

# LHC physics: the first 15 years

Introduction

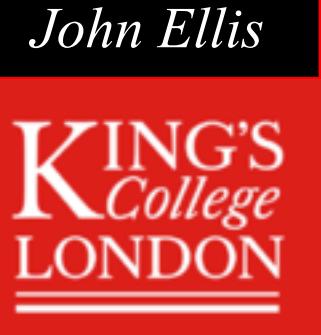
Review of Higgs physics

Motivations for physics beyond the SM:  
Higgs mysteries

SM Effective Field Theory to scan for new physics

Top physics

Discovery of another boson?

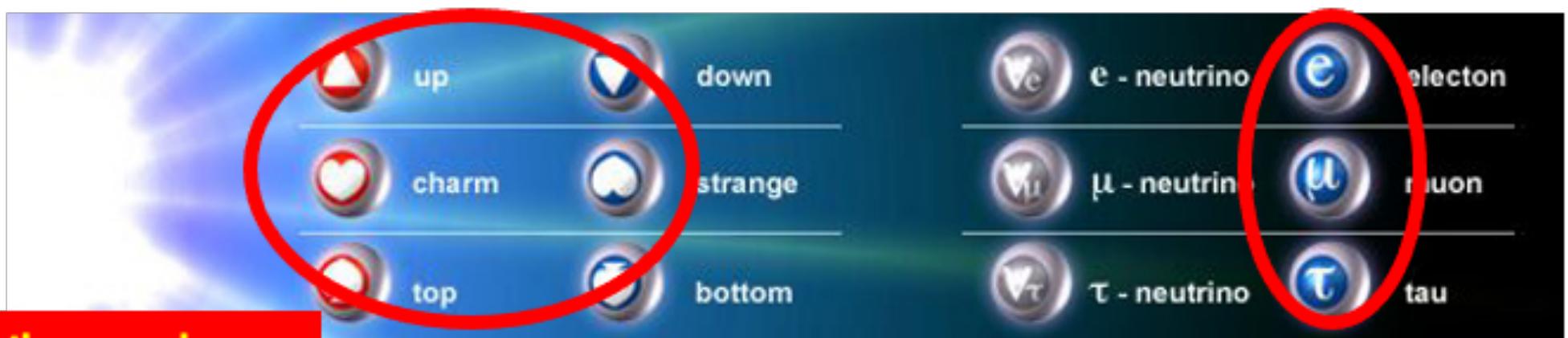




Known knowns (= SM)  
Known unknowns (e.g., DM)  
Unknown unknowns  
An “unknown” known!

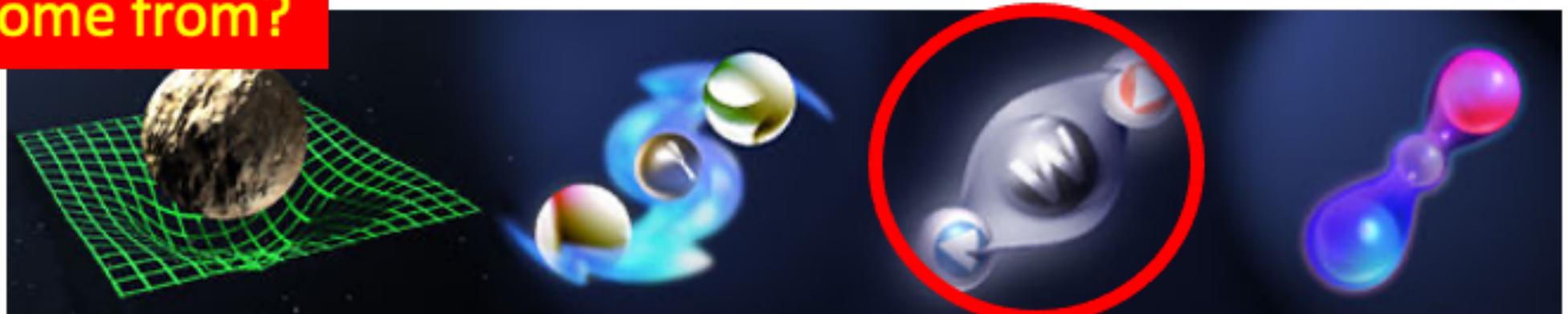
# The 'Standard Model'

## The matter particles



Where does mass come from?

## The fundamental interactions



Gravitation

electromagnetism

weak nuclear force

strong nuclear force

# Why do Things Weigh?

Newton:

Weight proportional to Mass

Einstein:

Energy related to Mass

Neither explained origin of Mass

Where do the masses  
come from?

Are masses due to Higgs boson?  
(the physicists' Holy Grail)



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# Some Key LHC Dates

- 1994: LHC approved by CERN Council
- 2008: LHC start-up
- 2009: First low-energy collisions
- 2010: First high-energy collisions at 7 TeV
- 2011: First hints of the Higgs boson
- 2012: LHC at 8 TeV, discovery of the Higgs boson
- 2013: Nobel Prize for Peter Higgs and François Englert
- 2015 - 2018: Run 2 of the LHC at 13 TeV
- 2022 - 2026: Run 3 of the LHC at 13.6 TeV

# Summary of the Standard Model

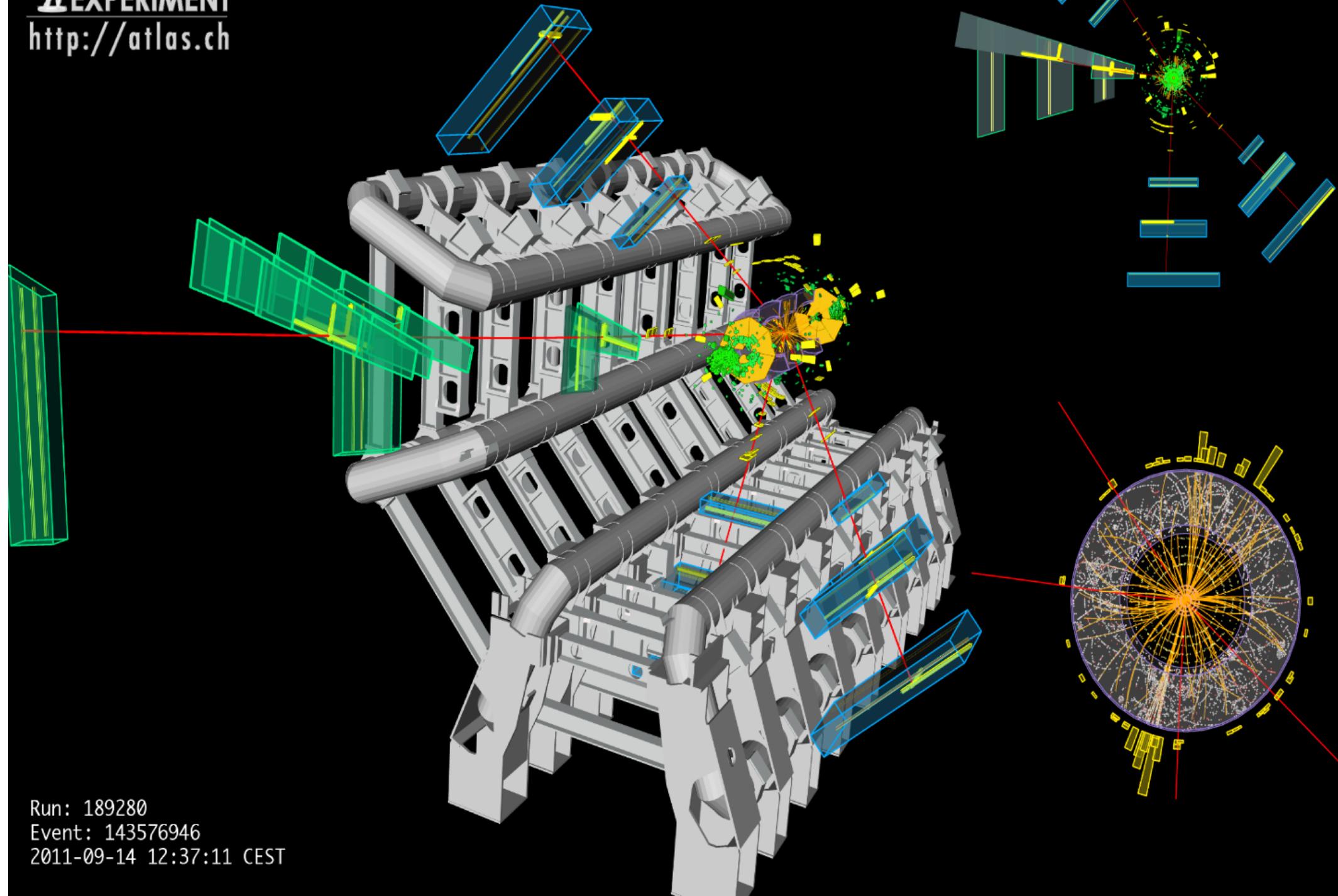
- Particles and  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$  quantum numbers:

$L_L$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau^- \end{pmatrix}_L$	(1,2,-1)
$E_R$	$e_R^-, \mu_R^-, \tau_R^-$	(1,1,-2)
$Q_L$	$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}_L, \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}_L$	(3,2,+1/3)
$U_R$	$u_R, c_R, t_R$	(3,1,+4/3)
$D_R$	$d_R, s_R, b_R$	(3,1,-2/3)

- Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}$  gauge interactions  
 $+ i\bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + h.c.$  matter fermions  
 $+ \bar{\psi}_i y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + h.c.$  Yukawa interactions  
 $+ |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$  Higgs potential

Tested < 0.1%  
before LHC

Testing now  
in progress



Run: 189280

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# Higgsdependence Day!



# Scientists from around the World

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## Associate Member States

in the pre-stage to Membership 55  
Cyprus 18 – Slovenia 37

## Associate Member States 1064

Brazil 157 – Croatia 51 – India 463 – Latvia 18 – Lithuania 27 – Pakistan 70  
Türkiye 187 – Ukraine 91

## Observers 2200

Japan 230 – (Russia 824) – USA 1146

## Non-Member States and Territories 1975

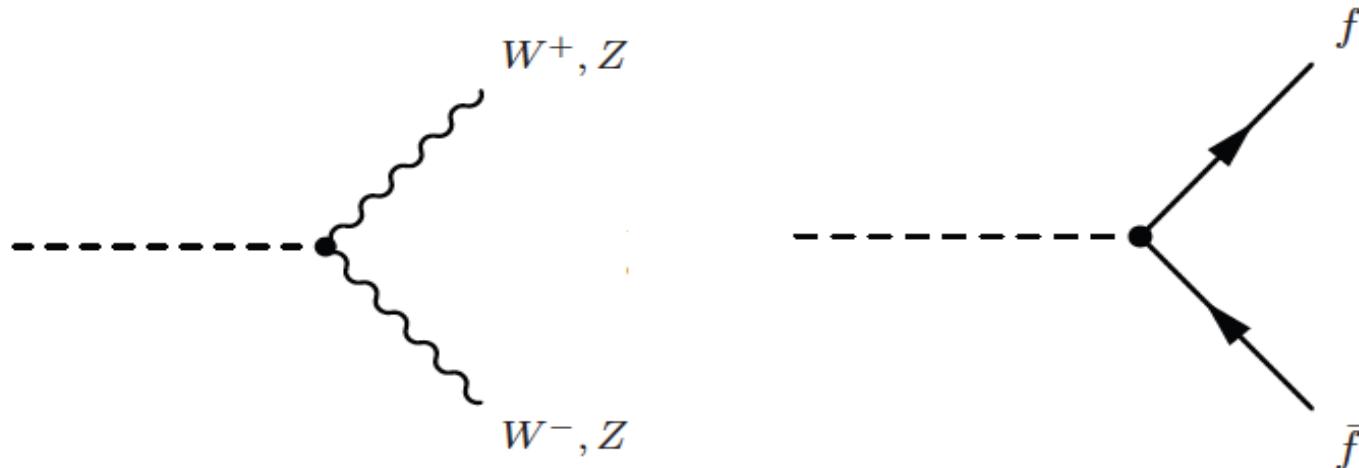
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## International Co-operation Agreements:

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# Higgs Boson Couplings



$$g_2 M_W, \quad g_2 \frac{M_Z}{c_W}$$

$$\frac{m_f}{v} = \frac{g_2 m_f}{2 M_W}$$

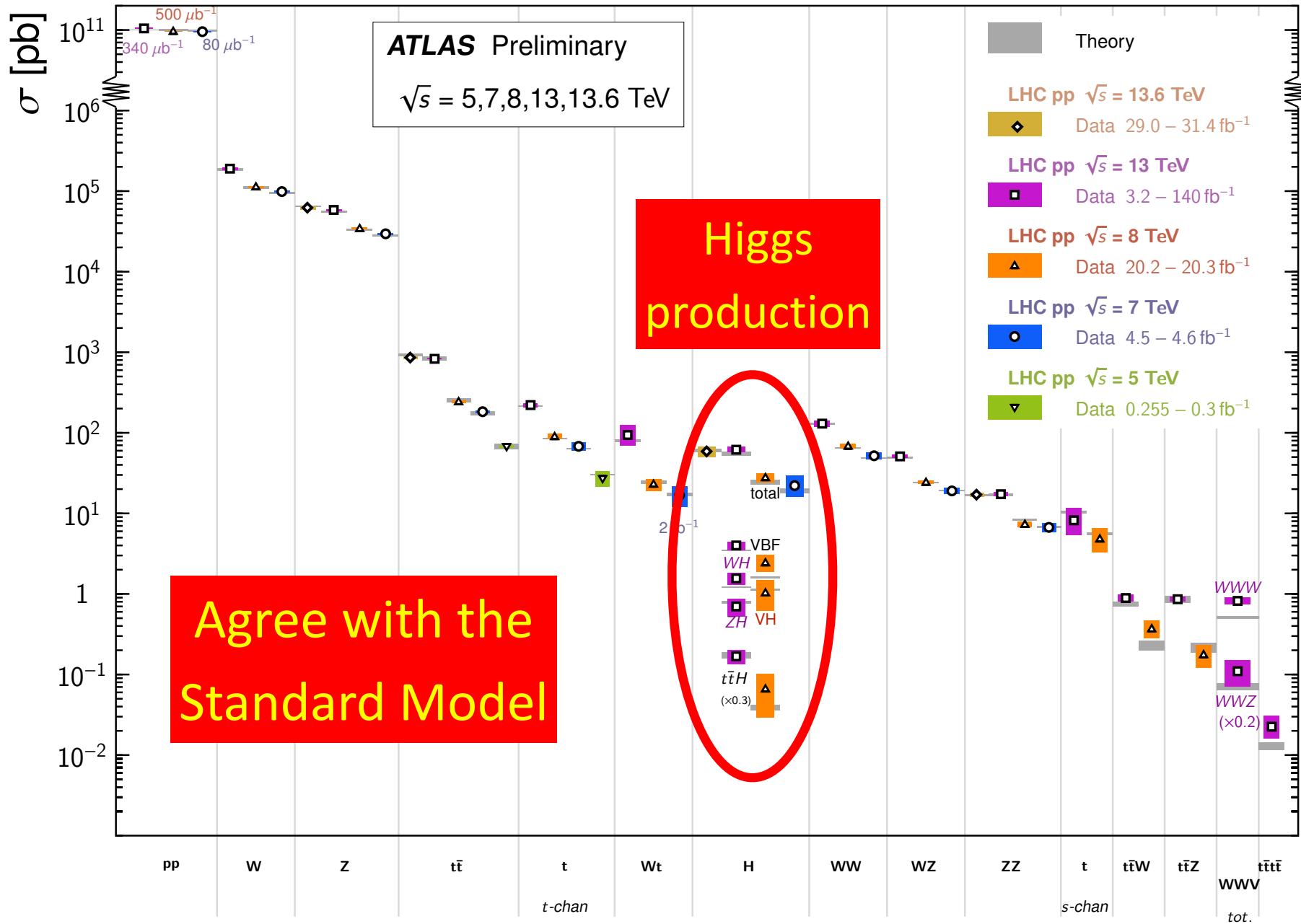
$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow f\bar{f}) = N_c \frac{G_F M_H}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} m_f^2, \quad N_C = 3 \text{ (1) for quarks (leptons)}$$

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow VV) = \frac{G_F M_H^3}{8\pi\sqrt{2}} F(r) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_Z, \quad r = \frac{M_V}{M_H}$$

