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CP-VIOLATION SEARCHES AT THE (HL-)LHC

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INTRODUCTION

- Focusing on the CP-violating Higgs boson interactions with **vector bosons**
- Overview of the latest CMS and ATLAS CP-violation searches based on the **full set of LHC Run 2 data**
- **HL-LHC projections** based on CMS inputs: [Snowmass White Paper 2022 \(arXiv:2205.07715\)](#) and relation to more recent LHC Run 2 results

Parametrisation of **CP-odd contributions** to a given measurement:

$$\sigma \propto |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2 + 2\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{CP-odd}) \tilde{c} + |\mathcal{M}_{CP-odd}|^2 \tilde{c}^2 + \dots$$

SM term

Linear term:
interference
between CP-odd and CP-even

Quadratic term:
no direct CP-violation.
Affecting the total event rate, similar to **CP-even BSM** effects.

Directly probing the CP-violating interaction.
Affecting the differential (angular) distributions.

Matrix elements \mathcal{M}_i defined via a scattering amplitude or a Lagrangian.

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Usually fitting one parameter at once, while others are set to zero, mutually correlated or profiled.

Scattering amplitude with anomalous couplings ($VV \equiv WW, ZZ, Z\gamma, \gamma\gamma$):

$$\mathcal{A}(HVV) \sim \left[a_1^{VV} + \frac{\kappa_1^{VV} p_1^2 + \kappa_2^{VV} p_2^2}{(\Lambda_1^{VV})^2} \right] m_{V1}^2 \epsilon_{V1}^* \epsilon_{V2}^* + a_2^{VV} f_{\mu\nu}^{*(1)} f^{*(2)\mu\nu} + a_3^{VV} f_{\mu\nu}^{*(1)} \tilde{f}^{*(2)\mu\nu}$$

CP-even
CP-odd

SMEFT in the Warsaw basis (Warsaw basis coefficient = linear combination of Higgs basis coefficients $\tilde{c}_{ZZ}, \tilde{c}_{Z\gamma}, \tilde{c}_{\gamma\gamma}$):

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \phi^\dagger \phi \left[c_{HW} W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu} + c_{HB} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + c_{HWB} W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\Lambda} \phi^\dagger \phi \left[c_{H\tilde{W}} \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu} + c_{H\tilde{B}} \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + c_{H\tilde{W}B} \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu} \right] + \dots$$

CP-even
CP-odd

CMS Approach 1: $a_i^{WW} = a_i^{ZZ}$ (similar to ATLAS \tilde{d})

SMEFT Warsaw basis:

$$c_{H\tilde{W}} = c_{H\tilde{B}} \text{ \& } c_{H\tilde{W}B} = 0$$

SMEFT Higgs basis:

$$\tilde{c}_{ZZ} = \cos^2 \theta_W \tilde{c}_{WW} = \cos^2 \theta_W \sin^2 \theta_W \tilde{c}_{\gamma\gamma} \text{ \& } \tilde{c}_{Z\gamma} = 0$$

$$\text{Relation: } \tilde{c}_{ZZ} = A \cdot \cos^2 \theta_W \cdot c_{H\tilde{W}}$$

CMS Approach 2 (SMEFT-like): $a_3^{WW} = \cos^2 \theta_W a_3^{ZZ}$; $a_3^{\gamma\gamma} = a_3^{Z\gamma} = 0$

SMEFT Warsaw basis:

$$c_{H\tilde{W}} = (\sin^2 \theta_W / \cos^2 \theta_W) c_{H\tilde{B}} = (2 \sin \theta_W / \cos \theta_W) c_{H\tilde{W}B}$$

SMEFT Higgs basis:

$$\tilde{c}_{ZZ} = \tilde{c}_{WW} \text{ \& } \tilde{c}_{Z\gamma} = \tilde{c}_{\gamma\gamma} = 0$$

$$\text{Relation: } \tilde{c}_{ZZ} = A \cdot c_{H\tilde{W}}$$

Fractional cross sections and relation to \tilde{d}

$$f_{a3} = \frac{a_3}{|a_3|} \cdot \frac{|a_3|^2 \cdot \sigma_3}{|a_1|^2 \cdot \sigma_1 + |a_2|^2 \cdot \sigma_2 + |a_3|^2 \cdot \sigma_3 + |\kappa_1|^2 \cdot \sigma_{\Lambda_1} + |\kappa_1^{Z\gamma}|^2 \cdot \sigma_{\Lambda_1^{Z\gamma}}}$$

Special case where only the CP-odd coupling is allowed to be different from SM:

$$f_{a3} = \frac{a_3}{|a_3|} \cdot \frac{|a_3|^2 \cdot \frac{\sigma_3}{\sigma_{SM}}}{1 + |a_3|^2 \cdot \frac{\sigma_3}{\sigma_{SM}}}, \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{\sigma_3}{\sigma_{SM}} = 0.153$$

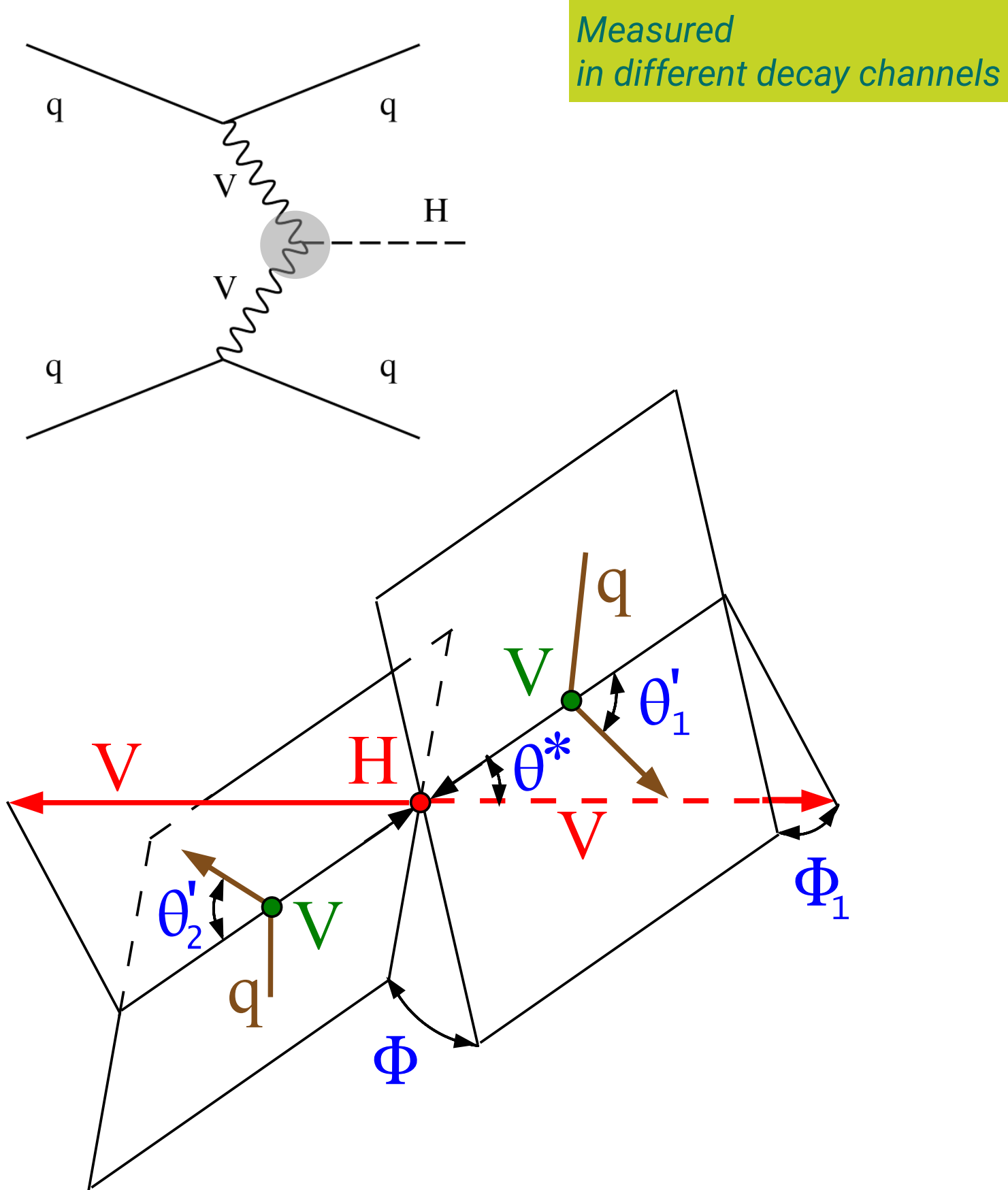
Relation to the CP-odd parameter \tilde{d} in ATLAS measurements:

$$\tilde{d} = a_3^{ZZ} = \frac{f_{a3}}{|f_{a3}|} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{|f_{a3}|}{1 - |f_{a3}|} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{SM}}{\sigma_3}}$$

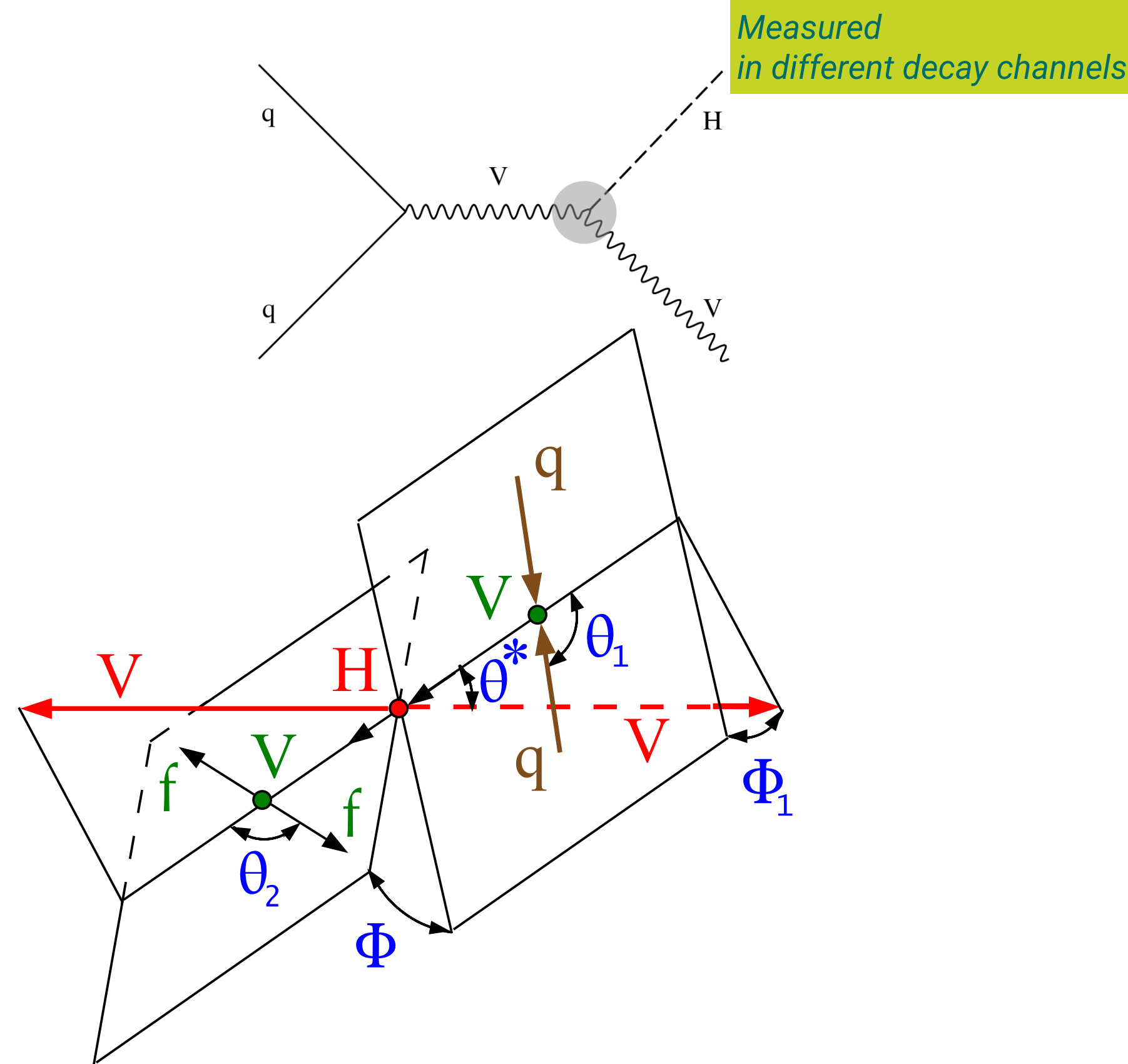
$$\text{with } \mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \frac{g}{2m_W} \tilde{d} \left(A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu} + Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + 2W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu\nu} \right) H$$

