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Higgs differential measurements and EFT interpretation in CMS experiment

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LHC Run 1: Higgs boson discovery era

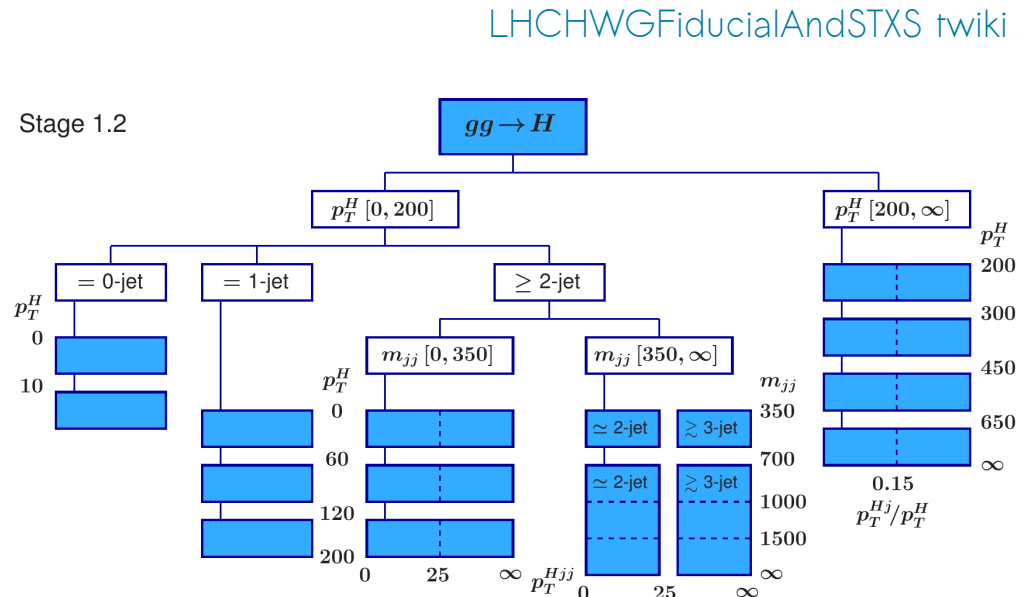
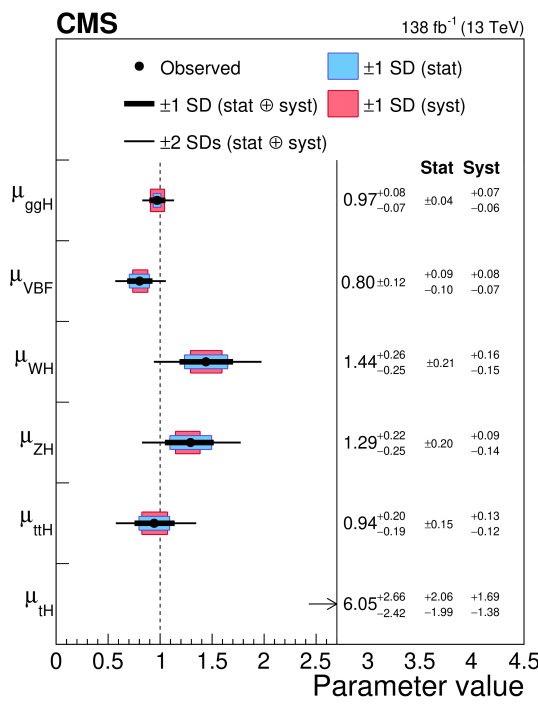
Run (1+)2, 3: Precision measurements of Higgs boson

Inclusive measurements

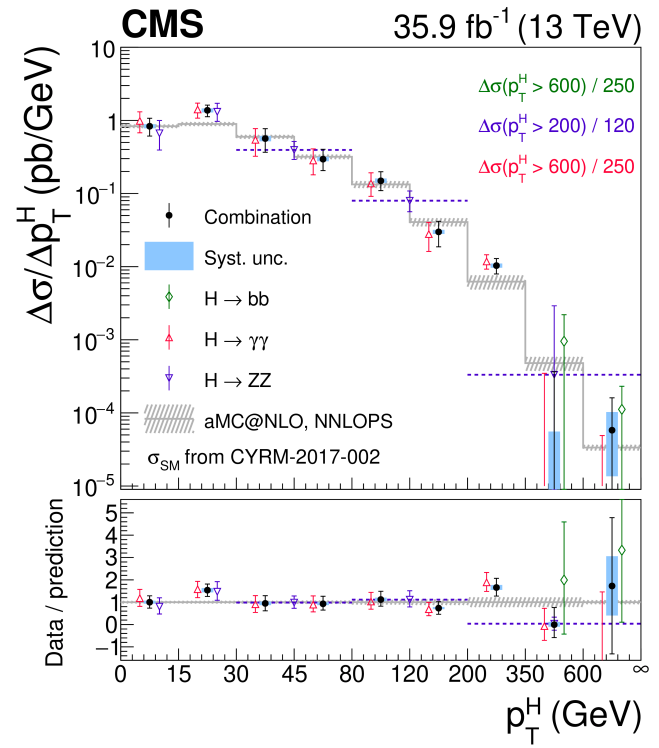
Simplified template cross section (STXS)

Differential distributions (fiducial phase space)

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Model independence

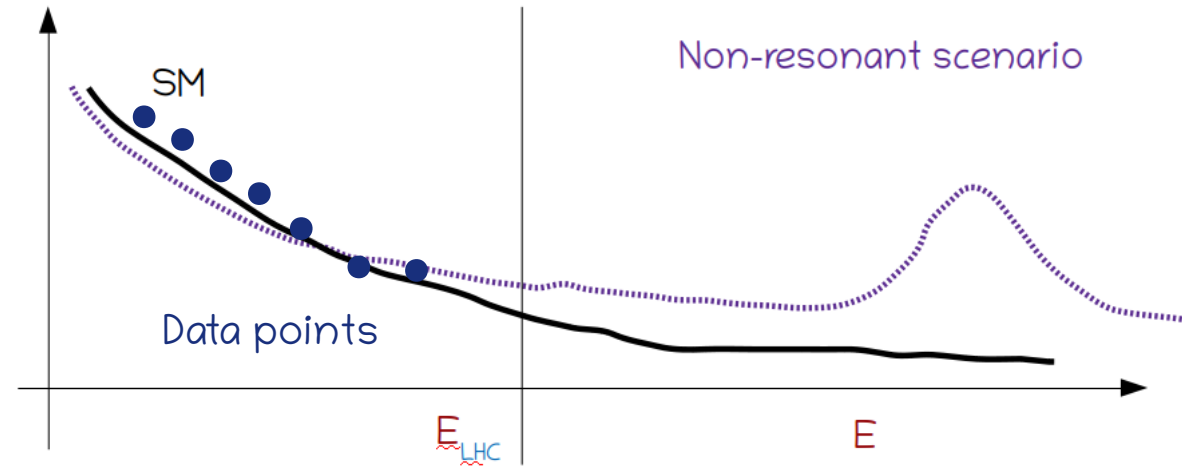
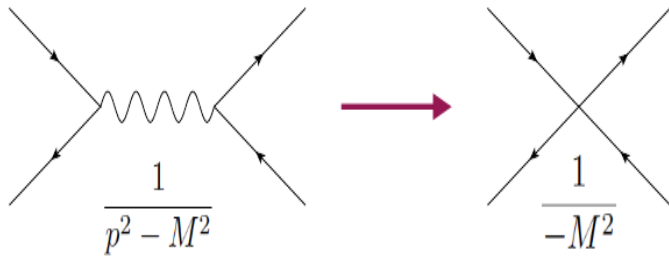


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Granular measurements improve sensitivity to new physics effects away from bulk

Effective field theory effects

Discovery through precision measurements



Interpretation in terms of effective field theory (EFT) operators

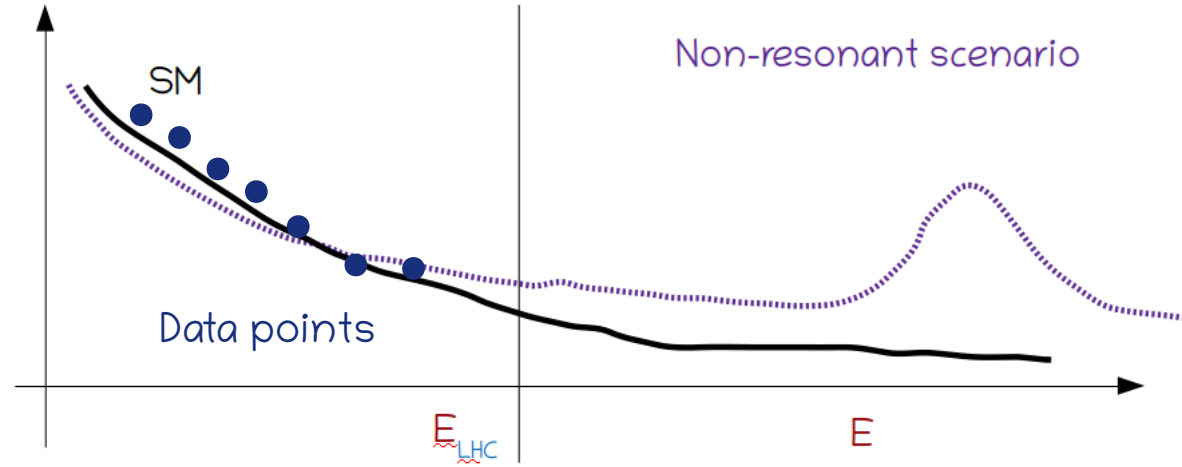
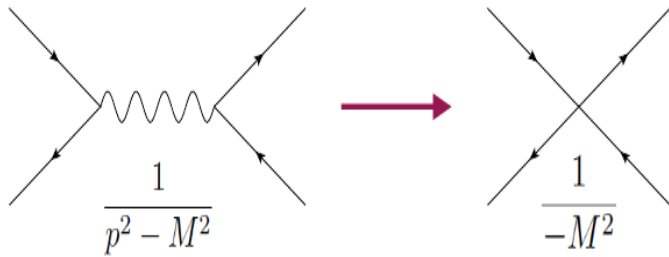
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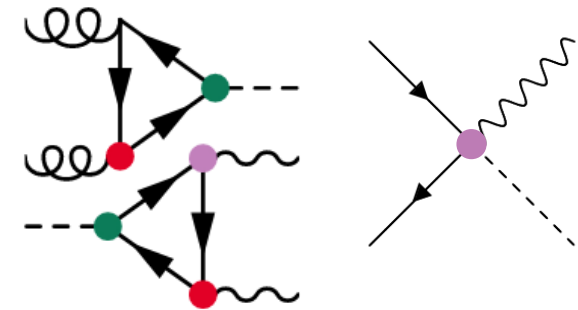


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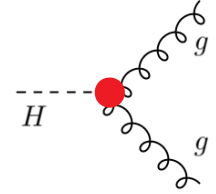
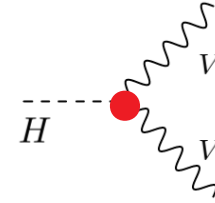
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Anomalous couplings of Higgs boson

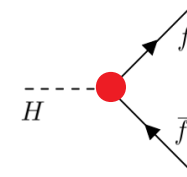
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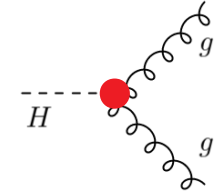
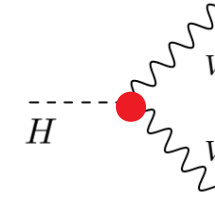


Constraints on anomalous couplings → bounds on EFT operator coefficients

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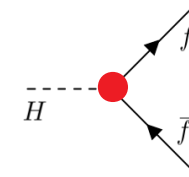
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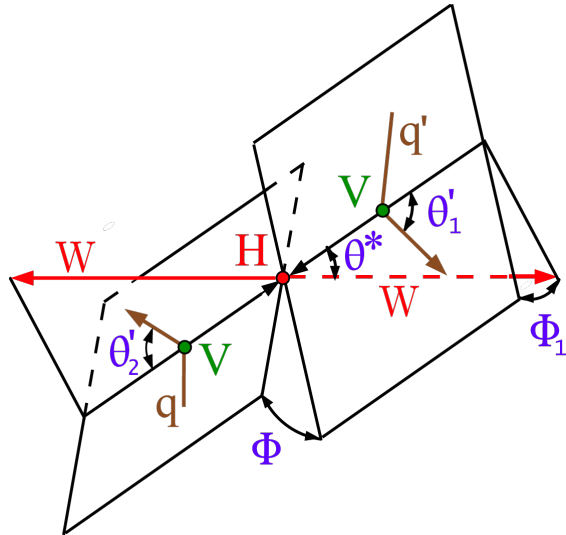


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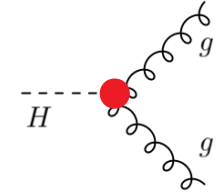
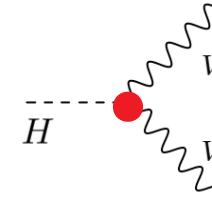
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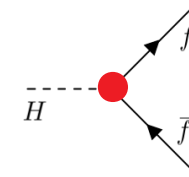
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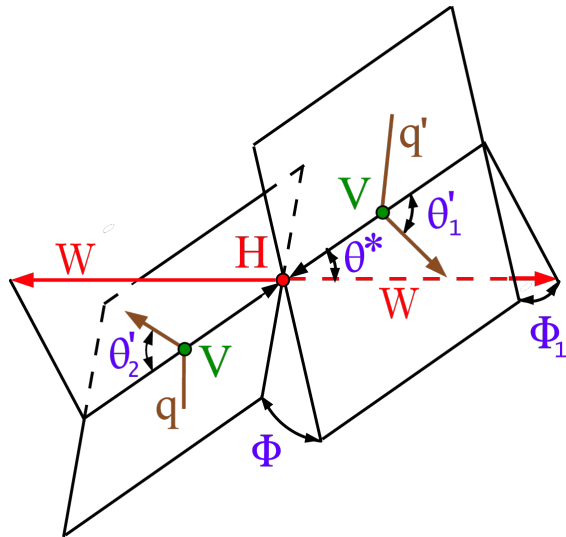


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Matrix element likelihood approach (MELA)

Construct discriminants sensitive to individual anomalous couplings

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{sig}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{sig}}(\Omega)}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{sig}}(\Omega) + \mathcal{P}_{\text{bkg}}(\Omega)}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{BSM}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{SM}}(\vec{\Omega})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{SM}}(\vec{\Omega}) + \mathcal{P}_{\text{BSM}}(\vec{\Omega})}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{int}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{SM-BSM}}^{\text{int}}(\vec{\Omega})}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{SM}}(\vec{\Omega}) + \mathcal{P}_{\text{BSM}}(\vec{\Omega})}$$

(SM) signal-background & H production mode separation

Pure BSM

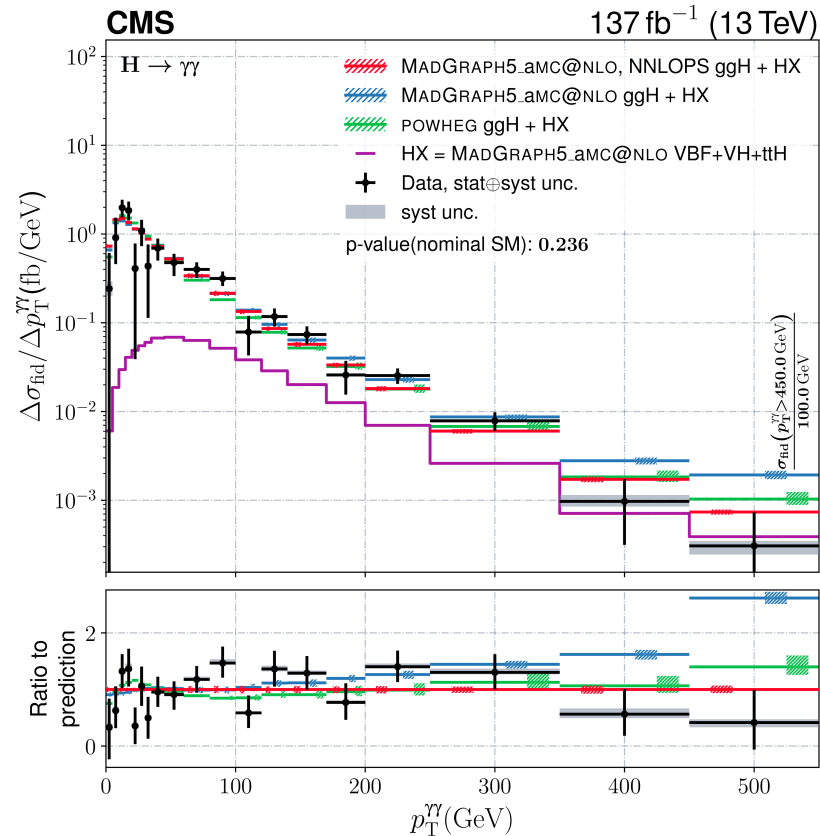
SM-BSM interference

Differential measurement: Higgs p_T in $H \rightarrow VV$ decay

Measurement of H p_T probes QCD and EWK modeling of H production \rightarrow comparison between different predictions

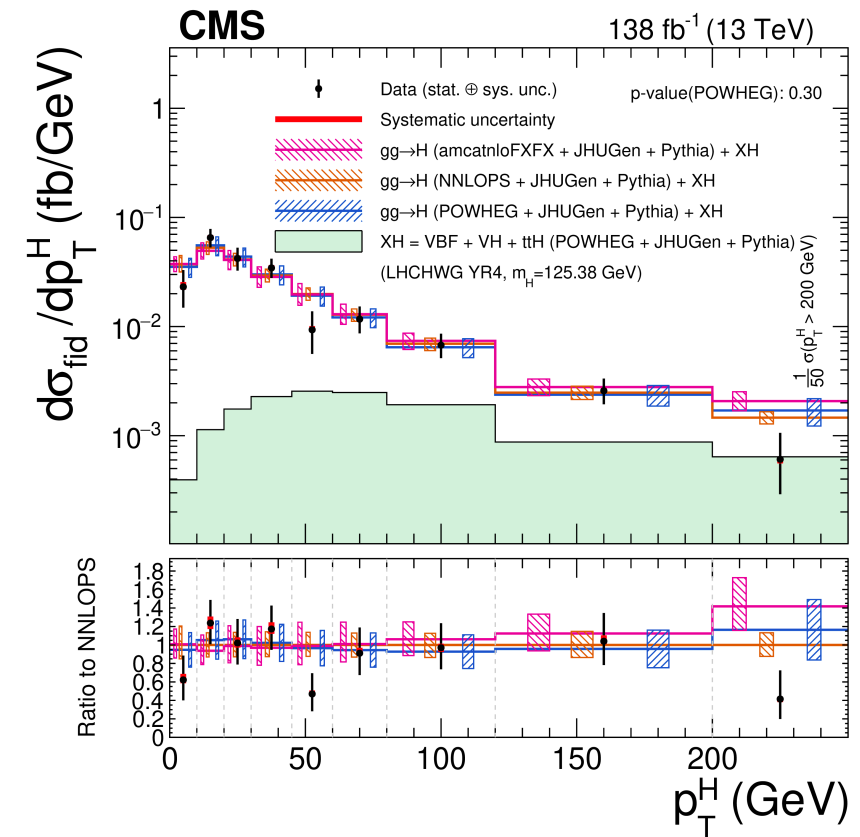
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

