



# CMS H(125) boson decays results

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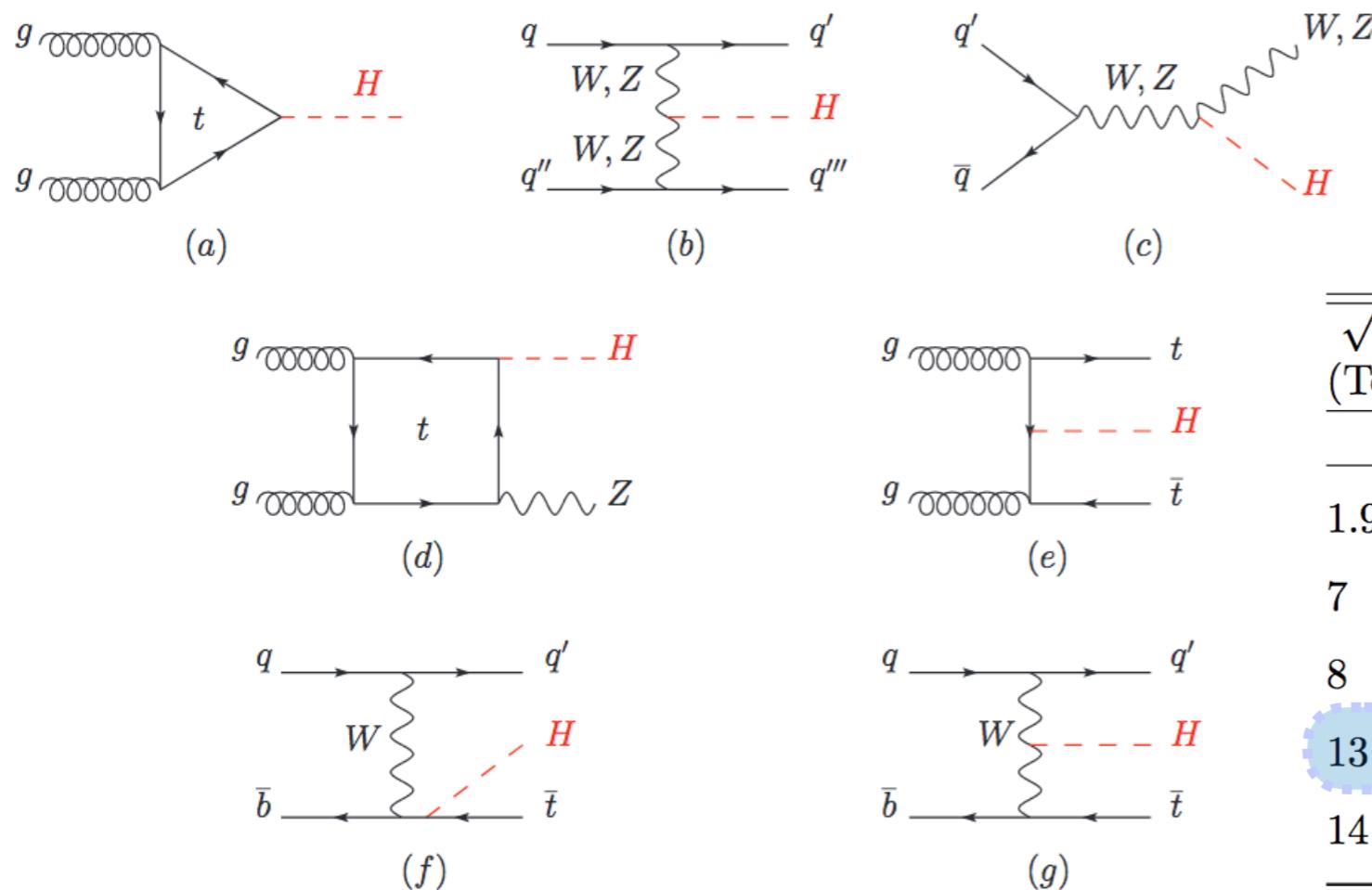
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| $\sqrt{s}$<br>(TeV) | Production cross section (in pb) for $m_H = 125$ GeV |                          |                          |                          |                           |       |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
|                     | ggF  | VBF                      | $WH$                     | $ZH$                     | $t\bar{t}H$               | total |
| 1.96                | $0.95^{+17\%}_{-17\%}$                               | $0.065^{+8\%}_{-7\%}$    | $0.13^{+8\%}_{-8\%}$     | $0.079^{+8\%}_{-8\%}$    | $0.004^{+10\%}_{-10\%}$   | 1.23  |
| 7                   | $16.9^{+4.4\%}_{-7.0\%}$                             | $1.24^{+2.1\%}_{-2.1\%}$ | $0.58^{+2.2\%}_{-2.3\%}$ | $0.34^{+3.1\%}_{-3.0\%}$ | $0.09^{+5.6\%}_{-10.2\%}$ | 19.1  |
| 8                   | $21.4^{+4.4\%}_{-6.9\%}$                             | $1.60^{+2.3\%}_{-2.1\%}$ | $0.70^{+2.1\%}_{-2.2\%}$ | $0.42^{+3.4\%}_{-2.9\%}$ | $0.13^{+5.9\%}_{-10.1\%}$ | 24.2  |
| 13                  | $48.6^{+4.6\%}_{-6.7\%}$                             | $3.78^{+2.2\%}_{-2.2\%}$ | $1.37^{+2.6\%}_{-2.6\%}$ | $0.88^{+4.1\%}_{-3.5\%}$ | $0.50^{+6.8\%}_{-9.9\%}$  | 55.1  |
| 14                  | $54.7^{+4.6\%}_{-6.7\%}$                             | $4.28^{+2.2\%}_{-2.2\%}$ | $1.51^{+1.9\%}_{-2.0\%}$ | $0.99^{+4.1\%}_{-3.7\%}$ | $0.60^{+6.9\%}_{-9.8\%}$  | 62.1  |

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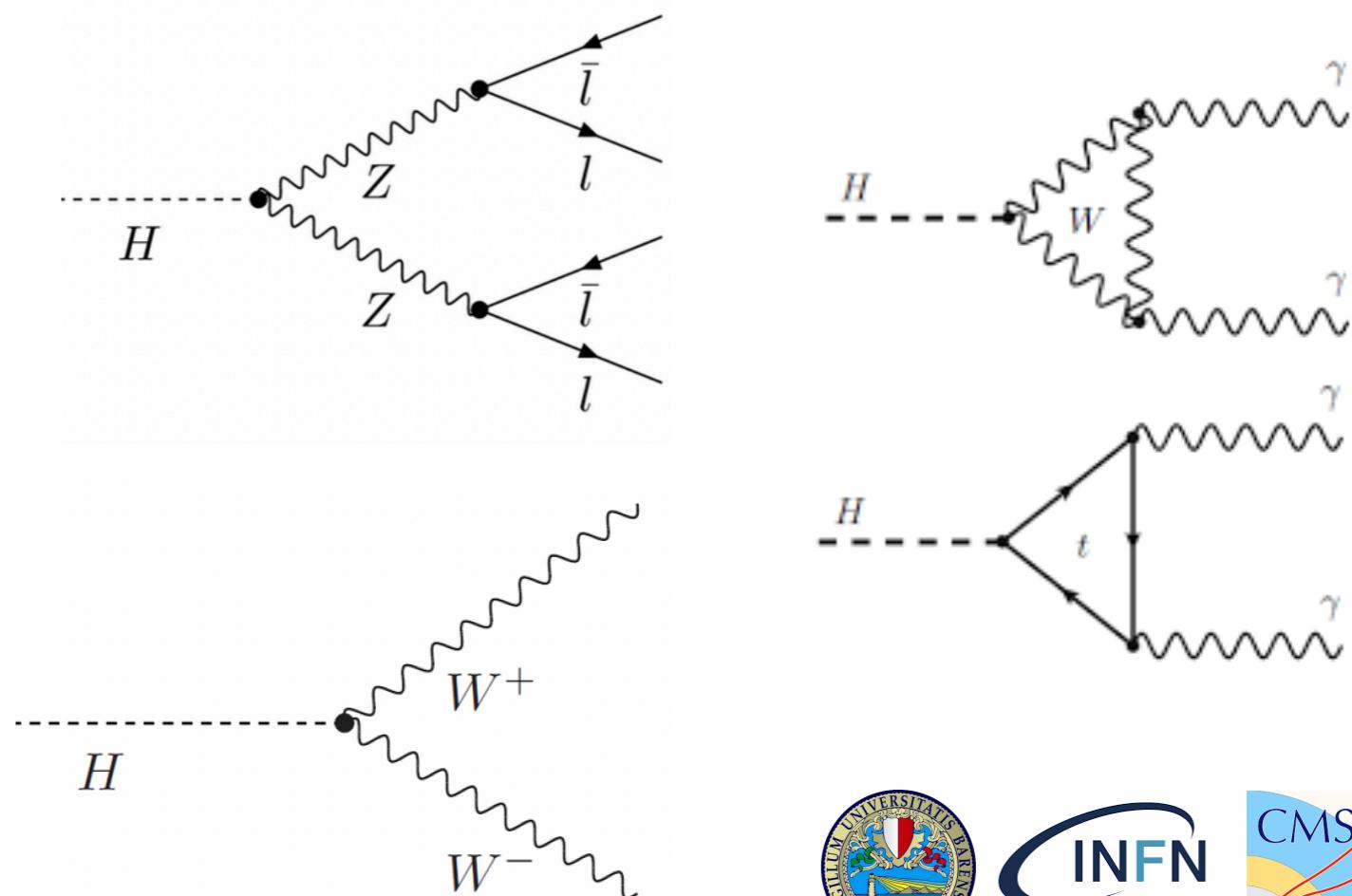
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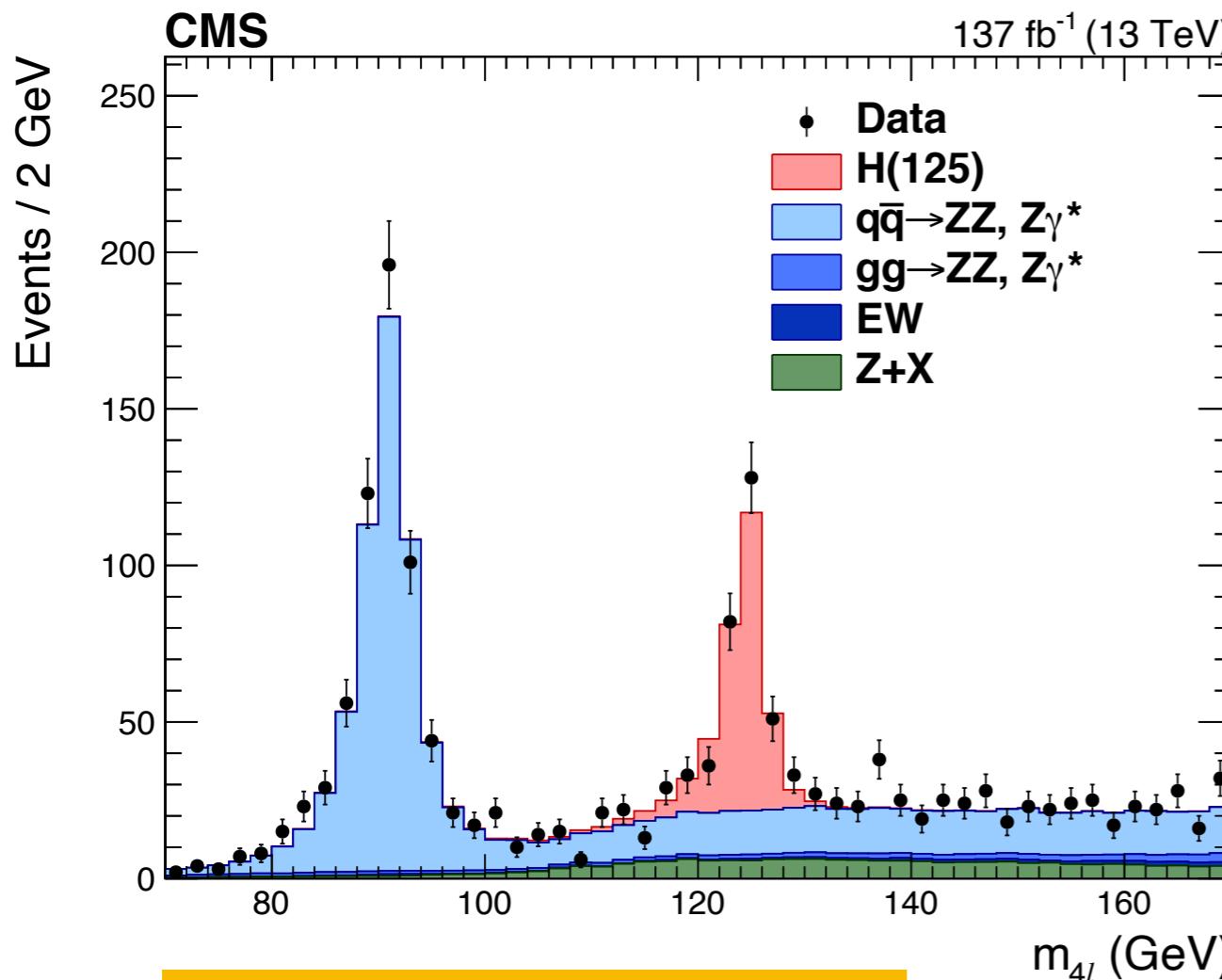
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- large signal-to-background ratio due to the complete reconstruction of the final state decay products
- small branching fraction



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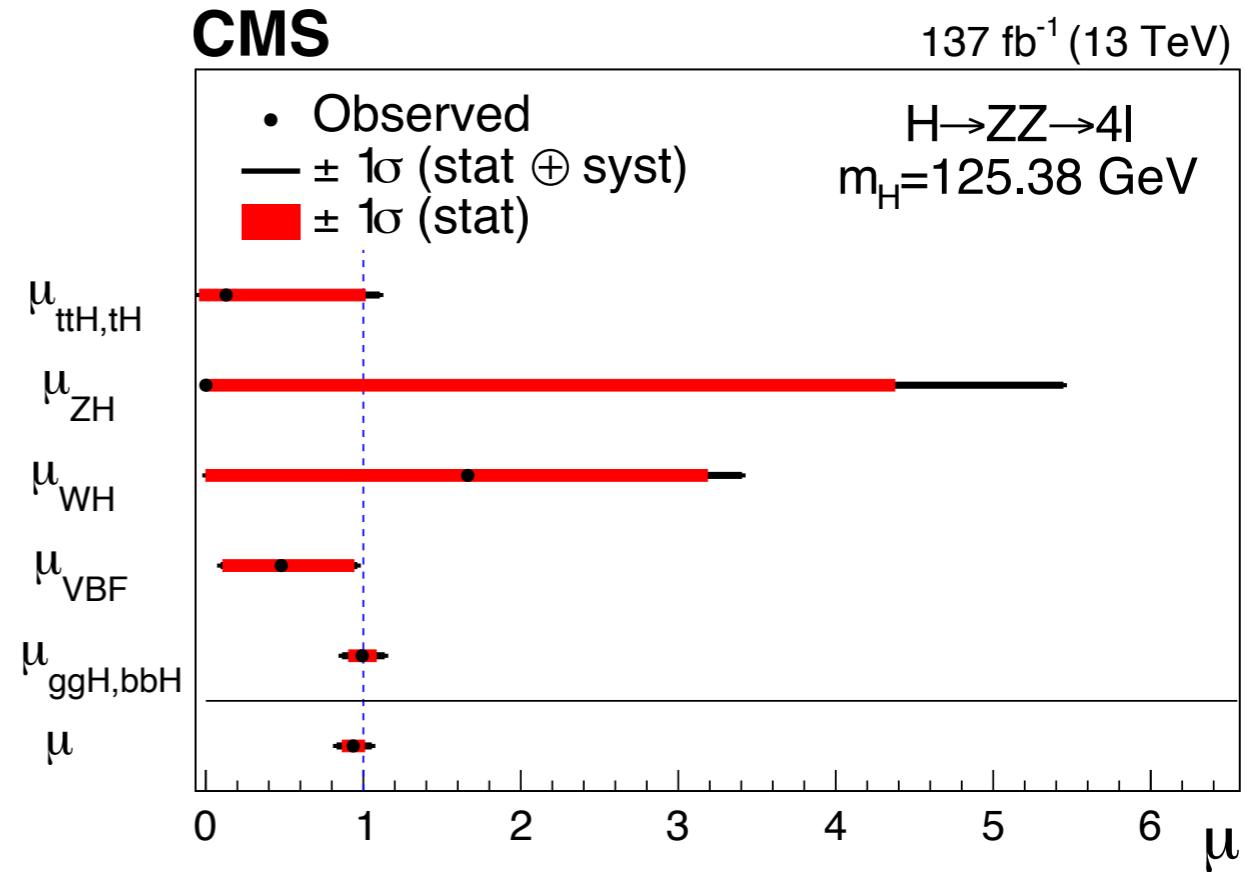
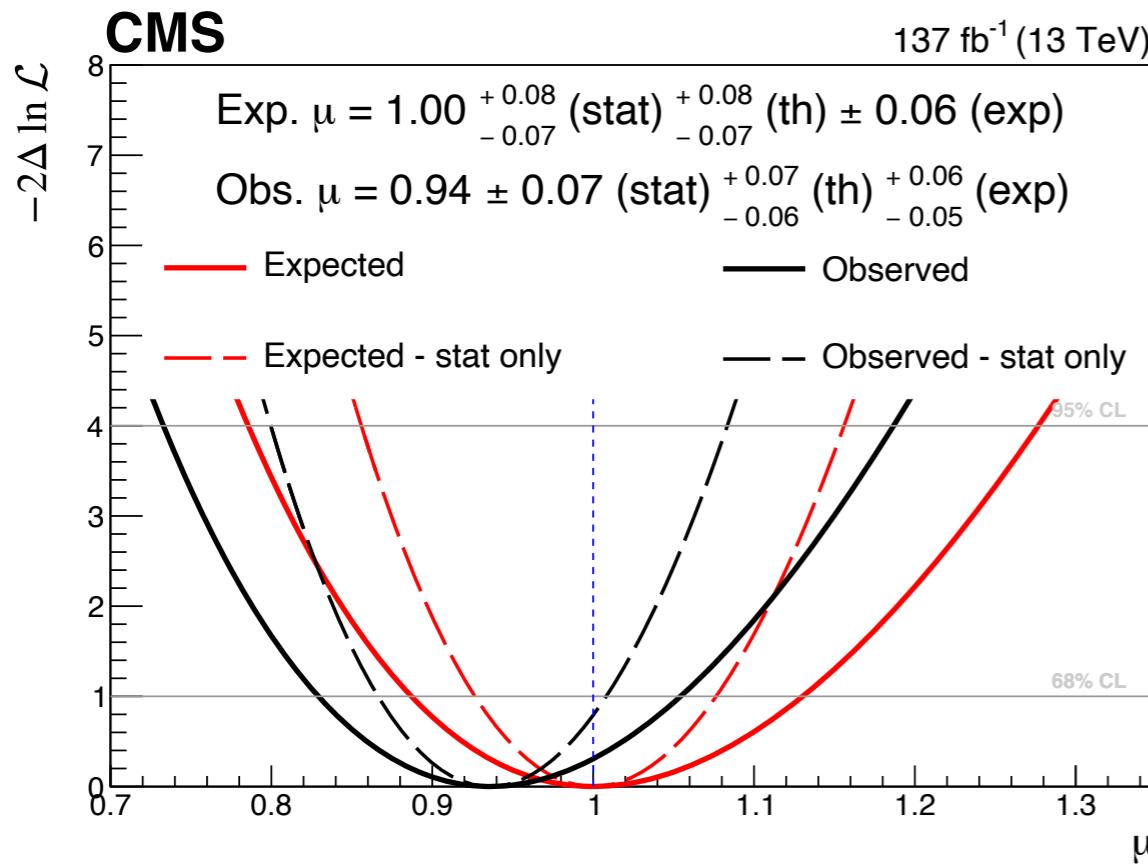
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- **Signal line shape:** double-sided Crystal Ball
- **ZZ\* backgrounds:** estimated from MC simulation
- **Z+X contribution:** estimated from data



