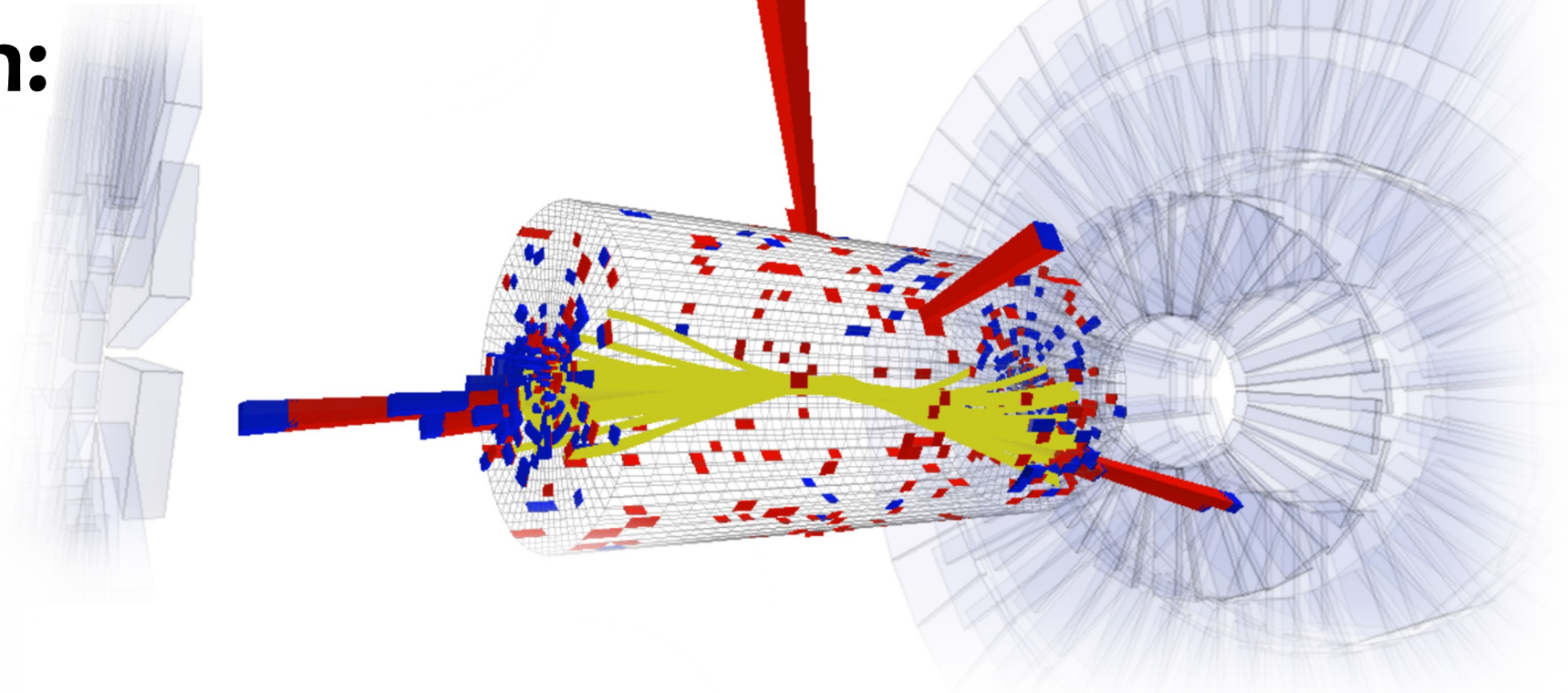


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LHC Exploitation: Higgs Physics

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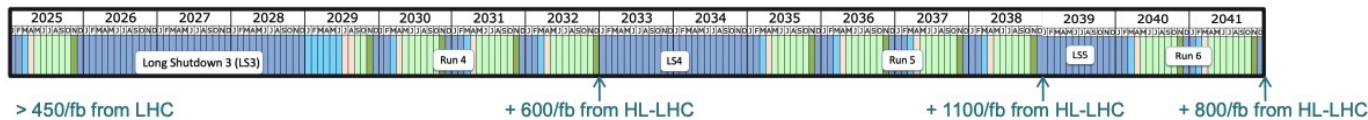


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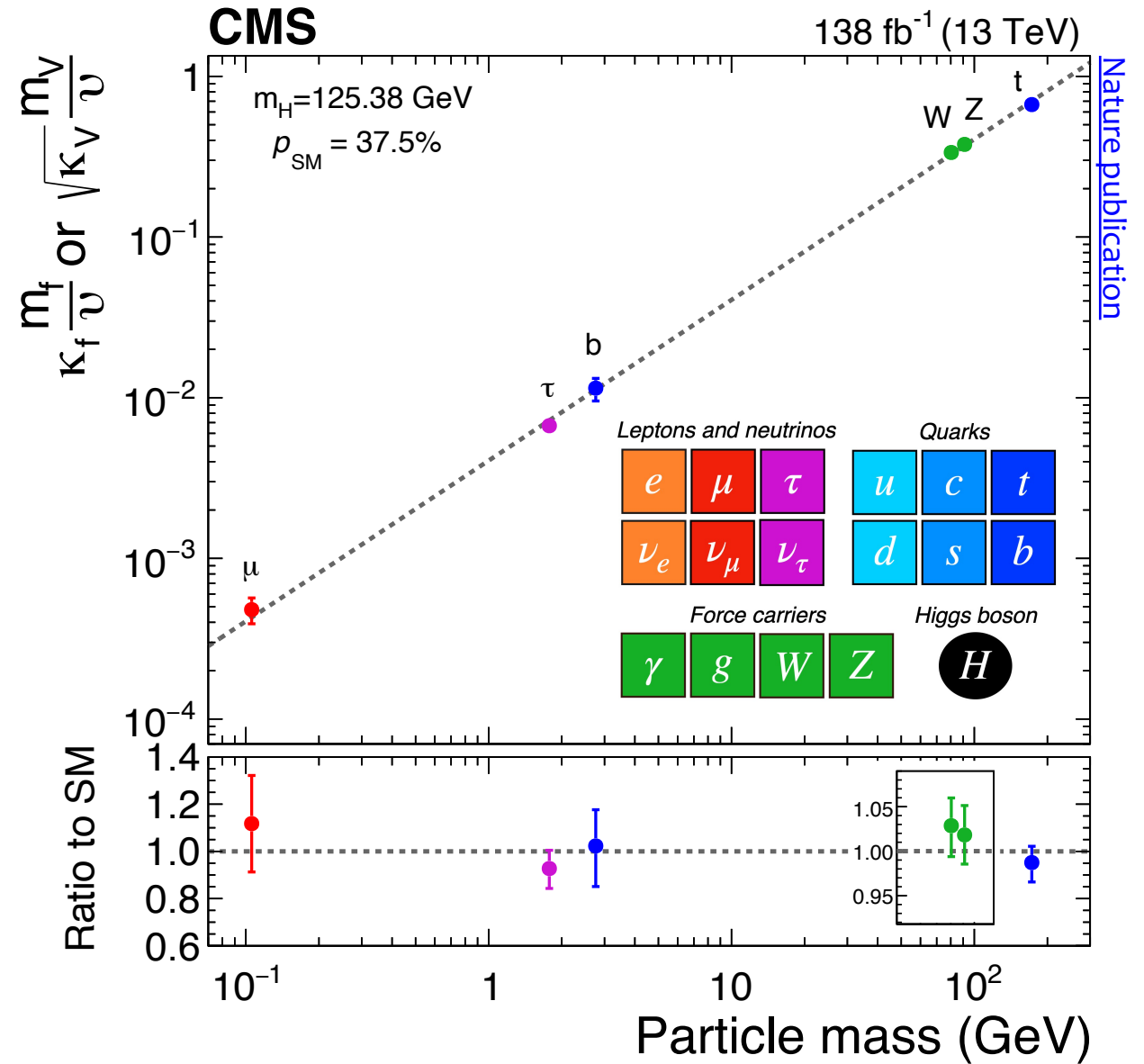


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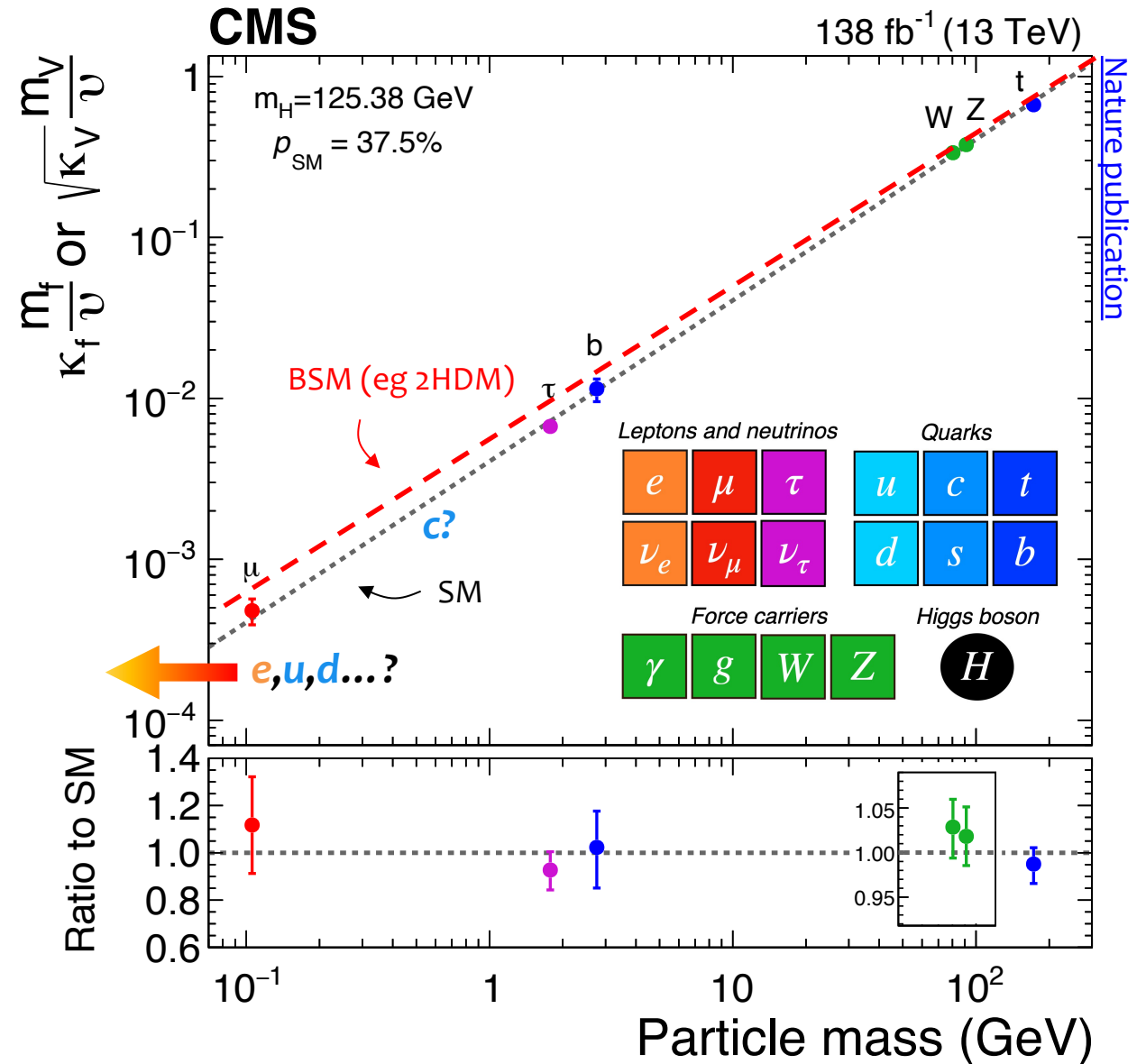


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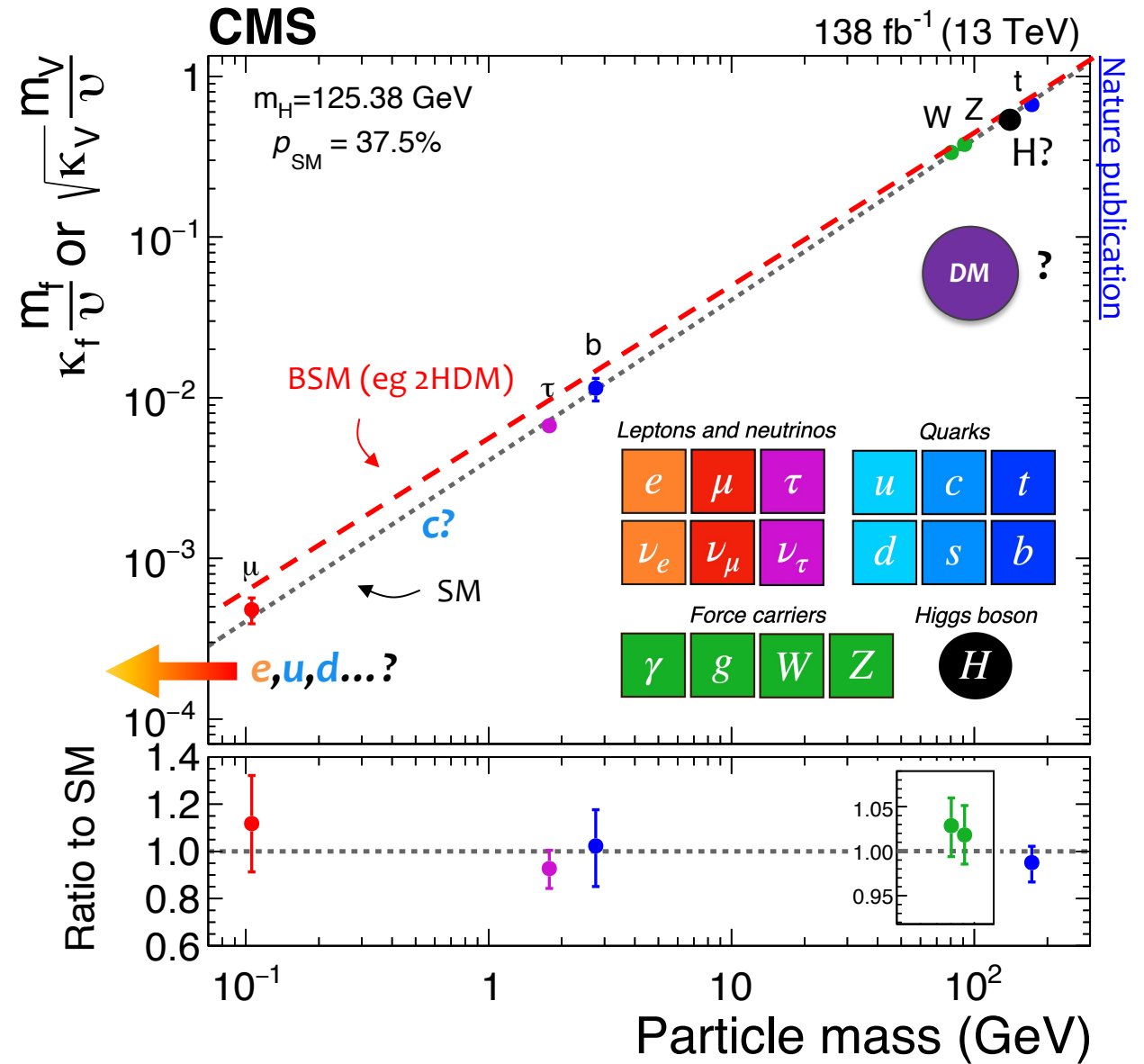
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Open questions that the Higgs impacts

- Is the Higgs a portal to a Hidden sector?
- Is electroweak baryogenesis viable (stability?, 1st order PT?)

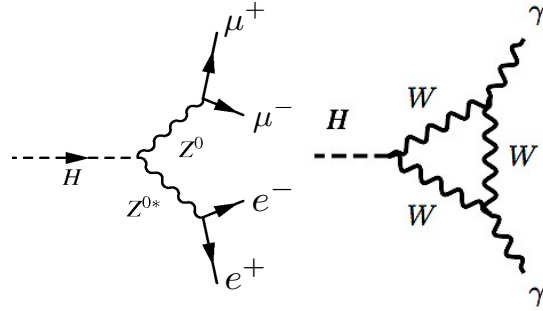


Higgs boson Mass

Higgs boson mass measured in high-resolution final states

$H \rightarrow 4l$ & $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Current best measurements
 ATLAS ($4l+\gamma\gamma$): 125.11 ± 0.11 GeV
 CMS ($4l$): 125.08 ± 0.12 GeV

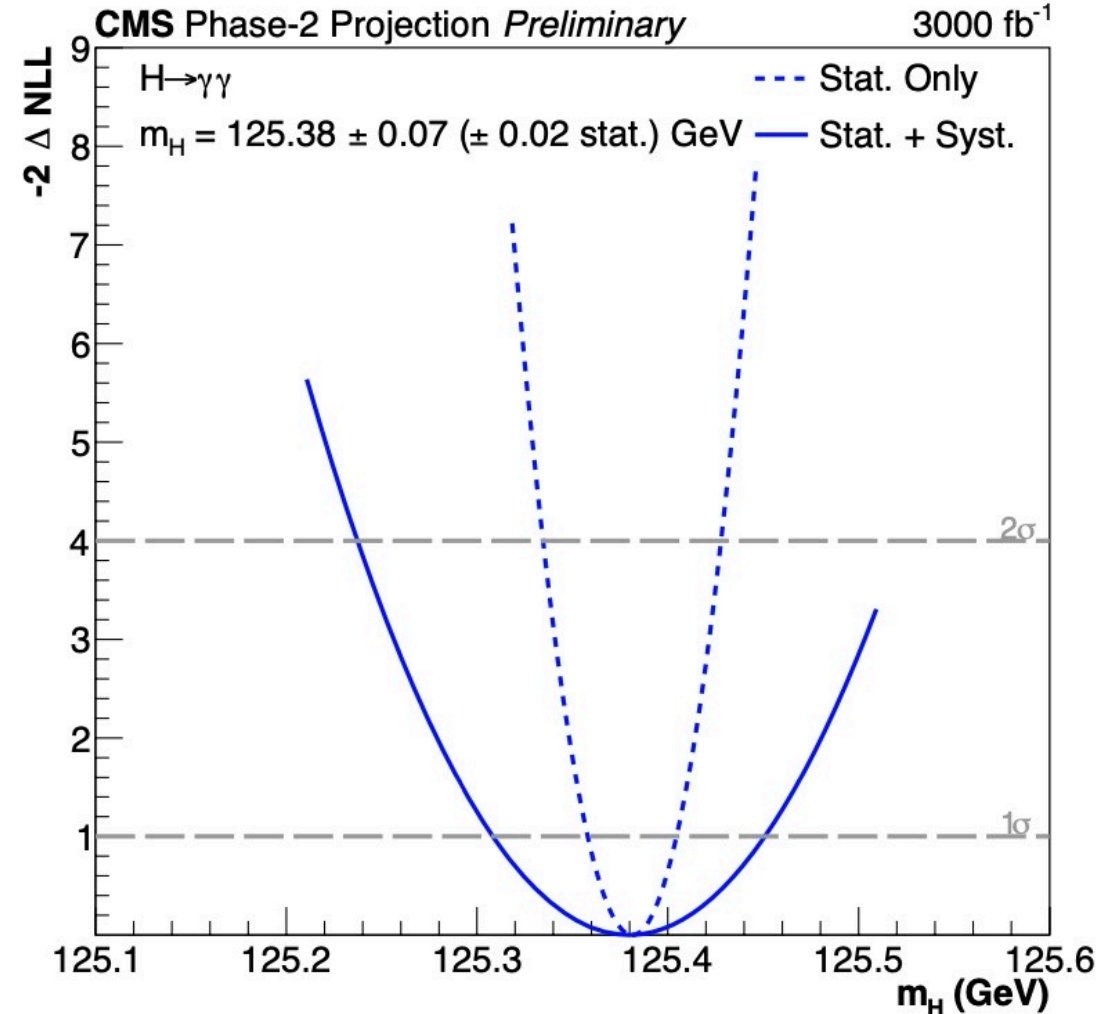


Resolution and scale of lepton/photon momentum measurements will dominate sensitivity to m_H^*

ATLAS $H \rightarrow 4l$

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-054](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.12567)

	Δ_{tot} (MeV)	Δ_{stat} (MeV)	Δ_{syst} (MeV)
Current Detector	52	39	35
μ momentum resolution improvement by 30% or similar	47	30	37
μ momentum resolution/scale improvement of 30% / 50%	38	30	24
μ momentum resolution/scale improvement 30% / 80%	33	30	14



Combination of $H \rightarrow 4l$ & $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ channels with both experiments could yield $\delta(M_H) \sim 20$ MeV uncertainty at HL-LHC!

* interference effects can lead to shift of 35 MeV in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Higgs boson couplings

Expect to reach O(%) level precision in many Higgs boson couplings
 → likely to be the best measurement for many years beyond HL-LHC in some cases

Assumes trigger & detector performance / reconstruction similar to performance of detectors during Run-2

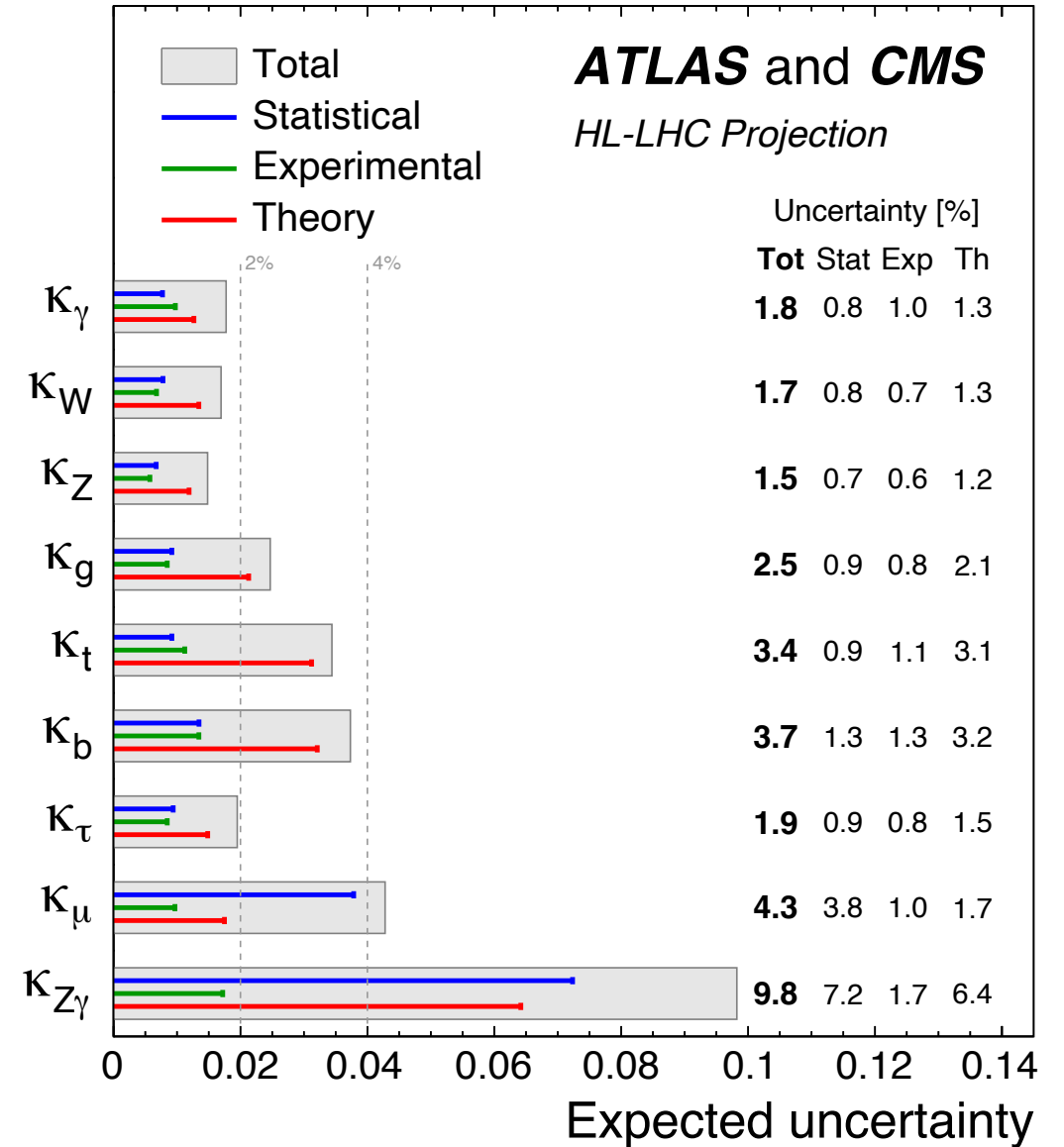
Uncertainty scaling:

Statistical Uncertainties	$\propto 1/\sqrt{L}$
Experimental Uncertainties	$\propto 1/\sqrt{L}$ Until floor reached
Theoretical Uncertainties	$\times 0.5$

Uncertainty dominated by systematic components in many cases for coupling (inclusive) measurements

