



# Higgs, what now?

Measurements of  $VH$ ,  $H \rightarrow bb/cc$  and the

**ATLAS Higgs Physics Program in the Post-Higgs-Boson-Discovery Era**

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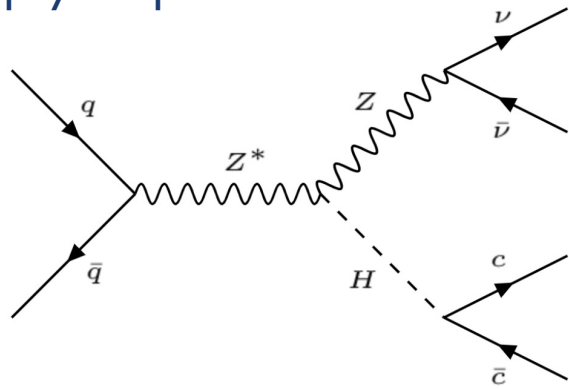
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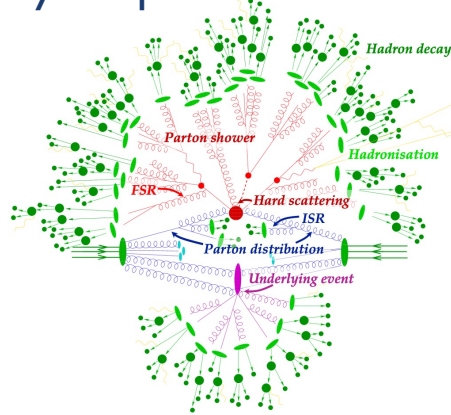


# Why are we doing collider physics?

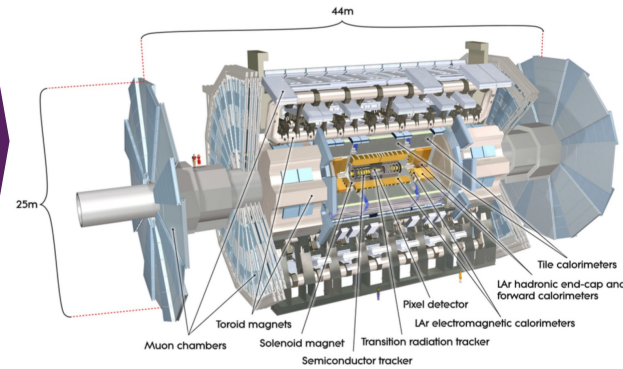
Simulation of high energy physics processes



Simulation of "soft physics" physics processes



Simulation of ATLAS detector



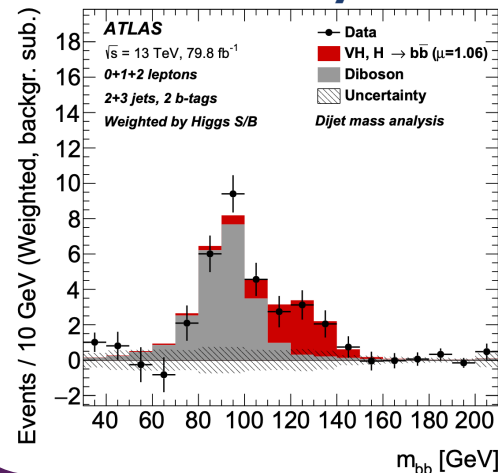
LHC data



## Results

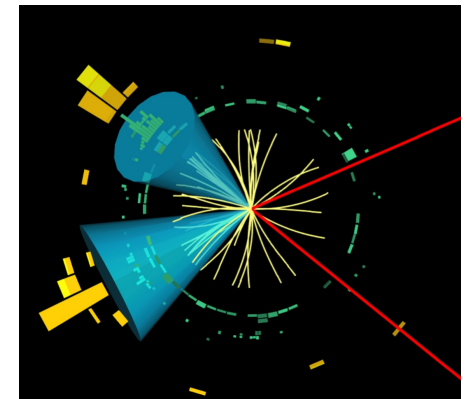
- Final results of the statistical analysis quantify
- Agreement of the data with predictions (either Standard Model or other models)
  - Upper limits on unobserved processes

## Statistical analysis



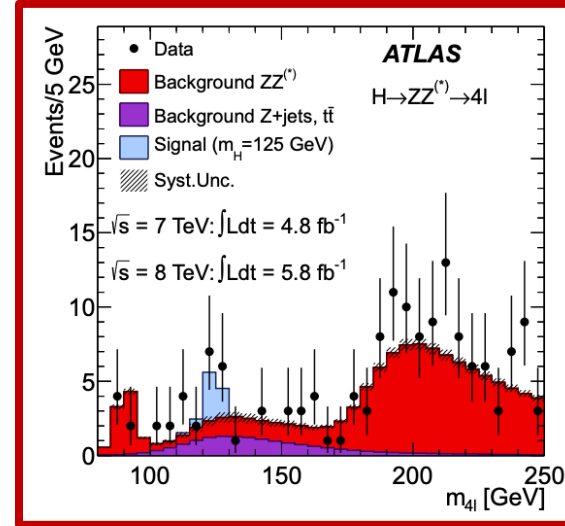
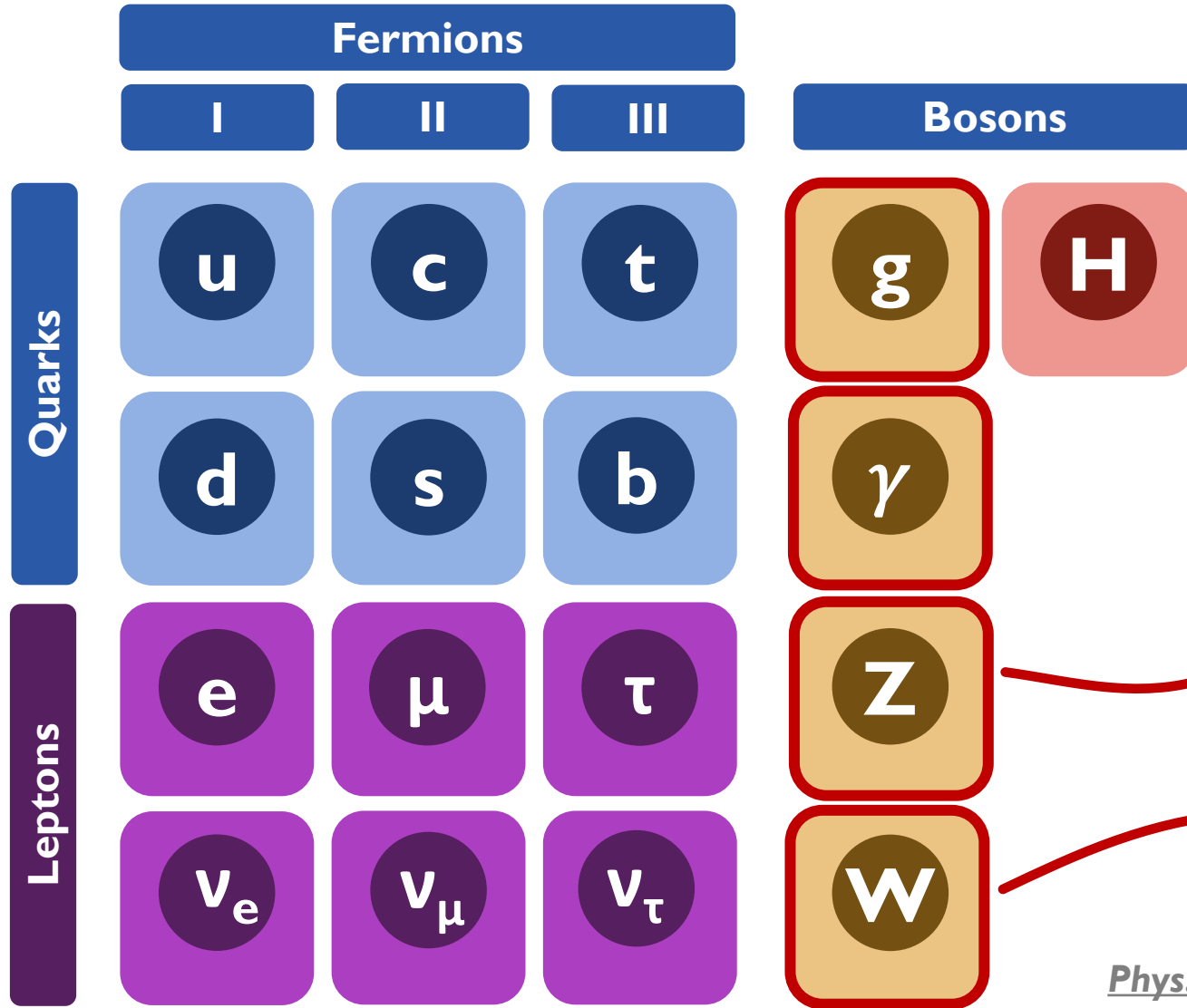
Analysis event selection

Reconstruction in ATLAS detector

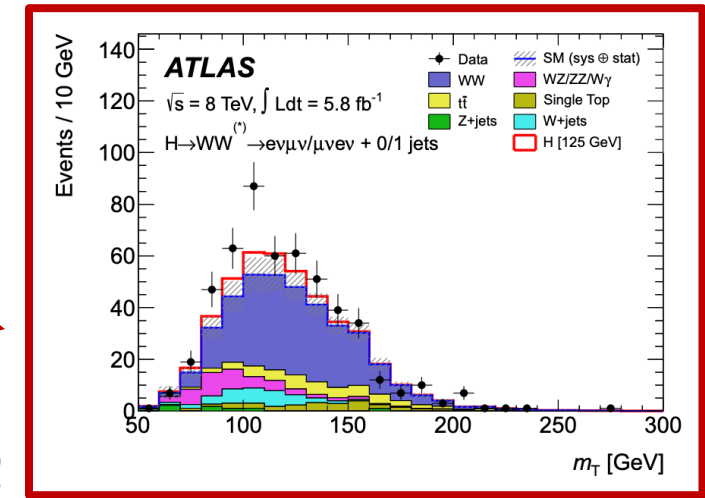


# Higgs landscape

- Higgs boson discovery in 2012
- Coupling to bosons established in Run I of the LHC



$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

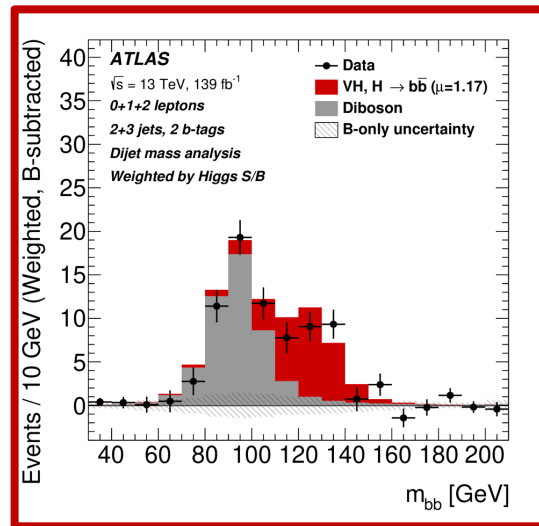
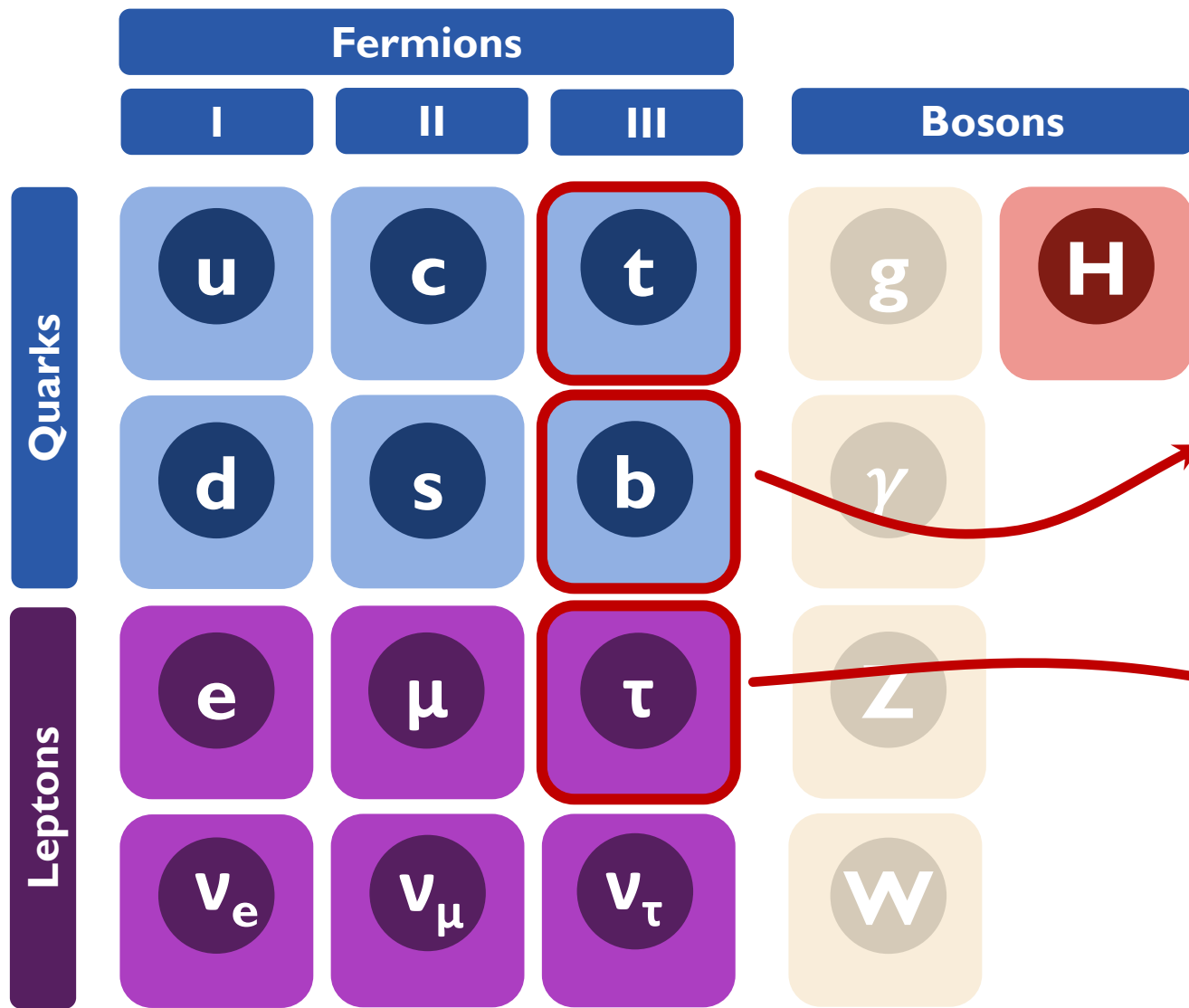


$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$

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# Higgs landscape

- Coupling of Higgs to heavy fermions established
- In direct decays or by measuring  $ttH$  production mode

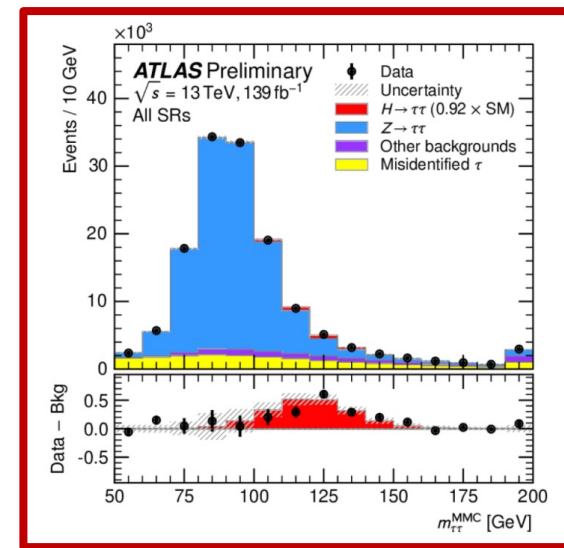


**$VH, H \rightarrow bb$**

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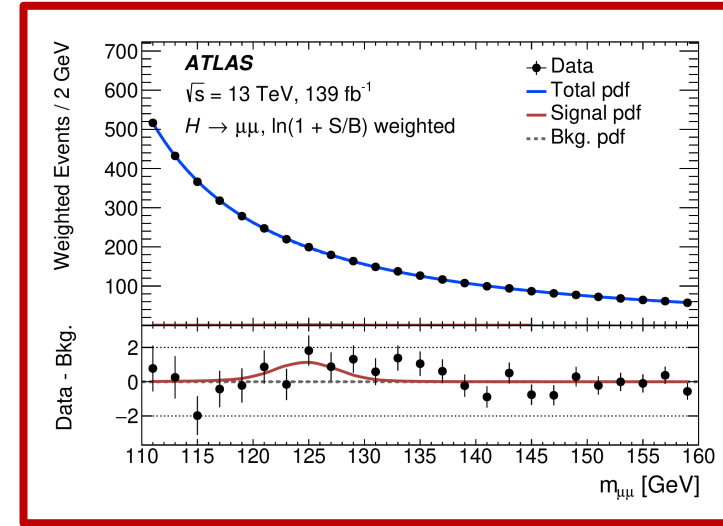
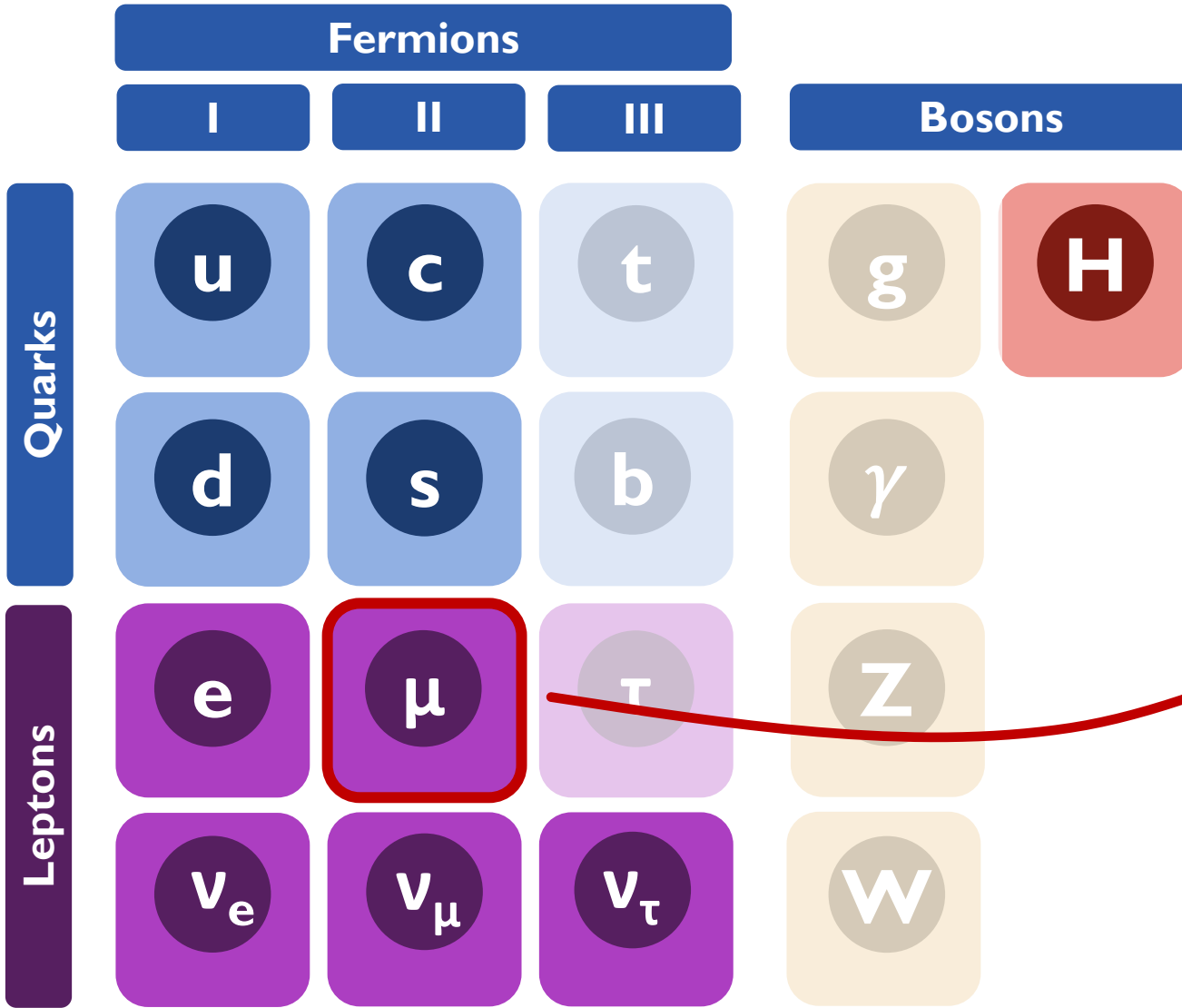
**$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$**

