



Physics at the HL-LHC in ATLAS and CMS

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Outline



- The High Luminosity LHC
- Higgs Physics
 - Higgs precision physics
 - Di-higgs and the Higgs potential
- Beyond the Standard Model
 - A reason to believe in (some) answers at the TeV scale
 - What 20x more luminosity buys you
 - But also new tools, more complex analyses
- Standard Model Measurements
- Closing
- ATLAS+CMS Snowmass White Paper: [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-018](#)



High Luminosity-LHC

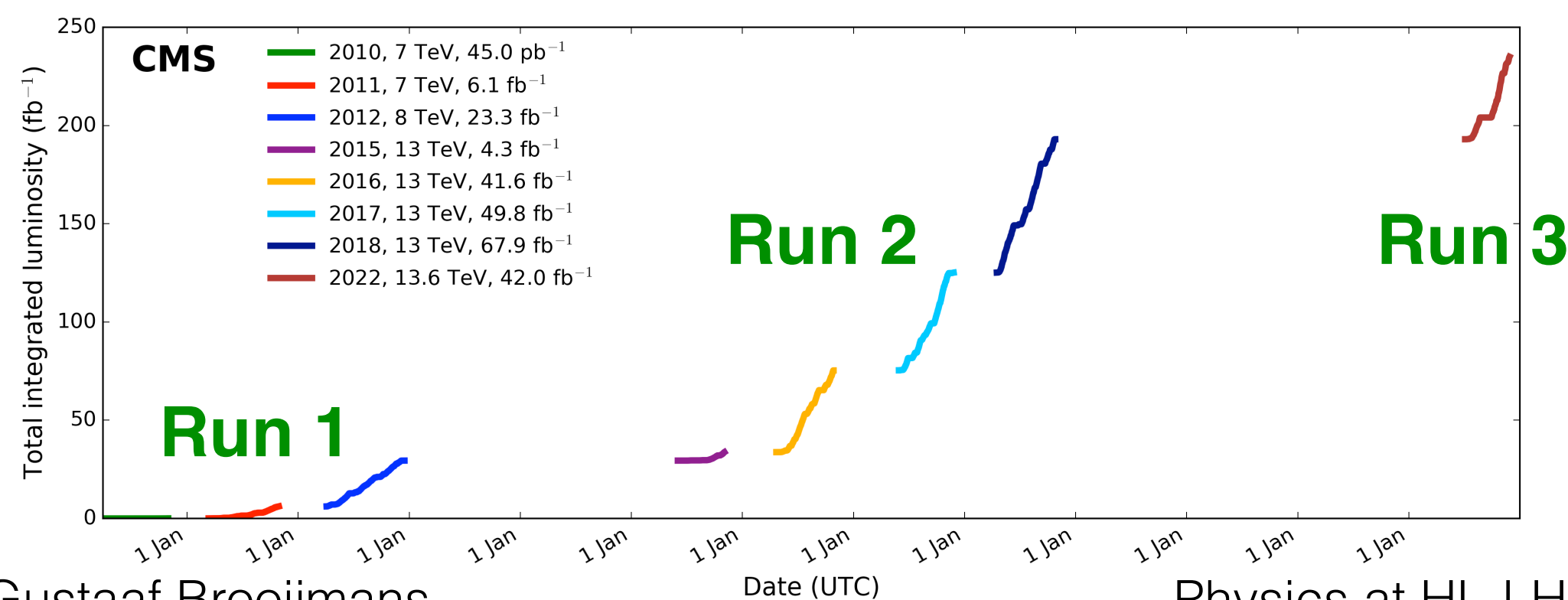


LHC so far

- Run 1 (2010-2012, 7-8 TeV, $\sim 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
 - Higgs discovery
- Run 2 (2015-2018, 13 TeV, $\sim 150 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
 - Observed Higgs is within $\sim 20\%$ of the SM Higgs, tribosons, 4 tops, ... no new physics yet
- Run 3 (2022-2025, 13.6 TeV, $\sim 40 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ so far)
 - Get to $\sim 500 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ total
 - Reaching the edge of current detector capabilities (pile-up at ~ 60 interactions/bunch crossing)

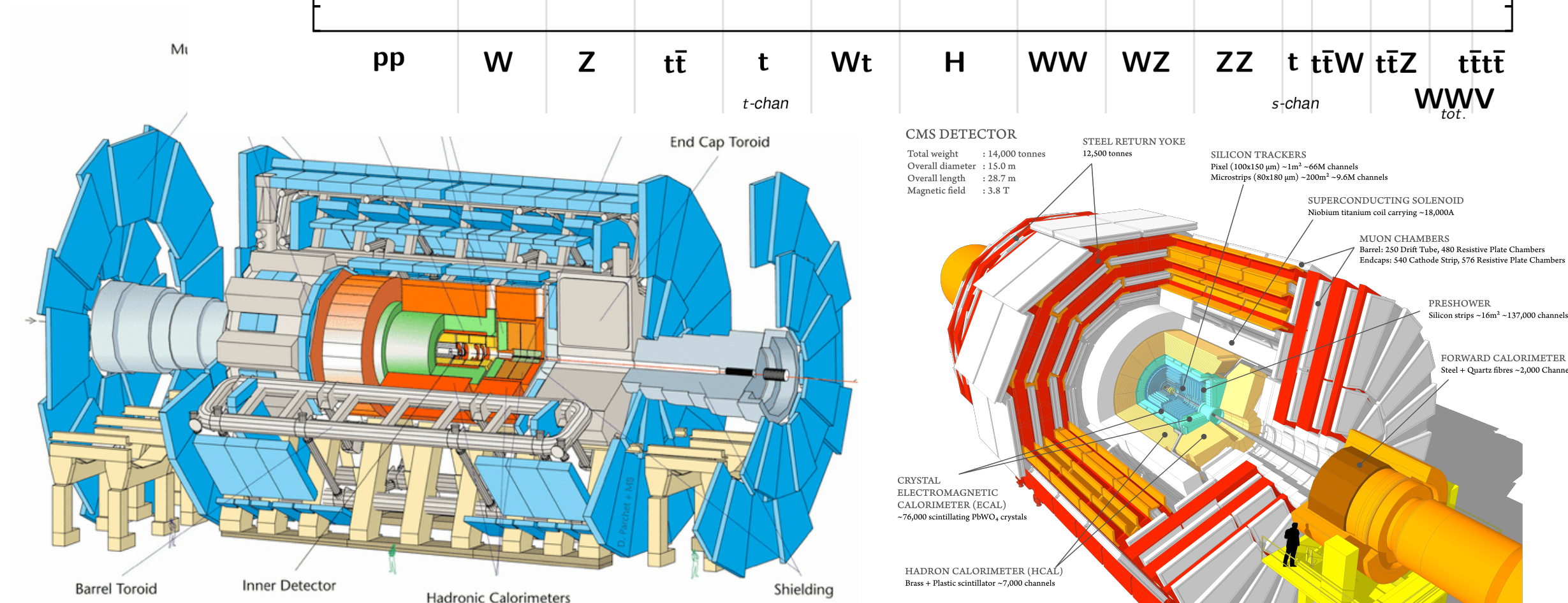
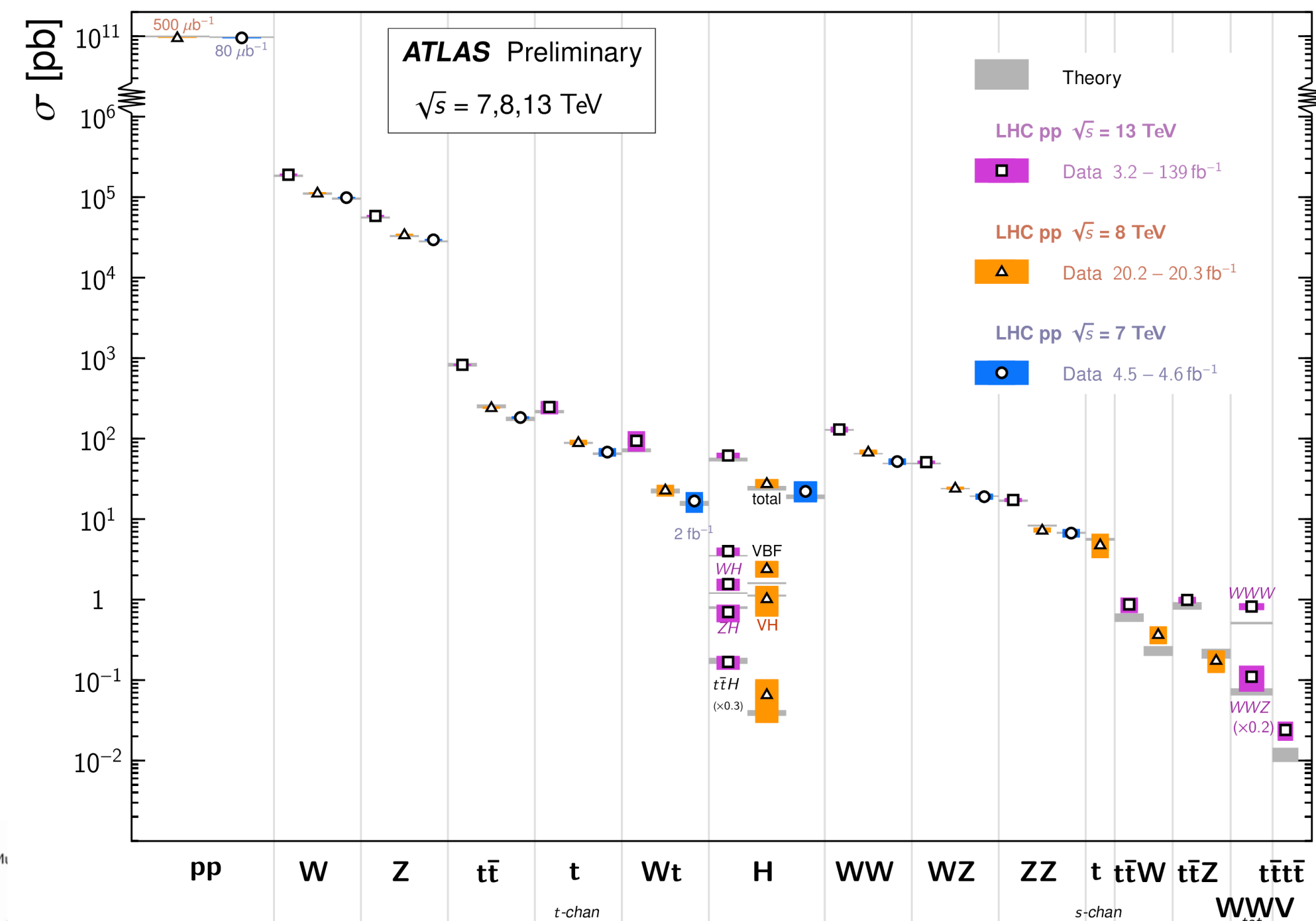
HL-LHC: 14 TeV, 3000+ fb^{-1}

- 20x more data than analyzed so far!



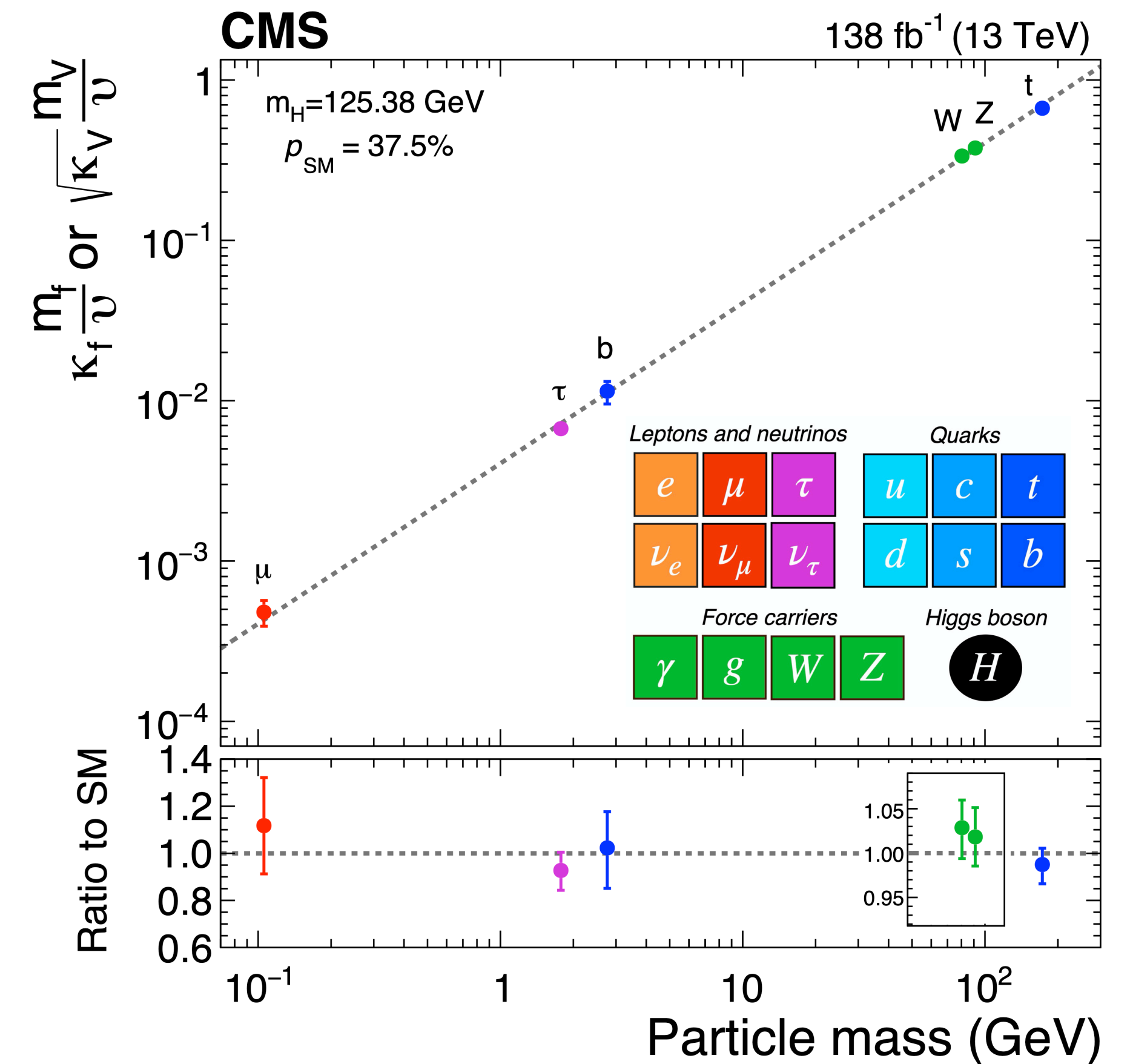
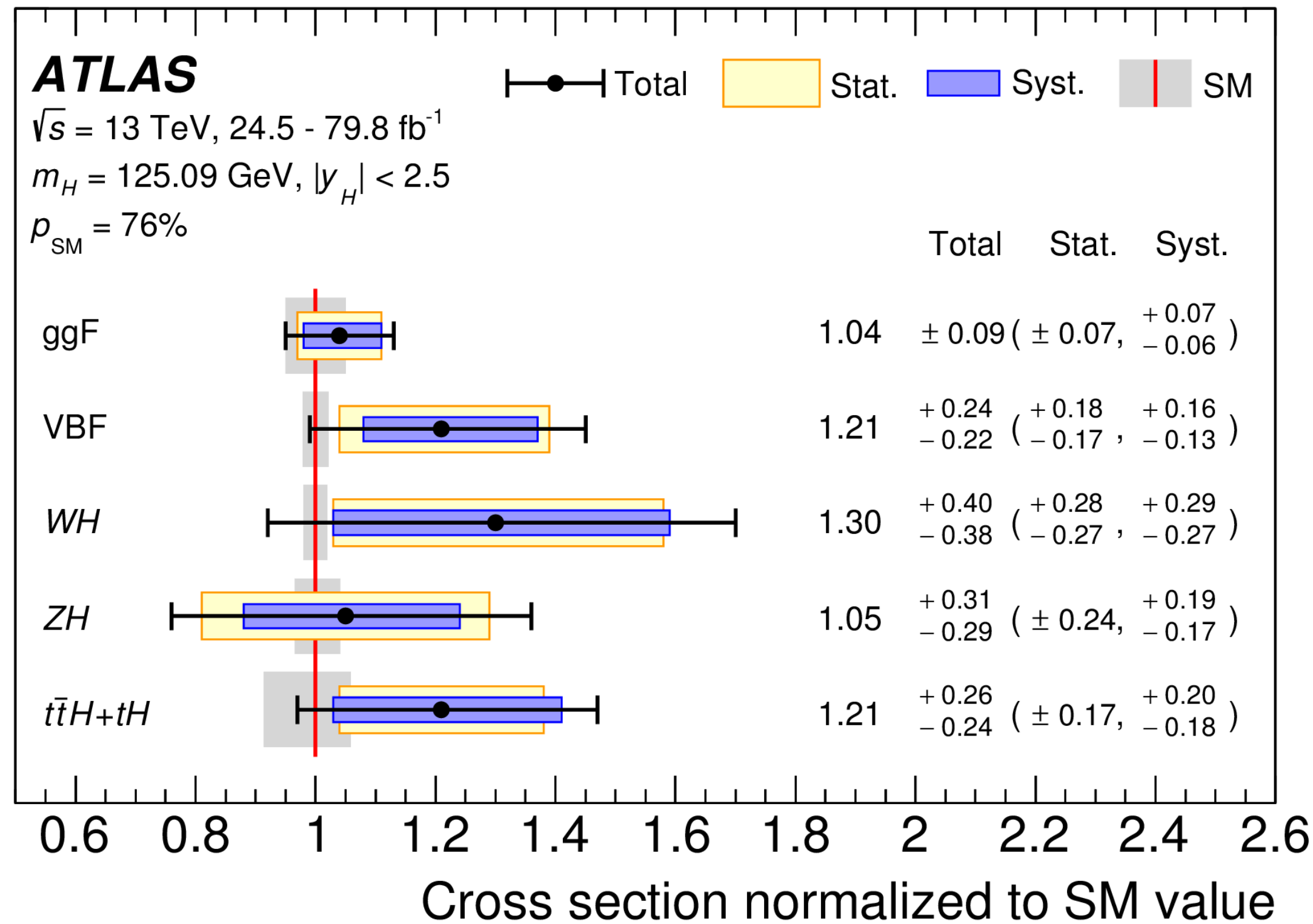
Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: February 2022



