

Evidence for Higgs boson decay to muons

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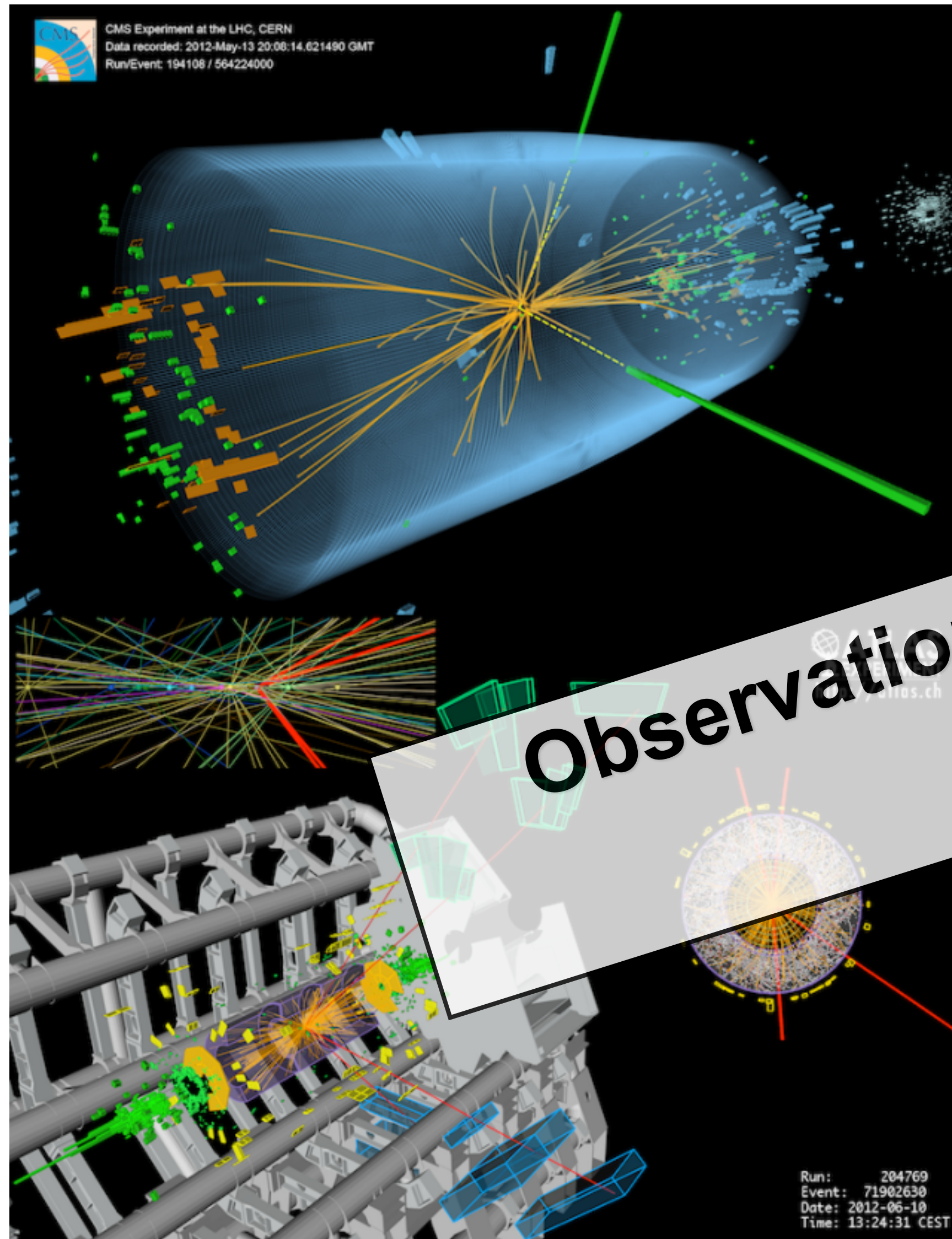
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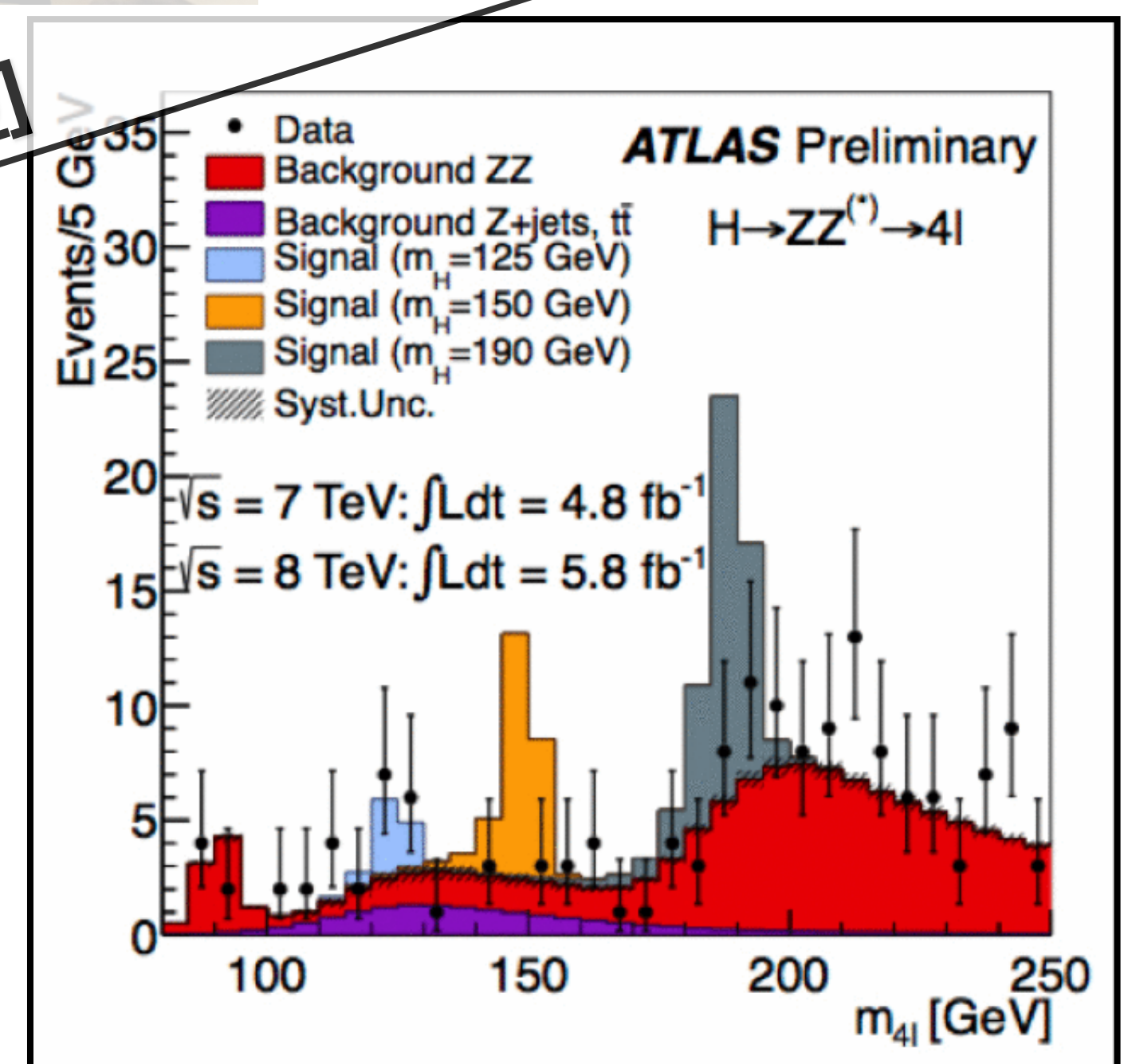
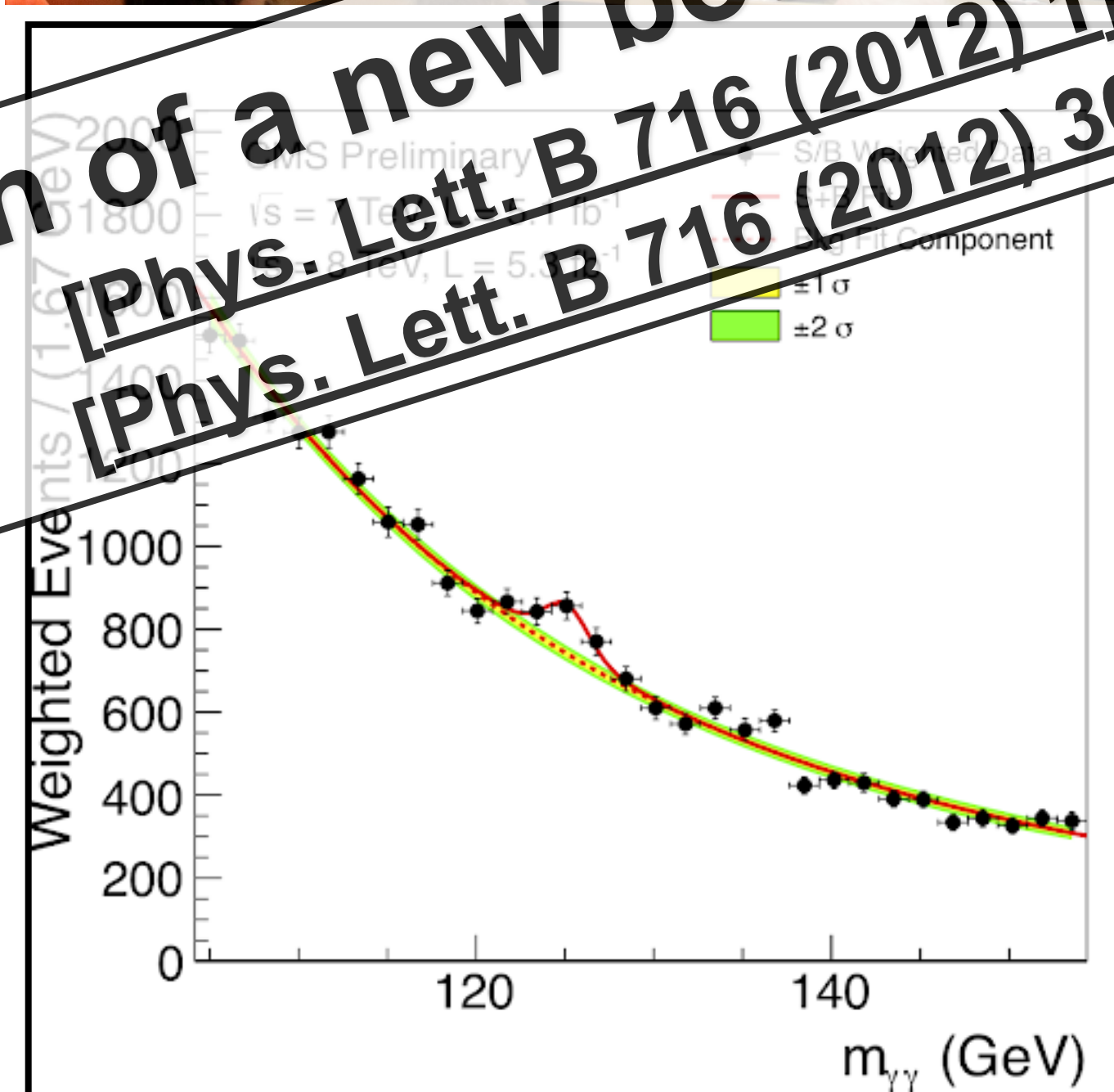