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# Higgs landscape

- More recently: evidence of Higgs coupling to muons in direct decays

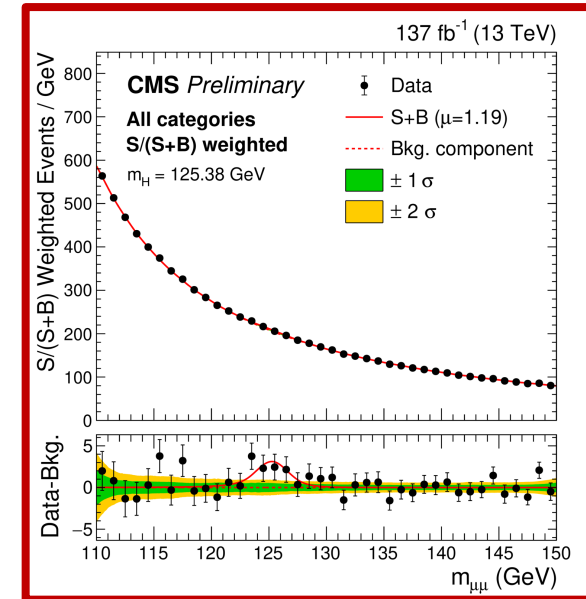


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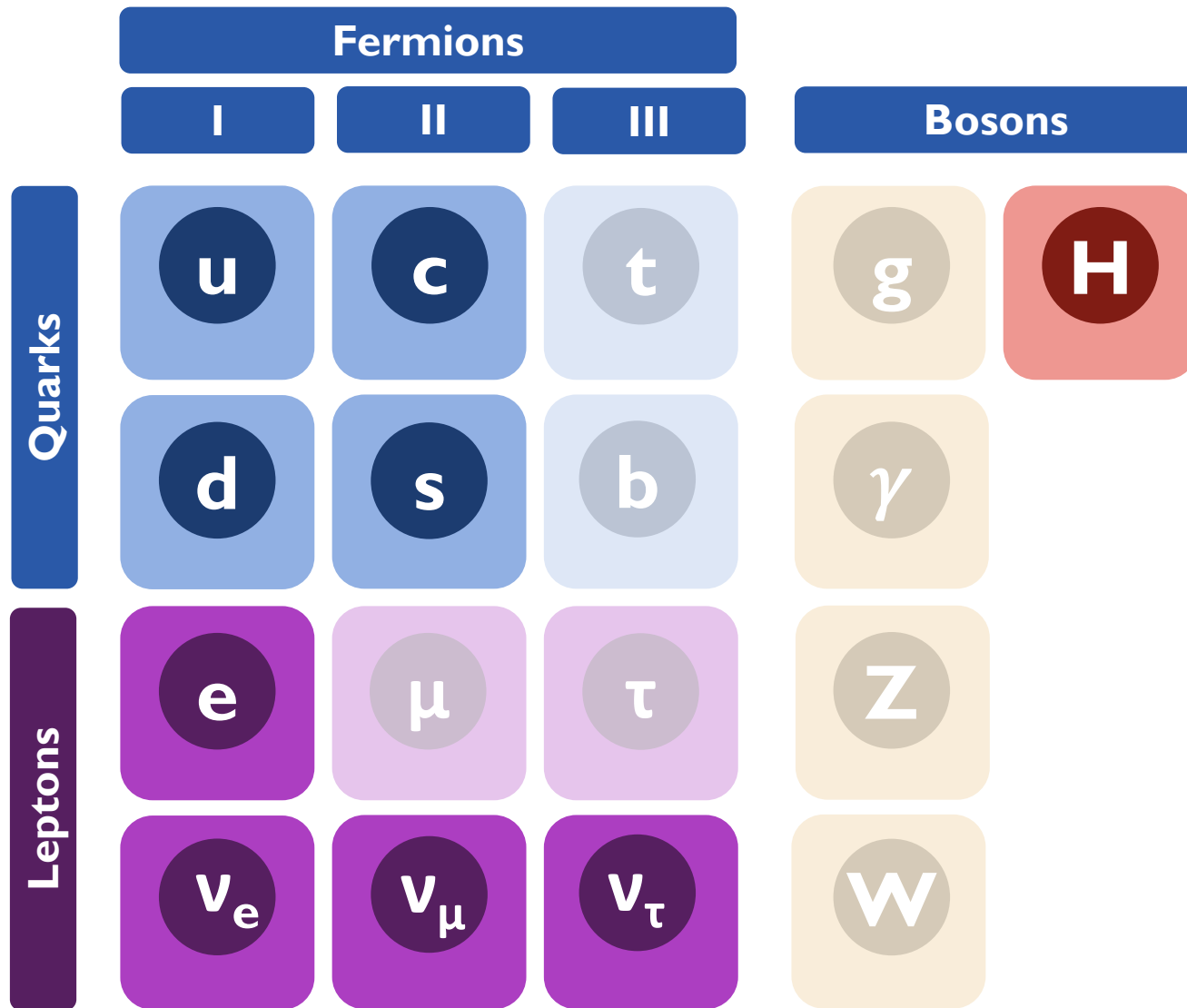
**CMS**

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$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$



# Higgs landscape



- Higgs program at the LHC has been very successful so far
- However, no new physics found at the LHC
- As the most unknown particle, clear motivation to use LHC dataset to probe the Higgs couplings as precisely as possible  
→ “Higgs a tool for new physics searches”
- Open questions:
  - Coupling to lighter fermions?
  - Higgs self-coupling?
  - Coupling to invisible particles? (e.g. dark matter?)

# Higgs as a discovery tool

Can consider grouping Higgs measurements into different categories:

## Higgs couplings (two-body decays):

New physics can manifest as:

- Precision correction to established decay channels, i.e.  $H \rightarrow ZZ, WW, \gamma\gamma, bb, \tau\tau \rightarrow$  precision/differential measurements
- Significant modifications to more rare decays  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu, cc$  (e.g. arXiv [1804.02400](#), [1508.01501](#))  $\rightarrow$  searches

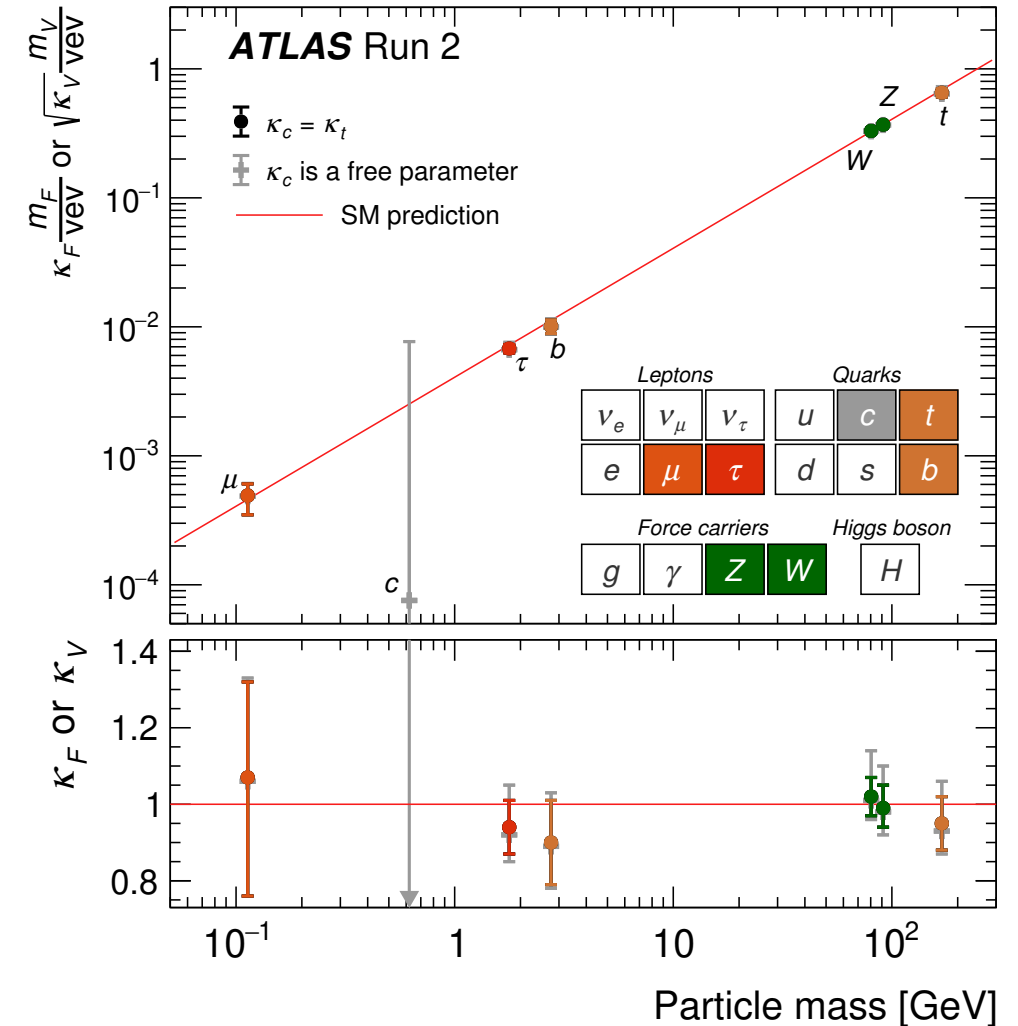
## Tri-linear Higgs self-coupling:

- Higgs self-coupling  $\kappa_\lambda$  one of the main SM parameters not yet measured
- Strong di-Higgs program in ATLAS  $\rightarrow$  largest sensitivity in  $HH \rightarrow bbbb, bb\gamma\gamma, bb\tau\tau$  (new for LHCP: [ATLAS-CONF-2024-006](#))

## Dedicated new physics searches/measurements with Higgs:

- Can set up dedicated analyses targeting specific rare processes or specific kinematics, e.g.  $H \rightarrow J/\psi + X$  decay,  $H(\gamma\gamma)+X$ , [Quantum entanglement](#)

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# LHC Run 2

Precisely measuring Higgs couplings

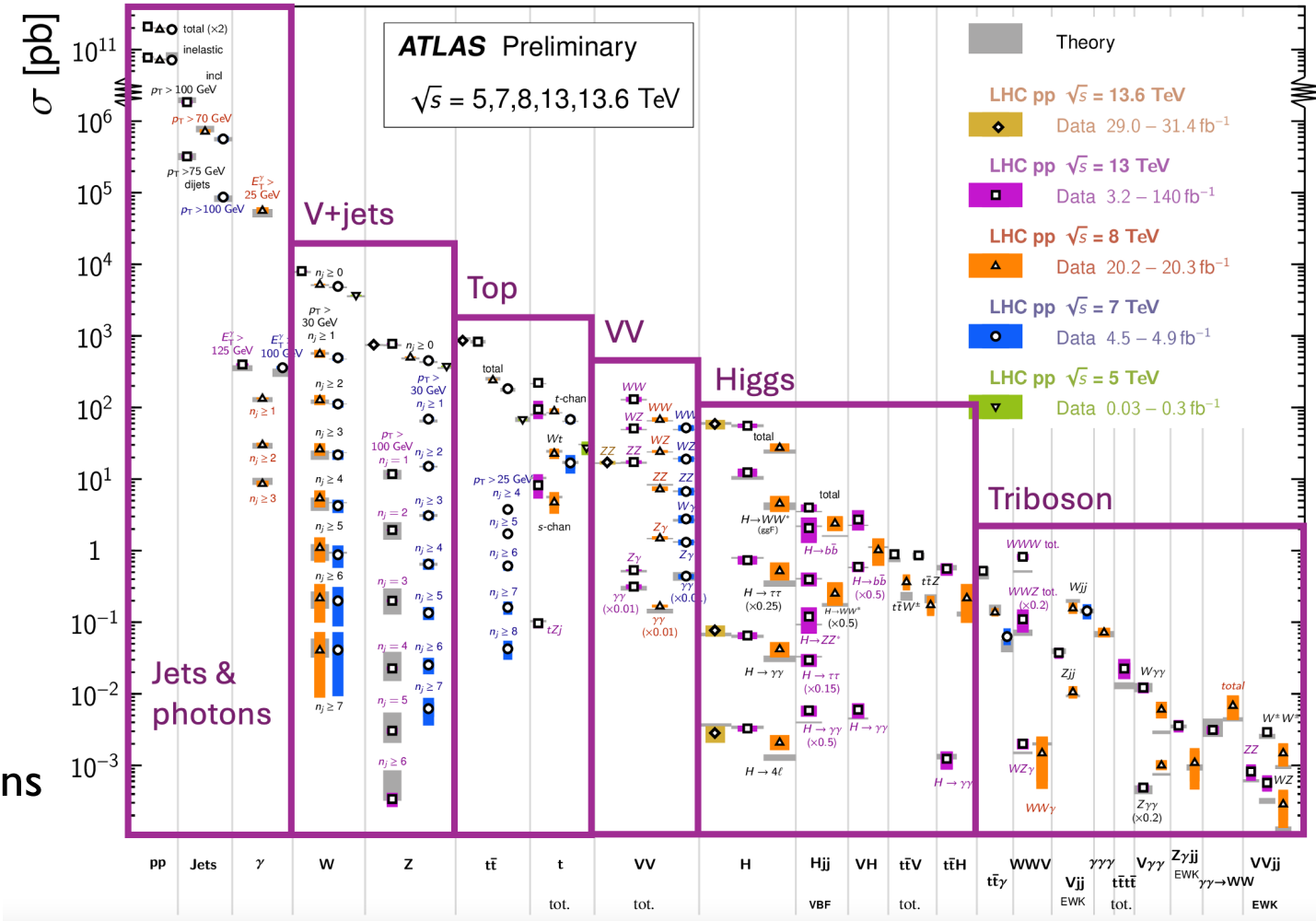


# Highlights of Run 2 measurements

- ATLAS physics program has been hugely successful in probing SM predictions across many orders of magnitude
  - Higgs physics program only a subset of the interesting physics measurements in ATLAS
  - Specifically, weak boson and top quark measurements are crucial tests of the SM at different center-of-mass energy scales
- Also important for Higgs measurements, as they are some of the most important backgrounds and drive MC generator decisions

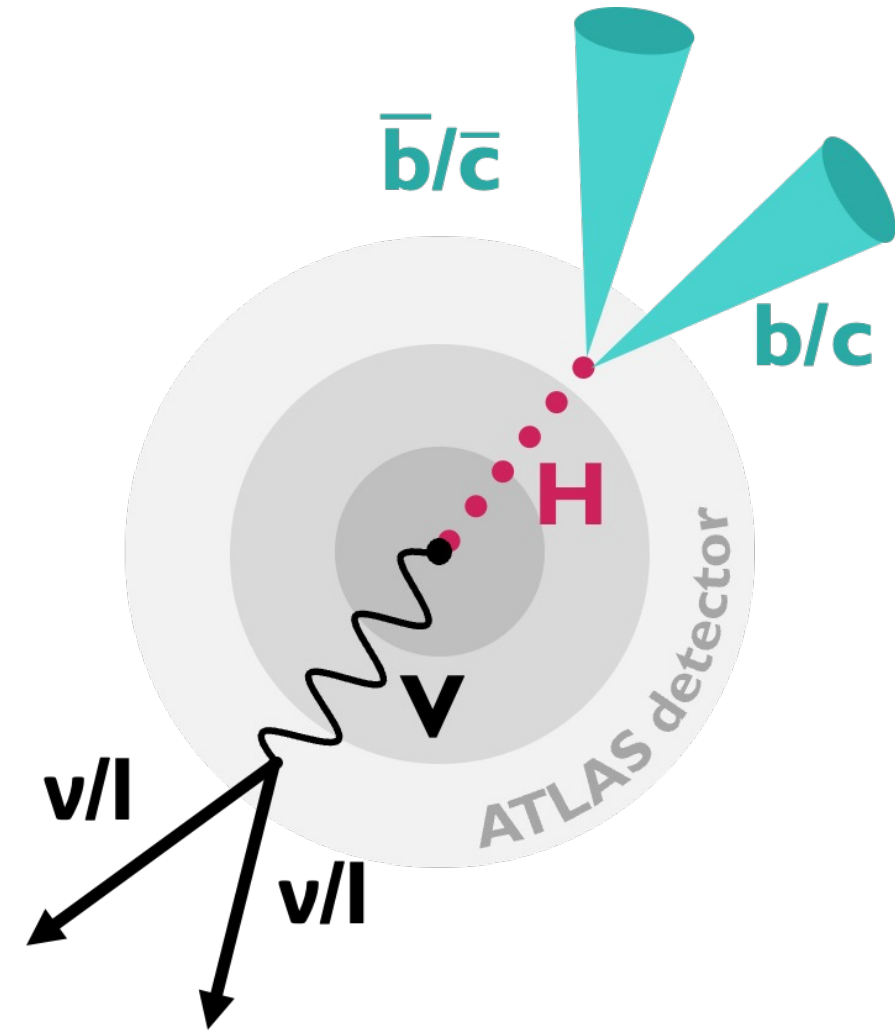
Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: October 2023



# VH, $H \rightarrow bb, cc$

- Since Higgs discovery, moving towards studying Higgs boson in detail
- Higgs coupling to b-quarks has been well-established (observation paper), largest contribution to Higgs decay width (branching ratio 58%)
- Higgs coupling to c-quarks is most common Higgs decay channel that has not yet been observed (branching ratio 2.7%)
- New physics effects can manifest both as precision corrections to  $H \rightarrow bb$  decay rate, or significant modifications to the smaller  $H \rightarrow cc$  decay rate (e.g see arXiv [1804.02400](#), [1508.01501](#))
- VH(bb/cc) analyses target the VH production mode:
  - Use leptonic decays of the W and Z boson to suppress QCD background
  - Exploit similarity of  $H \rightarrow bb/cc$  decays through similar analysis strategies and common samples and calibrations
  - Exploit flavour tagging to identify jets originating from b- and c-jets