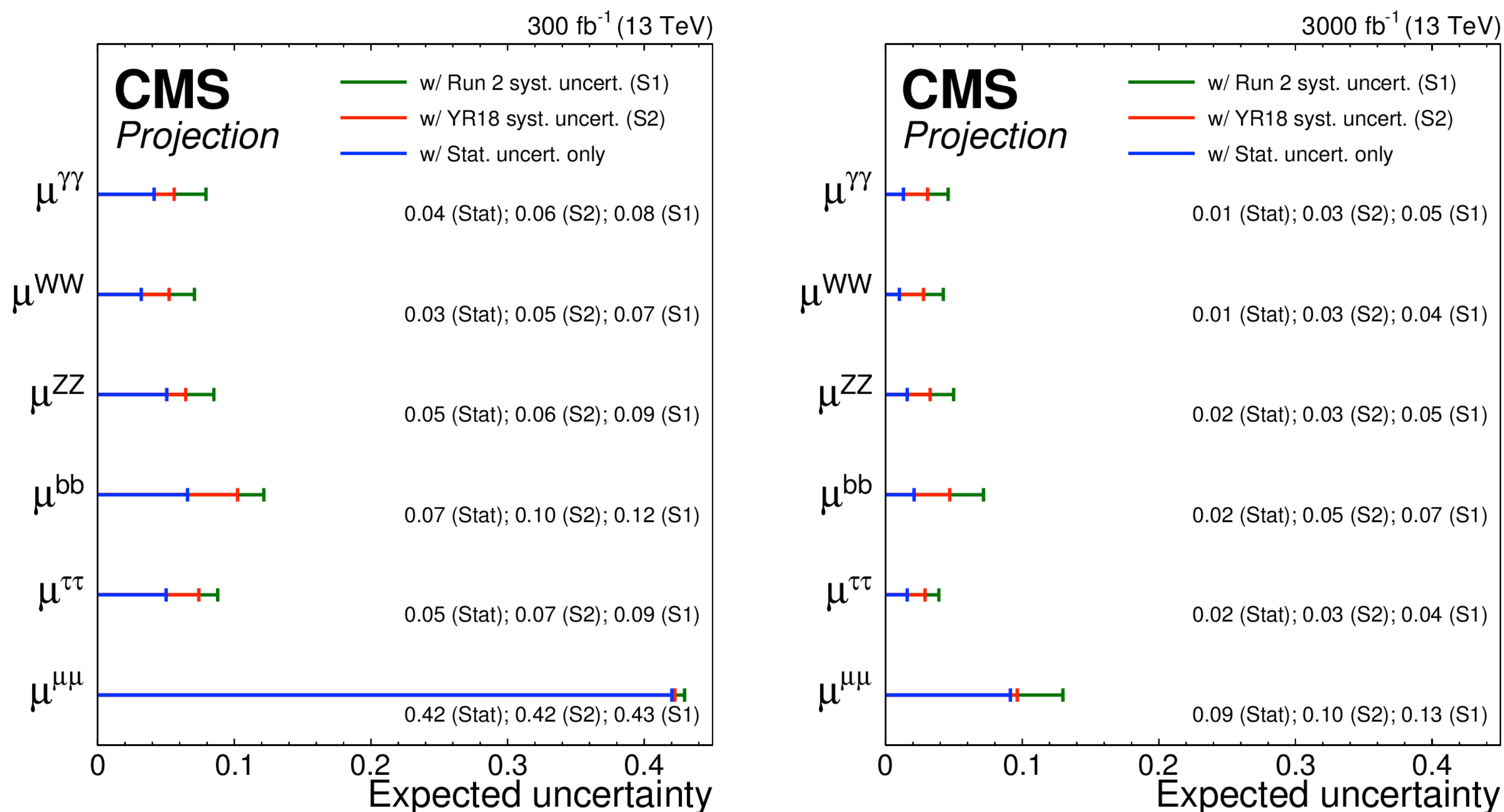
Higgs Observation at the LHC

- The existence of a Higgs boson is firmly established
 - Couplings match SM prediction fairly well, but 20-100% level deviations allowed



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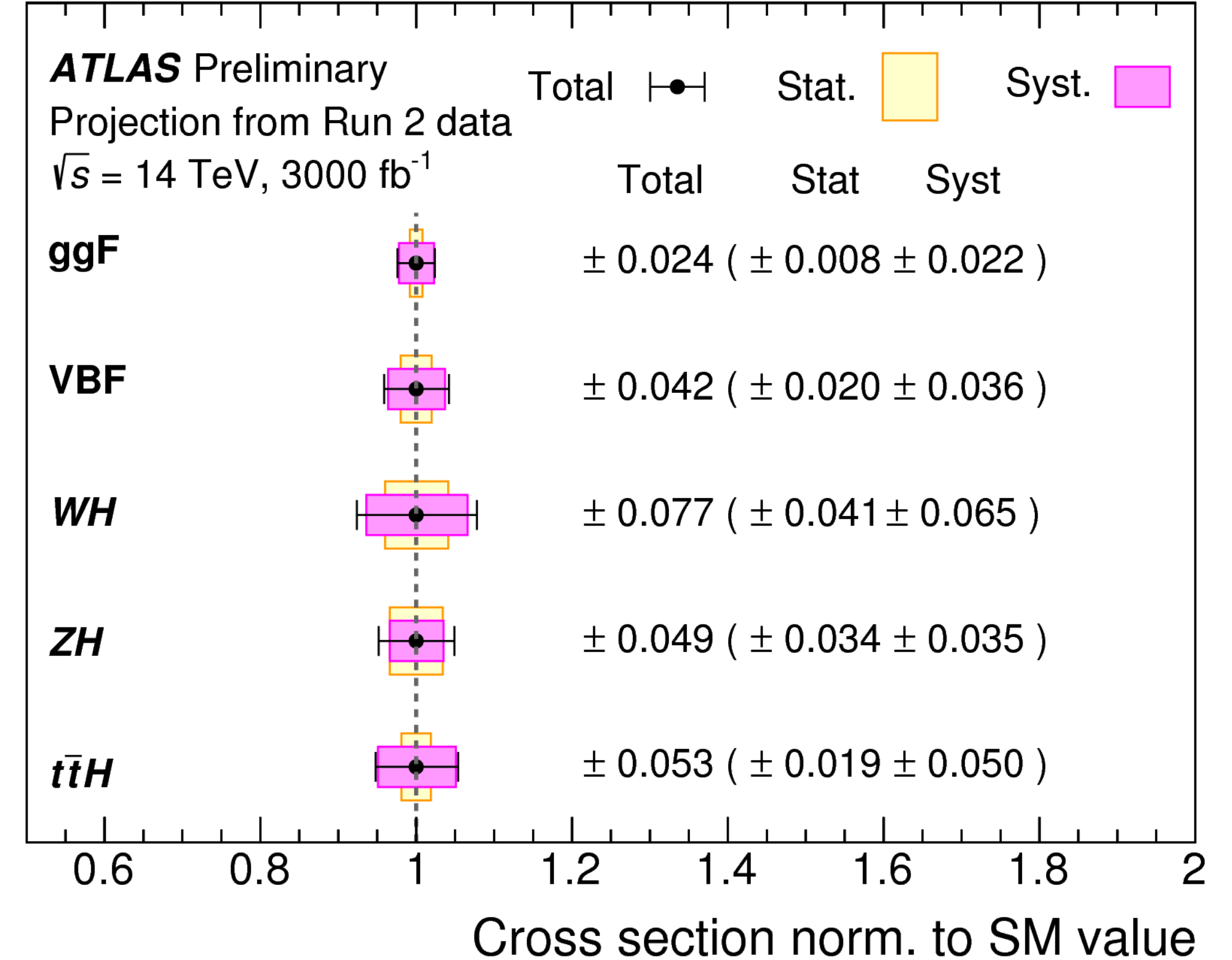
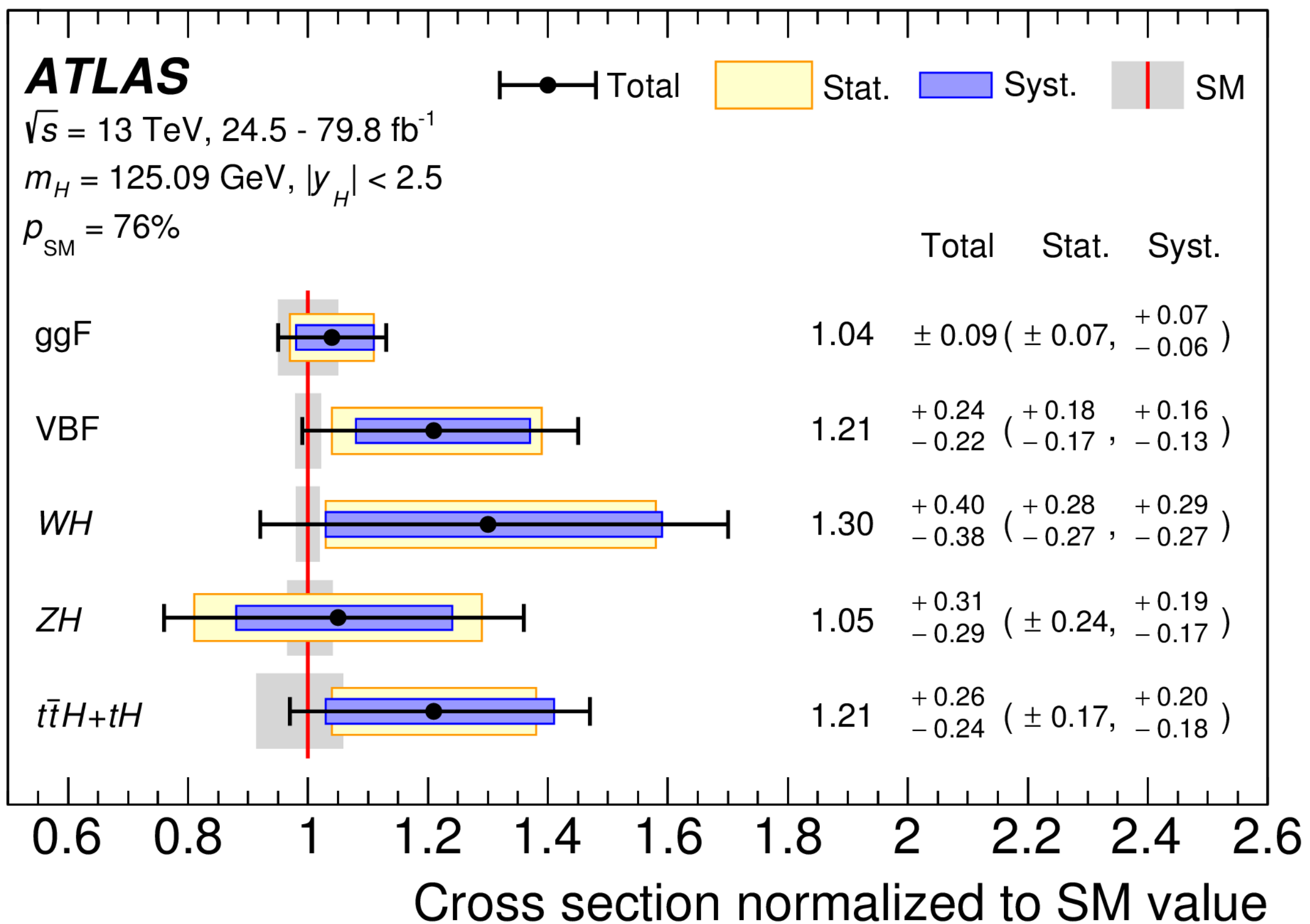
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 - What does 20x more data buy you?
 - Measure accessible decays at the 5% level (10% for $\mu\mu$)