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Observation of a new boson near 125 GeV
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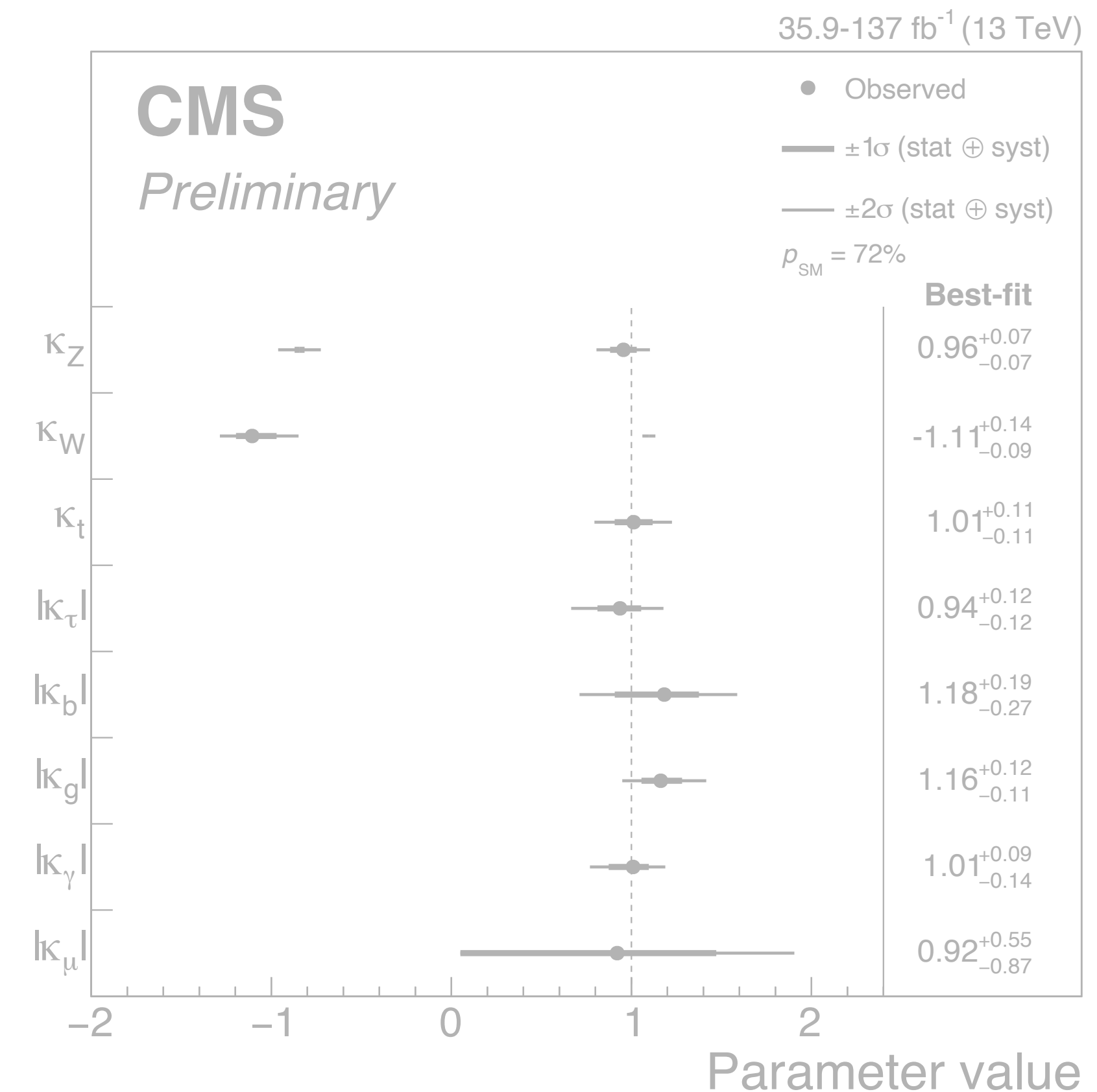
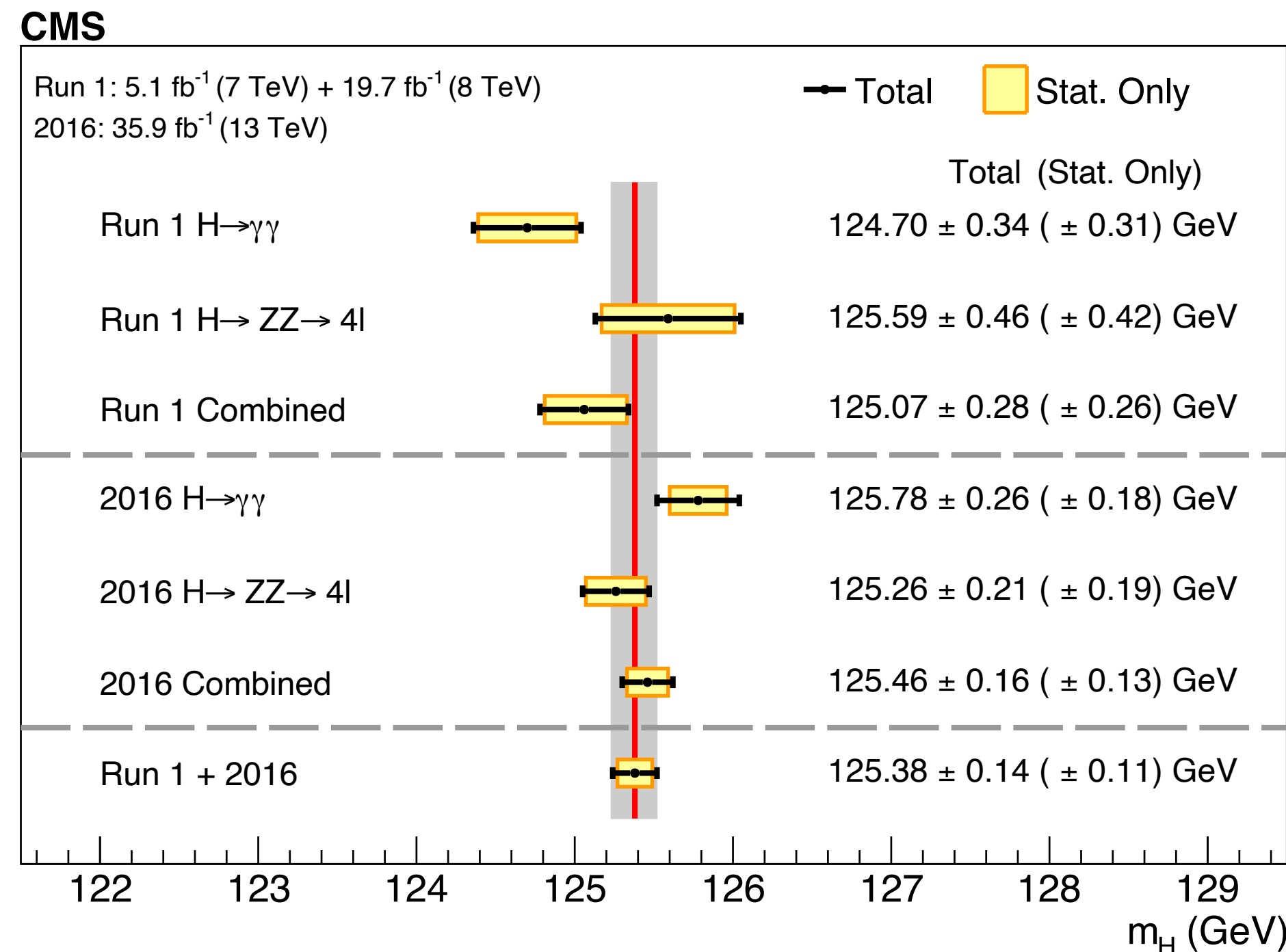
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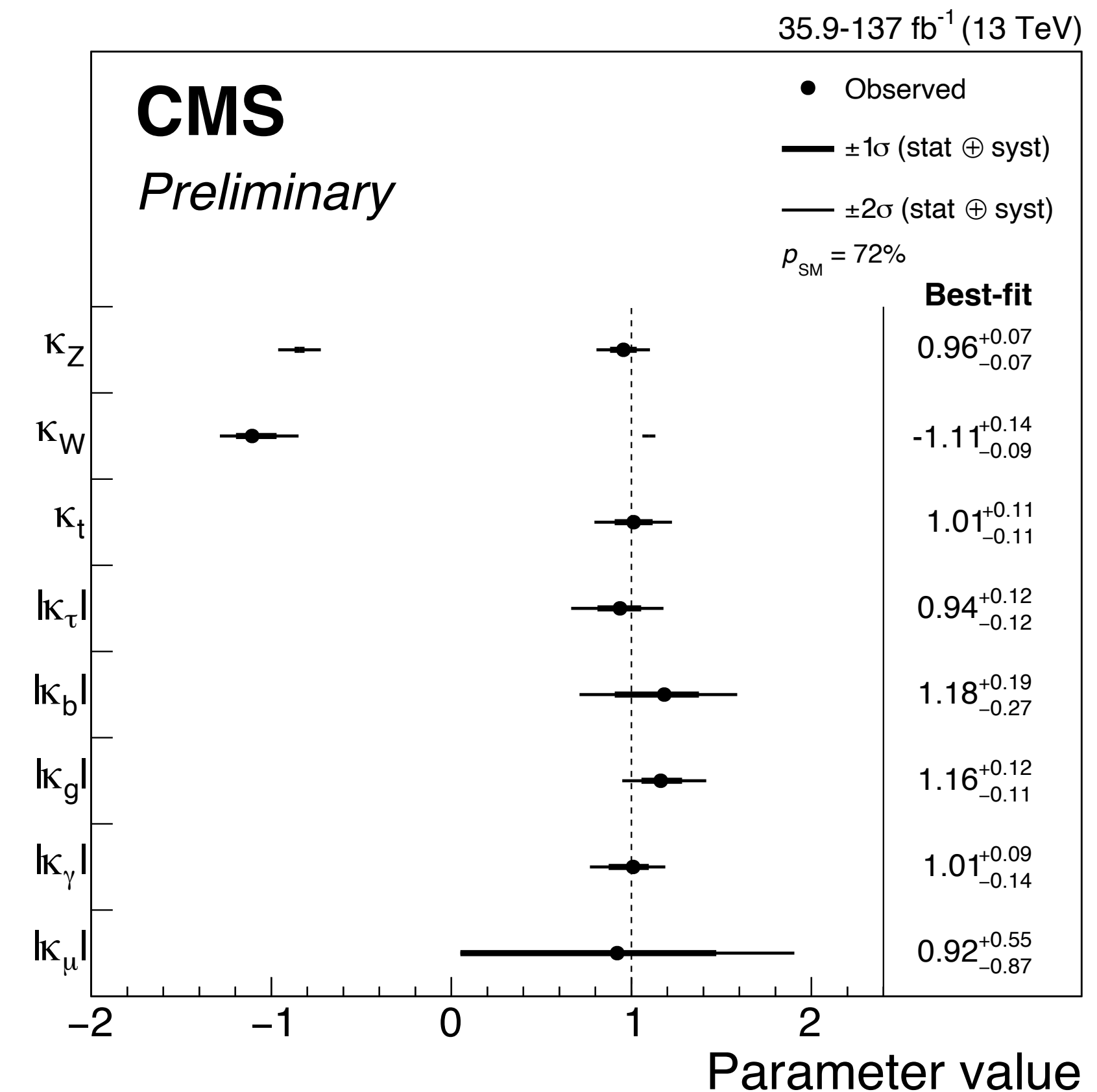
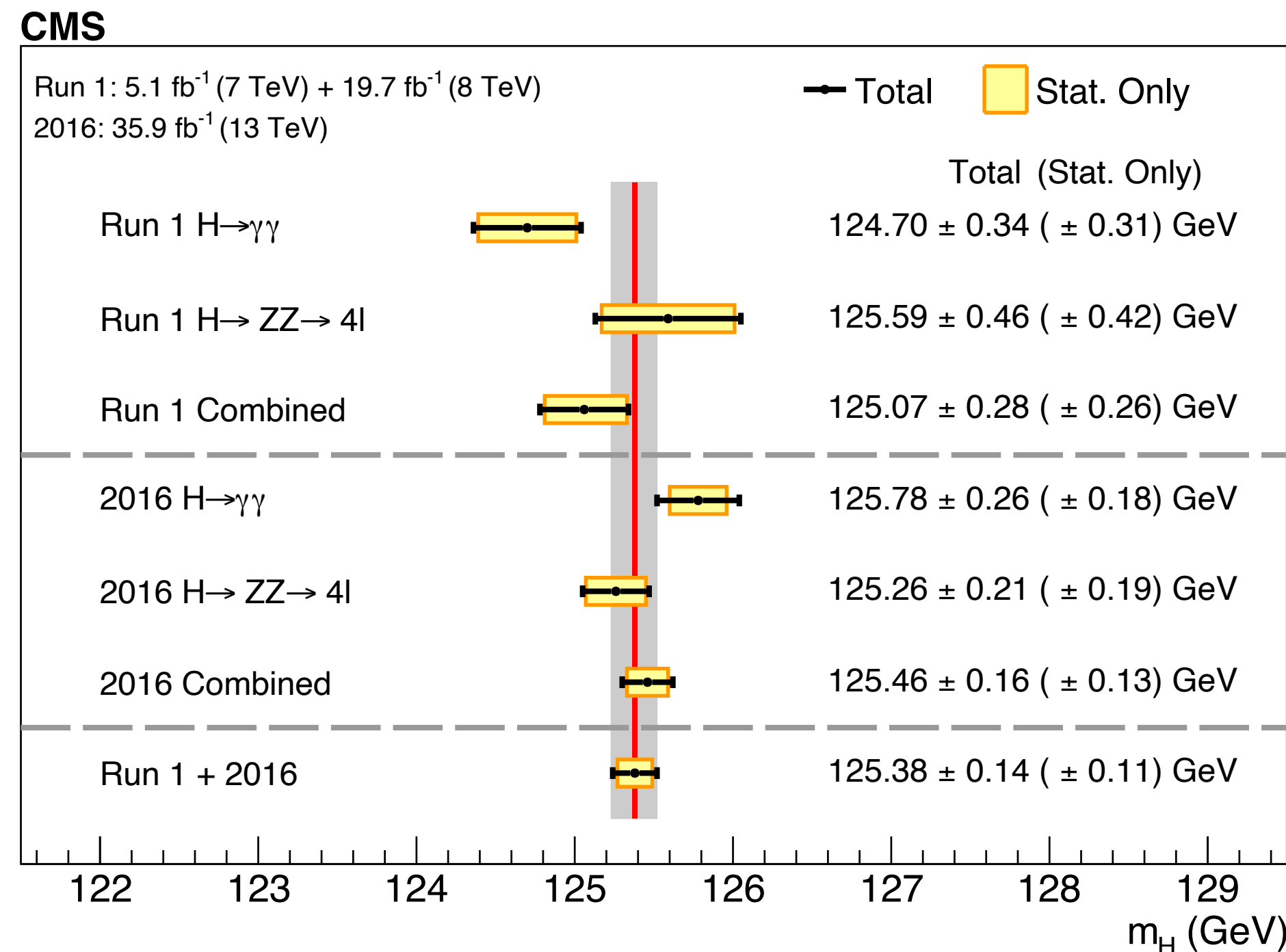
