

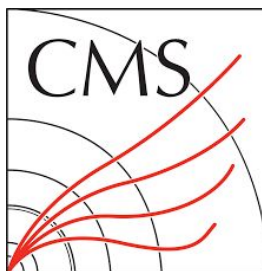
# SM + Higgs results at the LHC

*IOP: APP, HEPP and NP Conference*

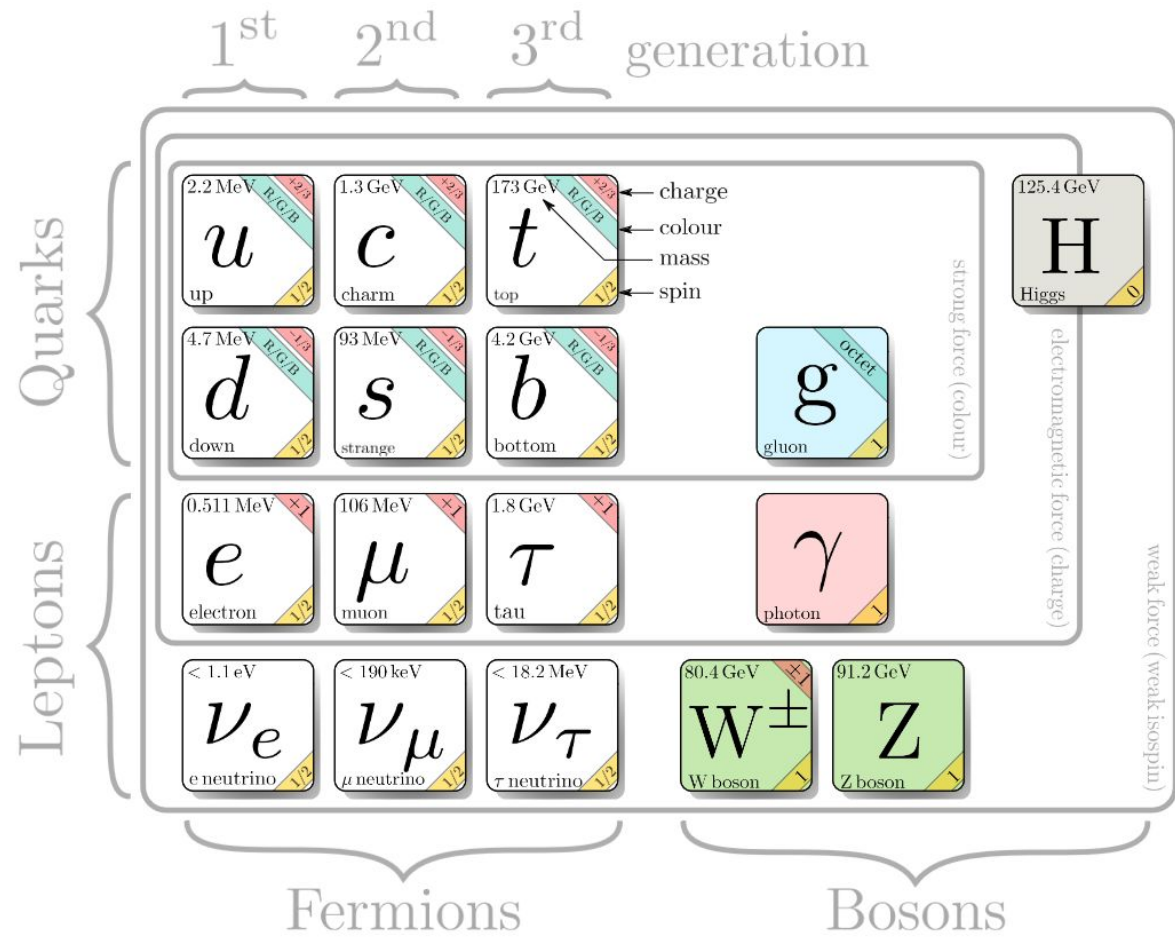


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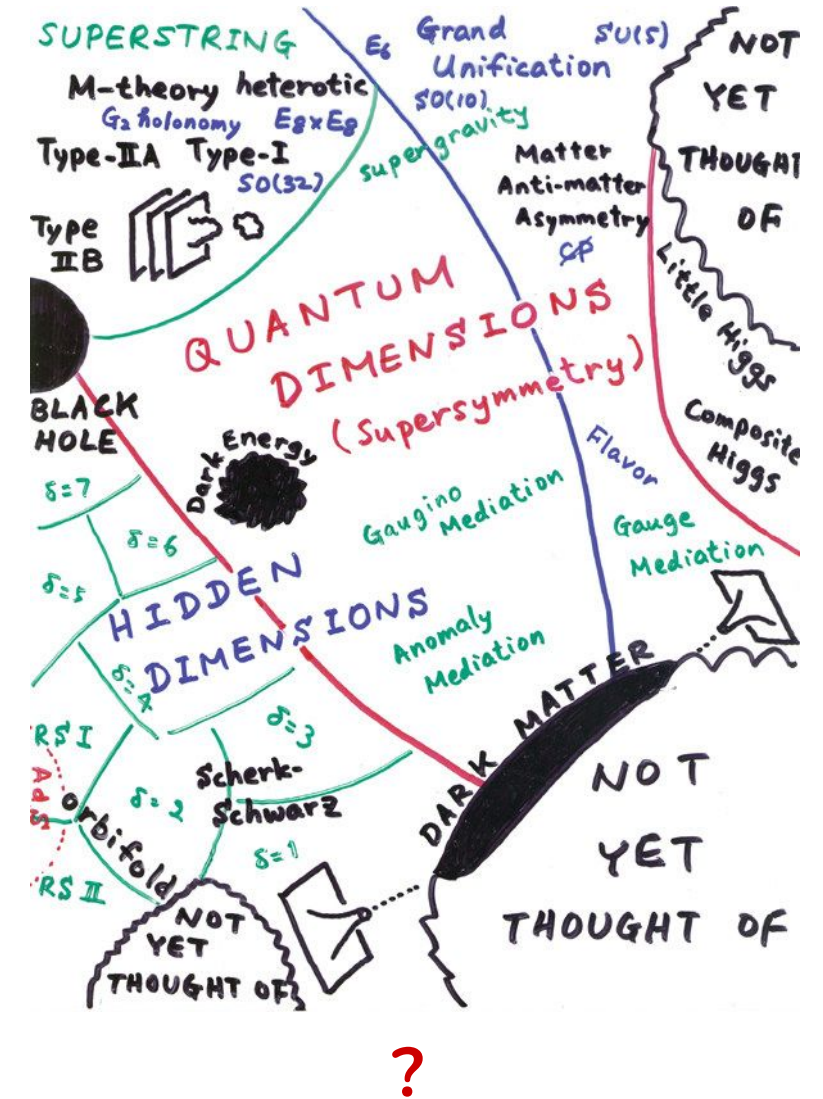
# SM & shortcomings



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} &= \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^i W^{i,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} \\
 &\quad + (D^\mu H)^\dagger (D_\mu H) - \mu^2 H^\dagger H - \frac{1}{4}\lambda(H^\dagger H)^2 \\
 &\quad + i(\bar{L}\not{D}L + \bar{l}\not{D}l + \bar{Q}\not{D}Q + \bar{u}\not{D}u + \bar{d}\not{D}d) \\
 &\quad - (\lambda_\ell \bar{L}Hl + \lambda_d \bar{Q}Hd + \lambda_u \bar{Q}\tilde{H}u + \text{h.c.})
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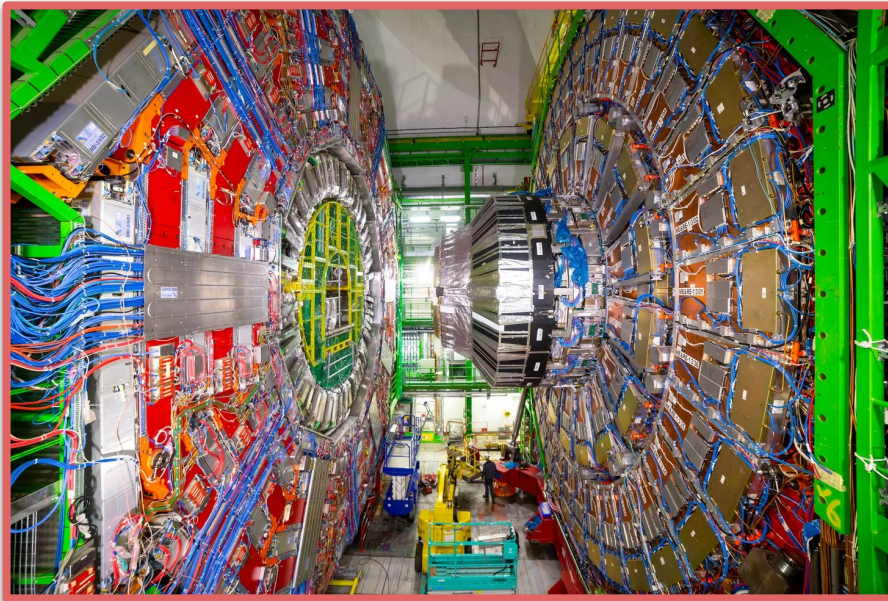
## Unanswered Questions

- Gravity (quantum)
- Dark matter
- Dark energy
- Matter-antimatter asymmetry
- Naturalness
- Hierarchy problem
- Neutrino oscillations
- Inflation
- ...



# Probing the answers

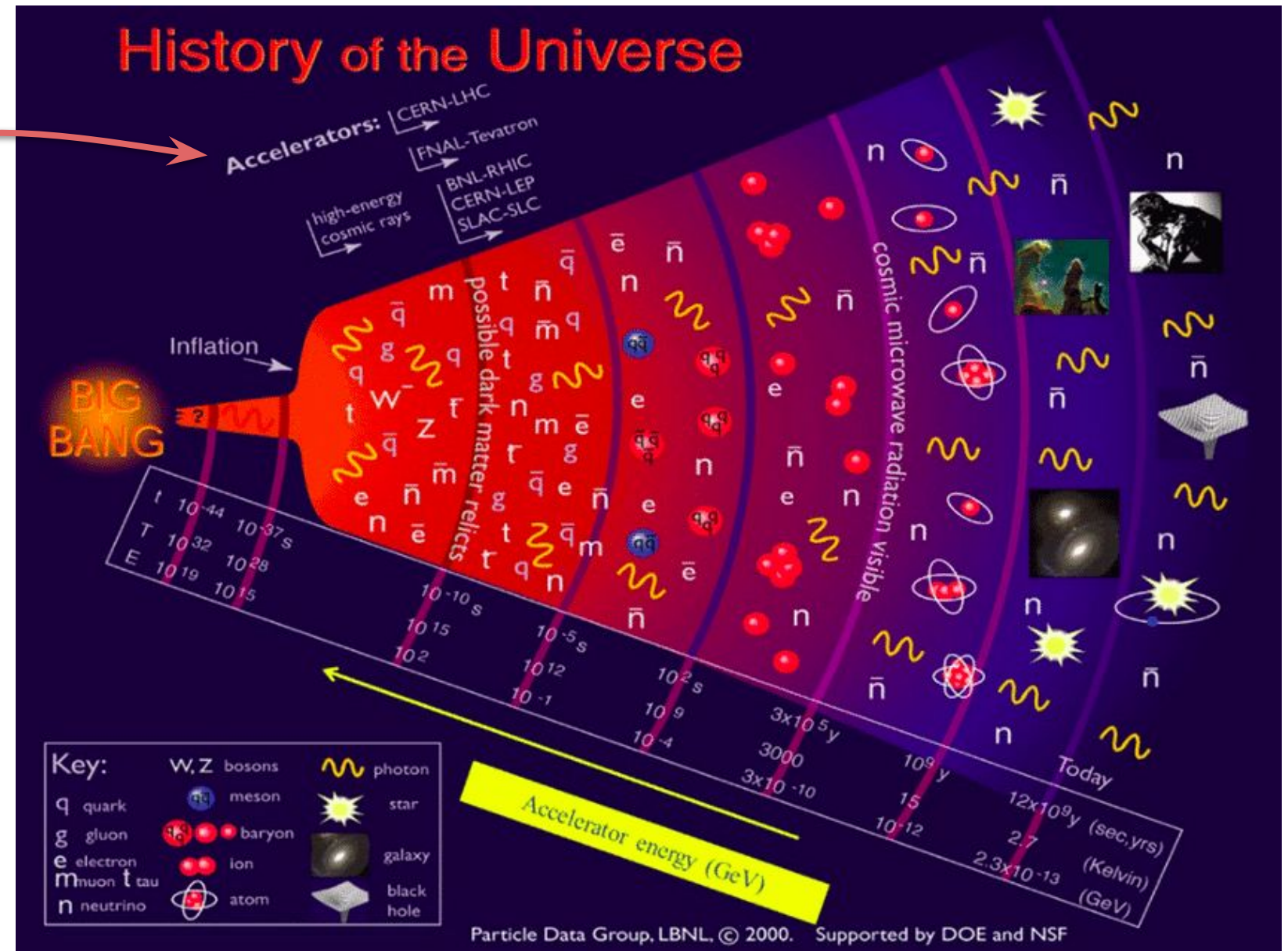
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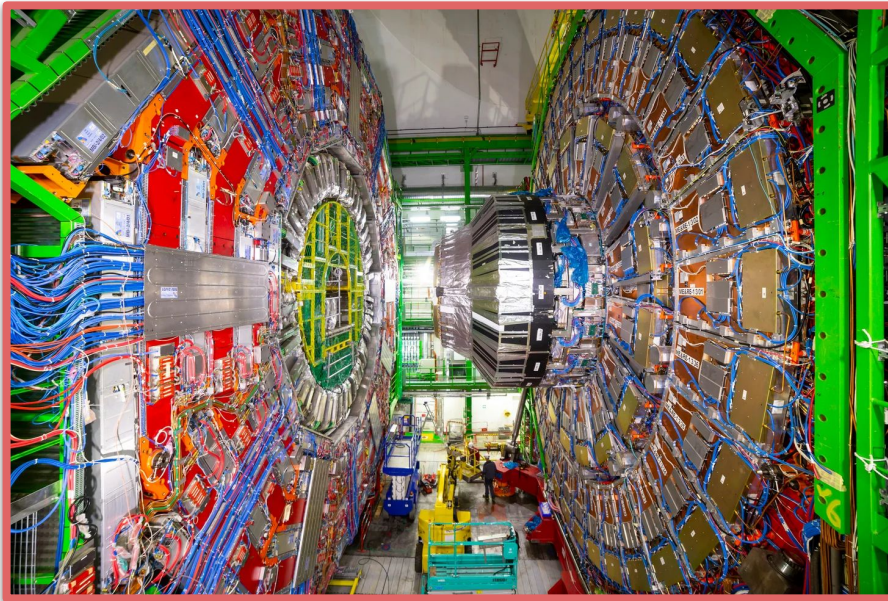
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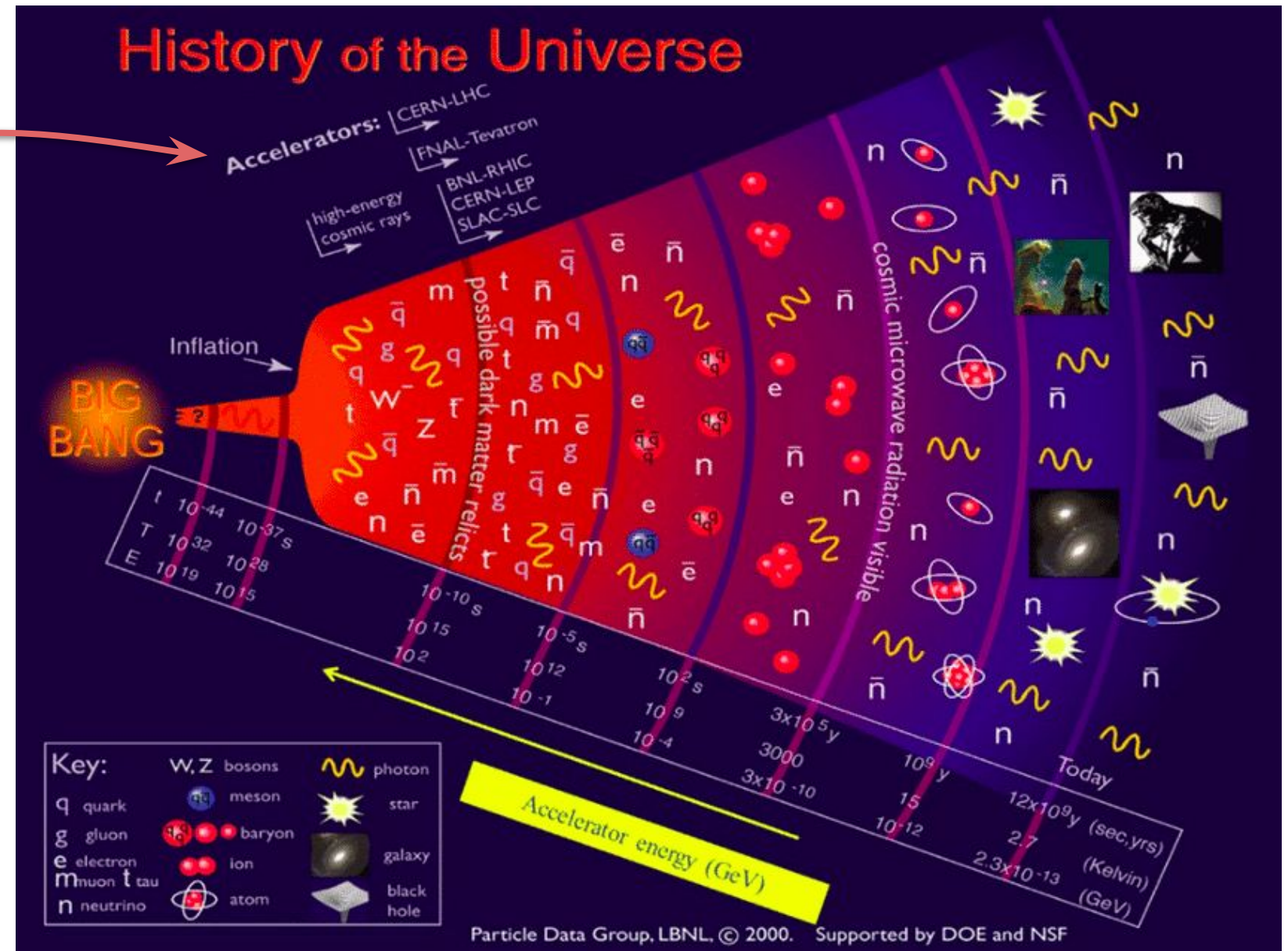
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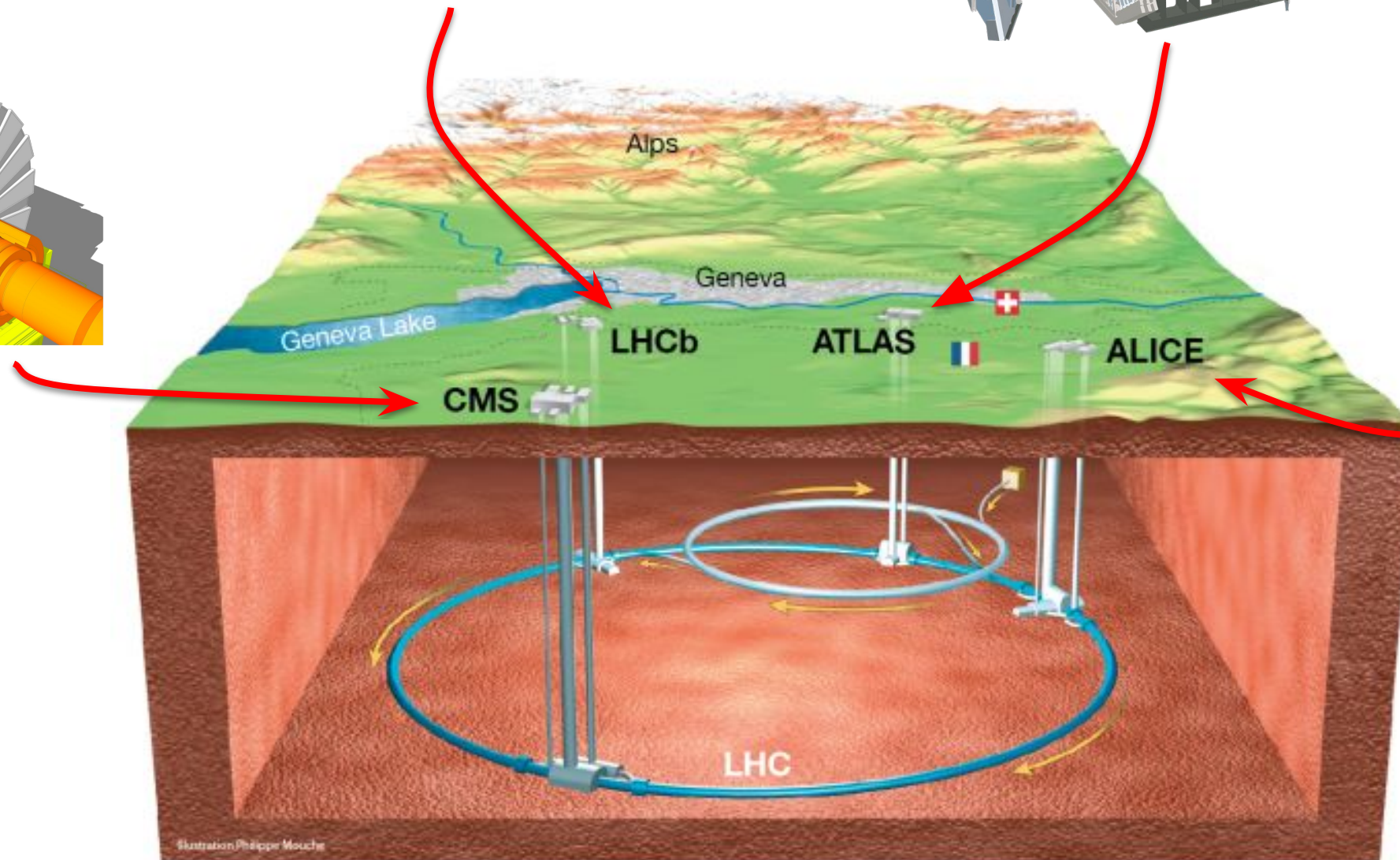
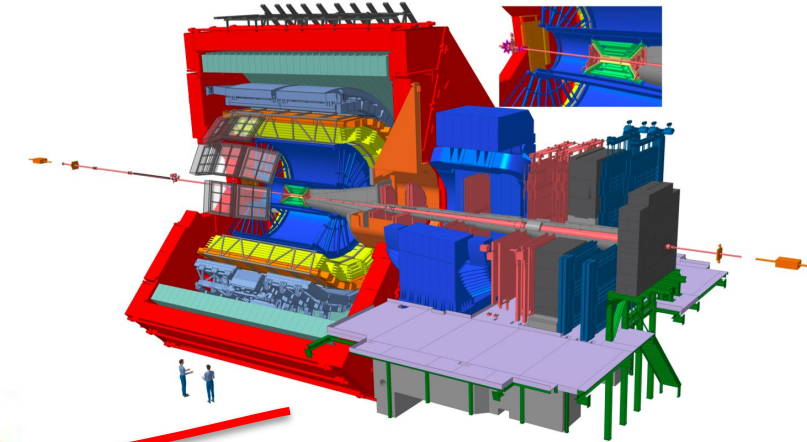
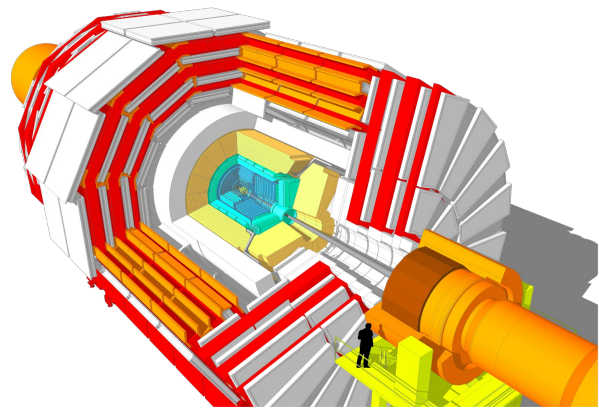
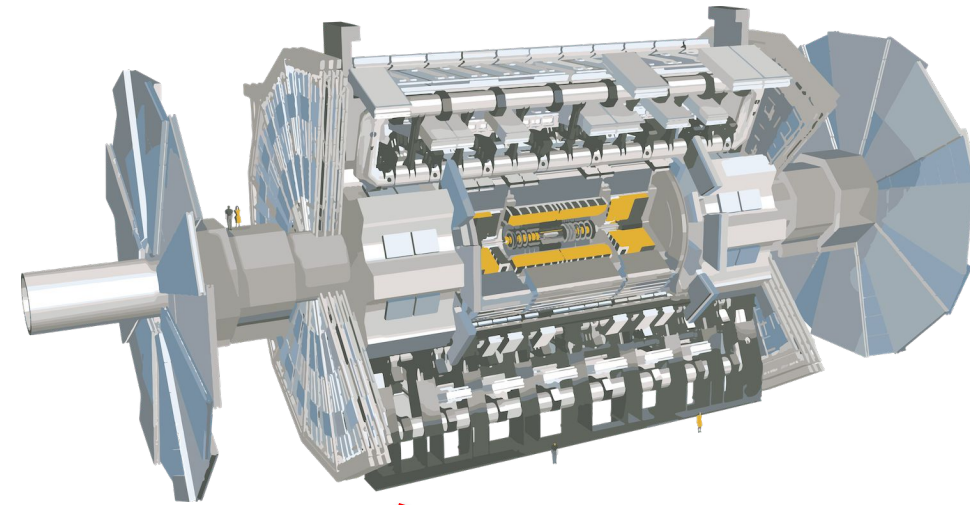
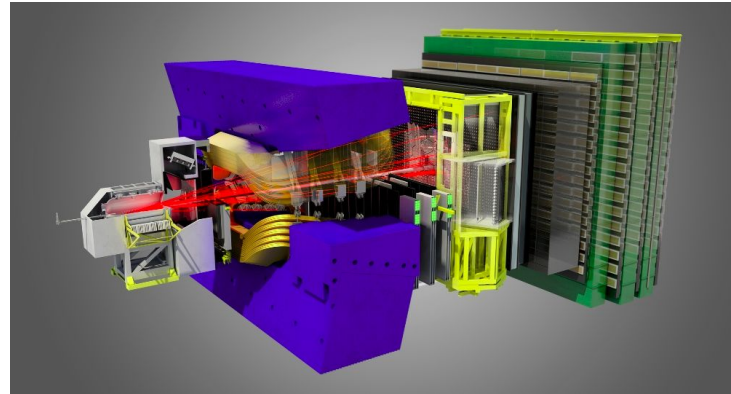
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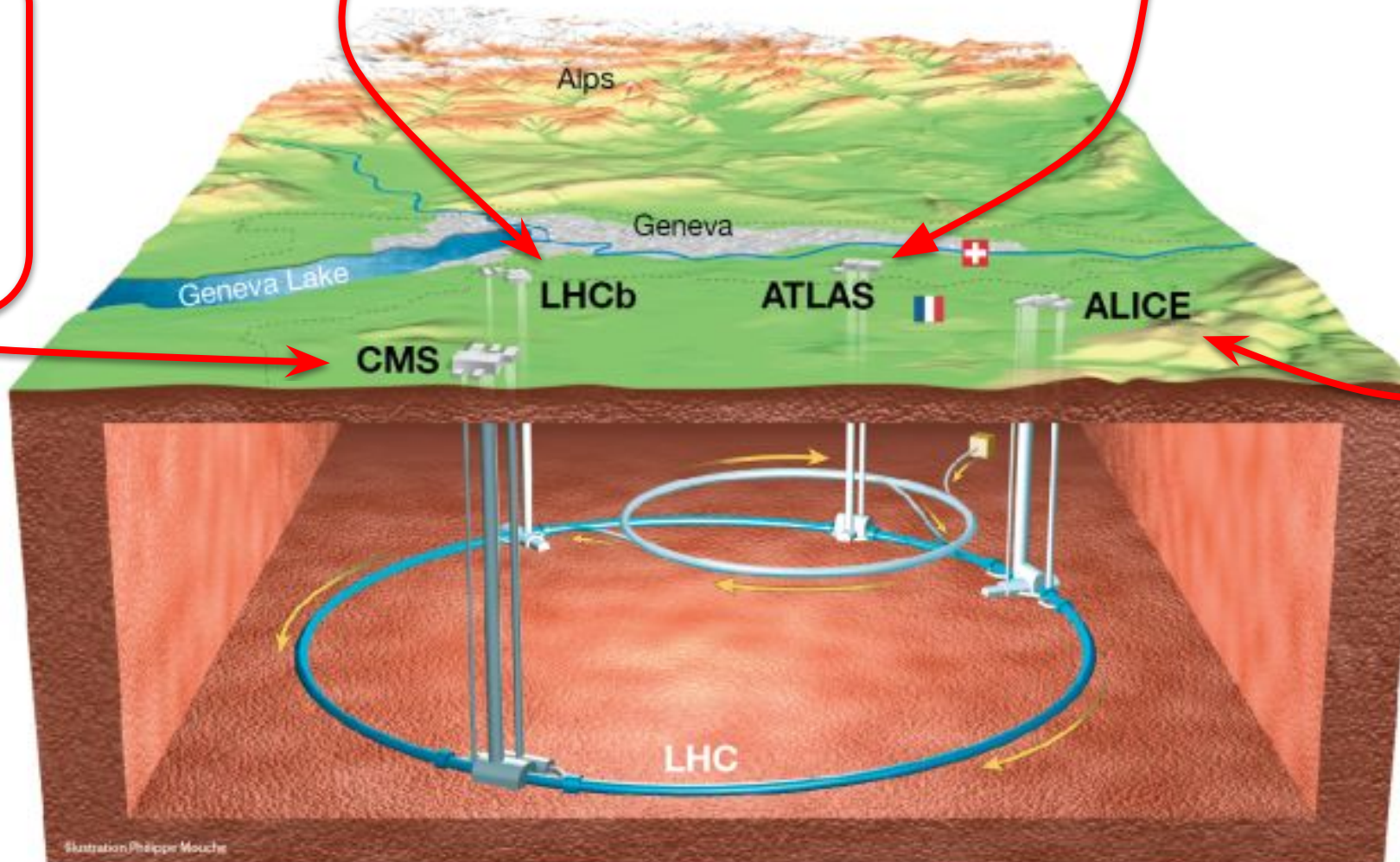
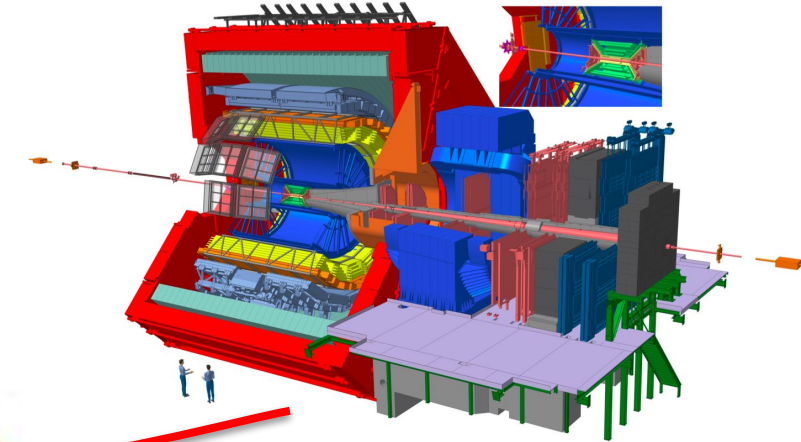
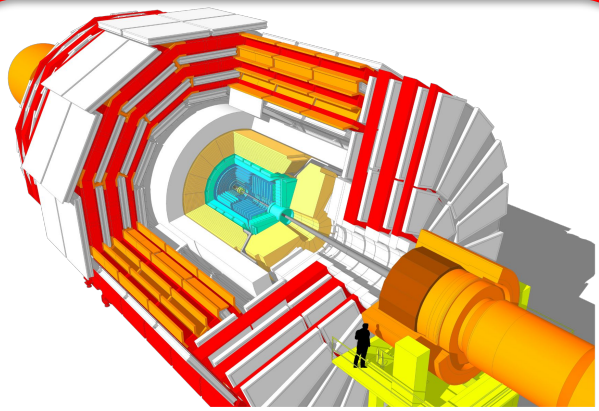
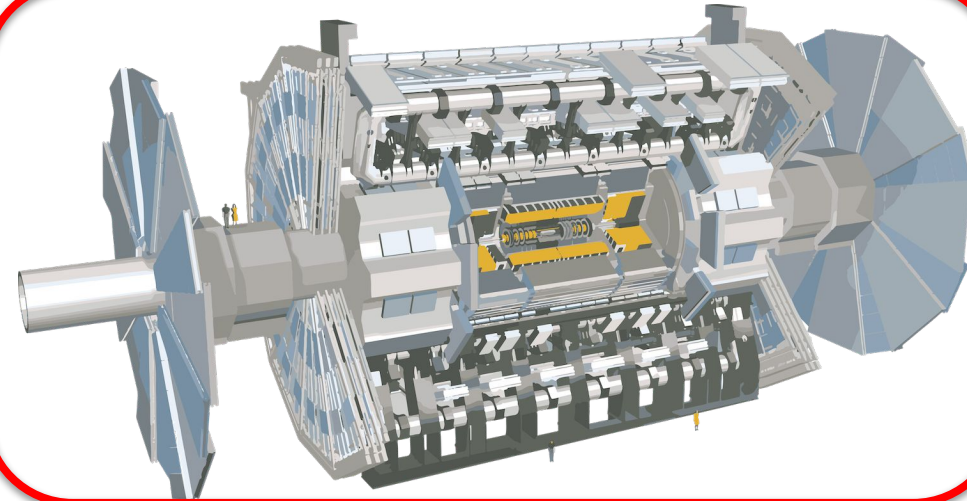
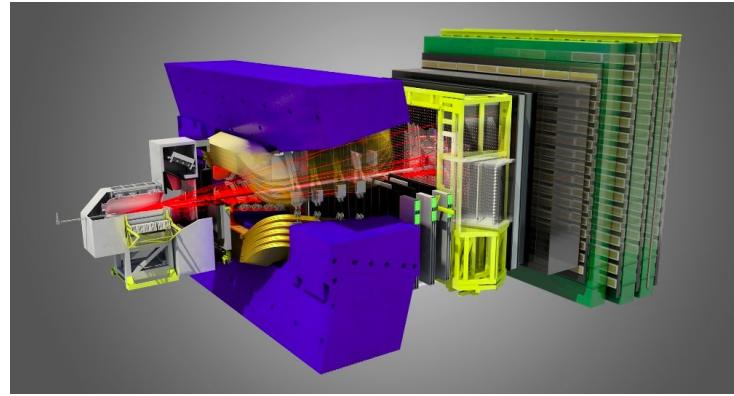
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- Totem
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- Faser
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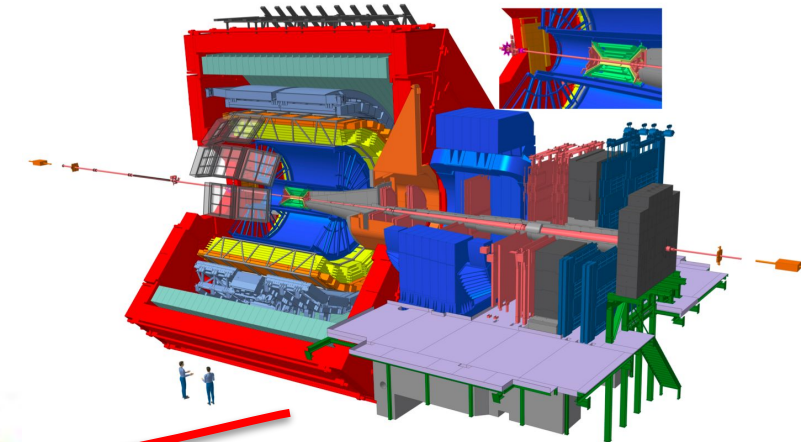
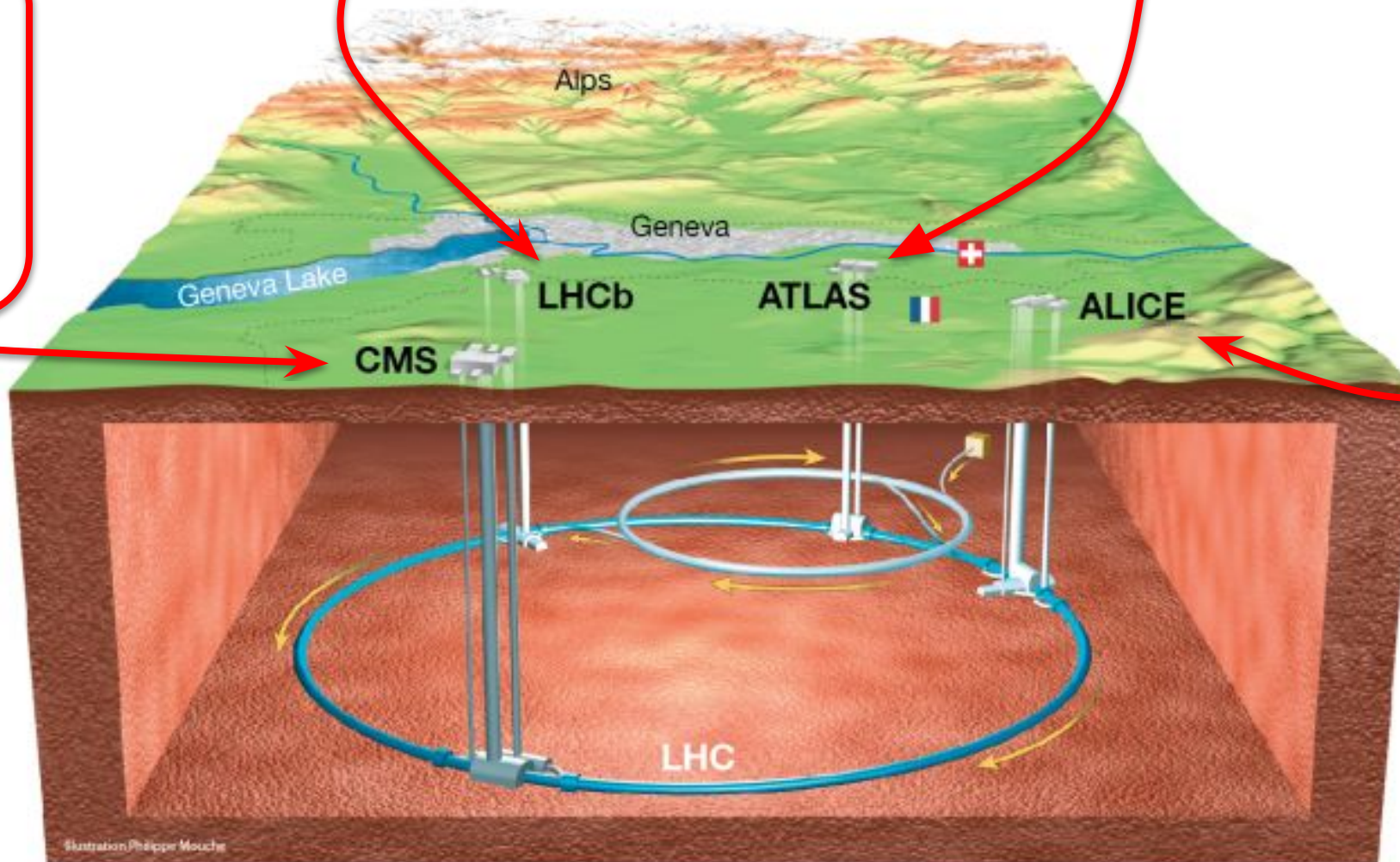
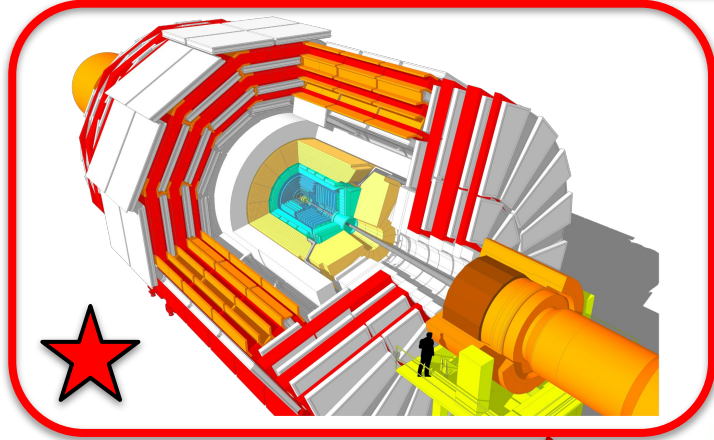
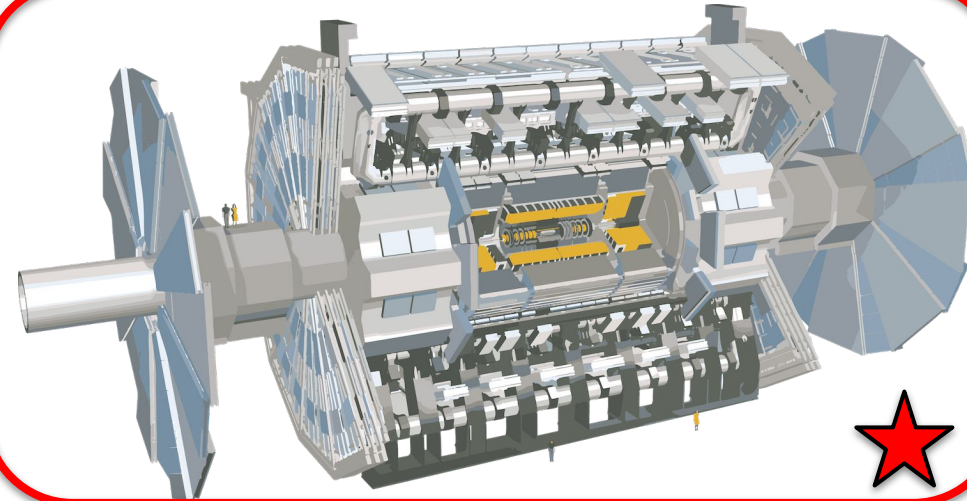
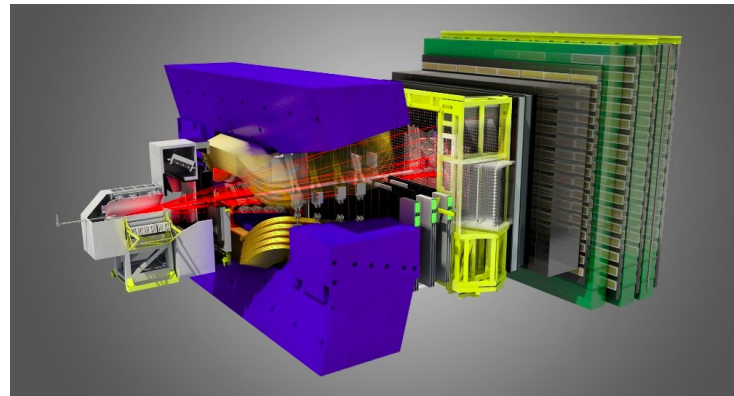
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# LHC timeline

