

ACCESSING HH AT THE HL-LHC

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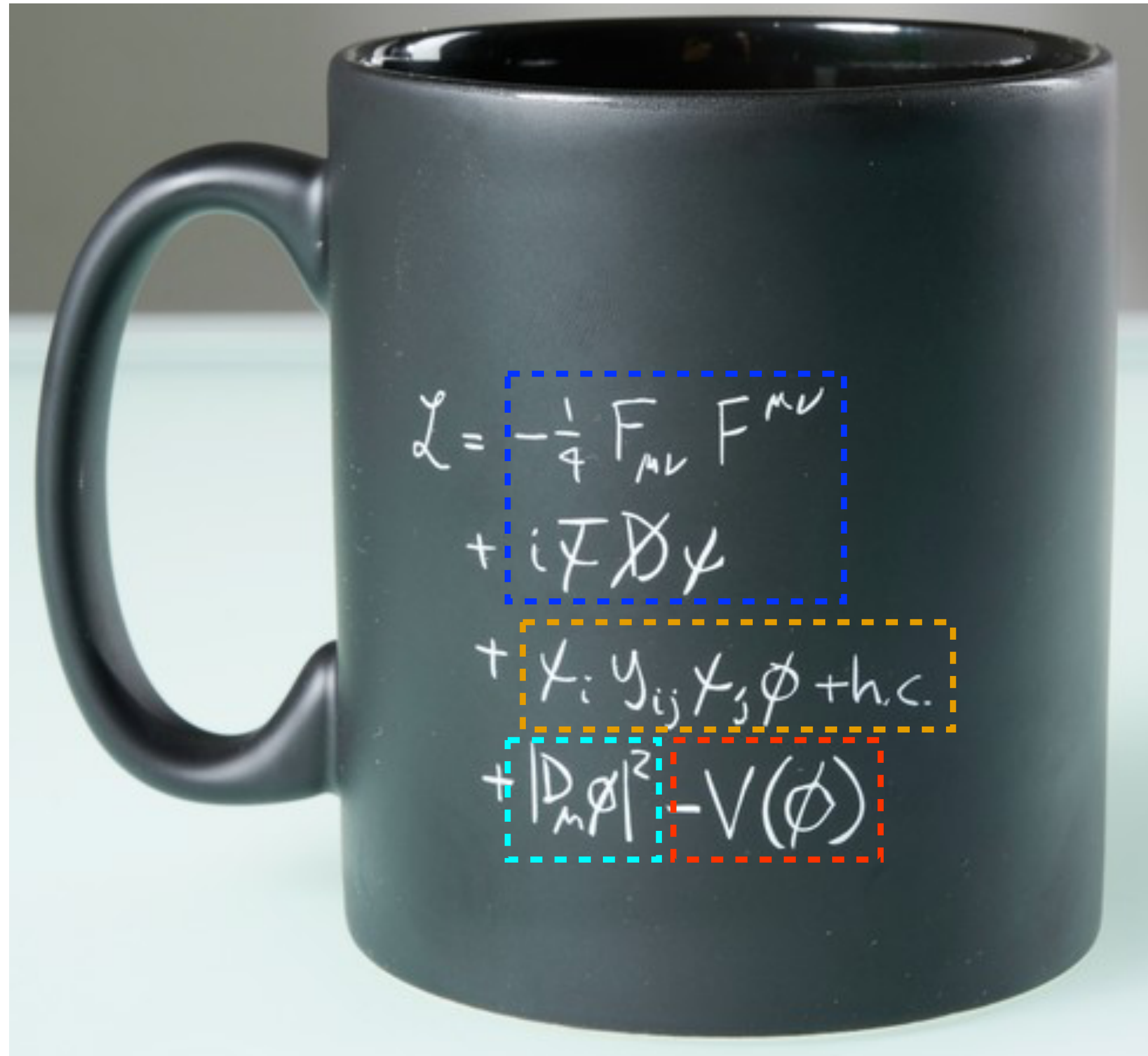
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*View from Zamansky tower (Jussieu), July 16 2018

WHY HH?



Higgs potential: least explored region of SM!

- EWK physics well understood (so far?)
- Higgs couplings to EWK bosons observed and extensively studied
- Higgs Yukawa couplings to 3rd generation observed to follow SM (bb, tt, $\tau\tau$)

But could be the key to unlock BSM physics!

- Cosmological inflation, EWPT & Baryogenesis, Compositeness, 2HDM, etc...
Strong BSM potential to modify Higgs self coupling λ

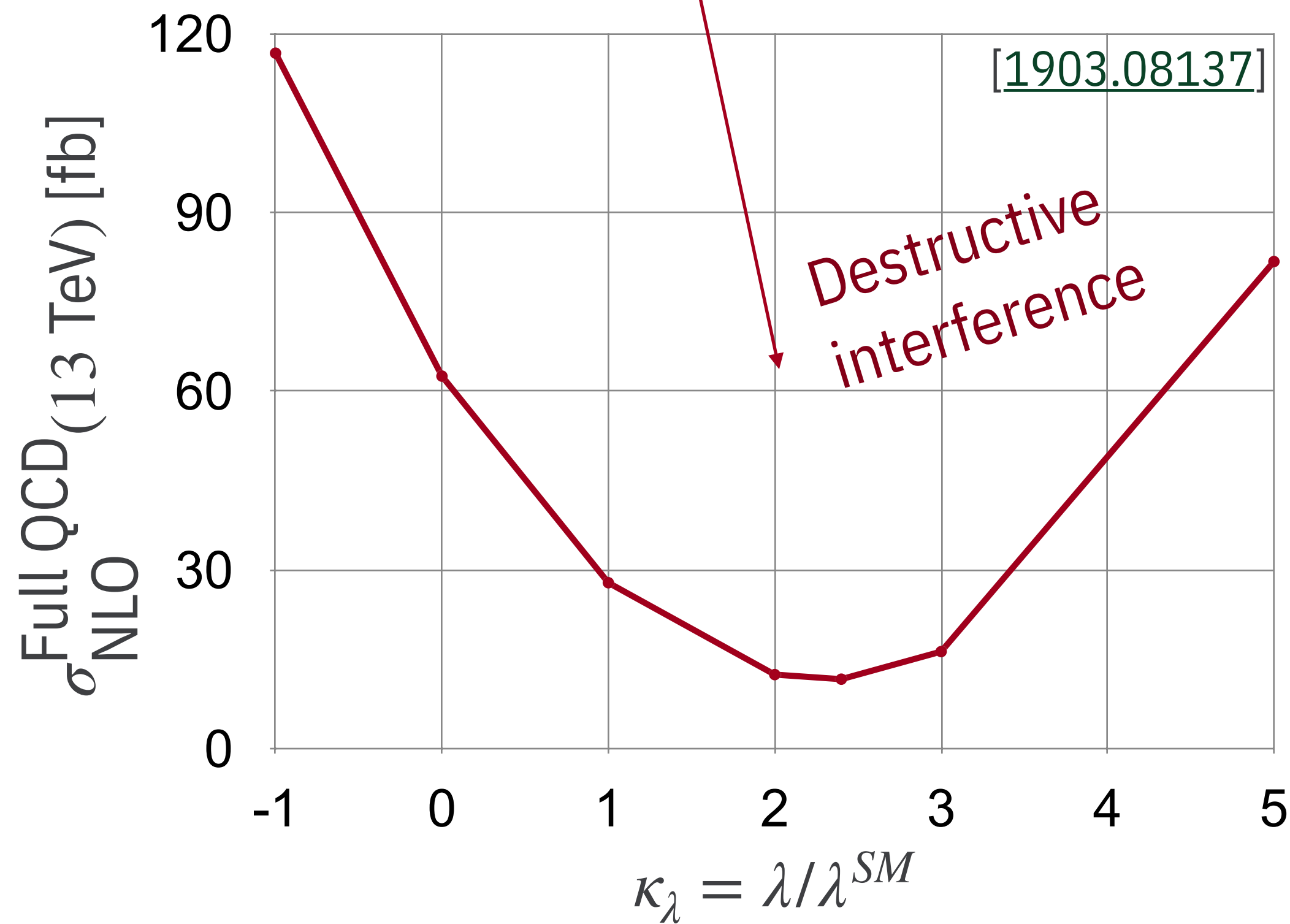
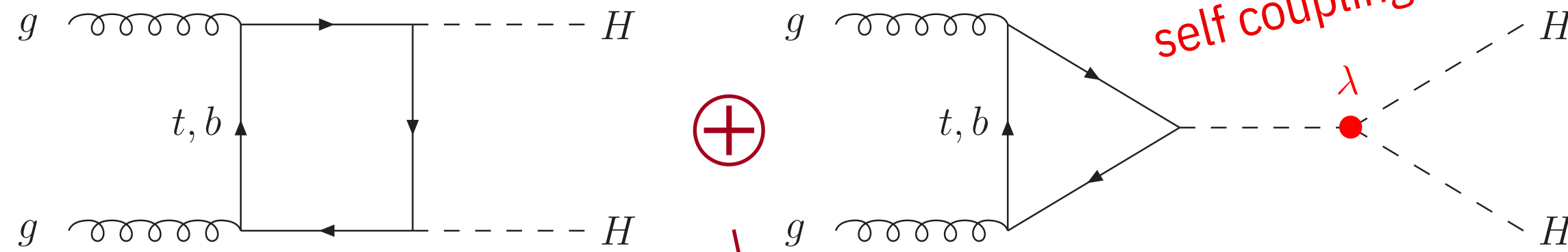
Only directly accessible through HH production!

Knowledge

Assumption

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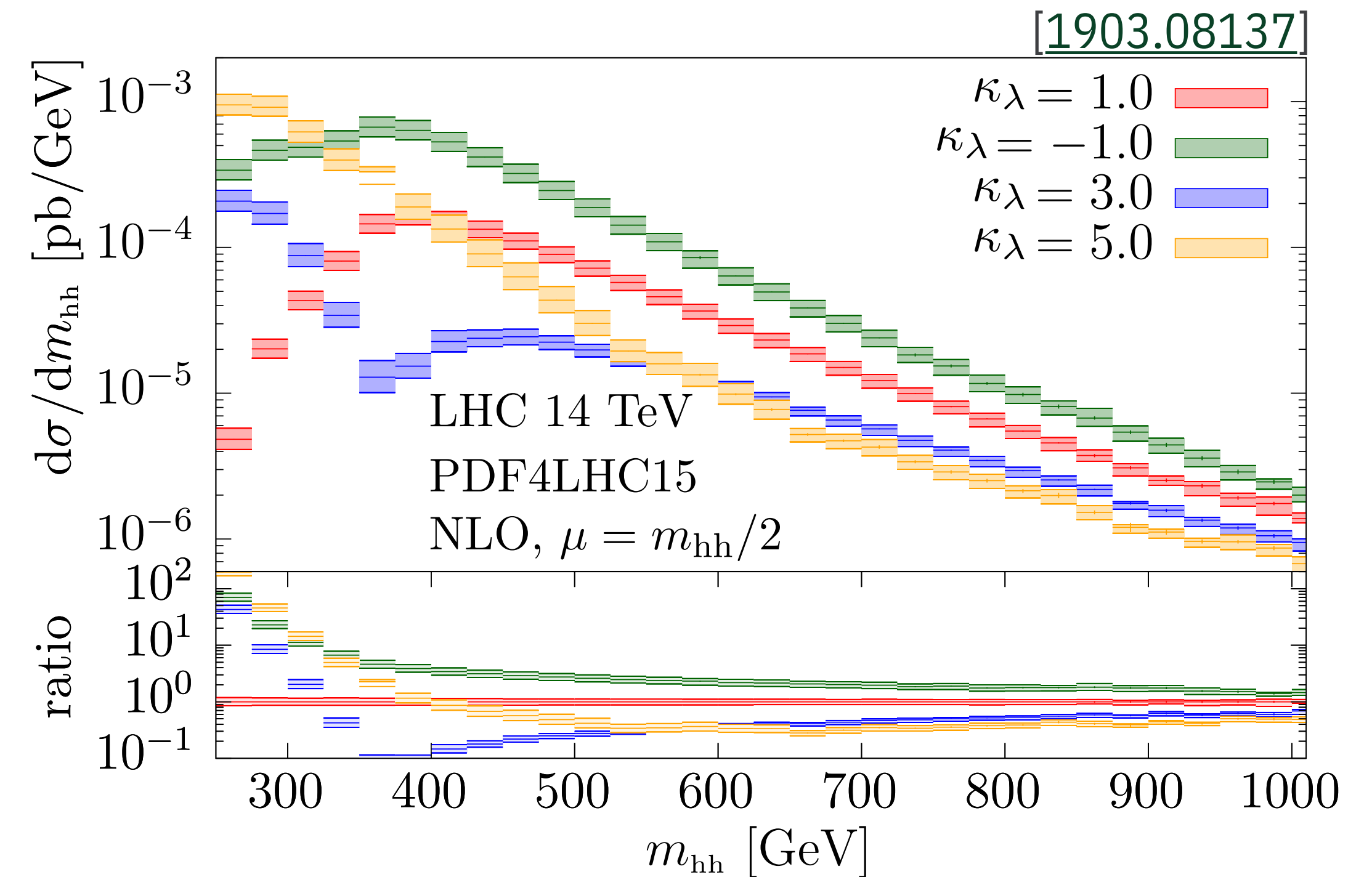
Main production mode:
gluon-fusion



Interesting but rare...

$$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{FTApprox}}(\text{SM}) = 31.05 \text{ fb}$$

