

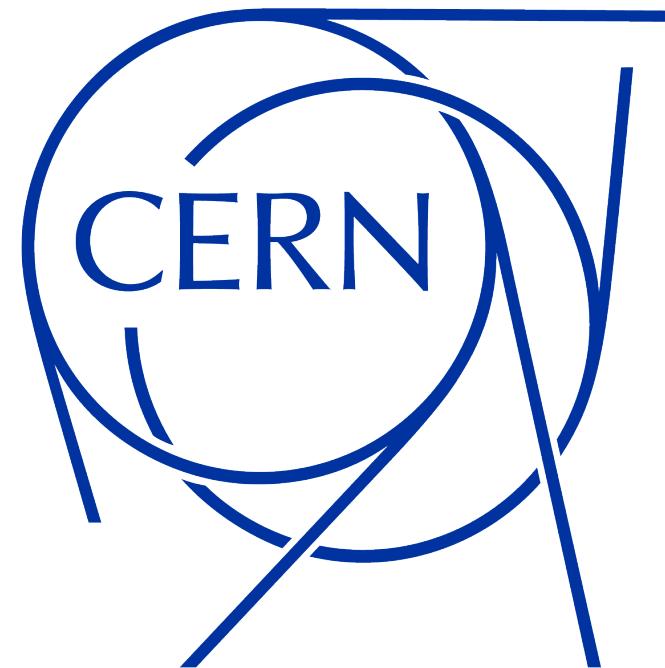
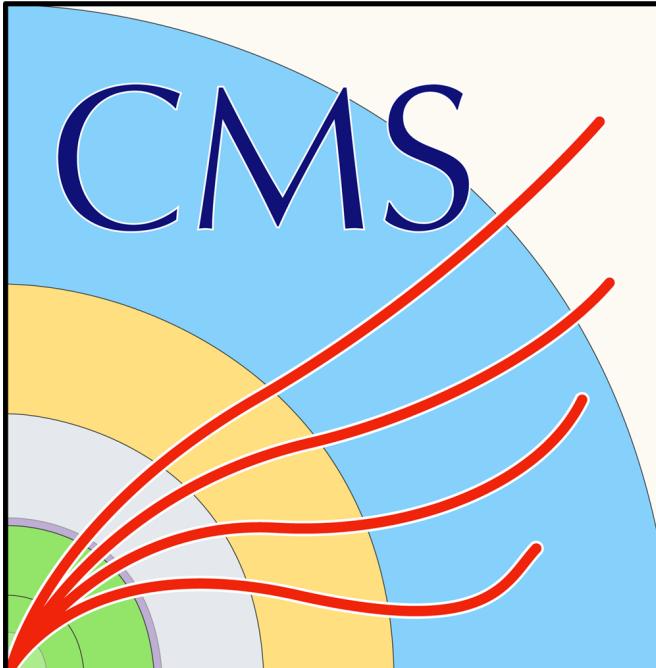
# Constraints on Higgs-charm couplings (from CMS)

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on behalf of the CMS collaboration



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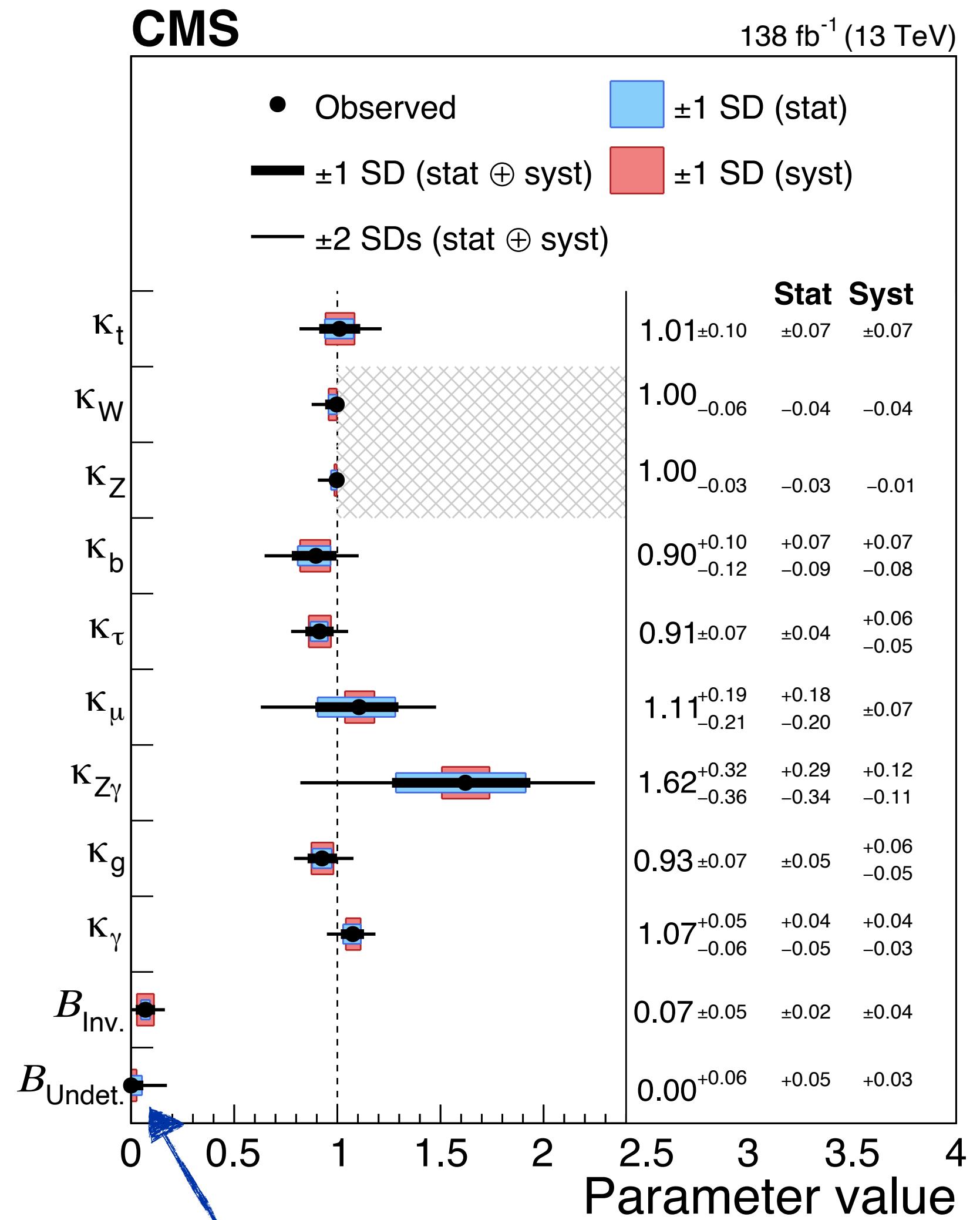
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[CMS-HIG-22-001]

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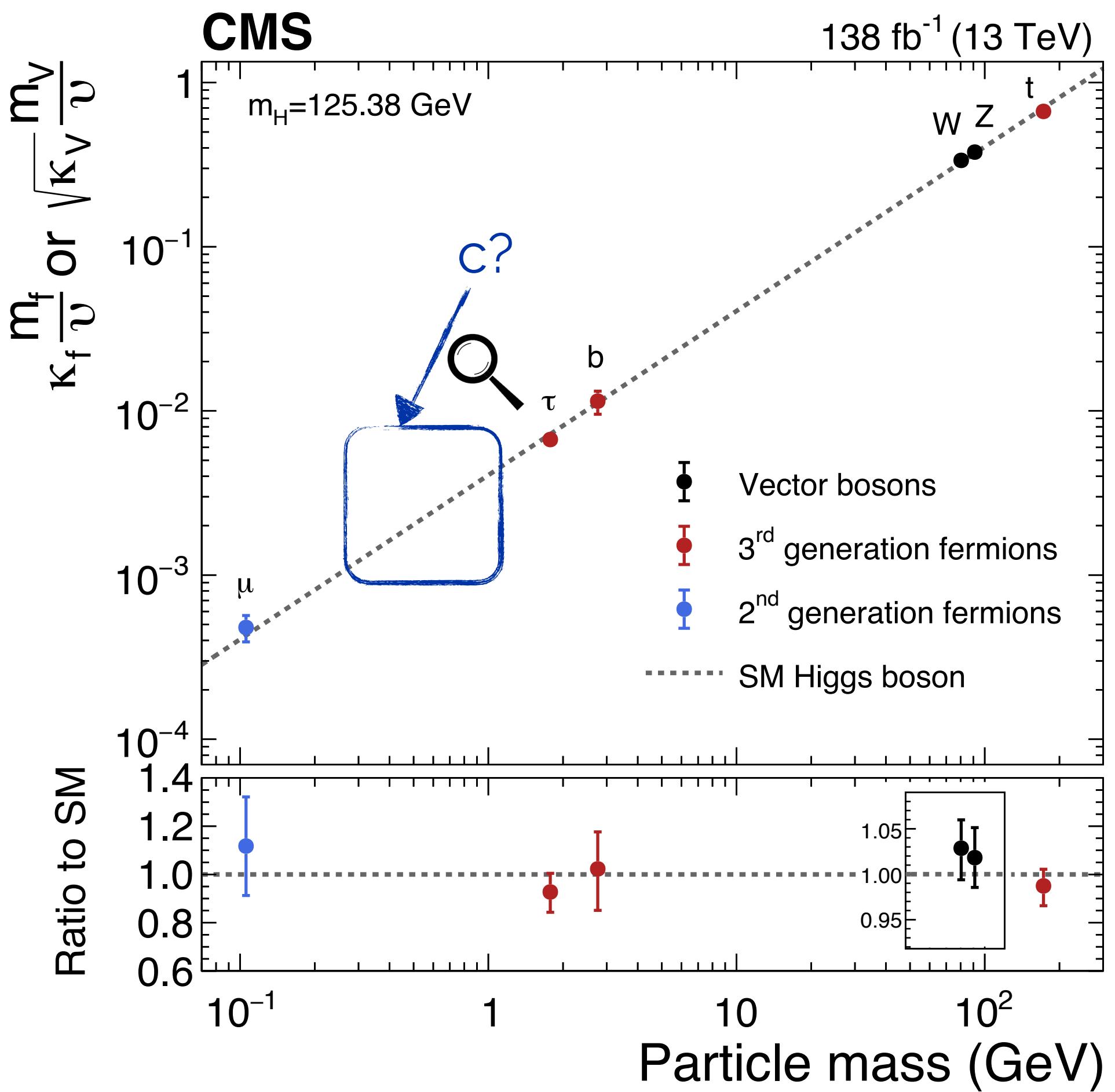


Charm is ~what is left  
(not considering first generation)

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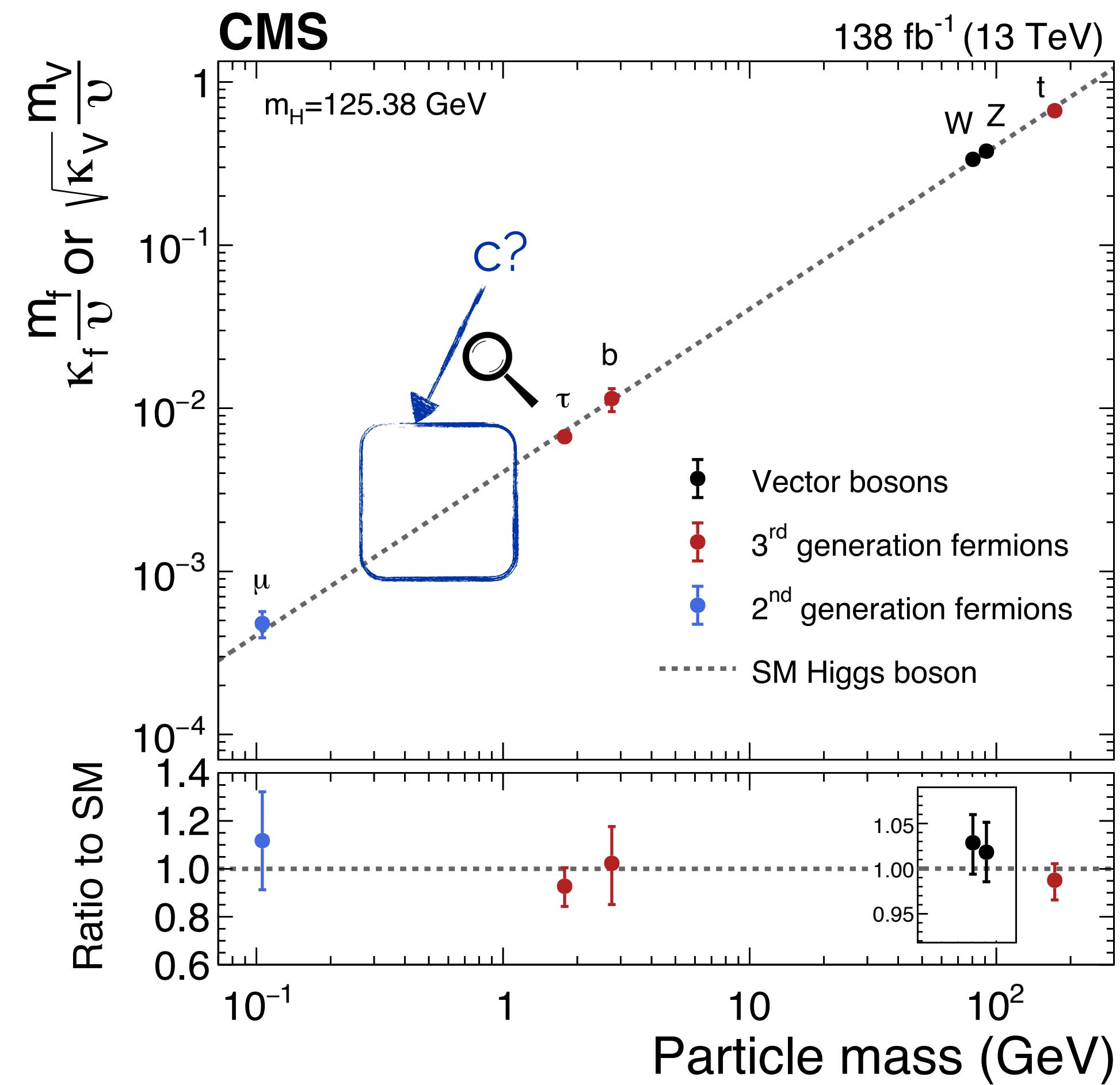
Indirect

Higgs kinematics  
and inclusive  
measurements

Direct

$H \rightarrow cc$ :  
VH and ggH  
&  $H+c$

**Rare decays:**  
Exclusive H  
decays to  
meson+boson

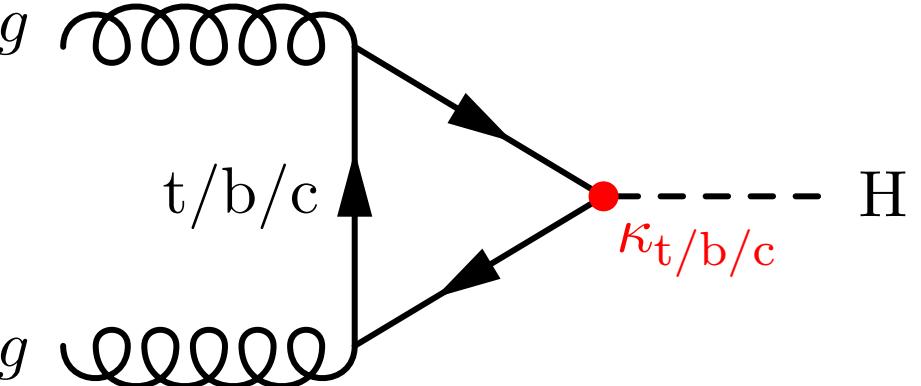
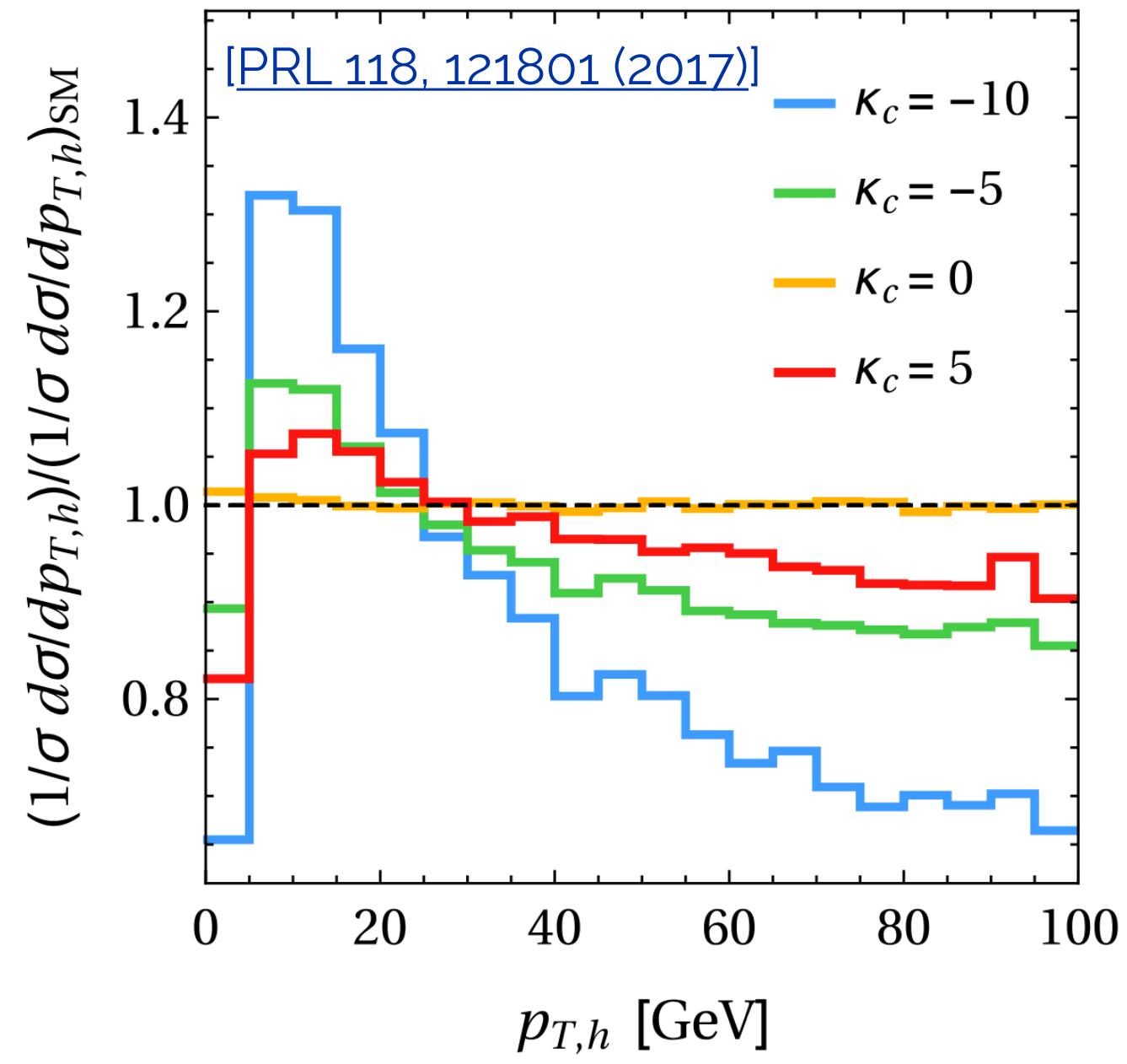


See also Anusree  
Vijay's talk yesterday

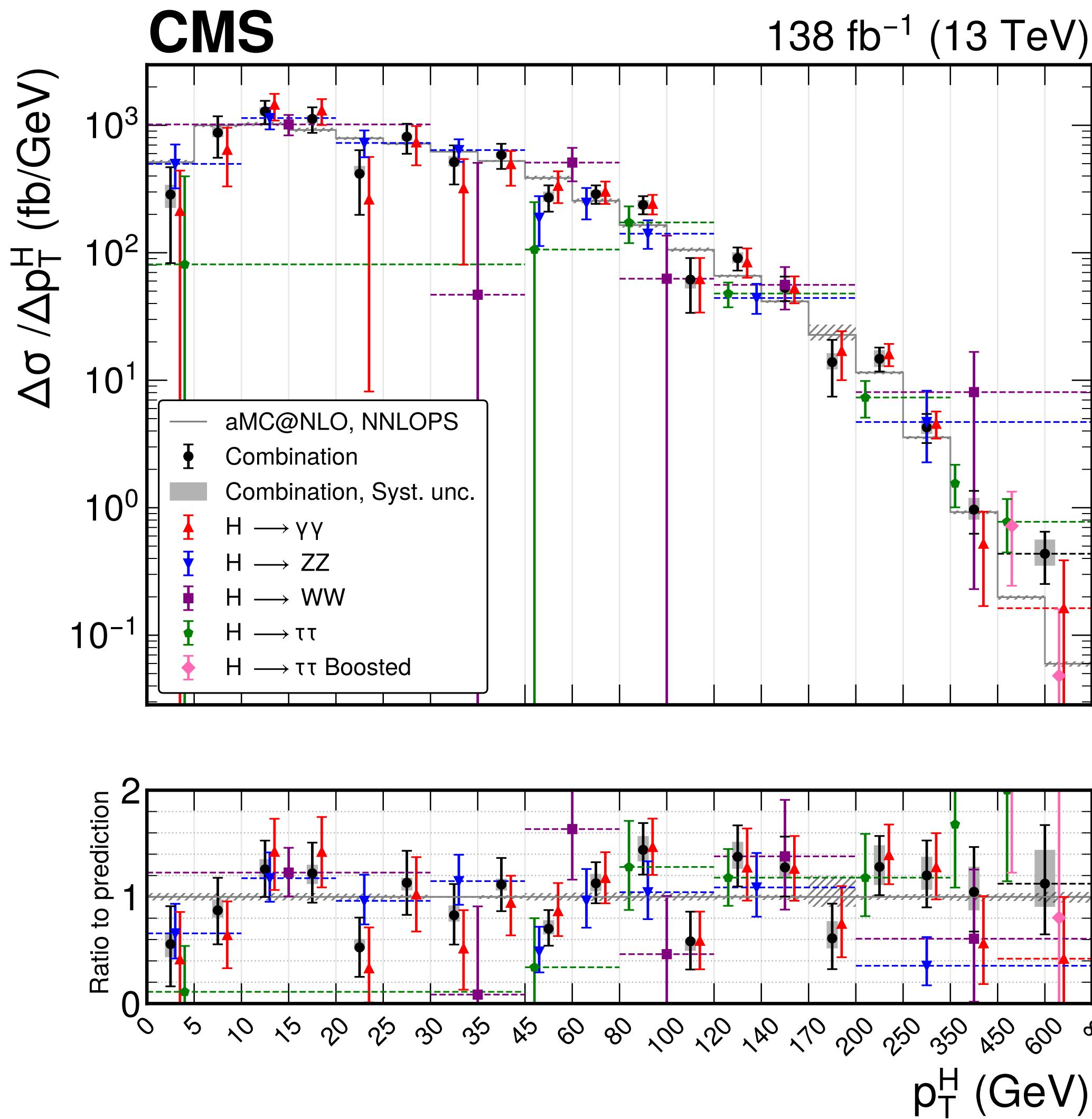
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[CMS-HIG-PAS-23-013]