We are here





# LHC status

- Run 2 (2015–2018) saw the LHC move into its precision era ( $>140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Start of Run 3 (2022–) has been patchy... but still some incredible highlights



New record for integrated lumi in 24h =  $1.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

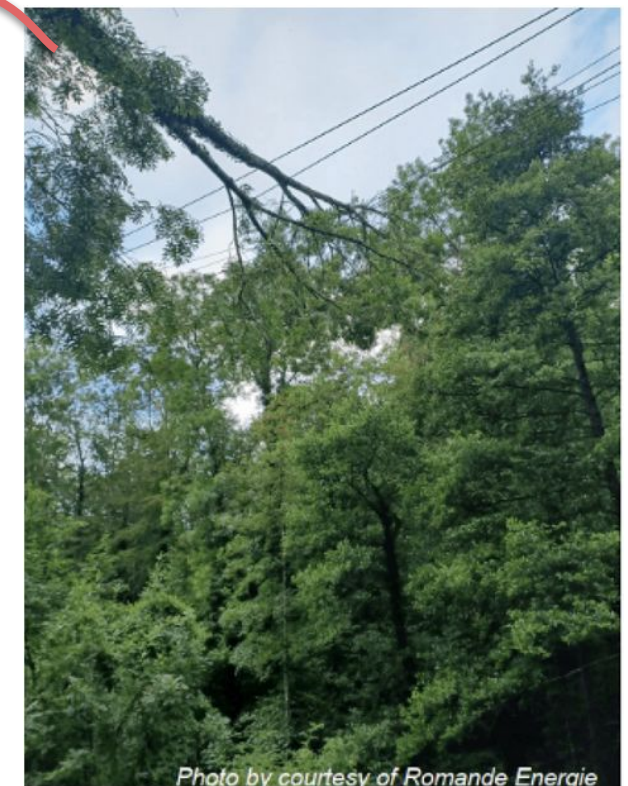
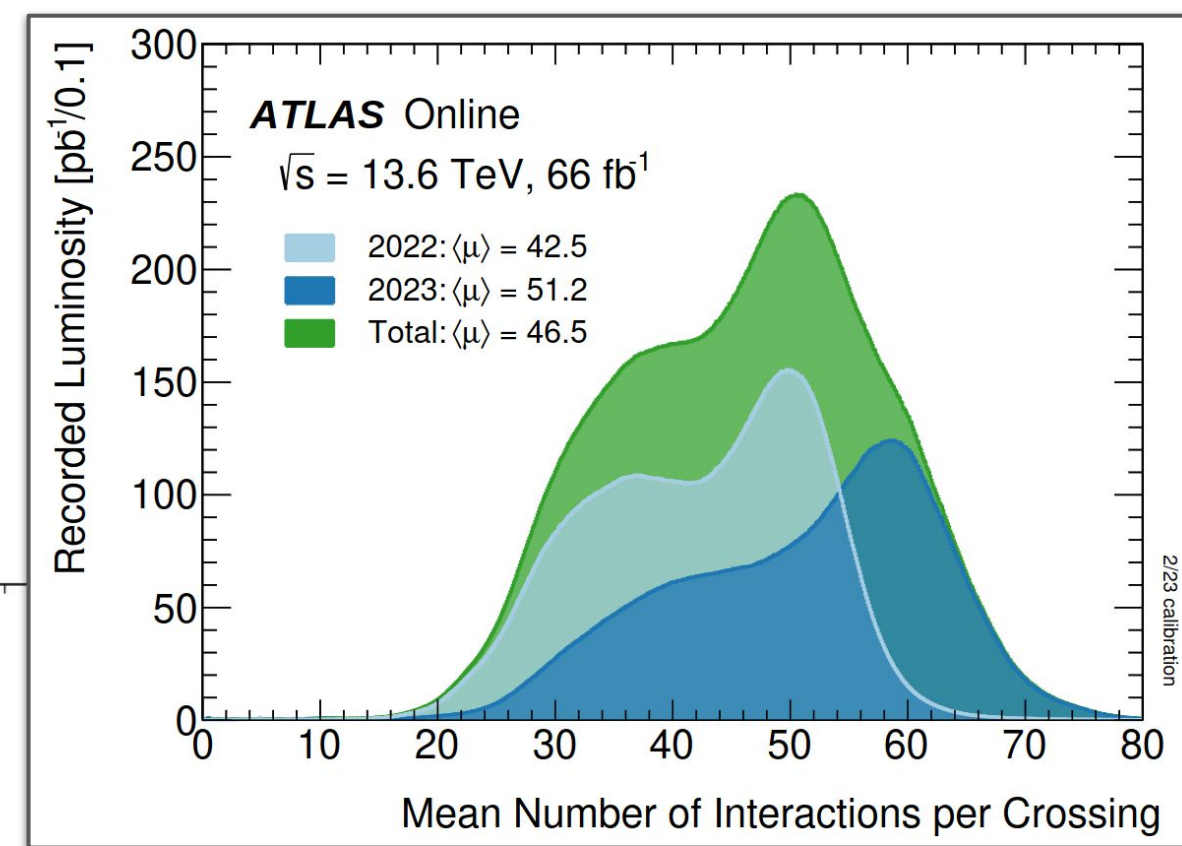
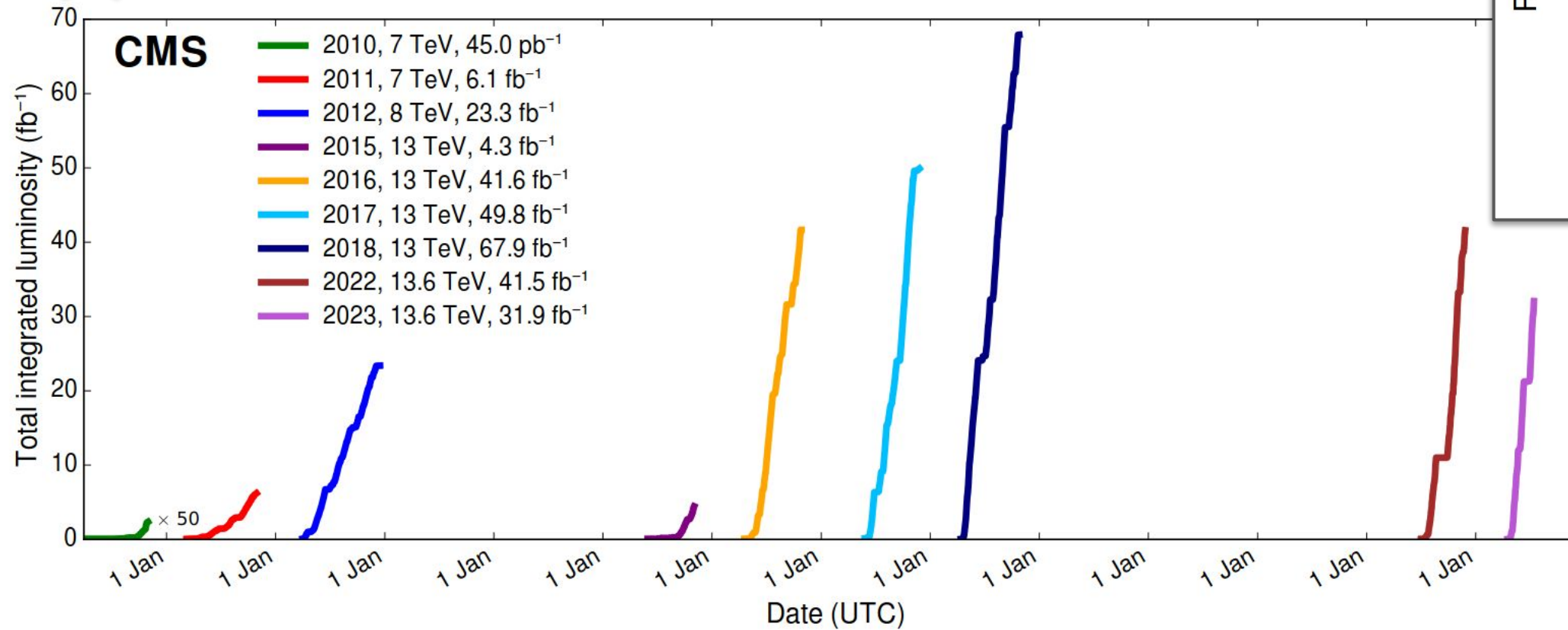


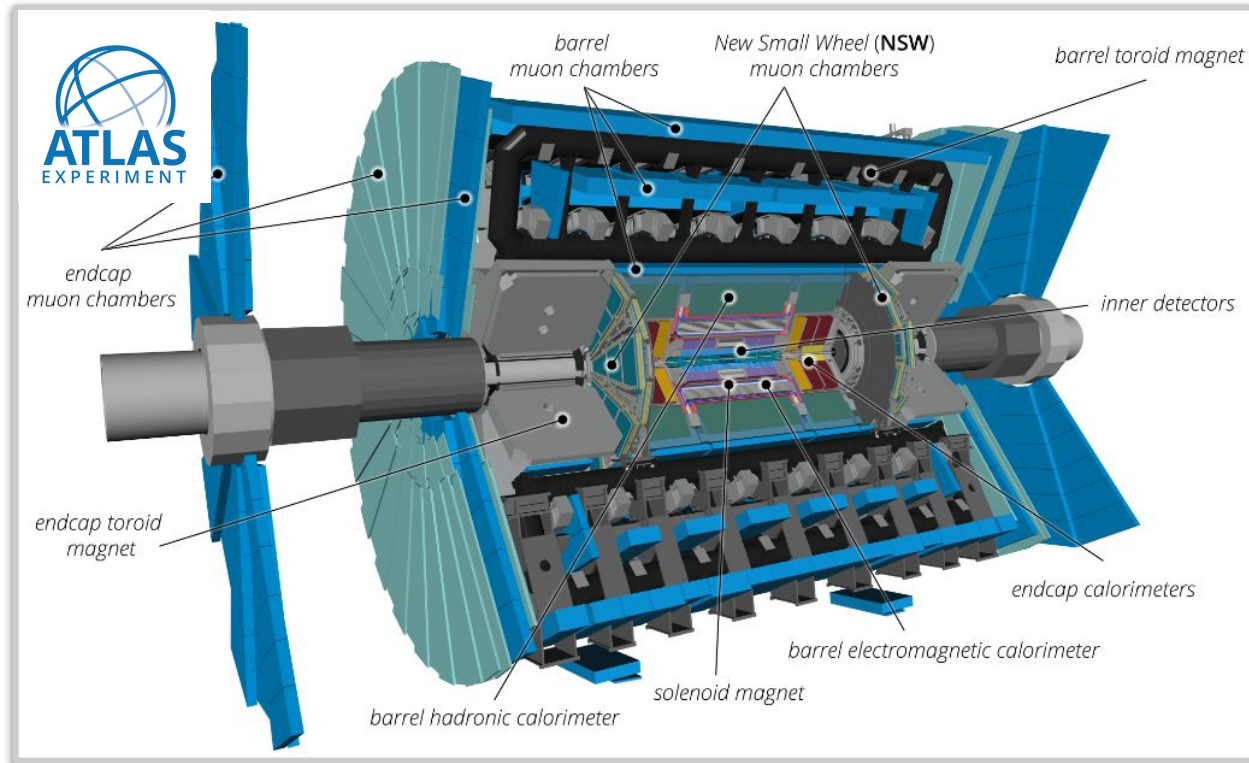
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- **2024 promises to be an outstanding year**
  - First collisions at 13.6 TeV on 19/3/24 → Stable beams **this week** → Ending on 25/11/24
  - ~145 days of p-p physics providing  $>100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in a single year + ~16 days of Pb-Pb!

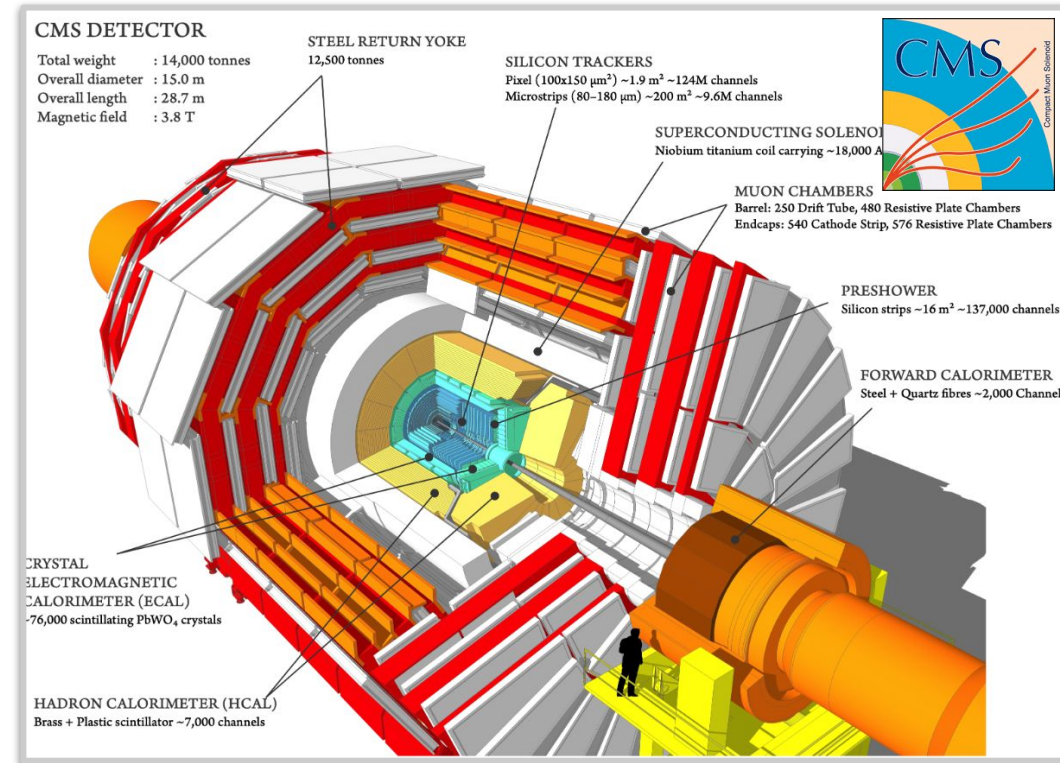
[ITL8 quench](#)

# Detector status

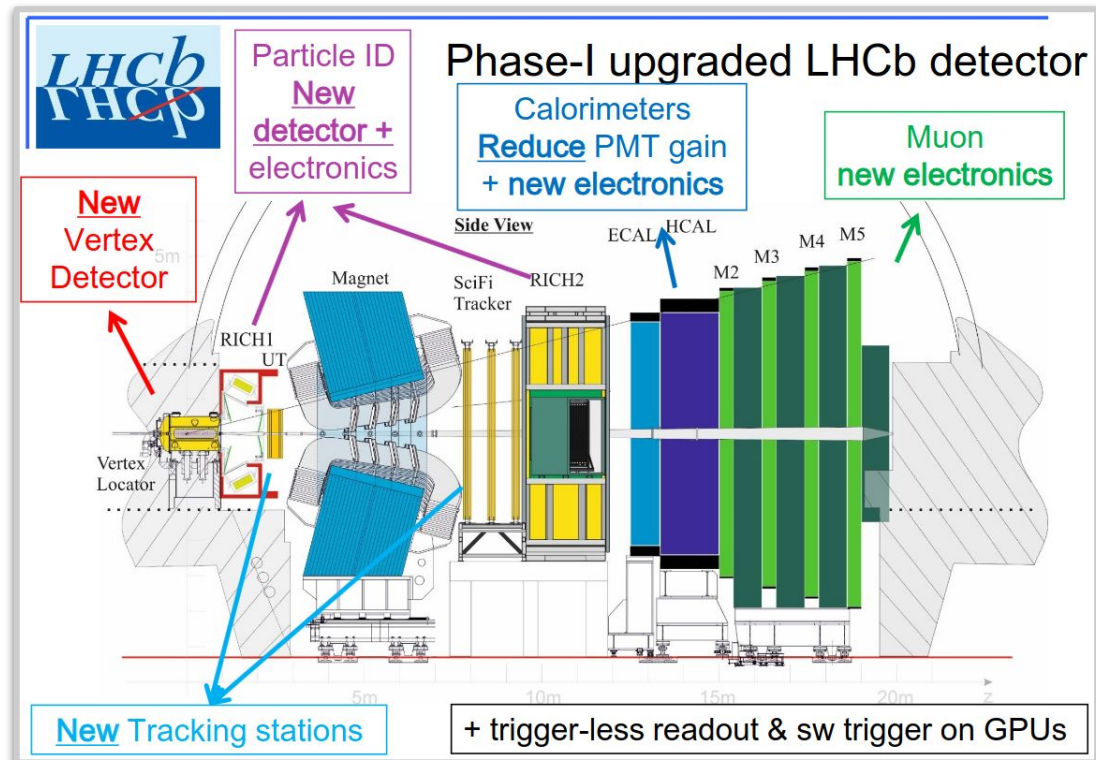
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[LHCb news](#)

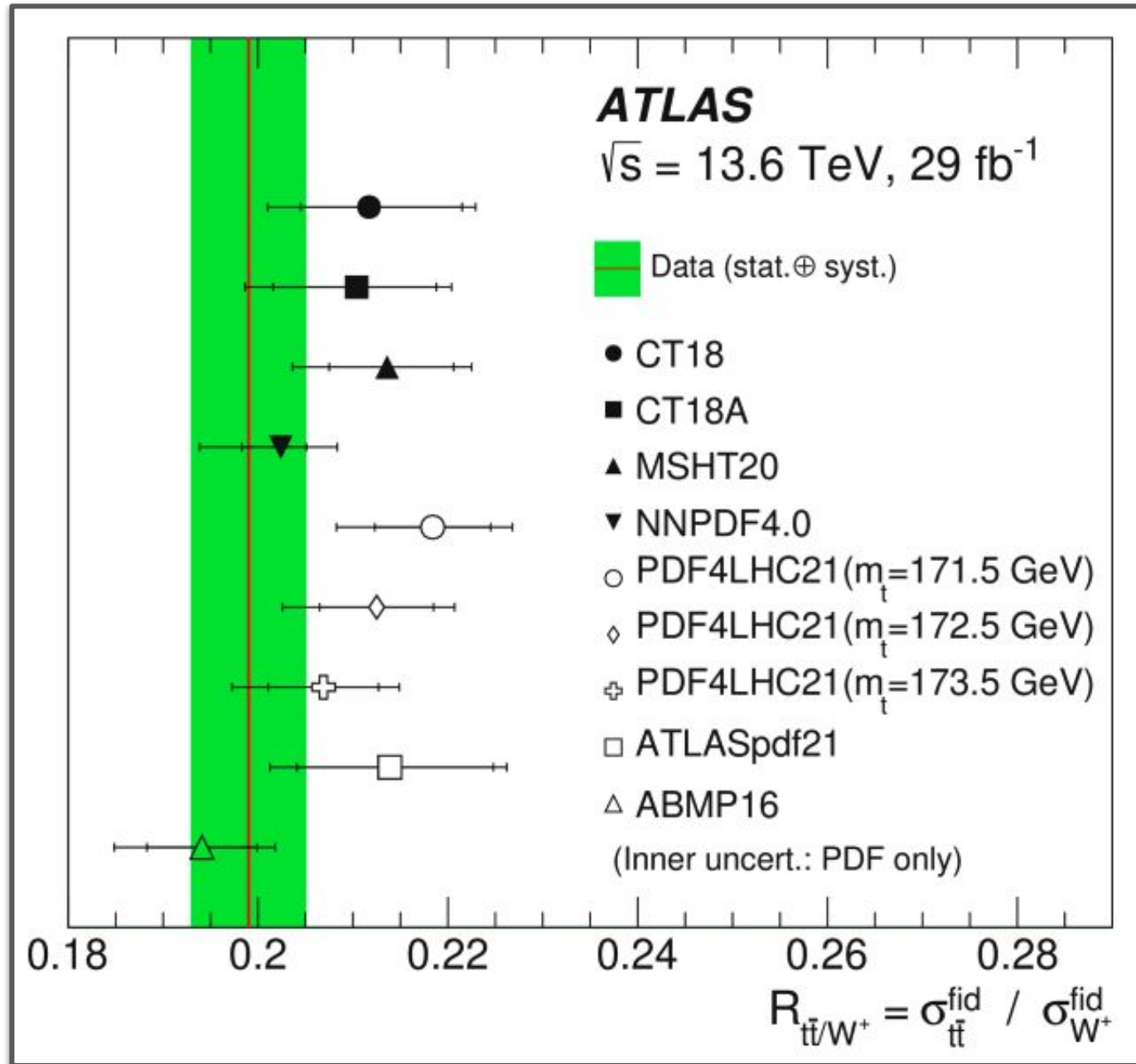


Run 3 upgrades have been a success → stepping stone to HL-LHC

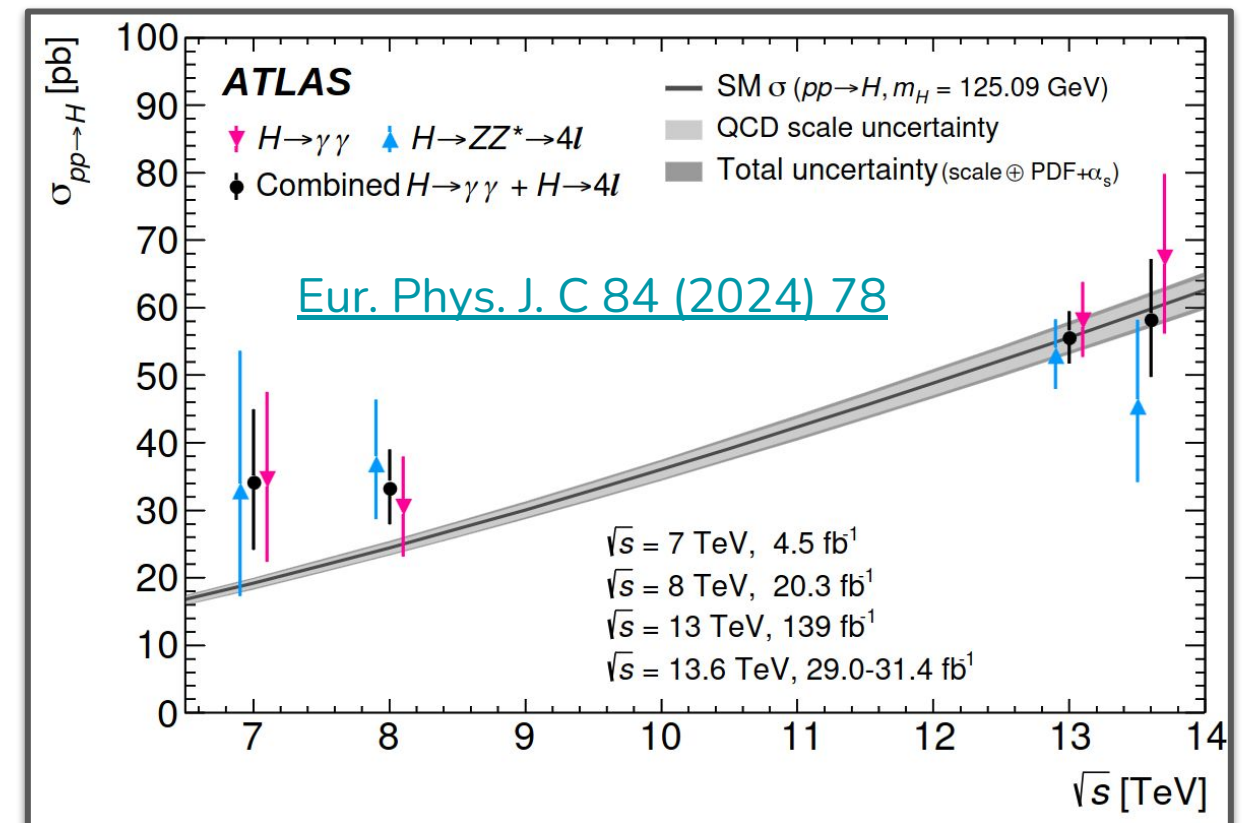
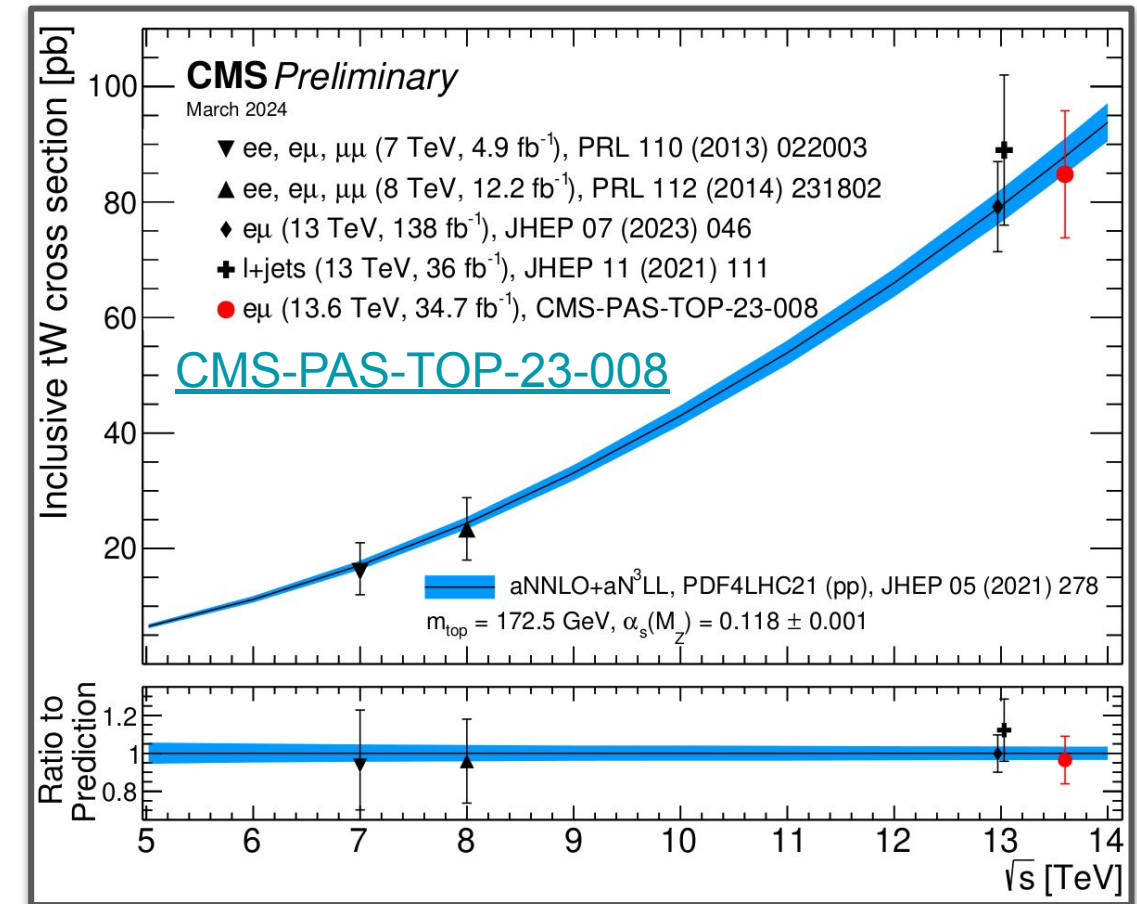
Experiments performing well and starting to turn out physics results...

# Early Run 3 analyses

- EW, top, Higgs



[arXiv:2403.12902](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.12902) (Sub. to Phys. Lett. B)



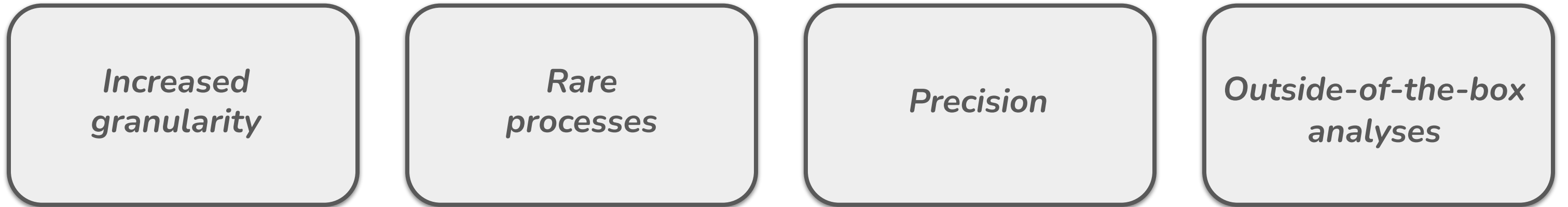
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What can we do with the large amount of data...



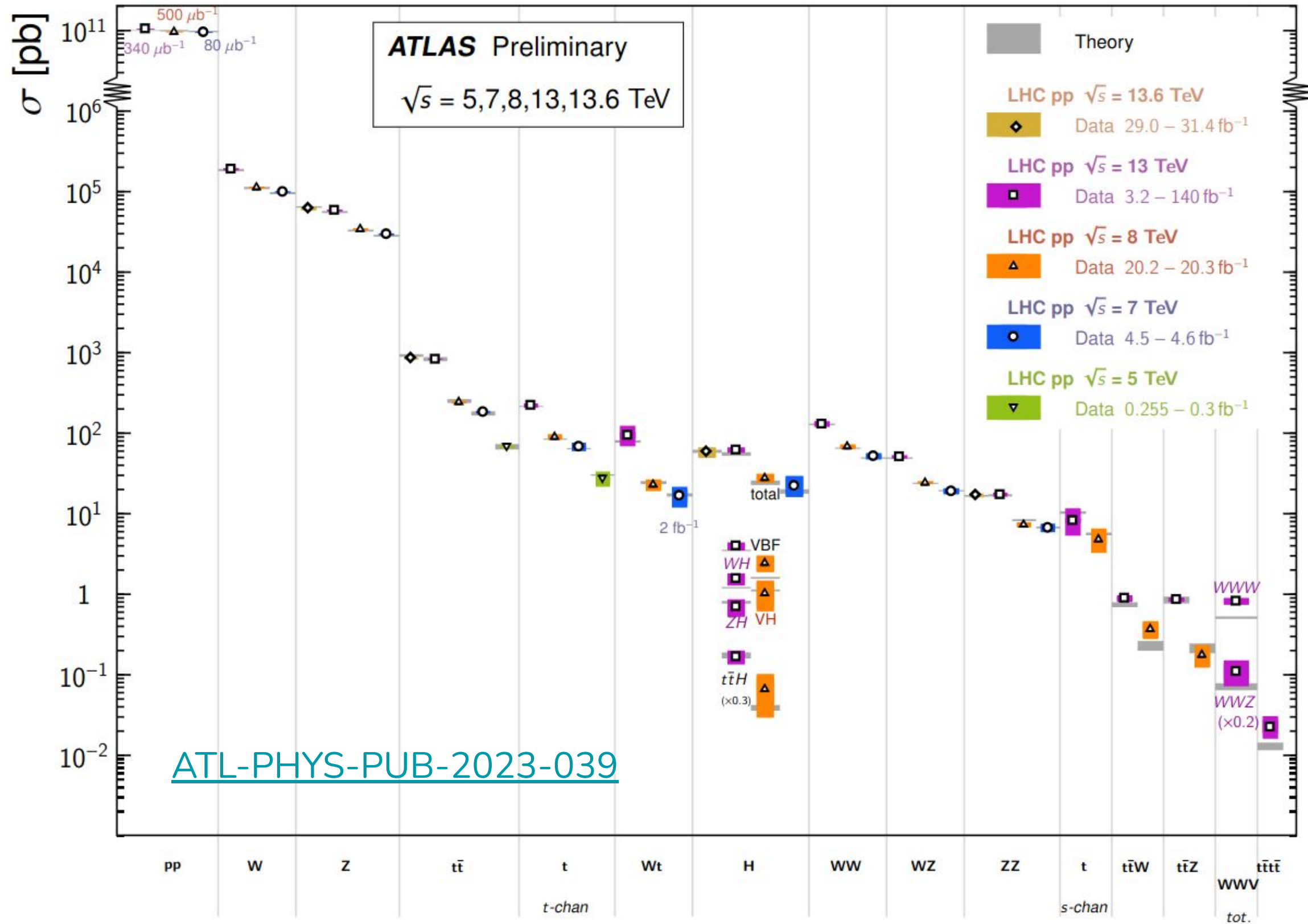
This talk is a subset of new LHC SM results using Run 2 data