Angular information in the HVV vertex (production and decay)

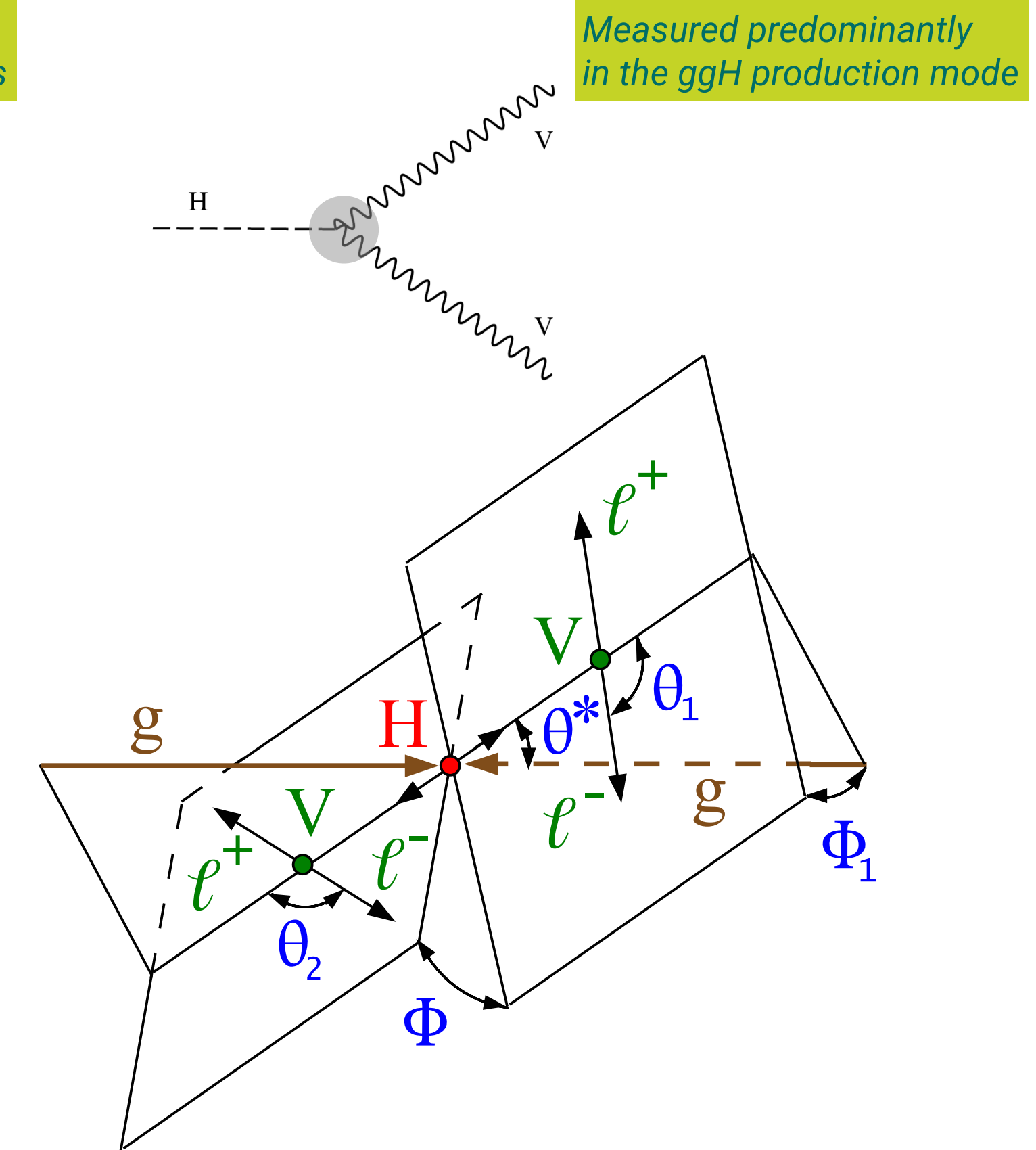
Vector Boson Fusion (VBF) production



VH associated production



$H \rightarrow VV^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ decay



Discrimination between the SM and CP-odd contributions by means of matrix-element calculation using a given set of kinematic observables or jet & lepton four-momenta as an input.

Overview of recent CP-violation searches at the LHC

CMS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R1 + 80/fb R2	arxiv:1901.00174
CMS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R2 (137/fb)	arXiv:2104.12152
CMS $H \rightarrow WW$	prod + decay	Full R2 (138/fb)	arxiv:2403.00657
CMS $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	prod	Full R2 (138/fb)	arXiv:2205.05120
CMS $H \rightarrow (\tau\tau, 4l)$	prod + decay	Full R2 (138/fb)	arXiv:2205.05120
ATLAS $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	prod	36.1/fb R2	arxiv:2002.05315
ATLAS $H \rightarrow yy$	prod	Full R2 (139/fb)	arXiv:2208.02338
ATLAS $H \rightarrow (yy, \tau\tau)$	prod	R2 (139/fb; 36.1/fb)	arXiv:2208.02338
ATLAS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R2 (139/fb)	arXiv: 2304.09612