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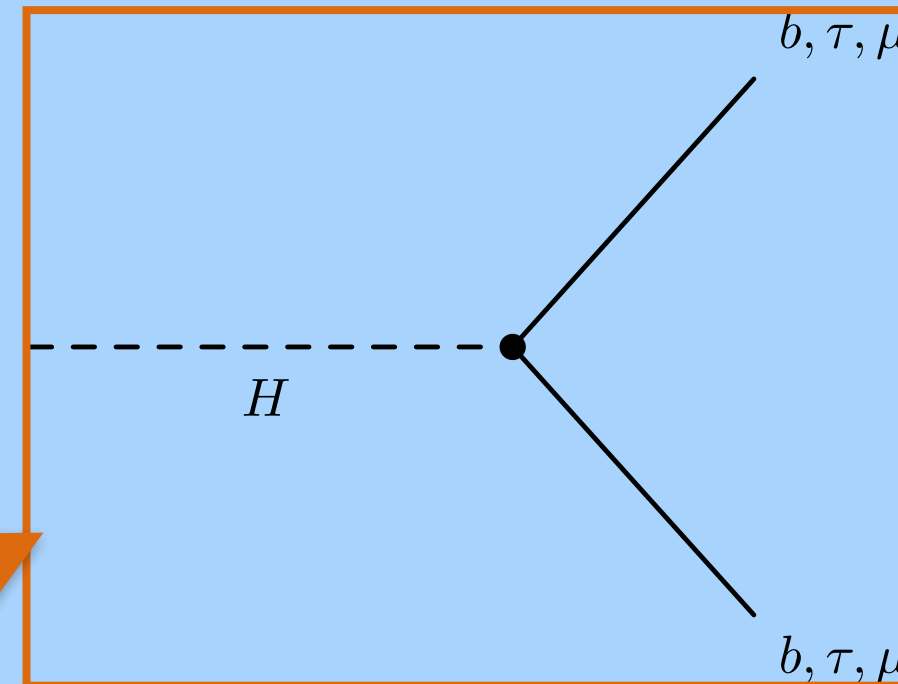
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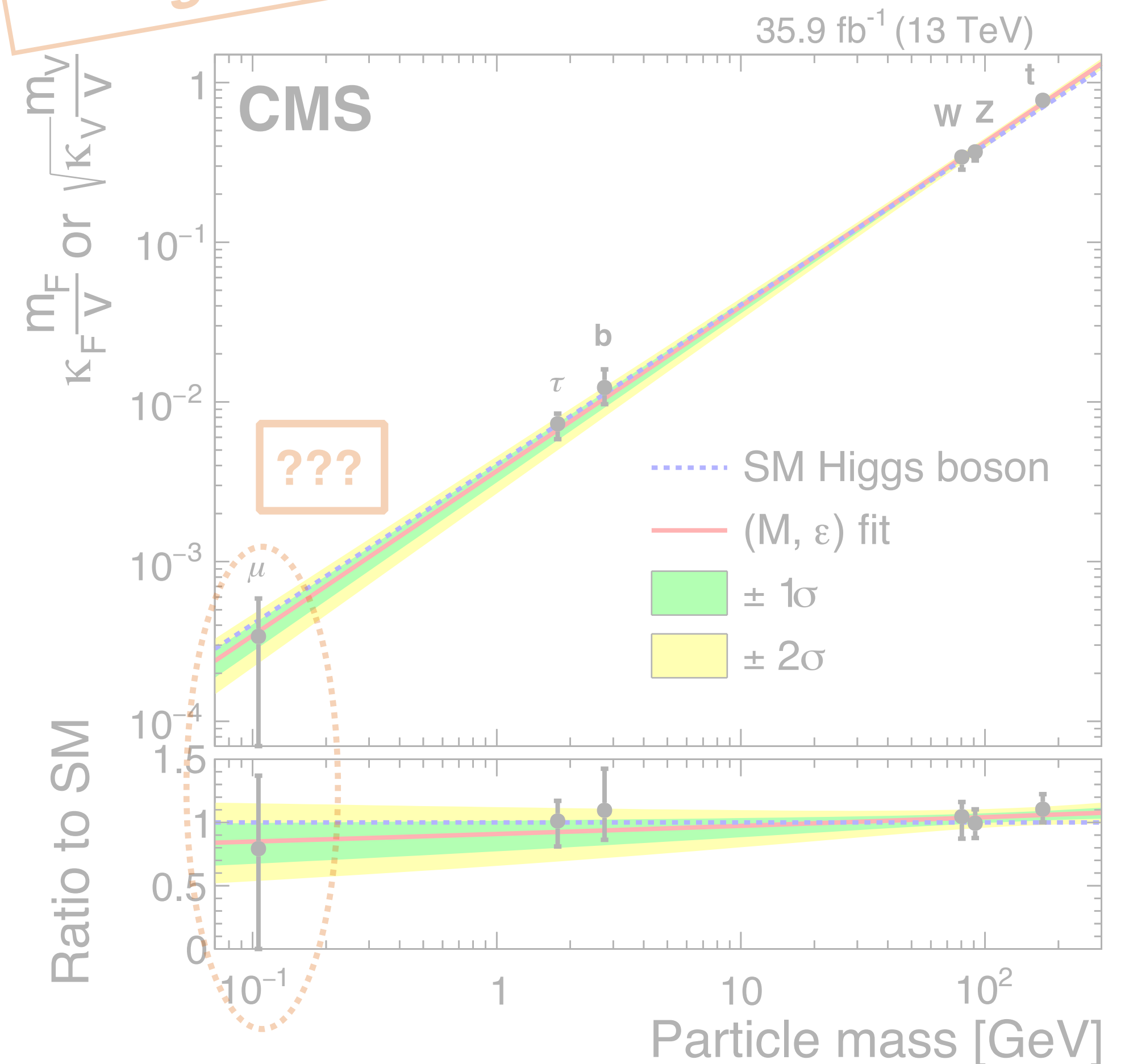
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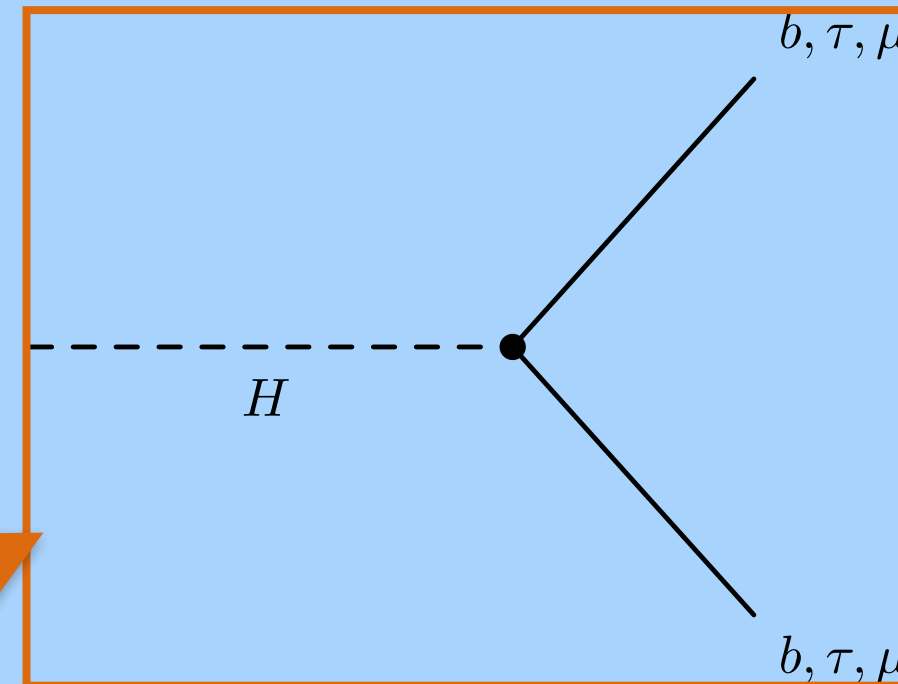