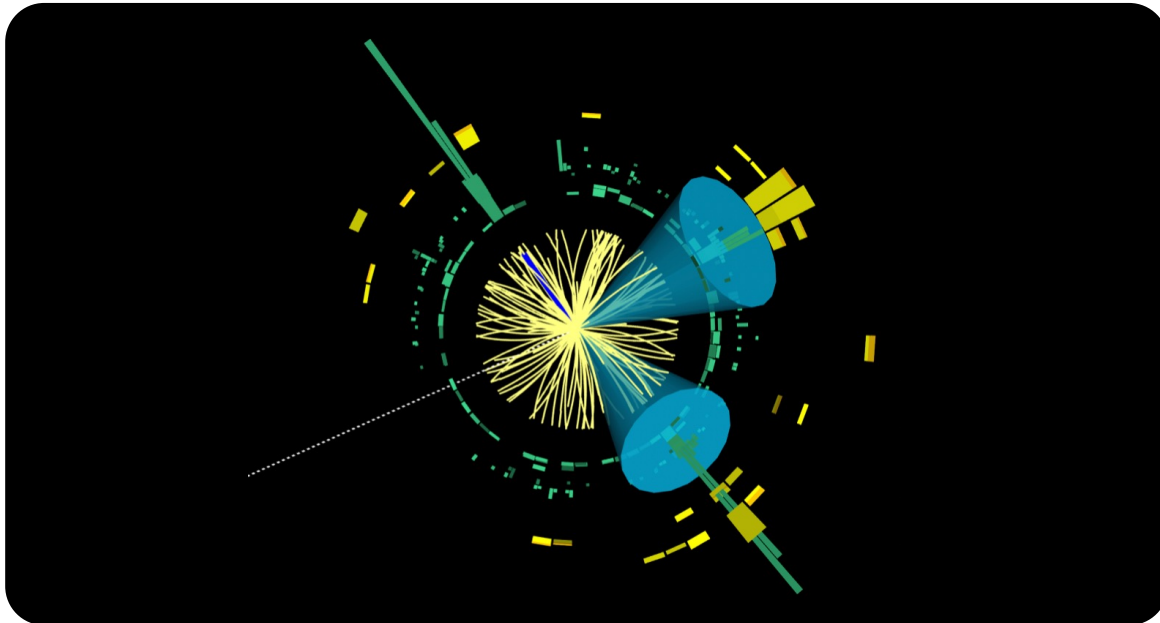
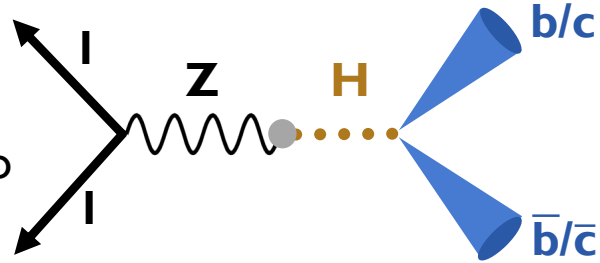


# Boosted vs resolved

- Two different topologies used based on transverse momentum of the Higgs boson
- High momentum Higgs boson decays more susceptible to new physics effects

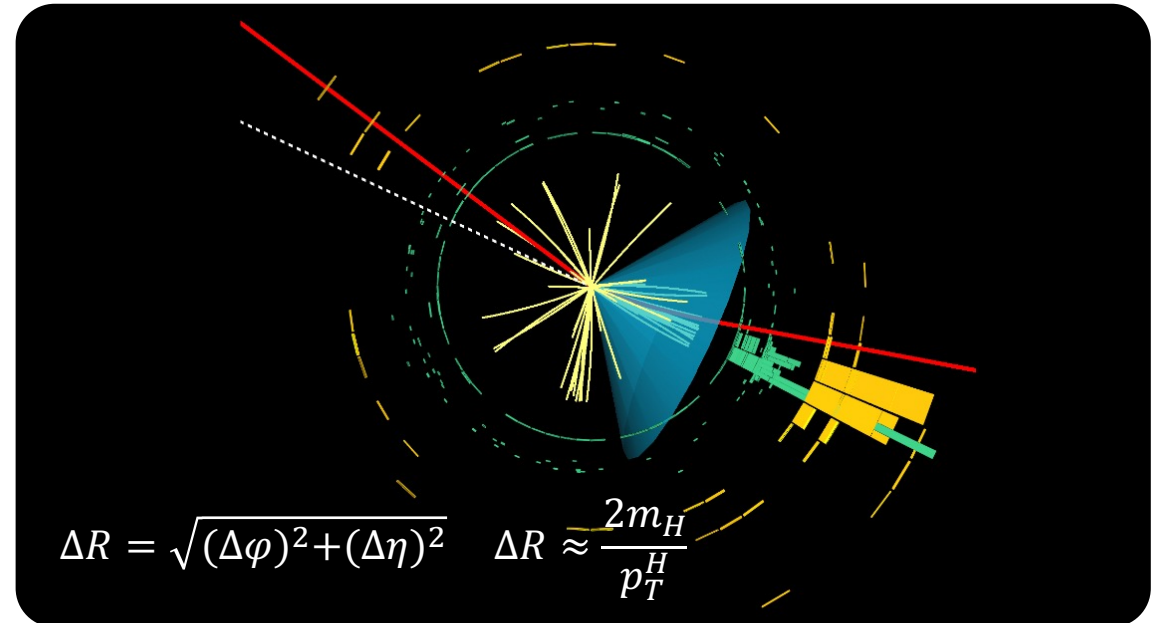
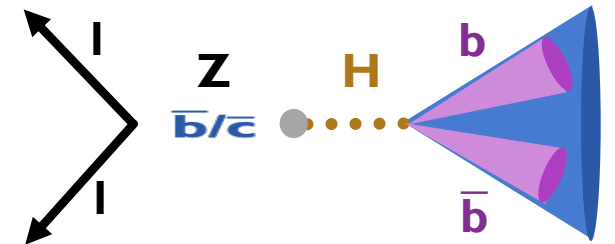
## Resolved (low $p_T^H$ )

Higgs candidate  
reconstructed from two  
 $R=0.4$  jets



## Boosted (high $p_T^H$ )

Higgs candidate  
reconstructed one  
 $R=1.0$  jets



# Lepton channels

Categorisation of events into channels by the decay of the vector boson into leptons (electrons or muons)

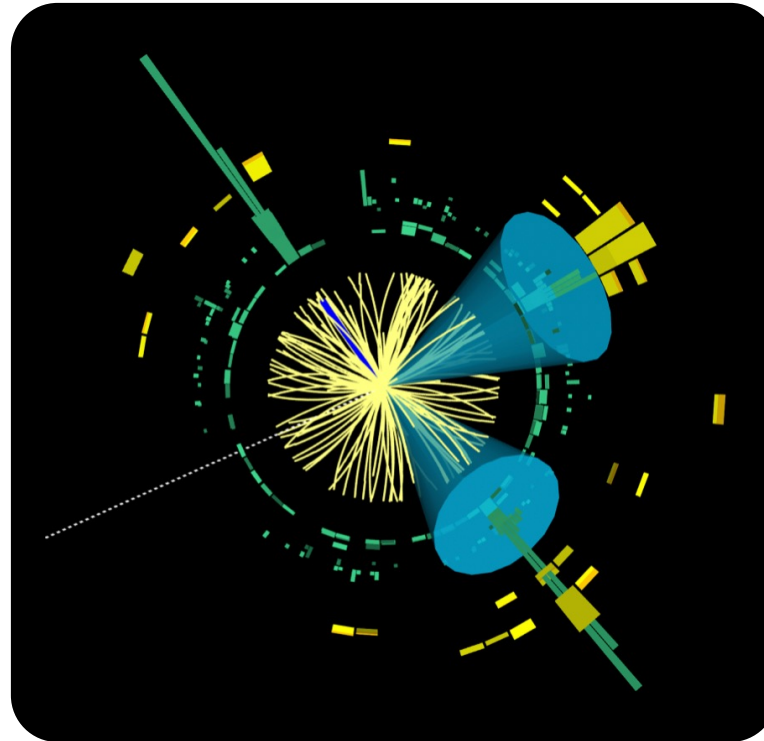
**0 lepton**

*2 b/c-tagged jets + MET*



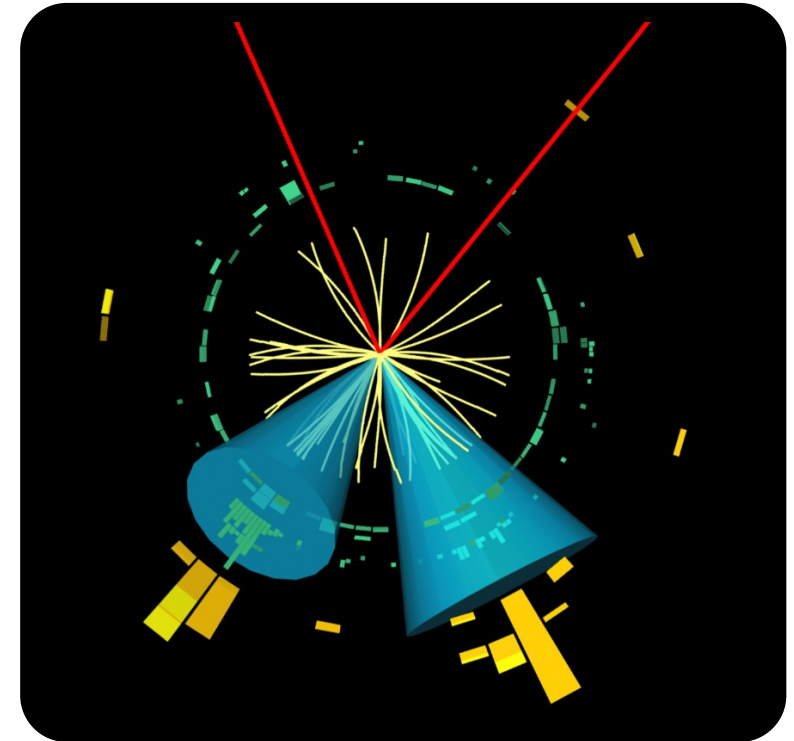
**1 lepton**

*2 b/c-tagged jets + lepton + MET*



**2 lepton**

*2 b/c-tagged jets + 2 leptons*



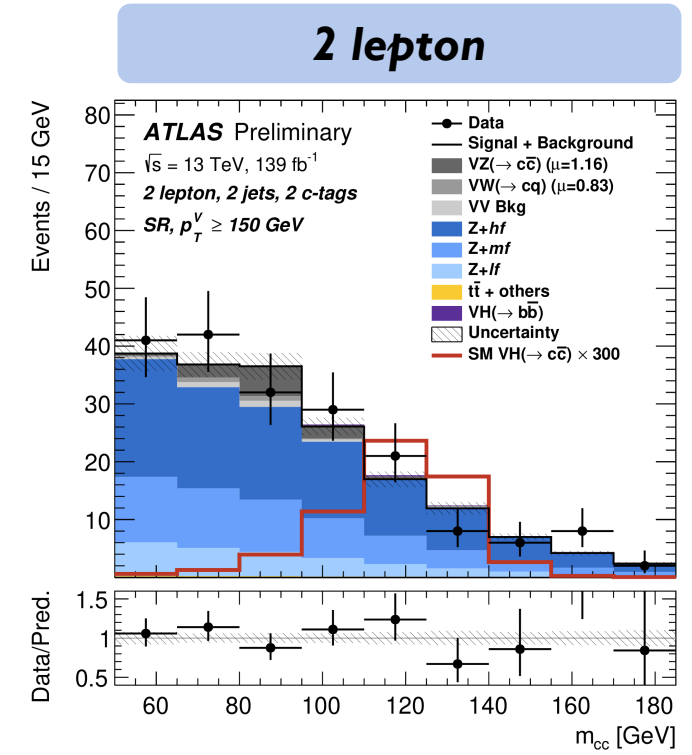
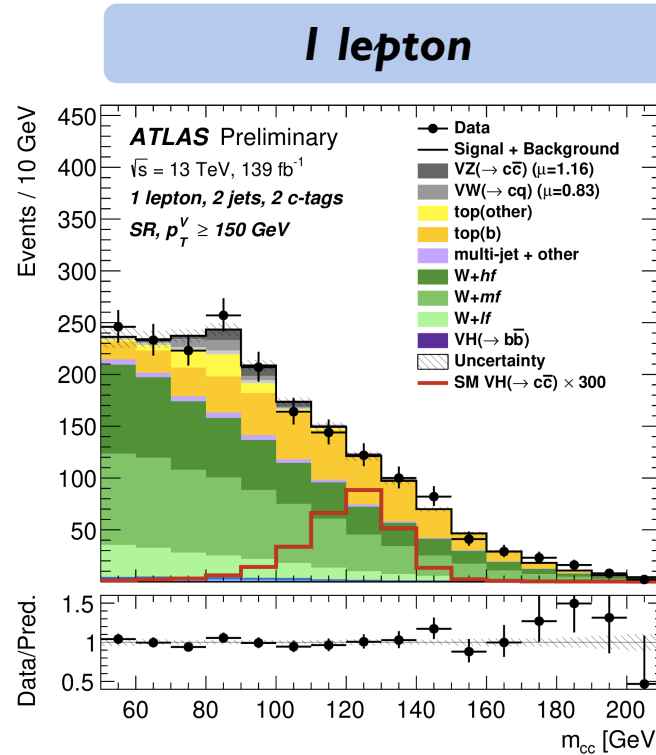
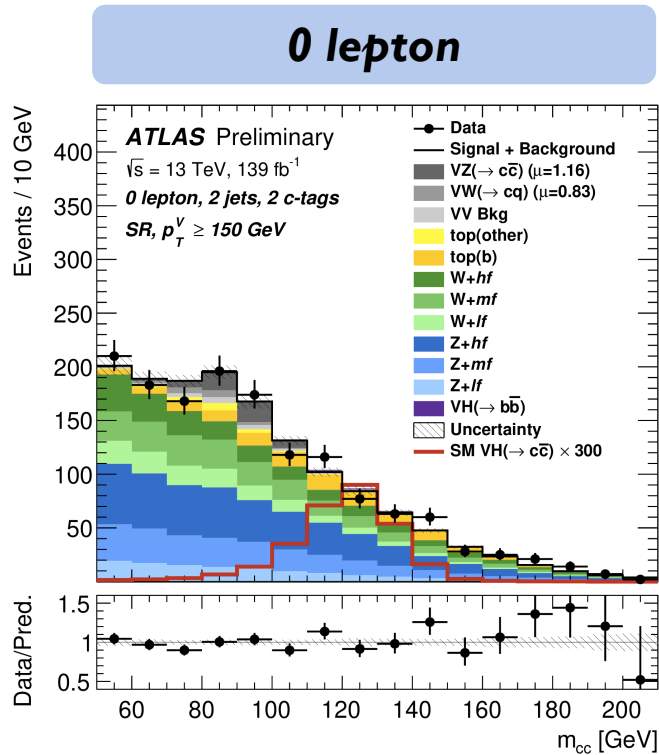
# Signal regions

Signal: **VH( $\rightarrow$ bb/cc)**, **VZ( $\rightarrow$ cc)**, **VW( $\rightarrow$ cq)**

Major backgrounds: **W+jets**, **Z+jets**, **Top**  $\rightarrow$  Constrained in dedicated control regions

Subdominant backgrounds: **VV** background

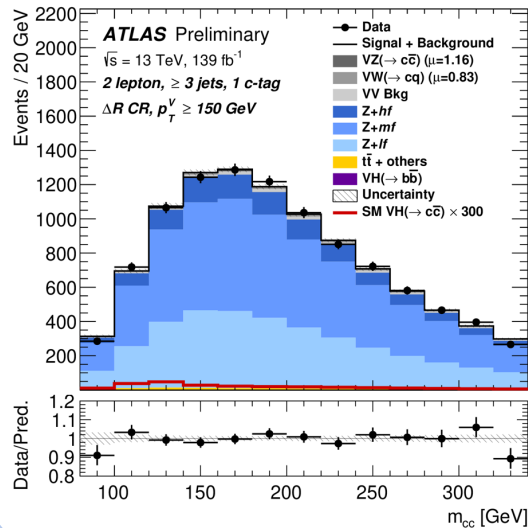
2 c-tag



# Control regions

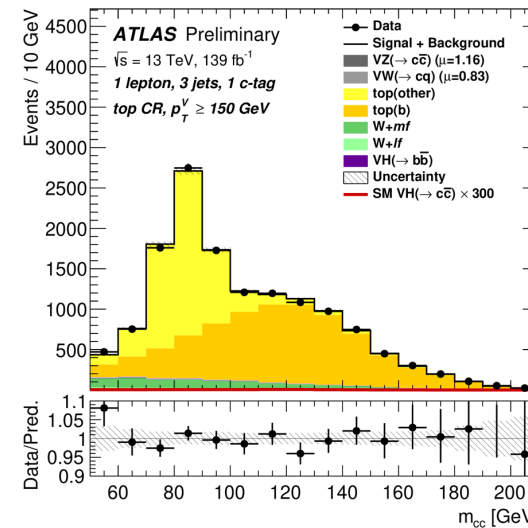
- Excellent understanding of background necessary for an analysis with such small signal
- all major backgrounds measured in regions with dedicated event selections

## V+jets background



- One CR per SR
- Events with large separation between jets (high  $\Delta R_{cc}$ )
- Constrain V + heavy flavour jets

## Top background



- In 0/1 lepton
- Require  $\geq 1$  b-tag
- Constrain ttbar and single top backgrounds

# V+jets modelling in ATLAS

arXiv 2112.09588

- Current baseline generator for V+jets in ATLAS is Sherpa 2.2.11 (superseding Sherpa 2.2.1)
  - Several improvements: corrected heavy flavour production fractions, higher order QCD/EW corrections, computational improvements
- Alternative generator for modelling studies is **MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO+Pythia8** w/ up to 3 additional partons at NLO, using **FxFx ME and PS merging** prescription

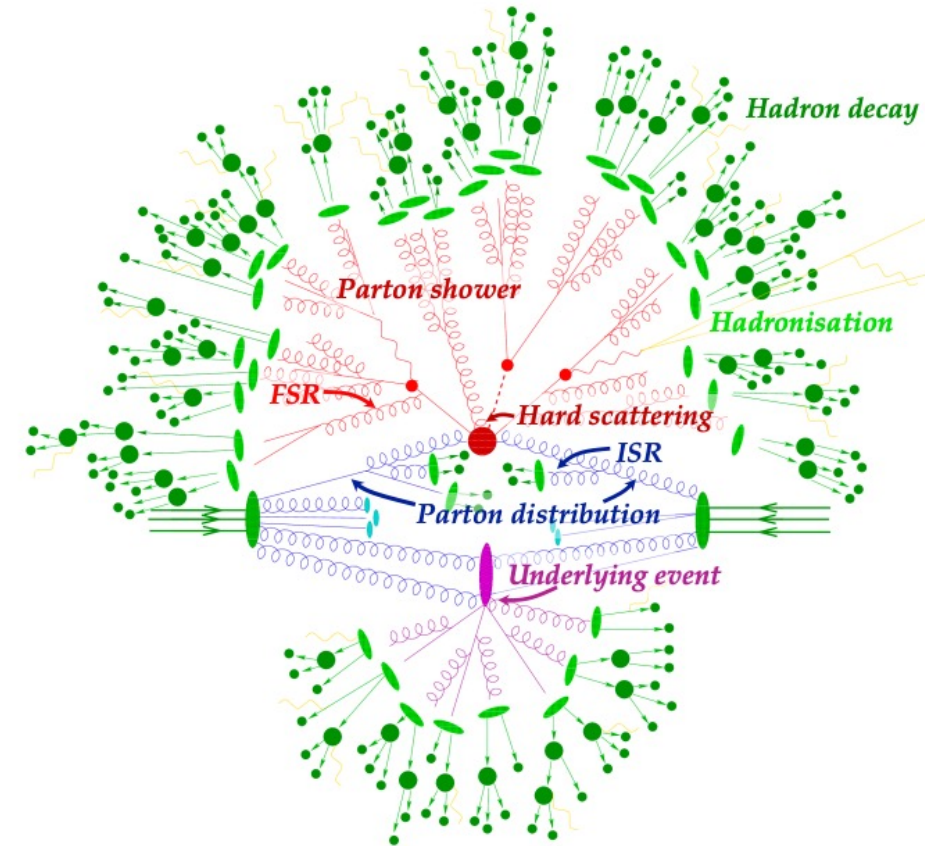


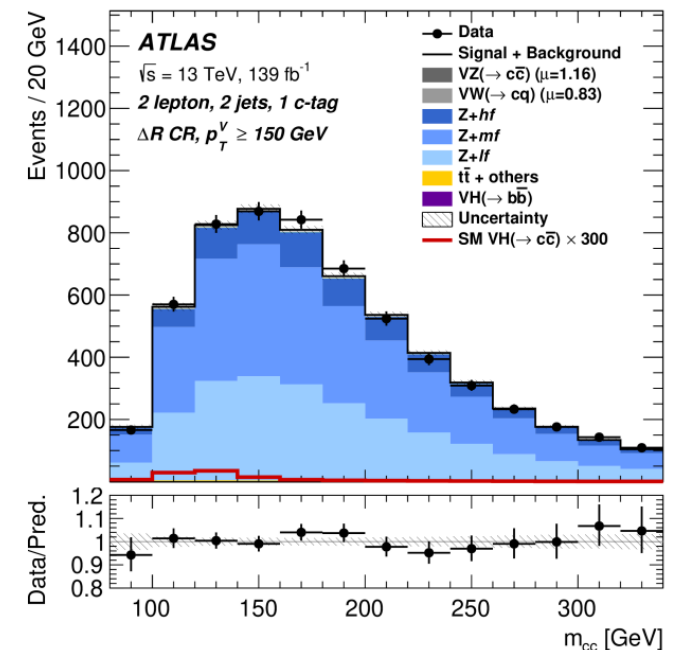
Table 1: Summary of the SHERPA 2.2.1 and 2.2.11 configurations.