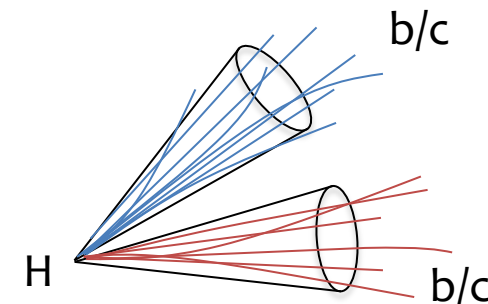
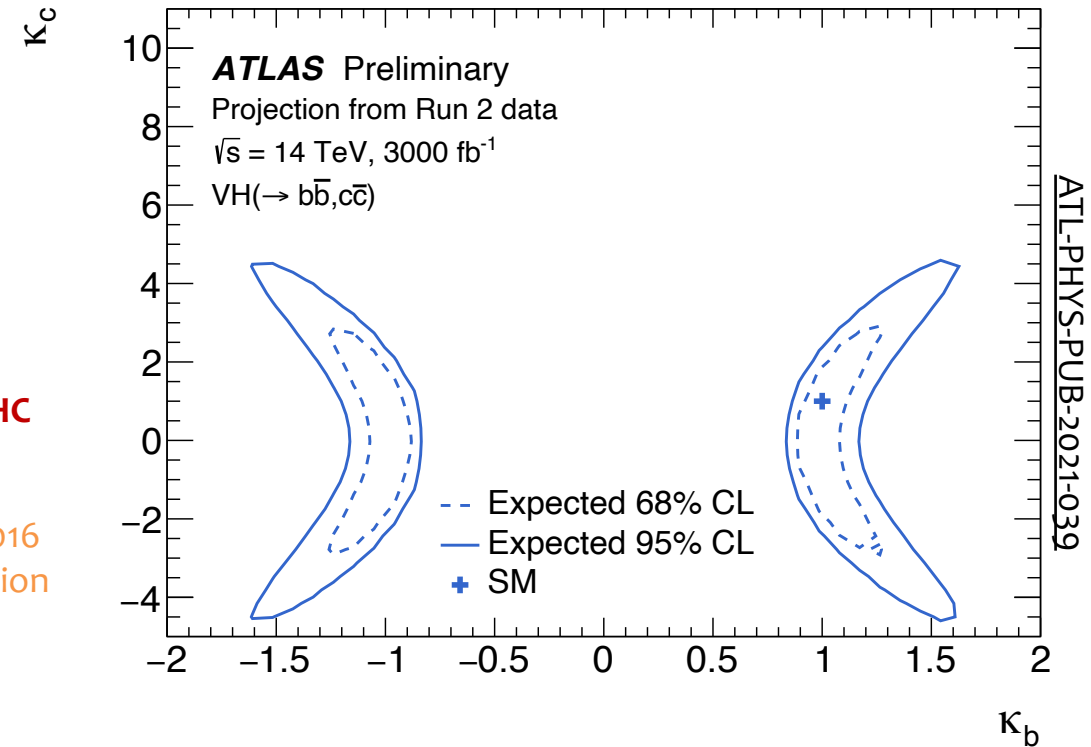
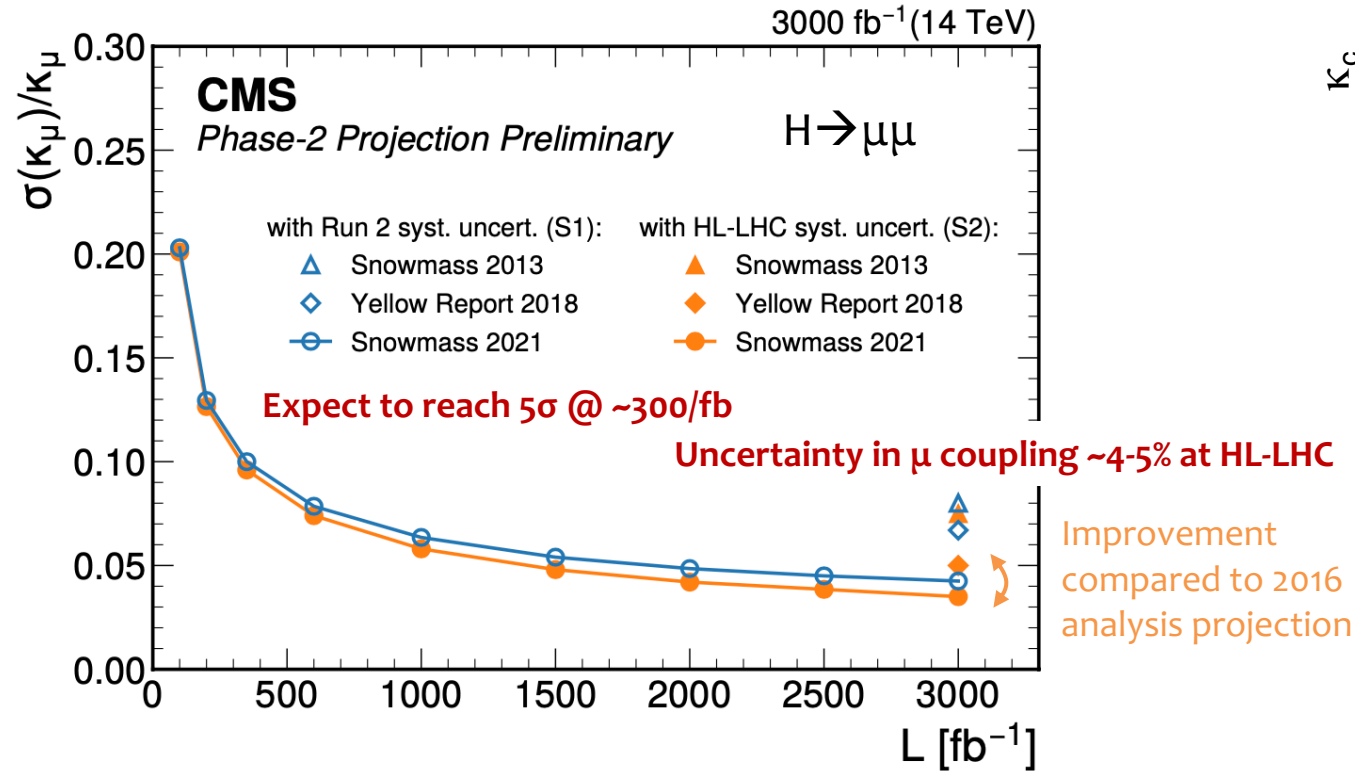
Caveat! Higgs boson couplings based on partial Run-2 data - Represents only ~few % of total expected HL-LHC dataset

$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ per experiment



Higgs boson 2nd generation couplings

Updates in 2022 (Snowmass) for key decay channels where projections now use analyses based only **full Run-2 datasets & improved analysis methods**



Reminder that projections are often pessimistic as **analysis strategies improve with each iteration**

Higgs boson 2nd generation couplings

LHCb offers unique opportunity to study Higgs decays in forward region

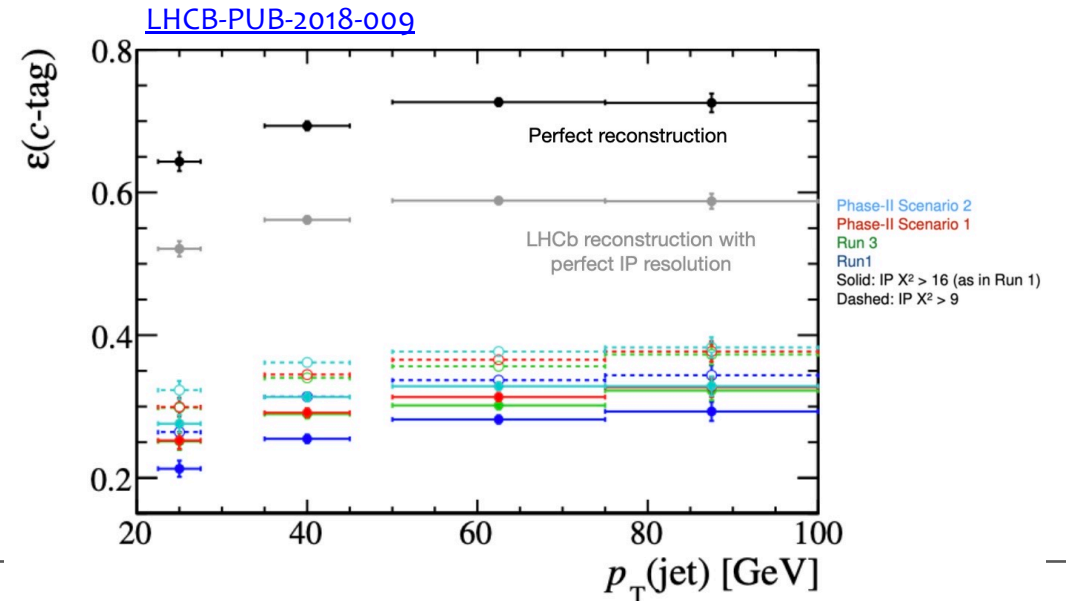
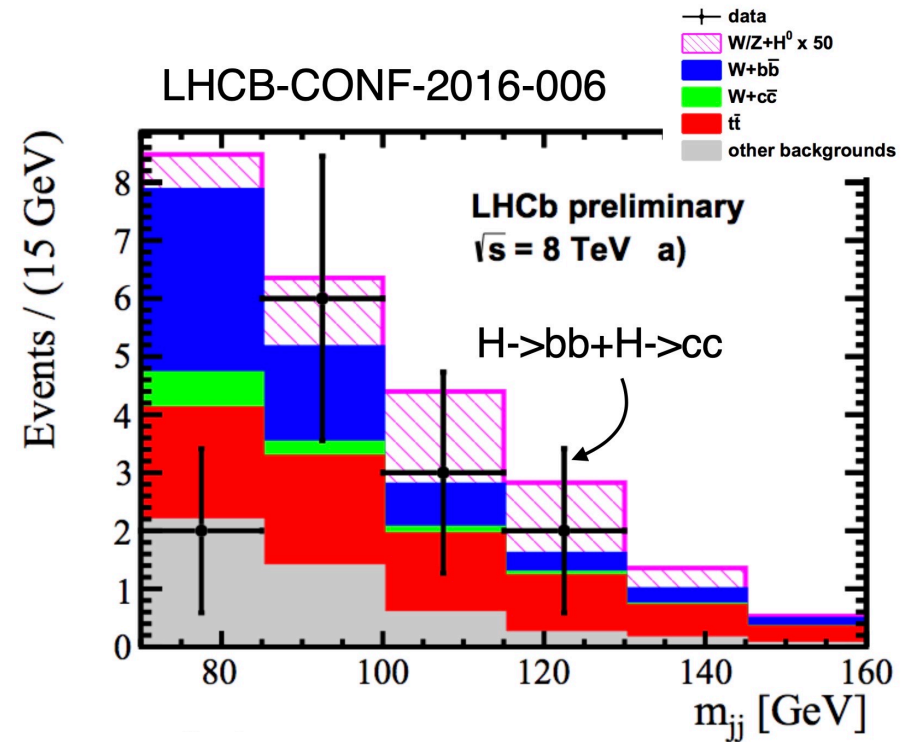
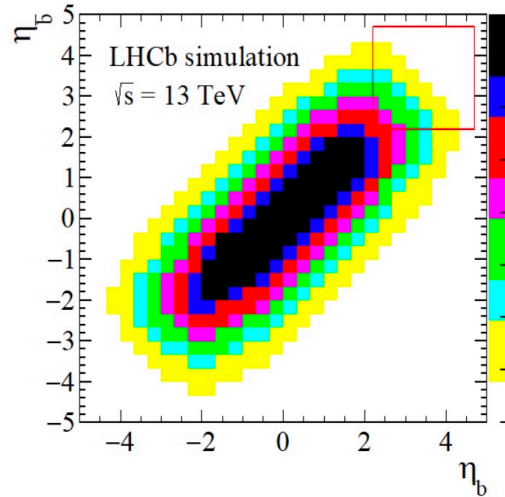
Excellent flavor tagging at LHCb

→ Current sensitivity $k_b < 7$, $k_c < 80$ with 2 fb^{-1}

By end of HL-LHC, could expect improvements from

- Luminosity scaling to 300 fb^{-1}
- Improved jet-tagging efficiency
- Improved discrimination between b- & c-quarks with ML (similar to CMS and ATLAS)

→ Expected sensitivity to $\kappa_c \sim 2$ at HL-LHC*!

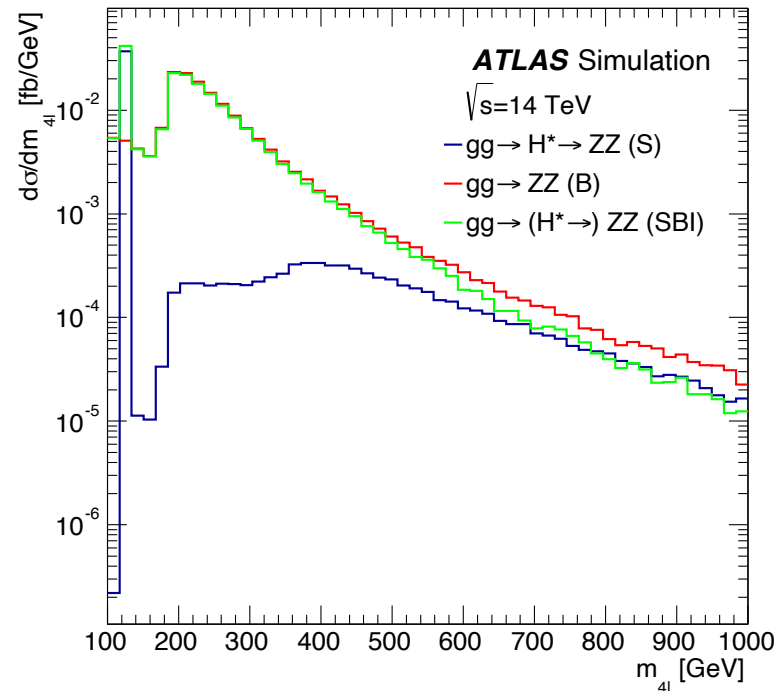


* D. Zuliani @ ICHEP 2024

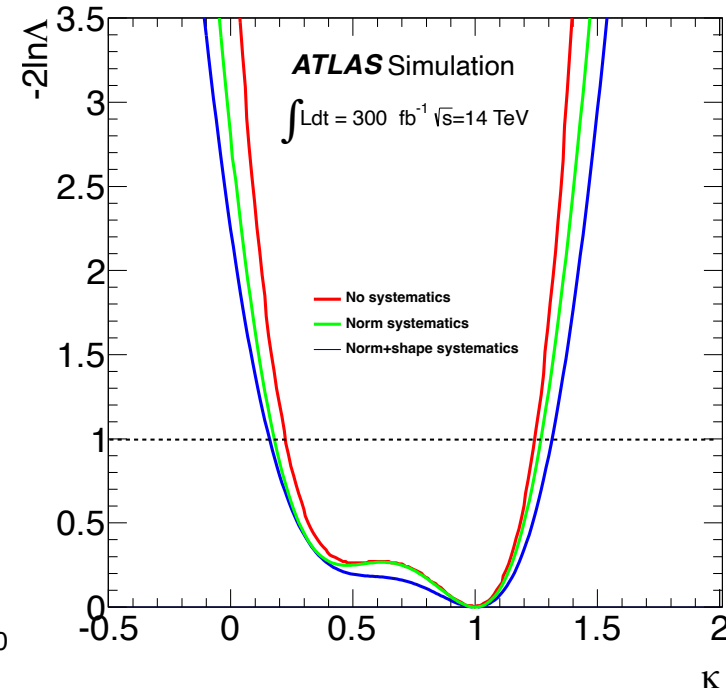
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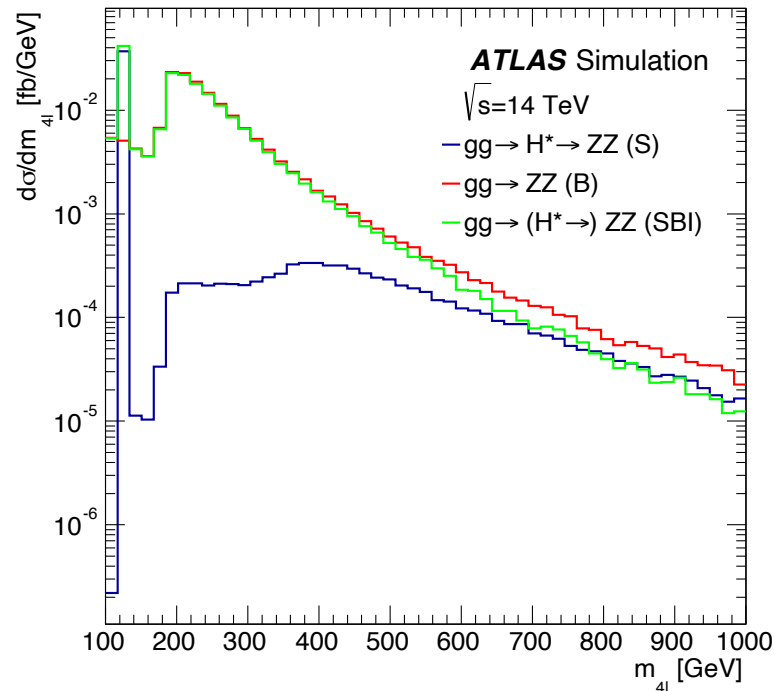


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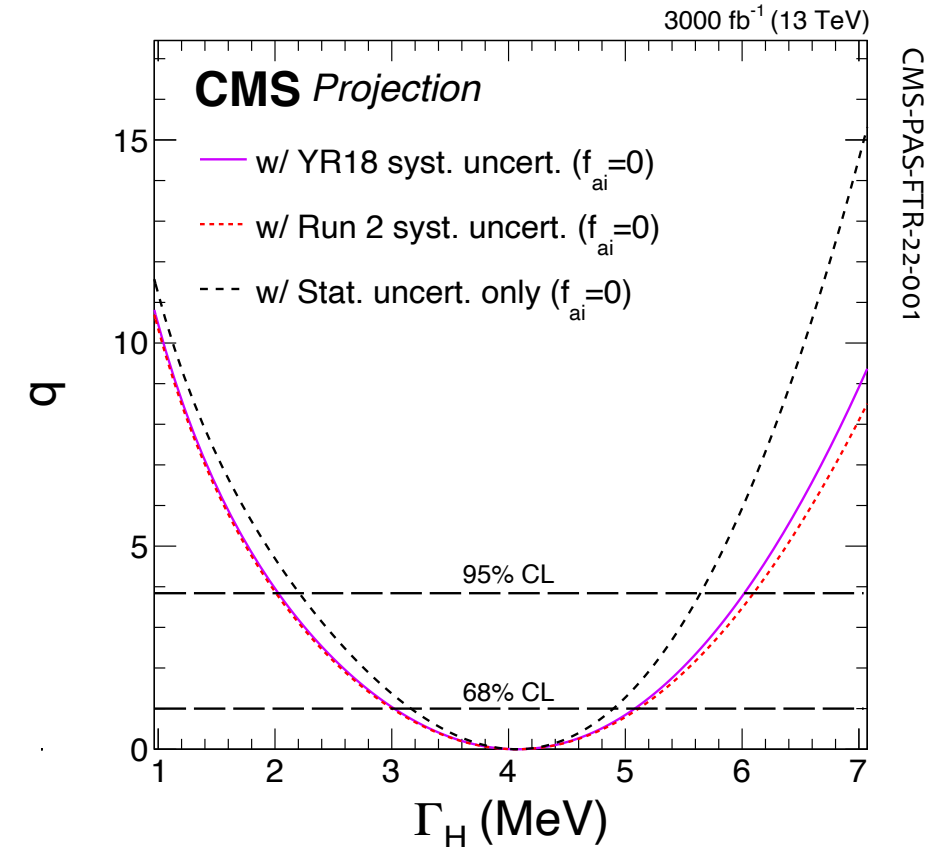
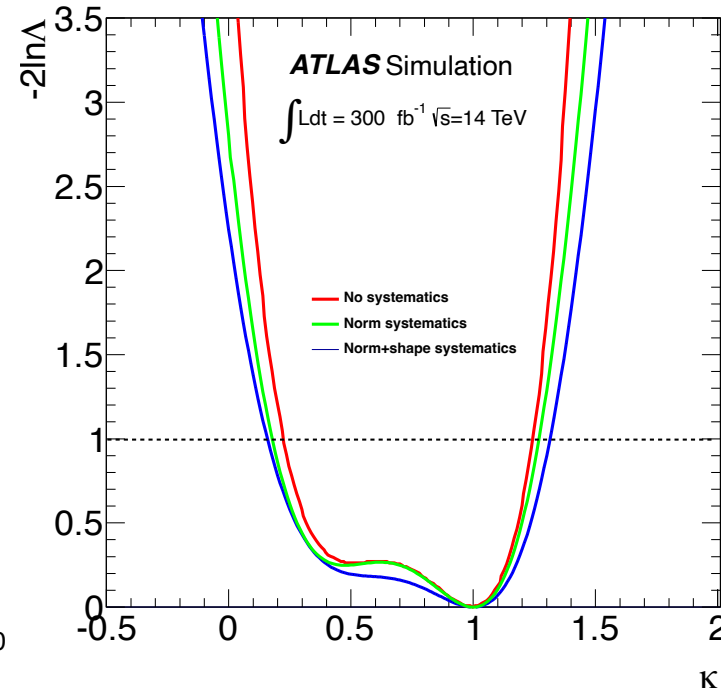


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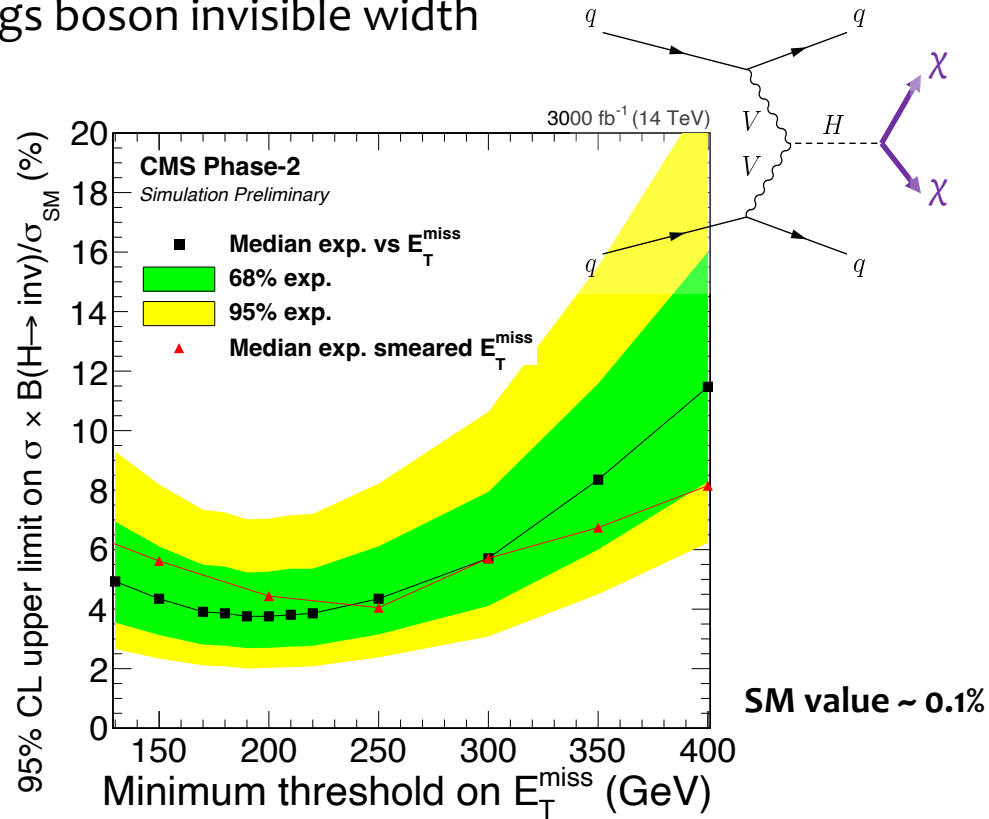
CMS-PAS-FTR-22-001

Direct measurement of **Higgs boson width** from line-shape severely limited by peak resolution

Γ_H measurements @ HL-LHC will be driven by **off/on-shell coupling combinations**

H → invisible

Searches for $H + p_T^{\text{miss}}$ provide direct constraints on Higgs boson invisible width