CMS-PAS-FTR-18-011

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 - In production modes, reduce wiggle room to ~10% (and could eg see evidence for 15% deviation in Vector Boson Fusion cross-section); differential measurements

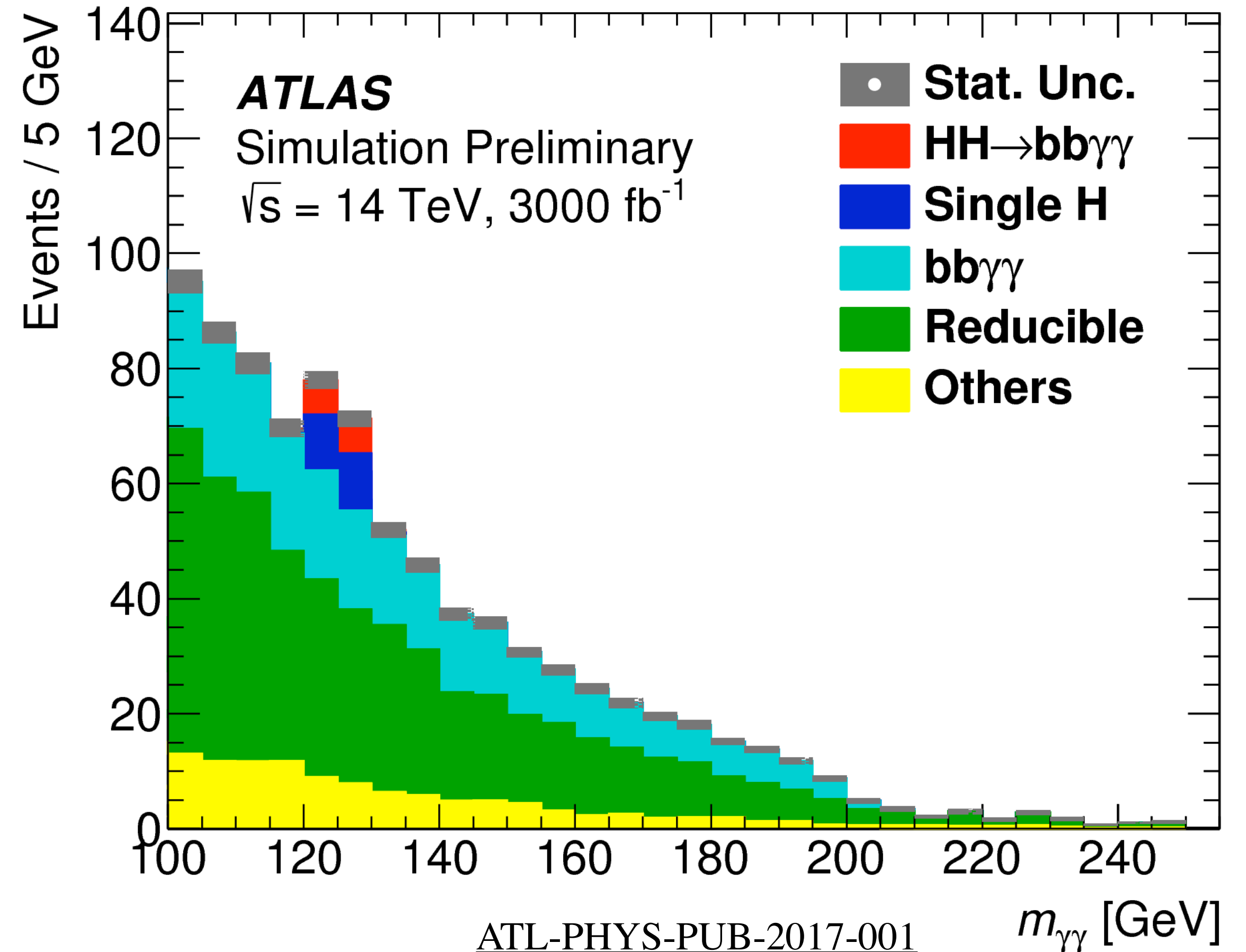
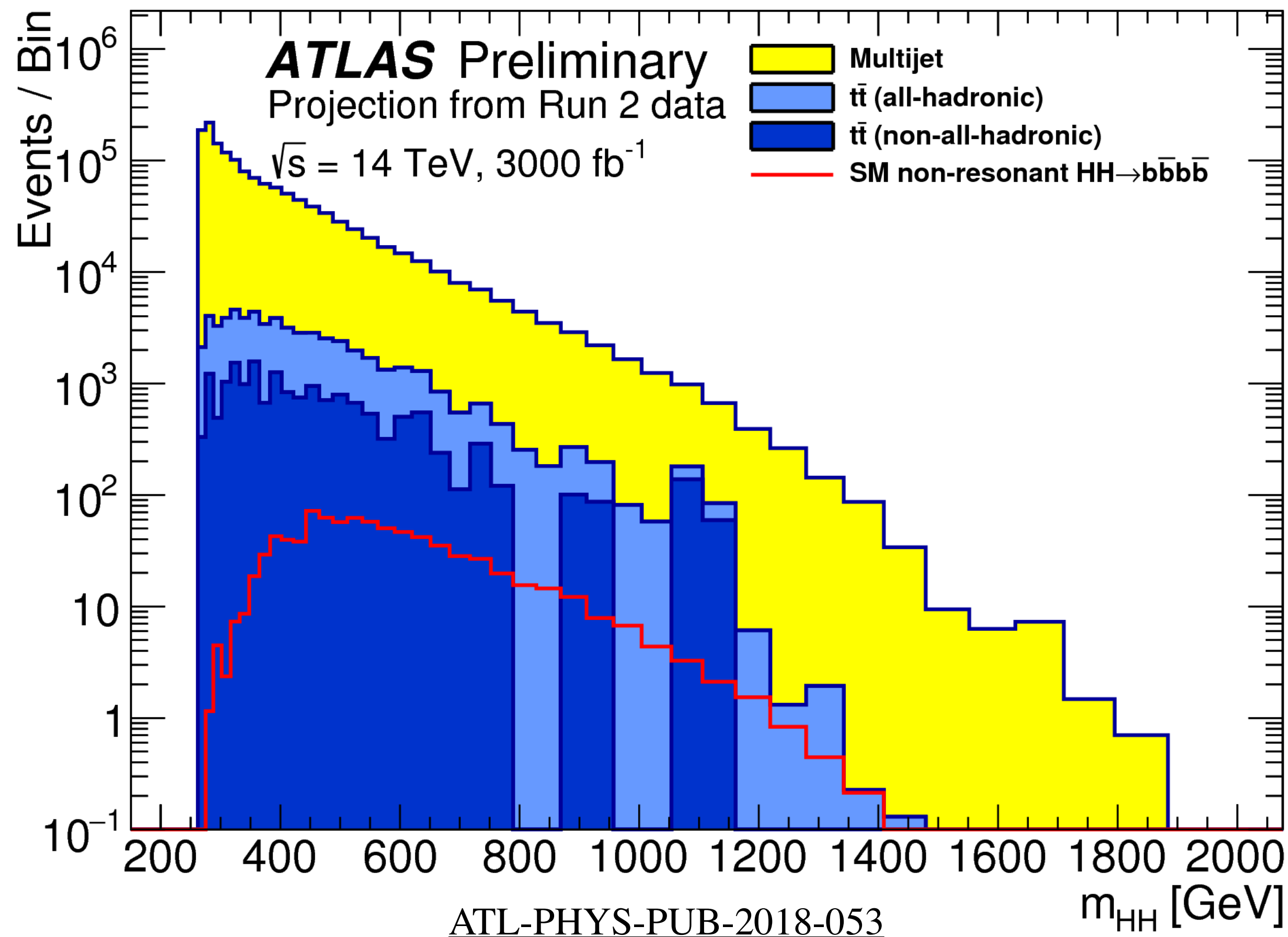


Measuring the Higgs Potential

- The Standard Model predictions for Higgs production and decay are robust, as the couplings to bosons and fermions are set by their masses
 - But this is not so true for the Higgs potential, which could be more complex
 - Around minimum, expand $V = \mu^2\phi^\dagger\phi + \lambda(\phi^\dagger\phi)^2 \supset \lambda v^2 H^2 + \lambda v H^3 + (\lambda/4)H^4$
 - First term is just Higgs mass, next are trilinear and quartic couplings
 - So Higgs mass sets λ , then probe if indeed get the same λ for the others
 - Requires measuring multi-Higgs production
- Multi-Higgs production cross-sections are small
 - In particular in the Standard Model, where there is large destructive interference
 - It's (mostly) easier to see new physics than the Standard Model!
- Quartic term will need higher energy (VBF di-Higgs production...)

The Challenge

- The Higgs mass is only 125 GeV, and $\sim 60\%$ BR to b quarks
 - So we get 4 b -jets of ~ 60 GeV... and few events if look for one Higgs decaying to $\gamma\gamma$

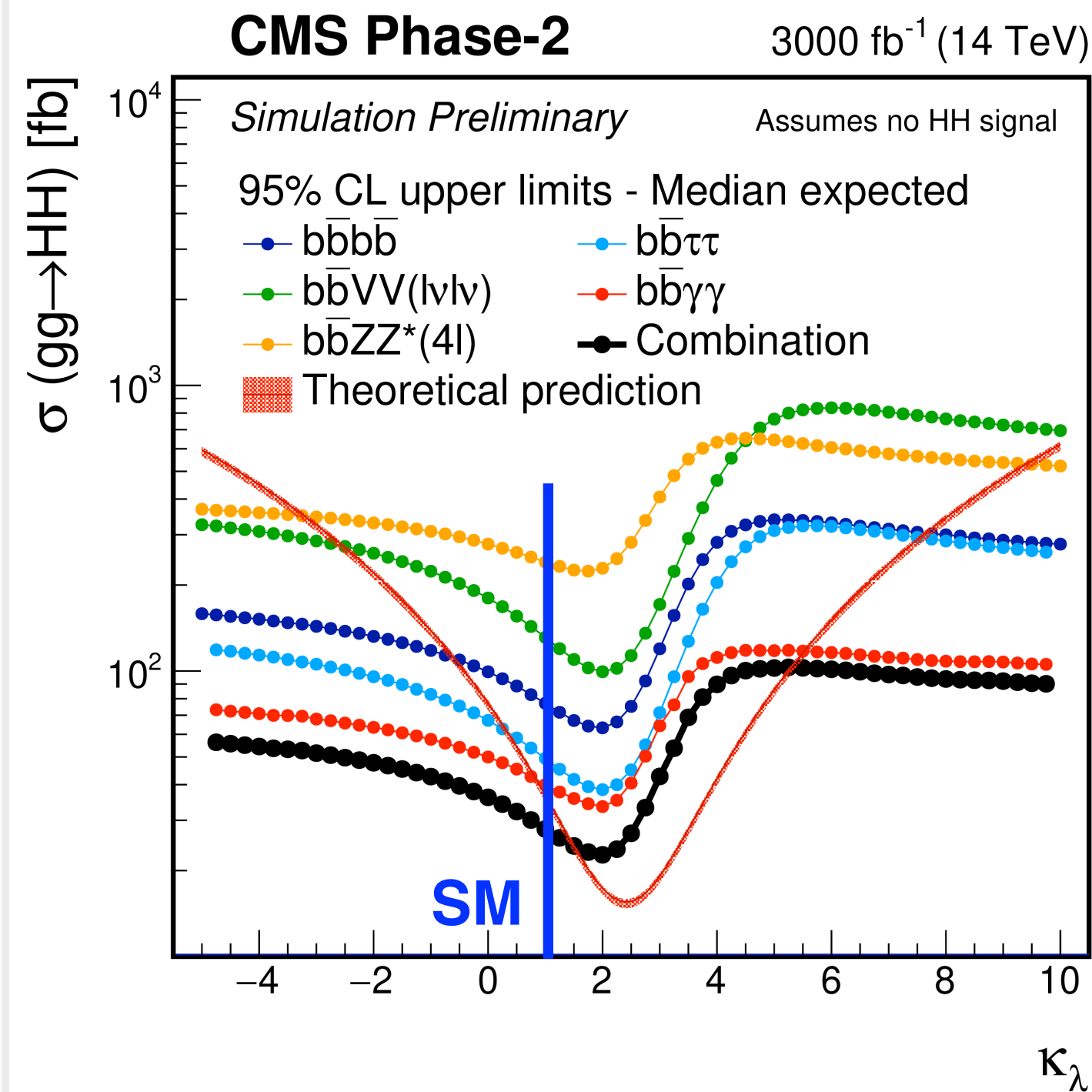
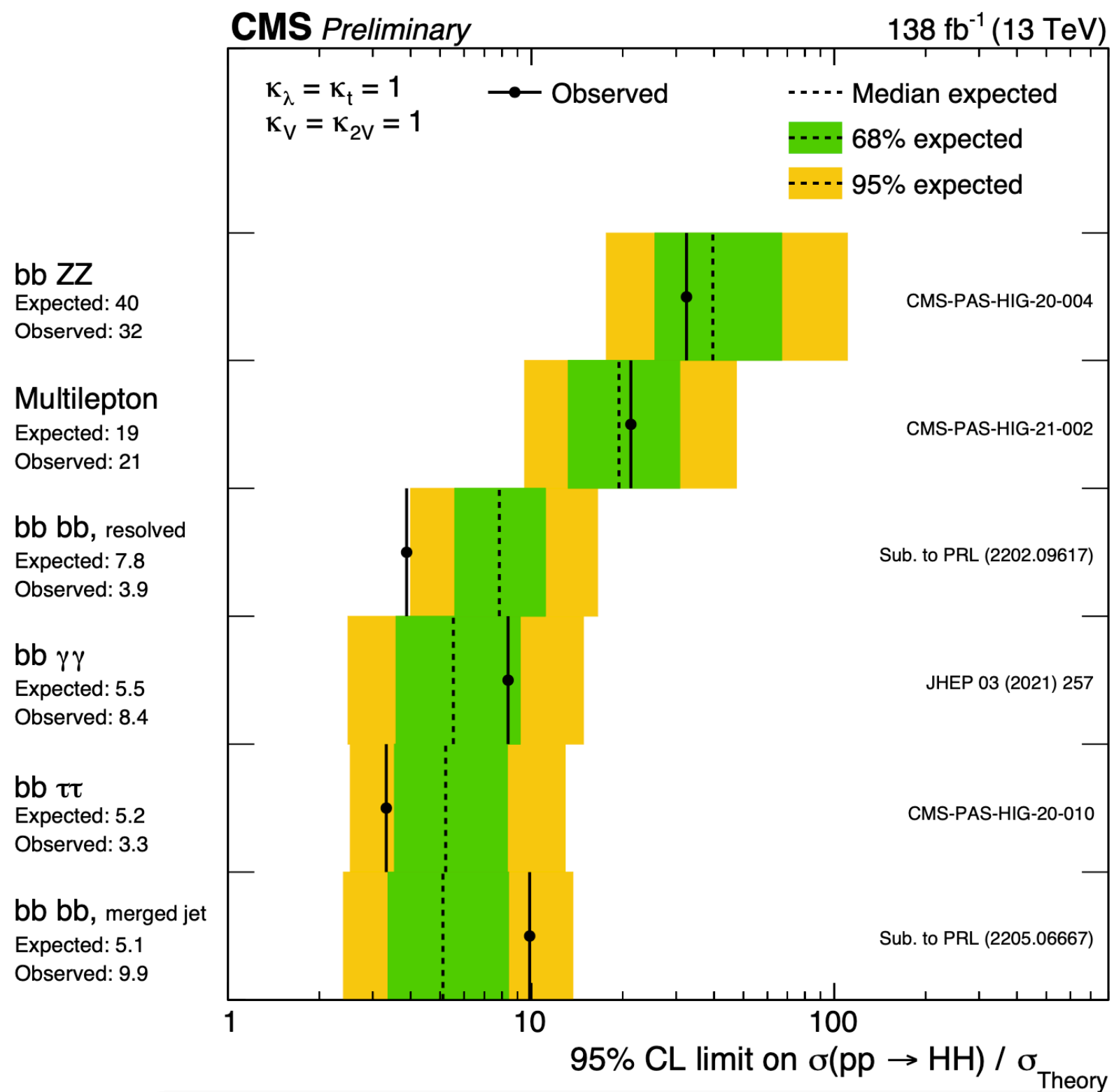




