

Evidence for Higgs boson decay to muons

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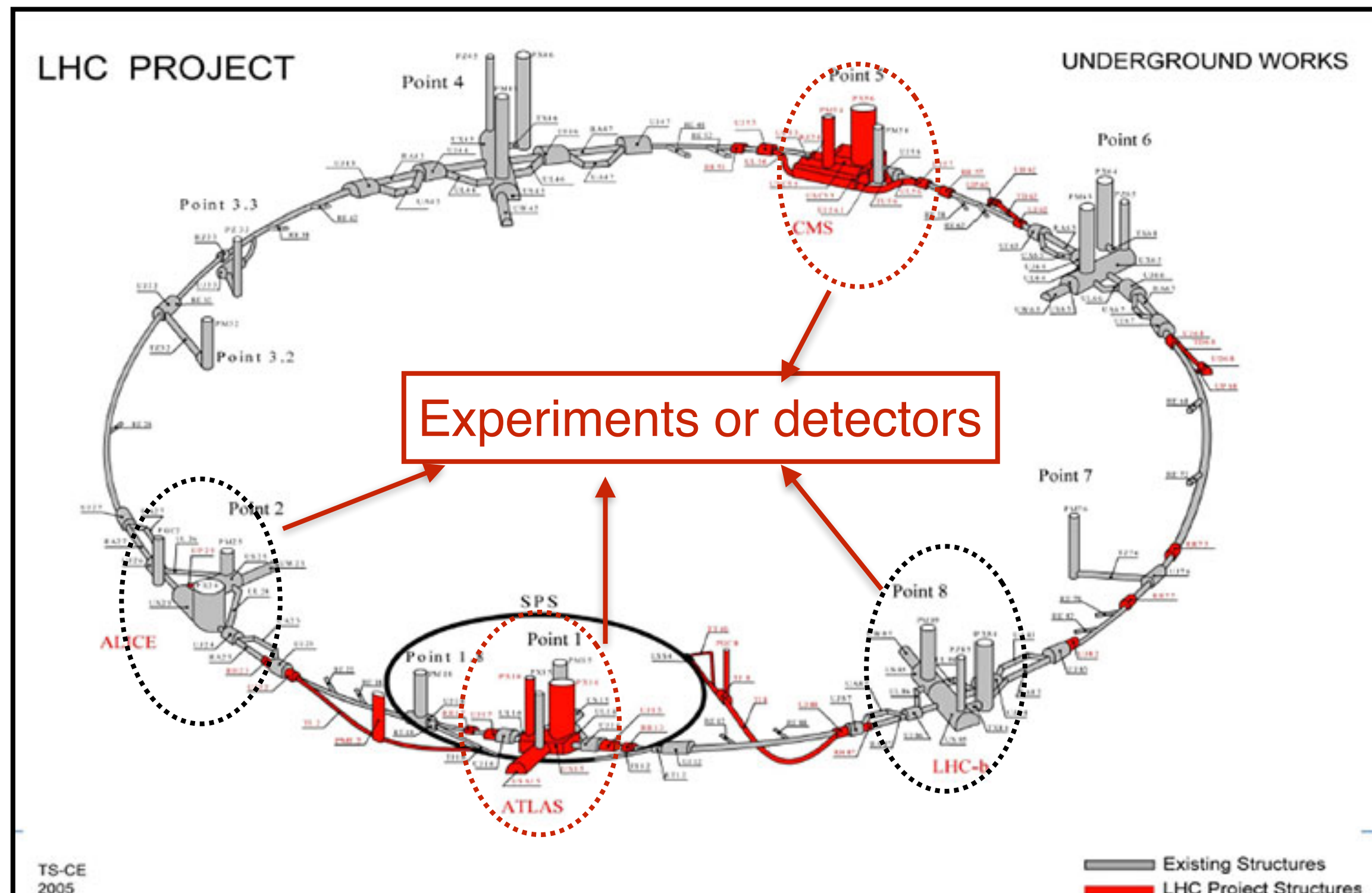
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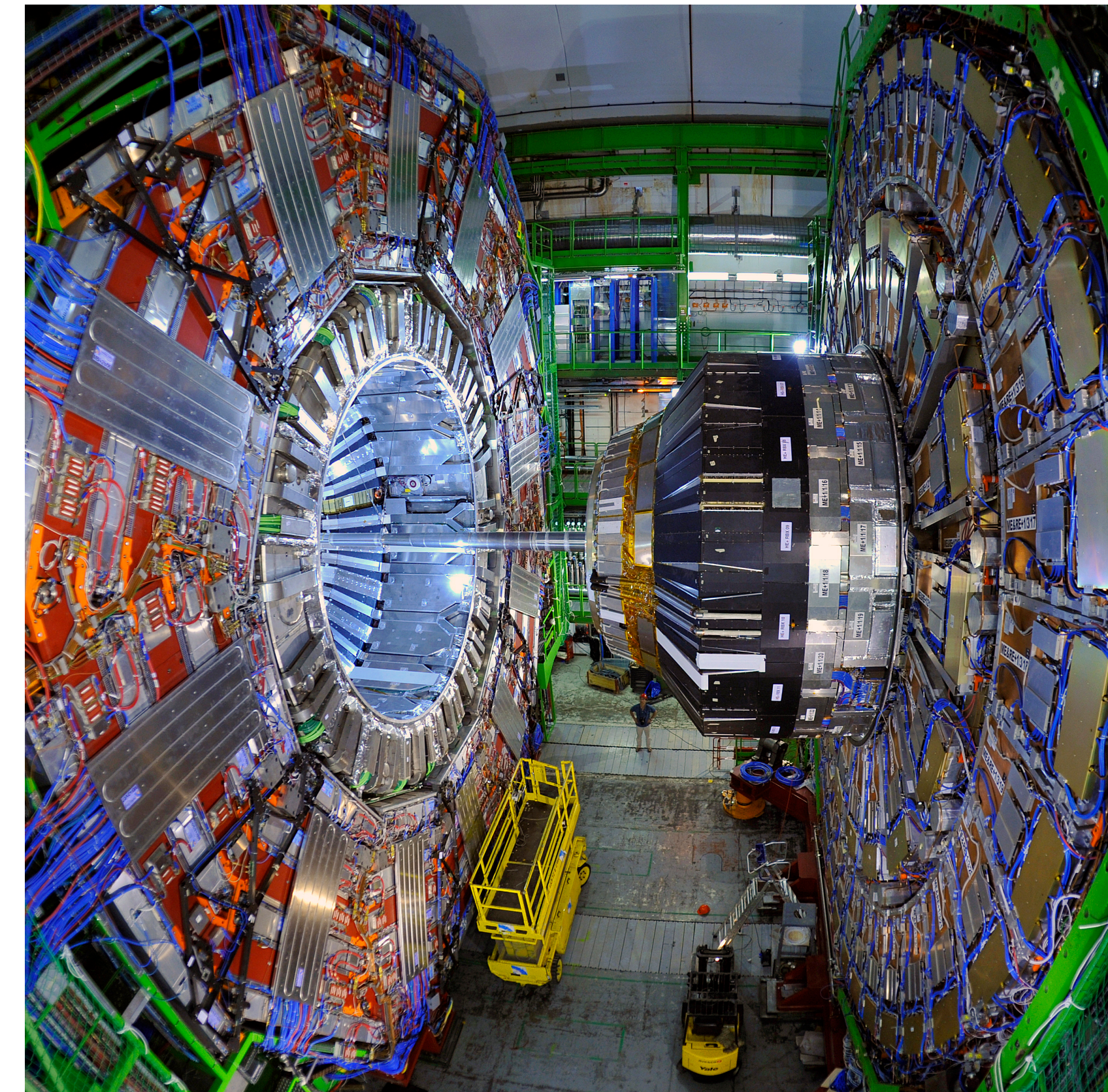
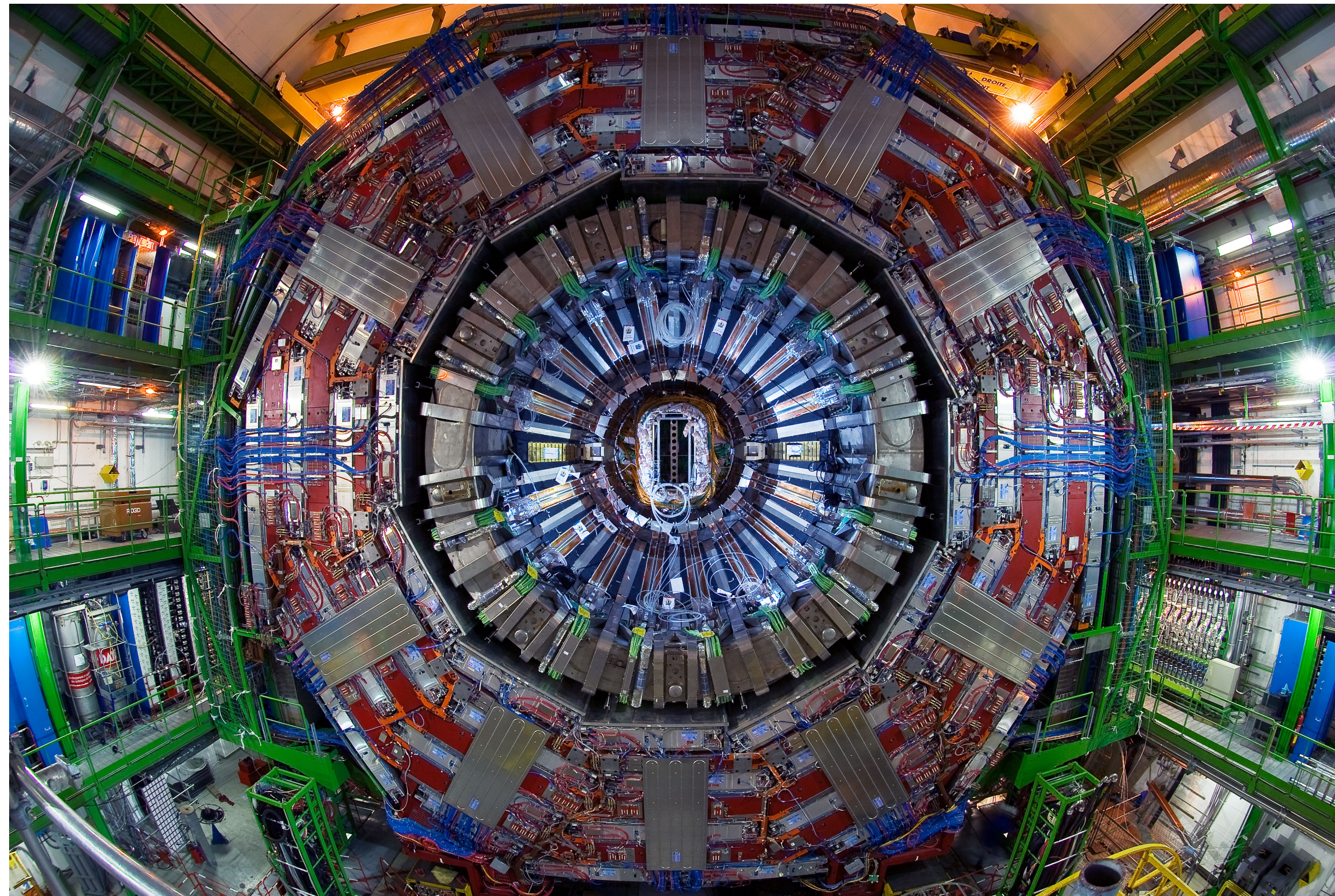
The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- **Particle colliders** (e^+e^- , $p\bar{p}$, pp) are powerful instruments used to study the subatomic world
- The **Large Hadron Collider (LHC)** is the highest energy particle accelerator ever built
 - It is a **pp collider** accelerating protons to an **energy** of 6.5 TeV $\rightarrow \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
 - **Frequency** of collisions 40 MHz \rightarrow 25ns bunch spacing
 - **Integrated luminosity** in Run2 (2016-18) is $\sim 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ \rightarrow measurement of amount of data recorded



The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector

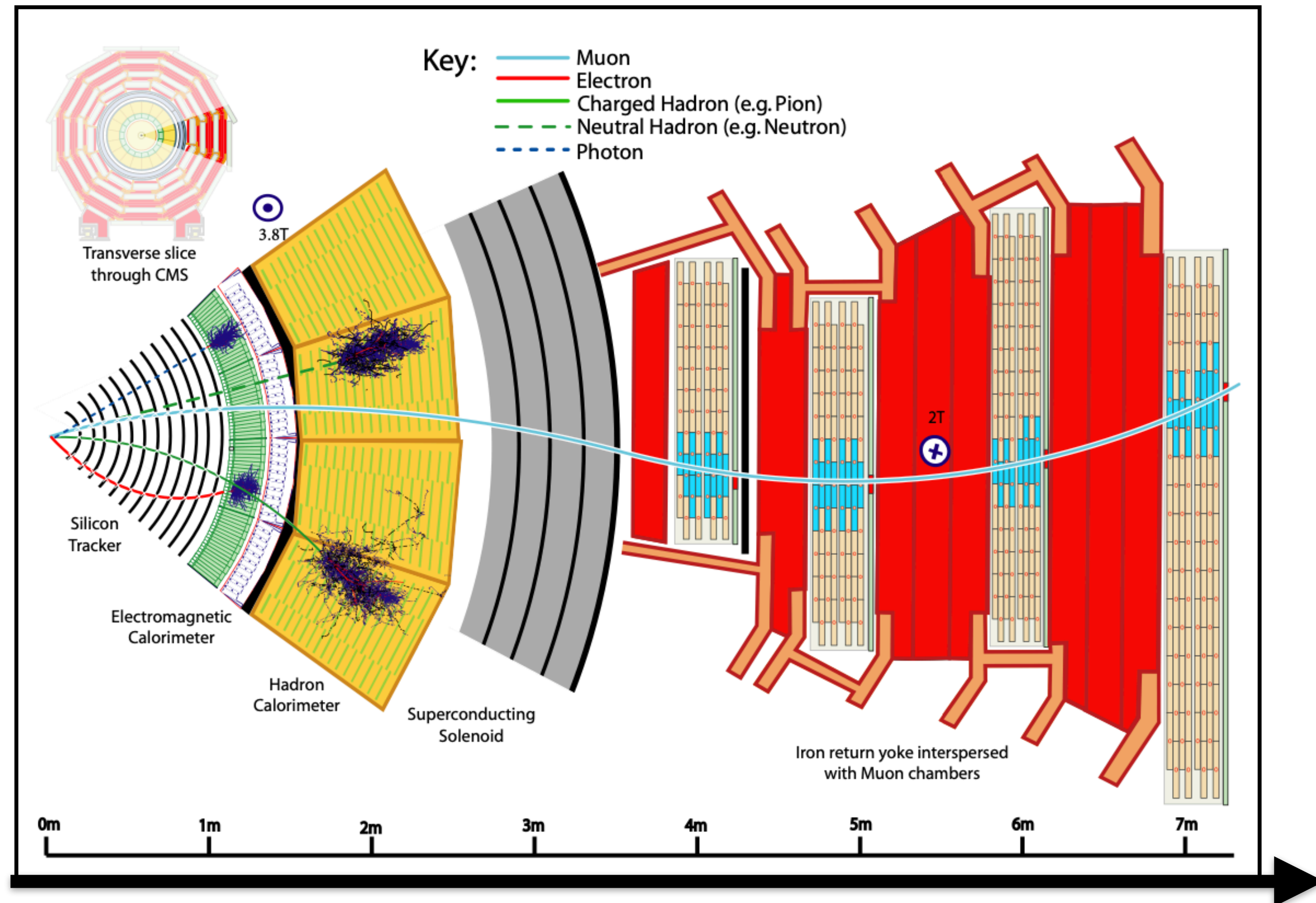
- Results reported in this seminar are obtained from the “*high resolution photos*” of the pp collisions happening every 25ns at the LHC provided by the *CMS detector*
- CMS scientific results are obtained thanks to the work of *thousand of Collaborators* that made this machine a fabulous instrument to *chase the secrets of particle physics*



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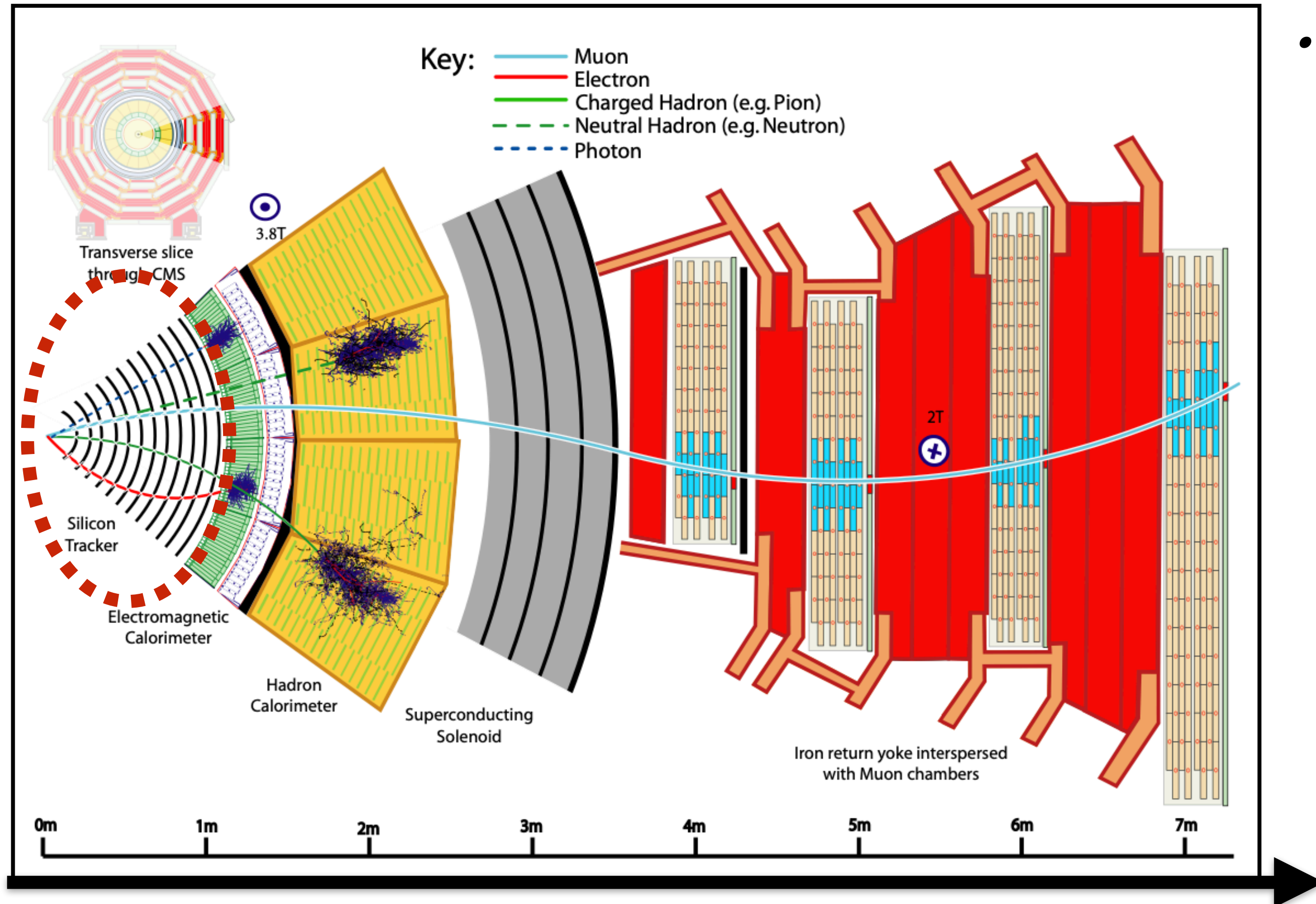
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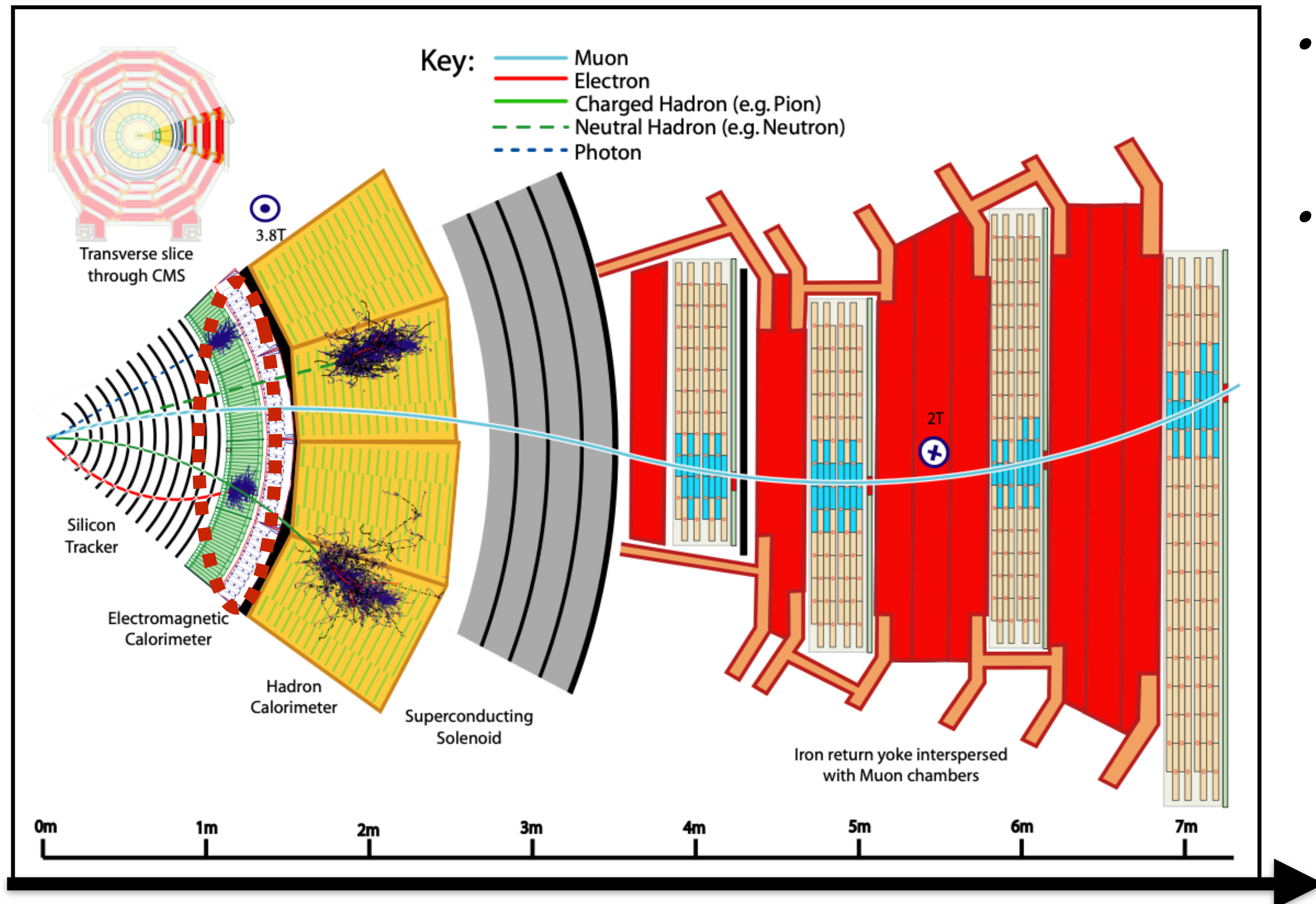


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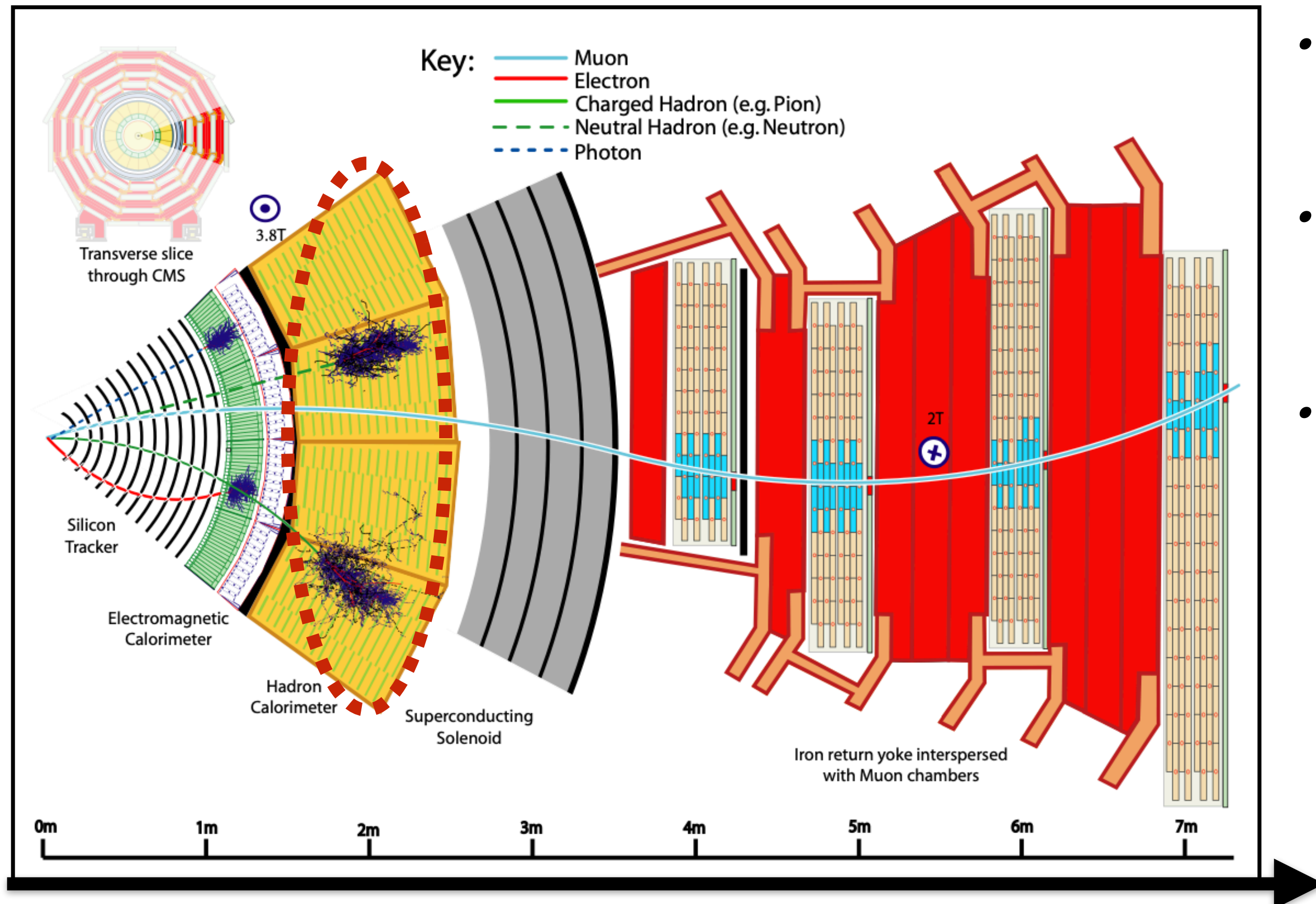


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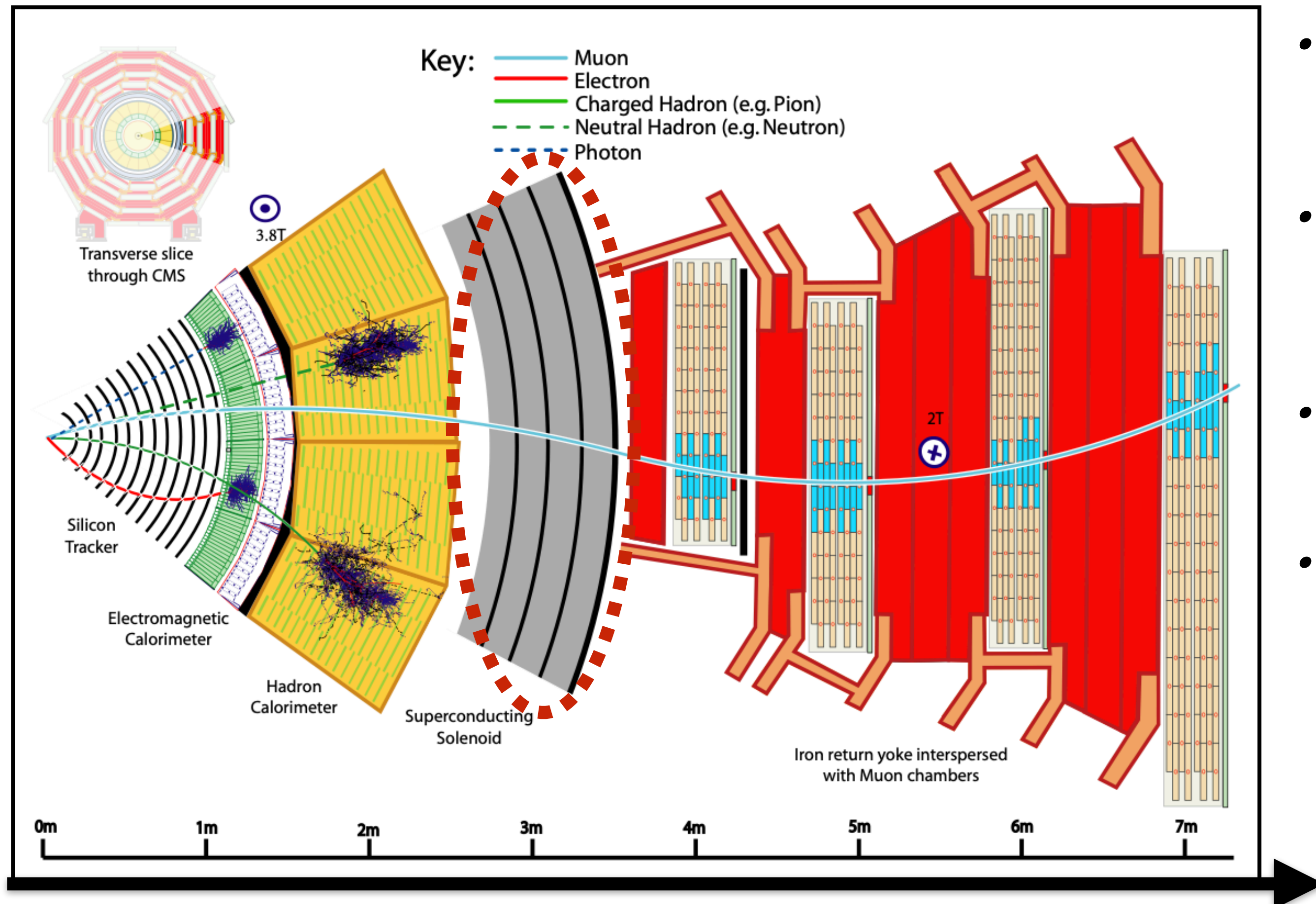


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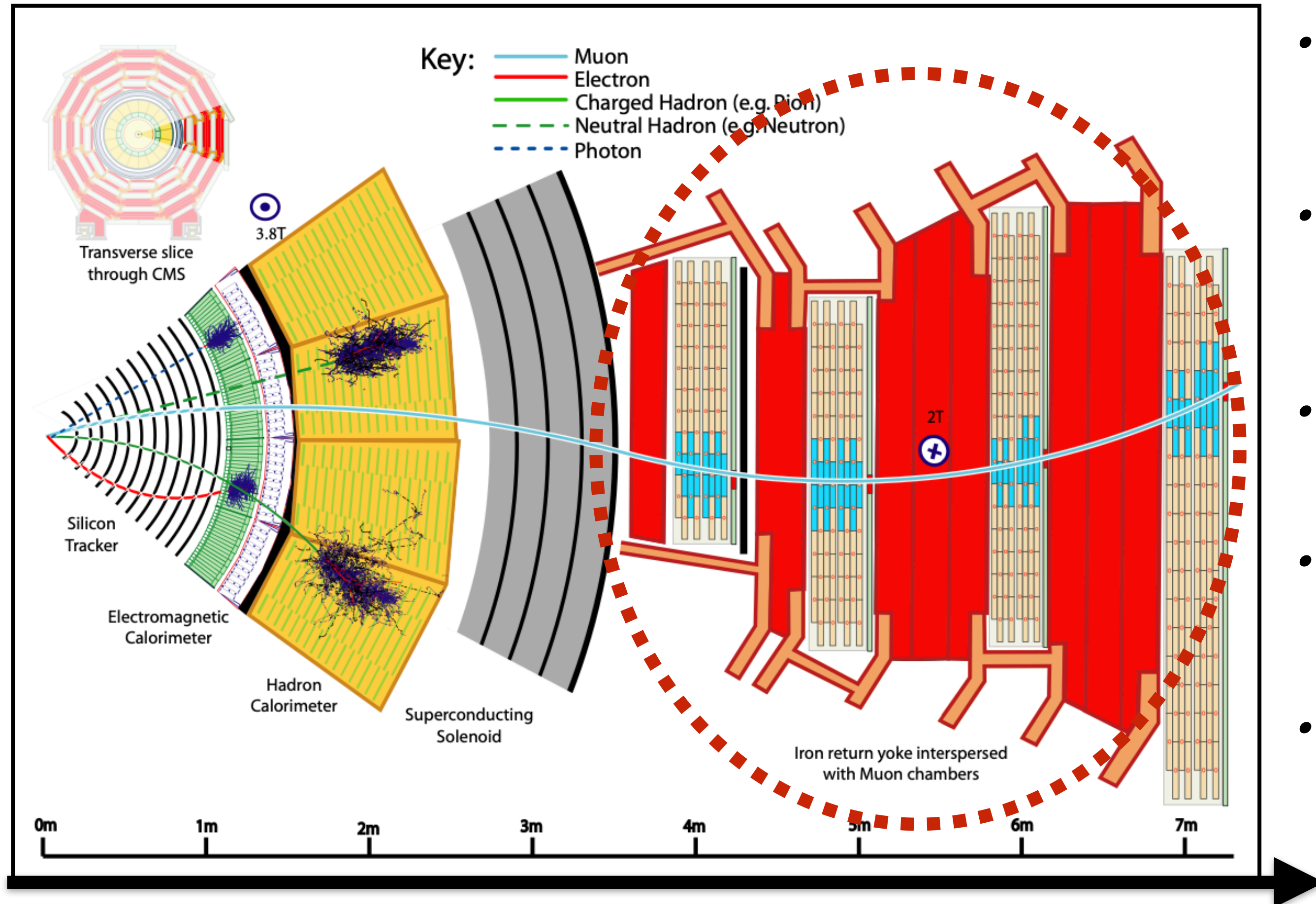


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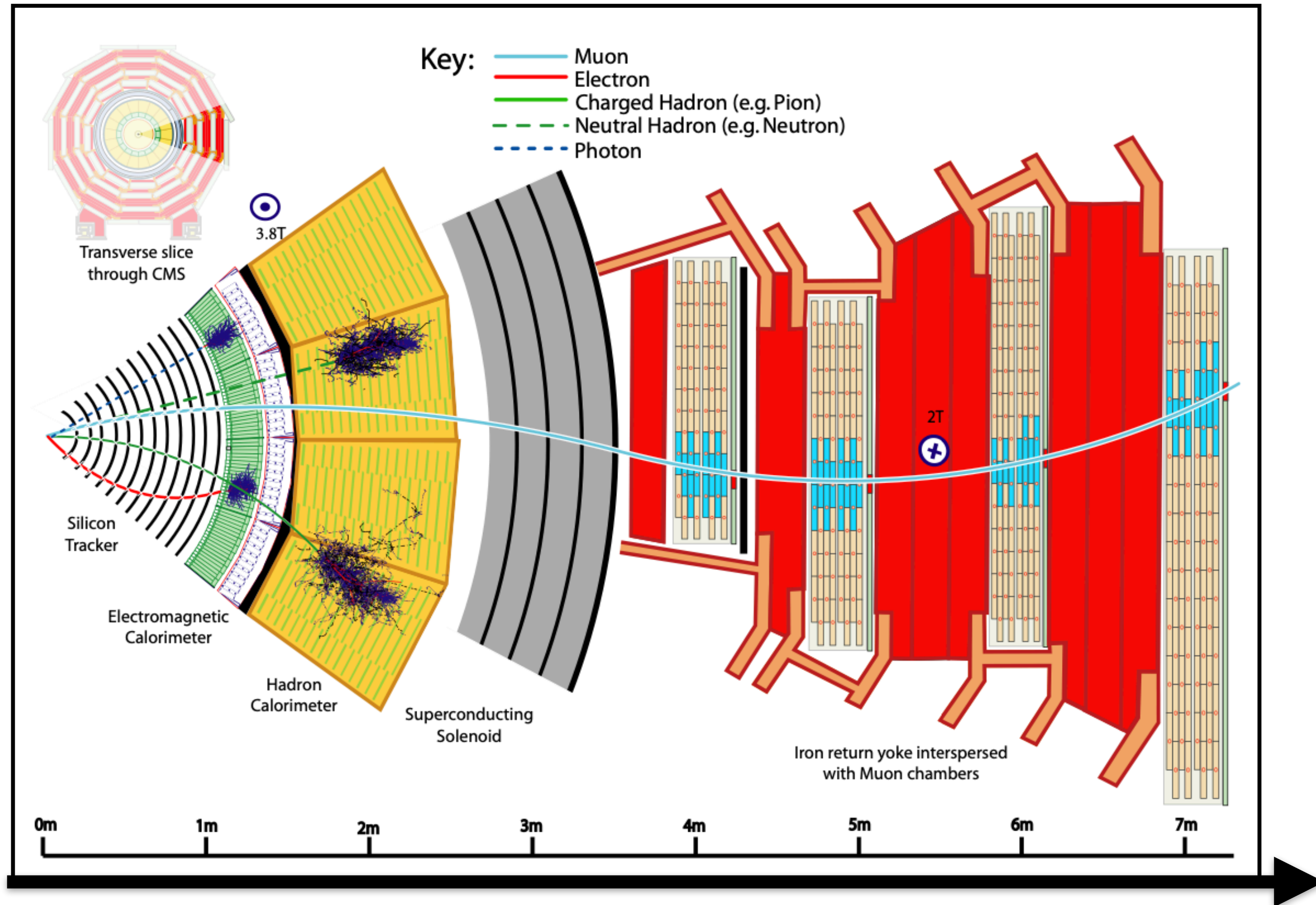


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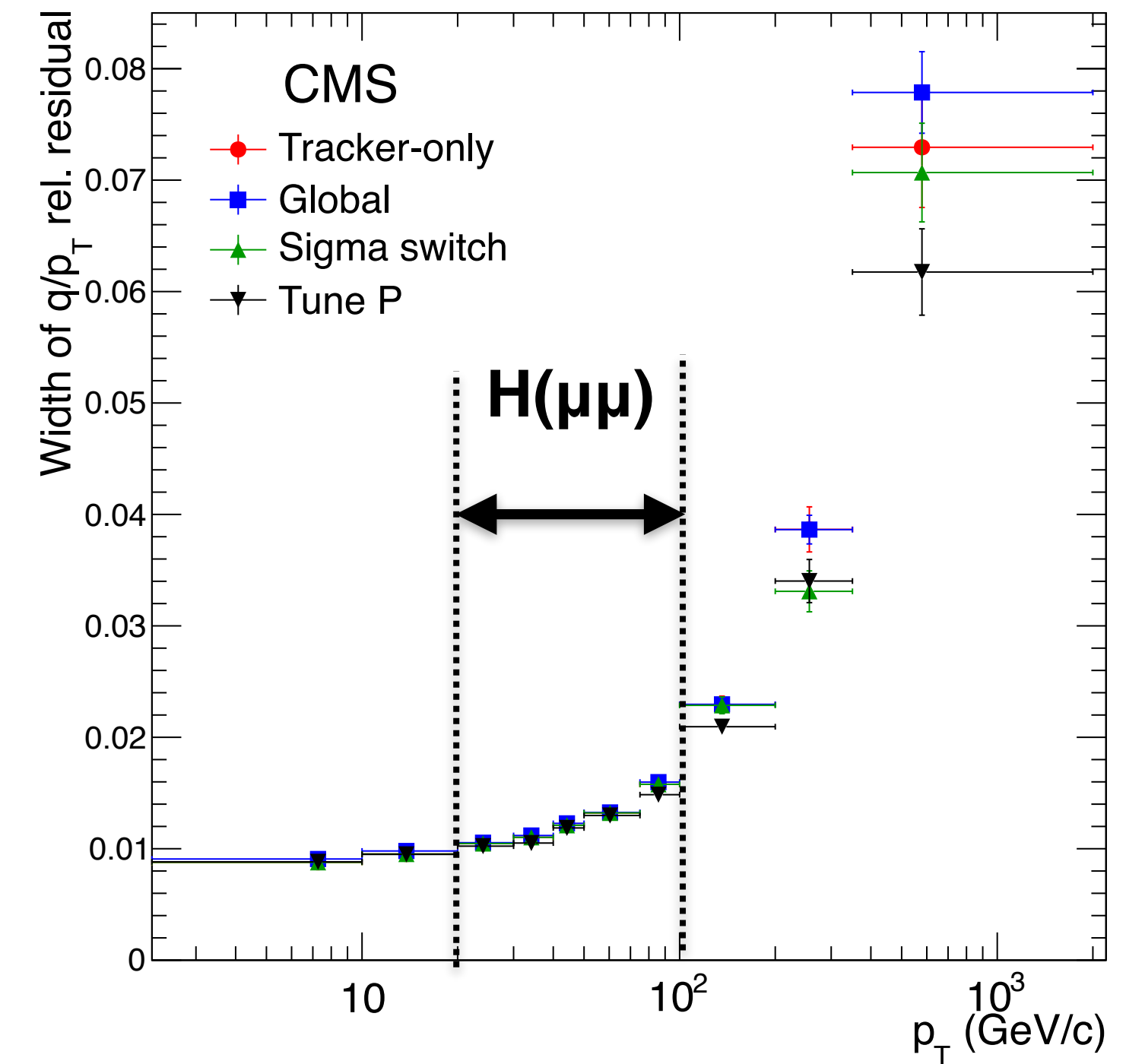
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The muon p_T is precisely measured thanks to the high **magnetic field (4T)**, and excellent tracking performances from **inner tracker** and **muon chambers**



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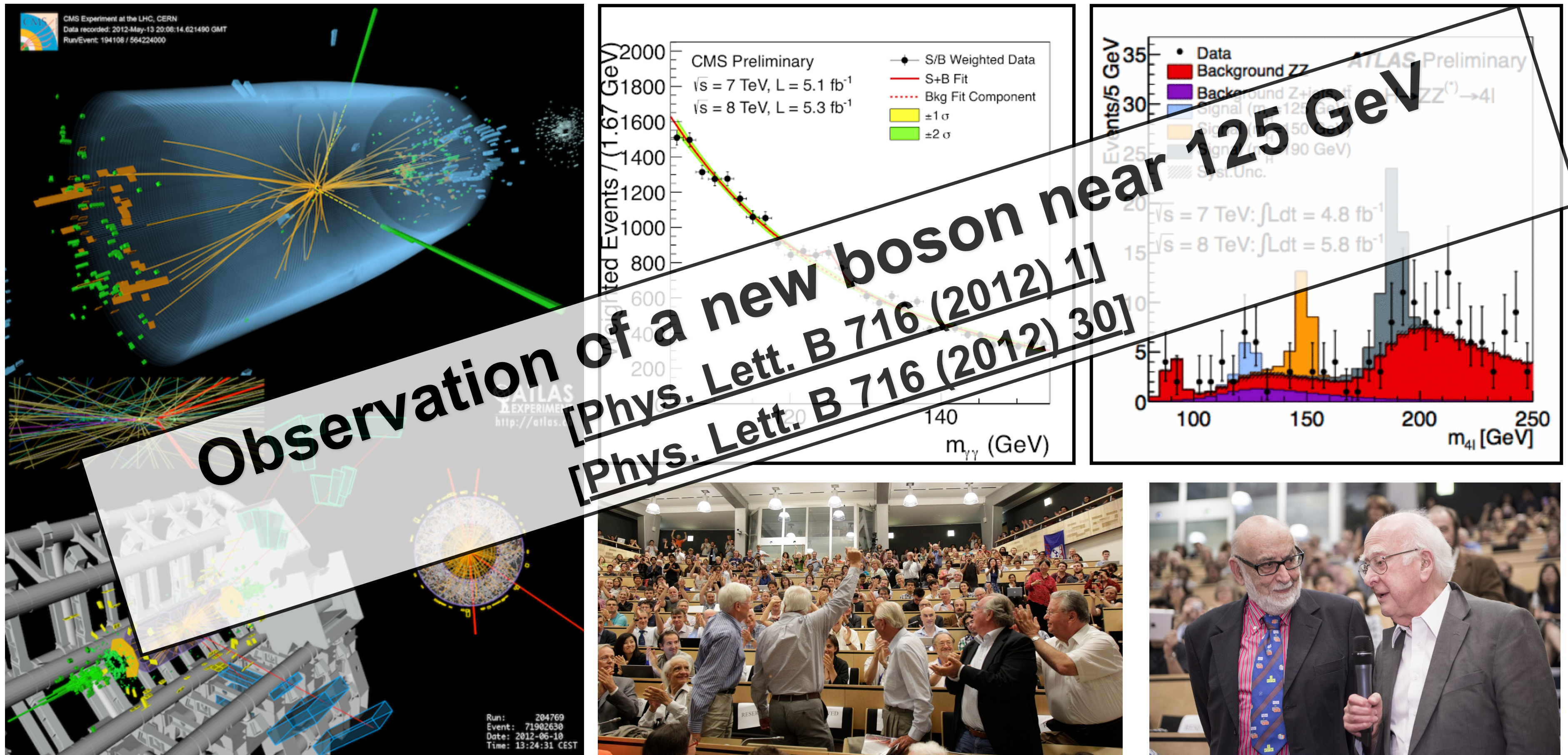
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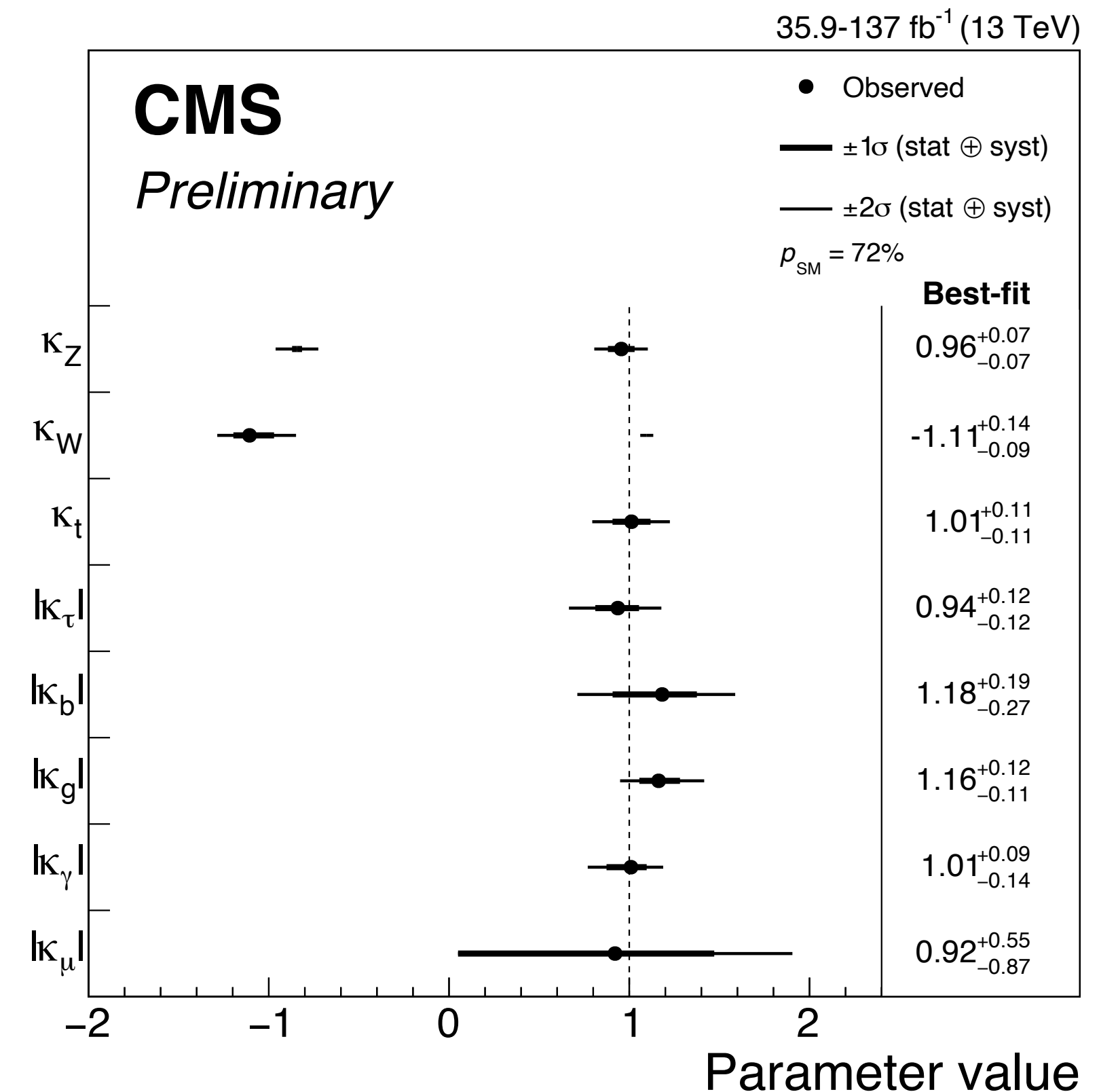
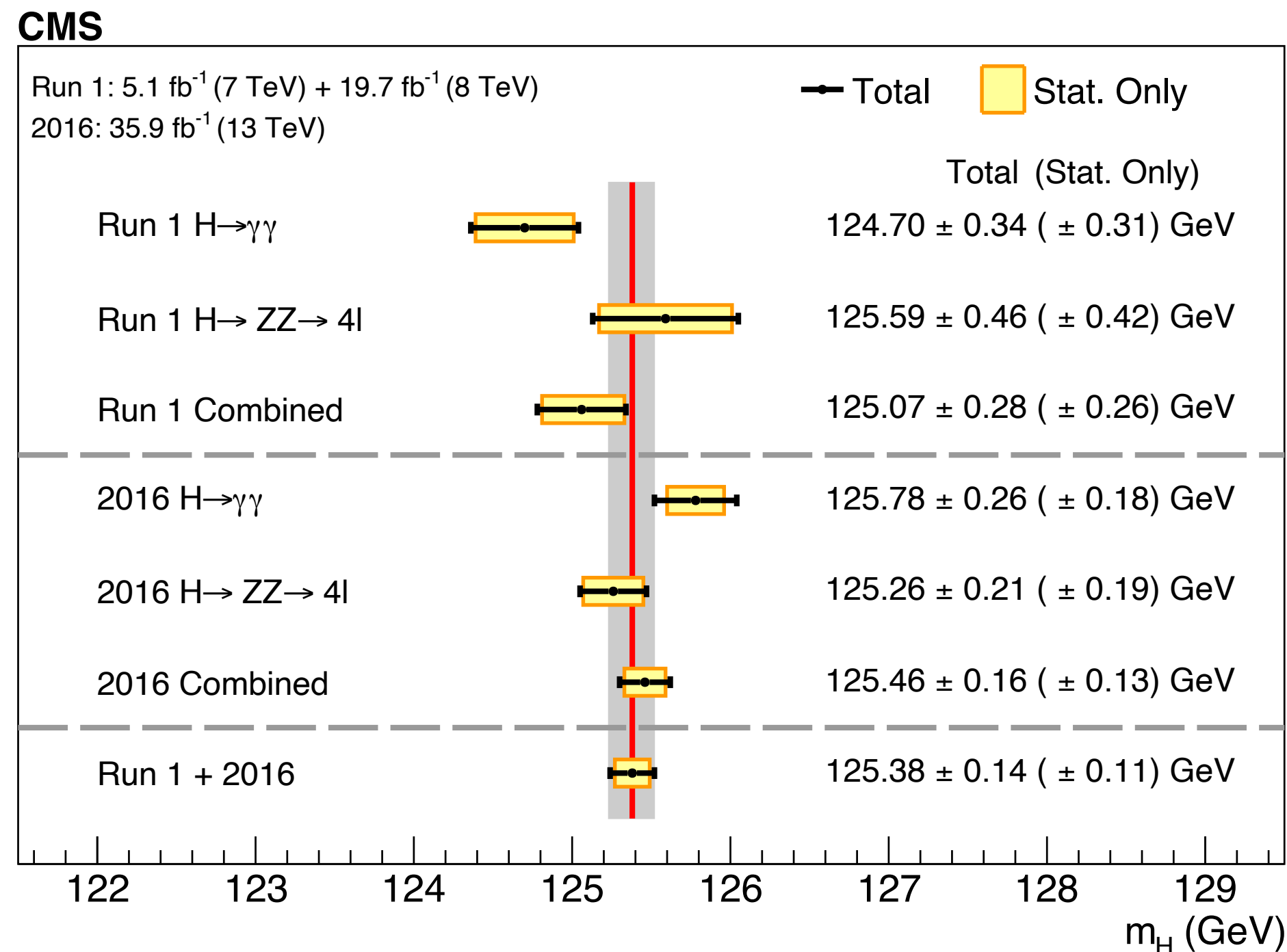
Higgs boson physics in 2021

Since its discovery, **CMS** performed **measurements of Higgs boson properties and interactions**

Higgs boson properties

- Mass (m_H), spin-parity J^{CP} , constraints on width (Γ_H)
- Most precise measurement of $m_H = 125.38 \pm 0.14$ GeV

- **Higgs interactions** with heaviest particles i.e. **bosons** (W, Z) and **3rd generation of fermions** (t, b, and τ)
- Found to be consistent with SM expectation



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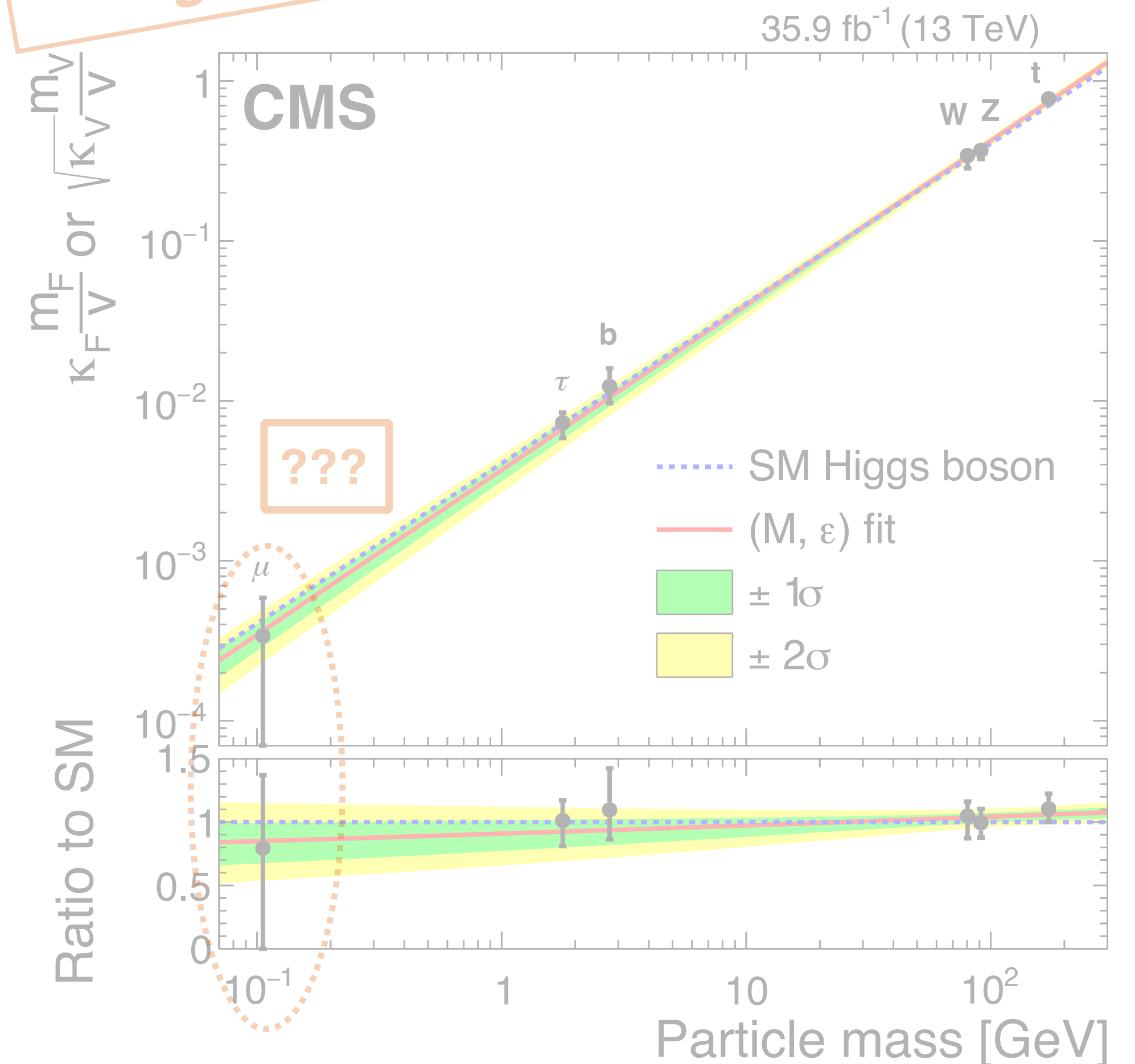
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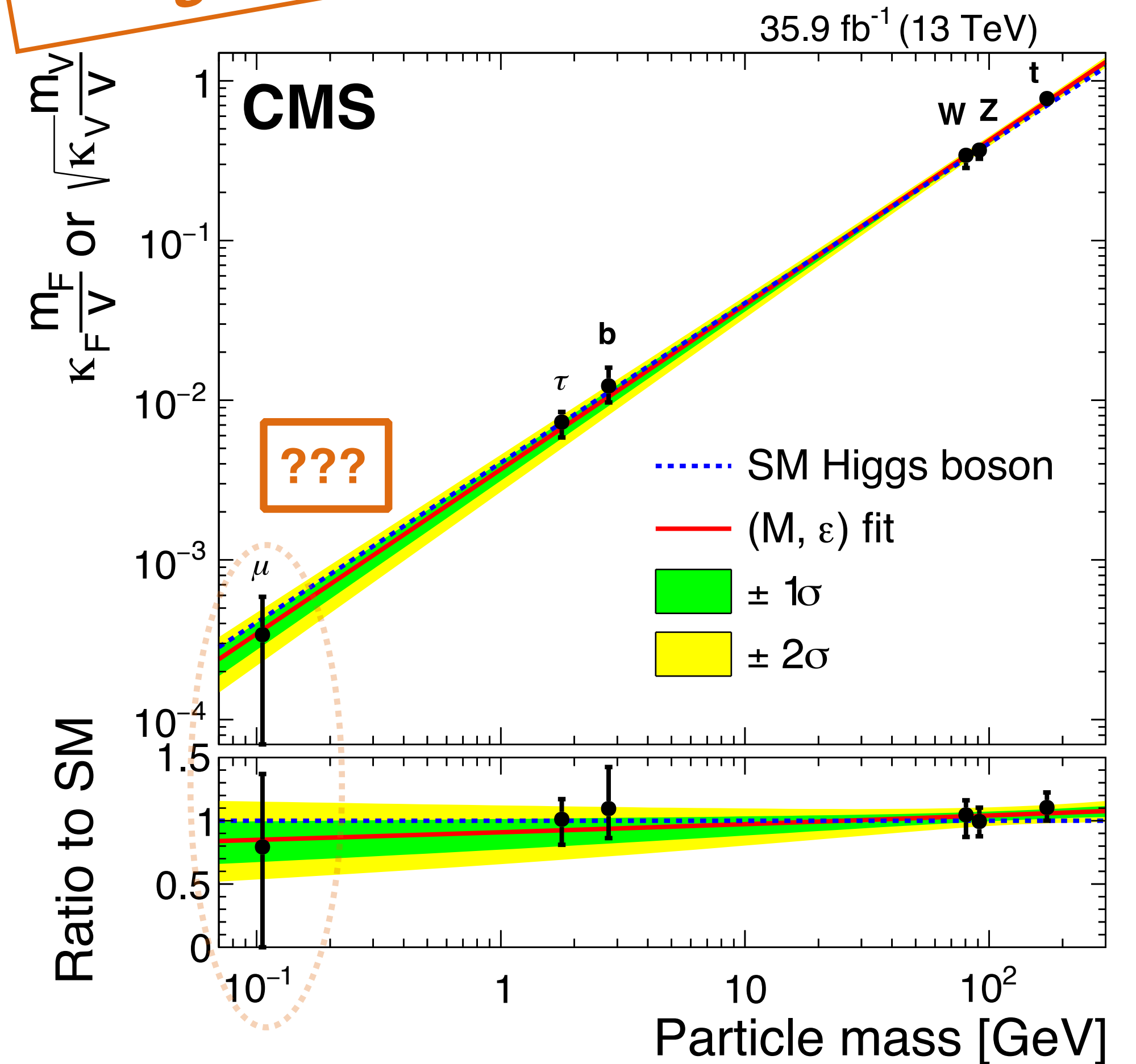
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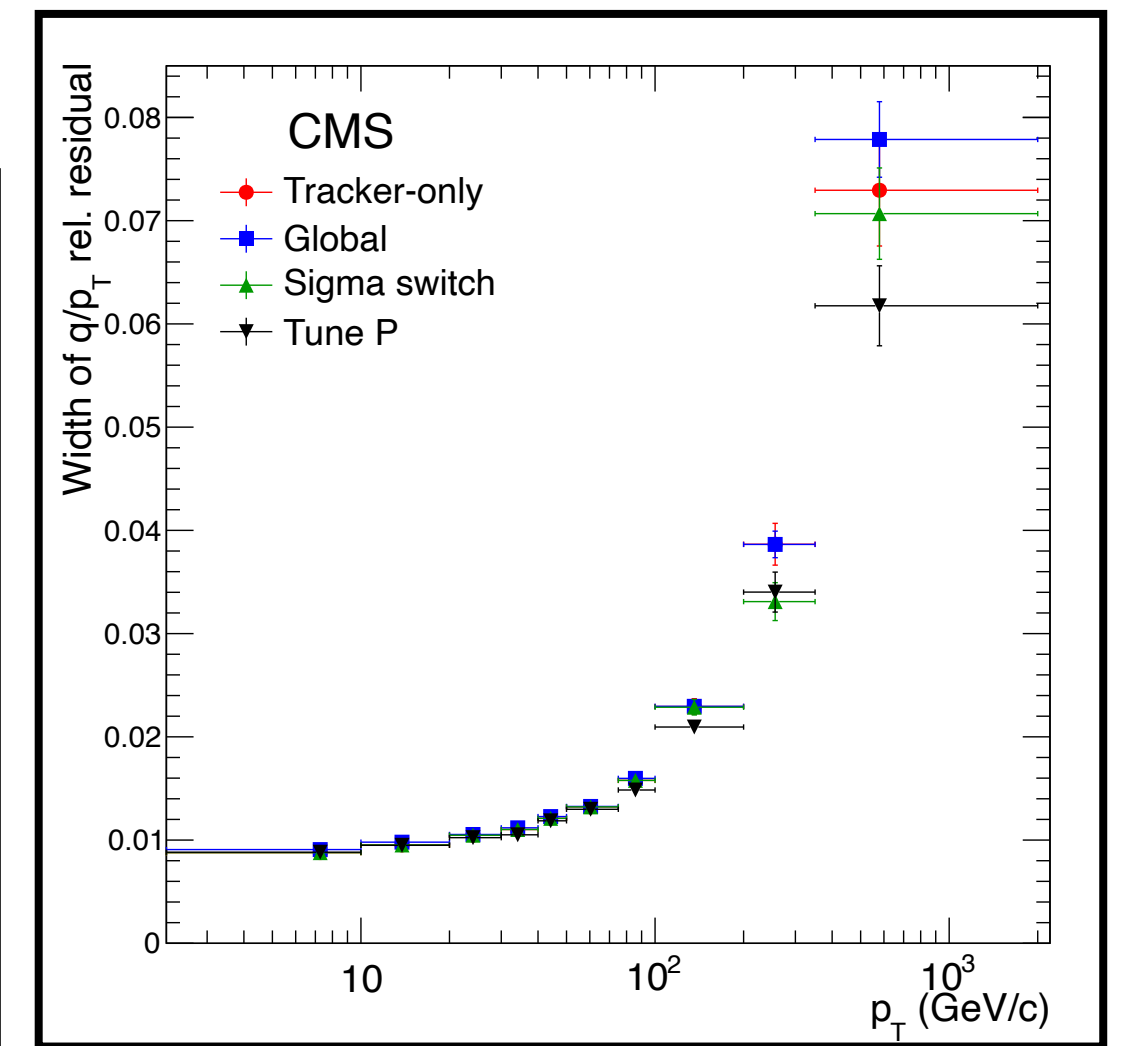
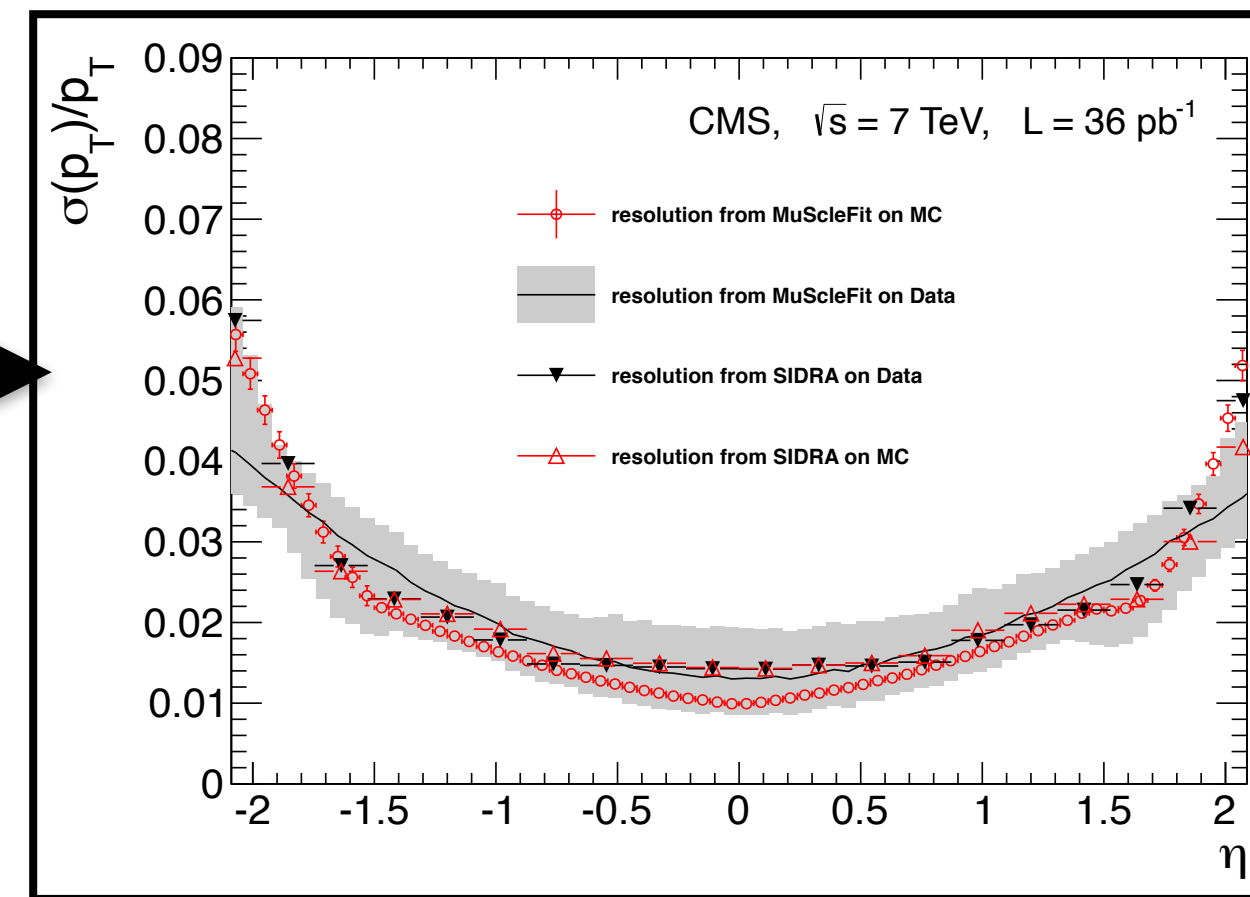


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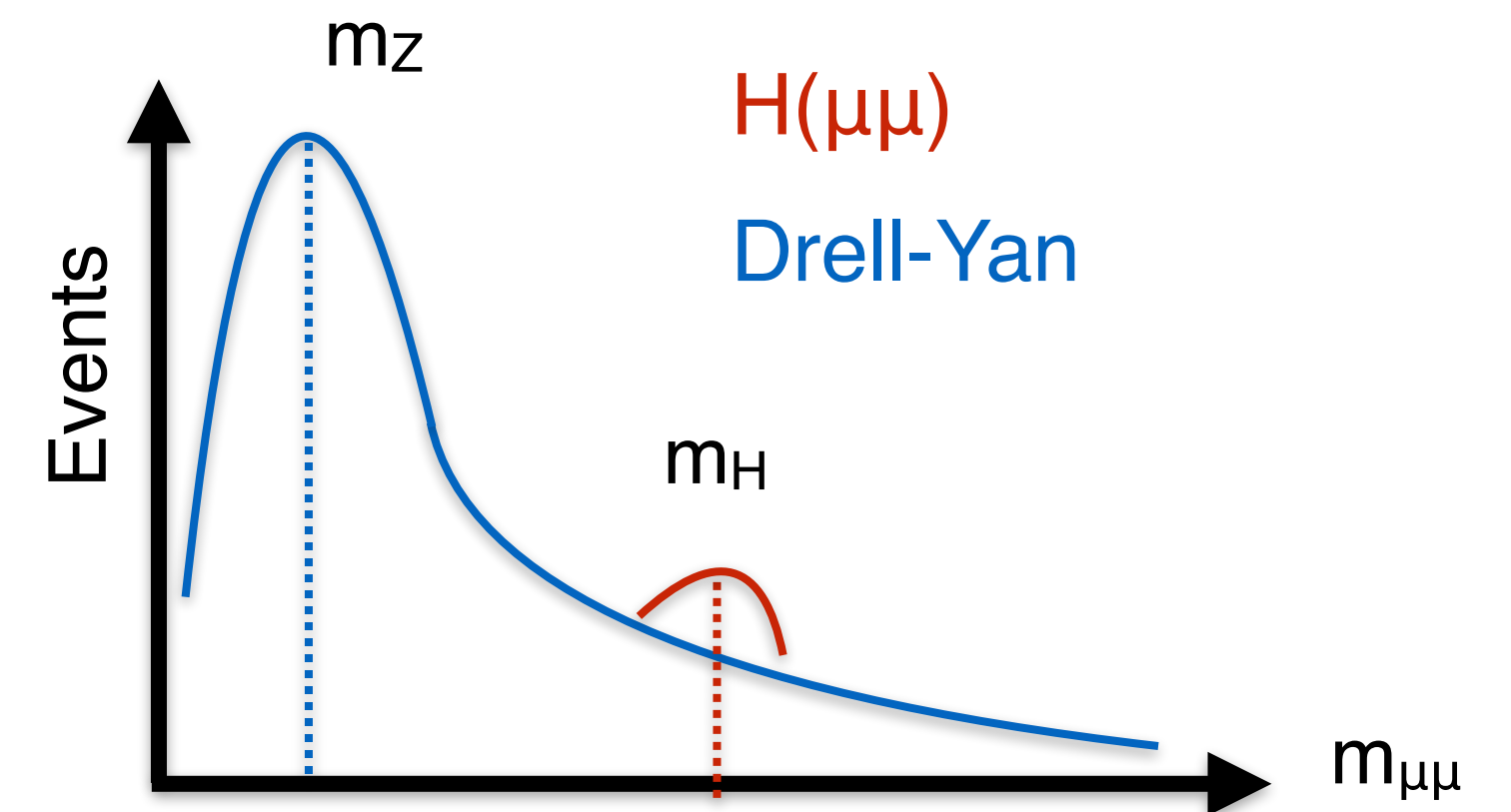
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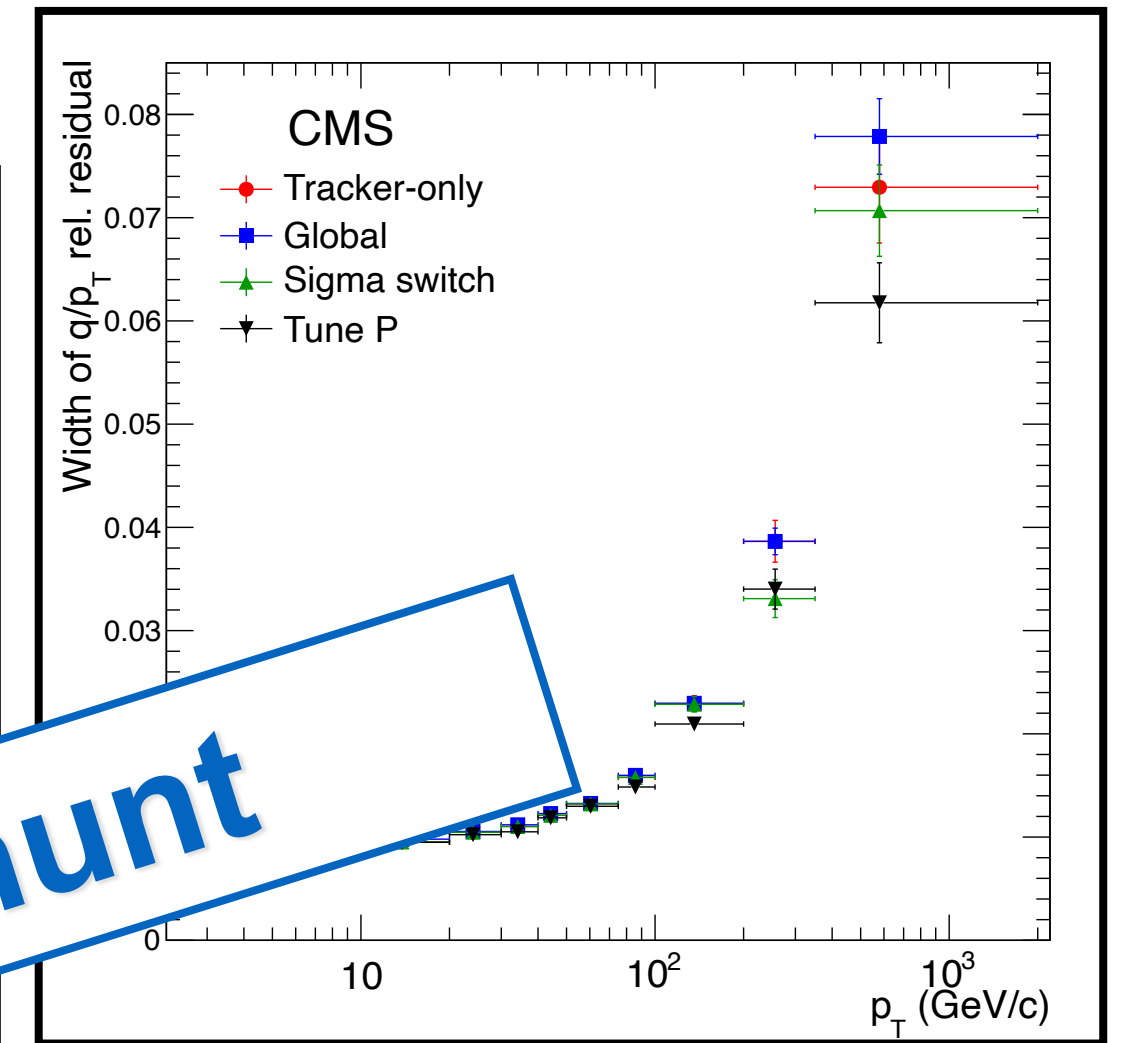
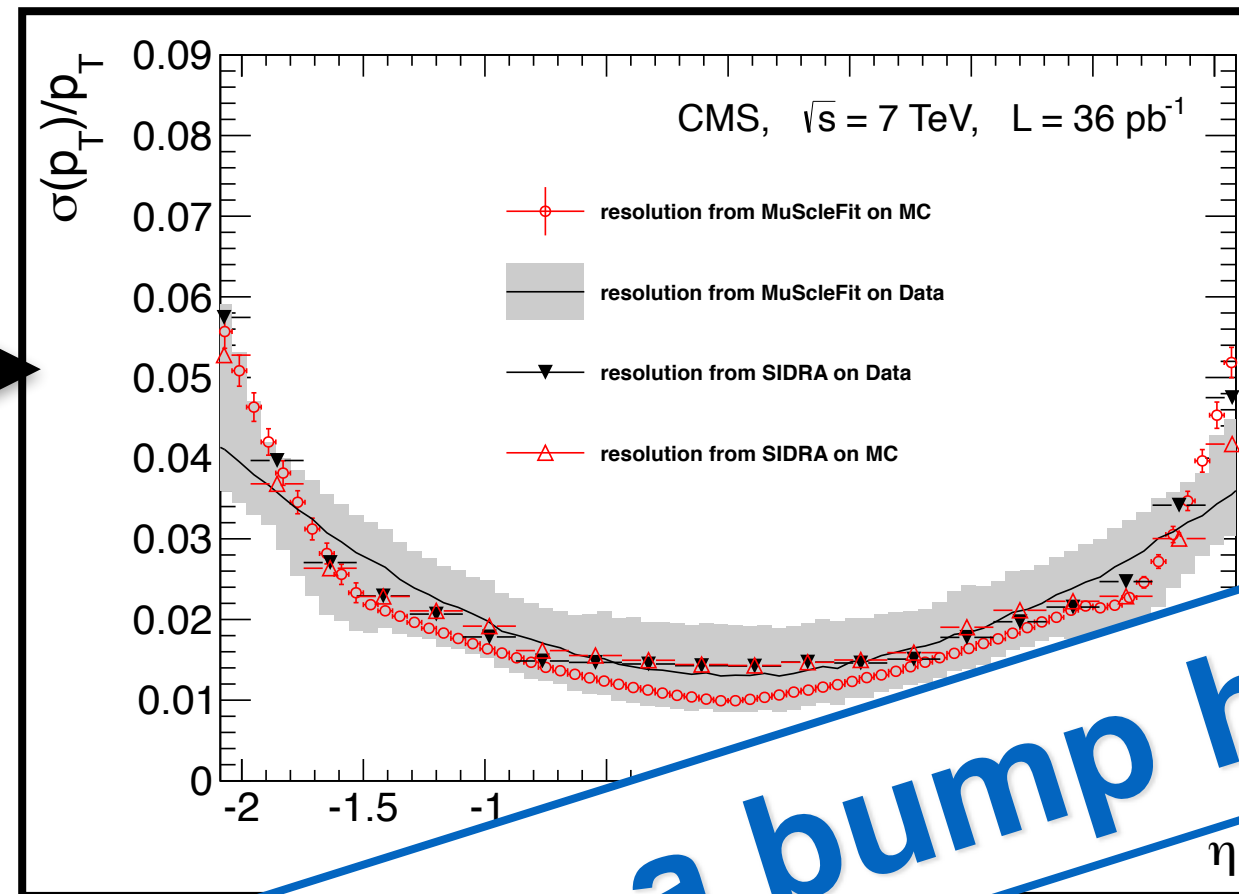
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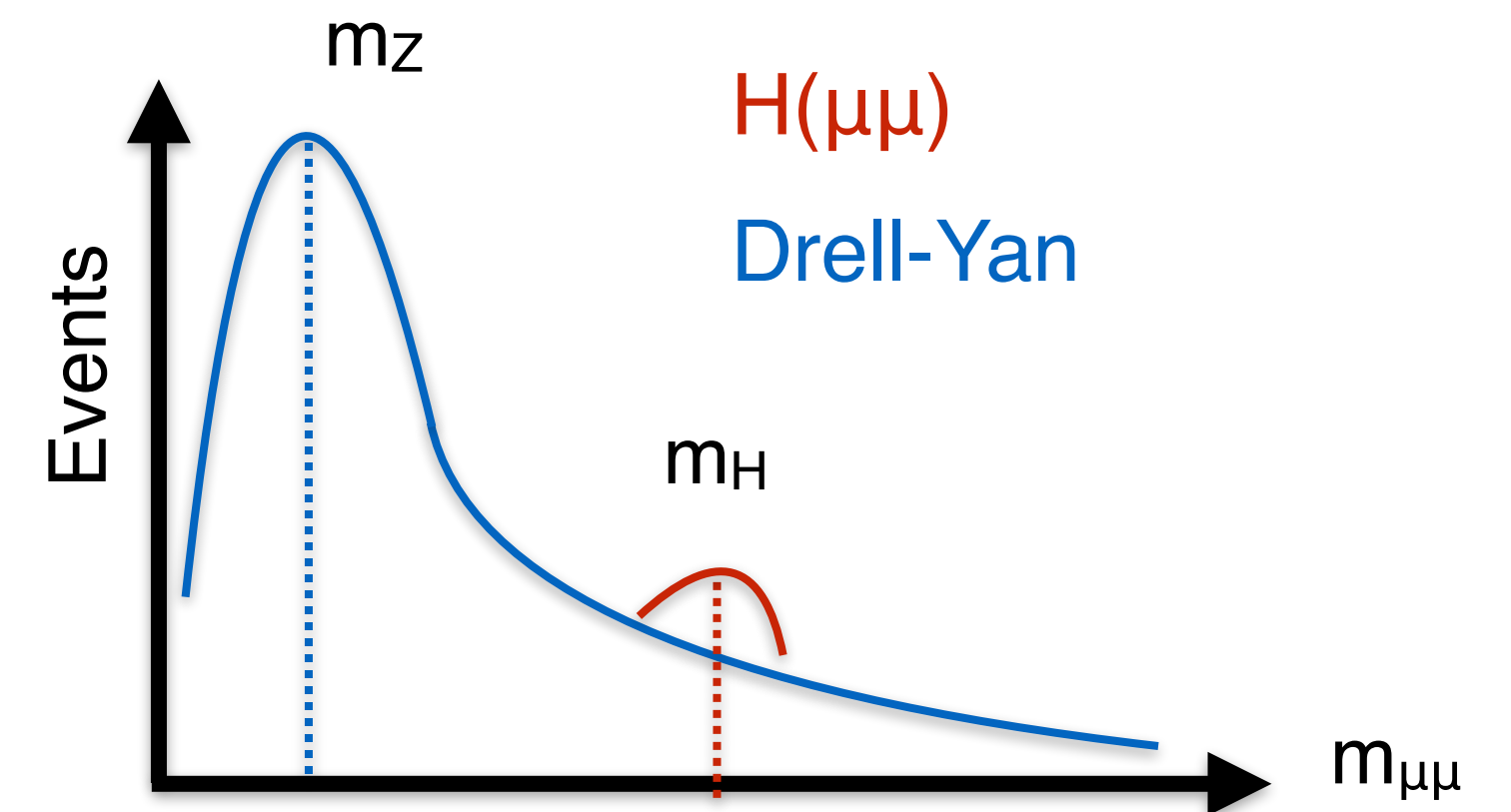
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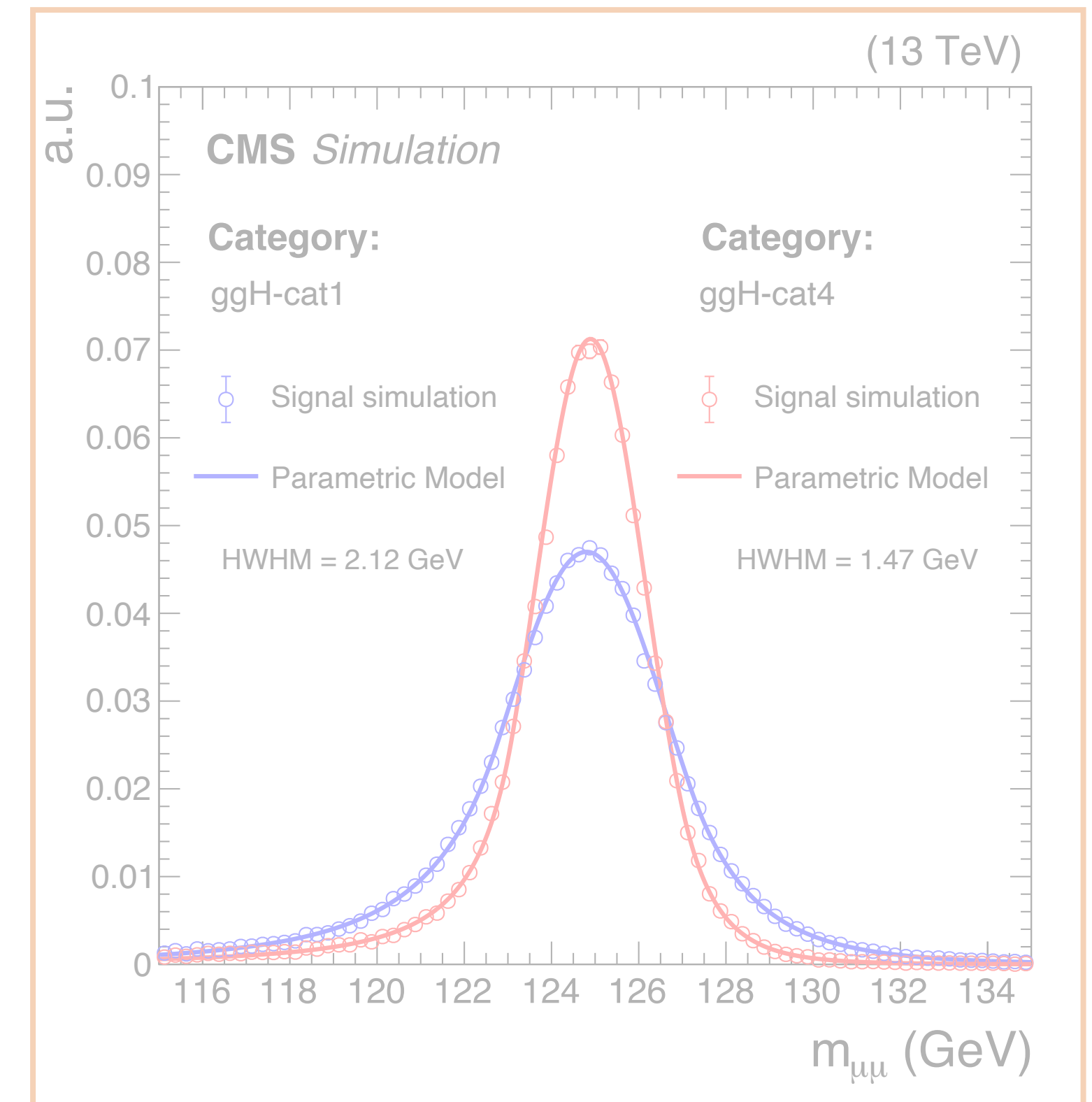
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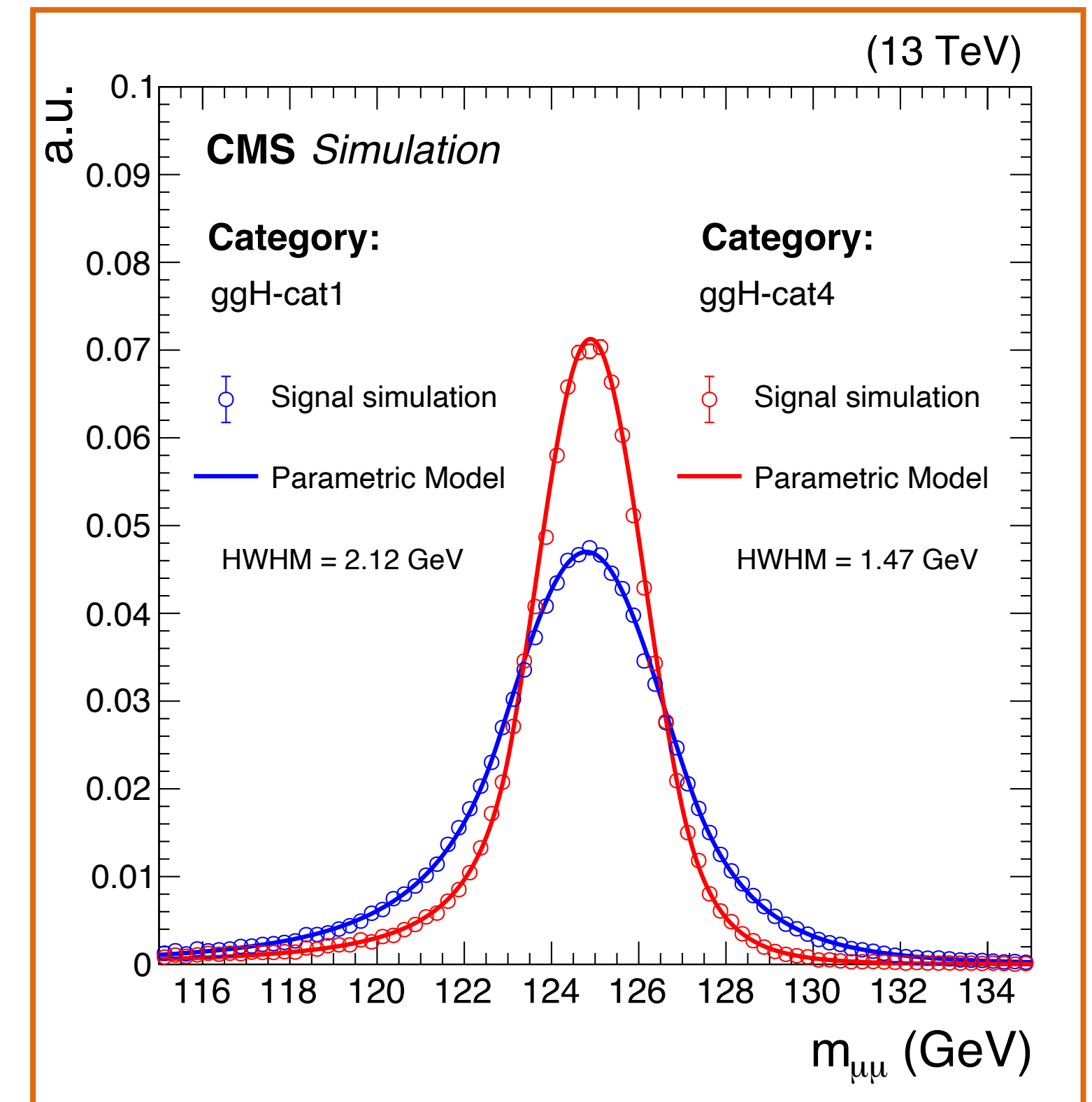
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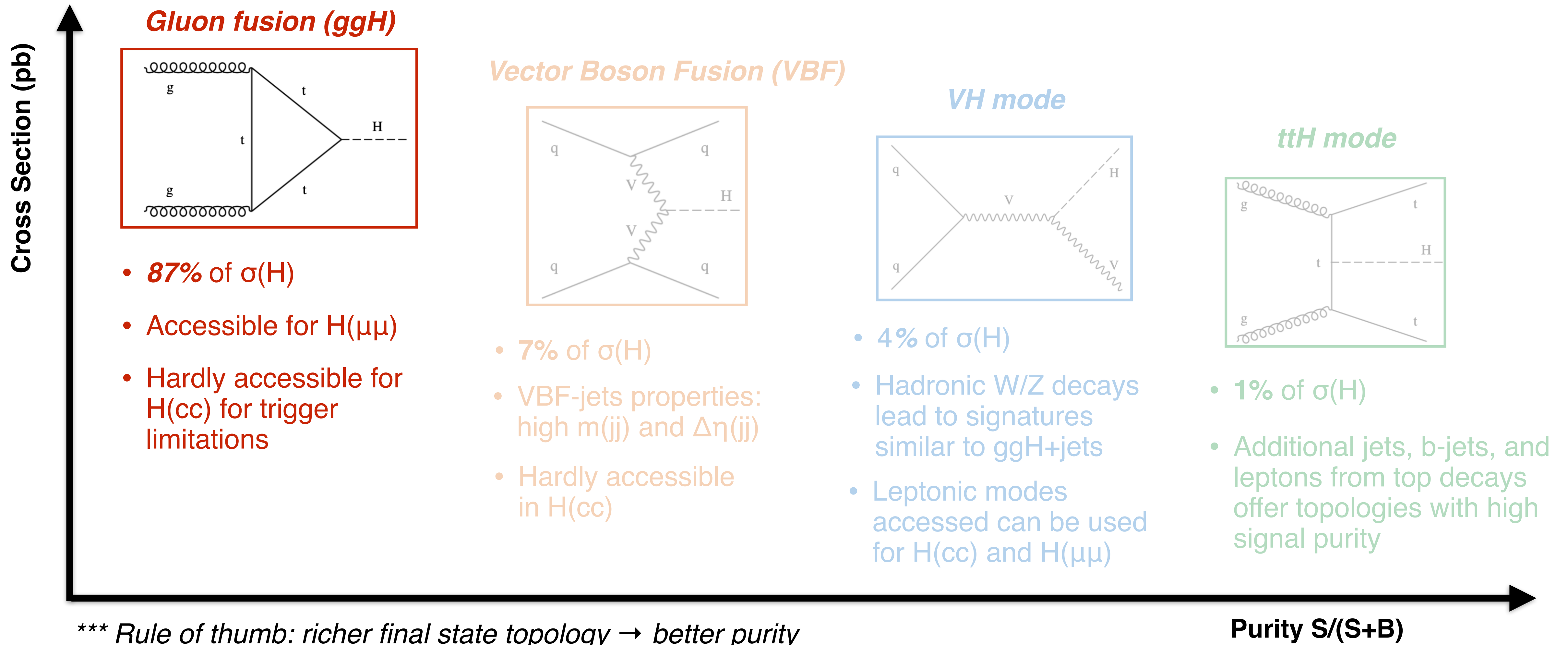
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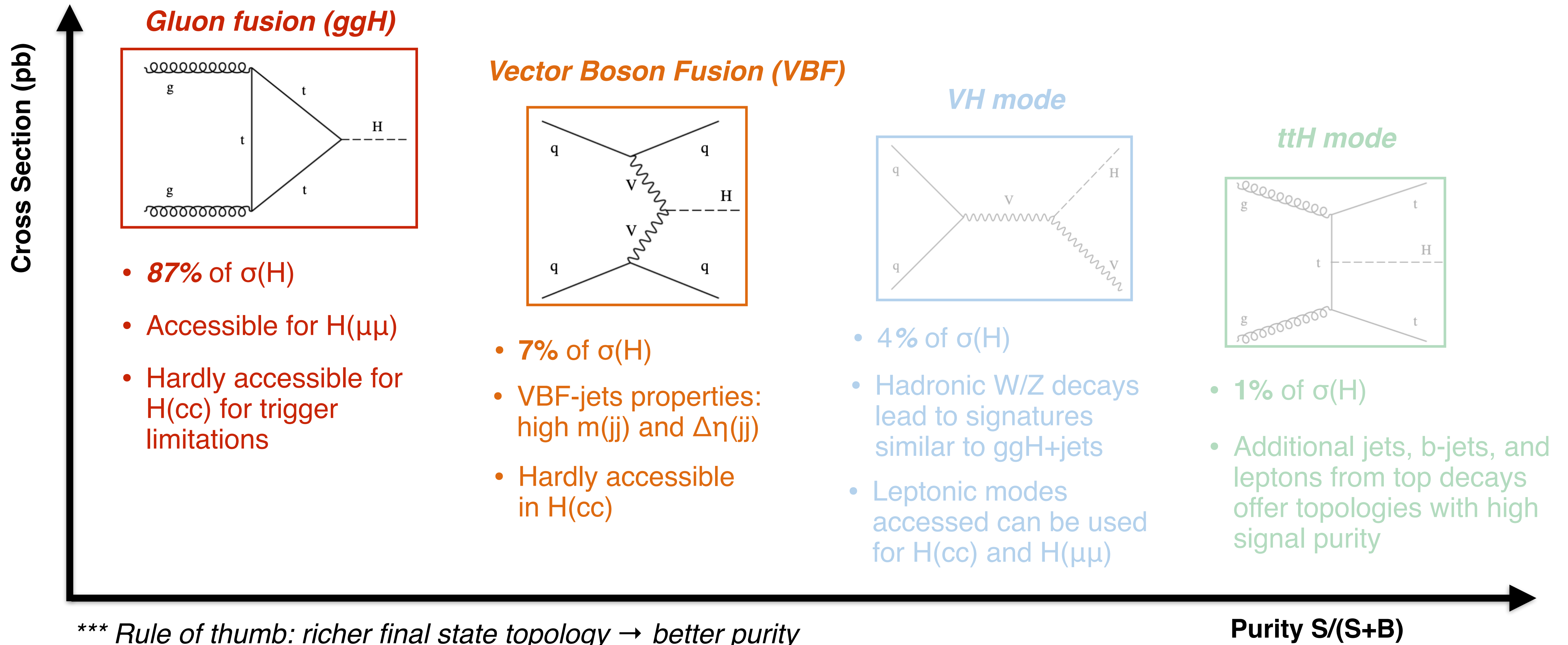
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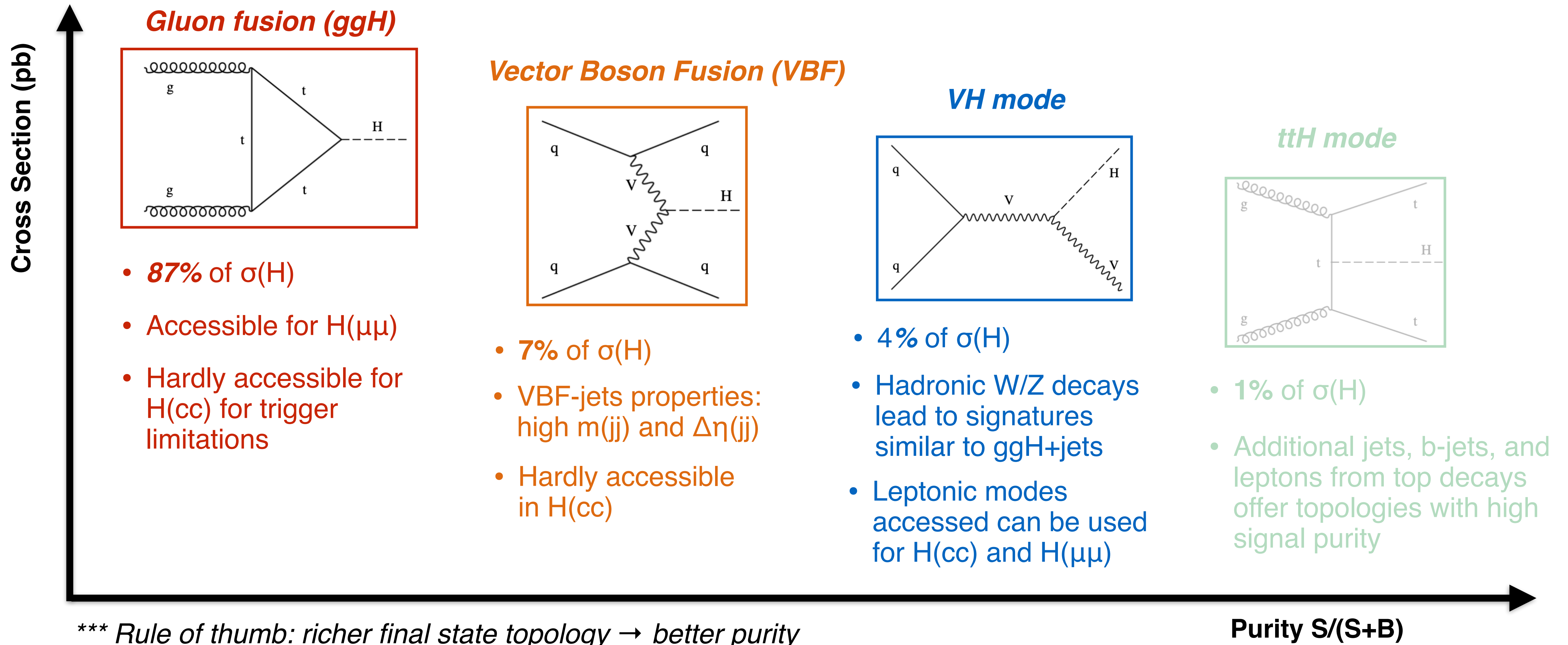
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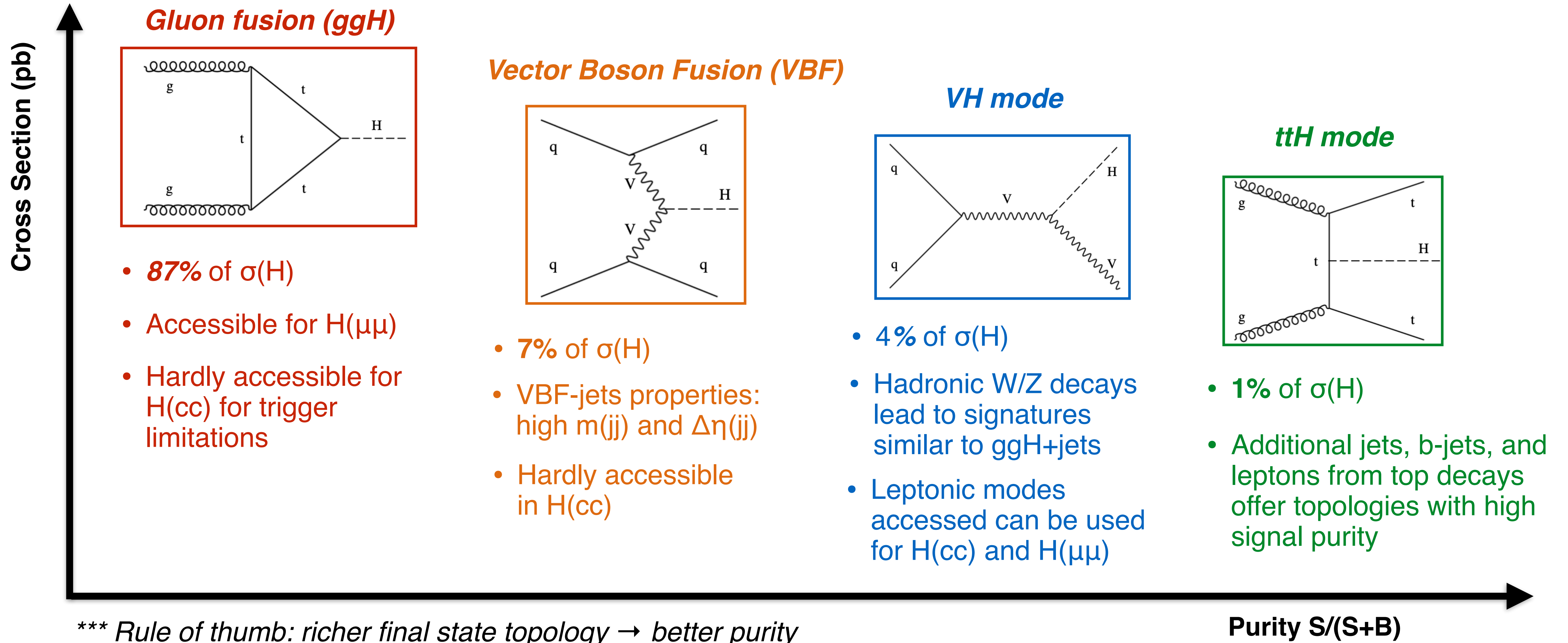
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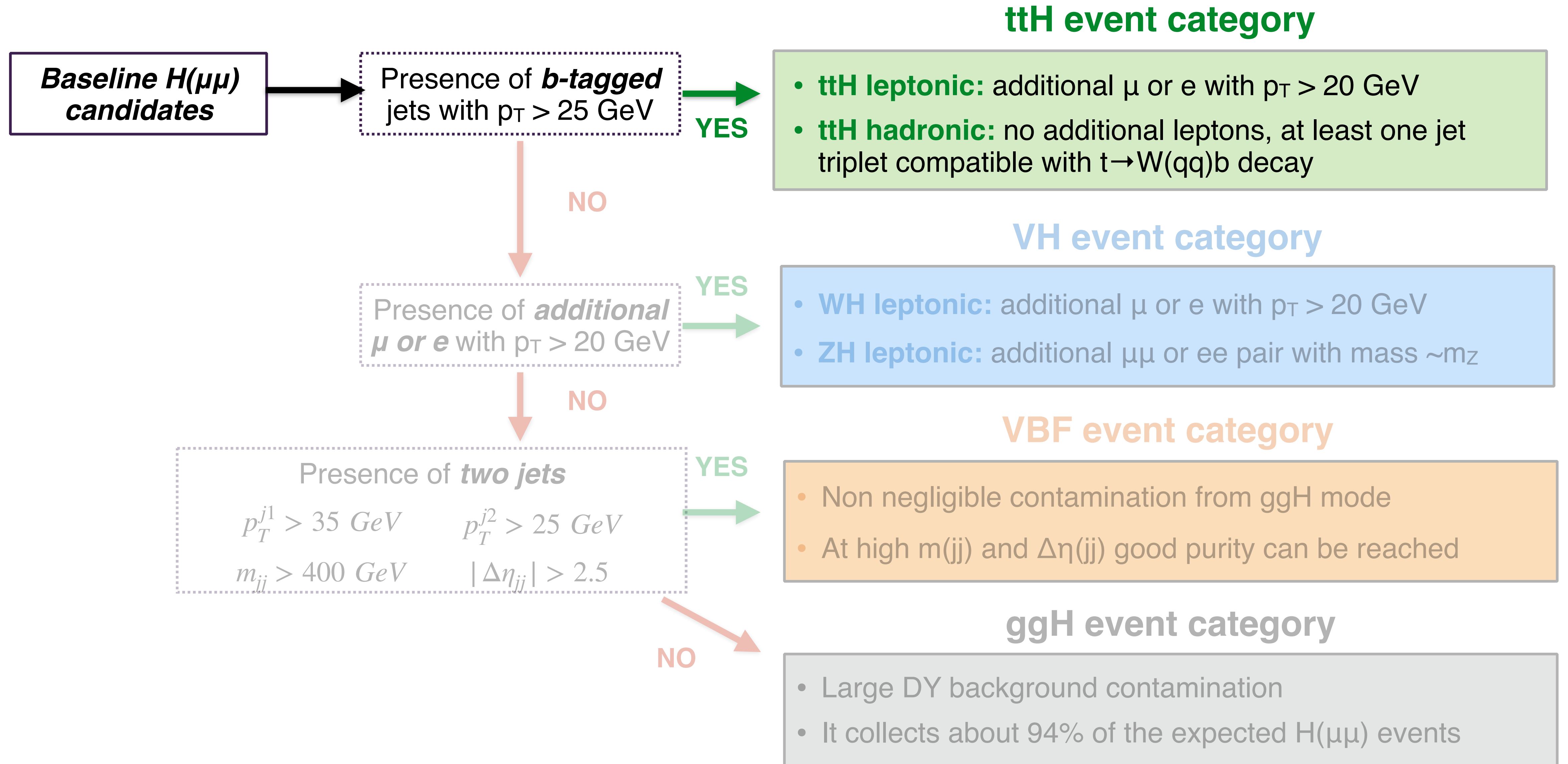