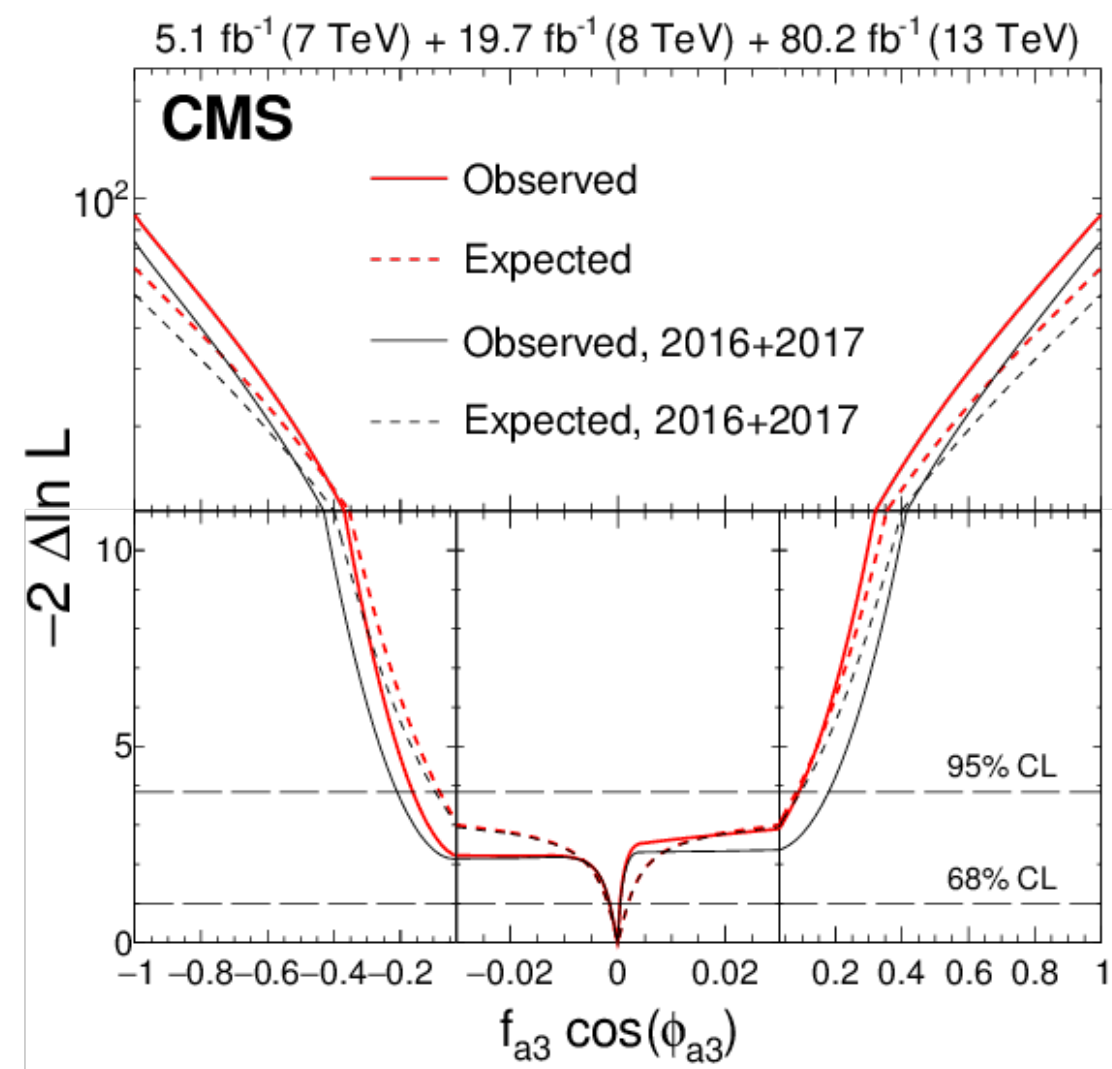
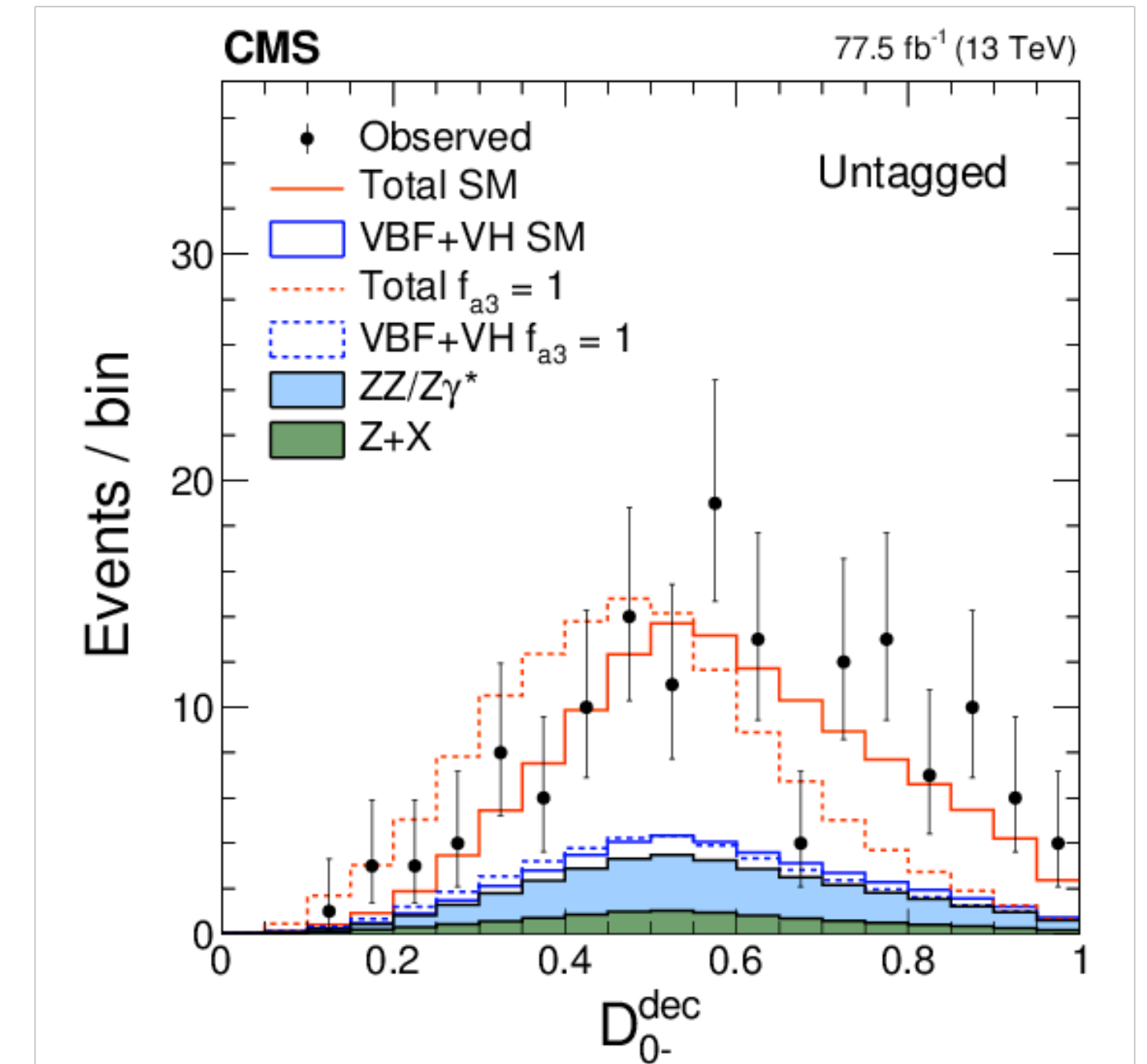
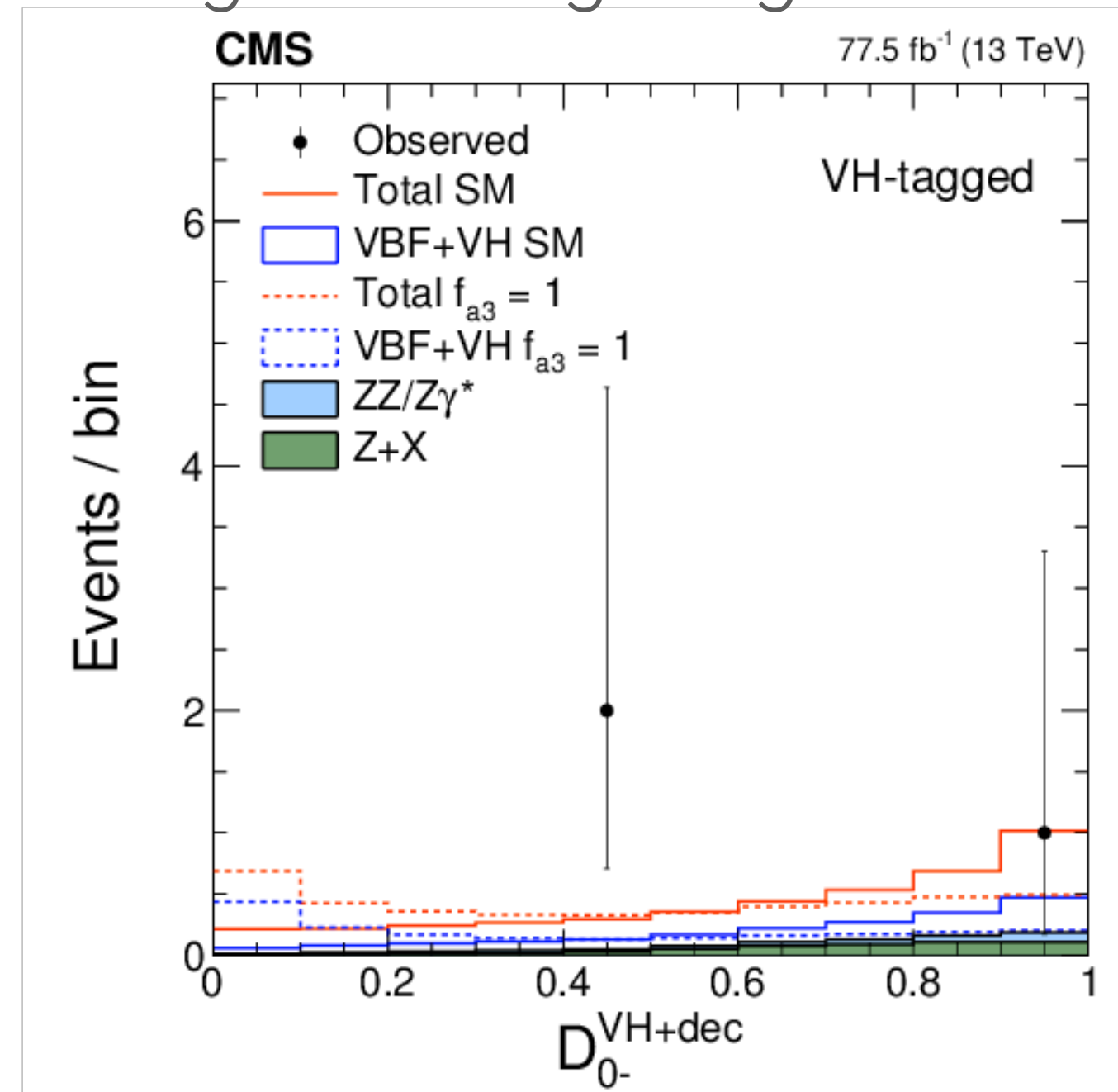
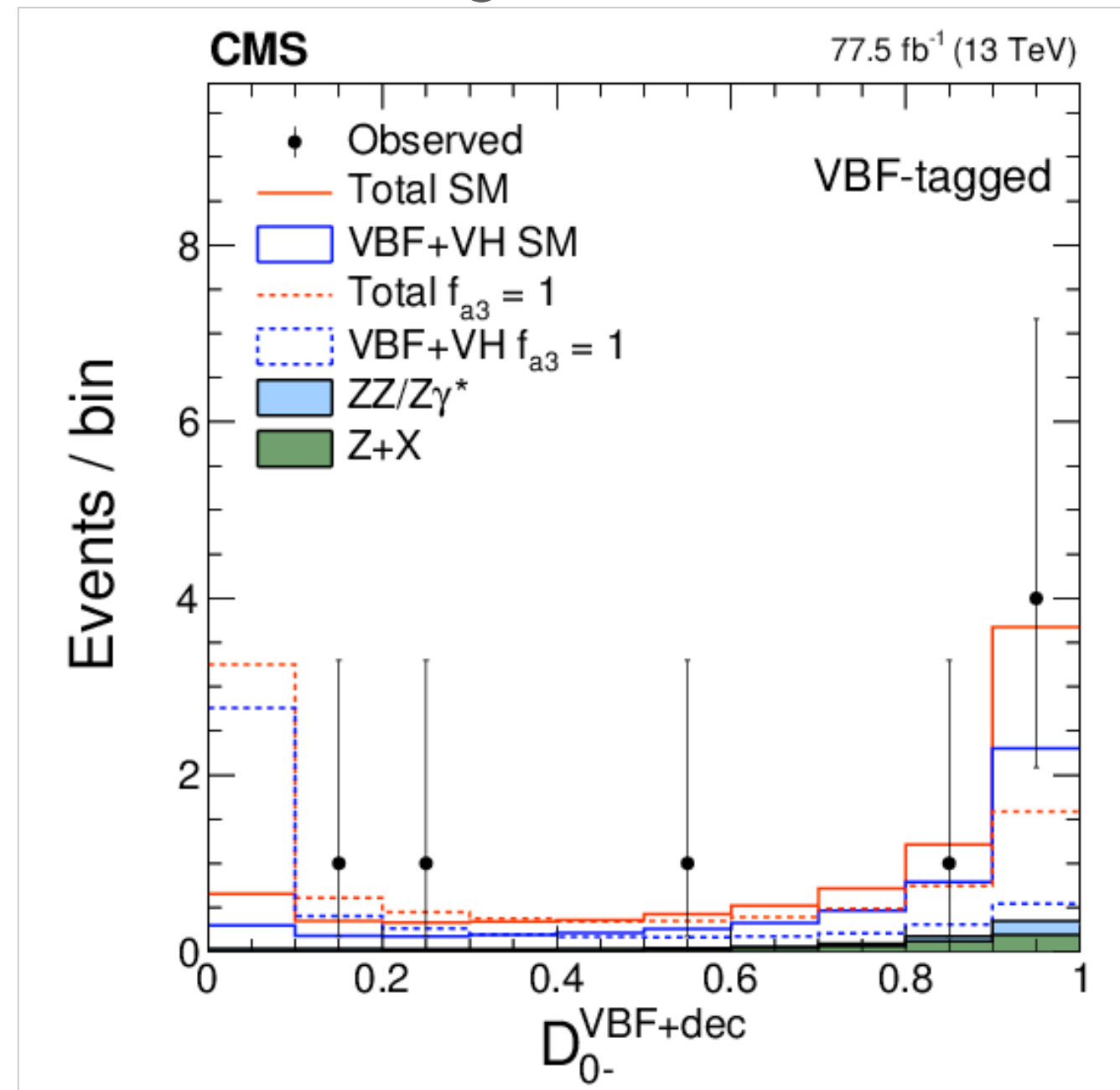
Input for an HL-LHC projection, [CMS-PAS-FTR-18-011](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.09467)

Input for an HL-LHC projection, [HIG-20-007](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.05315)

CMS $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel (production & decay vertex)

arxiv:1901.00174

Events categorized into three event categories targeting different production modes.



Limits on f_{a3} obtained from the simultaneous fit to several MELA discriminants, designed separately for each event category.