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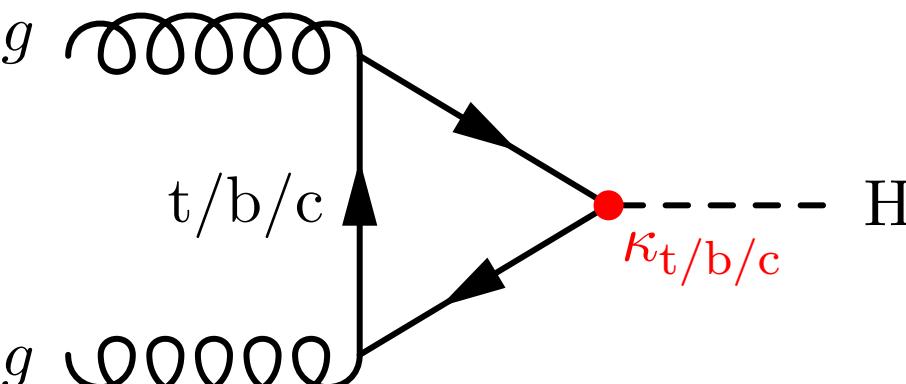
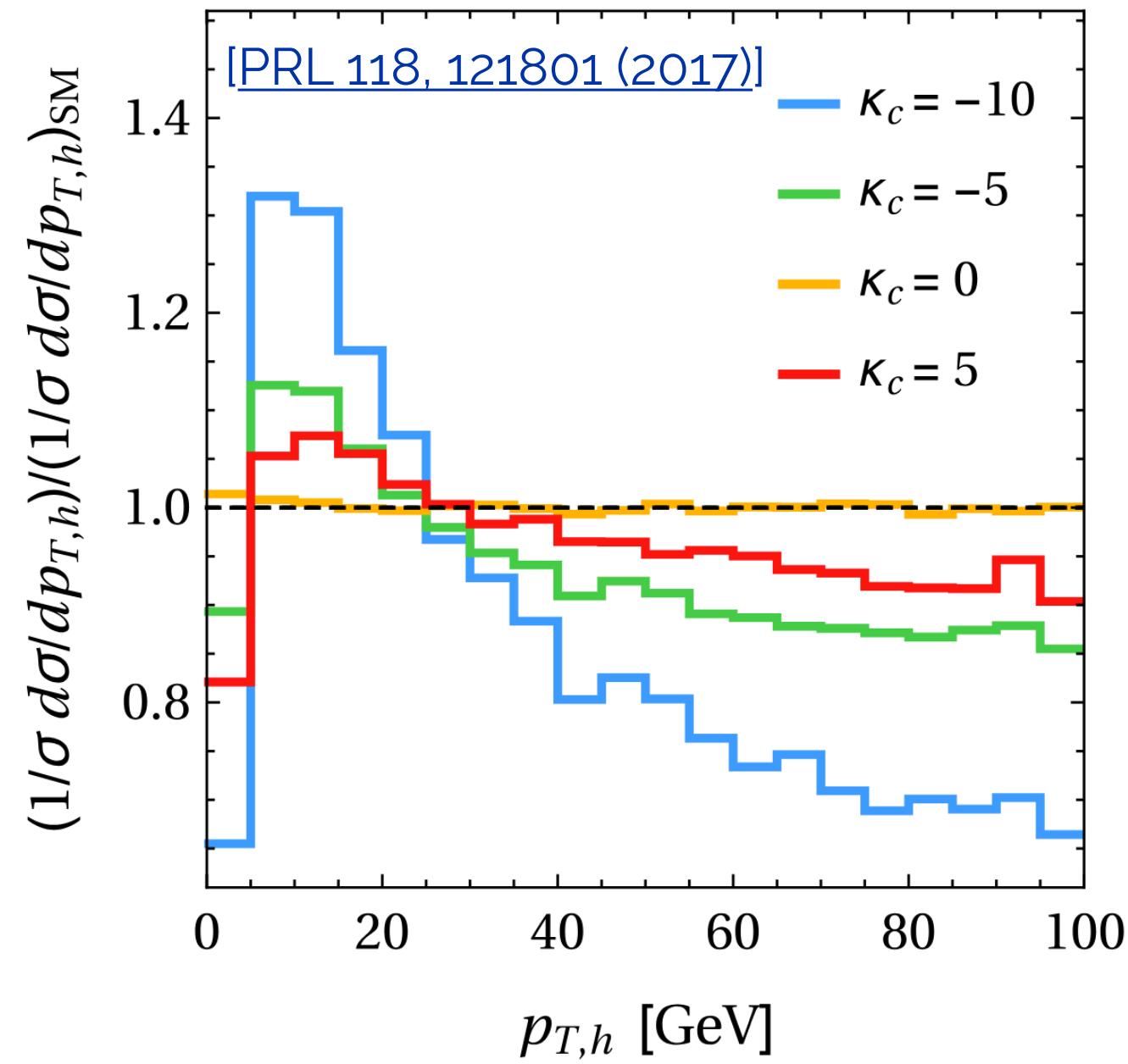


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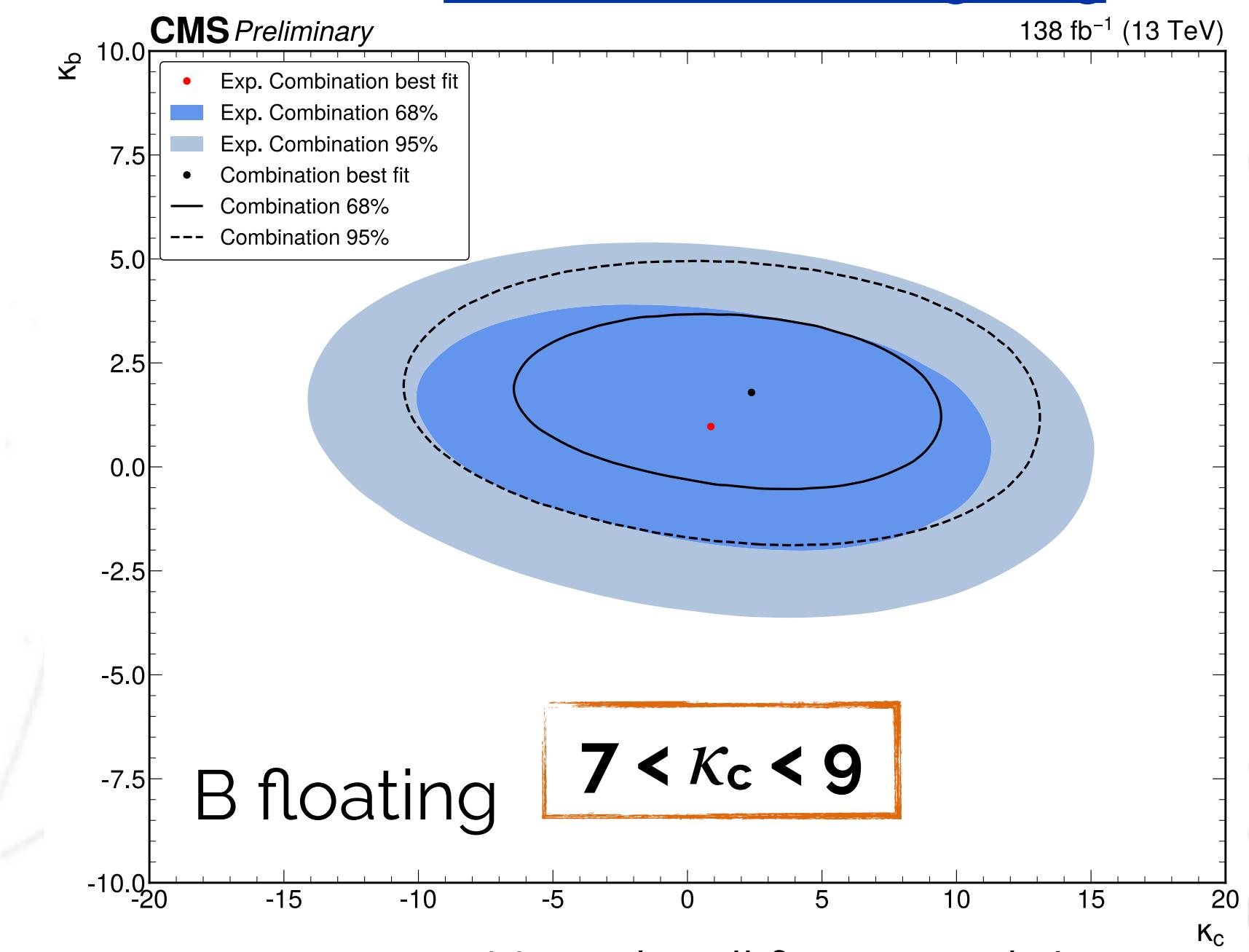
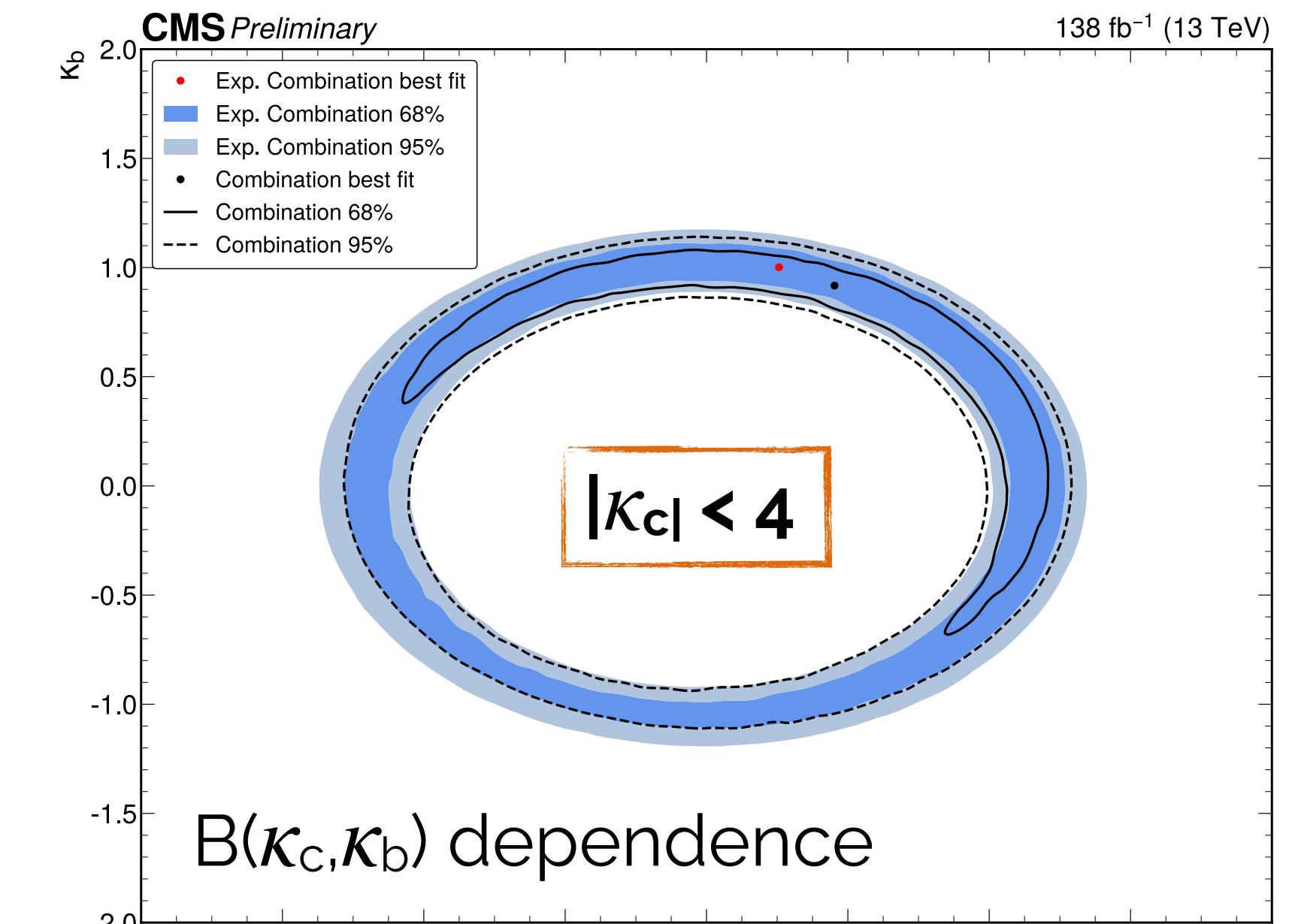


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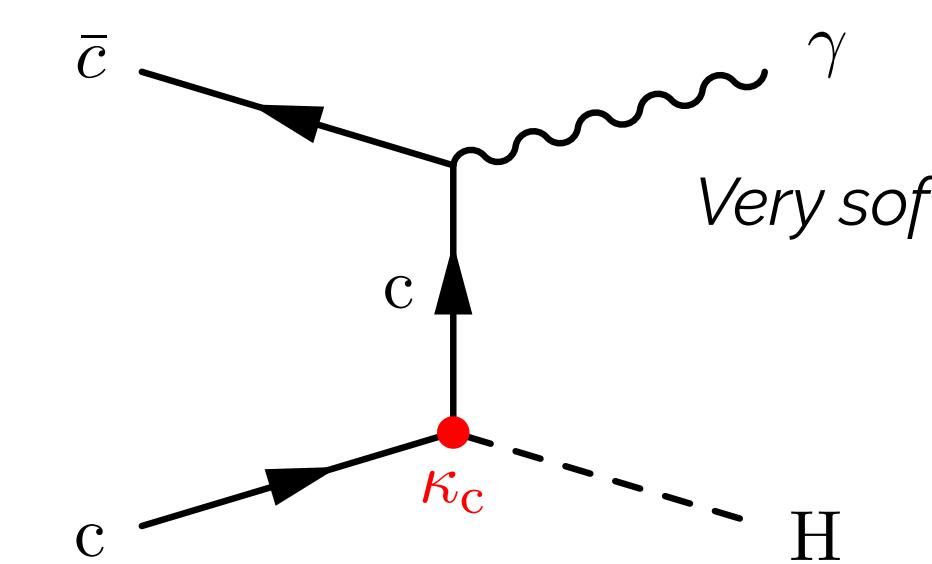
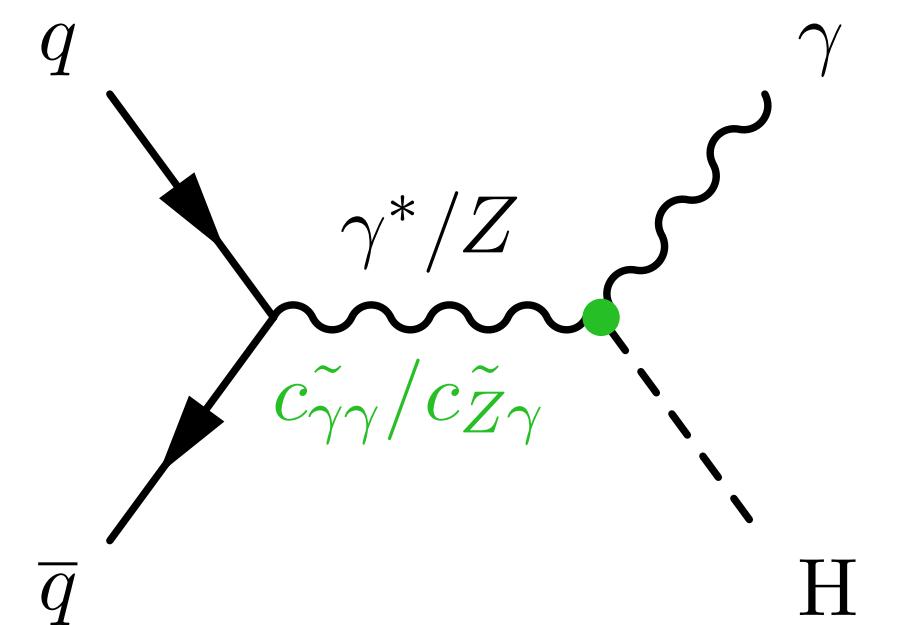


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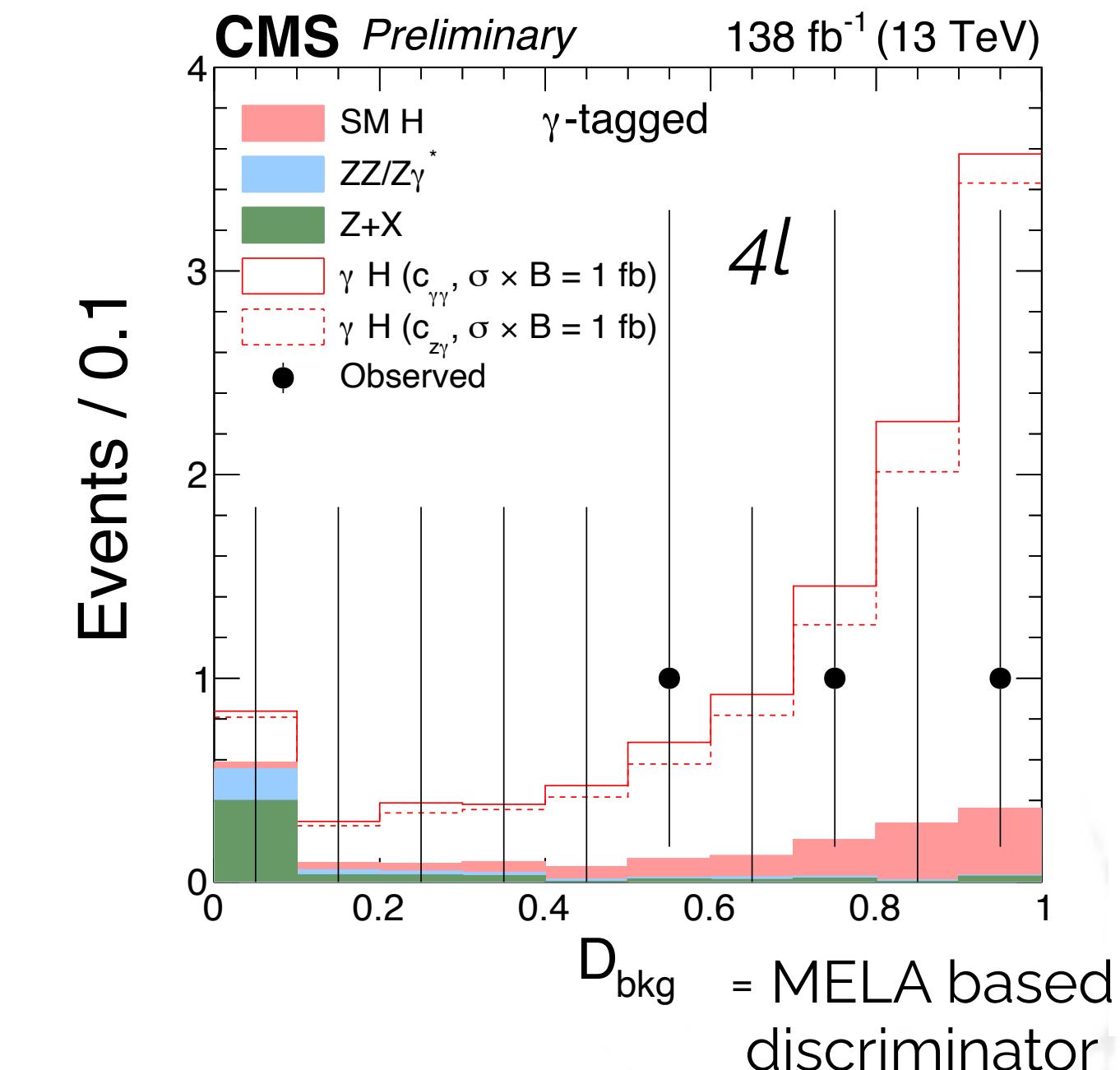
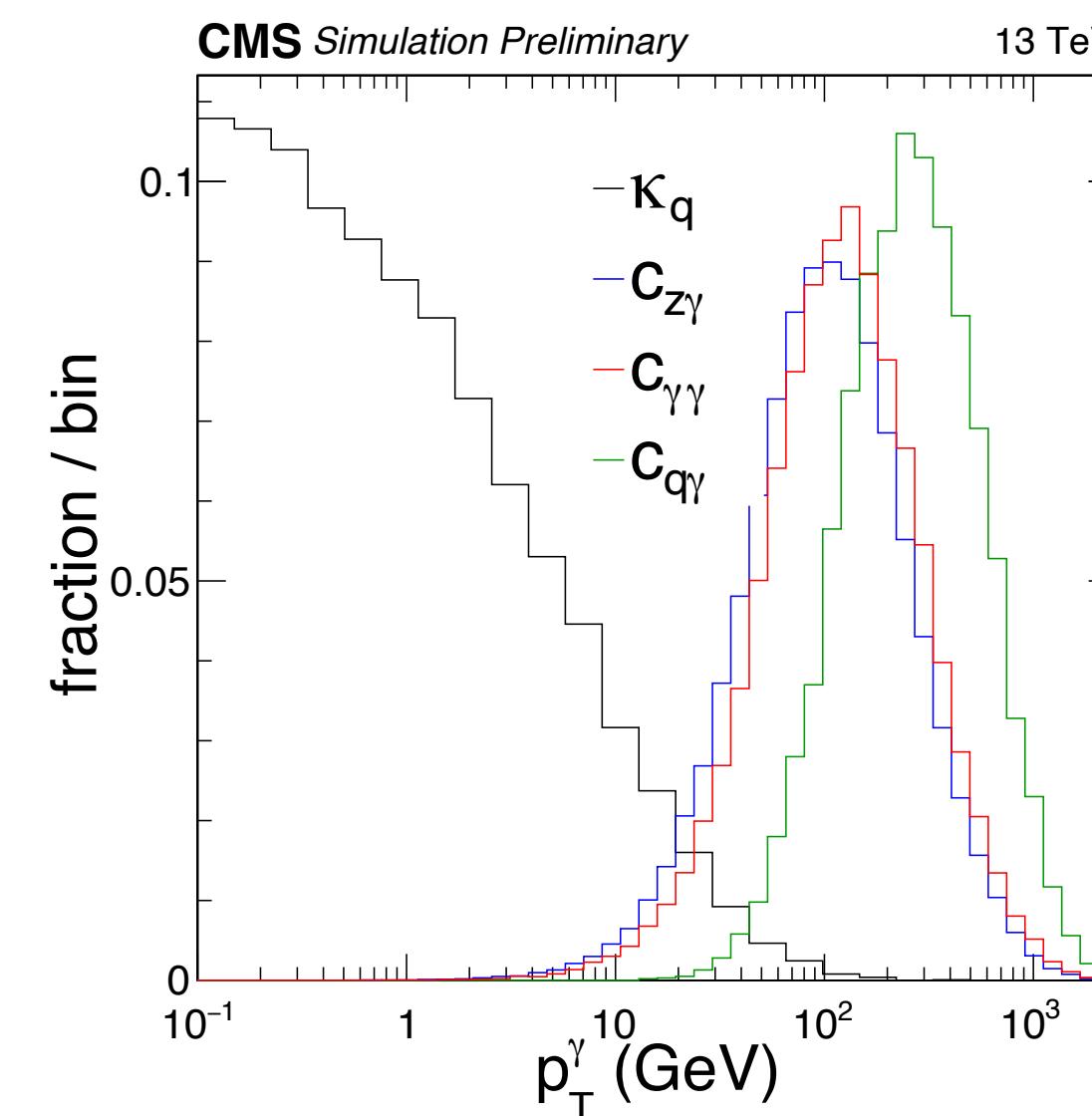
# Indirect probes of $y_c$ - $H \rightarrow 4l + bb$

