



Search for Lepton Flavor Violating Decays of Heavy Resonances and Quantum Black Holes in Dilepton Final States With Full Run2 CMS Data

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Introduction

Flavour conservation is not a fundamental symmetry in the SM

Fermions do change flavour:

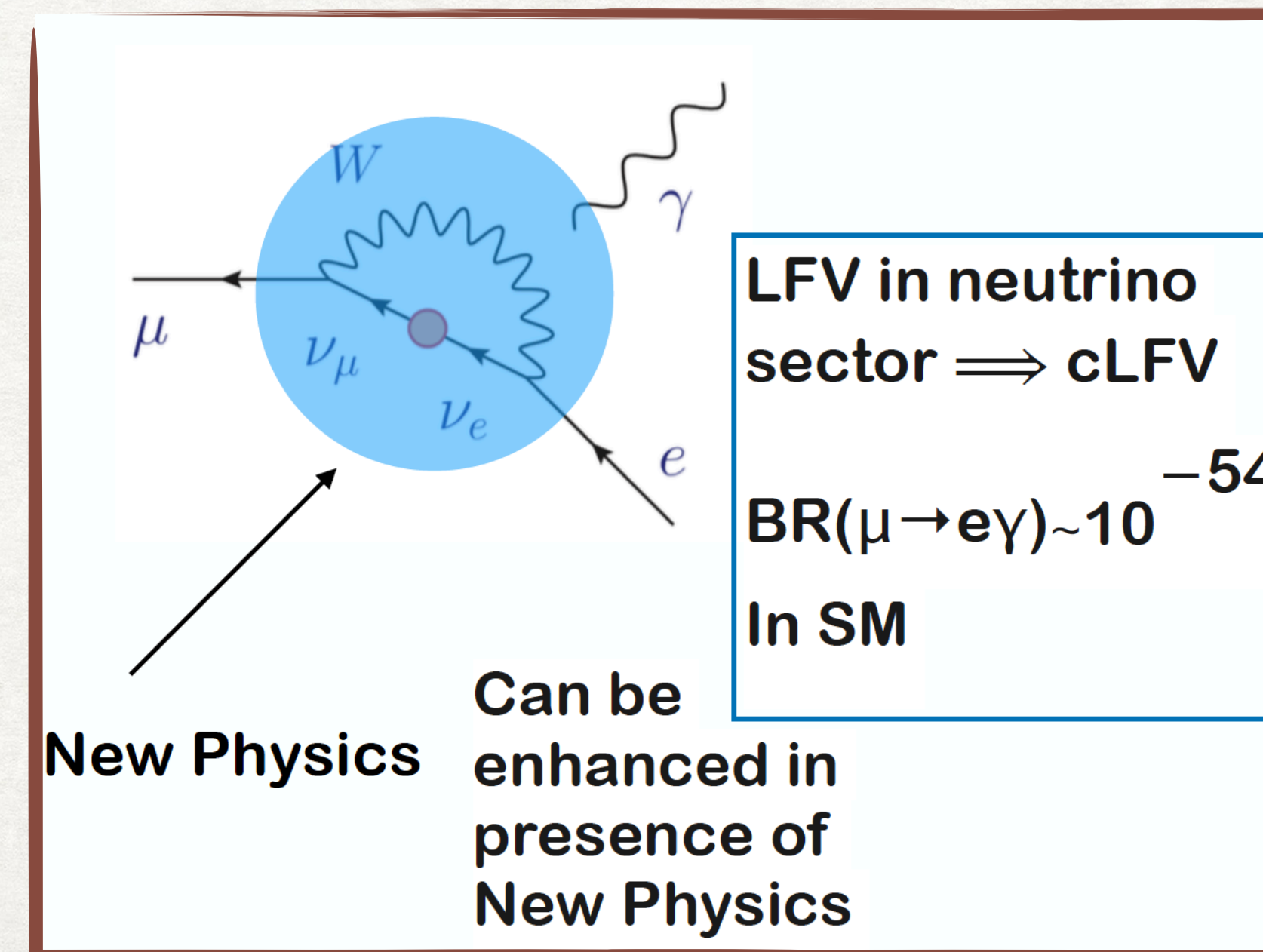
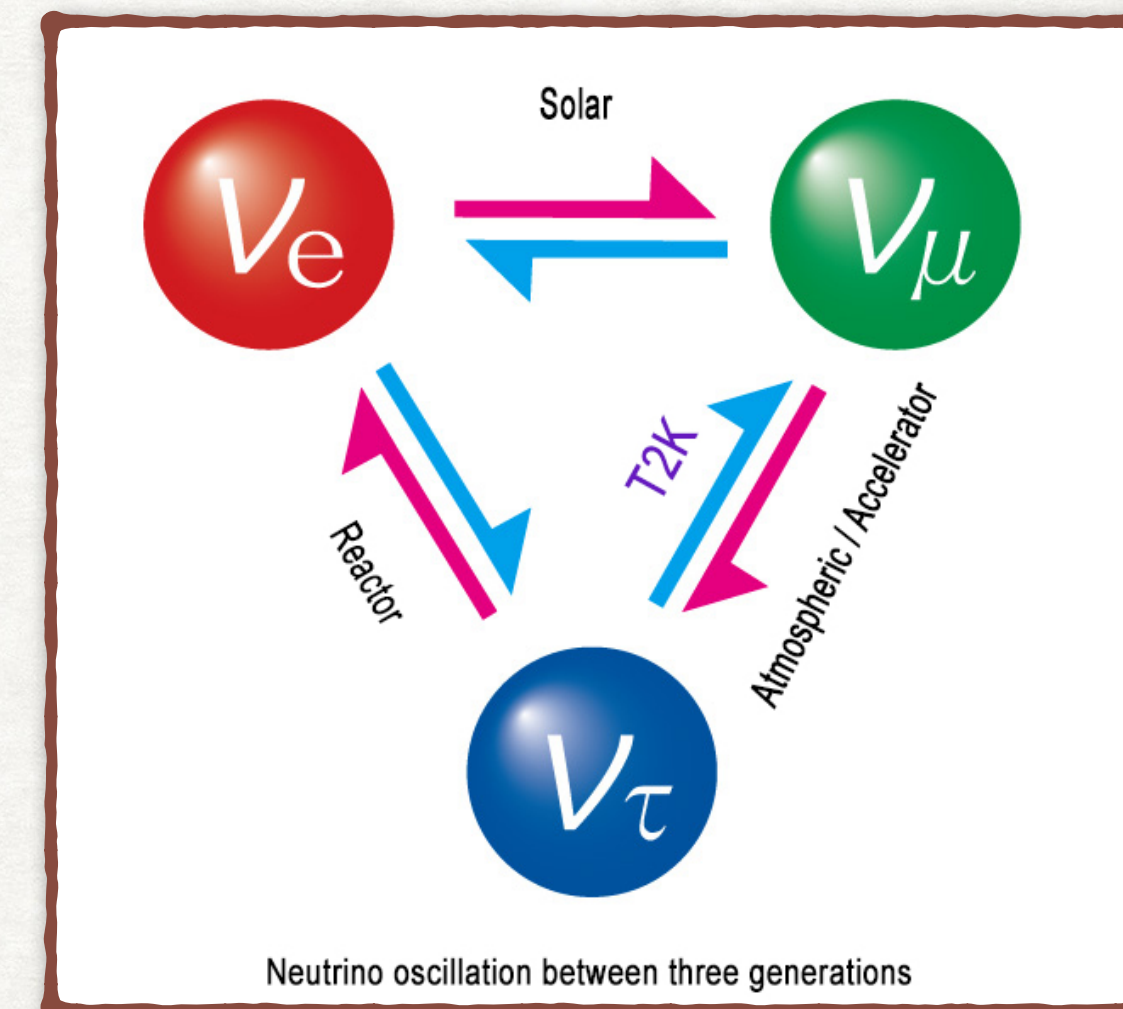
- Quarks: CKM matrix \rightarrow quark mixing observed
- Leptons: PMNS matrix \rightarrow neutrino mixing observed

How about charged leptons?

- \rightarrow (charged) Lepton Flavour Violation (cLFV)
- Not observed yet

In the SM

- Loop with neutrino oscillations
- Vanishingly small branching ratios



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DISCOVERY OF CHARGED LEPTON FLAVOR VIOLATION IS NEW PHYSICS!

violation of a (so-far) conservation law

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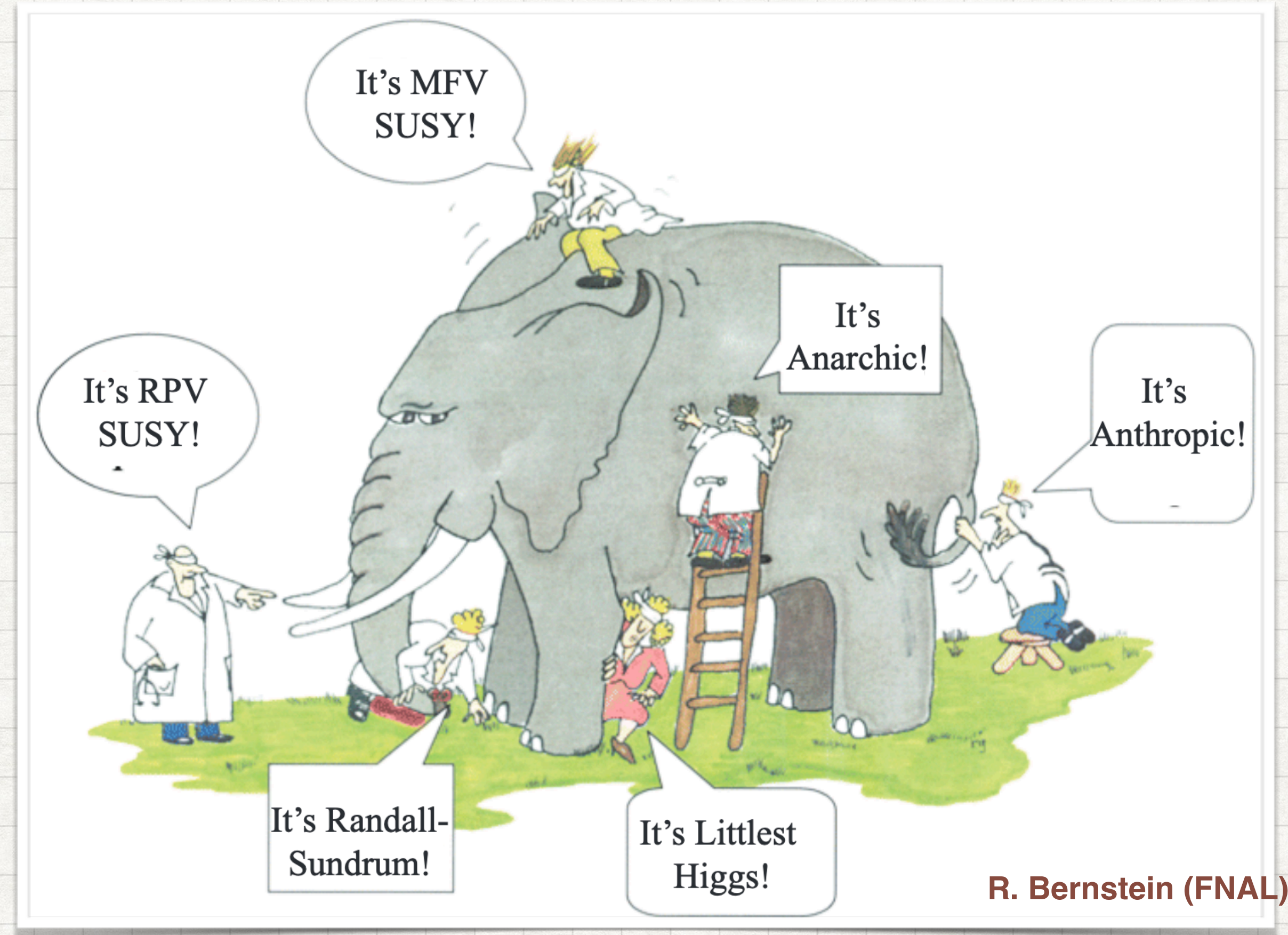
✳ Various **BSM** models: Supersymmetry, extended gauge models, heavy neutrinos, etc.

✳ Predict LFV couplings to be tested at the LHC

Low Energy Results Provide Indirect Constraints (Often With Assumptions)

- lepton-flavor violating processes

- $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma, \tau \rightarrow e\gamma, \text{ etc.}$
- $\mu \rightarrow eee, \tau \rightarrow \mu ee, \text{ etc.}$
- $\mu^+e^- \rightarrow e^-\mu^+$
- $Z^0 \rightarrow \mu e, \tau e, \text{ etc.}$
- $H \rightarrow \mu e, \tau e, \text{ etc.}$
- $K^0 (B^0, D^0, \dots) \rightarrow \mu e, \tau e, \text{ etc.}$
- $K^+ (B^+, D^+, \dots) \rightarrow \pi^+\mu e, \pi^+\tau e, \text{ etc.}$
- $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)$

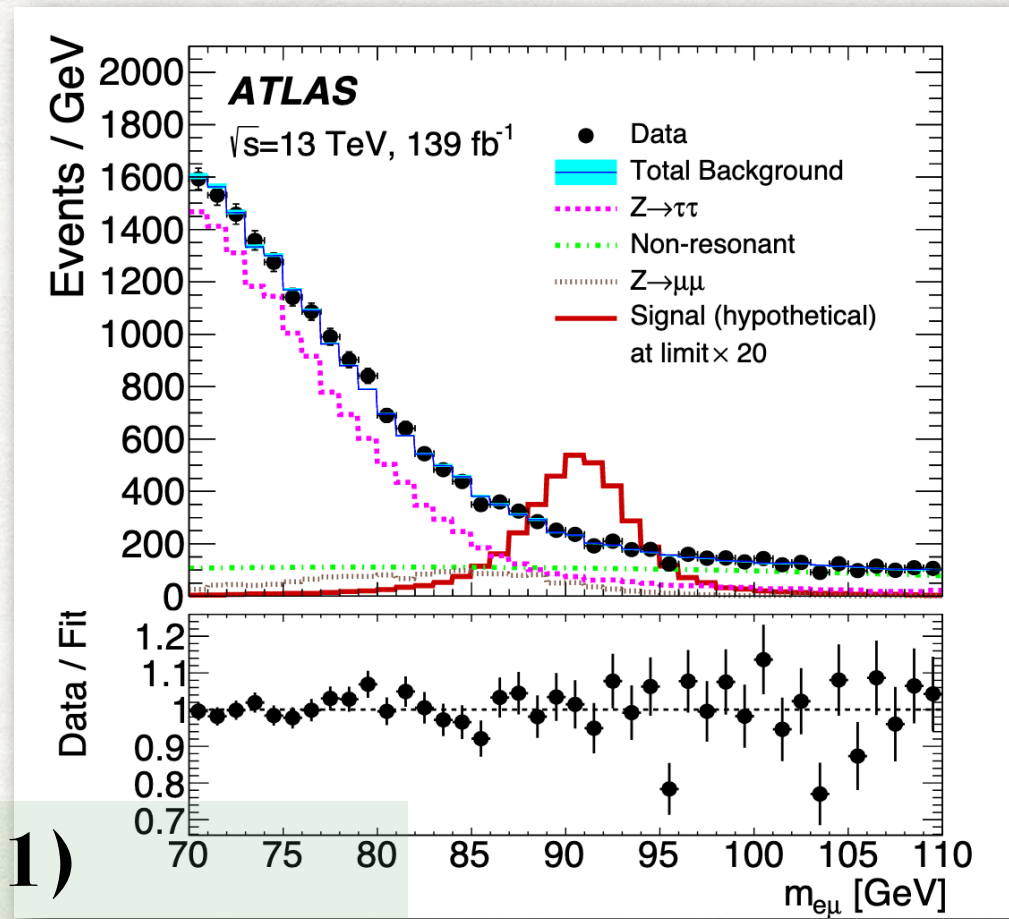


Need Multiple Measurements To Understand the Full Picture

LFV Searches @LHC : Overview



LFV $Z \rightarrow ll'$



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arXiv:2204.10783 (submitted to PRD)