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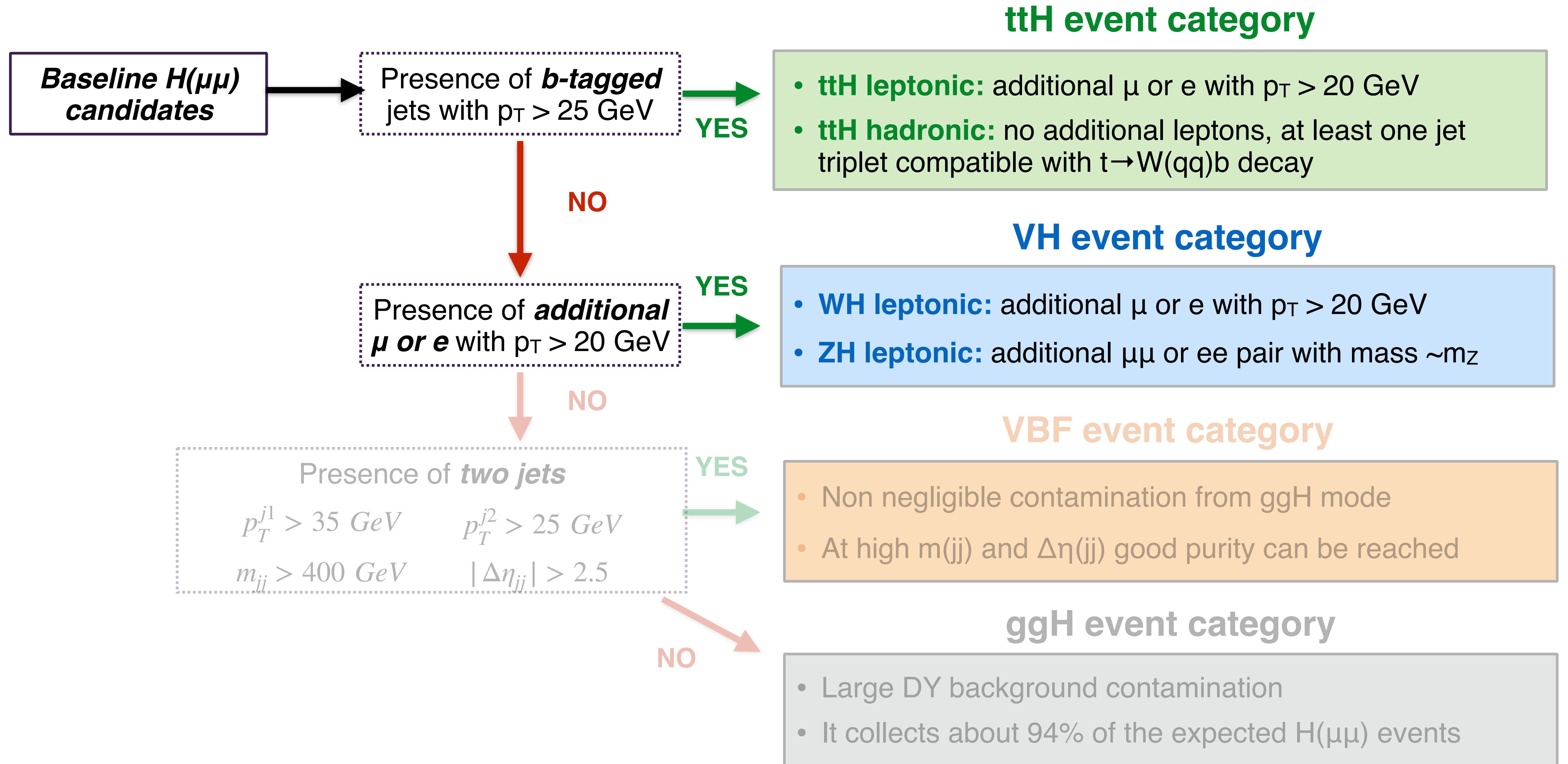
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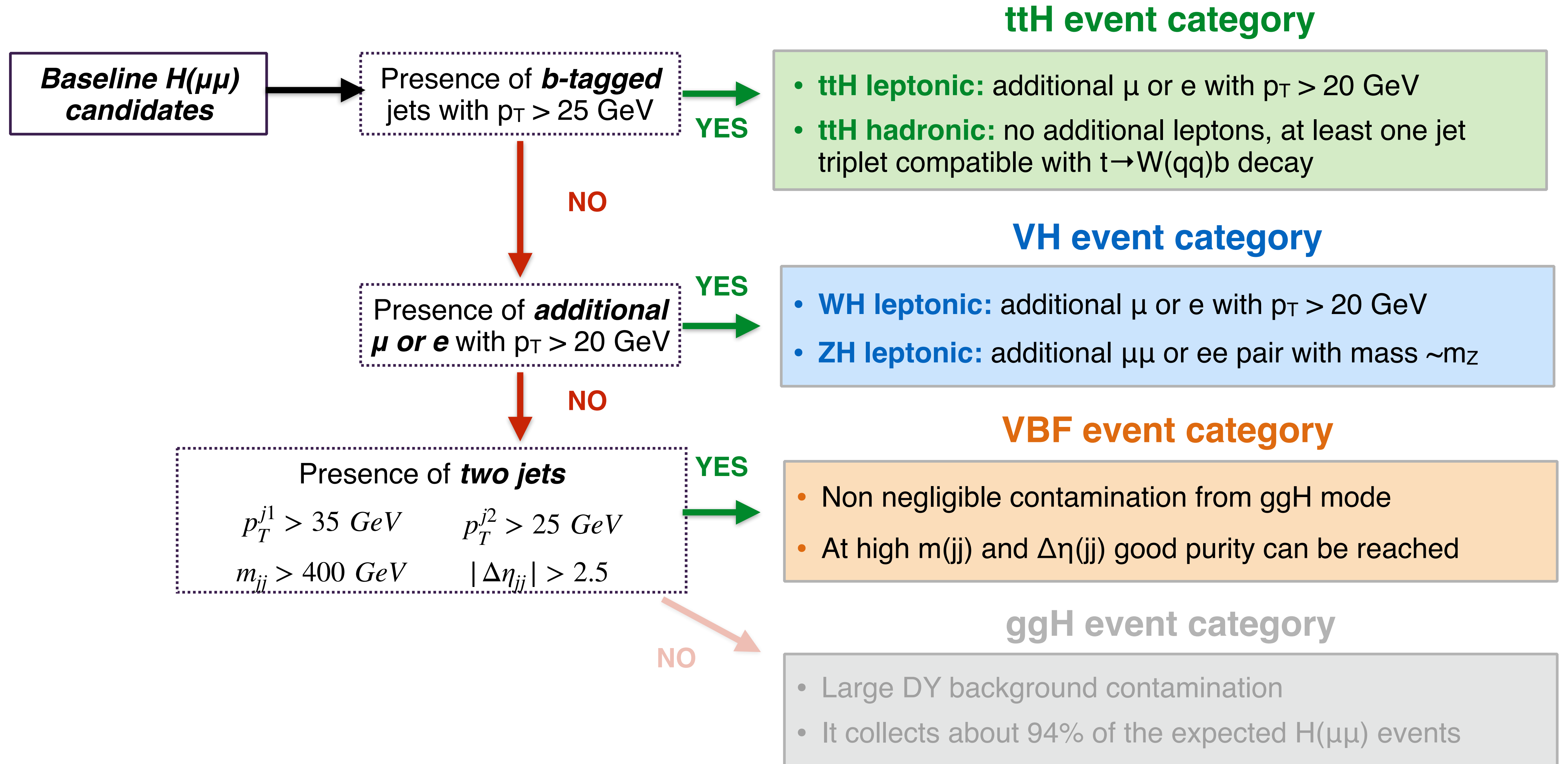
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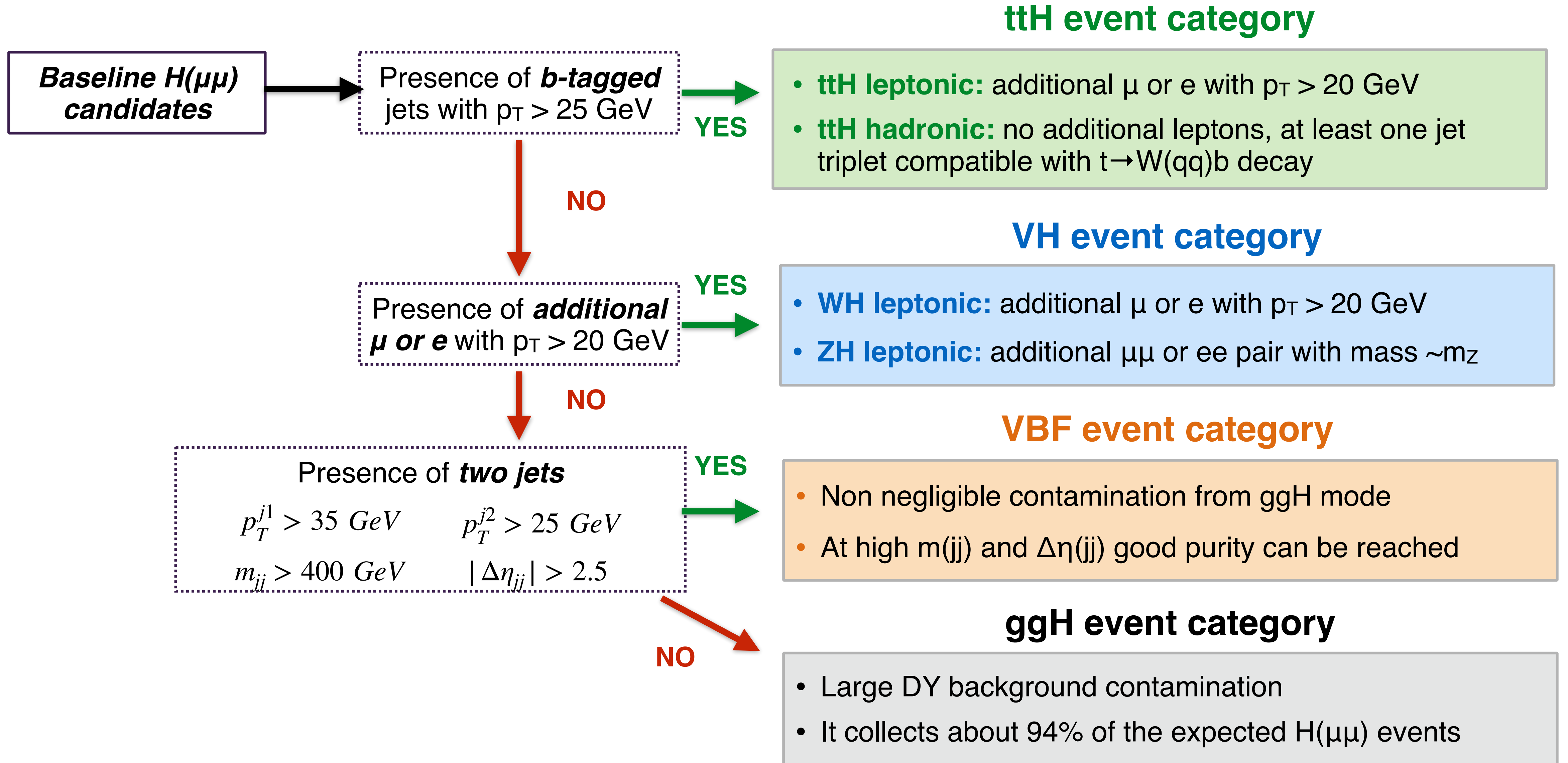
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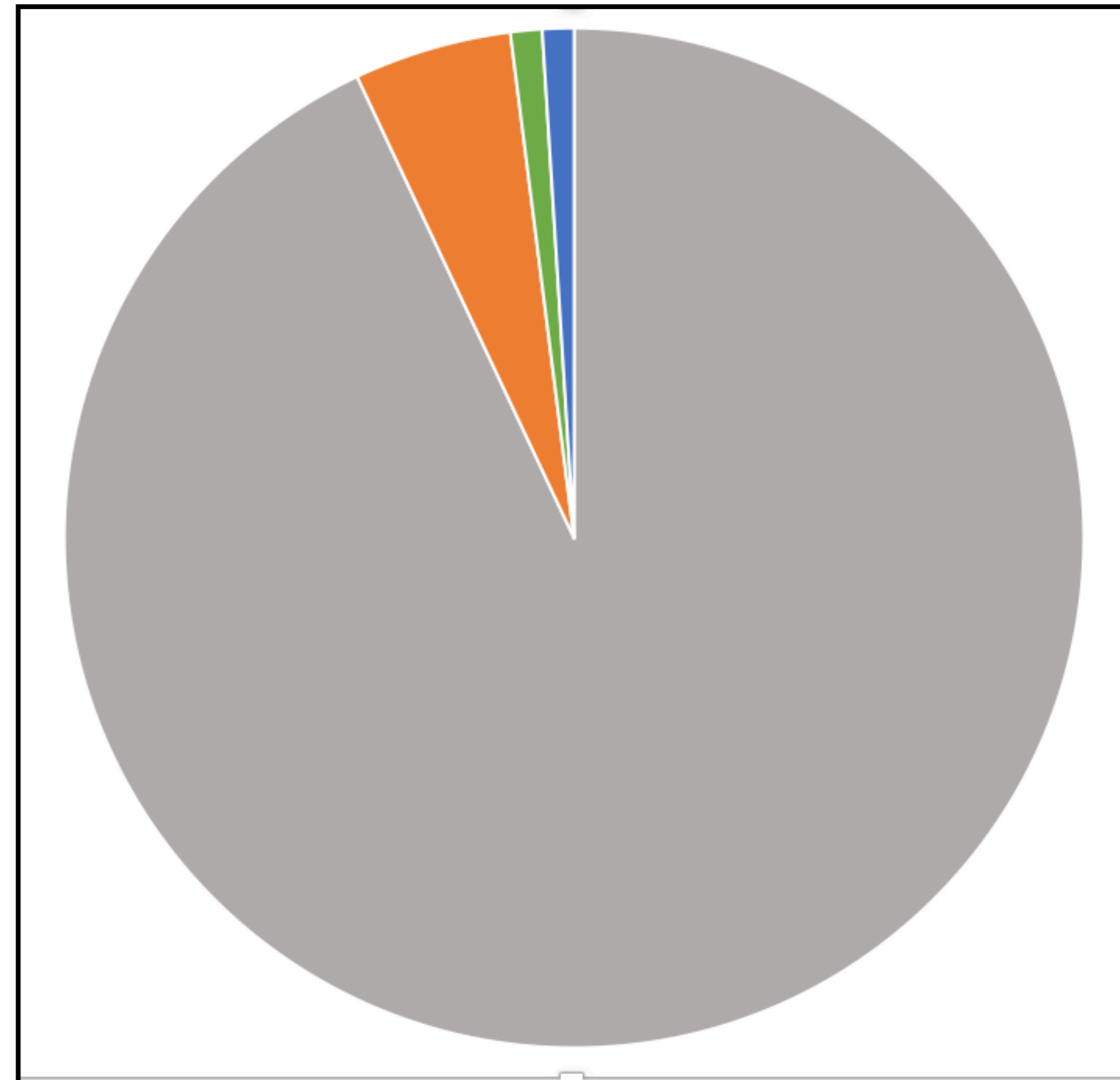
Fraction of H($\mu\mu$) expected signal events with $m_{\mu\mu}$ in the 110-150 GeV range

ggH category

VBF category

VH leptonic category

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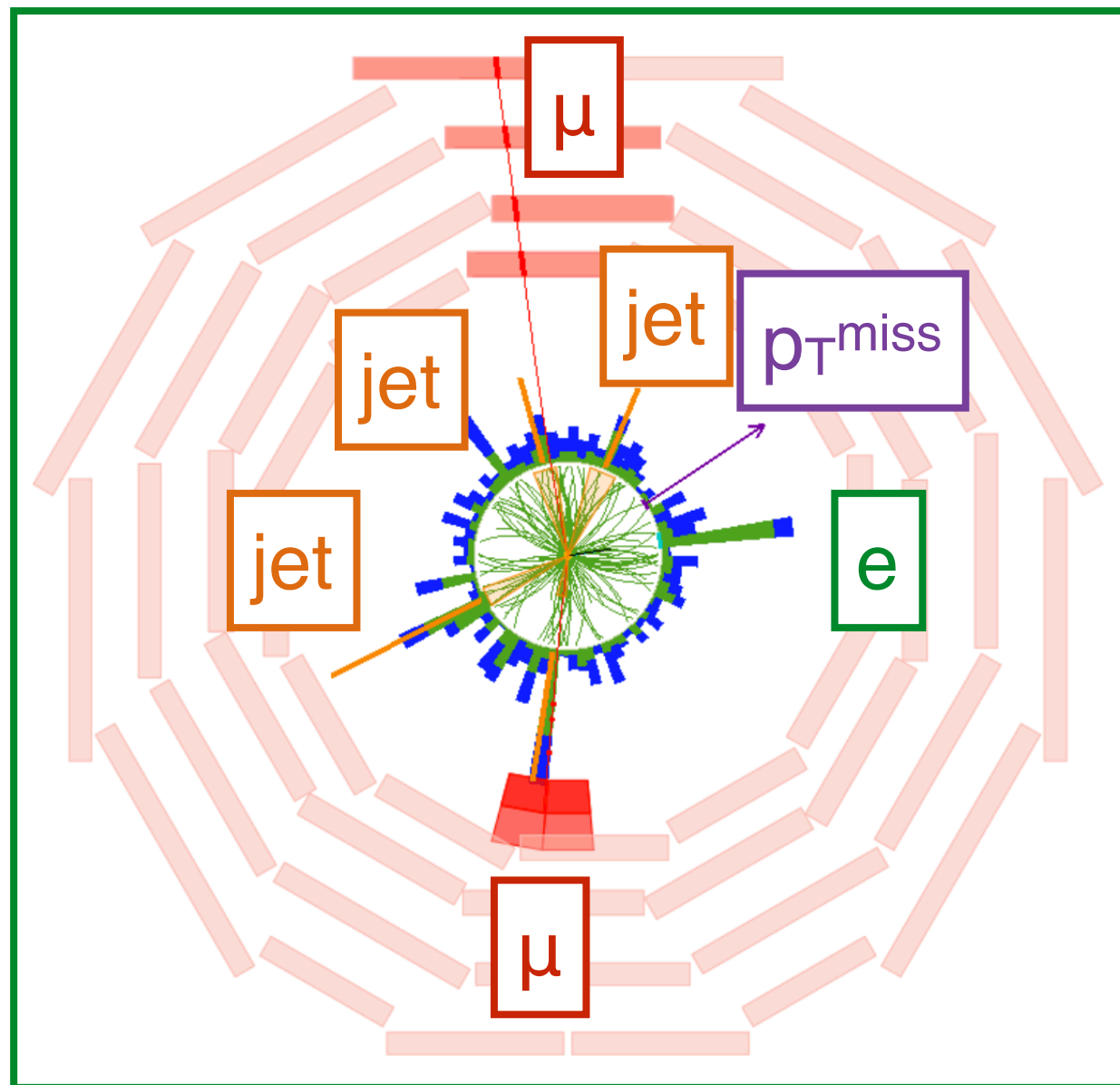
5% in VBF

0.7% in VH

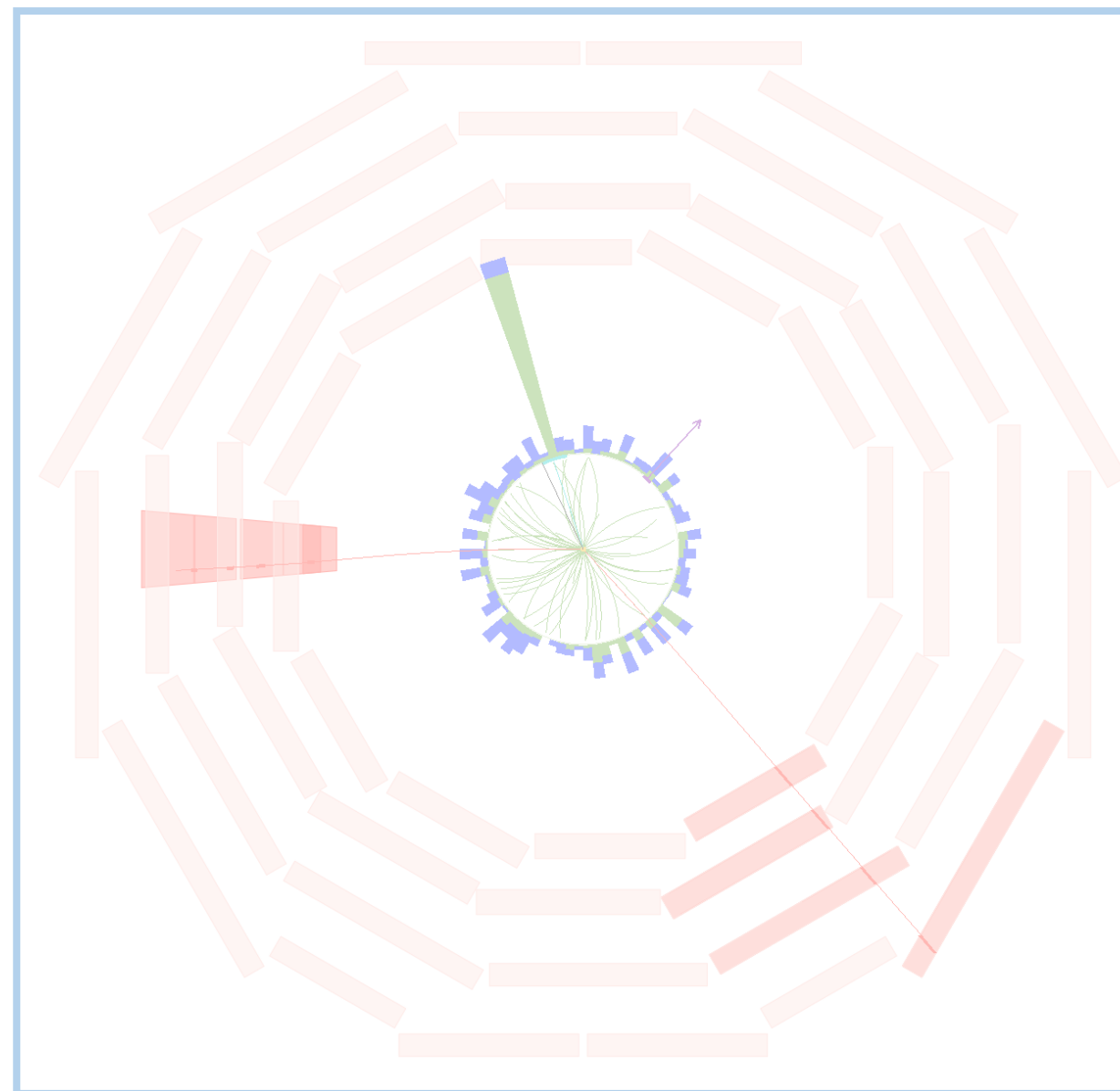
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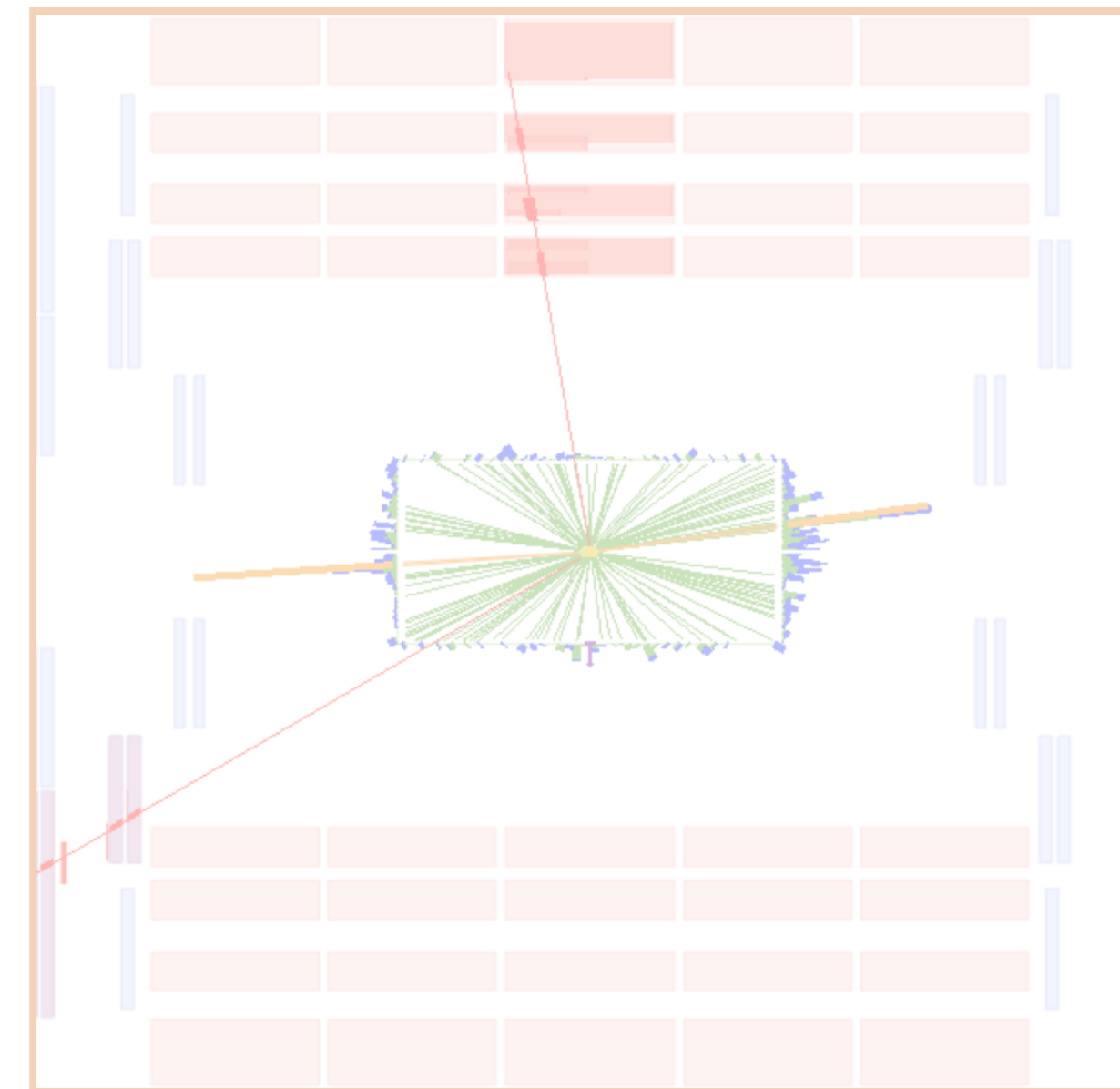
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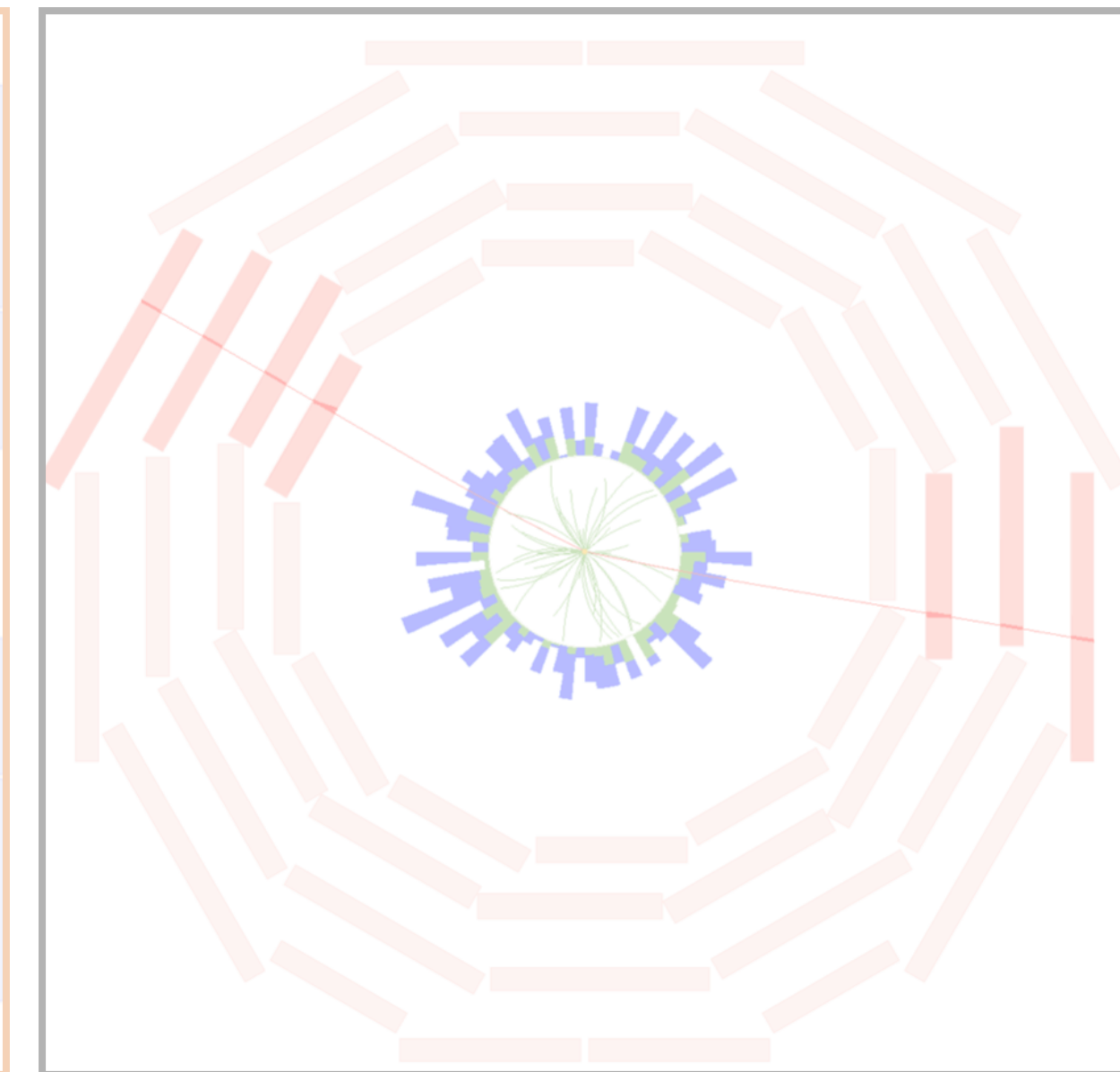
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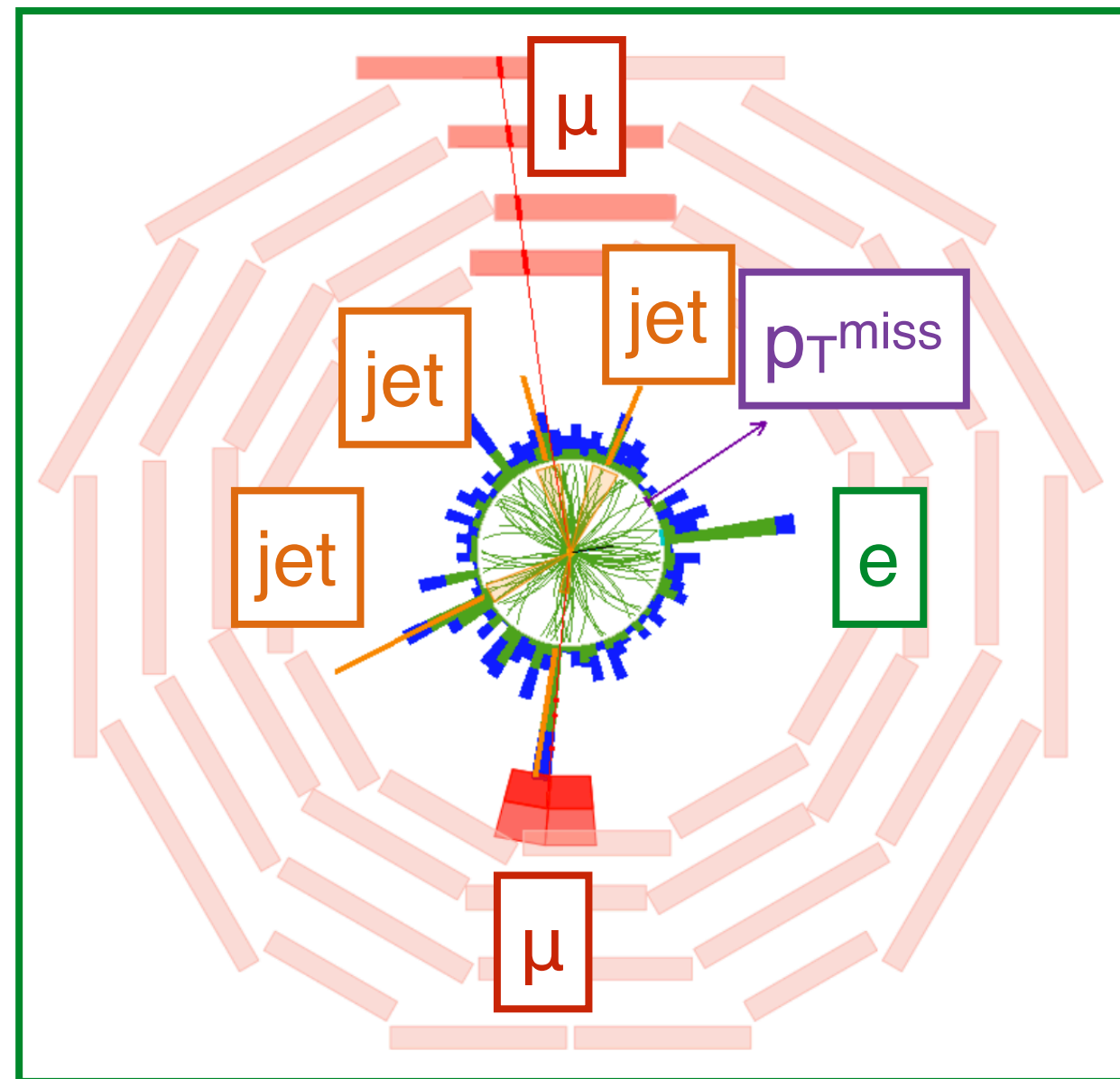
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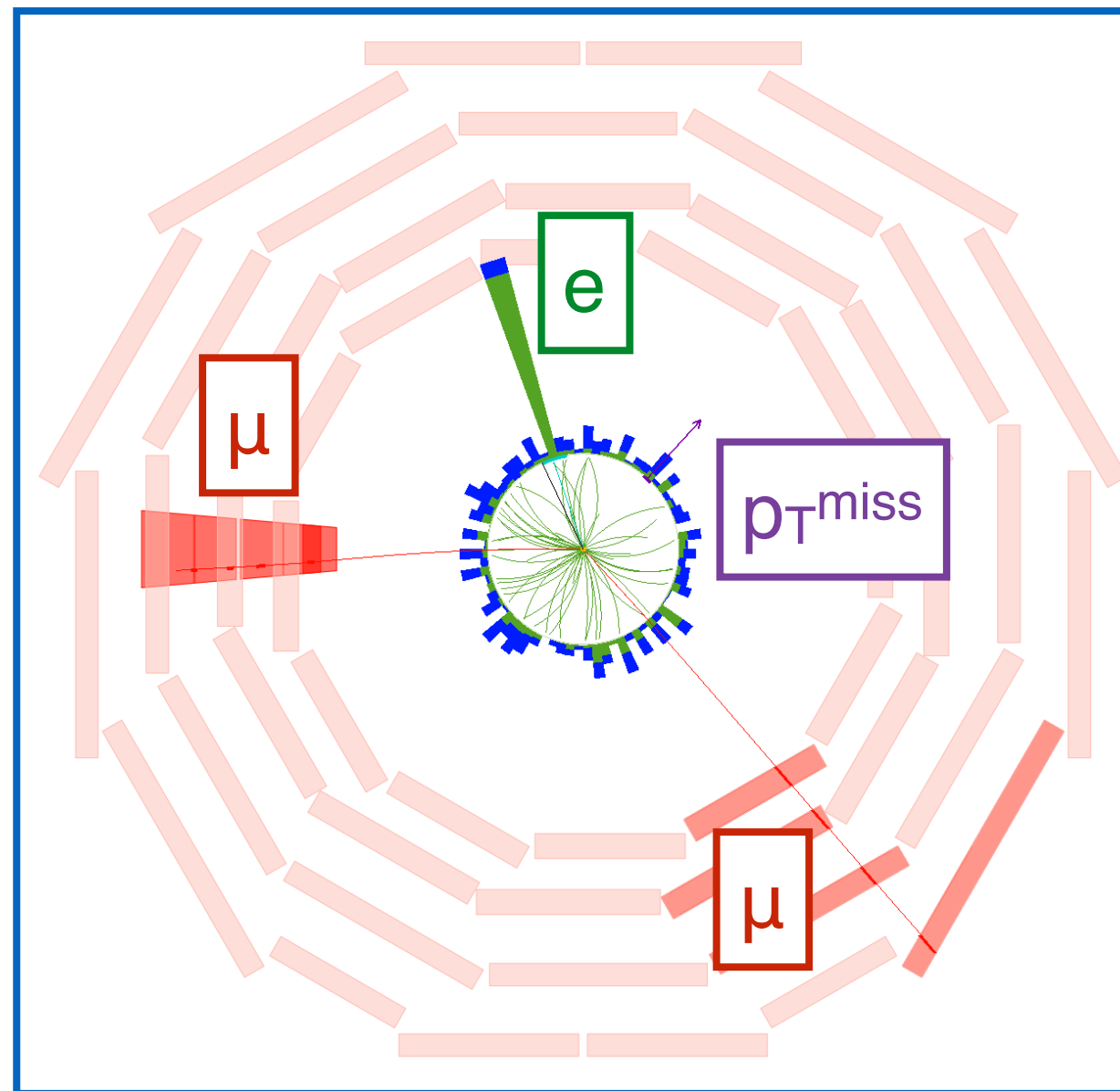
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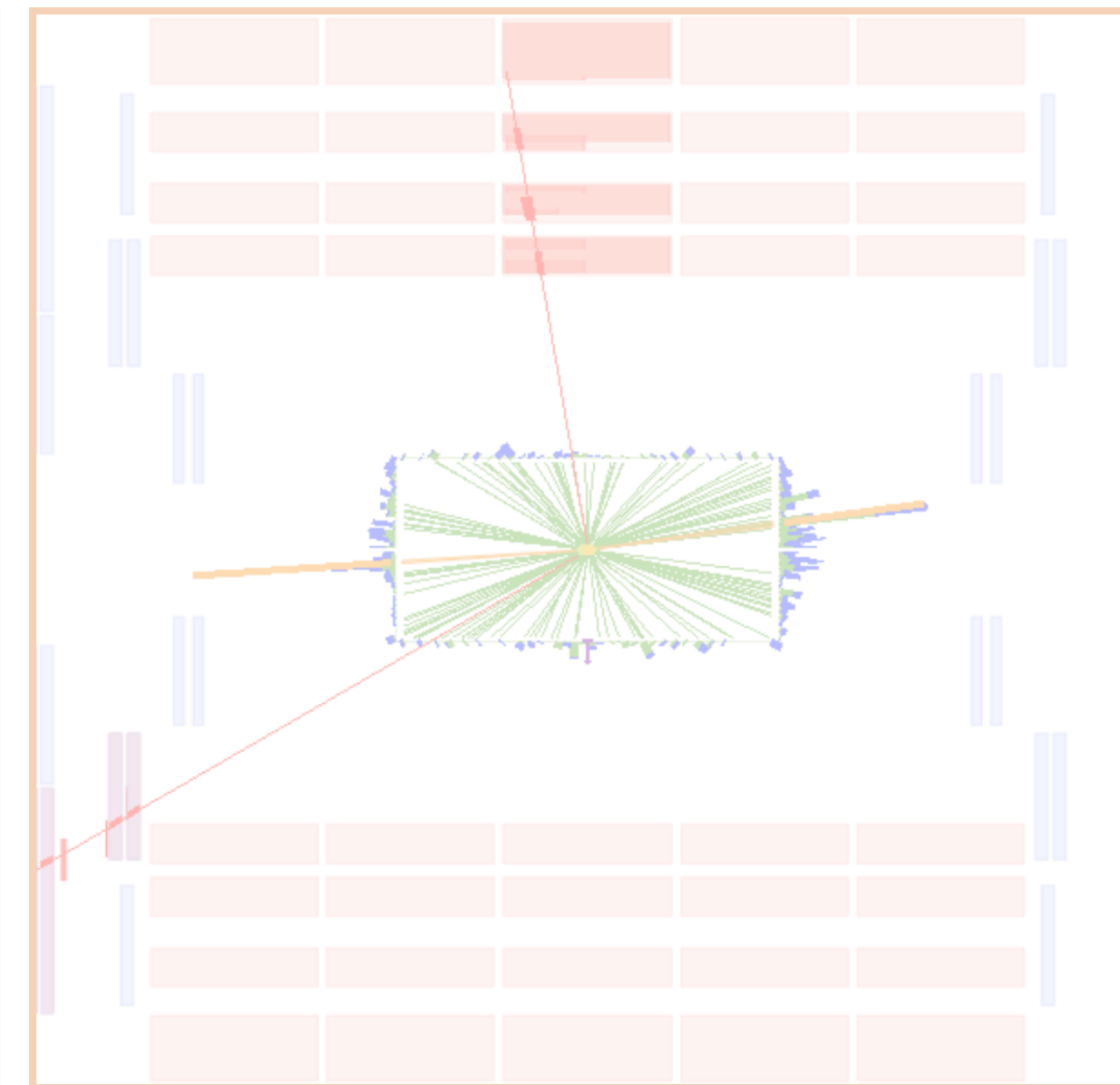
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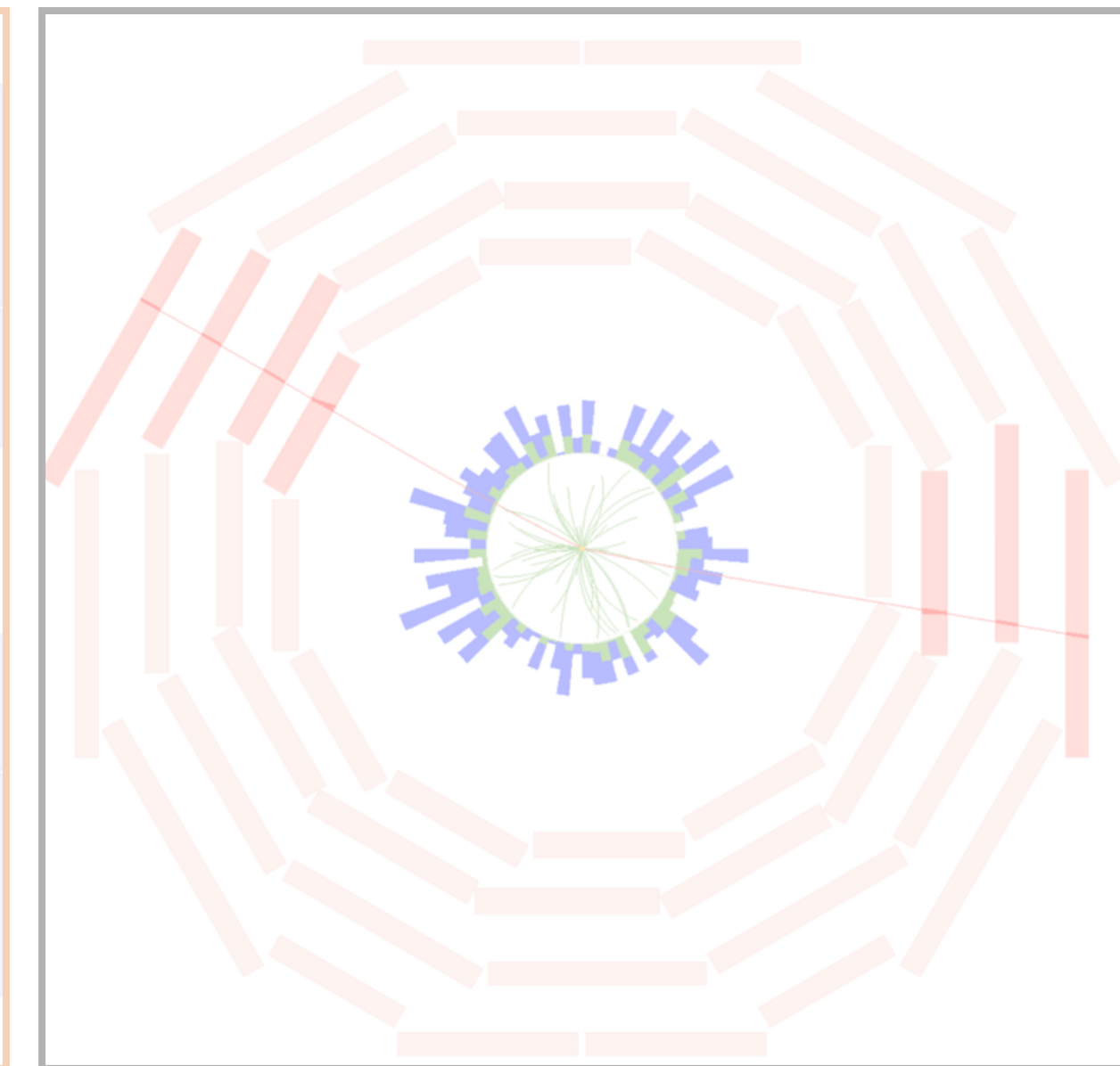
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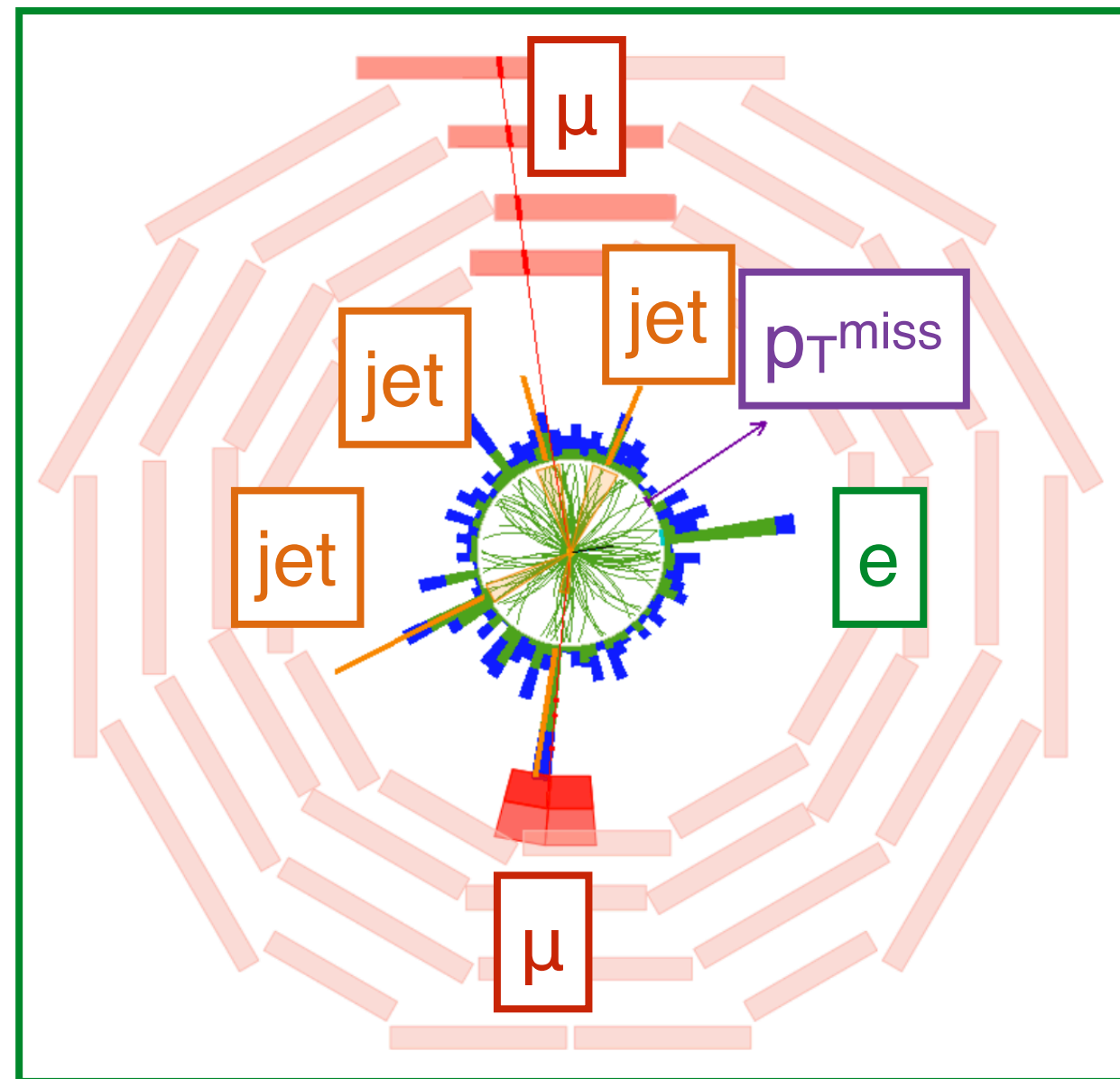
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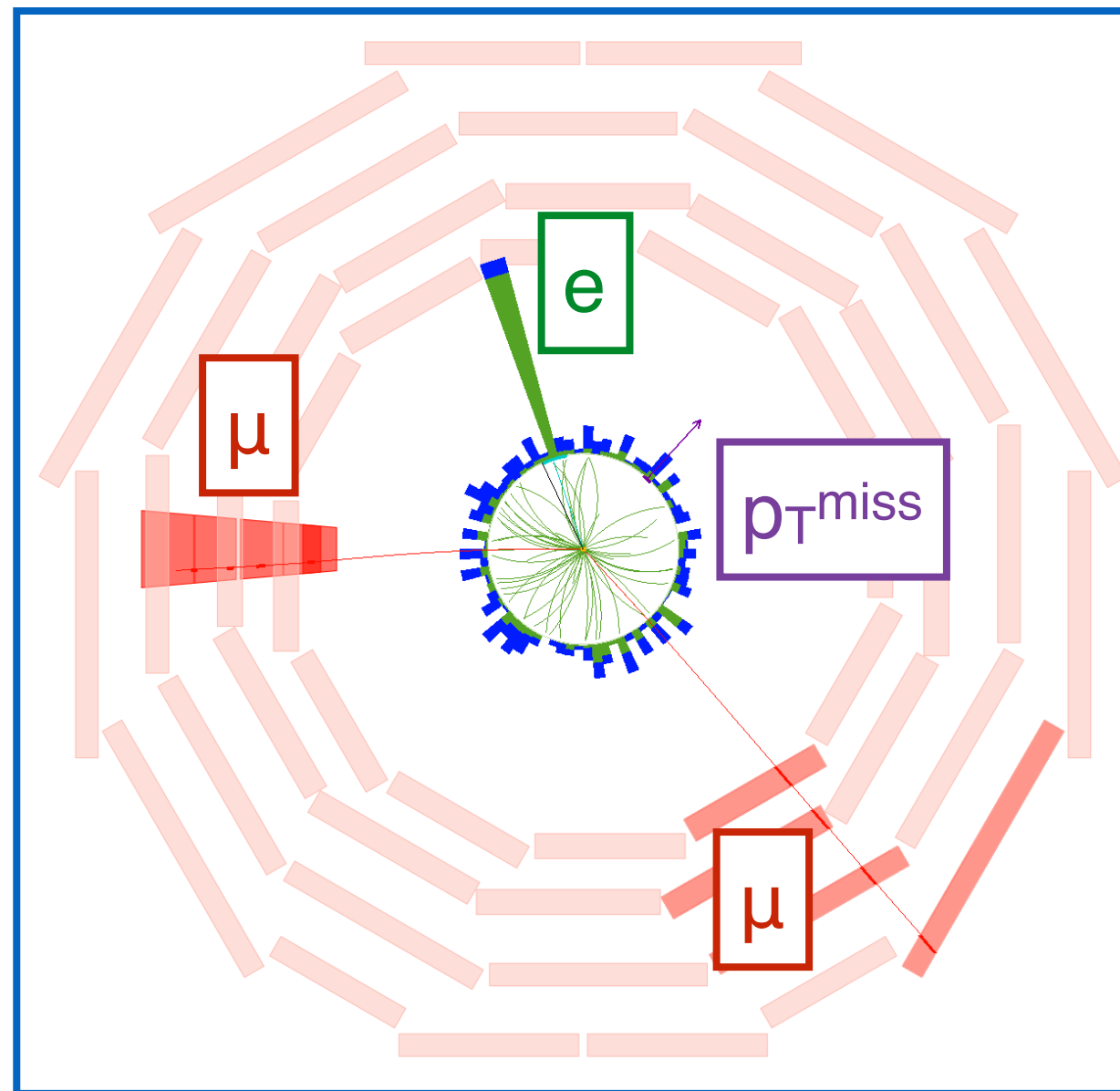
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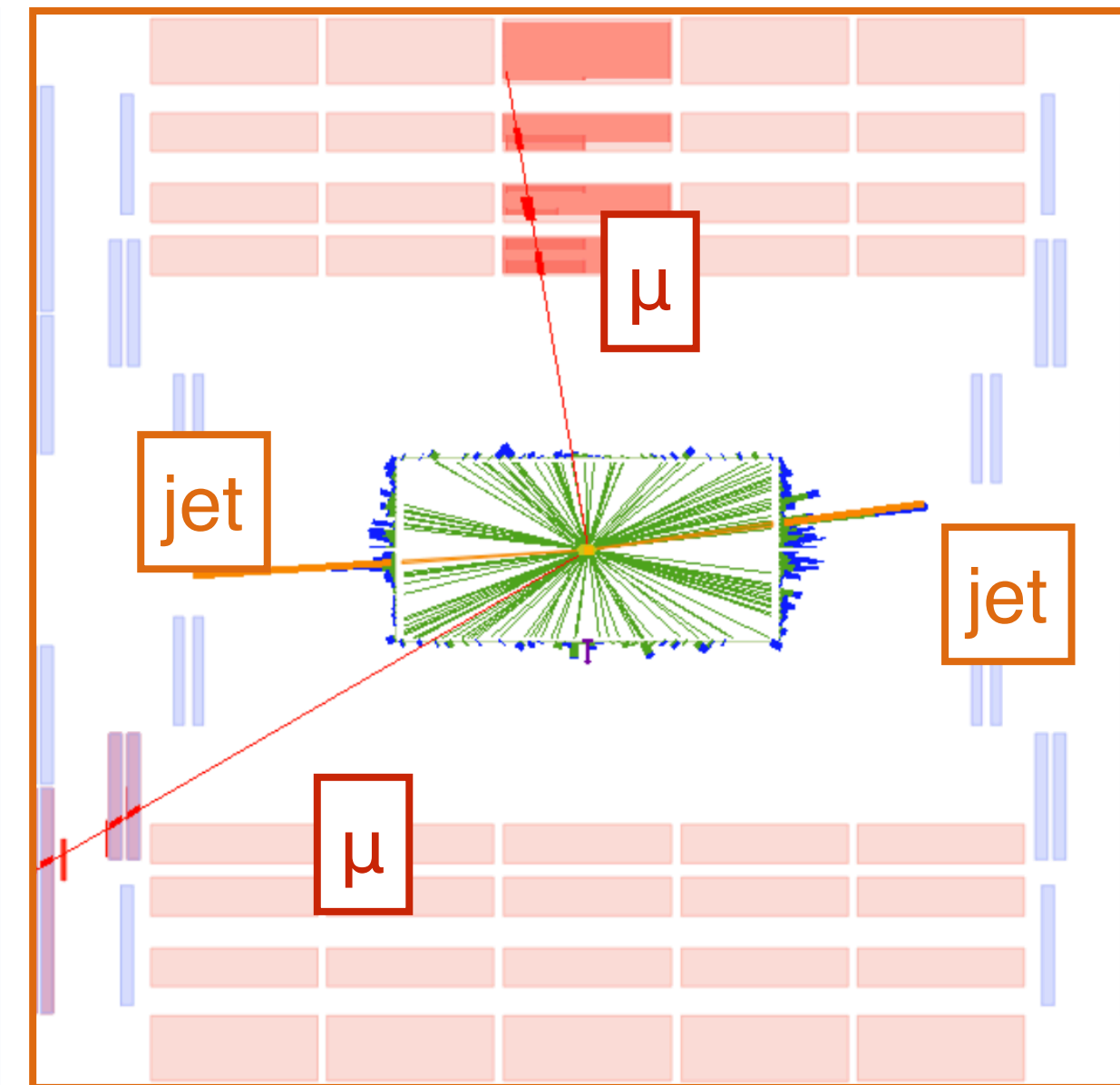
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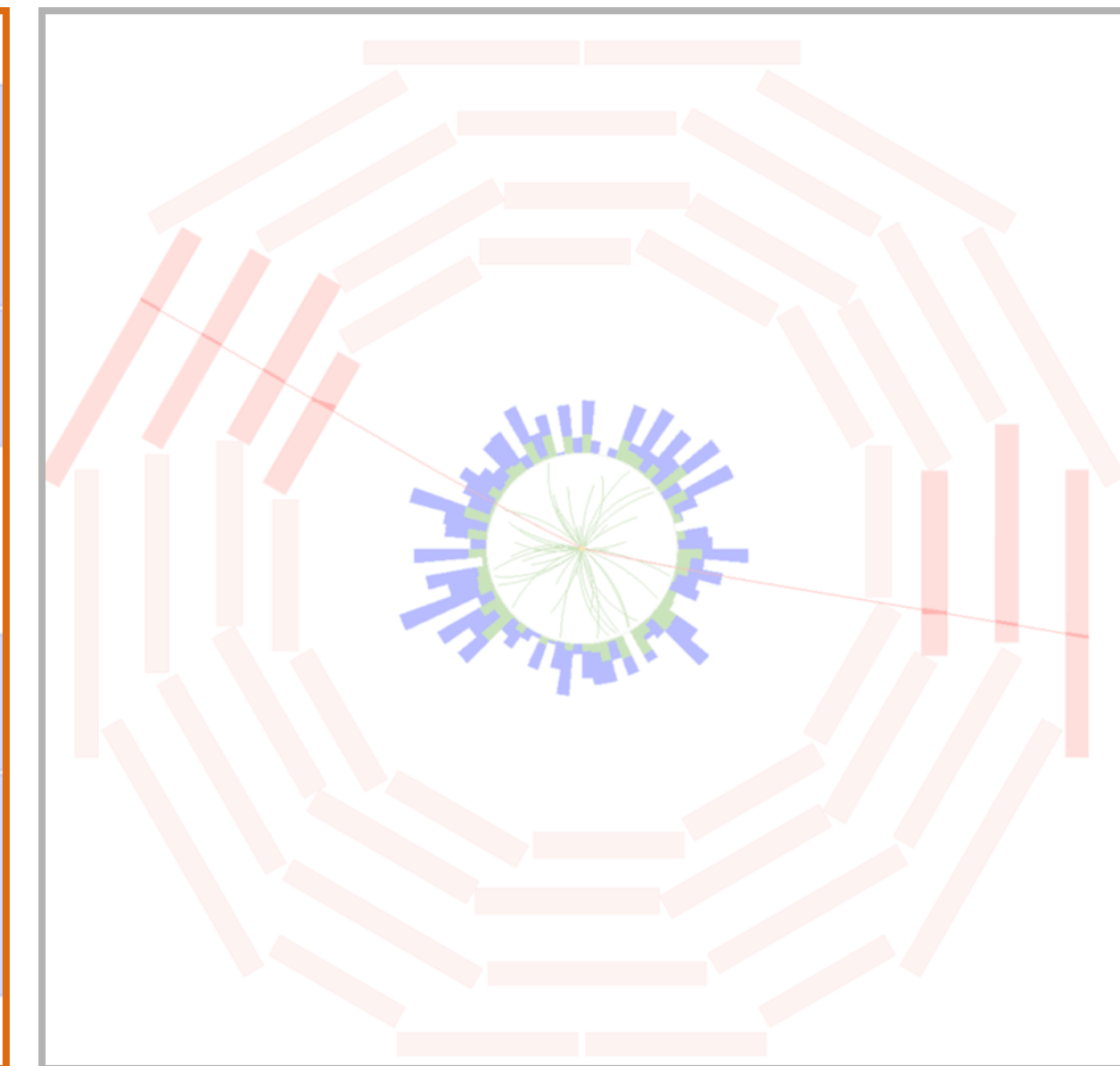
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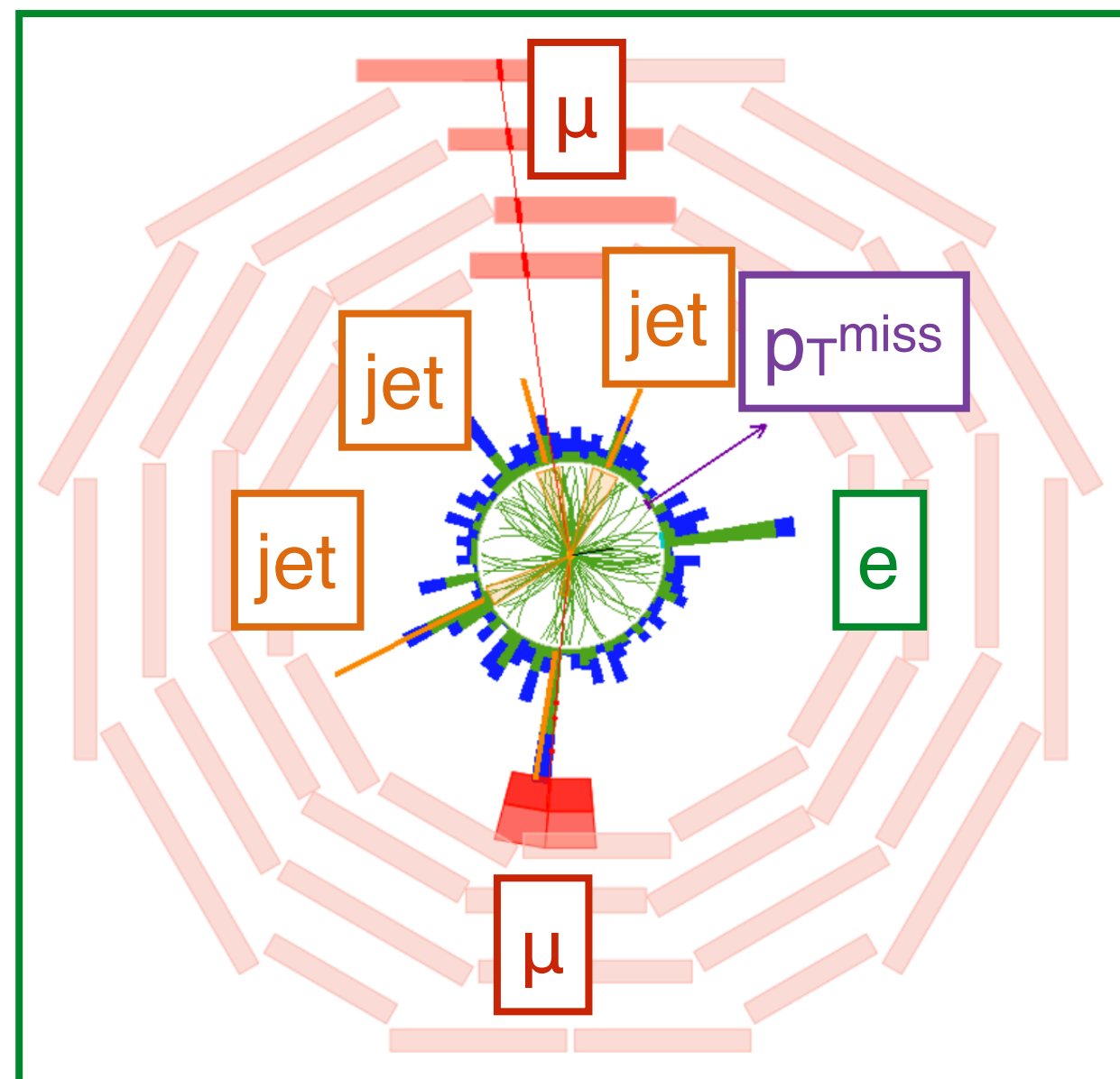
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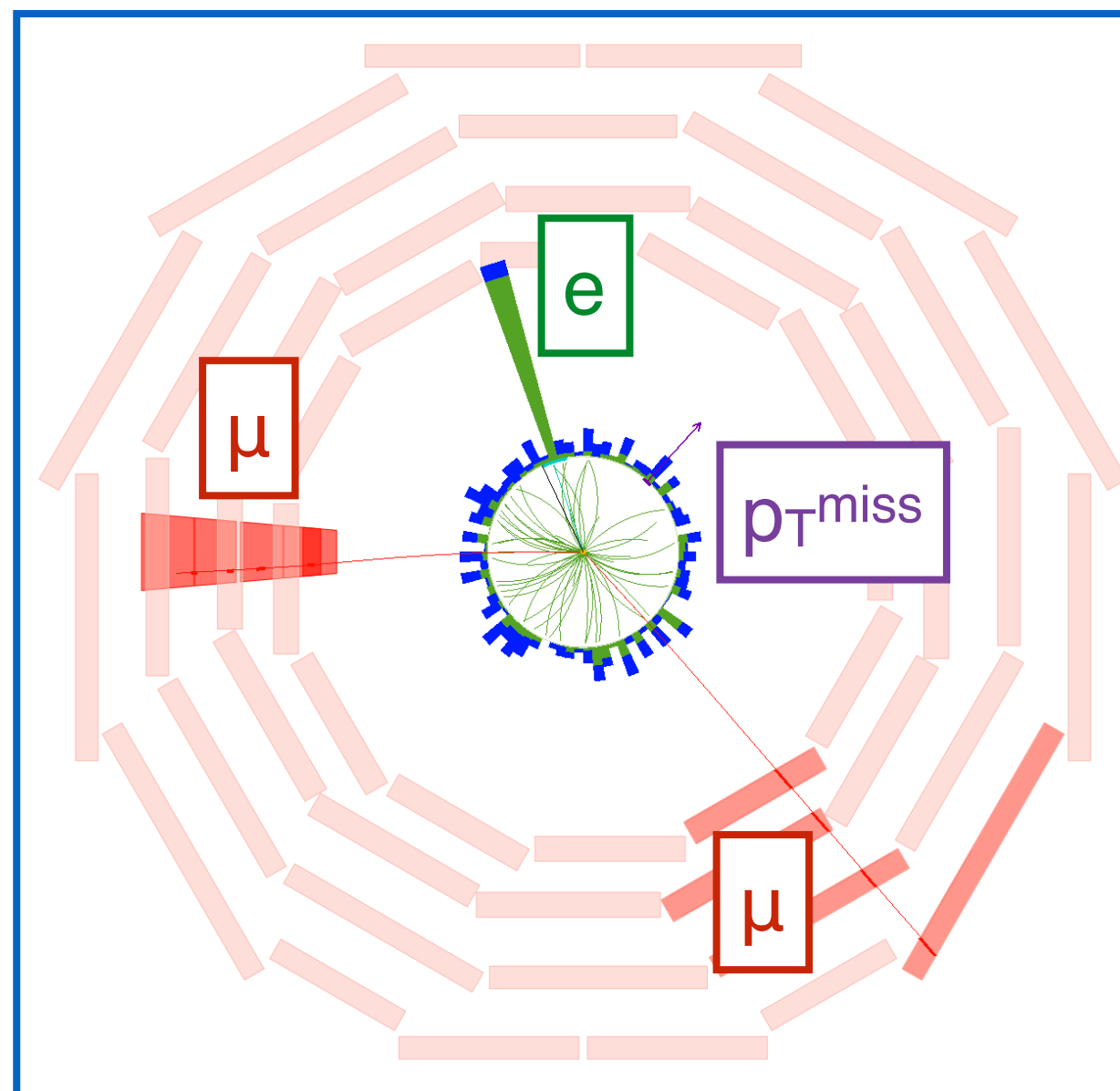
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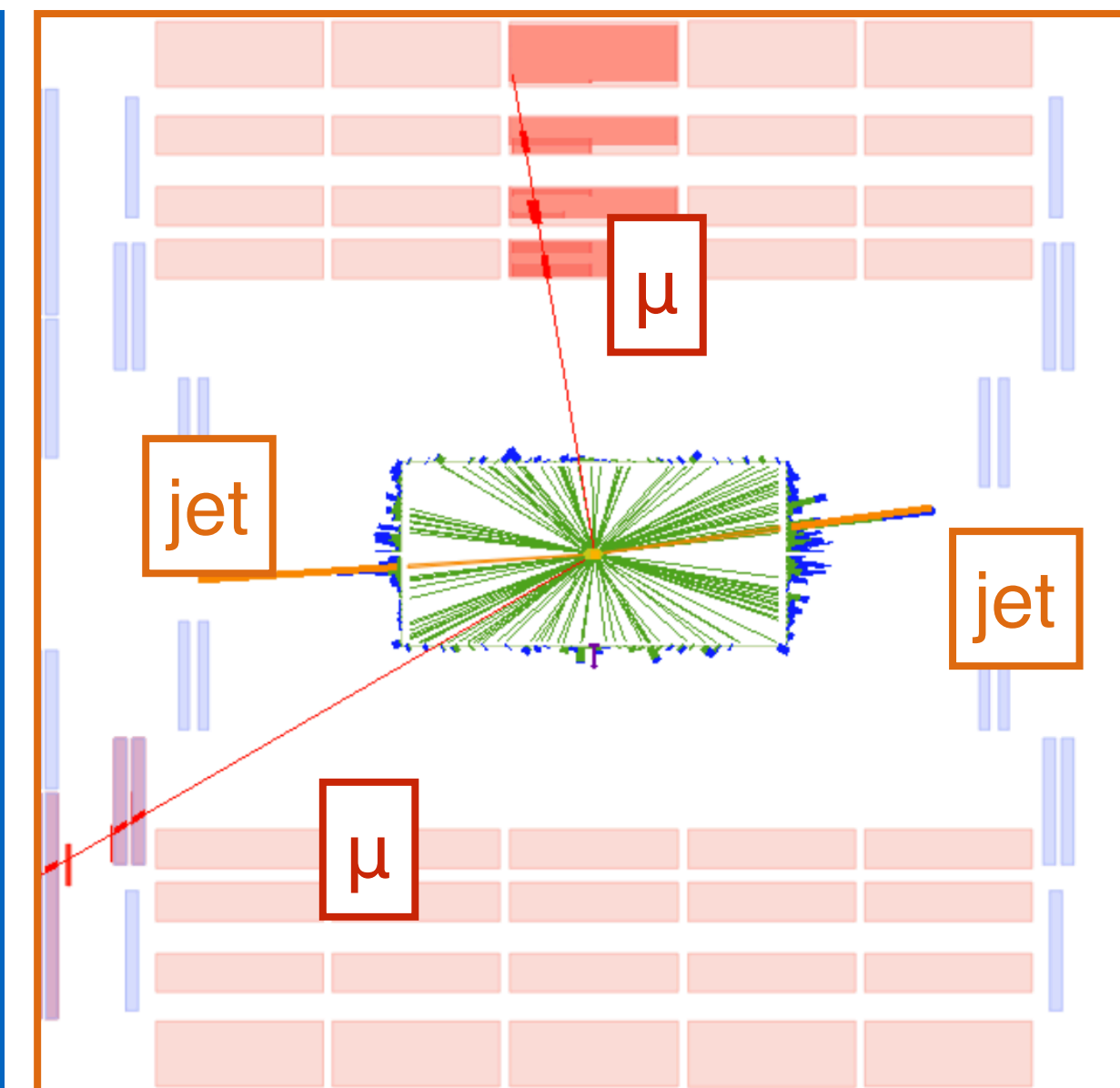
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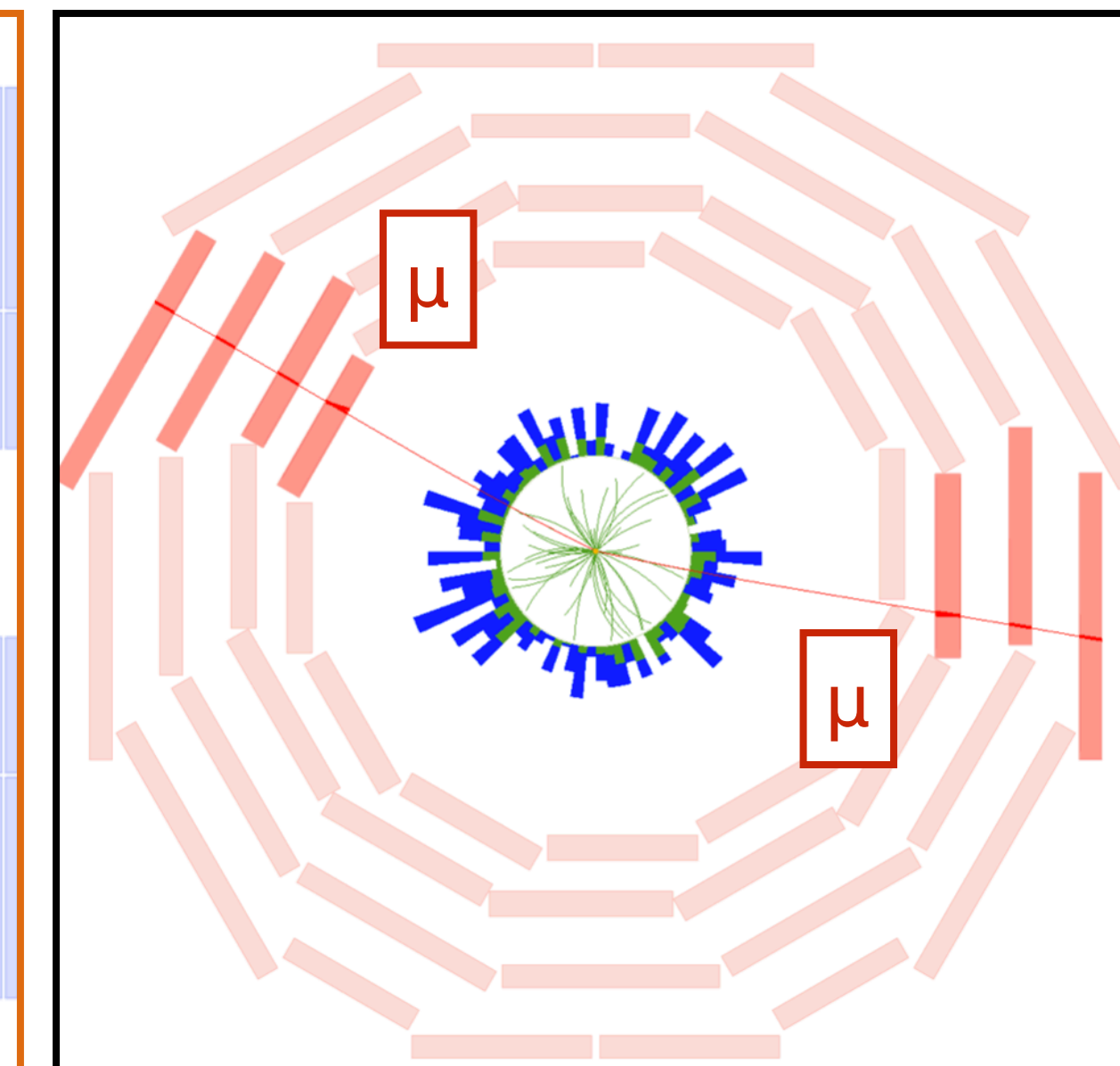
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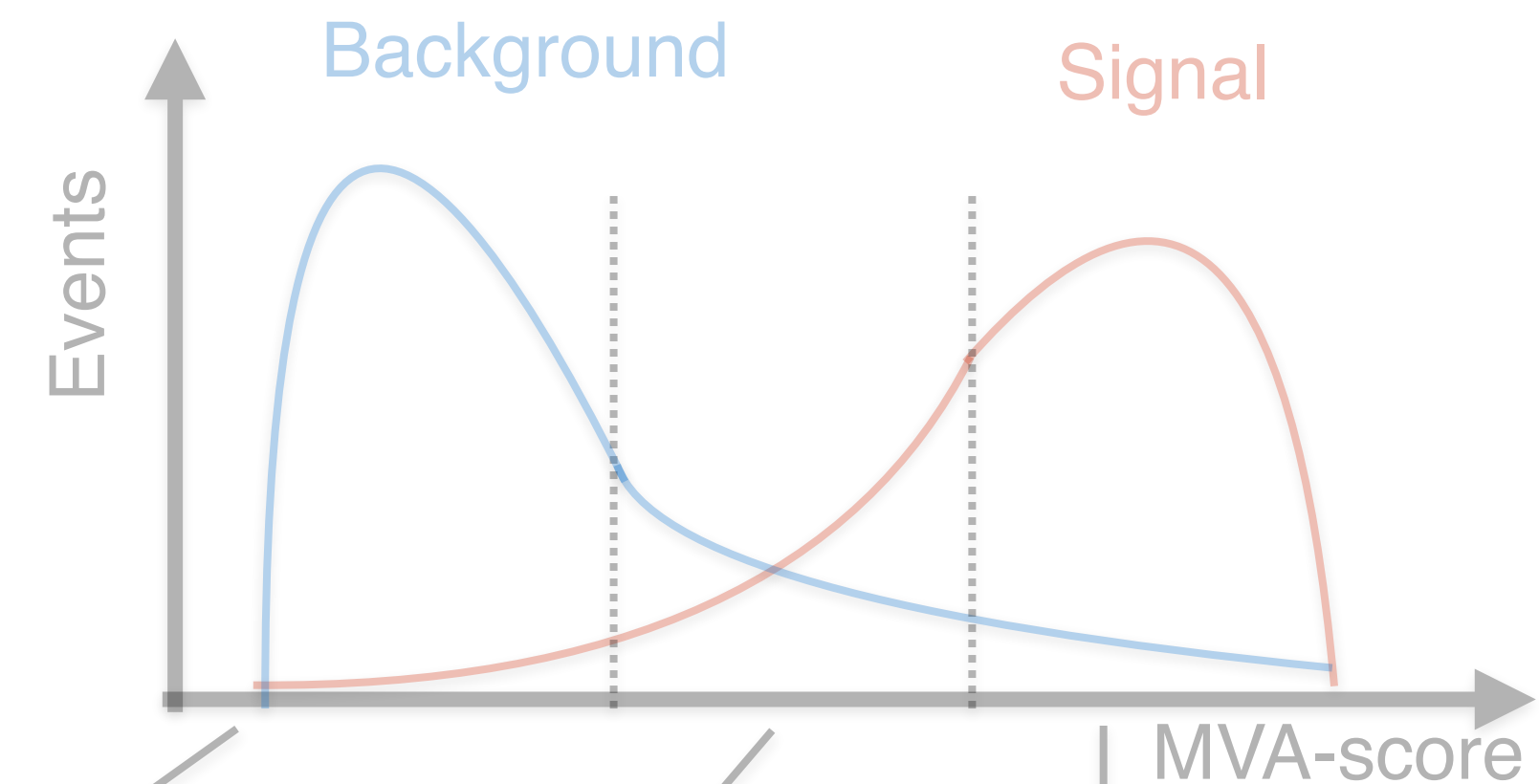
The so-called “**divide-n-fit**” is the common **strategy** used in **bump hunts** to **increase** the **sensitivity**

MVA training

- **Train** a MVA classifier to separate signal from backgrounds
- Exploit full **kinematics** of the event apart from the $m_{\mu\mu}$
- Input features **uncorrelated with $m_{\mu\mu}$**
- **Signal** events **weighted by σ_m/m** in the training to assign to **high resolution** events a **higher score**

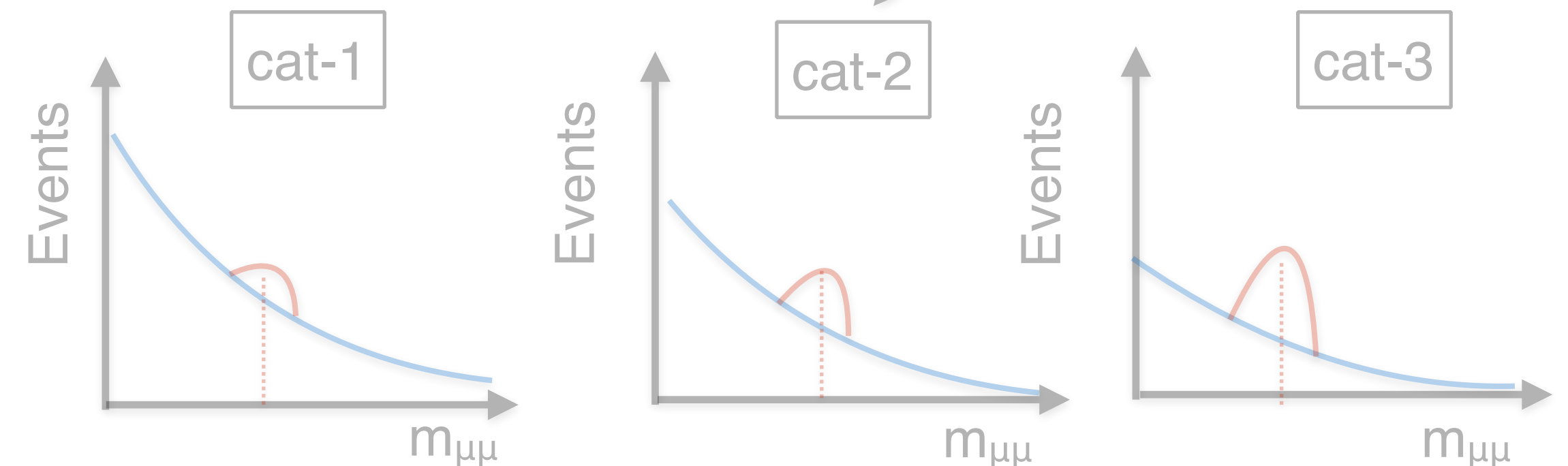
Event categories

- **Divide** events into exclusive categories based on the classifier output by **maximising** the **significance**
- **Purity increases** as a function of the MVA output



