

Measurements of Higgs differential cross-sections at CMS

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Outline

Introduction

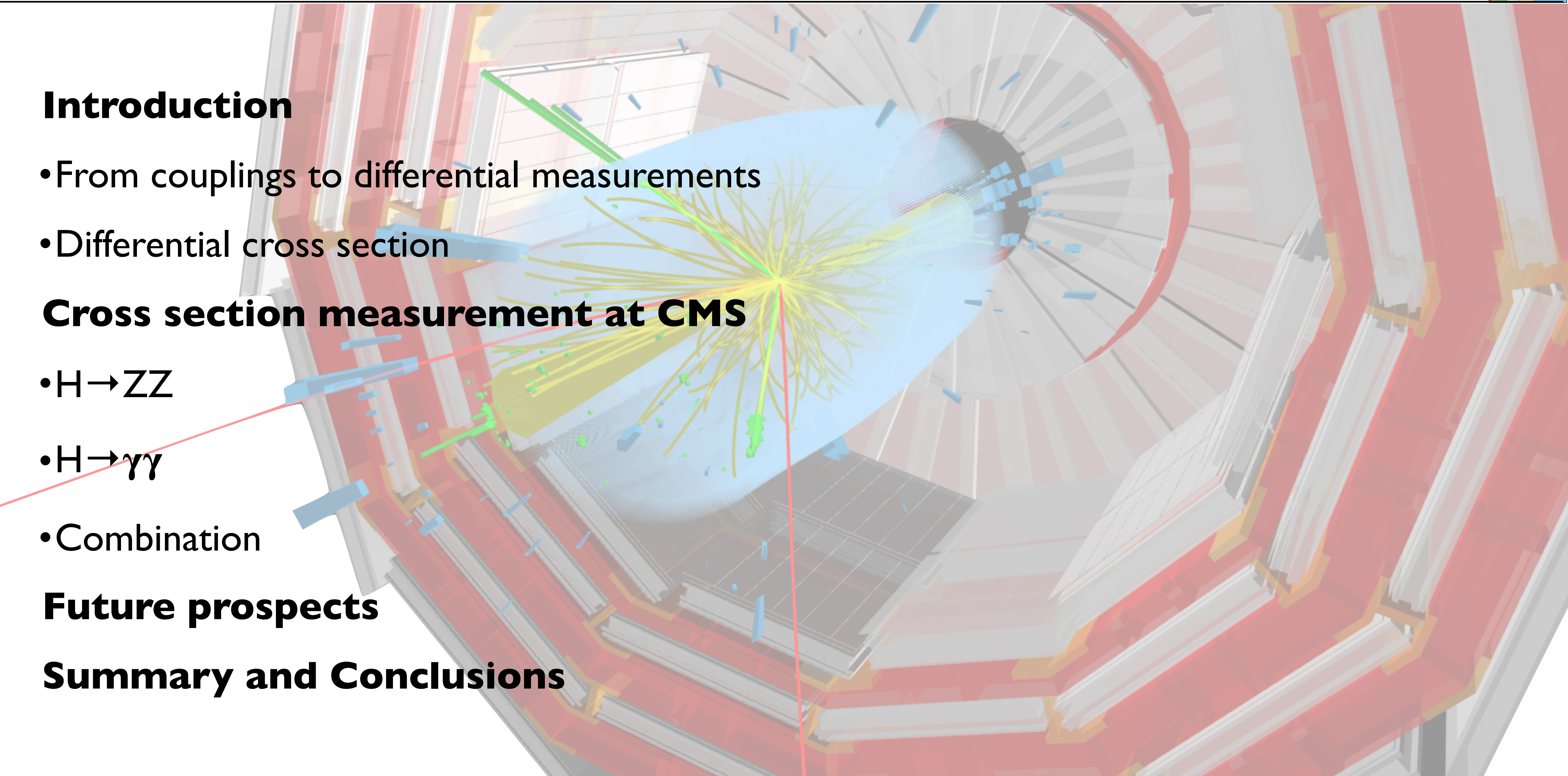
- From couplings to differential measurements
- Differential cross section

Cross section measurement at CMS

- $H \rightarrow ZZ$
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- Combination

Future prospects

Summary and Conclusions



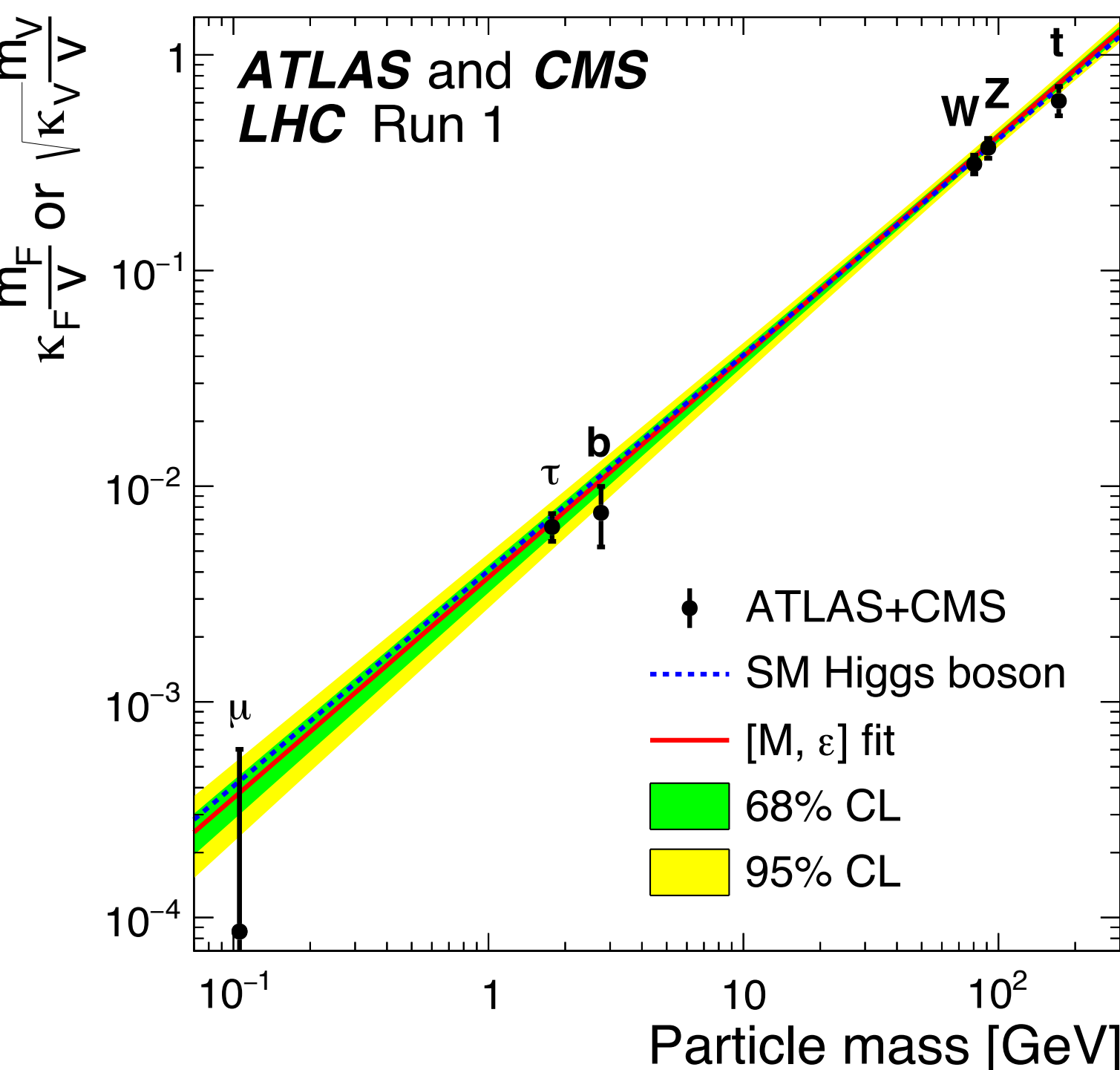
Higgs couplings

LHC run I & 2 allowed to study the Higgs boson properties

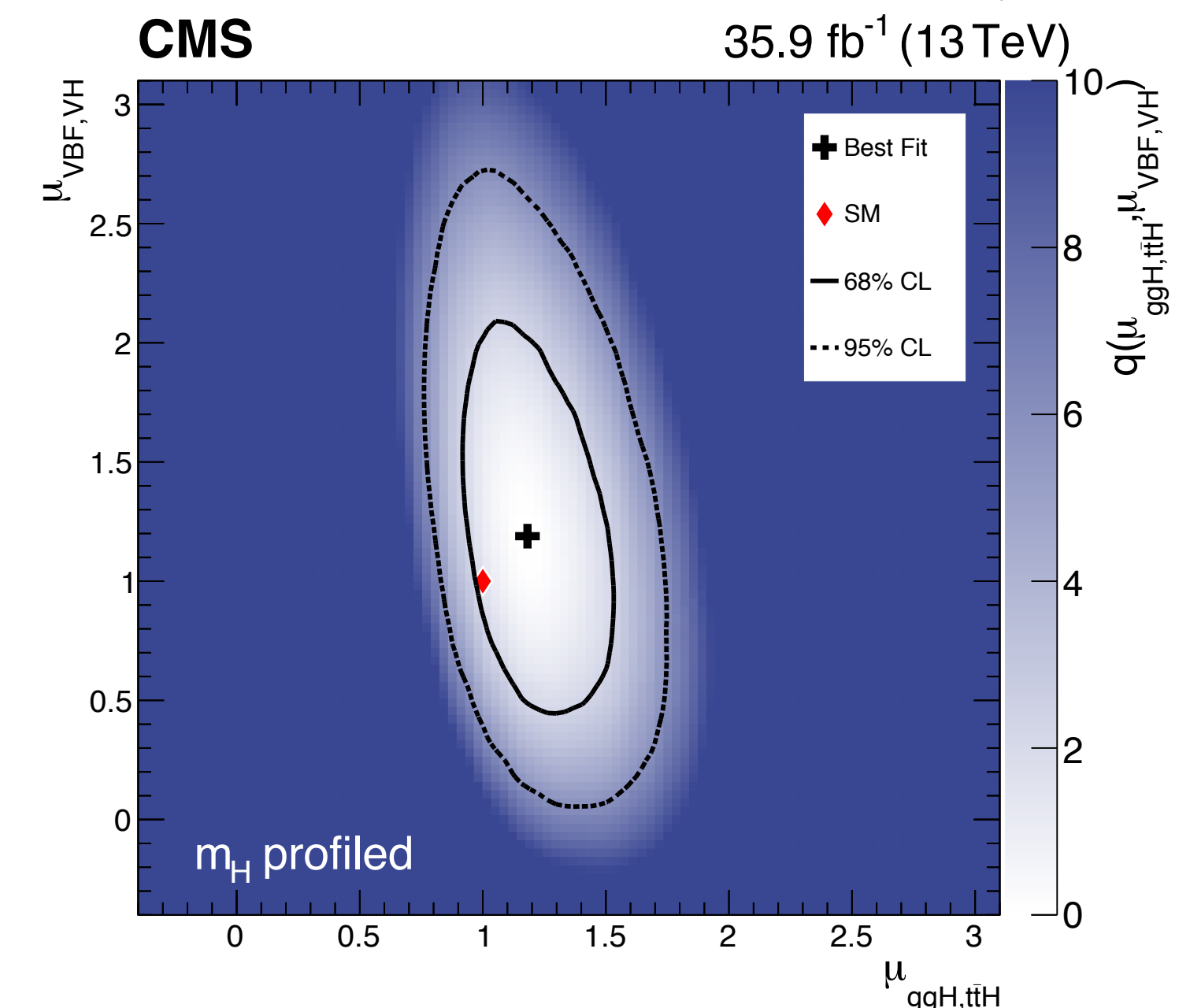
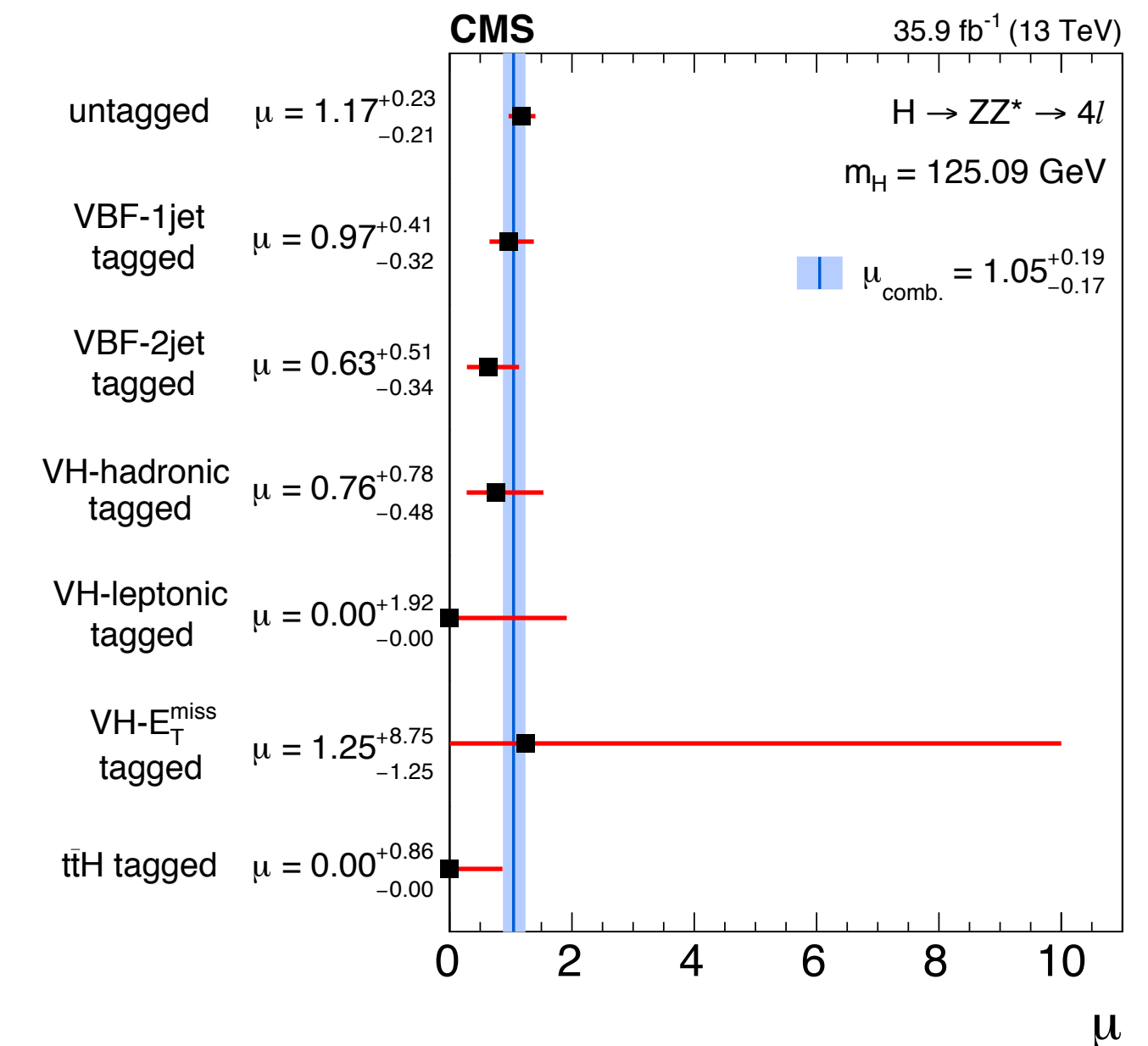
Main focus: mass and **couplings**

- Signal strengths, k-framework, anomalous couplings used to quantify possible BSM effects

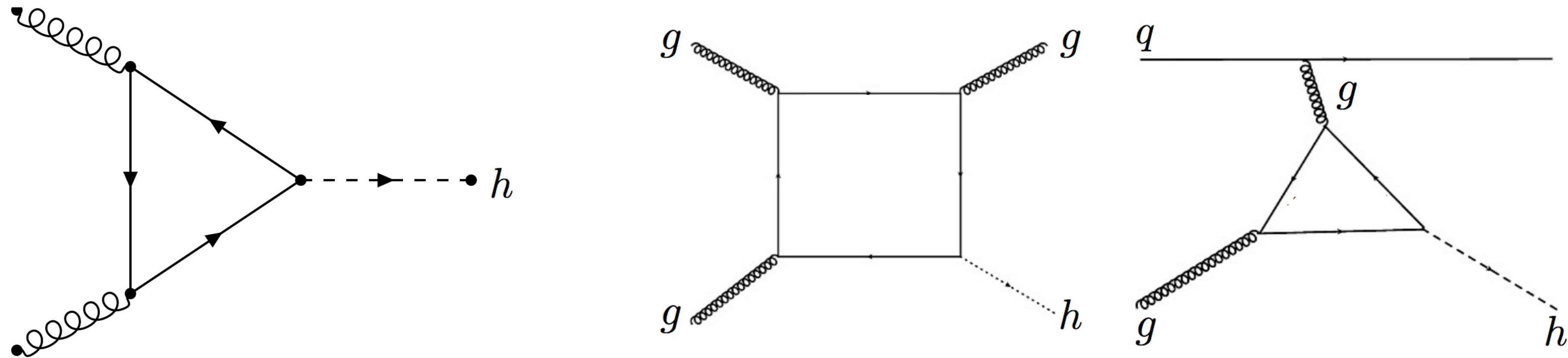
General strategy: identify selection/categories sensitive to different production/decay modes



Overall picture from couplings highly consistent with the Standard Model expectations



Differential measurements: why



Couplings are only sensitive to modification of the **inclusive** cross-section of a measurement
 New physics might affect the shape of Higgs distributions, without affecting its overall production
Differential measurements are needed to identify such effects