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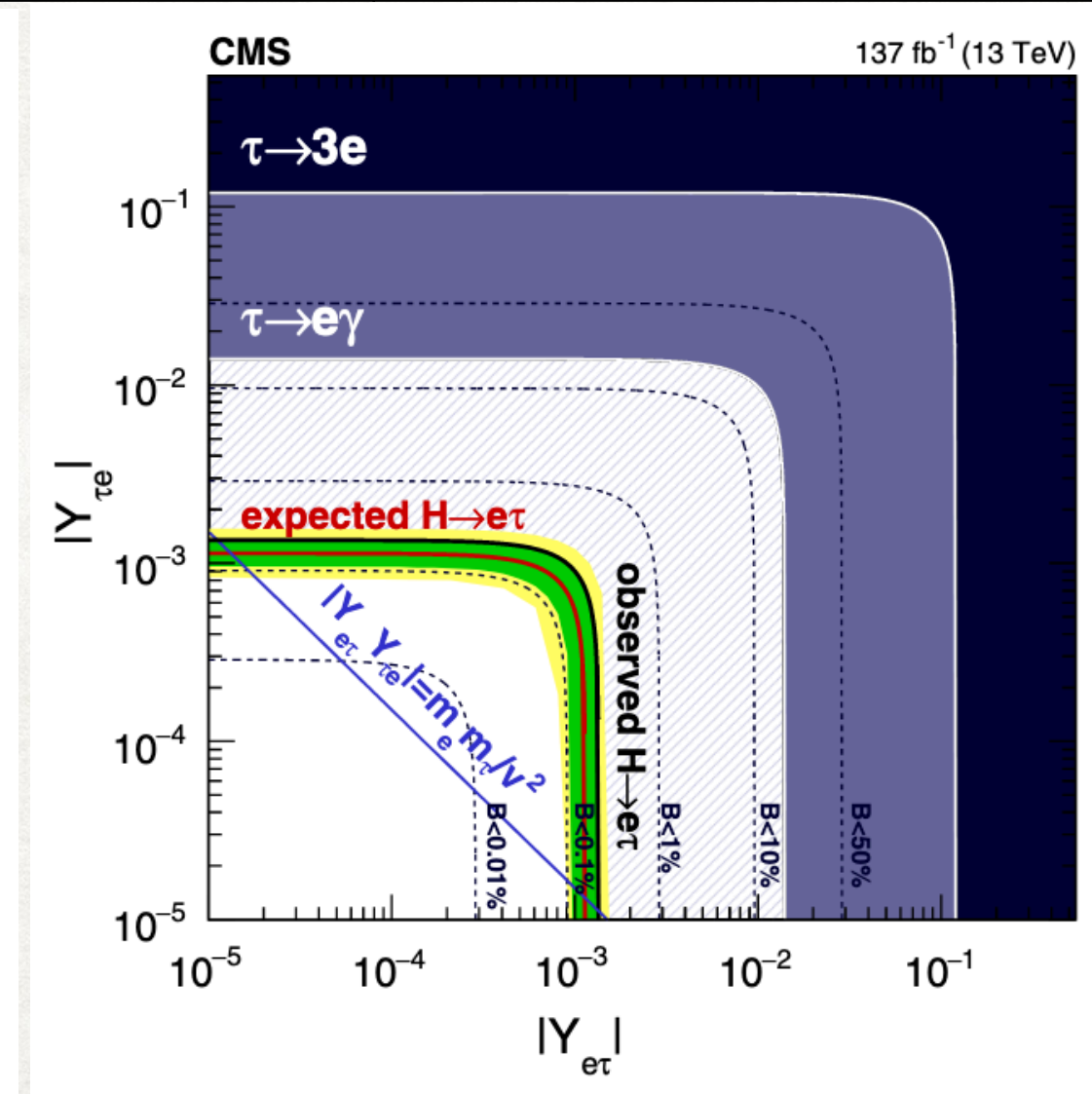
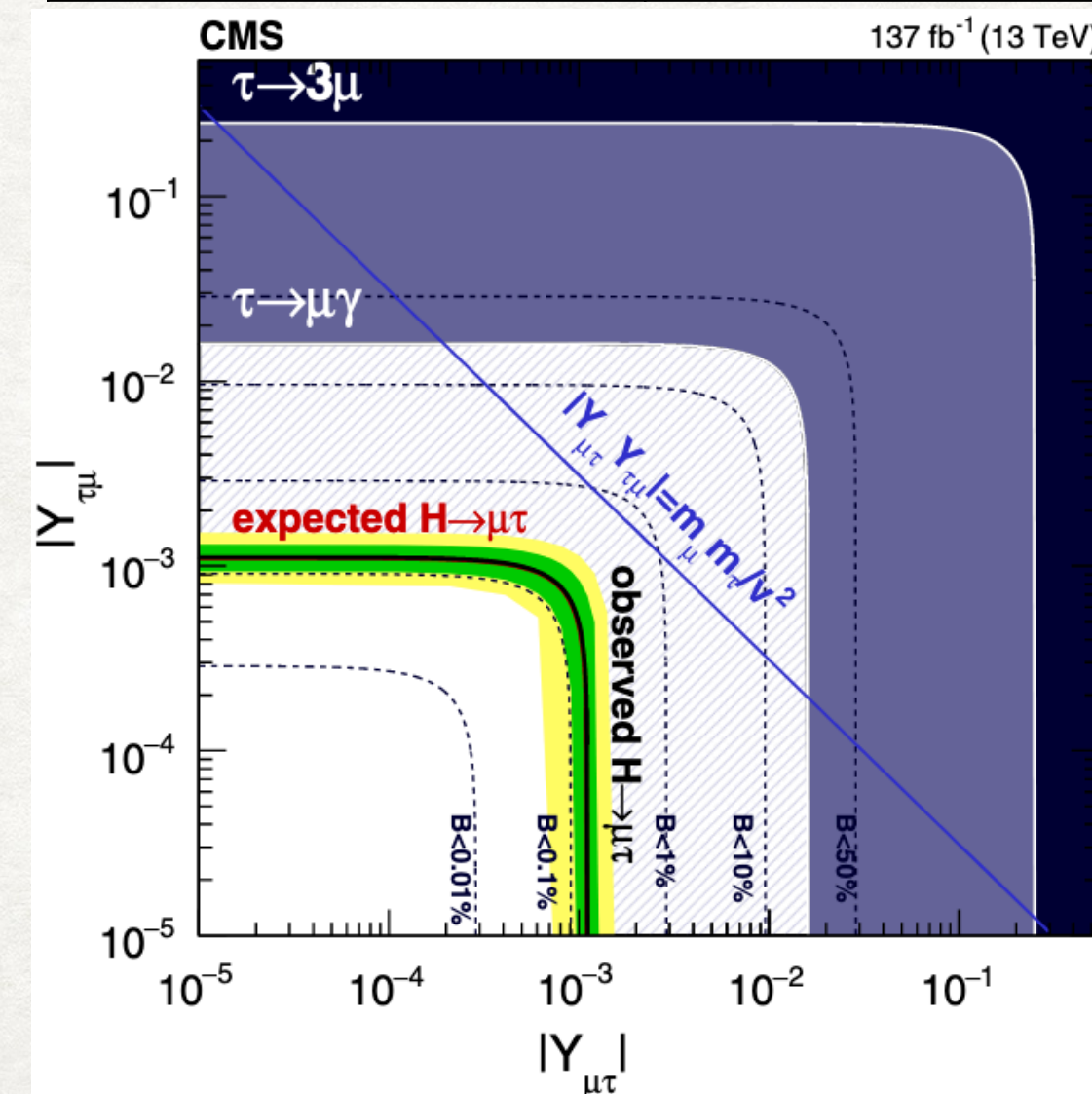
CMS (8 TeV data)	$B(Z \rightarrow e\mu)$	$< 7.3 \times 10^{-7}$
ATLAS 139 fb ⁻¹ (Run 1 + Run2)	$B(Z \rightarrow e\mu)$ $B(Z \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ $B(Z \rightarrow e\tau)$	$< 2.62 \times 10^{-7}$ $< 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ $< 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$
LEP	$B(Z \rightarrow e\mu)$ $B(Z \rightarrow \mu\tau)$ $B(Z \rightarrow e\tau)$	$< 1.7 \times 10^{-6}$ $< 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ $< 9.8 \times 10^{-6}$

LFV $H(125) \rightarrow ll'$ decays

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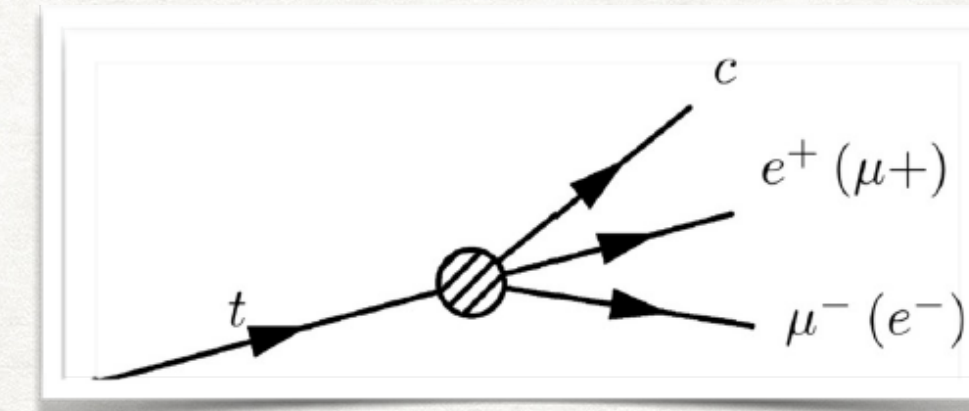
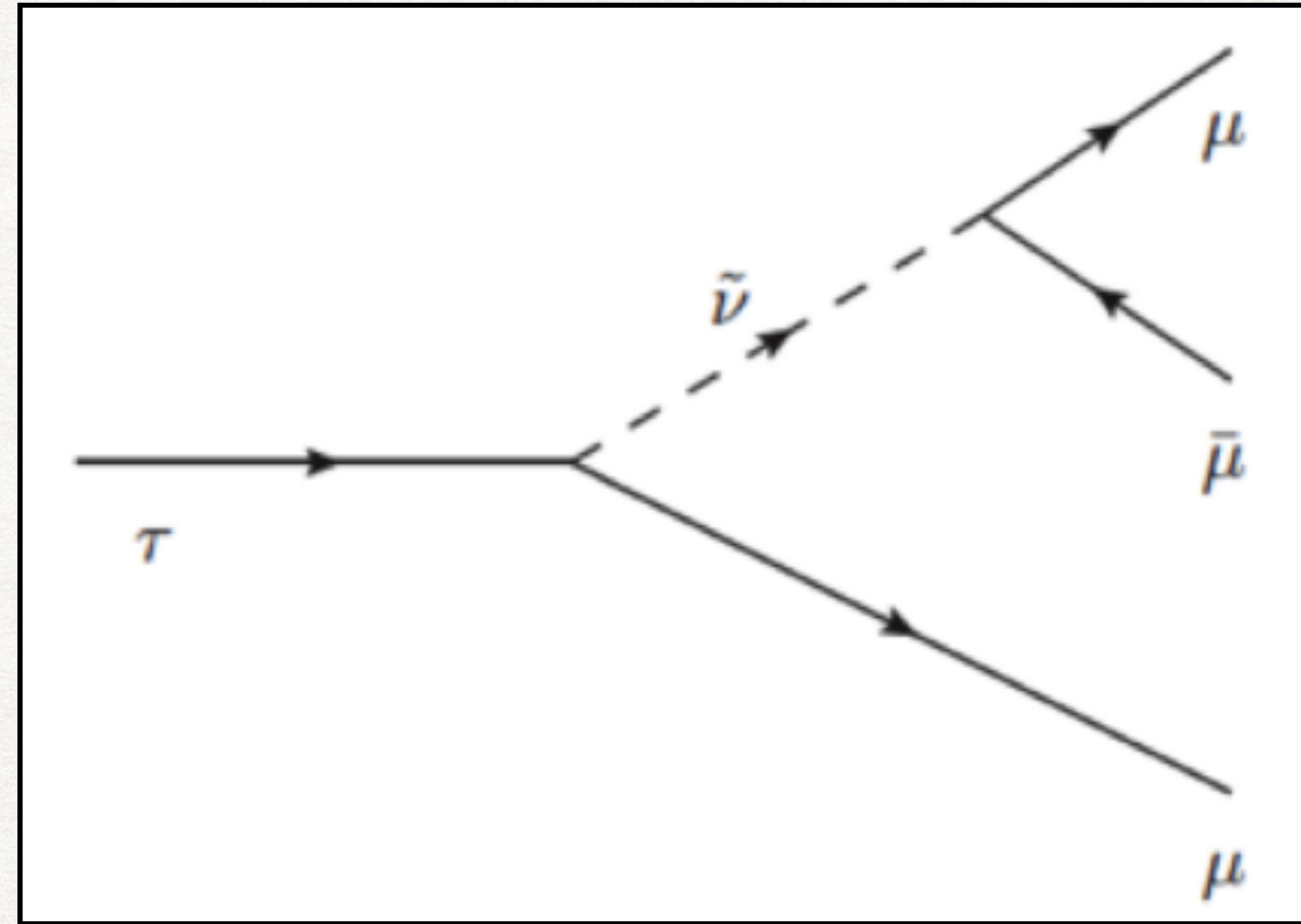
Null result for $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ strongly constrains $B(H \rightarrow e\mu)$ to $< 10^{-8}$ while $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma / \tau \rightarrow e\gamma$ and other measurements constrain $B(H \rightarrow e\tau)$ and $B(H \rightarrow \mu\tau) \approx 10\%$

	CMS (Run2)	ATLAS (2016)
$B(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$	$< 0.15 \%$	$< 0.28 \%$
$B(H \rightarrow e\tau)$	$< 0.22 \%$	$< 0.47 \%$



& many more.....

$\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$



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CMS

Vertex	Int. type	$C_{e\mu tq} / \Lambda^2$ [TeV ⁻²]		$\mathcal{B}(10^{-6})$	
		Exp	Obs	Exp	Obs
$e\mu tu$	Vector	0.12	0.12	0.14	0.13
	Scalar	0.23	0.24	0.06	0.07
	Tensor	0.07	0.06	0.27	0.25
$e\mu tc$	Vector	0.39	0.37	1.49	1.31
	Scalar	0.87	0.86	0.91	0.89
	Tensor	0.24	0.21	3.16	2.59

ATLAS (8 TeV, 90% CL) W decays	$< 3.76 \times 10^{-7}$ Eur. Phys. J. C (2016) 76:232
CMS (13 TeV, 33.2 fb ⁻¹ , 90%CL) B/D and W decays	$< 8.0 \times 10^{-8}$ JHEP01(2021)163
BELLE BABAR LHCb	$< 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$ $< 5.3 \times 10^{-8}$ $< 4.6 \times 10^{-8}$

LFV Heavy Higgs (200-900 GeV)
35.9 fb⁻¹

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	CMS
$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\tau)$	51.9 fb - 1.6 fb
$\sigma(gg \rightarrow H) \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\tau)$	97.4 fb - 2.3 fb

