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# Full vs Simplified Likelihoods in Higgs (Re-)interpretations

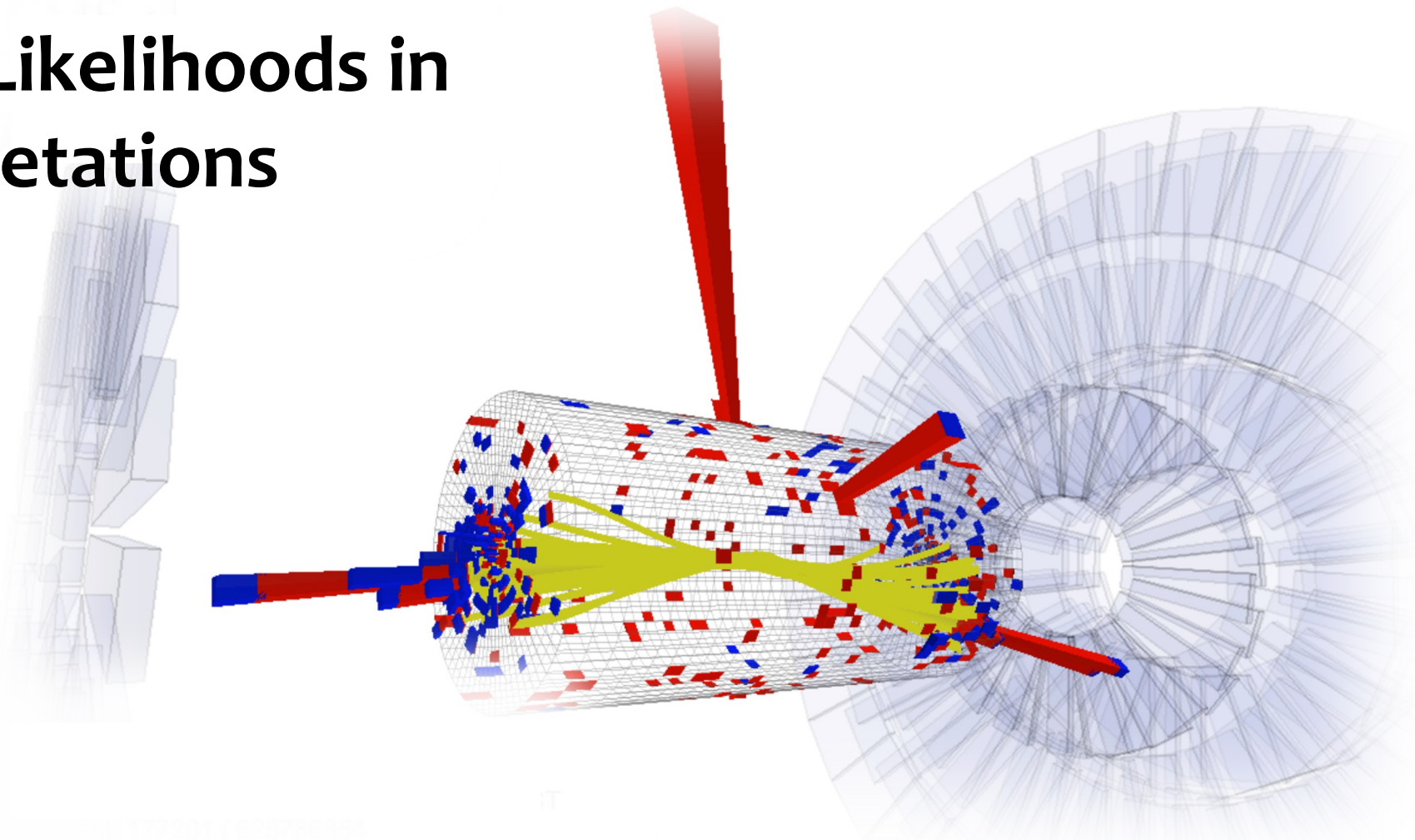
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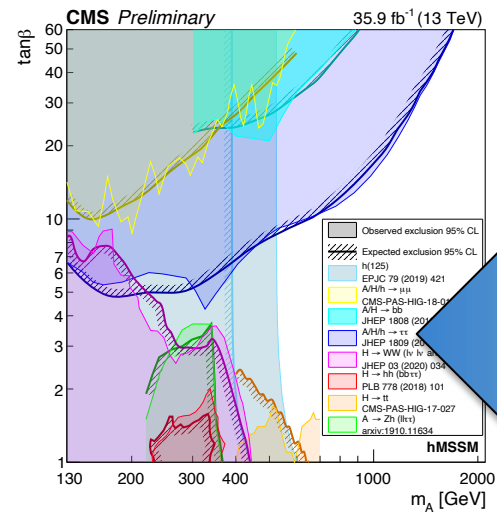


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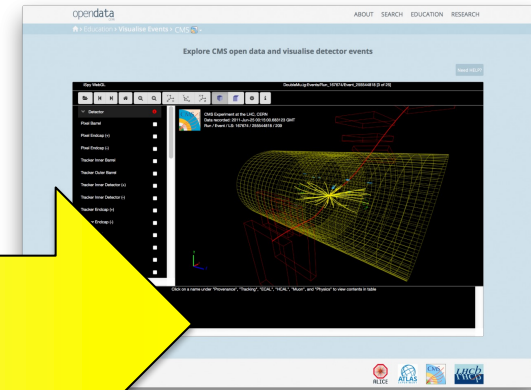
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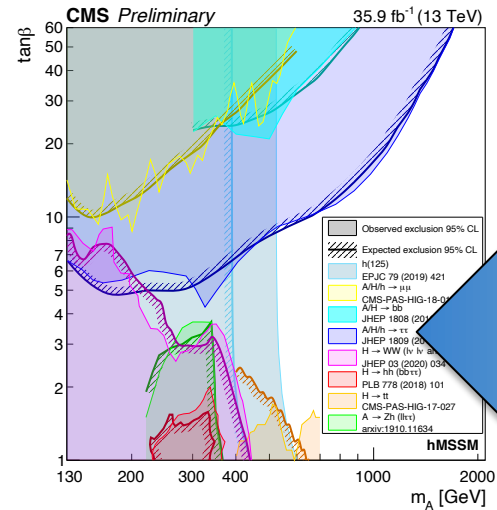
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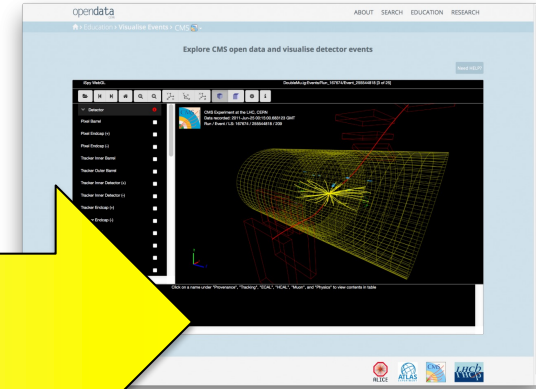
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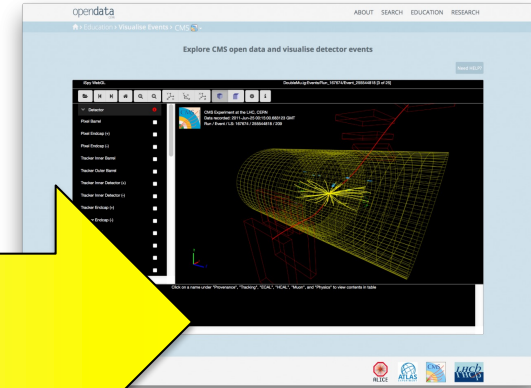
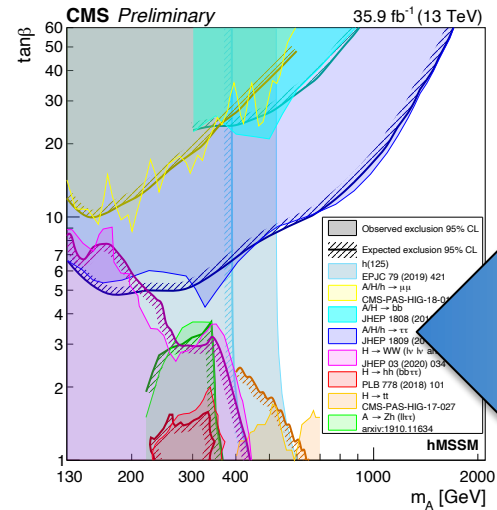
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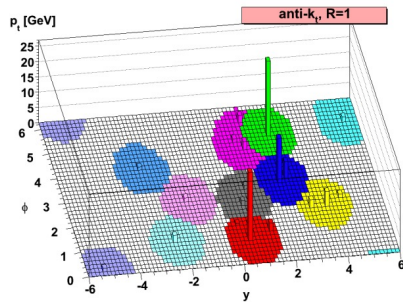
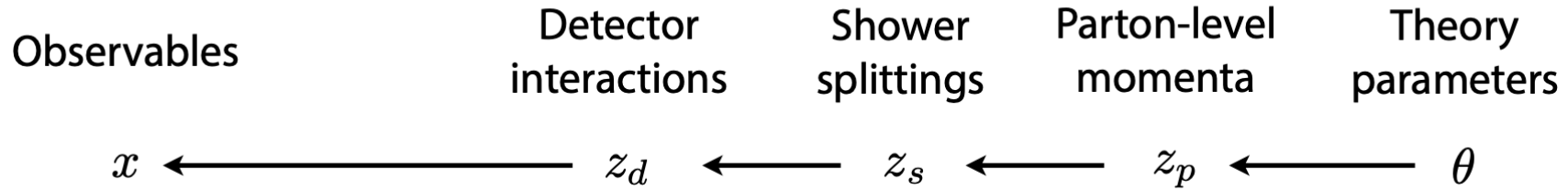
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- [STXS & differential H-measurements](#) (S. Heim)
- [EFT interpretations of H/HH](#) (A. Calandri)

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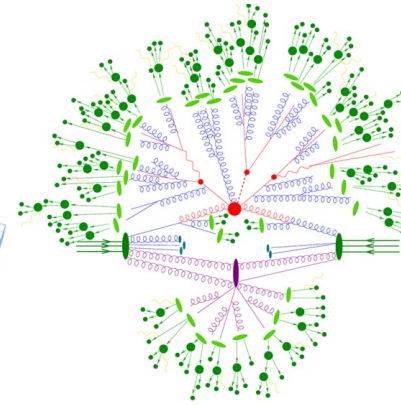
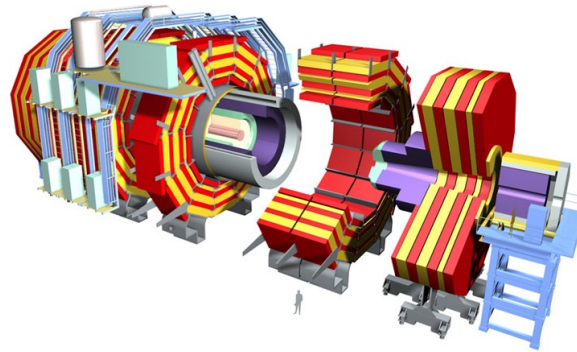
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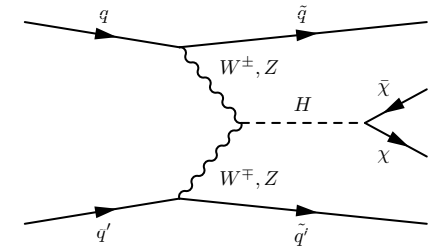
The LHC is a random number generator...



[Source: M. Cacciari, G. Salam, G. Soyez 0802.1189]



[Source: F. Krauss]



$$p(x|\theta) = \int dz_d \int dz_s \int dz_p p(x|z_d) p(z_d|z_s) p(z_s|z_p) p(z_p|\theta)$$

This is THE **full** likelihood if we substitute our observed data for x

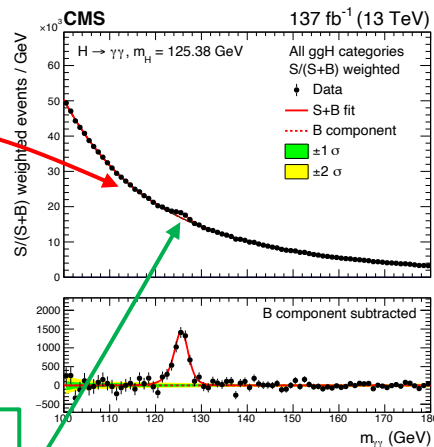
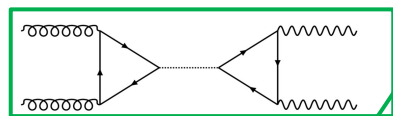
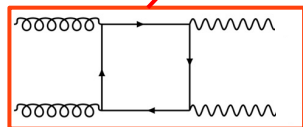
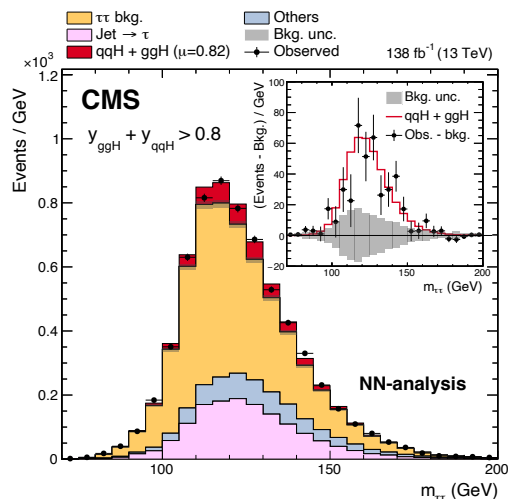
(Example from K. Cranmer)

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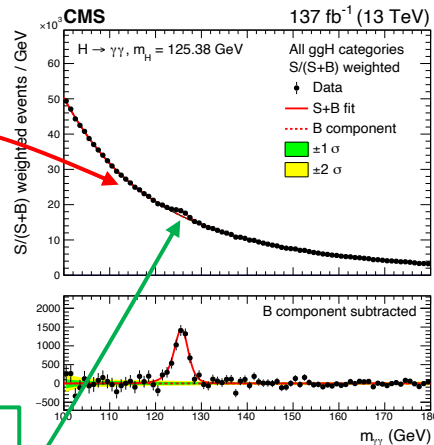
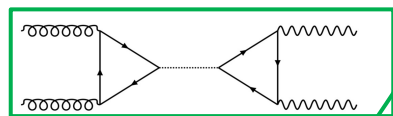
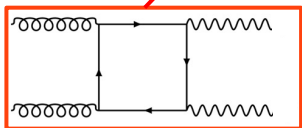
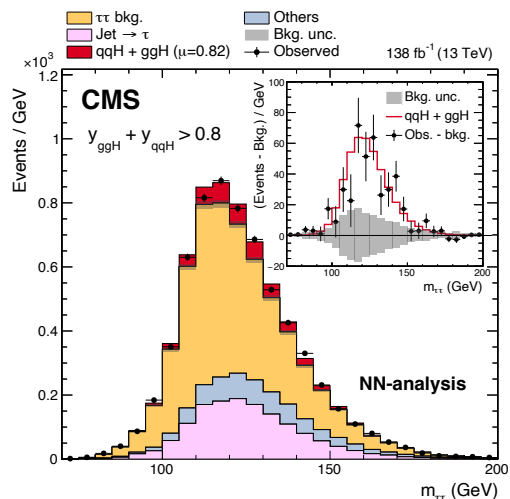
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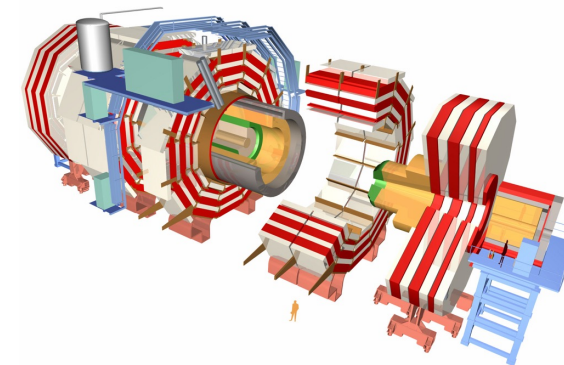
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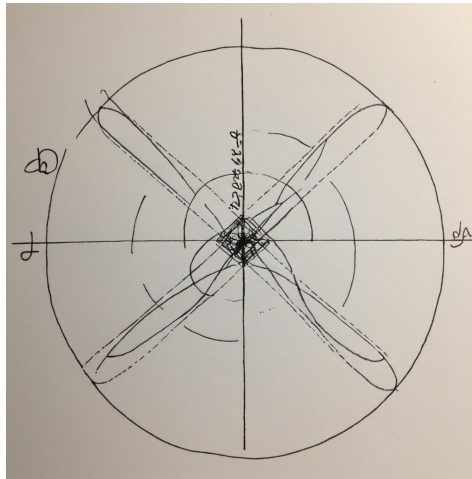


*Parameters of interest* and *nuisance parameters* parameterize physics model and experimental/theoretical systematic uncertainties



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# Experimental Likelihood interpretations



OpenArt's "interpretation of experimental likelihood"





# Profiled Experimental Likelihood

Profiling out the nuisance parameters yields individual measurements of POIs

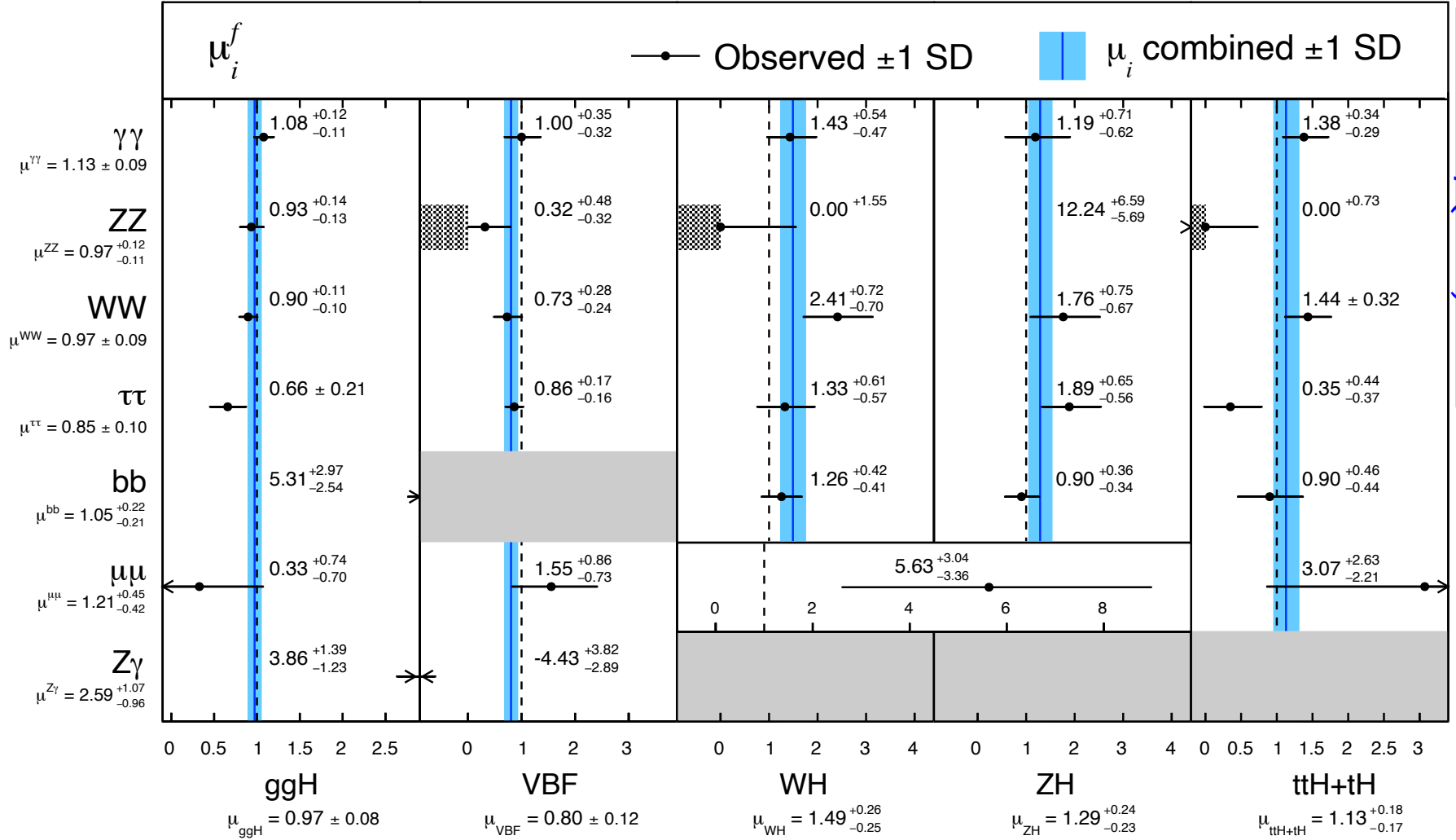
$$L(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\nu}) \rightarrow L(\mu_i, \hat{\mu}_{j \neq i}, \hat{\nu})$$



$$\mu_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{(\sigma_i)_{SM}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu^f = \frac{BR^f}{(BR^f)_{SM}}$$

**CMS**

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



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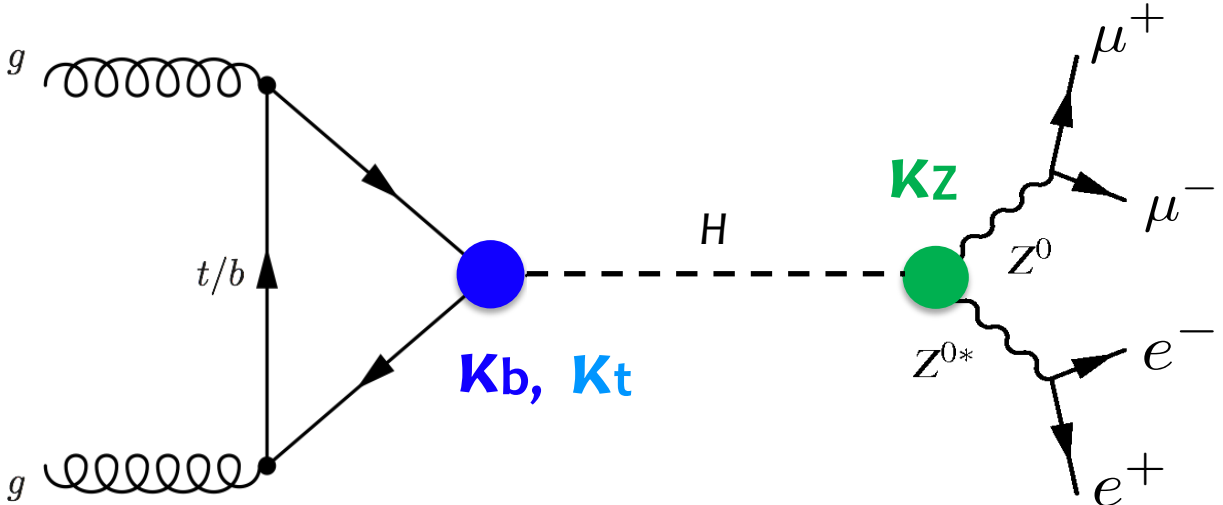
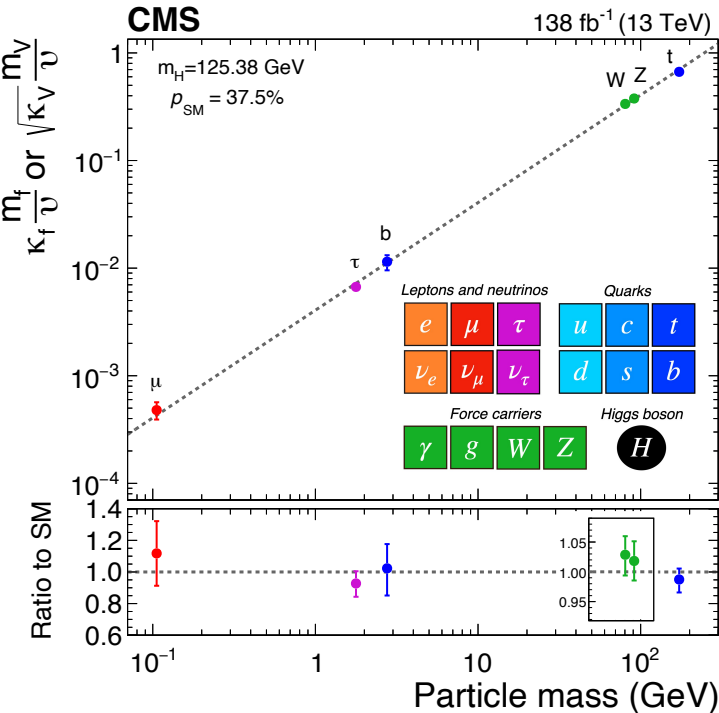
# Interpretations - couplings

Higgs interpretations performed by *re-parameterizing*  $L(\vec{\mu}, \vec{\nu}) \rightarrow L(\vec{\kappa}, \vec{\nu})$

“Signal strengths” parameterized in terms of model parameters

Example :  $\kappa$ appas  $\vec{\mu} \rightarrow \vec{\mu}(\vec{\kappa})$

Standard model defined by  $\vec{\kappa} = 1$



$$\mu_{ggH} \cdot \mu^{ZZ} \sim \frac{(1.06\kappa_t^2 + 0.01\kappa_b^2 - 0.07\kappa_b\kappa_t)\kappa_Z^2}{\kappa_H^2}$$

