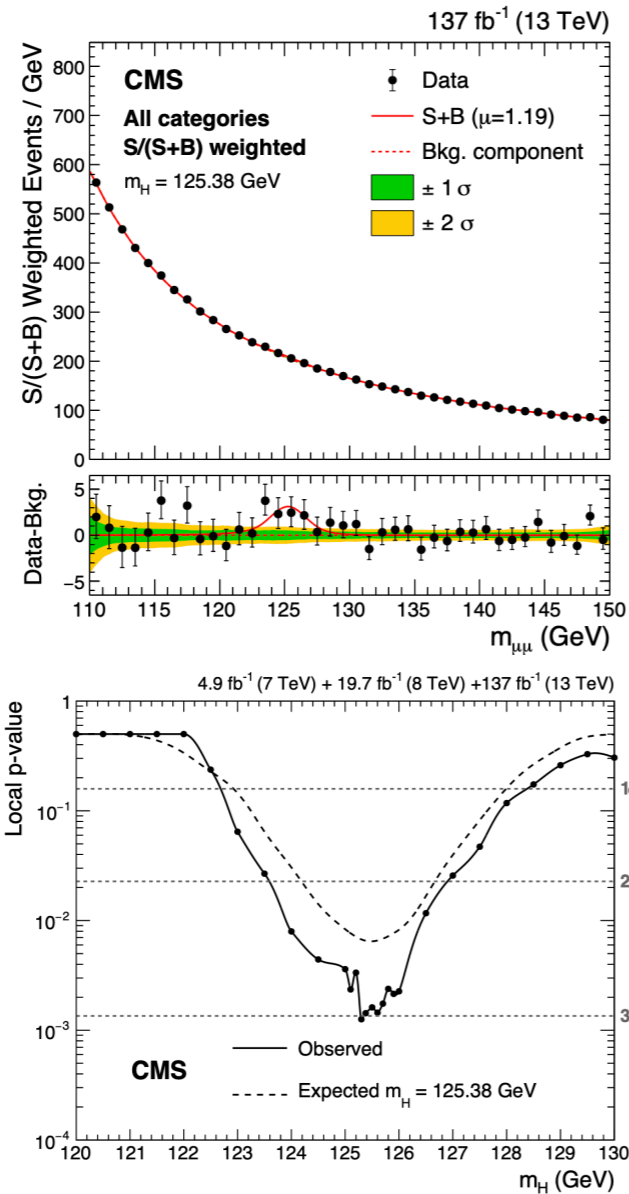


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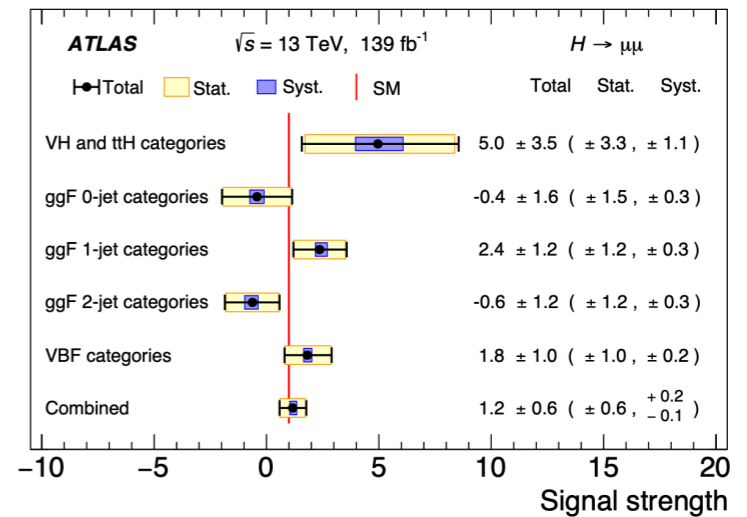
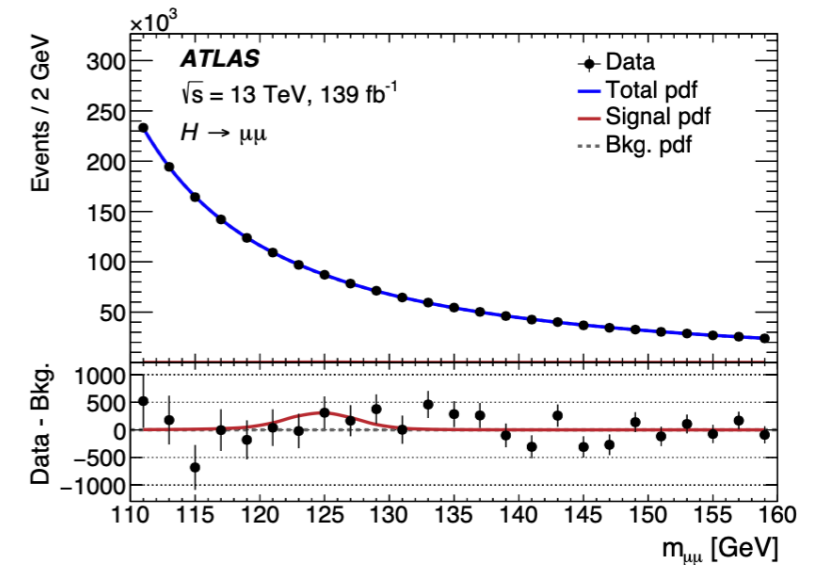


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# Recent highlights: $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$



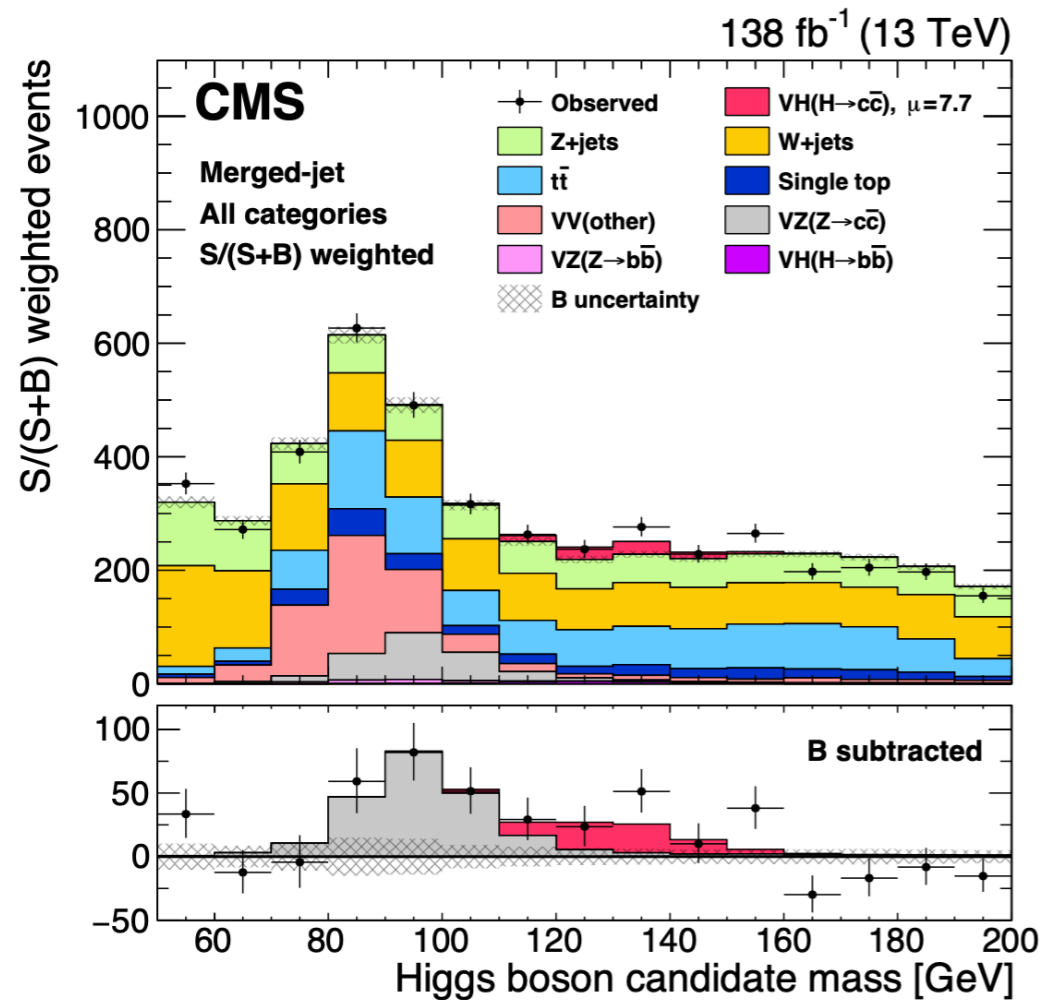
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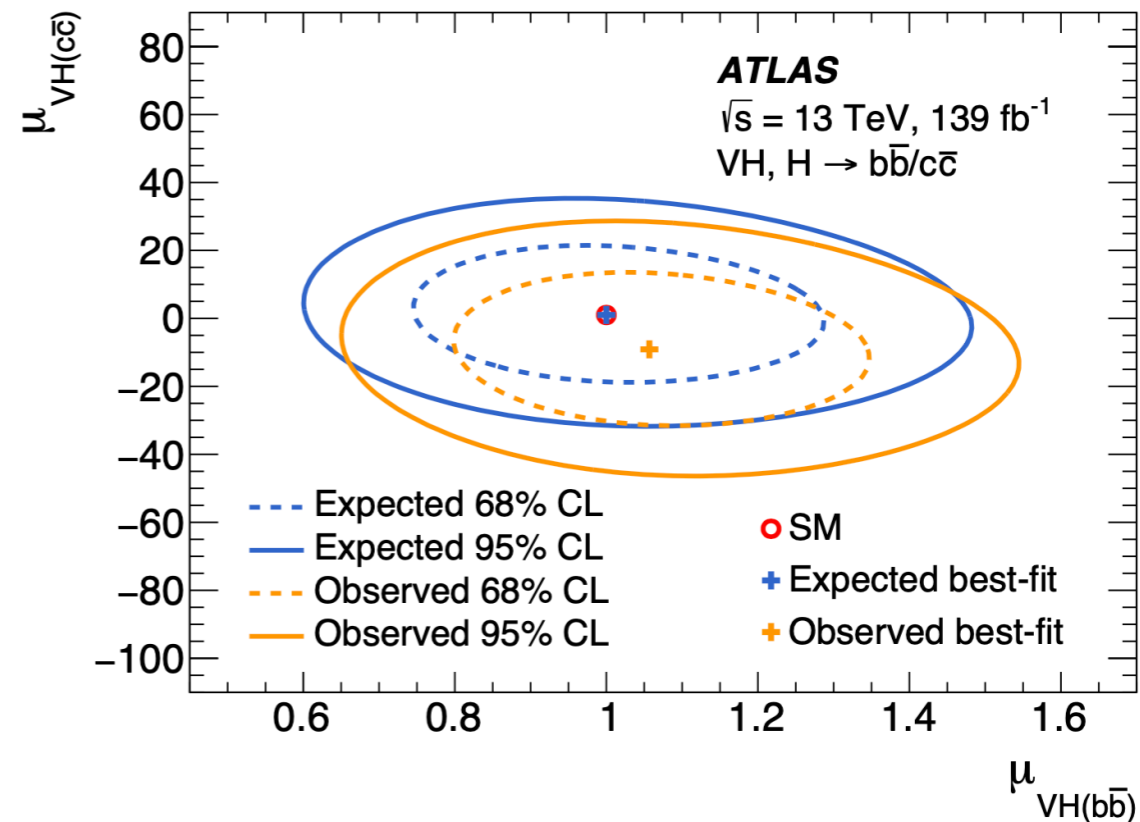
Role of precision theory predictions rather limited