What about heavier states? Can we find them @
LHC

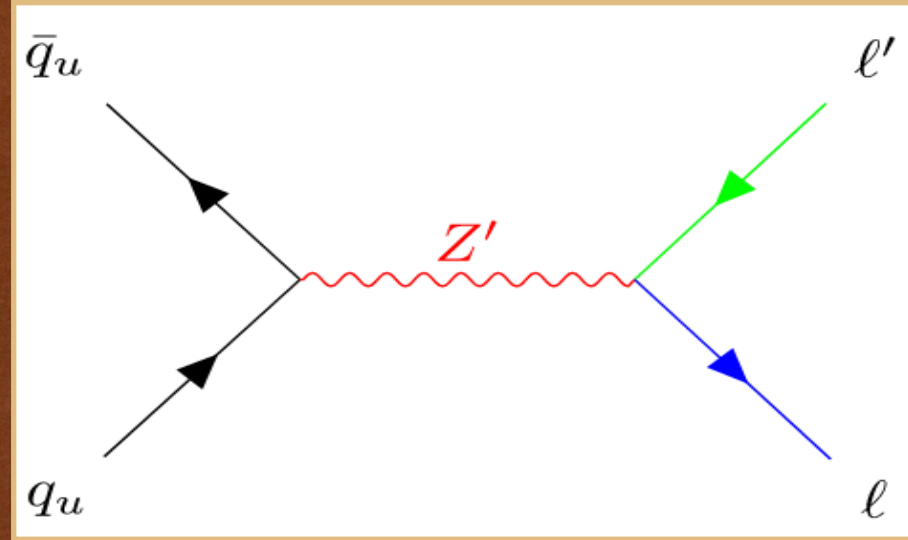
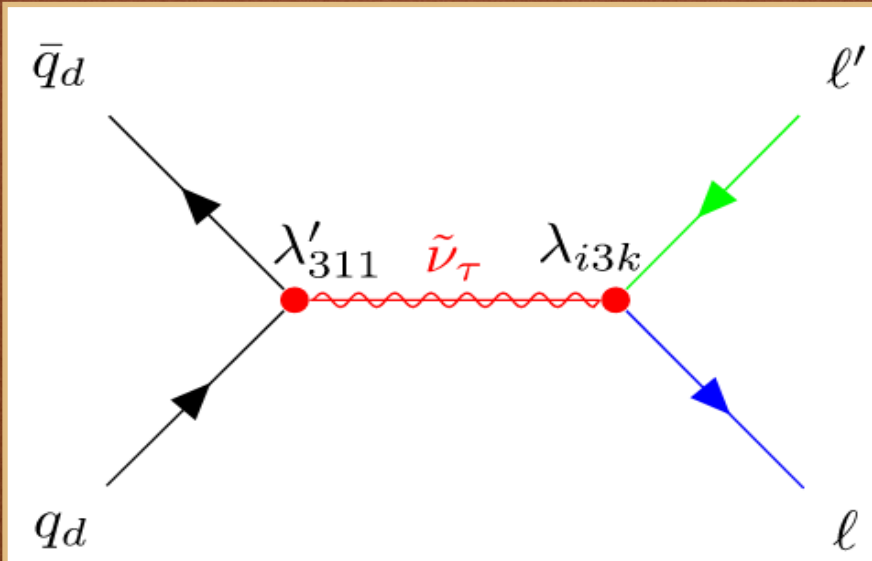
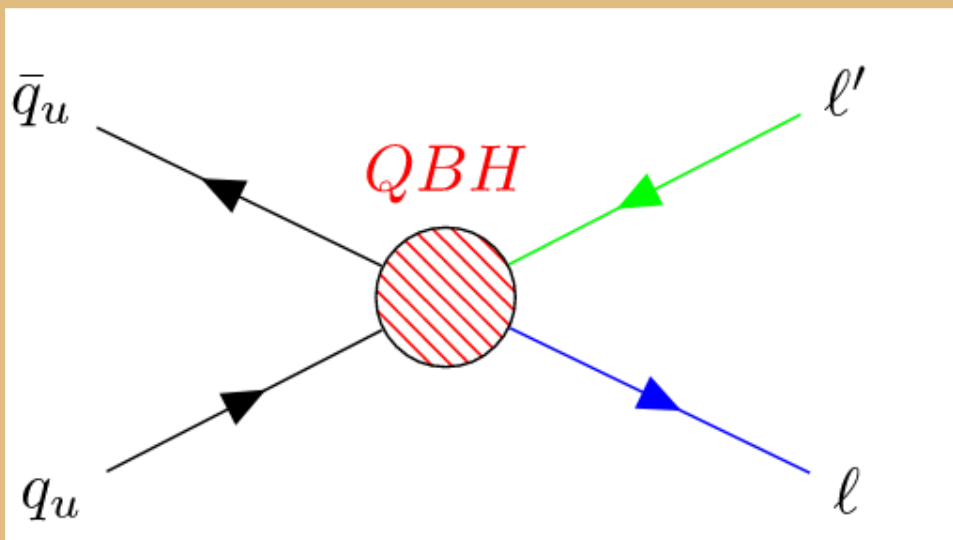
History of LFV heavy mass $X \rightarrow ll'$ searches

Heavy state	CMS (2016, $e\mu$) JHEP 04 (2018) 073	ATLAS 2016 $e\mu, e\tau, \mu\tau$ Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018) 092008
Z'	4.4 TeV	4.5, 3.7, 3.5 TeV
RPV	4.2 TeV ($\lambda=0.1$) 3.8 TeV ($\lambda=0.01$)	3.4, 2.9, 2.6 TeV $\lambda_{311} = 0.11, \lambda_{313} = 0.07$
QBH	5.3 TeV	5.5, 4.9, 4.5 TeV (ADD $n=6$) 3.4, 2.9, 2.6 TeV (RS)

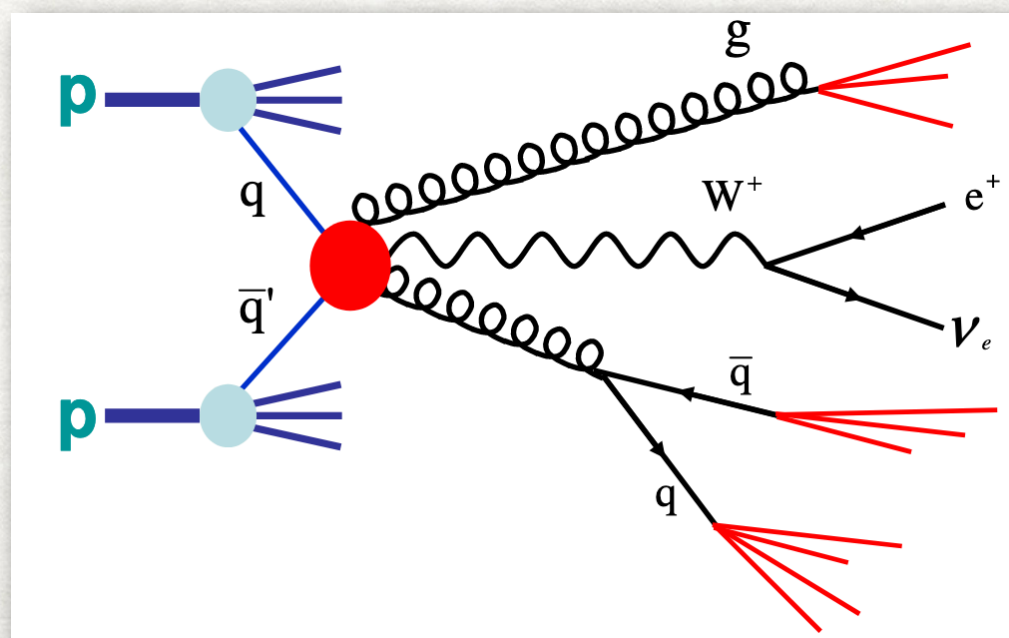
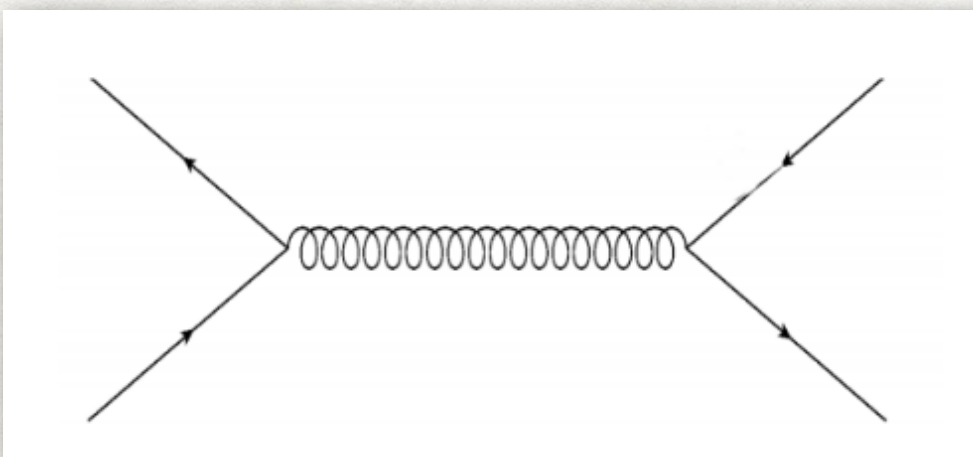
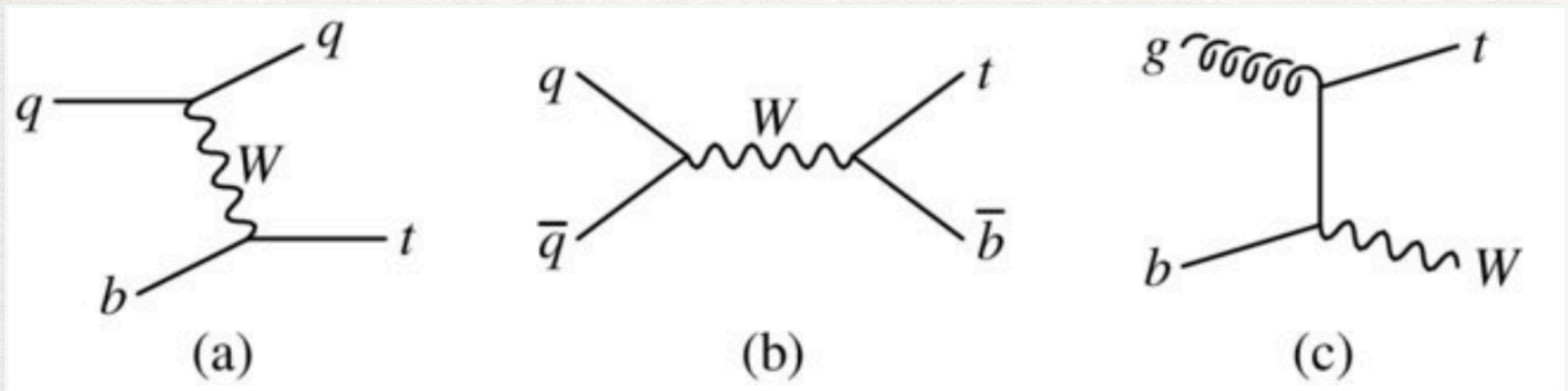
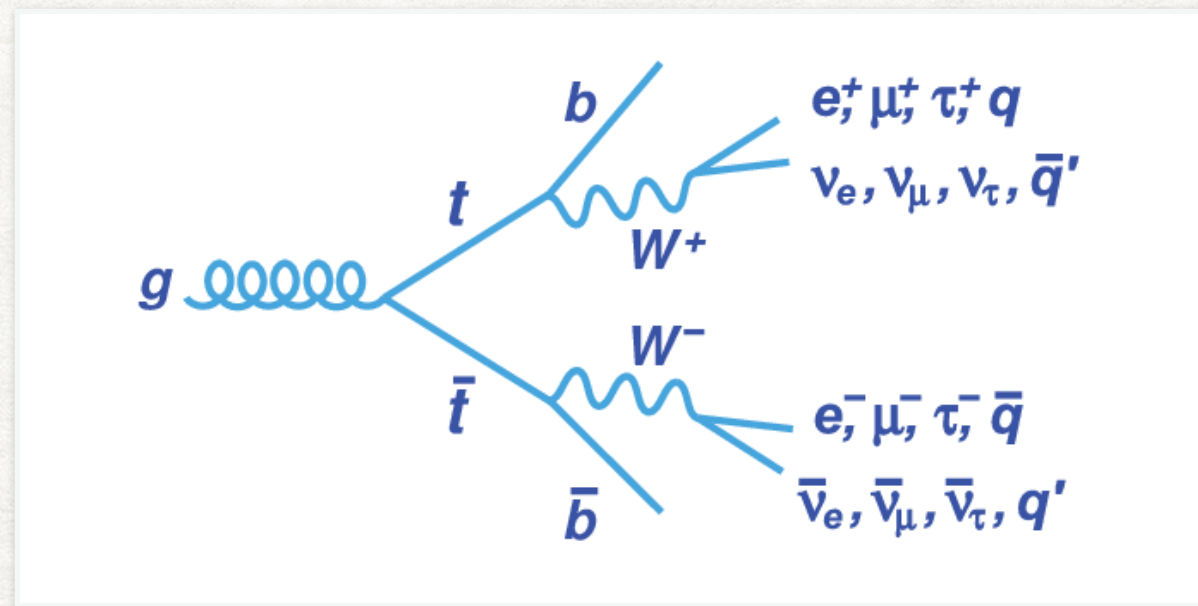
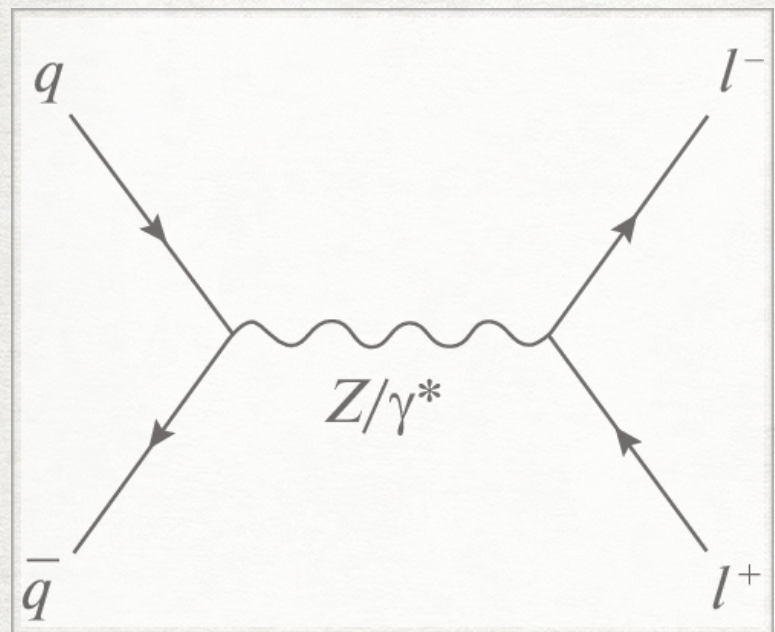
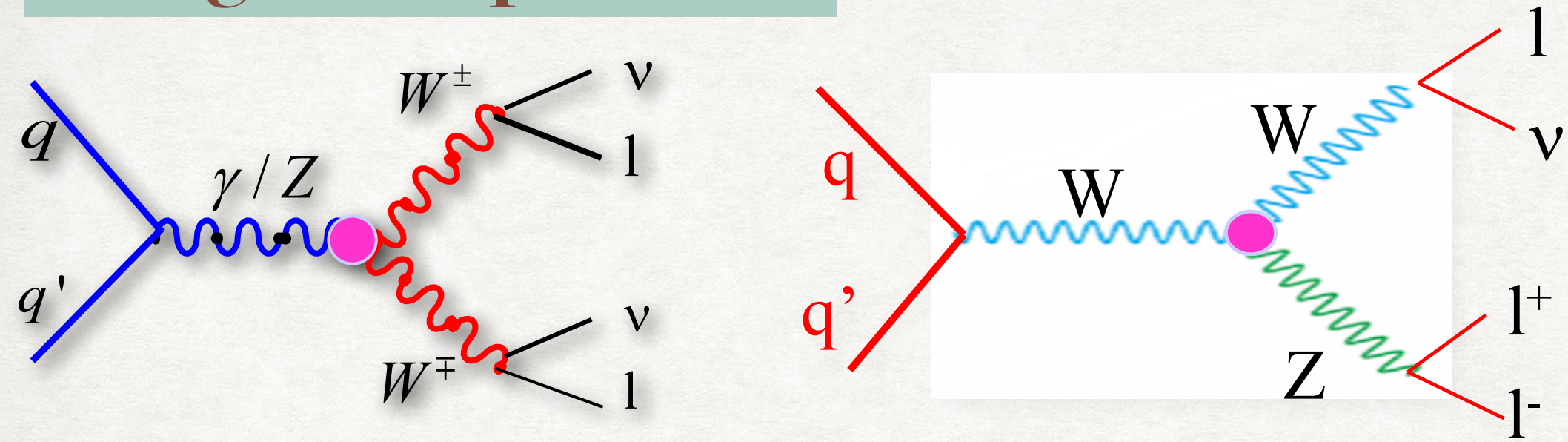


No results from CMS in tau final
states till then..