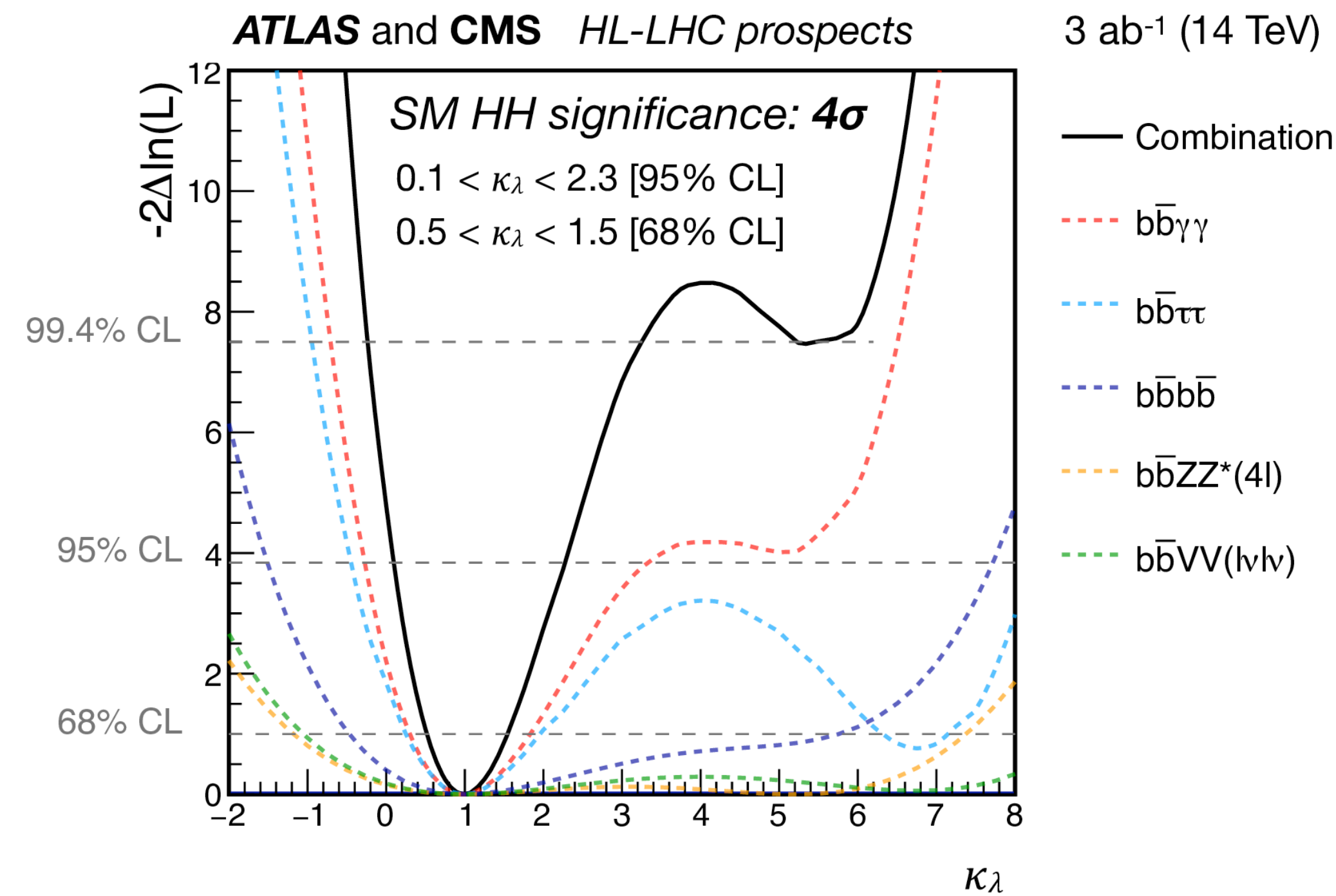
Di-Higgs Sensitivity



- Current sensitivity (5% of HL-LHC dataset): 95% CL expected limits at $\sim 5x$ SM
- With 3000 fb^{-1} , could exclude SM... or, at SM signal strength, see evidence



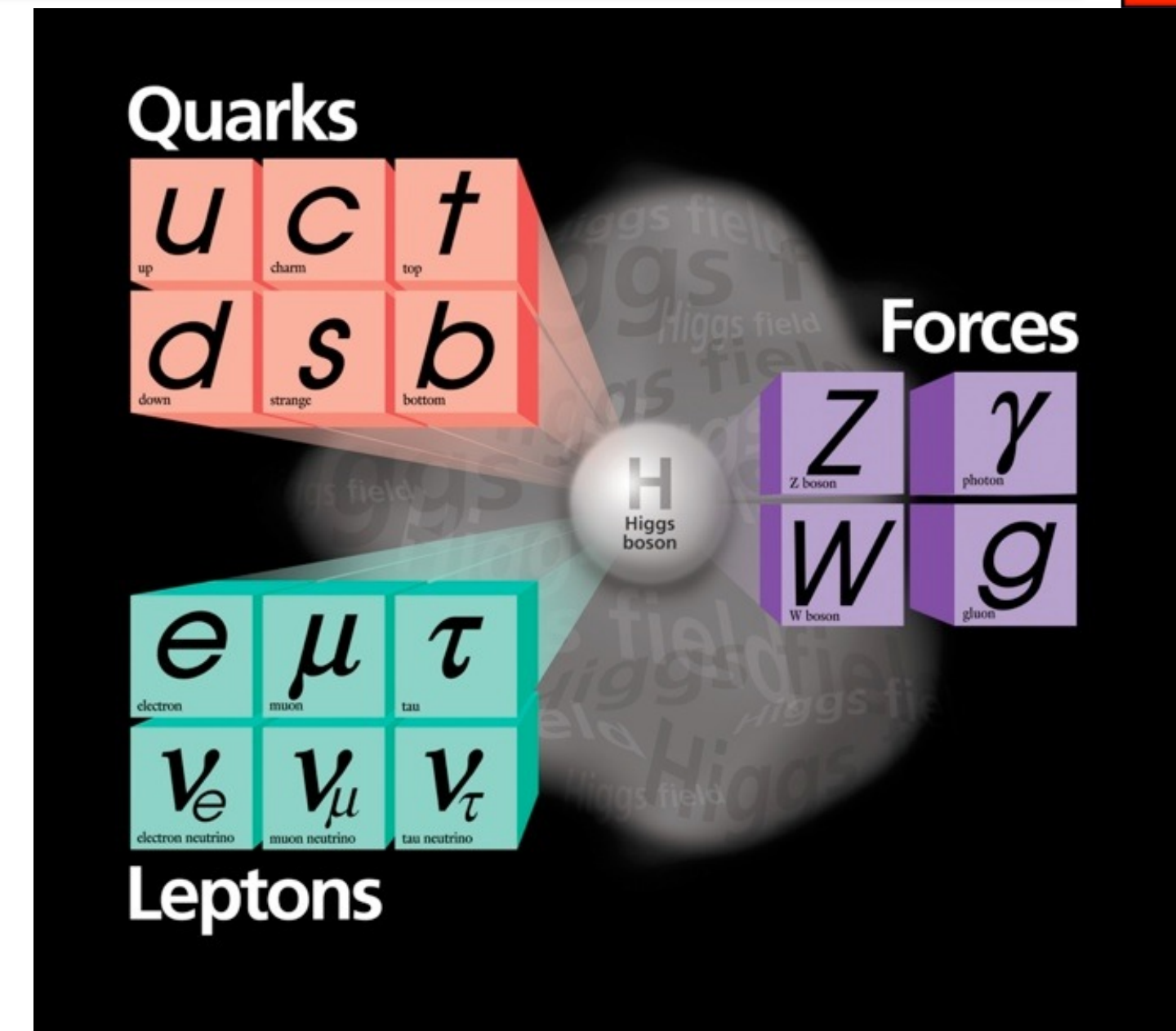
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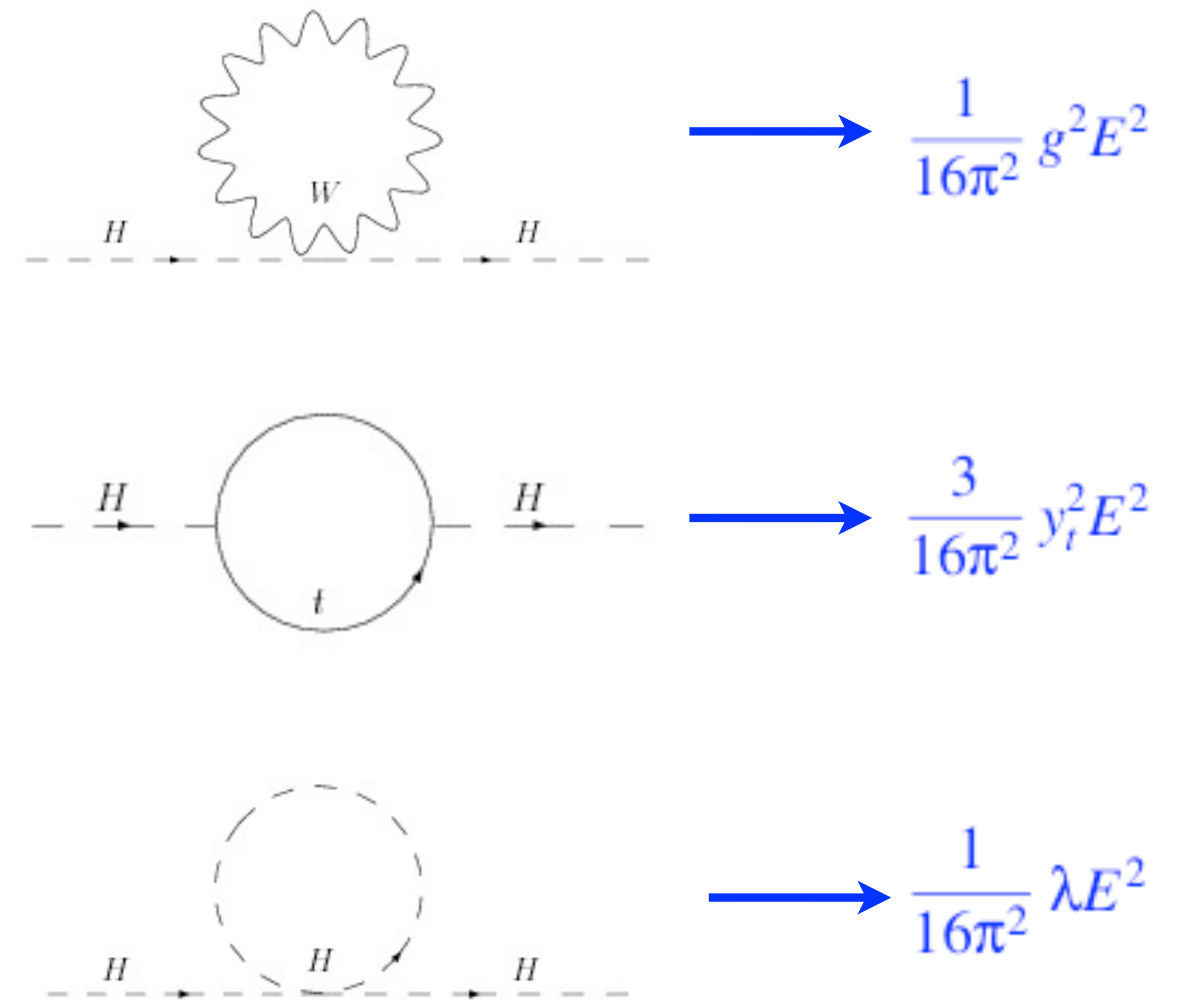
Lacking in the Standard Model

- Clear structure in fermionic sector unexplained
 - No understanding of the “charges”
 - Evidence of selective principle(s)
 - E.g. no neutral colored fermions
 - And links between quarks and leptons
 - $q(\text{down}) = q(e)/N_c$
- ➔ Interpreted as evidence for (grand) unification
 - Grand or less grand? (One or more scales?)
- Many cosmological issues
 - Dark matter and dark energy
 - Not enough CP violation in the quark sector for baryogenesis
 - Strong CP symmetry?
 - Baryon number violation
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“Light” Higgs!?