# Recent highlights: $H \rightarrow cc$



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

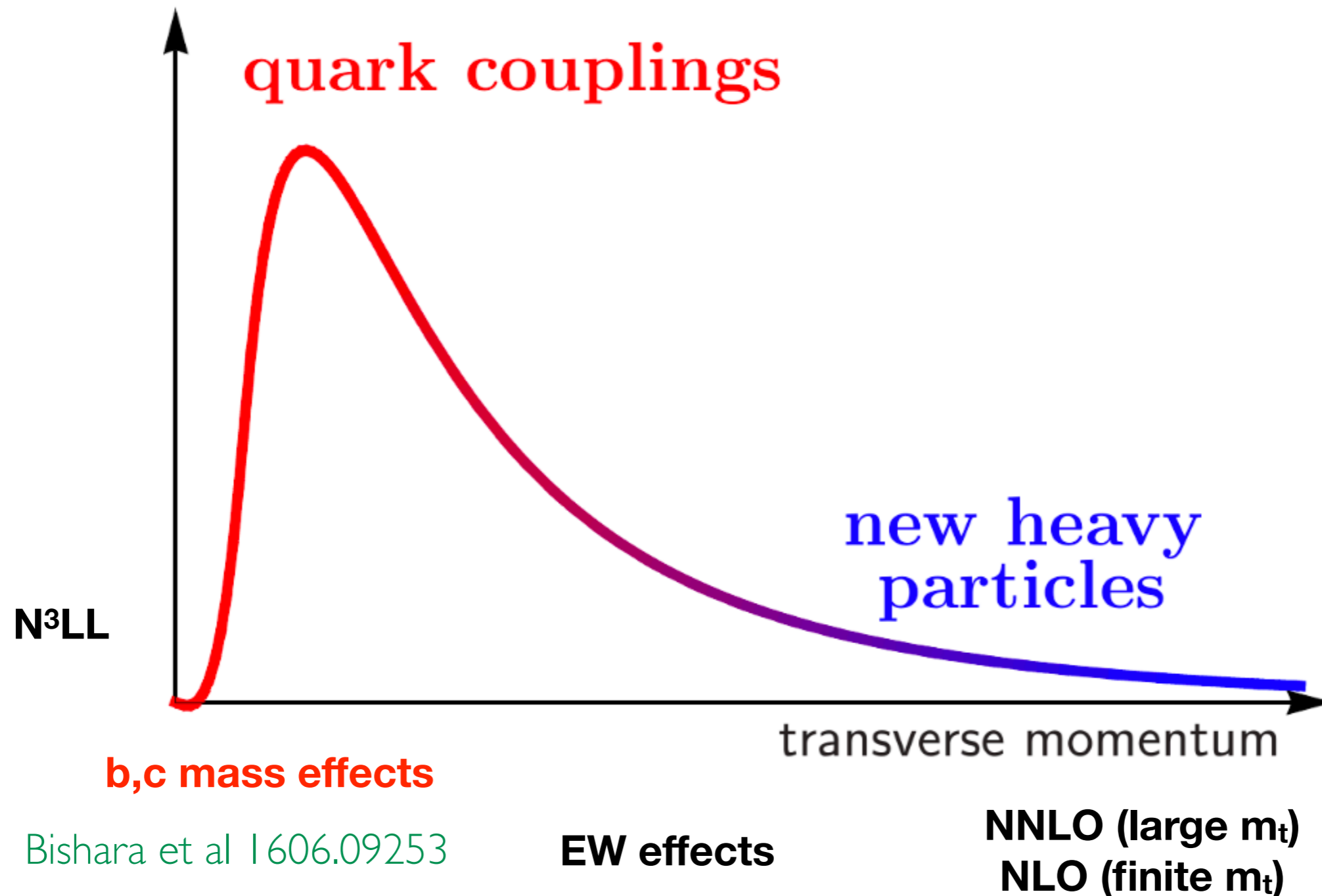
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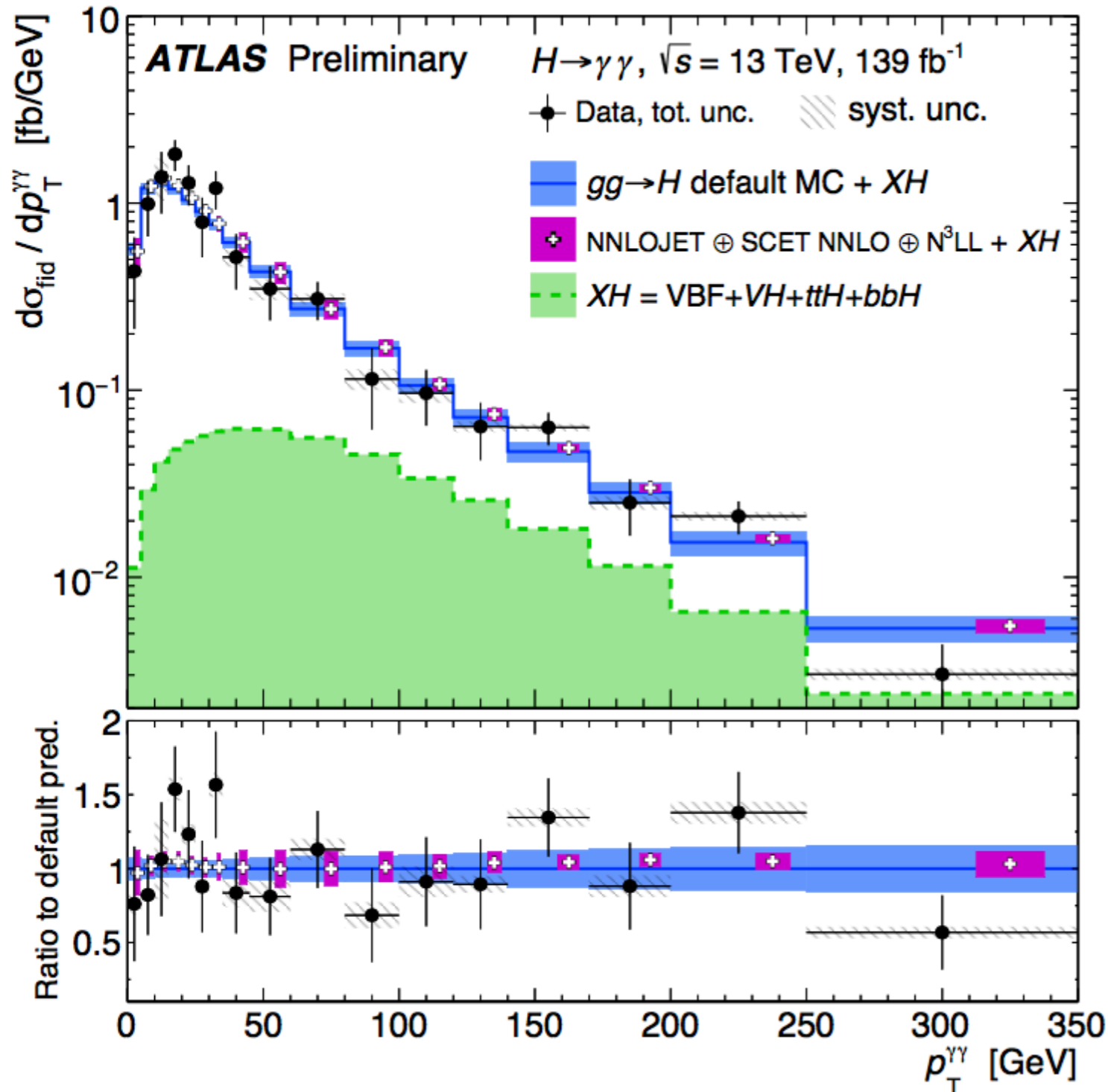
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Crucial role of precision theory predictions for the prediction and simulation of background processes