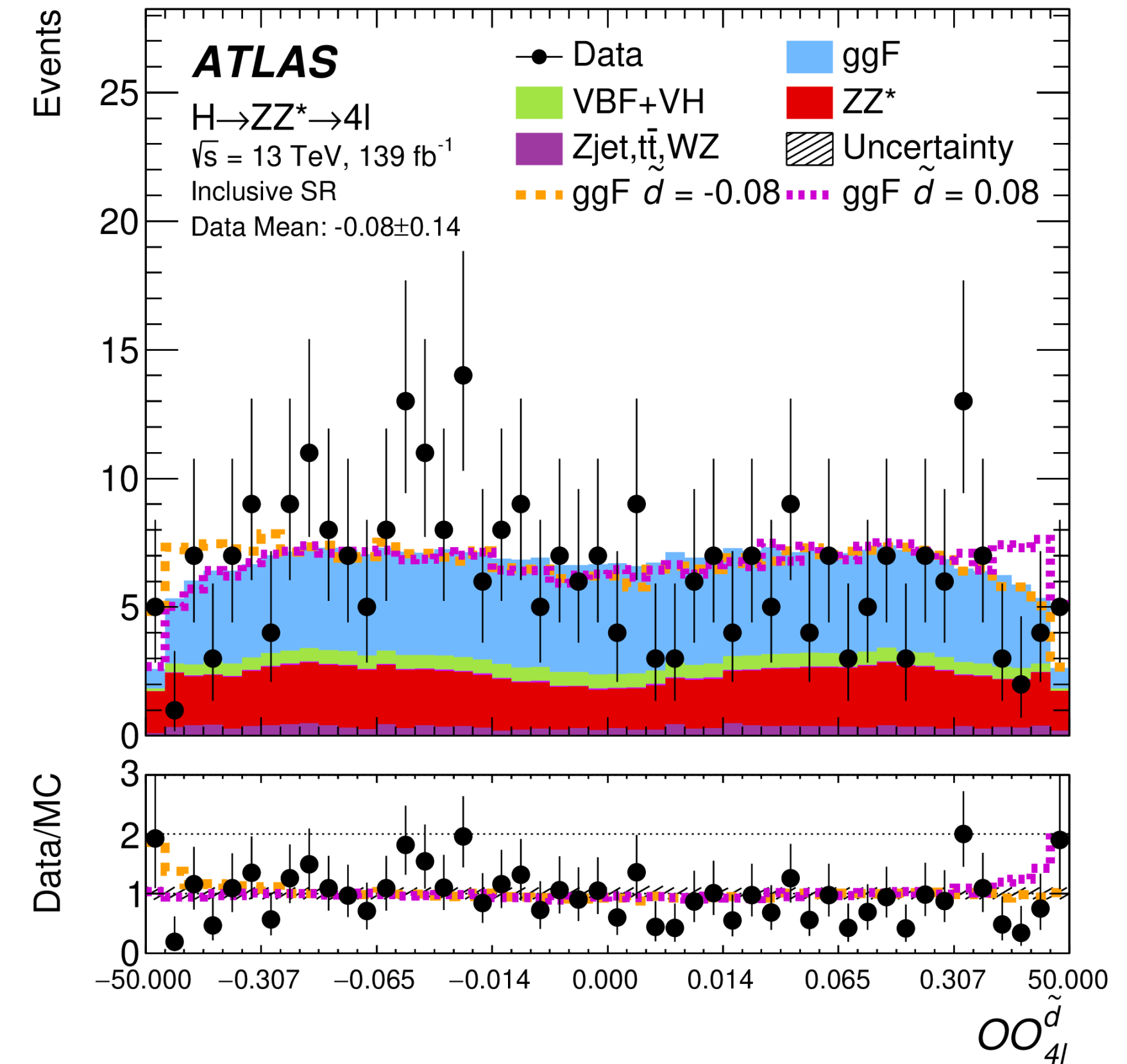
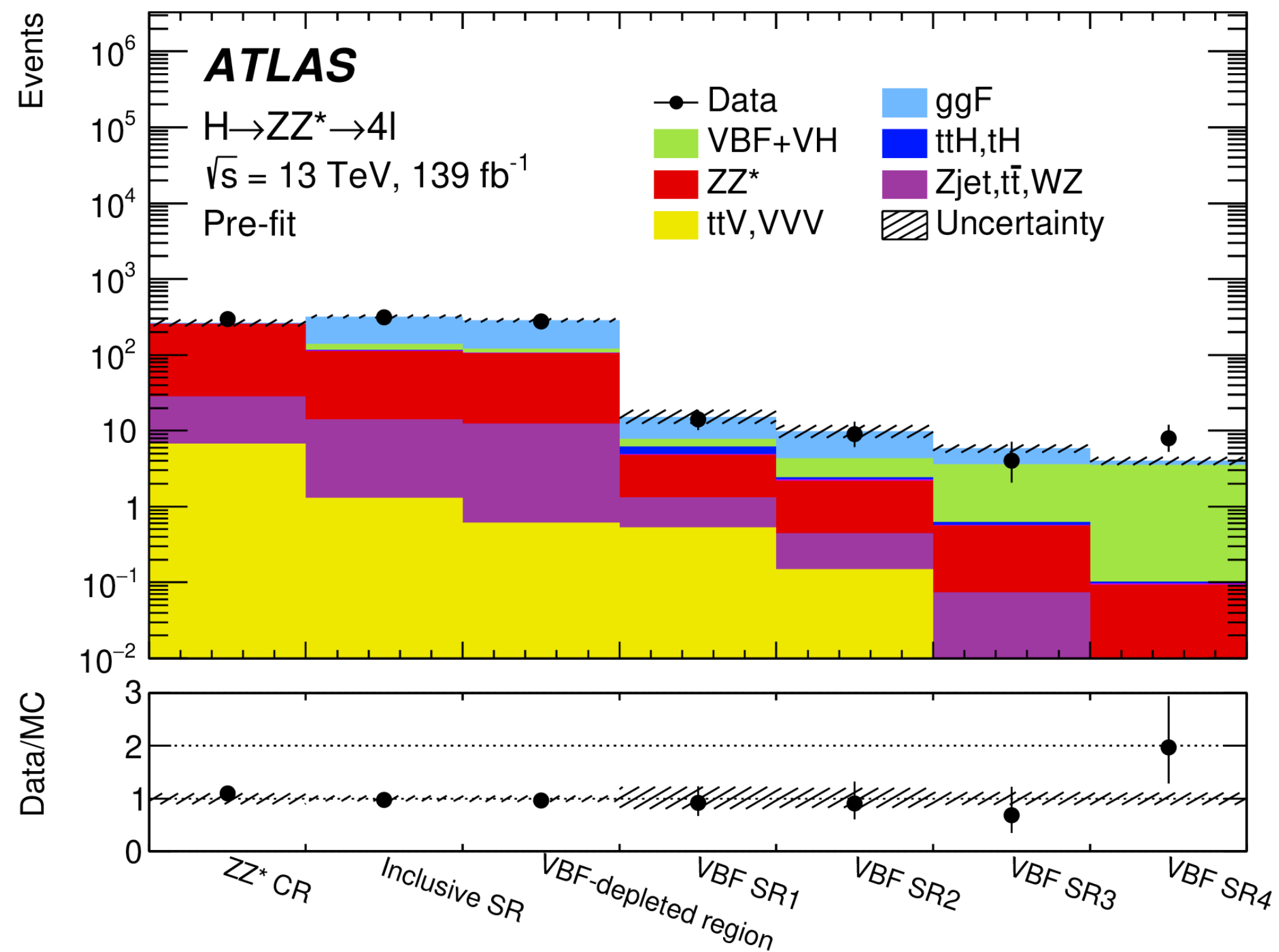
Expected $f_{a3}/10^{-3}$: $0.0_{-1.9}^{+1.9}$; [-82,82] @ 95 % CL

ATLAS $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel (production & decay vertex)

arXiv: 2304.09612

- Four VBF-enriched signal regions for the production, one VBF-depleted signal region for the decay.
- Dedicated Optimal Observables (OO), defined separately for the production and the decay vertices,

$$OO \propto 2\text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{SM}^* \mathcal{M}_{CP\text{-odd}} \right).$$



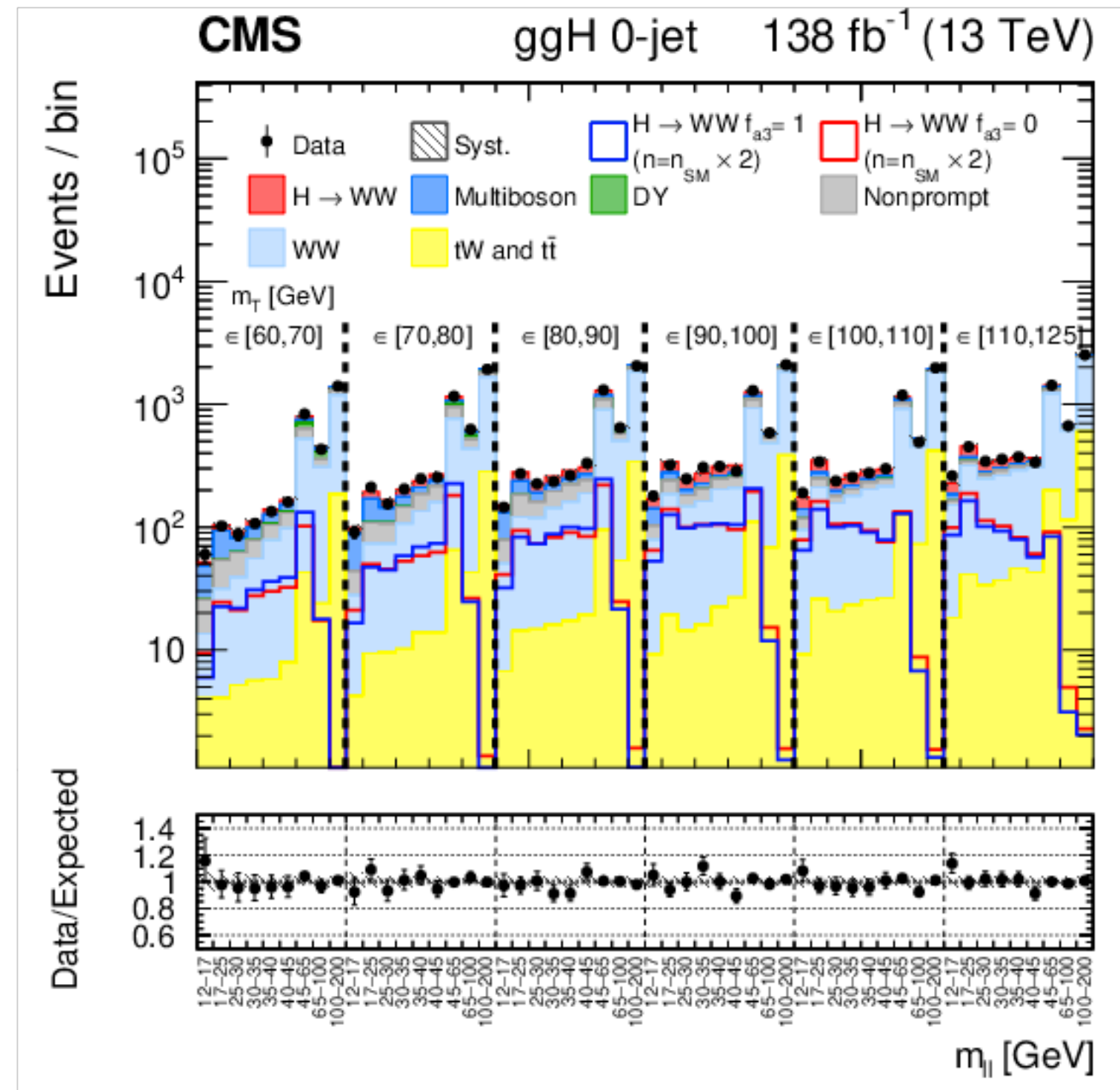
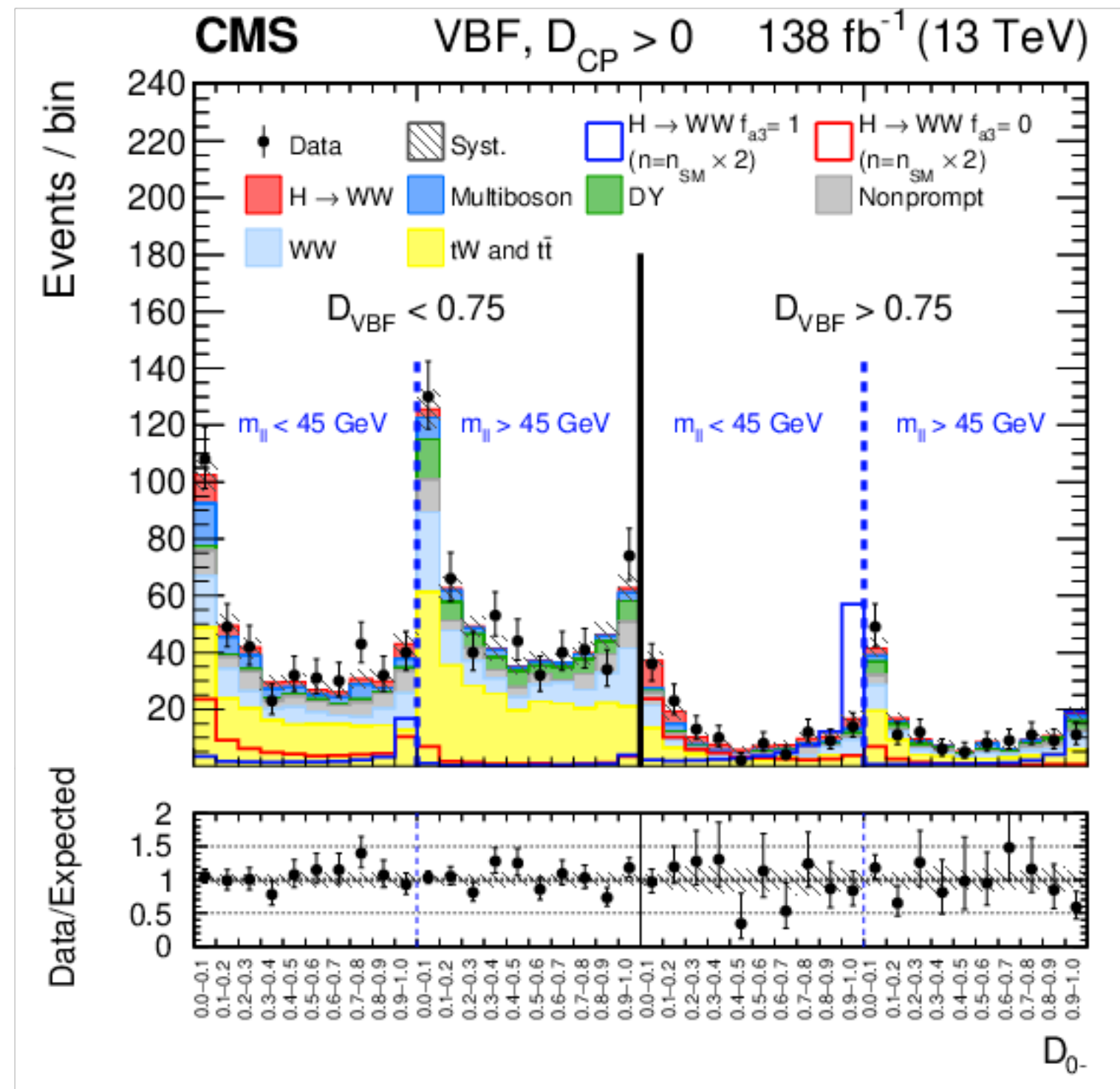
Expected \tilde{d} : $0.000^{+0.009}_{-0.009}$; $[-0.018, 0.018]$ @ 95 % CL $\Rightarrow f_{a3}/10^{-3} < 0.05$ @ 95 % CL

CMS $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ channel (production & decay vertex)

arxiv:2403.00657

Events categorized into three several categories targeting different production modes: VBF, VH-resolved, VH-boosted, ggH-0jet, ggH-1jet, ggH-2jet.