- The low Higgs mass (compared to e.g. the unification scale) is a puzzle
 - Should be at the limit of validity of the theory
 - Either the Higgs mass is unnatural ...
 - ... or there is new physics “nearby”
- Of course hierarchies are common in nature
 - But so far gaps no larger than 1-2 orders of magnitude in mass/energy, not 10...
- ➔ Expect new physics at the 1-10 TeV scale



New Physics Models

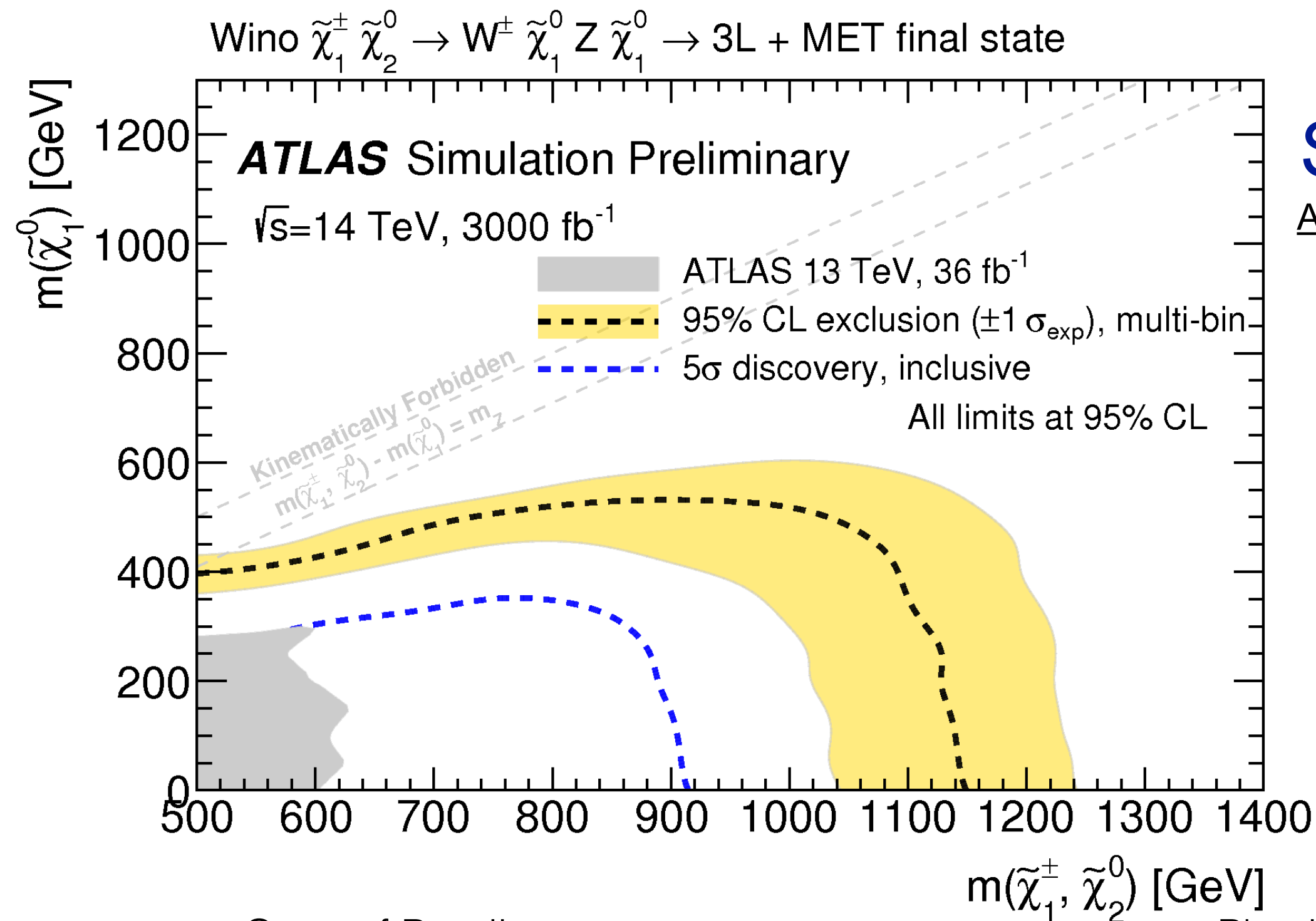
- Models can largely be organized in a few categories
 - “Electroweak-inspired”: add new elementary particles that compensate for the divergent Higgs mass loops
 - Just like the introduction of W , Z , c , H addressed problems in the electroweak sector
 - “QCD-inspired”: the Higgs is really (partially?) composite so at higher energy scale the loops are cut off
 - Just like in QCD dimensional transmutation generates a fixed scale
 - “String-inspired”: the Planck scale is really much lower than it appears, so there is no hierarchy
 - Turns out this may be another way of looking at QCD-inspired (AdS/CFT)
- Manifestations are different, but in models that address the hierarchy problem, *something* happens at the TeV scale



New Physics at the HL-LHC

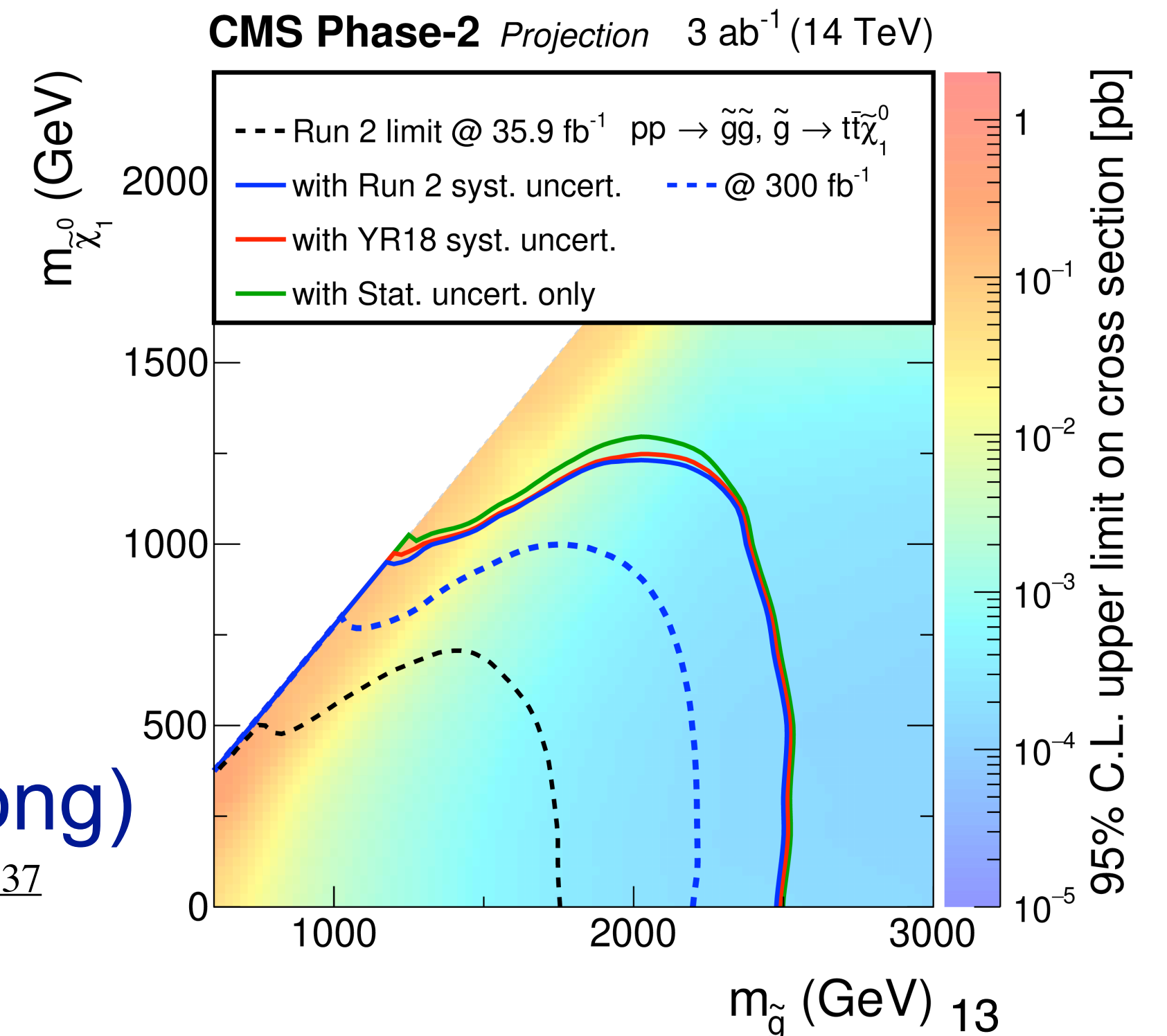


- HL-LHC will run at same energy as LHC (same dipole magnets)
 - But 20x more luminosity (or more)
 - For background-free searches, sensitivity is linear (in signal cross-section) with data increase
 - For searches with background, sensitivity goes with square root



SUSY (Weak)
 ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2018-048

SUSY (Strong)
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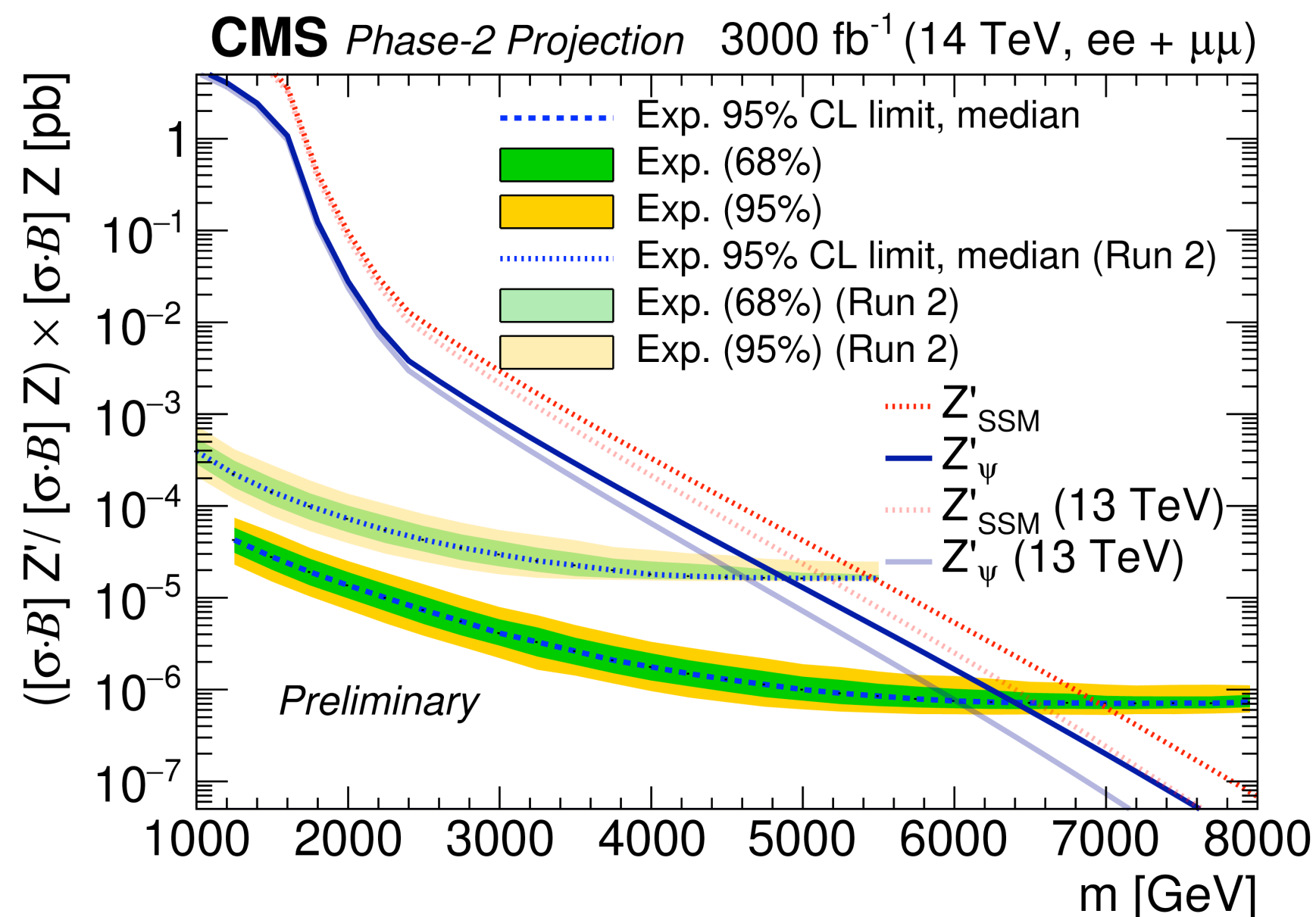


New Physics at the HL-LHC

- HL-LHC will run at same energy as LHC (same dipole magnets)
 - But 20x more luminosity (or more)
 - And new tools, more complex analyses, etc.
 - Machine learning increasingly part of our arsenal

Dilepton Resonances

CMS-PAS-FTR-21-005



New Tools

ATLAS-CONF-2022-045

Anomaly detection search for new resonances decaying into a Higgs boson and a generic new particle X in hadronic final states using $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV pp collisions with the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS Collaboration

Y mass regime, where the H and X have a significant Lorentz boost. A novel anomaly detection signal region is implemented based on a jet-level score for signal model-independent tagging of the boosted X , representing the first application of fully unsupervised machine learning to an ATLAS analysis. Two additional signal regions are implemented to target a



(Indirect) New Physics at HL-LHC

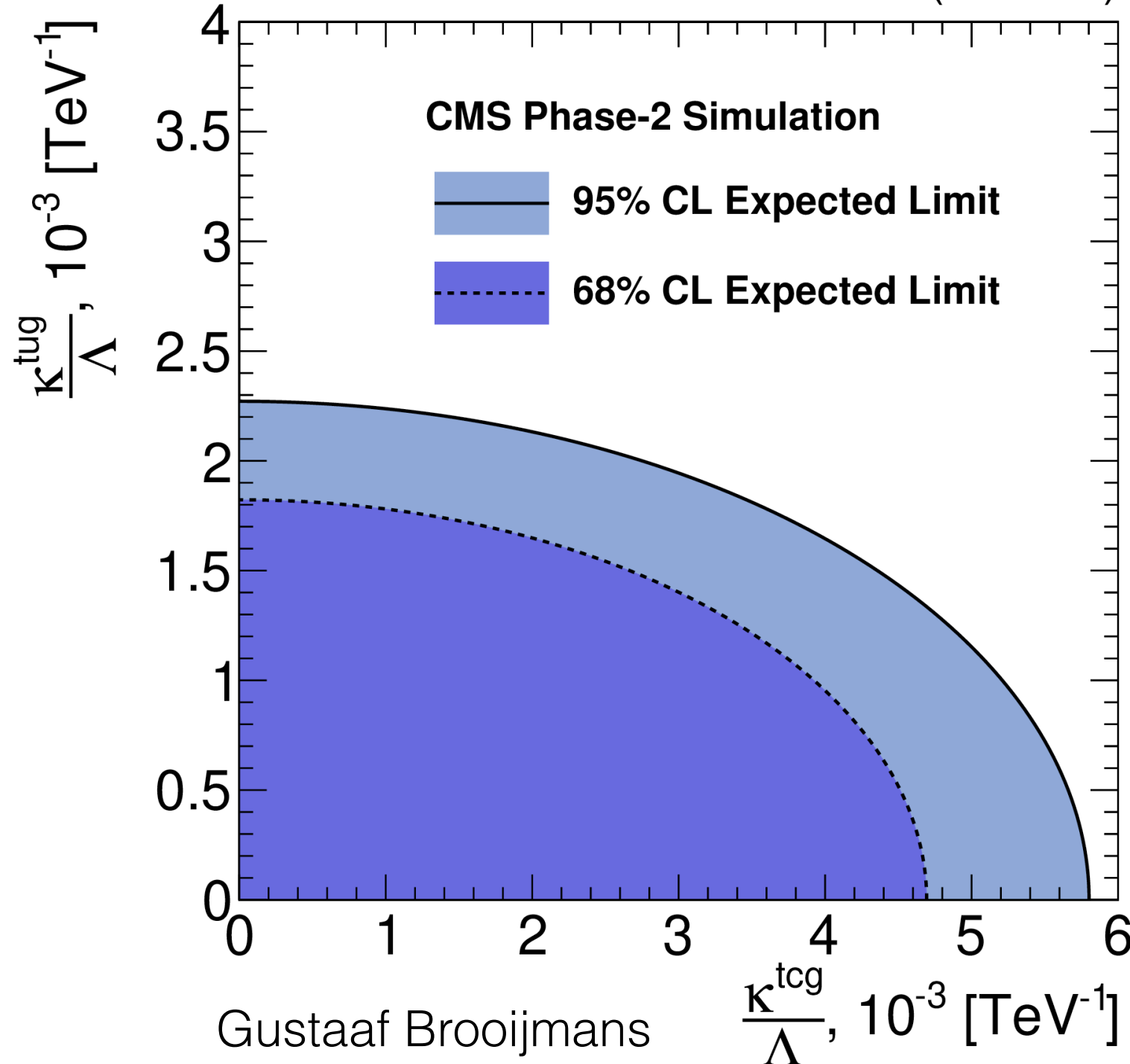


- Precision measurements to probe higher energy scales
 - Probe PeV scale in up-type quark sector
 - Pin down CP violation in B_s system (π/K separation from timing detectors?)
 - Observe $B_d \rightarrow \mu\mu$, measure $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ at better than 10% level