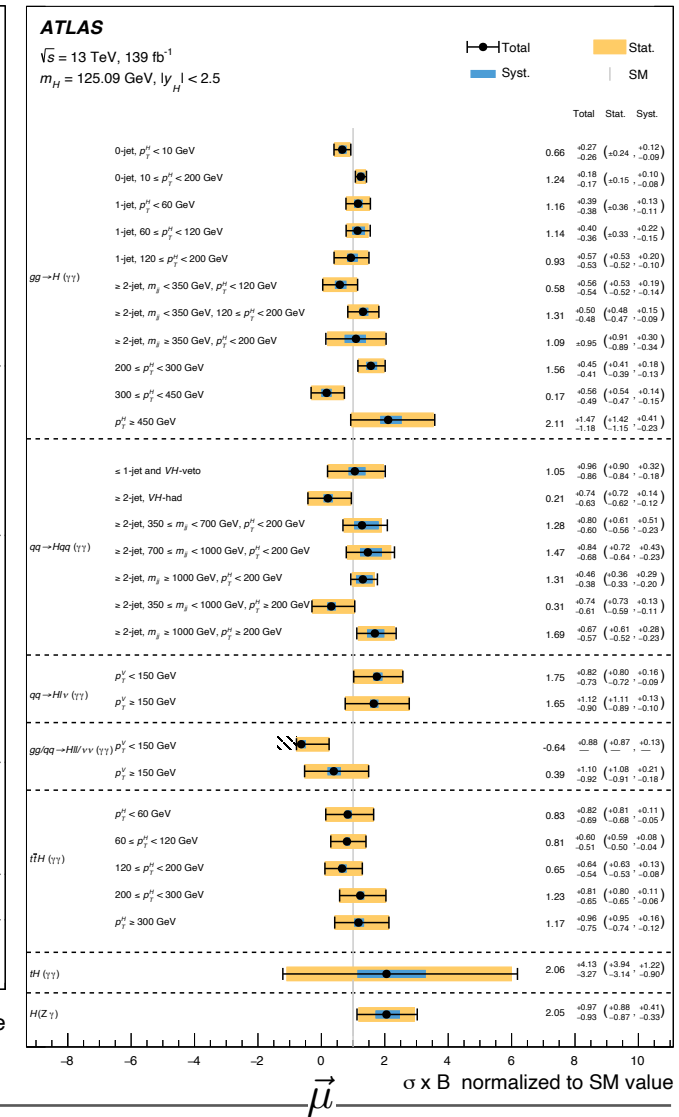
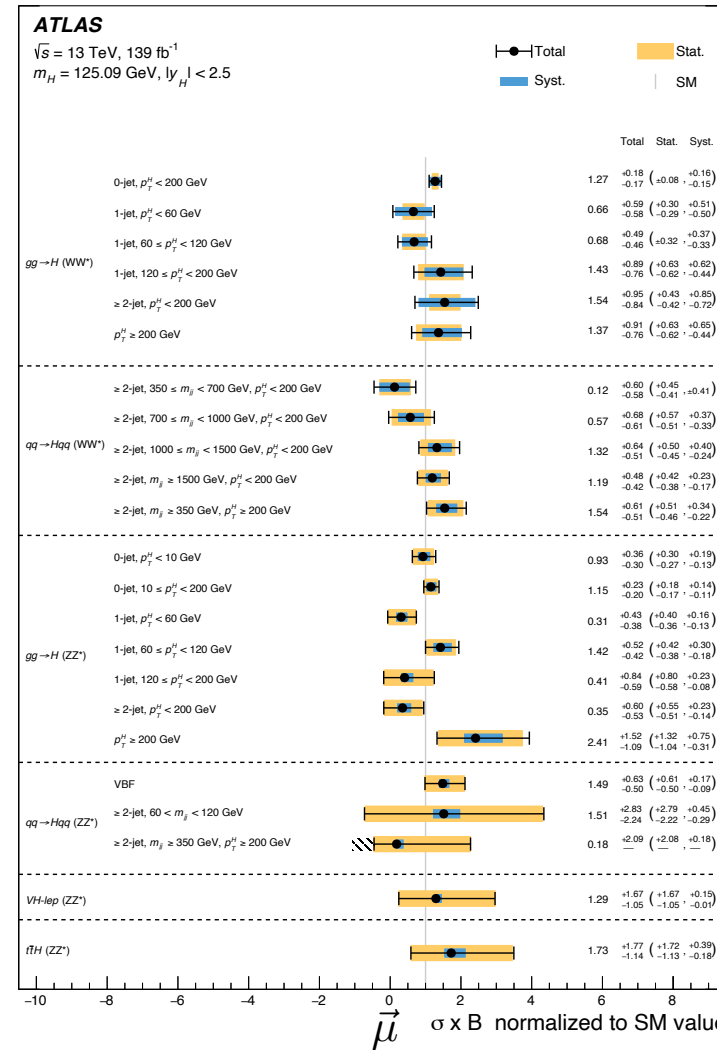
← Re-profile likelihood

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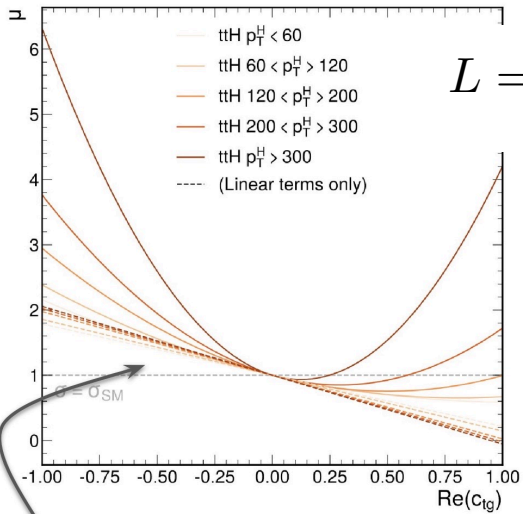


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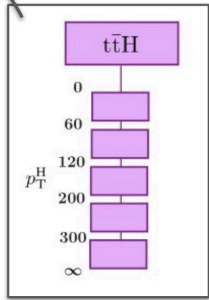


$$L = L_{SM} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_k \mathcal{O}_k + \dots$$

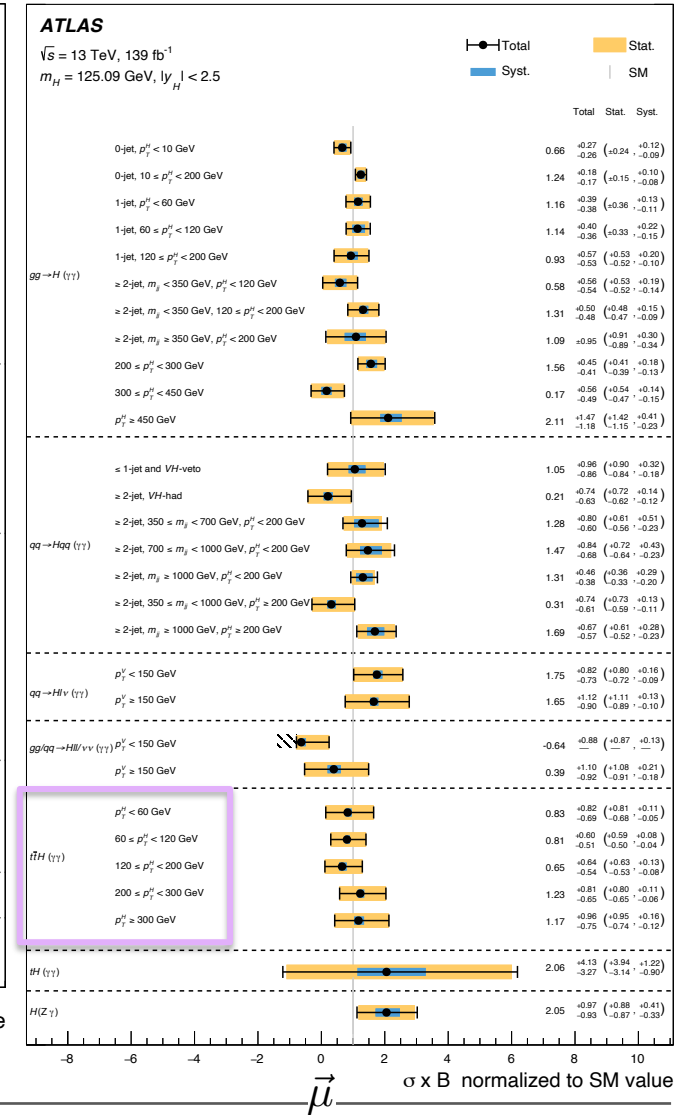
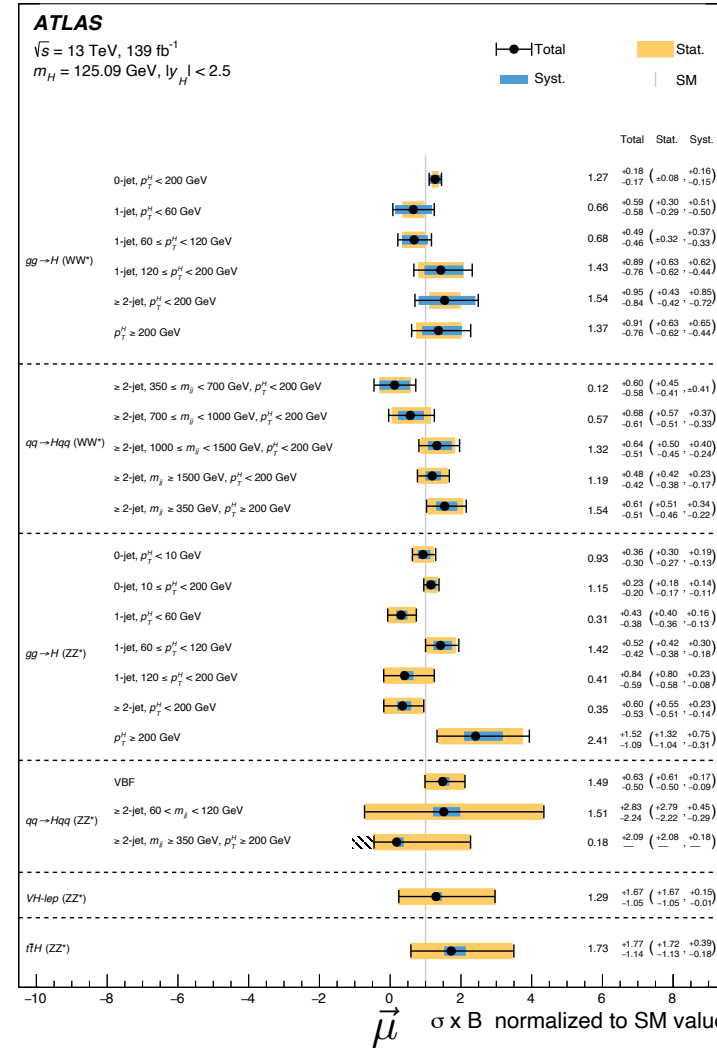
Parameterize BSM effects in terms of Wilson coefficients  $c_i$

$$\vec{\mu} \rightarrow \vec{\mu}(\vec{c})$$

$$\mu = O^{EFT} / O^{SM} = 1 + \sum_j A_j c_j + \sum_{jk} B_{jk} c_j c_k$$

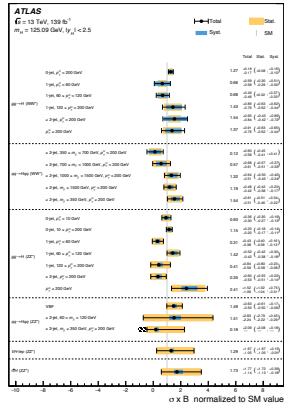


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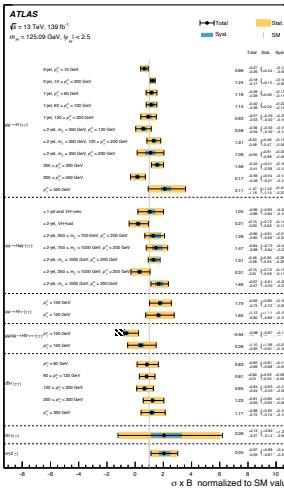
# 2HDM interpretations of STXS measurements

In 2HDM models, SM-like Higgs boson couplings are modified with respect to the SM predictions  $\rightarrow$  rates of Higgs production/decay ( $\vec{\mu}$ ) are modified



$$L(\vec{\mu}) \rightarrow L\left(\vec{\mu}(\vec{\kappa}(\cos(\beta - \alpha), \tan \beta))\right)$$

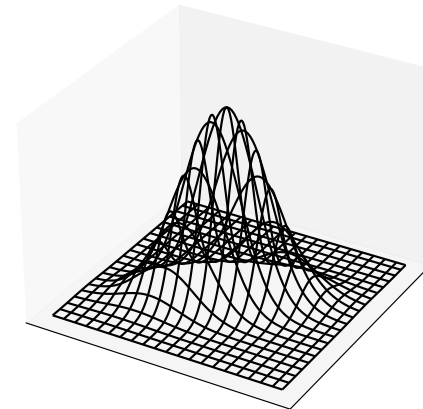
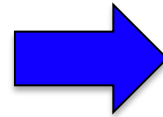
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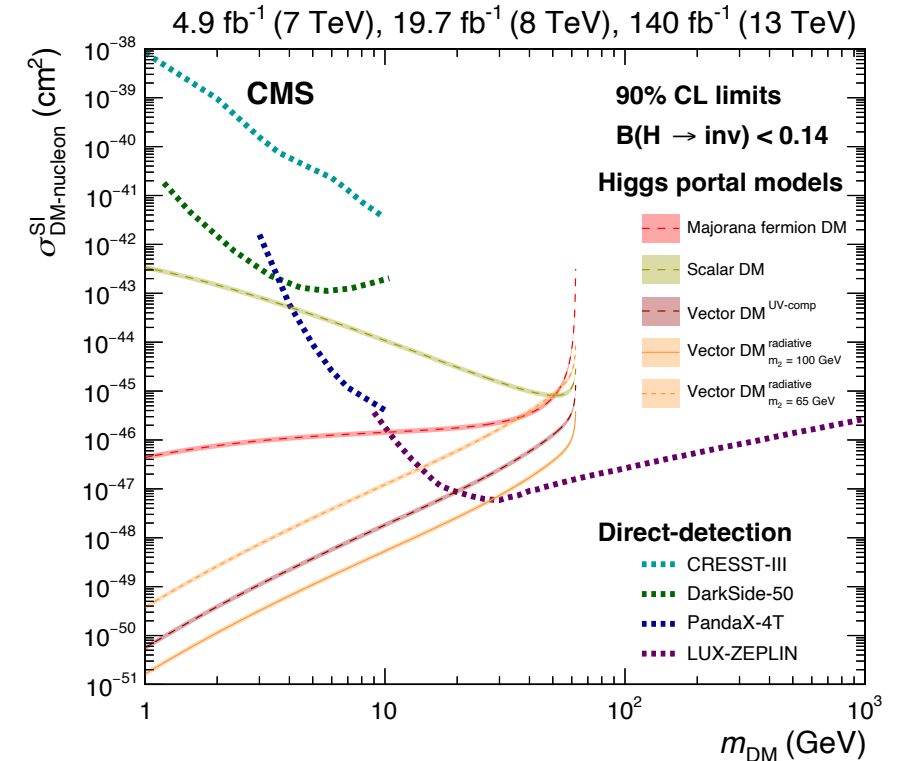
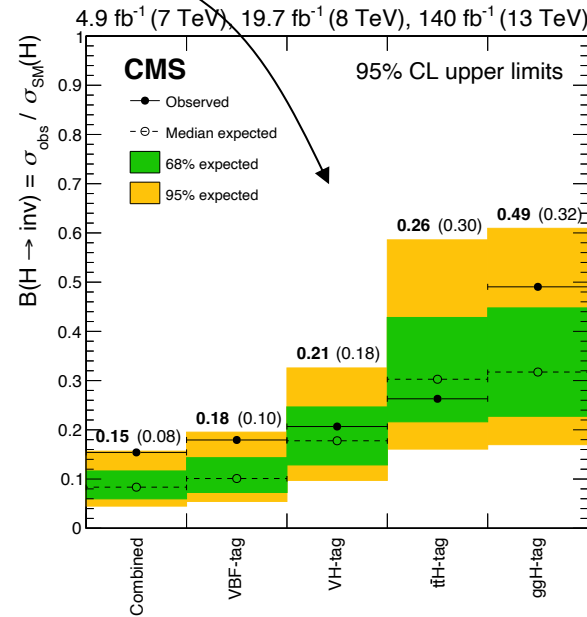
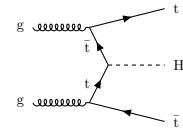
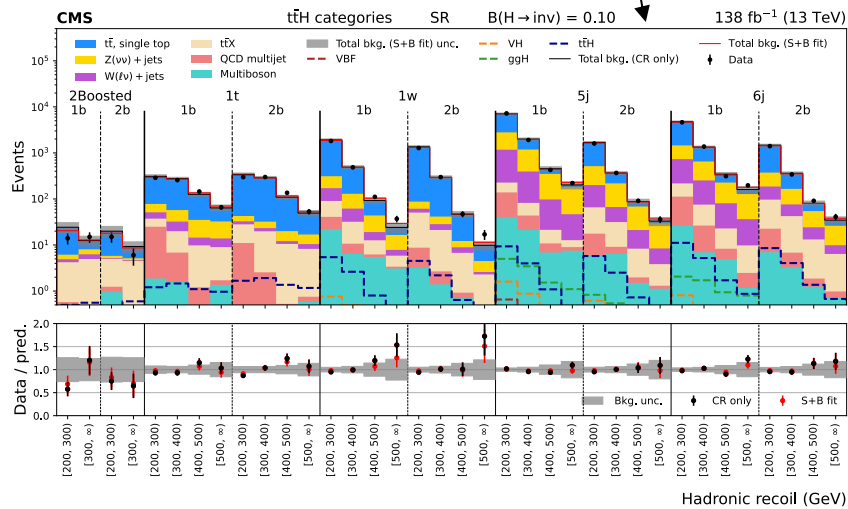
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# Interpretation of $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$

When the result is presented as single number, interpretation is “straightforward\*”

[Eur. Phys. J. C 83 \(2023\) 933](#)



Event counts/expectations



Upper limits on  $B(H \rightarrow \text{inv})$



Interpretations in H-portal models for DM

$$L(B_{H \rightarrow \text{inv}})$$

$$L(B_{H \rightarrow \text{inv}}(\sigma_{\text{DM}}^{\text{SI}}) | m_{\text{DM}})$$

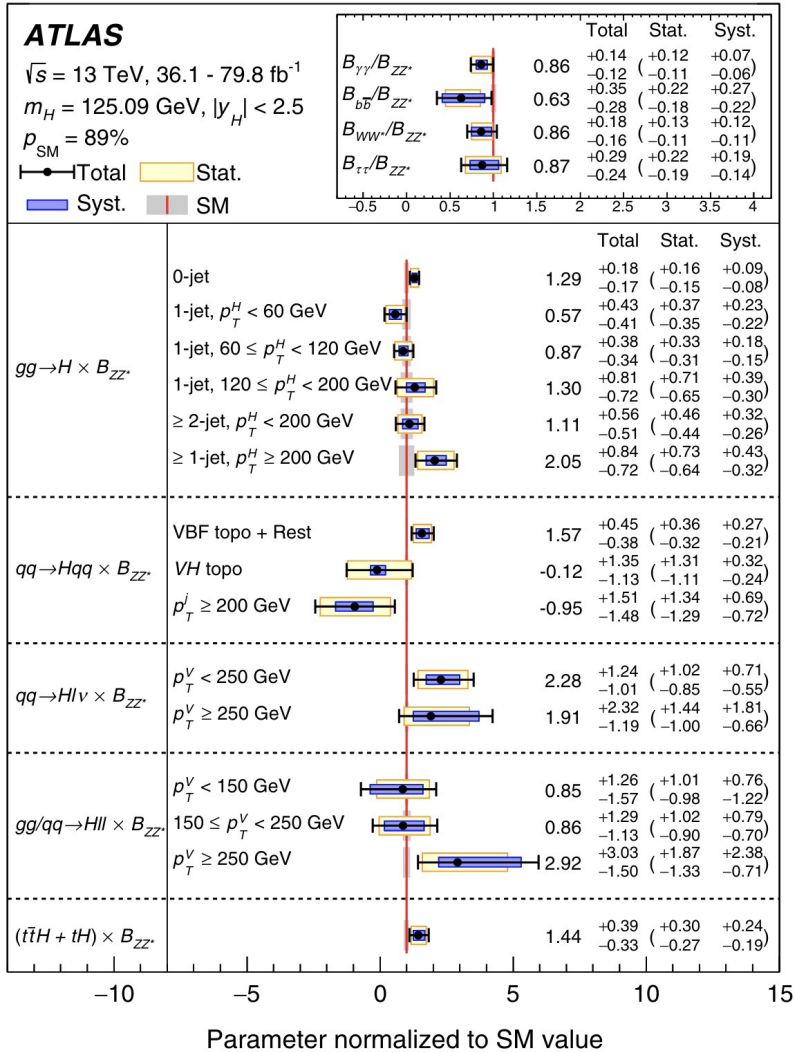
\* Nothing straightforward about the work needed to get there: [PLB 709 \(2012\) 65](#), [HEP 05 \(2013\) 036](#), [EPJC 73 \(2013\) 2455](#)

a nice feature of LH methods



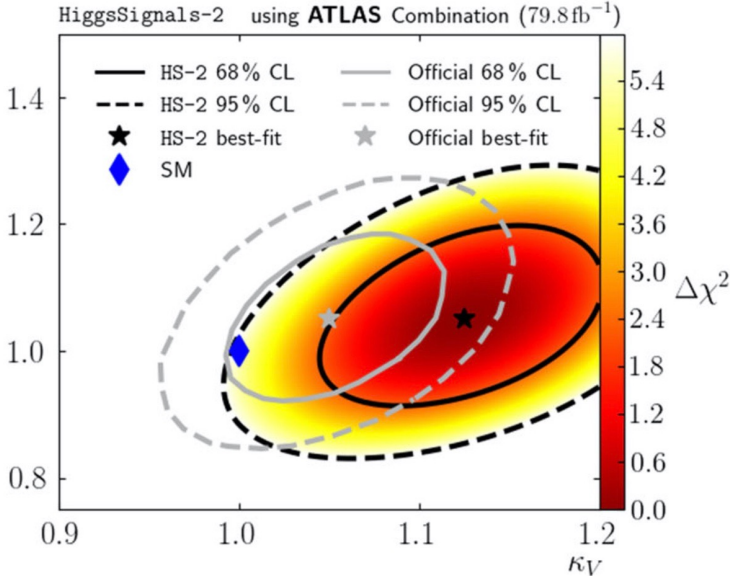
# Gaussian approximations

Simple approximation of likelihood allows for fast/easy interpretation of Higgs boson measurements



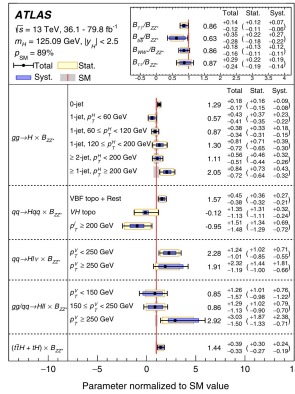
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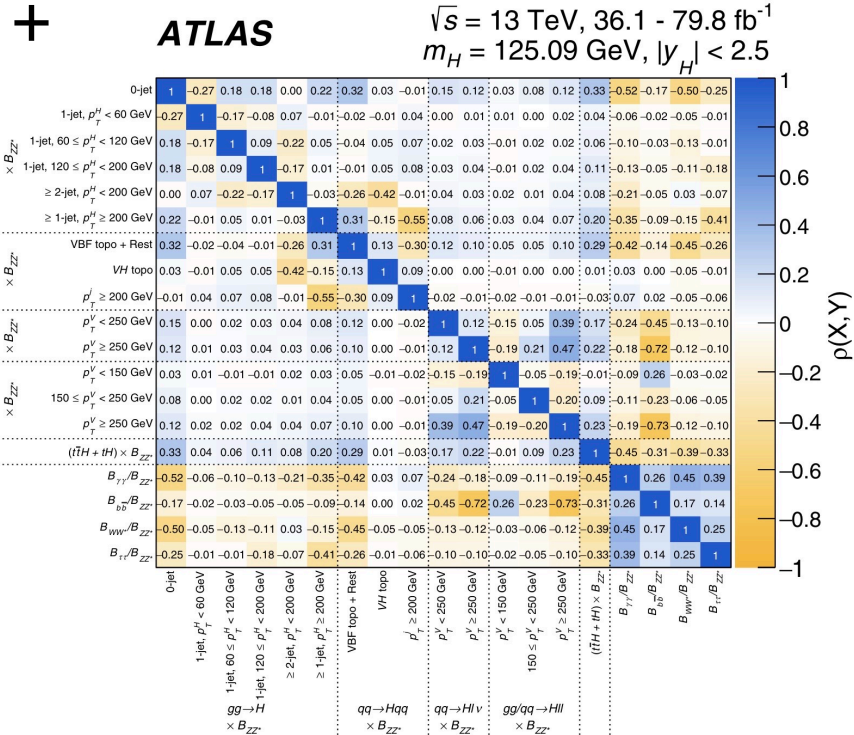
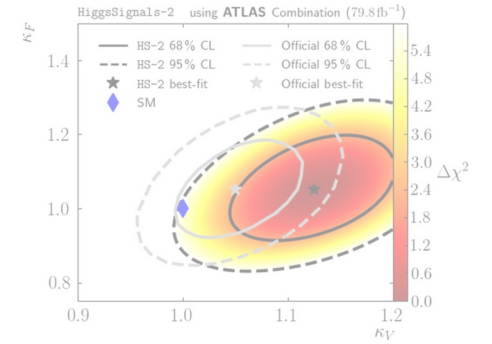
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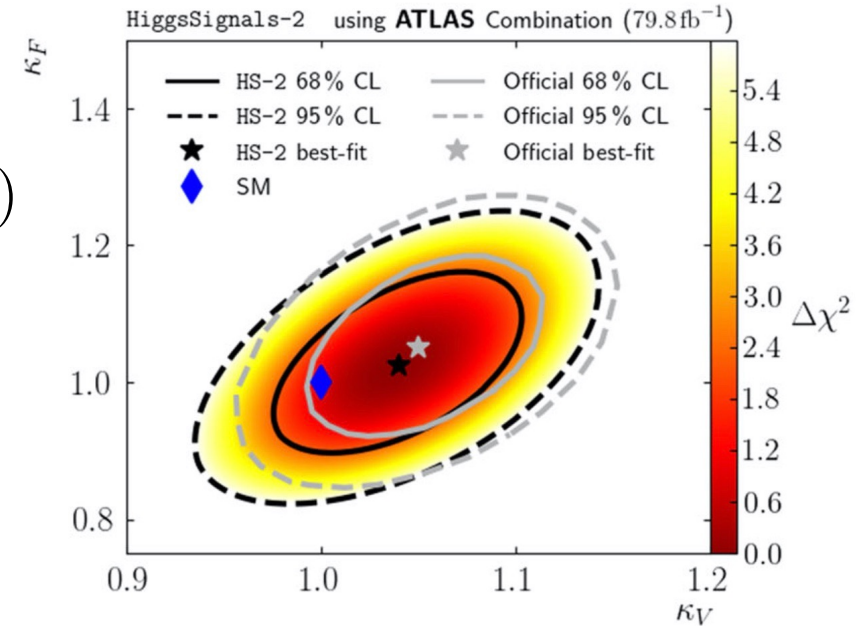