# LHC Measurements

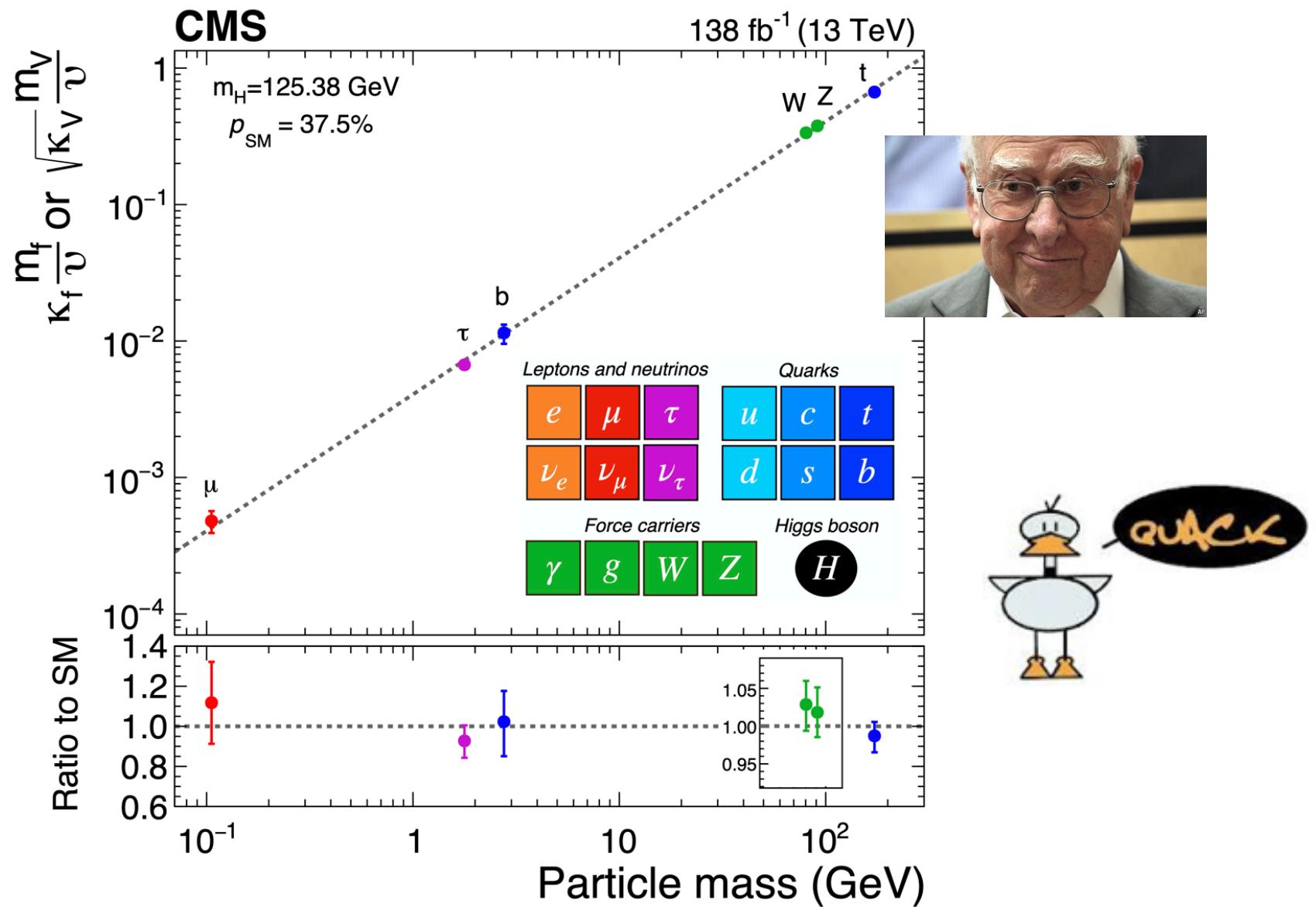
## Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

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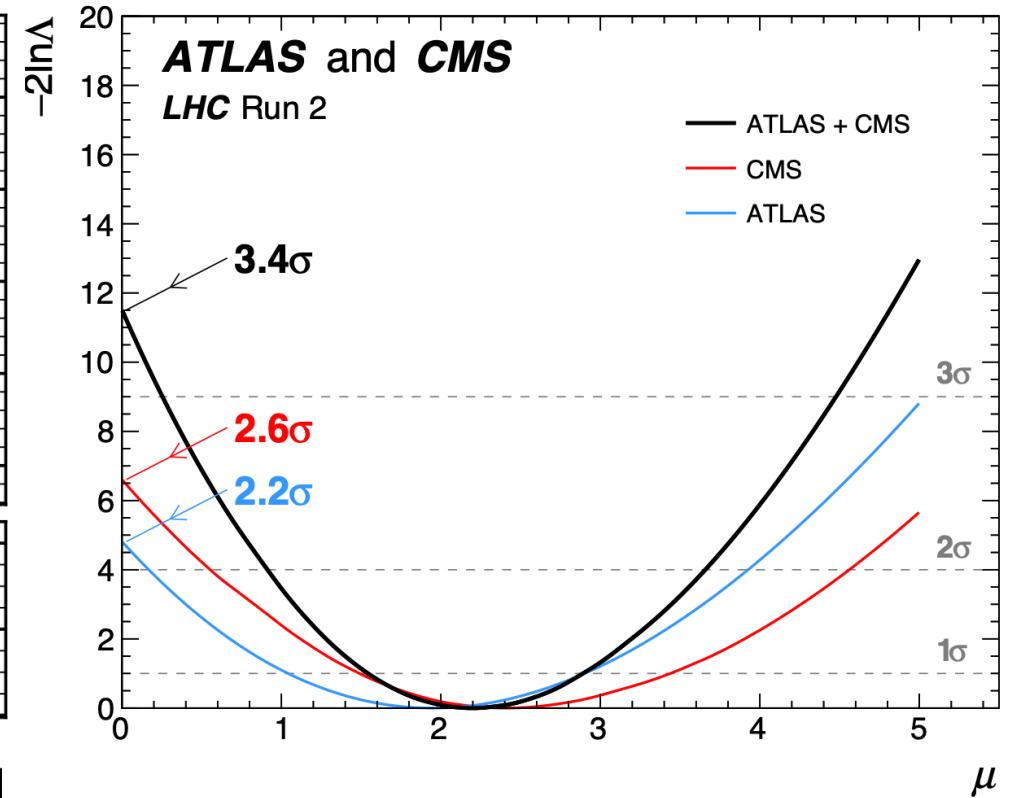
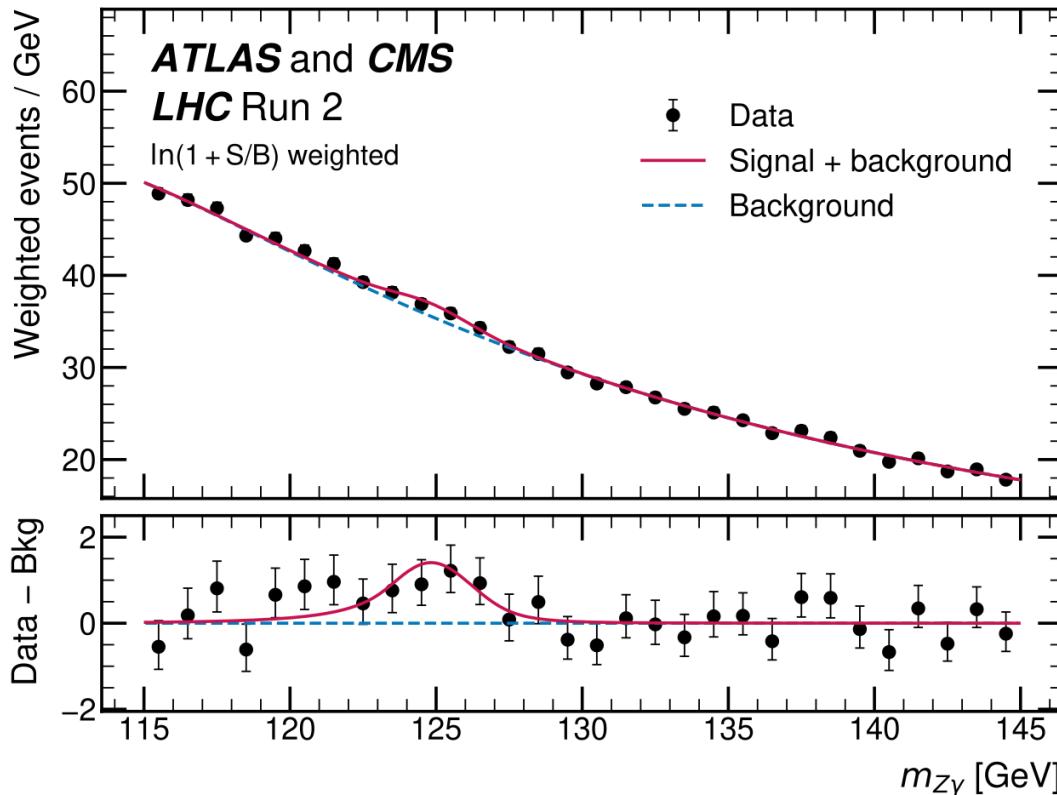


# It Walks and Quacks like a Higgs

- Couplings scale  $\sim$  mass, with scale  $\sim v$



# Emerging Decay Mode: $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$



Signal strength  $\mu = 2.2 \pm 0.7$  times Standard Model value  
 Negligible change in NLO QCD  
 Higher-order EW unimportant  
 Statistics? BSM physics?

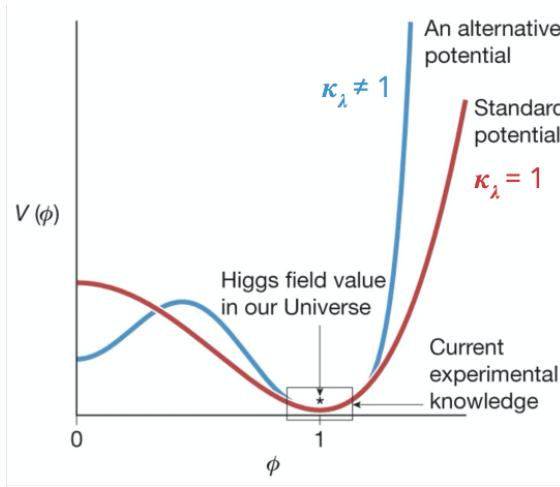
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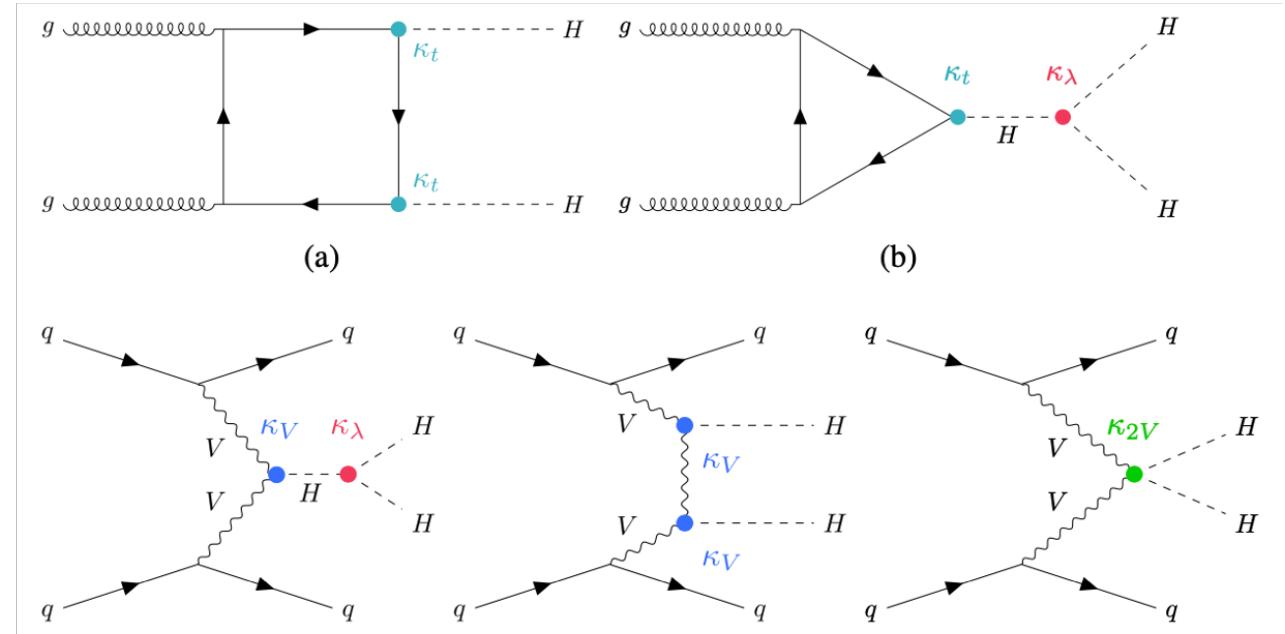
# Higher-Order Higgs Couplings

- Standard Model Lagrangian contains  $HHH$ ,  $VVHH$  couplings in Higgs potential  $V(H)$ , Higgs kinetic term  $|D_\mu H|^2$ , respectively
- Directly related to  $(m_H, m_W)$  and  $VVH$ , respectively
- Absence/modification would destroy consistency (renormalizability) of Standard Model
- Could be modified by, e.g., higher-order terms in effective field theory, e.g.,  $H^6$  or  $|H|^2|D_\mu H|^2$  BSM physics?
- Parameterized by  $\kappa_\lambda, \kappa_{2V}$ , respectively
- **Measuring them is next frontier in Higgs measurements**