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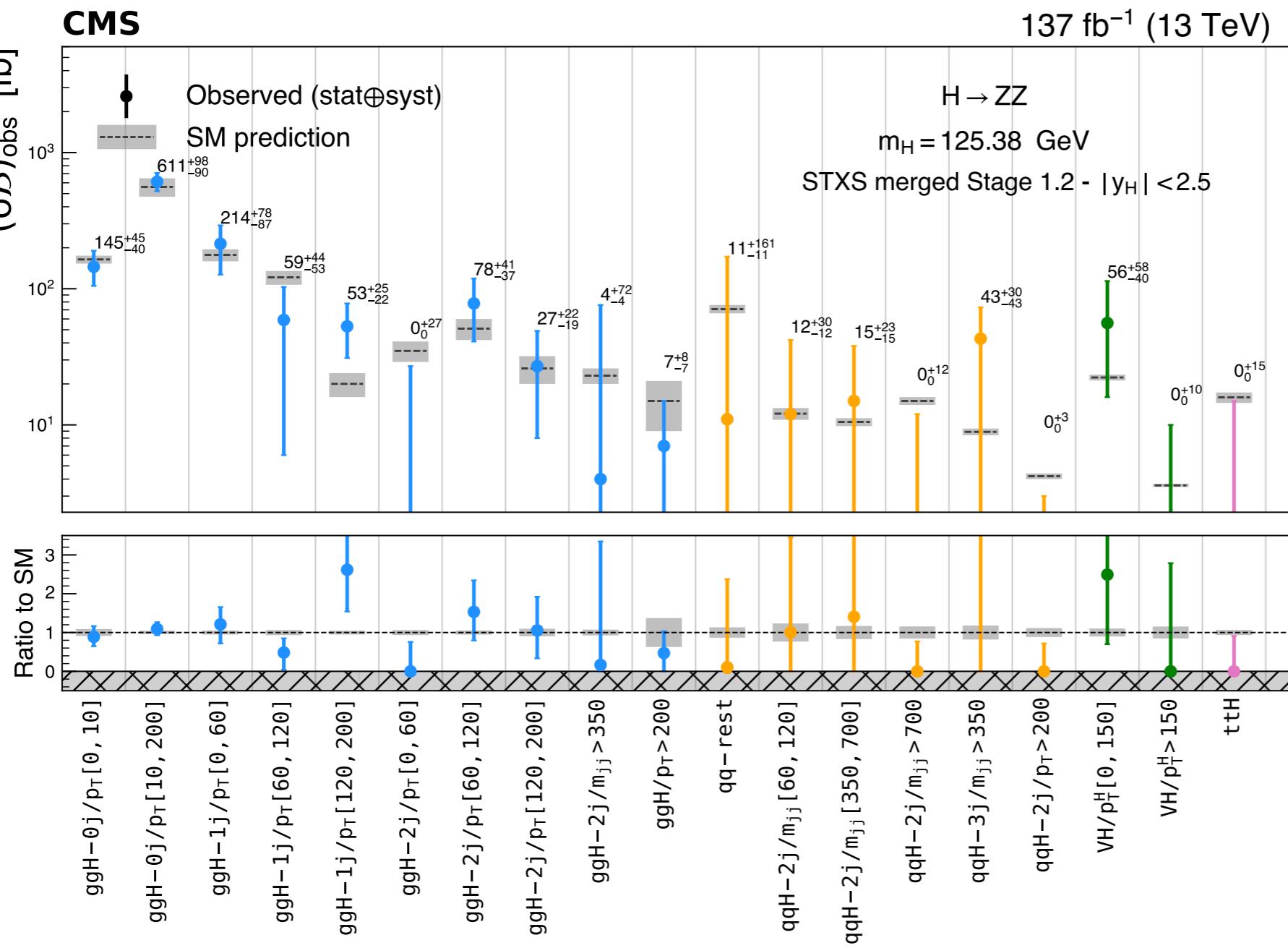


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**STXS** tries to maximise the sensitivity of the measurement, minimising the dependence on the theory predictions, defining several kinematic regions using generator level information.

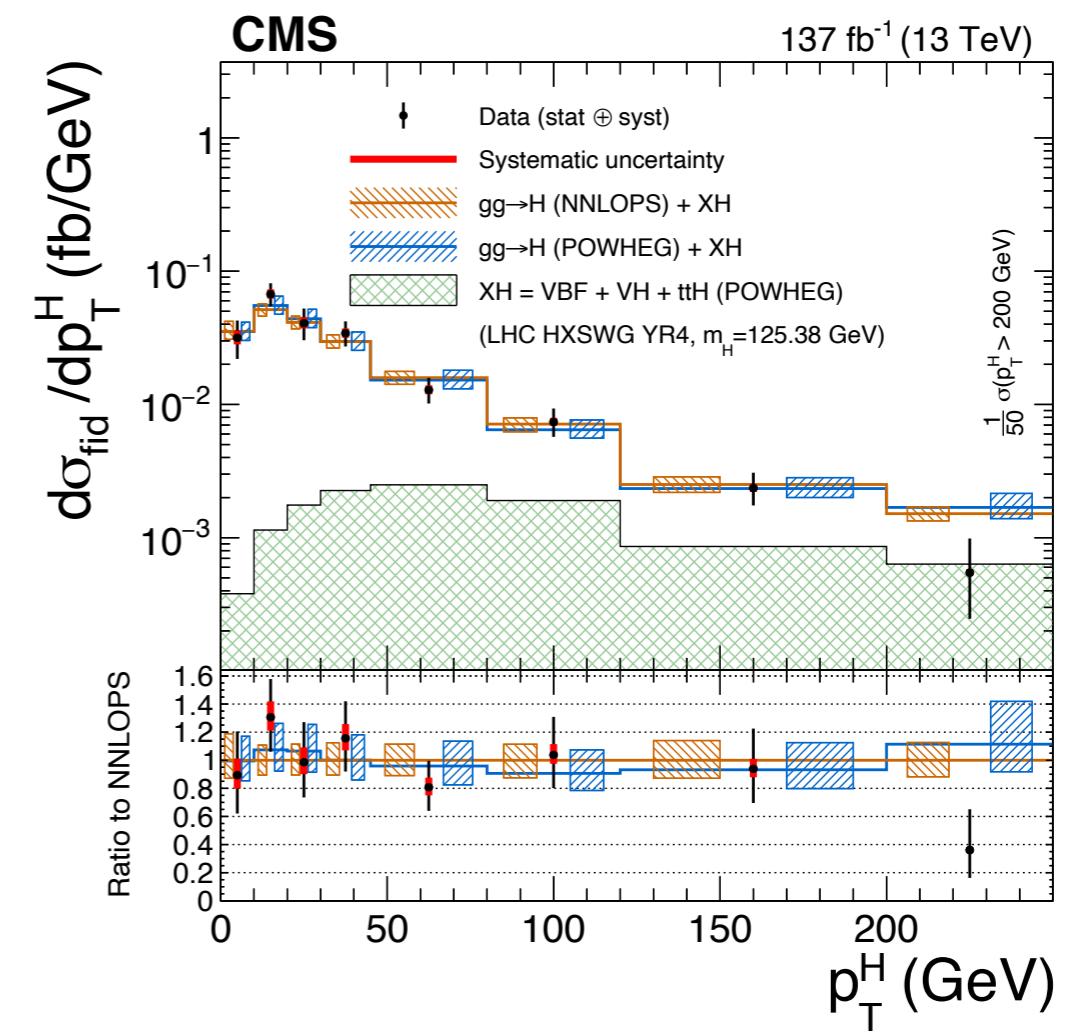
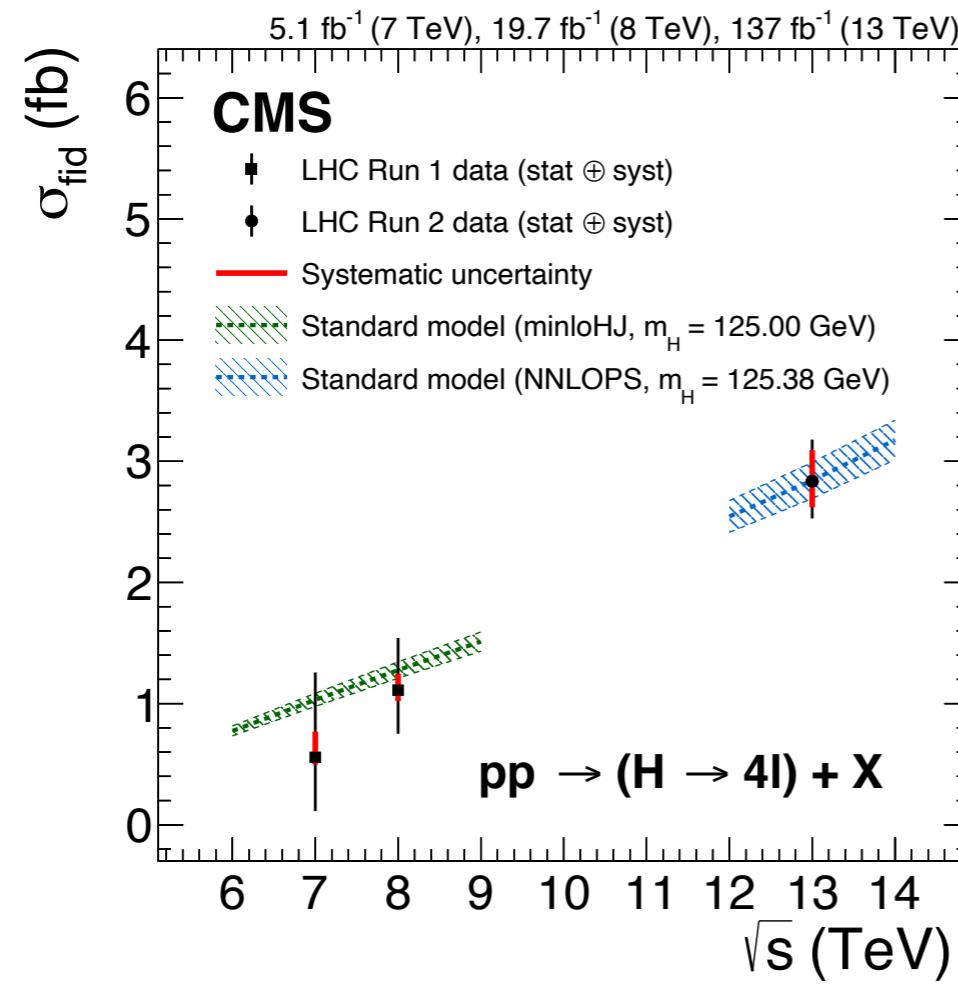


Cross section ( $\sigma B$ )  
H $\rightarrow$ ZZ decay  
[stage 1.2]

Due to large stat.  
uncertainties, some  
bins are merged trying  
to keep the most  
possible granularity.

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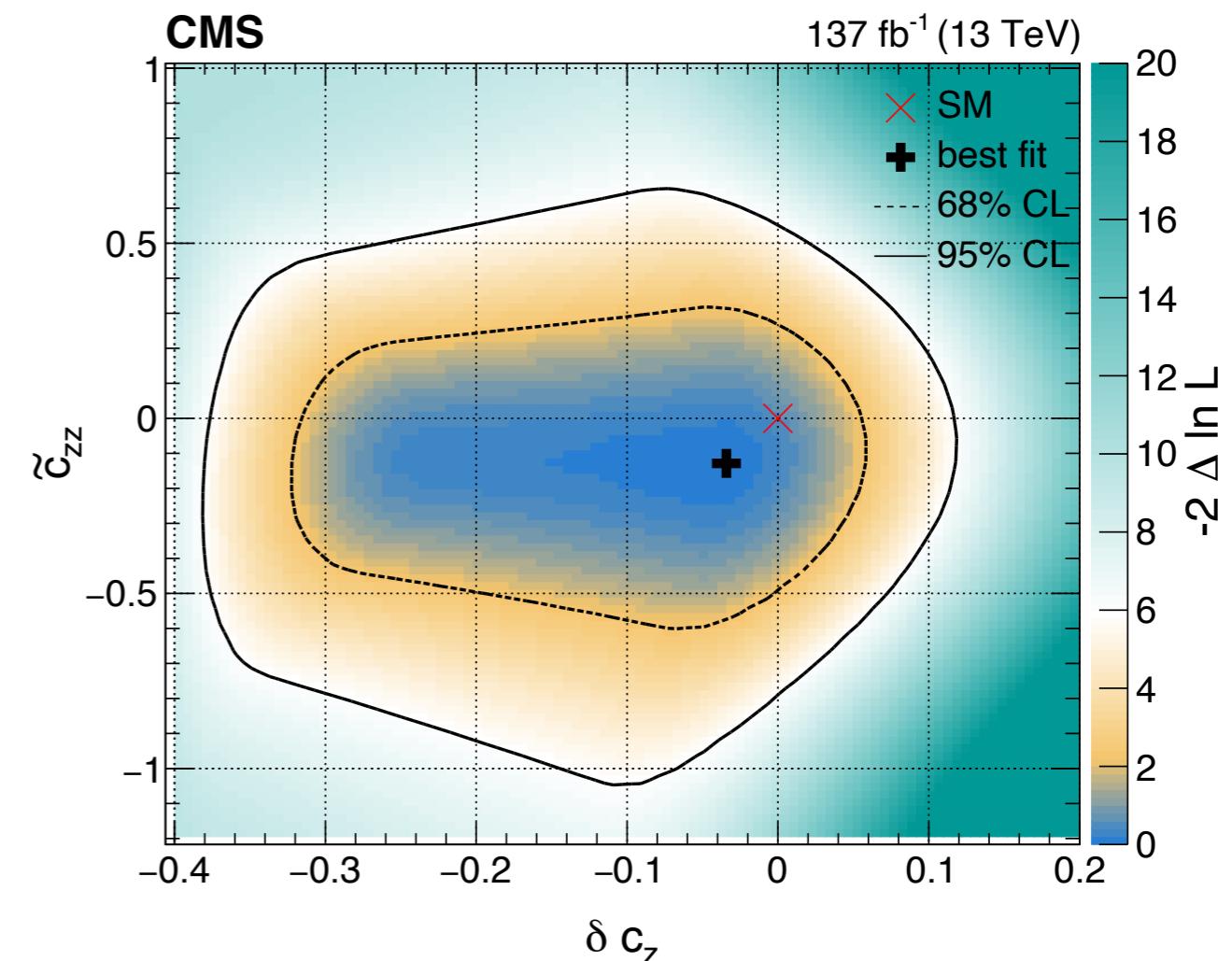
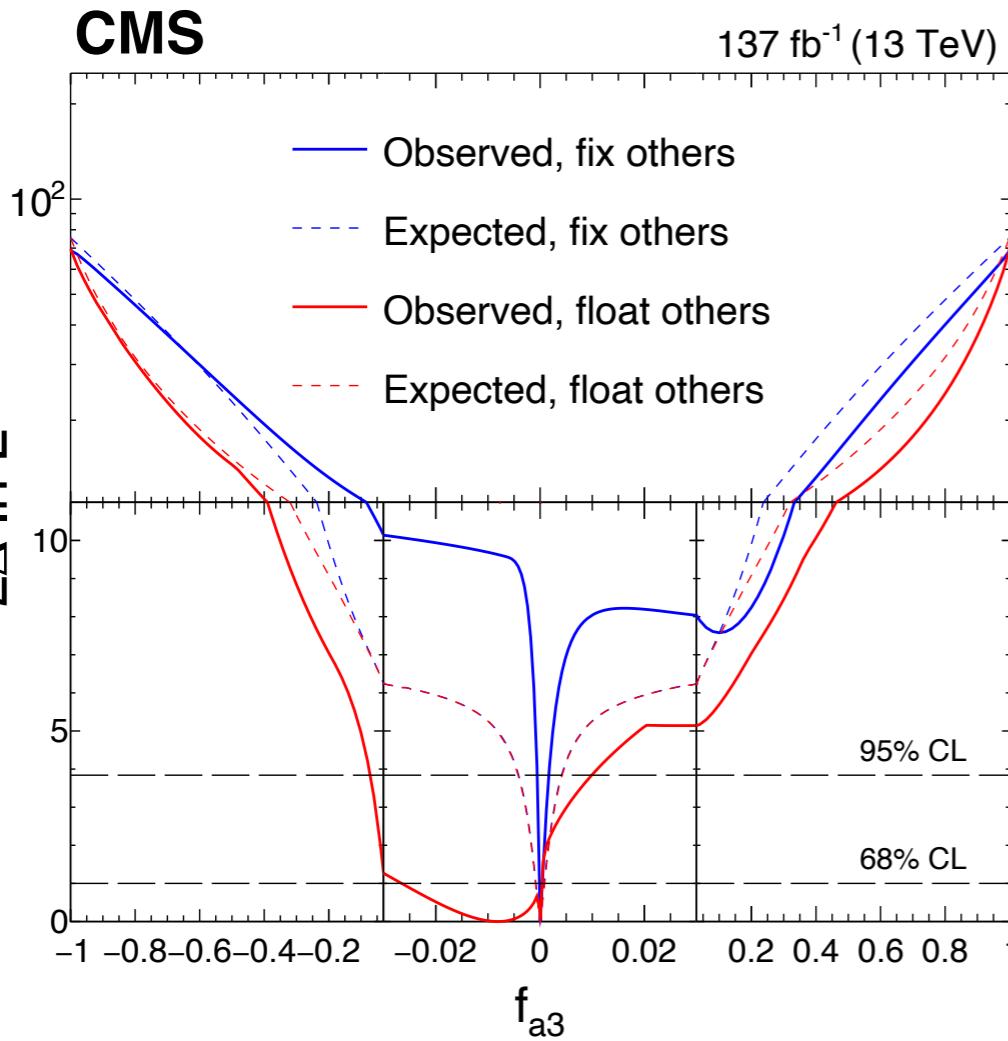
**Fiducial cross section:** cross section defined in a **fiducial phase space**. The idea is to **minimise the dependence on theoretical uncertainties**. The fiducial volume is defined imposing lepton kinematic cuts and isolation requirements.