Signal extraction

- **Signal extracted** by **fitting $m_{\mu\mu}$** distributions in each subcategories
- Signal and background modelled via **parametric functions**
- **Data-driven background prediction**



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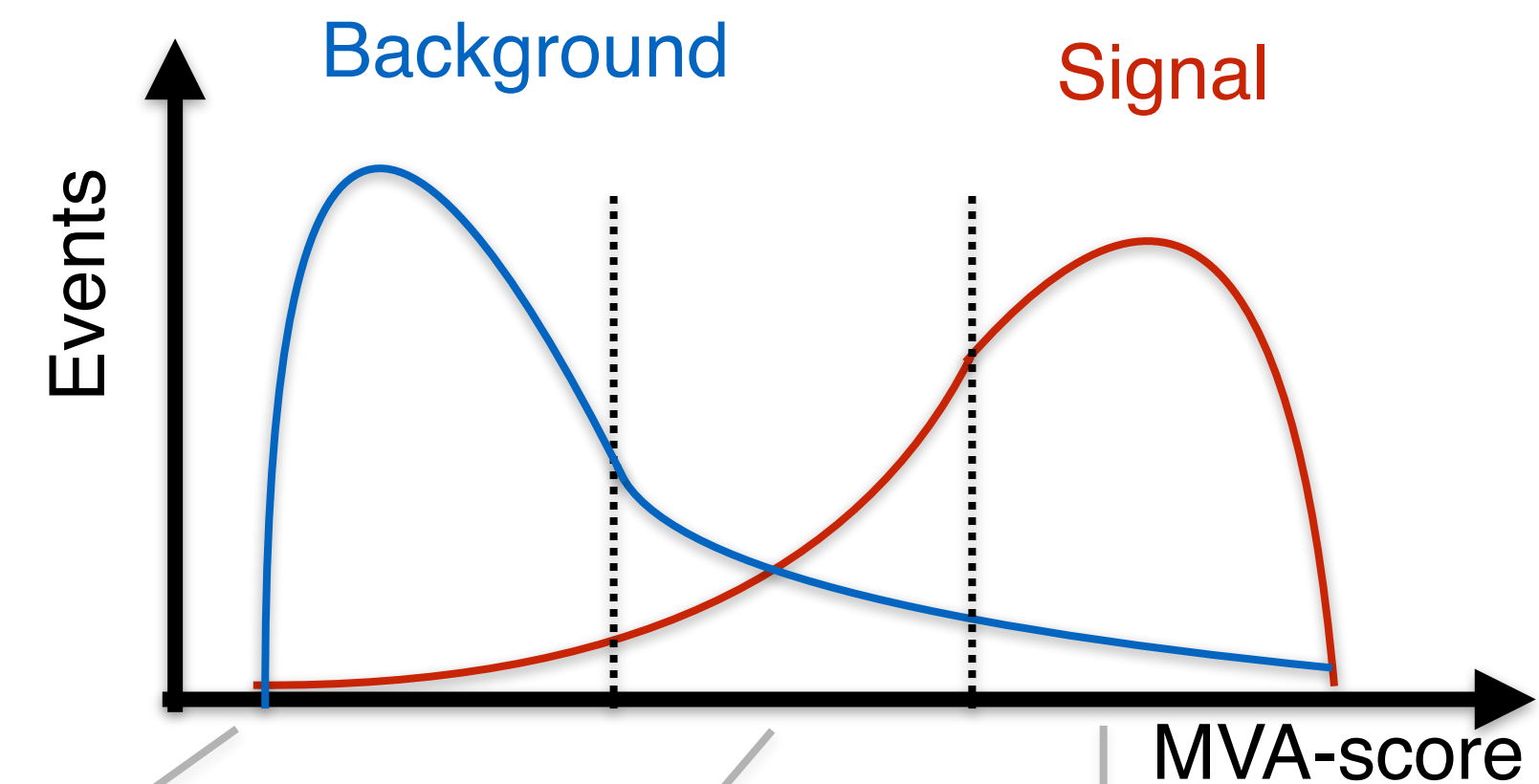
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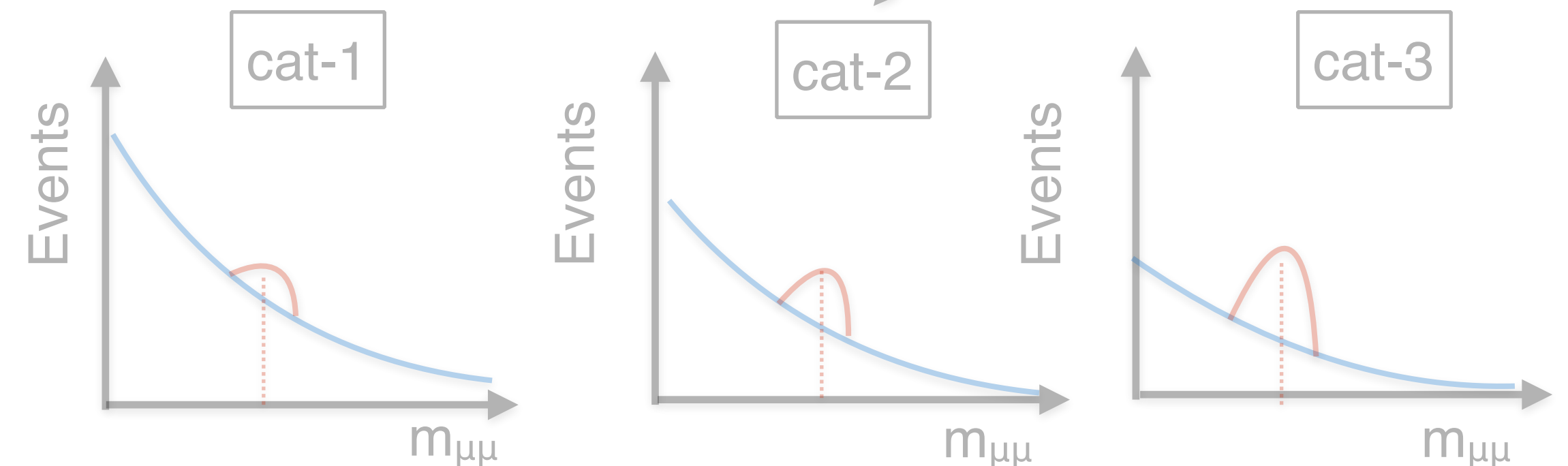
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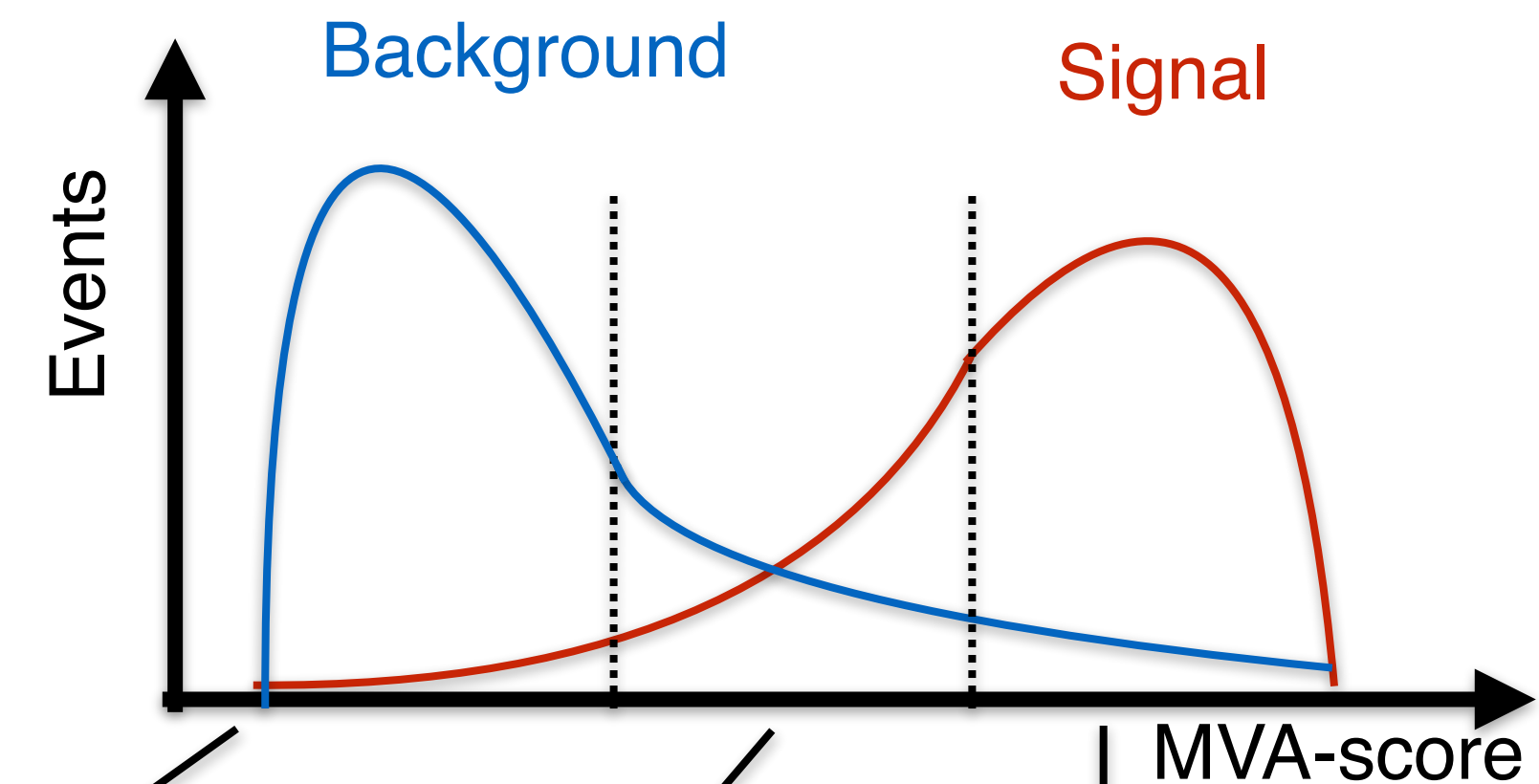
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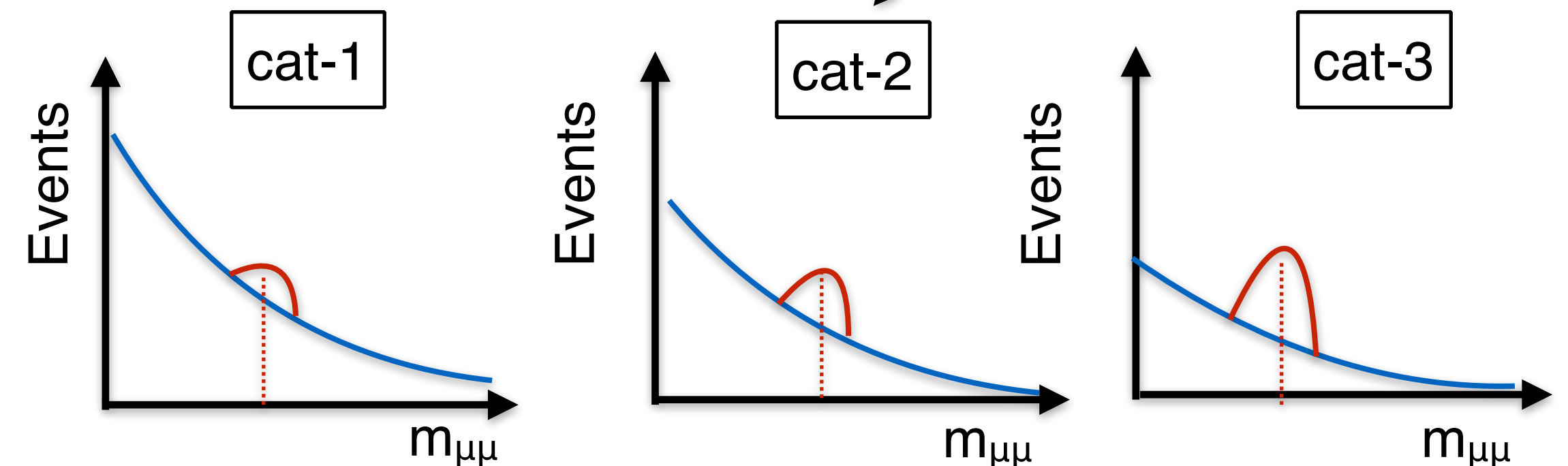
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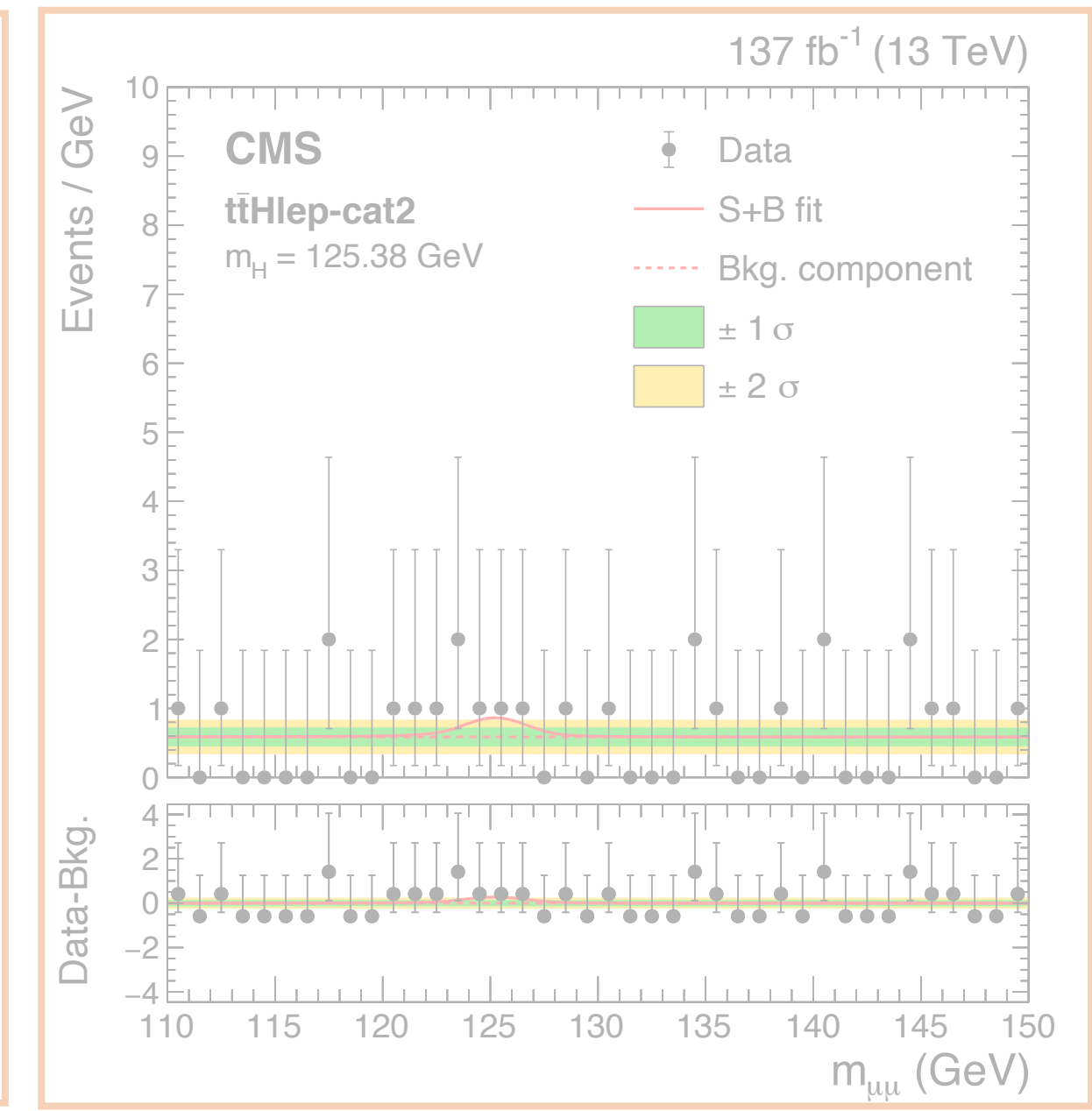
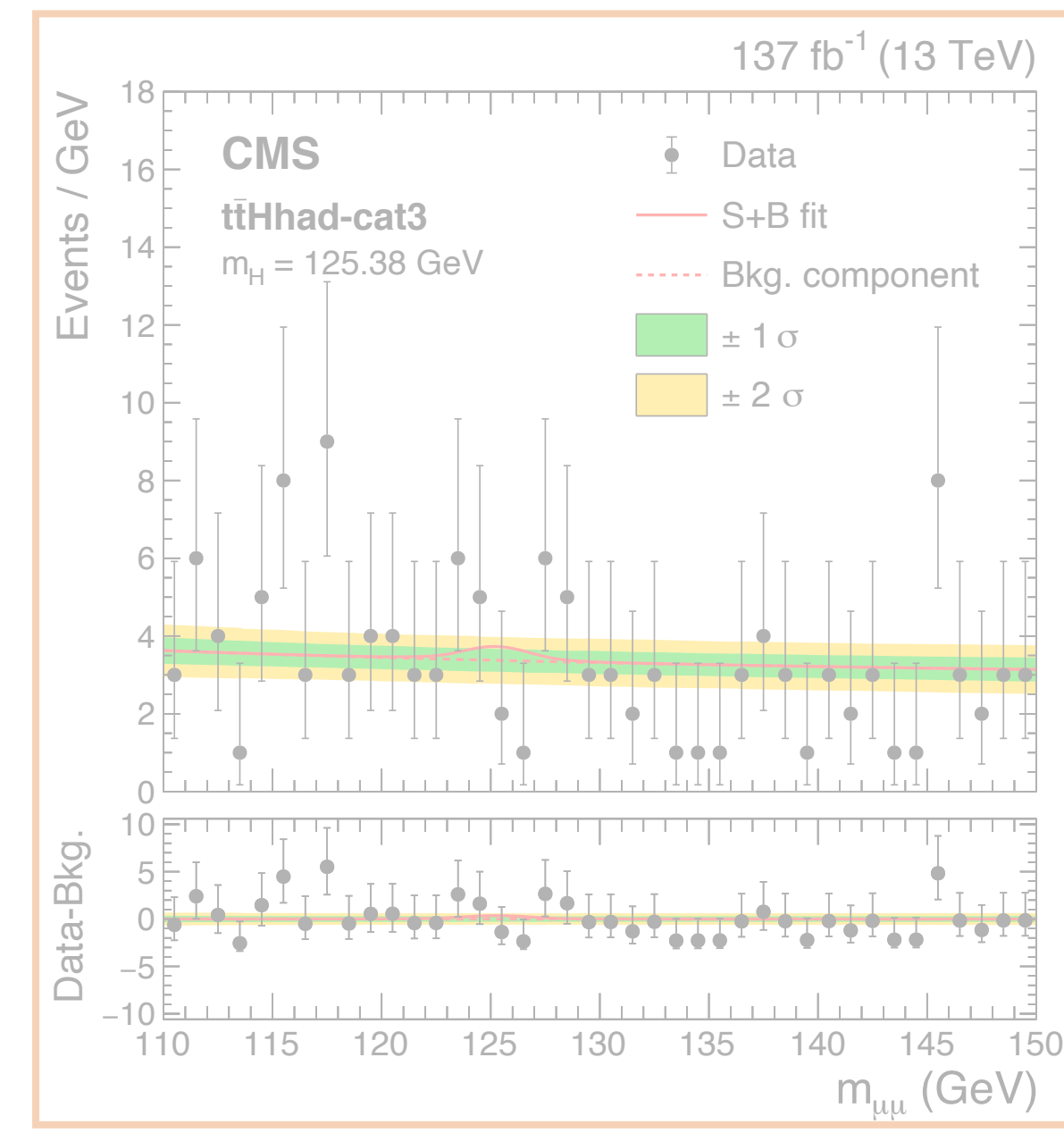
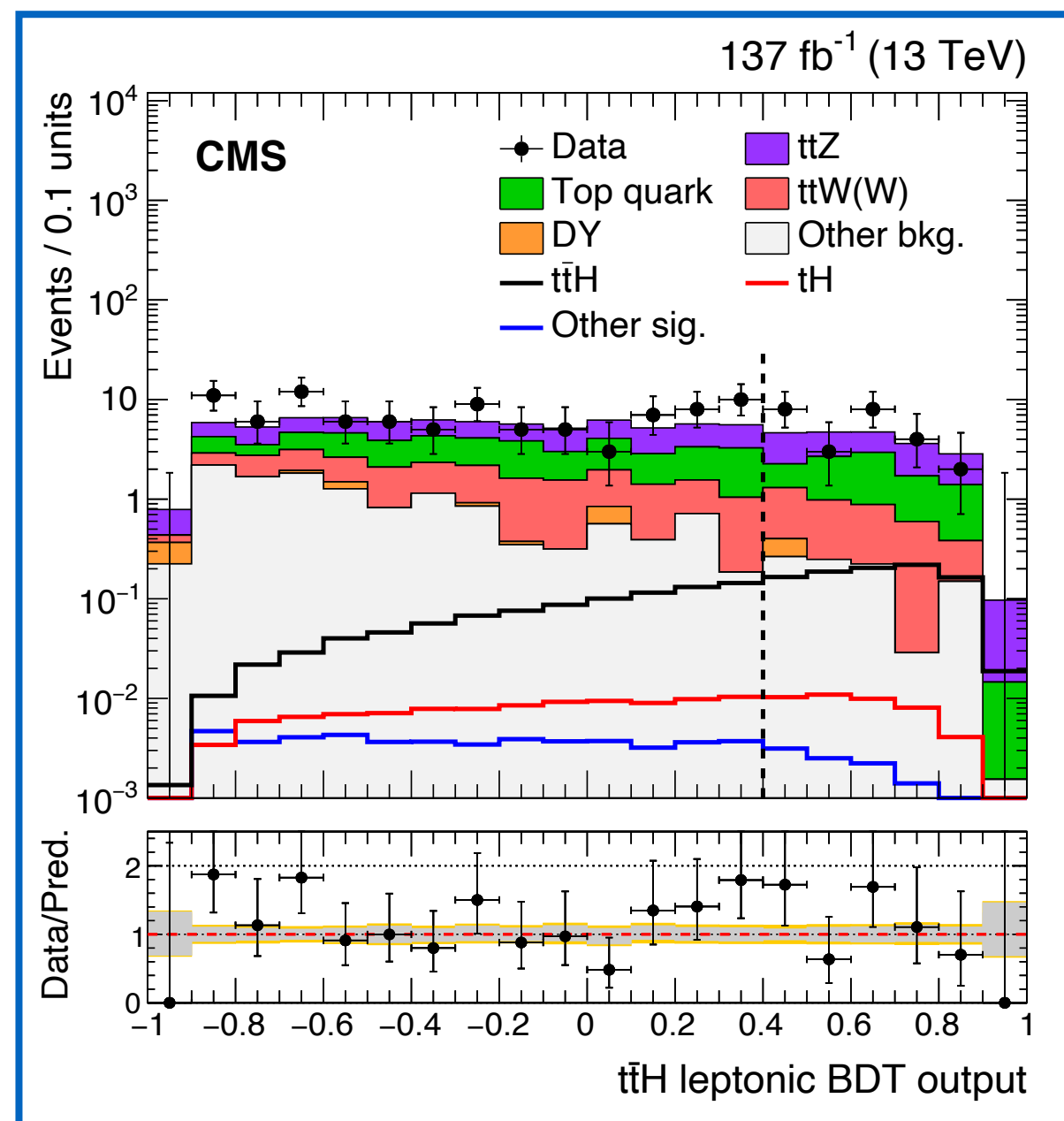
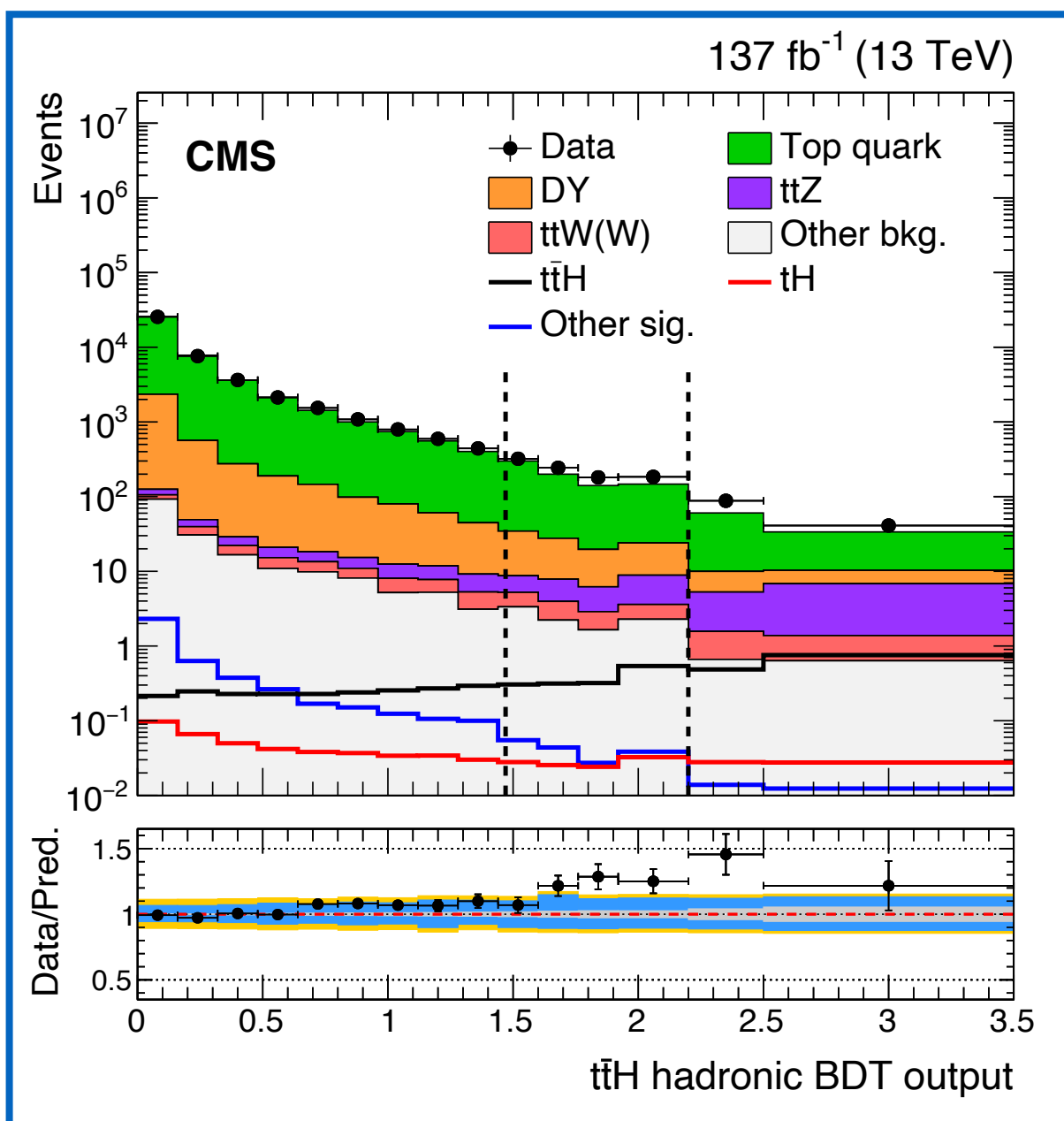
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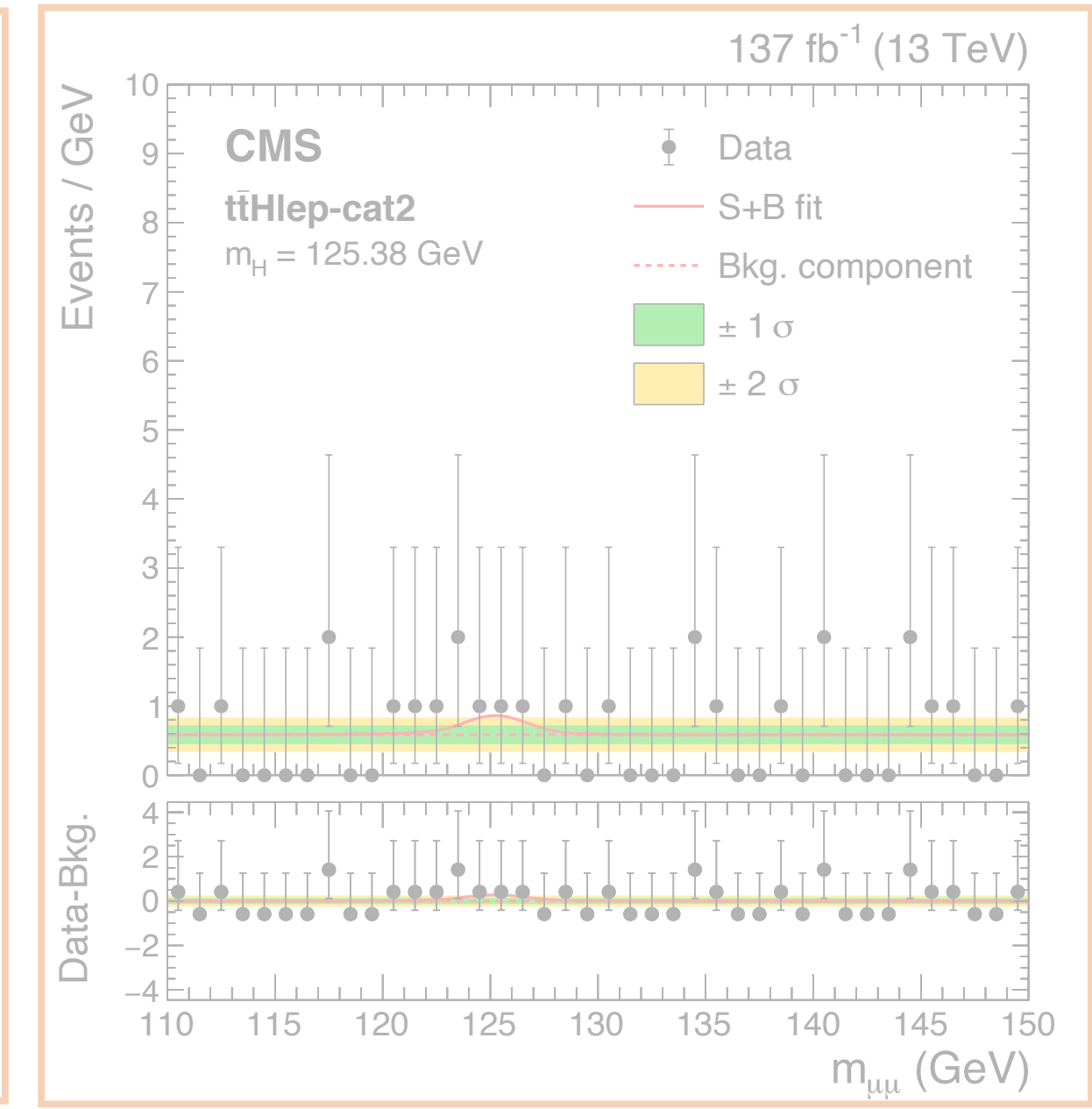
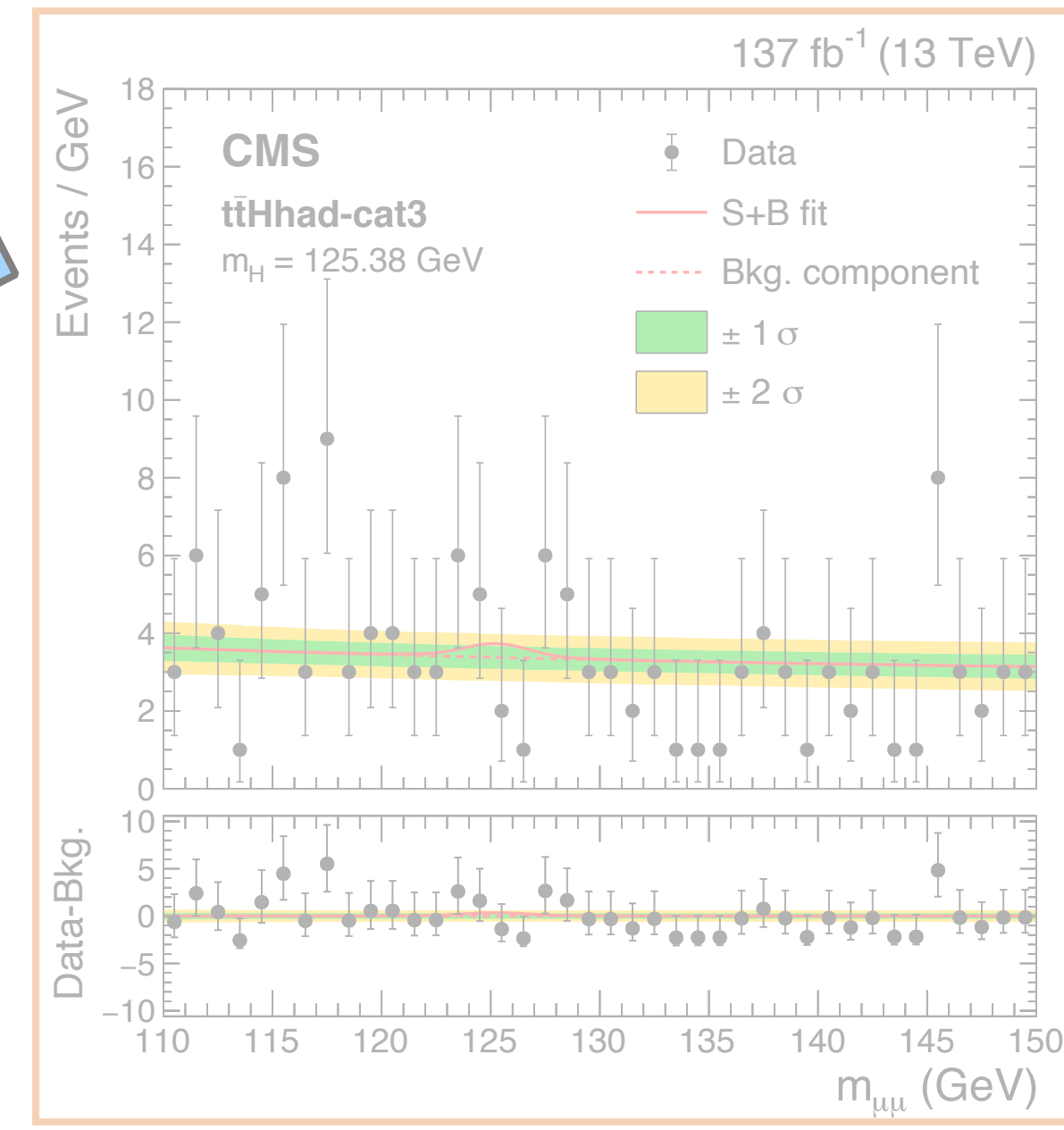
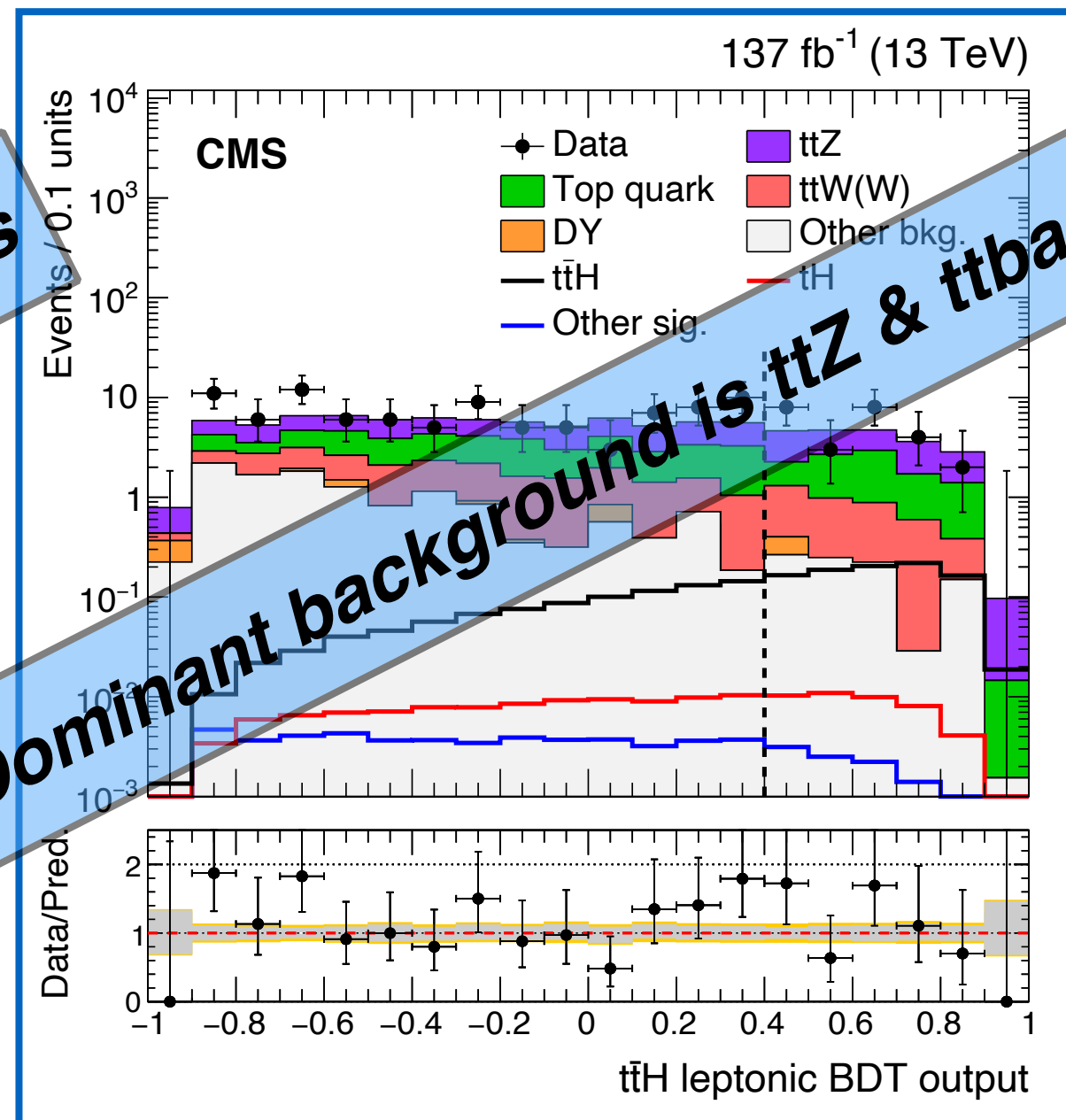
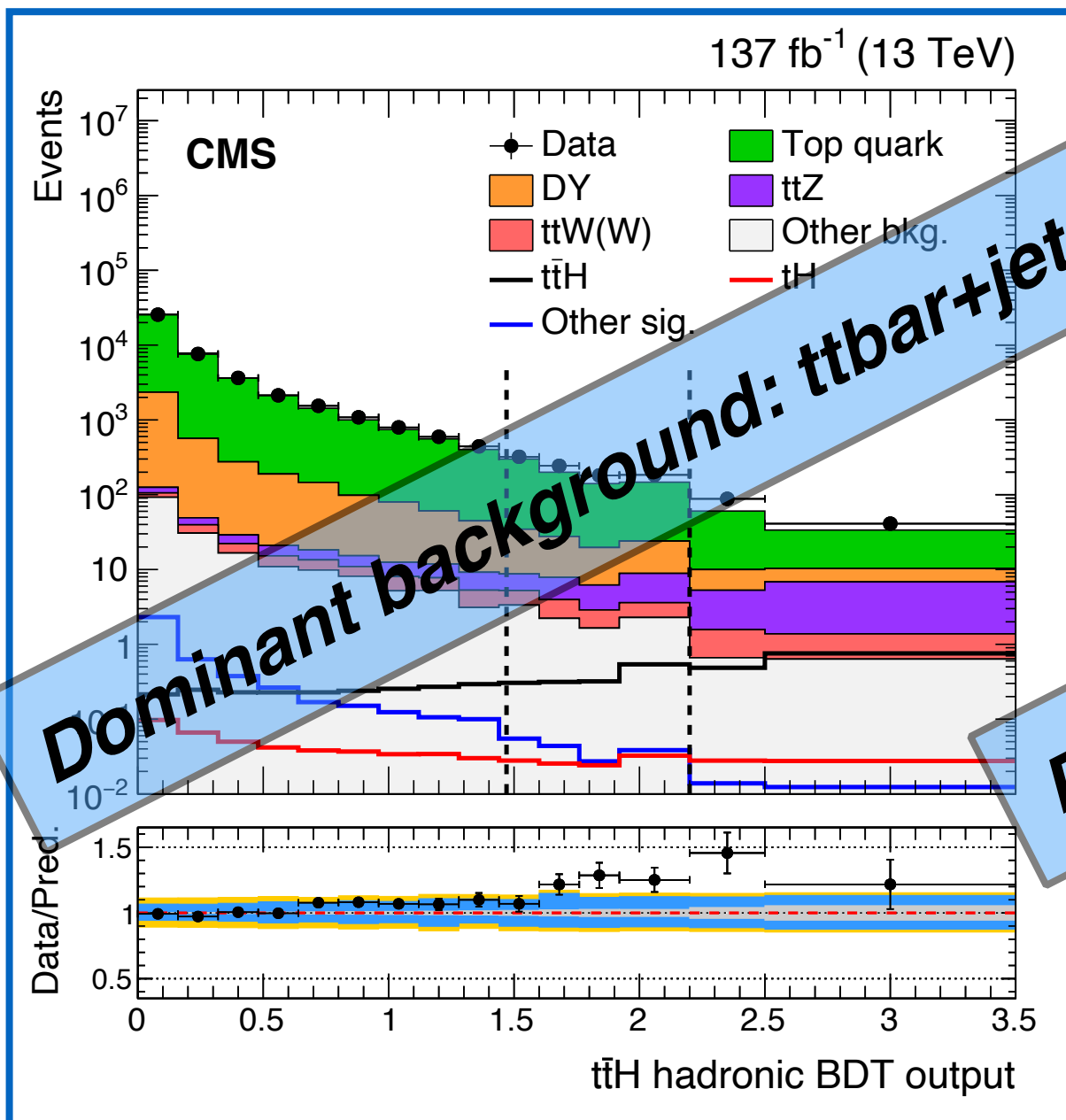
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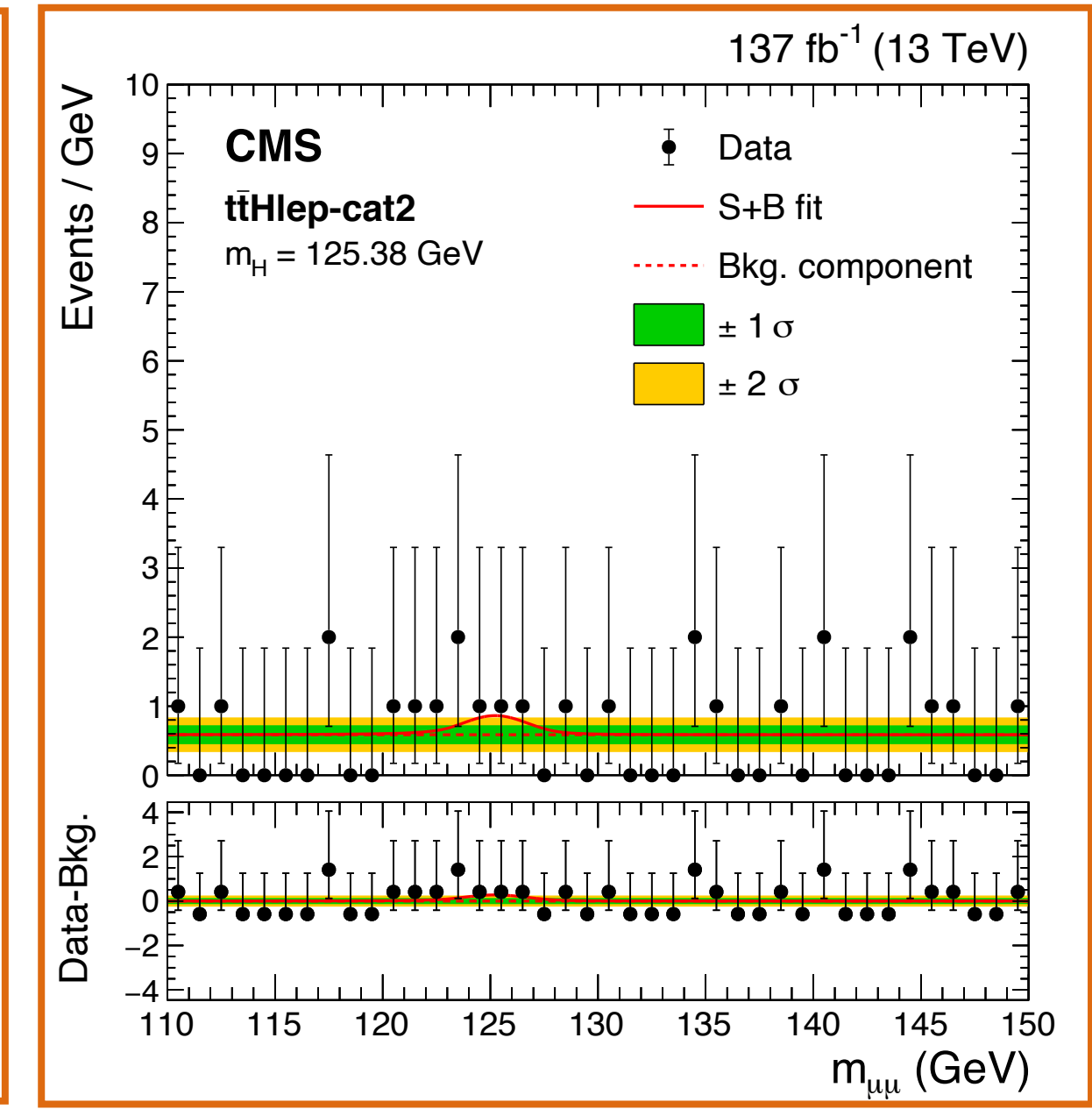
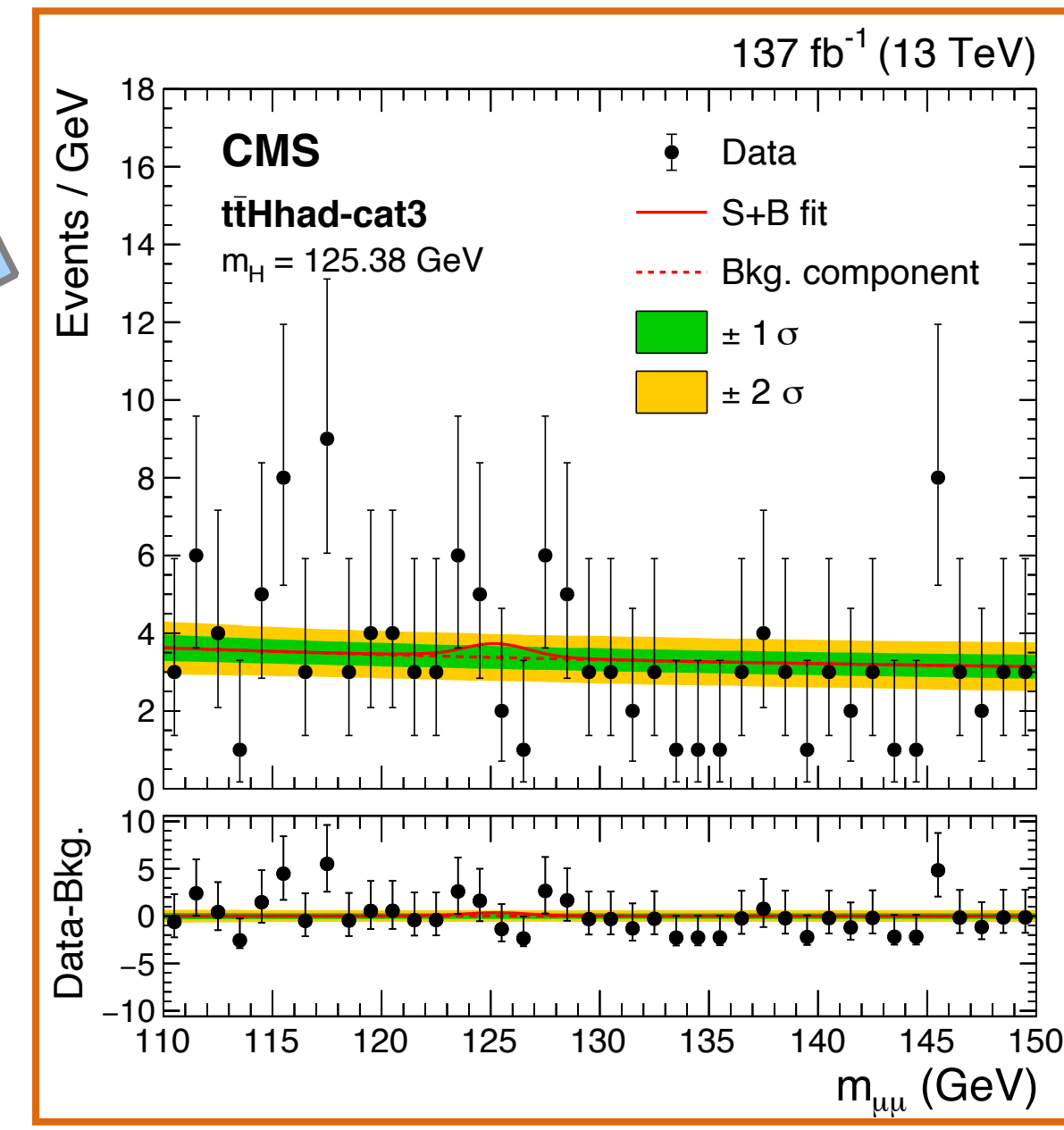
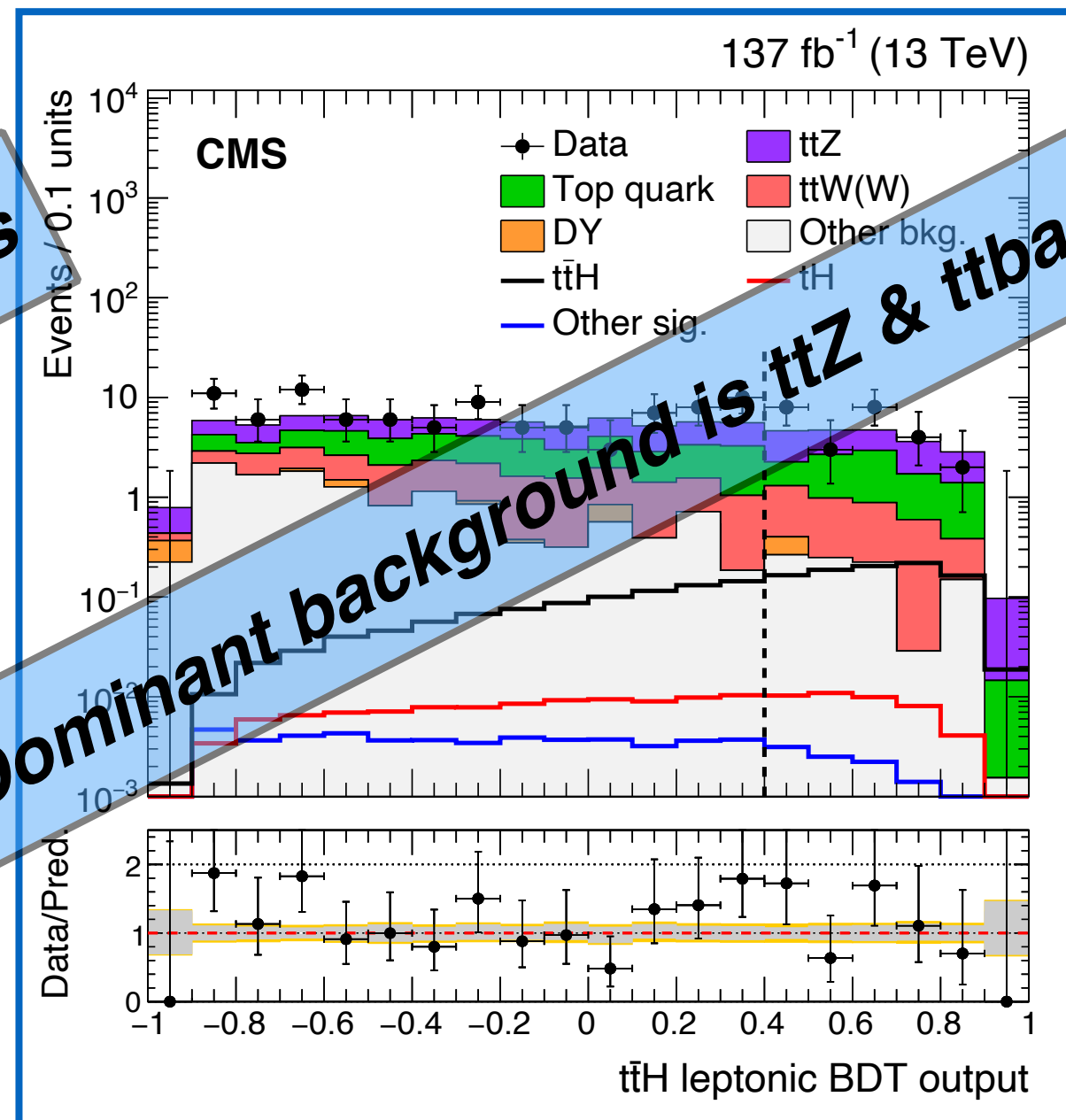
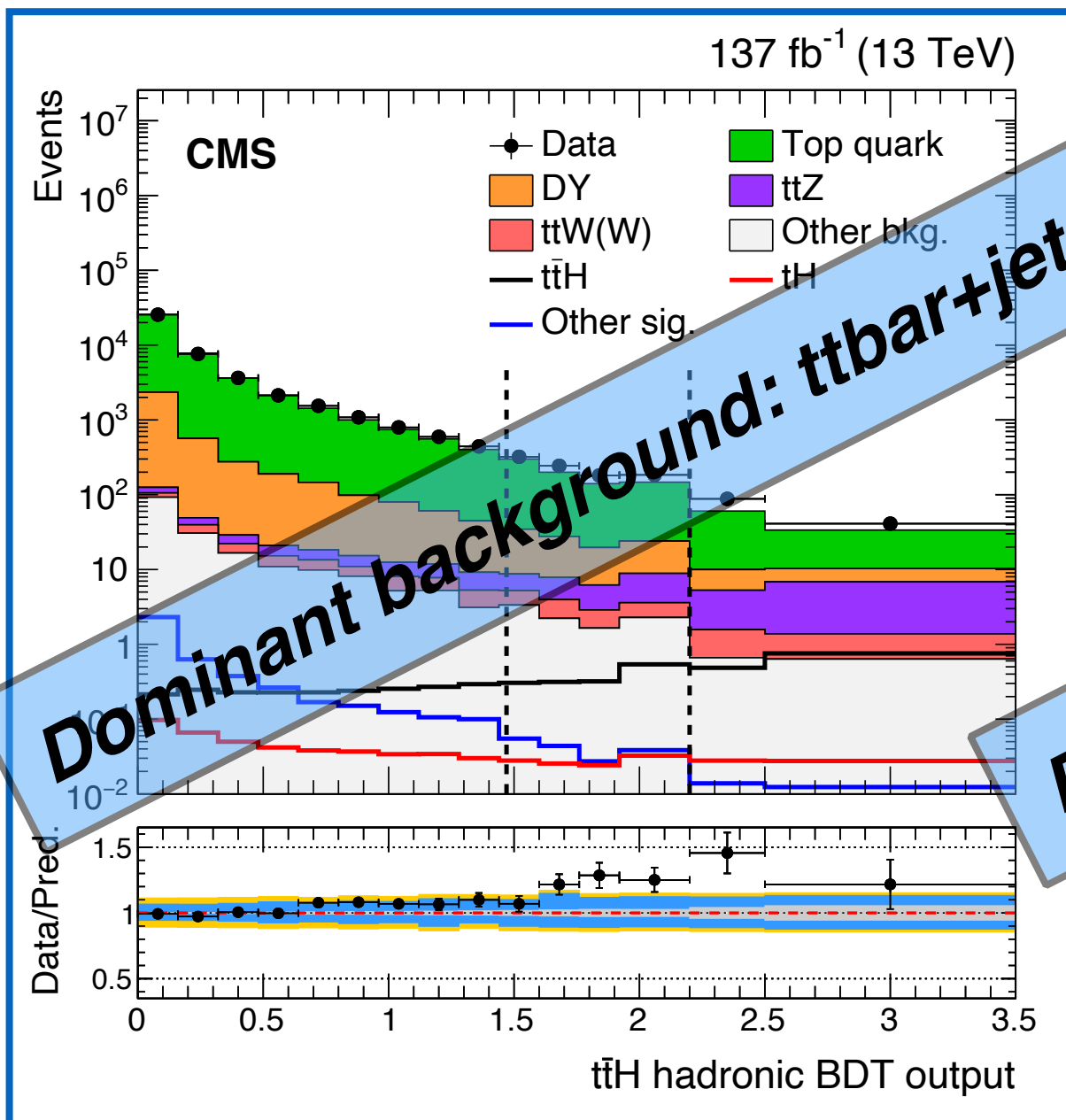
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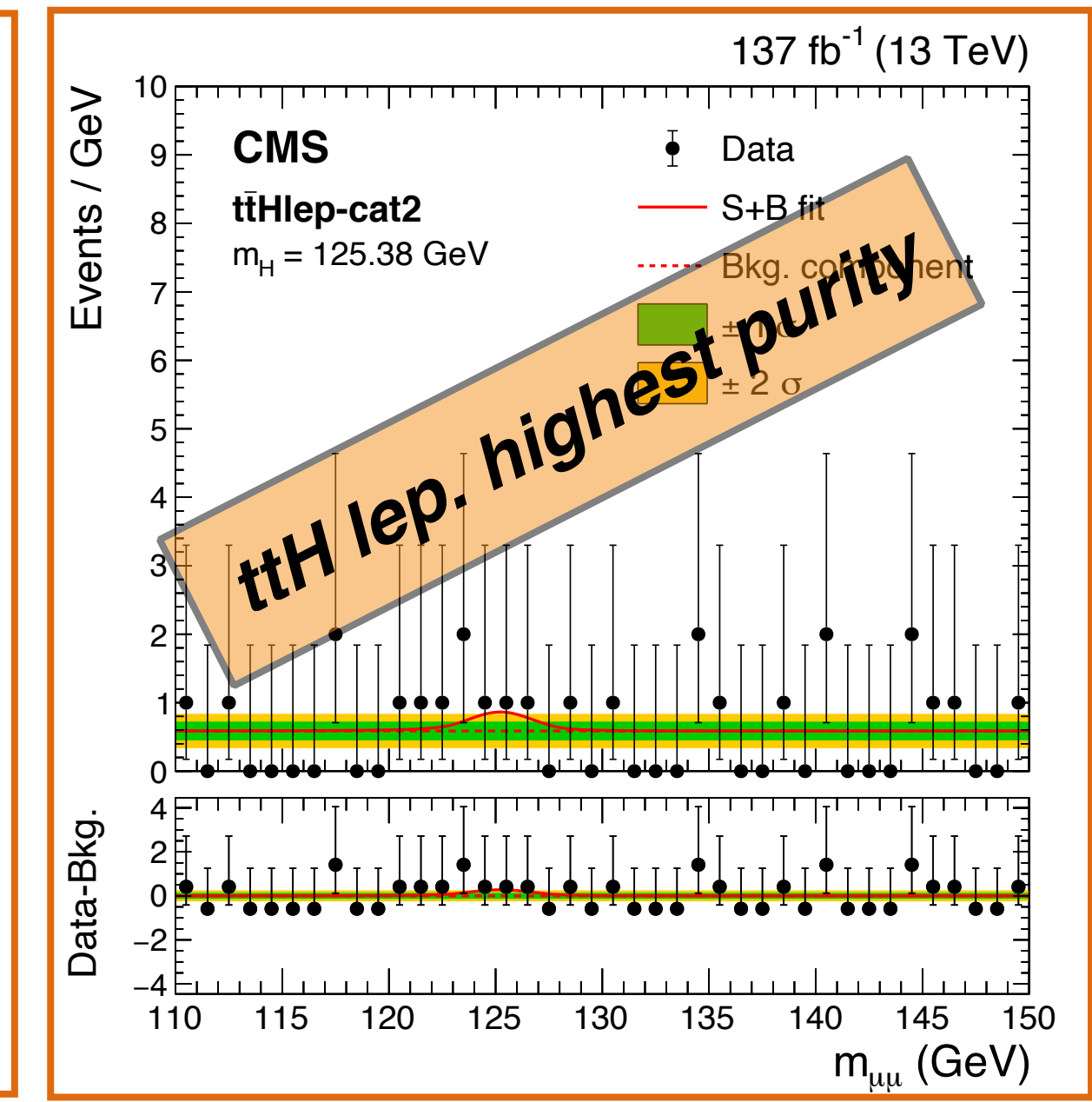
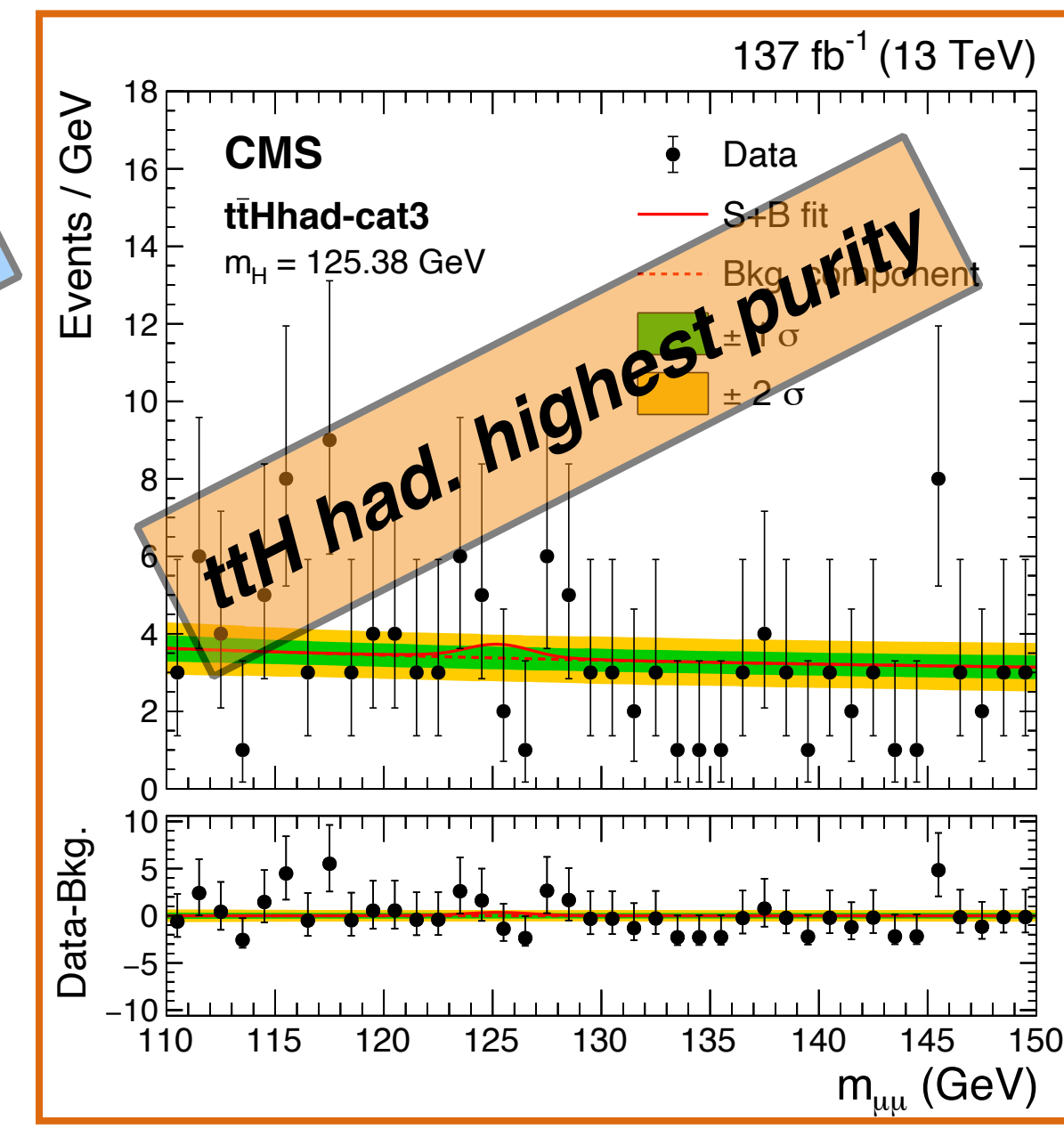
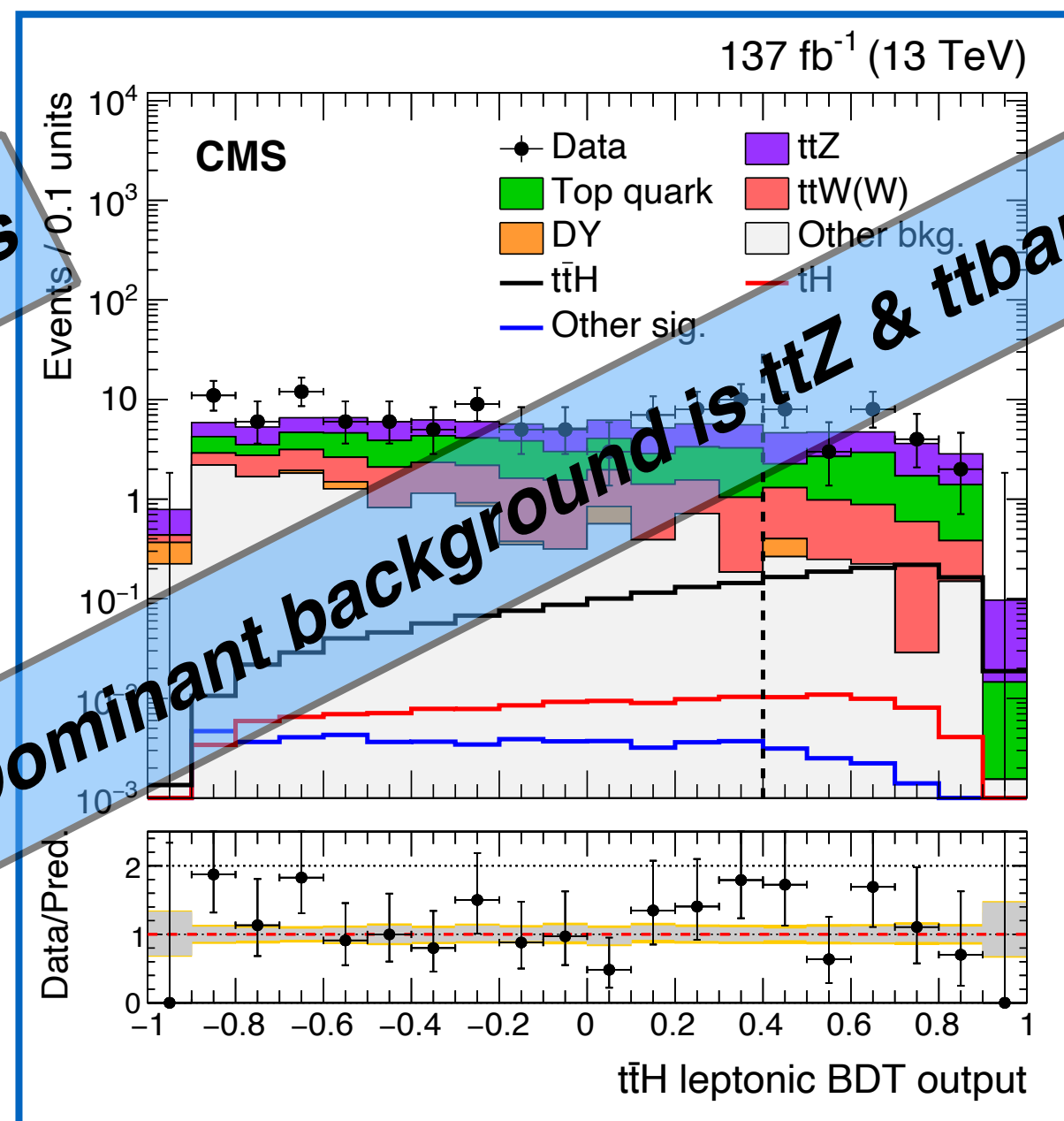
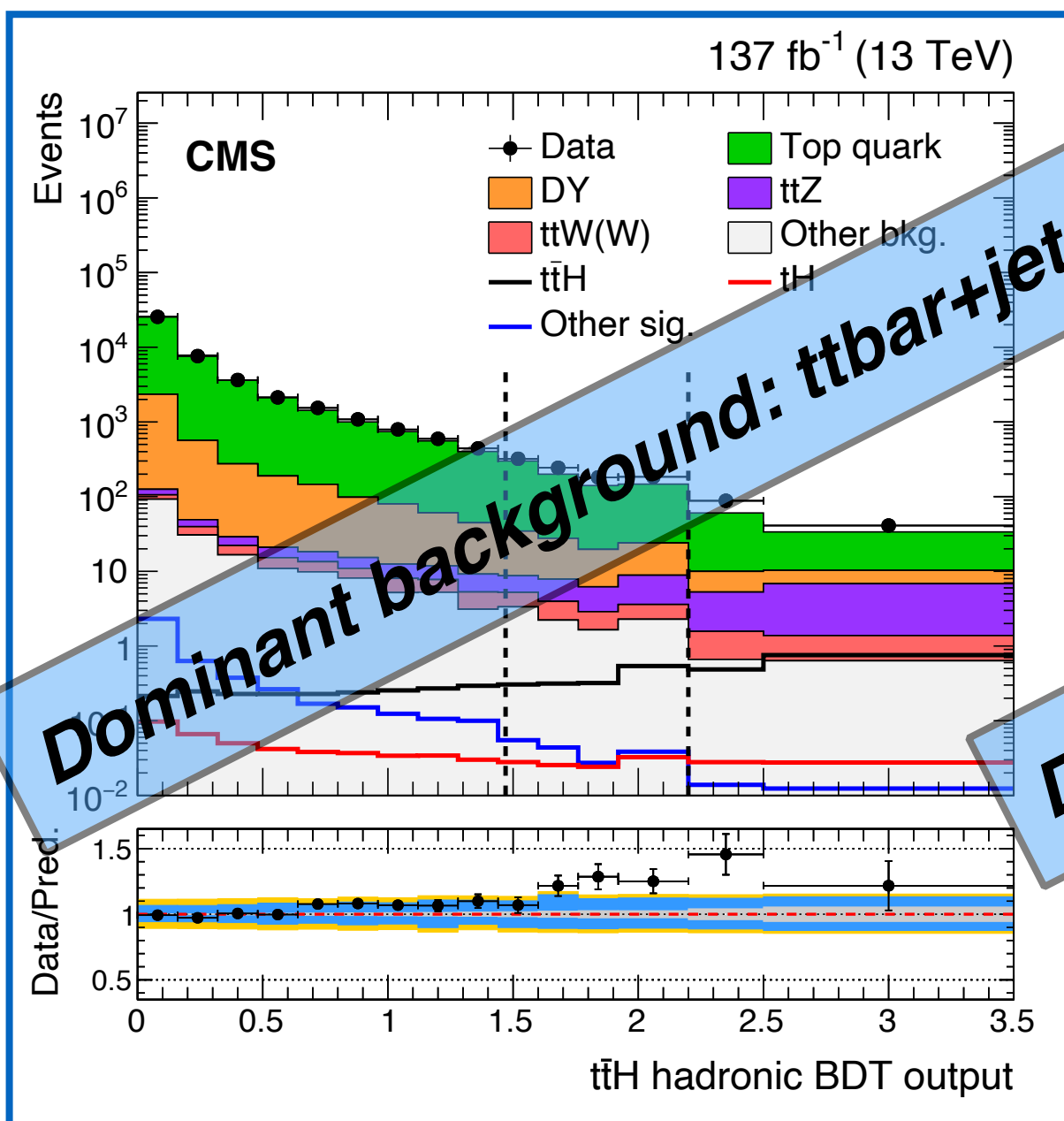
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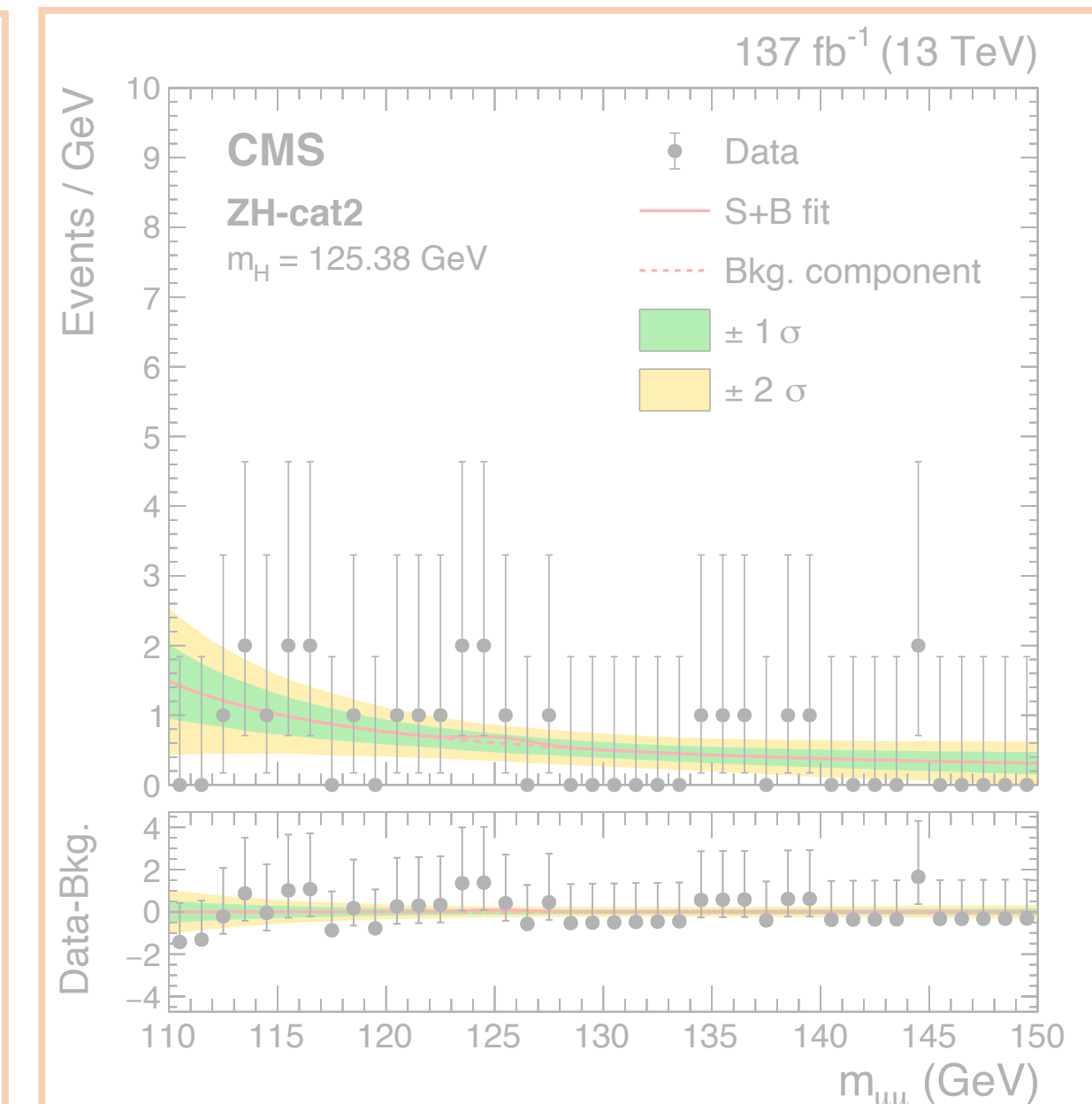
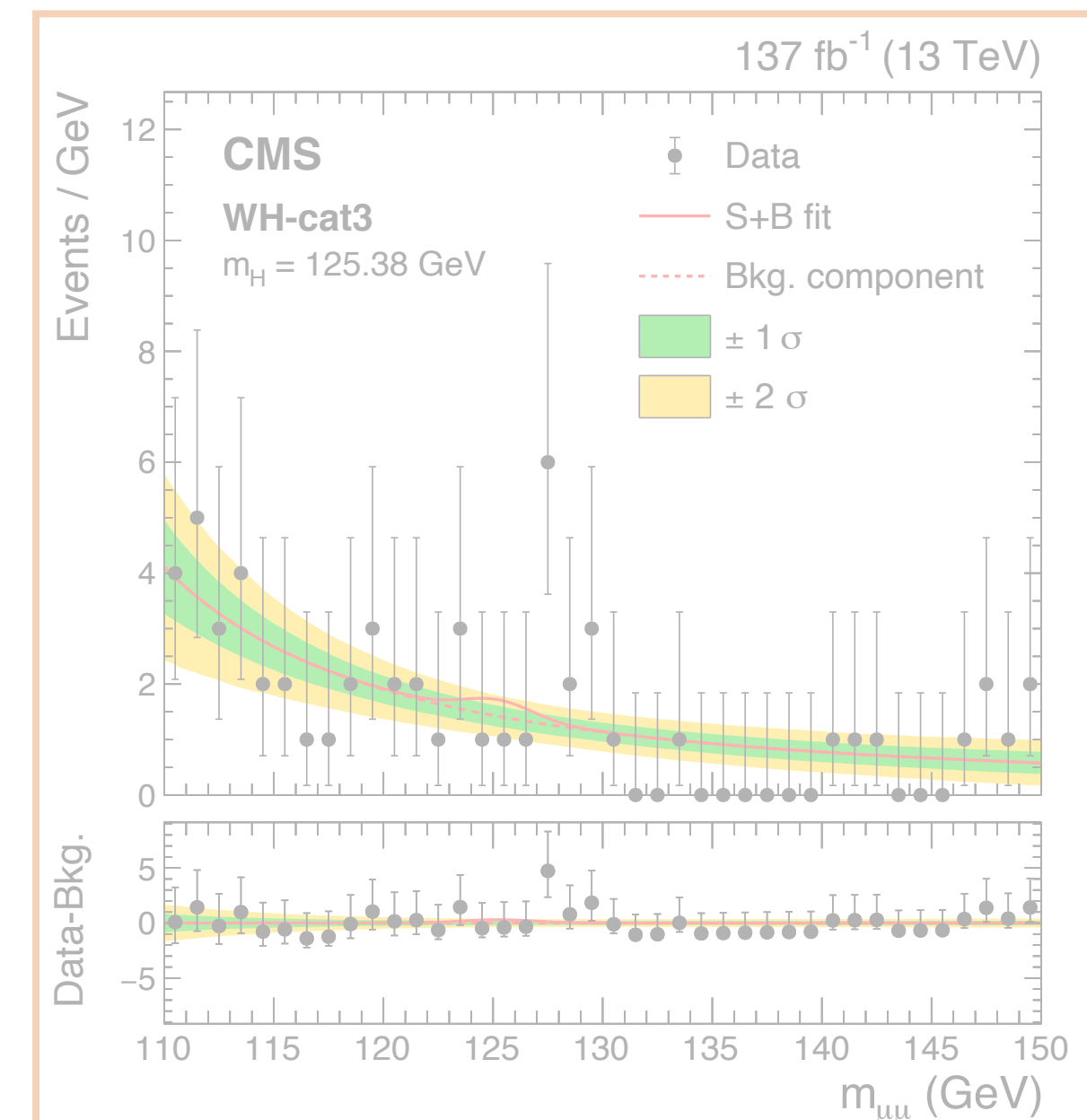
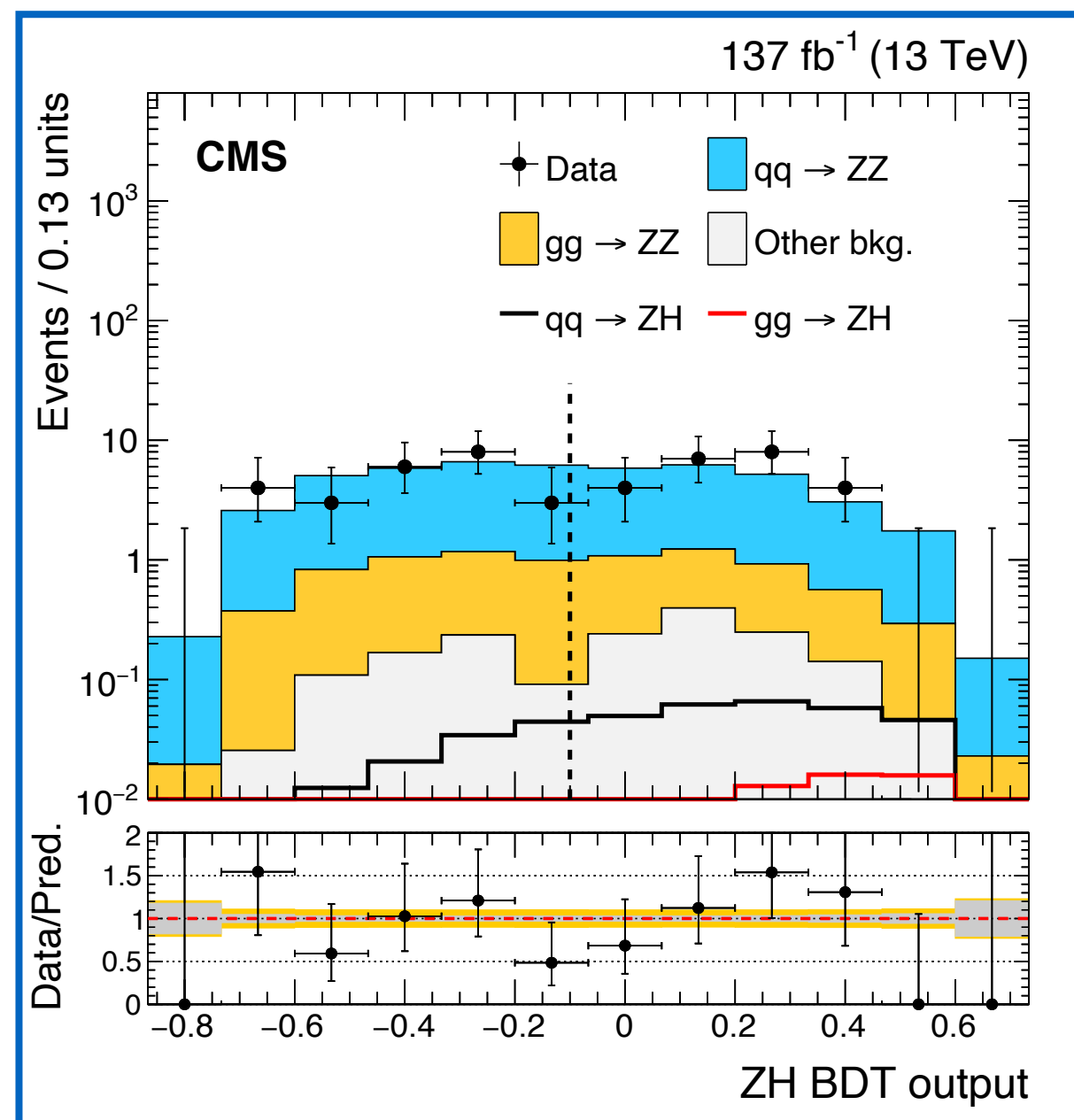
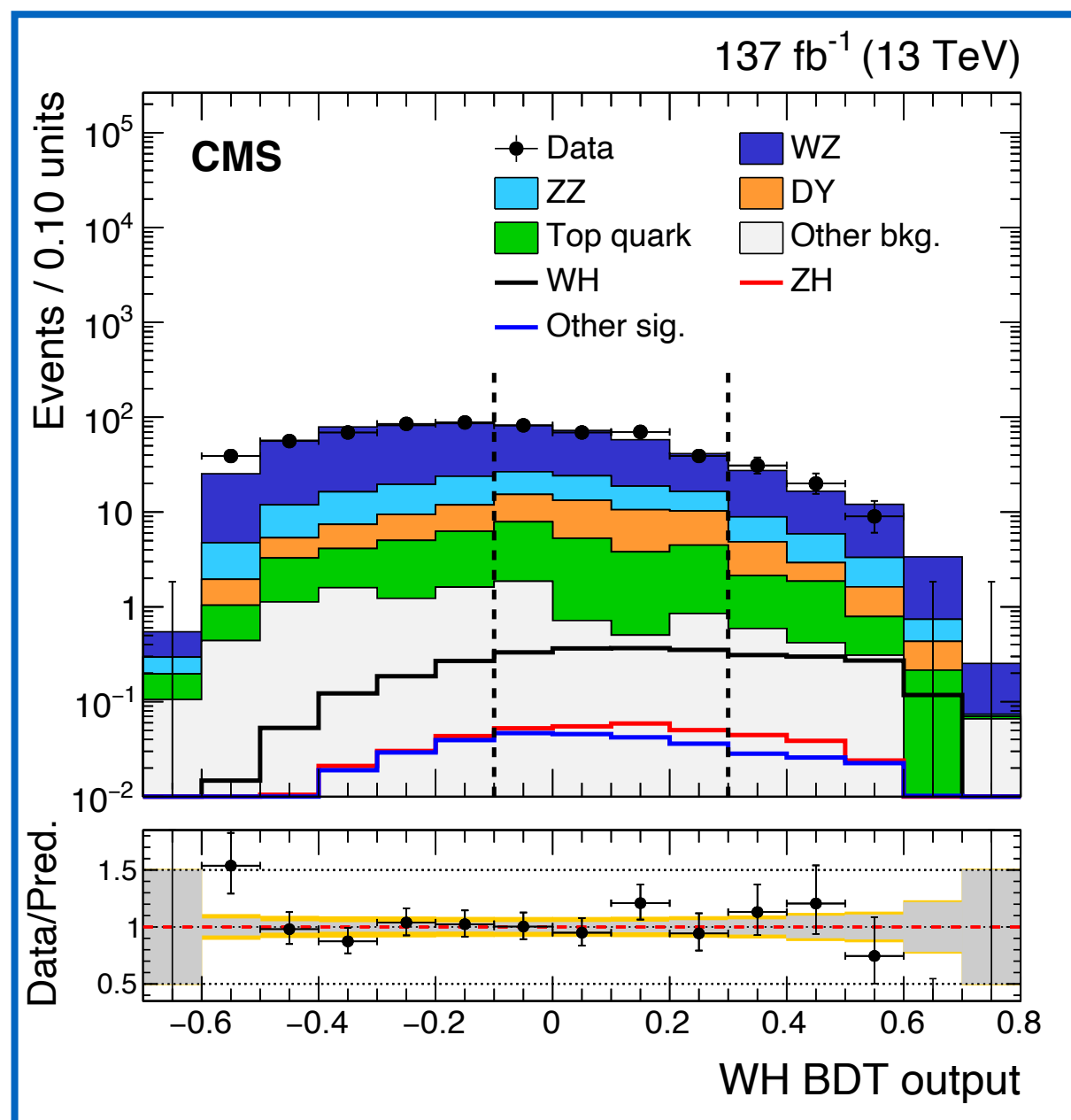
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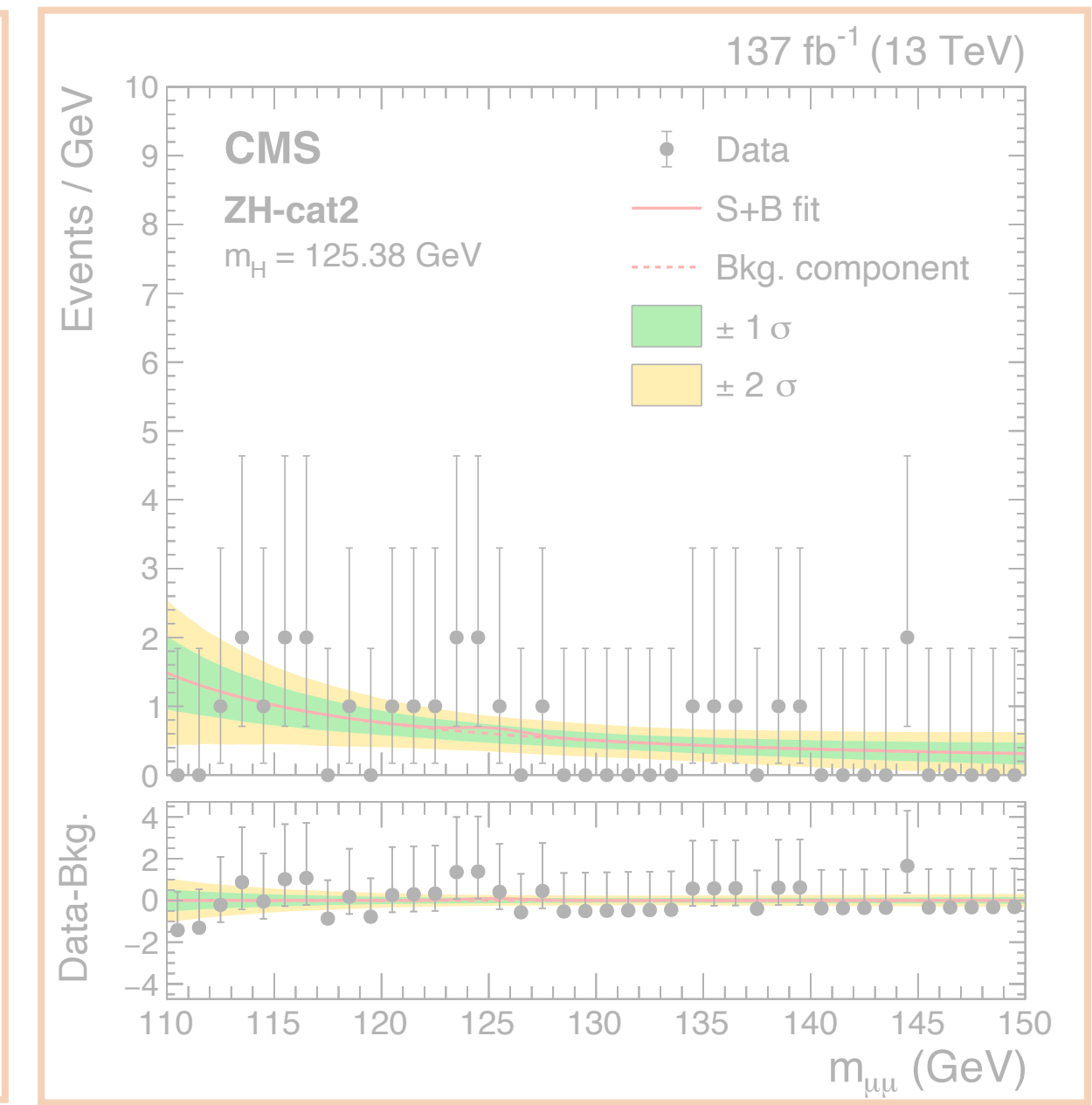
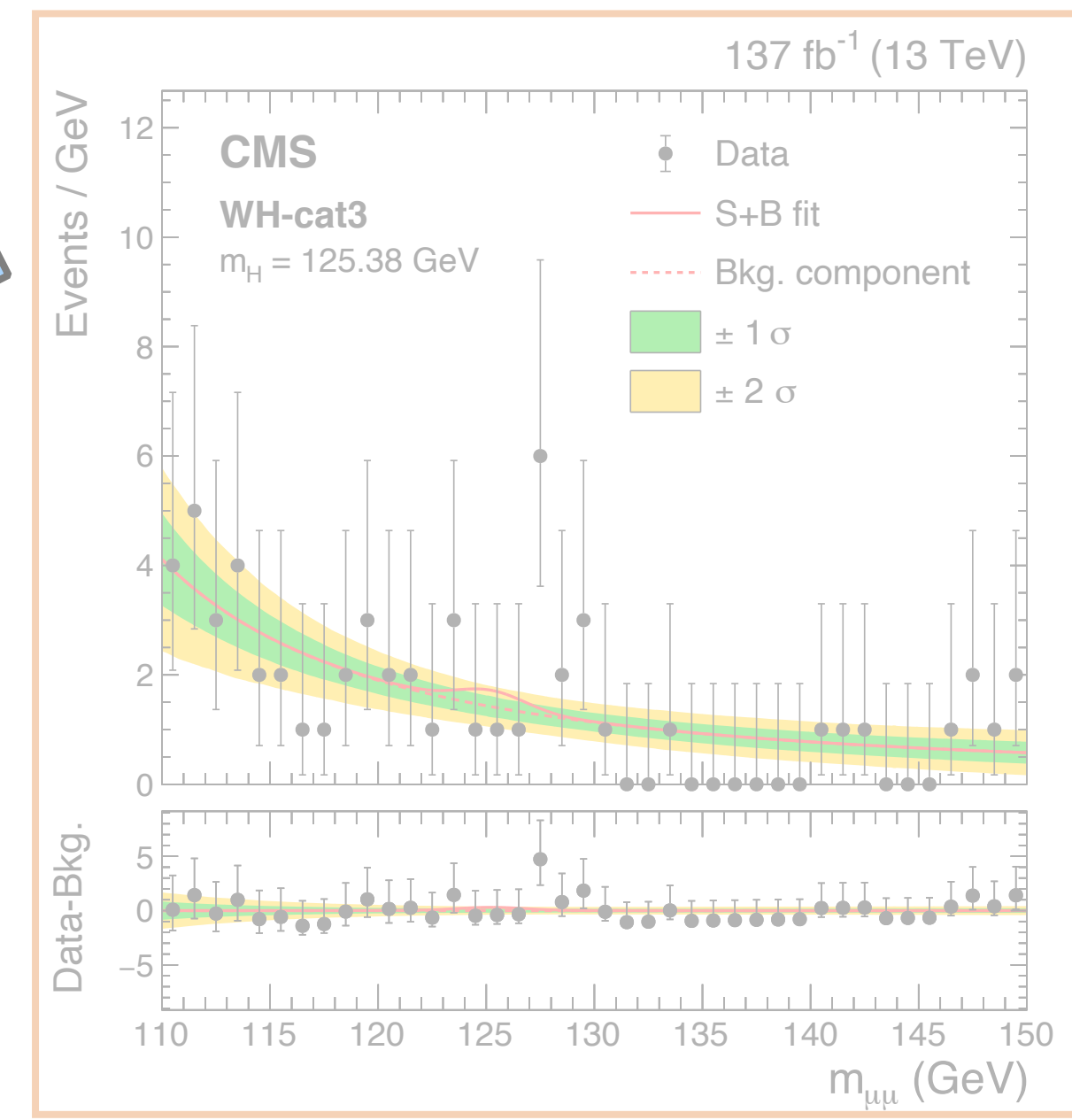
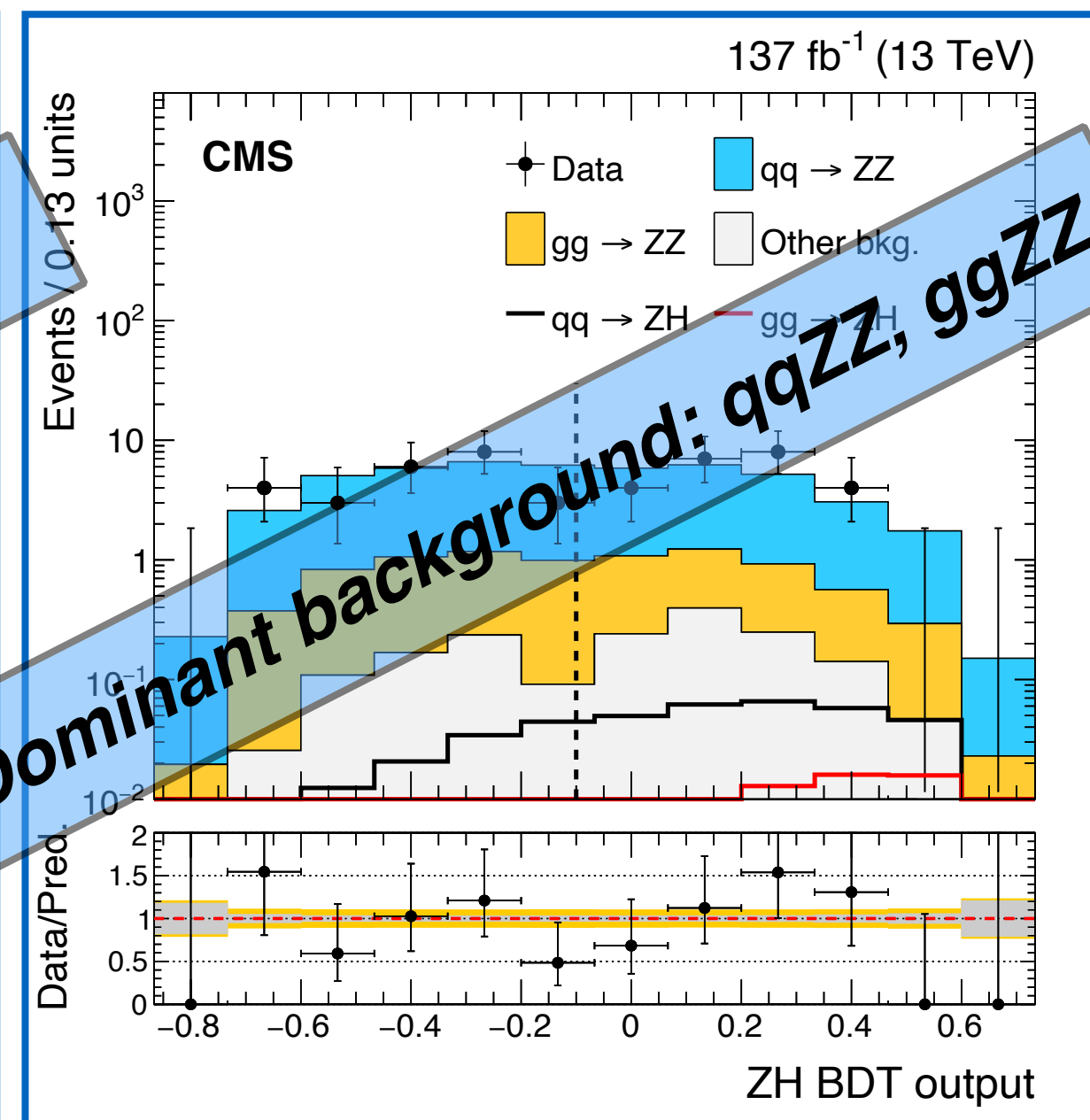
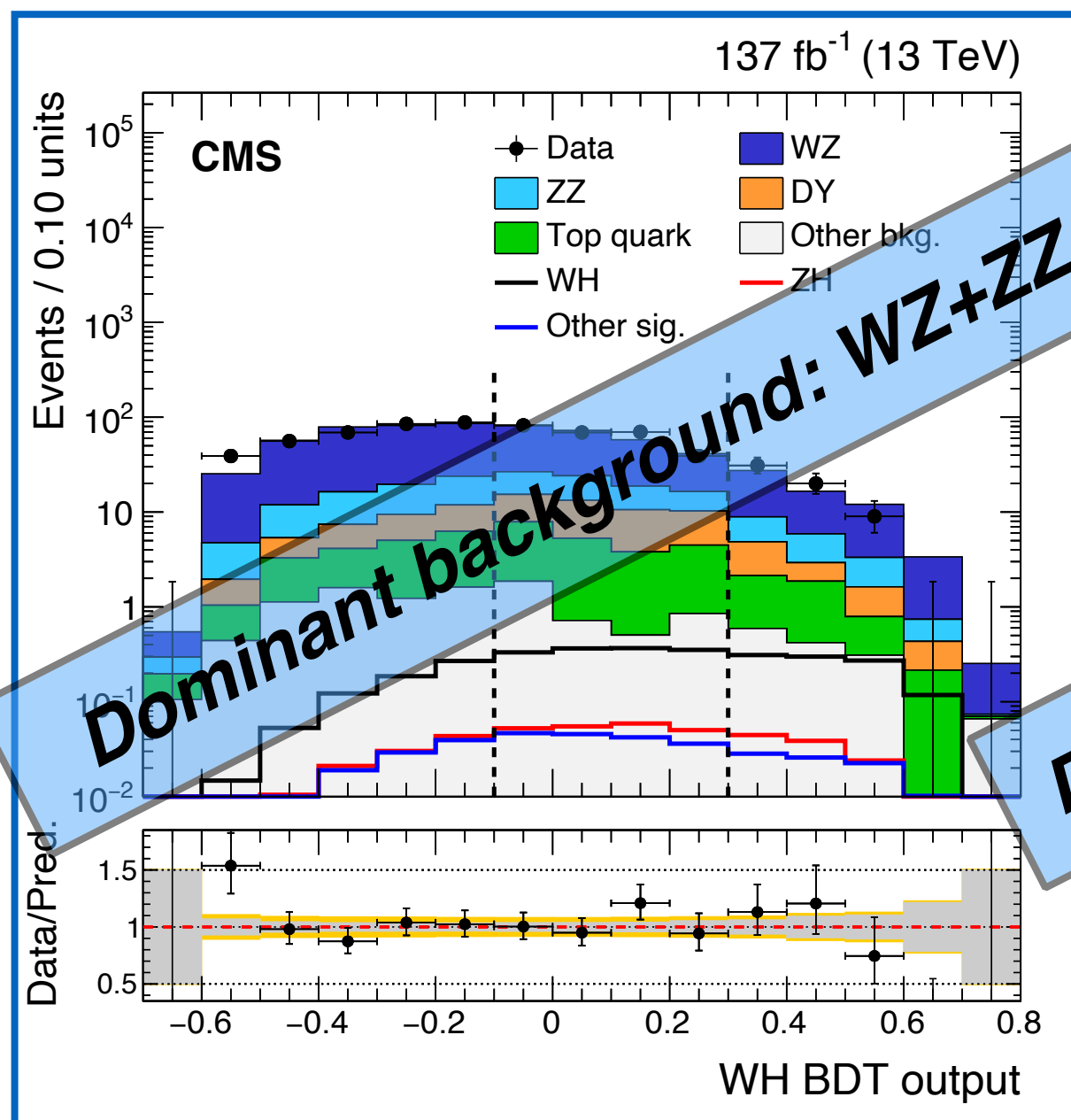
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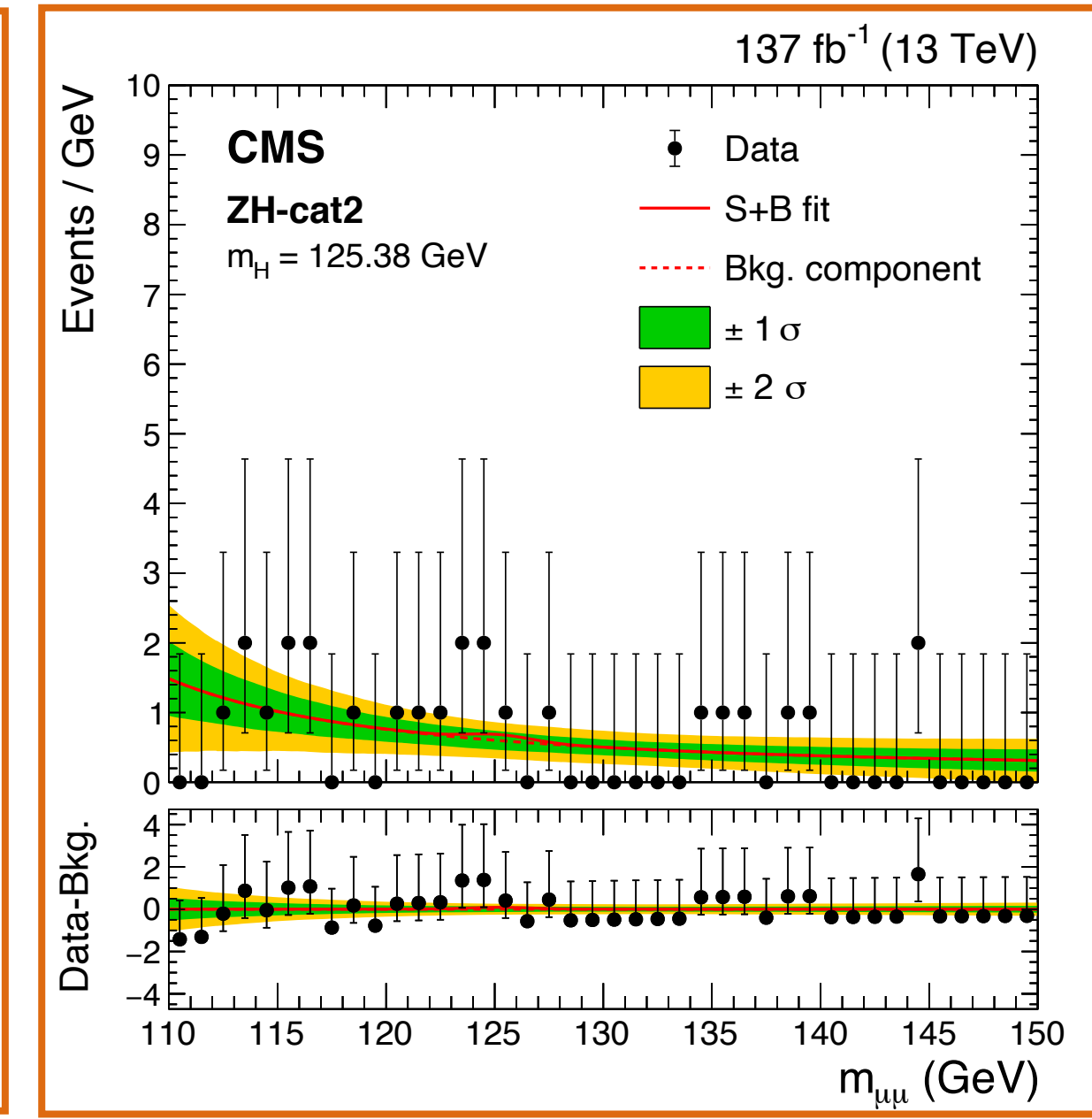
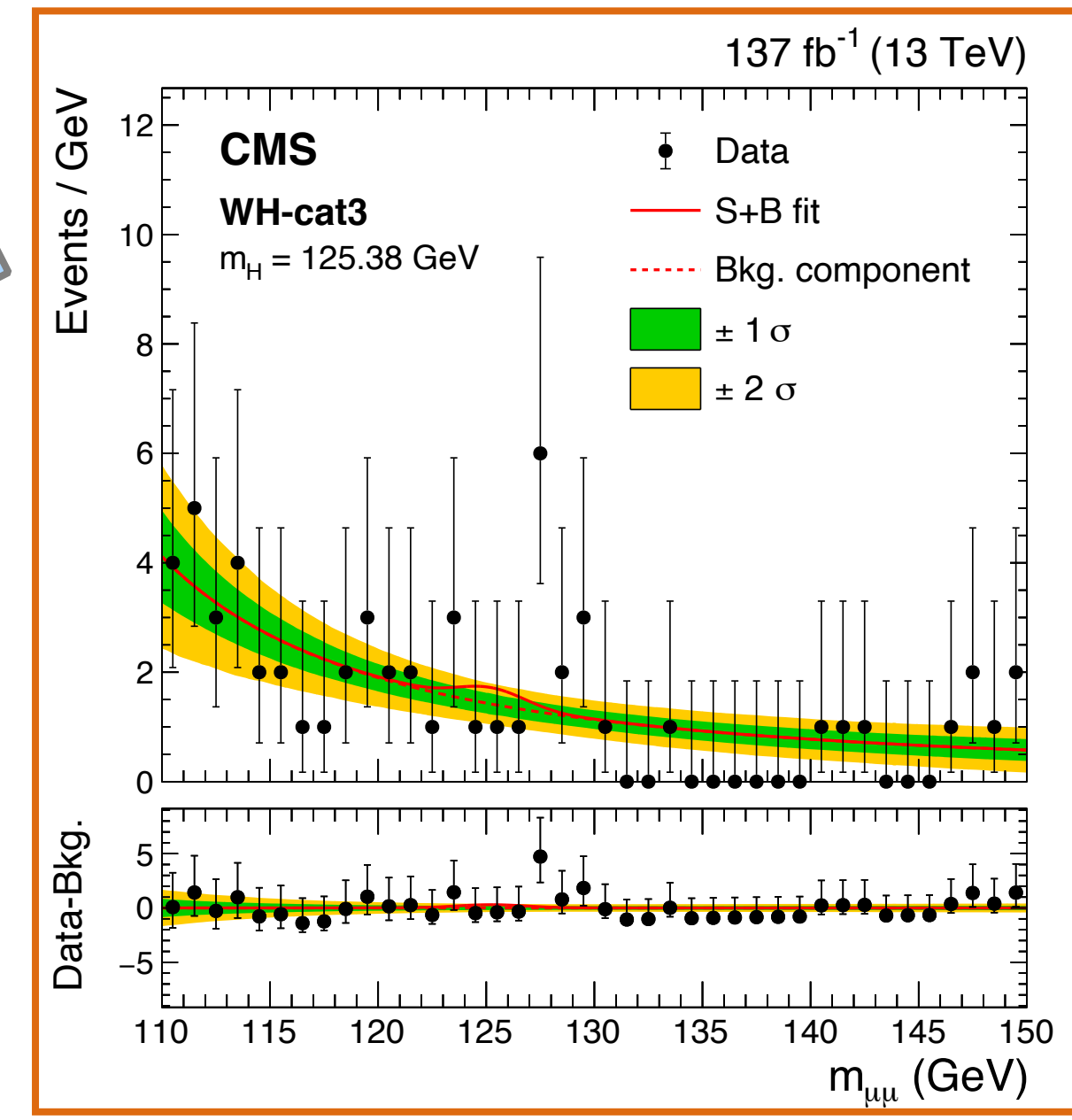
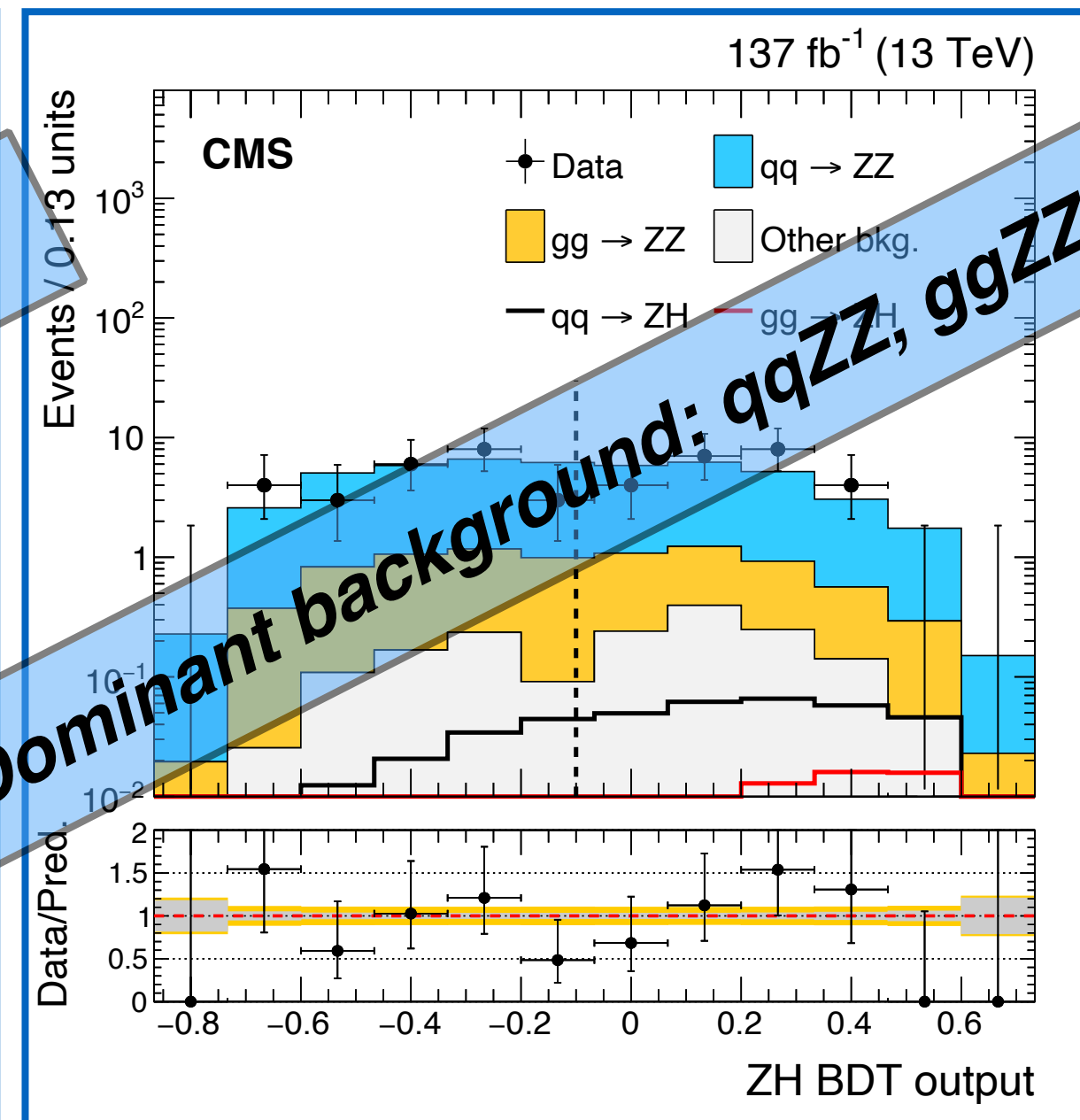
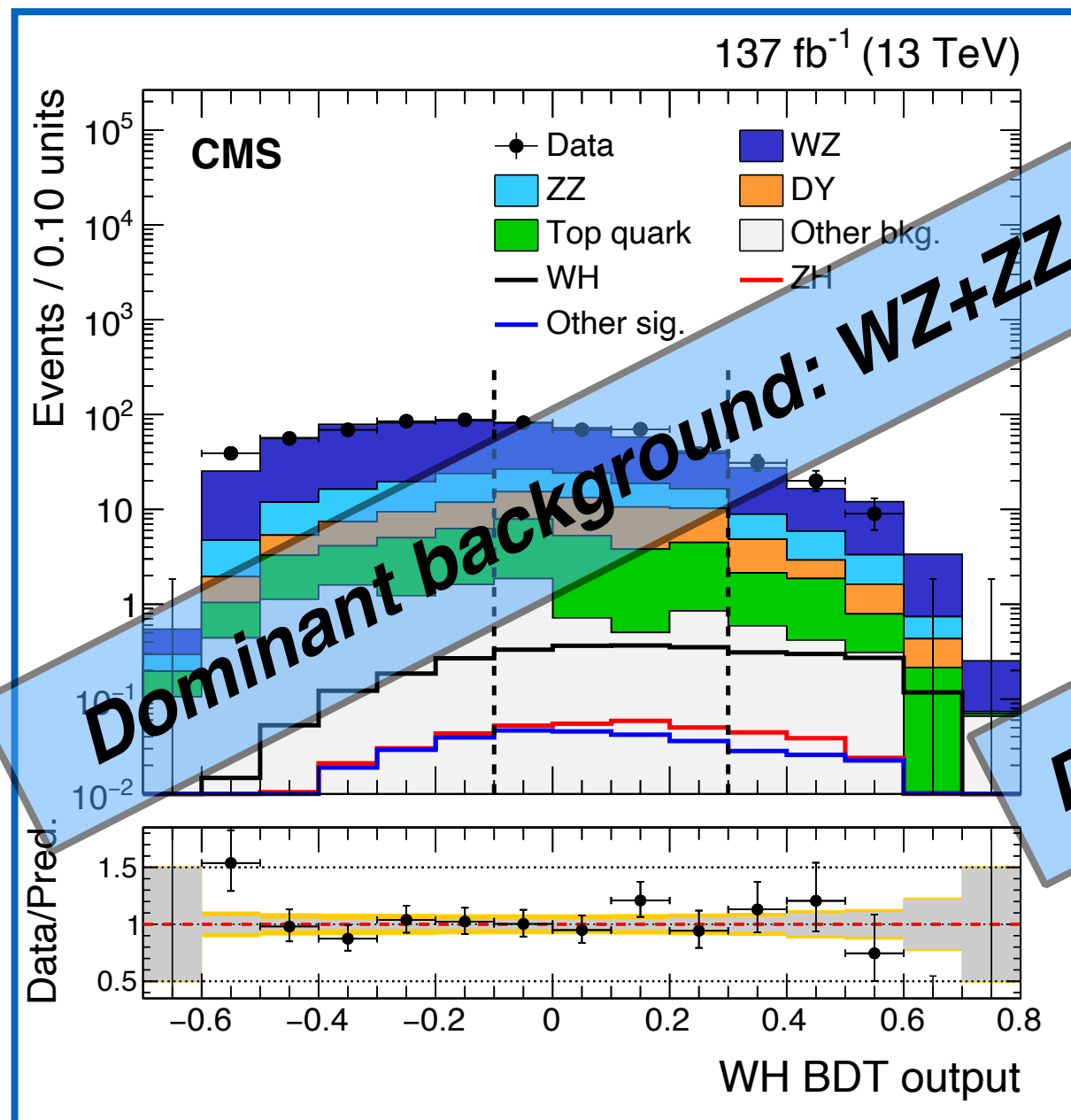
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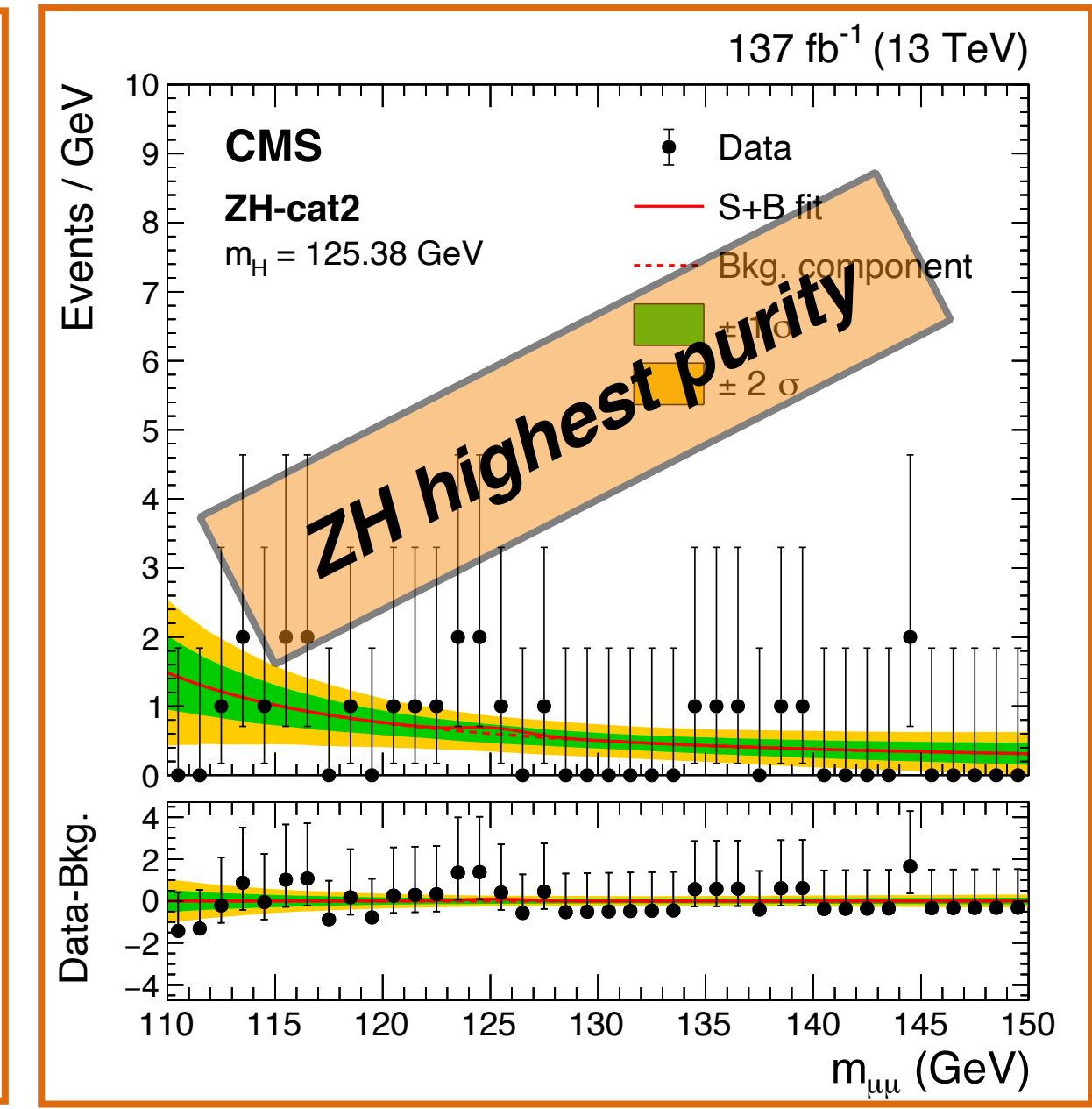
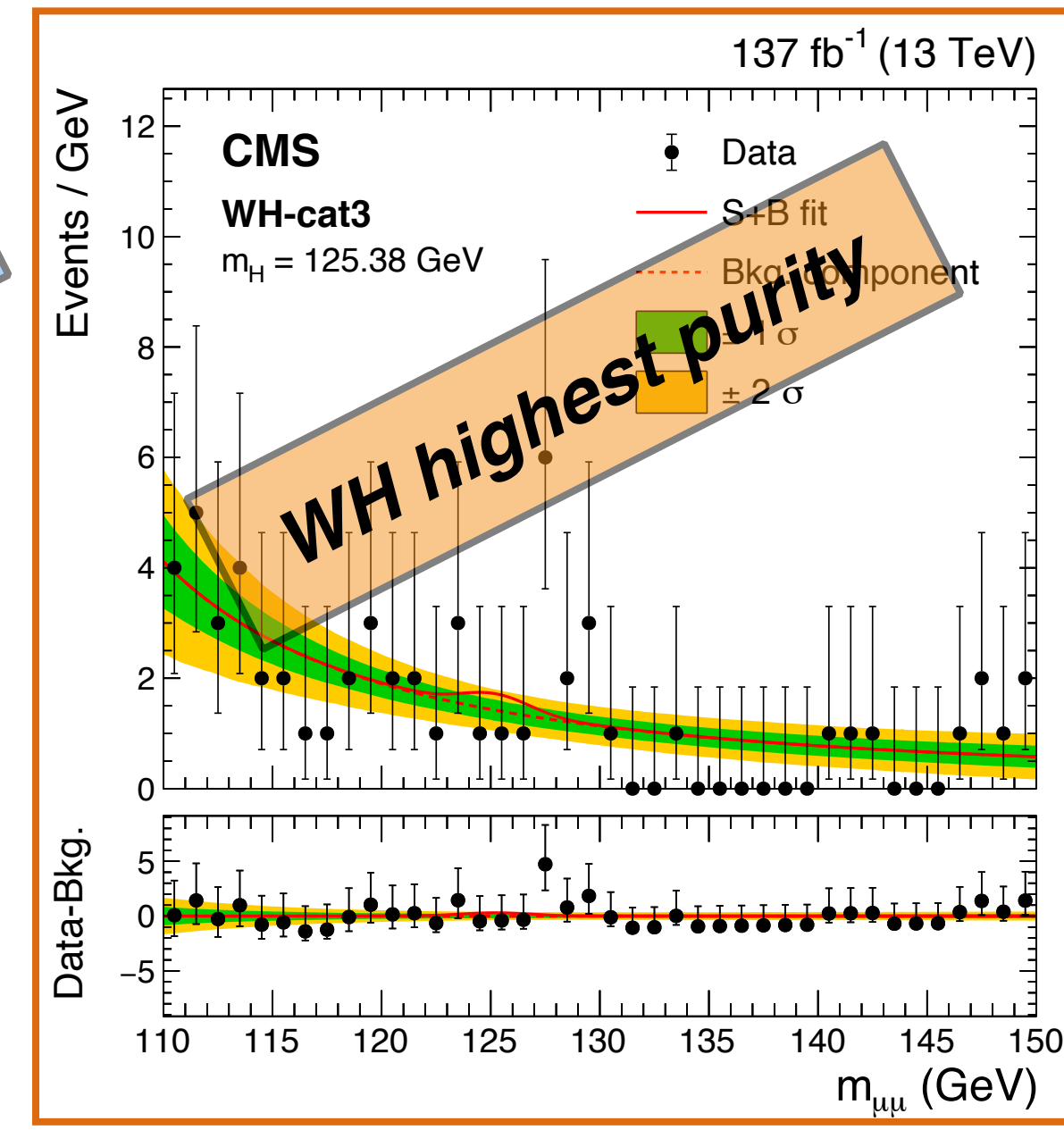
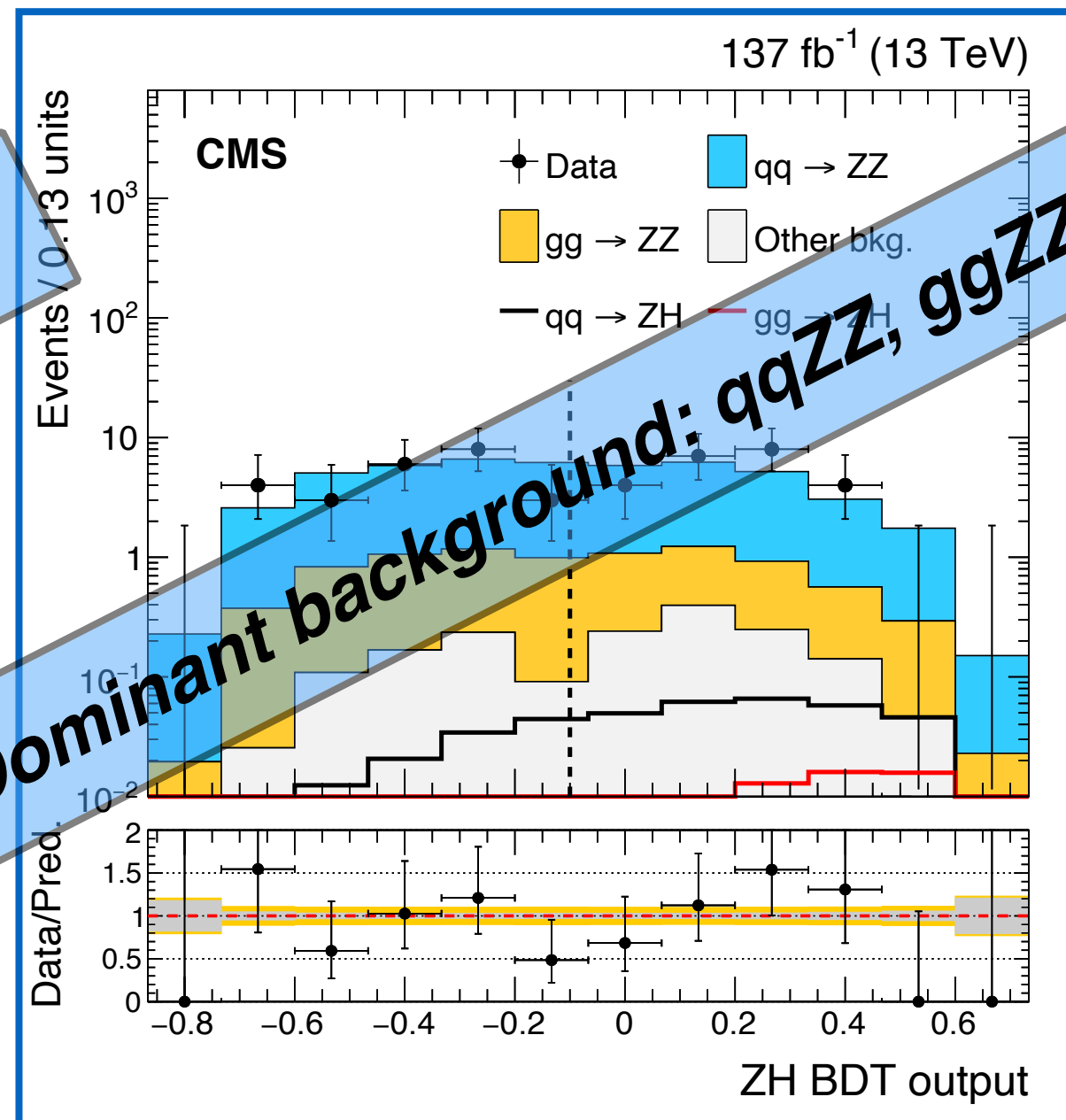
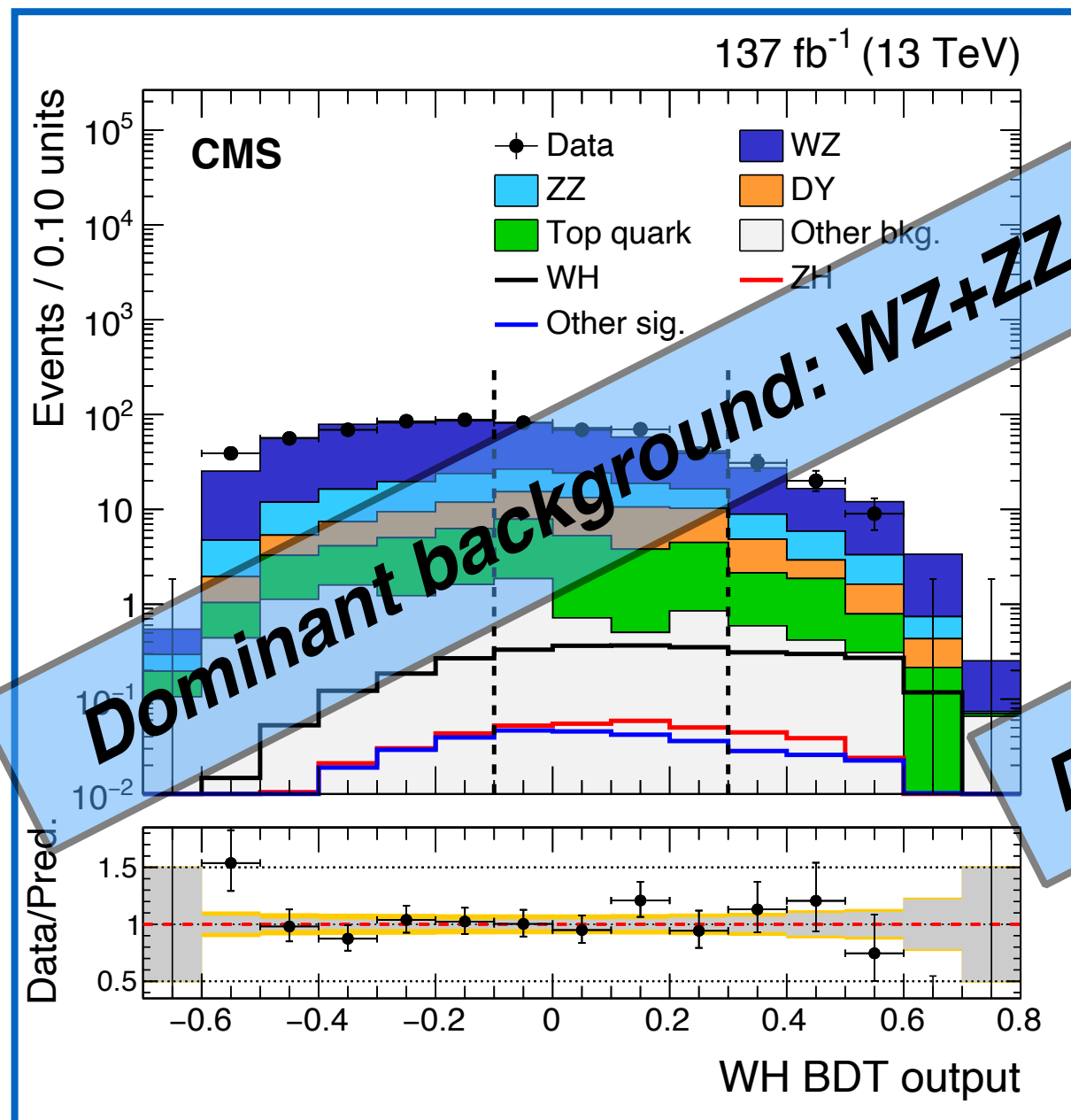
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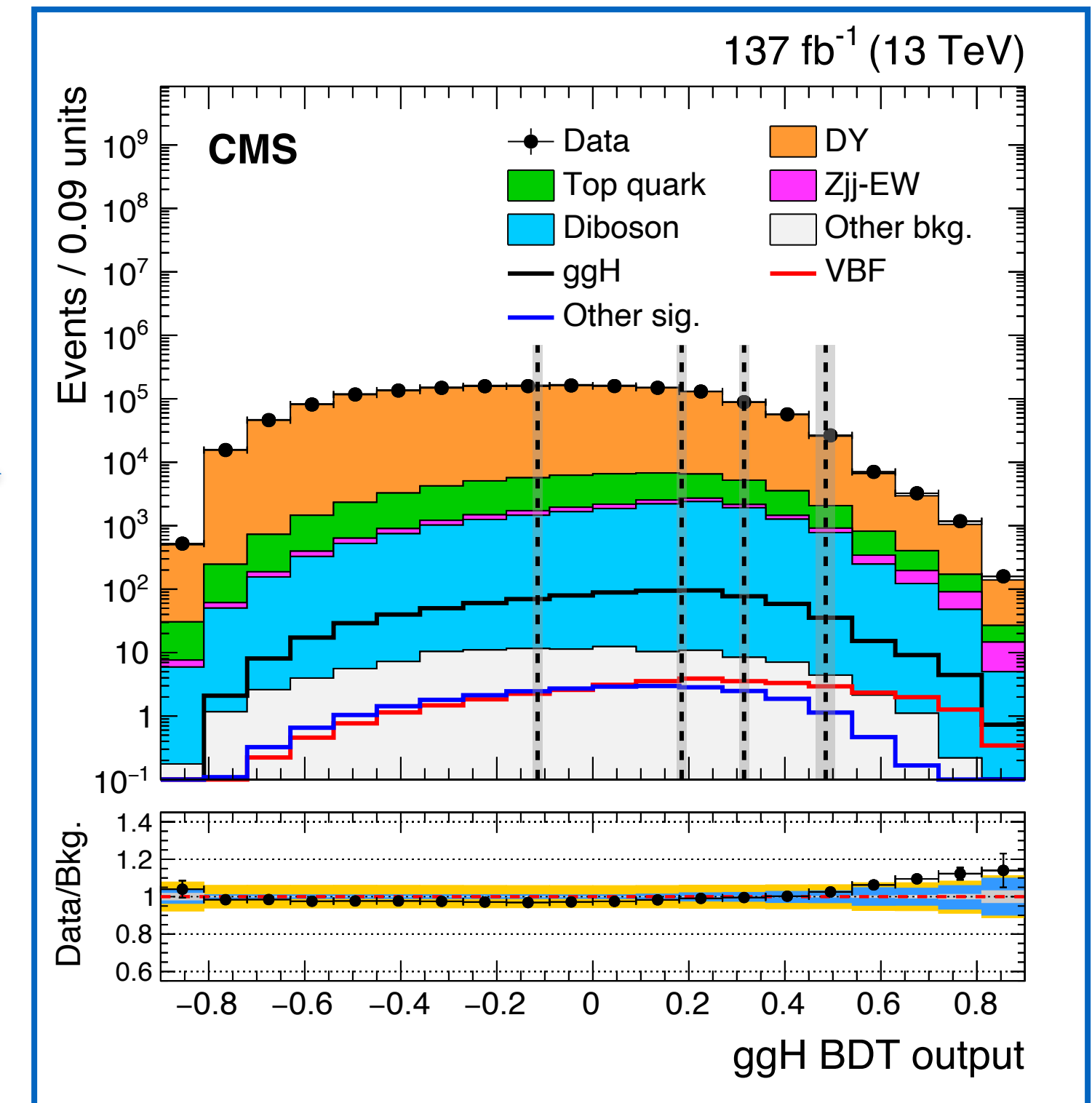
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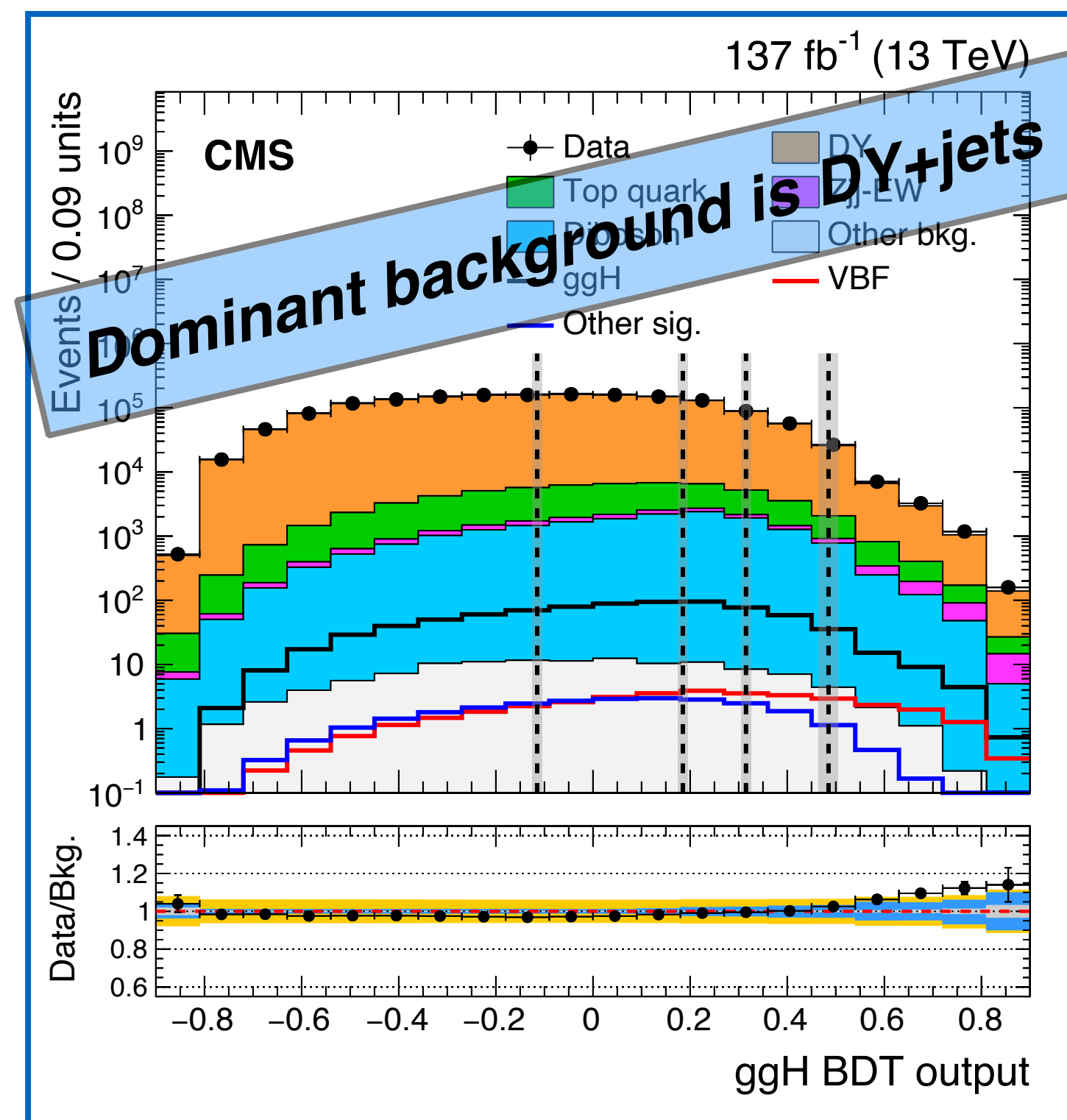
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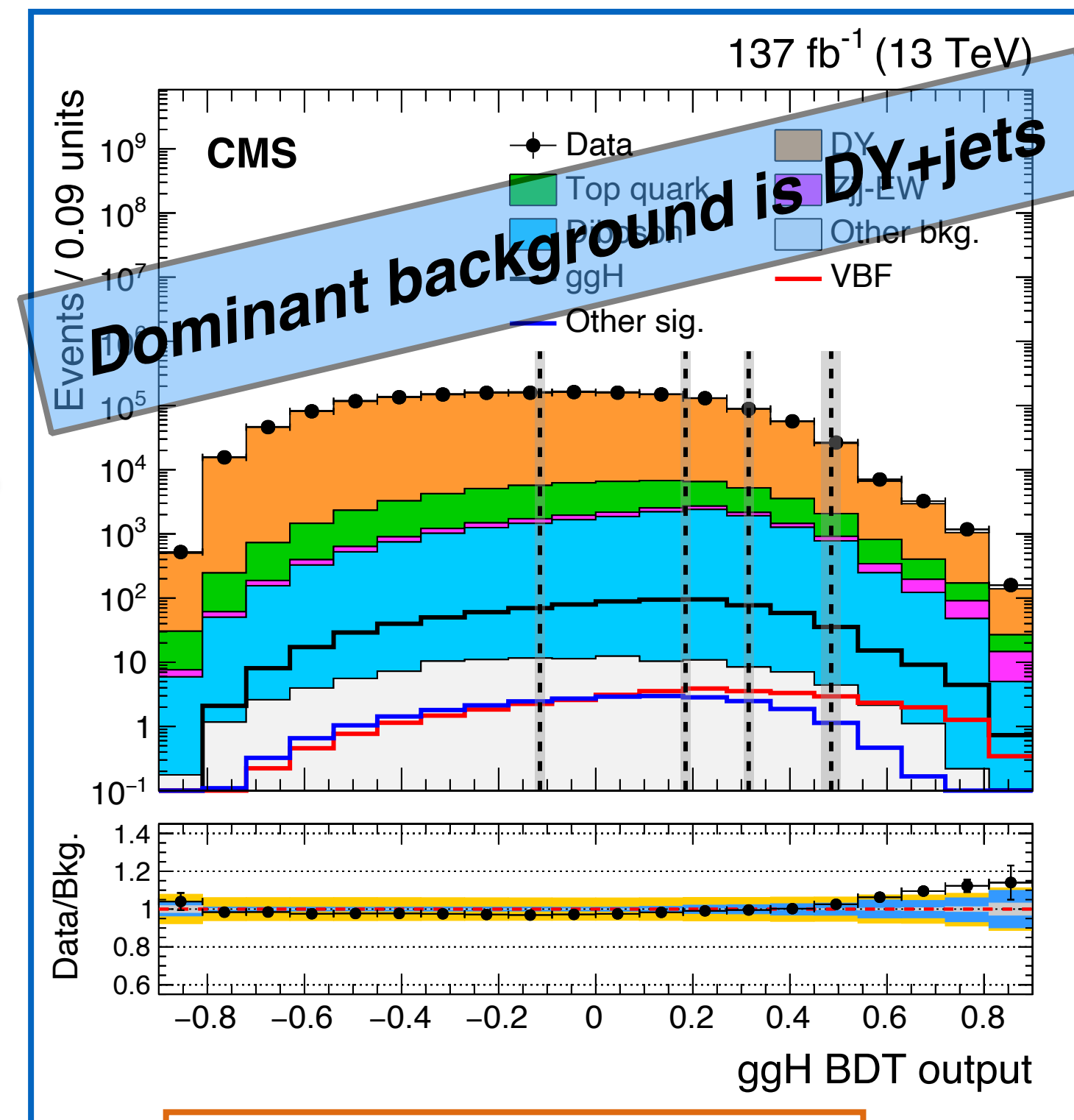


