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Higgs differential cross section and STXS measurements at CMS



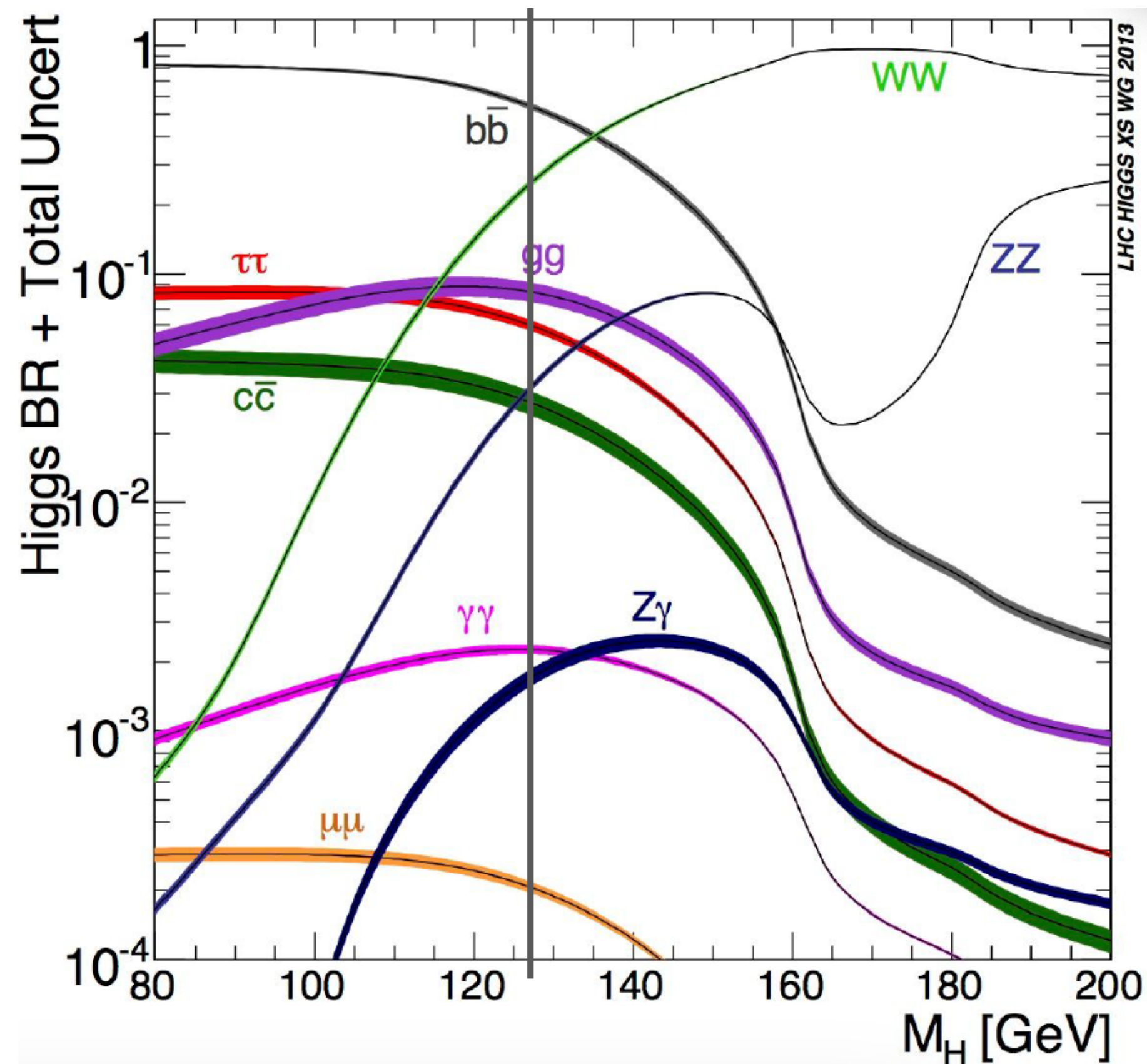
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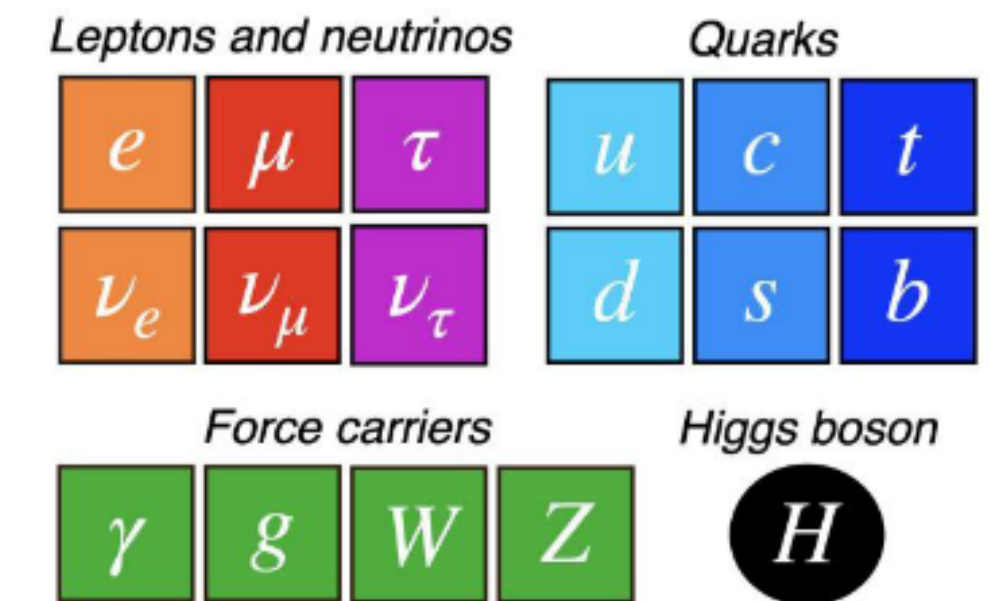
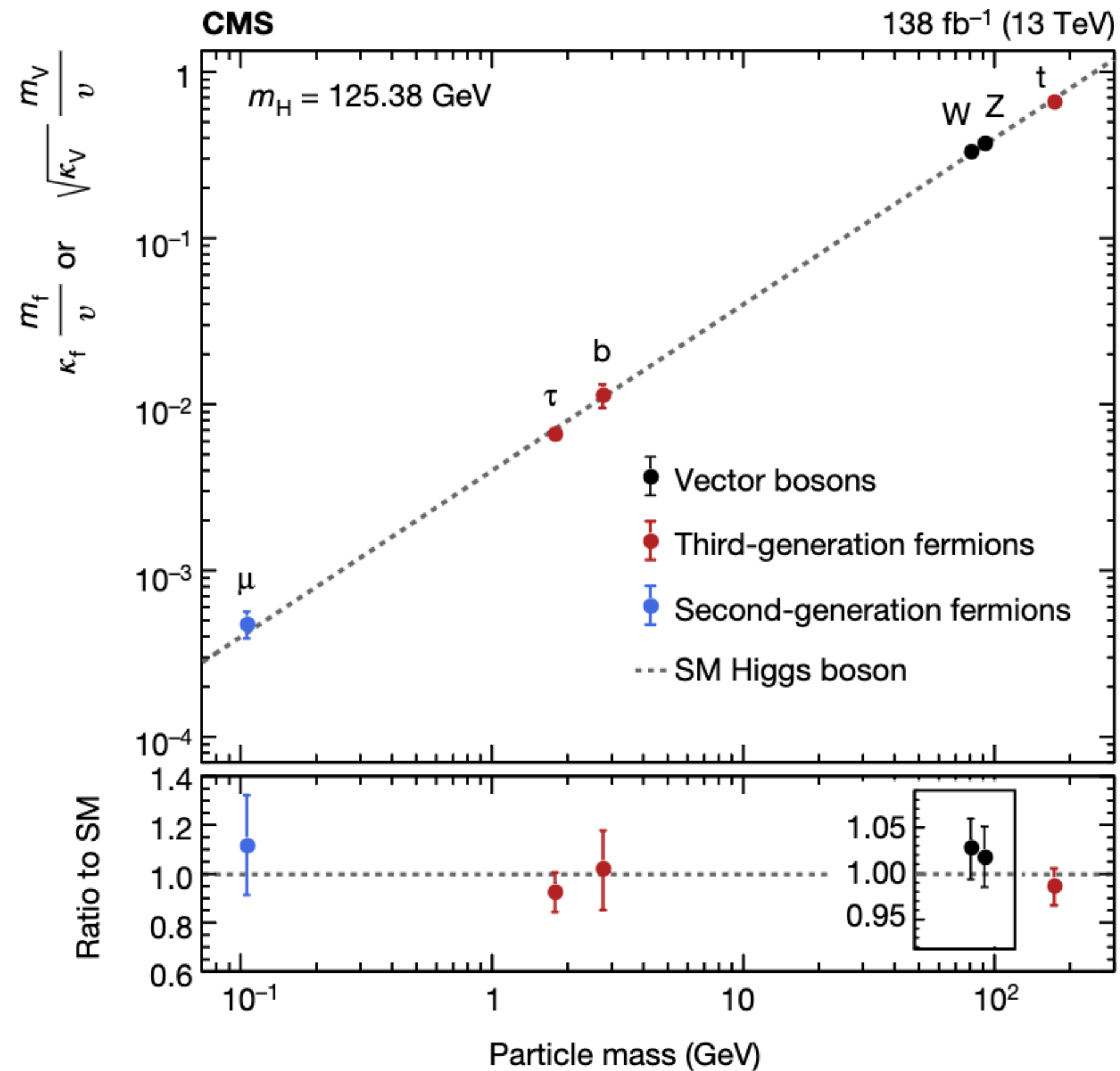


Overview

- * Higgs boson discovered in 2012 at CERN
- * Its properties have been measured with evolving precision since the discovery
 - Couplings, cross-section and etc.
- * Several decay modes studied so far.



<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-022-04892-x>



Decay Channel		CMS data	Results	URL(s)
Bosonic	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Early Run3 (2022)	Inclusive, differential (1D)	CMS-PAS-HIG-23-014
	$H \rightarrow ZZ$	Early Run3 (2022)	Inclusive, differential (1D)	CMS-PAS-HIG-24-013
	$H \rightarrow WW$	Full Run2	STXS	Eur. Phys. J. C 83 (2023) 667 ★
Fermionic	$H \rightarrow bb$	Full Run2	STXS	CMS-PAS-HIG-21-020 CMS-PAS-HIG-19-011 10.1007/JHEP01(2024)173 10.1103/PhysRevD.109.092011 10.1140/epjc/s10052-024-13021-z ★
				10.1140/epjc/s10052-023-11452-8 10.1103/PhysRevLett.128.081805 10.1016/j.physletb.2024.138964 ★
Combination	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, $H \rightarrow ZZ$, $H \rightarrow WW$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (boosted)	Full Run2	Differential, Interpretations	CMS-PAS-HIG-23-013

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ measurement (early Run3 CMS data)

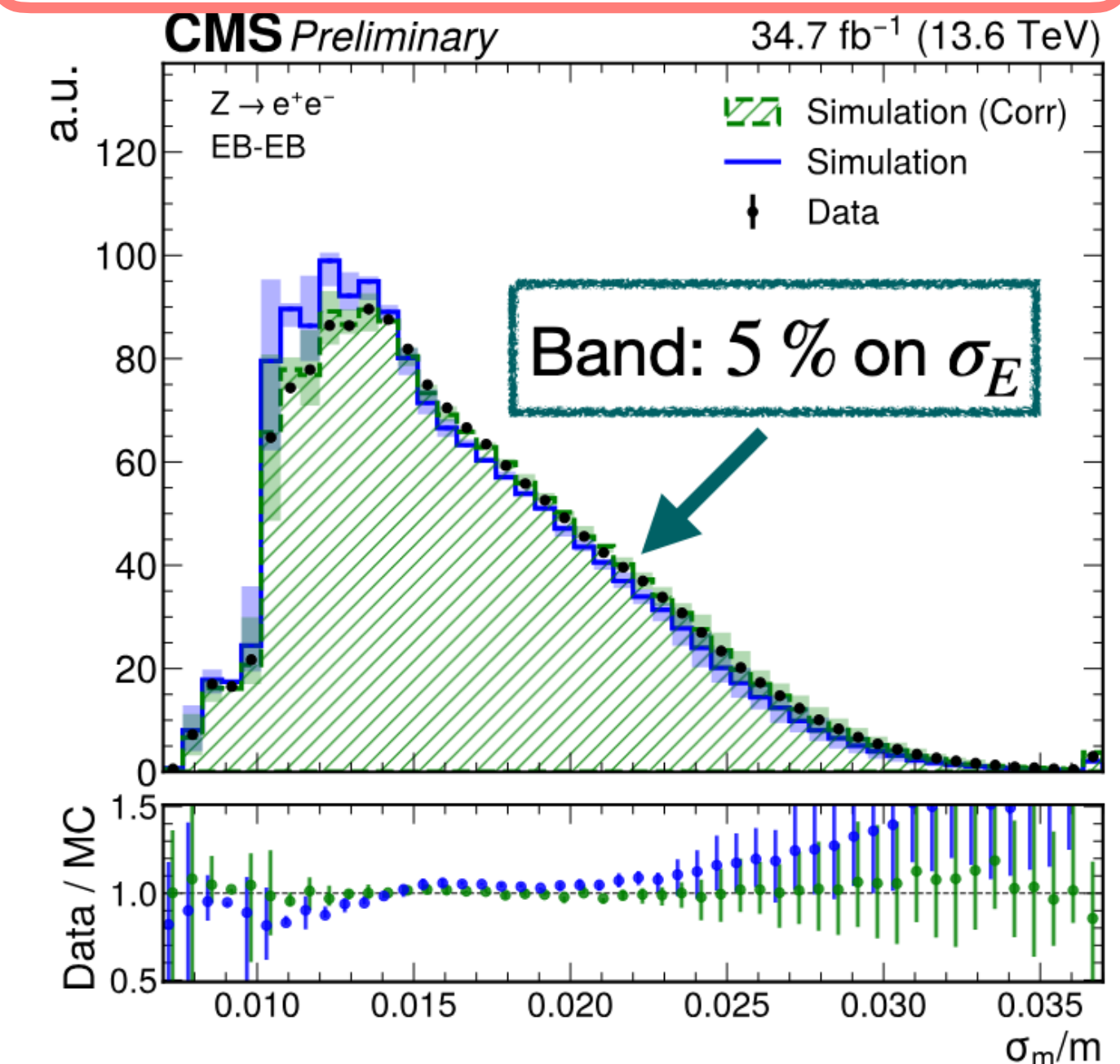
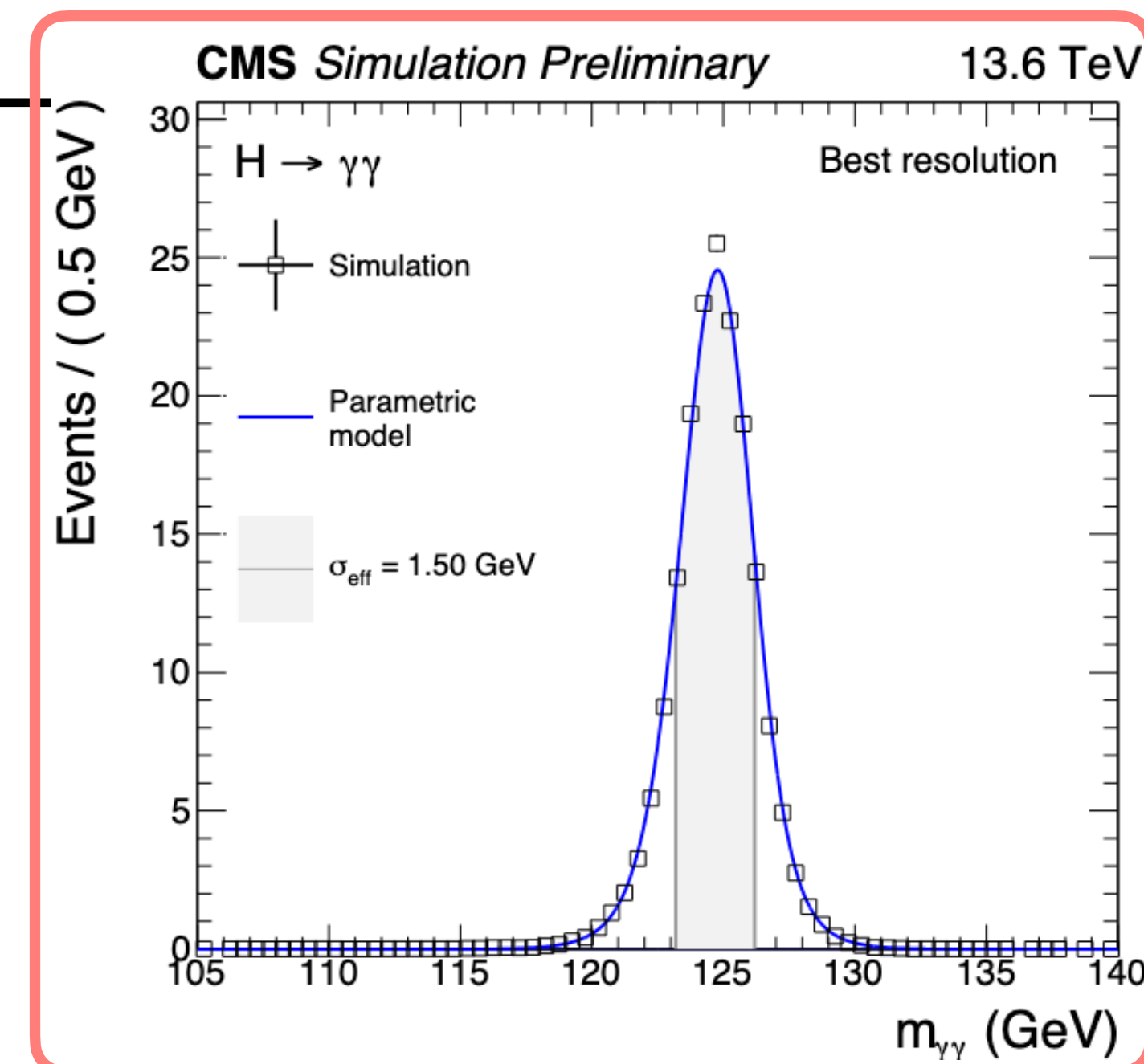
*Overall, similar strategy in Run 2 and Run3

- Requirements on p_T^γ , η_{SC} , photon ID, and shower shape and isolation observables to match the HLT requirements
- Suppression of non-prompt photons with BDT (correction for disagreement in input variables for photon ID BDT applied)
 - single normalising flow (2403.18582) conditioned on kinematics (**new approach in Run3**)
- In contrast to $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$, lower S/B ratio
- However, excellent data-driven background estimation under the peak

*Categorisation based on **mass resolution** (**best**, medium, worst)

$$\frac{\sigma_m}{m} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{E_1}}{E_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{E_2}}{E_2}\right)^2}$$

*Inclusive and differential measurement

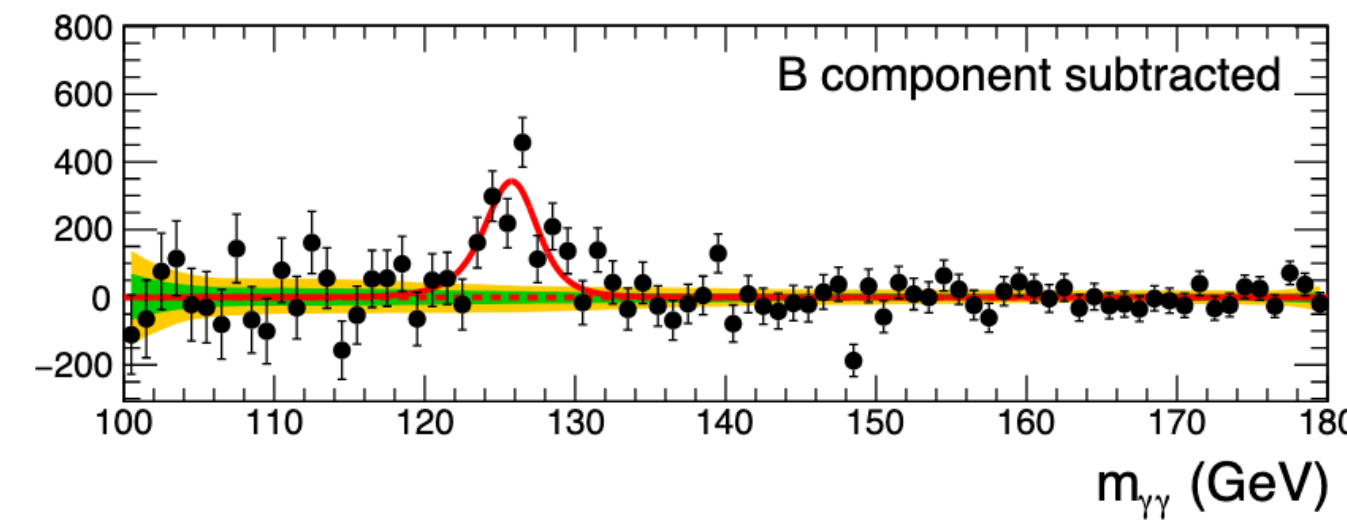
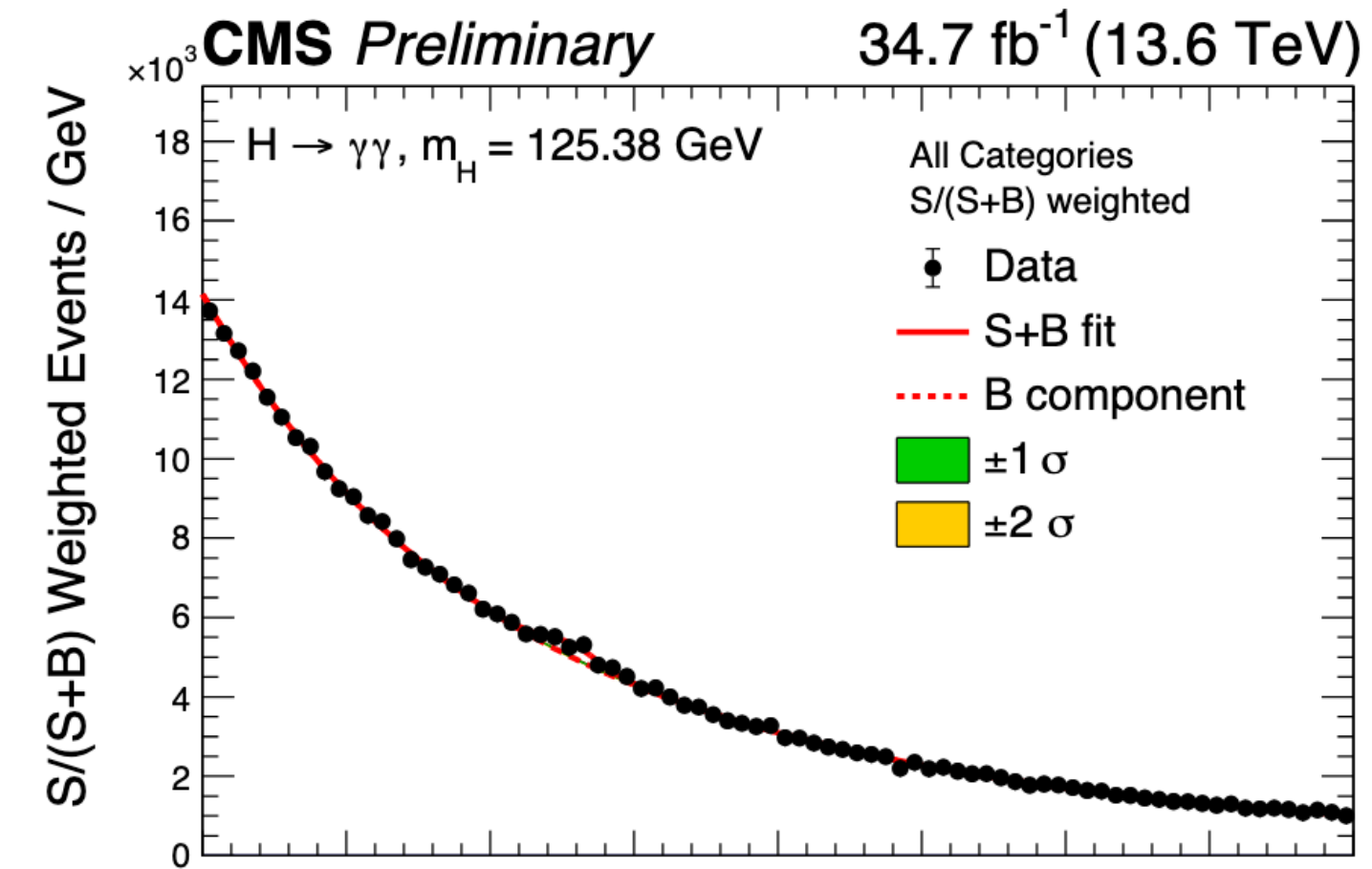
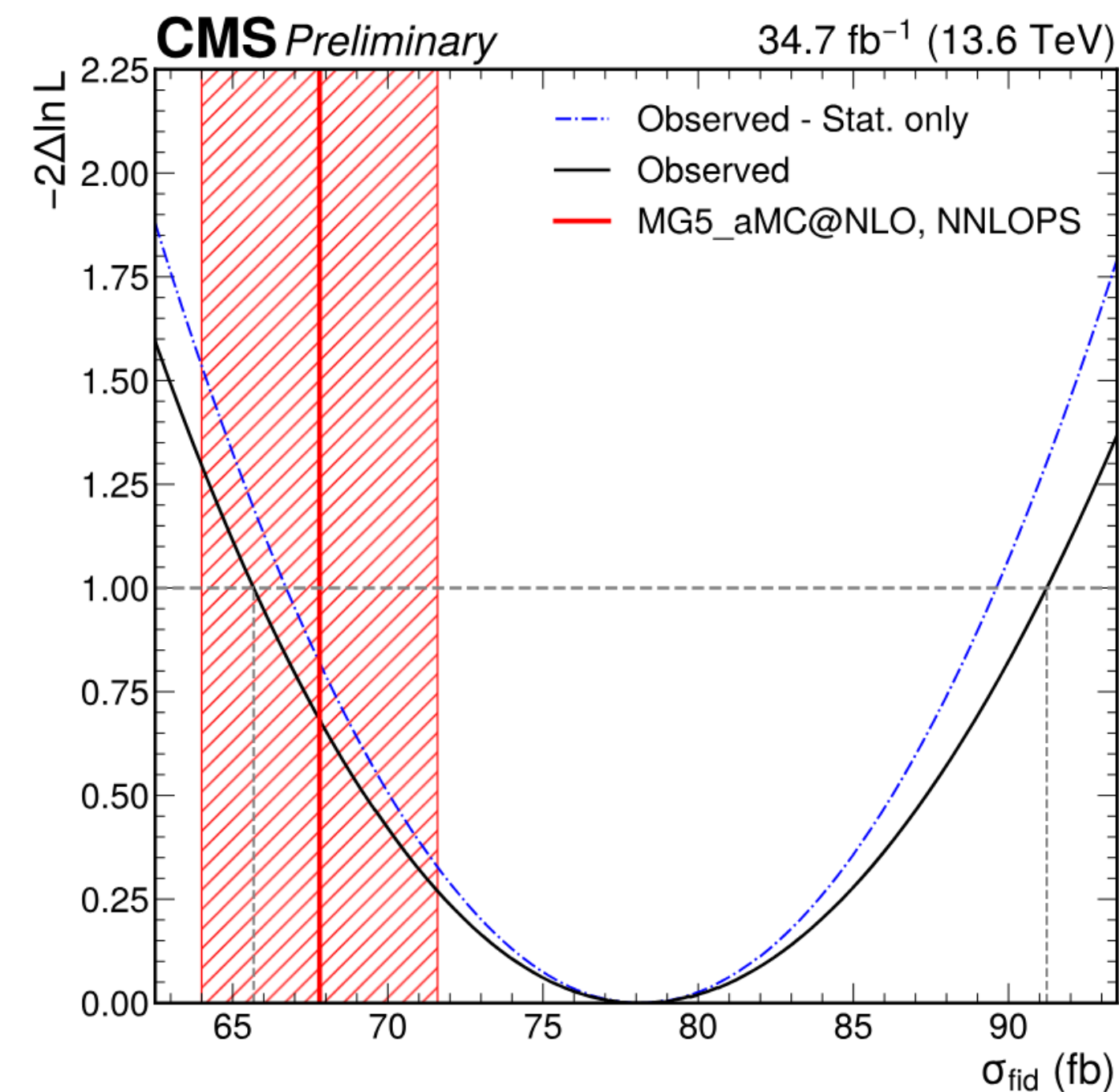


- * Apply fiducial requirement on geometric mean: $\frac{\sqrt{p_T^{\gamma_1} p_T^{\gamma_2}}}{m_{\gamma\gamma}} > \frac{1}{3}$
 - “OutsideAcceptance” events fixed to SM and treated as **signal**
 - Improved perturbative convergence in phase space (2106.08329)

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 78 \pm 11 \text{ (stat.)}_{-5}^{+6} \text{ (syst.) fb} = 78_{-12}^{+13} \text{ fb}$$

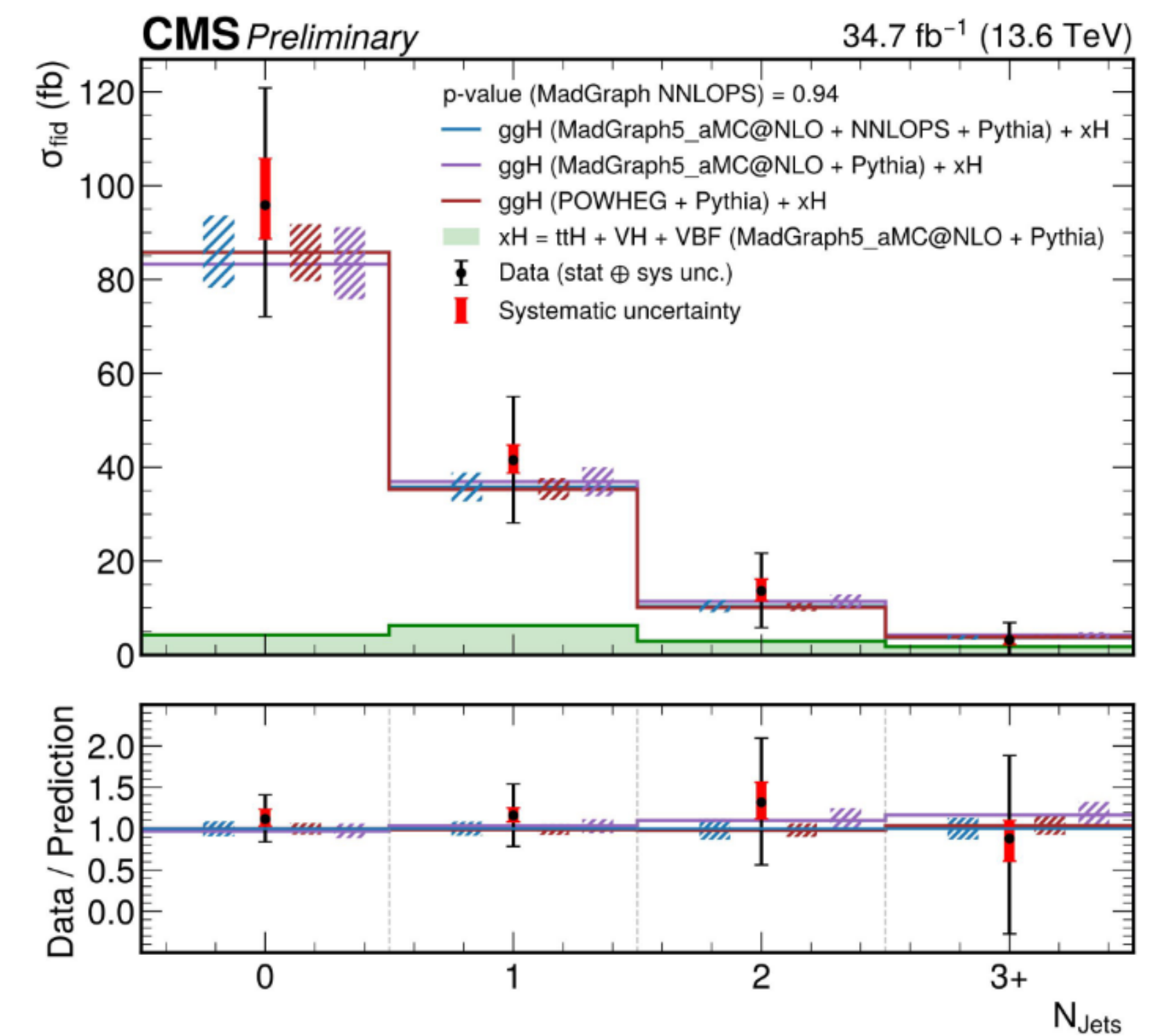
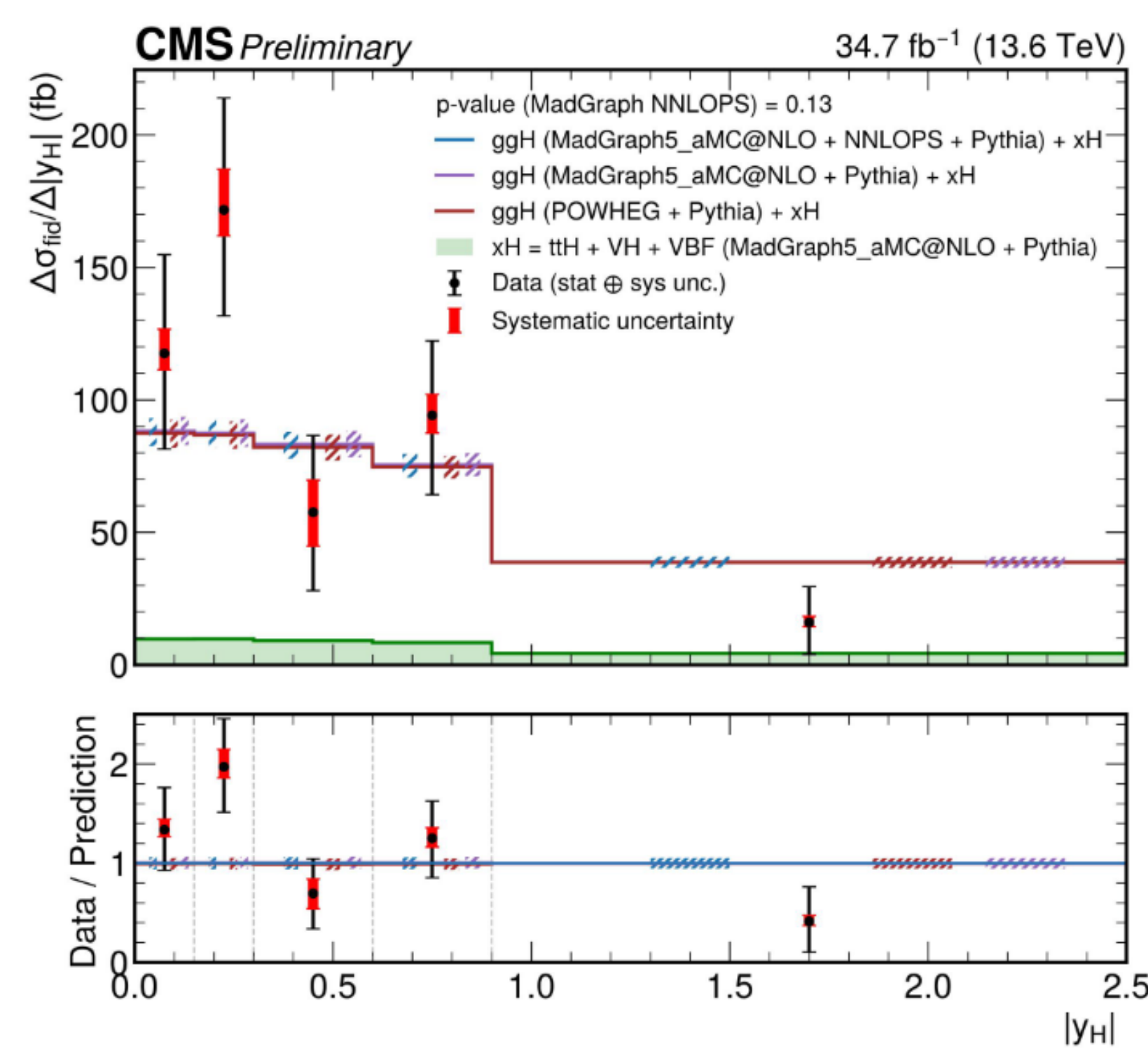
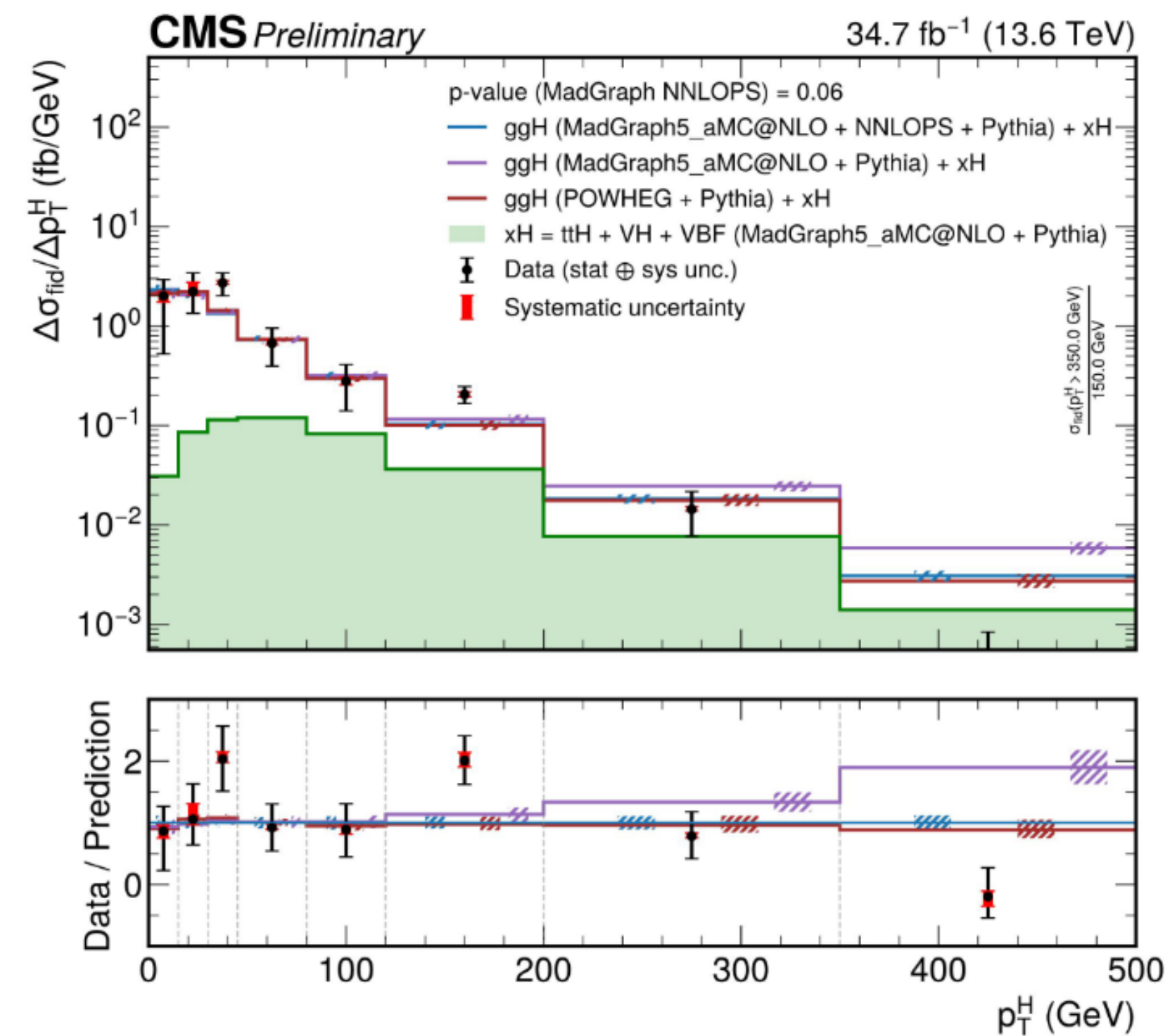
- * Systematics dominated by photon scale/resolution