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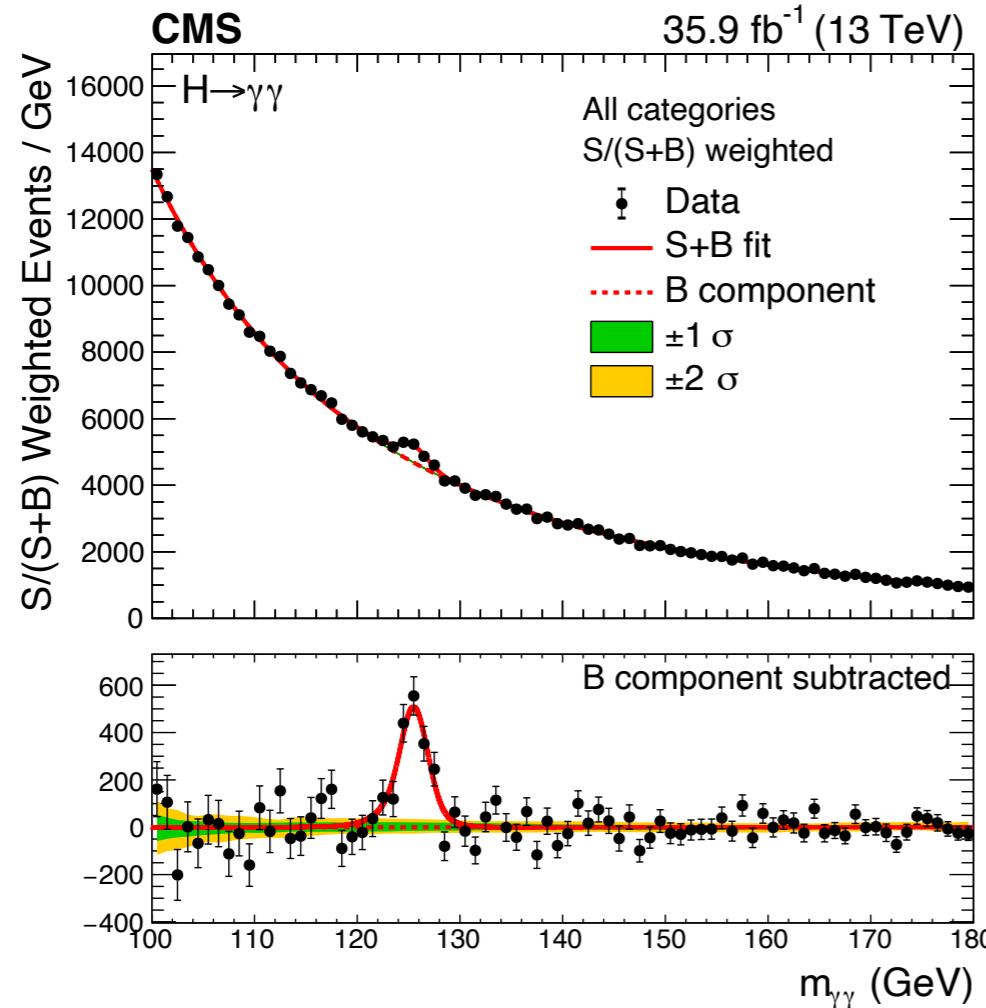


anomalous coupling framework

SMEFT formulation

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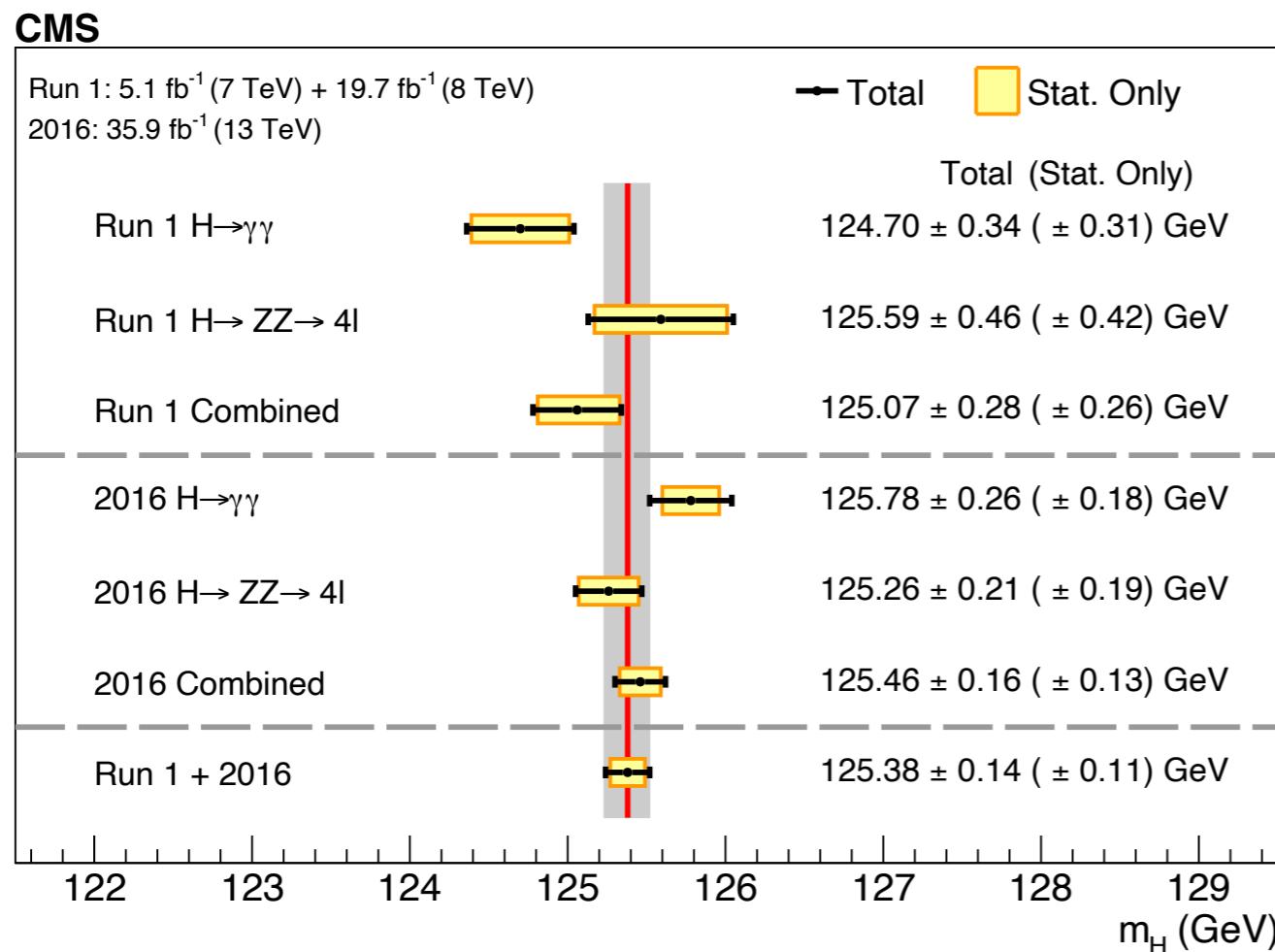
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**Best Higgs  
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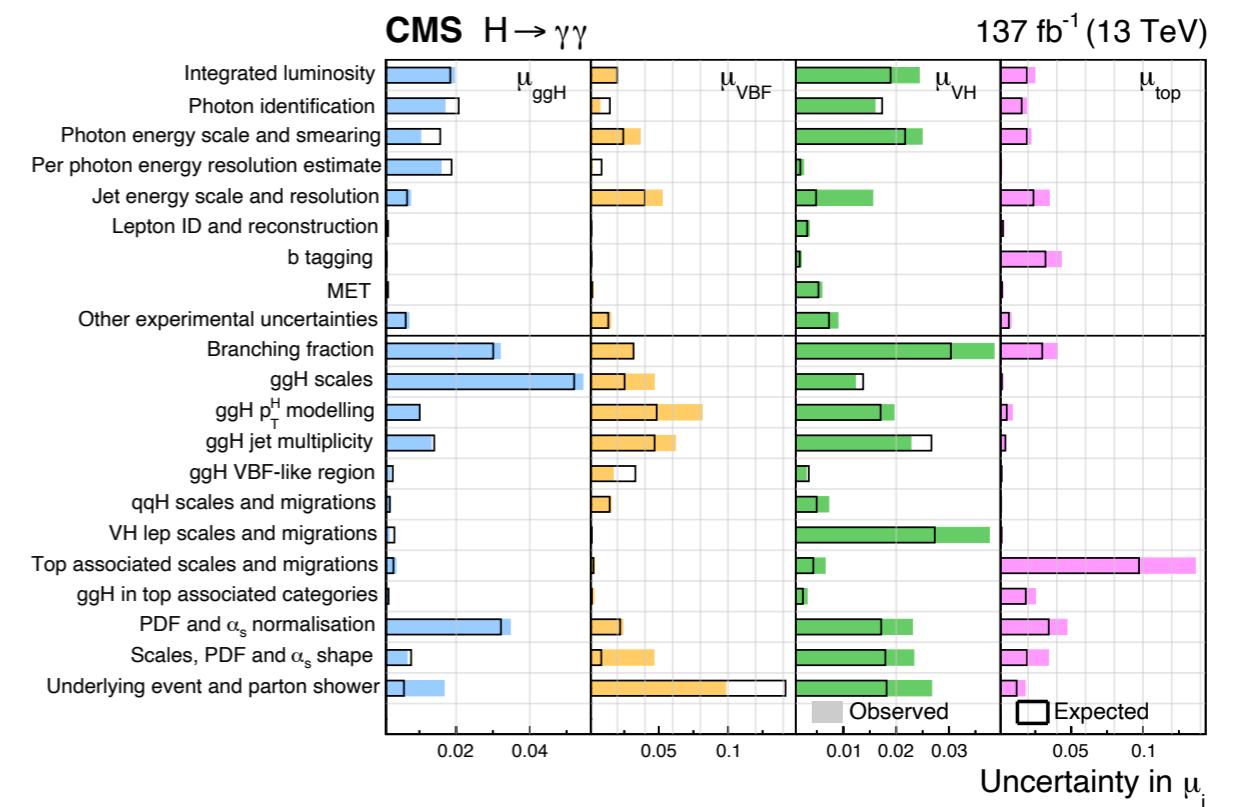
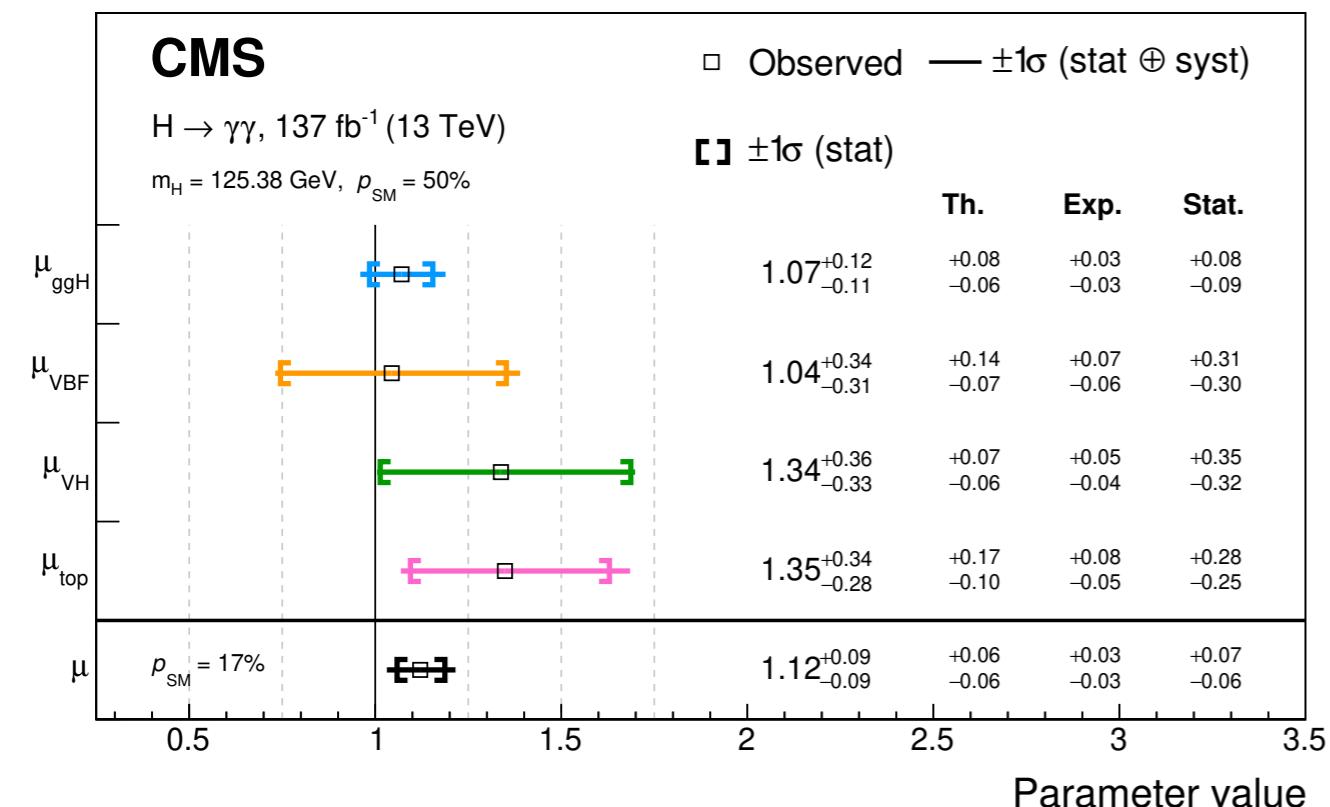
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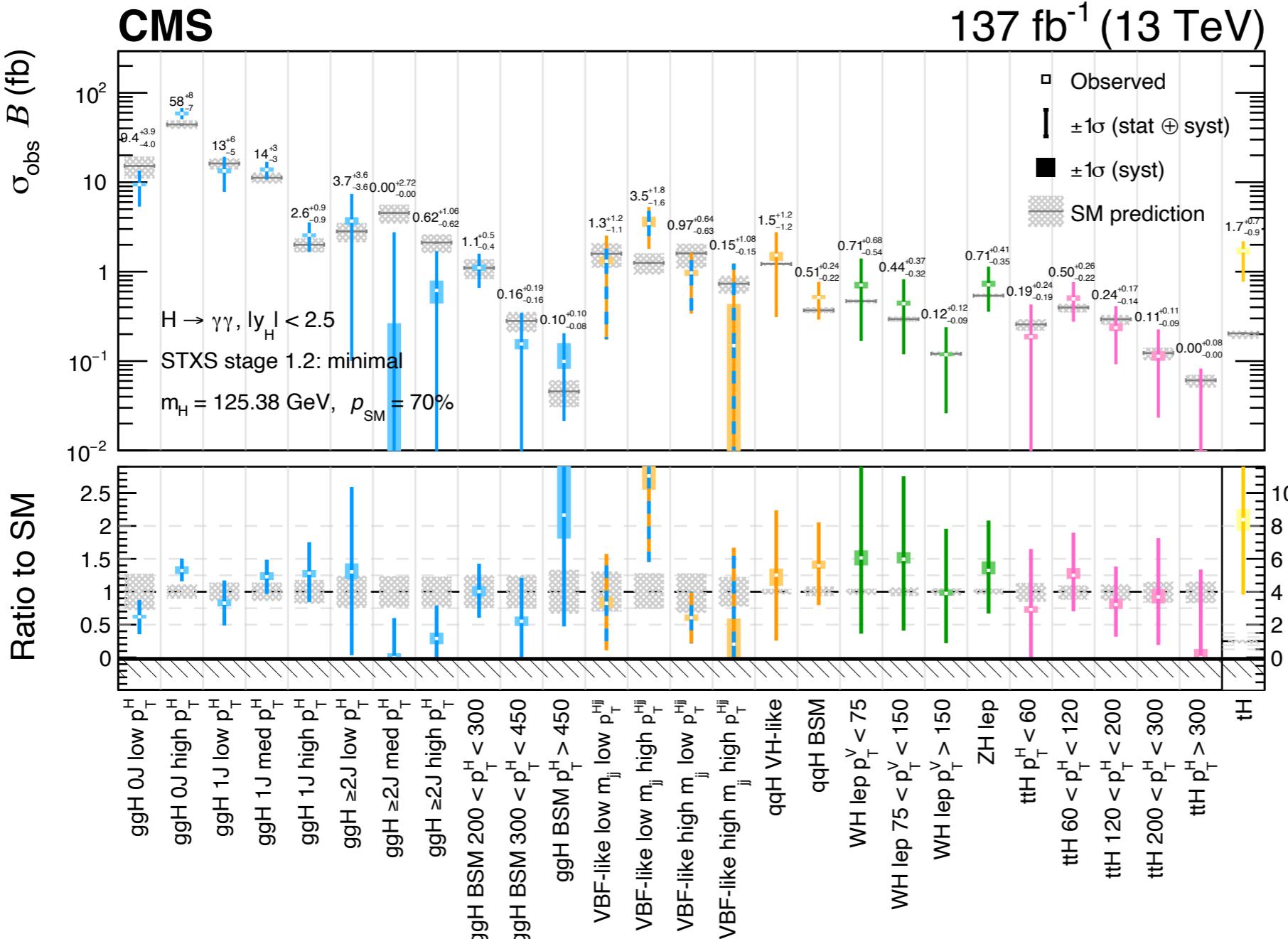