# Higgs $p_t$ and light Yukawas



# Higgs $p_t$

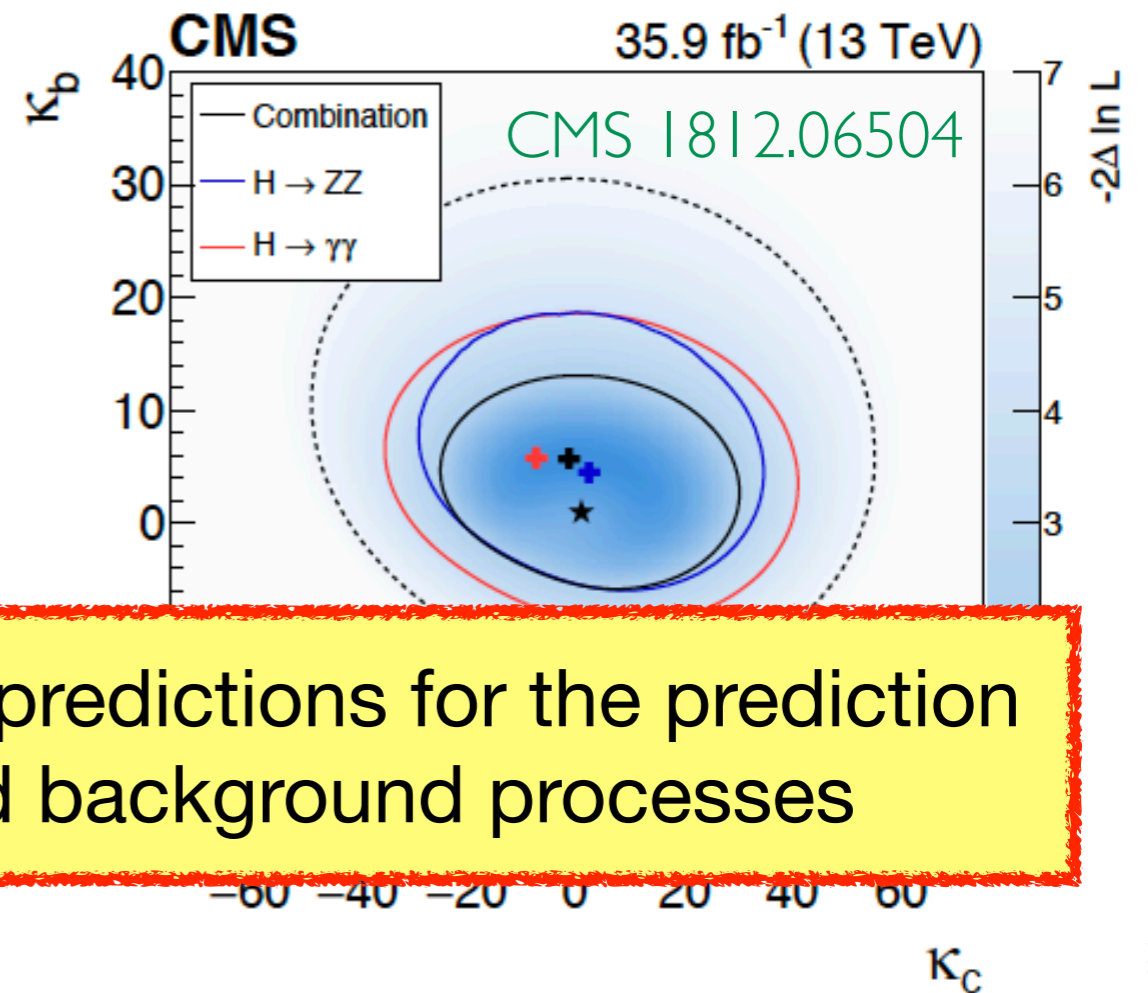
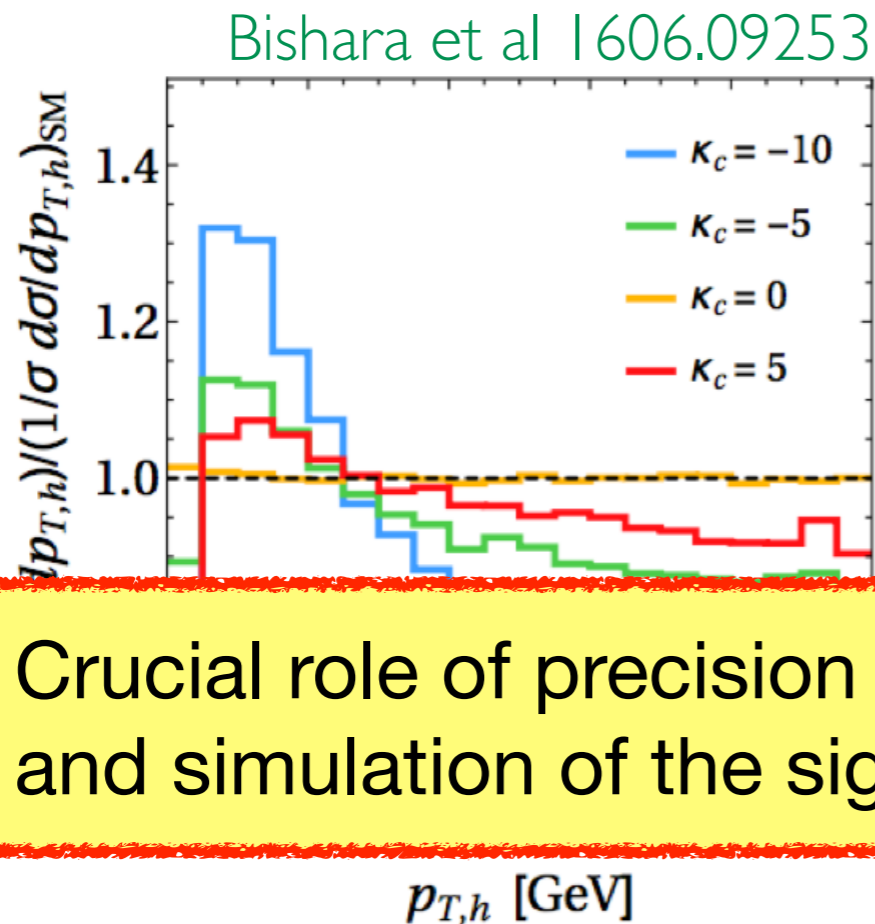
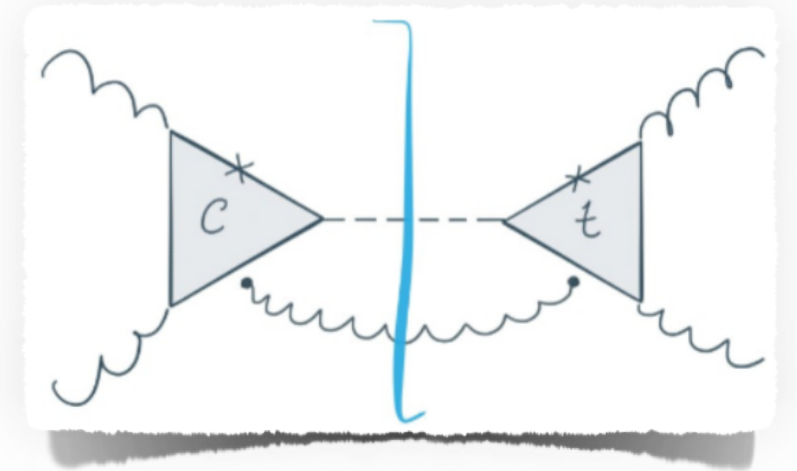


Today impressive level of sophistication (NNLO+ $N^3LL$ ), still theory uncertainty about 10-20%