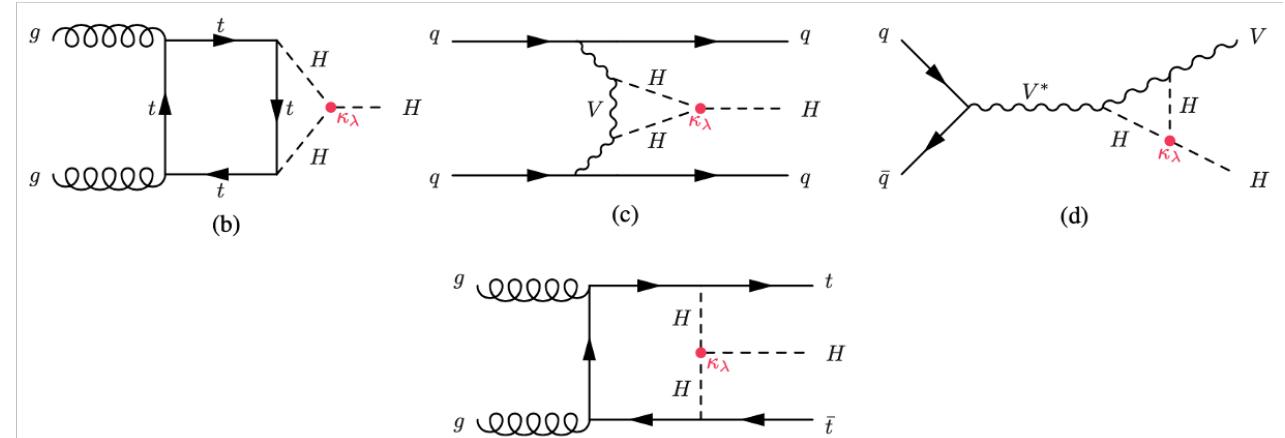


# Search for Triple-H Coupling

Diagrams for double-Higgs production

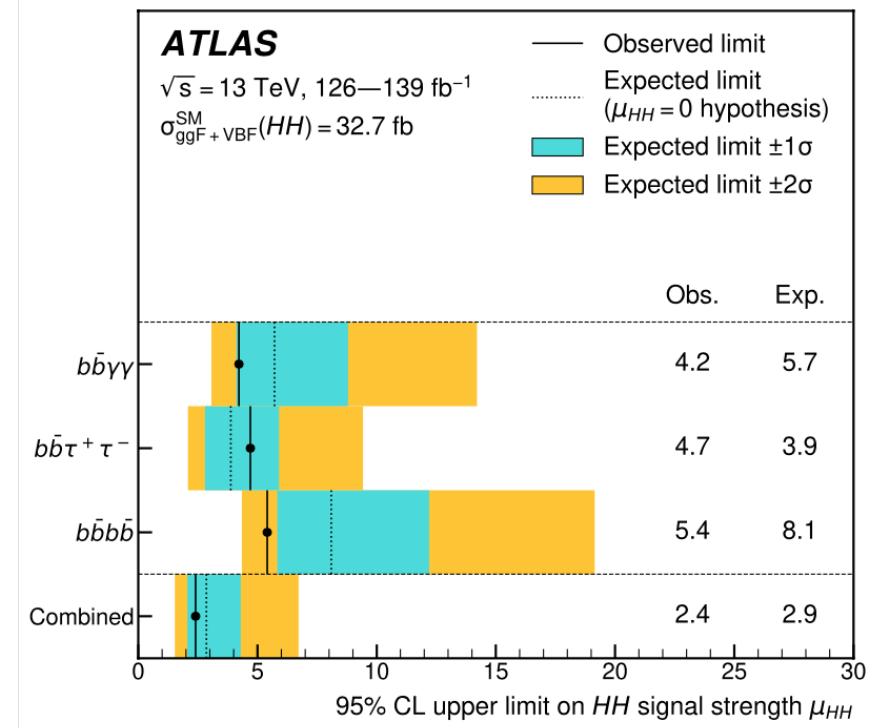


Loop corrections to single Higgs production



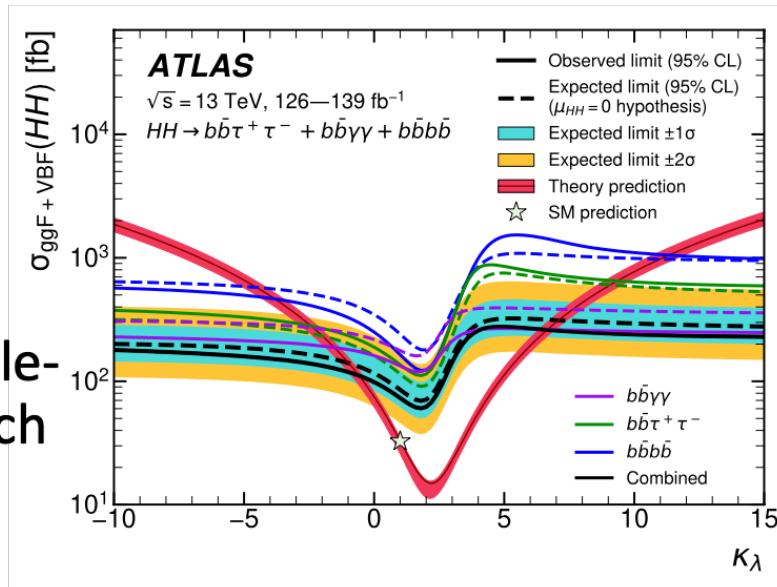
# Search for HHH Coupling

Limit on double-Higgs production

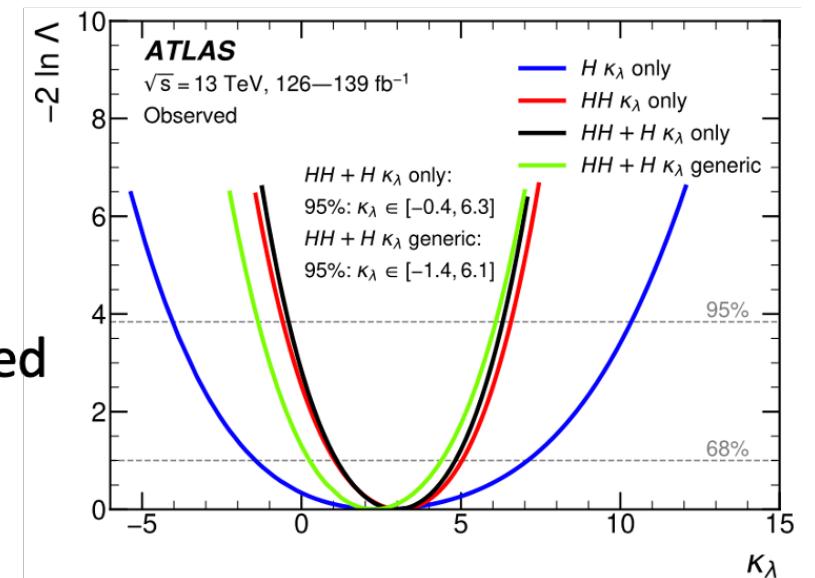


## Limits on triple-Higgs coupling

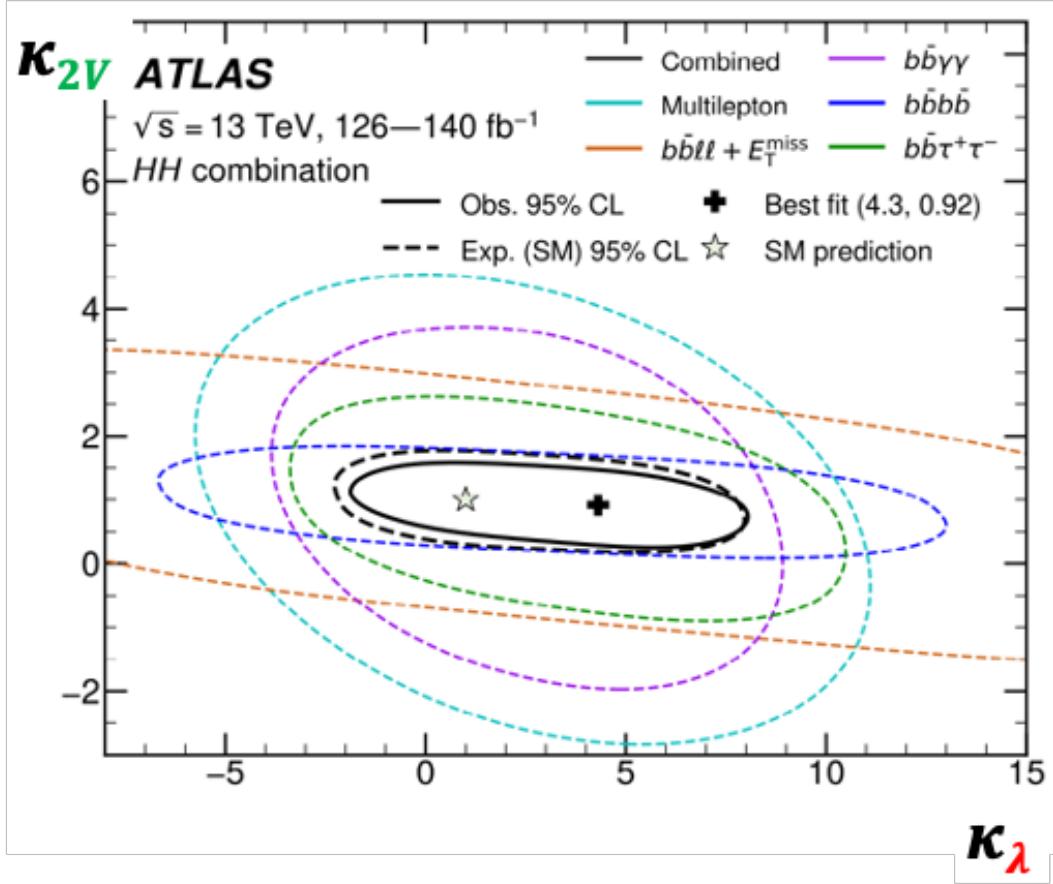
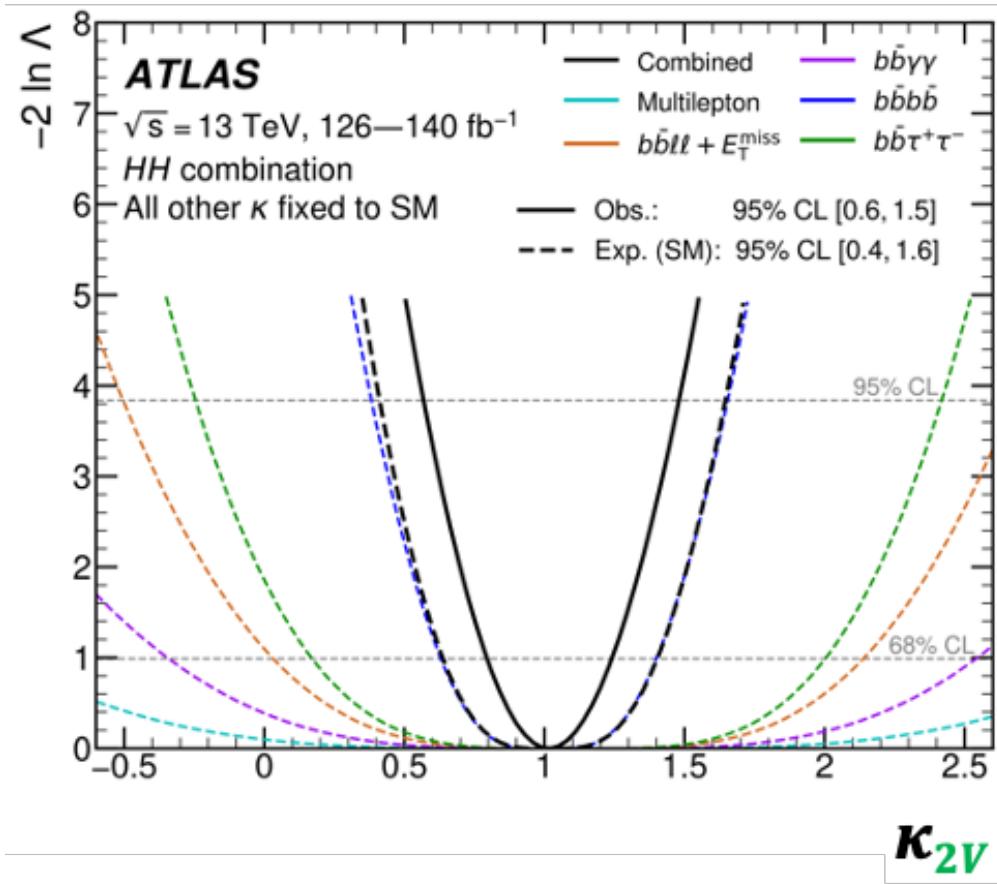
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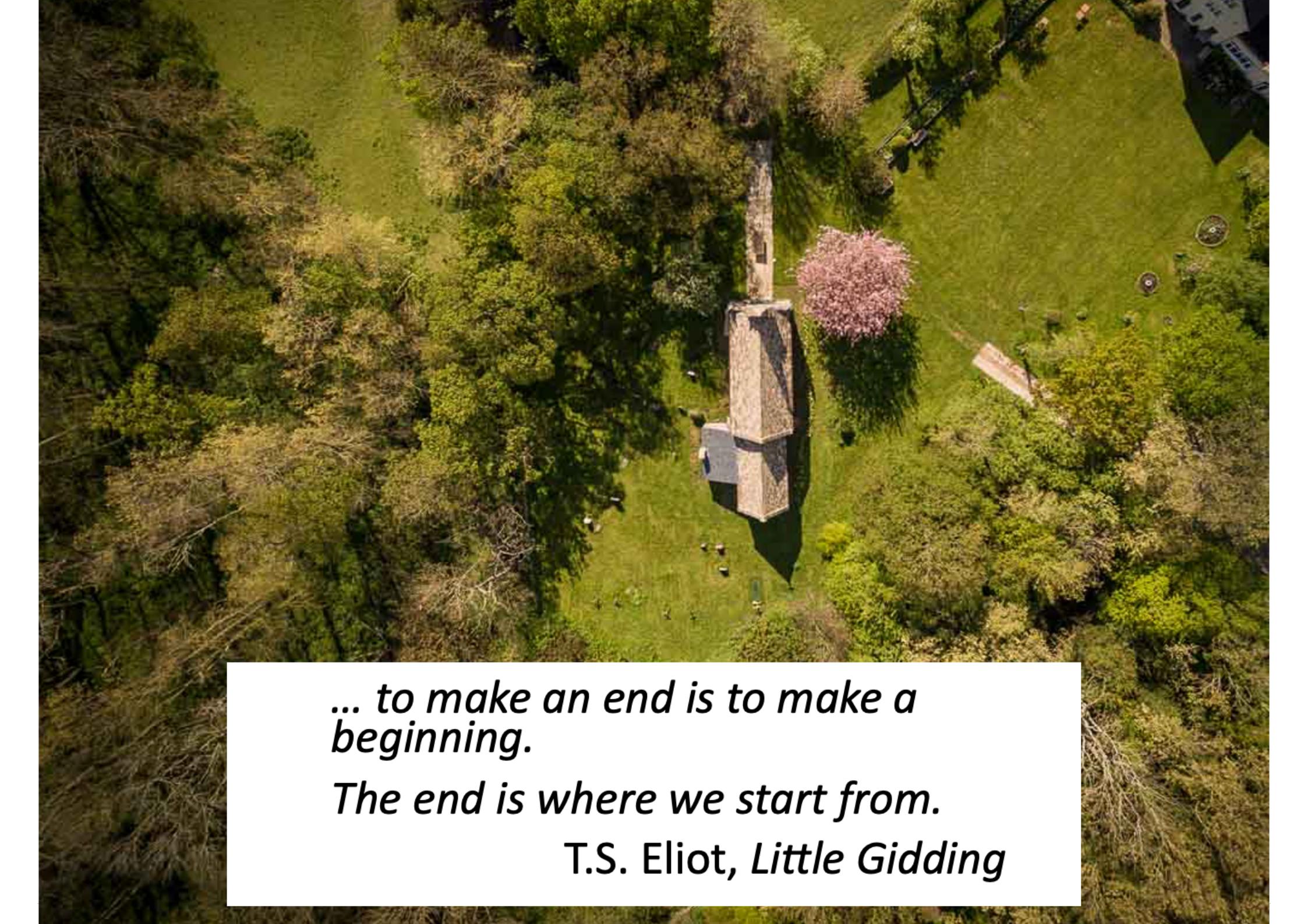
Combined limit



# Evidence for VVHH Coupling



$\kappa_{2V} = 1.02 \pm 0.23$  if other Higgs couplings have Standard Model values

An aerial photograph of Little Gidding, a small village in Cambridgeshire, England. The image shows a large, weathered stone cross standing prominently in a grassy field. To its right is a tree with vibrant pink blossoms. The surrounding area is a mix of green fields and dense, dark green hedgerows. In the top right corner, a portion of a modern building is visible, contrasting with the traditional architecture of the cross.

*... to make an end is to make a  
beginning.*

*The end is where we start from.*

T.S. Eliot, *Little Gidding*





- « Empty » space is unstable
- Dark matter
- Origin of matter
- Sizes of masses
- Masses of neutrinos
- Inflation
- Quantum gravity
- ...

LHC  
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# Everything about Higgs is Puzzling

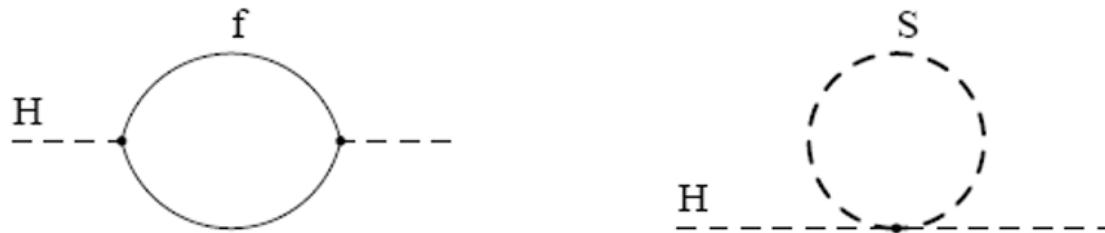
$$\mathcal{L} = yH\psi\bar{\psi} + \mu^2|H|^2 - \lambda|H|^4 - V_0 + \dots$$

- Pattern of Yukawa couplings  $y$ :
  - **Flavour problem**
- Magnitude of mass term  $\mu$ :
  - **Naturalness/hierarchy problem**
- Magnitude of quartic coupling  $\lambda$ :
  - **Stability of electroweak vacuum**
- Cosmological constant term  $V_0$ :
  - **Dark energy**

Higher-dimensional interactions?

# Loop Corrections to Higgs Mass<sup>2</sup>

- Consider generic fermion and boson loops:



- Each is quadratically divergent:  $\int^\Lambda d^4k/k^2$

$$\Delta m_H^2 = -\frac{y_f}{16\pi^2} [2\Lambda^2 + 6m_f^2 \ln(\Lambda/m_f) + \dots]$$

$$\Delta m_H^2 = \frac{\lambda_S}{16\pi^2} [\Lambda^2 - 2m_S^2 \ln(\Lambda/m_S) + \dots]$$

- Leading divergence cancelled if

$$\lambda_S = y_f^2 \times 2$$

**Supersymmetry!**

What lies beyond the Standard Model?

# Supersymmetry?

- Stabilize electroweak vacuum
- Successful prediction for Higgs mass
  - Should be  $< 130$  GeV in simple models
- Successful predictions for couplings
  - Should be within few % of SM values
- Naturalness, GUTs, string, dark matter,  $g_\mu - 2? \dots,$

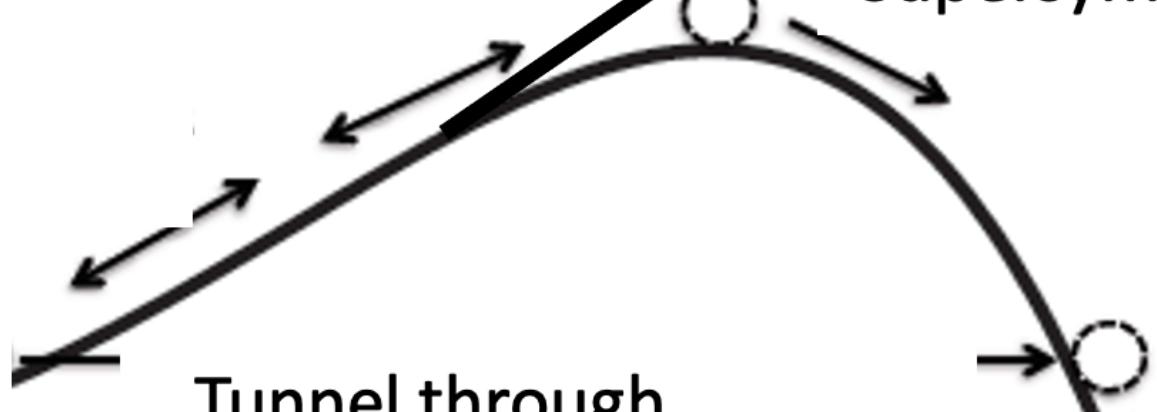
New motivations  
from LHC

# Will the Universe Collapse? Should it have Collapsed already?



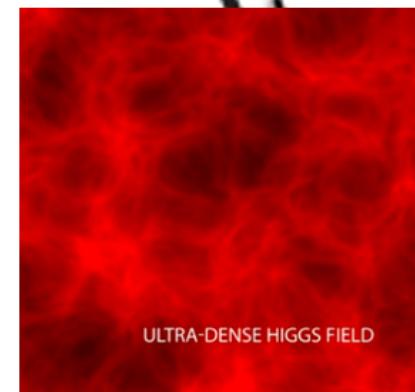
Quantum fluctuations

Fluctuate over barrier  
in the early Universe?