- Search for  $H\gamma$  production w/ focus on boosted topology
  - Simultaneous analysis of  $H \rightarrow bb$  and  $H \rightarrow 4l$



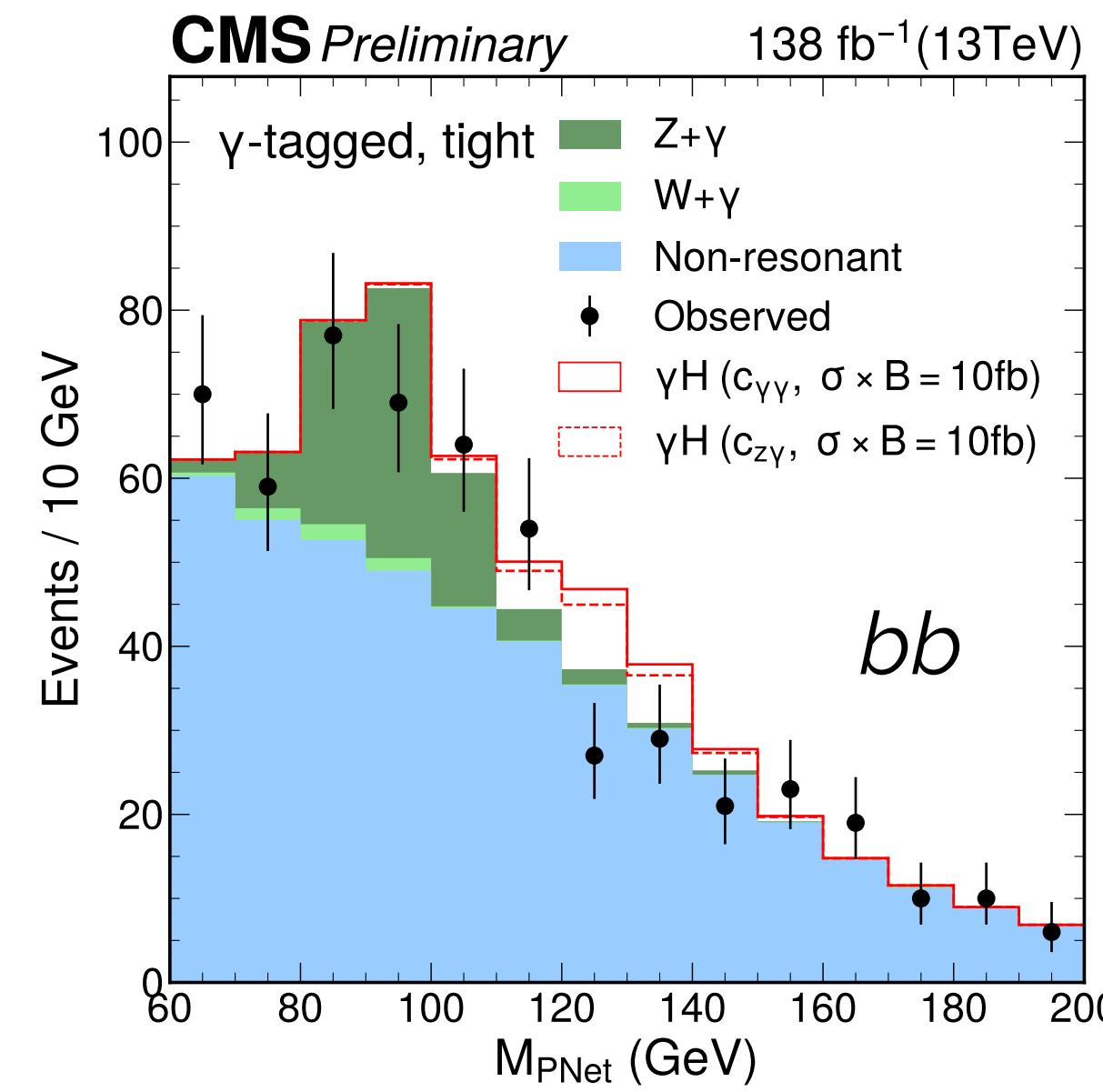
*Dominant SM mode*

*BSM motivation*



$D_{bkg}$  = MELA based discriminator

[CMS-HIG-PAS-23-011]



- Dedicated photon (un-)tagged categories w/  $p_T^\gamma > 150$  GeV

# Indirect probes of $y_c$ - $H \rightarrow 4l$

- Restructure the analysis:
  - Inclusive  $H \rightarrow 4l$  cross-section analysis
  - Merging (un-) tagged categories

- Parametrize inclusive  $H$  signal:

$$\Gamma_H = R_{gg}(\kappa_{u,d,s,c,b}) \cdot \Gamma_{H \rightarrow gg}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b} \kappa_q^2 \cdot \Gamma_{H \rightarrow q\bar{q}}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_{VV'} \kappa_{VV'}^2 \cdot \Gamma_{H \rightarrow VV'}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_{\ell} \Gamma_{H \rightarrow \ell\ell}^{\text{SM}} + \Gamma_H^{\text{BSM}}$$

$$\sigma_{H \rightarrow 4\ell} = \frac{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow 4\ell}^{\text{SM}} \cdot \kappa_{ZZ}^2}{\Gamma_H(\kappa_{u,d,s,c,b})} \left( R_{gg}(\kappa_{u,d,s,c,b}) \cdot \sigma_{ggH}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_q \kappa_q^2 \cdot \sigma_{q\bar{q}H}^{\text{SM}} + \sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{\text{SM}} + \sigma_{tH}^{\text{SM}} + \sum_{VV} \kappa_{VV}^2 \cdot \sigma_{VVH}^{\text{SM}} \right)$$

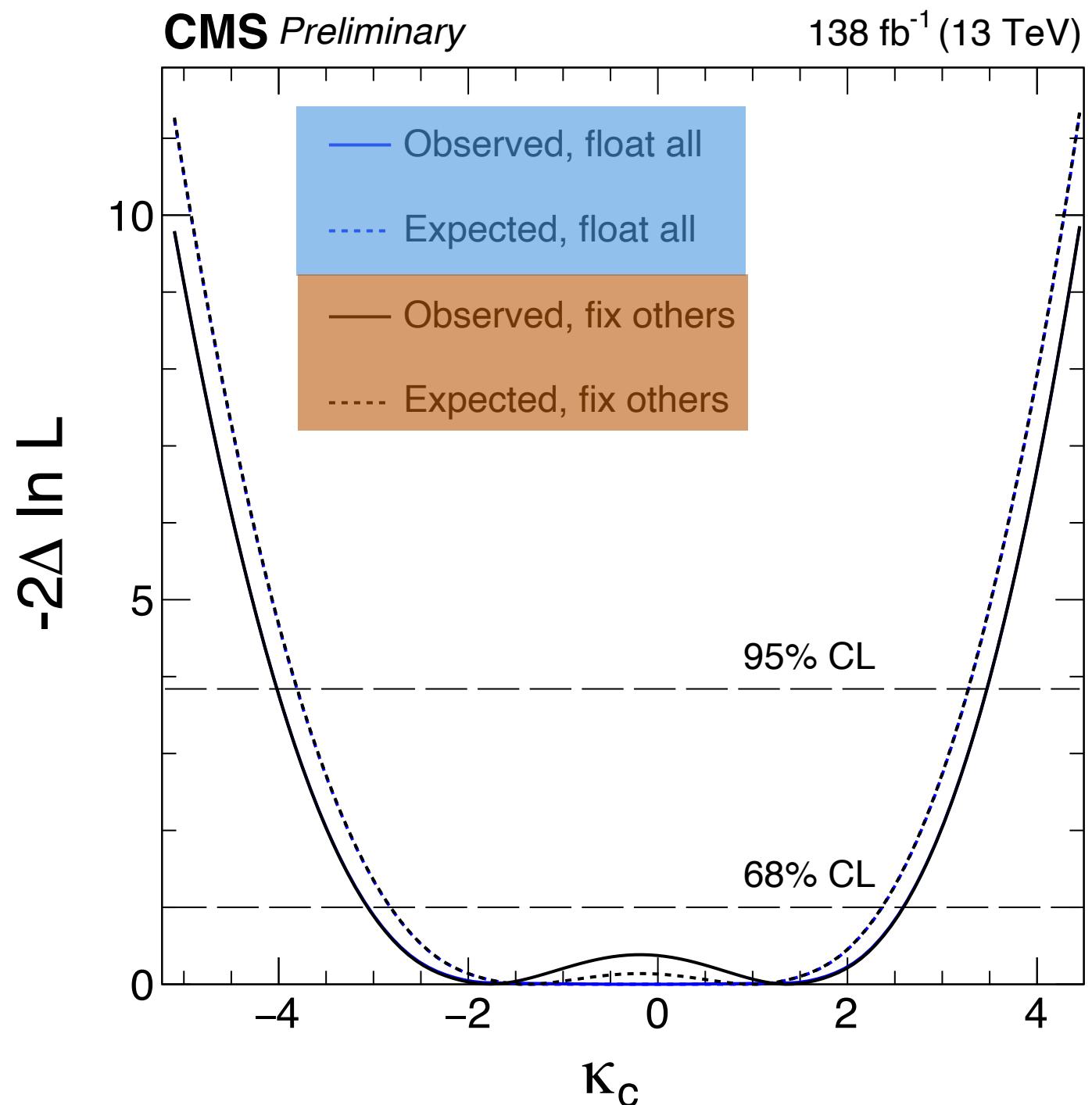
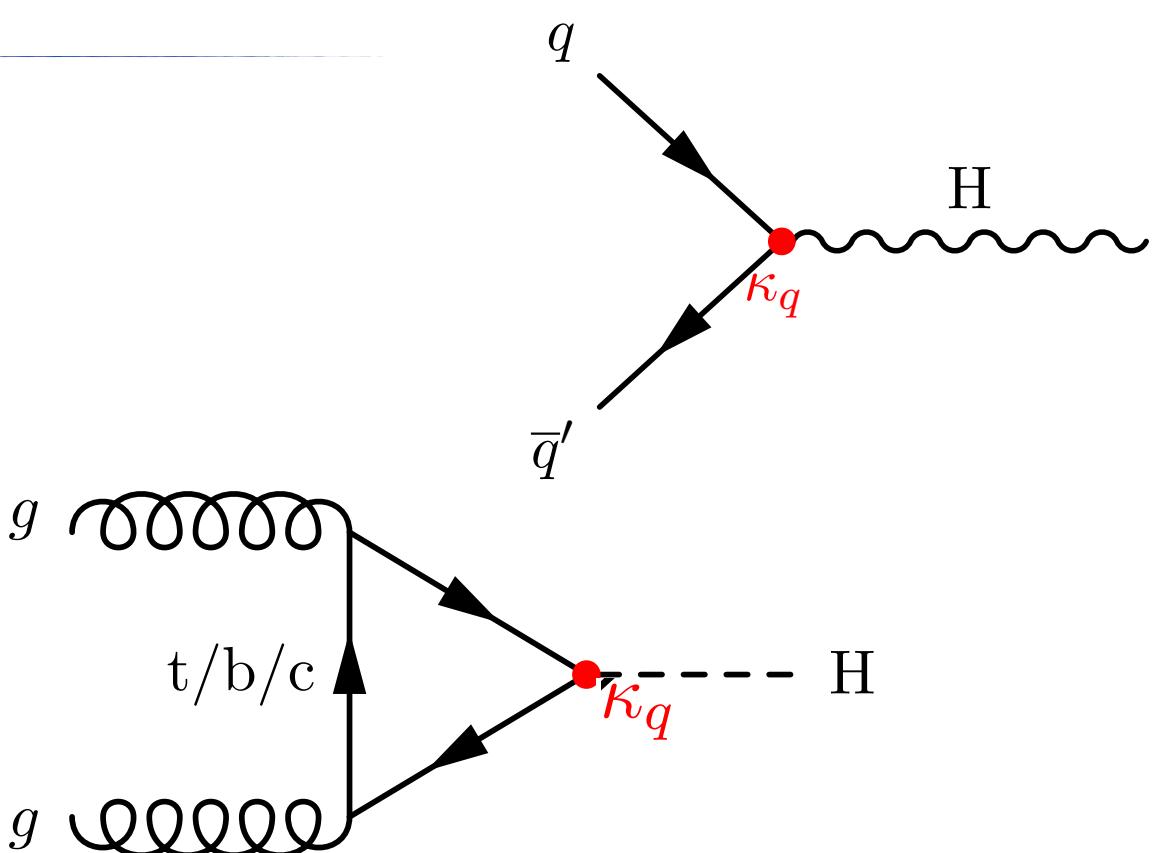
- Fix  $\kappa_b = \kappa_t = 1$  due to constraints from other measurements

■  $\kappa_{ZZ} = \kappa_{WW} = \kappa_{Zy} = \kappa_{yy} = 1$

■ **Constrained fit:**  $\Gamma_H^{\text{BSM}} = 0$ ,  $\kappa_{ZZ}^2 = 1$ ,  $\kappa_{q'} = 1$

■ **Unconstrained fit:**  $\Gamma_H^{\text{BSM}} \geq 0$ ,  $\kappa_{ZZ}^2 \leq 1$ ,  $\kappa_{q'} = \text{free}$

**-4.4 <  $\kappa_c$  < 3.4**



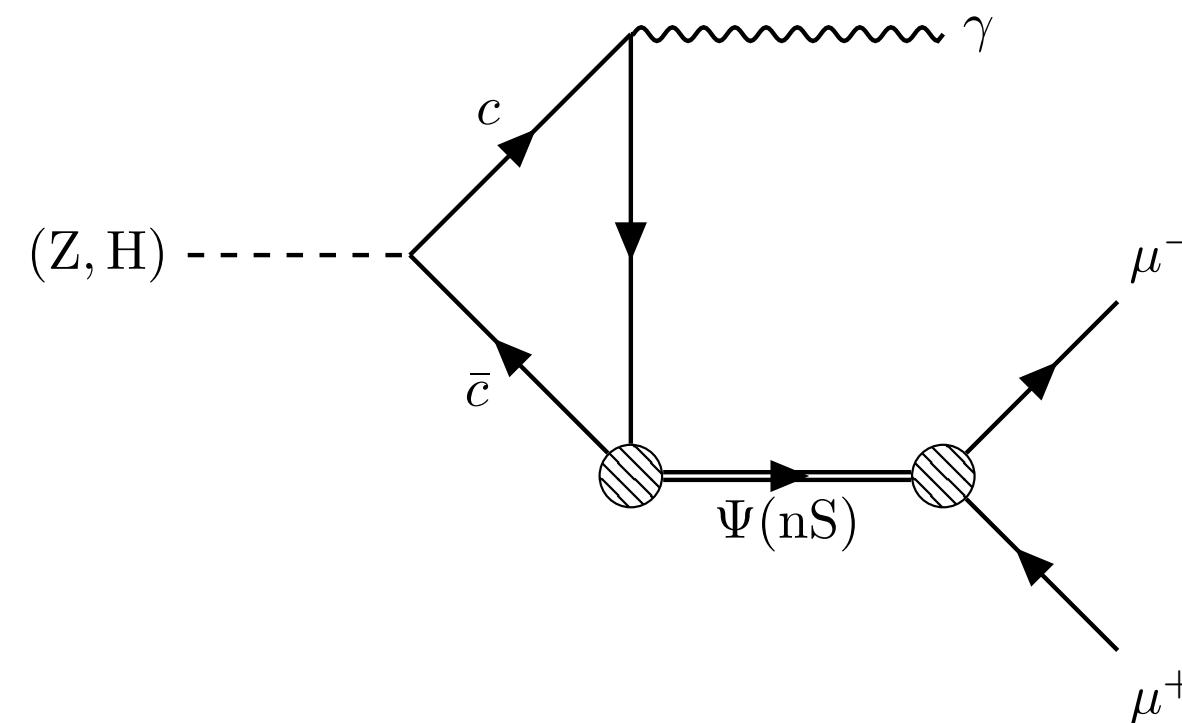
Parameter	Scenario	Observed	Expected
$\kappa_u$	float all	$(0.0 \pm 1.5) \times 10^3$	$[ -2.4, 2.4 ] \times 10^3$
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$\kappa_d$	float all	$(0.0 \pm 7.1) \times 10^2$	$[ -1.0, 1.0 ] \times 10^3$
$\kappa_d$	fix others	$(1.5^{+5.0}_{-8.0}) \times 10^2$	$[ -9.7, 9.7 ] \times 10^2$
$\kappa_s$	float all	$0^{+33}_{-34}$	$[ -46, 44 ]$
$\kappa_s$	fix others	$11^{+19}_{-42}$	$[ -44, 42 ]$
$\kappa_c$	float all	$0.0^{+2.7}_{-3.0}$	$[ -4.0, 3.4 ]$
$\kappa_c$	fix others	$1.4^{+1.2}_{-4.4}$	$[ -4.0, 3.5 ]$
$\Gamma_H^{\text{BSM}}$ (MeV)	float all	$0.0^{+0.9}_{-0.0}$	$< 1.6$

**$\kappa_b$  fixed**

# Rare decays - $Z/H \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$

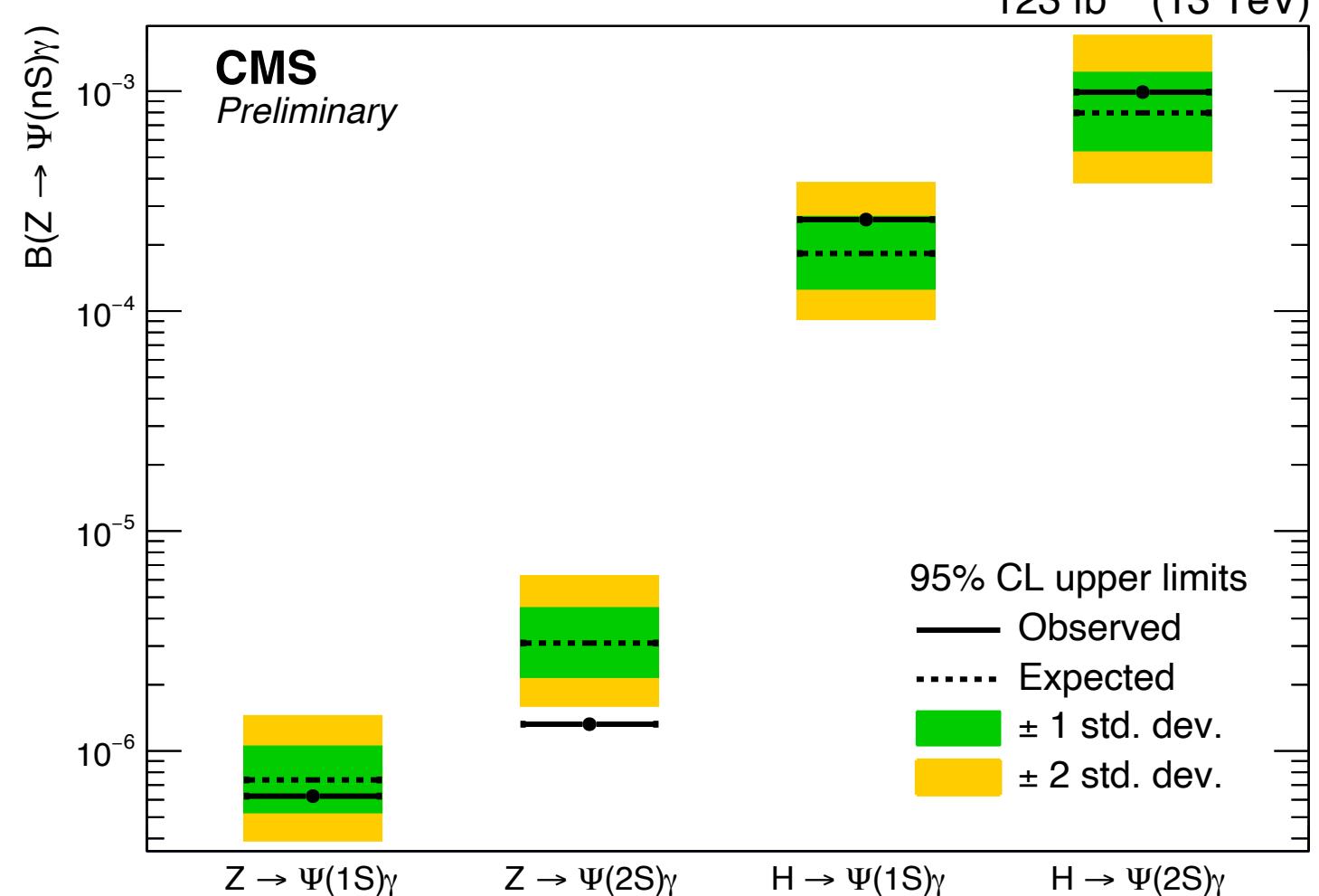
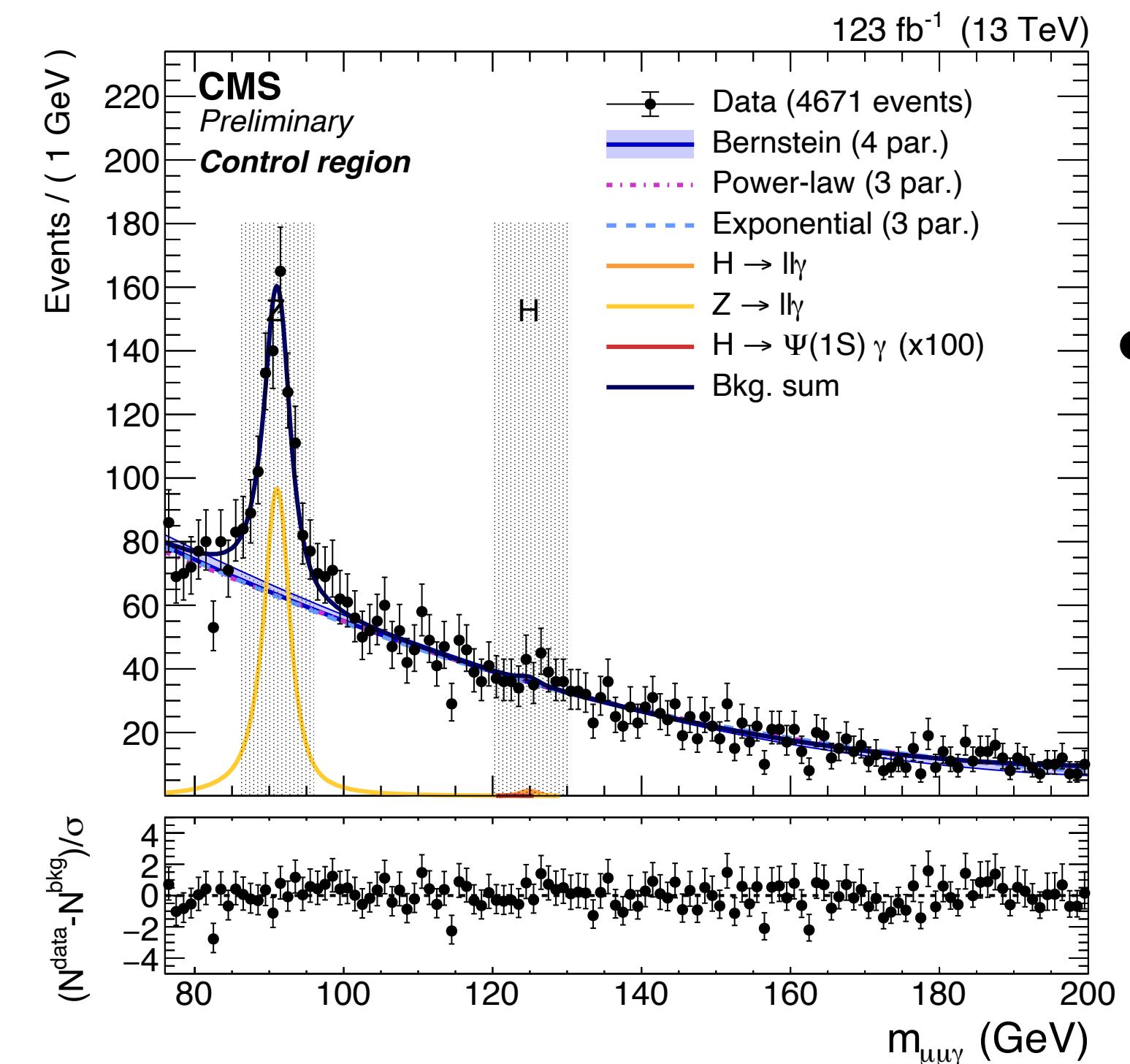
[CMS-SMP-PAS-22-012]