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$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ ($l = e, \mu$)

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- Differential measurements also performed w.r.t. other variables: # of jets, H rapidity

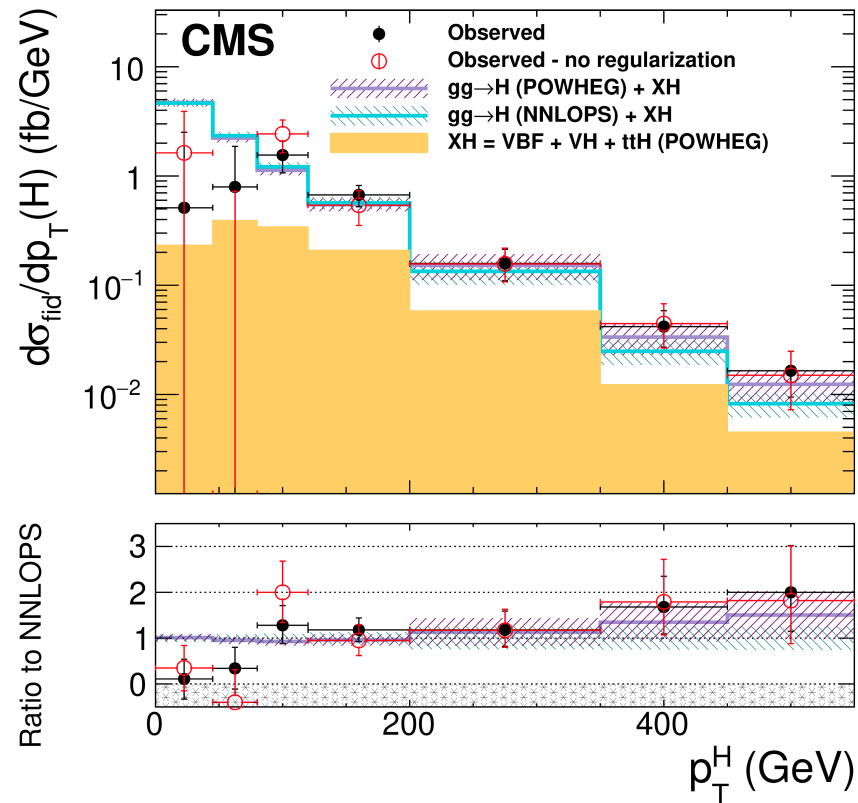
Differential measurement: Higgs p_T in $H \rightarrow ff$ decay

Fermionic decay modes used to explore high- p_T region \rightarrow special reconstruction technique used for boosted topology

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

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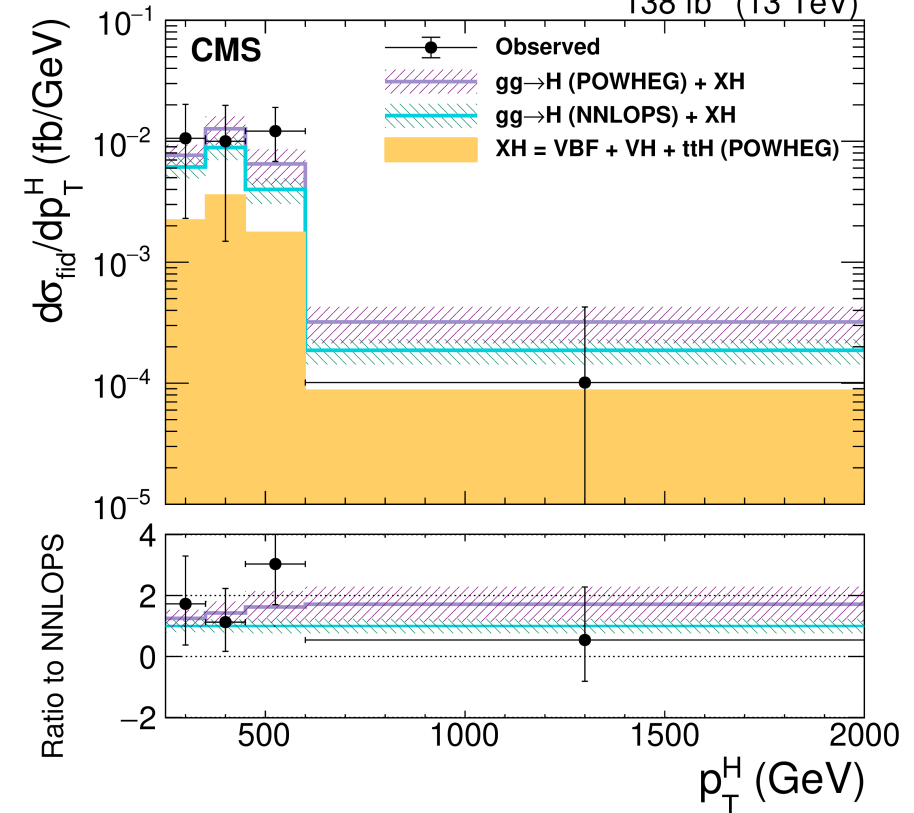
138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (Boosted)

arXiv: 2403.20201 (Submitted to PLB)

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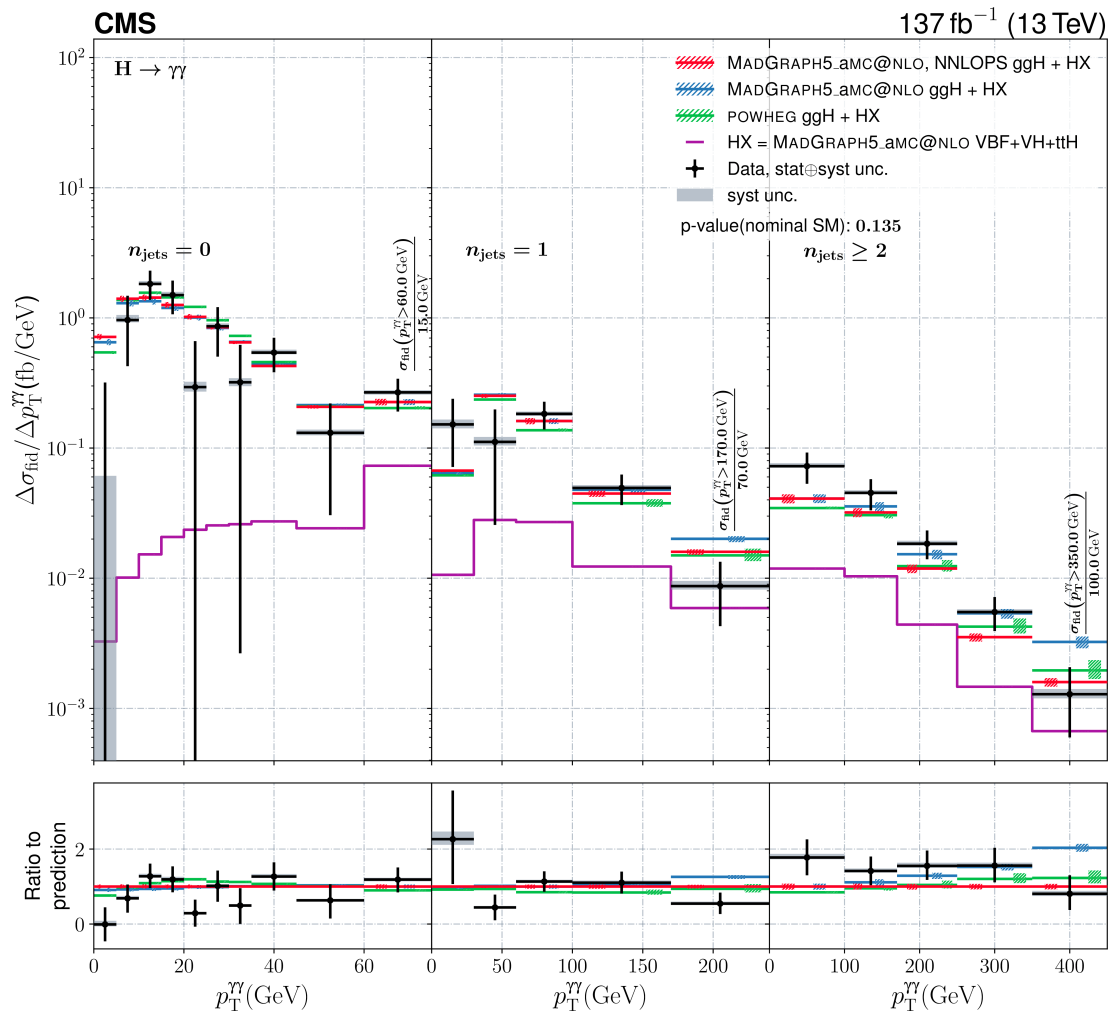
- Results for additional jet activity also reported
- High- p_T measurements are still statistics limited

Double differential measurements in $H \rightarrow VV$ decay

Measurement of $H p_T$ in different ranges of # of number of jets, H rapidity \rightarrow modeling of composition of production modes

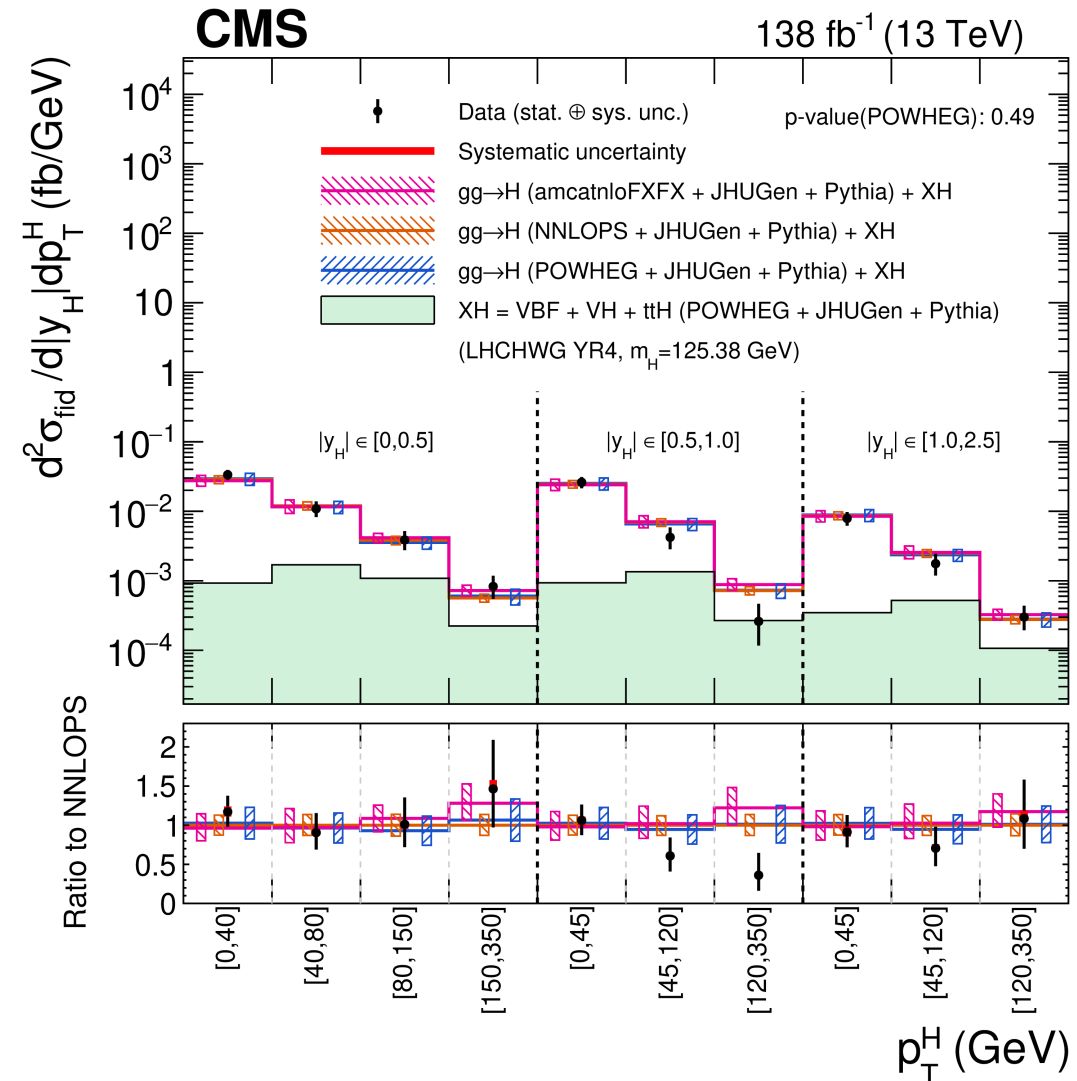
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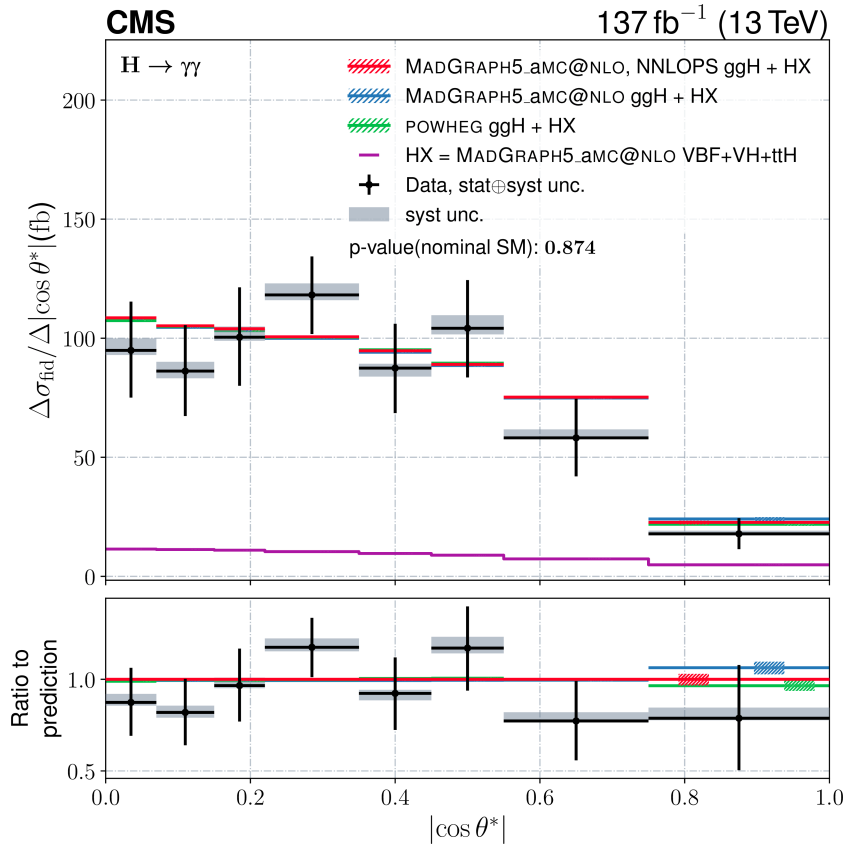


Differential measurement: Decay angles in $H \rightarrow VV$ decay

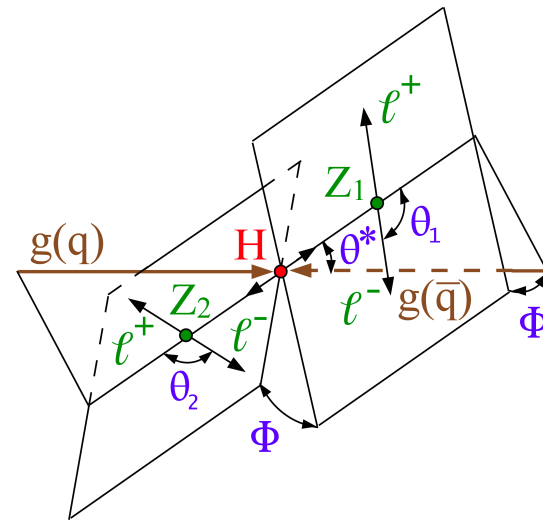
Measurement of angular variables in H rest frame \rightarrow probing new physics effects in decay

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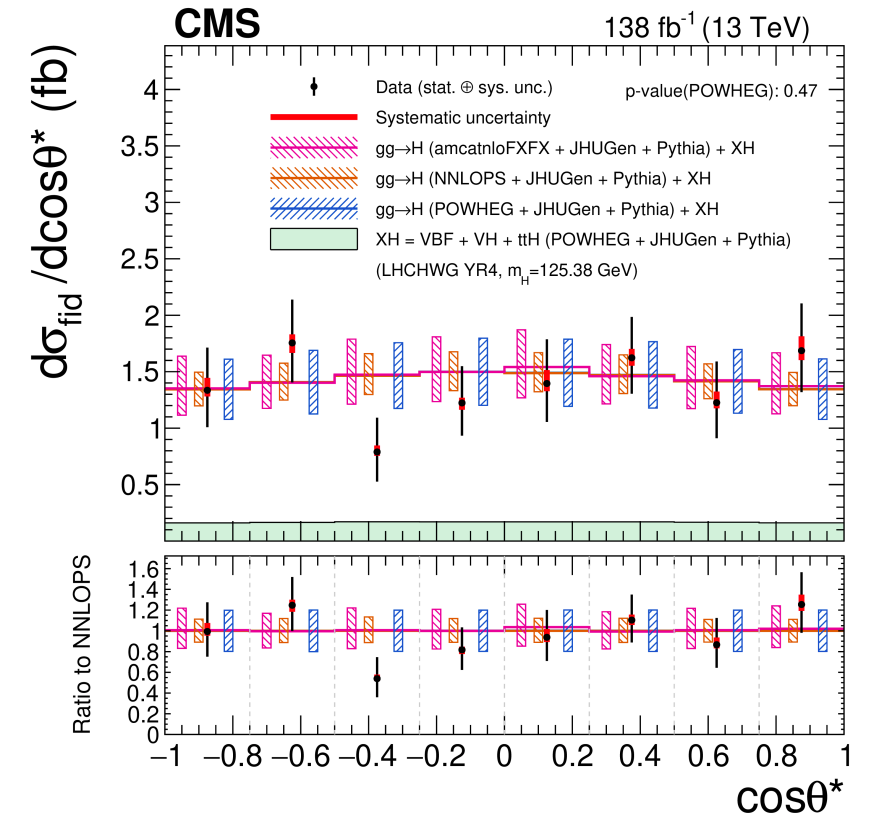