# Charm Yukawa through $p_{T,H}$

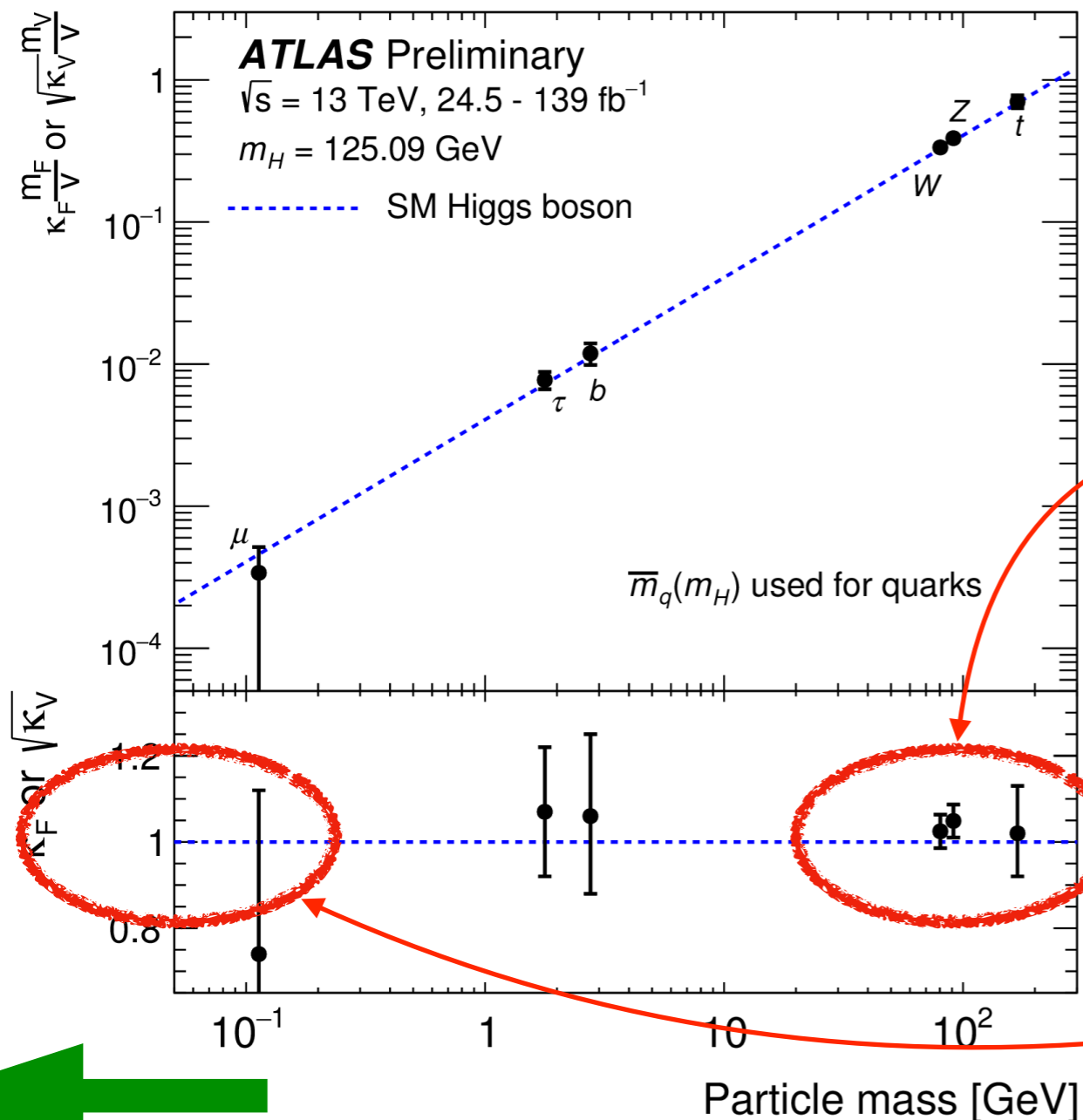
Interference between top and charm loops create a distortion of the Higgs transverse momentum (at low  $p_T$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  sensitivity to charm Yukawa coupling



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

# Status of Higgs couplings

*Footprint of SM Higgs: mass versus coupling correlation*



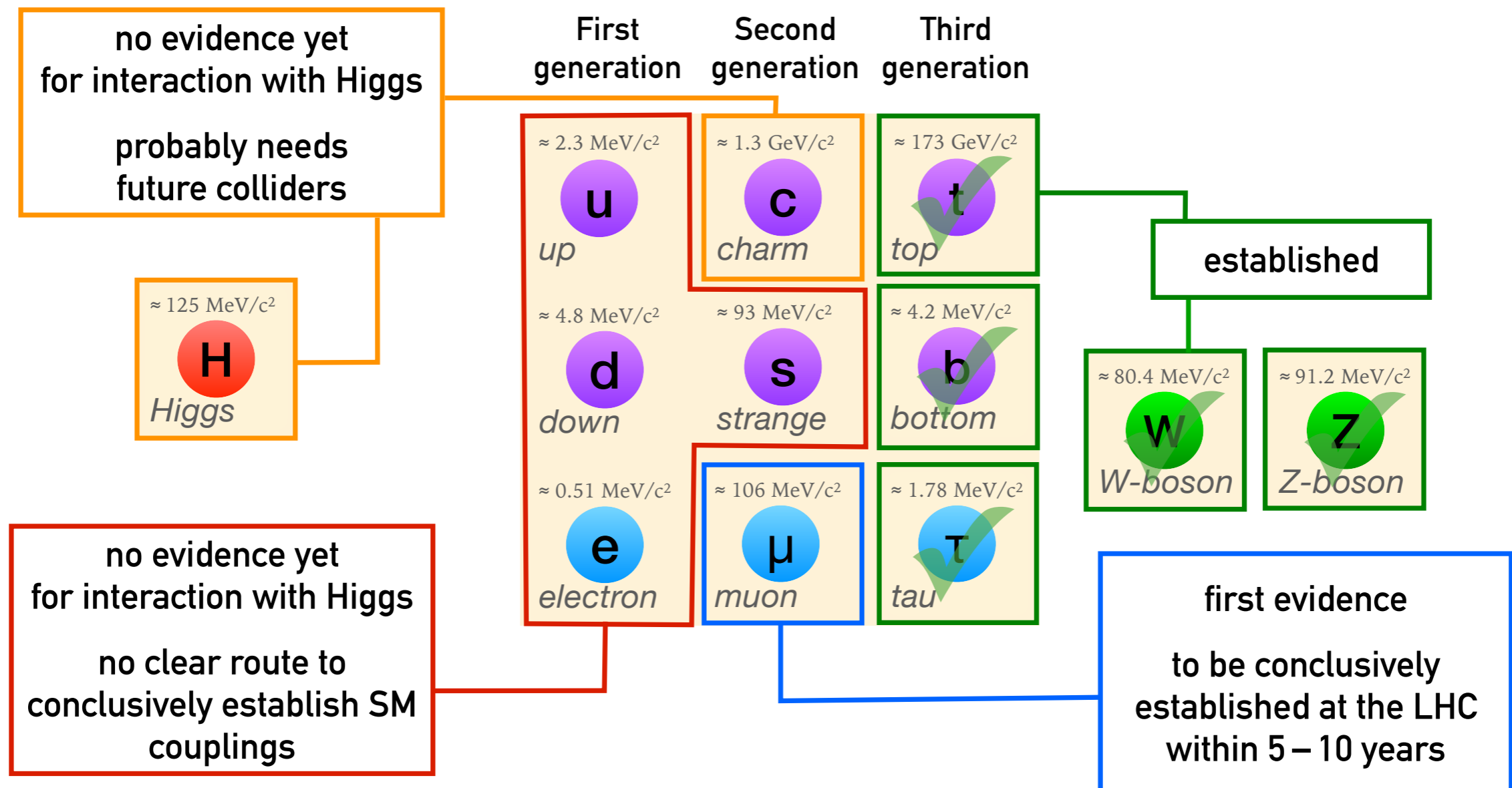
SM predictions for the couplings of heavier particles (gauge bosons, 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fermions) tested to about 10%

No stringent tests for lighter particles yet (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation fermions)