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Several different machine learning algorithms are used for rejection and classification purposes

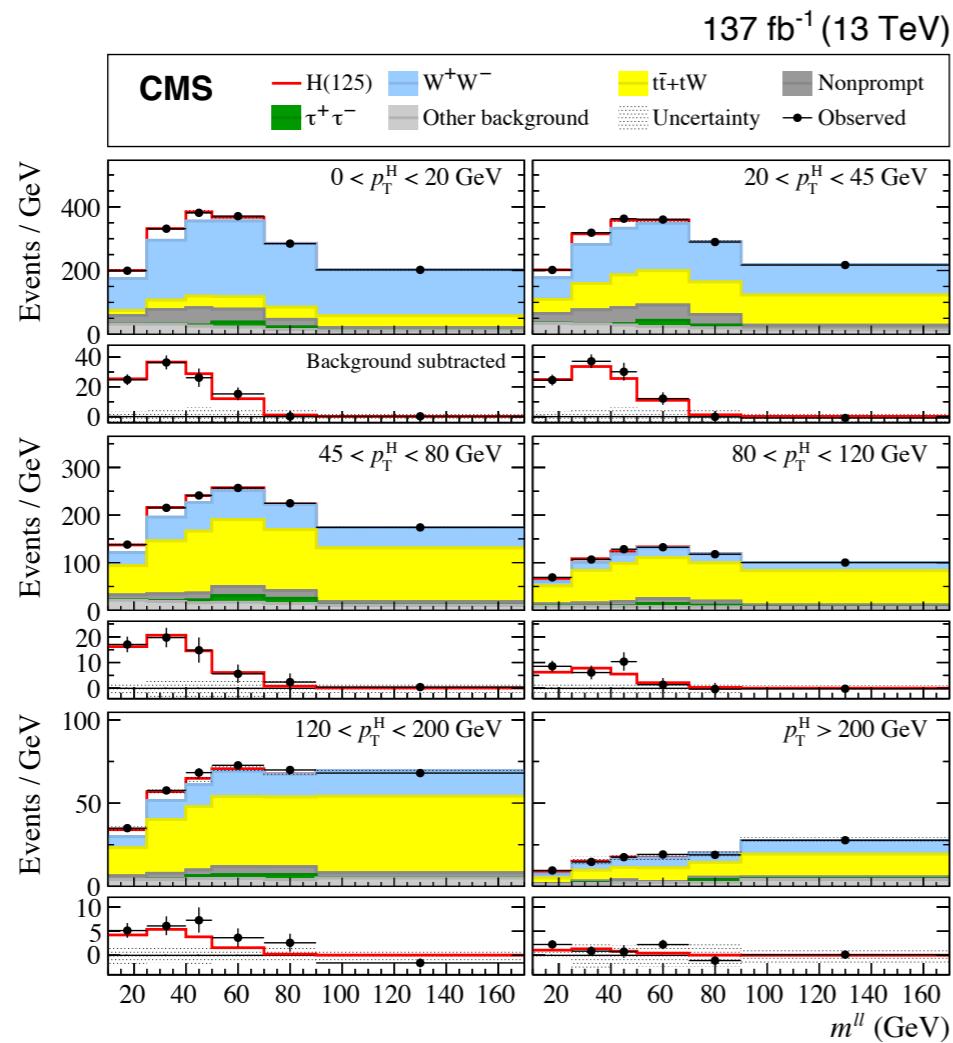
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**Cross section  
for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
[stage 1.2 STXS]**

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- second dominating branching ratio (21.4% @ 125 GeV)
- The neutrino in the leptonic decay prevents the full reconstruction of the Higgs boson mass.



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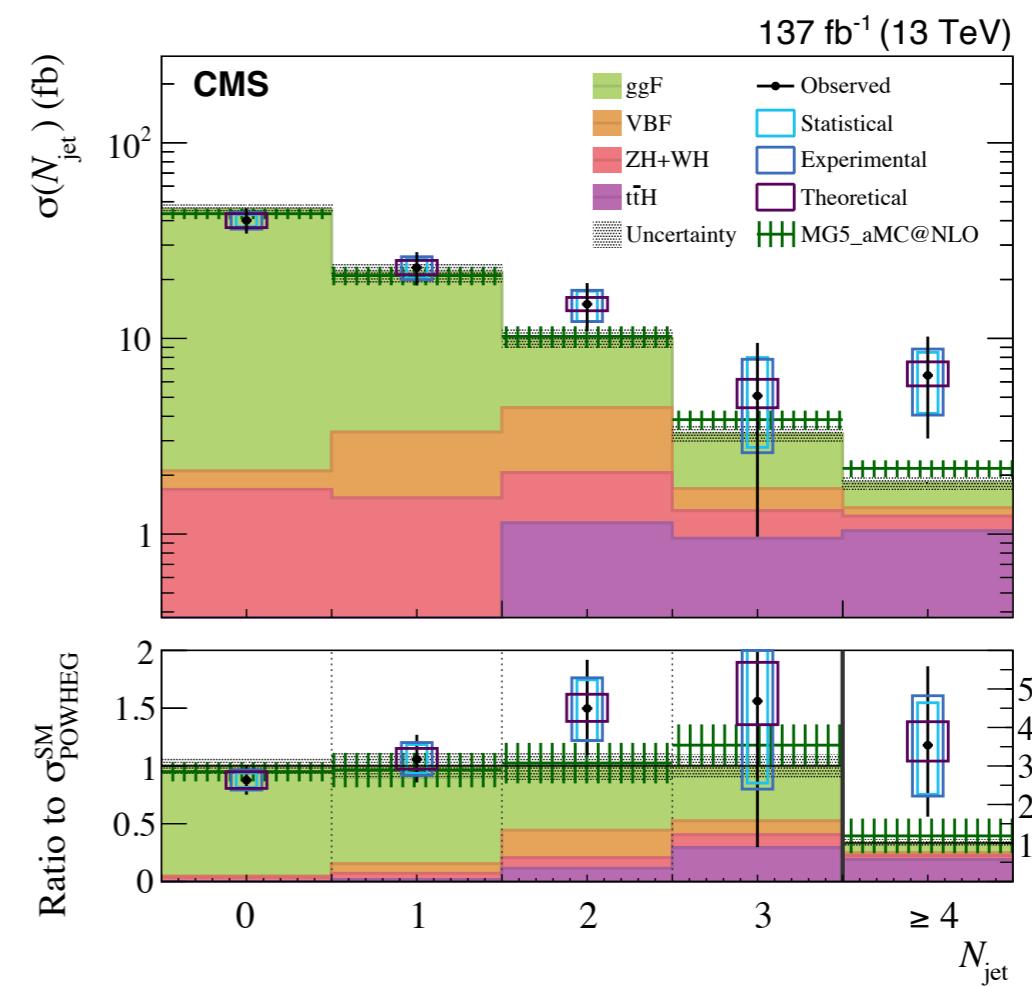
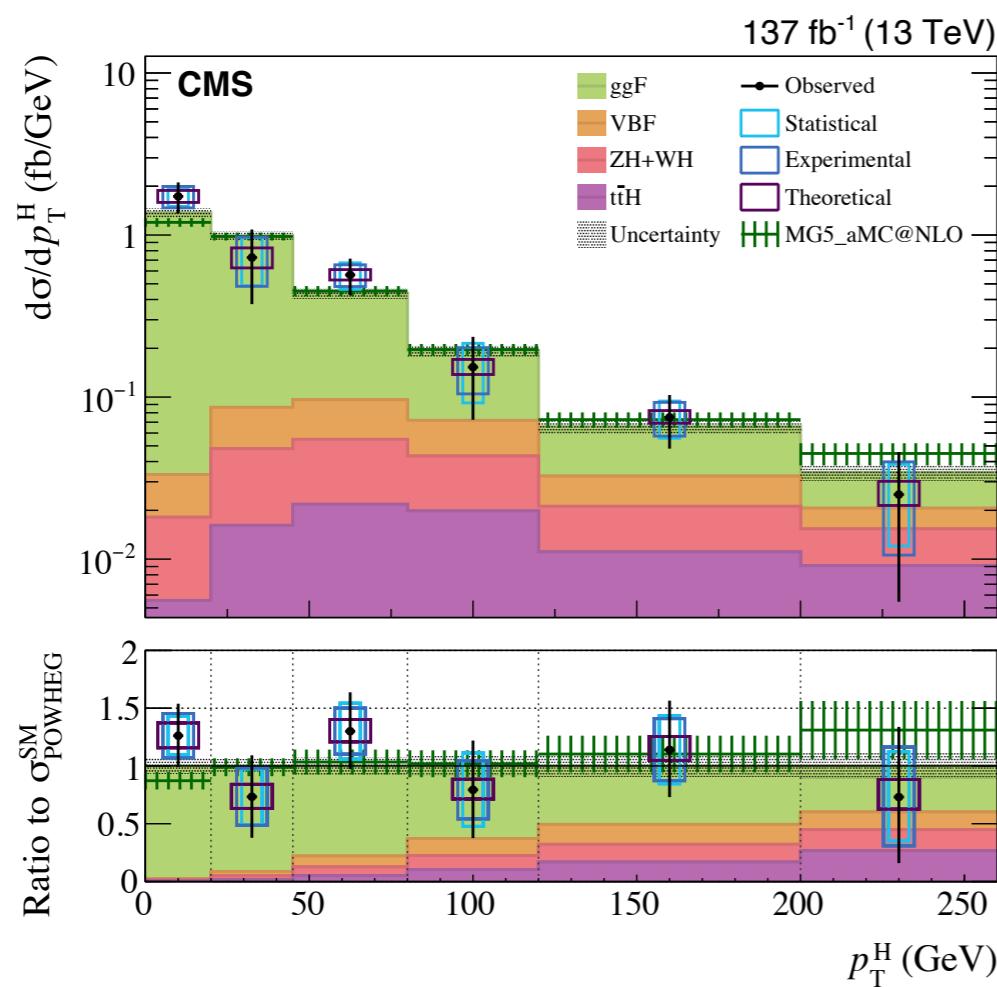
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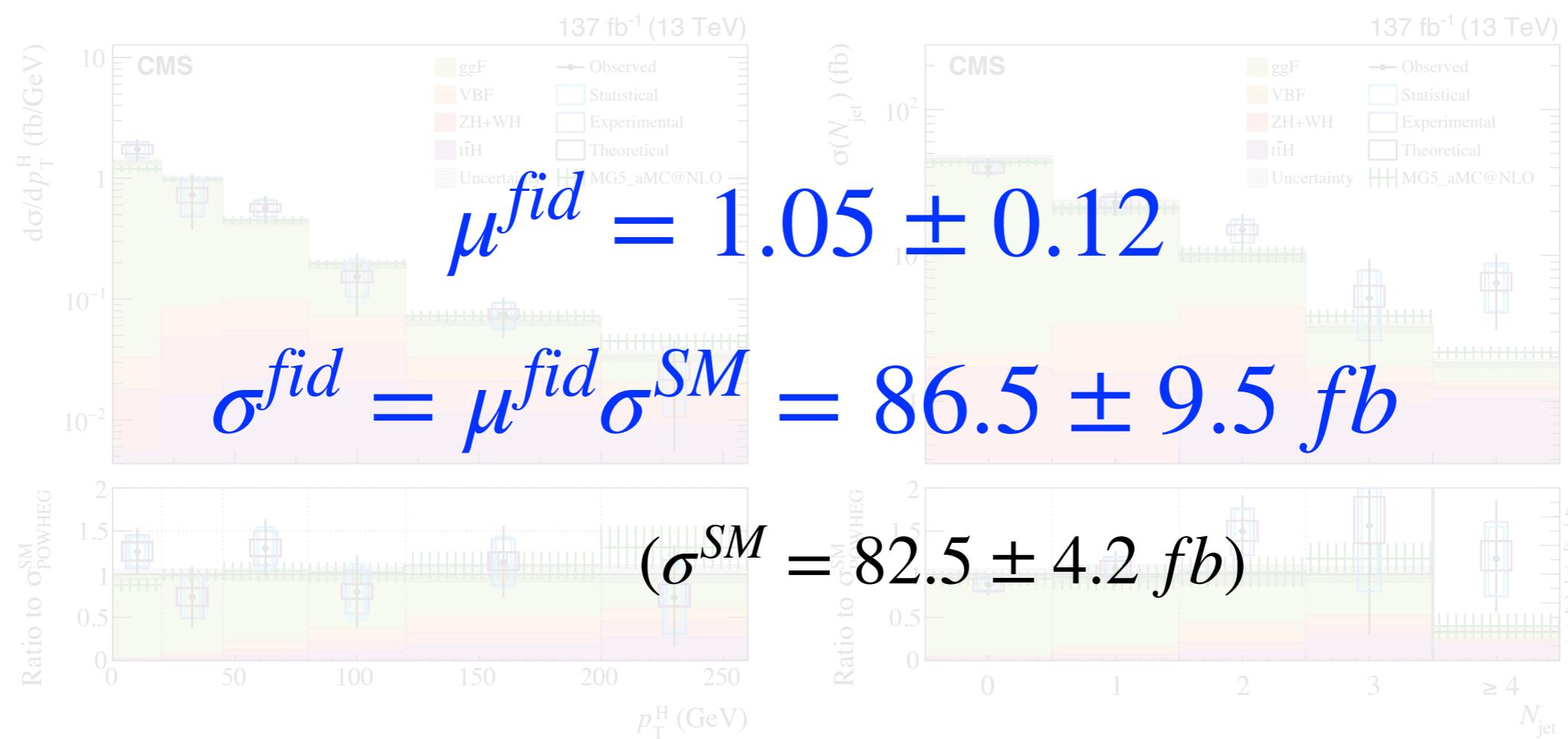


