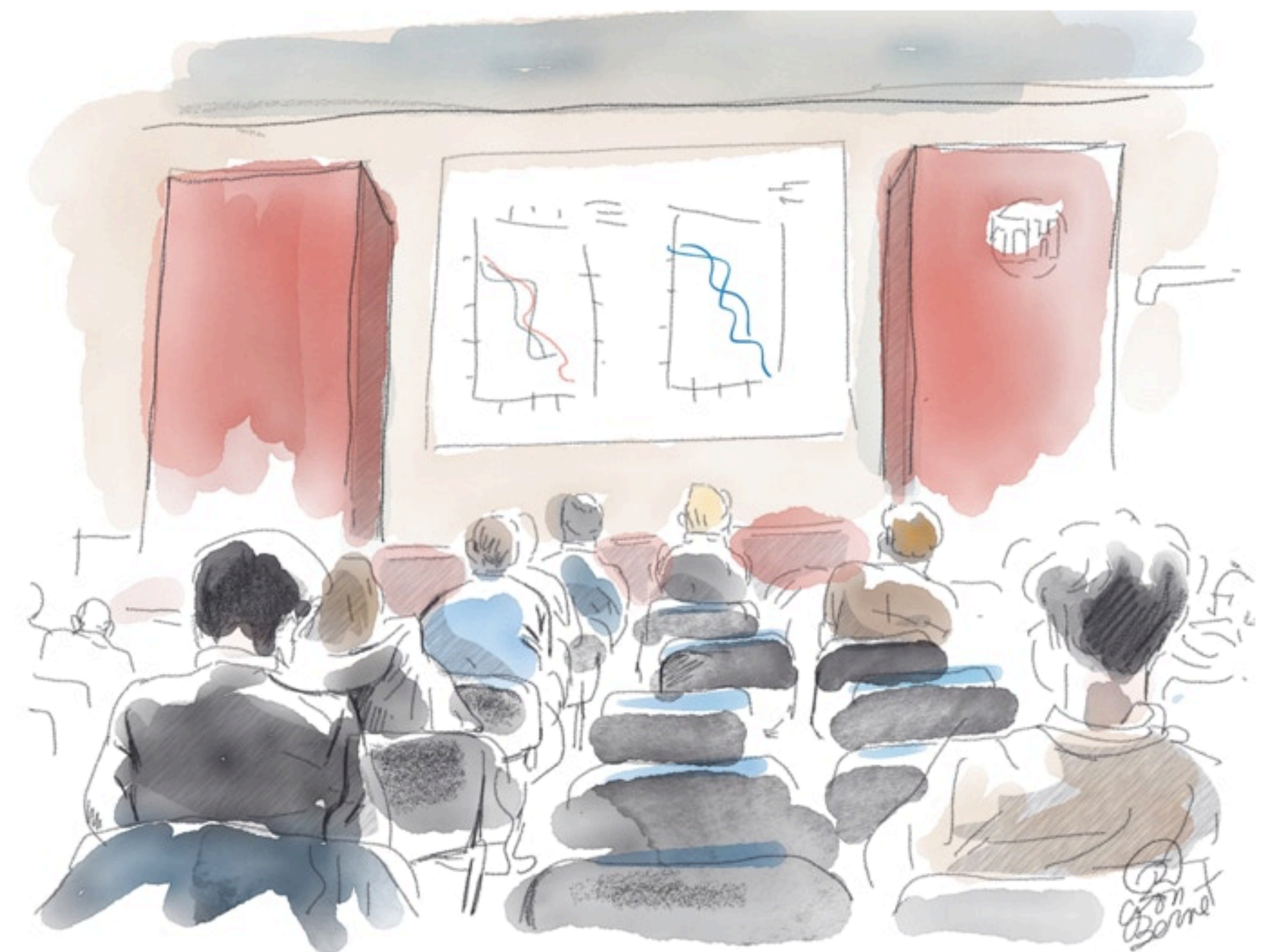


# Highlights from the Recontres de Moriond

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April 22 2022, Wine and Cheese Seminar, Fermilab



# Moriond was in person!

**Disclaimer 1:** I was not there ... but ...

- Over 140 participants in Moriond EW and over 100 participants in Moriond QCD
- (Was told) great atmosphere & lots of interaction & great skiing conditions

And of course many new results!

**Disclaimer 2:** CMS alone has over 25 new results!

- Naturally there will be some personal bias on the “more” highlighted results in this presentation.
- When related, tried to bring in the insight from the other side of the ring, ATLAS



# Moriond was in person!

Full (**impressive**) list of results that were presented at Moriond (EW/QCD)!

<a href="#">CMS-PAS-SUS-21-007</a>	Search for supersymmetry in final states with a single electron or muon using angular correlations and heavy object tagging in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-TOP-20-006</a>	Measurement of differential cross sections for the production of top quark pairs and of additional jets in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-TOP-21-008</a>	Measurement of the top quark pole mass using $t\bar{t}+jet$ events in the dilepton final state at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
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<a href="#">CMS-PAS-EXO-20-011</a>	Search for a heavy composite Majorana neutrino
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-B2G-20-009</a>	Search for new heavy resonances decaying to WW, WZ, ZZ, WH, or ZH boson pairs in the all-jets final state in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-TOP-21-007</a>	Search for central exclusive production of top quark pairs in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV with tagged protons
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-PRO-21-001</a>	Proton reconstruction with the CMS Precision Proton Spectrometer in Run 2
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-EXO-19-009</a>	A search for new physics in central exclusive production using the missing mass technique with the CMS-TOTEM precision proton spectrometer
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-HIN-21-009</a>	Observation of $\tau\tau$ lepton pair production in ultraperipheral nucleus-nucleus collisions
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<a href="#">CMS-PAS-HIG-20-013</a>	Measurements of properties of the Higgs boson in the W boson pair decay channel in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-B2G-21-004</a>	Search for pair-produced vector-like leptons in $\geq 3b++N\tau\tau$ final states

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<a href="#">CMS-PAS-SMP-21-014</a>	Search for exclusive $\nu\nu\rightarrow WW$ and $\nu\nu\rightarrow ZZ$ production in final states with jets and forward protons
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-SMP-21-013</a>	Observation of WW from double-parton scattering in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-B2G-22-003</a>	Nonresonant pair production of highly energetic Higgs bosons decaying to bottom quarks
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-EXO-21-003</a>	Probing Majorana neutrinos and the Weinberg operator in the same-charge dimuon channel through vector boson fusion processes in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
<a href="#">CMS-PAS-EXO-21-010</a>	Search for resonant and non-resonant production of pairs of identical dijet resonances in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV
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# Standard Model: W & Z Measurements

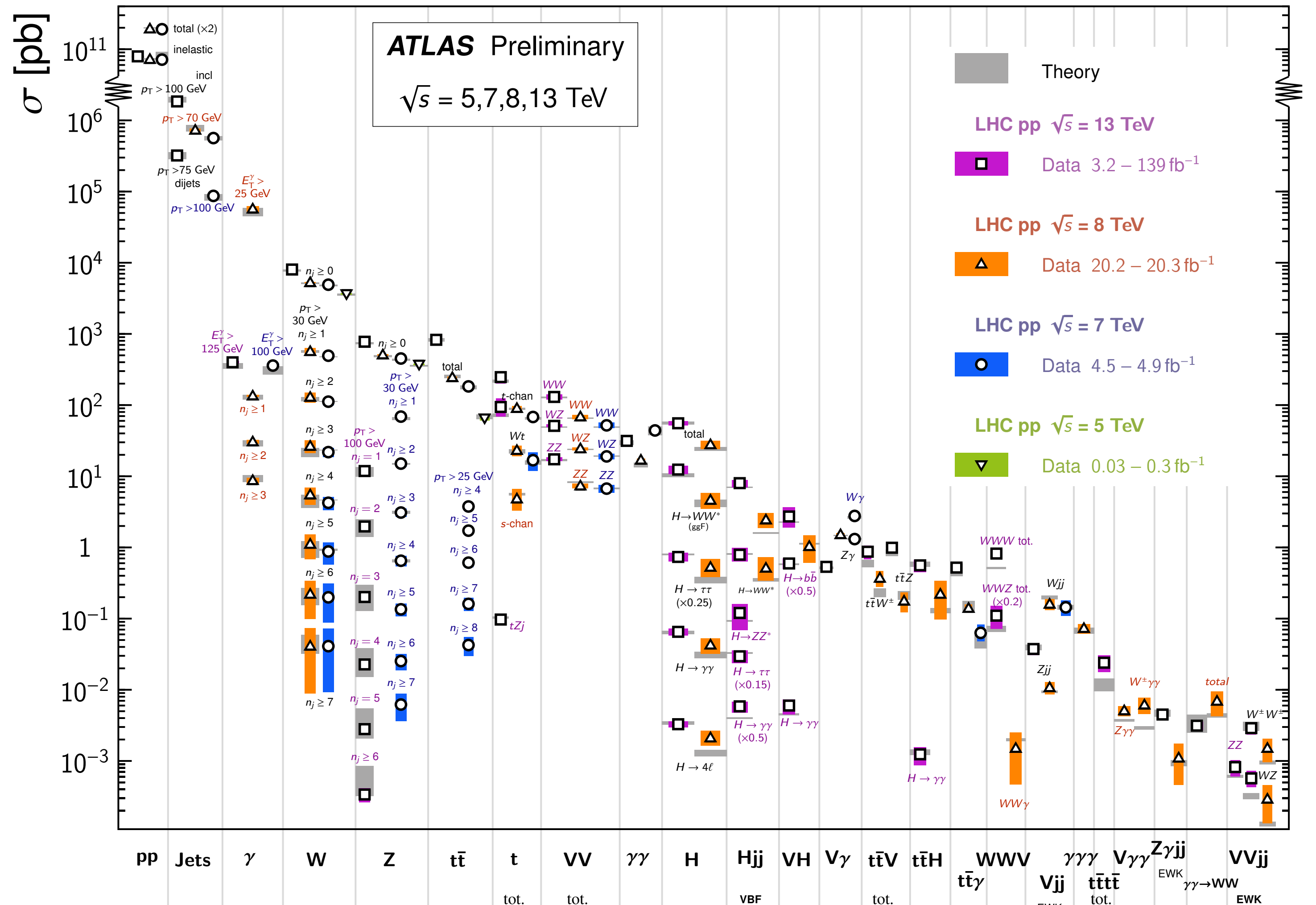
We are sensitive to an **enormous** dynamic range of cross sections at the LHC

**Vector Bosons** processes are very well understood at hadron colliders:

- Probe QCD effects
- Measure EWK parameters, couplings/branching fractions, AFB
- Search for rare decay channels

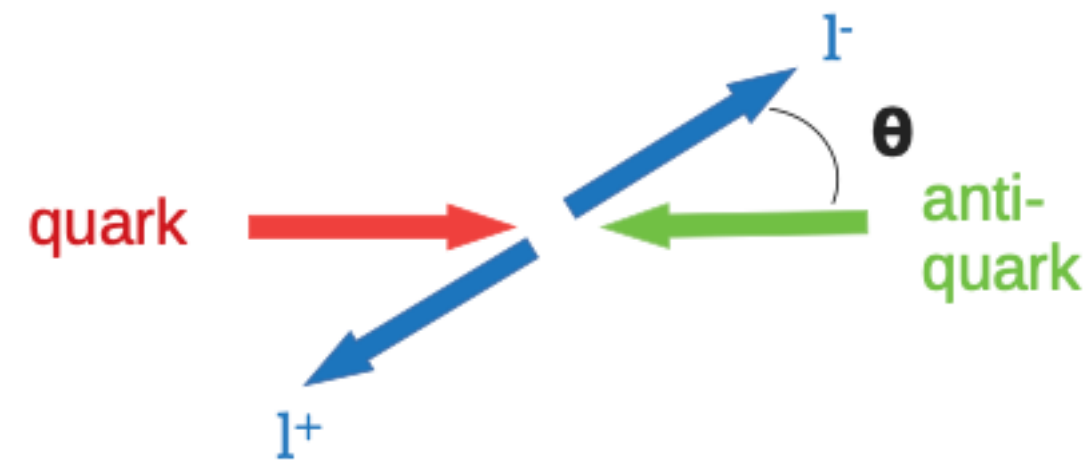
Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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# DY forward-backward asymmetry measurements



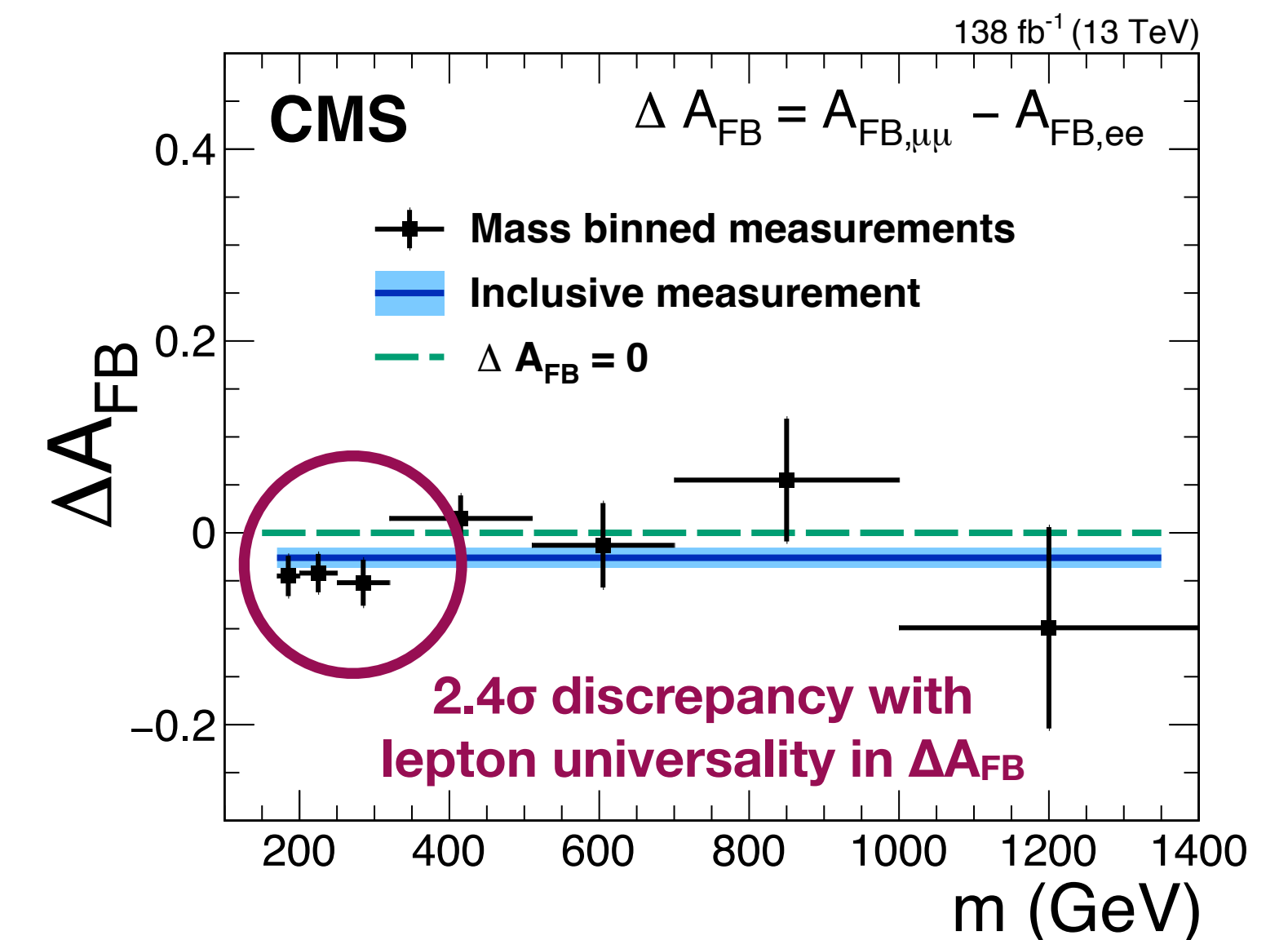
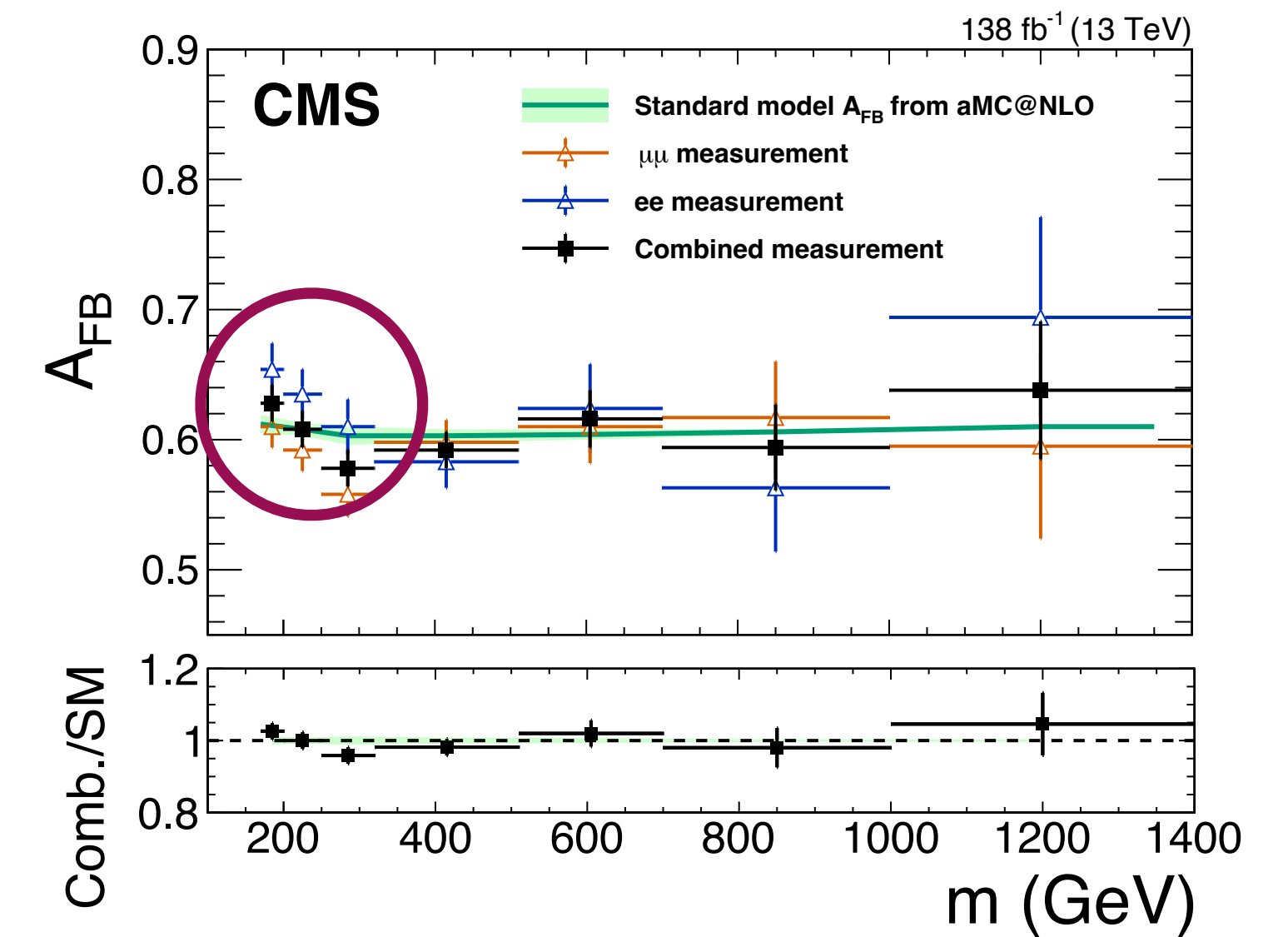
Forward-Backward Asymmetry,  $A_{FB}$ , compares the angular distribution of the final state lepton with respect to the initial state quark. [SMP-21-002](#)

$$A_{FB} = \frac{N_F - N_B}{N_F + N_B}$$

$N_F$  = number of events with  $\cos(\theta) > 0$   
 $N_B$  = number of events with  $\cos(\theta) < 0$

## Why is it interesting?

- new gauge bosons, quark-lepton compositeness, extra dimensions, vector-like fermions, dark matter models, or leptoquarks
- measuring separately in e and  $\mu$  gives sensitivity to lepton non-universality.



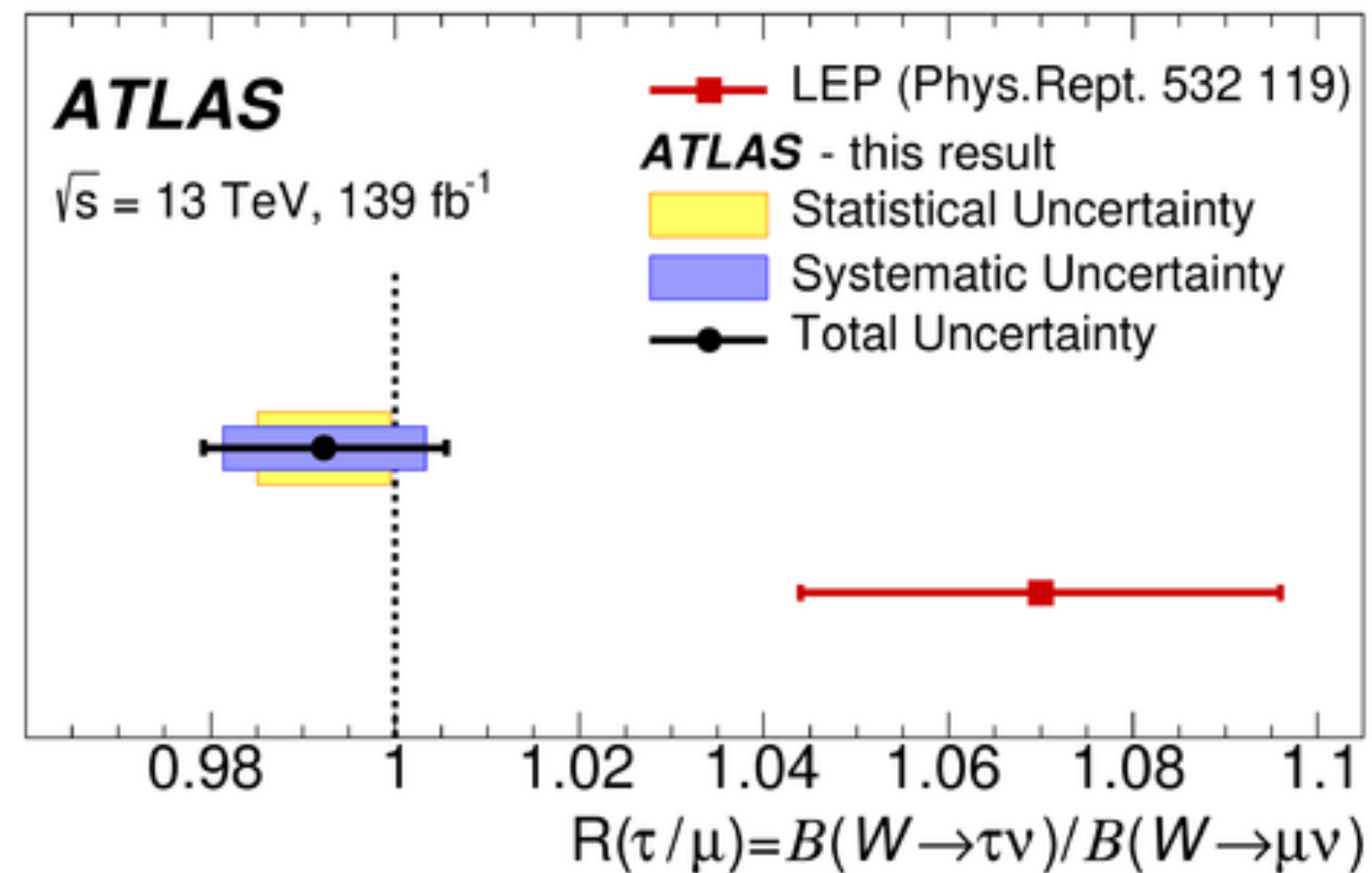
# W Branching Fractions - Lepton Flavor Universality

## Test of the universality of $\tau$ and $\mu$ lepton couplings in W-boson decays with ATLAS [Nature Physics 21](#)

Unique approach: using di-leptonic top quark pairs:

- One W decaying promptly to  $\mu$  (or e)
- The other decaying  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu\nu_\tau\nu_\tau$ 
  - Using  $p_T$  and  $d\mu_0$  to distinguish the  $\tau$  decays from the prompt decay

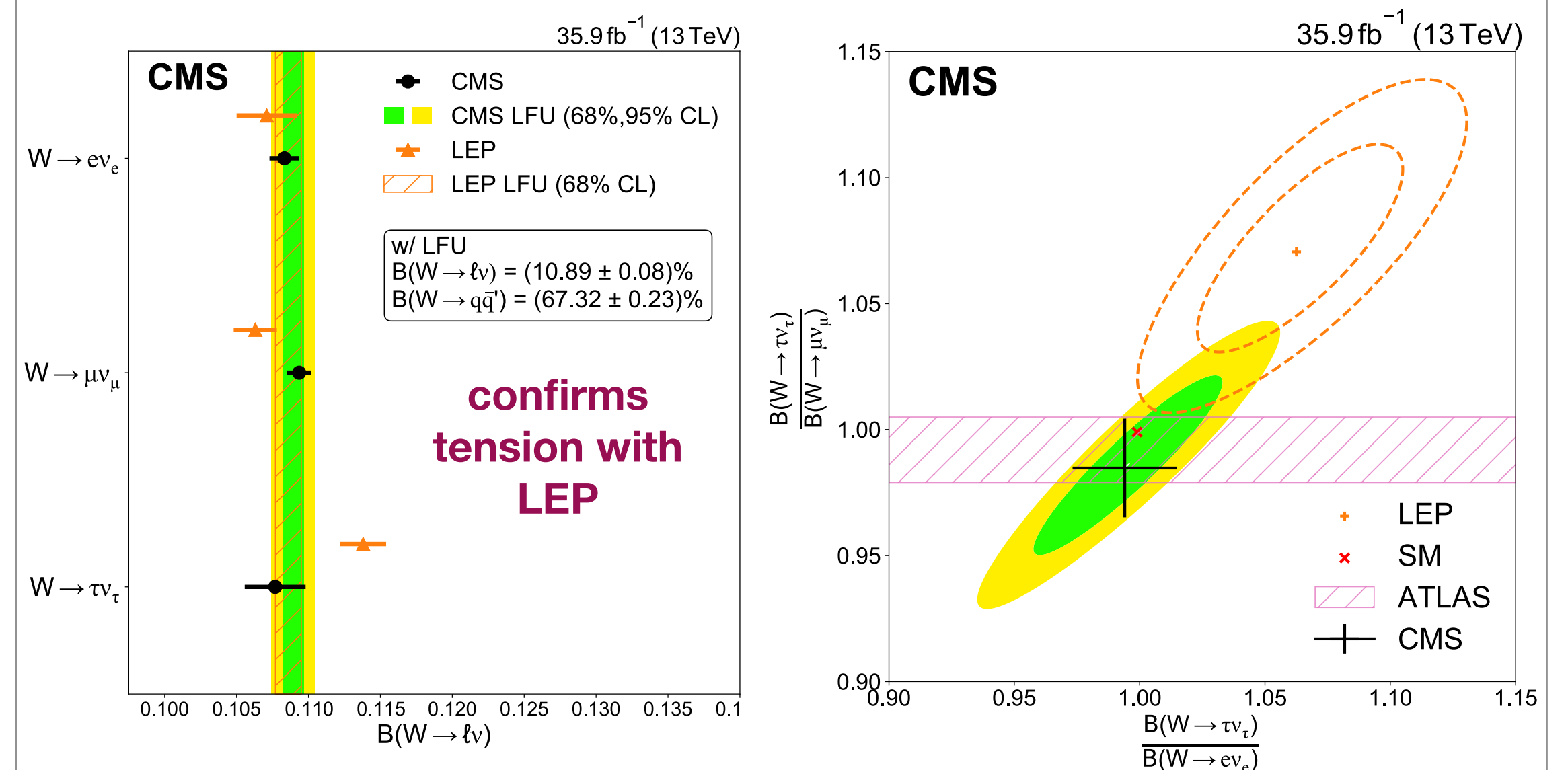
**Tension with LEP, and better precision**



## Precision measurement of the W boson decay branching fractions [Phys. Rev. D \(Editors' Suggestion article\)](#)

- All the W BFs (3 leptons and hadrons) and their ratios are measured di-leptonic tt decays (ee,  $\mu\mu$  or e $\mu$ ).
- tW, WW processes are also considered as signal

**competitive with ATLAS and consistent with SM**





# First observation of Z to cc

In attempt to measure  $H \rightarrow cc$  in associated VH production, ended up with the first **observation of  $Z \rightarrow cc$**  at a hadron collider! Analysis validated by first looking for  $VZ(Z \rightarrow cc)$  process [HIG-21-008](#)

**Very challenging measurement:** large QCD multijet background and difficulty of identifying charm quark jets in a hadronic environment