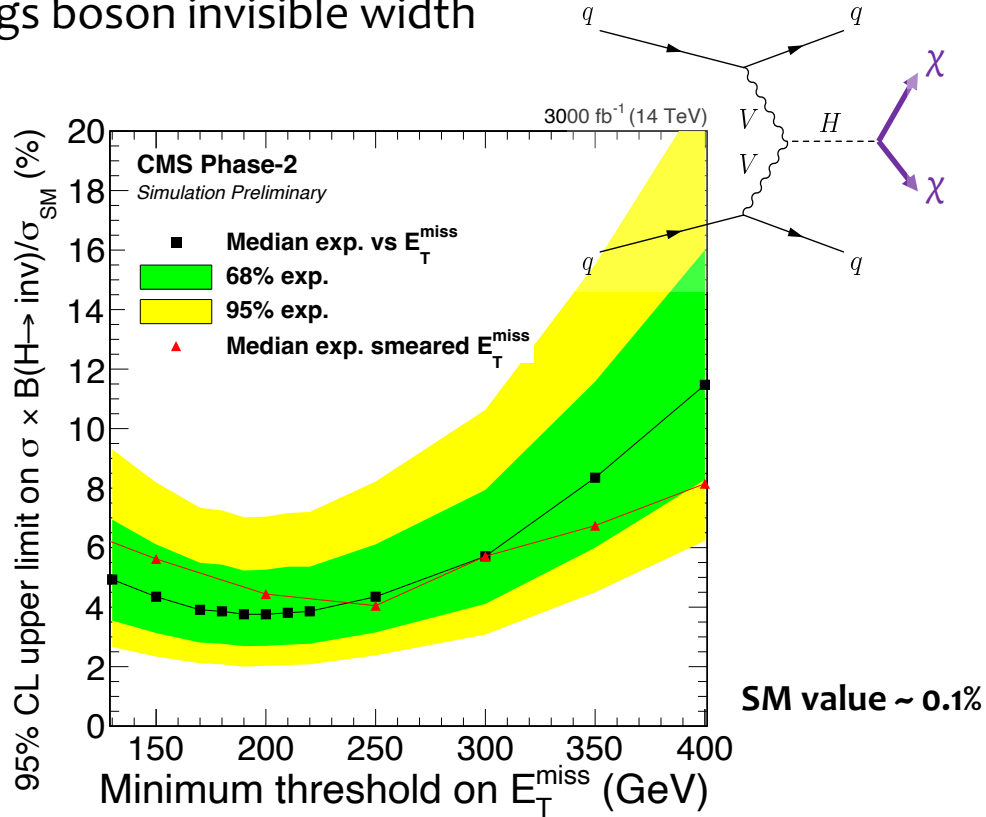


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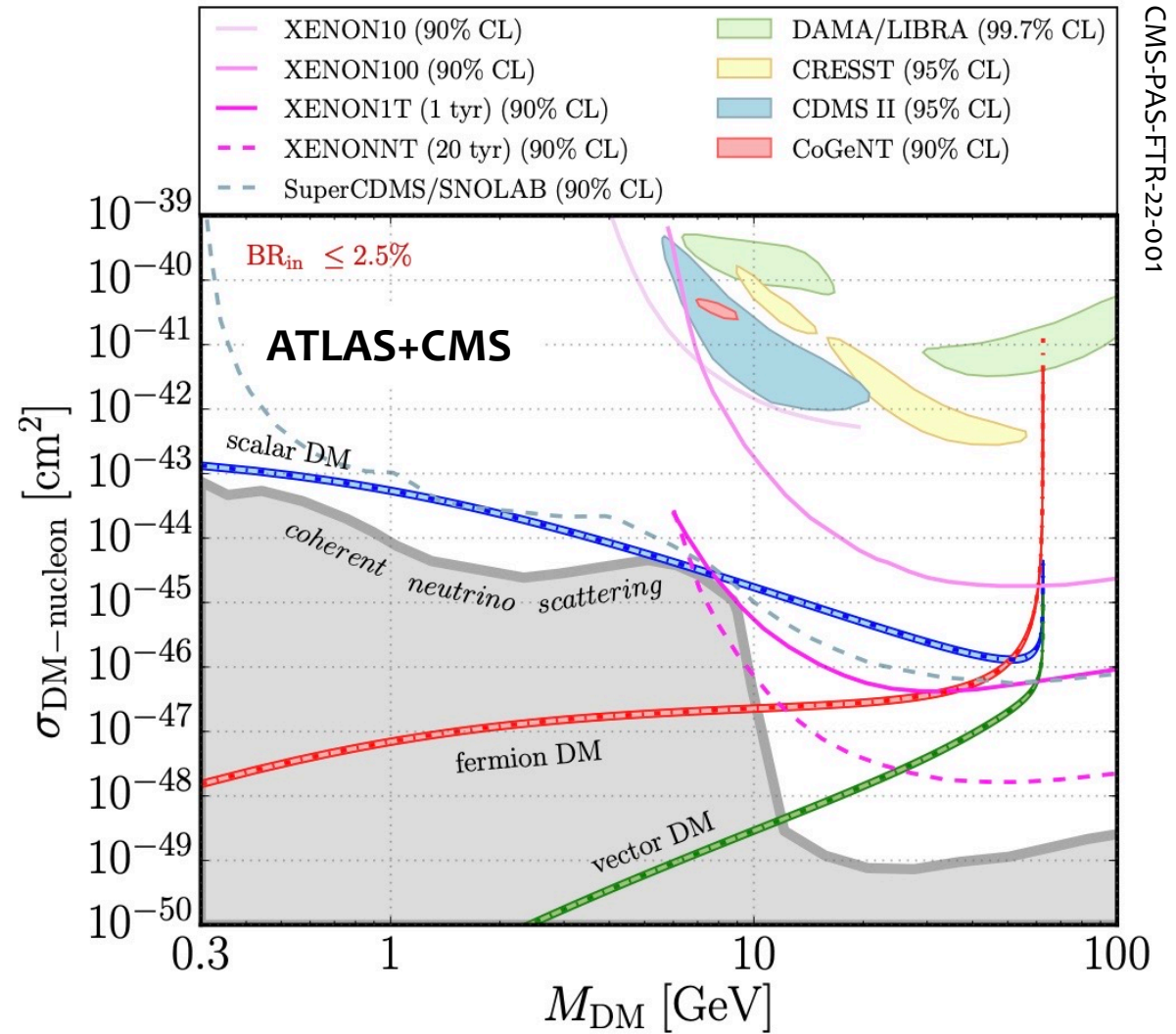
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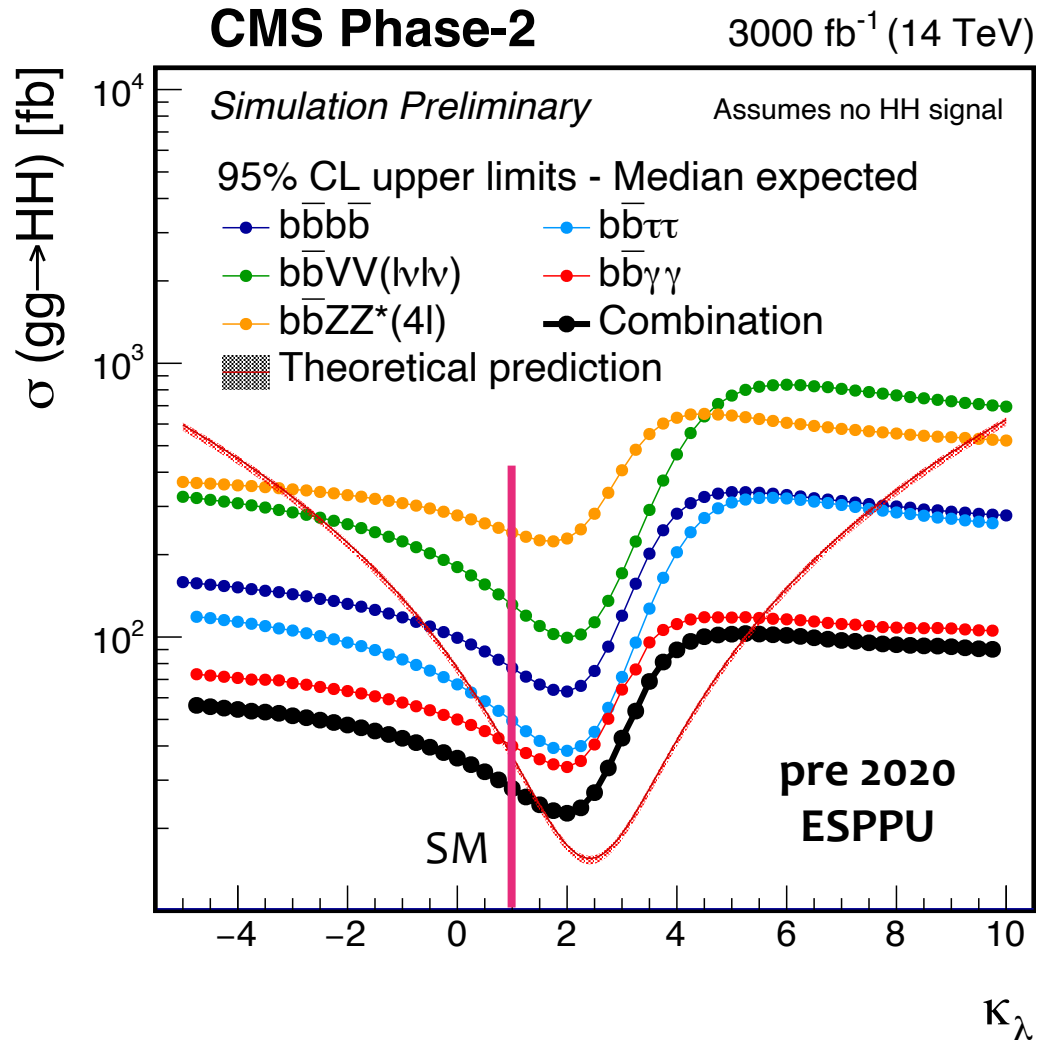
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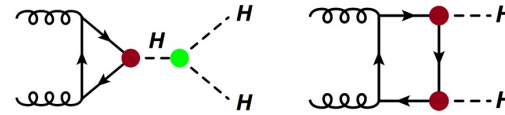


Measurements of $B(H \rightarrow \text{inv})$ provide complementary constraints to direct detectors for DM models

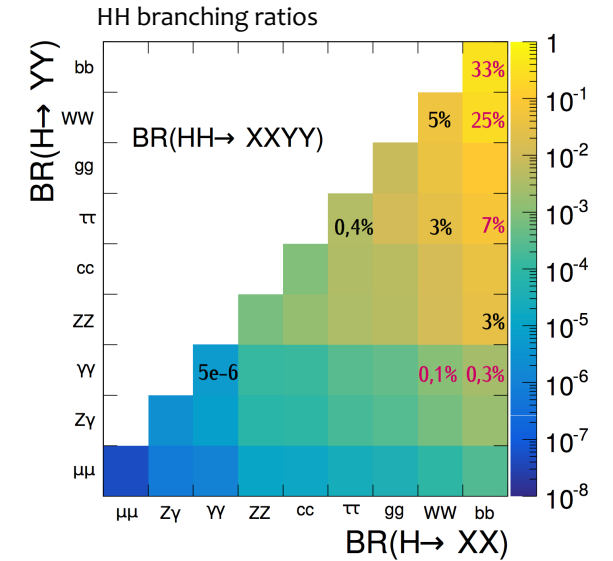
Searches for HH



Double Higgs production extremely rare process in SM due to interference



Sensitivity strongly depends on Higgs boson self-coupling



Channel	Significance		95% CL limit on $\sigma_{HH}/\sigma_{HH}^{SM}$	
	Stat. + syst.	Stat. only	Stat. + syst.	Stat. only
bbbb	0.95	1.2	2.1	1.6
bbττ	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.3
bbWW(lvlv)	0.56	0.59	3.5	3.3
bbγγ	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.1
bbZZ(llll)	0.37	0.37	6.6	6.5
Combination	2.6	2.8	0.77	0.71

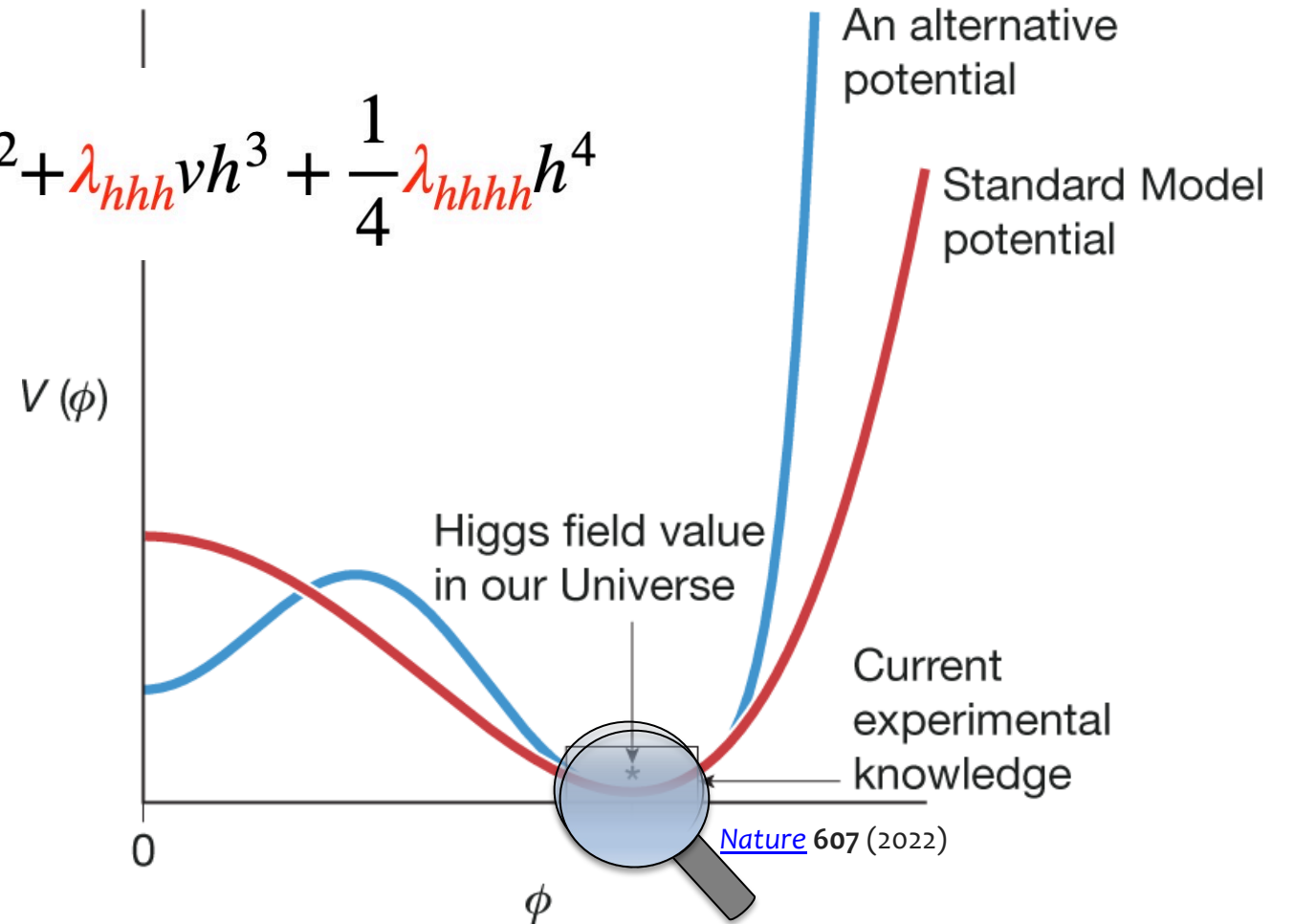
Combination of 5 channels yields $\sim 2.6\sigma$ significance

$\rightarrow \sim 4\sigma$ with ATLAS combination assuming κ_λ

Higgs boson self-coupling

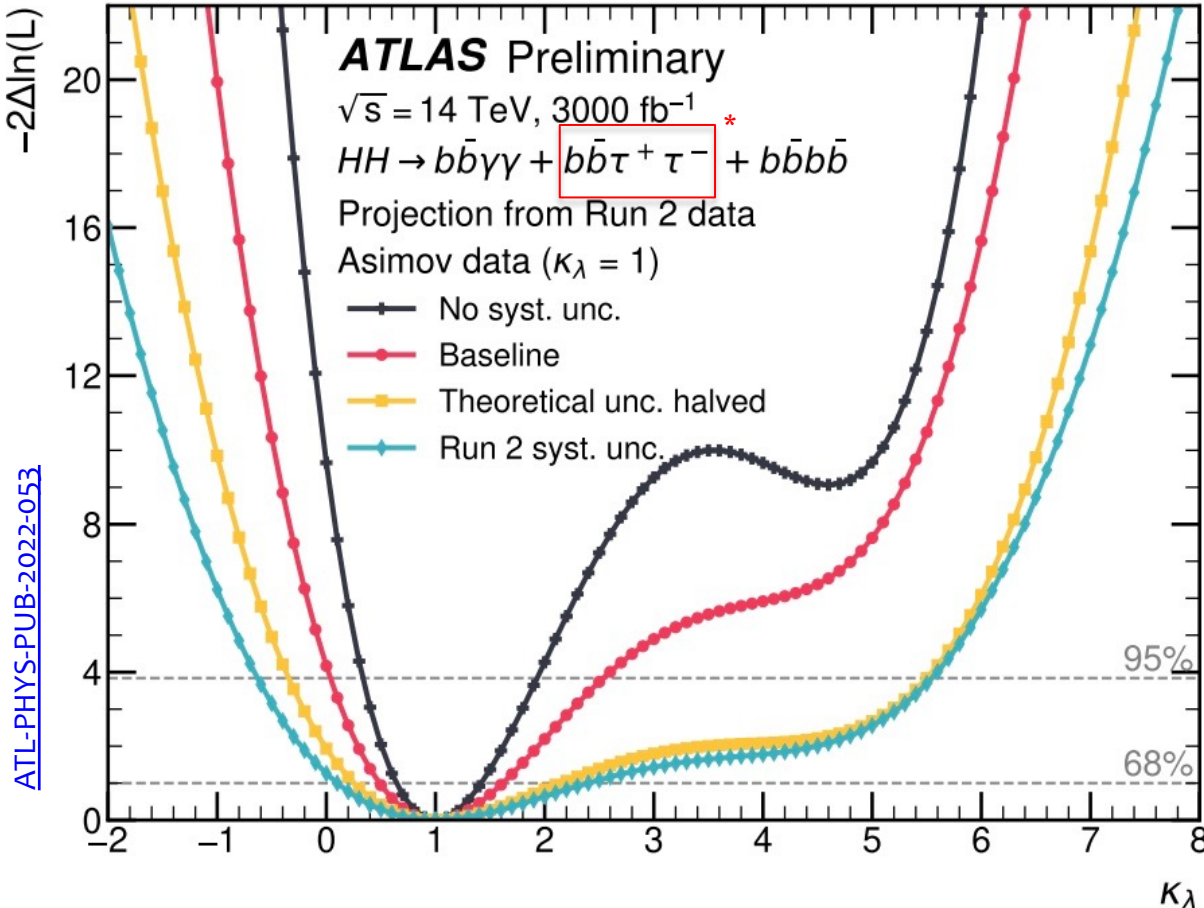
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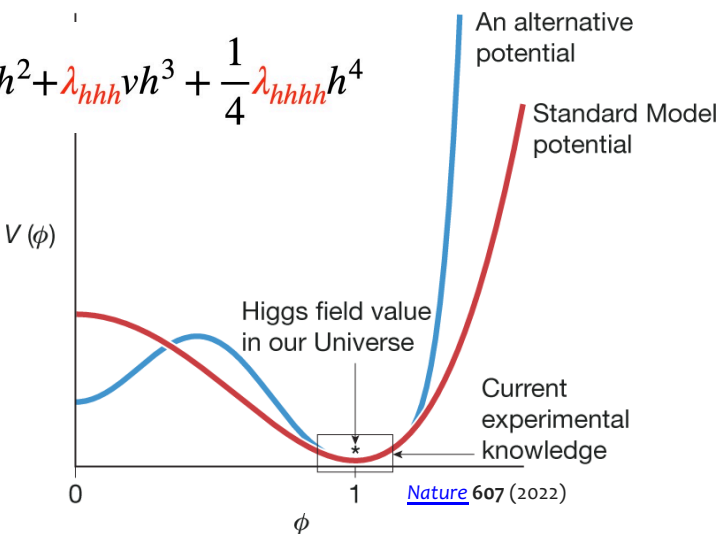


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New projections from ATLAS much more encouraging
 → Could reach 5σ HH discovery ($\sim 3.2\sigma$ baseline)

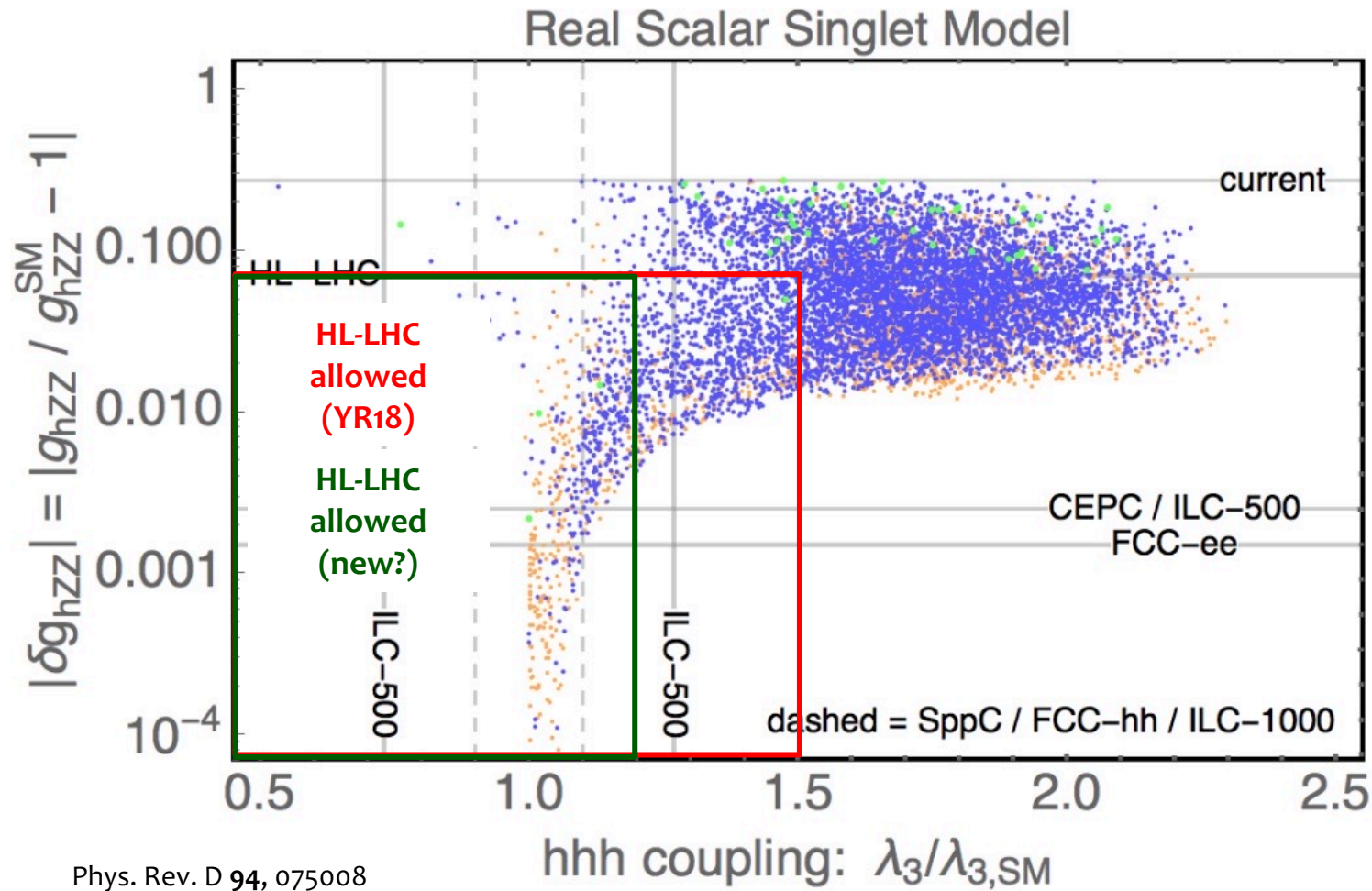
Uncertainty scenario	κ_λ 68% CI	κ_λ 95% CI
No syst. unc.	[0.7, 1.4]	[0.3, 1.9]
Baseline	[0.5, 1.6]	[0.0, 2.5]
Theoretical unc. halved	[0.3, 2.2]	[-0.3, 5.5]
Run 2 syst. unc.	[0.1, 2.4]	[-0.6, 5.6]

ATLAS 3 ab^{-1}

→ Uncertainty in $\kappa_\lambda \sim 20\%$ with **LHC combination!**

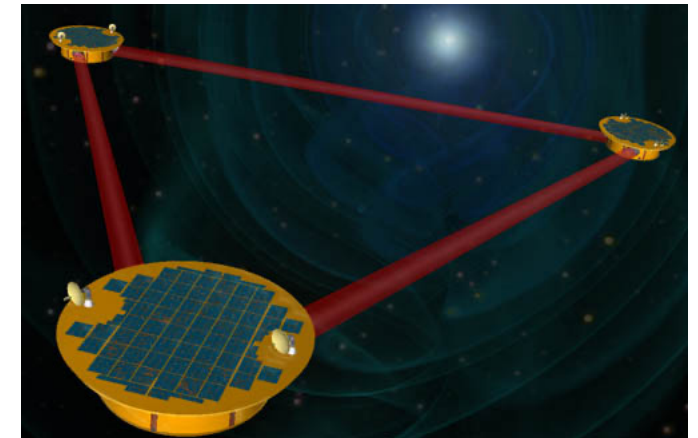
* Very recent update from ATLAS in this channel → similar sensitivity to HH in single channel! [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2024-016](#) + See Jay's talk yesterday

Higgs and the Universe



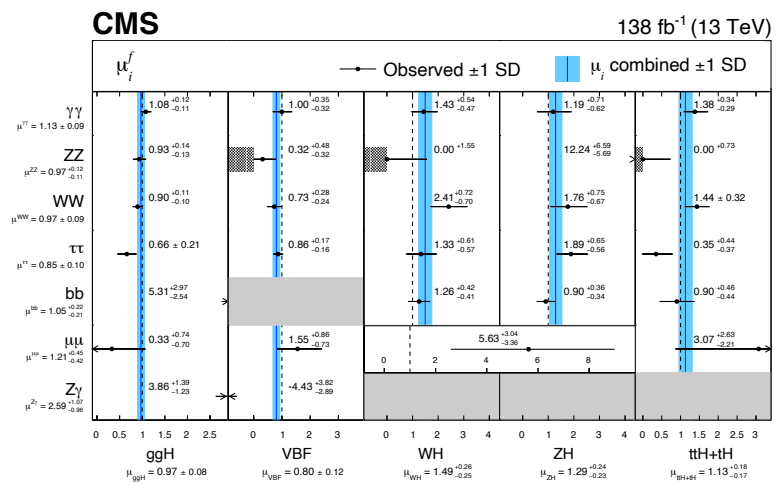
Modified Higgs potentials can result in 1st order electroweak phase transition
 → **required for baryogenesis**

- Strong first order PT (electroweak baryogenesis viable)
- Could be detected at GW detectors (eLISA)



Kinematic distributions

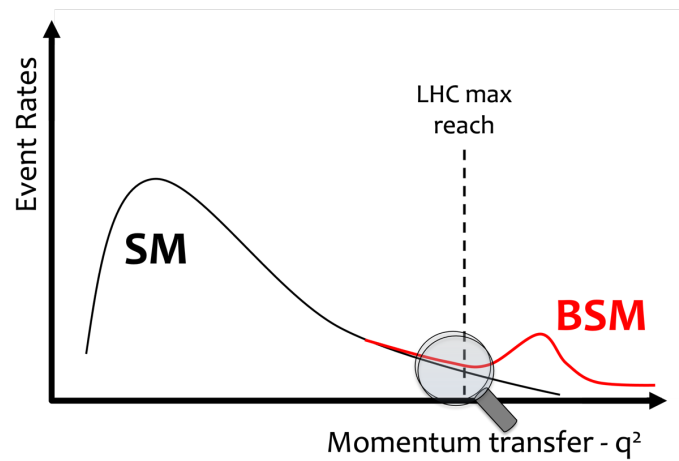
On-shell



$$\delta \sim \left(\frac{v}{\Lambda}\right)^2$$

Inclusive κ/μ: high-precision yields precision on new physics scale
 $\delta_{\mu} = 1\% \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$

Off-shell / large q²



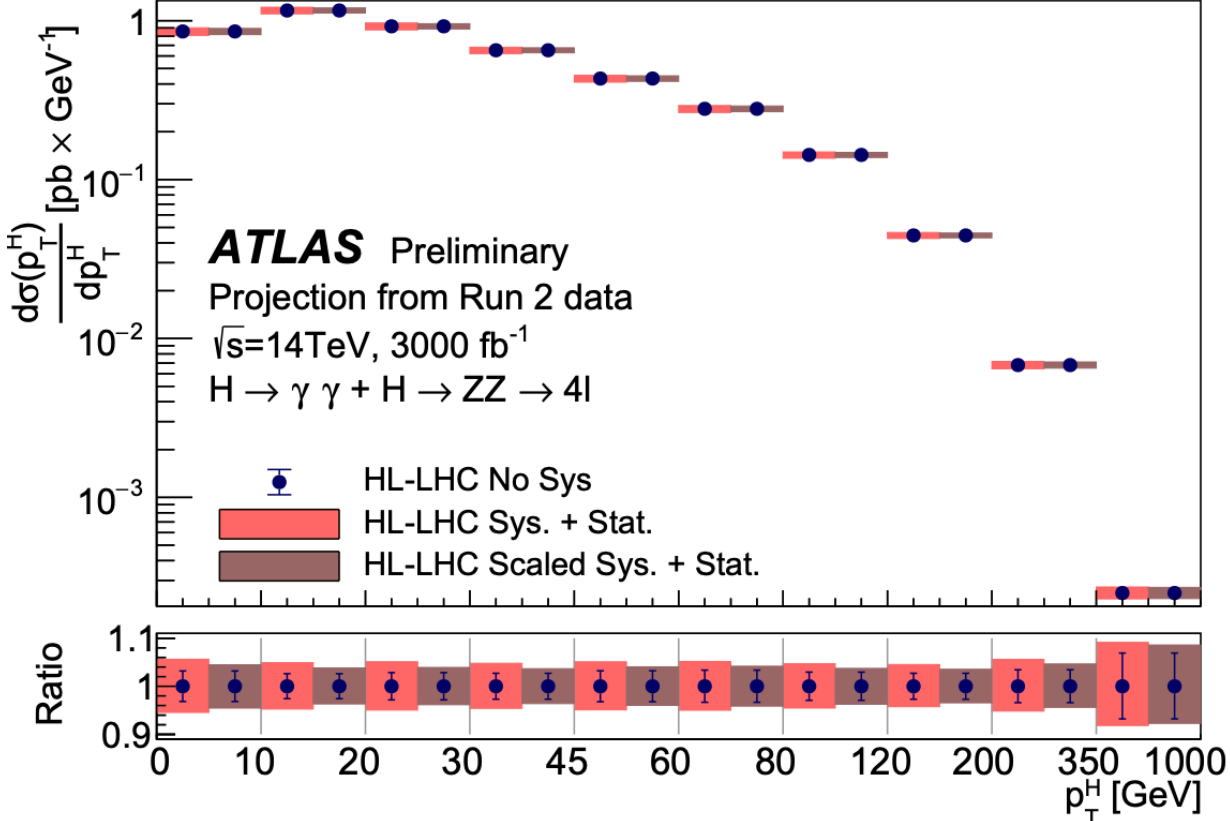
$$\delta \sim \left(\frac{q}{\Lambda}\right)^2$$

Differential: High momentum production sensitive to new physics
 $\delta_{\sigma} = 15\% (q=1\text{TeV}) \rightarrow \Lambda \sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$