$\kappa_\lambda = \lambda/\lambda^{\text{SM}}$ also dictates signal kinematics:



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HH CURRENT STATUS (1)

For more details, see [D. Guerrero on Thurs.](#)

Results based on 27 - 36 fb⁻¹

[As summarized in [HH White Paper](#)]

Search channel	Collaboration	95% CL Upper Limit	
		observed	expected
$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	ATLAS <small>[PAPER]</small>	13	21
	CMS <small>[PAPER]</small>	75	37
$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	ATLAS <small>[PAPER]</small>	20	26
	CMS <small>[PAPER]</small>	24	19
$b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$	ATLAS <small>[PAPER]</small>	12	15
	CMS <small>[PAPER]</small>	32	25
$b\bar{b}VV^* (\ell\nu\ell\nu)^*$	ATLAS <small>[PAPER]</small>	40	29
	CMS <small>[PAPER]</small>	79	89
$b\bar{b}WW^* (\ell\nu qq)$	ATLAS <small>[PAPER]</small>	305	305
	CMS	—	—
$WW^*\gamma\gamma$	ATLAS <small>[PAPER]</small>	230	160
	CMS	—	—
WW^*WW^*	ATLAS <small>[PAPER]</small>	160	120
	CMS	—	—
Combined	ATLAS <small>[PAPER]</small>	6.9	10
	CMS <small>[PAPER]</small>	22	13

140 fb⁻¹
not in combination

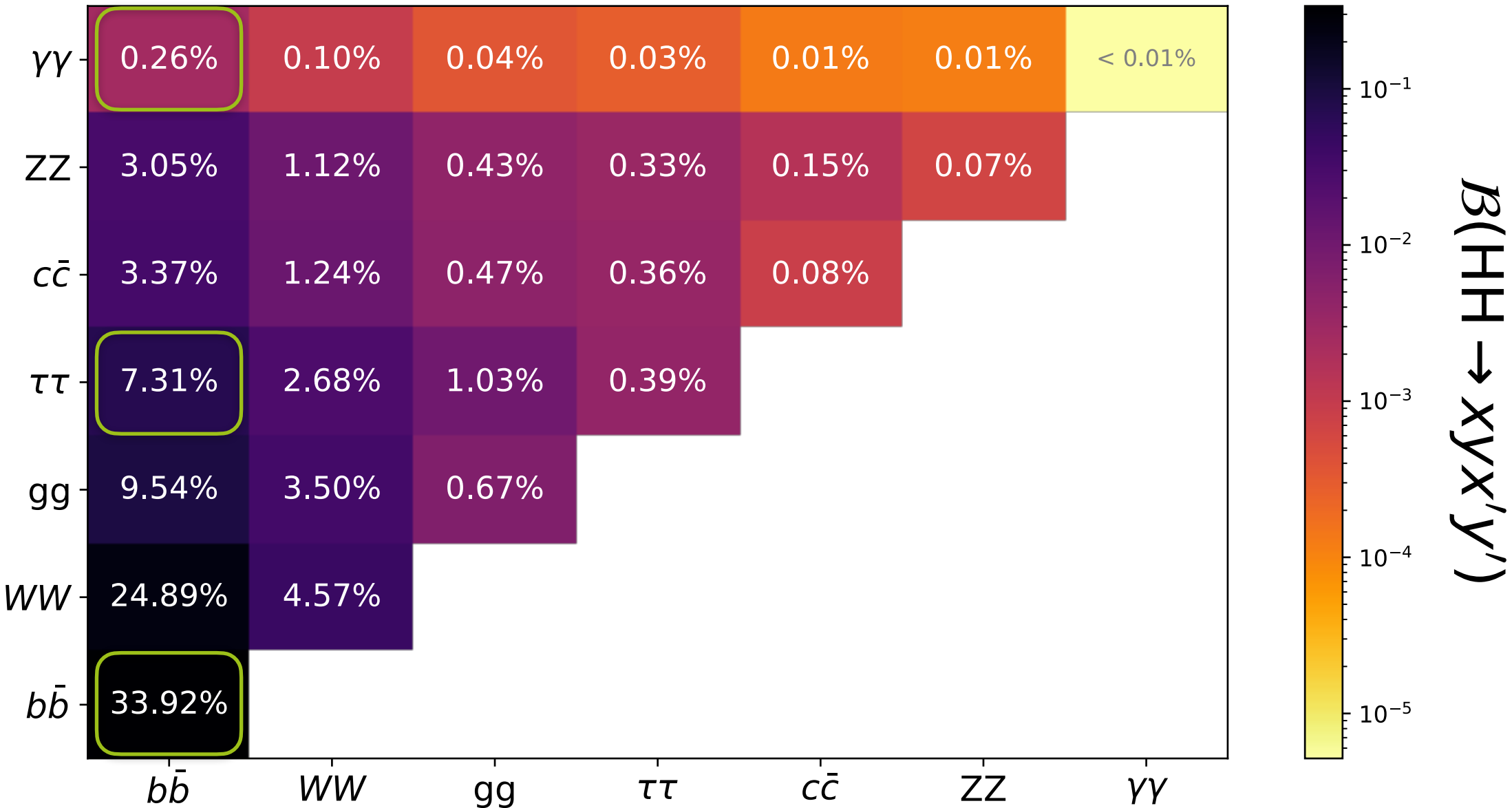
CMS
strongest

ATLAS
strongest

Same most sensitive channels in ATLAS and CMS:

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ (4b), $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$, and $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$

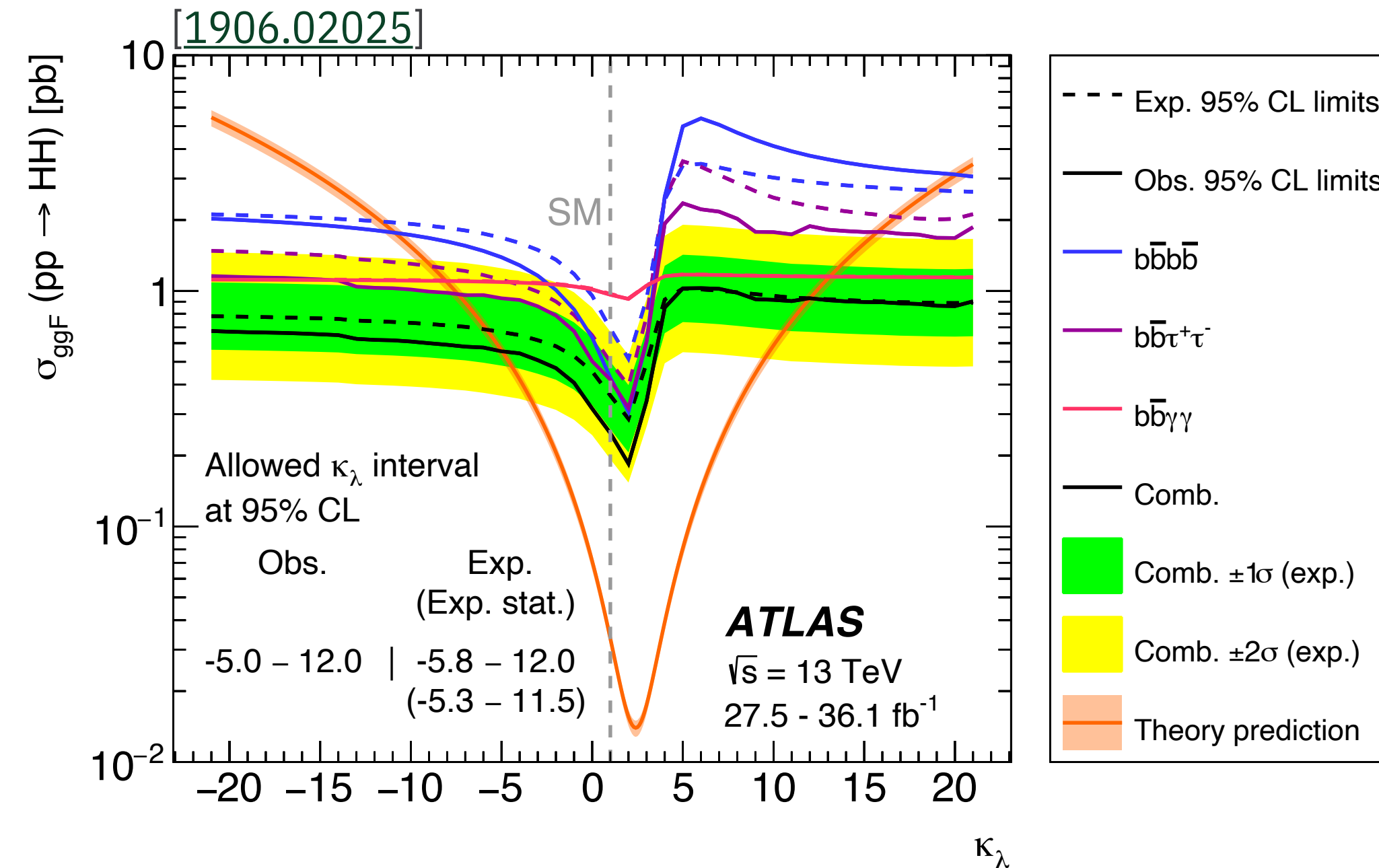
- Complementary channels:
 - $4b$ (high mass region, $M_{HH} \gtrsim 400$ GeV),
 - $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ (low mass region, $M_{HH} \lesssim 400$ GeV)
 - $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ (intermediate mass region, $M_{HH} \approx 400$ GeV)



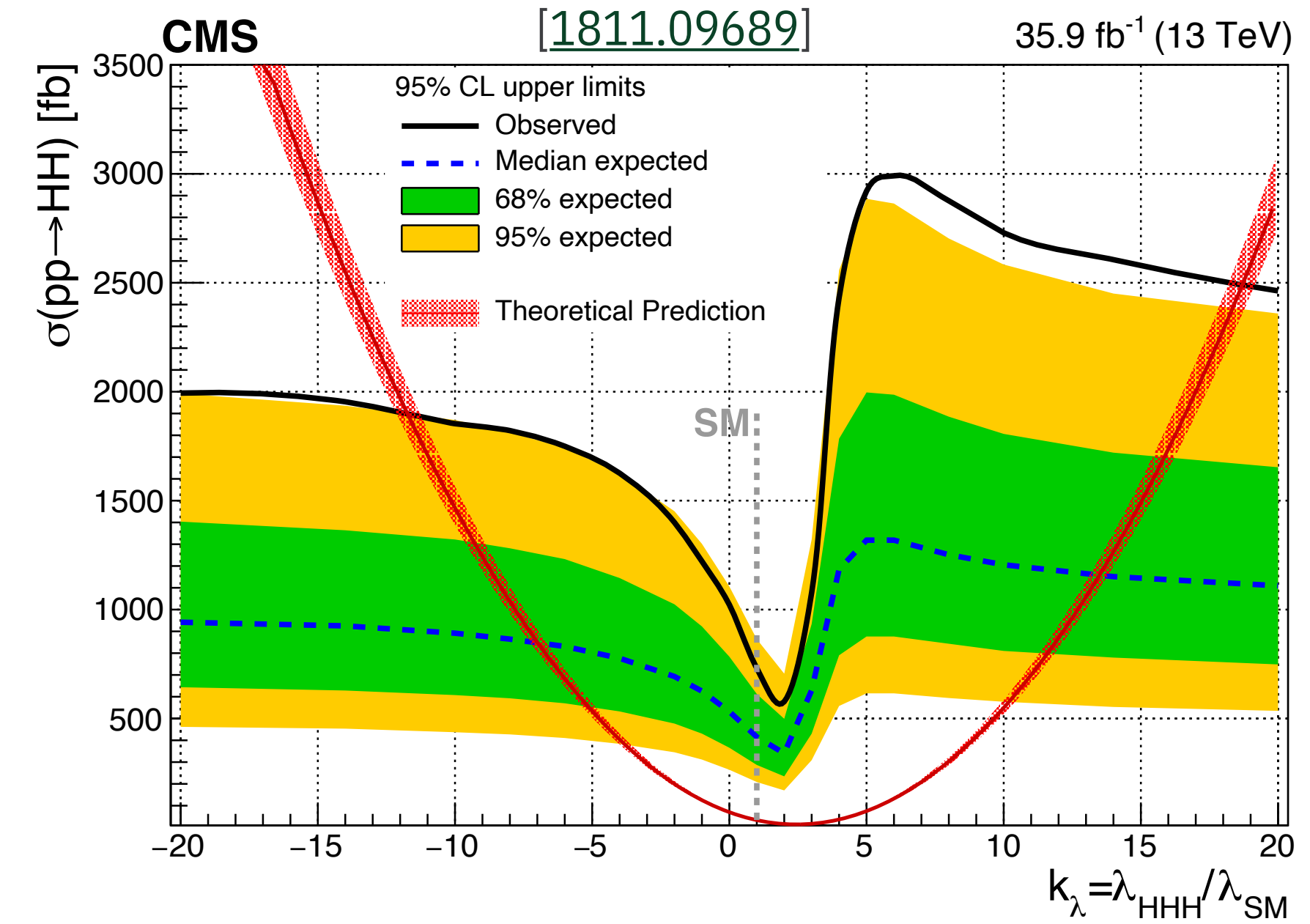
ATLAS and CMS Expected Upper Limits ~10 x SM

HH CURRENT STATUS (2)

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$-5.0 (-5.8) < \kappa_\lambda < 12.0 (12.0)$ Observed (Expected)



$-11.8 (-7.1) < \kappa_\lambda < 18.8 (13.6)$ Observed (Expected)

Analyses sensitivities vary strongly with κ_λ

- Signal kinematics and thus acceptance are κ_λ dependent!