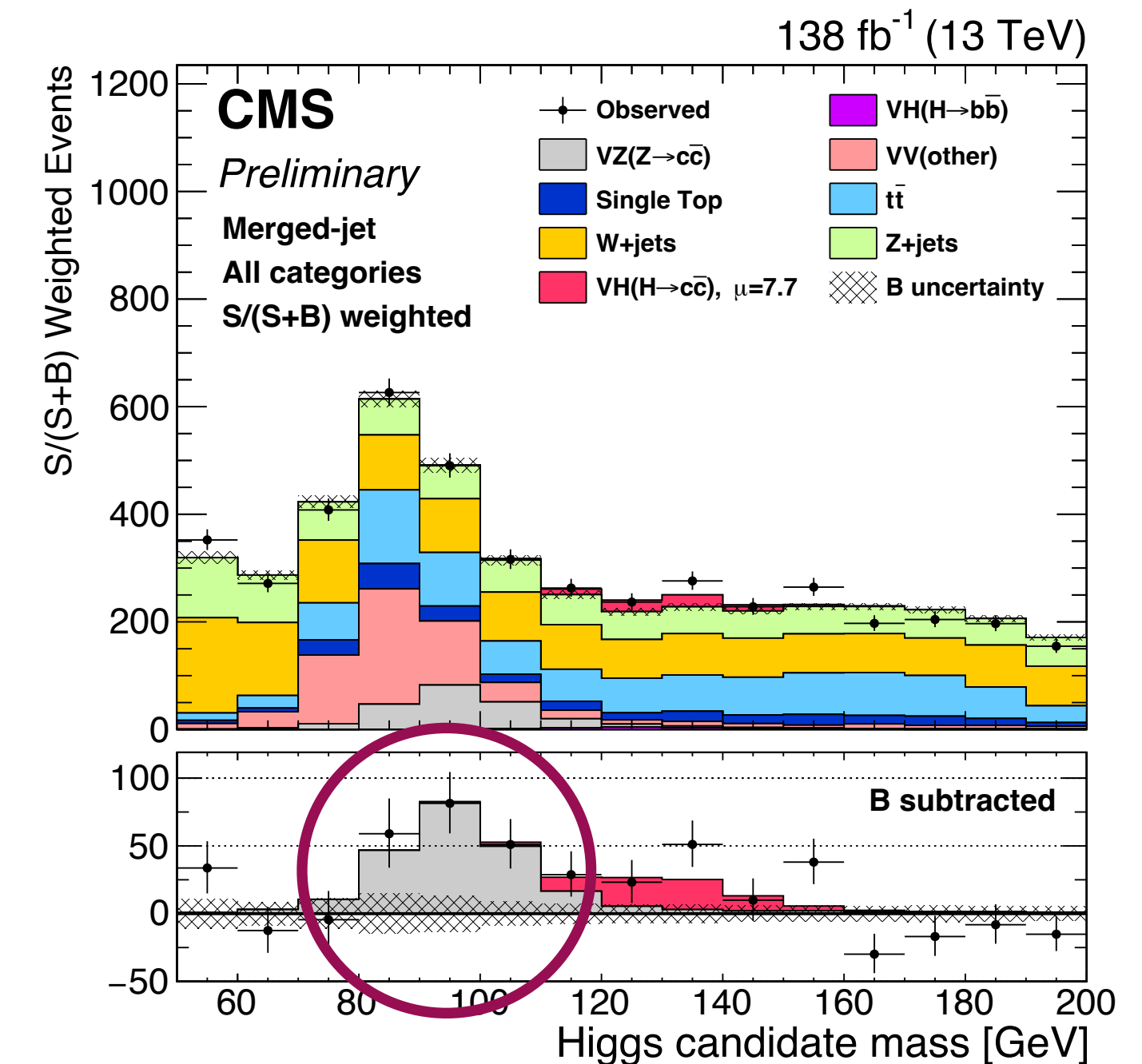
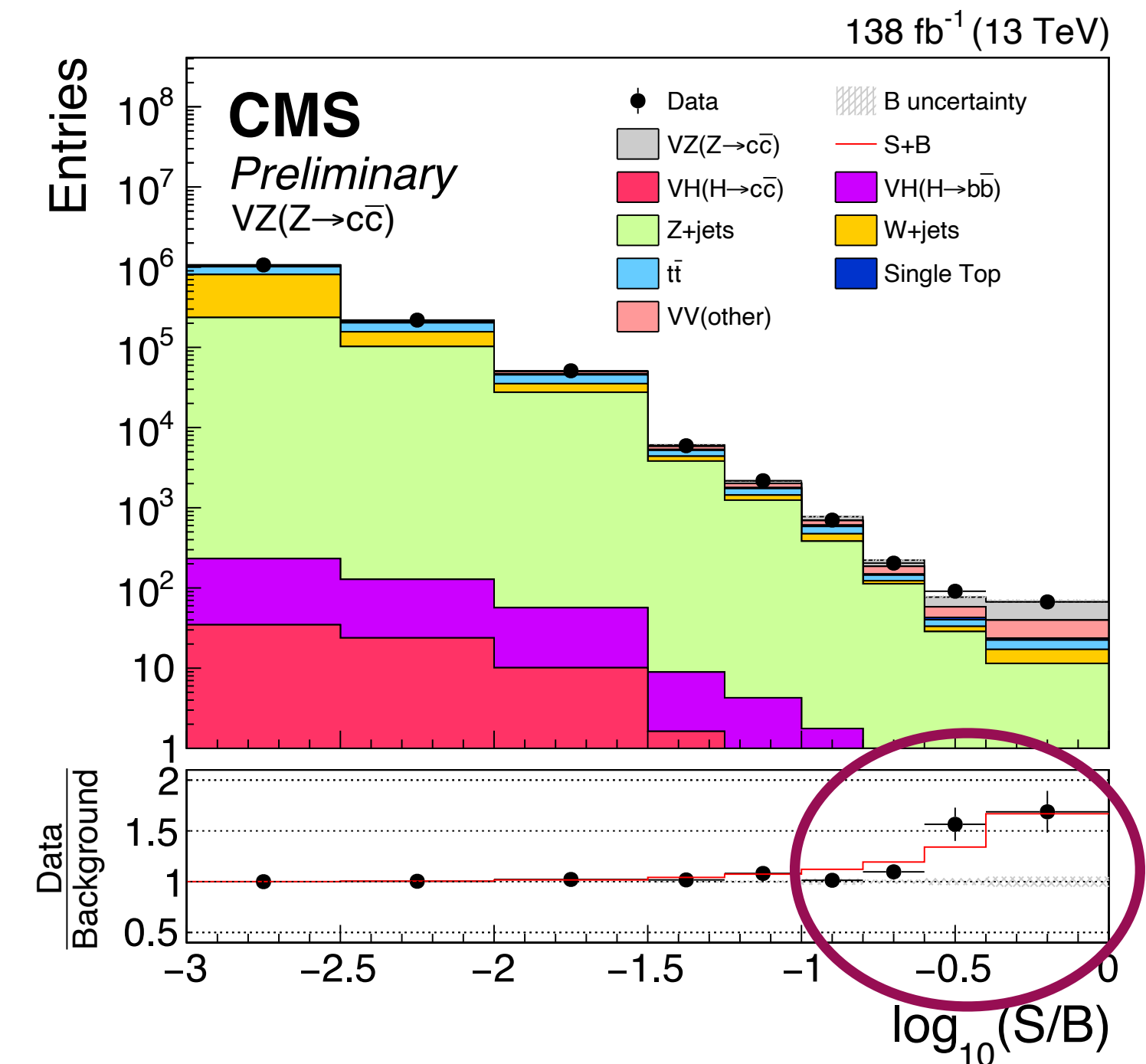
## Resolved (2 resolved AK4 jets)

- DeepJet for charm Tagging: Multiclassifier DNN architecture that makes use of CNN and RNN layers
- c-jet energy regression using DNN architecture
- Kinematic fit
- BDT for signal extraction

## Merged (1 AK15 jet)

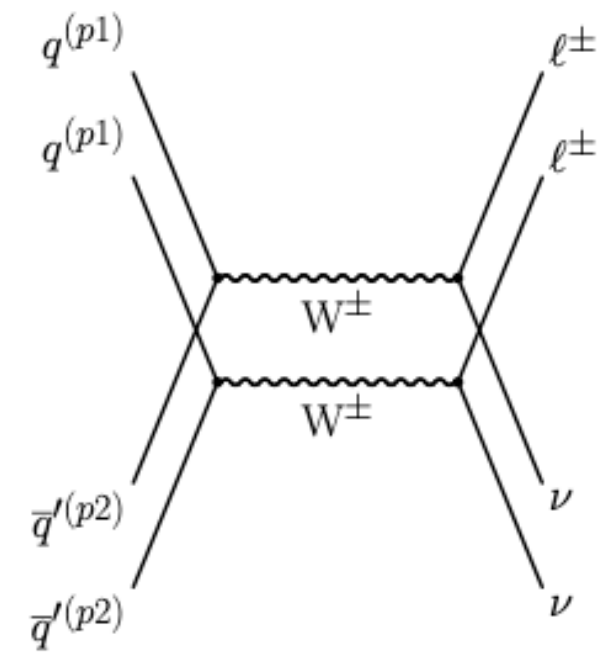
- Particle Net cc-tagger based on a graph neural network (GNN) that treats the jet as an unordered set of particles
- Mass regression on the AK15 jet
- BDT for signal extraction

**First observation of  $Z \rightarrow cc$  at  $(5.7\sigma)$**   
 $\mu(Z \rightarrow cc) = 1.01 + 0.23 - 0.21$

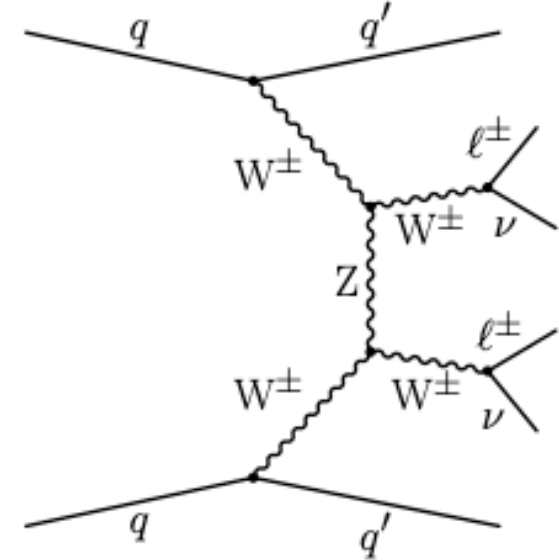


# Observation of WW from double-parton scattering

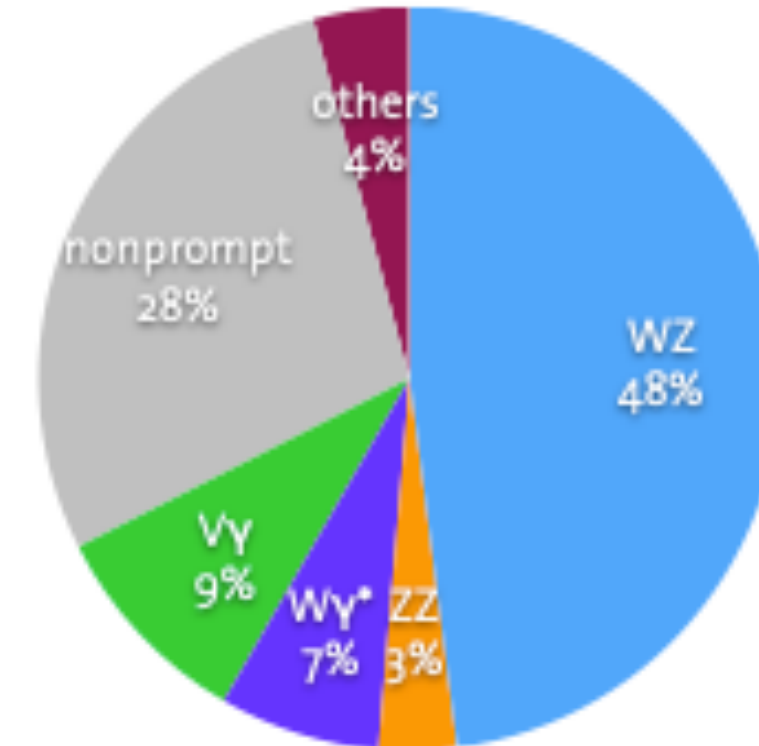
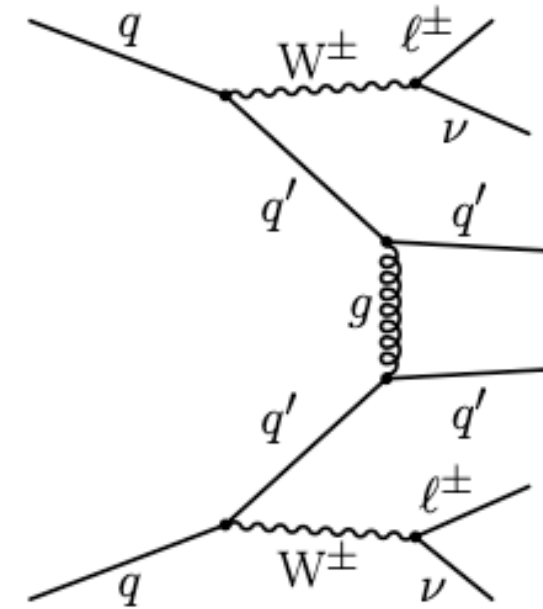
SMP-21-013



DPS  $W^\pm W^\pm$  signal



SPS production EW+QCD



Signal & background discrimination based on **BDT classifiers**; trained separately against WZ and fake lepton backgrounds

A lot of interesting physics can be learned from multi parton scattering:

Probes the internal structure of a proton & Provides input for the tuning of MC simulations & Background for SM & BSM processes

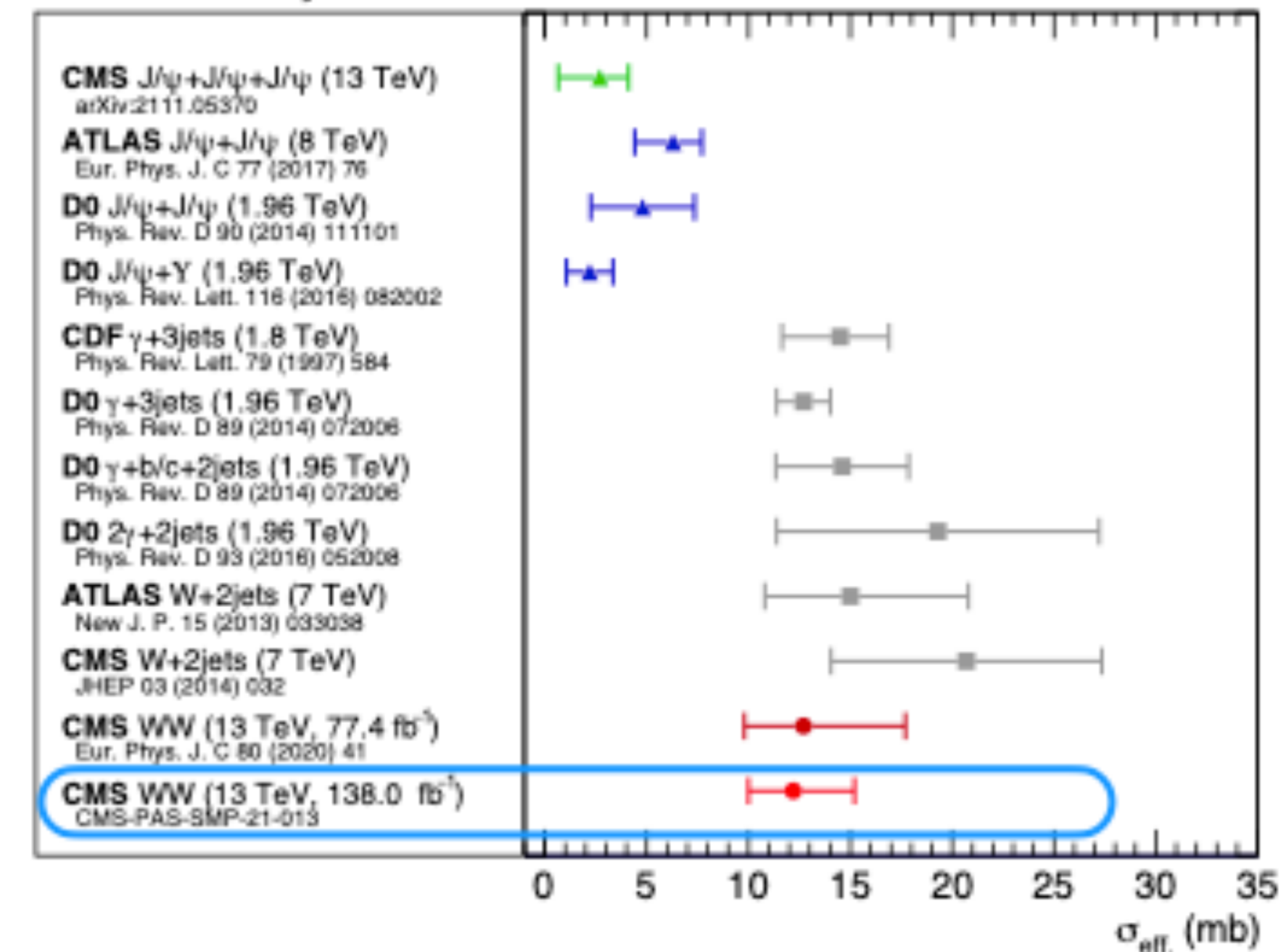
*Remember: DPS cross section grows strongly with center of mass energy*

Observed with **6.7 s.d. (expected: 6.2 s.d.)** production cross section of  $\sigma_{\text{DPS}}^{WW} = 0.16 \pm 0.02 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.02 \text{ (model) pb}$   
 expected cross section from pythia:  $0.173 \text{ pb} \pm 40\% \text{ (tune)}$

$$\sigma_{AB}^{\text{DPS}} = \frac{m}{2} \frac{\sigma_A \sigma_B}{\sigma_{\text{eff}}}$$

effective cross section  $\sigma_{\text{eff}} = 12.16 + 3.0 - 2.2 \text{ mb}$

CMS Preliminary





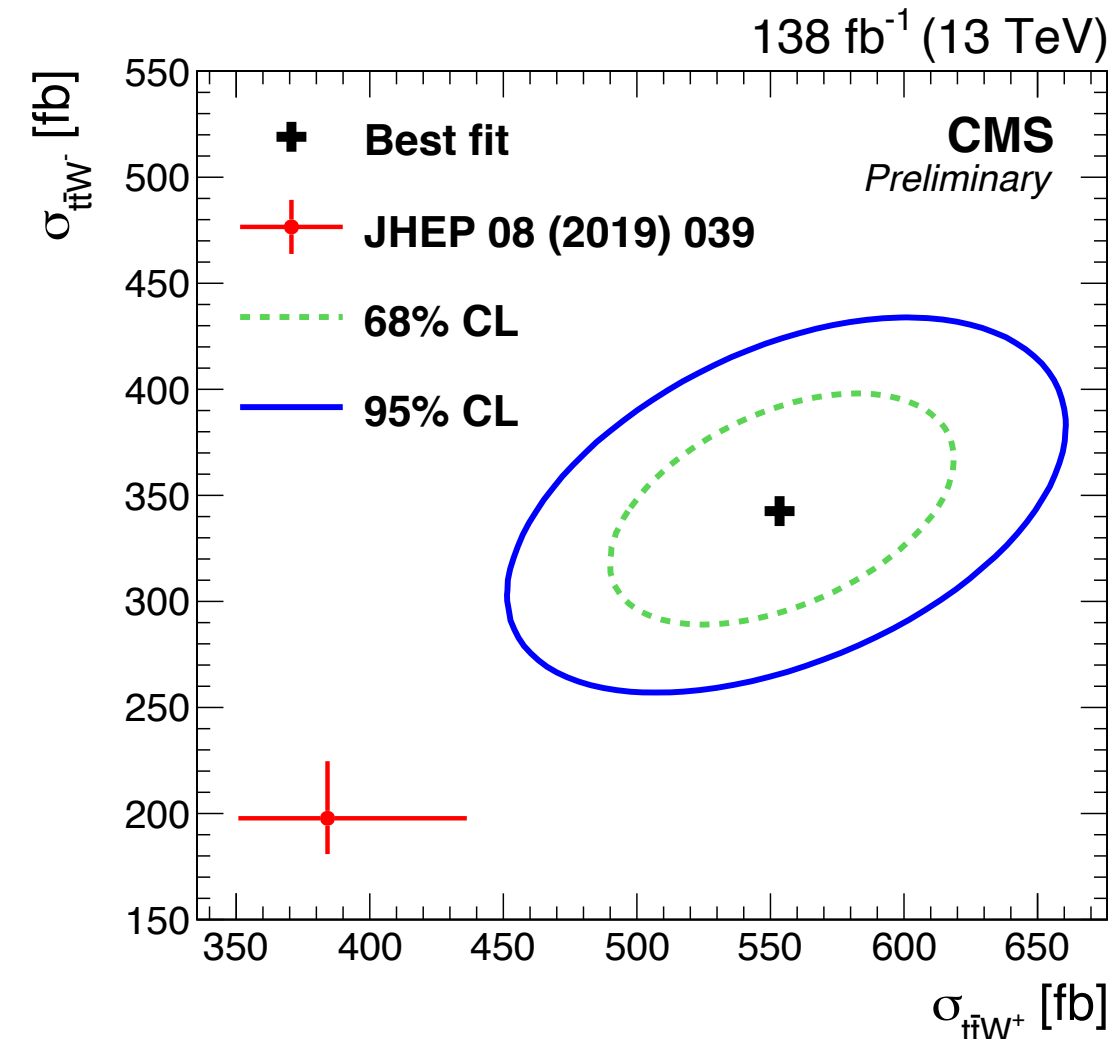
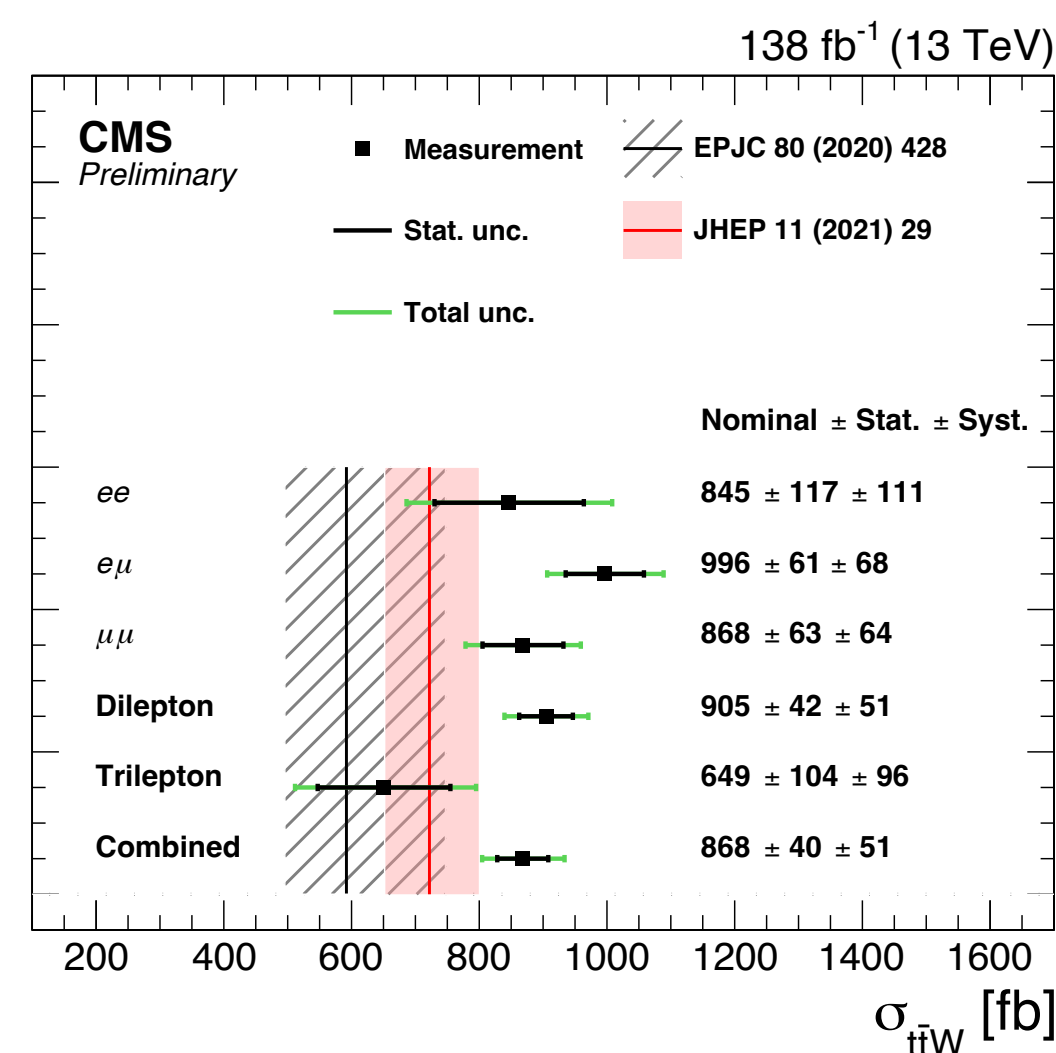
# Observation of WWW and Measurement of ttW

## Observation of WWW production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector [STDM-2019-09](#)

- Test of SM gauge boson self-interactions, deviations would hint BSM
- Among the least-understood SM processes given the small production cross-section.
- In this analysis: Considered 2l and 3l final states & Two BDTs used to improve signal to background separation

CMS had before observation of VVV with  $3.3 \sigma$  in WWW.  
PRL 125 (2020) 151802

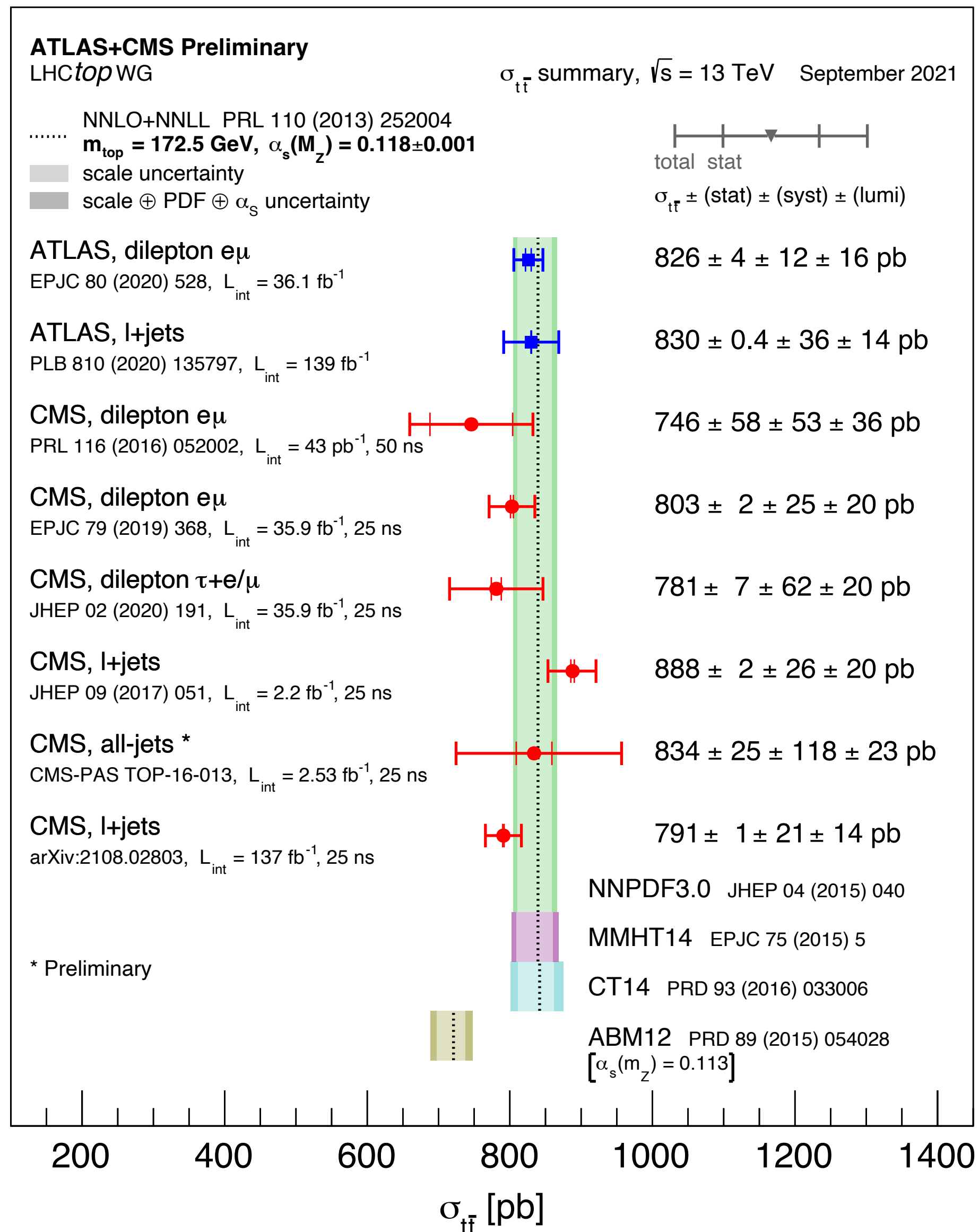
Fit	$\mu(WWW)$	Significance observed (expected)
$e^\pm e^\pm$	$1.54 \pm 0.76$	$2.2 (1.4) \sigma$
$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$1.44 \pm 0.39$	$4.1 (3.0) \sigma$
$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$2.23 \pm 0.46$	$5.6 (2.7) \sigma$
2l	$1.75 \pm 0.30$	$6.6 (4.0) \sigma$
3l	$1.32 \pm 0.37$	$4.8 (3.8) \sigma$
<b>Combined</b>	<b><math>1.61 \pm 0.25</math></b>	<b><math>8.0 (5.4) \sigma</math></b>



## Measurement of the cross section of top quark-antiquark pair production in association with a W boson [TOP-21-0111](#)

- t-W scattering sensitive to EWK coupling
- **R ttW<sup>+</sup>/ ttW<sup>-</sup> asymmetry (~1.6)** as expected
- **Cross-section ~1.5x higher than NLO+NNLL / NLO w. FxFx ME**
- One of the important systematics
  - 50% uncertainty is applied on the triboson production, as the main contribution to this background comes from the WWW

# Getting precise with Top!



Top quark being the heaviest SM particle (with  $y_t$  nearly 1)!

- affects the EW vacuum stability.
- It also decays before hadronisation and spin decorrelation, enabling a direct access to top mass and polarization!