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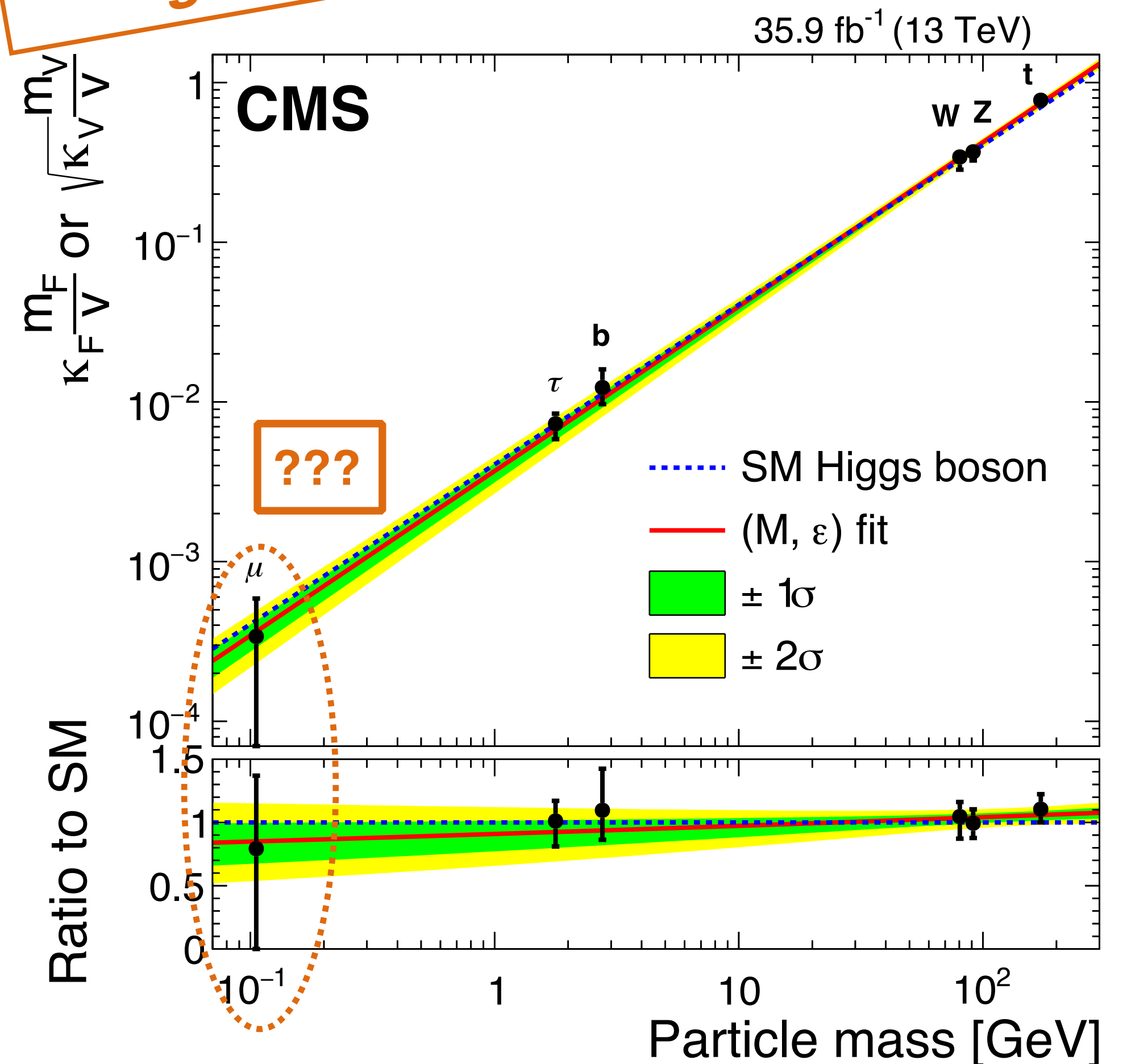
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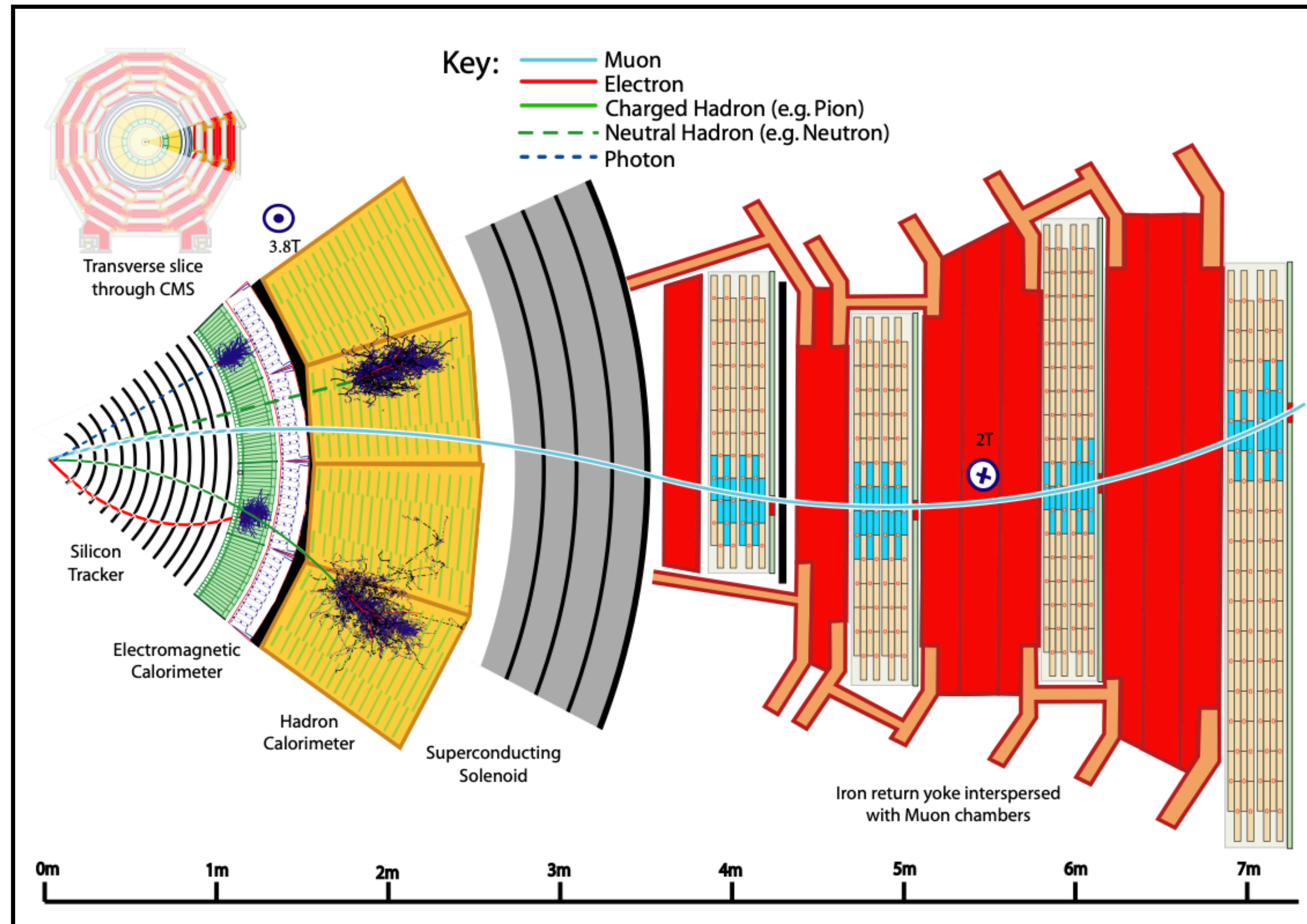
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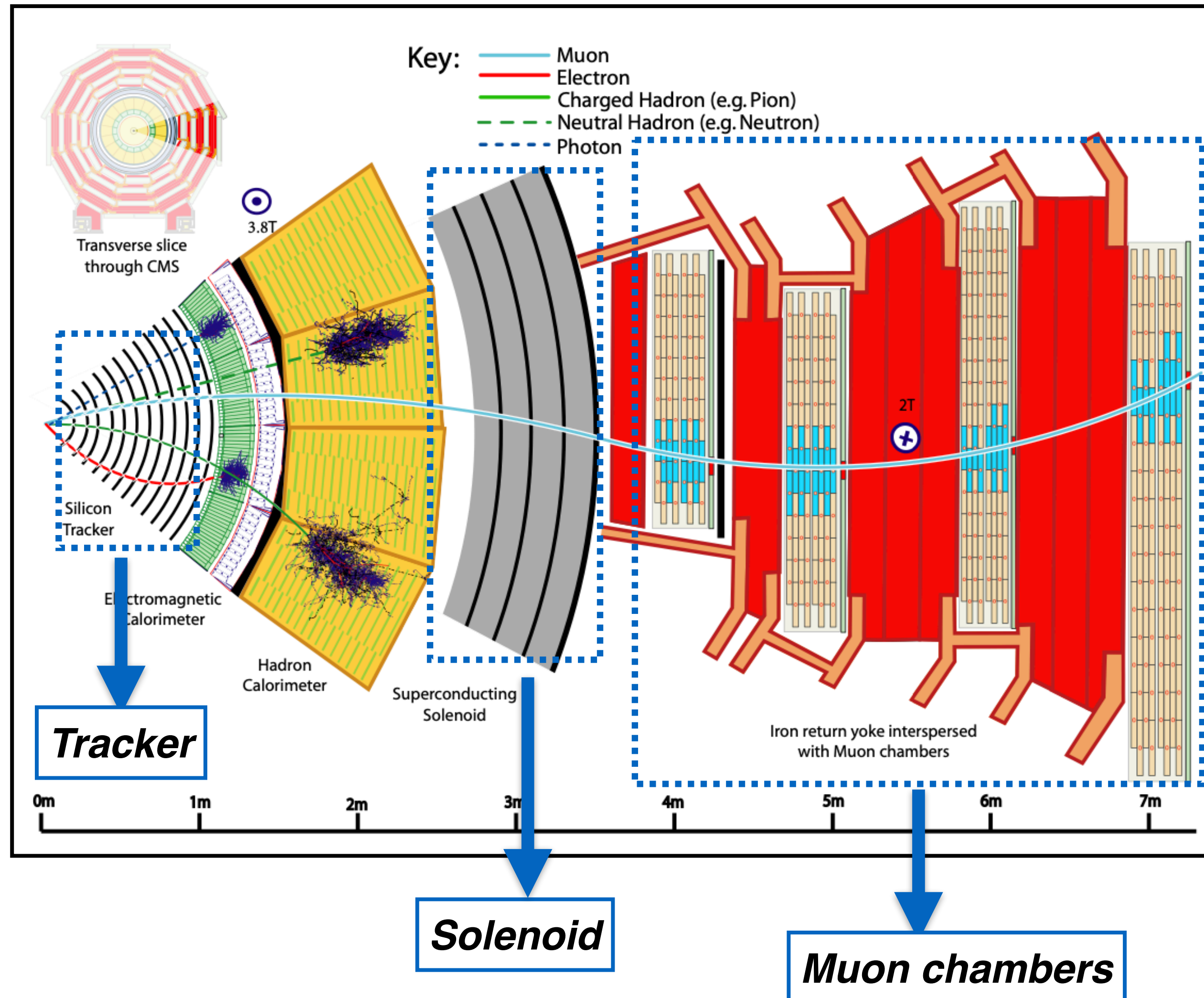