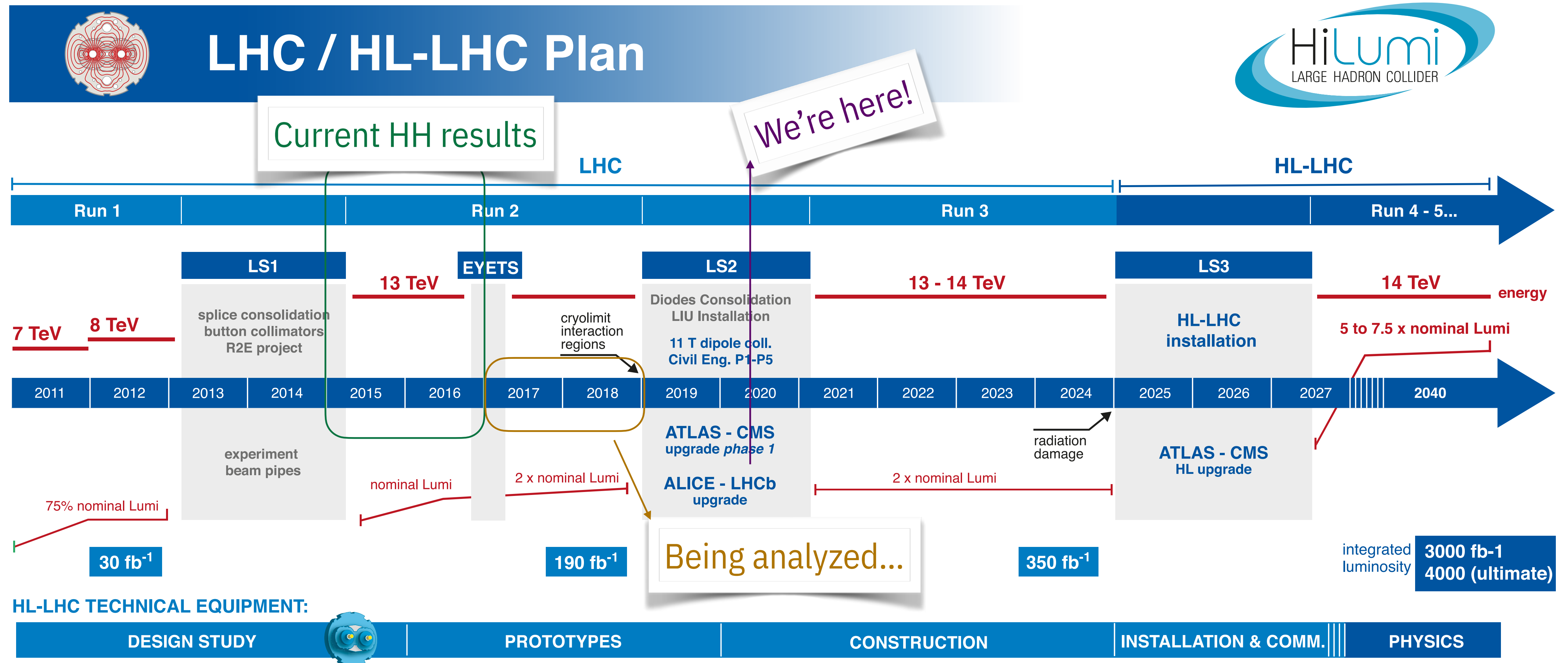
Need more data!

Unfortunately, still not close to SM sensitivity...

HIGH-LUMINOSITY LHC

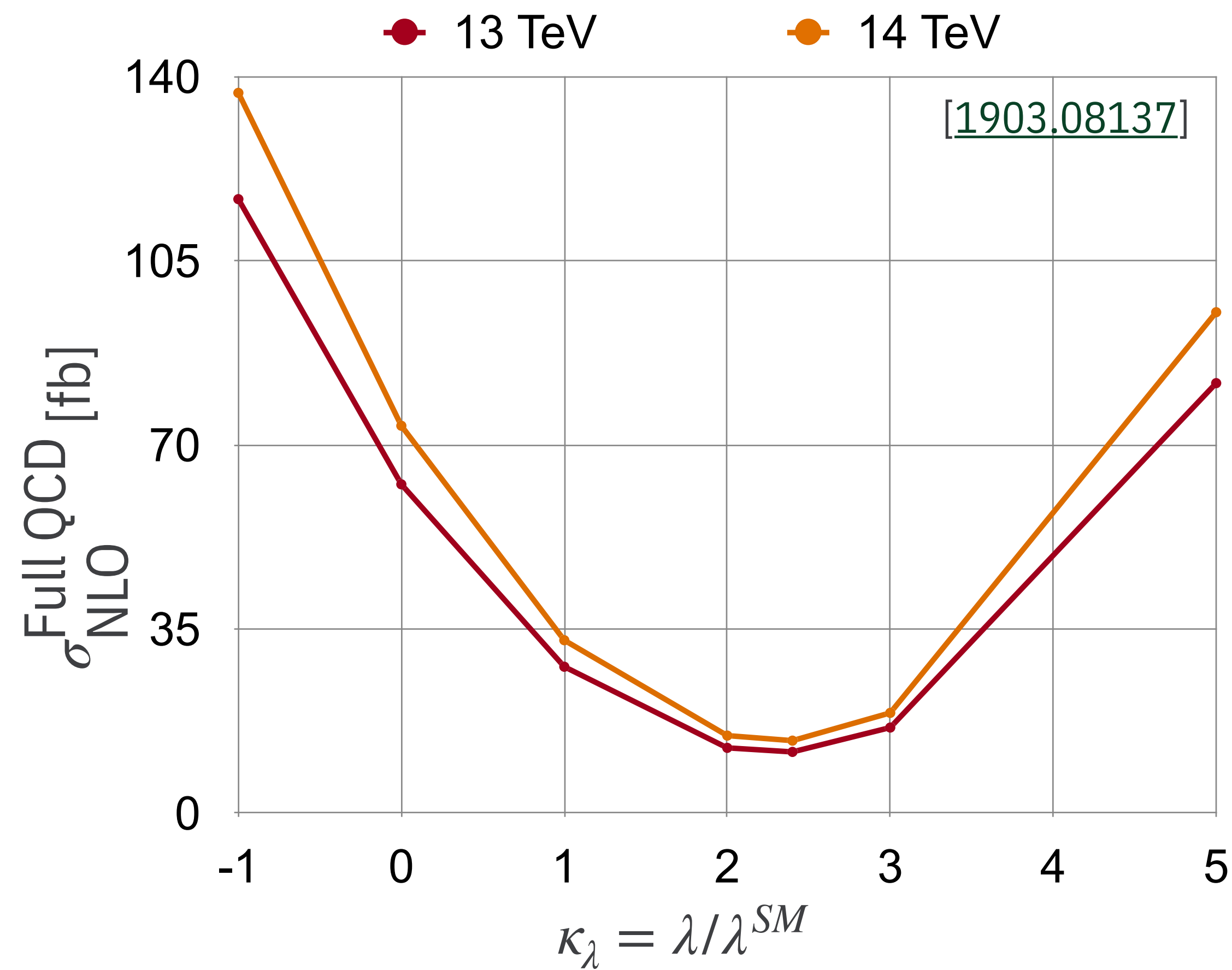
[Review of ATLAS HL-LHC Upgrades \(LHCP 2020\)](#)

[Review of CMS HL-LHC Upgrades \(LHCP 2020\)](#)



Current HH results use ~ 1% of expected full HL-LHC dataset!

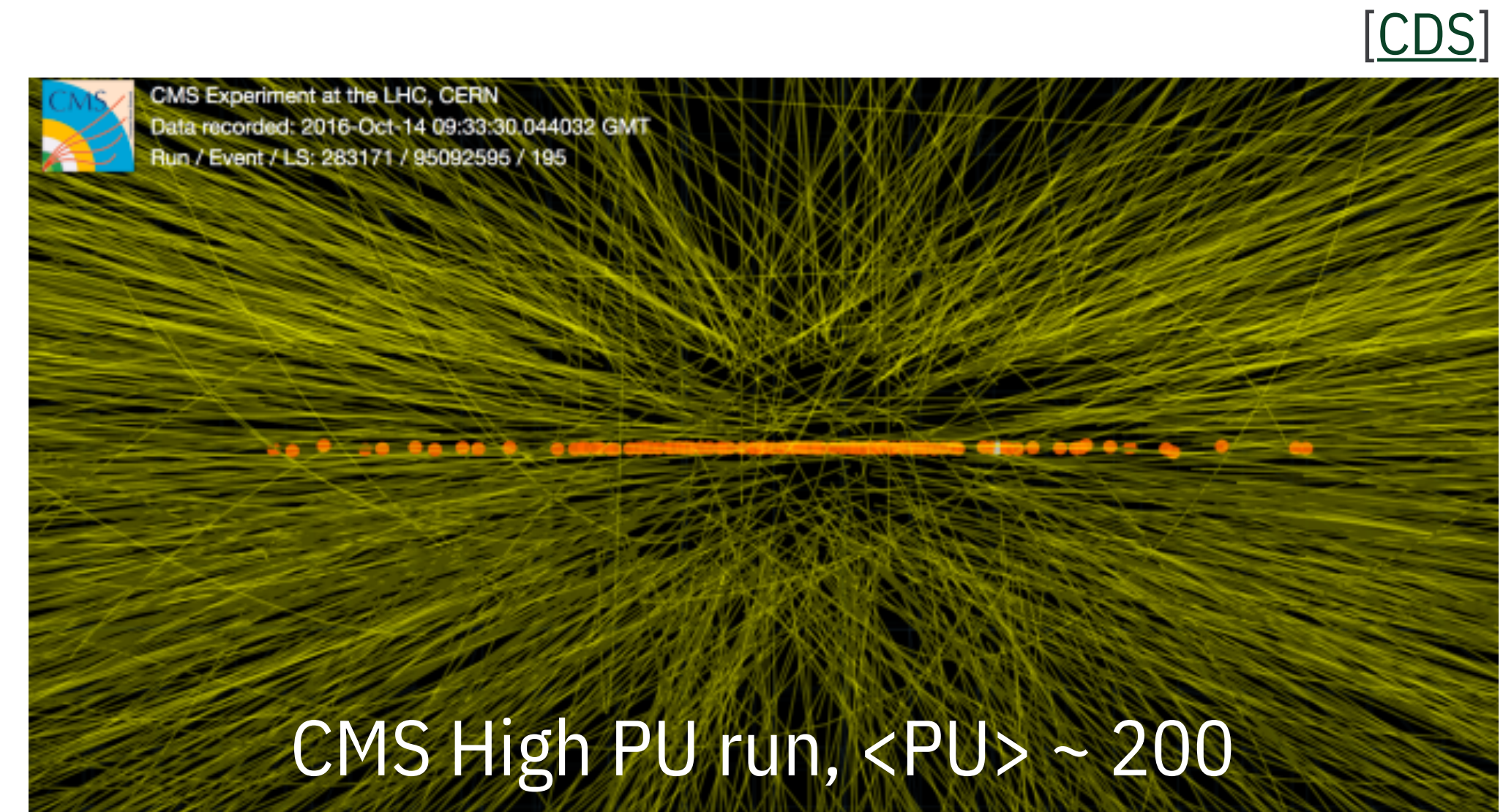
HH @ HL-LHC



~20% larger cross section, but much more difficult environment!

- Higher PU \rightarrow lower sensitivity to κ_λ variations (low M_{HH})

Need LHC experiments upgrades to cope with challenges!



HH HL-LHC PROSPECTS: **STRATEGIES**

How to assess HH sensitivity at HL-LHC? Different strategies!