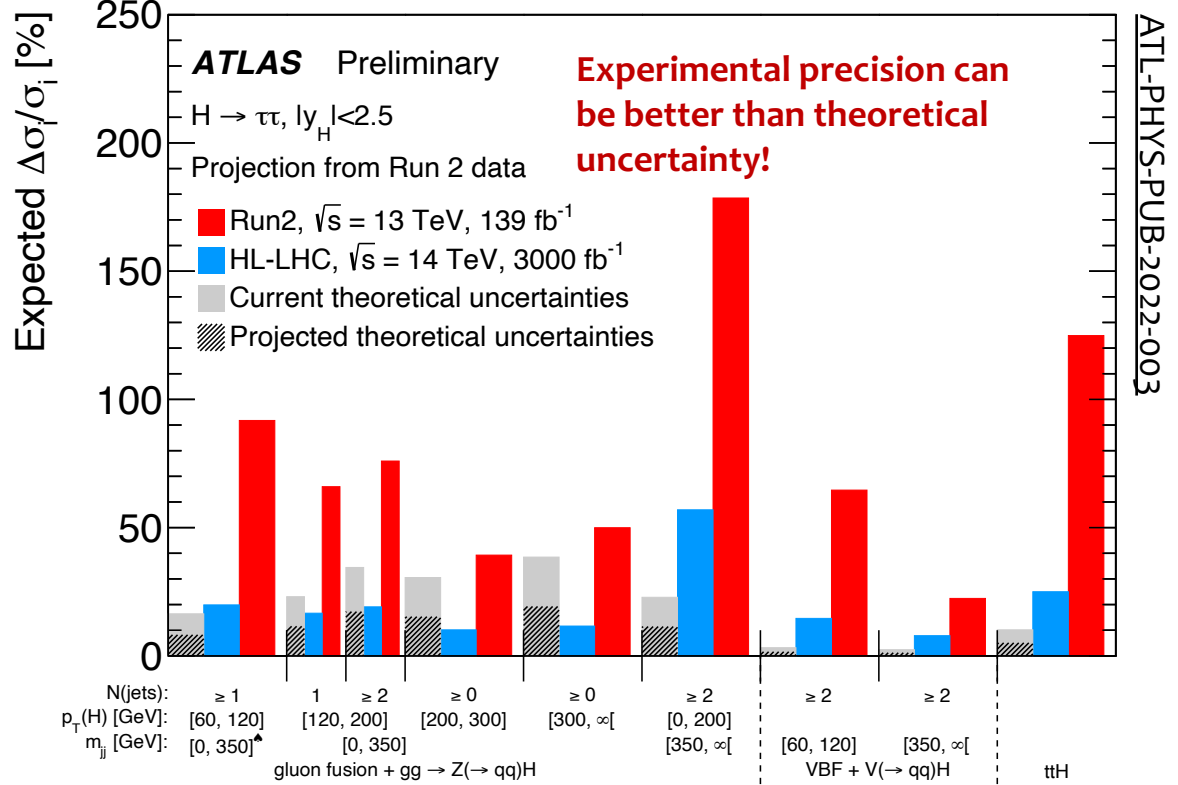
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Differential measurements of Higgs boson production provide more granular information as more data available → factorize theory uncertainties and allow to probe scenarios where **BSM physics enhances tails of distributions**

(Fiducial) differential measurements

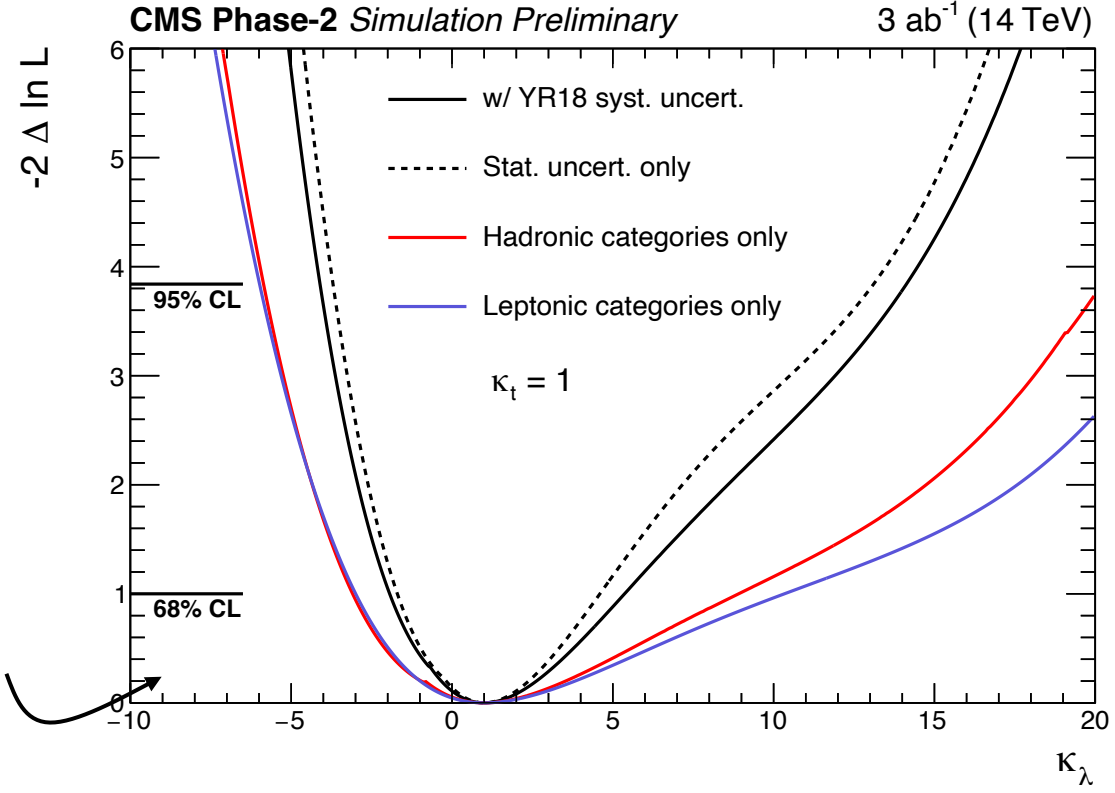
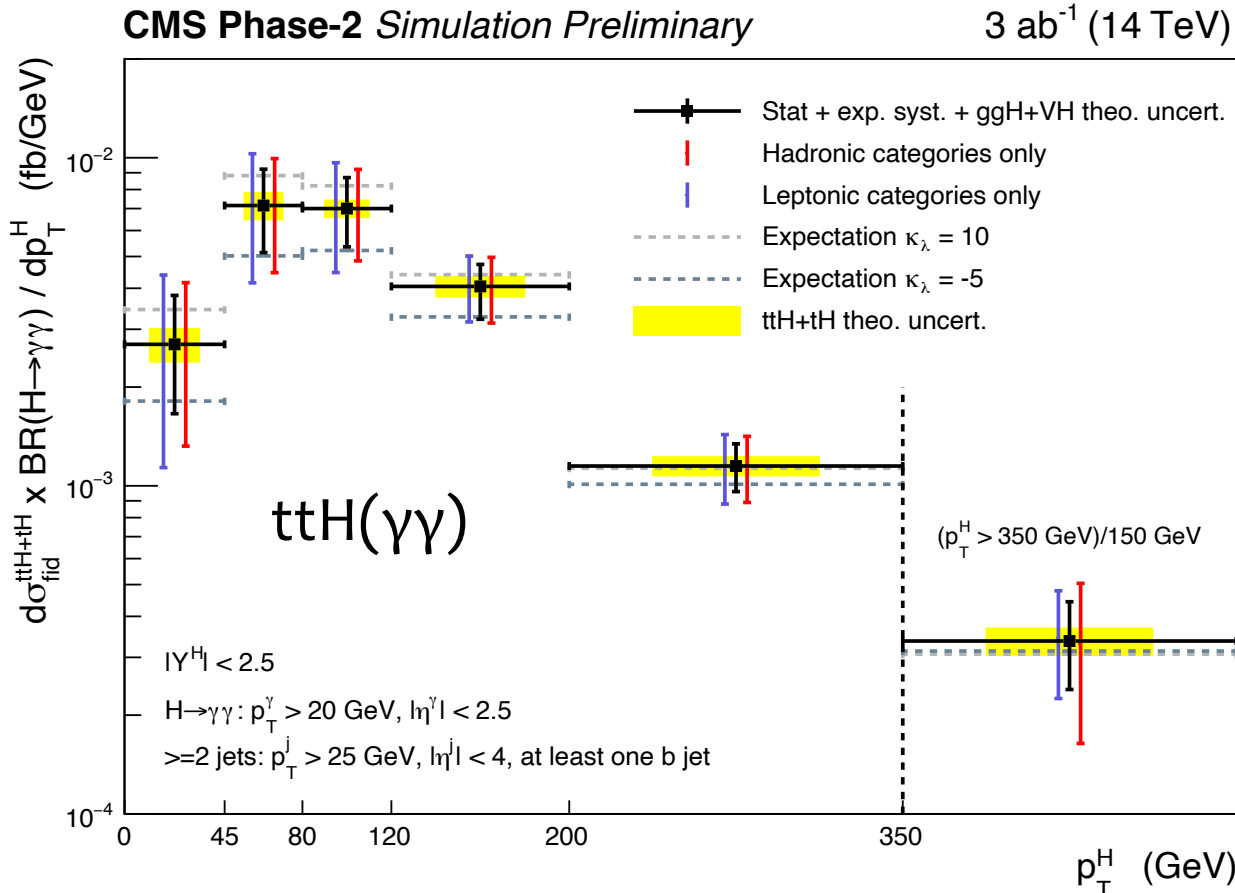
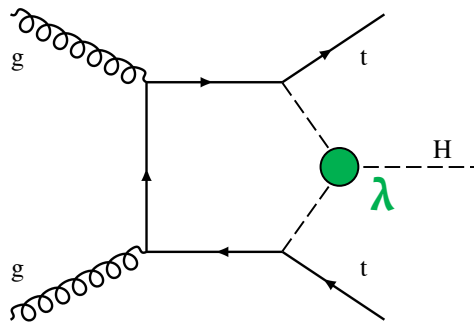


STXS measurements



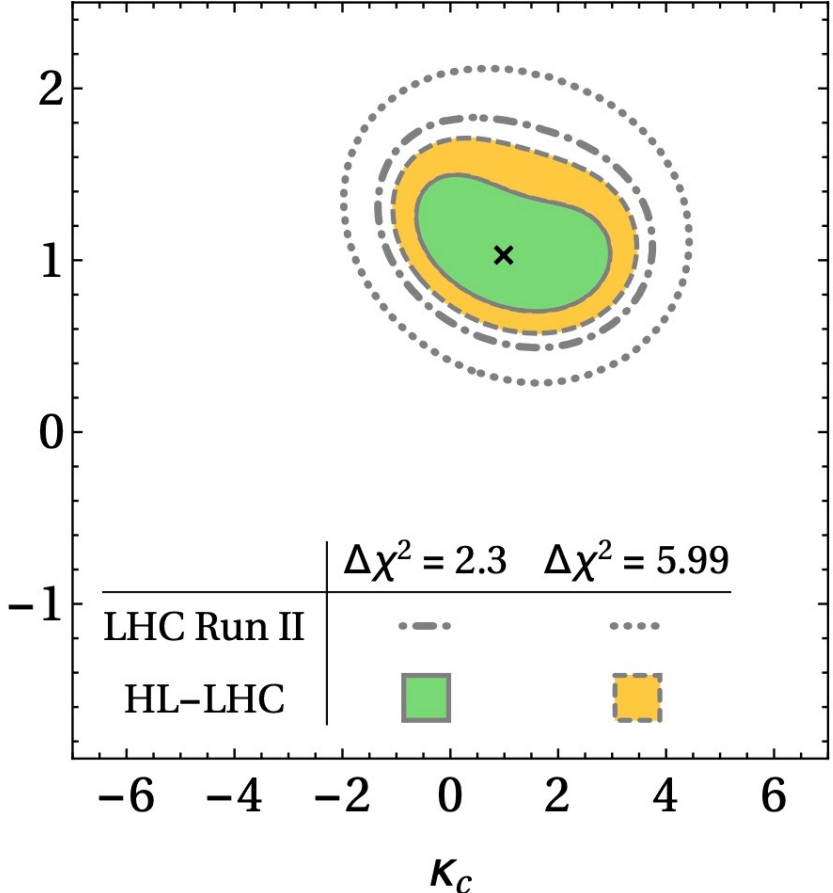
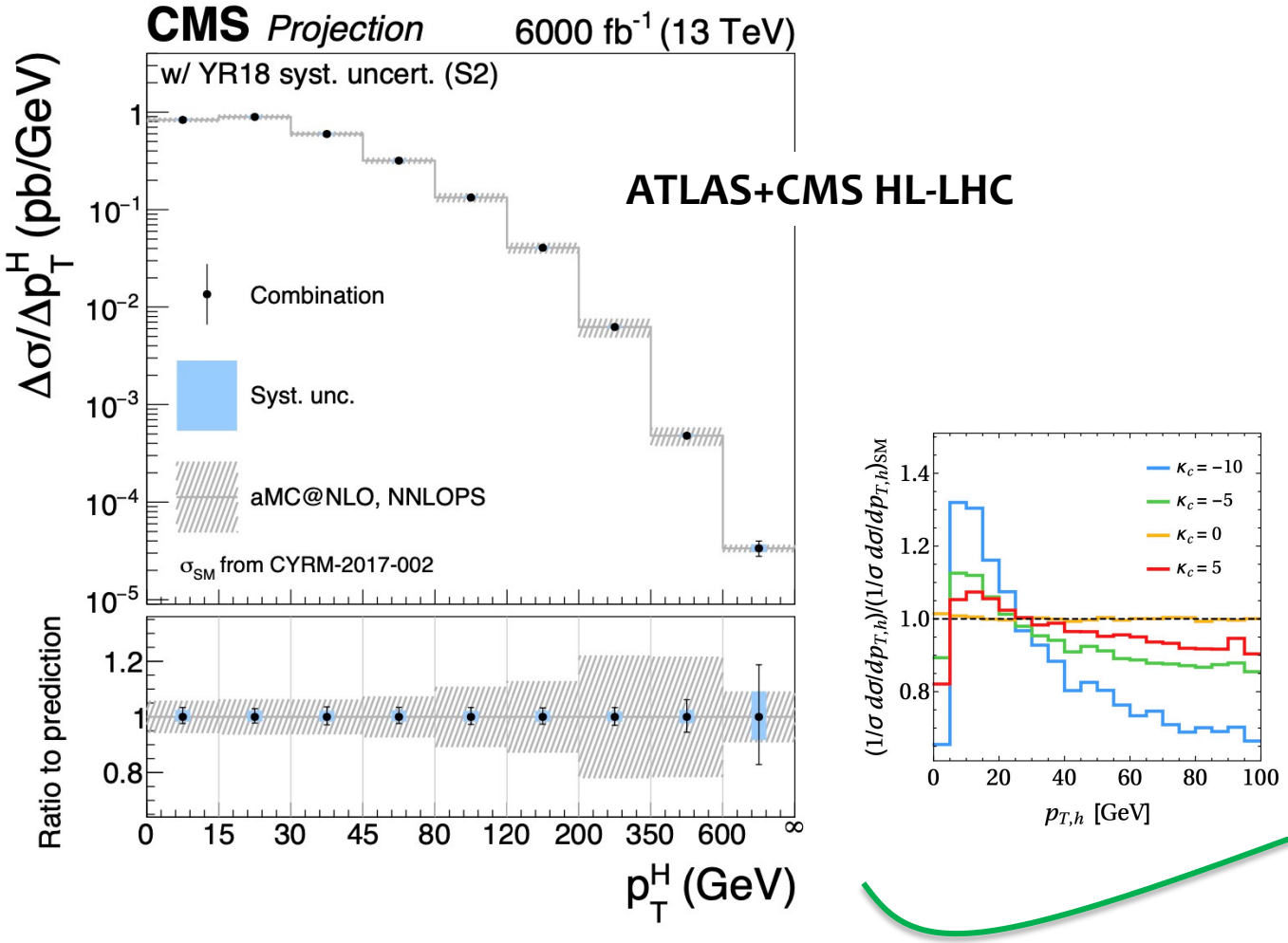
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Differential Higgs boson measurements also expected to yield sensitivity to Higgs boson self-coupling → **combine with HH searches for ultimate sensitivity to κ_λ**



Kinematic distributions

Kinematic measurements provide Additional constraints on b/c-H coupling!

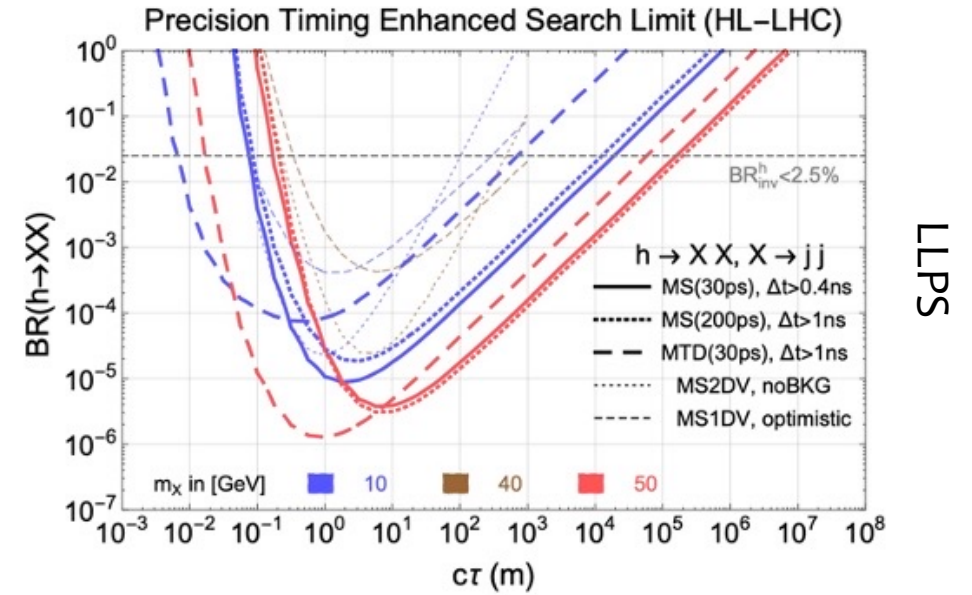
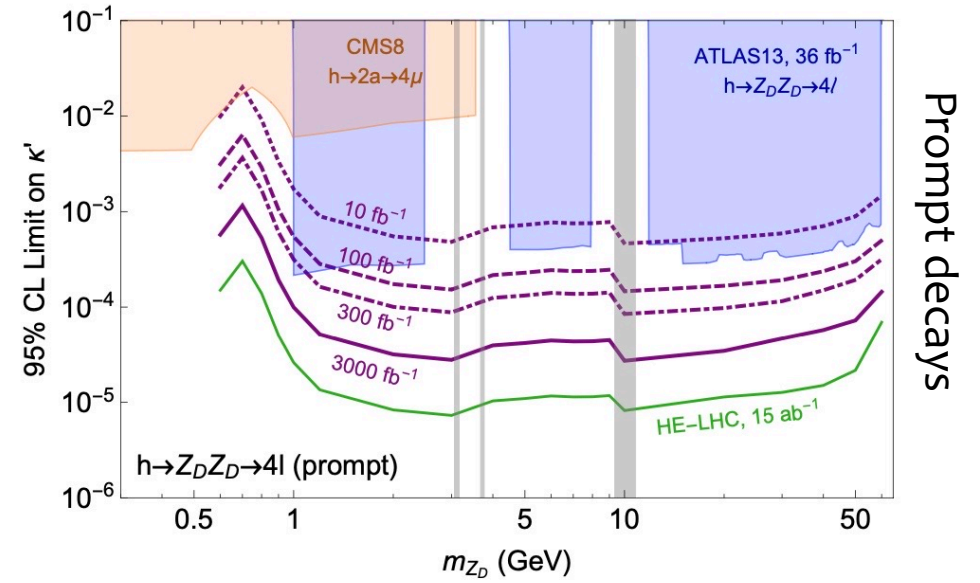
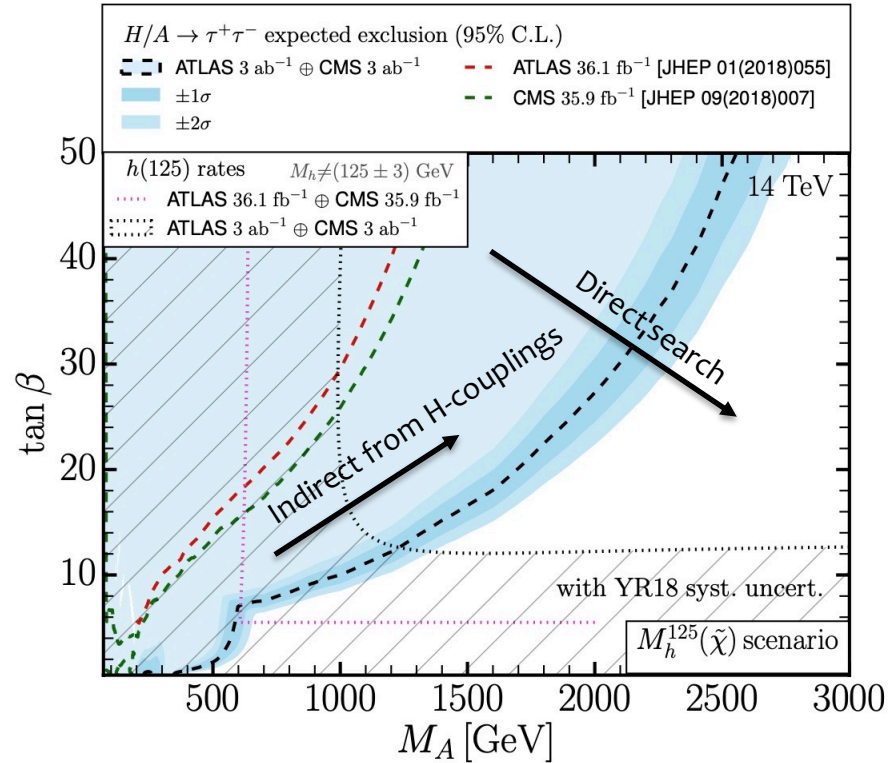


Measurements of differential Higgs boson production now more commonly interpreted under effective field theories (e.g. [CMS-PAS-HIG-23-013](#), [ATLAS-HIGG-2022-17](#)) → likely to be a legacy of the (HL)LHC

BSM Higgs

Searches for **extended Higgs sectors** and **BSM Higgs boson decays** limited at HL-LHC due to

Requirement for statistics ($H \rightarrow$ BSM rare processes) or energy (BSM Higgs)



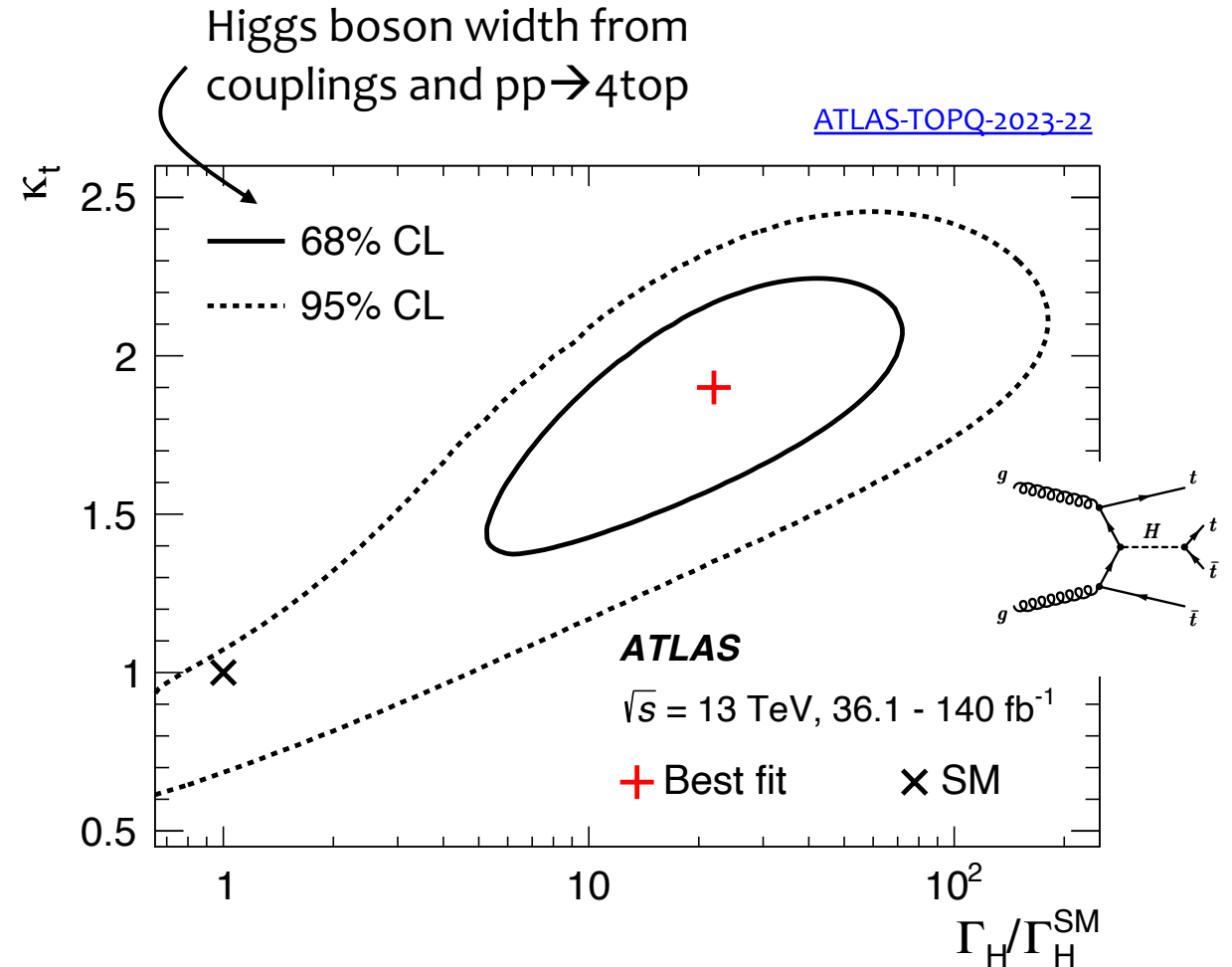
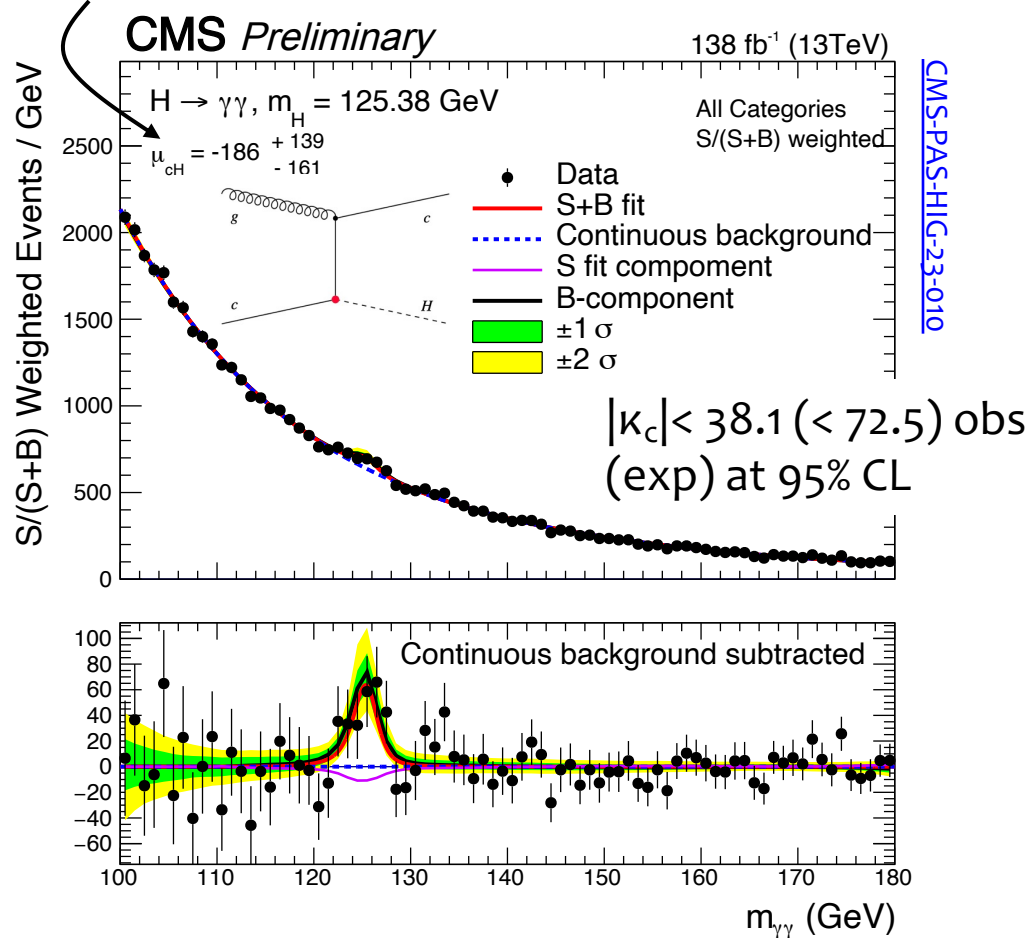
Likely that limits set by HL-LHC will remain **most stringent until future hh** (or other high energy) collider

Exploiting all of the data

Current projections don't account for **new methods** to constrain Higgs boson properties
 → More data can bring more than just \sqrt{L} improvements

New ideas even with Run-2 data!