Systematic uncertainty	Magnitude
Photon energy scale and resolution group	+5.8% / - 4.9%
Category migration from energy resolution	+3.5% / - 3.9%
Integrated luminosity	±1.4%
Photon preselection efficiency	±1.4%
Non-linearity	+0.8% / - 1.6%
Photon identification efficiency	±1.0%
Pileup reweighting	±0.8%

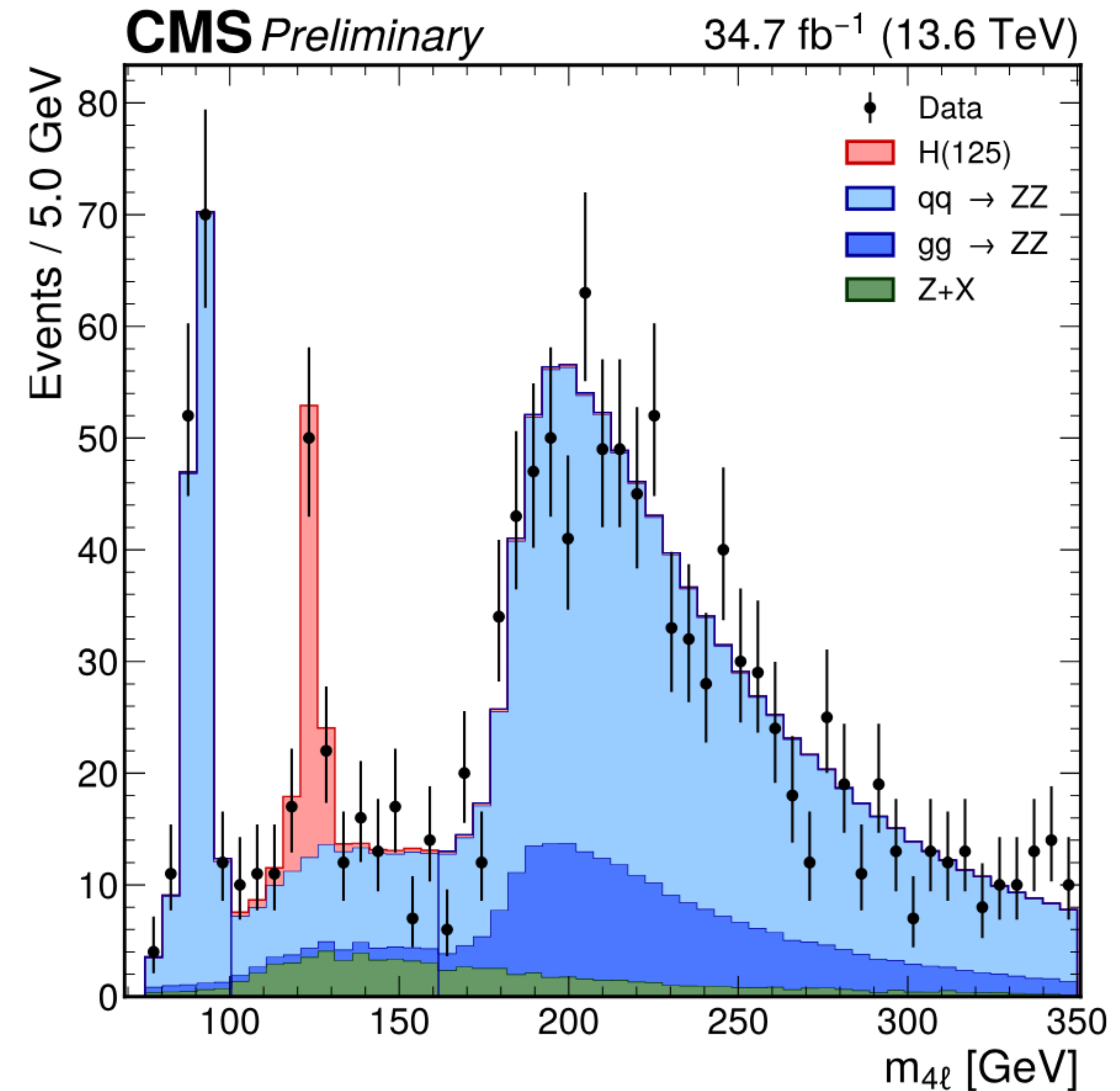


*3 variables studied: p_T^H , $|y^H|$ and N_{jets}

- In agreement with SM
- Systematics dominated by photon scale/resolution



- * Well-suited for measurement with a clean signal
- * Overall, similar strategy in Run 2 and Run 3
 - Requirements on lepton kinematics (p_T , η , ID), and isolation to match the HLT requirements
 - Dedicated BDT for electron identification
 - Reducible (data-driven), Irreducible (simulation)
 - Unbinned maximum-likelihood fit
- * Excellent validation of muon and electron performance of CMS
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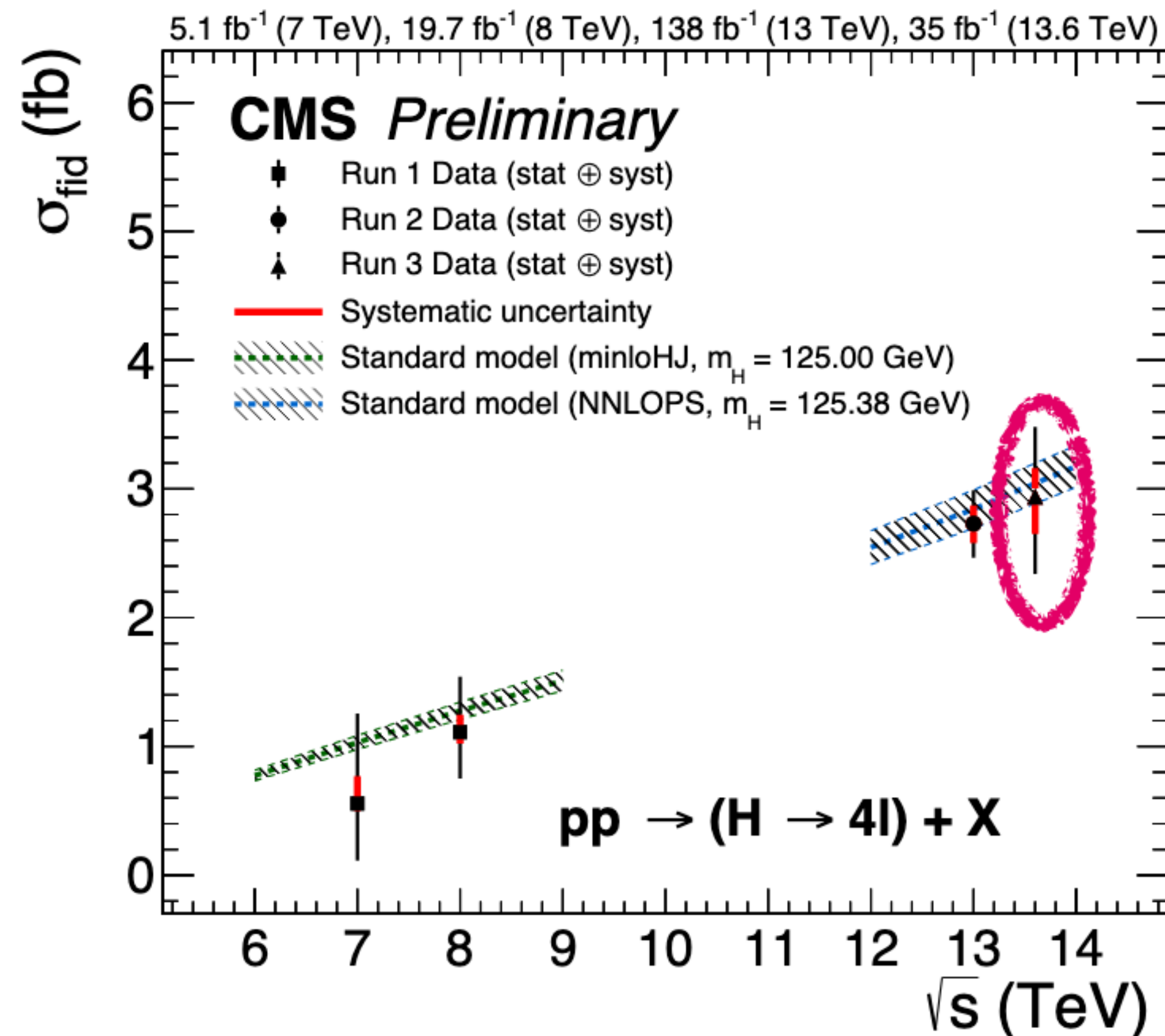
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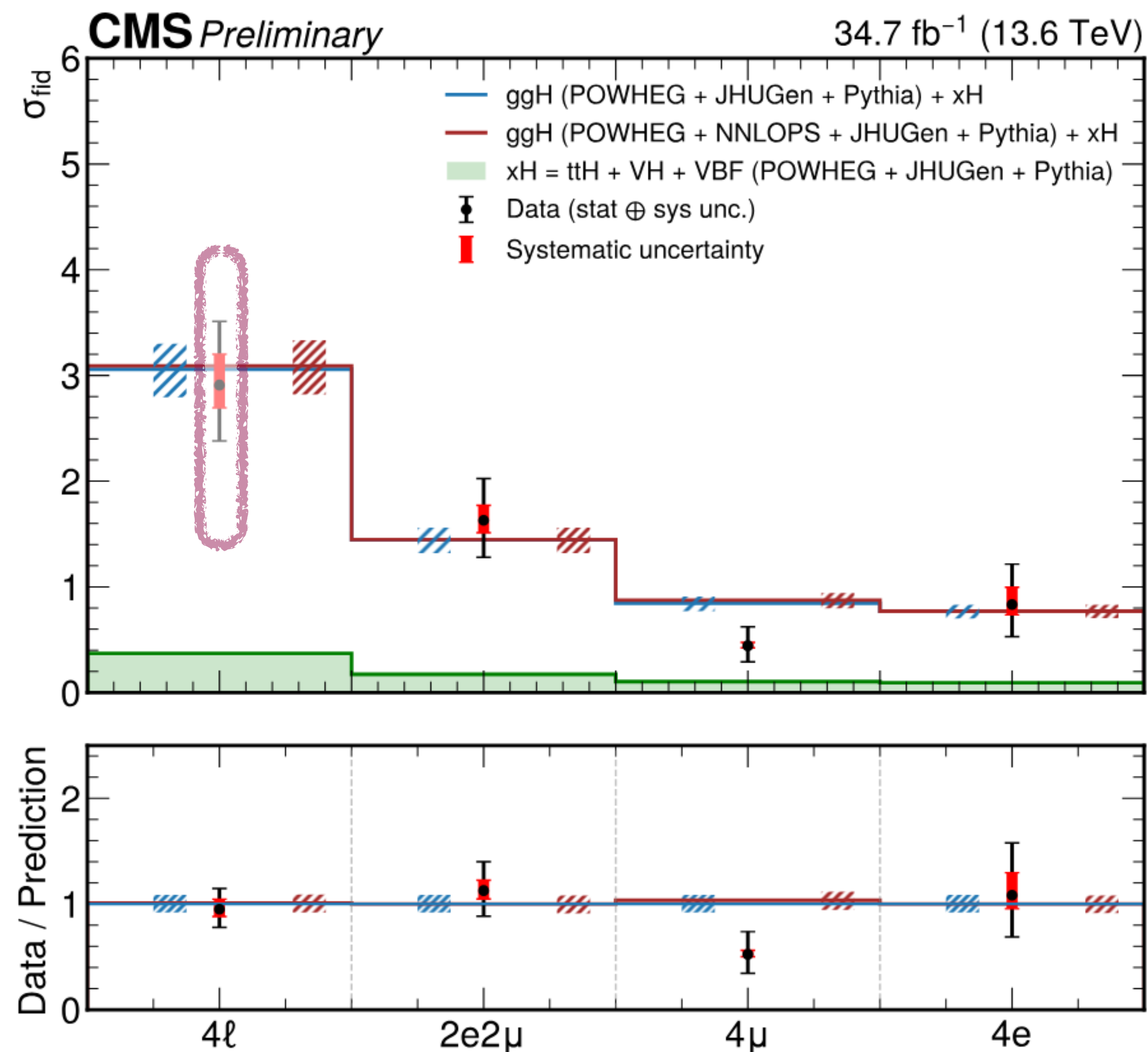
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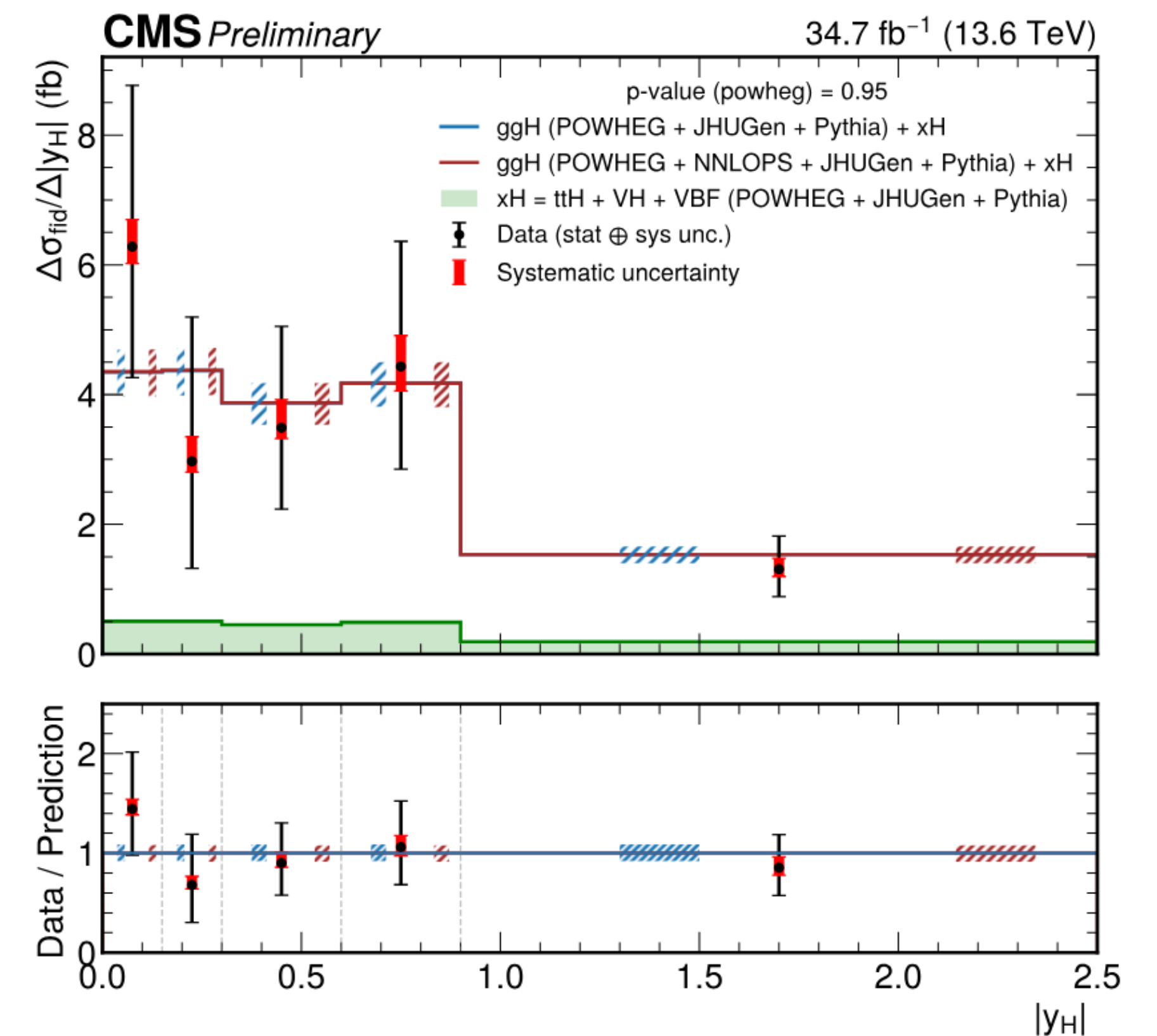
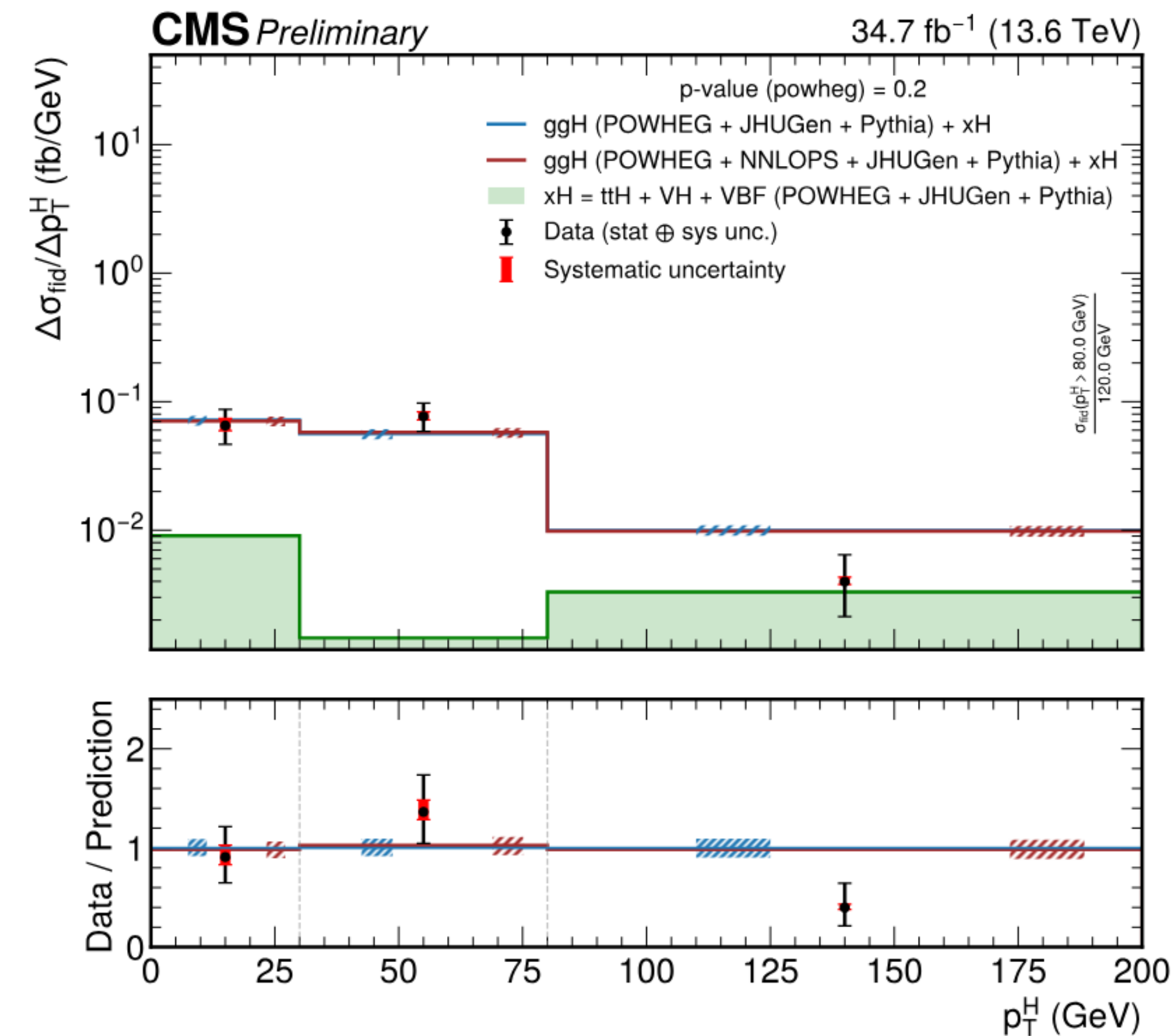
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- * Measurements per lepton category consistent with each other



* Two variables studied: p_T^H , $|y^H|$ (coarse binning w.r.t. Run2)

- In agreement with SM
- Systematics dominated by Electron efficiency

* Full Run3(+Run2) dataset \rightarrow more granular binning expected

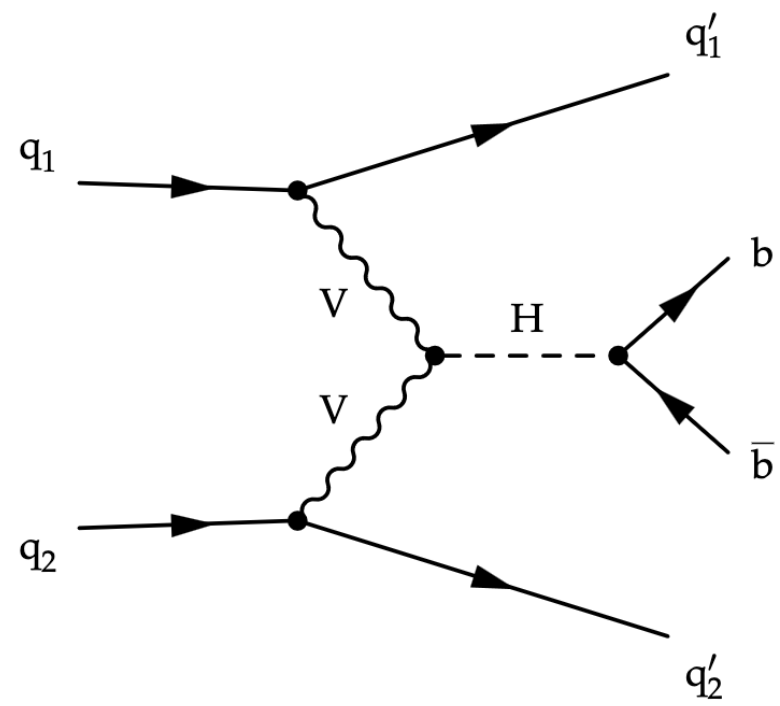


Higgs production in bb final state

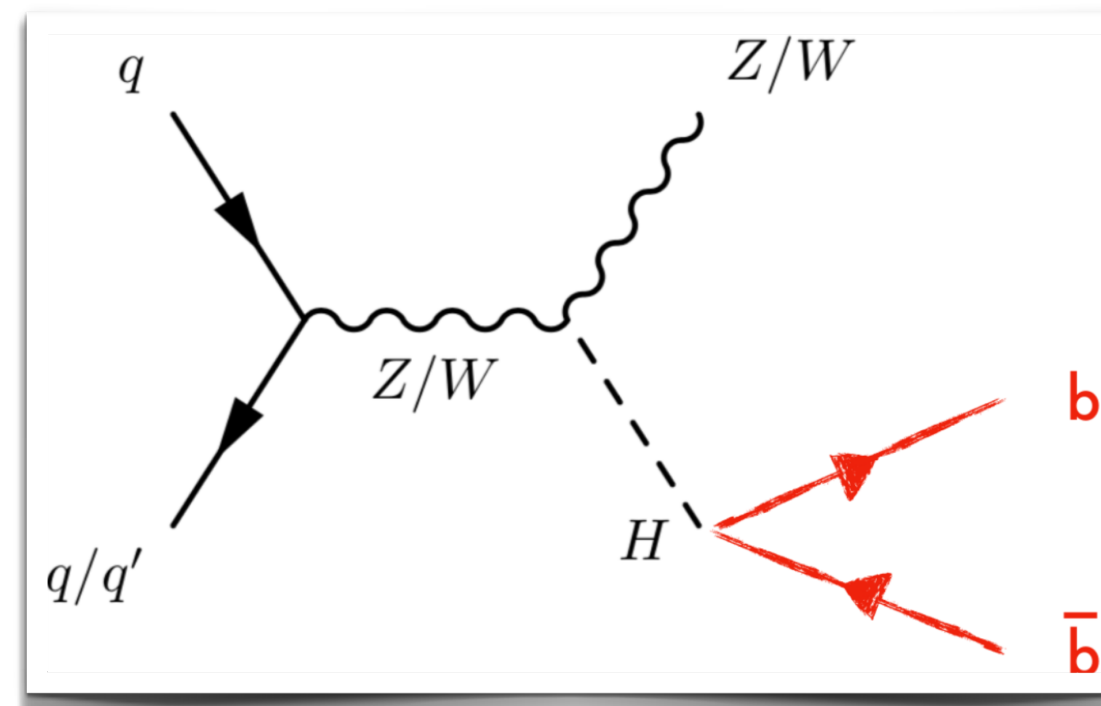
* $H \rightarrow bb$

- Signal Strengths, STXS

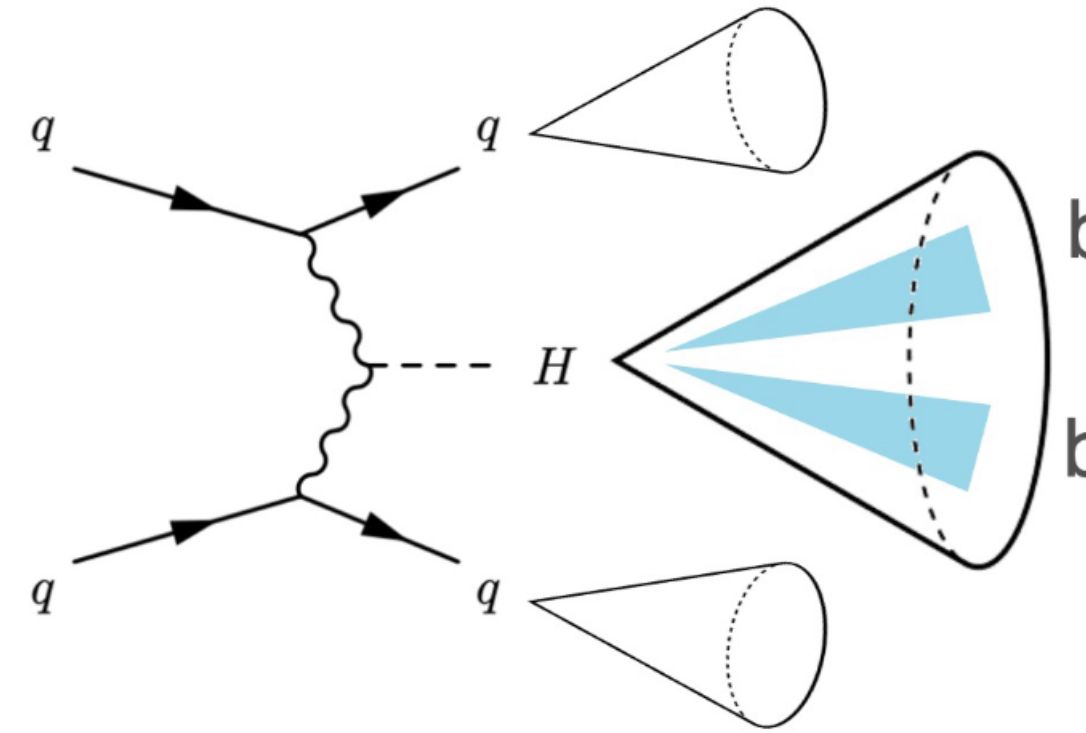
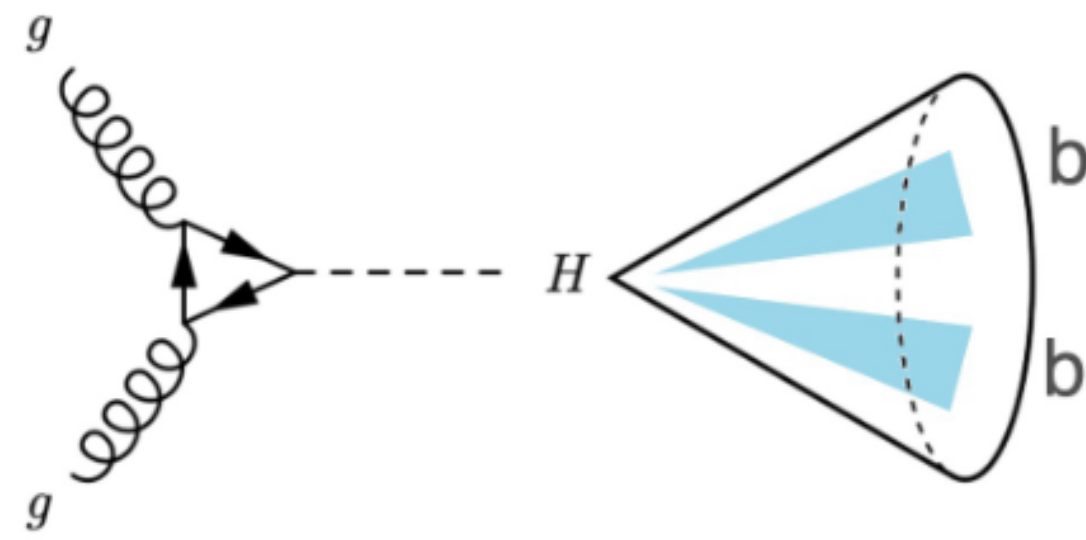
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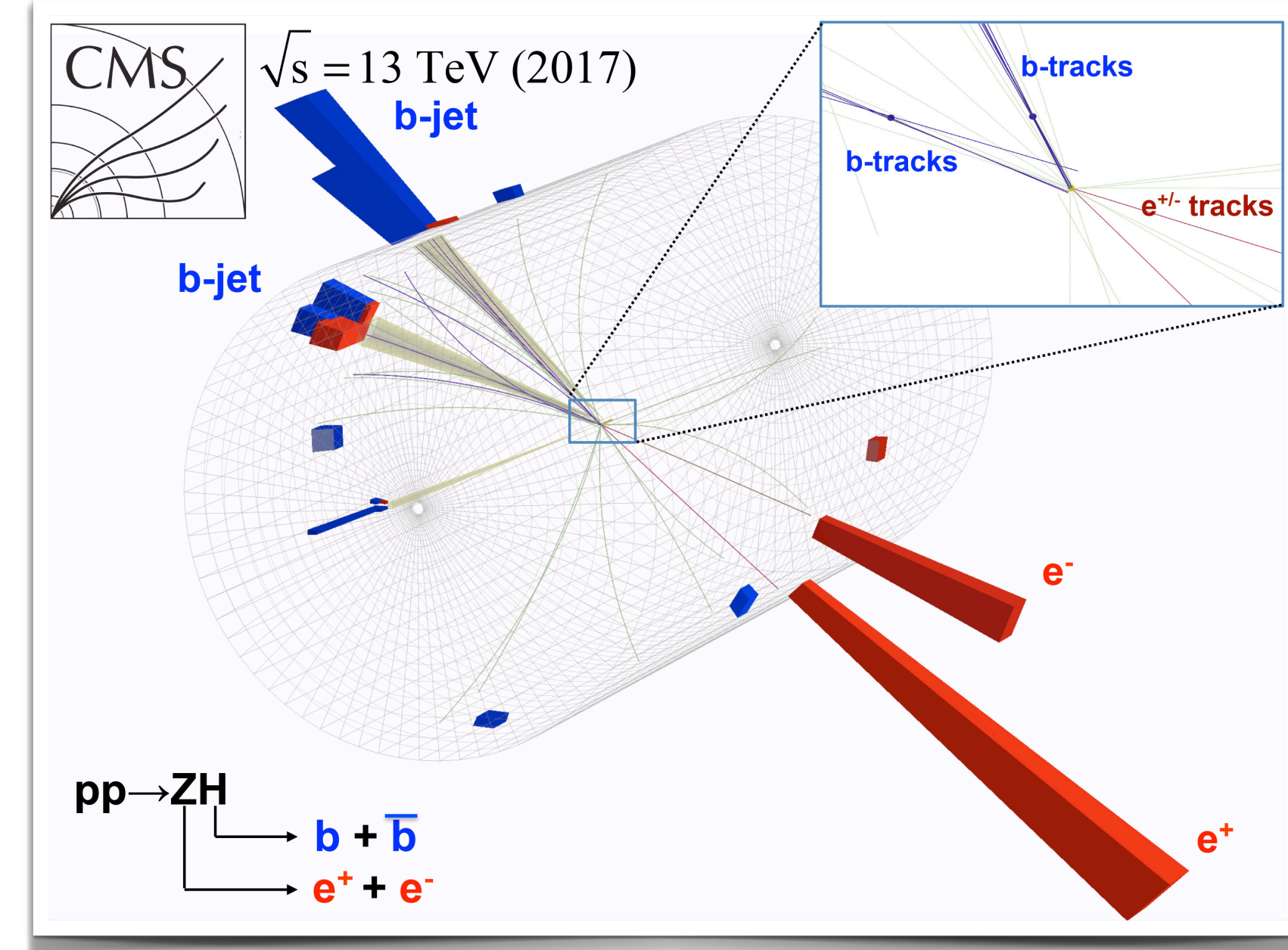
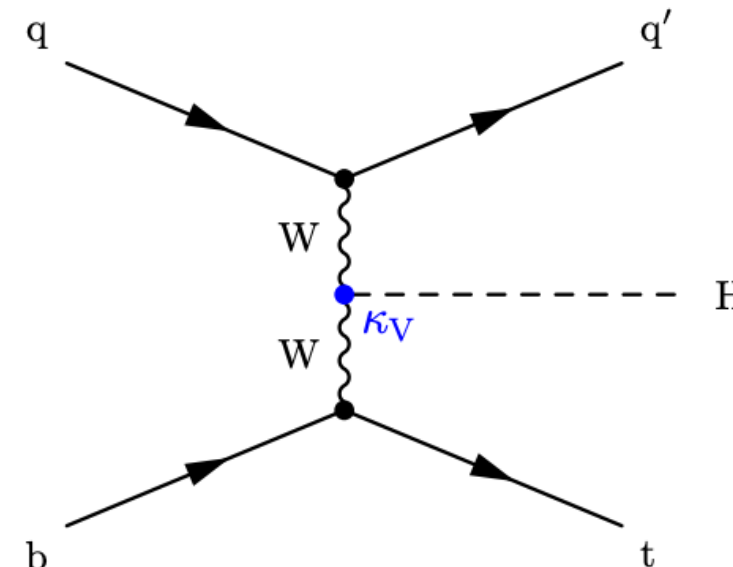
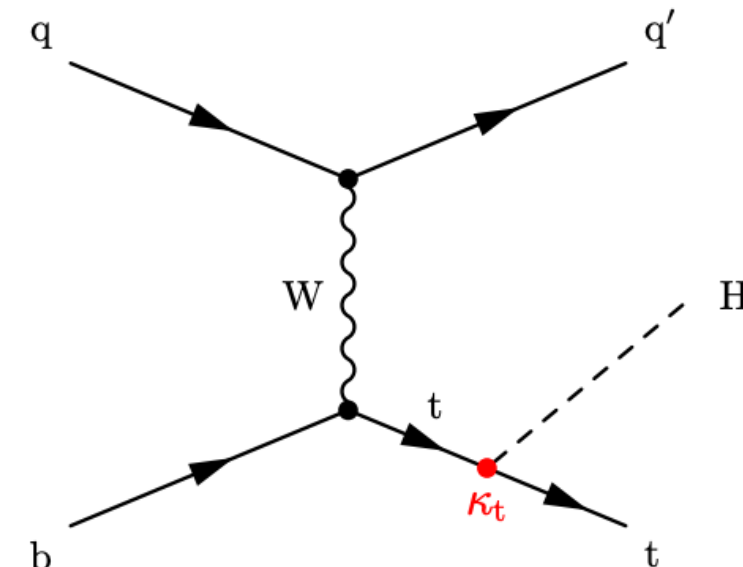
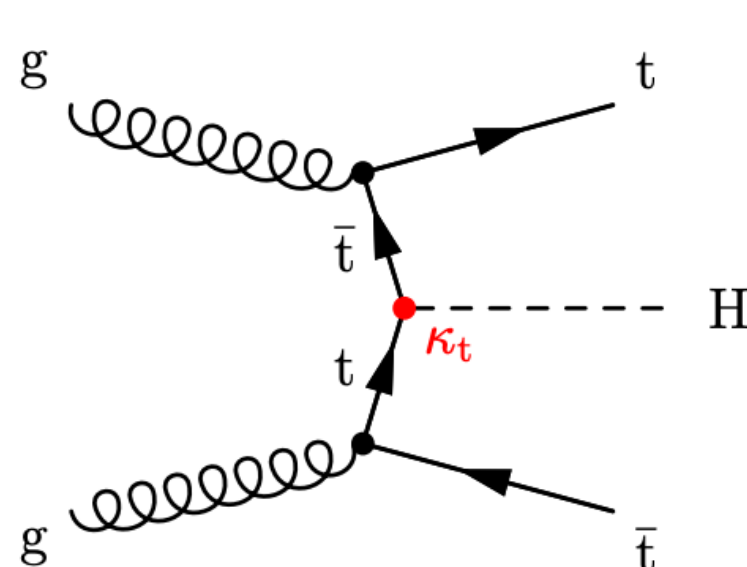
VH



Boosted ggH/VBF



tH/ttH



[CMS-PAS-HIG-21-020](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.02020)
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[10.1140/epjc/s10052-024-13021-z](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.13021)

* 3 channels are considered for V:

- 0-lepton ($Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$)
- 1-lepton ($W \rightarrow \ell\nu$)
- 2-lepton ($Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$); **kinematic fit** applied

* Fit to SR and orthogonal control regions (CRs):