Electron, light quarks, neutrinos

# Higgs interactions

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



# 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

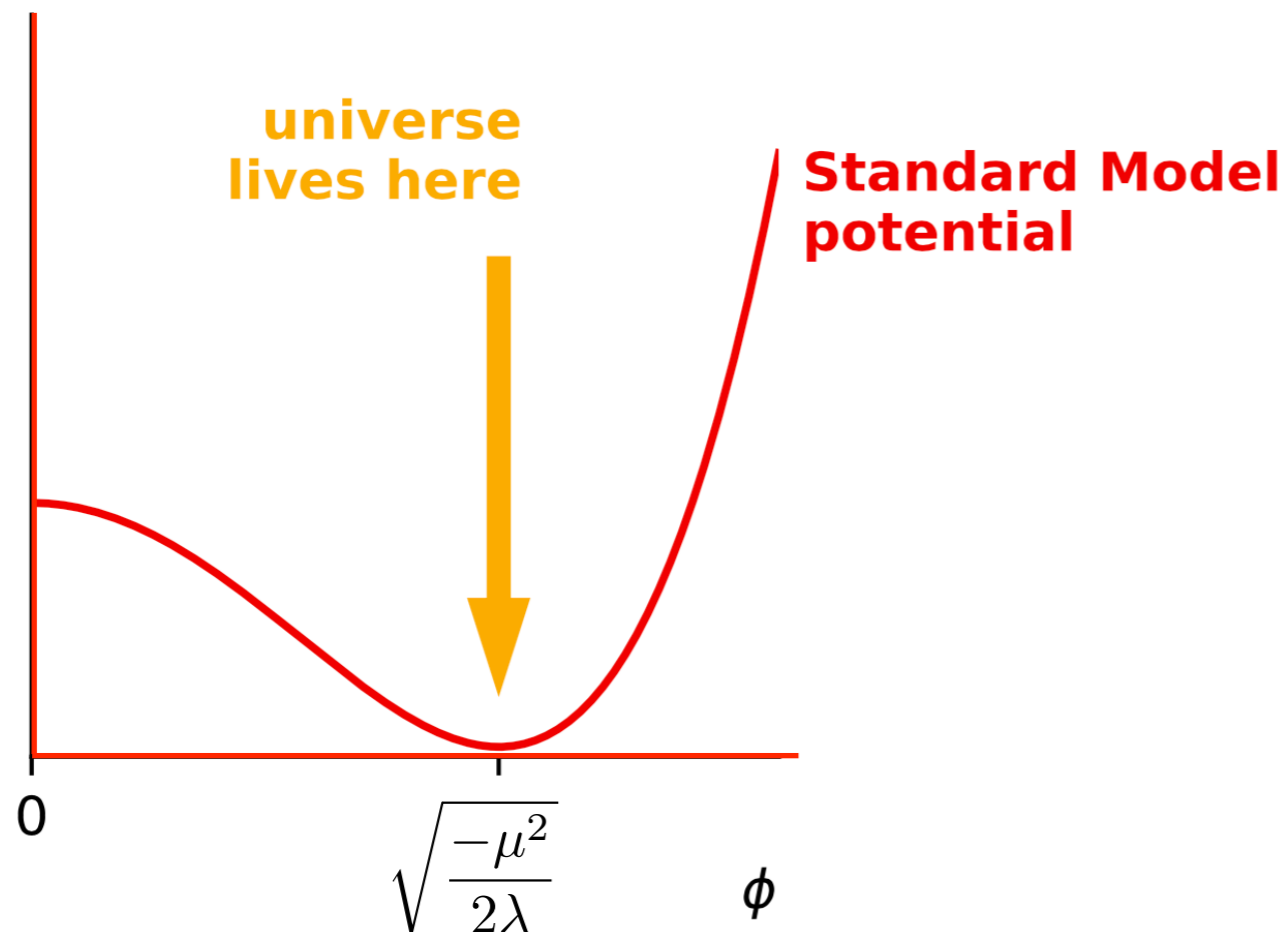
# The Higgs potential

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

## Theorist's assumption

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

$V(\phi)$ , SM

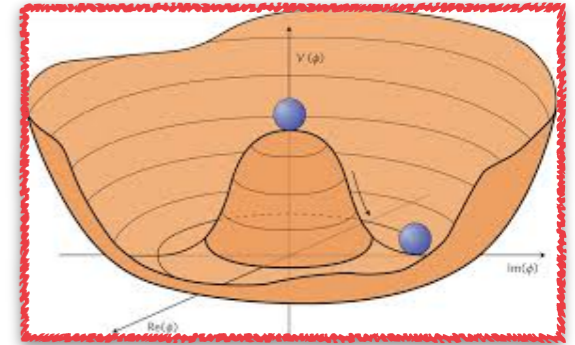


The Higgs boson is responsible for the masses of all particles. Its potential, linked to the Higgs self-coupling, is predicted in the SM, but we have not tested it so far

**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)

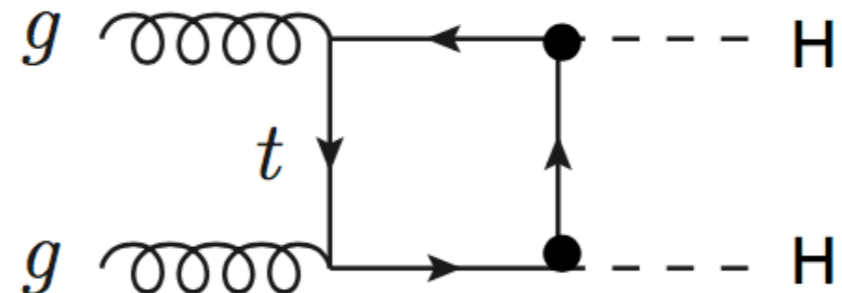
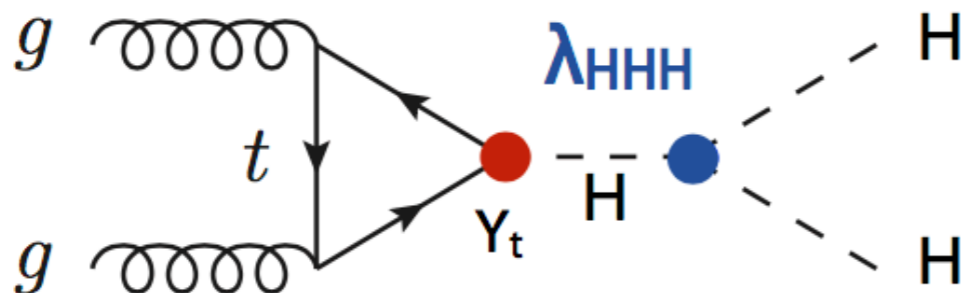
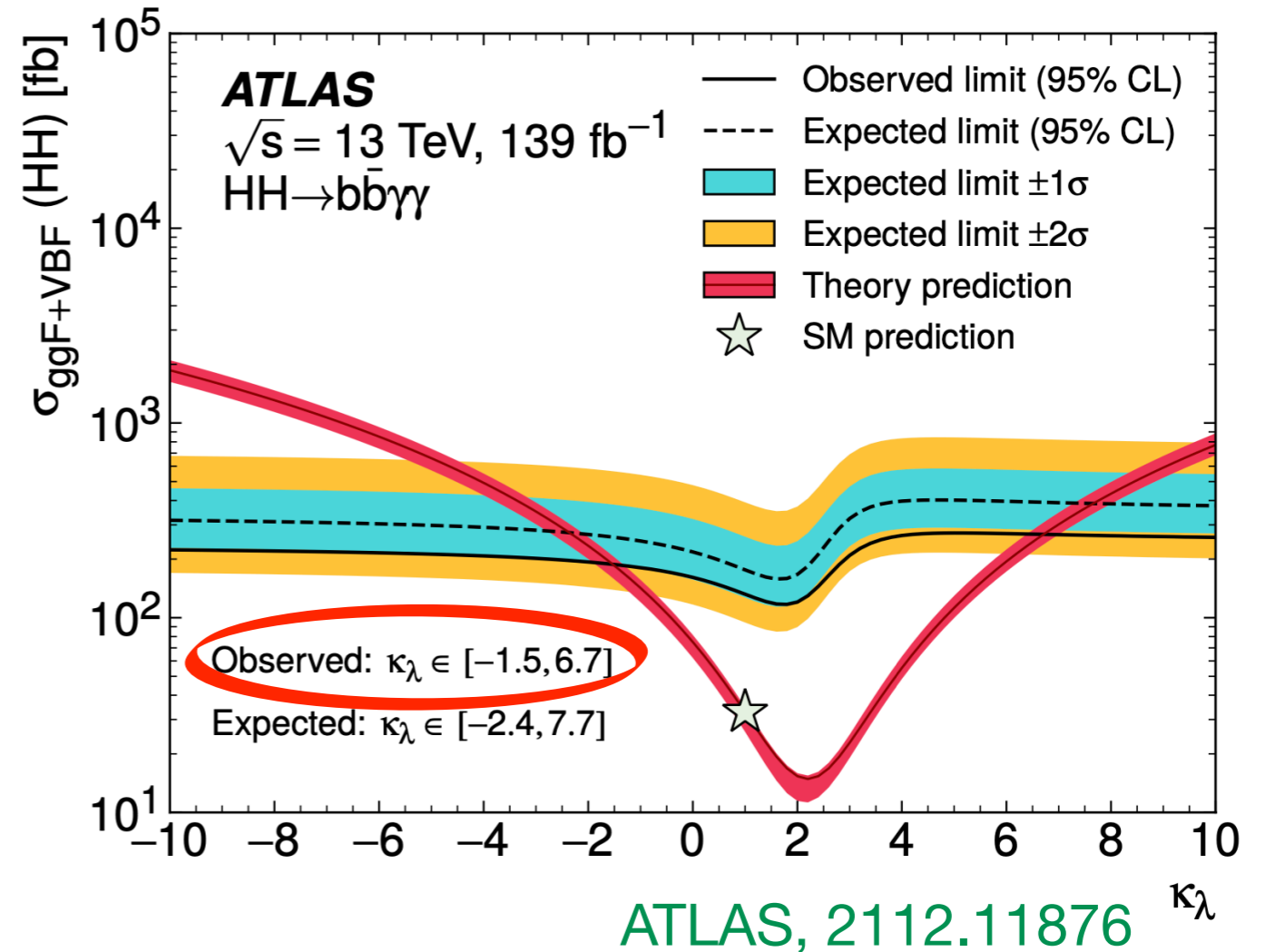
Double Higgs  
very hard  
O(7000)

Triple Higgs  
out of reach  
O(15)