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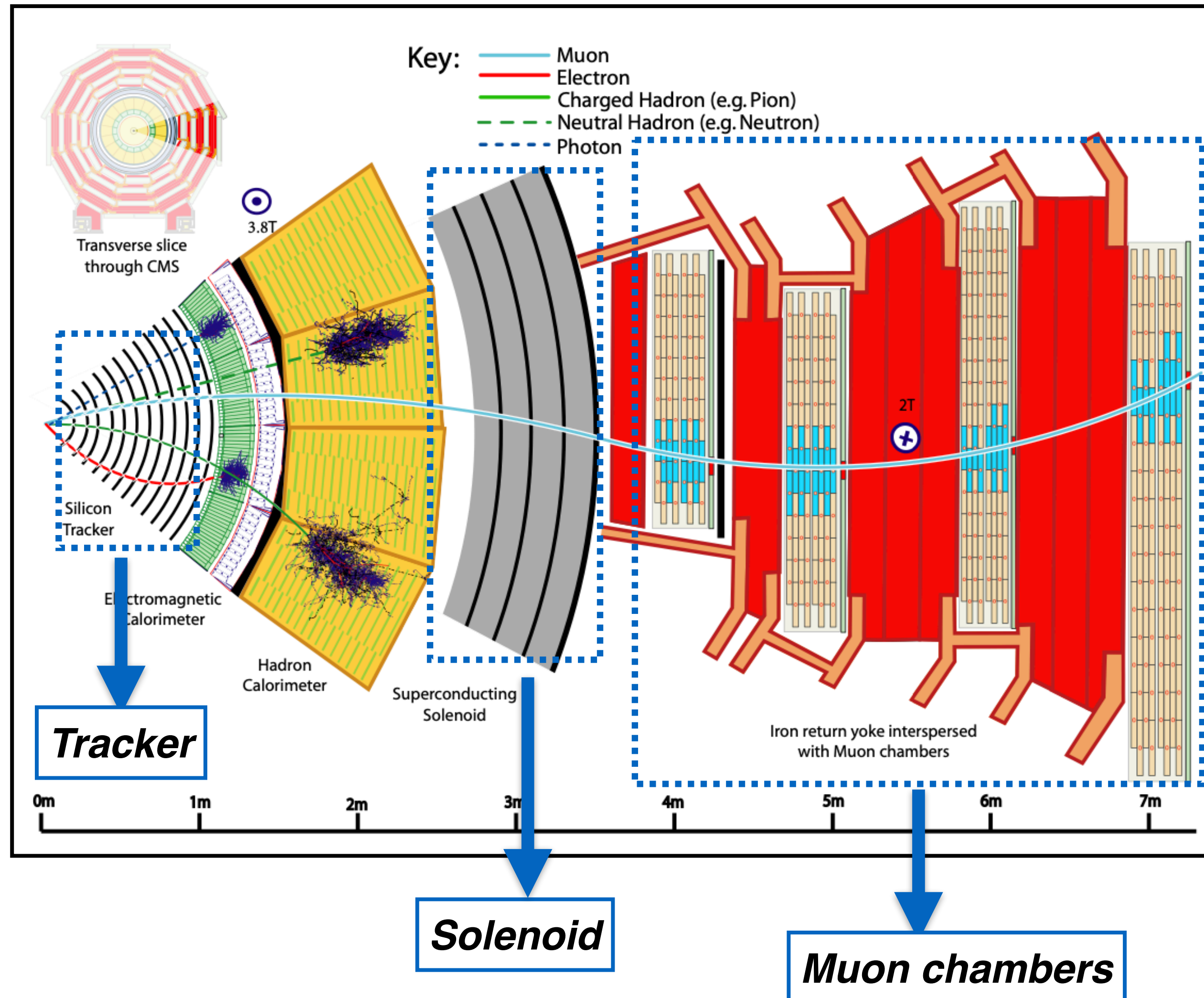
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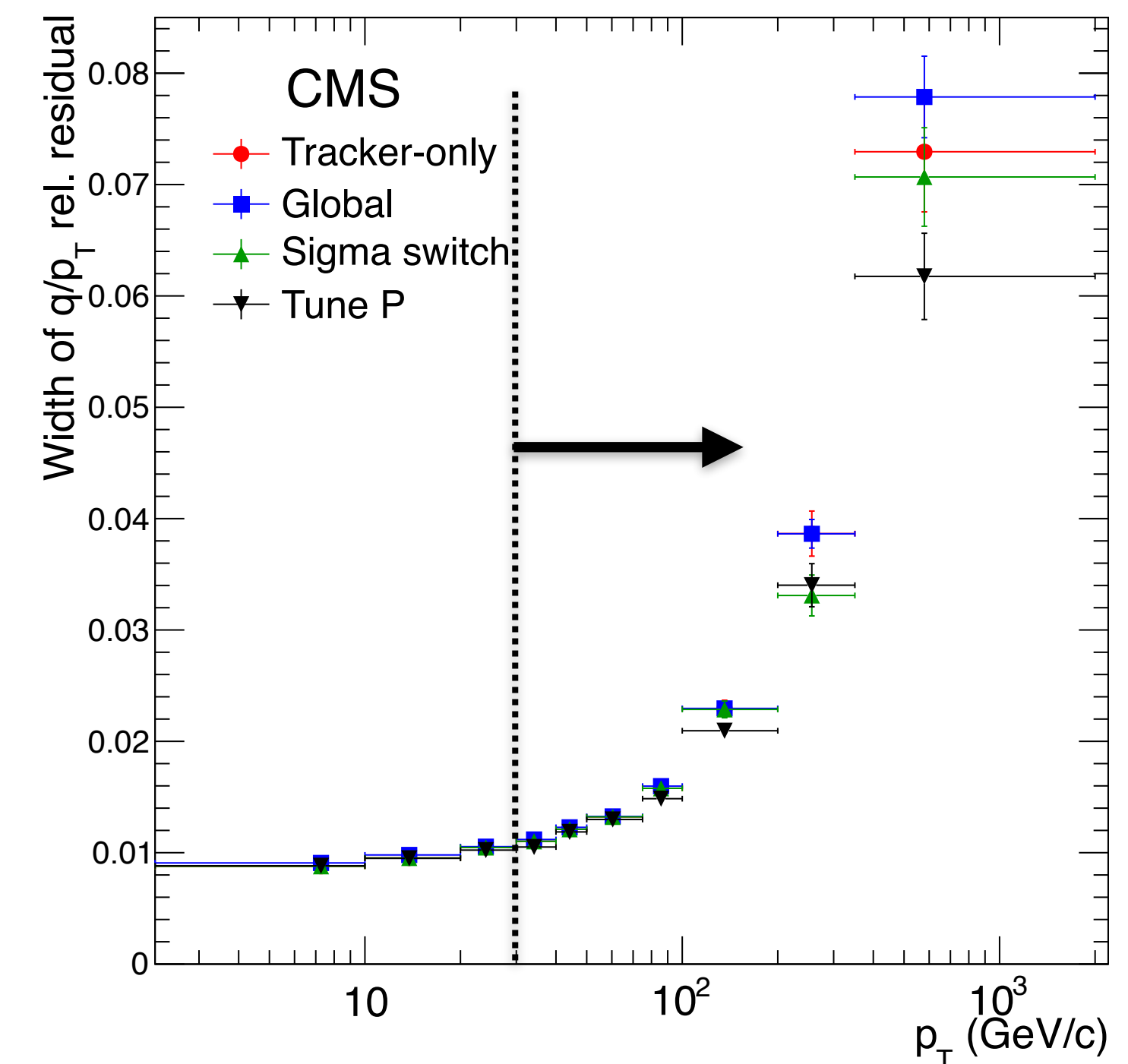
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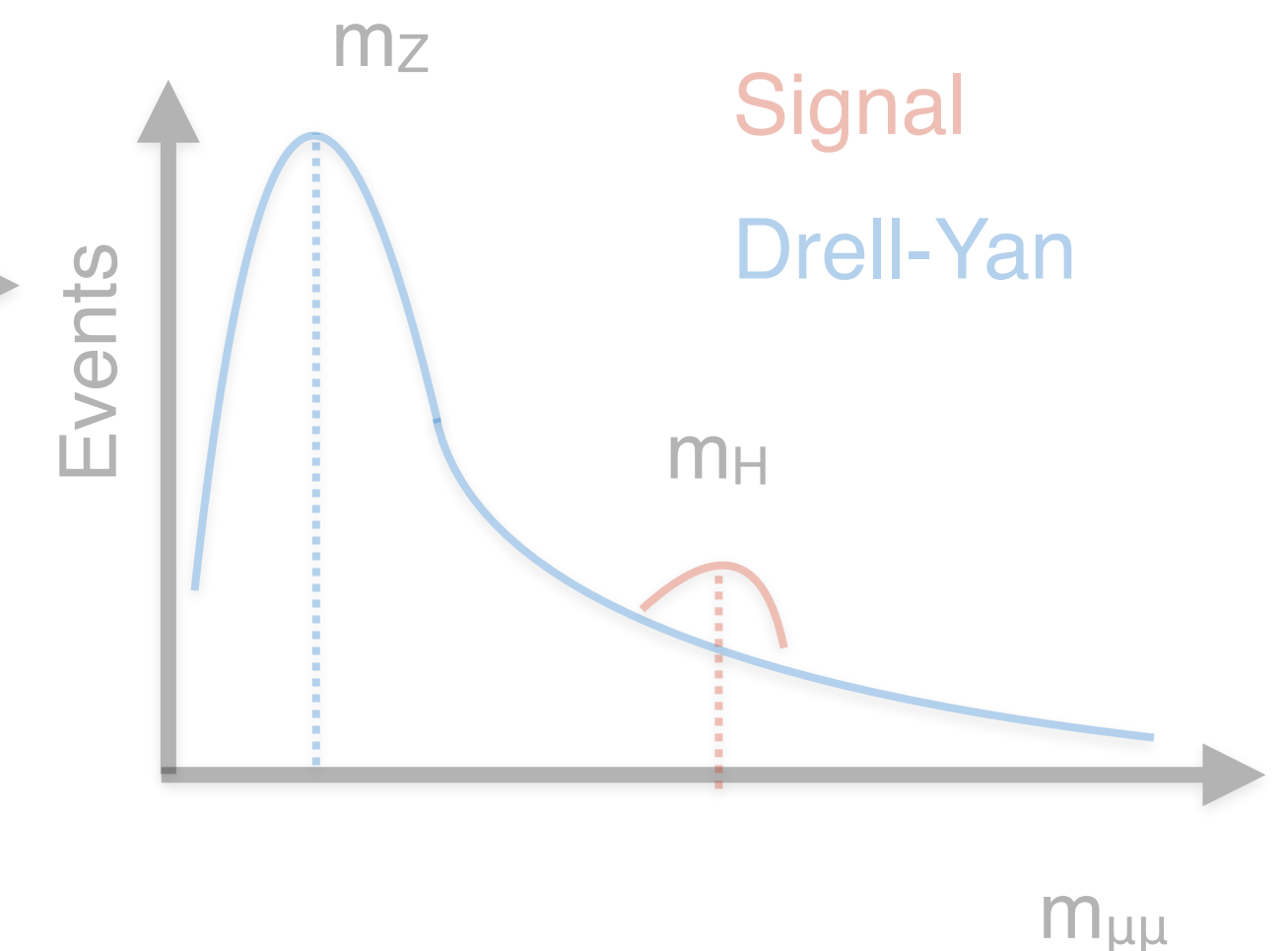
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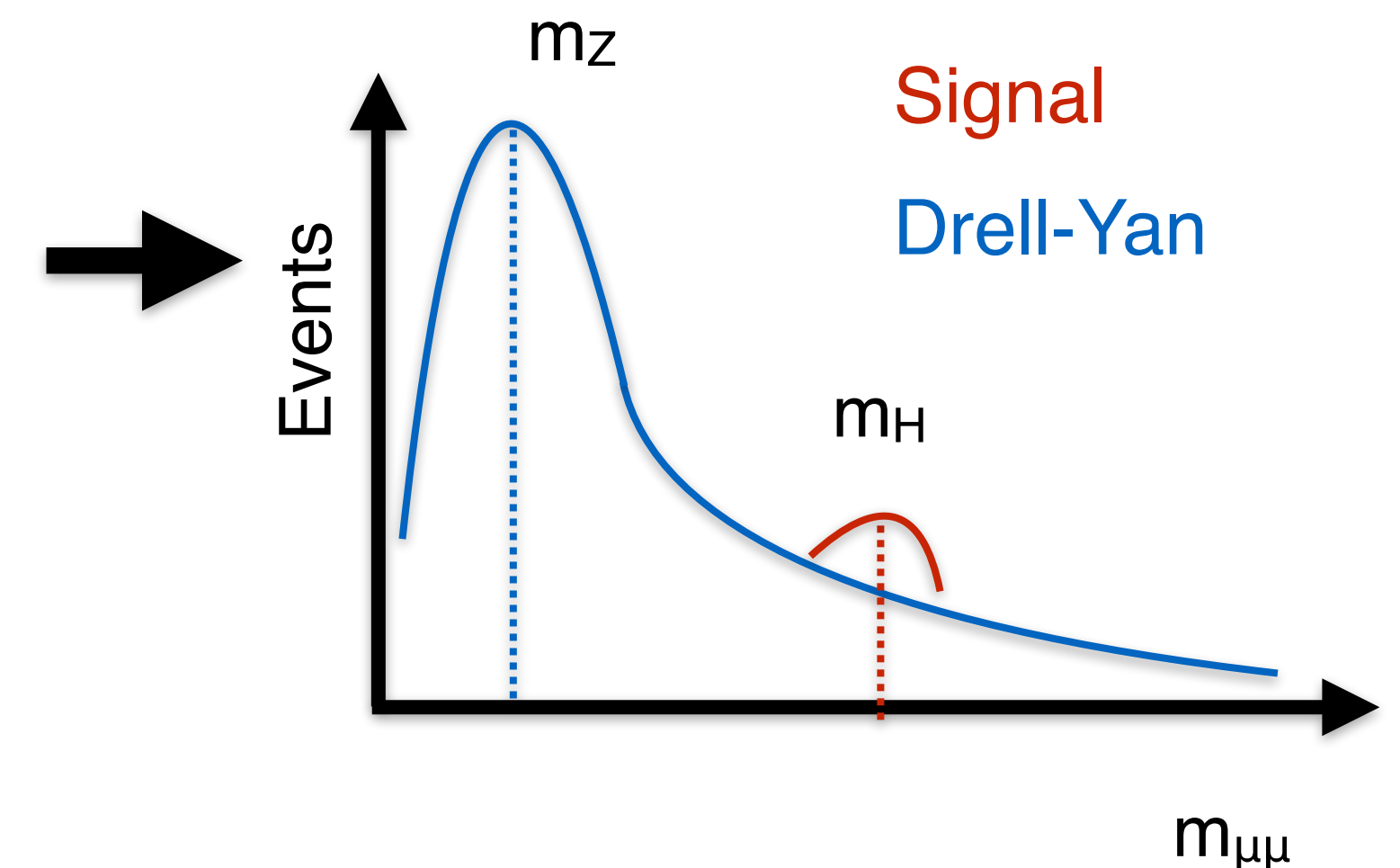