- **Extrapolating current Run 2 results**

- *Assumption*: object performance not degraded due to higher PU (detector upgrades), Run 2 detector uncertainties
- **Pessimistic**: No new analysis strategies from larger dataset; expect better e/μ triggers in HL-LHC;...
- **Optimistic**: Multijet/tau trigger performances

- **Devising new analyses/strategies to cope with larger dataset in new conditions**

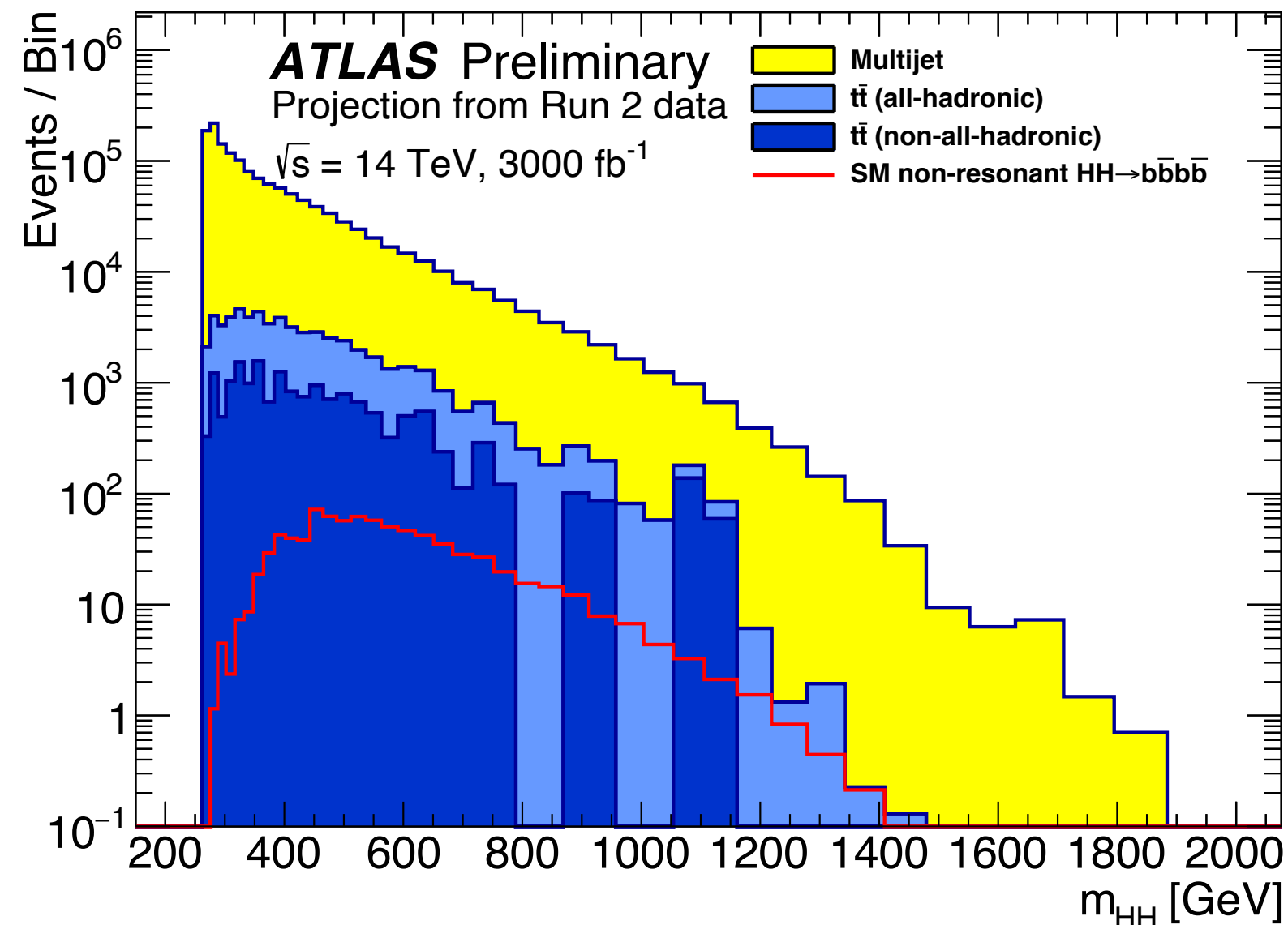
- *Parametrized detector response* according to expected HL-LHC upgraded simulation performances, improved detector acceptance (e.g., tracker coverage)
- **Pessimistic**: Object reconstruction algorithms not highly optimized for HL-LHC, can be better!
- **Optimistic**: Significant improvements from ML-based techniques with large datasets (for example)

HH @ HL-LHC: **ATLAS** (1)

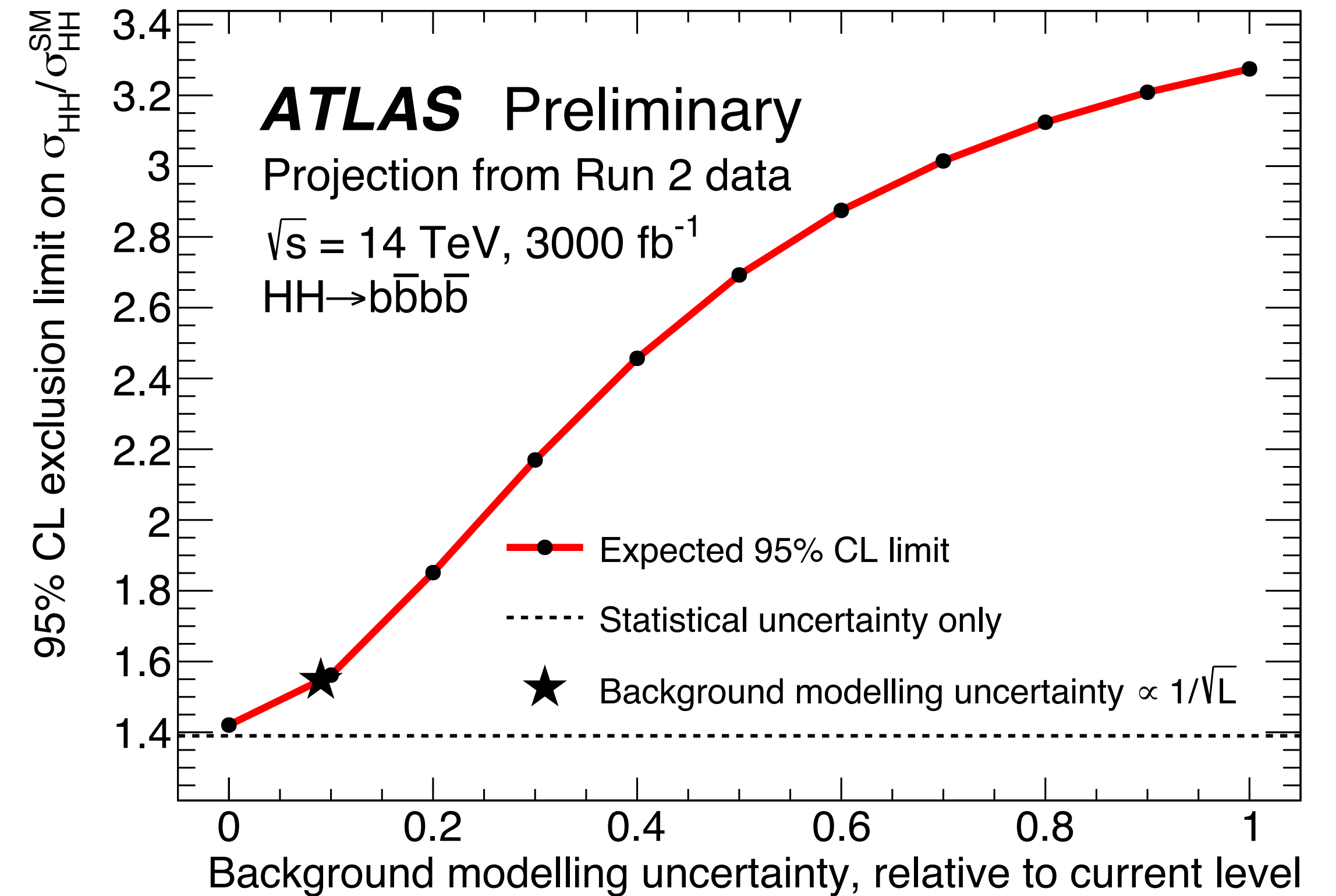
[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-053]

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ analysis

- Extrapolated from *early* Run 2 analysis
- Multijets (main background) estimated with data
 - Pessimistic background estimation uncertainty
 - Sensitivity vs background uncertainty assumptions studied



Final
discriminant
with data-
driven
(multijet) and
MC-based ($t\bar{t}$)
backgrounds

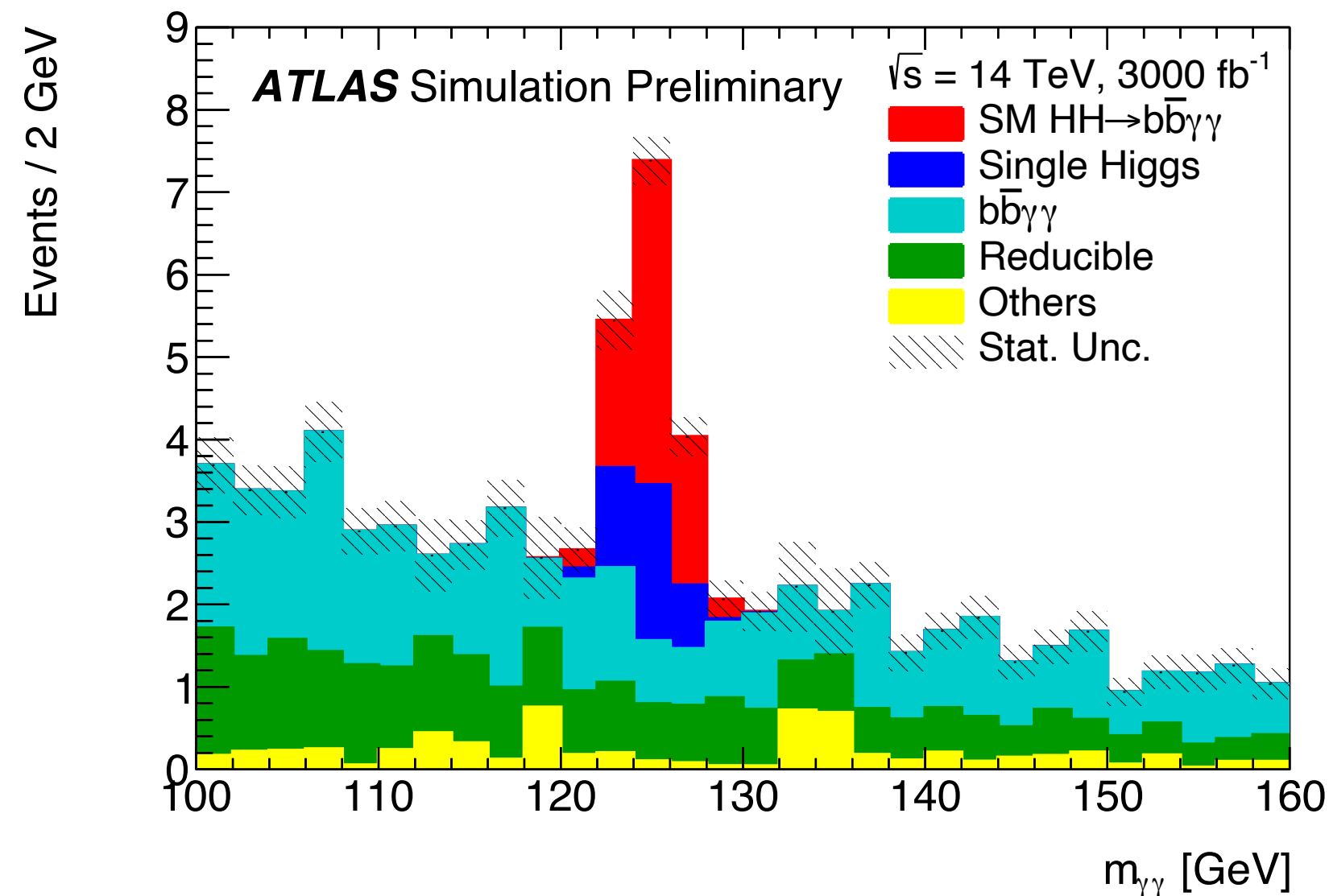


HH @ HL-LHC: ATLAS (2)

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-053]

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ analysis

- New analysis on parametrized performance simulation
- BDT to discriminate [$\gamma\gamma$ +multijet+SM single Higgs] and signal
- Fit on M_{HH} bins w/ window selection on $M_{\gamma\gamma}$

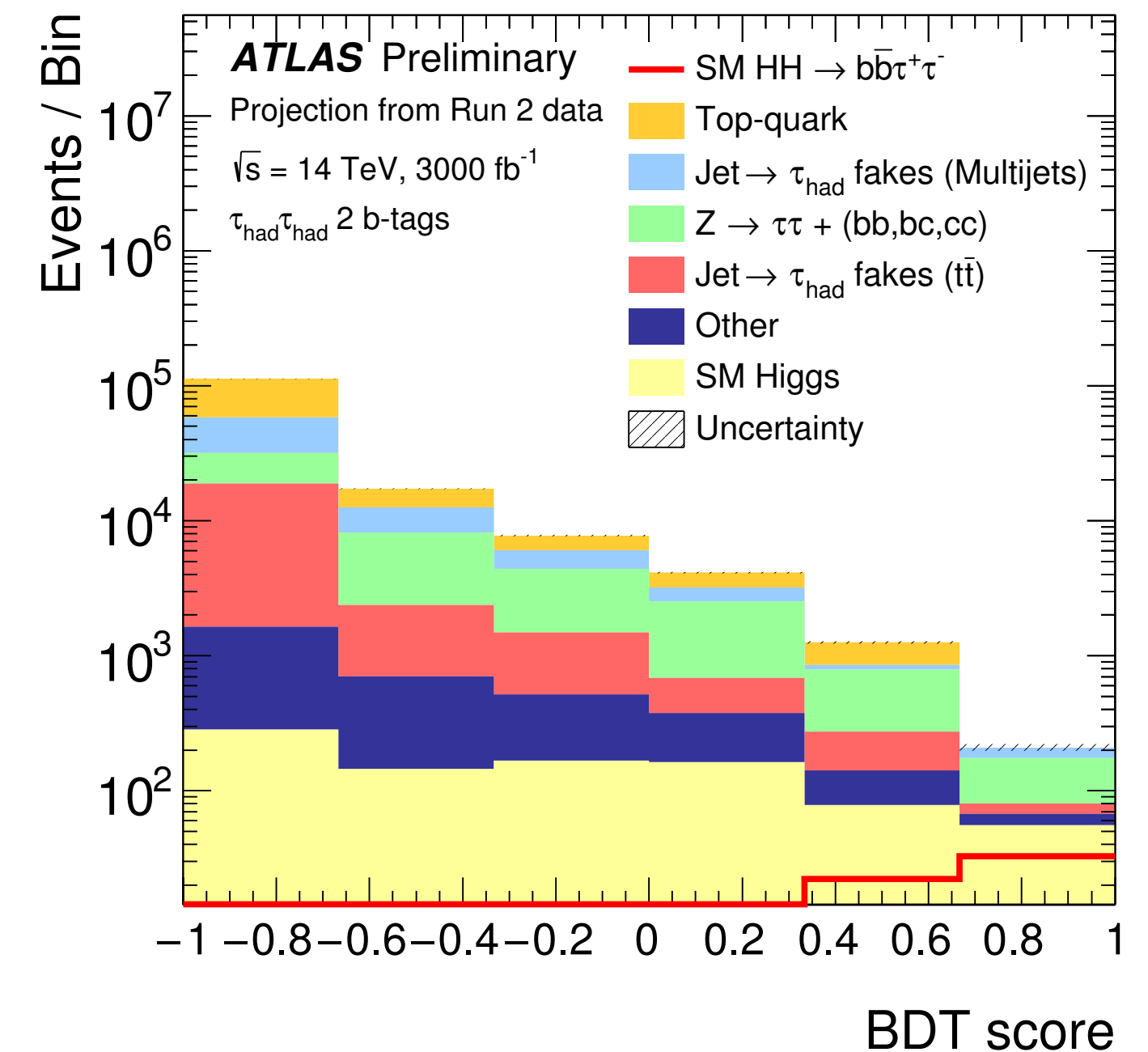


Continuous and resonant (single Higgs) MC-based background and signal distributions in $M_{\gamma\gamma}$