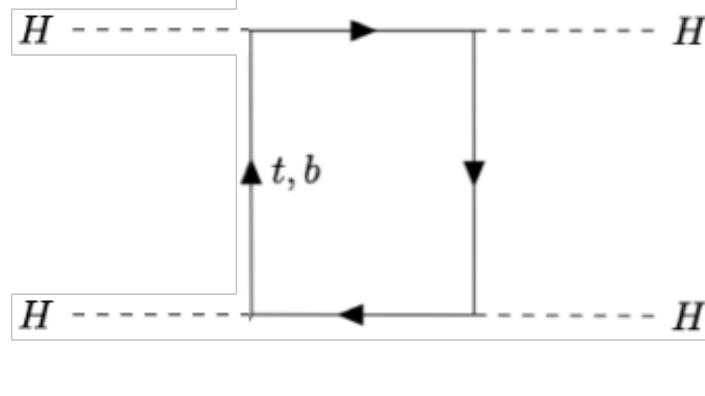
Not if  
infinite barrier:  
Supersymmetry?

The Big Crunch



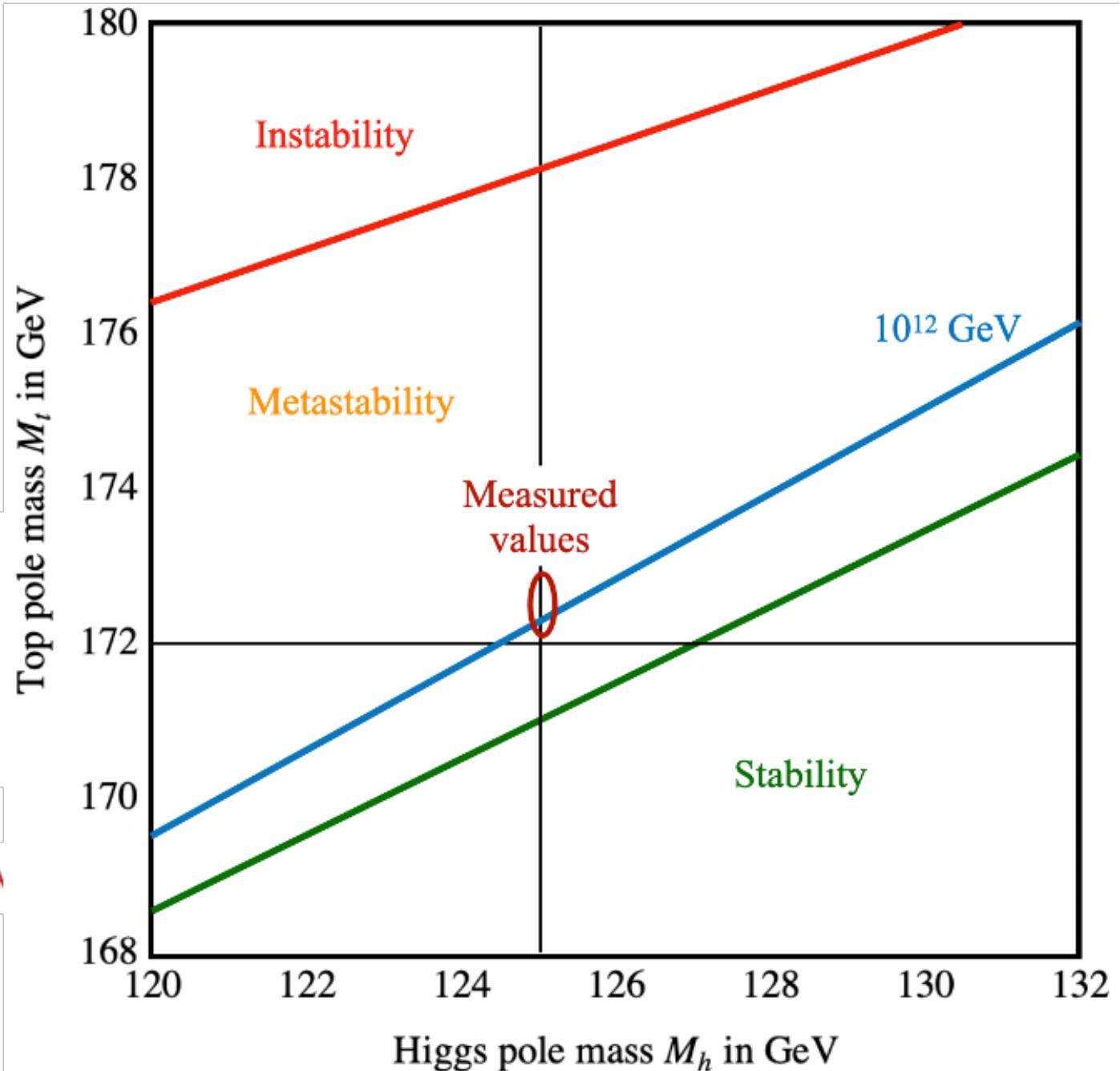
# Is “Empty Space” Unstable?

Depends on  
masses of Higgs  
boson and top  
quark



$$16\pi^2 \frac{d\lambda}{dt} = 12(\lambda^2 + h_t^2 \lambda - h_t^4) + \mathcal{O}(g^4, g^2 \lambda)$$

$$t = \log(Q^2)$$



# Is “Empty Space” Unstable?

- Dependence of instability scale on masses of Higgs boson and top quark, and strong coupling:

$$\text{Log}_{10} \frac{\Lambda}{\text{GeV}} = 10.5 - 1.3 \left( \frac{m_t}{\text{GeV}} - 172.6 \right) + 1.1 \left( \frac{m_H}{\text{GeV}} - 125.1 \right) + 0.6 \left( \frac{\alpha_s(m_Z) - 0.1179}{0.0009} \right)$$

- New LHC value of  $m_t$ :

$$m_t = 172.52 \pm 0.33 \text{ GeV}$$

ATLAS & CMS, CERN-LPCC-2023-02

- Latest experimental values:

$$m_H = 125.1 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV}, \alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1183 \pm 0.0009$$

ATLAS & CMS

ATLAS, arXiv:2309.12986

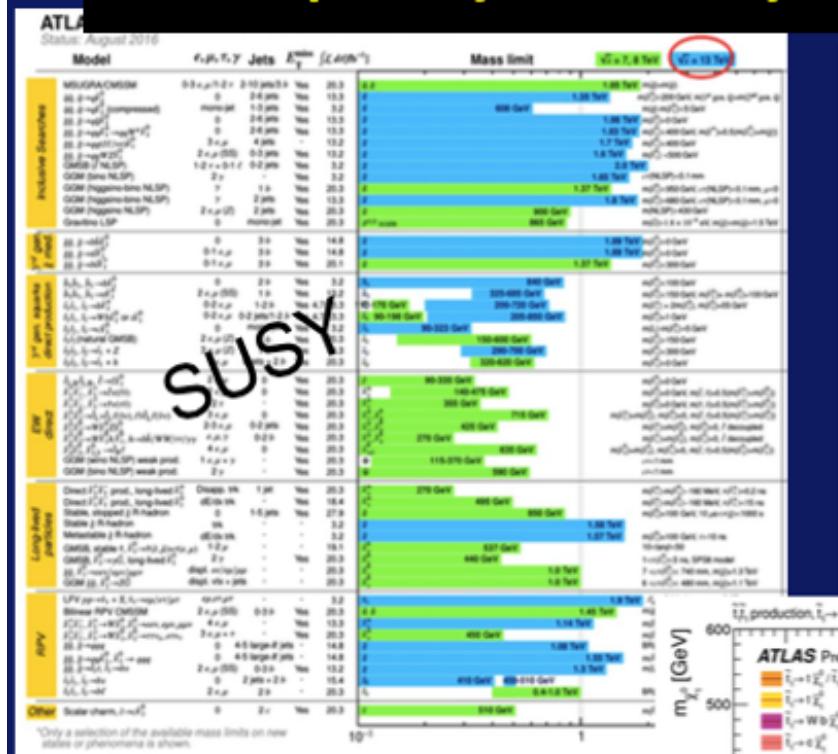
- Instability scale:

$$\log_{10} \frac{\Lambda}{\text{GeV}} = 10.9 \pm 0.8$$

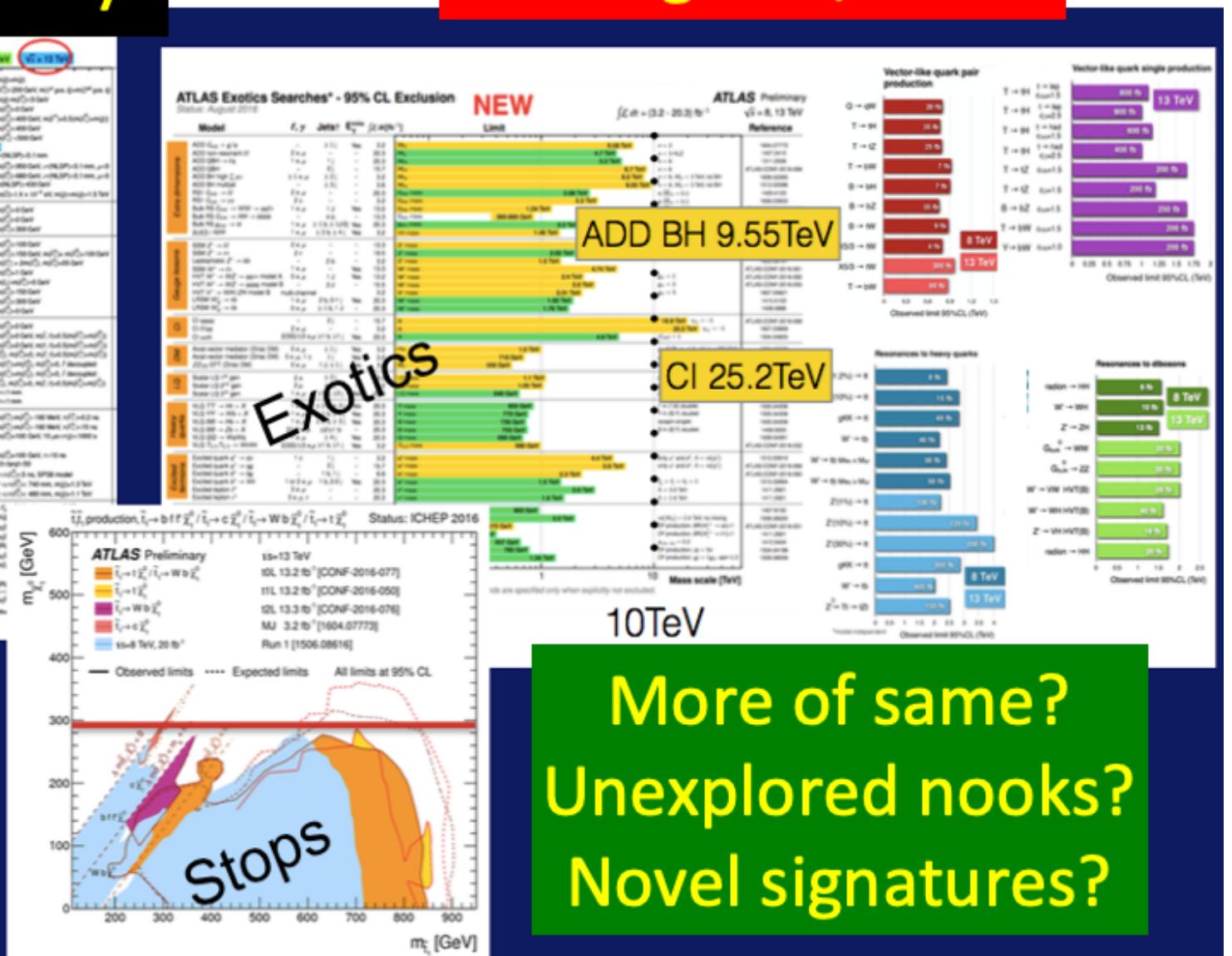
- Dominant uncertainties those in  $\alpha_s$  and  $m_t$

# Nothing (yet) at the LHC

# No supersymmetry



## Nothing else, either



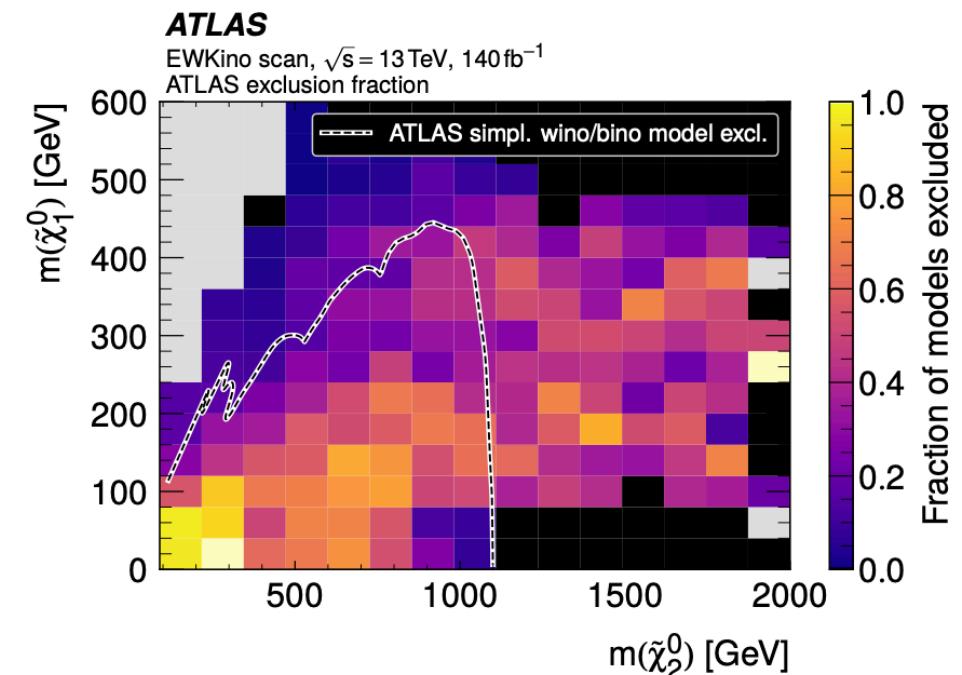
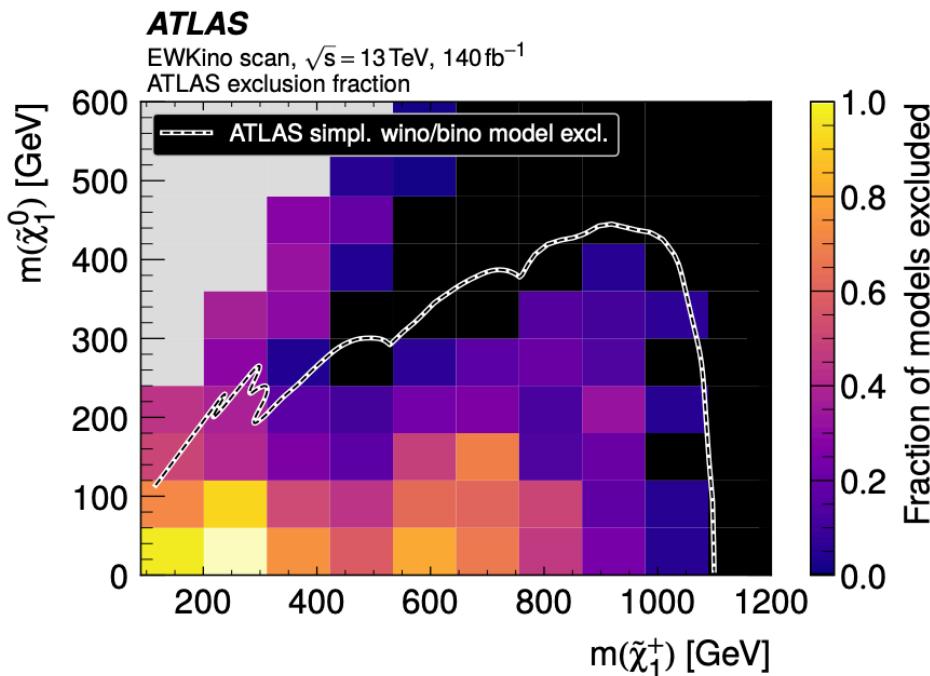
More of same?  
Unexplored nooks?  
Novel signatures?