Transverse momentum $p_T(H)$

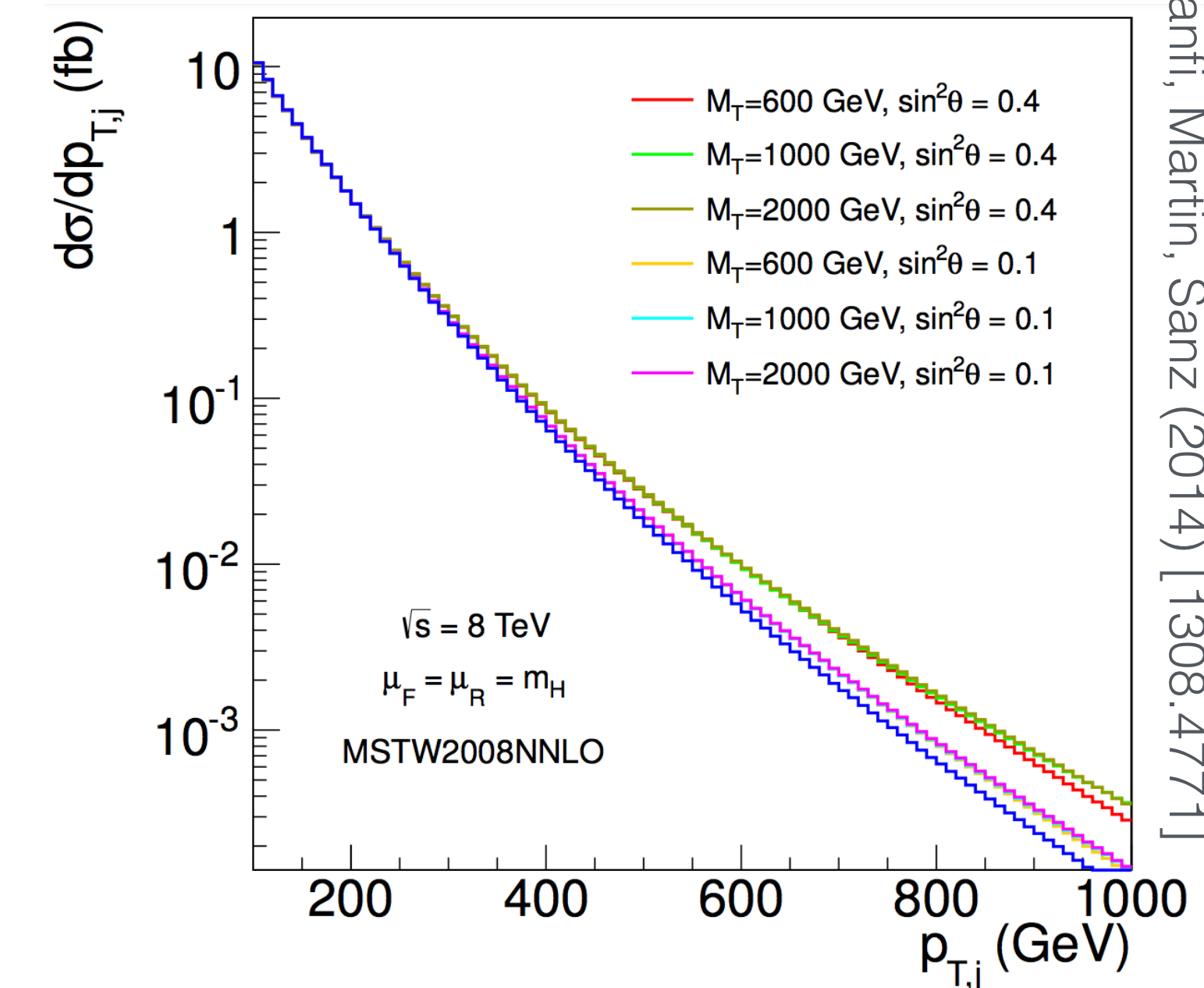
- Sensitive to modifications of effective Higgs Yukawa couplings
- Sensitivity to finite top mass effects

Jet multiplicity and p_T

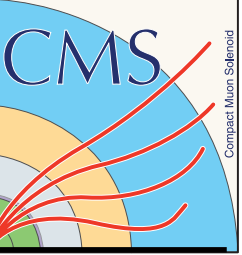
- New physics in the quark loop (especially at high jet p_T)

Higgs rapidity:

- Effects on gluon PDF



Differential measurements: how



Fiducial Volume

Defined by experimental and analysis constraints

Observables and binning

Probe production and decay kinematics. Binning compromise between statistics, resolution and migration

Response matrix

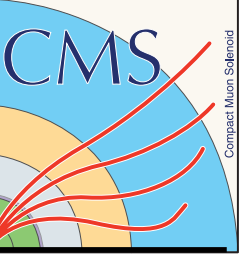
Relates the number of truth values and the expected number of reconstructed values (usually from MC)

Unfolding

Correct for detector effects

Interpretation

Fiducial and Simplified template cross-section



Fiducial cross-section

- Optimized for maximal theoretical independence
- Fiducial in Higgs decay
- Smallest acceptance corrections
- Simple signal cuts
- “Exact” fiducial volume
- Targeted object definitions
- Agnostic to production mode

Can be done with single and differential distributions

Only feasible in $HZZ, H\gamma\gamma, HWW$

Combination not straightforward

Simplified templates cross section

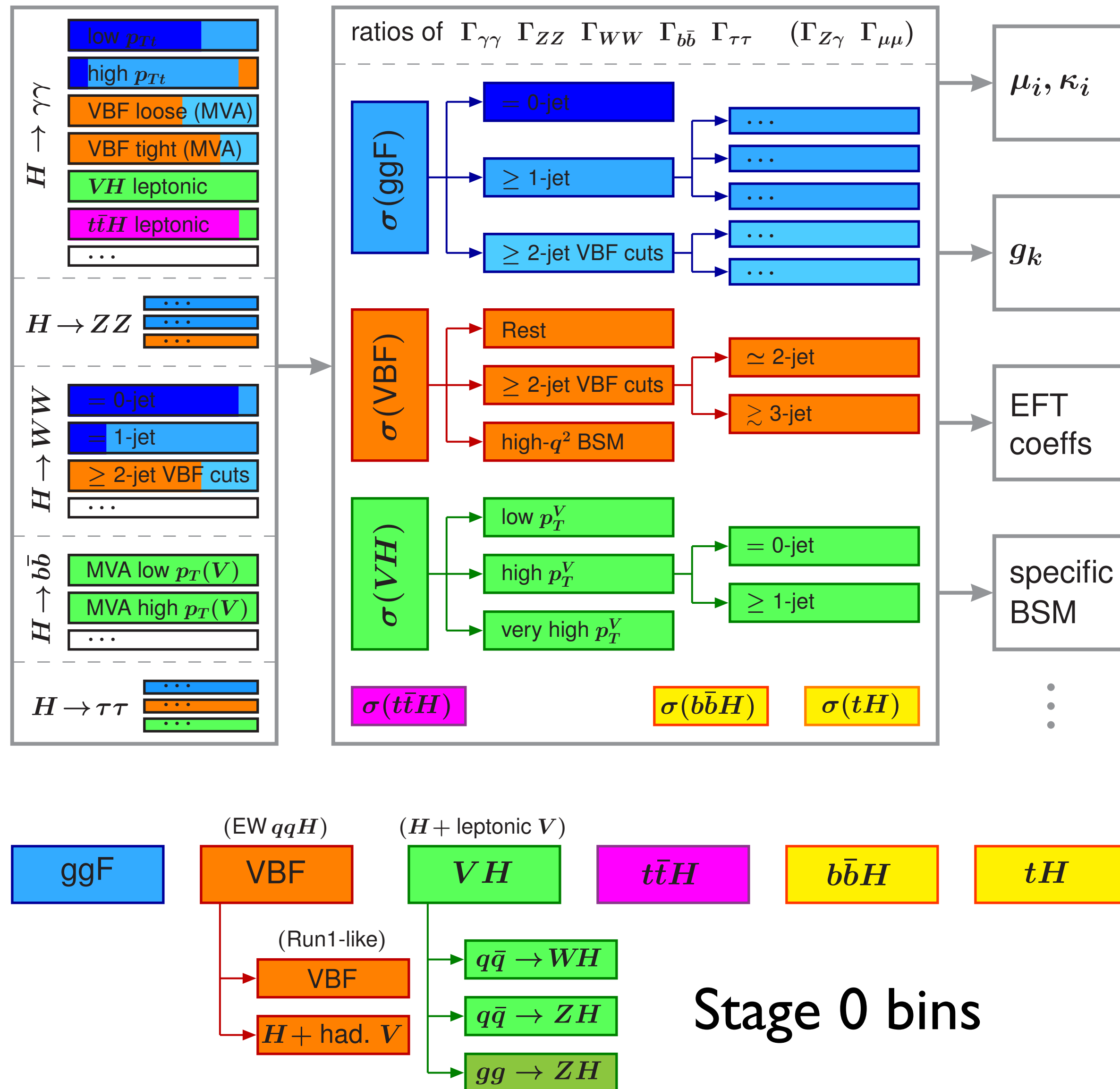
- Target maximum sensitivity, while keeping theoretical dependence as small as possible
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- Allows complex event selections, categorisation

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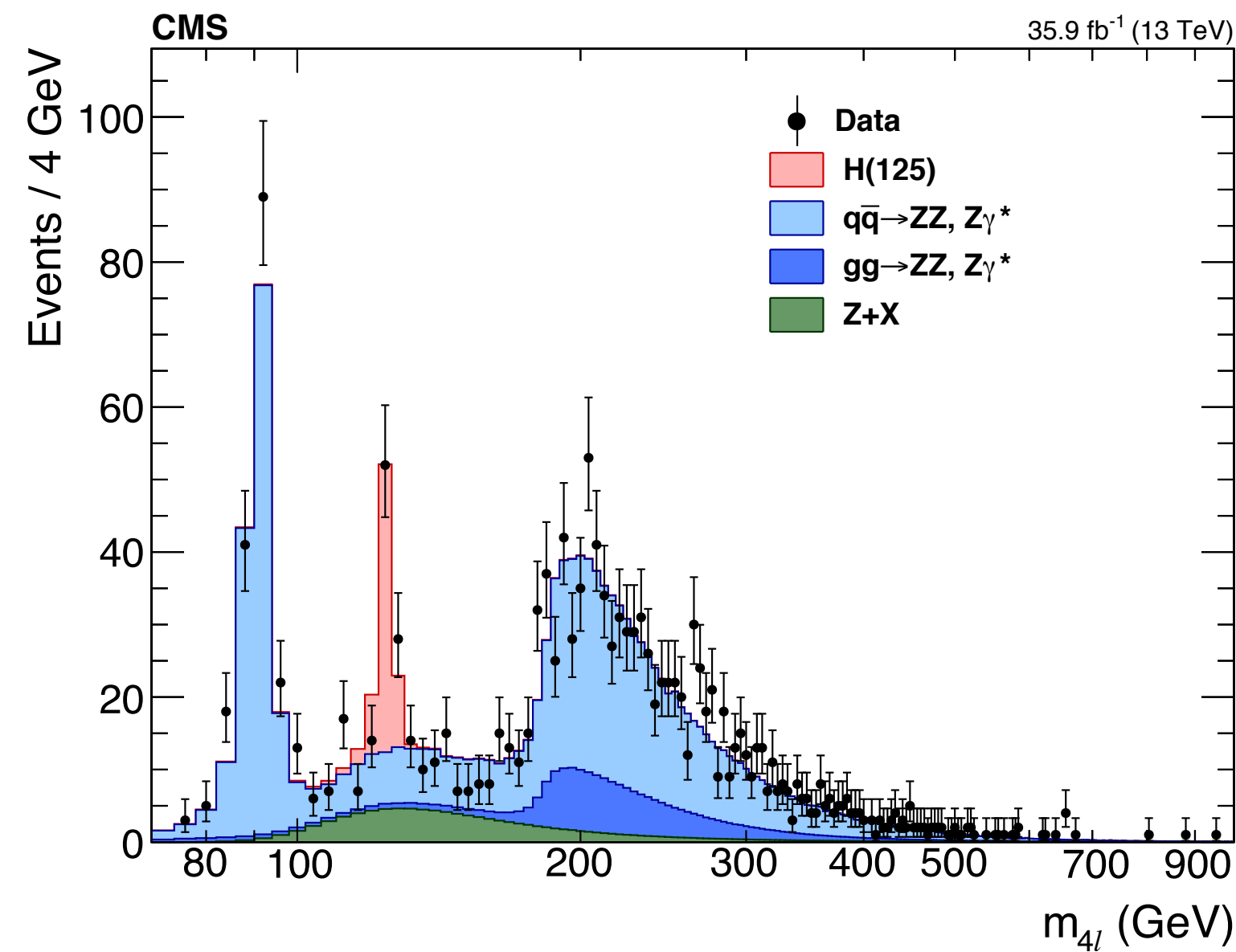
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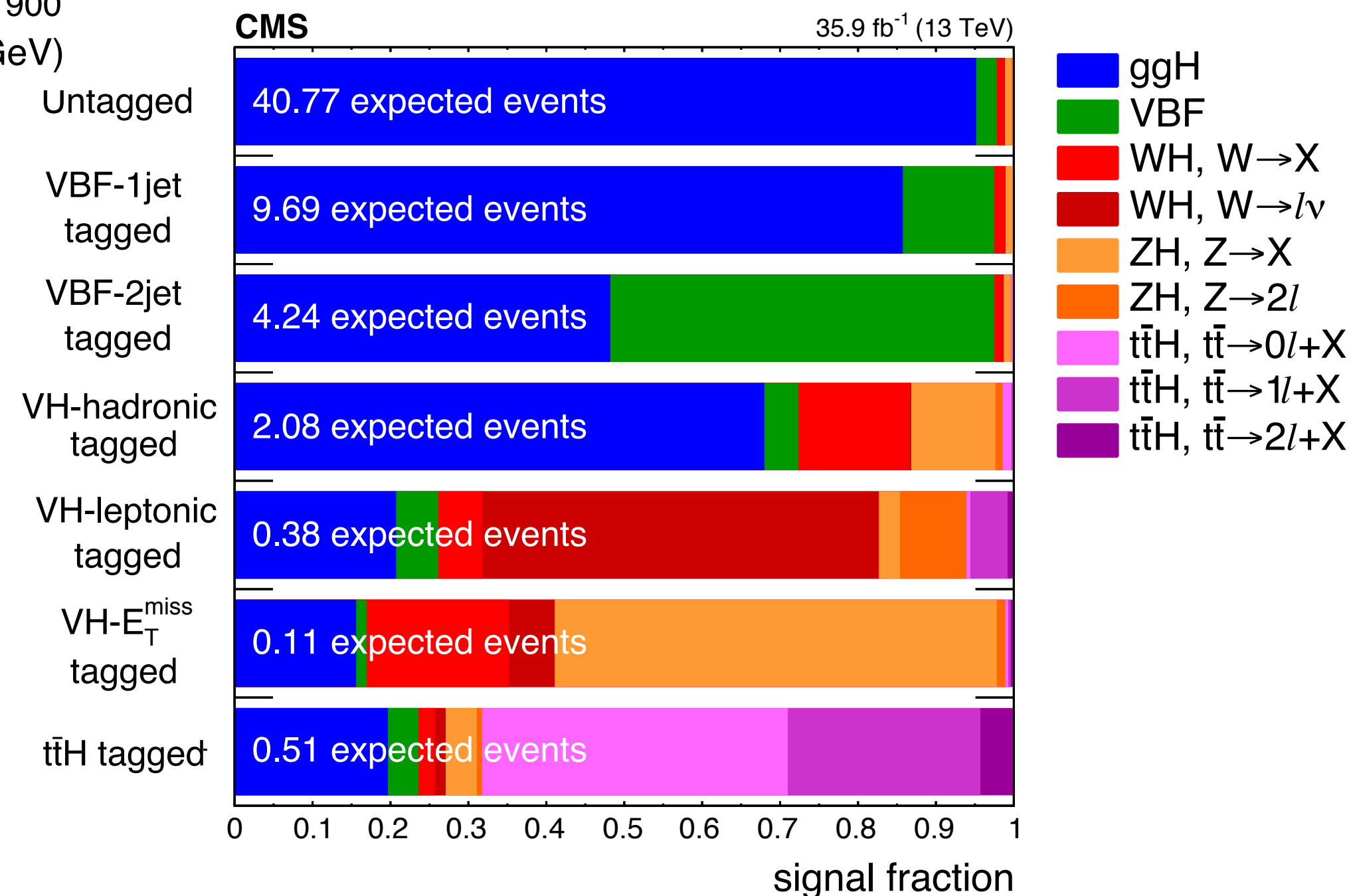
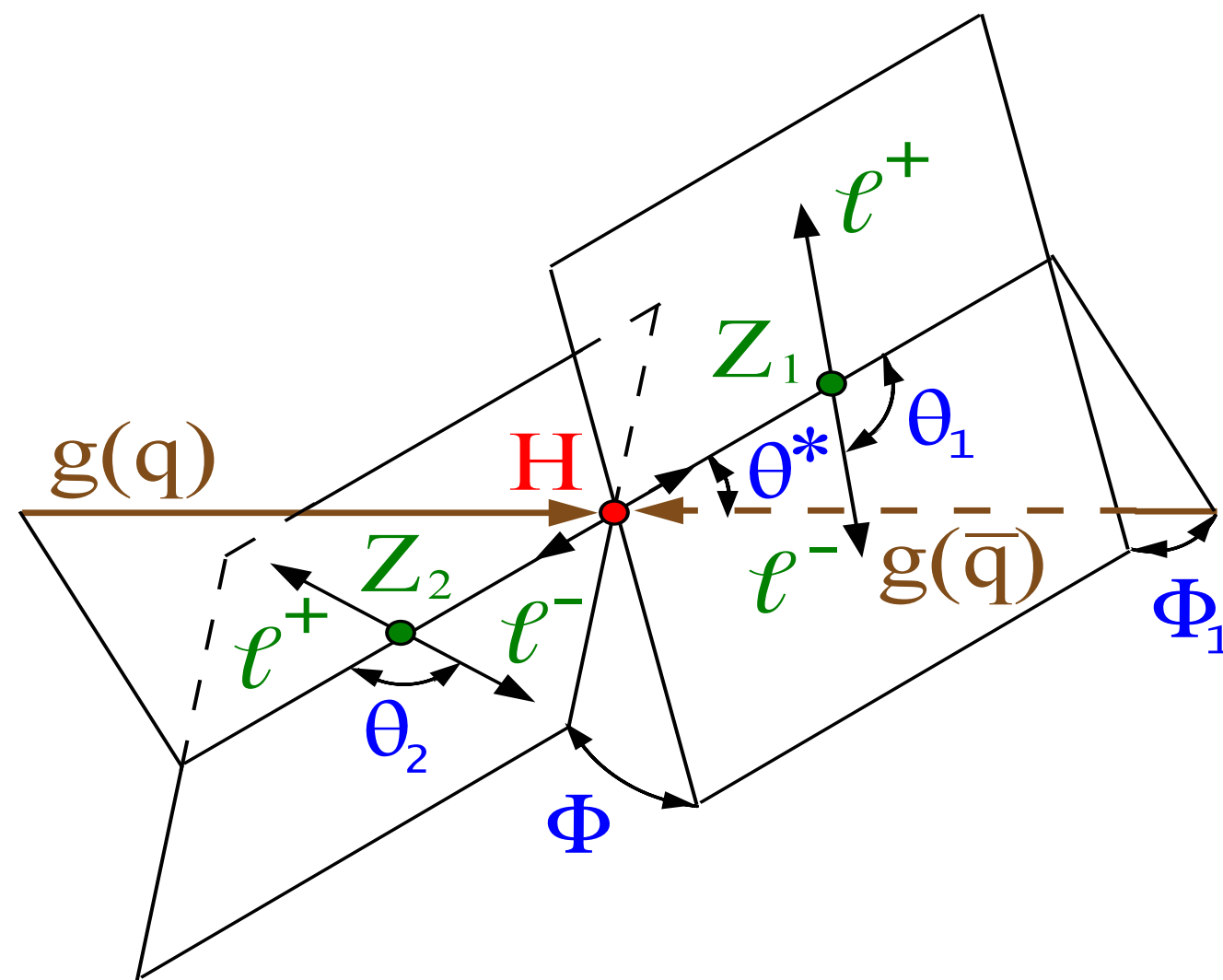
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Low signal rate, but **very clear topology** with a small background (mainly $qqZZ$, Z +jets)