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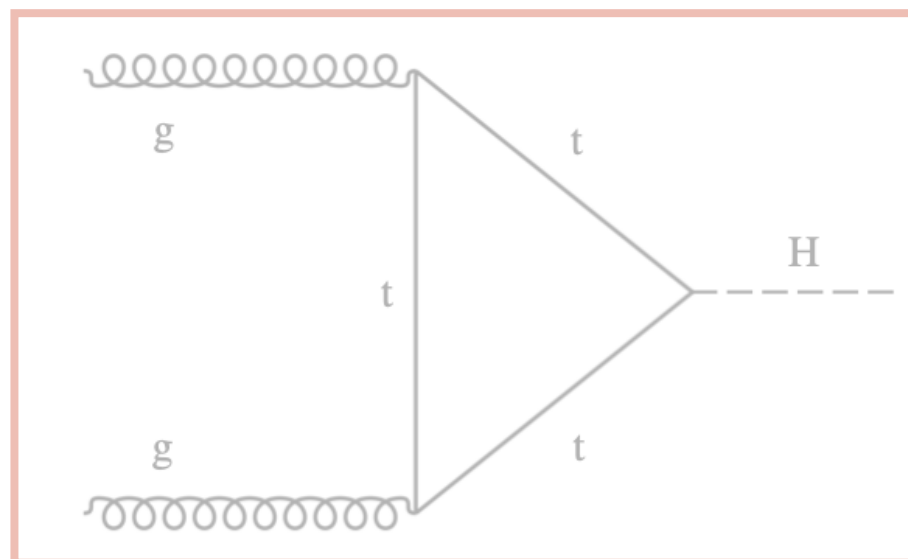
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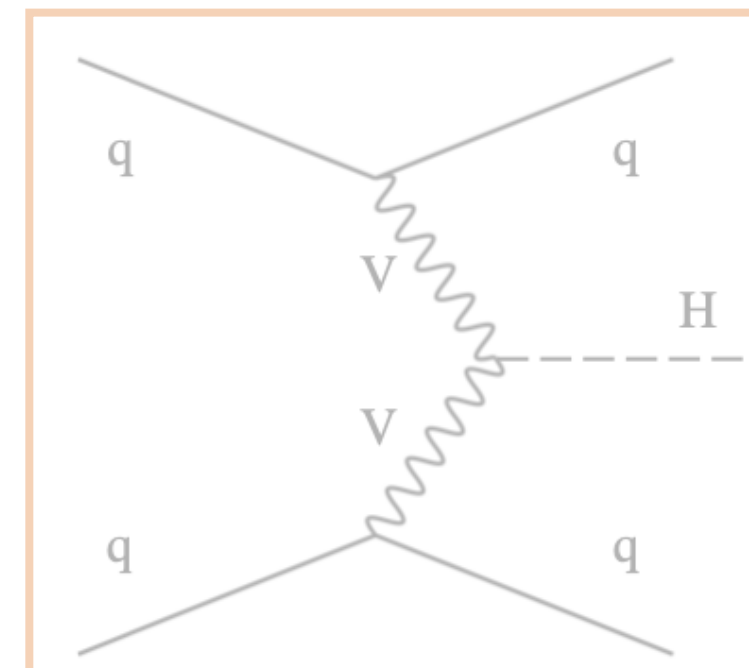
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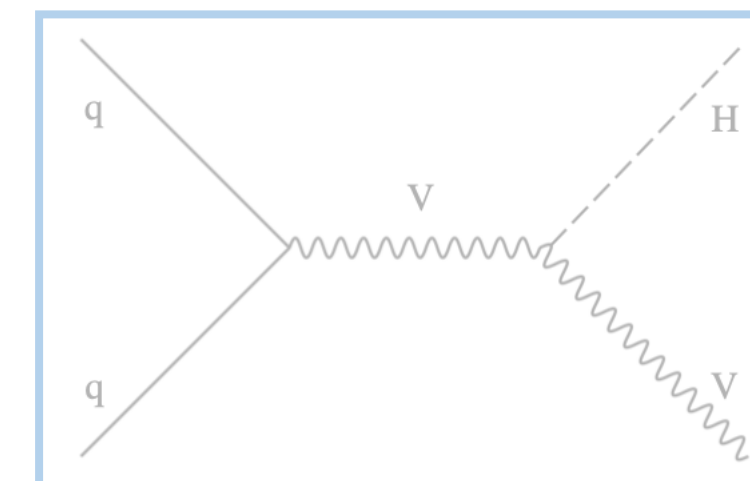