# Survey of SUSY searches in pMSSM

Lines = chargino/neutralino exclusions in searches with simplifying assumptions on spectrum and decay modes

Black = < 10% of pMSSM models excluded

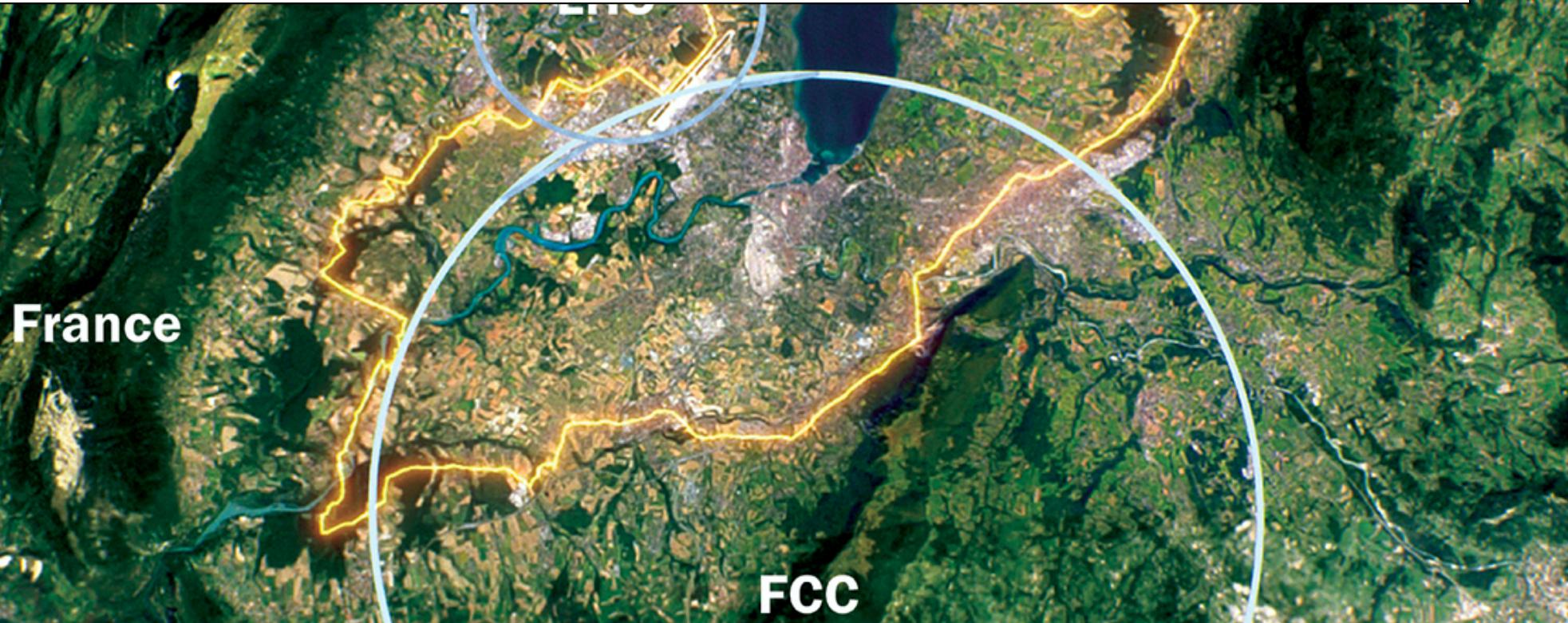
Cream = > 90% of pMSSM models excluded



Many low-mass pMSSM models consistent with constraints

**“Not dead yet”**

# Looking Beyond the Standard Model with the SMEFT



*“...the direct method may be used...but indirect methods will be needed in order to secure victory....”*

*“The direct and the indirect lead on to each other in turn. It is like moving in a circle....”*

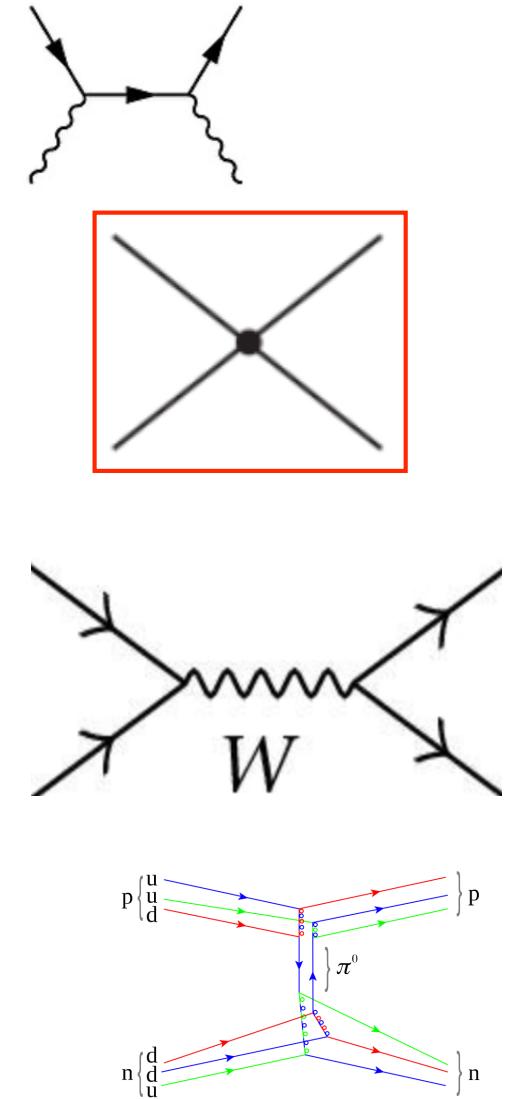
*Who can exhaust the possibilities of their combination?”*

**Sun Tzu**

# Effective Field Theories (EFTs)

## a long and glorious History

- 1930's: "Standard Model" of QED had  $d=4$
- Fermi's four-fermion theory of the weak force
- Dimension-6 operators: form = S, P, V, A, T?
  - Due to exchanges of massive particles?
- V-A  $\rightarrow$  massive vector bosons  $\rightarrow$  gauge theory
- Yukawa's meson theory of the strong N-N force
  - Due to exchanges of mesons?  $\rightarrow$  pions
- Chiral dynamics of pions:  $(\partial\pi\partial\pi)\pi\pi$  clue  $\rightarrow$  QCD



# Standard Model Effective Field Theory

a more powerful way to analyze the data

- Assume the Standard Model Lagrangian is correct (quantum numbers of particles) but incomplete
- Look for additional interactions between SM particles due to exchanges of heavier particles
- Analyze Higgs data together with electroweak precision data and top data
- Most efficient way to extract largest amount of information from LHC and other experiments
- **Model-independent way to look for physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM)**

# Dimension-6 SMEFT Operators

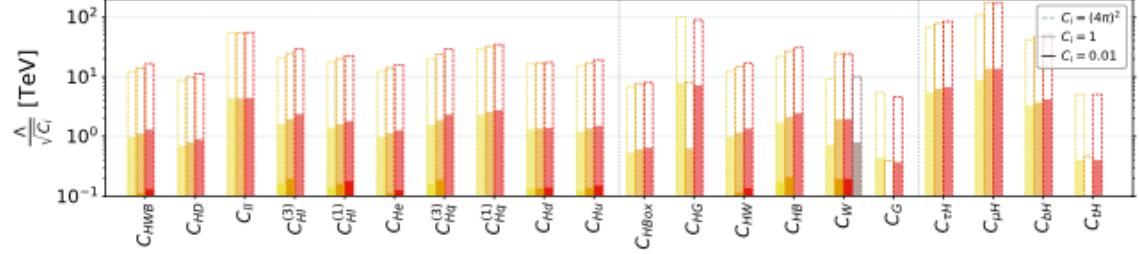
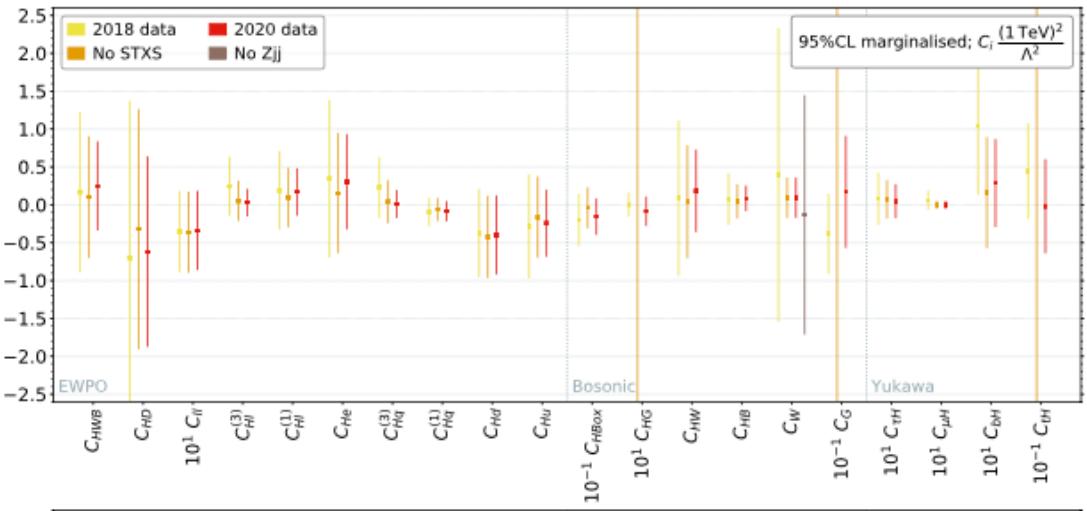
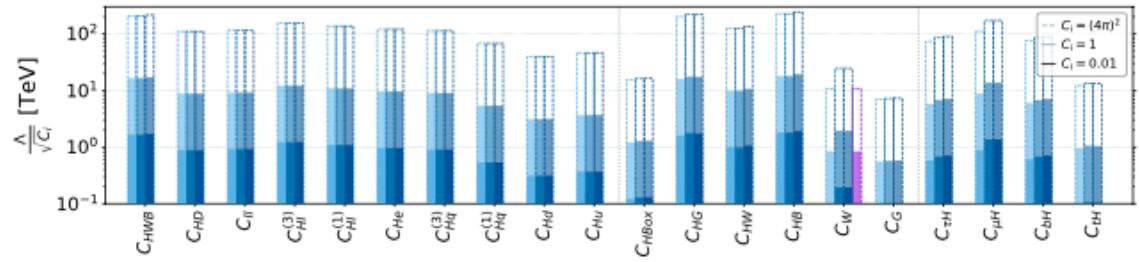
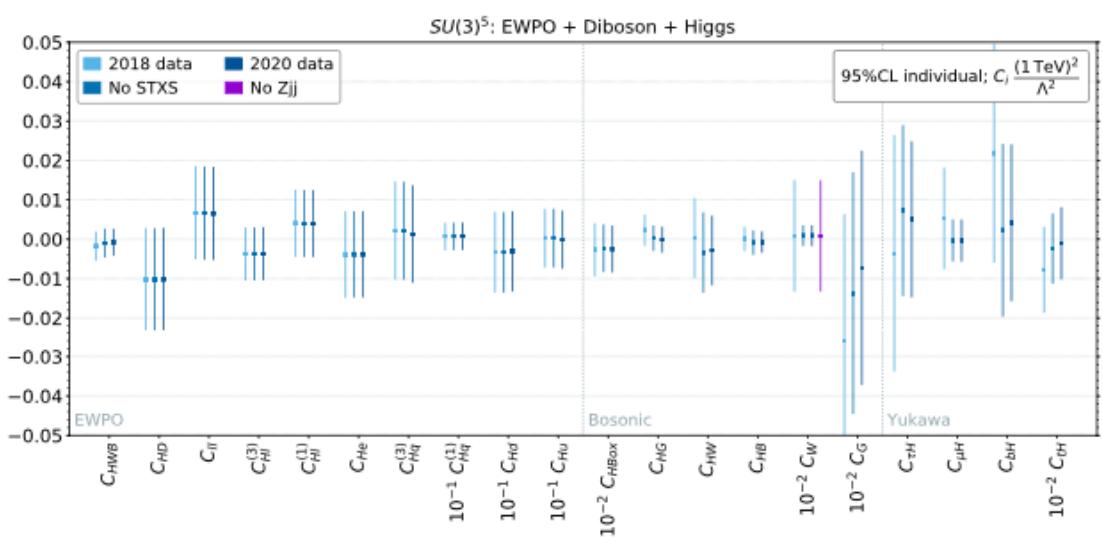
- Including 2- and 4-fermion operators
- Different colours for different data sectors
- Grey cells violate  $SU(3)^5$  symmetry
- Important when including top observables

$X^3$		$H^6$ and $H^4 D^2$		$\psi^2 H^3$	
$\mathcal{O}_G$	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$\mathcal{O}_H$	$(H^\dagger H)^3$	$\mathcal{O}_{eH}$	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{l}_p e_r H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{G}}$	$f^{ABC} \tilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{H\square}$	$(H^\dagger H)\square(H^\dagger H)$	$\mathcal{O}_{uH}$	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_p u_r \tilde{H})$
$\mathcal{O}_W$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{HD}$	$(H^\dagger D^\mu H)^\star (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$	$\mathcal{O}_{dH}$	$(H^\dagger H)(\bar{q}_p d_r H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}}$	$\varepsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$				
$X^2 H^2$		$\psi^2 XH$		$\psi^2 H^2 D$	
$\mathcal{O}_{HG}$	$H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{eW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hl}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{H\tilde{G}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{eB}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hl}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{HW}$	$H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$		$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A u_r) \tilde{H} G_{\mu\nu}^A$	$\mathcal{O}_{He}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{e}_p \gamma^\mu e_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{H\tilde{W}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu}$		$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tau^I \tilde{H} W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{q}_p \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{HB}$	$H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$		$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_r) \tilde{H} B_{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hq}^{(3)}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{q}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu q_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{H\tilde{B}}$	$H^\dagger H \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$		$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^A d_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hu}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu u_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{HWB}$	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{dW}$	$(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hd}$	$(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{d}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$\mathcal{O}_{H\tilde{W}B}$	$H^\dagger \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{dB}$	$(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{Hud}$	$i(\tilde{H}^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$
$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{L}L)$		$(\bar{R}R)(RR)$		$(\bar{L}L)(\bar{R}R)$	
$\mathcal{O}_{ll}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{l}_s \gamma^\mu l_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{ee}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{le}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{qq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{uu}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{lu}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{qq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I q_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{dd}$	$(\bar{d}_p \gamma_\mu d_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{ld}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{lq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu q_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{eu}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{qe}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{e}_s \gamma^\mu e_t)$
$\mathcal{O}_{lq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p \gamma_\mu \tau^I l_r)(\bar{q}_s \gamma^\mu \tau^I q_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{ed}$	$(\bar{e}_p \gamma_\mu e_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{qu}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$
		$\mathcal{O}_{ud}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu u_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu u_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{qu}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{u}_s \gamma^\mu T^A u_t)$
		$\mathcal{O}_{ud}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{qd}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu d_t)$
			$(\bar{u}_p \gamma_\mu T^A u_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{qd}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p \gamma_\mu T^A q_r)(\bar{d}_s \gamma^\mu T^A d_t)$
$(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L)$ and $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R)$		$B$ violating		Baryon decay	
$\mathcal{O}_{ledq}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s q_t^j)$	$\mathcal{O}_{duq}$		$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(q_s^j)^T C l_t^\kappa]$	
$\mathcal{O}_{quqa}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (q_s^\alpha d_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{qqu}$		$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jk} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$	
$\mathcal{O}_{quqa}^{(8)}$	$(\bar{q}_p^j T^A u_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k T^A d_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{qqq}$		$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{jn} \varepsilon_{km} [(q_p^{\alpha j})^T C q_r^{\beta k}] [(q_s^{\gamma m})^T C l_t^\kappa]$	
$\mathcal{O}_{legq}^{(1)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k u_t)$	$\mathcal{O}_{duu}$		$\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} [(d_p^\alpha)^T C u_r^\beta] [(u_s^\gamma)^T C e_t]$	
$\mathcal{O}_{legq}^{(3)}$	$(\bar{l}_p^j \sigma_{\mu\nu} e_r) \varepsilon_{jk} (\bar{q}_s^k \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_t)$				

# Dimension-6 Constraints with Flavour-Universal $SU(3)^5$ Symmetry

- Individual operator coefficients
- Marginalised over all other operator coefficients