Personally  
selected

Mostly  
CMS+ATLAS

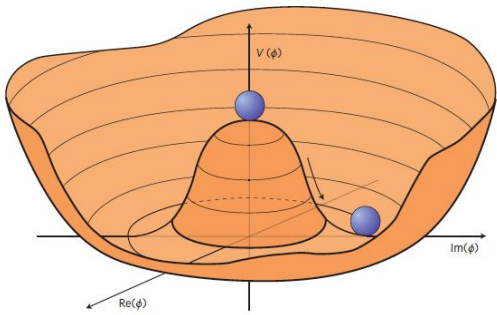
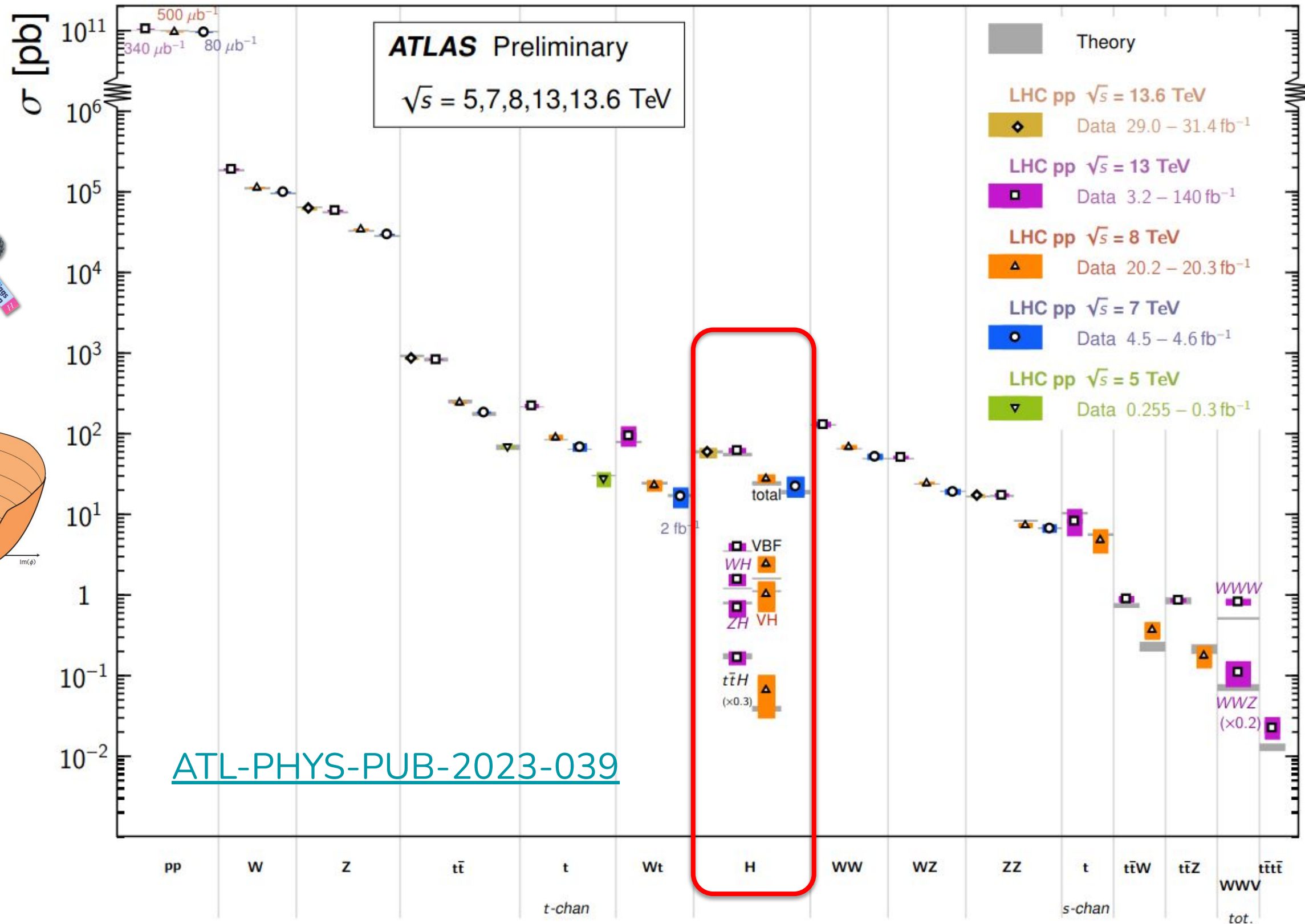
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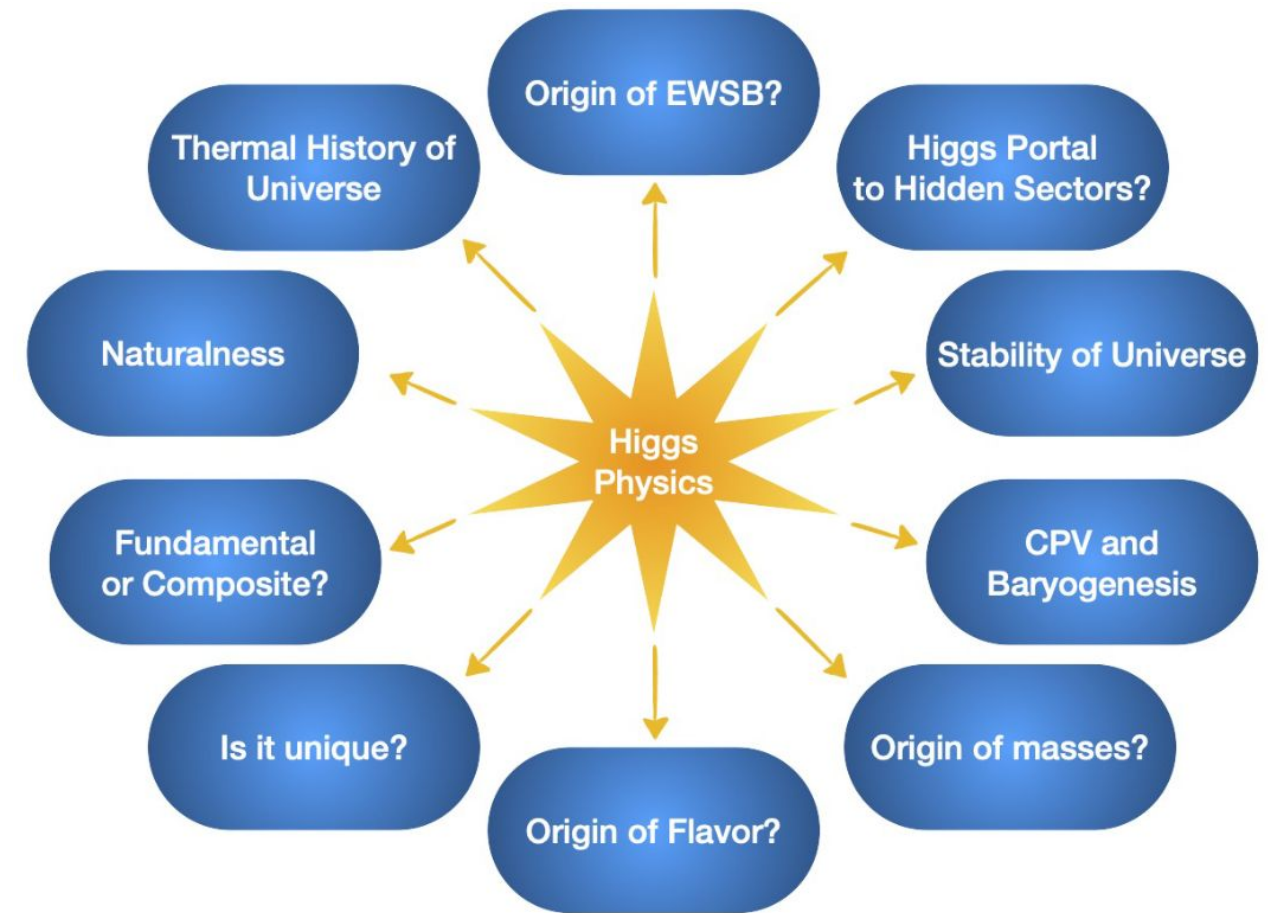
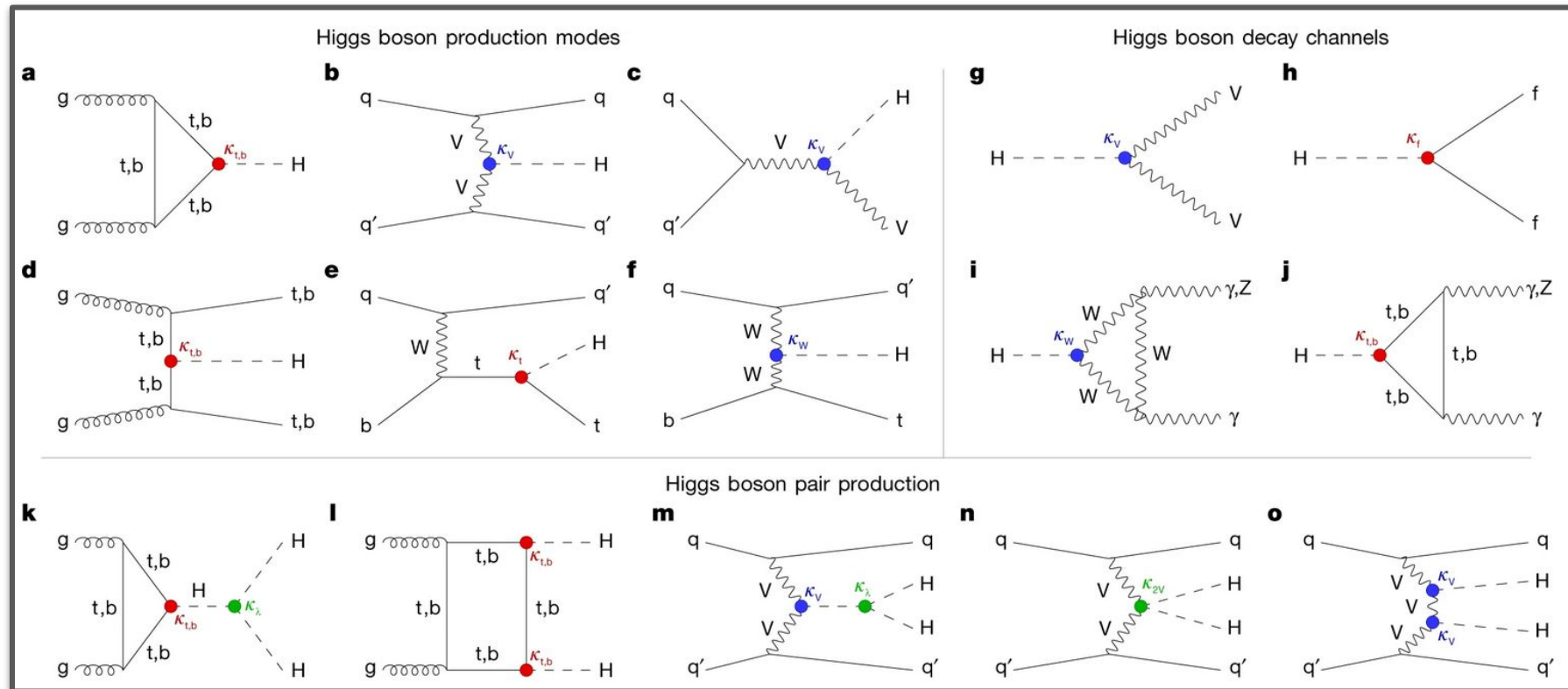
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# Higgs sector

- Since 2012 ATLAS + CMS have undergone a comprehensive research program to provide detailed map of Higgs sector
- Unique tool to search for new fundamental physics

“Almost every problem of the Standard Model originates from Higgs interactions”



$$\mathcal{L} = y H \psi \bar{\psi} + \mu^2 |H|^2 - \lambda |H|^4 - V_0$$

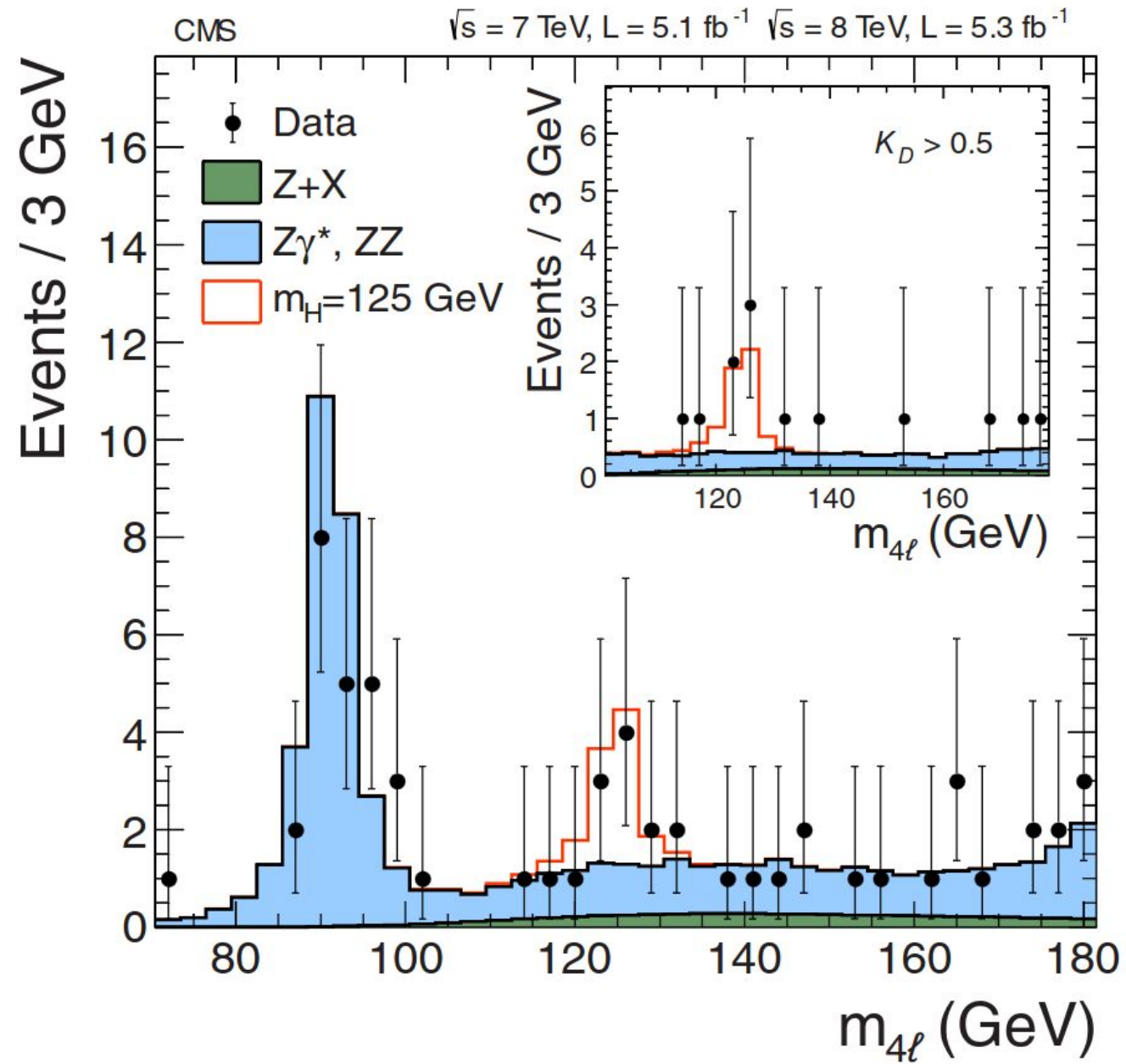
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*flavour*
*naturalness*
*stability*
*cosmological constant*

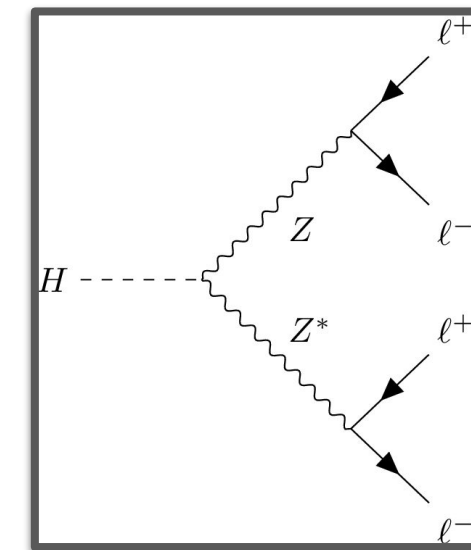
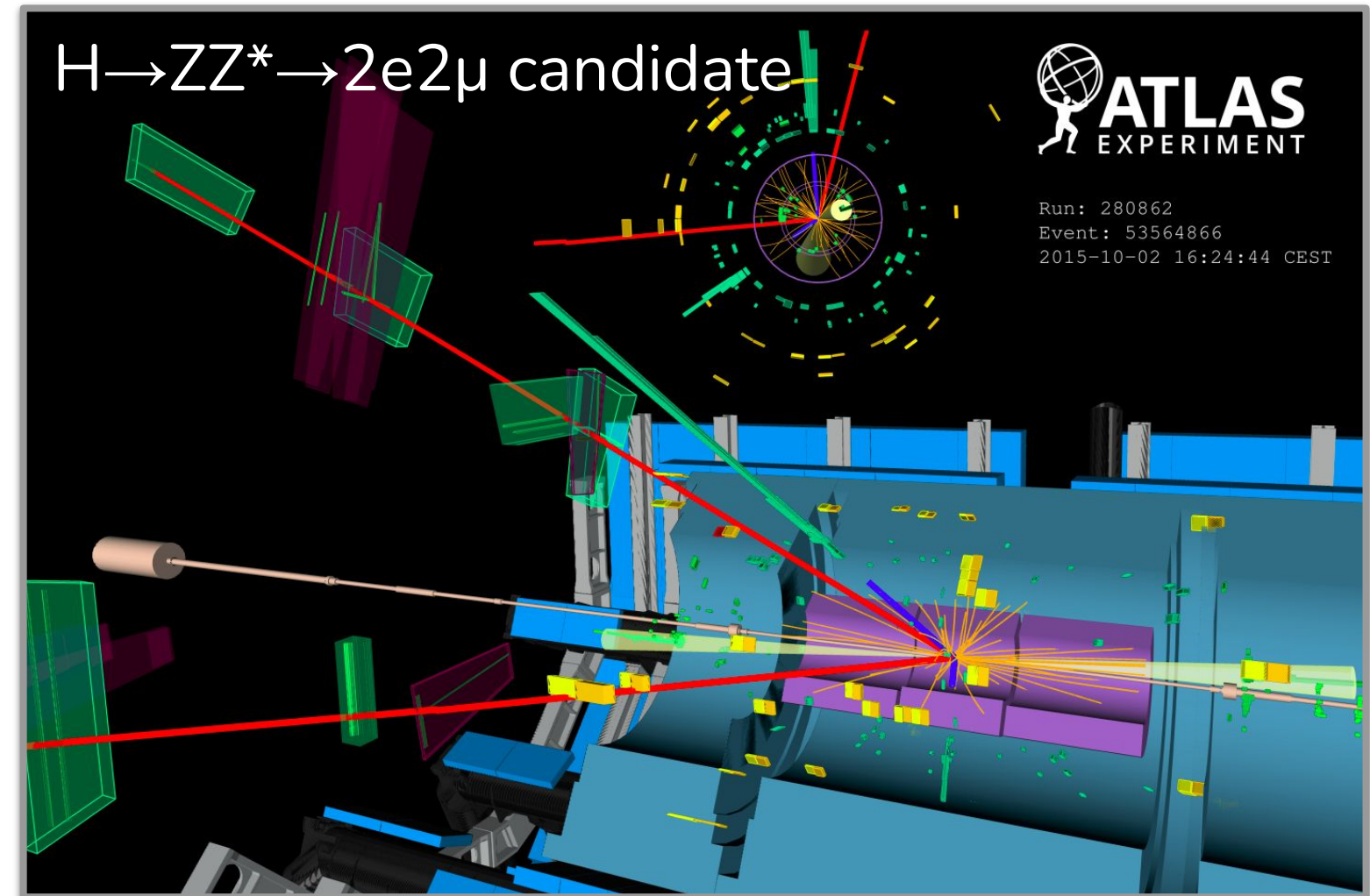
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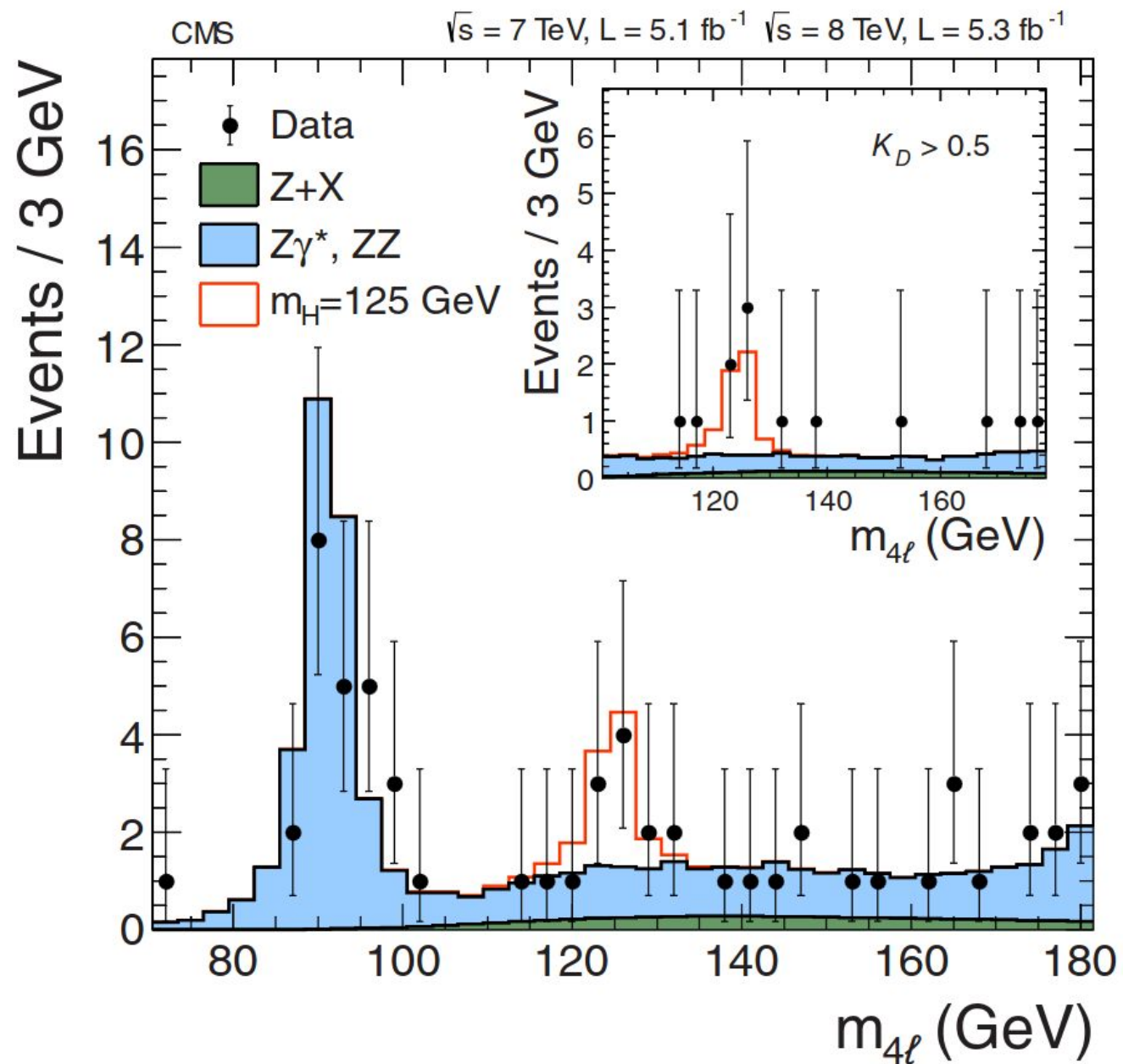
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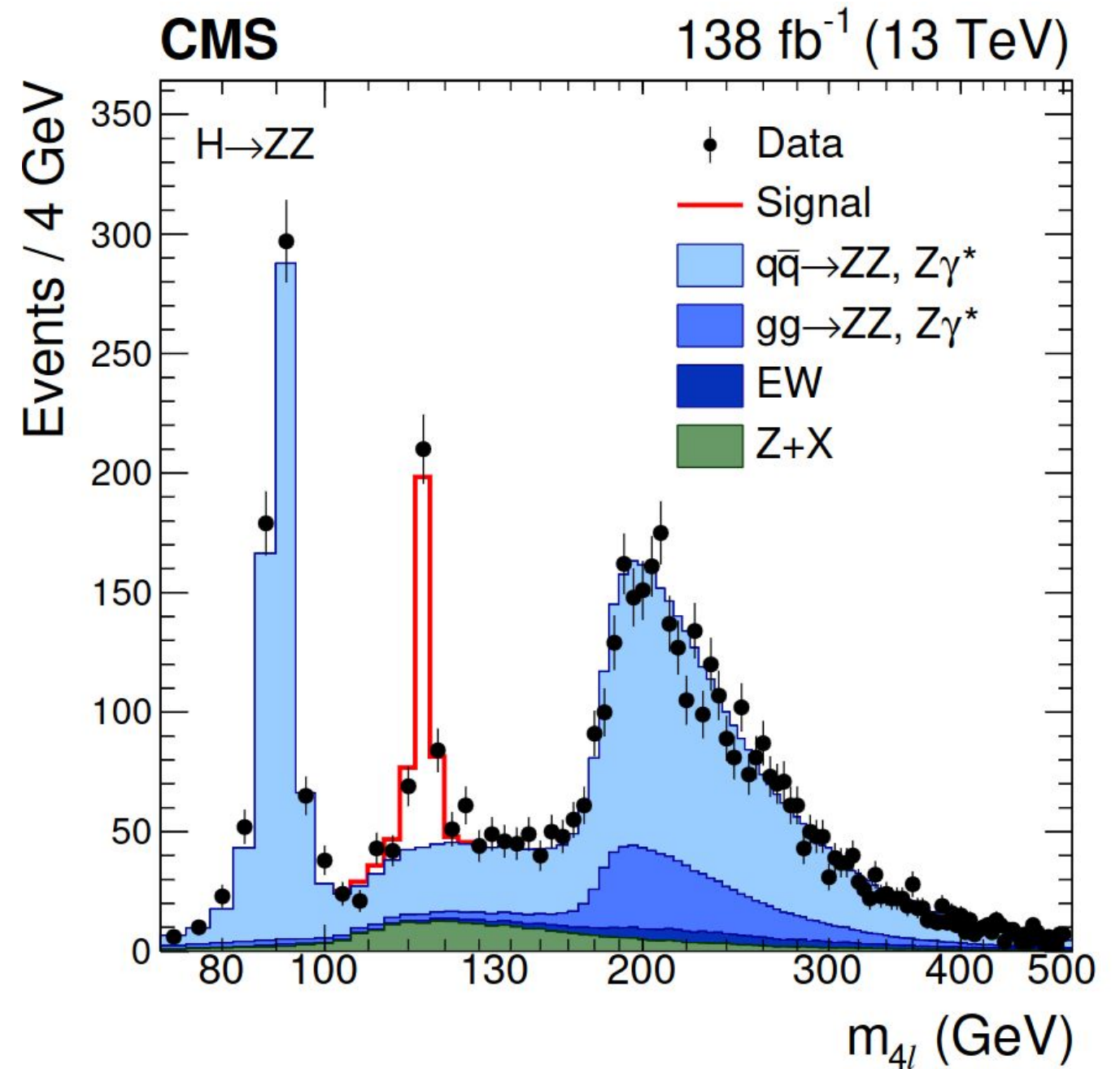
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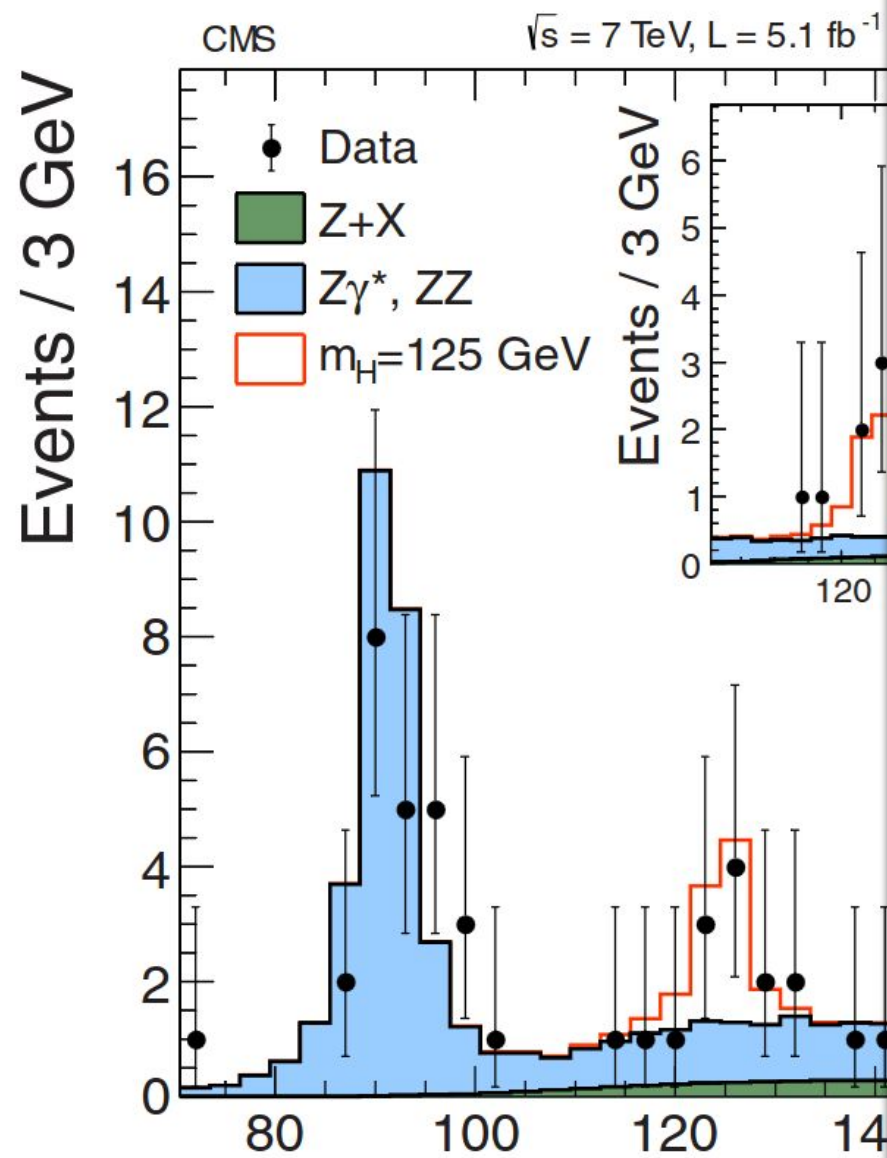


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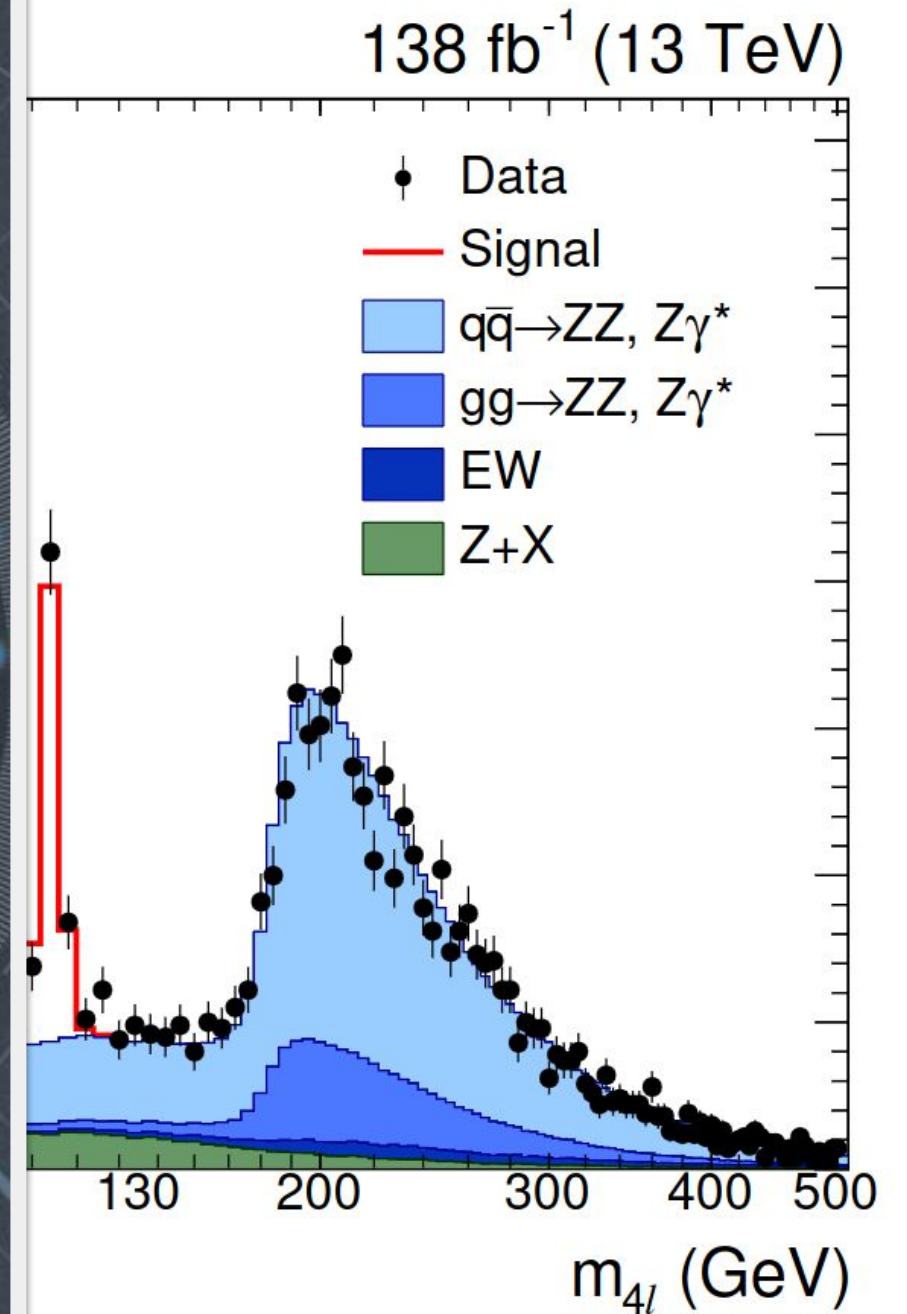
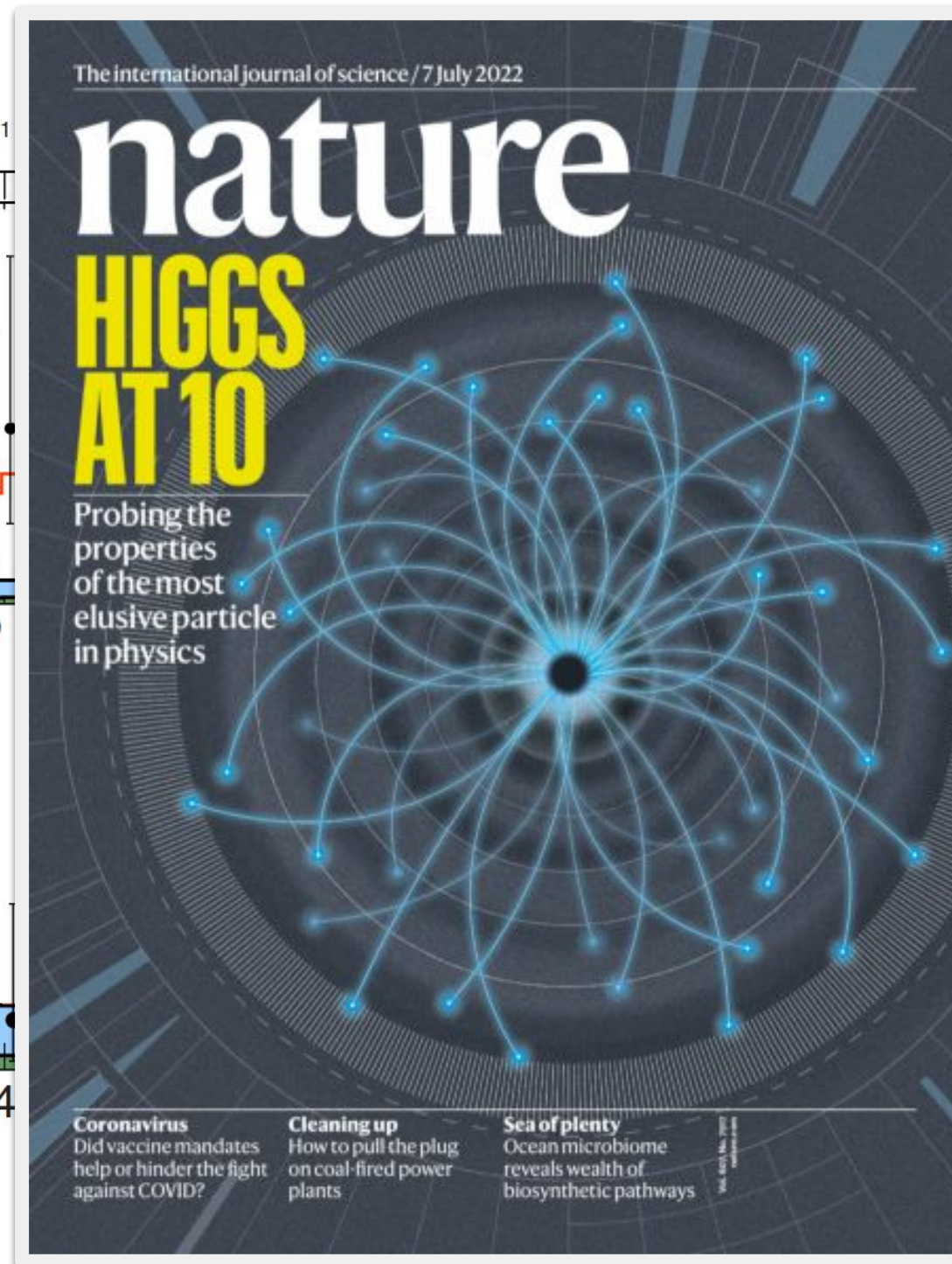


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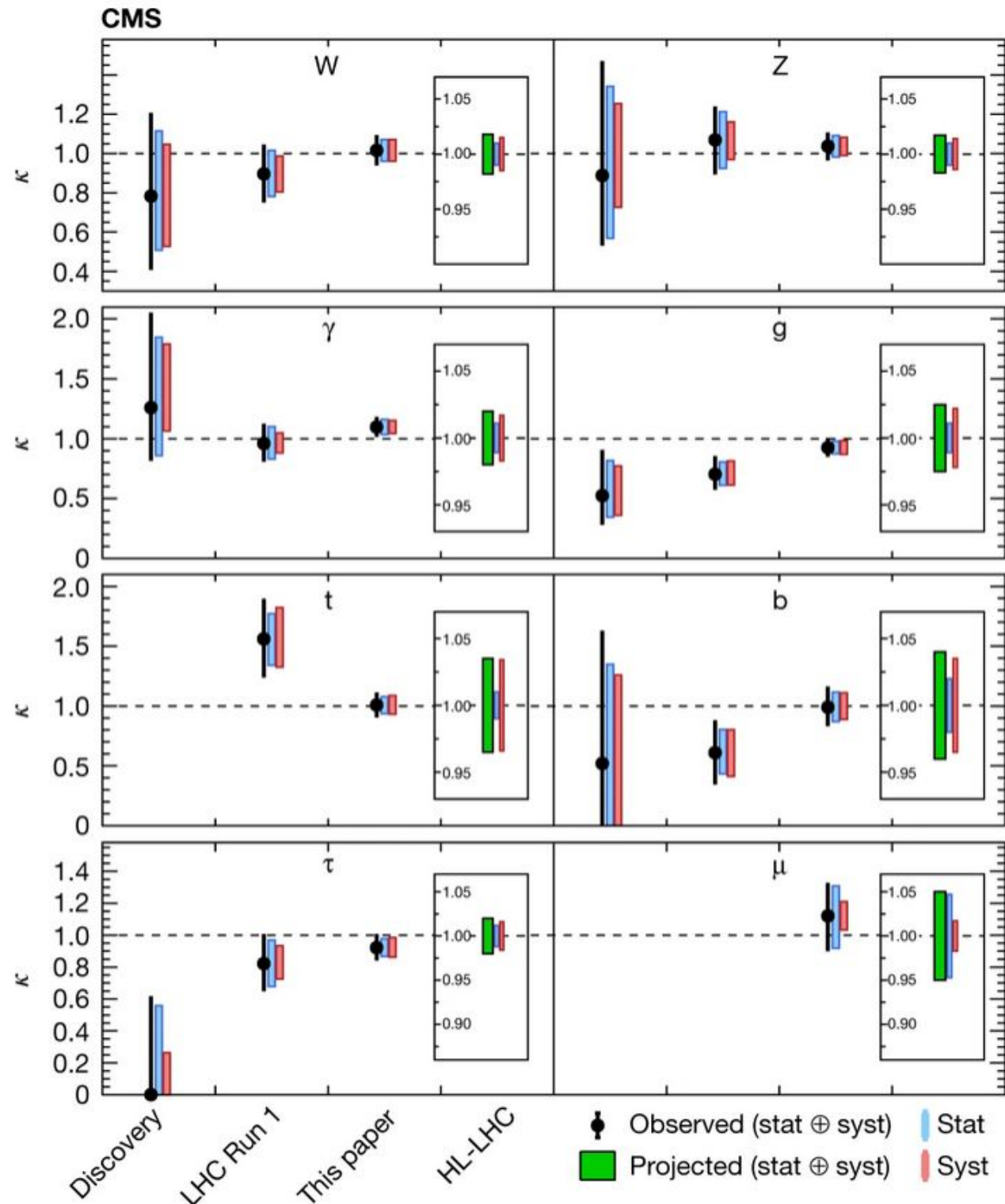


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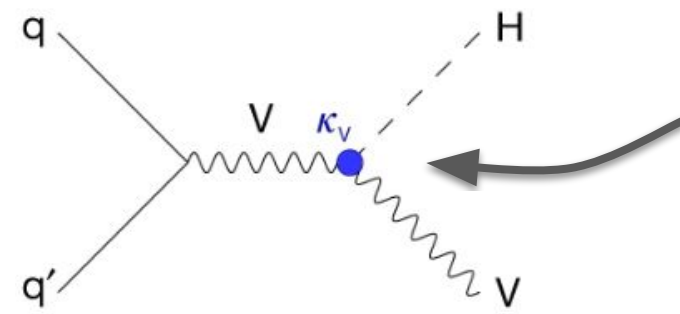


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# Higgs interactions



[Nature 607, 60-68 \(2022\)](#)



Kappa framework

Ultimate precision via Higgs boson statistical combinations

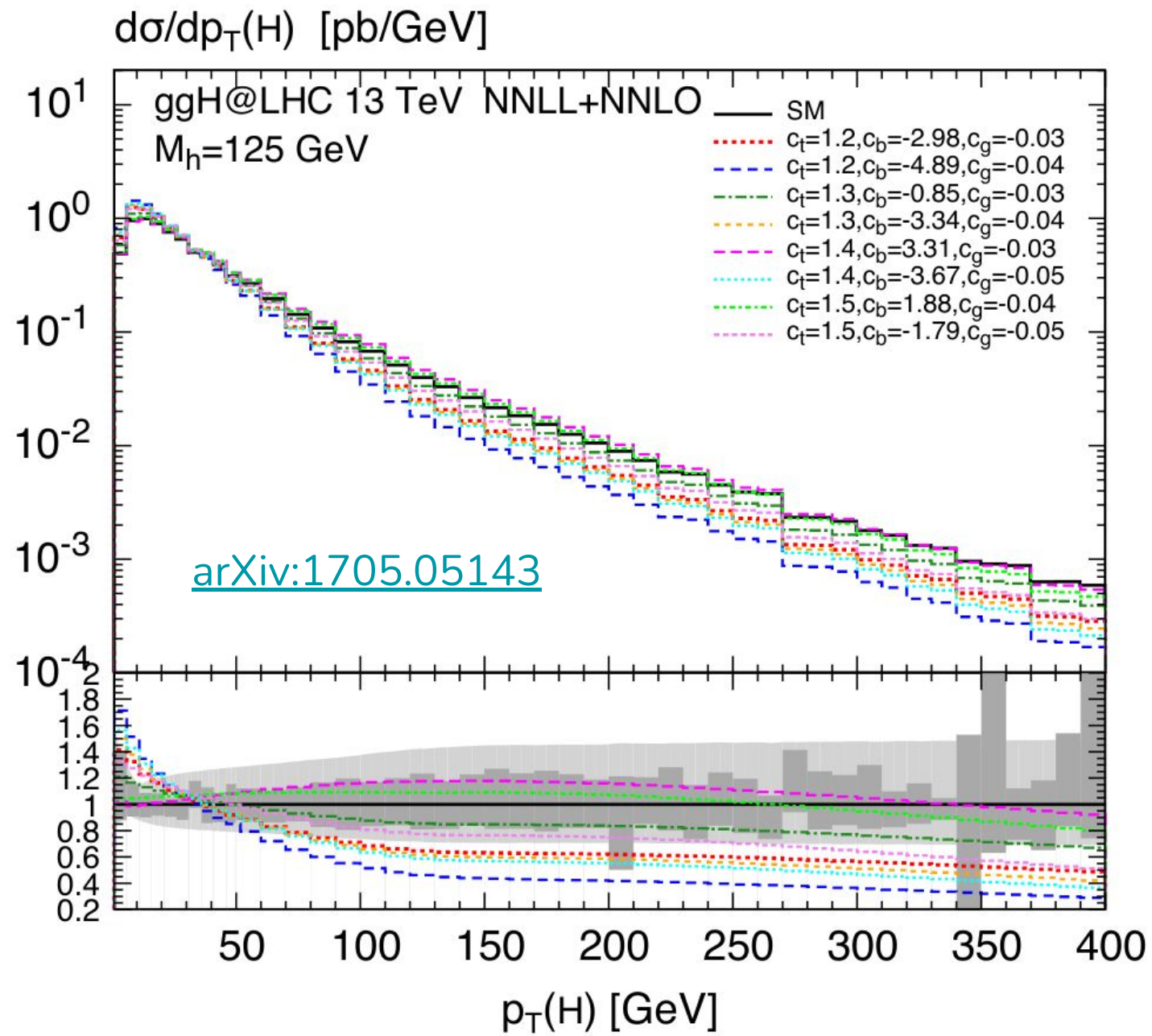
- $H \rightarrow bb, H \rightarrow WW, H \rightarrow ZZ, H \rightarrow \tau\tau, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, H \rightarrow \mu\mu, H \rightarrow Z\gamma$

**Table 1-8.** Generic size of Higgs coupling modifications from the Standard Model values when all new particles are  $M \sim 1$  TeV and mixing angles satisfy precision electroweak fits. The Decoupling MSSM numbers assume  $\tan \beta = 3.2$  and a stop mass of 1 TeV with  $X_t = 0$  for the  $\kappa_\gamma$  prediction.