- Search for heavy resonances and quantum black holes in $e\mu$, $e\tau$, and $\mu\tau$ final states in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV (138 fb⁻¹)
- Model-independent, inclusive, signature-based search
- Interpretation in three models
+model independent limits

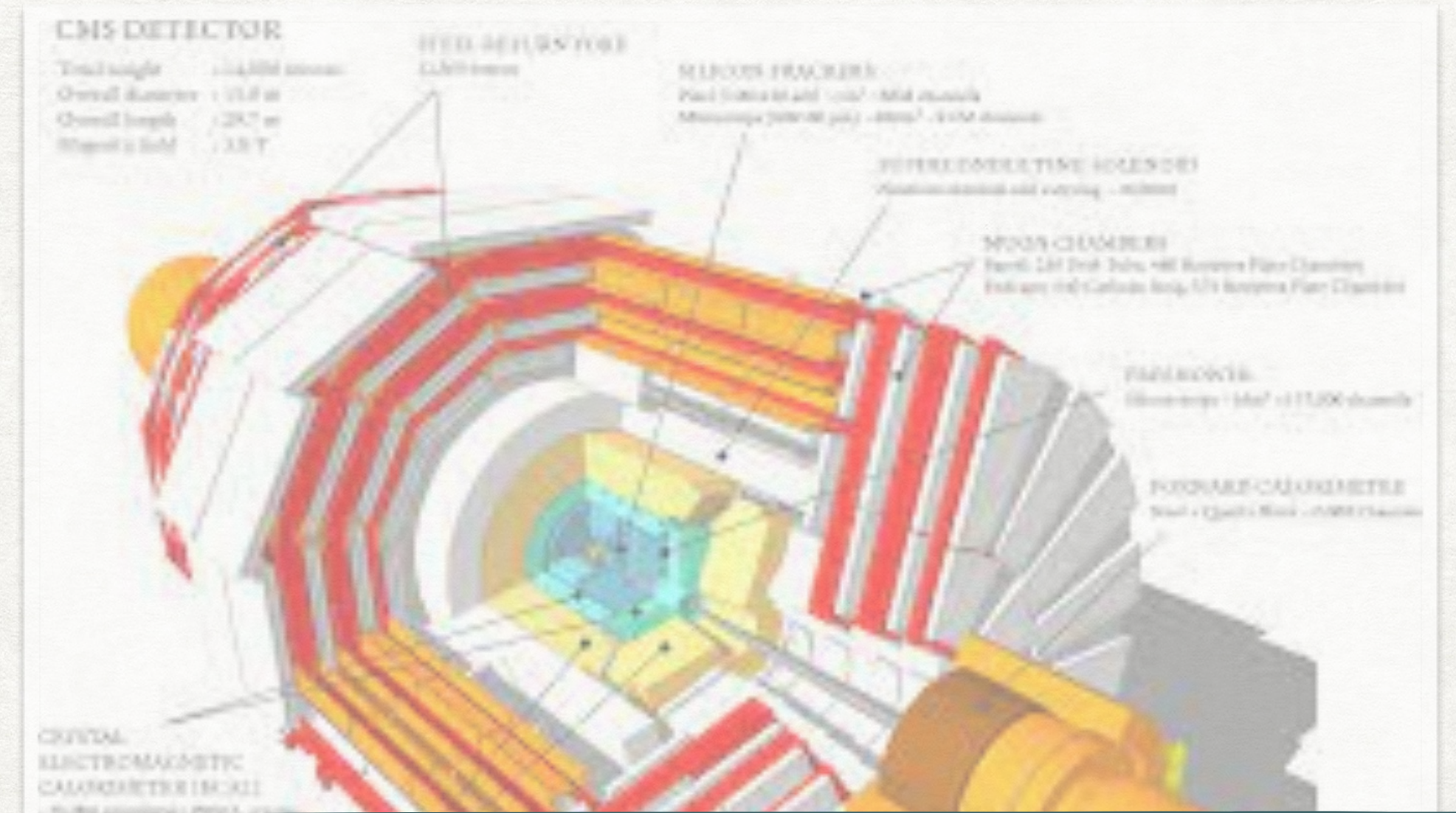
SSM like New gauge boson Z'	Tau neutrino in R-parity violating (RPV) SUSY	Quantum Black Holes QBH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Z-like couplings in quark sector ★ LFV decays in lepton sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ ν_τ resonance: lightest SUSY particle ★ All RPV couplings = 0 except those allowing $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ and LFV decay to a specific final state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Extra dimensions \rightarrow TeV scale ★ QBH: Spin 0, colorless, neutral ★ n=4 extra dimensions (ADD)
		

Background processes



Signal processes generation

- RPV : CalcHEP simulation (LO, cross-section scaled to NLO)
- QBH : Dedicated QBH generator v3.0 (LO)
- Z' : PYTHIA8 (LO) CUETP8M1/CP5 tunes



Use of 2016, 2017, and 2018 pp collision data collected by CMS detector at a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV (138 fb⁻¹)

Analysis Strategy

Model independent selection criteria

$e\mu$	$e\tau$	$\mu\tau$
Events selected by single muon and electromagnetic cluster triggers	Events selected by single electron and electromagnetic cluster triggers	Events selected by single muon triggers
<p>μ: $p_T > 53$ GeV, $\eta < 2.4$, passing high-p_T muon identification criteria, tracker iso $< 10\%$ of muon p_T</p> <p>E: $p_T > 35$ GeV passing high energy electron ID criteria.</p>	<p>e: $p_T > 50$ GeV, passing high energy electron ID criteria</p> <p>τ: $p_T > 50$ GeV, $\eta < 2.3$ passing DEEP TAU tight anti-jet, loose anti-e and tight anti-μ discriminators</p>	<p>μ: $p_T > 53$ GeV, $\eta < 2.4$, high-p_T muon identification criteria, tracker iso $< 10\%$ of muon p_T</p> <p>τ: $p_T > 50$ GeV, $\eta < 2.3$ passing DEEPTAU tight anti-jet, loose anti-e and tight anti-μ discriminators</p>
At least an $e\mu$ pair	<p>At least one $e\tau$ pair</p> <p>$m_T(e, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 120$ GeV</p> <p>No extra electron or muon in an event</p>	<p>At least one $\mu\tau$ pair</p> <p>$m_T(\mu, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 120$ GeV</p> <p>No extra electron or muon in an event</p>

No requirement on charge of lepton pairs

$$m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^l \cdot p_T^{\text{miss}} (1 - \cos \Delta\phi(\vec{p}_T^l, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}))},$$

$e\mu$ final state

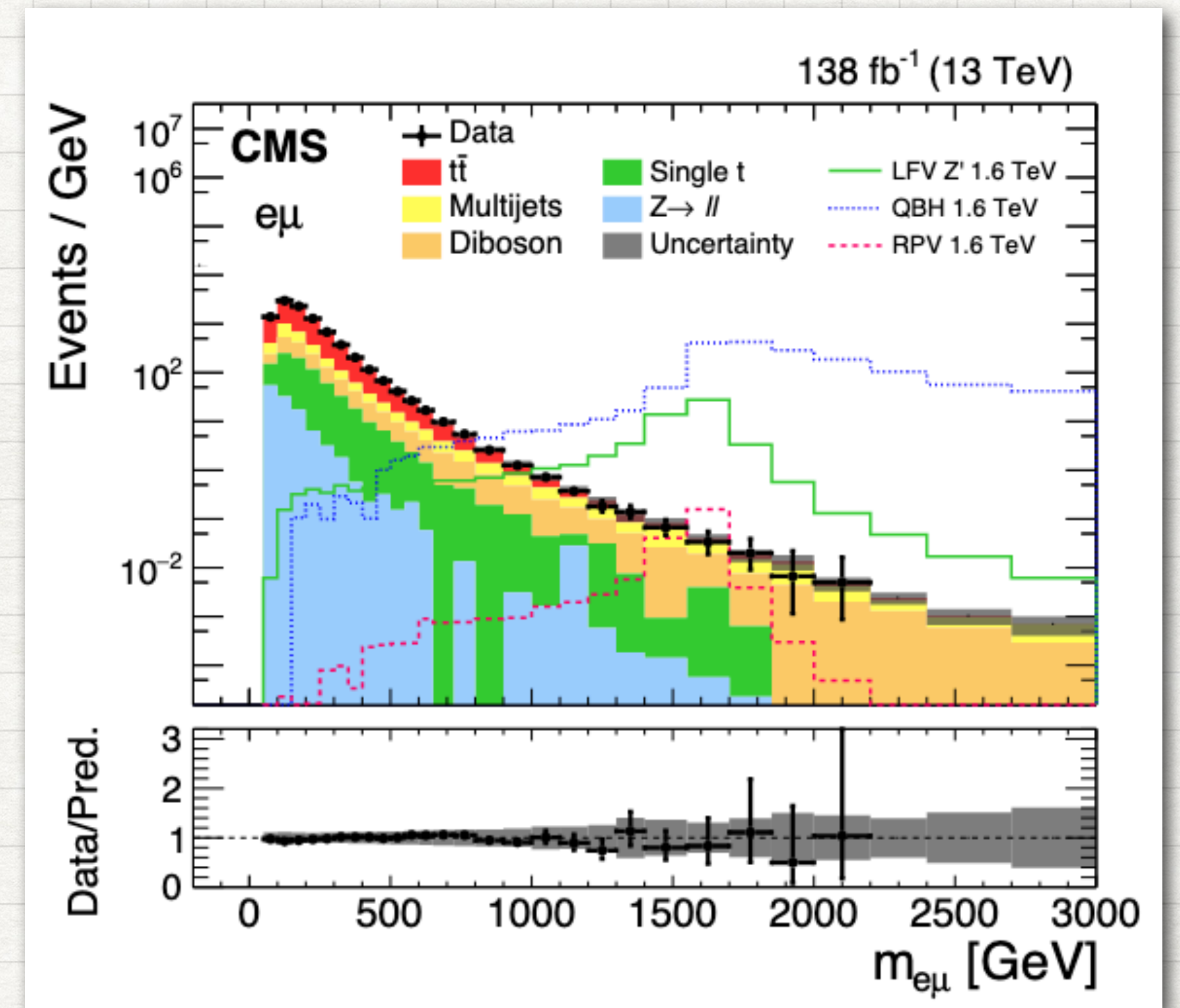
No other signal specific cut in order to stay model independent

Main backgrounds:

- ✱ **Top** and **Diboson** events: estimated from simulation
- ✱ W+jets and multijet events using fake rate method from data

Fake rate method:

- Derived a jet dominated control region to calculate probability of a jet passing pre-selection cuts to also pass lepton ID cuts
- Fake rate parametrized as function of p_t and η of lepton



Key variable: invariant mass of $e\mu$ pair

Tau final states ($e\tau$, $\mu\tau$)

Backgrounds with

- Prompt taus from simulation
- Misidentified taus are estimated from data

Main backgrounds:

✱ **Top** and **Diboson** events

✱ W+jets and multijet events determined from data using Fake factors obtained in jet enriched region.

Fake rate method:

- Invert $m_T(e/\mu, E_T^{\text{miss}})$ cut i.e. < 120 GeV
- Calculate the probability for an accompanying jet to be misidentified as a τ_h candidate in bins of tau candidate pt, its pt ratio with parent jet and pseudorapidity

Collinear mass Approximation

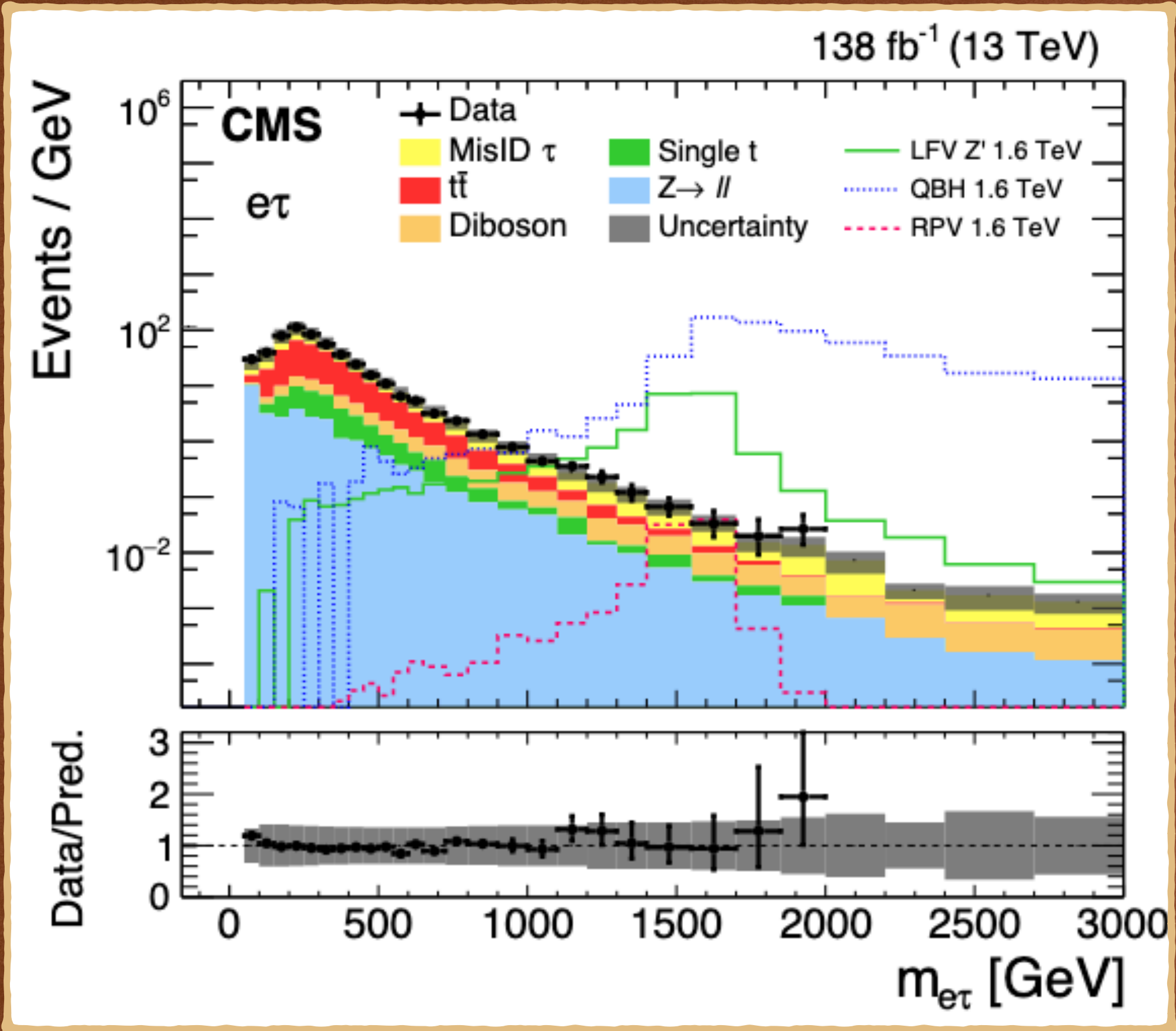
- Tau is boosted and tau-decay products are produced collinearly
- Missing transverse energy is only coming from tau-neutrinos

$$x_\tau^{\text{vis}} = \frac{p_T^{\text{vis}}}{(p_T^{\text{vis}} + p_{T,\text{coll}}^{\text{miss}})}$$

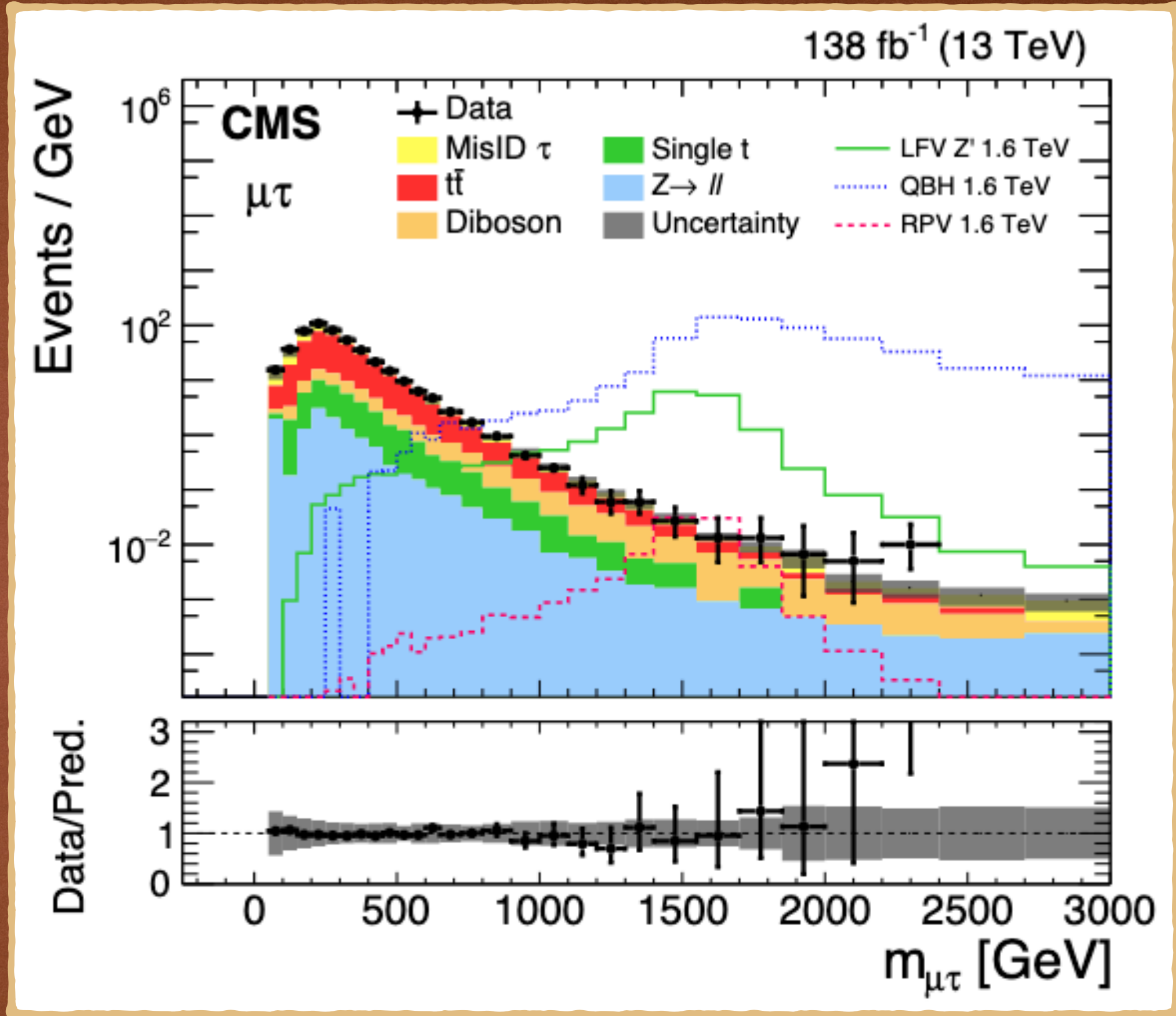
$$m_{\text{coll}} = \frac{m_{\text{vis}}}{\sqrt{x_\tau^{\text{vis}}}}$$