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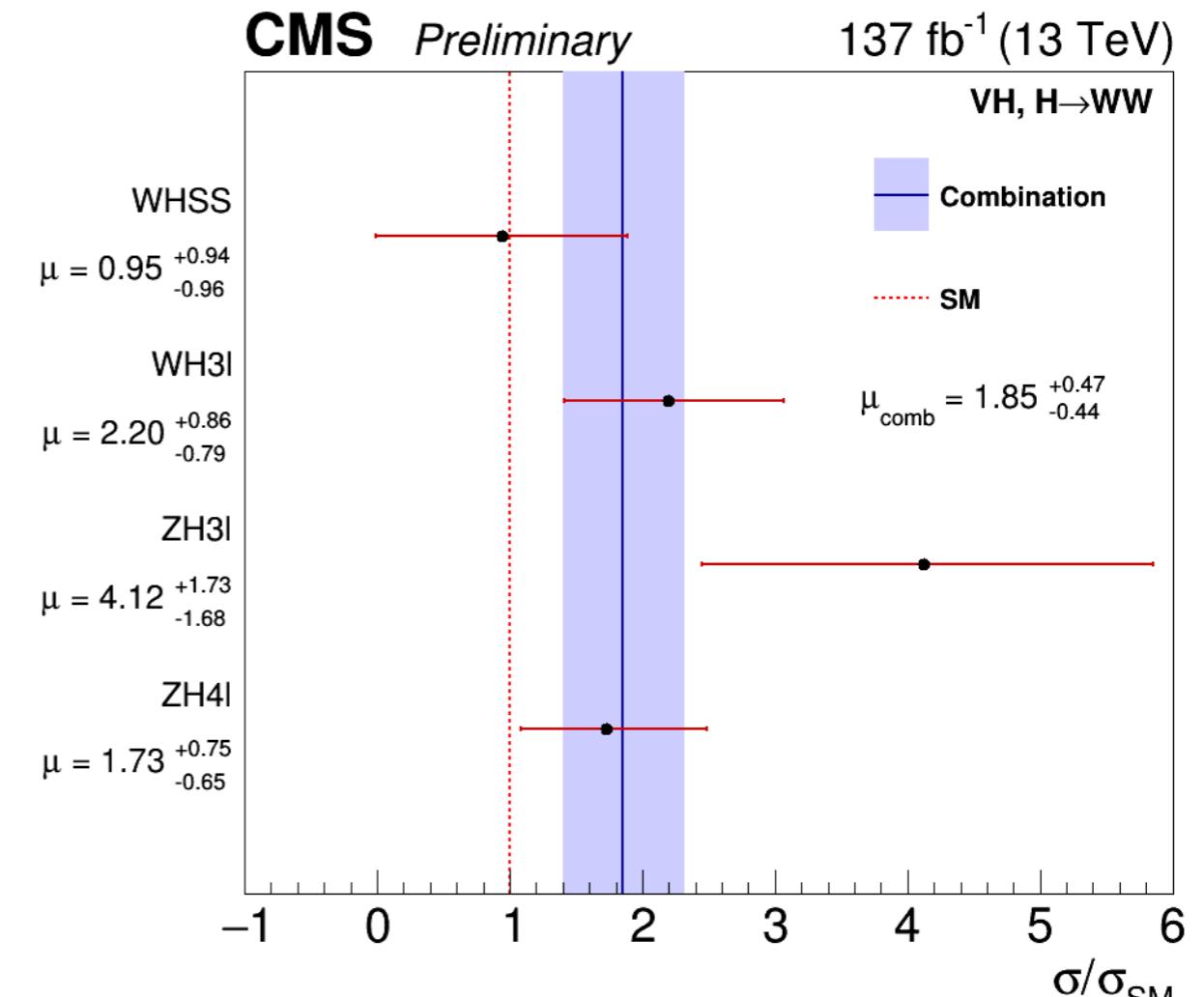
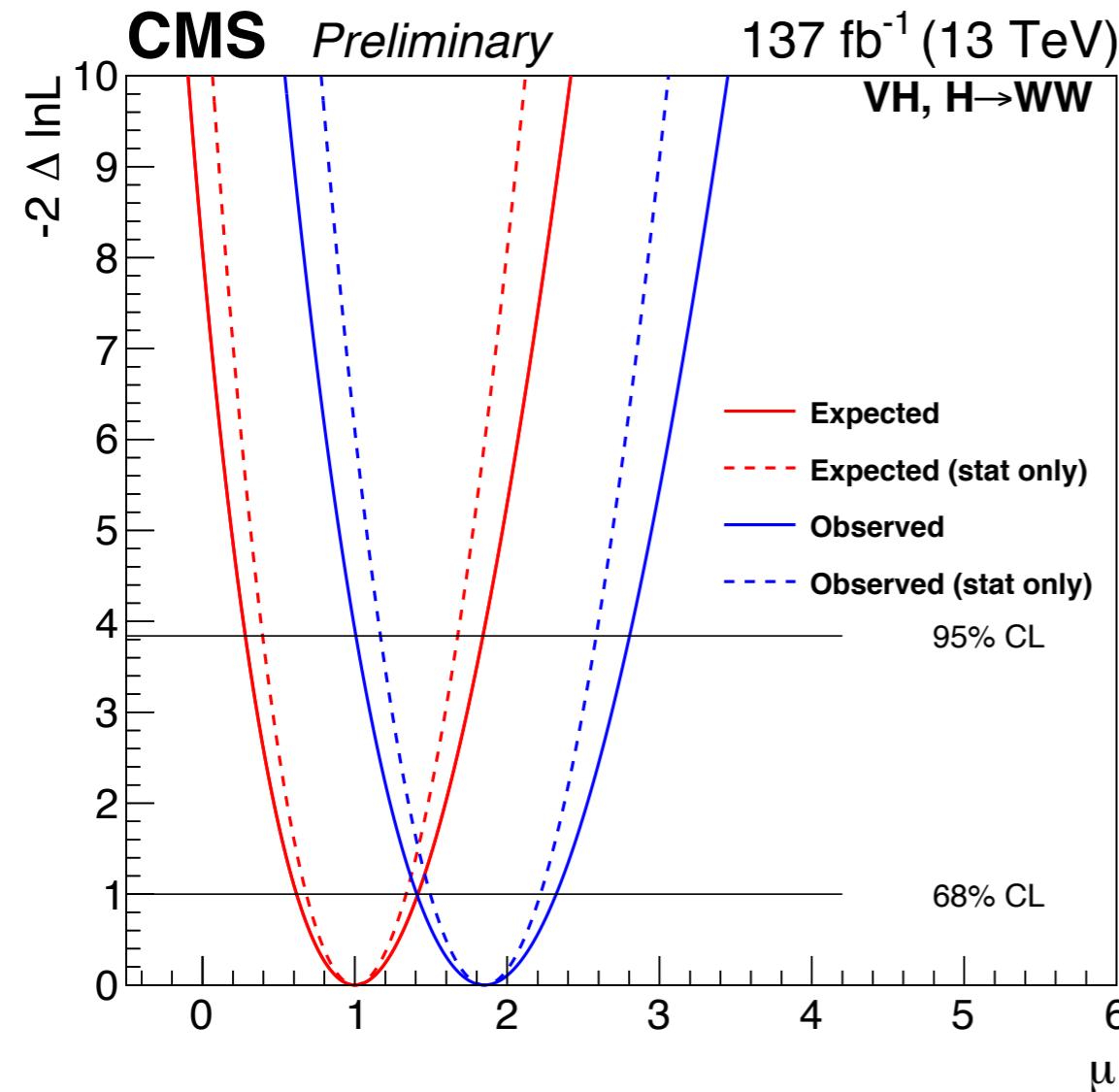
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# Higgs boson to WW $\rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$

Built a dedicated analysis targeting VH production mode



$$\mu = 1.85^{+0.33}_{-0.32} (stat)^{+0.27}_{-0.25} (syst)^{+0.10}_{-0.07} (theo)$$

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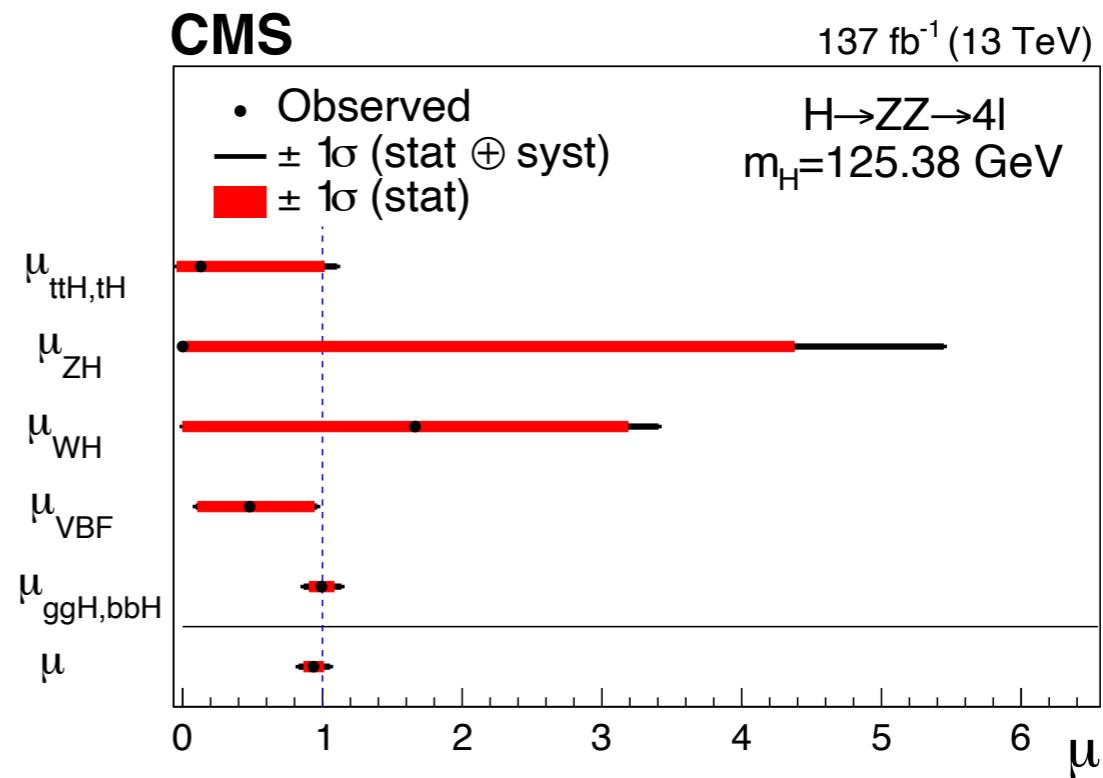
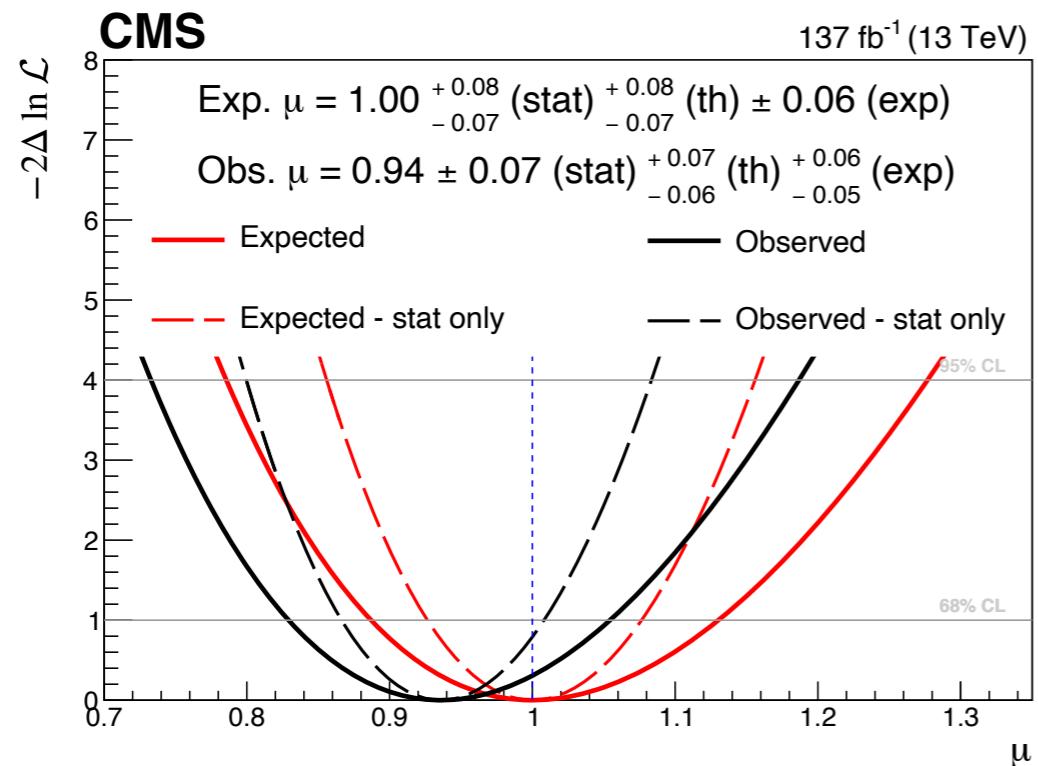
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# Backup

# Higgs boson to ZZ $\rightarrow$ 4 $\ell$



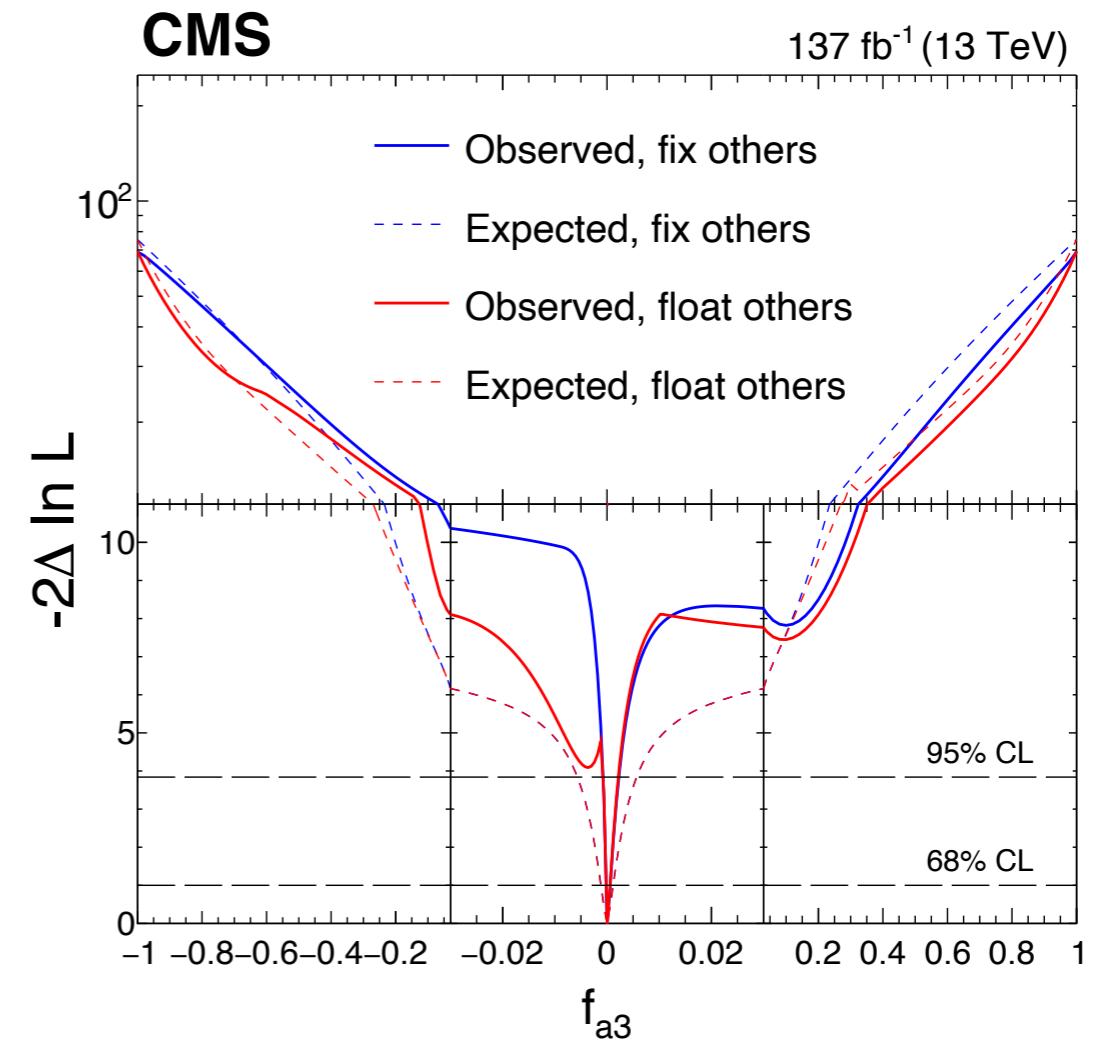
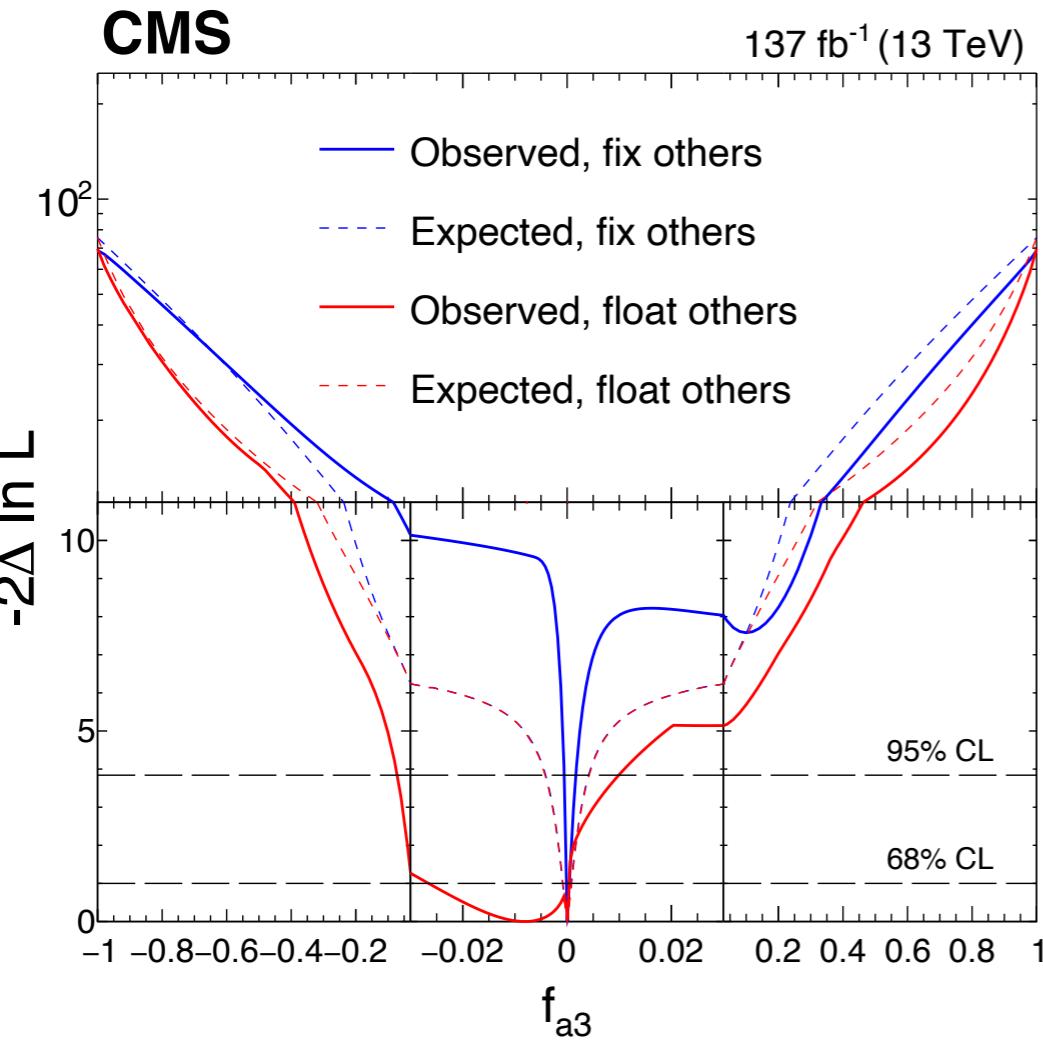
|                       | Expected  | Observed  |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| $\mu_{t\bar{t}H, tH}$ | $1.00^{+1.23}_{-0.77}$ (stat) $^{+0.51}_{-0.06}$ (syst) | $0.17^{+0.88}_{-0.17}$ (stat) $^{+0.42}_{-0.00}$ (syst) |
| $\mu_{WH}$            | $1.00^{+1.83}_{-1.00}$ (stat) $^{+0.75}_{-0.00}$ (syst) | $1.66^{+1.52}_{-1.66}$ (stat) $^{+0.85}_{-0.00}$ (syst) |
| $\mu_{ZH}$            | $1.00^{+4.79}_{-1.00}$ (stat) $^{+6.76}_{-0.00}$ (syst) | $0.00^{+4.38}_{-0.00}$ (stat) $^{+3.24}_{-0.00}$ (syst) |
| $\mu_{VBF}$           | $1.00^{+0.53}_{-0.44}$ (stat) $^{+0.18}_{-0.12}$ (syst) | $0.48^{+0.46}_{-0.37}$ (stat) $^{+0.14}_{-0.10}$ (syst) |
| $\mu_{ggH, bbH}$      | $1.00 \pm 0.10$ (stat) $^{+0.12}_{-0.10}$ (syst)        | $0.99 \pm 0.09$ (stat) $^{+0.11}_{-0.09}$ (syst)        |
| $\mu$                 | $1.00^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ (stat) $^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$ (syst) | $0.94 \pm 0.07$ (stat) $^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$ (syst)        |