Model	$\kappa_V$	$\kappa_b$	$\kappa_\gamma$
Singlet Mixing	$\sim 6\%$	$\sim 6\%$	$\sim 6\%$
2HDM	$\sim 1\%$	$\sim 10\%$	$\sim 1\%$
Decoupling MSSM	$\sim -0.0013\%$	$\sim 1.6\%$	$\sim -4\%$
Composite	$\sim -3\%$	$\sim -(3 - 9)\%$	$\sim -9\%$
Top Partner	$\sim -2\%$	$\sim -2\%$	$\sim +1\%$

[arXiv:1310.8361](#)

Cannot rule out new physics with current precision (10-20%)

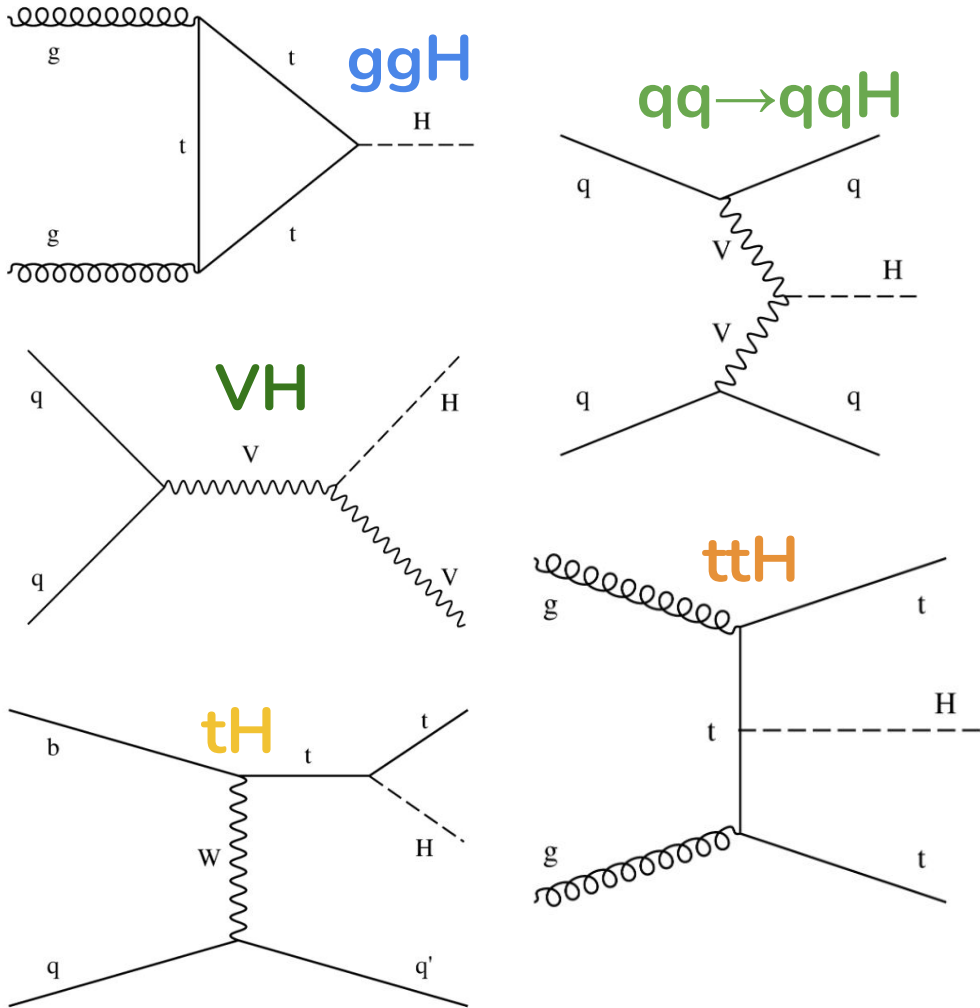


Increased granularity

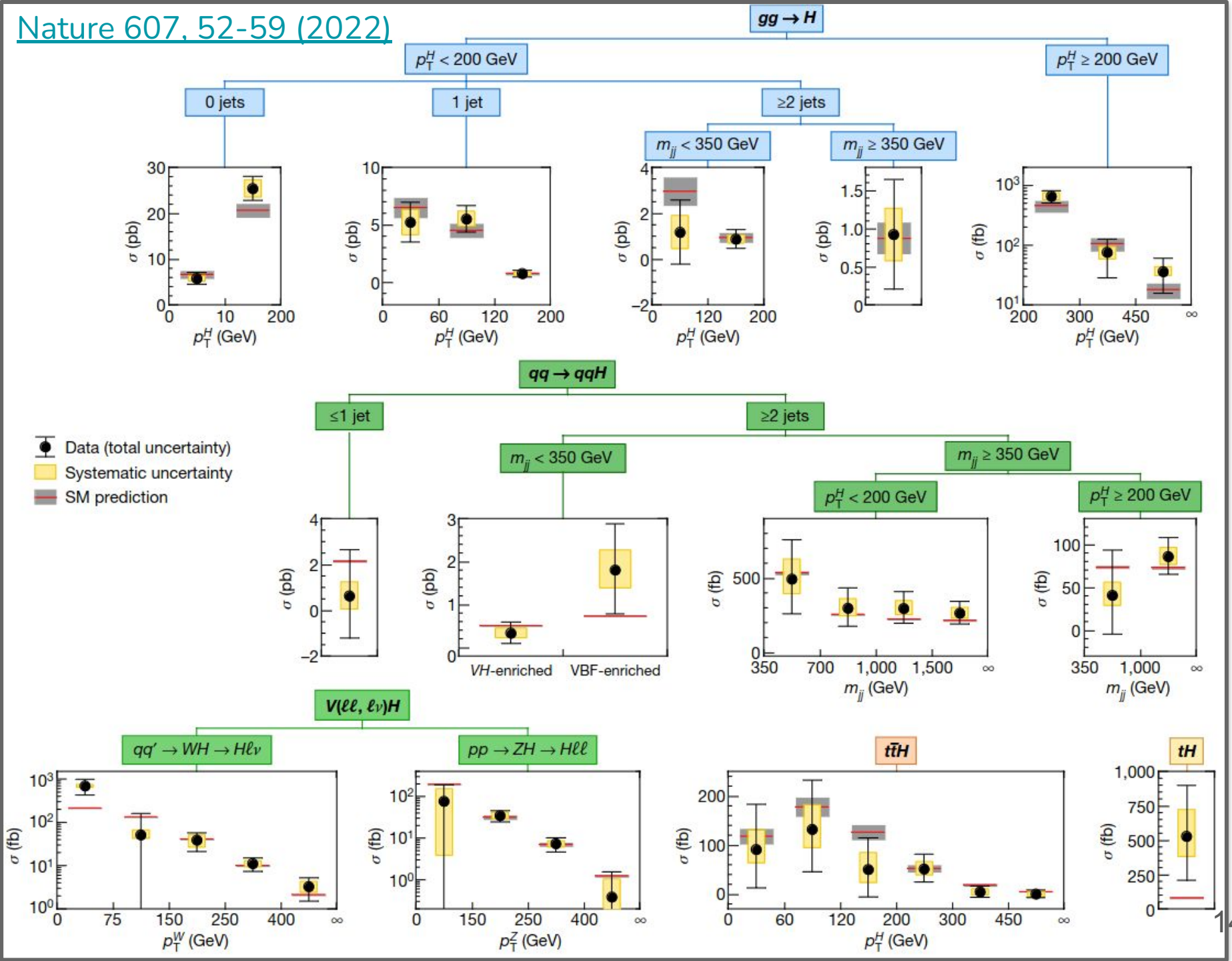
Rates  $\rightarrow$  Distributions

# Going granular

- Measure Higgs boson production **differentially** in the simplified template cross section (**STXS**) framework
  - Good agreement with the SM...
  - Large (stat-dominated) uncertainties!



Great framework for BSM interpretation e.g. SMEFT  
 [See Back-Up] [\[arXiv:2304.05742\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.05742)



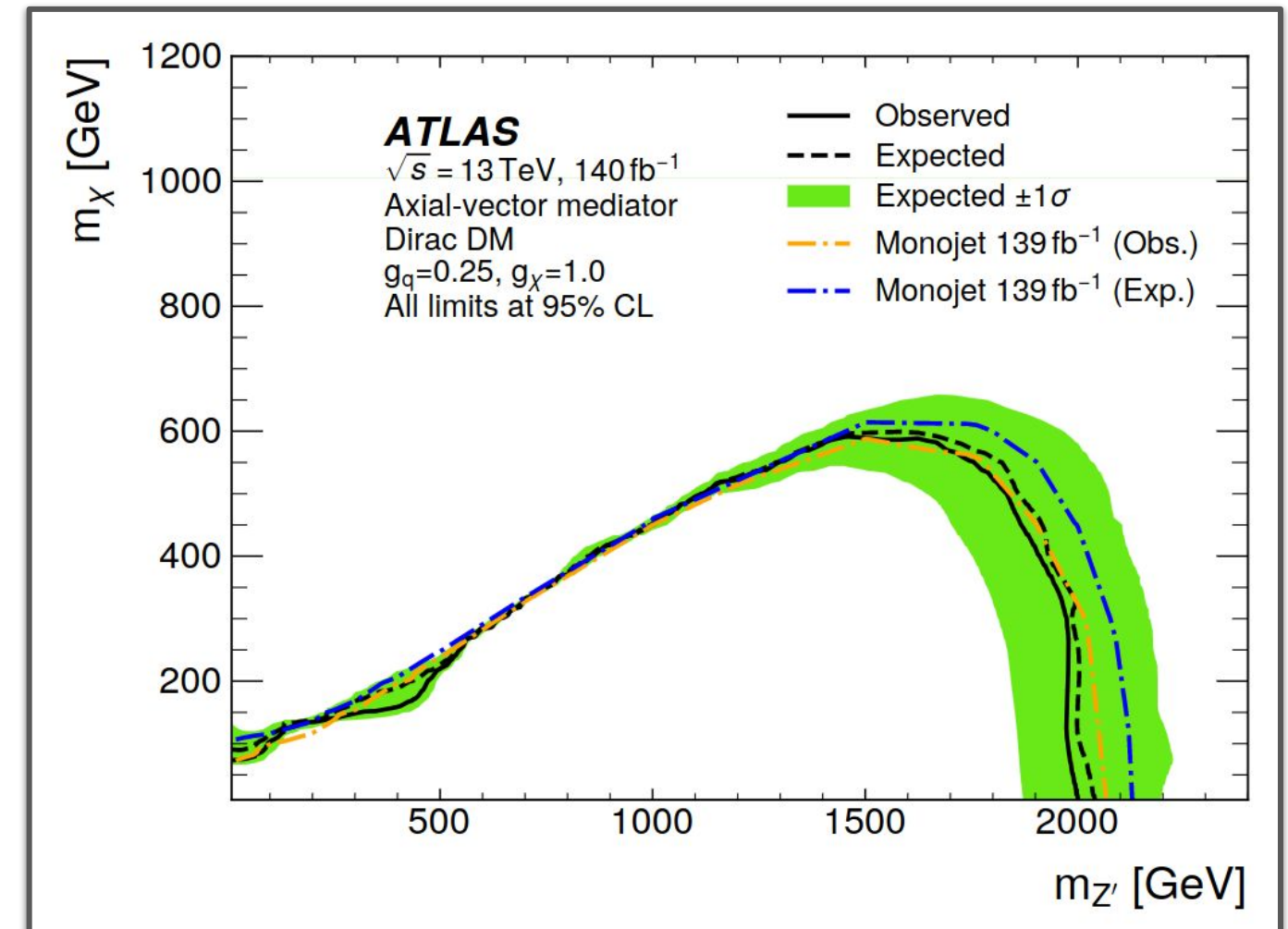
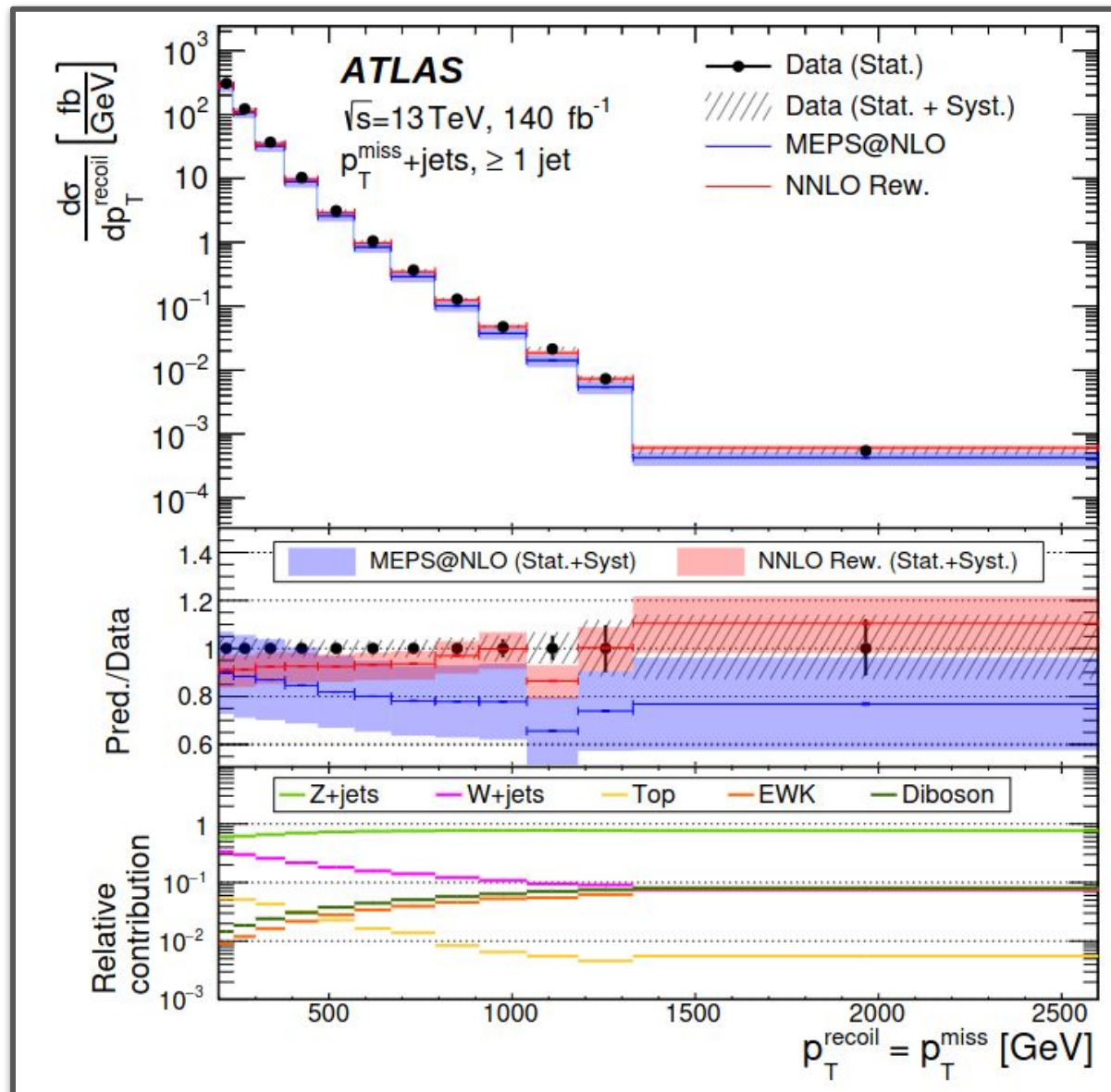
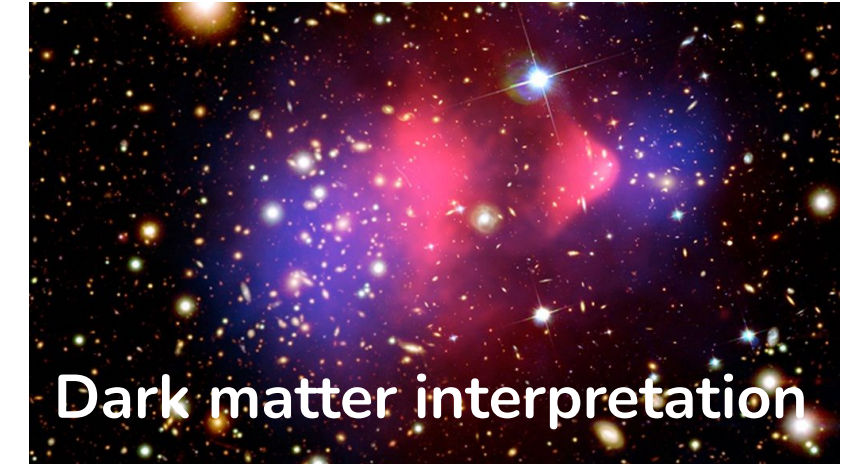
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Rates  $\rightarrow$  Distributions

$$\sum_i \vec{p}_{T,i} = 0$$

$$\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_{\text{observable}} \vec{p}_{T,i}$$

- [\[arXiv:2403.02793\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.02793) Diff. XS measurements for events with MET+jets (ATLAS)
  - Aim to be as inclusive and model-independent as possible
  - BSM interpretation: excellent focus on reinterpretation (HEPdata, Rivet)



Rare processes

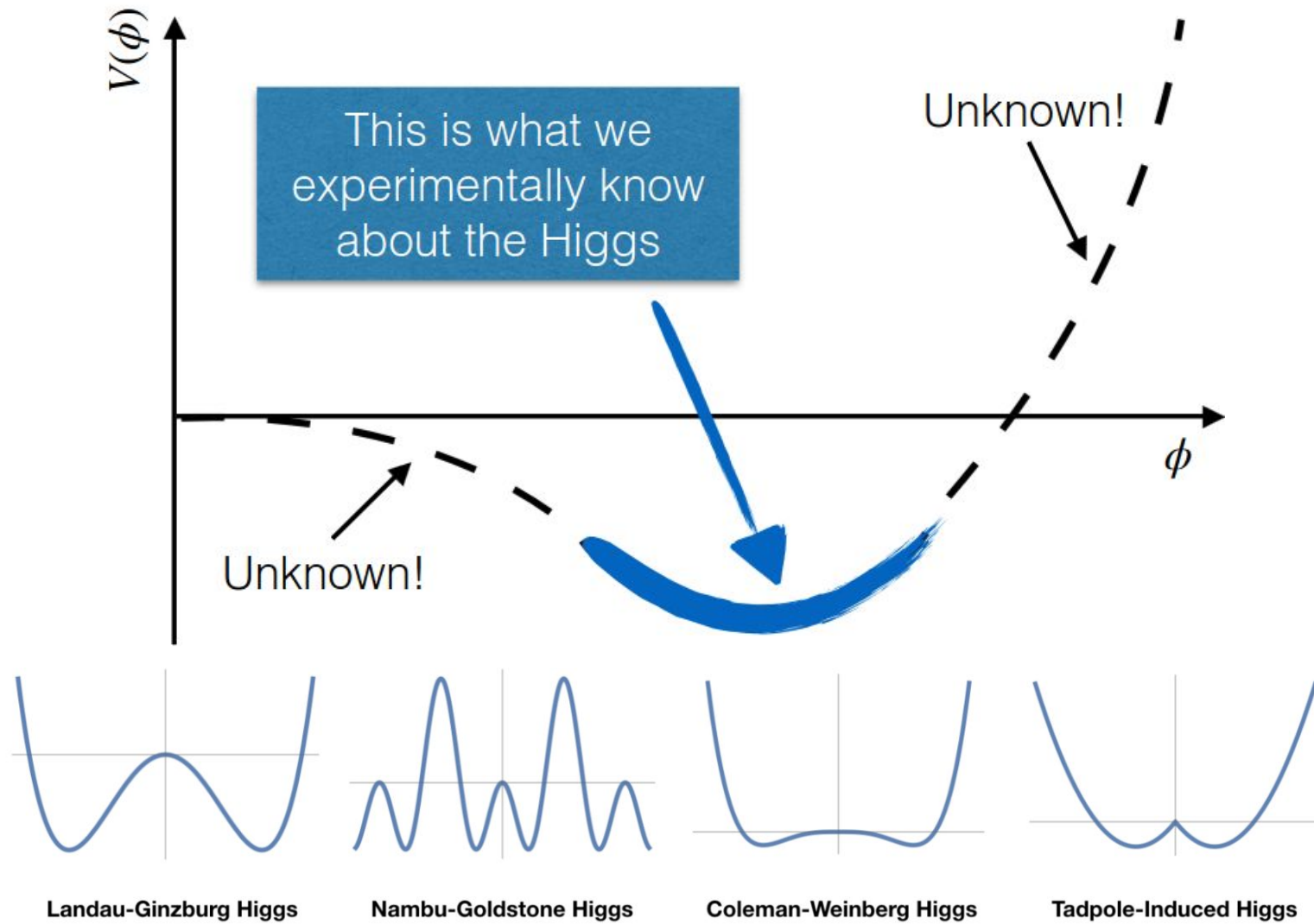
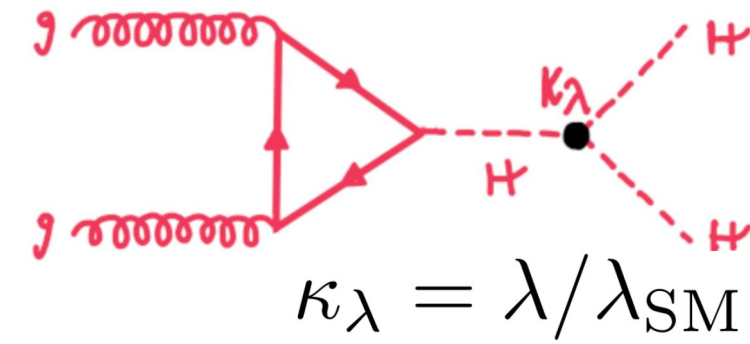




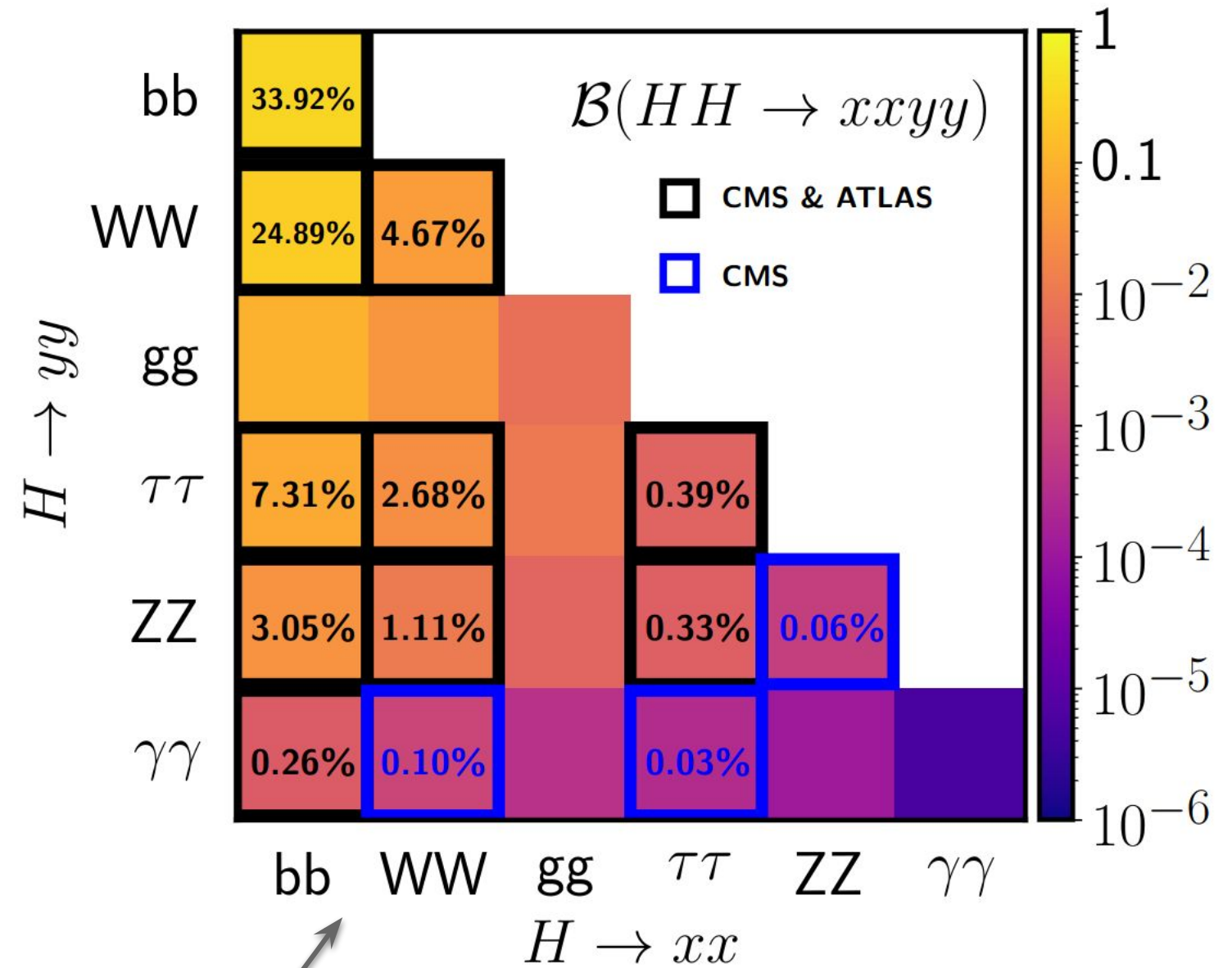
# HH production

Cross section  $\sim 1000x$  smaller than single Higgs production

Direct probe of Higgs boson self-coupling  $\rightarrow$  strong implications for early Universe dynamics

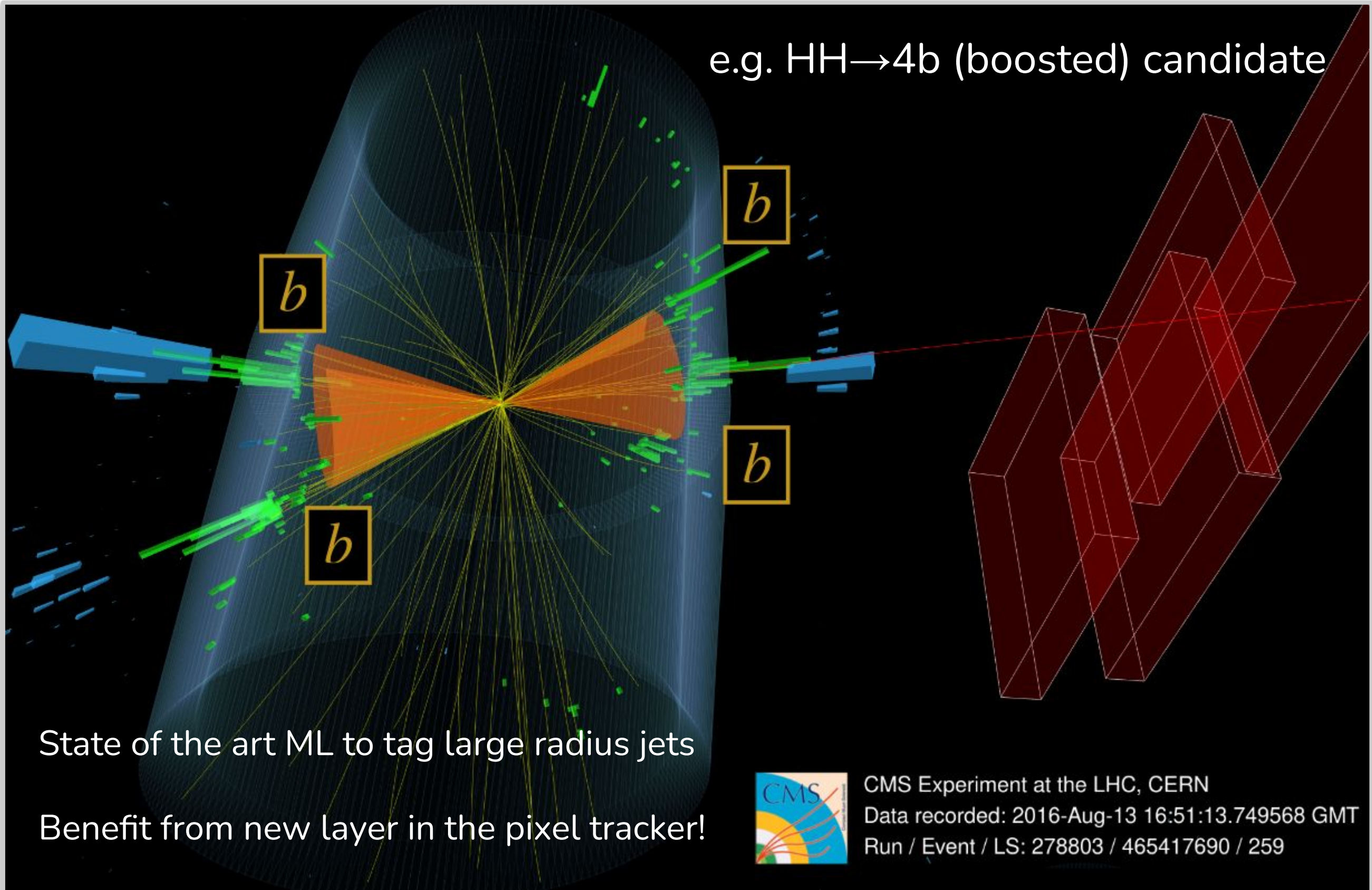


Figures taken from M. Valente slides @ Higgs 23



HH provides plethora of final states: a fun experimental challenge!

e.g.  $HH \rightarrow 4b$  (boosted) candidate



State of the art ML to tag large radius jets  
Benefit from new layer in the pixel tracker!