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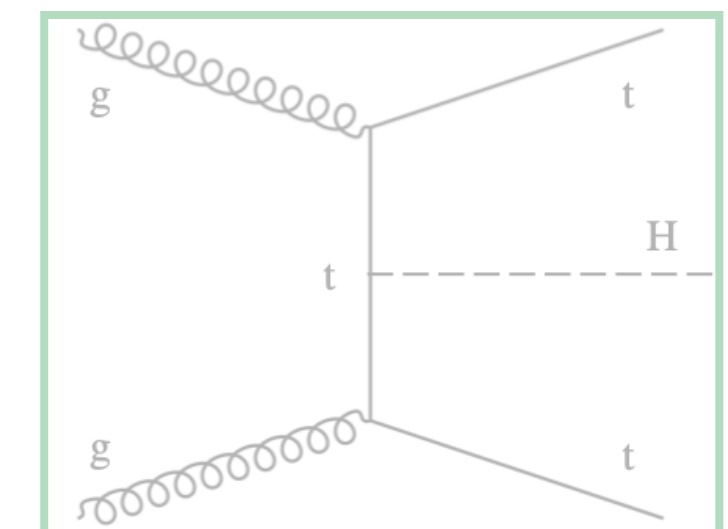
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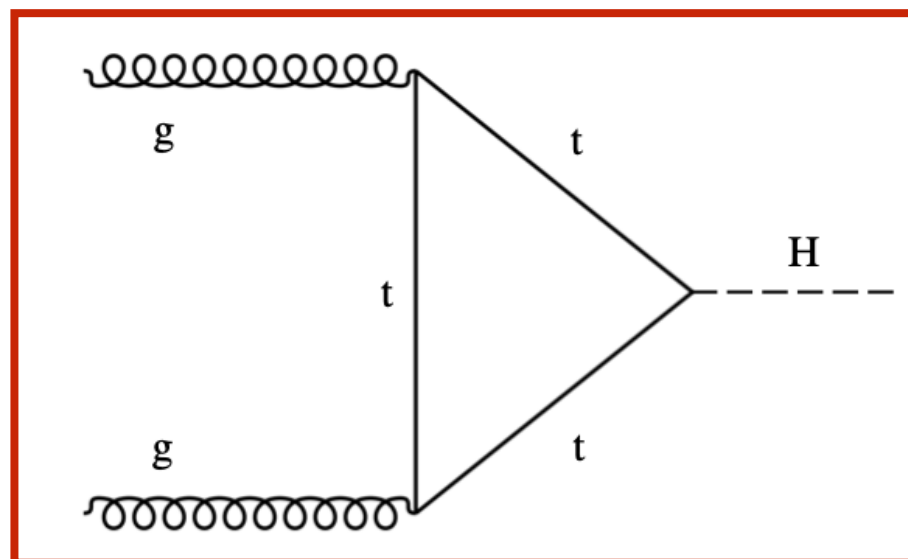
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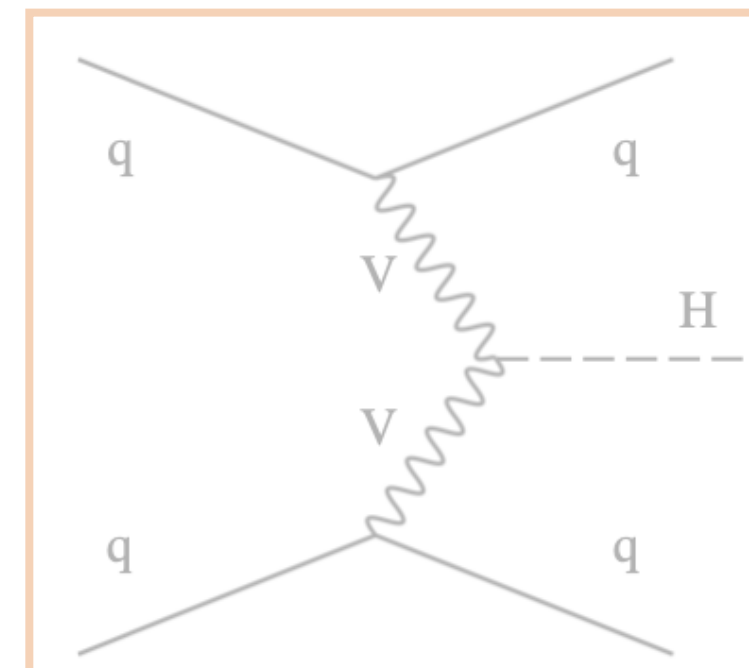