Top FCNC

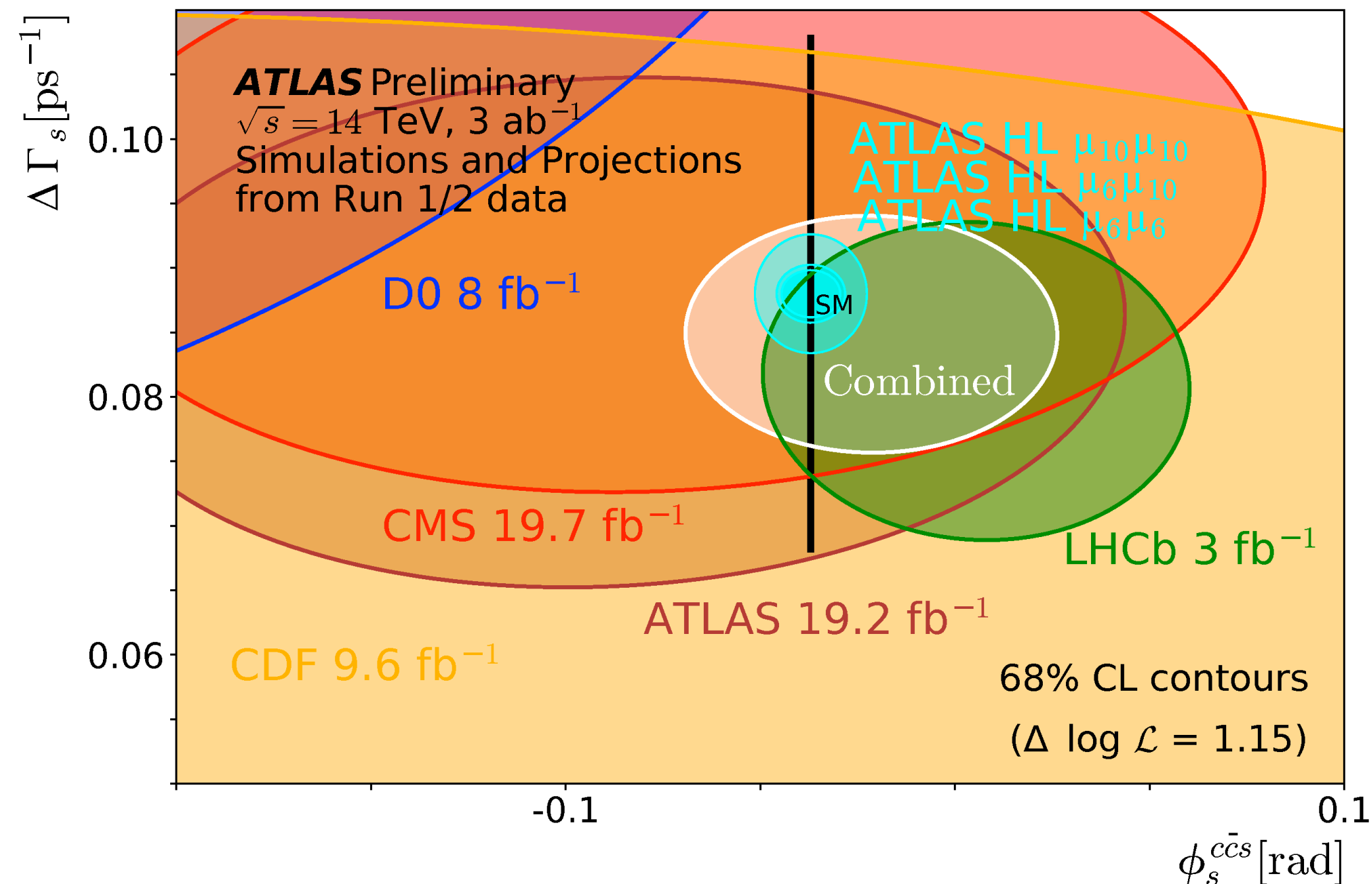
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3000 fb^{-1} (14 TeV)



CPV in B_s

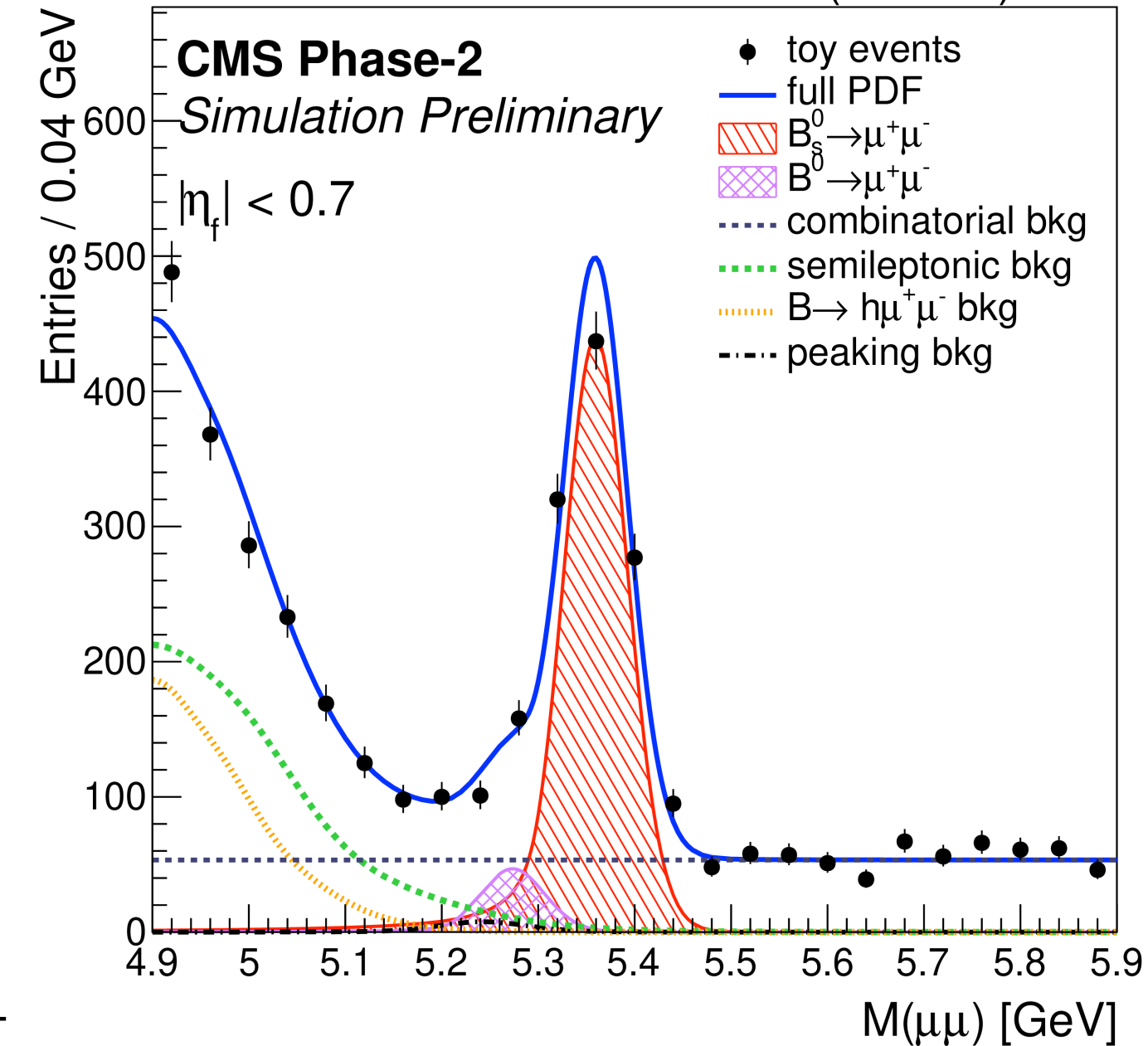
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$B_{d/s} \rightarrow \mu\mu$

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3 ab^{-1} (14 TeV)

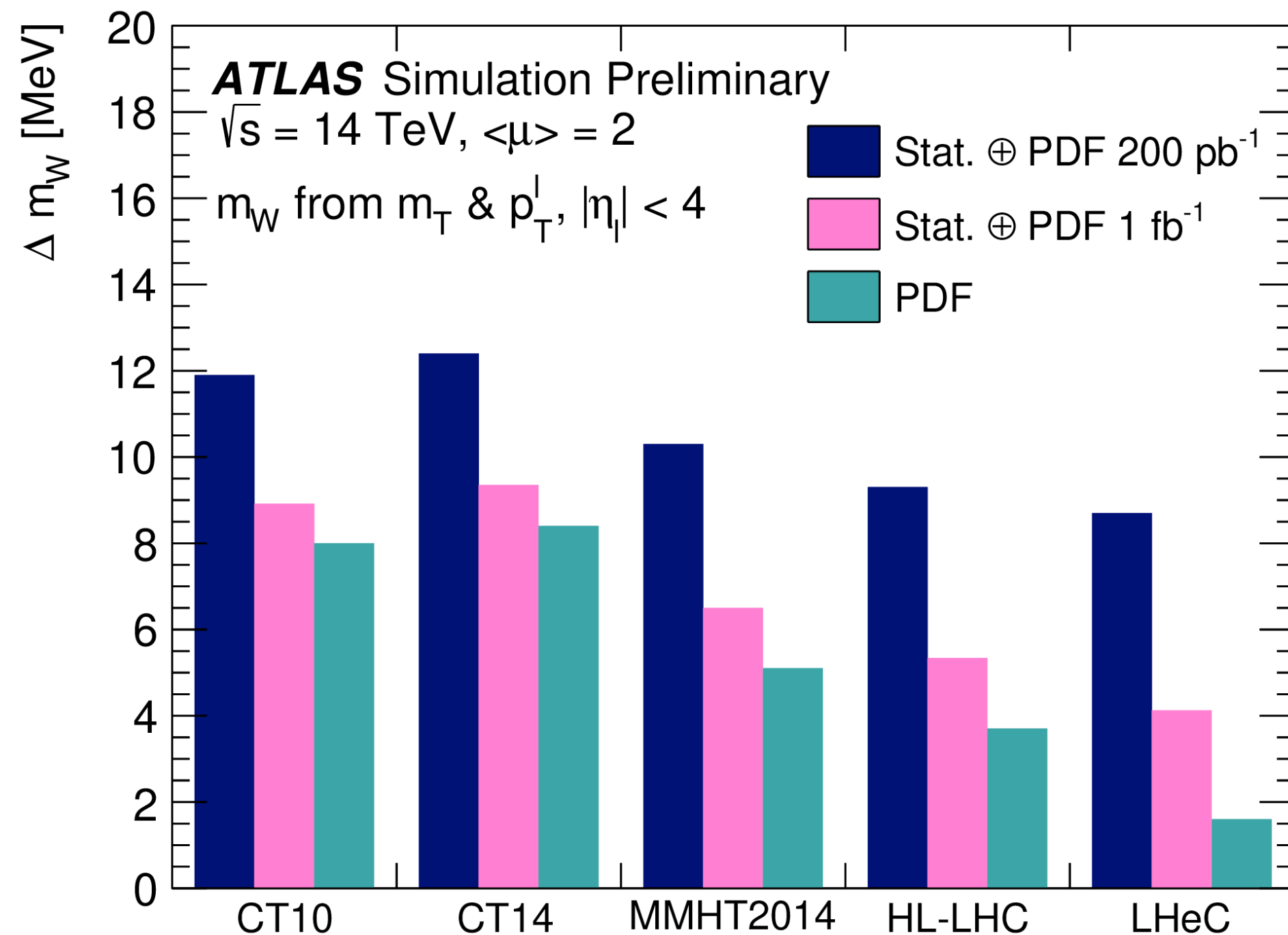


Precision SM Measurements

- (HL-)LHC is a top, Z, W factory; only place to study vector boson scattering, ...
- Will also want to include special runs
 - “Low” luminosity for W mass measurement
 - Heavy ions: quark-gluon plasma studies, light-by-light scattering, ...