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**CP-sensitive parameter in the:**

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SMEFT formulation

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$$a_3^{\text{WW}} = c_w^2 a_3^{\text{ZZ}} + s_w^2 a_3^{\gamma\gamma} + 2s_w c_w a_3^{Z\gamma},$$

$$\frac{\kappa_1^{\text{WW}}}{(\Lambda_1^{\text{WW}})^2} (c_w^2 - s_w^2) = \frac{\kappa_1^{\text{ZZ}}}{(\Lambda_1^{\text{ZZ}})^2} + 2s_w^2 \frac{a_2^{\gamma\gamma} - a_2^{\text{ZZ}}}{m_Z^2} + 2\frac{s_w}{c_w} (c_w^2 - s_w^2) \frac{a_2^{Z\gamma}}{m_Z^2},$$

$$\frac{\kappa_2^{Z\gamma}}{(\Lambda_1^{Z\gamma})^2} (c_w^2 - s_w^2) = 2s_w c_w \left( \frac{\kappa_1^{\text{ZZ}}}{(\Lambda_1^{\text{ZZ}})^2} + \frac{a_2^{\gamma\gamma} - a_2^{\text{ZZ}}}{m_Z^2} \right) + 2(c_w^2 - s_w^2) \frac{a_2^{Z\gamma}}{m_Z^2},$$

anomalous coupling framework

SMEFT formulation

$$\delta c_z = \frac{1}{2} a_1 - 1,$$

$$c_{z\square} = \frac{m_Z^2 s_w^2}{4\pi\alpha} \frac{\kappa_1}{(\Lambda_1)^2},$$

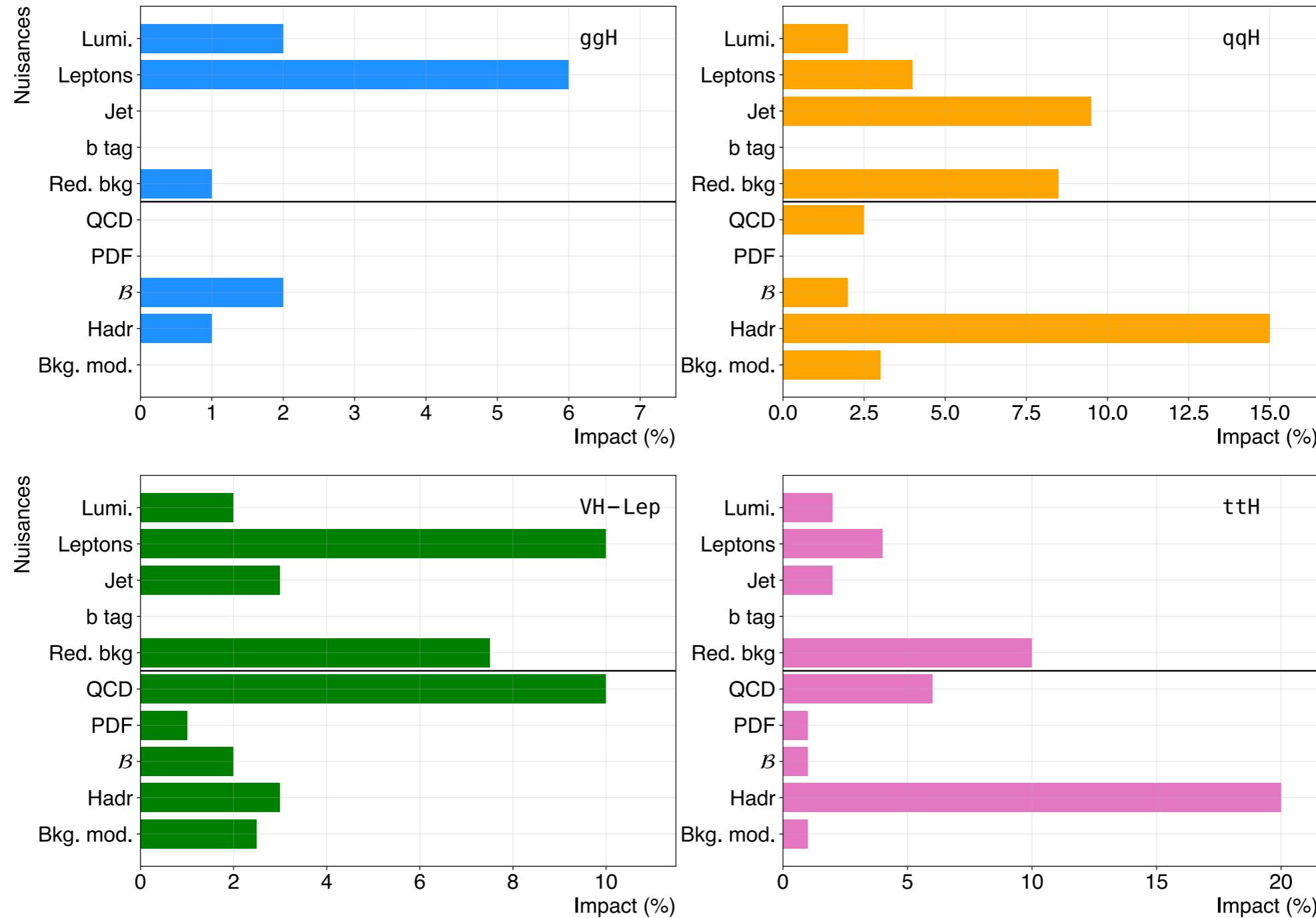
$$c_{zz} = -\frac{s_w^2 c_w^2}{2\pi\alpha} a_2,$$

$$\tilde{c}_{zz} = -\frac{s_w^2 c_w^2}{2\pi\alpha} a_3.$$

$$c_{gg} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha_S} a_2^{\text{gg}},$$

$$\tilde{c}_{gg} = -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha_S} a_3^{\text{gg}},$$

# Higgs boson to ZZ $\rightarrow$ 4 $\ell$



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## Requirements for the H $\rightarrow$ 4 $\ell$ fiducial phase space

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### Lepton kinematics and isolation

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Leading lepton $p_T$  | $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$   |
| Next-to-leading lepton $p_T$  | $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$   |
| Additional electrons (muons) $p_T$  | $p_T > 7(5) \text{ GeV}$ |
| Pseudorapidity of electrons (muons)   | $ \eta  < 2.5 (2.4)$     |
| Sum of scalar $p_T$ of all stable particles within $\Delta R < 0.3$ from lepton | $< 0.35 p_T$             |

### Event topology

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Existence of at least two same-flavor OS lepton pairs, where leptons satisfy criteria above |  |
| Inv. mass of the $Z_1$ candidate  | $40 < m_{Z_1} < 120 \text{ GeV}$                     |
| Inv. mass of the $Z_2$ candidate  | $12 < m_{Z_2} < 120 \text{ GeV}$                     |
| Distance between selected four leptons  | $\Delta R(\ell_i, \ell_j) > 0.02$ for any $i \neq j$ |
| Inv. mass of any opposite sign lepton pair  | $m_{\ell^+\ell'^-} > 4 \text{ GeV}$                  |
| Inv. mass of the selected four leptons  | $105 < m_{4\ell} < 140 \text{ GeV}$                  |

# Higgs boson to $\gamma\gamma$

| Source   | Contribution (GeV) |
|--|--------------------|
| Electron energy scale and resolution corrections     | 0.10               |
| Residual $p_T$ dependence of the photon energy scale | 0.11               |
| Modelling of the material budget                     | 0.03               |
| Nonuniformity of the light collection                | 0.11               |
| Total systematic uncertainty                         | 0.18               |
| Statistical uncertainty                              | 0.18               |
| Total uncertainty                                    | 0.26               |

# Higgs boson to WW $\rightarrow 2\ell$

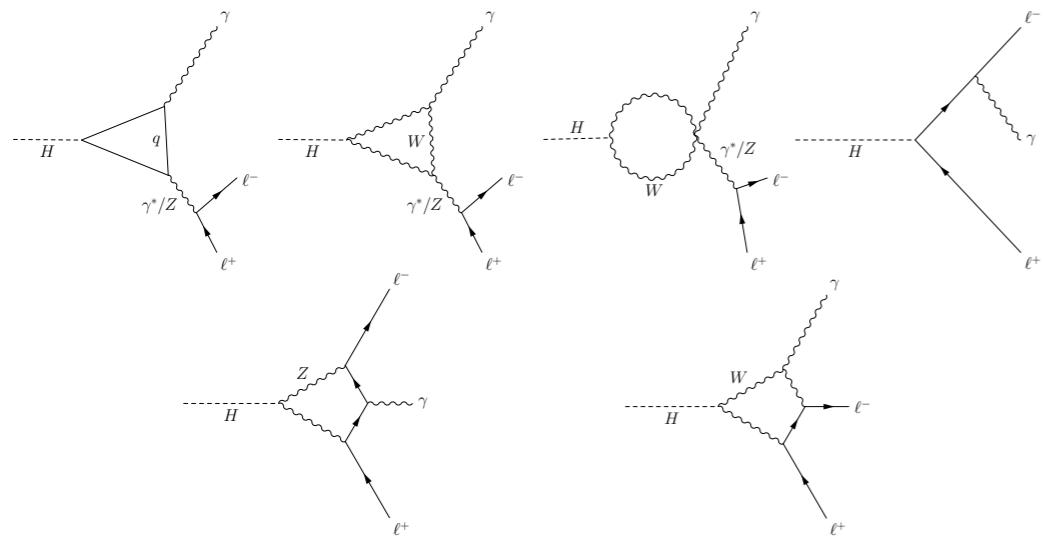
Built a dedicated analysis targeting VH production mode

|                                       | WHSS     | WH3l | ZH3l     | ZH4l |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------|----------|------|
| Number of leptons with $p_T > 10$ GeV | 2        | 3    | 3        | 4    |
| Number of jets with $p_T > 30$ GeV    | $\geq 1$ | 0    | $\geq 1$ | —    |

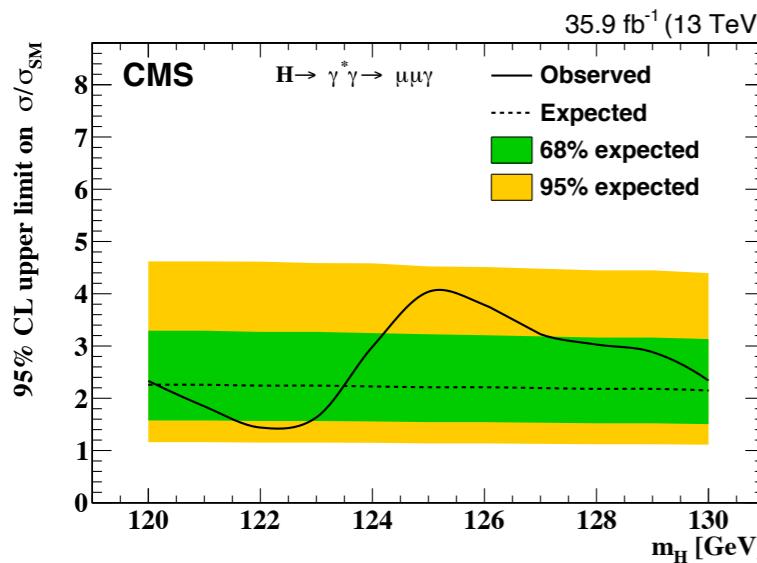
| Type         | Source                                  | Impact (%) |
|--------------|---|------------|
| Theoretical  | Renormalization and factorization scale | 3          |
|              | Parton distribution function            | 2          |
|              | Parton shower, underlying event         | 2          |
| Experimental | Nonprompt                               | 9          |
|              | Sample size of simulation data          | 8          |
|              | Electron                                | 3          |
|              | b tag                                   | 3          |
|              | Jet                                     | 2          |
|              | Luminosity                              | 2          |
|              | WZ normalization                        | 2          |
|              | Z $\gamma$ normalization                | 2          |
|              | ZZ normalization                        | 1          |
|              | Muon                                    | 1          |

$$\mu_{p_T^V < 150\text{GeV}} = 2.65^{+0.57}_{-0.55}(\text{stat})^{+0.38}_{-0.32}(\text{syst})^{+0.08}_{-0.07}(\text{theo})$$

$$\mu_{p_T^V > 150\text{GeV}} = 1.56^{+0.85}_{-0.77}(\text{stat})^{+0.43}_{-0.40}(\text{syst})^{+0.11}_{-0.09}(\text{theo})$$



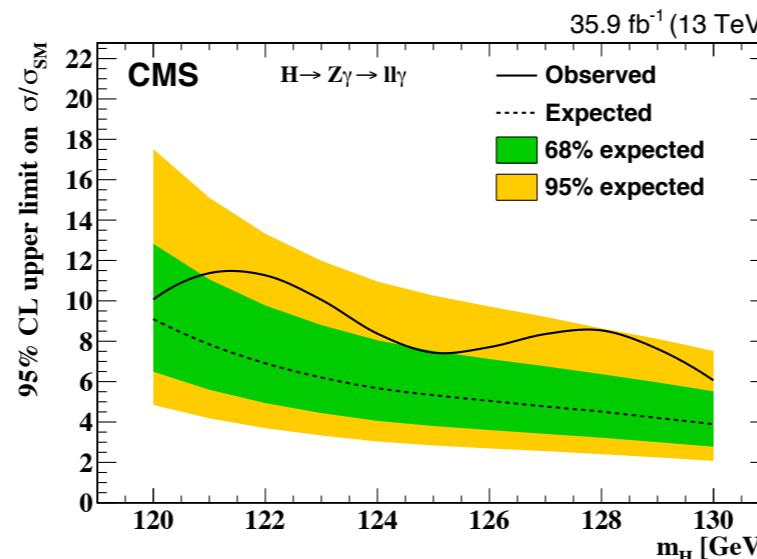
Dominant Feynman diagrams  
contributing to the  $H \rightarrow l l \gamma$  process



$H \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma \rightarrow \mu \mu \gamma$

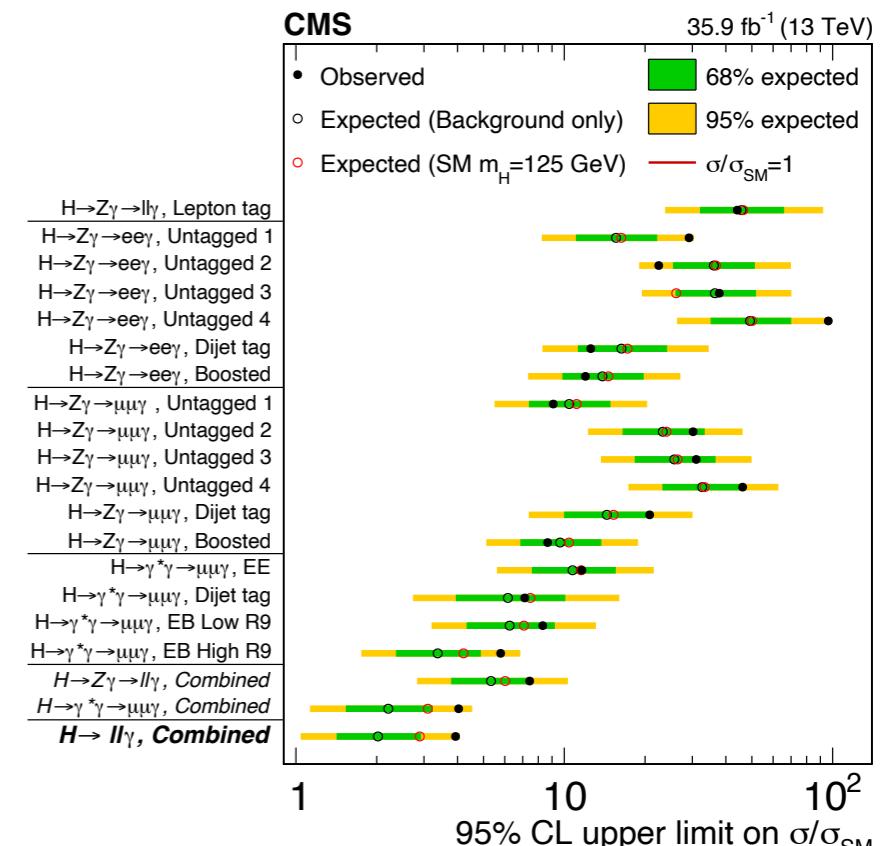
Exp (obs) limits: 2.1 - 2.3  
(1.4 - 4.0) times the SM XS