Key variable: collinear mass (m_{coll})

$e\tau$ final state



$\mu\tau$ final state



No significant excess observed over SM prediction

Systematic Uncertainties

Systematics affecting shape and normalization of mass distributions

- ✱ Uncertainty in estimation of WW/tt background with variations in PDF, renormalisation and factorisation scales.
- ✱ Uncertainty in muon momentum scale and resolution, muon efficiency
- ✱ Uncertainty in electron efficiency, momentum scale and resolution
- ✱ Tau identification and energy scale
- ✱ Pile up reweighing
- ✱ PDF
- ✱ Trigger Efficiencies
- ✱ Jet energy scale, jet energy resolution
- ✱ Energy scale of unclustered particles

Systematics affecting normalization of mass distributions

- ✱ Uncertainty related to integrated luminosity (1.6%)
- ✱ Uncertainties related to cross sections of simulated processes: WW(3%), DY (2%), single top (5%), WZ and ZZ (4%)
- ✱ Uncertainty related to data-driven estimation of background consisting of mis-identified jets : 50%

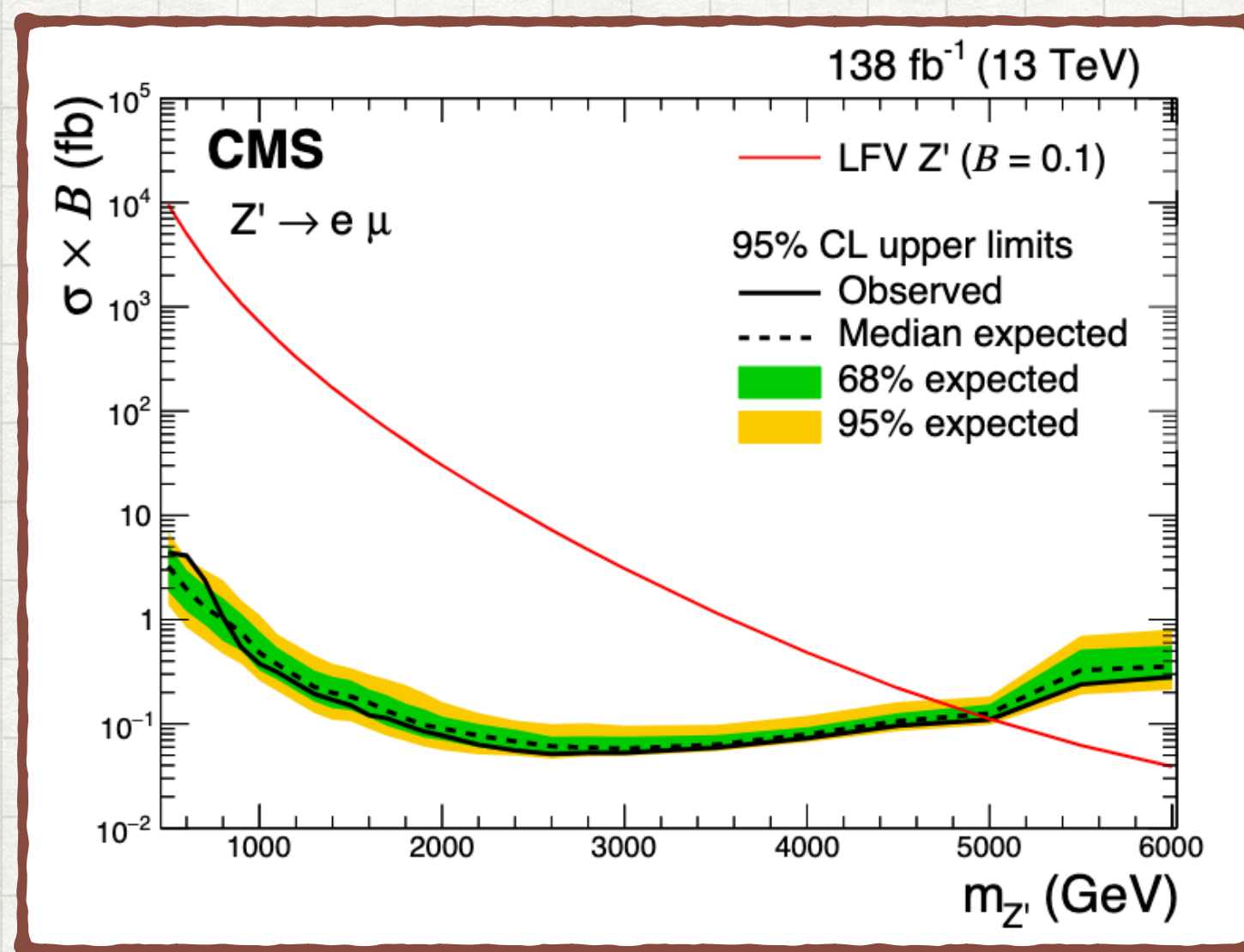
- Uncertainties associated with limited sizes of event samples in MC signal and background processes.

Correlation of uncertainties across different data-taking periods with exceptions of uncertainties related to taus and unclustered energy → derived from statistically independent sources.

Heavy gauge boson (Z') interpretation

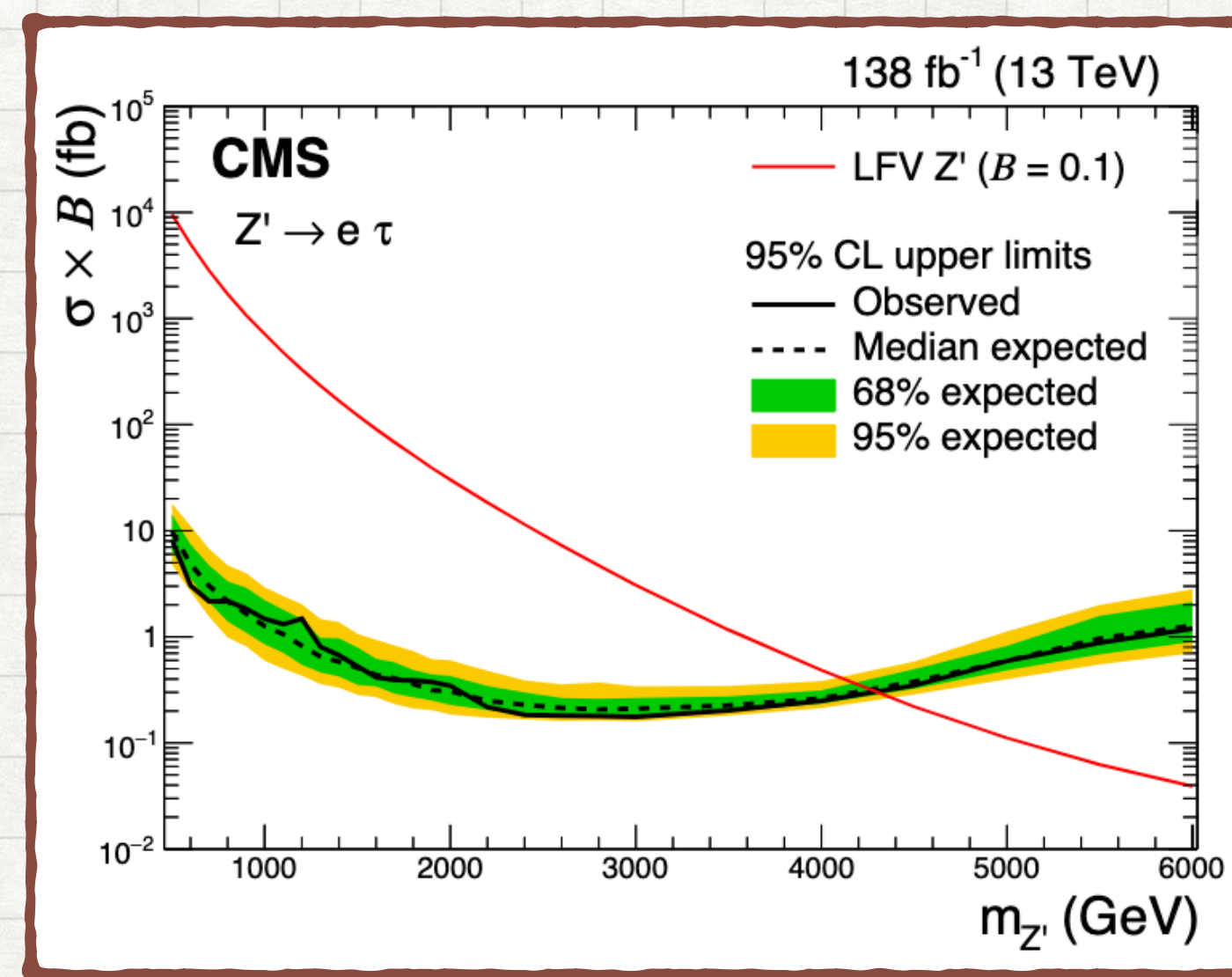
- ✱ Z' in a model similar to sequential standard model
- ✱ Only one LFV coupling non-zero at a time
- ✱ Z' width 3% of its mass