BSM extensions predict:

- Modifications in top quark couplings
- Observation of the top production or decay processes that would nominally be suppressed (or forbidden) in SM

Most precise single inclusive measurement is:

- $\Delta\sigma / \sigma = 2.4\%$  (from ATLAS)
- **Theory predictions has  $\Delta\sigma / \sigma = +4.8/-5.5\%$**

Differential measurements, cross sections in bins of 1,2, or 3 kinematic variables at particle level and/or Parton level are crucial to the LHC program

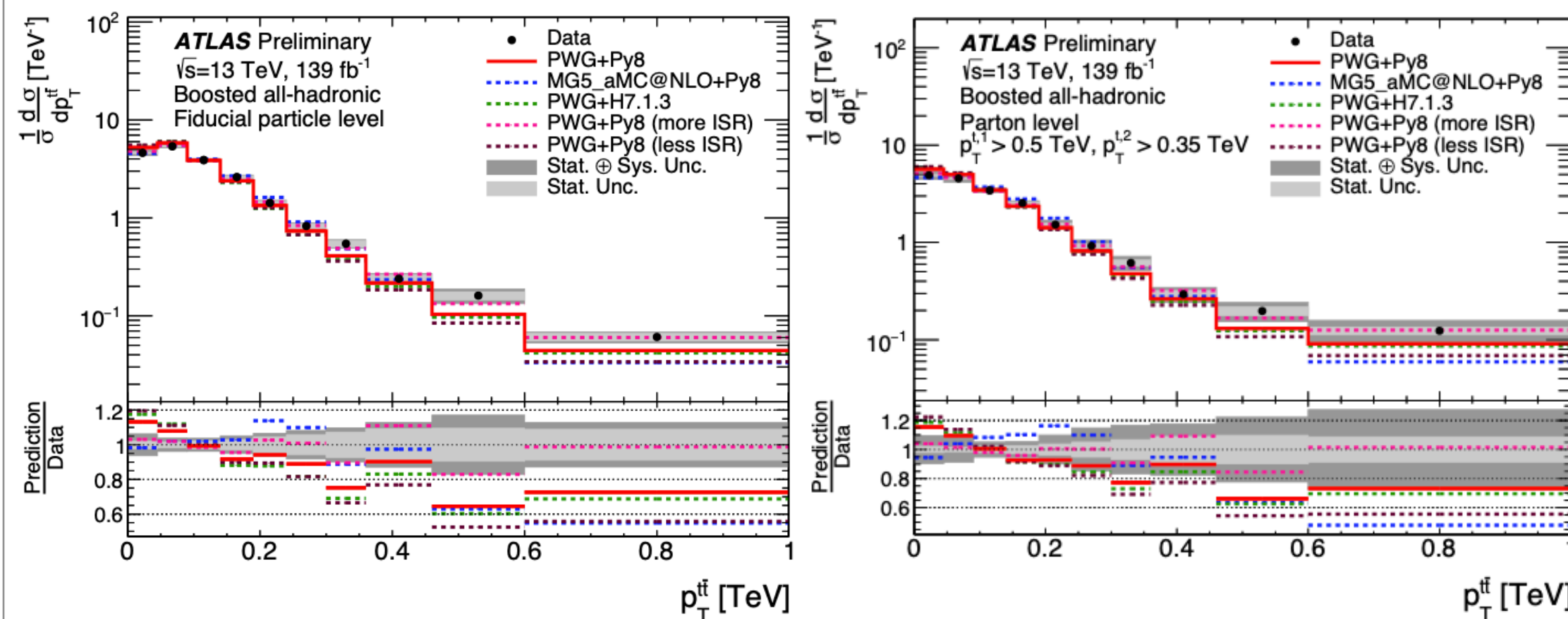


# Getting precise with Top!

## Differential tt cross-section measurements using boosted top quarks in the all-hadronic final state

[ATLAS-CONF-2021-050](#)

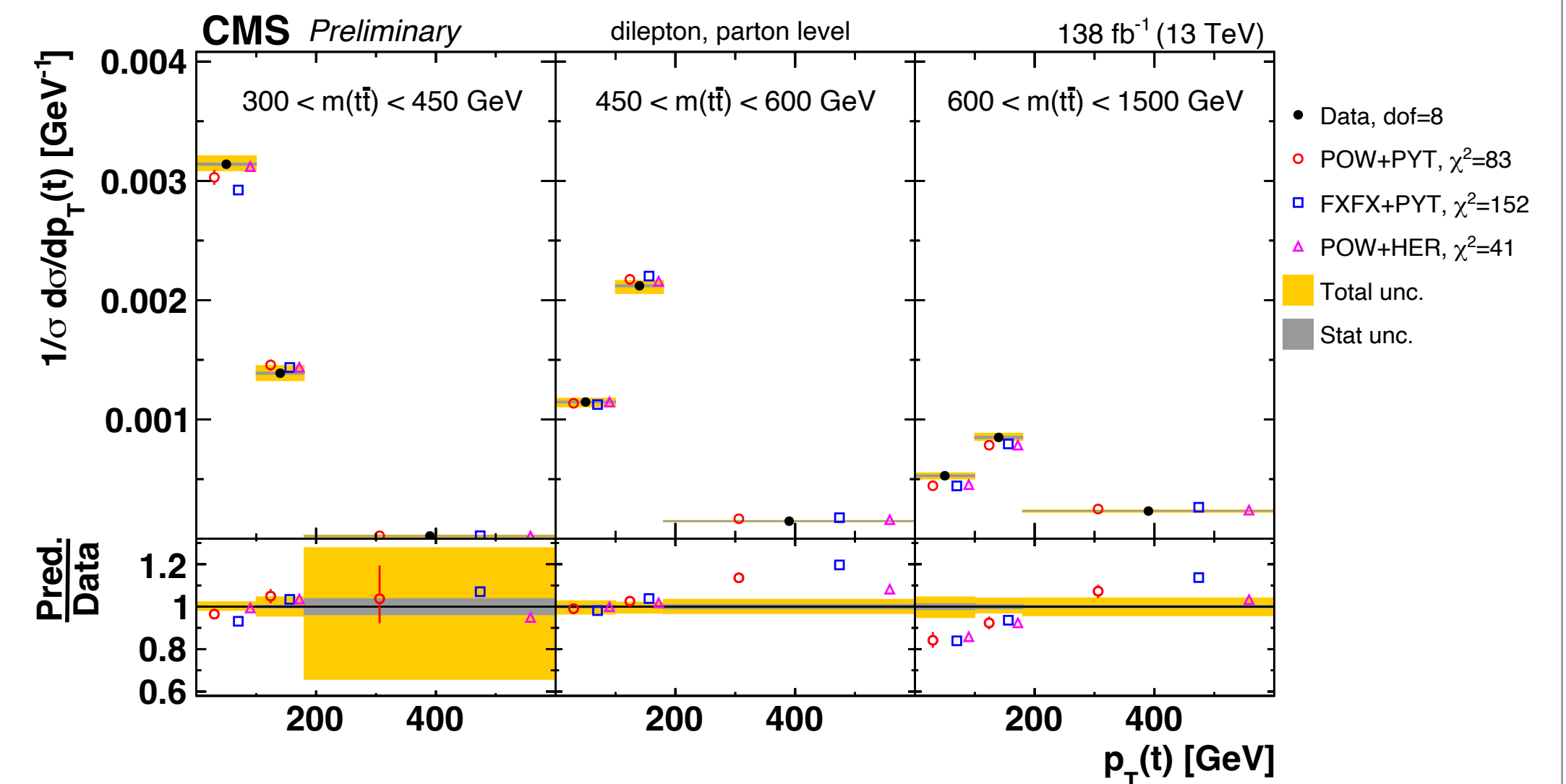
- A focus on highly-boosted top-quark final states probes the QCD ttbar production processes in the TeV scale range
- DNN based top-quark-tagging algorithm
- Differential measurements on particle and on parton level



## Measurement of differential cross sections for the production of top quark pairs and of additional jets

[CMS-TOP-20-006](#)

- Measuring as a function of top and ttbar kinematic observables, their decay products, and the number of additional jets
- Compared to MC with NLO accuracy and also beyond NLO. Largest deviations for multi-differential cross-sections



# Top Mass

Direct measurements of the top mass reach a precision of:

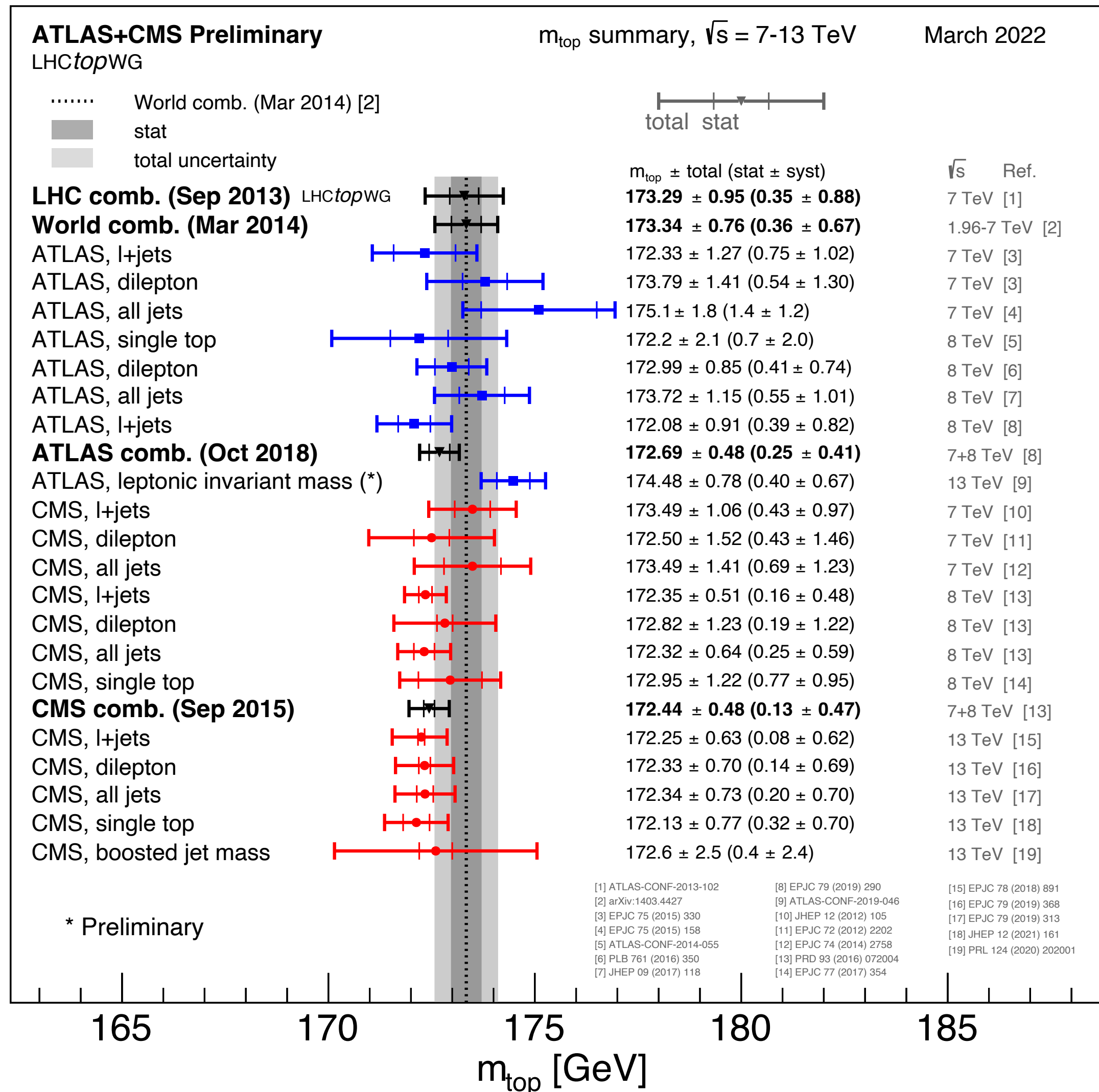
$$m_t = 172.44 \pm 0.48 \text{ GeV}$$

The direct measurements rely on the reconstruction of the top quark decay products -> Relying on MC

$$m_t^{\text{MC}} = m_t^{\text{pole}} + \Delta_{\text{MC}} \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ GeV})$$

TOP-21-008

**First** measurement of **top quark pole mass** using normalized differential cross section of **ttbar+ jet in CMS at 13 TeV**



$$\mathcal{R}(m_t, \rho) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}+jet}} \frac{d\sigma_{t\bar{t}+jet}}{d\rho}$$

with  $\rho = \frac{2m_0}{m_{t\bar{t}+jet}}, m_0 = 170 \text{ GeV}$

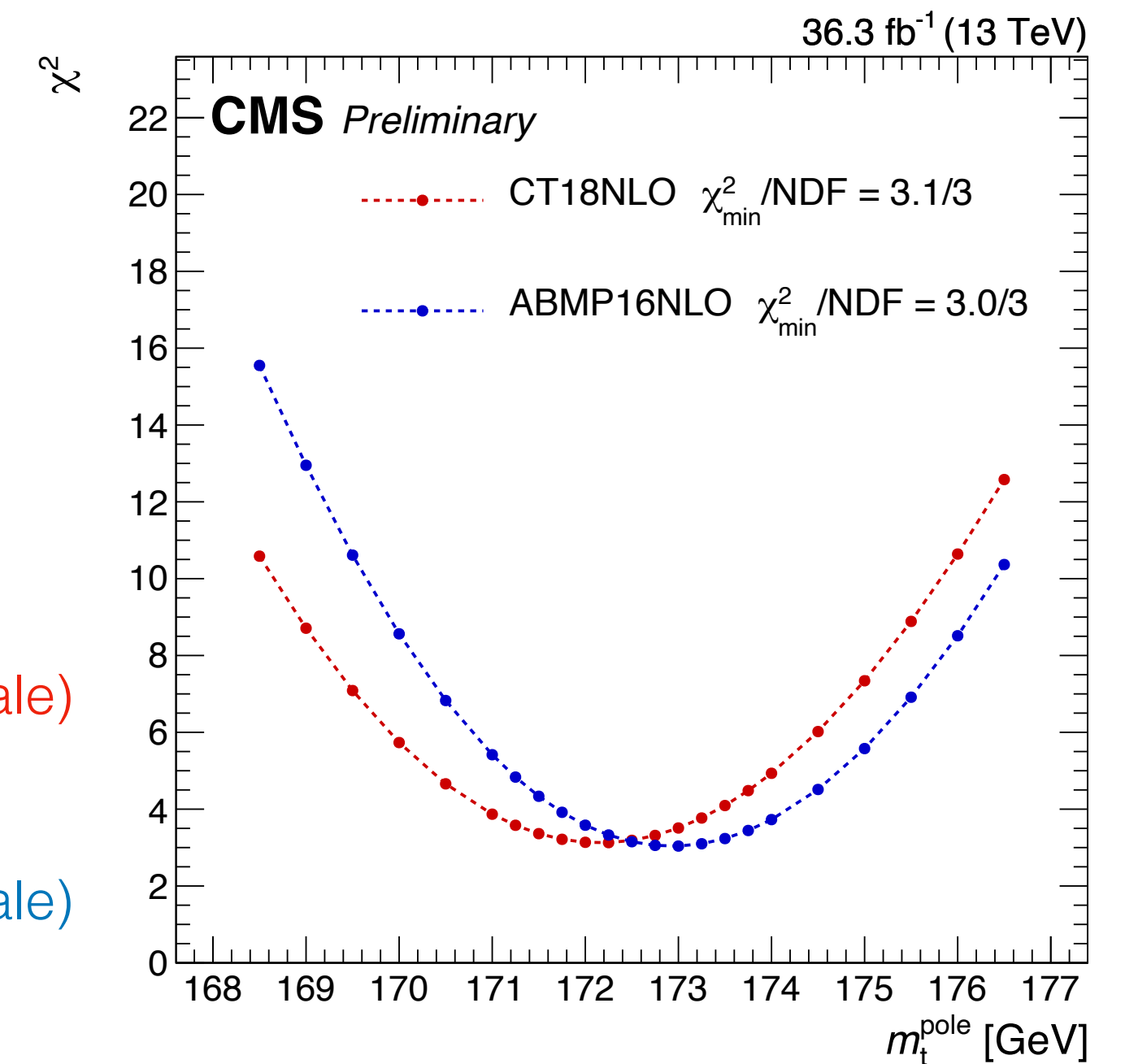
$m_t^{\text{pole}} =$

(CT18NLO)

$$172.16 \pm 1.34 (\text{fit+PDF+extr}) +0.50 (\text{scale})$$

(ABMP16NLO)

$$172.94 \pm 1.26 (\text{fit+PDF+extr}) +0.51 (\text{scale})$$





# The Higgs Boson - 10th year anniversary coming up



2012 - I am born!  
 2013 - First steps  
 2014 - Who am I?  
 2015 - Why am I alone?  
 2016 - Not afraid of dark!  
 2017 - Trip to the tau-land  
 2018 - From top to bottom  
 2019 - I am getting precise  
 2020 - Meet 2nd generation  
 2021 - How broad am I?  
 2022 - I am charming!

*From G. Landsberg*

## 10 new results from HIG @ Moriond!

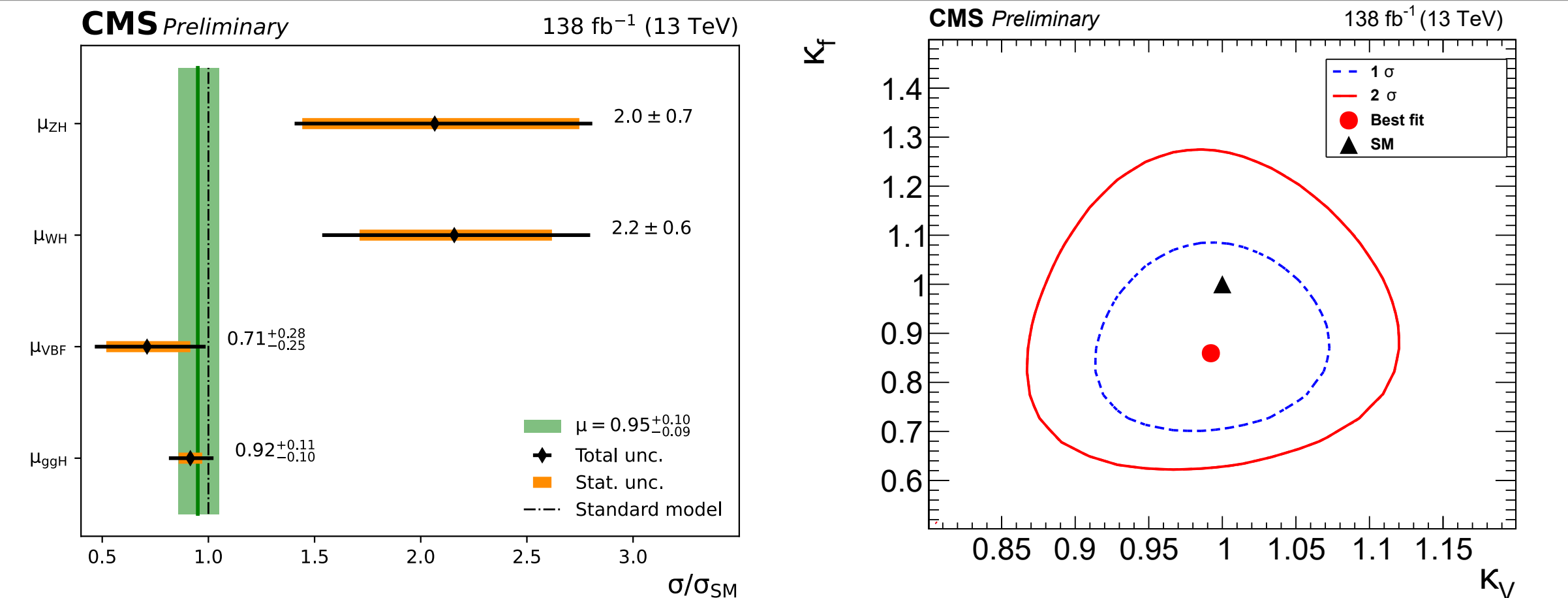
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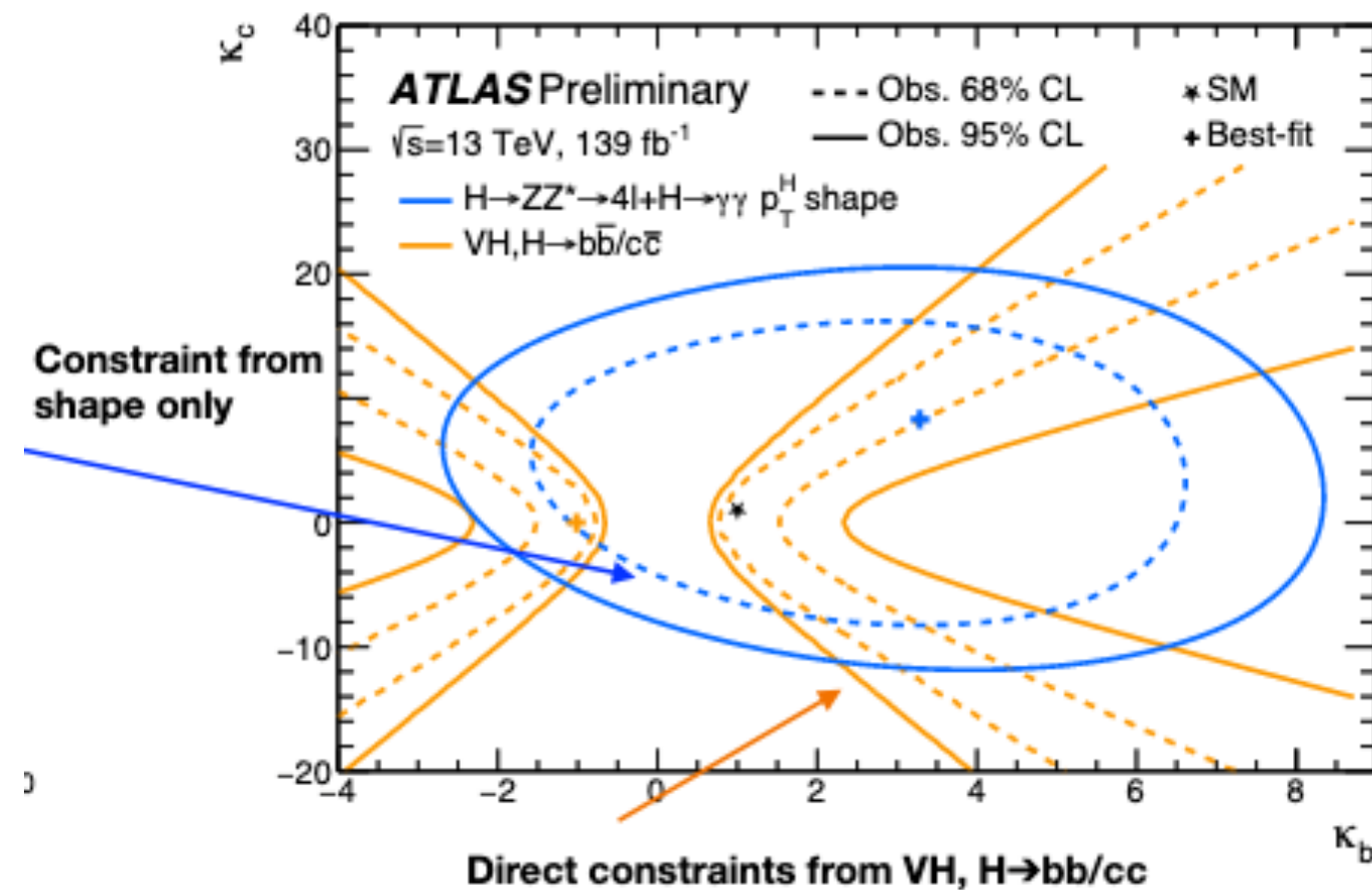
# Differential Higgs Measurements

## Measurements of properties of the Higgs boson in the W boson pair decay channel [HIG-20-013](#)

Targeting ggH, VBF, VH (hadronic) and VH(leptonic) production and final states with 2-4 leptons  
 Results on inclusive and differential cross sections, as well as coupling modifiers of the Higgs to vector bosons and fermions.



## Combined measurement of the total and differential cross sections in the $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and the $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ channel [ATLAS-CONF-2022-002](#)



## Measurement of the Higgs boson inclusive and differential fiducial production cross sections in the diphoton decay channel [HIG-19-016](#):

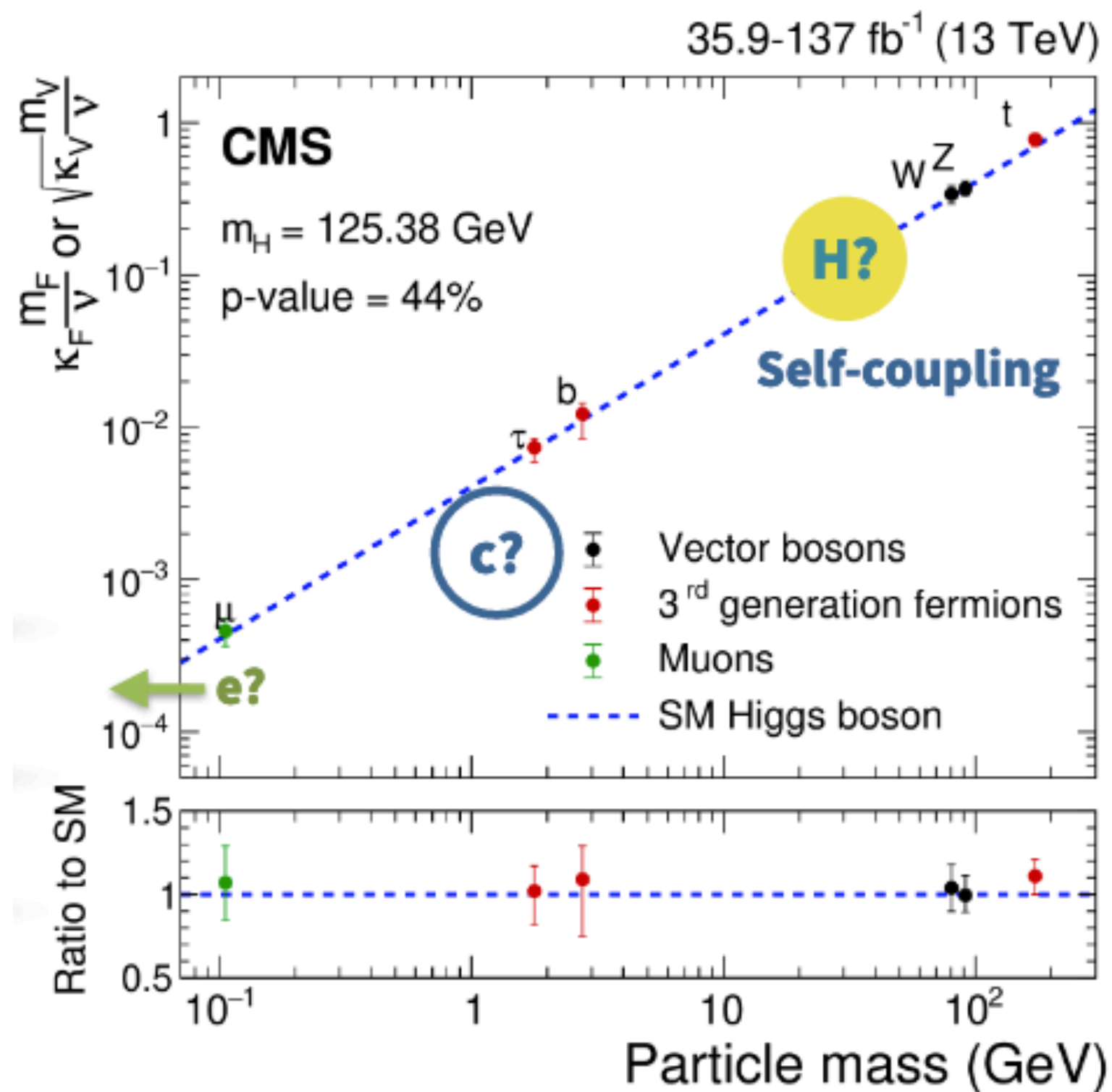
Differential fiducial and double-differential cross section measurements of large range of variables including measurements of new variables such as angular observables

The inclusive fiducial cross section is measured to be

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 73.40^{+5.4}_{-5.3} \text{ (stat)} \text{ } ^{+2.4}_{-2.2} \text{ (syst) fb,}$$

Consistent with expectation of  $75.44 \pm 4.1$  fb

# Rare Higgs Processes

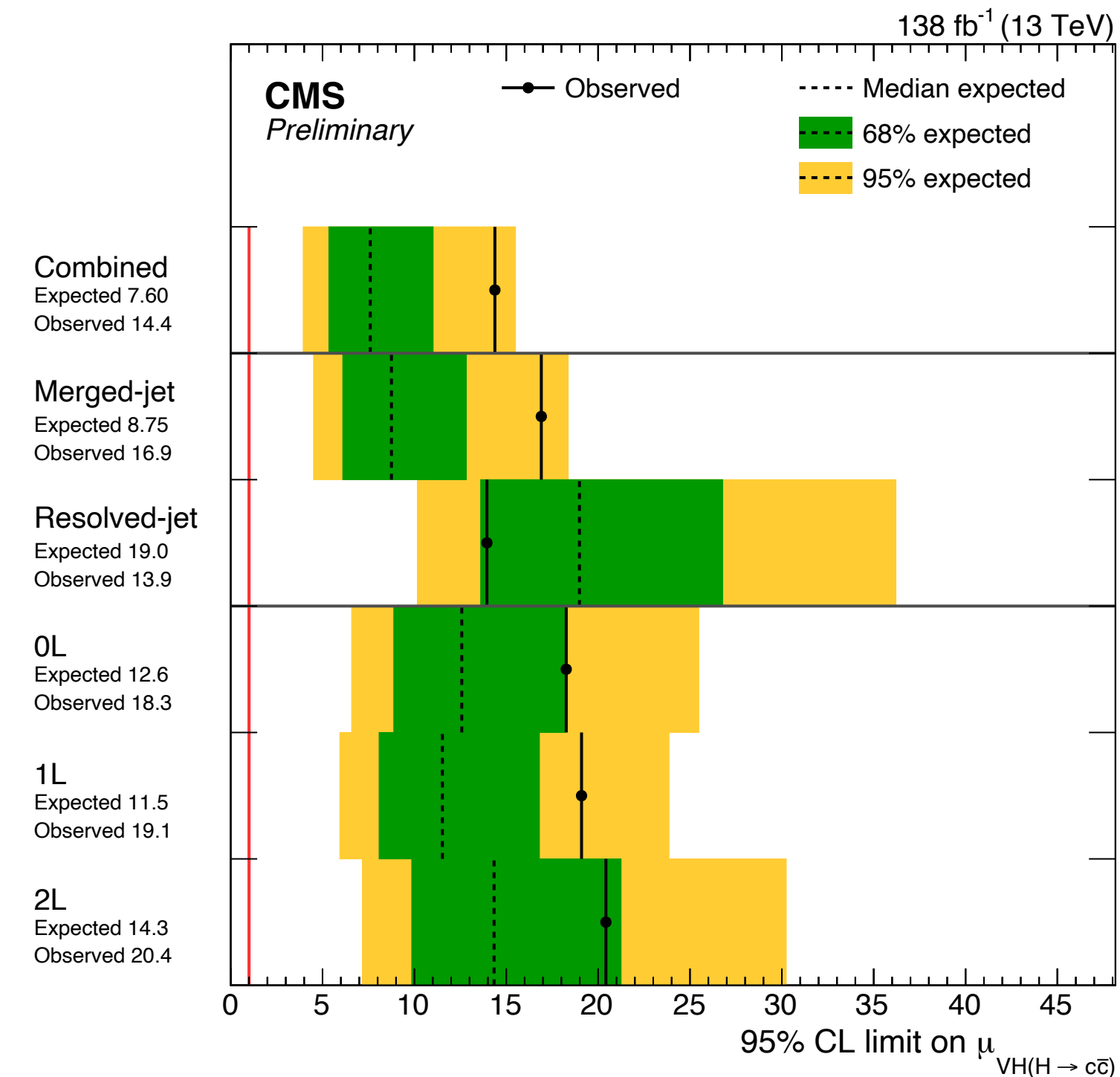


## Direct search for the standard model Higgs boson decaying to a charm quark-antiquark pair **HIG-21-008**

Searching for H to cc in associated VH production. The search has a resolved and a boosted category. New ML based c and cc tagging algorithms, fitting jet mass in categories based on kinematic BDT and H → cc tagging score, new jet mass regressions