Correlations between measurements dramatically improve simplification

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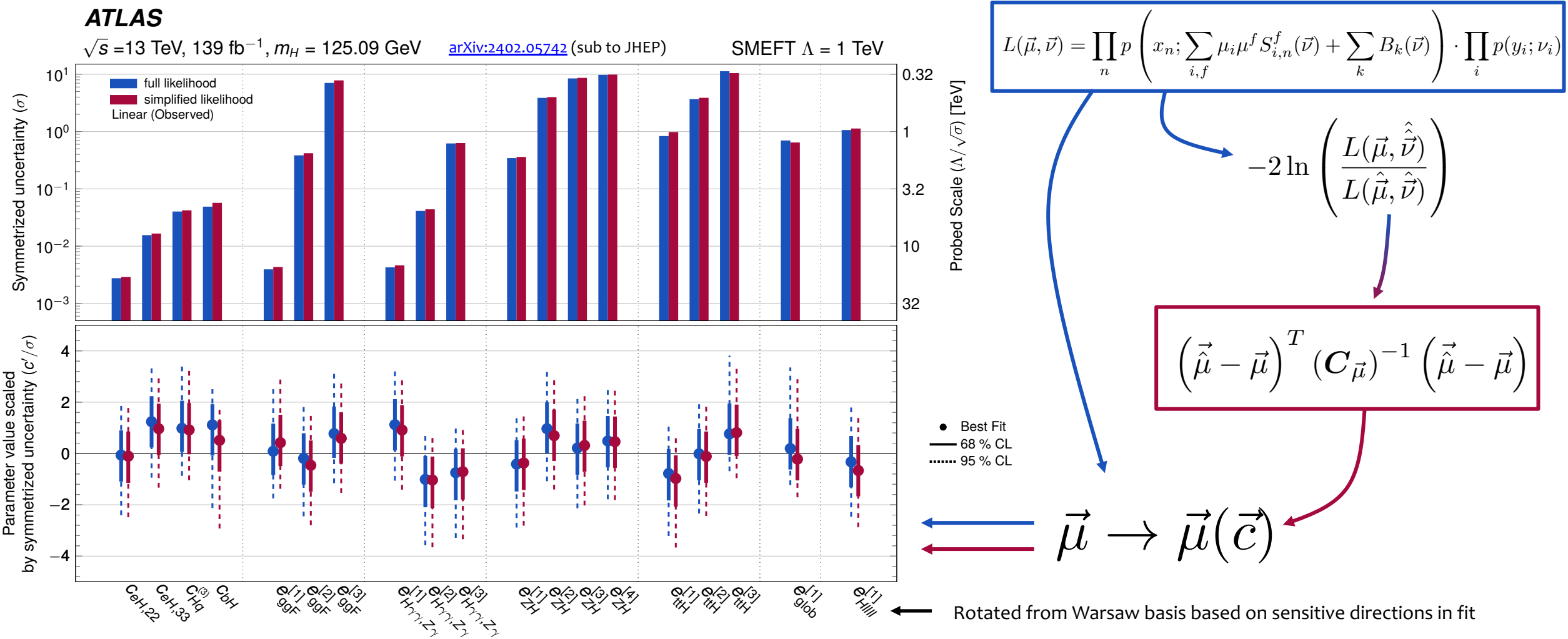
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# EFT interpretations with Simplified Likelihoods

Comparison of constraints on Wilson Coefficients from **simplified likelihood** approach with **experimental likelihood**

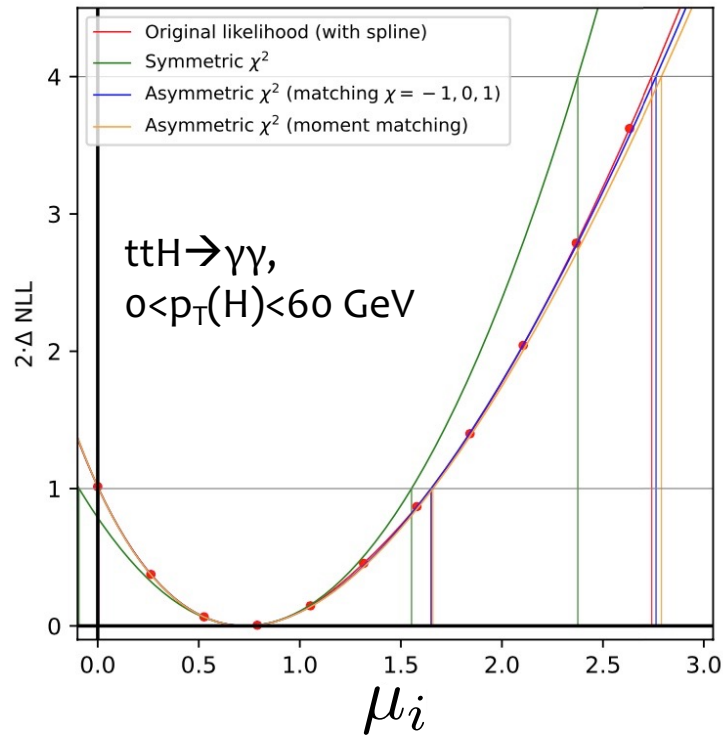


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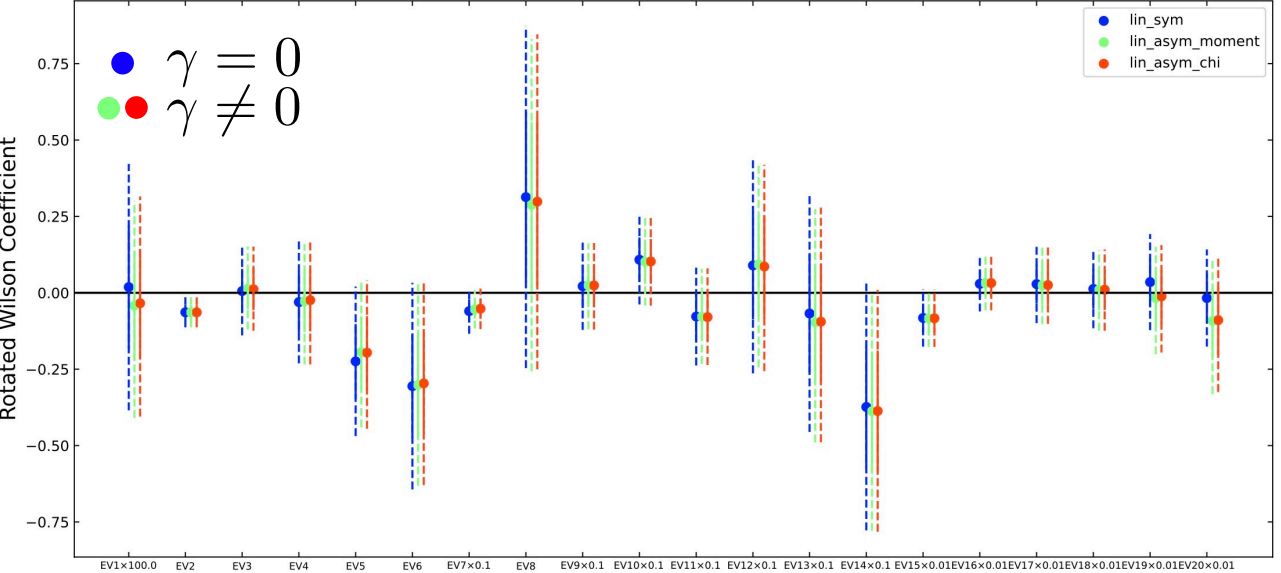
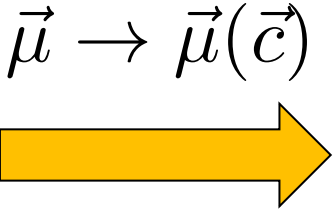
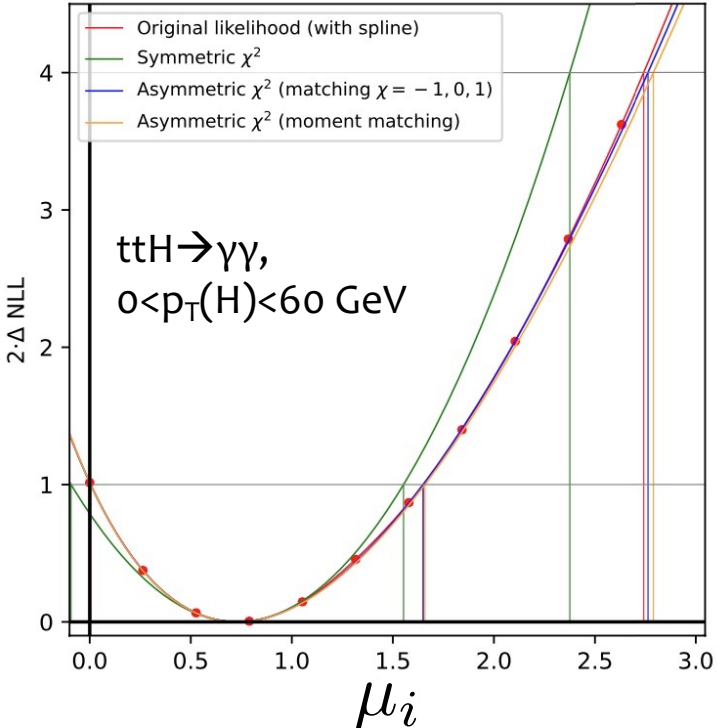
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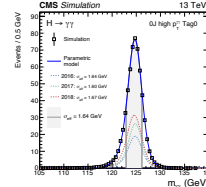
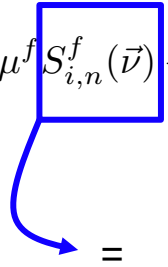
Small impact in terms of EFT constraints from Higgs (+other) measurements

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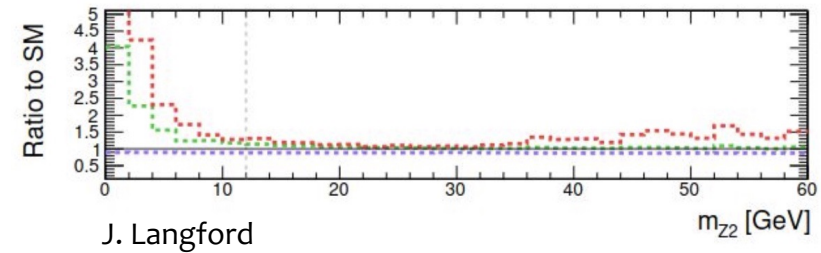
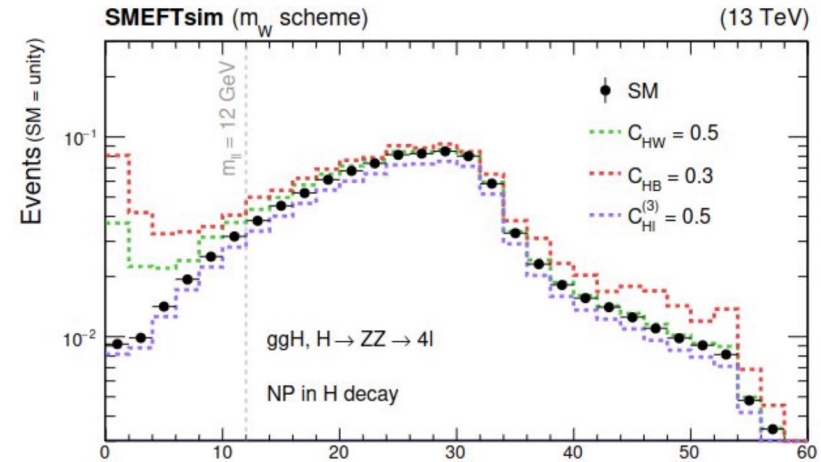
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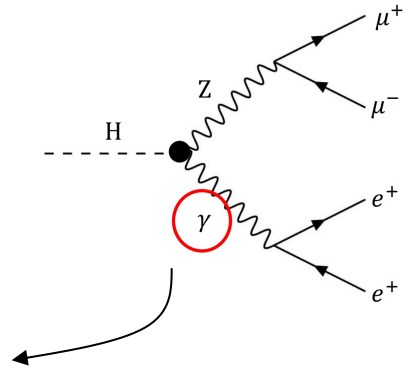
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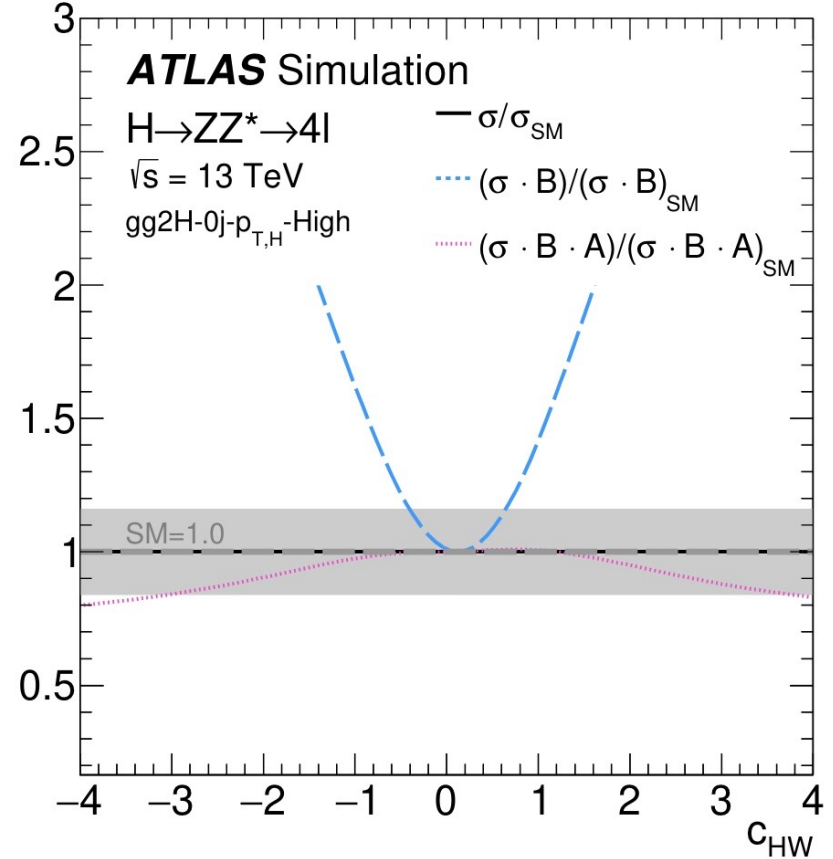
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J. Langford



Normalised to SM prediction

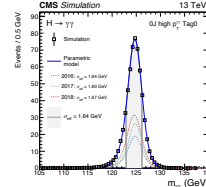
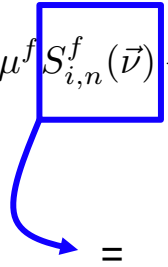


No guarantee that assumptions made for SM measurements will hold for BSM

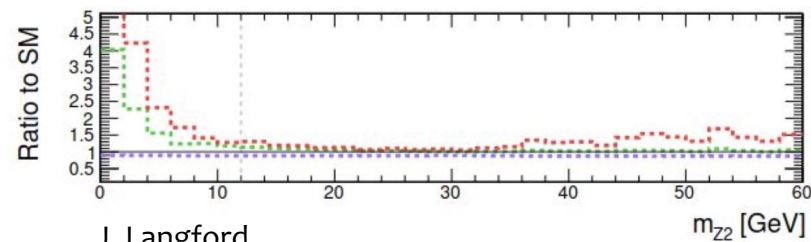
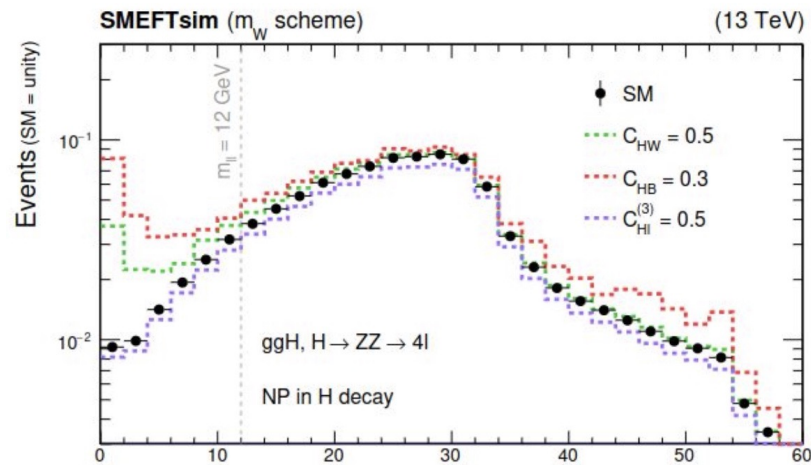
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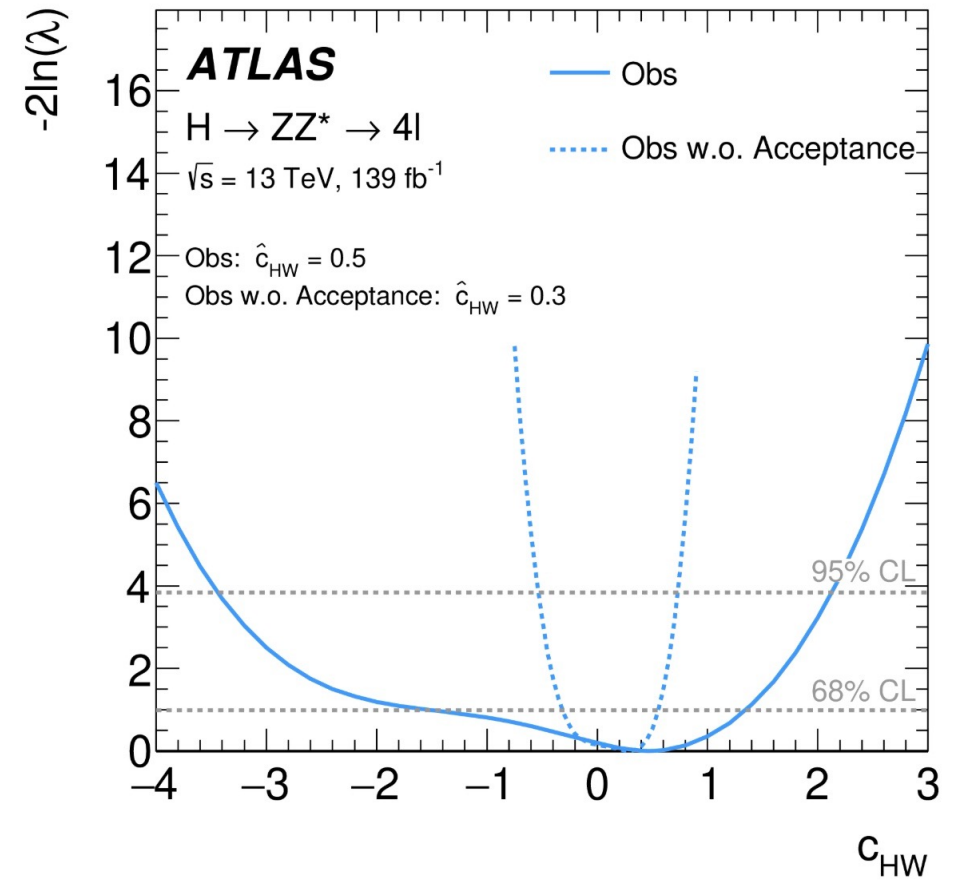
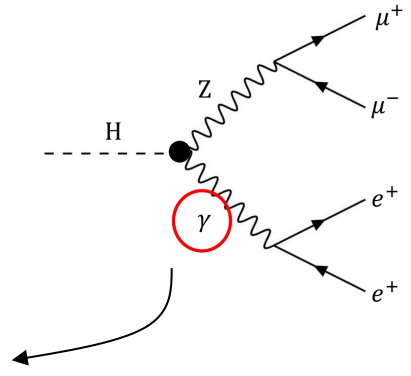
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$$\times \mathcal{L} \times \epsilon \times A$$



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No guarantee that assumptions made for SM measurements will hold for BSM  
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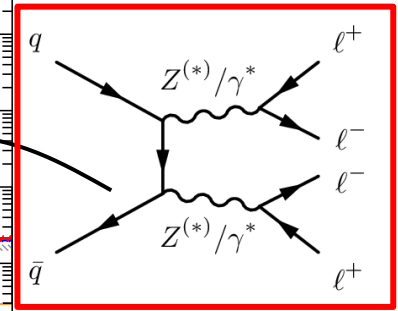
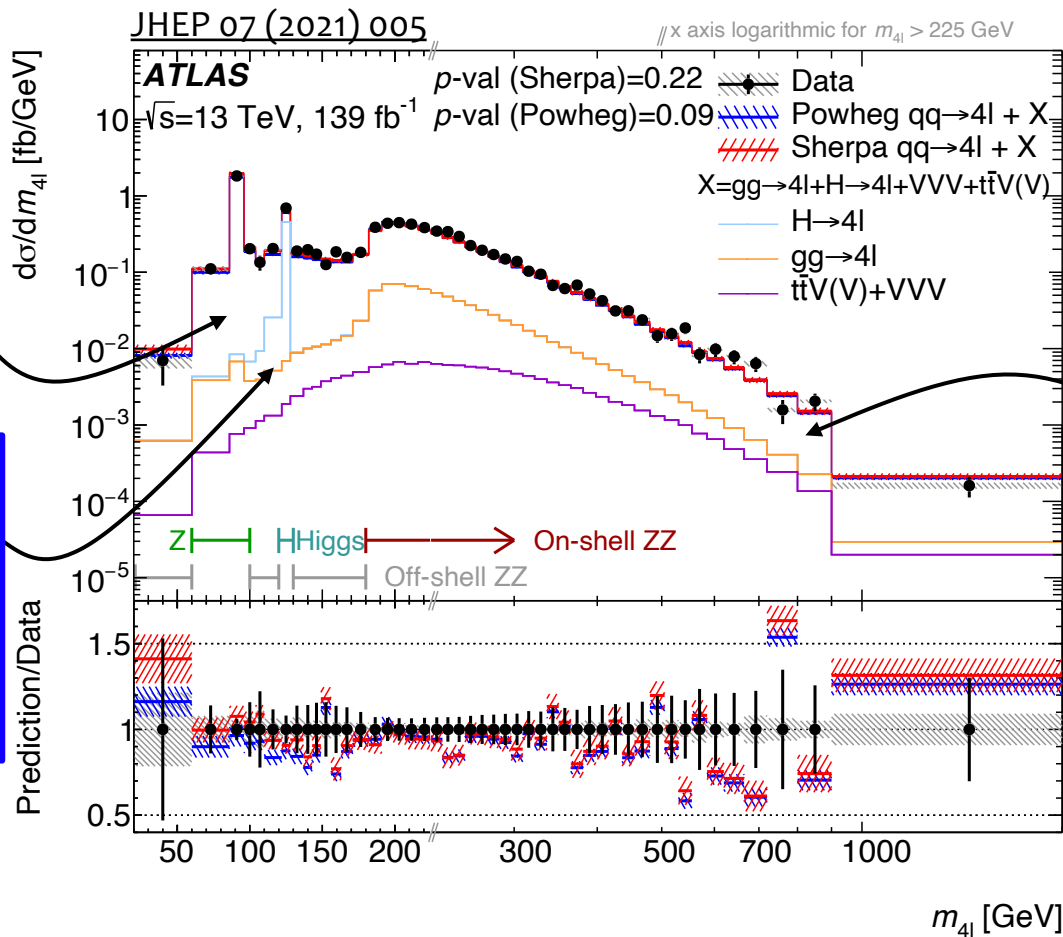
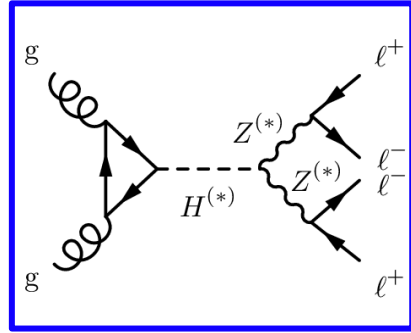
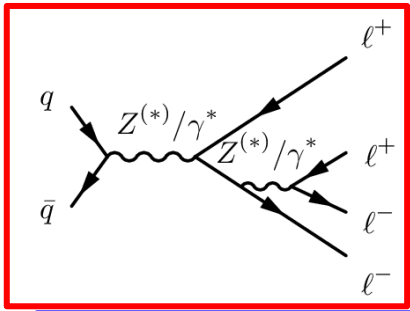


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BSM interpretations of Higgs measurements should consider effects on backgrounds\* too

One measurement's **background** is another measurement's **signal**

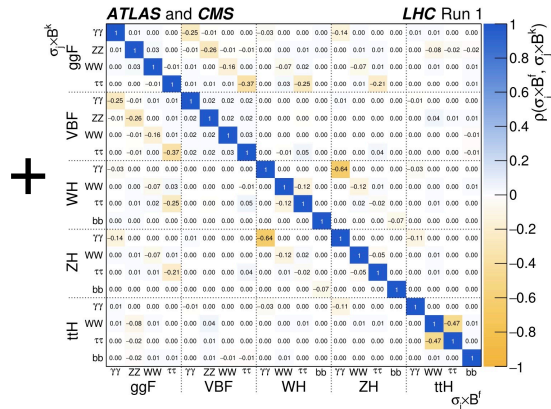
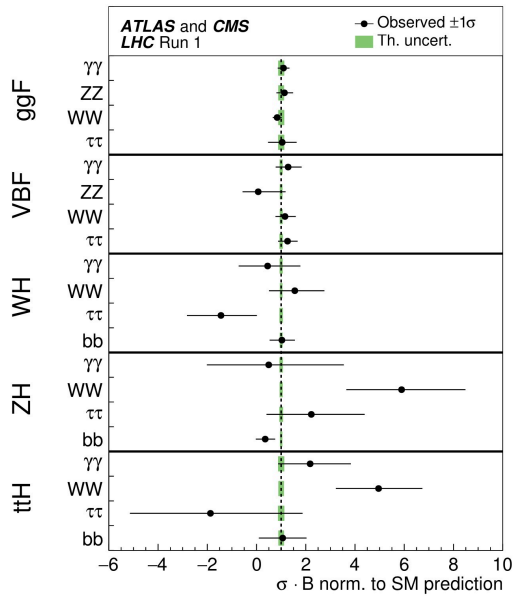


Also highlighted by [L. Nollen](#)

\*different story if background is "data-driven"