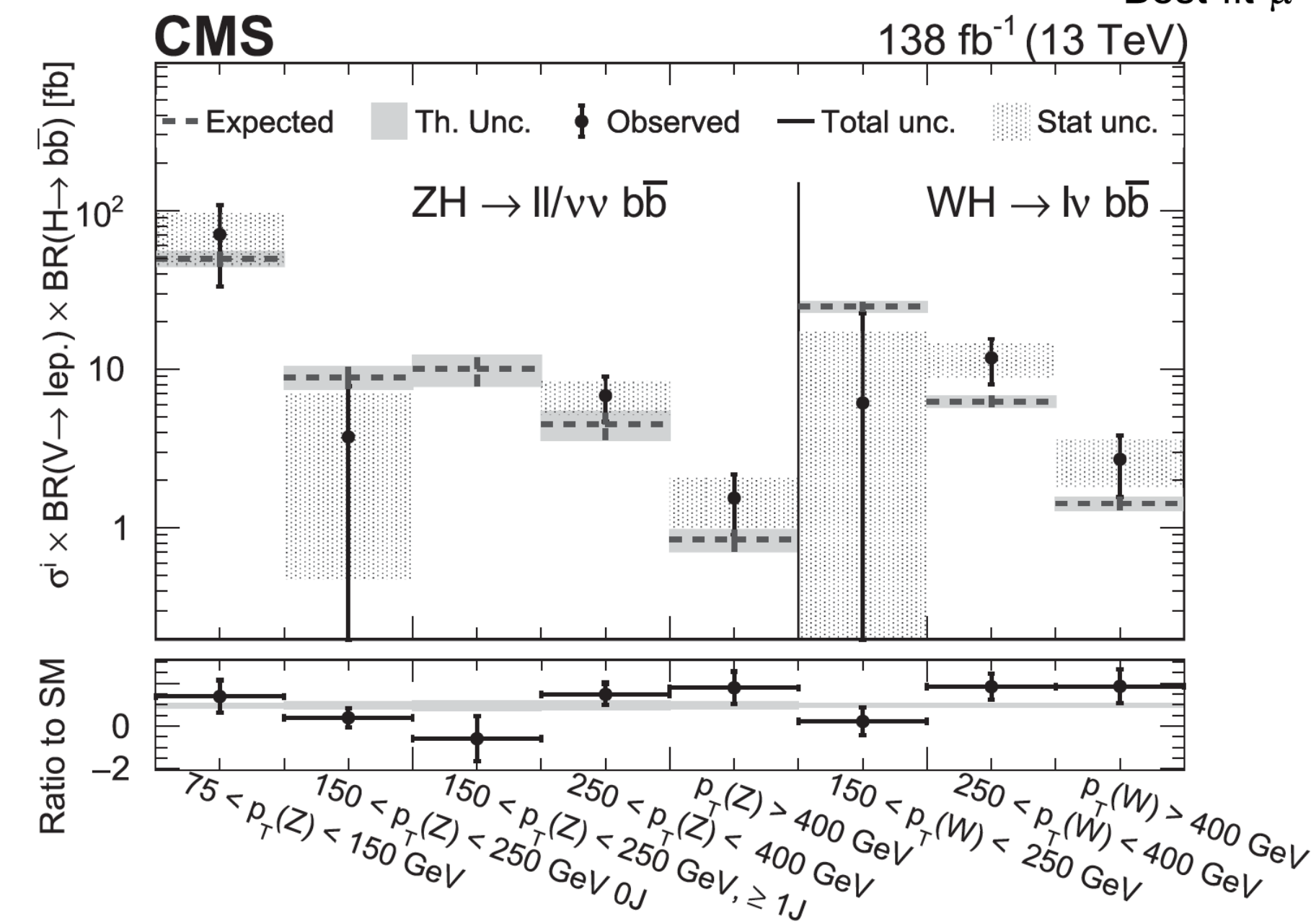
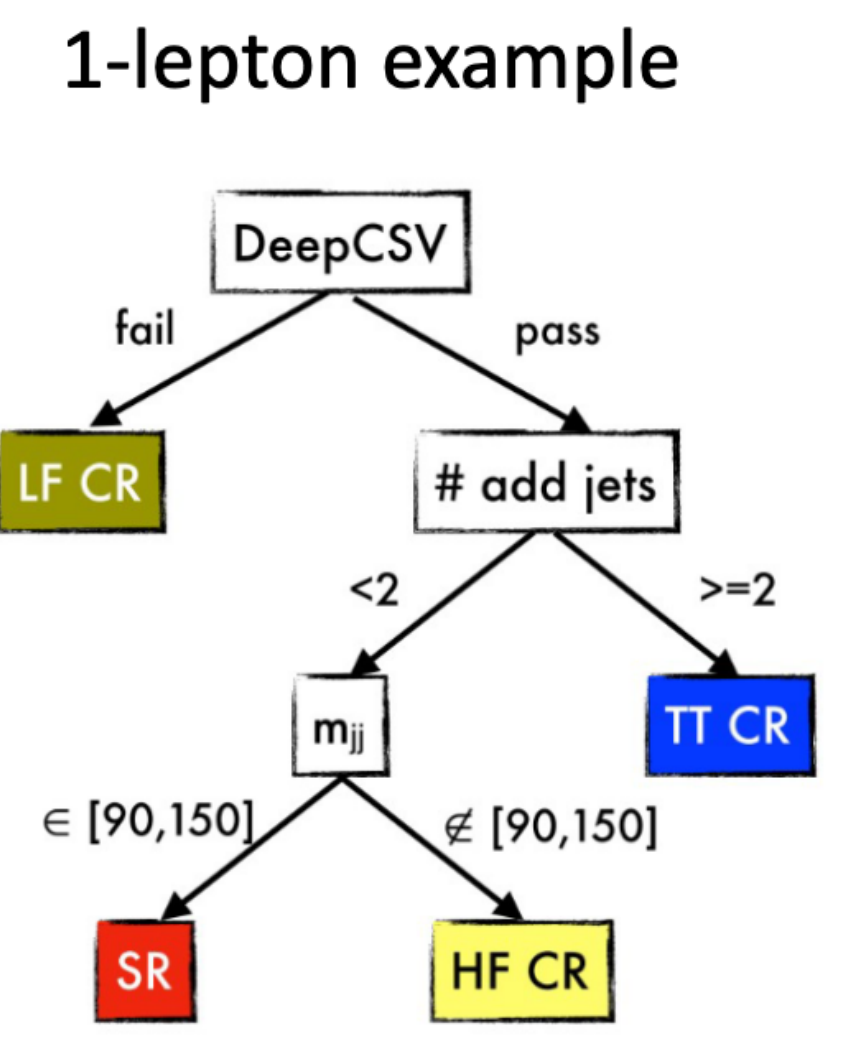
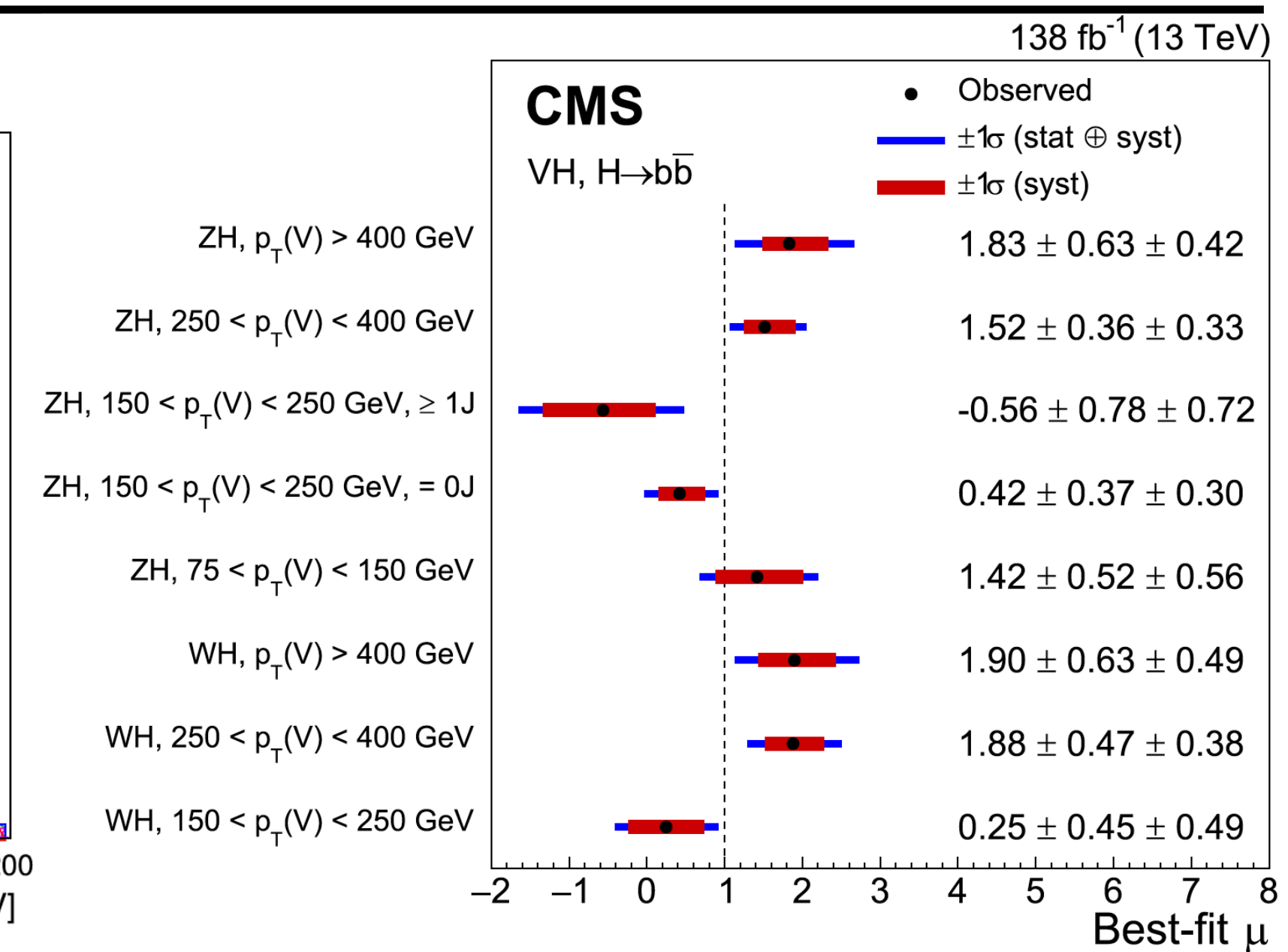
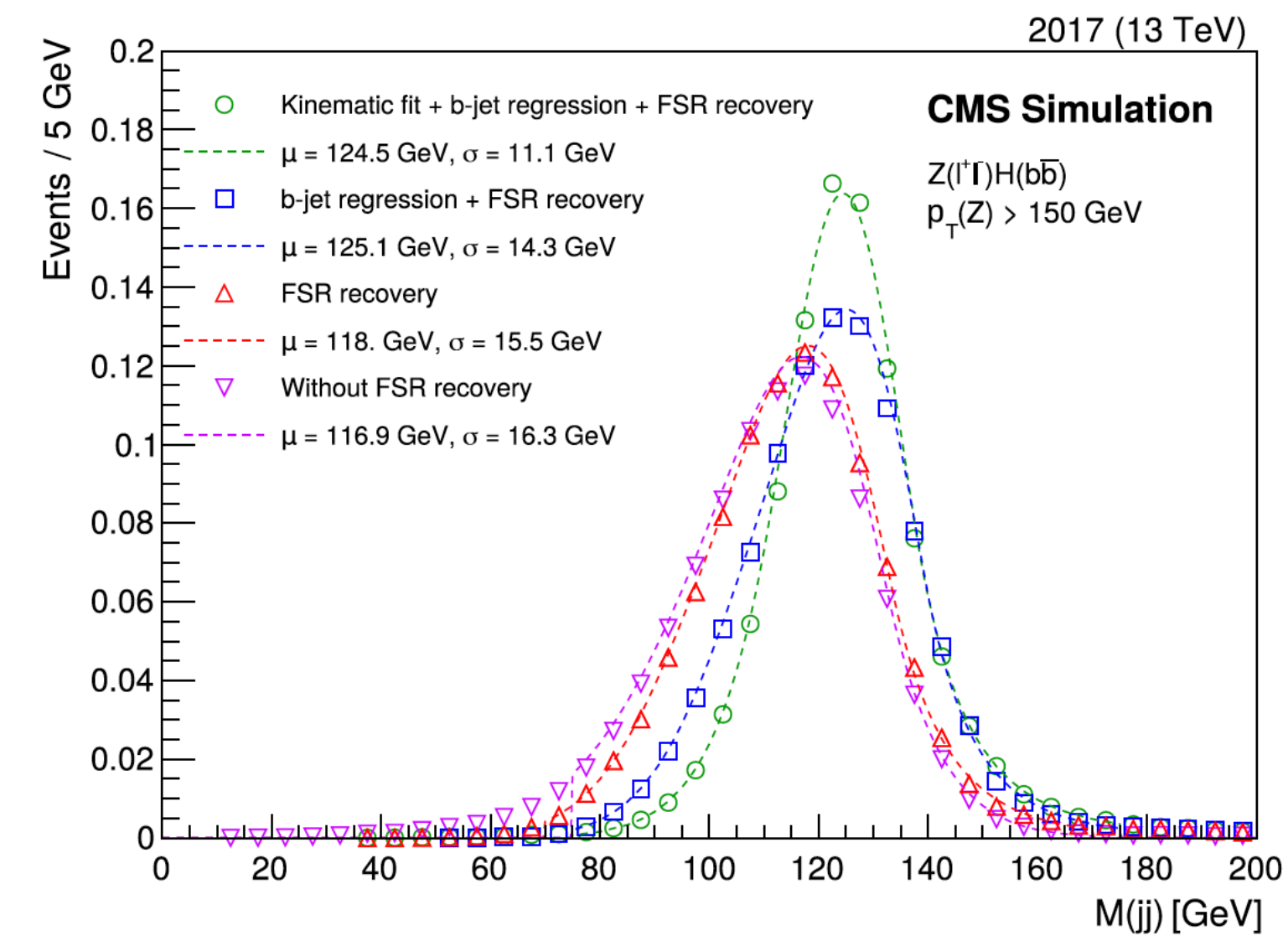
- tt
- V+HF (heavy flavor)
- V+LF (light flavors)

* Multi-category DNN in V+HF CR

* **DNN** for signal classification and extraction

- 8 VH categories (pT and jet multiplicity; 5 ZH & 3 WH)

* Sim. Modeling, b-tagging, JER being leading systematic sources



* Higgs at large p_T (>450 GeV considered)

- To probe BSM effects in scalar sector, test higher-order EW radiative corrections in H production

* Updated multivariate Deep Double B-Tagger (DDB)

- Signal significance increased by **twice**

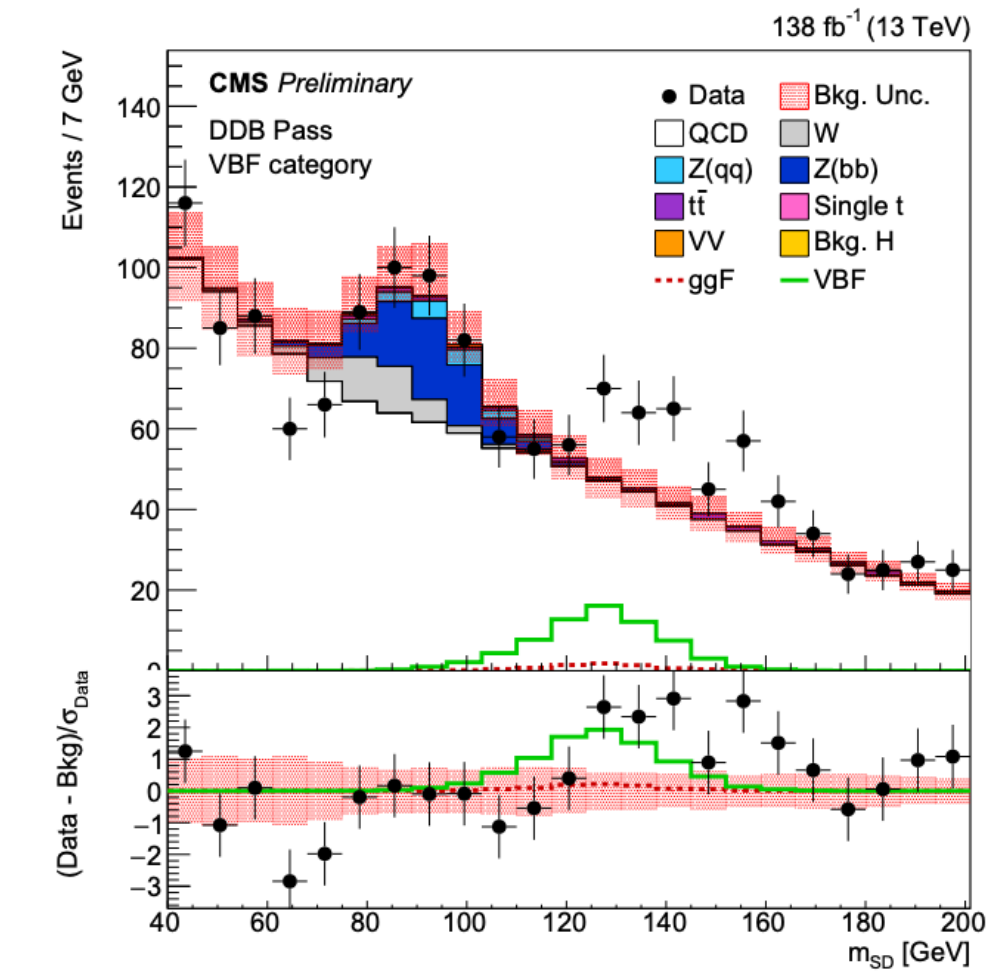
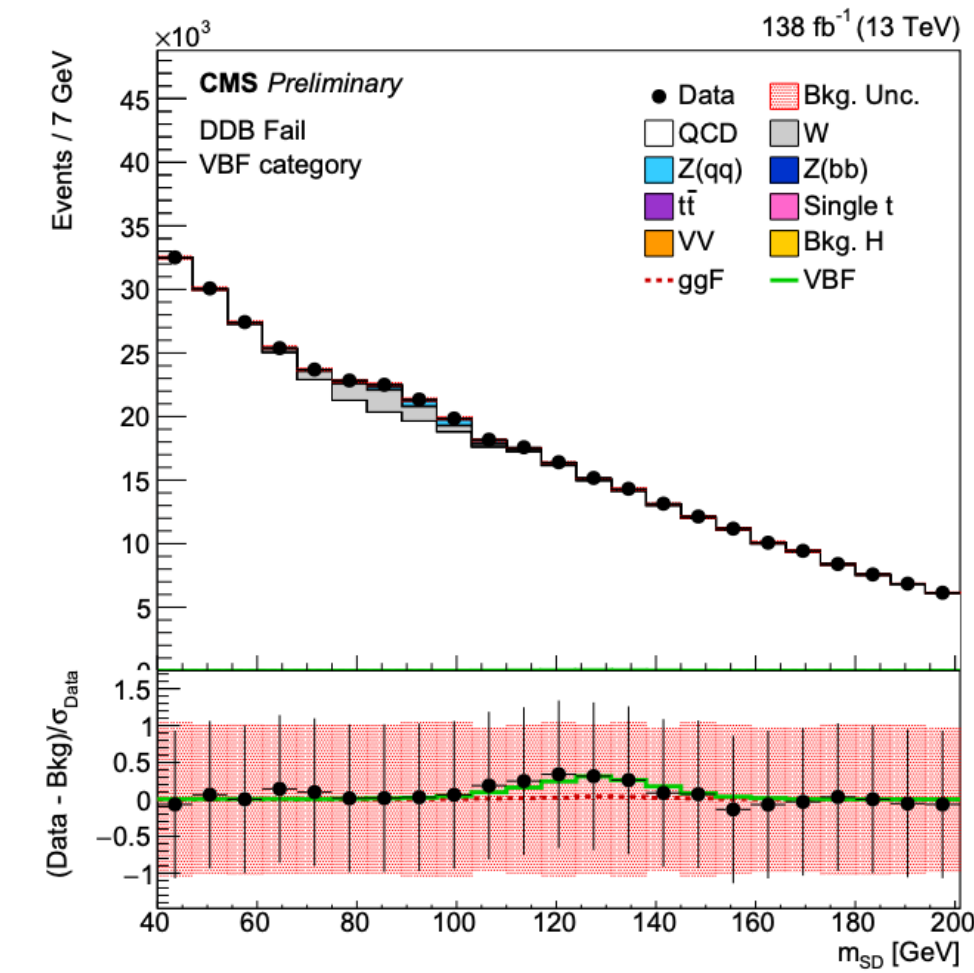
* Generalized energy correlation functions for 2-prong (W/Z/H) tagging [JHEP 1612 (2016) 53] (to reduce tt bkg)

- Mass-decorrelated version; using the Designed Decorrelated Tagger method [JHEP 1605 (2016) 156]

* Jet substructure and novel b-tagging (DDB fail region) to reject QCD background

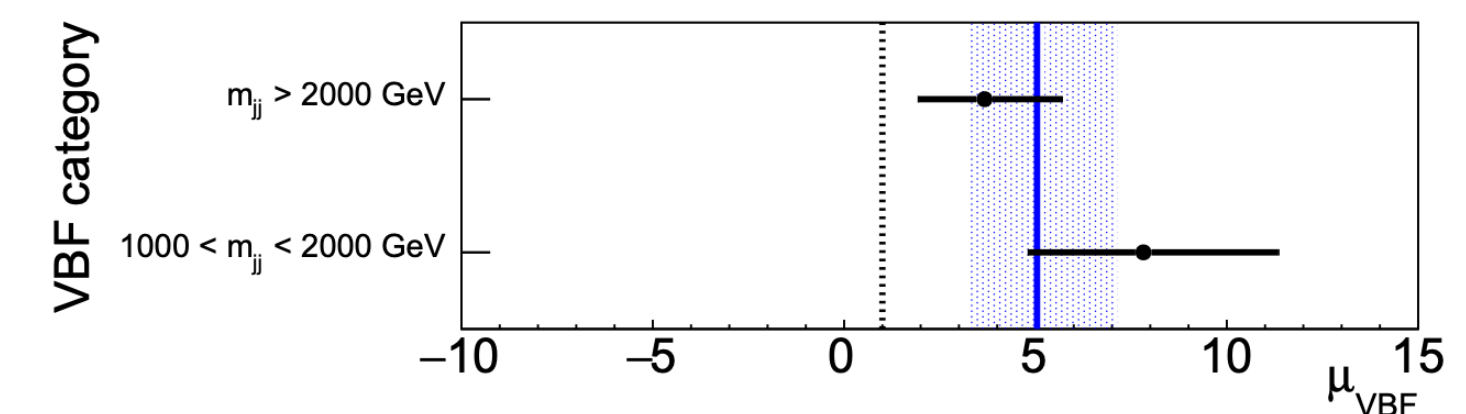
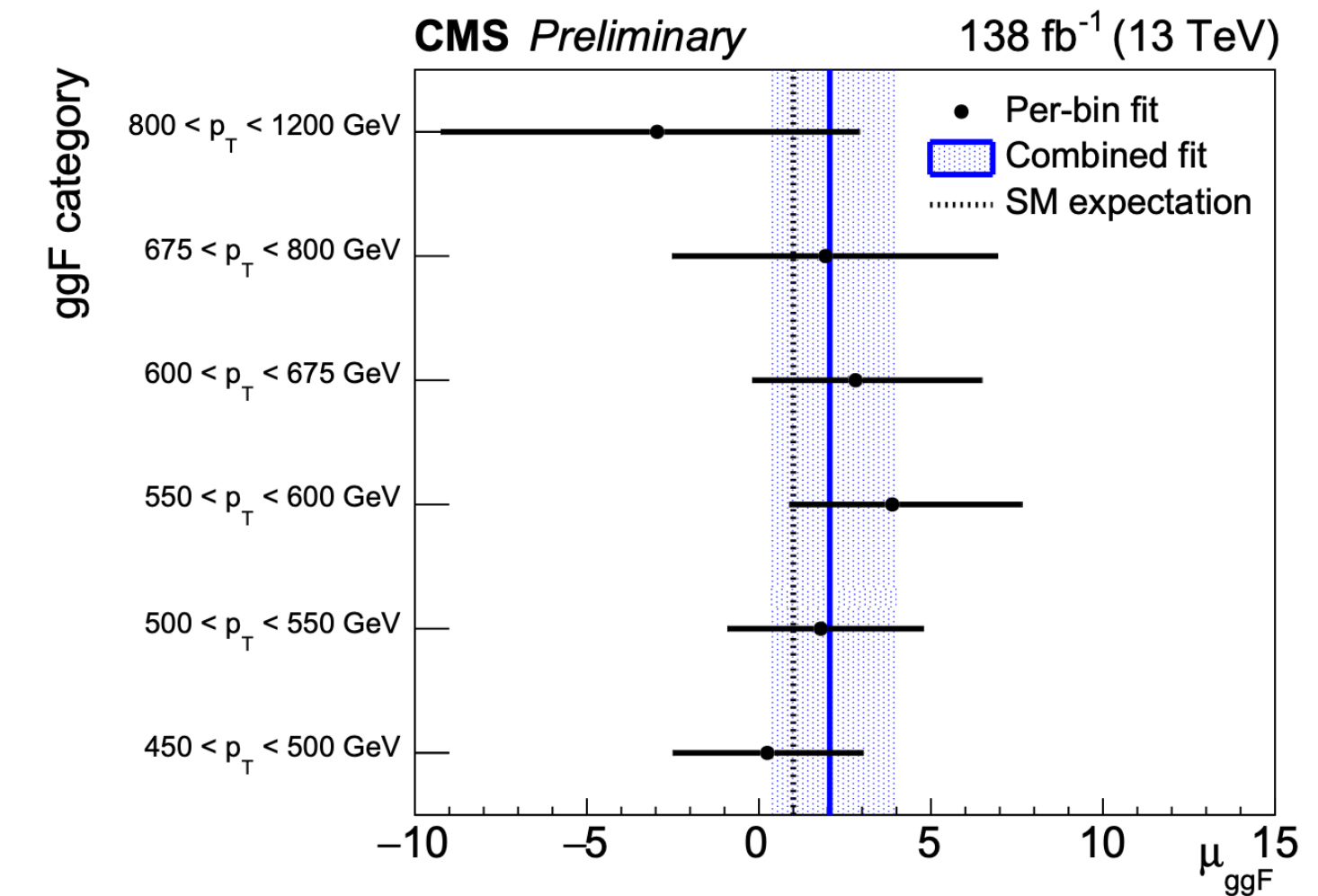
* ML fit to the observed m_{SD} distributions for ggH and VBF

* W and Z boson resonances used to constraint syst. unc.



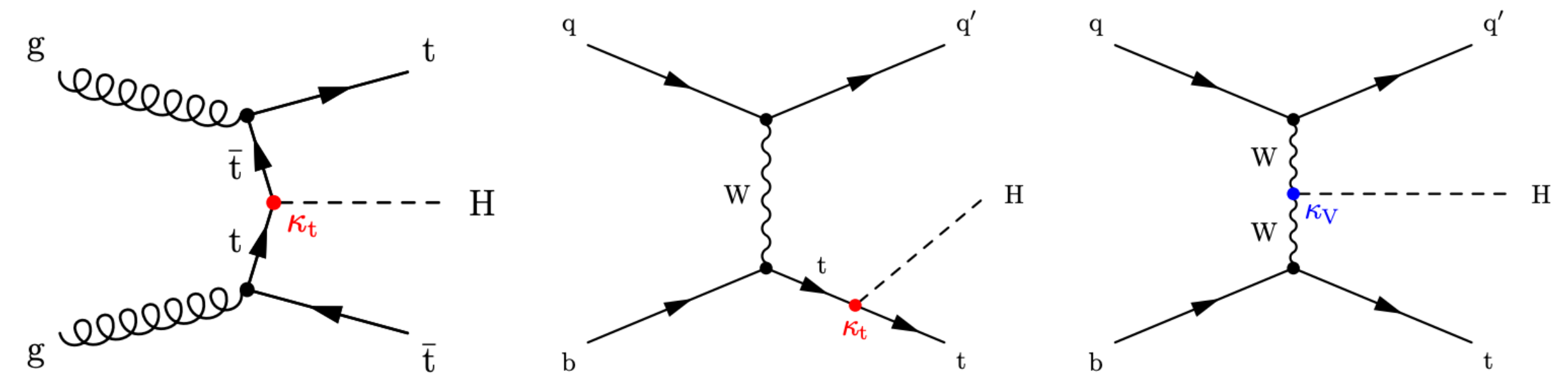
Observed differential Signal strengths:

- In p_T bins for ggF
- Inv. mass of forward jets for VBF



* **3 channels** are considered:

- Fully Hadronic (FH): 0-leptons ($2 \times W \rightarrow q\bar{q}$)
- Semi leptonic (SL): 1-lepton ($1 \times W \rightarrow \ell\nu$)
- Dileptonic (DL): 2-leptons ($2 \times W \rightarrow \ell\nu$)



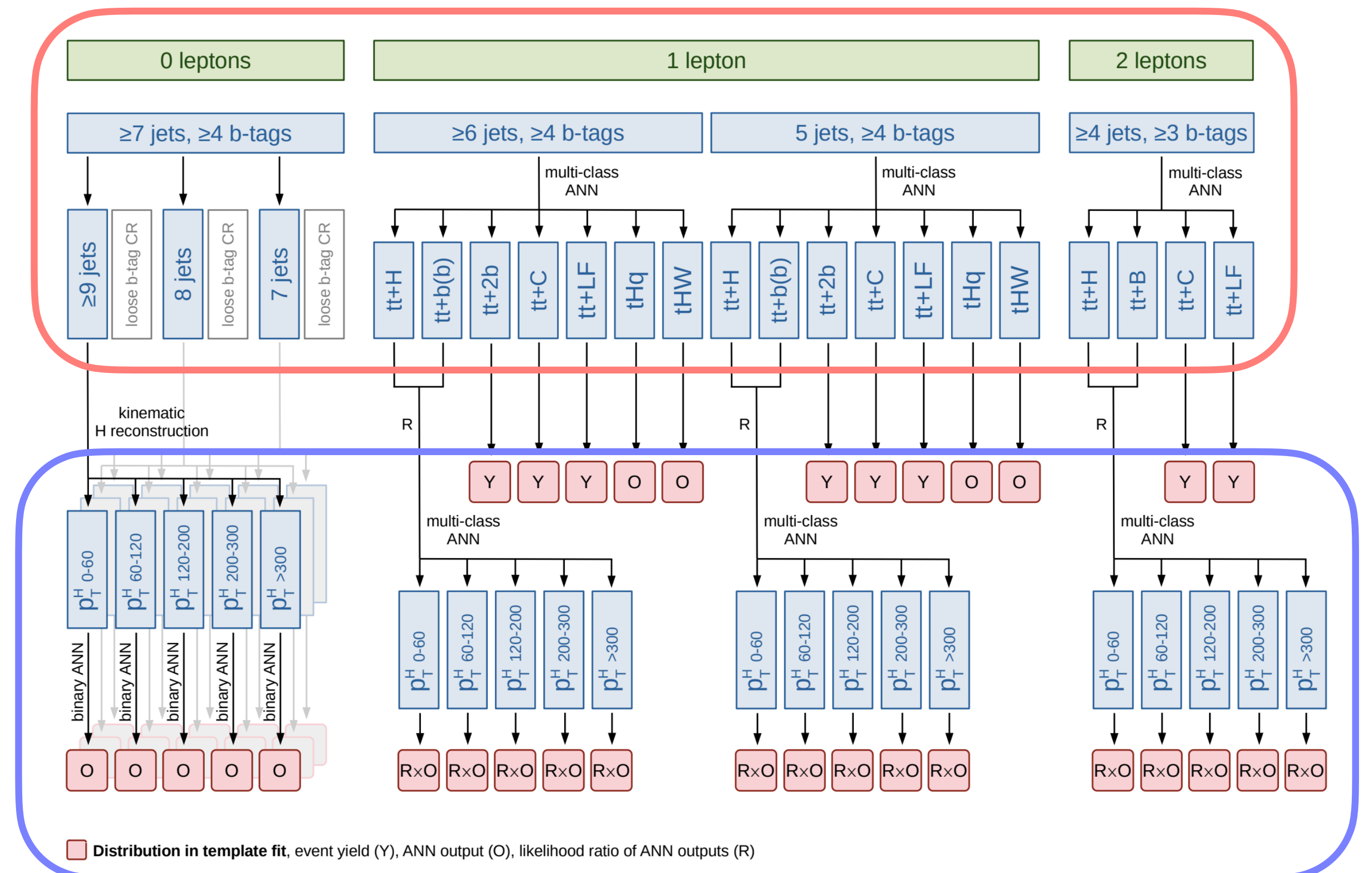
* categorization done with *jet* and b-tag multiplicity

(**inclusive, STXS**).

* **ANNs** trained for sig./bkg. separation, further categorization, and building **discriminants**

* Improvements w.r.t. (CMS-PAS-HIG-18-030):

- dominant QCD bkg. estimation (FH); data-driven
- (Refined) neural network classifiers
- DeepJet b tagging algorithm



* $t\bar{t}H$:

- inclusive

- $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 0.33 \pm 0.26$

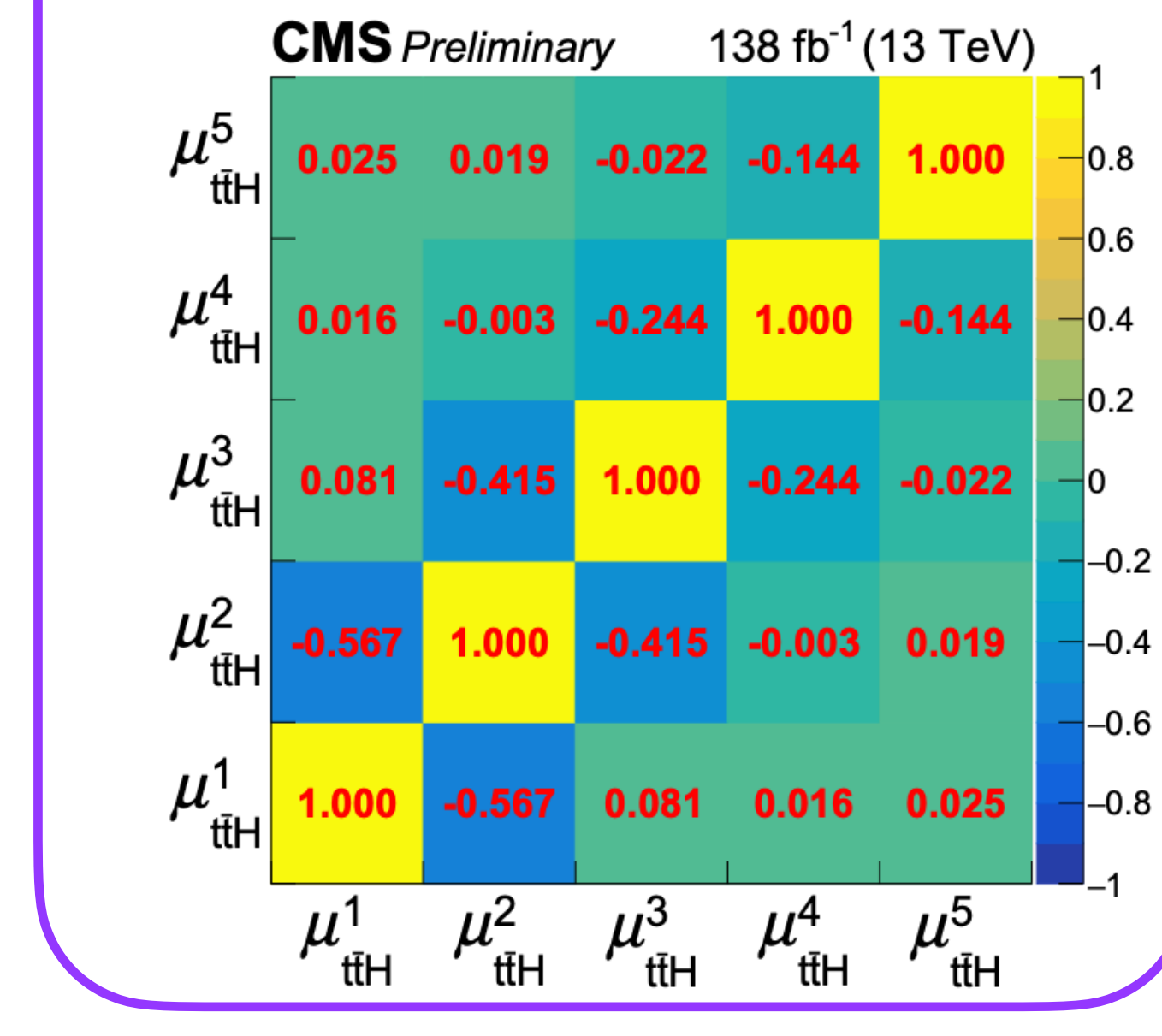
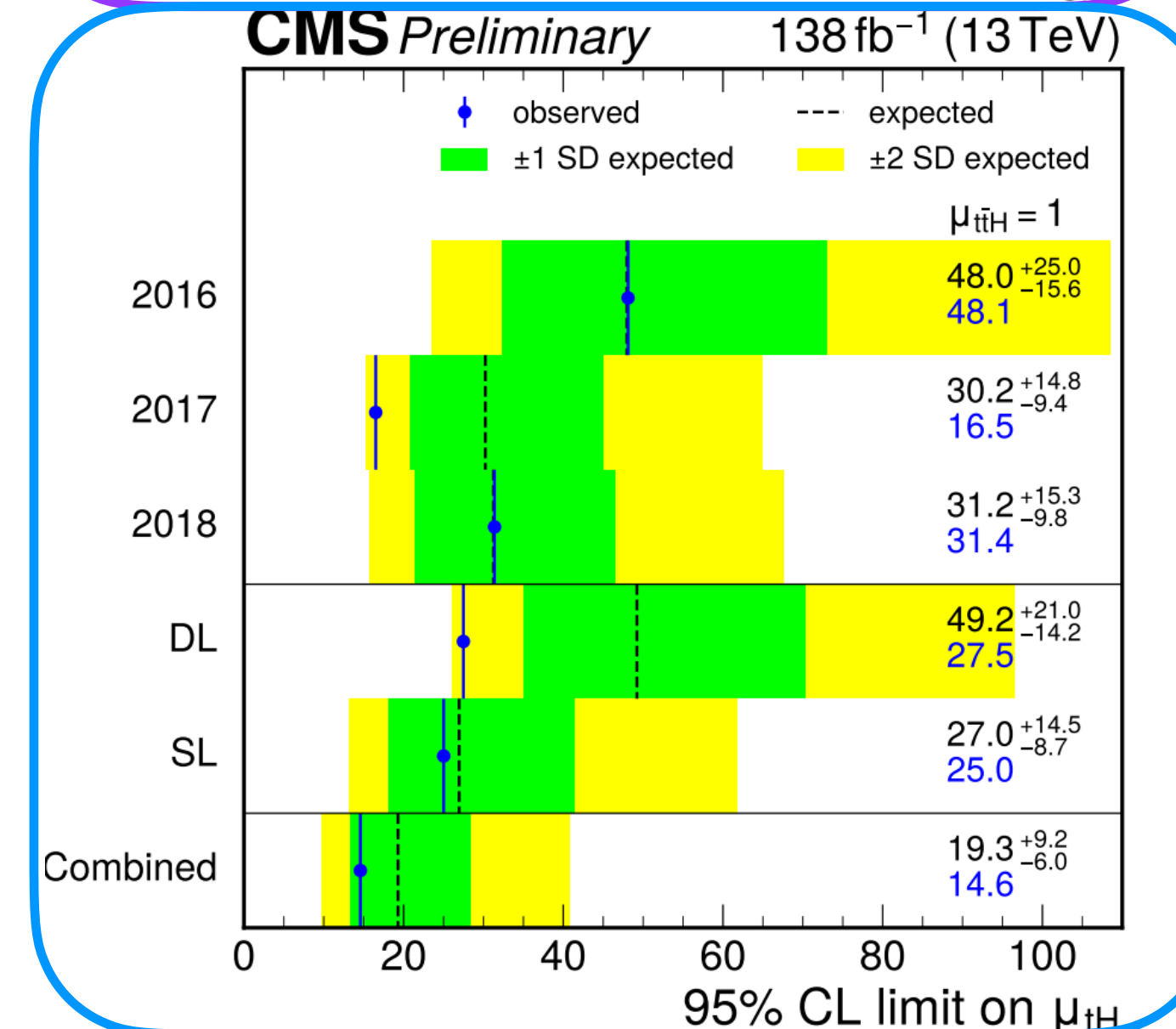
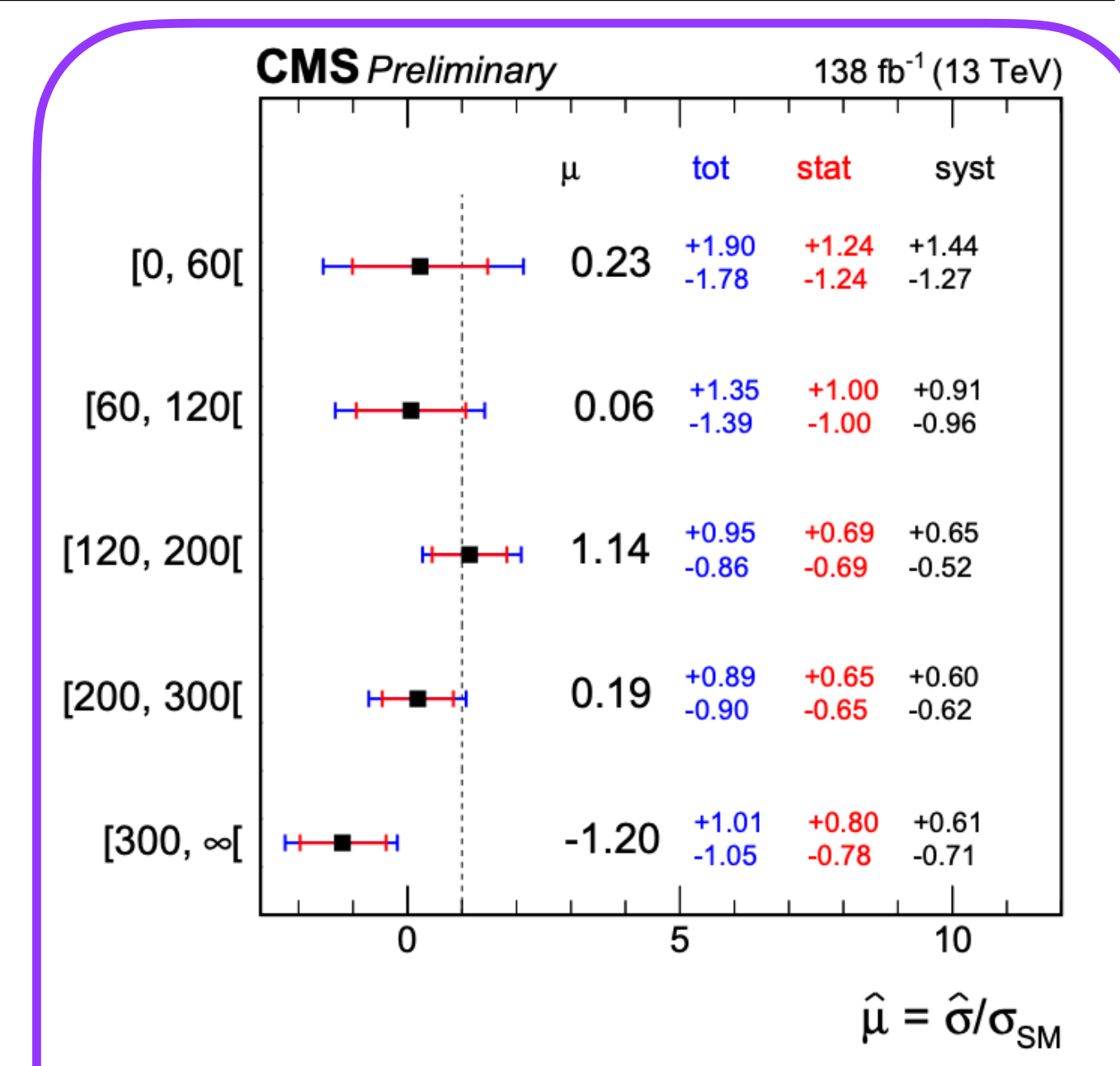
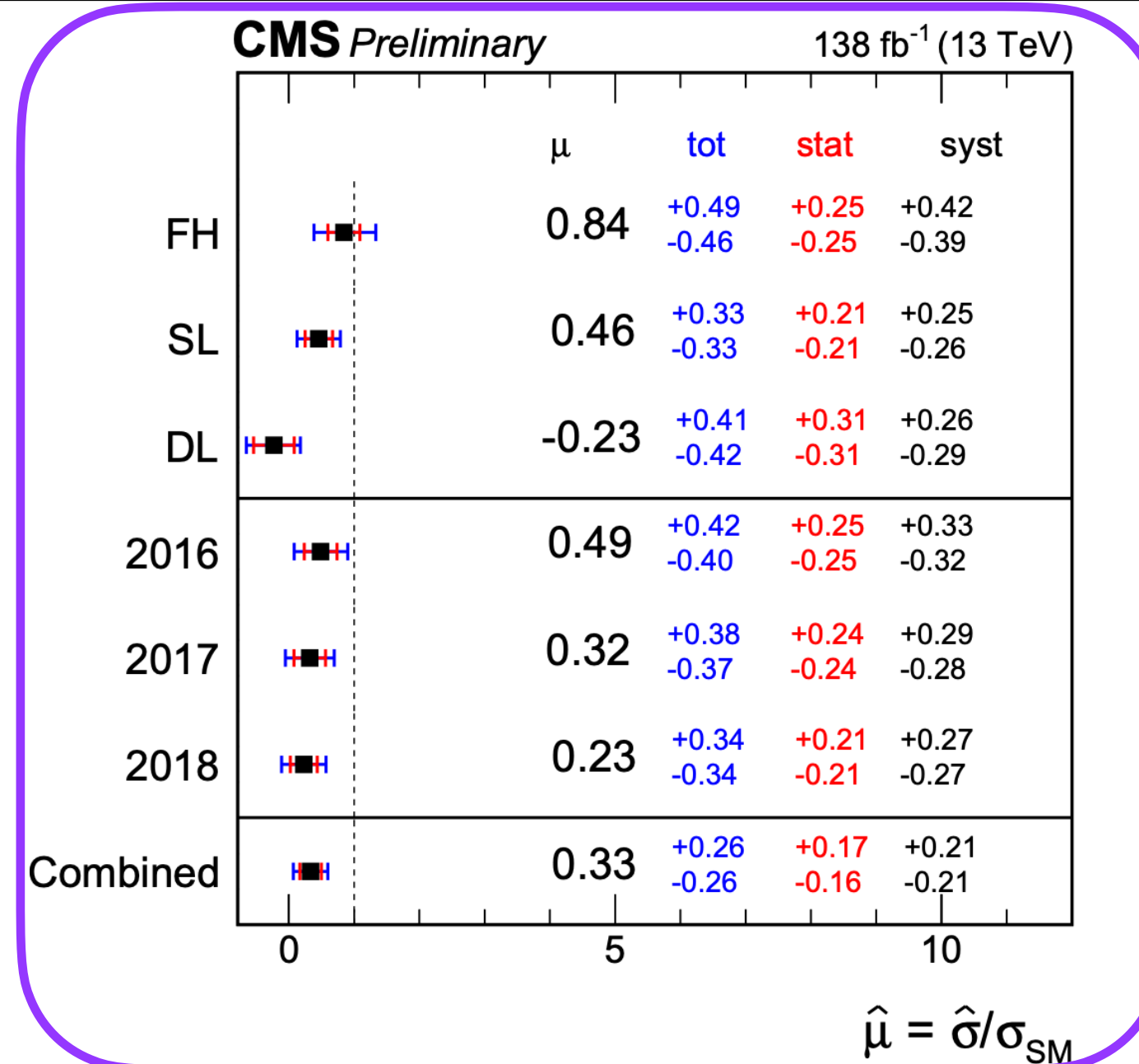
significance: obs.(exp.) 1.3σ (4.1σ)