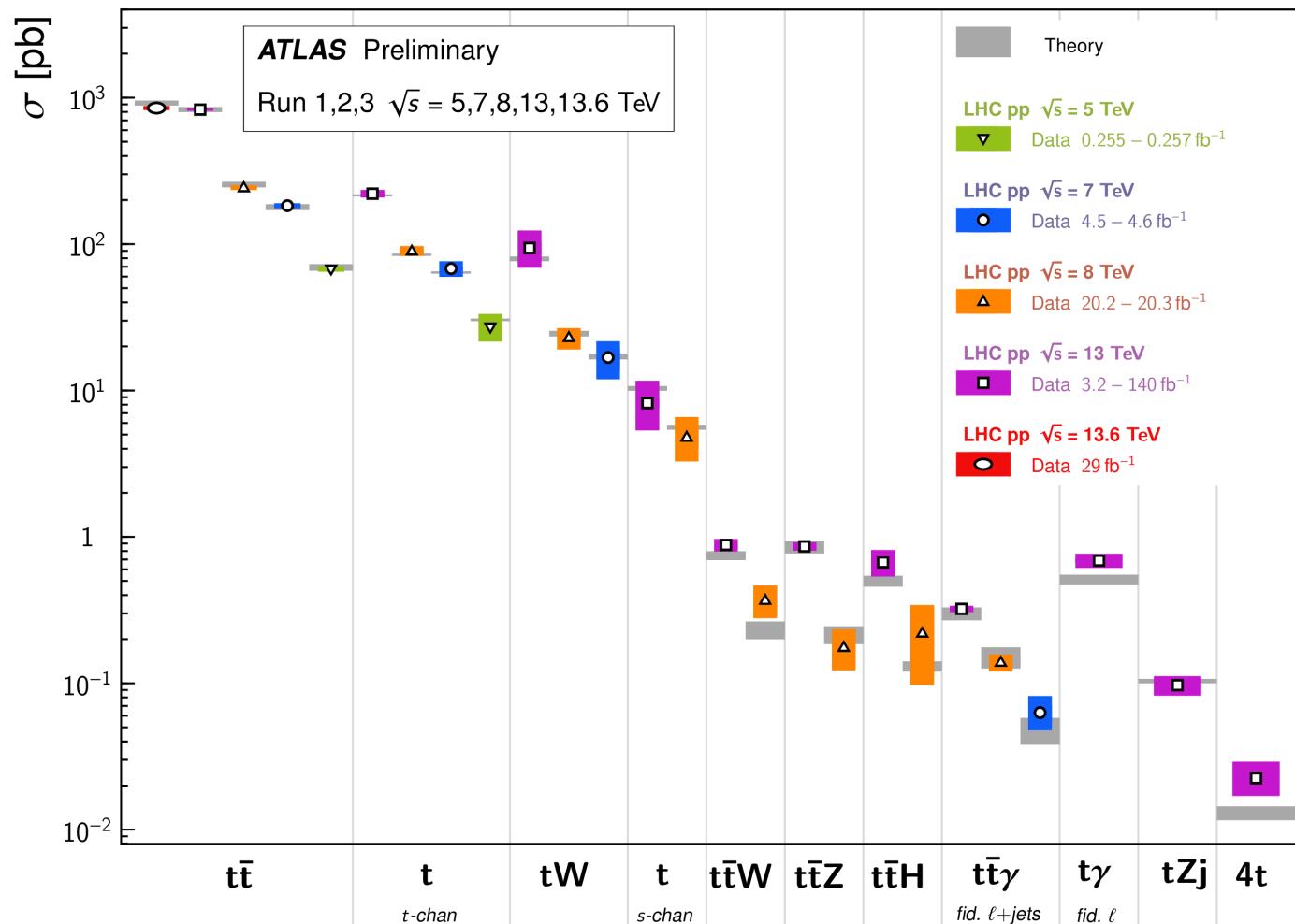
No significant deviations from SM



# Top Production at the LHC

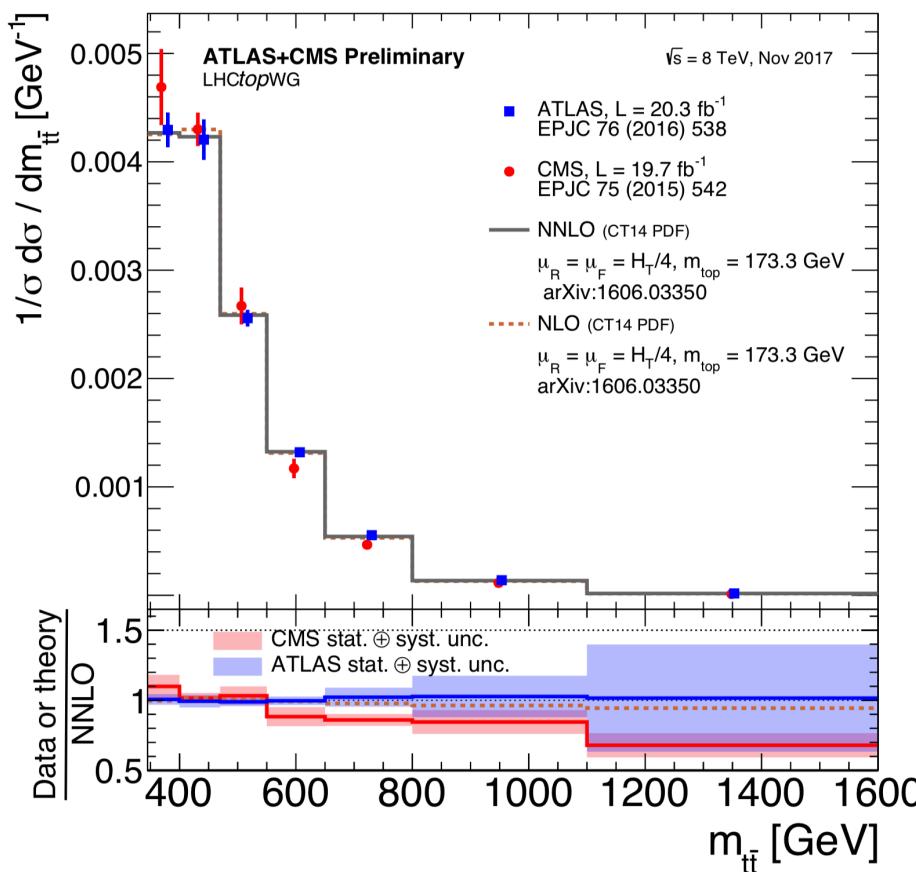
Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

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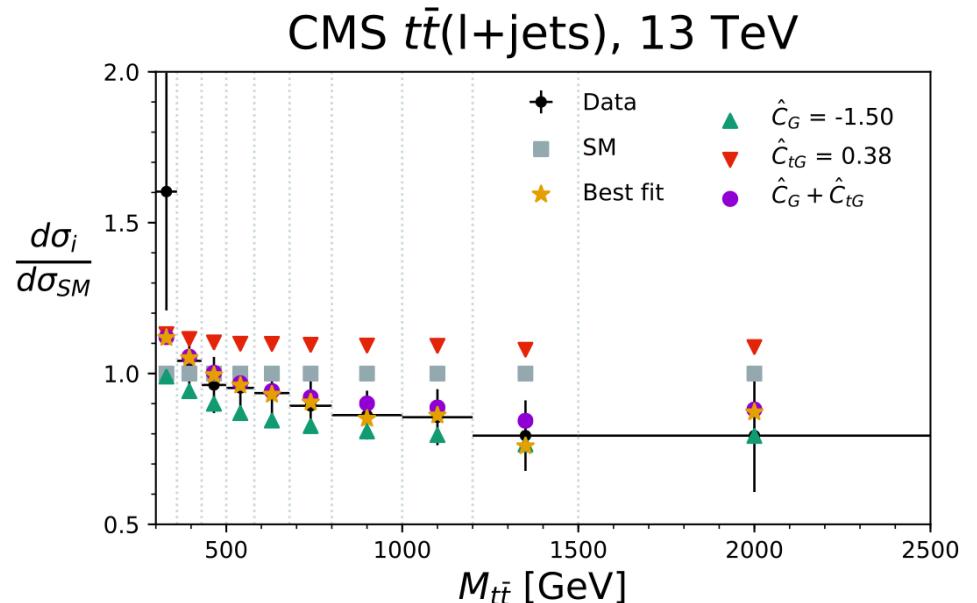


- Many different final states: most measurements agree with NNLO+NNLL theory

# $t\bar{t}$ Cross Section as Function of $M_{t\bar{t}}$



- Good match to theory, except close to threshold?



- Can problem be fixed by BSM?
- No improvement with SMEFT
- Higher-order QCD effects?

# Spin Correlations

- Correlation between two polarised quantum-mechanical subsystems

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} (\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathcal{B}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathcal{B}_2 \cdot \mathbf{1} + \mathcal{C} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \otimes \boldsymbol{\sigma})$$

- Correlation matrix:  $\mathcal{C} = \{C_{ij}\}_{i,j=1,2,3}$
- Net subsystem polarisations:  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{B_{1i}\}_{i=1,2,3}, \quad \mathcal{B}_2 = \{B_{2j}\}_{j=1,2,3}$  ( $= 0$  for  $t, \bar{t}$ )

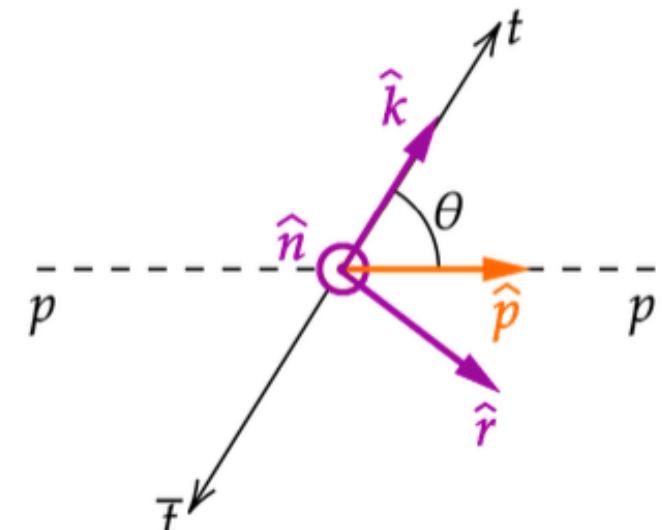
- Spin singlet correlation matrix (pseudoscalar):

$$\mathcal{C}^{(\text{singlet})} = \begin{pmatrix} -\eta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\eta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

- Entanglement marker for spin 0:

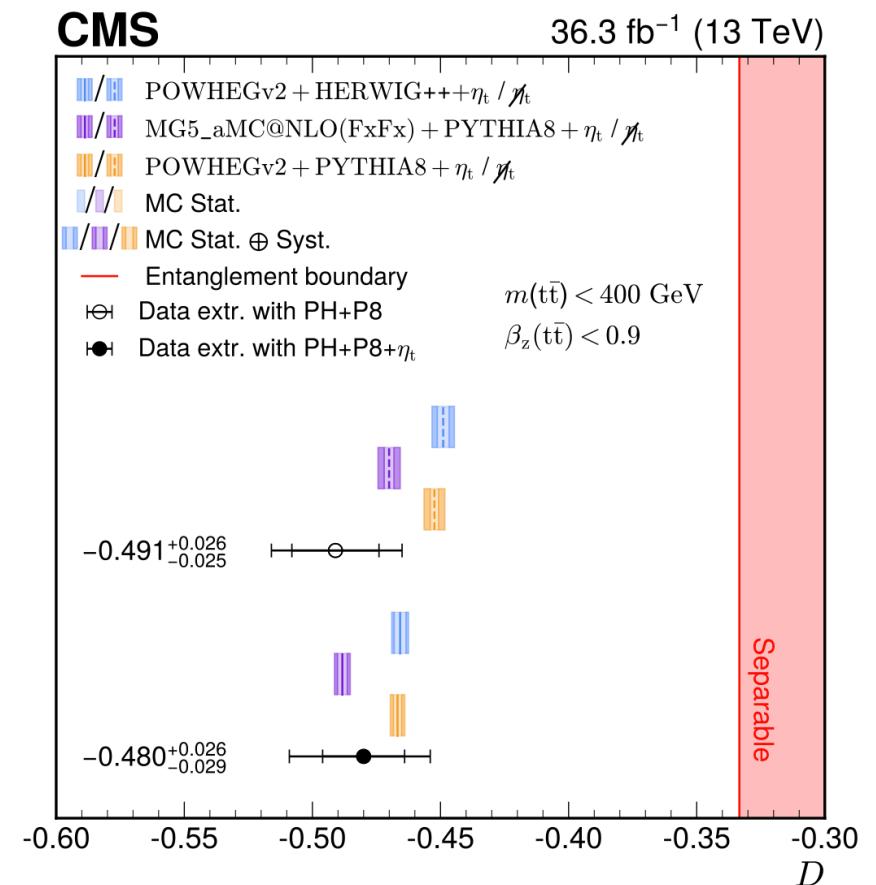
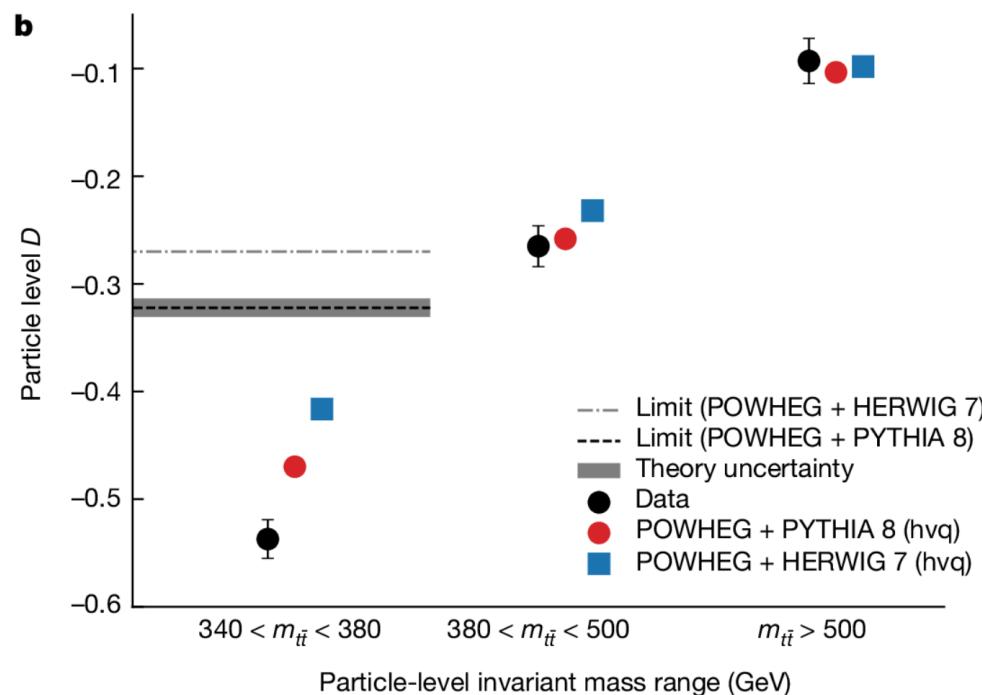
$$-C_{kk} - C_{rr} - C_{nn} \equiv -3D \quad D = -\eta$$

$$\eta > \frac{1}{3} \implies \text{entanglement,}$$



Afik & de Nova, arXiv:2003.02280, 2203.05582;

# Entanglement at $t\bar{t}$ Threshold



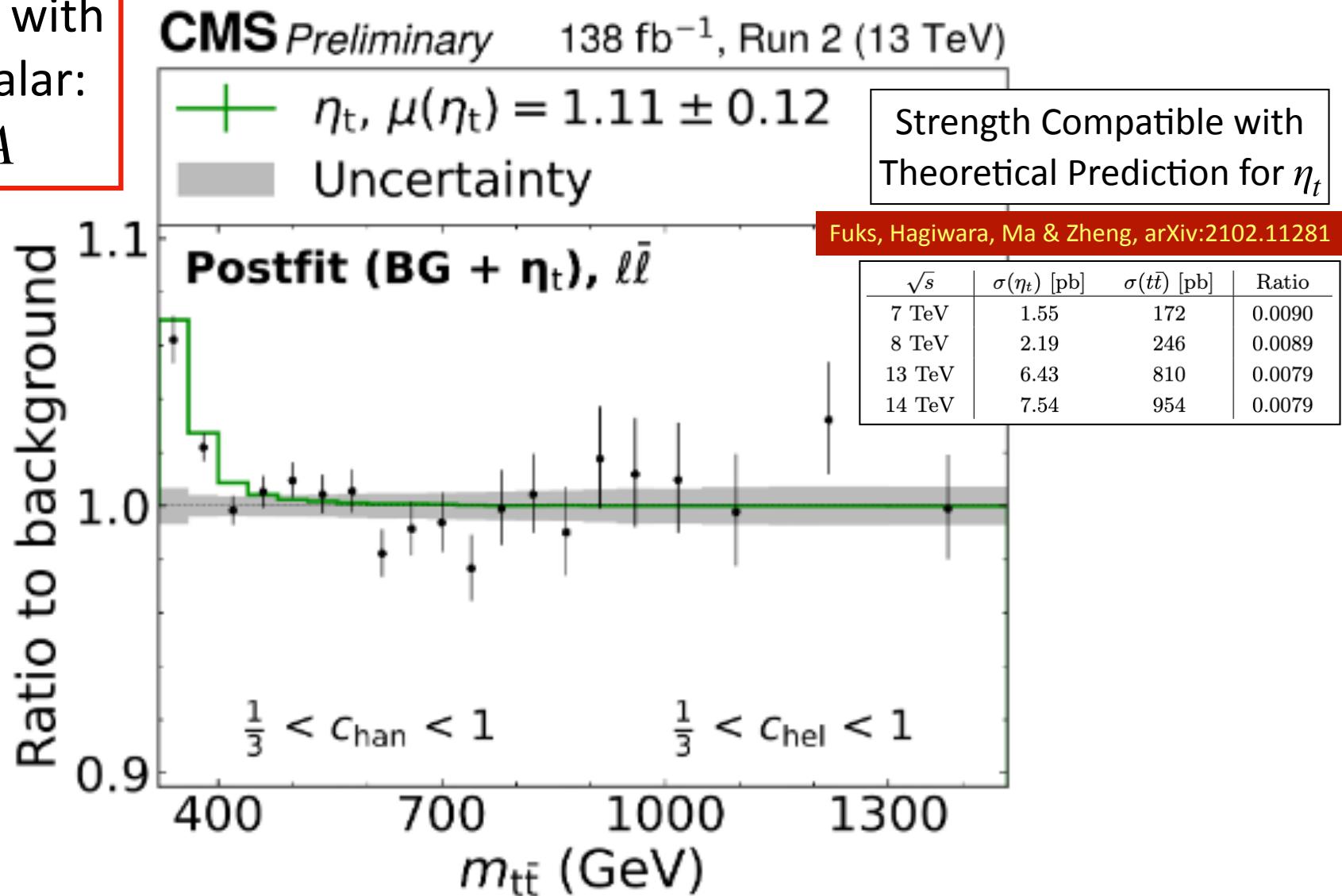
ATLAS Collaboration, Nature 633, 542

CMS Collaboration, arXiv:2406.03976

Significant spread in predictions of QCD Monte Carlo codes

# CMS Signal

Consistent with  
pseudoscalar:  
 $\eta_t$  or  $A$



# Correlations used to Analyze Enhancement

- Entanglement markers

$$c_{\text{hel}} = -(\hat{\ell}^+)_k (\hat{\ell}^-)_k - (\hat{\ell}^+)_r (\hat{\ell}^-)_r - (\hat{\ell}^+)_n (\hat{\ell}^-)_n$$

$$c_{\text{han}} = +(\hat{\ell}^+)_k (\hat{\ell}^-)_k - (\hat{\ell}^+)_r (\hat{\ell}^-)_r - (\hat{\ell}^+)_n (\hat{\ell}^-)_n$$