**Expected 7.6 x SM**

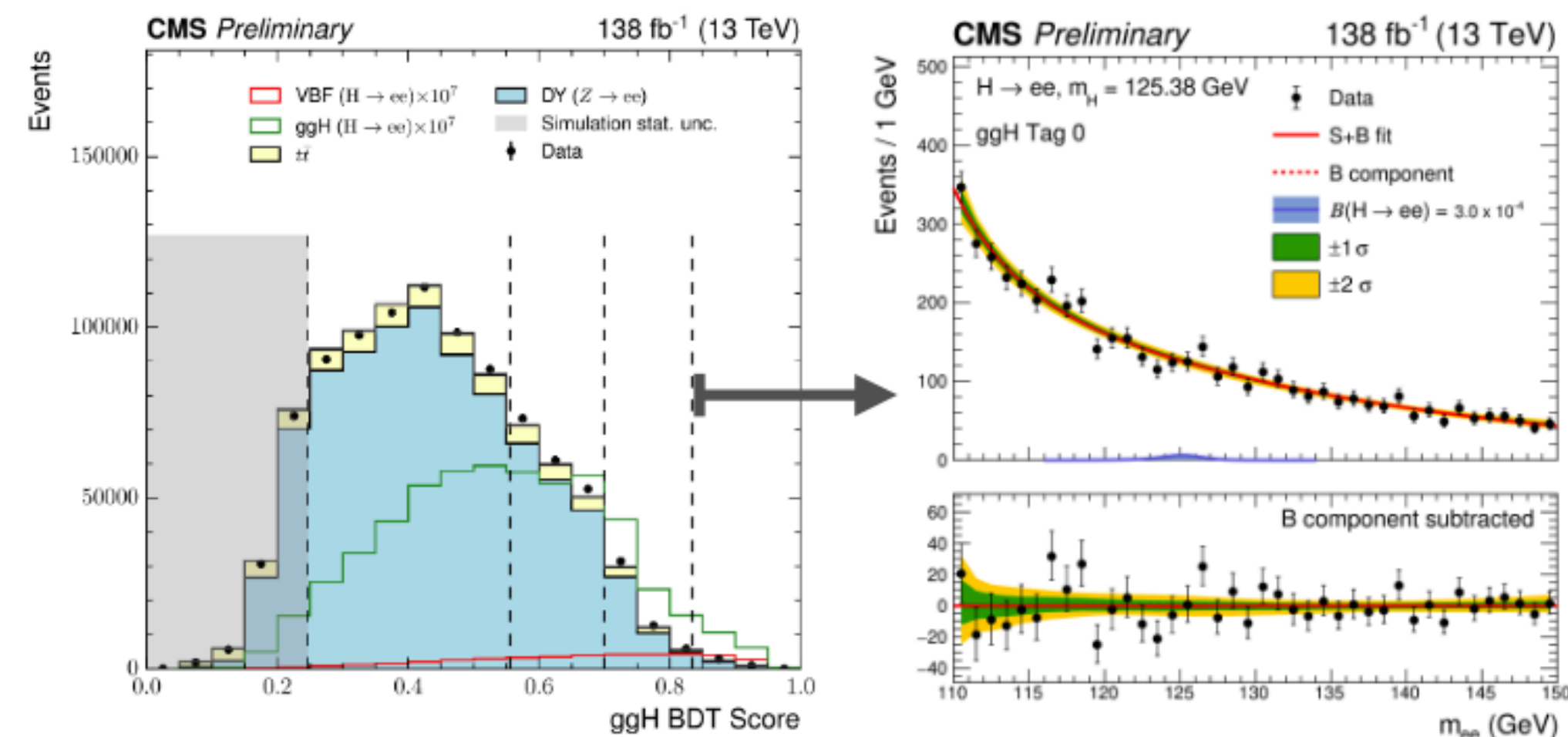
**$1.1 < |\kappa_c| < 5.5 \text{ obs}$  ( $|\kappa_c| < 3.4 \text{ exp}$ )**



## Search for the Higgs boson decay to a pair of electrons **HIG-21-015**

Considers 4 categories with gluon fusion production, and 2 categories with VBF production. Final approach is a fit to m(ee) distribution

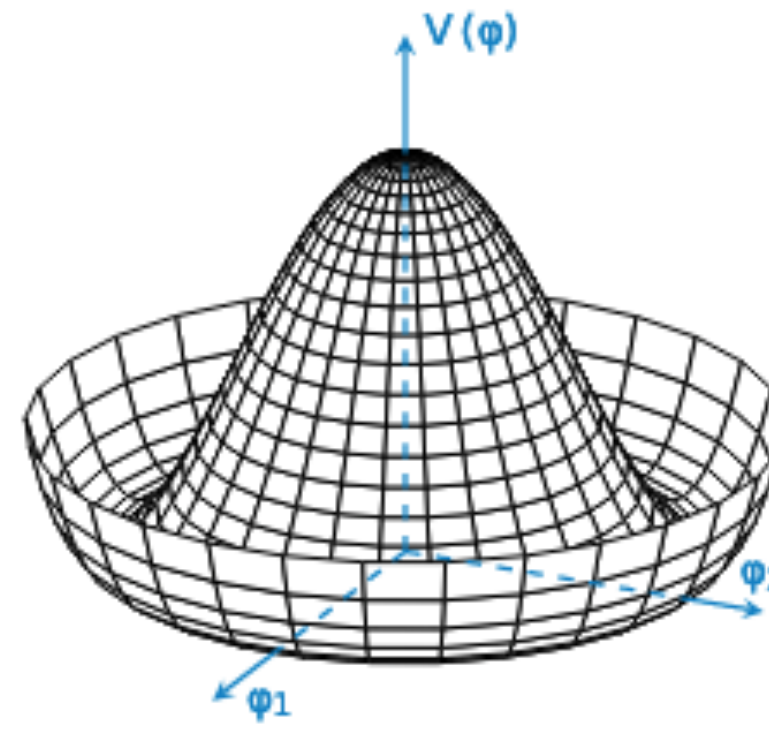
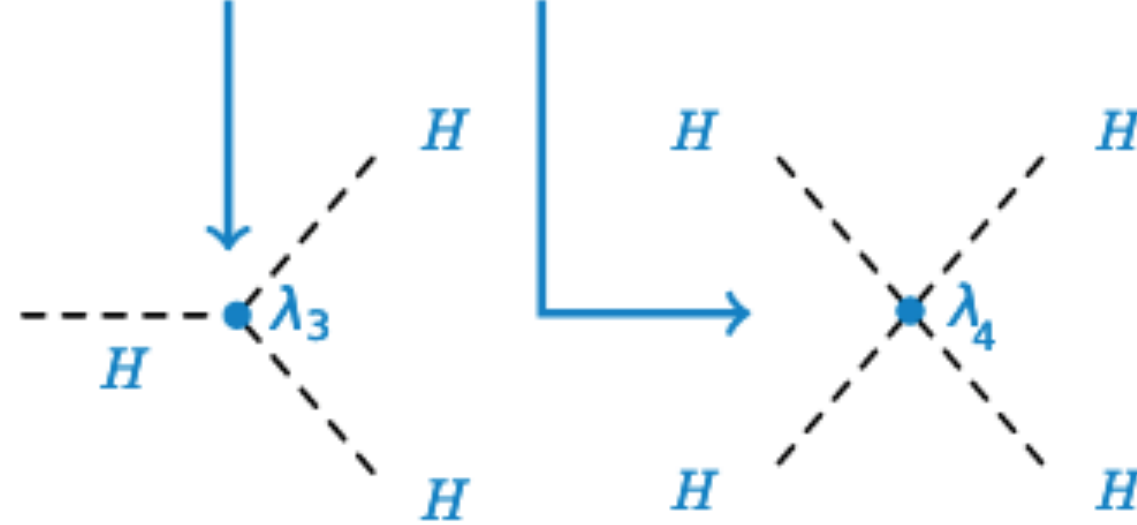
**Most stringent limits to date on  $B(H \text{ to } ee)$   $3.0 \times 10^{-4}$  (SM  $5 \times 10^{-9}$ )**





# Double Higgs Production

$$V(H) = \frac{1}{2} m_H^2 H^2 + \lambda_3 v H^3 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_4 H^4 + O(H^5)$$



The trilinear coupling  $\lambda_3$  is directly accessible through Higgs boson pair production

While the HH xsec is too small, non resonant searches can be sensitive to BSM physics!

sensitive to trilinear self-coupling and its variation,  $\kappa_\lambda = \lambda_3/\lambda_{SM}$

sensitive to  $\kappa_\lambda$  and to quartic VVHH coupling ( $\kappa_{2V}$ )

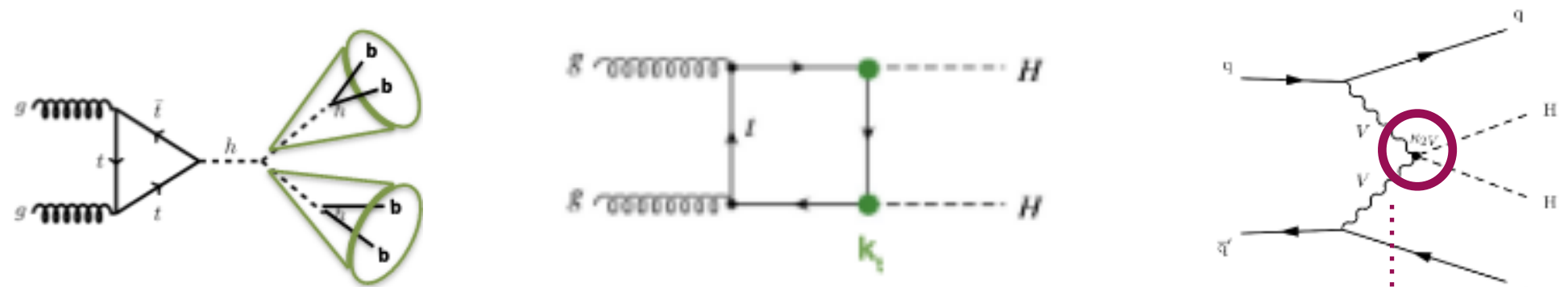
		$\sigma_{HH}/\sigma_{HH}^{SM}$ 95% CL			$\kappa_\lambda$ 95% CL	
		Obs.	Exp.	Improvement wrt. 36 fb <sup>-1</sup> tot. (w/o lumi)	Obs.	Exp.
$HH \rightarrow bb\gamma\gamma$	ATLAS	4.2	5.7	$\times 4.6$ (2.3)	[-1.5, 6.7]	[-2.4, 7.7]
	CMS	7.7	5.2	$\times 3.6$ (1.9)	[-3.3, 8.5]	[-2.5, 8.2]
$HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$	ATLAS	4.7	3.9	$\times 3.8$ (2)	[-2.4, 9.2]	[-2.0, 9.0]
	CMS	3.3	5.2	$\times 4.8$ (2.5)	[-1.8, 8.8]	[-3.0, 9.9]
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	CMS	3.9	7.8	$\times 4.7$ (2.4)	[-2.3, 9.4]	[-5.0, 12.0]
boosted	CMS	9.9	5.1	-	[-9.9, 16.9]	[-5.1, 12.1]
$HH \rightarrow bbZZ$	ATLAS	-	-	-	-	-
	CMS	30	37	-	[-9.0, 14.0]	[-10.5, 15.5]
Multilepton	ATLAS	-	-	-	-	-
	CMS	21.8	19.6	-	[-7.0, 11.7]	[-7.0, 11.2]
Combination ( $bb\gamma\gamma + bb\tau\tau$ )	ATLAS	3.1	3.1	$\times 3.2$ (1.6) <sup>a</sup>	[-1.0, 6.6]	[-1.2, 7.2]
	CMS	-	-	-	-	-



# Double Higgs Production

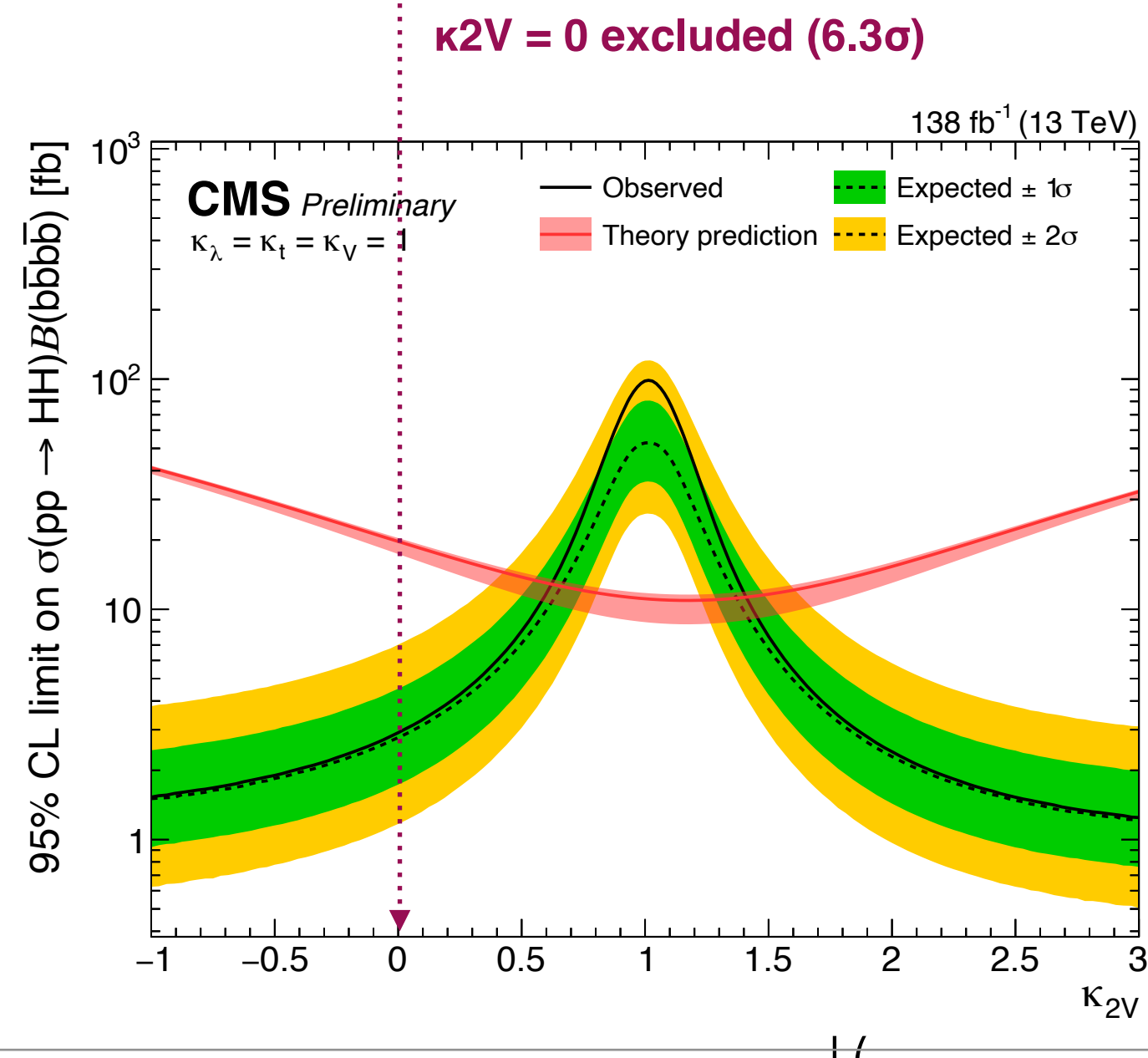
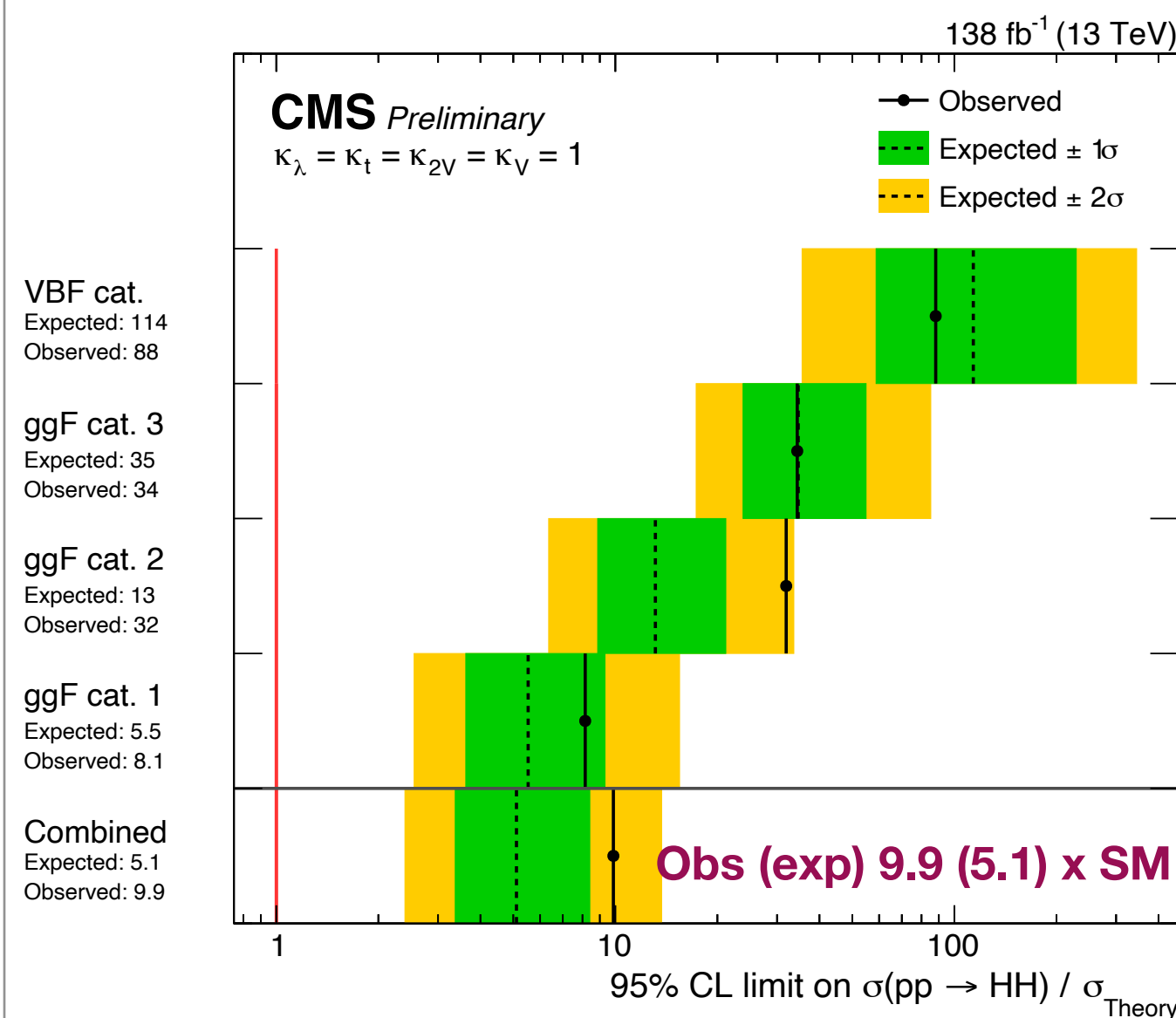
## Nonresonant pair production of highly energetic Higgs bosons decaying to bottom quarks [B2G-22-003](#)

Search in two production modes: gluon and vector boson fusion



$H \rightarrow bb$  selection very similar to  $H \rightarrow cc$

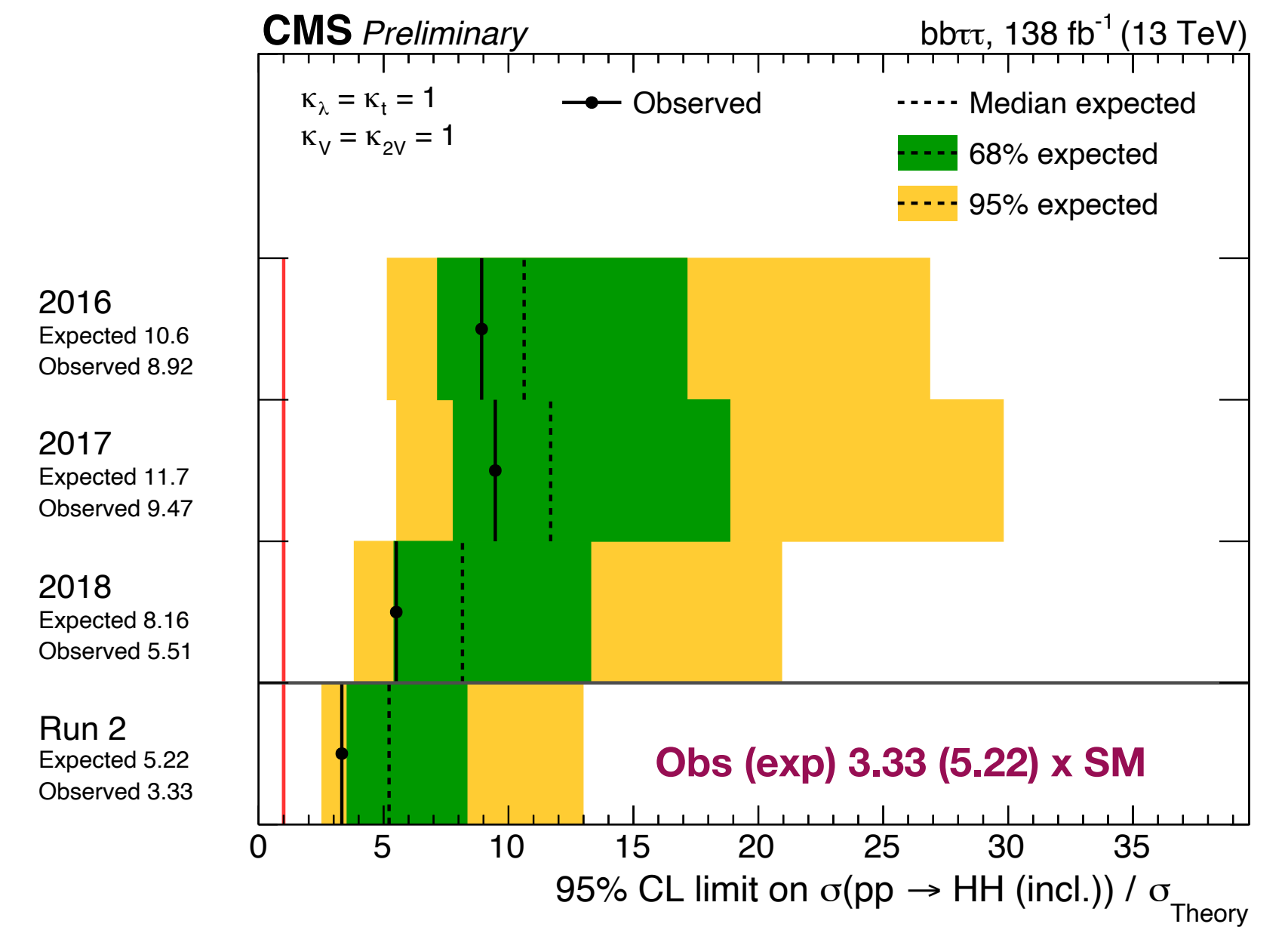
- ParticleNet tagging of  $H \rightarrow bb$  jets & ParticleNet-based mass regression



## Search for nonresonant Higgs boson pair production in final states with two bottom quarks and two tau leptons [HIG-20-010](#)

Search in two production modes: gluon and vector boson fusion.

- Using  $l+\tau$ +VBF  $\tau\tau$  trigger paths
  - ML for b and tau objects
- => all leading to x2 better sensitivity (over statistical)



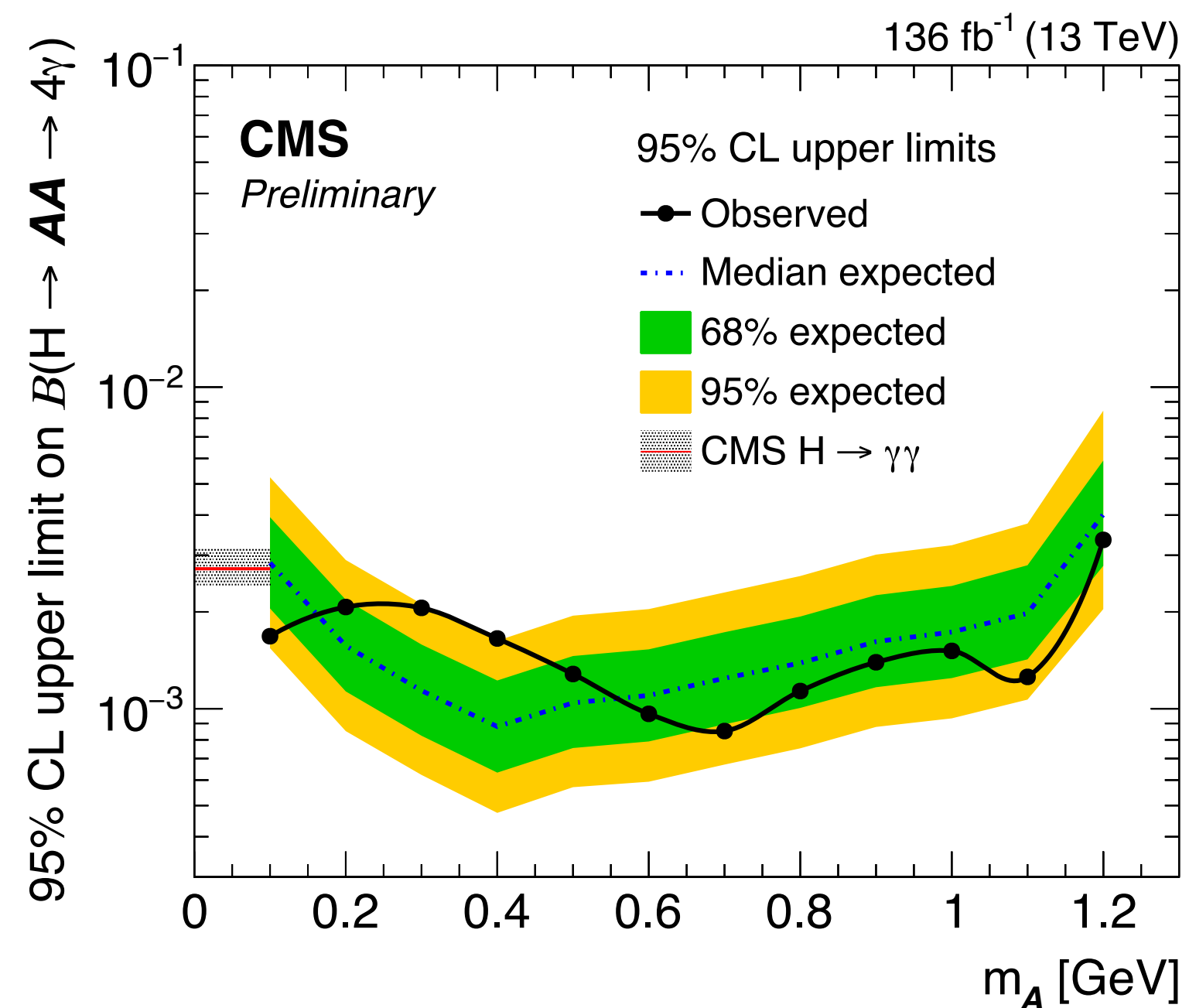
# Exotic Higgs

## Search for exotic Higgs boson decays $H$ to $AA$ to 4 photons with events containing two merged photons

**HIG-21-016**

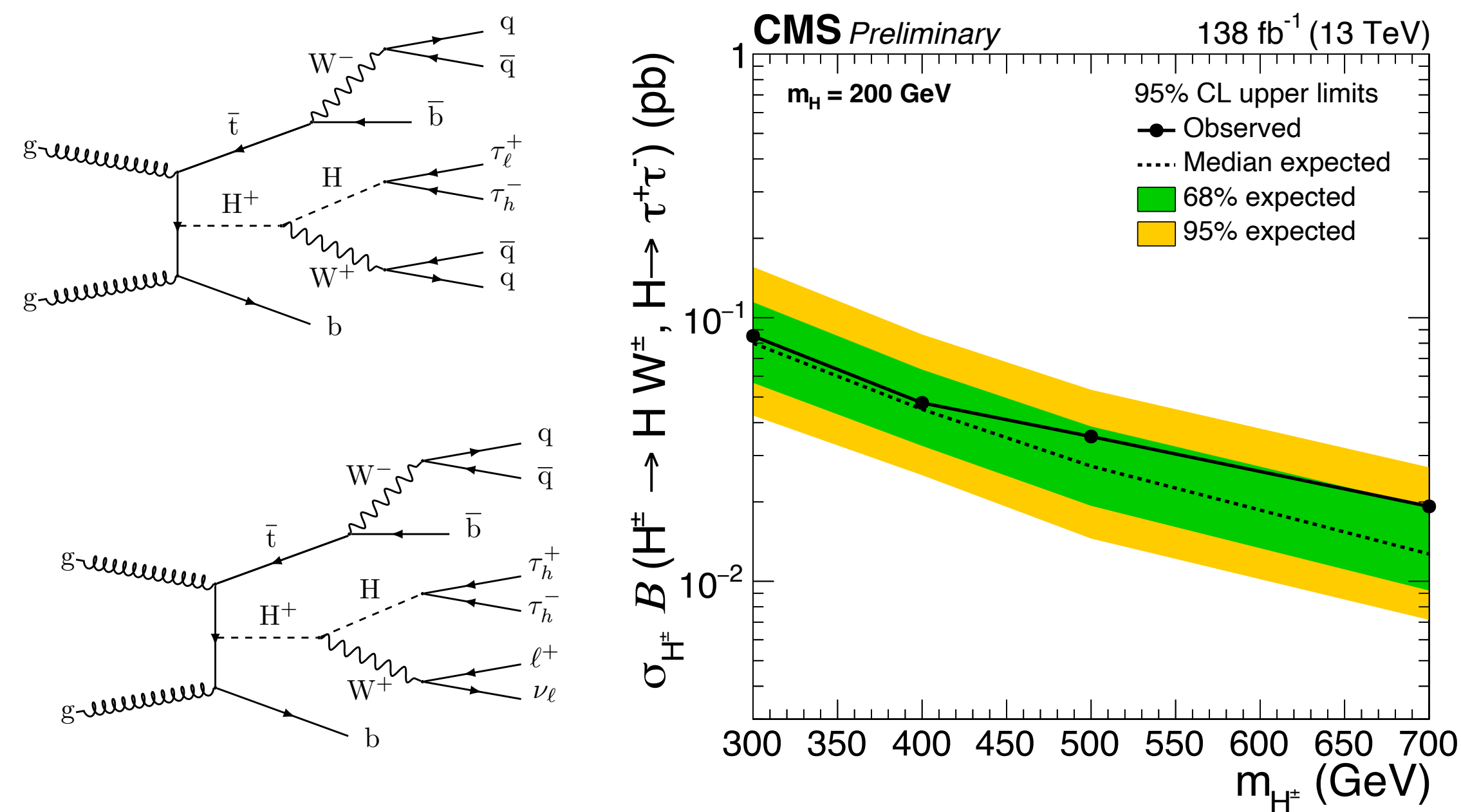
The hypothetical particle  $A$  is a low-mass, boosted scalar decaying promptly to two highly merged photons, misreconstructed as a single photon-like object.