- Higgs decay via c-quark loops to photon + charmonia



- Exploit excellent muon reconstruction of CMS
  - Dimuon + photon final state
- Z boson equivalent ~100 more frequent
- Branching fractions  $< 10^{-6}$

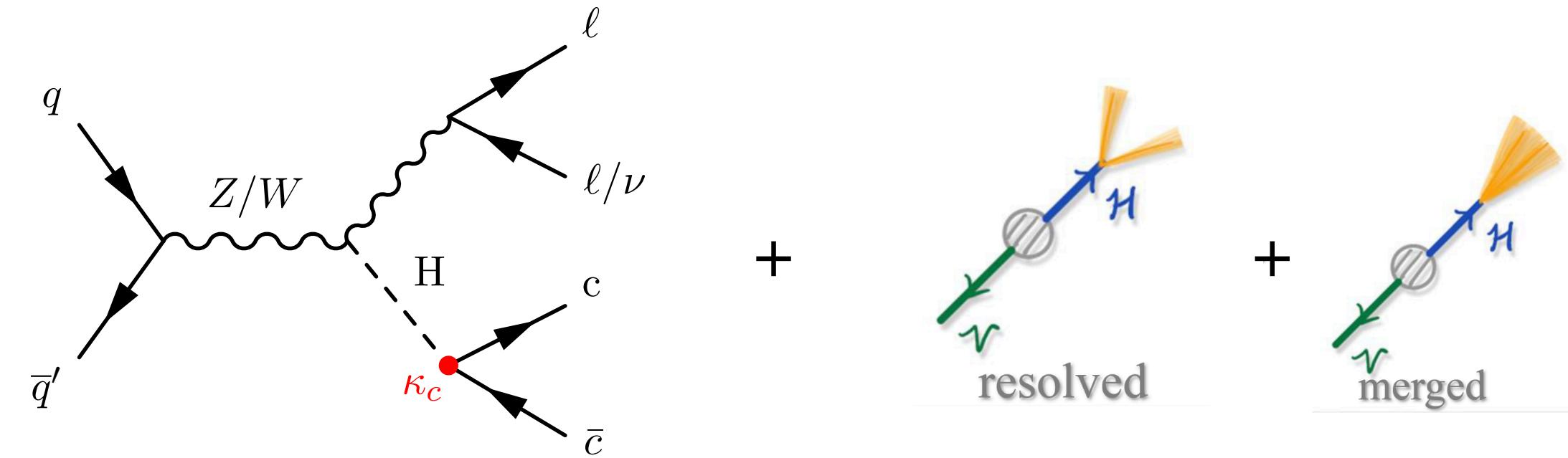
Process	$\mathcal{B}$
$H \rightarrow \Psi(1S)\gamma$	$3.01^{+0.15}_{-0.15} \times 10^{-6}$
$Z \rightarrow \Psi(1S)\gamma$	$8.96^{+1.51}_{-1.38} \times 10^{-8}$
$H \rightarrow \Psi(2S)\gamma$	$1.03^{+0.06}_{-0.06} \times 10^{-6}$
$Z \rightarrow \Psi(2S)\gamma$	$4.83^{+1.02}_{-0.91} \times 10^{-8}$
$\Psi(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$5.961^{+0.033}_{-0.033} \times 10^{-2}$
$\Psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$8.0^{+0.6}_{-0.6} \times 10^{-3}$



- Fit to VBF, ggH, HF (ttH+bbH) SRs + CR
- Assuming  $\kappa_\gamma = 1 \rightarrow -166 < \kappa_c < 208$
- More than factor 2 improvement wrt. 2016 search

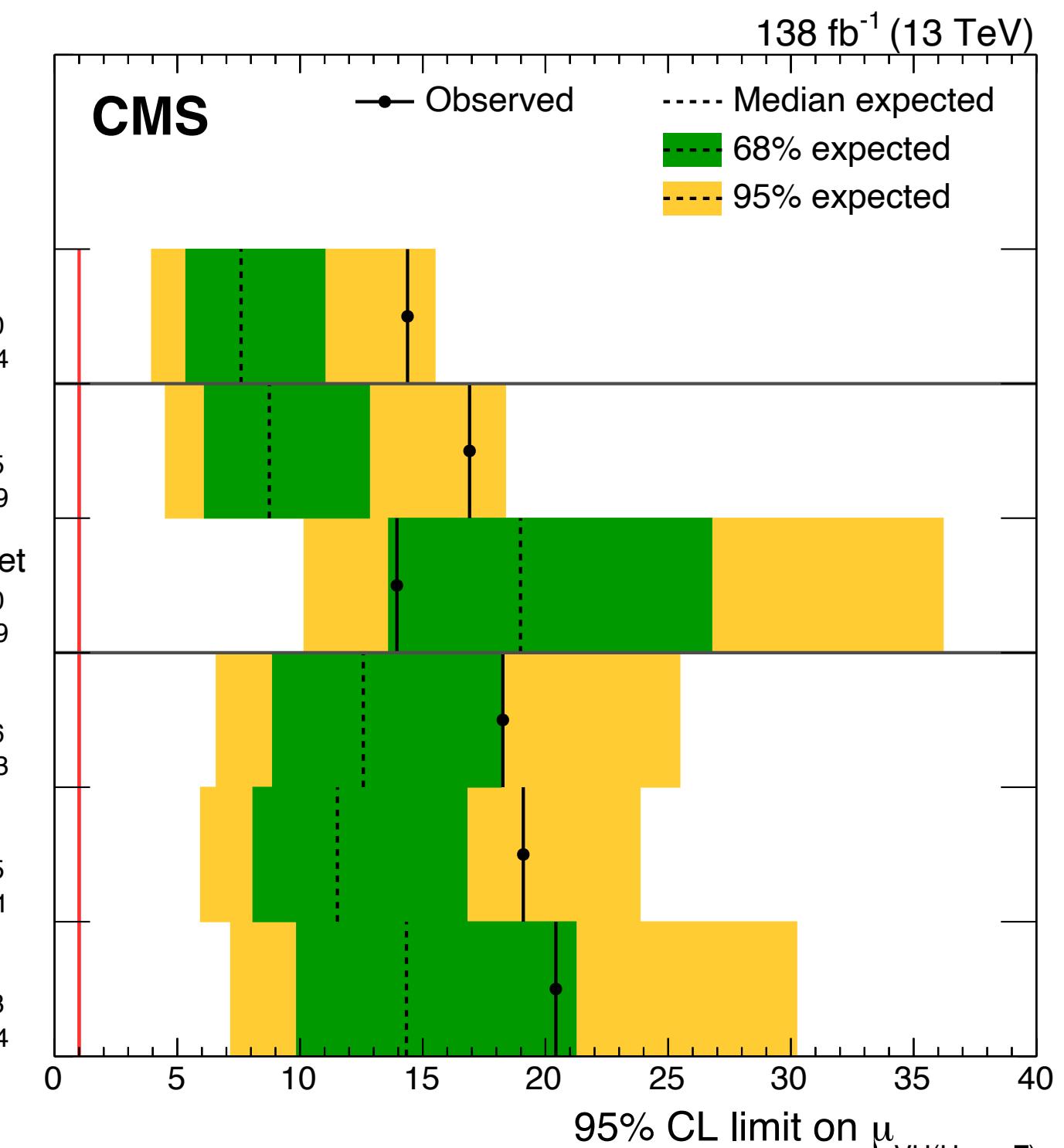
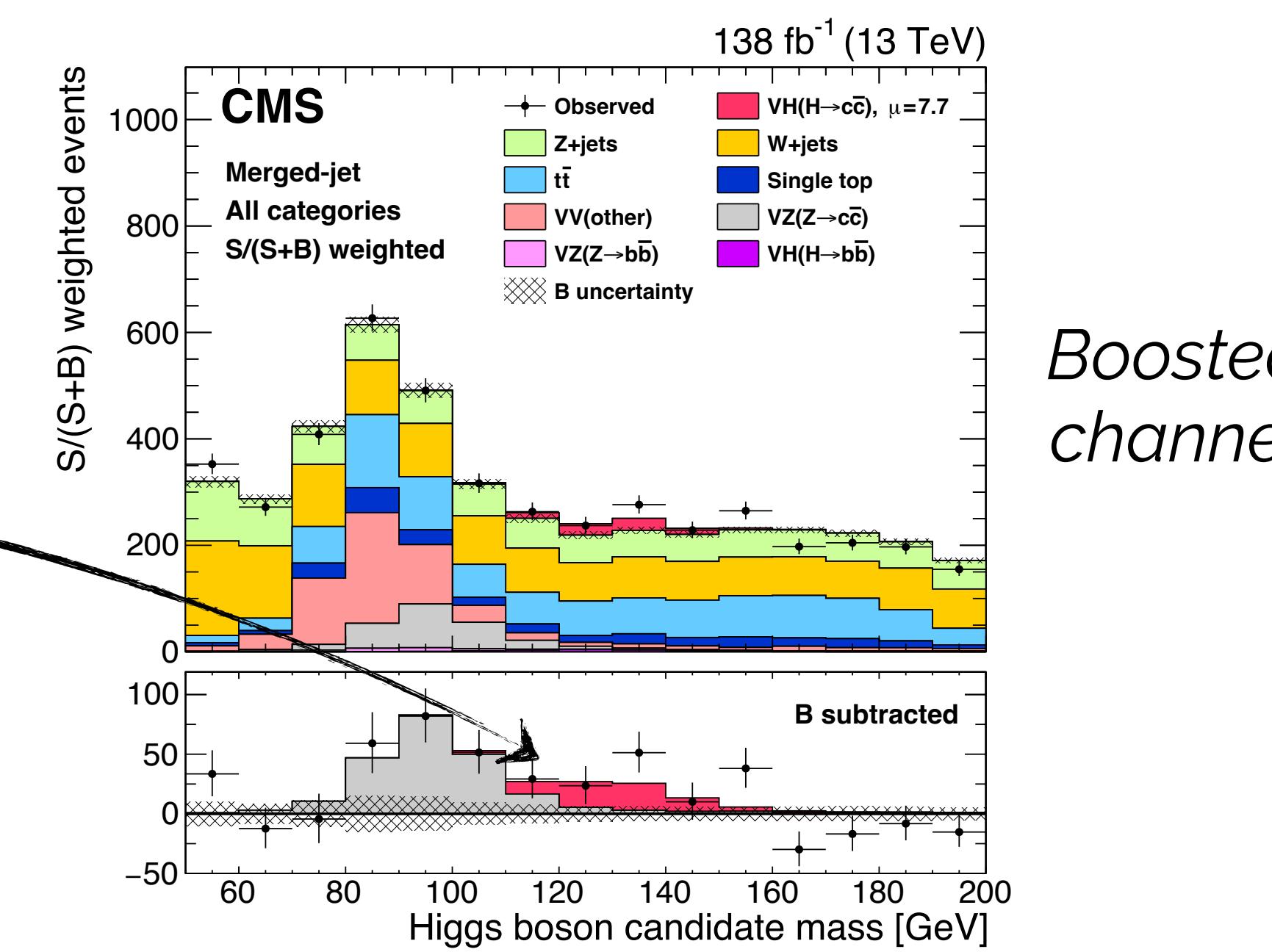
# "The golden channel": VH( $\rightarrow$ cc)

- Direct measurements require (ideally):
  - Sharp mass peak
  - Suppressed and well understood background
- Learn from history of VH(bb) measurements



- 0L, 1L, and 2L categories ( $Z \rightarrow vv$ ,  $W \rightarrow lv$ ,  $Z \rightarrow ll$ )
- "Resolved" and "boosted" channels (transition at  $p_T$  300 GeV)
- Exploit  $Z \rightarrow cc$  SM candle: First observation at hadron colliders with  $5.7\sigma$
- Observed (expected) upper limit on VH(cc) signal:  $\mu < 14$  (7.6)
- If we assume all other couplings to have SM values:
  - **Strongest direct constraints to date**

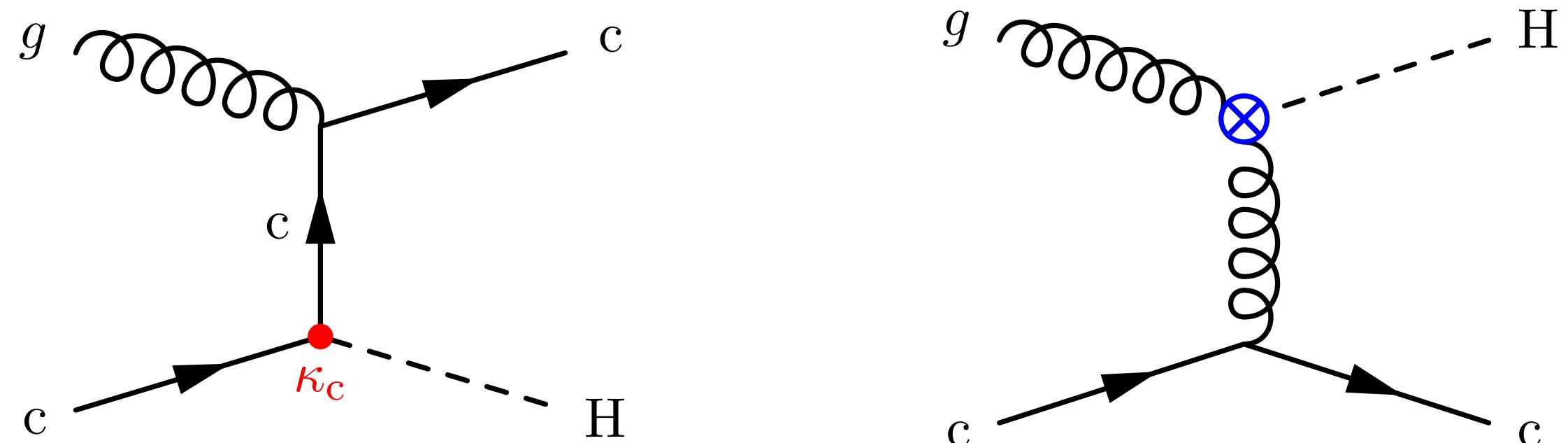
$$1.1 < \kappa_c < 5.5$$



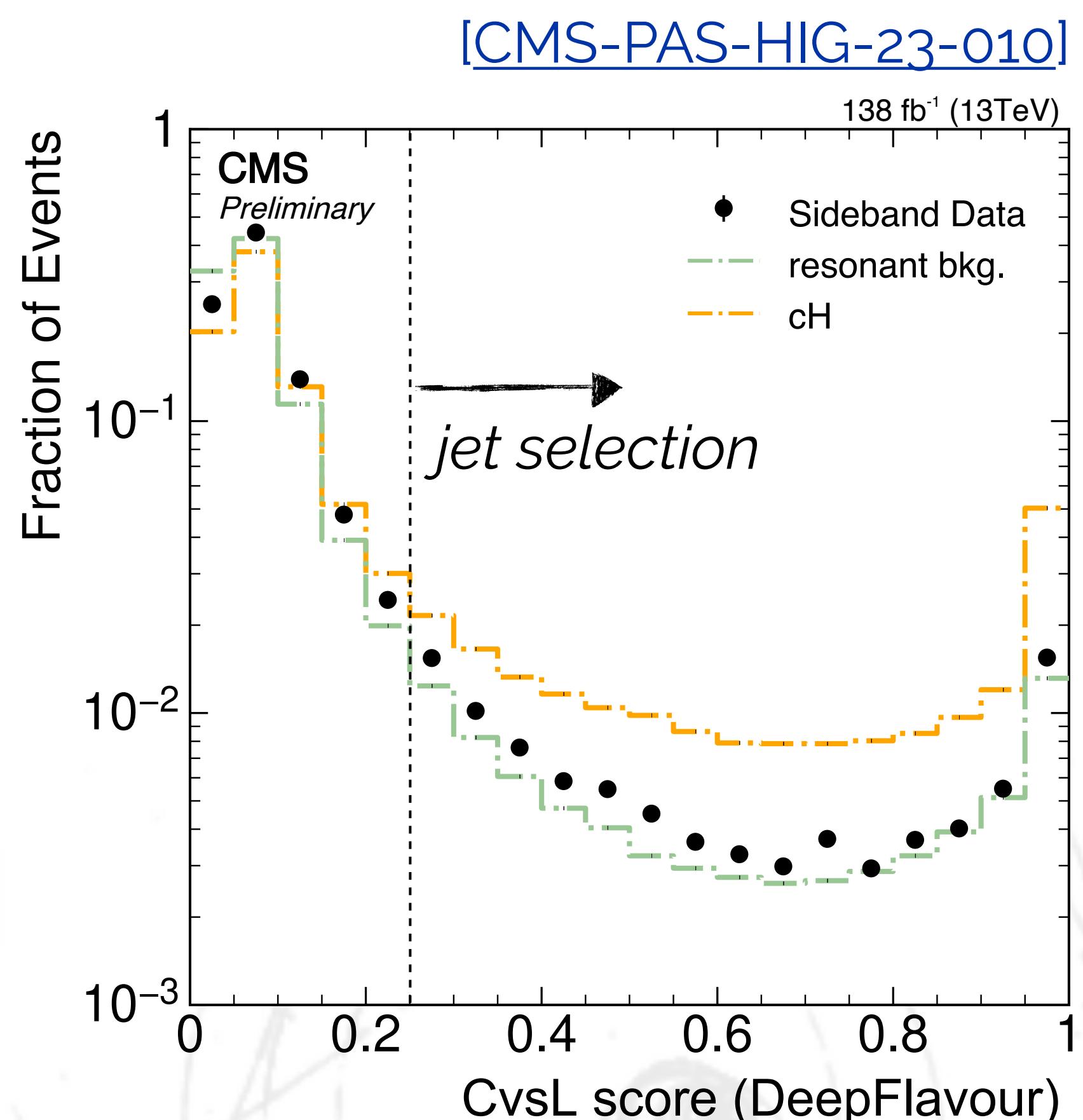
# H+c associated production

Motivation from [arXiv:1507.02916](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.02916)

- Clear advantage: Use any Higgs decay, ideally with low background



- However: signal-**sensitive** cross section  $\sim 90 \text{ fb}$
- Very difficult background: ggH and **insensitive** H+c production
- Use the high-purity final state with two photons
  - Base on the “standard”  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  strategy and knowledge
  - In the analysis selection:  $\sim 0.06$  expected signal events (22500 bkg)
- Also here: charm-tagging is a crucial ingredient