| Configuration                             | SHERPA 2.2.1                 | SHERPA 2.2.11                |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Generator version                         | SHERPA 2.2.1                 | SHERPA 2.2.11                |
| PDF set                                   | NNPDF3.0NNLO                 | NNPDF3.0NNLO                 |
| EW input scheme                           | Effective                    | $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$ |
| QCD accuracy                              | 0-2j@NLO+3,4j@LO             | 0-2j@NLO+3,4,5j@LO           |
| NLO EW <sub>virt</sub> corrections        | No                           | Yes                          |
| Subtraction scheme                        | Default                      | Modified Catani-Seymour      |
| Special treatment for unordered histories | No                           | Yes                          |
| Scale for $\mathbb{H}$ -events            | STRICT_METS                  | $H'_T$                       |
| Gluon colour/spin exact matching          | Yes                          | No                           |
| Core process for $K$ -factor              | $2 \rightarrow 4$            | $2 \rightarrow 2$            |
| Phase-space strategy                      | Sliced in $\max(H_T, p_T^V)$ | Analytic enhancement         |

# V+jets modelling approach

- Start from **nominal simulated samples**
  - Nominally simulated with **Sherpa 2.2.1 5F MEPS@NLO** (NLO-accurate ME for up to 2 jets, LO-accurate ME for up to four jets)
  - Samples produced in slices of  $\max(H_T, p_T^V)$  to control phase space sampling
  - Filters are applied to select events with heavy flavour jets
  - More details on generator setup [here](#)
- Constrain **normalisations** (and  $m_{cc}$  shapes) of V+jets in dedicated control regions, e.g. through selecting events with high  $\Delta R$  between jets
- Float normalisations based on di-jet flavour:
  - VH(bb): Float V+hf (bb, bc, bl, cc) separately and take remaining components as predicted by simulation + uncertainty
  - VH(cc): Float separately V+hf (bb, cc), V+mf (bc, bl, cl) and V+l
    - In both cases, with uncertainties applied on flavour composition
- Determine floating normalisations with as much granularity as data allows (in different bins of jet multiplicity,  $p_T$  of vector boson)

Example of V+jets control region in VH(cc)





# V+jets modelling approach

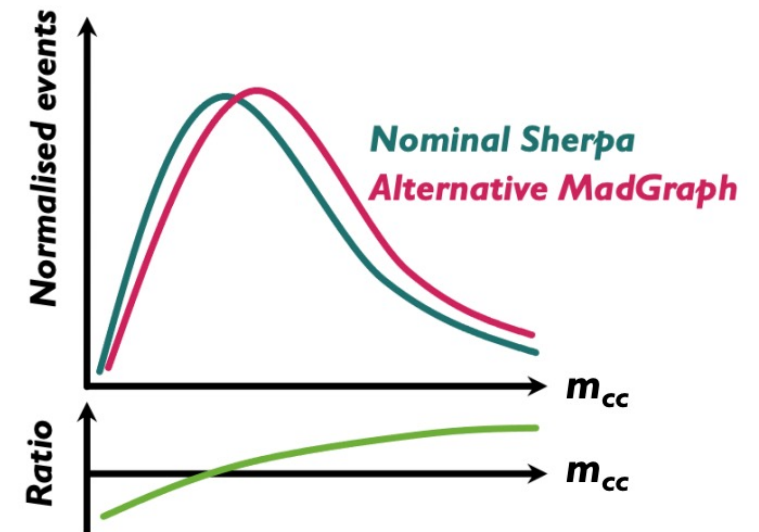
- Derive uncertainties by considering different variations
    - **MadGraph+Pythia8 5F MEPS@LO** (up to 4 partons) → dominant uncertainty
    - Renormalisation/factorisation scale ( $\mu_R, \mu_F$ ) variations
  - Calculate shape and normalisation effects of each alternative generator
  - Group normalisation effects together, to calculate:
    - **Overall normalisation** uncertainties on smaller V+jets components
    - **Extrapolation uncertainties** between different analysis regions and on the **flavour composition** of backgrounds
    - **Shape uncertainties**: Consider also variations on the shapes of kinematic distributions based on the alternative samples, and include shape uncertainties in the analysis
- directly parametrise the ratio of nominal and alternative generators on  $m_{cc}$

**Extrapolation uncertainties** calculated from yields  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  from regions 1 and 2 (e.g. SR and CR):

$$Acc. ratio = \sqrt{\sum_i \left( \frac{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)_i}{\left(\frac{n_1}{n_2}\right)_{nominal}} - 1 \right)^2}$$

Different sources added in quadrature

*Illustration of shape systematics for mass-based fit*

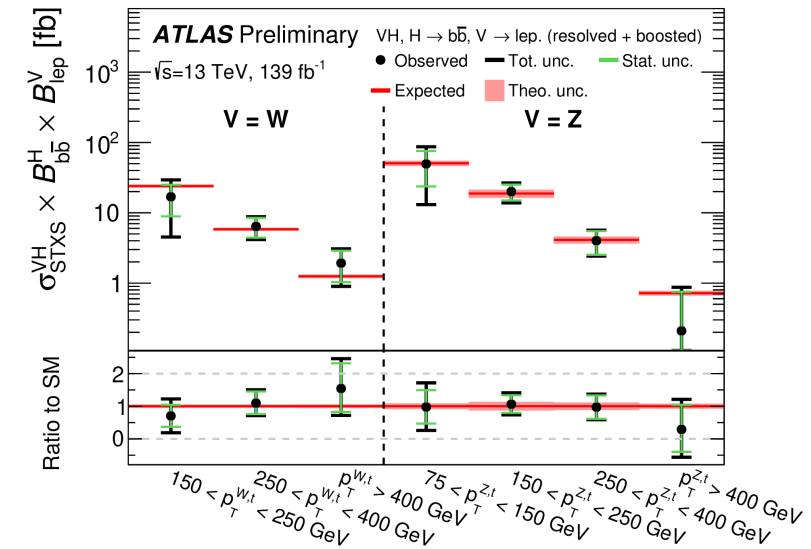


# VH, H → bb, cc results

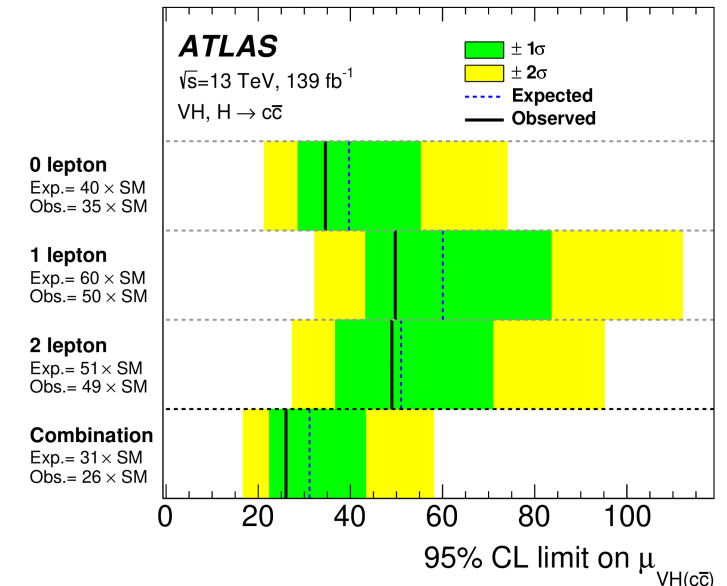
Legacy analysis is a combination of three separate analyses, which have been previously published:

- **Resolved VH(bb):**
  - MVA based analysis following H → bb observation strategy
  - Total significance of 6.7σ, VH/ZH measurement, STXS measurement and EFT interpretation
- **Boosted VH(bb):**
  - Cut-based analysis, first iteration of analysis using boosted reconstruction
  - Total observed significance of 2.1σ, STXS measurement and EFT interpretation
- **VH(cc): (resolved regime)**
  - Cut-based analysis, first iteration of this analysis using Full Run 2 dataset and all three lepton channels
  - Upper Limit of 26 x SM, first direct constraint on  $|\kappa_c| < 8.5$

## VH(bb) cross-sections



## VH(cc) limits



# VH(cc) breakdown of uncertainties

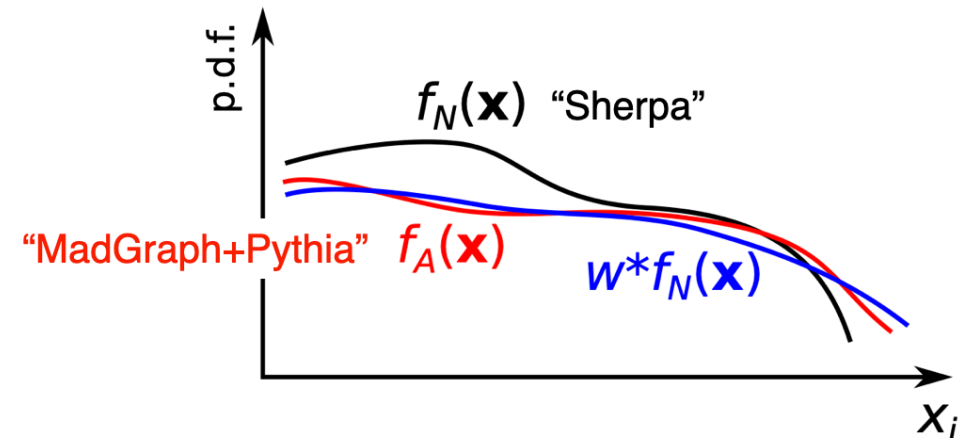
- Uncertainty on VH(cc)  $\sim 15.3$
  - **Stat** and **systematic** uncertainties of the same order
  - Largest contributions to systematic uncertainties:
    - **Z+jets**
    - **Top**
    - **Flavour tagging**
  - Knowledge of modelling of main analysis backgrounds is driving the size of the systematic uncertainties
- Significant improvements necessary on both V+jets and top quark modelling

| Set of NPs           | Impact                       |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>         | <b><math>\pm 15.3</math></b> |
| <b>Data Stat</b>     | <b><math>\pm 10.0</math></b> |
| Data stat only       | $\pm 7.9$                    |
| Float. norm          | $\pm 5.1$                    |
| <b>Full Syst</b>     | <b><math>\pm 11.5</math></b> |
| VHcc modelling       | $\pm 2.1$                    |
| Background modelling | $\pm 8.8$                    |
| W+jets               | $\pm 2.9$                    |
| <b>Z+jets</b>        | <b><math>\pm 7.0</math></b>  |
| <b>Top</b>           | <b><math>\pm 3.9</math></b>  |
| Diboson              | $\pm 1.00$                   |
| Multi-jet            | $\pm 0.98$                   |
| Hbb                  | $\pm 0.78$                   |

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Experimental Syst (excl FTAG) | $\pm 2.96$                   |
| Lepton                        | $\pm 0.49$                   |
| MET                           | $\pm 0.18$                   |
| JET                           | $\pm 2.84$                   |
| Pile-up/Lumi                  | $\pm 0.29$                   |
| <b>FTAG + TT</b>              | <b><math>\pm 4.29</math></b> |
| FTAG (b-jet)                  | $\pm 1.11$                   |
| FTAG (c-jet)                  | $\pm 1.67$                   |
| FTAG (l-jet)                  | $\pm 0.35$                   |
| FTAG (tau-jet)                | $\pm 0.33$                   |
| TT $\Delta R$                 | $\pm 3.33$                   |
| DT norm                       | $\pm 1.74$                   |
| MC Stat                       | $\pm 4.23$                   |

# VH, $H \rightarrow bb, cc$ analysis improvements

- Several areas of improvement possible for VH,  $H \rightarrow bb, cc$  analyses on the Full Run 2 dataset:
- **Jet flavour tagging:**
  - Definition of a coherent jet flavour tagging strategy for b- and c-jets → Close collaboration with ATLAS jet flavour tagging group
  - Overall improvement in sensitivity of +40% for  $H \rightarrow cc$  decays from flavour tagging improvements
- **Machine learning:**
  - Boosted decision trees used as fit discriminant in all analysis categories → +50% improvement in sensitivity to  $H \rightarrow cc$  decays
- **Background modelling:**
  - ML based approach for estimating theoretical uncertainties (CARL) → reweighting to ensure sufficient statistics in alternative MC samples
  - One of the driving analyses in ATLAS for informing theory/MC generator decisions in ATLAS, close overlap with Standard Model measurements of W/Z boson processes



# Ongoing VH, $H \rightarrow bb, cc$ efforts

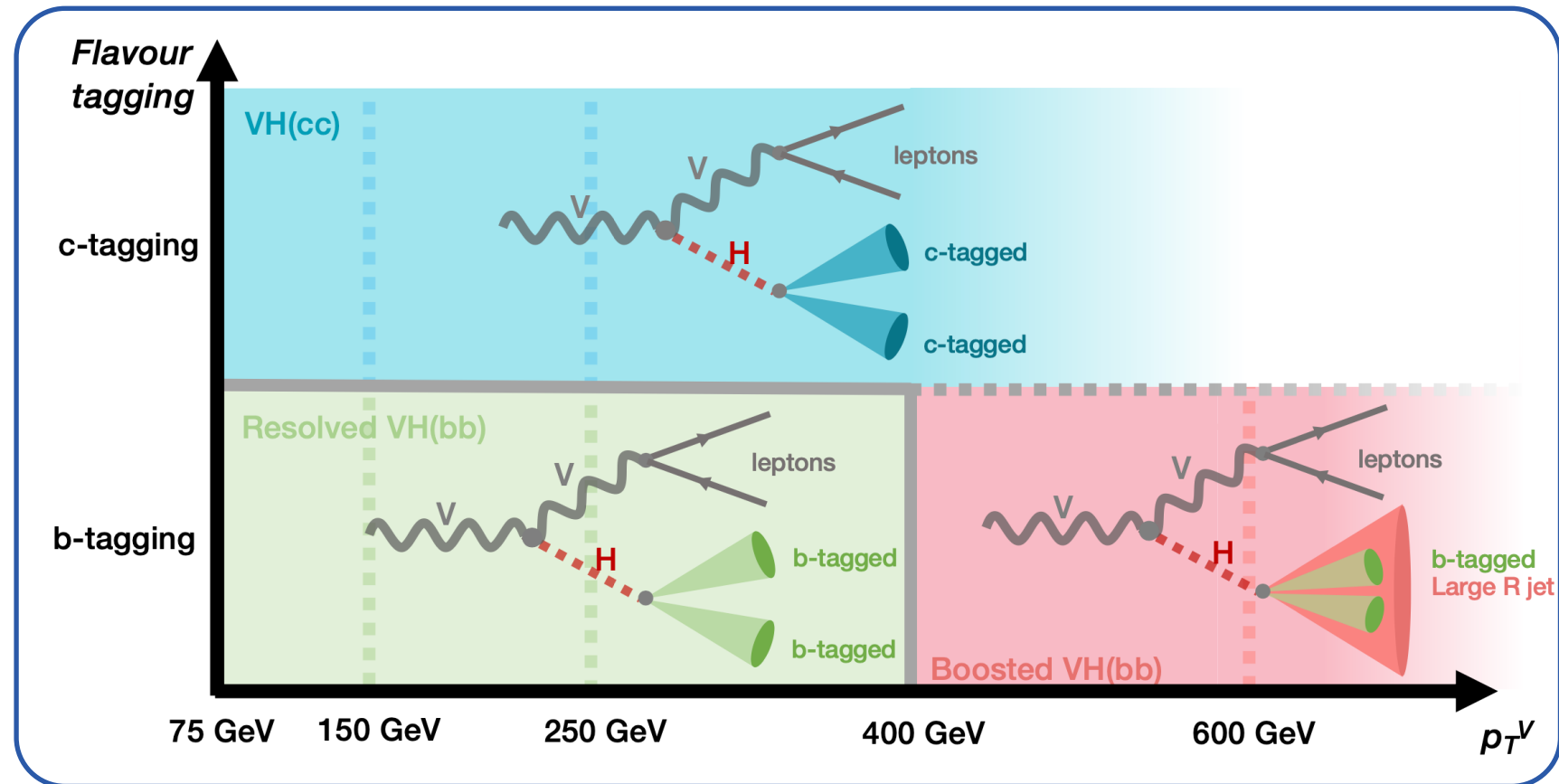
Efforts ongoing to publish a coherent analysis of the entire VH(bb/cc) phase space:

→ Define analysis strategy and treatment of backgrounds optimised for all analyses and improve on analysis results of standalone published analyses

- Separation of VH(bb) and VH(cc) events through flavour tagging
- Separation of boosted and resolved regime by  $p_T$  of W/Z

## Deliverables:

- Inclusive  $\mu_{VH(bb)}$  and  $\mu_{VH(cc)}$  signal strengths measurements
- Combined  $\kappa_c/\kappa_b$  measurements
- STXS cross-section measurement in VH(bb)
- Upper limit on  $\mu_{VH(cc)}$
- EFT interpretation