# events produced so far

# The Higgs self-coupling

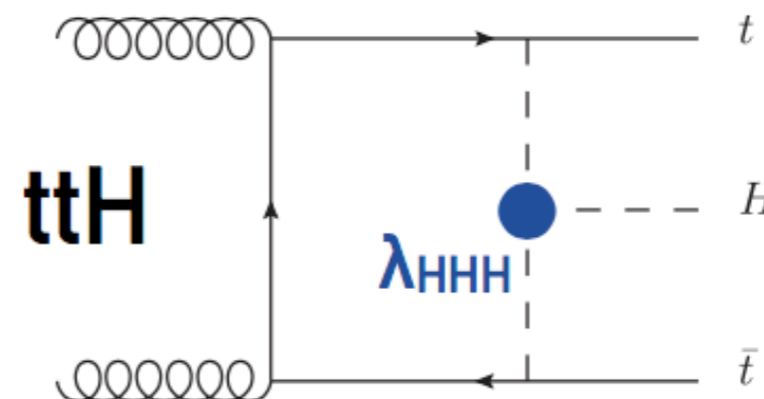
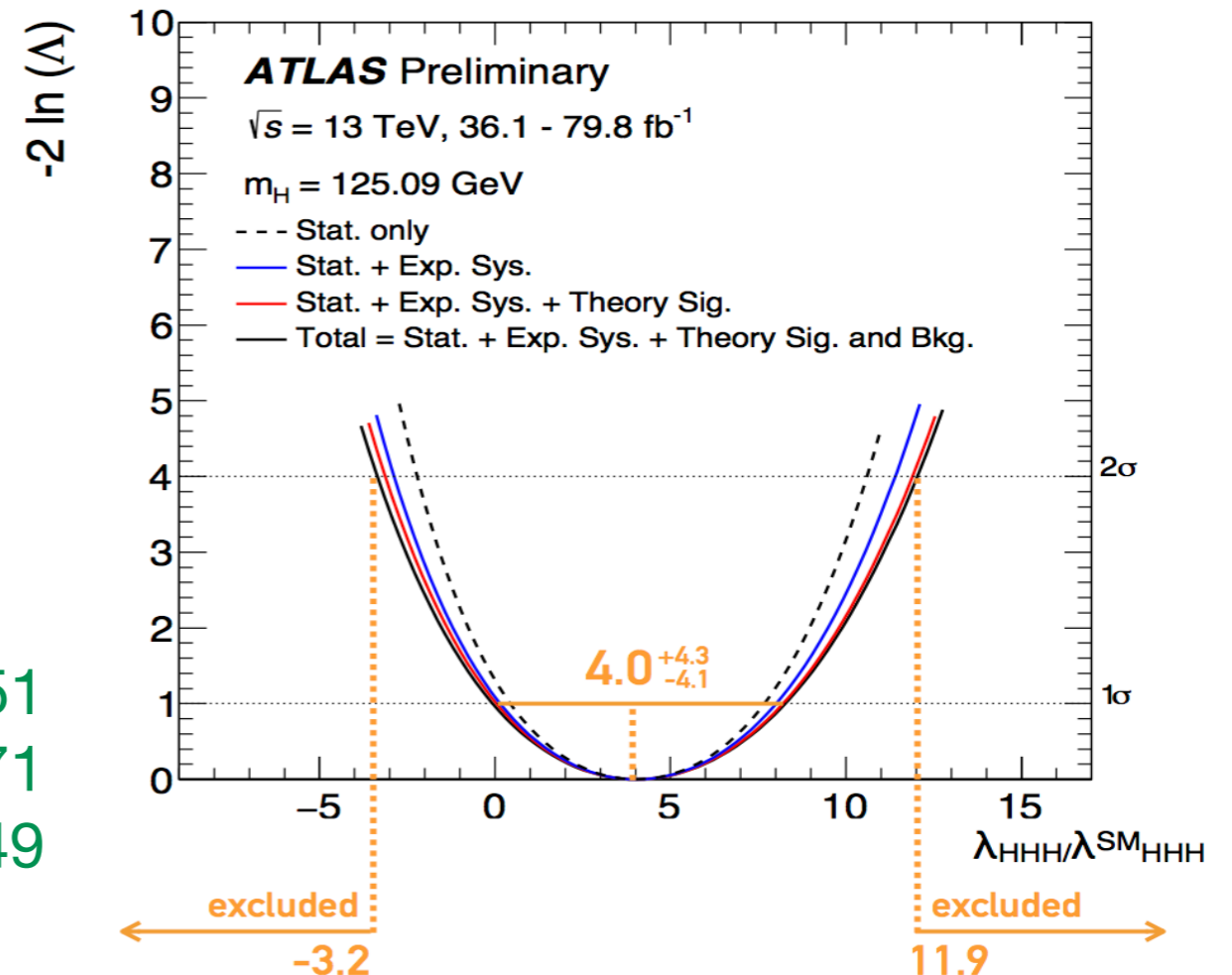
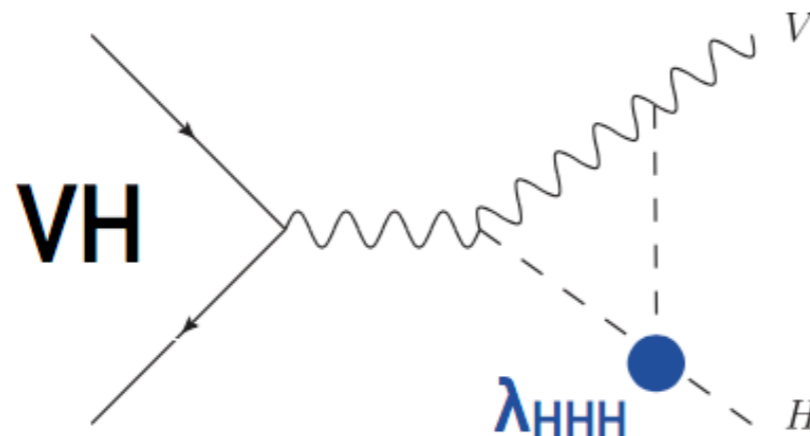
- Double-Higgs production is **directly** sensitive to the self-coupling
- Sensitivity limited also because of destructive interference



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

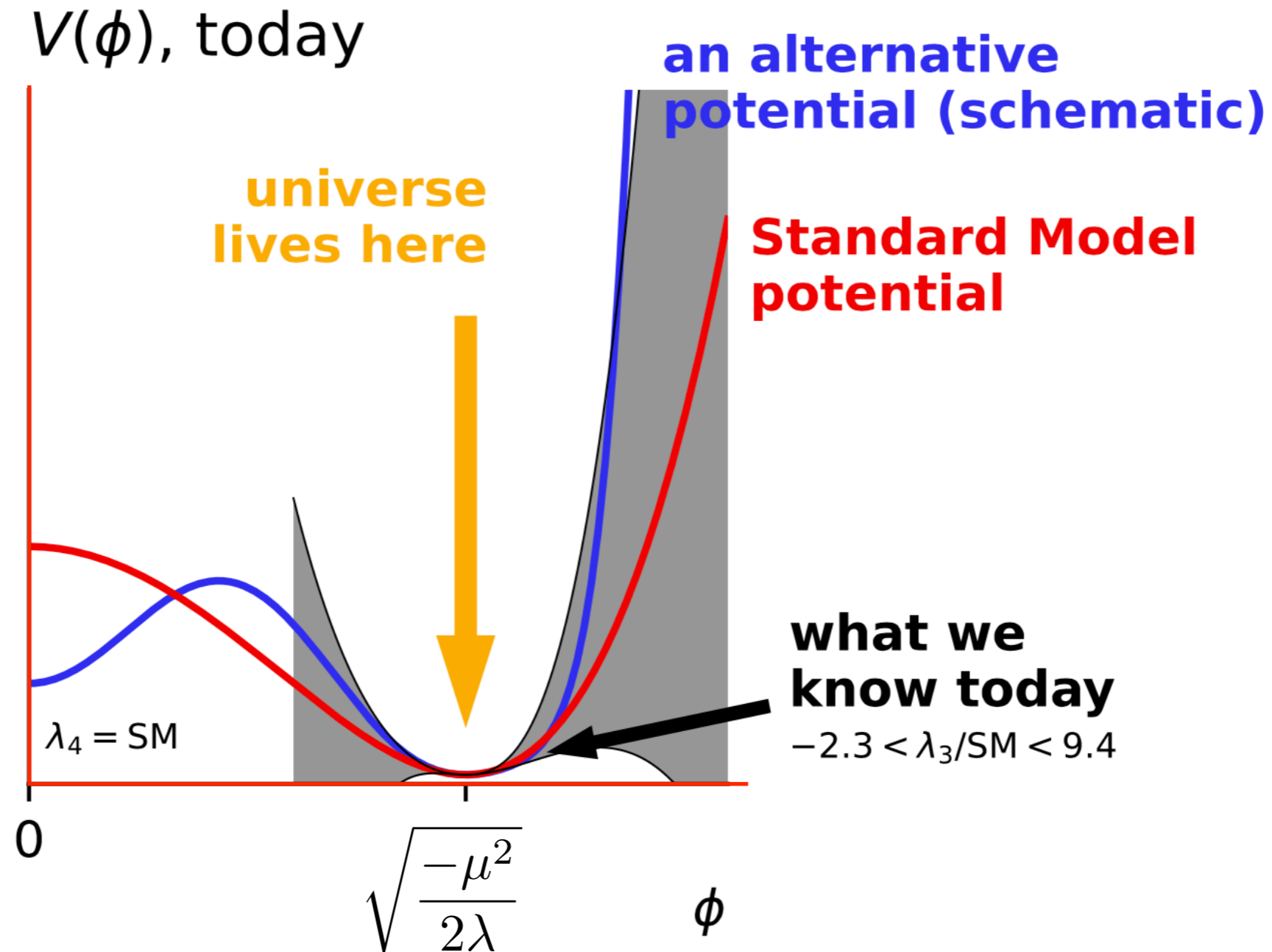
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# The Higgs potential