Polar angle in Collins-Soper frame of diphoton system



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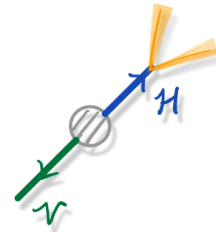


- Differential measurements also performed w.r.t. event shape variables, final state object kinematics, MELO discriminants (for ZZ^*)

- Targeting leptonic V decays of V: $Z \rightarrow ll/\nu\nu$, $W \rightarrow lv$

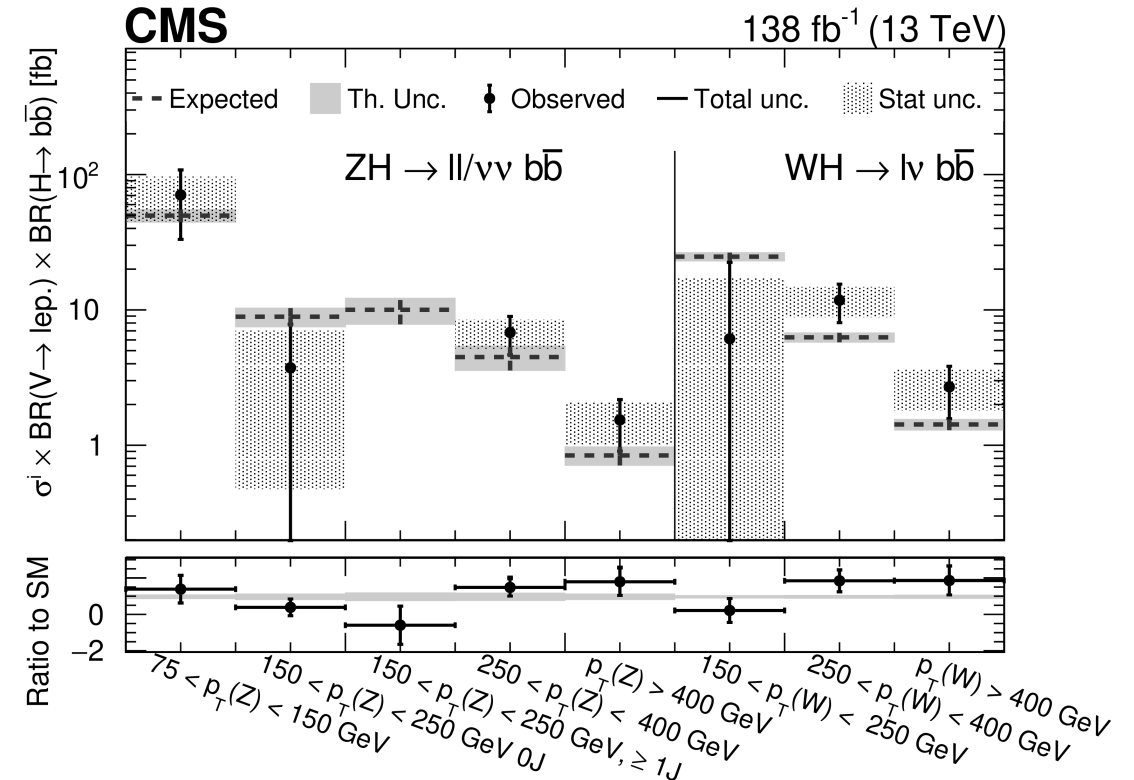
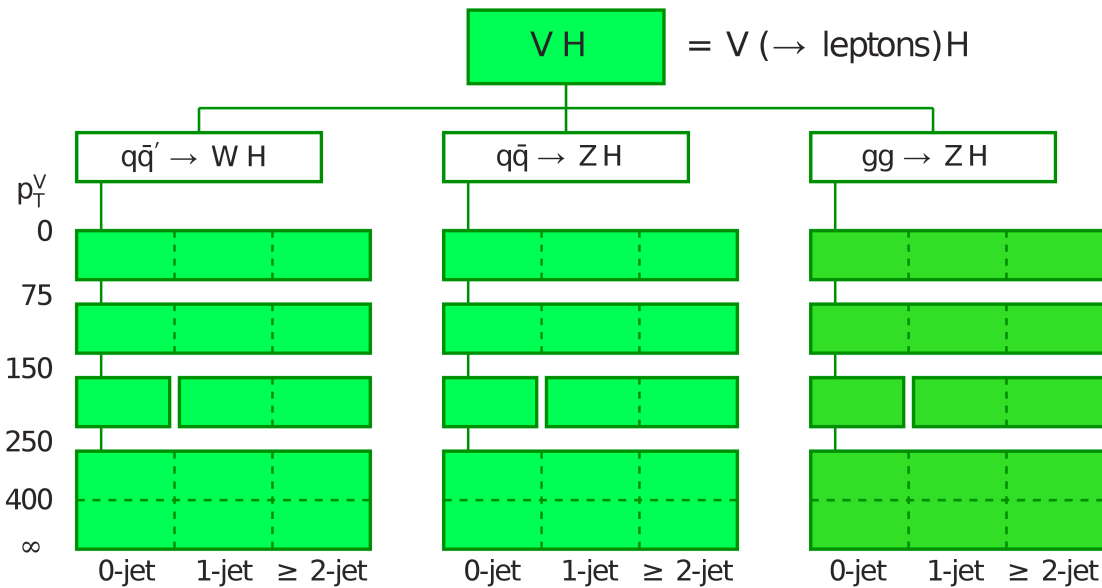
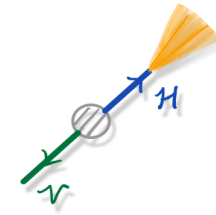
Resolved category

- 2 b-tagged AK4 jets [DeepJet]
- Signal extraction using DNN



Boosted category

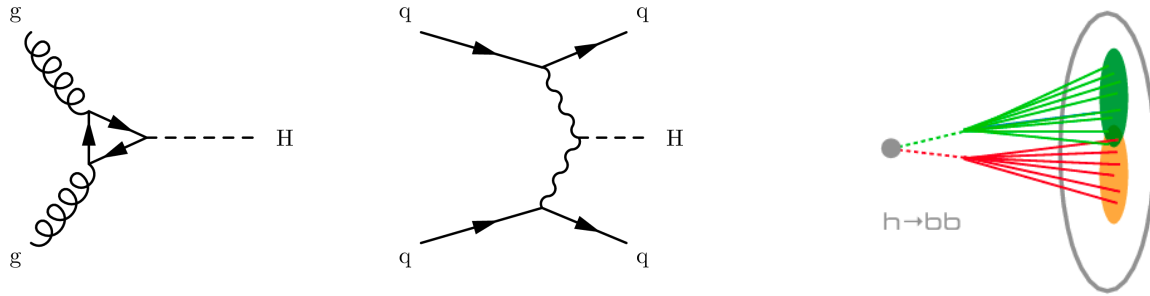
- 1 bb-tagged AK8 jets [DeepAK8]
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Largest deviation from SM: $\sim 2\sigma$ in medium p_T ([150, 250] GeV) & 1-jet bin in ZH

Boosted $H \rightarrow bb$ production via vector boson and gluon fusion

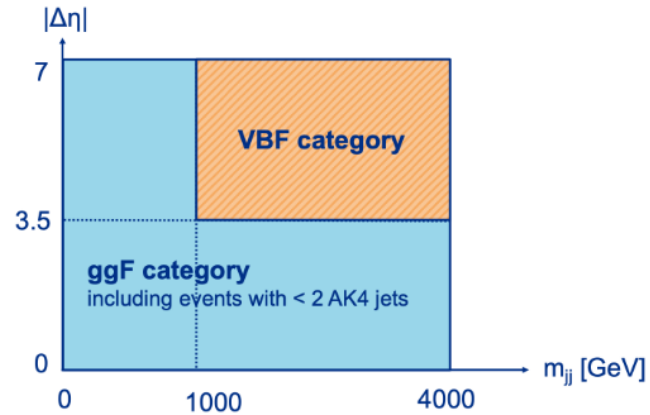
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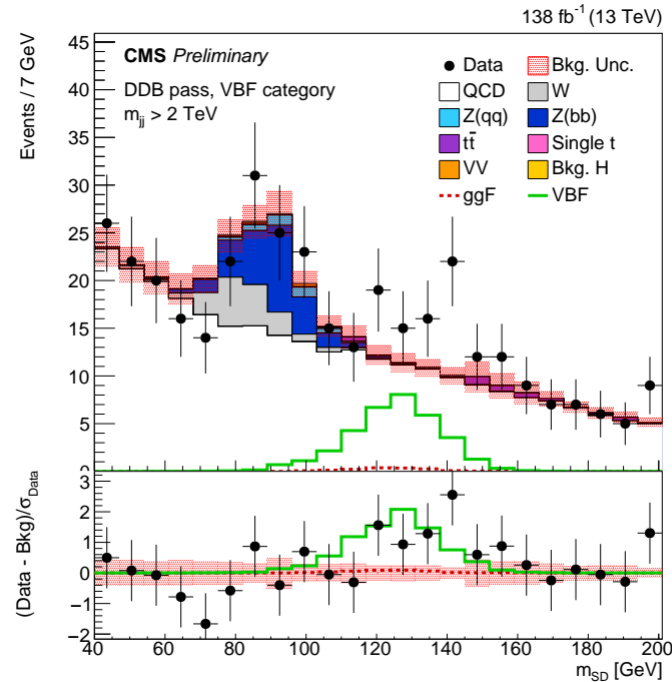
$H \rightarrow bb$ identification with AK8 jet:

- Double b tagging [CMS-DP-2022-041](#)
- N_2 [Moult, Necib, Thaler \(2016\)](#)

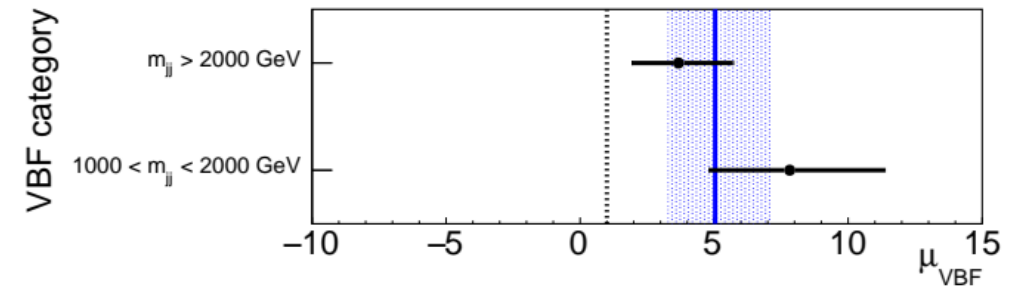
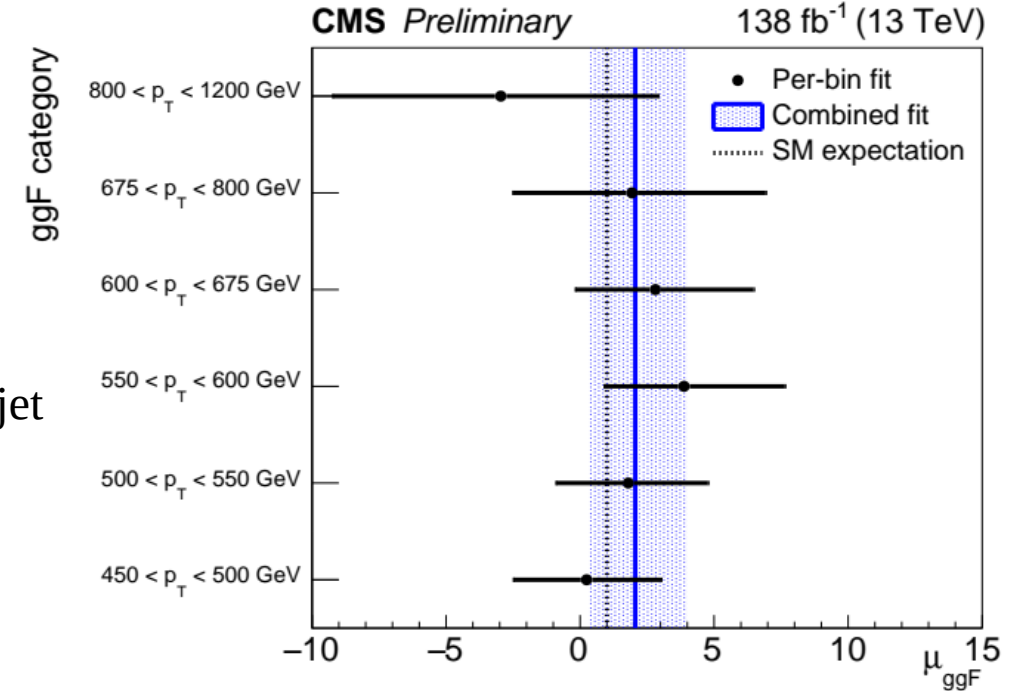
AK4 jets used to separate VBF and ggF productions



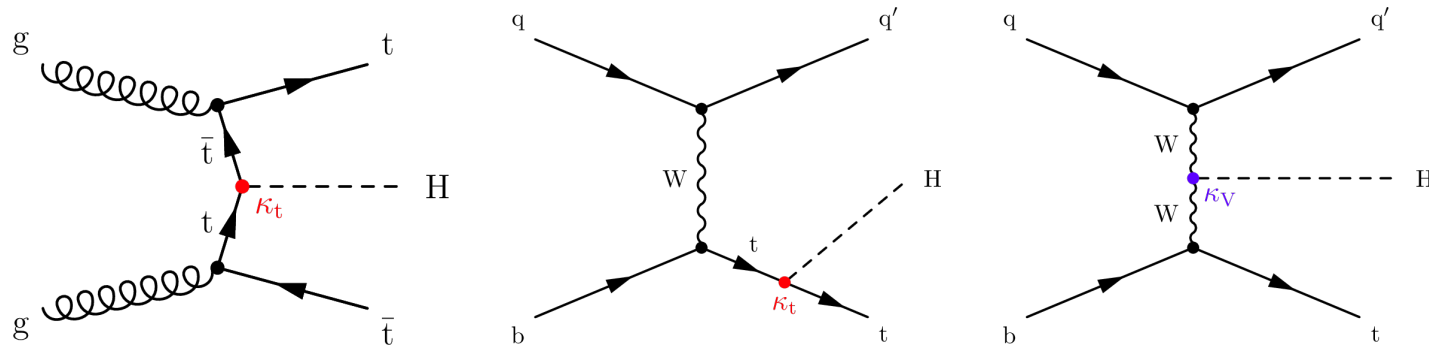
Signal extraction using soft-drop mass of H jet



Results reported in reconstruction-level bins



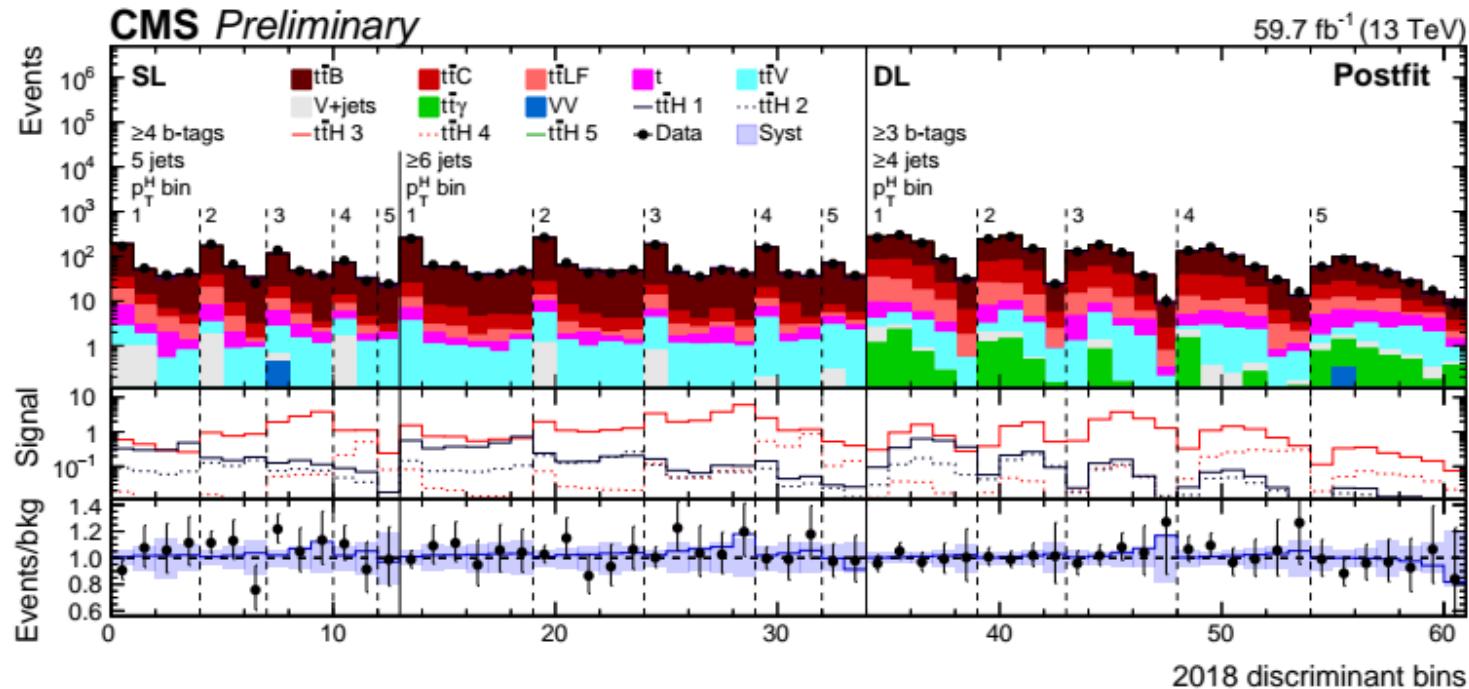
STXS measurements for ttH/tH(bb)