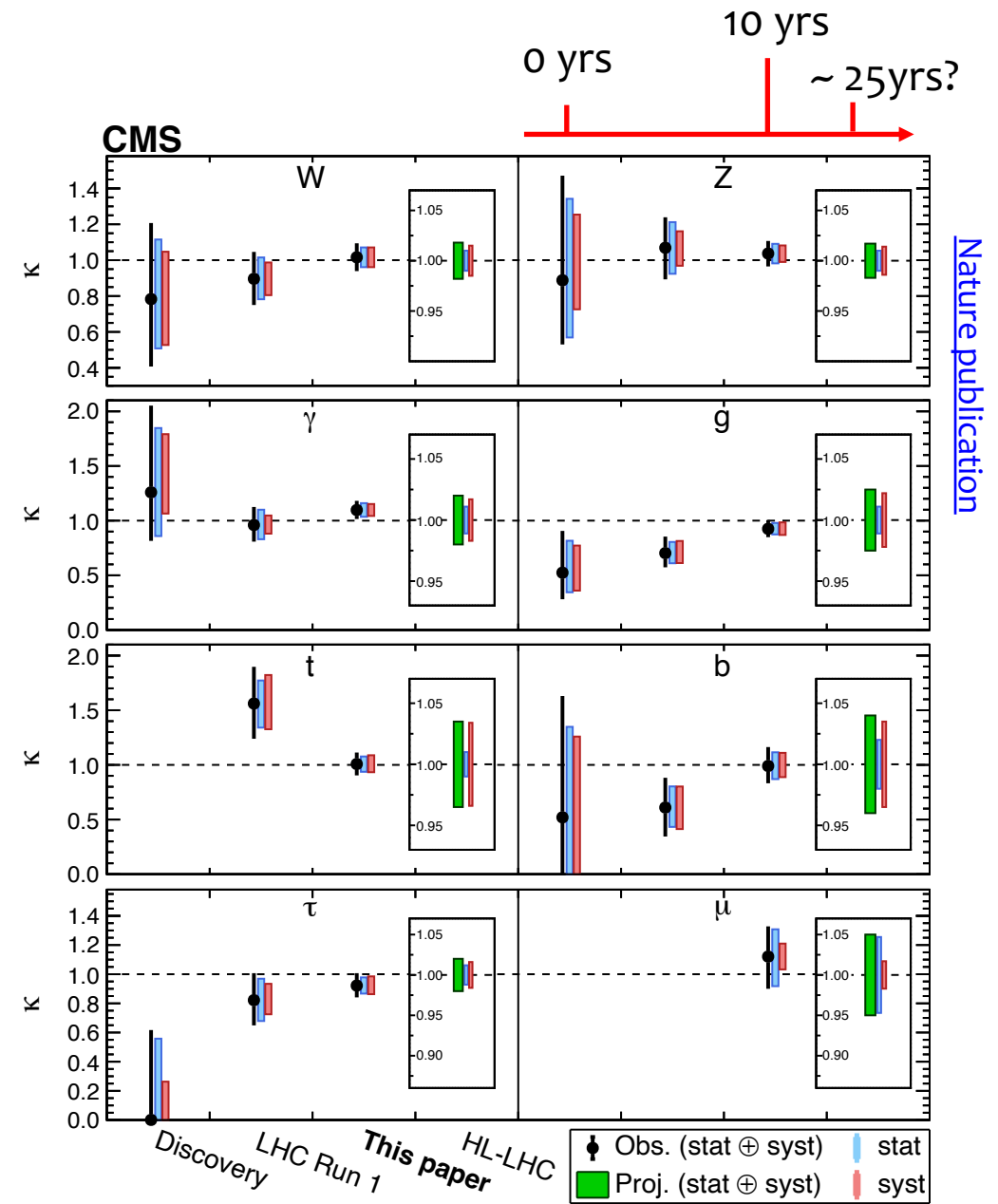
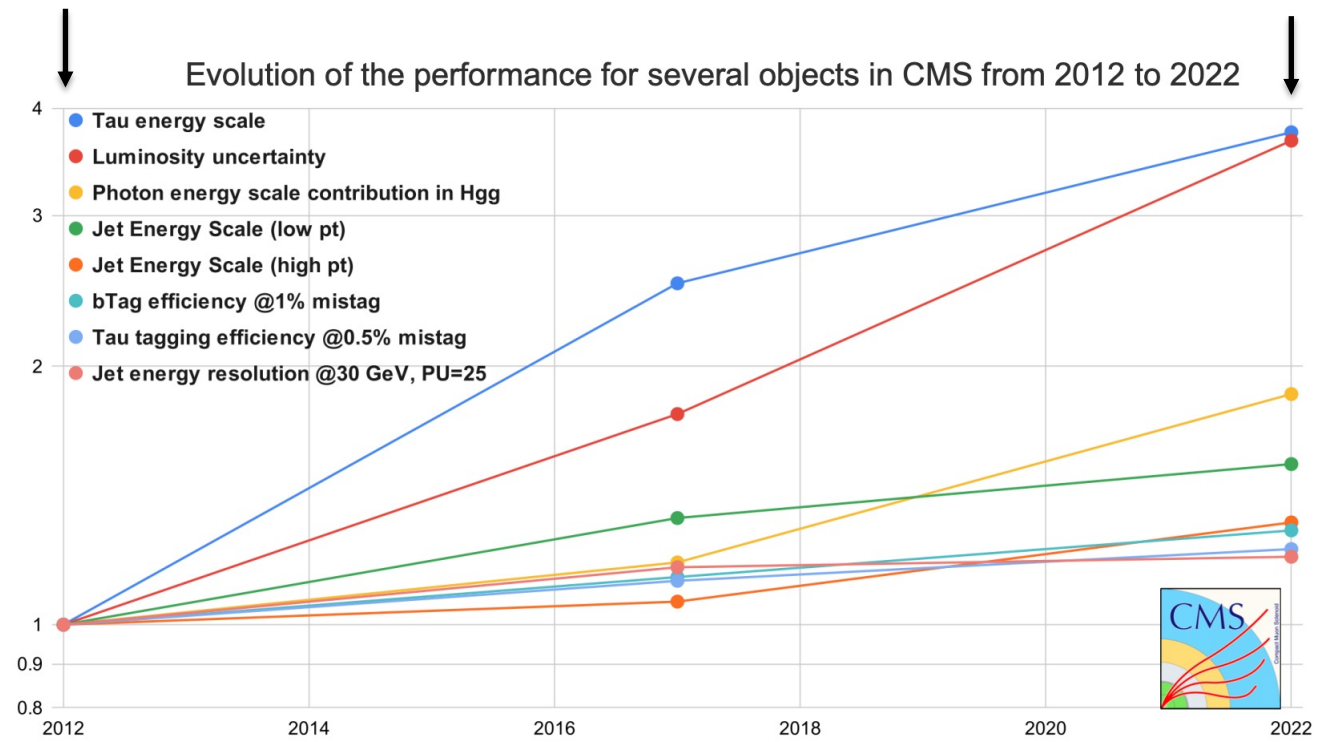
Constraint on κ_c from $H(\gamma\gamma)+c$ search



Understanding our data

Precision measurements require more than just more data
 → Improvements in reconstruction techniques & calibrations will be needed for few % precision couplings @HL-LHC

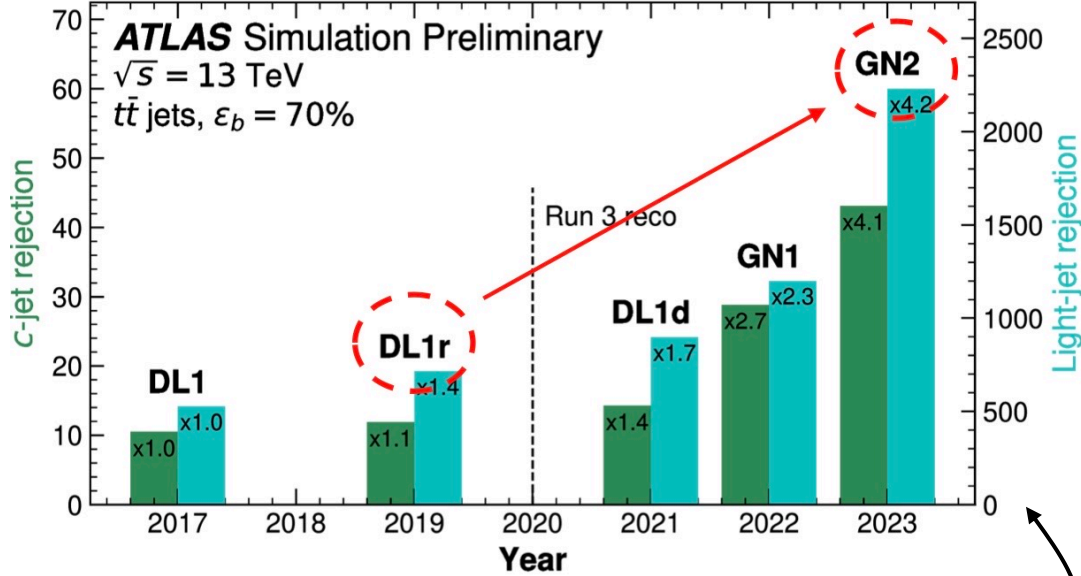
Discovery Today



Exploiting new ideas

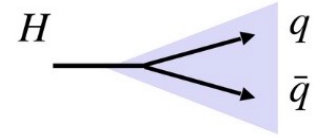
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Song-Ming Wang @ ICHEP 2024

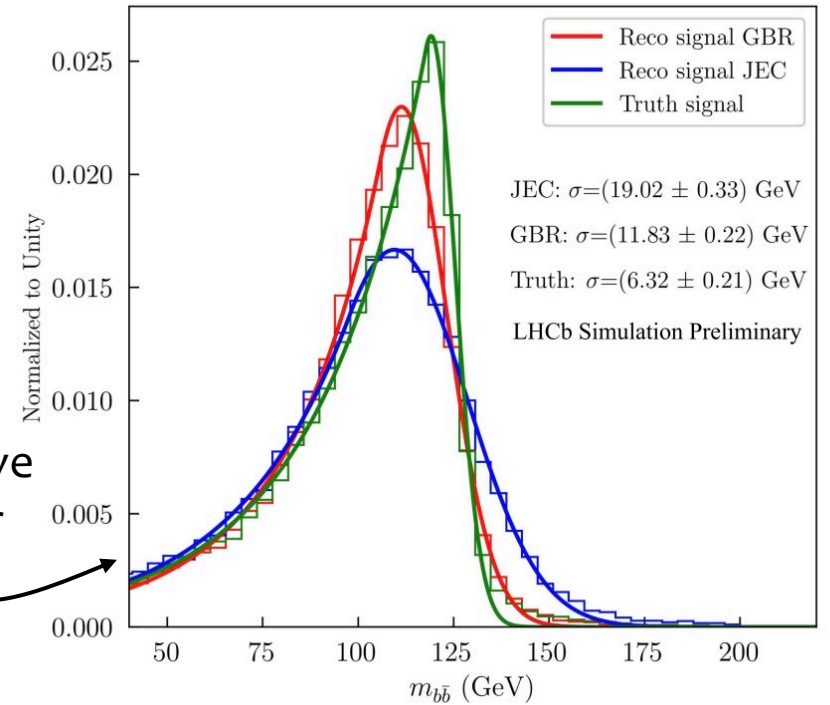


Smarter algorithms (enhanced with Graph-based ML) to identify jet-flavor → **VH(bb), HH→4b**

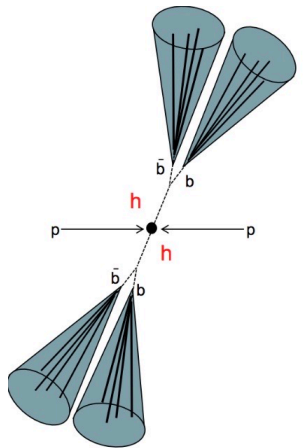
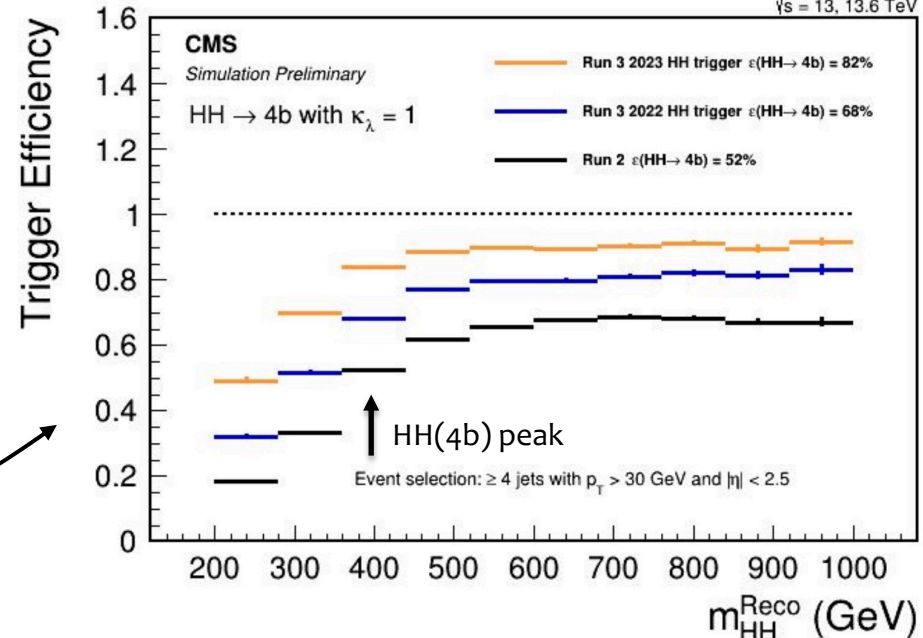
New dedicated triggers for **HH searches** (both for 4b and 2b2τ final states) to improve signal efficiency in Run-3!



Gradient boosted regressor to improve $m_{bb/cc}$ resolution for **H→bb/cc**



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Summary

We are still early (in terms of data taken) of the LHC era

- Expect > 160M H-bosons / 120k HH pairs at CMS by the end of the HL-LHC !

Extremely broad programme for Higgs physics explored during Run-1/2 and now ongoing in Run-3

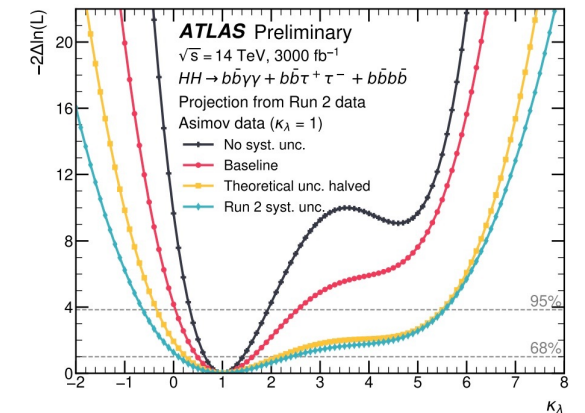
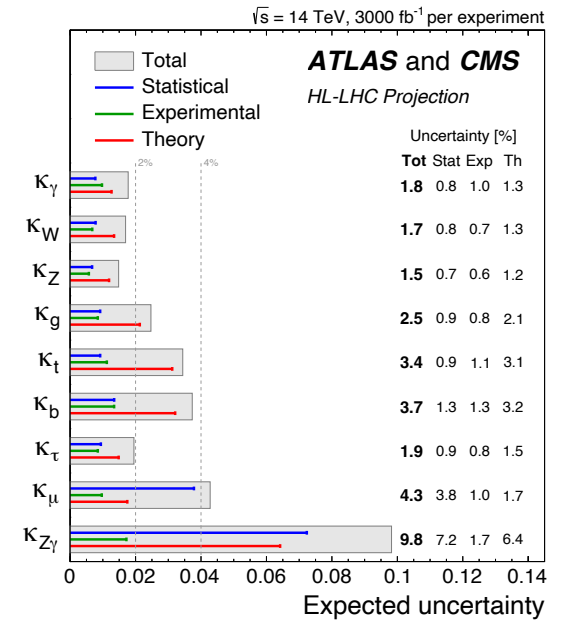
- Since discovery, Higgs boson mass, width, couplings, cross-sections, BSM-Higgs

Projections of current analyses show

- 20 MeV in m_H and strong constraints on total width
- O(%) uncertainty in many Higgs boson couplings → several will be long-lasting legacy of the (HL-)LHC
- Likely first observation (5σ) of 2nd generation couplings and pushing sensitivity in rare/invisible decays
- Possibility to reach observation of di-Higgs production and < 50% uncertainty in the self-coupling

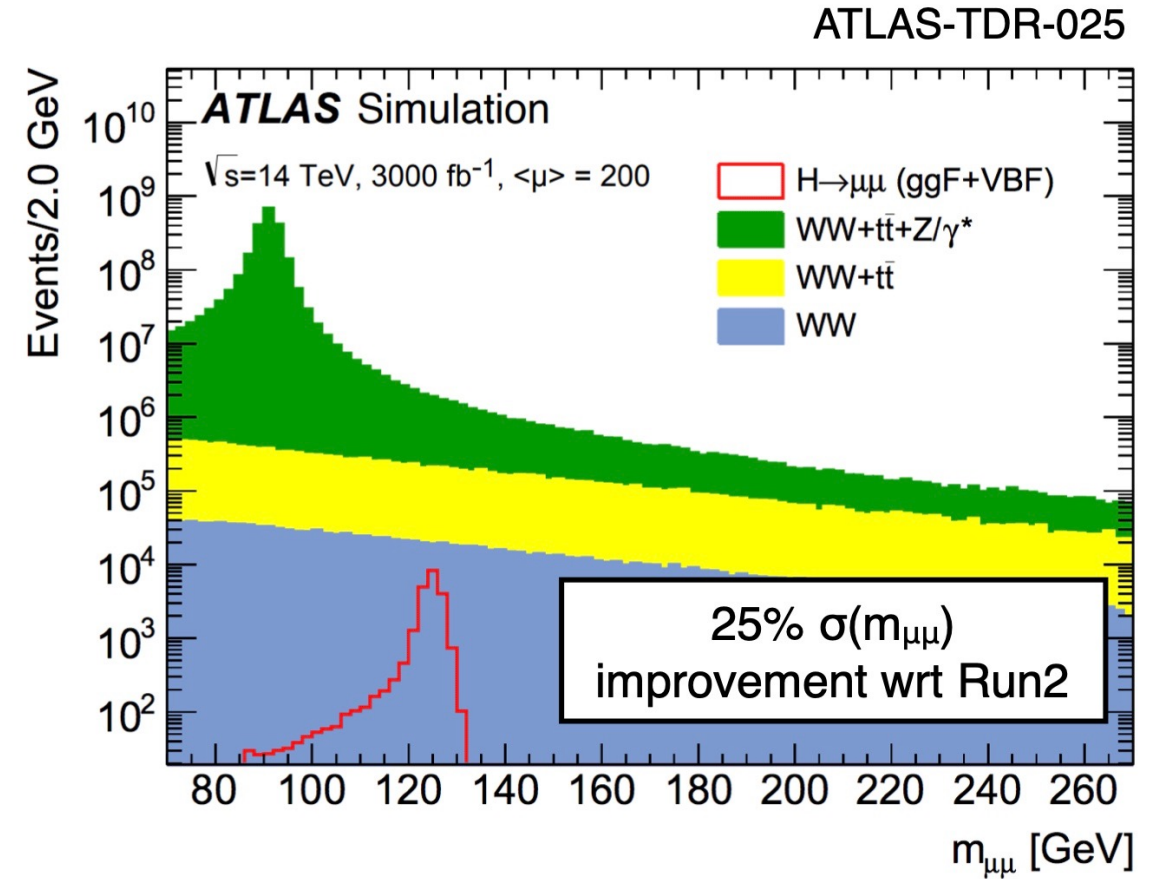
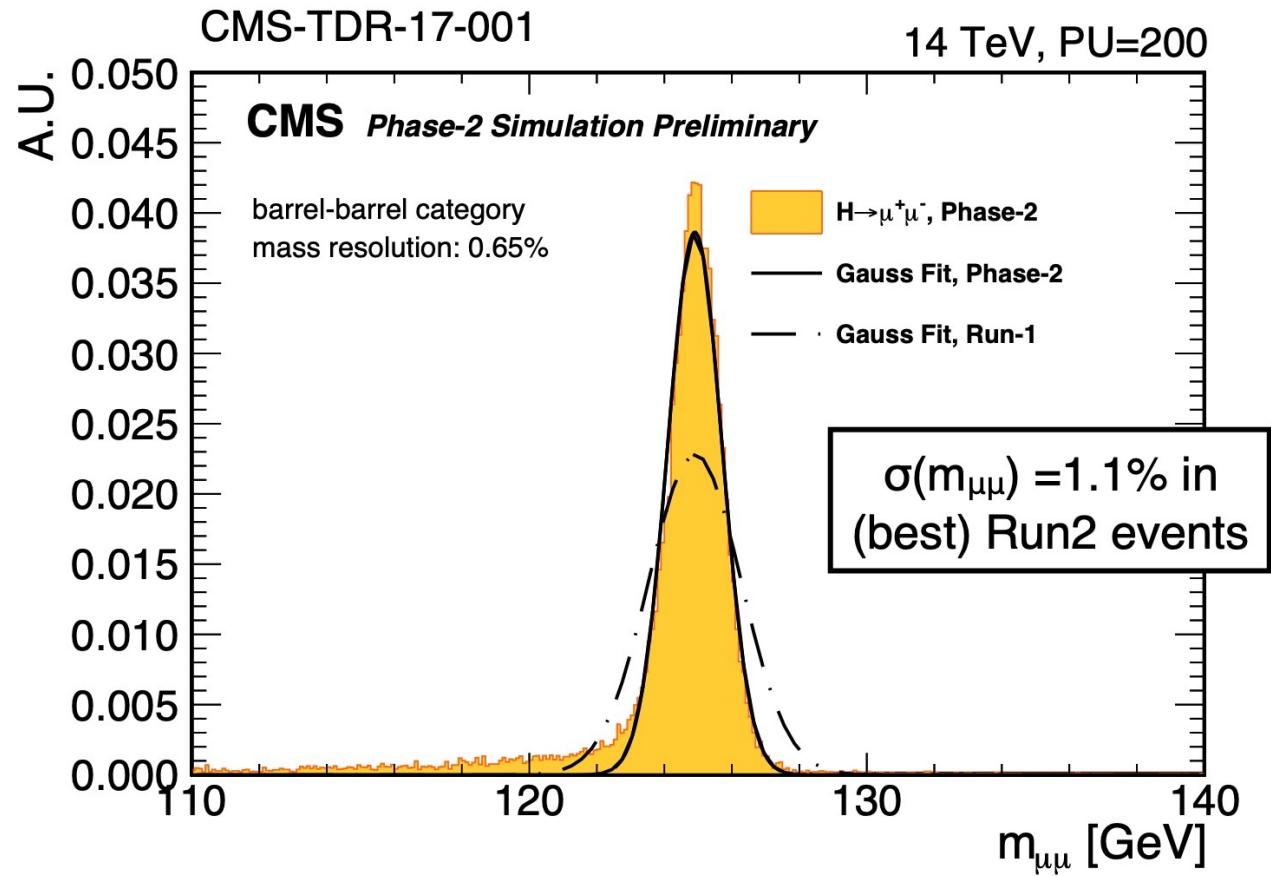
Projections are always out of date!