Buried under the SM  $H \rightarrow \text{diphoton}$  :)



## Search for a charged Higgs boson decaying into a heavy neutral Higgs boson and a W boson **HIG-21-010**

analysis targets the  $H$  boson decay into a pair of tau leptons with at least one of them decaying hadronically and with an additional electron or muon present in the event

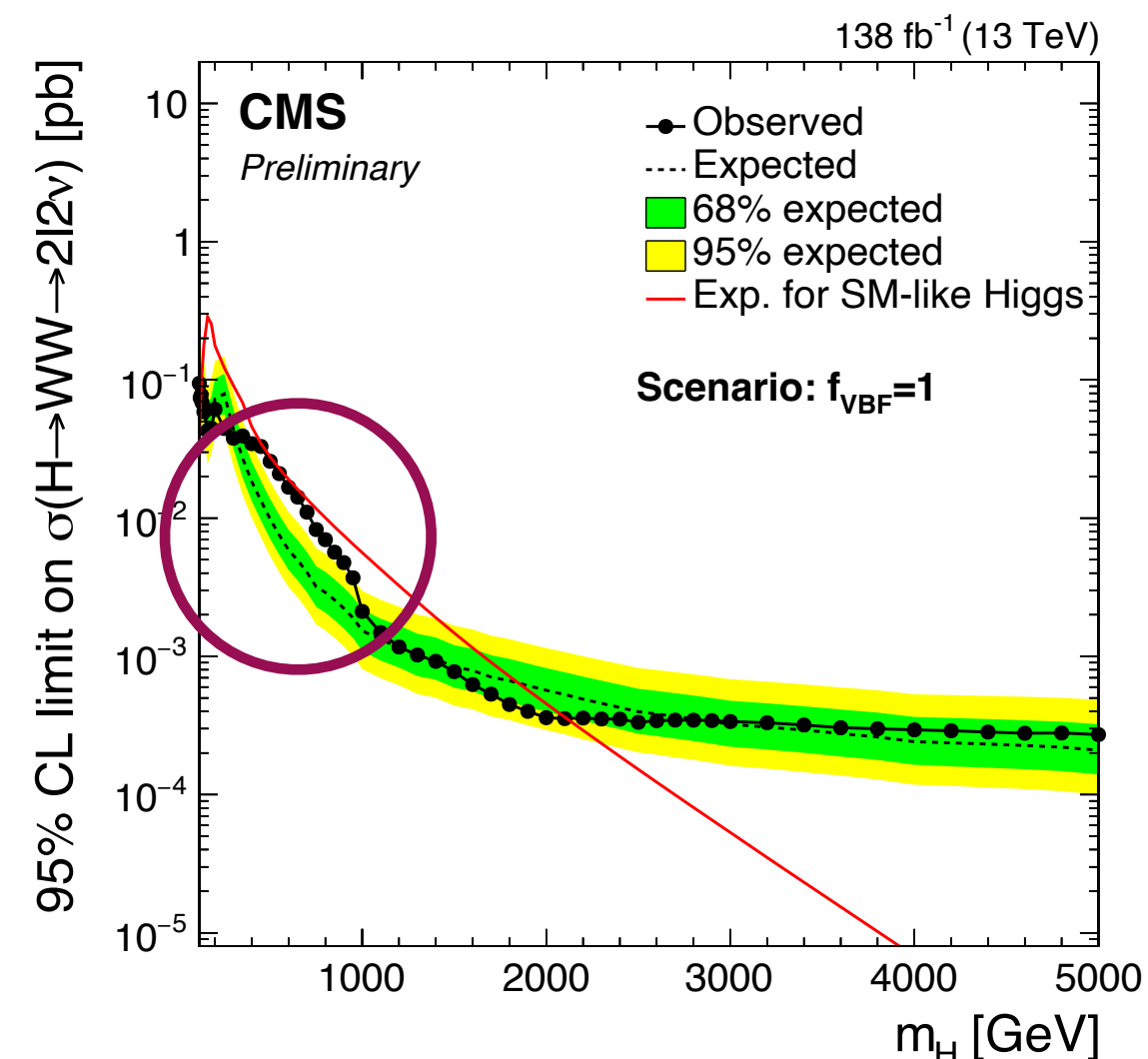
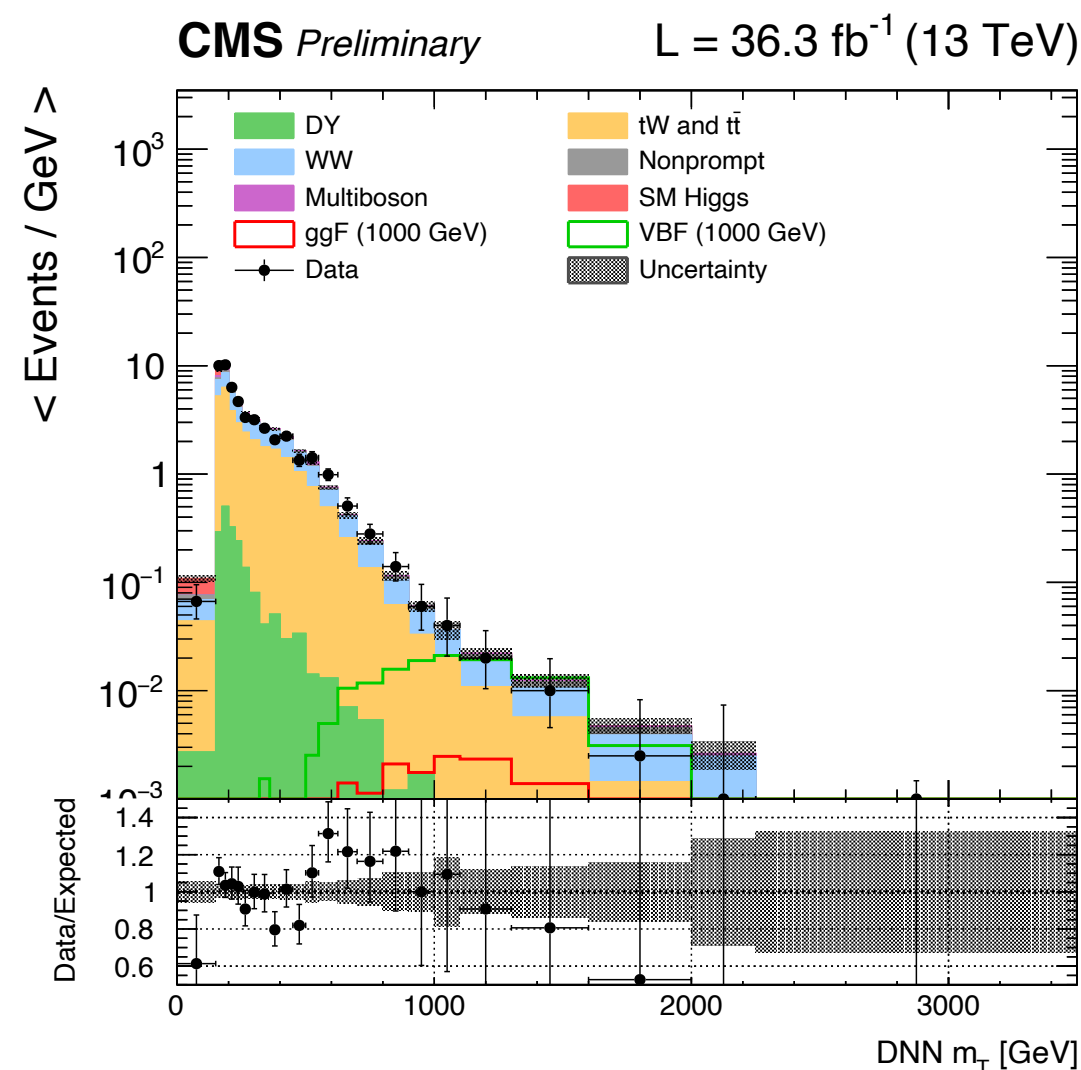


# Exotic Higgs - with excesses (!)

## Search for high mass resonances decaying into WW in the dileptonic final state [HIG-20-016](#)

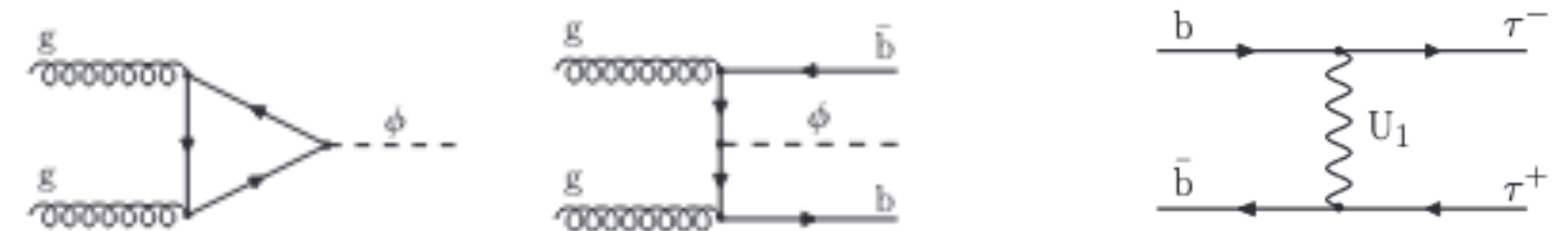
analysis considers the fully leptonic final state ( $e\mu$ ,  $\mu\mu$ ,  $ee$ ) mass range from 115 GeV to 5 TeV, utilizing DNN based mass regression. Both the gluon and vector-boson-fusion signal production processes are considered

**Excess in the VBF category at around 650 GeV:  $3.8\sigma$  local,  $2.6\sigma$  global**

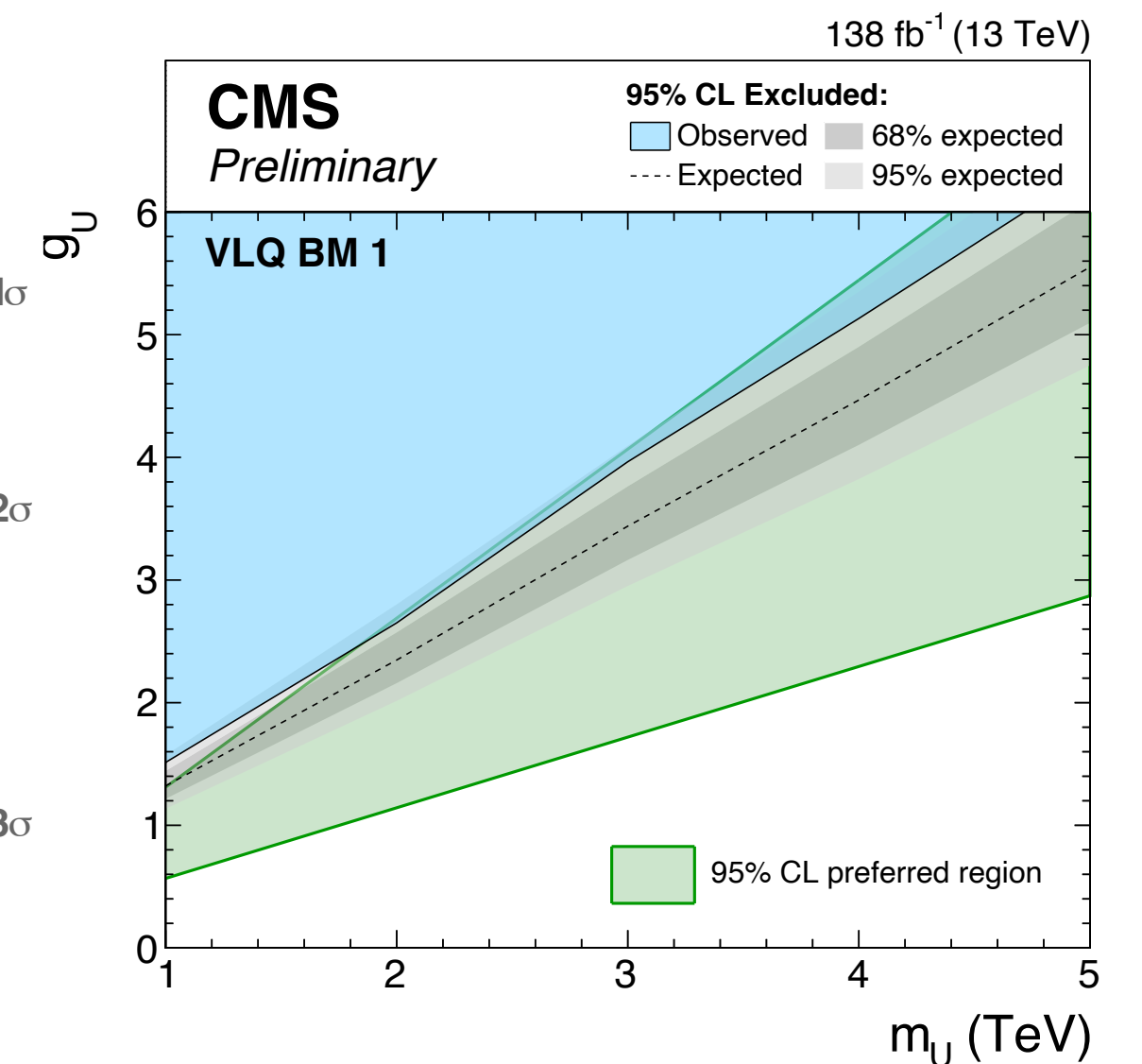
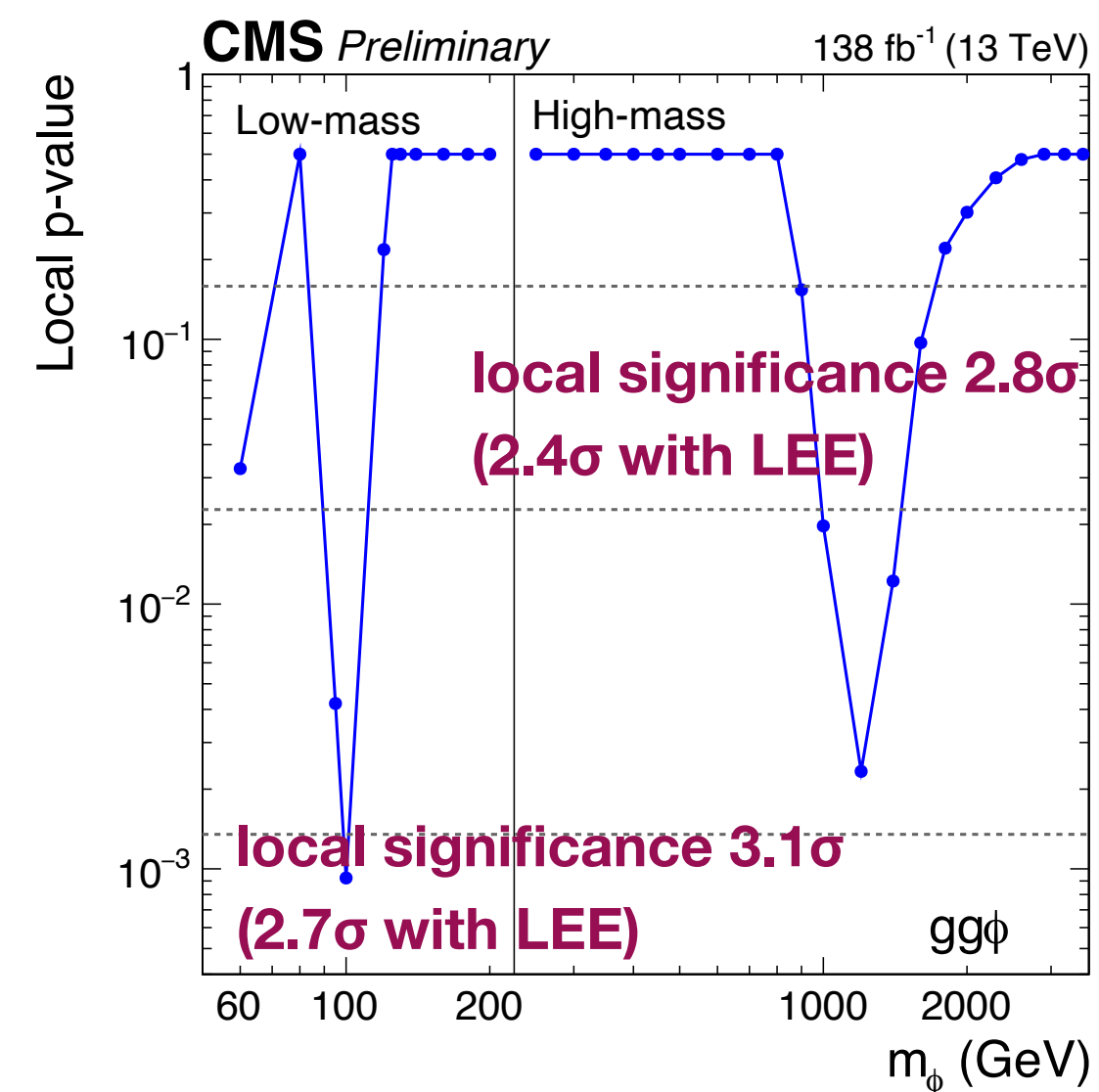


## Searches for additional Higgs bosons and vector-like leptoquarks in $\tau\tau$ final states [HIG-21-001](#)

Analysis strategy is to fit  $m(\tau\tau)$  in various categories: 4  $\tau\tau$  final states ( $\tau h\tau h$ ,  $\mu\tau h$ ,  $e\tau h$ ,  $e\mu$ ) & b-tag/no b-tag categories



sensitive to a portion of the parameter space that can explain the B-physics anomalies





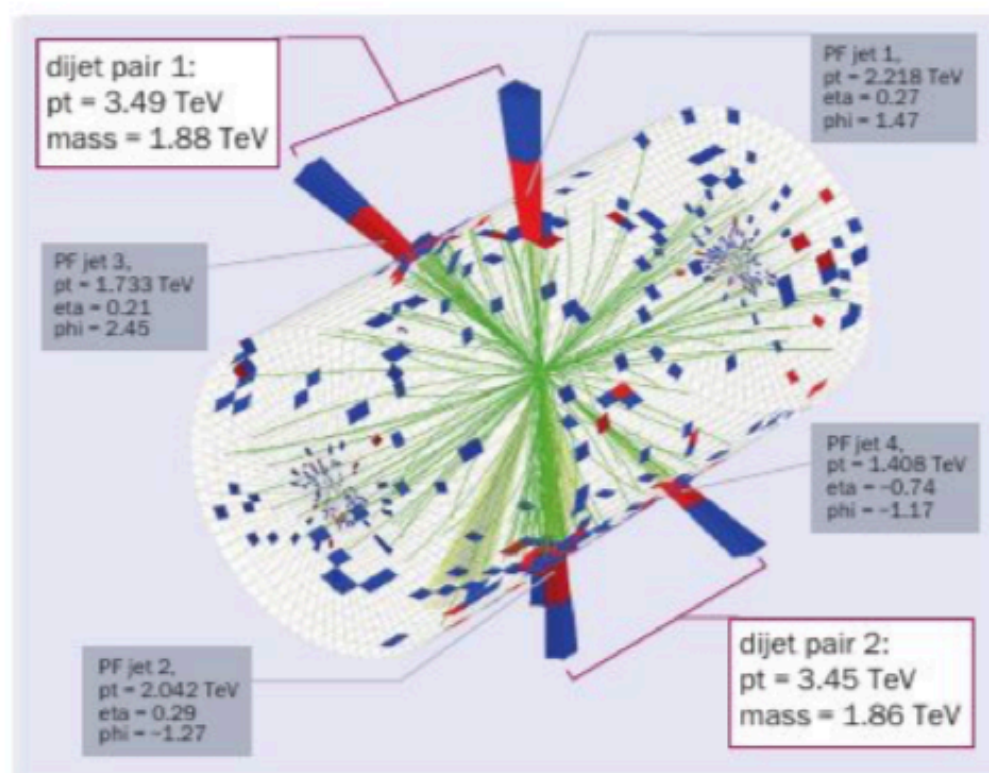
CMS

## Dijet excess intrigues at CMS

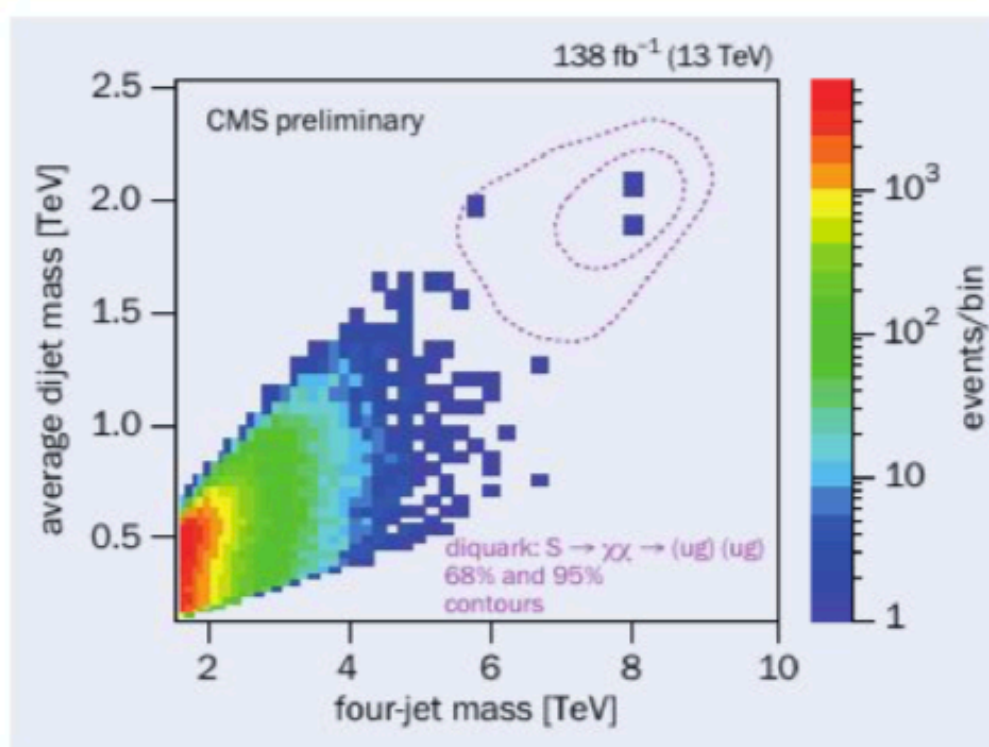
The Standard Model (SM) has been extremely successful in describing the behaviour of elementary particles. Nevertheless, conundrums such as the nature of dark matter and the cosmological matter-antimatter asymmetry strongly suggest that the theory is incomplete. Hence, the SM is widely viewed as an effective low-energy limit of a more fundamental underlying theory that must be modified to describe particles and their interactions at higher energies.

A powerful way to discover new particles expected from physics beyond the SM is to search for high-mass dijet or multi-jet resonances, as these are expected to have large production cross-sections at hadron colliders. These searches look for a pair of jets originating from the decay of a new particle “X” and appearing as a narrow bump in the invariant dijet-mass distribution. Since the energy scale of new physics is most likely high, it is natural to expect these new particles to be massive.

CMS and ATLAS have performed a suite of single-dijet-resonance searches. The next step is to look for new identical-mass particles “X” that are produced in pairs, with (resonant mode) or without (non-resonant mode) a new intermediate, heavier particle “Y” being produced and decaying to pairs of X. Such processes would yield two dijet resonances and four jets in the final state: the dijet mass would correspond to particle X and the four-jet mass to particle Y. The CMS experiment was also motivated to search for  $Y \rightarrow XX \rightarrow \text{four}$



**Fig. 1.** Display of the highest mass event with a four-jet mass of 8 TeV, in which each pair of jets has a dijet mass of 1.9 TeV.



**Fig. 2.** Number of events observed (colour scale) within bins of the four-jet mass and the average mass of the two dijets. Purple ellipses show the 1 and 2 $\sigma$  resolution contours, respectively, from a signal simulation of a four-jet resonance (Y), with a mass of 8.4 TeV, decaying to a pair of dijet resonances (XX), each with a mass of 2.1 TeV.

jets by a candidate event recorded in 2017, which was presented by a previous CMS search for dijet resonances (figure 1). This spectacular event has four high-transverse-momentum jets forming two dijet pairs, each with an invariant mass of 1.9 TeV and a four-jet invariant mass of 8 TeV.

The CMS collaboration recently found another very similar event in a new search optimised for this specific  $Y \rightarrow XX \rightarrow \text{four-jet}$  topology. These events could originate from quantum-chromodynamics processes, but those are expected to be extremely rare (figure 2). The two candidate events are clearly visible at high masses and distinct from all the rest. Also shown in the figure (in purple) is a simulation of a possible new-physics signal – a diquark decaying to vector-like quarks – with a four-jet mass of 8.4 TeV and a dijet mass of 2.1 TeV, which very nicely describes these two candidates.

The hypothesis that these events originate from the SM at the observed X and Y masses is disfavoured with a local significance of 3.9 $\sigma$ . Taking into account the full range of possible X and Y mass values, the compatibility of the observation with the SM expectation leads to a global significance of 1.6 $\sigma$ .

The upcoming LHC Run 3 and future High-Luminosity LHC runs will be crucial in telling us whether these events are statistical fluctuations of the SM expectation, or the first signs of yet another groundbreaking discovery at the LHC.

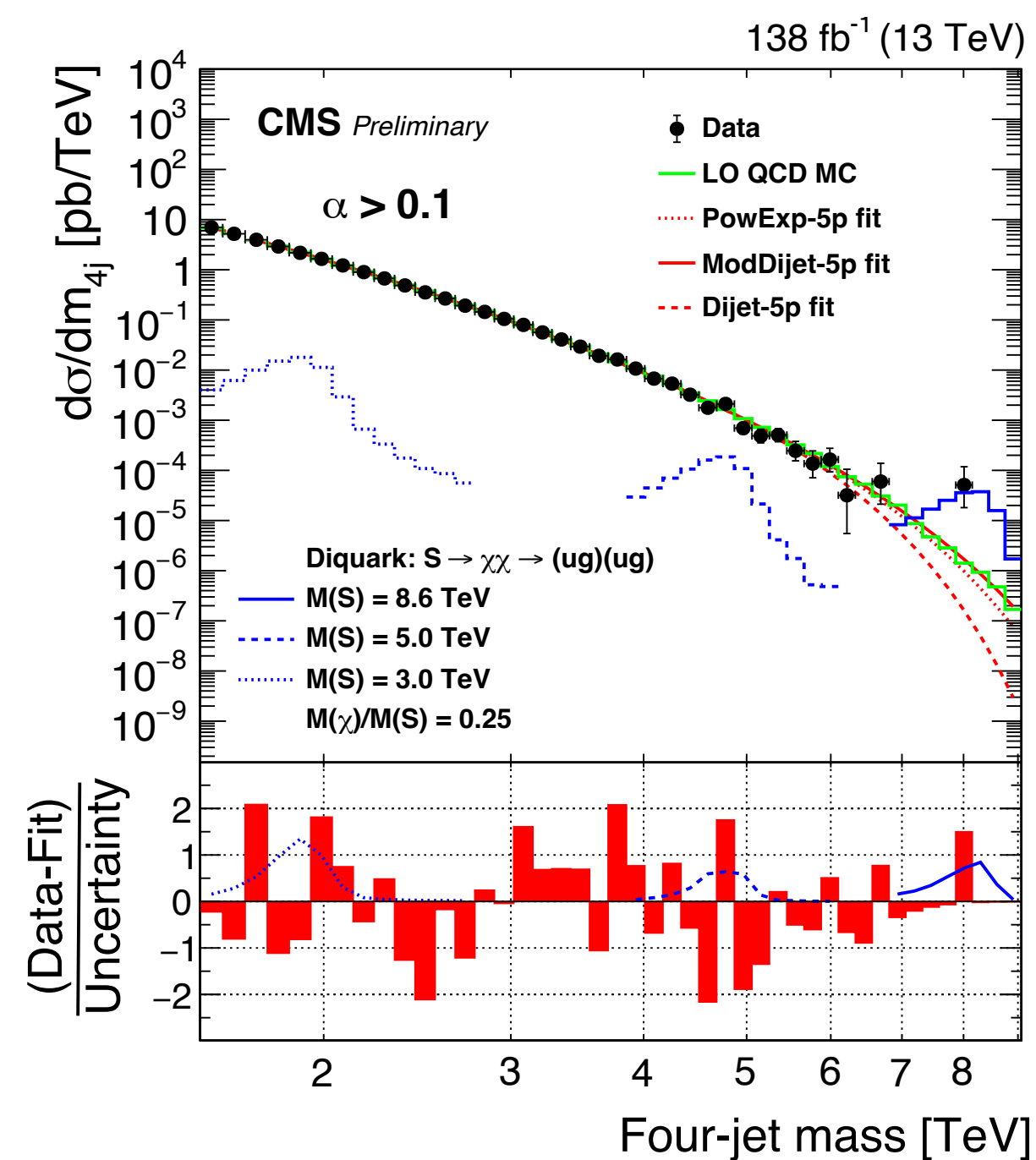
### Further reading

CMS Collab. 2022 CMS-PAS-EXO-21-010.