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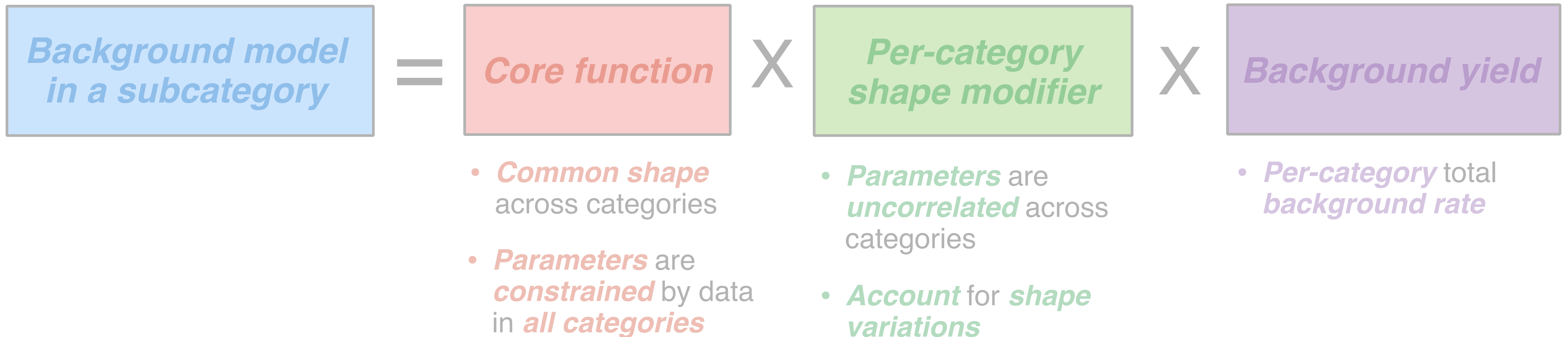
Event category	HWHM (GeV)
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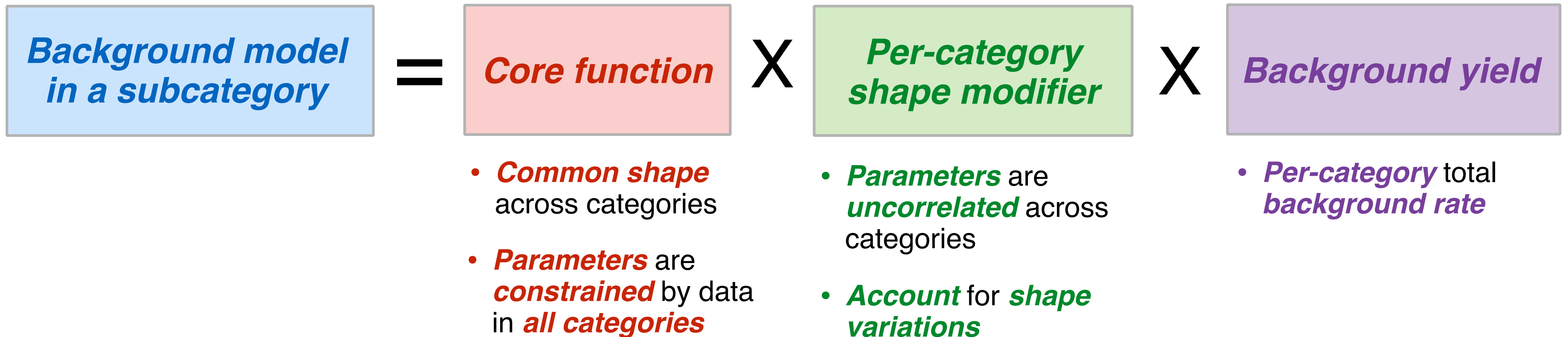


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It allows for a 10% improvement in the sensitivity while keeping a negligible bias in the signal extraction

Background
in a subcategory

Common shape function

X

Per-category shape modifier

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Background yield

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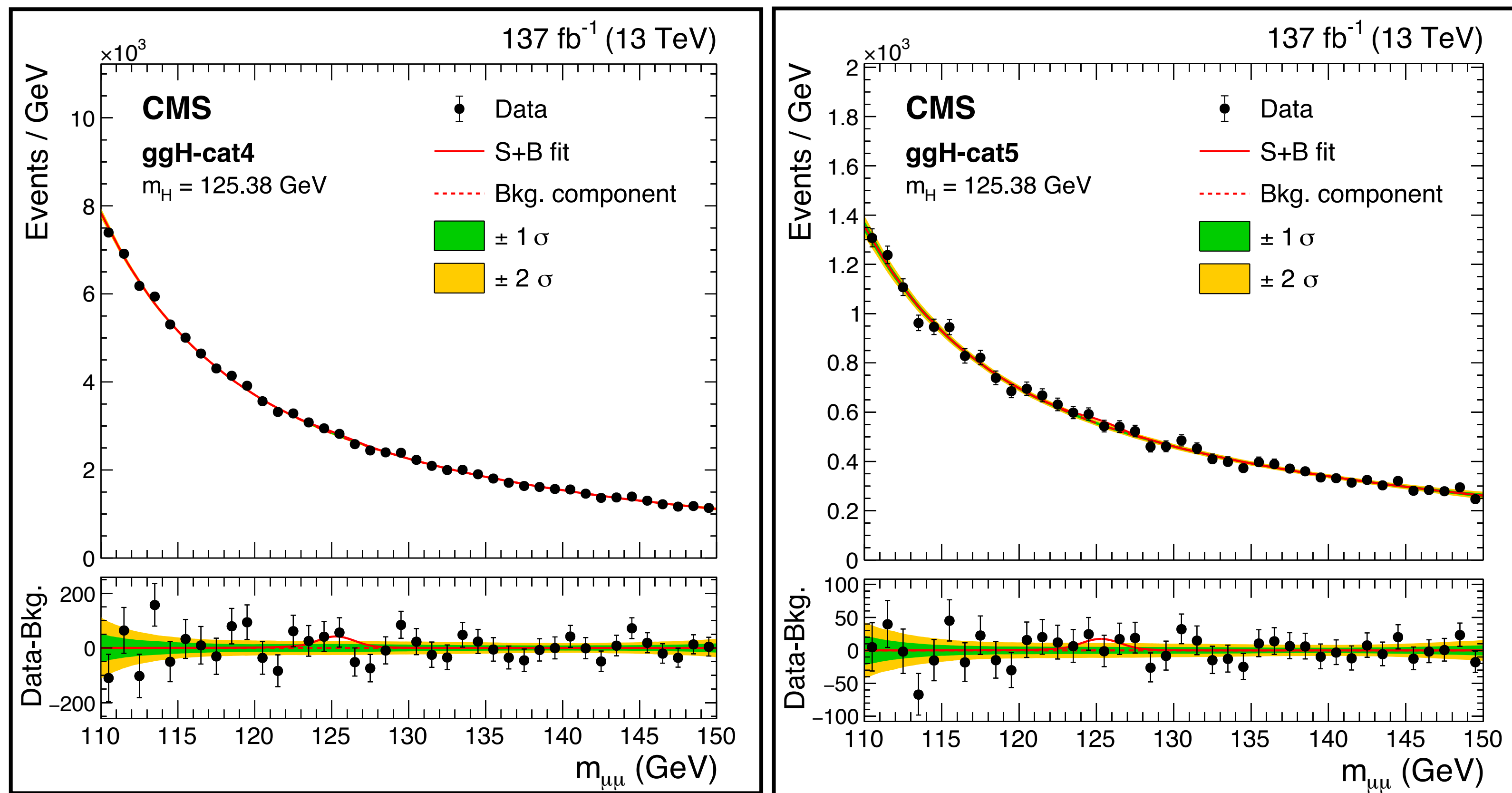
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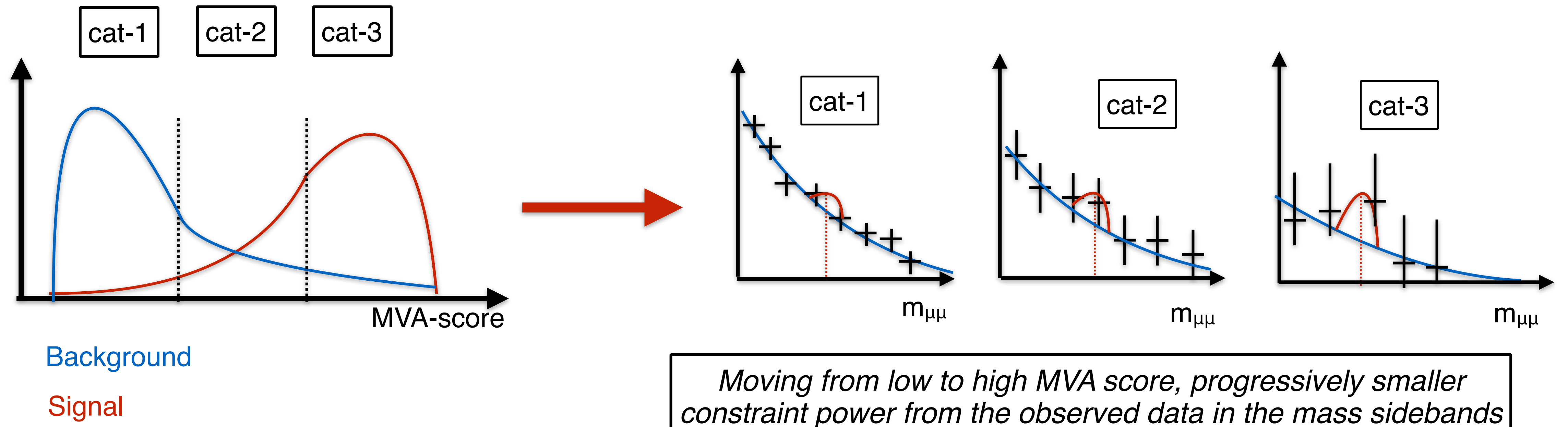


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- Reference m_H of 125.38 GeV
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- **Observed** significance of 1.0σ
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VBF $H(\mu\mu)$ analysis strategy

- **Pros of divide-n-fit strategy:** fully data-driven background estimate
 - Useful when the background **cannot** be reliably **modelled via simulation**
 - Useful when an alternative analysis based on MC predictions is **systematically limited**
- **Cons of divide-n-fit strategy:** add categories at high signal purity does not improve the performance
 - At high signal purity, the small number of observed events in sideband may **limit the sensitivity**



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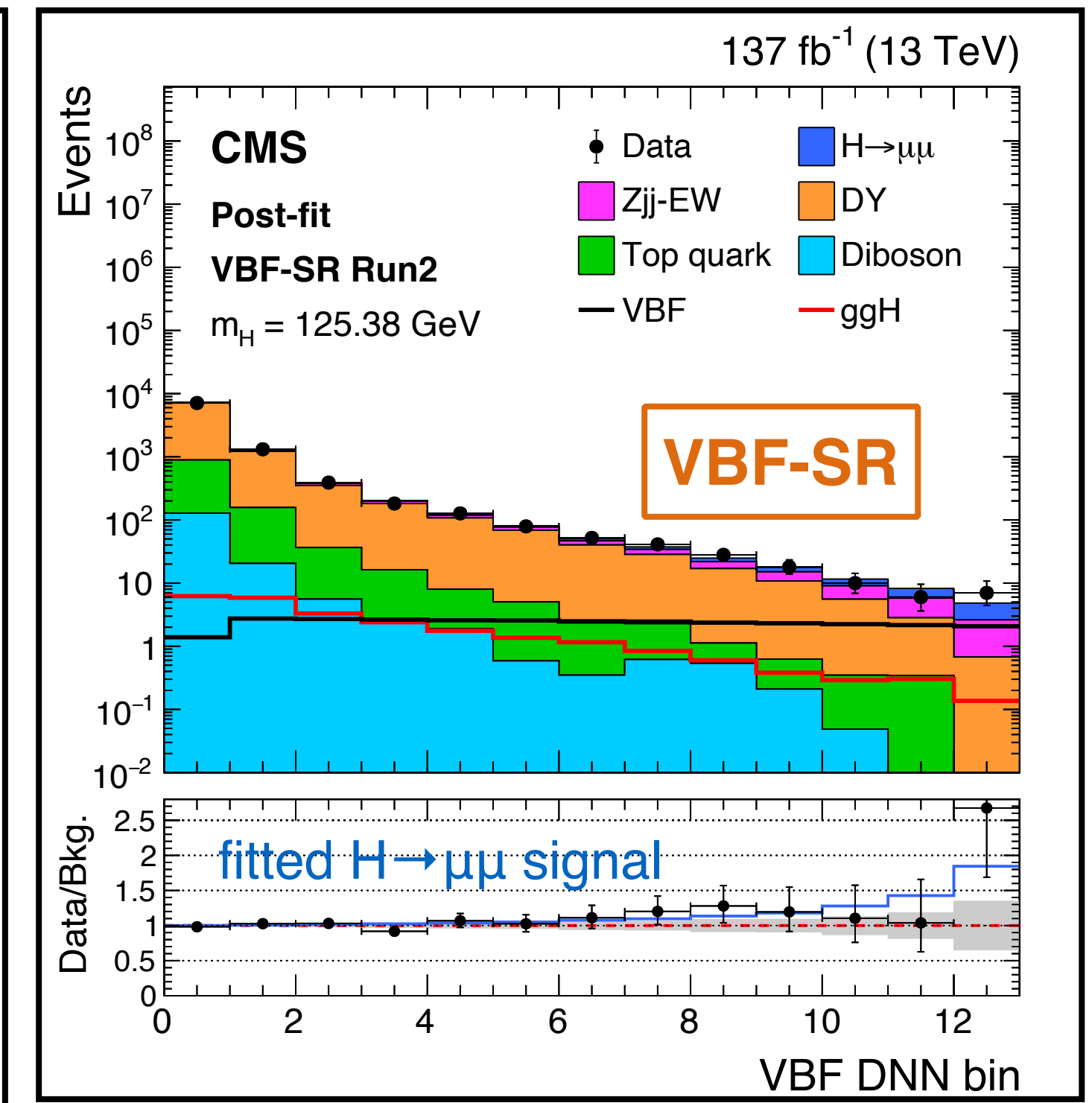
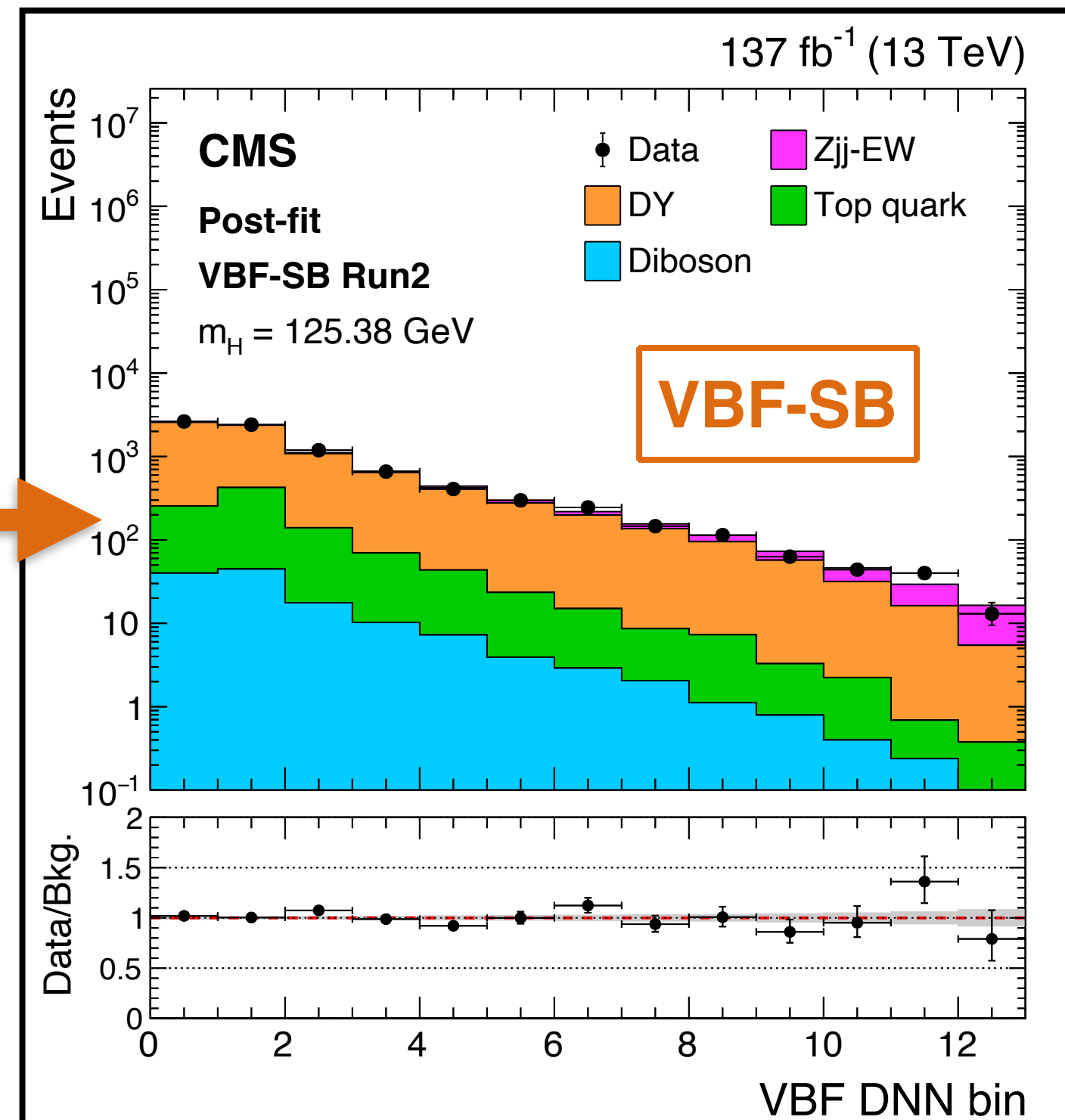
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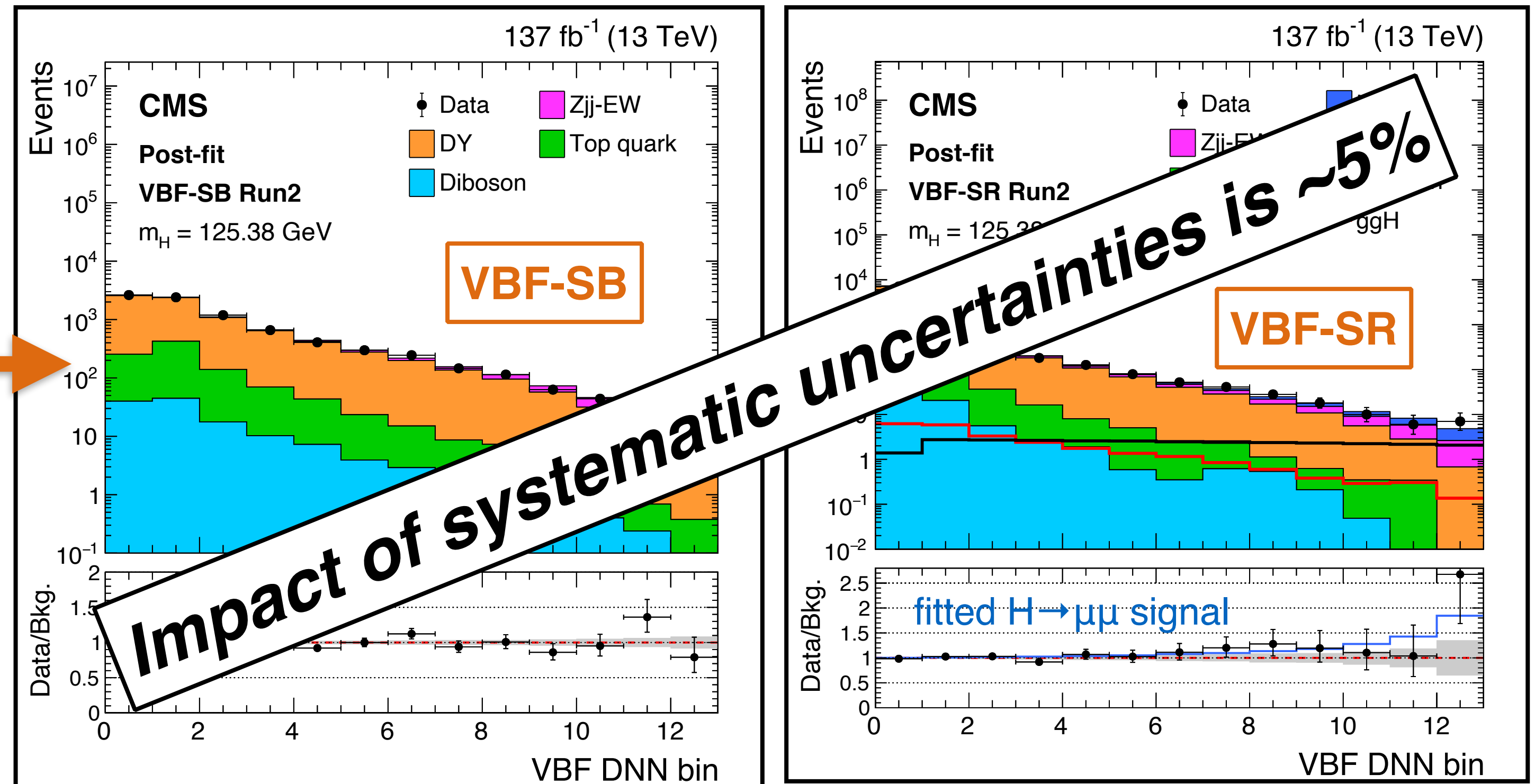


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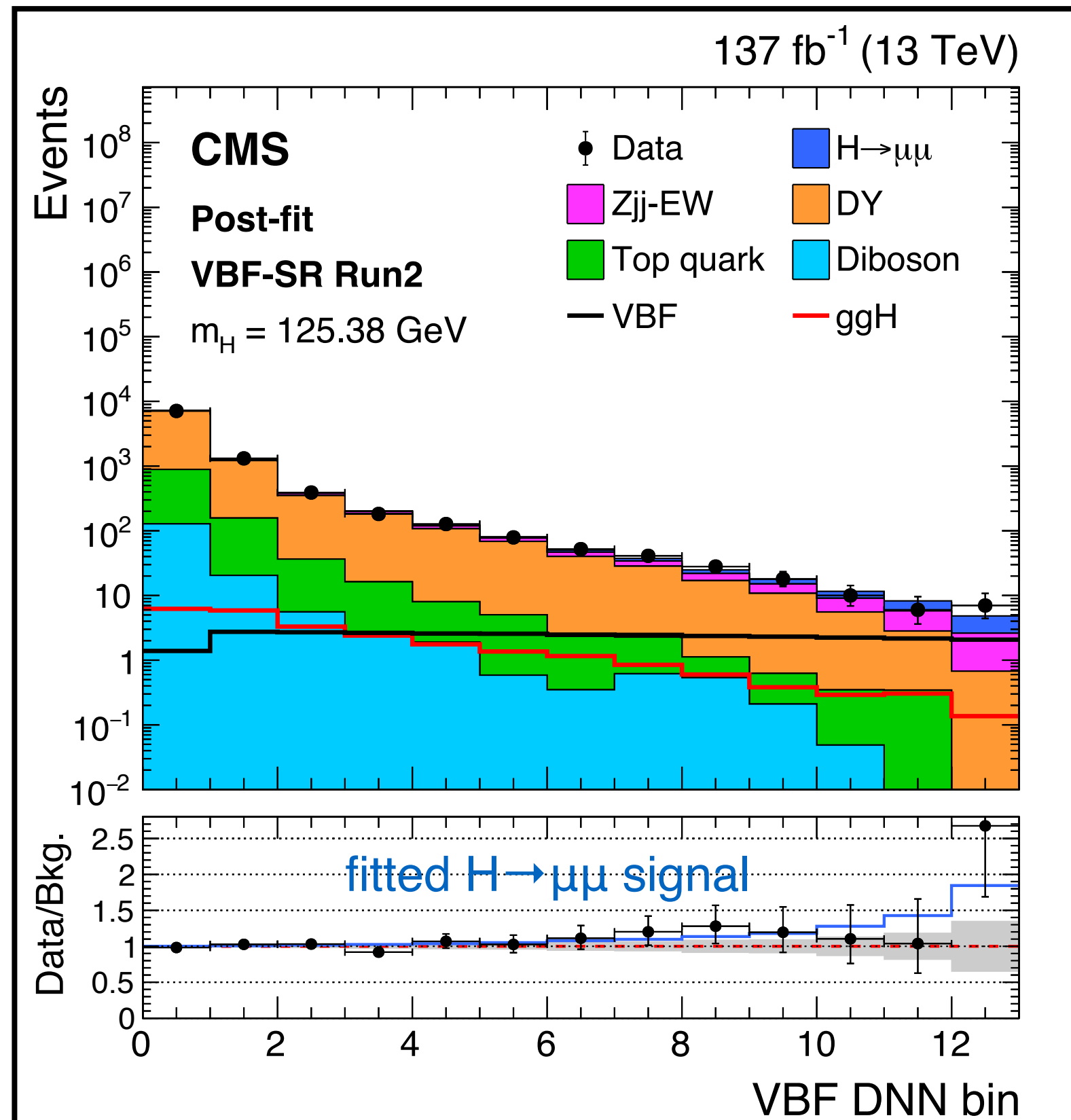
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VBF-H($\mu\mu$): analysis results

Signal extraction: simultaneous binned fit performed across data-taking periods, VBF-SB and VBF-SR regions