- 4 isolated leptons in final state combined in 2 Z pairs
- Can exploit kinematical information (matrix element KD discriminants) to separate signal and background and categorise events in different production modes.
- Can probe 4 different production modes (ggH , VBF , $t\bar{t}H$, VH)



Untagged events

4leptons+1jet+high KD

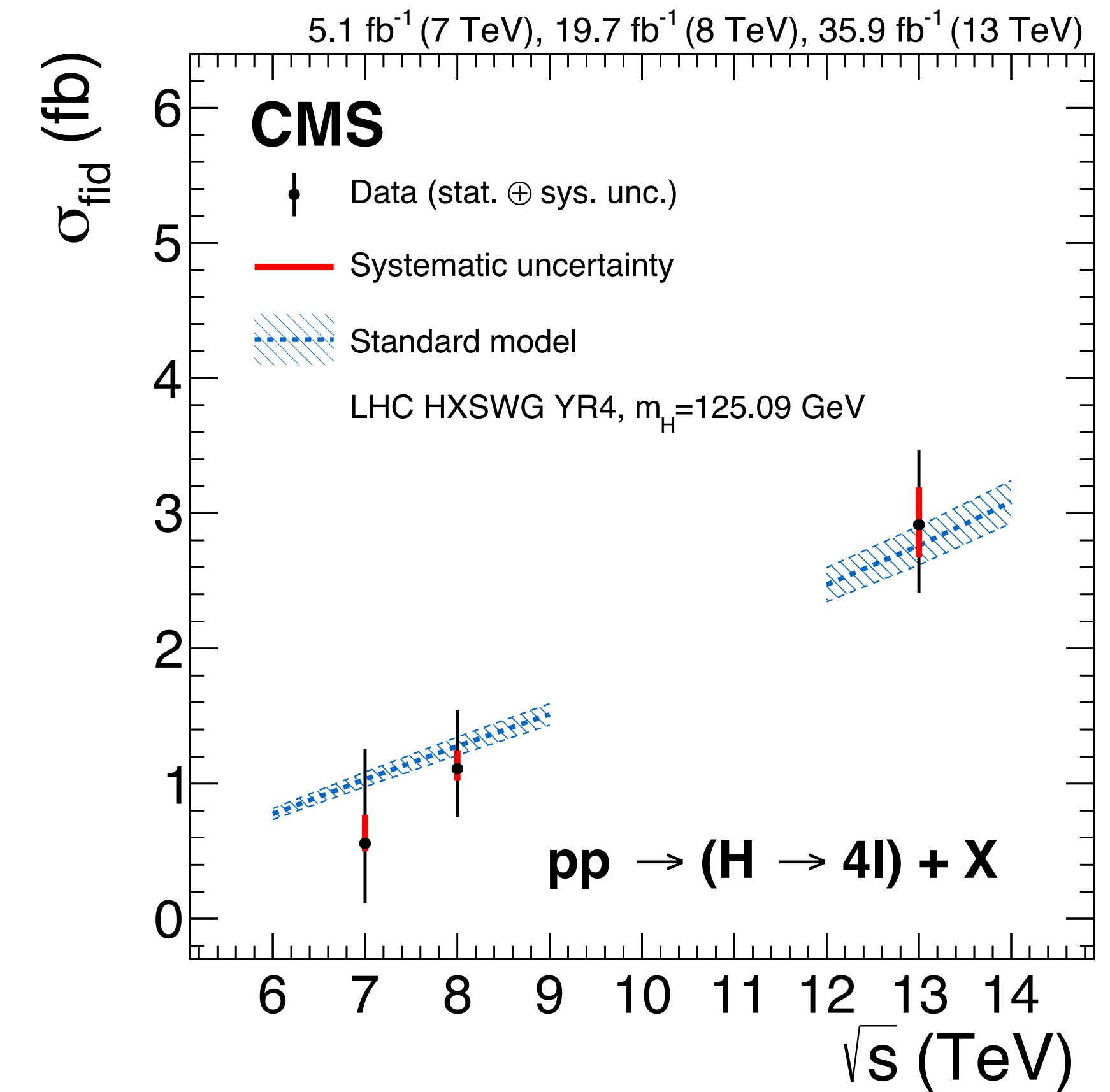
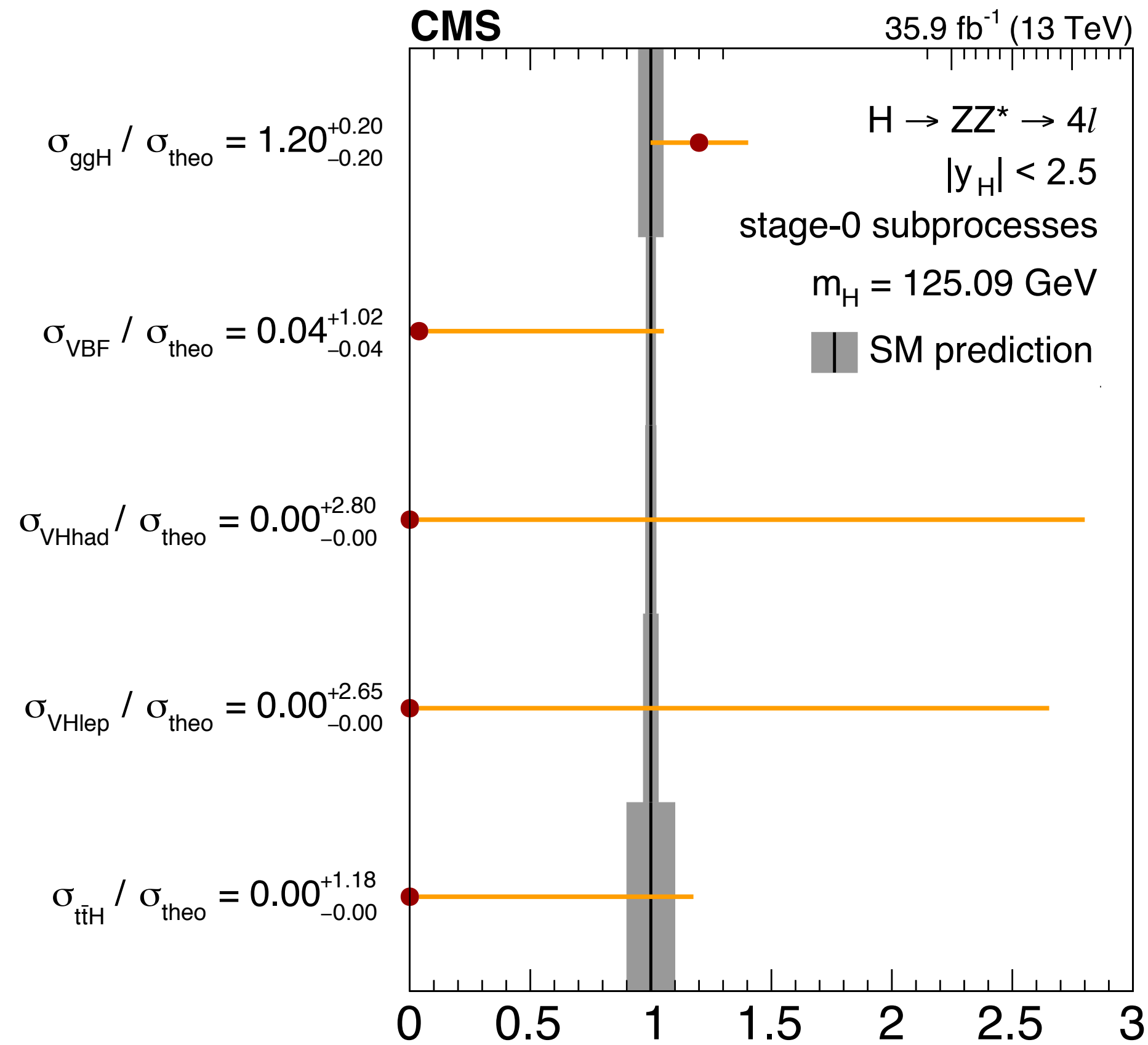
4leptons+{2,3,4}non b-jets+high KD

5-6leptons+ ≤ 3 non-b jets

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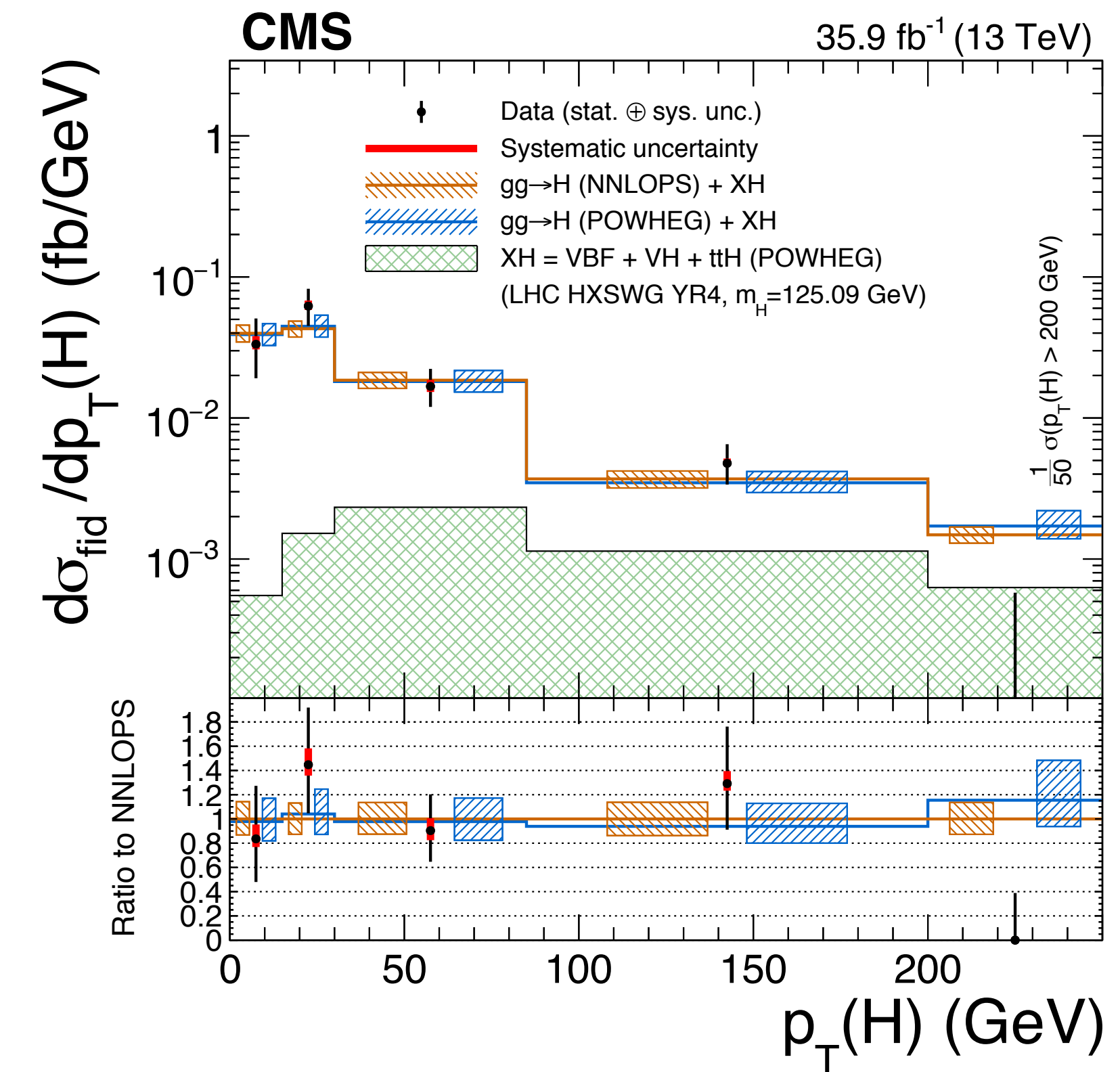
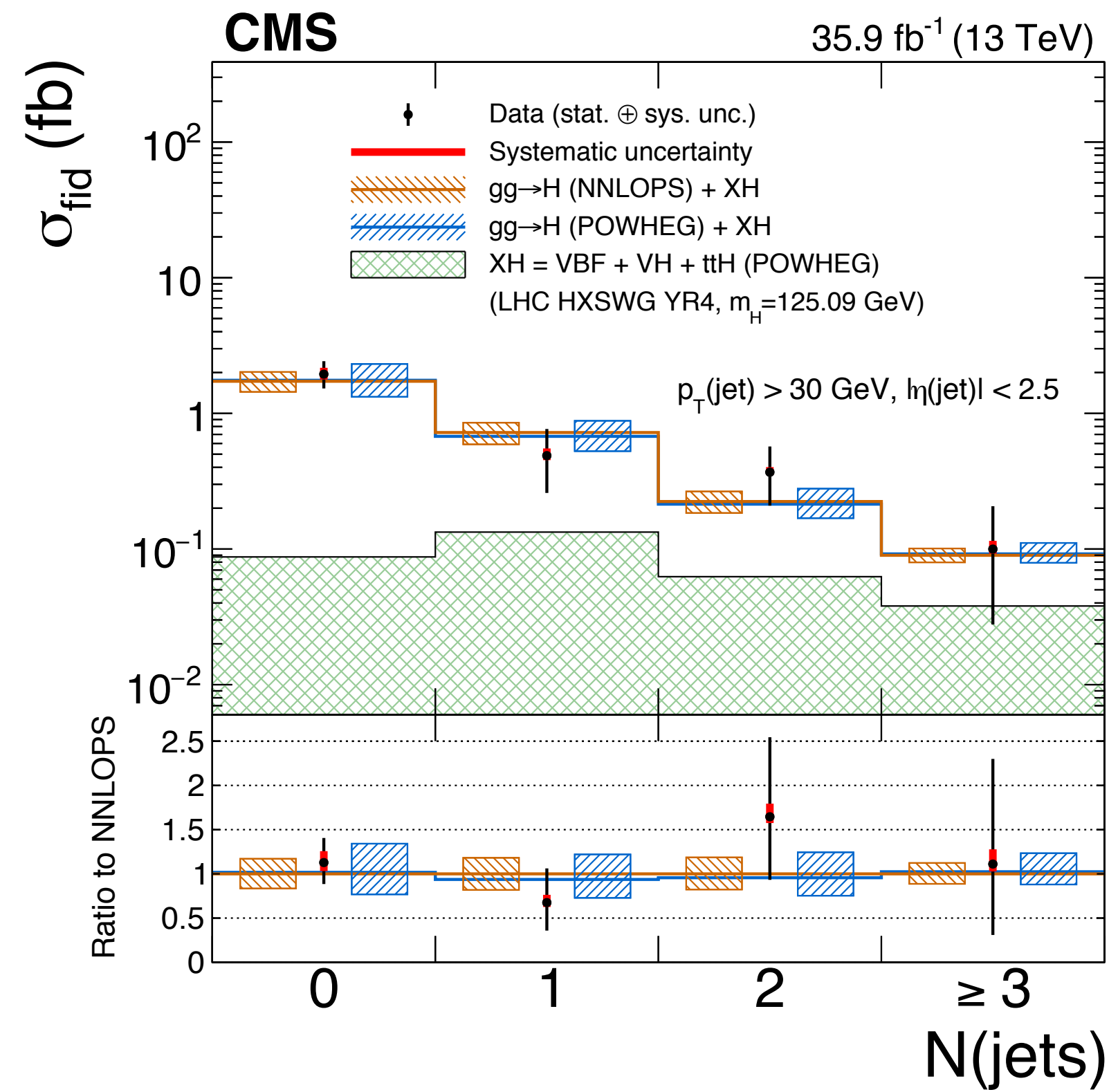
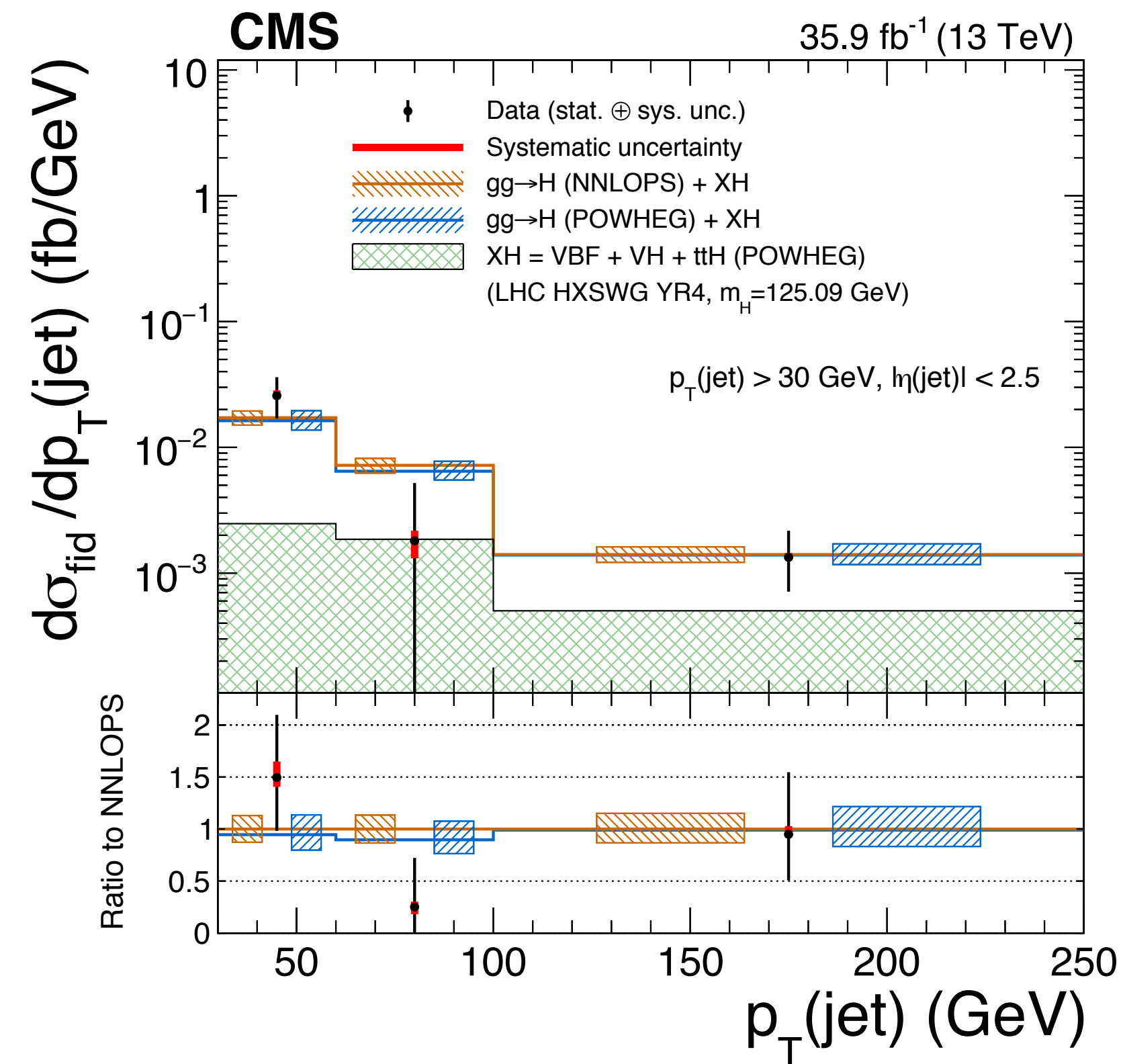
4leptons + <2 jets + $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 100\text{GeV}$