$e\mu$



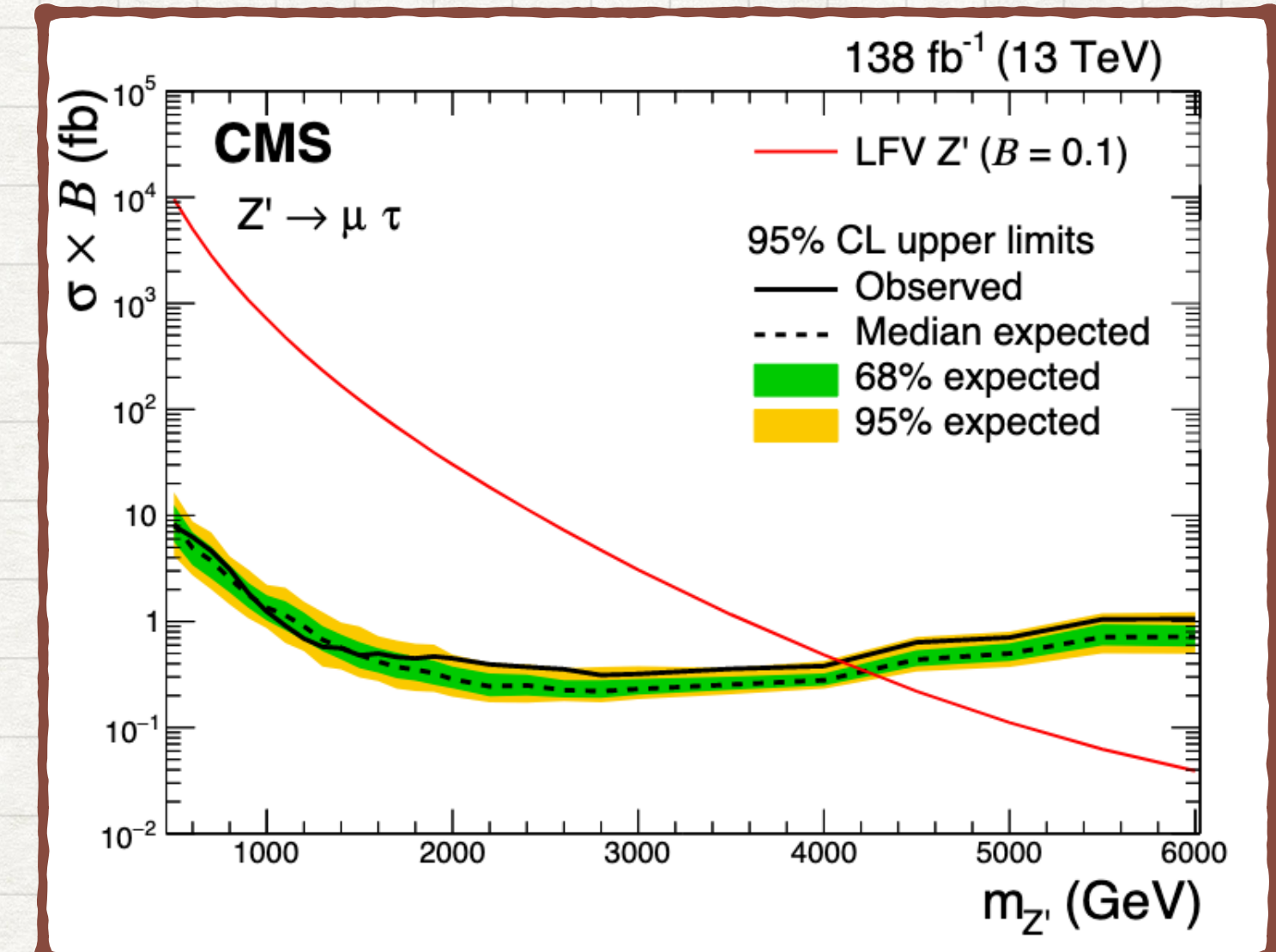
Mass Limit: 5.0 (4.9) TeV

$e\tau$



Mass Limit: 4.3 (4.3) TeV

$\mu\tau$

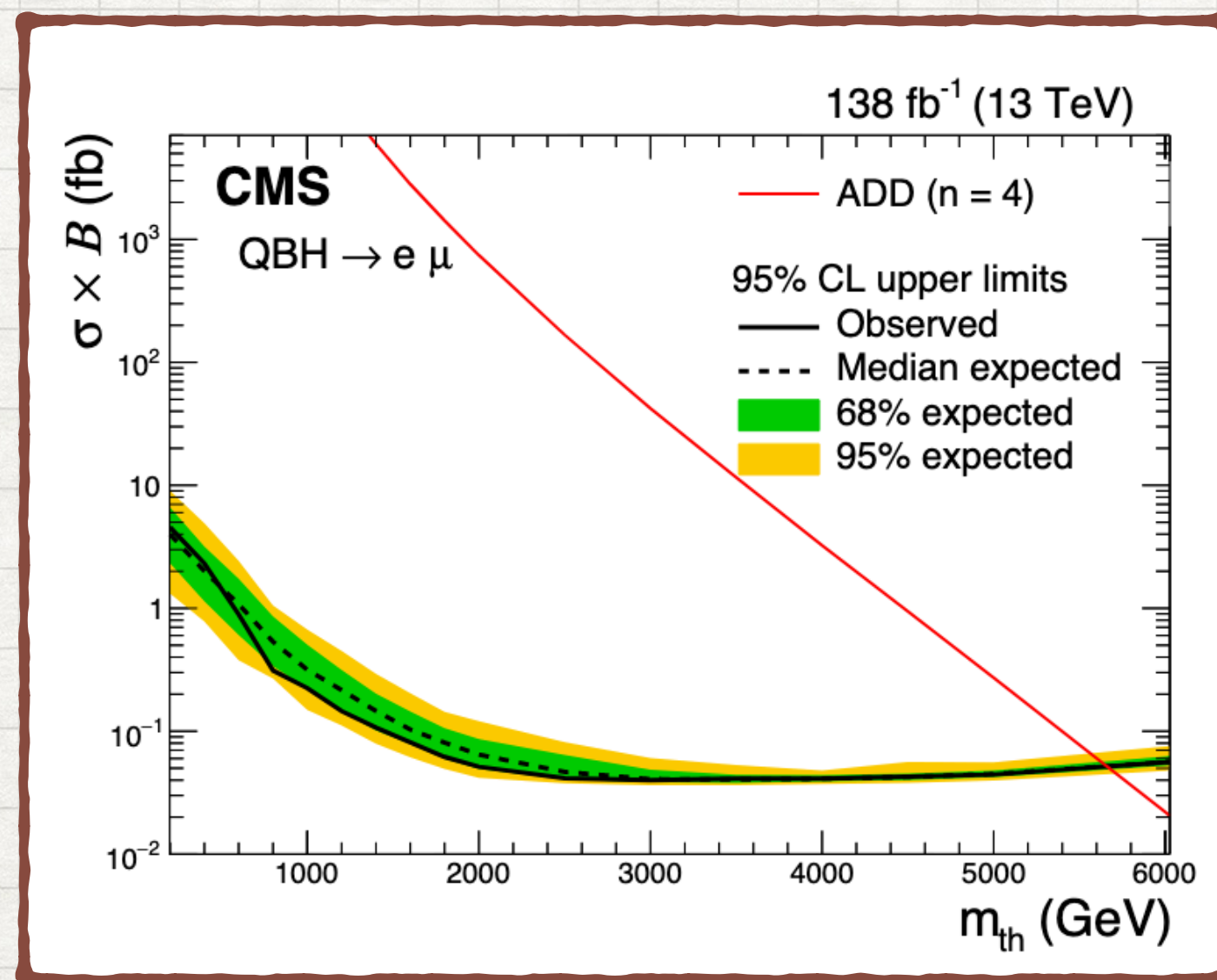


Mass Limit: 4.1 (4.2) TeV

QBH interpretation

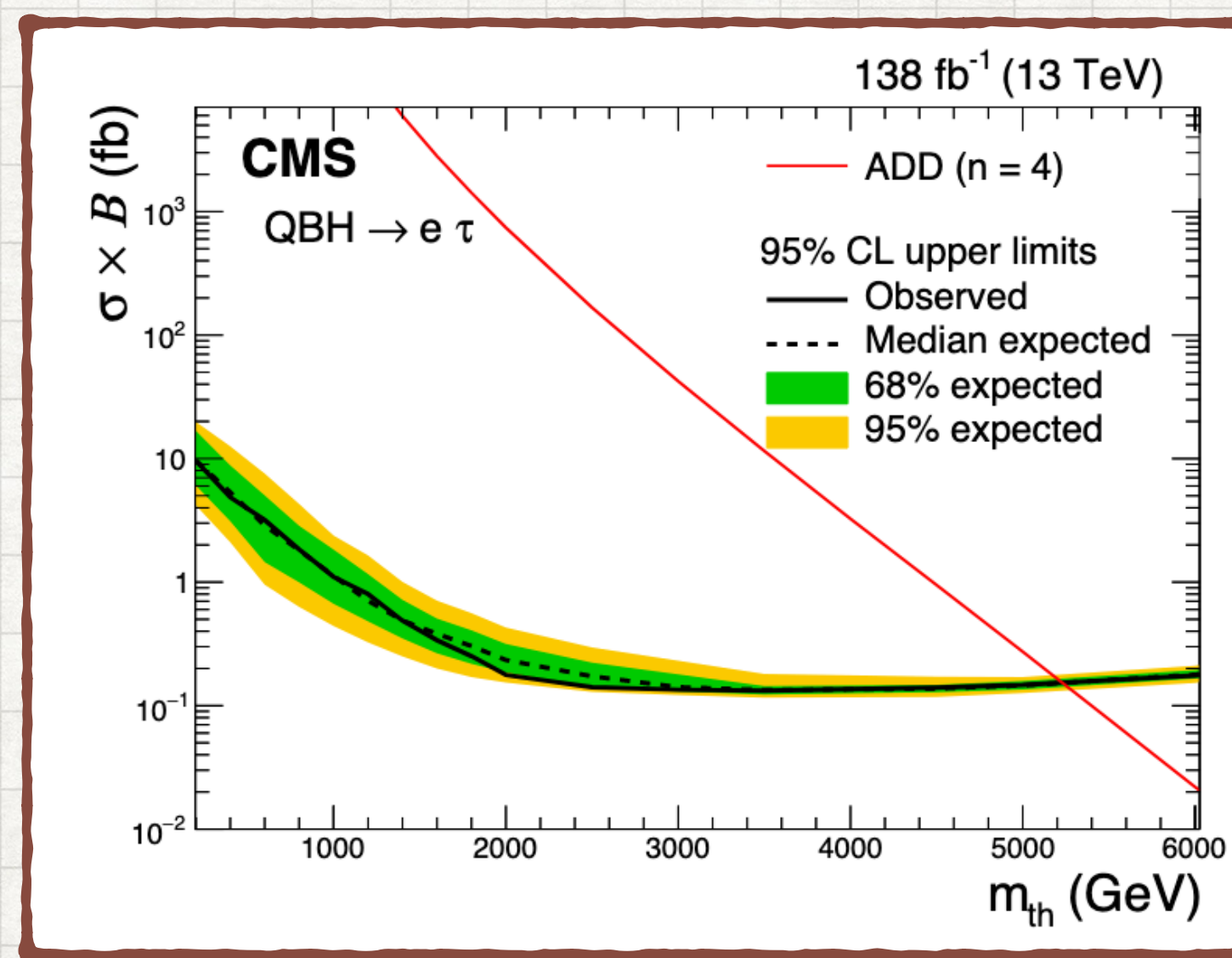
- ✱ Extra dimension(s) → Fundamental Planck scale lowered to TeV region
- ✱ QBH produced if $\sqrt{s} > M_P$
- ✱ Spin-0, colorless, charge-neutral QBH
- ✱ Cross section depends on threshold mass for QBH production ($M_{th}=M_P$) and number of extra dimensions (n)

$e\mu$



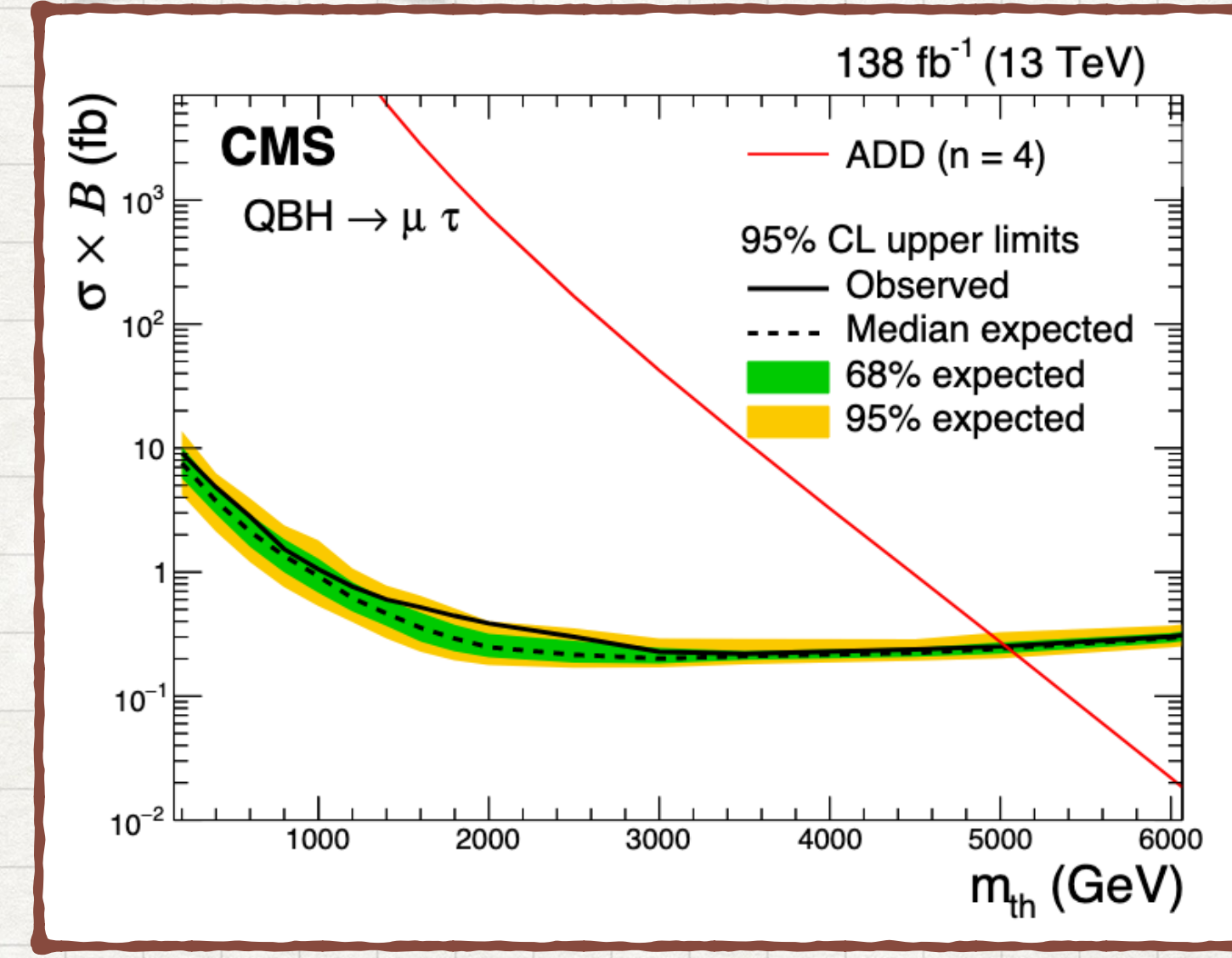
Mass Limit: 5.6 (5.6) TeV

$e\tau$



Mass Limit: 5.2 (5.2) TeV

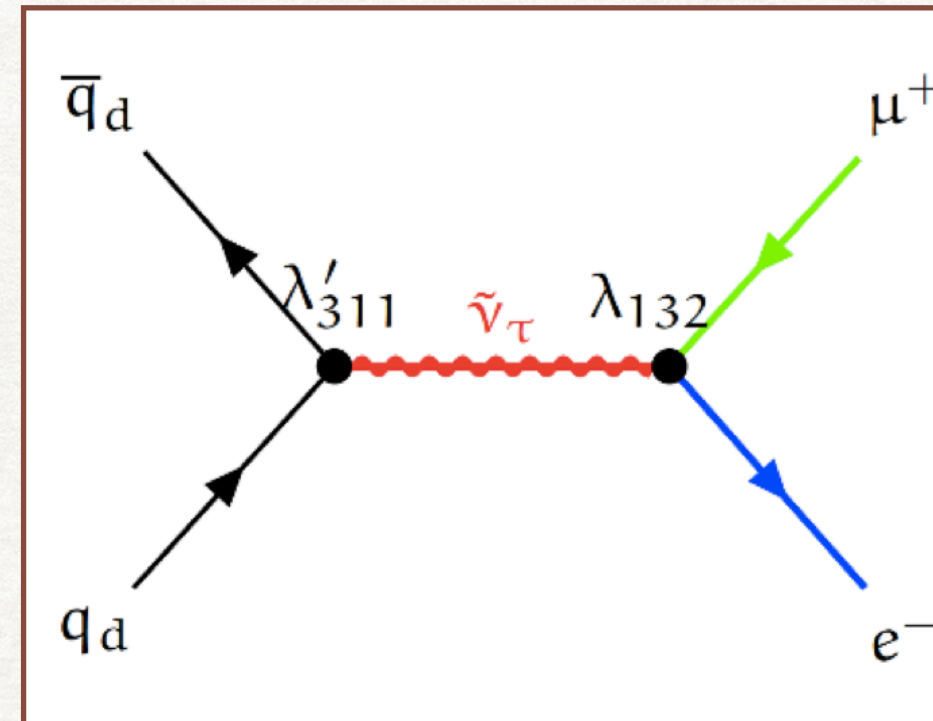
$\mu\tau$



Mass Limit: 5.0(5.0) TeV

RPV SUSY interpretation

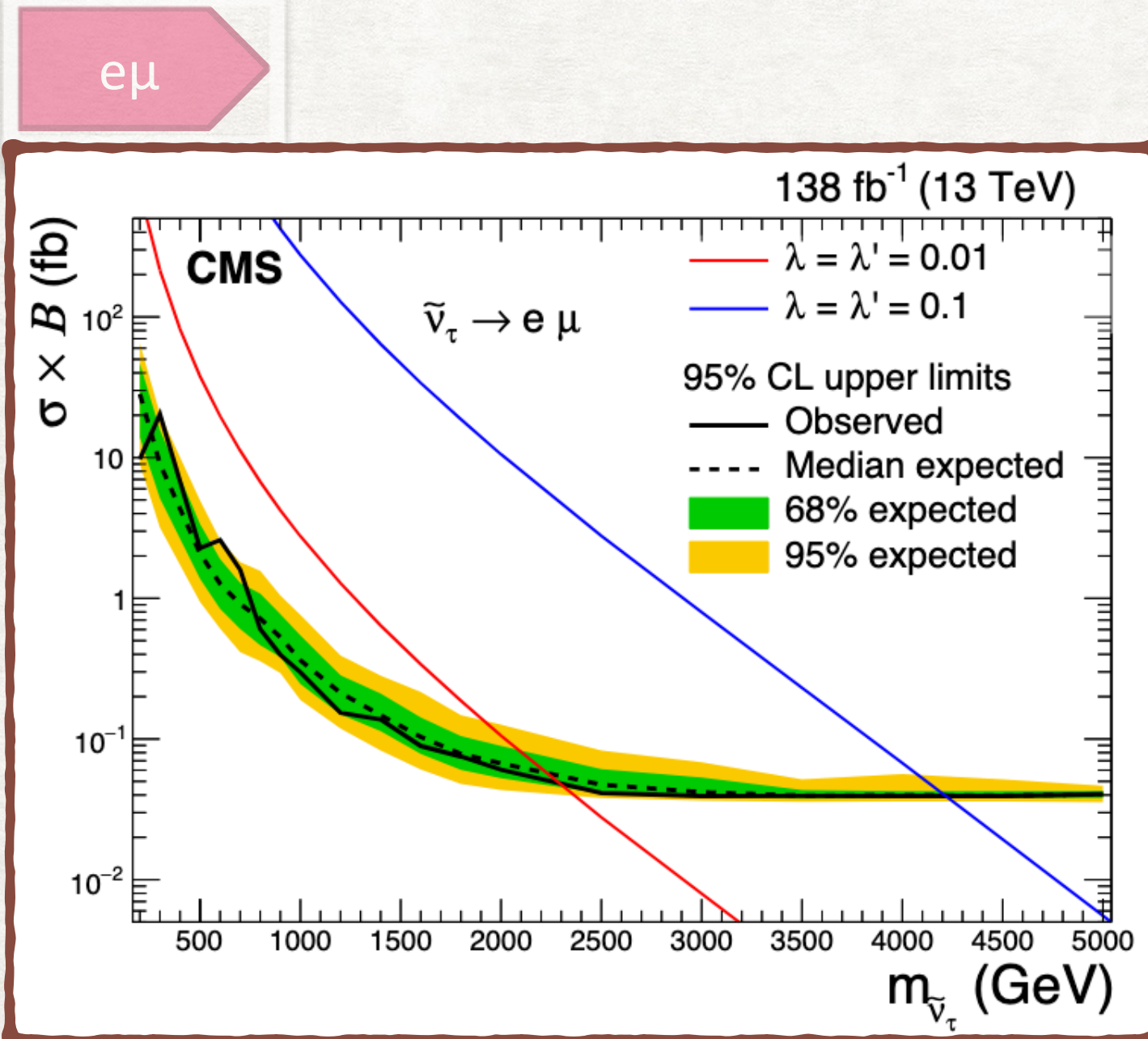
- R-parity (R) = $(-1)^{3B+L+2s}$
- Resonant production of τ sneutrino LSP
- Decay to leptons of different flavours
- Assume all RPV couplings vanish, except λ'_{311} , λ_{i3j} , λ_{j3i}