- New analyses/methods emerging even now with Run-2/3 data
- We usually get smarter with each iteration of the analyses
→ **Expect HL-LHC Higgs legacy to be better than we expect now!**

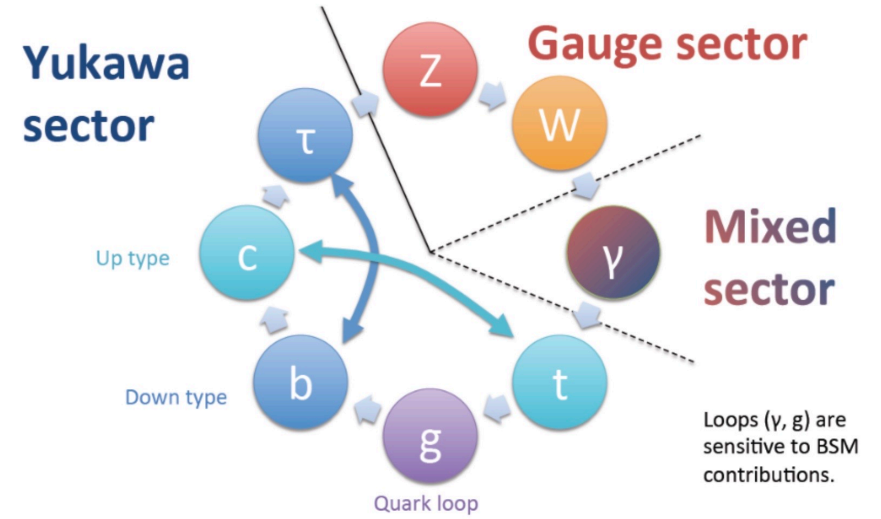


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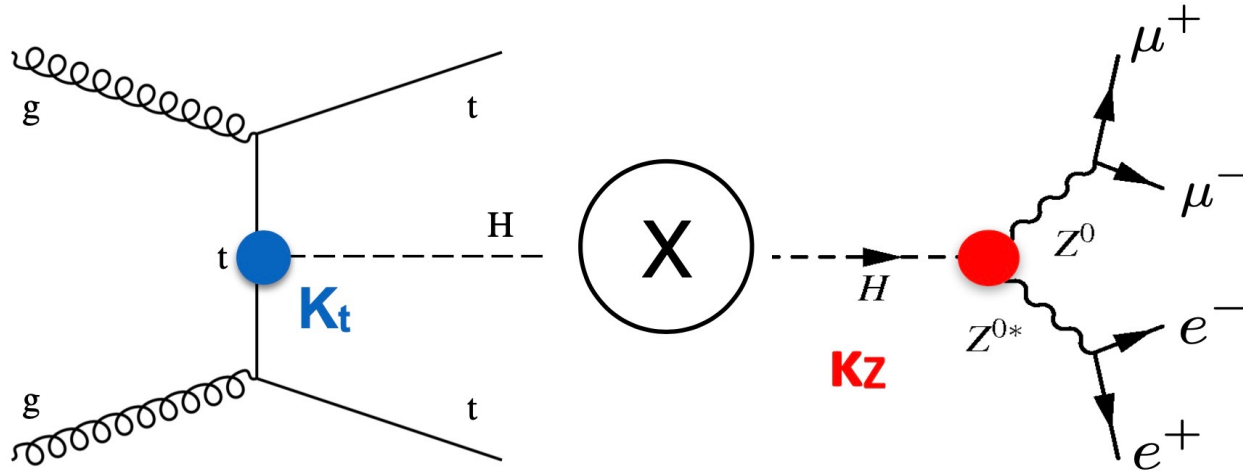
Muons - Upgrades



Higgs boson coupling measurements



$$\sigma(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow f) = \sigma_i(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) \cdot \frac{\Gamma^f(\boldsymbol{\kappa})}{\Gamma_H}$$

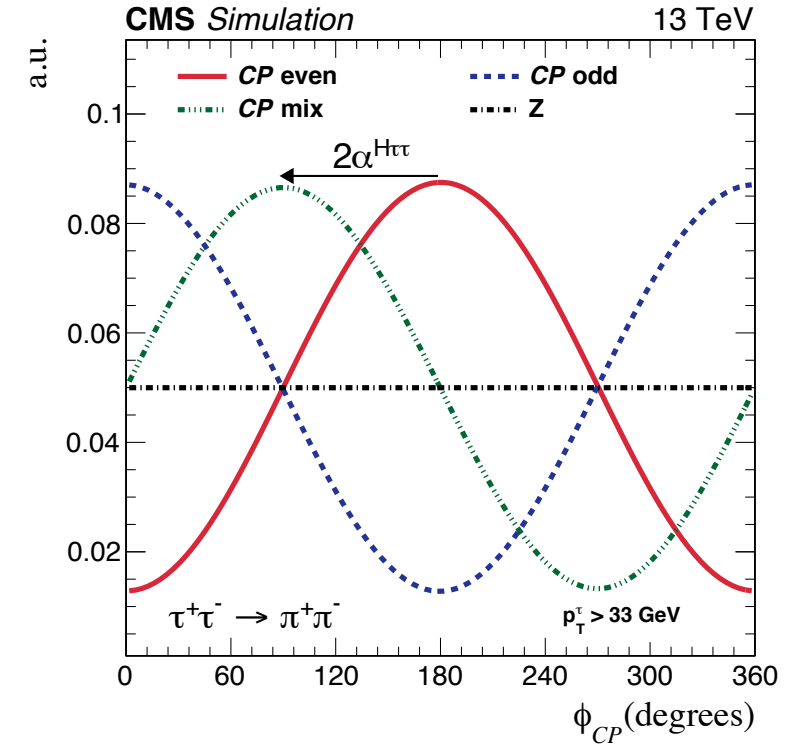
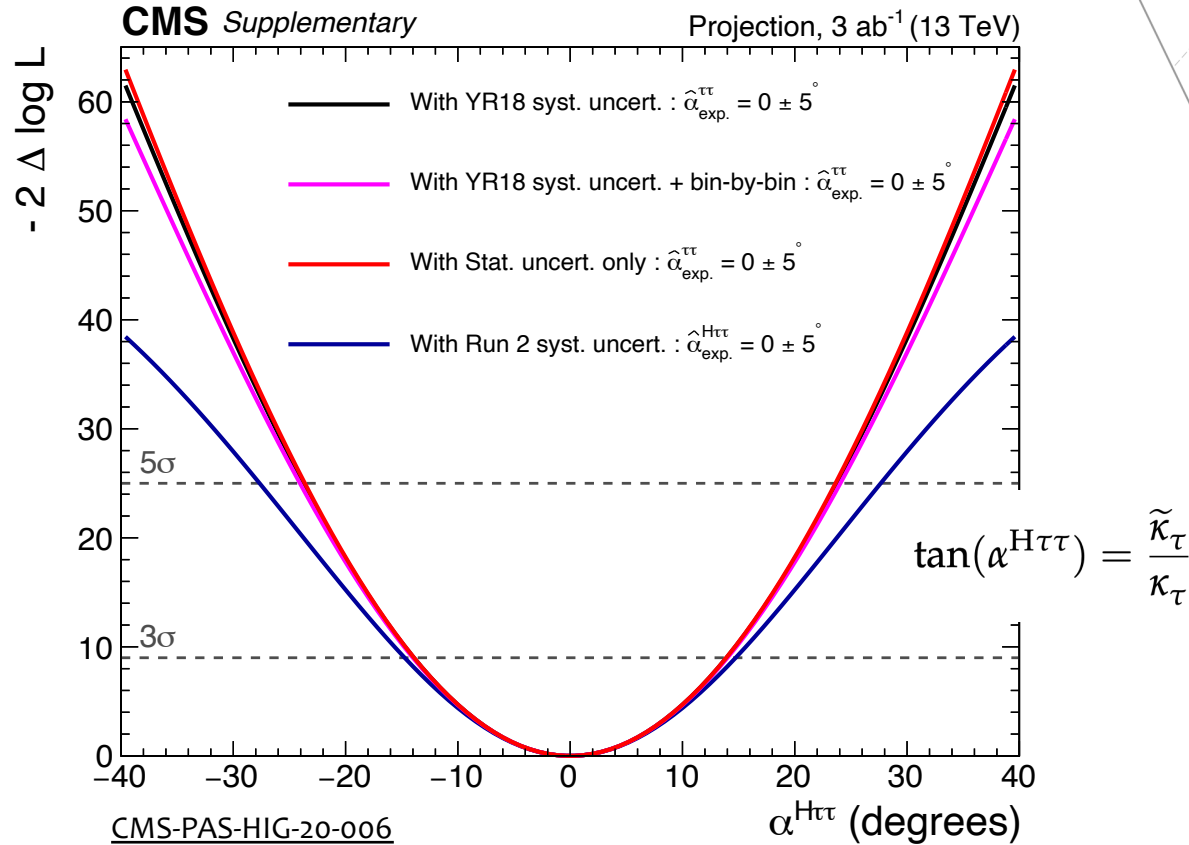
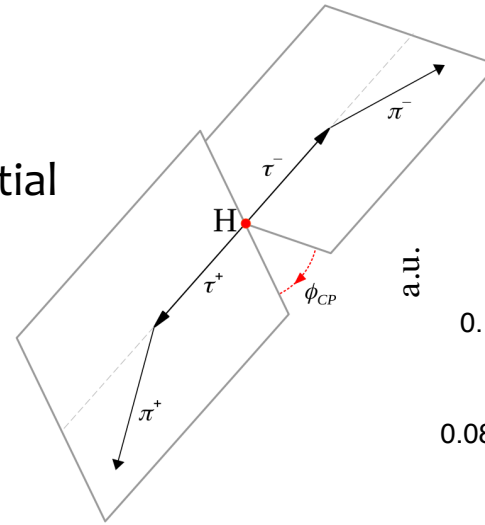


$$= \sigma_{\text{SM}}(ttH) \cdot B_{\text{SM}}(H \rightarrow ZZ) \cdot \frac{\kappa_t^2 \kappa_Z^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$

$$\Gamma_H(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) = \kappa_H^2(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) \cdot \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}$$

CP in $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

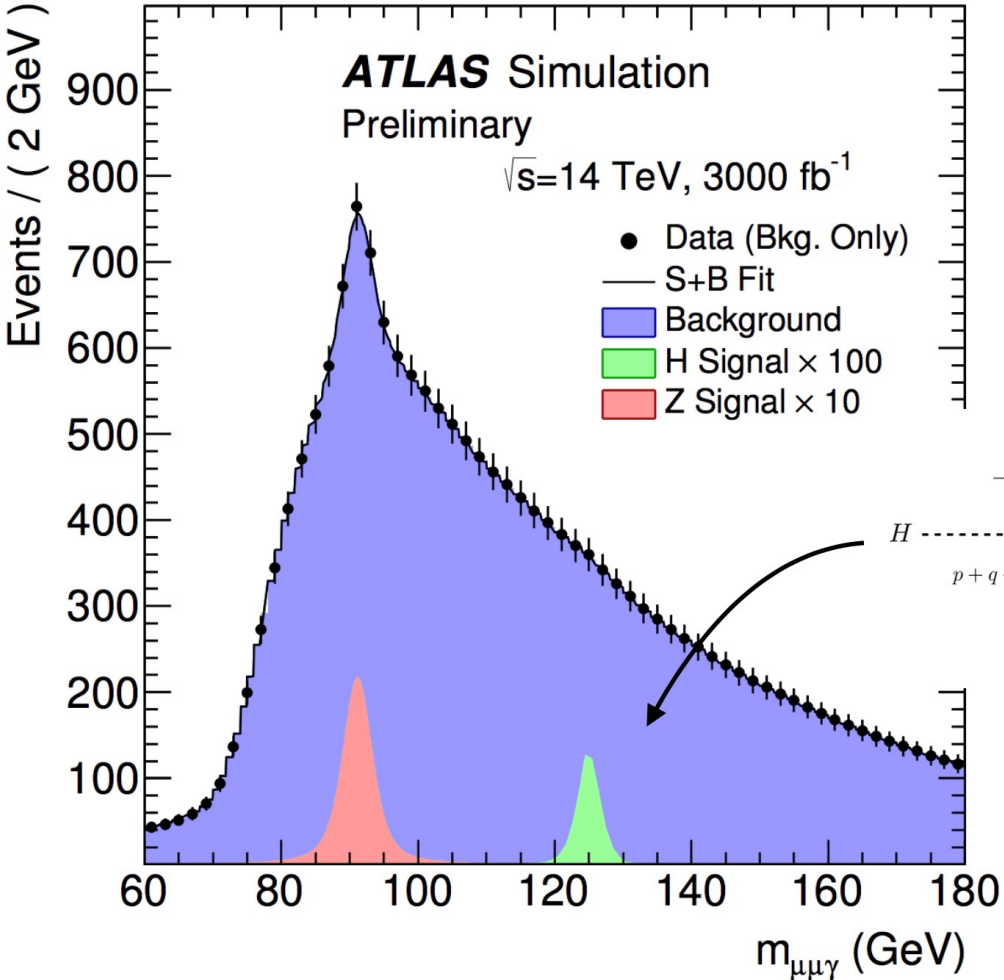
Measure $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ decays differentially in Φ_{CP} to access potential CP-odd contributions to H- τ coupling



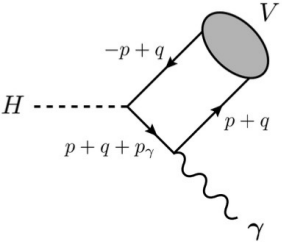
Projection of Run-2 analysis at CMS
 \rightarrow Expect to constrain CP-mixing angle ($\alpha^{H\tau\tau}$) to ~ 5 degrees at HL-LHC!

Rare decays

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Expected branching ratio limit at 95% CL			
	$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma) [10^{-6}]$		$\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma) [10^{-7}]$
	Cut Based	Multivariate Analysis	Cut Based
300 fb ⁻¹	185 ⁺⁸¹ ₋₅₂	153 ⁺⁶⁹ ₋₄₃	7.0 ^{+2.7} _{-2.0}
3000 fb ⁻¹	55 ⁺²⁴ ₋₁₅	44 ⁺¹⁹ ₋₁₂	4.4 ^{+1.9} _{-1.1}
Standard Model expectation			
	$\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma) [10^{-6}]$		$\mathcal{B}(Z \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma) [10^{-7}]$
	2.9 ± 0.2		0.80 ± 0.05

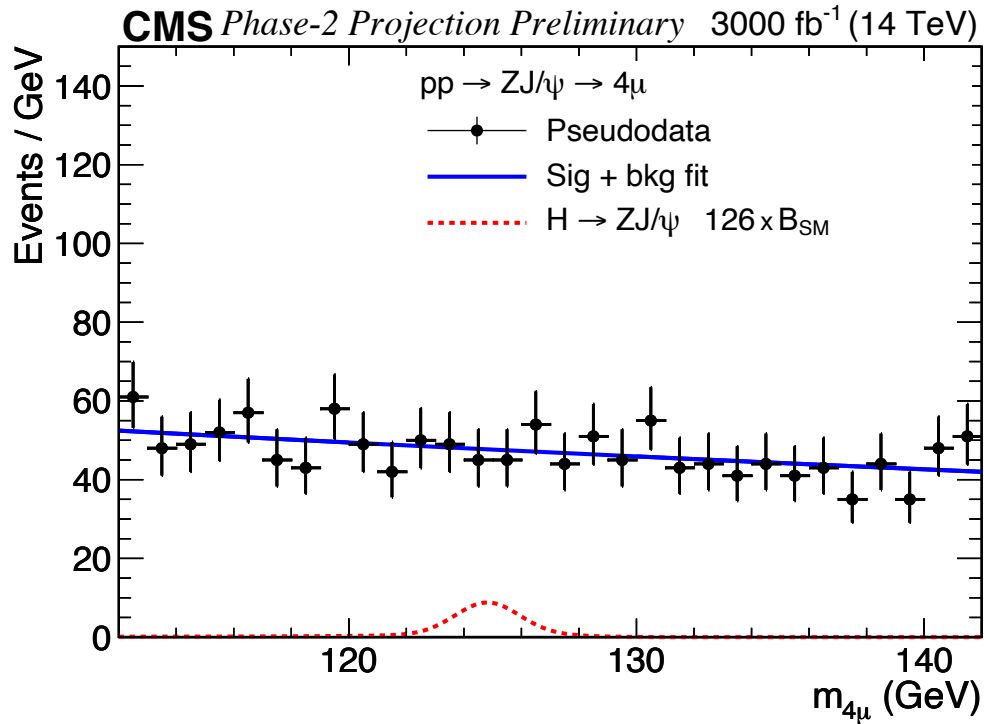
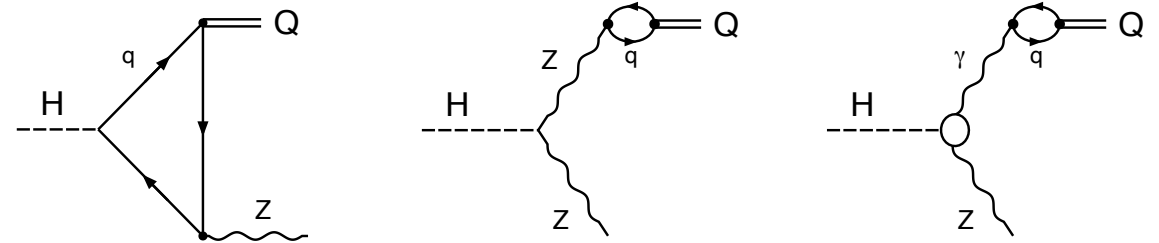


Projection assumes

- Similar lepton and the photon reconstruction as in Run1
- Background distribution understood at ~5% level

Rare decays

Beyond SM physics can lead to large modifications of 1st generation quark Yukawas \rightarrow possible enhancement in $H \rightarrow ZQ/QQ$ compared to SM

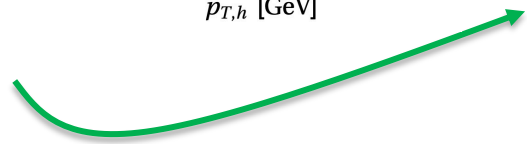
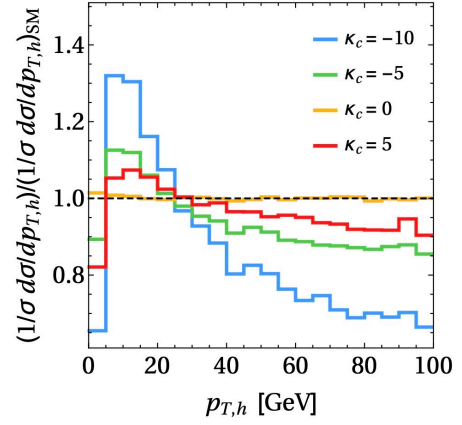
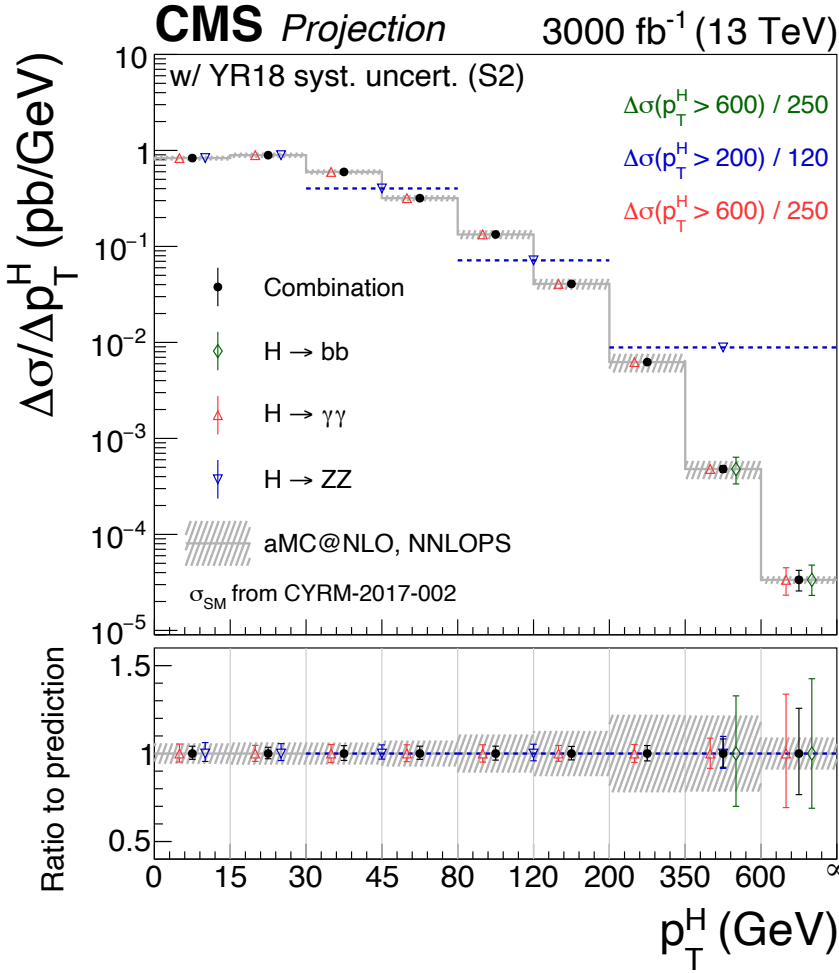


Projection of Run-2 search for $H \rightarrow Z J/\psi \rightarrow 4\mu$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4\mu$

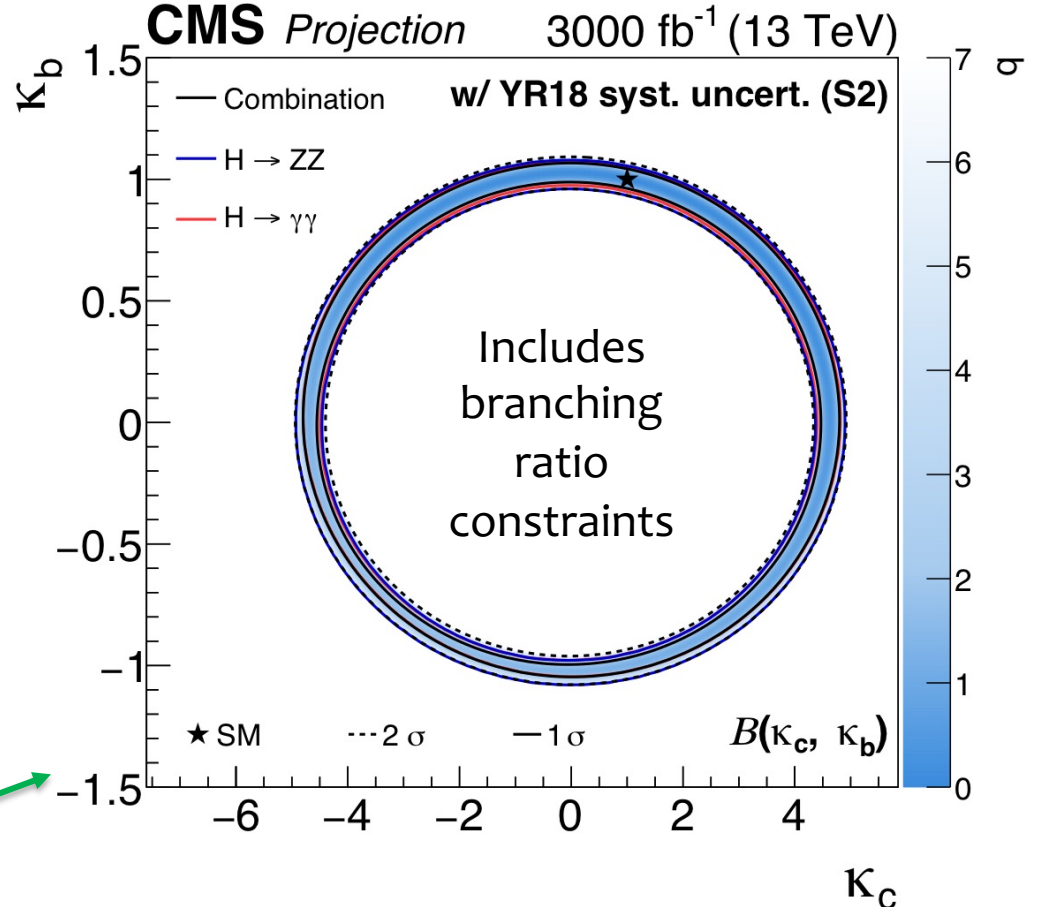
Analysis still very statistics limited at HL-LHC \rightarrow 3 events in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Higgs peak would constitute discovery!

Channel	3000 fb ⁻¹	(\times SM)	4500 fb ⁻¹	(\times SM)
$H \rightarrow ZJ/\psi$	2.9×10^{-4}	(126)	2.7×10^{-4}	(117)
$H \rightarrow Y(mS)Y(nS)$	1.3×10^{-5}	(0.2)	8.5×10^{-6}	(0.14)

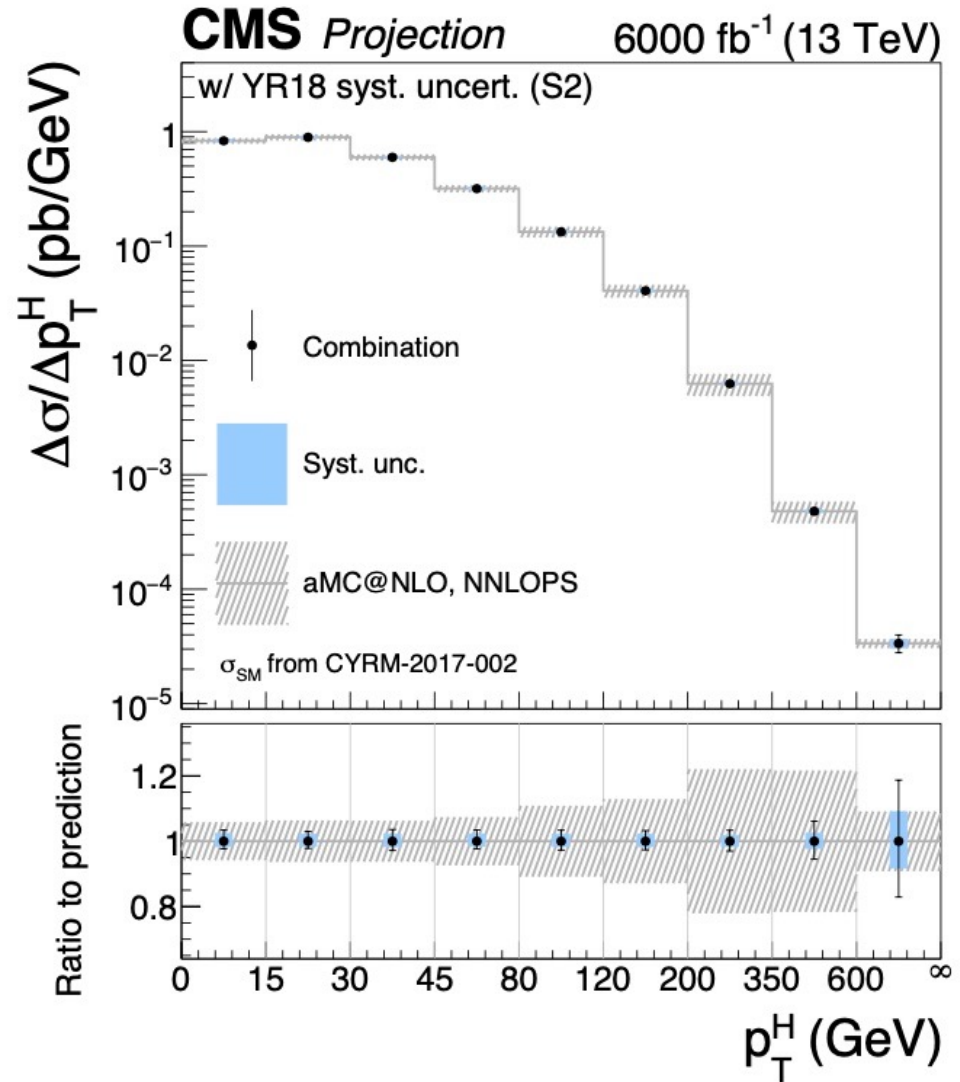
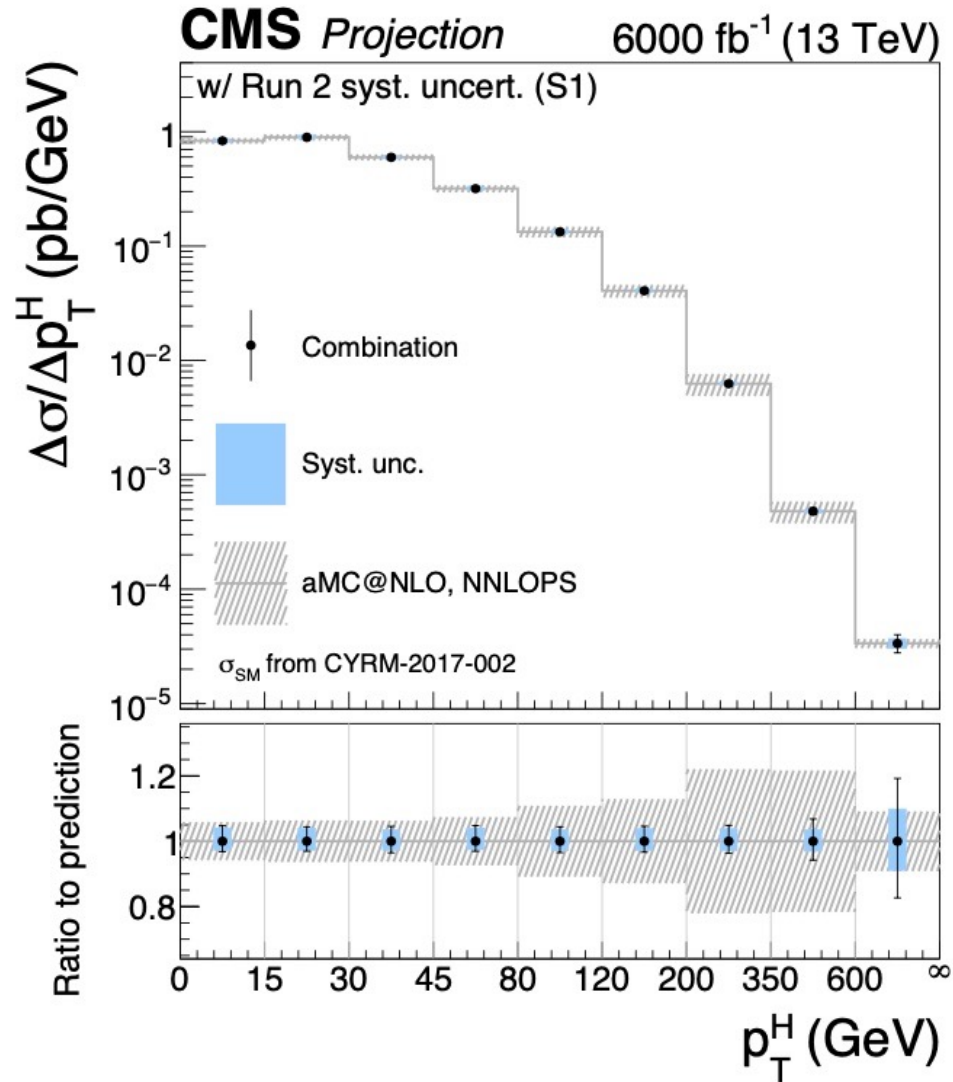
Kinematic distributions



Kinematic measurements provide Additional constraints on b/c-H coupling!