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ analysis

- Extrapolated from *early* Run 2 analysis
- BDT to discriminate signal and background in $\tau_h\tau_h$ category, and $e\tau_h + \mu\tau_h$ categories
- Norm. uncertainty largely reduced for backgrounds constrained in data (statistical)
- Sensitive to MC statistical precision - considered separately

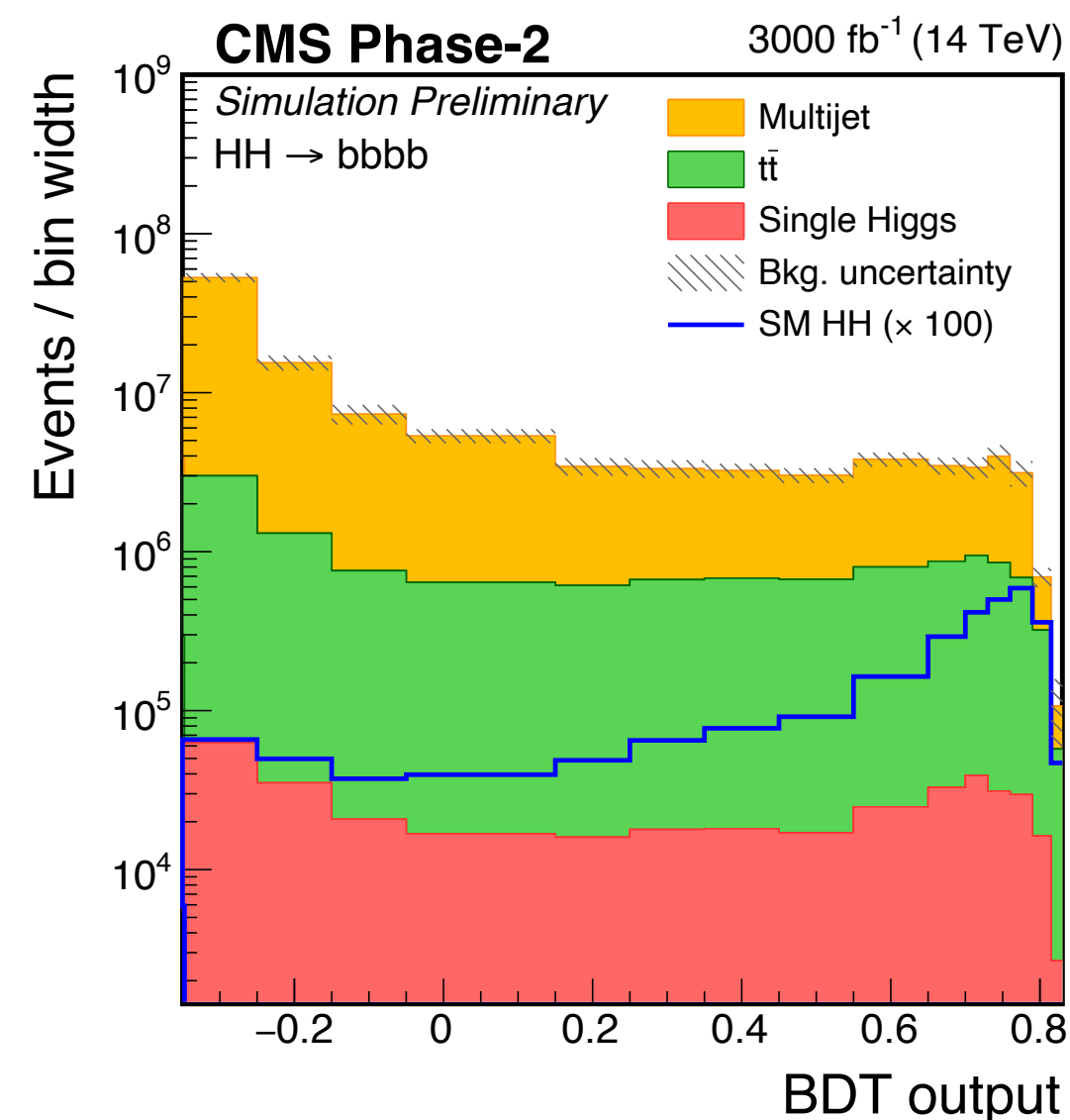
Most sensitive category ($\tau_h\tau_h$) final discriminant (BDT)



HH @ HL-LHC: CMS (1)

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ analysis

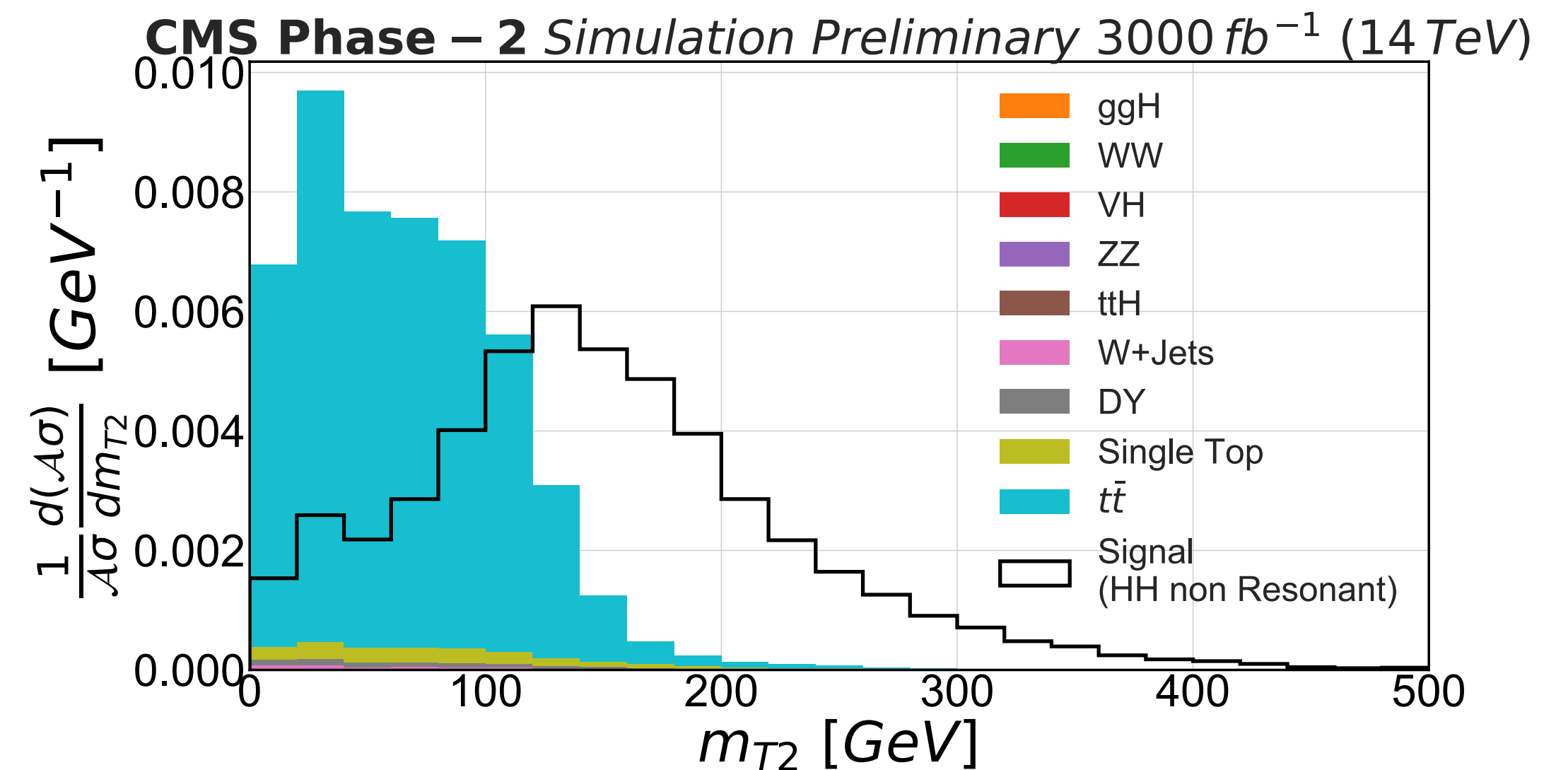
- Analysis on parametrized detector simulation (DELPHES)
- Complimentary topologies:
 - *Resolved*: BDT-based, SM and κ_λ constraints
 - *Boosted*: large-R jet based, EFT interpretation (high M_{HH})



Resolved analysis final discriminant (BDT-based), with MC-based background components

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ analysis

- Dedicated DELPHES analysis
- Neural network used to discriminate signal and background in $\tau_h\tau_h$, $e\tau_h$ and $\mu\tau_h$ categories

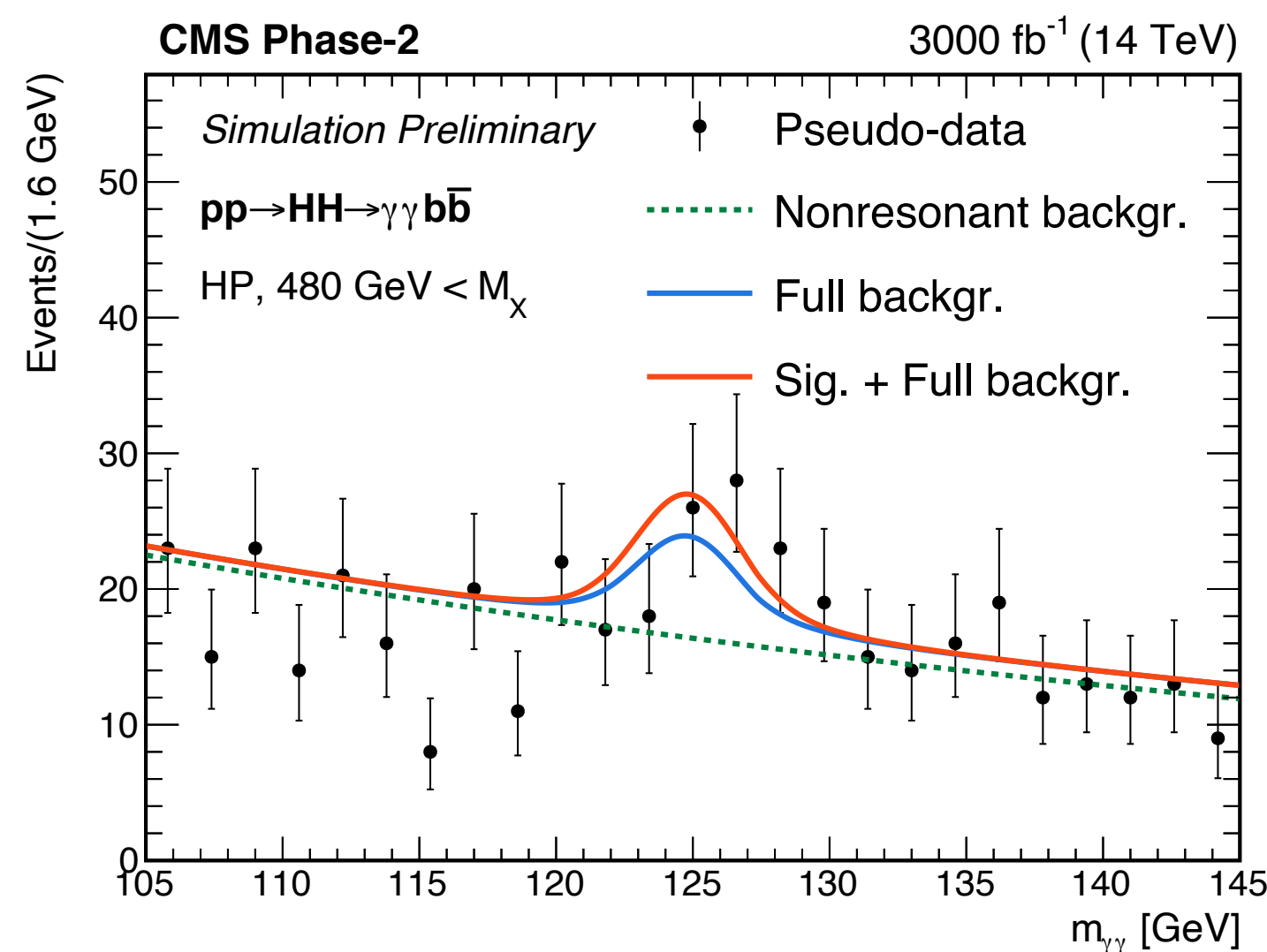


Example distribution of discriminating variable in $\mu\tau_h$ neural network

HH @ HL-LHC: CMS (2)