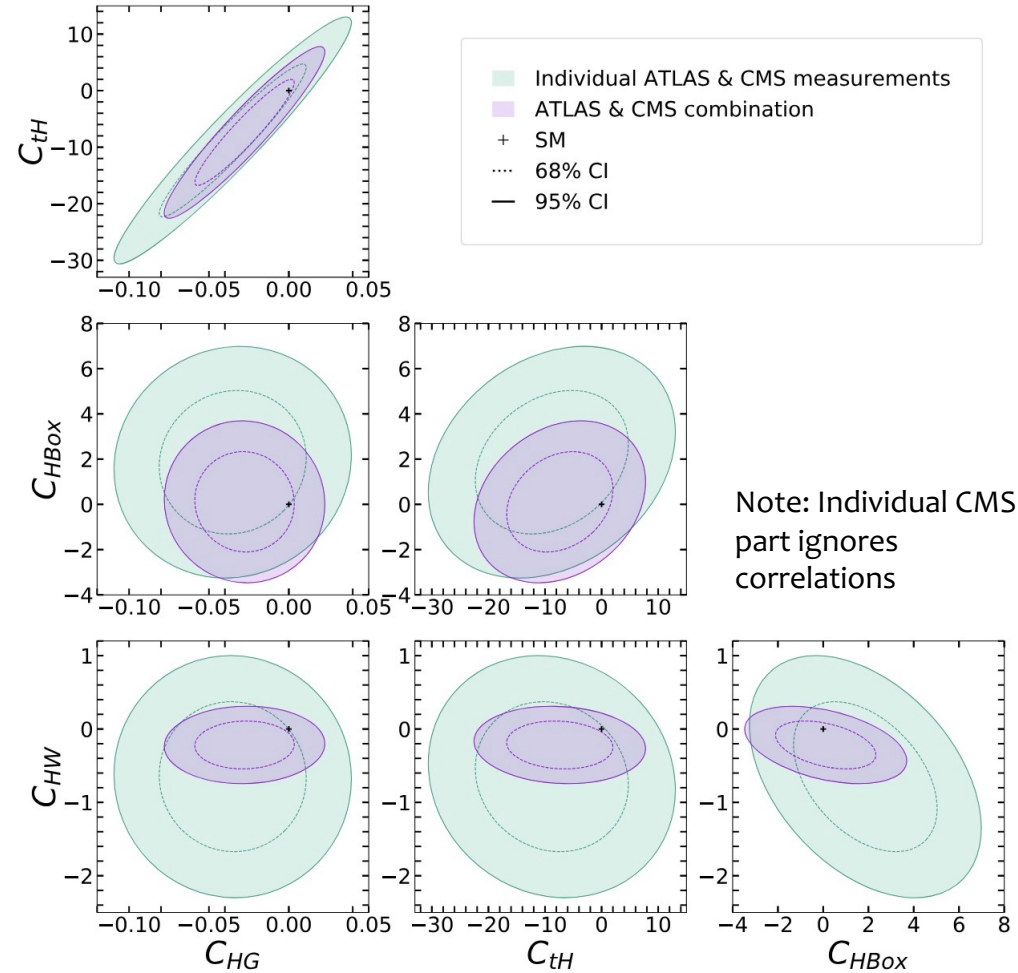
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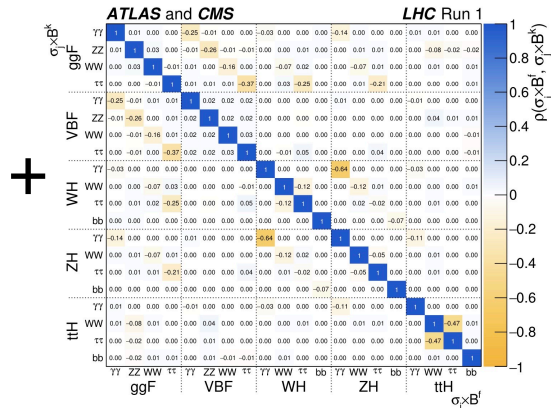
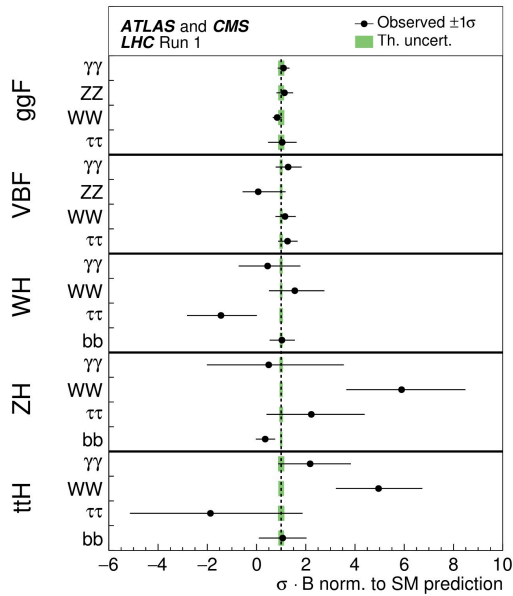
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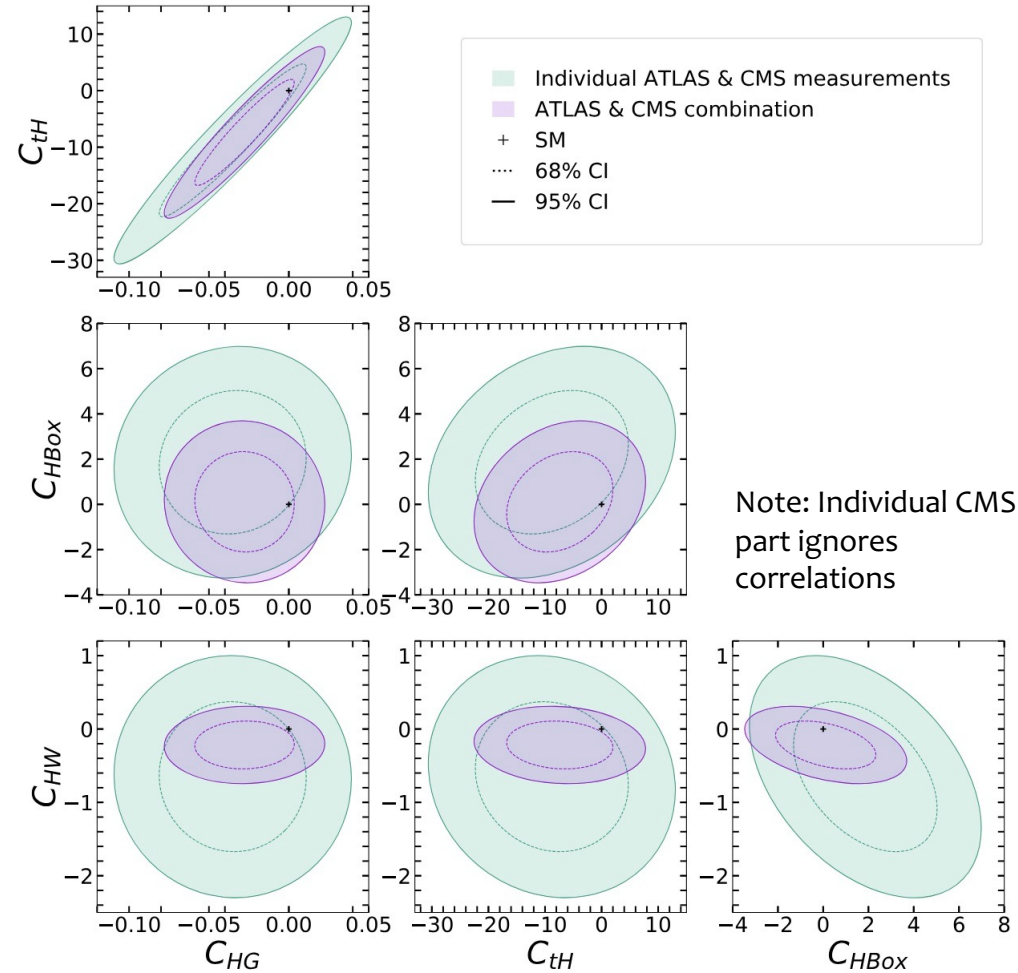
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Why can't we (you) just use the experimental likelihood then?



# CMS Higgs observation LH

Even ~12 years ago our Higgs boson experimental likelihood composed of

- 5 decay channels (analyses)
- Mix of template/parametric analyses
- ~700 parameters

Extremely complicated statistical model



How can we communicate likelihood function for (re-)interpretations?



# Like this ...



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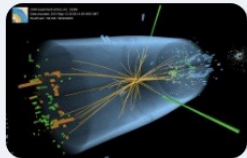
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The [CMS Collaboration](#) has recently released, in electronic format, the combination of the measurements that contributed to establishing the discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012.

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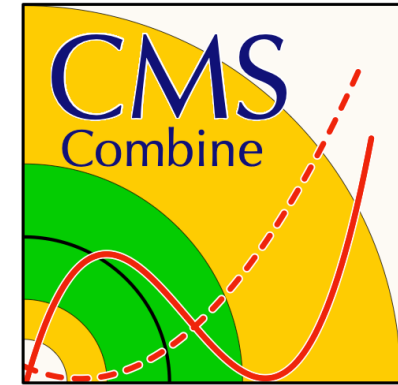
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**Full statistical model + data = experimental likelihood!**

**Note :** ATLAS pyHF [full experimental statistical models](#) (+data) also available since 2019 but none for **SM Higgs measurements** yet...

# (Re-)using the likelihood

CMS statistical software (Combine) published to allow (re-) interpretation of published CMS statistical models (see [Combine](#) paper and [online documentation](#))



PhysicsModels

	model	--PO	POIs	Description
Couplings with resolved loops	K1	--PO dohmm, --PO dohzg --PO dohcchgluglu --PO BRU --PO higgsMassRange=x, y	kappa_W, kappa_Z, kappa_b, kappa_t, kappa_tau, kappa_mu	Higgs boson couplings $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ loops are options doX=1, the by the appropriate couplings are tied to other processes branching ratio uncertainties of just using the uncertainty with range $x < m_H$
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## Python based model implementation

```

576 def getHiggsSignalYieldScale(self, production, decay, energy):
577     name = "c7_XBRscal_ks_ks_ks" % (production, decay, energy)
578     if self.modelBuilder.out.function(name) == None:
579         if production in ["ggH", "ggH", "ggZH", "tHq", "tHW"]:
580             XScal = ("0", "Scaling_ks_ks" % (production, energy))
581         elif production == "WH":
582             XScal = ("0", self.kappa_W)
583         elif production == "ZH":
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585         elif production == "tHt":
586             XScal = ("0", self.kappa_t)
587         elif production == "bbH":
588             XScal = ("0", self.kappa_b)
589         else:
590             raise RuntimeError("Production %s not supported" % production)
591     BRscal = decay
592     if not self.modelBuilder.out.function("c7_BRscal_" + BRscal):
593         raise RuntimeError("Decay mode %s not supported" % decay)
594     if decay == "hss":
595         BRscal = "hbb"
596     if production == "ggH" and (decay in self.add_bbH) and energy in ["7TeV", "8TeV", "13TeV", "14TeV"]:
597         b2g = "CMS_R_bbH_ggH_ks_ks(ks)" % (decay, energy, 0.01)
598         b2gs = "CMS_bbH_scaler_ks" % energy
599         self.modelBuilder.factory(
600             "expr::%s('ks + @1*@2*@3)*@4', %s, kappa_b, %s, %s, c7_BRscal_ks)" % (name, XScal[0], XScal[1], b2g, b2gs, BRscal)
601     )
602     else:
603         self.modelBuilder.factory("expr::%s('ks*@1', %s, c7_BRscal_ks)" % (name, XScal[0], XScal[1], BRscal))
604     print("LHC-HCG Kappas", name, production, decay, energy, ":", "end=")
605     self.modelBuilder.out.function(name).Print("")
606     return name
607

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Command line interface to **construct + (re-)parameterize likelihood** eg:  $\vec{\mu} \rightarrow \vec{\mu}(\kappa_V, \kappa_F)$

- > `text2workspace.py -P HiggsAnalysis.CombinedLimit.HiggsCouplings_ICHEP12:cVcF 125.5/comb.txt -m 125.5 -o comb_kVcF.root`
- > `combine comb_kVcF.root -m 125.5 -M MultiDimFit --algo singles`

Calculate result

```

--- MultiDimFit ---
best fit parameter values and profile-likelihood uncertainties:
CV :    +0.946    -0.120/+0.113 (68%)
CF :    +0.497    -0.170/+0.203 (68%)
Done in 3.09 min (cpu), 3.09 min (real)

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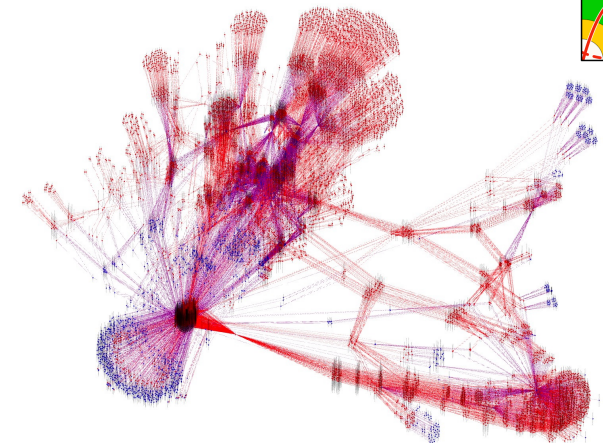
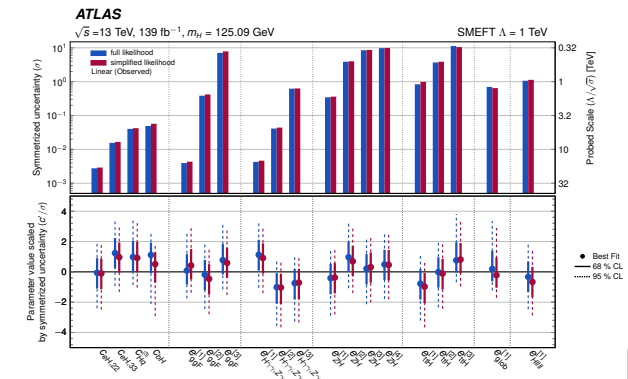
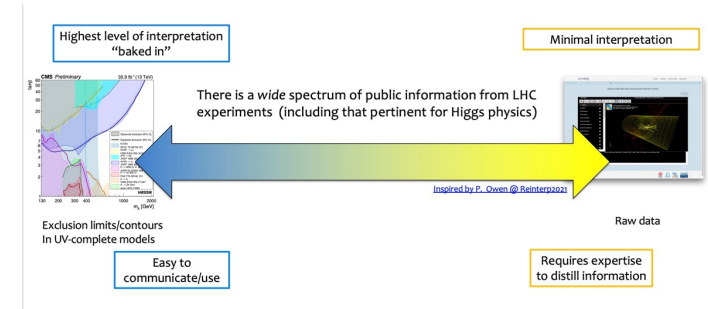
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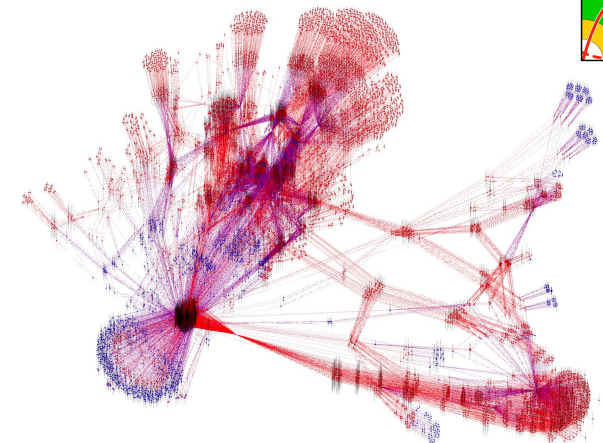
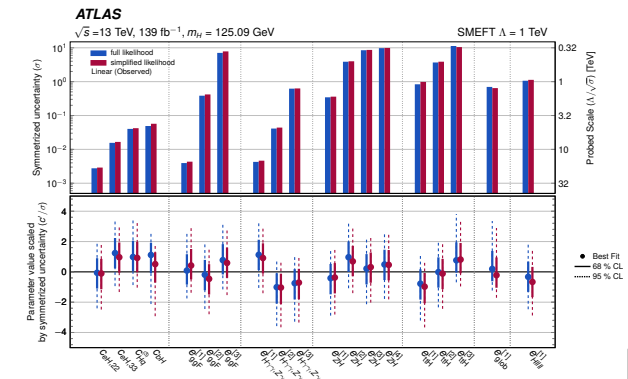
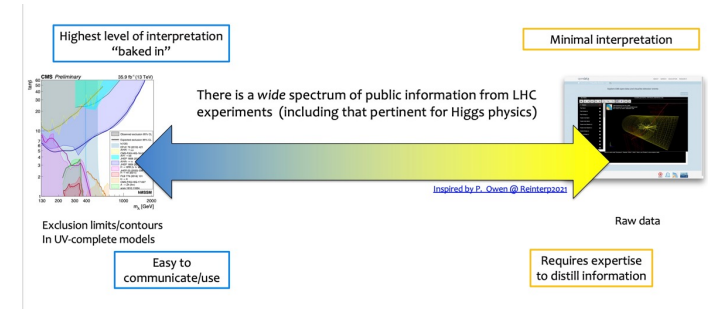
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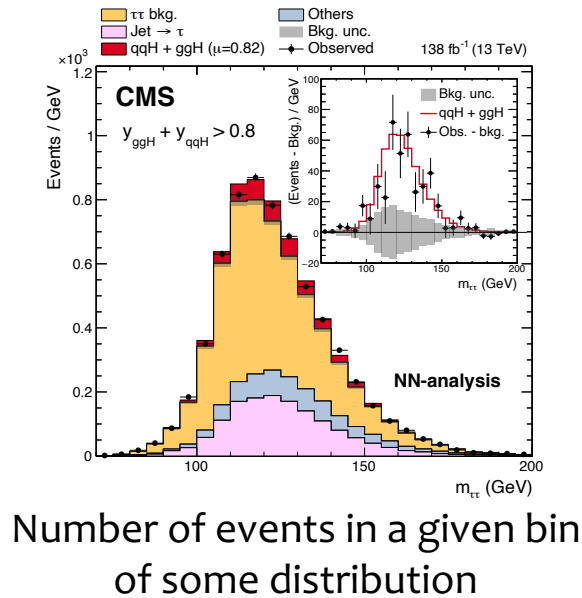
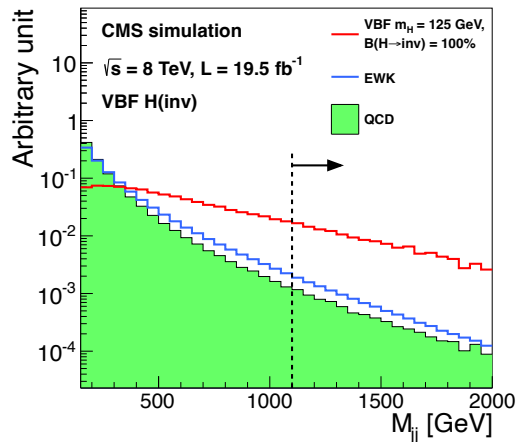
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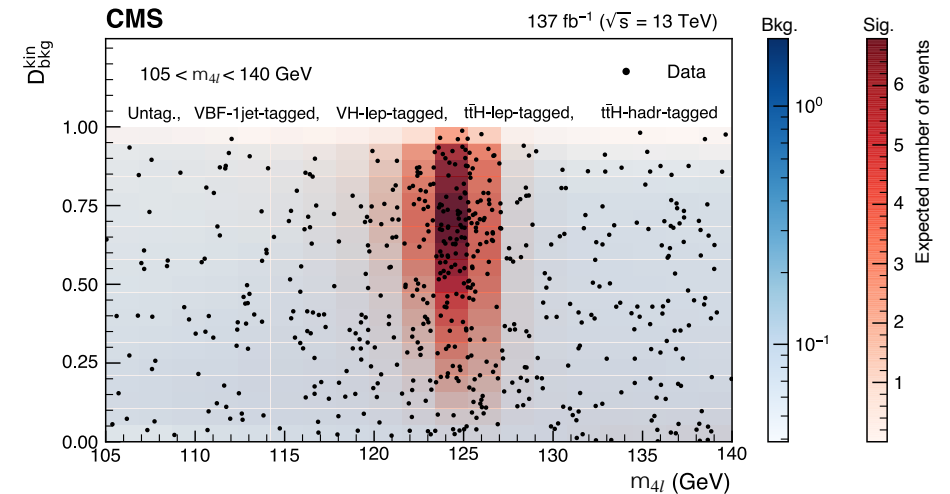
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Event count(s) after some selection



Number of events in a given bin of some distribution

Multidimensional observable used to separate signal and background



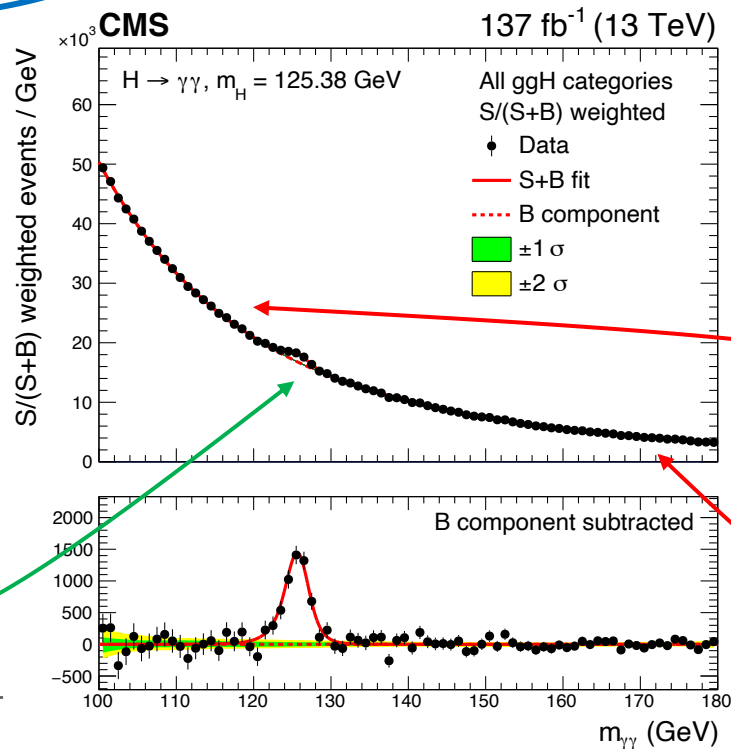
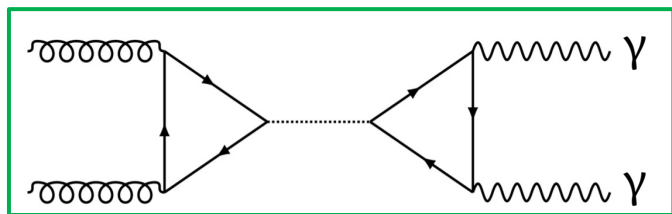
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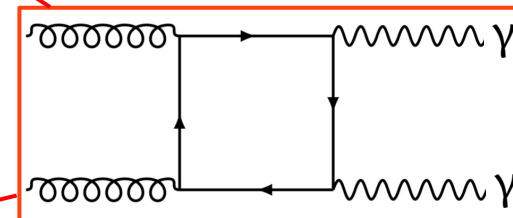
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Parameters of interest\*

$$\mu_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{(\sigma_i)_{SM}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu^f = \frac{BR^f}{(BR^f)_{SM}}$$



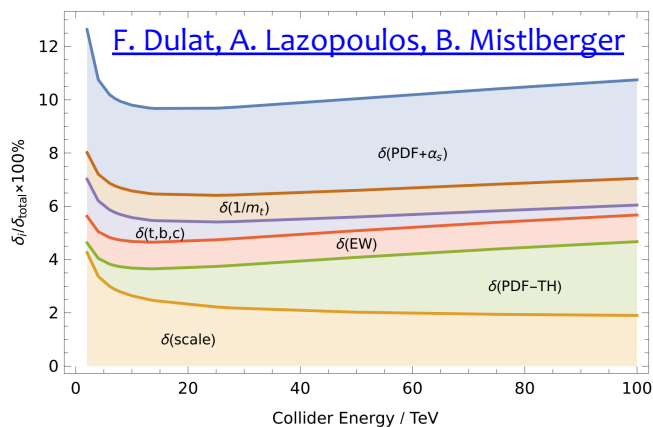
Decompose into **signal** and **background** contributions



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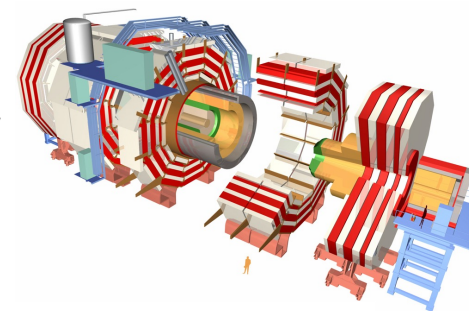
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## Experimental/Detector systematics:

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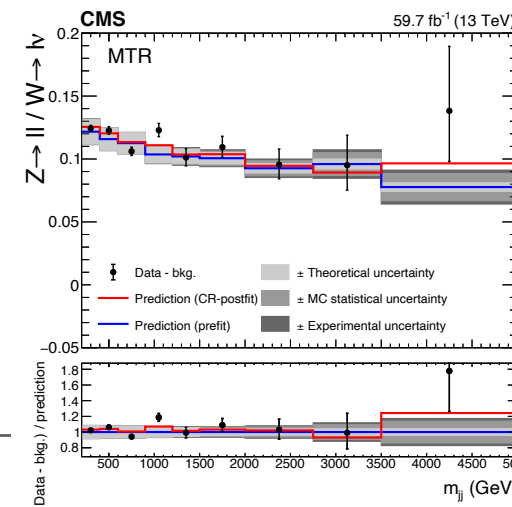


## Signal theory uncertainties:

- Inclusive x-section uncertainties, QCD scale, pdf, UEPS, Branching ratios, jet counting

## Background theory uncertainties:

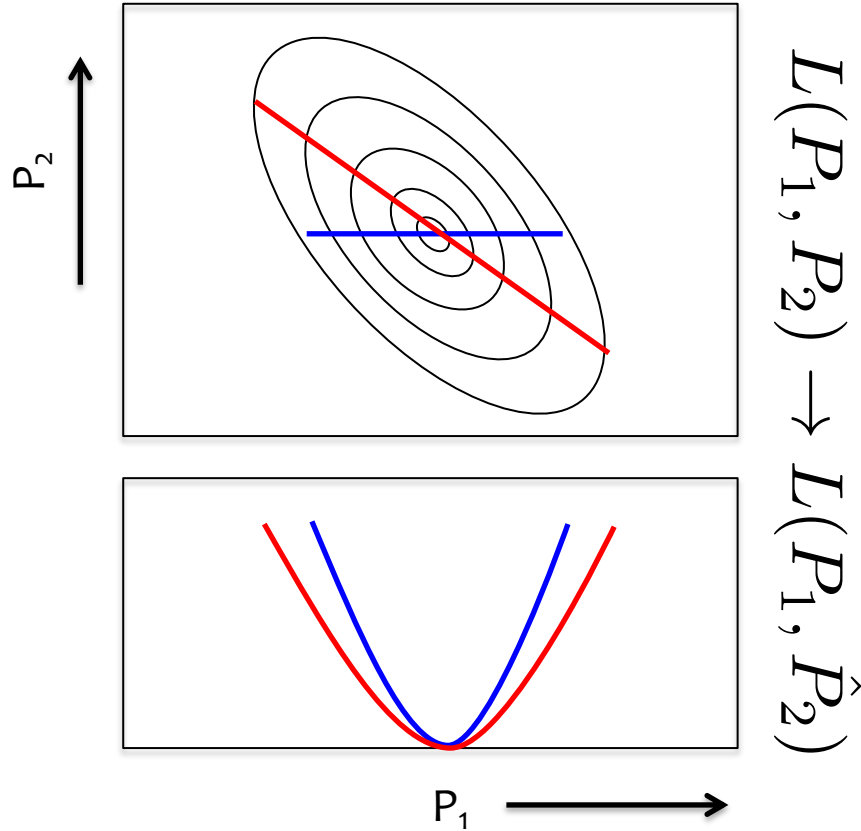
- Often rather different phase-spaces considered for extrapolating from control regions for data-driven estimates