4leptons+4 jets (≥ 1 b-tag) or 1 lepton



Good agreement between prediction and observation

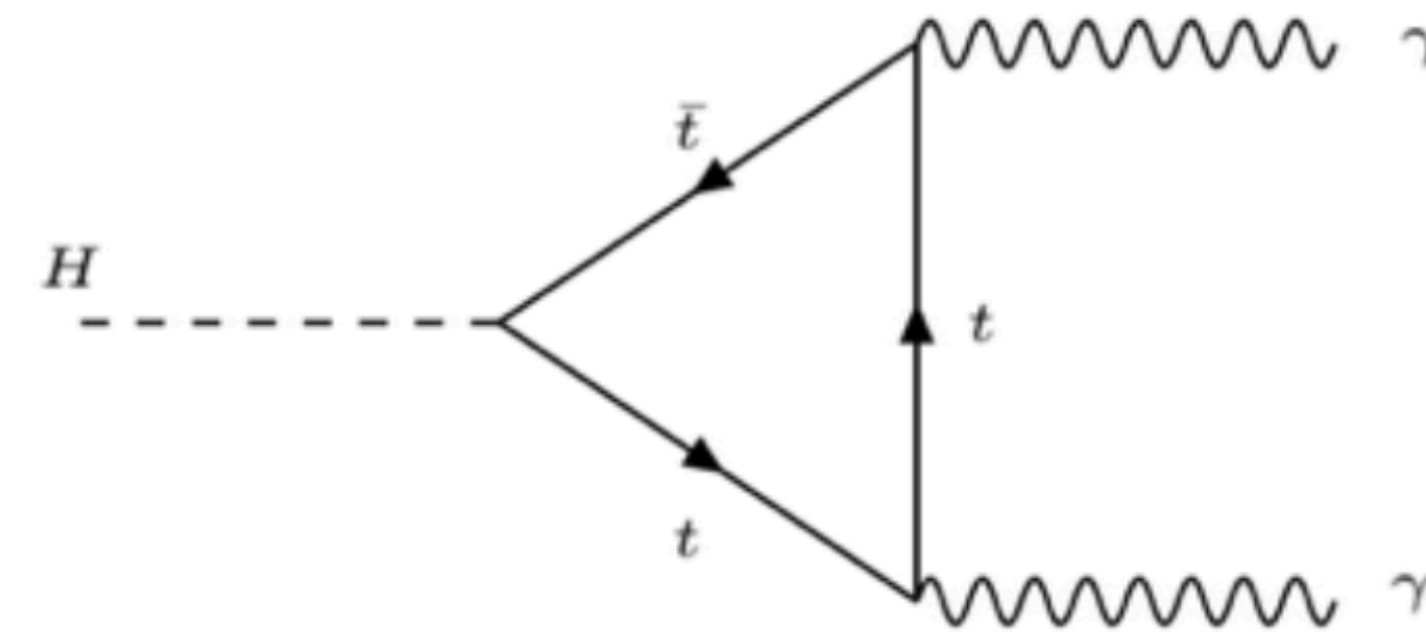
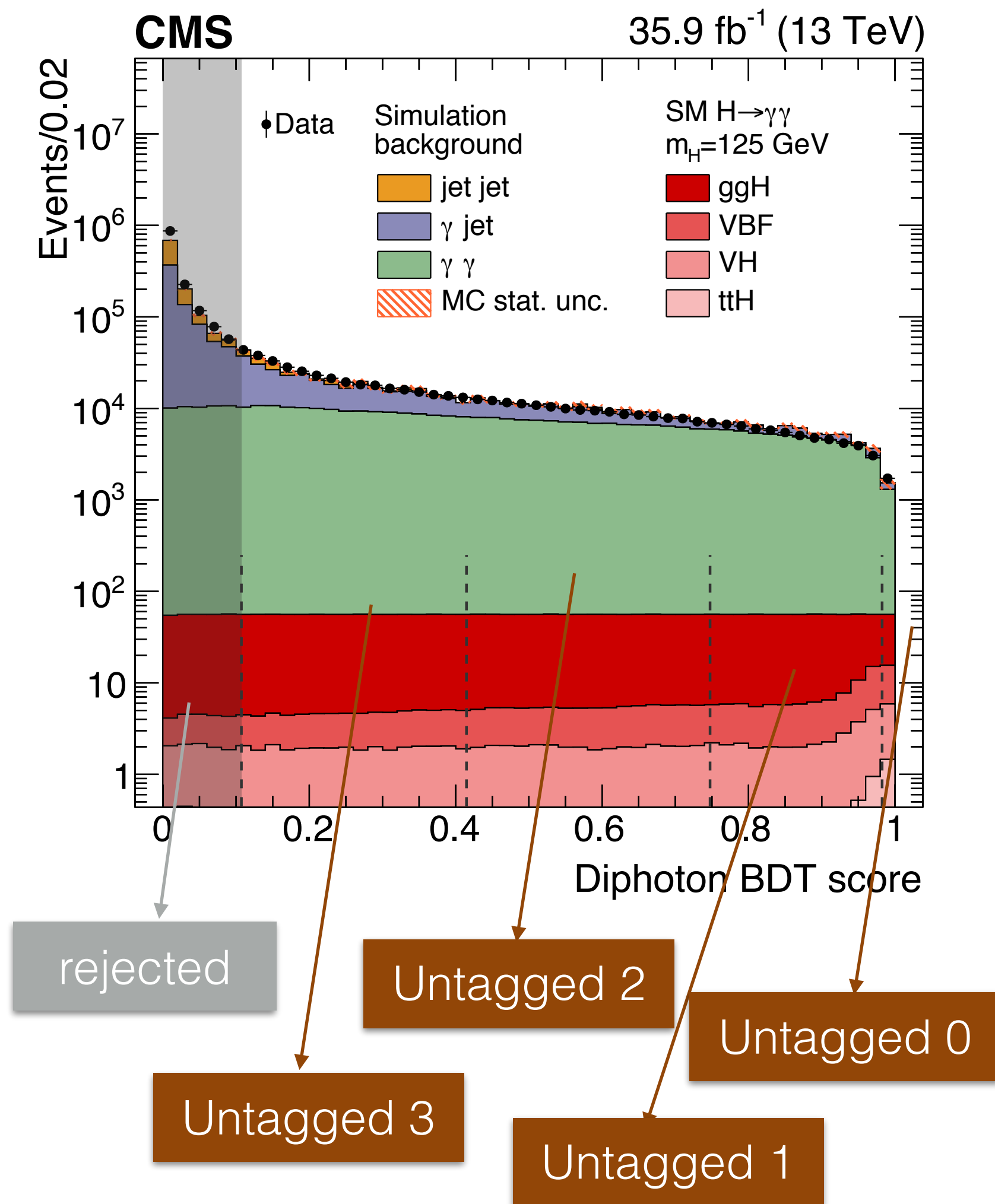
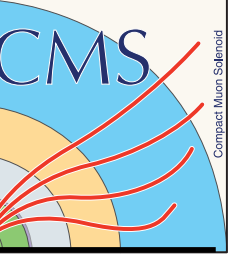
Slight overfluctuation in $\text{ggH} \rightarrow ZZ$ forces the other production modes to ~ 0



No significant deviation from SM predictions

Experimental uncertainties are reaching NLO theoretical uncertainties (in the 0-jet bin)

The $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channel



Very clean channel for discovery and signal strength measurements

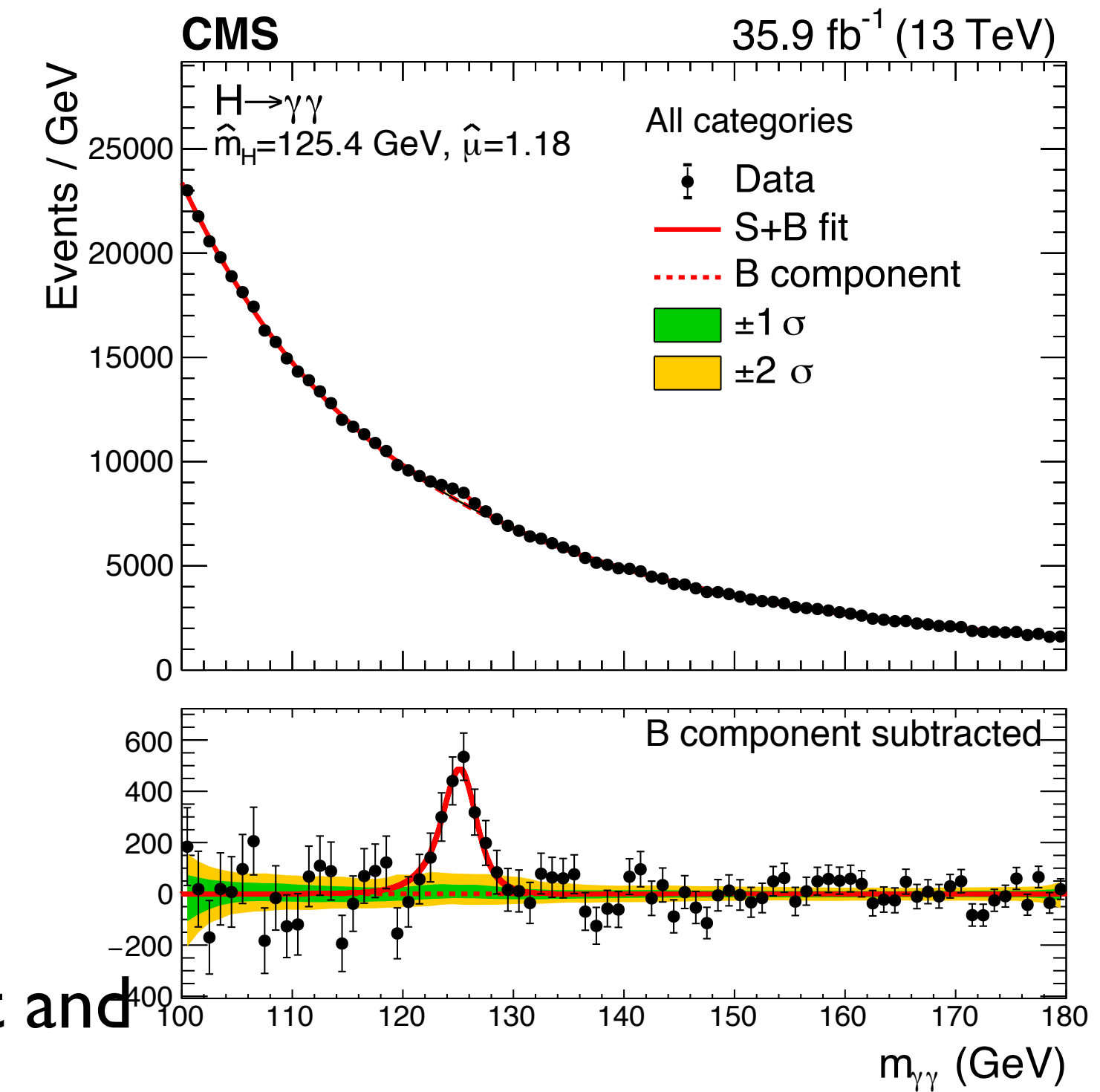
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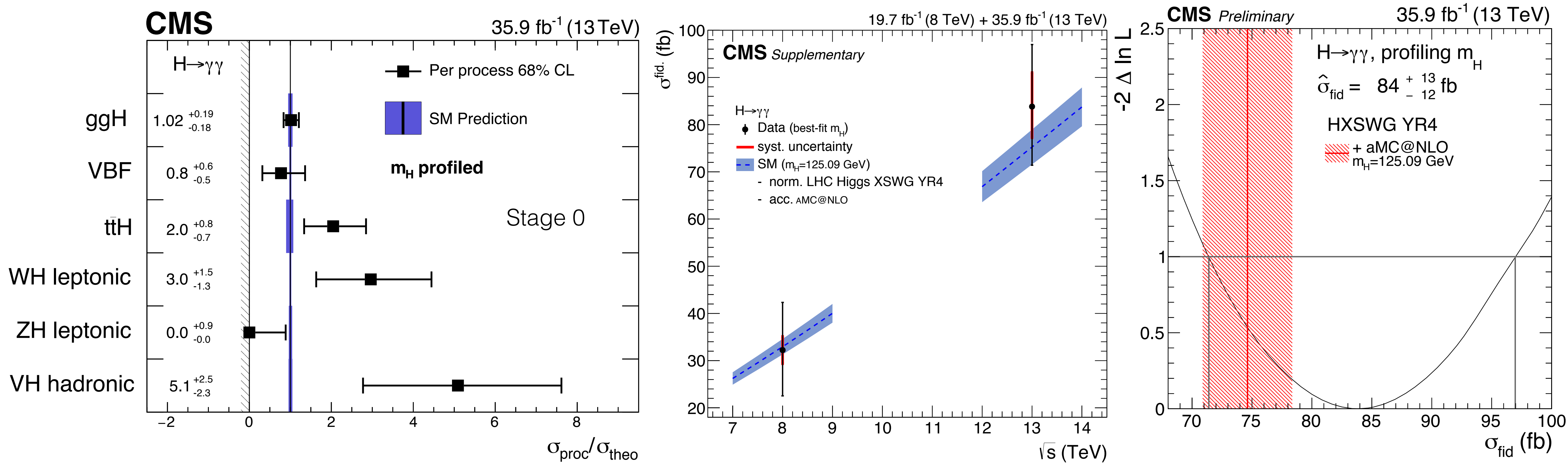
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Categorisation (for STXS analysis):