## Search for resonant and non-resonant production of pairs of identical dijet resonances [EXO-21-010](#)

Data-driven search for pairs of dijet resonances in final states with at least four jets:

- **Resonant:** Two events on the tail of the distributions, with a four-jet mass of 8 TeV and an average dijet mass of 2 TeV. **Local (Global) significance: 3.9  $\sigma$  (1.6  $\sigma$ )**
- **Non-resonant:** Excess at average dijet mass of 0.95 TeV, **Local (Global) significance: 3.6  $\sigma$  (2.5  $\sigma$ )**



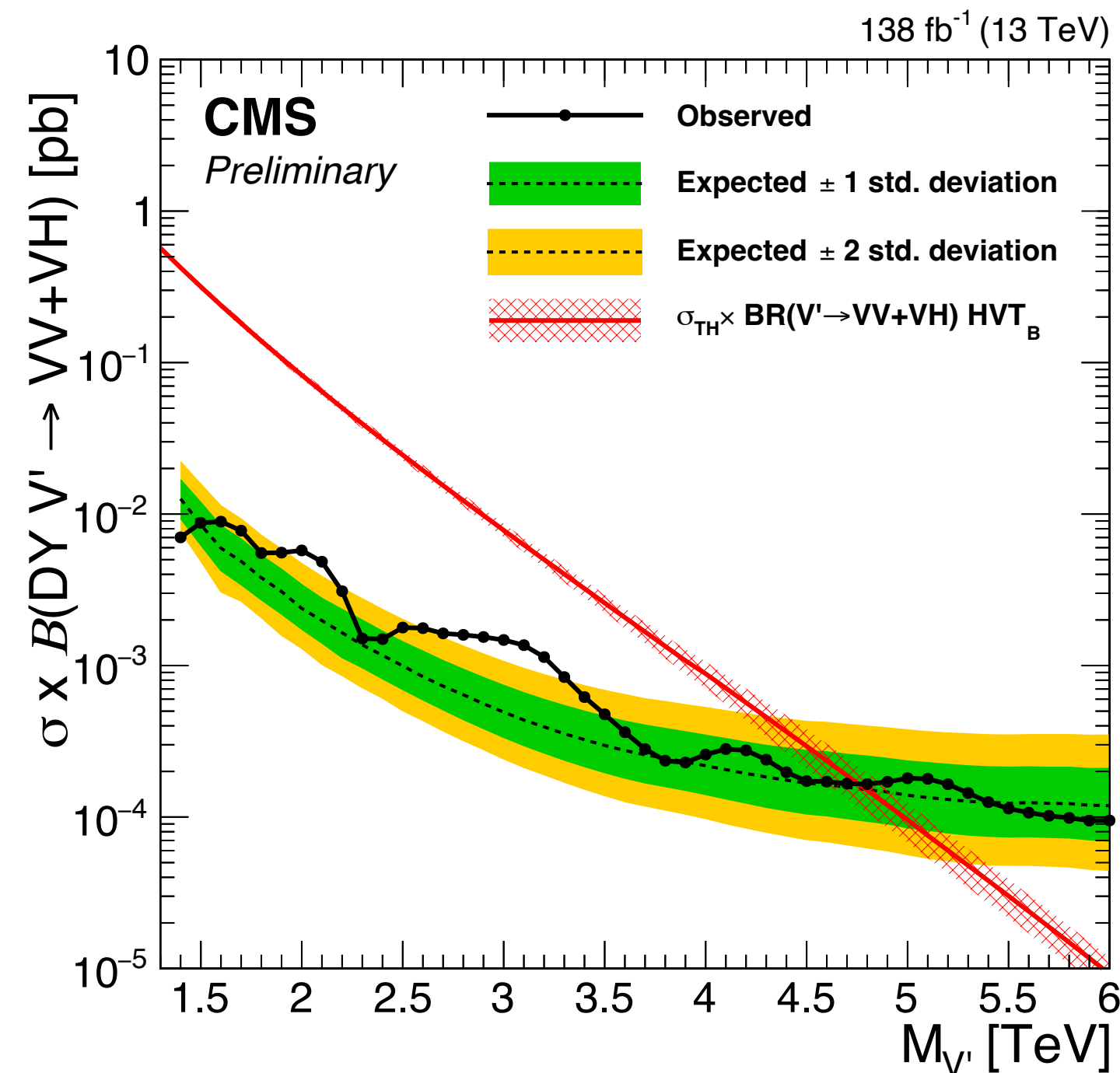
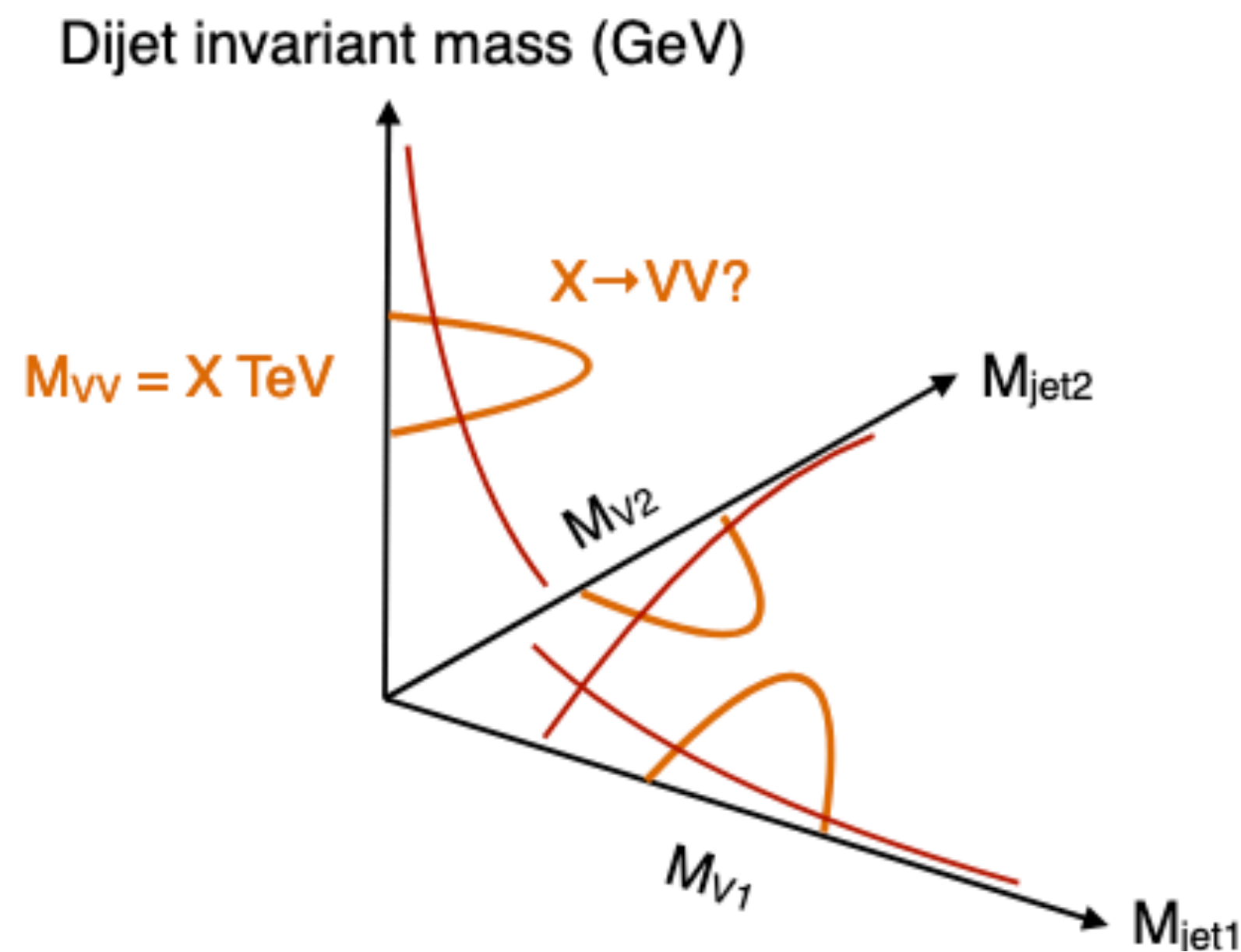
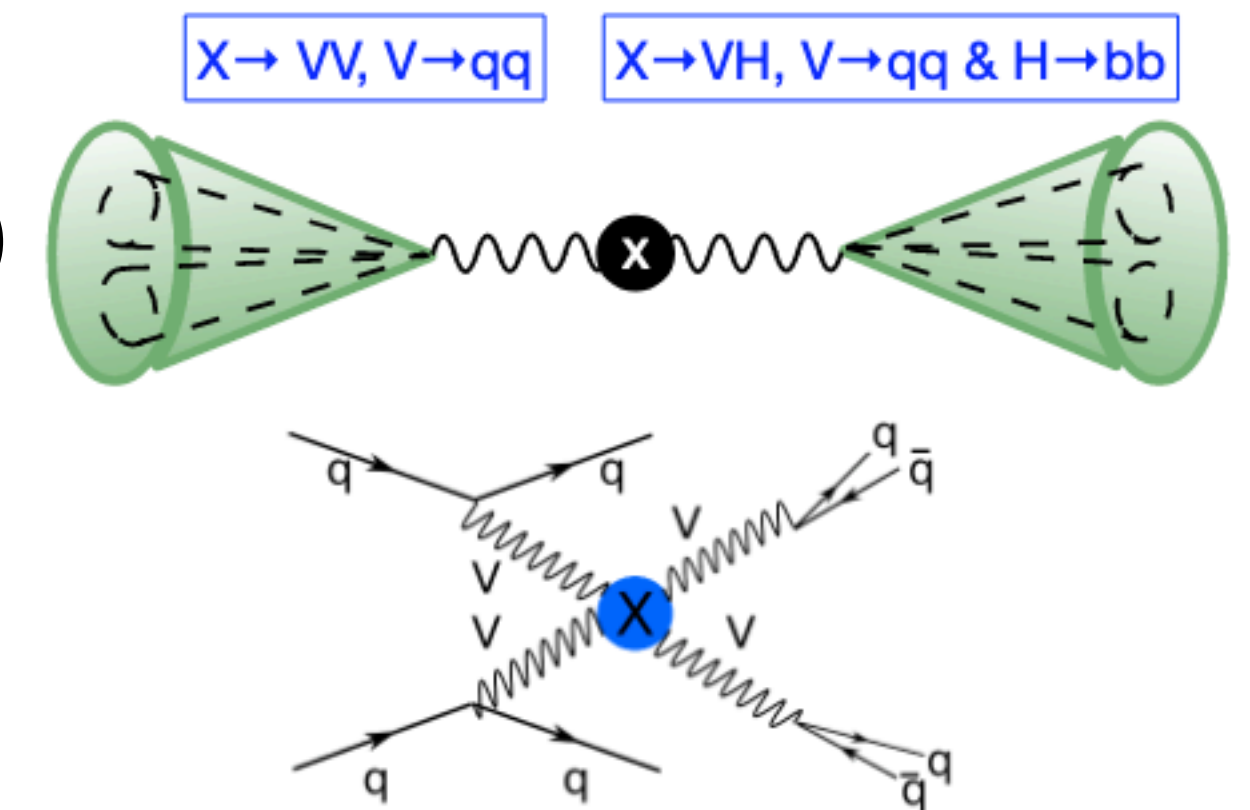
First ~ **30/fb (70/fb)** of Run 3 data could lead to **“evidence” for resonant (non-resonant) signal at 8 TeV (1 TeV)**



# Beyond the Standard Model: Heavy Resonance

Search for new heavy resonances decaying to  $WW$ ,  $WZ$ ,  $ZZ$ ,  $WH$ , or  $ZH$  boson pairs in the all-jets final state **B2G-20-009**

- Using 2 large cone jets (resonance decay products), and 2 small cone jets (VBF tags)
- Tag the jets with ML algorithms to distinguish from QCD



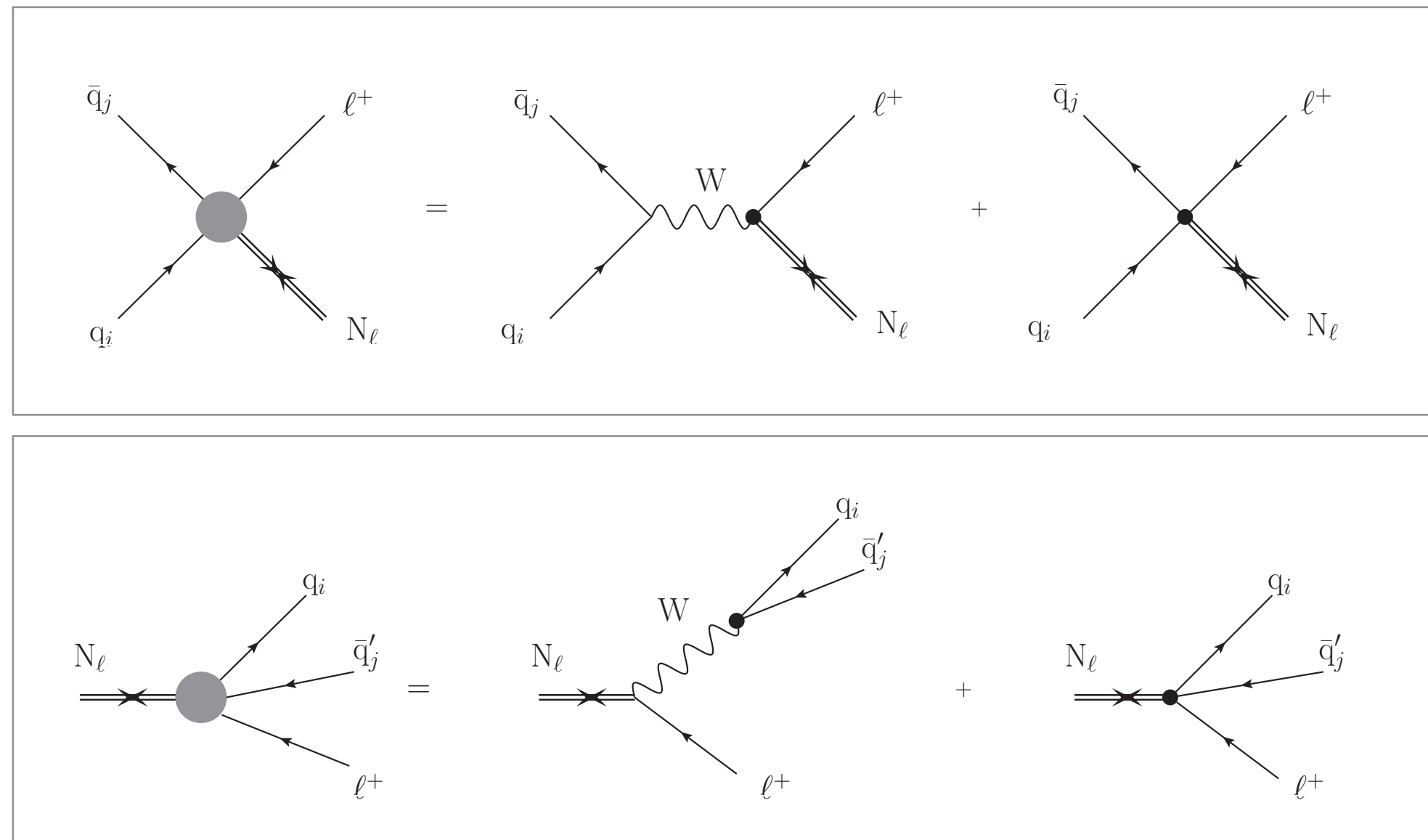
2 excesses in  $VV$  decay modes only:

**Local significant:  $3.6 \sigma$**   
**Global significance:  $2.3 \sigma$**

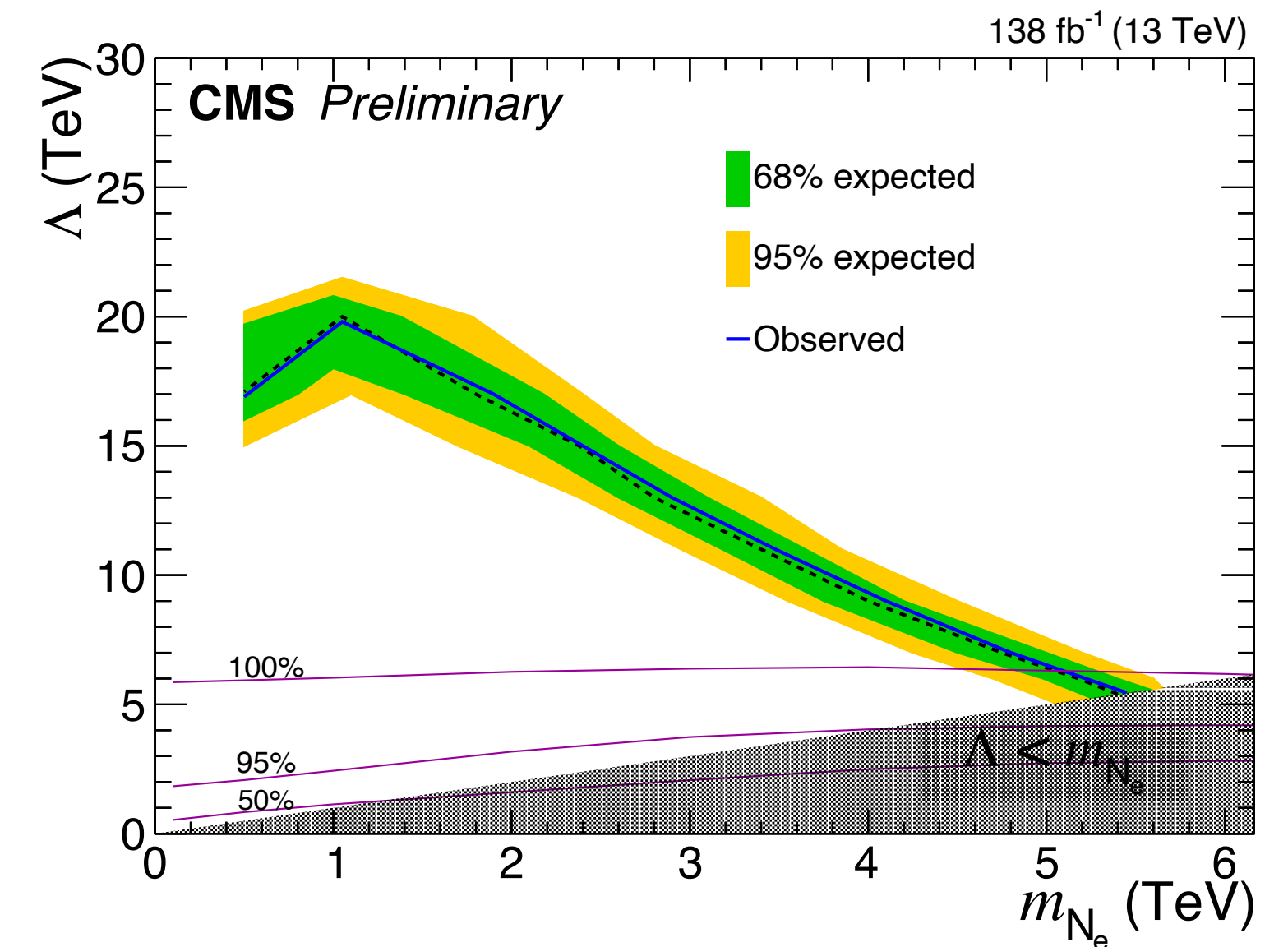
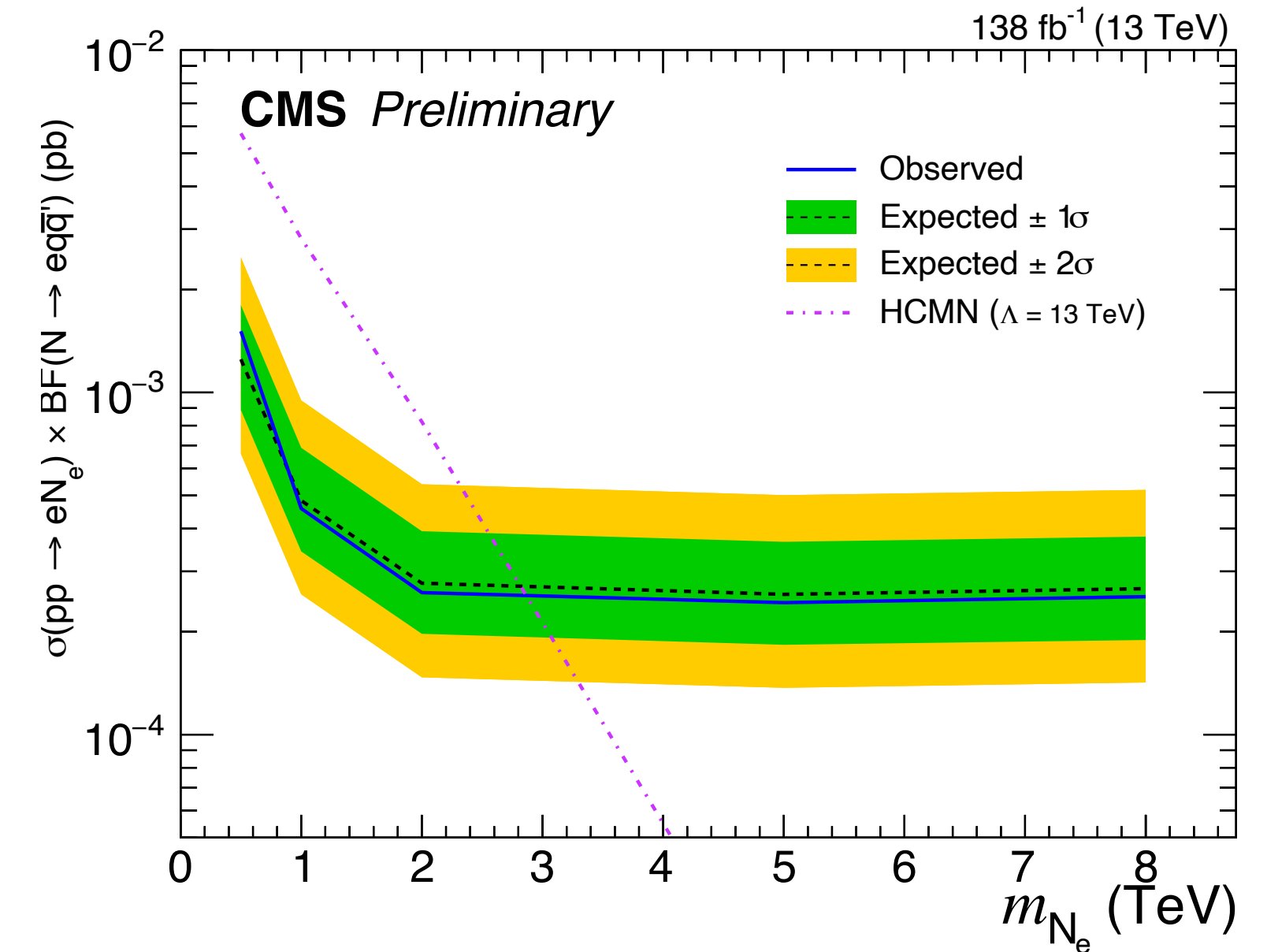
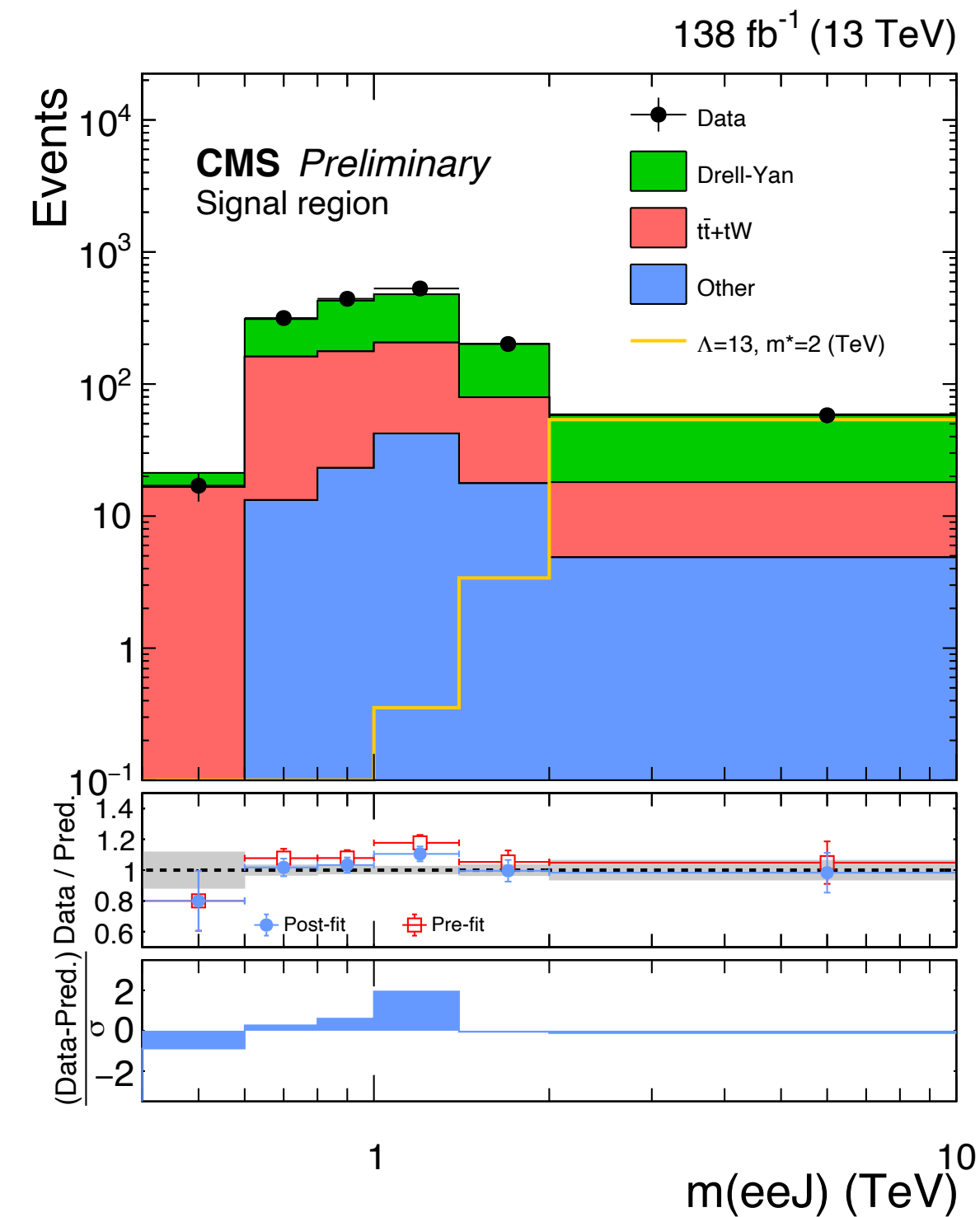
# Beyond the Standard Model

## Search for a heavy composite Majorana neutrino EXO-20-011

Excited states of quarks and leptons with masses lower than compositeness scale with effective interactions via gauge or contact interactions



Performed separately on ee/mm channels using same sign leptons + Require 1 large cone jet (agnostic to the effective interactions). And fit on  $m(l\bar{l}j)$





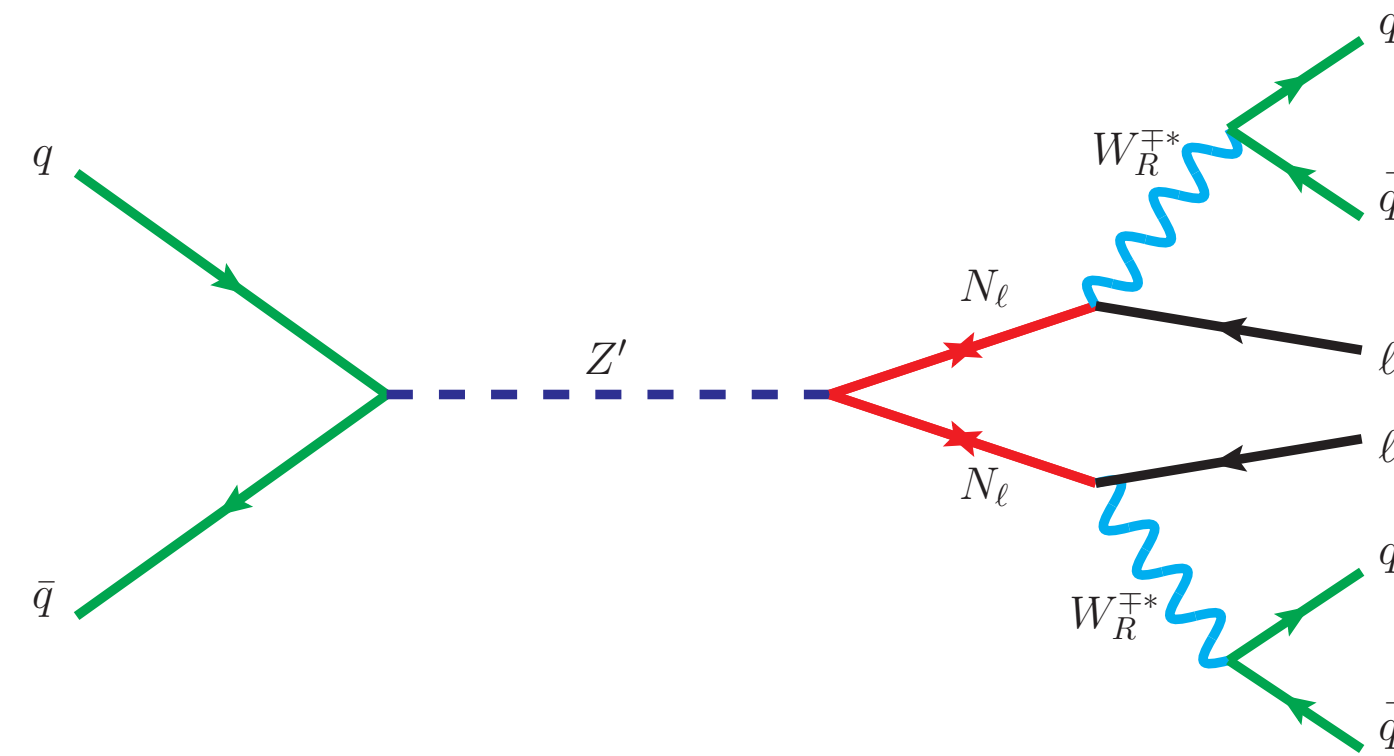
# Beyond the Standard Model - HNL

Search for  $Z'$  bosons decaying to pairs of heavy Majorana neutrinos [EXO-20-006](#)