Result in VBF-SR

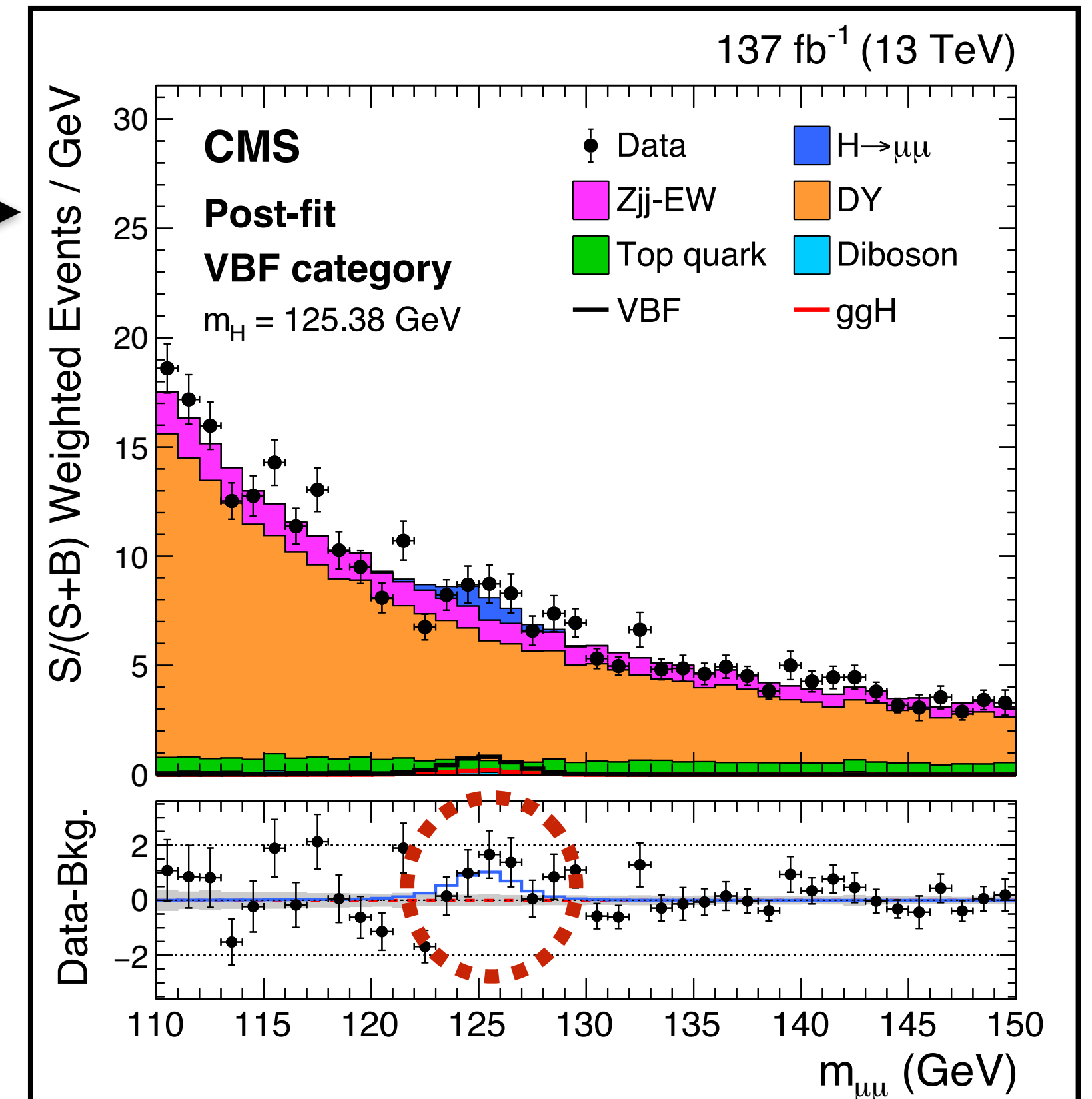


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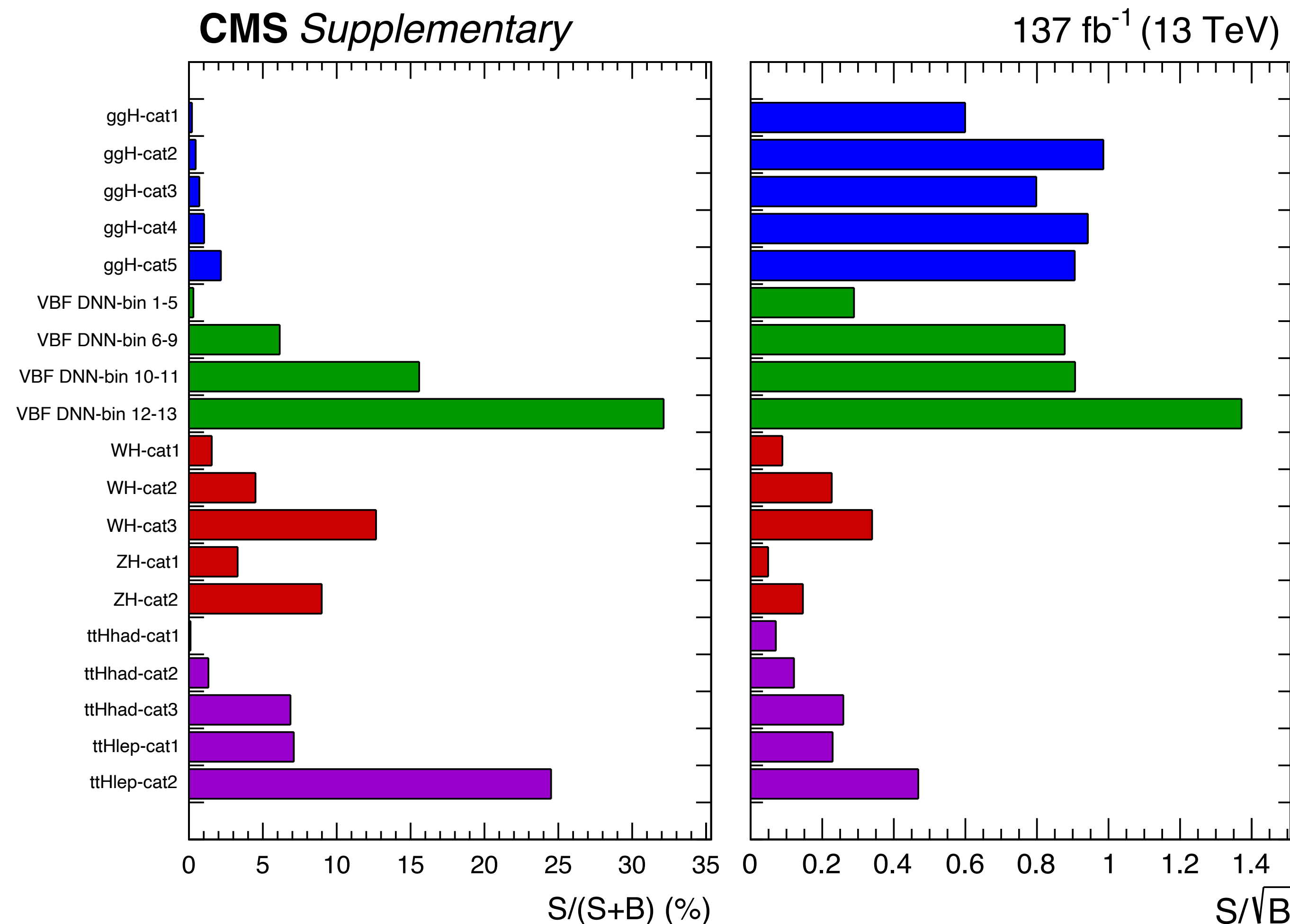
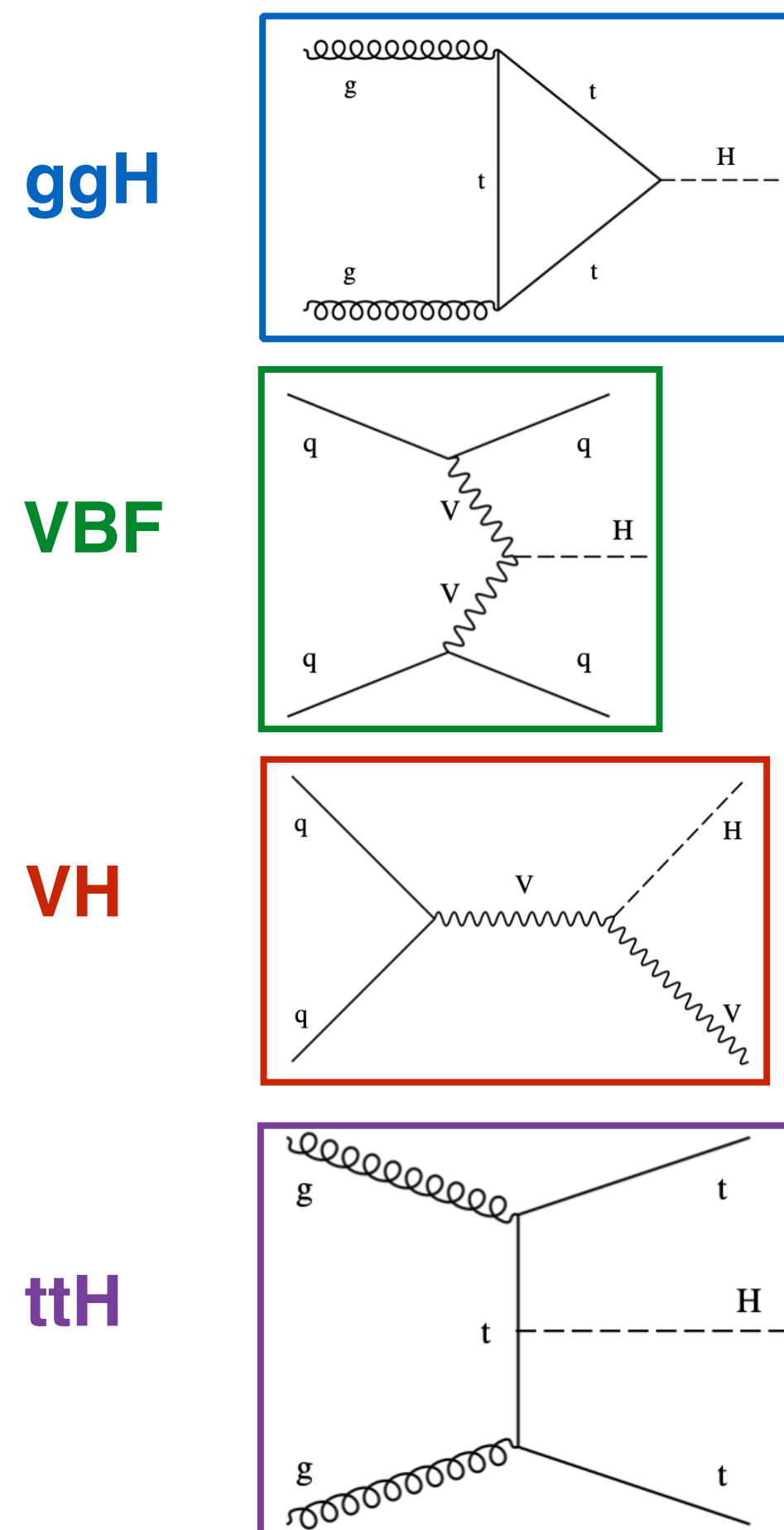
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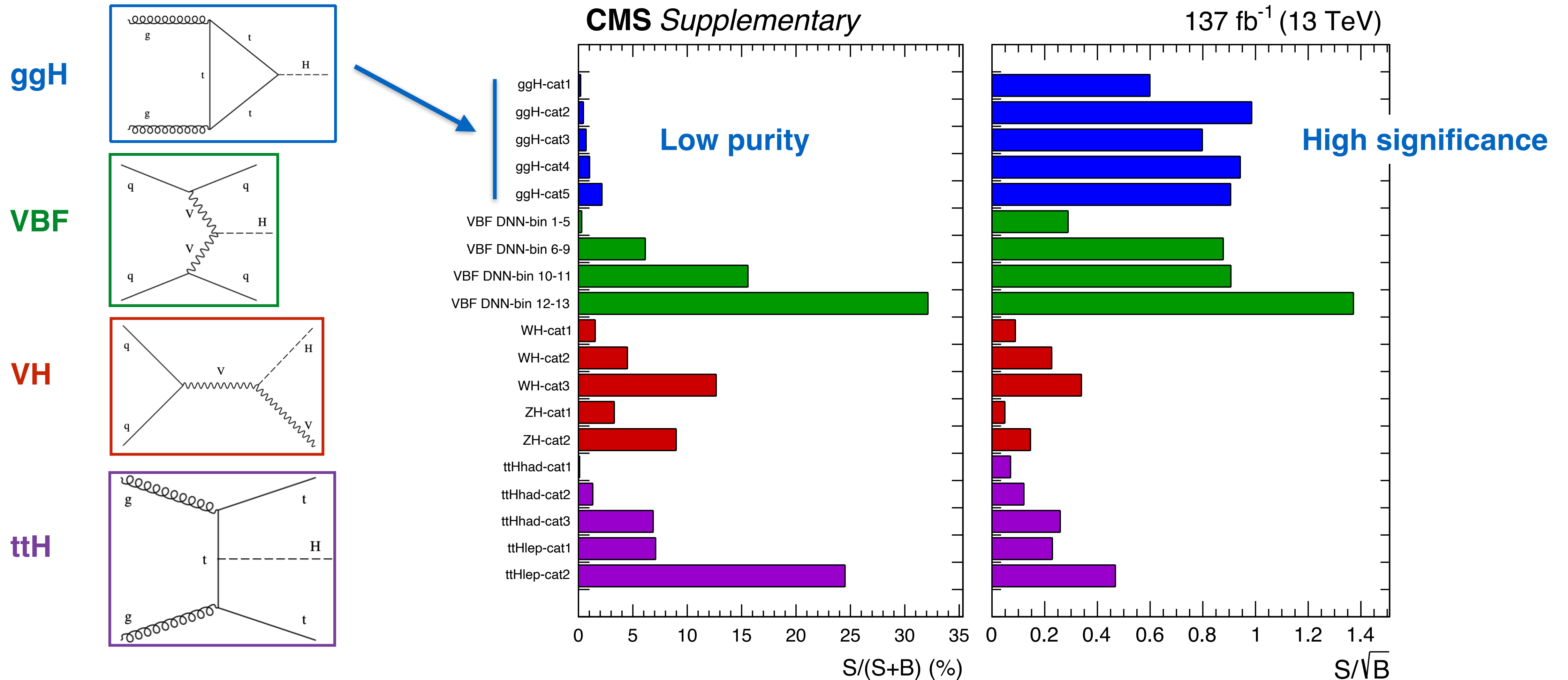
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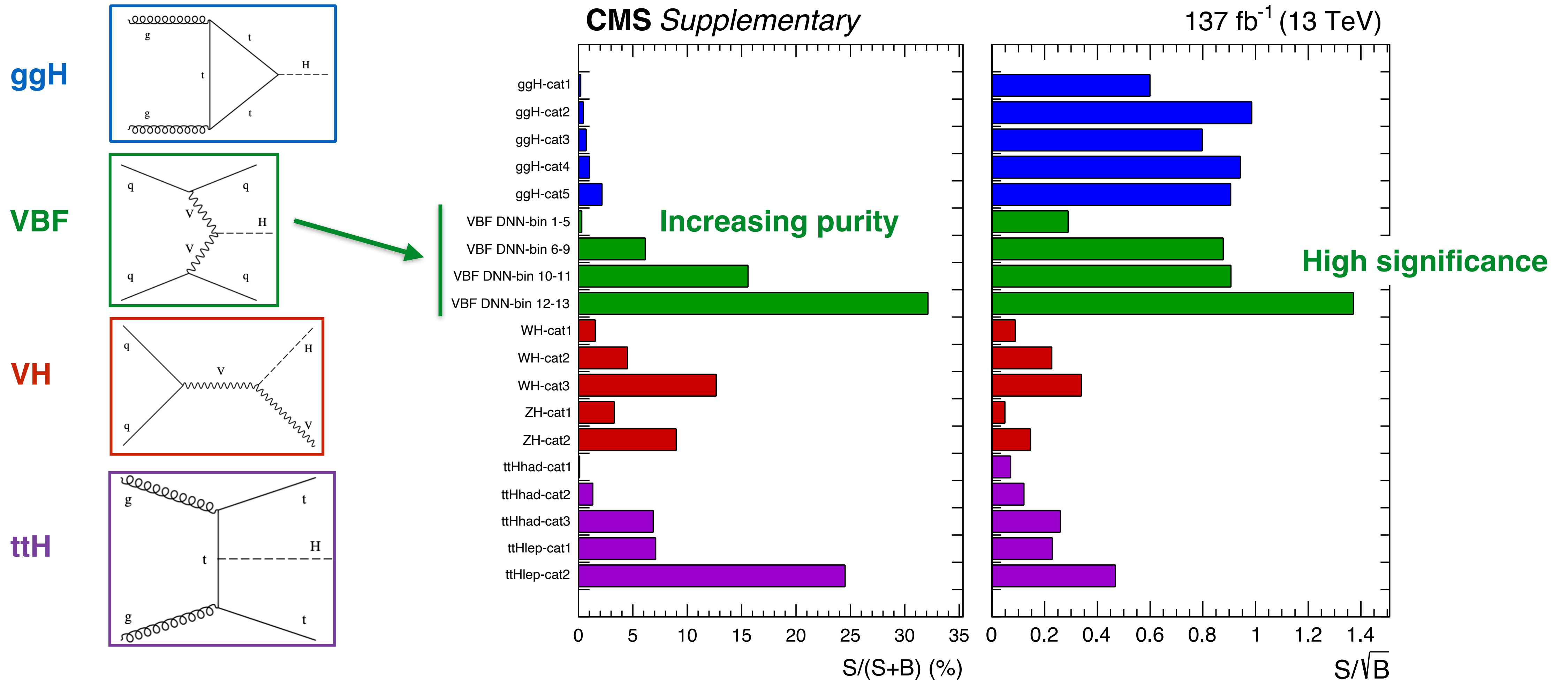
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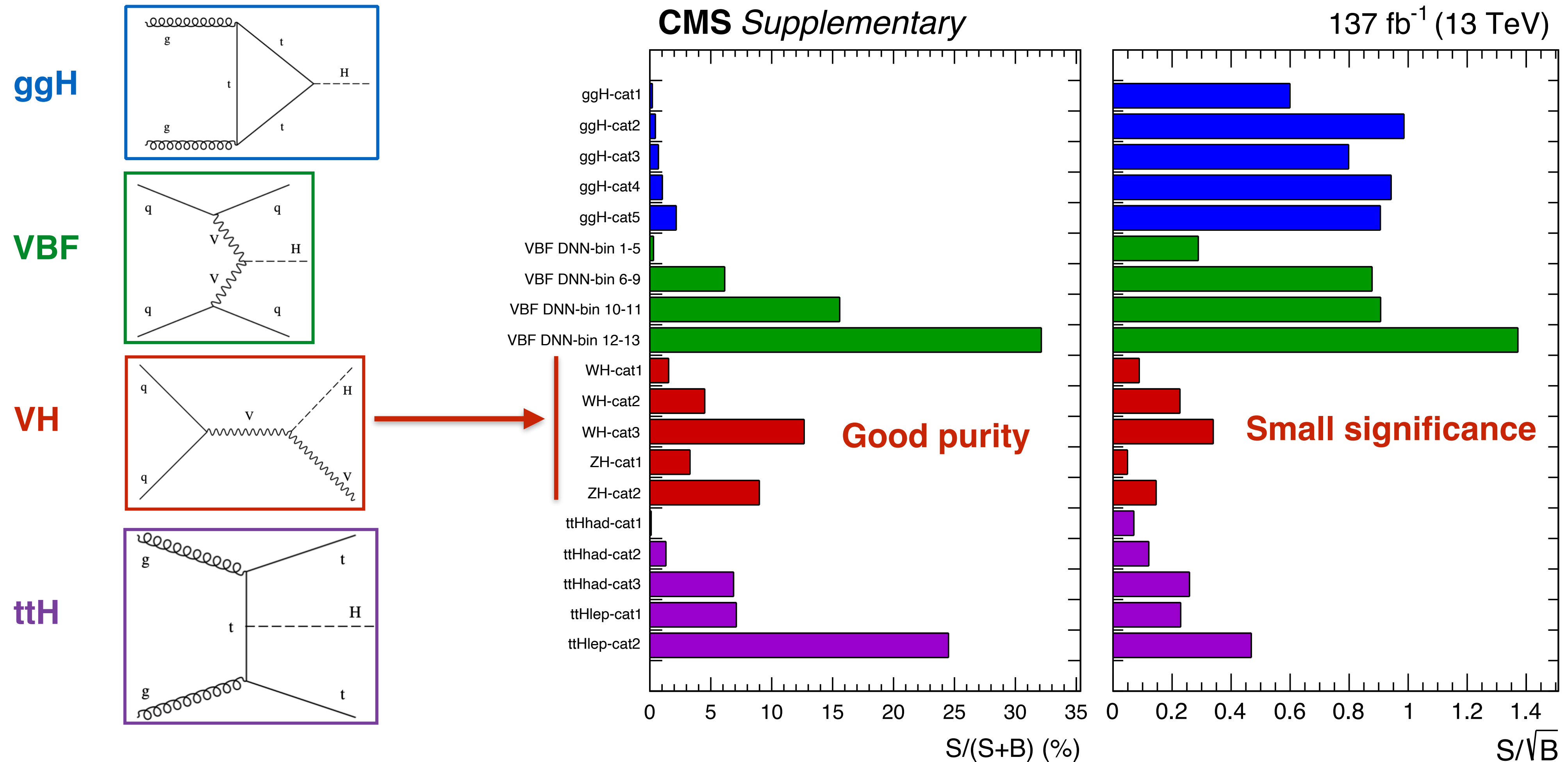
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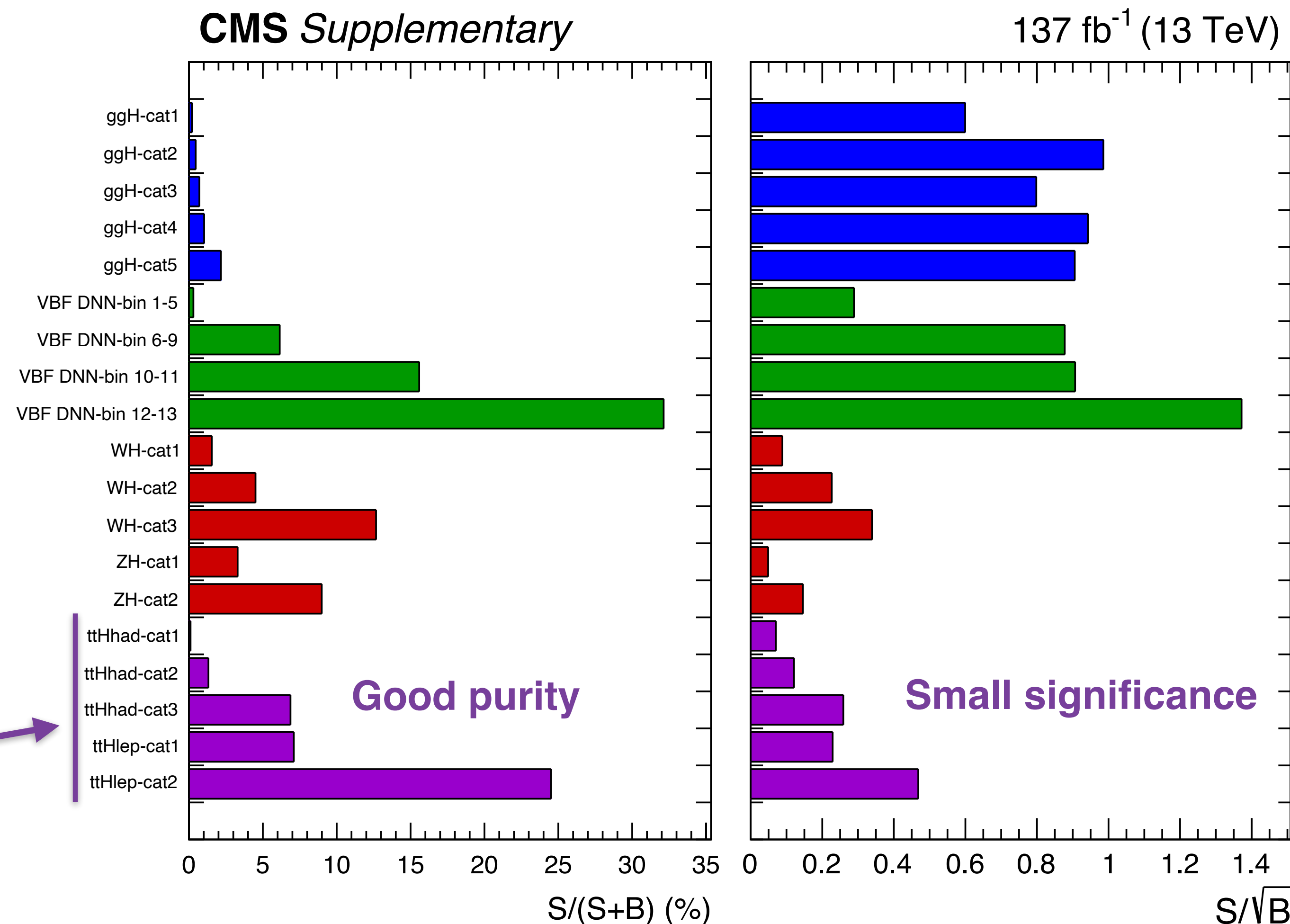
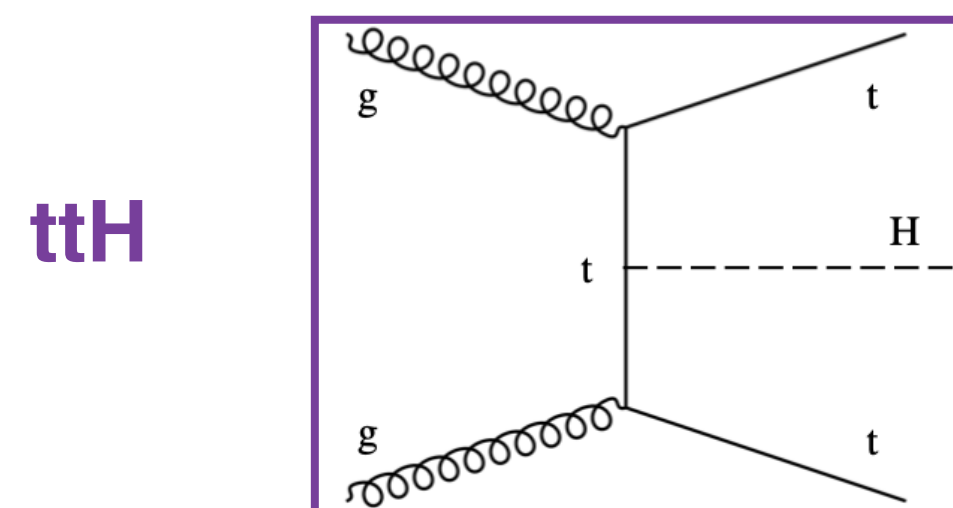
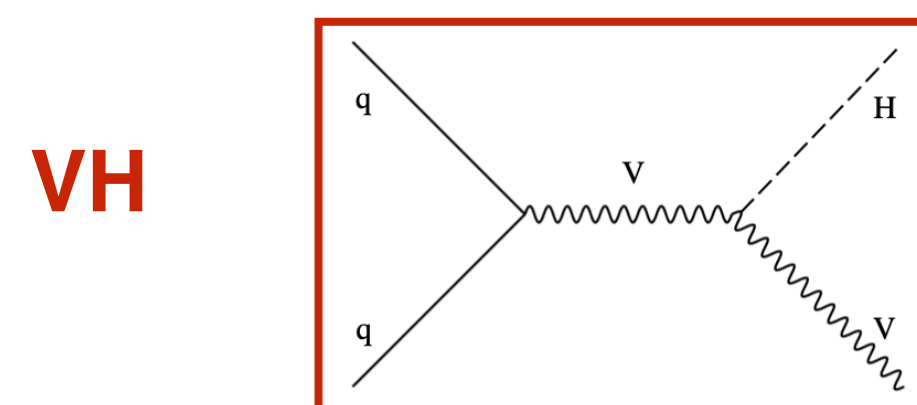
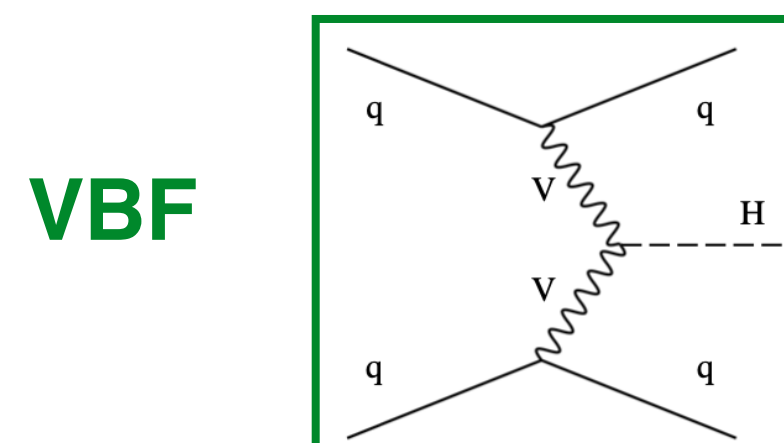
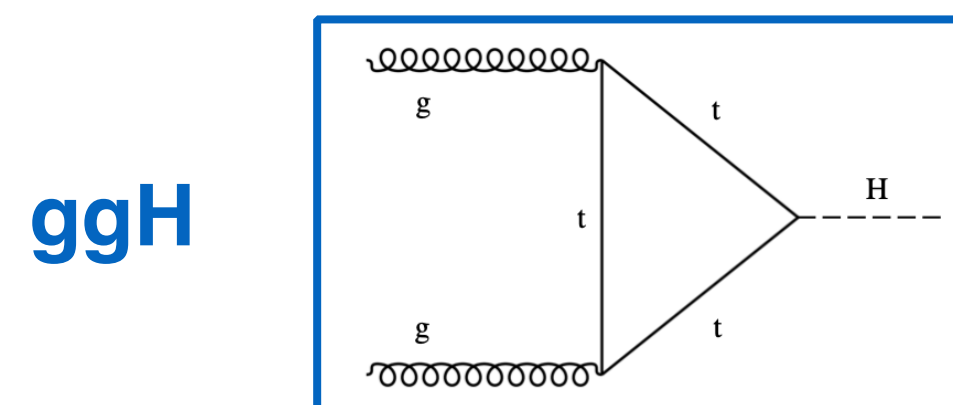
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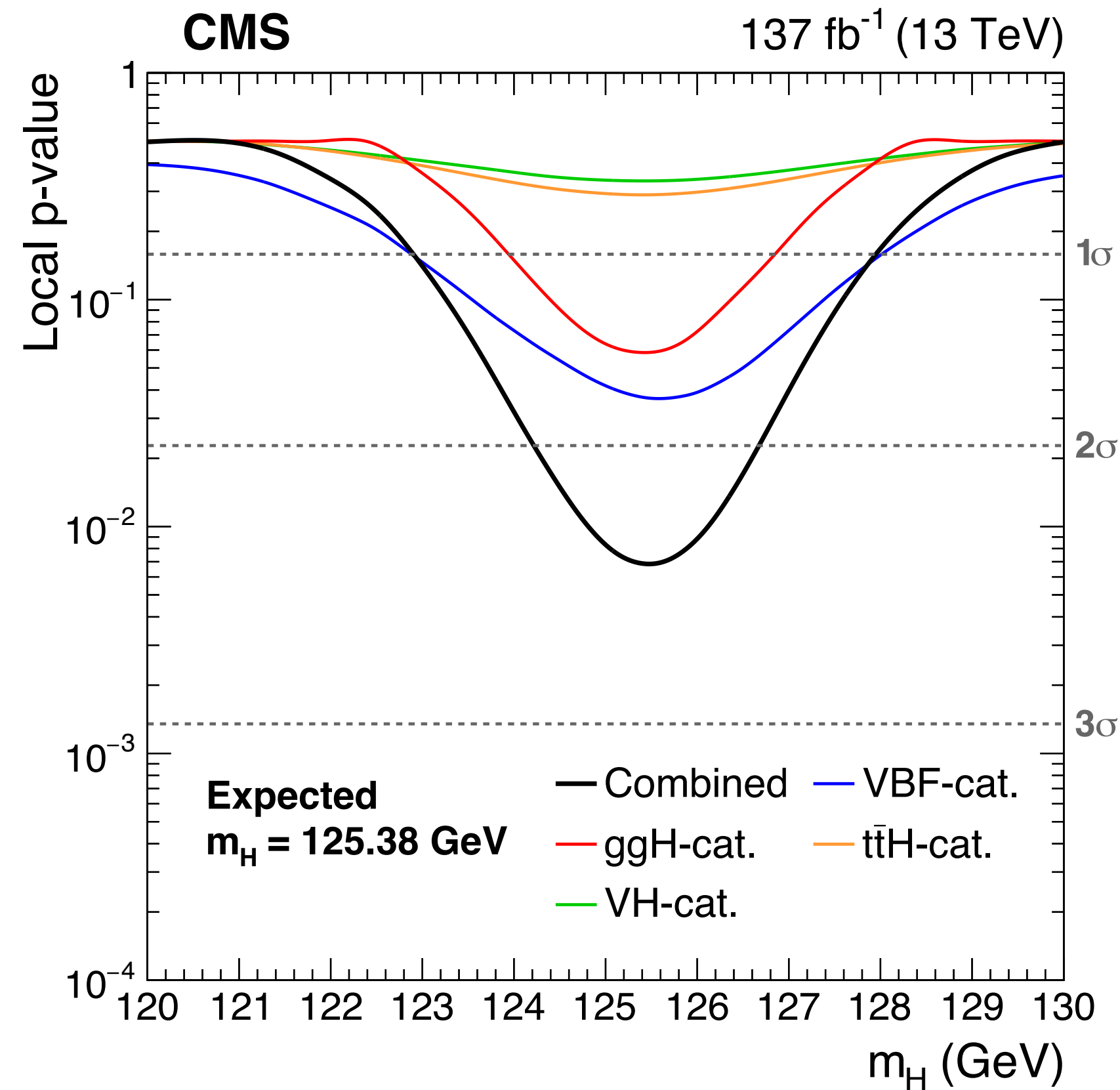
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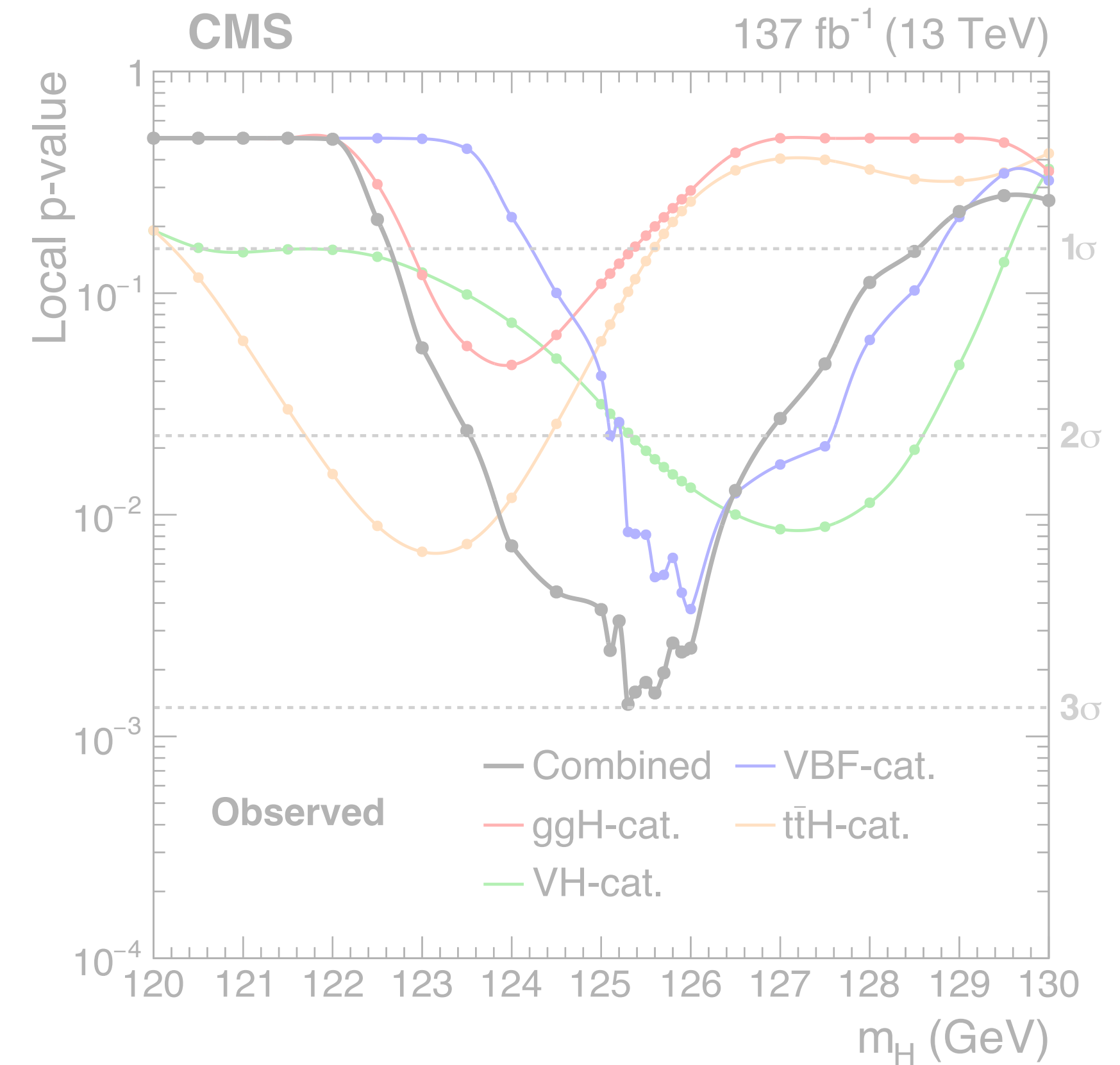
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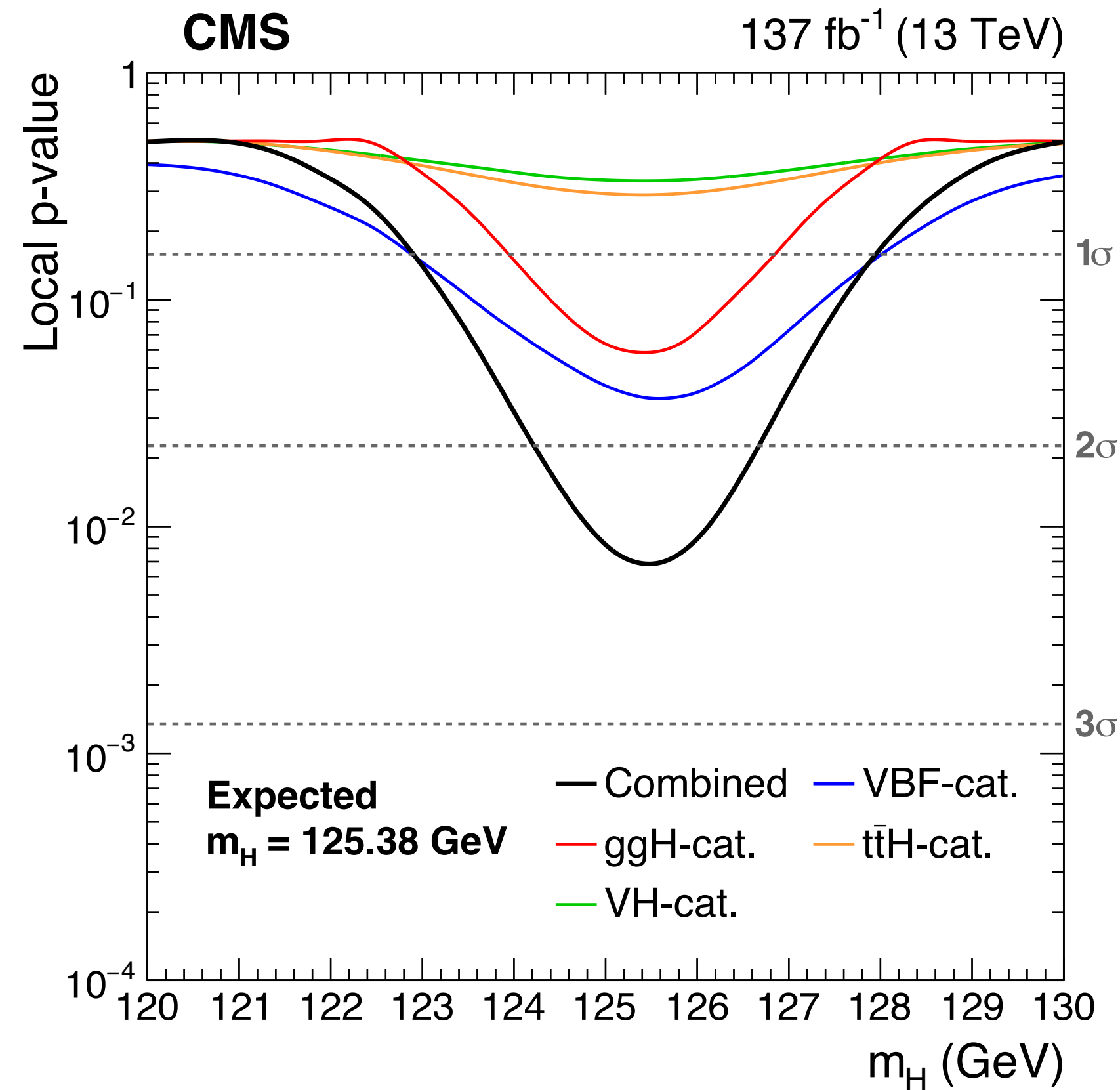
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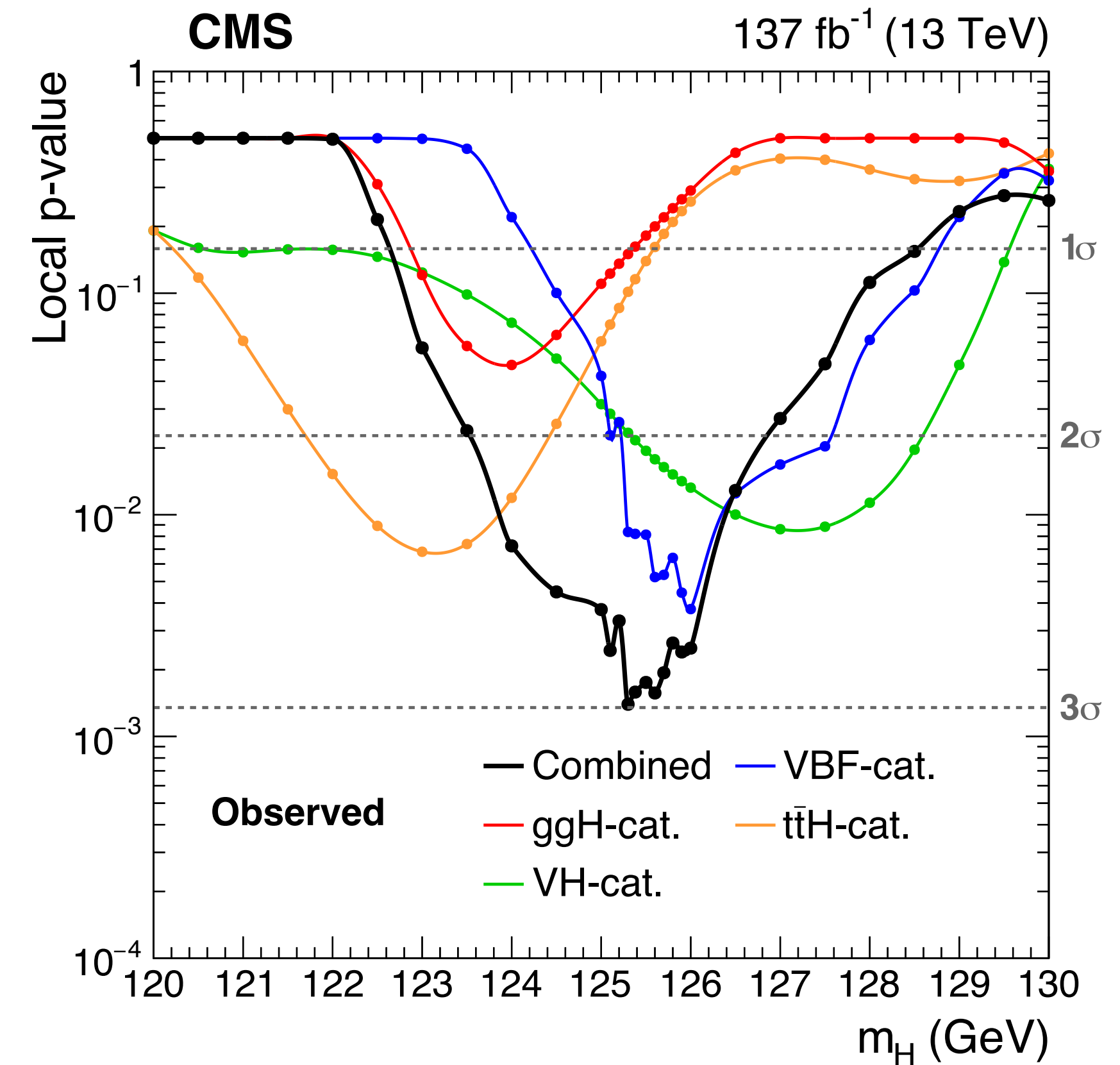
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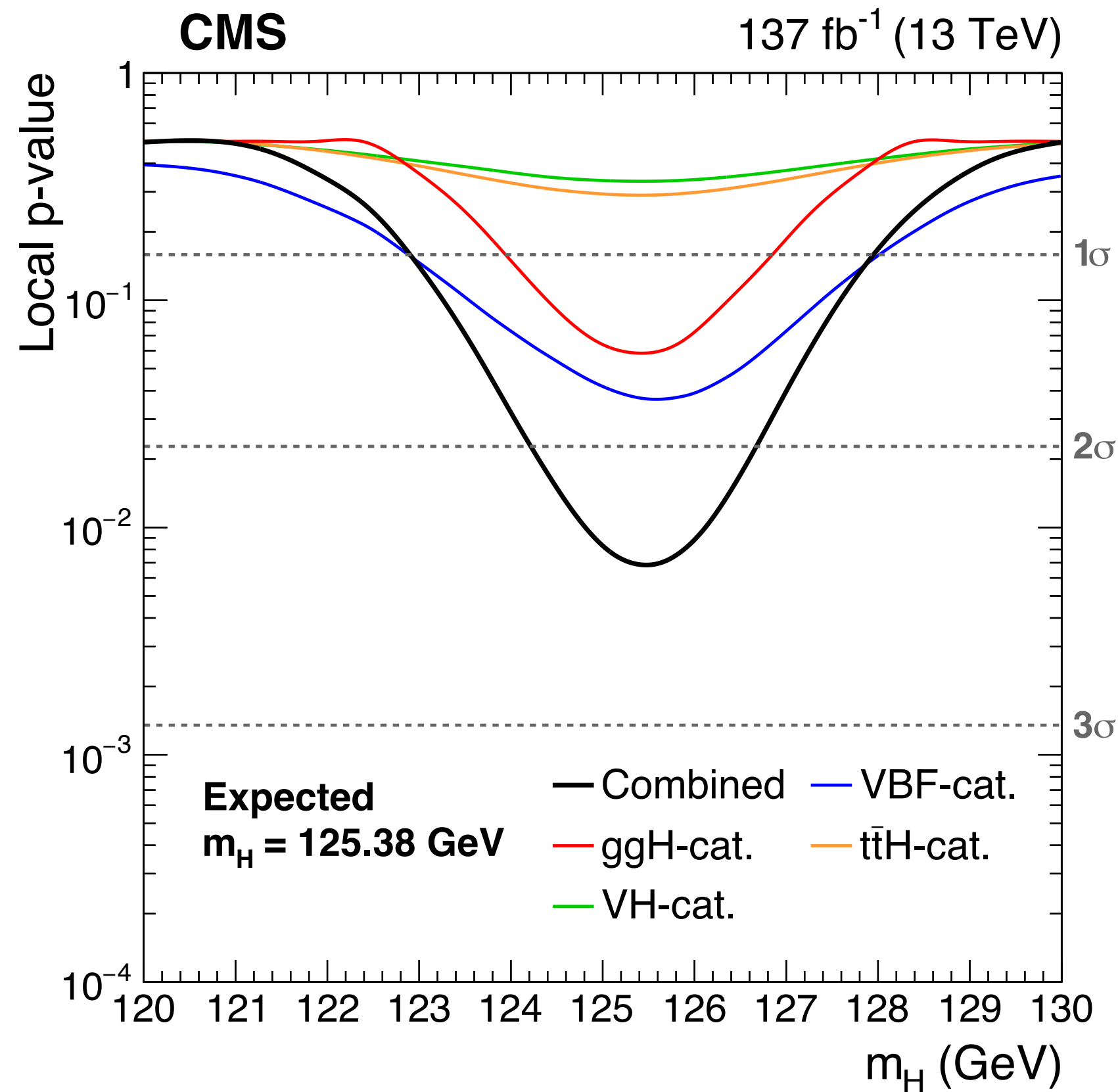
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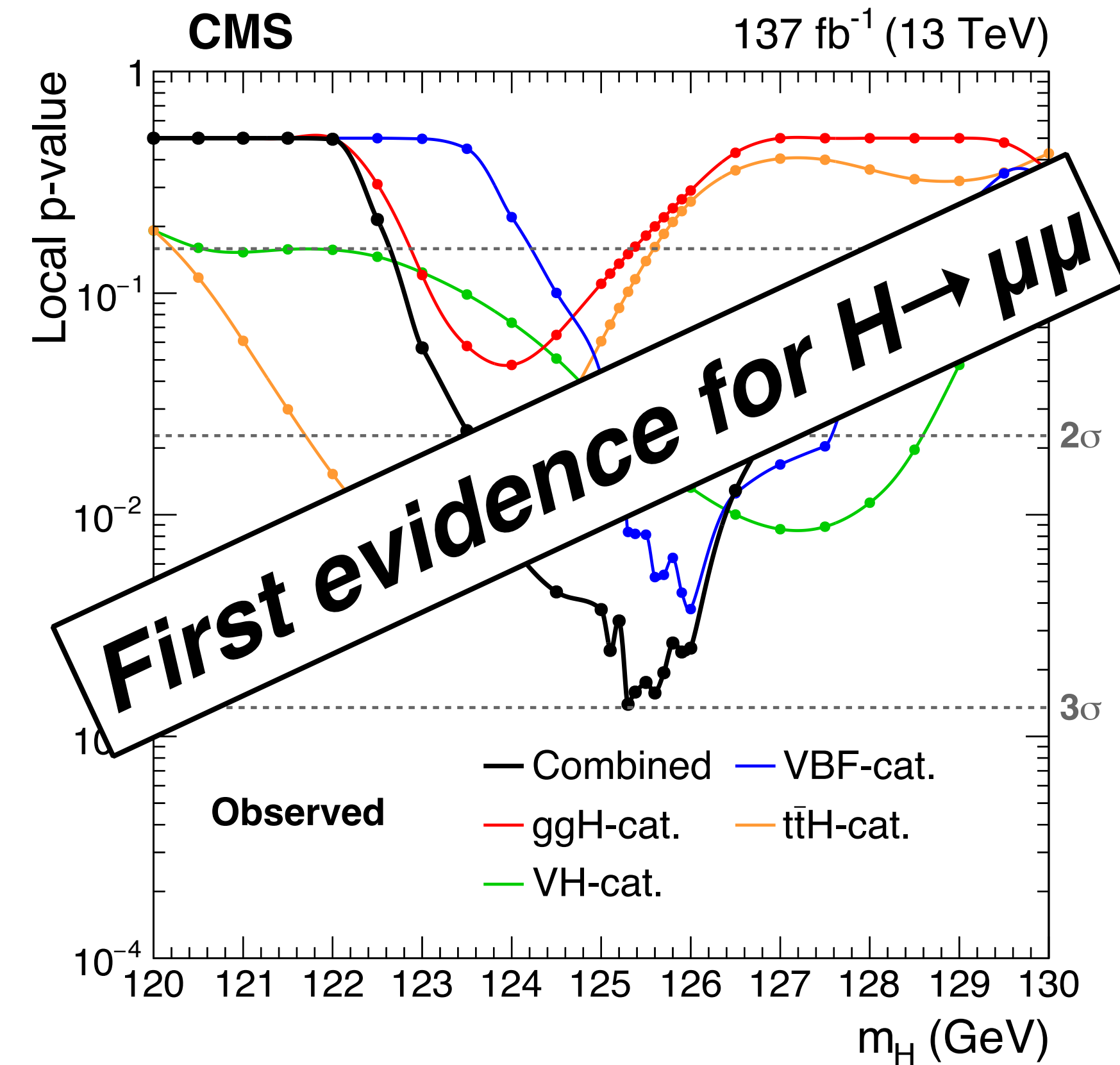
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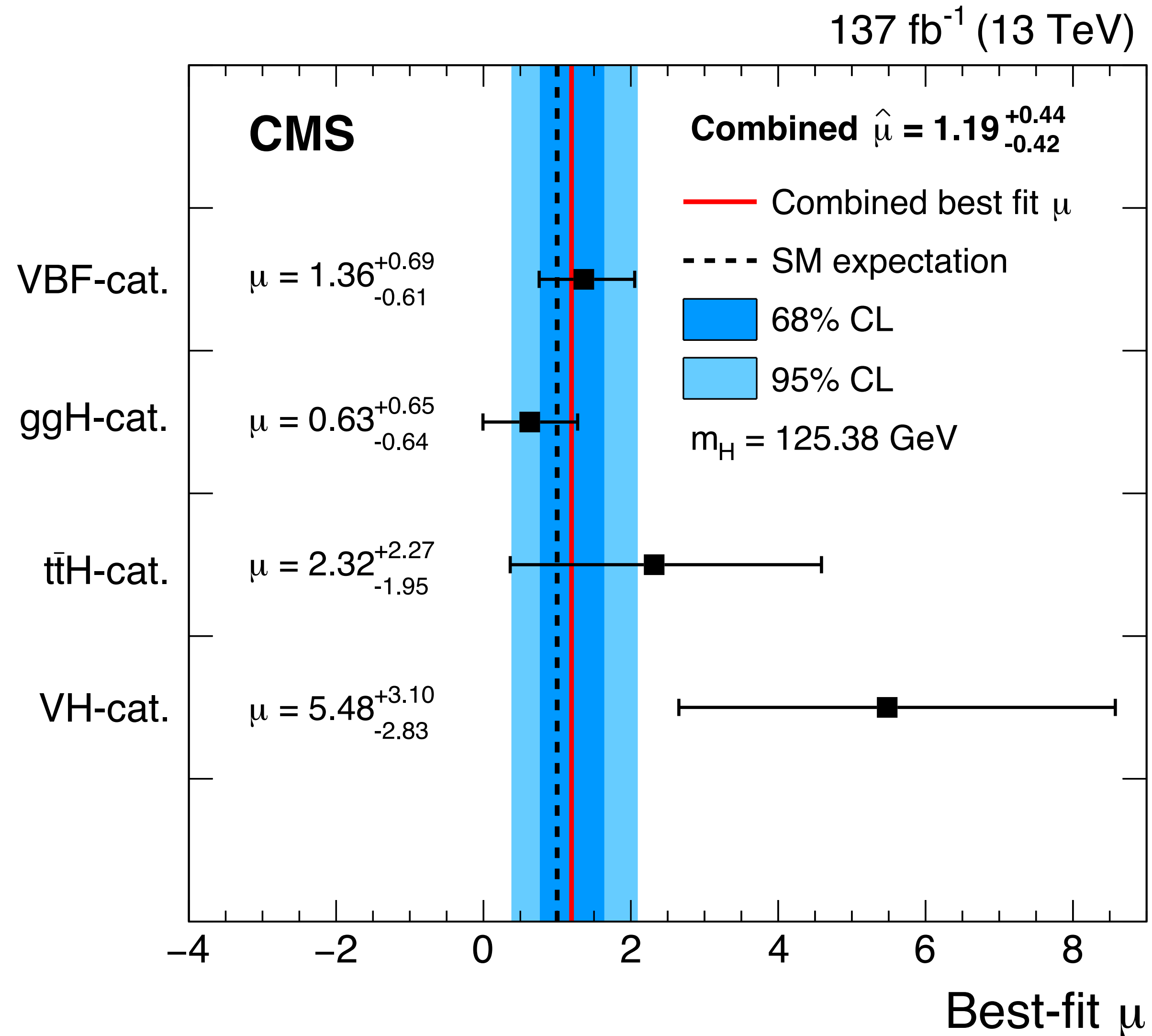


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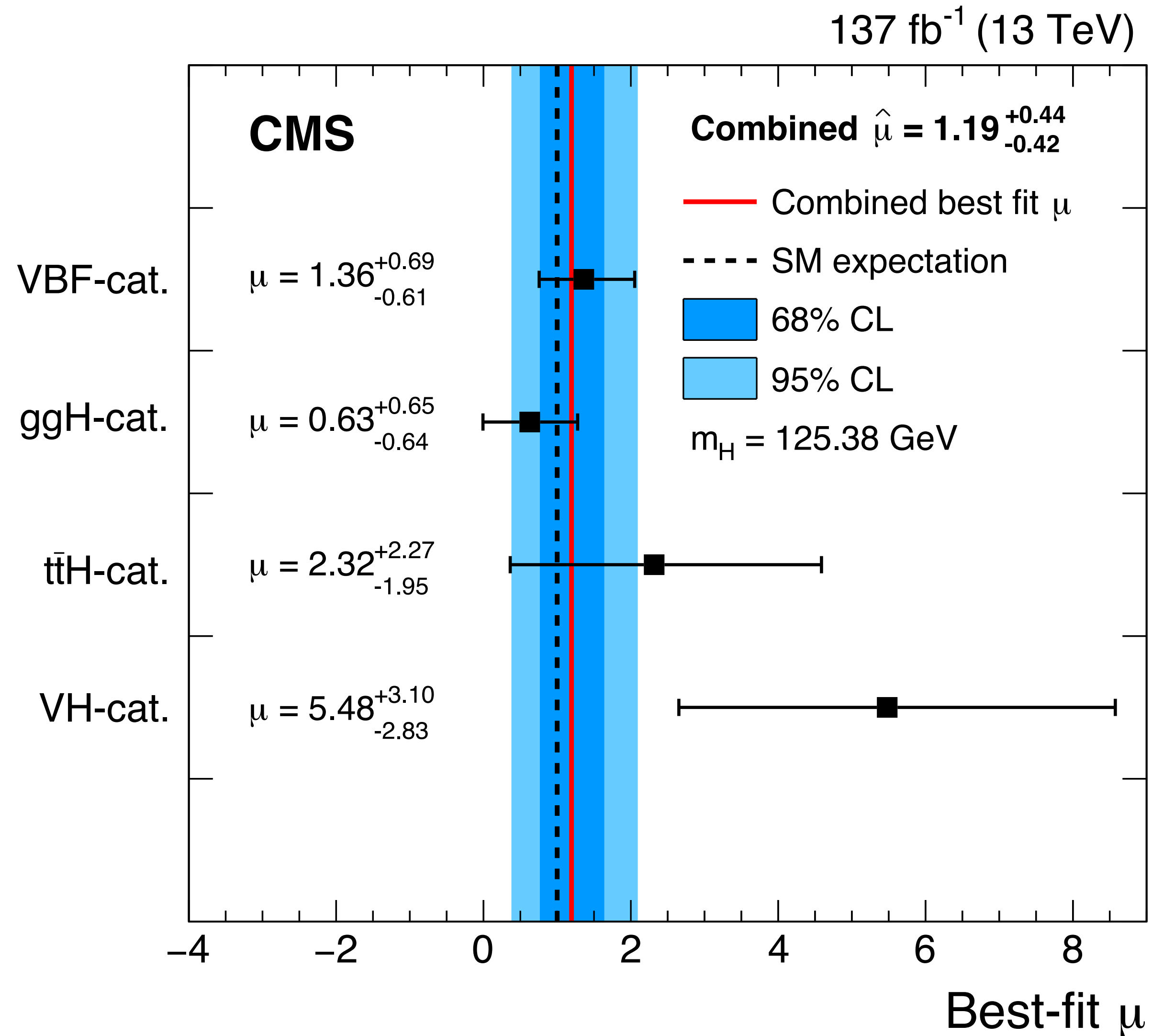
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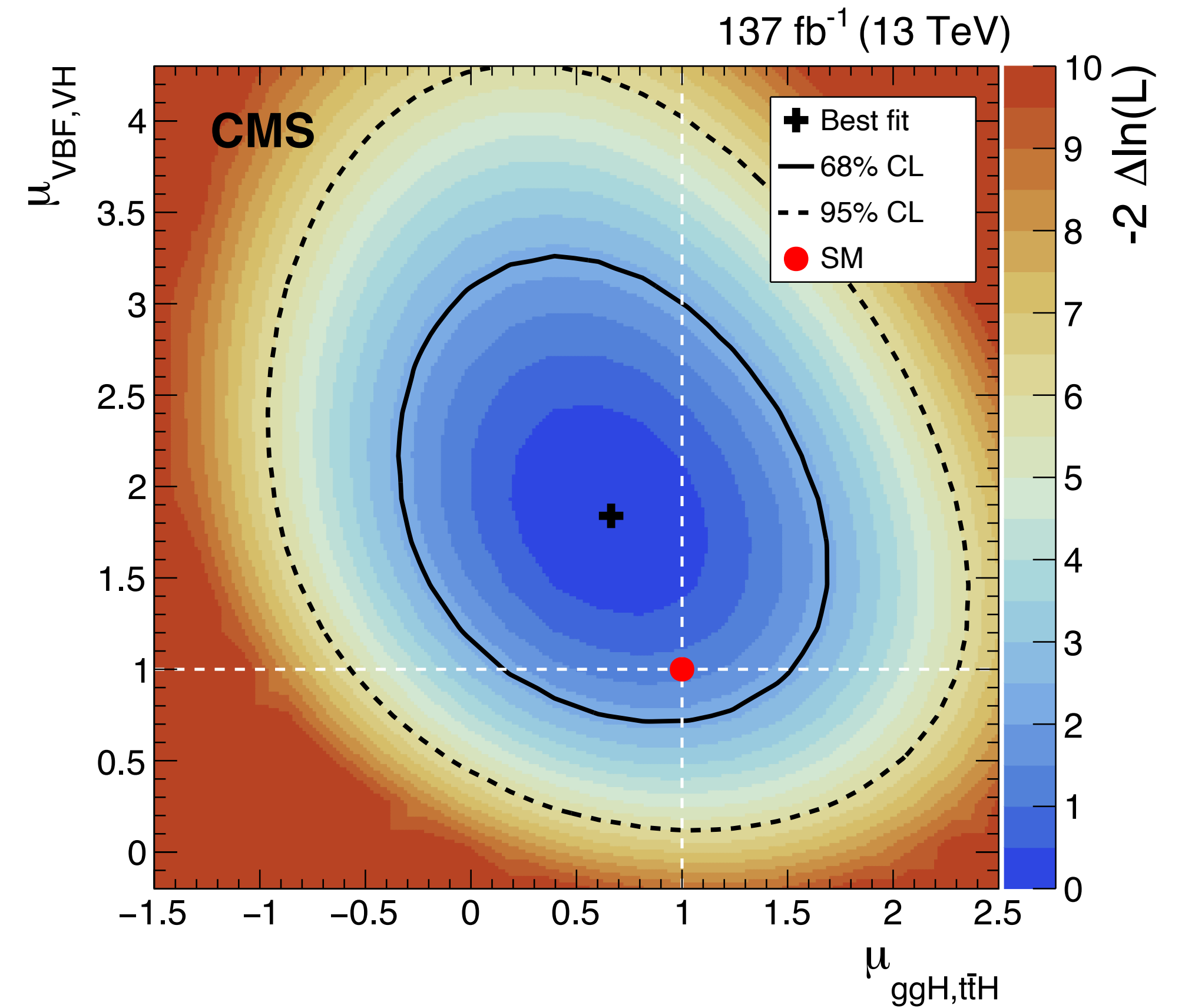
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- Production mode measurements are also compatible with SM expectations
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Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
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Statistical uncertainty	+0.41	-0.40
Systematic uncertainty	+0.17	-0.16
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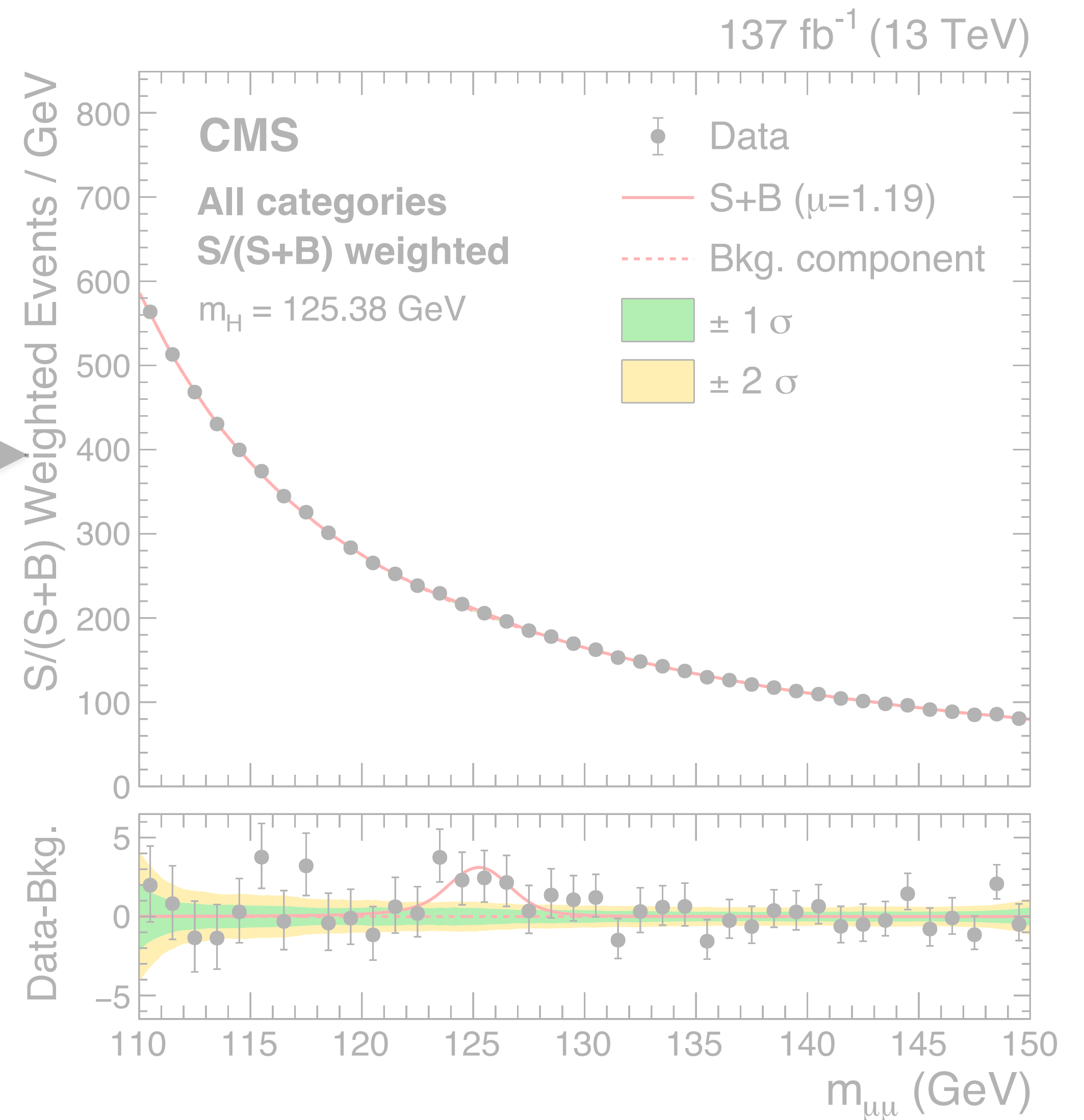
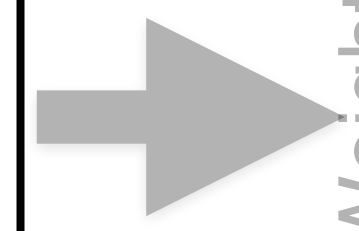
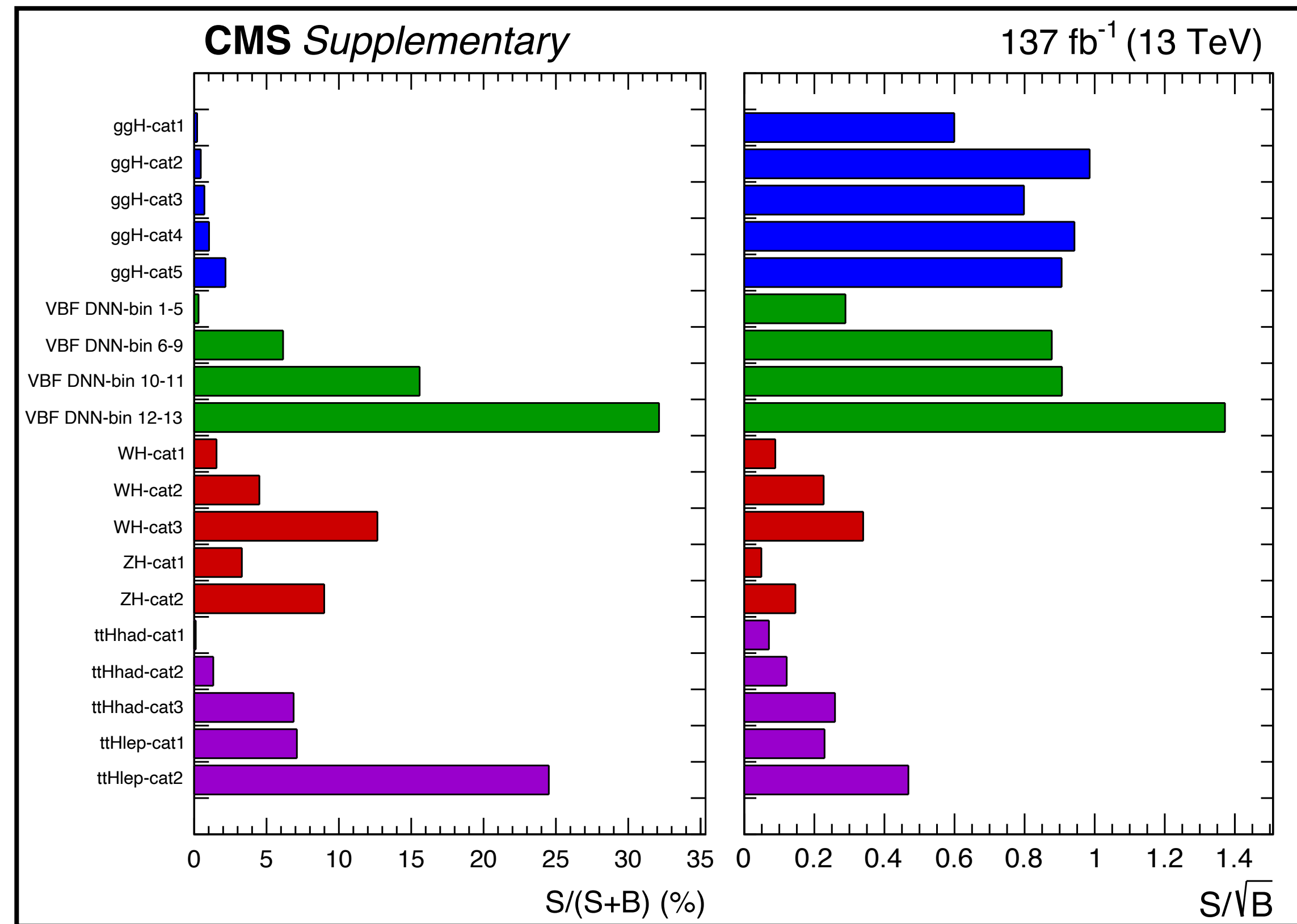


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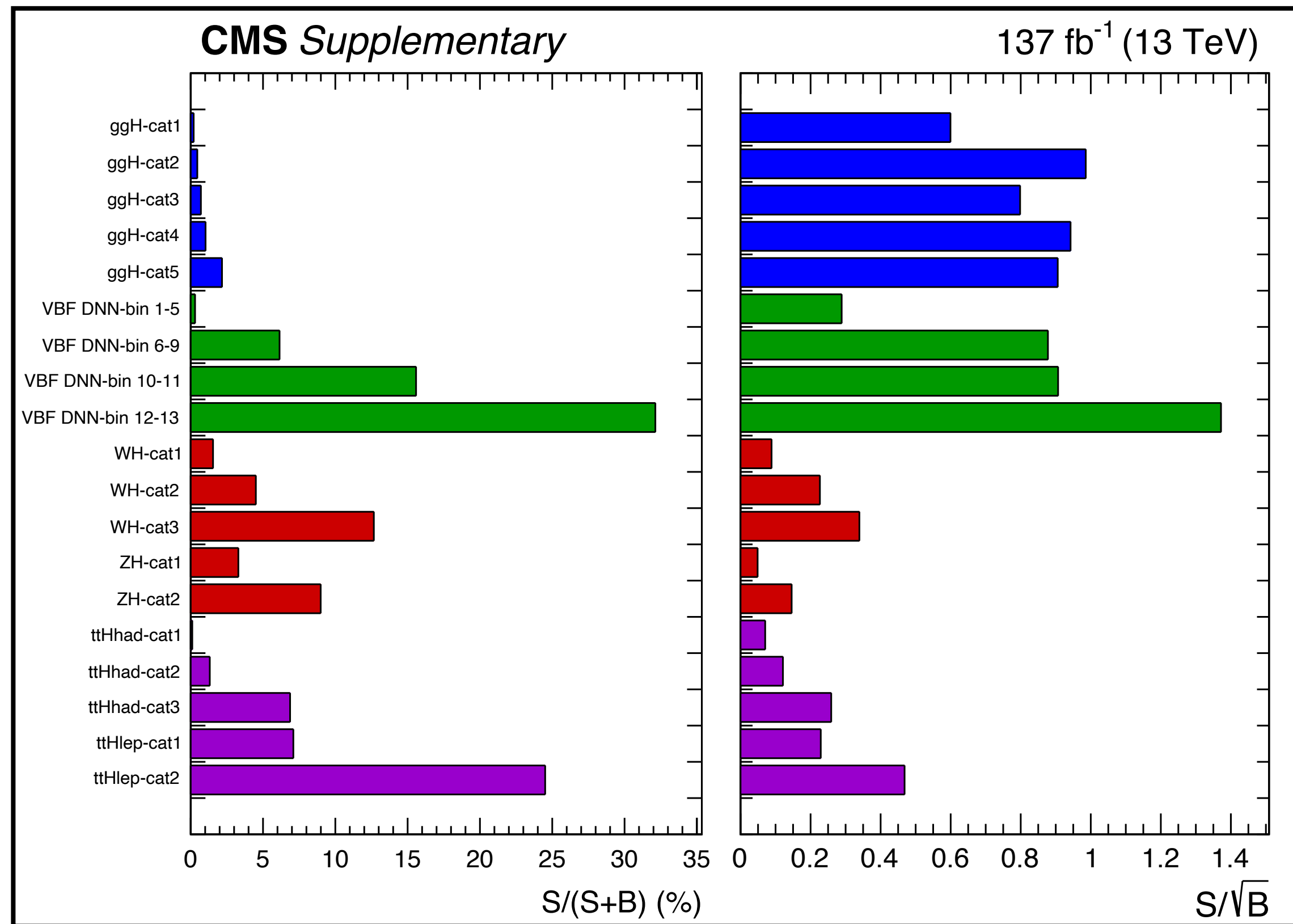
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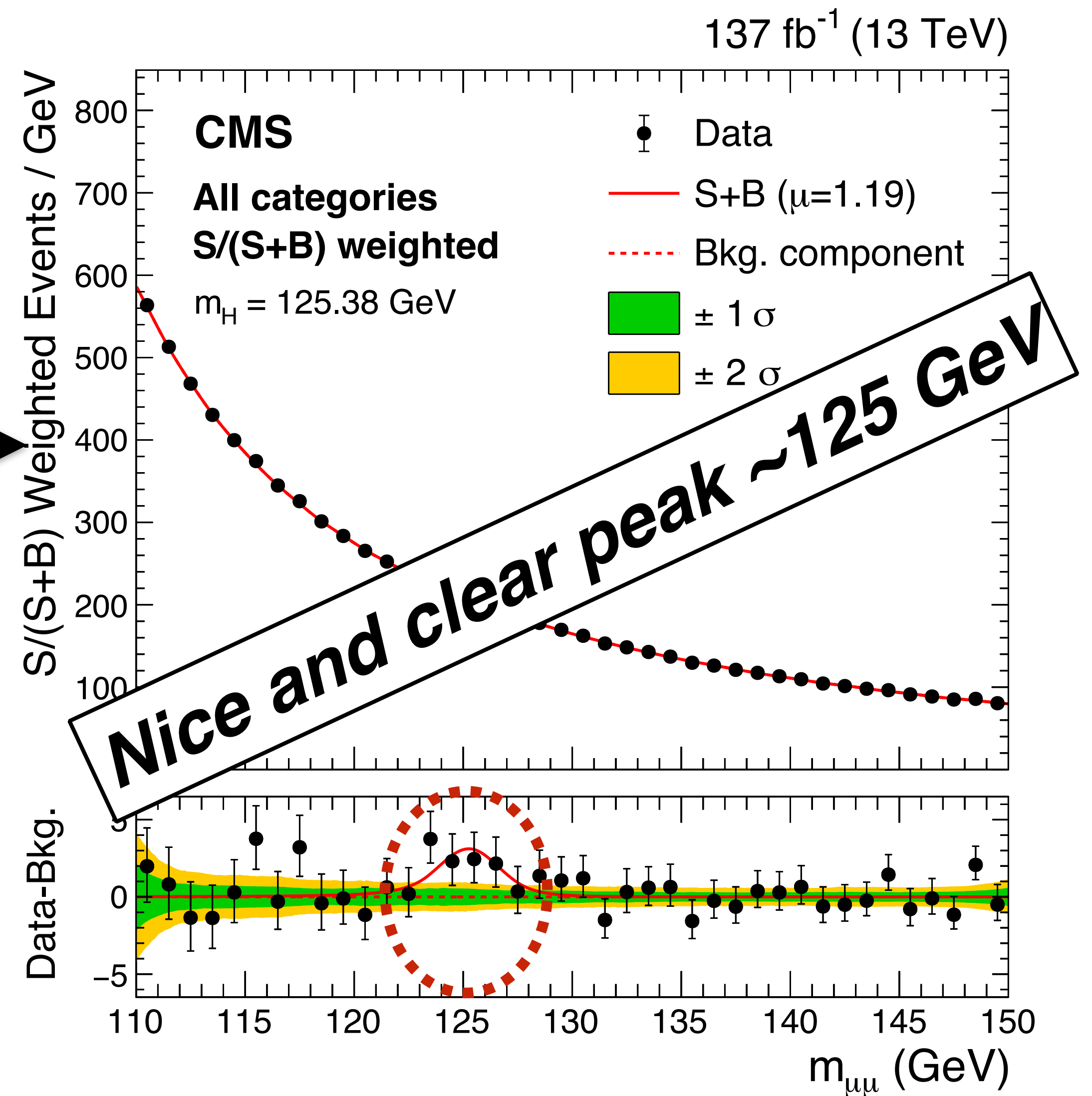
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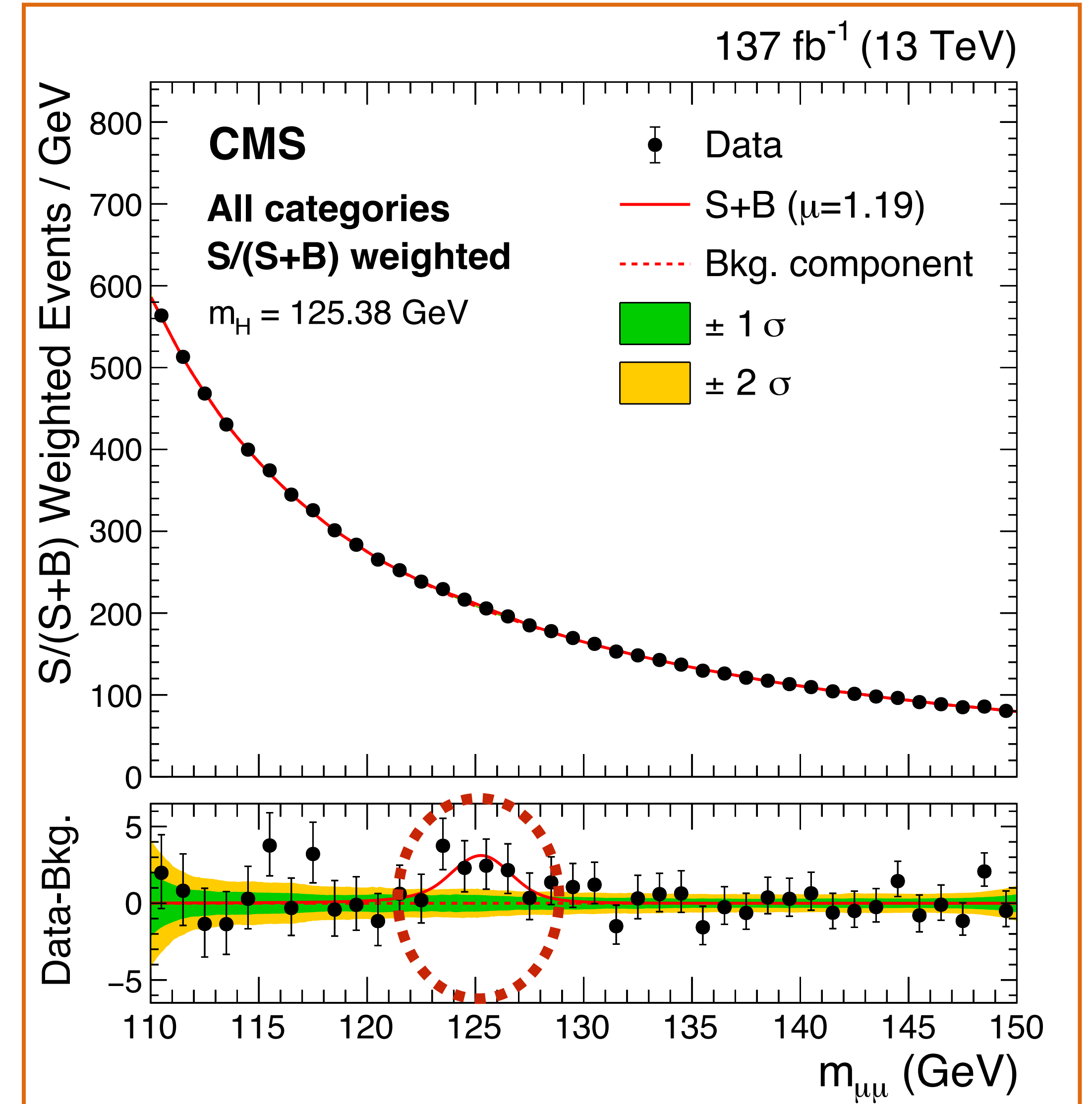
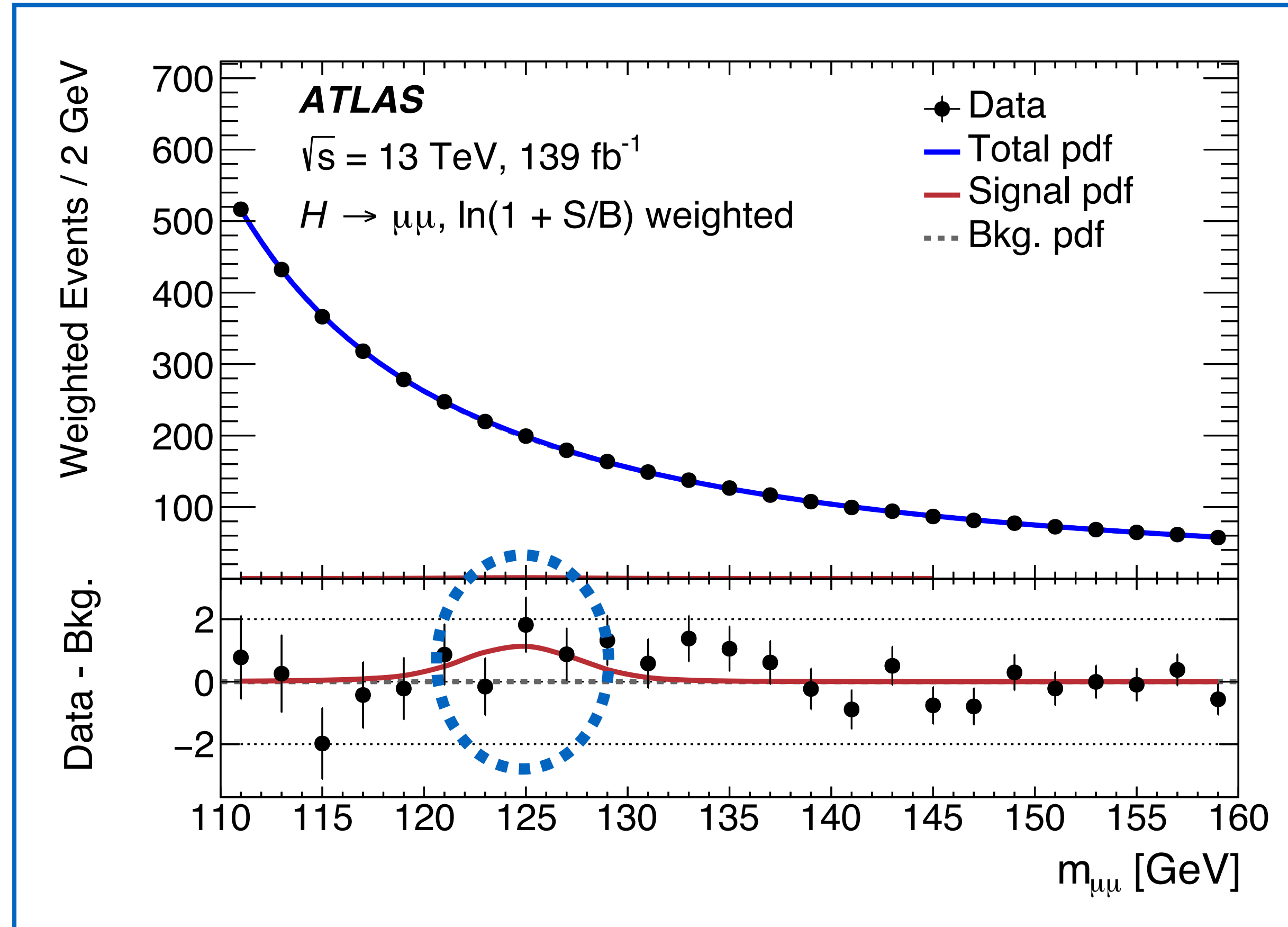
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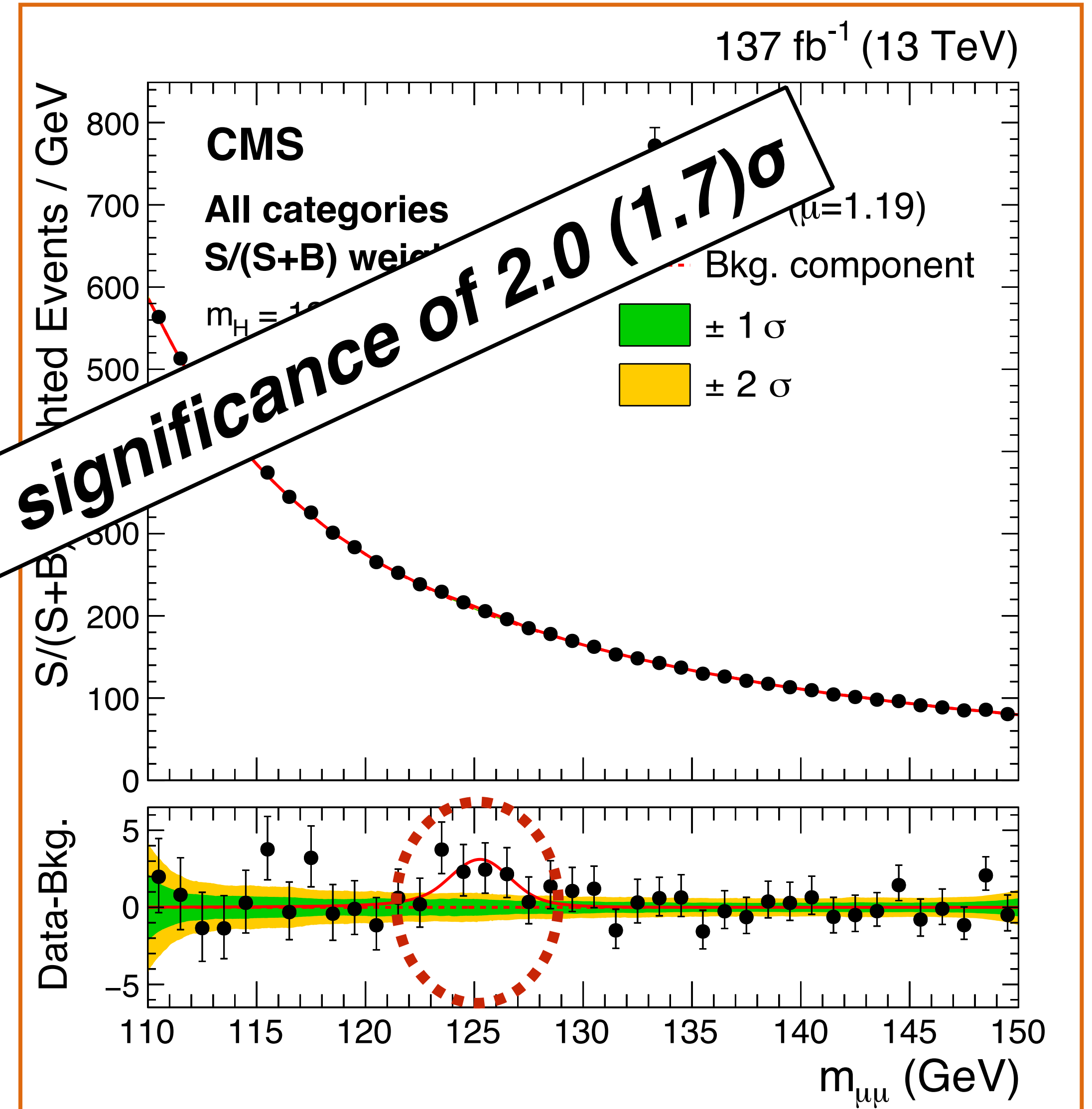
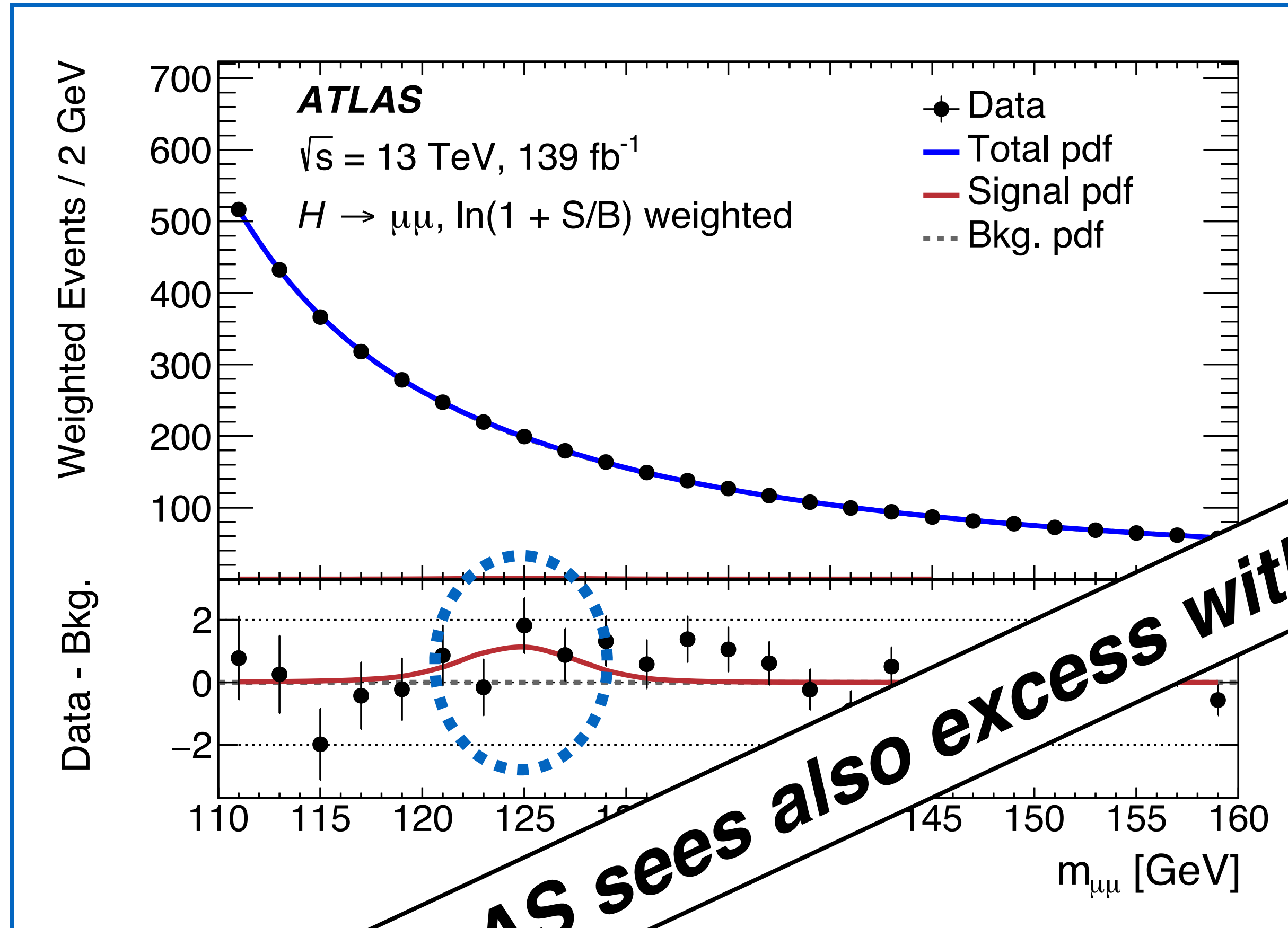
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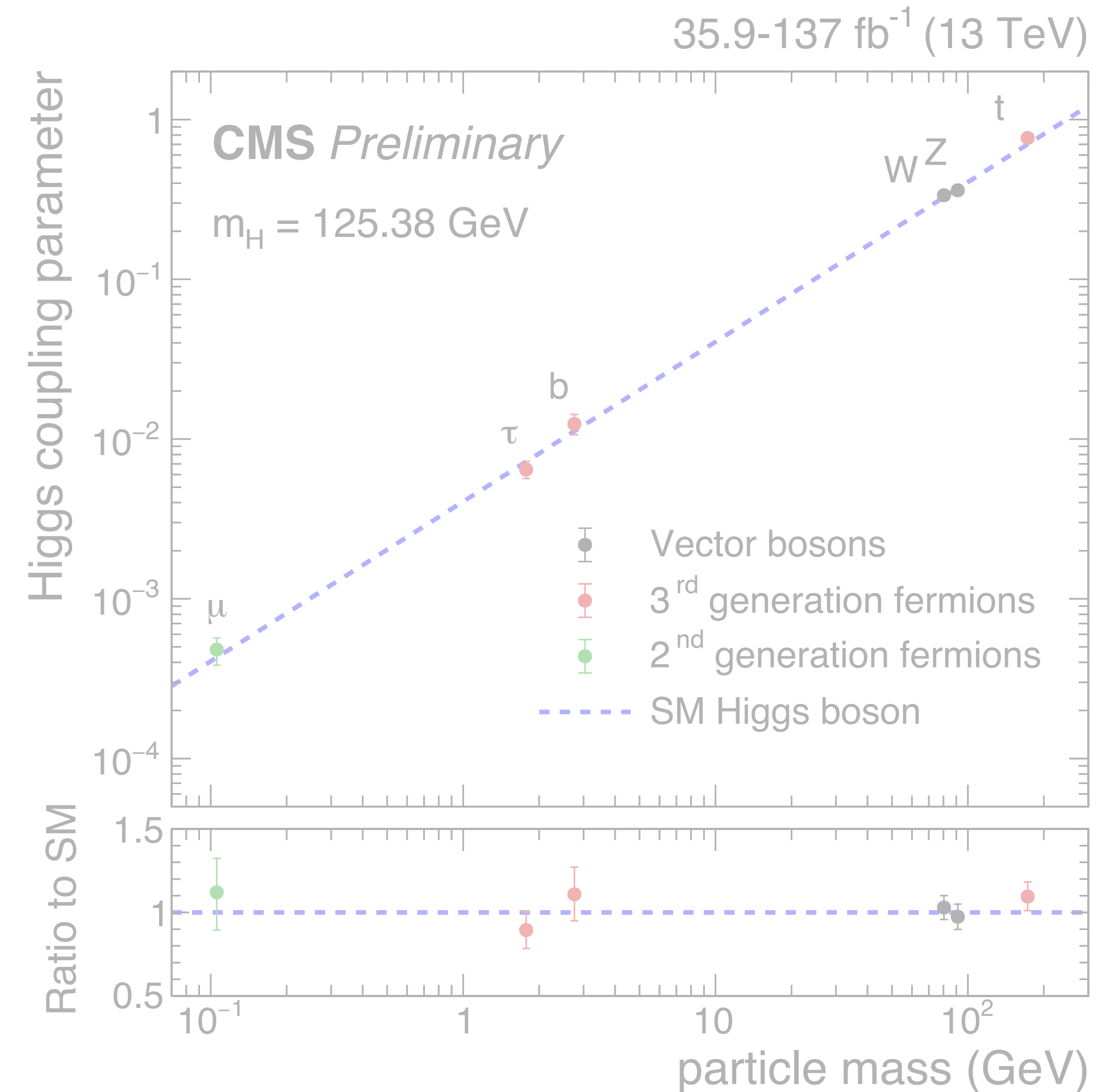
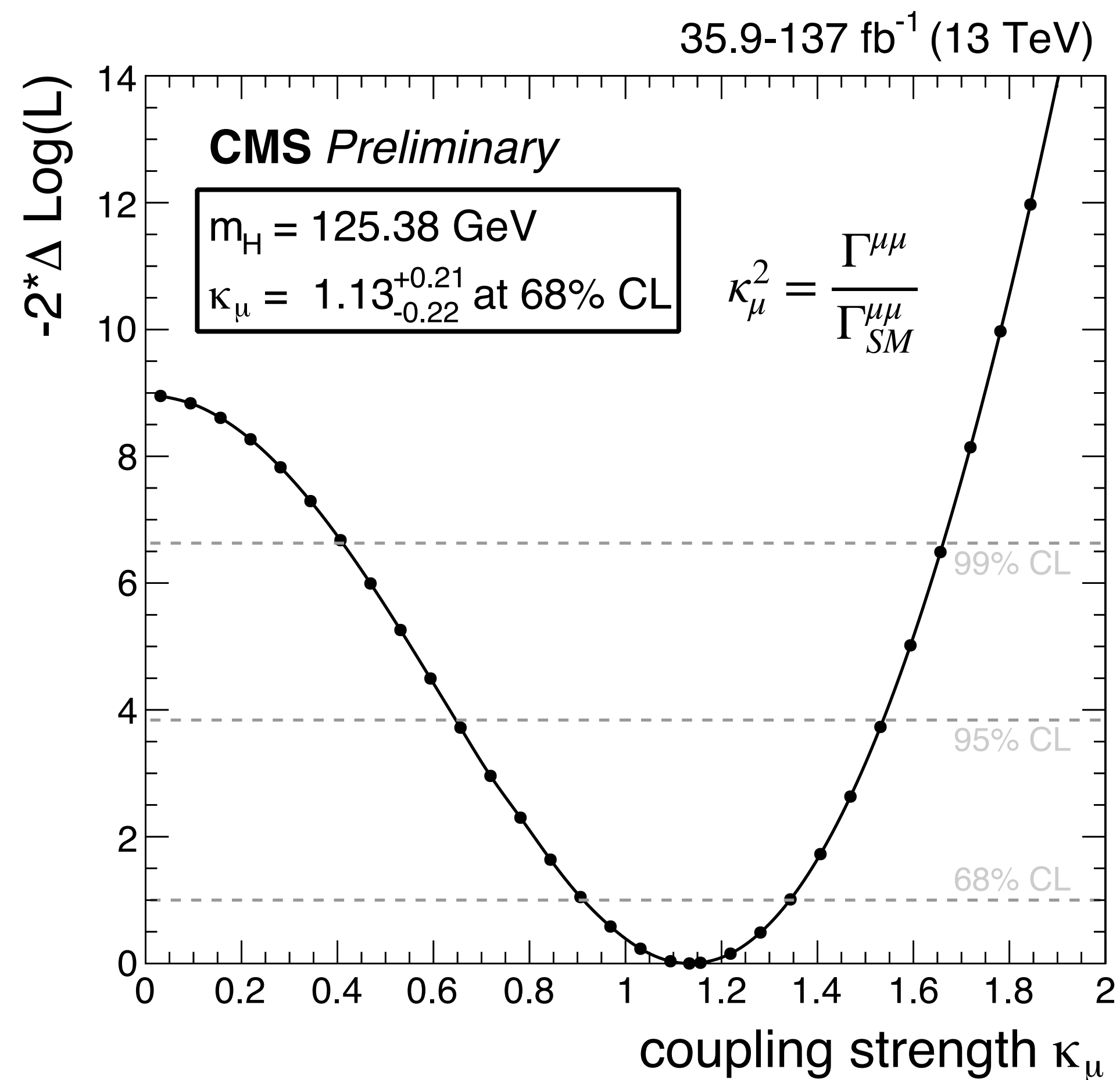
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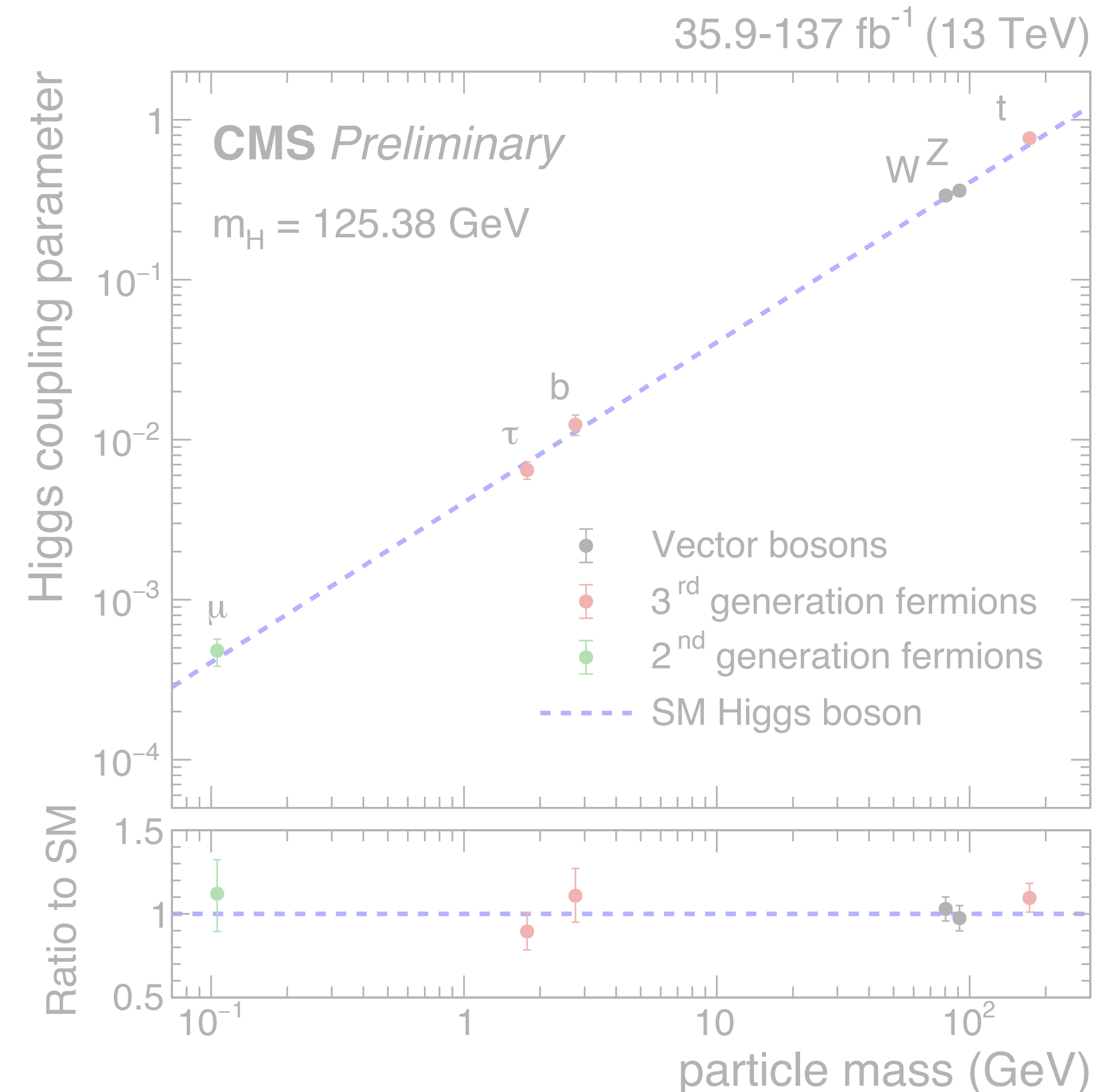
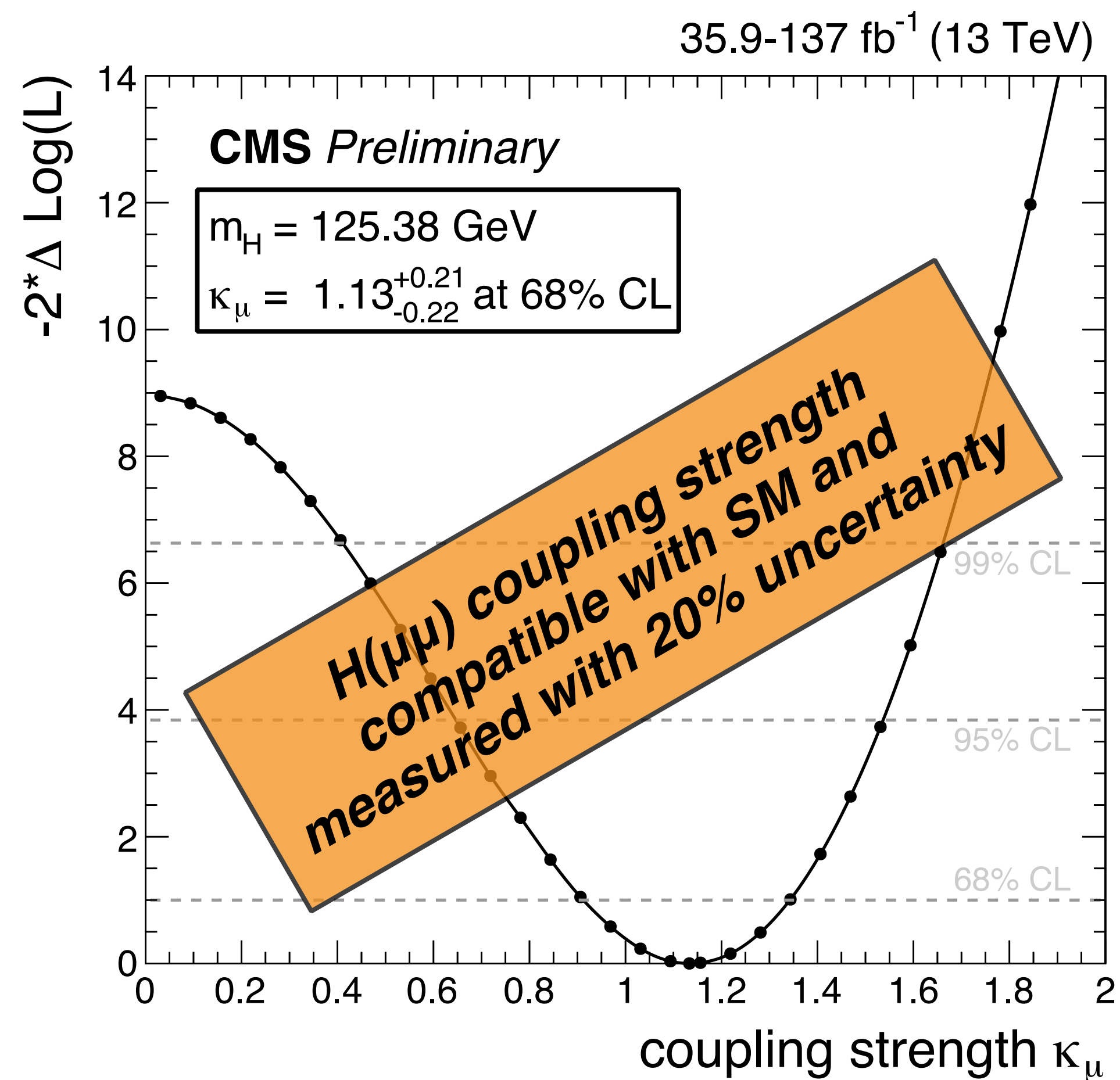
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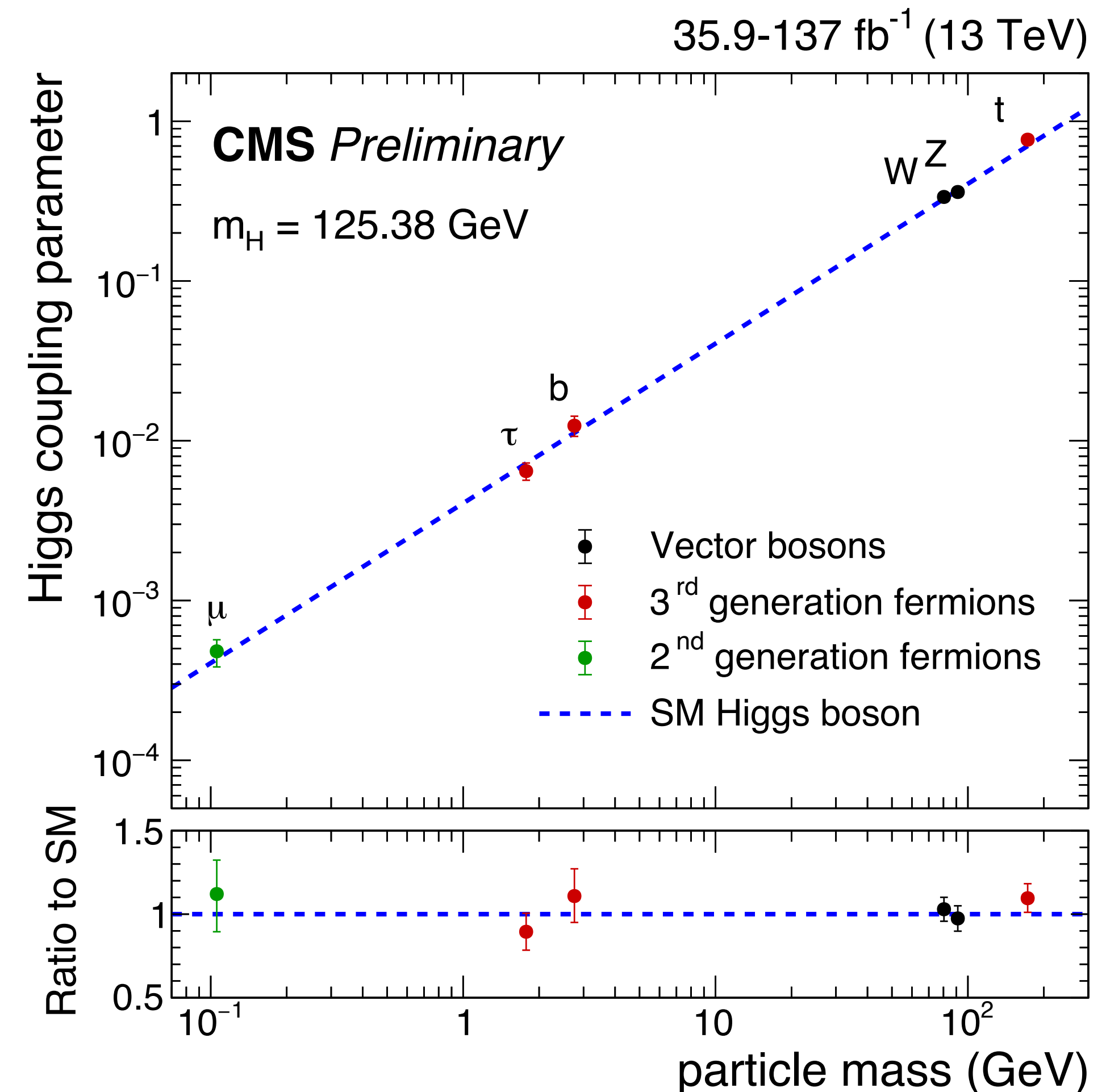
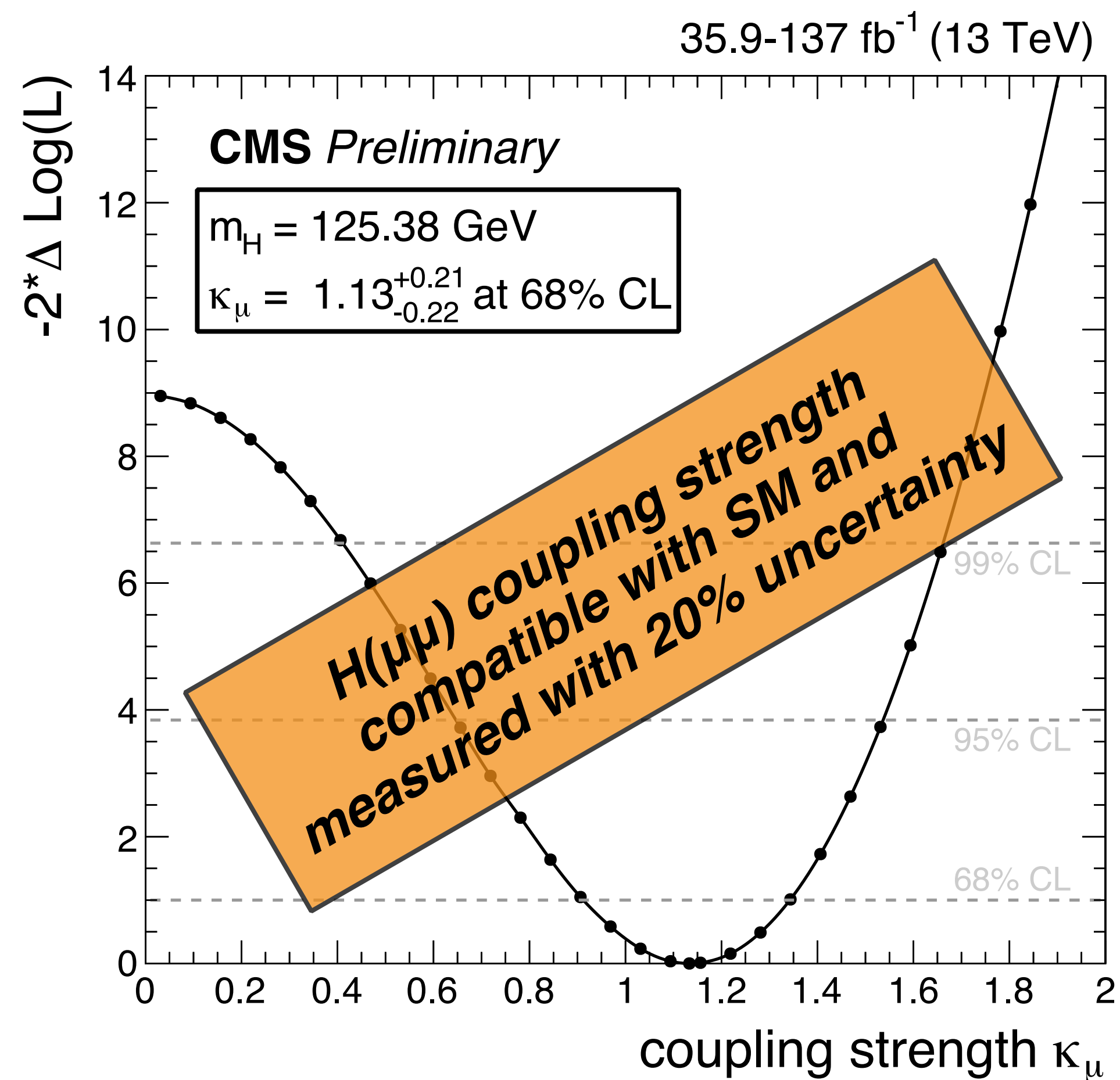
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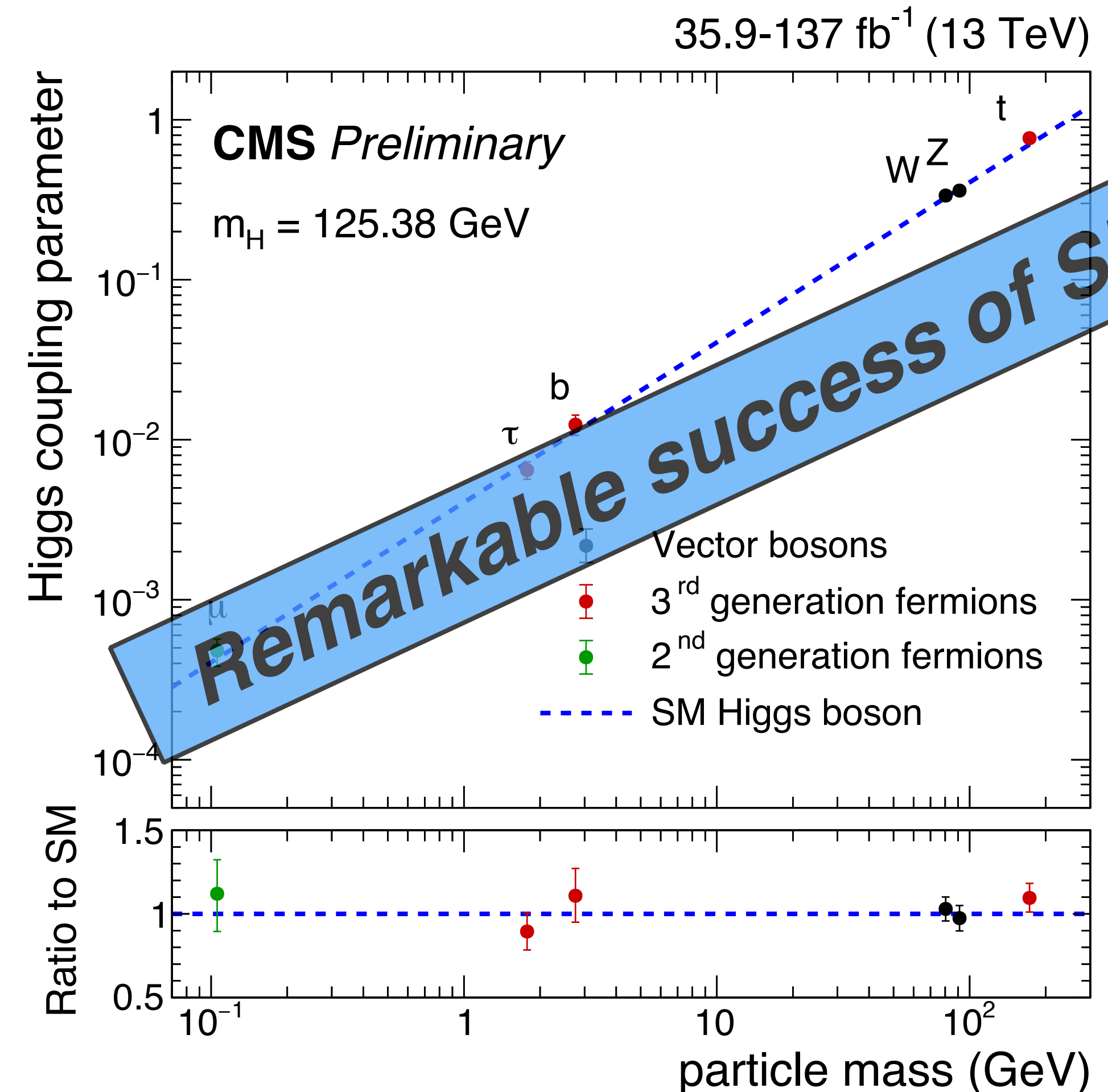
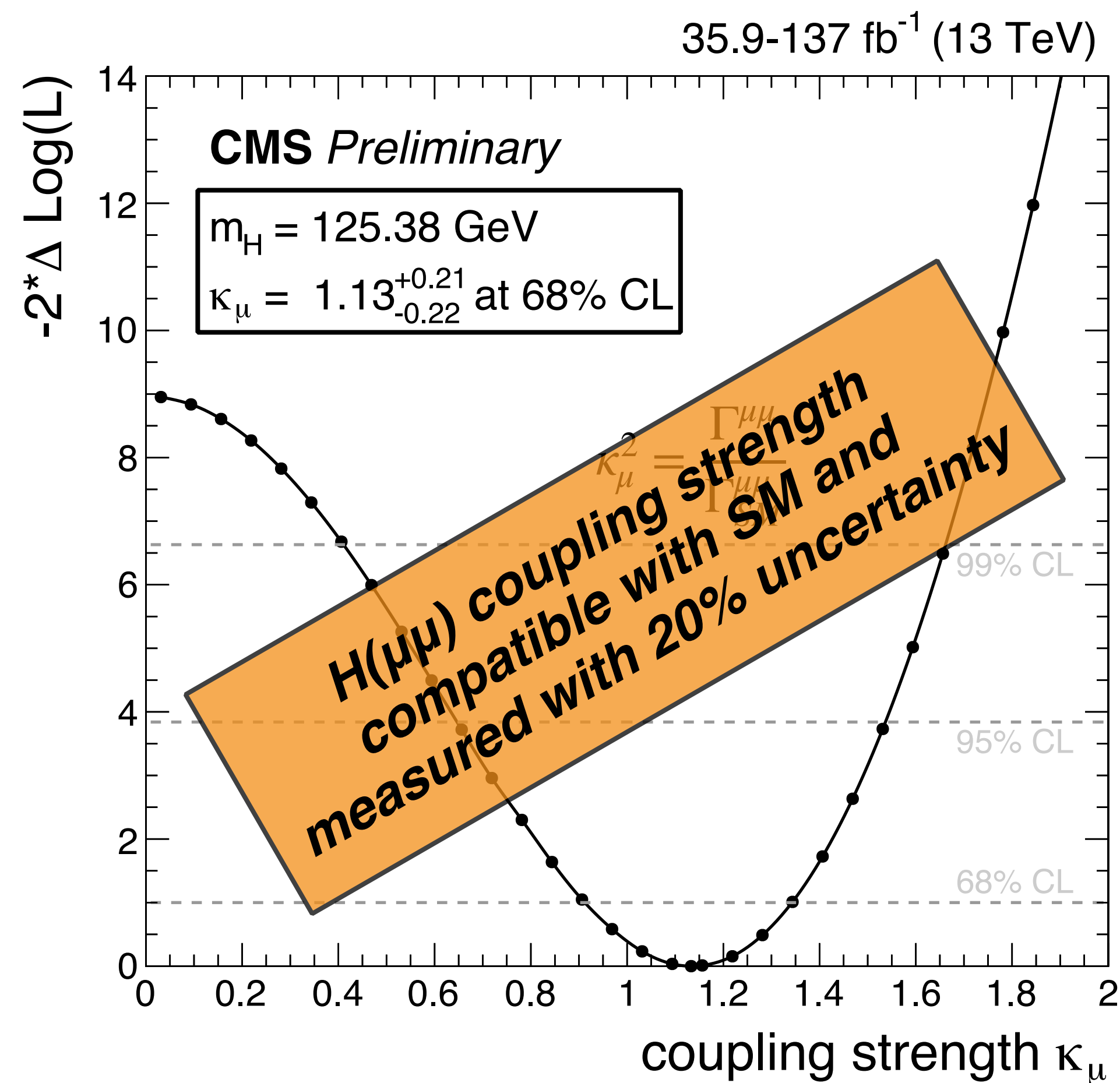
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Material from [*arXiv:1902.00134v2*](#)