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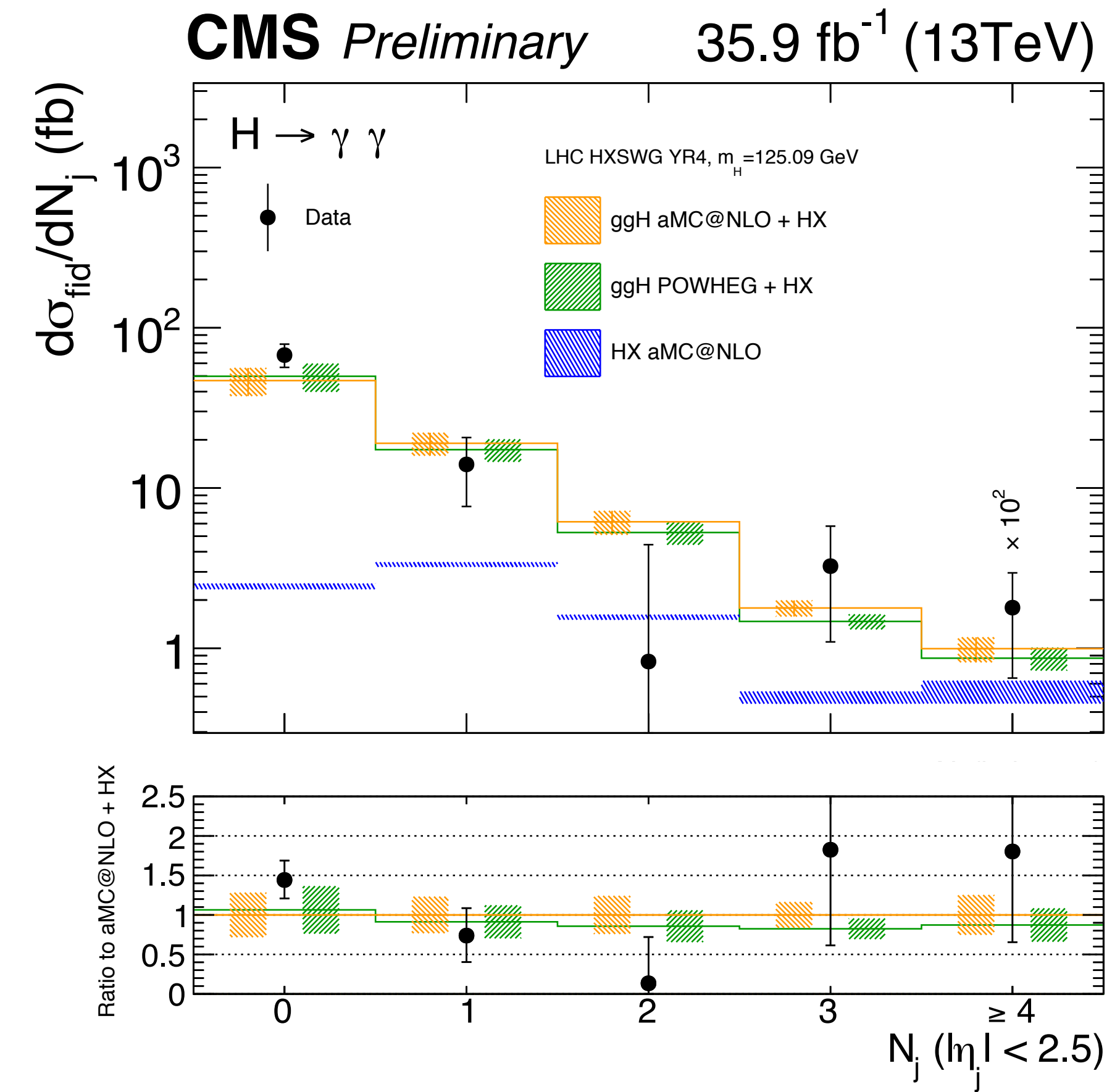
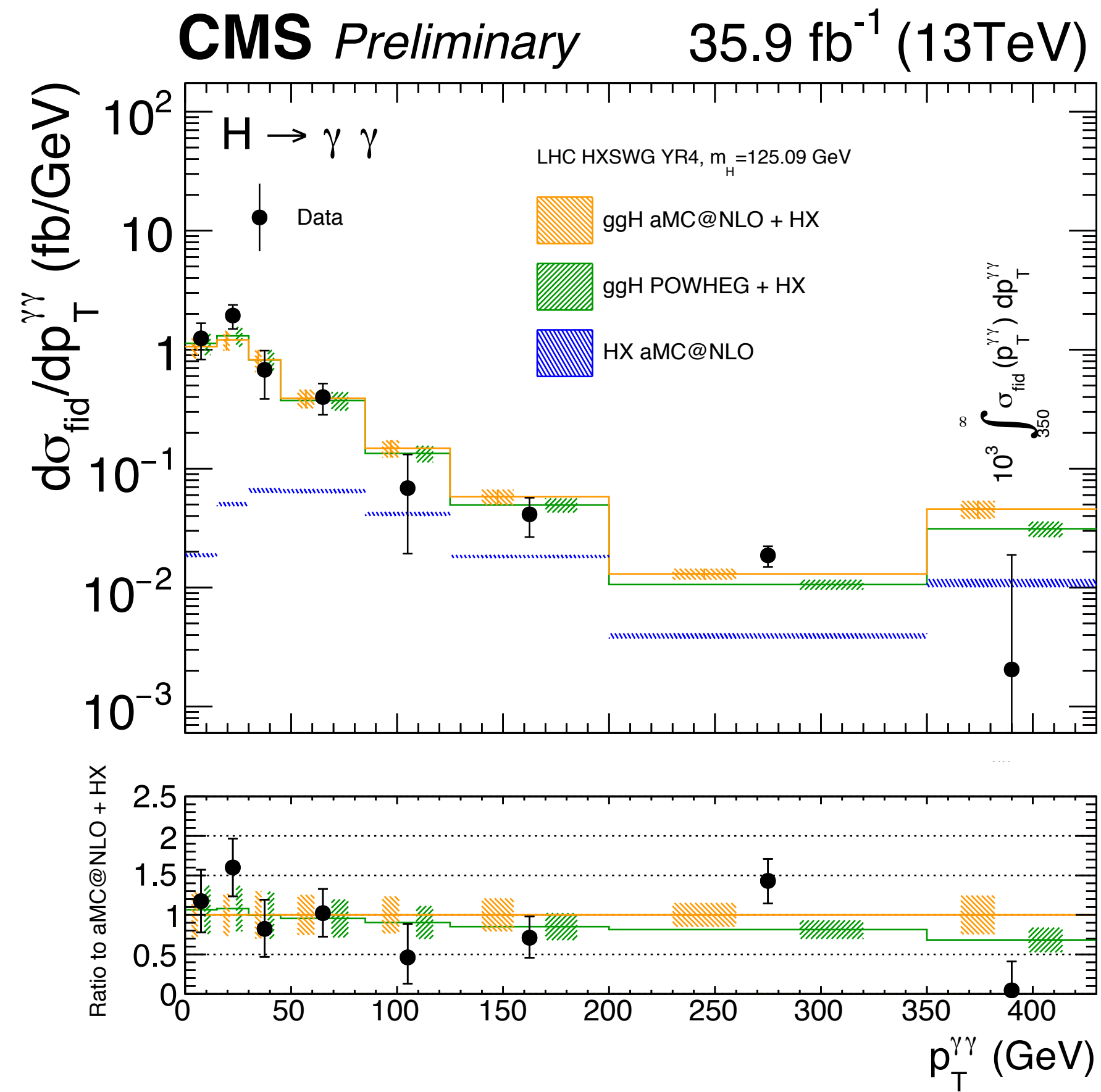




Fiducial cross section measurement phase space:

- 2 isolated photons, $|\eta| < 2.5$, $p_{\text{T}}^{(2)}/m_{\gamma\gamma} > 1/3(4)$
- 3 categories based on $\sigma_m/m_{\text{decorr}}$

Both fiducial and STXS result in good agreement with SM expectations



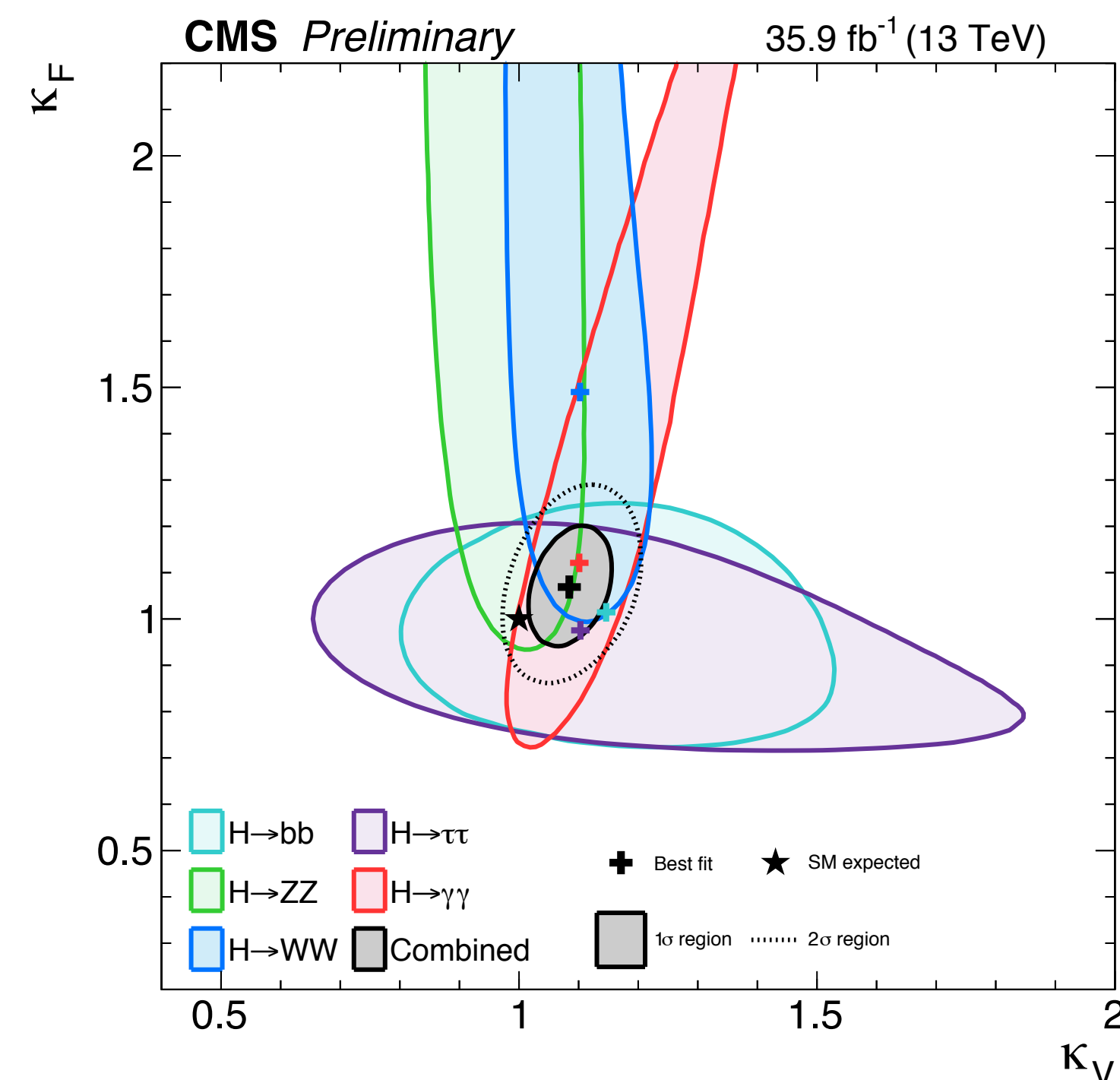
No deviations observed in the differential distributions

Combination of all Higgs channels

Most general parametrisation: product of production x decay signal strength with all parameters floating

- 5x5 matrix $\mu_i = \{ggH, VBF, WH, ZH, ttH\} \times \mu^f = \{\gamma\gamma, ZZ, WW, bb, \tau\tau\}$
- 22/25 measurements available

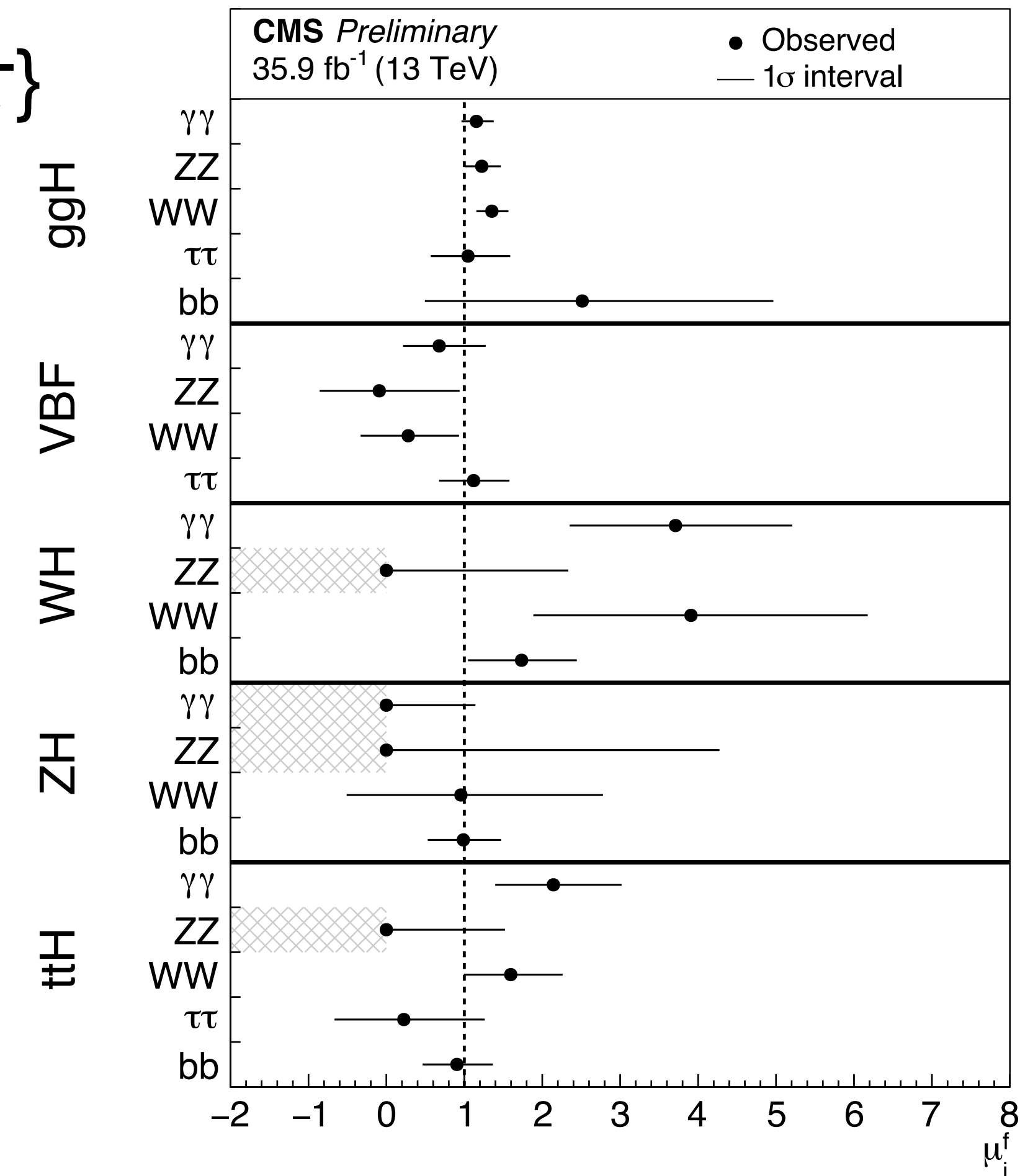
$$\mu_i^f = \frac{\sigma_i \cdot BR^f}{(\sigma_i)_{SM} \cdot (BR^f)_{SM}} = \mu_i \times \mu^f$$

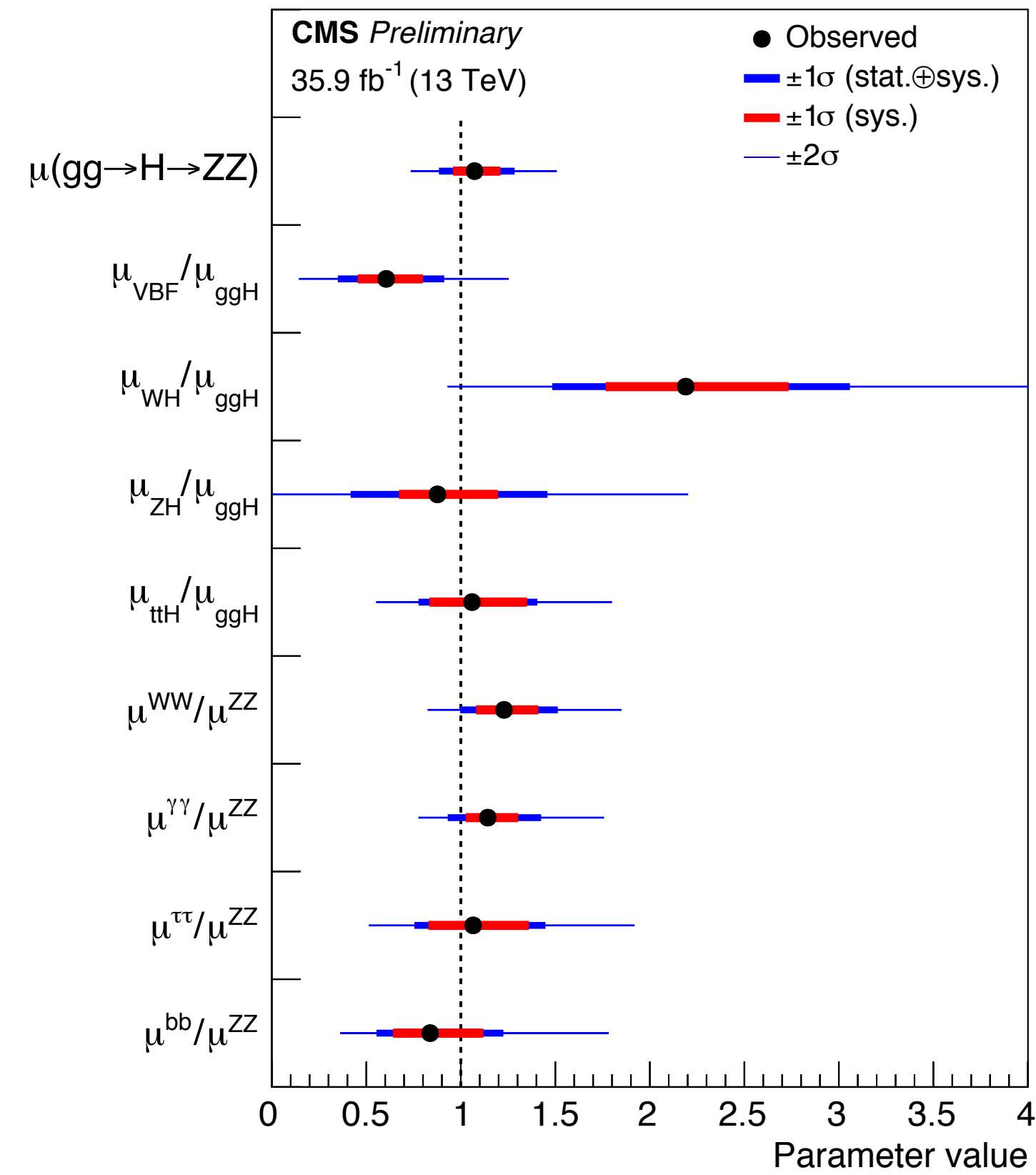
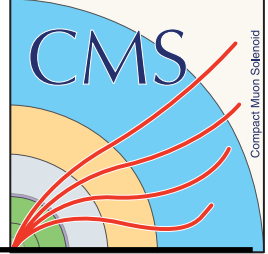