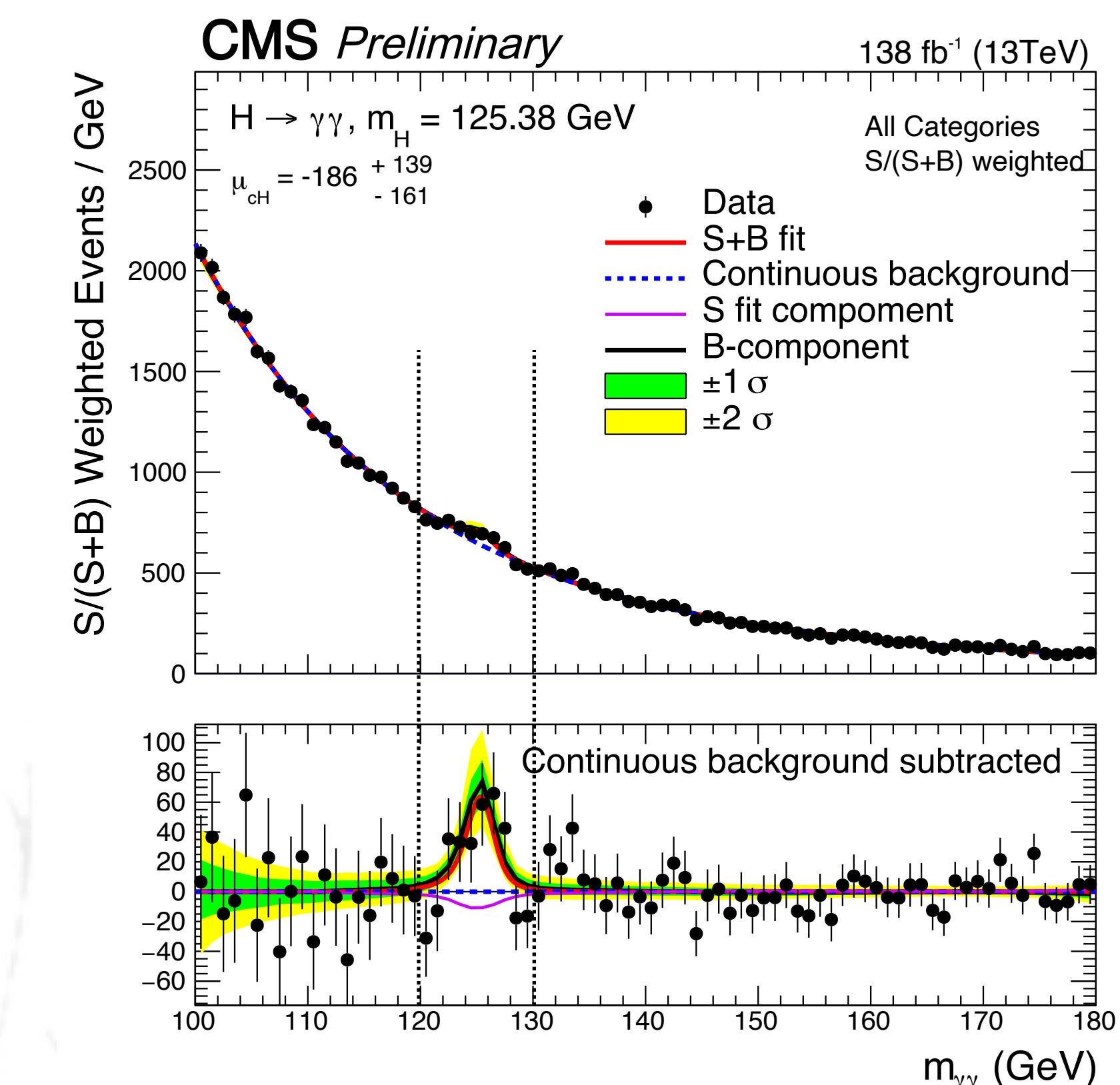
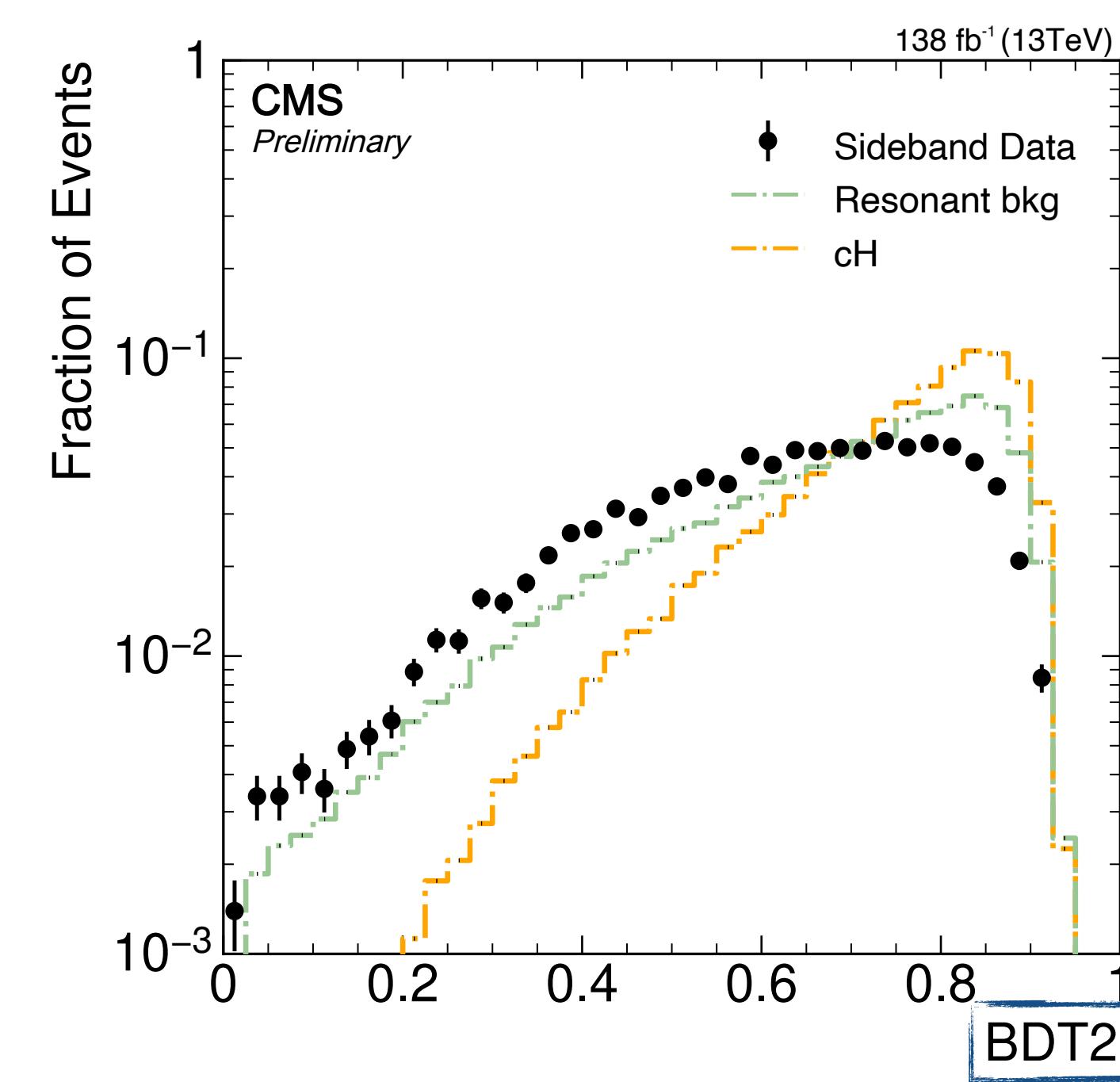
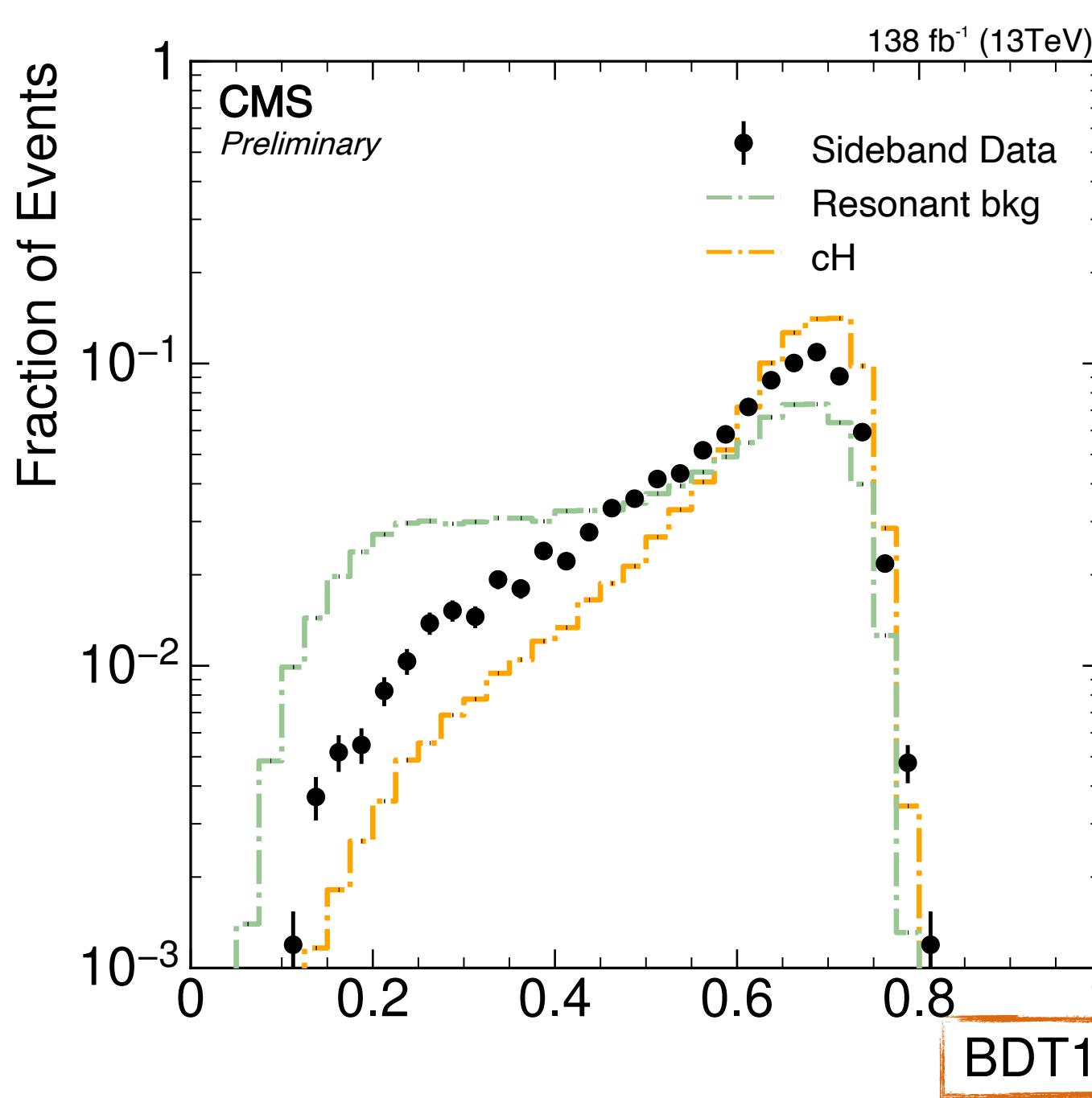


See also Tiziano Bevilacqua's [talk](#)

# H+c associated production

- Diphoton event selection + charm-tagged additional jet
- Employ two BDTs to separate ggH (BDT 1) and continuous backgrounds (BDT 2)

[CMS-PAS-HIG-23-010]



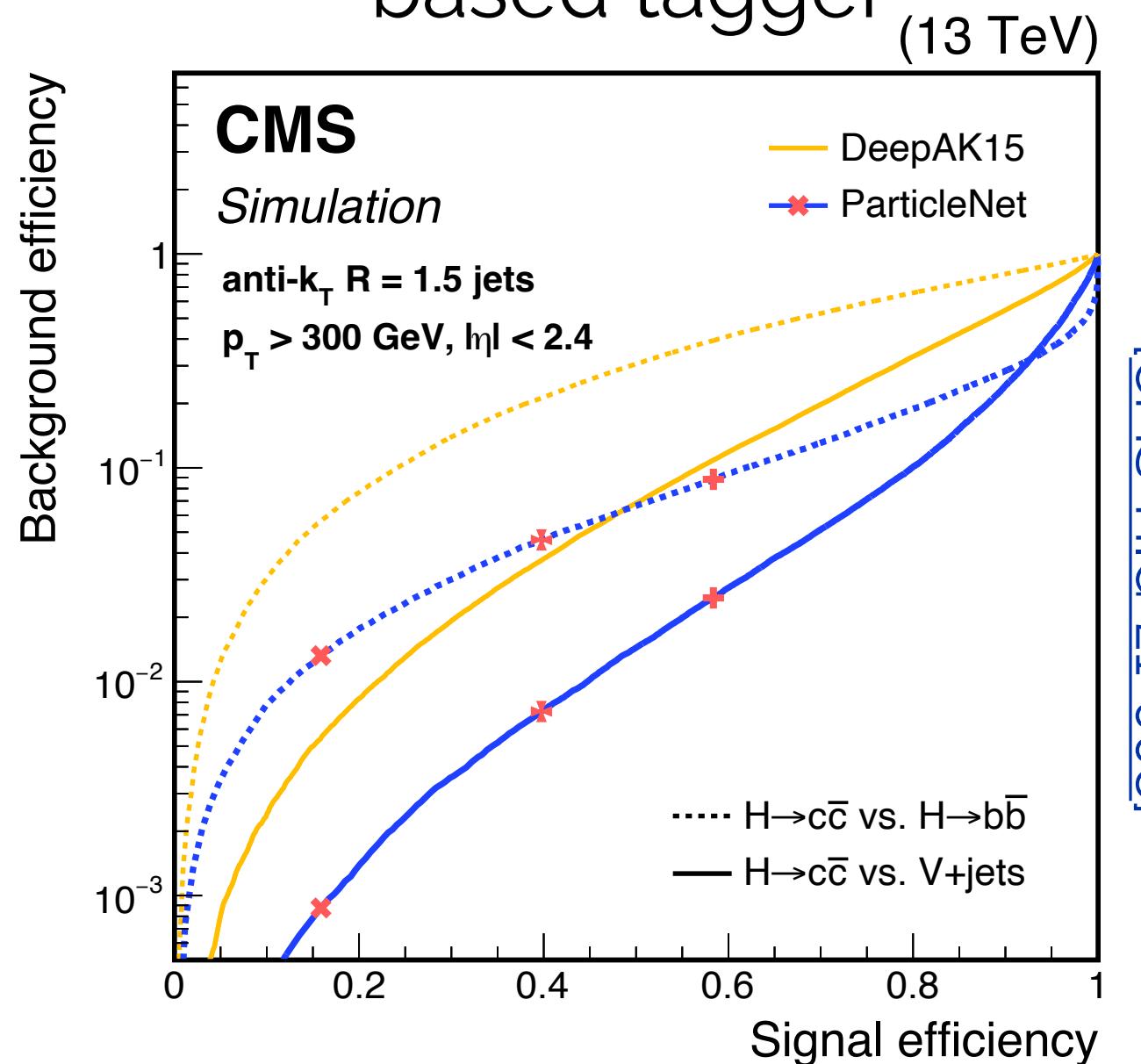
- 2D category optimisation → 9 orthogonal regions (per year)
- Parametric model for resonant backgrounds and signal

| $k_c$ | < 38.1 (72.5) observed (expected)

# Our most important tool: jet flavor tagging

- We have made significant progress in resolved and boosted tagging

From first usage of GNN-based tagger

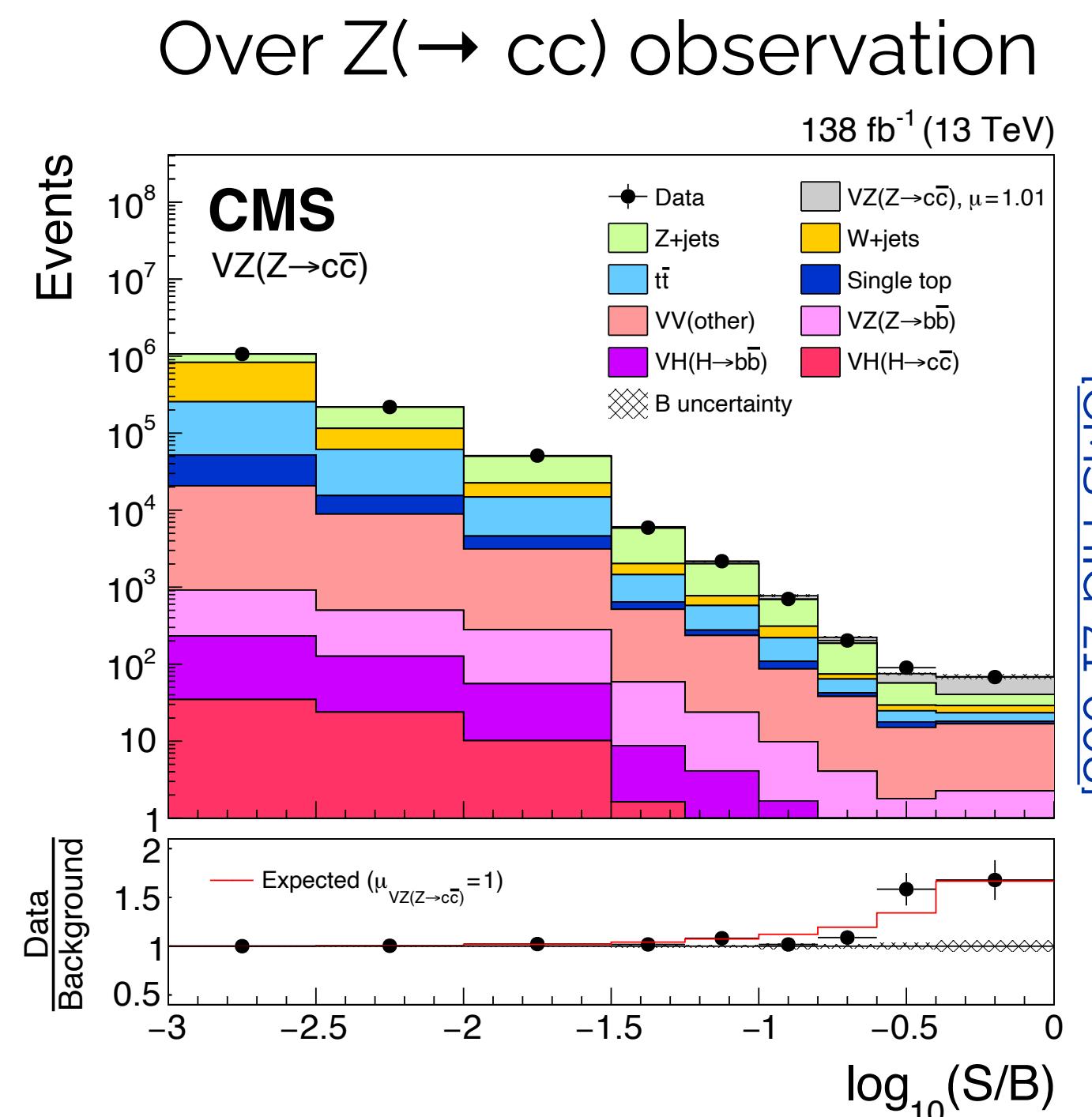


~5X better rejection → ~2x improvement in sensitivity

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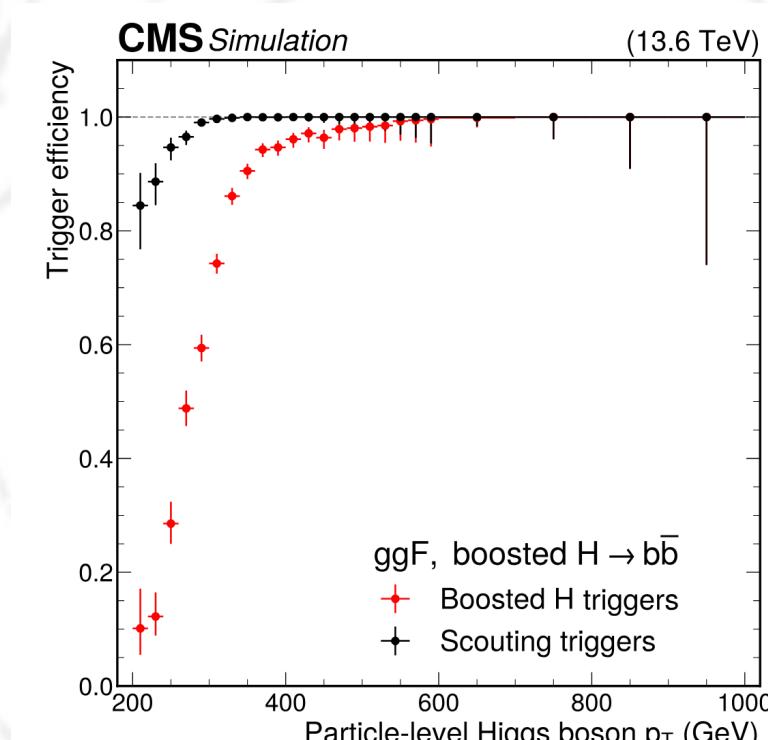
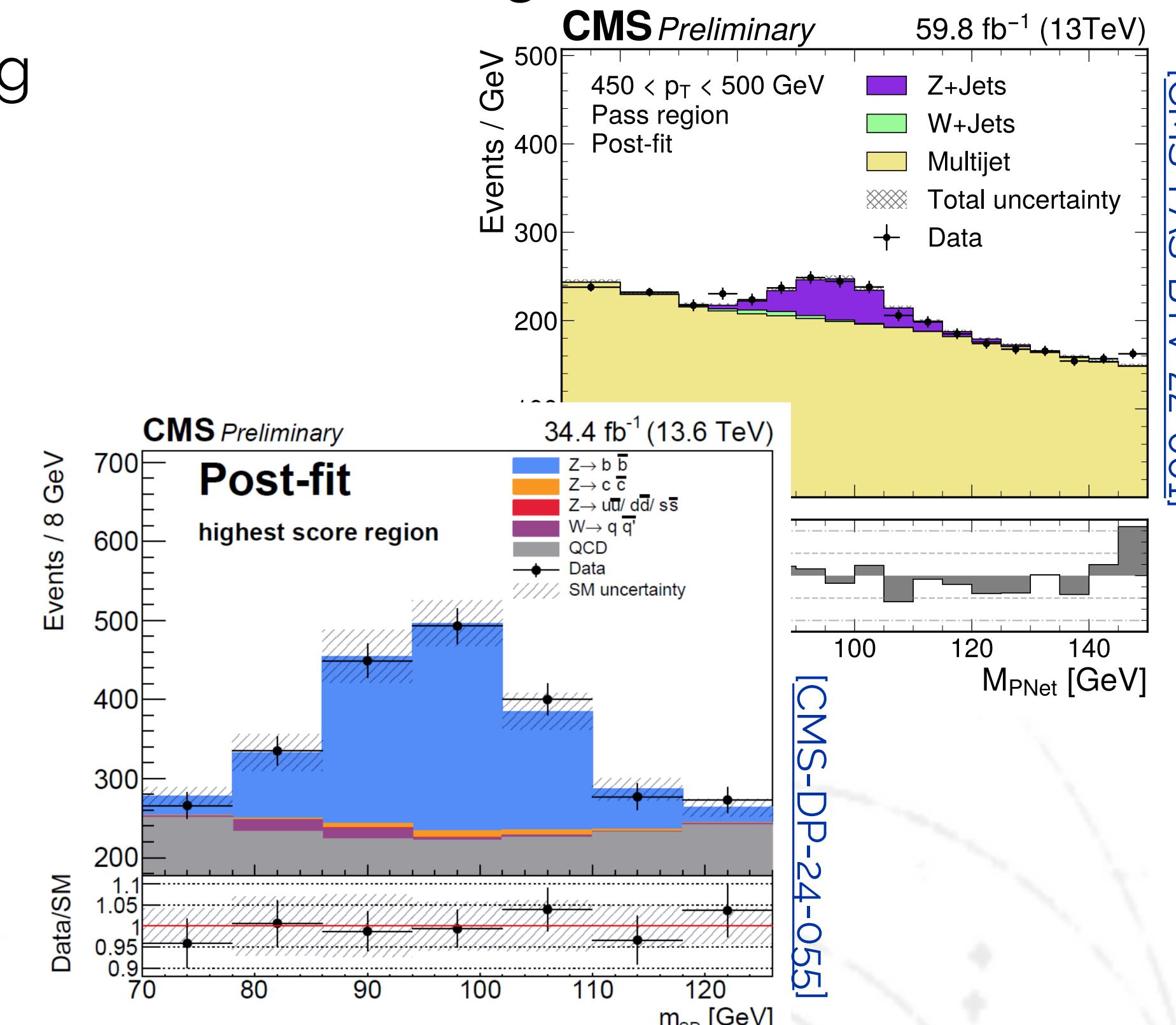
	All classes	$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	
	Accuracy	AUC	$\text{Rej}_{50\%}$	$\text{Rej}_{50\%}$
PFN	0.772	0.9714	2924	841
P-CNN	0.809	0.9789	4890	1276
ParticleNet	0.844	0.9849	7634	2475
<b>ParT</b>	<b>0.861</b>	<b>0.9877</b>	<b>10638</b>	<b>4149</b>
ParT (plain)	0.849	0.9859	9569	2911