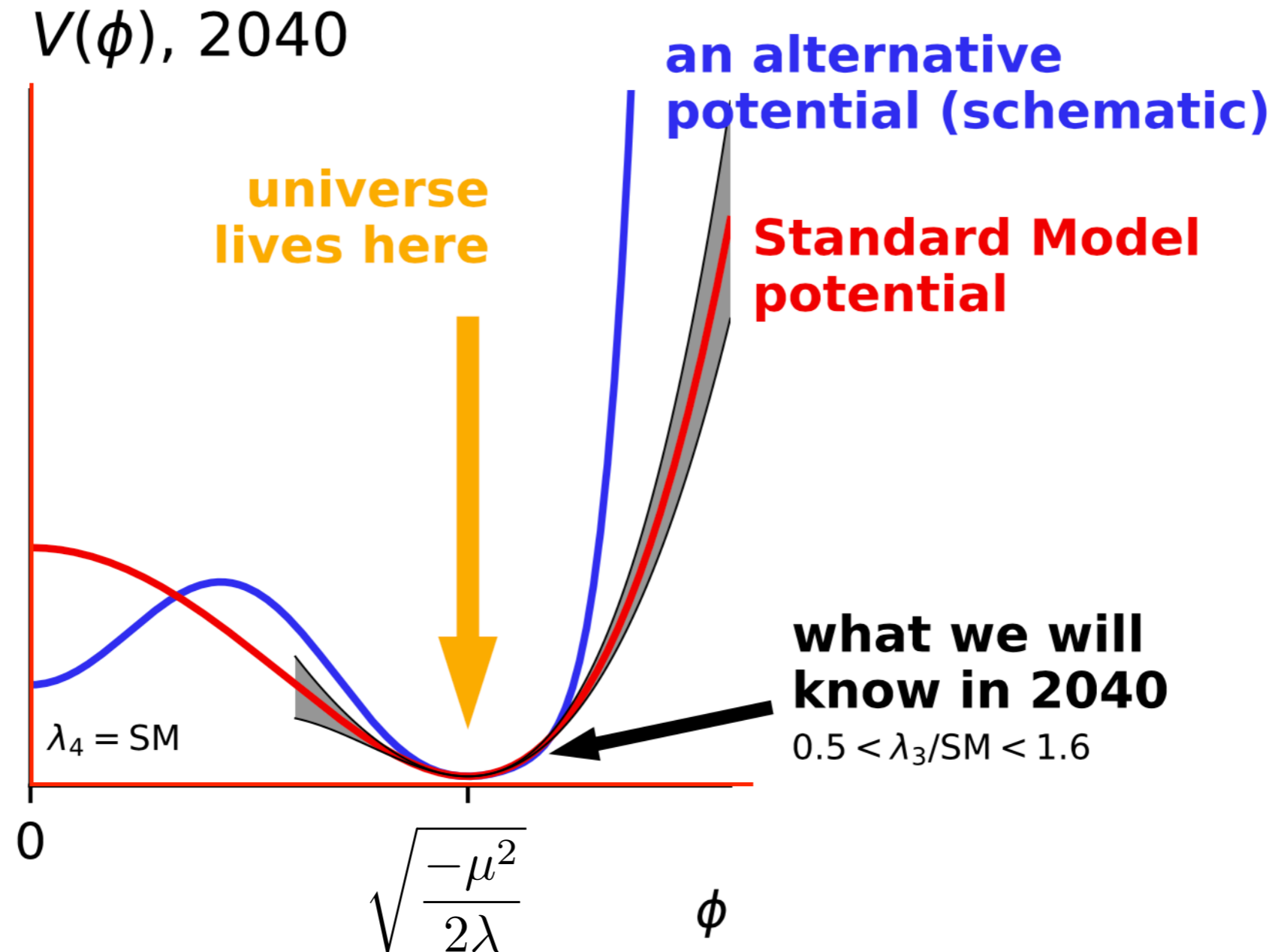
What did we establish so far?



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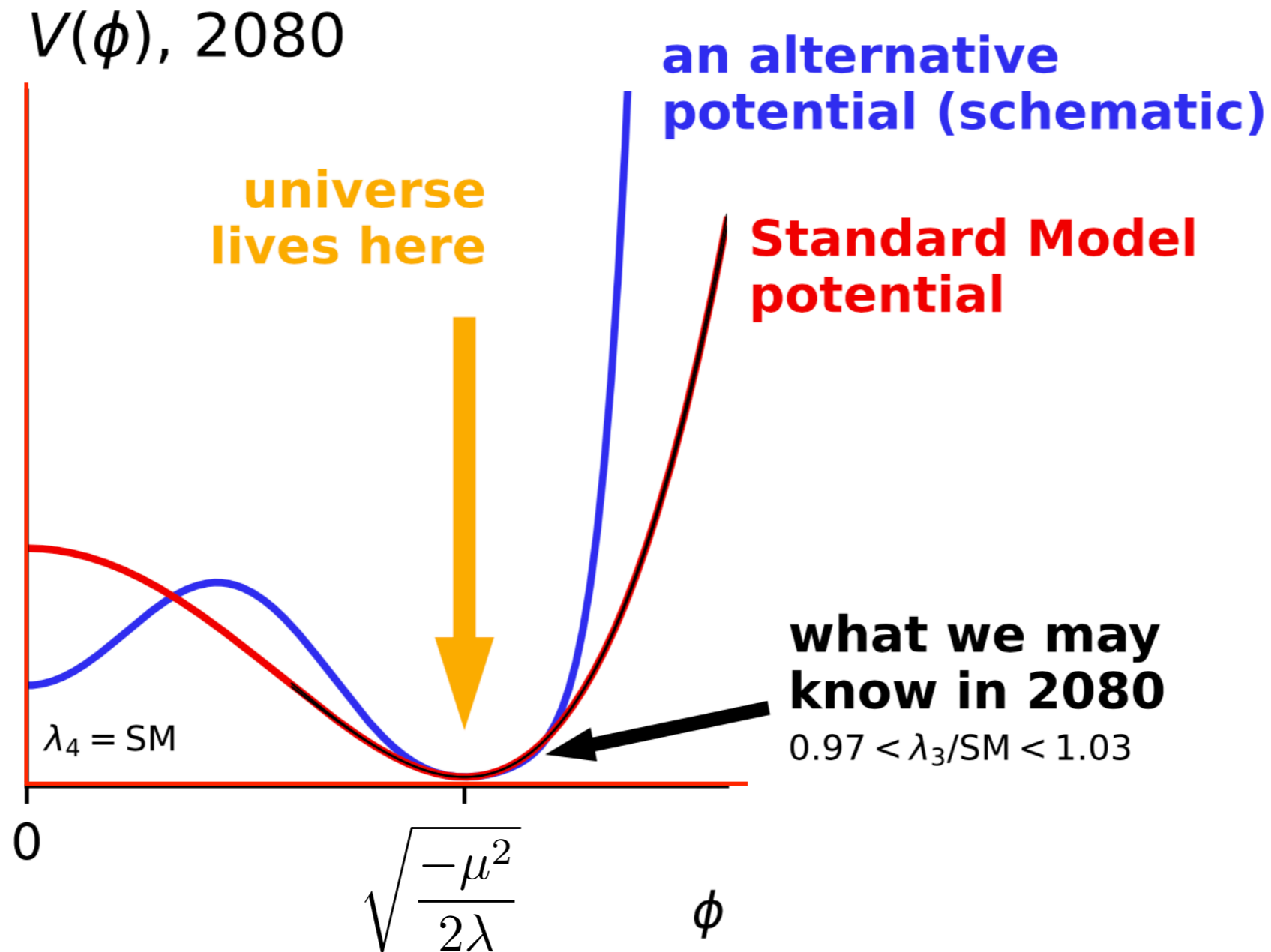
What are the prospects in the next twenty years?



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# The Higgs potential

What are the prospects after a possible FCC ?



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# Higgs and New Physics

New physics likely heavy  $\Rightarrow$  use effective field theory (EFT)

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{D=6}$$

scale of new physics

Results in a modification of the SM couplings (or in the presence of new couplings)

At low energy, e.g. Higgs couplings:

$$g = g_{\text{SM}} \left( 1 + c \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

At high energy, e.g.  $V_L V_L$  scattering:

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**per-mille accuracy at LEP  $\approx$  10% accuracy at 1 TeV**