- Background normalization ($t\bar{t}B, t\bar{t}C$) (backup)

- exclusive in p_T bins

* tH (inclusive):

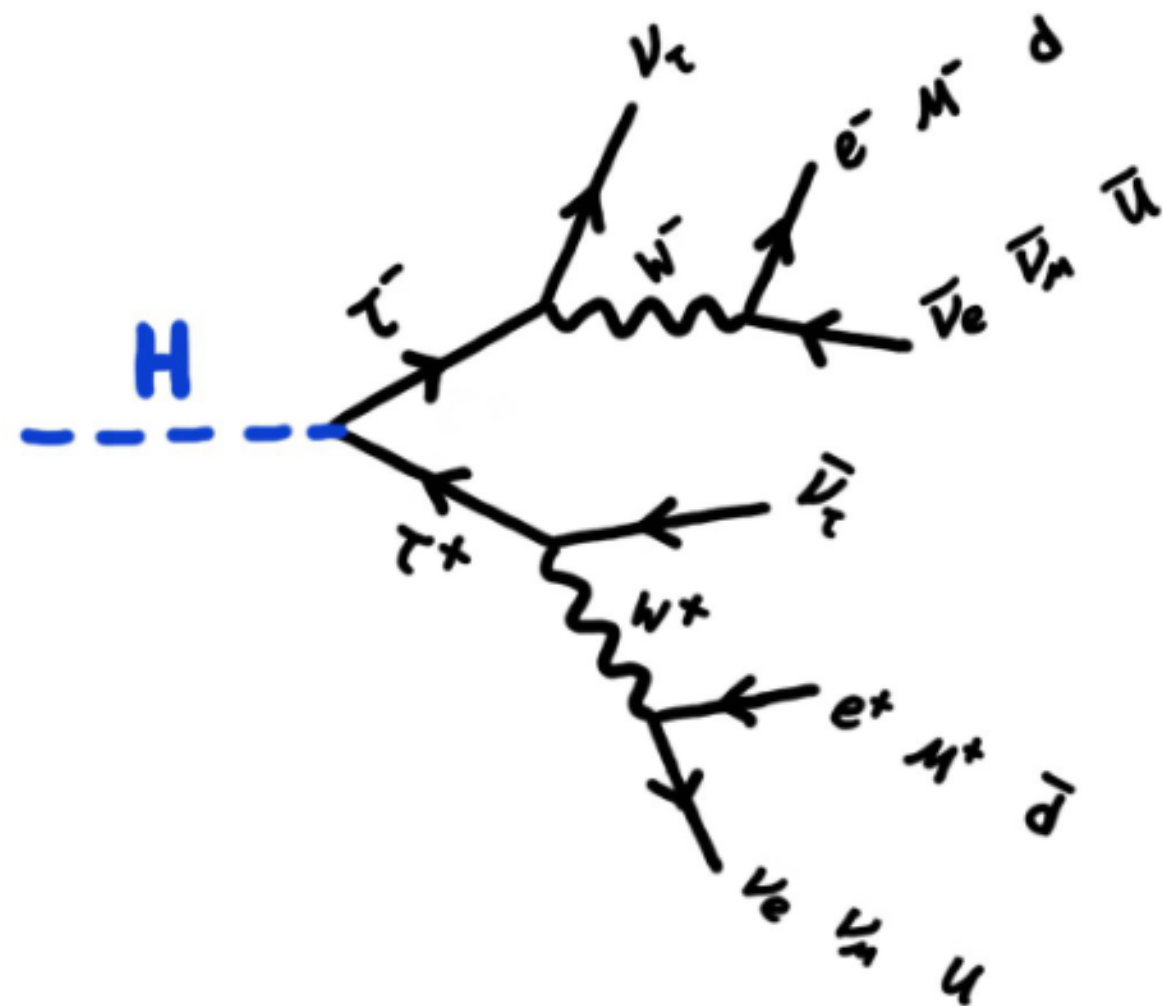
- Expected and observed 95% CL upper limits
- Simultaneous with $t\bar{t}H$ (backup)



Higgs production in $\tau\tau$ final state

$$*H \rightarrow \tau\tau$$

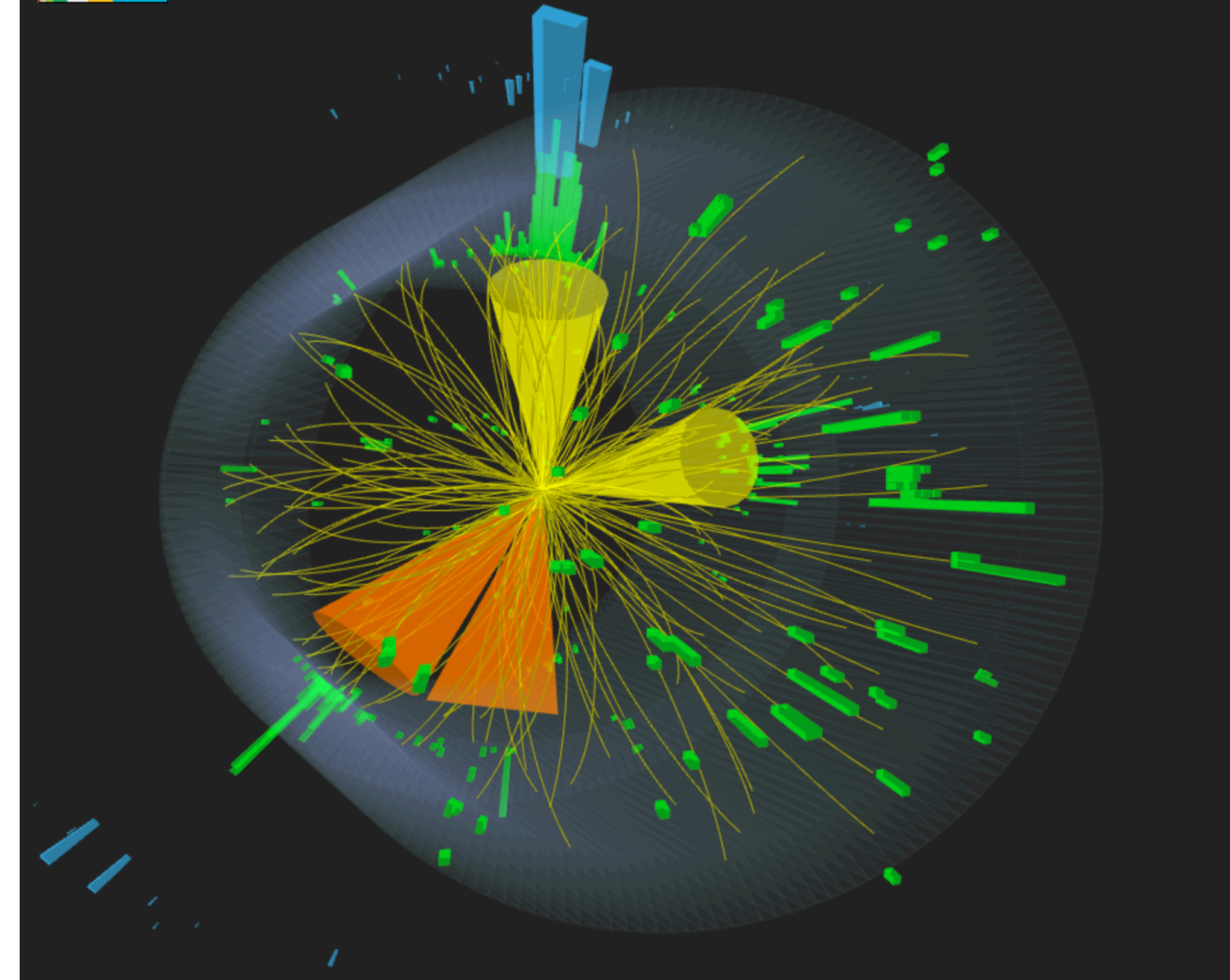
- Signal Strengths, STXS, inclusive and differential (resolved and boosted)



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

Data recorded: 2018-Sep-03 22:13:43.484096 GMT

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* Categories of Higgs Production:

- **ggH** : $(ggF + gg \rightarrow Z(qq)H)$
- **qqH** : $(VBF + qq \rightarrow V(qq)H)$
- **VH** : $(W/Z)H$

* 4 channels considered:

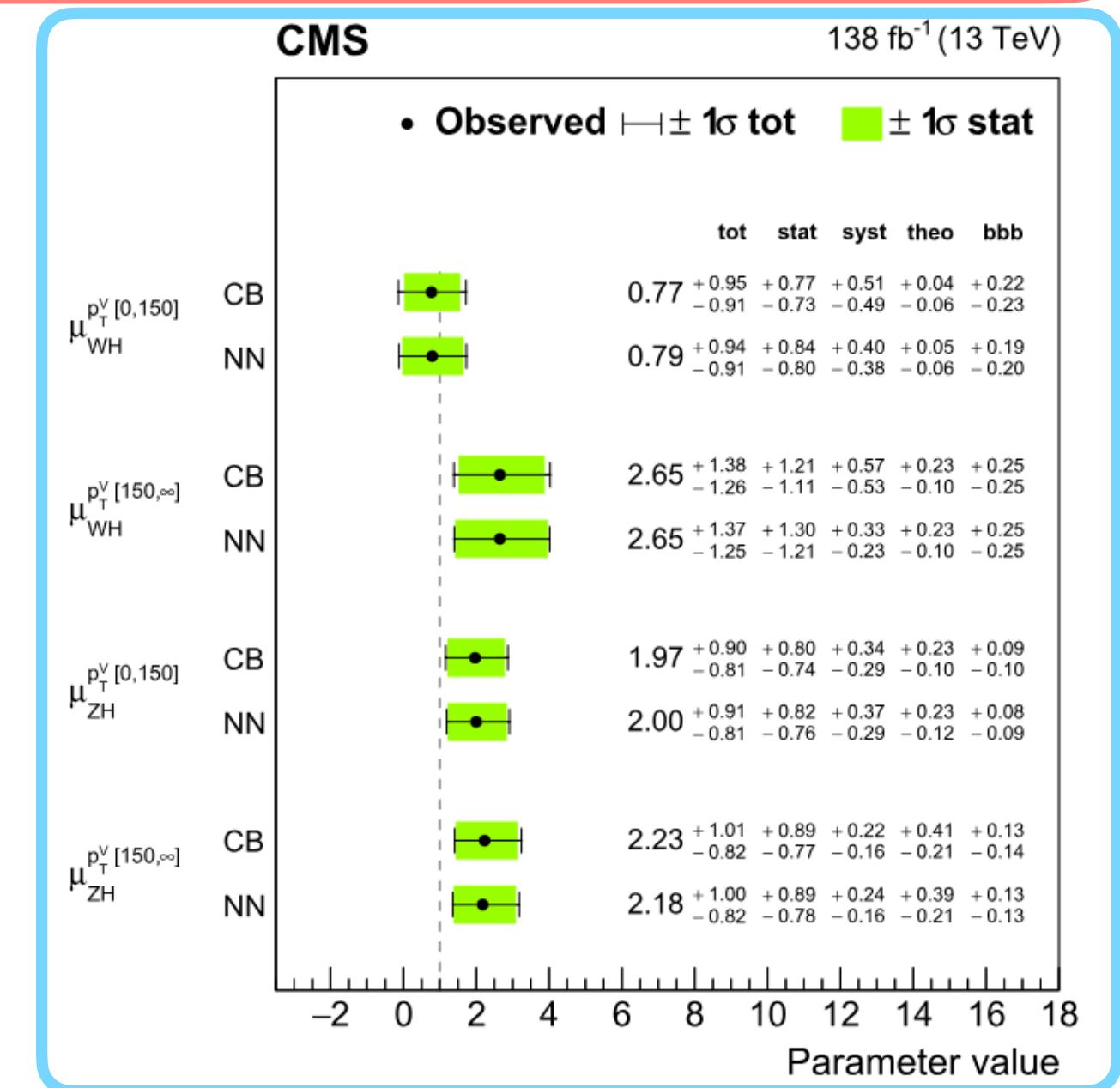
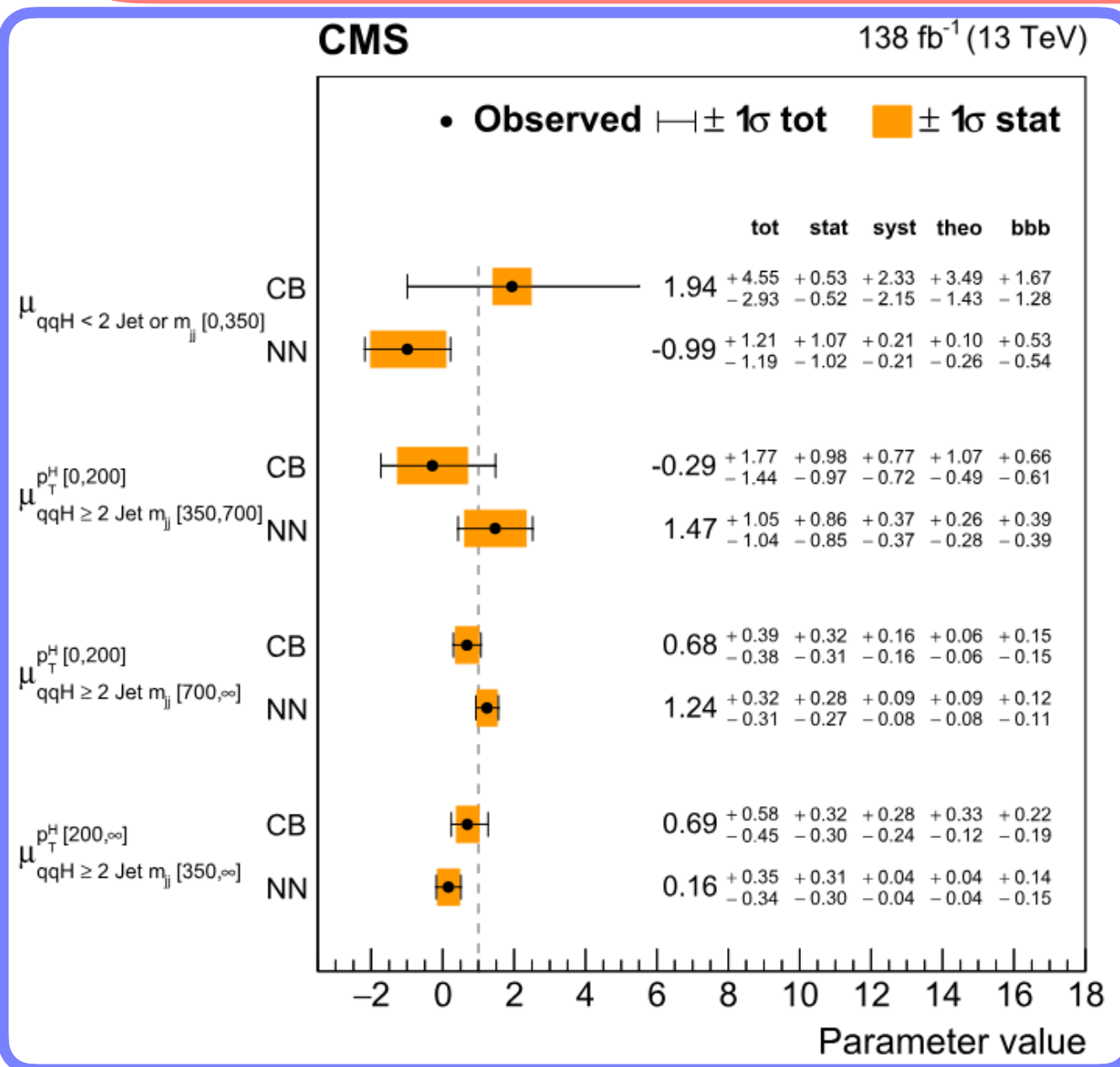
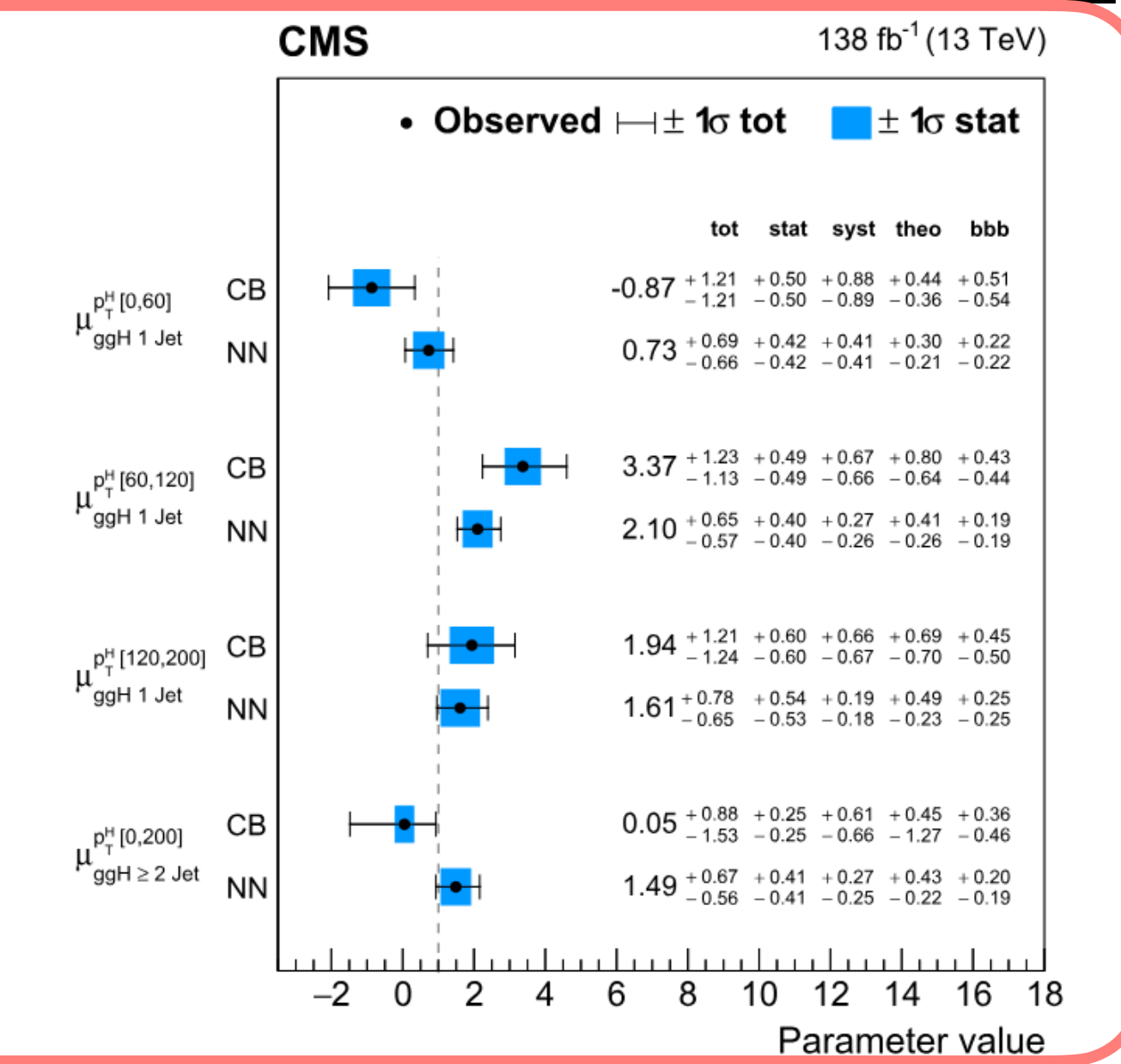
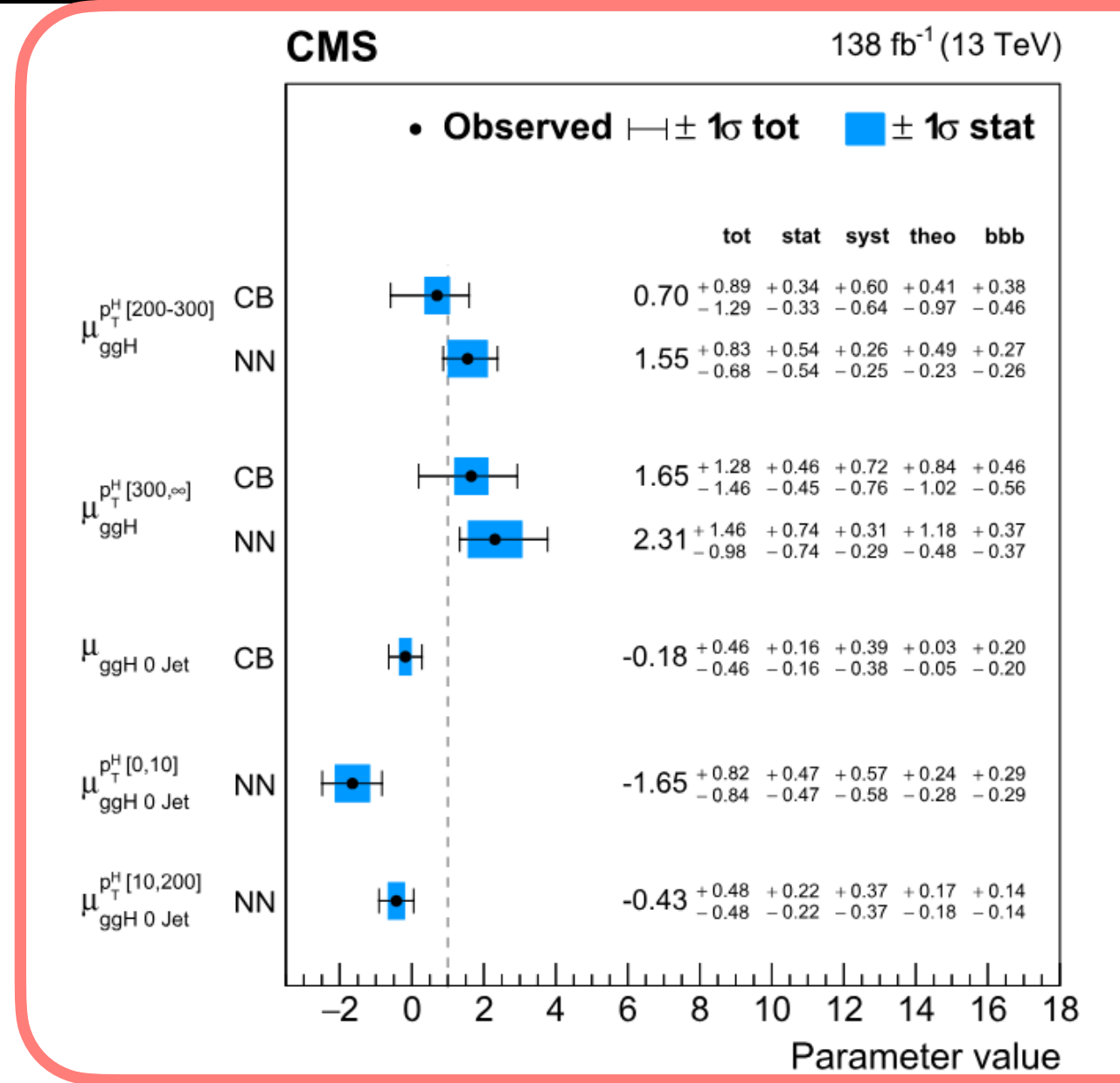
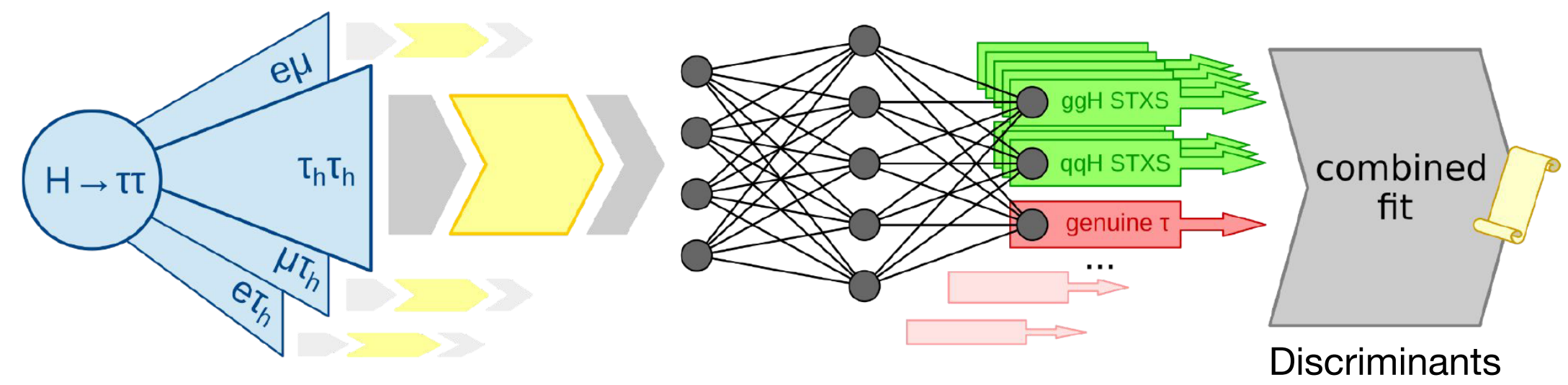
- $\tau_h\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, e\tau_h, e\mu$

* Two analyses:

- Cut-based (S/B for event categorization)
- Neural Network (exploits **NN** event multiclassification)

* Majority of background estimated from data

- Genuine $\tau\tau$ events: estimated using Tau Embedding
- Jet misidentified as τ_h : Fake factor (F_F) Method



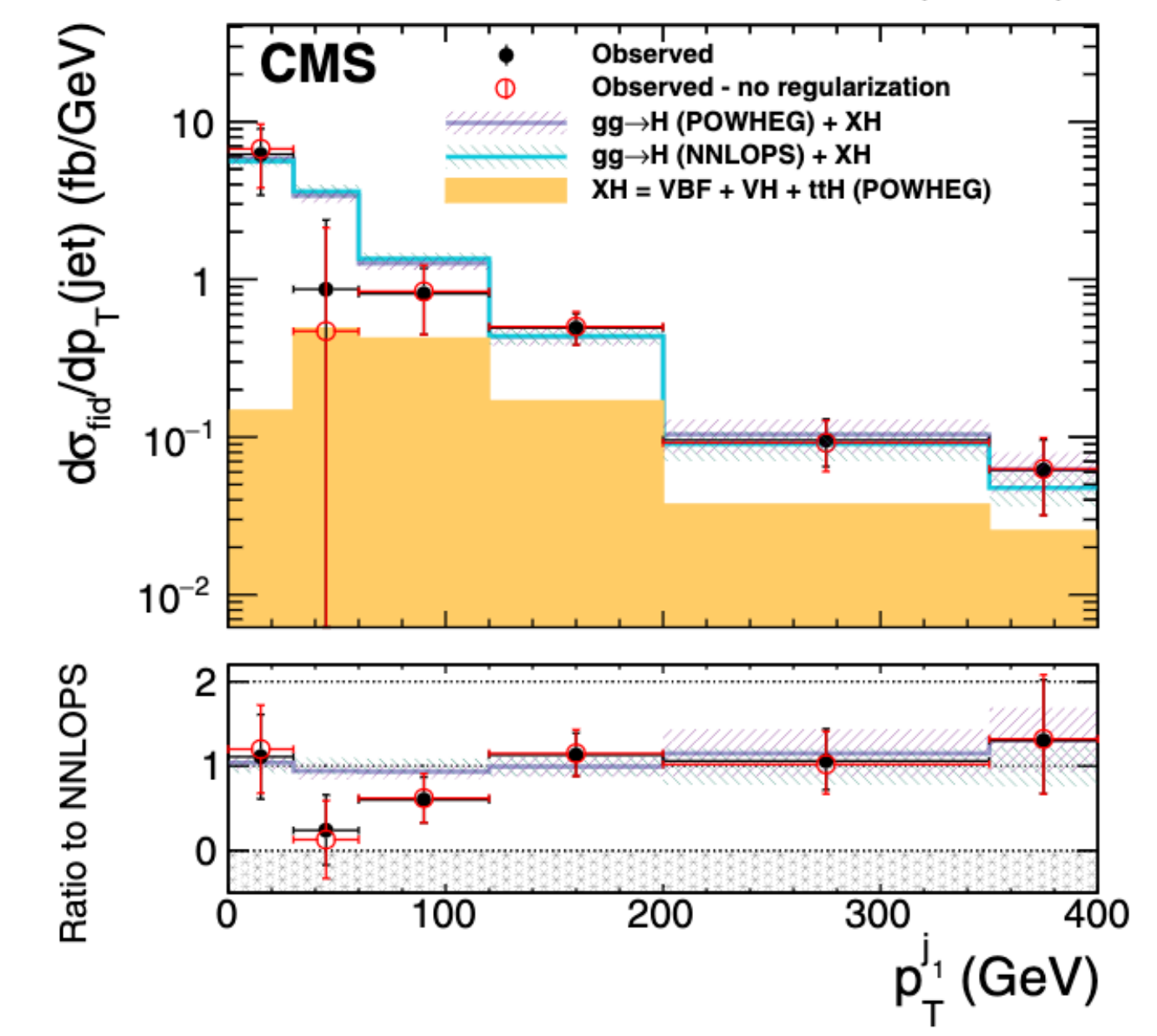
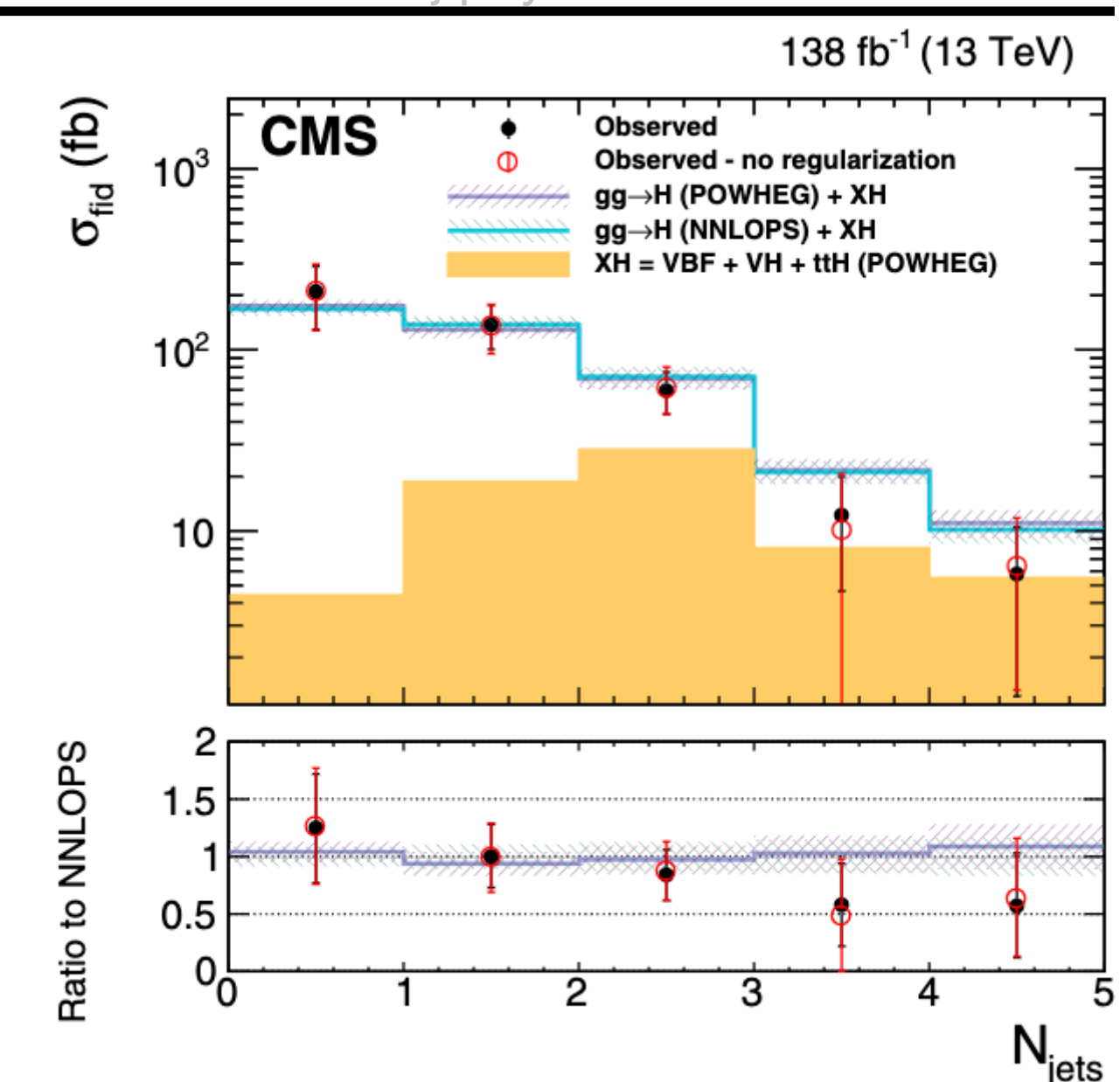
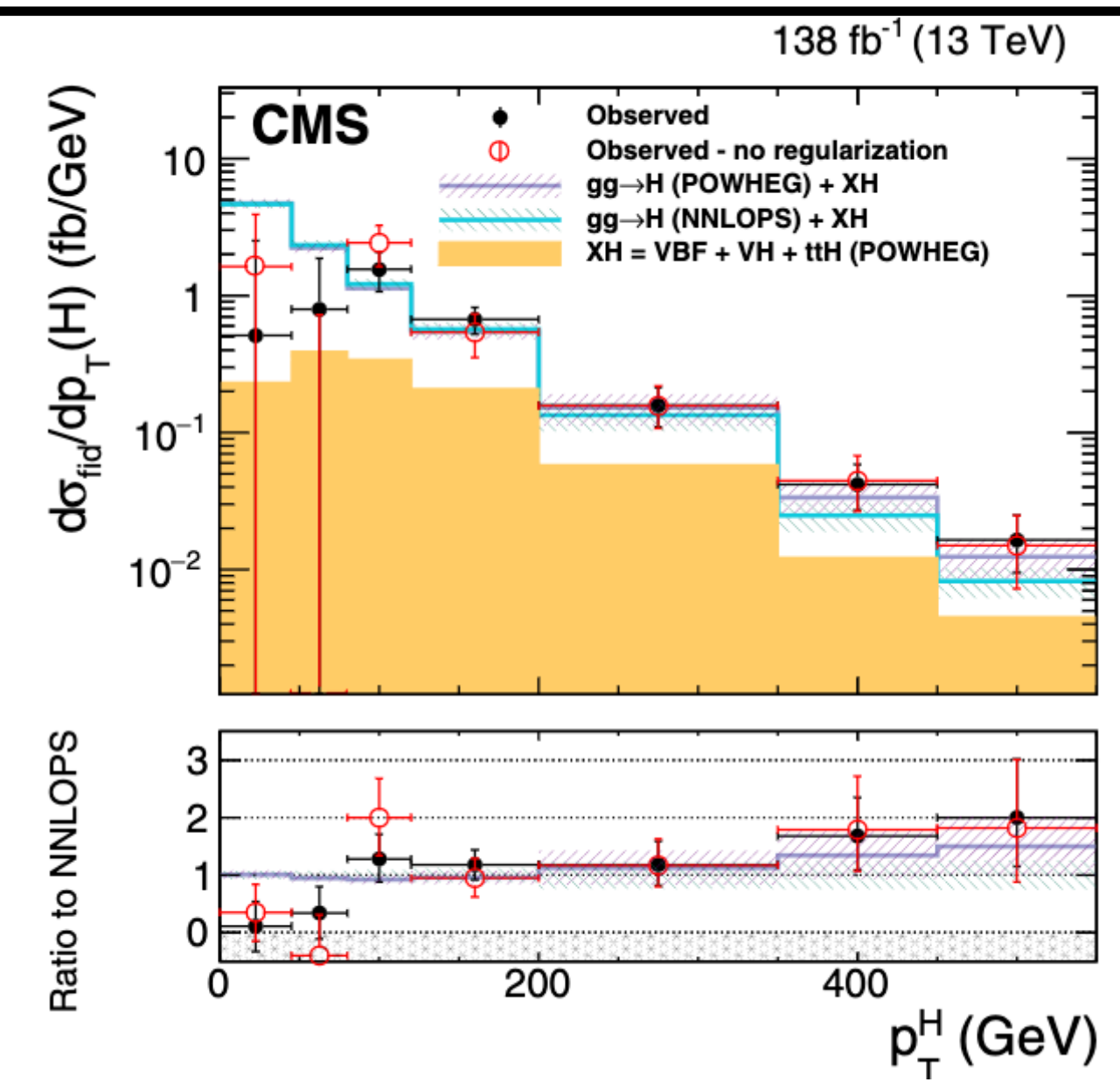
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$: differential (resolved)