$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ analysis

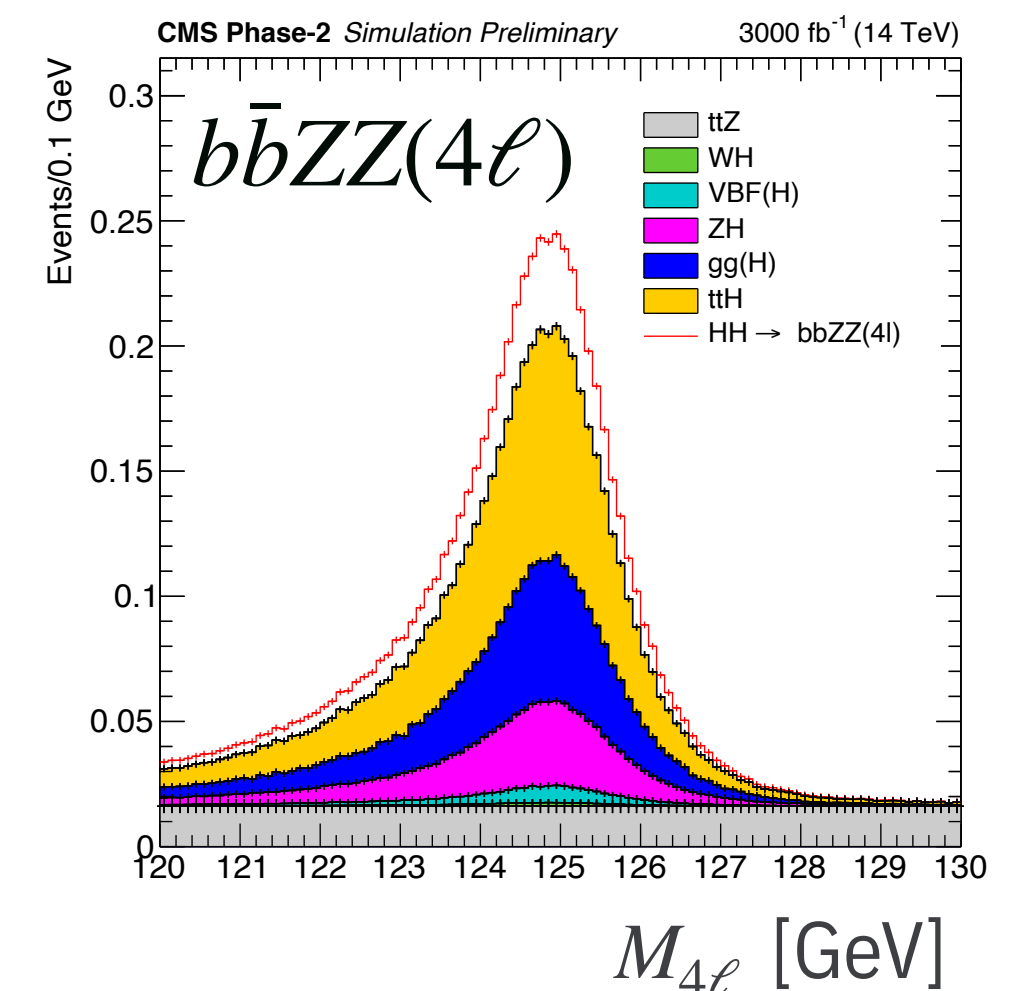
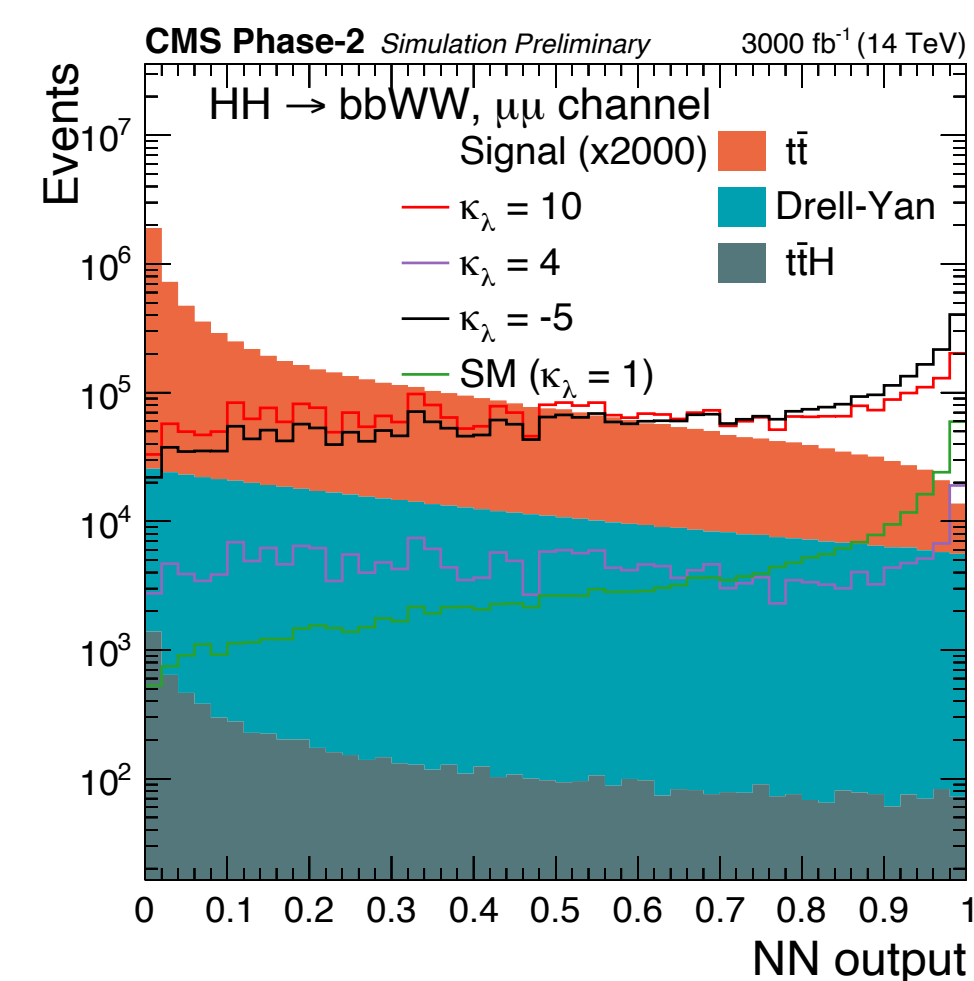
- Dedicated DELPHES analysis
- BDT-based $t\bar{t}H$ mitigation; BDT for signal-purity categories
- Extra categorization on M_{HH} (sensitivity to both SM and κ_λ variations, solving κ_λ degeneracy)



Pseudodata generated from Asimov fit to MC signal and background distributions

Other Channels:

- $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}WW(\ell\nu\ell\nu)$:
 - (DELPHES) Based on neural network discriminants
- $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}ZZ(4\ell)$:
 - Very low stats, single Higgs and $t\bar{t}Z$ as only backgrounds
- Less sensitive but contribute to combination



RESULTS: SM HH CROSS SECTION

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-053]

[CMS-PAS-FTR-18-019]

SM HH Signal Significances	Statistical-only		Statistical + Systematic	
	ATLAS	CMS	ATLAS	CMS
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	1.4	1.2	0.61	0.95
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$	2.5	1.6	2.1	1.4
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.8
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}VV^*$	-	0.59	-	0.56
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}ZZ(4\ell)$	-	0.37	-	0.37
Combination	3.5	2.8	3.0	2.6
	4.5		4.0	

Roughly $\sim 3\sigma$ sensitivity
from each experiment!

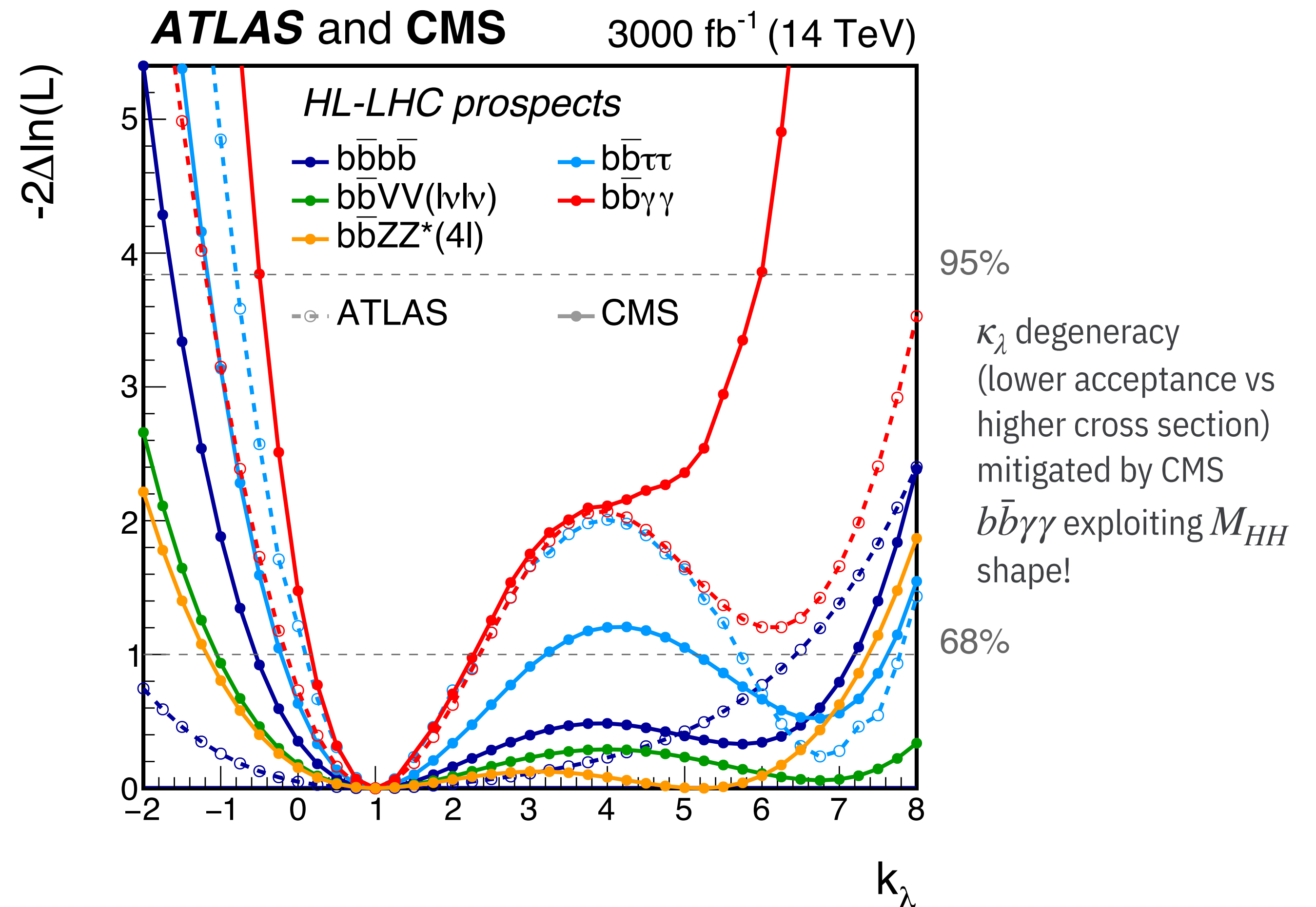
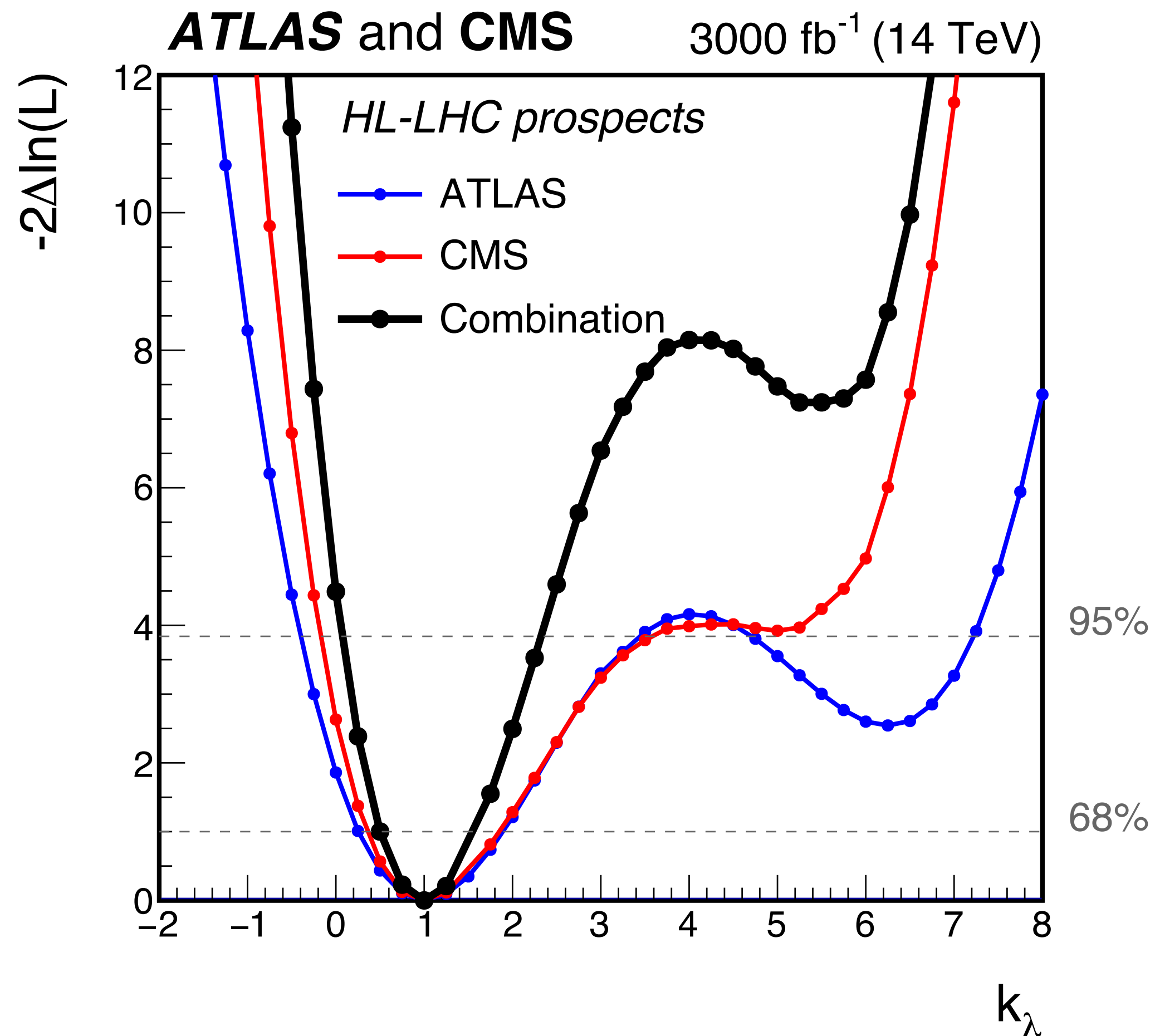
*Simple ATLAS+CMS
combination:
 $\sim 4\sigma$ sensitivity to SM HH*