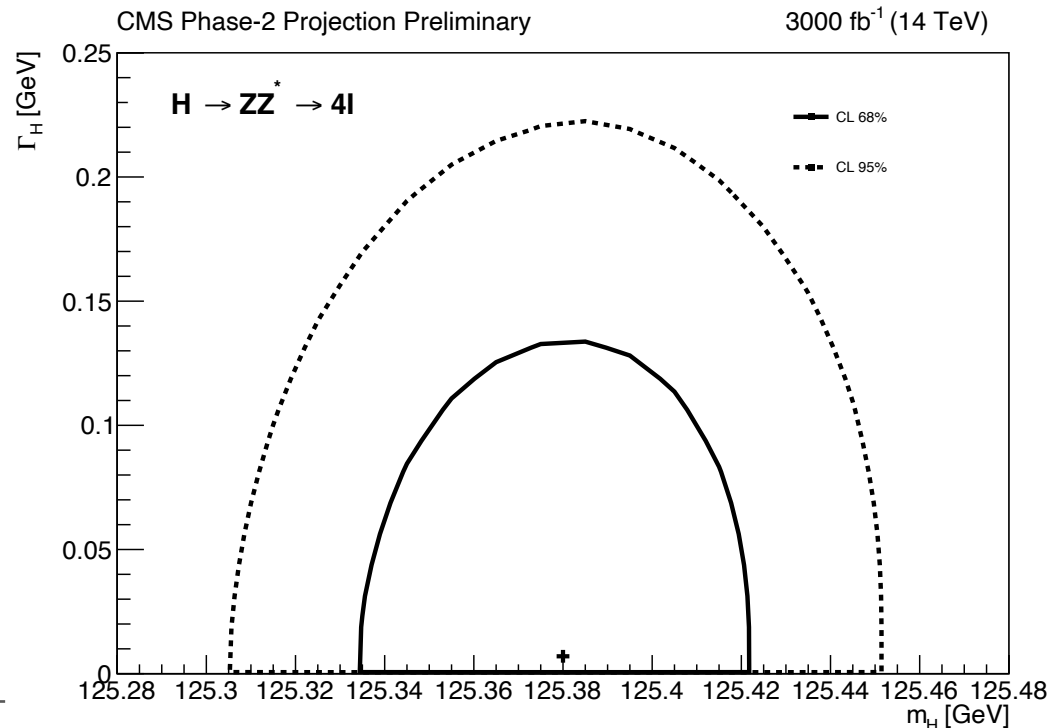


ATLAS+CMS differential combination



CMS $H \rightarrow 4l$ mass measurement

CMS $H \rightarrow 4l$	Mass uncertainty (MeV)					Width upper limit at 95 % CL (MeV)
	Combined	4μ	$4e$	$2e2\mu$	$2\mu2e$	Combined
Stat. uncertainty	22	28	83	51	59	94
Syst. uncertainty	20	15	189	94	95	150
Total	30	32	206	107	112	177



Direct measurement of Higgs boson width from line-shape severely limited by peak resolution

Γ_H measurements @ HL-LHC will be driven by off/on-shell coupling measurements

Legacy of the HL-LHC - couplings

Factors of improvement (reduction in uncertainty) when combining different options with the HL-LHC

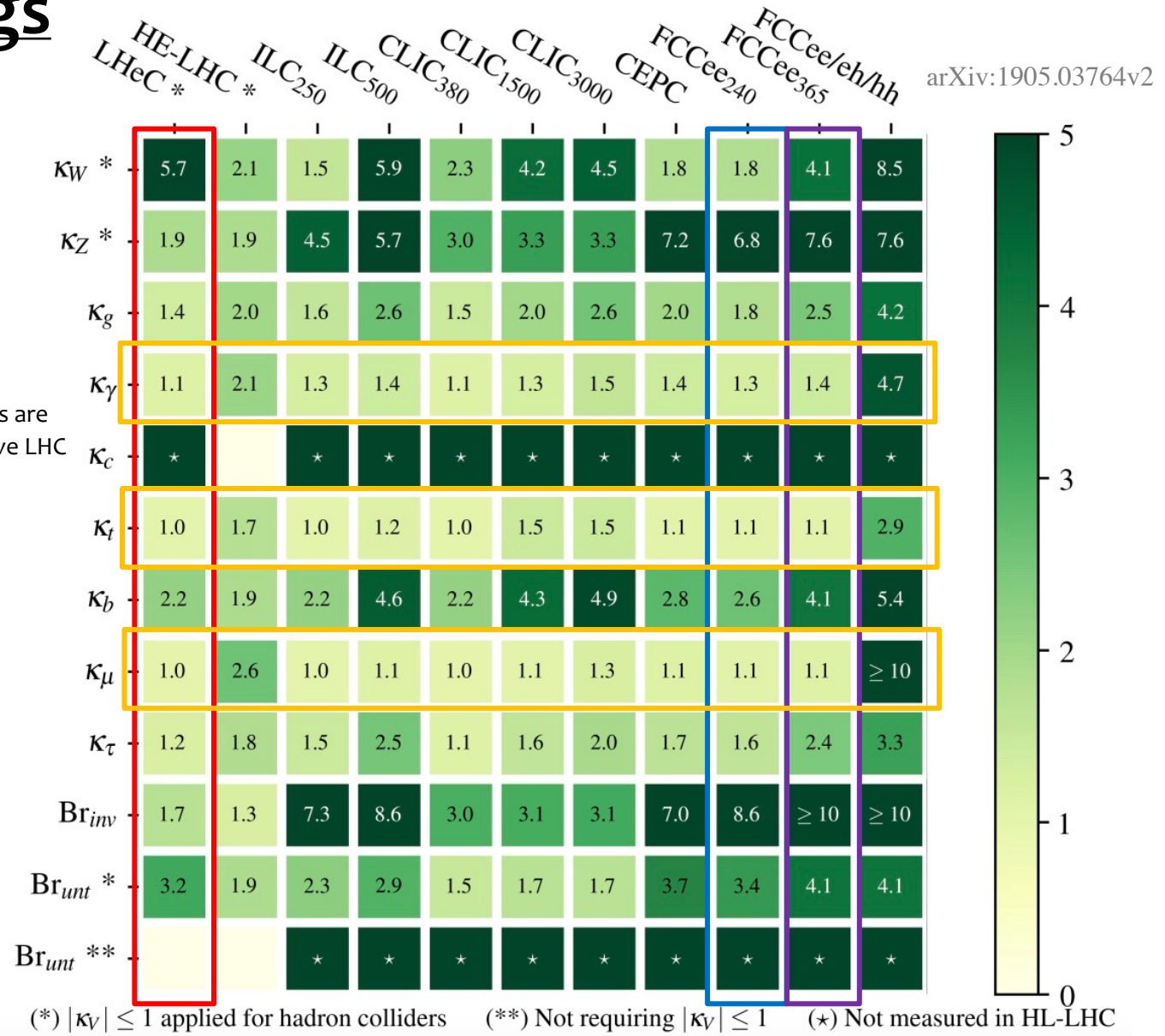
LHeC brings most improvement in κ_W but comparable to **FCC₂₄₀₊₃₆₅**

Remember, main gain in **FCC₂₄₀** run is through direct interpretation of couplings

Factors of 10 improvement not seen in many cases until full FCC programme

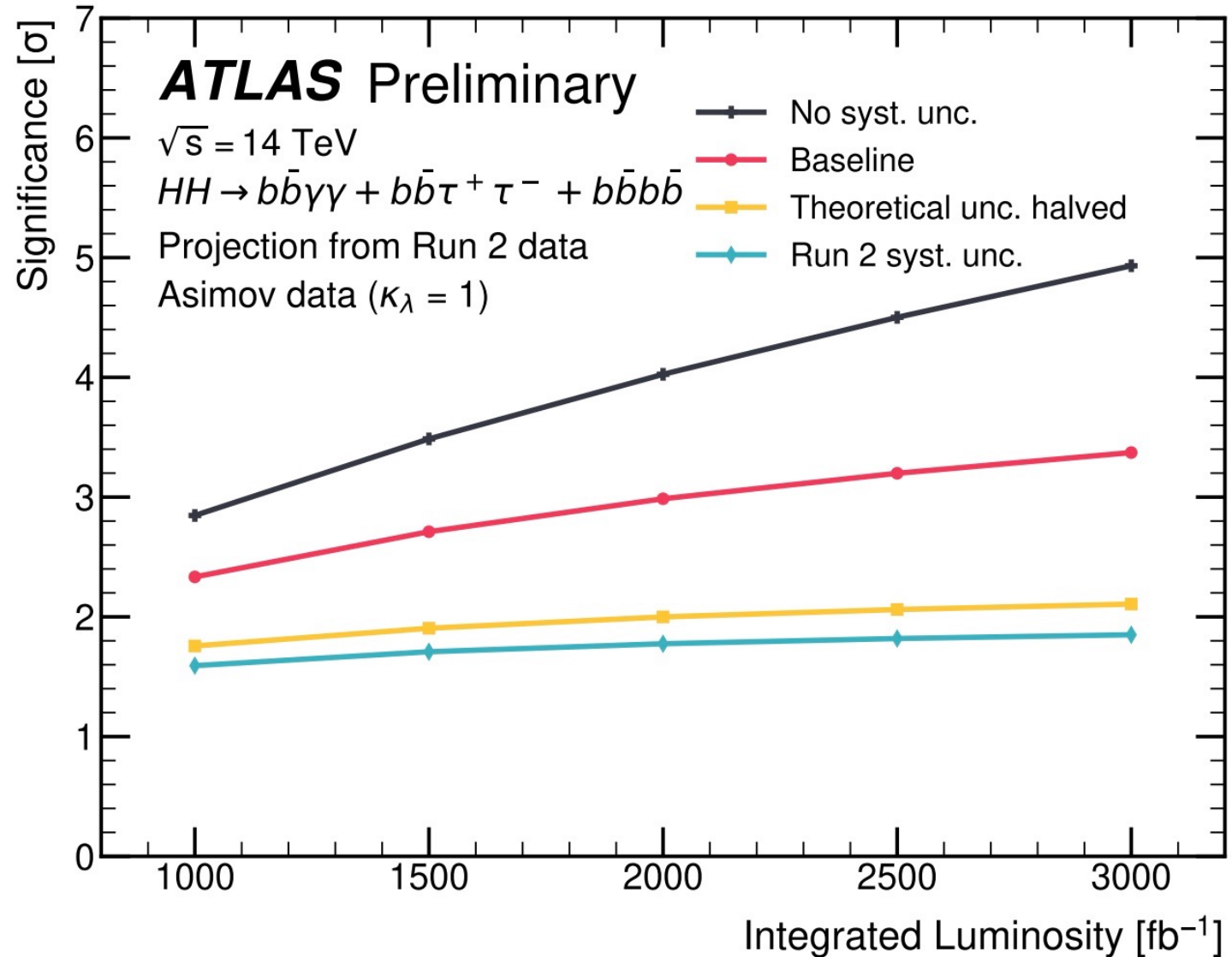
HL-LHC will remain dominant in some cases throughout (low-energy) lepton collider era

Remember these studies are out of date as we do have LHC constraints on κ_c



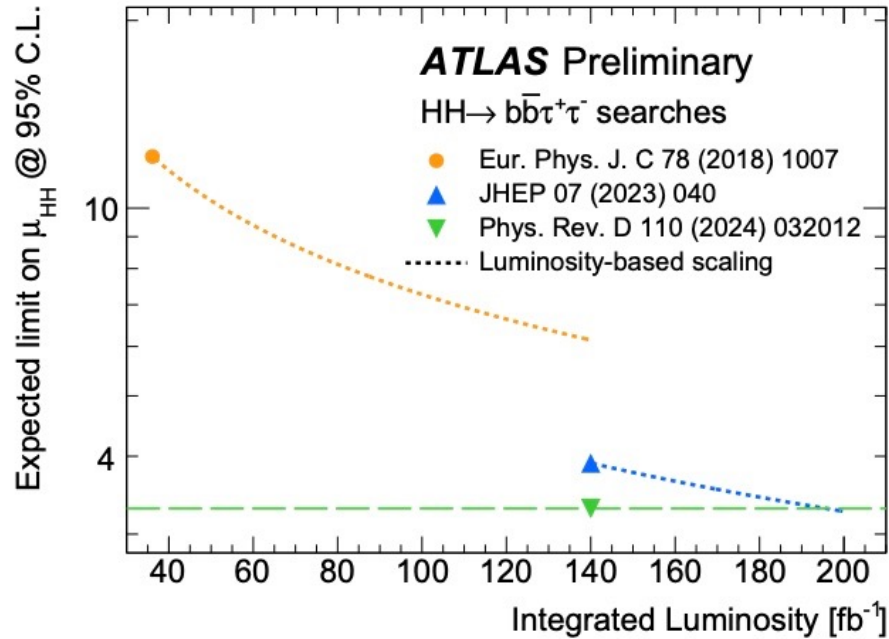
ATLAS HH discovery potential

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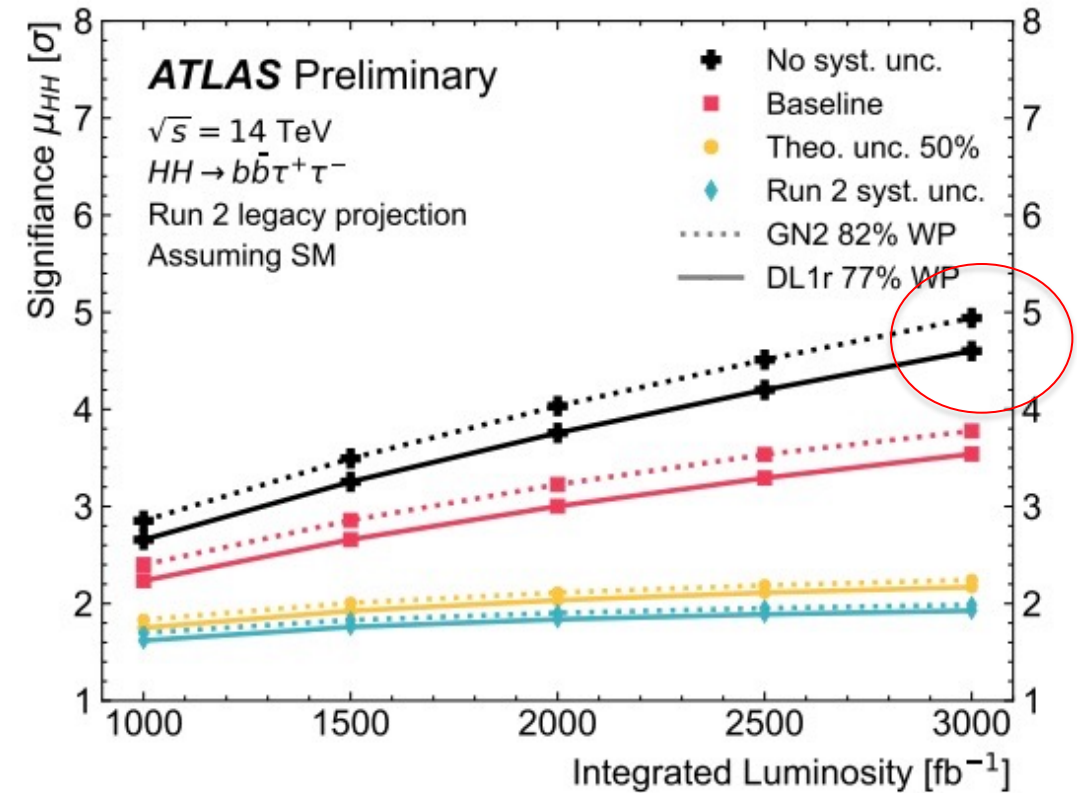
Updated $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$

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Improvements on previous analysis \rightarrow step function in projections

Impact of smarter flavor tagging \rightarrow



Higgs potential and electroweak baryogenesis

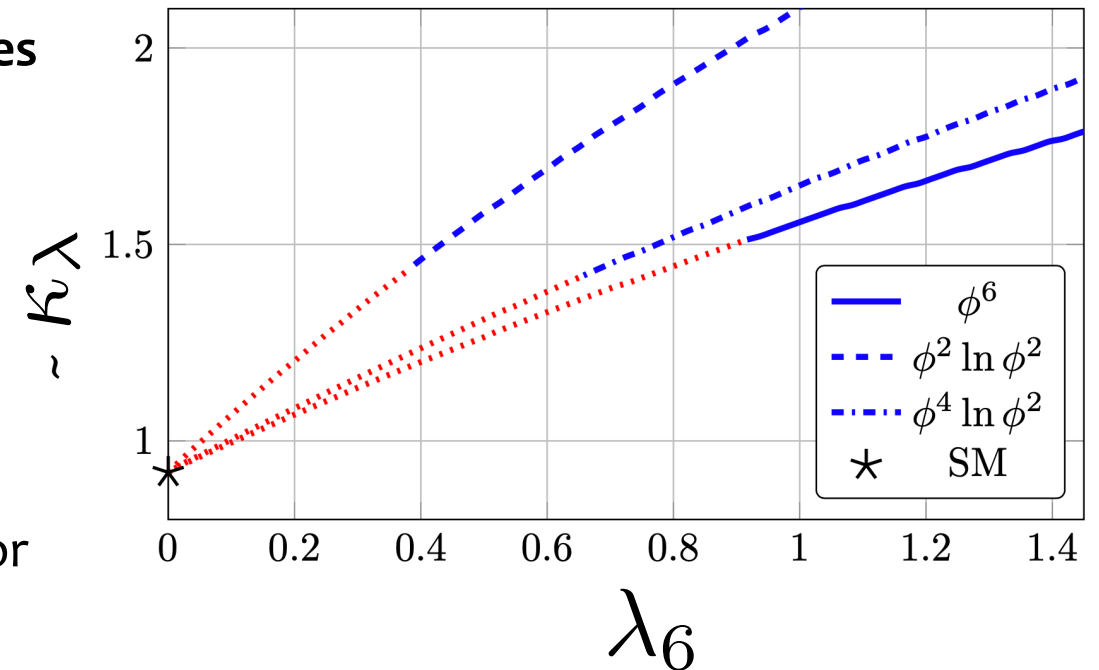
Perhaps one interesting coupling already has a sensible goal post

$$V(H) = \underbrace{\frac{\mu^2}{2}(v+H)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}(v+H)^4}_{\text{SM}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_6}{\Lambda}(v+H)^6}_{\text{BSM}}$$

Inclusion of **Dimension-6 (BSM)** term in potential **changes the relationships** between the fundamental Higgs parameters

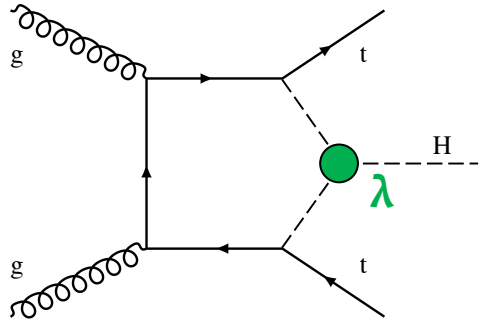
$$\kappa_\lambda = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{SM}} = 1 + \frac{16\lambda_6 v^4}{m_H^2 \Lambda^2}$$

50% increase in self-coupling could hint at mechanism for 1st order EWK phase-transition accuracy

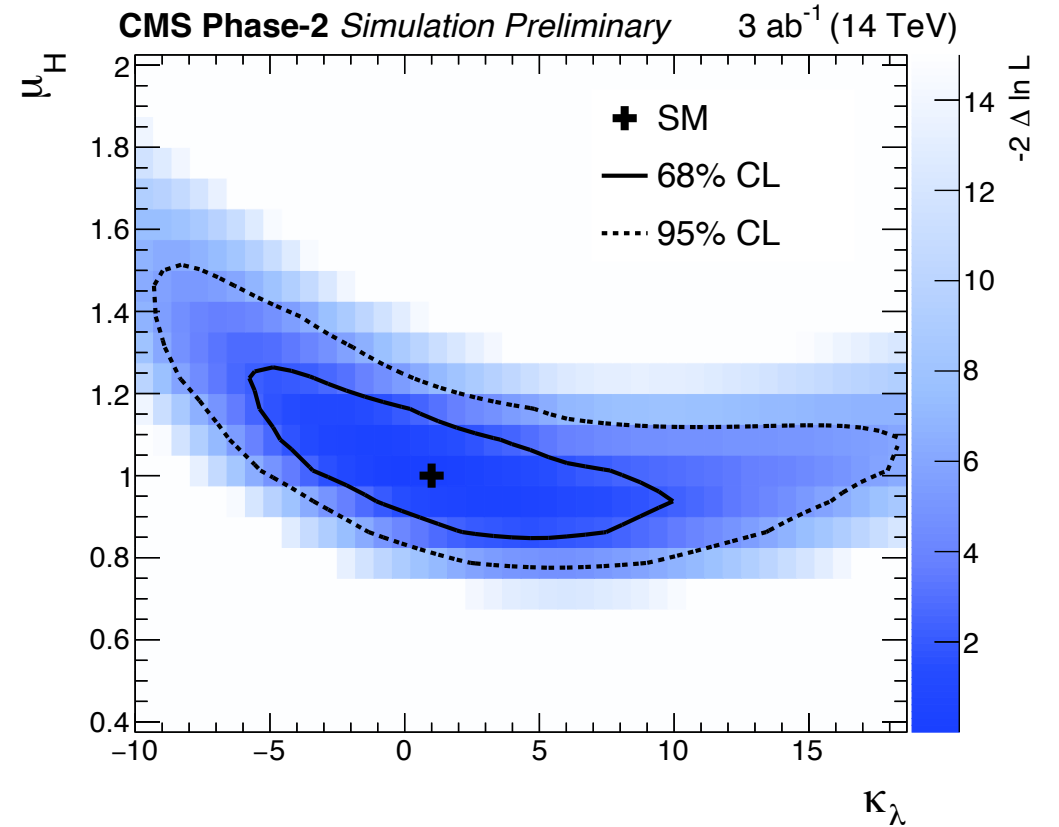
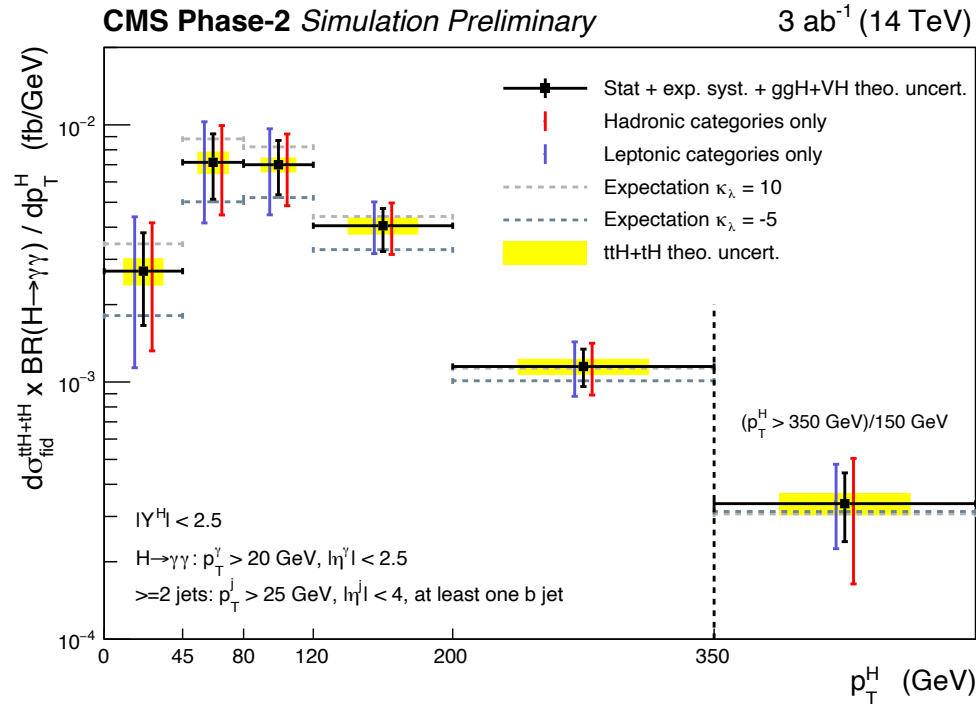


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Self-coupling from single-H differential



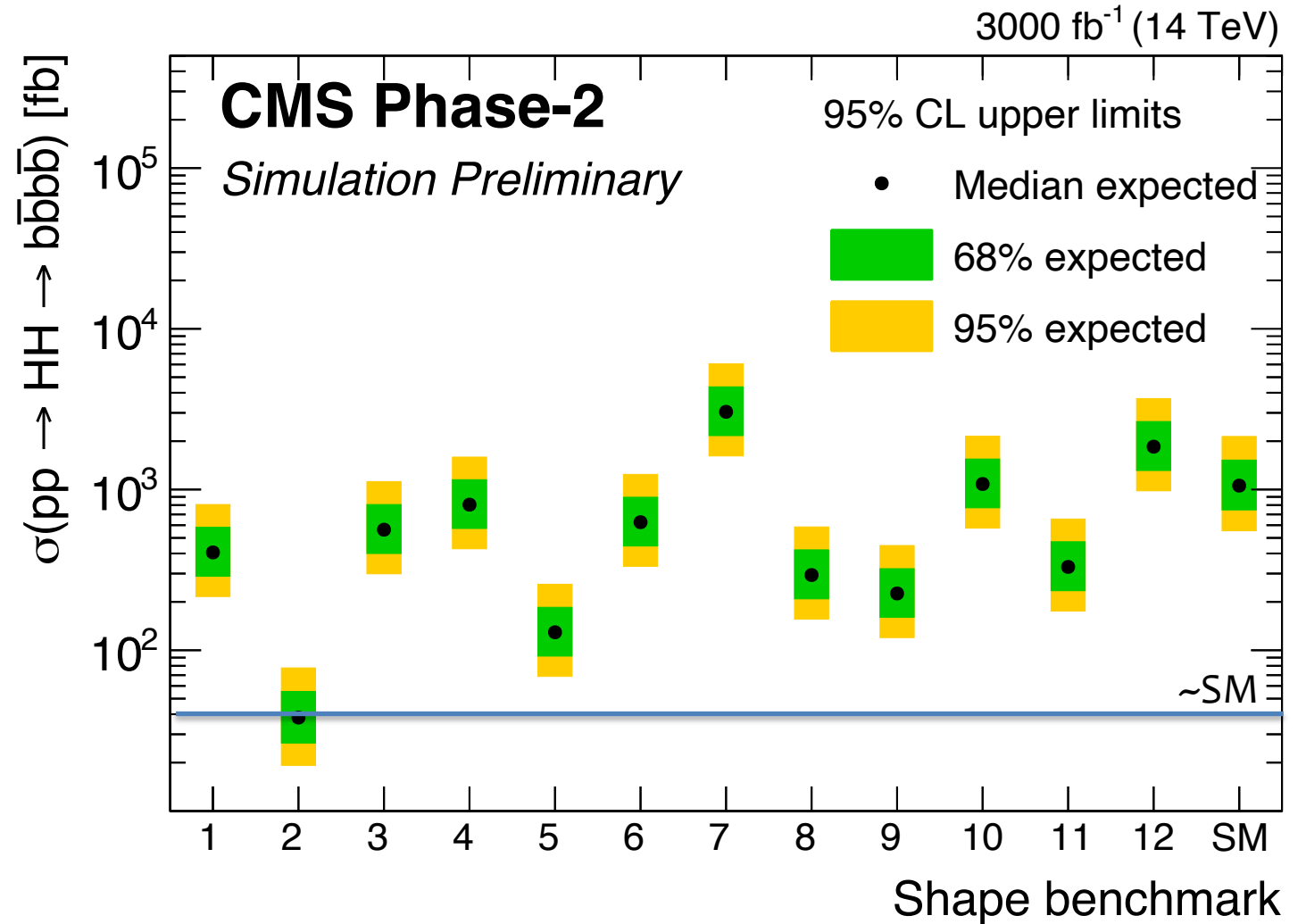
Allow overall rate to float freely \rightarrow still constrain self-coupling through shape information only



Non-SM sensitivity to HH

Sensitivity to HH dramatically varies depending on what we assume about the SM-like and BSM couplings!