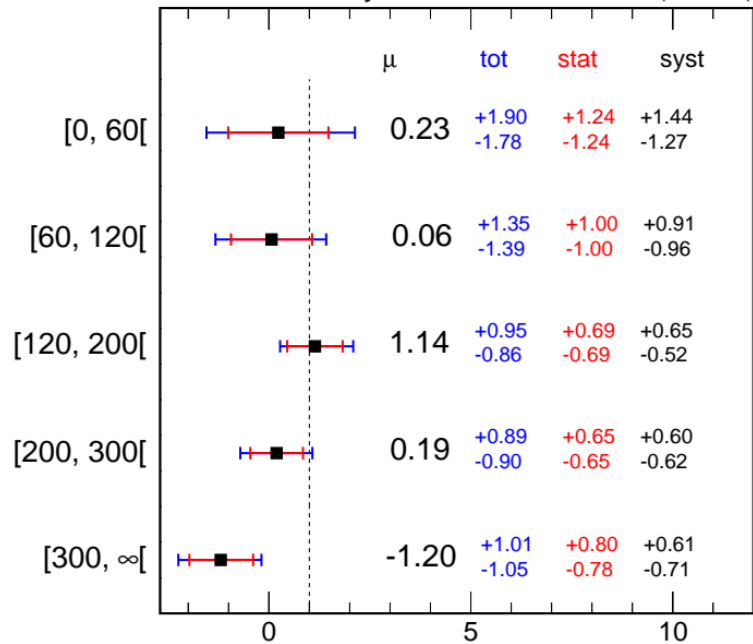
Assigning events to STXS $H p_T$ bins:

- artificial neural networks (ANNs) [leptonic channels]
- kinematic reconstruction [hadronic channel]

Signal extraction with (combinations of) ANN scores



CMS Preliminary 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

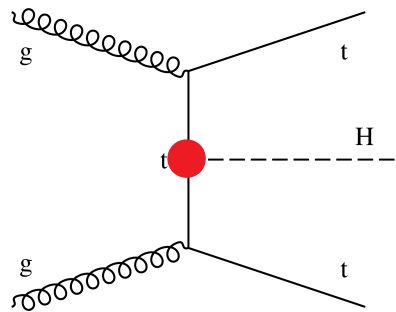


$$\hat{\mu} = \hat{\sigma} / \sigma_{SM}$$

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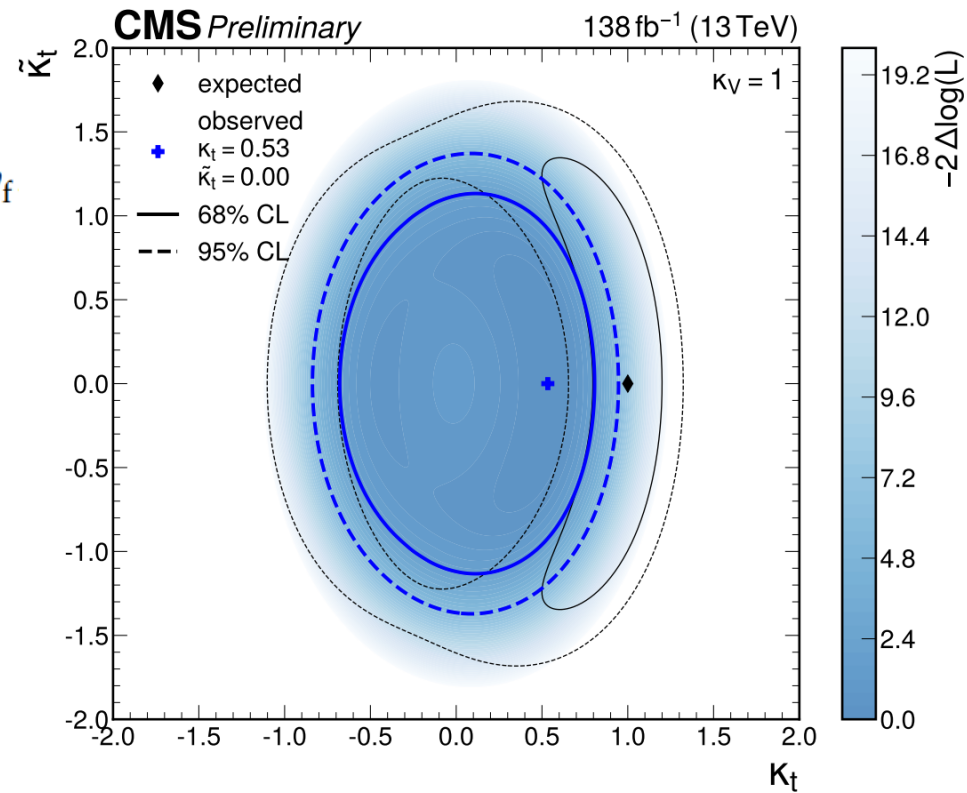
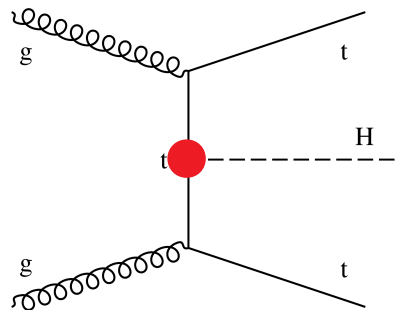
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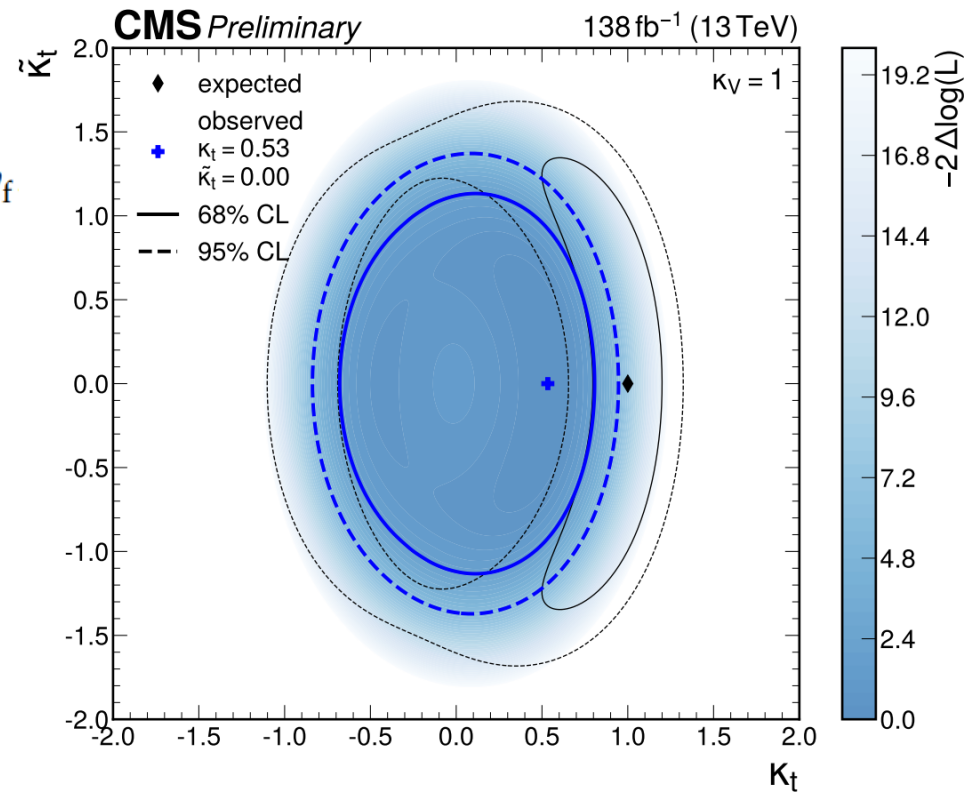
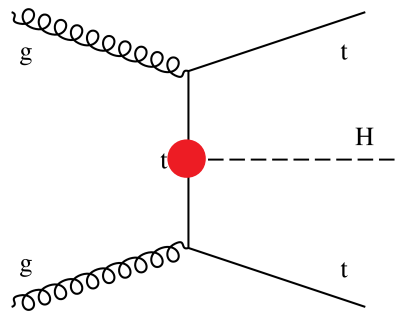
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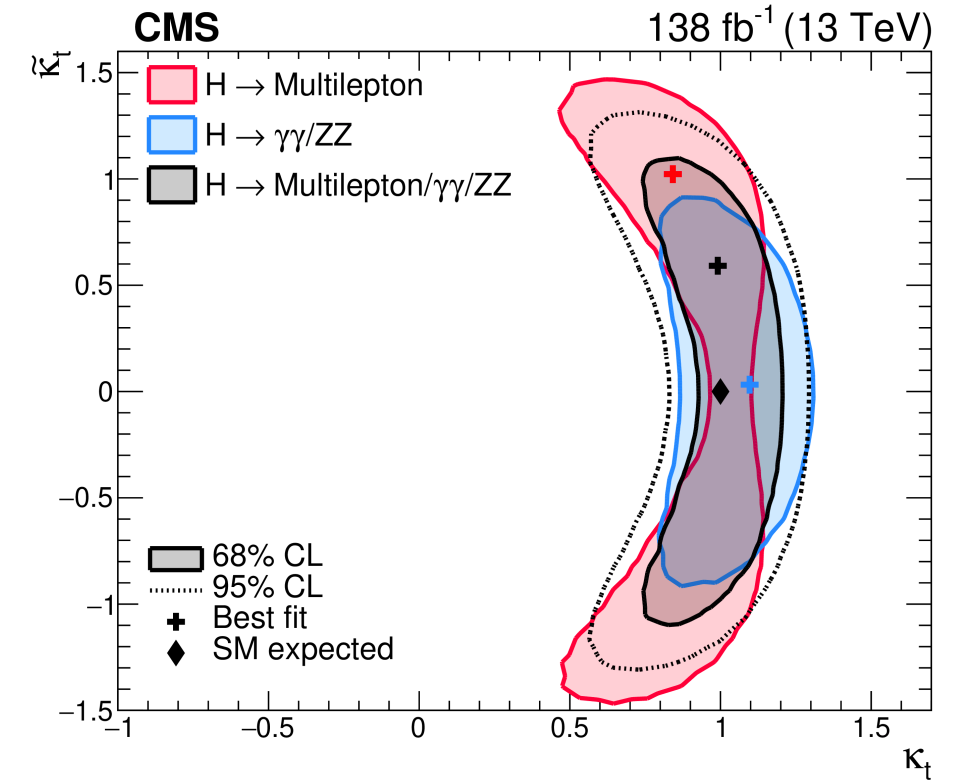
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* / \gamma\gamma / \text{Multilepton} (WW^* / \tau\tau)$

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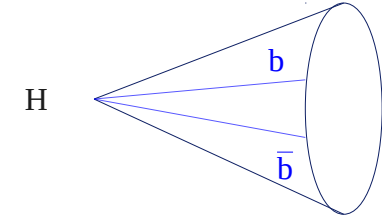
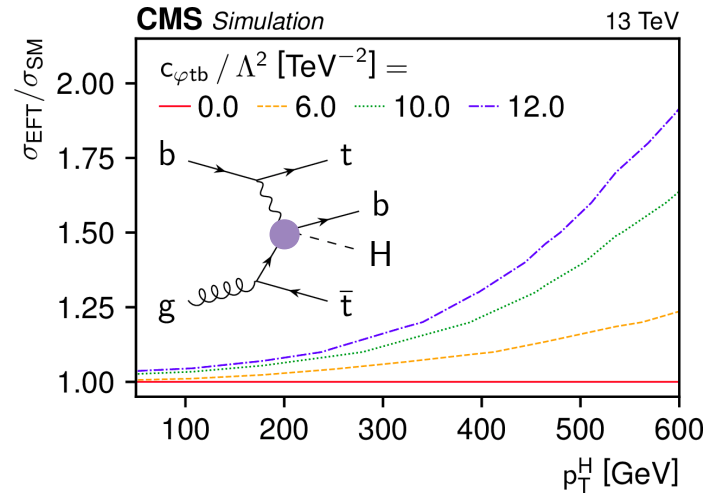
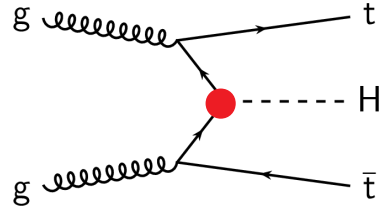


Pure CP-odd hypothesis excluded at 3.7σ

EFT analysis in ttH production: $H \rightarrow bb$ (boosted)

SMEFT operators at work

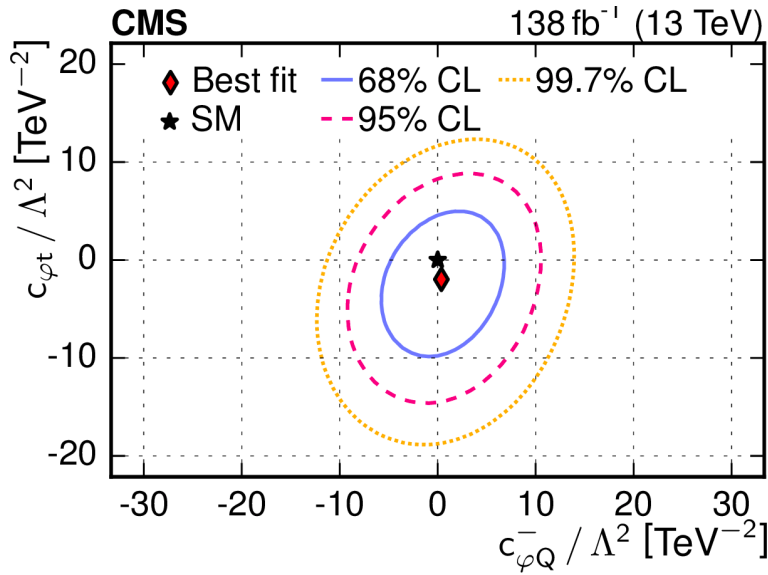
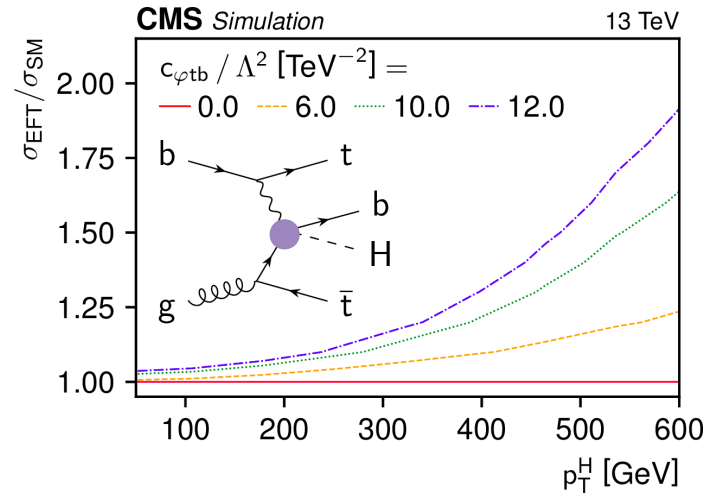
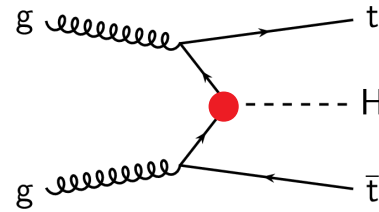
- Dipole \mathcal{O}_{tW}
- Current $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^{(3)}$ $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi Q}^-$ $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi t}$ $\mathcal{O}_{\varphi tb}$
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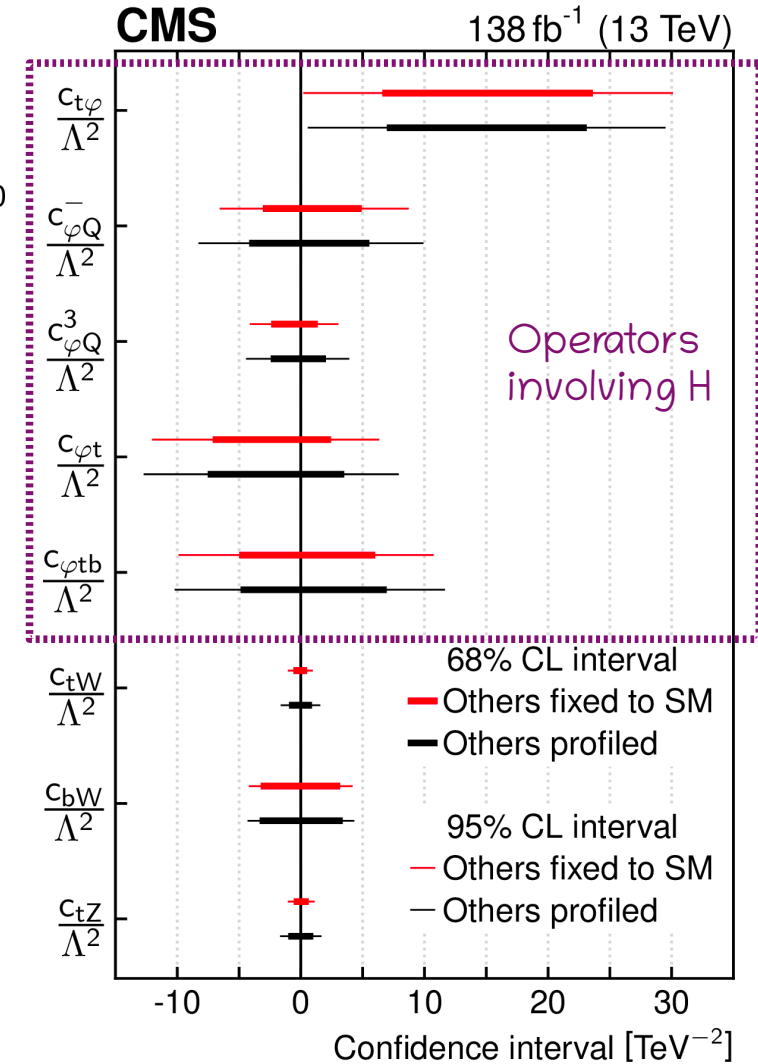
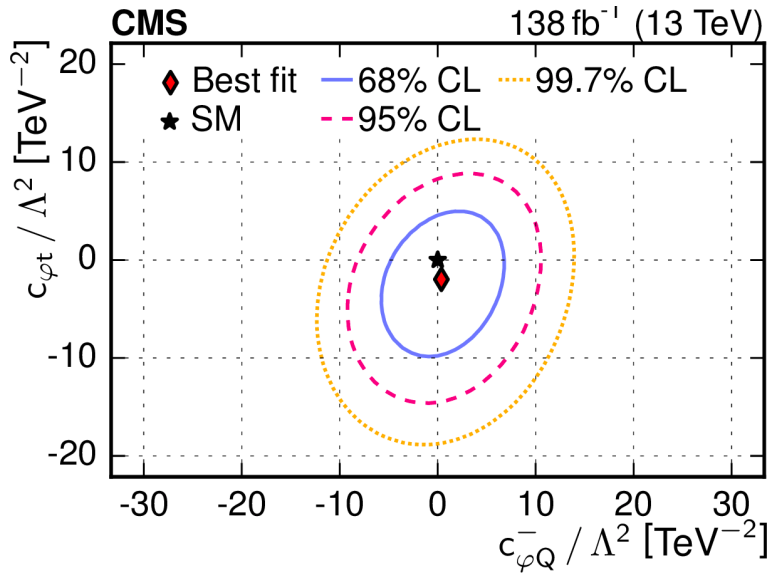
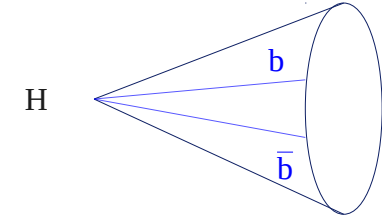
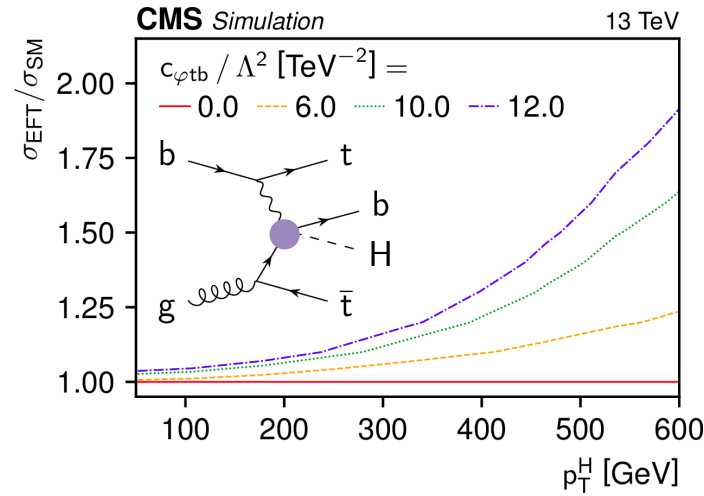
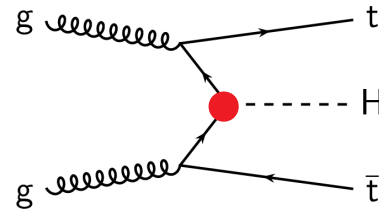
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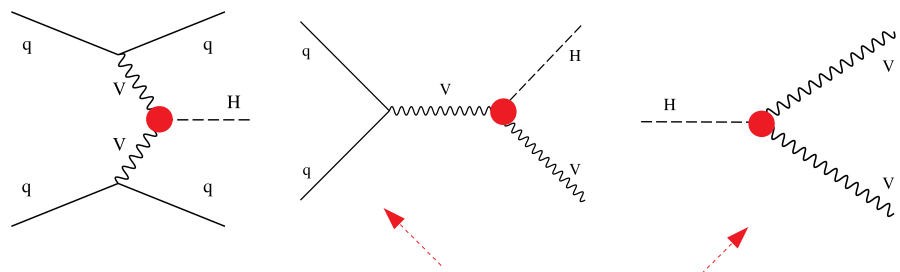
Smaller statistics compared to other measurements