Higgs Combinations have **O(1000)**'s nuisance parameters

# Profiling

To estimate parameters of the model (and intervals on the parameters of interest), (one or two at a time...), we eliminate parameters of likelihood via **profiled likelihood**

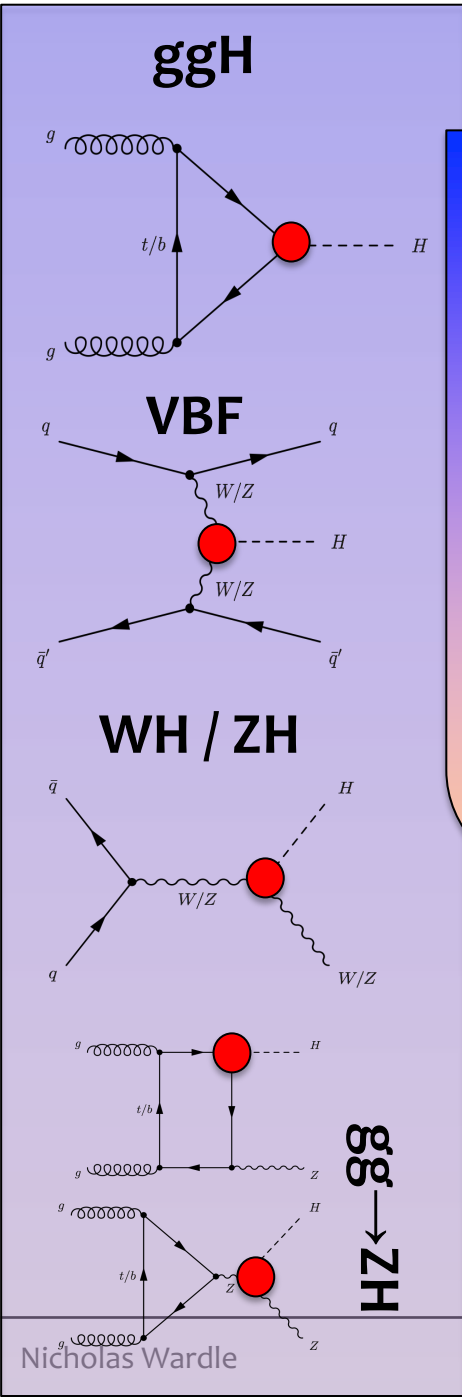


- Example, say we have just 2 parameters
- $L(P_1, P_2)$  describes full likelihood
  - Profiling out one of the parameters gives is a **profiled likelihood**
  - We use Wilks' theorem to determine intervals from ratios of profiled log-likelihood ( $q$ )

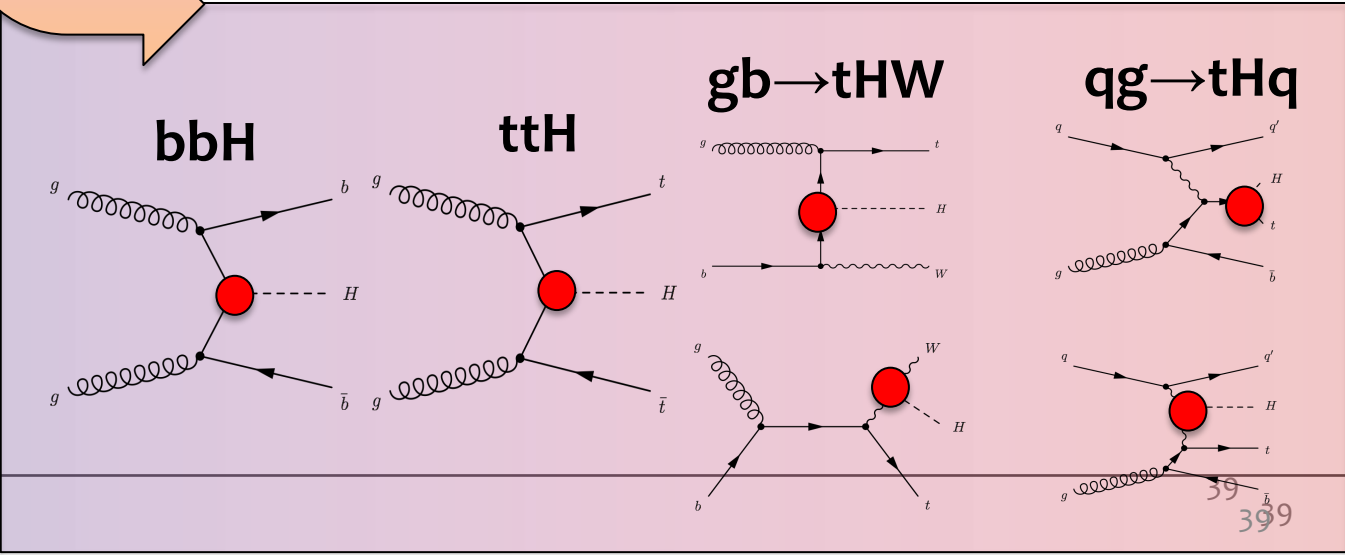
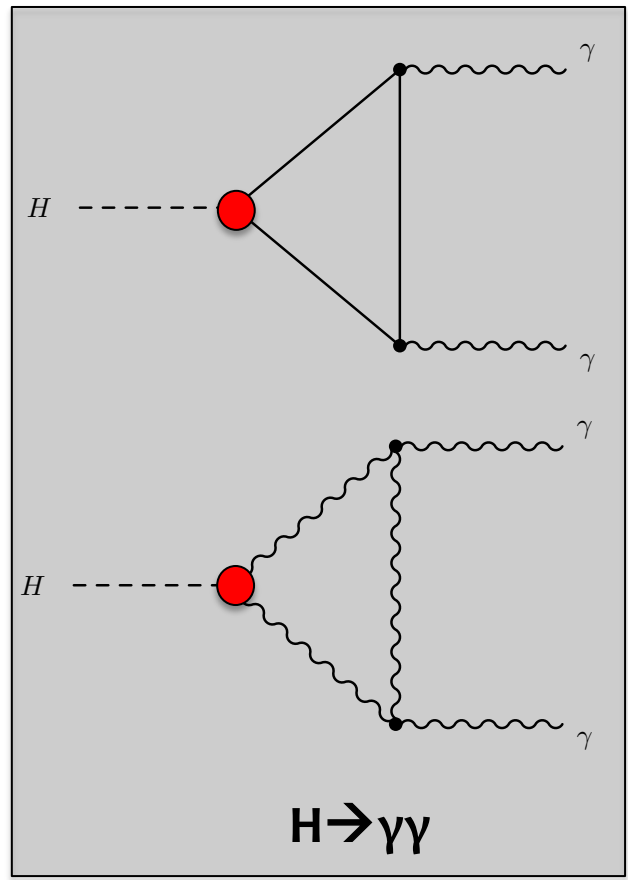
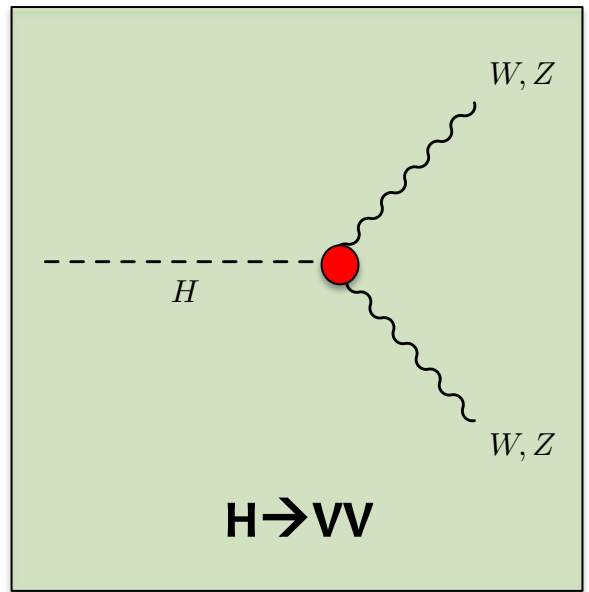
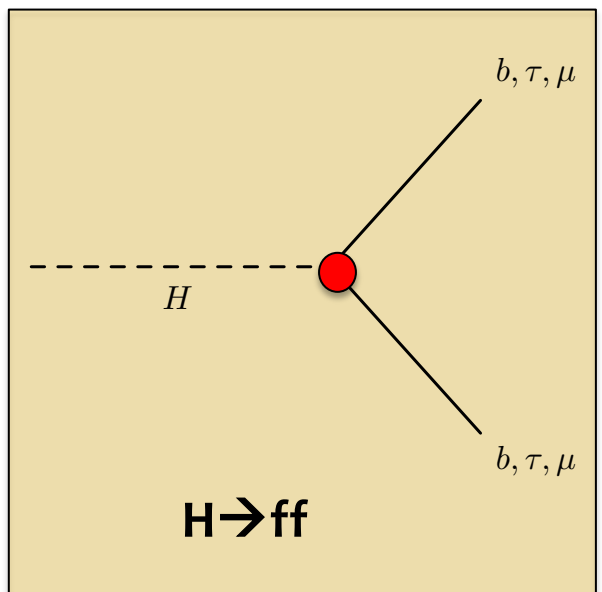
$$q(P_1) = -2 \ln \left( \frac{L(P_1, \hat{P}_2)}{L(\hat{P}_1, \hat{P}_2)} \right)$$

- $q=0 \rightarrow$  "best-fit" for  $P_1$
- $q \leq 1 \rightarrow 1\sigma$  interval for  $P_1$

# Higgs Production and Decay



Decreasing cross-section



Many production and decay modes to study Higgs for  $m_H \sim 125$  GeV ... access to many **Higgs-SM couplings**

# Latest Higgs Combinations (inputs)

ATLAS: [arXiv:2402.05742](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.05742) (sub to JHEP)

Decay channel	Analysis Production mode	$\mathcal{L}$ [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Reference	Binning	SMEFT	2HDM and (h)MSSM
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	(ggF, VBF, $WH$ , $ZH$ , $t\bar{t}H$ , $tH$ )	139	[38] [19]	STXS-1.2 differential	✓ ✓ (subset)	✓
$H \rightarrow ZZ^*$	( $ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$ : ggF, VBF, $WH + ZH$ , $t\bar{t}H + tH$ )	139	[22] [18]	STXS-1.2 differential	✓ ✓ (subset)	✓
	( $ZZ^* \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu\bar{\nu}/\ell\ell q\bar{q}$ : $t\bar{t}H$ multileptons)	36.1	[27]	STXS-0*		✓
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	(ggF, VBF, $WH + ZH$ , $t\bar{t}H + tH$ )	139	[39]	STXS-1.2	✓	✓
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$H \rightarrow WW^*$	(ggF, VBF)	139	[40]	STXS-1.2	✓	✓
	( $WH, ZH$ )	36.1	[41]	STXS-0*		✓
	( $t\bar{t}H$ multileptons)	36.1	[27]	STXS-0*		✓
$H \rightarrow bb$	( $WH, ZH$ )	139	[42,25]	STXS-1.2	✓	✓
	(VBF)	126	[43]	STXS-1.2	✓	✓
	( $t\bar{t}H + tH$ )	139	[44]	STXS-1.2	✓	✓
	(boosted Higgs bosons: inclusive production)	139	[45]	STXS-1.2	✓	✓
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	(inclusive production)	139	[46]	STXS-0*	✓	✓
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	(ggF + $t\bar{t}H + tH$ , VBF + $WH + ZH$ )	139	[47]	STXS-0*	✓	✓

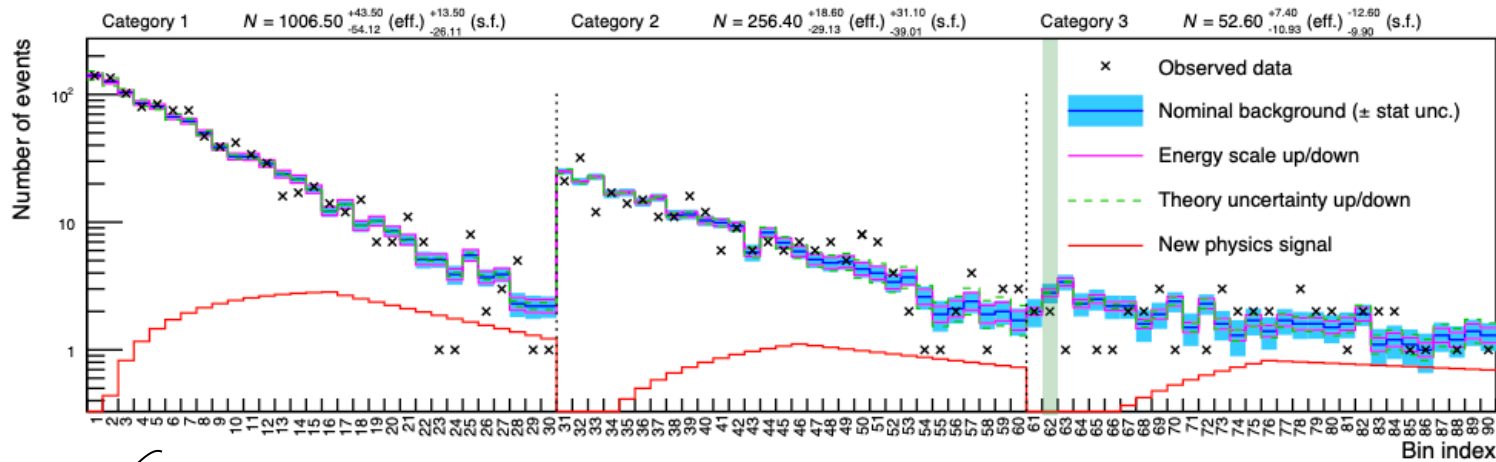
CMS: [Nature 607 \(2022\) 60-68](https://doi.org/10.1038/nature21611)

Analysis Single Higgs boson production	Decay tags	Production tags
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [42]	$\gamma\gamma$	ggH, $p_T(H) \times N_j$ bins VBF/VH hadronic, $p_T(H_{jj})$ bins WH leptonic, $p_T(V)$ bins ZH leptonic ttH $p_T(H)$ bins, tH
$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ [43]	$4\mu, 2e2\mu, 4e$	ggH, $p_T(H) \times N_j$ bins VBF, $m_{jj}$ bins VH hadronic VH leptonic, $p_T(V)$ bins ttH
$H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$ [44]	$e\mu/ee/\mu\mu$ $\mu\mu+jj/ee+jj/e\mu+jj$	ggH $\leq 2$ -jets VBF VH hadronic WH leptonic ZH leptonic
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ [45]	$3\ell$ $4\ell$ $Z\gamma$	ggH VBF
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ [46]	$e\mu, e\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, \tau_h\tau_h$	ggH, $p_T(H) \times N_j$ bins VH hadronic VBF
$H \rightarrow bb$ [47-51]	$W(\ell\nu)H(bb)$ $Z(\nu\nu)H(bb), Z(\ell\ell)H(bb)$ bb	VH, high- $p_T(V)$ WH leptonic ZH leptonic ttH, $\rightarrow 0, 1, 2\ell + \text{jets}$ ggH, high- $p_T(H)$ bins
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ [52]	$\mu\mu$	ggH VBF
ttH production with $H \rightarrow \text{leptons}$ [53]	$2\ell SS, 3\ell, 4\ell,$ $1\ell + \tau_h, 2\ell SS + 1\tau_h, 3\ell + 1\tau_h$	ttH
$H \rightarrow \text{Inv.}$ [71, 72]	$p_T^{\text{miss}}$	ggH VBF VH hadronic ZH leptonic

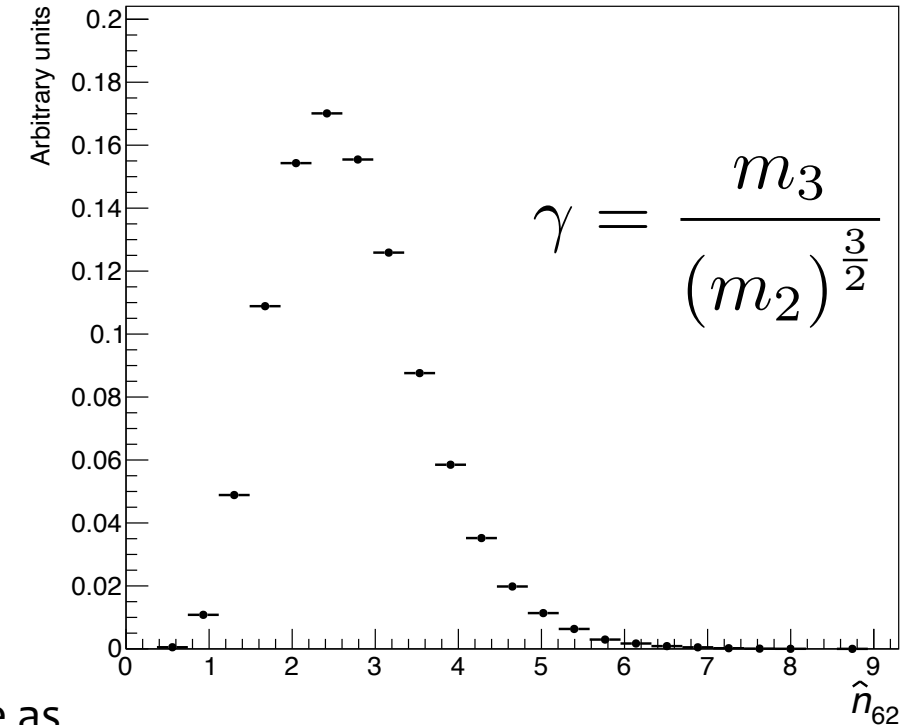


# Simplified likelihoods for searches

$$L(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\delta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta}) = \prod_{I=1}^P \Pr\left(n_I^{\text{obs}} \mid n_I(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\delta})\right)\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta})$$



Non-Gaussian effects can be accounted for



simplify

These are the same as the full likelihood

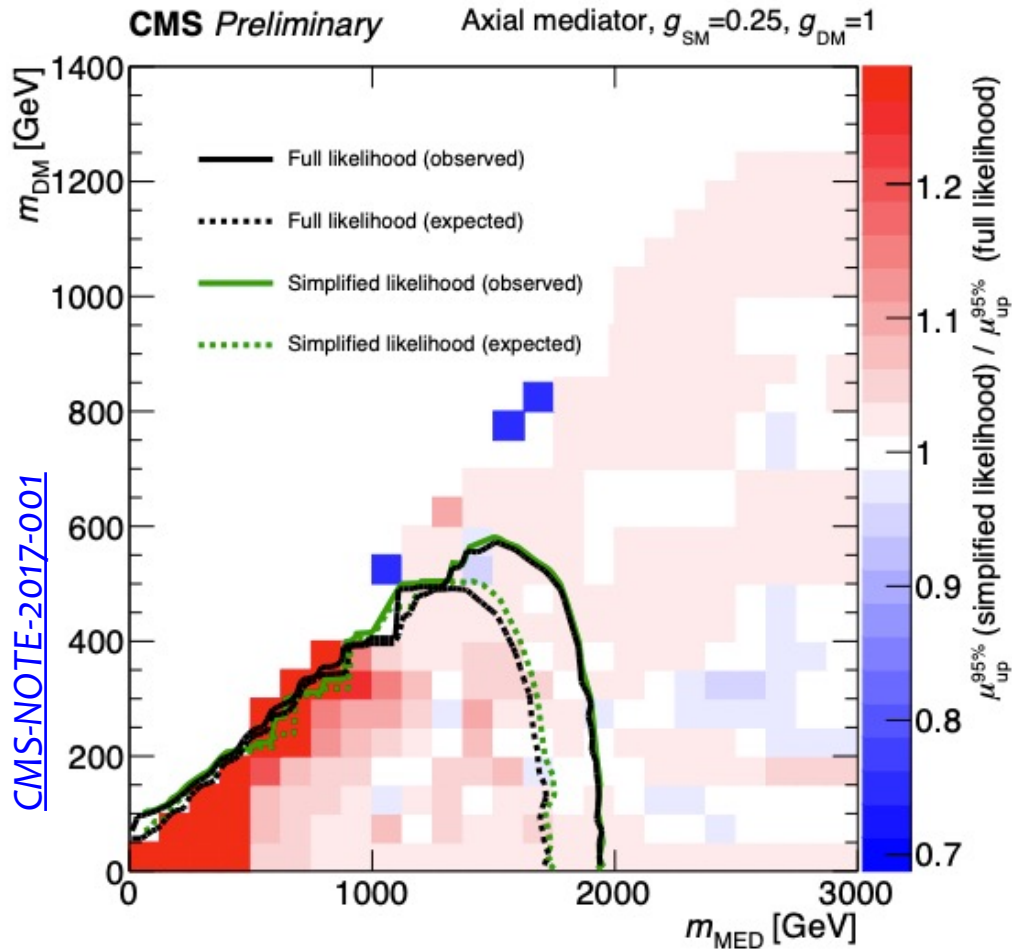
$$L(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\delta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta}) \rightarrow L(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\theta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{I=1}^{P=90} P(n_I^{\text{obs}} \mid \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{s,I} + a_I + b_I\theta_I + c_I\theta_I^2) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^P}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\rho}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

A. Buckley, M. Citron, S. Fichtel, S. Kraml, W. Waltenberger, [NW J. High Energ. Phys. 2019, 64 \(2019\)](#)

# Simplified likelihoods in the wild!

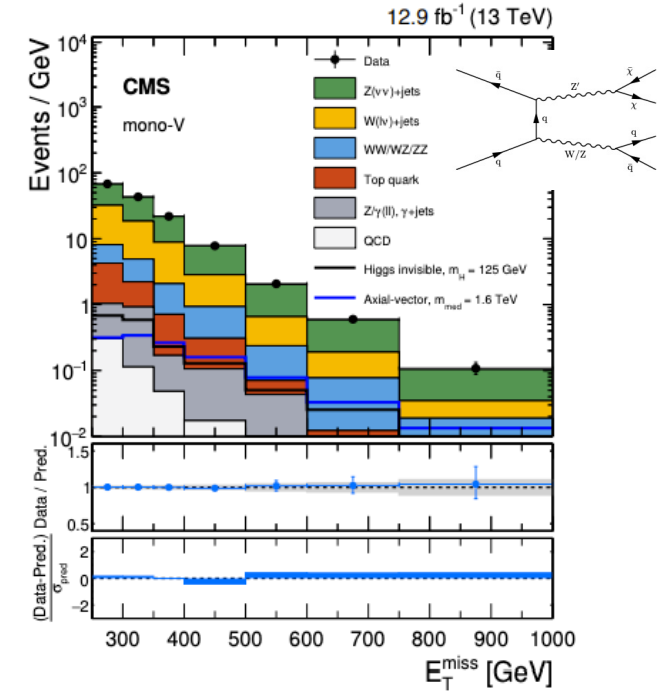
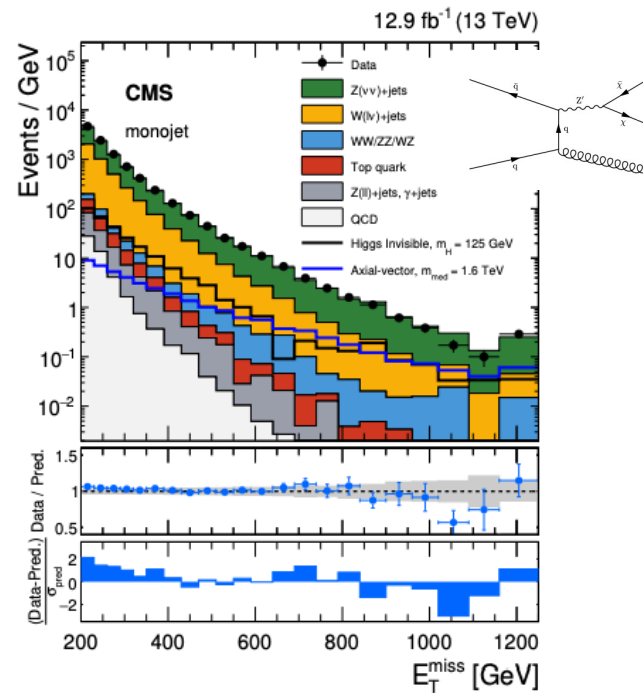
Real experimental likelihoods converted into simplified likelihoods\*...

“Search for dark matter produced with an energetic jet or a hadronically decaying W or Z boson at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV” [JHEP 07 \(2017\) 014](#)



[CMS-NOTE-2017-001](#)

- Data separated into 1 or 2 jet topologies
- Binned missing transverse momentum distribution used to separate signal from background  
→ 29 bins



# Workflows

## Standard workflow for predictions

### New signal model

- UFO+param/proc/run card
- ...

### MC generation

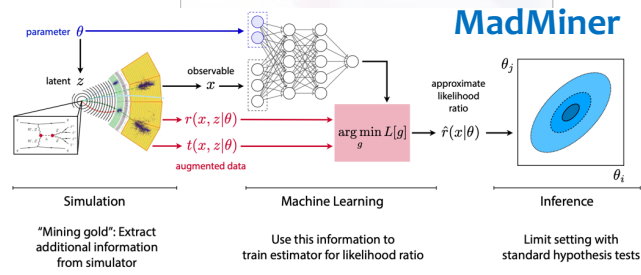
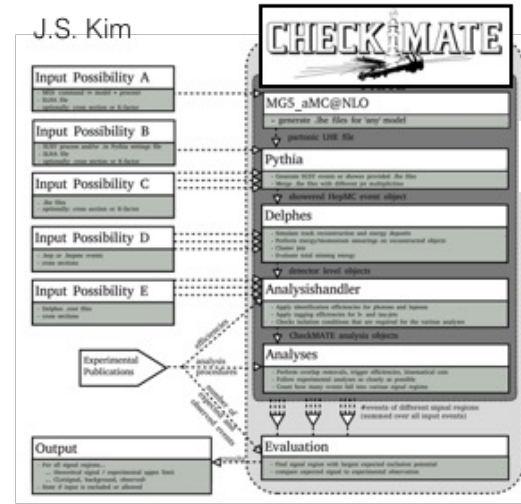
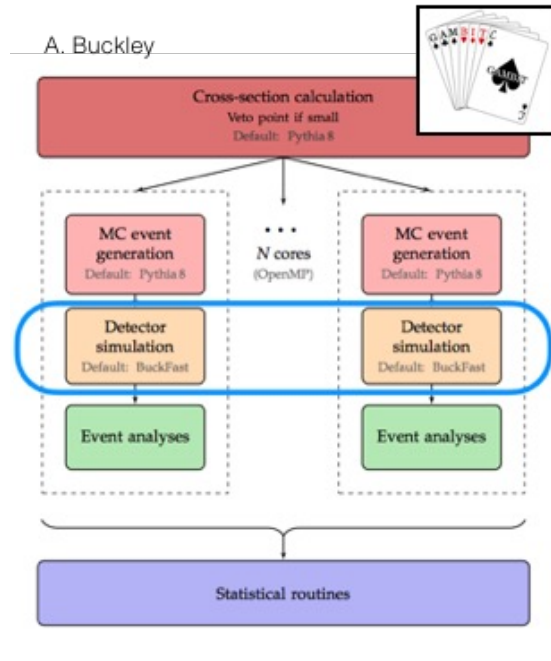
- [MG5+Pythia](#)
- [Herwig](#)
- [Sherpa](#)
- ...