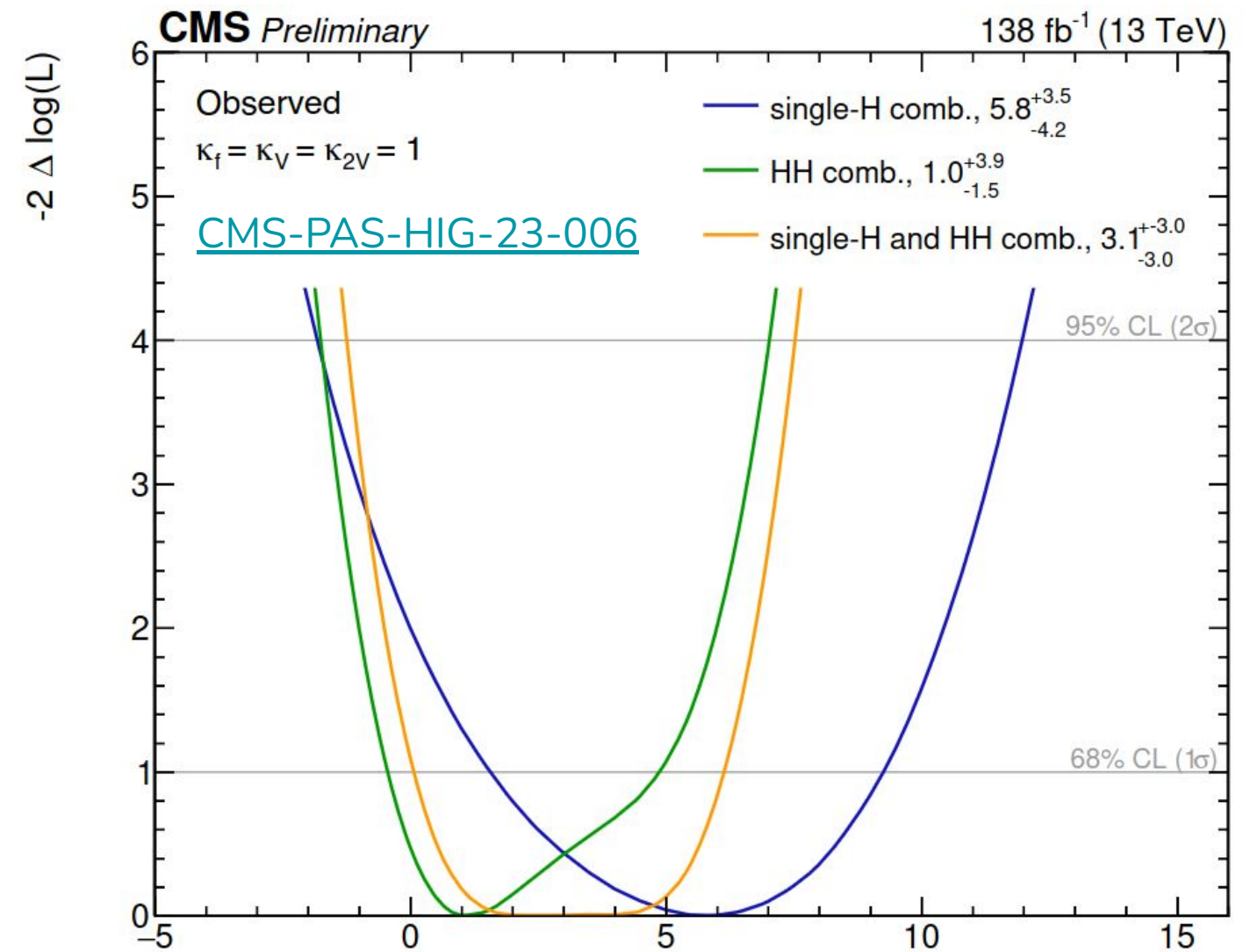
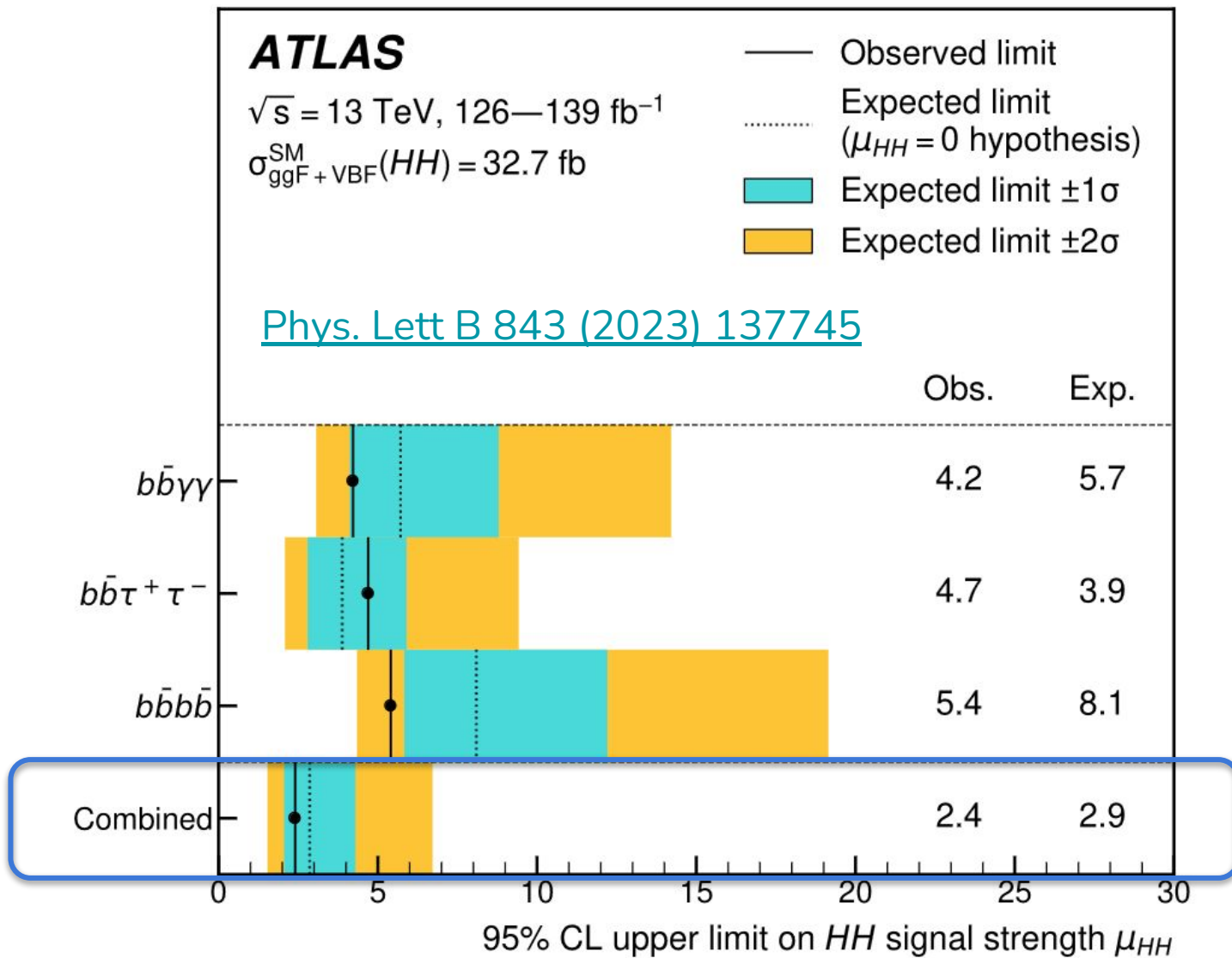
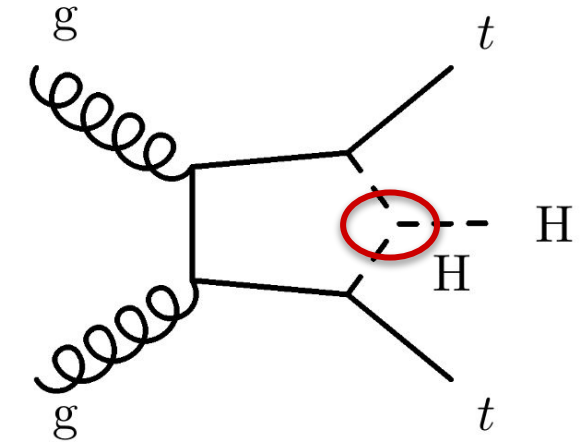
CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN  
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# HH combination

Expected ~2x from increase in statistics alone

NLO corrections to single-Higgs production

- Vast improvements compared to 2016-only results: **~5x better**
  - Driven by advancements in analysis techniques e.g. graph neural networks for b-jet tagging (ML)
- Ultimate  $\kappa_\lambda$  sensitivity by combining with indirect constraint from single-Higgs analyses

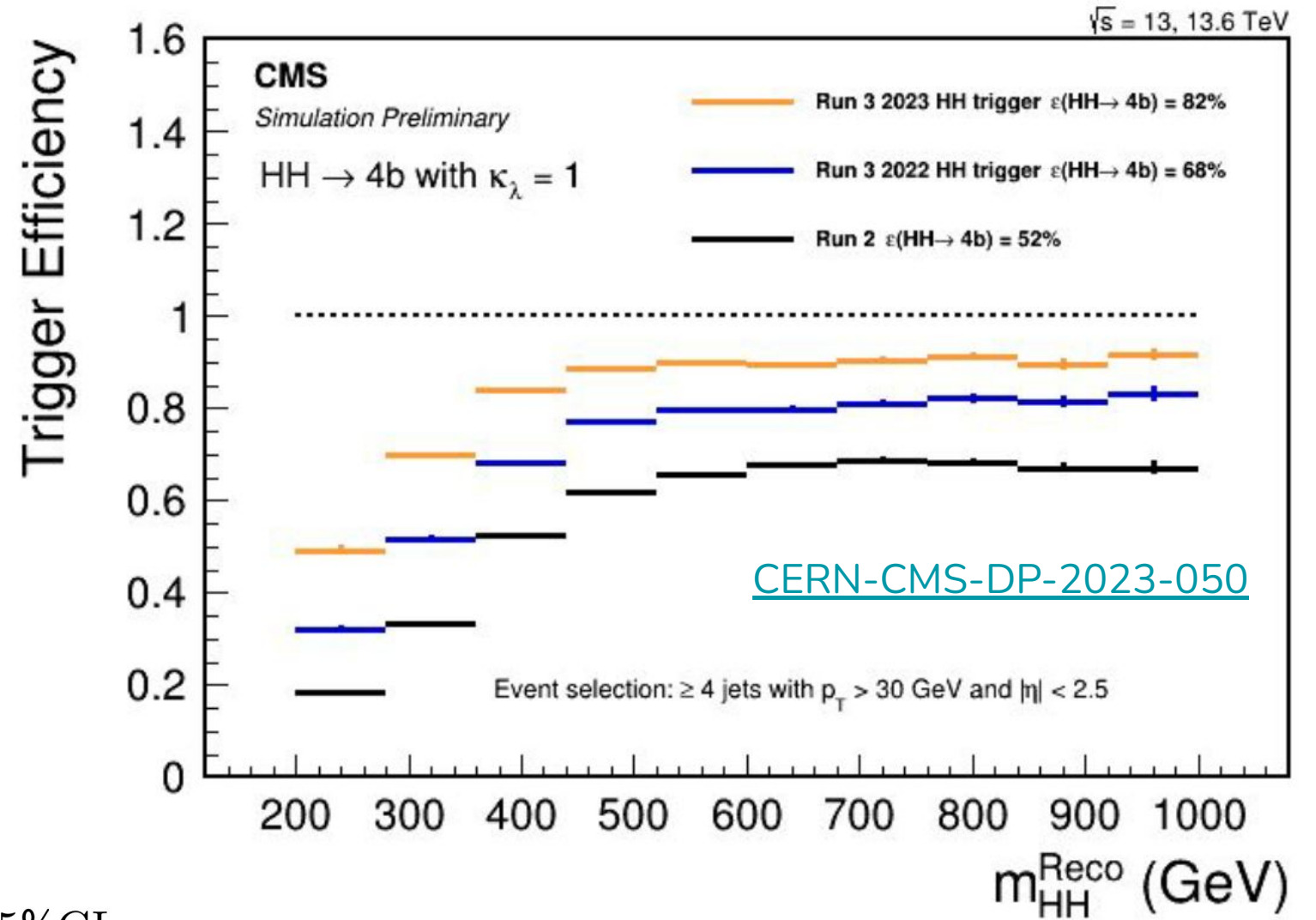
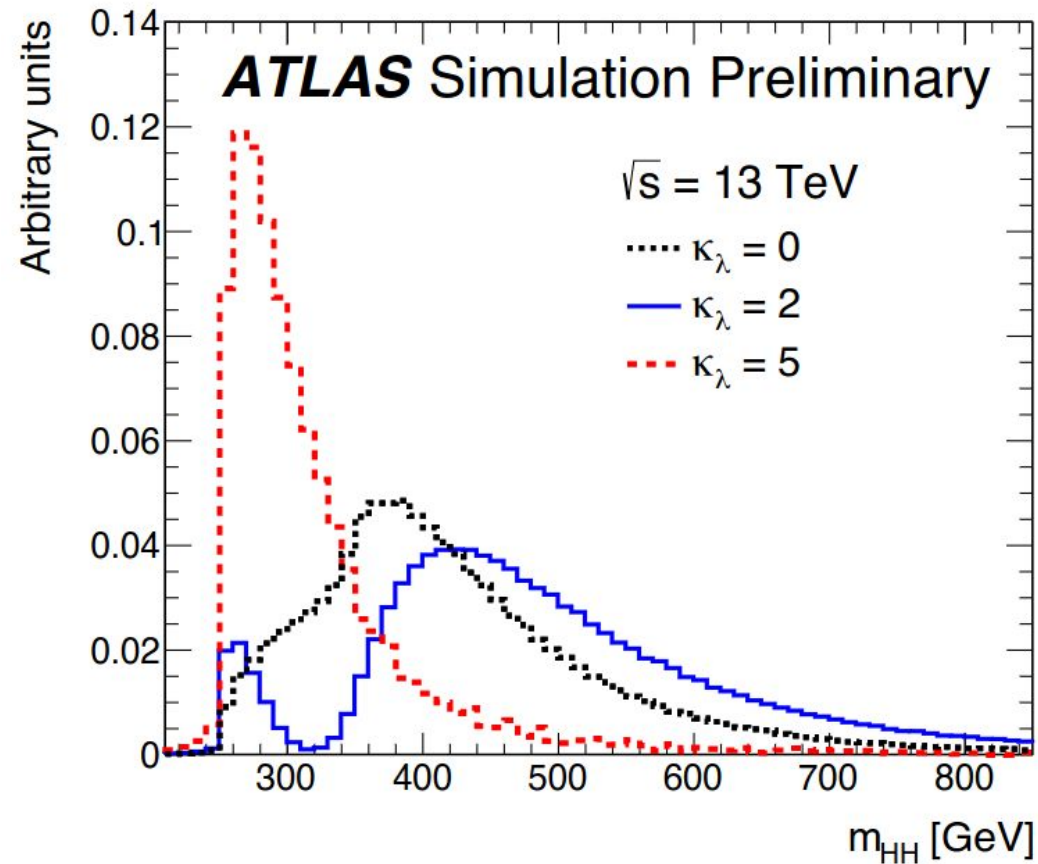


Rapidly approaching exclusion of  $\kappa_\lambda = 0$

$$\kappa_\lambda = \lambda / \lambda_{\text{SM}}$$

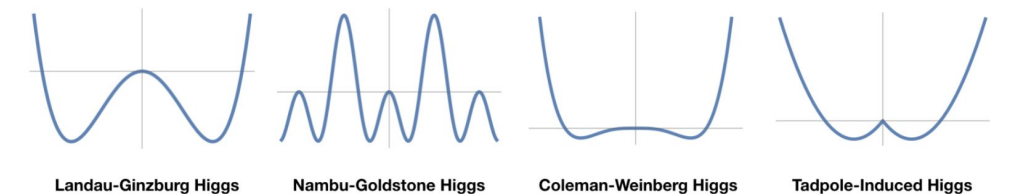
# HH @ Run 3

- More luminosity ( $\sim 250 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  per experiment), more energy (+10% HH cross section at 13.6 TeV)
- Improving analysis techniques e.g. better triggers

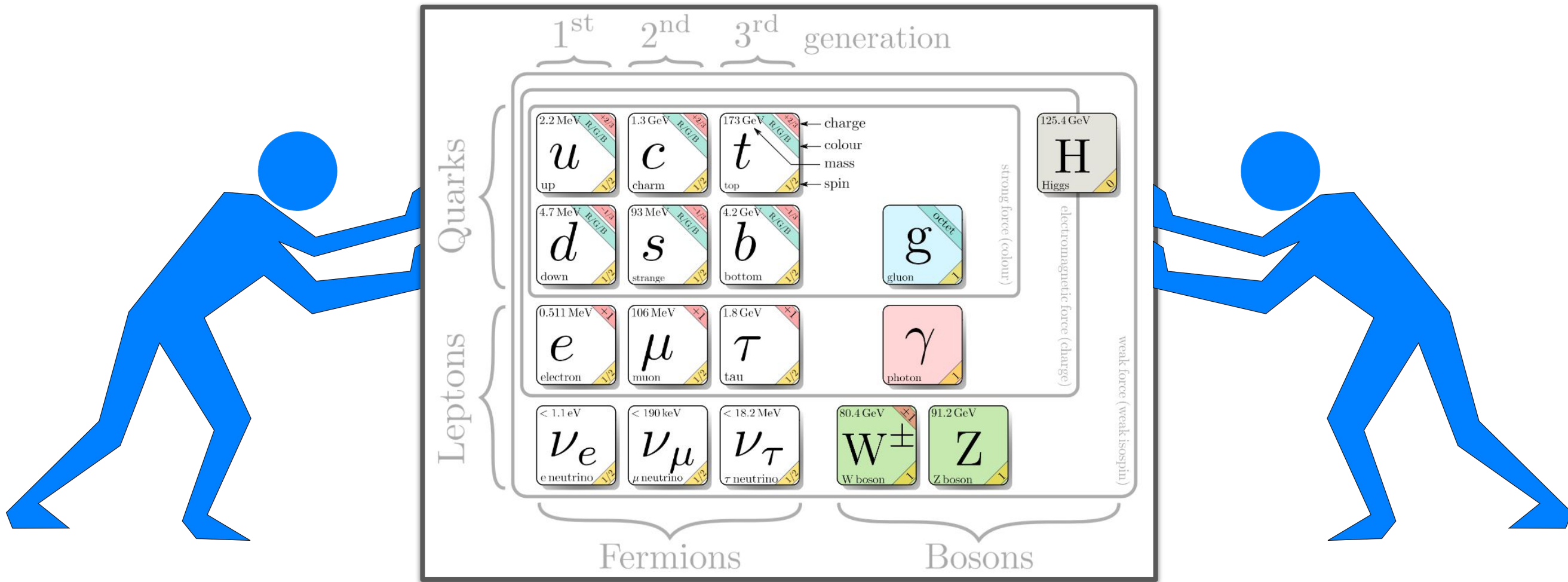


- Higgs self-coupling is within reach during Run 3:  $\mu_{\text{SM}}^{95\% \text{CL}} \sim 1$

- New innovative ideas could bring it even closer!
- If something is very BSM-like in the Higgs potential  $\rightarrow$  we might see it in Run 3!

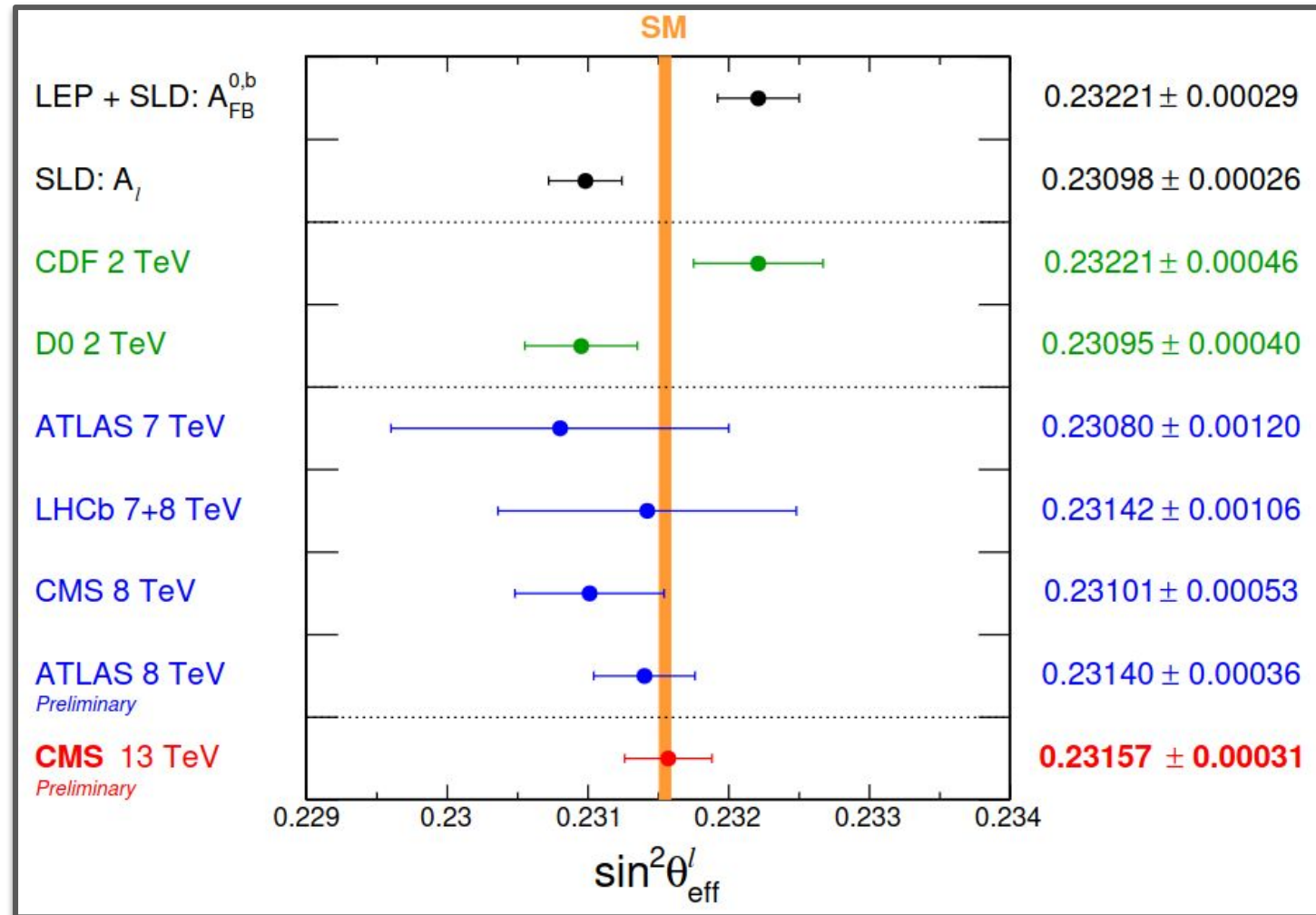


# Precision



# EW precision tests

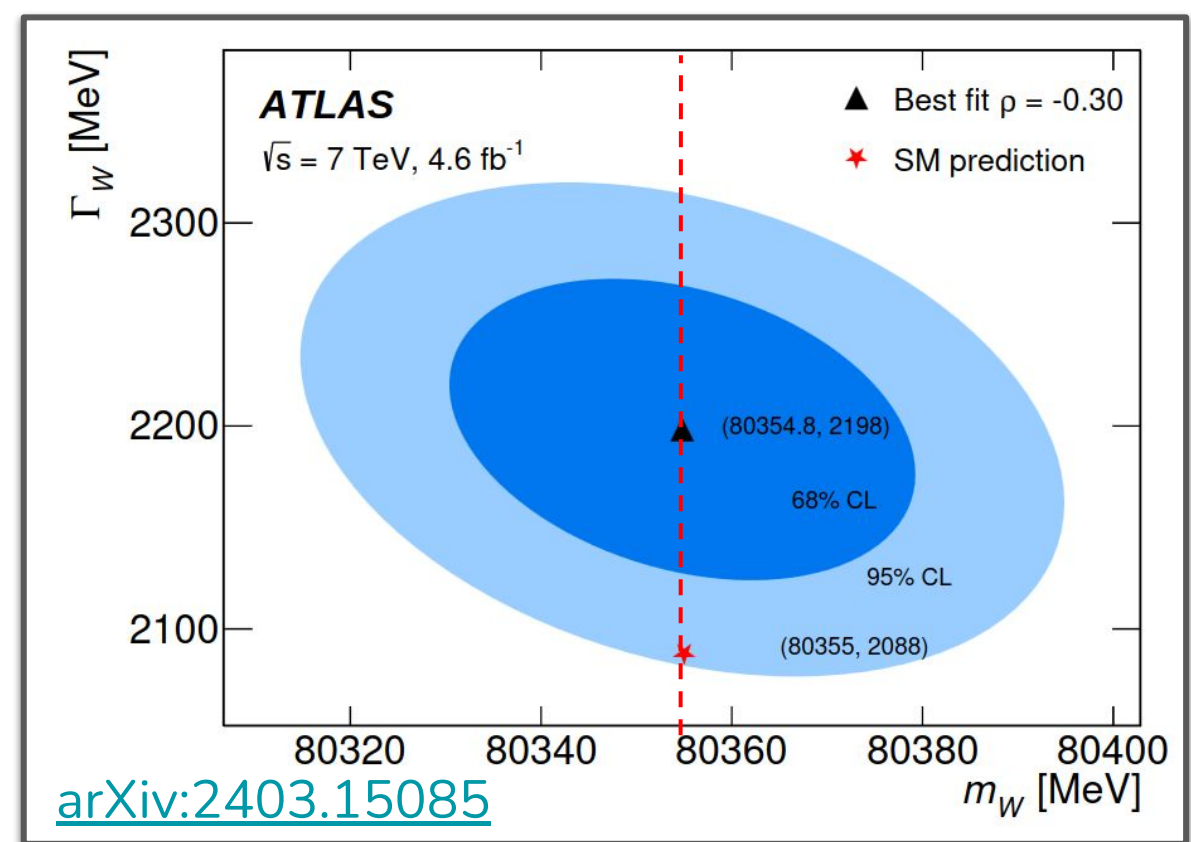
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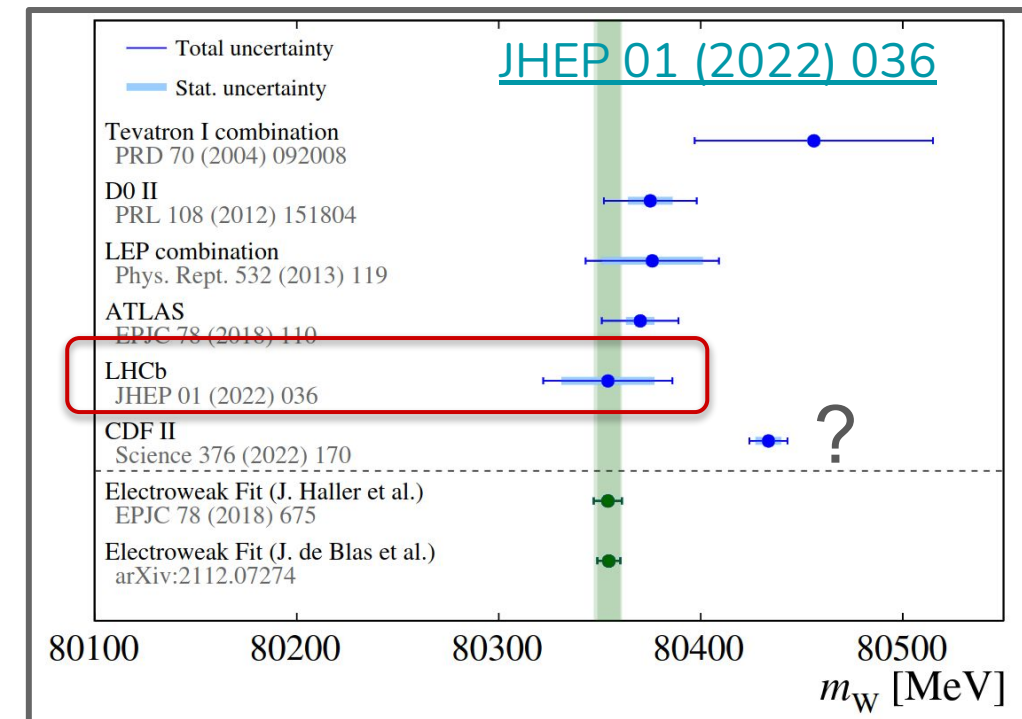
Use  $Z/\gamma \rightarrow ll$  (Drell-Yan), asymmetry in lepton decay angle

**Precision physics can be done at a hadron collider**

*Paves the way for more precision physics at the HL-LHC*



Updated result with extended studies of PDF: measured from W boson  $m_T$  and  $p_T$  distributions



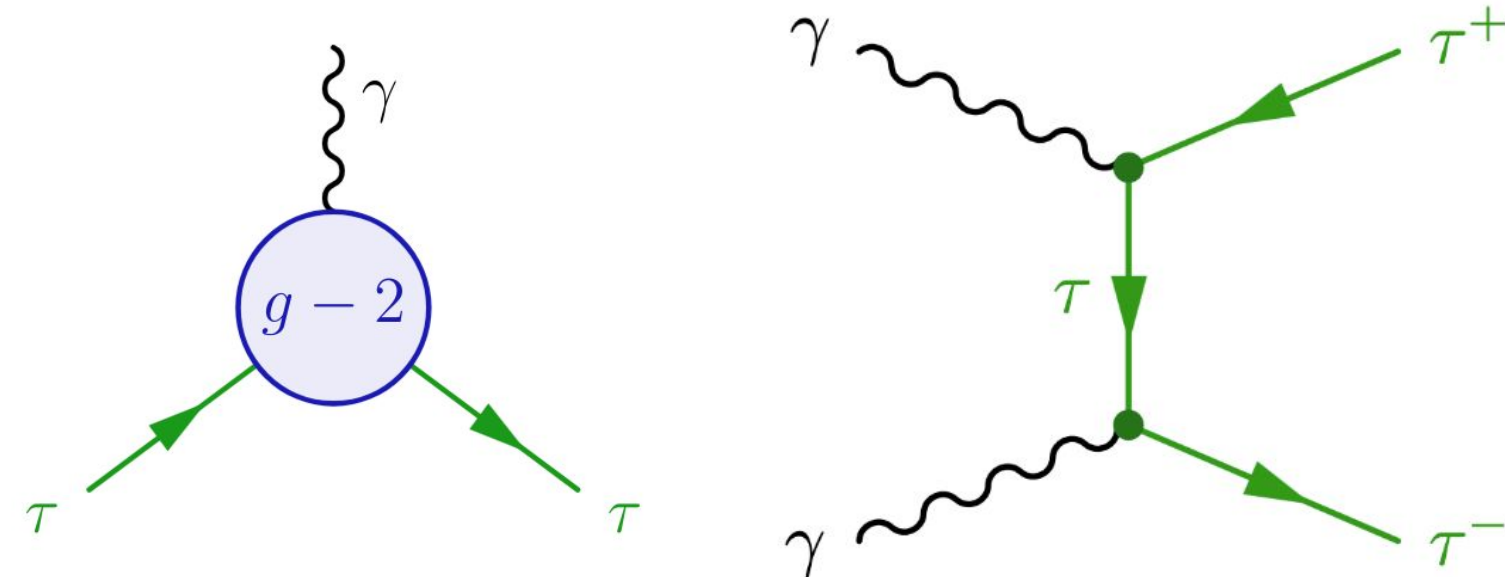
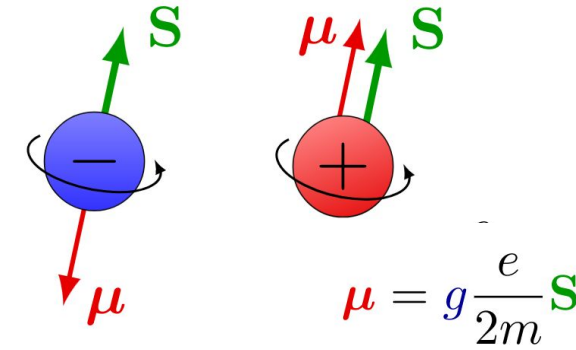
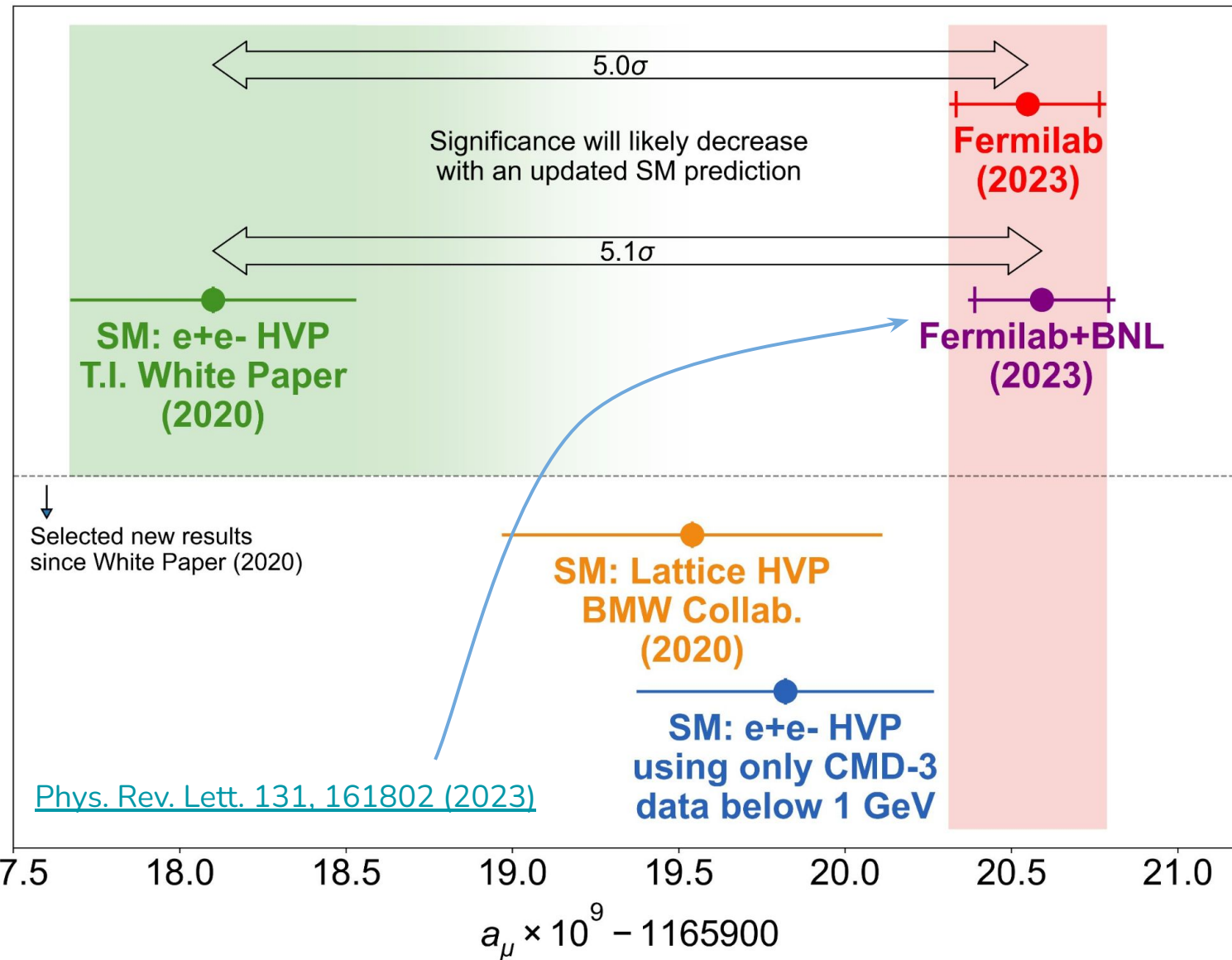
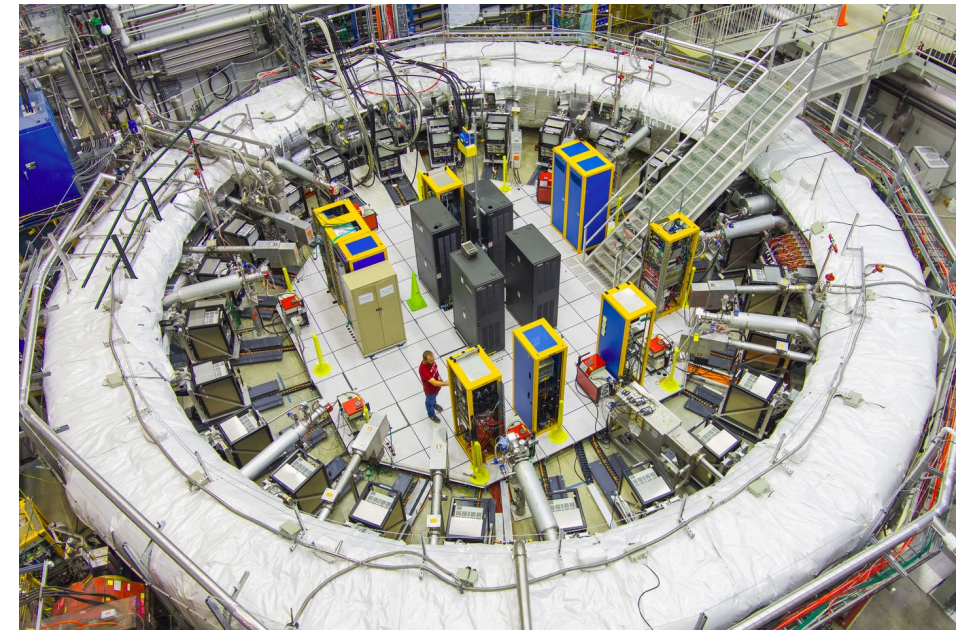
LHCb doing precision physics in the forward region (anti-correlated PDFs)

# Outside-of-the-box analyses



# LHC to probe (g-2)

- Quantum corrections give rise to anomalous magnetic moment:  $a_\ell = (g - 2)/2$
- Persistent discrepancy between experiment & theory at Muon (g-2) experiment
- What about  $\tau$  leptons?

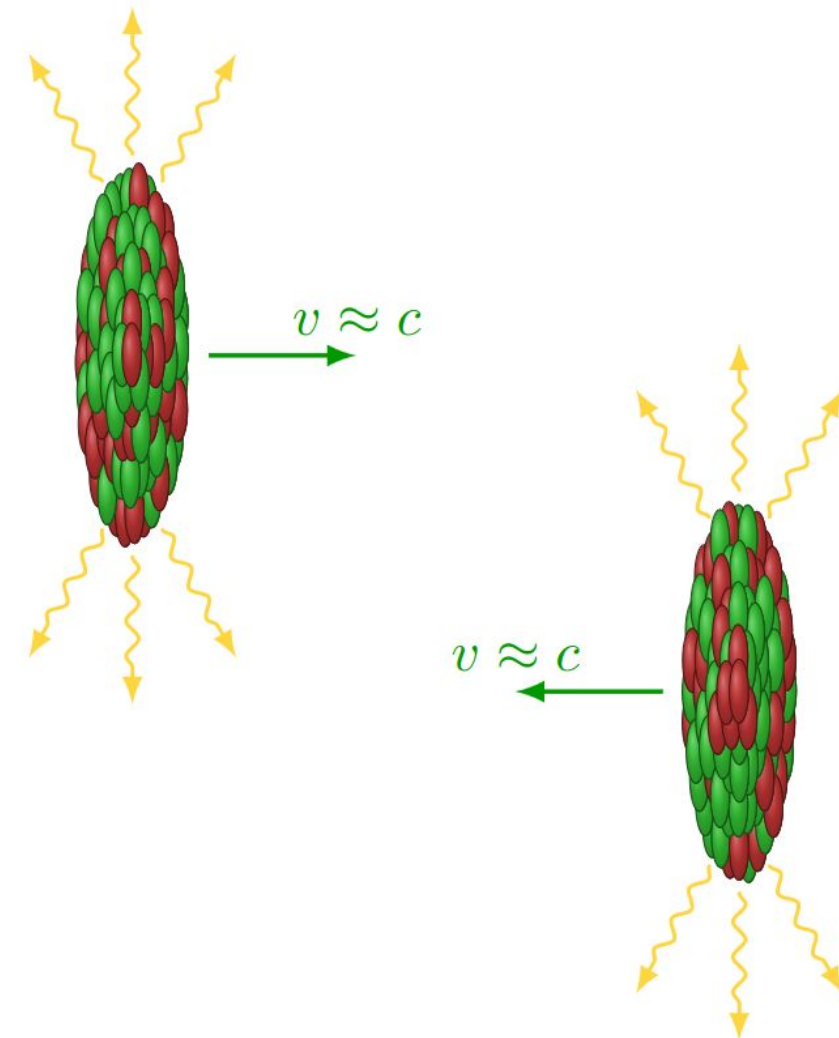
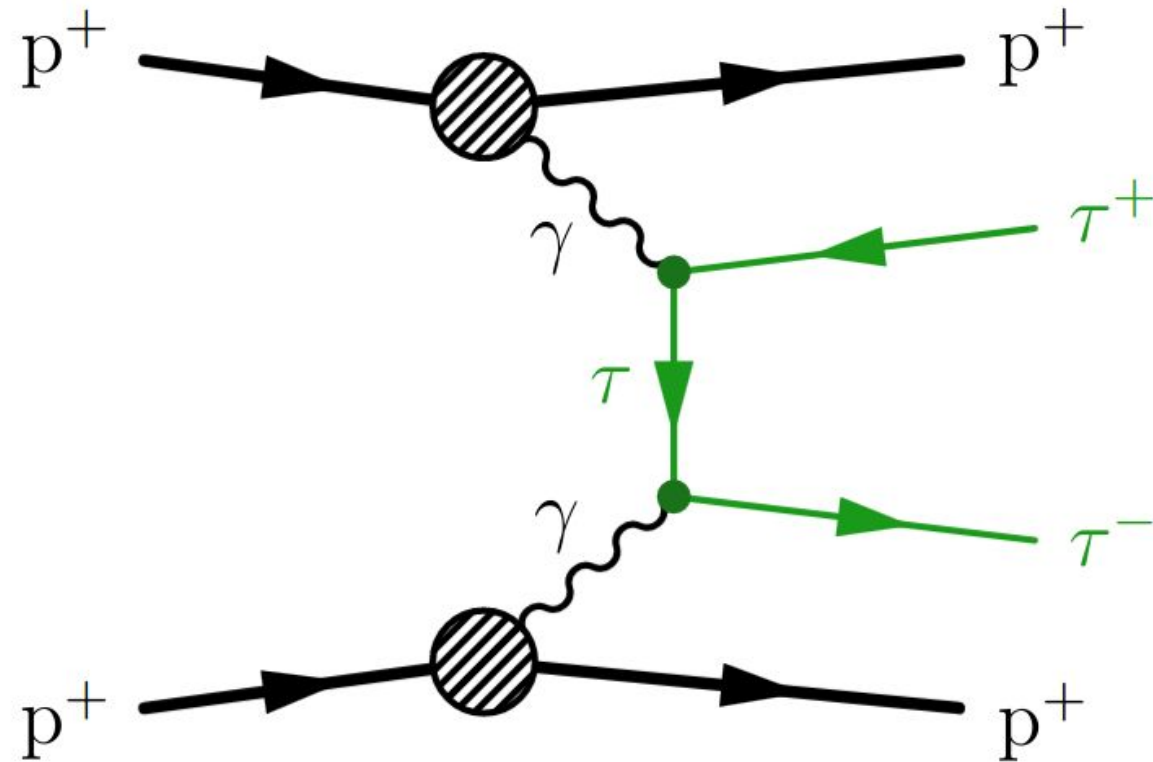


- 1 Dirac:  $a_\tau = 0$
- 2 Schwinger (NLO):  $a_\tau = 0.00116$
- 3 SM:  $a_\tau = 0.00118$



# LHC as a photon collider

- Answer lies in ultraperipheral collisions



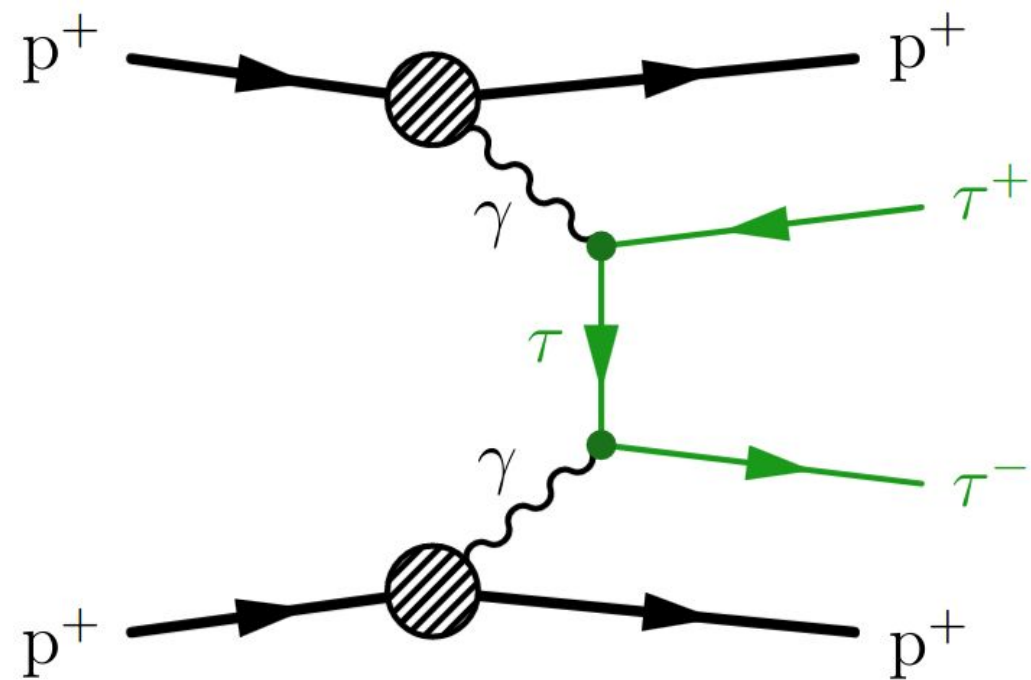
Observed  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  in Pb-Pb collisions ( $Z^4$  enhancement)

- ATLAS: [Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 \(2023\) 151802](#), CMS: [Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 \(2023\) 151803](#)
- Probes lower energy domain + small integrated luminosity

Can we benefit from the high integrated luminosity of LHC p-p collisions?