Different interpretations possible by applying constraints on μ_i, μ^f , i.e.
STXS, ratios of cross sections

Global signal strength: $\mu = 1.17 \pm 0.10$

Picture consistent with SM expectations





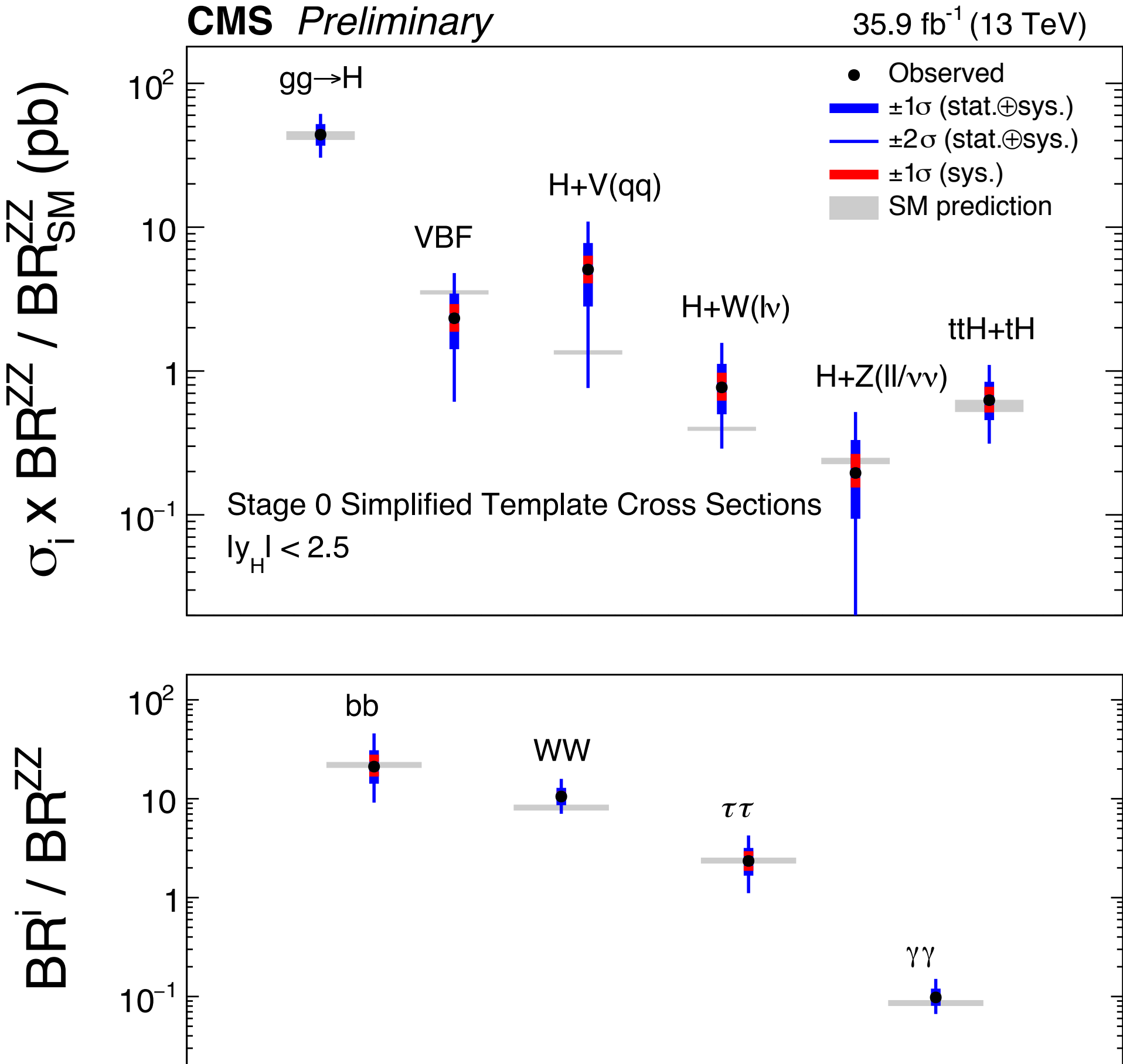
Ratio of signal strengths: helps reducing systematic uncertainties.

ggH→ZZ used as a reference as it is the most precise

Combined results STXS interpretation also provided (in the Stage-0 bins)

BRs are allowed to float in the fit

Measurement performed in fiducial region |y_H|<2.5



Projection of $p_T(H)$ differential distribution at 3ab^{-1}

$H \rightarrow ZZ$ channel only

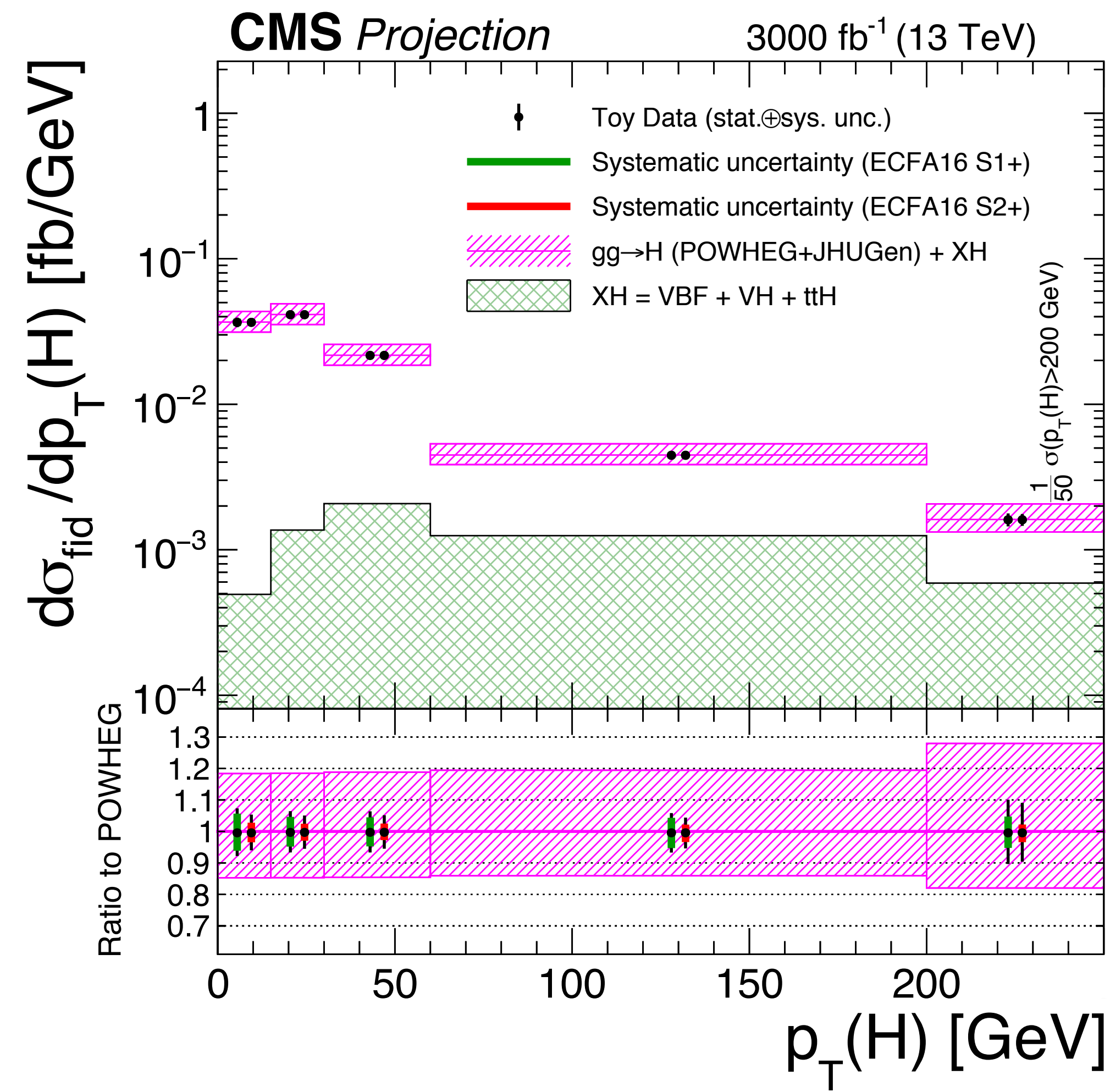
Uncertainties in each bin in the order of 5-10%

Slight dependence on the systematics scenarios

Still significant statistical component

Much better than current theoretical uncertainties

Correct th. uncertainties reached at $\sim 300\text{fb}^{-1}$



The CMS Collaboration is producing its first results on differential Higgs distributions at 13 TeV

Fiducial and differential cross-section measurements have been reported in the $H \rightarrow ZZ$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channels

The simplified template cross-section measurement has been reported for individual CMS channels and for their combination, displaying a nice agreement with SM expectations

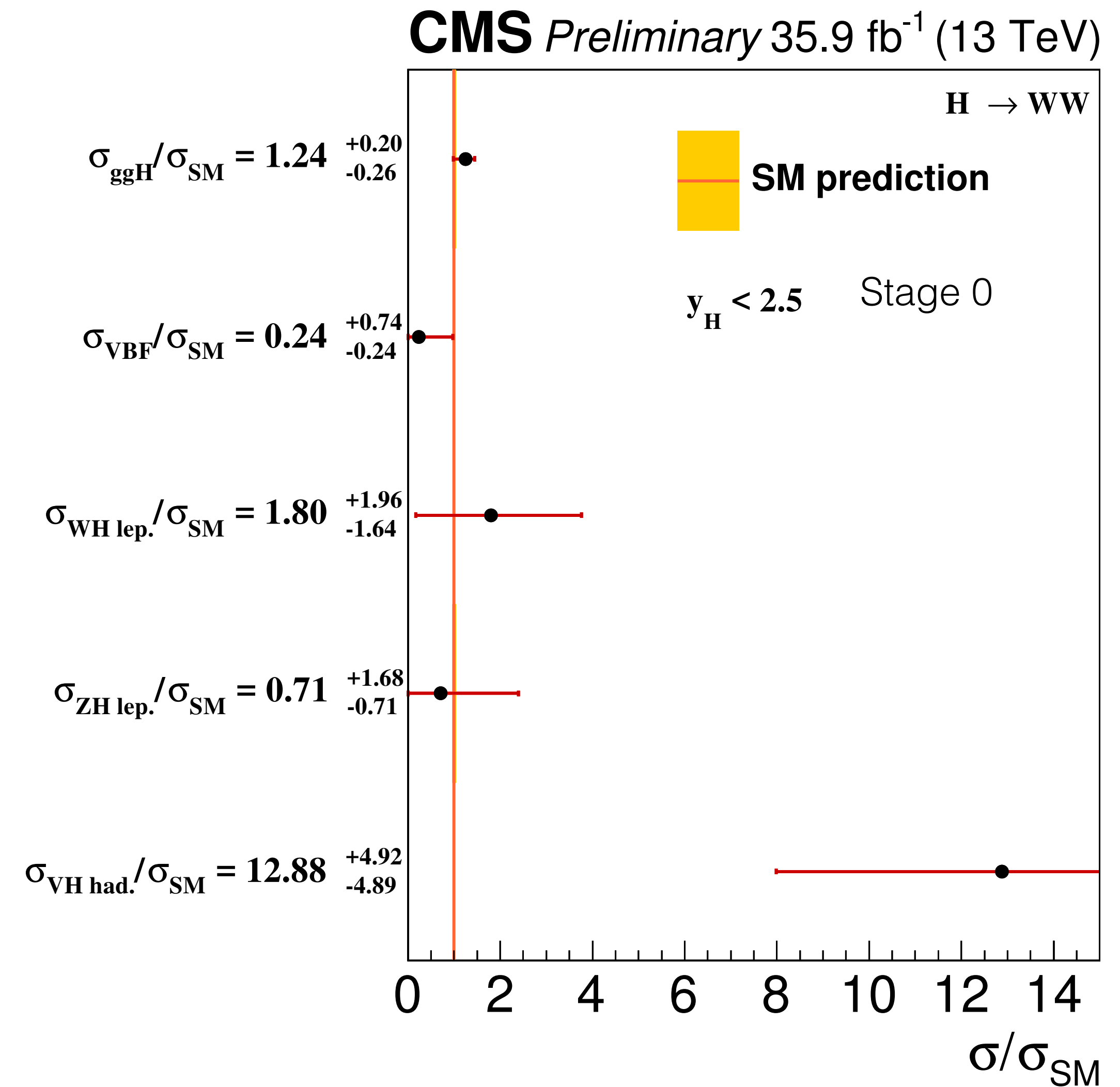
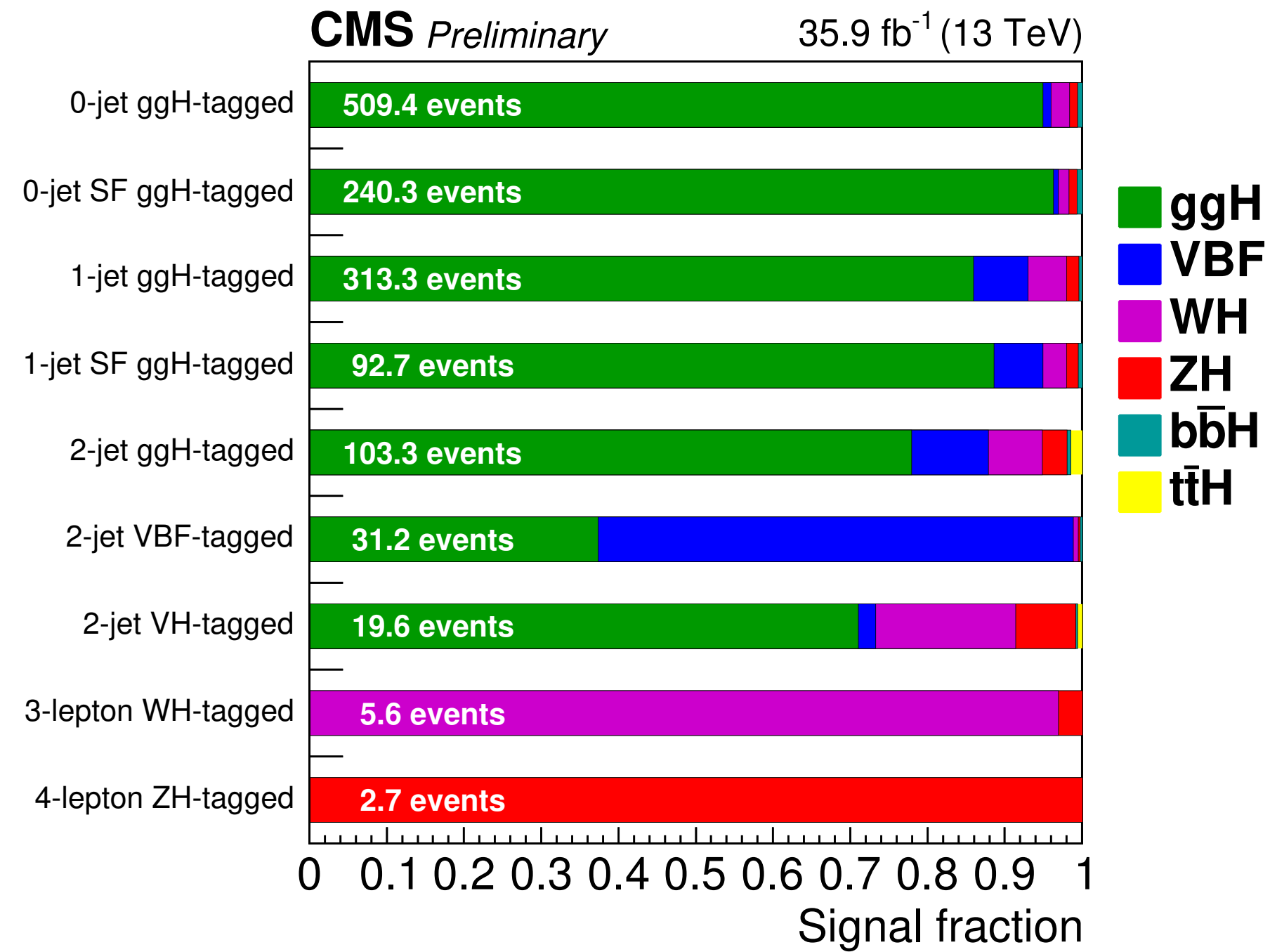
Combination of the differential results is underway

Experimental sensitivity in (some) differential observables is reaching the NLO precision

No significant deviations from the SM prediction have (yet?) been observed

Backup

H → WW, STXS



Differential H observables are still out of reach

Stage-0 STXS analysis shows general agreement with the SM predictions

2 σ excess in VH-hadronic bin, mostly driven by 3-leptons WH-tagged category

Couplings, κ

Parameters scale cross sections and partial widths relative to SM

$$\kappa_j^2 = \sigma_j / \sigma_j^{\text{SM}} \quad \kappa_j^2 = \Gamma_j / \Gamma_j^{\text{SM}}$$

$$\sigma_i \cdot \text{BR}^f = \frac{\sigma_i \cdot \Gamma_f}{\Gamma_H},$$

Total width determined as

$$\Gamma_H = \frac{\kappa_H^2 \cdot \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}}{1 - \text{BR}_{\text{BSM}}}$$

Where

$$\kappa_H^2 = \sum_j \text{BR}_{\text{SM}}^j \kappa_j^2$$

At first, **signal strengths** μ (ratio of observed cross-section to SM predictions)

- Good to verify H(125) properties and to check compatibility with SM
- Not ideal parametrization when introducing NP

Second step, **K-framework**:

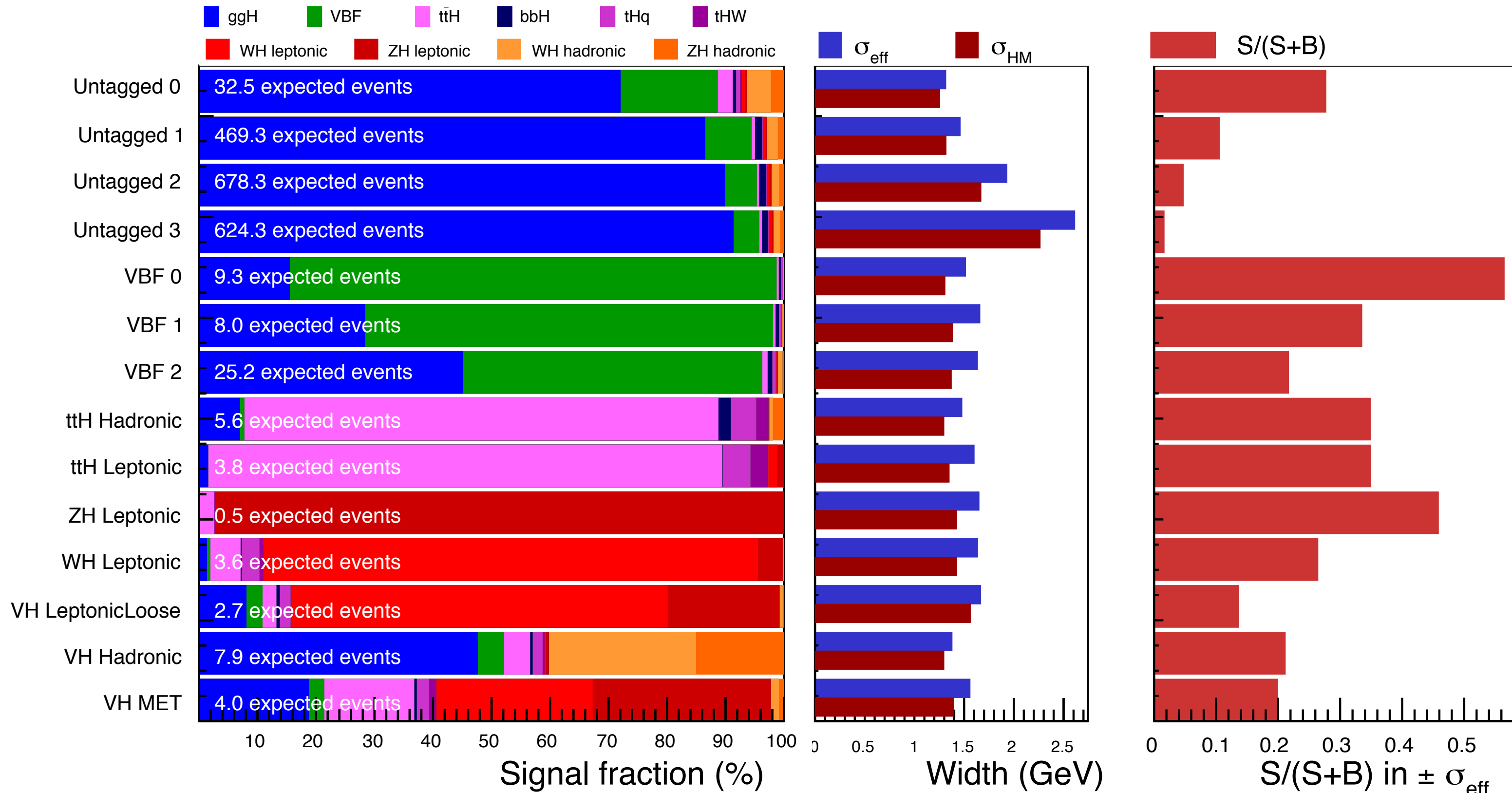
- Disentangles production and decay mechanisms. Notation $k_f = \{k_t, k_b, k_\tau\}$; $k_V = \{k_W, k_Z\}$
- Effective coupling modifiers for processes with loops ($k_g, k_\gamma, k_H \dots$)
- Also possible to describe as coupling modifier ratios $\lambda_{ij} = \kappa_i / \kappa_j$
- Production processes: ggF, VBF, WH, ZH, ttH
- Decay channels: HZZ, WW, $\gamma\gamma$, $\tau\tau$, $b\bar{b}$, $\mu\mu$

Next step: PseudoObservables (not for this talk)

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

CMS Simulation $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

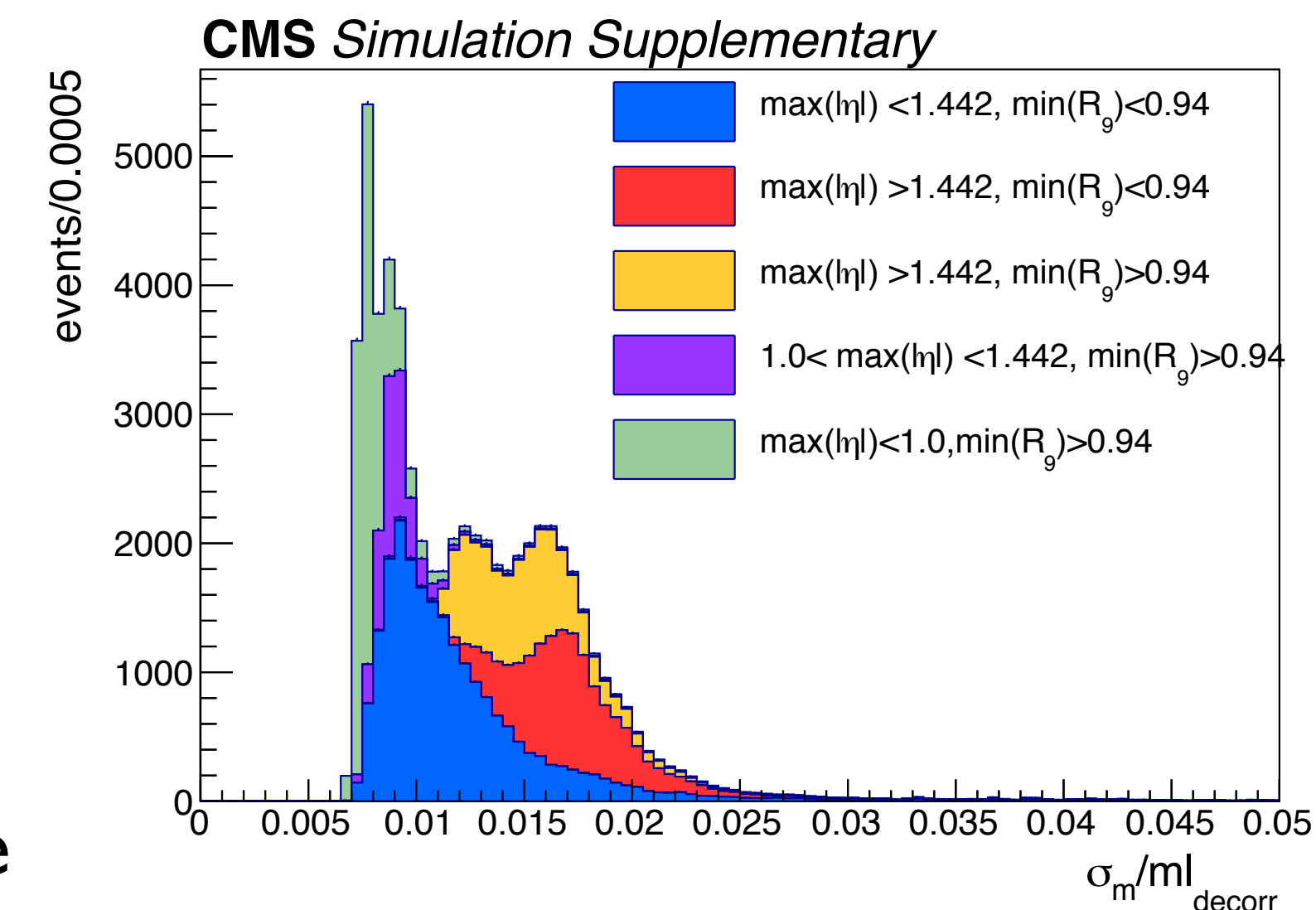
35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



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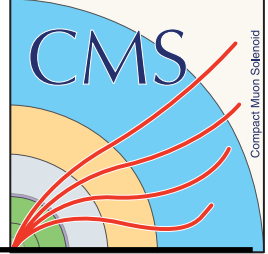
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HWW, yields

	Category									
	2-jet ggH-tagged		2-jet VBF-tagged		2-jet VH-tagged		3-lepton WH-tagged		4-lepton ZH-tagged	
ggH	80.4	(100.6)	11.6	(14.6)	13.9	(17.4)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
VBF	10.3	(13.3)	19.2	(24.5)	0.4	(0.6)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
WH	7.2	(9.3)	0.2	(0.2)	3.6	(4.6)	5.4	(7.2)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
ZH	3.3	(4.3)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	1.5	(2.1)	0.2	(0.2)	2.7	(3.5)
t \bar{t} H	1.6	(2.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	0.1	(0.2)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
b \bar{b} H	0.6	(0.7)	< 0.1	(0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
Signal	103	(130)	31	(40)	20	(25)	5.6	(7.4)	2.7	(3.5)
\pm total unc.	(± 16)		(± 3)		(± 3)		(± 0.7)		(± 0.3)	
WW	1048.3	(860.1)	69.4	(46.0)	52.0	(33.5)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
top	5196.9	(5186.9)	157.0	(158.3)	229.9	(229.2)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	0.3	(0.3)
Nonprompt	358.8	(305.0)	29.8	(20.0)	41.5	(37.1)	19.2	(21.2)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
DY	110.2	(112.4)	20.4	(18.5)	28.9	(30.0)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
VZ/V γ^*	136.0	(137.1)	7.1	(6.9)	10.5	(10.4)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
V γ	58.8	(52.6)	2.8	(2.8)	4.2	(4.6)	3.8	(9.6)	< 0.1	(< 0.1)
Other diboson	2.1	(2.3)	0.3	(0.3)	1.2	(1.3)	28.6	(32.8)	12.7	(12.6)
Triboson	15.2	(15.3)	0.3	(0.3)	2.0	(2.0)	2.1	(2.1)	0.4	(0.4)
Background	6926	(6672)	287	(253)	370	(348)	57	(70)	13.3	(13.3)
\pm total unc.	(± 502)		(± 17)		(± 37)		(± 7)		(± 0.6)	
Data	6802		285		386		85		15	

Combination Result, stage 0

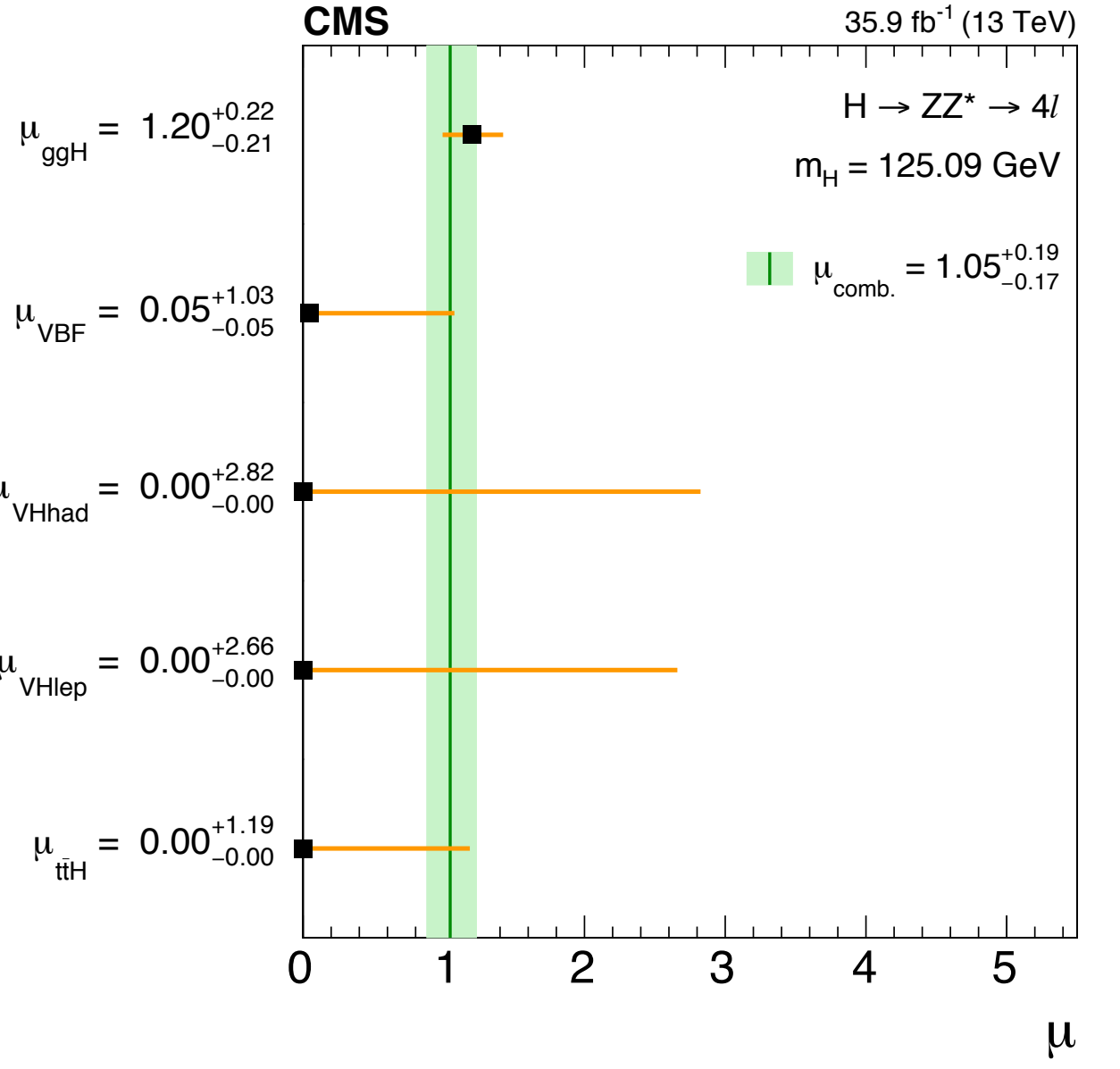
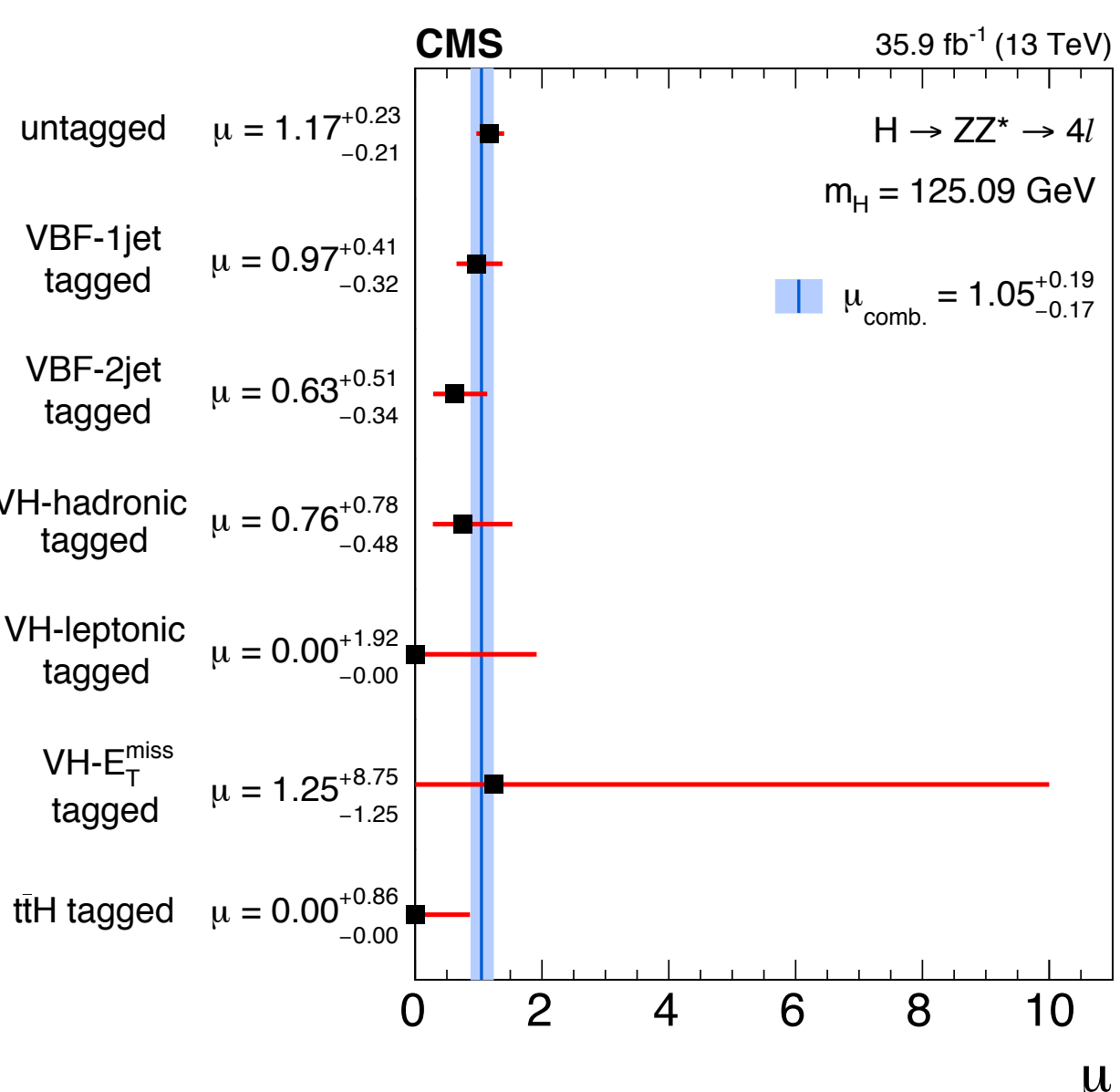
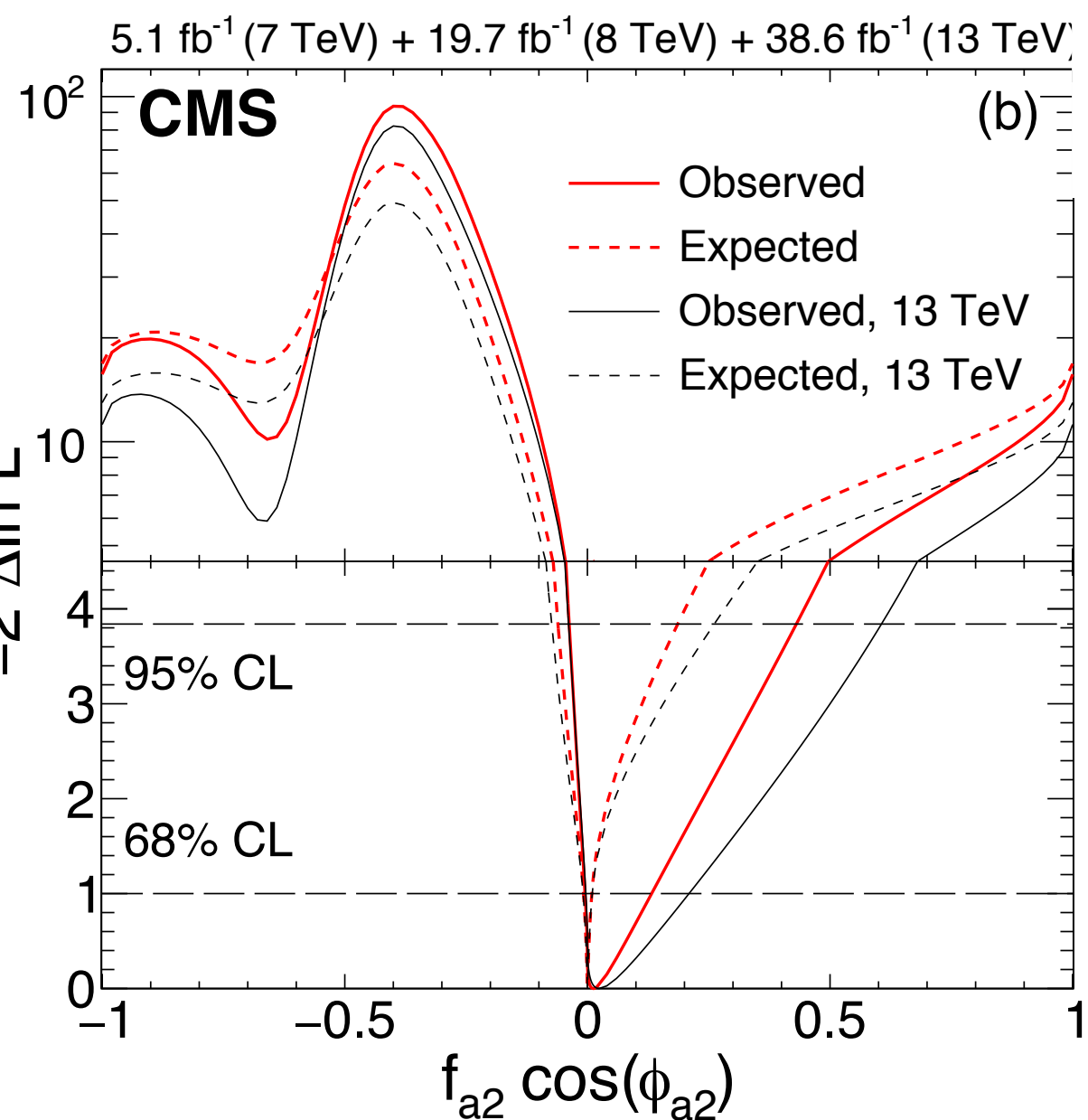
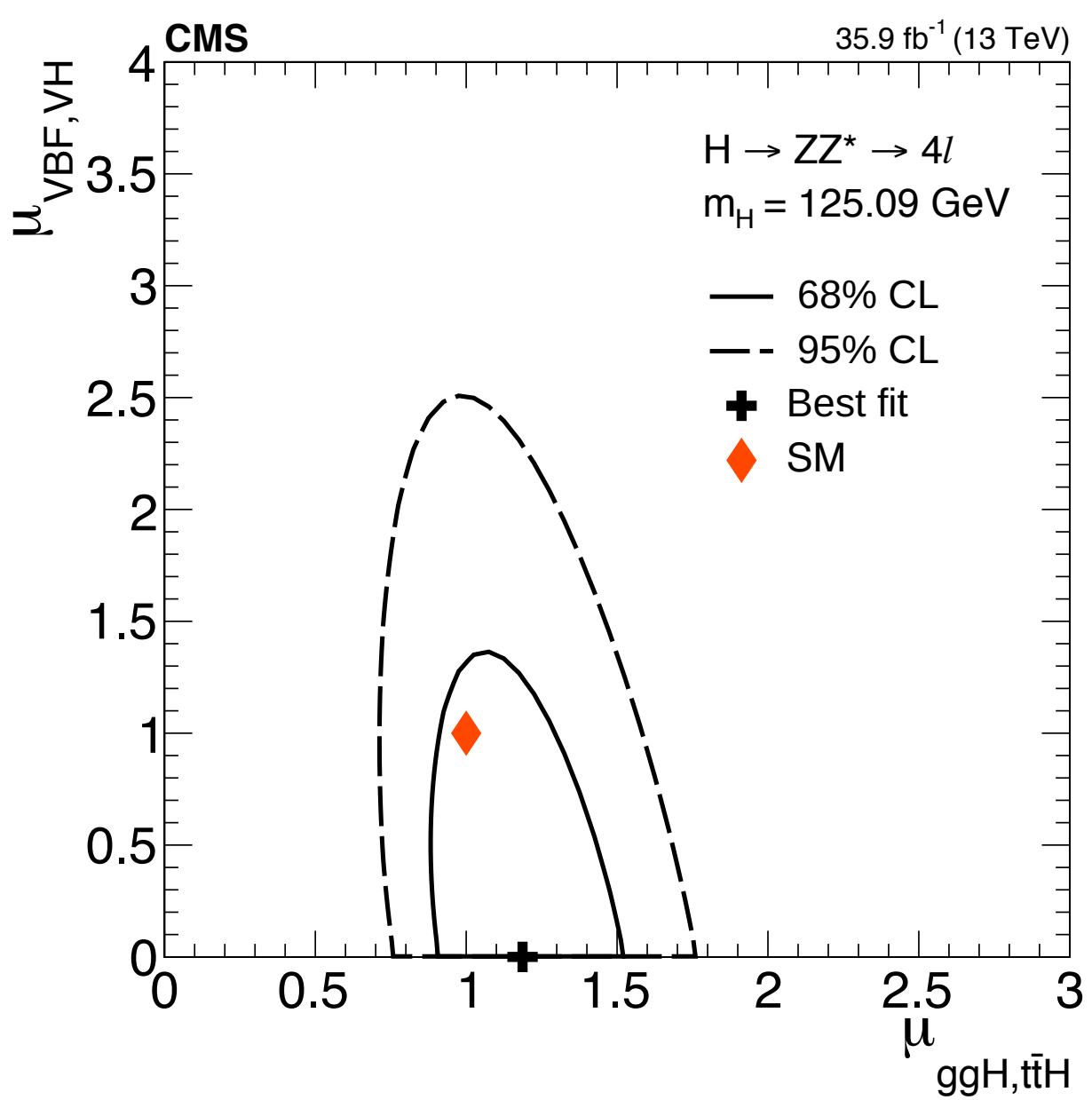