### Detector Simulation

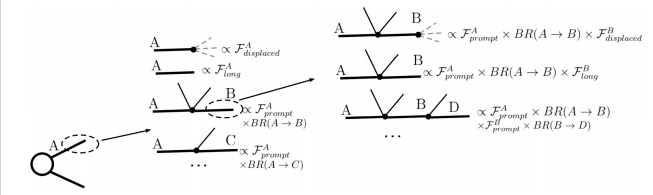
- [Full/Fast Geant4](#)
- [Delphes](#)
- BuckFast
- Transfer functions
- ...

### Event Selection/categorisation

- [Rivet](#)
- [MadAnalysis](#)
- ...

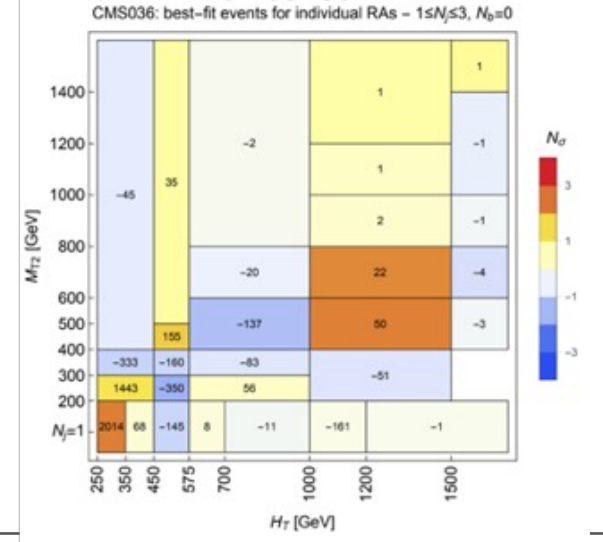


Reproducible research data analysis platform



### SModels

arXiv:1707.05783

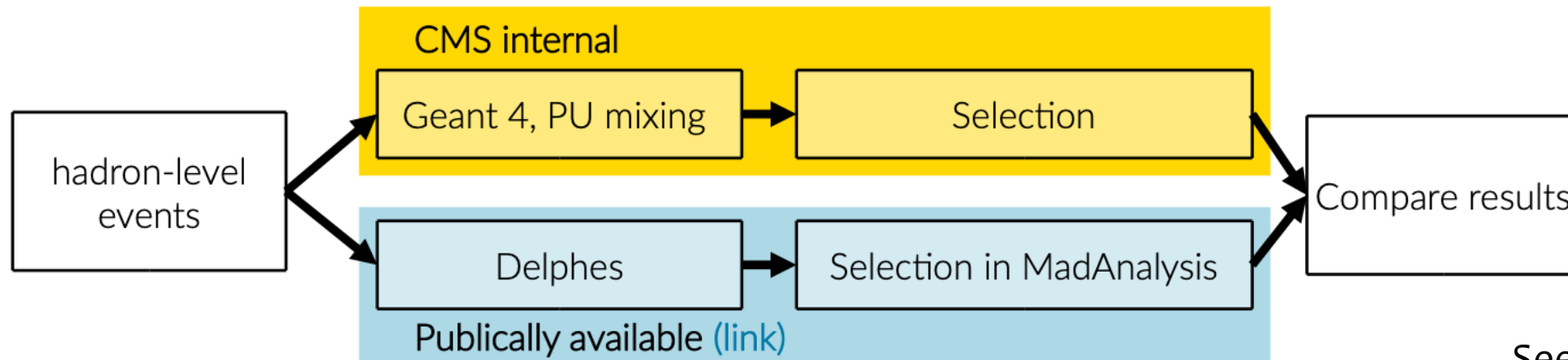
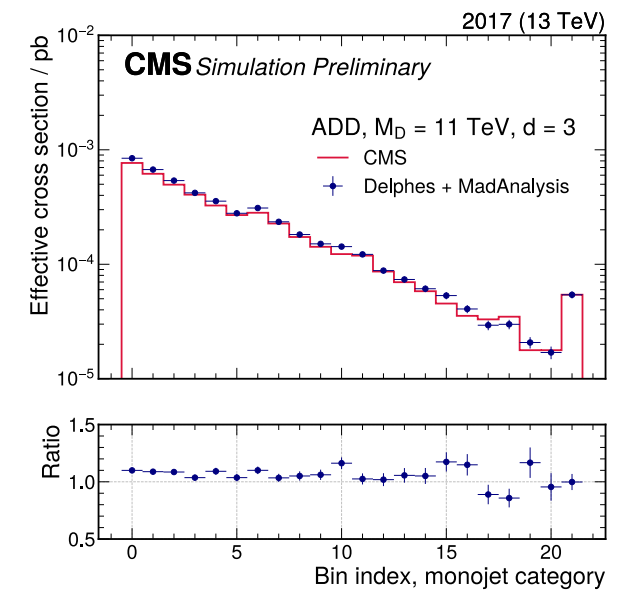
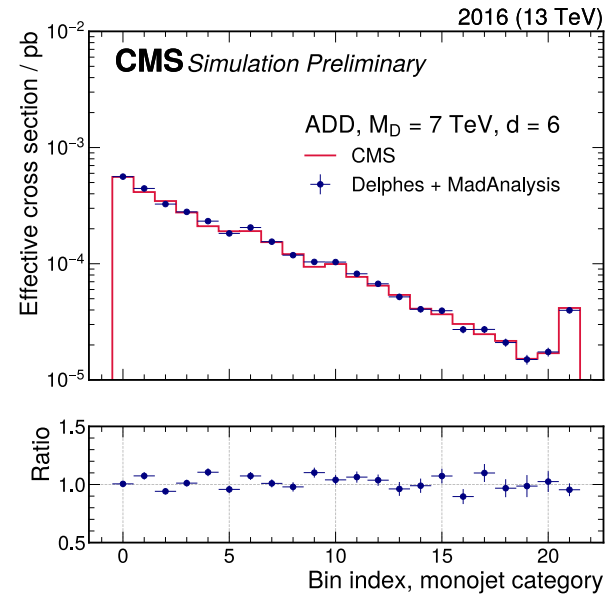


# Example from CMS (EXO-20-004)

“Search for new particles in events with energetic jets and large missing transverse momentum in proton-proton collisions at 13 TeV” – Full Run-2 data update

## [HepData entry](#)

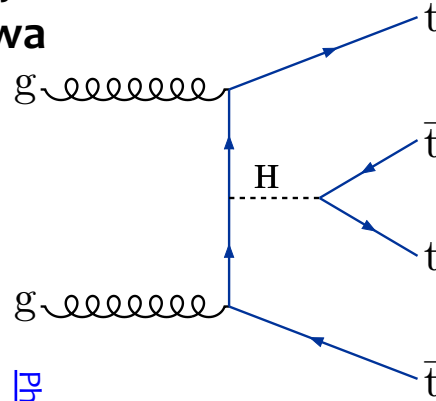
- Signal templates & cutflows
- Simplified likelihood inputs
- MC Generator configs for various signals + [MadAnalysis](#) implementation



See [RAMP talk by A. Albert](#)

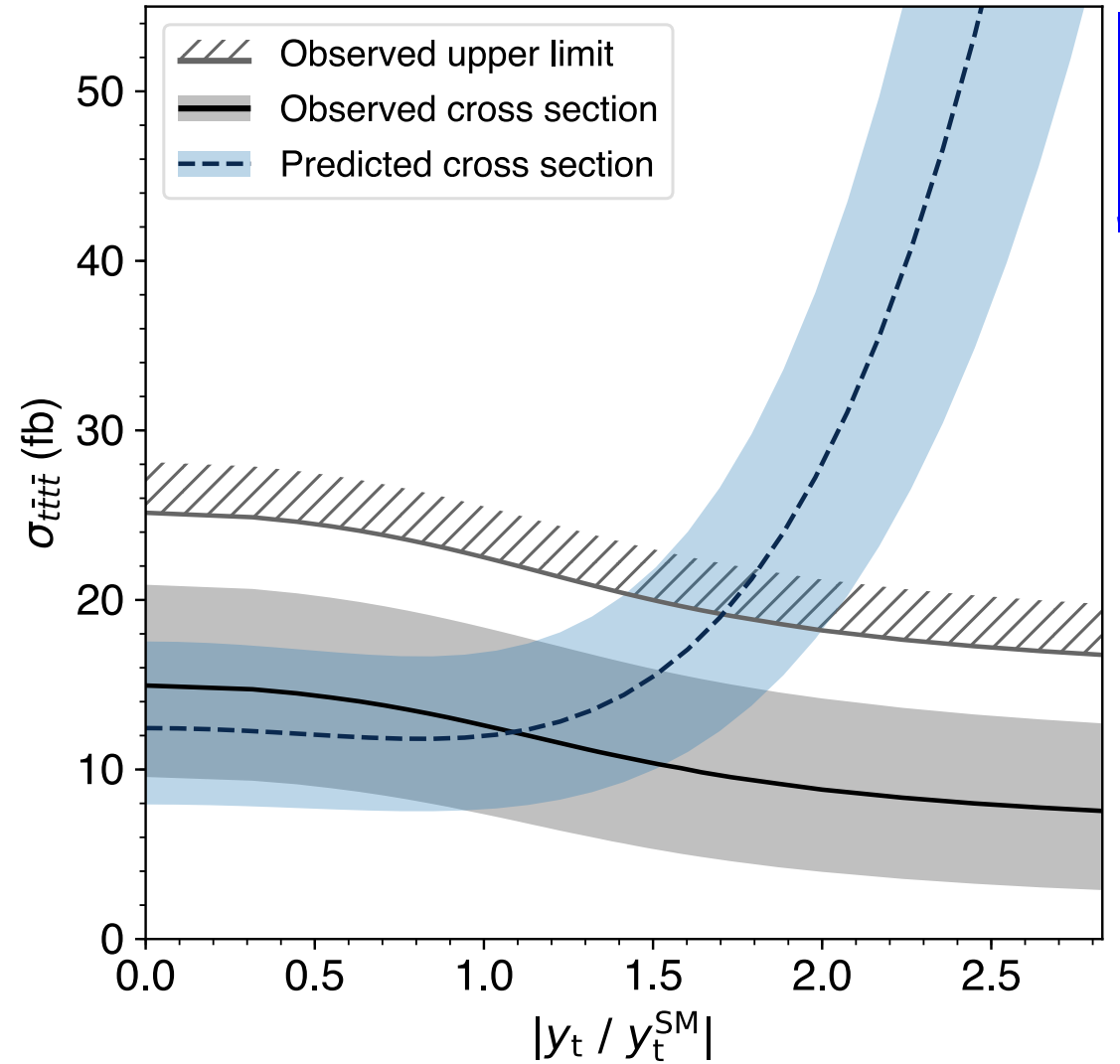
# Higgs interpretation without a (on-shell) Higgs?

Search for 4-tops provides complementary approach to constraining **Higgs-top Yukawa** coupling!



[Phys. Lett. B 847 \(2023\) 138290](#)

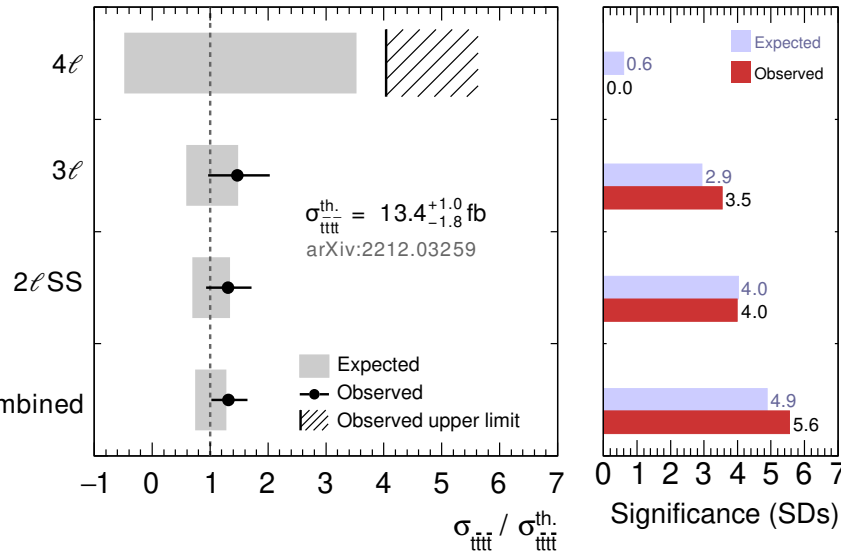
CMS 137 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



CMS-TOP-18-003

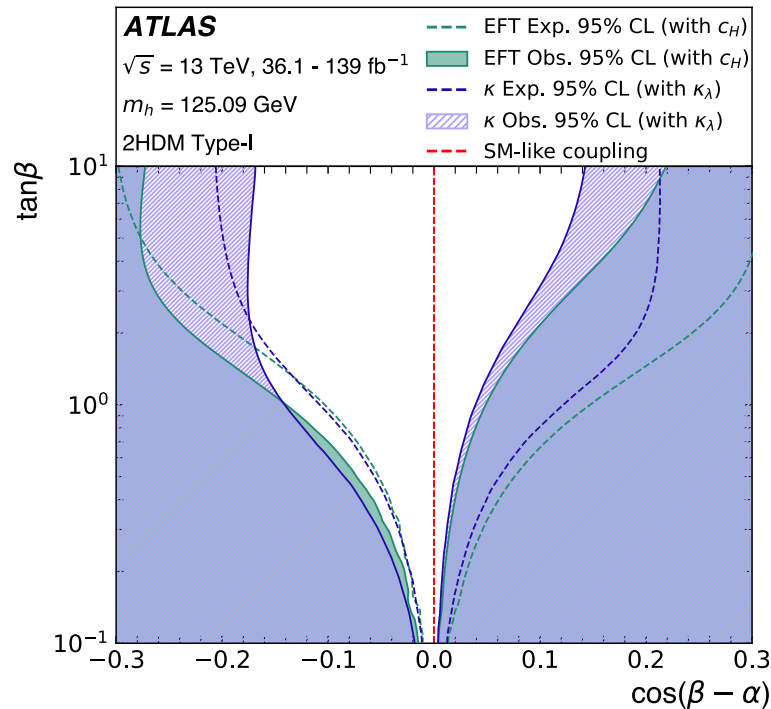
CMS

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



Full Run-2 analysis yields 4-top observation  
 Combined significance **5.9 $\sigma$  (5.1 $\sigma$ )!**

# 2HDM ( $\kappa$ vs EFT)



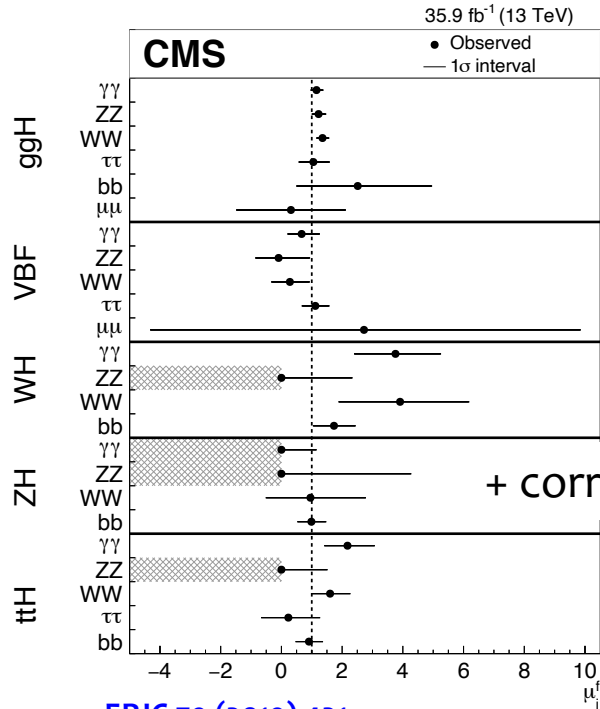
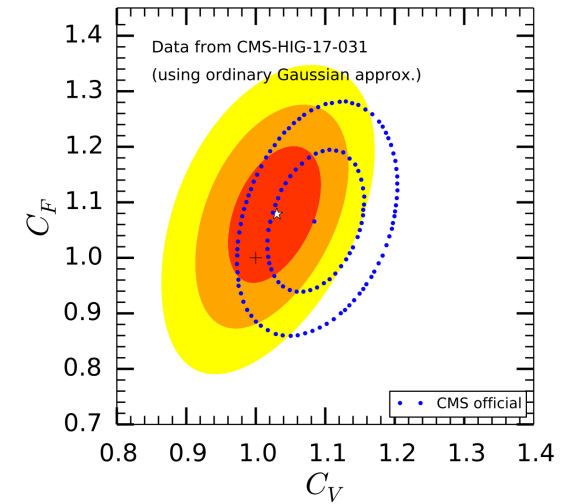
A comparison between the excluded regions from the two approaches is shown in Figure 21. In the regions where the assumptions used in this study are valid, the excluded regions are very similar in the two approaches. In the Type-I model for large values of  $\tan\beta$ , the EFT-based approach leads to looser constraints on  $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$  than the  $\kappa$ -framework-based approach. This difference stems from the fact that the EFT-based approach (i) does not exploit the constraints from the  $HVV$  couplings, that only enter at dimension-8 in the SMEFT expansion and are not considered here, and (ii) retains only terms of  $\mathcal{O}(\cos(\beta - \alpha))$  in the expansion of  $\kappa_\lambda$ , while in the  $\kappa$ -framework-based approach the constraint  $\kappa_V = \sin(\beta - \alpha)$  and the full dependence of  $\kappa_\lambda$  on  $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$  are considered. However, part of the region of Type-I model parameter space allowed in the EFT-based approach but not in that based on the  $\kappa$ -framework is inconsistent with the alignment limit hypothesis of  $|\cos(\beta - \alpha)| \ll 1$ .

# Non-Gaussian likelihoods

In Higgs physics, often find “signal-strength” measurements

$$\rightarrow \mu_i = \frac{\sigma_i}{(\sigma_i)_{SM}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu^f = \frac{BR^f}{(BR^f)_{SM}} \quad \text{Standard model defined by } \mu_i = \mu^f = 1$$

→ **Assume** only total rate of  $ii \rightarrow H \rightarrow ff$  is modified by new physics (ok in certain models)



[EPJC 79 \(2019\) 421](#)

Re-construct profile likelihood

$$-2 \log L(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})^T C^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}})$$

Extend Gaussian approximation with “variable Gaussian”

$$C = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \cdot \rho \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{\mu})$$

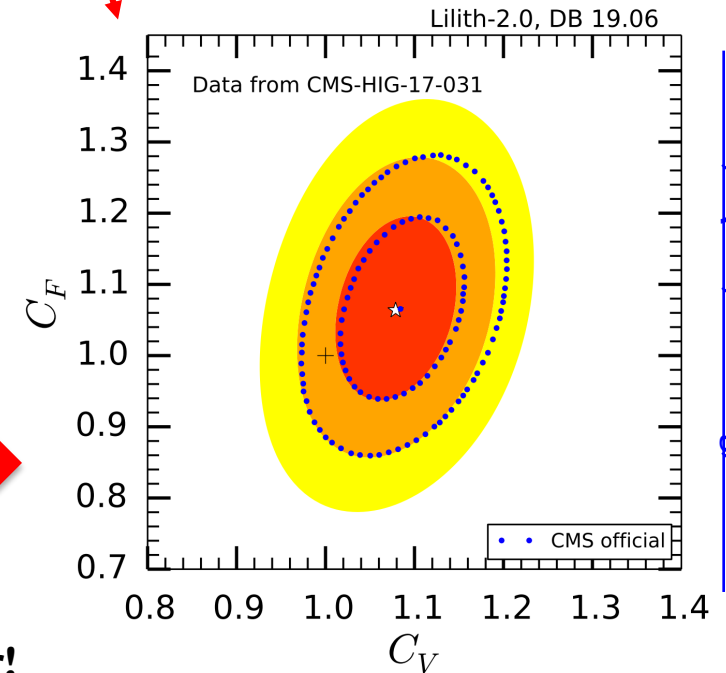
$$\Sigma_i = \sqrt{\sigma_i^+ \sigma_i^- + (\sigma_i^+ - \sigma_i^-)(\mu_i - \hat{\mu}_i)}$$

Re-parameterize in terms of coupling modifiers

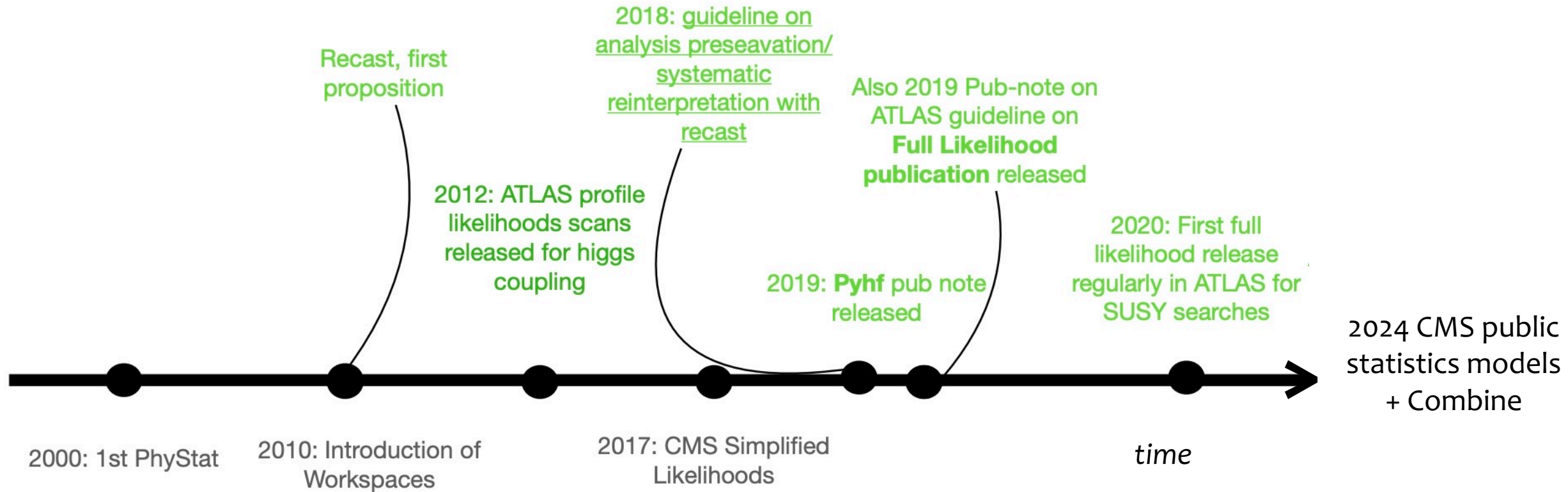
$$\mu_i, \mu^f \rightarrow \mu_i(C_V, C_F), \mu^f(C_V, C_F)$$

Non-Gaussian effects matter!

Add variable Gaussian



# Timeline for public likelihoods



L. Heinrich



# Recommendations for re-interpretations

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCPhysics/InterpretingLHCresults>

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## Reinterpretation of LHC results for new physics: status and recommendations after run 2

The LHC BSM Reinterpretation Forum

### Abstract

We report on the status of efforts to improve the reinterpretation of searches and measurements at the LHC in terms of models for new physics, in the context of the LHC Reinterpretation Forum. We detail current experimental offerings in direct searches for new particles, measurements, technical implementations and Open Data, and provide a set of recommendations for further improving the presentation of LHC results in order to better enable reinterpretation in the future. We also provide a brief description of existing software reinterpretation frameworks and recent global analyses of new physics that make use of the current data.



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## Publishing statistical models: Getting the most out of particle physics experiments

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### Abstract

The statistical models used to derive the results of experimental analyses are of incredible scientific value and are essential information for analysis preservation and reuse. In this paper, we make the scientific case for systematically publishing the full statistical models and discuss the technical developments that make this practical. By means of a variety of physics cases — including parton distribution functions, Higgs boson measurements, effective field theory interpretations, direct searches for new physics, heavy flavor physics, direct dark matter detection, world averages, and beyond the Standard Model global fits — we illustrate how detailed information on the statistical modelling can enhance the short- and long-term impact of experimental results.