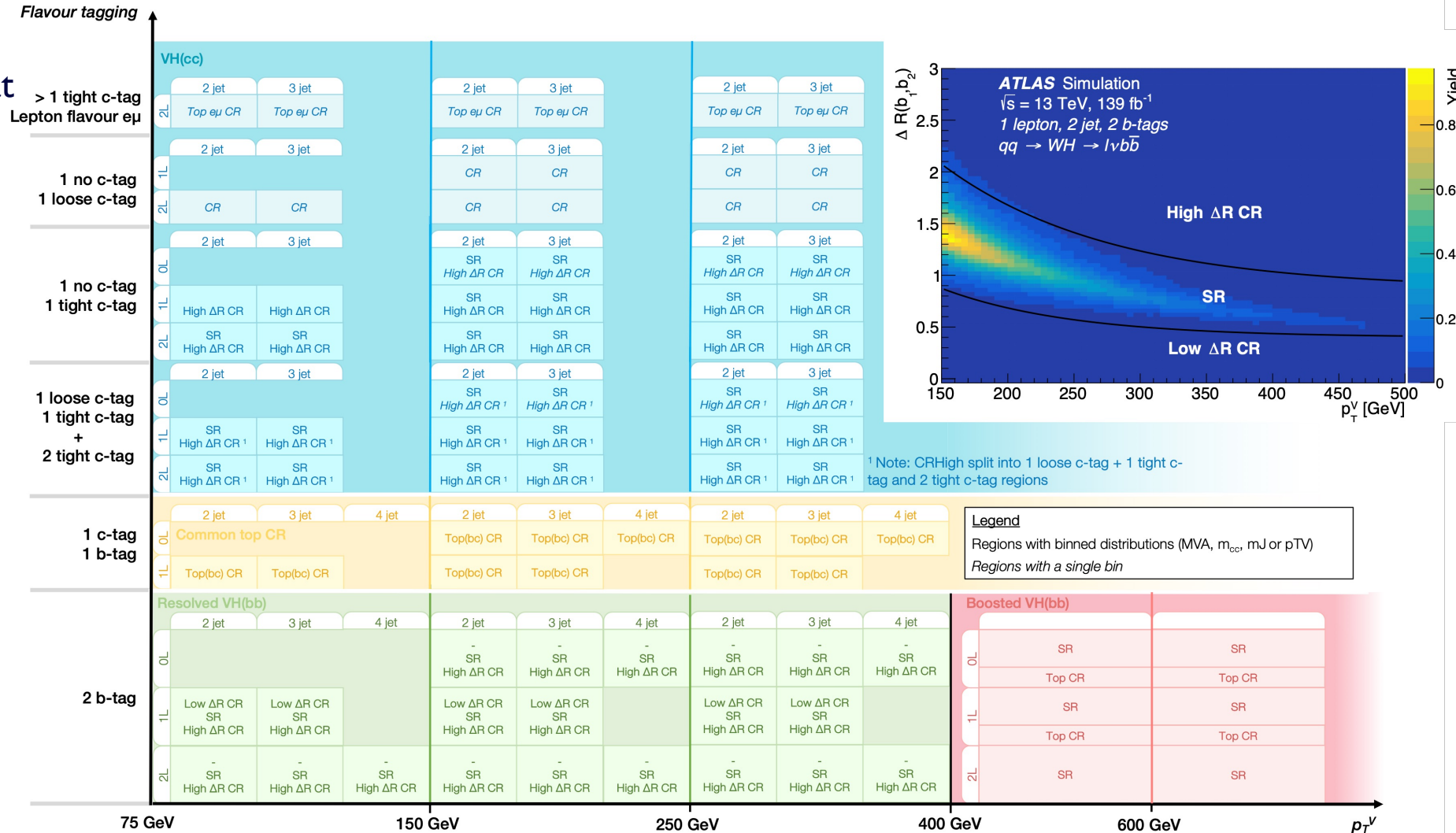


# Ongoing VH, $H \rightarrow bb, cc$ efforts

Given our current MC samples, have to design fit model such that we rely on data-driven estimates of both  $V$ +jets and top background

→ Stay tuned for new **VH(bb/cc) results soon**

→ Need to improve generator setup for Run 3





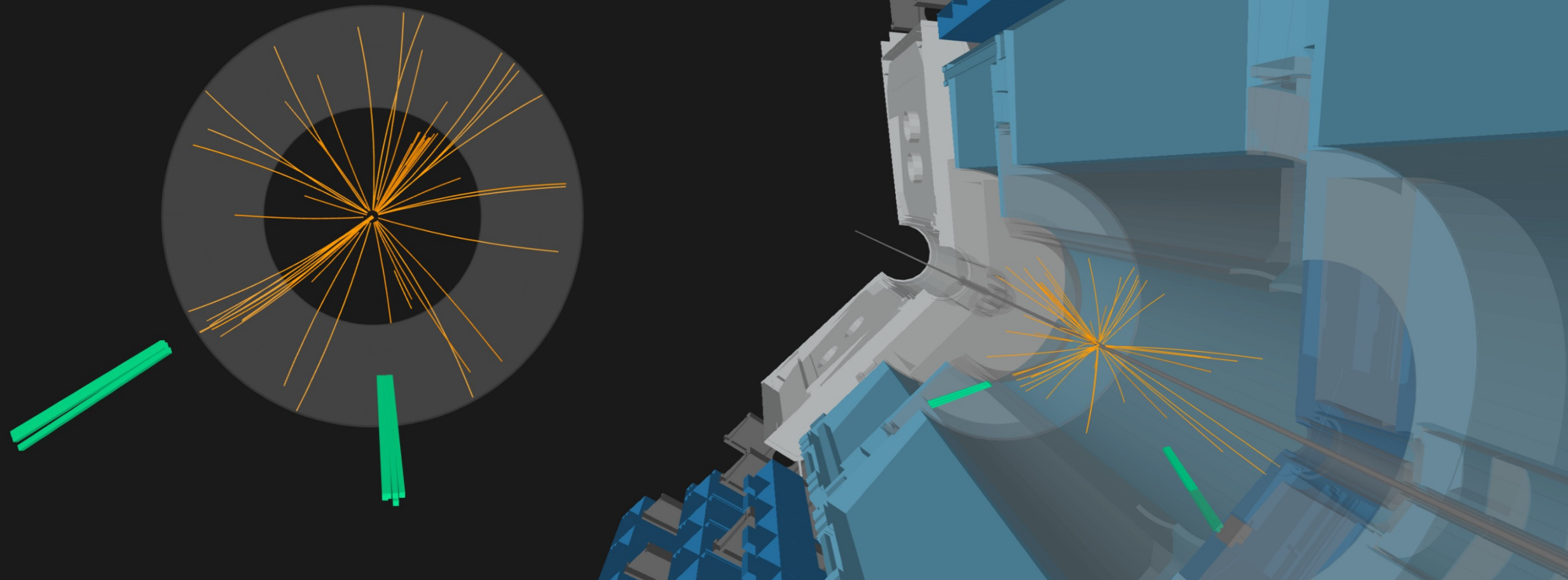
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# LHC Run 3

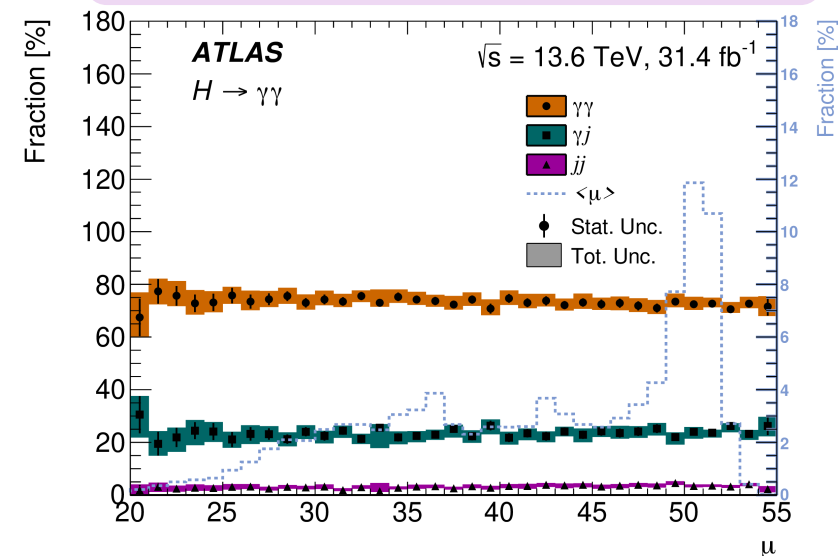
## What's next in Higgs physics?



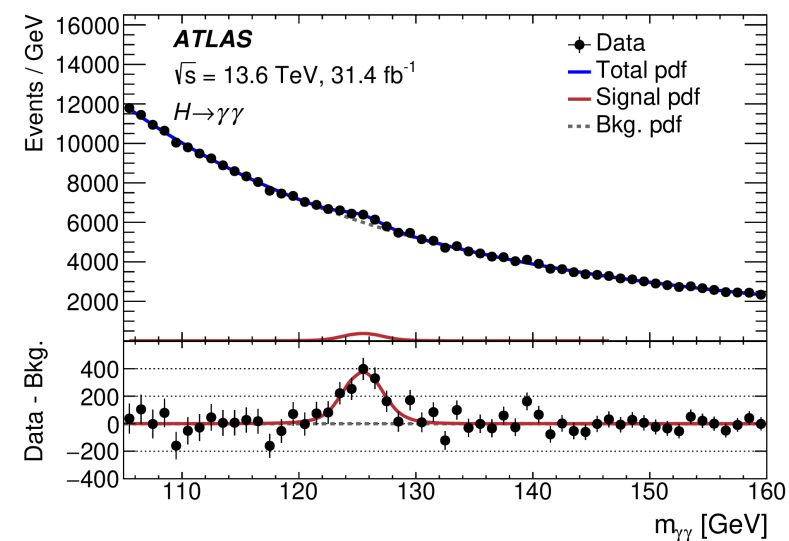
# Run 3 H( $\gamma\gamma$ /ZZ)

- ATLAS Run 3 datataking is progressing well
- Initial Run 3 analyses have been published
  - W/Z cross-sections, ttbar cross-sections,  $pp \rightarrow ZZ$
- First Run 3 Higgs results early last year, **using the discovery channels  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ$** 
  - Following Run 2 analysis strategies largely serving as a cross-check of CP calibrations and detector performance
  - Uncertainties largely driven by larger CP uncertainties on physics object due to CP pre-recommendations

## Photon performance in Run 3



## $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ invariant mass spectrum

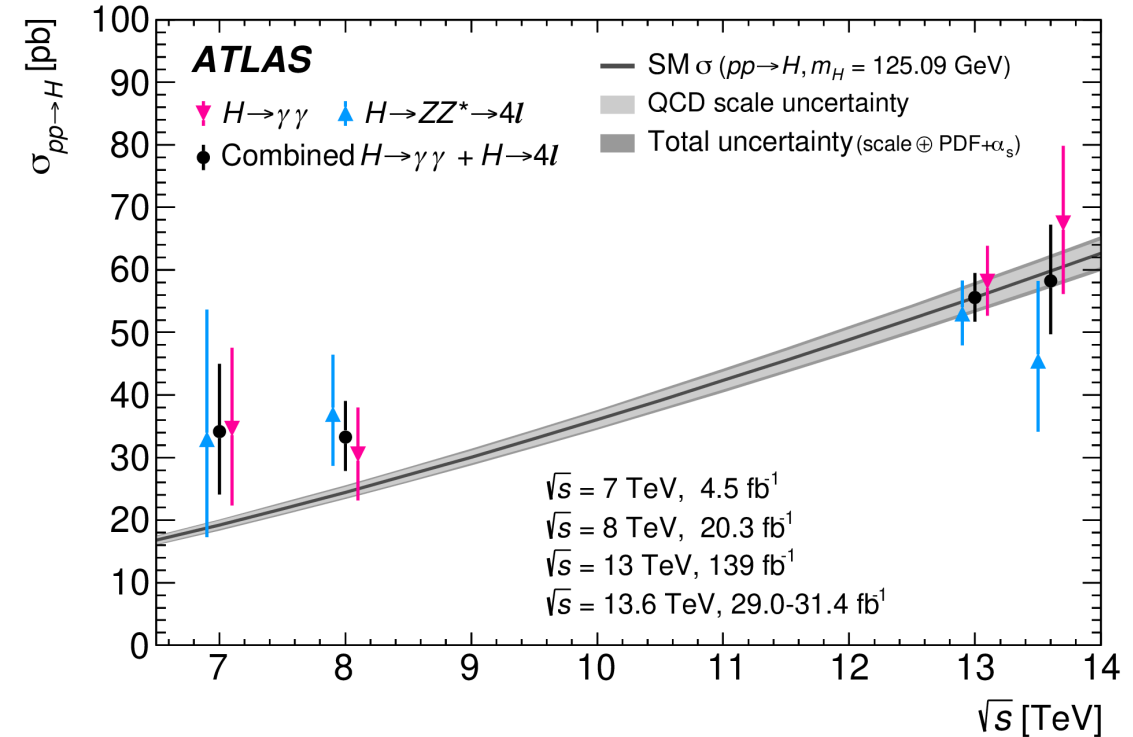




# Run 3 H( $\gamma\gamma$ /ZZ)

- Early Run 3 combination of H(ZZ) and H( $\gamma\gamma$ ) also used to measure total  $pp \rightarrow H$  cross-section measurements at 13.6 TeV for the first time:  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) = 59.9 \pm 2.6 \text{ pb}$
- Good agreement with state-of-the-art theory calculations, determined at NNLO or better
- Now moving to a more broad Run 3 Higgs physics program, repeating some of the known benchmark channels at the higher center-of-mass energy

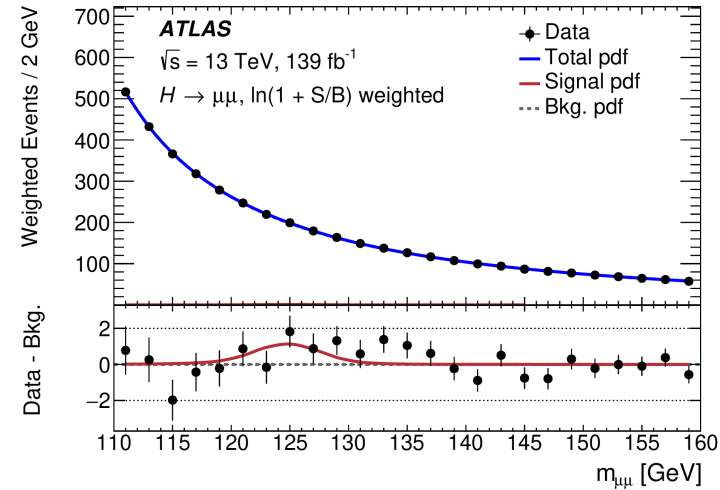
## H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ and H $\rightarrow$ ZZ cross-sections



# Expected Run 3 highlights

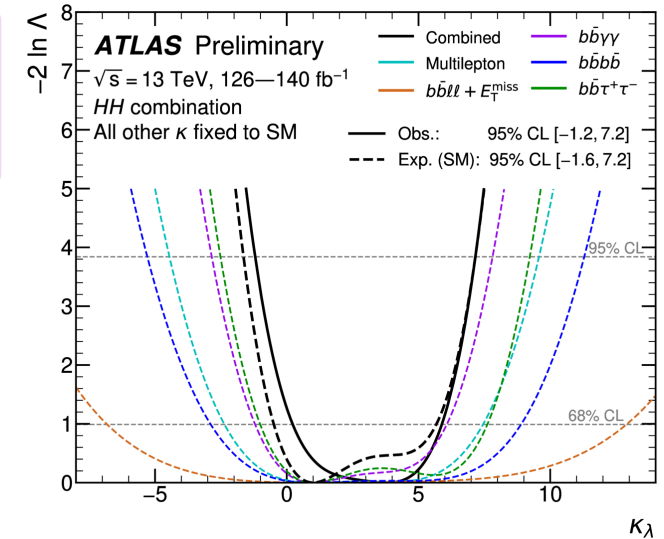
Highlights of Run 3 Higgs physics are expected to include:

- **$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ :**
  - Initial Run 3 analysis planned to cross-check muon performance with New Small Wheel
  - Observation at  $5\sigma$  likely with Full Run 3 dataset and combination with CMS
- **Higgs self-coupling:**
  - Di-Higgs physics program has ramped up significantly during Run 2
  - Unlikely to reach SM precision with Run 3 dataset, but exciting opportunity to test new analysis techniques



**Run 2  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  invariant mass spectrum**

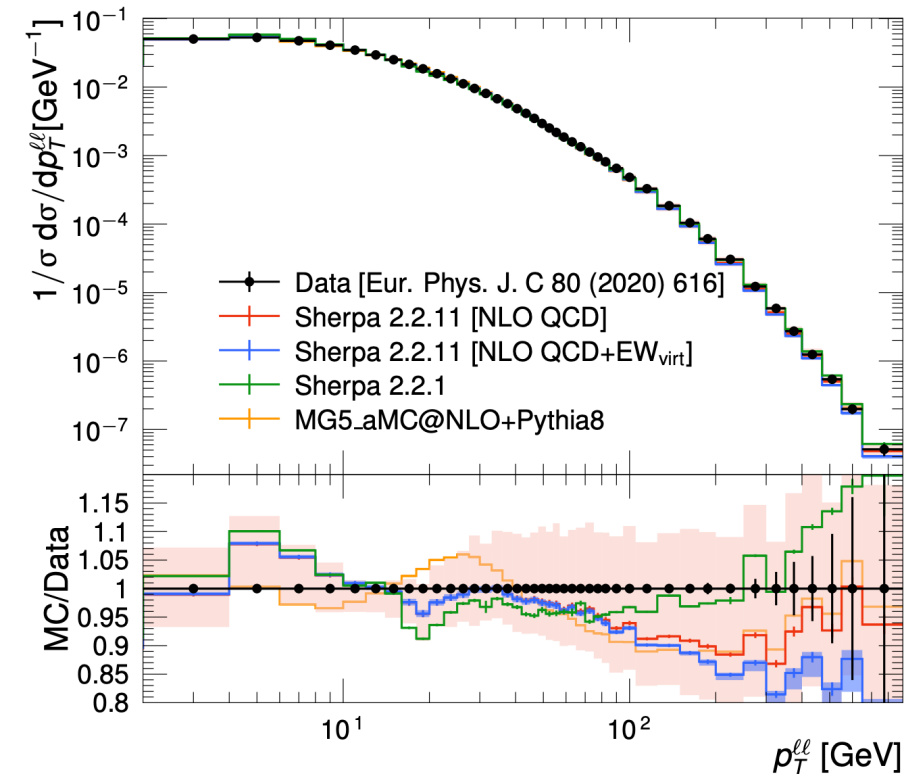
**Latest Run 2 constraints on Higgs self-coupling**



# MC predictions for Run 3

- Generally, MC computation is very complicated, and there are several known modelling issues in  $V+jets$
  - Would like to provide a better set of MC samples for Run 3, as well as a more coherent definition of systematic uncertainties
  - E.g. **known mismodelling of  $p_T^V$  spectrum in Sherpa**
    - For Sherpa 2.2.1, see runaway behaviour at high  $p_T^V$
    - For Sherpa 2.2.11 prediction undershoots data significantly
  - Likely **due to updated scale choice in Sherpa 2.2.11**
  - Would like to fix this for the Run 3 MC productions, as well as provide a set of theory uncertainties that separately varies different parts of the theory prediction (ME, PS, PDF etc)
- almost there with Sherpa, but need to define a dedicated parton shower uncertainty