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$H \rightarrow Z\gamma \rightarrow ll\gamma$

Exp (obs) limits: 3.9 - 9.1  
(6.1 - 11.4) times the SM XS

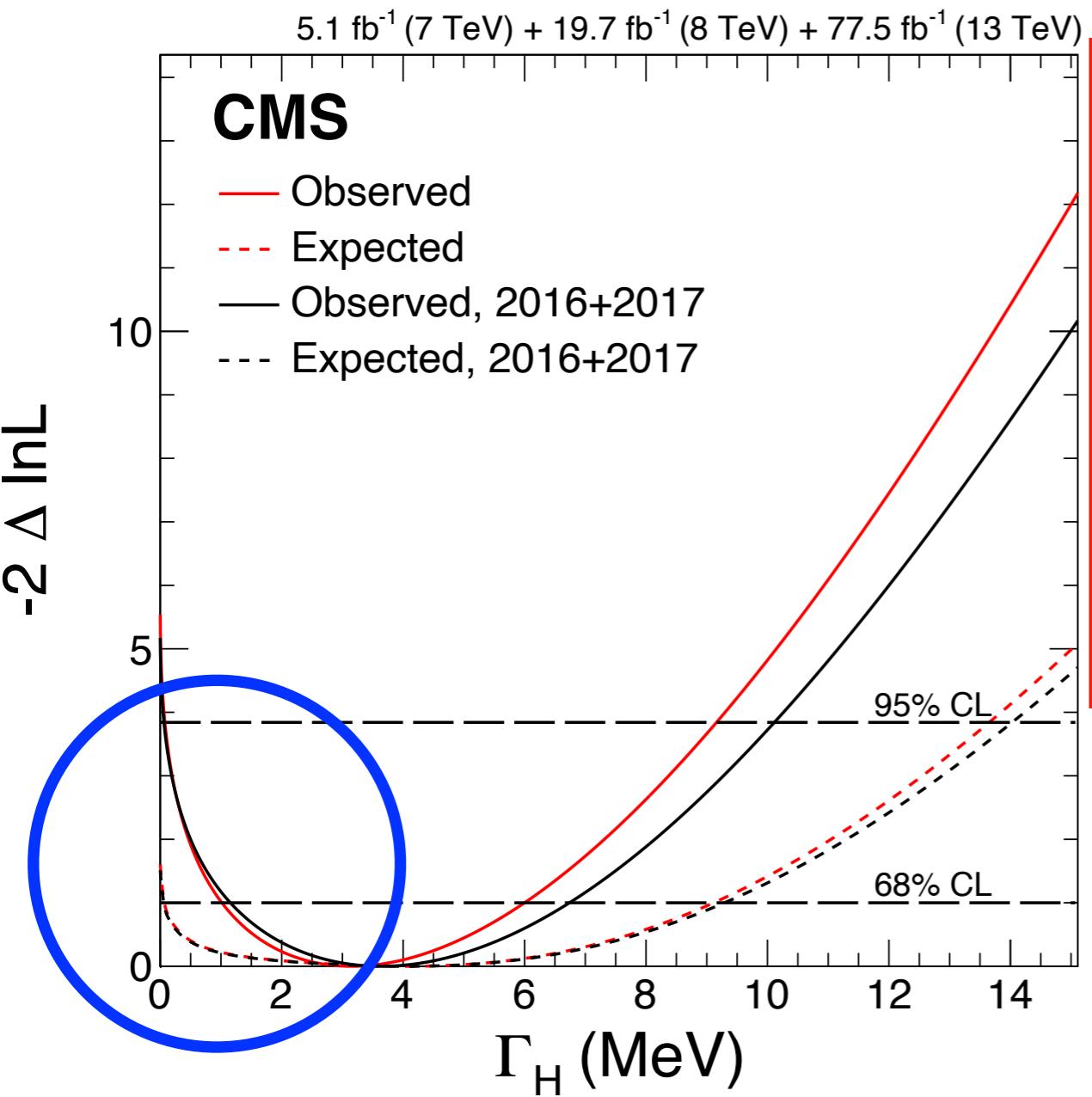


**Combination:**  
Exp (obs) limits: 2.0 (3.9)  
times the SM XS  
at 125 GeV @ 95% C.L.

pValue Exp(obs) = 0.02 (0.16)  
corresponding to  $\sim 2\sigma$  ( $\sim 1\sigma$ )



# Higgs boson decay to ZZ



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Difficulties in directly measuring the width (4.07 MeV) due to detector resolution.

Measured in the H to  $4\ell$  channel, combining 2016-2017 data with RunI, comparing on-shell and off-shell production:

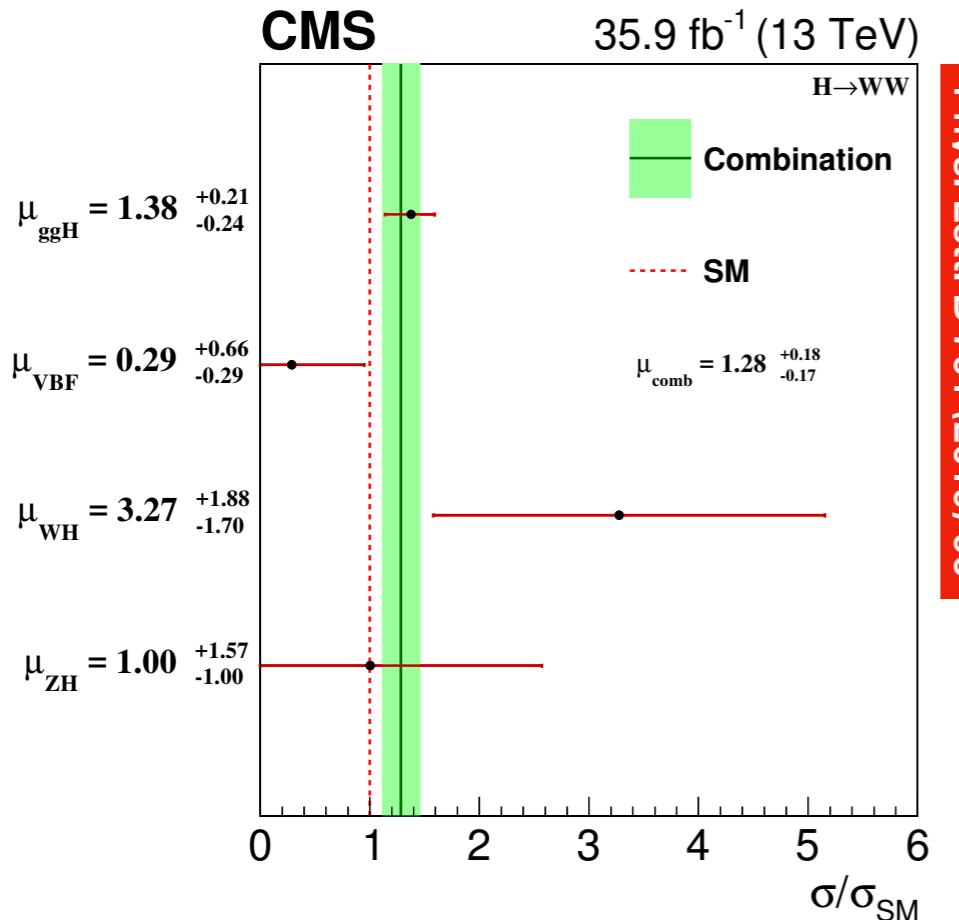
$$\frac{\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow ZZ^*}^{\text{on-shell}}}{\sigma_{gg \rightarrow H^* \rightarrow ZZ}^{\text{off-shell}}} \sim \frac{g_{ggH}^2 g_{HZZ}^2}{m_H \Gamma_H} \frac{1}{(2m_Z)^2}$$

**Set a lower bound for the first time**

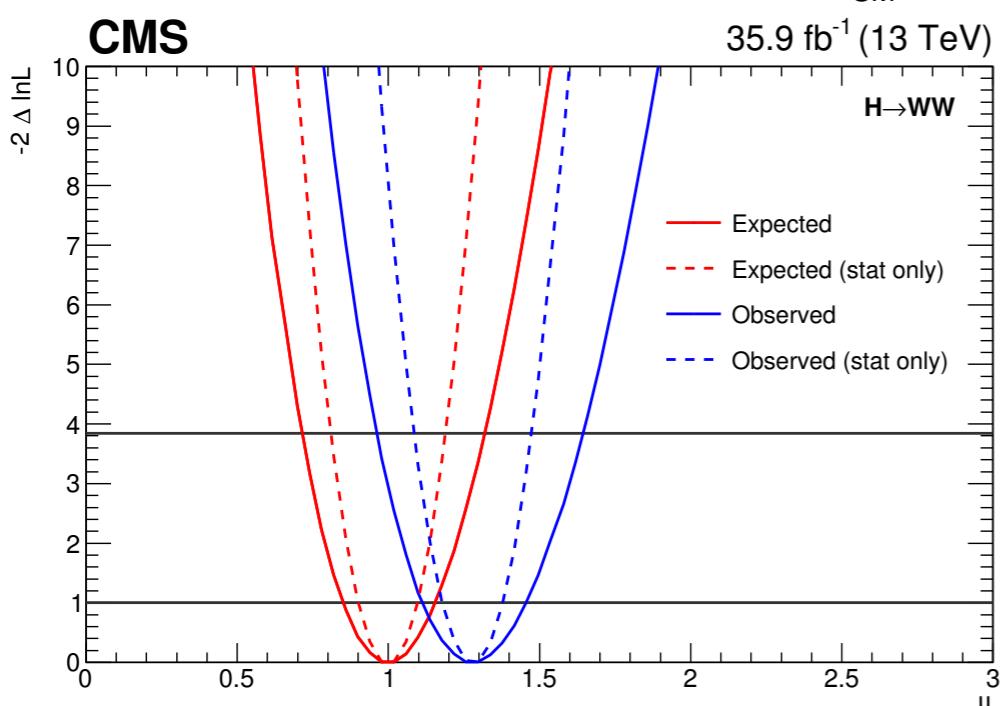
$\Gamma_H < 9.16$  (exp 13.7) MeV @ 95 % C.L.

Best result up to now:

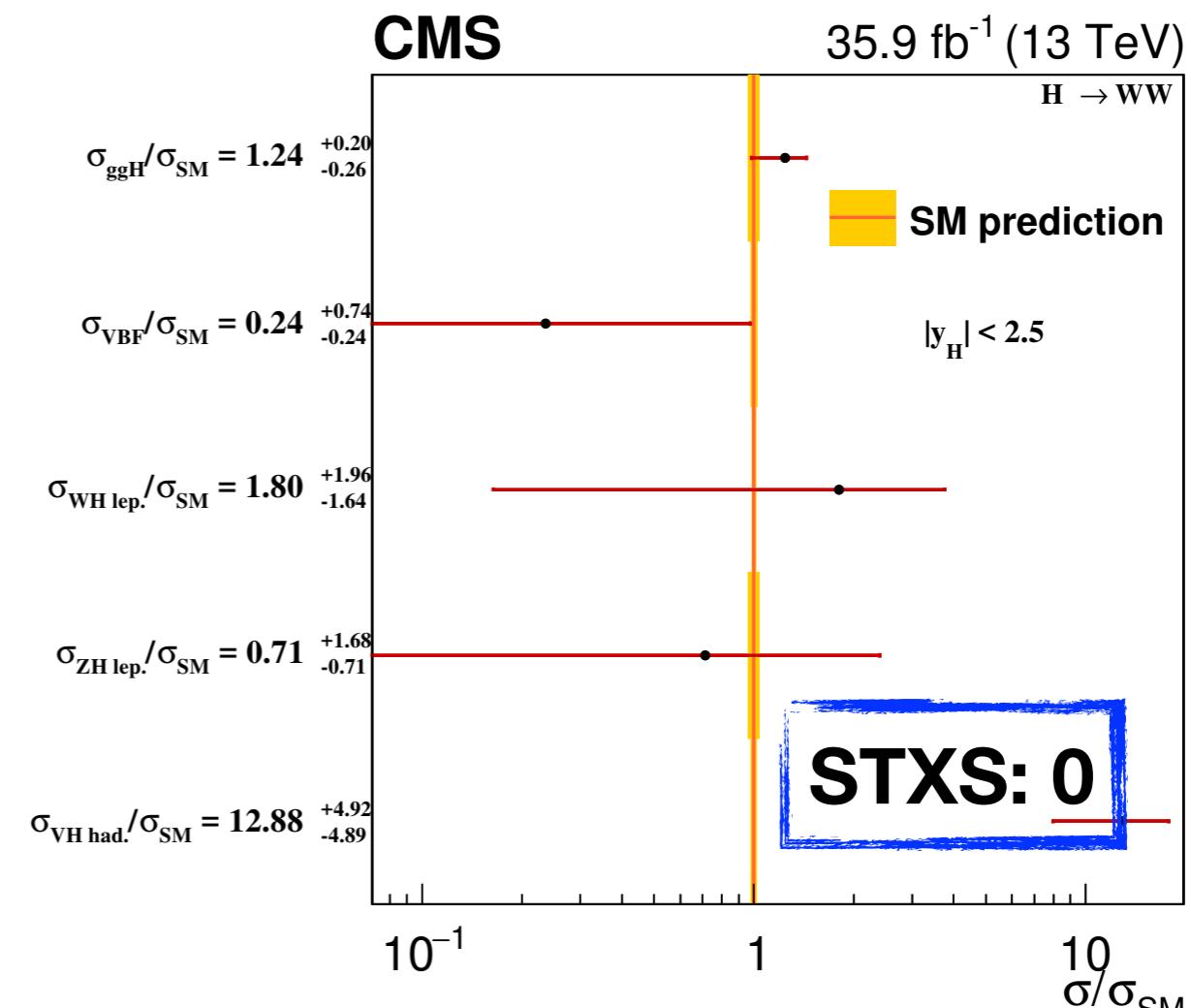
# Higgs boson decay to WW



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2016

$$\mu_{HWW} = 1.28 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.11 \text{ (syst)} ^{+0.10}_{-0.07} \text{ (theo)}$$

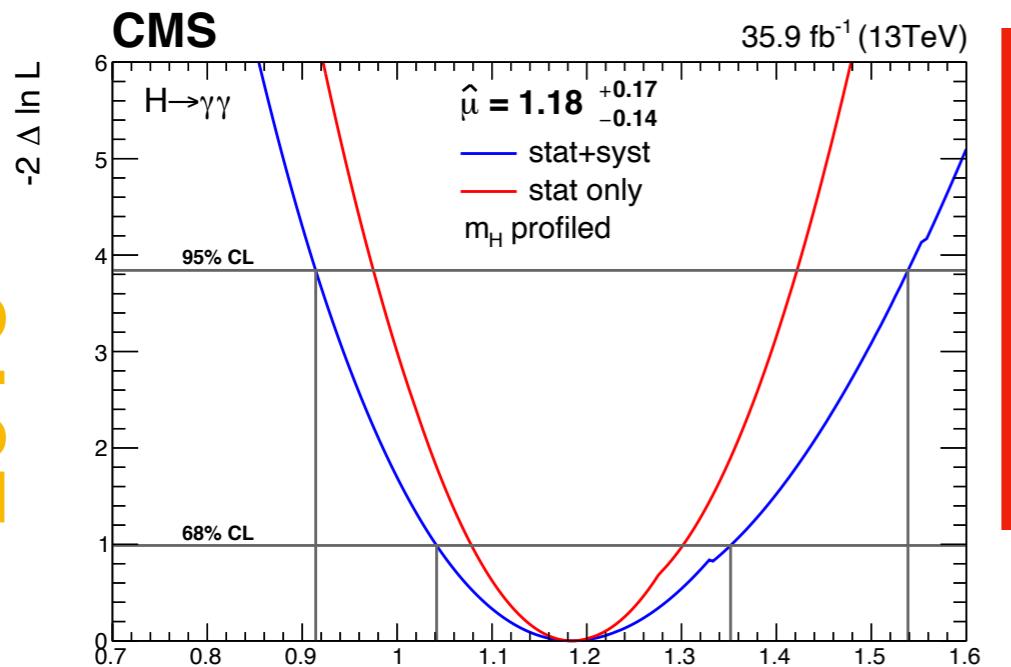
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# Higgs boson decay to $\gamma\gamma$

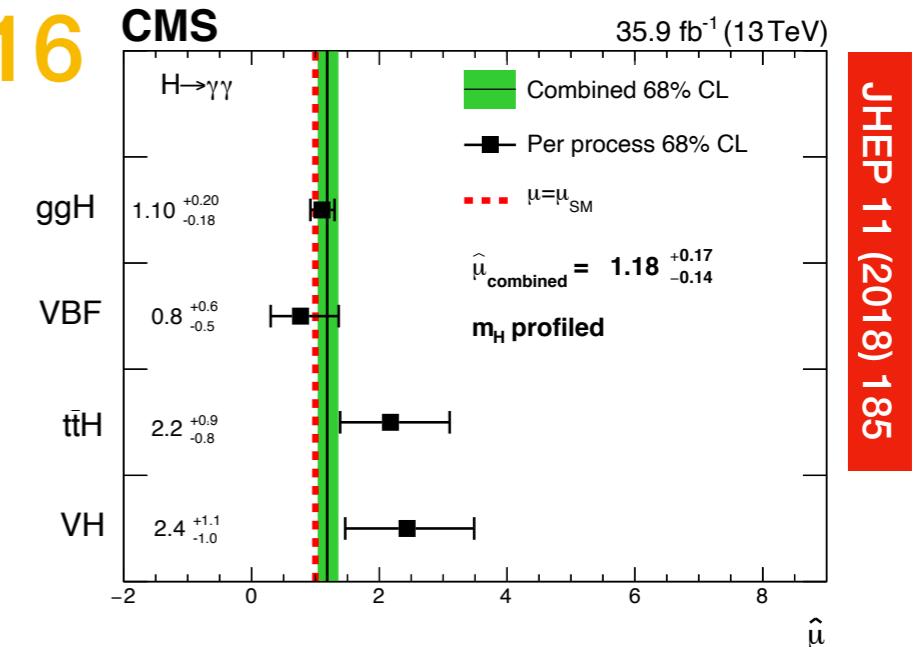
2016



$$\mu_{H\gamma\gamma} = 1.18^{+0.12}_{-0.11} \text{ (stat)} \quad {}^{+0.09}_{-0.07} \text{ (syst)} \quad {}^{+0.07}_{-0.06} \text{ (theo)}$$