Introduction to HL-LHC

- **HL-LHC:** high luminosity LHC Run from 2027 onwards → 3-4 ab⁻¹ of pp collision data @ $L = 5 \times 10^{34}$ /cm² /s
 - In this regime → $\langle \mu \rangle = 200$ concurrent soft pp interaction per bunch-crossing (25ns) (*pileup*)
 - Detector sensors exposed to **very high radiation dose**

- **Physics goals:**

- Precision measurements in *Higgs sector* → *HL-LHC will be an “Higgs factory”*
- Chaise the *Higgs self-coupling measurement* via HH production
- **EW physics:** high precision differential measurements, VBS measurements, more precise m_W and m_t , etc ...
- **Dark Matter:** for m_{DM} bounds from colliders from simplified-models DM stronger than DD or ID experiments
- **Cons:** precision physics in challenging environment, some measurements *limited* by theo. and exp. *systematics*

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- Retain at least the same detector performance shown with Run2 data in the HL-LHC environment

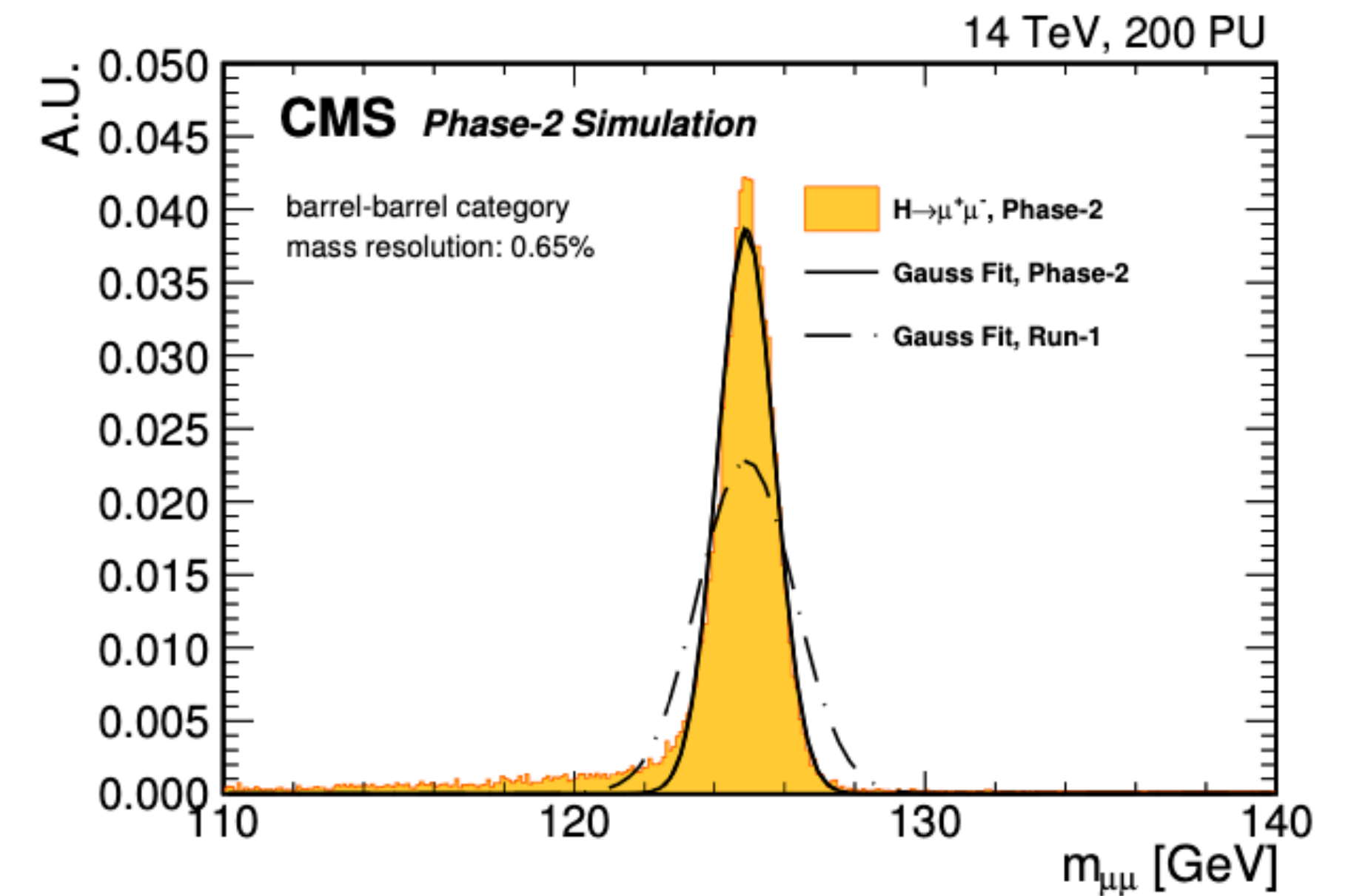
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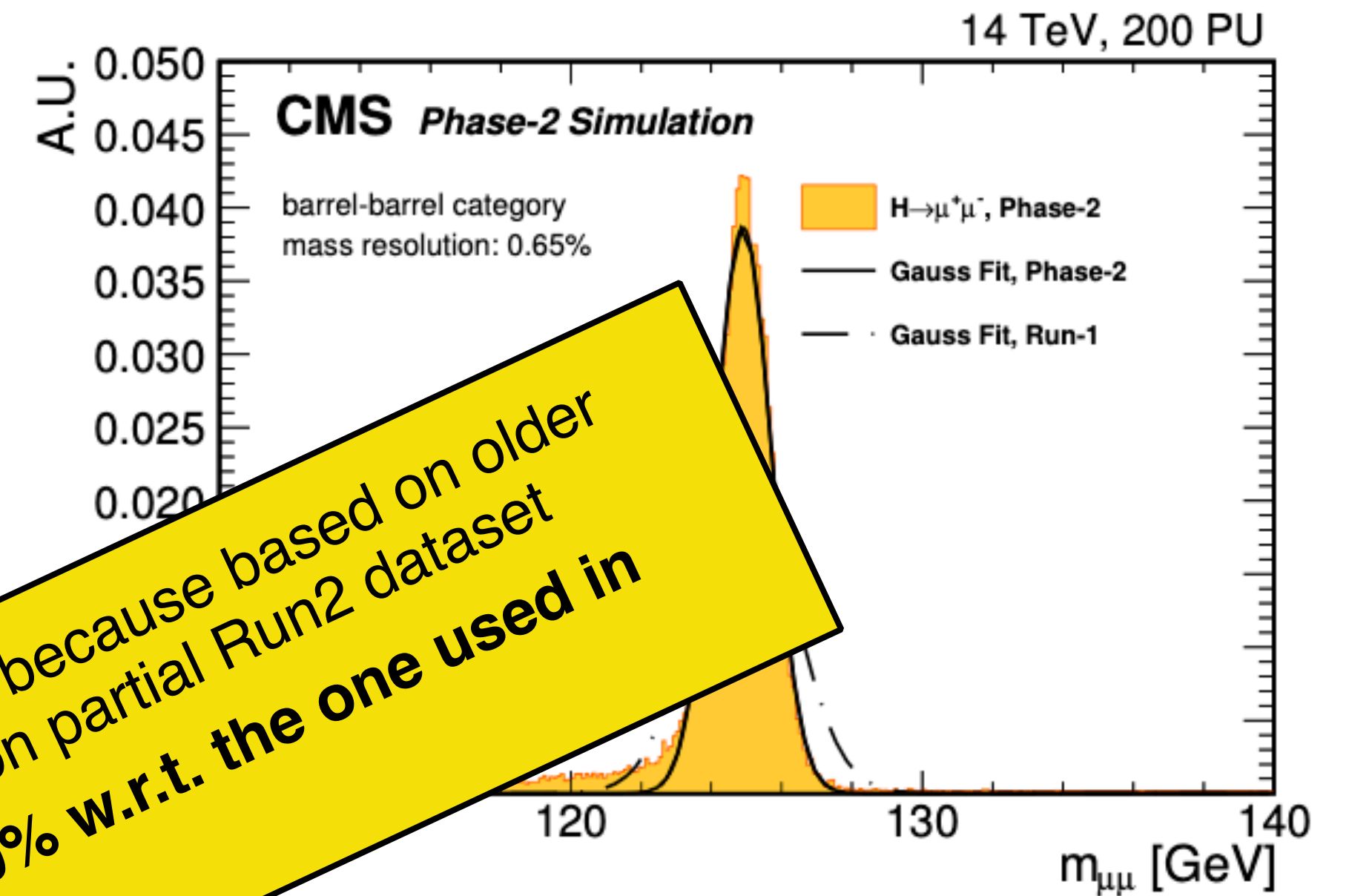
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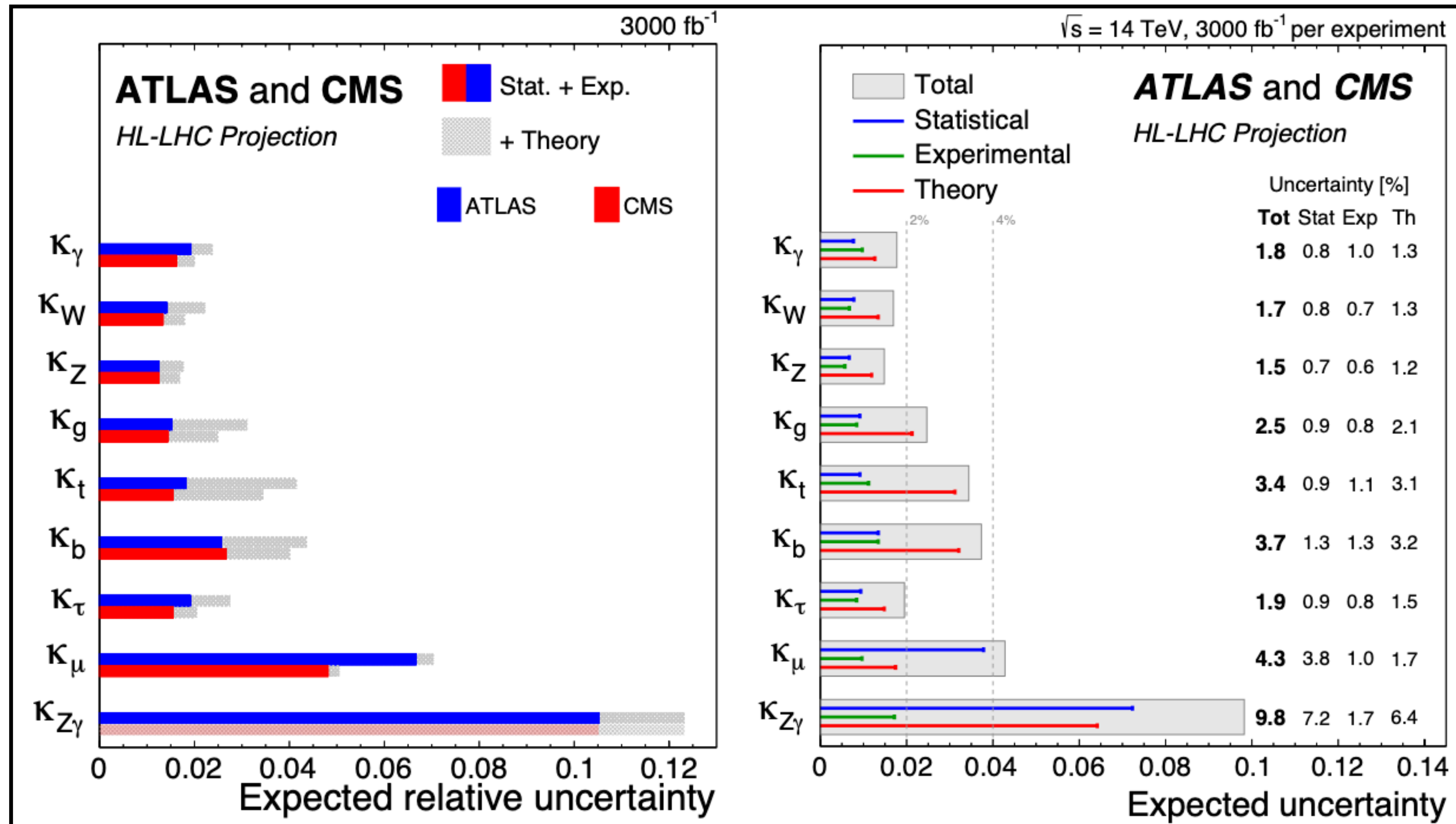
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- Combination of ATLAS and CMS performed via the BLUE method considering correlation between fit parameters

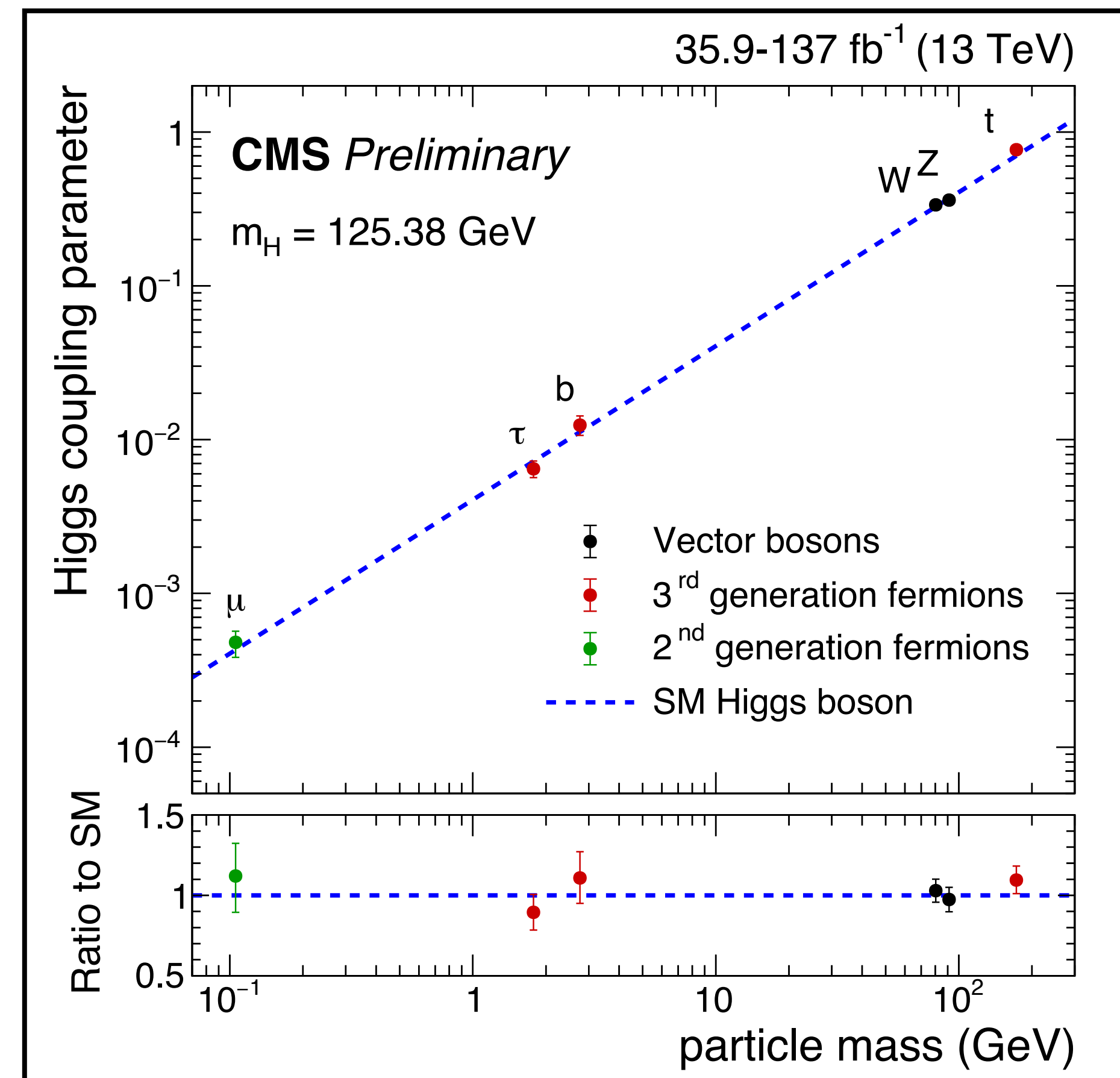


- Predictions obtained assuming **50% smaller** experimental and theoretical **systematic uncertainties**
- **Higgs couplings** obtained in the unresolved k-framework assuming **no-BSM** and **undetermined width** of the Higgs
- All couplings are measured with a **4% precision** including $H(\mu\mu)$
- k_c not included in these studies

H($\mu\mu$) results are old** and so **pessimistic** by a non-negligible amount ... **we may reach the same level of k_b and k_t

Conclusions

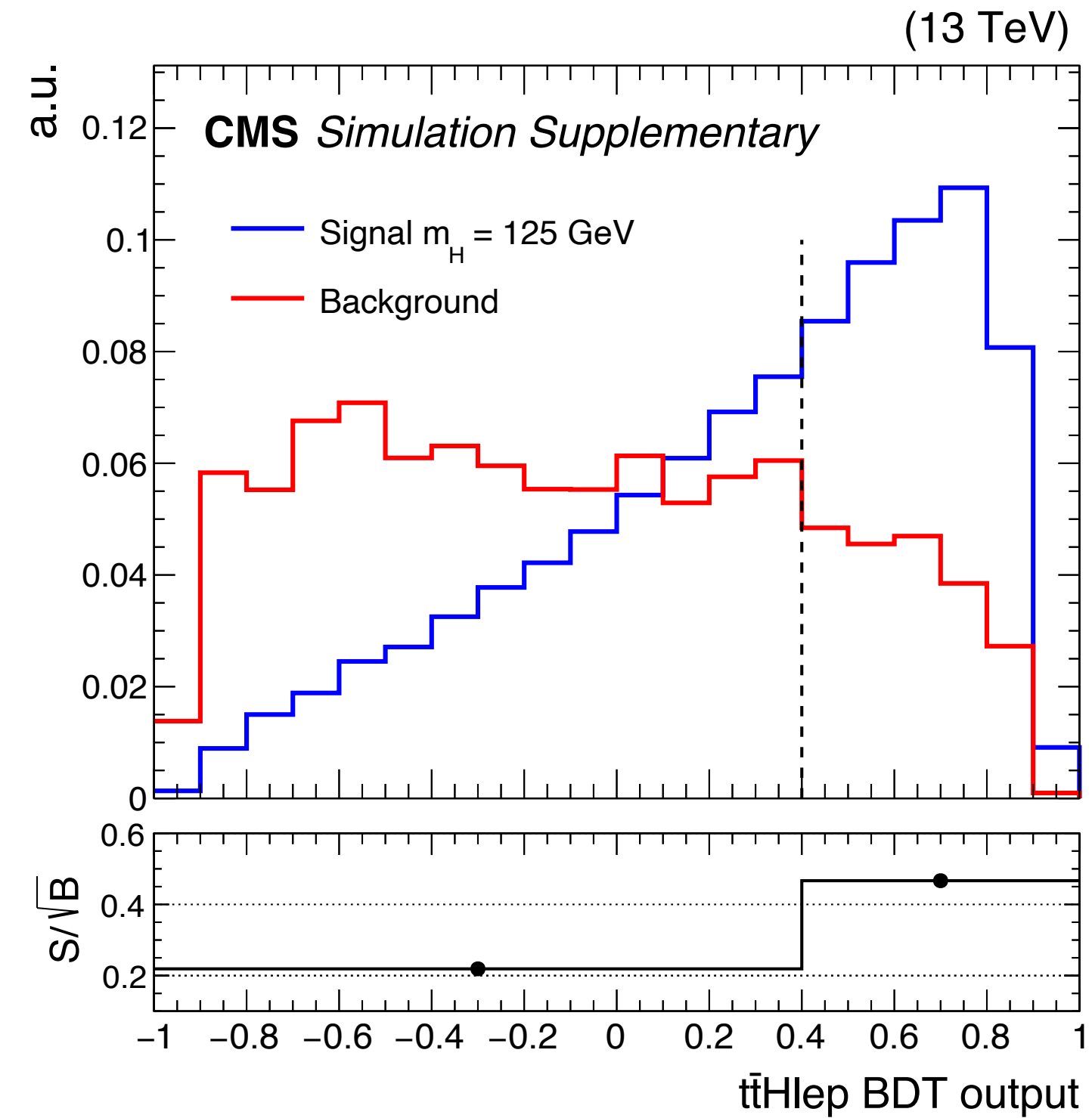
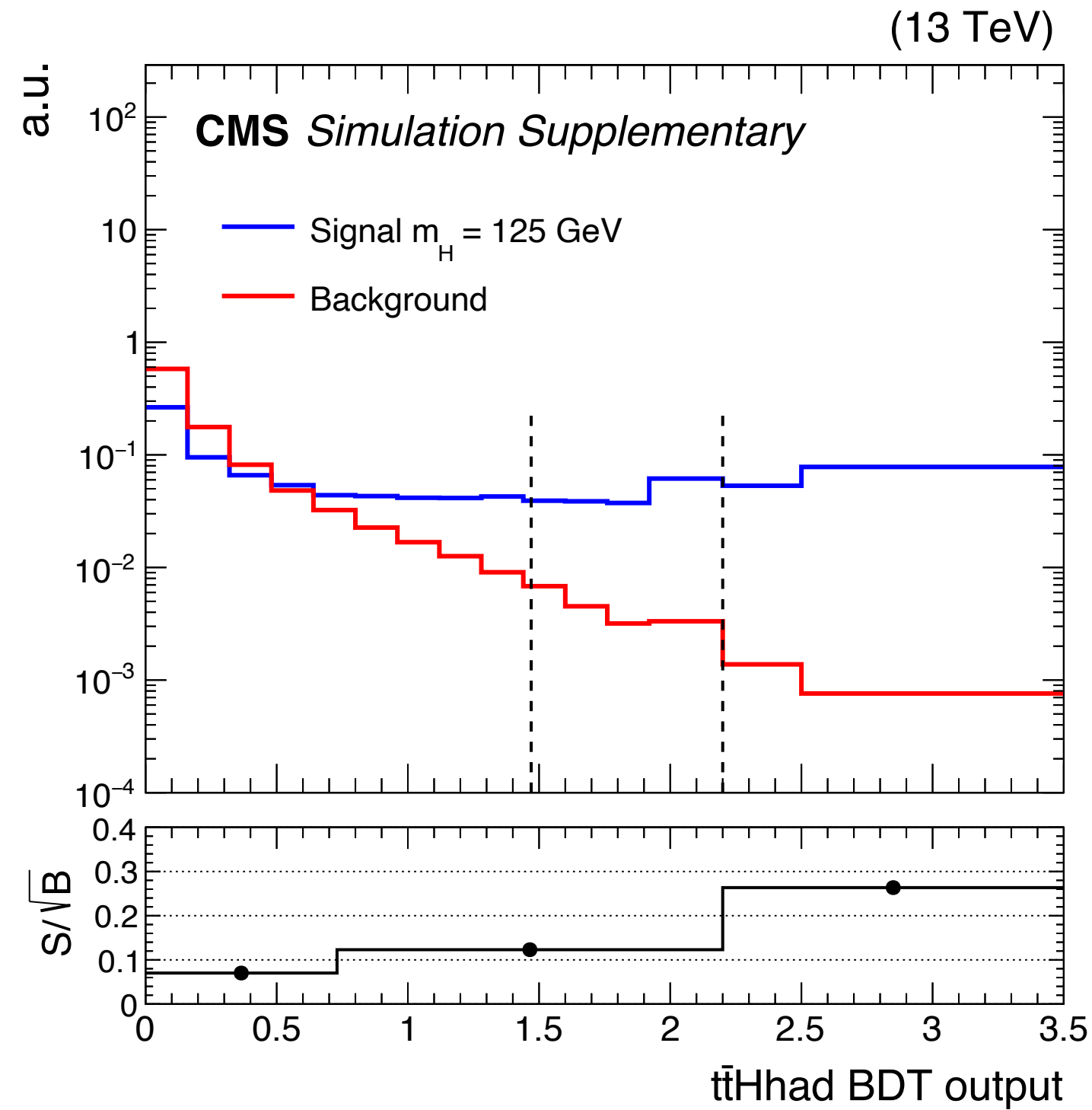
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Backup slides

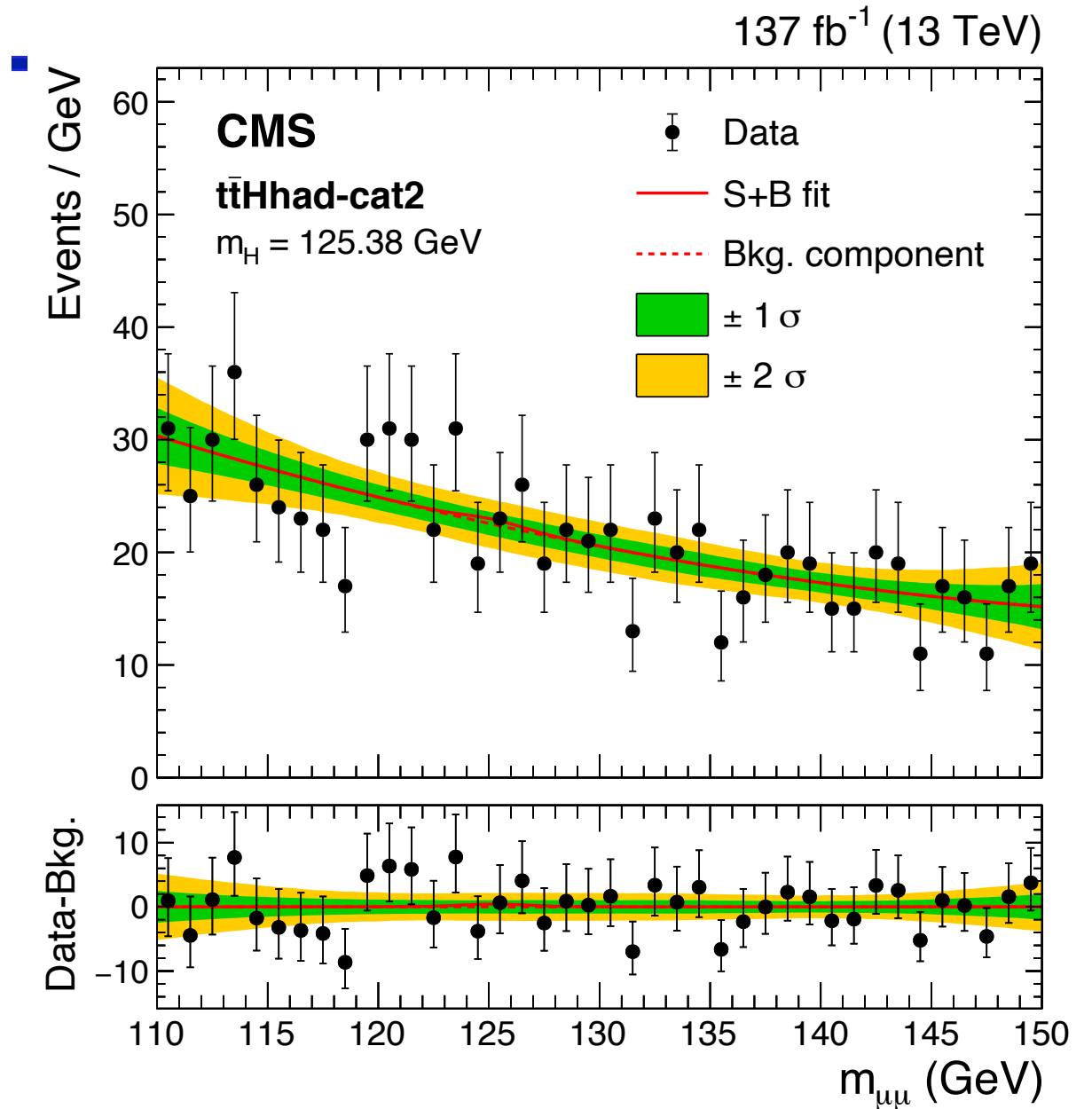
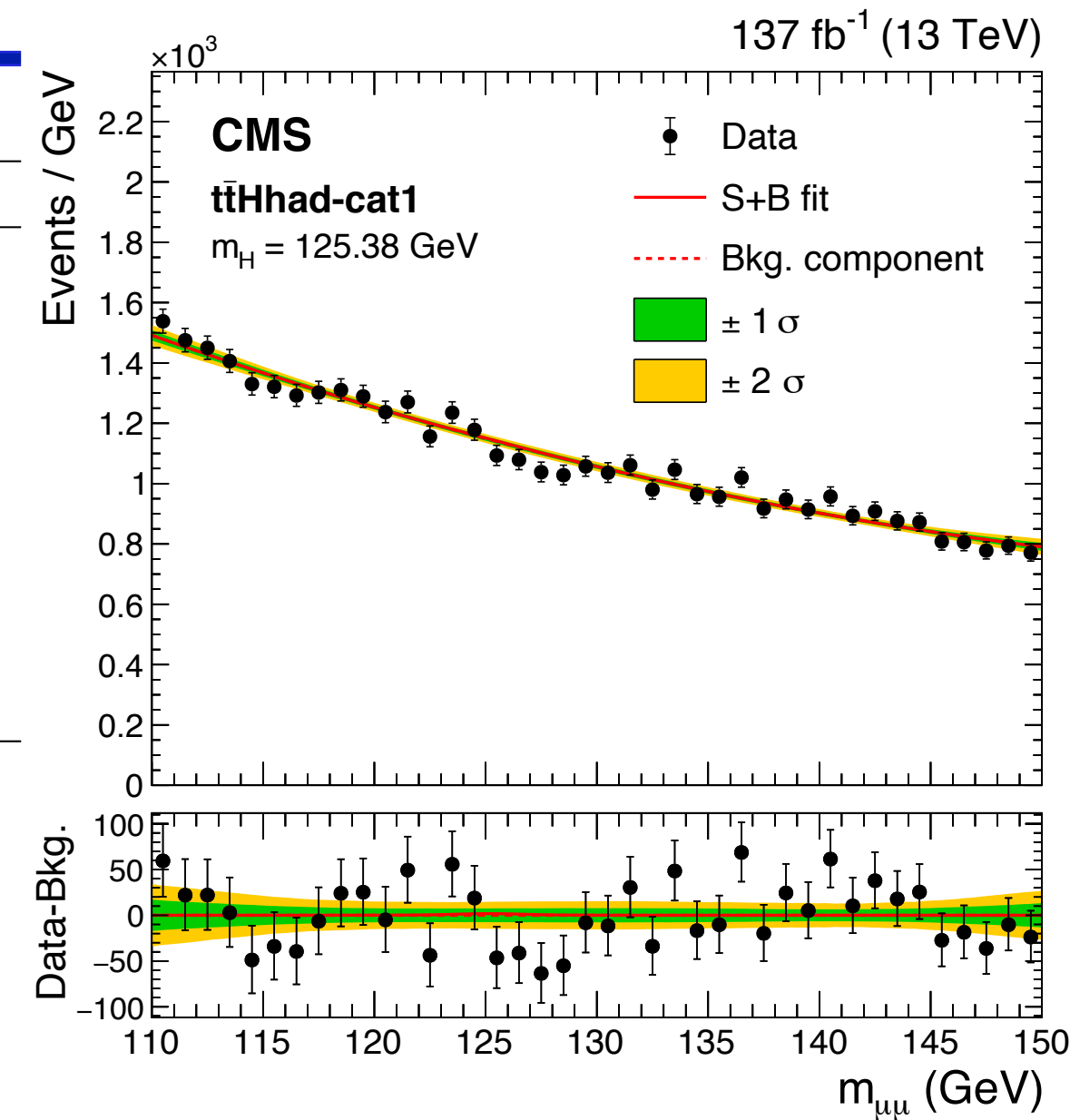
ttH analysis



Event category	Total signal	ttH (%)	ggH (%)	VH (%)	Other (%)	HWHM (GeV)	Bkg. fit function	Bkg. @HWHM	Data @HWHM	S/(S+B) (%) @HWHM	S/√B @HWHM
ttHhad-cat1	6.87	32.3	40.3	17.2	10.2	1.85	Bern(2)	4298	4251	1.07	0.07
ttHhad-cat2	1.62	84.3	3.8	5.6	6.2	1.81	Bern(2)	82.0	89	1.32	0.12
ttHhad-cat3	1.33	94.0	0.3	1.3	4.4	1.80	S-Exp	12.3	12	6.87	0.26
ttHlep-cat1	1.06	85.8	—	4.7	9.5	1.92	Exp	9.00	13	7.09	0.22
ttHlep-cat2	0.99	94.7	—	1.0	4.3	1.75	Exp	2.08	4	24.5	0.47

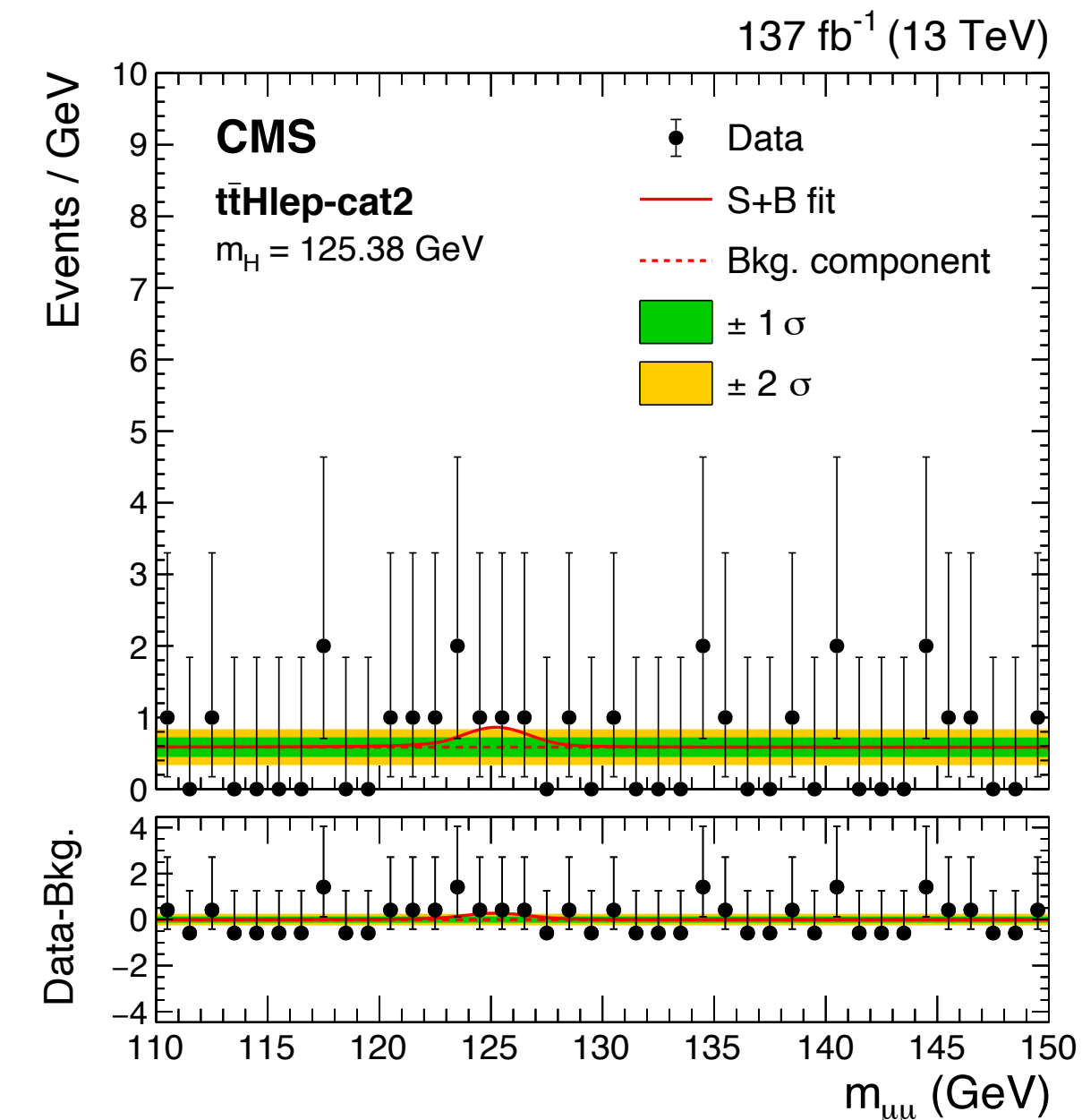
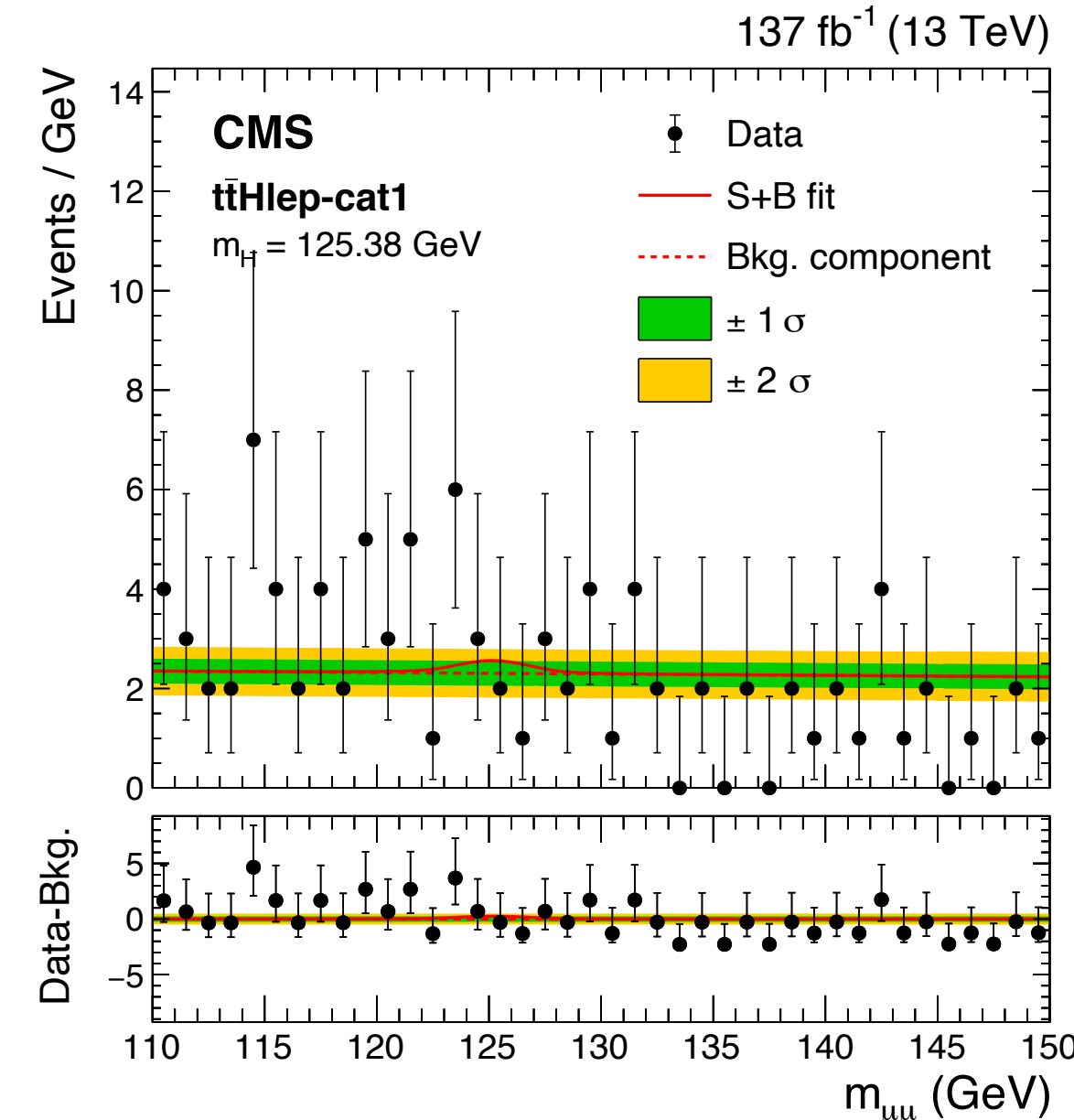
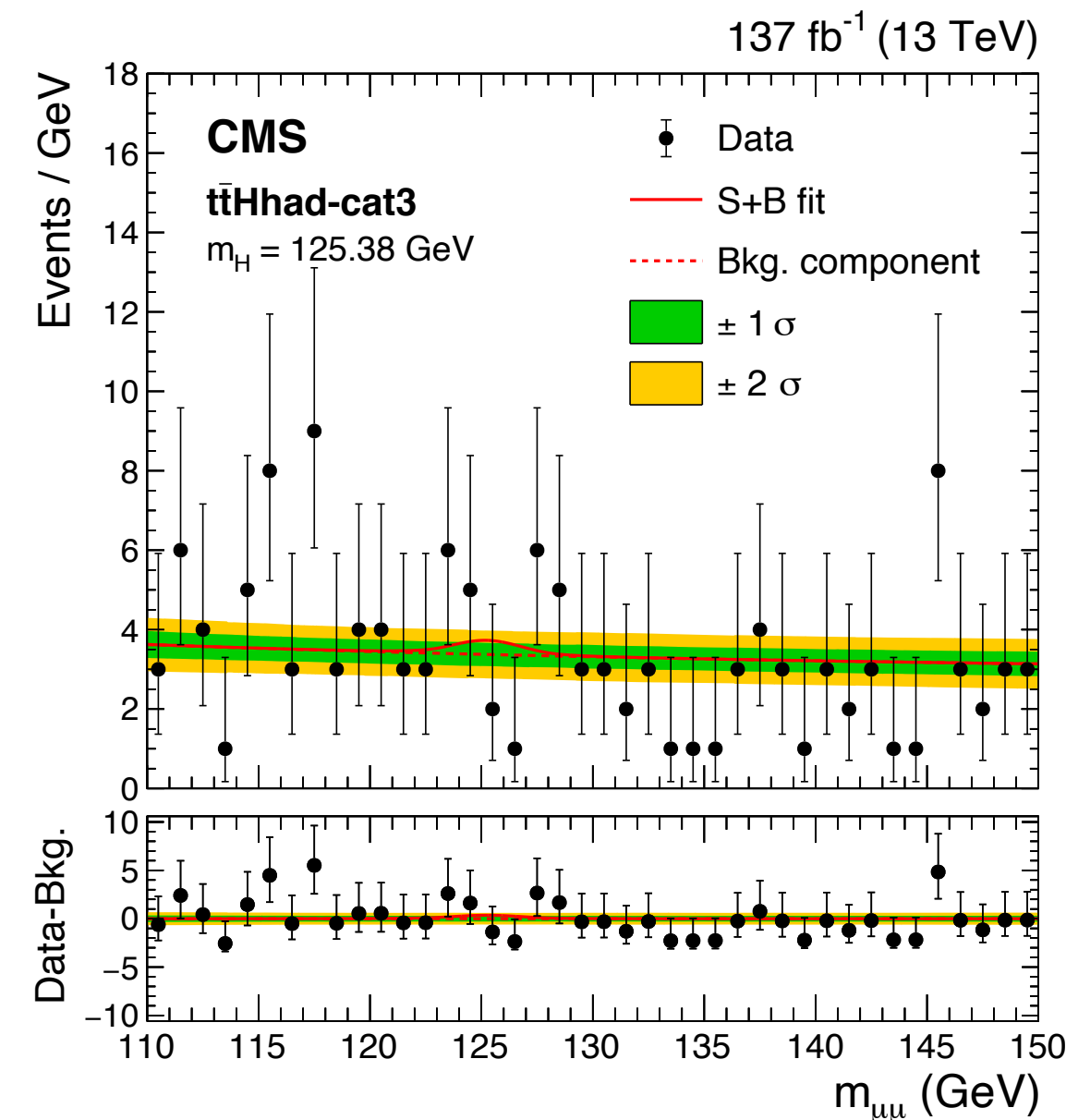
ttH mass distributions

Observable	ttH hadronic	ttH leptonic
Number of b quark jets	>0 medium or >1 loose b-tagged jets	=3 or 4
Number of leptons ($N(\ell = \mu, e)$)	=2	=3 or 4
Lepton charge ($q(\ell)$)	$\sum q(\ell) = 0$	$N(\ell) = 3 (4) \rightarrow \sum q(\ell) = \pm 1 (0)$
Jet multiplicity ($p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}, \eta < 4.7$)	≥ 3	≥ 2
Leading jet p_T	>50 GeV	>35 GeV
Z boson veto	—	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z > 10 \text{ GeV}$
Low-mass resonance veto	—	$m_{\ell\ell} > 12 \text{ GeV}$
Jet triplet mass	$100 < m_{jjj} < 300 \text{ GeV}$	—

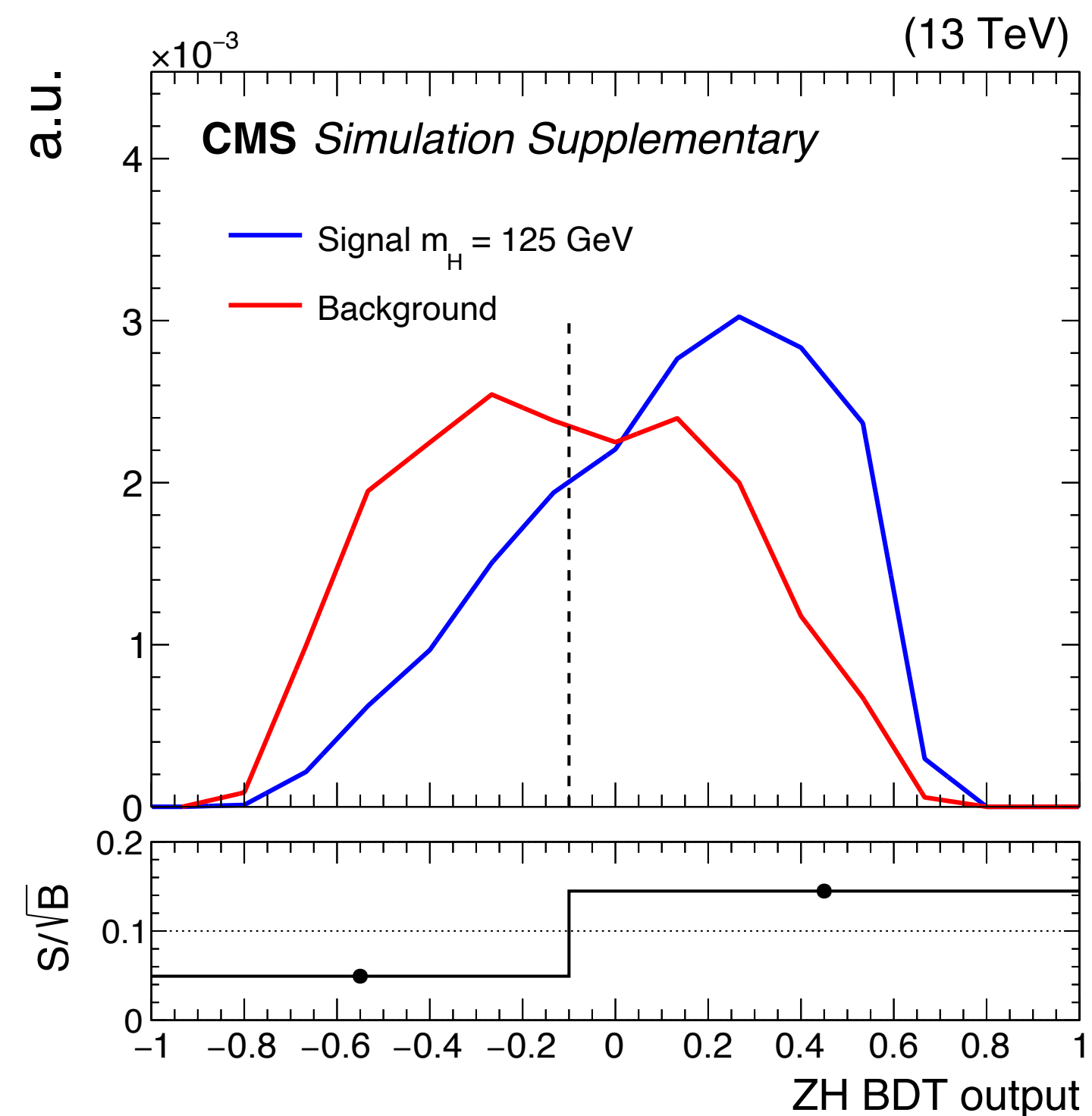
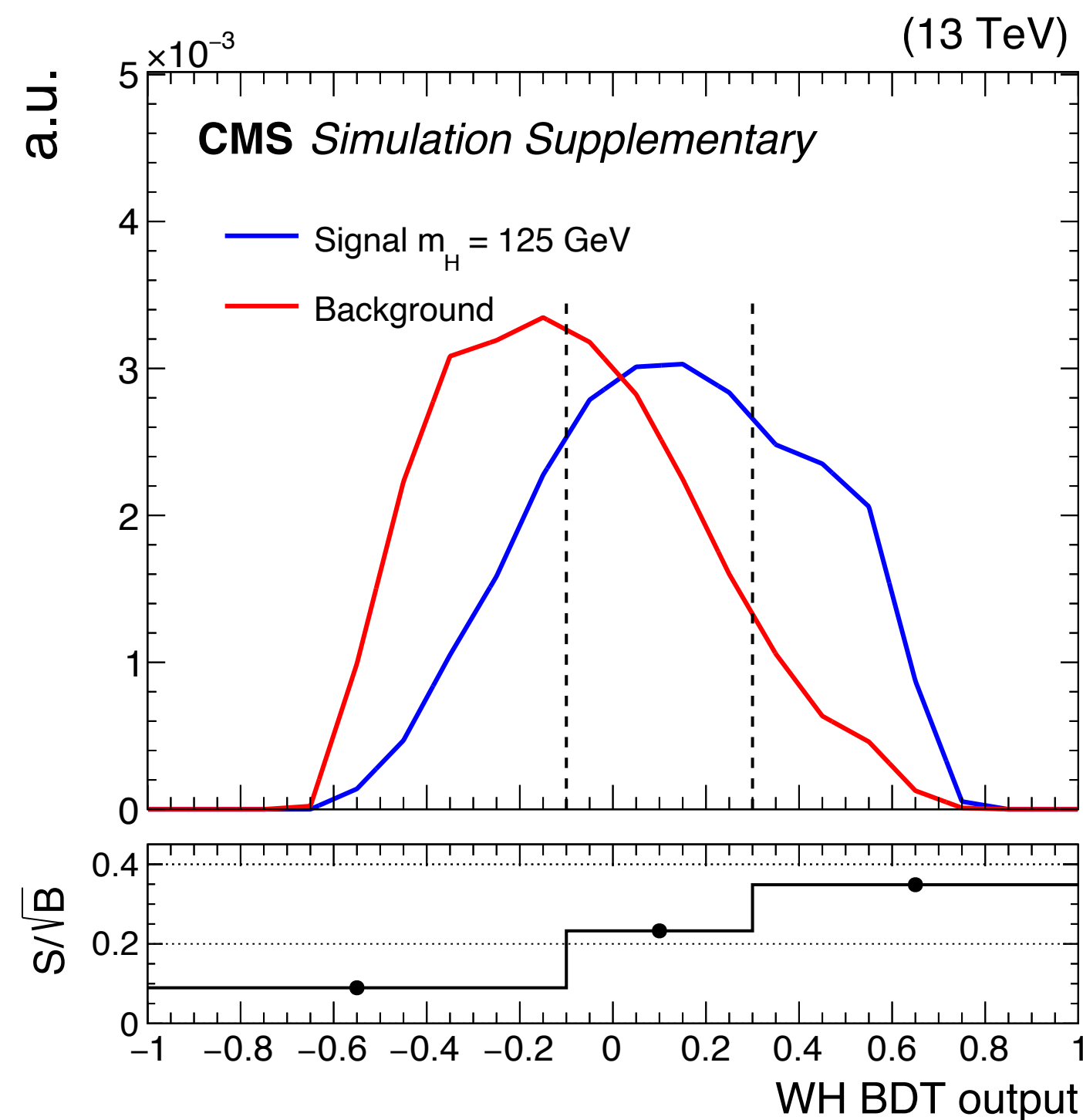


Background model

- ttH-had cat1 and cat2: 2nd order Bernstein polynomial
- ttH-had cat3 sum of two expo
- ttH-leptonic with simple exponential



VH analysis



Event category	Total signal	WH (%)	qqZH (%)	ggZH (%)	$t\bar{t}H+tH$ (%)	HWHM (GeV)	Bkg. fit function	Bkg. @HWHM	Data @HWHM	S/(S+B) (%) @HWHM	S/ \sqrt{B} @HWHM
WH-cat1	0.82	76.2	9.6	1.6	12.6	2.00	BWZ γ	32.0	34	1.54	0.09
WH-cat2	1.72	80.1	9.1	1.5	9.3	1.80	BWZ	23.1	27	4.50	0.23
WH-cat3	1.14	85.7	6.7	1.8	4.8	1.90	BWZ	5.48	4	12.6	0.35
ZH-cat1	0.11	—	82.8	17.2	—	2.07	BWZ	2.05	4	3.29	0.05
ZH-cat2	0.31	—	79.6	20.4	—	1.80	BWZ	2.19	4	8.98	0.14

VH mass distributions

Observable	WH leptonic		ZH leptonic	
	$\mu\mu\mu$	$\mu\mu e$	4μ	$2\mu 2e$
Number of loose (medium) b-tagged jets	≤ 1 (0)	≤ 1 (0)	≤ 1 (0)	≤ 1 (0)
Number of selected muons	=3	=2	=4	=2
Number of selected electrons	=0	=1	=0	=2
Lepton charge ($q(\ell)$)	$\sum q(\ell) = \pm 1$		$\sum q(\ell) = 0$	
Low-mass resonance veto	$m_{\ell\ell} > 12 \text{ GeV}$			
$N(\mu^+\mu^-)$ pairs with $110 < m_{\mu\mu} < 150 \text{ GeV}$	≥ 1	=1	≥ 1	=1
$N(\mu^+\mu^-)$ pairs with $ m_{\mu\mu} - m_Z < 10 \text{ GeV}$	=0	=0	=1	=0
$N(e^+e^-)$ pairs with $ m_{ee} - m_Z < 20 \text{ GeV}$	=0	=0	=1	=1

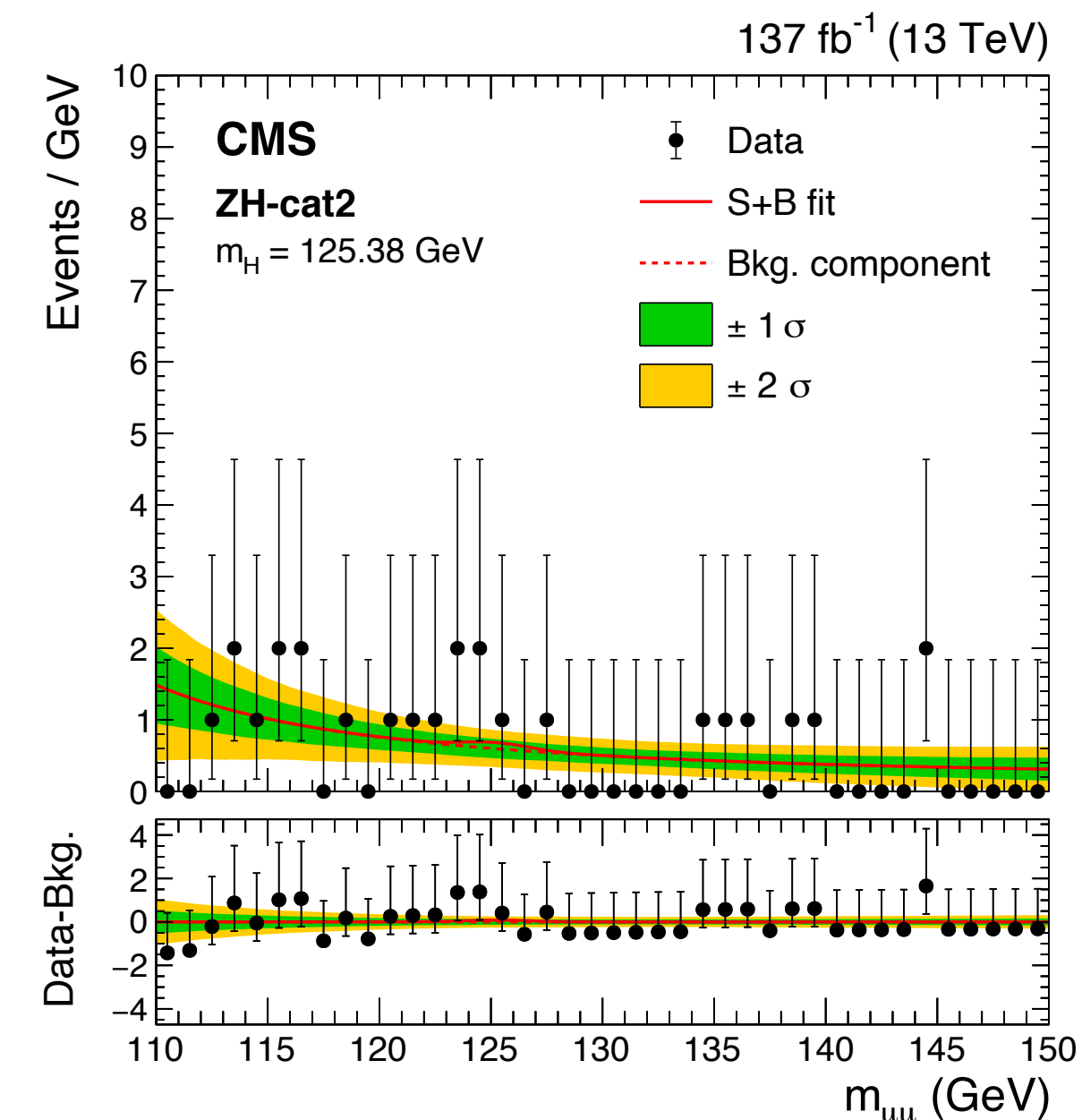
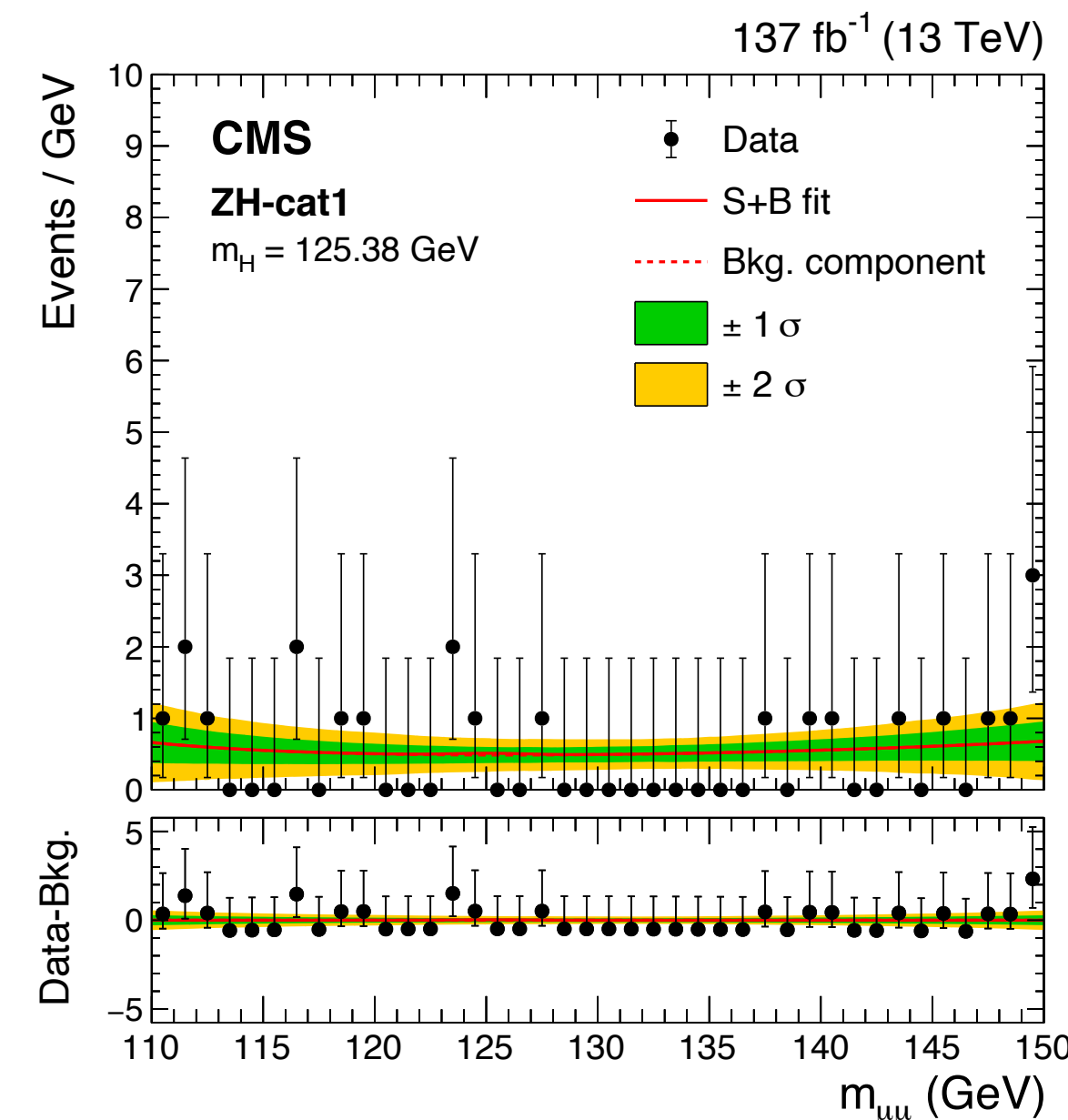
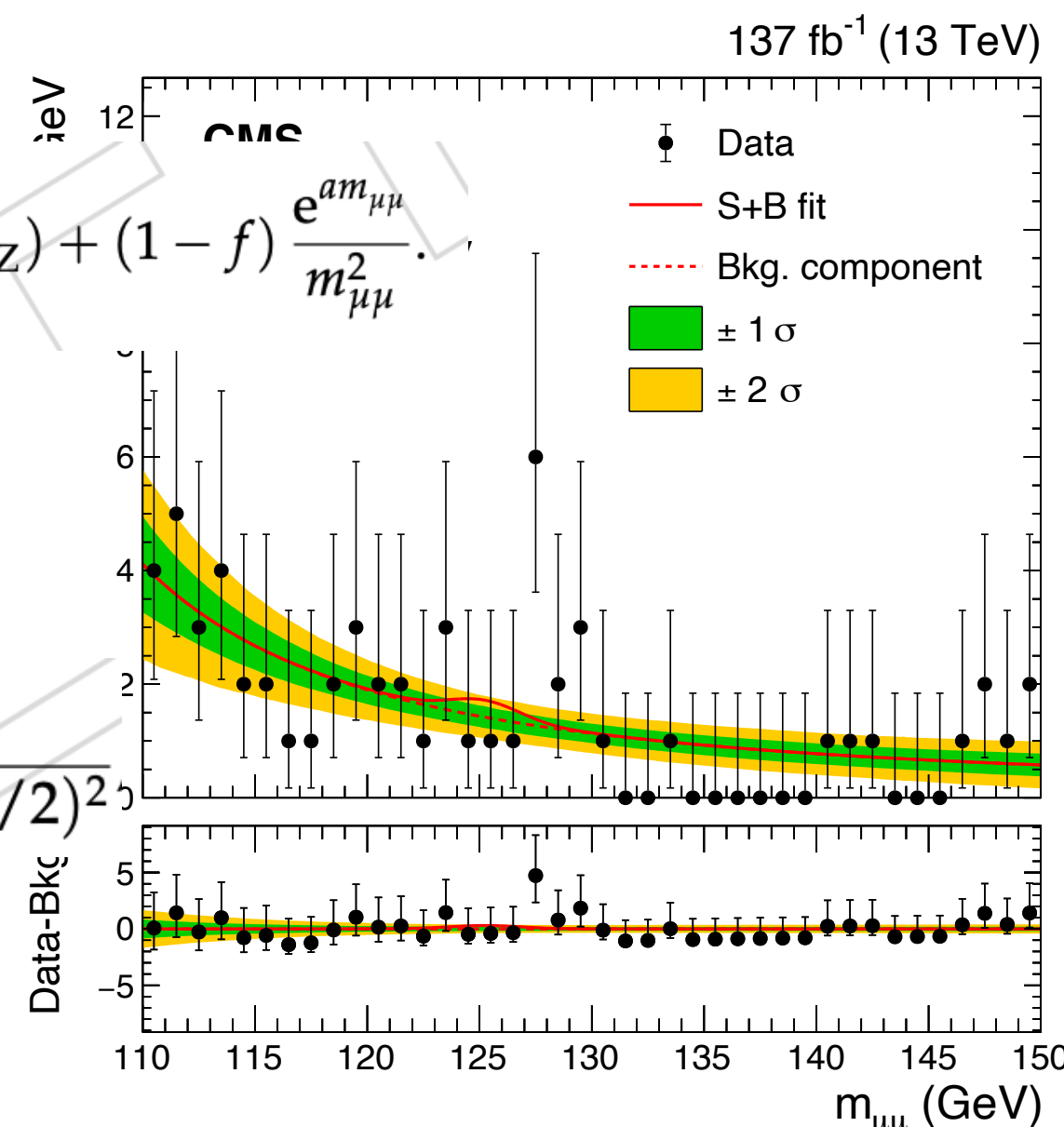
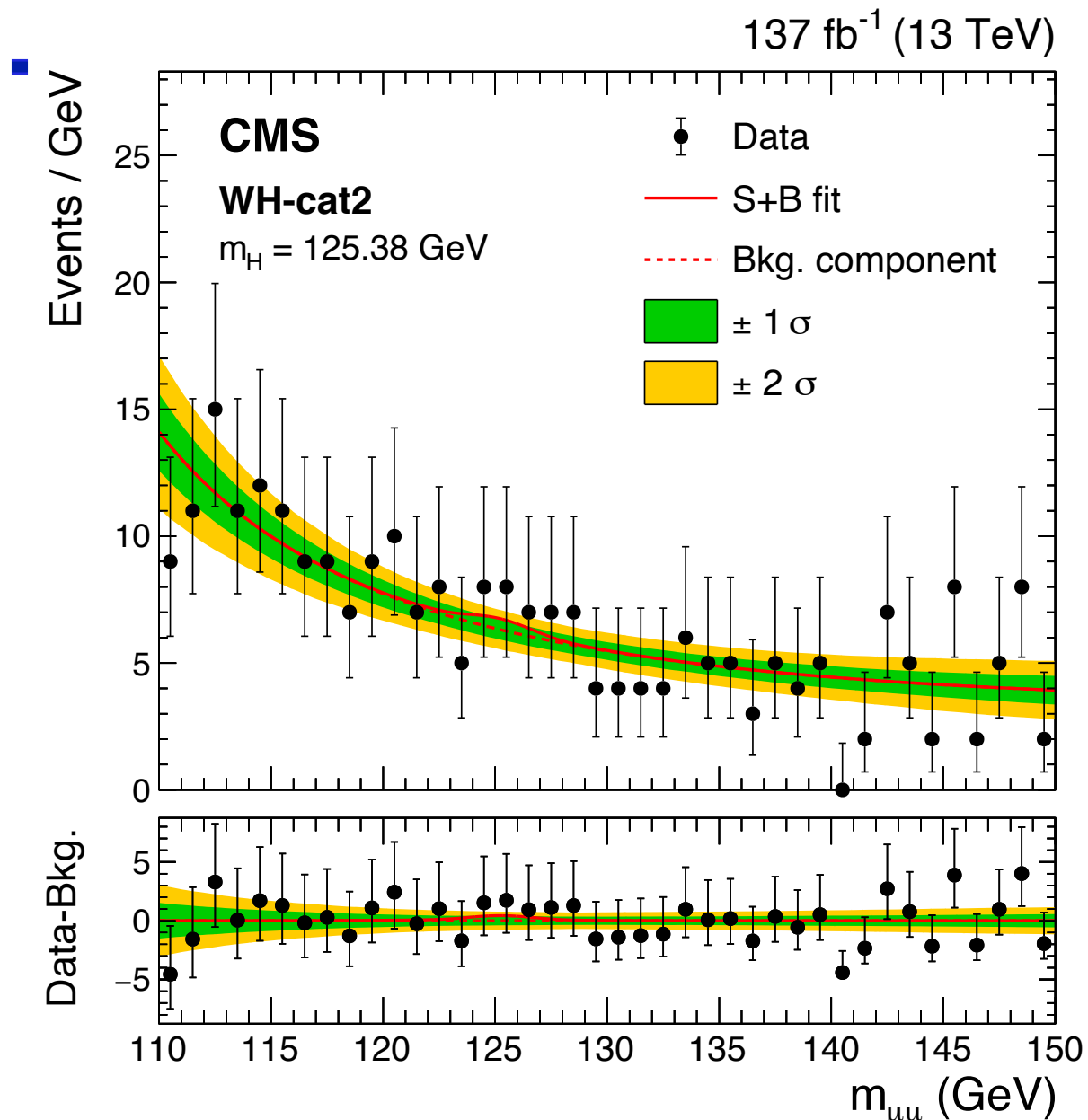
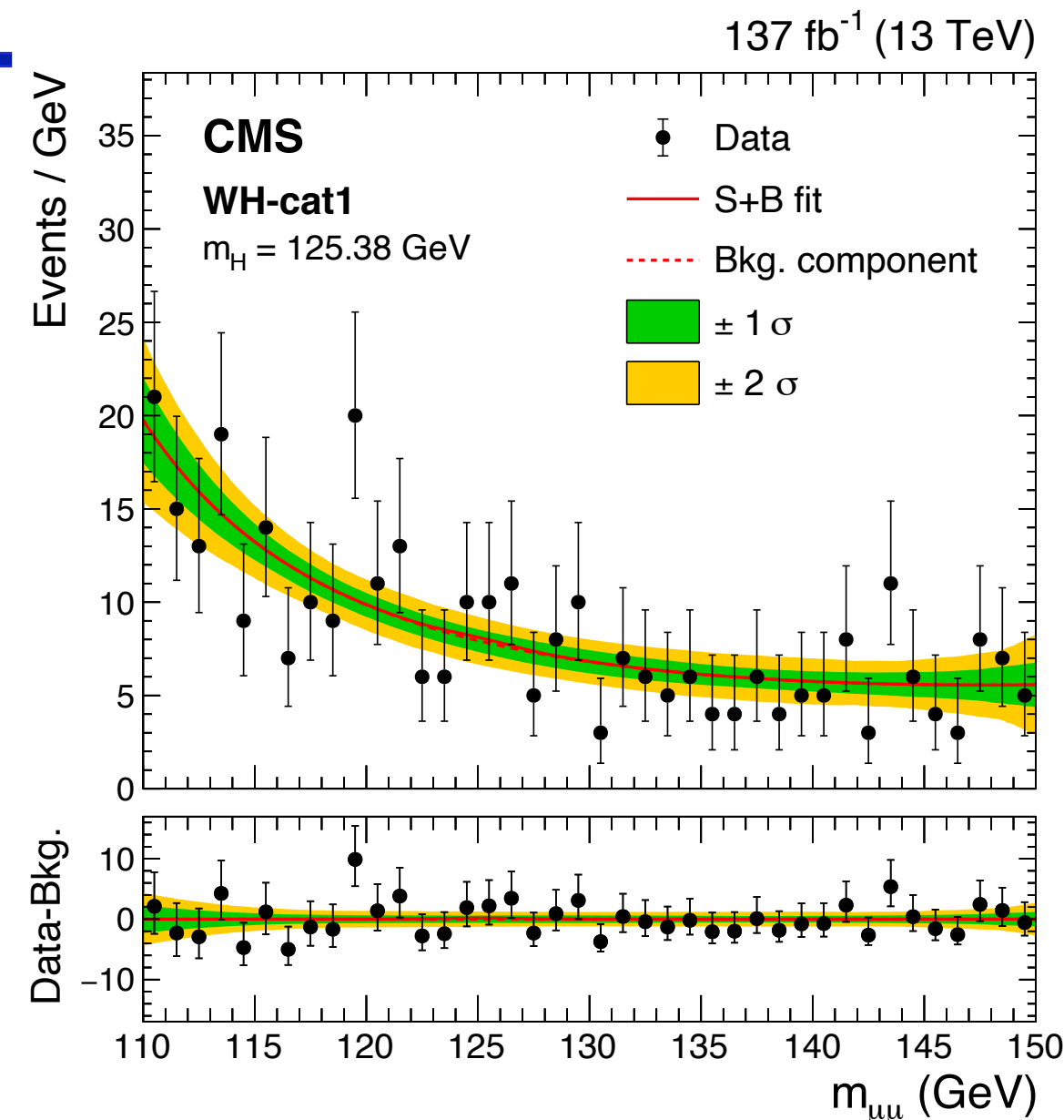
Background model

- BWZ γ in WH-cat1

$$\text{BWZ}\gamma(m_{\mu\mu}; a, f, m_Z, \Gamma_Z) = f \text{BWZ}(m_{\mu\mu}; a, m_Z, \Gamma_Z) + (1-f) \frac{e^{am_{\mu\mu}}}{m_{\mu\mu}^2}$$

- BWZ in WH-cat2, WH-cat3 and ZH categories

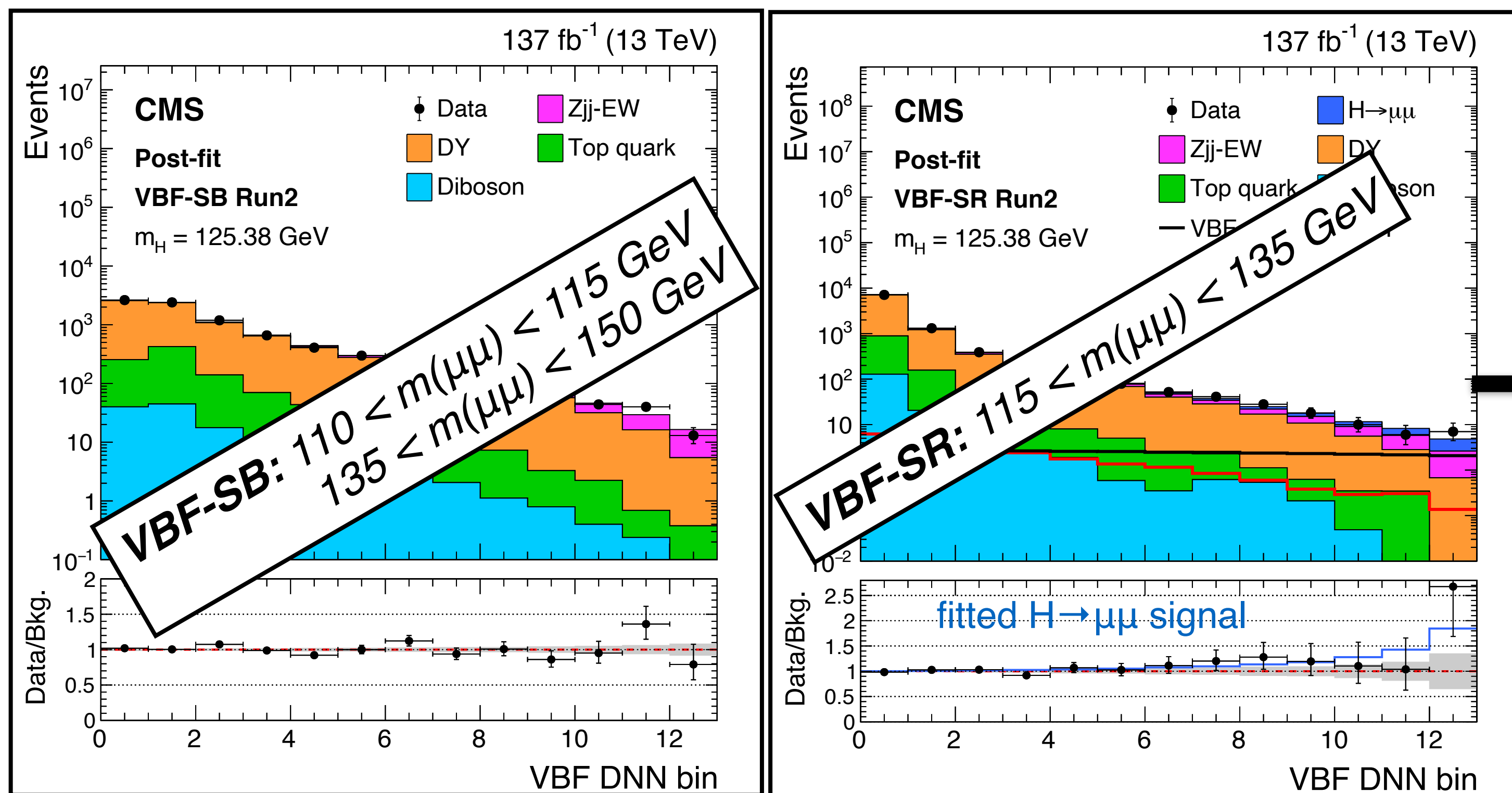
$$\text{BWZ}(m_{\mu\mu}; a, m_Z, \Gamma_Z) = \frac{\Gamma_Z e^{am_{\mu\mu}}}{(m_{\mu\mu} - m_Z)^2 + (\Gamma_Z/2)^2}$$



VBF-H($\mu\mu$): systematic uncertainties

- In the *DNN high-score region* → *statistical uncertainty* in the most sensitive bins ranges in **40-70%**
- *Systematic uncertainties* on the *background prediction* are, in these regions, **\ll statistical uncertainty**