W Mass

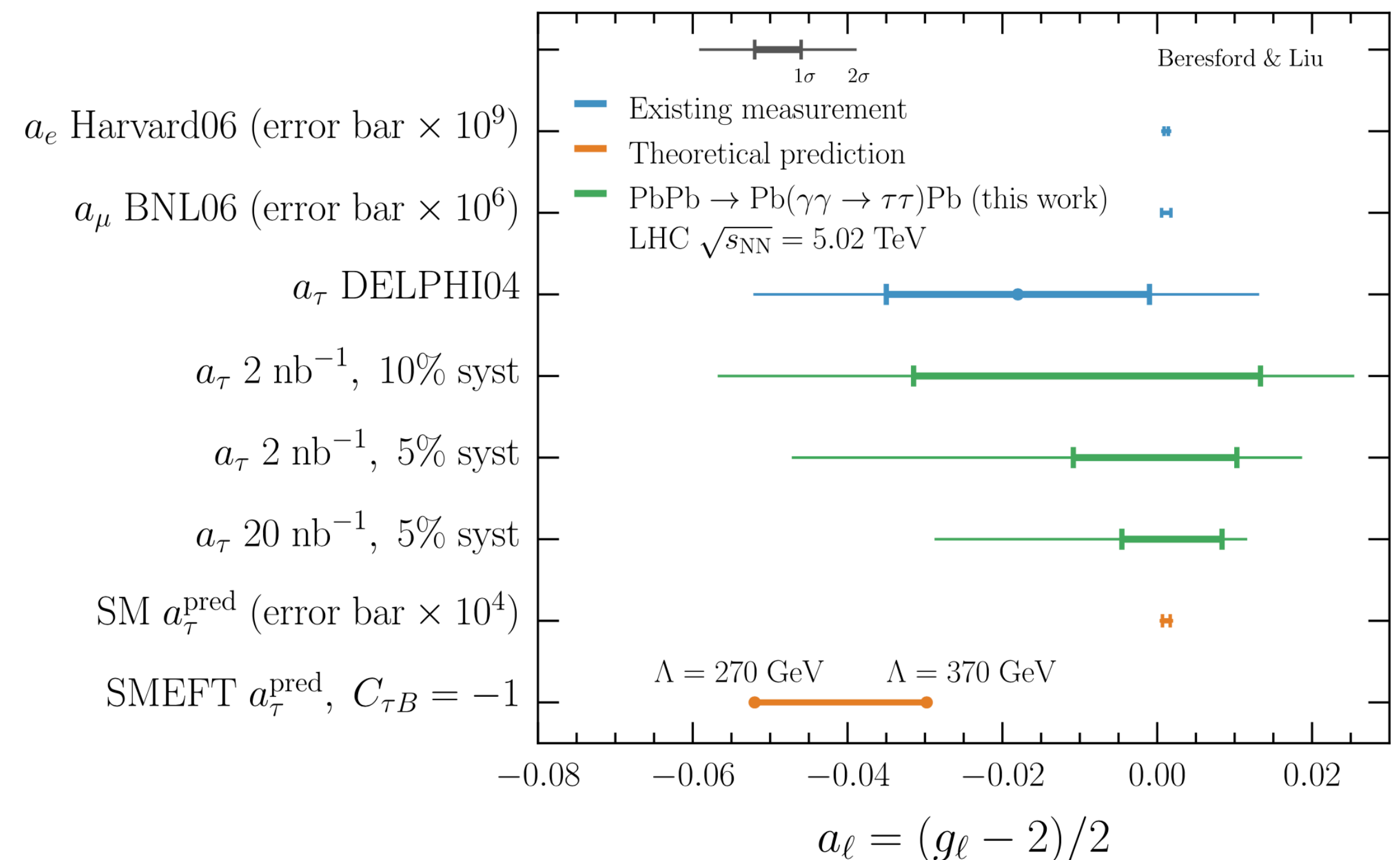
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Current uncertainty is 16 MeV, from 7 TeV run, [ATLAS-CONF-2023-004](#)

Tau g-2

Beresford & Liu, PRD 106 039902

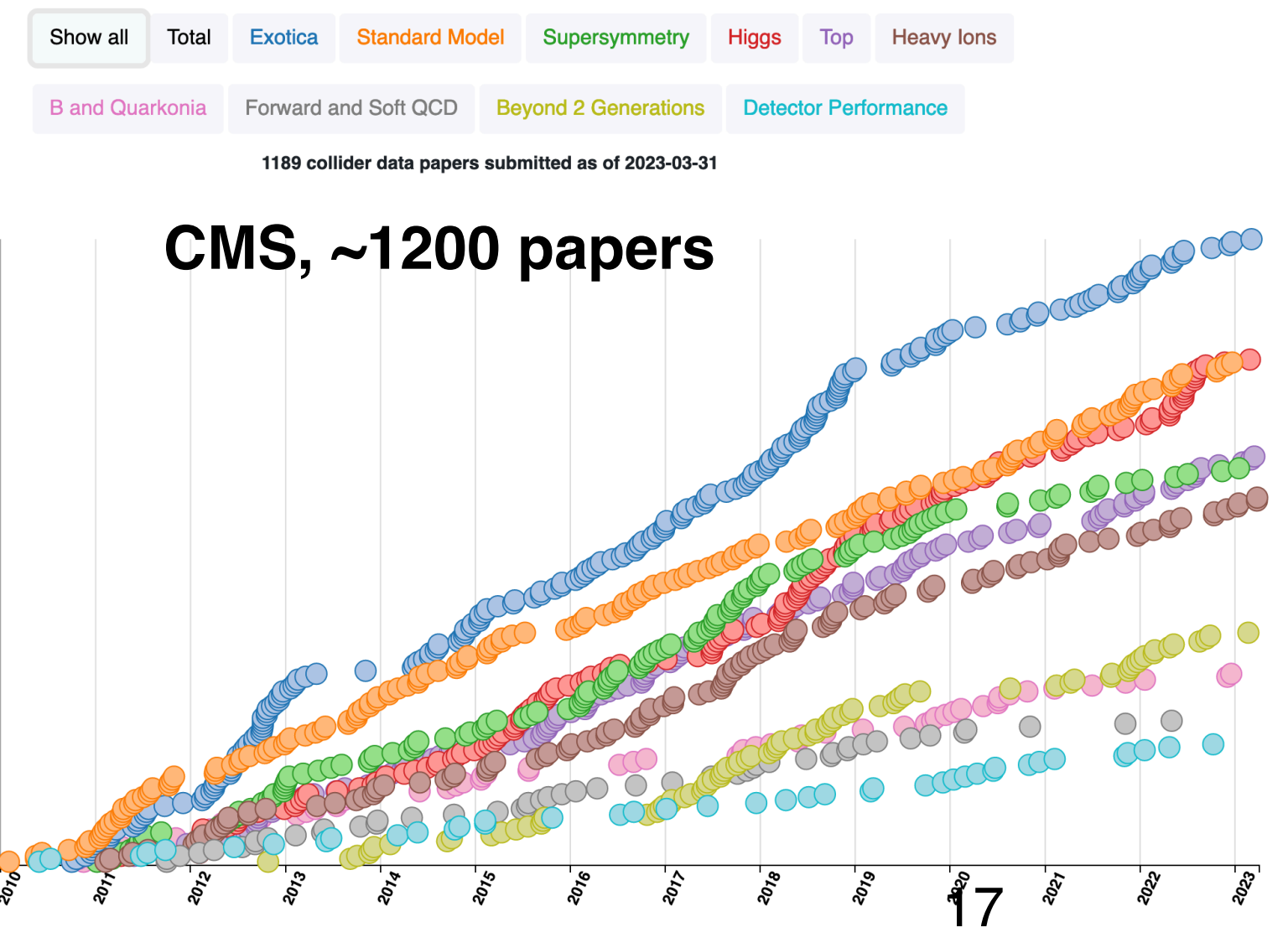
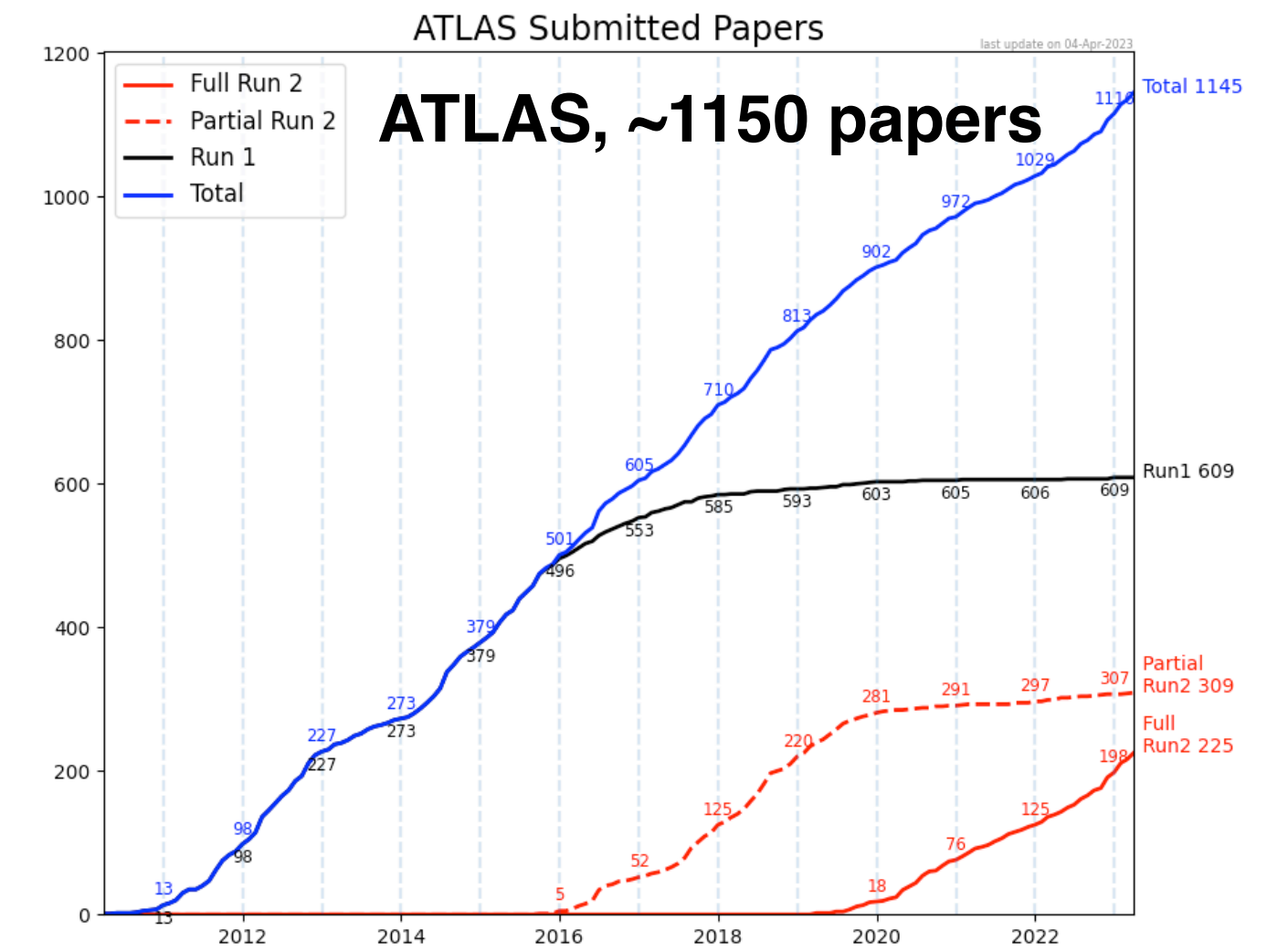




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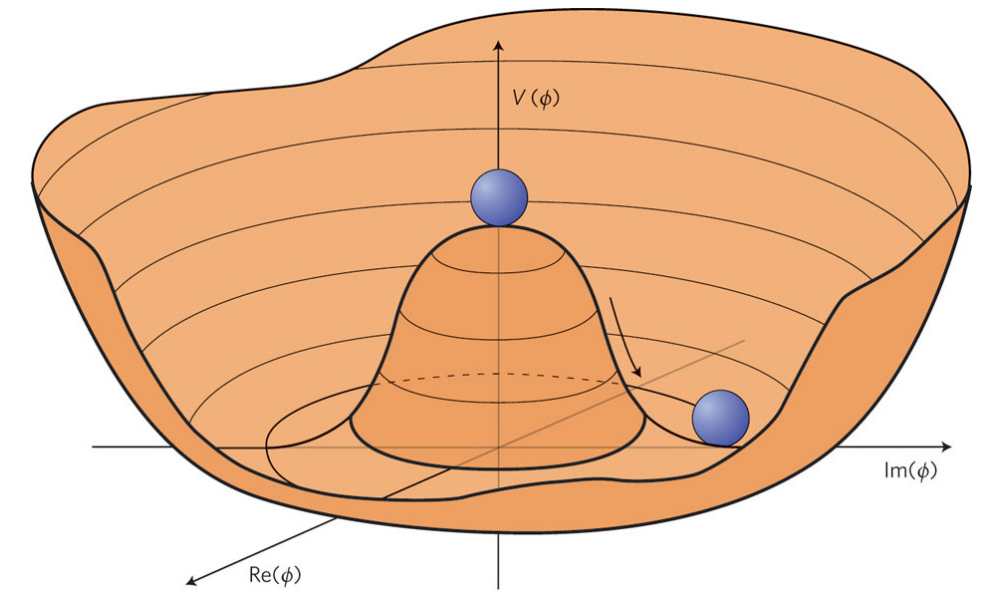
- The Standard Model is “complete”
 - An amazing achievement 40+ years in the making
 - And more crucial measurements to make
 - In particular the Higgs potential, a huge challenge
- High Luminosity LHC construction is underway
 - Much deeper probe of the TeV scale and beyond
 - ATLAS and CMS are very versatile experiments, **publishing ~2 papers/week (since 2010!)**
 - Good reason to believe something new will appear
 - Lots of phase space to explore!
- This may require a new paradigm
 - After all, nobody (could have?) predicted QCD