- $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ ($b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$) most sensitive channel in ATLAS (CMS)
- CMS $b\bar{b}VV$ channels with subleading contribution

Combination performed in the
context of 1902.00134

RESULTS: κ_λ SENSITIVITY

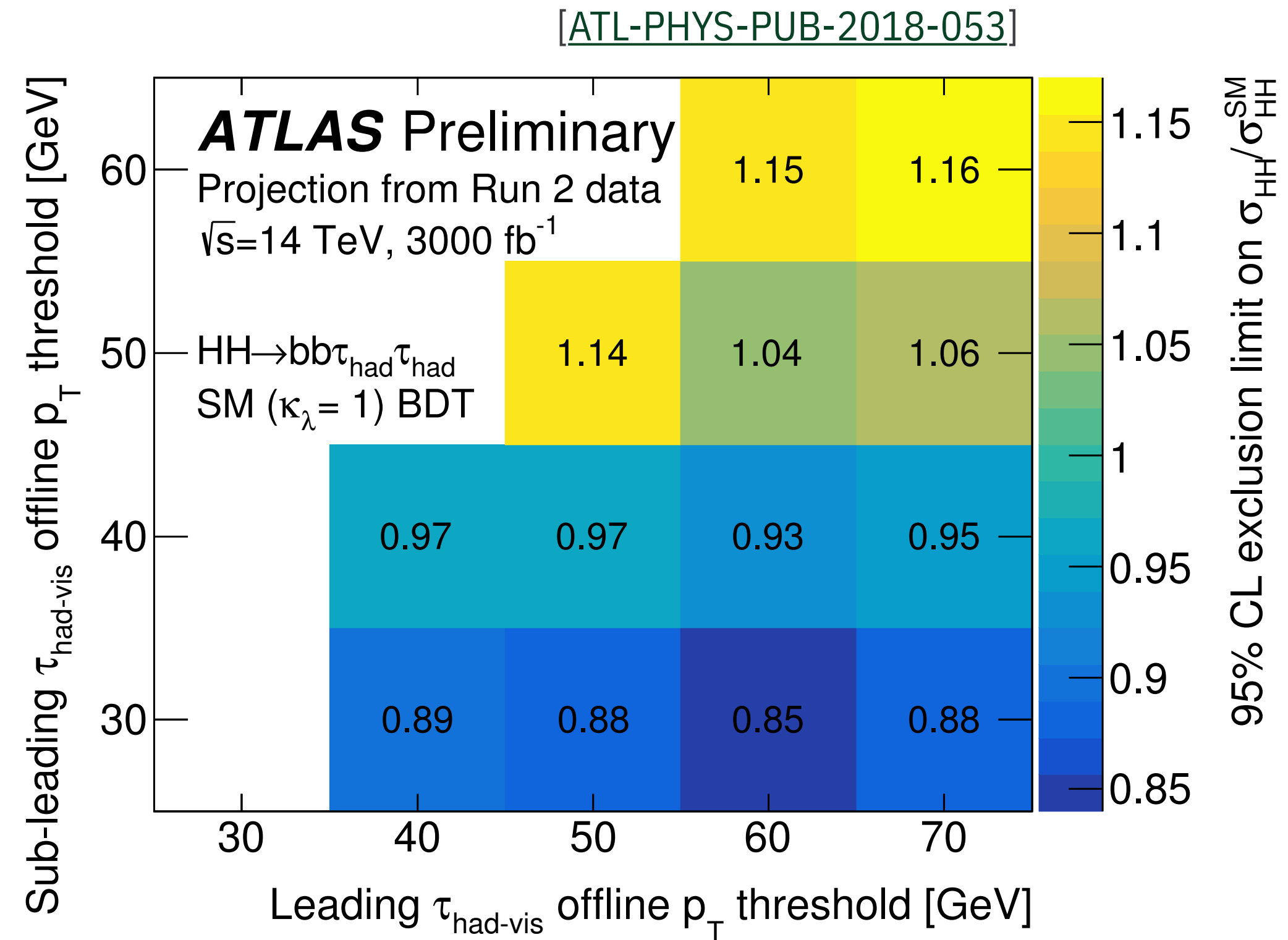
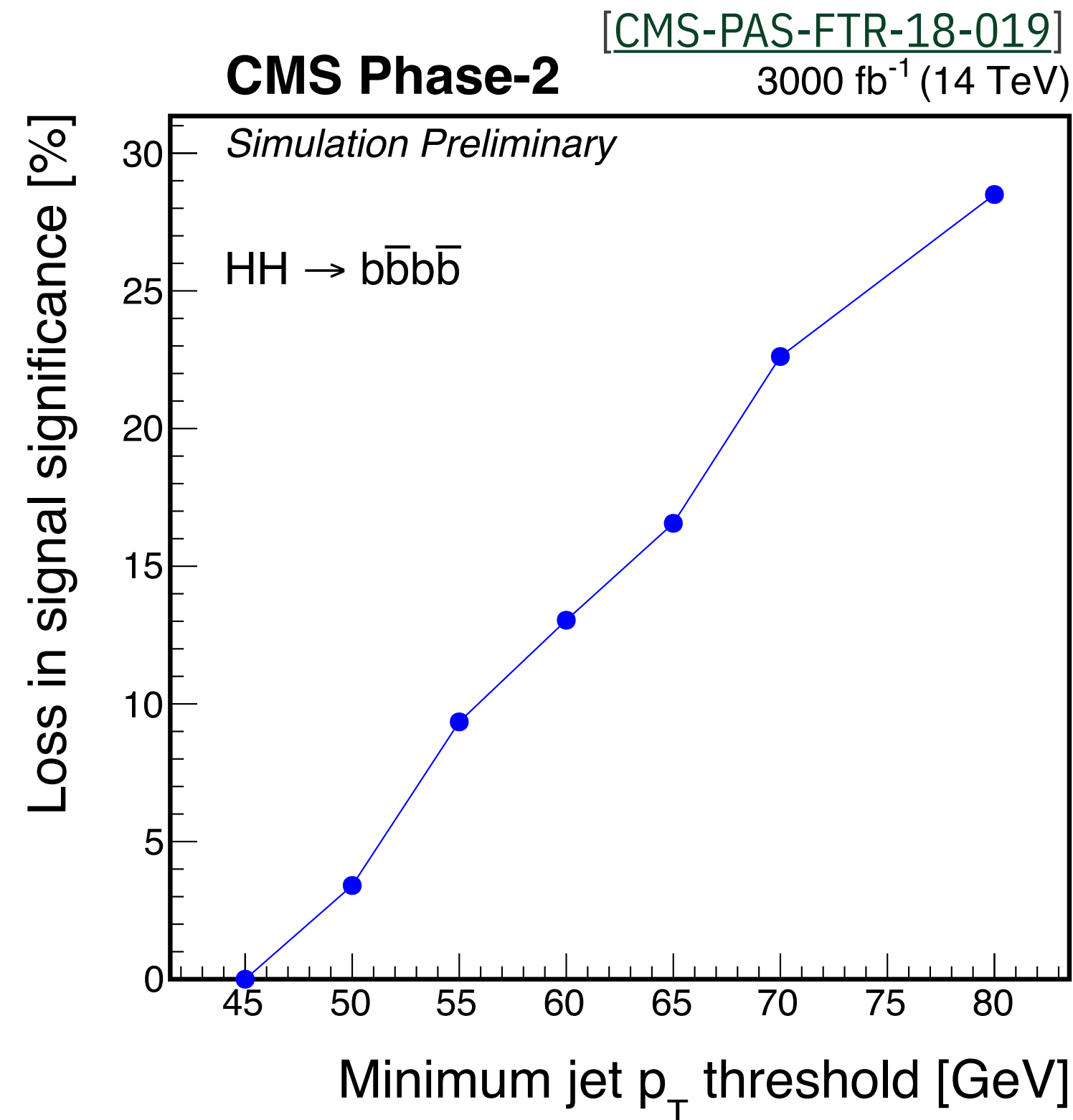
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$b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$ and $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ leading combination sensitivity:

$$0.1 \leq \kappa_\lambda \leq 2.3 @ 95 \% \text{ CL}$$

COMMON CHALLENGES: TRIGGERS



HL-LHC trigger and DAQ performance extremely important for HH sensitivity!

- “Nominal” results assume Run 2-like triggers (optimistic), but performance studied for different scenarios for channels with higher trigger dependencies ($b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ and $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$)

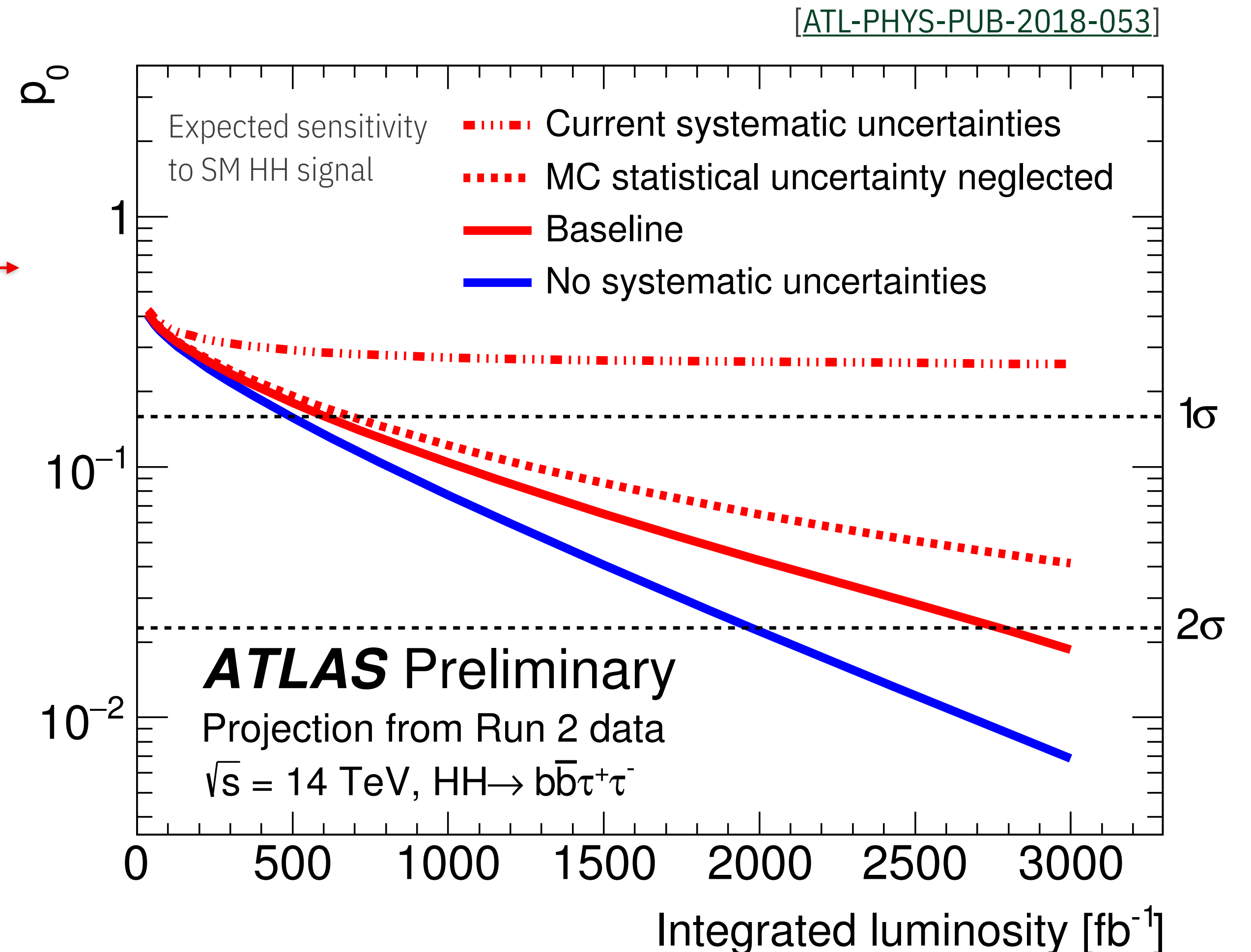
COMMON CHALLENGES: THEORY & MC

MC statistical precision have strong impact on channels such as $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$