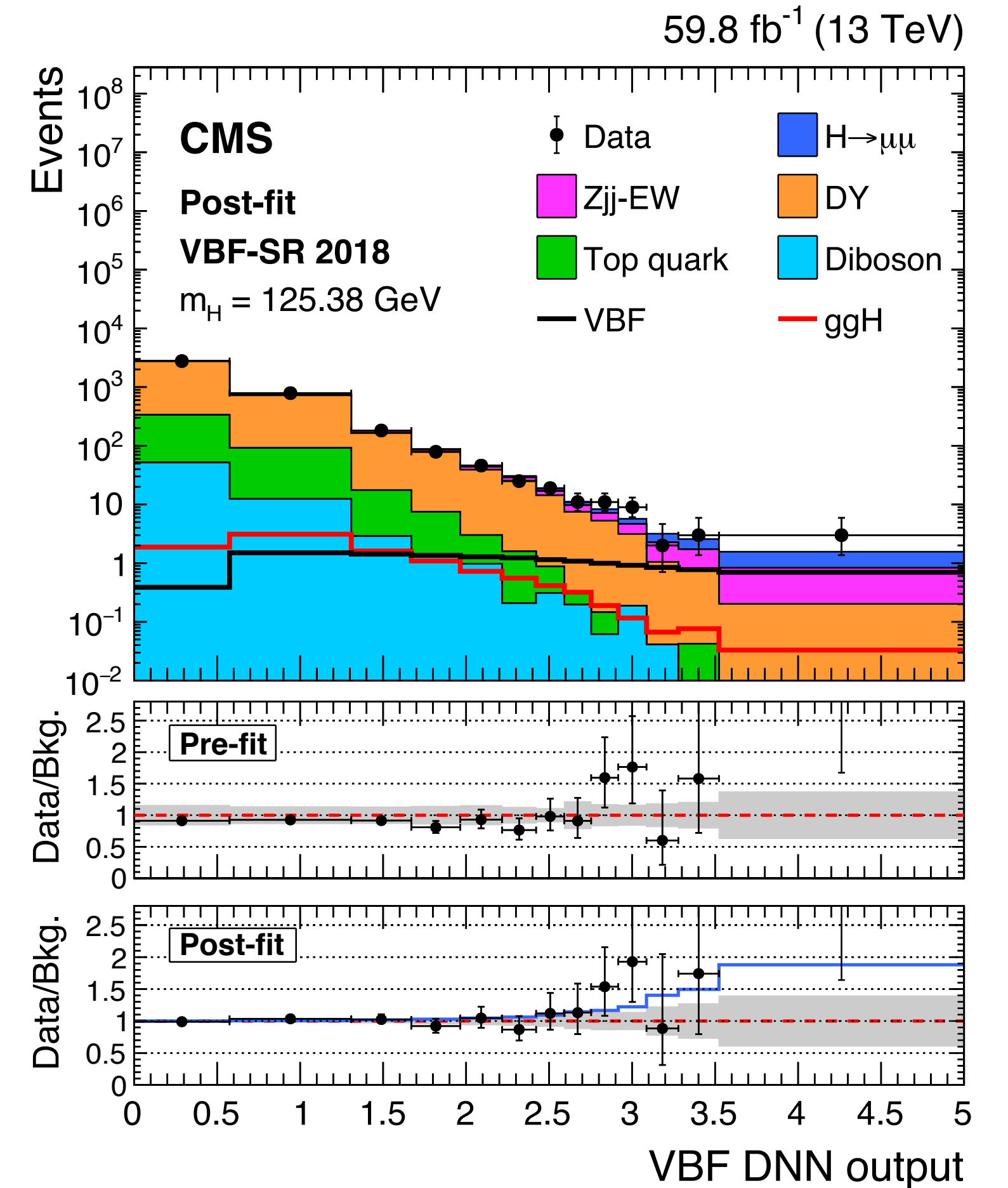
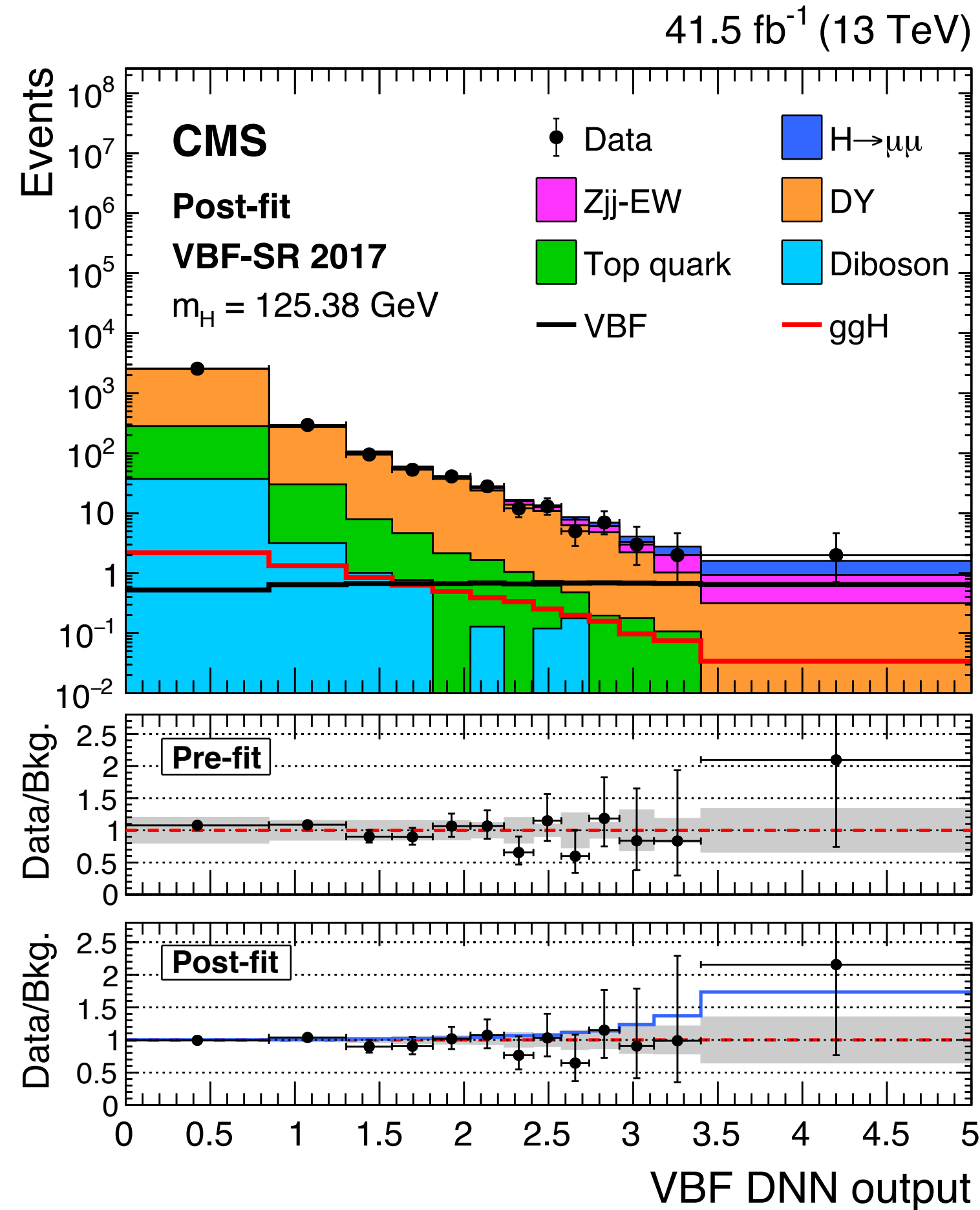
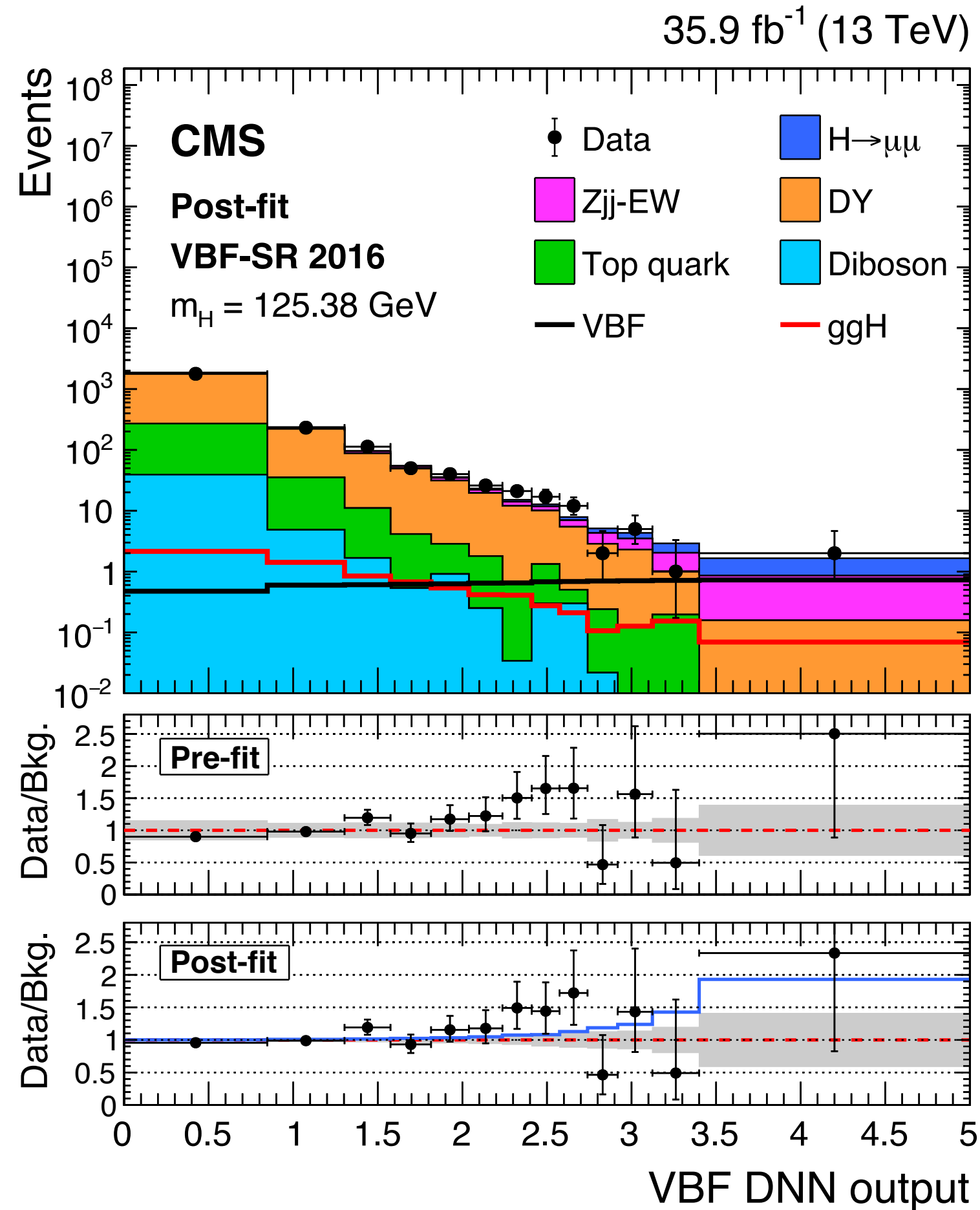
Impact of systematic uncertainties is ~5%



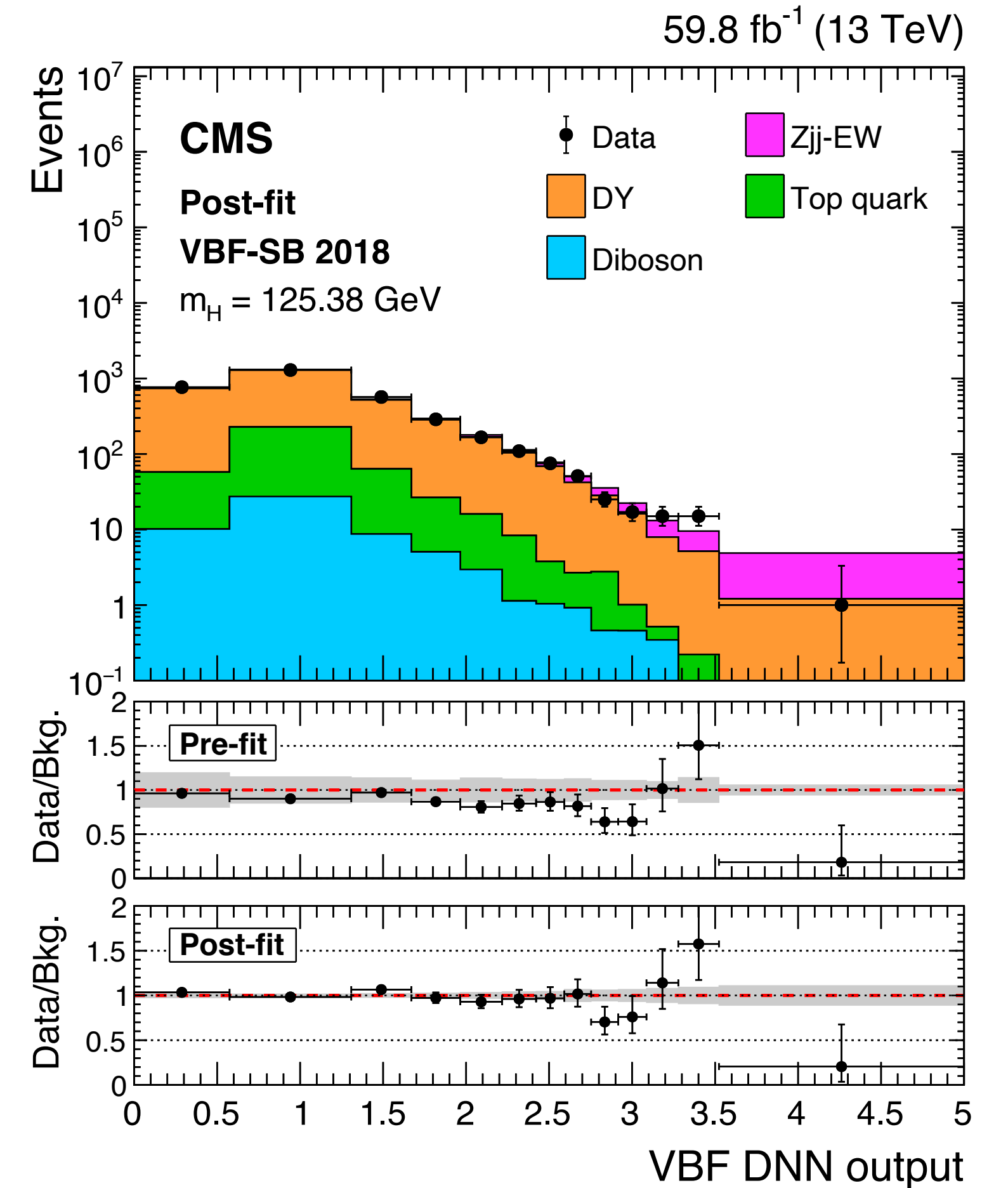
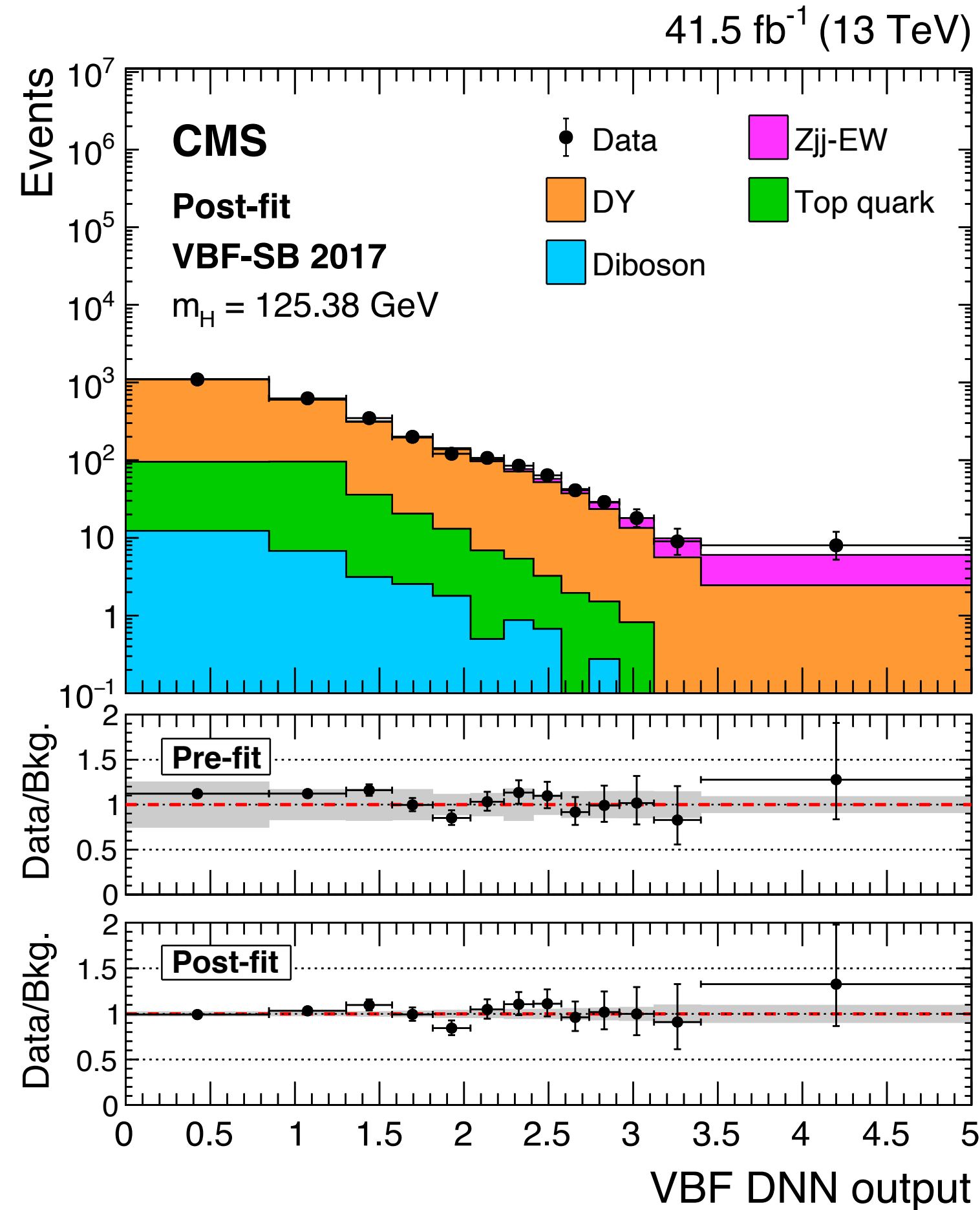
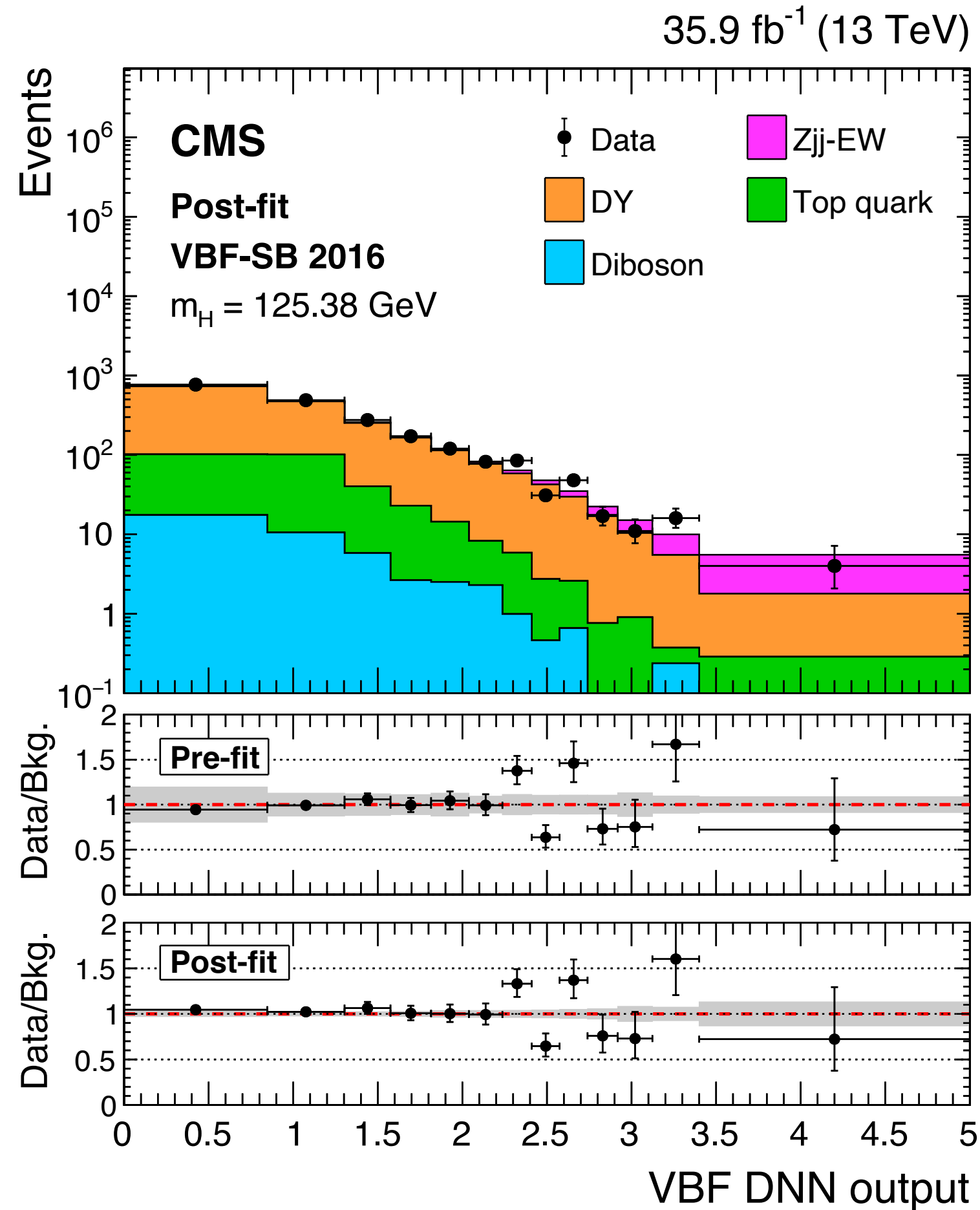
Leading systematic uncertainties

- **Parton shower** modelling of VBF-H and Zjj-EW (Pythia vs Herwig)
- **Jet energy scale** and **resolution**
- **DY** events from **one or more pileup jets**
- **Statistical** precision of **simulation**
- **Theory uncertainties**: missing higher order corrections, etc ..

VBF fit breakdown in data-taking periods



VBF fit breakdown in data-taking periods



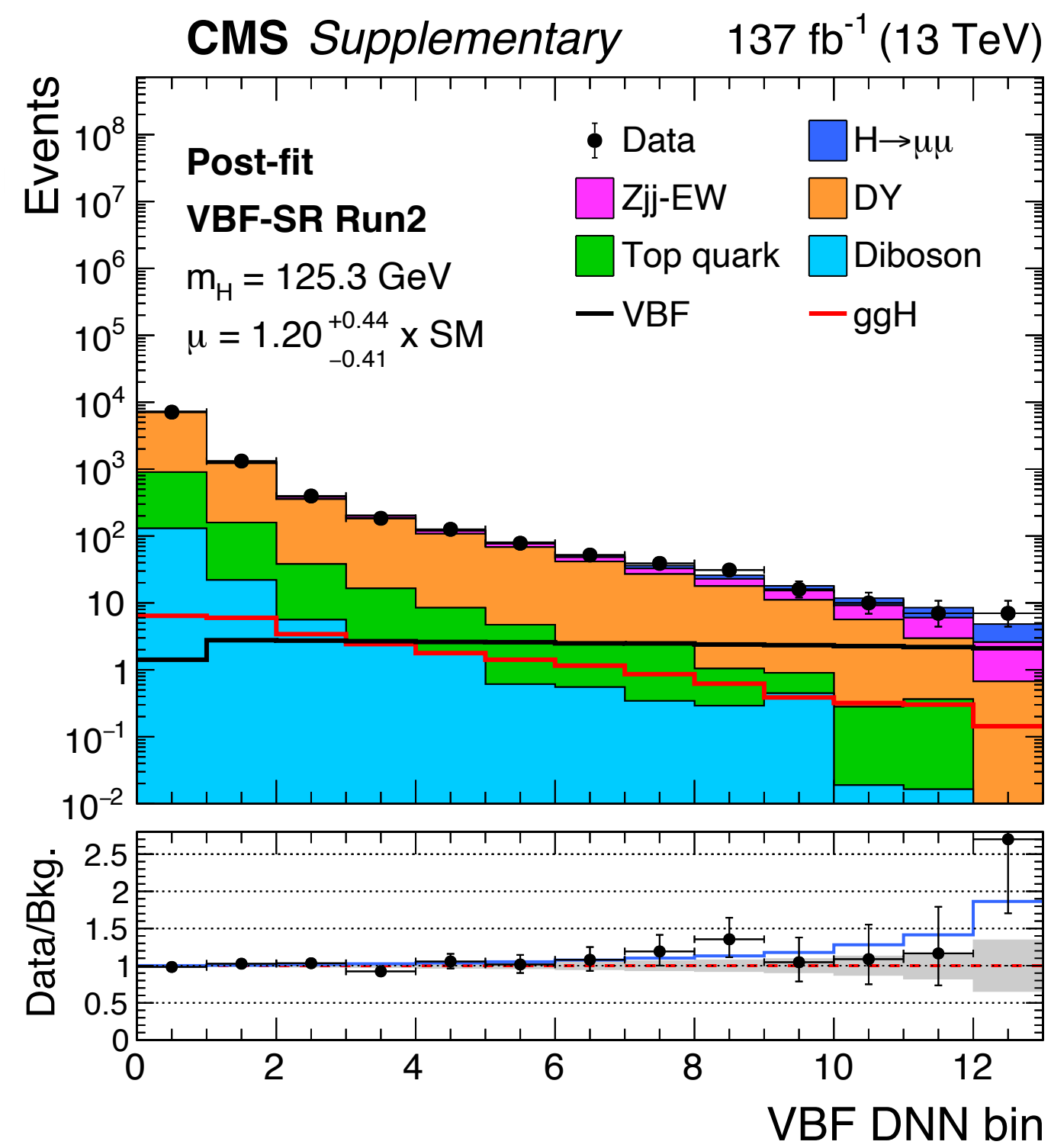
VBF summary tables

Observable	VBF-SB	VBF-SR
Number of loose (medium) b-tagged jets	≤ 1 (0)	
Number of selected muons	$= 2$	
Number of selected electrons	$= 0$	
Jet multiplicity ($p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $ \eta < 4.7$)	≥ 2	
Leading jet p_T	$\geq 35 \text{ GeV}$	
Dijet mass (m_{jj})	$\geq 400 \text{ GeV}$	
Pseudorapidity separation ($ \Delta\eta_{jj} $)	≥ 2.5	
Dimuon invariant mass	$110 < m_{\mu\mu} < 115 \text{ GeV}$ or $135 < m_{\mu\mu} < 150 \text{ GeV}$	$115 < m_{\mu\mu} < 135 \text{ GeV}$

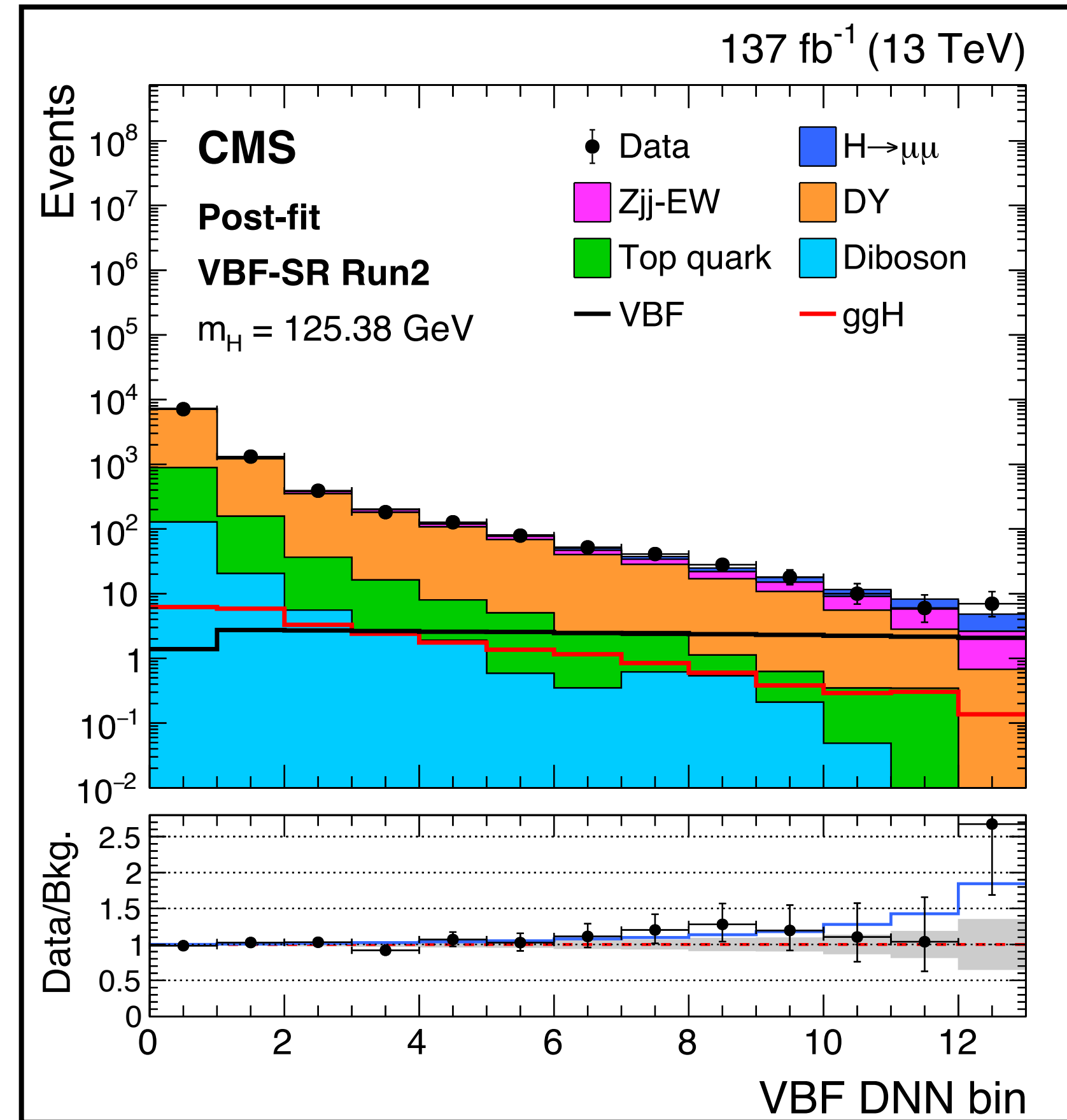
DNN bin	Total signal	VBF (%)	ggH (%)	Bkg. $\pm \Delta B$	Data	S/(S+B) (%)	S/ \sqrt{B}
1-3	19.5	30	70	8890 ± 67	8815	0.22	0.21
4-6	11.6	57	43	394 ± 8	388	2.86	0.58
7-9	8.43	73	27	103 ± 4	121	7.56	0.83
10	2.30	85	15	15.1 ± 1.4	18	13.2	0.59
11	2.15	88	12	9.1 ± 1.2	10	19.1	0.71
12	2.10	87	13	5.8 ± 1.1	6	26.6	0.87
13	1.87	94	6	2.6 ± 0.9	7	41.8	1.16

VBF DNN in SR vs m_H hypotheses

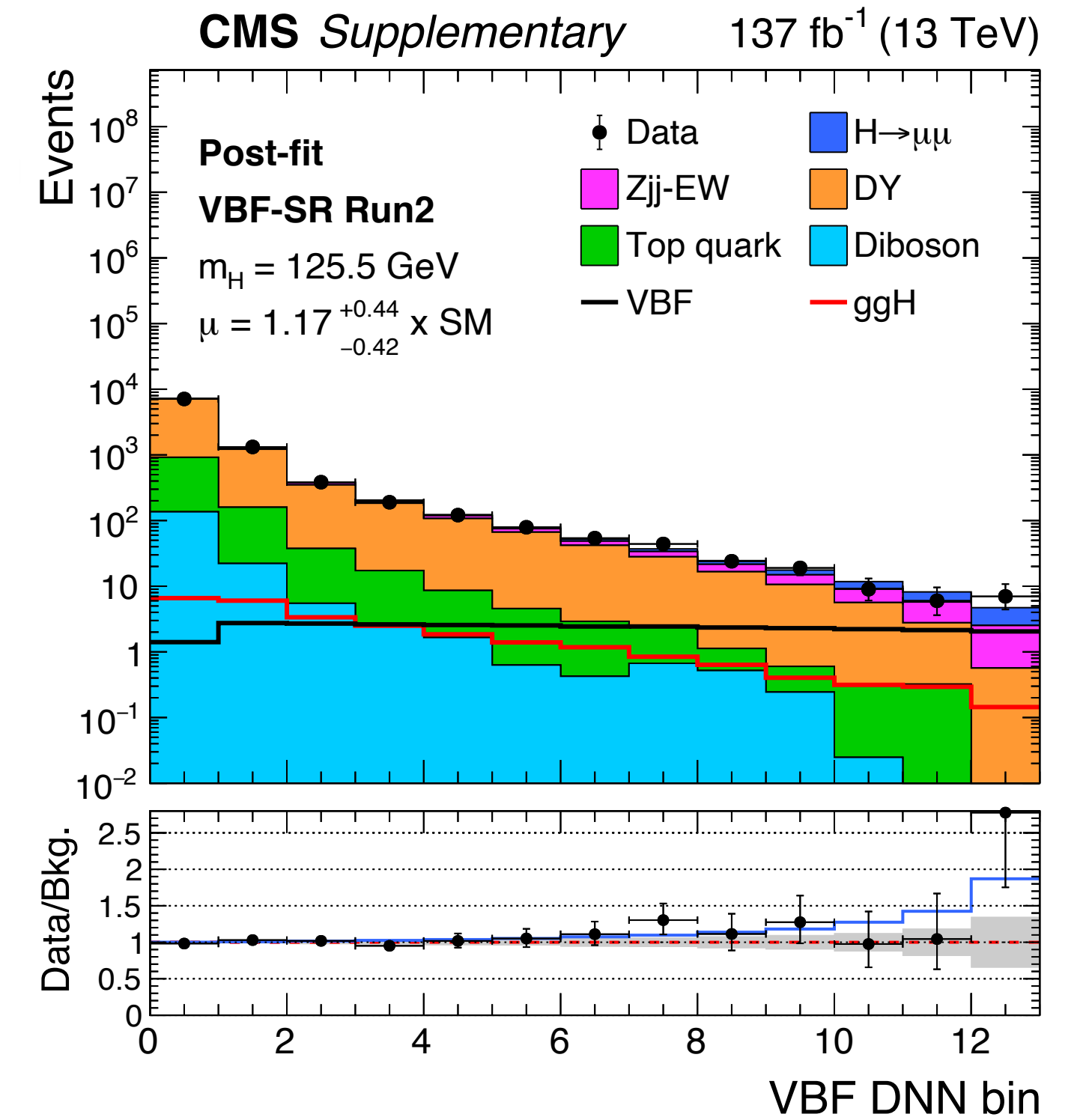
$m_H = 125.3$ GeV



$m_H = 125.38$ GeV

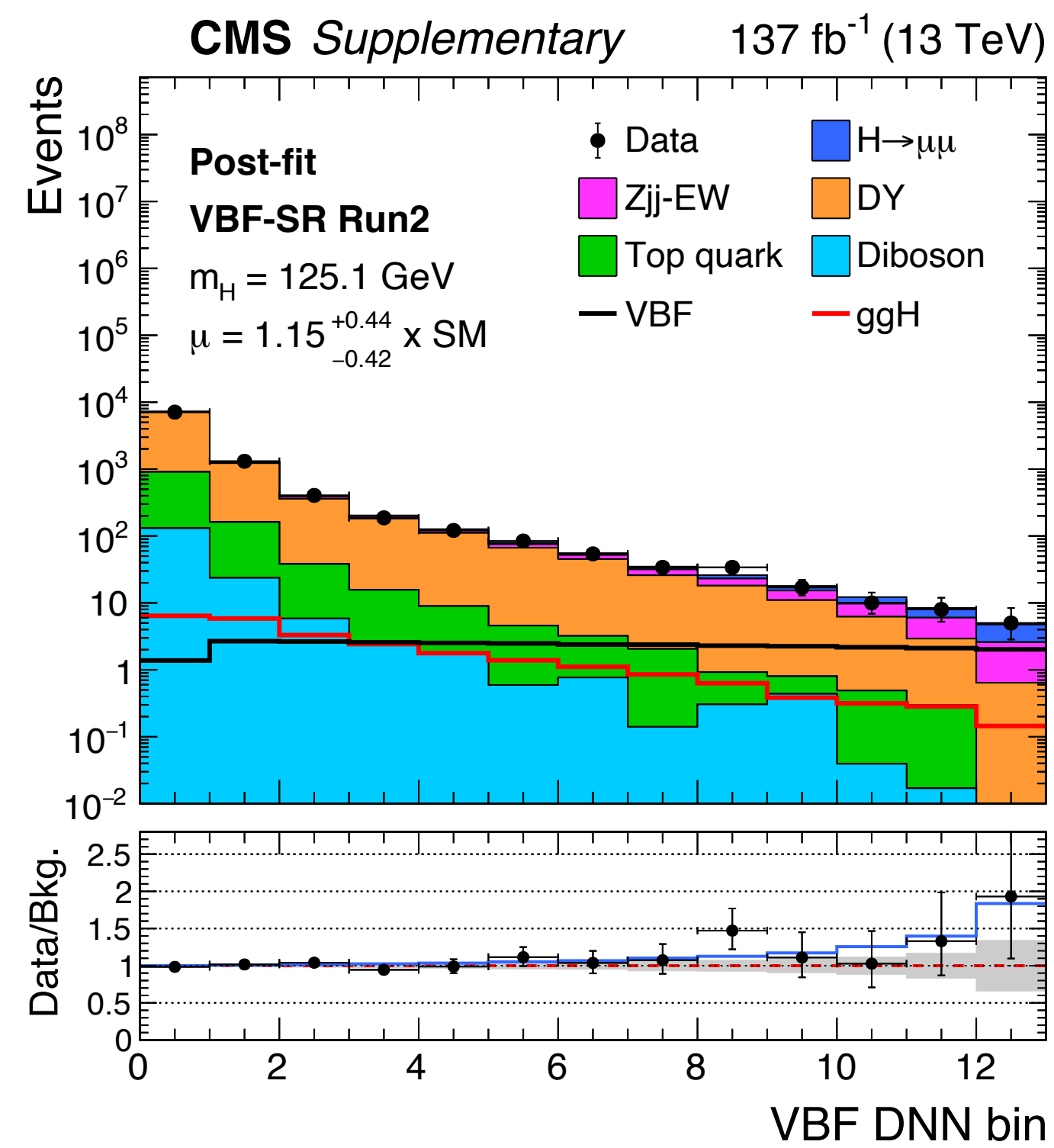


$m_H = 125.5$ GeV

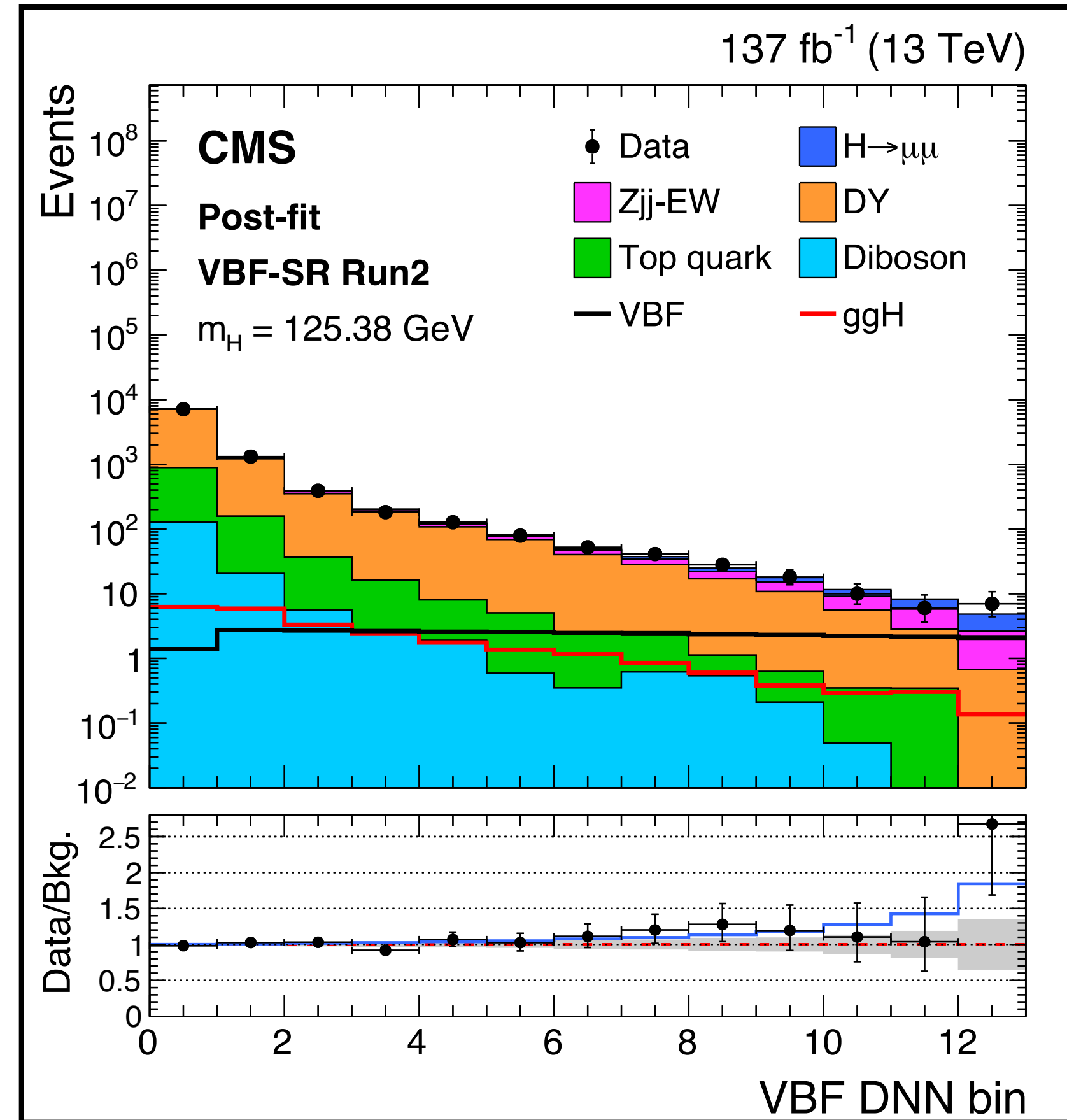


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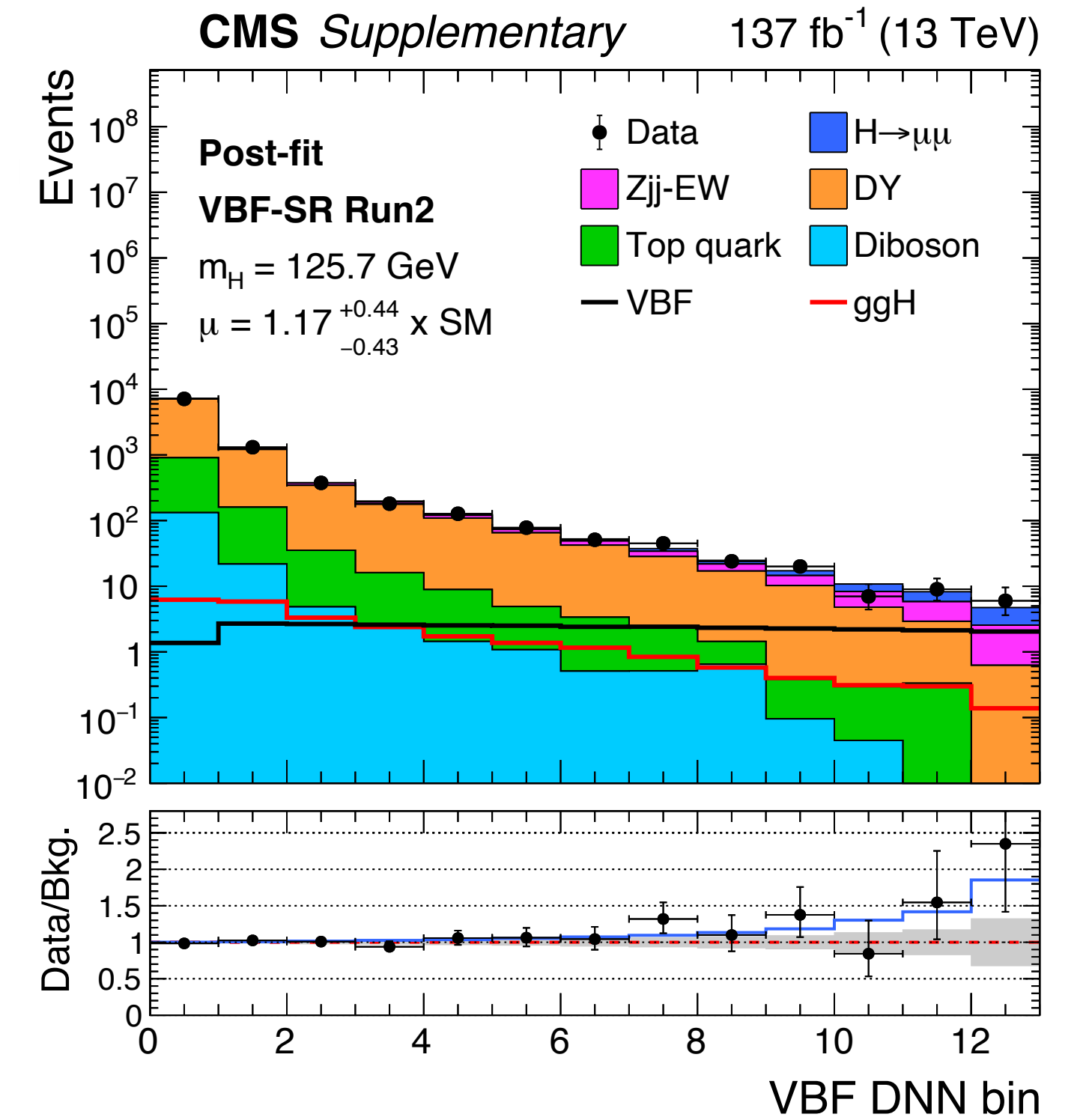
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$m_H = 125.38$ GeV



$m_H = 125.7$ GeV



ggH mass distributions

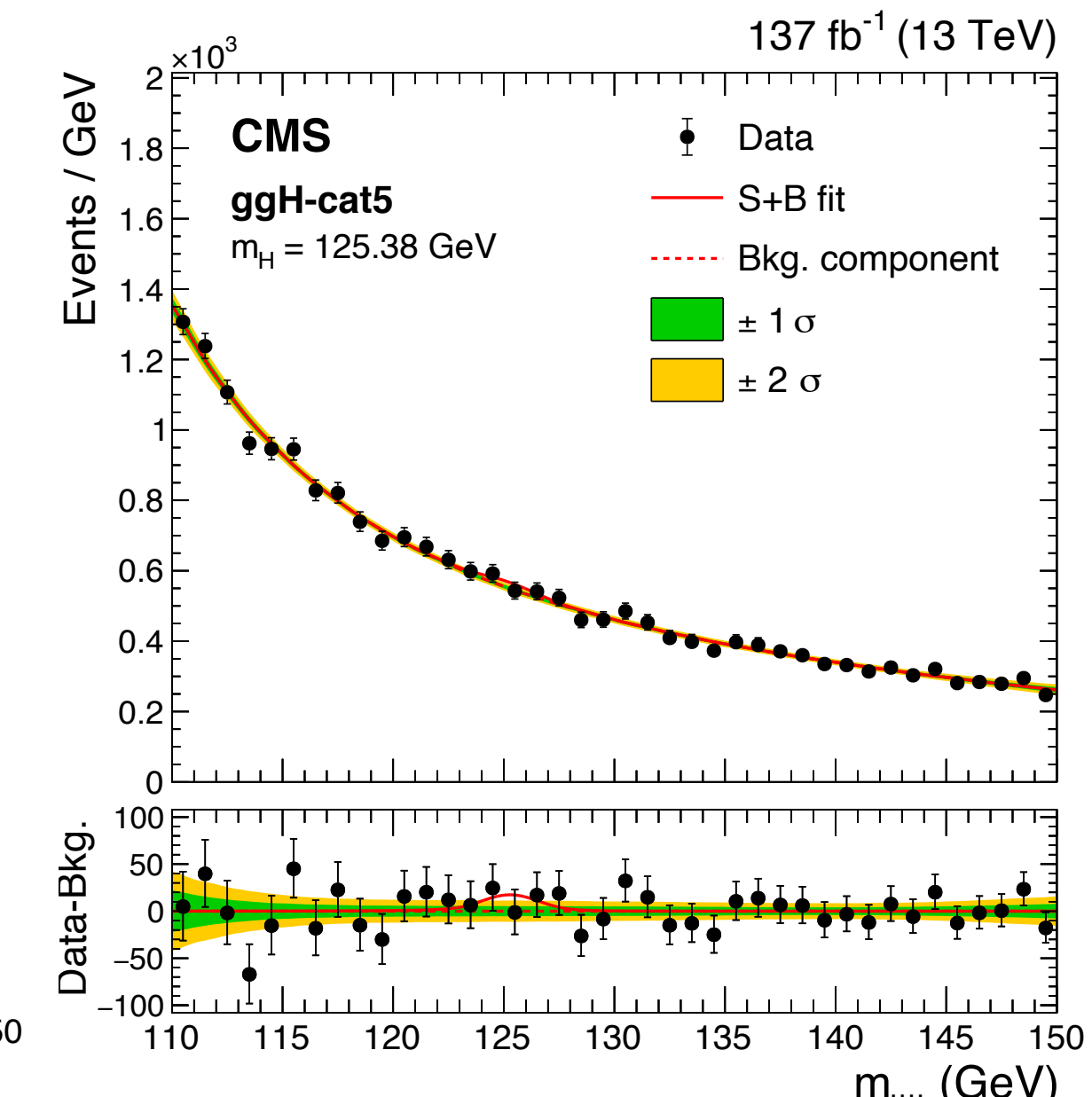
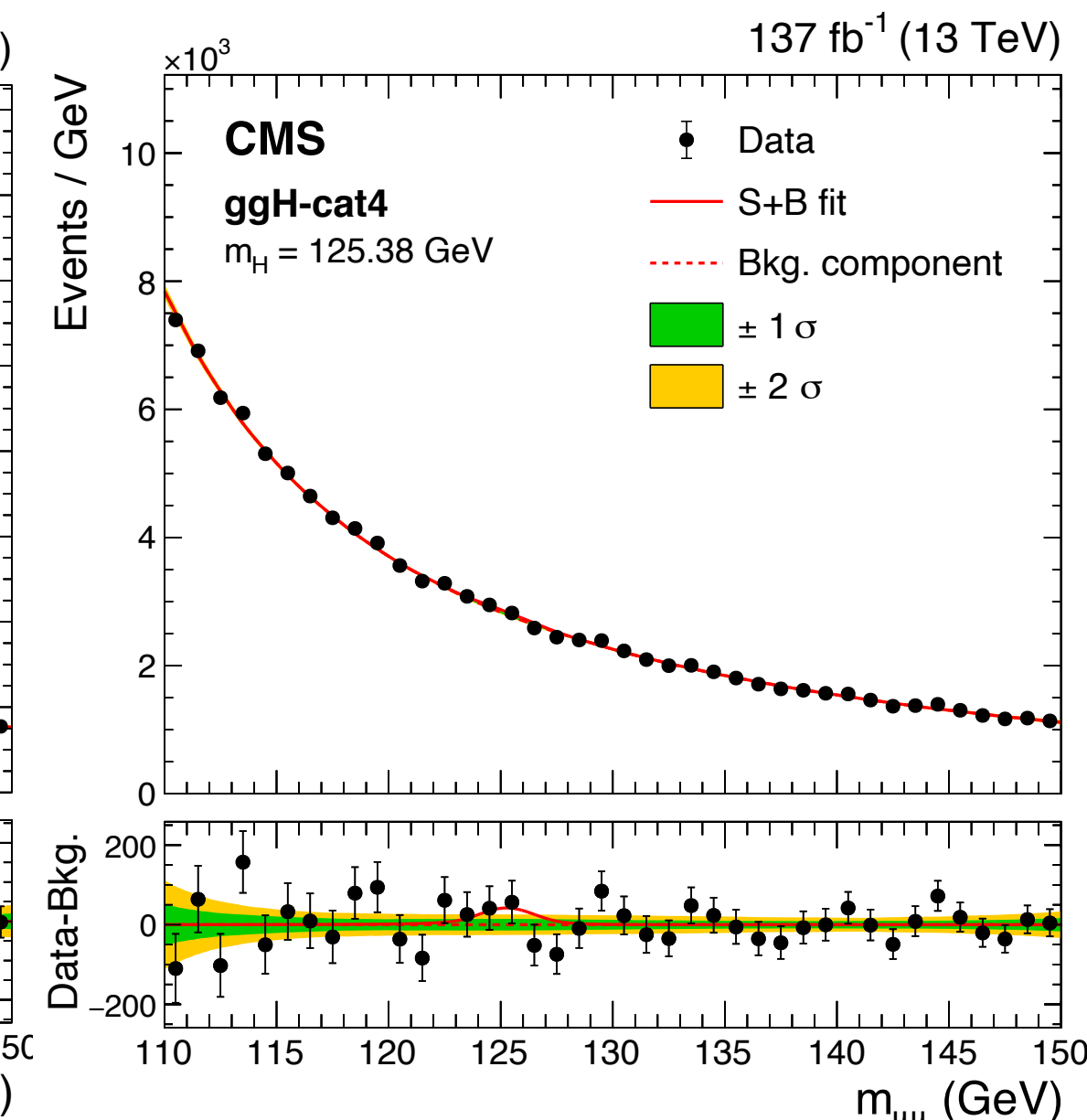
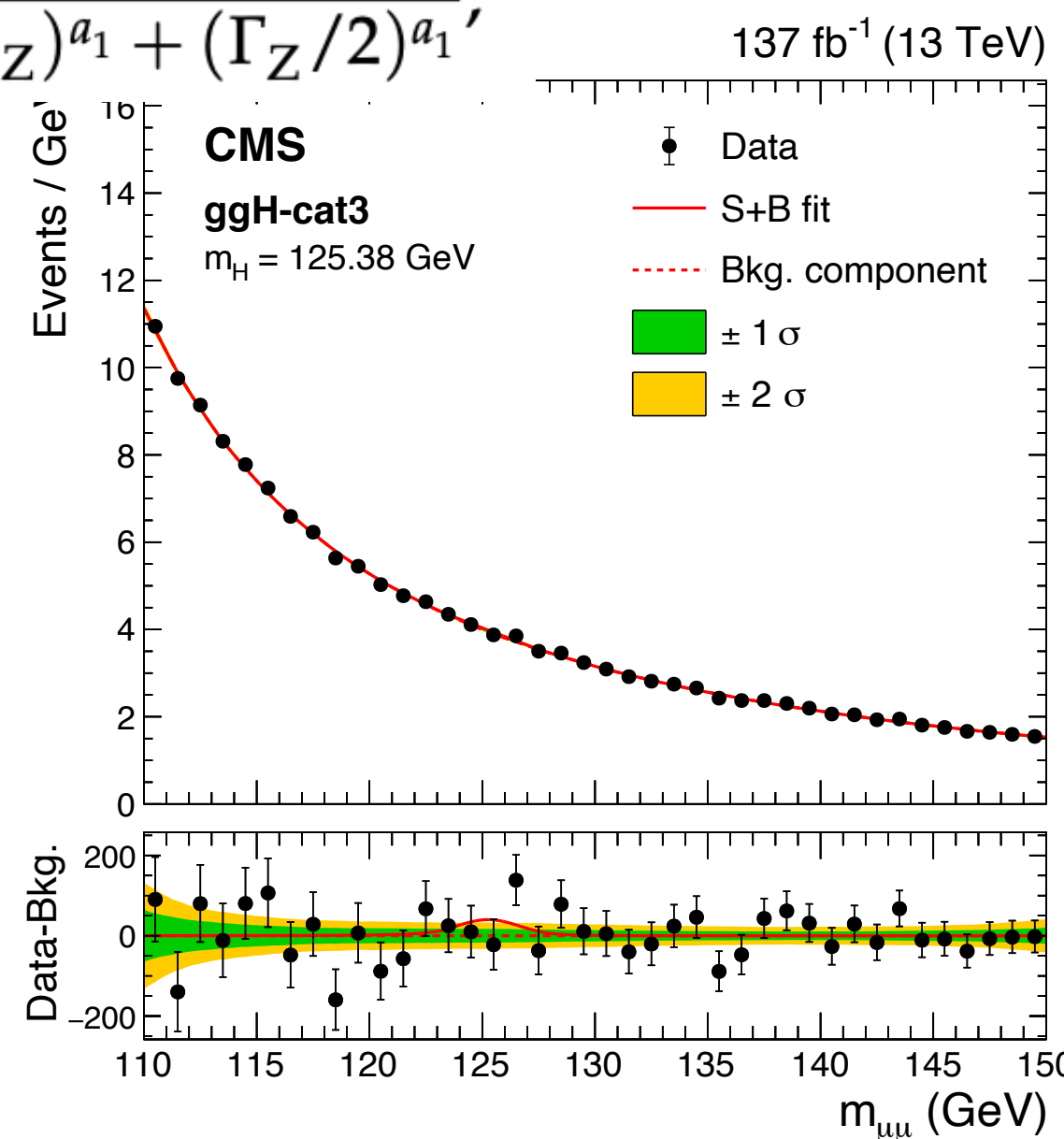
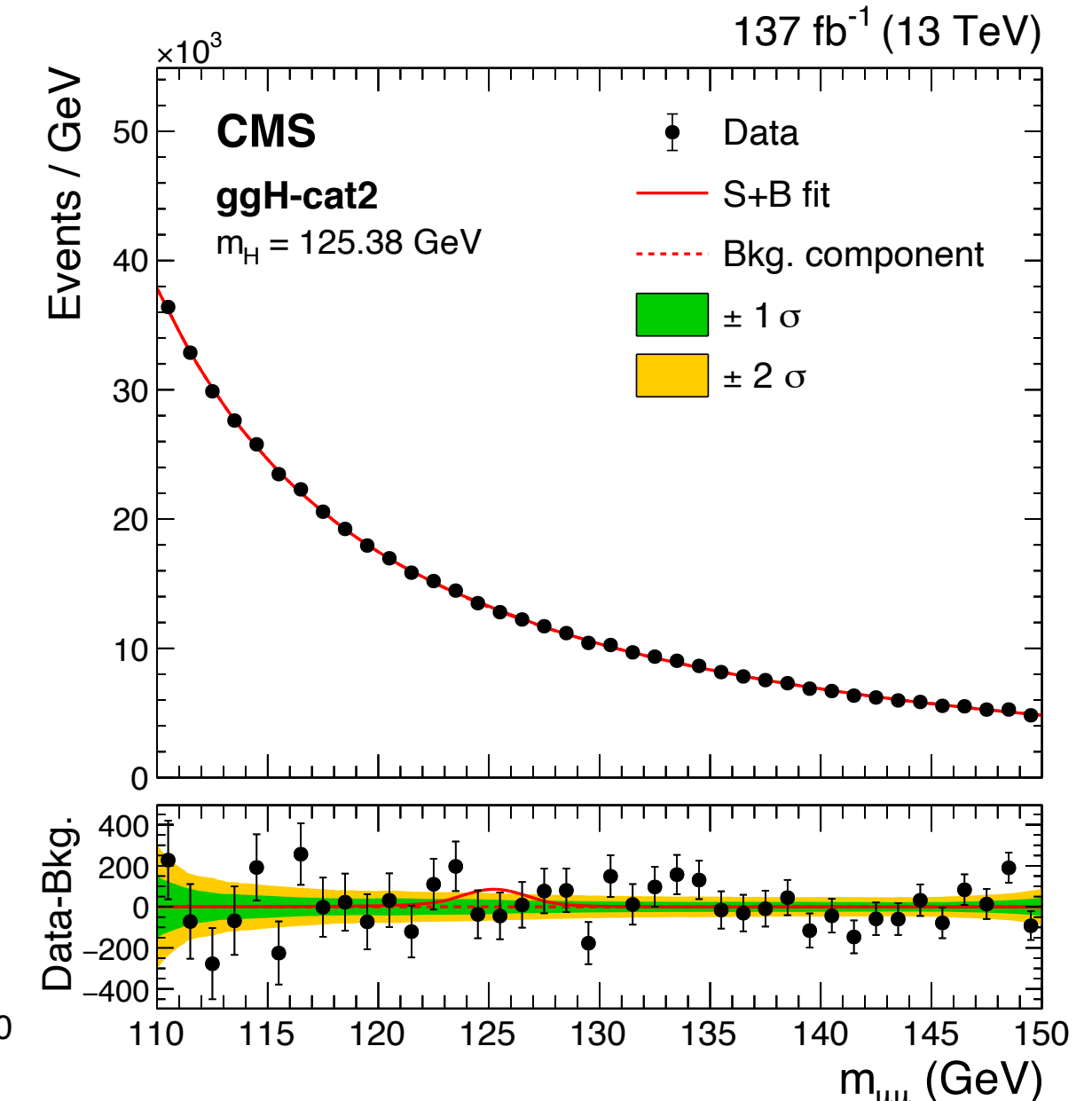
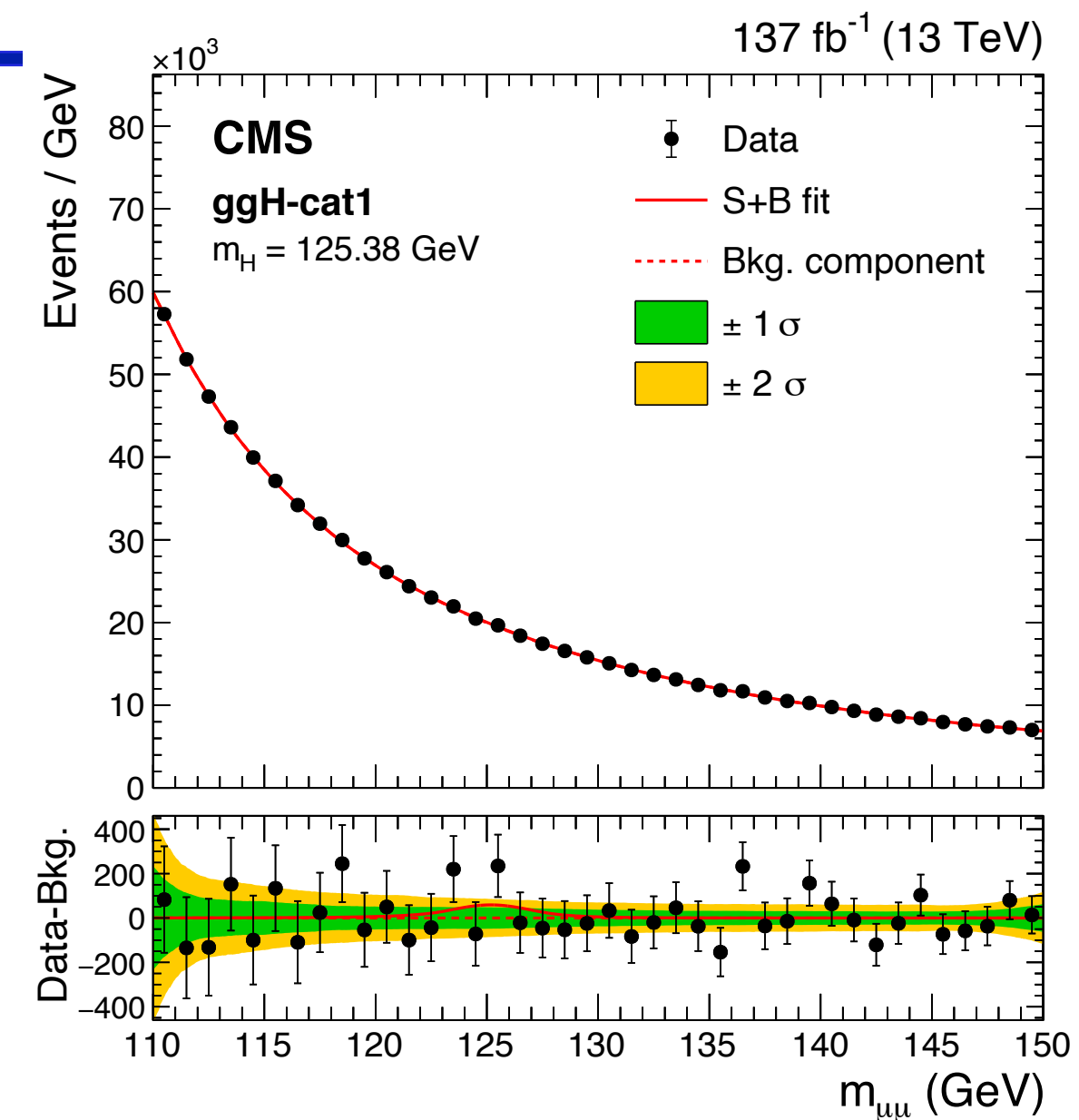
Observable	Selection
Number of loose (medium) b-tagged jets	≤ 1 (0)
Number of selected muons	$= 2$
Number of selected electrons	$= 0$
VBF selection veto	if $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ $m_{jj} < 400 \text{ GeV}$ or $ \Delta\eta_{jj} < 2.5$ or $p_T(j_1) < 35 \text{ GeV}$

Background model

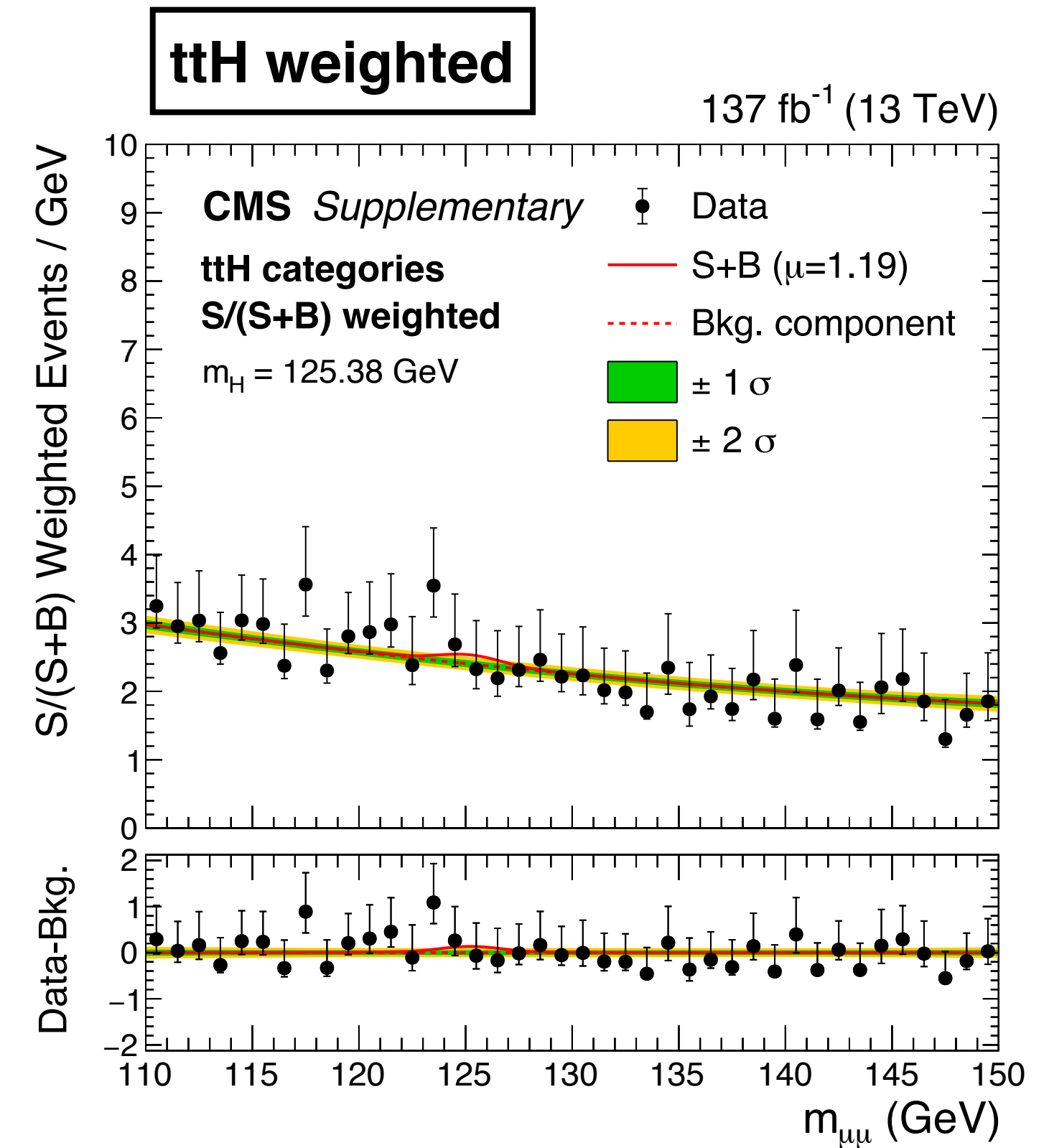
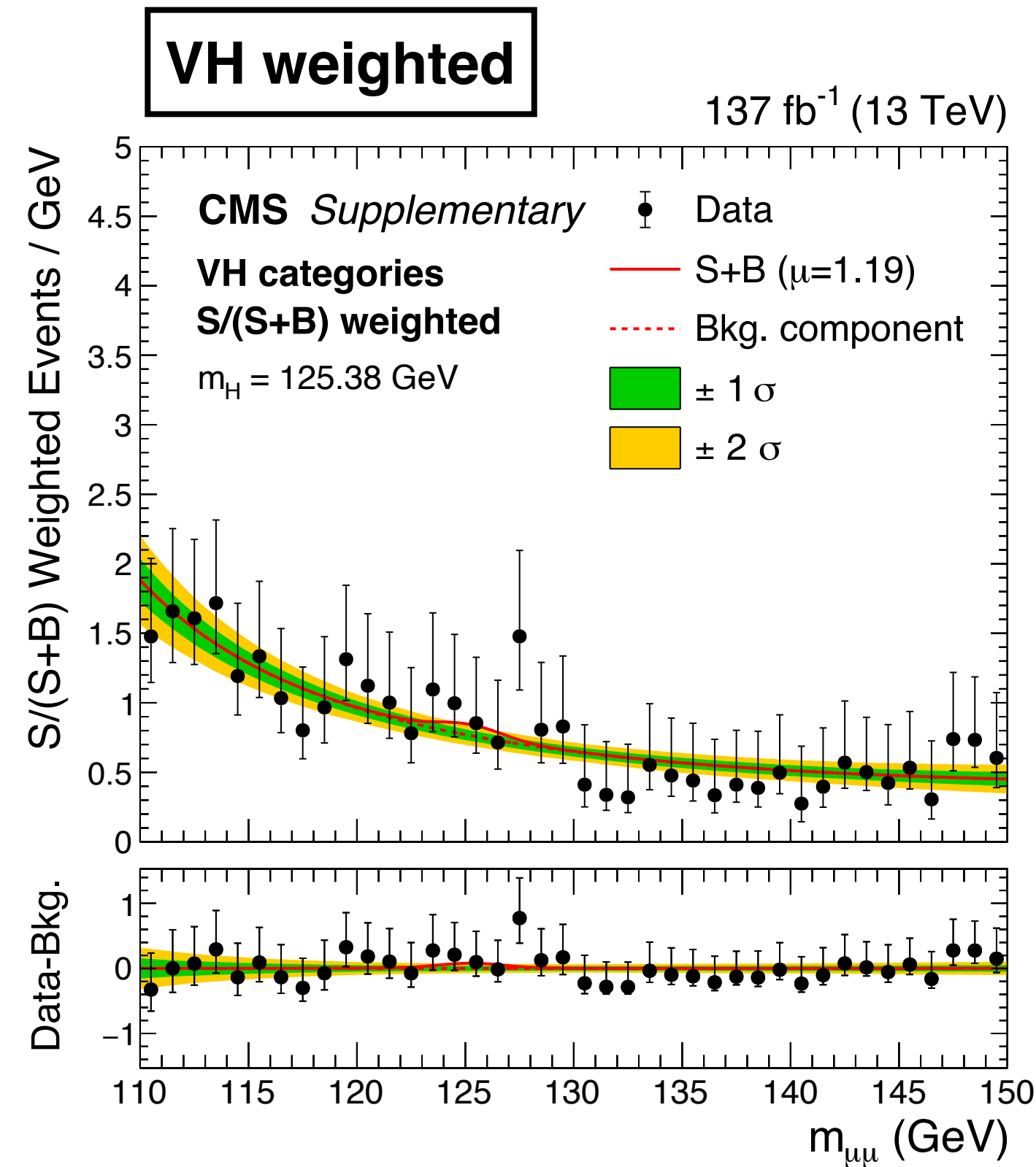
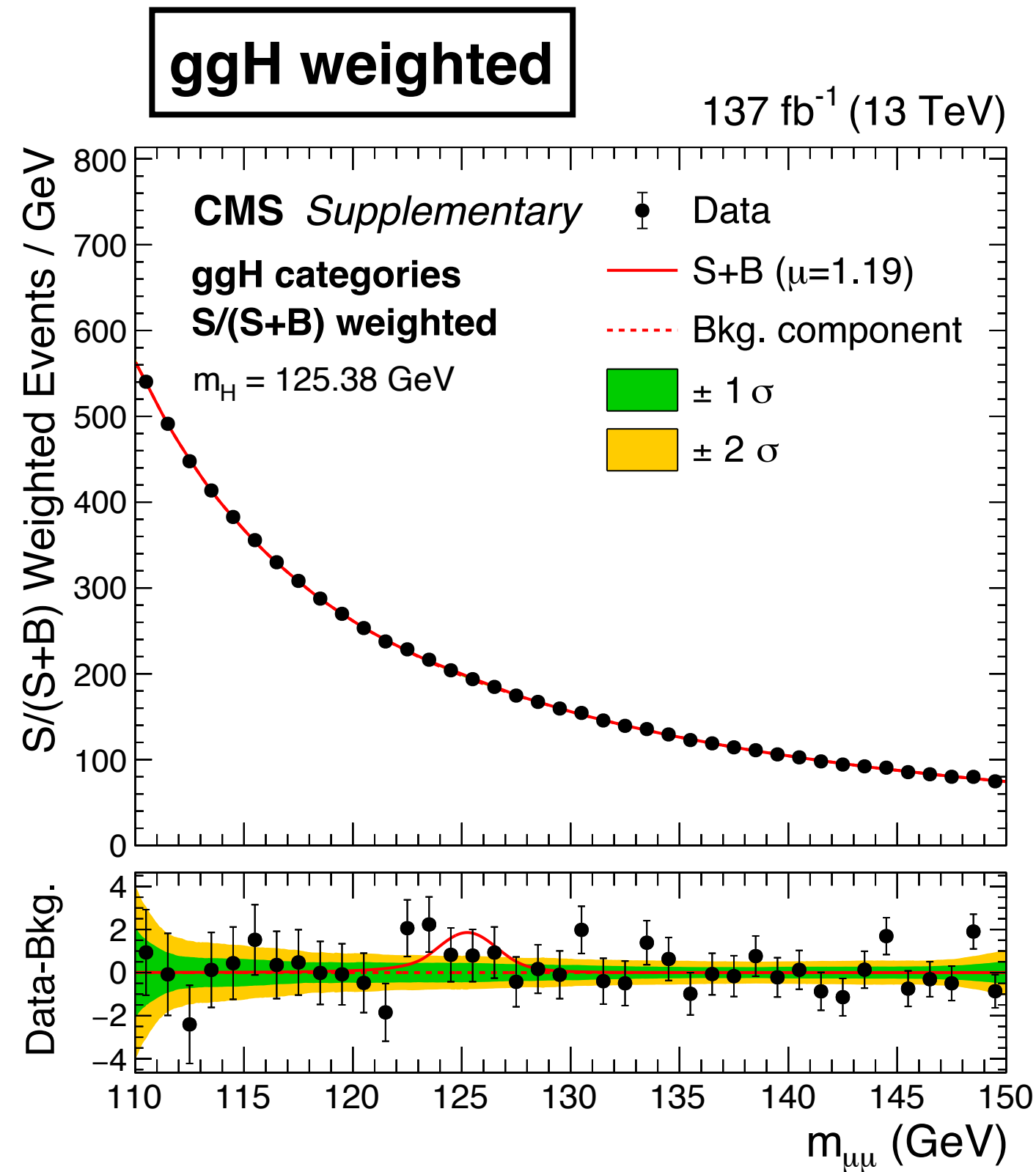
- Core function \rightarrow discrete envelope of
 - Modified Breit-Wigner function

$$\text{mBW}(m_{\mu\mu}; m_Z, \Gamma_Z, a_1, a_2, a_3) = \frac{e^{a_2 m_{\mu\mu} + a_3 m_{\mu\mu}^2}}{(m_{\mu\mu} - m_Z)^{a_1} + (\Gamma_Z/2)^{a_1}}$$

- Sum of two exponentials
- Non parametric shape from spline interpolation of FEWZ prediction times a 3rd Bernstein polynomial
- Shape modifier:
 - 3rd or 2nd order Chebyshev polynomial



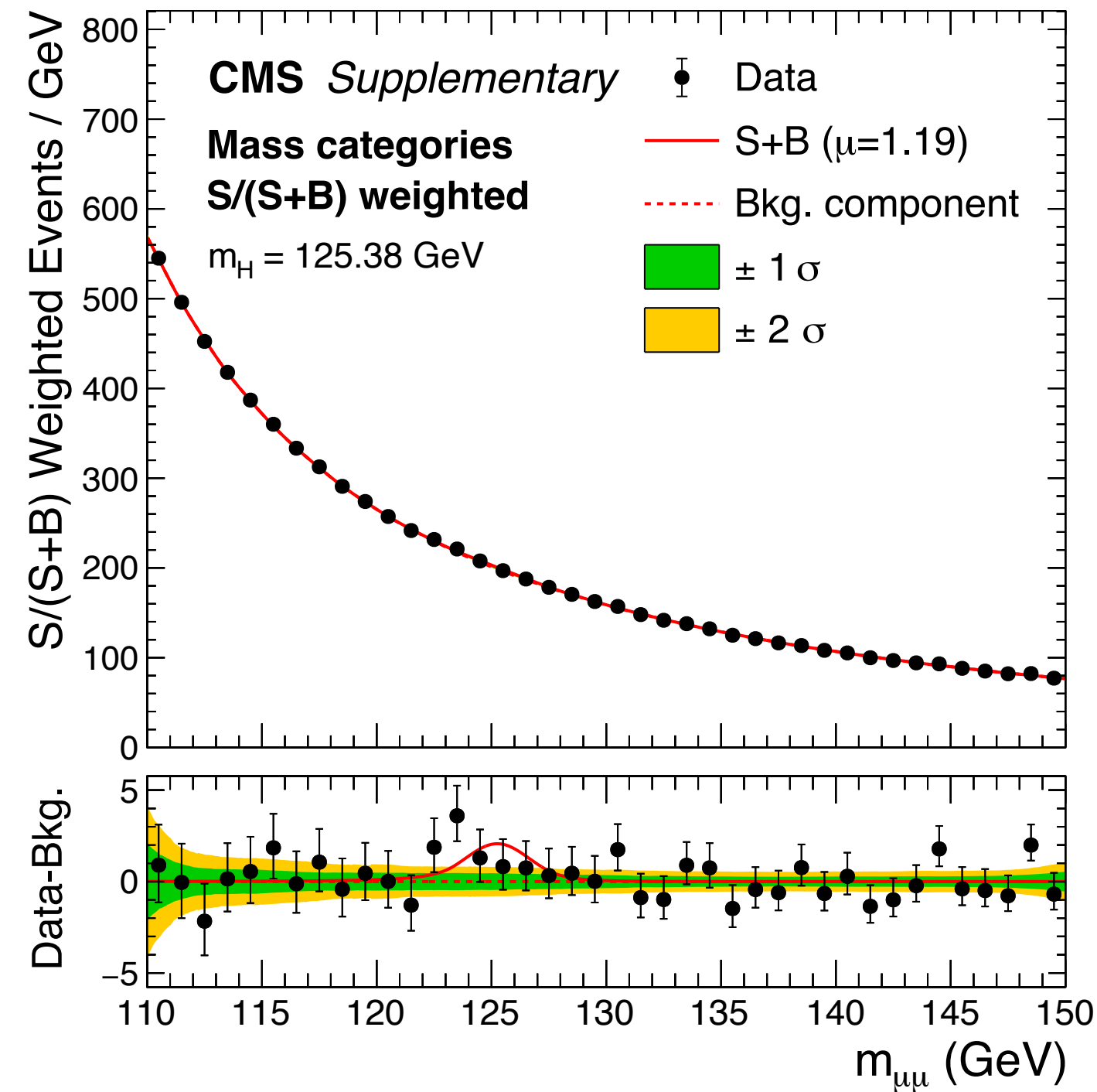
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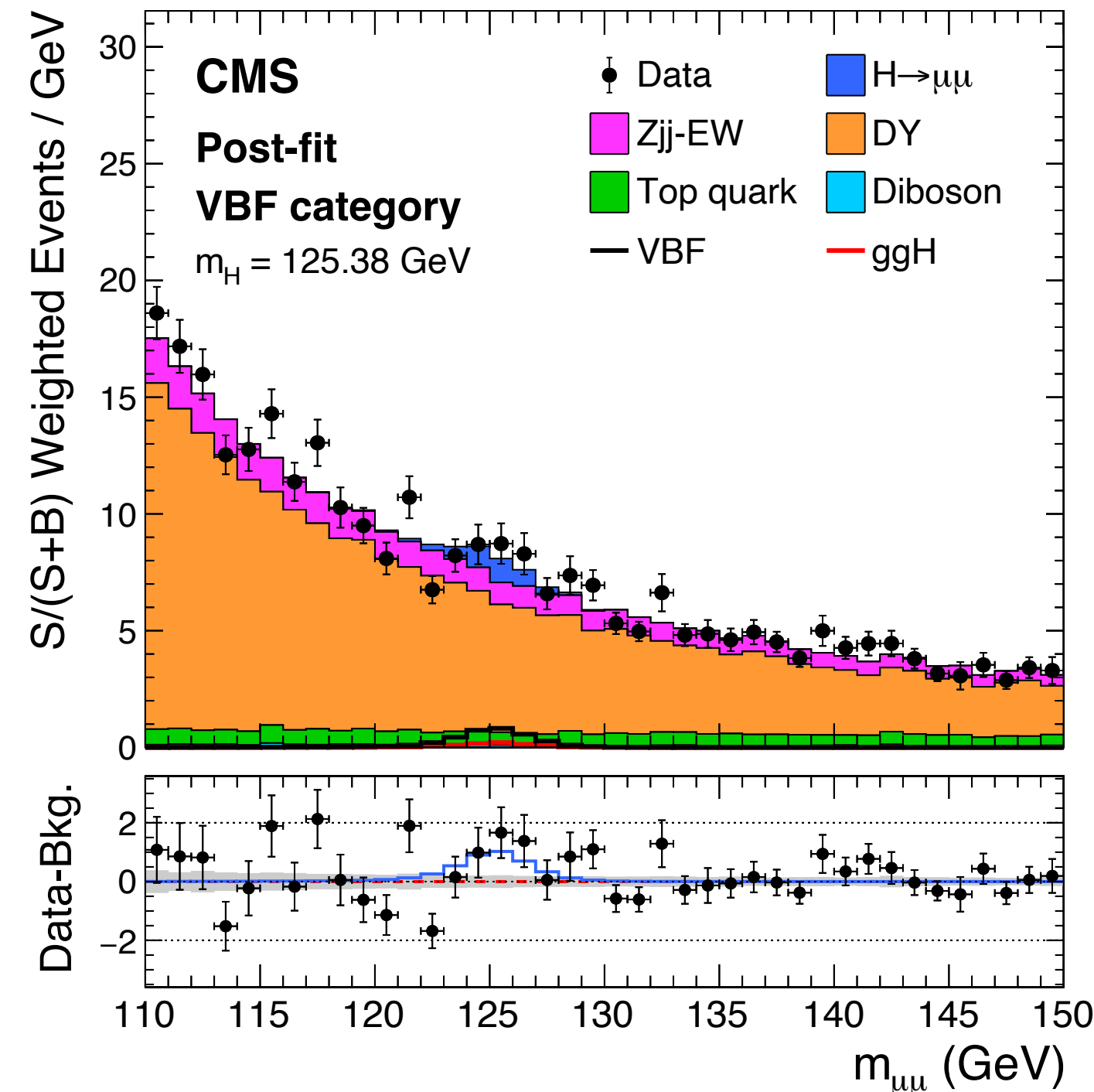
ggH+VH+ttH weighted

137 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



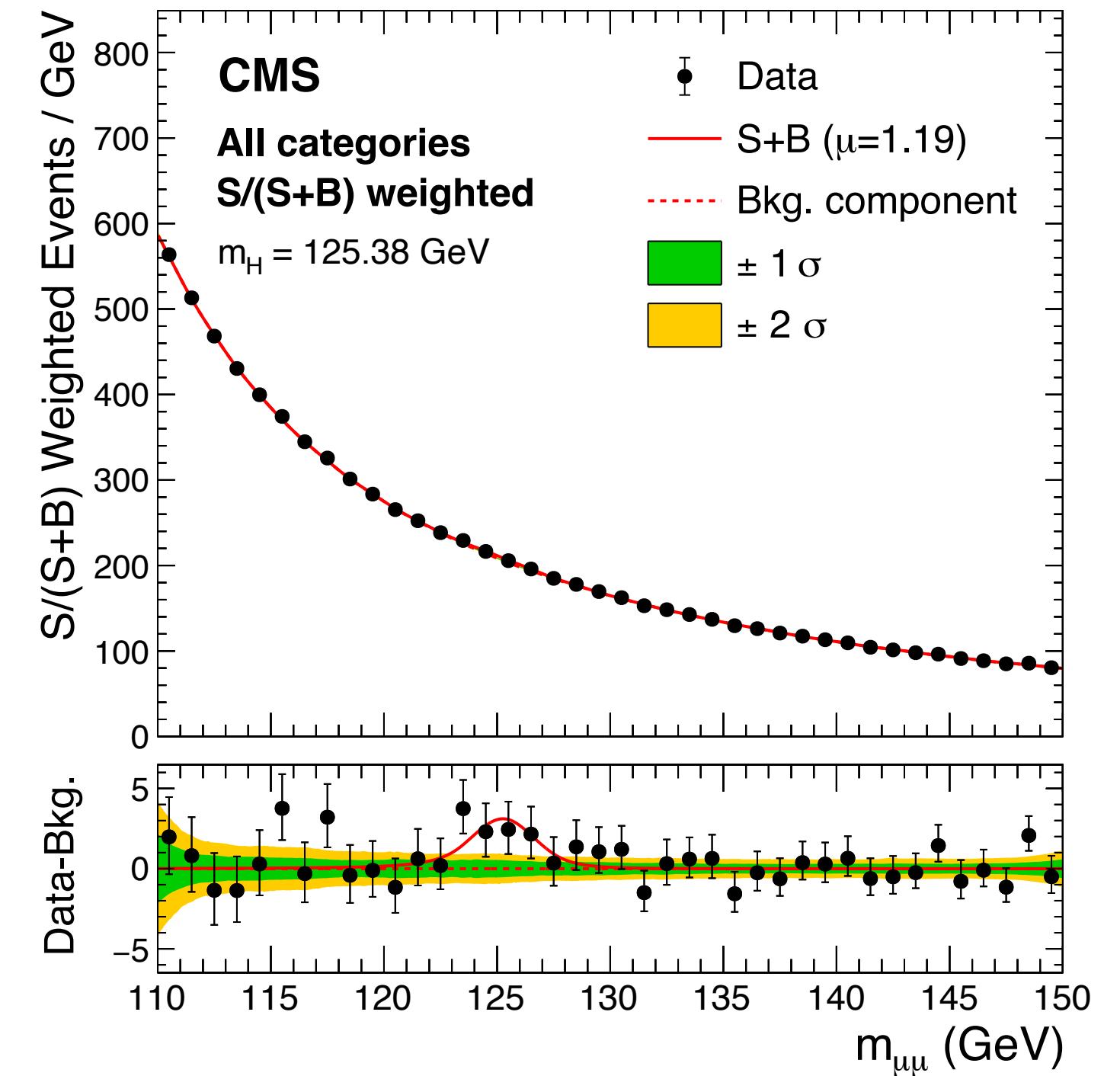
VBF weighted

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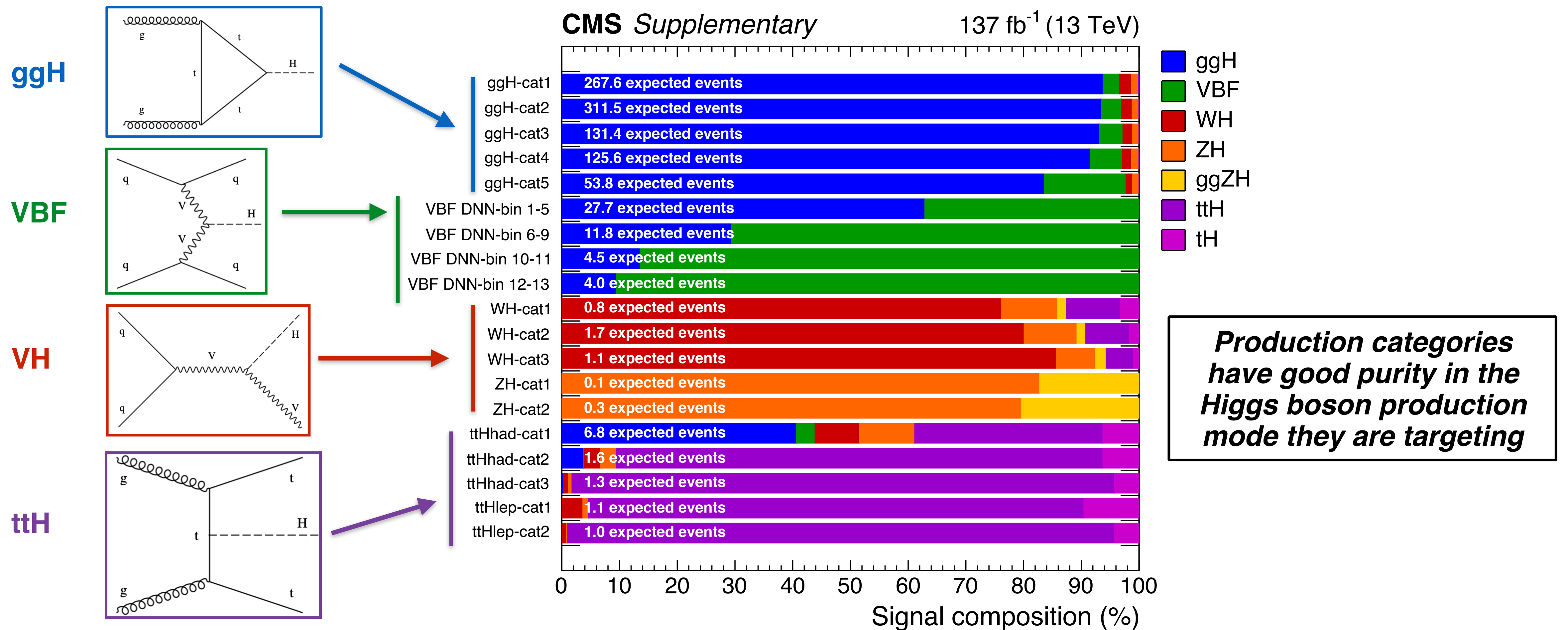
All categories

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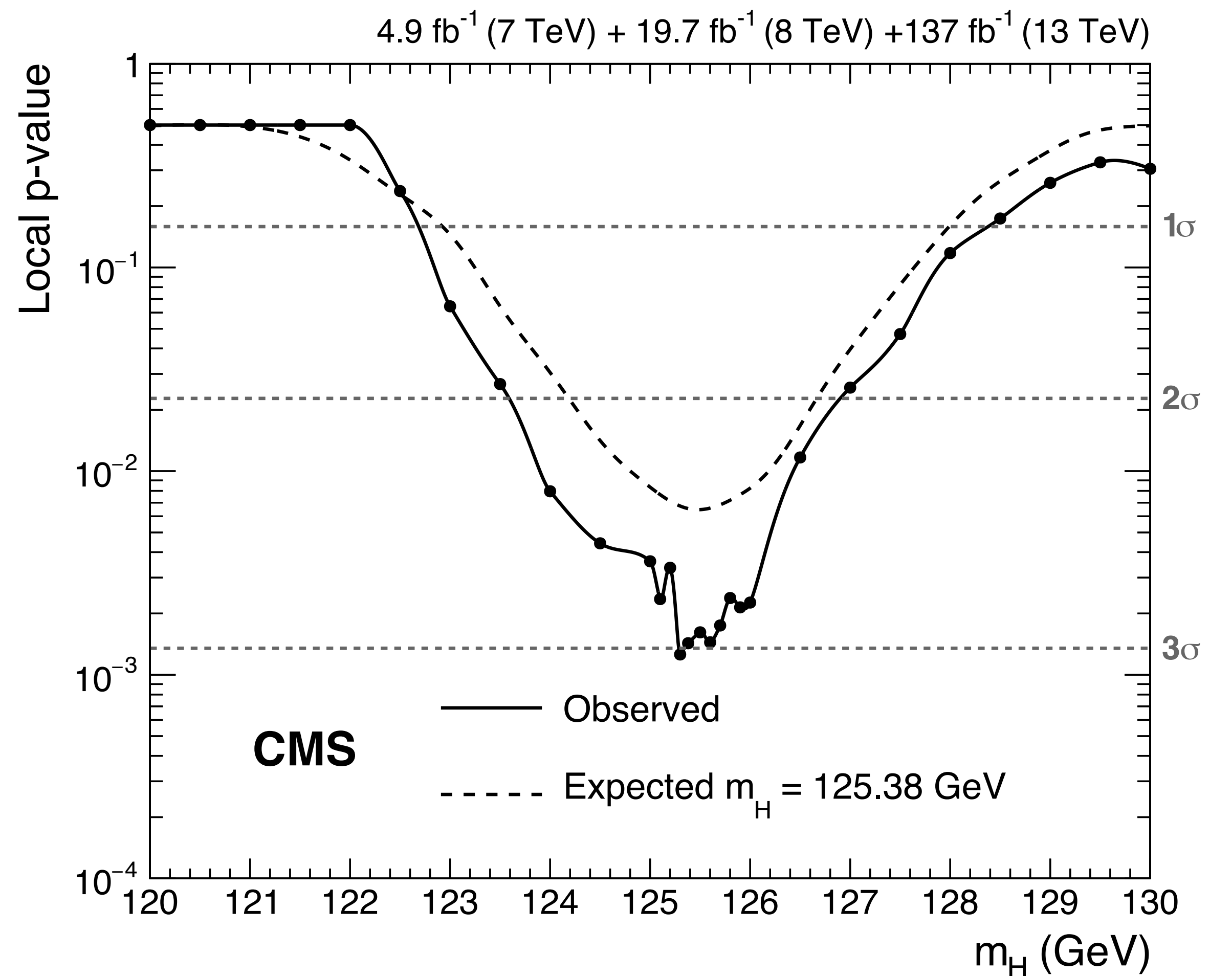
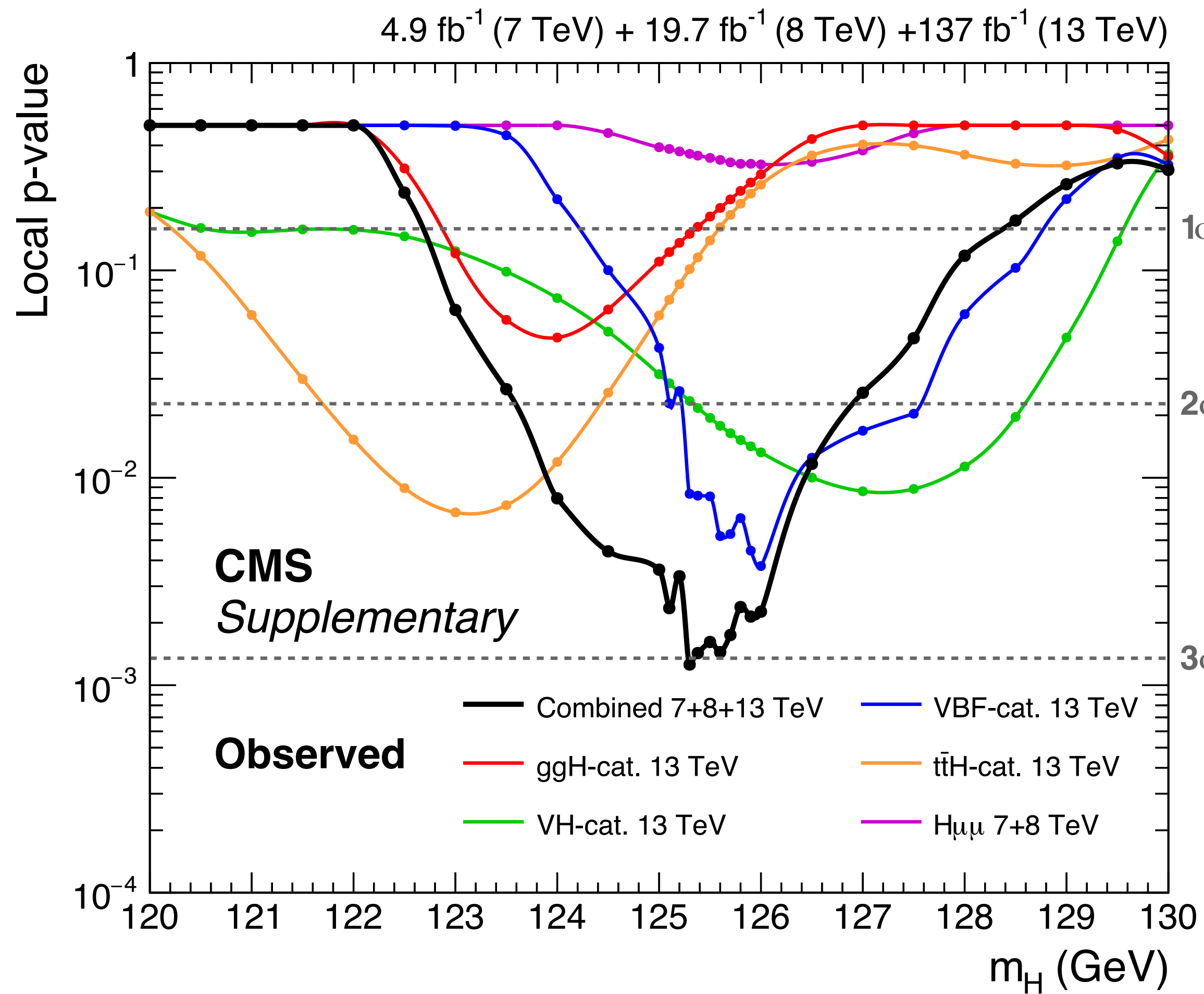