[JHEP 03 (2020) 056, JHEP 03 (2021) 095, JHEP 12 (2021) 083, JHEP 05 (2022) 091]

← Still competitive in sensitivity

Anomalous H-V couplings with $H \rightarrow WW^*$ decay mode

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Effects in both production & decay

Decay mode: $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e \mu \nu_e \nu_\mu$

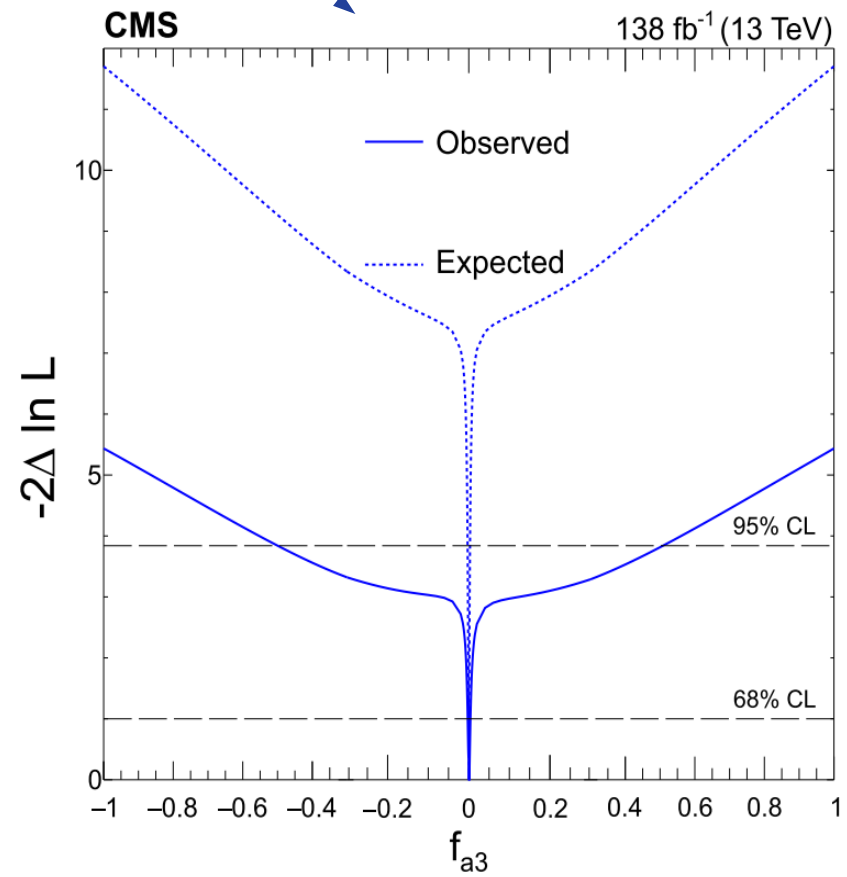
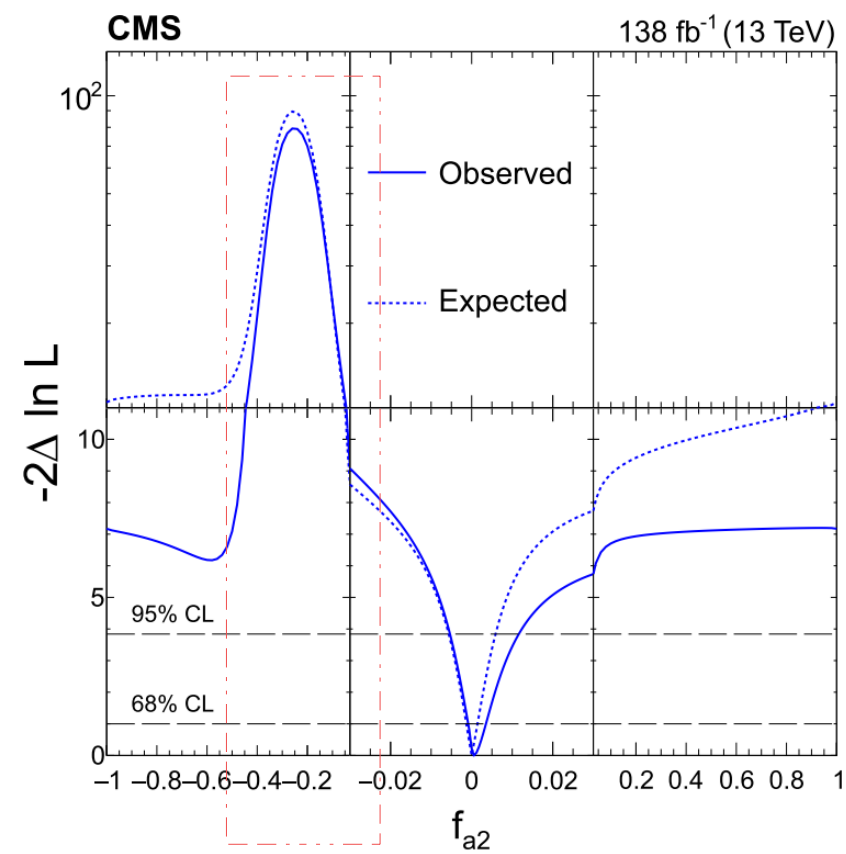
Extensive use of MELA variables:
To separate production modes & EFT effects
(interference and pure-BSM)

Approach 1:

Equal ZZ & WW couplings $a_i^{WW} = a_i^{ZZ}$

Observable:

$$f_{ai} = \frac{|a_i|^2 \sigma_i}{\sum_j |a_j|^2 \sigma_j} \text{sign} \left(\frac{a_i}{a_1} \right)$$

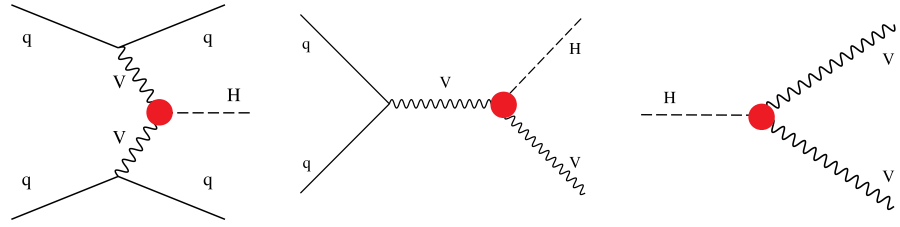


Interference effects are significant for a_2 (also for Λ_1)

Modification in VBF & VH production (w/ high q^2)
→ enhances sensitivity at low f_{ai}

Anomalous H-V couplings with H→WW* decay mode

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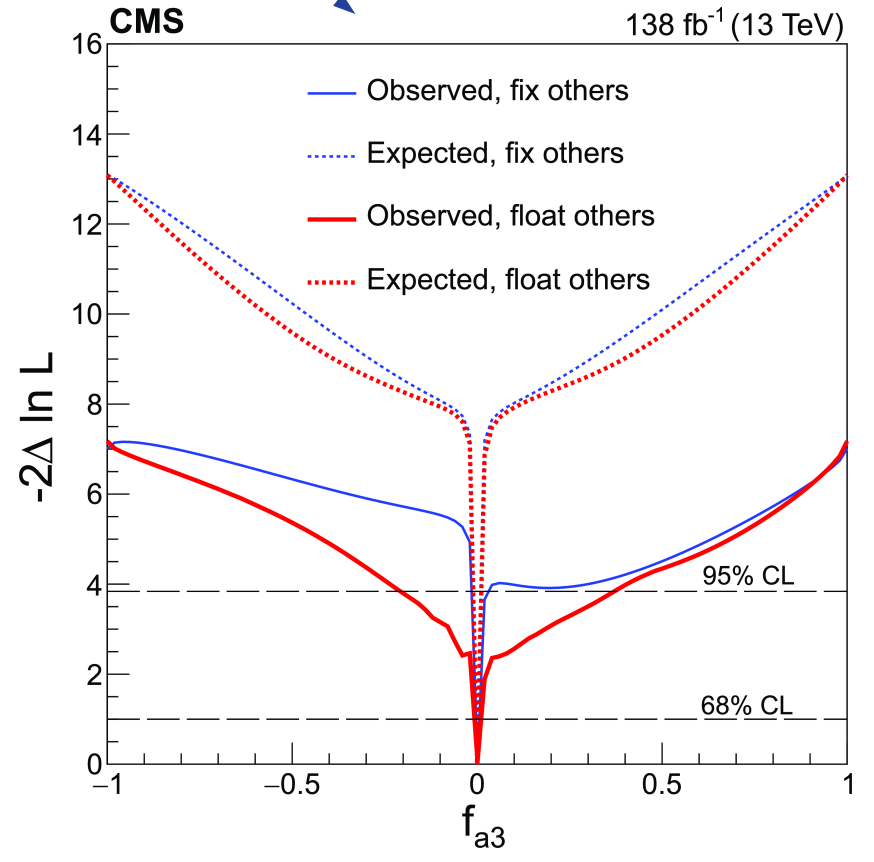
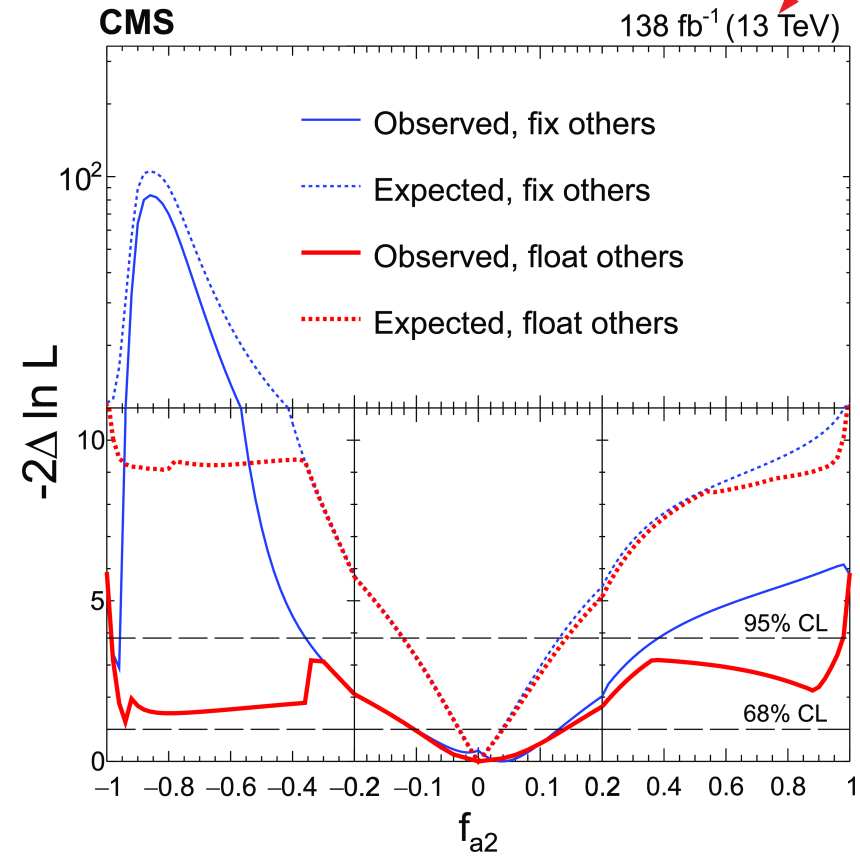


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Approach 2:

Use SU(2)xU(1) symmetry

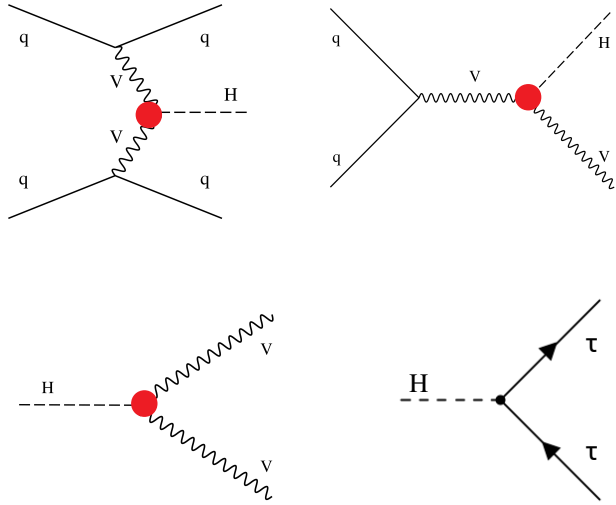
$$\begin{aligned} a_1^{WW} &= a_1^{ZZ}, \\ a_2^{WW} &= c_w^2 a_2^{ZZ}, \\ a_3^{WW} &= c_w^2 a_3^{ZZ}, \\ \frac{\kappa_1^{WW}}{(\Lambda_1^{WW})^2} &= \frac{1}{c_w^2 - s_w^2} \left(\frac{\kappa_1^{ZZ}}{(\Lambda_1^{ZZ})^2} - 2s_w^2 \frac{a_2^{ZZ}}{m_Z^2} \right) \\ \frac{\kappa_2^{Z\gamma}}{(\Lambda_1^{Z\gamma})^2} &= \frac{2s_w c_w}{c_w^2 - s_w^2} \left(\frac{\kappa_1^{ZZ}}{(\Lambda_1^{ZZ})^2} - \frac{a_2^{ZZ}}{m_Z^2} \right), \end{aligned}$$



Compatibility with SM: p-value ~ 91% (while floating all anomalous couplings together)

Constraints translated to SMEFT operator coefficients (including CP-odd operators) in Higgs & Warsaw bases