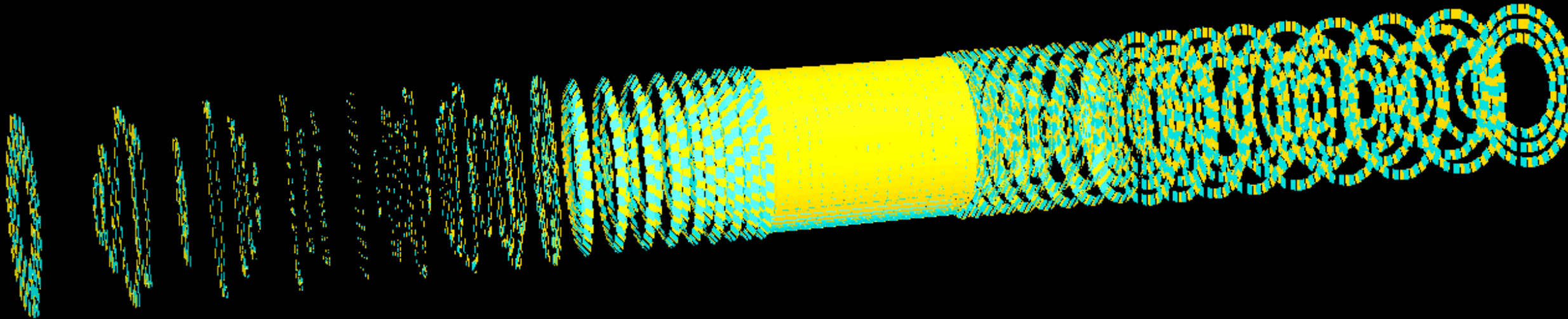
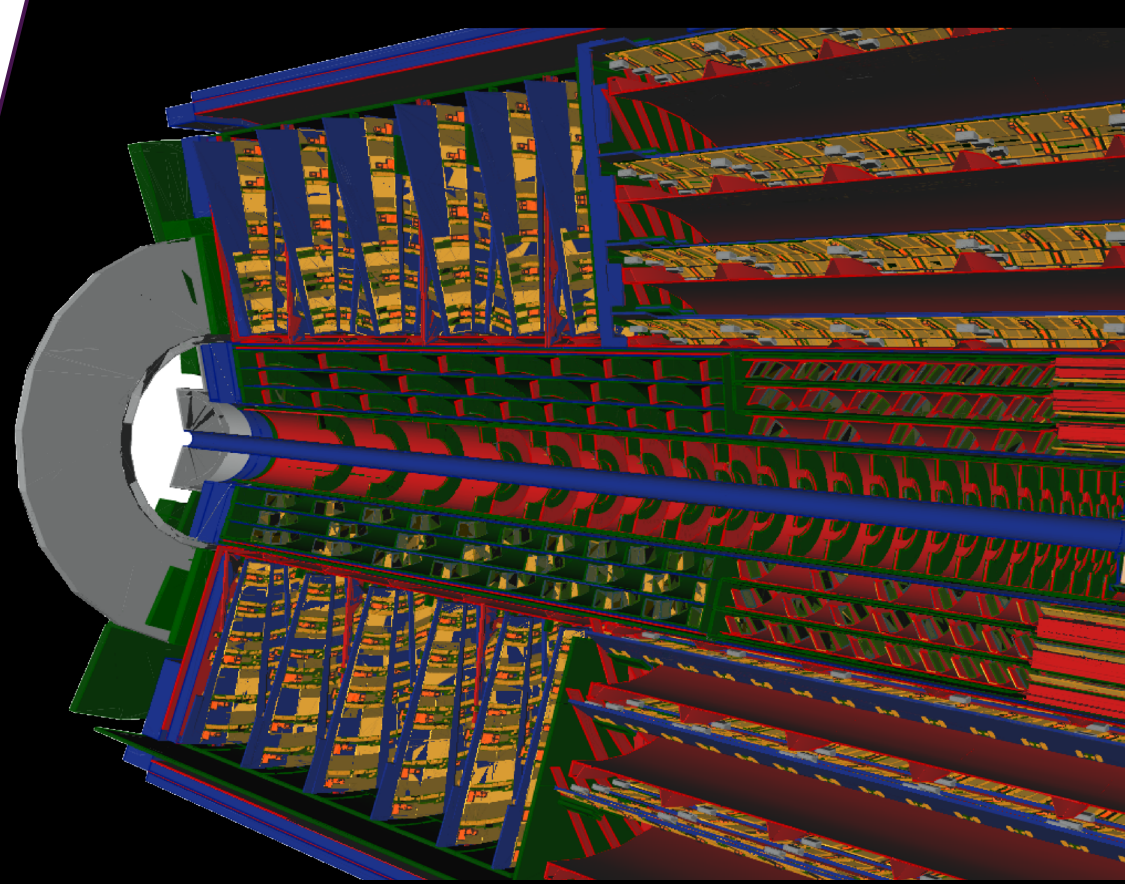
*Transverse momentum of vector boson in different MC generators*



# HL-LHC

**What do we do with all this data?**

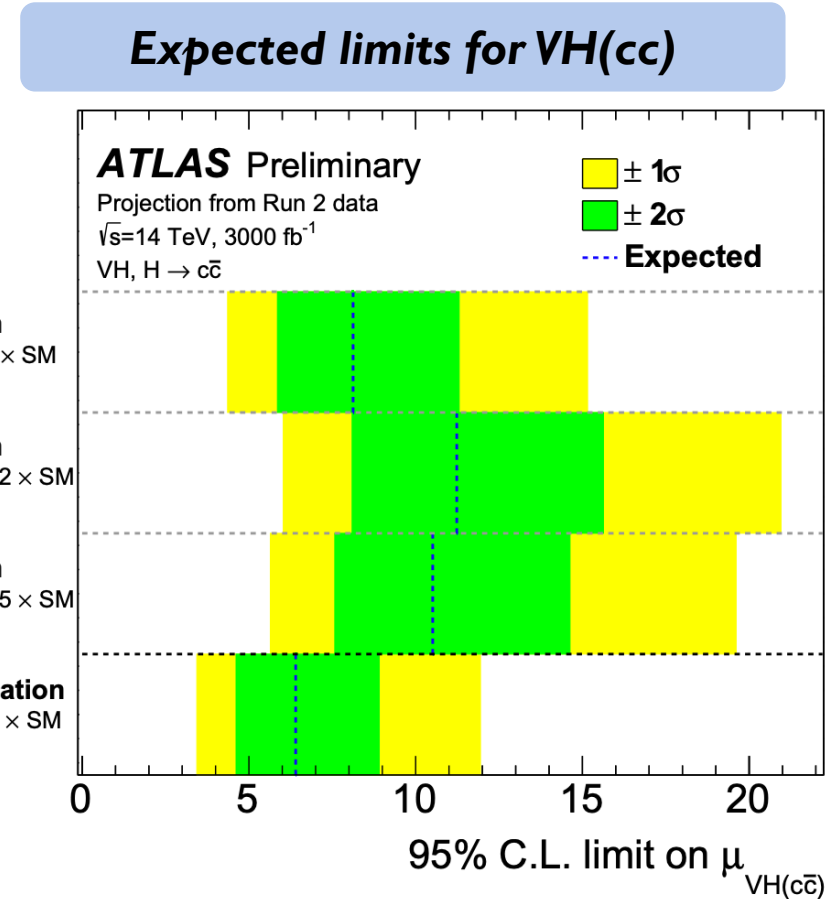
**And how do we make sure we have a working detector?**



# HL-LHC extrapolation

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- **Planned upgrade to the LHC to High-Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) to start collecting data in 2028**
- HL-LHC increased luminosity and pile-up
- Collect  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data at a center-of-mass energy of 14 TeV over 10 years
- With larger dataset and reduced systematics (factor 2):
  - **Expected upper limit on  $VH(cc)$  of  $6.4 \times \text{SM}$**
  - Expected constraint on  $\kappa_c$  of  $|\kappa_c| < 3.0$
- Combination of  $VH(\rightarrow bb)$  and  $VH(\rightarrow cc)$  analyses allows to constrain more model-independent ratio  $\kappa_c/\kappa_b$ :
  - Expected constraint of  $|\kappa_c/\kappa_b| < 2.74$  at 95% CL at HL-LHC
- Extrapolation results based on Full Run 2 analysis → would like to see updated numbers for ECFA within the next year



# HL-LHC

- Will upgrade LHC accelerator to collect a 10 x larger dataset
- Around factor 4 increased number of interactions per collision of proton bunches

## → High-Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC)

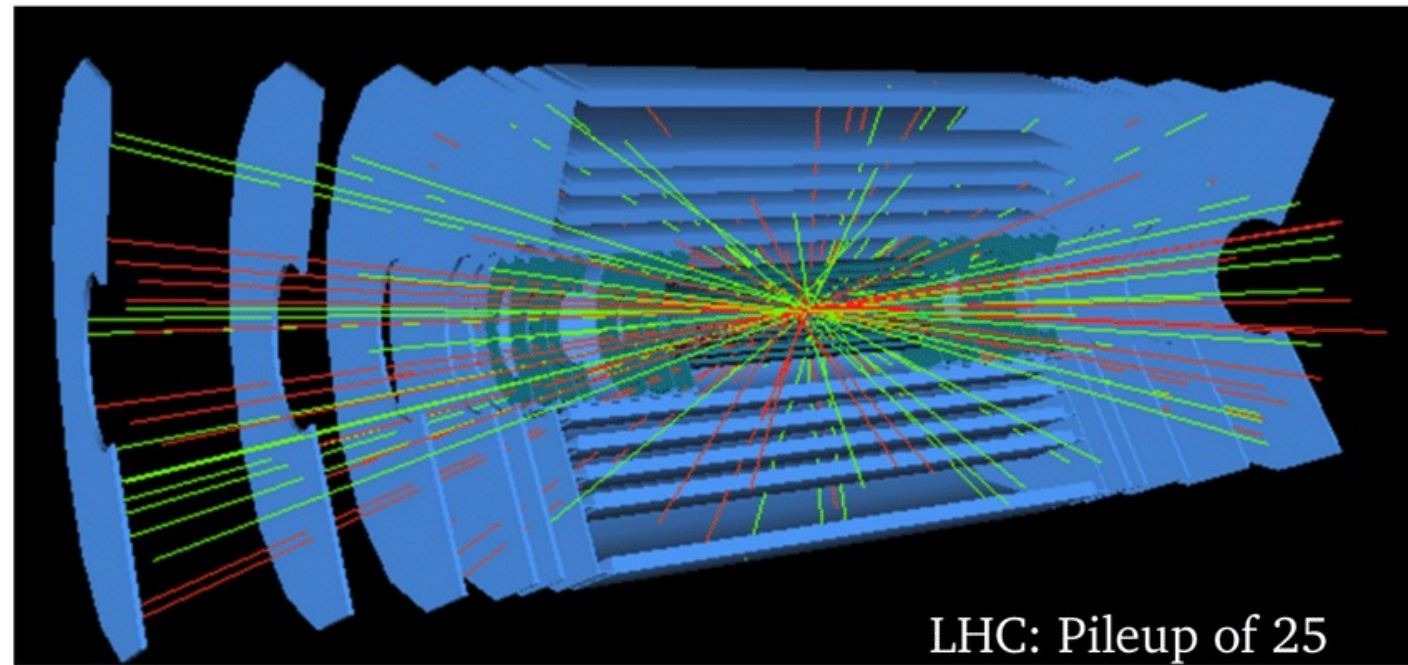
Places stringent requirements on inner (pixel) detector:

### Radiation:

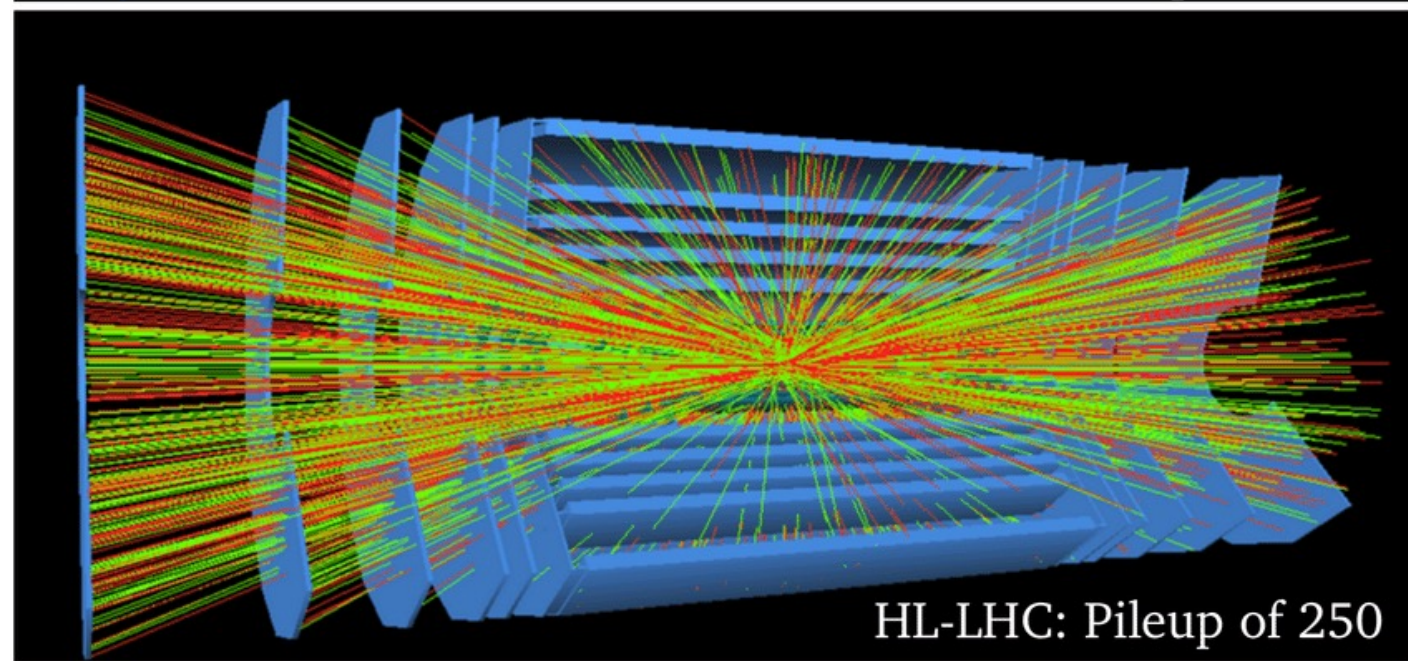
- Expect  $4000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , while current technology and only withstand  $400 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Require new sensor and chip technology, radiation tolerant to 1 Grad or  $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

### Granularity:

- Expect up to 200 average collisions per bunch crossing & need to keep occupancy below 1 %
- Silicon detector with smaller pixels needed



LHC: Pileup of 25



HL-LHC: Pileup of 250

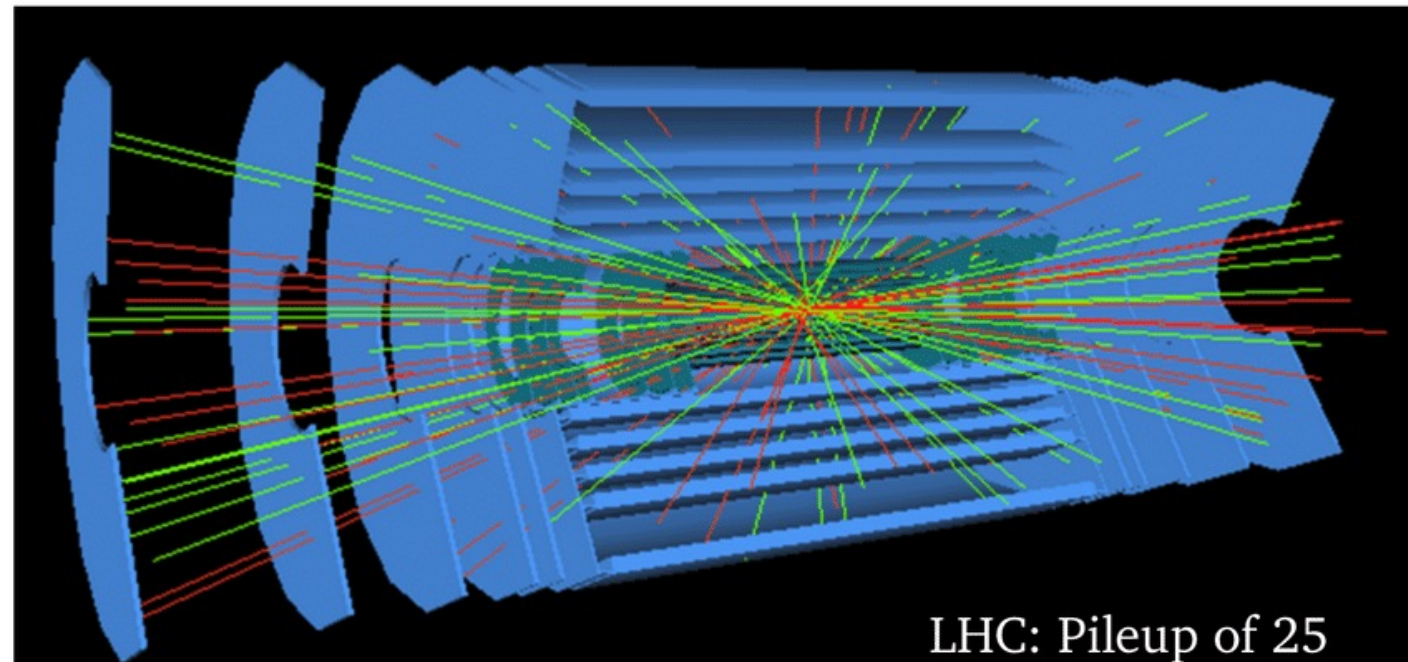
# HL-LHC

## Performance:

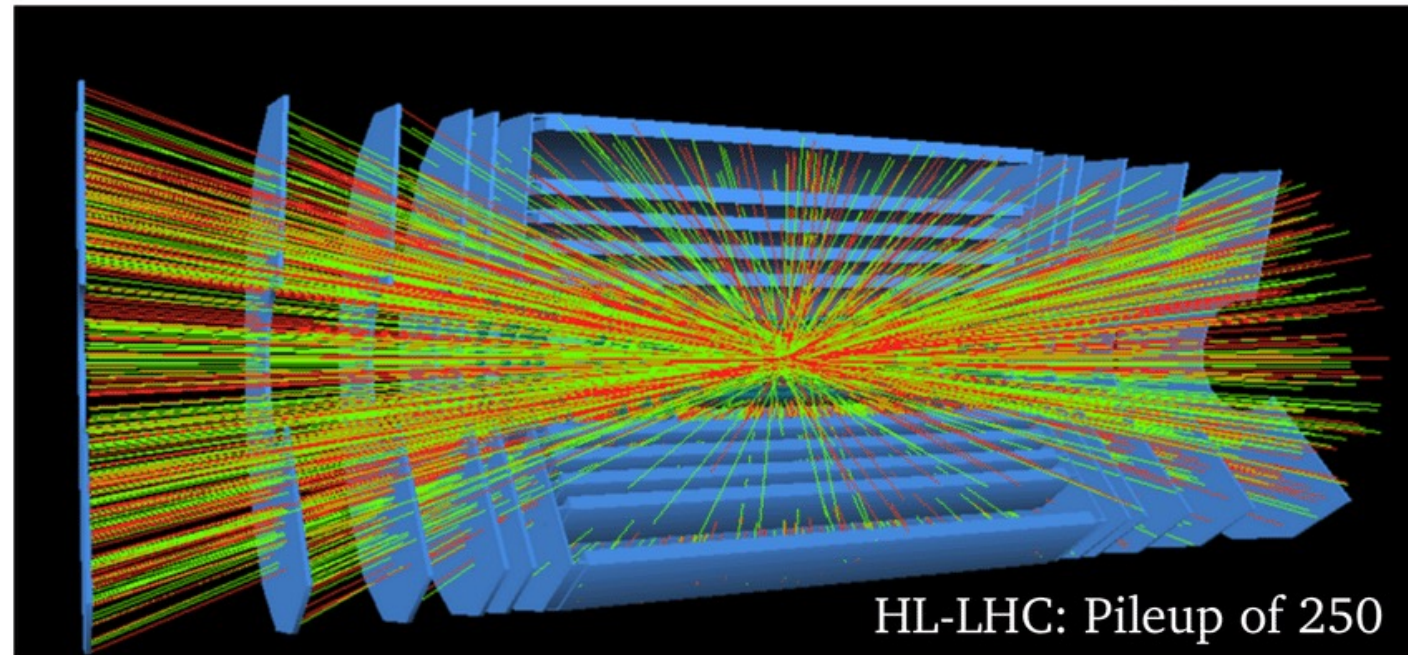
- Improve performance at high  $p_T$
  - Reduce/don't increase detector material to reduce multiple scattering
  - Increases detector acceptance to  $|\eta|=4$
- New detector layout cover larger area