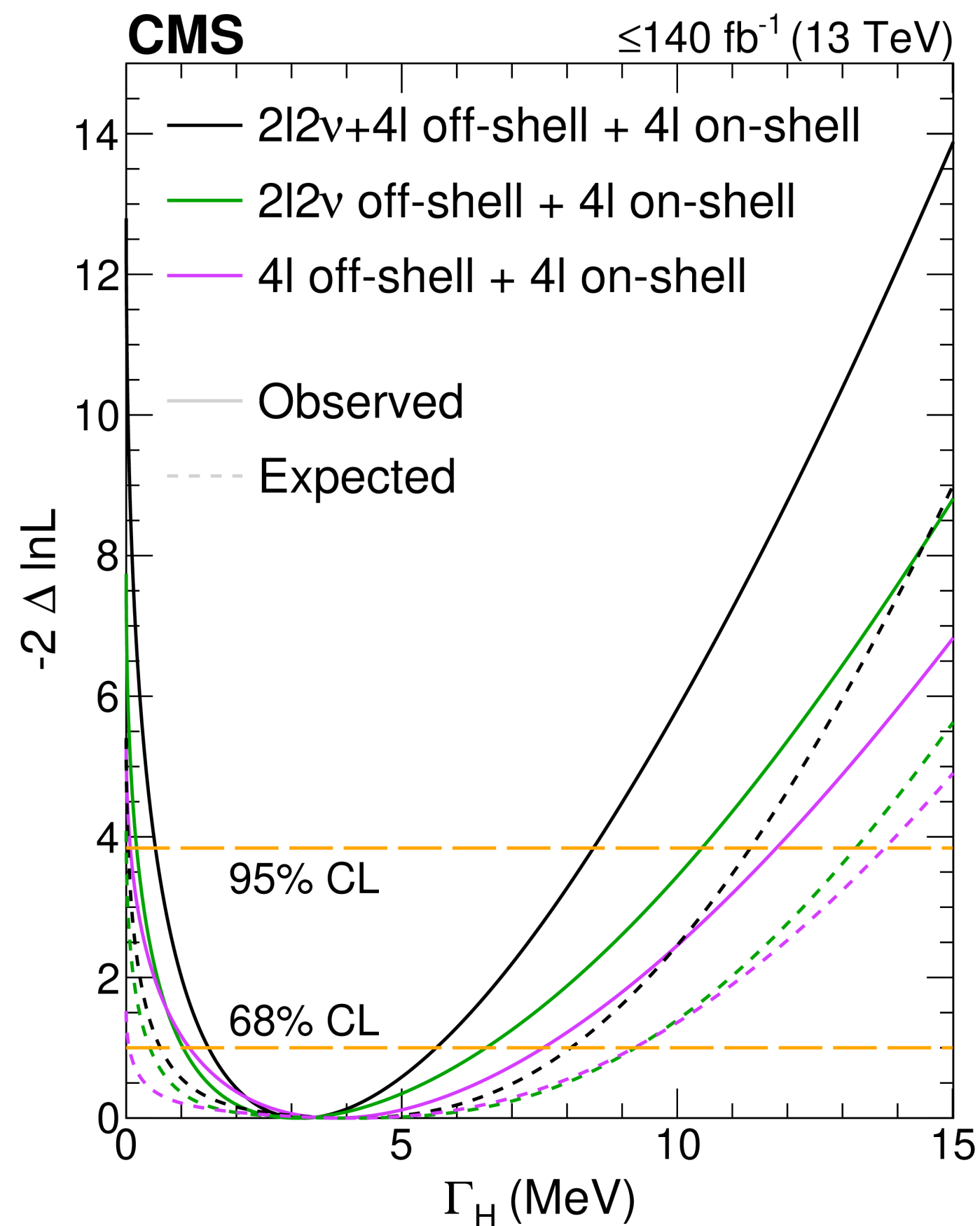
The Higgs Sector

- Left-handed nature of weak interactions forbids “direct” fermion masses
 - Mechanism by which fermions acquire mass has to “connect” to parity violation
 - Mass terms $y_f(\bar{\psi}_L\phi\psi_R)$ rather than $m(\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R)$, with ϕ a weak $SU(2)_L$ (at least) doublet
- Of ϕ 's 4 degrees of freedom
 - 3 are the longitudinal W and Z polarizations (which thus acquire mass)
 - 1 physical Higgs boson state
- For everything to work, $V(\phi)$ is (lightly) constrained:
 - Higgs vacuum expectation value cannot be 0 (or $-\infty$)
 - In polynomial form, at least order 4
 - SM *assumes* minimal form: $V = \mu^2\phi^\dagger\phi + \lambda(\phi^\dagger\phi)^2$ with $\mu^2 < 0$ and $\lambda > 0$

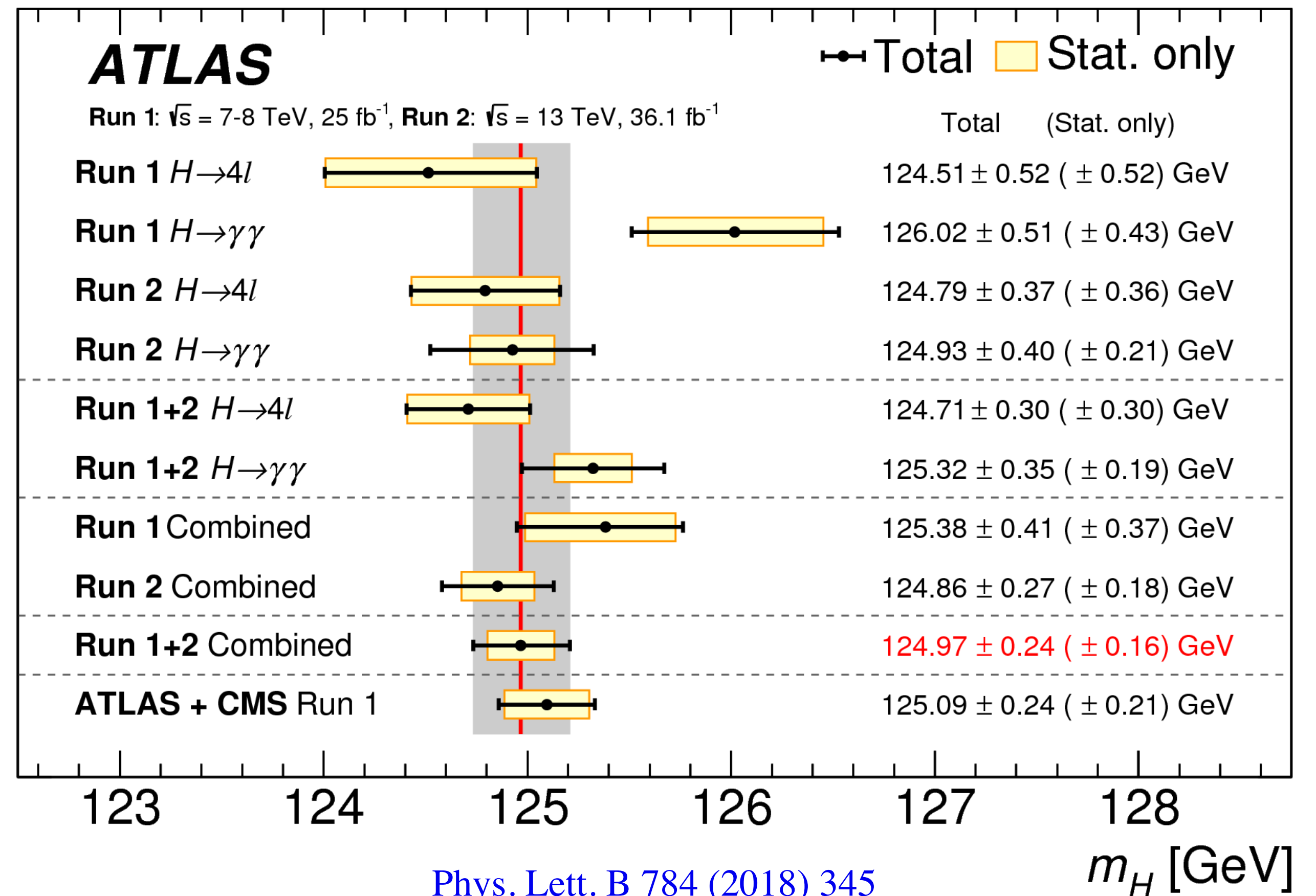


Higgs Observation

- The existence of a Higgs boson is firmly established.. at 125 GeV
 - Width compatible with SM prediction (4.1 MeV)... if no NP “interference”



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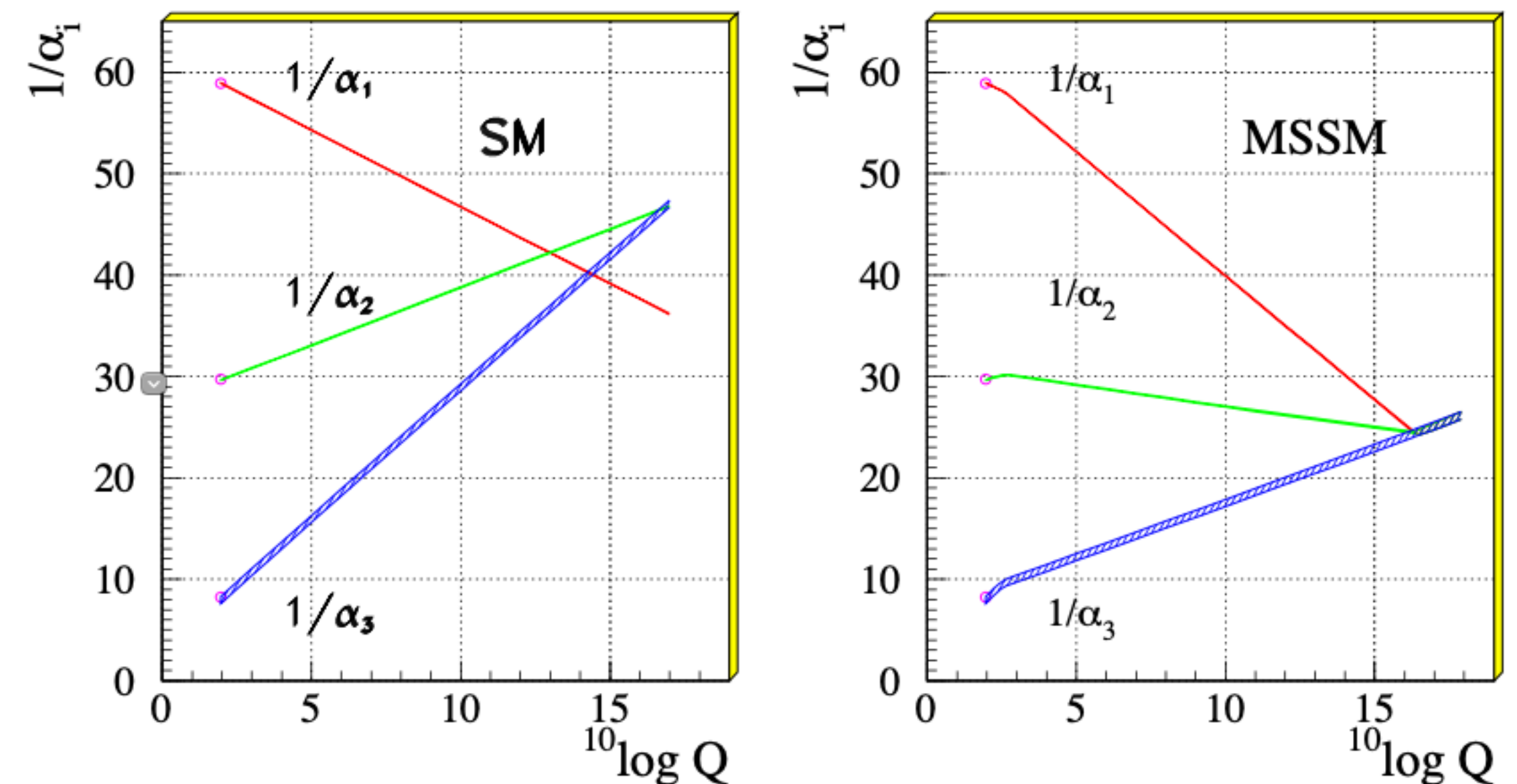


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Unification of the Coupling Constants in the SM and the minimal MSSM



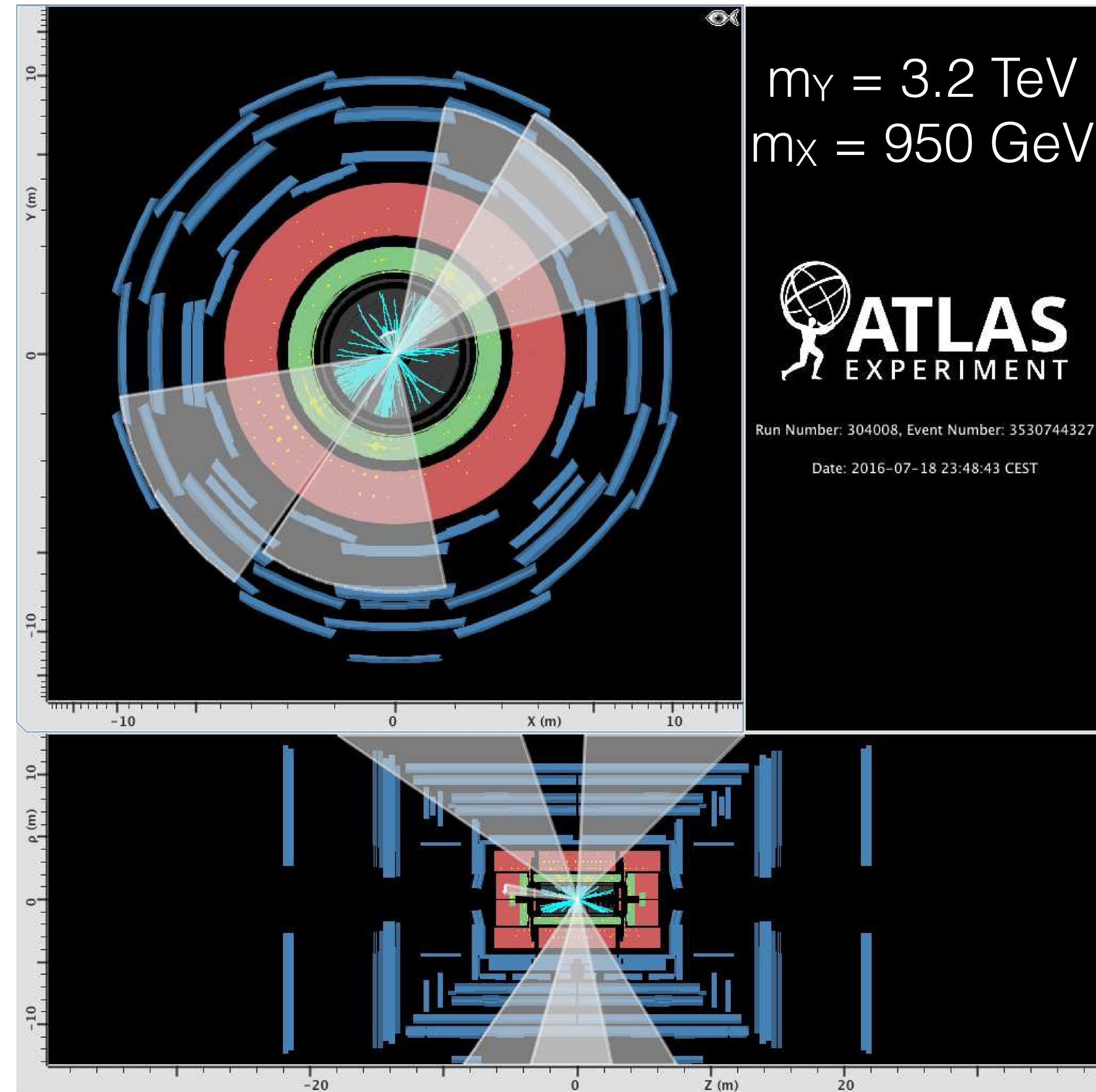
[arXiv:hep-ph/0012288](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0012288)

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- But also want to become “smarter”, and expand the scope of analyses
 - Example: we perform many searches for new resonances, Z' , W' , Heavy Higgs...
 - In many cases, these primarily couple to W , Z , H , top quark (because they help address the hierarchy problem)
 - So we look for “di-boson” resonances, i.e. $Y \Rightarrow WW, ZZ, HH, ZH, \dots$
 - However, if Y exists, there are likely to be other new particles
 - Need to broaden searches!
 - Same for VLQs etc.



- Higgs discovery completes the Standard Model
 - Fully consistent, complete, precise description of strong, electromagnetic and weak *interactions*
- Even generate fermion masses
 - But that is the only property of fermions we “understand”