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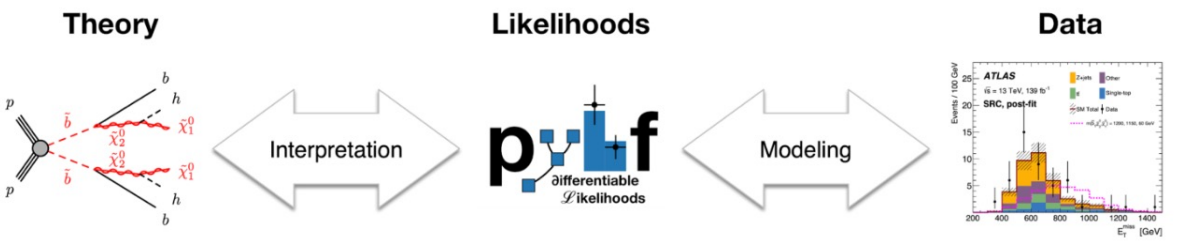
# Public Statistical Models

ATLAS has been releasing public versions of their statistical models for several years

Limited to simple histogram-based models but very welcomed by the pheno community for reinterpretations

## ATLAS analyses with pyHF compatible public models:

Observation of the $t\bar{t}\gamma$ production	<a href="#">TOPQ</a>	Accepted by PRL	2023-02-02	13	140 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2302.01283</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Internal</a>
Search for gluinos in multi-b final states	<a href="#">SUSY</a>	<a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 83 (2023) 561</a>	2022-11-15	13	139 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2211.08028</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Internal</a>
Measurement of the s-channel single top cross-section at 13 TeV	<a href="#">TOPQ</a>	<a href="#">JHEP 06 (2023) 191</a>	2022-09-19	13	139 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2209.08990</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Internal</a>
Search for flavor-changing neutral-current couplings between the top-quark and the photon at 13 TeV	<a href="#">TOPQ</a>	<a href="#">Phys. Lett. B 842 (2023) 137379</a>	2022-05-05	13	139 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2205.02537</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Internal</a>
Search for SUSY in events with 2 leptons, jets and MET	<a href="#">SUSY</a>	<a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 83 (2023) 515</a>	2022-04-27	13	139 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2204.13072</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Internal</a>
Search BSM $H \rightarrow hh \rightarrow b\bar{b} \gamma \gamma$ and $hh \rightarrow b\bar{b} \gamma \gamma$	<a href="#">HDBS</a>	<a href="#">Phys. Rev. D 106 (2022) 052001</a>	2021-12-22	13	139 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2112.11876</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Internal</a>
Search for charginos and neutralinos in all-hadronic final states	<a href="#">SUSY</a>	<a href="#">Phys. Rev. D 104 (2021) 112010</a>	2021-08-17	13	139 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2108.07586</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Briefing</a>   <a href="#">Internal</a>
4-top xsec measurement	<a href="#">TOPQ</a>	<a href="#">JHEP 11 (2021) 118</a>	2021-06-22	13	139 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2106.11683</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Internal</a>
Search for gluinos, stops and electroweakinos in RPV models in final states with 1L and many jets	<a href="#">SUSY</a>	<a href="#">Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 1023</a>	2021-06-17	13	139 fb <sup>-1</sup>	<a href="#">Documents</a>   <a href="#">2106.09609</a> <a href="#">Inspire</a>   <a href="#">HepData</a> <a href="#">Briefing</a>   <a href="#">Internal</a>



Likelihoods are an essential link between theory and ATLAS data. (Image: K. Cranmer/ATLAS Collaboration)

# HepData for published likelihoods

<https://www.hepdata.net/record/ins1748602>

Search for bottom-squark pair production with the ATLAS detector in final states containing Higgs bosons, b-jets and missing transverse momentum

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Search for displaced leptons in  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  $pp$  collisions with the ATLAS detector

Version 1

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Resources <https://www.hepdata.net> JSON

**Cutflow SR-ee** 10.17182/hepdata.98796.v1/11

Table aux12

Cutflow for SR-ee for 5 representative signal points. For the following  $\tilde{e}$  mass and lifetime points, the number of Monte Carlo events generated are: 24,000 for (100 GeV, 0.01 ns), 16,000 for (300 GeV, 1 ns), and 12,000 for (500 GeV, 0.1 ns). For the  $\tilde{\tau}$  mass and lifetime points, the number of Monte Carlo events generated are: 30,000 for (200 GeV, 0.1 ns), and 104,000 for (300 GeV, 0.1 ns).

cmenergies	observables	reactions
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initial number of events ( $L \times \sigma$ )	50830.0	870.0	93.6	4210.0	870.0
pass trigger and at least 2 baseline leptons	736.0	238.0	66.3	37.1	15.7
2 leading	393.0	143.0	40.5	18.1	7.84

Additional Publication Resources

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Common Resources 5

- Cutflow SR-ee 2
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- Cutflow SR-mm 2
- co-NLSP upper limit on cross section 2
- selectron upper limit on cross section 2
- LH selectron upper limit on cross section 2
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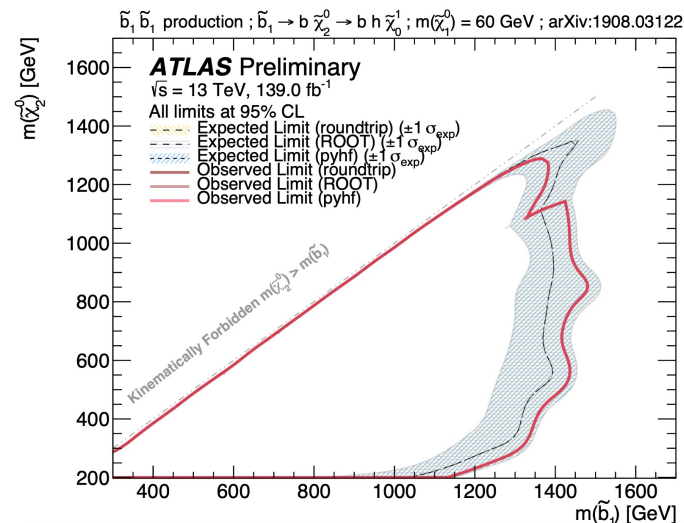
External Link: Webpage with all figures and tables. View Resource

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Python File: Code snippet with the implementation of the analysis selection at truth-level. Download

dat File: SHLA file for selectron+smuon signal. Download

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pyhf differentiable Likelihoods

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# Publishing profiled likelihoods

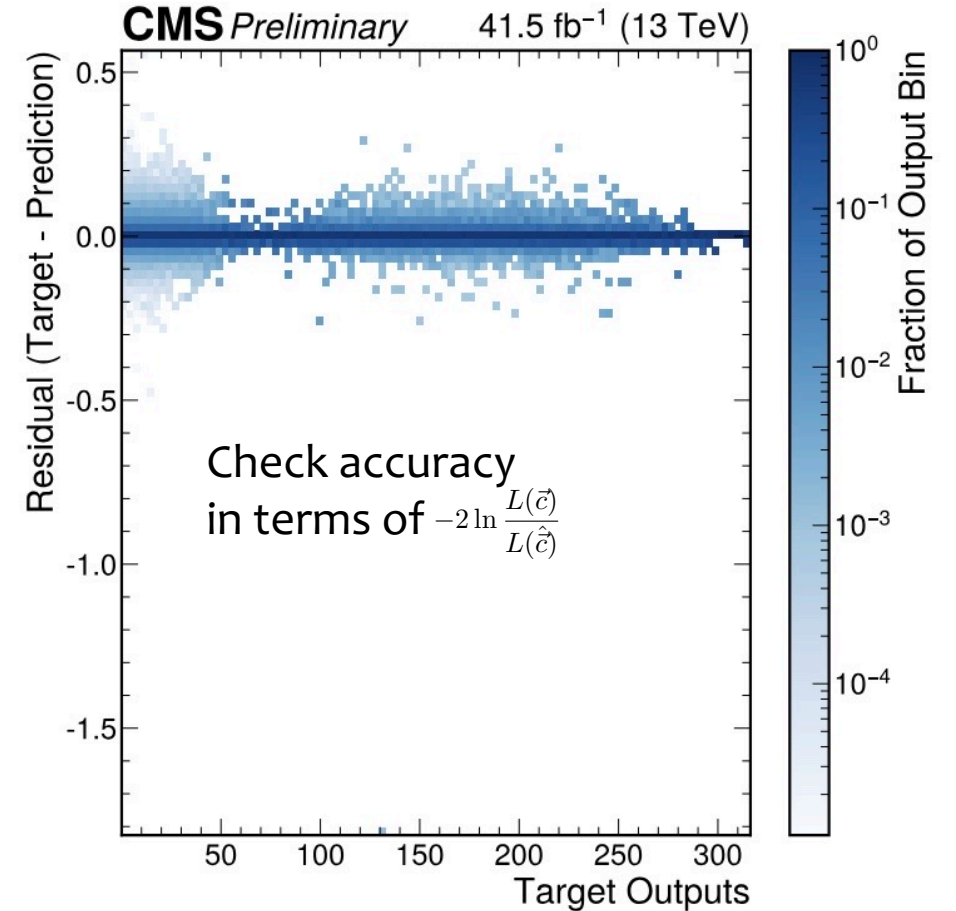
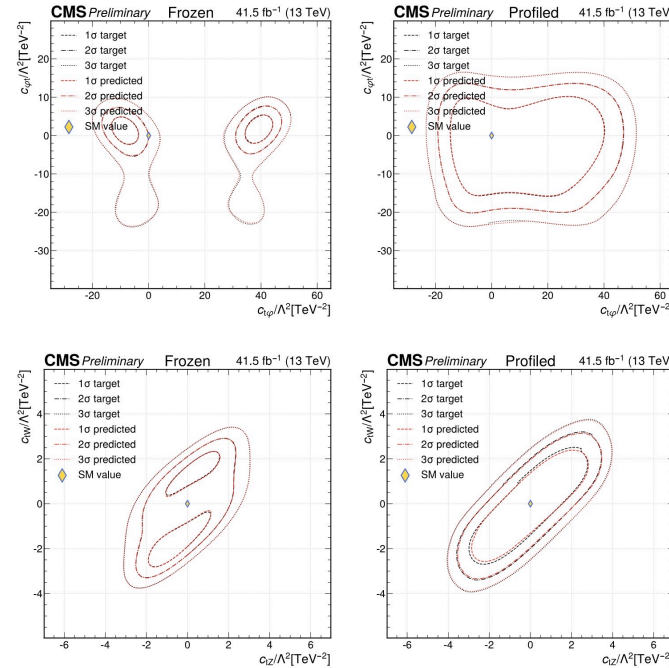
In between simple and full likelihoods

→ Communicating **profiled likelihoods** in EFT

Train a DNN to learn  $-2 \ln \frac{L(\vec{c})}{L(\hat{\vec{c}})}$

DNN can cope with high dimensional space (here example is t-quark measurement with 16 WCs!)

Publish DNN for 16D likelihood surface



- 😊 Much faster as interpretation already performed
- can re-interpret (re-profile) very quickly as underlying model is a DNN!
- 😞 Parameterization baked in
- can't incorporate developments in EFT, systematics embedded into results

[S. Liu \(CHEP 2023\)](#)

# Unfolded vs Full sim

A. Gilbert

**Fiducial/differential measurements with EFT interpretation**

Unfolding, with **likelihood fit** ... or **matrices**

$L(\text{data} \mid \sigma_i)$

$(\vec{y} - \mathbf{K}\vec{\sigma})^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\vec{y} - \mathbf{K}\vec{\sigma}) + \delta P(\vec{\sigma})$

$L(\text{data} \mid \sigma_i(c_j))$

Can recast from  $\sigma_i$  to give  $c_j$ , or other parametrization of  $\sigma_i$

**Direct EFT constraints (w/ optimised analysis) aka "full-sim"**

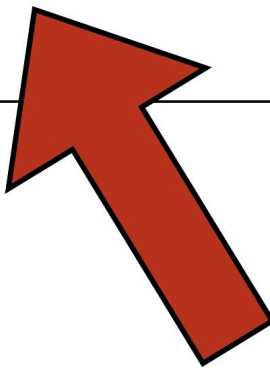
One direct fit:

$L(\text{data} \mid c_j)$

Can (in principle) recast from  $c_j$  to other congruent EFT basis

Often simplified info. made public:

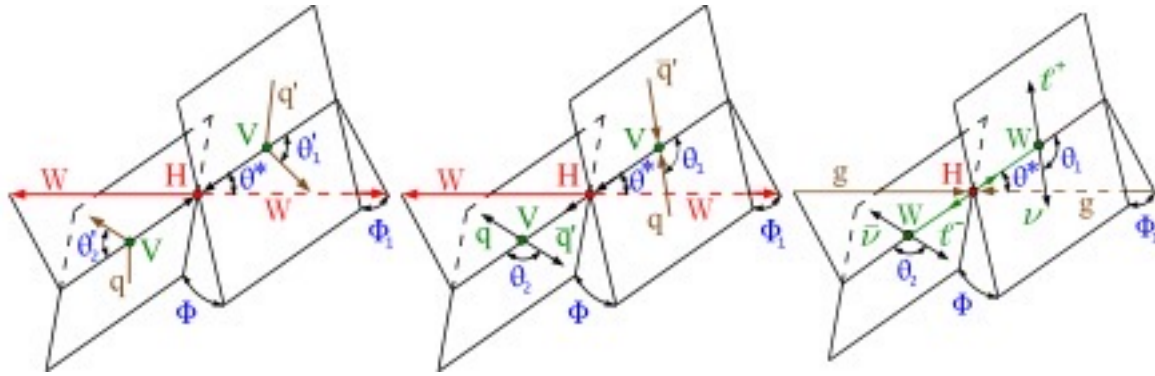
$\chi^2(\sigma_i; \sigma_i^{\text{meas.}})$



Used in Top/Higgs-land (anomalous couplings)

# EFT $H \rightarrow WW$ (HIG-22-008)

[AC  \$H \rightarrow VV\$](#)

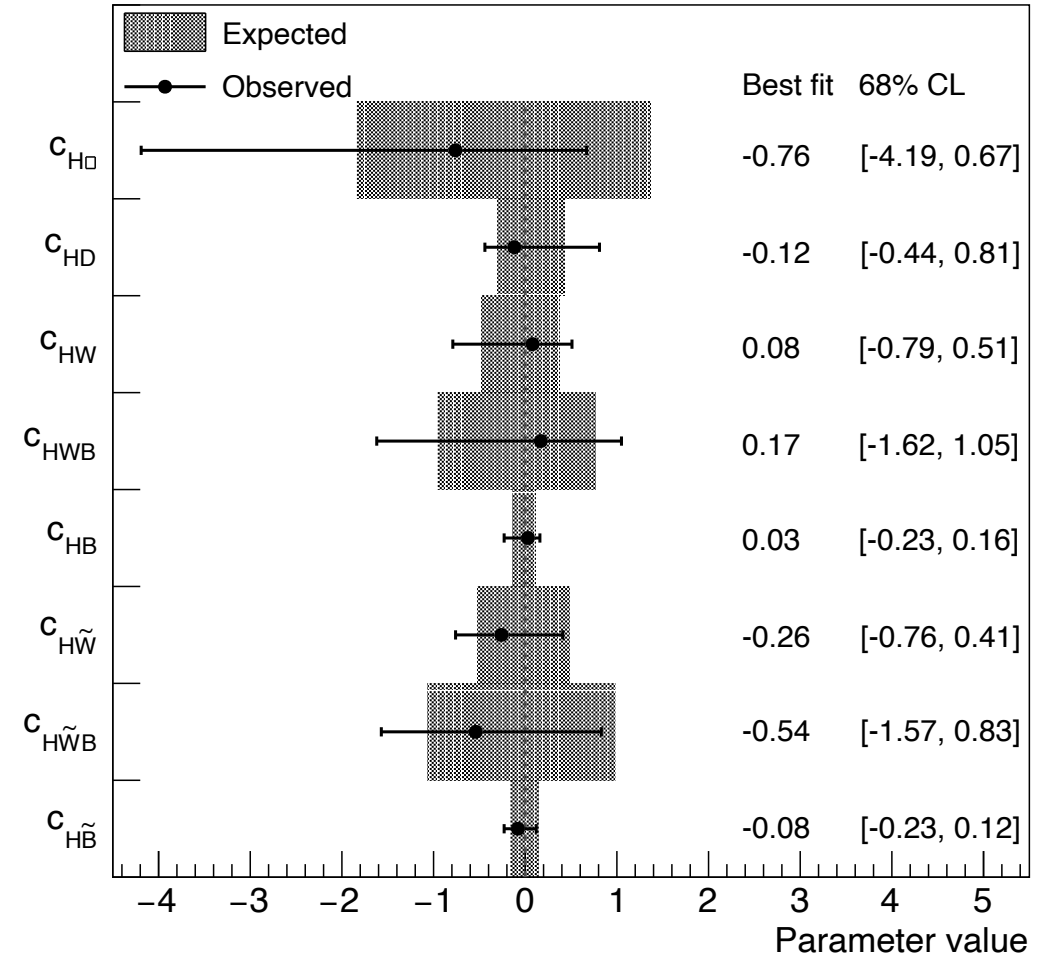


Direct parameterization of H-VV vertices in terms of EFT couplings  $\rightarrow$  directly measure from terms in LH

Only one of  $c_{HW}$ ,  $c_{HWB}$ , and  $c_{HB}$  is independent, the same is also true for cp-odd versions.

**CMS**

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



EFT quadratic parametrization can be seen as matrix multiplication. **Use optimized matrix math libraries (Eigen) to compute products → Factor 100x speed up in minimization**

$$y = y_{SM} \left( 1 + \sum_i c_i A_i + \sum_{i \leq j} c_i c_j B_{ij} \right) \Leftrightarrow y = y_{SM} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}^\top \begin{bmatrix} 1 & A_1/2 & A_2/2 & \cdots \\ A_1/2 & B_{11} & B_{12}/2 & \cdots \\ A_2/2 & B_{12}/2 & B_{22} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

## Pros and Cons

- ✓ 100x speed up in profiled fits
- ✓ Memory consumption reduced ~x2
- ✓ JSON parametrization: **no template proliferation**
- ✗ Does not support any syst unc. on EFT
- ✗ Assumes EFT factorized from nuisances

ctG fit	AnalyticAnomalousCoupling	InterferenceModel
Fast scan time	103s	2.7s
Fast scan memory	600 MB	307 MB
Profile nuisance scan time	1835s (30min)	10.6s
Profile nuisance scan memory	602 MB	311 MB
Profile scan time	2604s (40min)	27s
Profile scan memory	600 MB	311 MB

Comparison from [Nick Smith](#)

# STXS → EFT Parameterizations in Combine

## [STXS to SMEFT Model.py](#)

```
65 # ~~~~~
66 # Global function to extract reco category, STXS bin, decay mode and energy from process name
67 def getProcessInfo(bin, process):
68     foundRecoCategory = bin
69     foundSTXSBin = process
70     foundDecay = None
71     foundEnergy = "13TeV"
72     # Iterate over Higgs decays
73     matchedDecayString = False
74     for D in ALL_HIGGS_DECAYS:
75         if matchedDecayString:
76             continue
77         if "%s" % D in foundSTXSBin:
78             foundSTXSBin = re.sub("%s" % D, "", foundSTXSBin)
79             foundDecay = D
80             matchedDecayString = True
81     # Also drop year tag in STXS bin name if present
82     for Y in ["2016", "2017", "2018"]:
83         if "%s" % Y in foundSTXSBin:
84             foundSTXSBin = re.sub("%s" % Y, "", foundSTXSBin)
85
86     # Catch for H→Zgam
87     if (foundDecay == "hzg") | ("bkg" in foundSTXSBin):
88         foundSTXSBin = foundSTXSBin.split("_")[0]
89
90     if not matchedDecayString:
91         raise RuntimeError("Validation error: no supported decay found in process")
92
93     return (foundRecoCategory, foundSTXSBin, foundDecay, foundEnergy)
94
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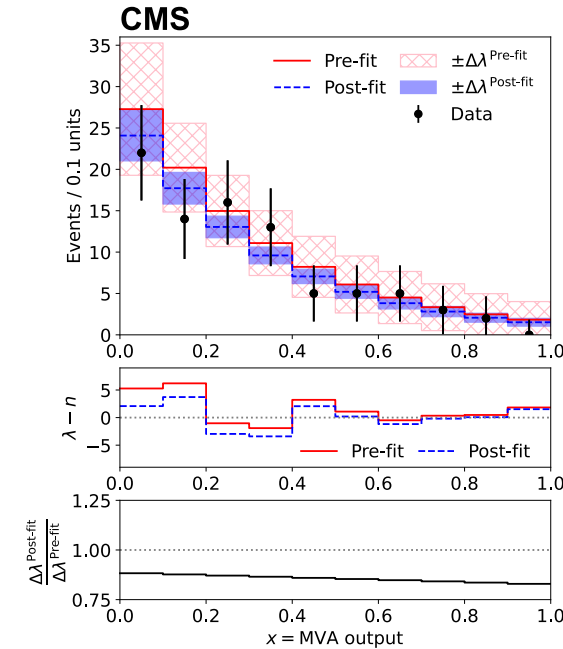
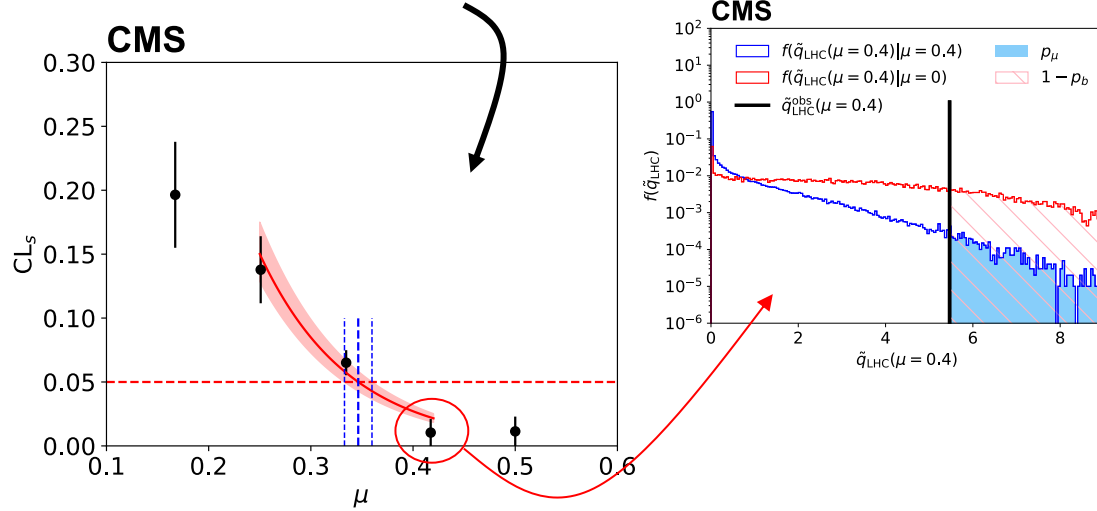
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166 # Overwrite getYieldScale to extract (RECO-category, STXS bin, decay, energy)
167 def getYieldScale(self, bin, process):
168     if not self.DC.isSignal[process]:
169         return 1.0
170
171     # Extract process line info
172     (recoCat, stxsbin, decay, energy) = getProcessInfo(bin, process)
173
174     # Return 1 (no scaling) for fixed processes and scaling for non-fixed
175     if stxsbin in self.fixProcesses:
176         return 1.0
177     else:
178         procStr = stxsbin
179         return self.getHiggsSignalYieldScale(procStr, decay, energy)
180
181 # ~~~~~
182 # Extract pois from yaml file
183 def extractPOIs(self, filename):
184     with open(filename, "r") as fpois:
185         try:
186             self.pois = yaml.safe_load(fpois)
187             # Apply eigenvector threshold if set
188             if self.eigenvalueThreshold != -1.0:
189                 pois_to_keep = {}
190                 for poi, v in self.pois.items():
191                     if "eigenvalue" in v:
192                         if v["eigenvalue"] > float(self.eigenvalueThreshold):
193                             pois_to_keep[poi] = v
194                     else:
195                         pois_to_keep[poi] = v
196                 self.pois = pois_to_keep
197
198             except yaml.YAMLError as exc:
199                 print(exc)
200
201 # Function to extract STXS scaling terms from json file
202 def extractSTXSScalingTerms(self, filename=""):
203     if filename != "":
204         with open(filename, "r") as jf:
205             self.STXSScalingTerms = json.load(jf)
206     else:
207         self.STXSScalingTerms = {}
208
```



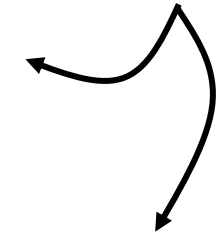
# Other features in Combine

Many other statistical routines available :  
see [Combine](#) paper and [online documentation](#)

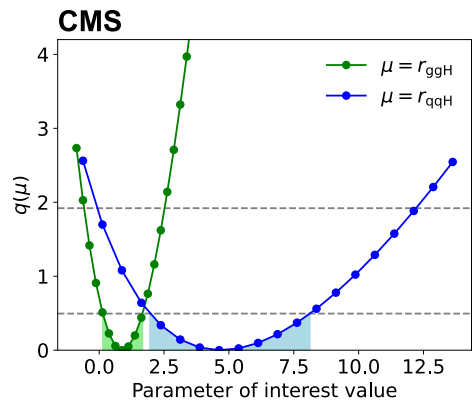
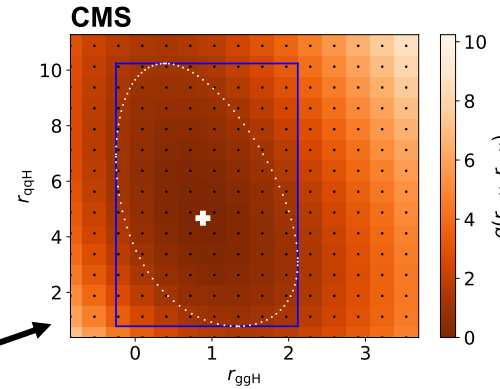
Determine upper/confidence limits



Fit diagnostics tools

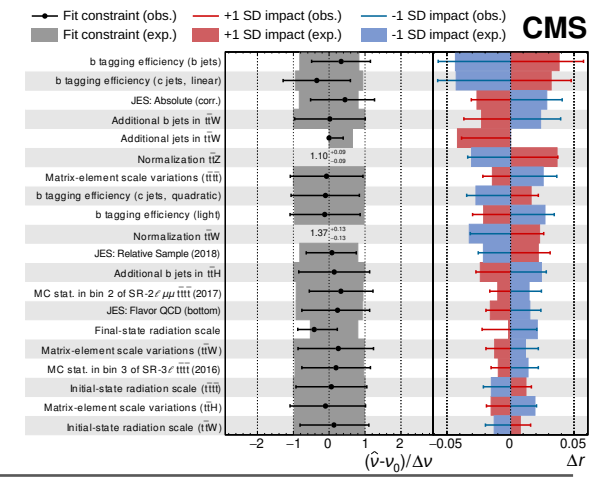


Multi-dimensional profile likelihood scans/contours



Installation via pre-compiled container image:

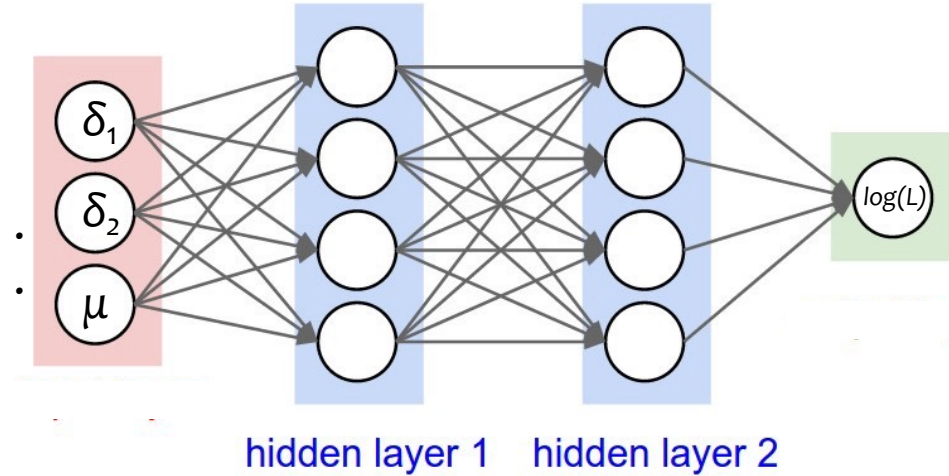
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> docker run --name combine -it gitlab-registry.cern.ch/cms-cloud/combine-standalone:v9.2.1
```



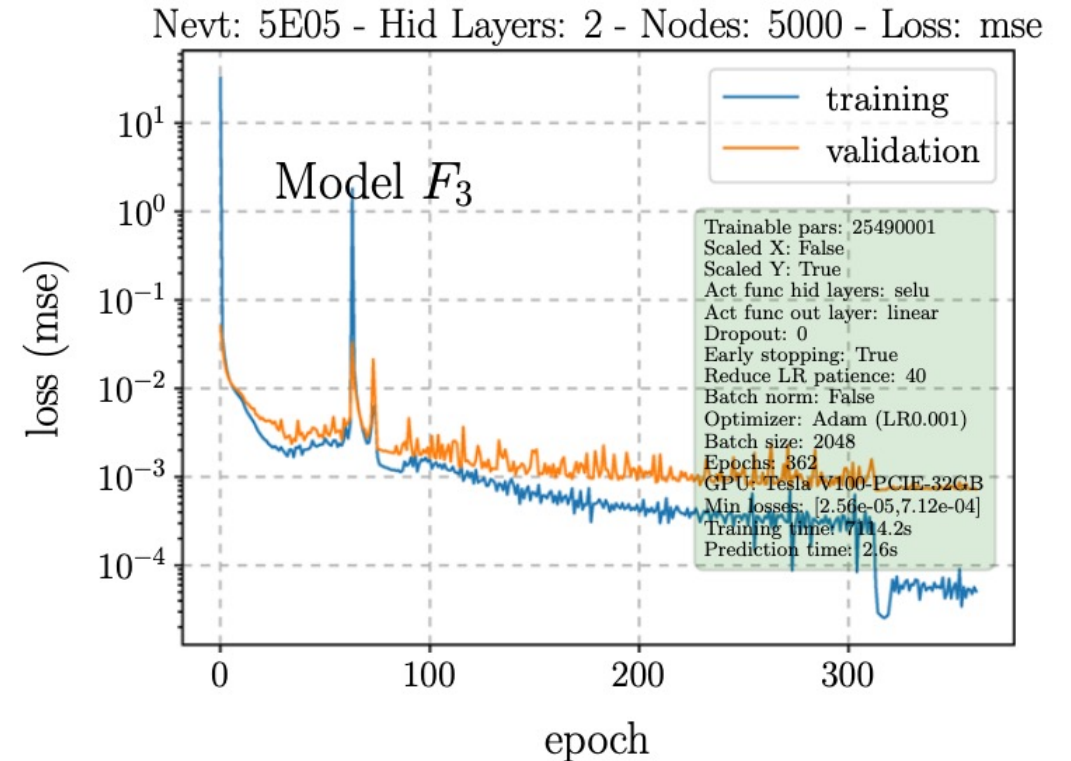
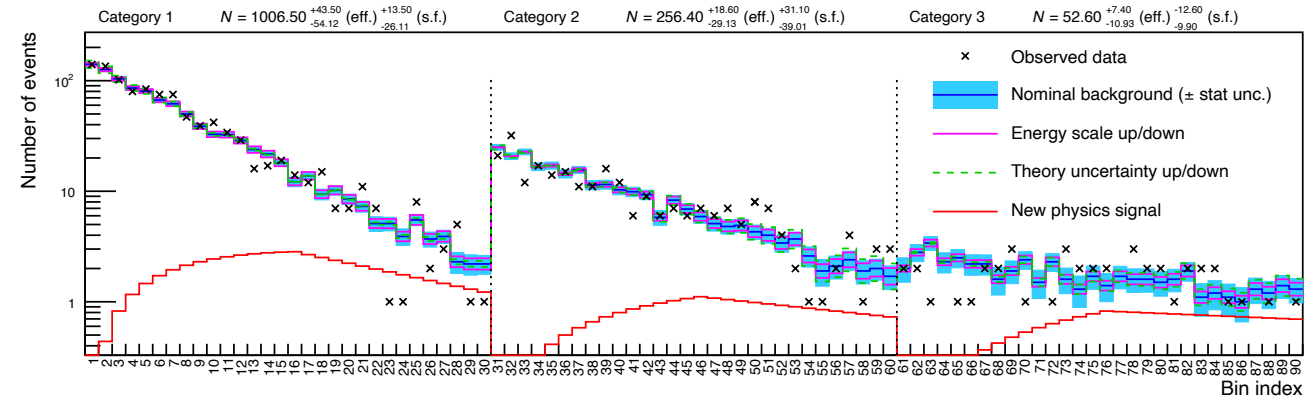
Getting to the “full” likelihood

# DNN based likelihoods

Random samples from the toy search experimental likelihood serve as training data for a Deep Neural Network [1]



- 2 hidden layer NN, with SELU activation functions between layers – tested different #nodes in hidden layers.
- Adam optimizer with MSE as loss function to train the NN parameters.
- Sampling based on  $p(\mathbf{x})$  – in this case known from the expt. LH



[1] A. Coccaro, M. Pierini, L. Silvestrini, R. Torre: [Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 664 \(2020\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.11142).

# ML-based likelihood(ratios)

In some cases, it may be more challenging than necessary to learn the likelihood directly

→ if  $p(\mathbf{x}|\alpha)$  must be obtained from some complex simulation, but can still generate from  $p$

If you can find a function  $s(\mathbf{x})$  that is monotonic with  $r(\mathbf{x}; \alpha_0, \alpha_1)$  [1], then;

$$r(\mathbf{x}|\alpha_0, \alpha_1) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\alpha_0)}{p(\mathbf{x}|\alpha_1)} = \frac{p(s(\mathbf{x})|\alpha_0)}{p(s(\mathbf{x})|\alpha_1)}$$

e.g  $s(\mathbf{x})$  can be a classifier trained to separate  $\alpha_0$  vs  $\alpha_1$

Here  $\mathbf{x}$  can be anything → not restricted to binned likelihoods!

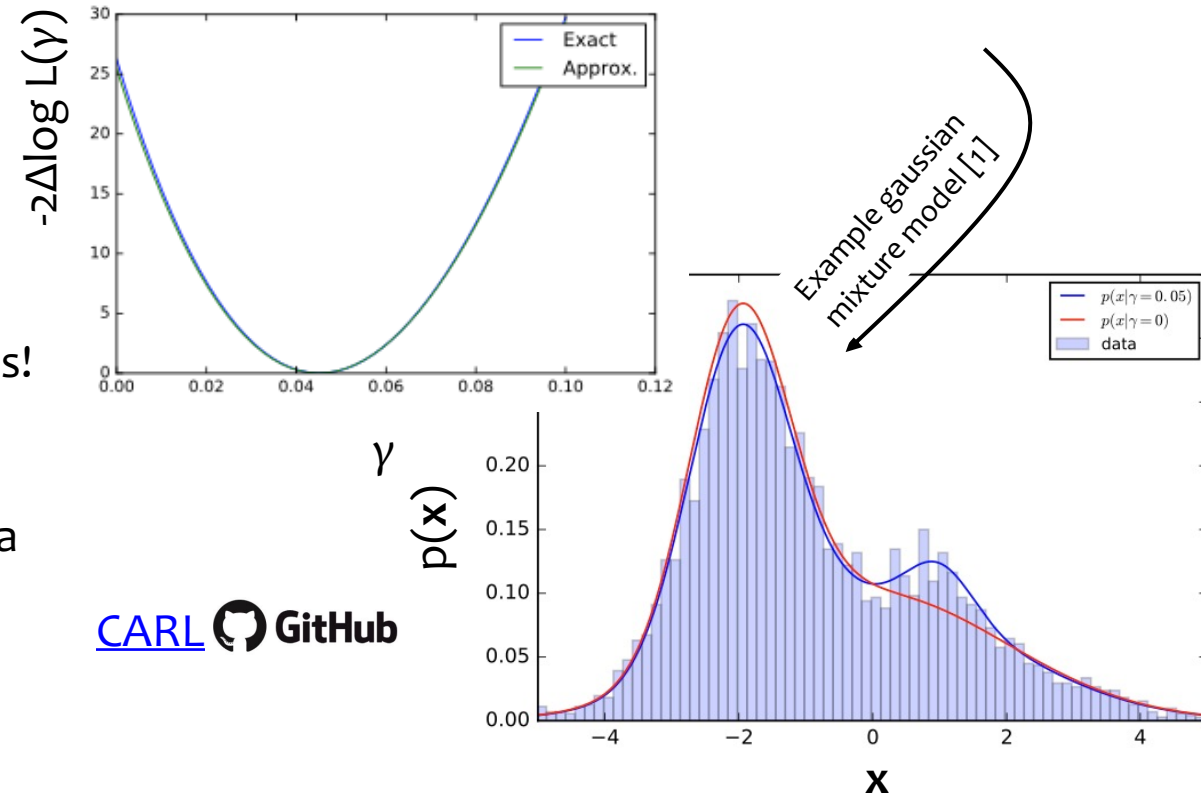
*likelihood-free* based inference or Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC) more common outside HEP - See [2] for a very nice review of applications in HEP!

[1] [arXiv:1506.02169](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.02169)

[2] [arXiv:2010.06439](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.06439)

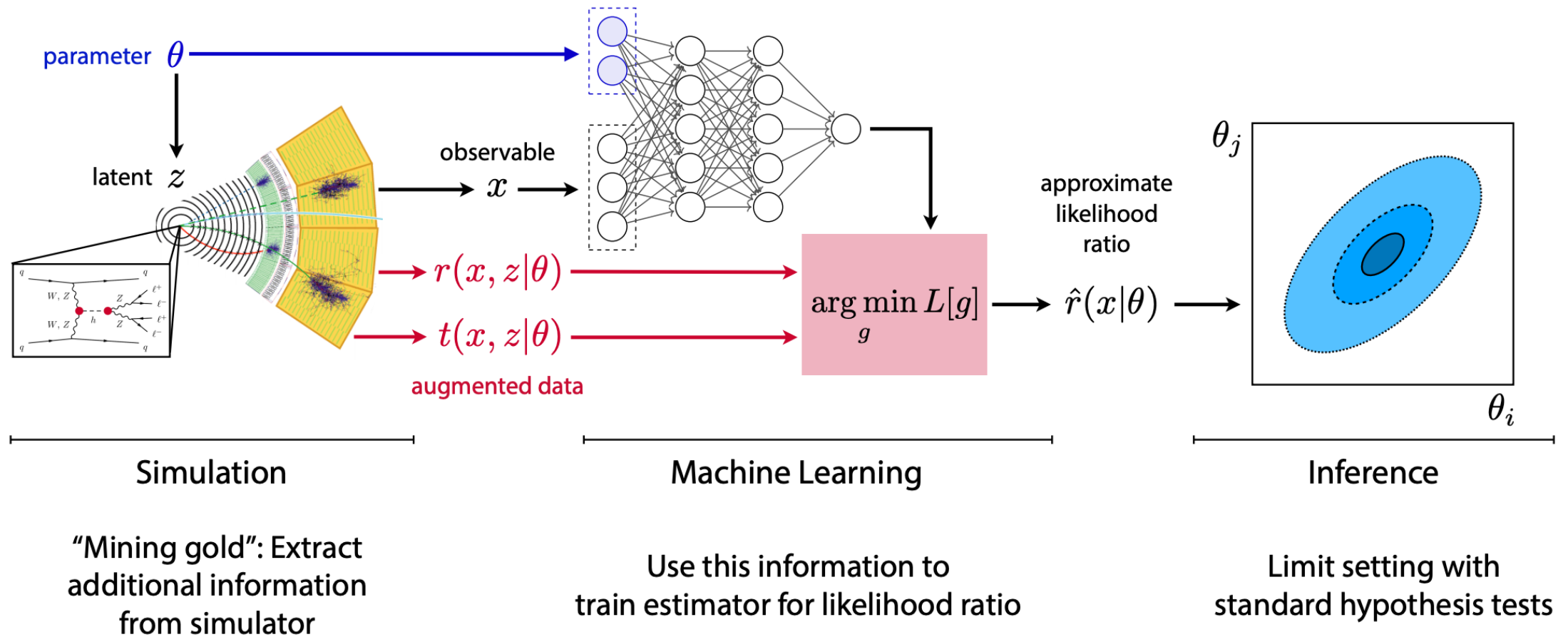
See the PhyStat seminar from [Kyle Cranmer](#) for more ML based approaches and MadMiner

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\gamma) = (1 - \gamma) \frac{p_{c_0}(\mathbf{x}) + p_{c_1}(\mathbf{x})}{2} + \gamma p_{c_2}(\mathbf{x})$$



# MadMiner

Full likelihood with SBI



Sourced from <https://github.com/diana-hep/madminer>.

Excellent tutorial by K. Cramner: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/982553/contributions/4220018/attachments/2185603/3706682/MadMiner-tutorial-reinterp-2021.pdf>

# Nuisance parameters description

Public statistical model comes with nuisance parameter naming + description as .html files

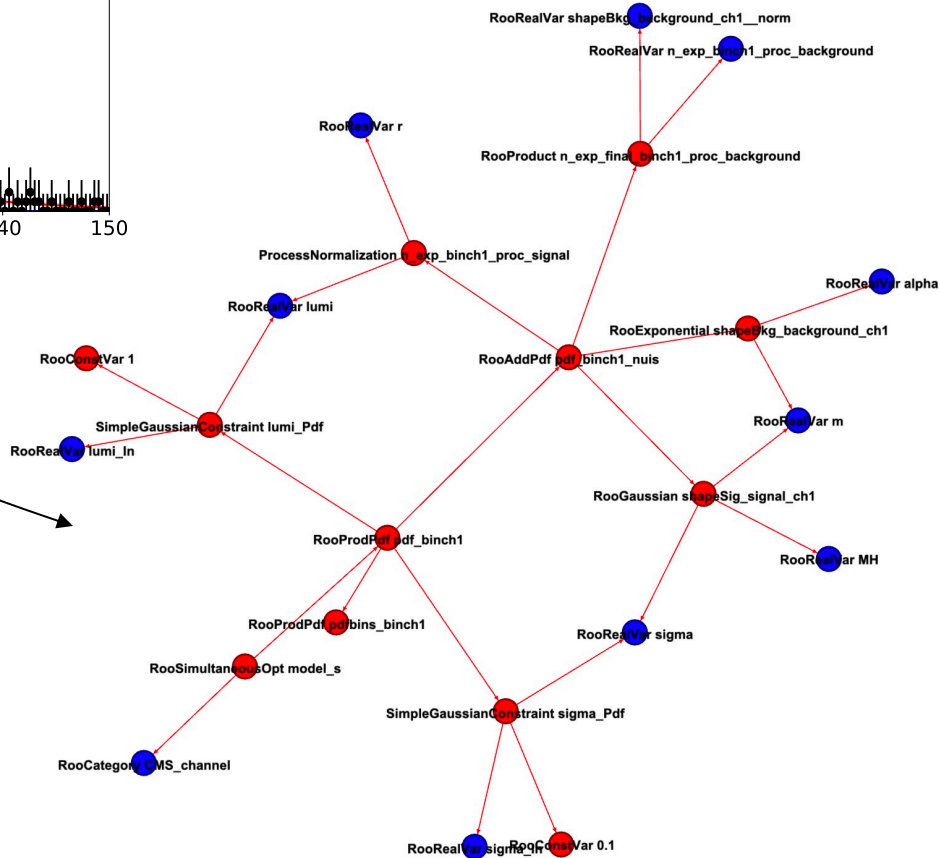
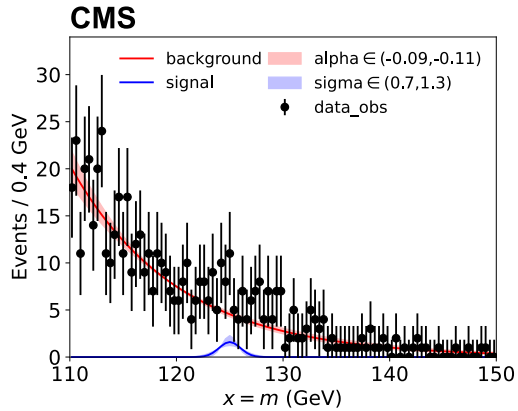
e.g  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  channel nuisance parameters in `systematics_higgs_htt.html`



	class	description
CMS_scale_met_8TeV	MET_scale	single overall met energy scale uncertainty
CMS_scale_met_7TeV	MET_scale	single overall met energy scale uncertainty
CMS_eff_b_7TeV	custom	efficiency uncertainty for b jets in 7 and 8 TeV analyses
CMS_vhtt_7TeV_emt_fakeshape_fakes_bin_3	custom	shape uncertainties from the lepton-jet misidentification probabilities
CMS_vhtt_7TeV_emt_fakeshape_fakes_bin_2	custom	shape uncertainties from the lepton-jet misidentification probabilities
CMS_vhtt_7TeV_emt_fakeshape_fakes_bin_1	custom	shape uncertainties from the lepton-jet misidentification probabilities
CMS_trigger_m_7TeV	custom	muon trigger efficiency uncertainty in 7 TeV analysis
CMS_trigger_e_7TeV	custom	electron trigger efficiency uncertainty in 7 TeV analysis
CMS_hww_fakes_em_8TeV	custom	uncertainty on misidentified W+jets and QCD background estimated from the control region with relaxed lepton selection requirements
CMS_hww_fakes_em_7TeV	custom	uncertainty on misidentified W+jets and QCD background estimated from the control region with relaxed lepton selection requirements
CMS_htt_zttNorm_8TeV	custom	inclusive normalisation uncertainty applied for ztt and ttbar backgrounds processes
CMS_htt_zttNorm_7TeV	custom	inclusive normalisation uncertainty applied for ztt and ttbar backgrounds processes
CMS_htt_ttbarNorm_8TeV	custom	inclusive normalisation uncertainty applied for ztt and ttbar backgrounds processes
CMS_htt_ttbarNorm_7TeV	custom	inclusive normalisation uncertainty applied for ztt and ttbar backgrounds processes
CMS_htt_mm_zttLikelihood_8TeV	custom	uncertainty on the di-tau invariant mass reconstruction method
CMS_vhtt_7TeV_emt_fakeshape_fakes_bin_4	custom	shape uncertainties from the lepton-jet misidentification probabilities
CMS_htt_mm_zttLikelihood_7TeV	custom	uncertainty on the di-tau invariant mass reconstruction method
CMS_htt_mm_zmm_extrap_vbf_7TeV	custom	extrapolation uncertainty for Z -> mu mu background
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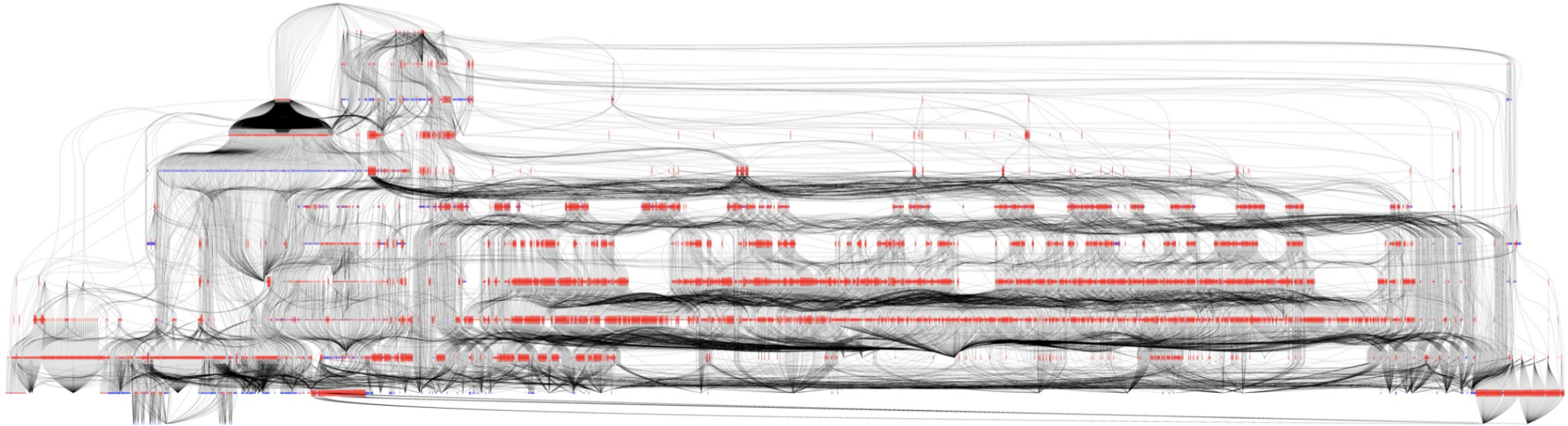
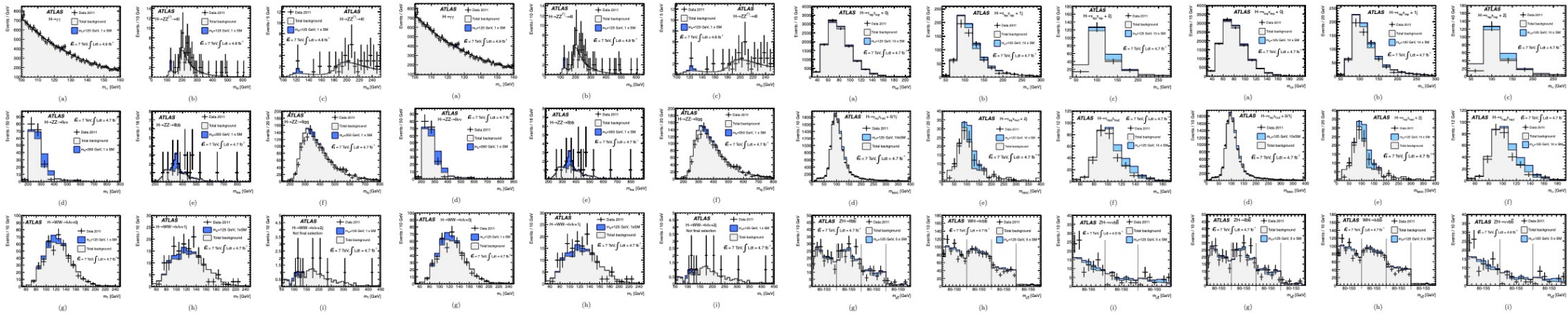
# Simple Model vs Combination

Simple parametric statistical model



CMS Higgs observation  
combination statistical model

# ATLAS Run-1 Higgs model





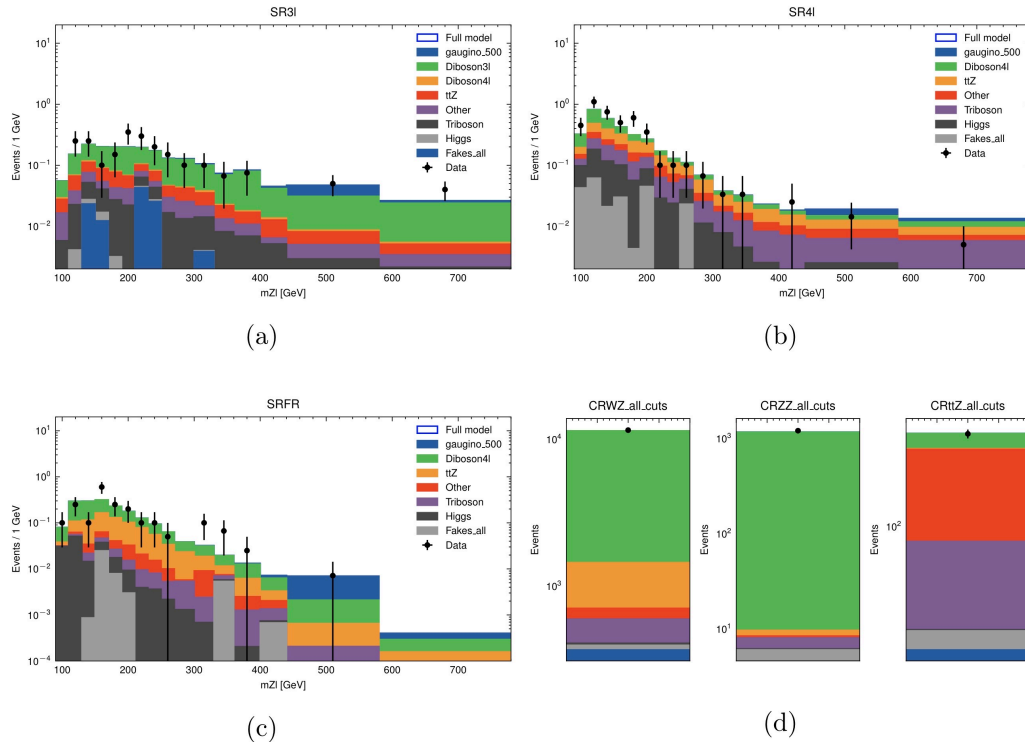
# Linearized Simplified Likelihoods

$$L(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{c=1}^{N_{\text{channels}}} \prod_{b=1}^{N_{\text{bins},c}} \text{Pois} \left( n_{cb}, \sum_{s=1}^{N_{\text{samples},c}} \nu_{cbs}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right) \prod_{l=1}^{N_{\text{constraints}}} C_l(\tilde{\theta}_l, \theta_l)$$

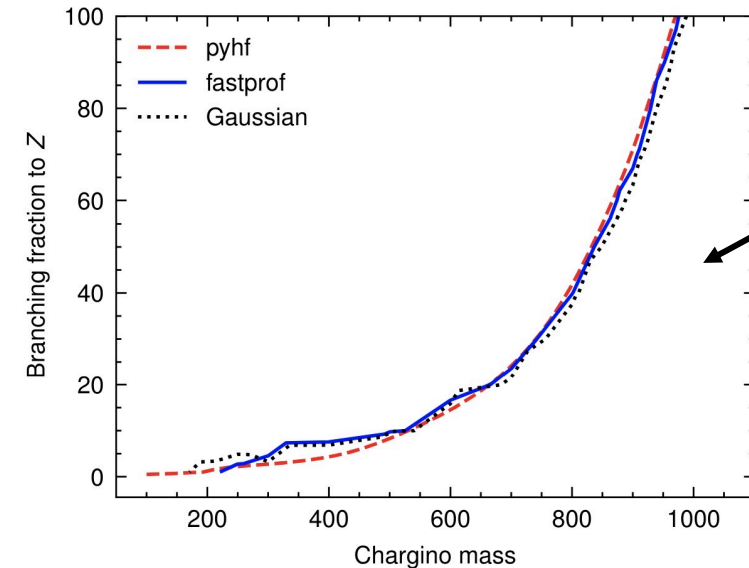
Simplify template-based likelihood functions by linearizing systematic variations

→ Simplified Likelihoods with Linearized Systematics (SLLS)

$$\nu_{cbs}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \nu_{cbs}^{\text{nom}}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{NP}}} \Delta_{cbsk}(\theta_k - \theta_k^{\text{nom}}) \right]$$



Example from ATLAS chargino and neutralino pair search (Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021))



Maintains information on NP correlation schemes → combinations of SLLS models also possible!

N. Berger [arXiv:2301.05676](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.05676)

Implemented in *fastprof* (compatible with pyHF or RooFit models): <https://github.com/fastprof-hep/fastprof>