Signal discrimination based on several discriminants, dedicated for each category, e.g.:

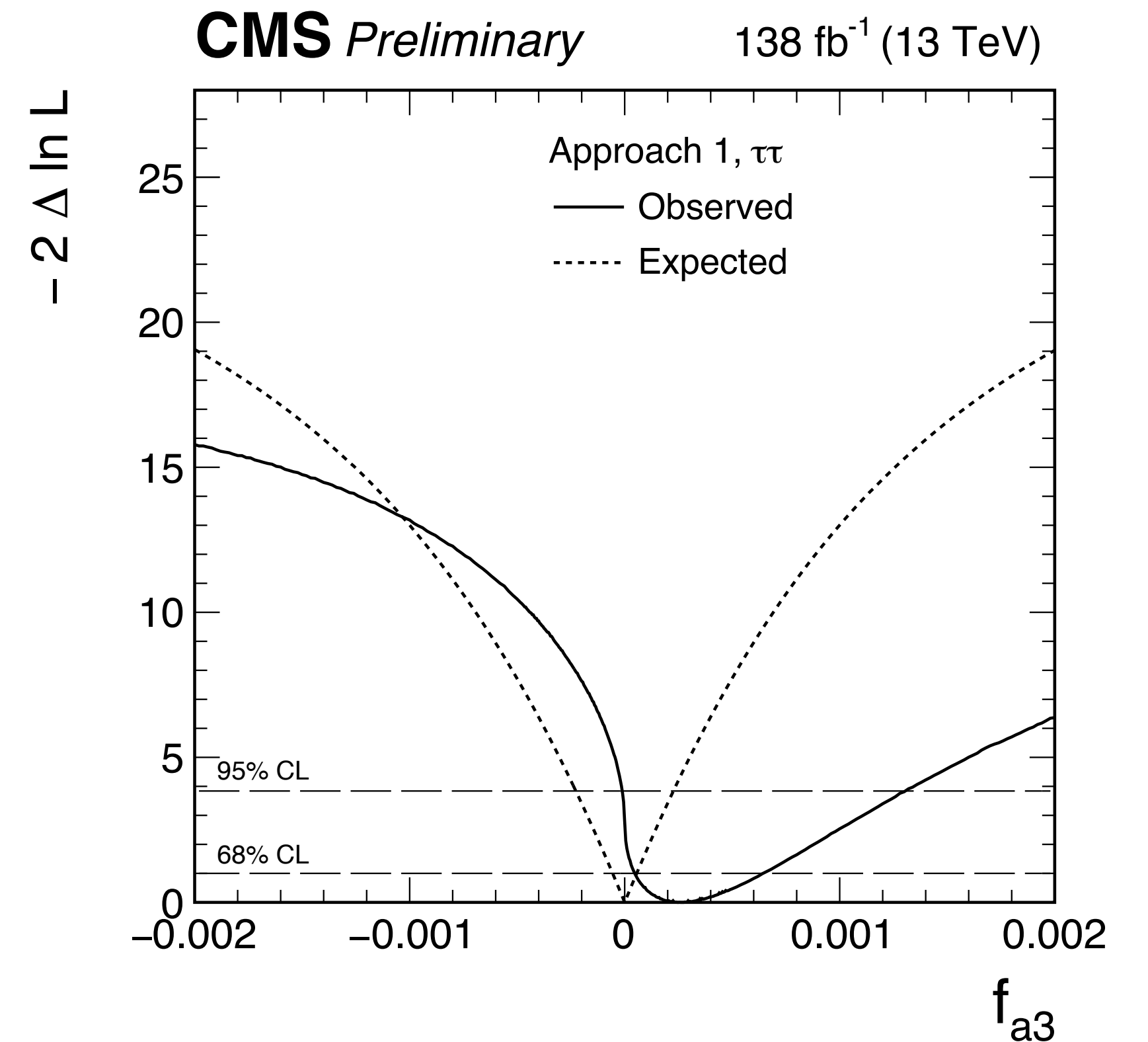
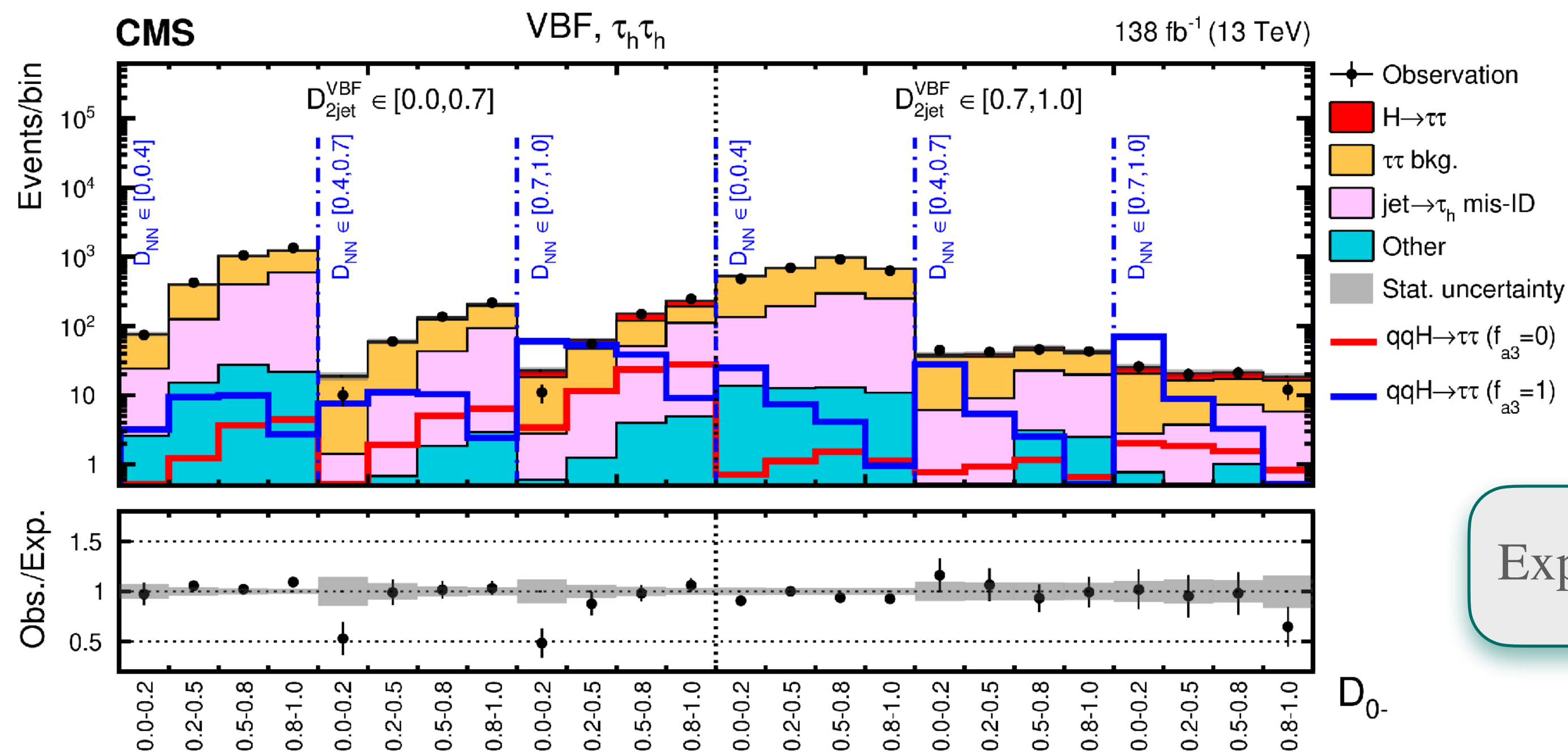


Expected $f_{a3}/10^{-3}$:
 $0.0^{+0.7}_{-0.7}$; $[-2.8, 2.9]$ @ 95 % CL

CMS $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ channel (VBF production vertex)