## Trigger

- Increase trigger rate (x10)
  - Increase trigger latency (x2)
- Need high-speed readout electronics, with large buffer memory
- **Need to utilise new technologies for all detector components (i.e. chip & sensors)**
- **Build a much larger detector to meet the needs of HL-LHC**



LHC: Pileup of 25



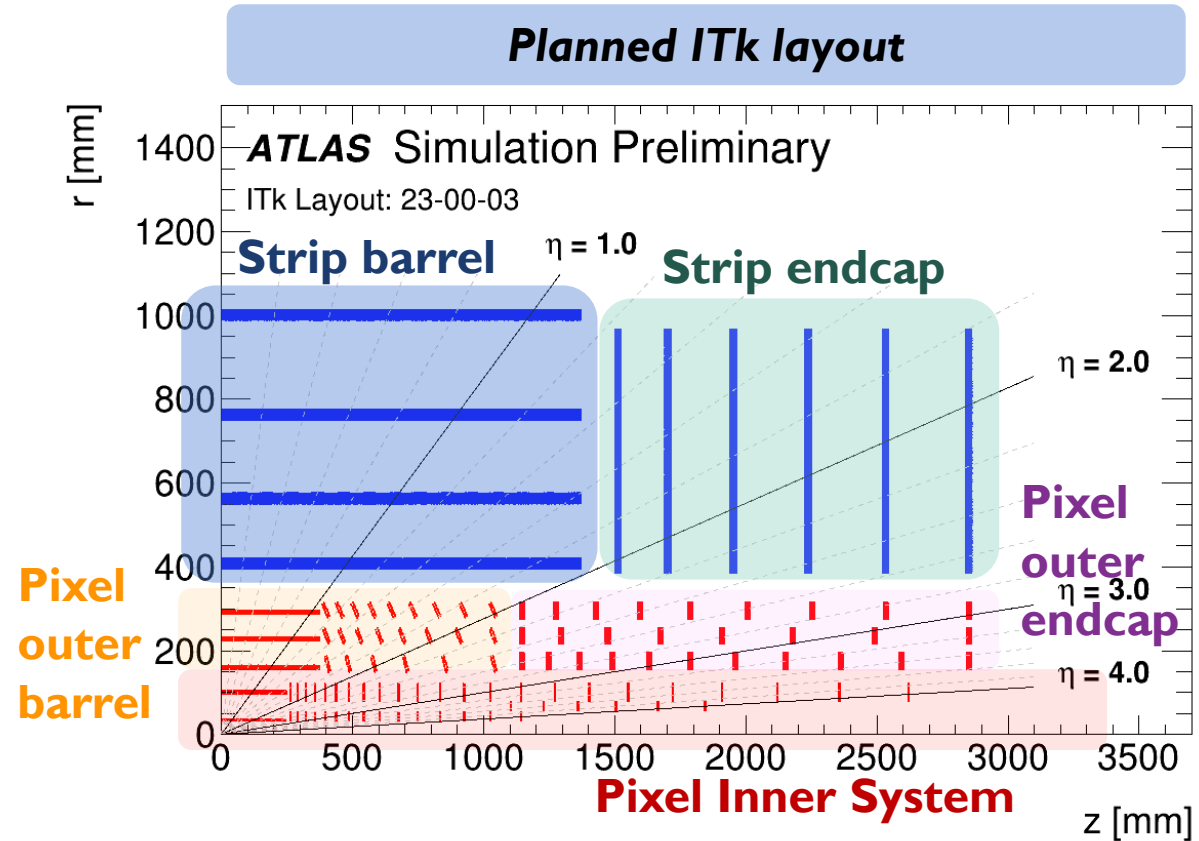
HL-LHC: Pileup of 250

# ATLAS ITk Upgrade

- **Upgraded ATLAS Inner Tracker (ITk)**

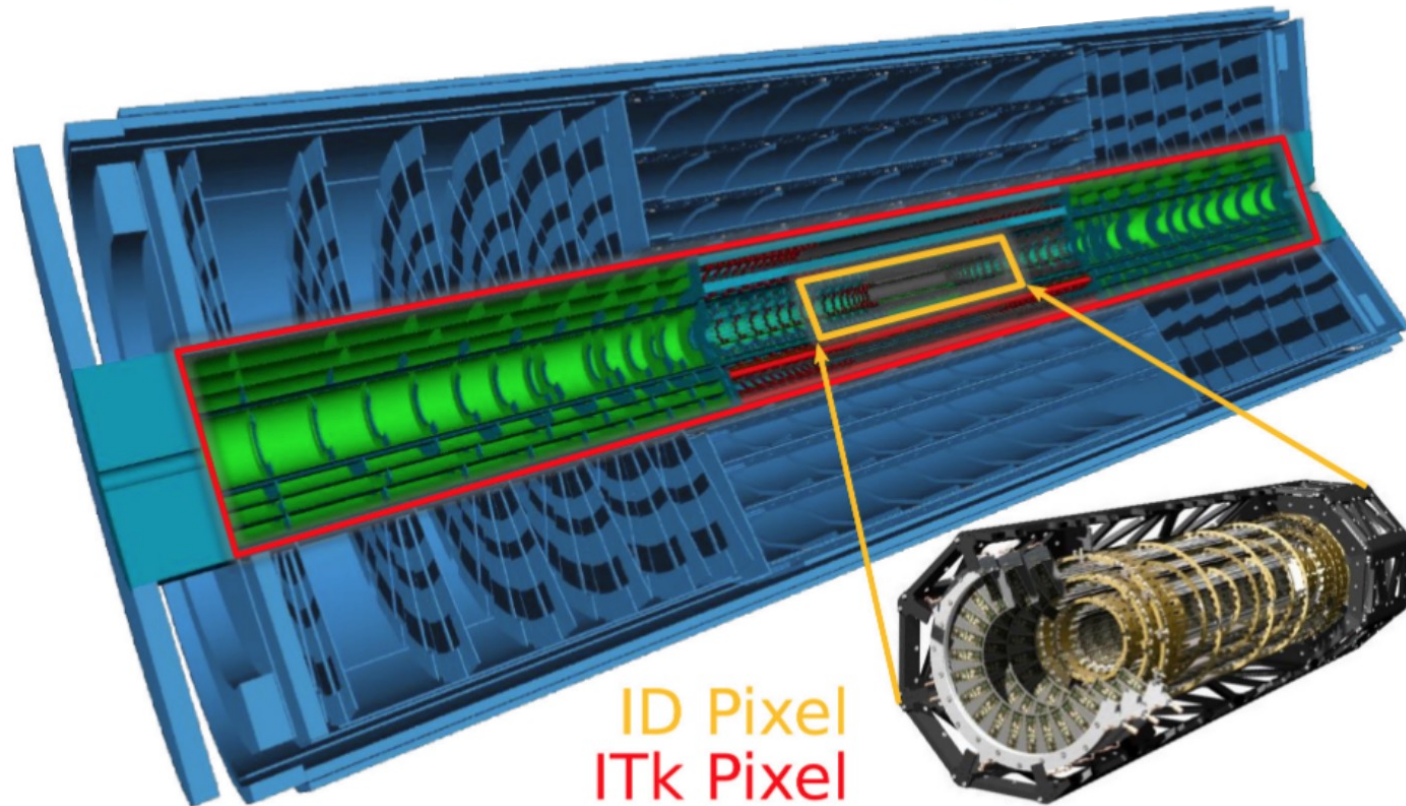
→ Improved resolution and radiation hardness needed & new detector layout

- All silicon tracker:
- ITk Strips system with 4 barrel layers and 6 endcap discs
- ITk Pixel Detector layout consists of 5 barrel layers & endcap rings
- Innermost layer located at  $r = 33$  mm





# ITk Pixel Upgrade

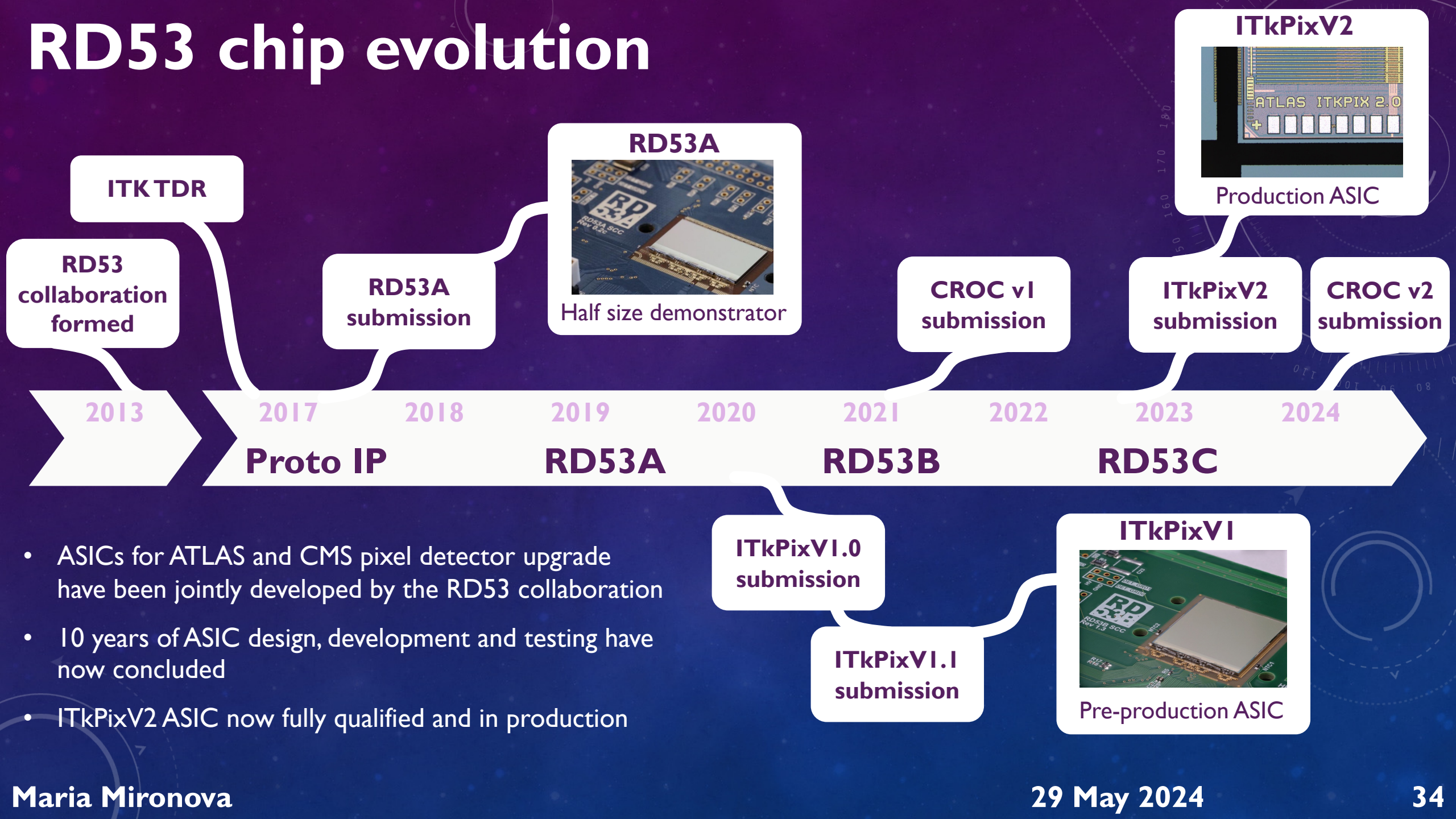


All-silicon upgraded tracking detector (ITk) for HL-LHC to cope with increased instantaneous luminosity and pile-up

Upgraded pixel detector:

- Larger silicon area → **6x larger than current tracking detector**
  - $\sim 13 \text{ m}^2$  of active area
  - 9200 pixel modules, 5.1 billion pixels
  - Extended  $\eta$  coverage to  $|\eta| \leq 4$
- **Smaller pixel pitch:**  
 $400 \times 50 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2 \rightarrow 50 \times 50 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$
- **New readout chip** to cope with higher data rates and increased radiation

# RD53 chip evolution

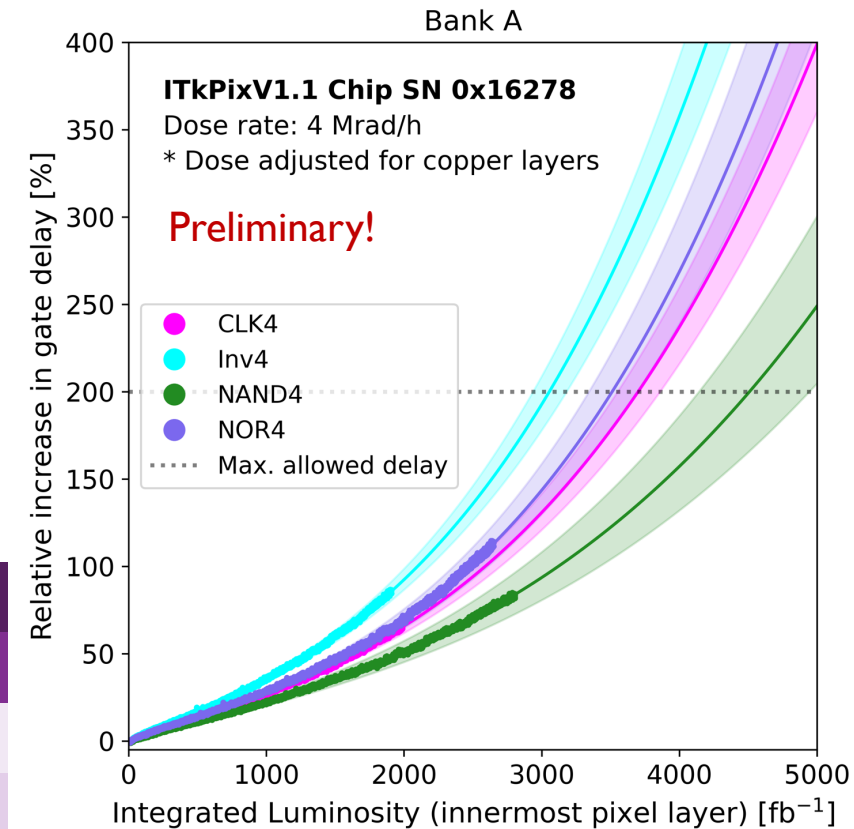


- ASICs for ATLAS and CMS pixel detector upgrade have been jointly developed by the RD53 collaboration
- 10 years of ASIC design, development and testing have now concluded
- ITkPixV2 ASIC now fully qualified and in production

# ITk Pixel TID damage

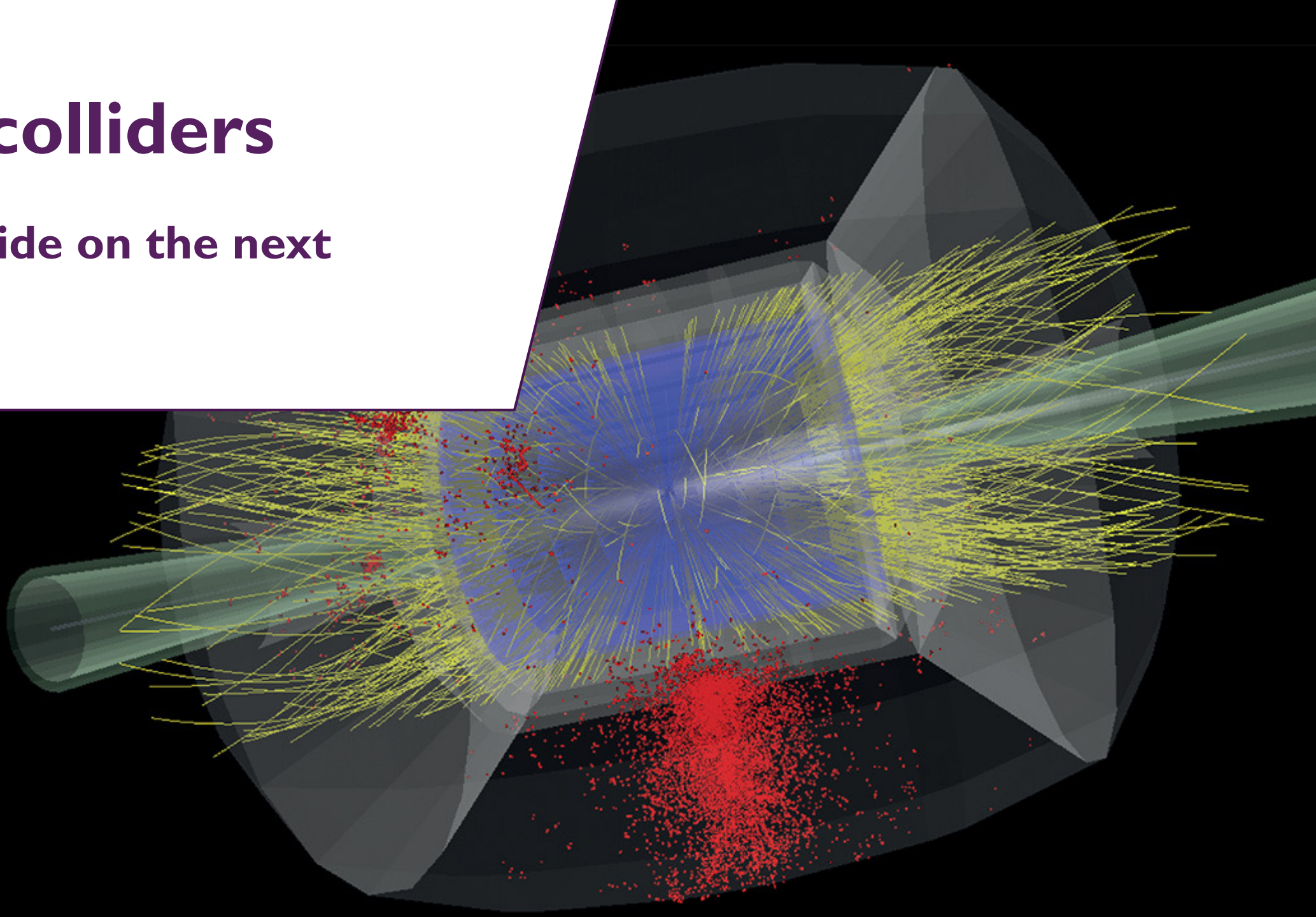
- ITk Pixel ASIC required to withstand 1 Grad of total ionising dose (TID)
- TID damage to the readout electronics depends on both operational settings and dose rate of the delivered radiation
- difficult to predict, requires dedicated research program to estimate failure point
- Dedicated irradiation program of ITk Pixel ASIC performed using X-rays and radioactive sources
- **Expected failure point of ITk Pixel ASIC digital logic around 3000 /fb**

| Gate   | Expected failure point |                 |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------|
|        | TID [Grad]             | Int. Lumi [/fb] |
| CLK 4  | 1.7                    | 3700 ± 160      |
| Inv 4  | 1.4                    | 3040 ± 120      |
| NAND 4 | 2.1                    | 4500 ± 370      |
| NOR 4  | 1.6                    | 3480 ± 180      |



# Future colliders

How we decide on the next machine?



# Timeline

2010

2020

2030

2040

2050

2060

LHC

Run 1

Run 2

Run 3

HL-LHC

Future colliders

$e^+e^-$

pp

$\mu^+\mu^-$

ILC \*

\* CLIC, C<sup>3</sup> feasible on similar timescales

CEPC

FCC-ee

Plasma wakefield (?)