* Measured in fiducial region defined to match the offline selection for each decay channel

- “OutsideAcceptance” events fixed to SM and treated as background

* Reported **Differential** measurements

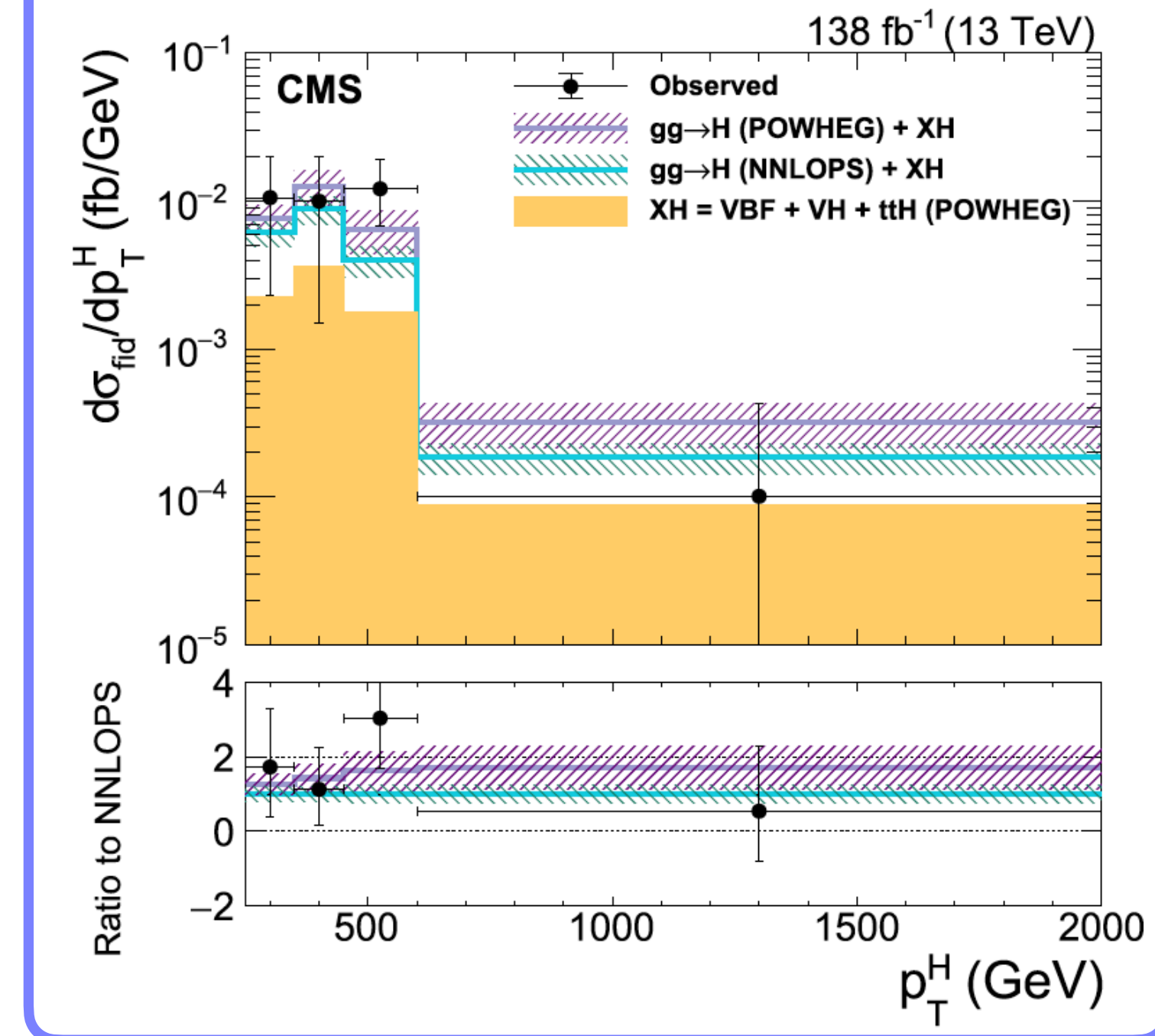
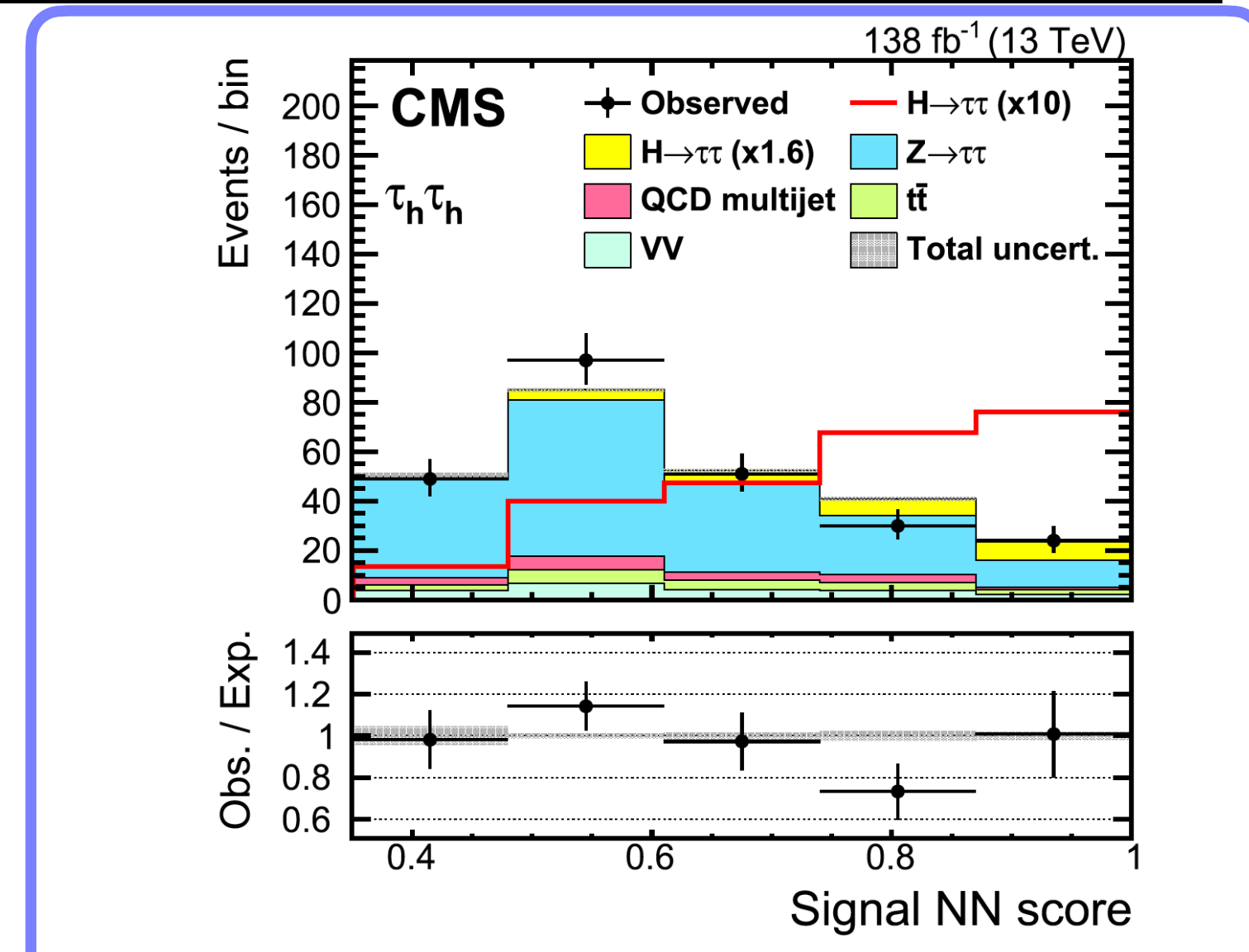
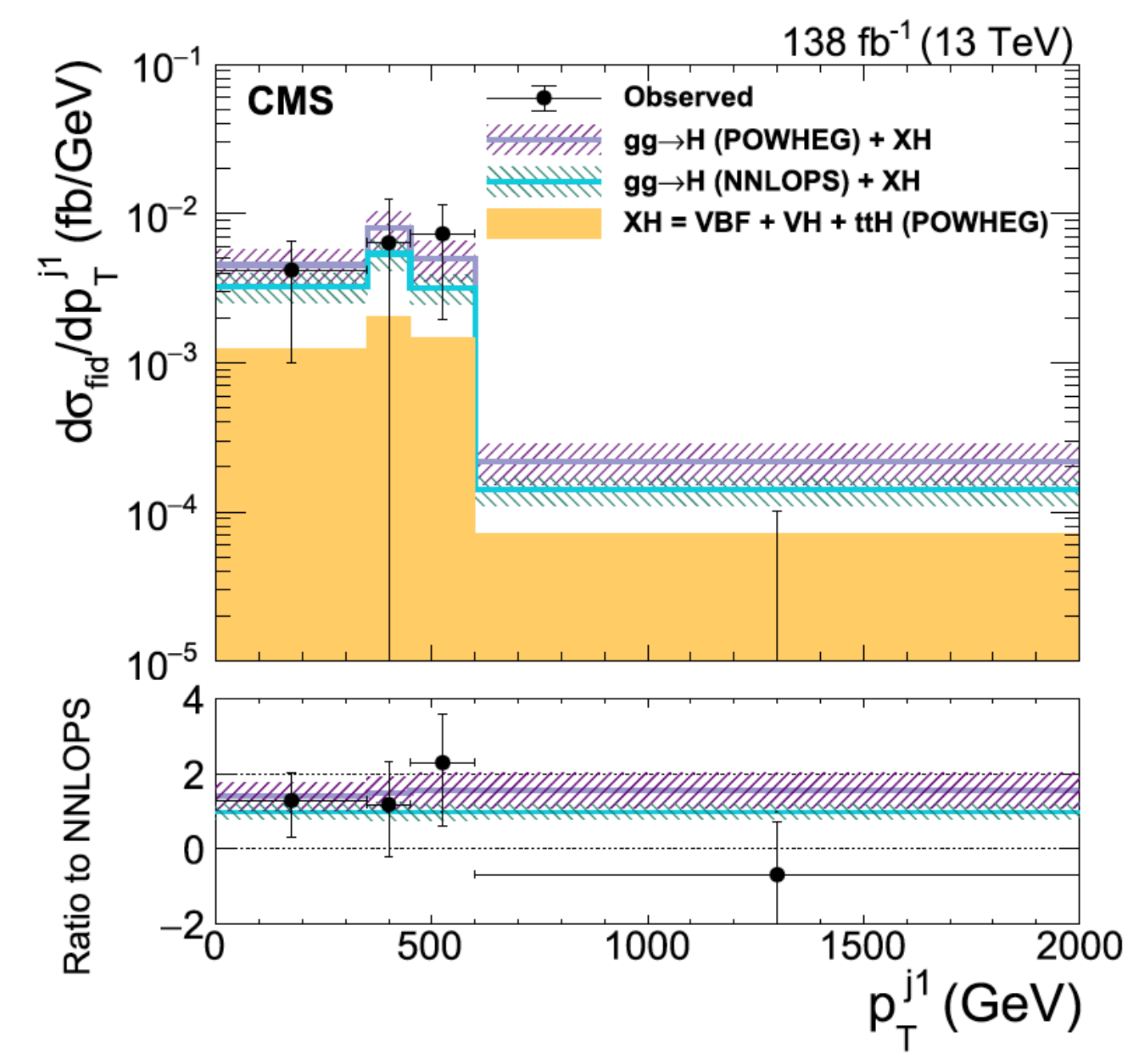
- Observables (resolved) : p_T^H , N_{jets} and p_T^{j1}
- Observables (boosted): p_T^H , p_T^{j1}
 - Final observable is NN output
- In agreement with SM



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$: differential (boosted)

- * Measured in fiducial region defined to match the offline selection for each decay channel
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✳️ Combination of differential spectra in the analyses:

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ([JHEP07\(2023\) 091](#)), $H \rightarrow ZZ$ ([JHEP08\(2023\) 040](#)), $H \rightarrow WW$ ([JHEP03\(2021\) 003](#)),
 $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ([Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 081805](#)), $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (*boosted*) [arXiv:2403.20201](#)

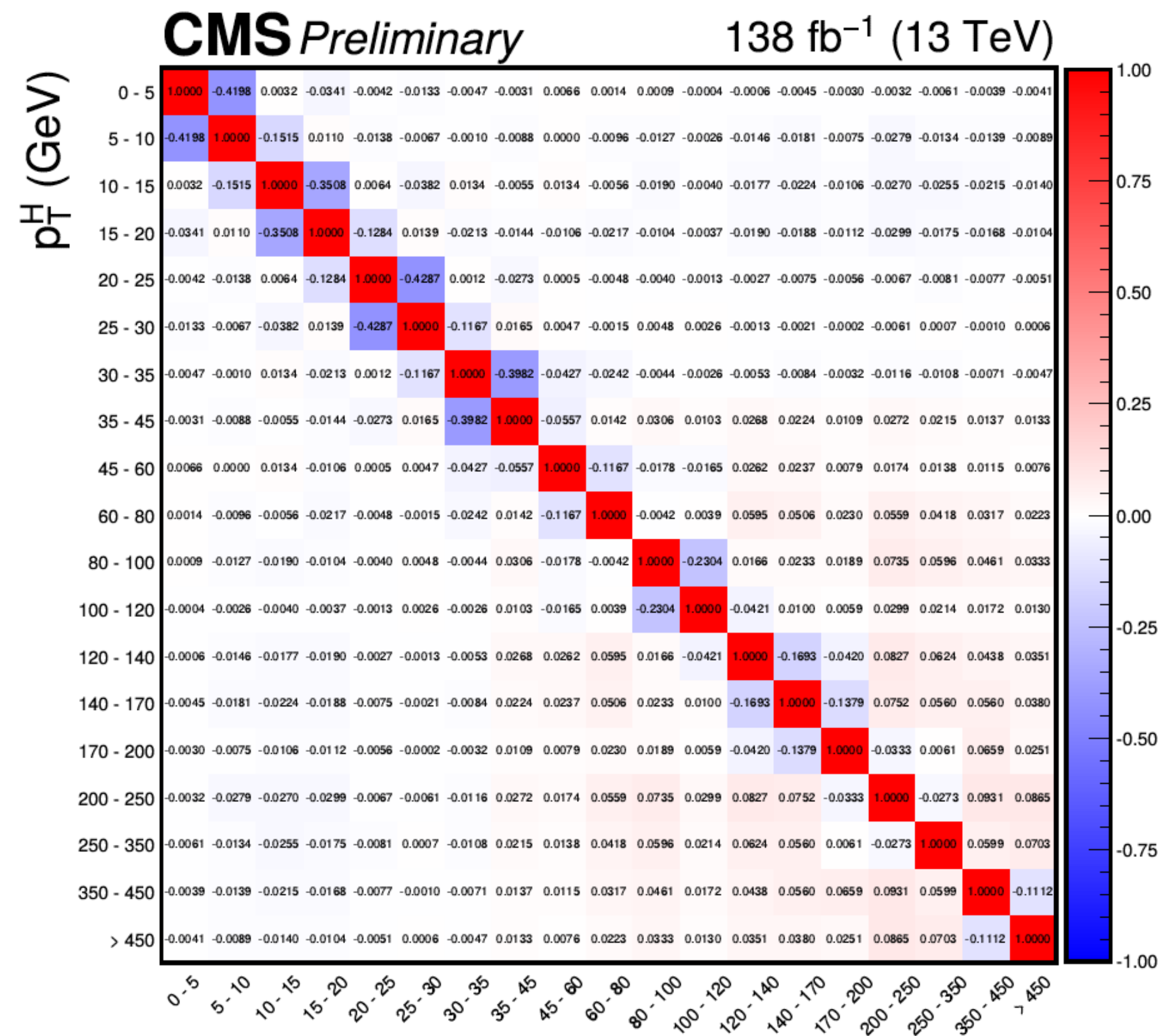
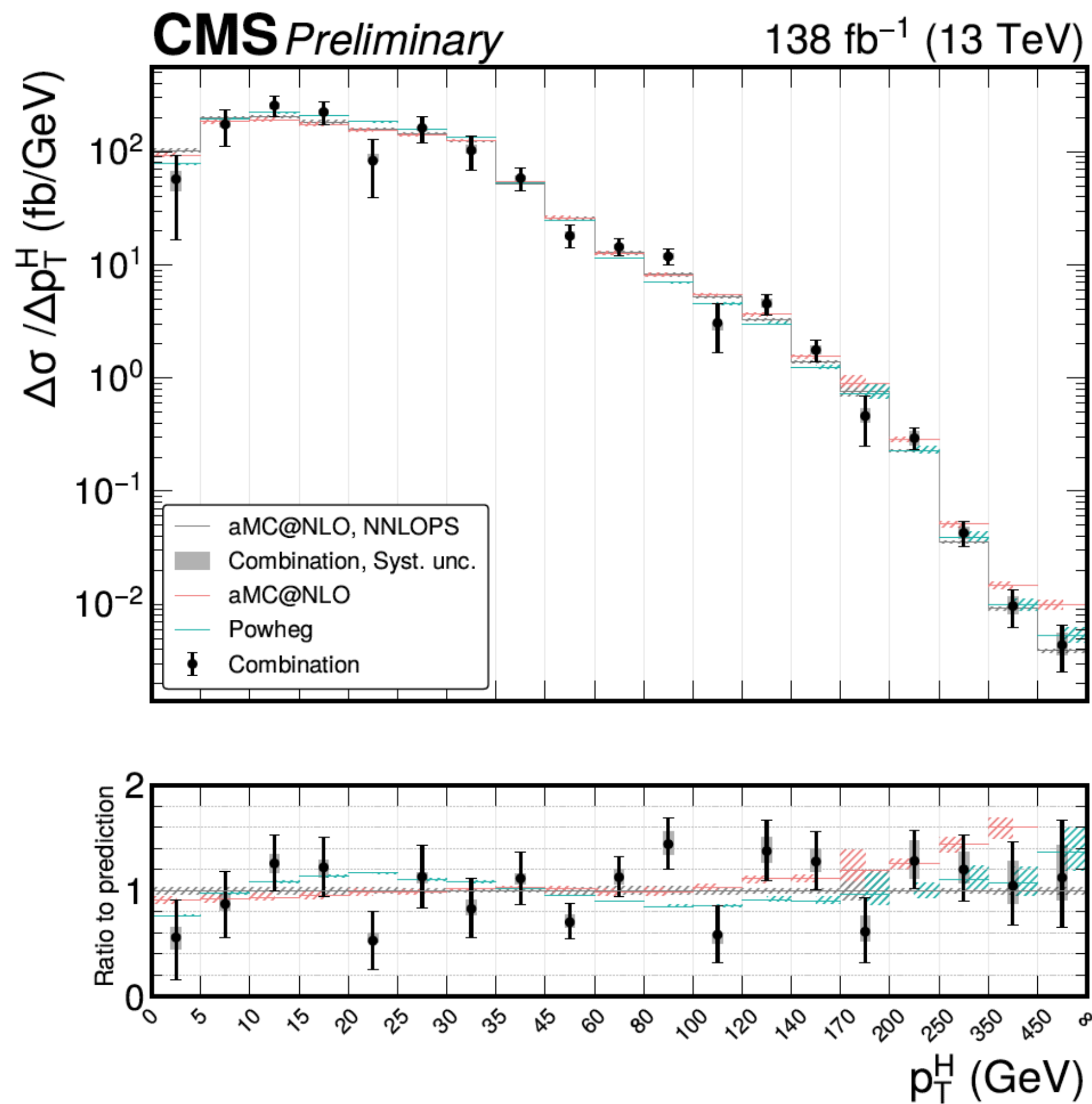
✳️ Differential XS

- Fit Strategy:
 - Measurements in input analyses performed in *different fiducial phase spaces*
 - μ is used across the *channels* (inclusive phase space)
- *Signal* models with different bin boundaries combined with a procedure
- Systematics:
 - Lumi, efficiencies, energy scale & resolution *correlated* among channels except:
 - τ energy scale and lepton efficiencies in $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (*boosted*), $H \rightarrow ZZ$

✳️ Interpretation of differential distribution (p_T^H) observable

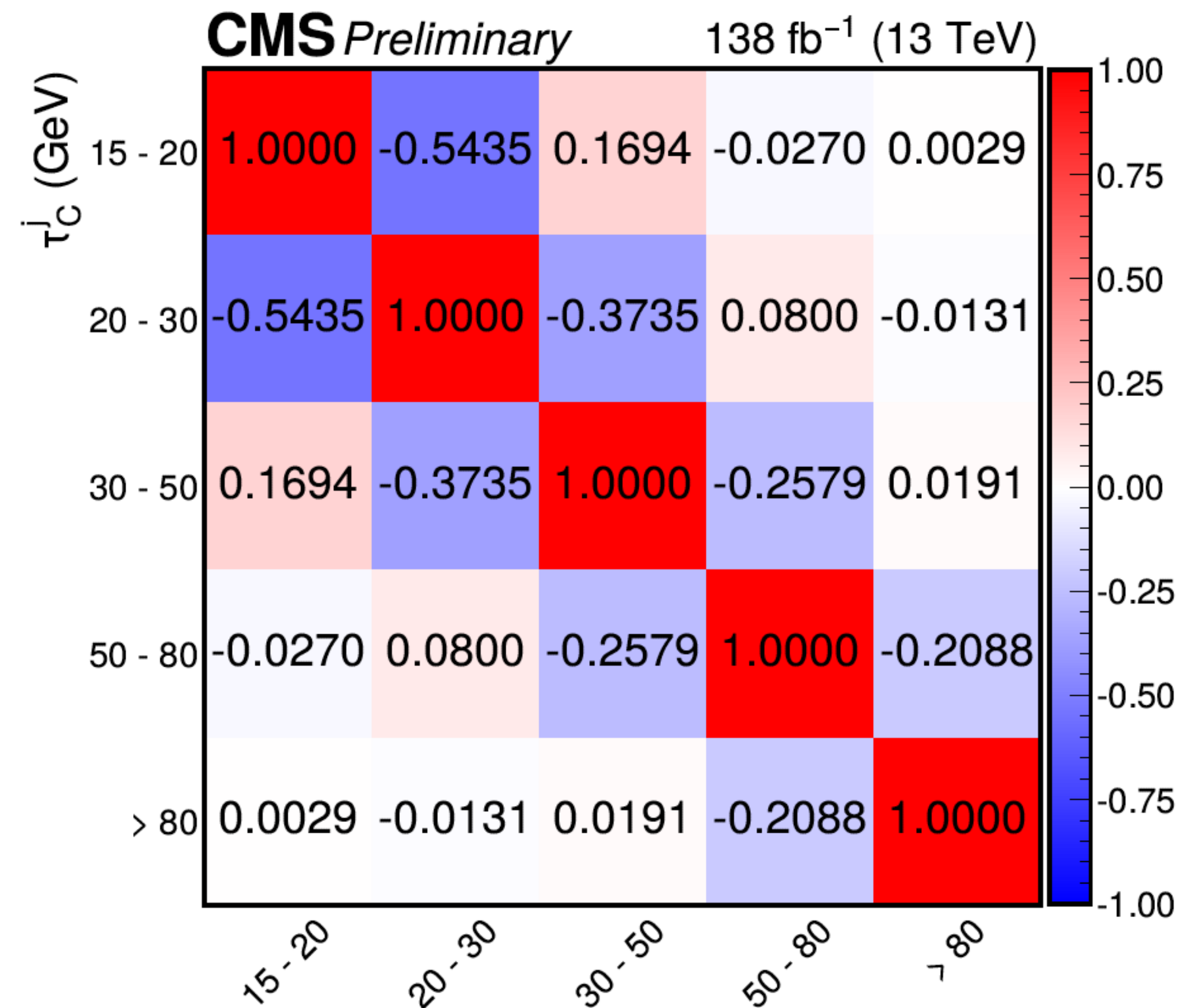
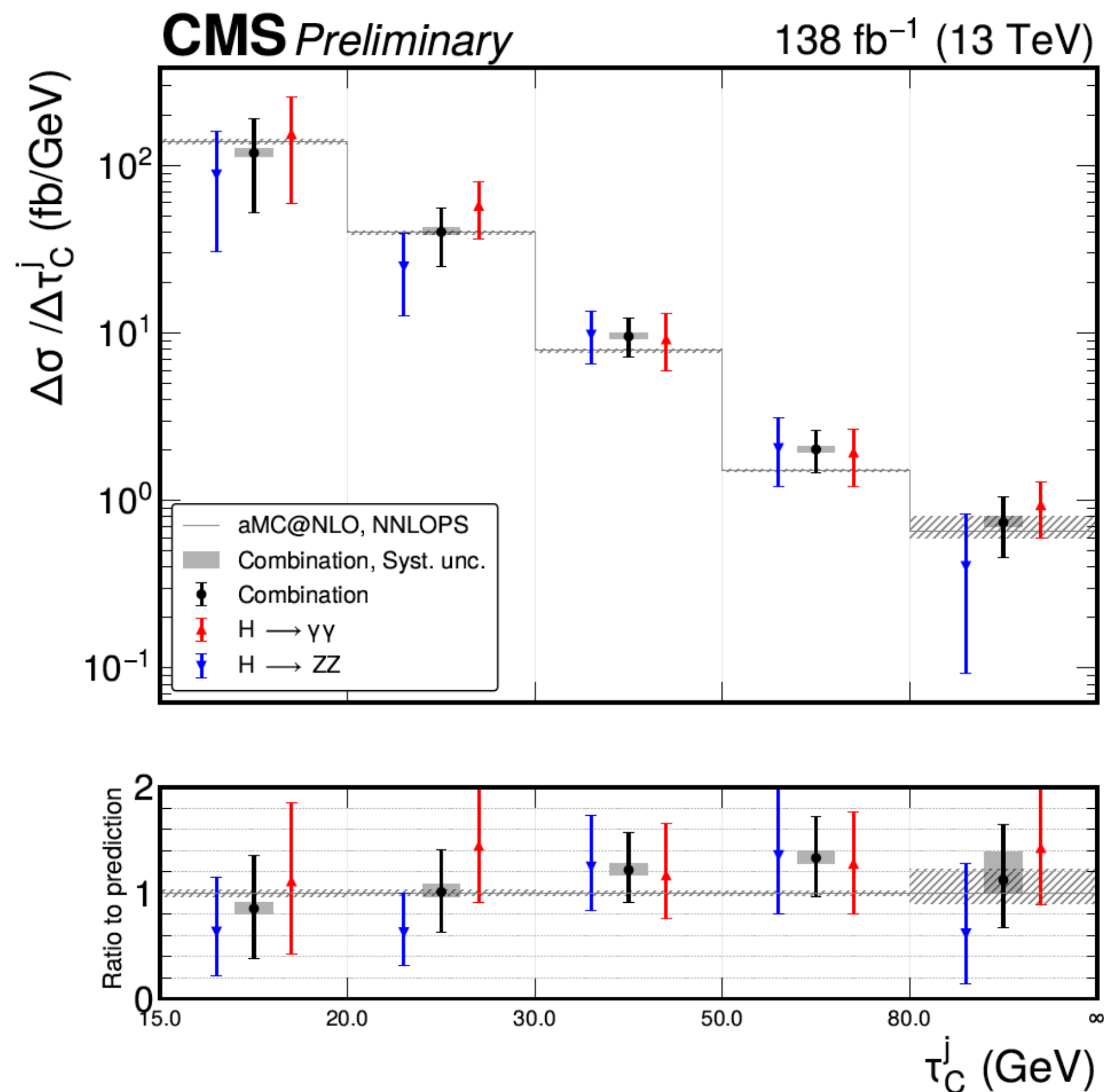
- SMEFT: SM with series of higher dimensional operators which are invariant under $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{j=0}^{2499} \frac{c_j^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} O_j^{(6)}$$



* Reported **Differential** measurements

- Observables: p_T^H , N_{jets} , $|y^H|$, p_T^{j1} , m_{jj} , $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$ and τ_C^j



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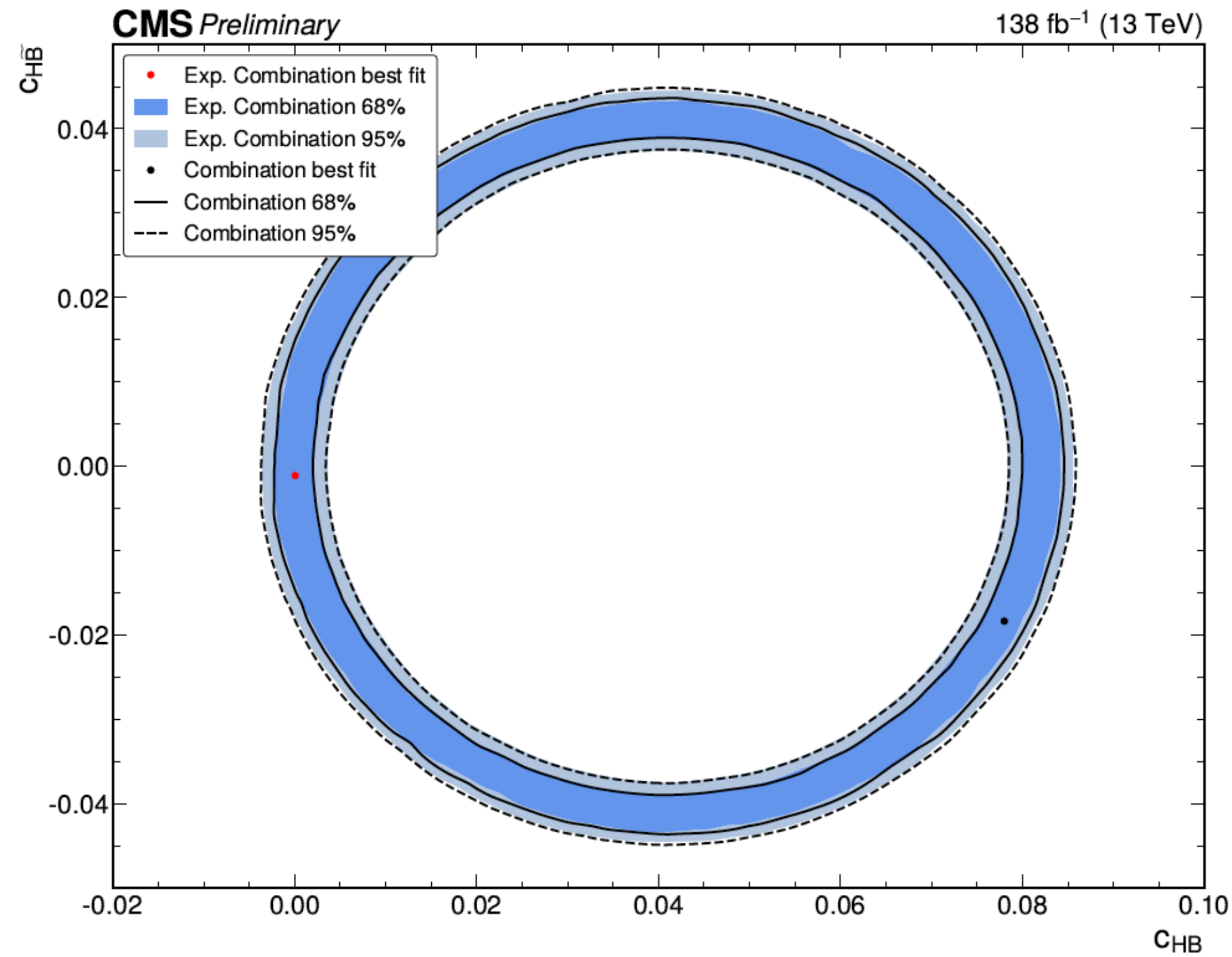
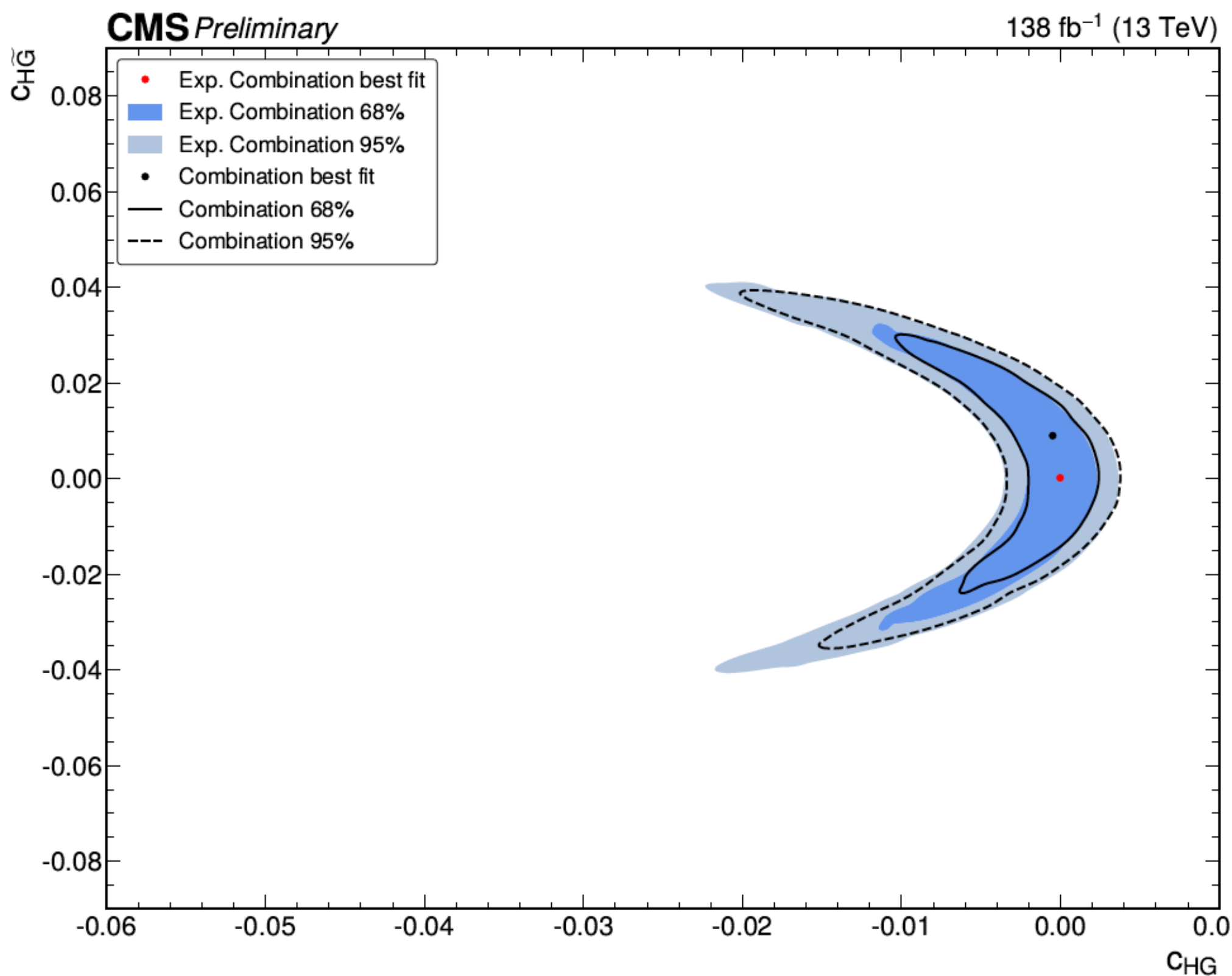
- Observables: p_T^H , N_{jets} , $|y^H|$, p_T^{j1} , m_{jj} , $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$ and τ_C^j (see [backup slides](#) for other distributions)

* Observable being p_T^H (see slide 21)

* Fit pairs of CP-even, CP-odd WCs while setting all other WC = 0 (SM)