arXiv:2205.05120

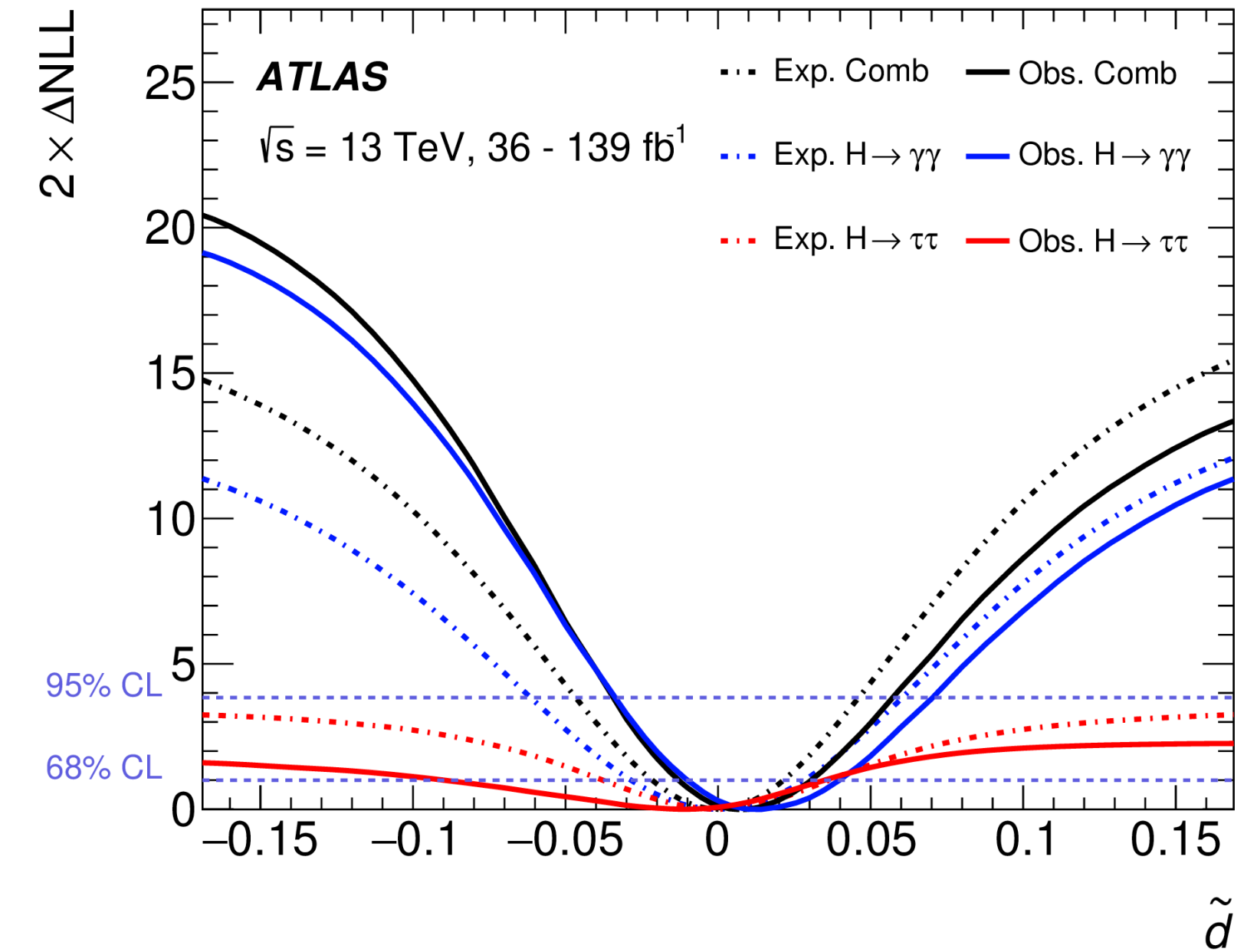
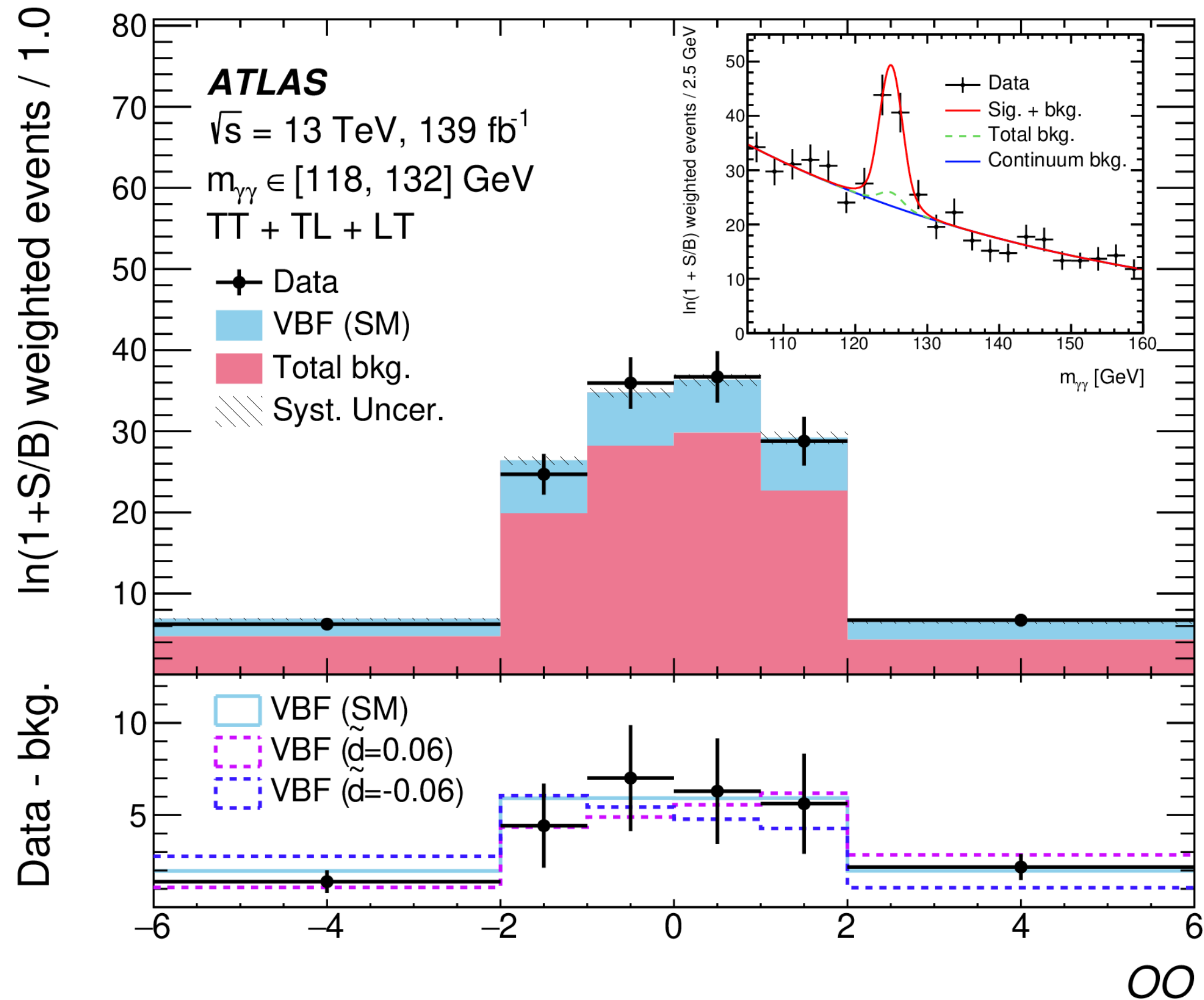
- Events categorized into VBF and ggH production modes.
- MELO observables to separate VBF CP-odd signal from background (\mathcal{D}_{NN}), ggF (\mathcal{D}_{2jet}^{VBF}), and CP-even VBF (\mathcal{D}_{0-}).
- 3D-fit of the MELO observables.
- Much larger sensitivity compared to the CMS 4l channel.



Expected $f_{a3}/10^{-3}$: $0.00^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$; $[-0.23, 0.23]$ @ 95 % CL

ATLAS $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channel (VBF production vertex)

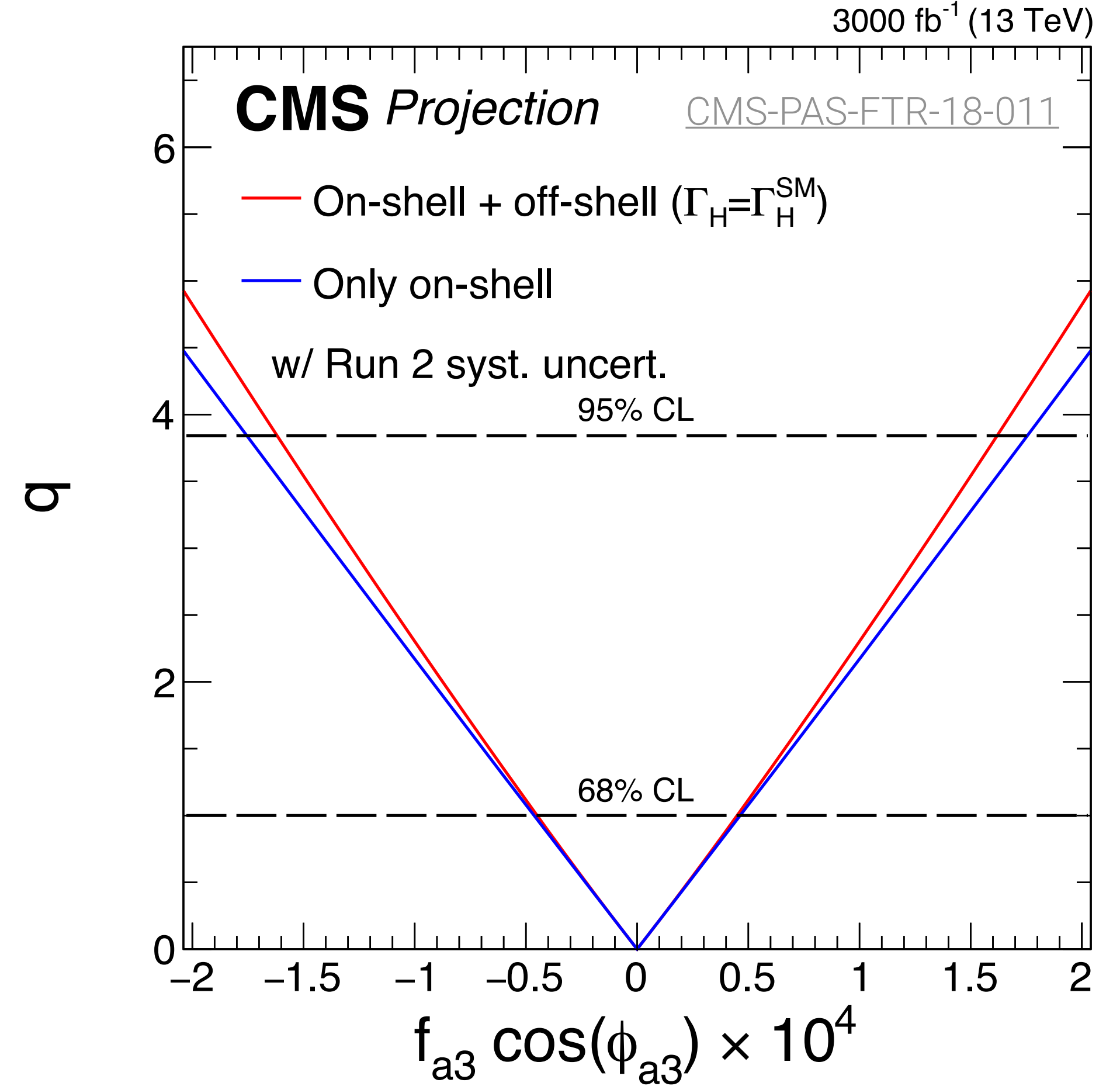
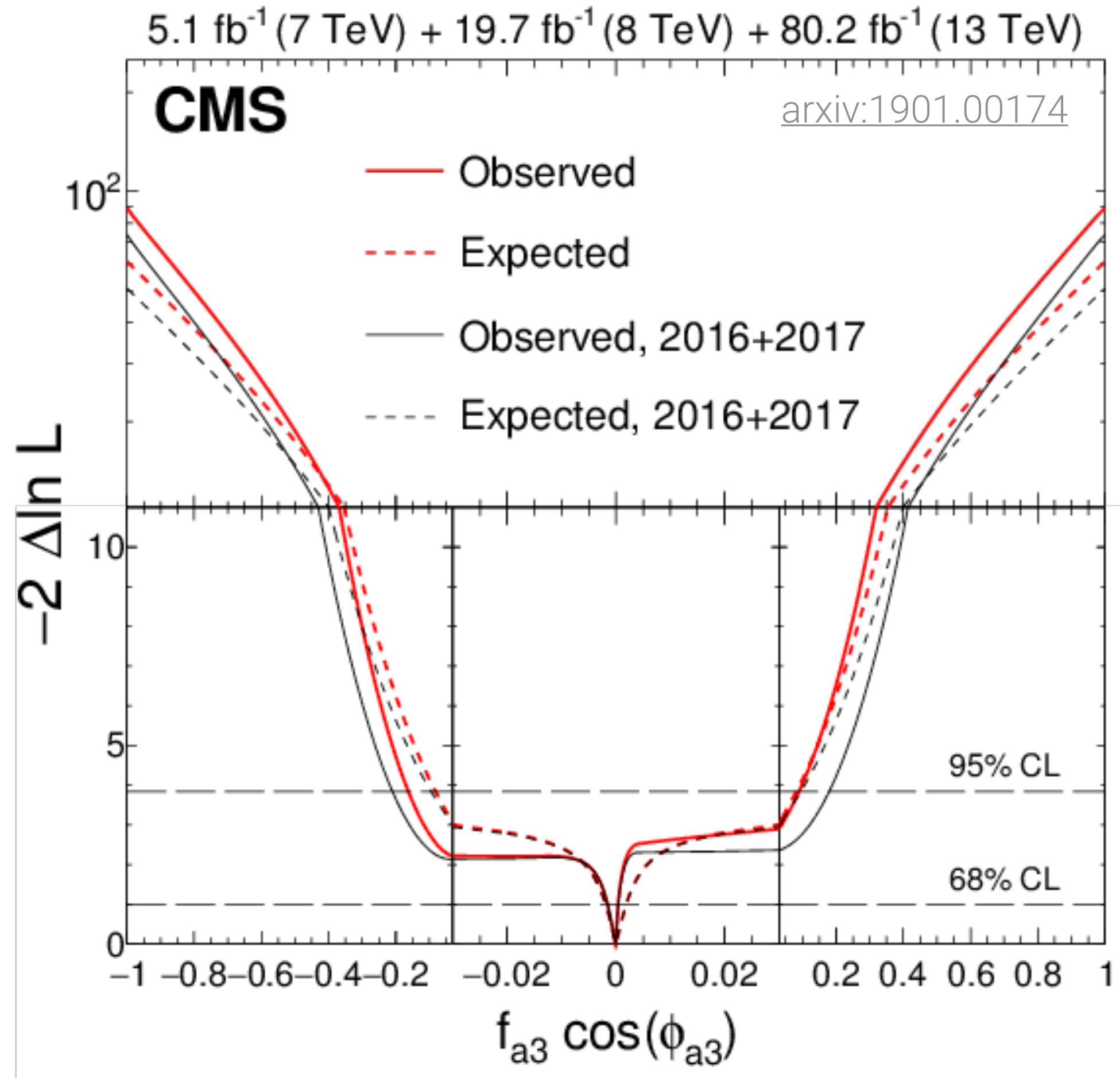
- Constraints based on $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ spectra in each bin of Optimal Observable distribution, separately for three signal regions.