- Distributions

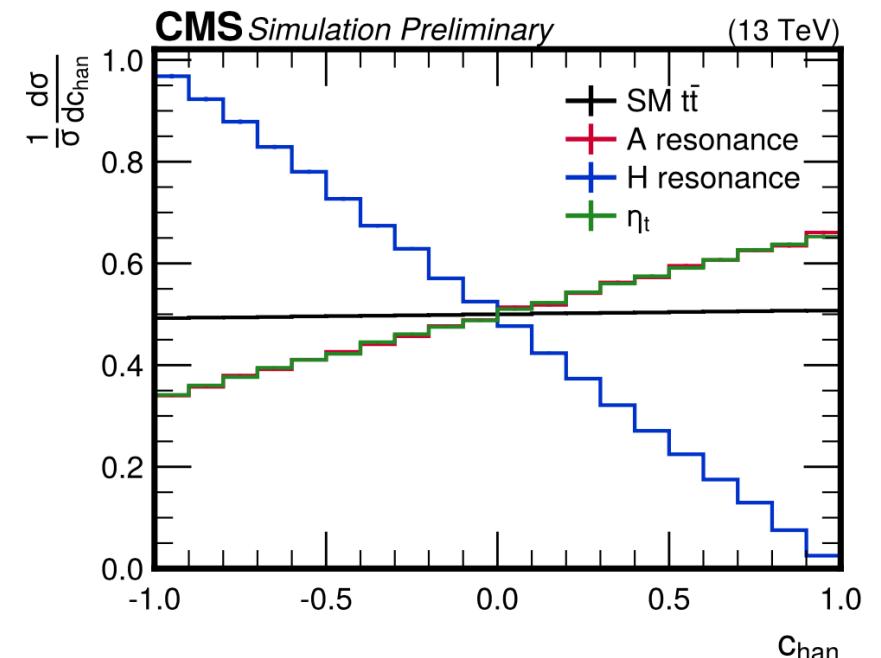
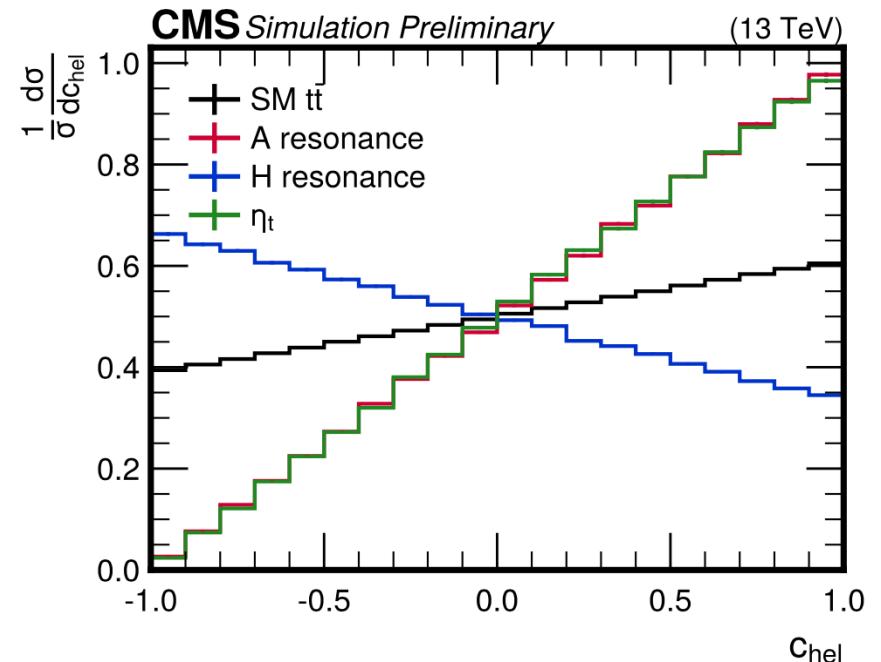
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dc_{\text{hel}}} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - D c_{\text{hel}})$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dc_{\text{han}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + D^{(k)} c_{\text{han}} \right)$$

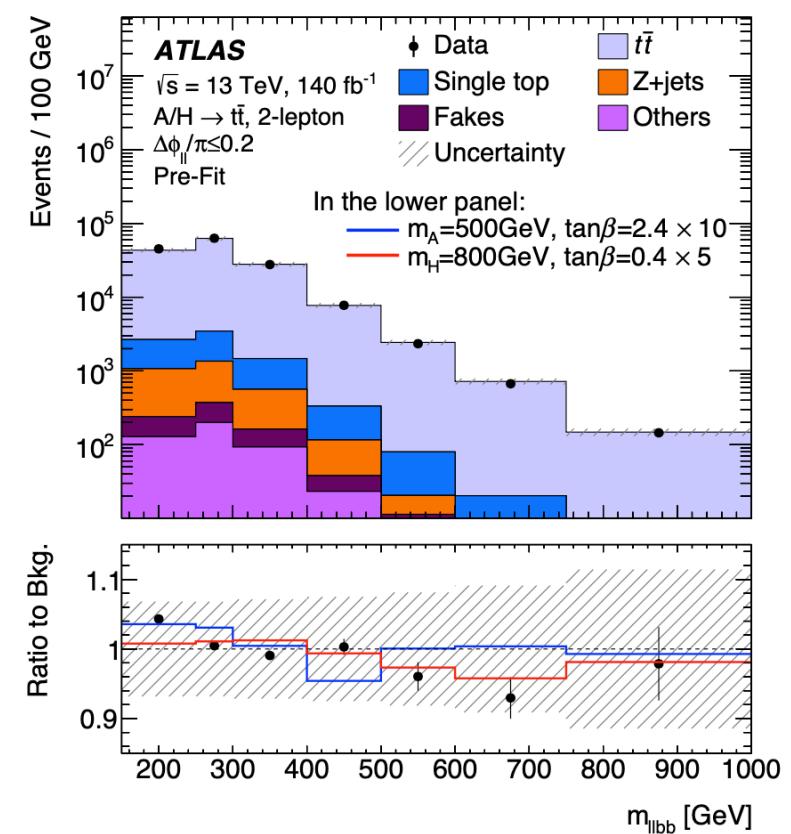
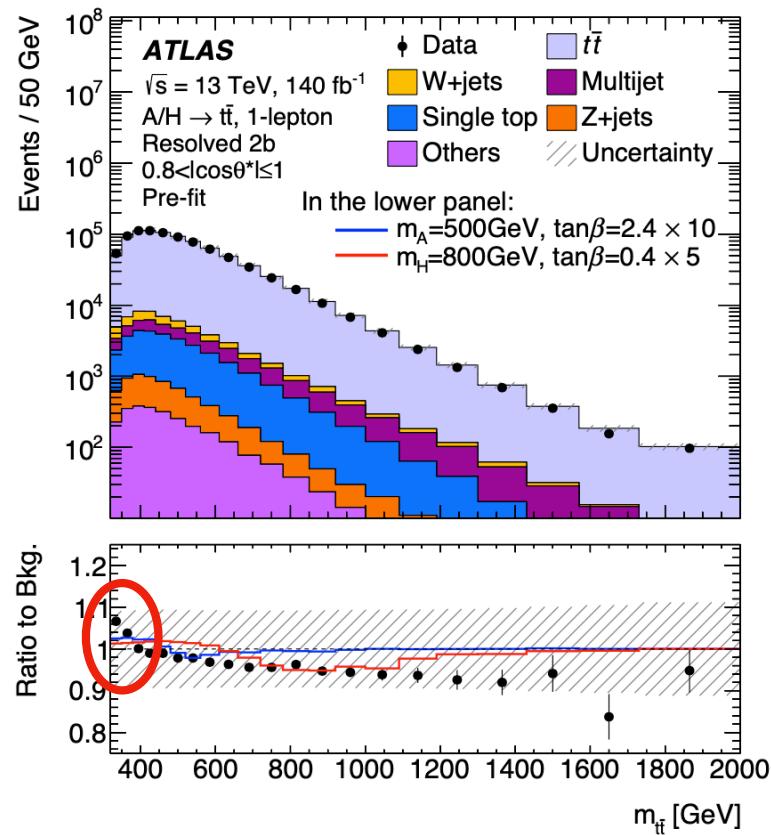
- Where

$$-C_{kk} - C_{rr} - C_{nn} \equiv -3D$$

$$-C_{kk} + C_{rr} + C_{nn} \equiv -3D^{(k)}$$

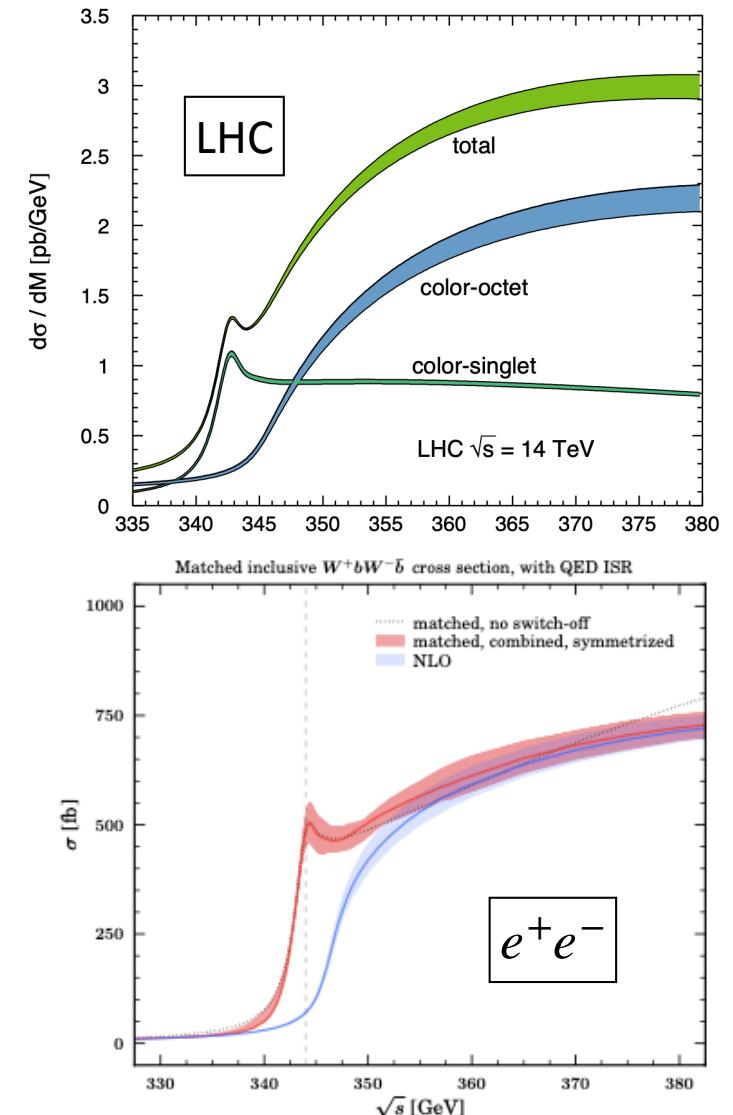


# Signal in ATLAS Data?



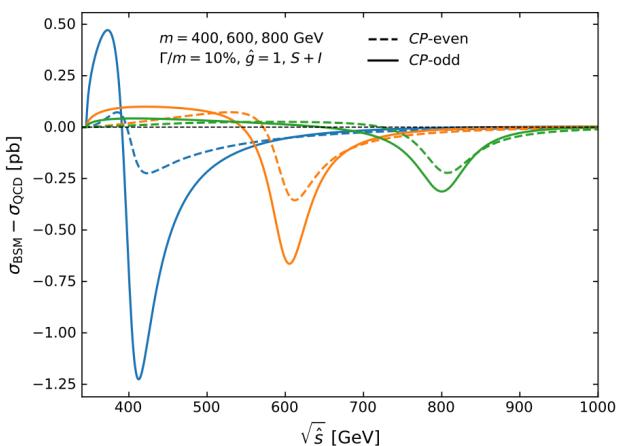
# Has CMS Discovered a Boson with Mass around 340 GeV?

- An elementary boson?
  - Extended Higgs sector, ...
  - or toponium?
  - Predicted to have a mass a few GeV below the  $t\bar{t}$  threshold: 343.5 GeV
  - Production of vector toponium in  $e^+e^-$  collisions studied in detail
  - Relatively few studies for toponium in proton-proton collisions
  - Fascinating QCD problem!

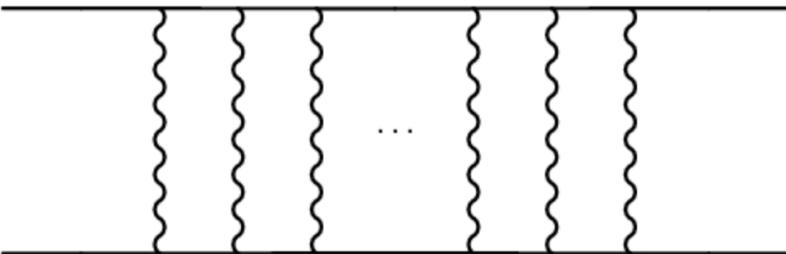


# Additional Higgs or $t\bar{t}$ Bound State?

- Example: 2 Higgs doublet model
- 4 extra physical Higgses: neutral **pseudoscalar**, scalar, charged:  $A, H, H^\pm$
- Expect interference with QCD background (peaks & dips)

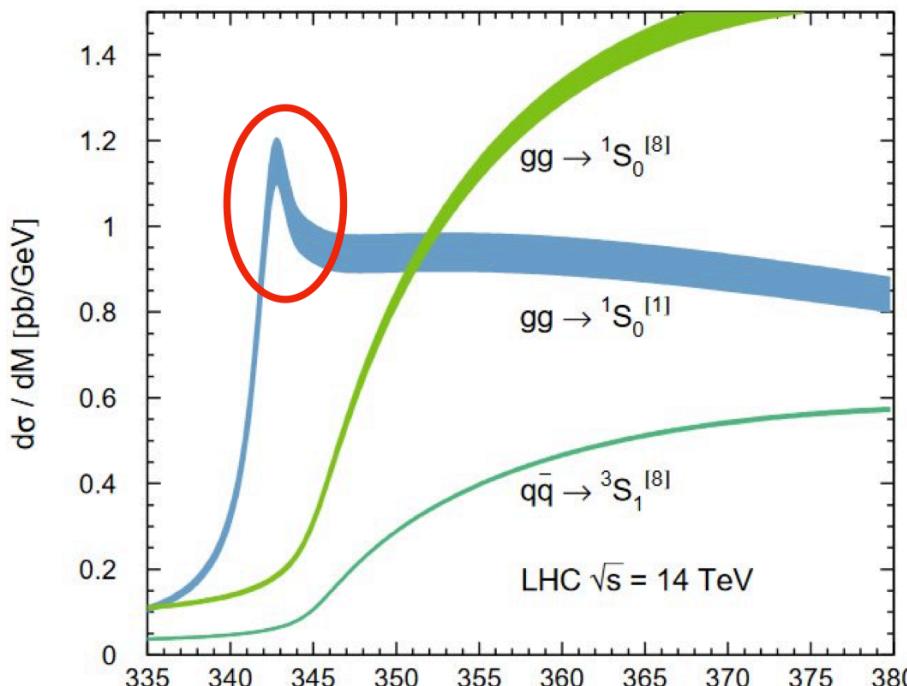


- Prediction of QCD
- Sommerfeld enhancement: summation of  $(\alpha_s/v)^n$

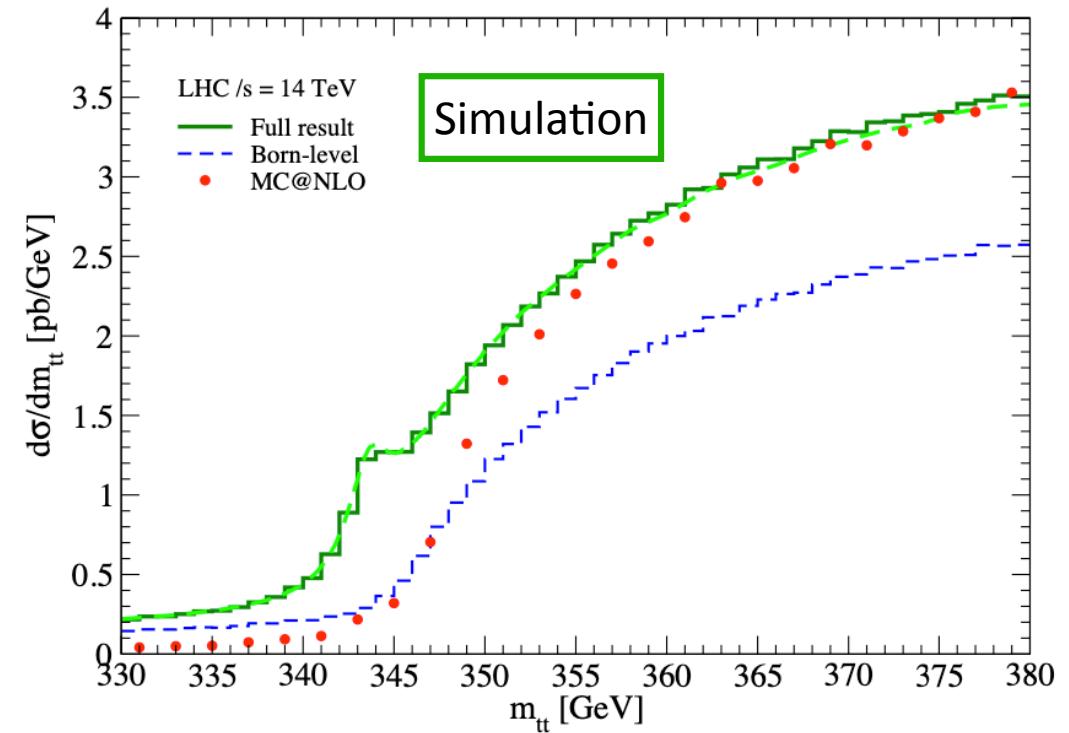


- Lowest-lying  $t\bar{t}$  states in s-wave:  $^1S_0, ^3S_1$  (pseudoscalar, vector)
- Production of scalar  $^3P_0$  suppressed
  - No wavefunction at origin
  - Forbidden in  $gg$  collisions (Landau-Yang)