- Nominal extrapolated results decouple MC statistics, but impact quantified

ATLAS+CMS also assume theory uncertainties to be reduced by x2 (calculations improvements)

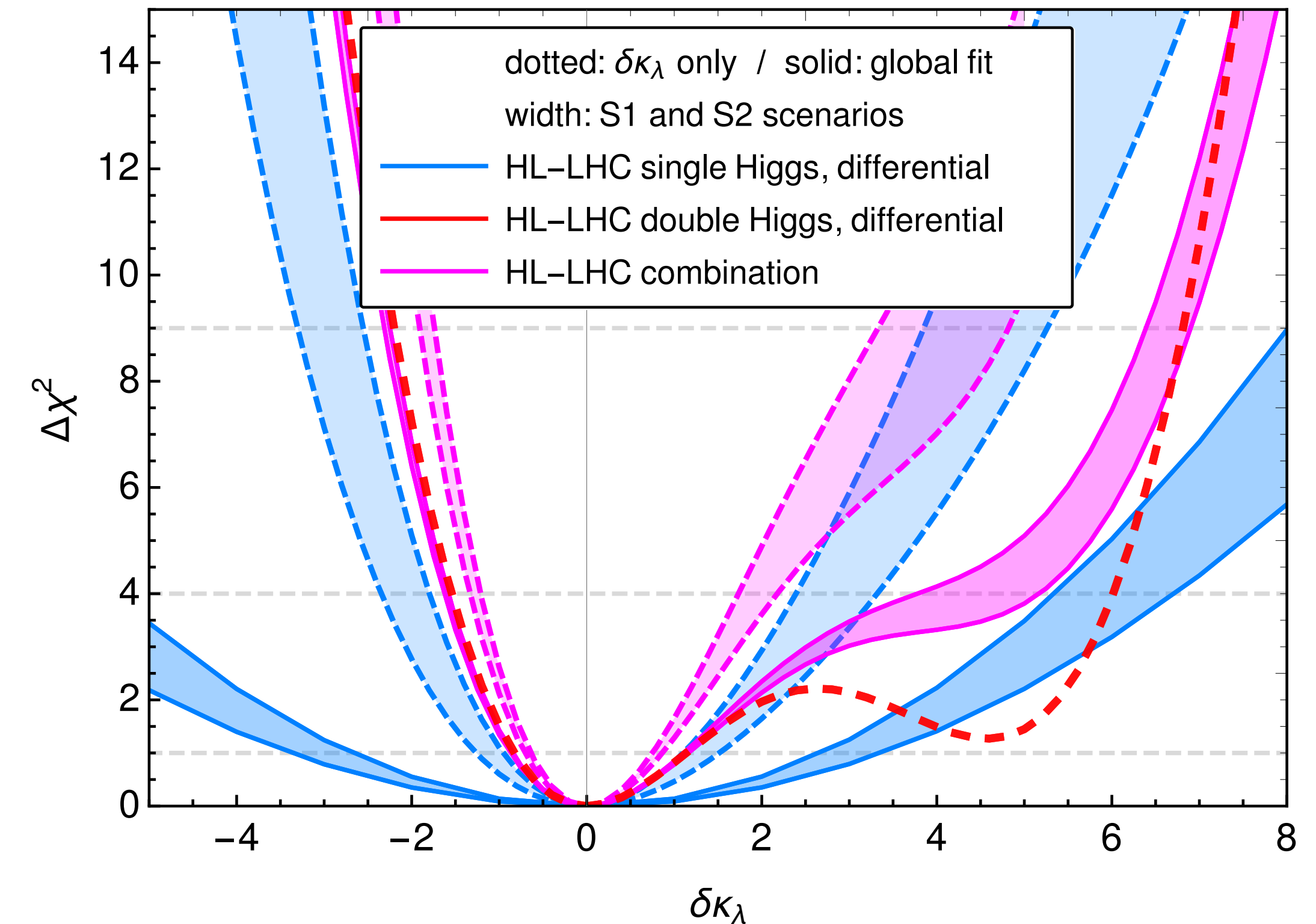
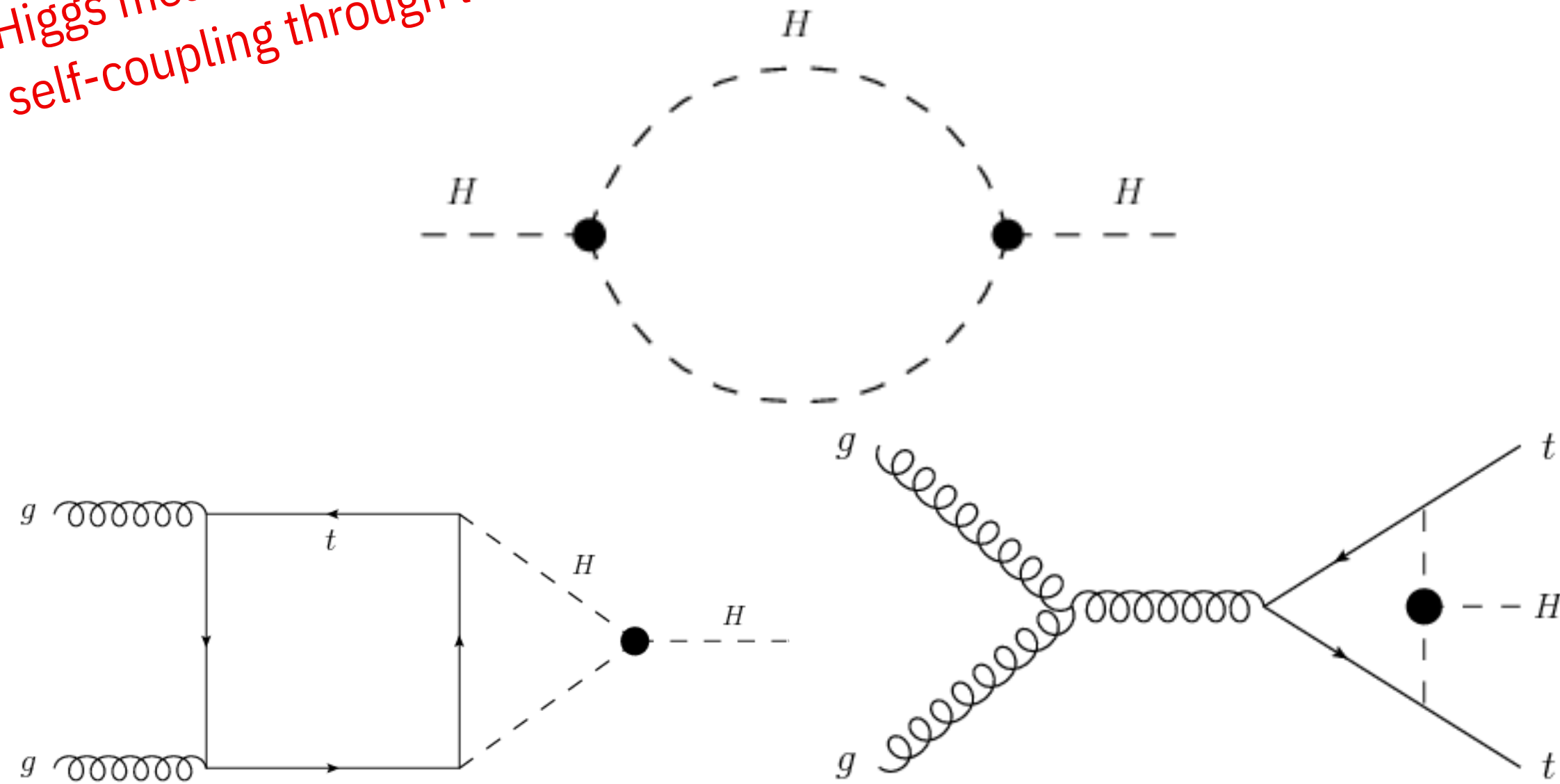
- Important for *constraining single Higgs* backgrounds, particularly for $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$
 - Potentially improve single Higgs with constraints directly from data



BEYOND TREE-LEVEL

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Higgs measurements sensitive to
self-coupling through loops



Combining differential Higgs+HH measurements helps constrain κ_λ

- Especially useful when HH self-coupling measurement becomes sensitive to other Higgs couplings (profile them in single Higgs analyses)

CONCLUSIONS

HH production is key to understand the Standard Model

- Still inaccessible with current LHC dataset.

“Coffee break” discussion after parallel sessions
(16:15-16:30):

<https://stanford.zoom.us/j/98997054638>

(same pwd as current session)

HL-LHC experiments *should* be ideal tools for HH process

- *Current prospects: $\sim 4\sigma$ sensitivity to SM, $0.1 \leq \kappa_\lambda \leq 2.3$ @ 95 % CL (ATLAS+CMS)*
 - Need to ensure HL-LHC detector performances are optimal enough for this result
- ATLAS and CMS HL-LHC trigger systems need to be optimized to ensure discovery!
 - Low energy events are particularly important for constraining κ_λ , but very challenging to trigger under PU 200

Extra:

- Indirect constraints κ_λ (single Higgs measurements) will be important, particularly with 3000 fb^{-1}
- VBF HH can also help unlocking HH physics (e.g., HHVV coupling, c_{2V}) and will be particularly benefited by HL-LHC upgrades (VBF tagging, PU suppression) - *no prospects so far, first ATLAS Run 2 dedicated analyses out!*

Backup

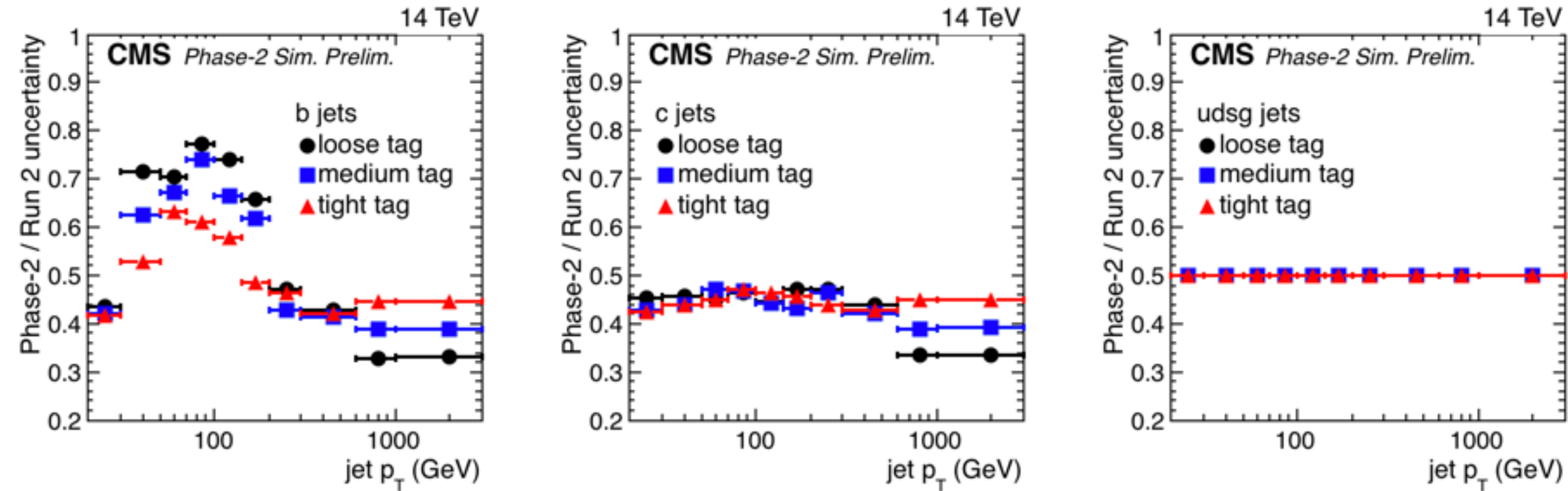
SUMMARY OF HL-LHC UNCERTAINTIES

Source	Uncertainties
Luminosity	1-1.5%
Muon efficiency (ID, iso)	0.1-0.4%
Electron Efficiency (ID, iso)	0.5%
Tau efficiency (ID, trigger, iso)	5% (if dominant 2.5%)
Photon efficiency (ID, trigger, iso)	2%
Jet Energy Scale	1-2.0%
Jet Energy Resolution	1-3%
b-jet tagging efficiency	1%
c-jet tagging efficiency	2%
light jet mis-tag rate	5% (at 10% mis-tag rate)

Summary of the systematic uncertainties used to extrapolate the results at the HL-LHC by ATLAS and CMS

- Kinematic dependencies and the operating points are taken into account when applicable

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/HLHELHCCommonSystematics>



Assuming b-tagging systematic uncertainties reducing by 2x