**1% accuracy at 1 TeV  $\approx$  10% accuracy at 3 TeV**

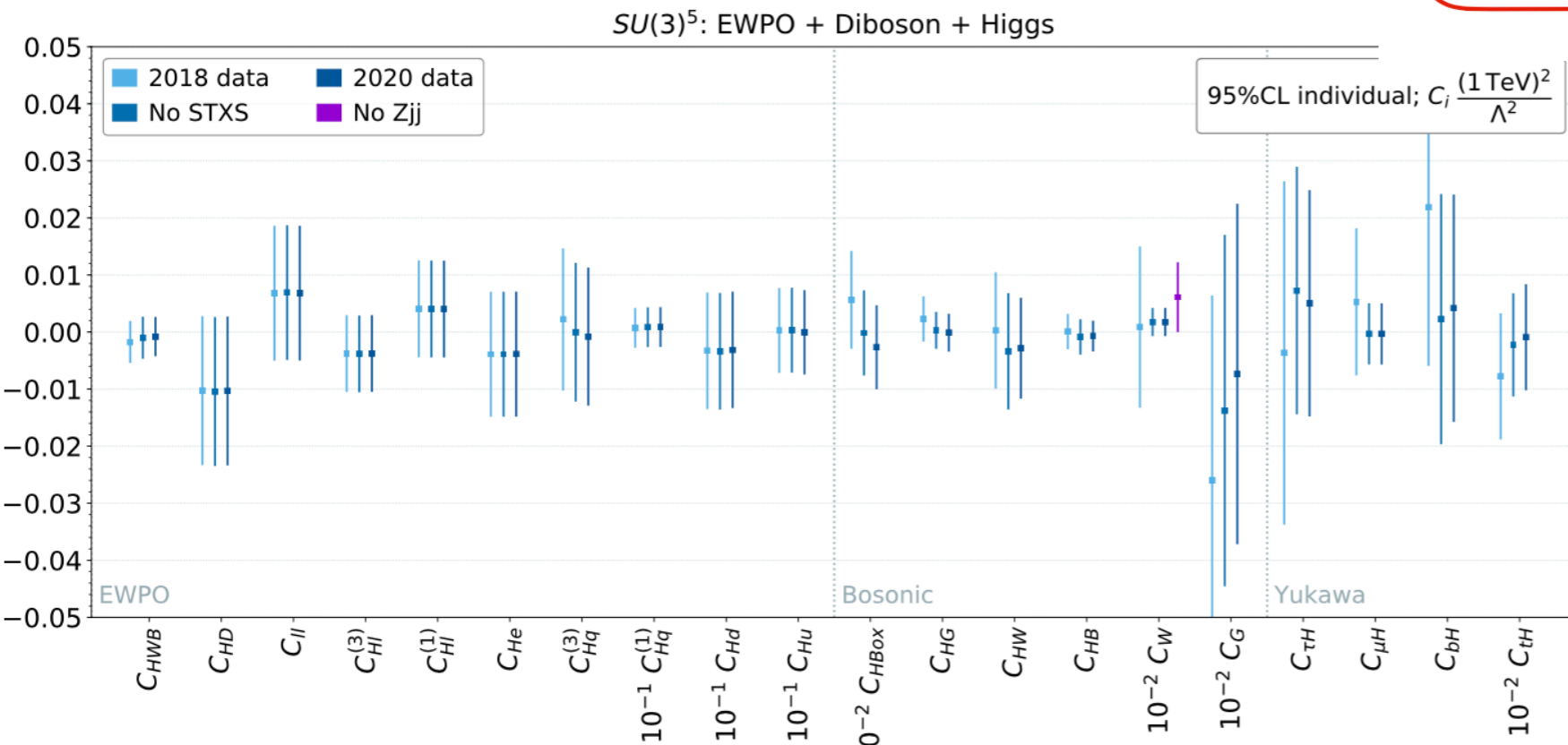
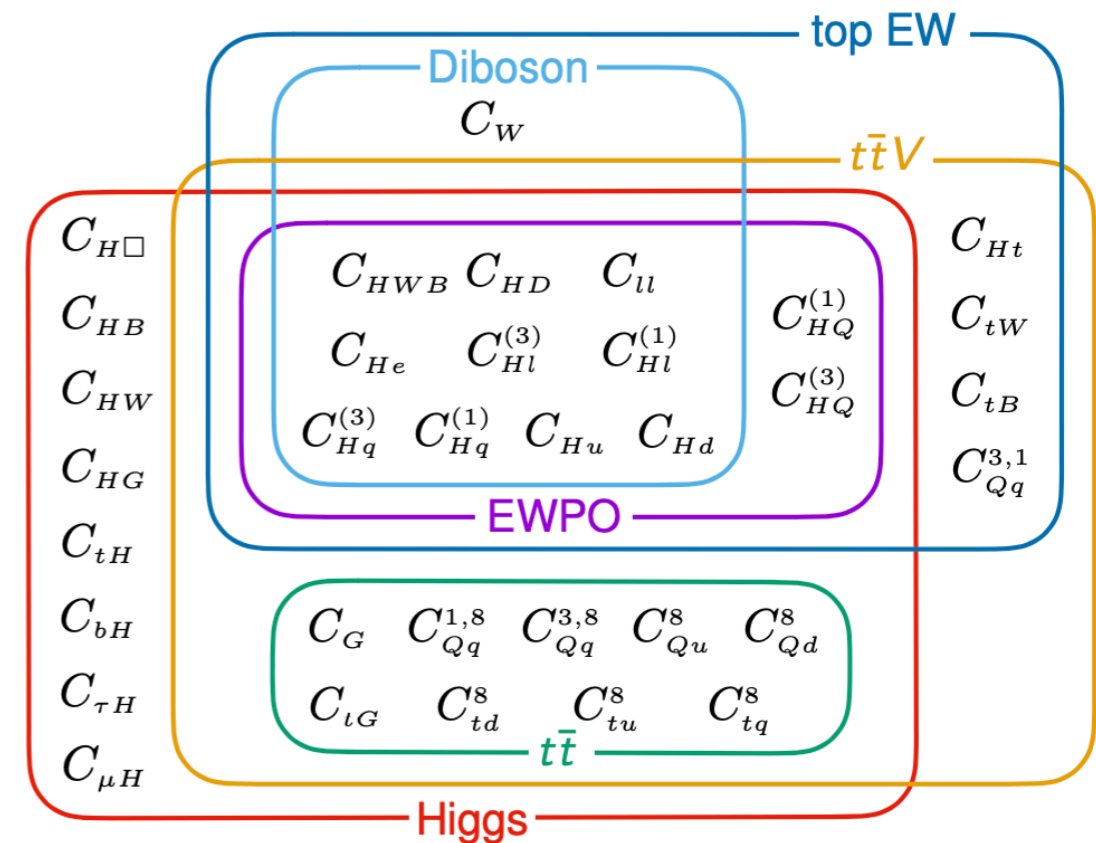
**0.1% accuracy at 1 TeV  $\approx$  10% accuracy at 10 TeV**

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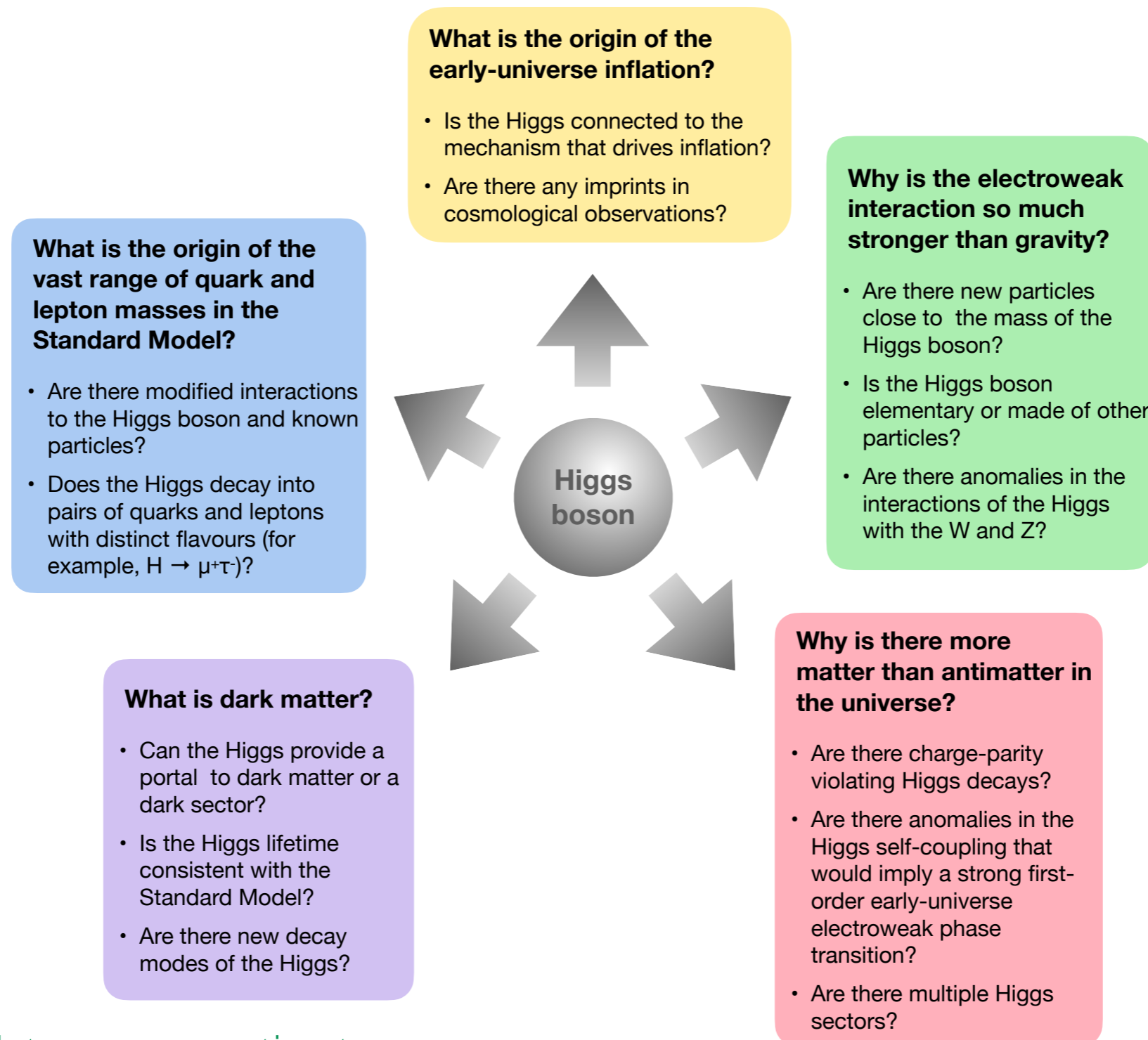
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Sample global constraints on coefficients of D=6 operators



Ellis et al 2012.02779

# Possible connections of the Higgs to major open questions



# Conclusions

- ❖ Higgs studies are just out of their infancy. So far, the Higgs looks very much Standard Model like
- ❖ The scalar sector is connected to profound questions (naturalness, vacuum stability, flavour)
- ❖ The discovery allows us to explore a **new sector with a broad experimental program that will extend over decades**
- ❖ Thanks to the excellent performance of experiments, to theory and computational developments, much more was achieved at LHC compared to expectations
- ❖ Much more will be learnt in the years to come