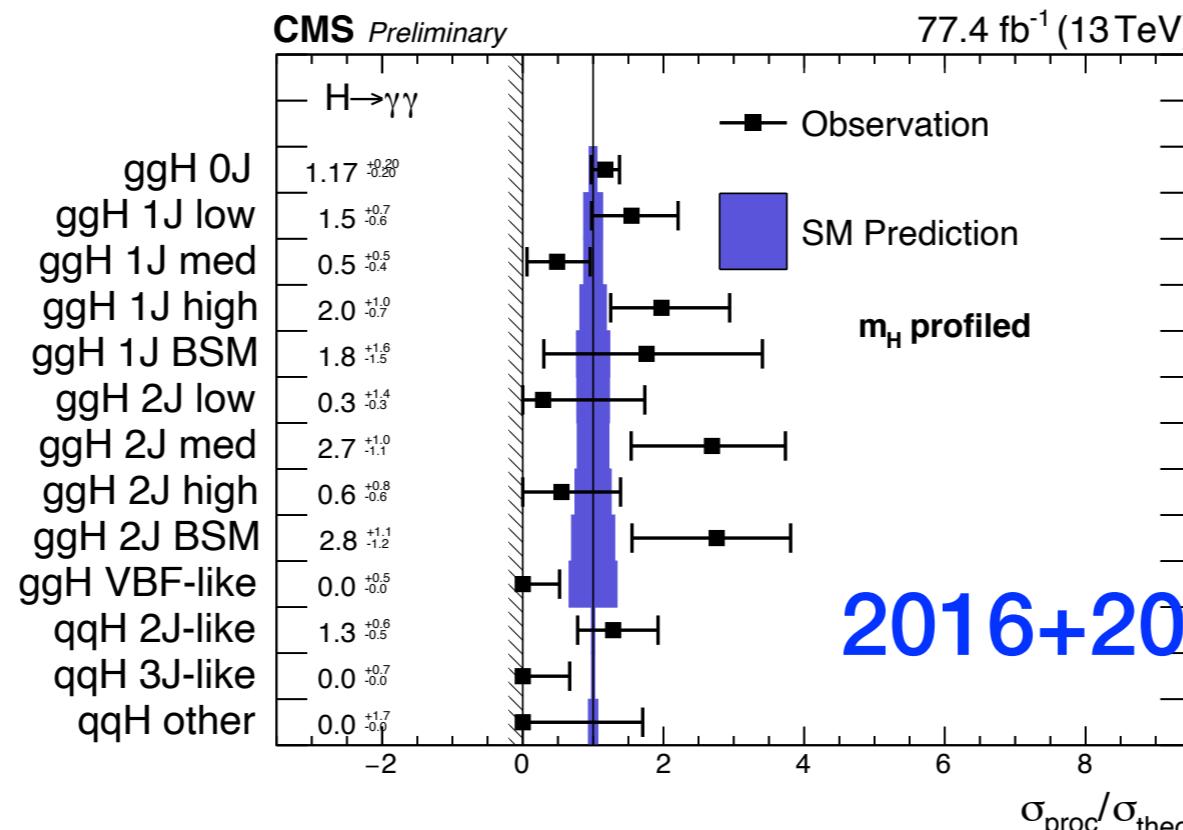
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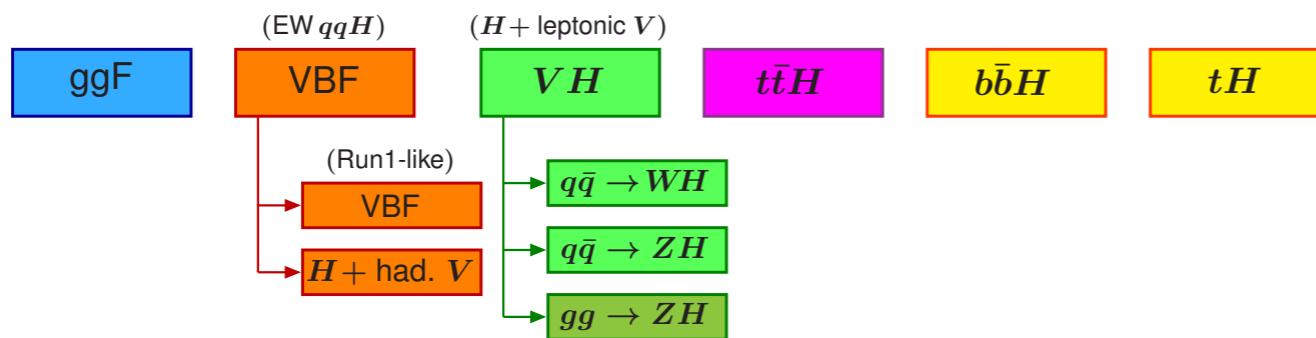
**STXS: 1.1**



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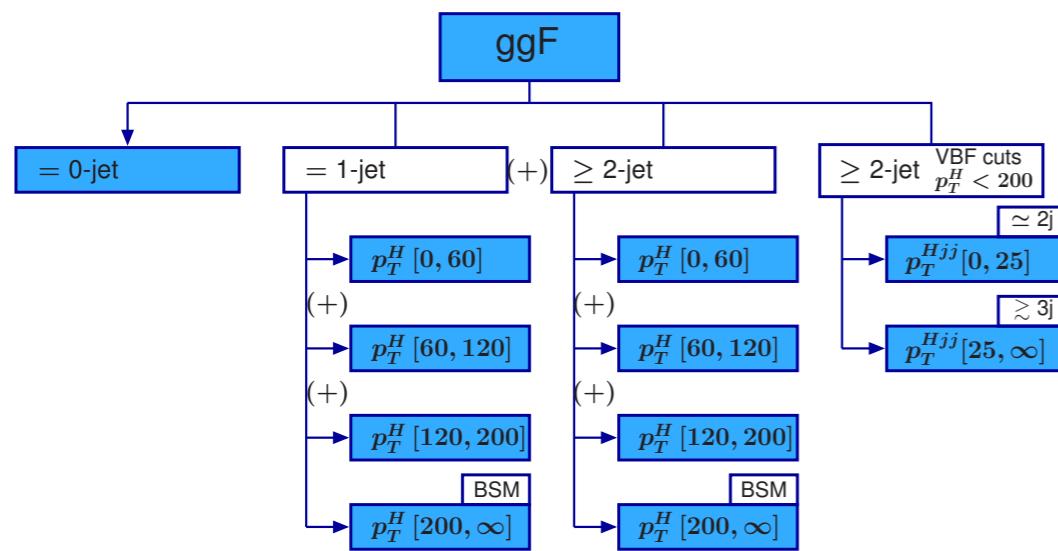
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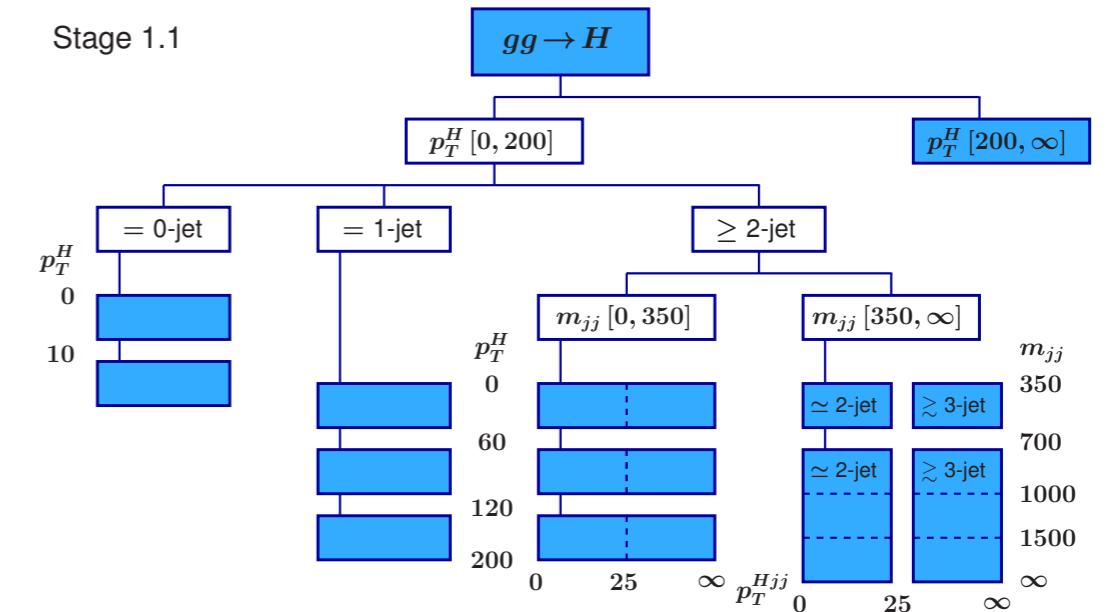


## Stage 0

### ggF: Stage 1

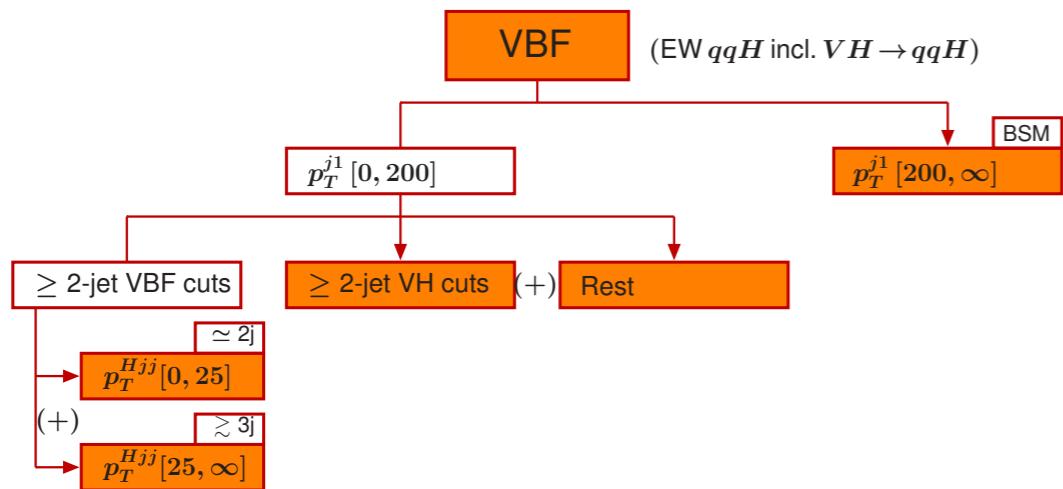


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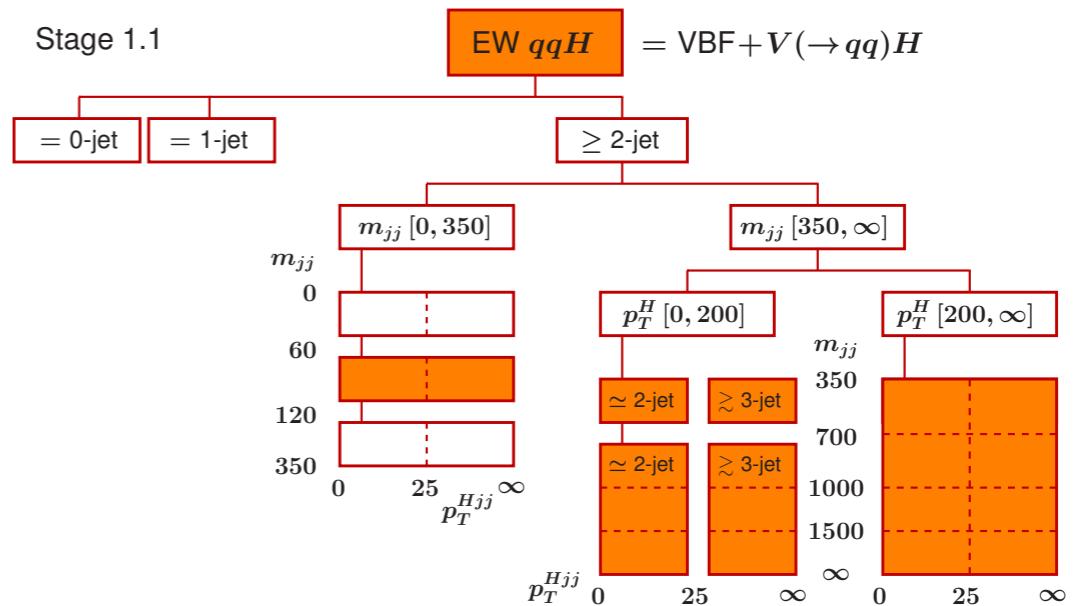


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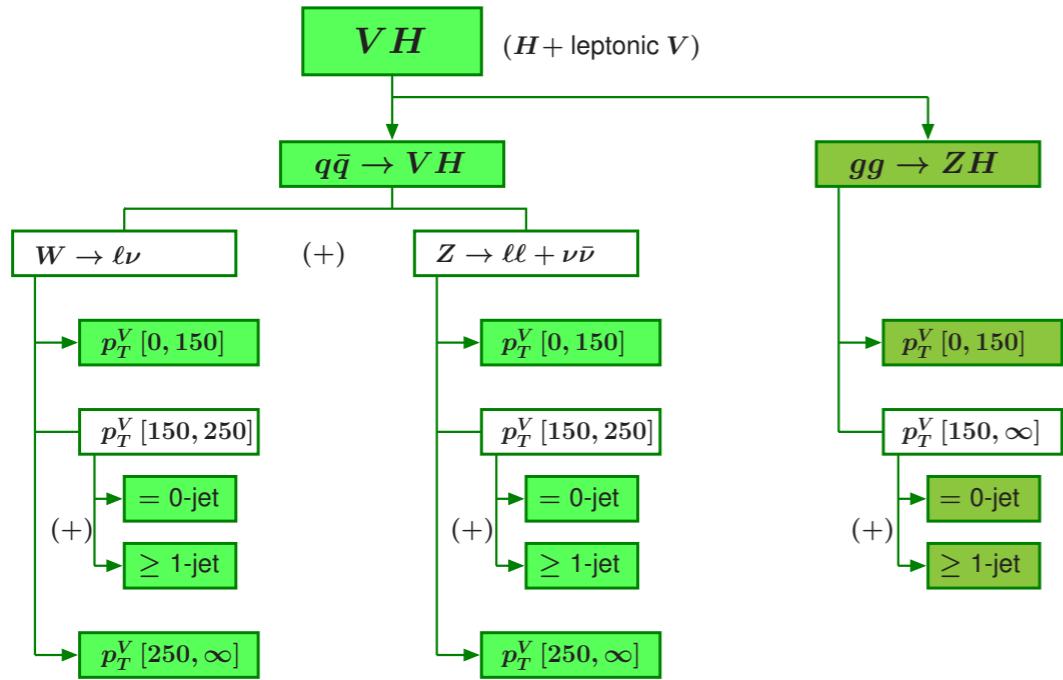
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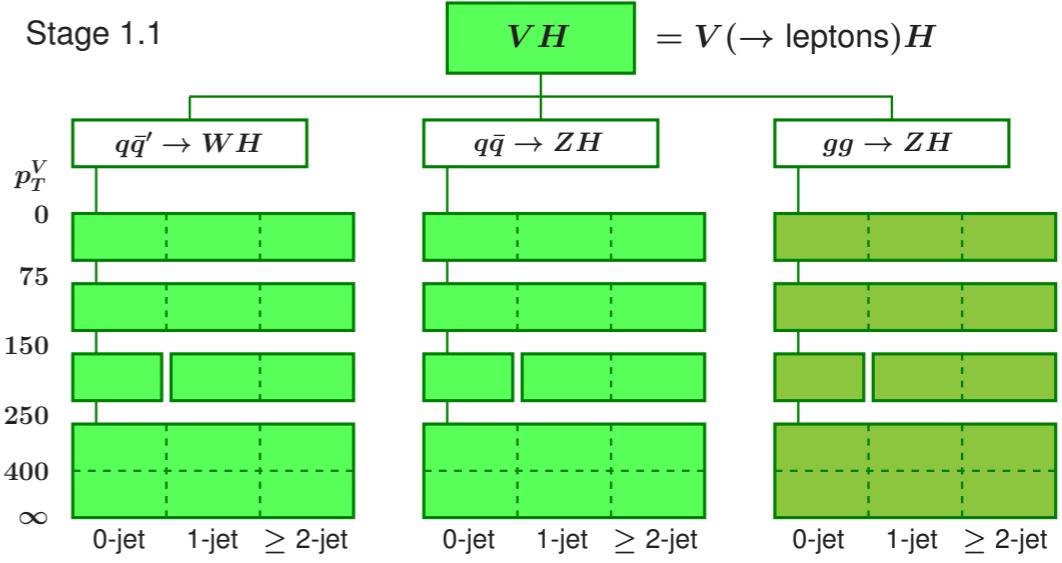
## VBF: Stage 1.1



## VH: Stage 1



## VH: Stage 1.1



# STXS