Summary of event categories

- $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ analysis divided in **exclusive production categories** targeting ggH, VBF, VH, and ttH modes
- Each of them is further **divided into subcategories** optimising the expected significance for $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays

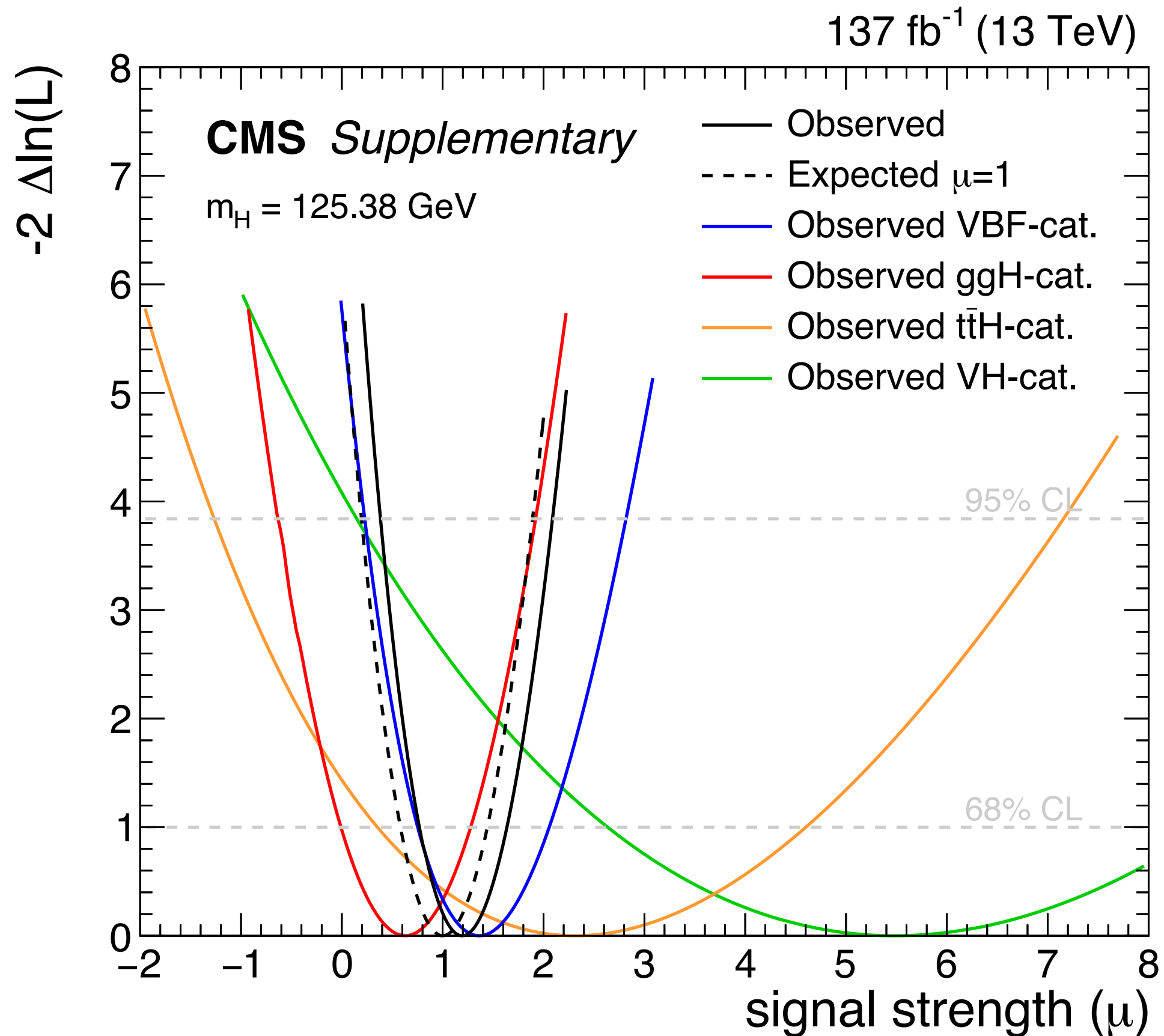


Run1+Run2 combination



H → μμ signal

Likelihood scans vs μ for $m_H = 125.38$ GeV

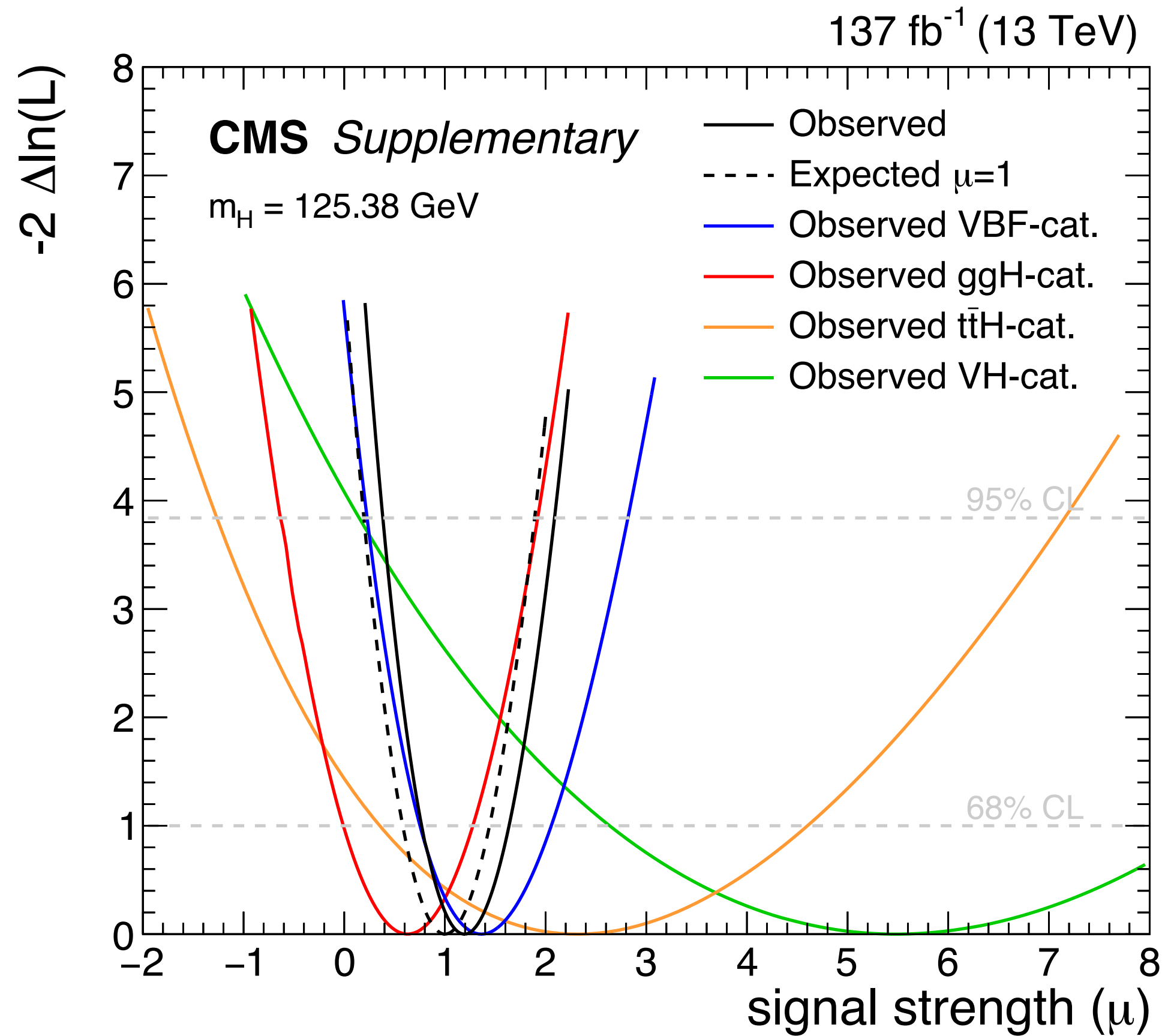


Best fit $\mu = 1.19^{+0.44}_{-0.42}$ → via partial likelihood scans the post-fit uncertainty is breakdown into statistical and systematics

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
Post-fit uncertainty	+0.44	-0.42
Statistical uncertainty	+0.41	-0.40
Systematic uncertainty	+0.17	-0.16
Experimental uncertainty	+0.12	-0.11
Theoretical uncertainty	+0.10	-0.11
Size of simulated samples	+0.07	-0.06

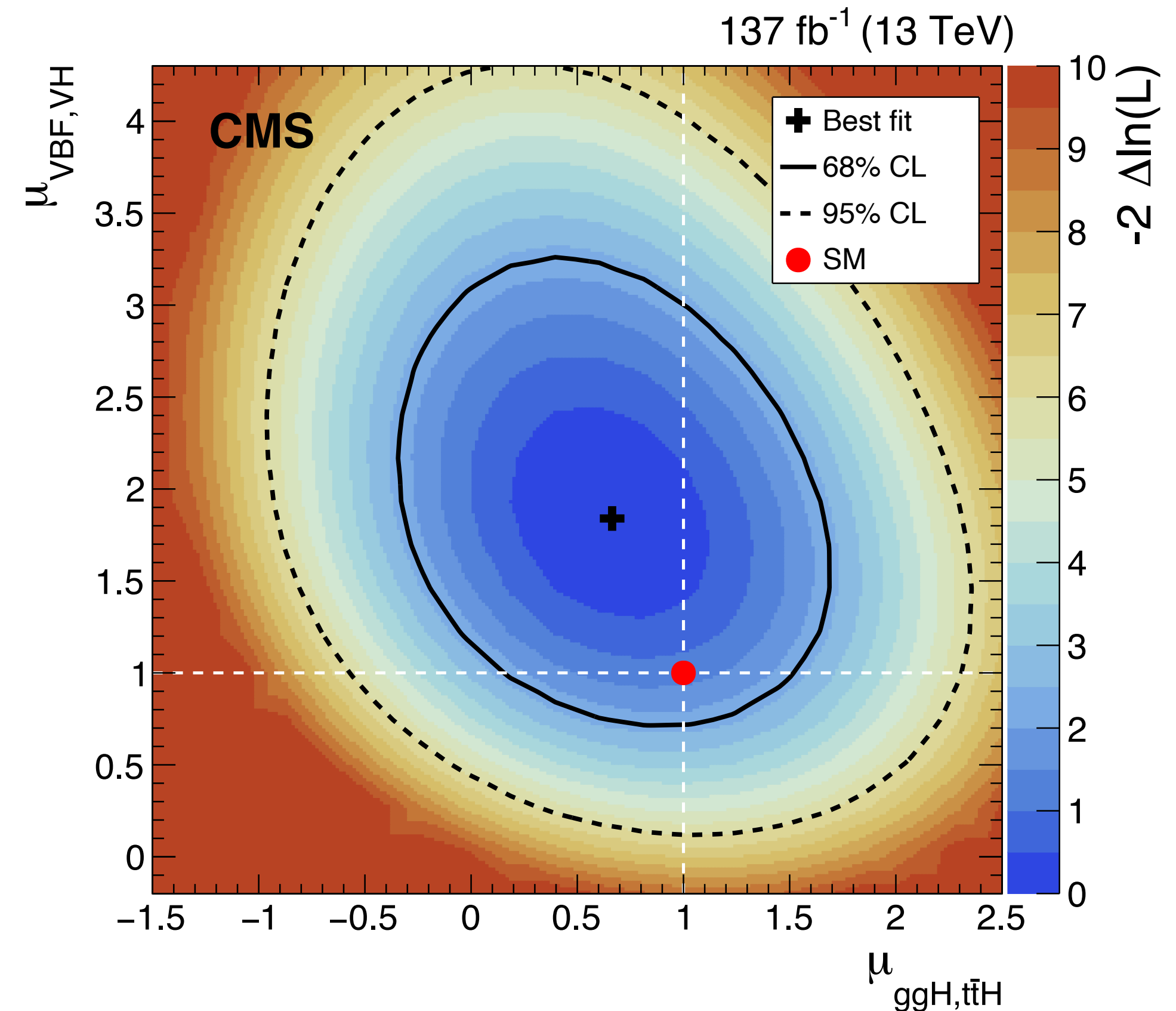
H → μμ signal

Likelihood scans vs μ for $m_H = 125.38$ GeV



Likelihood scans vs μ_F and μ_V for $m_H = 125.38$ GeV

- μ_F targets production modes involving Higgs-to-fermions couplings (ggH and ttH)
- μ_V targets production modes involving Higgs-to-vector boson couplings (VBF and VH)



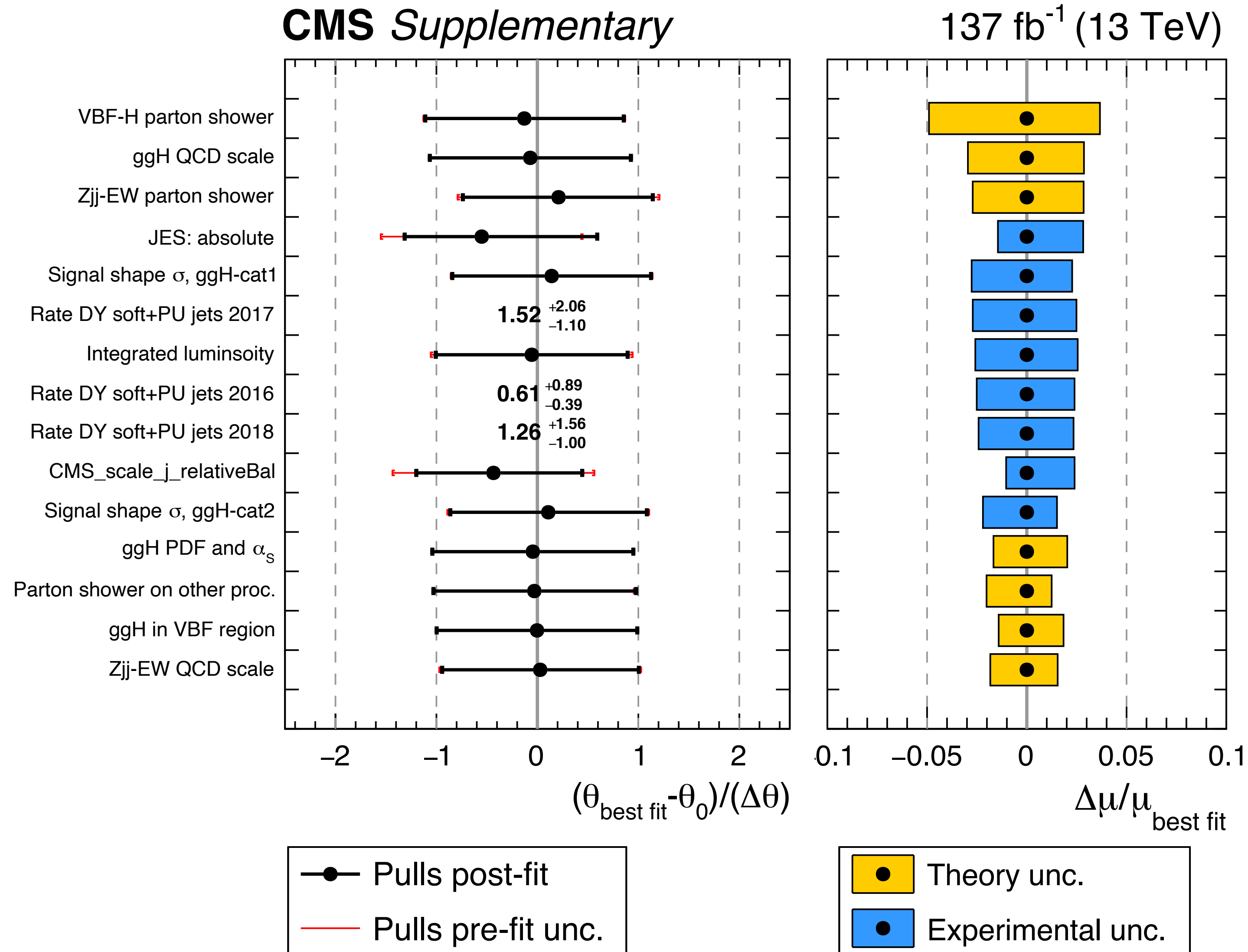
Simulated samples and cross sections

Process	Generator (Perturbative order)	Parton shower	Cross section	Additional corrections
ggH	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	N3LO QCD, NLO EW	$p_T(H)$ from NNLOPS
VBF	POWHEG (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA dipole shower	NNLO QCD, NLO EW	—
qq → VH	POWHEG (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NNLO QCD, NLO EW	—
gg → ZH	POWHEG (LO)	PYTHIA	NNLO QCD, NLO EW	—
t \bar{t} H	POWHEG (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NLO QCD, NLO EW	—
b \bar{b} H	POWHEG (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NLO QCD	—
tHq	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (LO)	PYTHIA	NLO QCD	—
tHW	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (LO)	PYTHIA	NLO QCD	—
Drell–Yan	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NNLO QCD, NLO EW	—
Zjj-EW	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (LO)	HERWIG++/HERWIG 7	LO	—
t \bar{t}	POWHEG (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NNLO QCD	—
Single top quark	POWHEG/MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NLO QCD	—
Diboson (VV)	POWHEG/MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NLO QCD	NNLO/NLO K factors
gg → ZZ	MCFM (LO)	PYTHIA	LO	NNLO/LO K factors
t \bar{t} V, t \bar{t} VV	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NLO QCD	—
Triboson (VVV)	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO (NLO QCD)	PYTHIA	NLO QCD	—

Systematic uncertainties: correlation

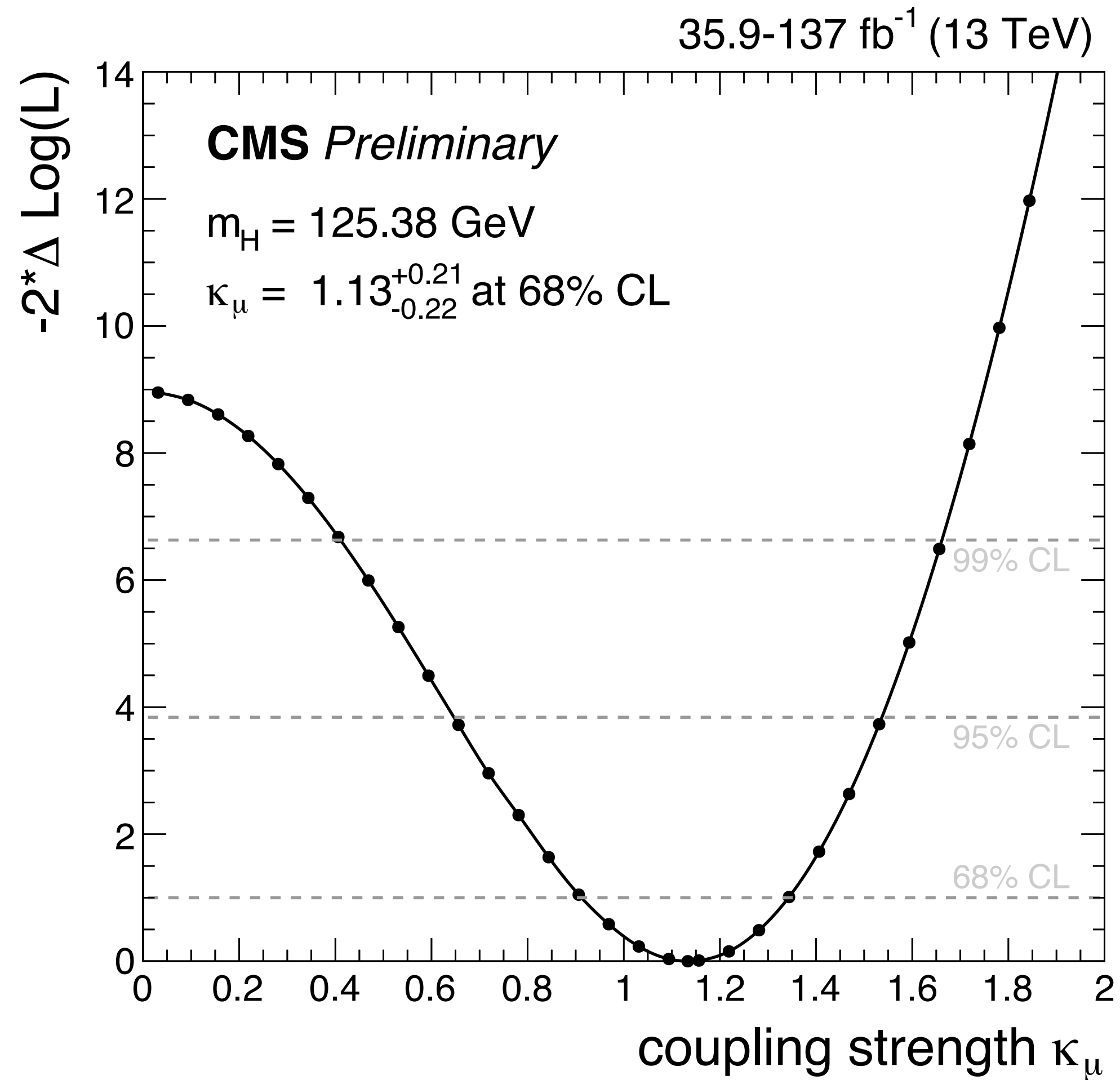
Source of uncertainty	Categories and processes	Type	Correlation vs cat.	Correlation vs year
Experimental uncertainties				
Integrated luminosity	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Rate	Correlated	Partial
Muon efficiency	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
Electron efficiency	Sig. in $t\bar{t}H$ and VH	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
Muon trigger	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
Muon p_T scale	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Correlated
Nonprompt leptons	Sig. in $t\bar{t}H$ and VH	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
Pileup model	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Uncorrelated
L1 inefficiency	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Uncorrelated
B-tagging efficiency	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Correlated
Jet energy scale	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Partial
Jet energy resolution	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Uncorrelated
Theoretical uncertainties				
μ_R and μ_F for ggH	ggH in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
μ_R and μ_F for VBF	VBF in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
μ_R and μ_F for $t\bar{t}H$	$t\bar{t}H$ in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
μ_R and μ_F for VH	VH in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
PDF for ggH	ggH in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
PDF for VBF	VBF in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
PDF for $t\bar{t}H$	$t\bar{t}H$ in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
PDF for VH	VH in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
ggH accept. vs $(p_T(H), N_j, m_{jj})$	ggH in all cat.	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Correlated
VBF accept. vs $(p_T(H), N_j, m_{jj})$	VBF in all cat.	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Correlated
$t\bar{t}H$ accept. from μ_R and μ_F	$t\bar{t}H$ in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
VH accept. from μ_R and μ_F	VH in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
$t\bar{t}H$ accept. from PDF	$t\bar{t}H$ in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
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PYTHIA ISR and FSR	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Shape in VBF, rate in others	Correlated	Correlated
PYTHIA vs HERWIG)	VBF and Zjj-EW in VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
μ_R and μ_F for Drell–Yan	VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
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μ_R and μ_F for top bkg.	VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
μ_R and μ_F for diboson	VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
PDF for Drell–Yan	VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
PDF for Zjj-EW	VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
PDF for top bkg.	VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
PDF for dibosons	VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
Size of simulated samples	VBF cat.	Bin-by-bin	—	Uncorrelated

Systematic uncertainties: pulls and impacts

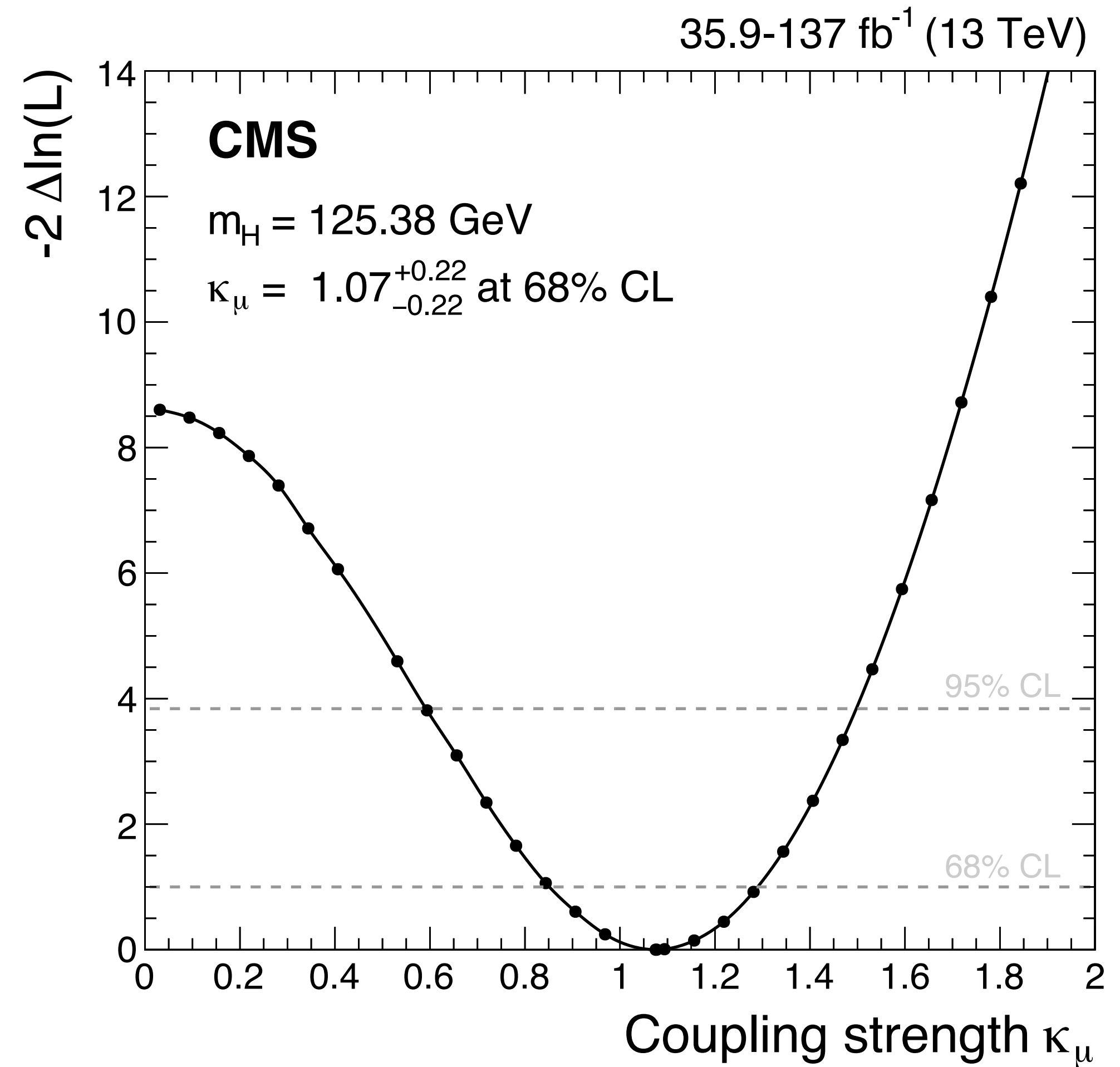


Coupling fit

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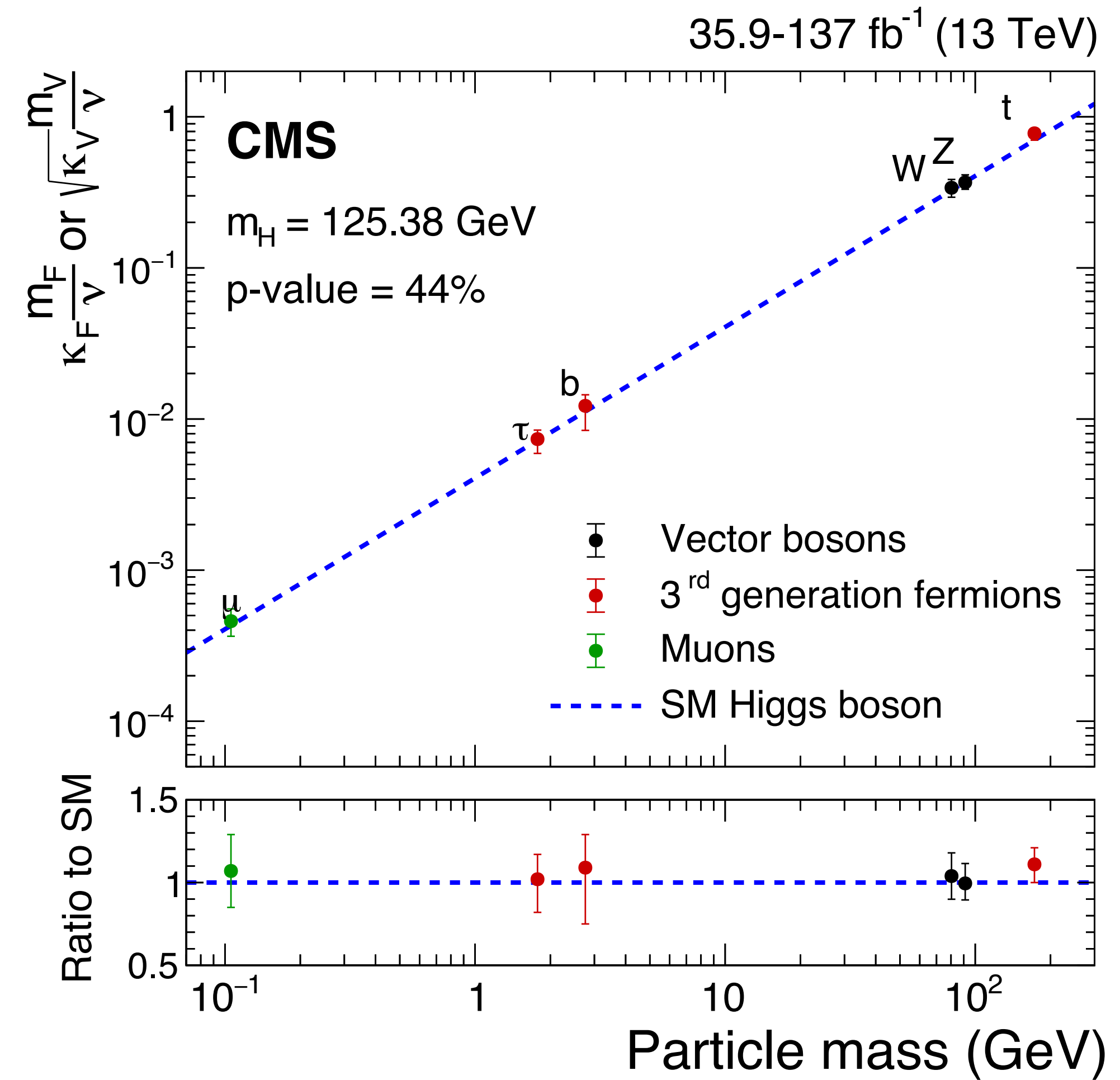
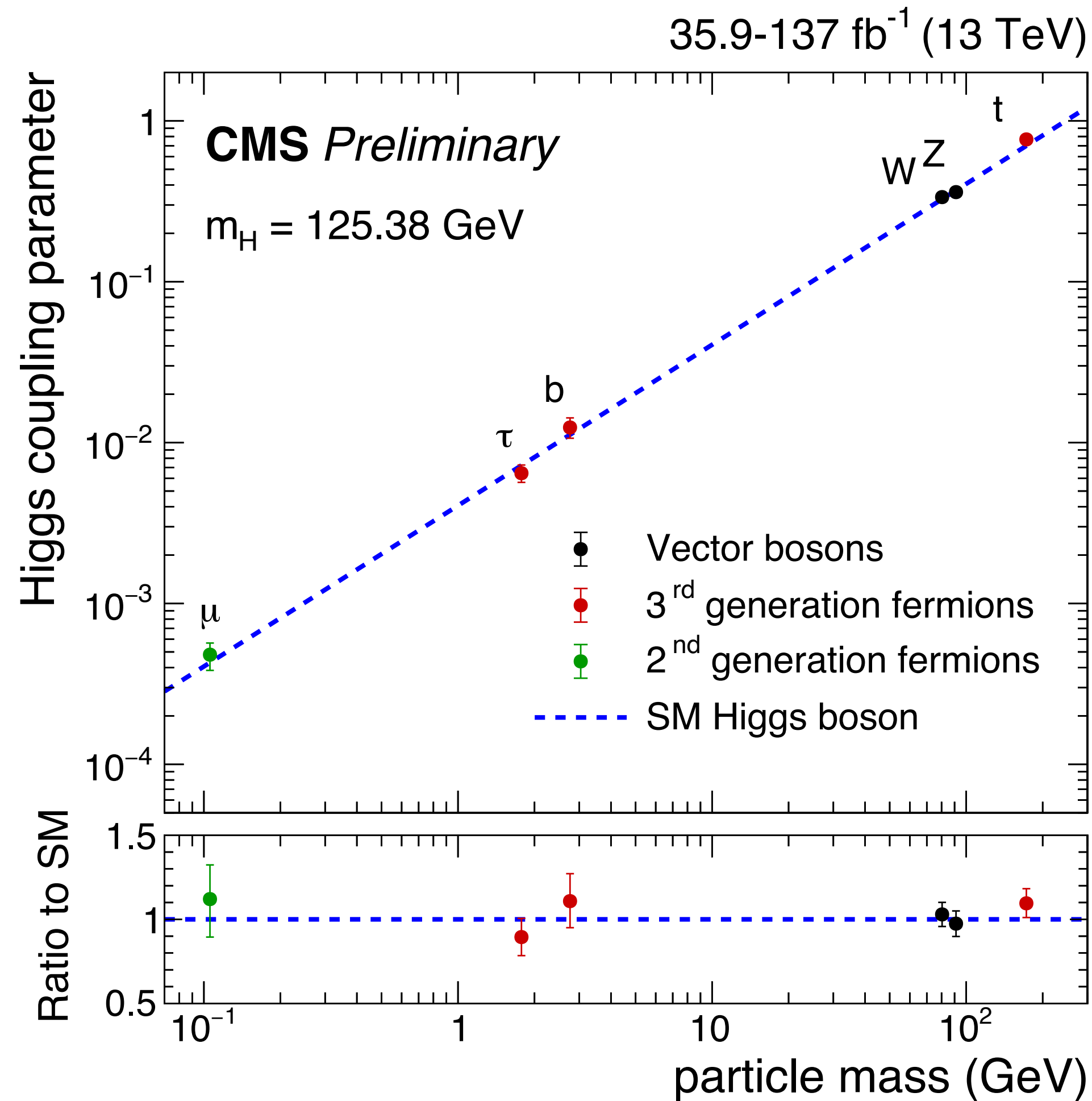
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H \rightarrow $\mu\mu$ analysis: ATLAS vs CMS

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*** **Disclaimer:** ATLAS results interpreted for $m_H = 125.09$ GeV, CMS ones for $m_H = 125.38$ GeV

ATLAS vs CMS: results

Similarities

- Both experiments rely on **single-muon triggers** with similar overall efficiency
- **Comparable acceptance** of the baseline dimuon selection
- Both experiments developed **dedicated analyses** for ttH, VH, VBF, and ggH production modes
- **ttH, VH, VBF**, and **ggH** MVAs exploit similar input features to maximise the S to B separation
- Similar choice for **signal event generation**: NNLOPS prediction used as target for ggH, POWHEG NLO for other processes (VBF, VH, ttH)

Differences

- **mass resolution**: CMS has a substantially better resolution on muon p_T
- In CMS all **MVAs** are **sensitive** to both **event kinematic** and **$m_{\mu\mu}$ resolution**, while ATLAS does not embed the resolution information
- The p_T threshold for **additional leptons** in ttH and VH are lower in ATLAS than in CMS
- **VBF analysis**: ATLAS uses a divide-n-fit strategy, while CMS adopted a MC-based analysis
- **ggH analysis**: ATLAS trained independent BDTs in each jet-bin, while CMS has a single MVA classifier
- **ggH analysis**: ATLAS has 4 categories per MVA, while CMS has just five ggH categories in total

The difference in $m_{\mu\mu}$ resolution is the main reason behind the stronger CMS result

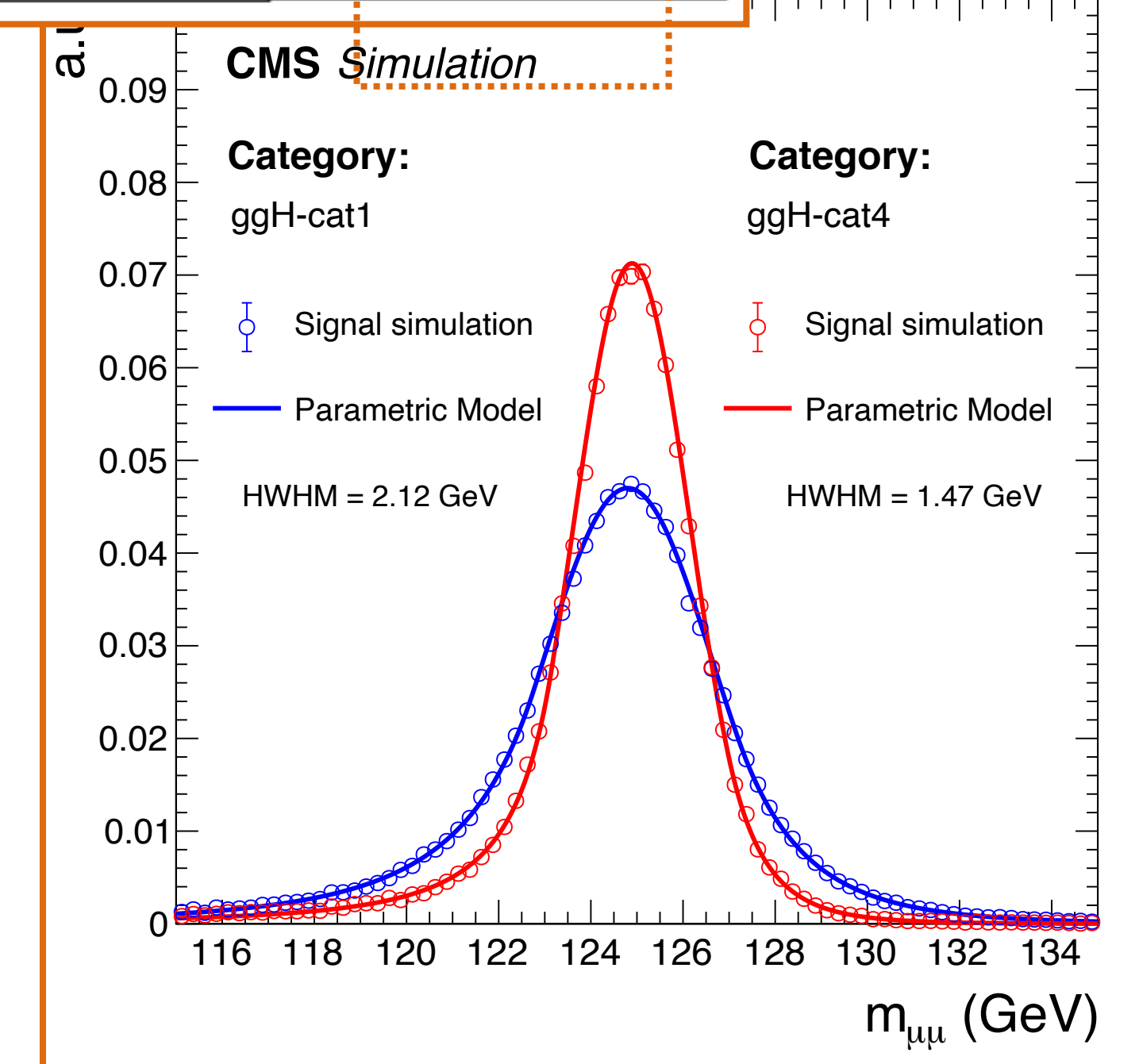
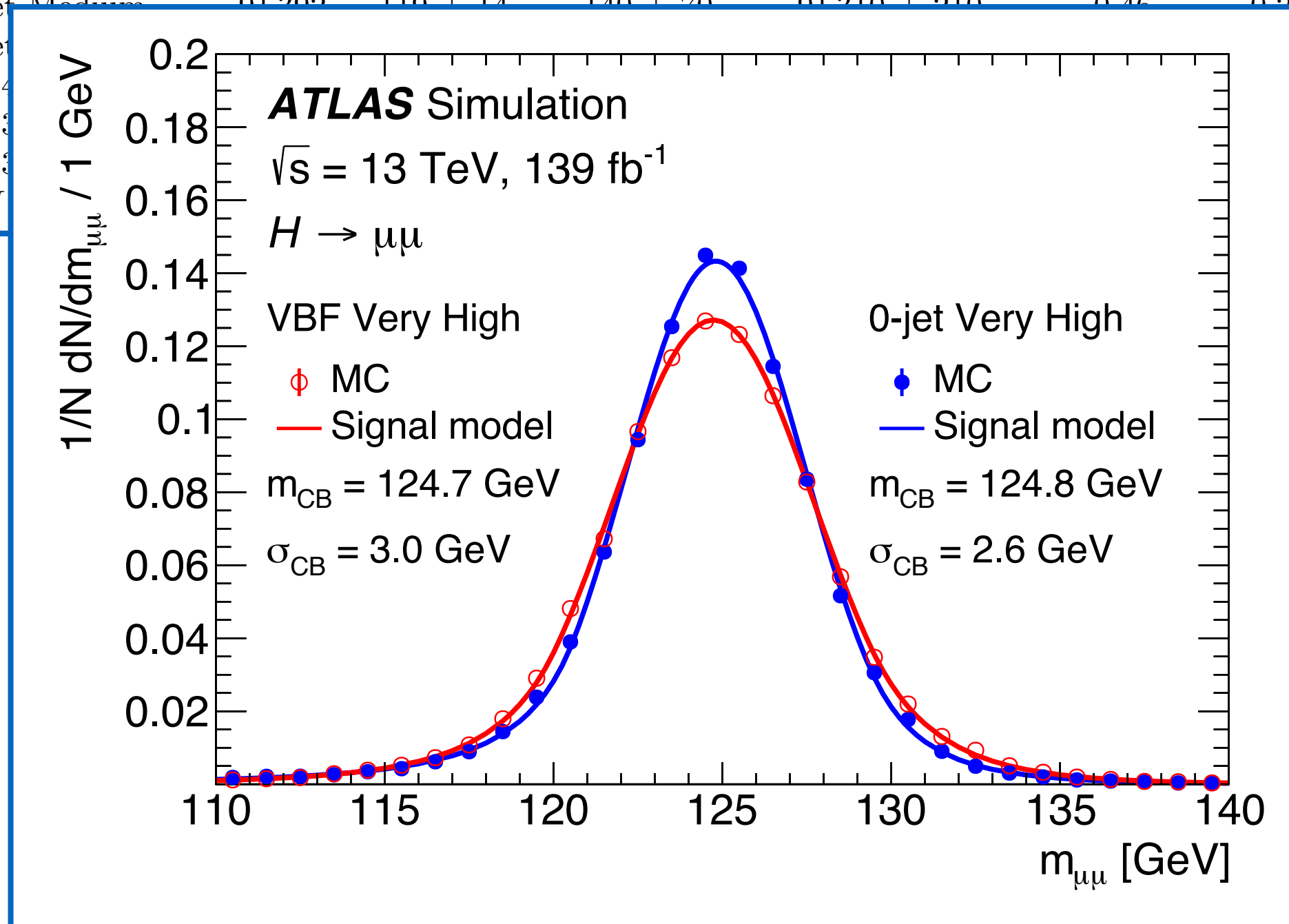
ATLAS vs CMS: mass resolution

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VH4							2.9
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VH2							3.0
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$t\bar{t}H$							

CMS resolution in ggH

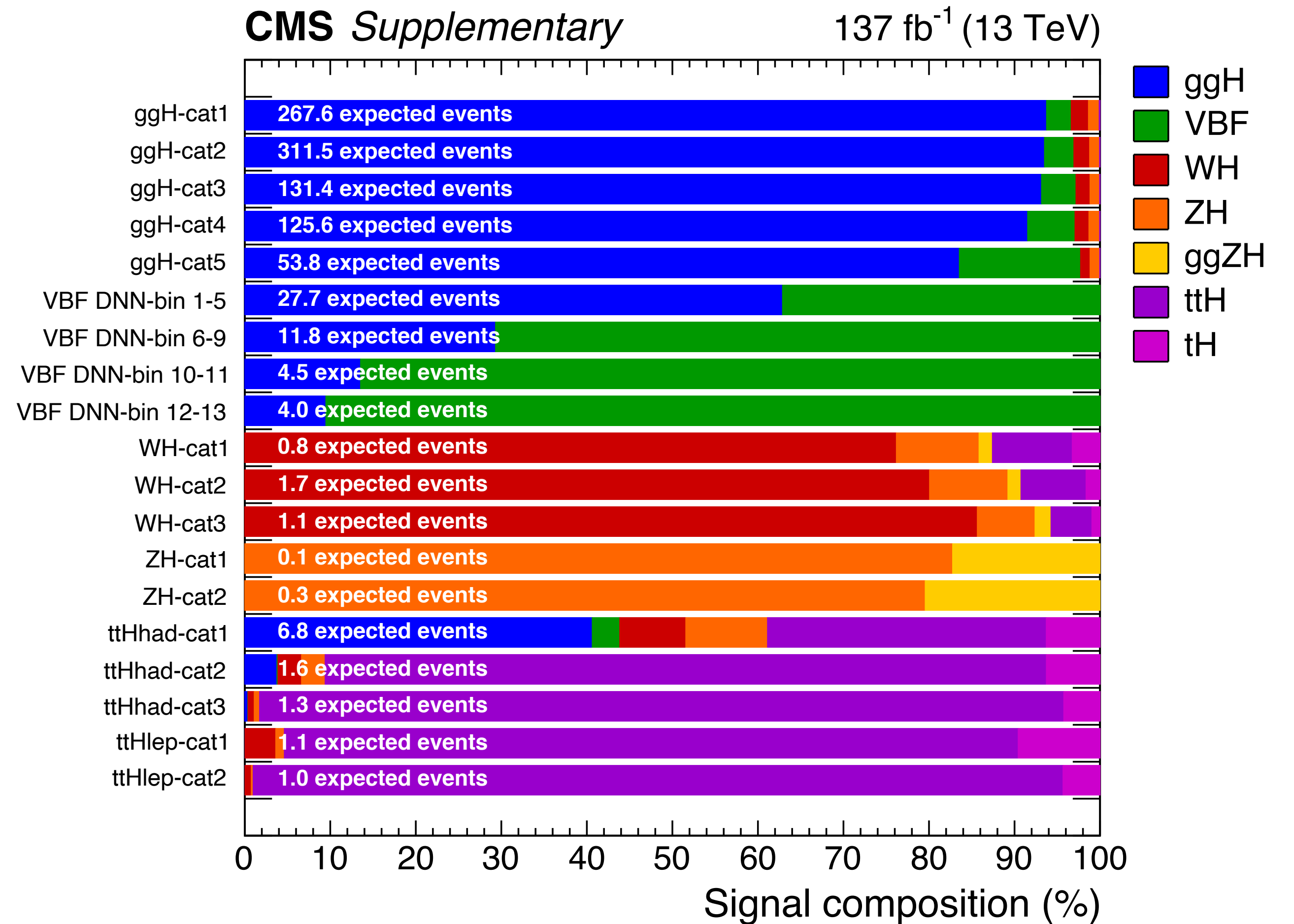
Event category	HWHM (GeV)
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ATLAS and CMS $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ result

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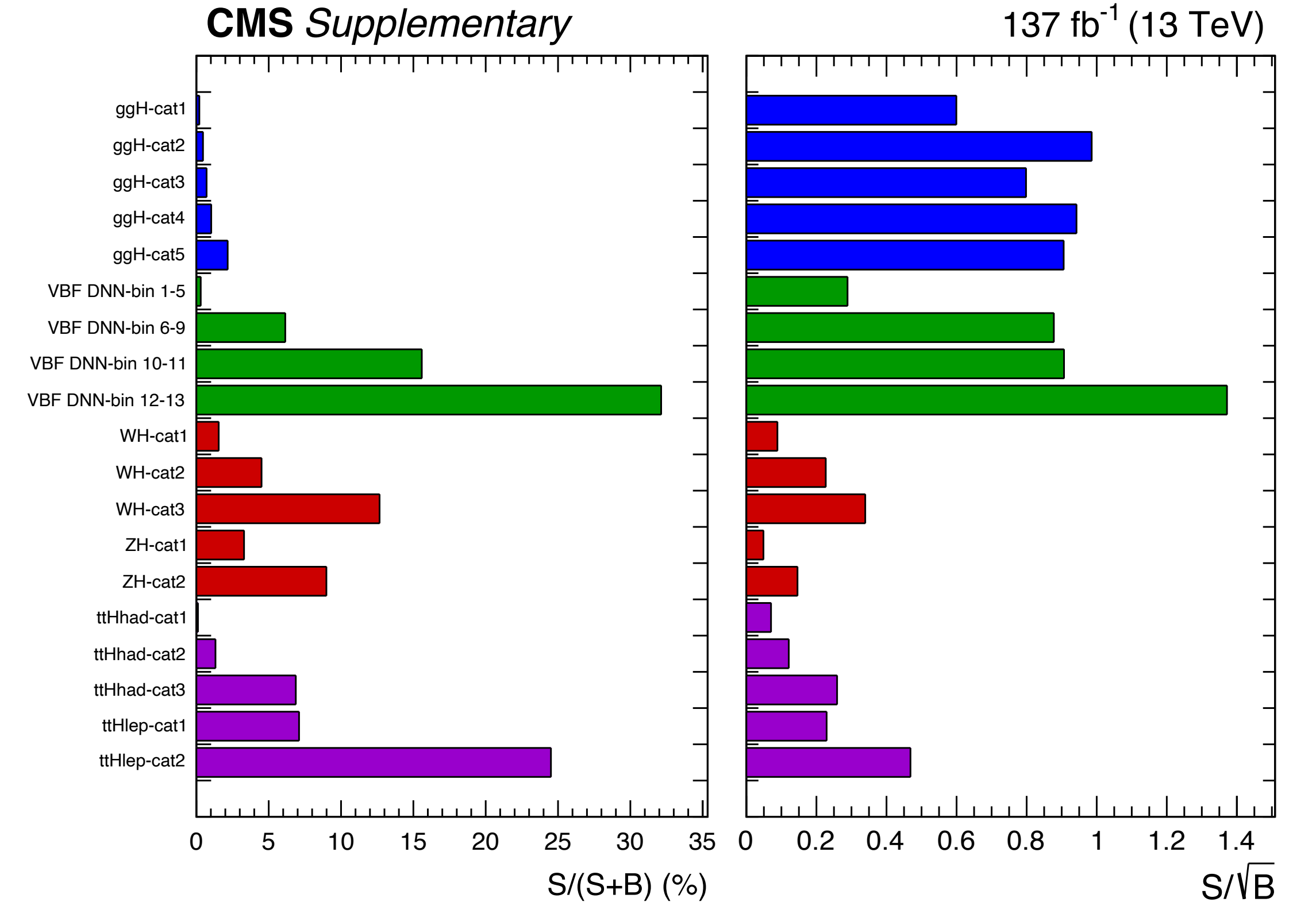
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VH4L	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	99.5%	0.4%
VH3LH	0.3%	0.1%	96.9%	2.6%	0.1%
VH3LM	4.2%	1.0%	80.8%	8.6%	5.3%
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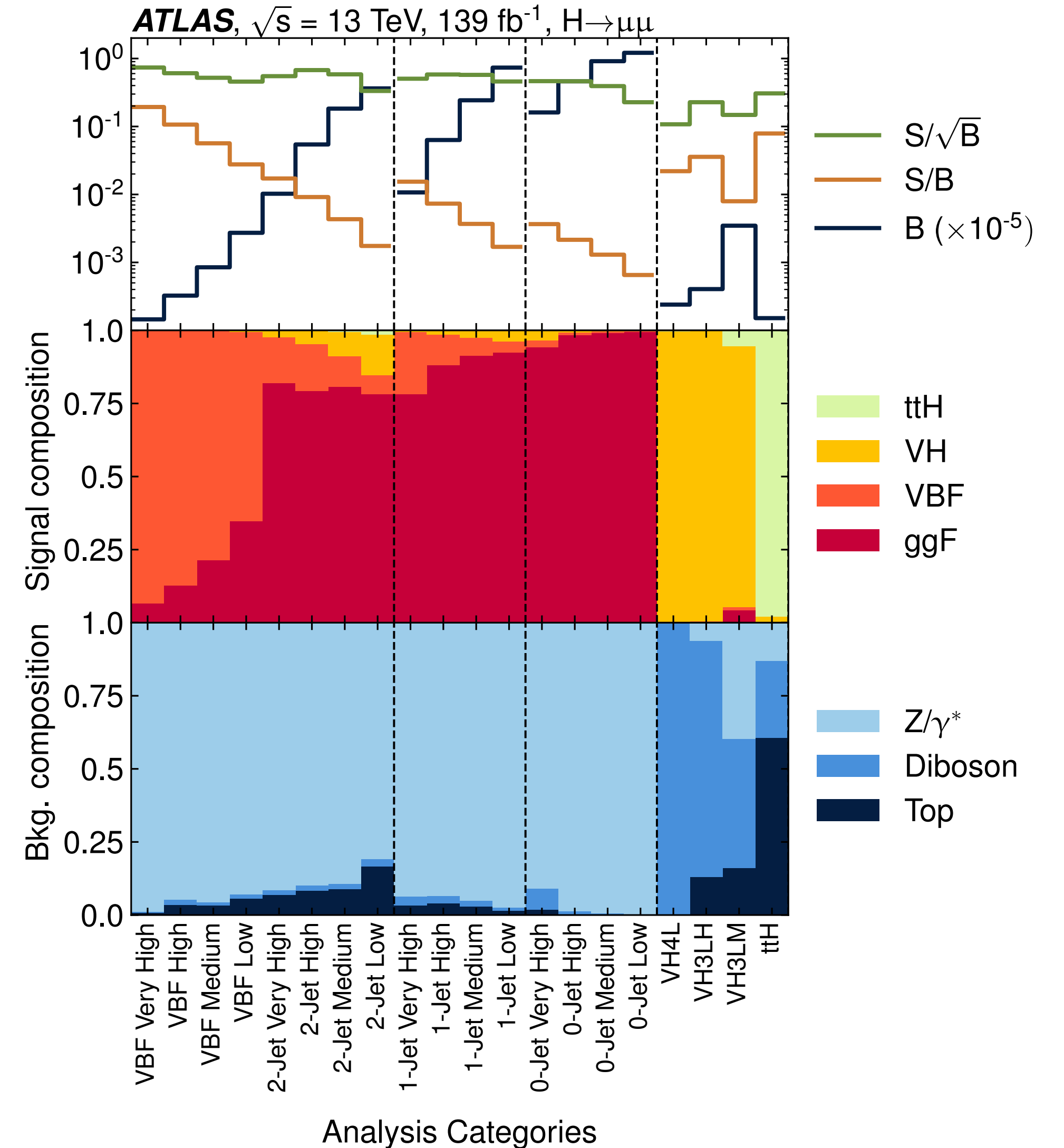
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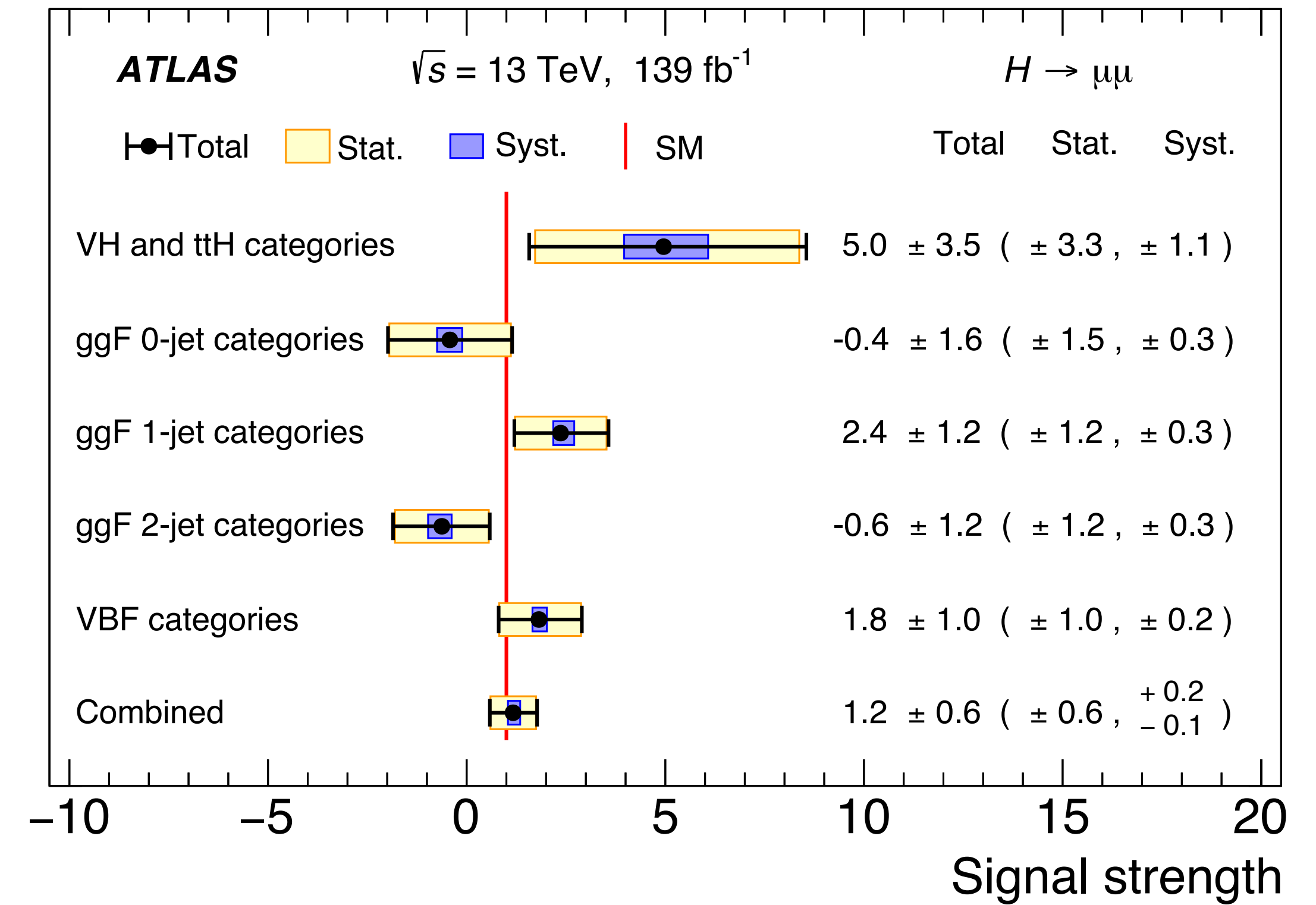
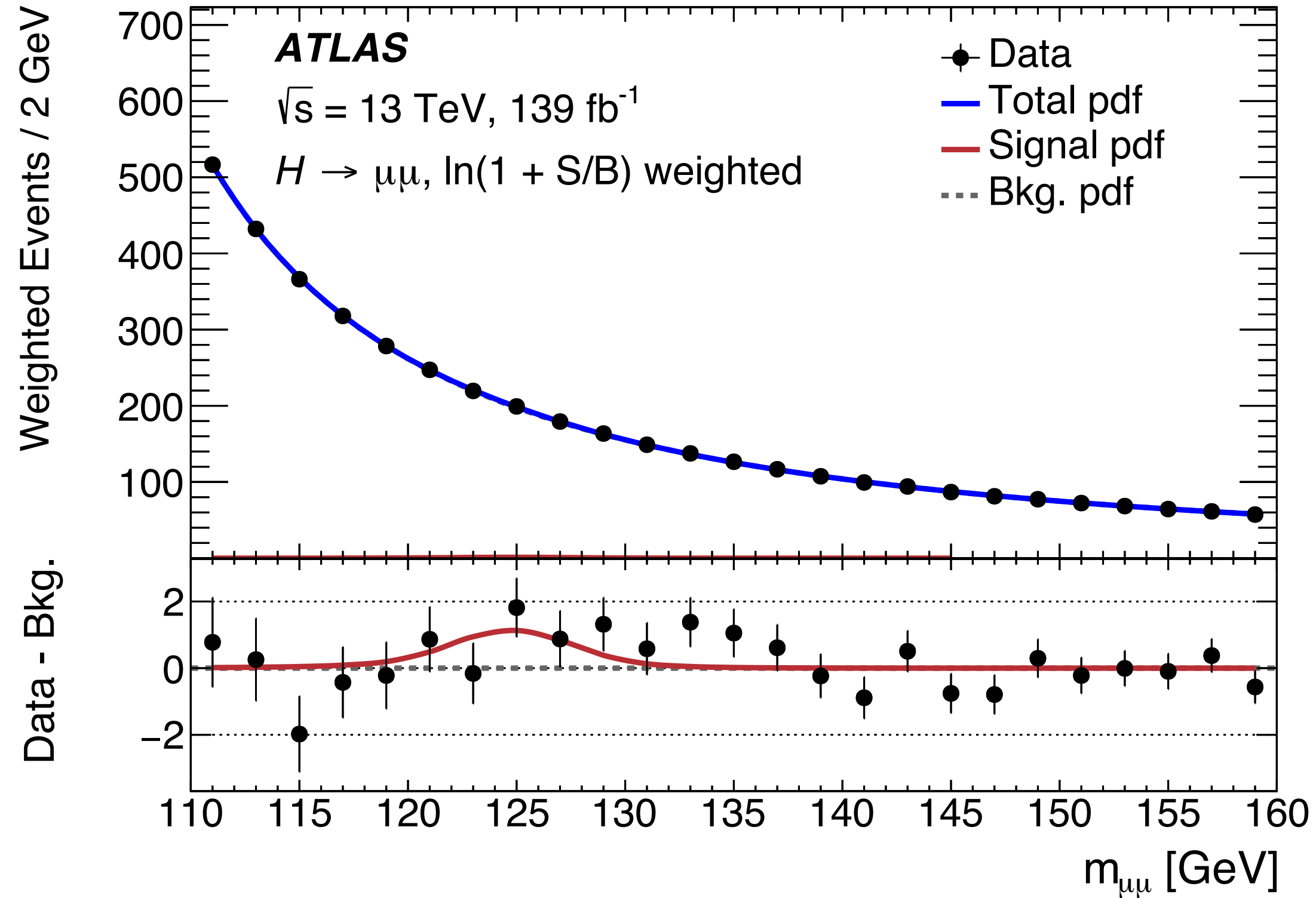
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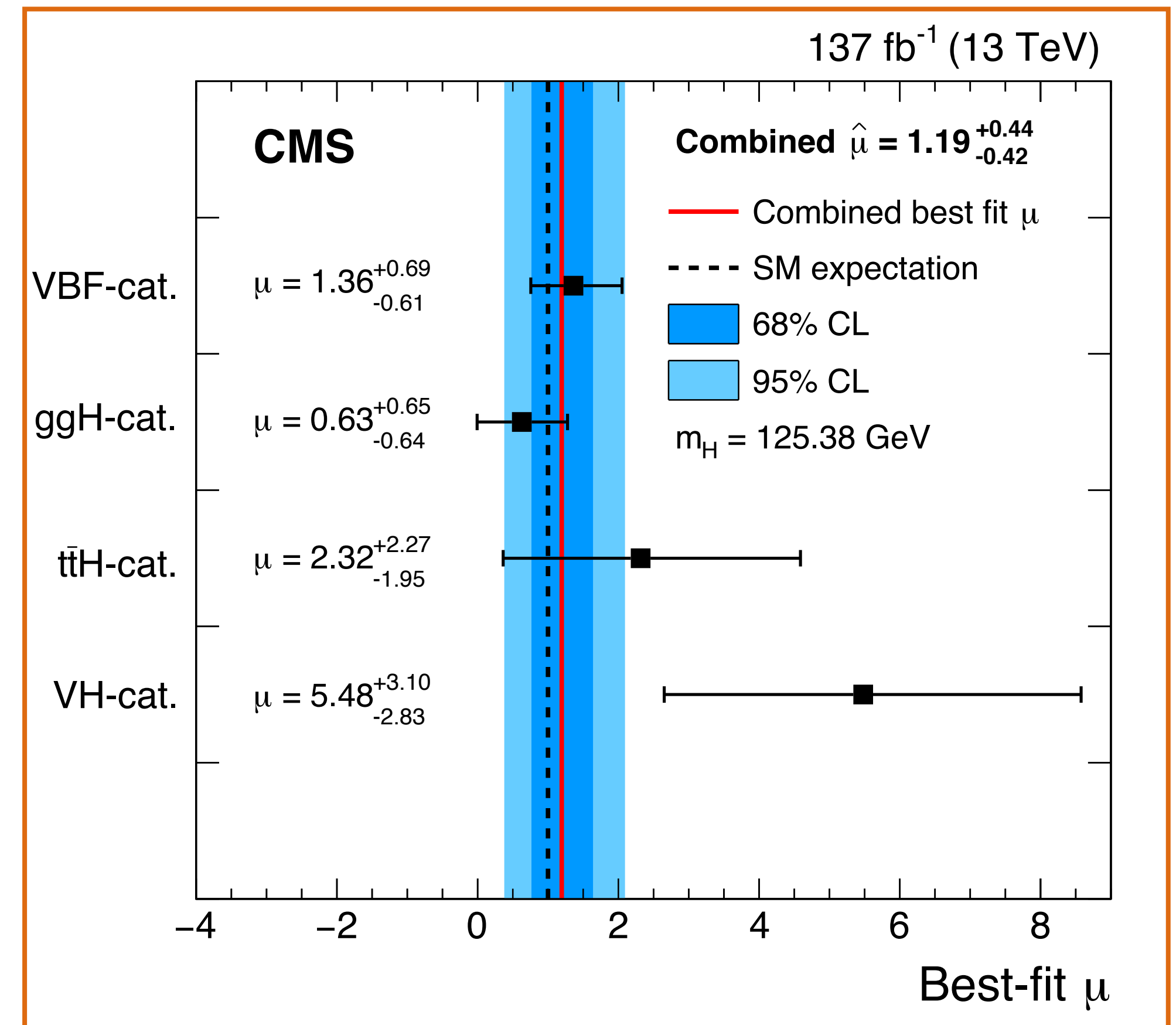
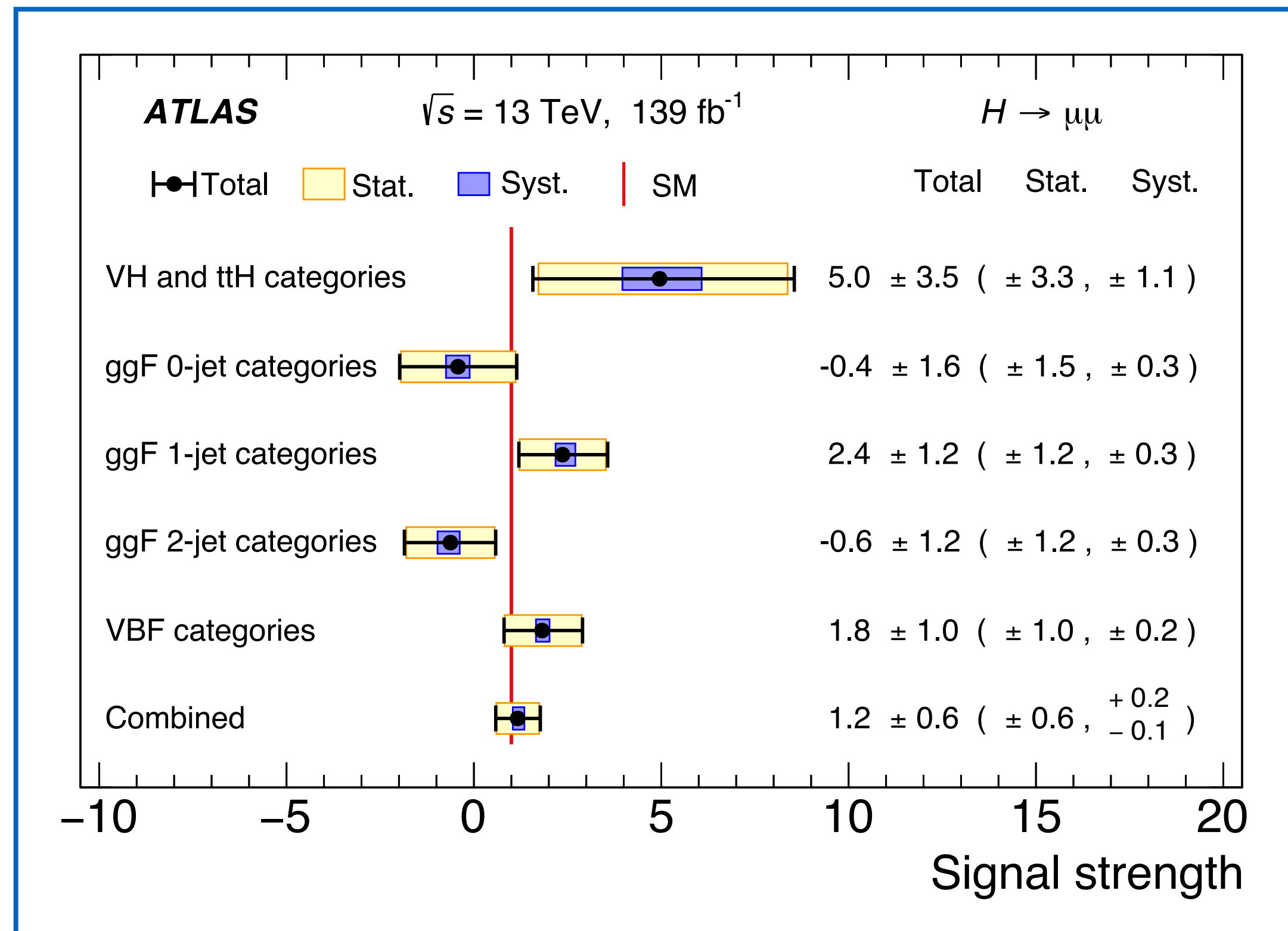


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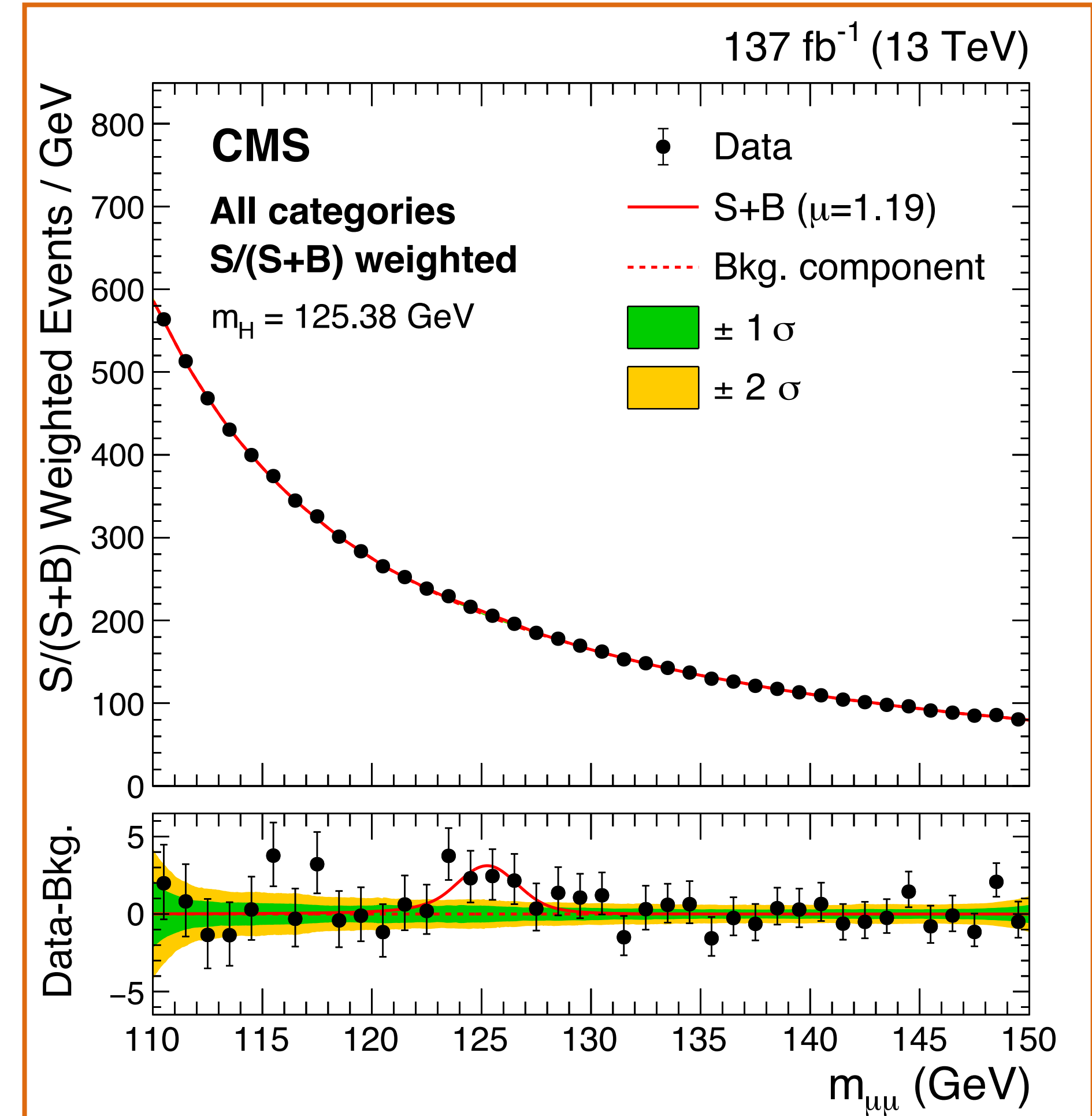
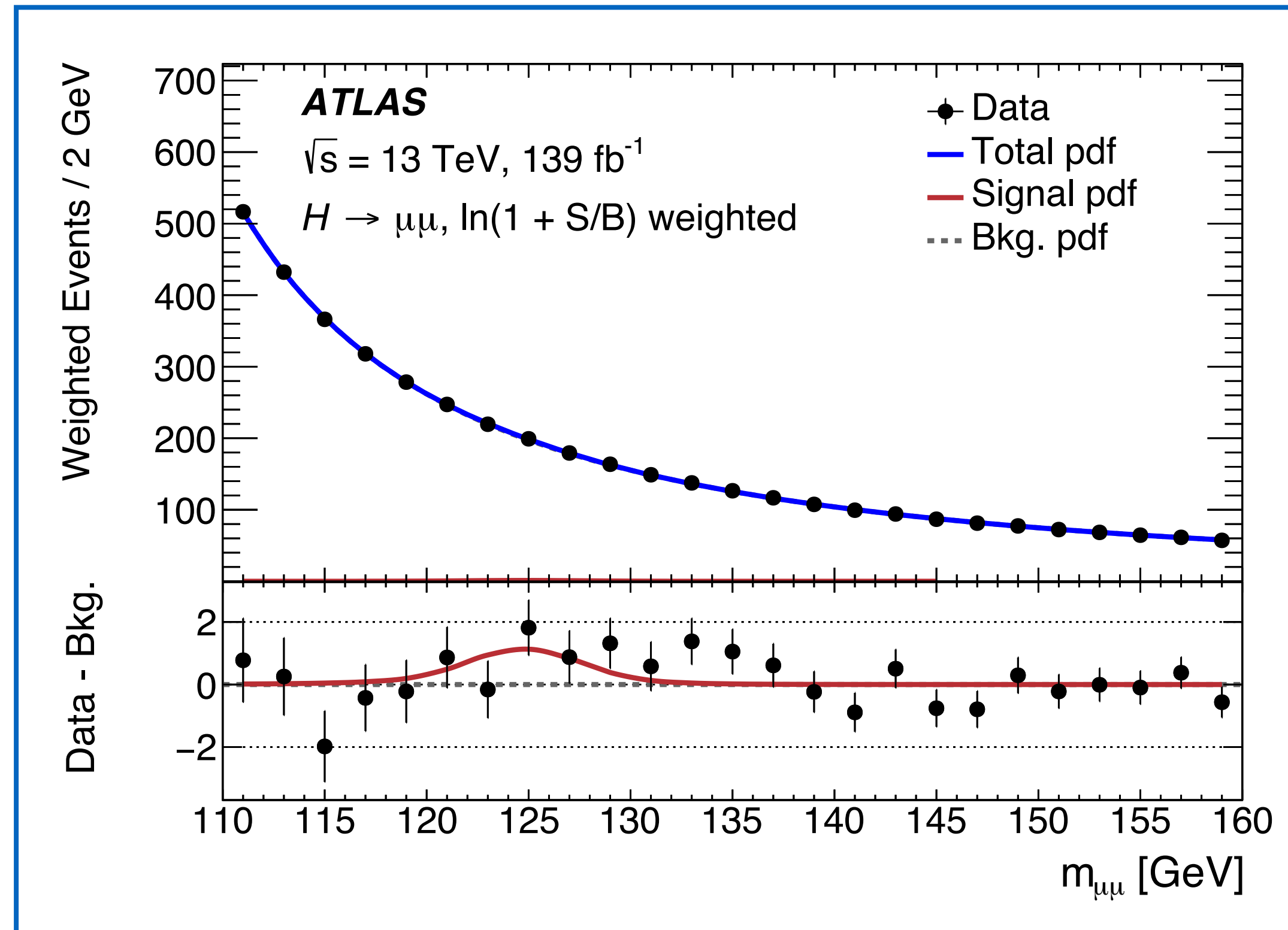
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$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ analysis: future prospects

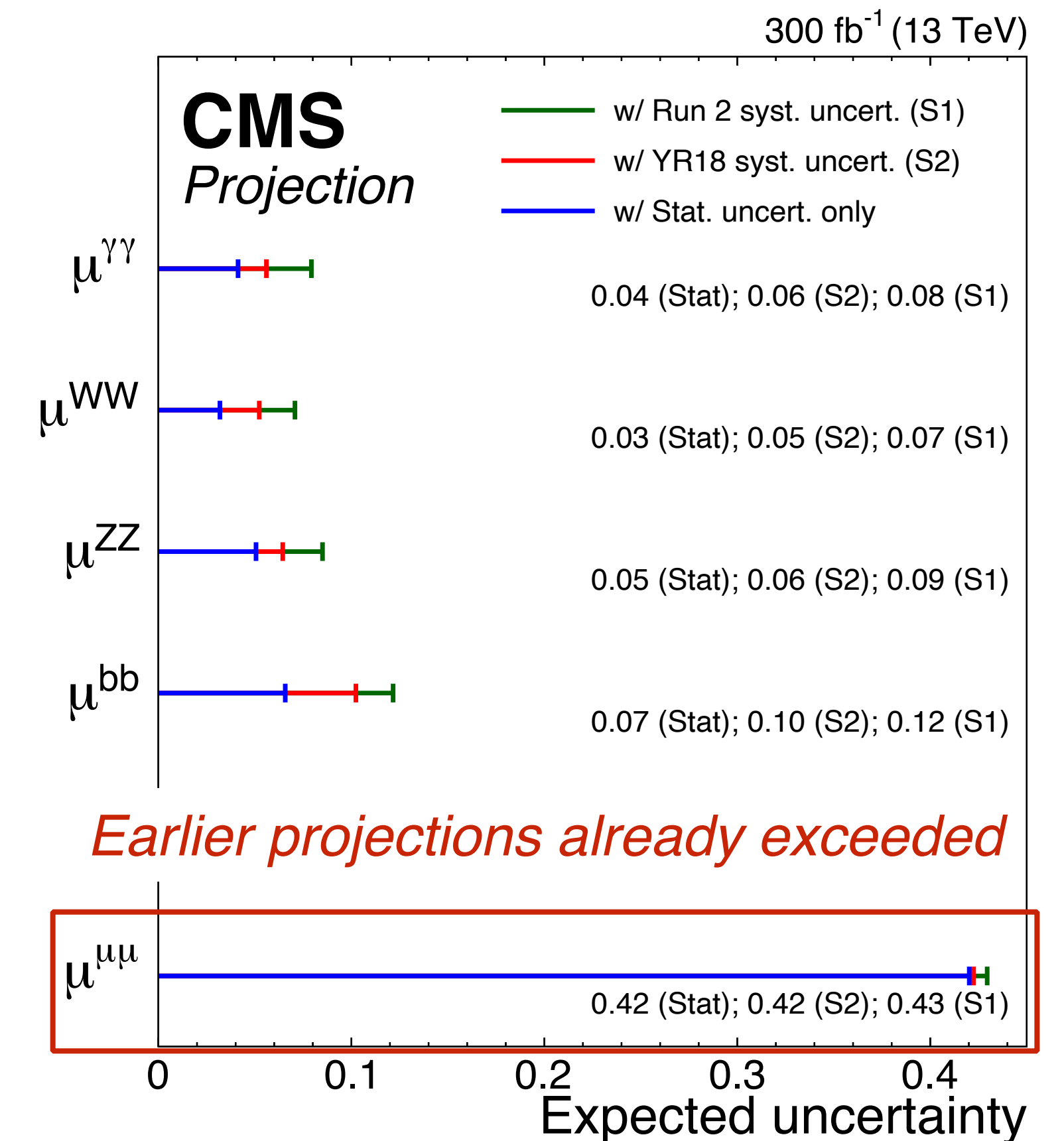
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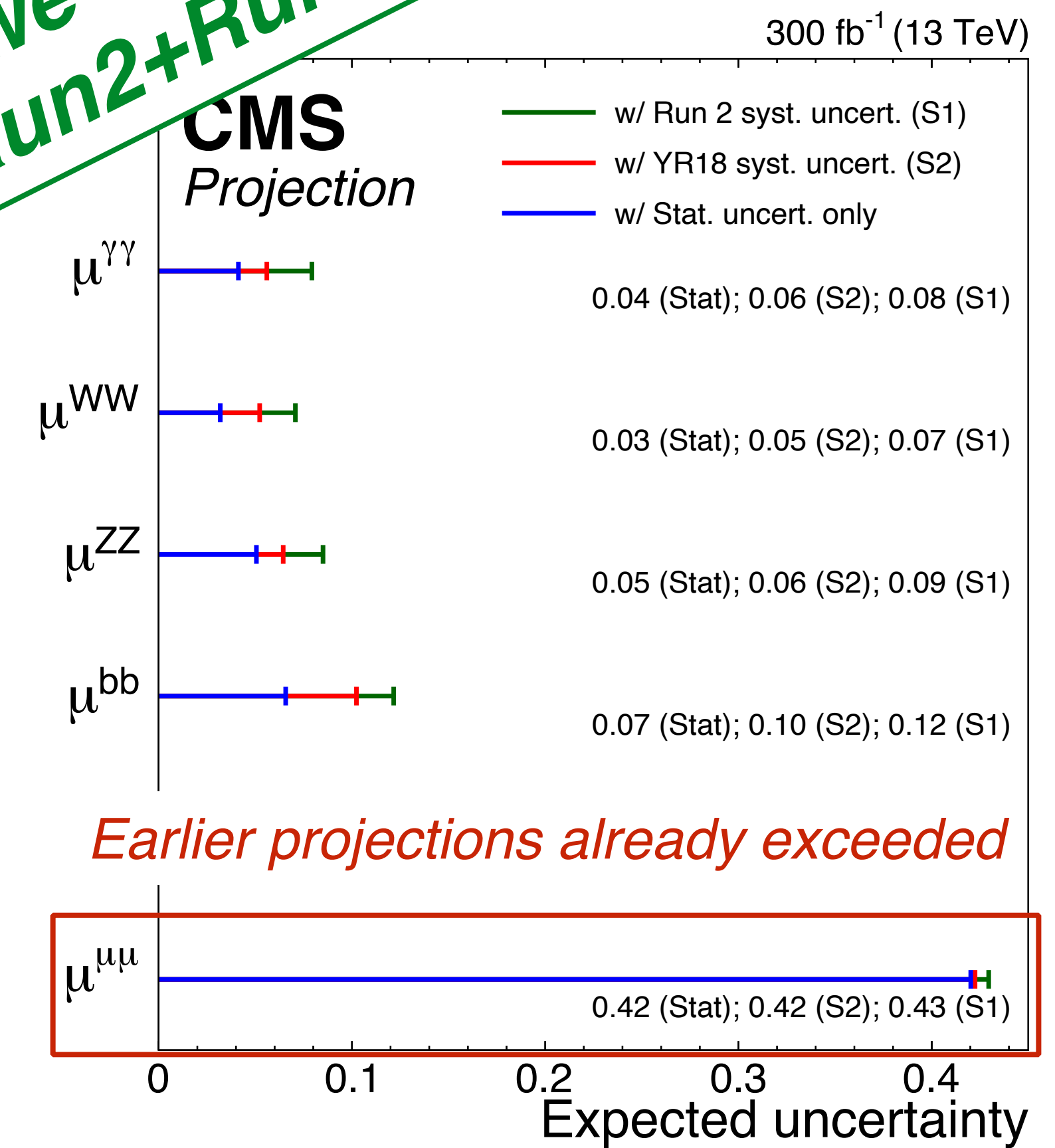


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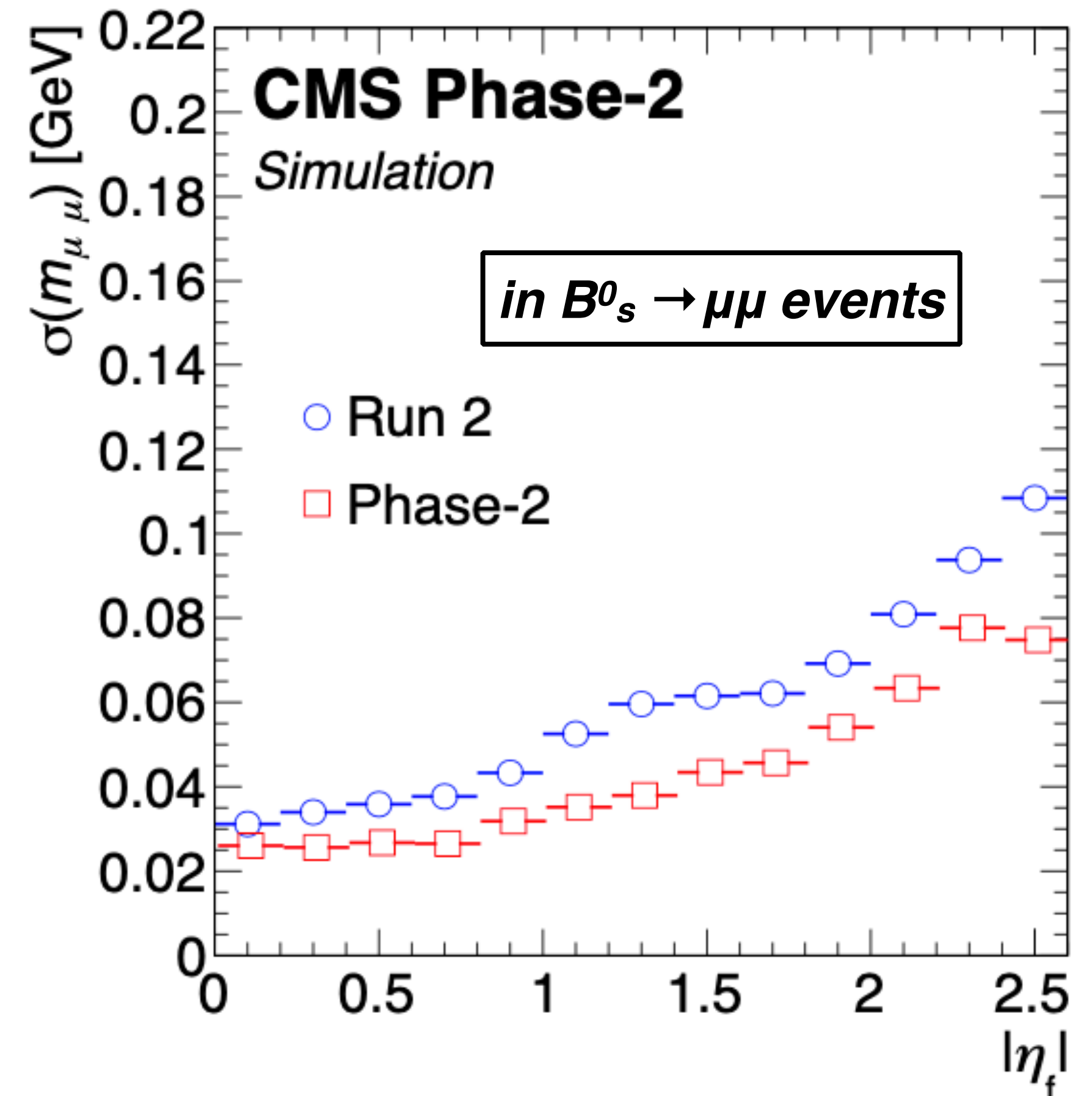
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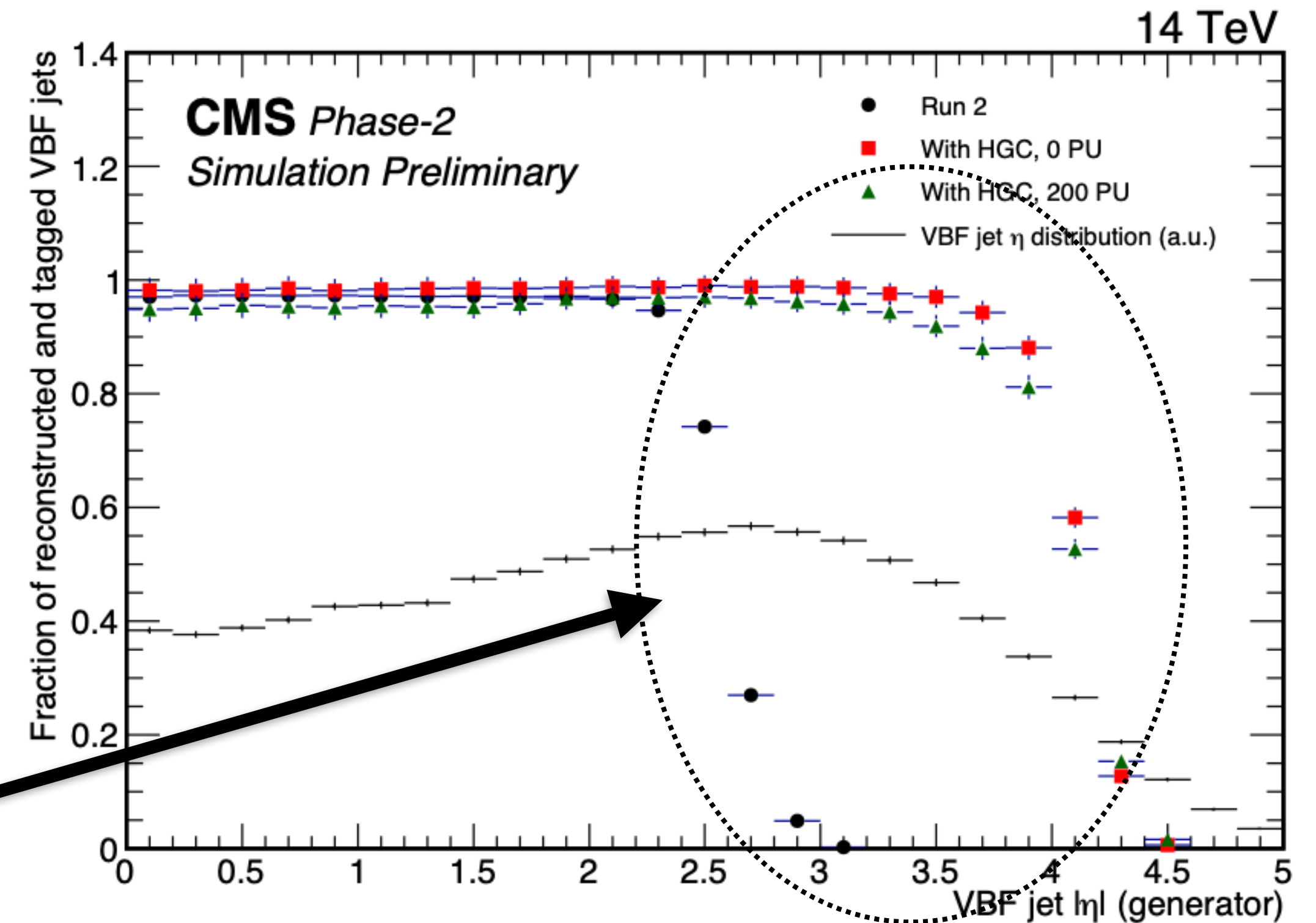
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