Expected \tilde{d} : $0.000^{+0.028}_{-0.028}$; $[-0.061, 0.060]$ @ 95 % CL

$\Rightarrow f_{a3}/10^{-3} < 0.5$ @ 95 % CL

HL-LHC projection based on the CMS $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel



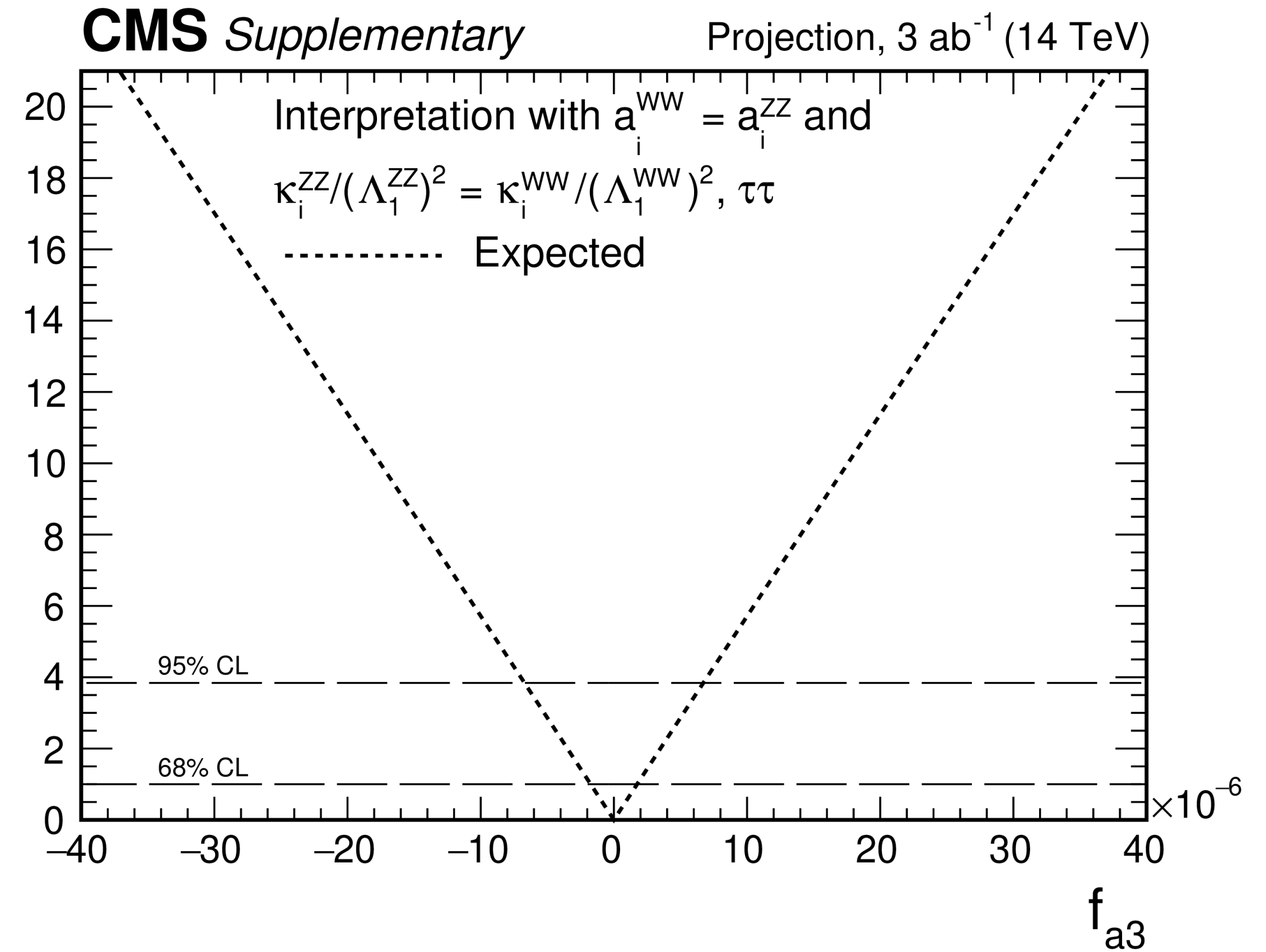
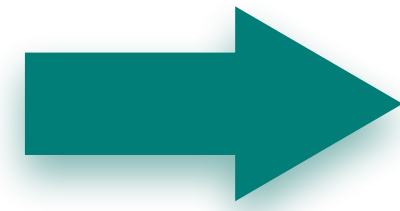
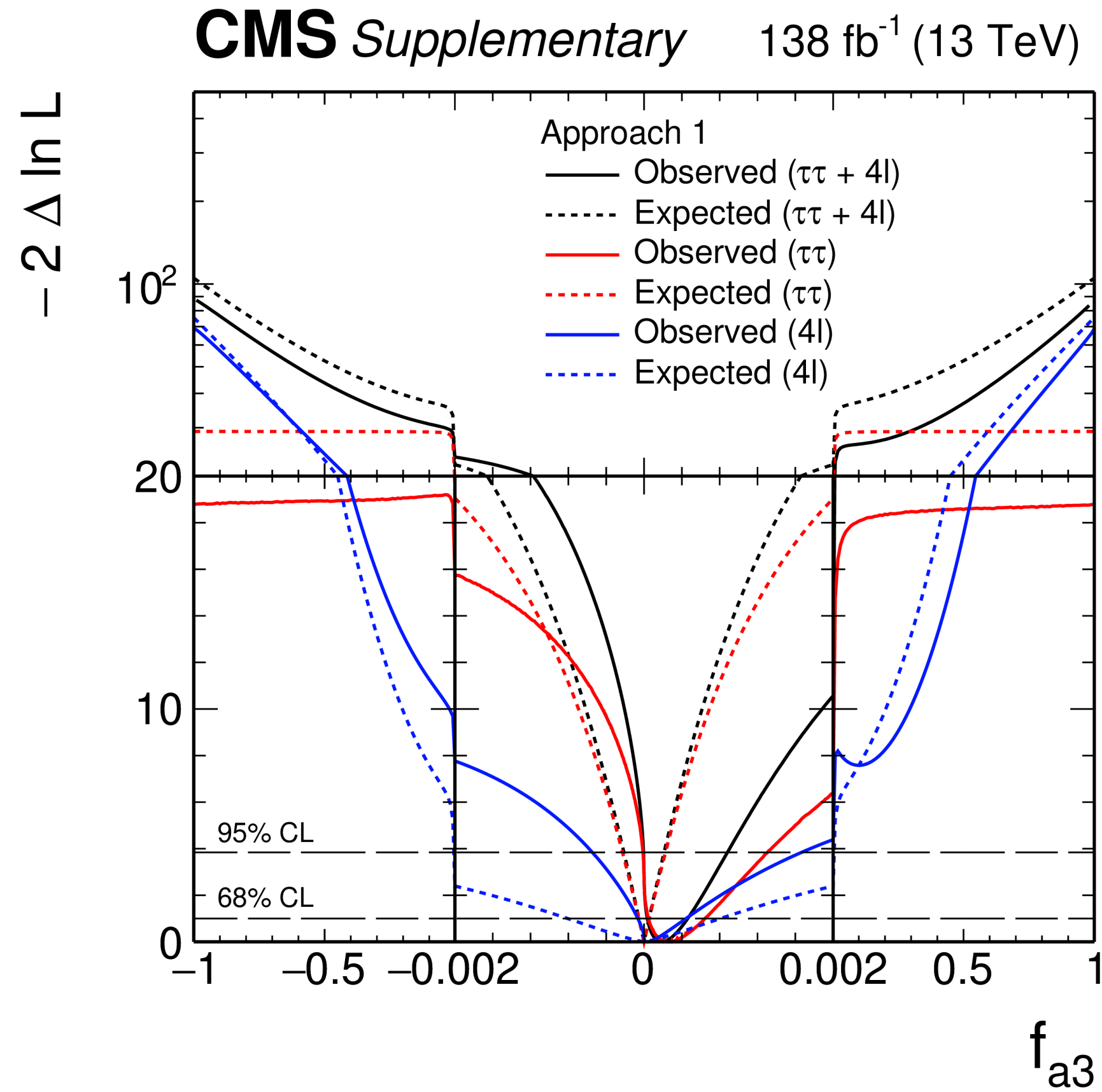
Expected $f_{a3}/10^{-4}$: $[-19, 19]$ @ 68 % CL

Expected $f_{a3}/10^{-4}$: $[-0.450, 0.450]$ @ 68 % CL

HL-LHC projection based on the CMS $H \rightarrow (\tau\tau, 4\ell)$ measurements

arXiv:2205.05120

HIG-20-007



Expected $f_{a3}/10^{-4} : [-0.5, 0.5] @ 68 \% CL$

Expected $f_{a3}/10^{-4} : [-0.017, 0.017] @ 68 \% CL$

Constraints from recent CP-violation searches at the LHC

				Expected upper limit @ 68% CL		Expected upper limit @ 95% CL	
				$ f_{a3} * 1000$	$ \tilde{d} $	$ f_{a3} * 1000$	$ \tilde{d} $
CMS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R1 + 80/fb R2	arxiv:1901.00174	1.9	0.110	8.2	0.760
CMS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R2 (137/fb)	arXiv:2104.12152	0.81	0.072	4.1	0.164
CMS $H \rightarrow WW$	prod + decay	Full R2 (138/fb)	arxiv:2403.00657	0.70	0.068	2.8	0.135
CMS $H \rightarrow \text{tautau}$	prod	Full R2 (138/fb)	arXiv:2205.05120	0.06	0.020	0.23	0.039
CMS $H \rightarrow (\text{tautau}, 4l)$	prod + decay	Full R2 (138/fb)	arXiv:2205.05120	0.05	0.018	0.21	0.037
ATLAS $H \rightarrow \text{tautau}$	prod	36.1/fb R2	arxiv:2002.05315		0.035		0.200
ATLAS $H \rightarrow yy$	prod	Full R2 (139/fb)	arXiv:2208.02338		0.028		0.061
ATLAS $H \rightarrow (yy, \text{tautau})$	prod	R2 (139/fb; 36.1/fb)	arXiv:2208.02338		0.022		0.046
ATLAS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R2 (139/fb)	arXiv: 2304.09612		0.009		0.018

Constraints from LHC and projections to HL-LHC

Numbers in yellow in the last column are only a rough private estimate, based only on the luminosity scaling.

				Expected upper limit @ 68% CL (LHC)		Expected upper limit @ 68% CL (HL-LHC)
				$ f_{a3} * 1000$	$ \tilde{d} $	$ f_{a3} * 1000$
CMS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R1 + 80/fb R2	arxiv:1901.00174	1.9	0.110	0.0450
CMS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R2 (137/fb)	arXiv:2104.12152	0.81	0.072	
CMS $H \rightarrow WW$	prod + decay	Full R2 (138/fb)	arxiv:2403.00657	0.70	0.068	0.0340
CMS $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	prod	Full R2 (138/fb)	arXiv:2205.05120	0.06	0.020	
CMS $H \rightarrow (\tau\tau, 4l)$	prod + decay	Full R2 (138/fb)	arXiv:2205.05120	0.05	0.018	0.0017
ATLAS $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	prod	36.1/fb R2	arxiv:2002.05315		0.035	0.0017
ATLAS $H \rightarrow yy$	prod	Full R2 (139/fb)	arXiv:2208.02338		0.028	0.0058
ATLAS $H \rightarrow (yy, \tau\tau)$	prod	R2 (139/fb; 36.1/fb)	arXiv:2208.02338		0.022	
ATLAS $H \rightarrow 4l$	prod + decay	Full R2 (139/fb)	arXiv: 2304.09612		0.009	0.0006

Current best HL-LHC projection: $f_{a3} < 1.7 \cdot 10^{-6}$ @ 68% CL.