Class	Operator	Wilson coefficient	Example process
$\mathcal{L}_6^{(4)} - X^2 H^2$	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}$	c_{HG}	
	$H^\dagger H \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}$	\tilde{c}_{HG}	
$\mathcal{L}_6^{(4)} - X^2 H^2$	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	c_{HB}	
	$H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$	\tilde{c}_{HB}	
$\mathcal{L}_6^{(4)} - X^2 H^2$	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i\mu\nu}$	c_{HW}	
	$H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i\mu\nu}$	\tilde{c}_{HW}	
$\mathcal{L}_6^{(4)} - X^2 H^2$	$H^\dagger \sigma^i H W_{\mu\nu}^i B^{i\mu\nu}$	c_{HWB}	
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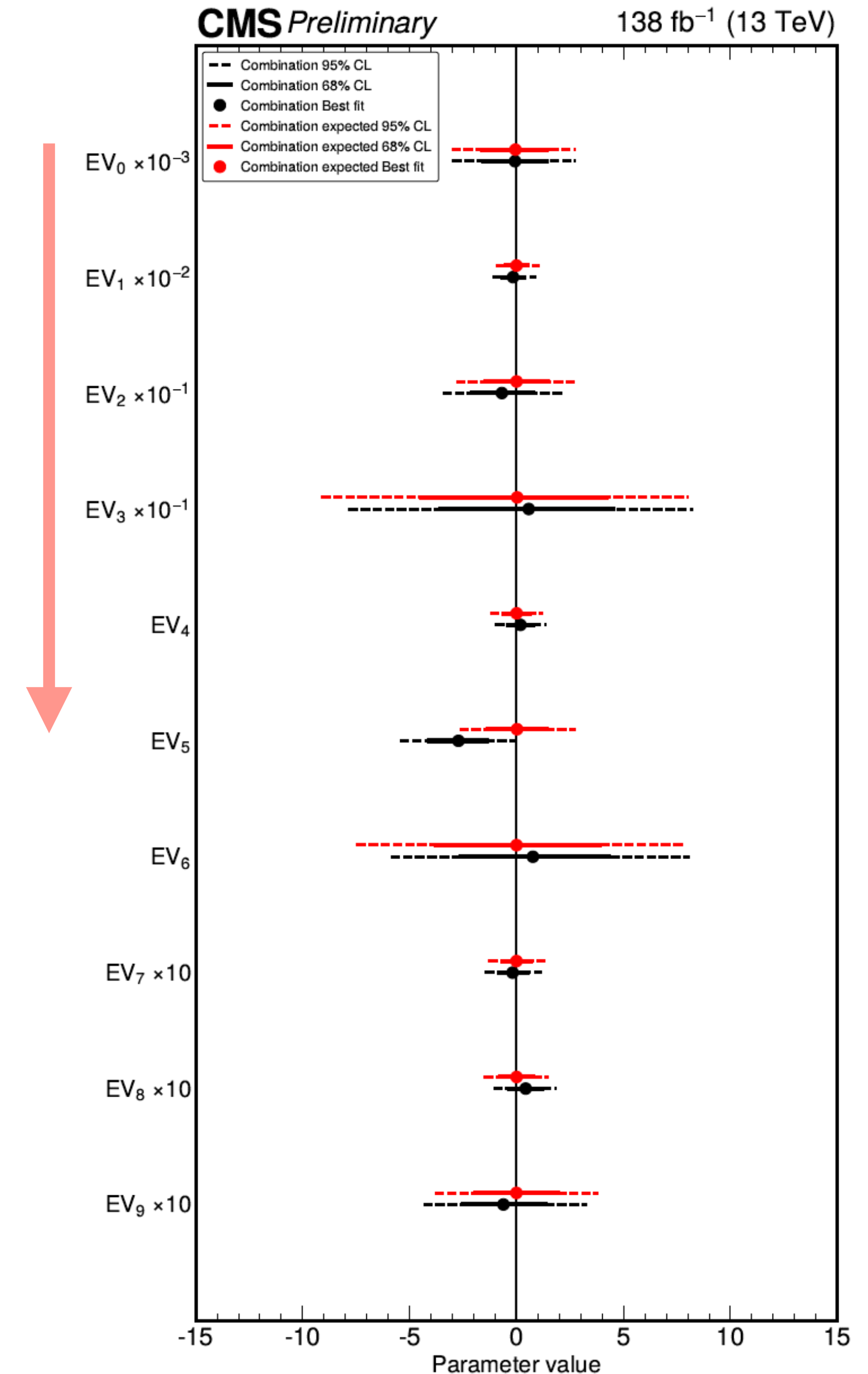
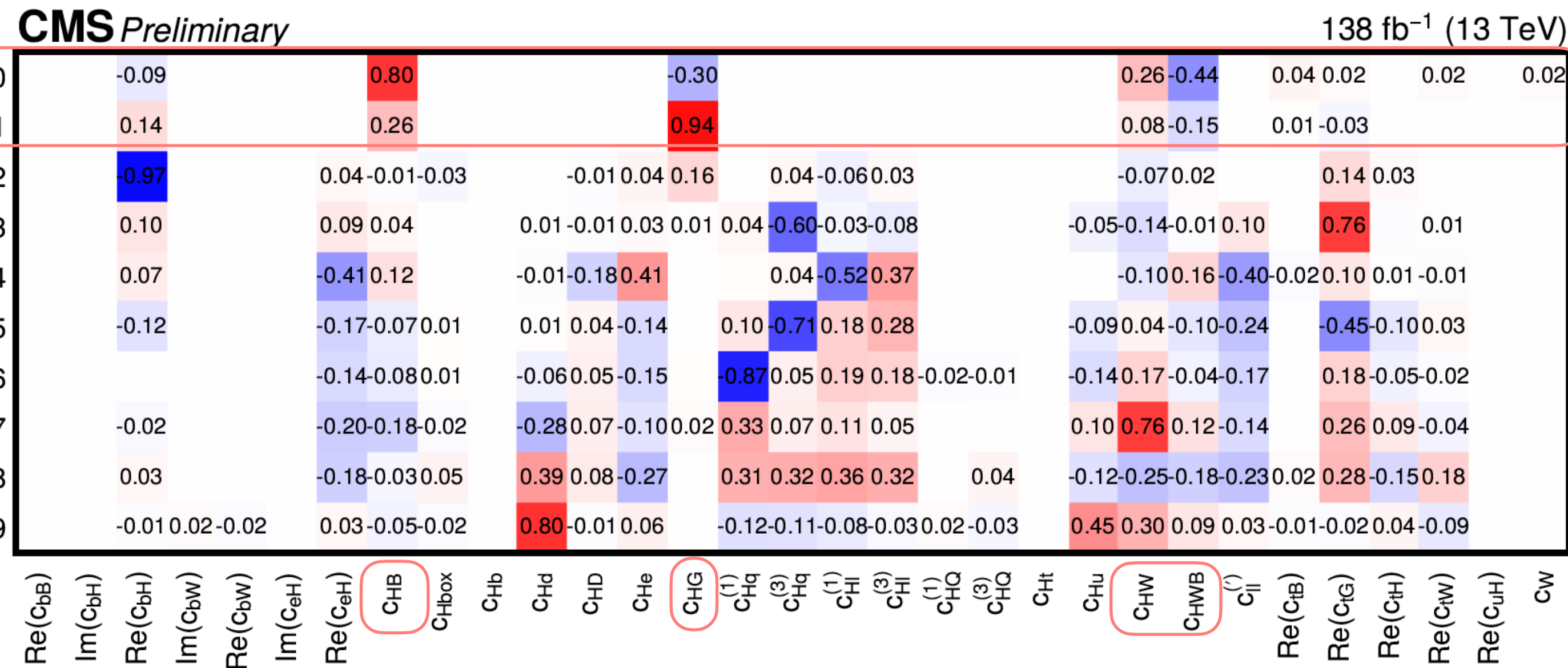
2D scans of Wilson Coefficients



See also [Hannah's talk](#)

* Constraints on linear combination of Wilson Coefficients:

- Define linear combinations of WCs to simultaneously constrain 10 directions in the parameter space



Absolute value signifies importance of WC in linear combination

* Presented the recent Higgs cross sections measured in bosonic and fermionic final states

- Run Run3/2 CMS data
- Several fronts explored:
 - *STXS*, differential (compared with theory predictions) results
 - Differential Combination from several channels and the interpretation

* Full Run 3 (+Run2) data would provide us the opportunity to explore more fine granularity to see the BSM effects (if any) in this regime

Thank

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BACKUP SLIDES

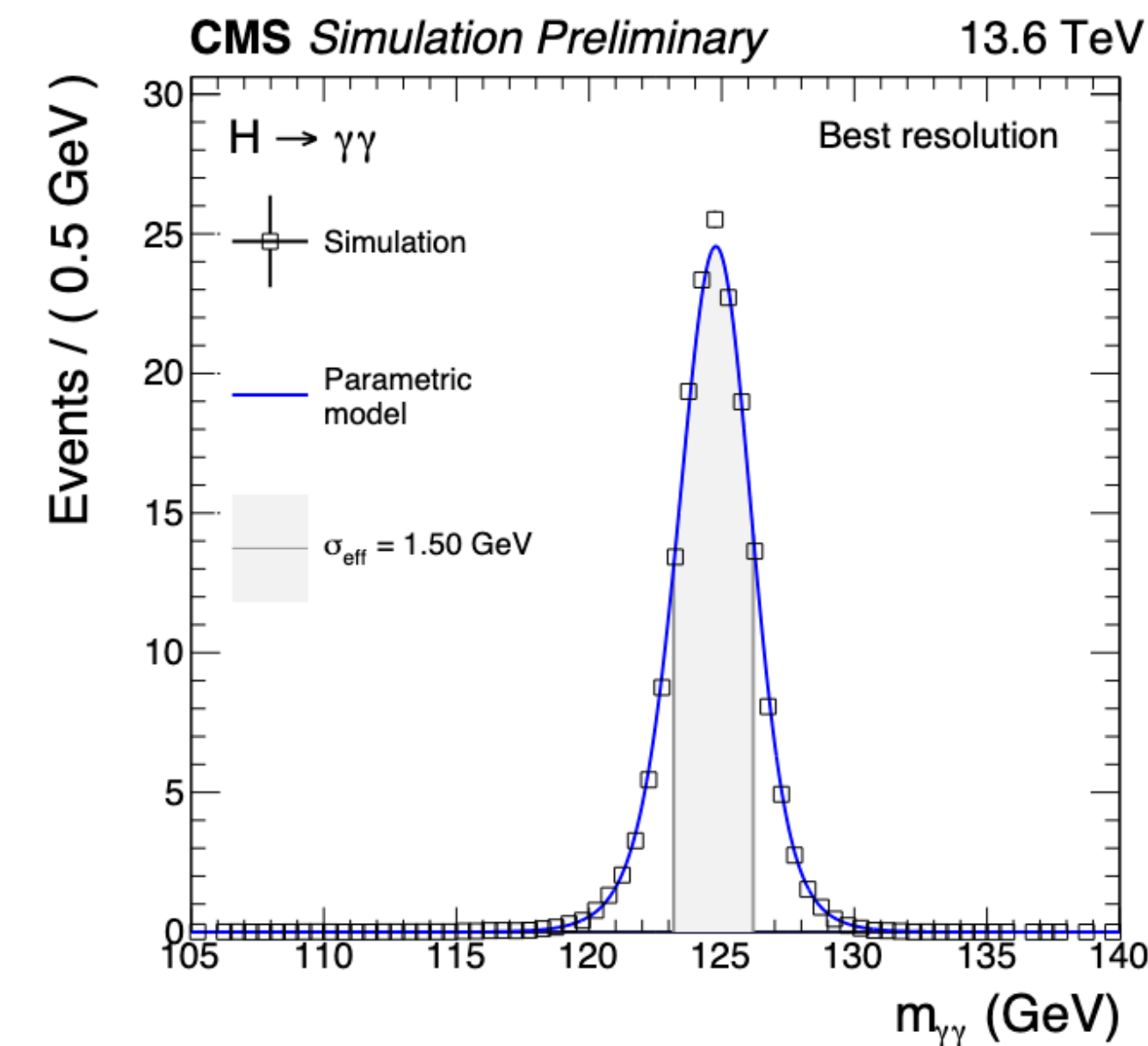
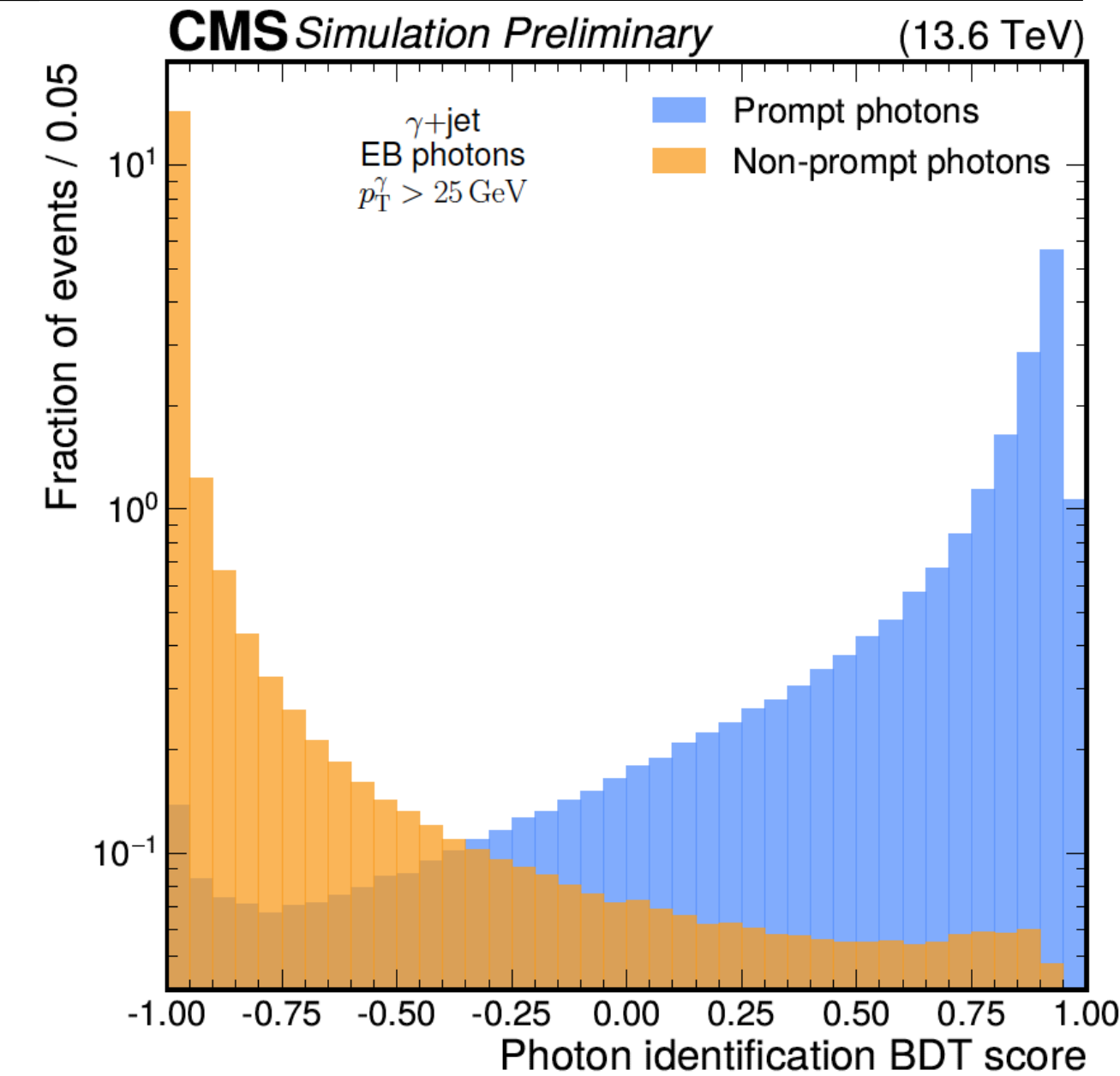
*Overall, similar strategy in Run 2 and Run3

- Requirements on p_T^γ , η_{SC} , photon ID, and shower shape and isolation observables to match the HLT requirements
- Suppression of non-prompt photons with BDT
- In contrast to $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$, lower S/B ratio
- However, excellent data-driven background estimation under the peak

*Categorisation based on **mass resolution**

$$\frac{\sigma_m}{m} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{E_1}}{E_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{E_2}}{E_2}\right)^2}$$

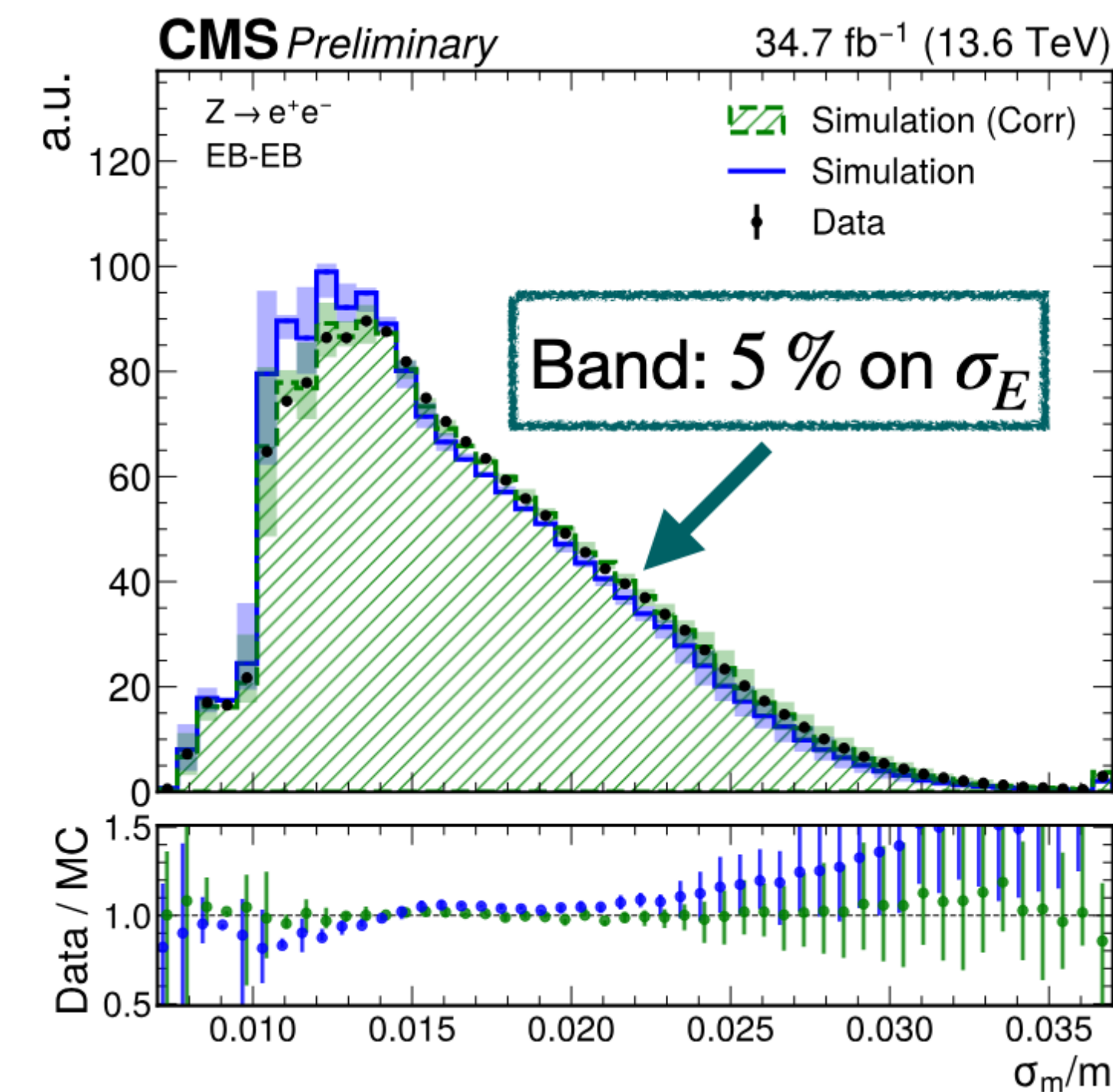
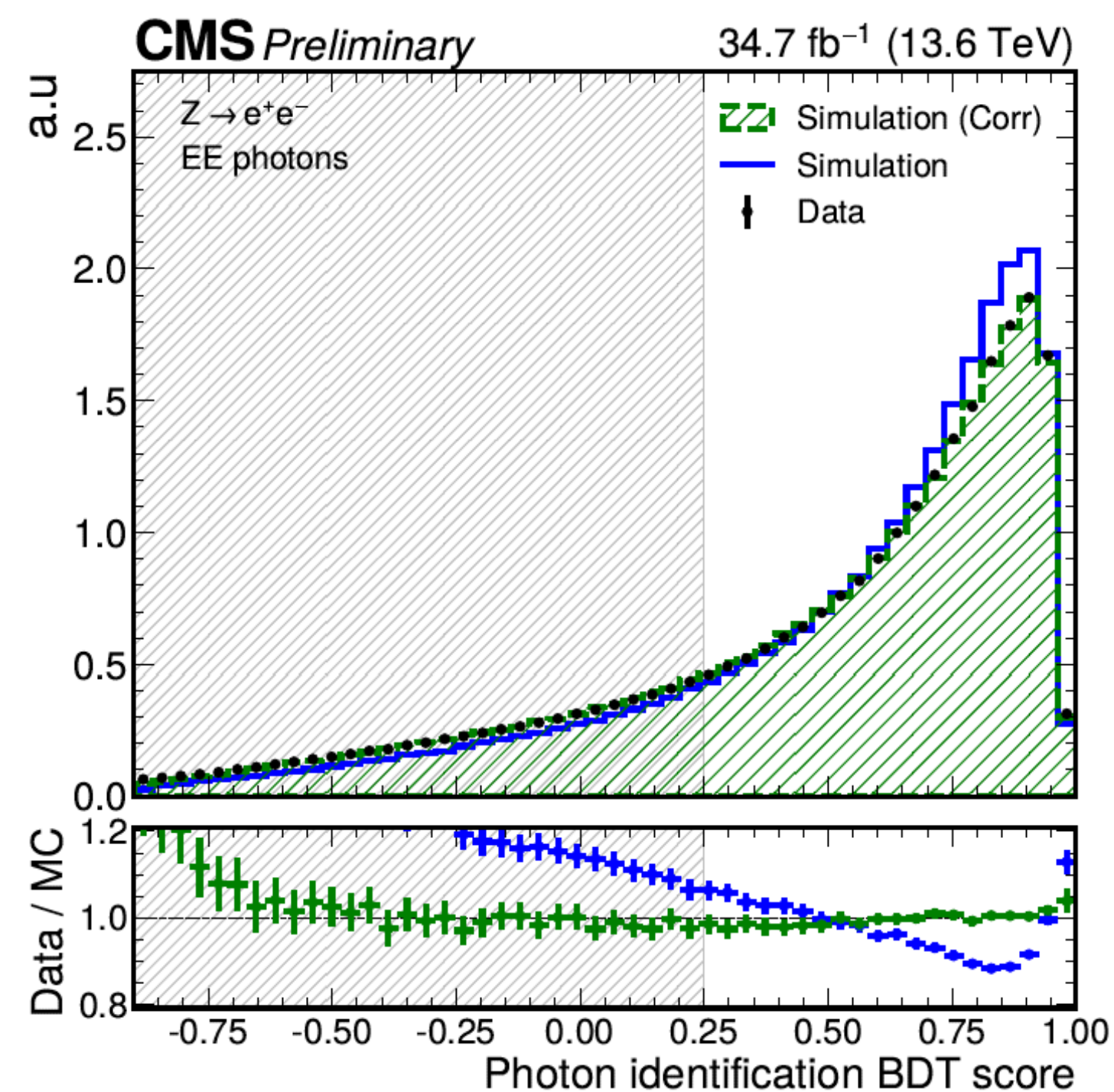
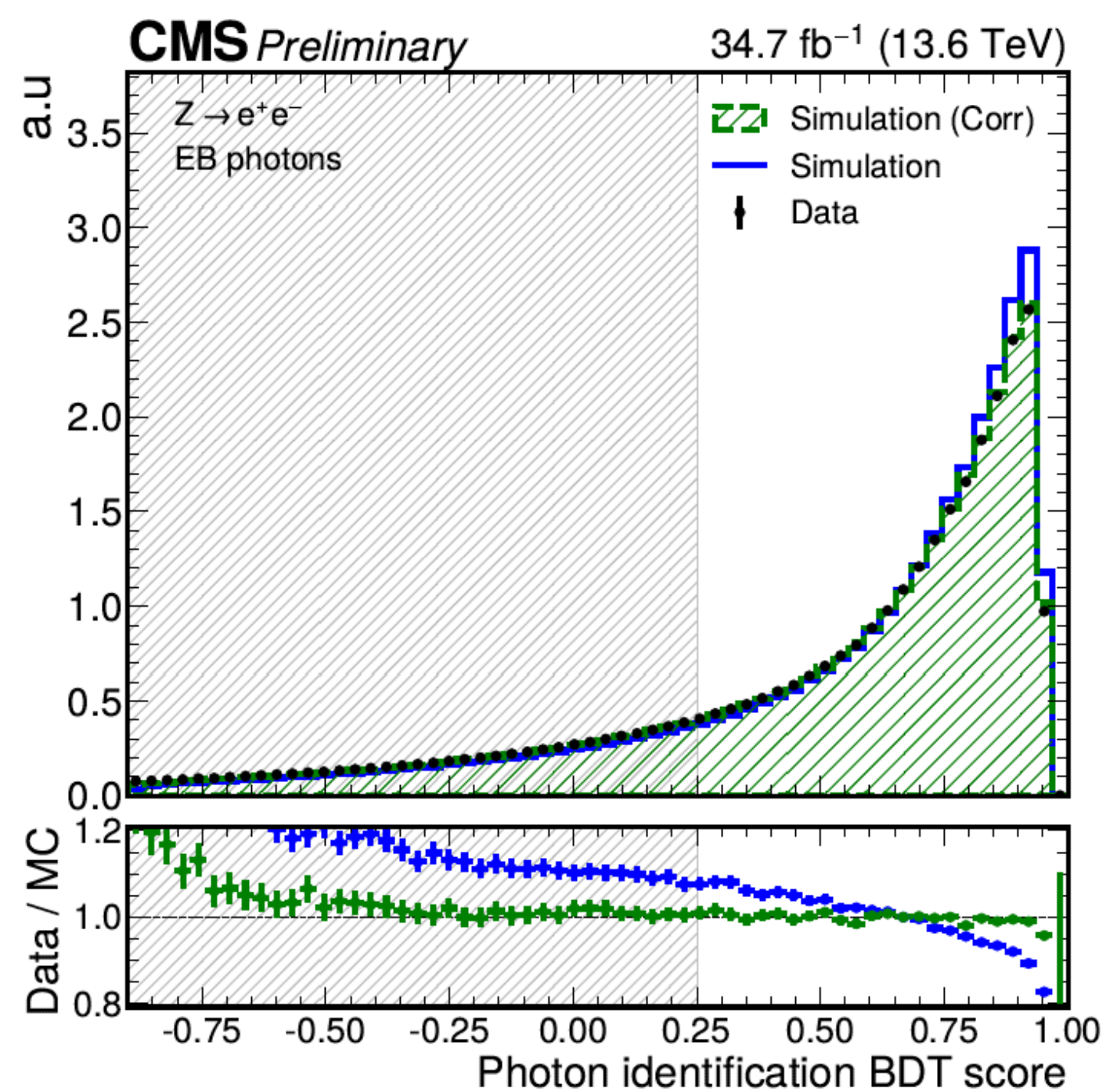
*Inclusive and differential measurement



*Disagreement in input variables for photon ID BDT propagates to output score

*Corrected with single normalising flow (2403.18582) conditioned on kinematics (**new approach in Run3**)

- Trained using $Z \rightarrow ee$ probes, simplified compared to Run 2 BDT approach
- Excellent agreement after correction in ID score and also mass resolution



* Higgs at large p_T (>450 GeV considered)

- To probe BSM effects in scalar sector, test higher-order EW radiative corrections in H production

* Generalized energy correlation functions for 2-prong (W/Z/H) tagging [JHEP 1612 (2016) 53]

- Mass-decorrelated version; using the Designed Decorrelated Tagger method [JHEP 1605 (2016) 156]

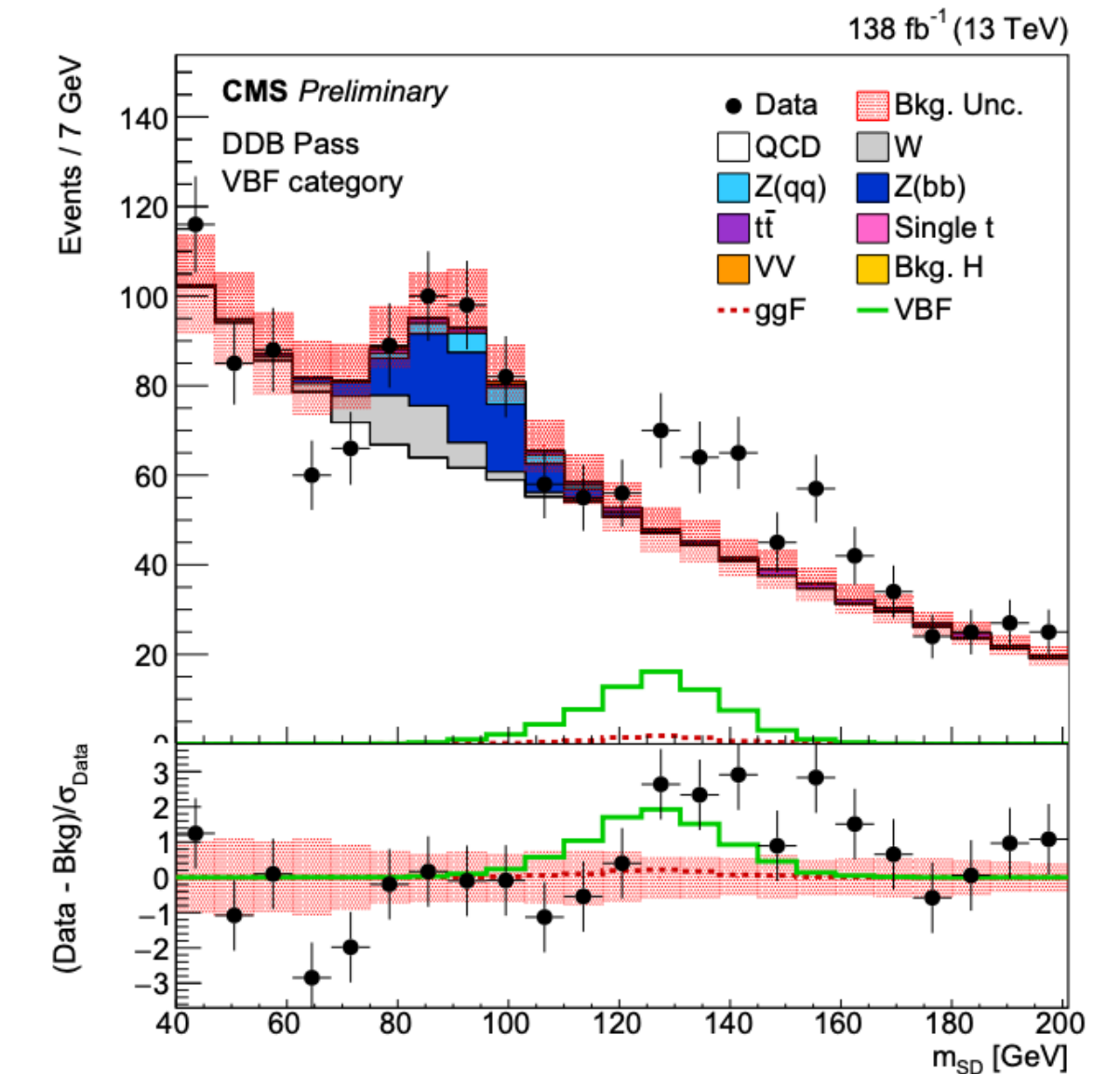
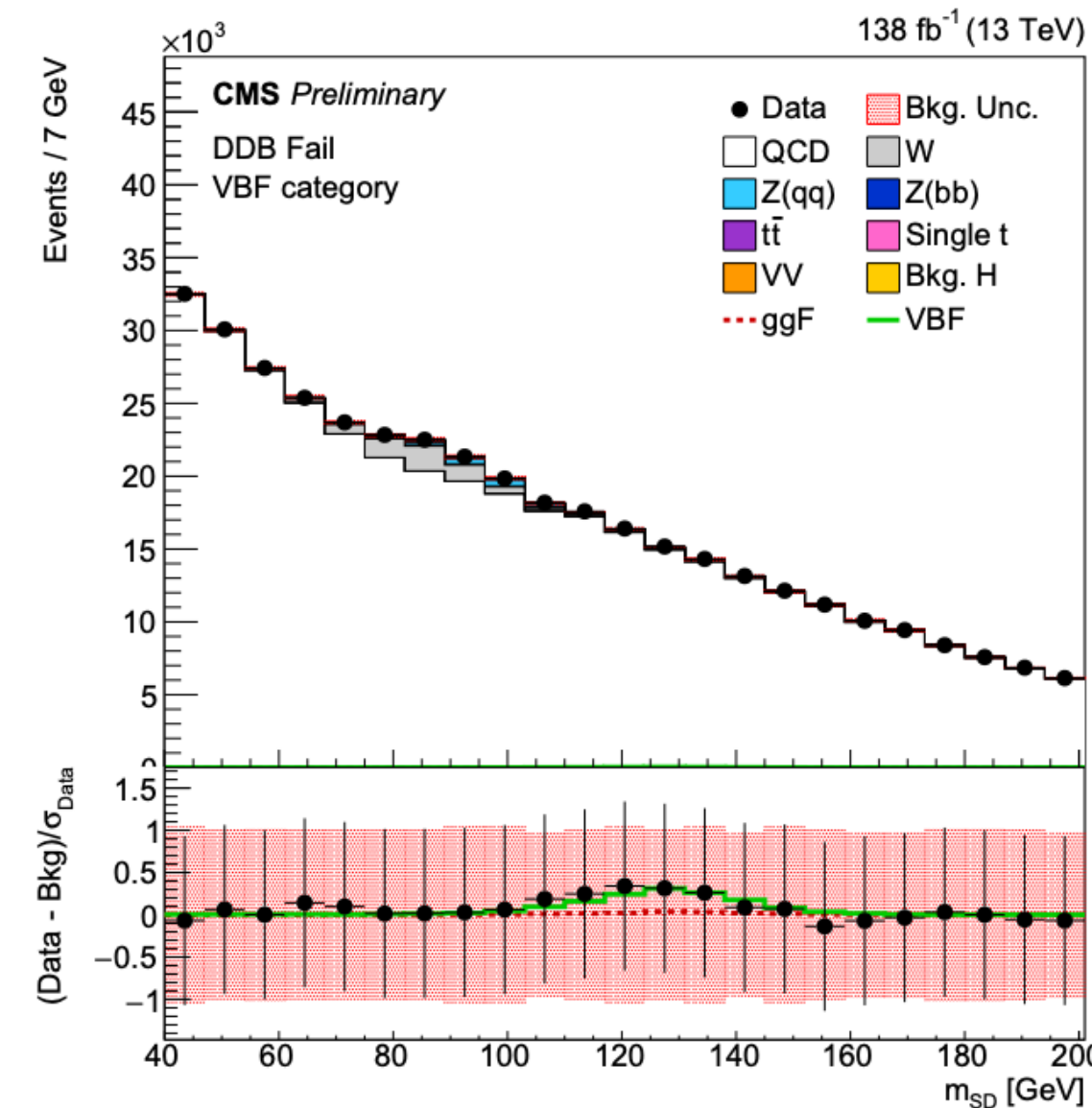
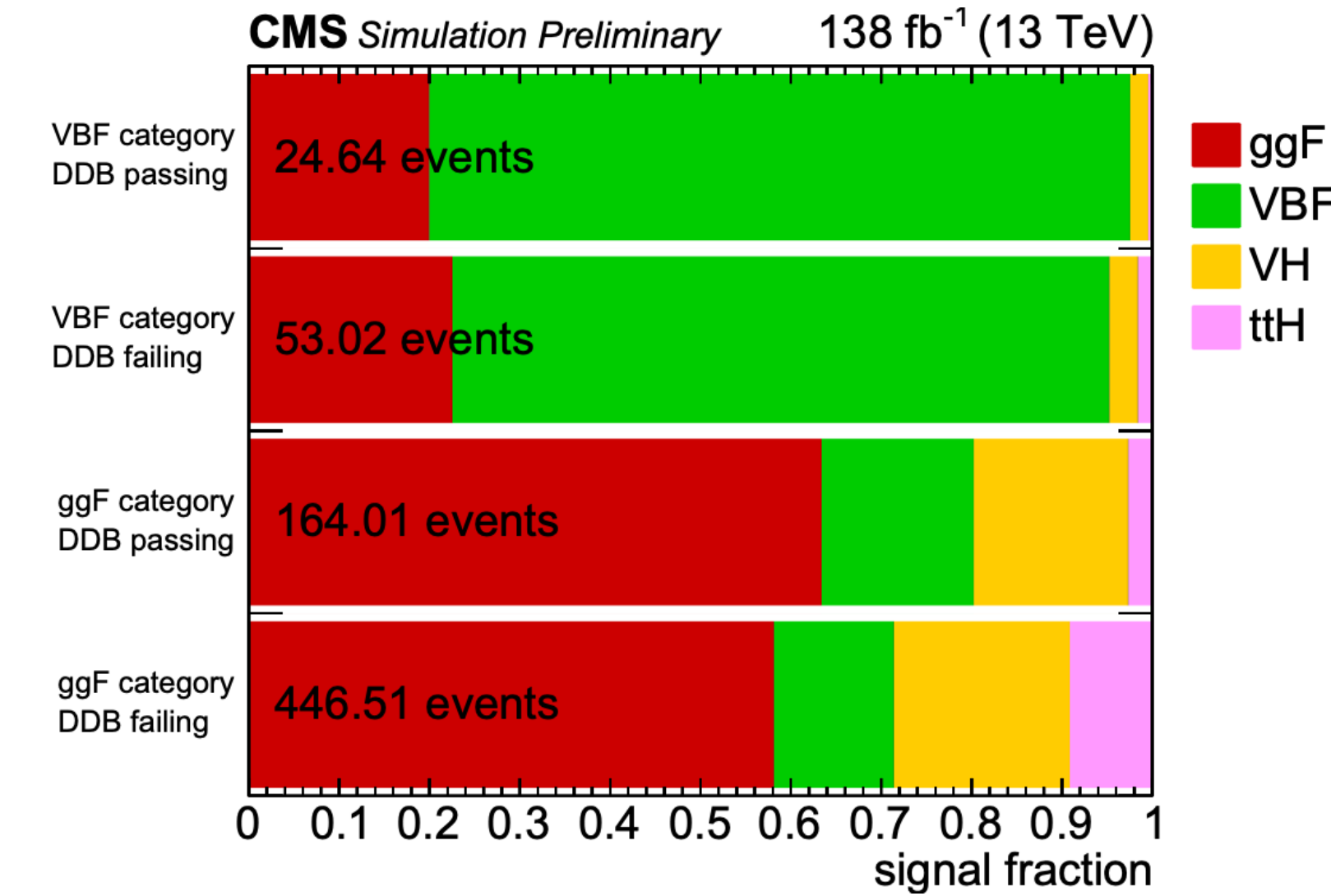
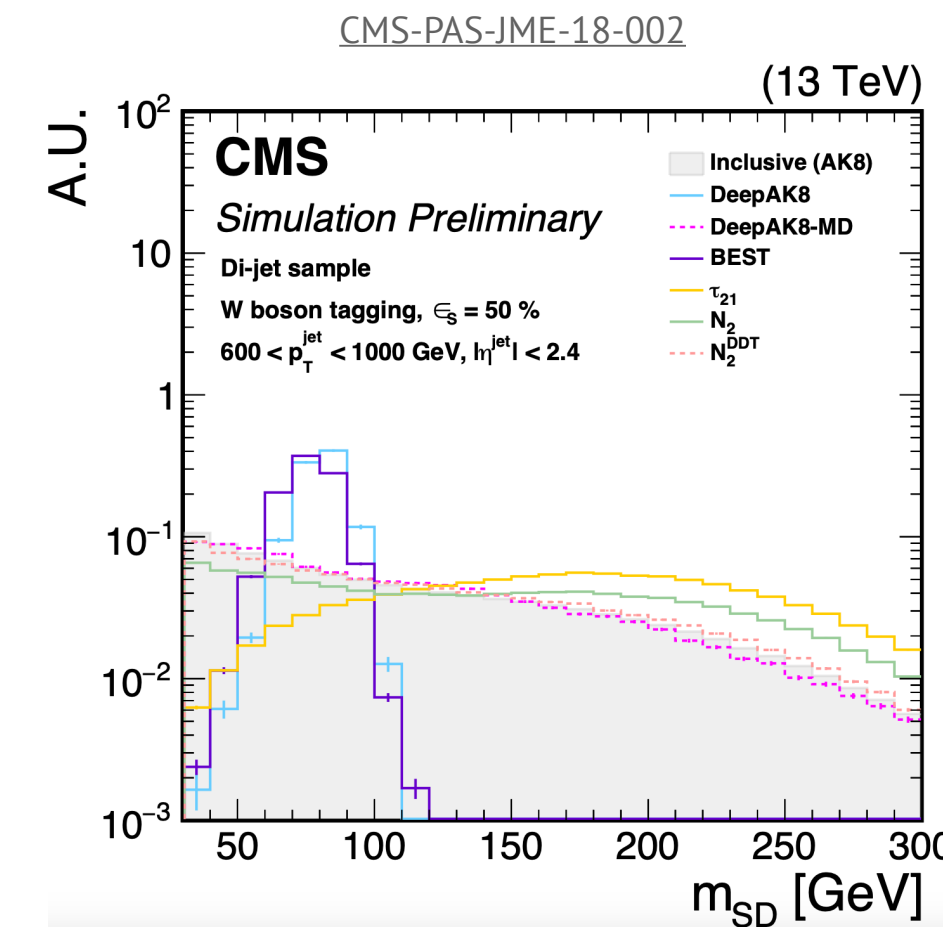
* Updated multivariate Deep Double B-Tagger (DDB)

- Signal significance increased by twice

* Jet substructure and novel b-tagging (DDB fail region) to reject QCD

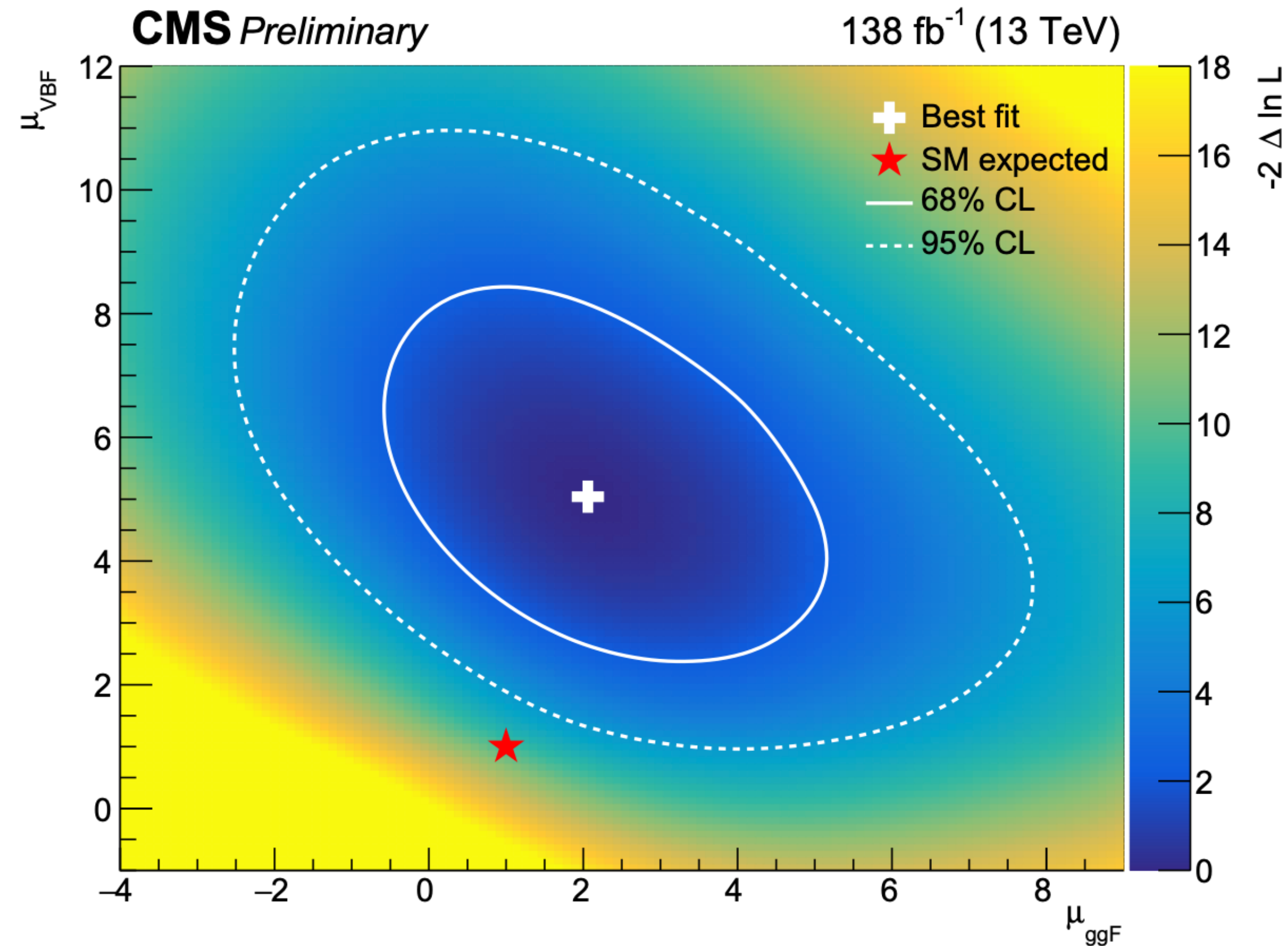
* ML fit to the observed m_{SD} distributions for ggH and VBF

* W and Z boson resonances used to constraint syst. unc.