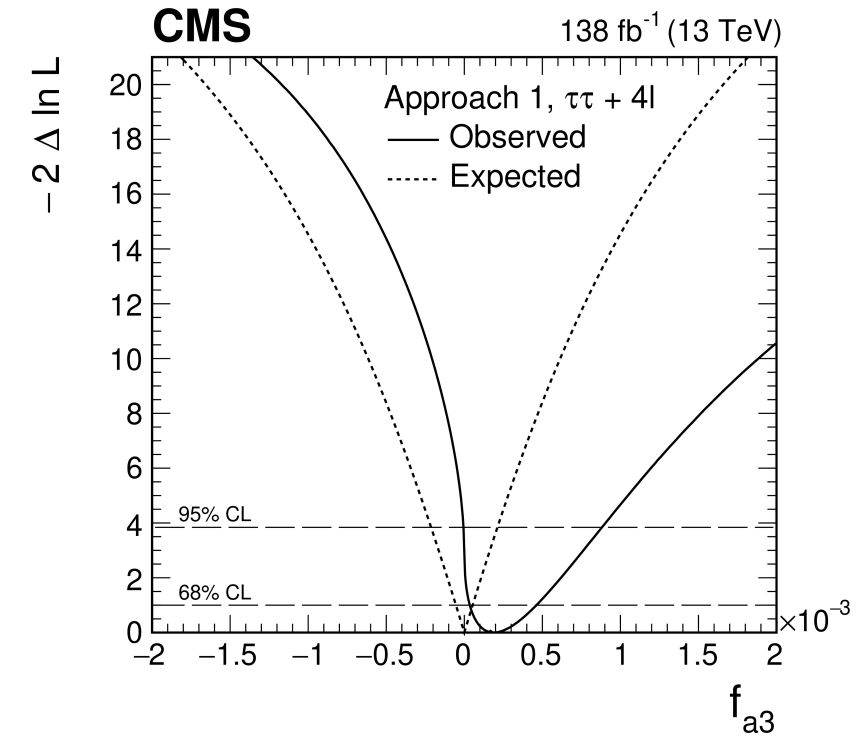
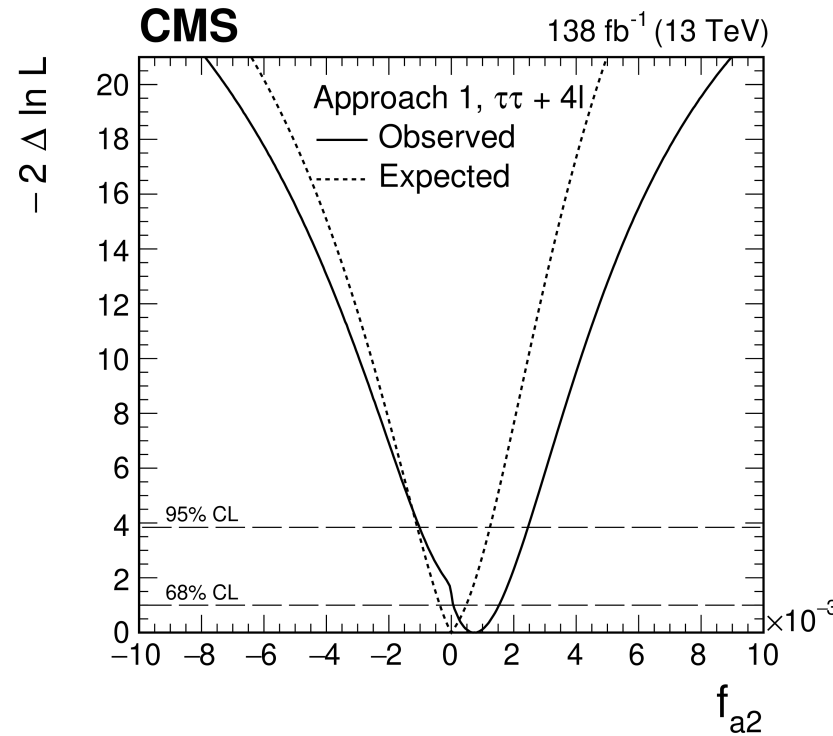
Anomalous H-V couplings in H → 4-lepton and ττ final states



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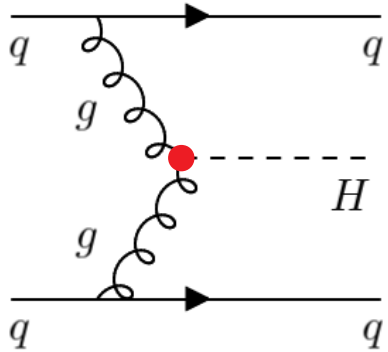
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Strong constraints on CP-even and -odd anomalous Higgs to electroweak vector boson couplings

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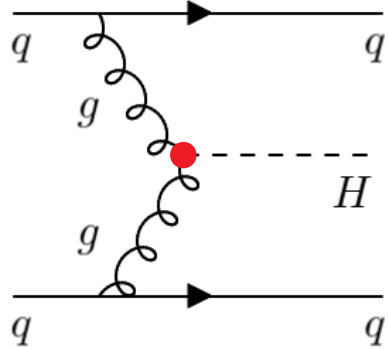
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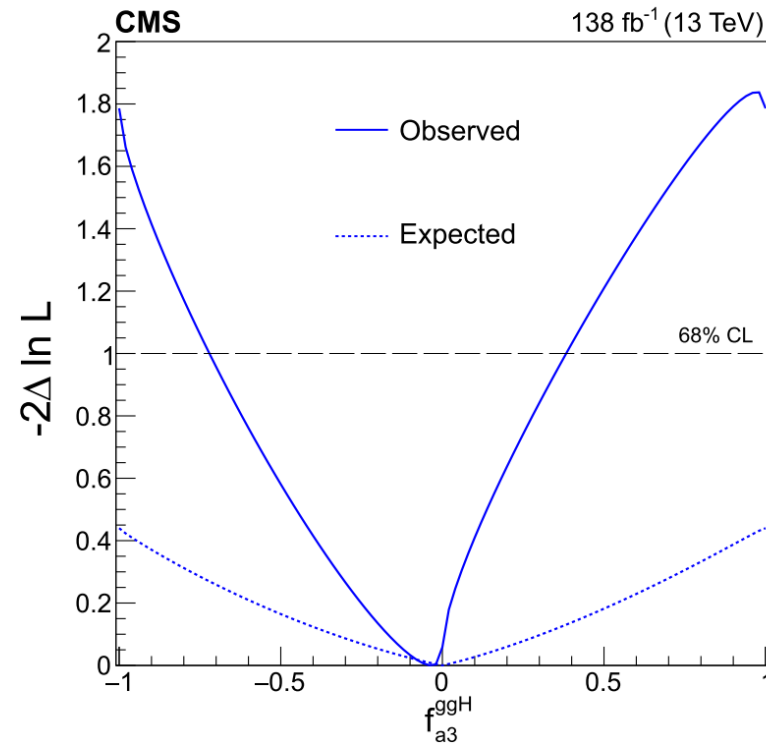
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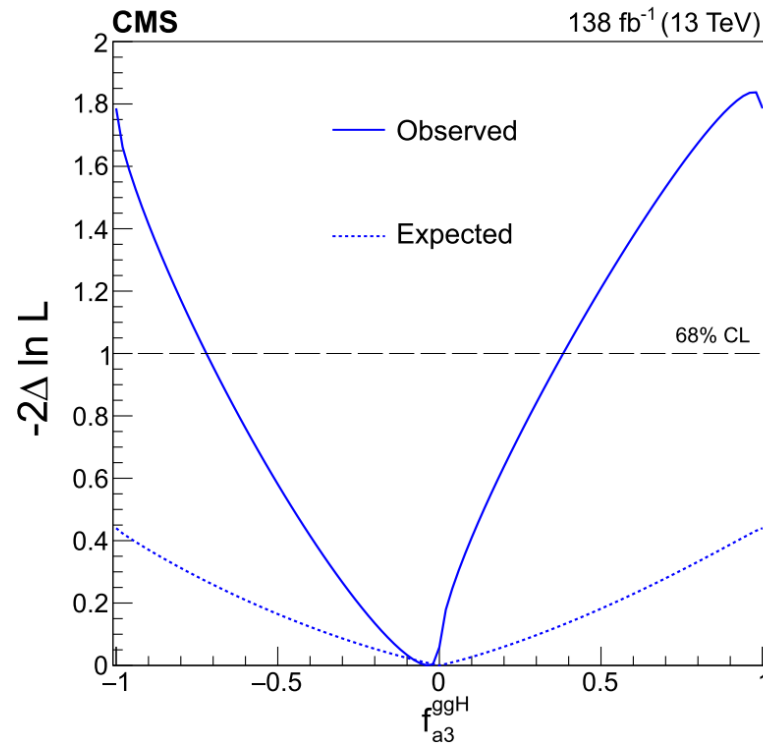
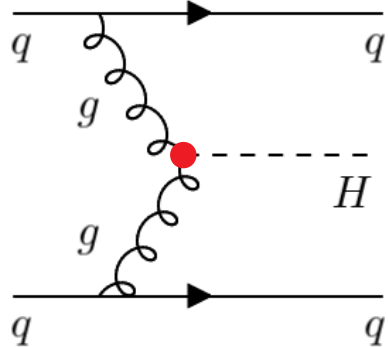
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$H \rightarrow \tau\tau + H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

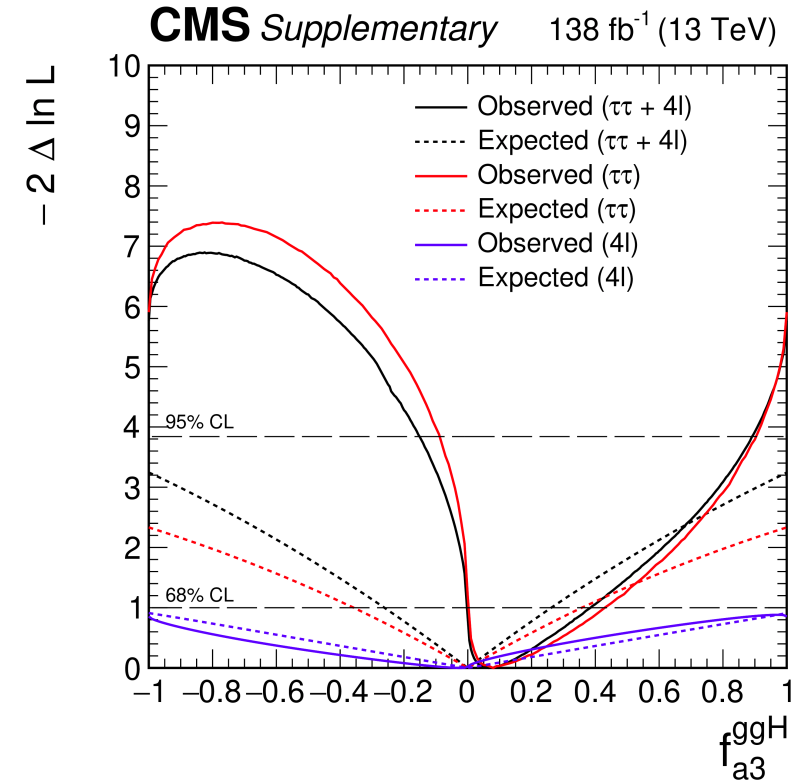
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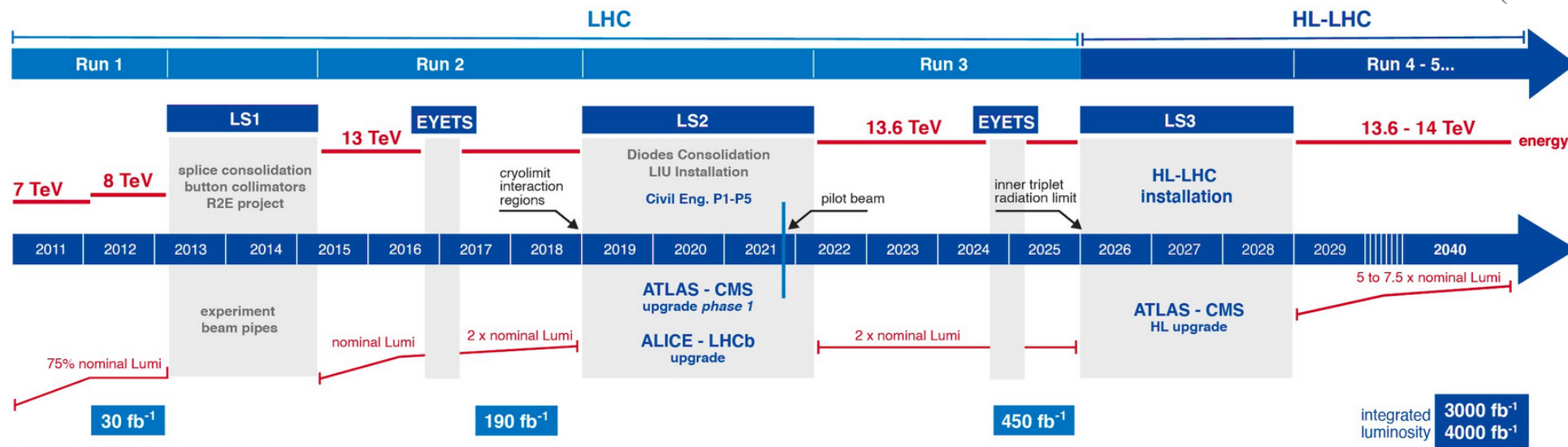
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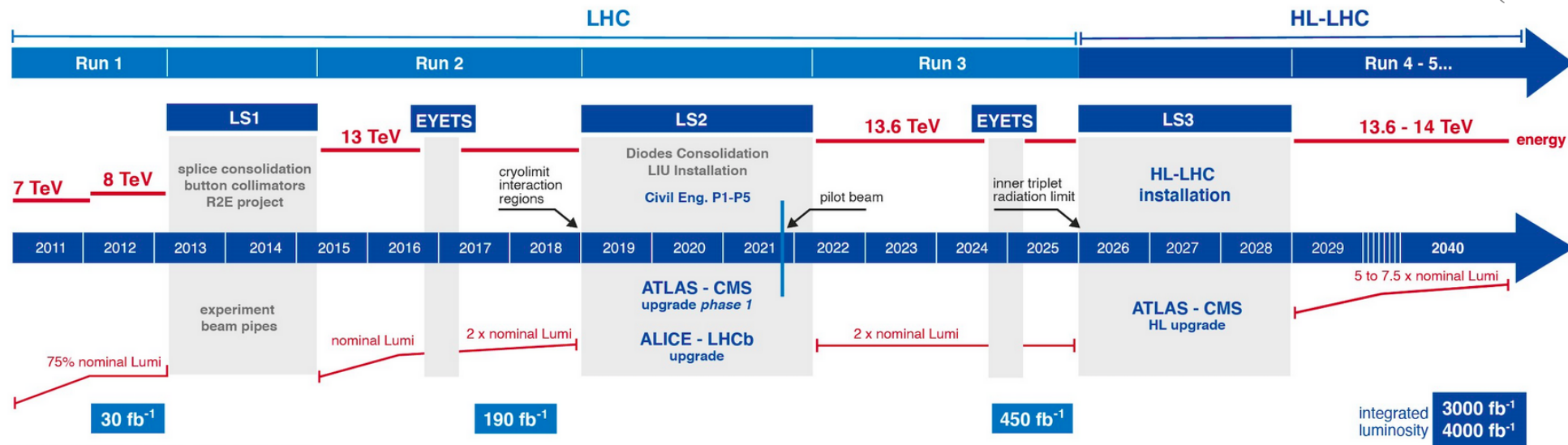


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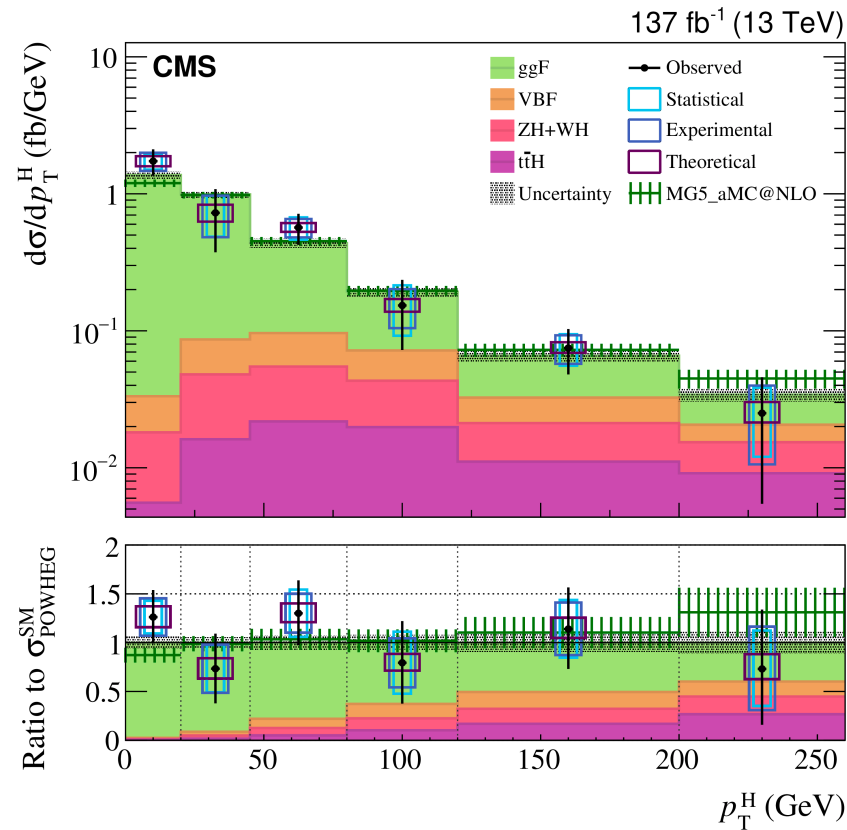
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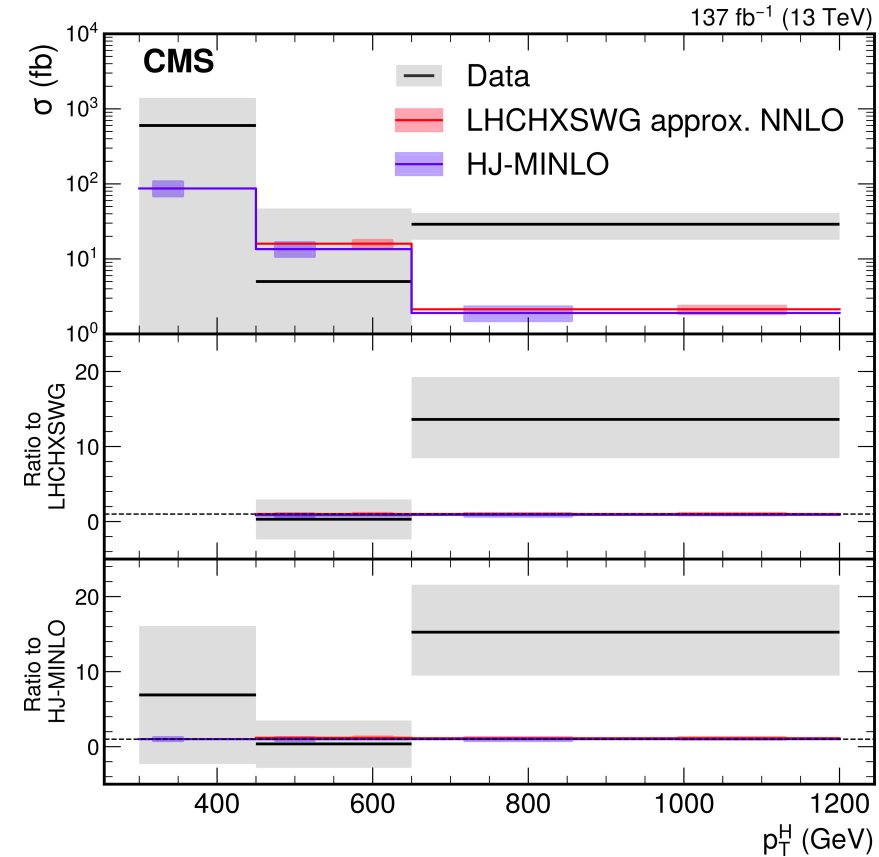
Extra Material