Now moving to transformers



And use it for triggers and scouting

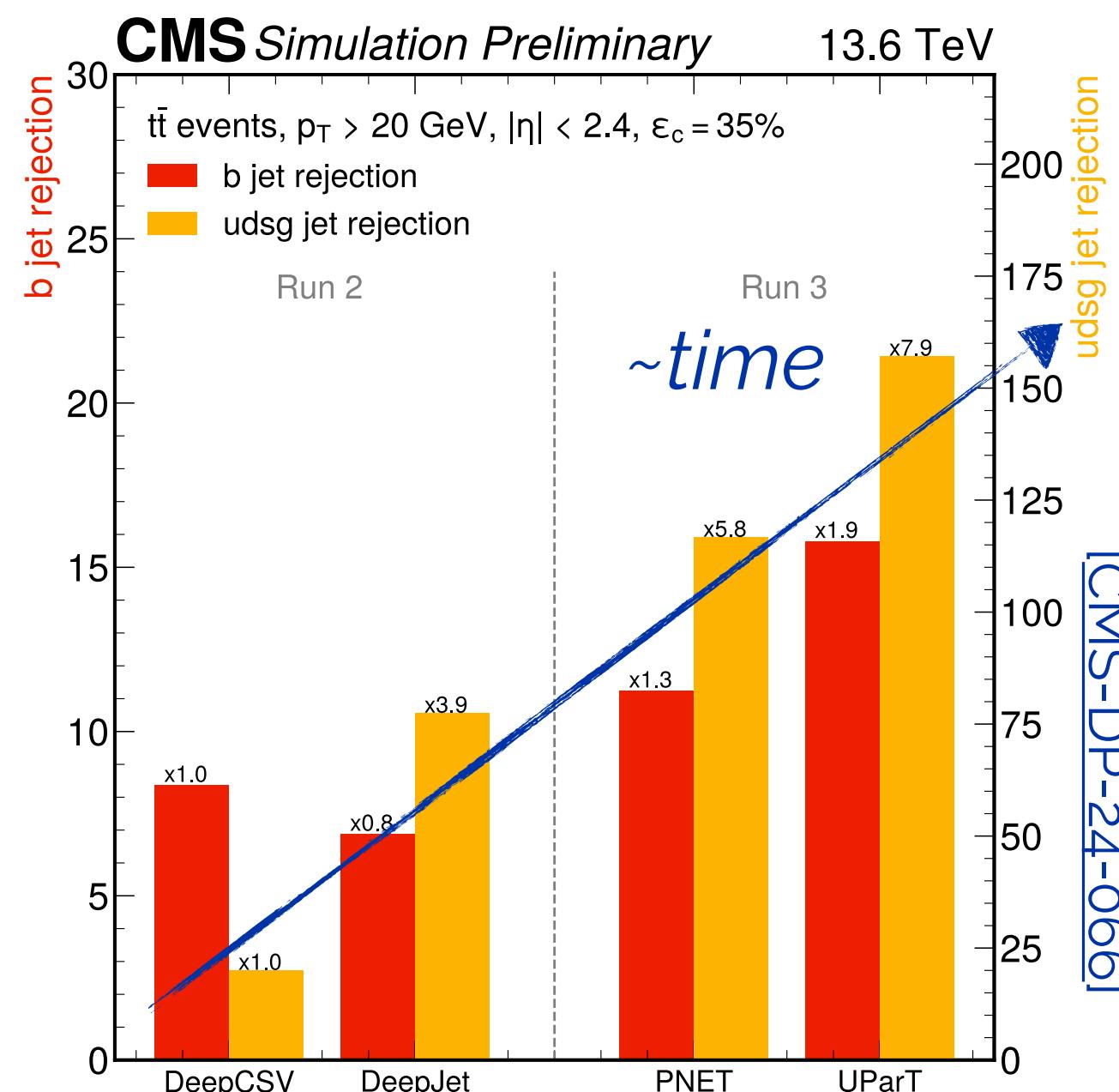
To using it for calibration!



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## Where does this scaling law of taggers lead us?



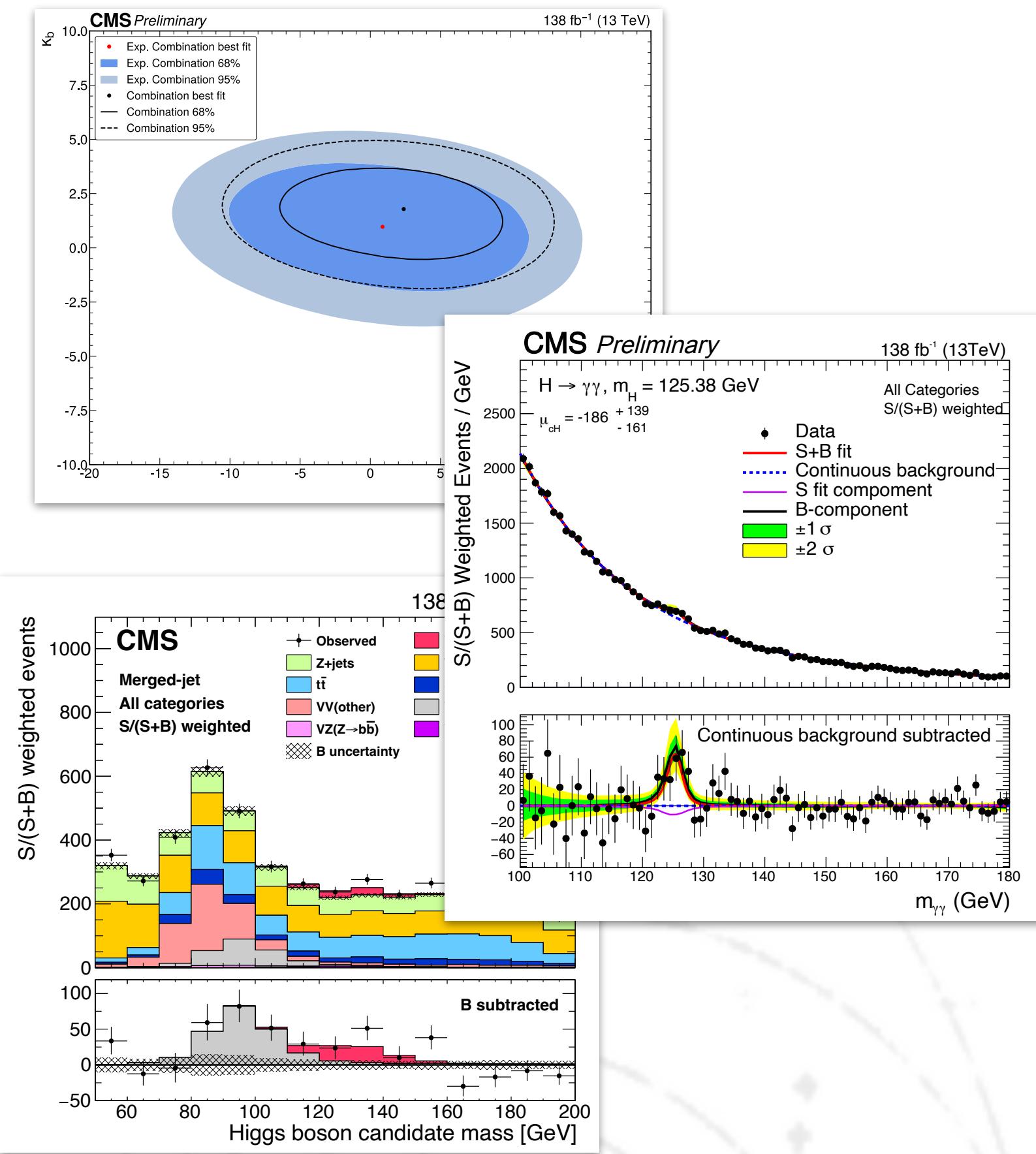
- So far, Run 2 analyses have been performed using DeepCSV/DeepJet
  - We expect a **factor of 2 improvement for c-jets**
  - Plus the progress we are making on calibration
  - Run 2+Run 3 data (factor 3 larger!)

## Back-of-the-envelope estimate

- Assuming factor 3 in luminosity and 2 in c-tagging eff. with same background:
  - VH(cc) resolved: → upper limit of ~8 for  $\mu$
  - H+c (yy): → upper limit of ~144 for  $\mu$
- But backgrounds are also real charm...
- At HL-LHC (3000fb-1):
  - VH(cc): Extrapolation gives  $\sim \mu < 1.6$
  - H+c cross section of ~170fb  
→ 2300 signal events in the yy channel!
    - Higgs discovery 180/750
    - Benefits from soft charm tagging improvements

# Conclusion

- The hunt for  $y_c$  is an exciting and active field
  - Impressive progress in the last years
  - Hand-in-hand with technological improvements and flavour-tagging
- Exploring complementary ways:
  - New indirect probes: Combination of differential measurements
  - Rare decays:  $H \rightarrow J/\Psi + \text{photon}$
  - New avenues:  $H+c$  associated production
- Charming journey ahead:
  - Combination of CMS (and ATLAS) current results
  - Addition of additional candidates?
    - $t\bar{t}H(cc)$ , VBF,  $H+c \rightarrow ZZ, WW, \tau\tau$
    - Hadronic channels (data parking & scouting)



*Thank you very much for your attention!*

# *Backup*



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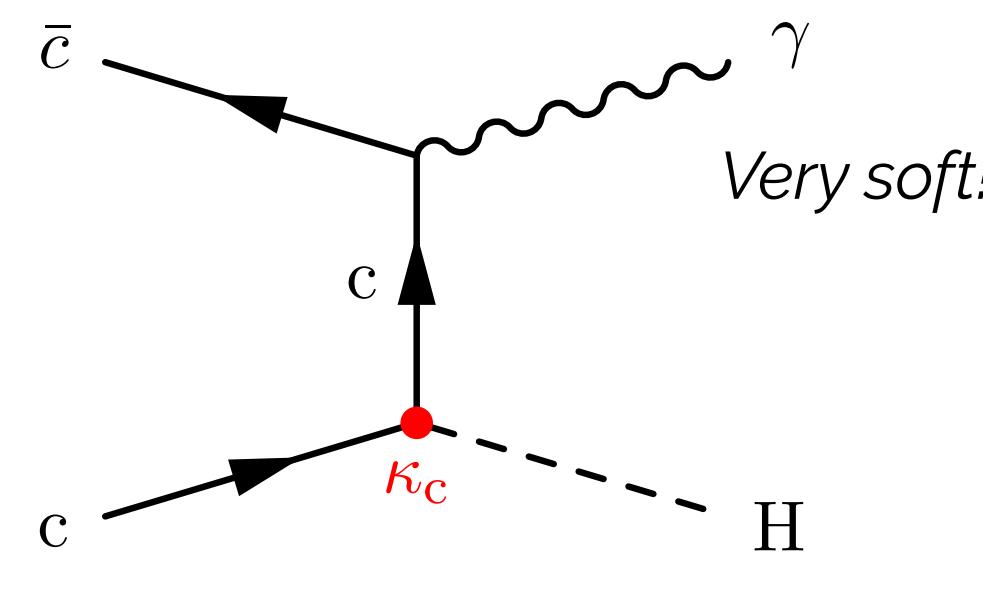
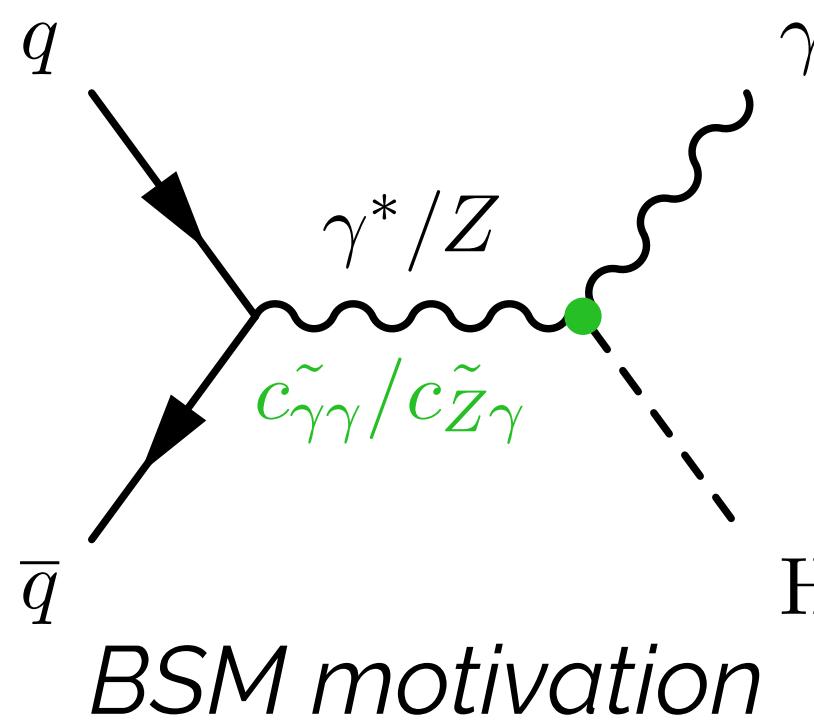
$p_T^H$ [GeV]	Best fit (fb)
$\sigma_{0-5}$	$2.86^{+0.49}_{-0.58}$ (syst.) $^{+1.75}_{-1.95}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{5-10}$	$8.73^{+0.89}_{-0.54}$ (syst.) $^{+2.90}_{-3.13}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{10-15}$	$1.28^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$ (syst.) $^{+0.26}_{-0.25}$ (stat.) $\times 10^3$
$\sigma_{15-20}$	$1.12^{+0.06}_{-0.08}$ (syst.) $^{+0.26}_{-0.24}$ (stat.) $\times 10^3$
$\sigma_{20-25}$	$4.16^{+0.56}_{-0.00}$ (syst.) $^{+2.14}_{-2.19}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{25-30}$	$8.13^{+0.25}_{-0.43}$ (syst.) $^{+2.14}_{-2.11}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{30-35}$	$5.14^{+0.52}_{-0.32}$ (syst.) $^{+1.74}_{-1.68}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{35-45}$	$5.85^{+0.23}_{-0.24}$ (syst.) $^{+1.28}_{-1.29}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{45-60}$	$2.71^{+0.26}_{-0.16}$ (syst.) $^{+0.62}_{-0.59}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{60-80}$	$2.88^{+0.17}_{-0.13}$ (syst.) $^{+0.46}_{-0.45}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{80-100}$	$2.37^{+0.18}_{-0.14}$ (syst.) $^{+0.36}_{-0.35}$ (stat.) $\times 10^2$
$\sigma_{100-120}$	$6.16^{+0.00}_{-0.83}$ (syst.) $^{+2.97}_{-2.65}$ (stat.) $\times 10^1$
$\sigma_{120-140}$	$9.07^{+0.86}_{-0.66}$ (syst.) $^{+1.73}_{-1.70}$ (stat.) $\times 10^1$
$\sigma_{140-170}$	$5.31^{+0.50}_{-0.37}$ (syst.) $^{+1.08}_{-1.06}$ (stat.) $\times 10^1$
$\sigma_{170-200}$	$1.39^{+0.22}_{-0.15}$ (syst.) $^{+0.65}_{-0.63}$ (stat.) $\times 10^1$
$\sigma_{200-250}$	$1.47^{+0.22}_{-0.18}$ (syst.) $^{+0.25}_{-0.24}$ (stat.) $\times 10^1$
$\sigma_{250-350}$	$4.28^{+0.59}_{-0.43}$ (syst.) $^{+1.00}_{-0.97}$ (stat.) $\times 10^0$
$\sigma_{350-450}$	$9.67^{+2.09}_{-1.49}$ (syst.) $^{+3.27}_{-3.08}$ (stat.) $\times 10^{-1}$
$\sigma_{>450}$	$4.37^{+1.19}_{-0.80}$ (syst.) $^{+1.77}_{-1.66}$ (stat.) $\times 10^{-1}$