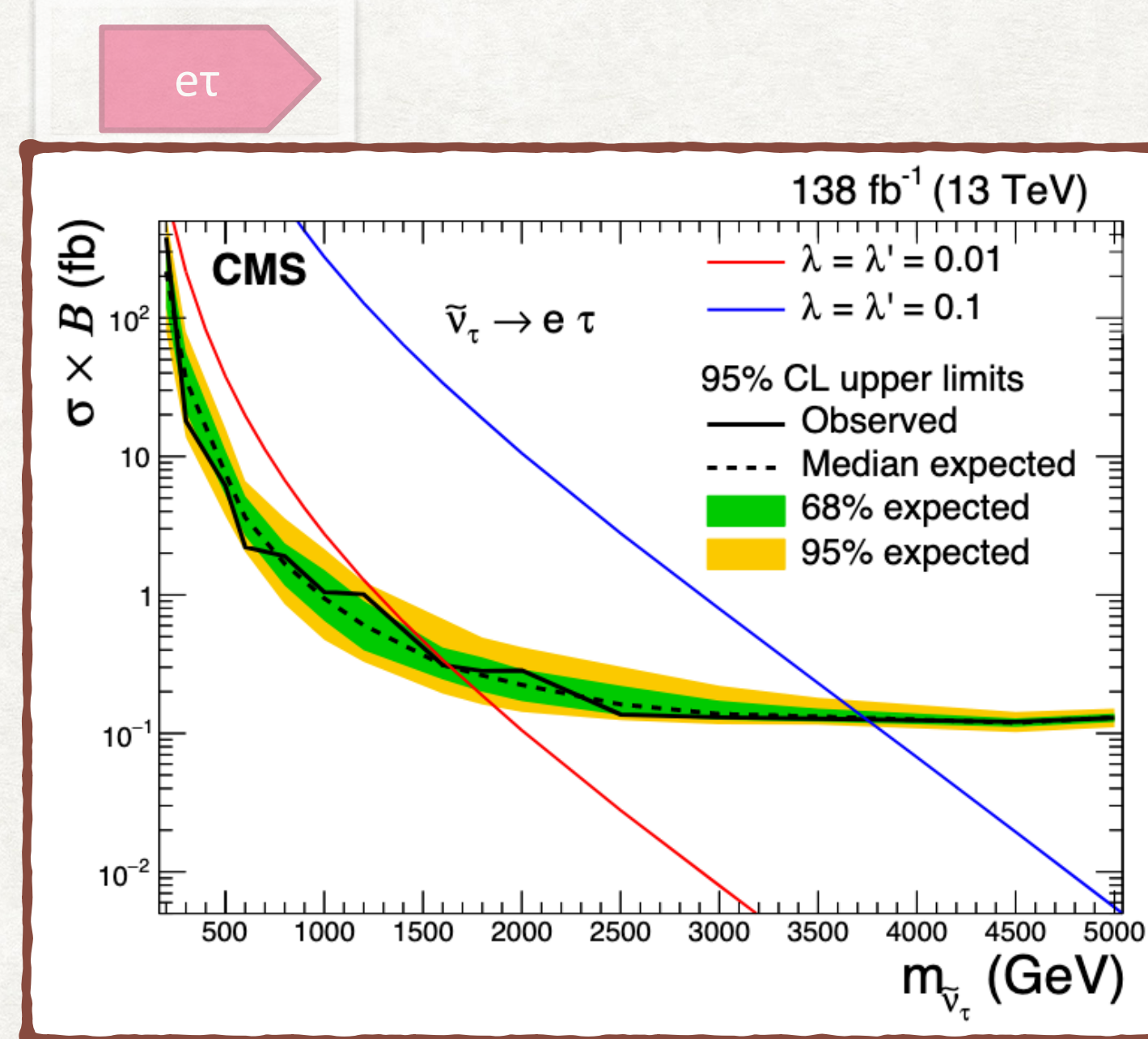
$$W_{\Delta L=1} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j \bar{e}_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j \bar{d}_k + \mu'_i L_i H_u + \dots$$

$\xleftrightarrow{\text{LLE}} \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{LQD}}$

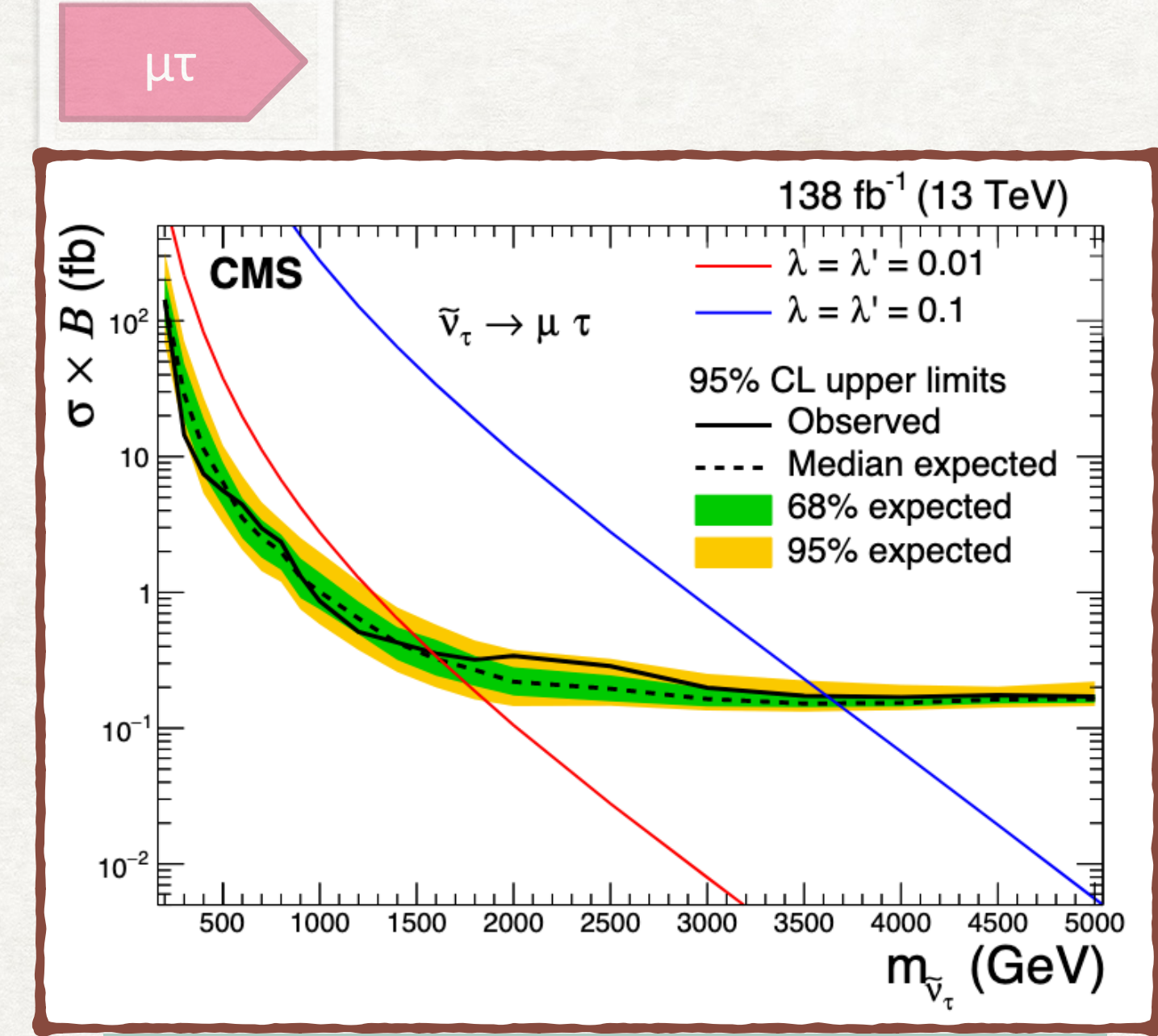
λ and λ' terms violate lepton number (and also lepton flavor)



Mass Limit: 4.2 (4.2) TeV
2.2 (2.2) TeV



Mass Limit: 3.7 (3.7) TeV
1.6 (1.6) TeV

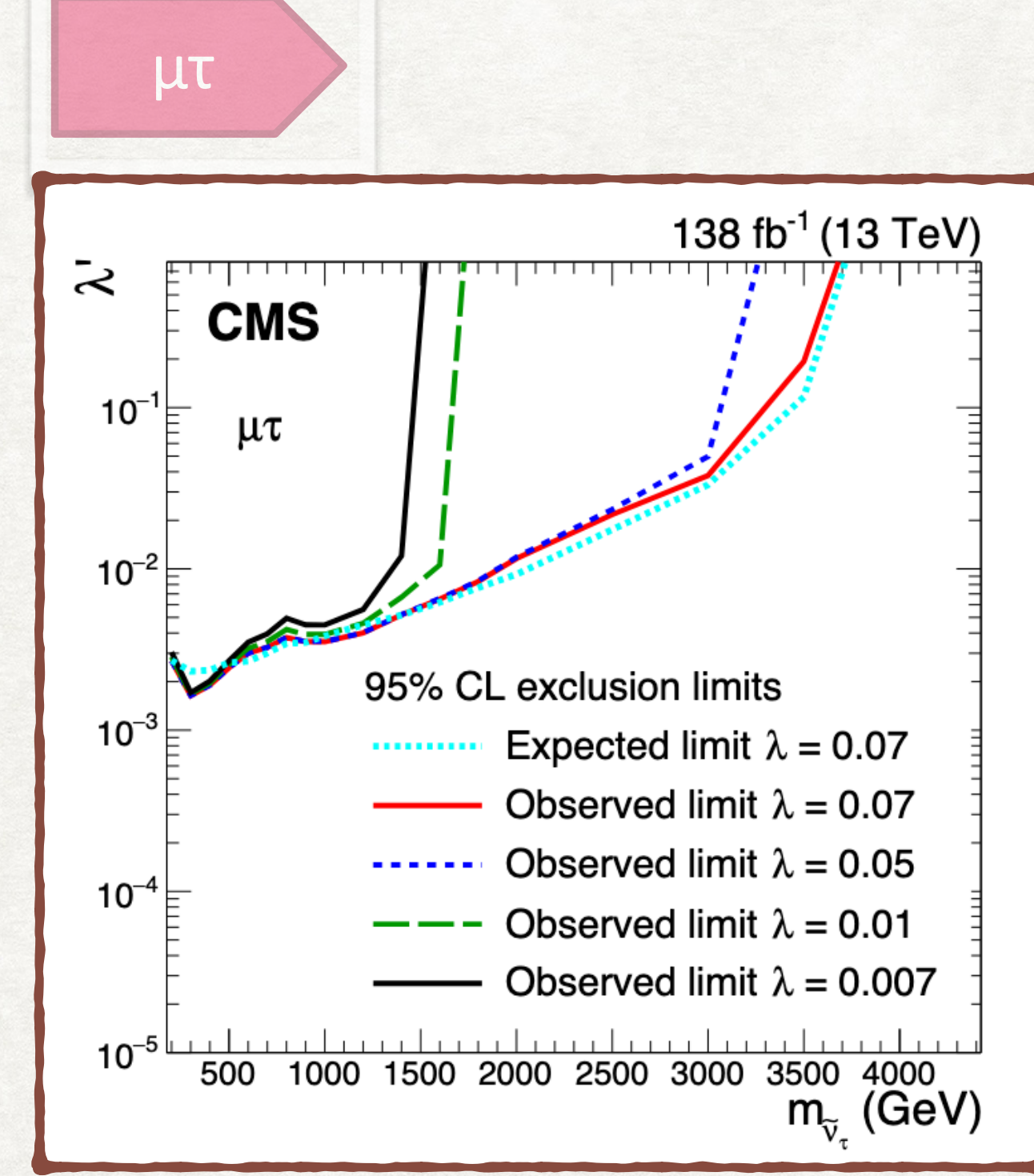
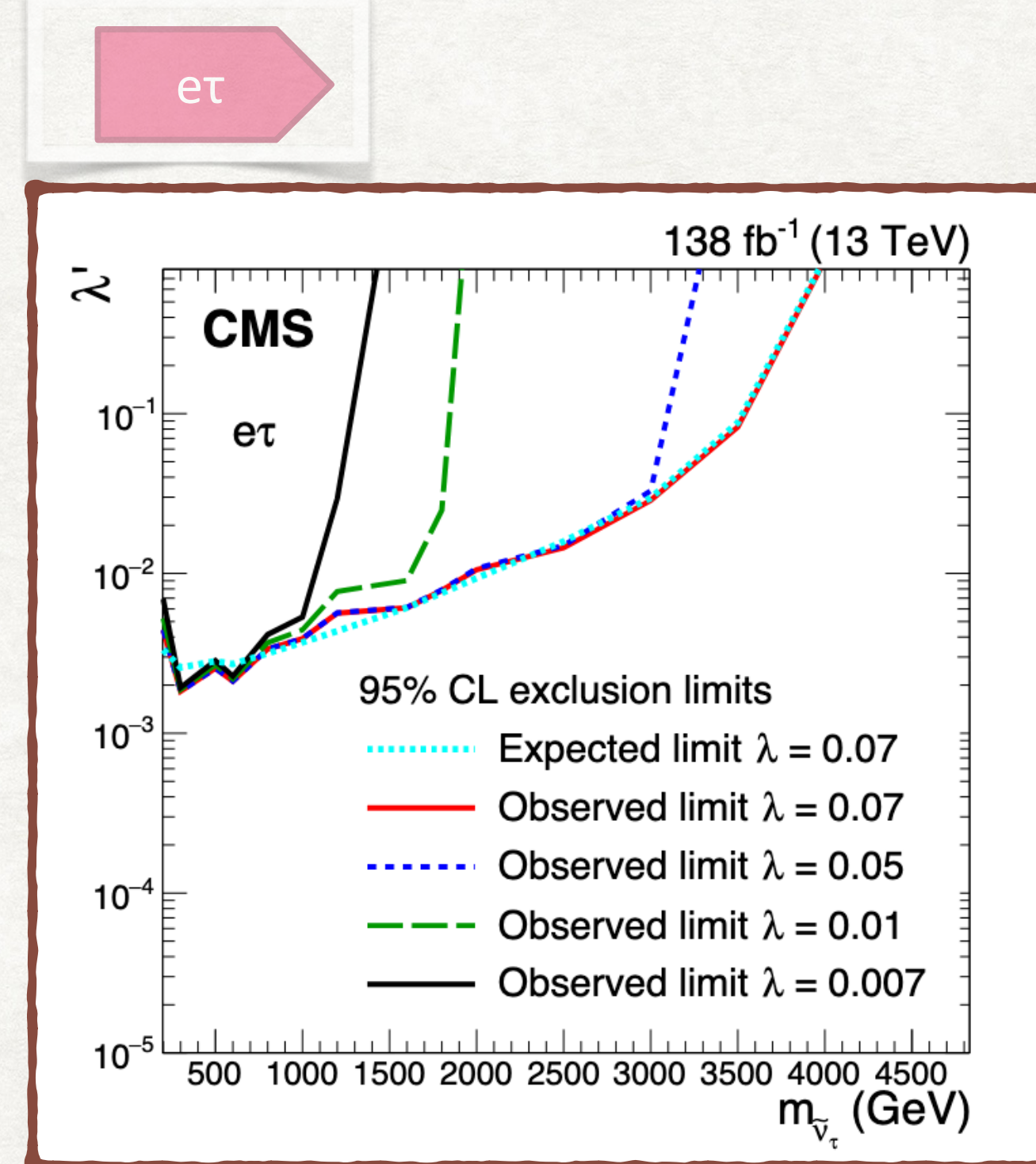
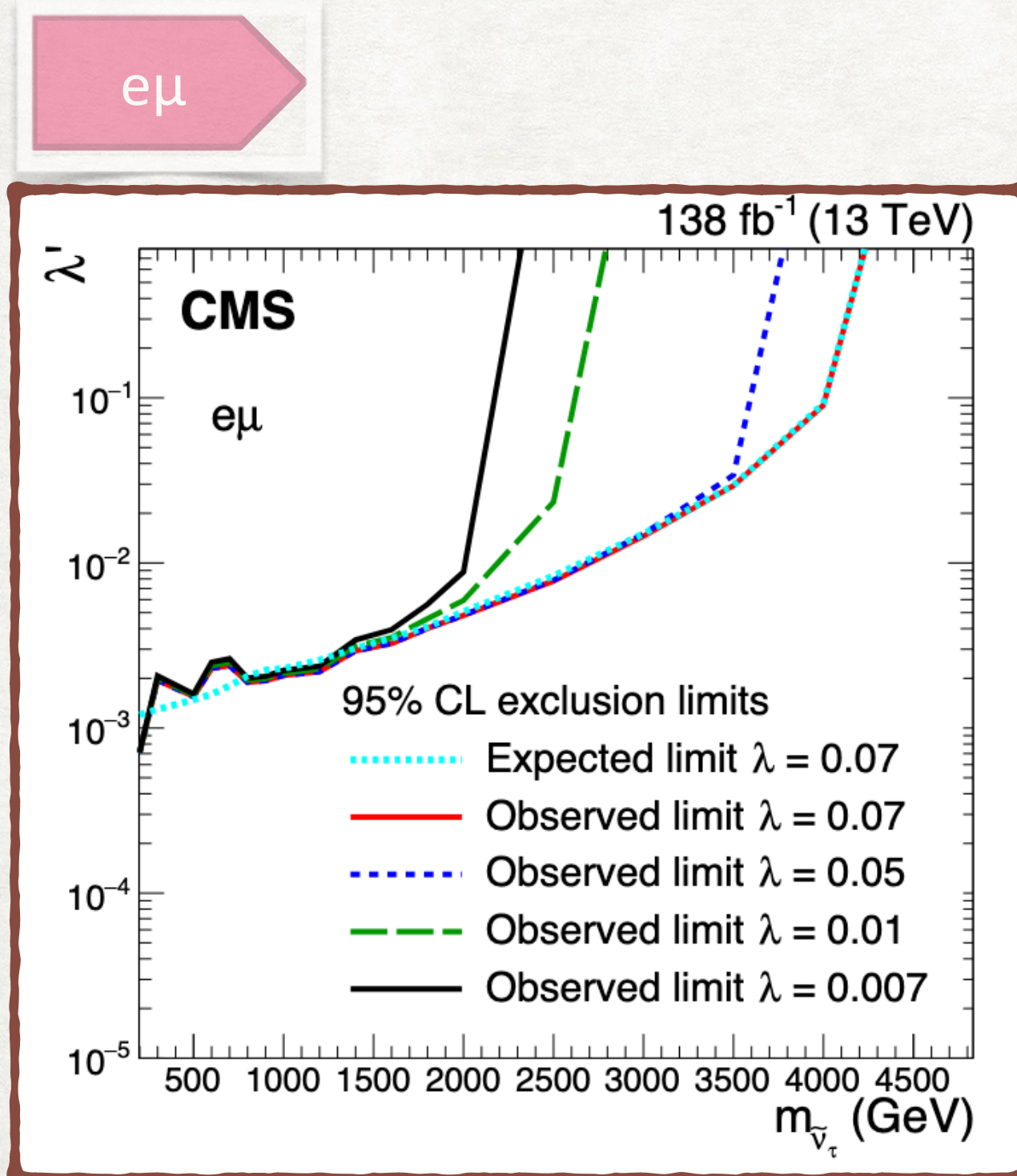