Differential measurement: Higgs p_T

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$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (Boosted)
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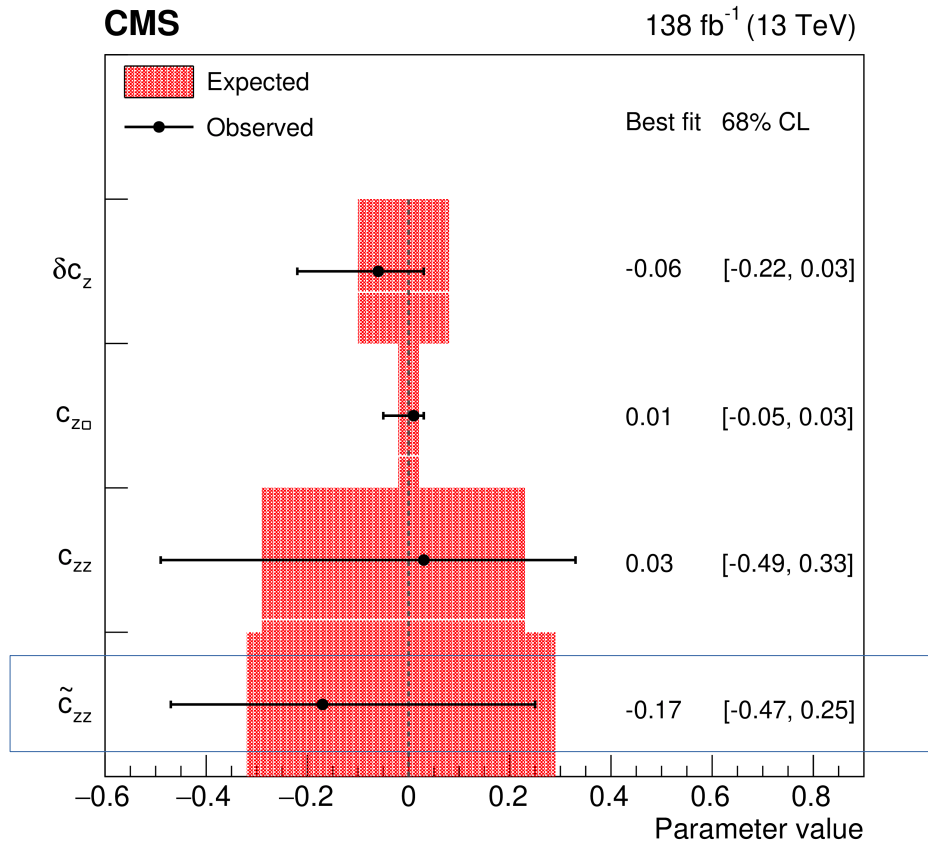
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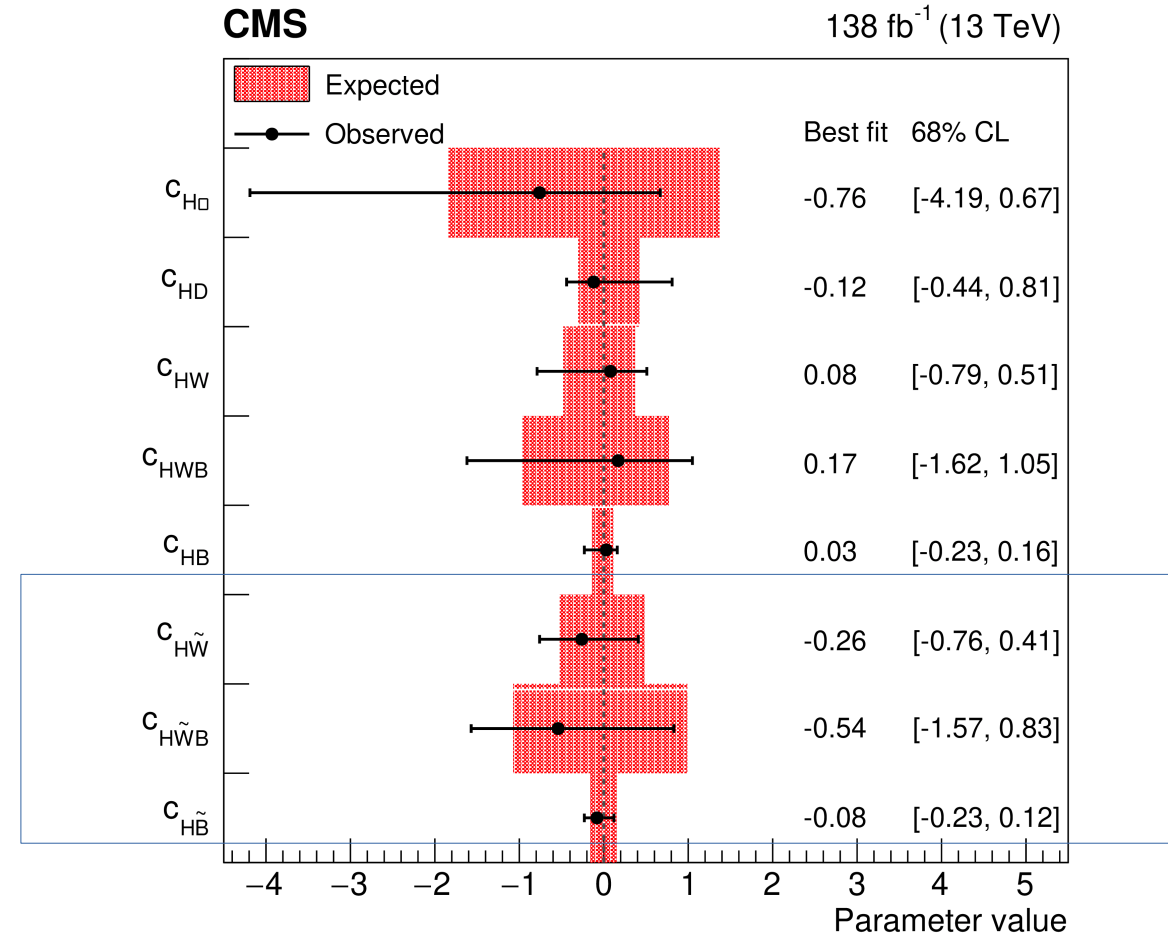
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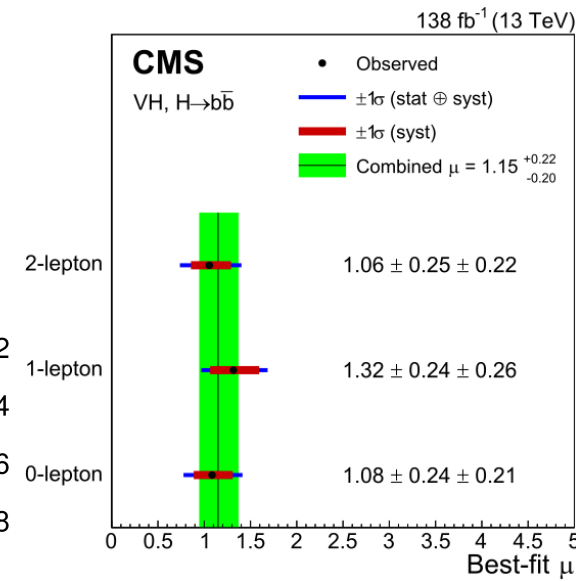
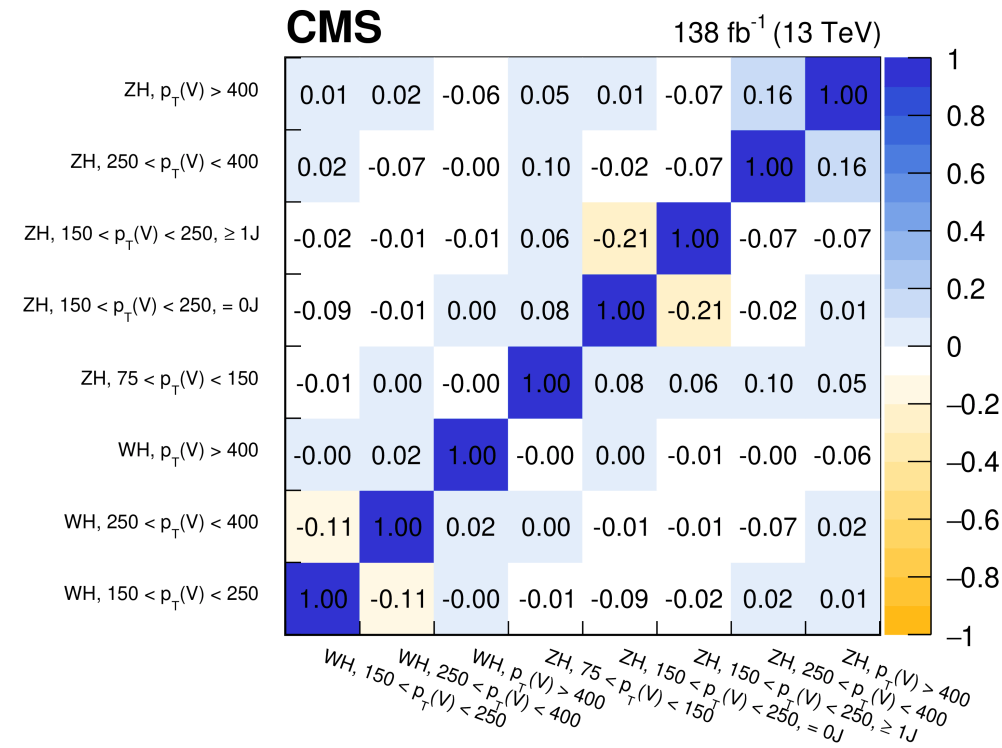
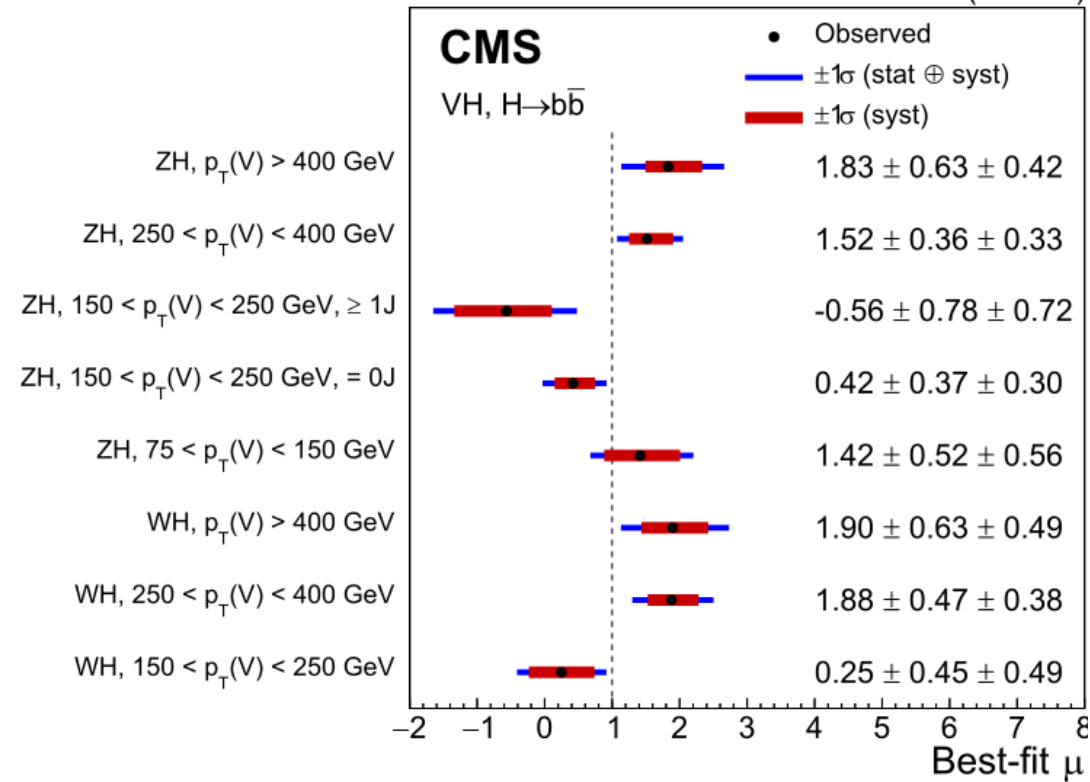
Warsaw basis



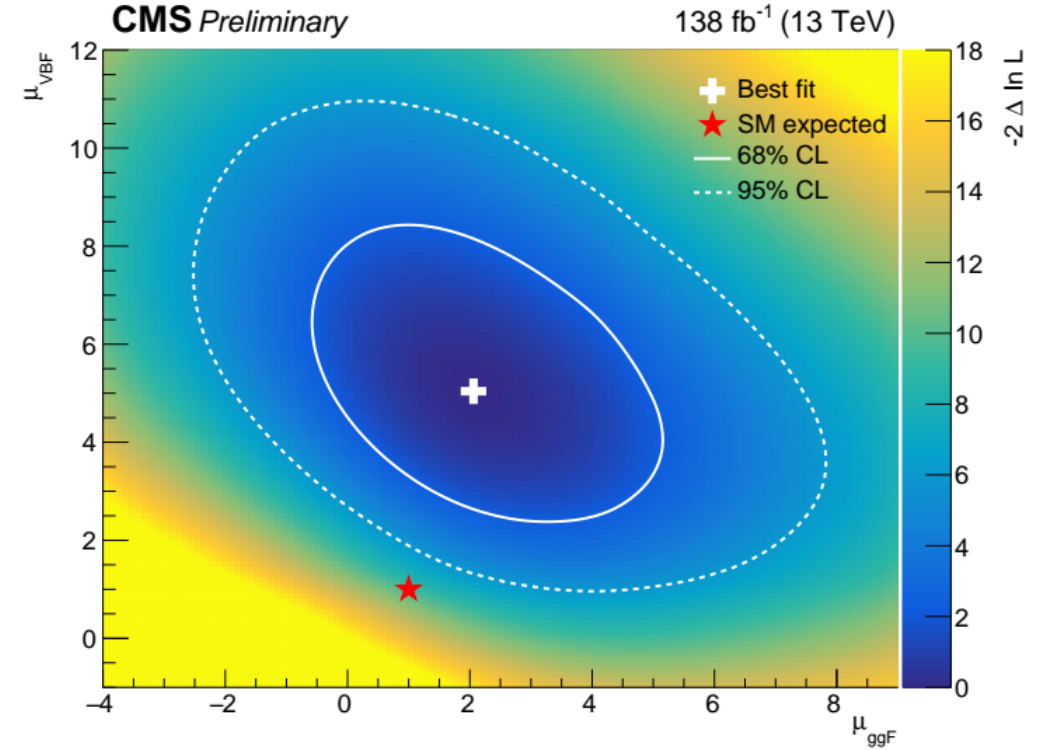
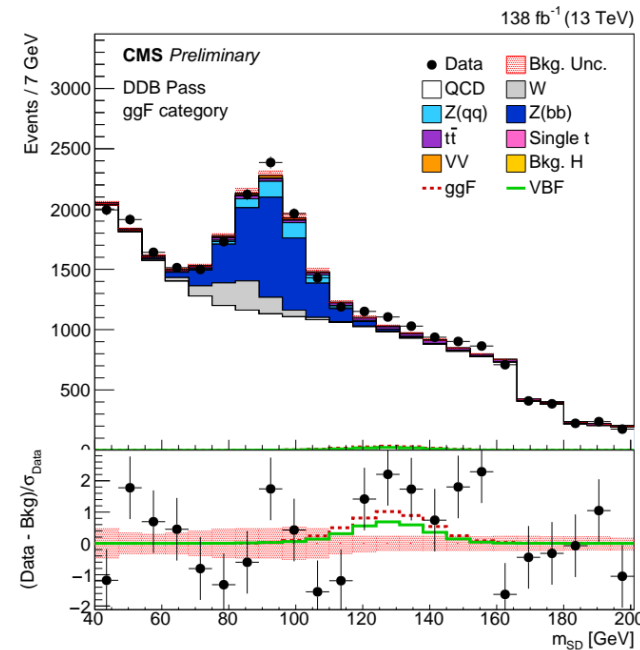
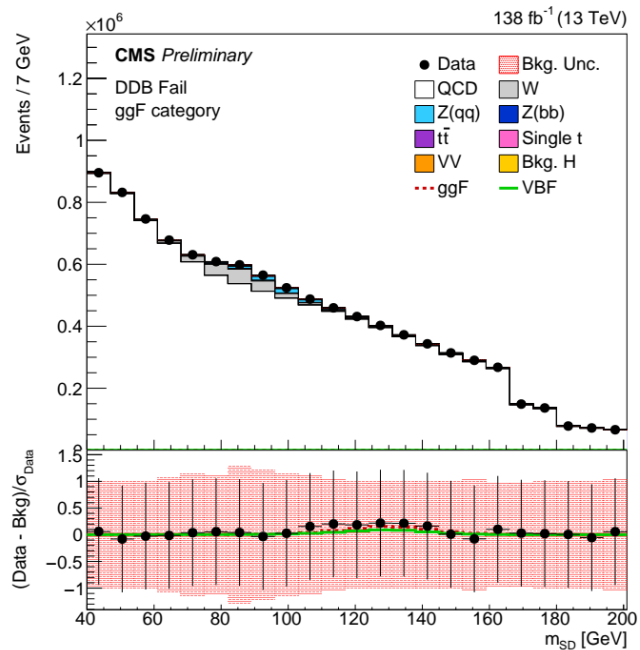
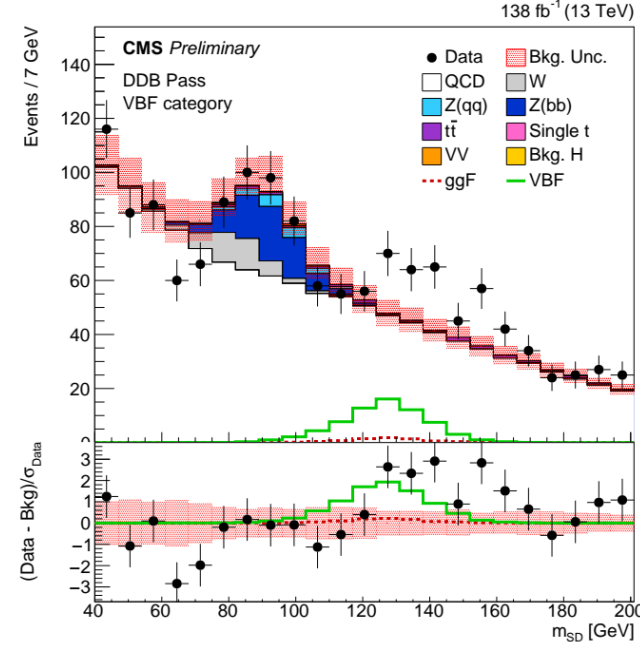
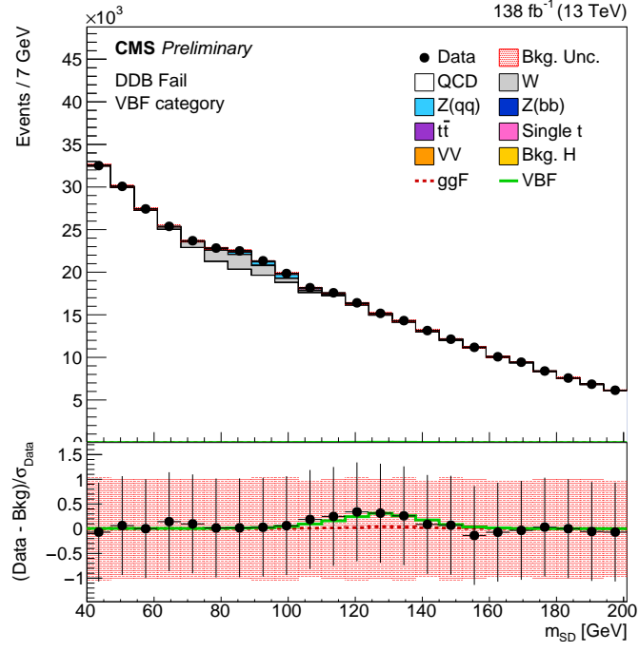
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138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