$p_T^H$ bin boundaries (GeV)	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell$	$H \rightarrow W^+W^{-(*)} \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp \nu_1 \bar{\nu}_1$	$H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$	$H \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ boosted			
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	45 - 60	45 - 60	30 - 45					
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	80 - 100	80 - 120	80 - 120					
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	120 - 140	120 - 200	120 - 200	120 - 200	120 - 140			
	140 - 170				140 - 170			
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	350 - 450				450 - $\infty$			
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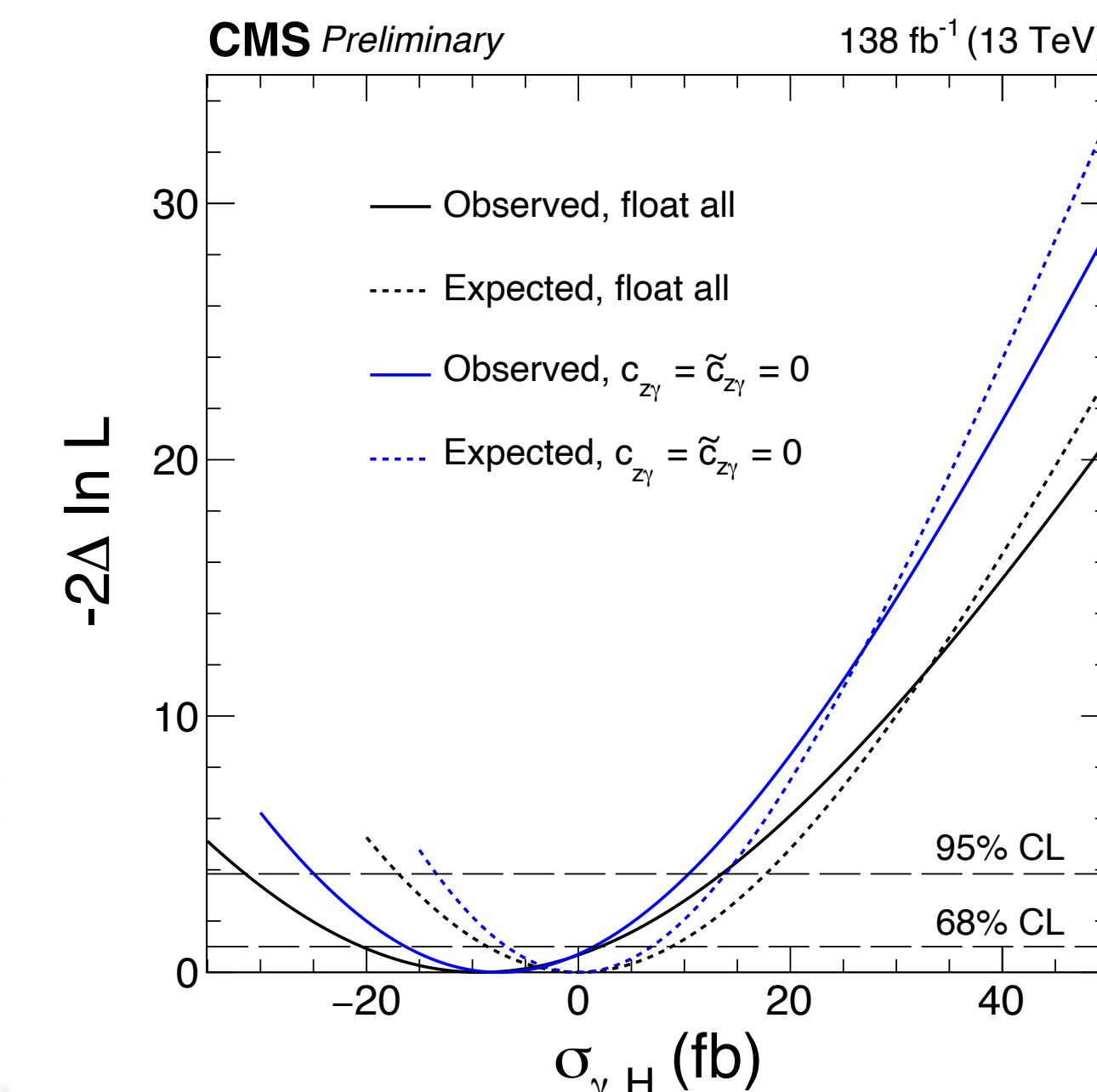
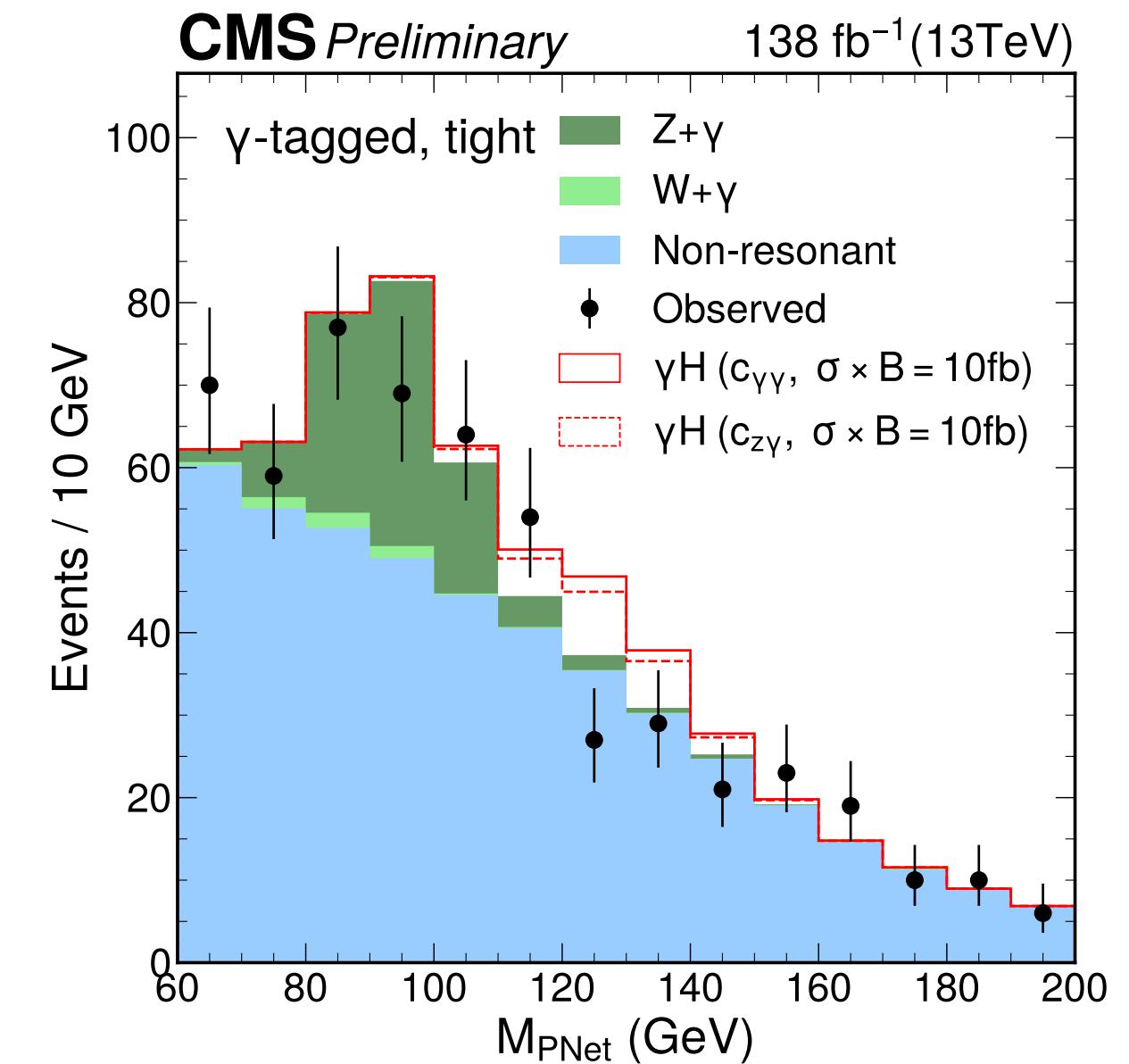
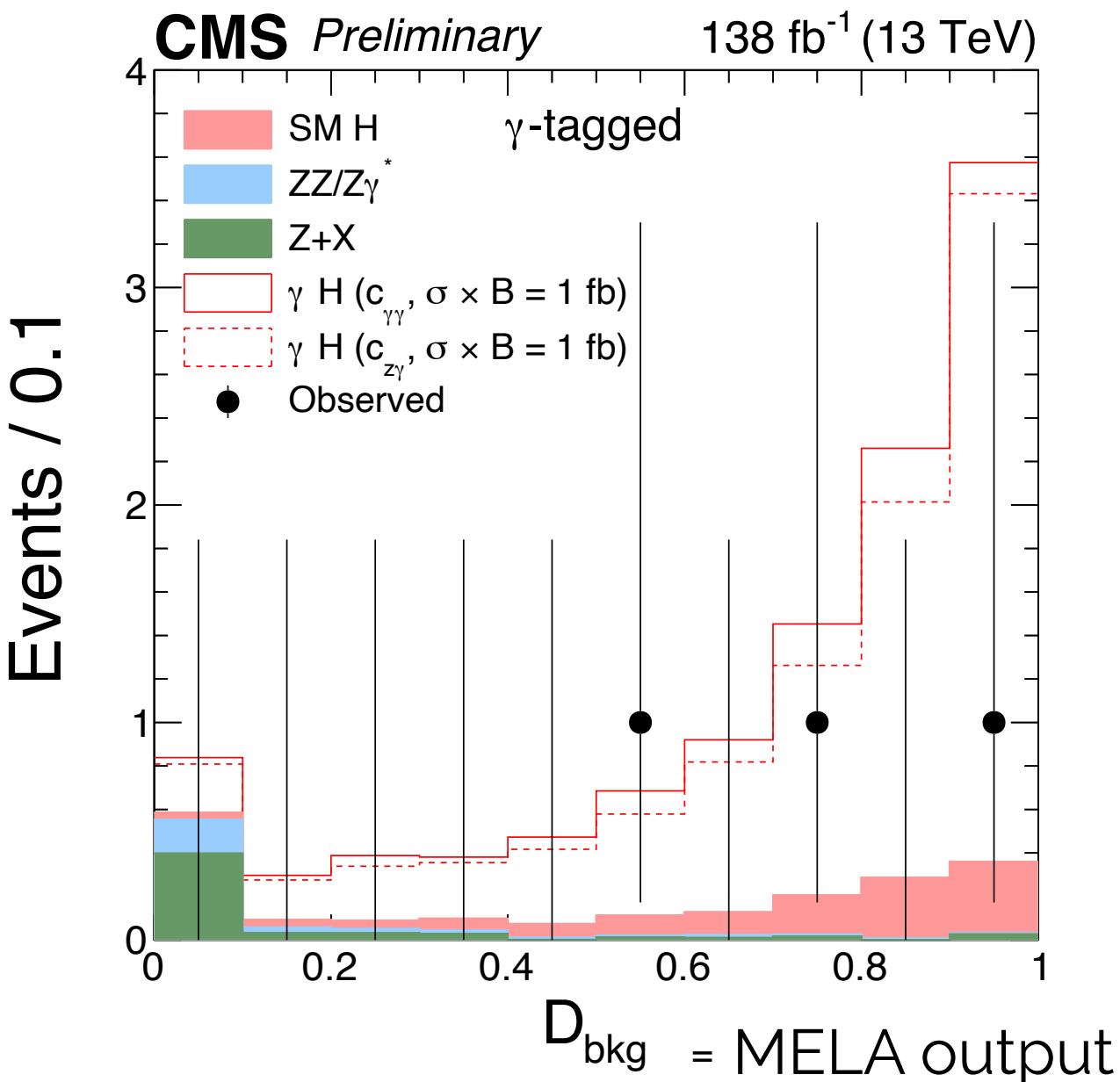
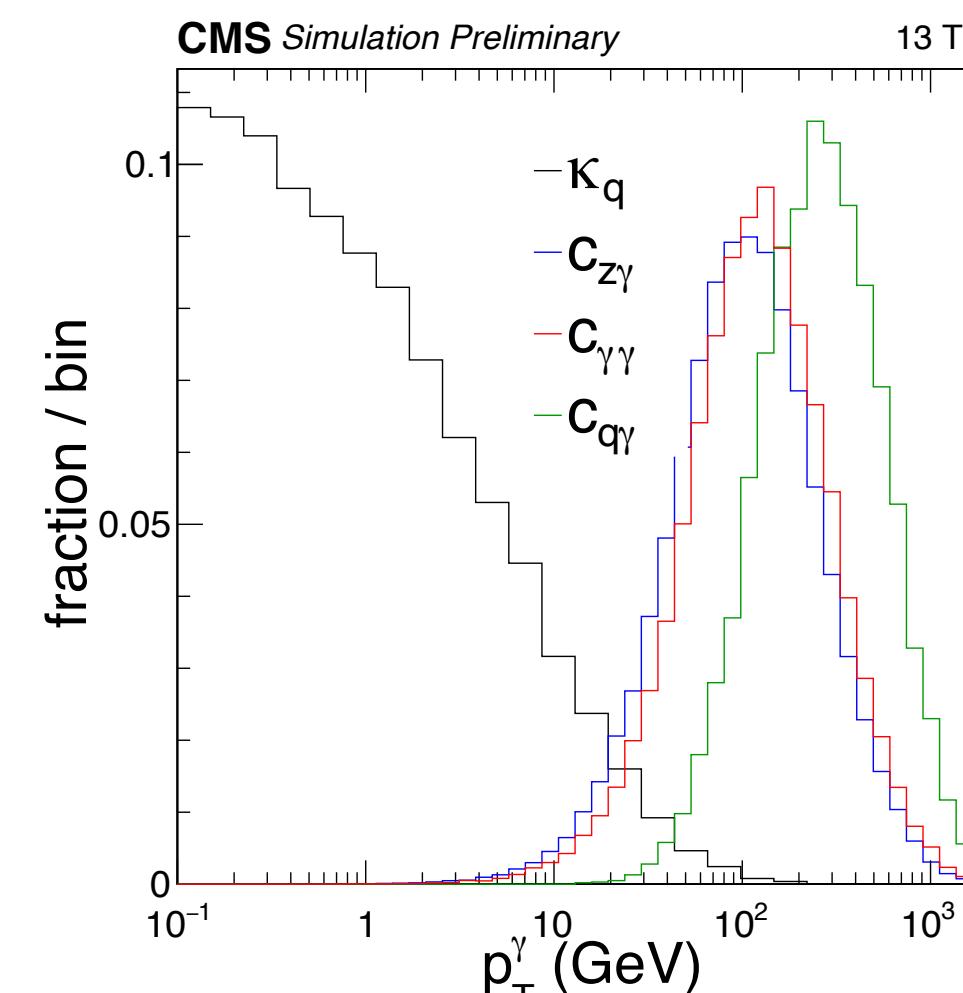
# Indirect probes of $y_c$ - $H \rightarrow 4l + bb$

[CMS-HIG-PAS-23-011]

- Search for  $H\gamma$  production w/ focus on boosted topology
  - Simultaneous analysis of  $H \rightarrow bb$  and  $H \rightarrow 4l$  final states



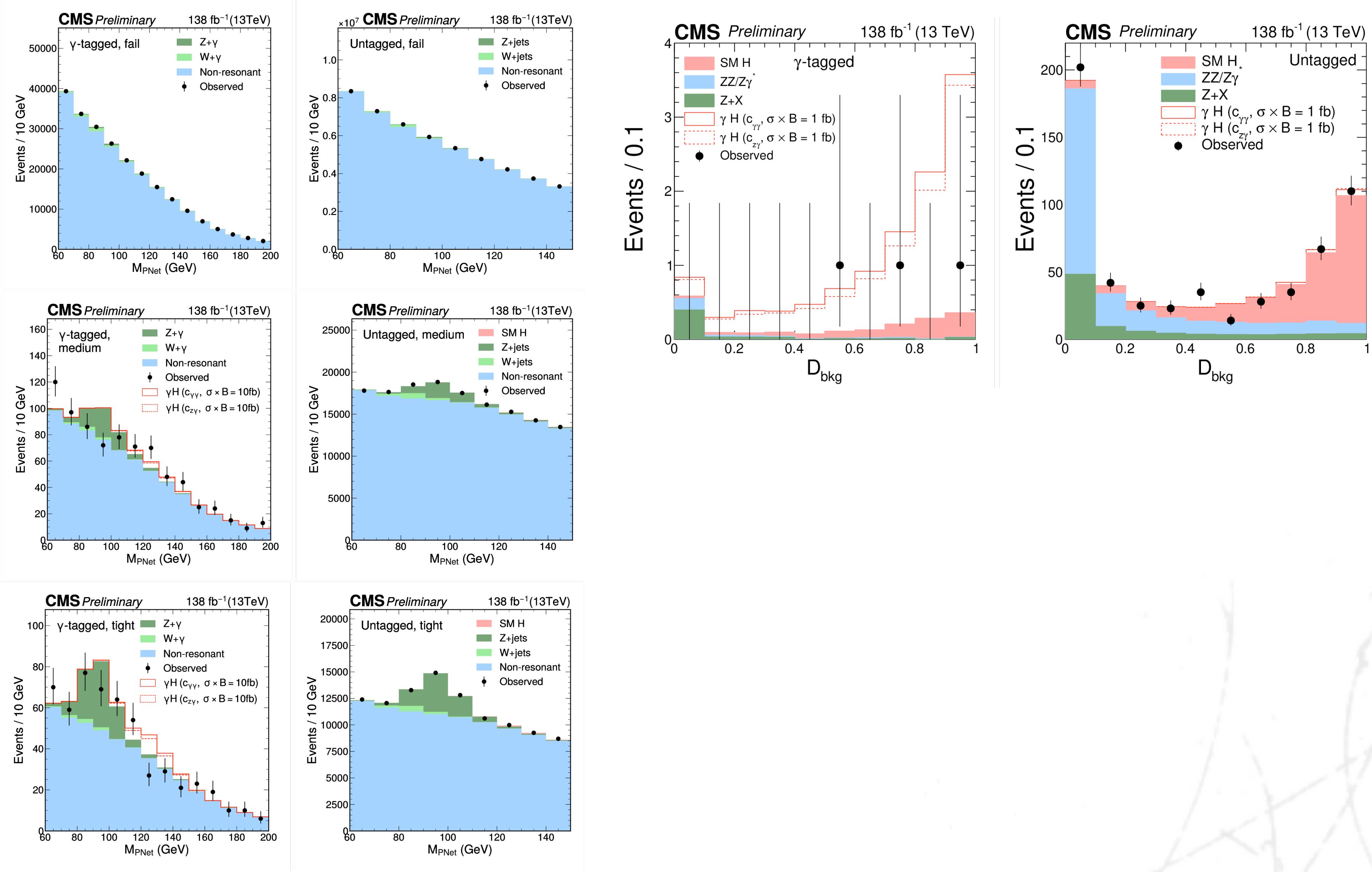
- Dedicated photon (un-)tagged categories w/  $p_T^\gamma > 150$  GeV



*Dominated by bb channel*

# Indirect probes of $\gamma_c$ - $H \rightarrow 4l + bb$

[CMS-HIG-PAS-23-011]

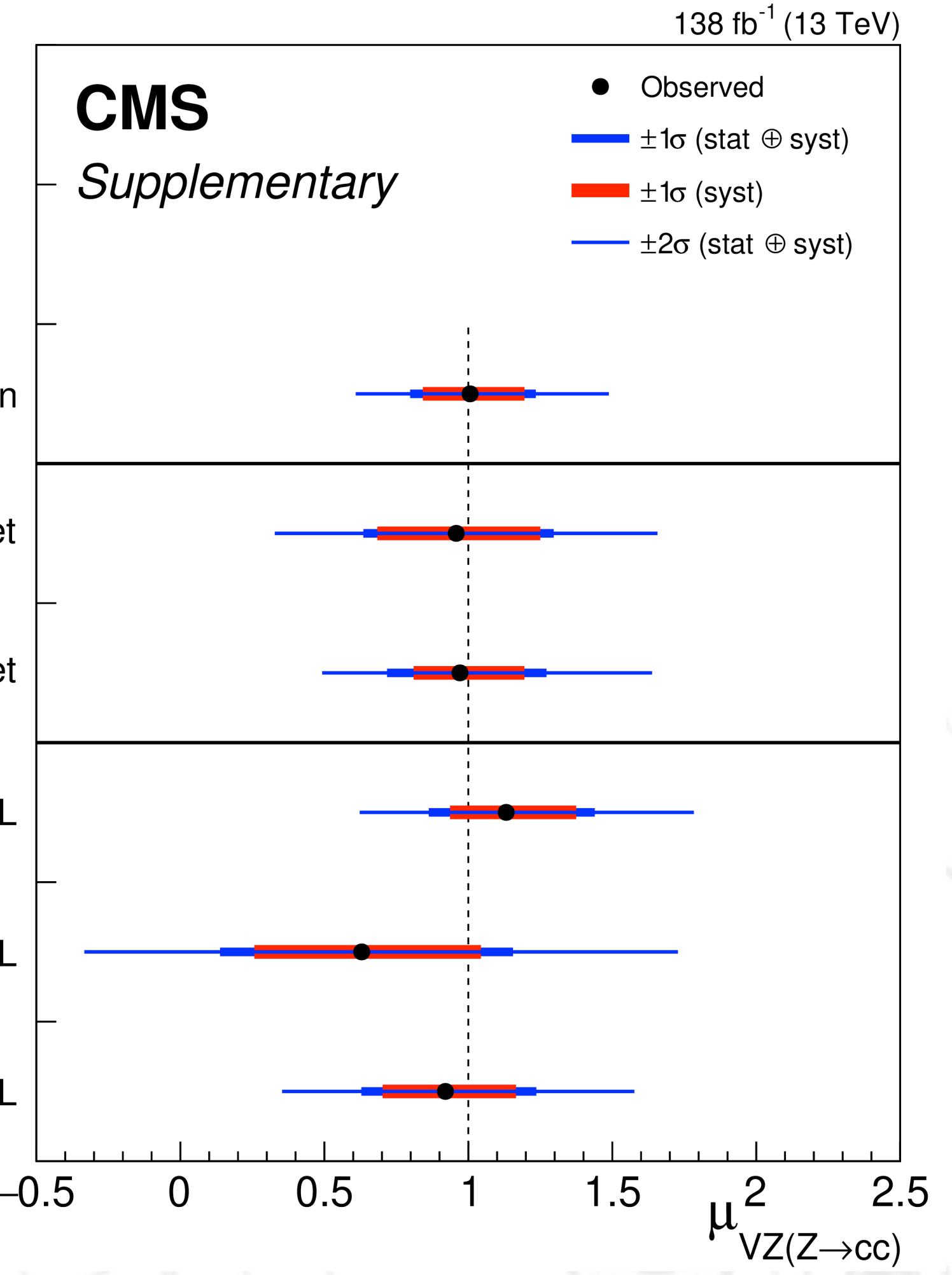
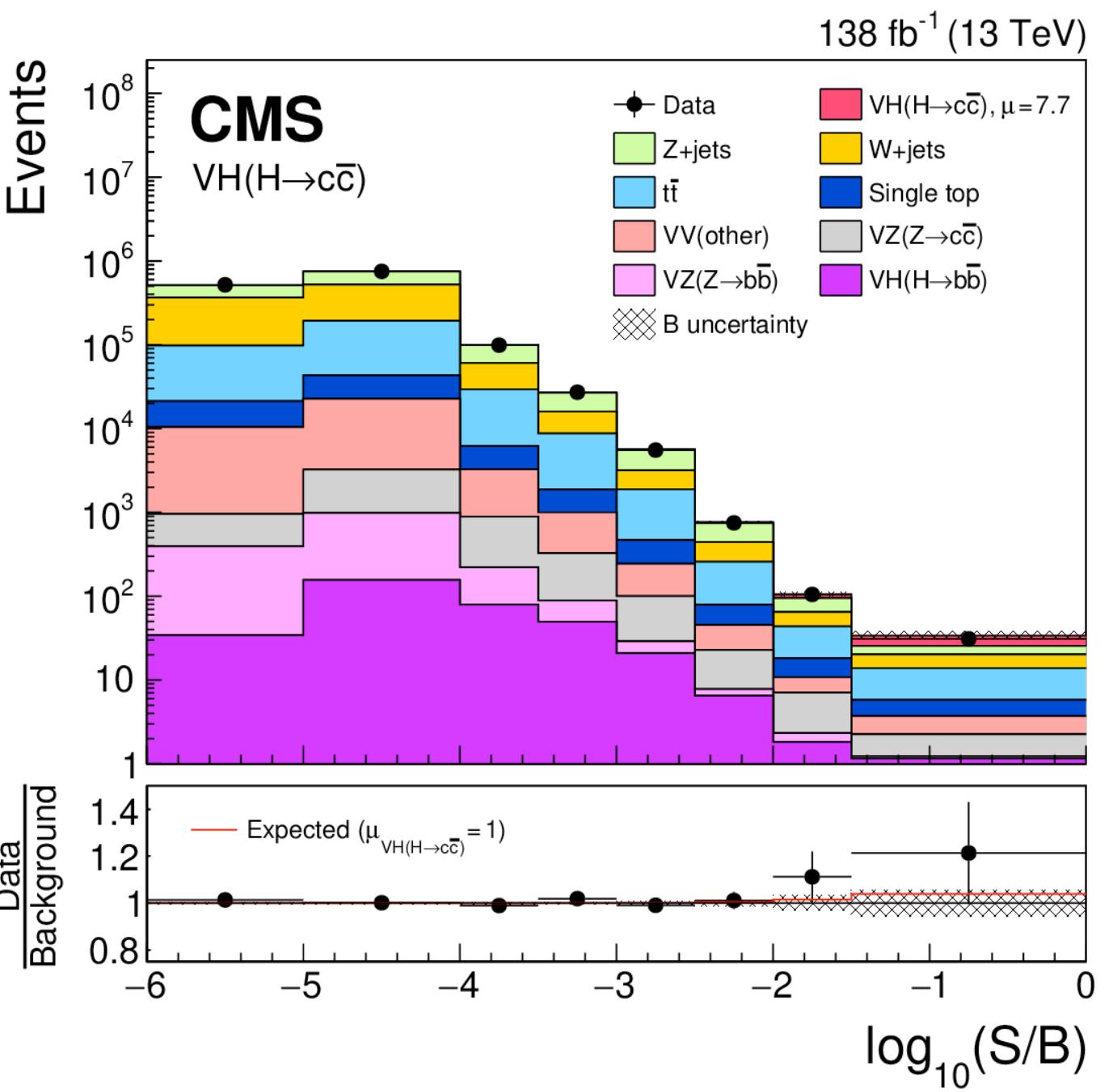
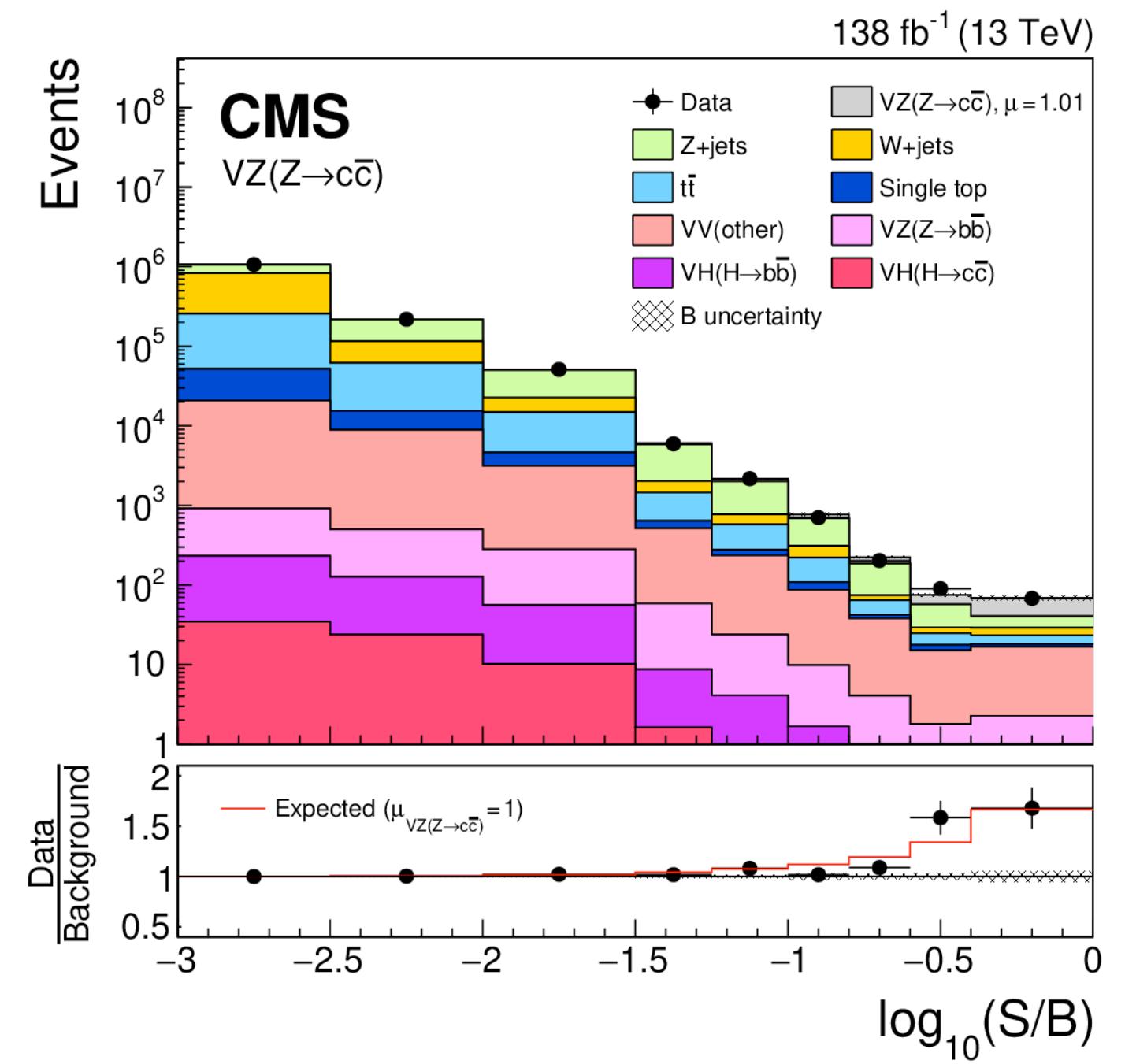