Uncertainty				Uncertainty			
Parameter	Best fit	Stat.	Syst.	Parameter	Best fit	Stat.	Syst.
$\sigma_{\text{ggH}} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	1.00 ^{+0.19} _{-0.16} (^{+0.18} _{-0.16})	^{+0.16} _{-0.15} (^{+0.16} _{-0.15})	^{+0.09} _{-0.07} (^{+0.09} _{-0.07})	$\text{BR}^{\text{bb}} / \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	0.96 ^{+0.45} _{-0.32} (^{+0.58} _{-0.38})	^{+0.32} _{-0.25} (^{+0.40} _{-0.29})	^{+0.31} _{-0.20} (^{+0.42} _{-0.25})
$\sigma_{\text{VBF}} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	0.66 ^{+0.32} _{-0.26} (^{+0.40} _{-0.32})	^{+0.27} _{-0.22} (^{+0.33} _{-0.28})	^{+0.17} _{-0.13} (^{+0.22} _{-0.16})	$\text{BR}^{\tau\tau} / \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	0.99 ^{+0.35} _{-0.29} (^{+0.36} _{-0.28})	^{+0.24} _{-0.20} (^{+0.26} _{-0.21})	^{+0.25} _{-0.20} (^{+0.26} _{-0.19})
$\sigma_{\text{H+V(qq)}} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	3.77 ^{+2.00} _{-1.69} (^{+1.66} _{-1.06})	^{+1.76} _{-1.51} (^{+1.50} _{-1.06})	^{+0.93} _{-0.75} (^{+0.72} _{-0.00})	$\text{BR}^{\text{WW}} / \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	1.29 ^{+0.29} _{-0.24} (^{+0.24} _{-0.20})	^{+0.24} _{-0.20} (^{+0.20} _{-0.16})	^{+0.17} _{-0.13} (^{+0.14} _{-0.11})
$\sigma_{\text{H+W}(\ell\nu)} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	1.94 ^{+0.89} _{-0.68} (^{+0.68} _{-0.53})	^{+0.72} _{-0.57} (^{+0.56} _{-0.44})	^{+0.51} _{-0.37} (^{+0.40} _{-0.29})	$\text{BR}^{\gamma\gamma} / \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	1.14 ^{+0.26} _{-0.20} (^{+0.23} _{-0.18})	^{+0.22} _{-0.18} (^{+0.21} _{-0.17})	^{+0.13} _{-0.09} (^{+0.11} _{-0.08})
$\sigma_{\text{H+Z}(\ell\ell/\nu\nu)} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	0.83 ^{+0.58} _{-0.43} (^{+0.70} _{-0.47})	^{+0.49} _{-0.39} (^{+0.56} _{-0.41})	^{+0.30} _{-0.17} (^{+0.43} _{-0.22})		-	-	-
$\sigma_{\text{ttH}} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{ZZ}}$	1.08 ^{+0.37} _{-0.29} (^{+0.38} _{-0.31})	^{+0.26} _{-0.22} (^{+0.28} _{-0.24})	^{+0.26} _{-0.19} (^{+0.26} _{-0.20})		-	-	-

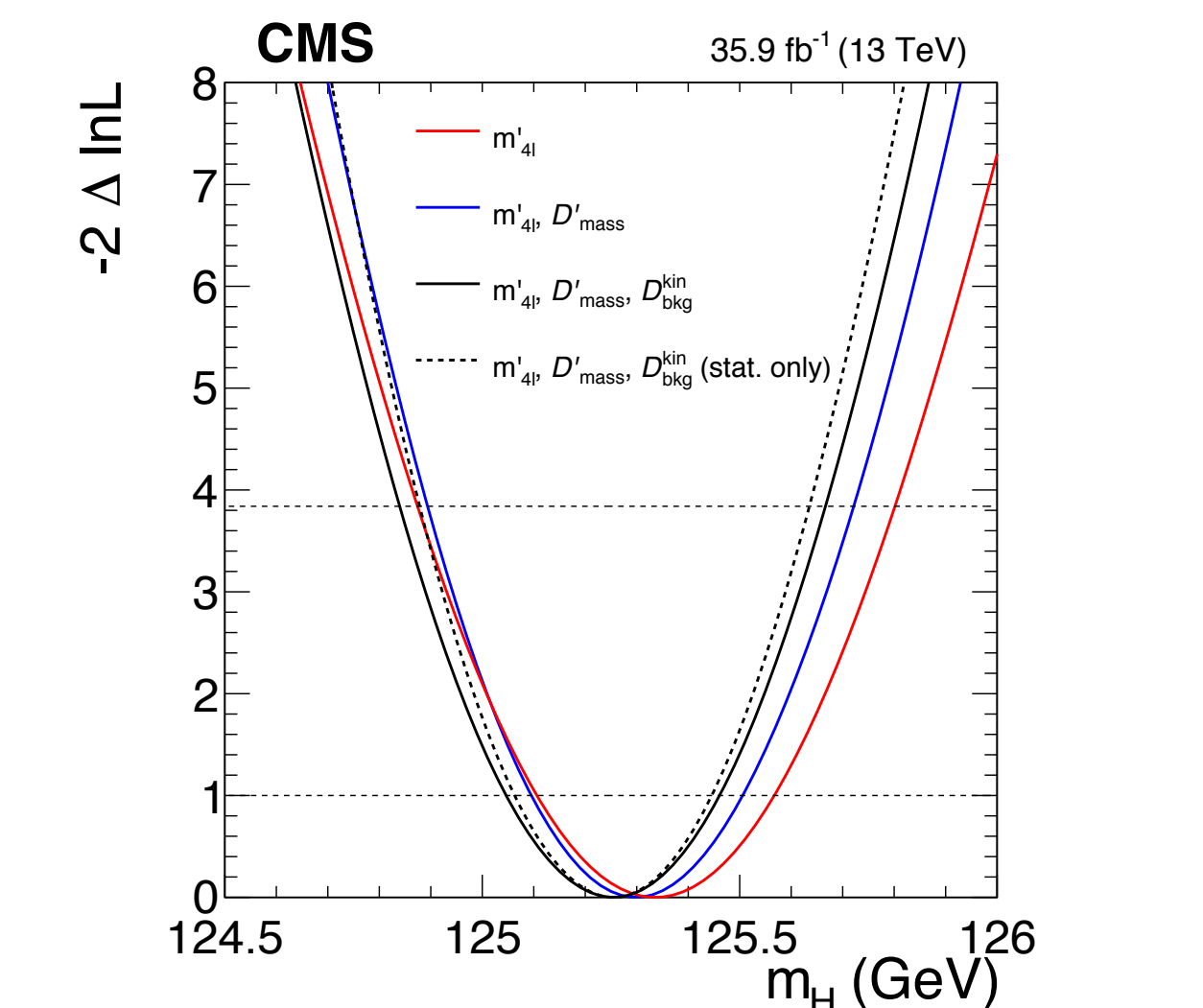
The excellent resolution and high S/B ratio makes the HZZ4l channel one of the best we have to determine the Higgs properties

Signal strengths in run2 are consistent with SM expectations

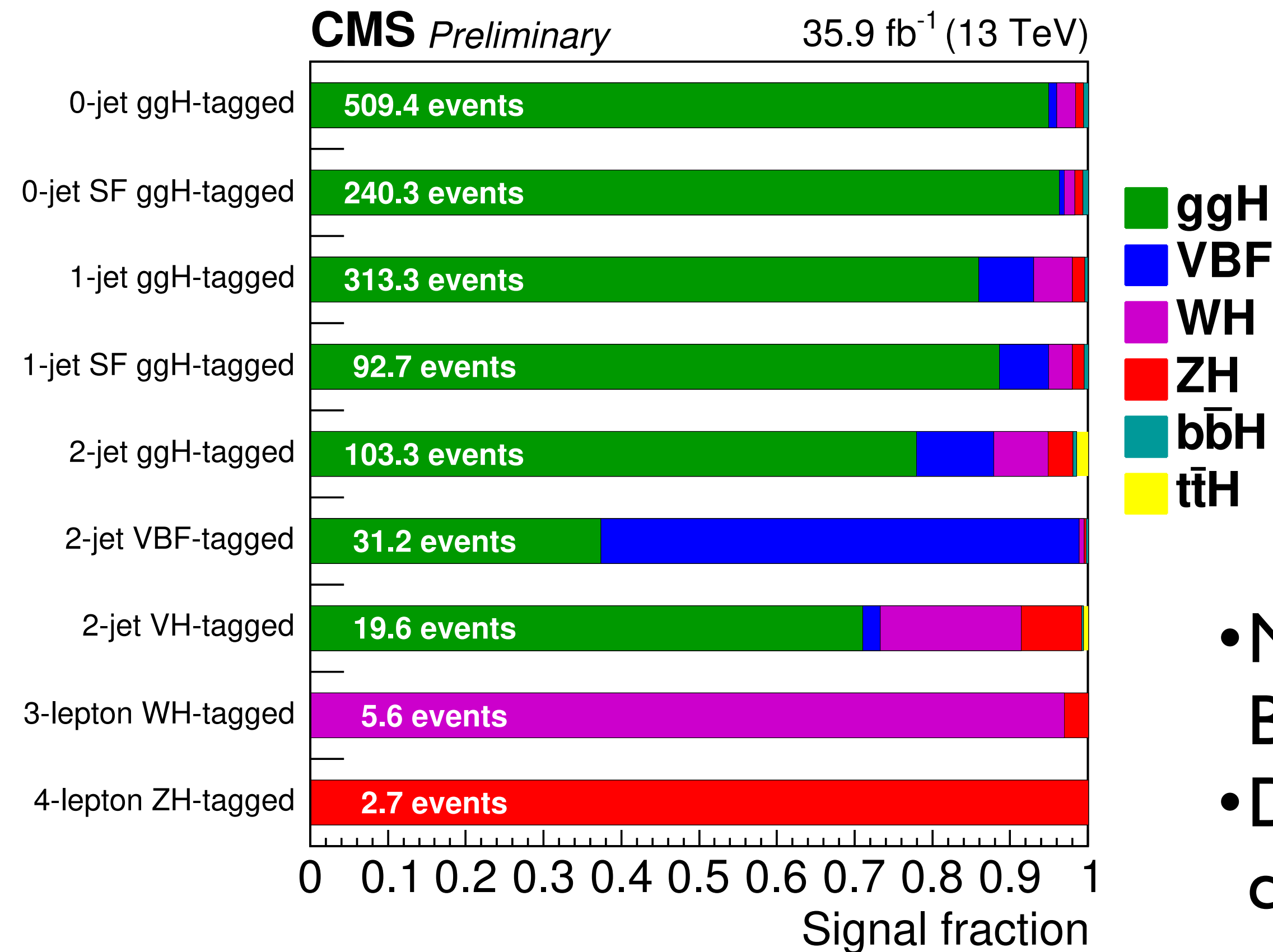
$t\bar{t}H$ production is being reported for the first time by CMS in the ZZ channel



No evidence for anomalous HZZ couplings so far



- Signature: at least two opposite sign leptons + large E_T^{miss}
- Subcategories based on leading lepton p_T , lepton flavours
- Separate $e\mu/\mu e$ categories to exploit differences in fake rate



- Neutrinos in the final state: poor resolution, but larger BR wrt ZZ
- Different discriminant variables used in various categories