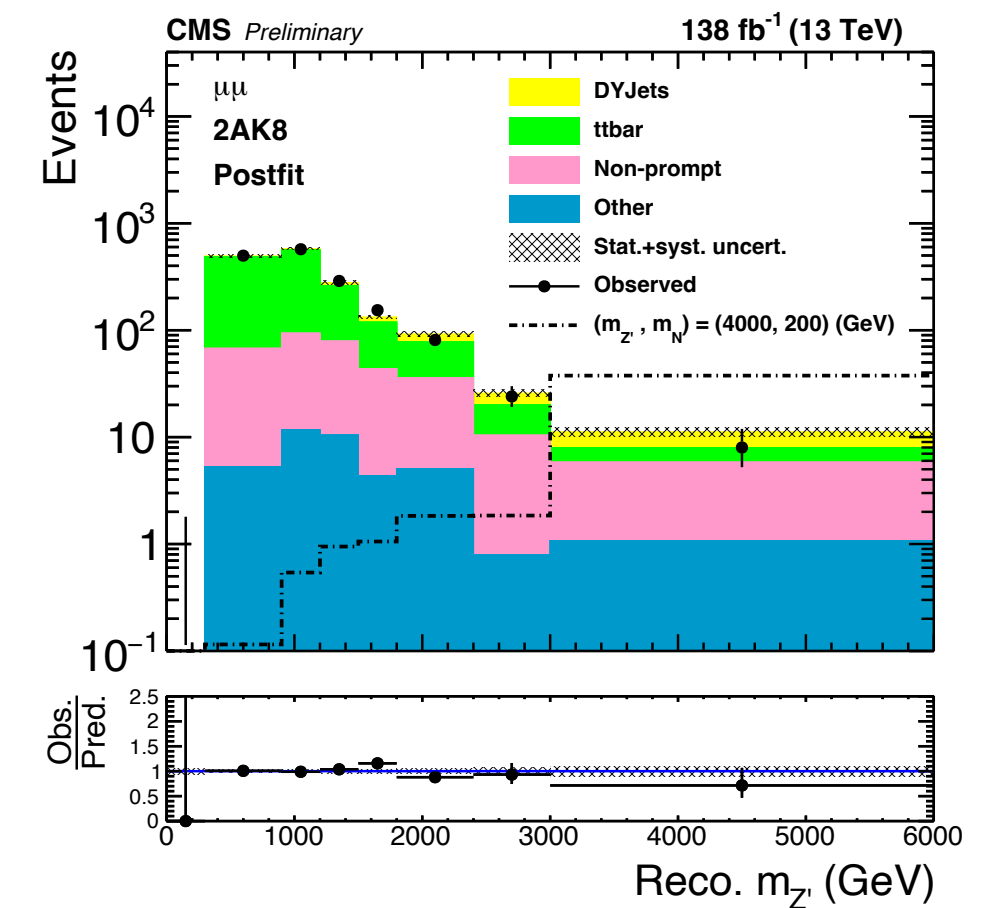
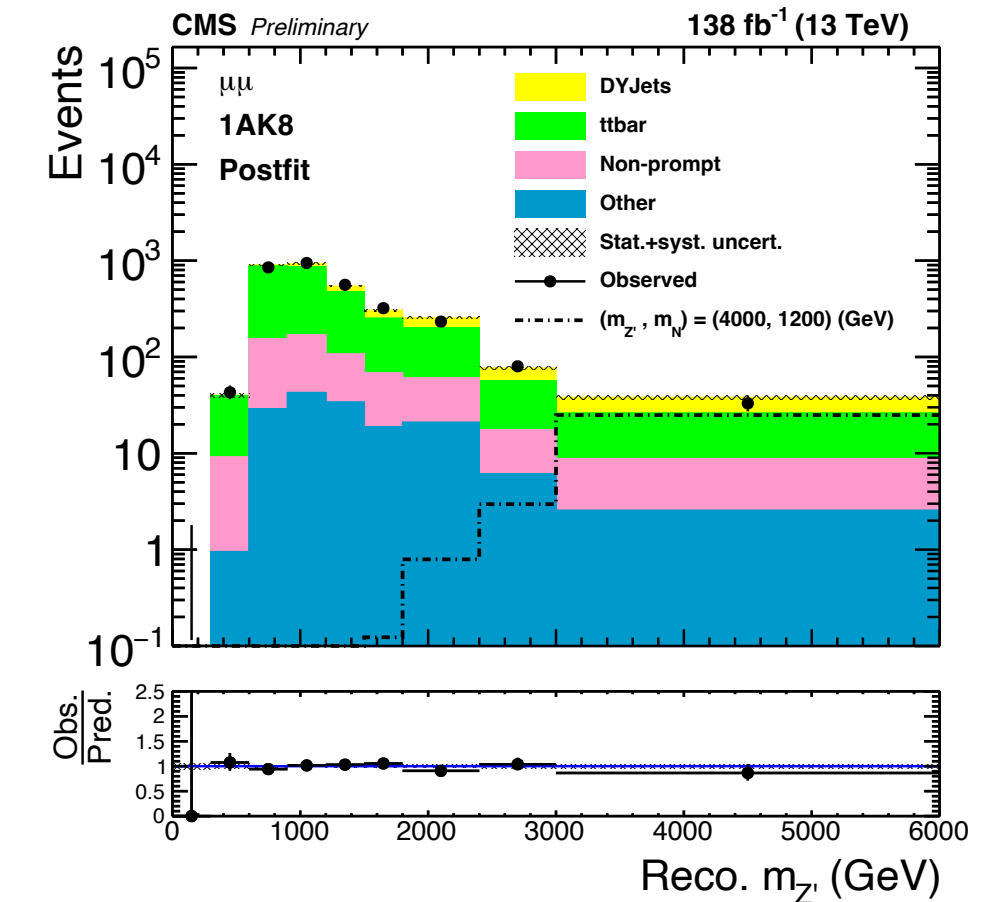
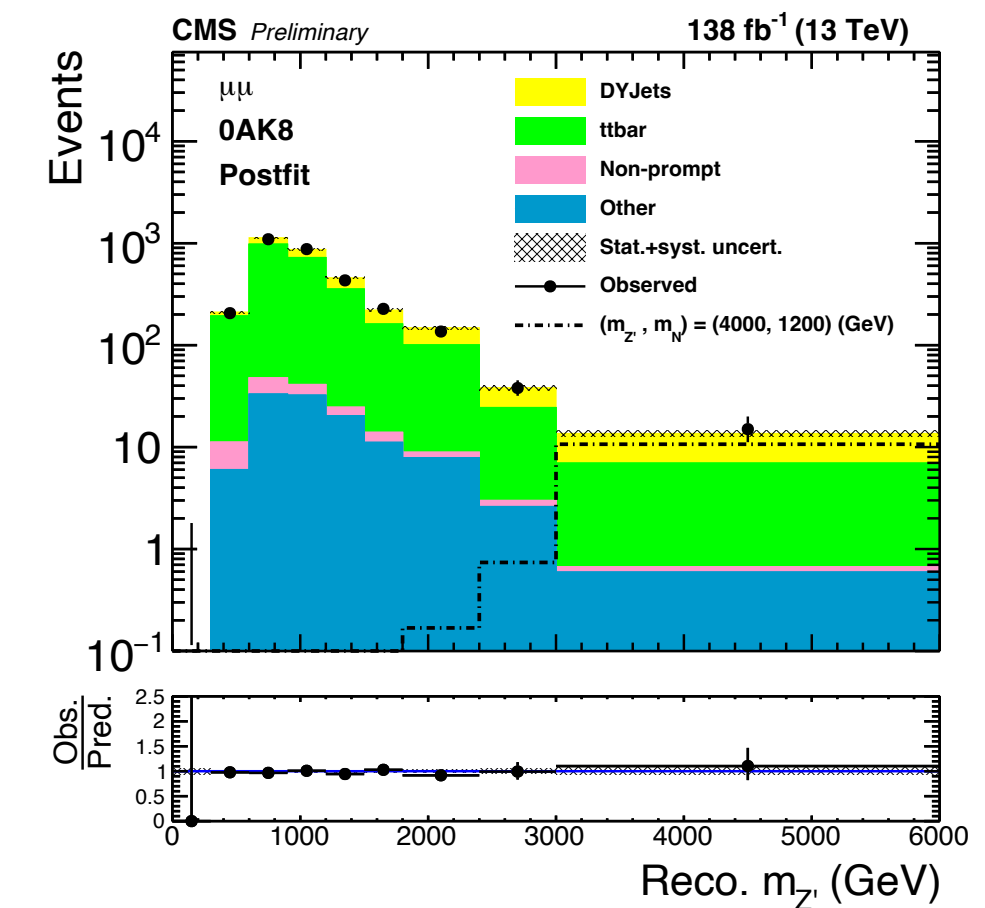
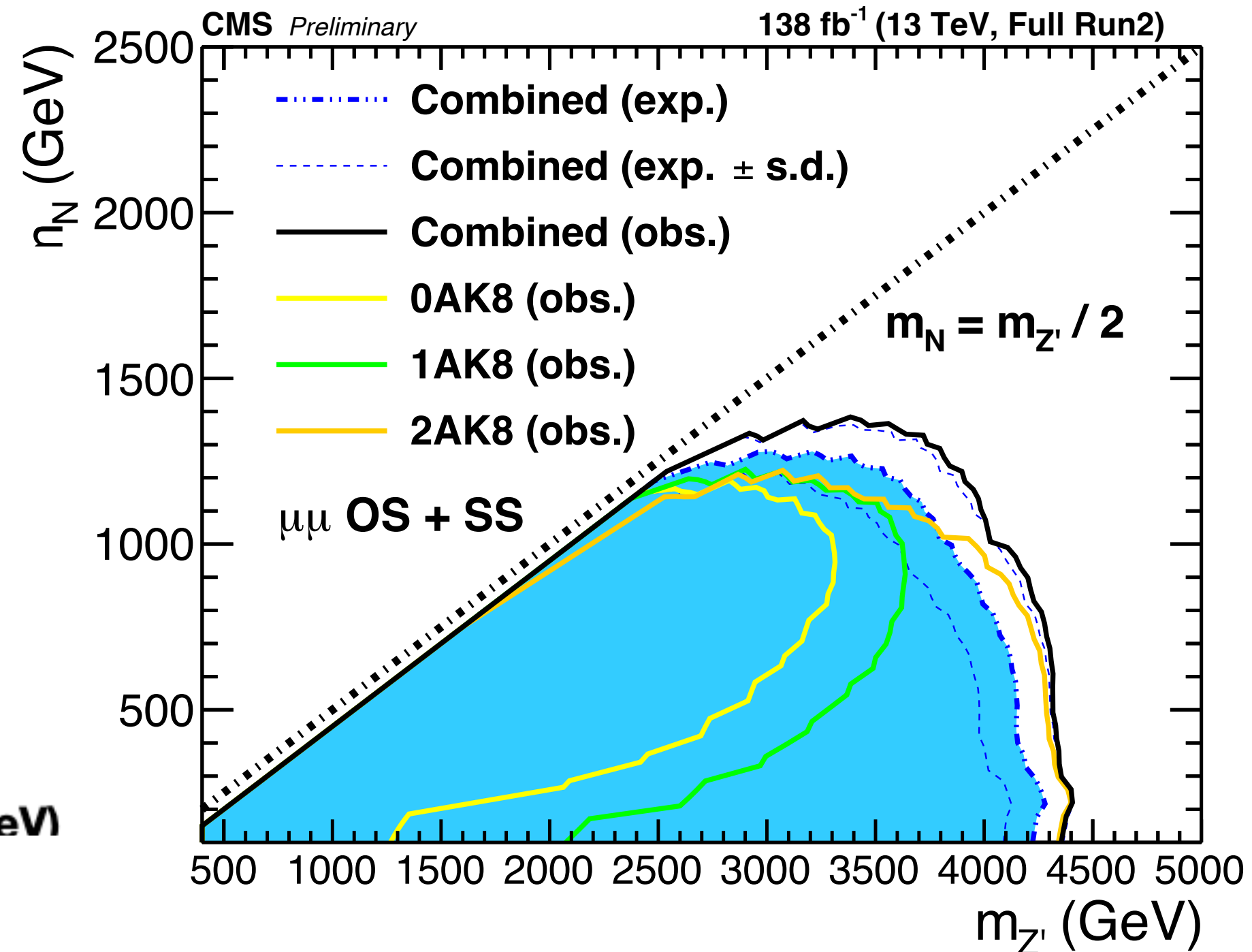
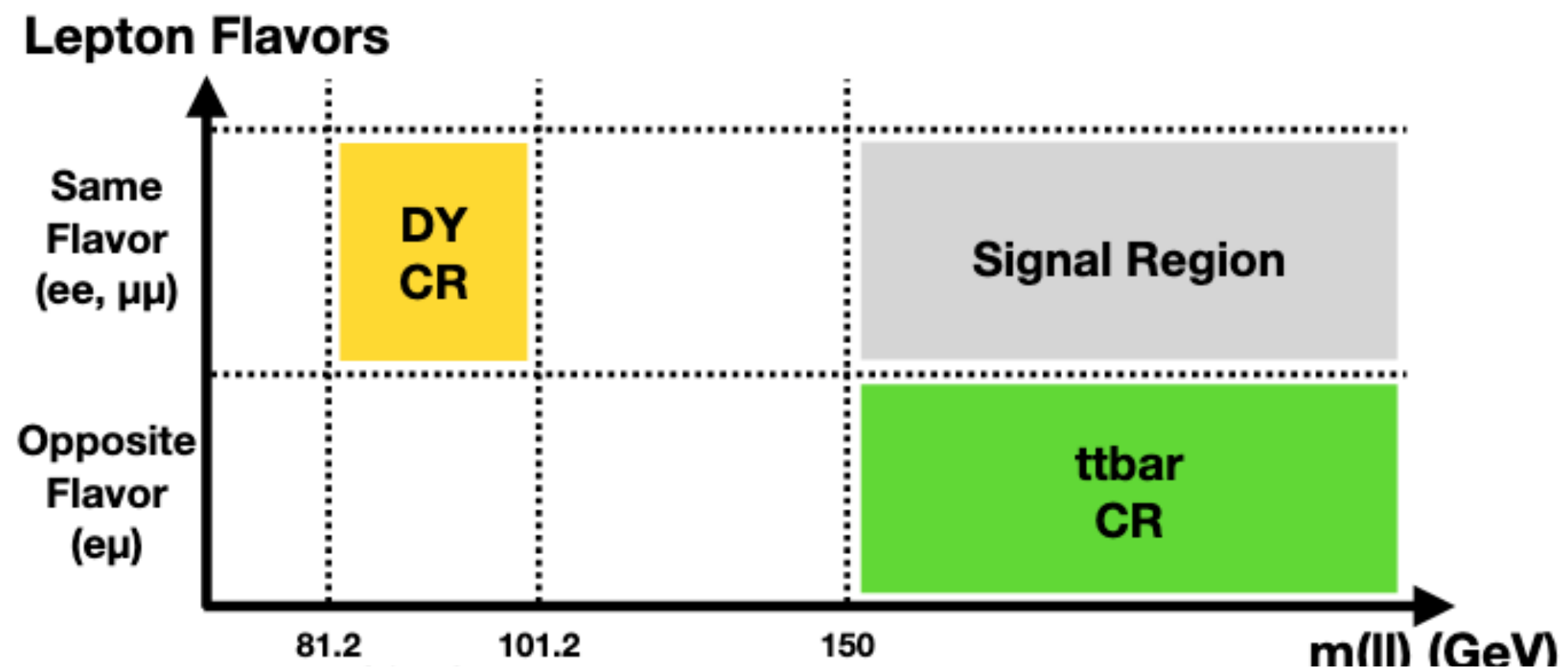
LRSM:  $Z'$ ,  $W_R^{+/-}$ ,  $N_i$

Performed in electron and muon channels

Probing both resolved and boosted topologies



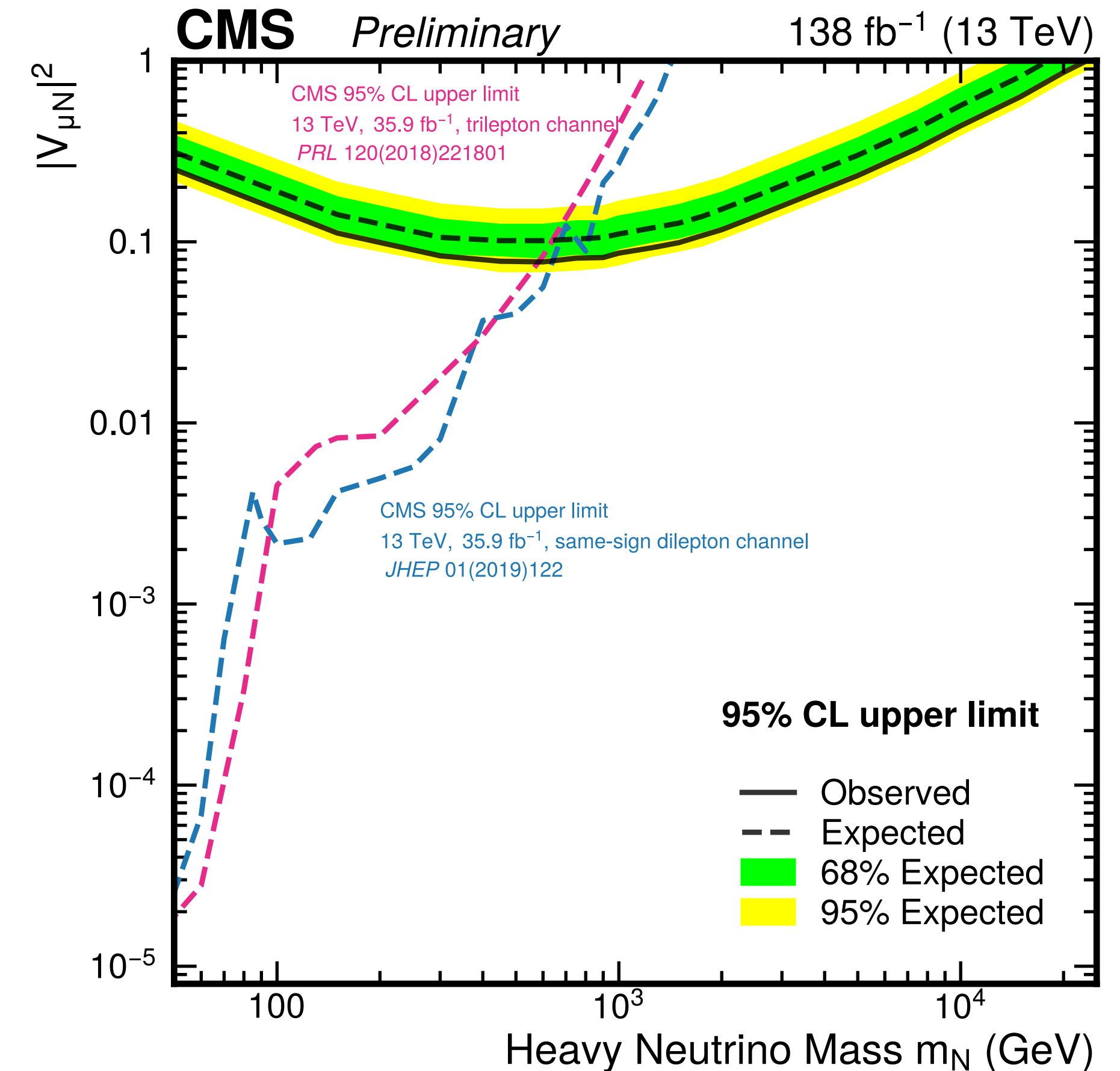
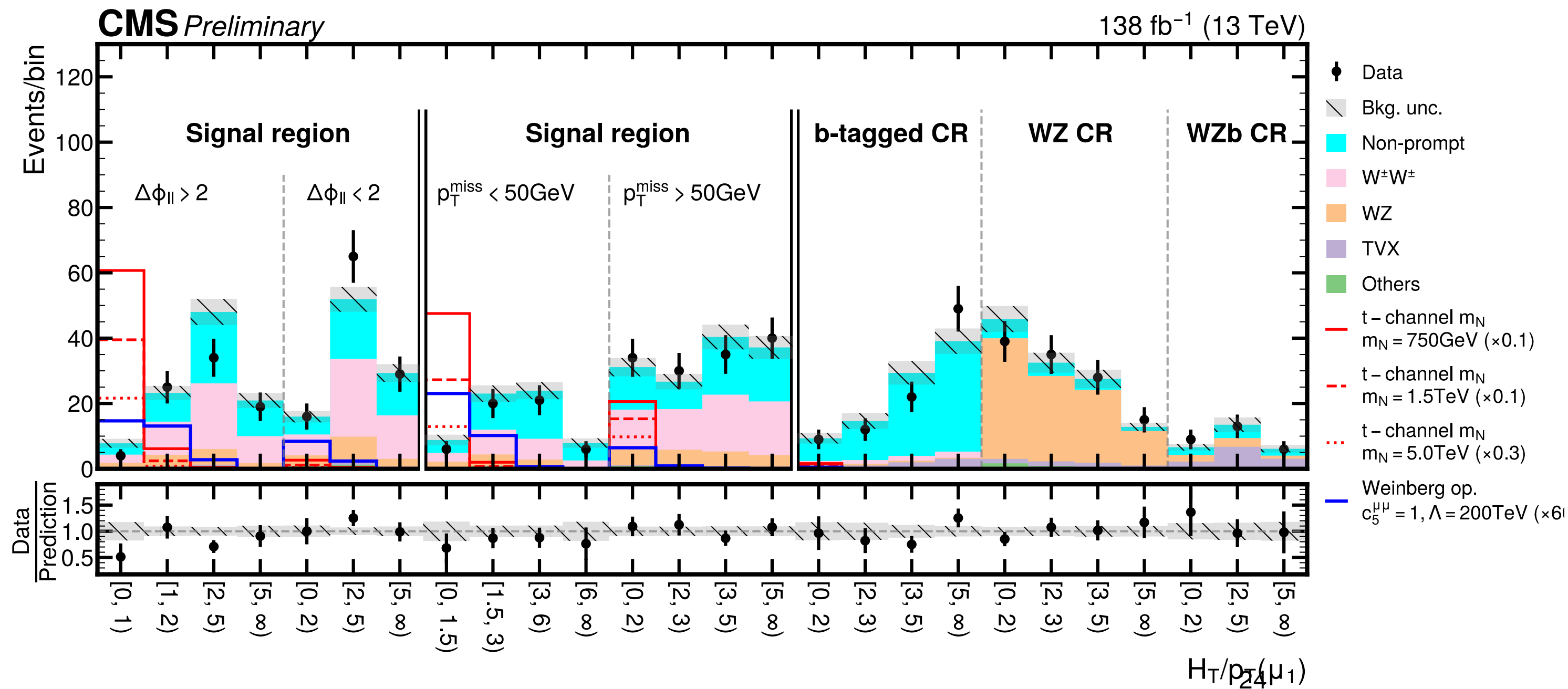
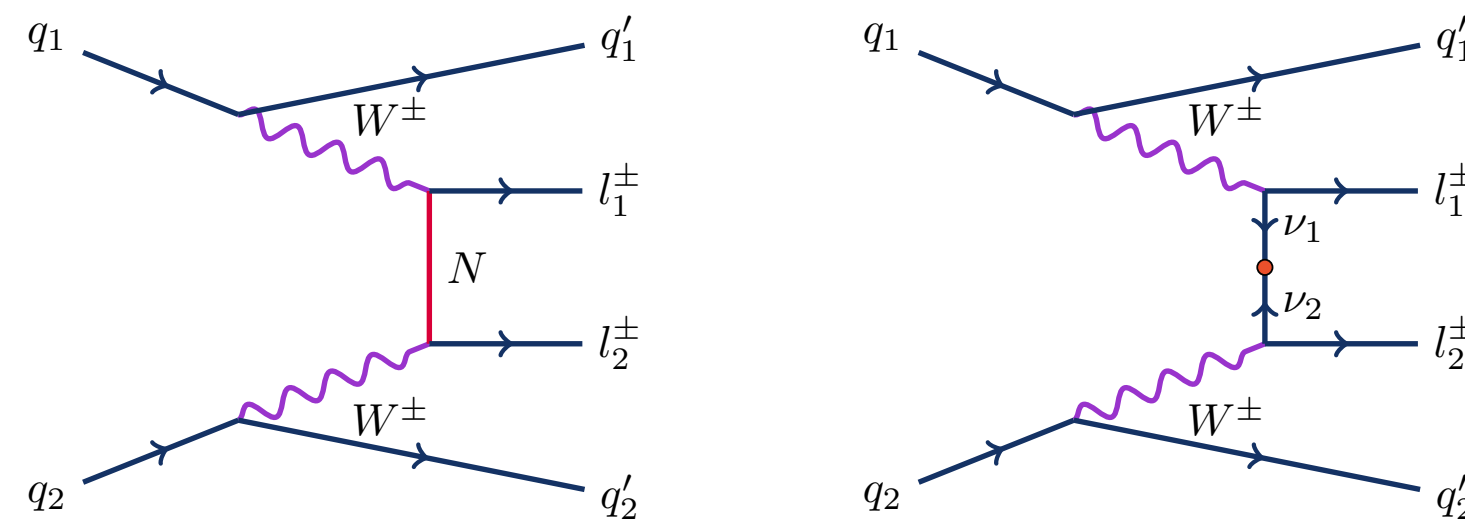
SR	N(AK8 jet)	N(tight leptons)	N(AK4 jet)
SR1 (0AK8)	= 0	= 2	≥ 4
SR2 (1AK8)	= 1	≥ 1	≥ 2
SR3 (2AK8)	≥ 2	—	—



# Beyond the Standard Model - HNL

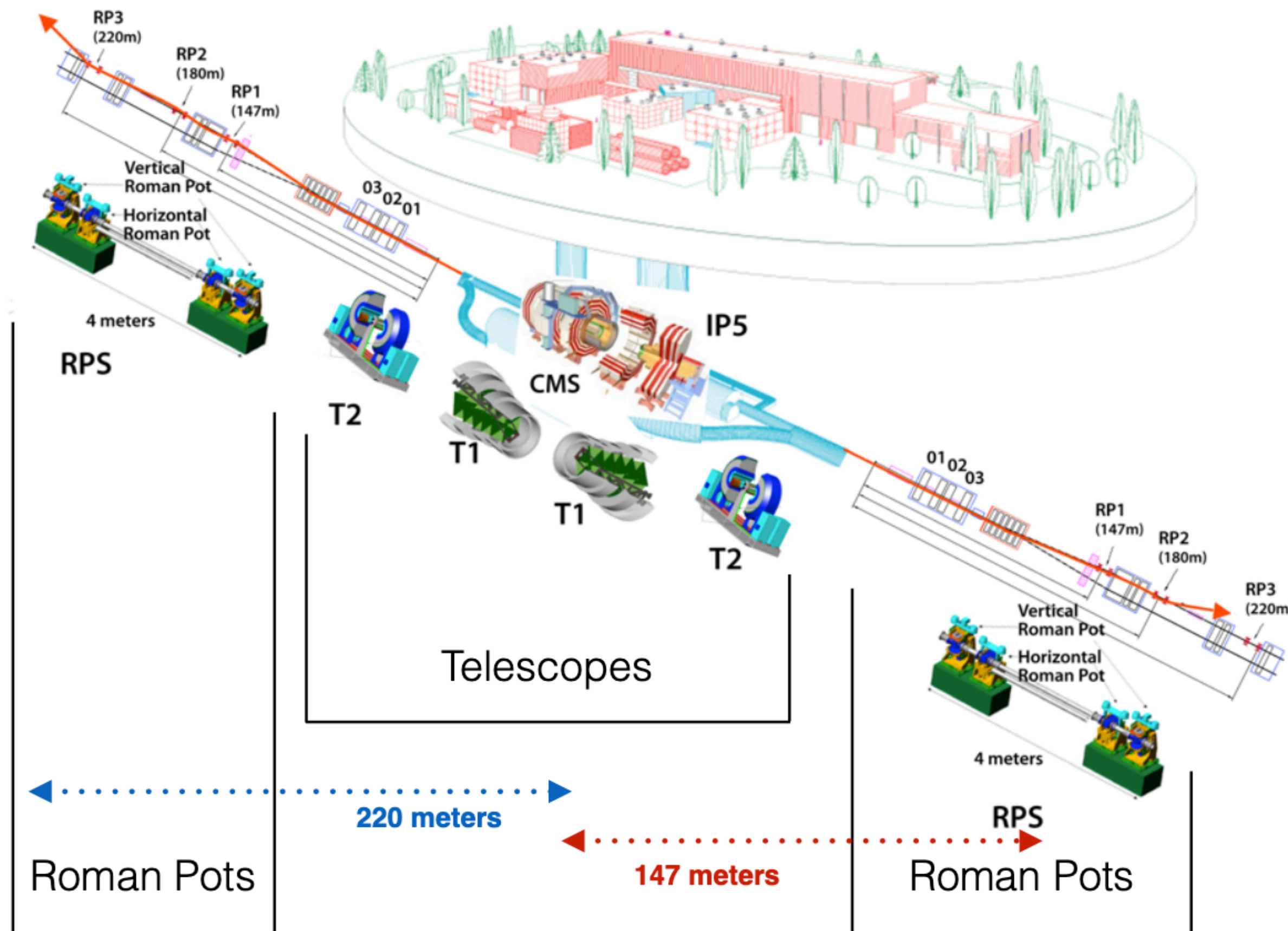
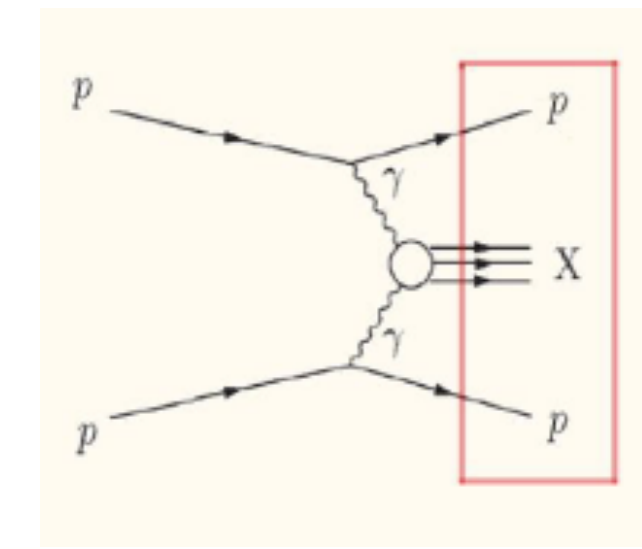
Probing Majorana neutrinos and the Weinberg operator in the same-charge dimuon channel through vector boson fusion processes **EXO-21-003**

VBF t-channel production of heavy neutrinos to enhance the sensitivity at higher mass region.





# Precision Proton Spectrometer



**TOTEM experiment** is designed to take **precise measurements** of protons as they emerge from collisions **at small angles**.

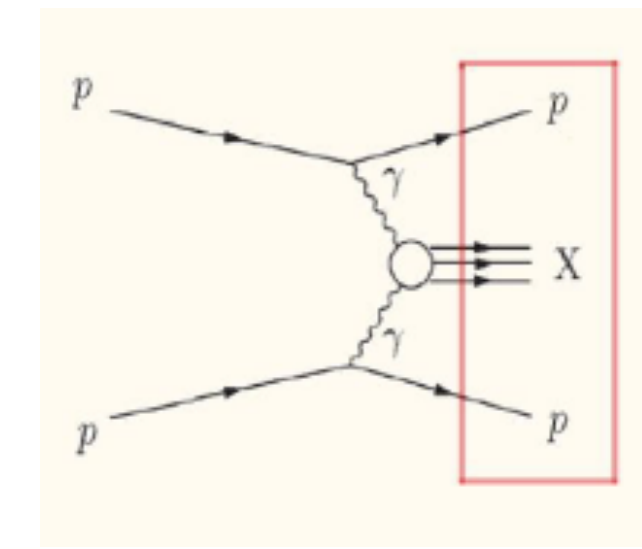
This region is known as the '**forward**' direction and is **inaccessible**

**TOTEM and CMS collaborations** have coordinated the use of their detectors to **perform combined measurements**

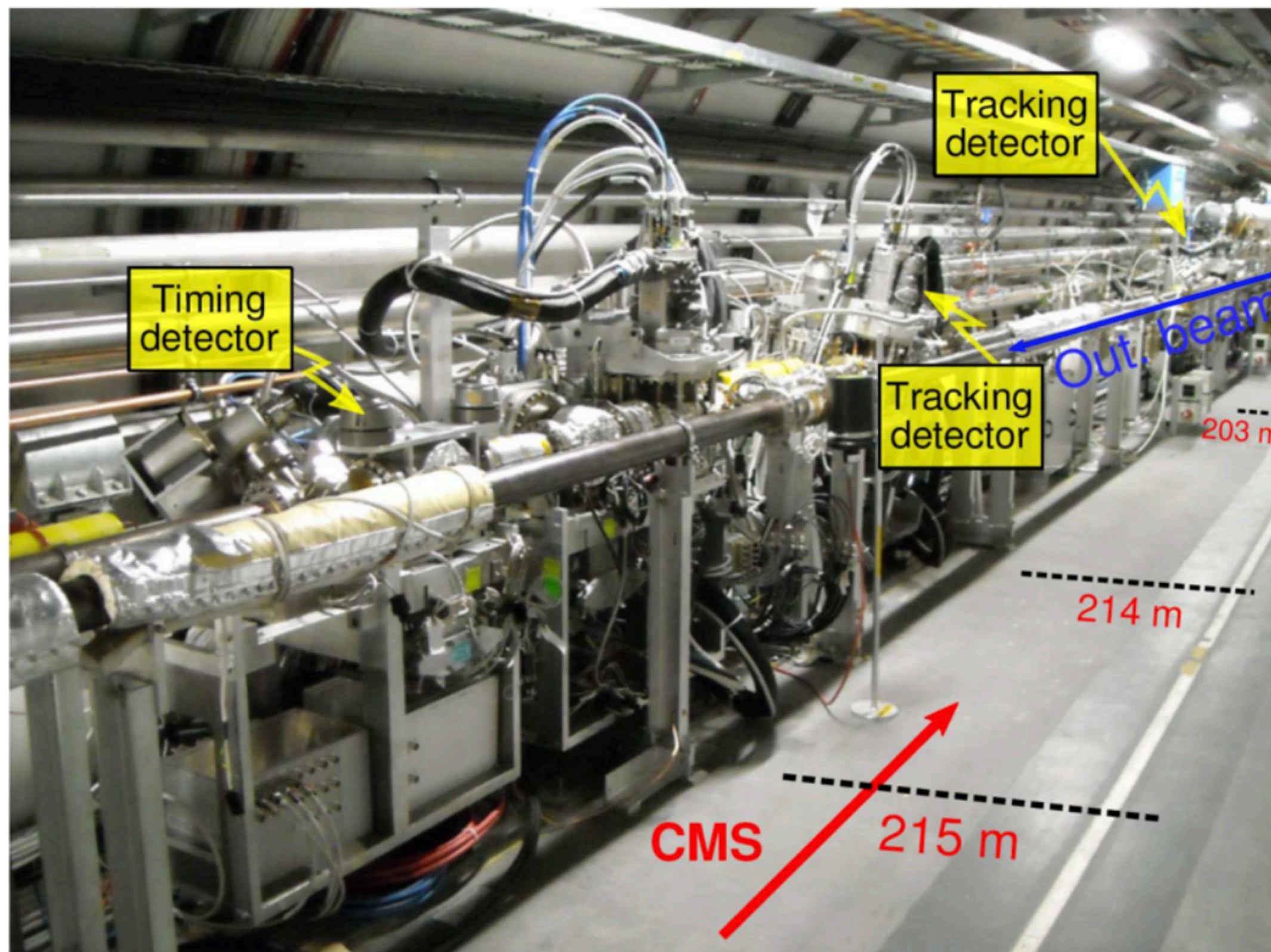
the main measured variable is  $\xi$  -- fractional momentum loss of forward proton