\* Significant R&D needed, could also do  $\gamma\gamma$

FCC-hh

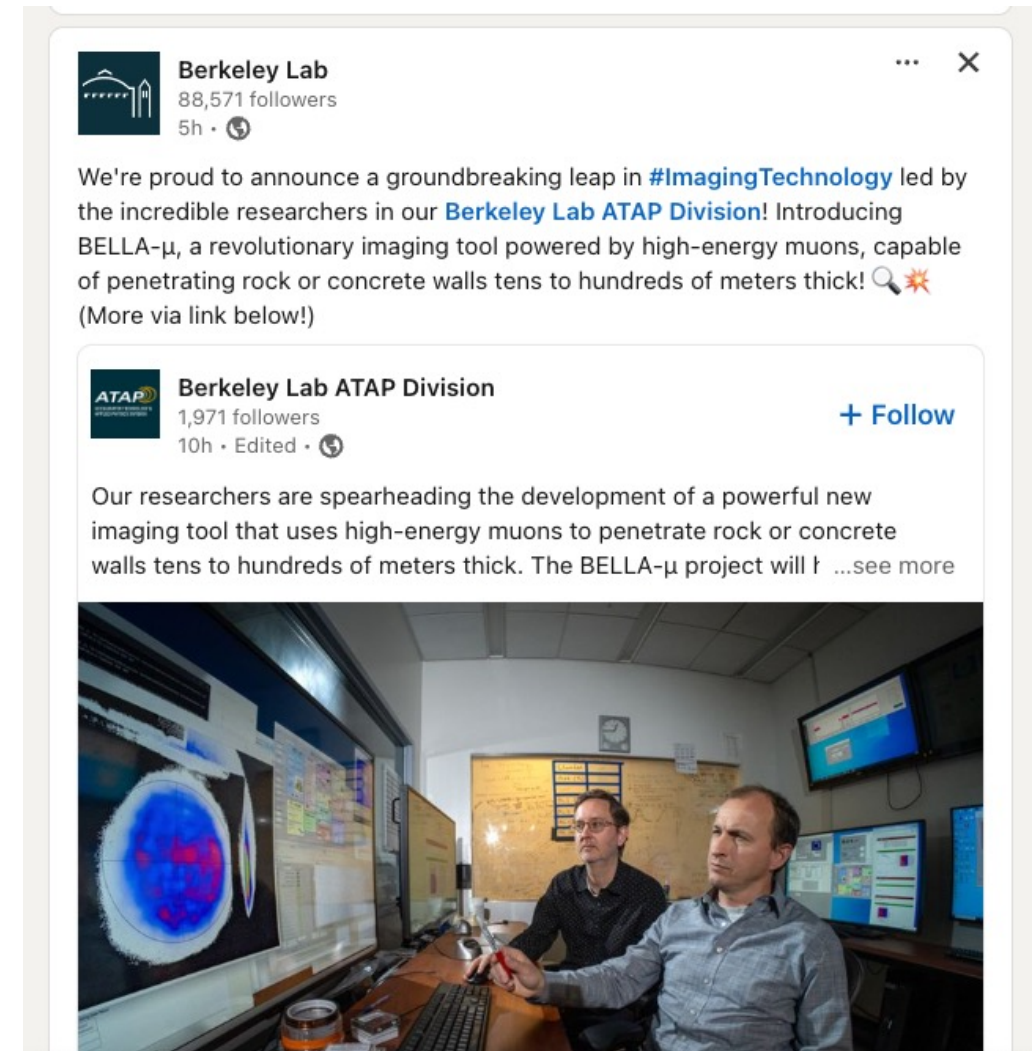
MuCol

Dates quoted are for construction and latest estimate of operation

# Plasma wakefield acceleration (BELLA- $\mu$ )

- Plasma wakefield accelerators provide an exciting opportunity for an alternative to conventional accelerators
- However, significant R&D needed before a possible future accelerator can be defined
- Accelerator R&D currently also ongoing at LBL
- **BELLA- $\mu$  project** ongoing as part of that development:
  - DARPA<sup>1</sup>-funded project on muon tomography currently ongoing
  - Use plasma wakefield accelerator to produce beam of electrons, which can be converted into muon
  - Using ITkPix modules & scintillators as muon detectors

<sup>1</sup> Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

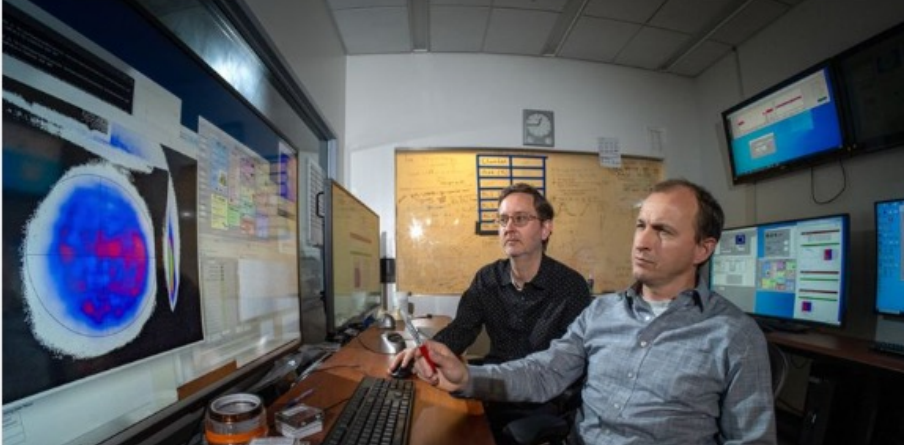


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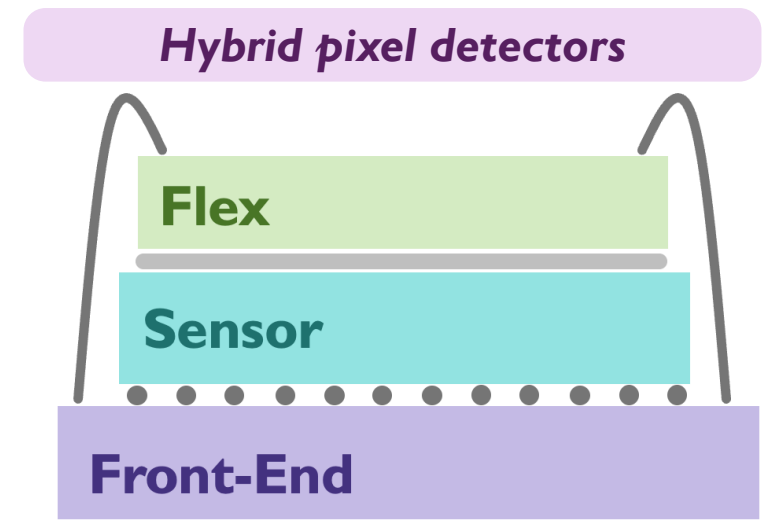
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# Future Detector R&D

- Future collider discussion also opens opportunities for detector R&D
- Future  $e^+e^-$  machine will require tracking detector with:
  - High position resolution and low material
  - Relaxed requirements on radiation hardness and data rate compared to HL-LHC
- Obvious application of monolithic active pixel sensors (MAPS), with active area and readout in the same piece of silicon
- Less developed than current hybrid pixel technology and not as radiation tolerant
- Example of ongoing efforts: **Prototypes in TowerJazz 180 nm technology** → (Mini-)MALTA
- $36.4 \times 36.4 \mu\text{m}^2$  pixel size (compared to  $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$  in ITk)

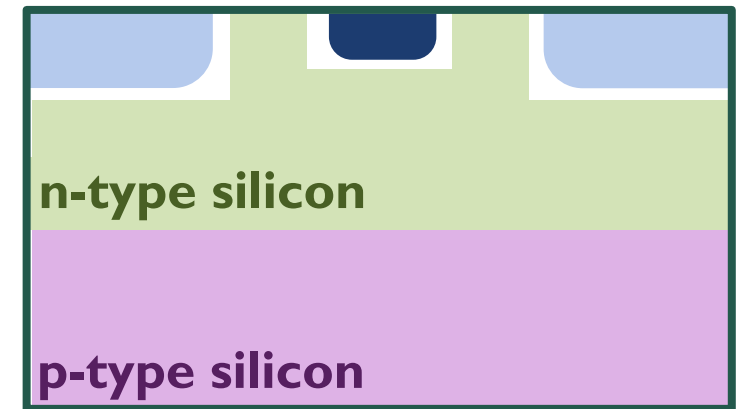
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## Monolithic active pixel sensors

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electronics

Collection  
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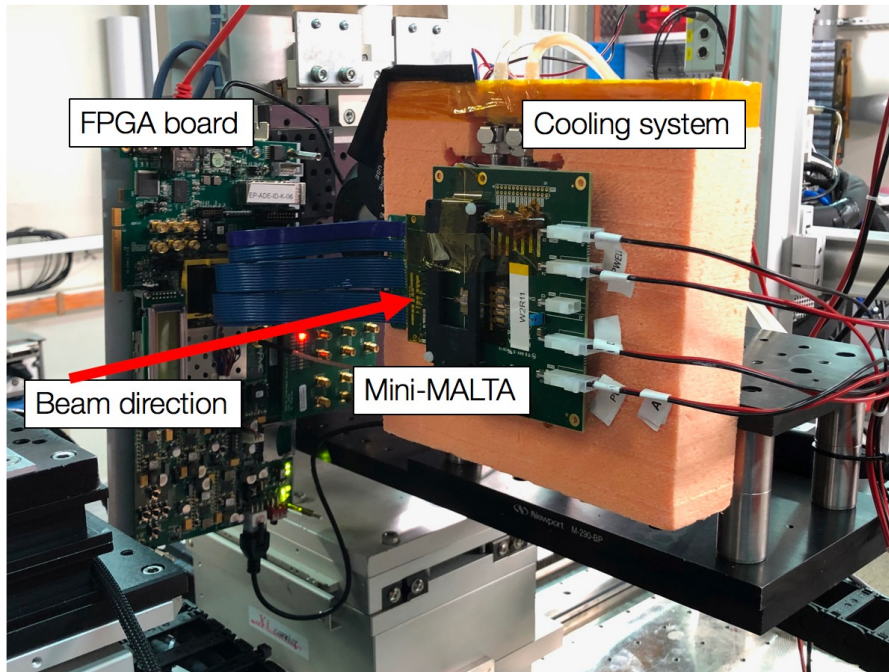


Standard design: Continuous n layer

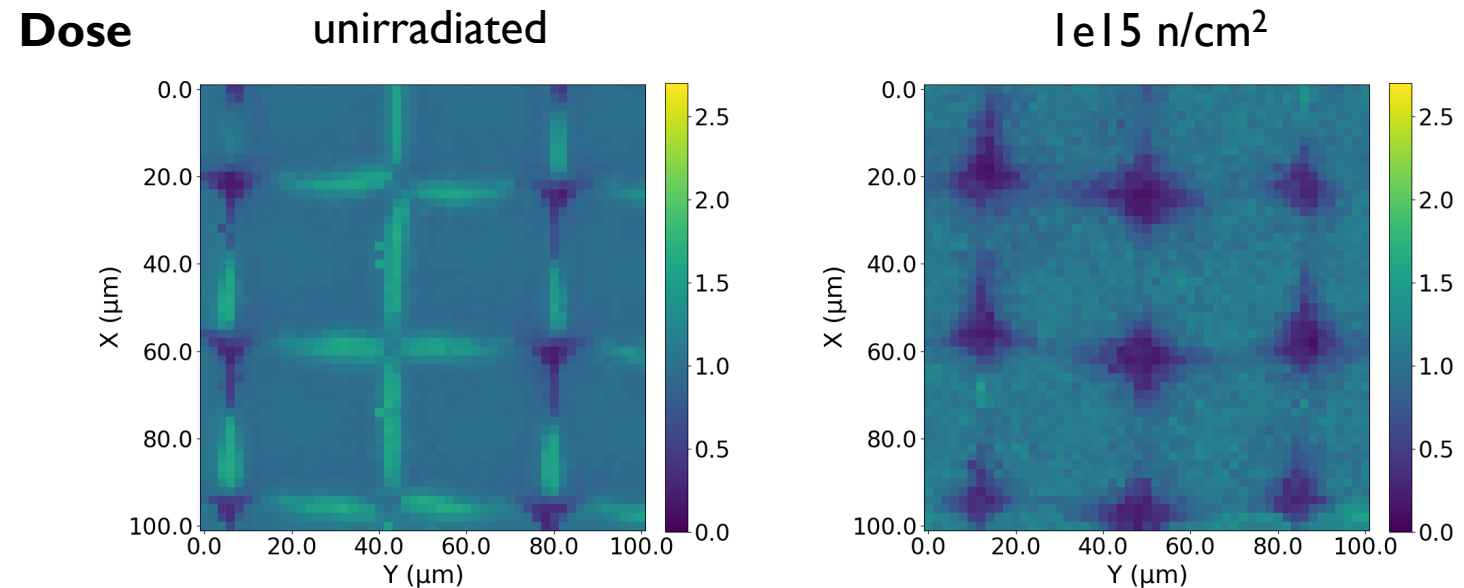
# Future Detector R&D

*M. Mironova et al,  
NIM A 956 (2020) 163381*

- **MiniMALTA** prototype characterised in **X-ray** testbeam at **Diamond Light Source**
- Scan small X-ray beam spot over device to measure pixel response to photons with high precision for samples before and after irradiation
- Clear decrease in pixel response in the pixel corners after irradiation



## Standard design: Continuous n layer



Response:

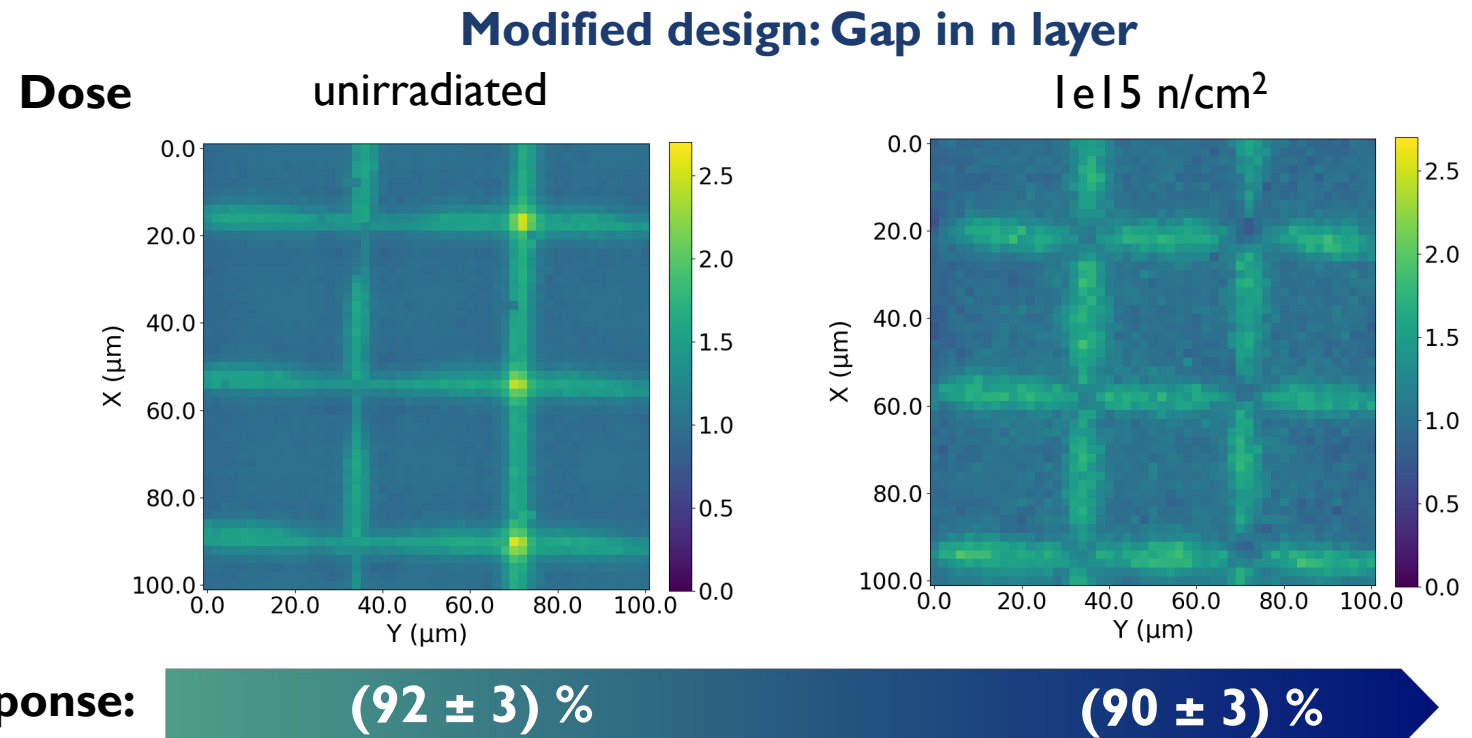
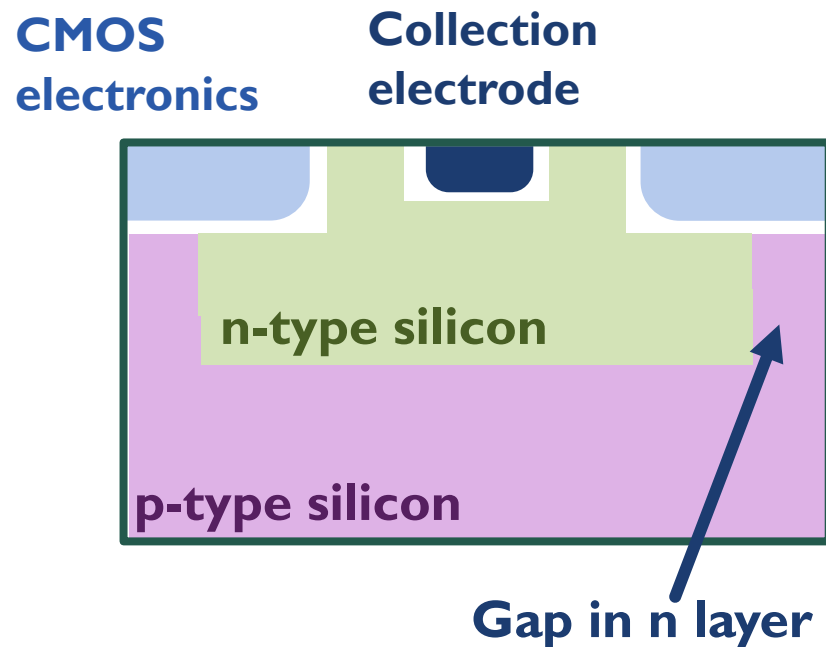
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$(77 \pm 4) \%$



# Future Detector R&D

- MiniMALTA prototype includes design modification for better charge collection at the pixel edges
  - **Less decrease of response with irradiation in X-ray testbeam**
  - Further R&D efforts have been ongoing for MALTA chips to improve charge collection and produce larger-scale demonstrators



# Conclusions

- Higgs measurement program at LHC has been highly successful
- As a community we are moving from searching for the Higgs boson to using Higgs as a discovery tool for new physics
- Highest priorities for LHC:
  - Conclude on an HL-LHC timeline and deliver Phase 2 upgrades
  - Define a Higgs physics program which challenges theorists to provide more accurate predictions
- Future colliders:
  - In order to make an informed decision on a future machine, need reliable baseline numbers (HL-LHC) to compare against → European strategy coming up in 2025
  - Significant effort in future colliders still needed to ensure the projected Higgs sensitivities are reliable