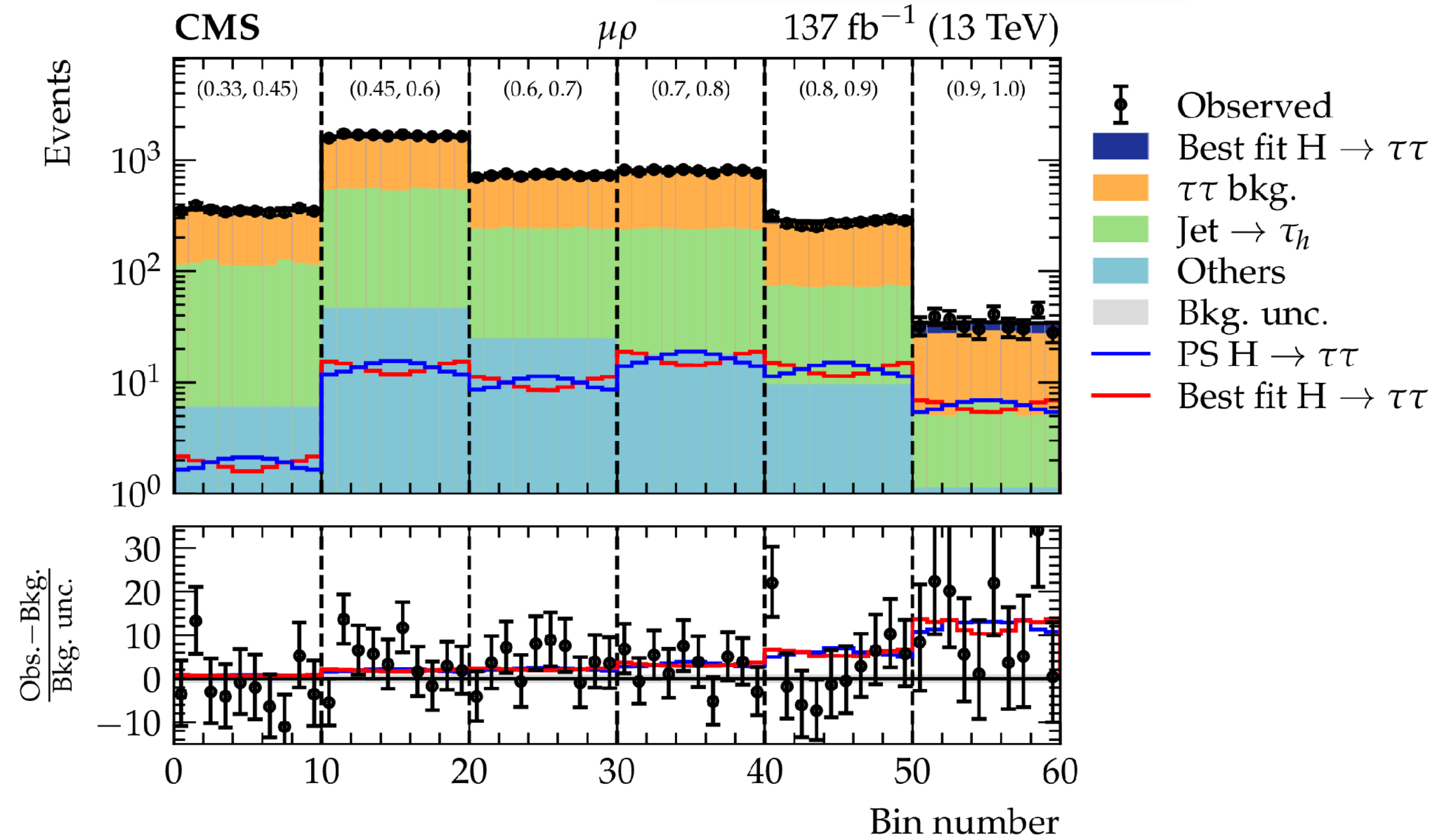
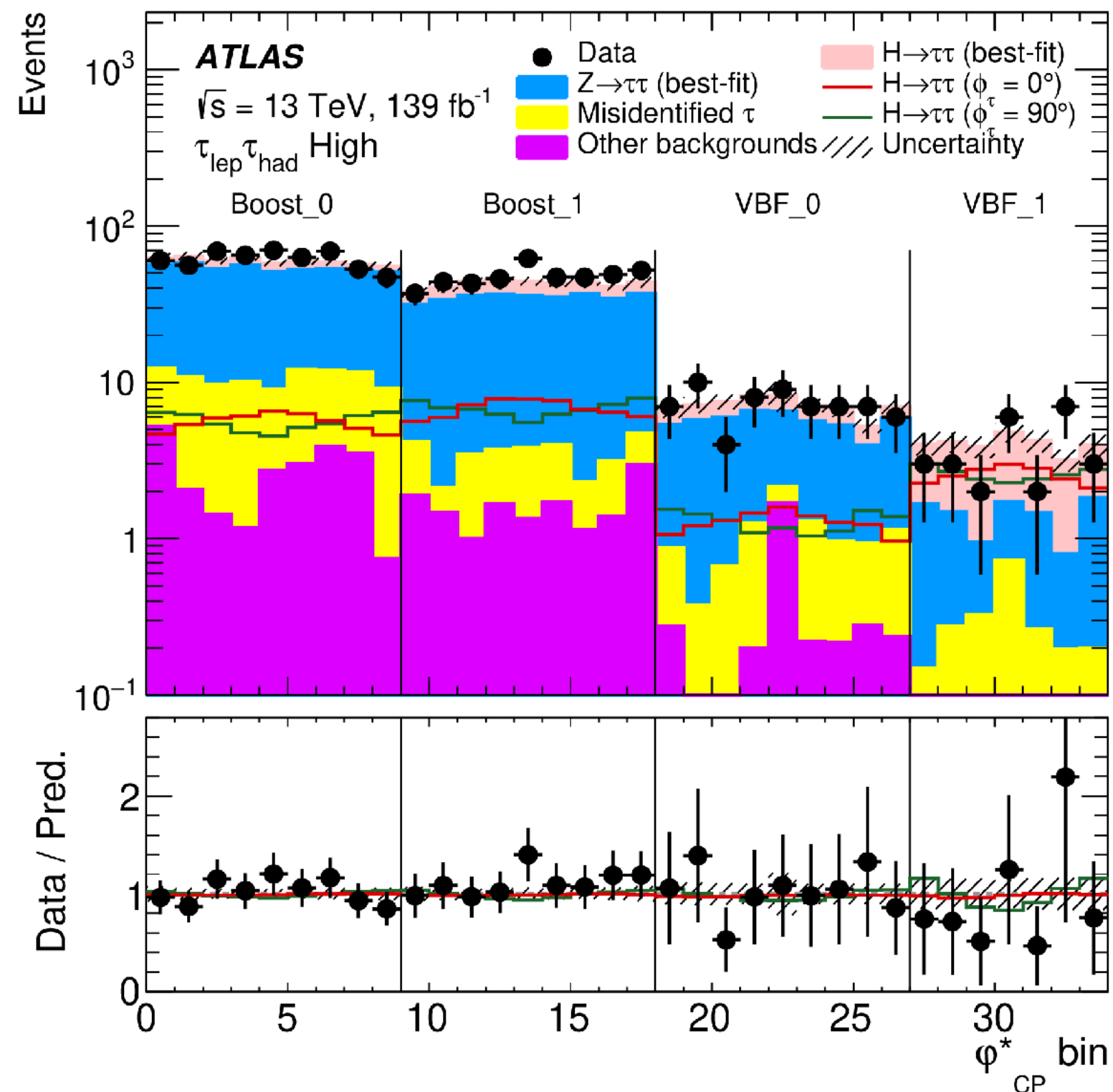
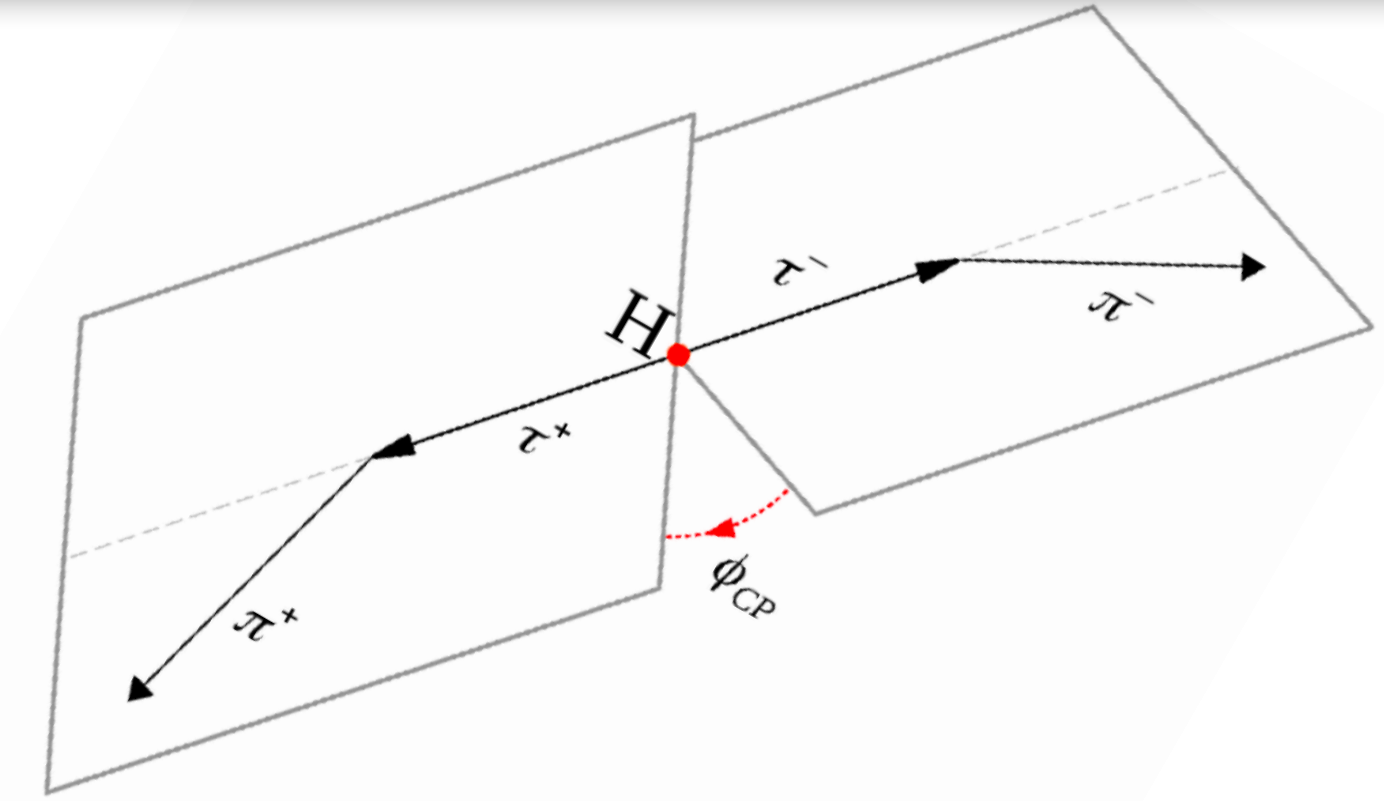
Improvements expected after adding other channels, improving observables, and combining ATLAS+CMS.



BACKUP

CP-VIOLATION in Hff: $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- Events categorized according to τ_h decay modes.
- BDT_{bkg} (VBF/Boost) criteria to separate signal from background.
- ϕ_{CP} reconstructed using different decay-mode-dependent methods.
- Simultaneous fit to ϕ_{CP} in different BDT_{bkg} (VBF/Boost) categories.



CP-VIOLATION in Hff

Similar performance of ATLAS & CMS for published individual analyses.

$$\mathcal{L}_{Hff} = \frac{m_f}{v} \bar{\psi}_f \left(\underbrace{\kappa_f}_{\text{CP-even}} + i\gamma_5 \underbrace{\tilde{\kappa}_f}_{\text{CP-odd}} \right) \psi_f H = \frac{m_f}{v} \bar{\psi}_f \kappa'_f \left[\cos(\alpha) + i\gamma_5 \sin(\alpha) \right] \psi_f H$$

$$f_{CP}^{Hff} = \frac{|\tilde{\kappa}_f|^2}{|\kappa_f|^2 + |\tilde{\kappa}_f|^2} = \sin^2(\alpha_{Hff}) \quad \alpha_f: \text{ CP-mixing angle}$$

<i>Hττ</i> vertex		Expected upper limit $ \alpha_{H\tau\tau} $ @ 68% CL	Expected upper limit $ \alpha_{H\tau\tau} $ @ 95% CL	Pure CP-odd excl. (expected)	Pure CP-odd excl. (observed)
CMS	arXiv:2110.04836	21°	49°	2.6σ	3.0σ
ATLAS	arXiv: 2212.05833	28°	75°	2.1σ	3.4σ

CMS projection: $f_{CP}^{\tau\tau} < 0.008$ at 3,000 fb⁻¹ @68% CL ($|\alpha_{H\tau\tau}| < 5.1^\circ$ @68% CL).