- Challenges: No  $Z^4$  enhancement, low signal acceptance (soft leptons), large backgrounds, high pile-up...

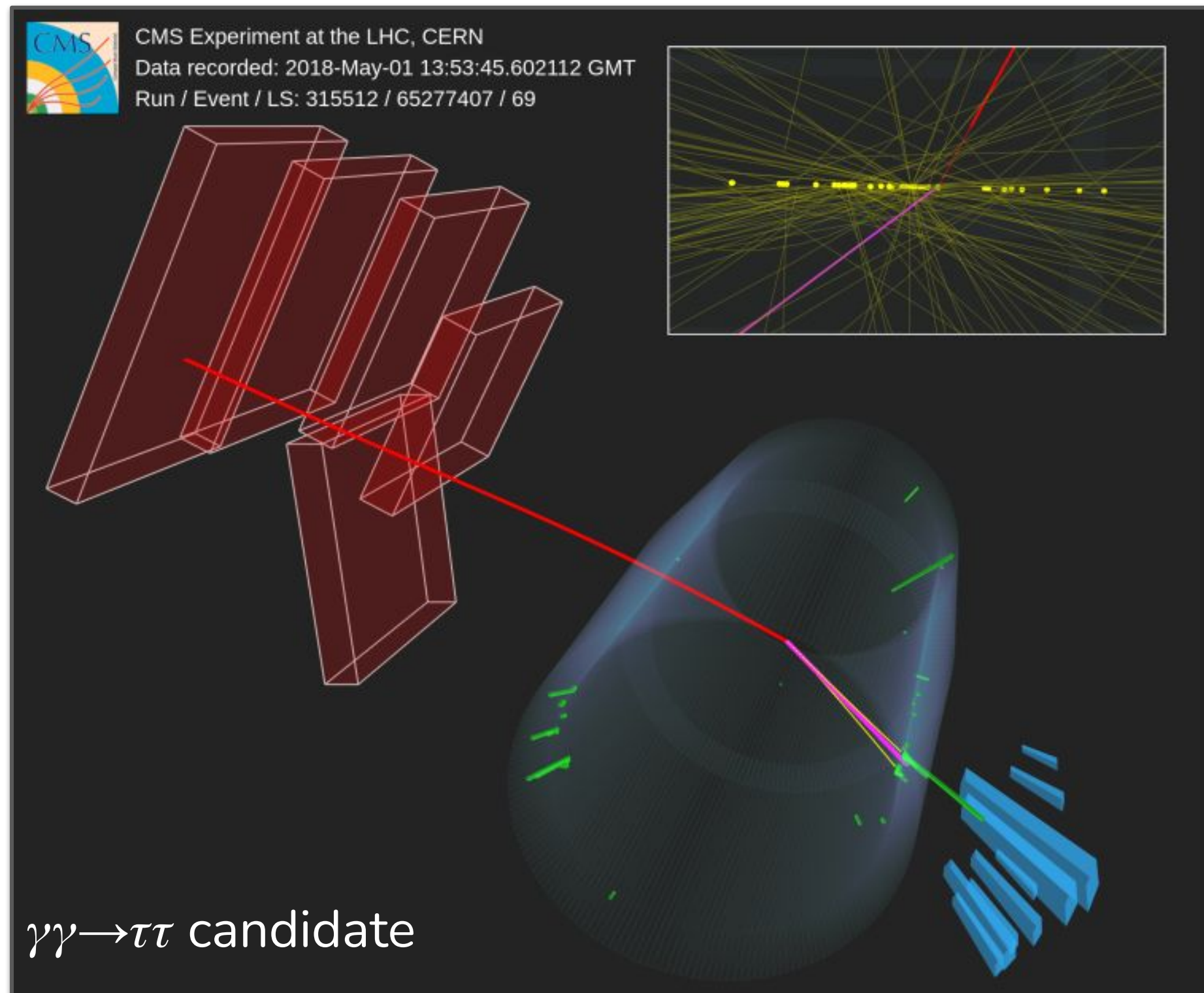
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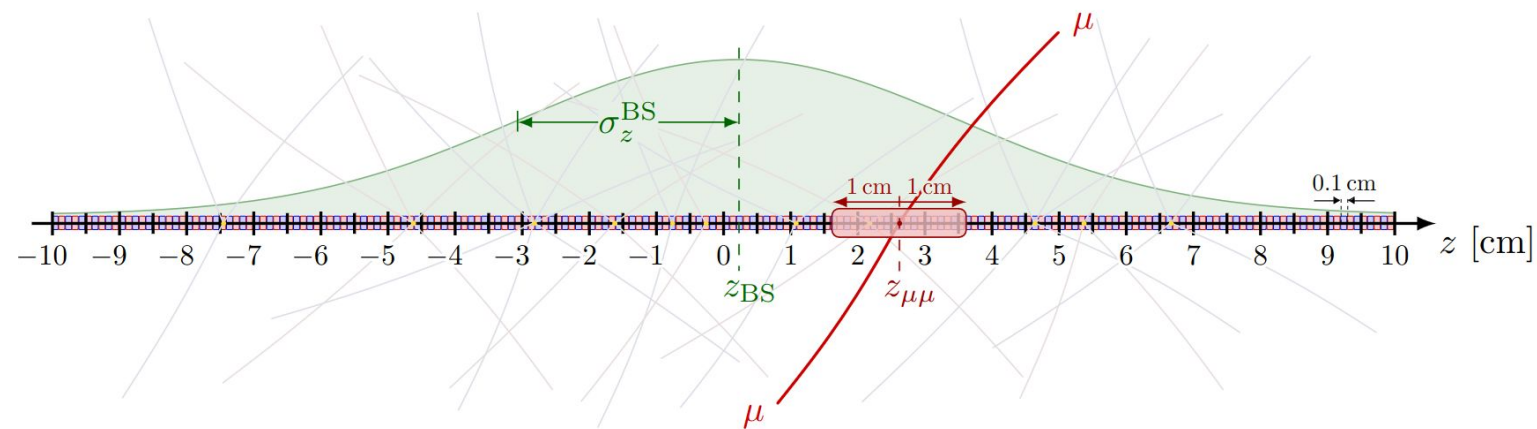
Looking for distinct experimental signature:

- 2 back-to-back  $\tau$  leptons
- No hadronic activity close to di- $\tau$  vertex:  $N_{\text{track}}=0$

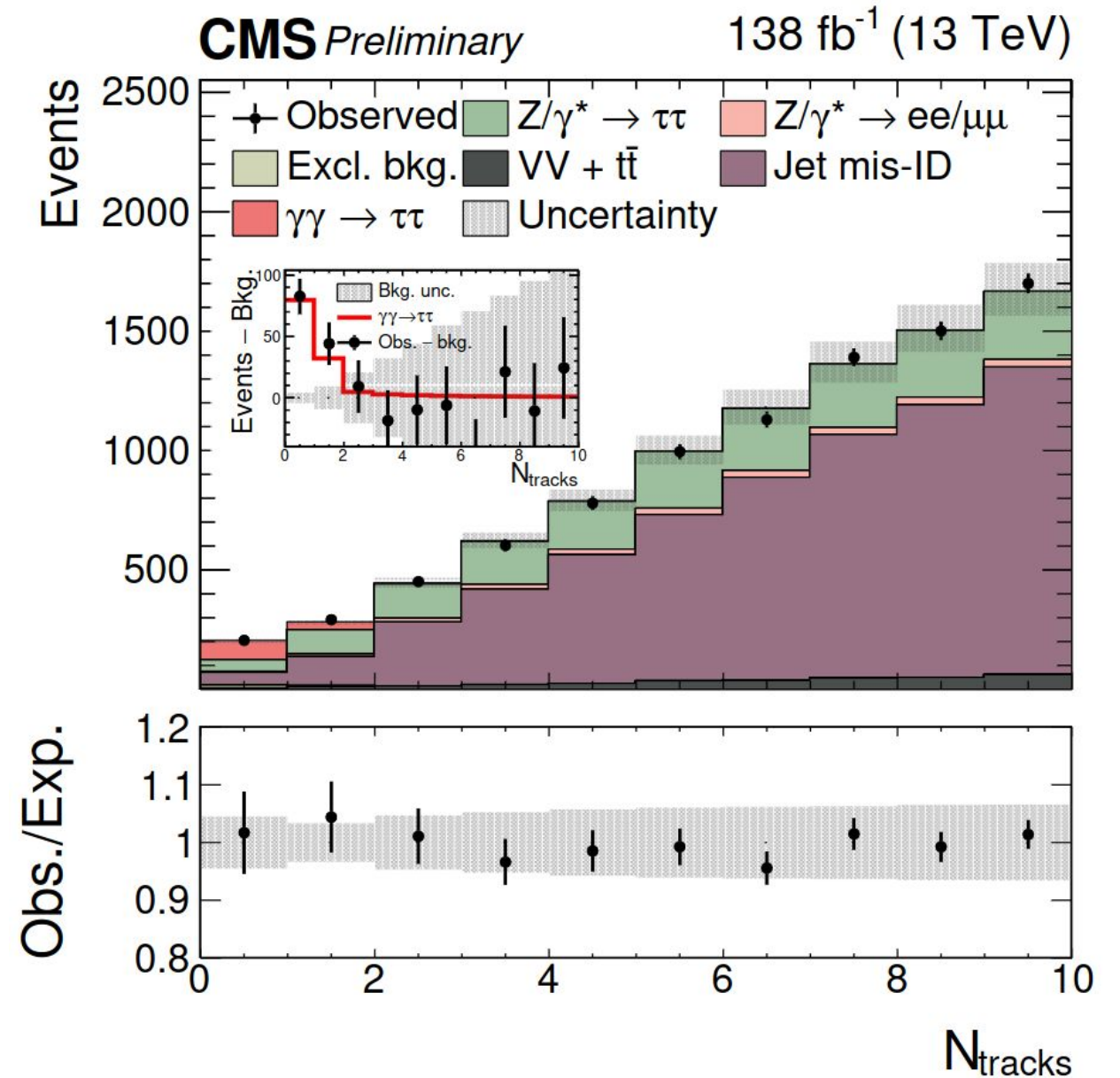
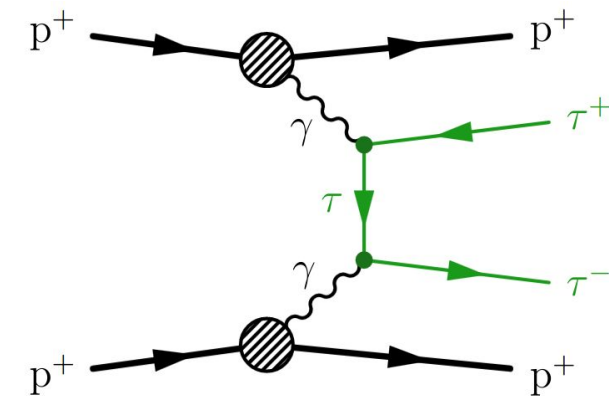


# LHC as a photon collider

- $N_{\text{track}}=0$  is an extreme challenge due to pile-up
  - Pushing detector to the max
- Simulated events are corrected for  $N_{\text{track}}$  + proton dissociation + ...

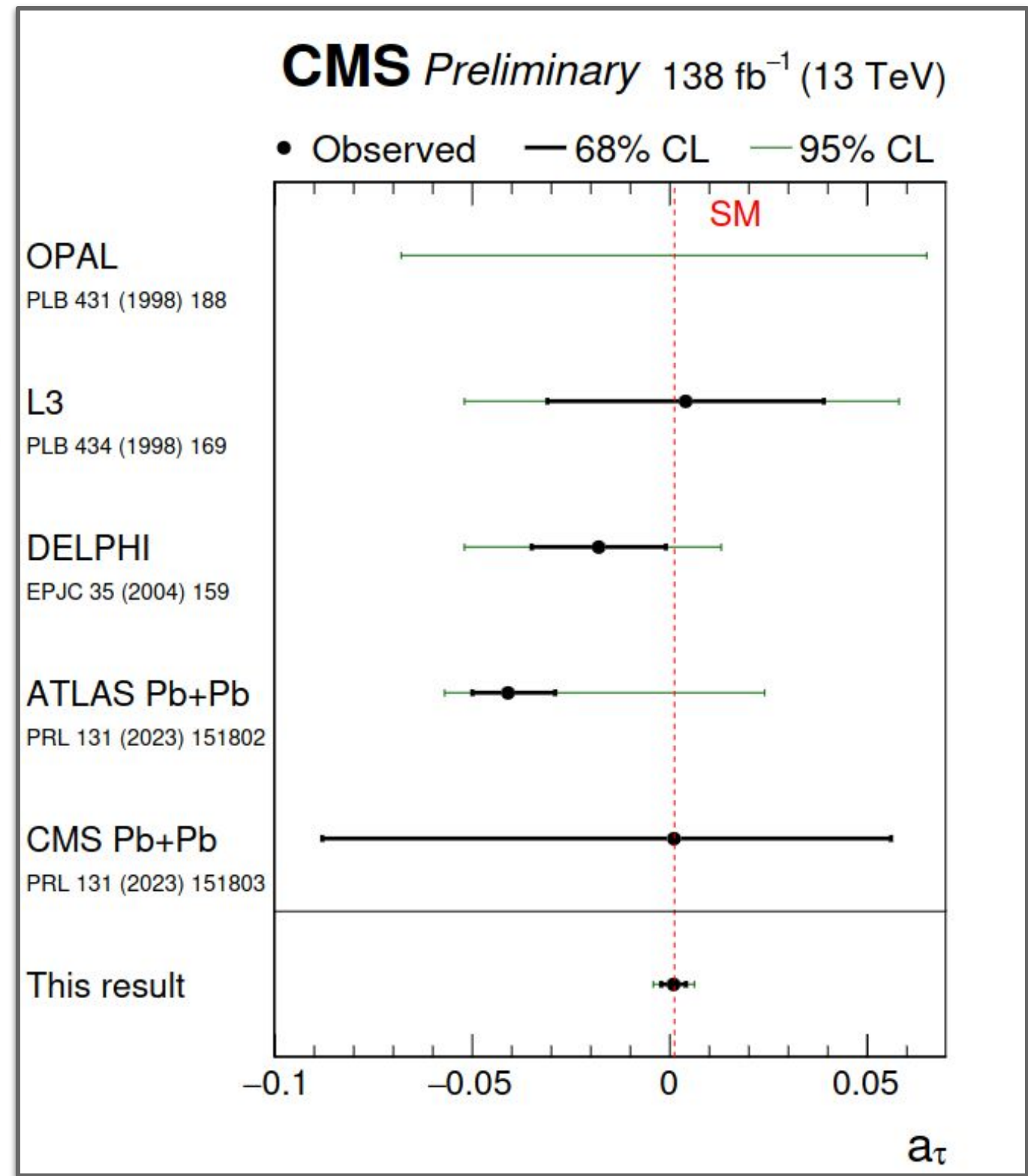
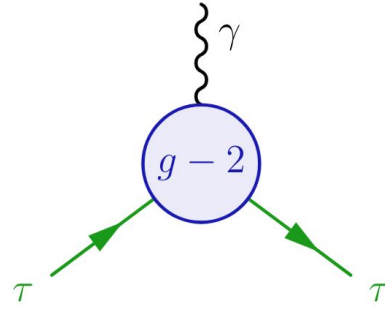
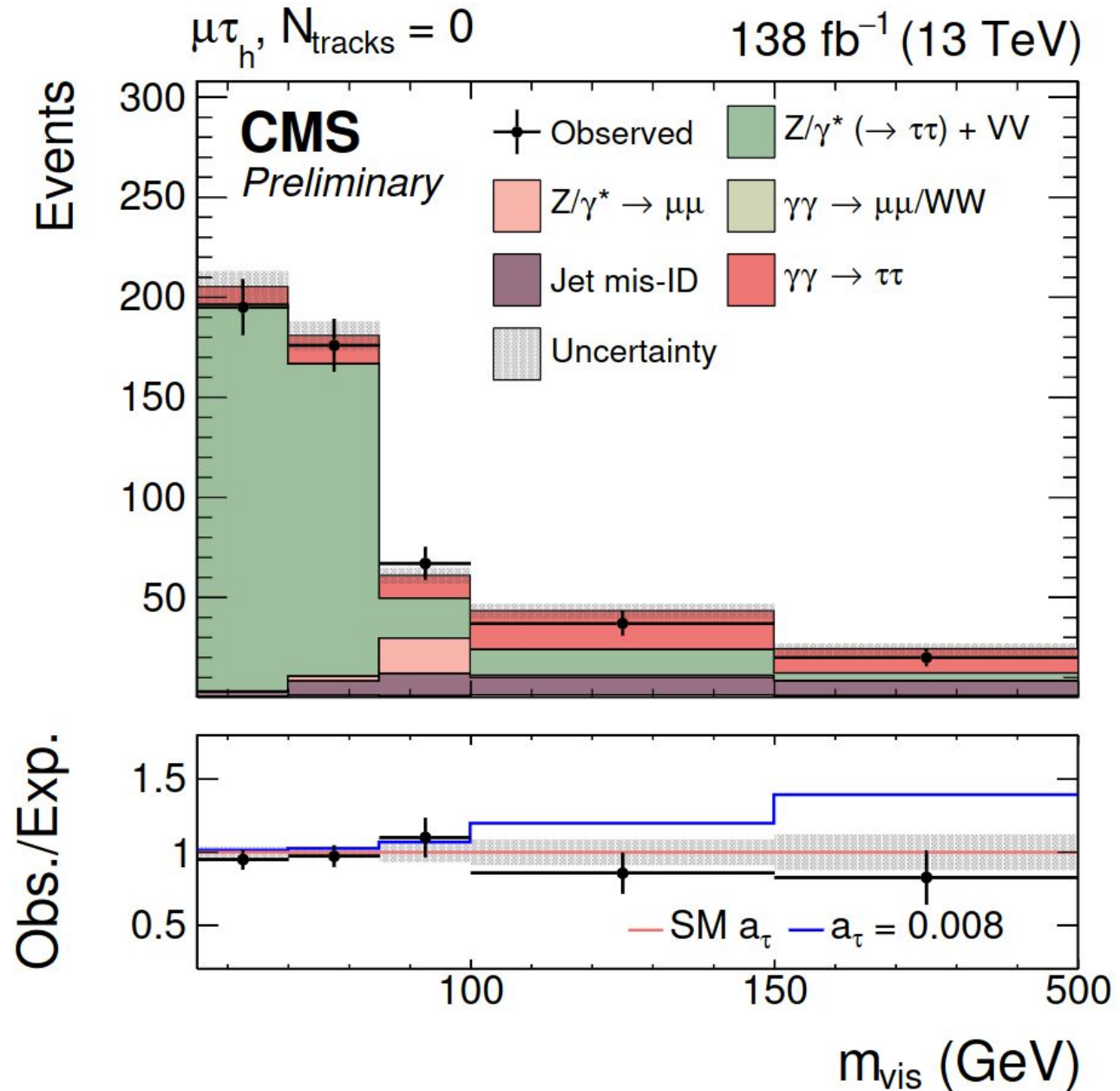


- First observation of  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  in pp collisions
  - $5.3\sigma$  observed,  $6.5\sigma$  expected



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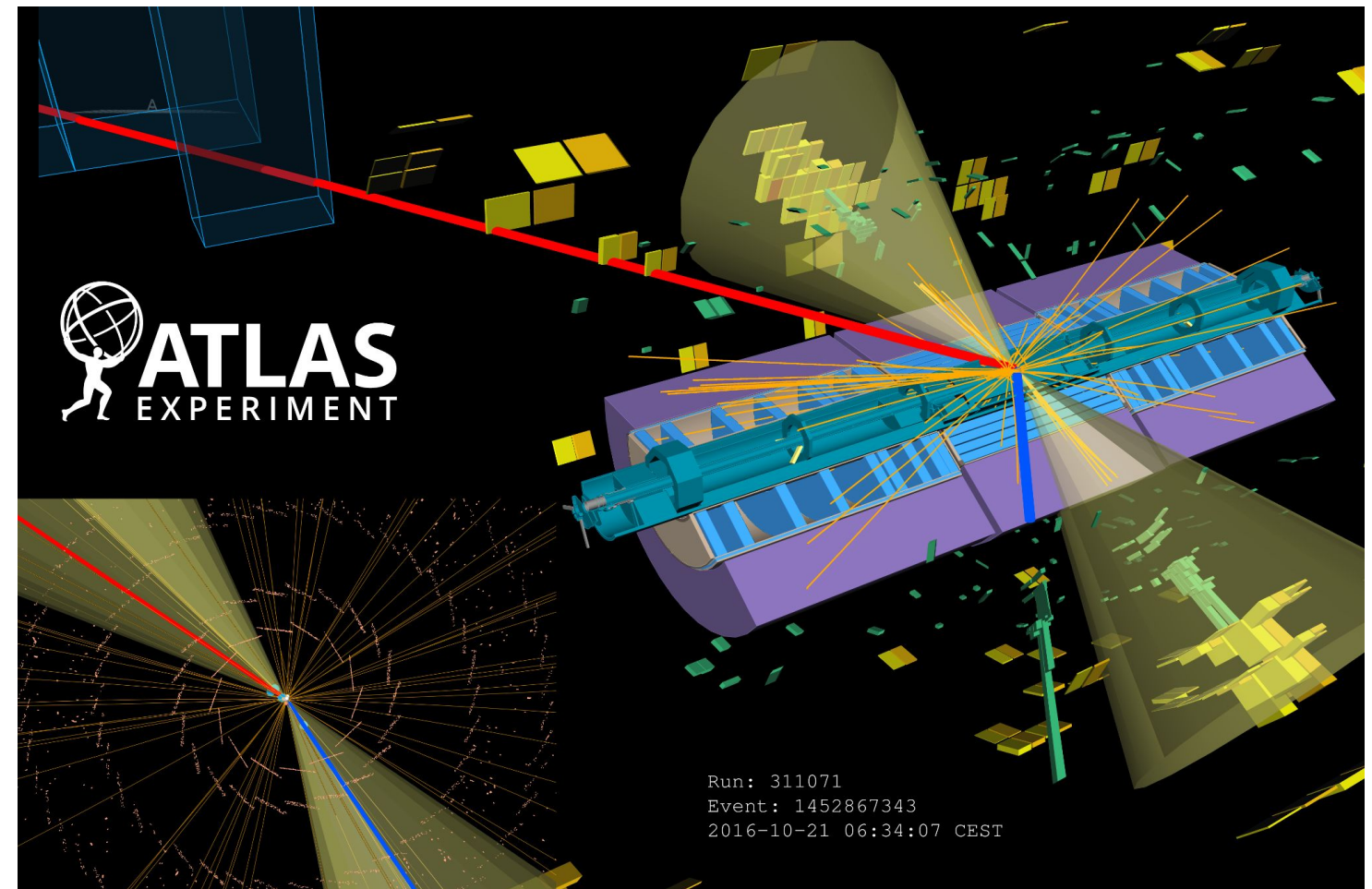
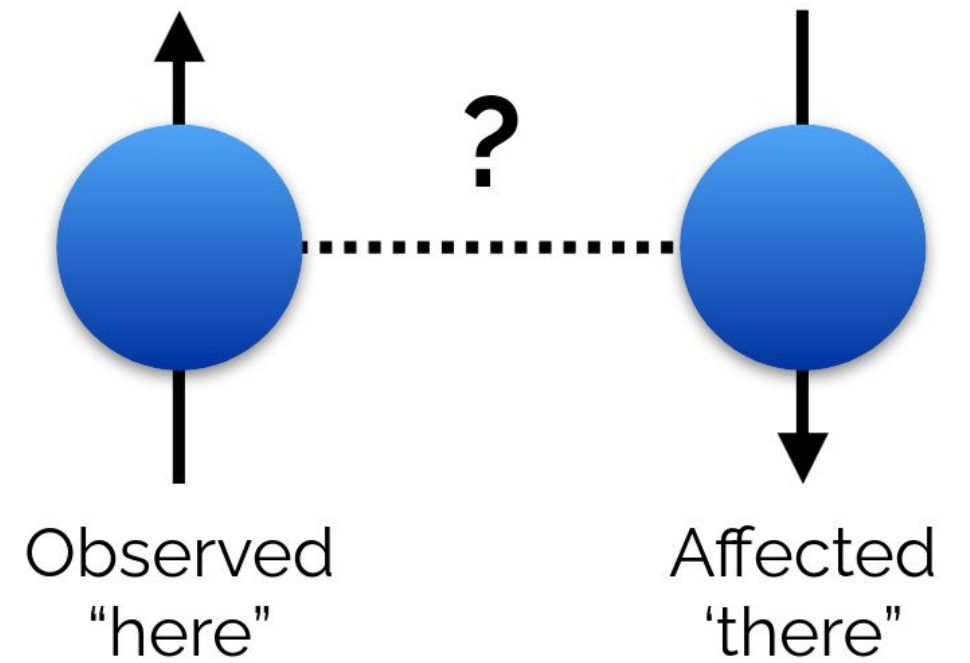
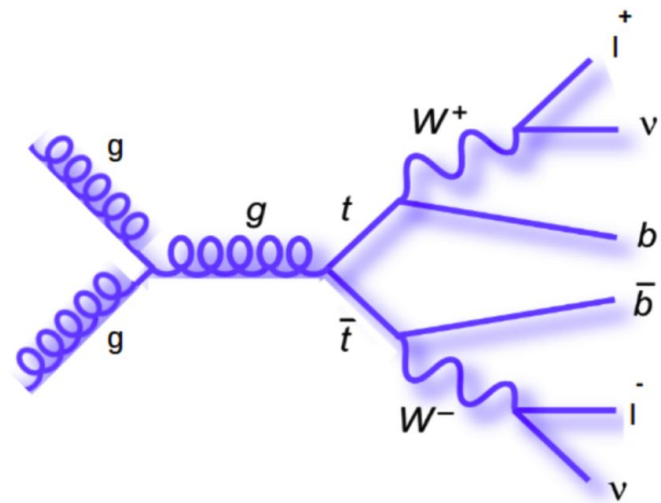
- Modifying  $a_\tau$  changes the signal shape and normalisation
  - Maximum likelihood fit to  $m_{vis}$  spectra



Good agreement with SM, uncertainty is only  $\sim 3x$  Schwinger term!

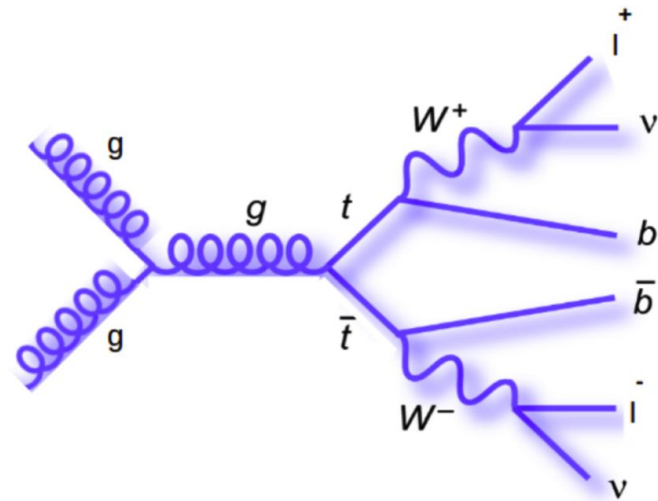
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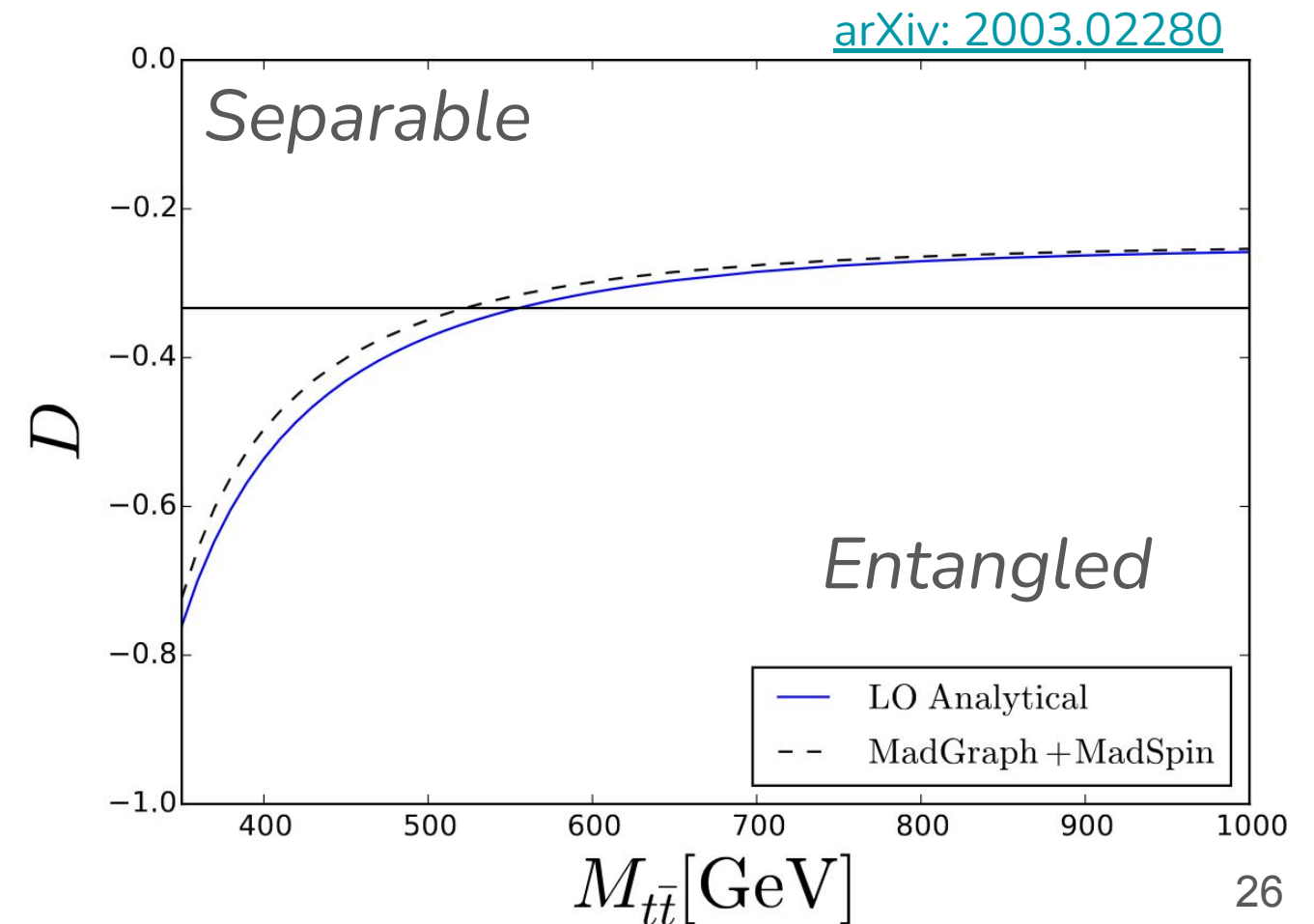
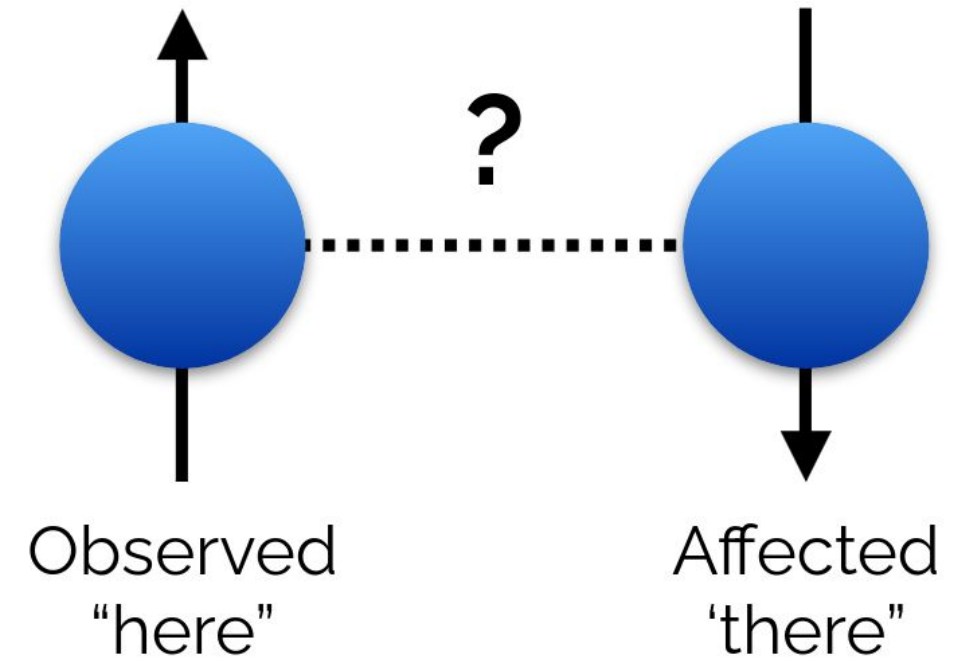
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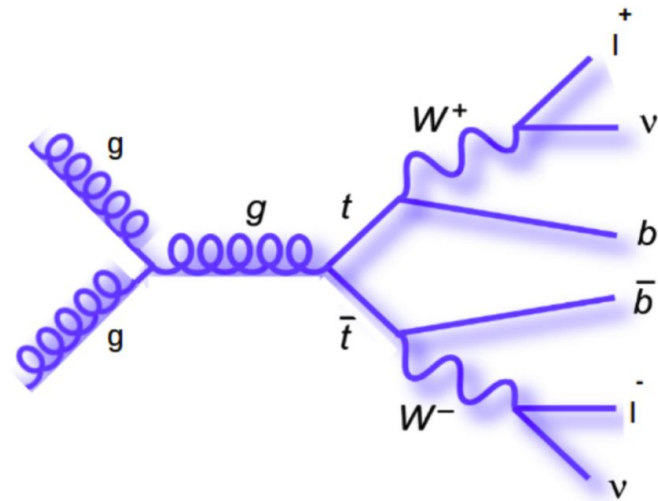
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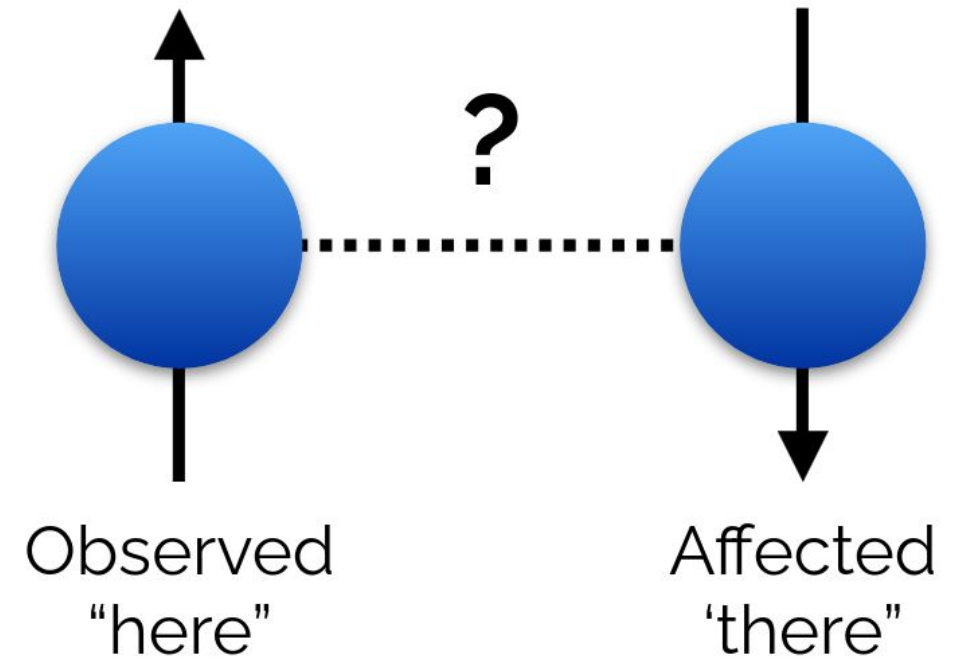