# Precision Proton Spectrometer



CT-PPS is a magnetic spectrometer that uses the LHC magnets and detector stations, to bend protons to measure their trajectories. **It is fully integrated into CMS DAQ + Reconstruction Software**



## Proton tag advantages:

- closure of event kinematics (full 13 TeV energy reconstructed)
- effective background rejection

## Opportunity to access a variety of topics:

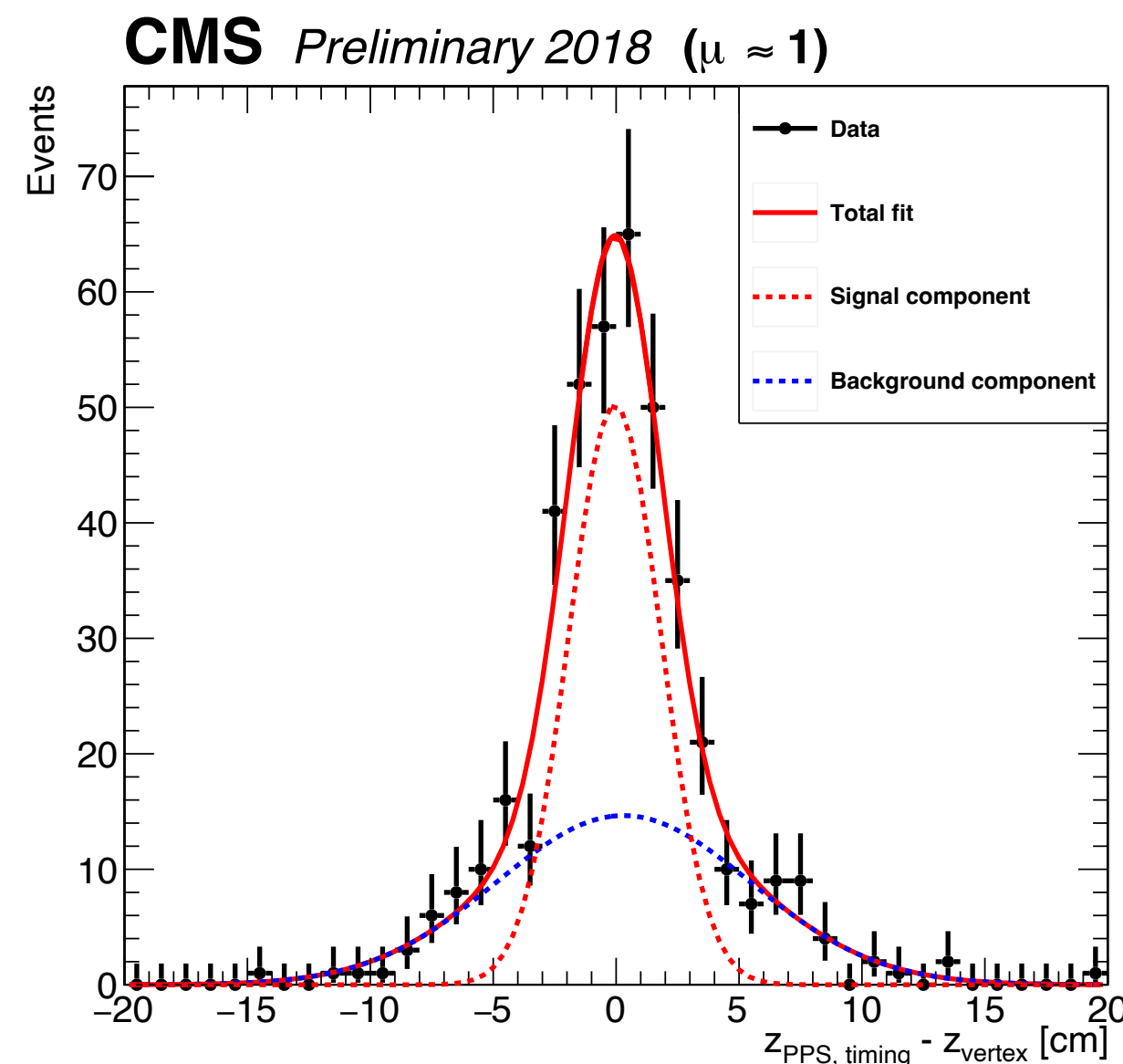
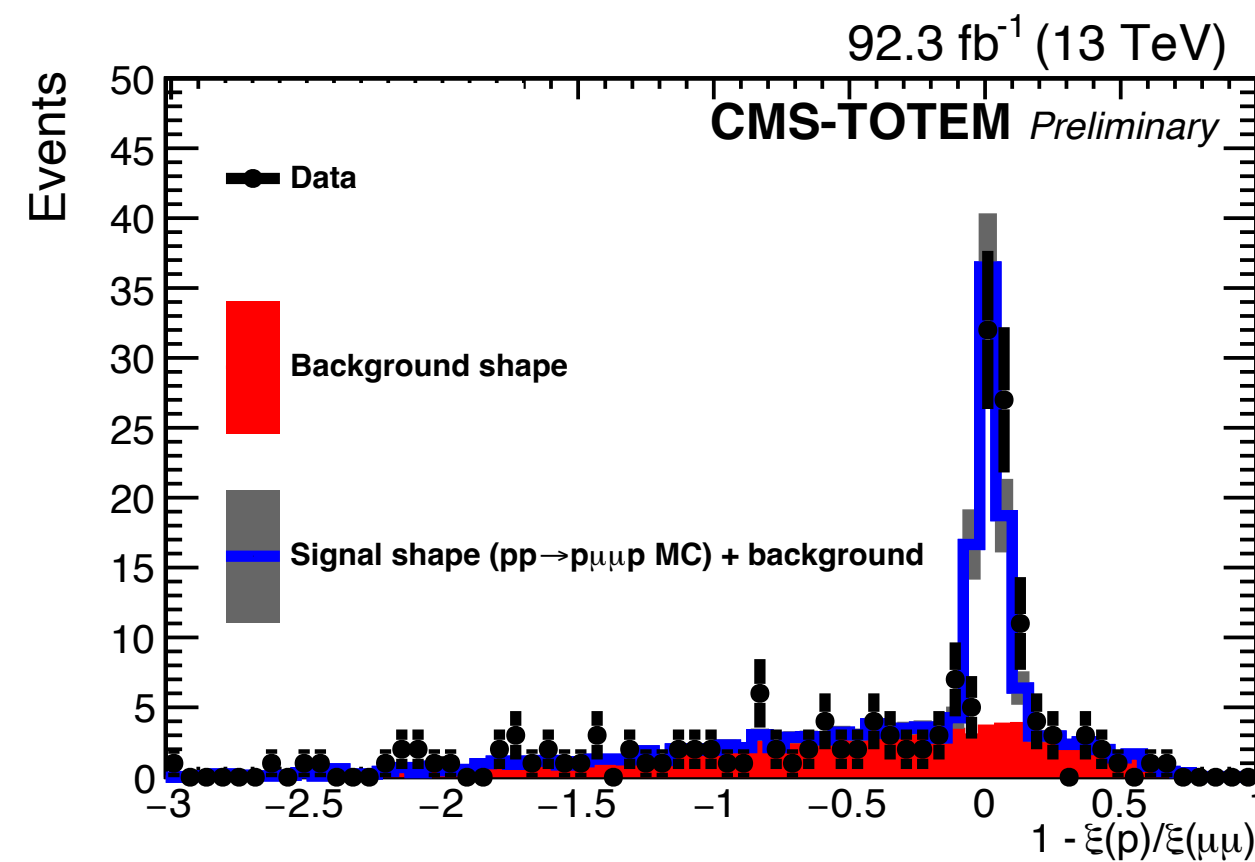
- anomalous couplings with high sensitivity
- new resonances in very clean final state
- rare SM processes



# Precision Proton Spectrometer

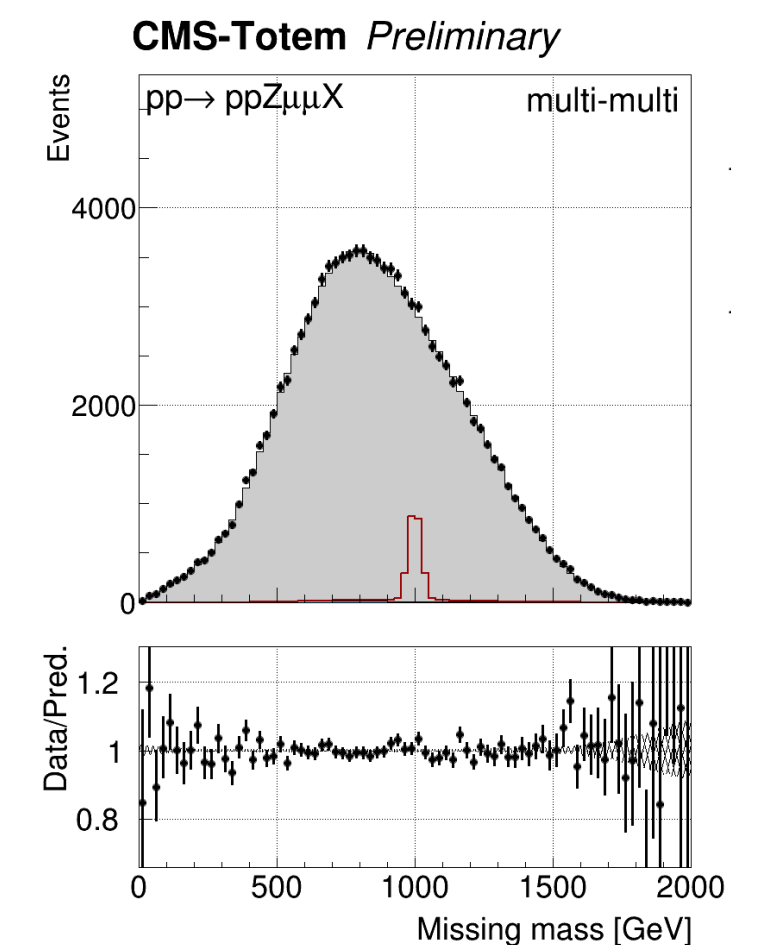
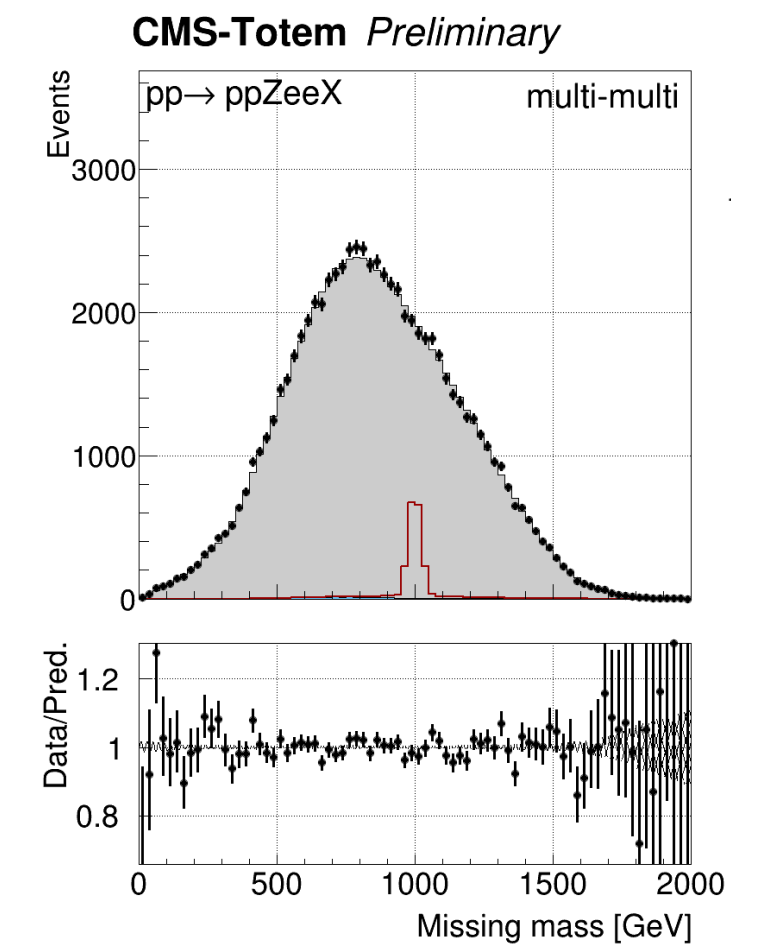
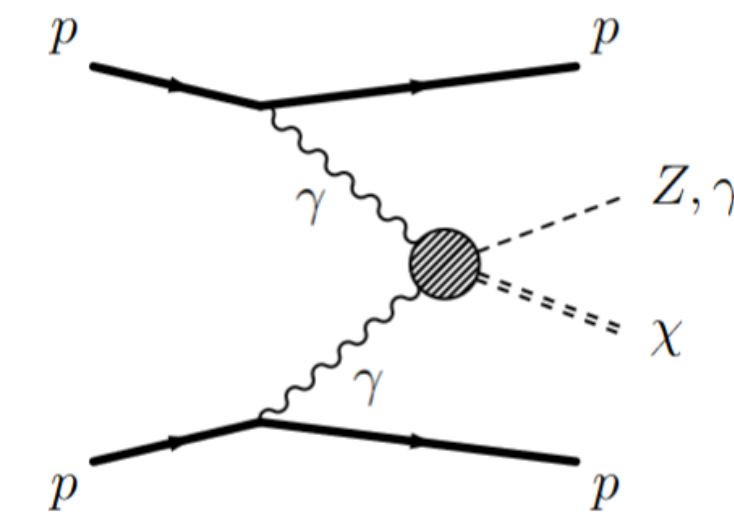
The Precision Proton Spectrometer of the CMS experiment collected more than 100 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data in Run 2.

Proton reconstruction with the CMS Precision Proton Spectrometer in Run 2 [PRO-21-001](#)



A search for new physics in central exclusive production using the missing mass technique with the CMS-TOTEM precision proton spectrometer [EXO-19-009](#)

A generic search for production of a Z boson or a photon with an additional unspecified massive particle X in proton-tagged events



Main variable of interest is the so-called **missing mass**: first use of this technique at the LHC.

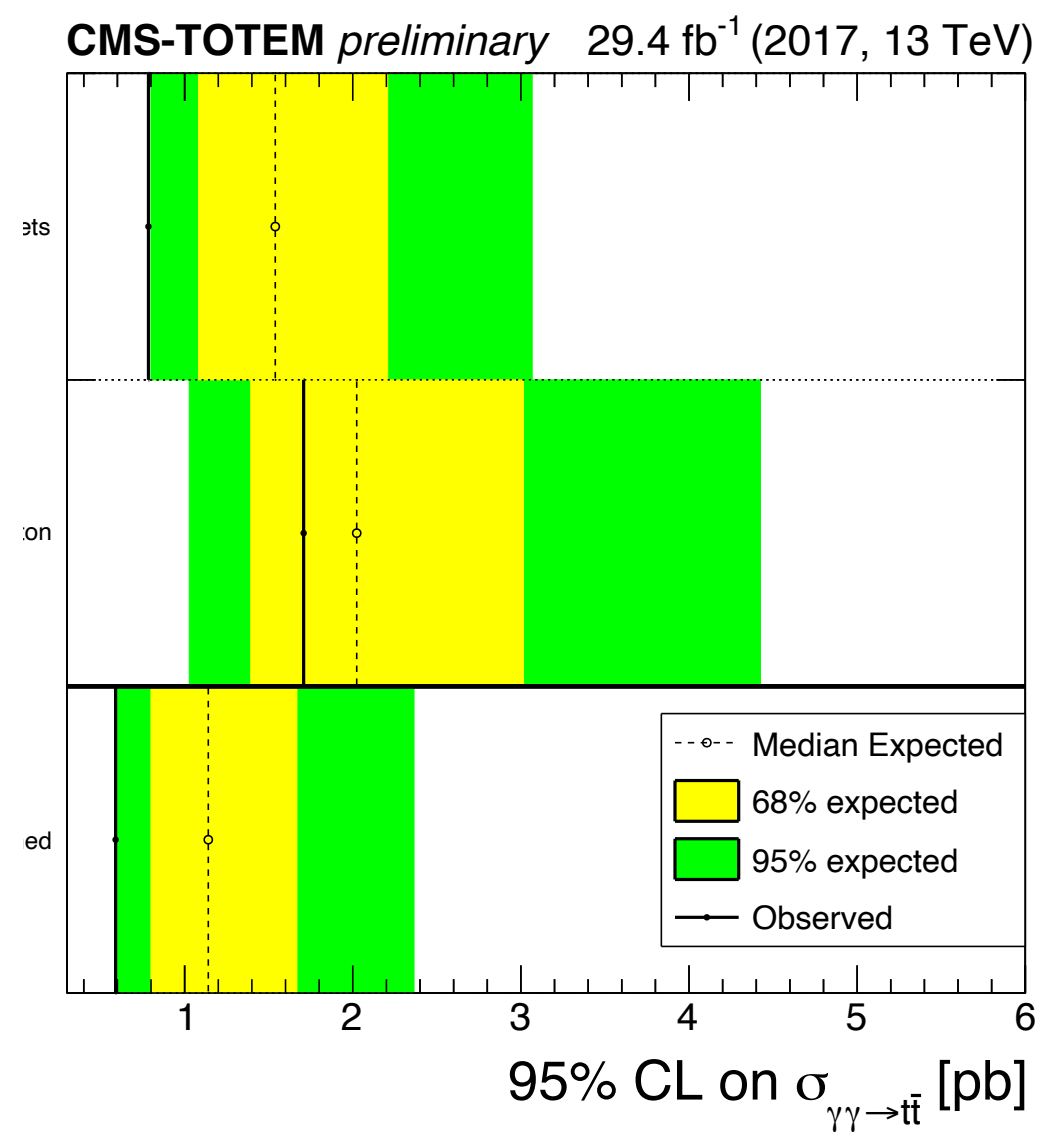
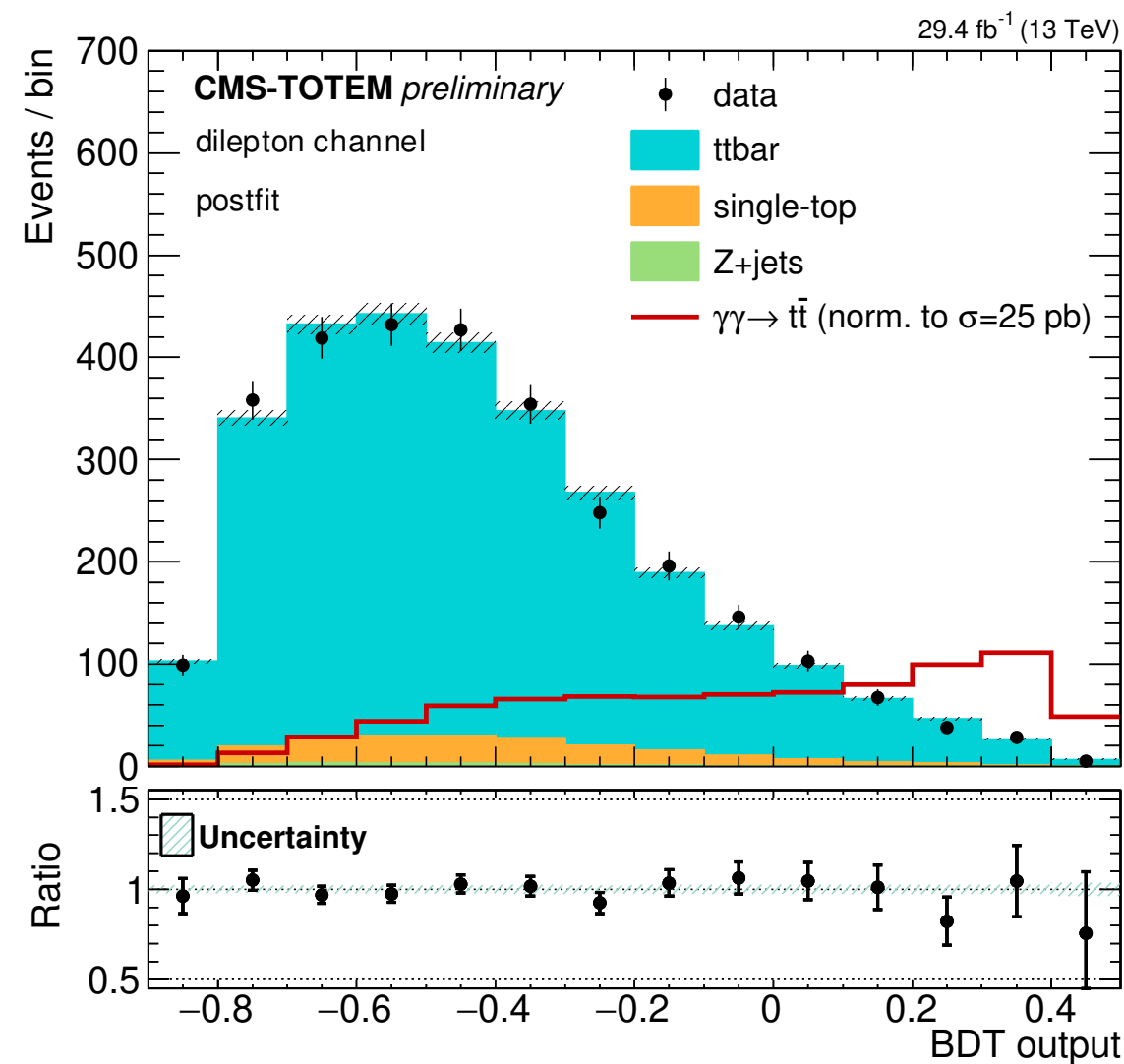
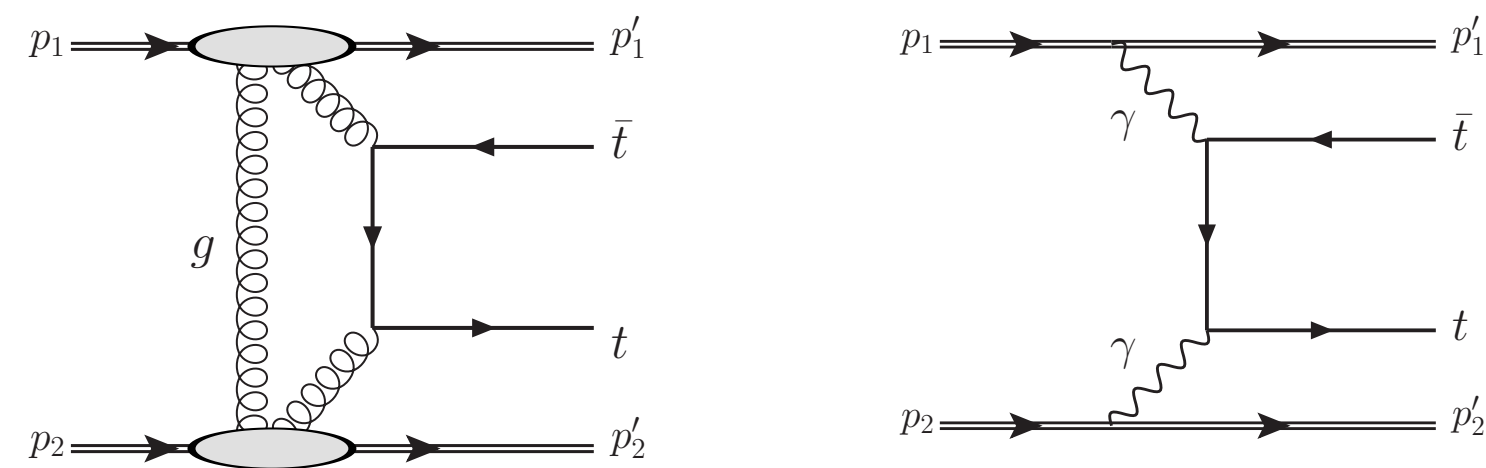
Excellent proton momentum reconstruction of PPS allows to search for missing mass signatures at high invariant mass

$$m_{\text{miss}}^2 = \left[ (P_{p_1}^{\text{in}} + P_{p_2}^{\text{in}}) - (P_V + P_{p_1}^{\text{out}} + P_{p_2}^{\text{out}}) \right]^2$$

# Precision Proton Spectrometer

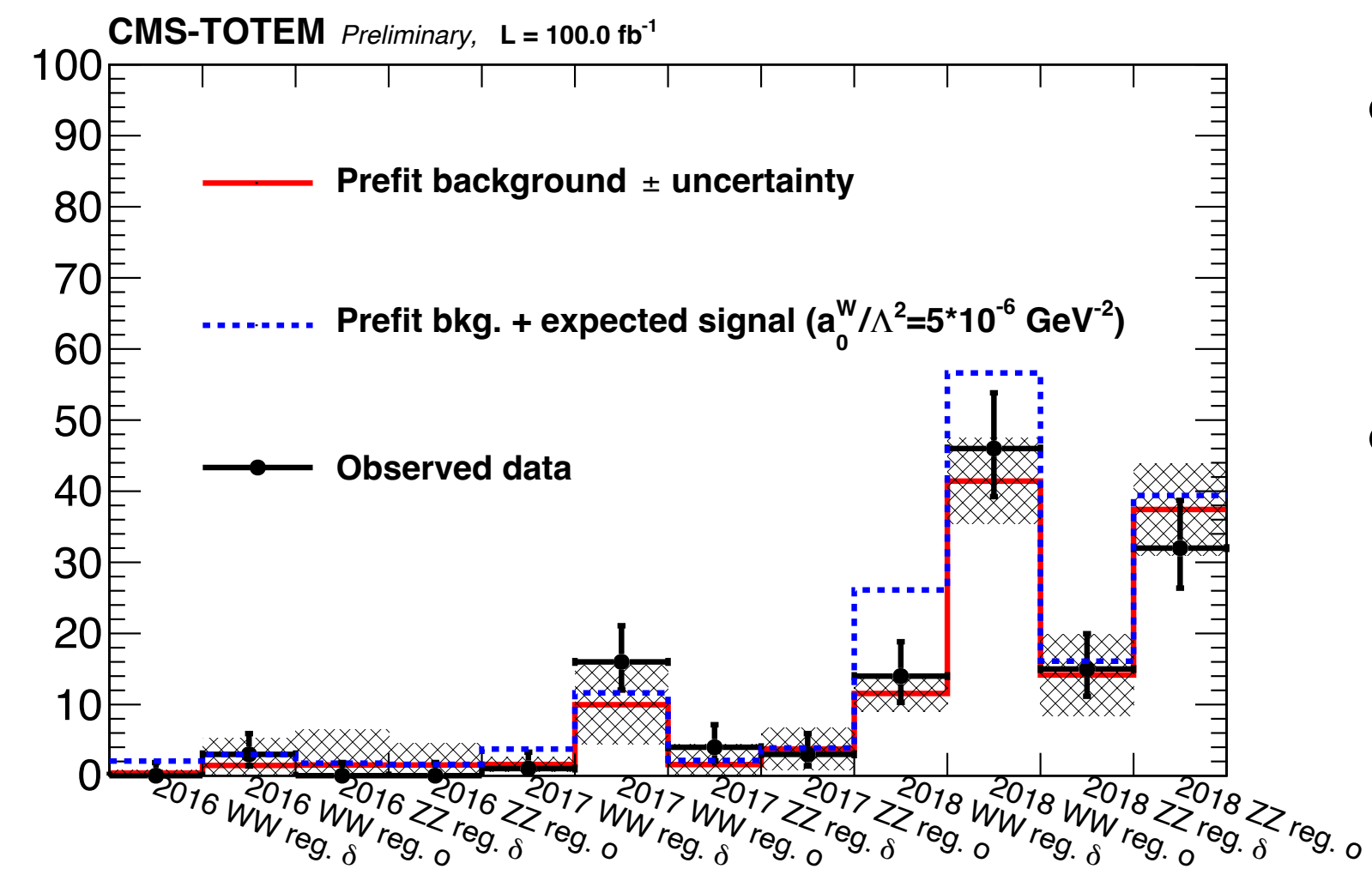
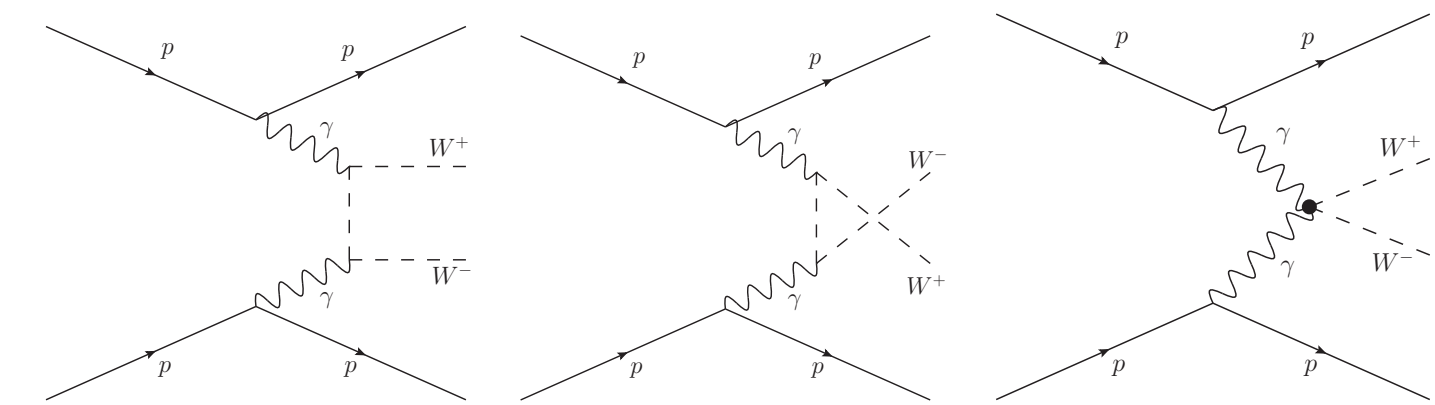
## Search for central exclusive production of top quark pairs TOP-21-007

Sensitive to top photon couplings. Very low cross-section!  
Observed (expected) limit 0.59 pb (1.14 pb +1.2 -0.6)



## Search for exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ and $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ZZ$ production in final states with jets and forward protons SMP-21-014

Due to extremely high inclusive QCD background, process can be accessed only with proton tagging



- aQGC and EFT interpretations
- also amended jet trigger thresholds for SM WW targeting Run3



# Conclusions

A lot of data, very sophisticated analysis strategies, many excesses :)

*Something real?*

A lot of analysis in pipeline based on Run 2 and many \*new\* ideas to explore in early Run 3

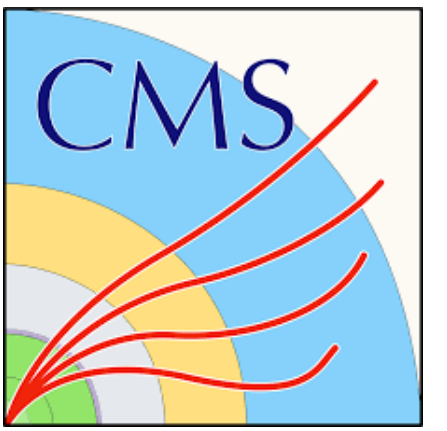


Keep Calm

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Keep Searching





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