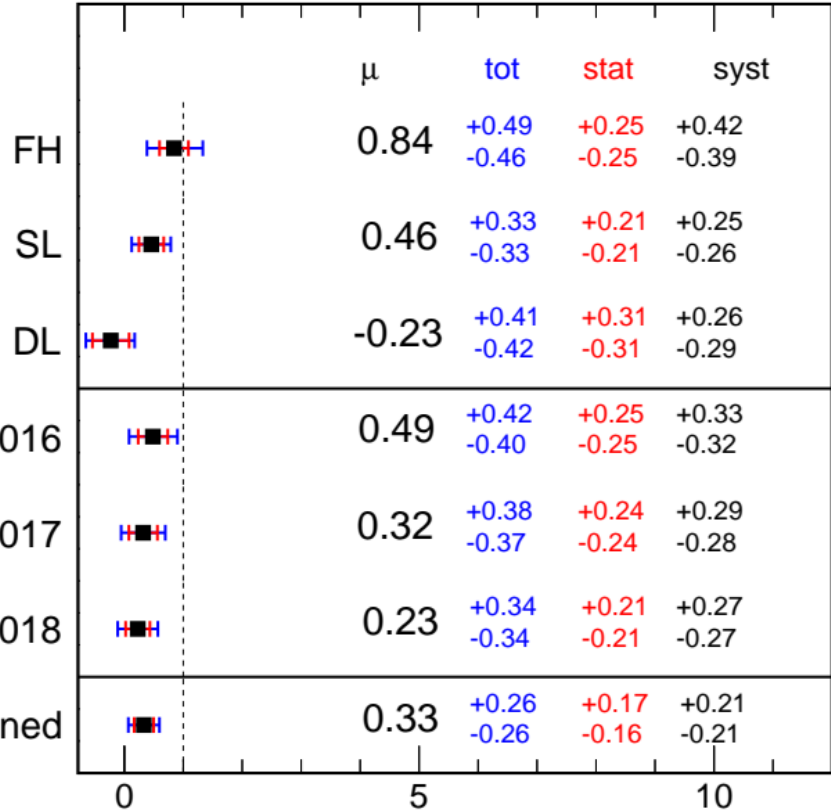
VBF + ggF Hbb



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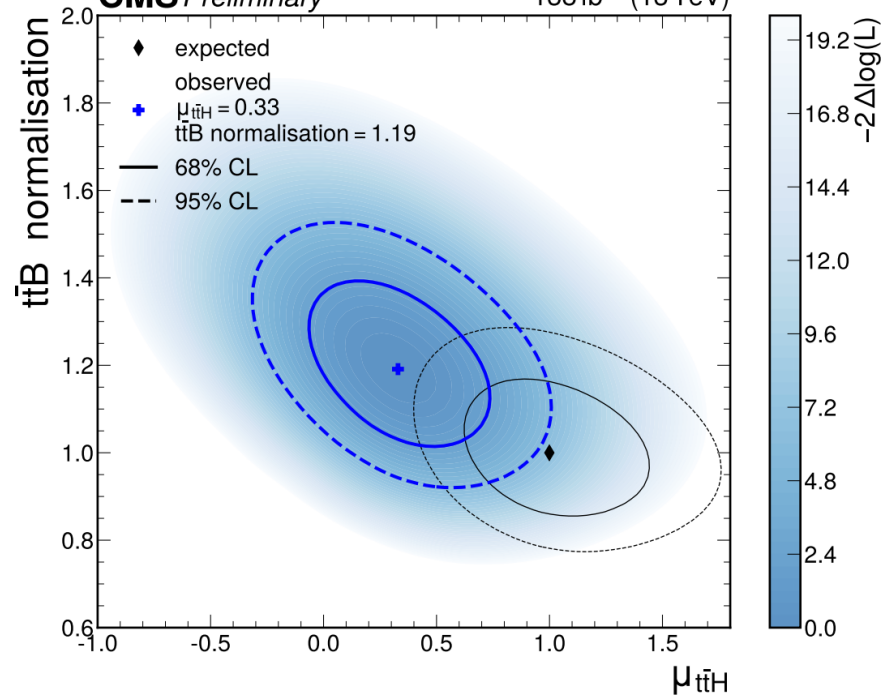
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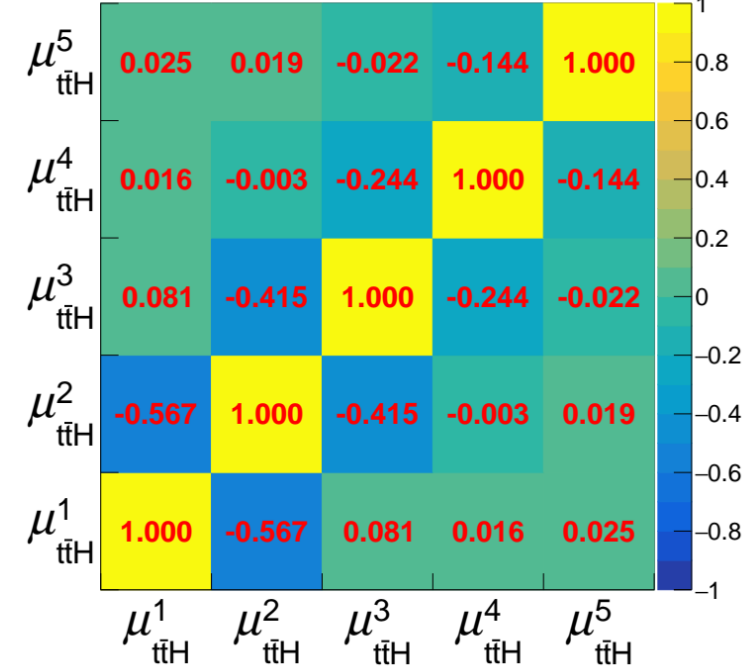


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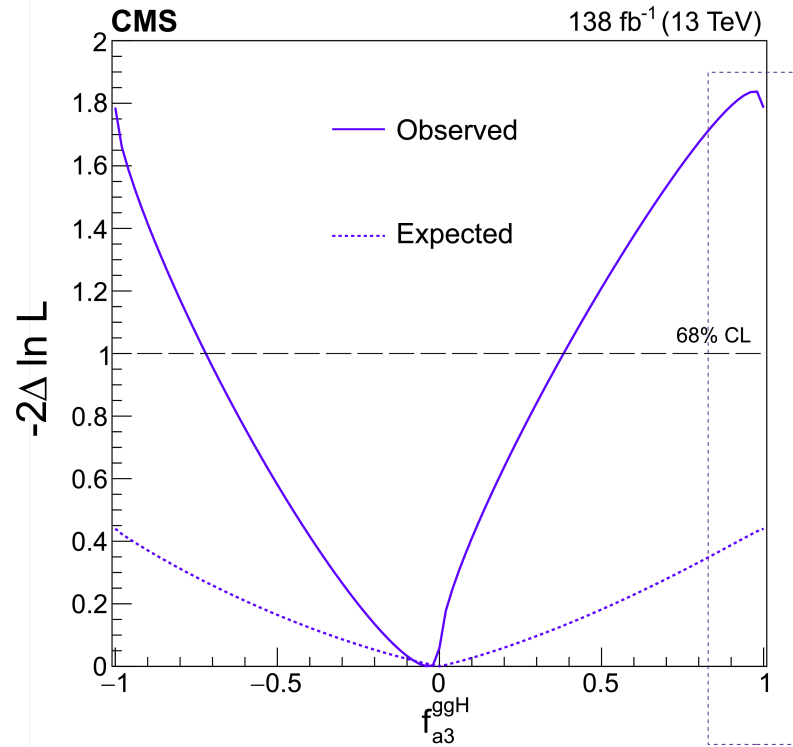
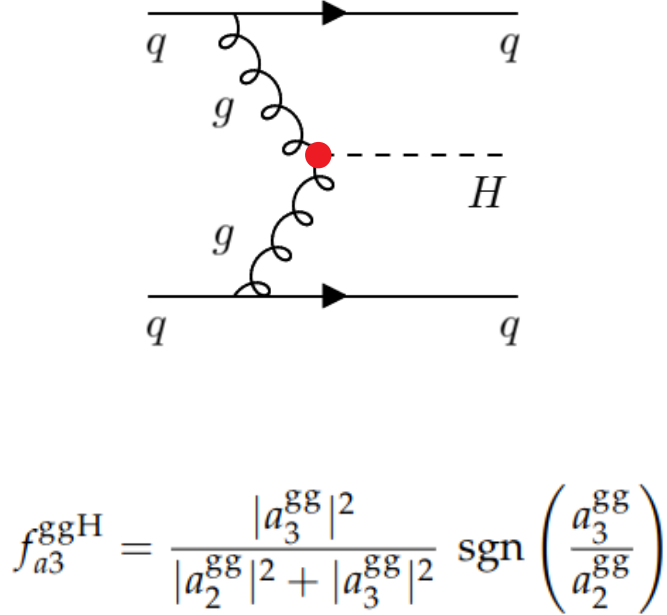


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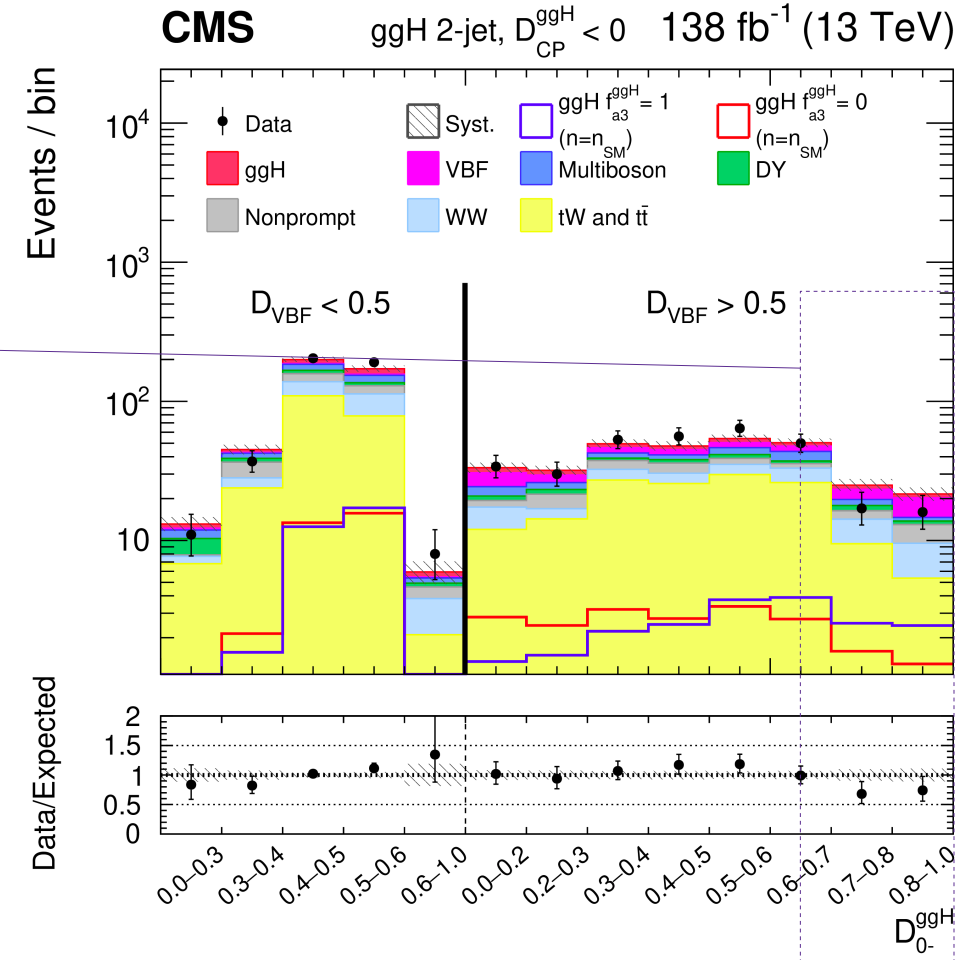
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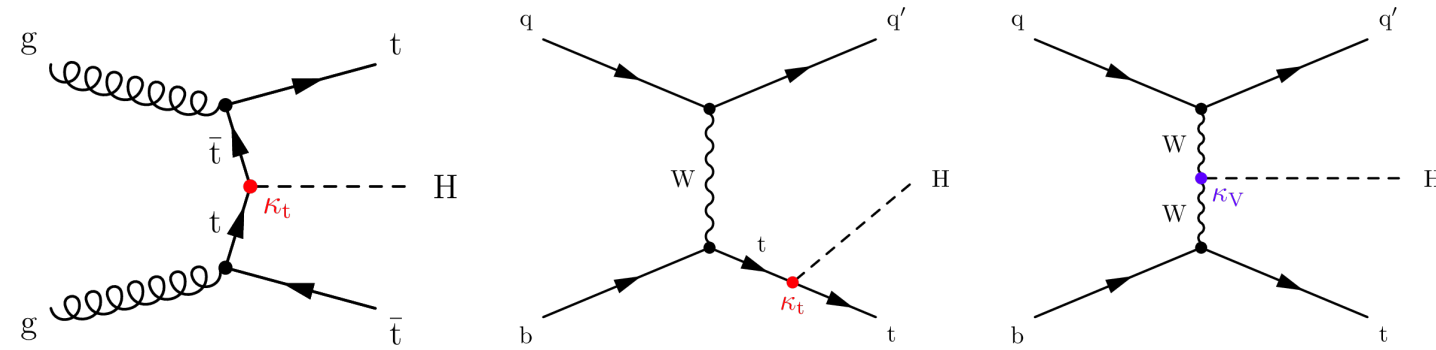
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Measurements for $t\bar{t}H/tH(bb)$

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$t\bar{t}H(\rightarrow bb)$: 4b + 0/1/2 leptons + jets

$tH(\rightarrow bb)W$: 3b + 0/1/2 leptons + jets

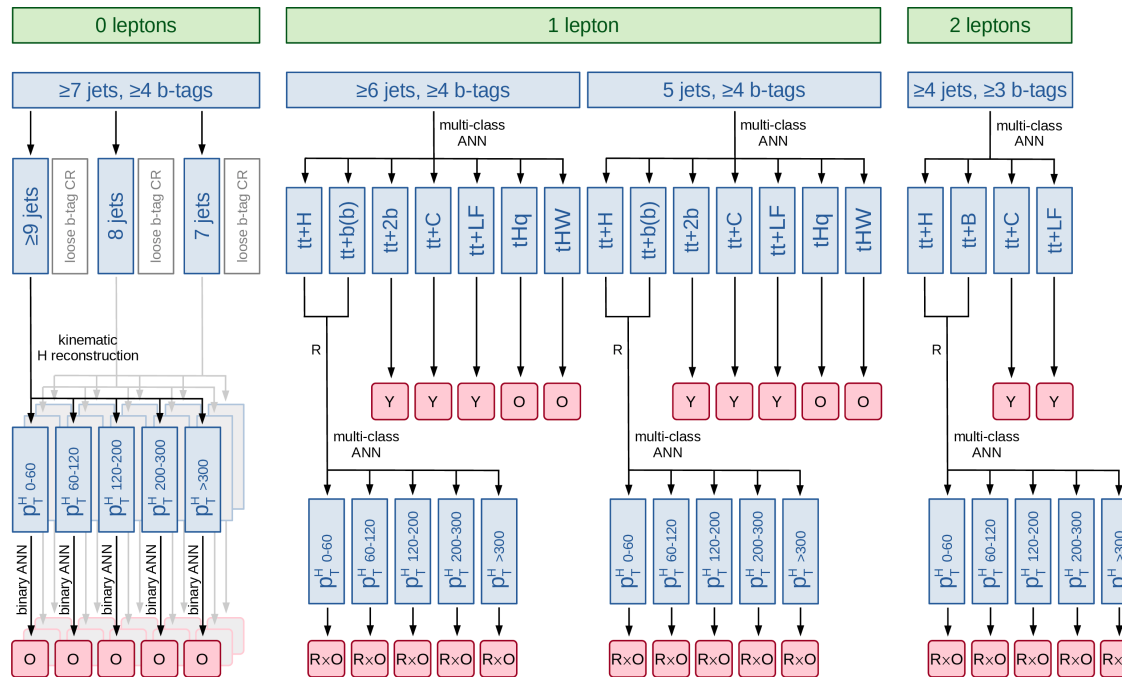
$tH(\rightarrow bb)q$: 3b + 0/1 leptons + jets (1 forward)

Signal regions defined using # of jets, # of b-tagged jets

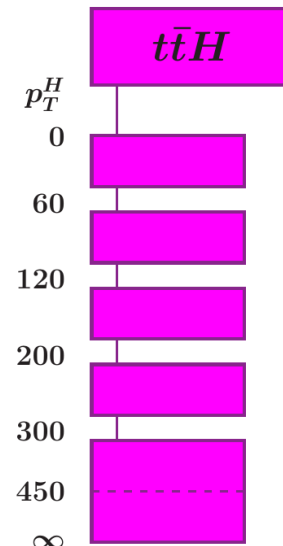
Artificial neural networks (ANNs) used to separate signal & backgrounds

Assigning events to STXS $H p_T$ bins:
ANN or kinematic reconstruction

Signal extraction with (combination of) ANN scores



Stage 1.2



Distribution in template fit, event yield (Y), ANN output (O), likelihood ratio of ANN outputs (R)