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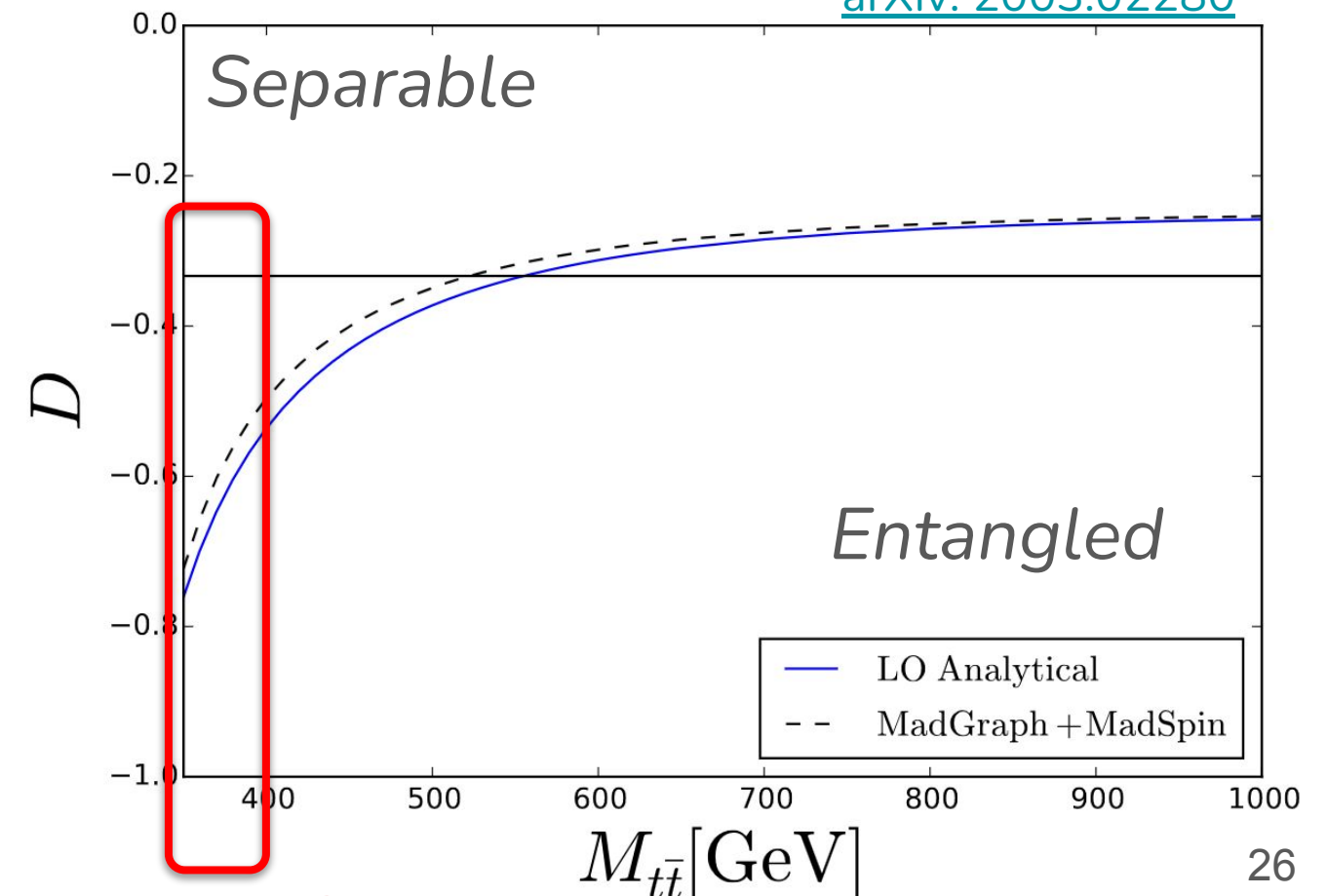
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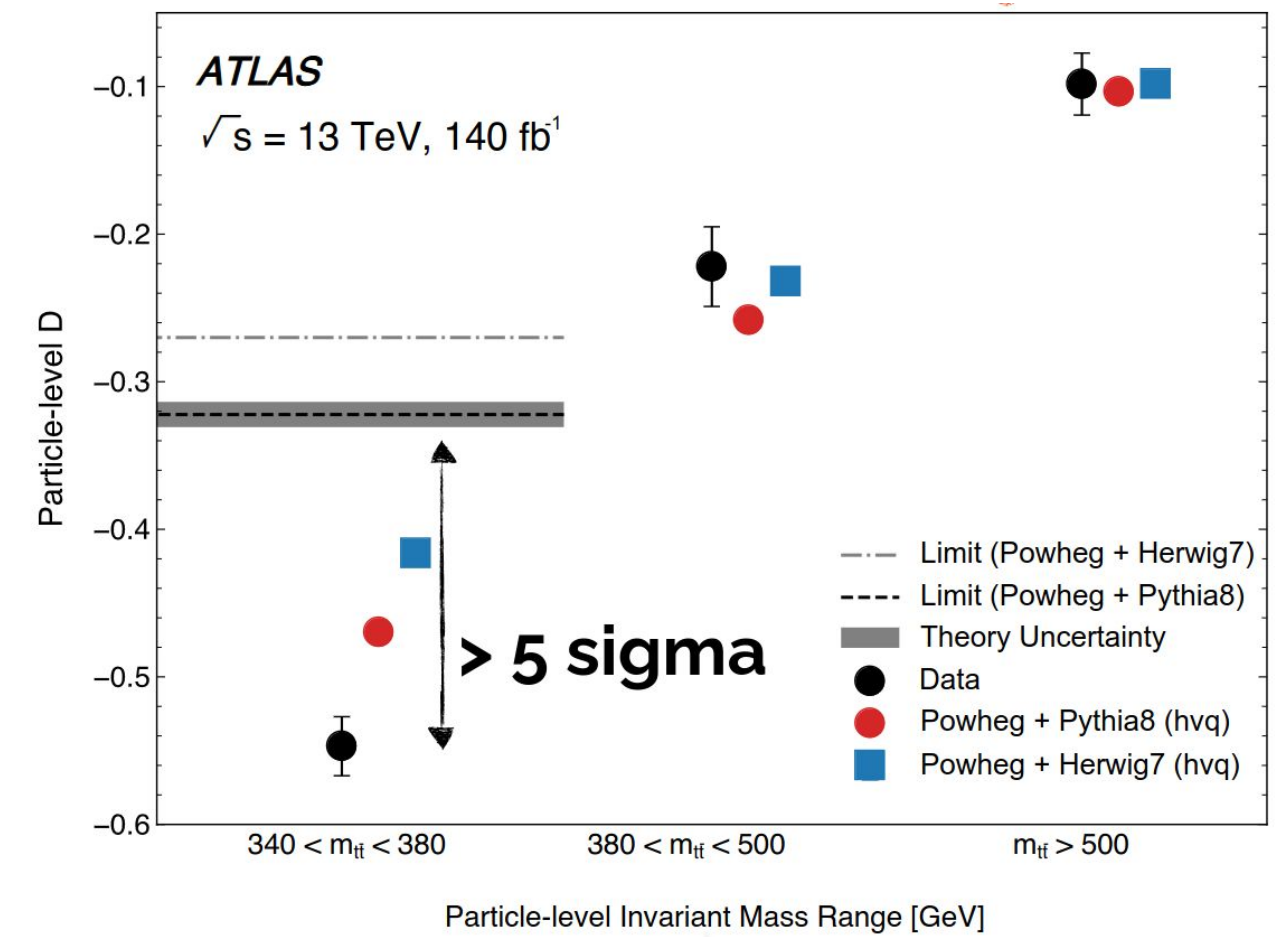
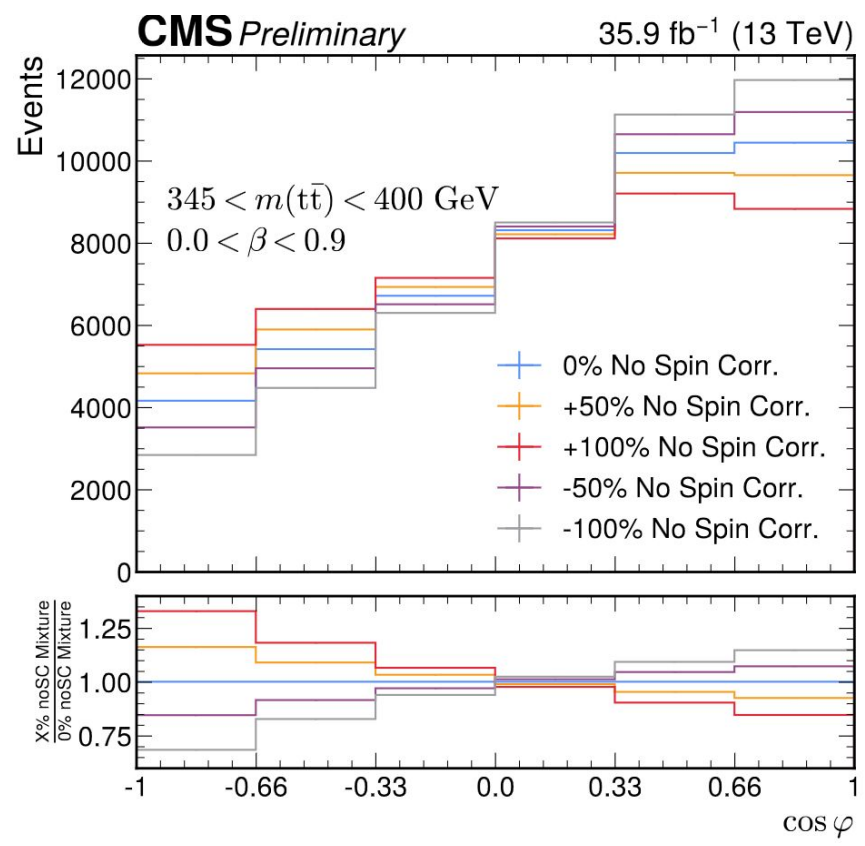
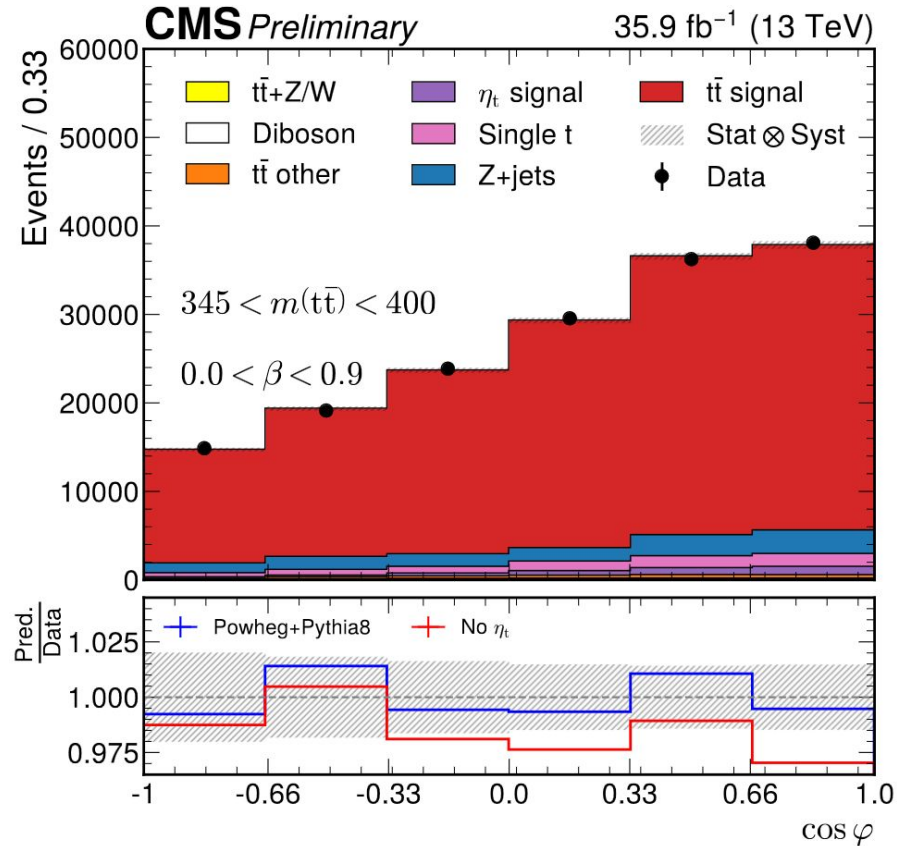
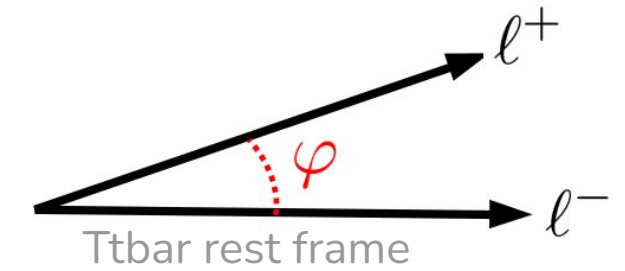
*Signal region @ threshold*

# Quantum entanglement @ LHC

$\cos \varphi$  = Angle between leptons in  $t\bar{t}$  rest frame

- So how do we measure  $D$  experimentally:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\varphi} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - D \cos\varphi)$$



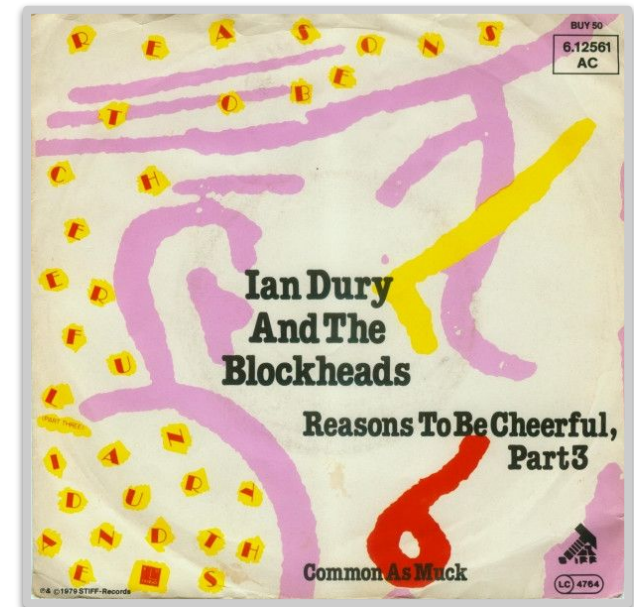
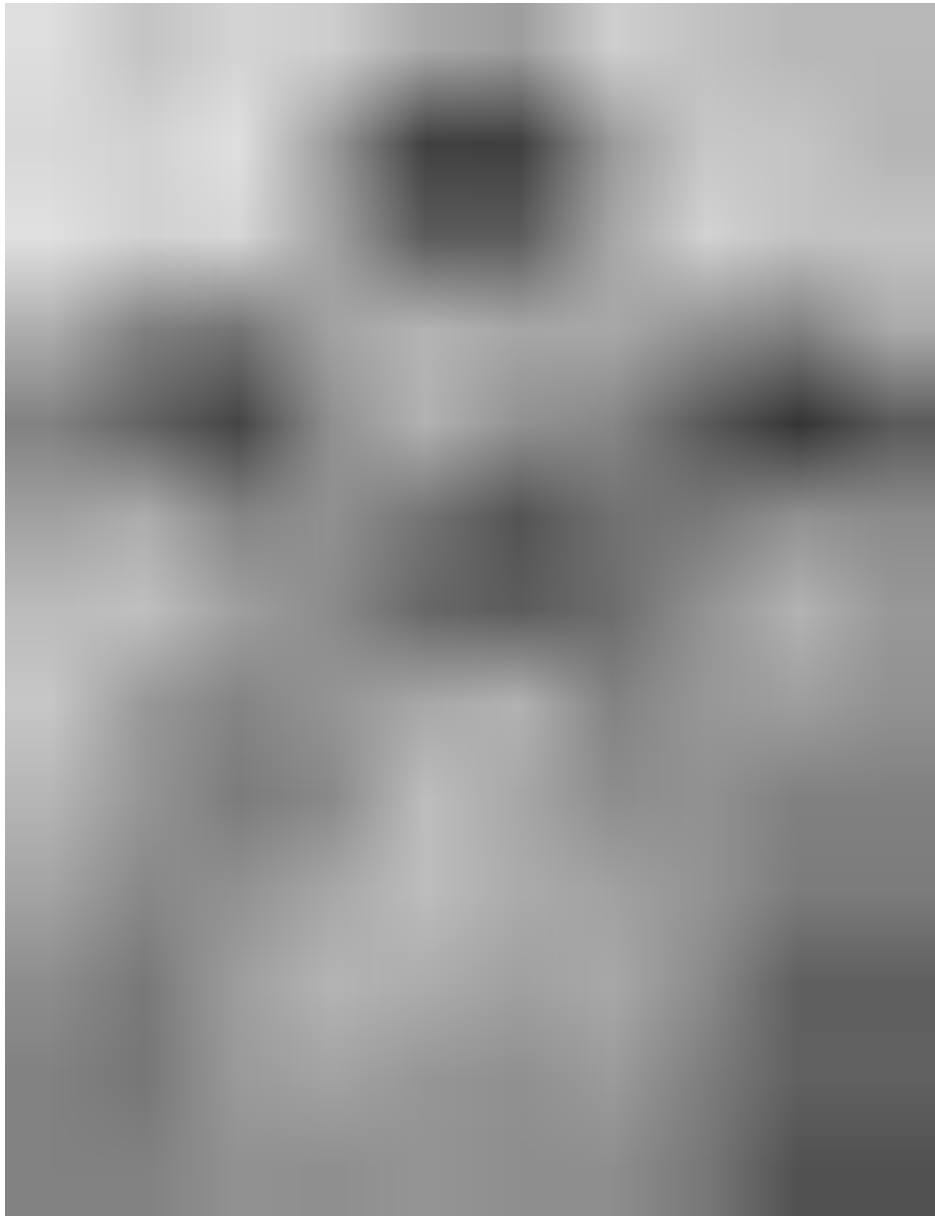
Both experiments have observed entanglement of top quarks at  $t\bar{t}$  threshold

Probing fundamental quantum mechanics at the largest accelerator in the world!



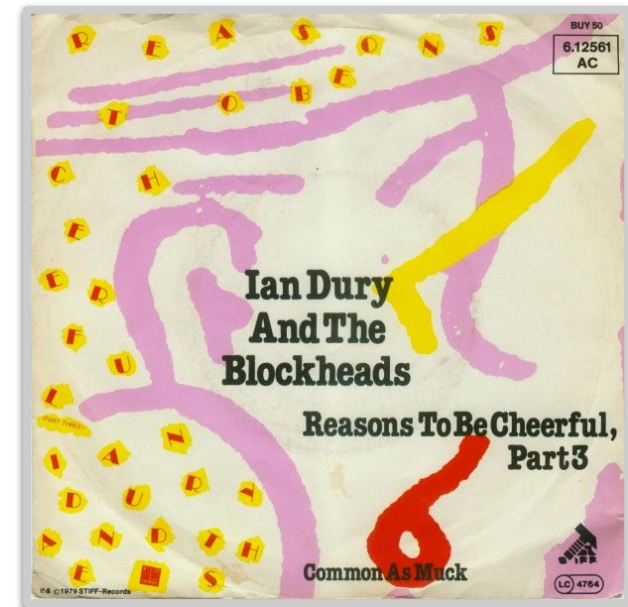
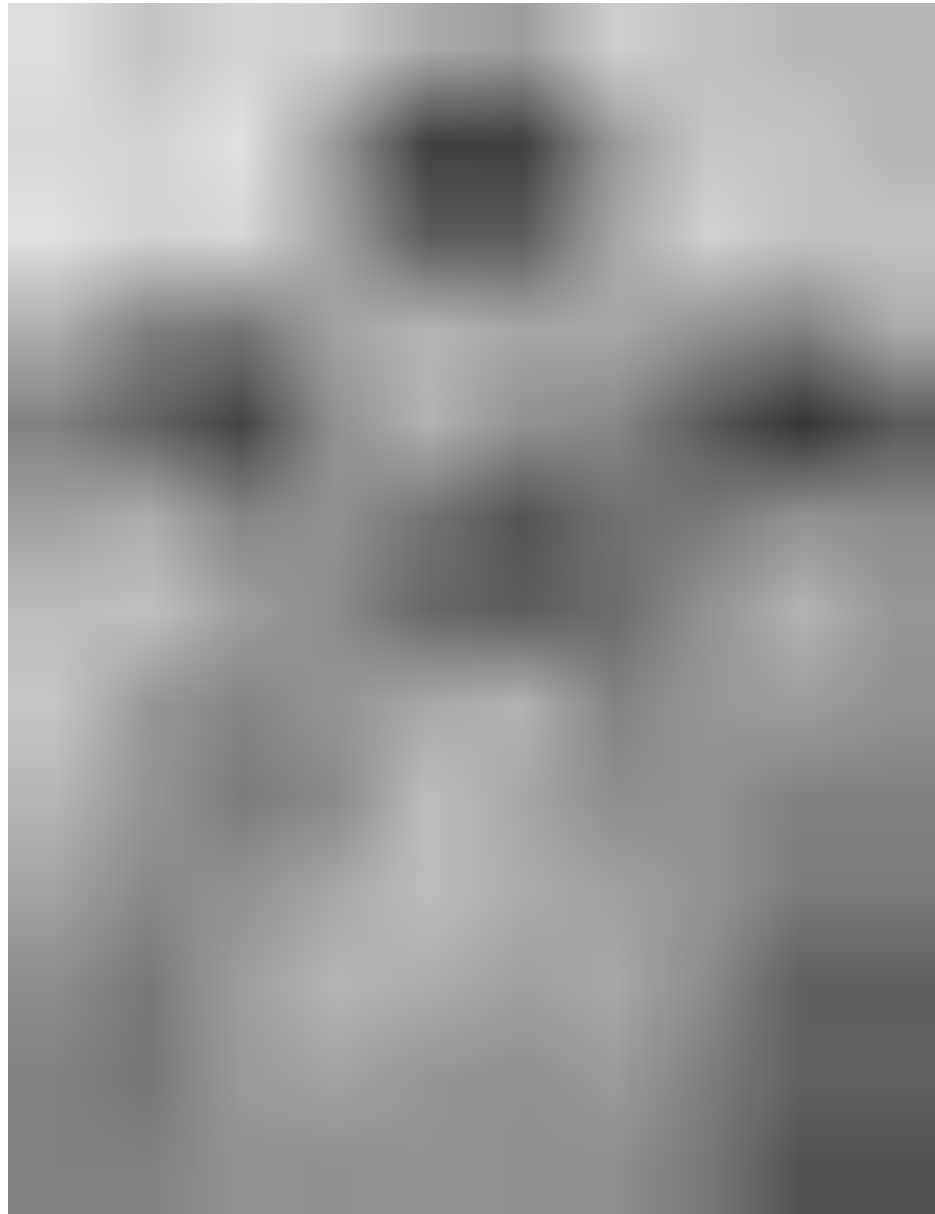
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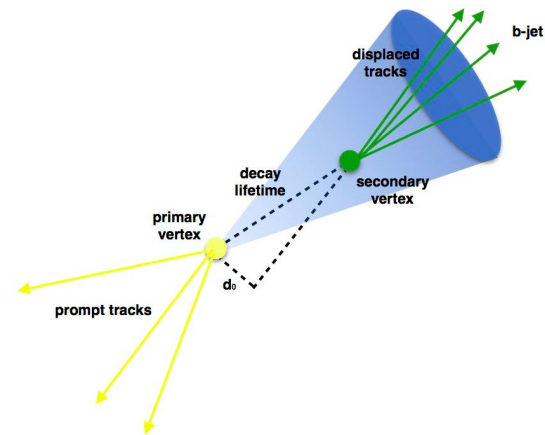
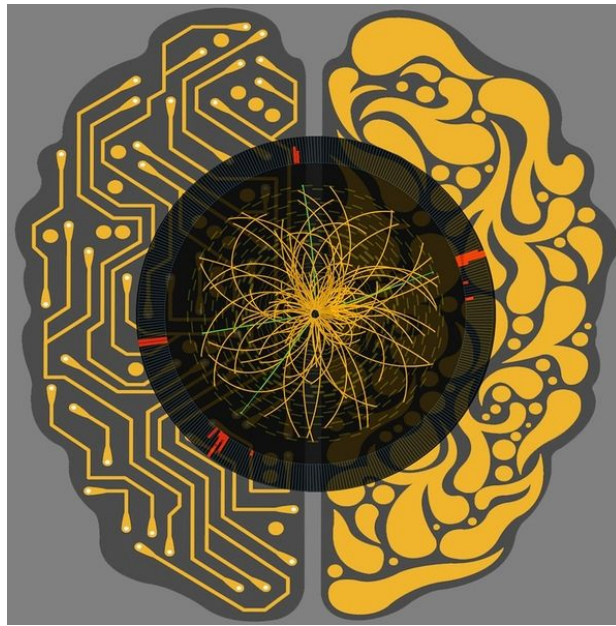
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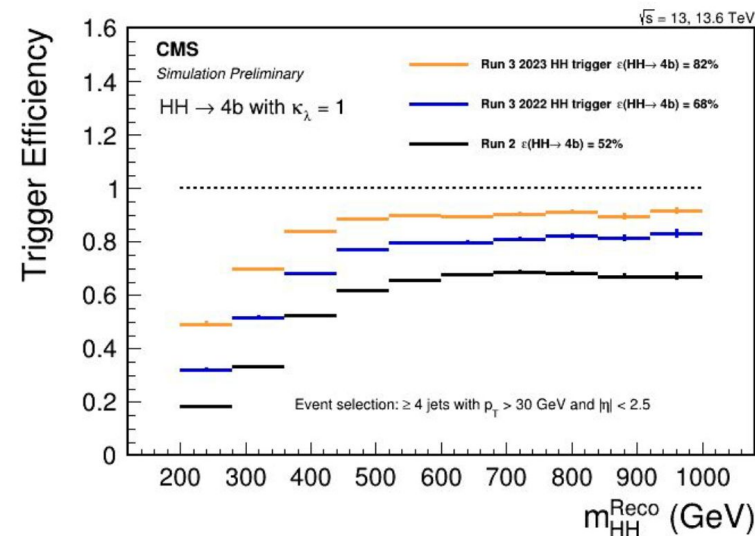
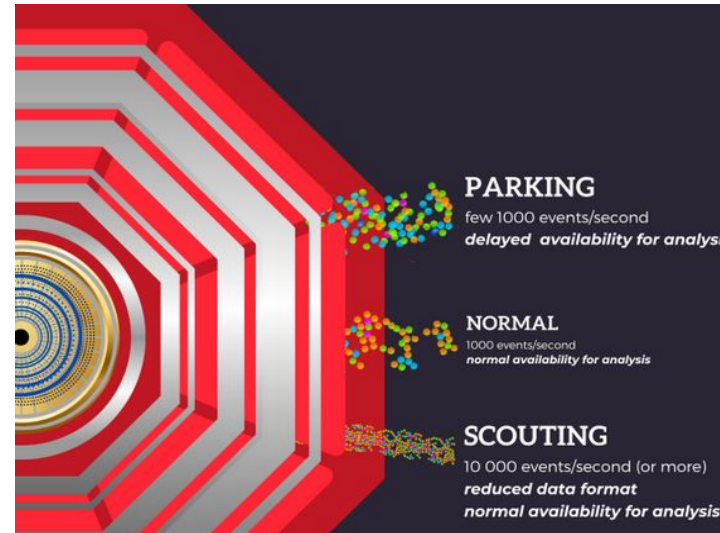
**LHC is an exploration machine:** we are only now understanding its true potential

# Making the most of Run 3

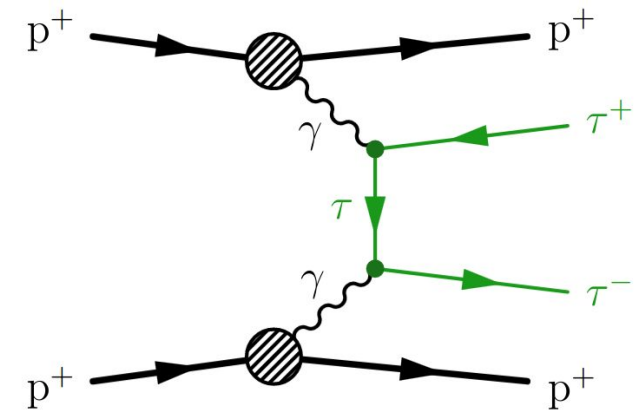
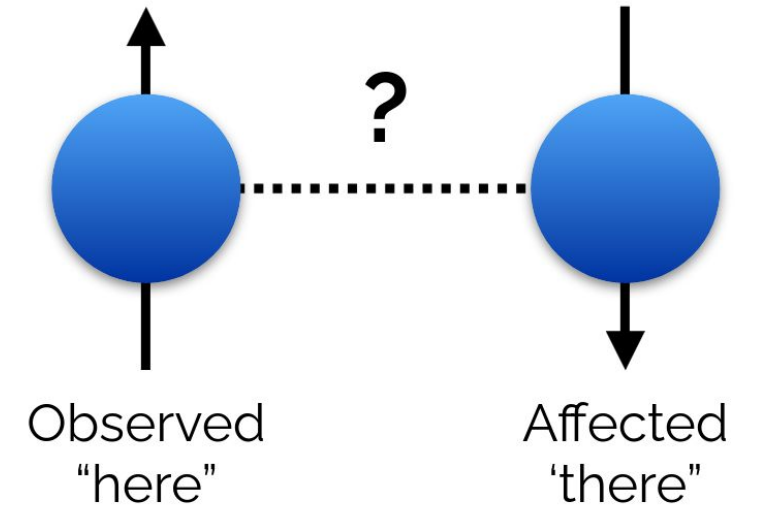
- Plenty of interesting physics to explore in Run 3



Machine Learning / AI



Unique data-taking efforts

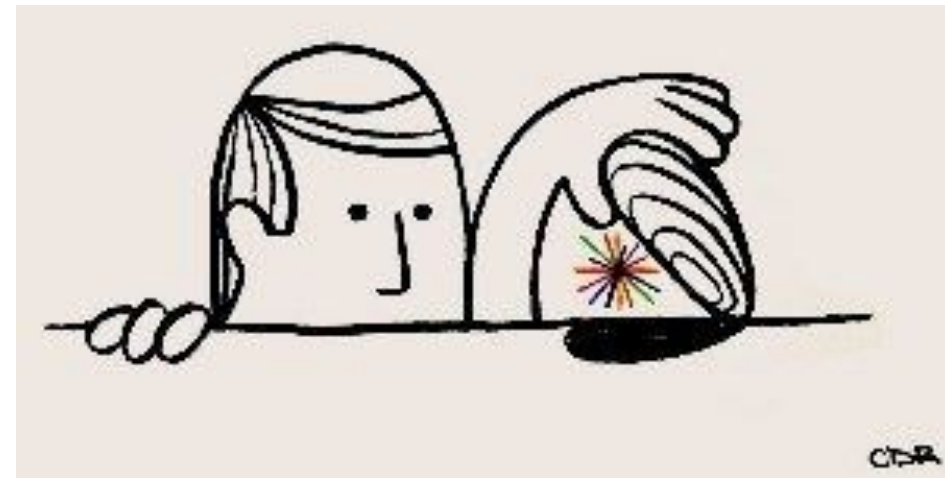


Thinking outside the box

- Experimental techniques developed now will lay foundations for HL-LHC

# Summary

- Standard Model holds strong... but not for the lack of trying!
- With our ever-growing toolset these are exciting times @ the LHC
- Presented a subset of recent SM results. For a more complete overview see Moriond 24 highlights: [CMS](#), [ATLAS](#)
  - Higgs (STXS)
  - Differential cross sections for MET+jets
  - Status of di-Higgs production
  - Precision physics
  - LHC as a photon collider
  - Quantum entanglement in tops
- Progress in Run 3 will lay foundations for a successful HL-LHC era
  - (Personal) high importance items: *EFT understanding and implications, (valid) application of ML, data-taking strategies, analysis preservation, reinterpretation ...*