# $\eta_t$ Enhancement below Threshold



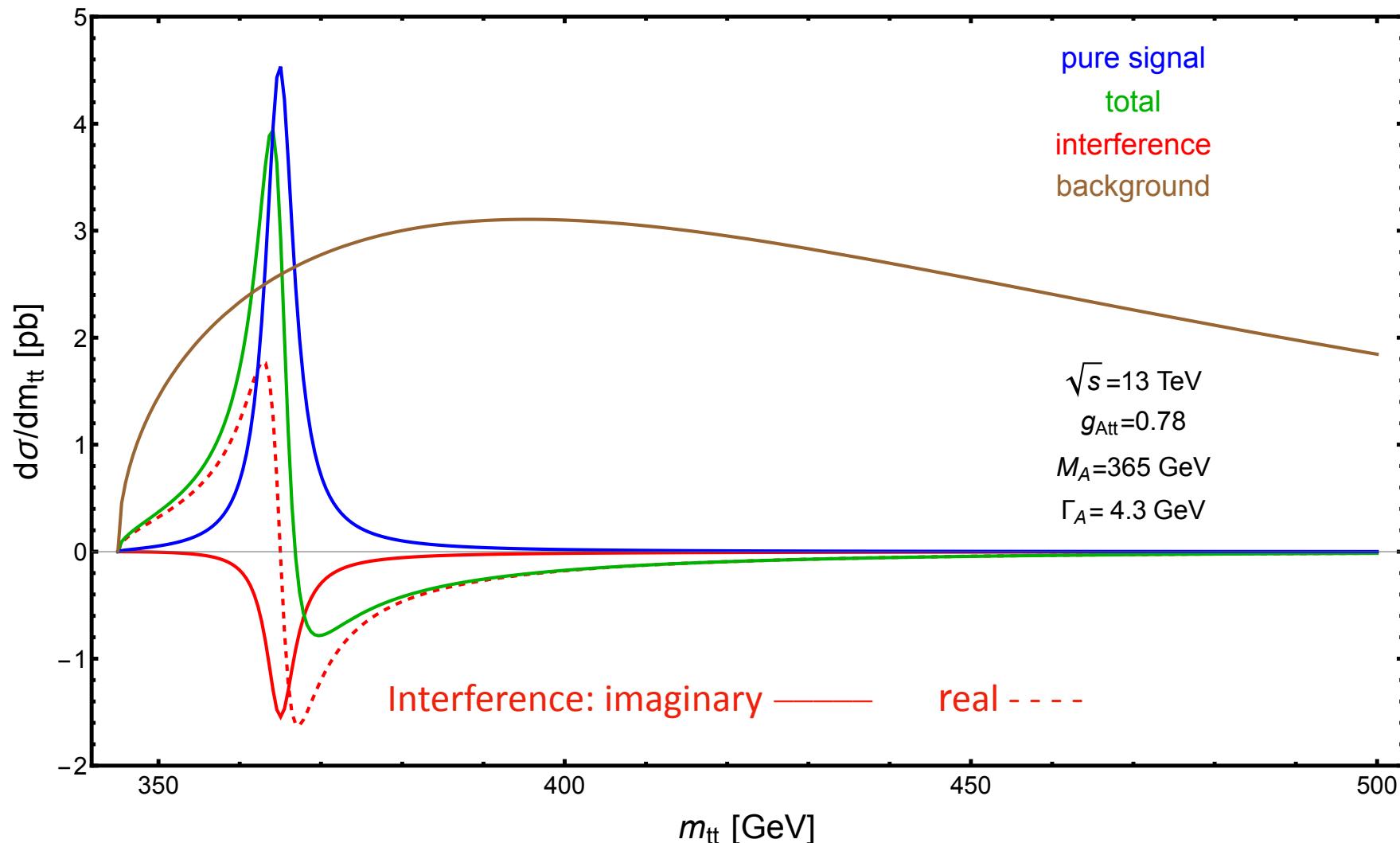
Kiyo, Kühn, Moch, Steinhauser & Uwer,  
arXiv:0812.0919 [hep-ph]



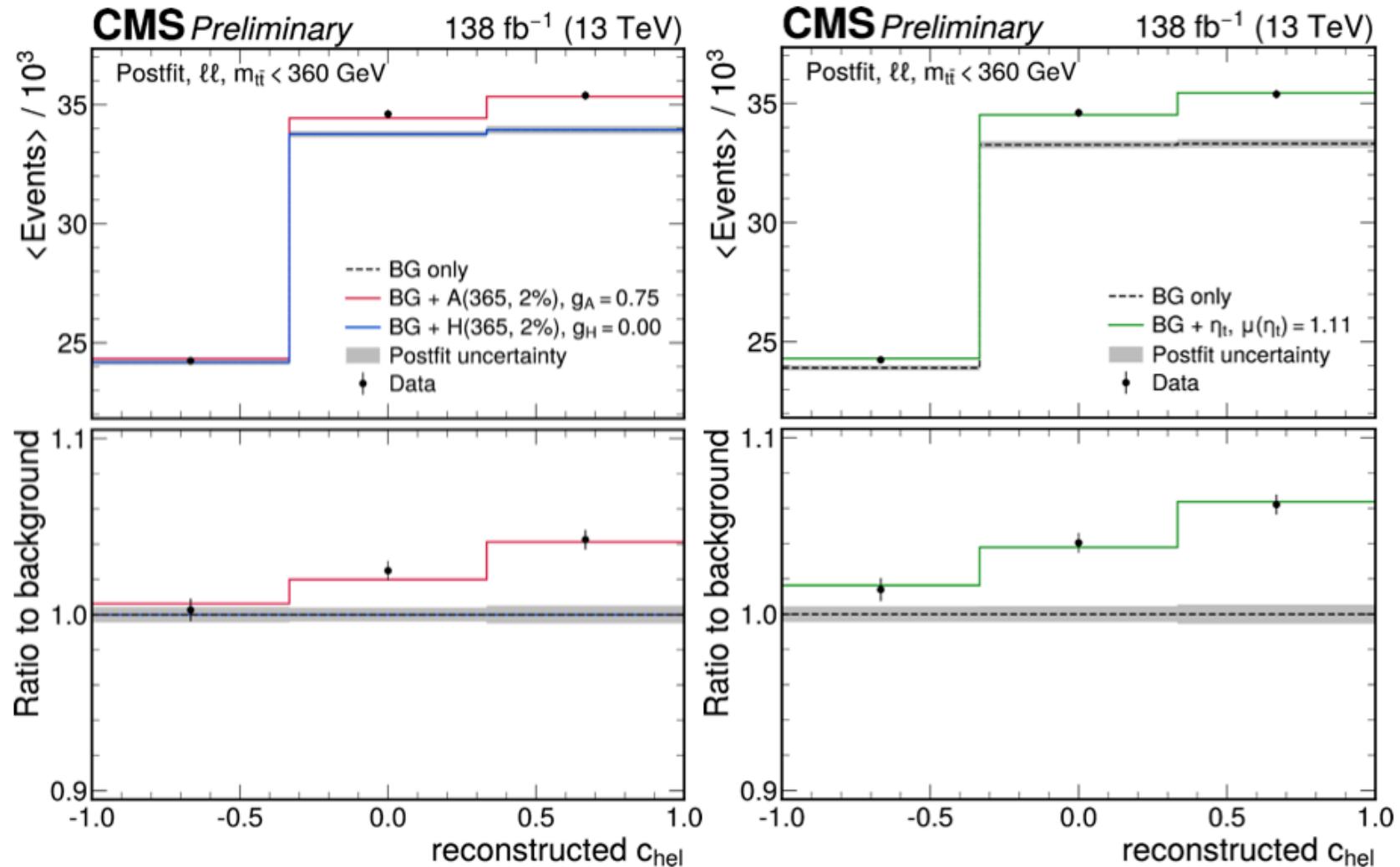
Sumino & Yokoya, arXiv:1007.0075

- Colour-singlet,  $\eta_t$  pole dominant below nominal  $t\bar{t}$  threshold
- Cross-section  $>>$  perturbative QCD calculation of  $d\sigma/dm_{t\bar{t}}$

# A Pseudoscalar Boson?

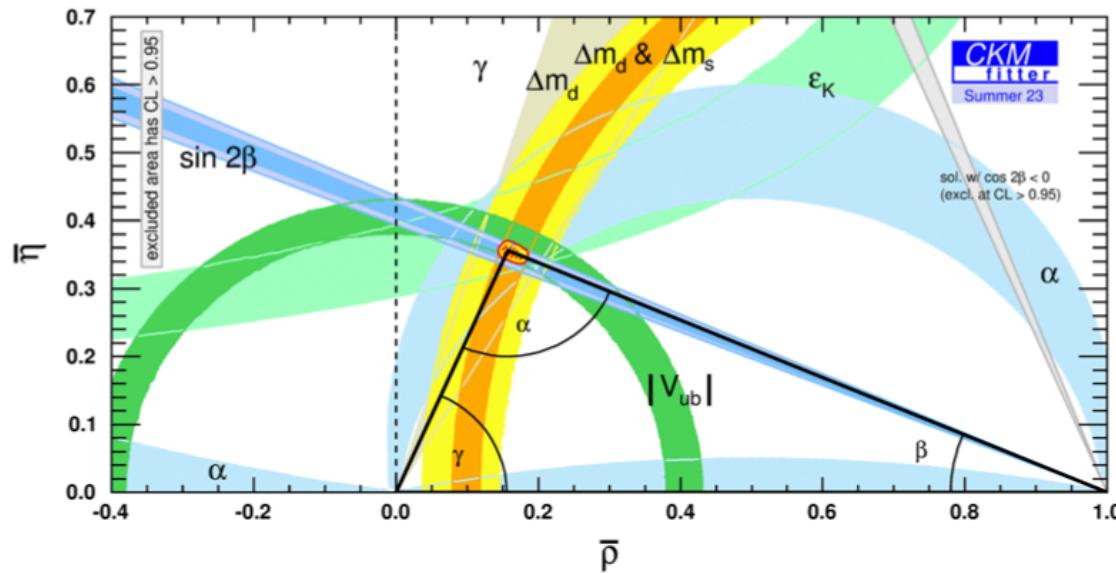


# $A$ and $\eta_t$ both Consistent with Data



# Measurements of CP Violation

World-leading measurements of CKM angles in B decays



$$\sin 2\beta = 0.717 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.008$$

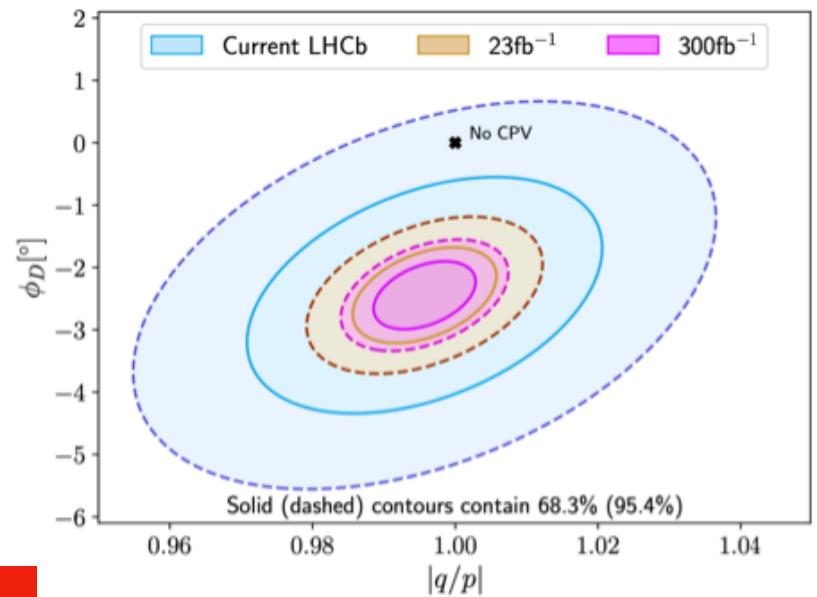
$$\gamma = 63.8^{+3.5}_{-3.7} \text{ degrees}$$

Discovery of CP violation in D decays

$$\Delta A_{CP} \equiv A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- K^+) - A_{CP}(D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+) = (-15.4 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-4}$$

Larger than SM expectation,  
but significant QCD uncertainties

Good prospects for future studies

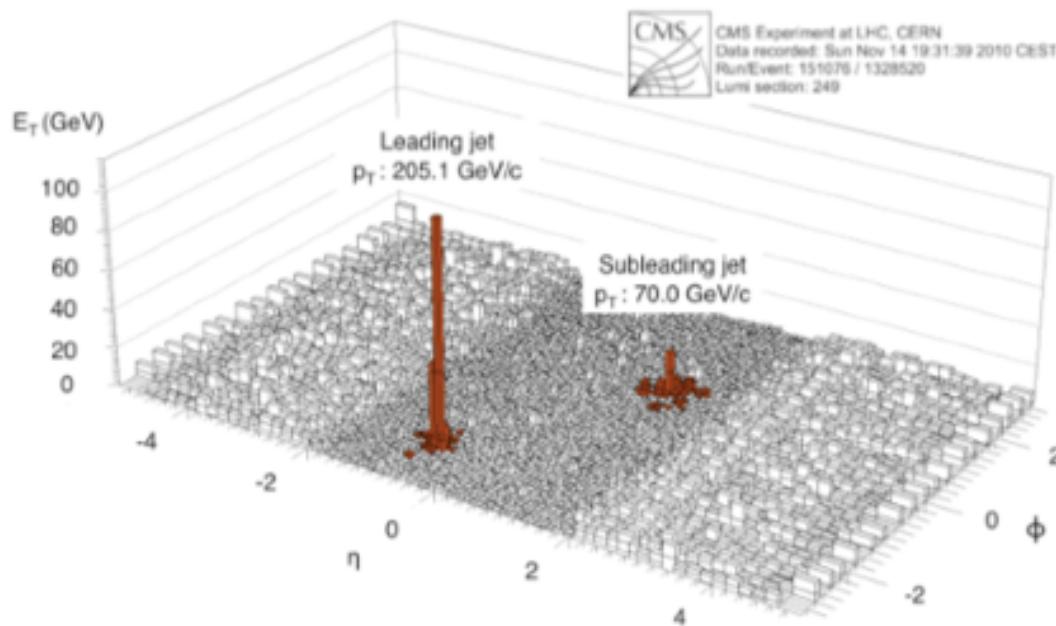


LHCb Collaboration

# Highlights of Heavy-Ion Physics

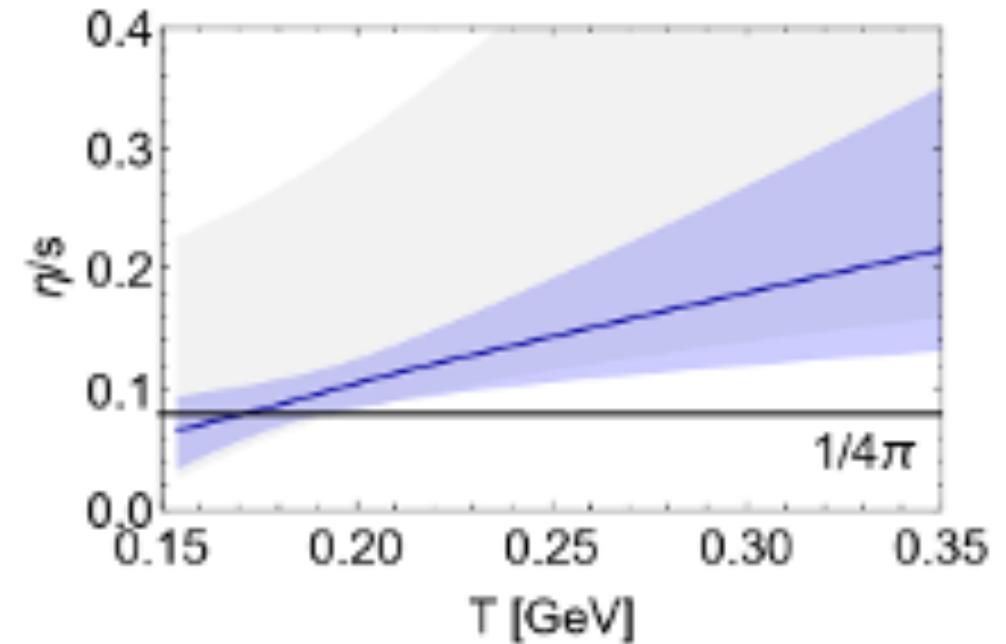
Urs Wiedemann

## Jet quenching



In QCD vacum, jets **hadronise**  
In QCD plasma, jets **thermalise**

## Small (but increasing?) viscosity



QCD plasma is most perfect fluid known  
Higher viscosity at higher temperature?

# Summary



Visible matter

Higgs physics?

Dark Matter?

A new boson?

Unknown  
unknowns?



Standard Model