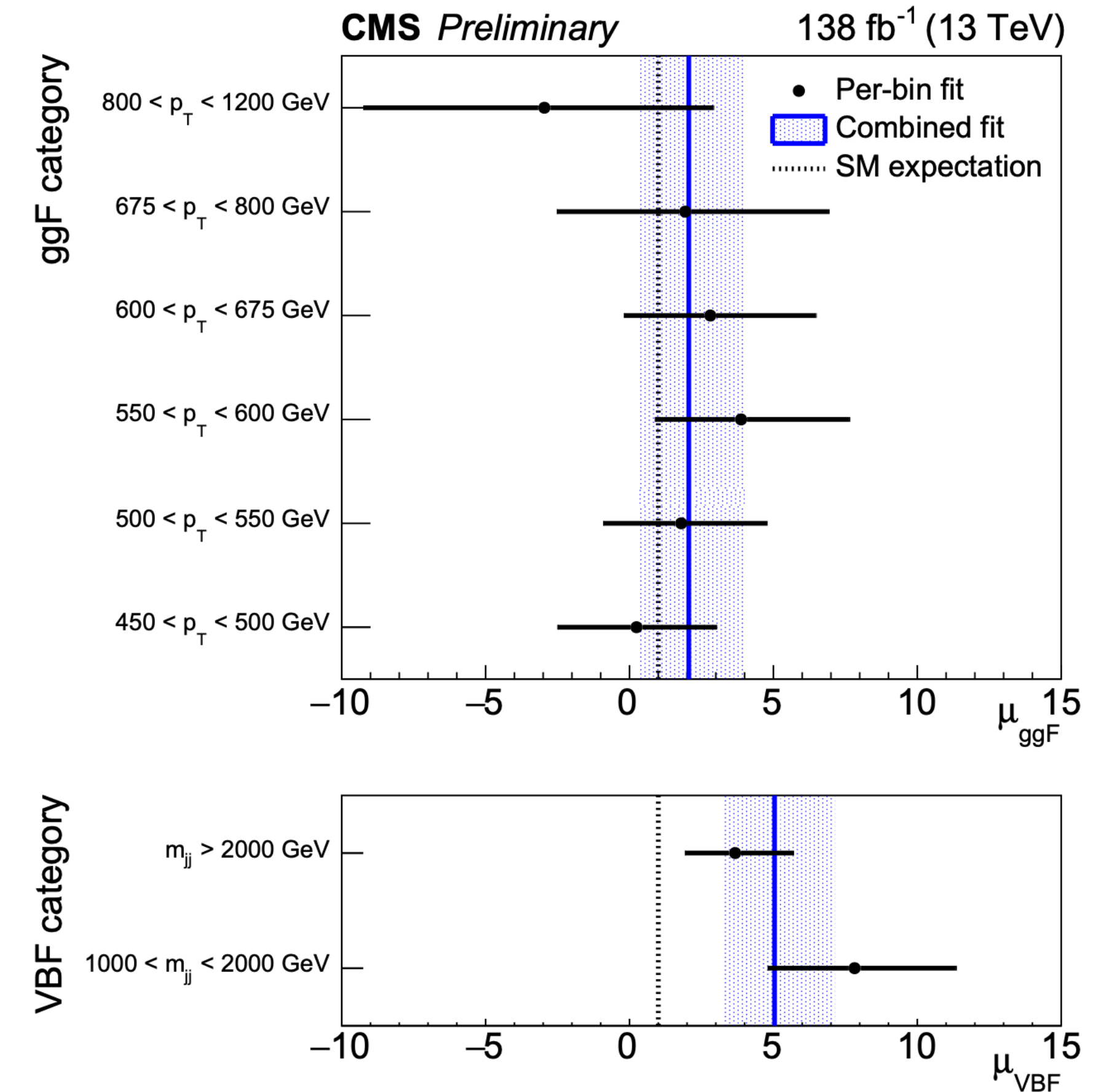
* Observed inclusive Signal Strengths:

- VBF process: $5.0^{+2.1}_{-1.8}$ [obs(exp.) $\rightarrow 3.0\sigma$ (0.9σ)]
- ggF process: $2.1^{+1.9}_{-1.7}$ [obs(exp.) $\rightarrow 1.2\sigma$ (0.9σ)]



* Observed differential Signal strengths:

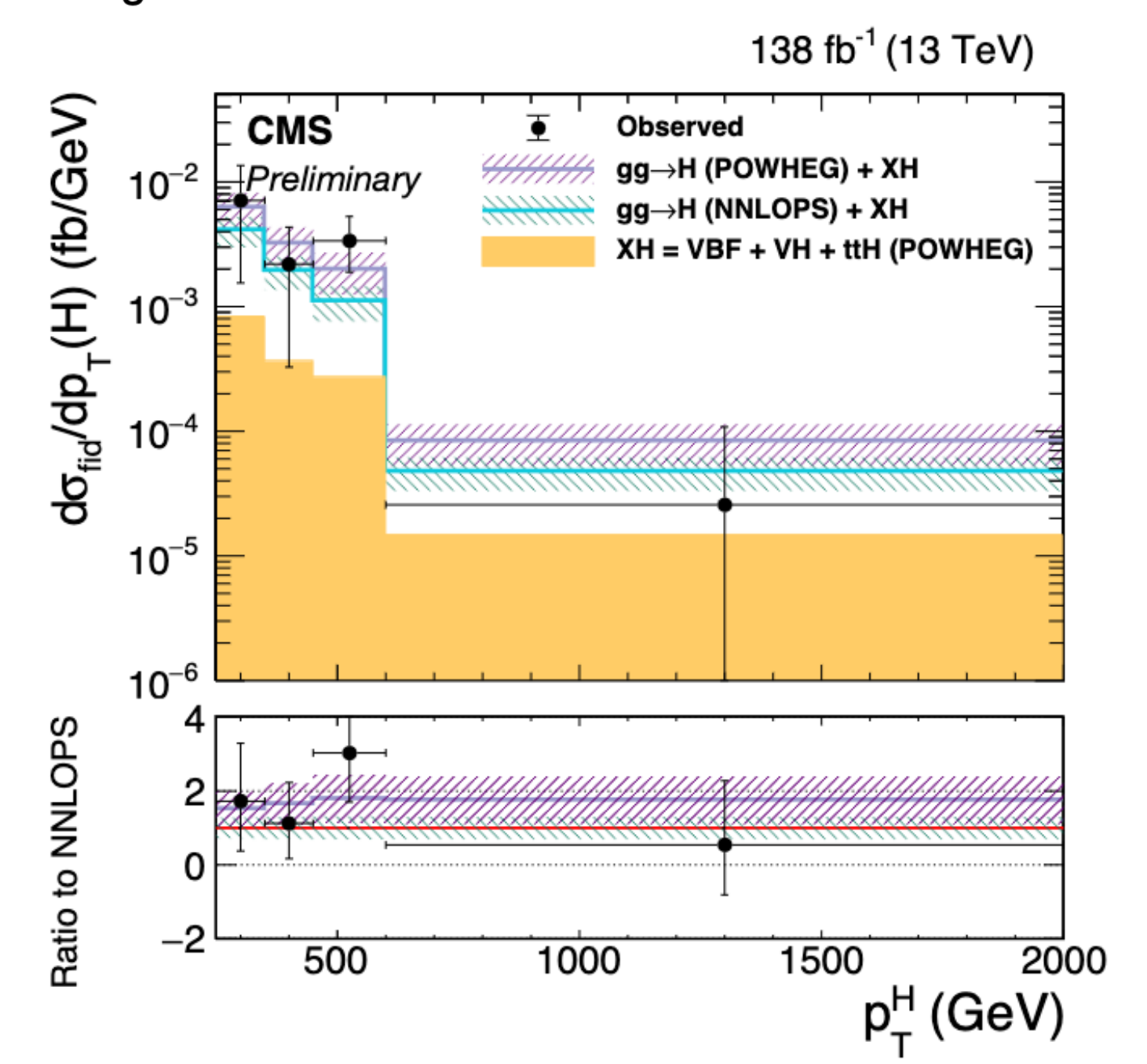
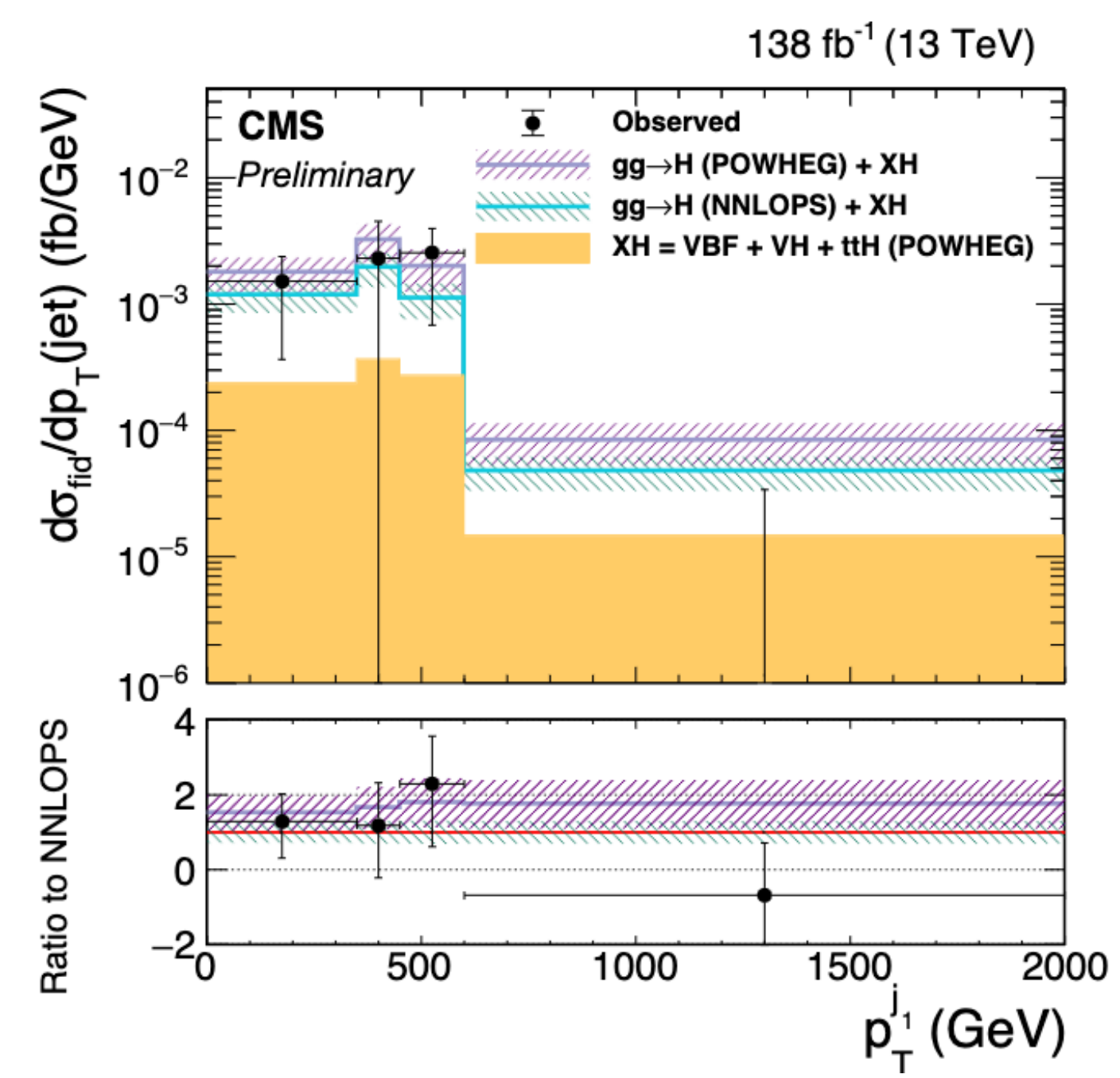
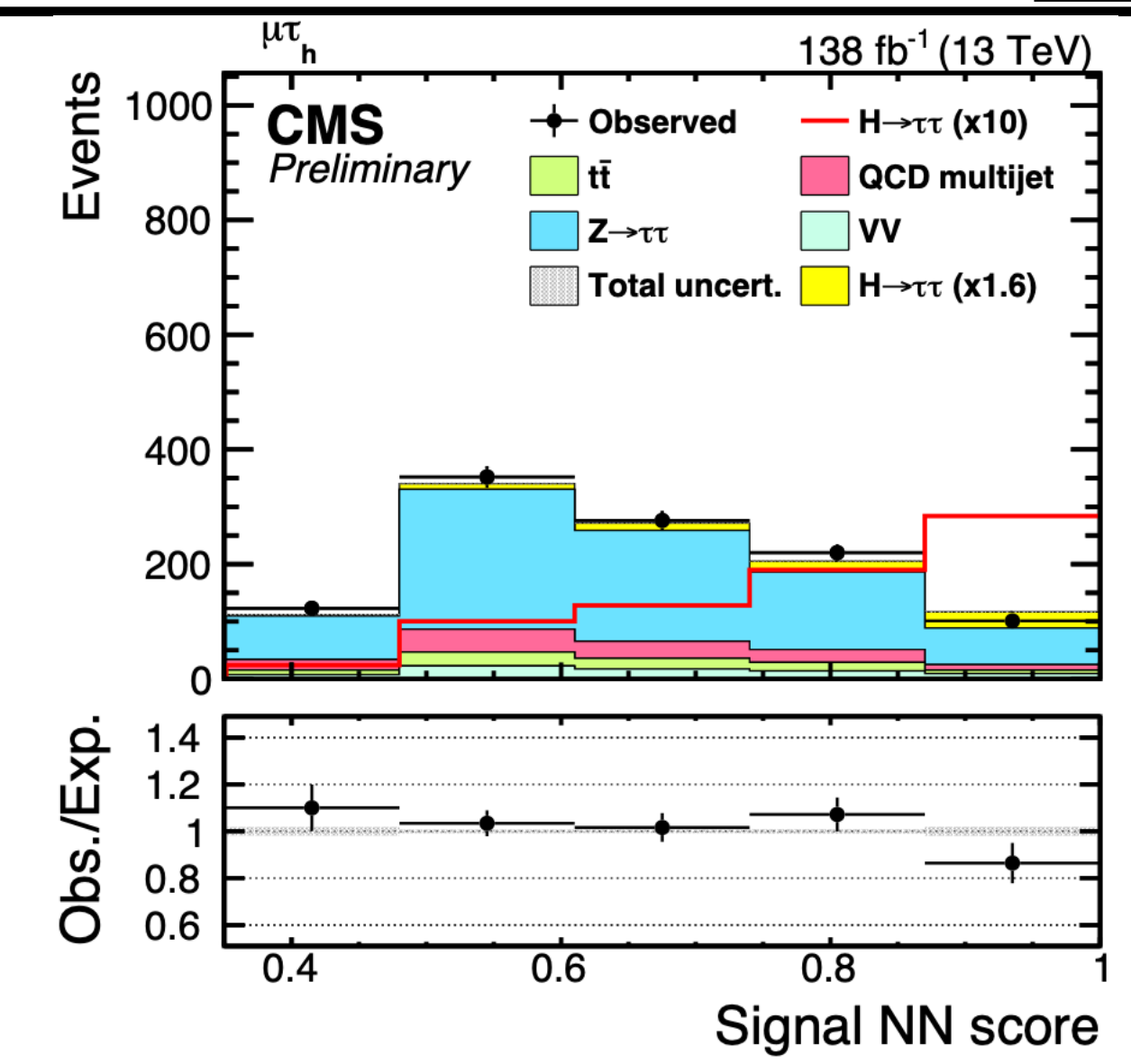
- In p_T bins for ggF
- Inv. mass of forward jets for VBF



- * Measured in fiducial region defined to match the offline selection for each decay channel
 - “OutsideAcceptance” events fixed to SM and treated as background

* Reported **Differential** measurements

- Observables (resolved) : p_T^H , N_{jets} and p_T^{j1}
- Observables (boosted): p_T^H , p_T^{j1}
 - Final observable is NN output
- In agreement with SM



Vector Boson Fusion (VBF) process: second most dominant Higgs production @LHC

cross section ~ 3.78 pb @ $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with N²LO QCD & NLO EWK accuracy.

→ Br(H → bb) : largest, $\sim 58\%$

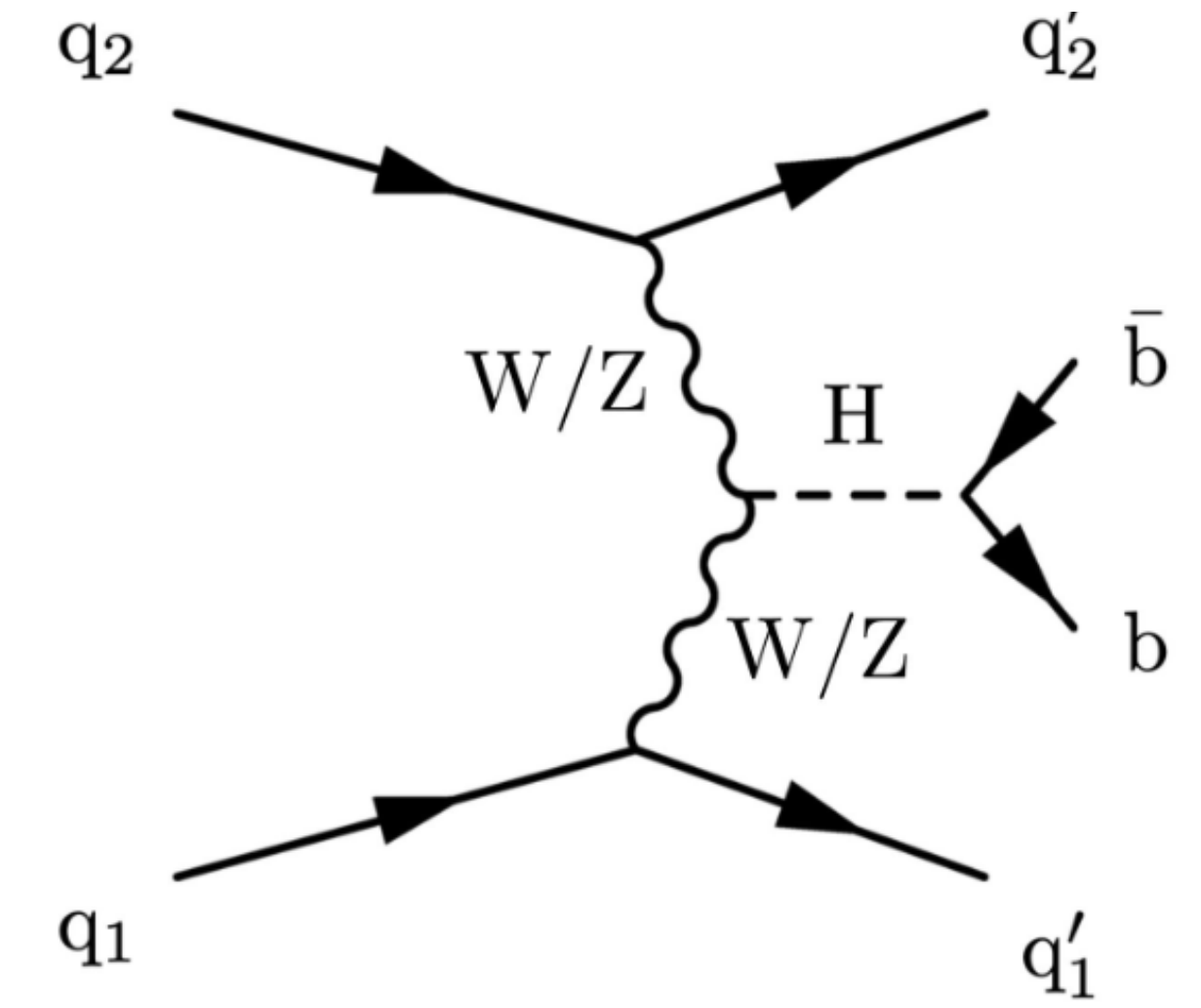
→ VBFHbb process at tree level probes C_V (**HVV) coupling at the production**
and y_b (**Hbb) coupling at the decay.**

Experimental challenges

→ Overwhelming QCD multijet background

→ Large resonant $Z \rightarrow bb$ background (overlapping with the signal in the higher tail of the Z peak)

→ Triggering VBFHbb events with high efficiency at reasonable rate



Hbb coupling established already via VH process → allowed strength varies over considerably large range.

Signatures of VBF process:

→ **Two forward-backward** jets from the outgoing scattered partons

→ Mostly with moderate $p_T \Rightarrow$ positioned at the higher $|\eta|$ region, reasonably large rapidity gap ($\Delta\eta_{jj}$)

→ High dijet invariant mass (m_{jj})

→ jet pair termed as **VBF jets**

Strategy (Resolved analysis dealing with AK4 jets : 2 b-jets from Higgs decay + 2 VBF jets)

→ **Dedicated HLT Triggers** based on the **VBF & b-tag requirements**

→ **Multivariate analysis techniques (MVA)** to discriminate signal against major backgrounds

→ Reconstructed Higgs candidate mass (**invariant mass of two b jets, m_{bb}**) distribution is used to extract signal.

* $t\bar{t}H$:

- inclusive

- $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 0.33 \pm 0.26$

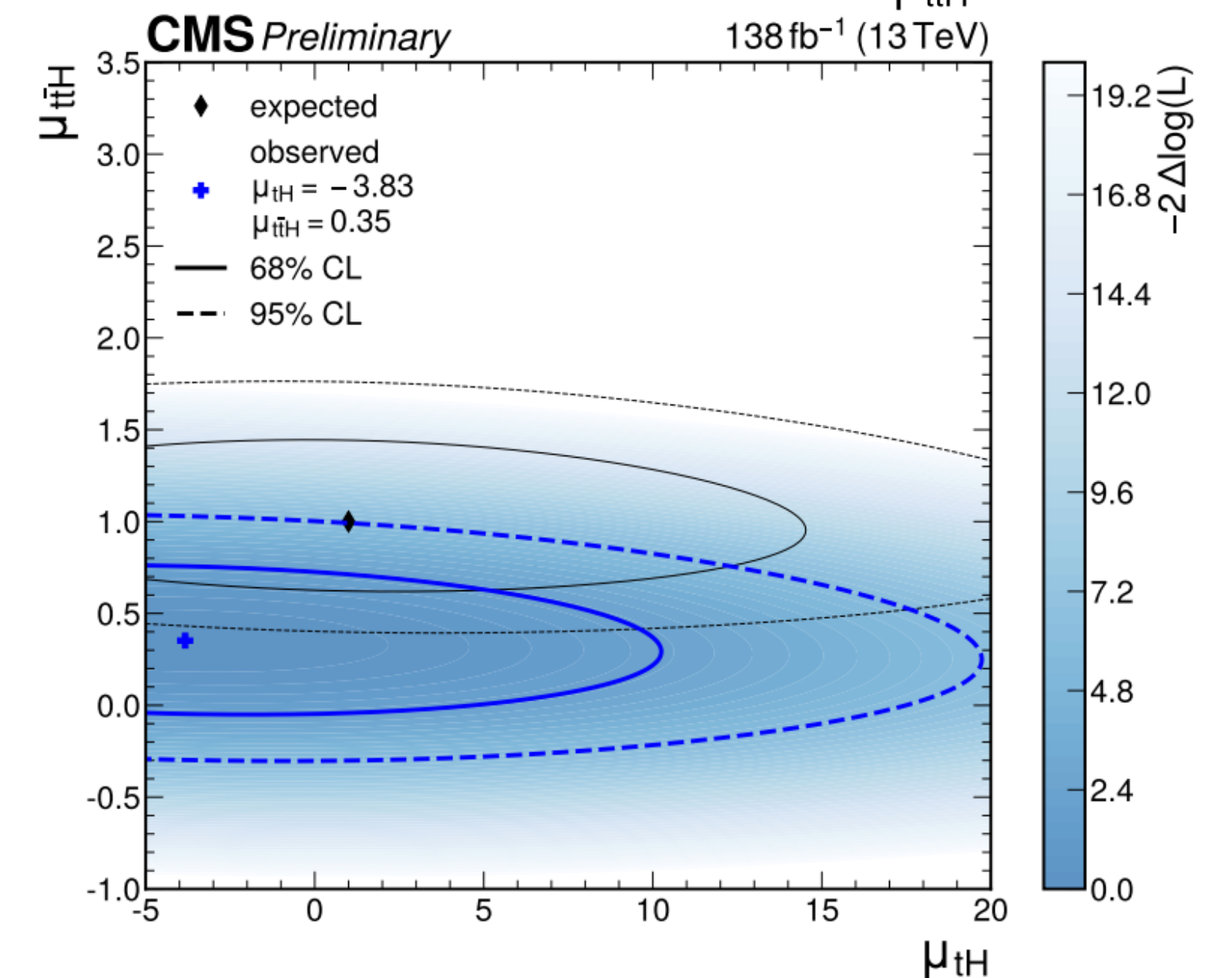
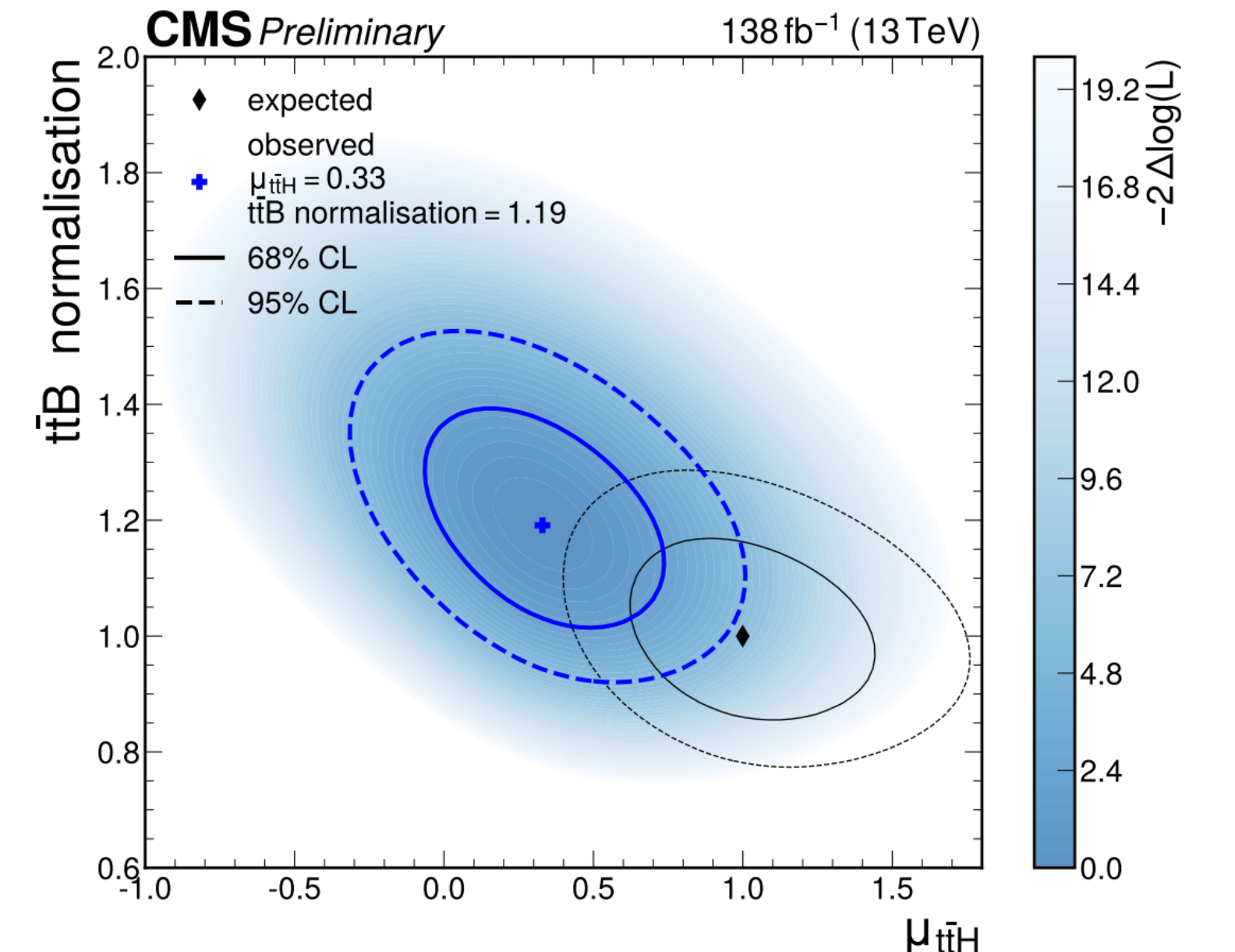
significance: obs.(exp.) 1.3σ (4.1σ)

- Background normalization ($t\bar{t}B$, $t\bar{t}C$) (backup)

- exclusive in p_T bins

* tH (inclusive):

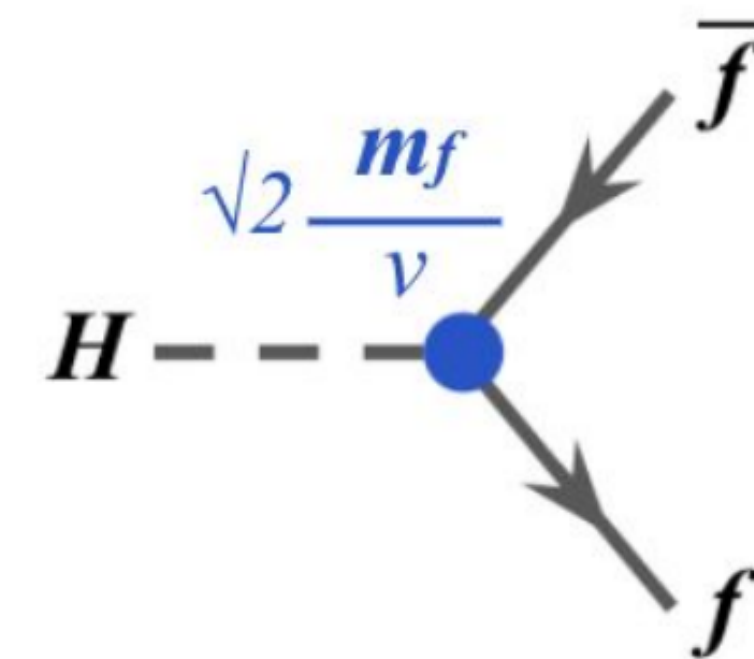
- Expected and observed 95% CL upper limits
- Simultaneous with $t\bar{t}H$ (backup)



$$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$$

Why are we interested in Higgs couplings to fermions?

- In the **SM**, fermions interact with Higgs boson via Yukawa couplings
- In the many **BSM** theories, deviations of the couplings of the observed Higgs boson to down-type fermions is implied



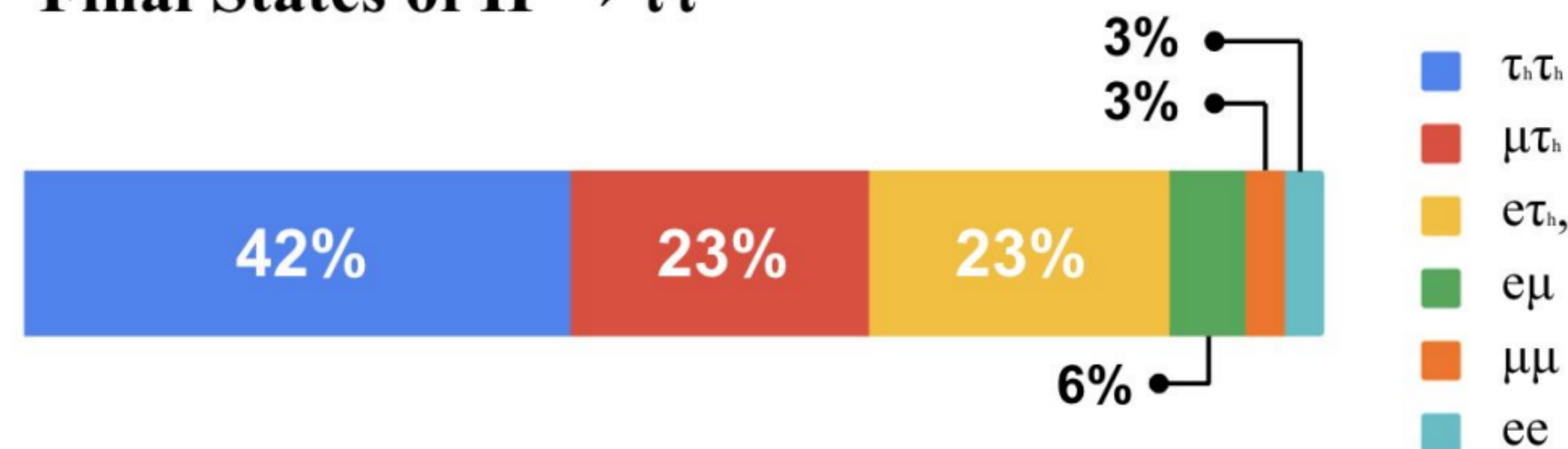
Why do we use $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$?