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1.6 (1.6) TeV

In narrow width approximation

$$\sigma_B \approx (\lambda'_{311})^2 [(\lambda_{132})^2 + (\lambda_{231})^2] / (3(\lambda'_{311})^2 + [(\lambda_{132})^2 + (\lambda_{231})^2]).$$

Derived limit contours in the plane of mass and coupling of the parameter space of the RPV SUSY model for fixed values of the λ .



Model Independent Limits

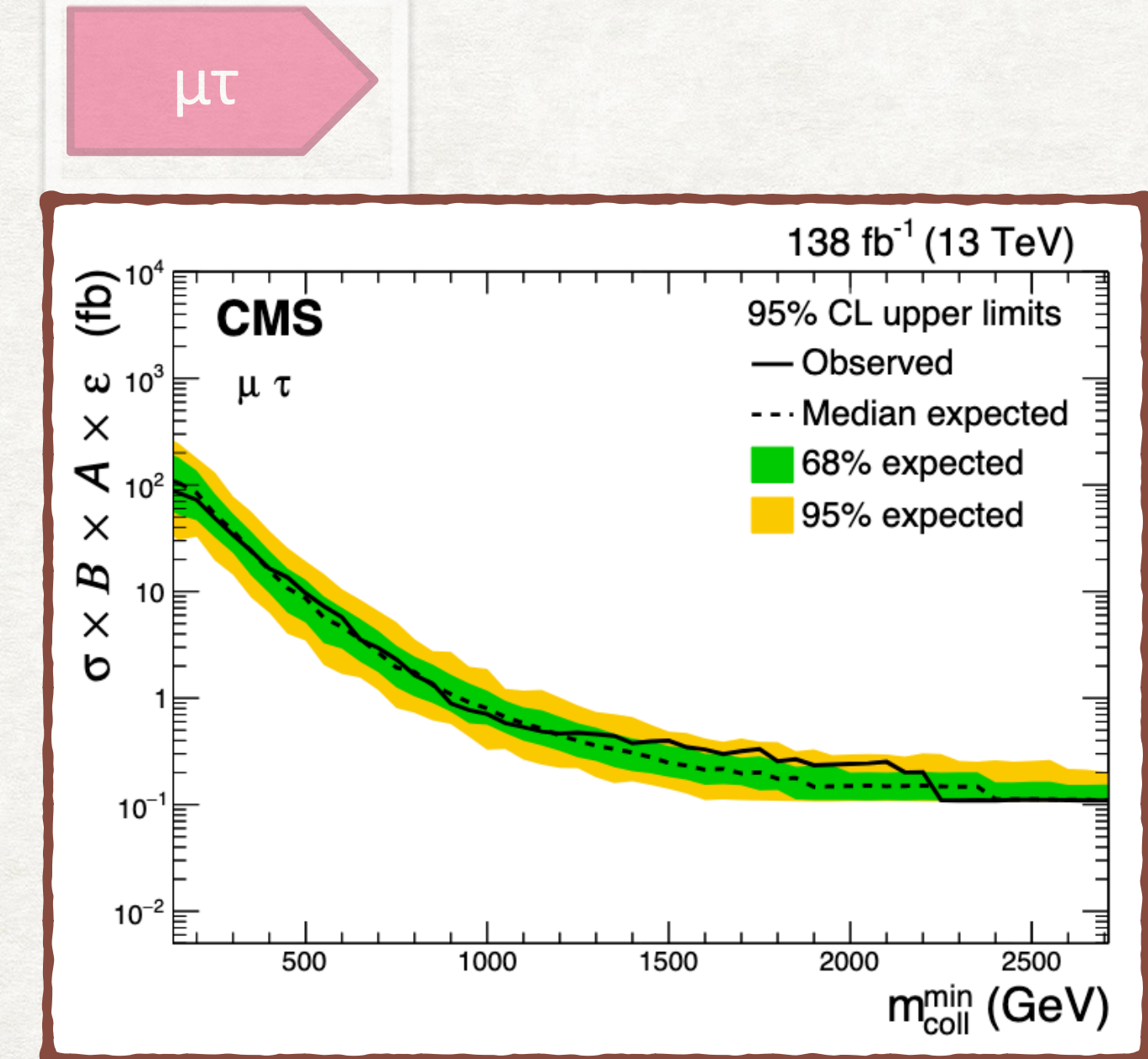
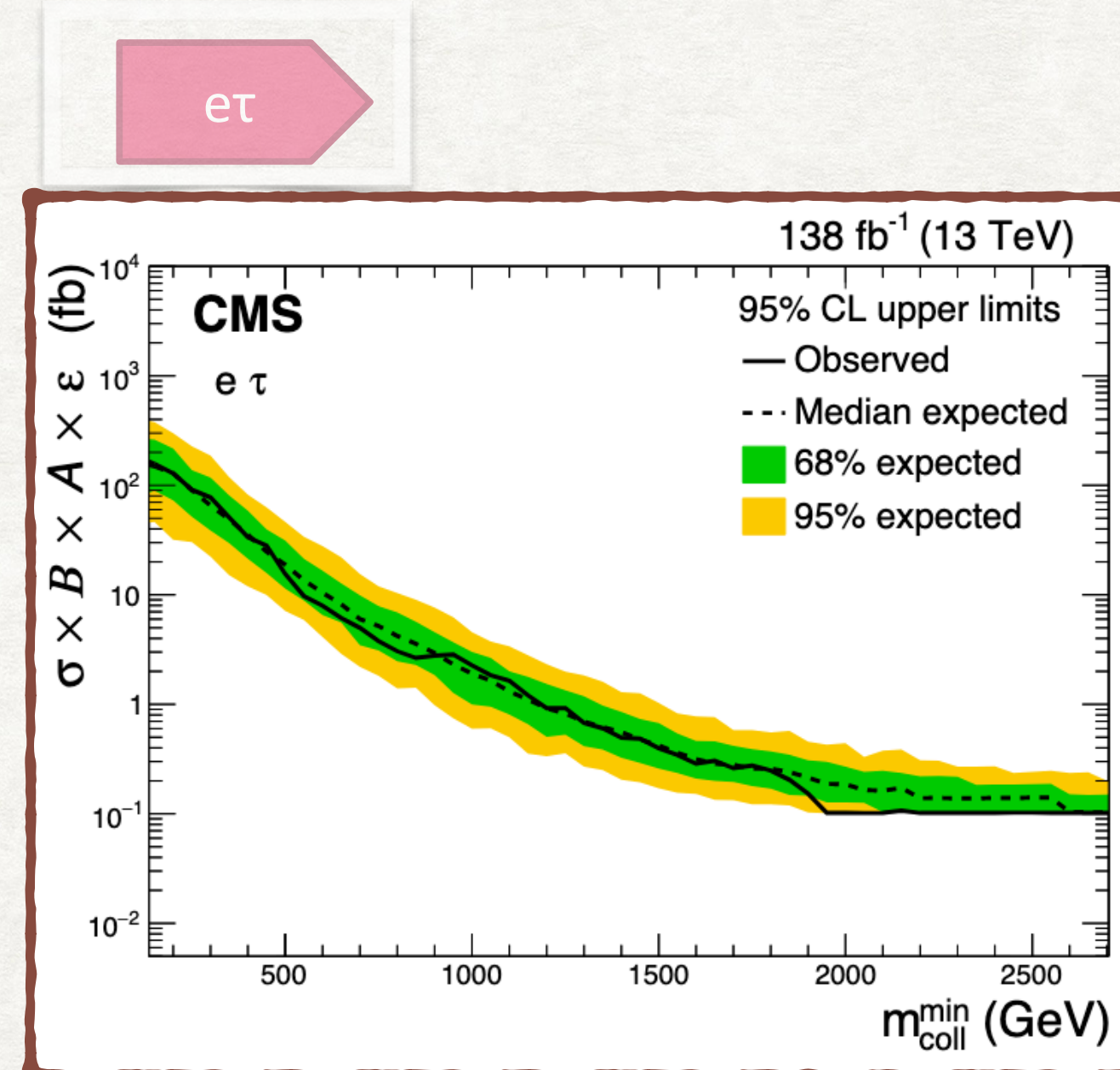
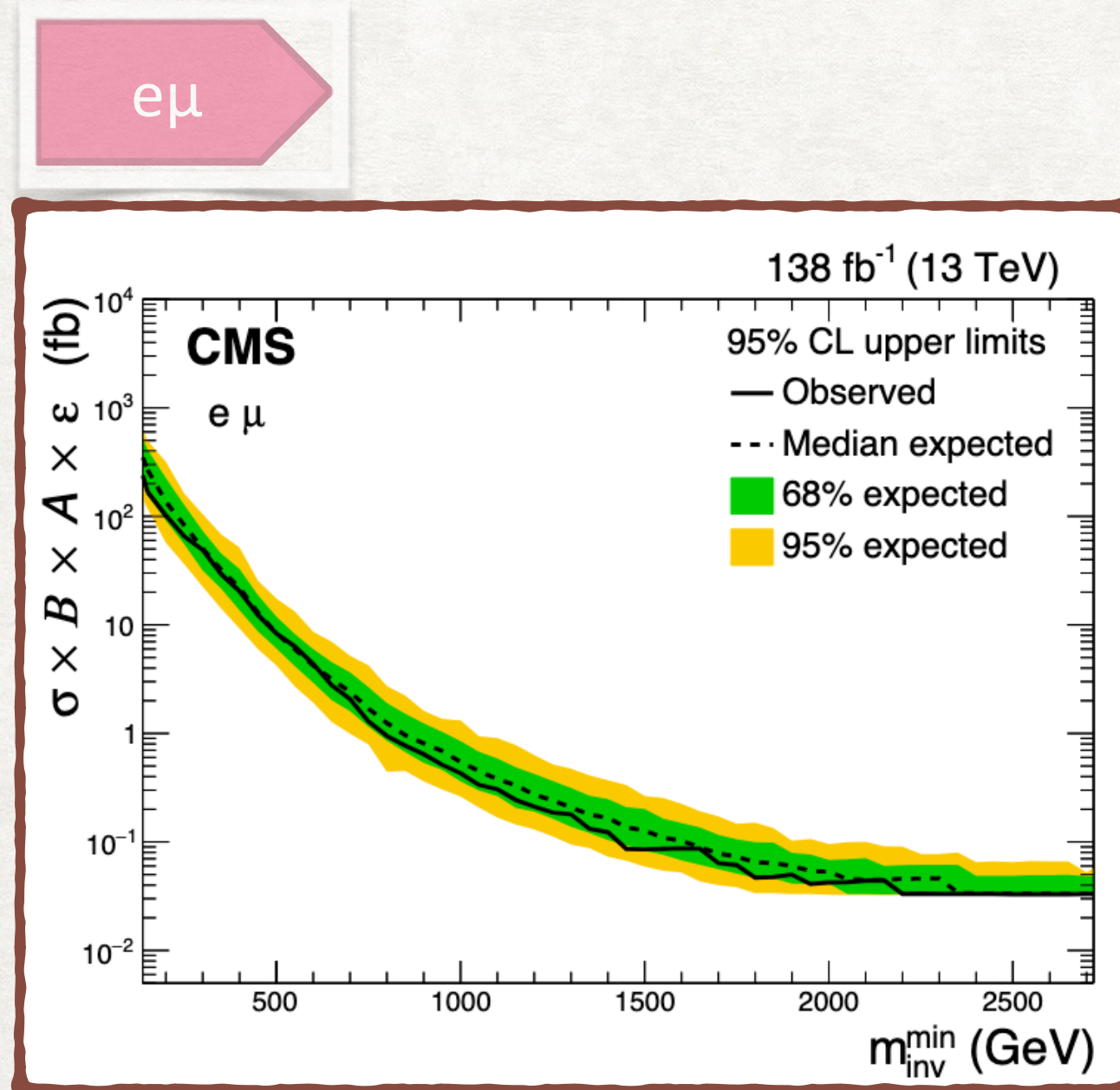
Event counting above a mass threshold

No assumptions on the signal shape other than a flat product of acceptance times efficiency as a function of the mass

To derive limit for a specific model from the MI limit, the model-dependent part of the acceptance & efficiency needs to be applied

f_m is obtained by calculating events over m^{\min} over number of generated MC events

$$(\sigma \mathcal{B} A \epsilon)_{\text{excl}}(\text{total}) = \frac{(\sigma \mathcal{B} A \epsilon)_{\text{MI}}(m^{\min})}{f_m(m^{\min})}$$



Summary

- *A brief overview of LFV searches @ LHC*
- *Search for high mass new physics in three LFV final states ($e\mu$, $e\tau$, $\mu\tau$), with full Run2 data*
- *First CMS analysis with high mass LFV tau channels*
- *Data is consistent with the SM expectation*
- *Upper limits are set on three different LFV models (Z' , RPV SUSY and QBH)*
- *Model independent limits are reported using counting method*
- *Results of this search are currently the best limits from the LHC in the considered models.*

Channel	RPV SUSY $\tilde{\nu}_\tau$ (TeV)		LFV Z' (TeV)	QBH m_{th} (TeV)
	$\lambda = \lambda' = 0.01$	$\lambda = \lambda' = 0.1$	$\mathcal{B} = 0.1$	$n = 4$
$e\mu$	2.2 (2.2)	4.2 (4.2)	5.0 (4.9)	5.6 (5.6)
$e\tau$	1.6 (1.6)	3.7 (3.7)	4.3 (4.3)	5.2 (5.2)
$\mu\tau$	1.6 (1.6)	3.6 (3.7)	4.1 (4.2)	5.0 (5.0)