# Rare decays - $Z/H \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$

Source	Backgrounds			Signals
	QCD	$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$	$Z \rightarrow \Psi(nS)\gamma$	$H \rightarrow \Psi(nS)\gamma$
Integrated luminosity	—	—	1.6%	1.6%
Normalization uncertainties	From data	From CR		
QCD scale	—	—	3.5%	5.6%
PDF	—	—	1.7%	3.2%
Detector simulation, reconstruction	—	—		
Pileup weight	—	—	0.9%	0.8%
Trigger efficiency	—	—	3.5%	3.5%
Trigger timing shift	—	—	0.6%	2.7%
Muon identification/isolation	—	—	2.0%	1.4%
Photon identification	—	—	1.5%	1.5%
Pixel seed veto	—	—	1.0%	1.0%
Jet energy scale (VBF category)	—	—	—	2.9%
Jet energy resolution (VBF category)	—	—	—	1.0%
Jet b tagging (HF category)	—	—	—	5.4%
Background model	Discrete			
Signal model	—	1%	1%	1%
$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ mean (MC stat)	—	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%
$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ width (MC stat)	—	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ mean ( $\mu$ calibration)	—	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ width ( $\mu$ calibration)	—	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%
$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ mean ( $\gamma$ energy)	—	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%
$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ width ( $\gamma$ energy)	—	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%
$m_{\mu\mu\gamma}$ width ( $\gamma$ resolution)	—	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%

# Rare decays - $Z/H \rightarrow J/\Psi + \gamma$

Process	This analysis ( $123 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )			CMS ( $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) [13]	ATLAS ( $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) [15]
	$\mu_{obs}(\mu_{exp})$	$\sigma_{obs}(\sigma_{exp}) [\text{pb}]$	$\mathcal{B}_{obs}(\mathcal{B}_{exp})$	$\mathcal{B}_{obs}(\mathcal{B}_{exp})$	$\mathcal{B}_{obs}(\mathcal{B}_{exp})$
$Z \rightarrow \Psi(1S)\gamma$	$7.2 \left( 8.6^{+4.1}_{-2.7} \right)$	$3.8 \left( 4.4^{+1.9}_{-1.3} \right) \times 10^{-2}$	$0.6 \left( 0.7^{+0.3}_{-0.2} \right) \times 10^{-6}$	$1.5 \left( 1.7^{+0.7}_{-0.5} \right) \times 10^{-6}$	$1.2 \left( 0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.2} \right) \times 10^{-6}$
$Z \rightarrow \Psi(2S)\gamma$	$29 \left( 68^{+36}_{-22} \right)$	$8 \left( 19^{+8}_{-6} \right) \times 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \left( 3.1^{+1.4}_{-0.9} \right) \times 10^{-6}$	—	$2.3 \left( 2.9^{+1.3}_{-0.8} \right) \times 10^{-6}$
$H \rightarrow \Psi(1S)\gamma$	$88 \left( 62^{+30}_{-19} \right)$	$1.4 \left( 1.0^{+0.5}_{-0.3} \right) \times 10^{-2}$	$2.6 \left( 1.8^{+0.9}_{-0.6} \right) \times 10^{-4}$	$7.6 \left( 5.2^{+2.4}_{-1.6} \right) \times 10^{-4}$	$2.1 \left( 1.9^{+0.8}_{-0.5} \right) \times 10^{-4}$
$H \rightarrow \Psi(2S)\gamma$	$970 \left( 781^{+417}_{-259} \right)$	$5.5 \left( 4.4^{+2.3}_{-1.5} \right) \times 10^{-2}$	$9.9 \left( 8.0^{+4.2}_{-2.6} \right) \times 10^{-4}$	—	$10.9 \left( 8.5^{+3.8}_{-2.4} \right) \times 10^{-4}$

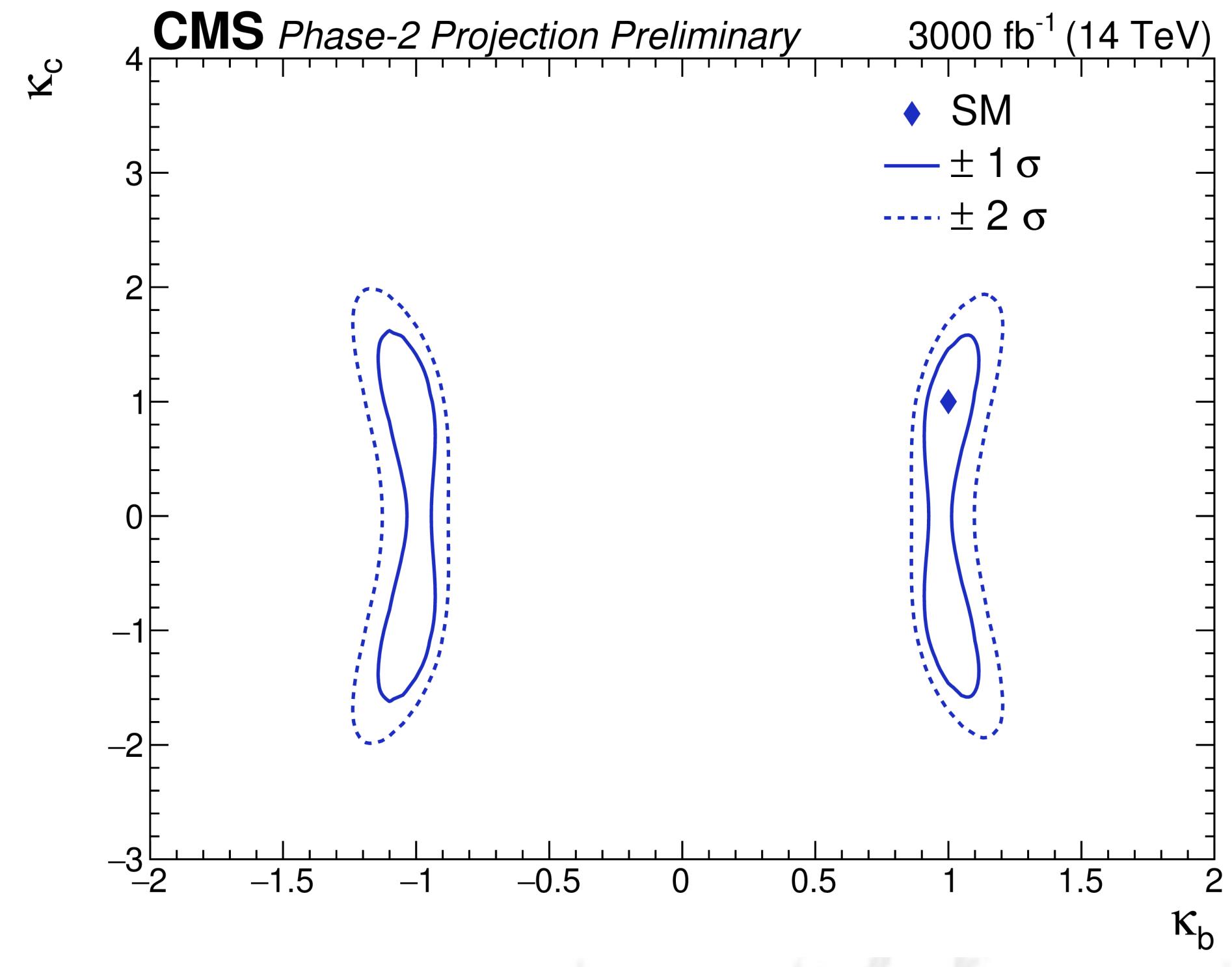
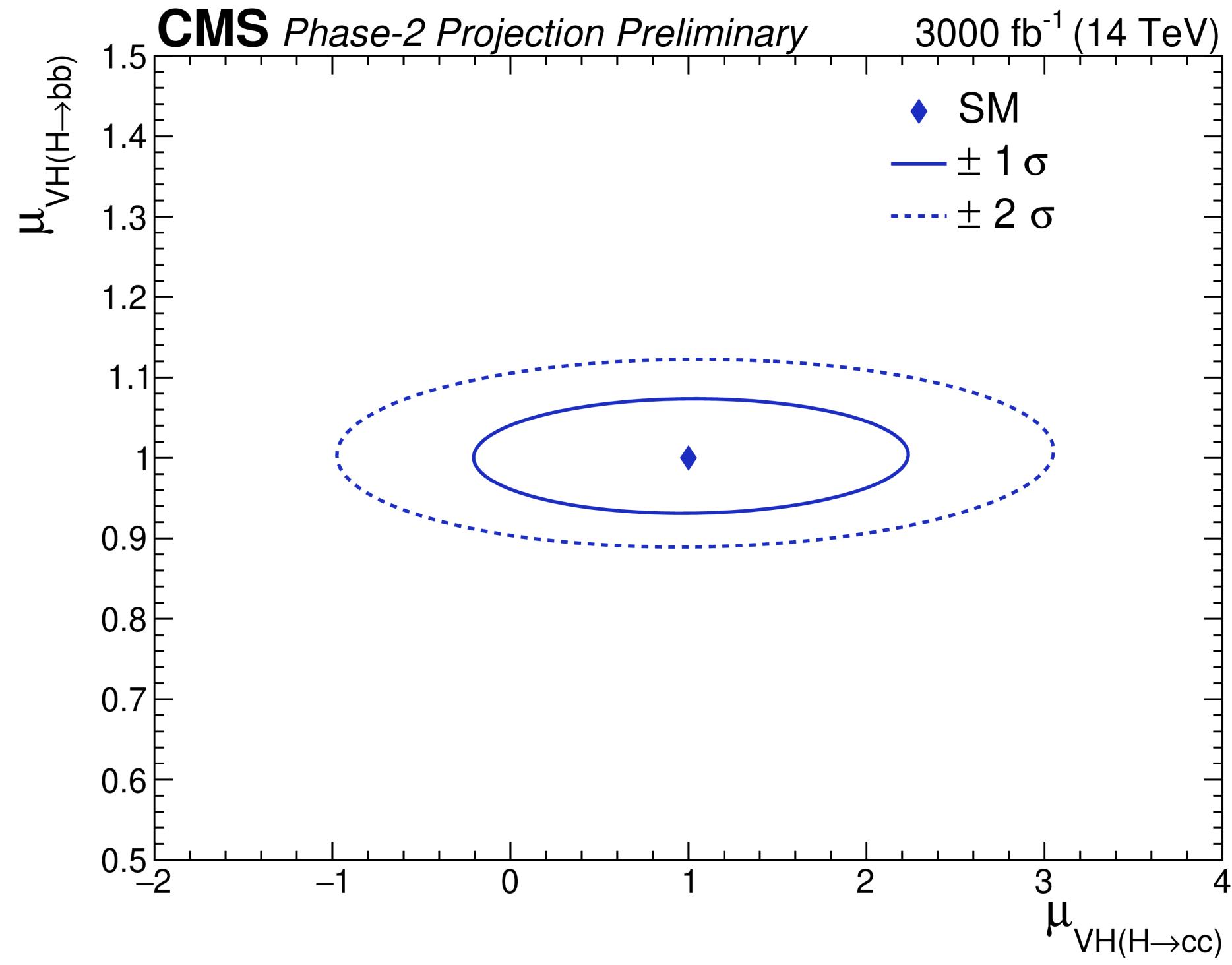


Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu / (\Delta\mu)_{\text{tot}}$
<b>Statistical</b>	88%
Background normalizations	39%
<b>Experimental</b>	40%
Sizes of the simulated samples	24%
Charm identification efficiencies	26%
Jet energy scale and resolution	15%
Simulation modeling	1%
Luminosity	5%
Lepton identification efficiencies	2%
<b>Theory</b>	25%
Backgrounds	21%
Signal	14%

**Merged**

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu / (\Delta\mu)_{\text{tot}}$
<b>Statistical</b>	66%
Background normalizations	28%
<b>Experimental</b>	72%
Sizes of the simulated samples	59%
Charm identification efficiencies	27%
Jet energy scale and resolution	17%
Simulation modeling	20%
Luminosity	13%
Lepton identification efficiencies	10%
<b>Theory</b>	22%
Backgrounds	21%
Signal	7%

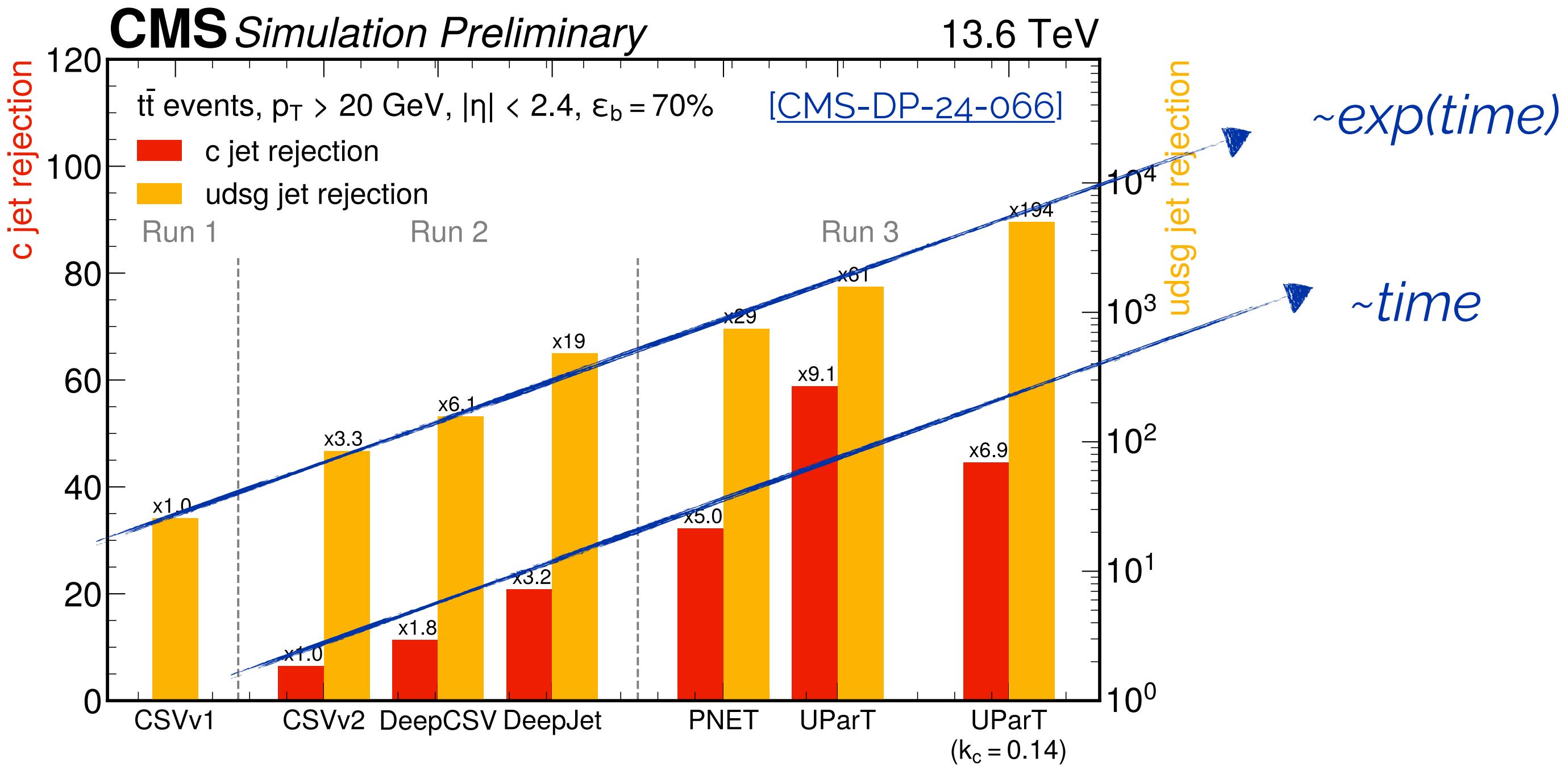
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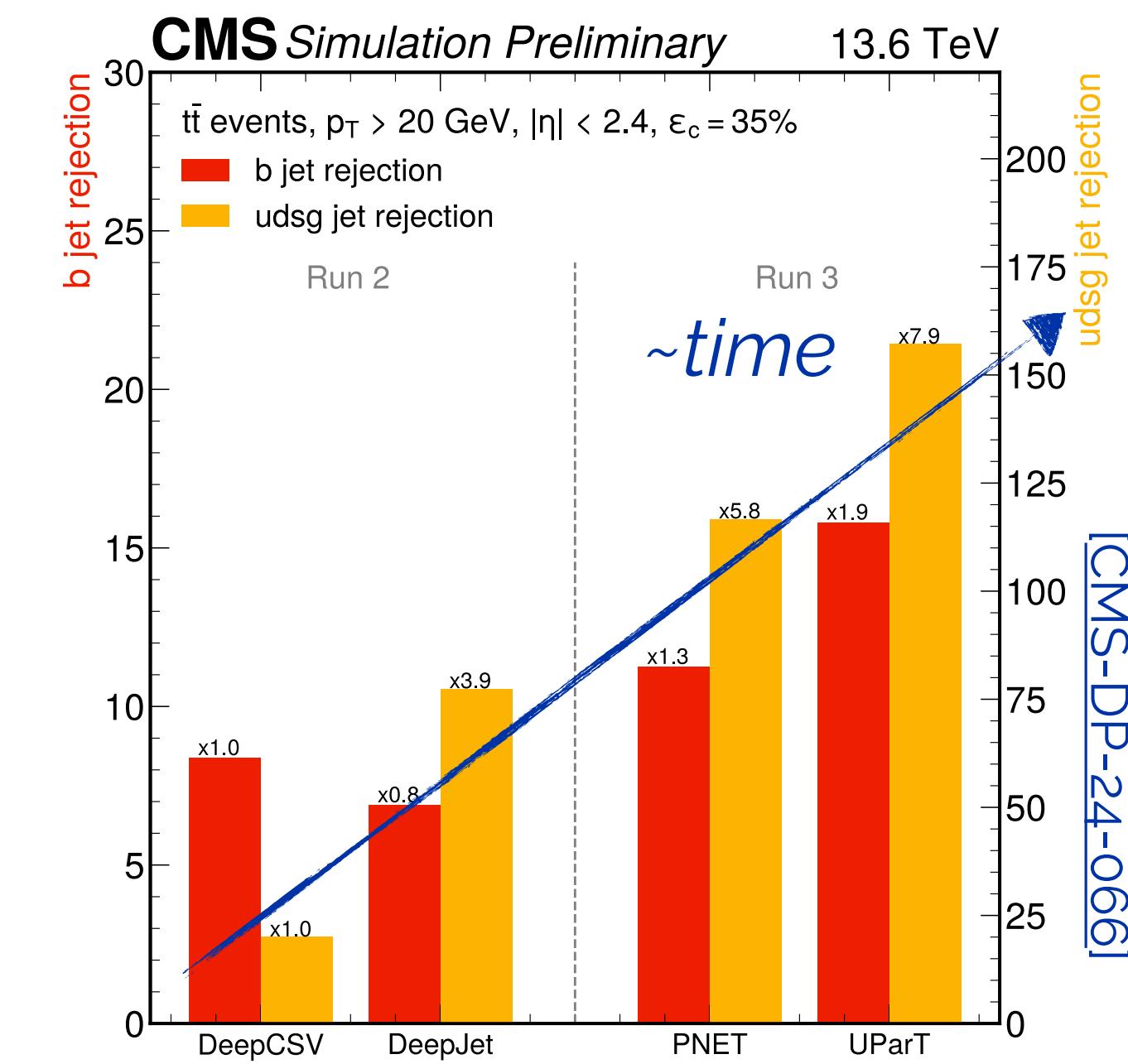
	Signal cH	Resonant bkg.					Continuous bkg. ( $\times 10^3$ )	S/B ( $\times 10^{-5}$ )
		ggH	ttH	VBF	VH	bH	Total	
Category 0	0.0128	83.8%	< 0.1%	5.3%	3.4%	7.5%	2.43	0.50
Category 1	0.0158	78.7%	0.3%	7.3%	6.3%	7.3%	3.31	1.53
Category 2	0.0072	72.2%	4.0%	8.3%	9.1%	6.4%	1.77	7.43
Category 3	0.0034	72.3%	0.1%	16.2%	5.9%	5.6%	1.29	0.17
Category 4	0.0087	68.0%	1.2%	16.0%	9.9%	4.9%	3.52	0.96
Category 5	0.0094	53.7%	14.5%	14.7%	13.5%	3.6%	5.11	9.87
Category 6	0.00029	42.0%	1.9%	42.5%	12.2%	1.5%	0.52	0.02
Category 7	0.00095	43.1%	13.8%	25.1%	16.8%	1.3%	1.83	0.16
Category 8	0.00165	35.7%	31.5%	15.0%	16.7%	1.1%	3.32	1.89
All categories	0.060	61.4%	9.4%	13.9%	10.8%	4.5%	23.1	22.5
								0.27

Theoretical uncertainties on cH signal	38%
Theoretical uncertainties on resonant background	59%
Experimental uncertainties on yields	27%
Experimental uncertainties on mass shapes	negligible
Luminosity uncertainties	negligible

# jet flavor tagging



For b vs light: Mistagging one b in  
100000 light jets!



# Prospects for the (near) future

- Back-of-the-envelope estimate
  - Assuming factor 3 in luminosity and 2 in c-tagging efficiency with same background rate
  - VH(cc) resolved: → upper limit of ~8 for  $\mu$
  - H+c (yy): → upper limit of ~144 for  $\mu$
  - But backgrounds are also real charm...
- At HL-LHC (3000fb $^{-1}$ ):
  - VH(cc): Extrapolation gives  $\sim \mu < 1.6$
  - H+c cross section of  $\sim 170\text{fb}$ 
    - 2300 signal events in the  $\gamma\gamma$  channel!
      - Higgs discovery 180/750
      - Benefits from soft charm tagging improvements