Extractions on sensitivity to HH (and self-coupling) @HL-LHC should be studied also **not** assuming SM

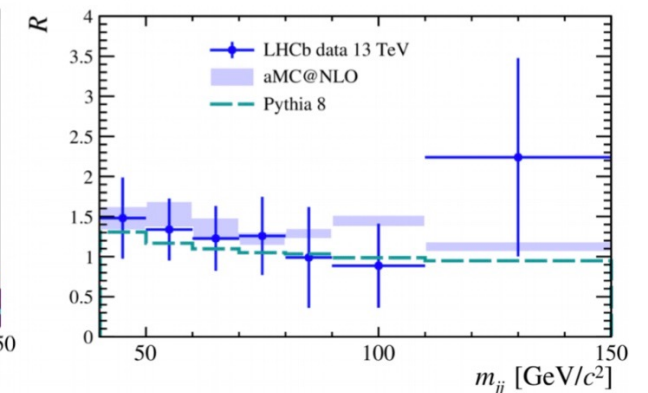
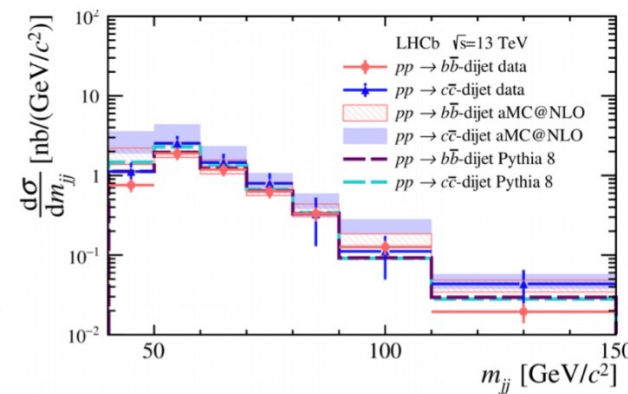
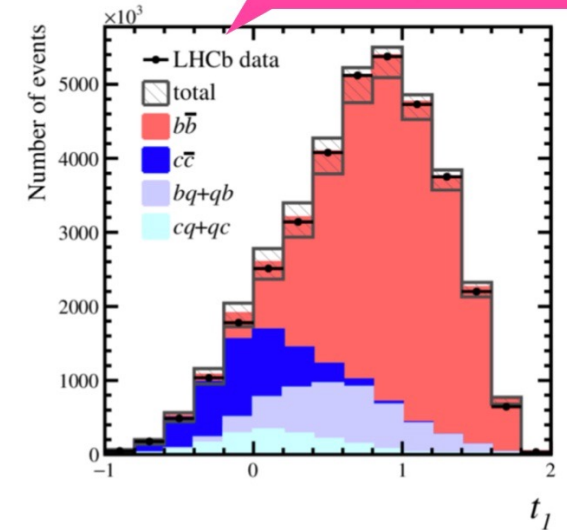
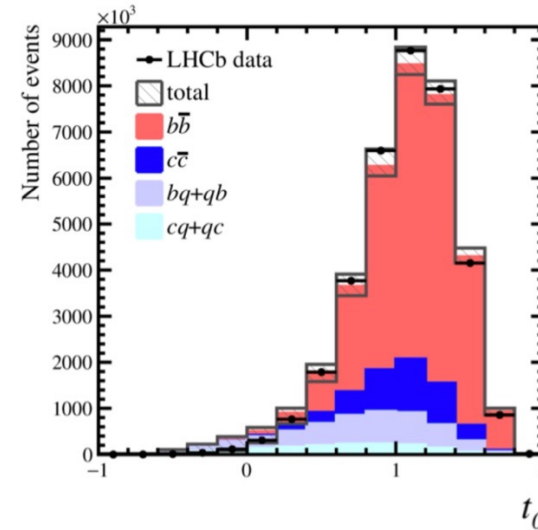


cc and bb differential cross-sections

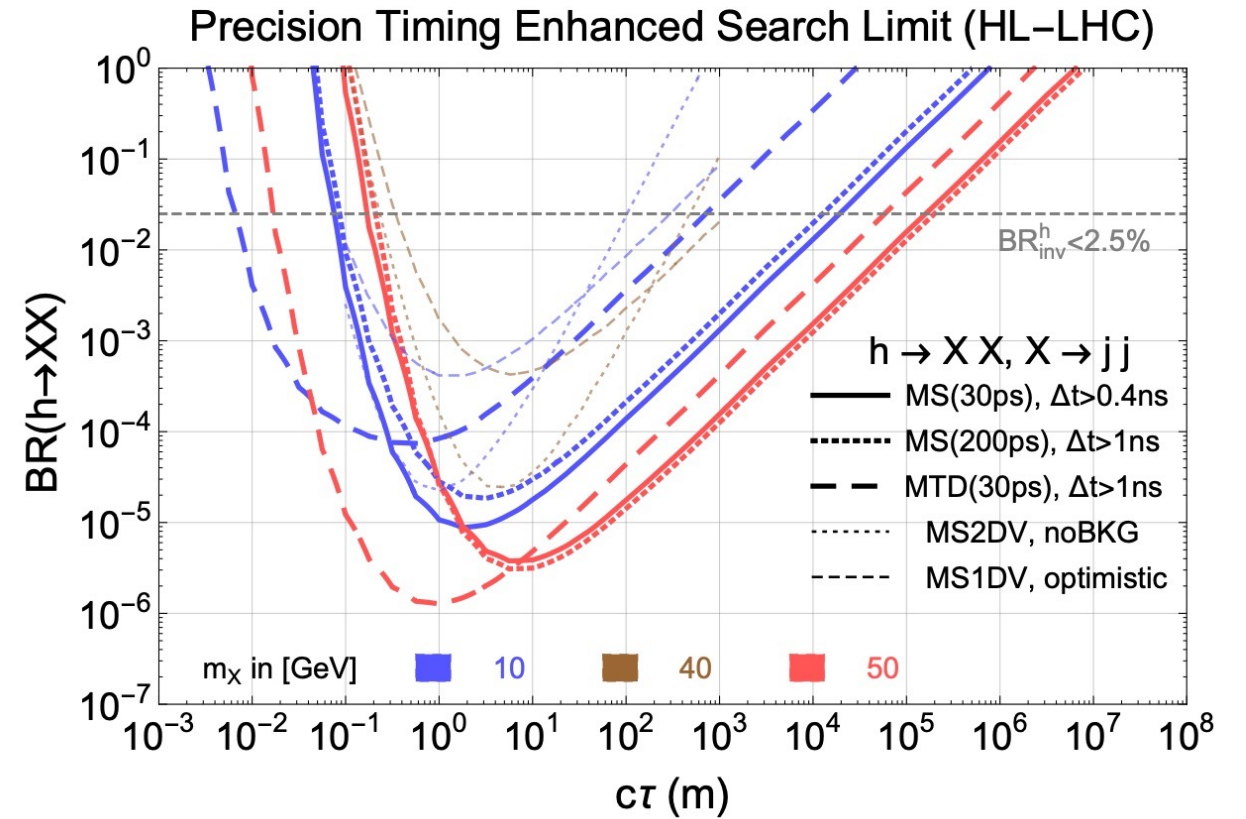
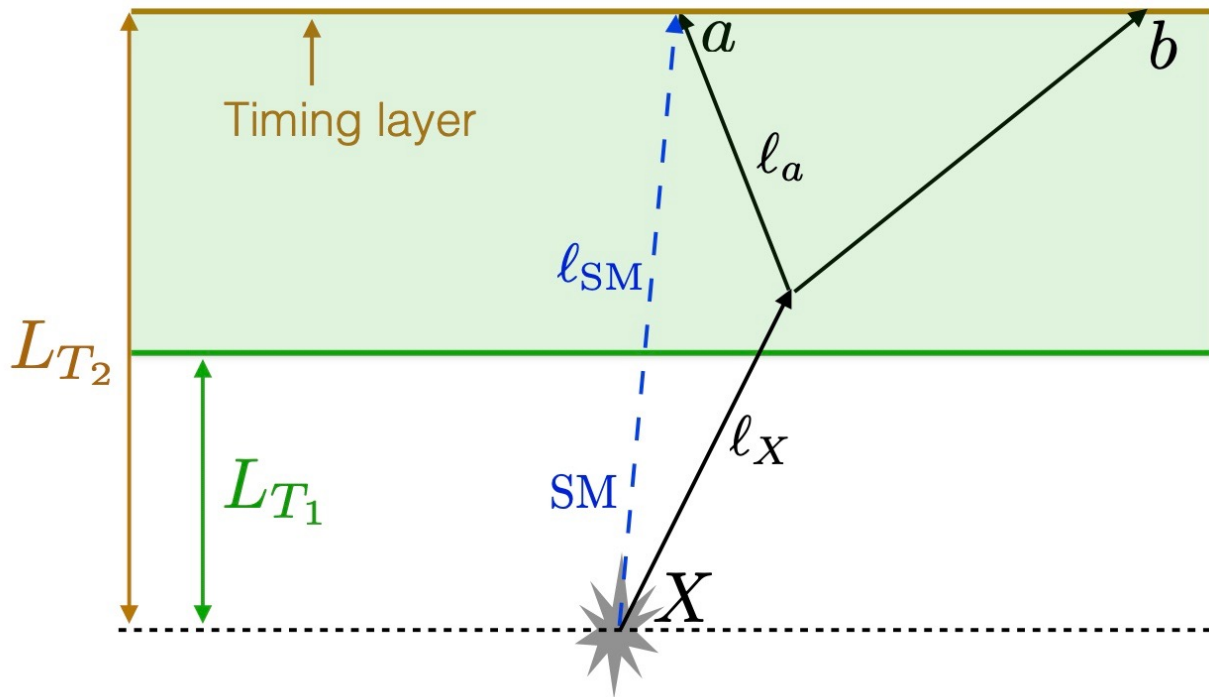
D. Zuliani @ ICHEP 2024

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- The main idea is to study the inclusive decay of high mass resonances decaying to $b\bar{b}$ and $c\bar{c}$ di-jets
 - It is possible to study lower invariant masses with respect to ATLAS/CMS
 - A first study has been performed to measure $b\bar{b}$ and $c\bar{c}$ differential cross sections with 2016 data**
 - Fit to combination of two MVA discriminators t_0 and t_1 to get flavour composition:
- $$t_0 = \text{BDT}_{bc|q}(j_0) + \text{BDT}_{bc|q}(j_1)$$
- $$t_1 = \text{BDT}_{b|c}(j_0) + \text{BDT}_{b|c}(j_1)$$
- The cross section ratios $R = \sigma_{b\bar{b}}/\sigma_{c\bar{c}}$ are also computed as functions of kinematic variables
 - Results are compatible with expectations
 - First measurement of $c\bar{c}$ di-jet differential cross section at a hadron collider**



HL-LHC $H \rightarrow LLPs$

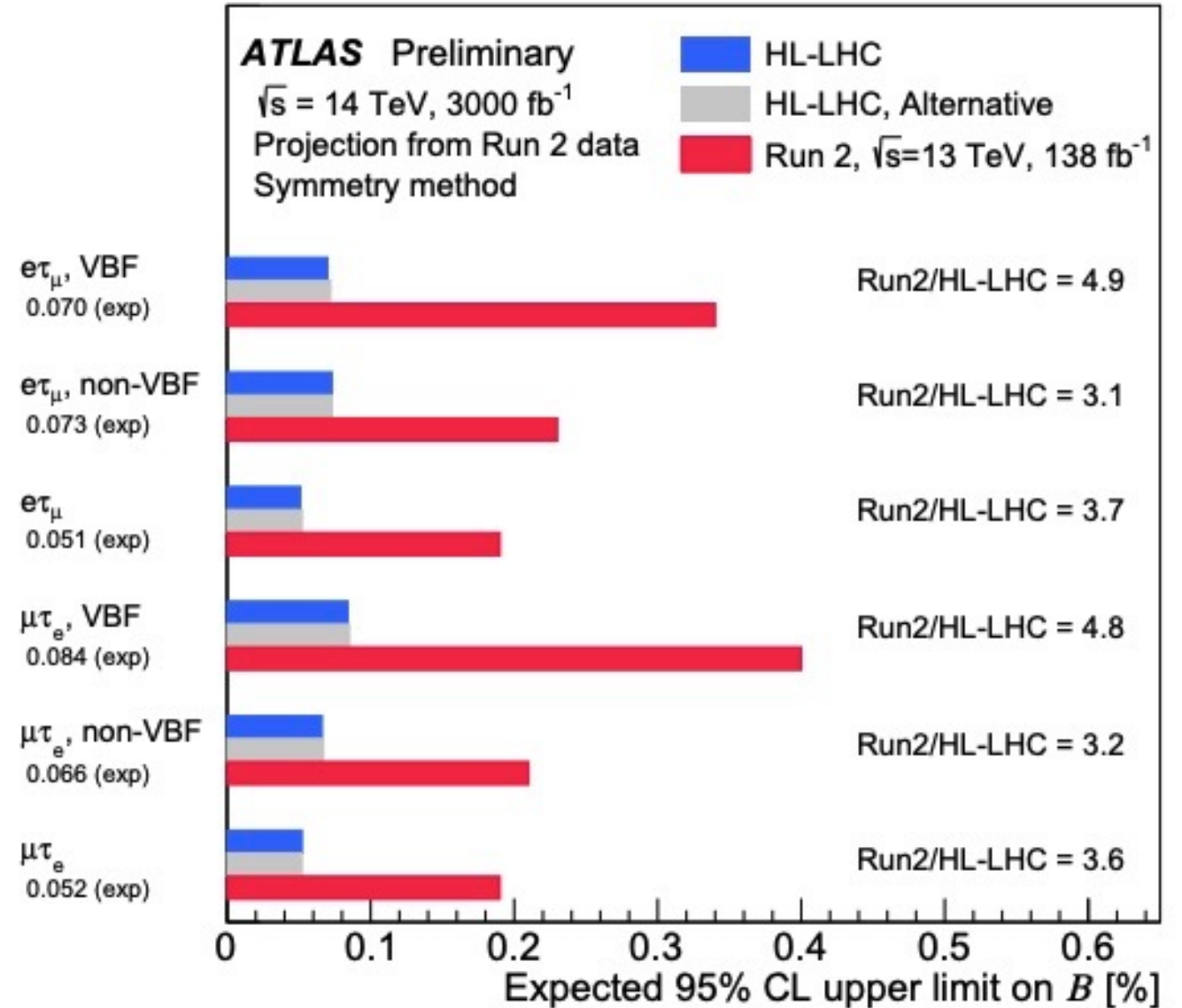


H → LFV @ HL-LHC

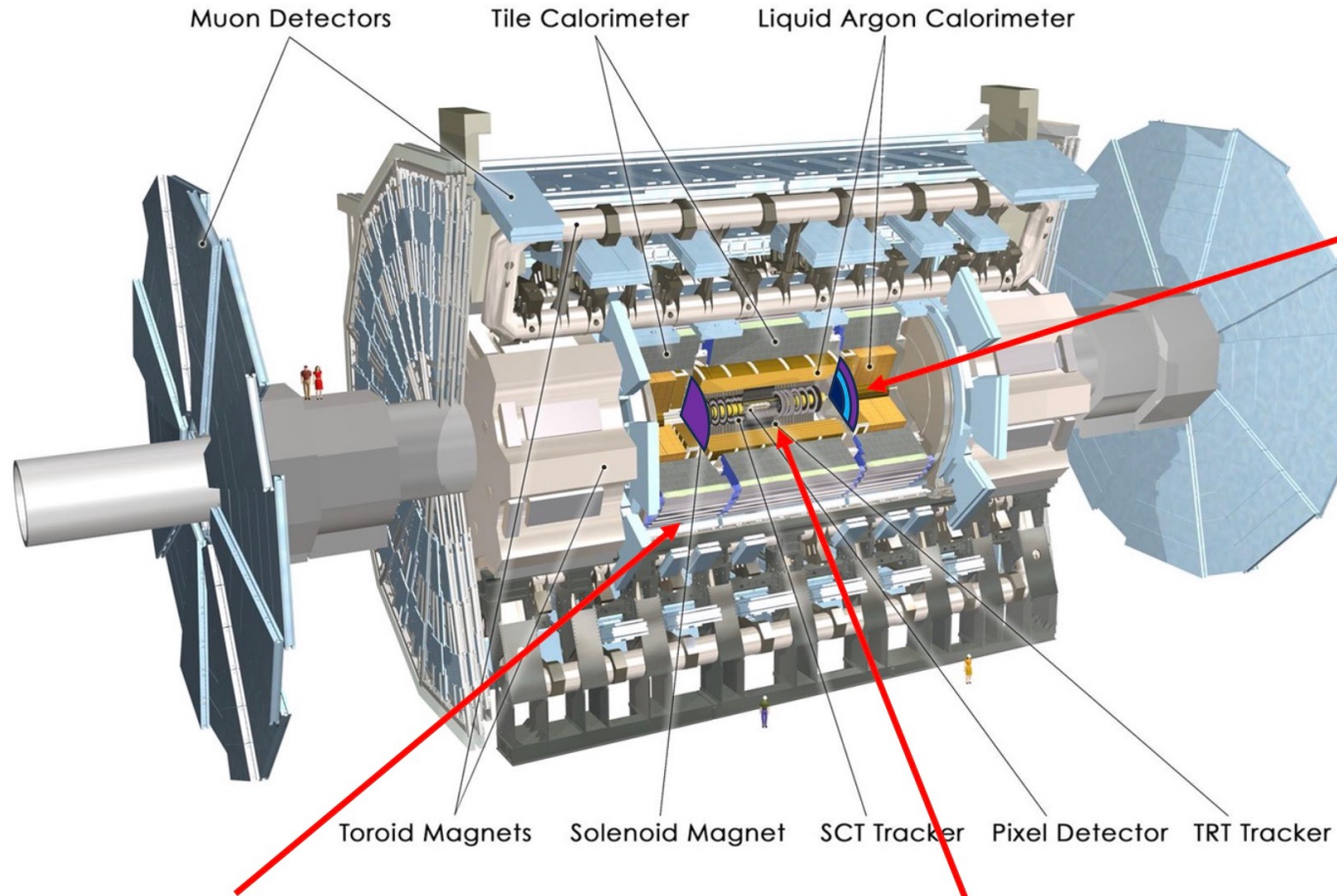
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Projections of searches for lepton-flavour violating Higgs boson decays at ATLAS

Alternative assumption how MC statistical uncertainties are expected to scale is shown

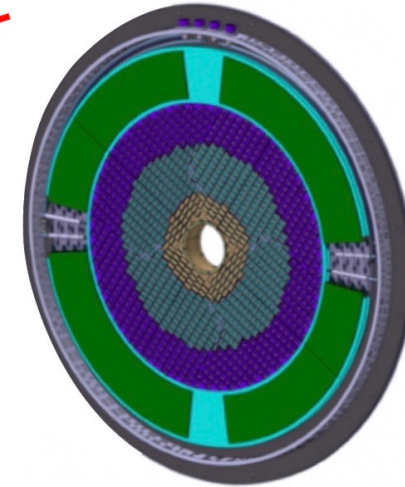


ATLAS Upgrade for HL-LHC



High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)

Forward region ($2.4 < |\eta| < 4.0$)
 Low-Gain Avalanche Detectors (LGAD)
 with 30 ps track resolution



New Muon Chambers

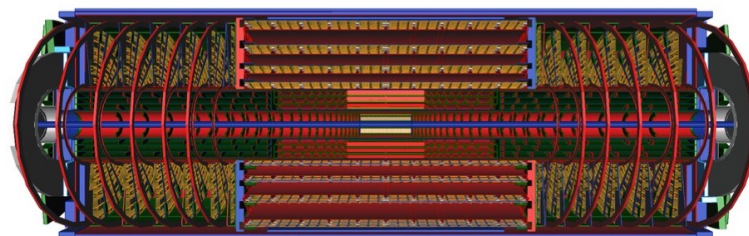
Inner barrel region with new
 RPC and sMDT detectors

Additional small upgrades

Luminosity detectors (1% precision goal)
 HL-ZDC

New Inner Tracking Detector (ITK)

All silicon, up to $|\eta| = 4$



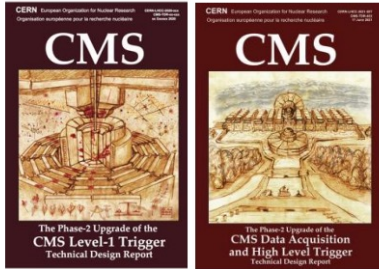
Upgraded Trigger and Data Acquisition system

Level-0 Trigger at 1 MHz
 Improved High-Level Trigger
 (150 kHz full scan tracking)

Electronics Upgrades

LAr Calorimeter,
 Tile Calorimeter, Muon System

CMS Upgrades

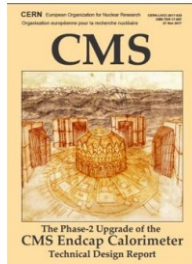


L1-Trigger HLT/DAQ

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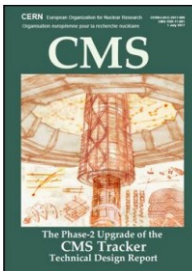
- Tracks in L1-Trigger at 40 MHz
- PFlow selection 750 kHz L1 output
- HLT output 7.5 kHz
- 40 MHz data scouting



Calorimeter Endcap

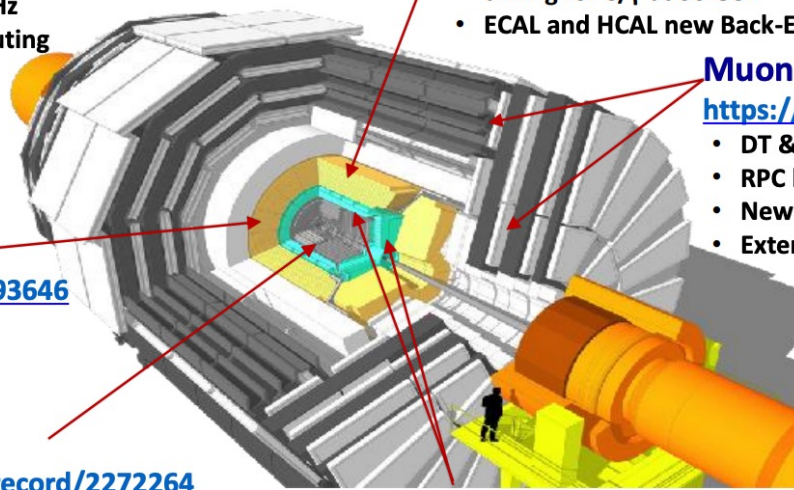
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2293646>

- 3D showers and precise timing
- Si, Scint+SiPM in Pb/W-SS



Tracker <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2272264>

- Si-Strip and Pixels increased granularity
- Design for tracking in L1-Trigger
- Extended coverage to $\eta \approx 3.8$



Barrel Calorimeters

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2283187>

- ECAL crystal granularity readout at 40 MHz with precise timing for e/ γ at 30 GeV
- ECAL and HCAL new Back-End boards

Muon systems

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2283189>

- DT & CSC new FE/BE readout
- RPC back-end electronics
- New GEM/RPC $1.6 < \eta < 2.4$
- Extended coverage to $\eta \approx 3$

Beam Radiation Instr. and Luminosity

<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2759074>

- Bunch-by-bunch luminosity measurement: 1% offline, 2% online

MIP Timing Detector

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2667167>

Precision timing with:

- Barrel layer: Crystals + SiPMs
- Endcap layer: Low Gain Avalanche Diodes