**Thanks!**



Back-Up

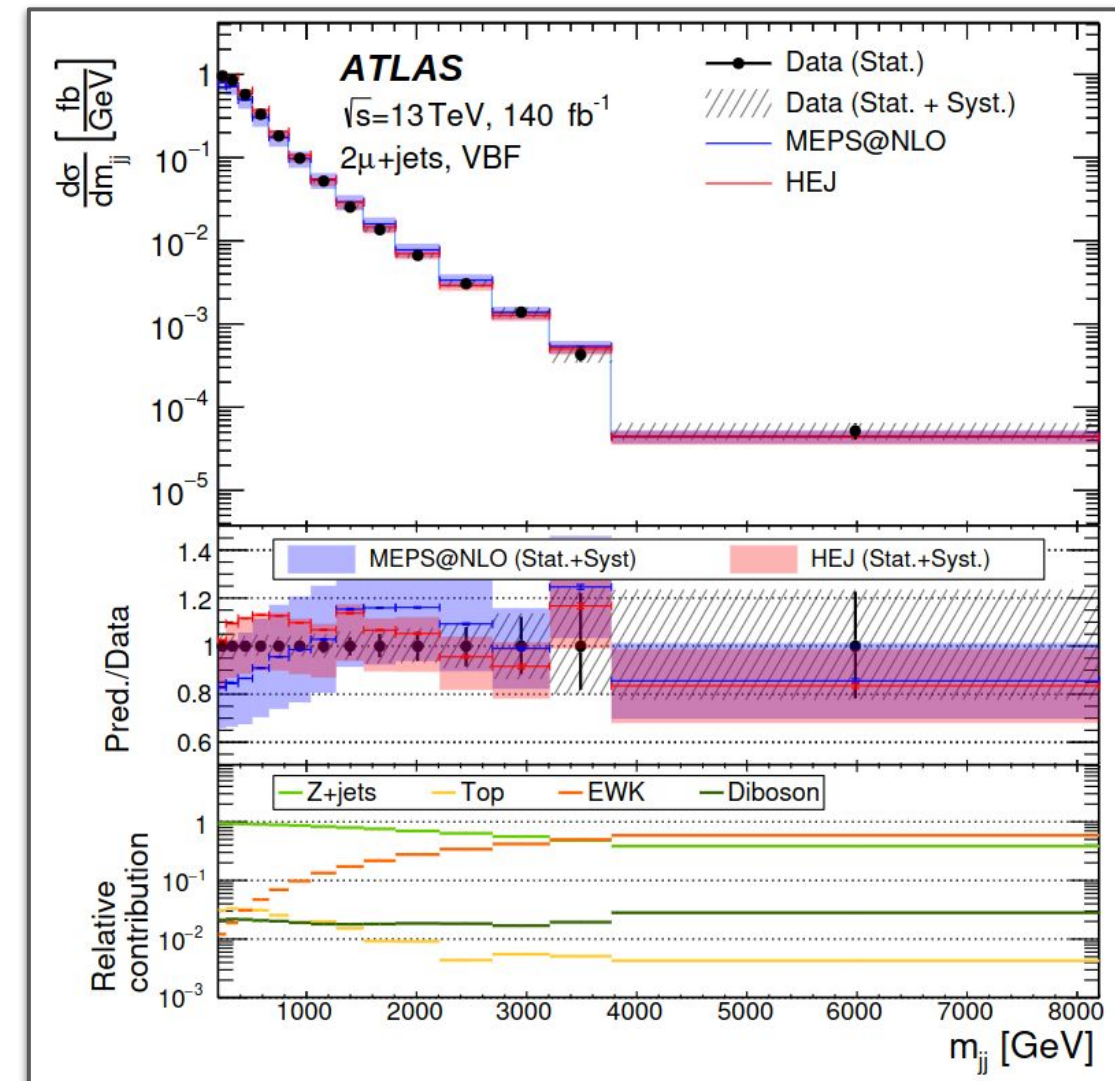
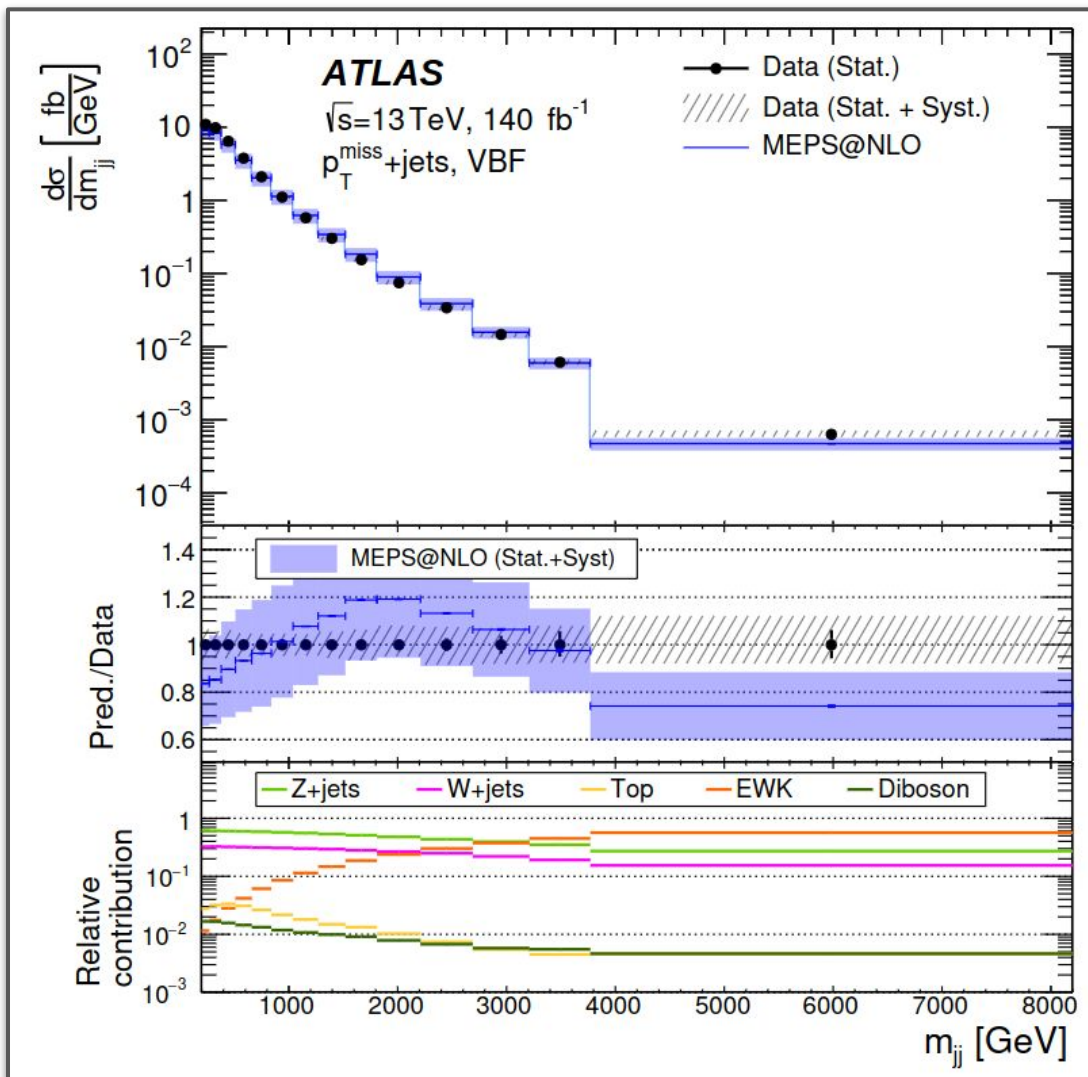
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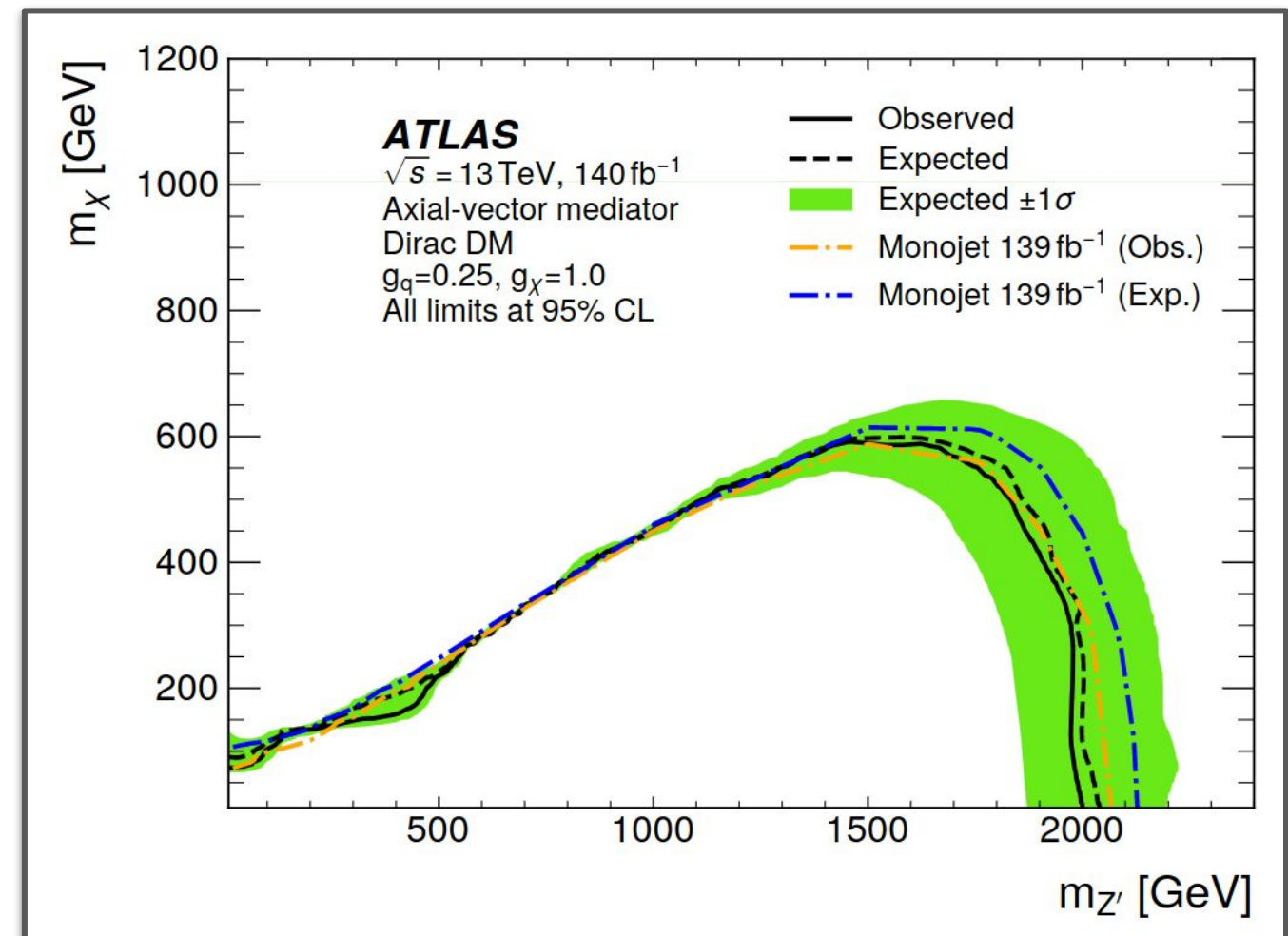
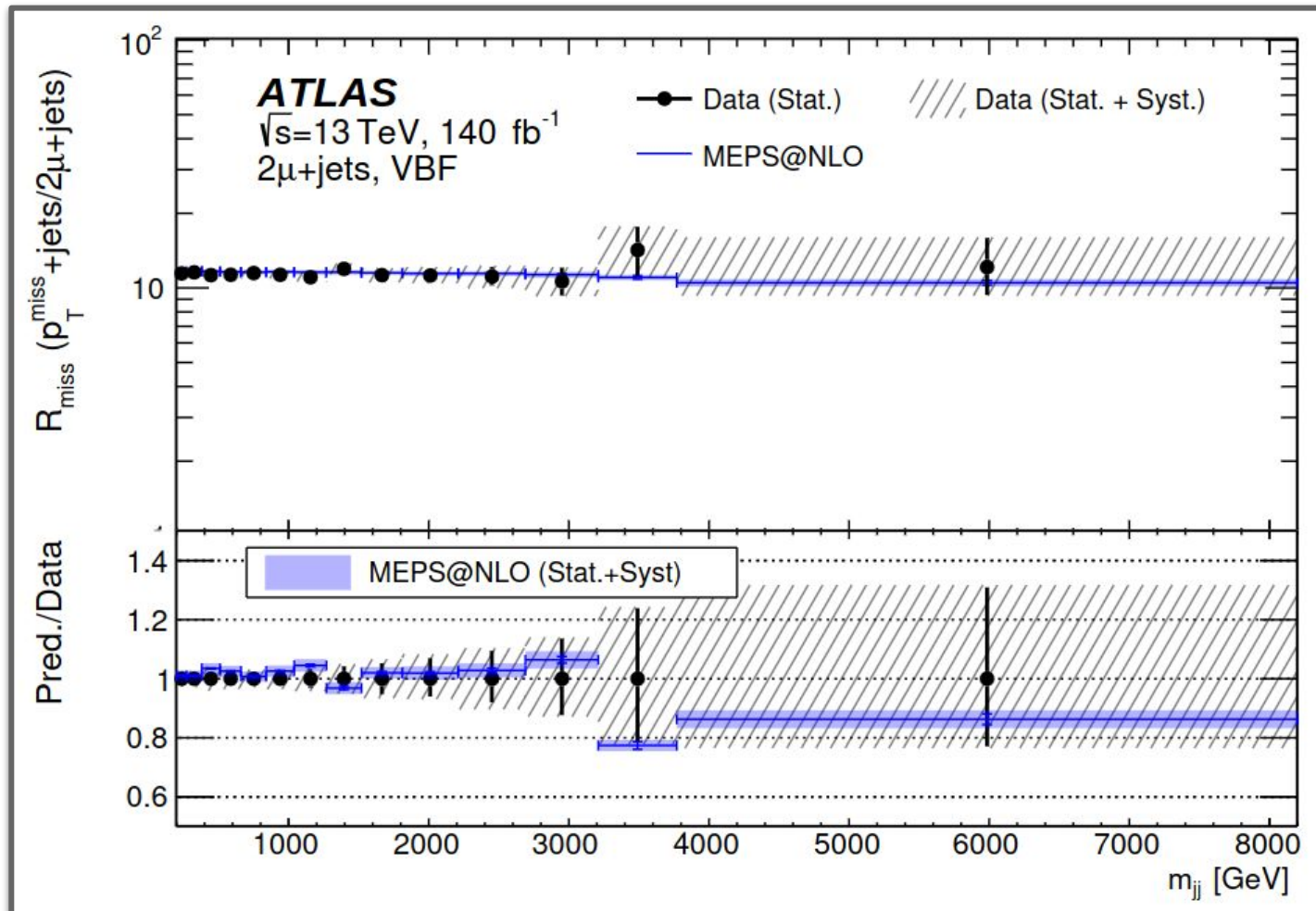
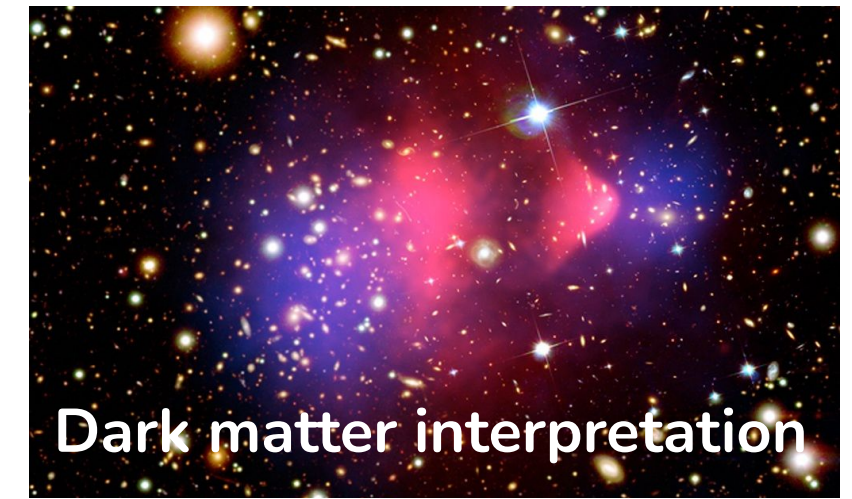
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  - Ratios used to search for BSM



Excellent focus on reinterpretation! (HEPdata, Rivet)

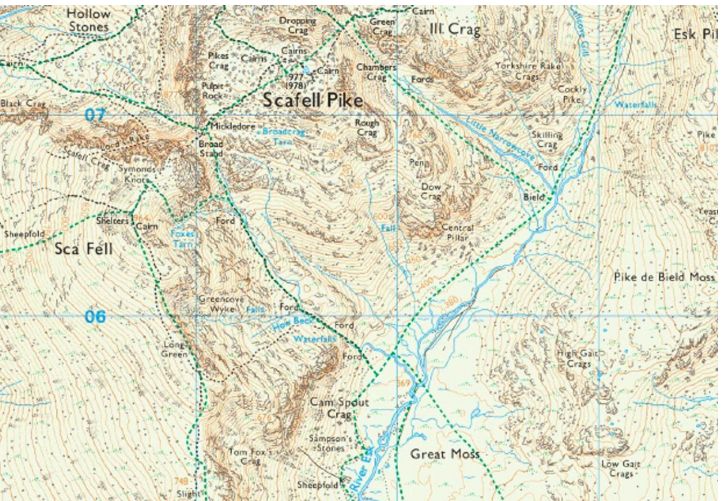
# Effective field theory (EFT)

**Complete theory:** map of mountain range with details of cracks in the rocks



Hiker does not need this level of detail

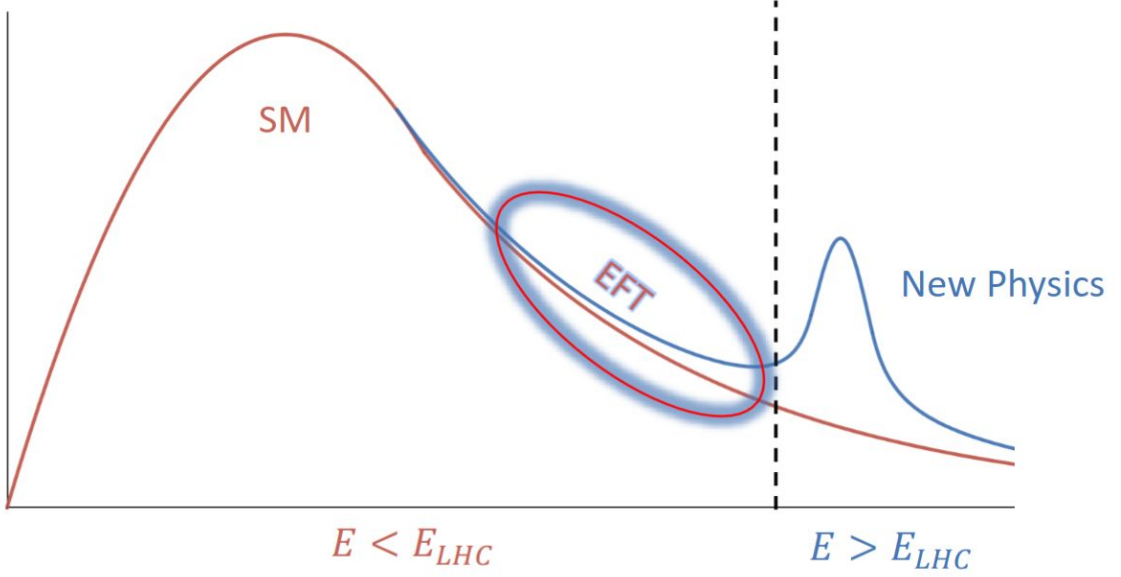
- Introduce 10m grid on terrain and use average values for each square



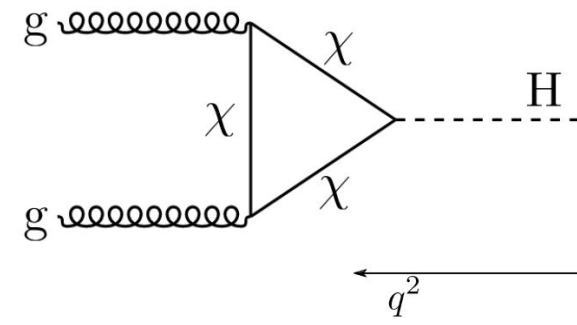
**Effective theory:** discard information with length scale below some cut-off

- But capture relevant physics

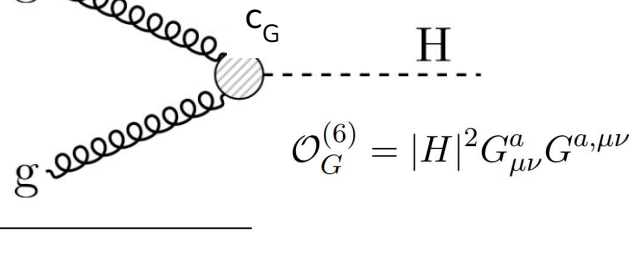
Same principle applied to particle physics



Short-distance, high-energy



Contact interaction, lower energy



**SMEFT:** (almost) model-independent way to probe BSM physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_i^{(5)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(7)}}{\Lambda^3} \mathcal{O}_i^{(7)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

Measure Wilson coefficients,  $c_i$

- Deviations from zero are smoking gun for BSM → And tell us where to look!



# SMEFT interpretation of STXS

[arXiv:2304.05742] (Sub. to JHEP) Interpretations of combined Higgs measurements by ATLAS, including SMEFT

- EFT operators affect event kinematics as well as rates → STXS provides good framework to constrain Wilson coefficients

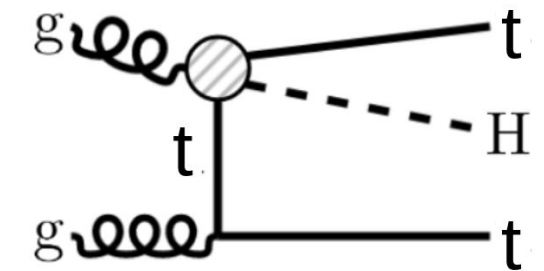
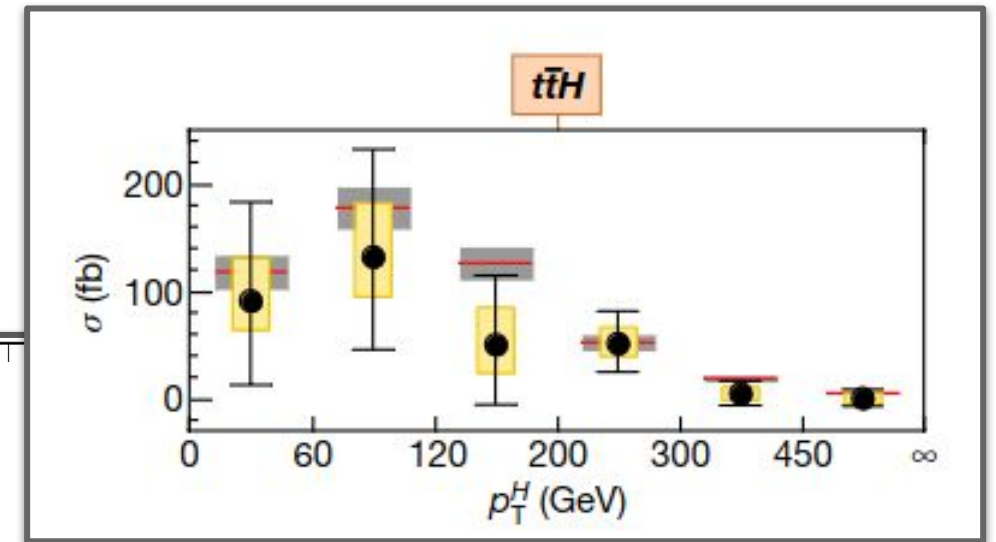
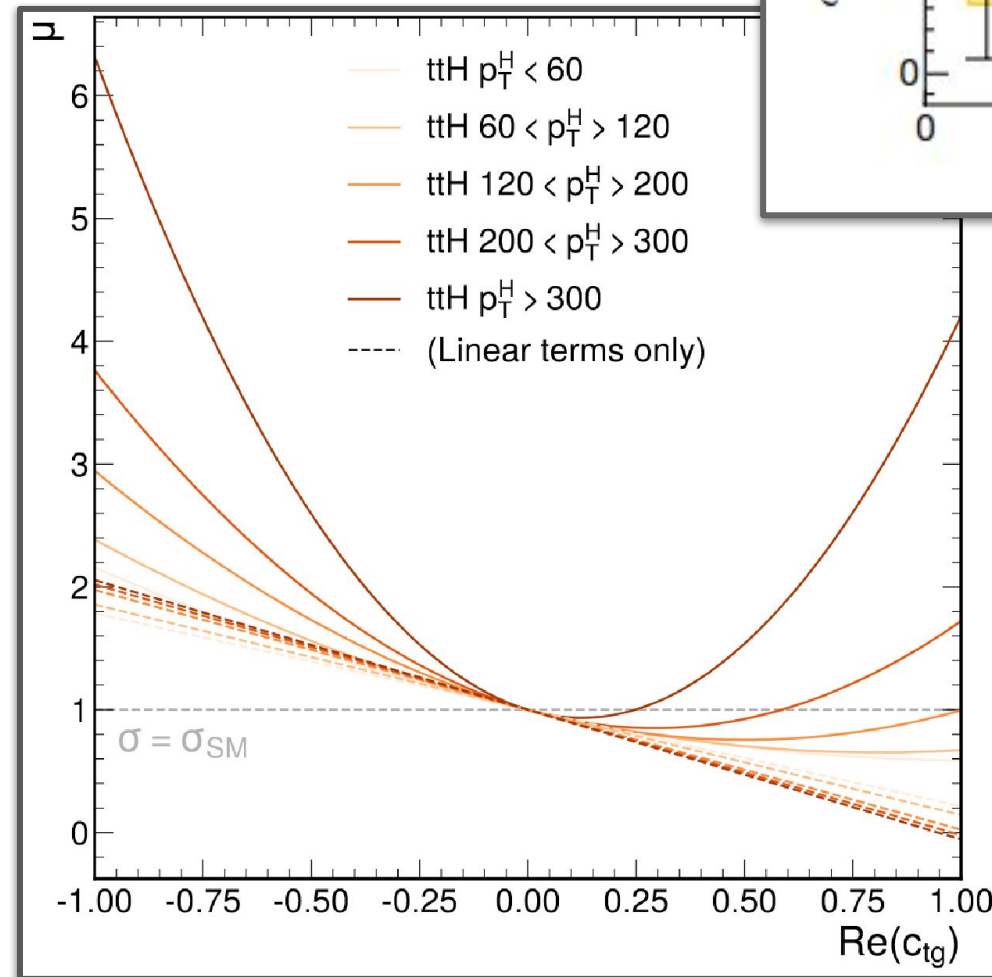
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}$$

Impact on observables...

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} = 1 + \underbrace{\sum_j A_j \frac{C_j}{\Lambda^2}}_{\text{SM-EFT Interference}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j,k} B_{jk} \frac{C_j C_k}{\Lambda^4}}_{\text{EFT-EFT Interference + EFT}^2}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{SM}^2}$ 
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Linear in } C_j}$ 
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Quadratic in } C_j}$

Derive using Monte-Carlo simulation (+ analytic results)

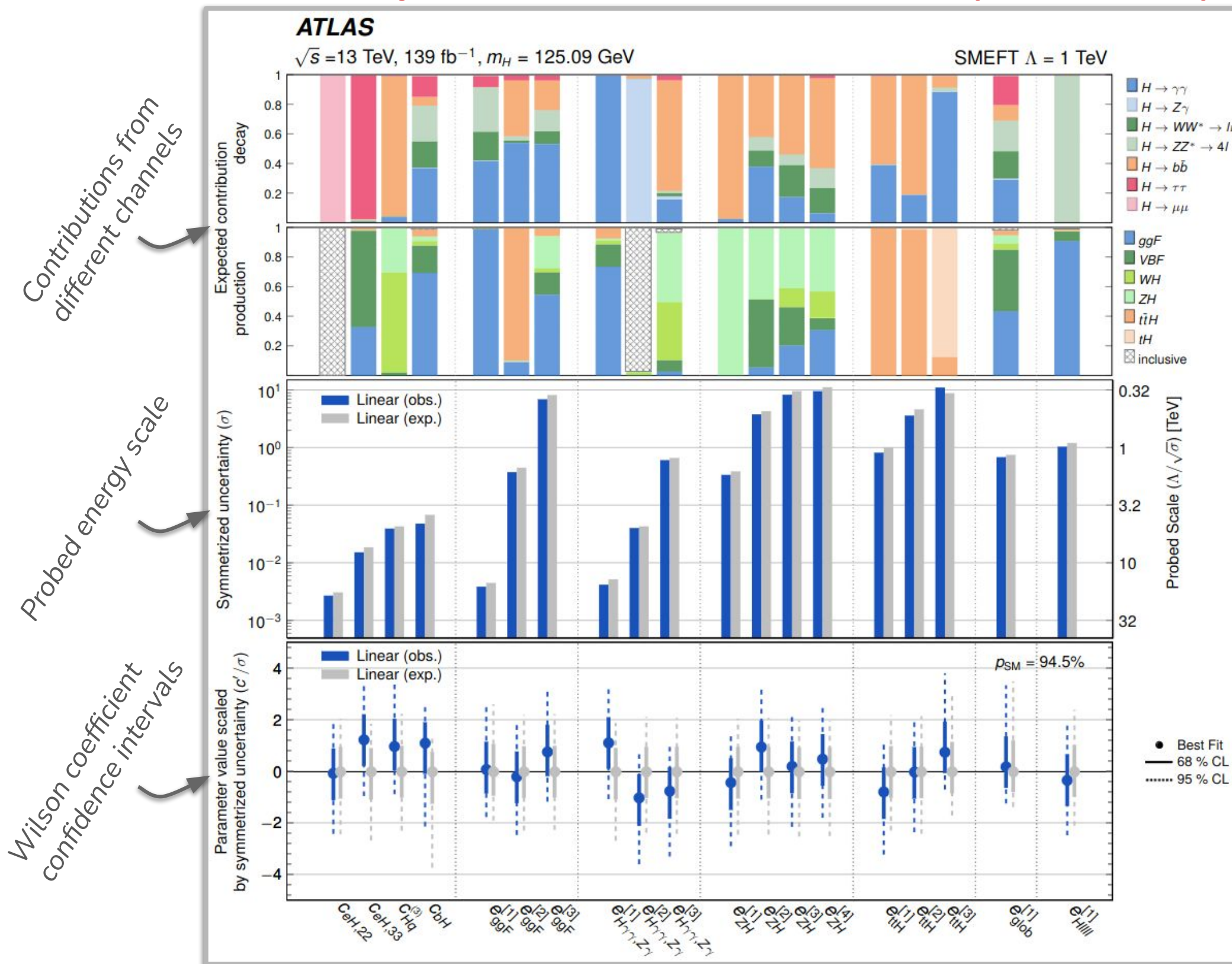


Add contributions from  $\mathcal{O}_{tG}^{(6)}$

$$(\bar{Q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a t) \tilde{H} G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

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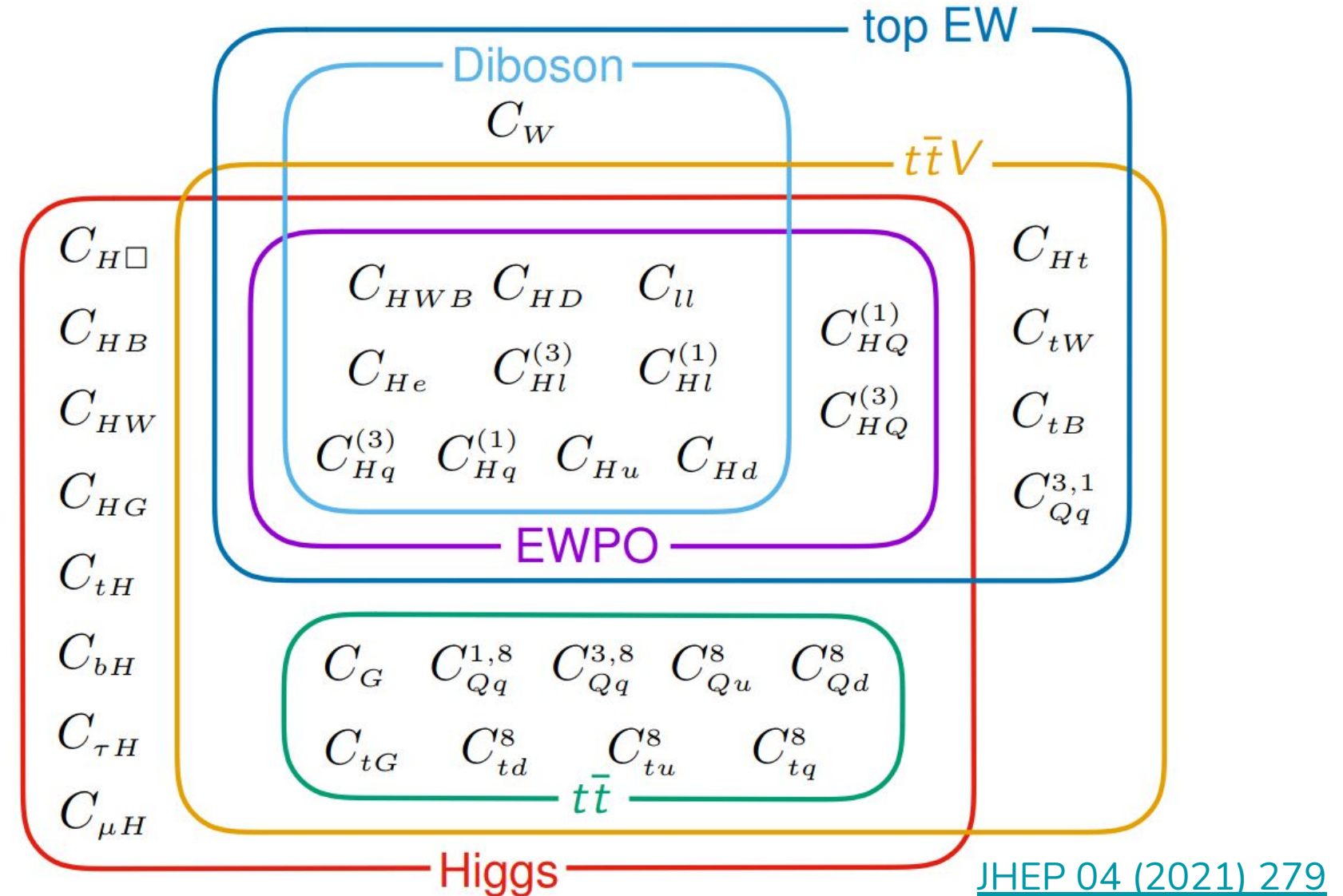
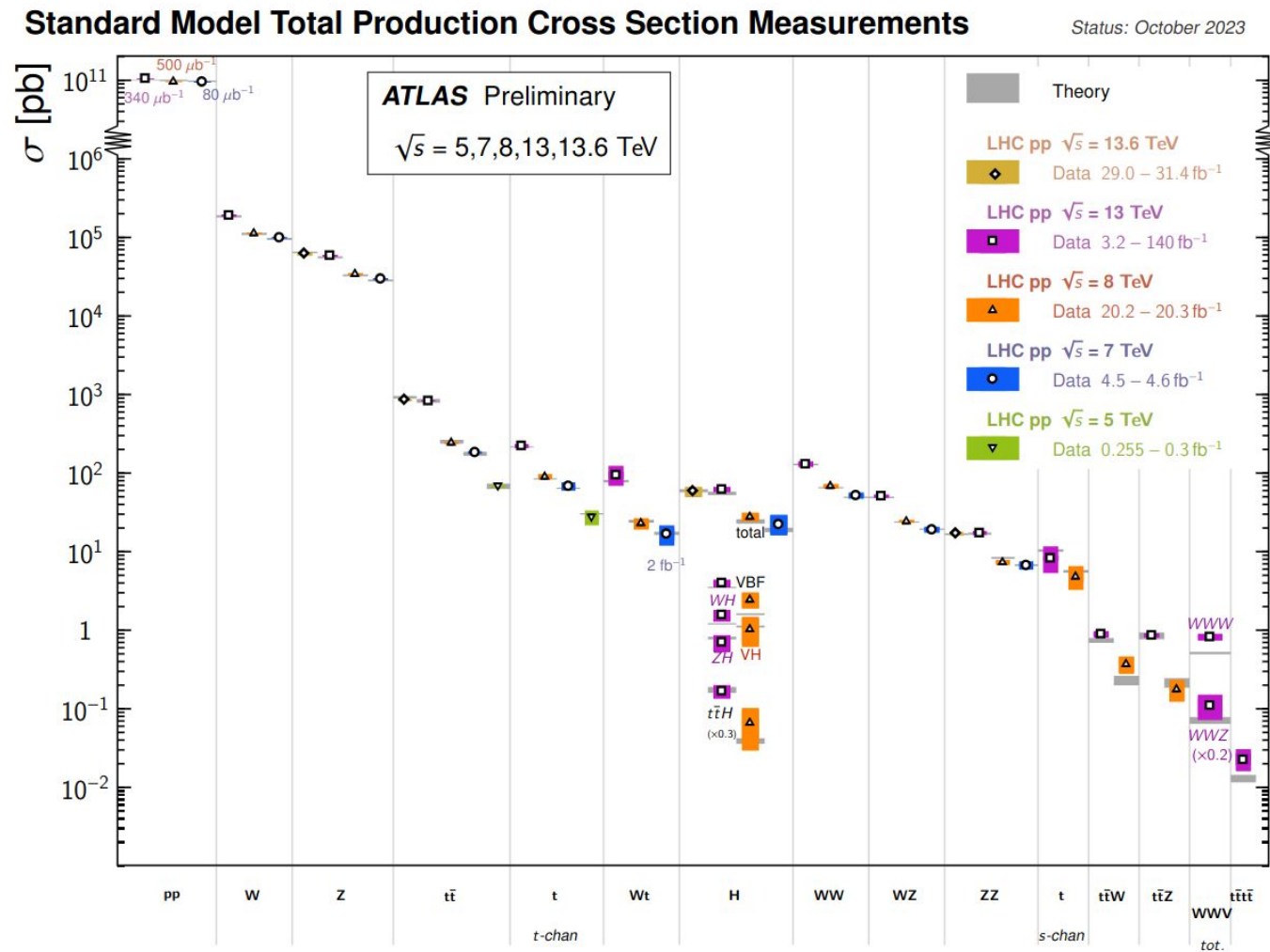
EFT affects distributions as well as rates!

- Extends upon Kappa framework
- Use kinematic information in STXS

**Simultaneously constrain 19 types/directions of BSM physics!**

# Putting everything together

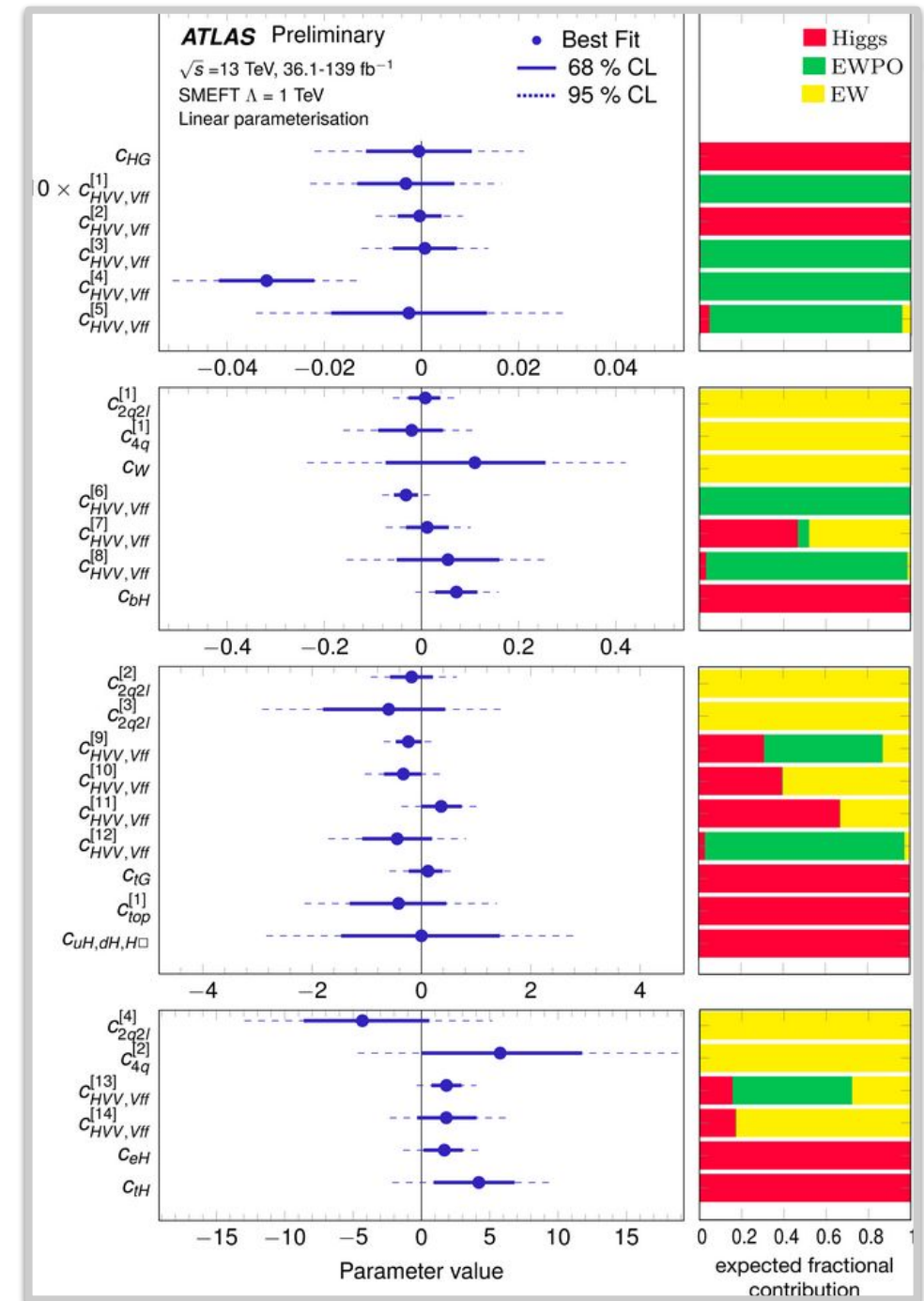
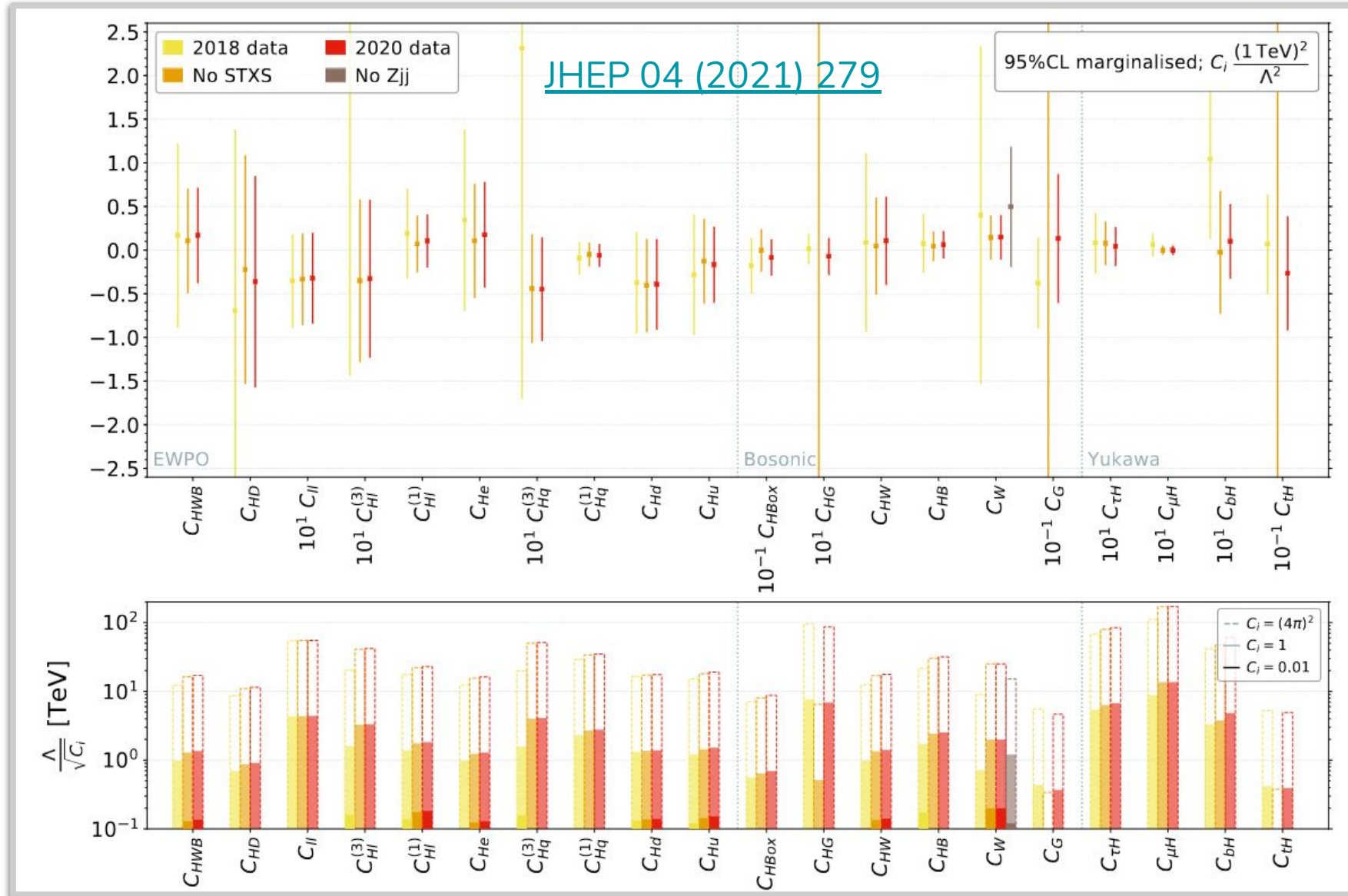
SMEFT is a fully consistent expansion of the SM → correlated effects between different processes



Legacy LHC result: ultimate SM consistency test is likely to be a global EFT fit

# Global EFT fits

- And efforts have started...



We must understand the limitations + implications of this approach on both theory/experimental sides: [LHC EFT WG](#)