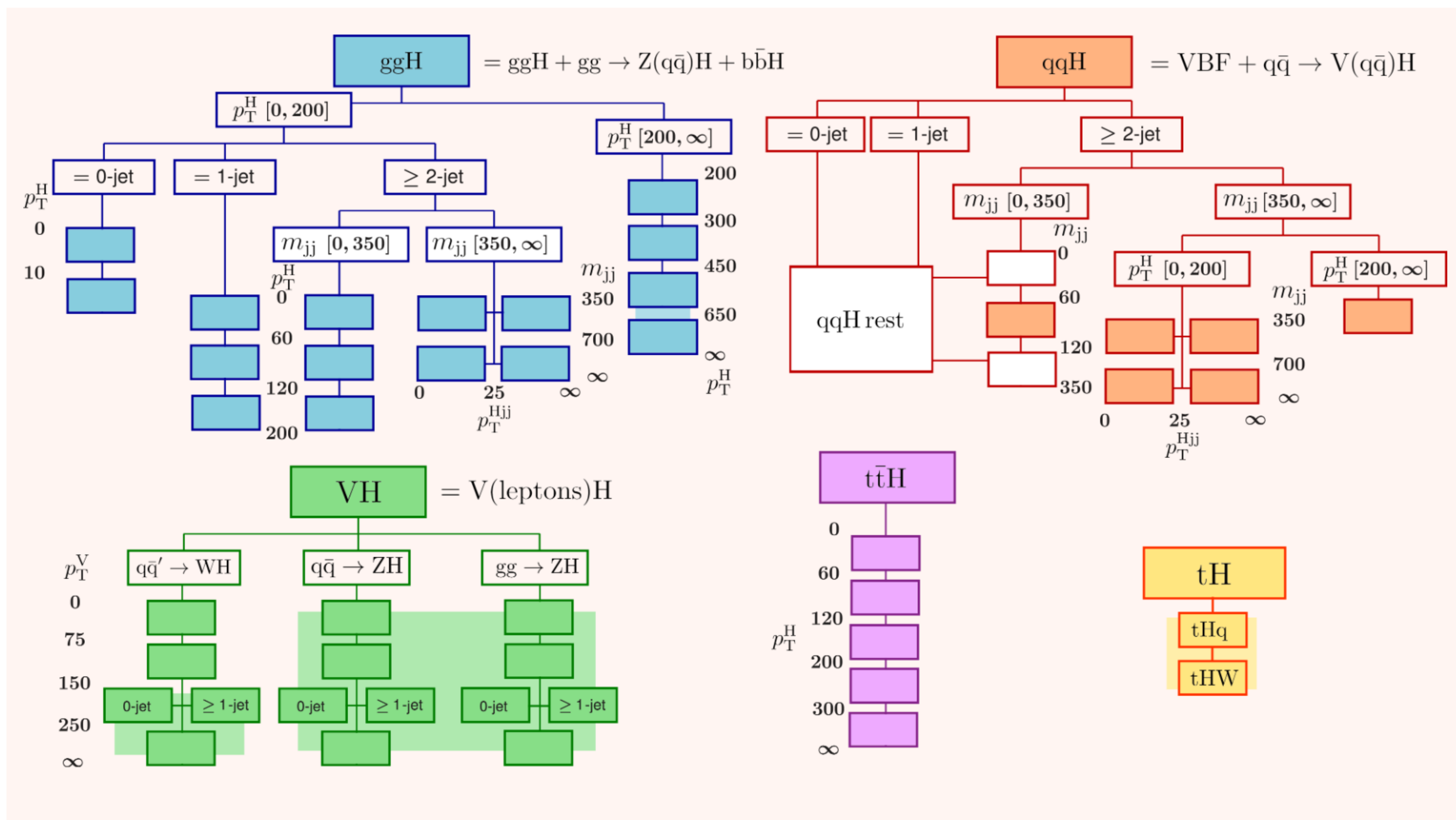
- The $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ decay allows to demonstrate direct coupling of the H boson to fundamental fermions
- Particularly sensitive to the Higgs boson production at high p_T^{Higgs} and with jets

Analysis targets

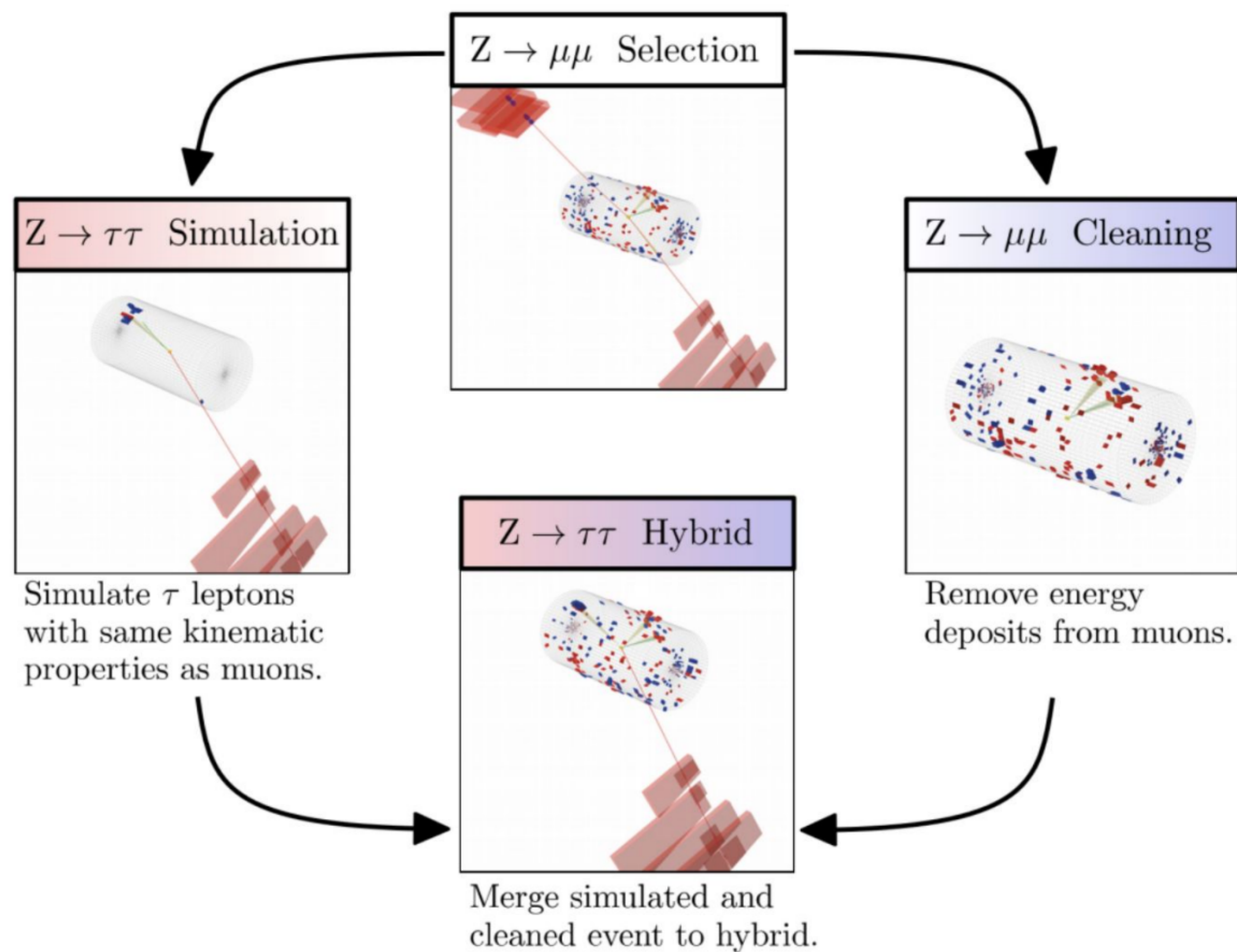
- **ggF** and **VBF** productions using $H \rightarrow \tau_h\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, e\tau_h, e\mu$ final states to measure μ and $\sigma \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow \tau\tau)$

Final States of $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$





- Higgs kinematics can be sensitively modified by BSM physics
- “Simplified Template Cross Sections” approach: Measure cross sections separated into production modes, inclusively over the Higgs decays, in specific regions of phase-space (“bins”), defined in terms of specific kinematic variables (p_T^H , m_{jj} , p_T^{Hjj} , p_T^V)
- STXS provide a largely model-independent way to test for BSM deviations in kinematic distributions.
- Specific bins defined in coordination with the theoretical community



- Estimate all **backgrounds with two real τ**
- Select di-muon events from data, remove muon hits
- Muons are replaced by simulated taus with the same kinematics
- Advantages
 - Decent description of jet and underlying event
 - Less systematic uncertainties
- Used in HIG-18-032

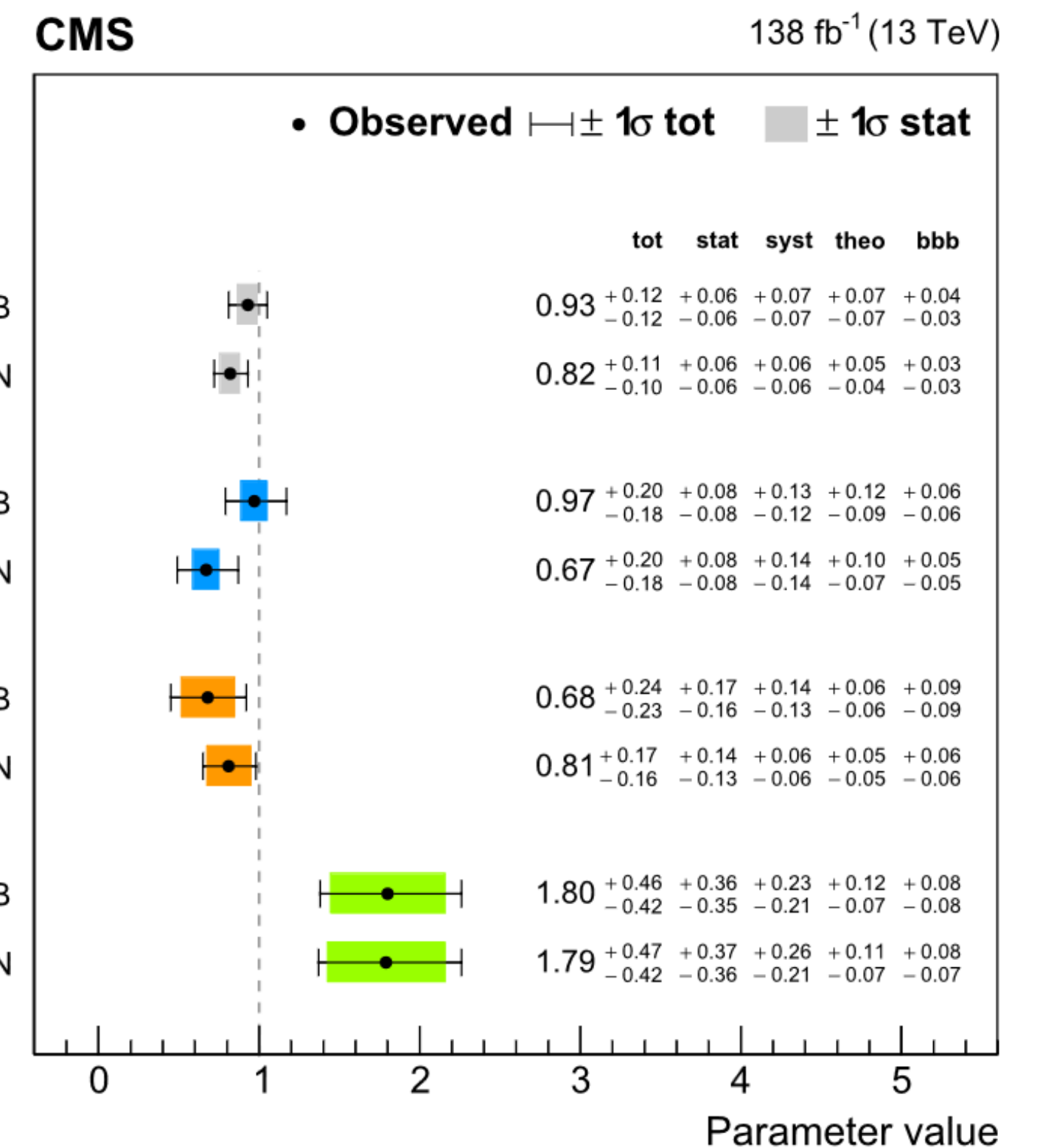
Note:

MET covariance matrix issue does not effect on this analysis

Table 9 Tabulated values of the STXS stage-0 and -1.2 signal strengths for the combination of the (CB) CB-, resp. (NN) NN-analysis with the VH-analysis. The upper four lines refer to the inclusive and STXS stage-0 measurements. The values in braces correspond to the expected 68%

confidence intervals for an assumed SM signal. The products of cross sections and branching fraction to τ leptons as expected from the SM with the uncertainties as discussed in Sect. 10.4 are also given

			SM (fb)	μ_s (CB)	μ_s (NN)	
Inclusive			3422.28 ± 0.05	$0.93 \pm_{0.12}^{0.12}$ (0.13)	$0.82 \pm_{0.10}^{0.11}$ (0.12)	
ggH			3051.34 ± 0.05	$0.97 \pm_{0.18}^{0.20}$ (0.24)	$0.67 \pm_{0.18}^{0.20}$ (0.27)	
qqH			328.68 ± 0.03	$0.68 \pm_{0.23}^{0.24}$ (0.24)	$0.81 \pm_{0.16}^{0.17}$ (0.17)	
VH			44.19 ± 0.03	$1.80 \pm_{0.42}^{0.46}$ (0.41)	$1.79 \pm_{0.42}^{0.47}$ (0.41)	
N_{jet}	p_T^H (GeV)		SM (fb)	μ_s (CB)	μ_s (NN)	
ggH	= 0	0–10	423.58 ± 0.13	$-0.18 \pm_{0.46}^{0.46}$ (0.45)	$-1.65 \pm_{0.84}^{0.82}$ (0.84)	
		10–200	1329.36 ± 0.07		$-0.43 \pm_{0.48}^{0.48}$ (0.49)	
	= 1	0–60	451.09 ± 0.14	$-0.87 \pm_{1.21}^{1.21}$ (1.06)	$0.73 \pm_{0.66}^{0.69}$ (0.68)	
		60–120	287.68 ± 0.14	$3.37 \pm_{1.13}^{1.23}$ (0.90)	$2.10 \pm_{0.57}^{0.65}$ (0.54)	
	≥ 2	120–200	50.04 ± 0.19	$1.94 \pm_{1.24}^{1.21}$ (1.04)	$1.61 \pm_{0.65}^{0.78}$ (0.68)	
		0–200	306.26 ± 0.23	$0.05 \pm_{1.53}^{0.88}$ (0.83)	$1.49 \pm_{0.56}^{0.67}$ (0.66)	
200–300		27.51 ± 0.42	$0.70 \pm_{1.29}^{0.89}$ (0.91)	$1.55 \pm_{0.68}^{0.83}$ (0.76)		
	300– ∞	7.19 ± 0.47	$1.65 \pm_{1.46}^{1.28}$ (1.20)	$2.31 \pm_{0.98}^{1.46}$ (1.10)		
N_{jet}	p_T^H (GeV)	m_{jj} (GeV)	SM (fb)	μ_s (CB)	μ_s (NN)	
qqH	≥ 2	0–200	34.43 ± 0.04	$-0.29 \pm_{1.44}^{1.77}$ (1.31)	$1.47 \pm_{1.04}^{1.05}$ (1.03)	
		700– ∞	47.48 ± 0.04	$0.68 \pm_{0.38}^{0.39}$ (0.39)	$1.24 \pm_{0.31}^{0.32}$ (0.31)	
	$N_{\text{jet}} < 2$ or $m_{jj} [0, 350]$ GeV	200– ∞	350 – ∞	9.90 ± 0.03	$0.69 \pm_{0.45}^{0.58}$ (0.45)	$0.16 \pm_{0.34}^{0.35}$ (0.37)
				209.46 ± 0.03	$1.94 \pm_{2.93}^{4.55}$ (2.15)	$-0.99 \pm_{1.19}^{1.21}$ (1.23)
	p_T^V (GeV)		SM (fb)	μ_s (CB)	μ_s (NN)	
WH	0–150		20.57 ± 0.03	$0.77 \pm_{0.91}^{0.95}$ (0.90)	$0.79 \pm_{0.91}^{0.94}$ (0.90)	
	150– ∞		3.30 ± 0.05	$2.65 \pm_{1.26}^{1.38}$ (1.26)	$2.65 \pm_{1.25}^{1.37}$ (1.26)	
ZH	0–150		11.99 ± 0.06	$1.97 \pm_{0.81}^{0.90}$ (0.79)	$2.00 \pm_{0.81}^{0.91}$ (0.79)	
	150– ∞		2.55 ± 0.10	$2.23 \pm_{0.82}^{1.01}$ (0.78)	$2.18 \pm_{0.82}^{1.00}$ (0.78)	



* Inclusive signal strength

• $\mu_{\text{incl}} = 0.82 \pm 0.11$

- p-value for compatibility of incl. with SM: 0.10

- Correlation b/w μ_{ggH} and μ_{qqH} : -0.35

* Events categorization in Loose and Tight VBF with BDT Classifier

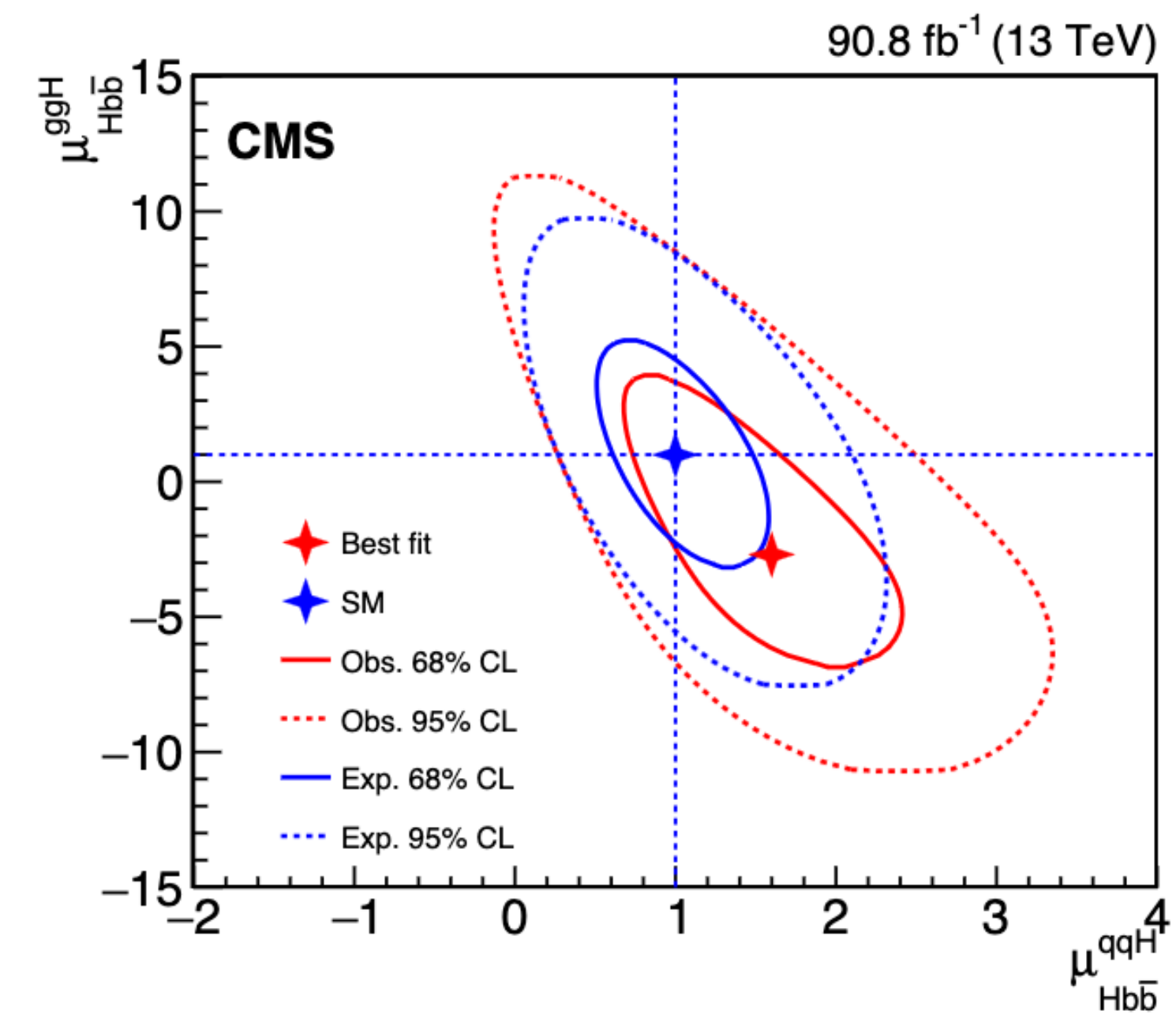
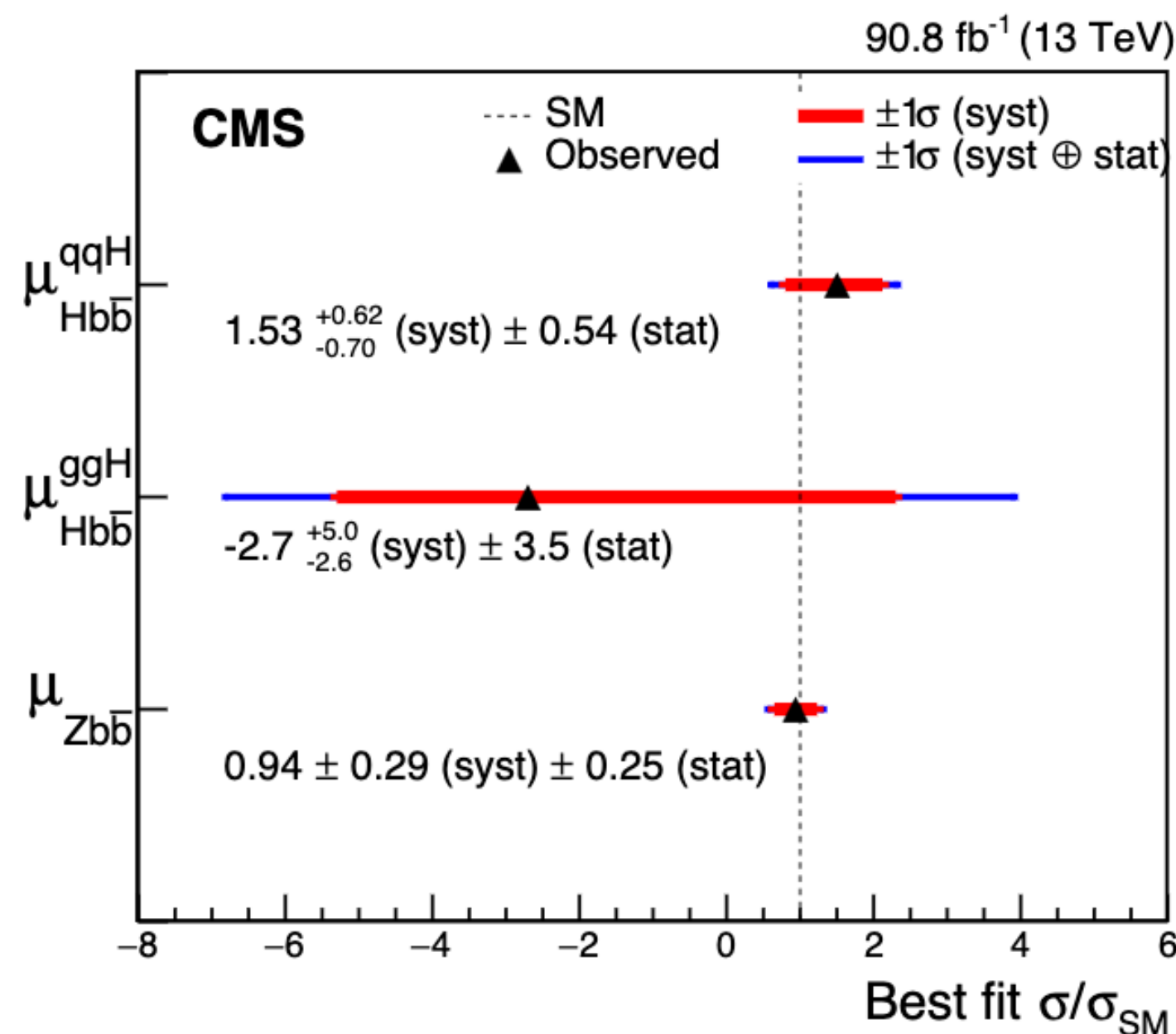
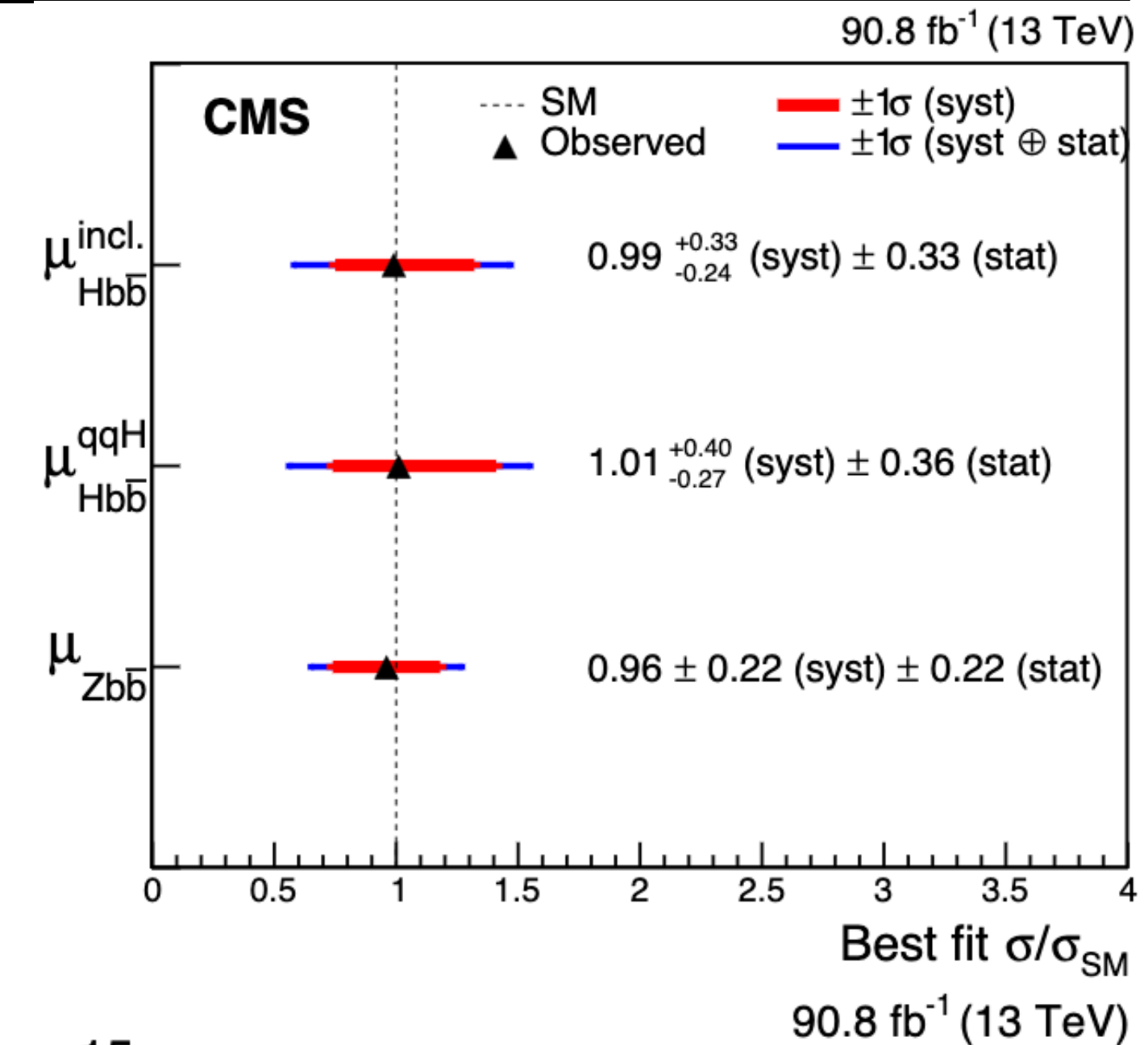
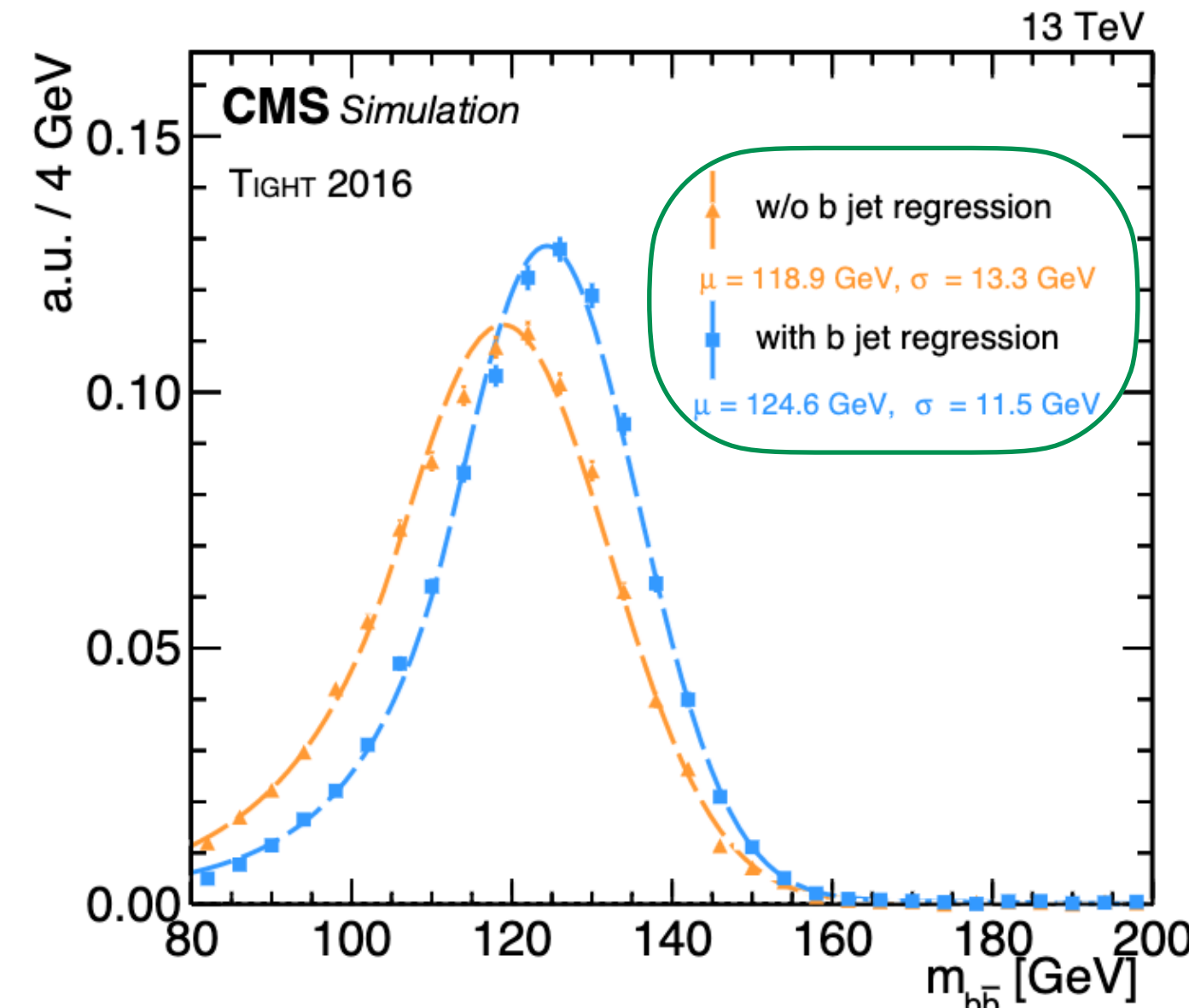
* Scale and Smearing corrections applied to DeepNN-based regressed b-jets

* Background estimation:

- Resonant $Z(bb) + \text{jets}$ [DY & EWK] (simulation)
- Continuum QCD multijet production (fit to data) [80, 104] & [146, 200] GeV

* VBF Parton shower and JES being leading systematic sources

* Simultaneous fit to $m_{b\bar{b}}$ extract signal



* A search for ZZ and ZH production in the $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ final state

- larger XS than HH

* Multi-class multivariate classifier (4b)

- Extract the signal and background model

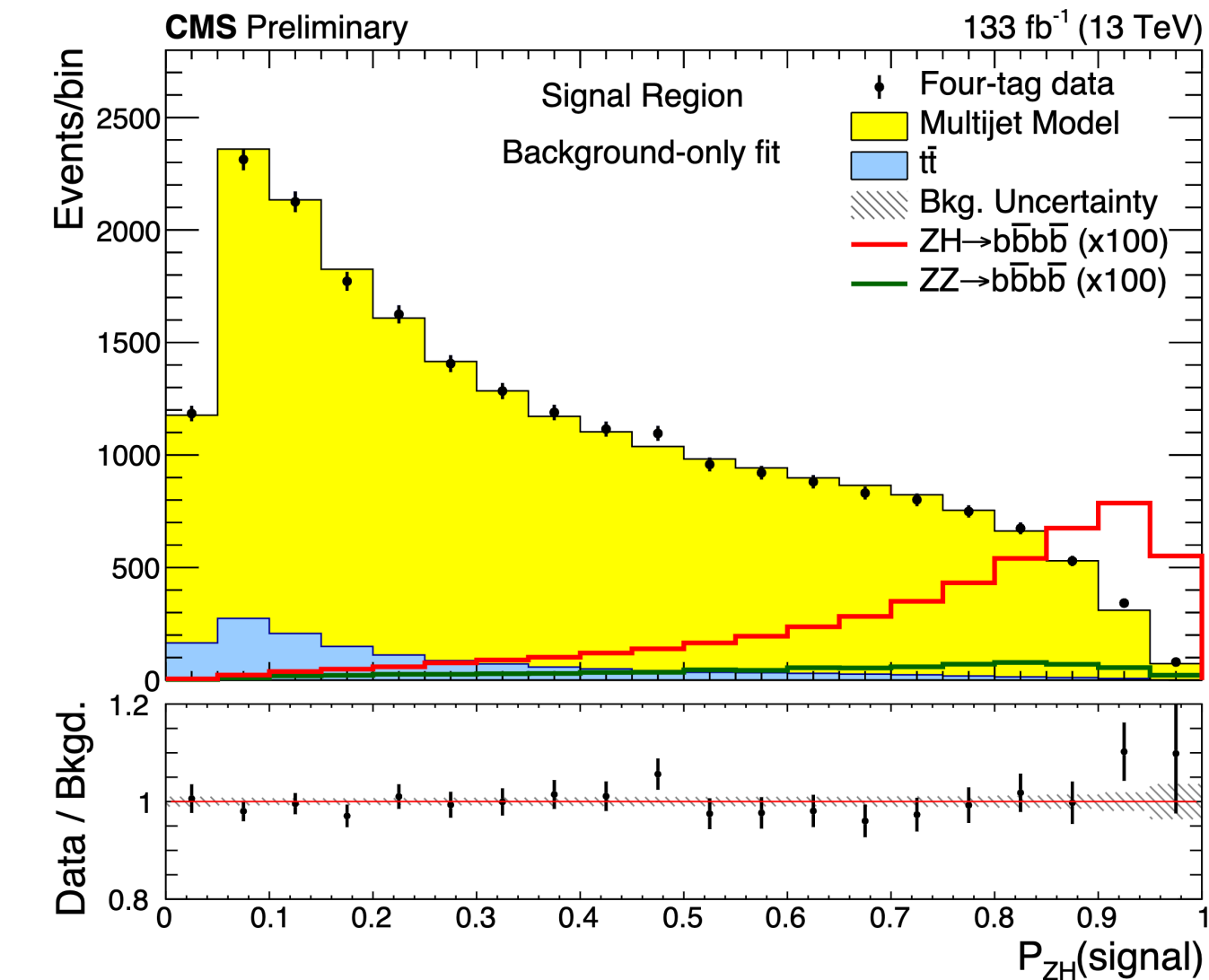
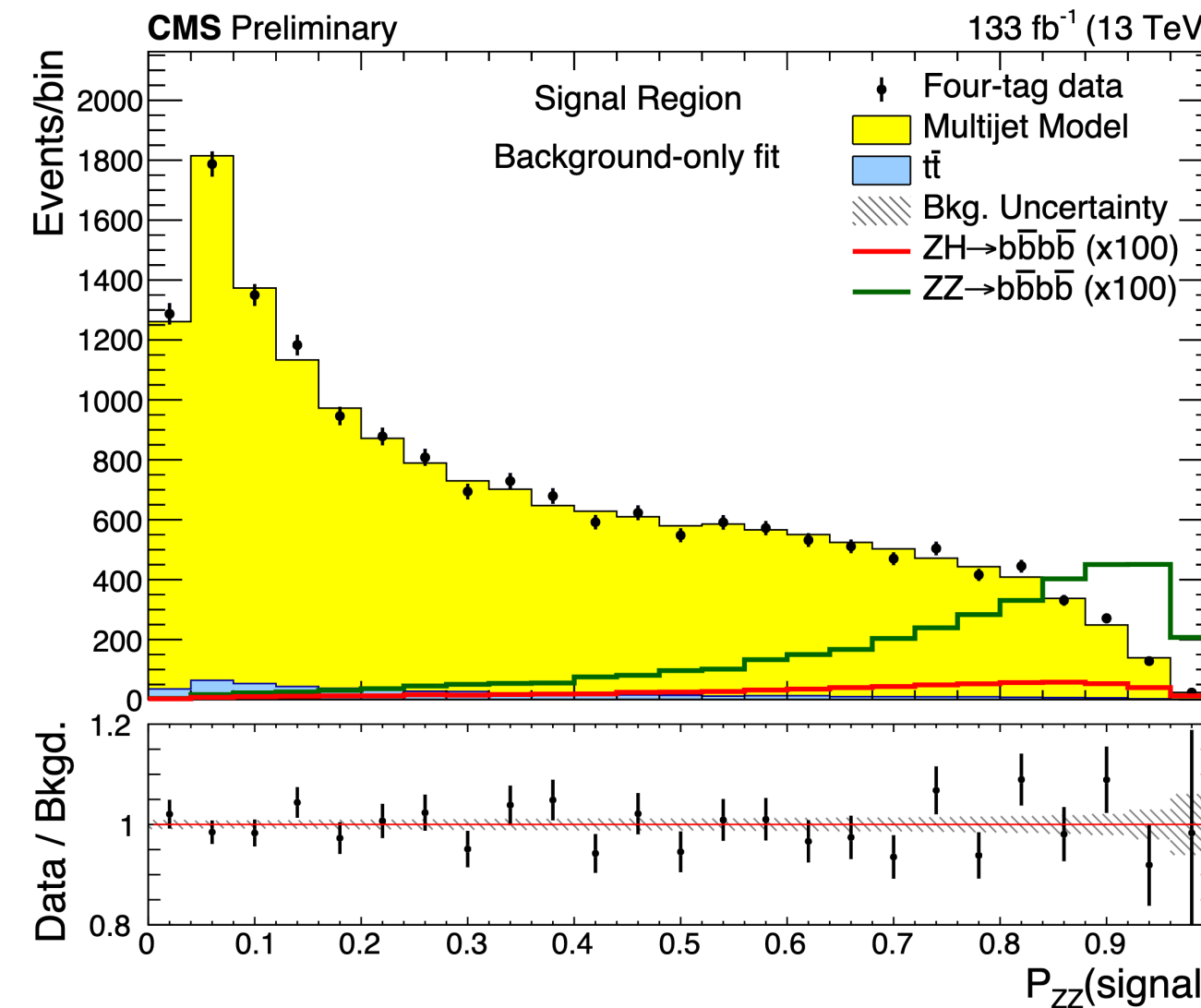
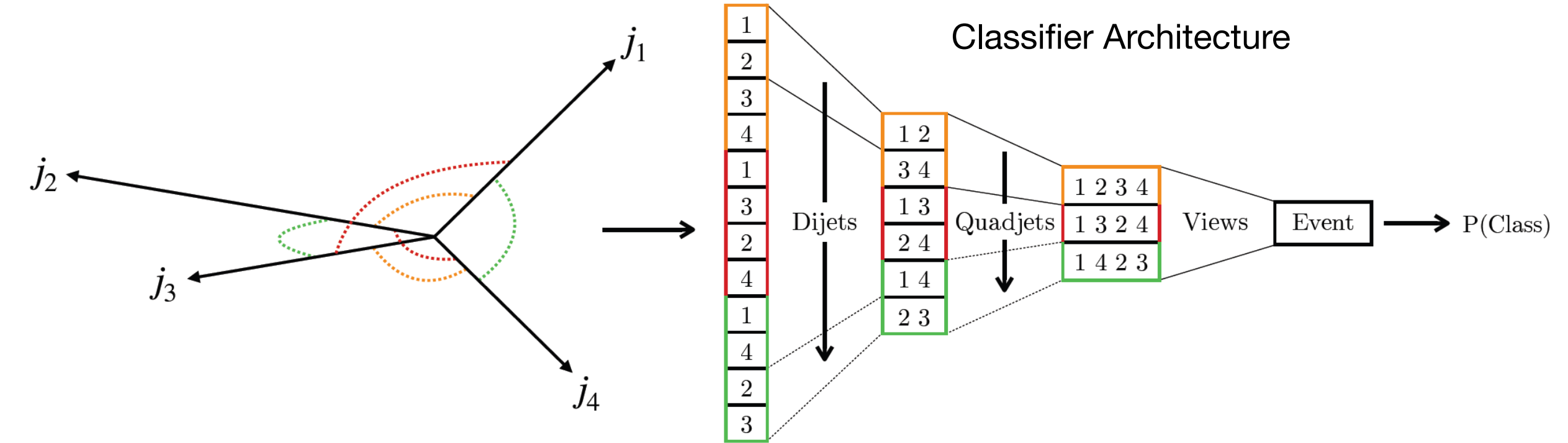
* Major (multi-jet) background estimated from data

* Novel approach to validate the background model

- Using synthetic data

* Signal vs Background **probabilities**

- Combined fit in ZZ and ZH regions



	ZZ	ZH
Signal strength expected (stat-only)	$1^{+1.9}_{-1.7}$ ($1^{+1.4}_{-1.3}$)	$1^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$ ($1^{+1.1}_{-1.1}$)
Signal strength observed	$0.0^{+2.0}_{-1.7}$	$2.2^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$
Expected Limit at 95% CL (stat-only)	3.8 (2.8)	2.9 (2.3)
Observed Limit at 95% CL	3.8	5.0

- * SS, STXS and differential cross-sections
- * 4 channels considered in ggF and VBF productions:

- $\tau_h\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, e\tau_h, e\mu$

- * Events categorized according to jets' p_T and the multiplicity (NN multiclassification for signal and background)

- * Majority of background estimated from data
- Genuine $\tau\tau$ events: estimated using Tau Embedding
- Jet misidentified as τ_h : Fake factor (F_F) Method