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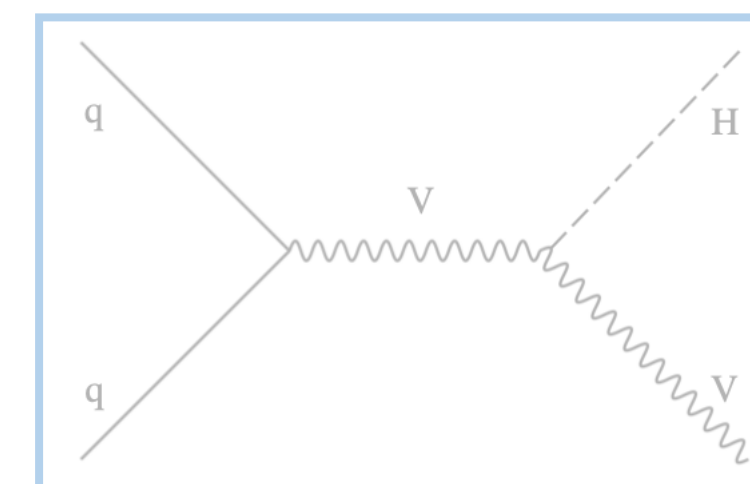
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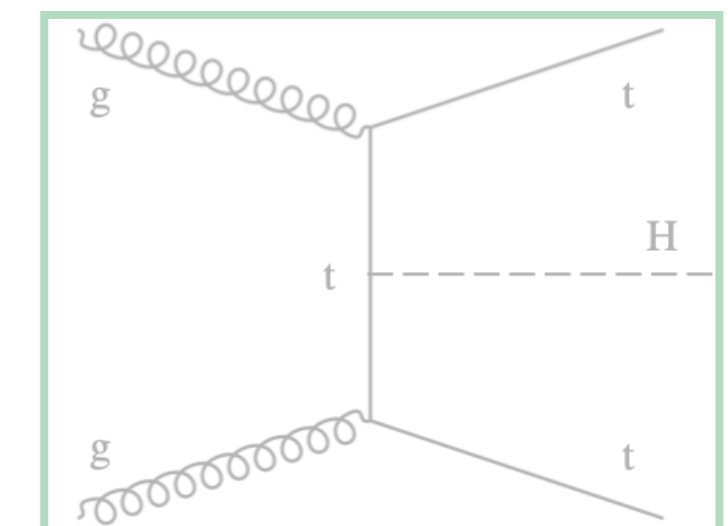
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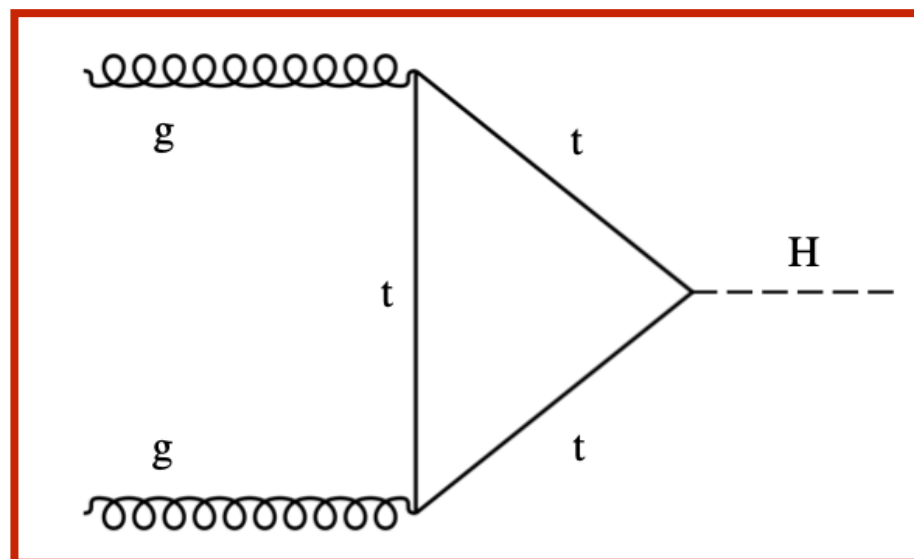
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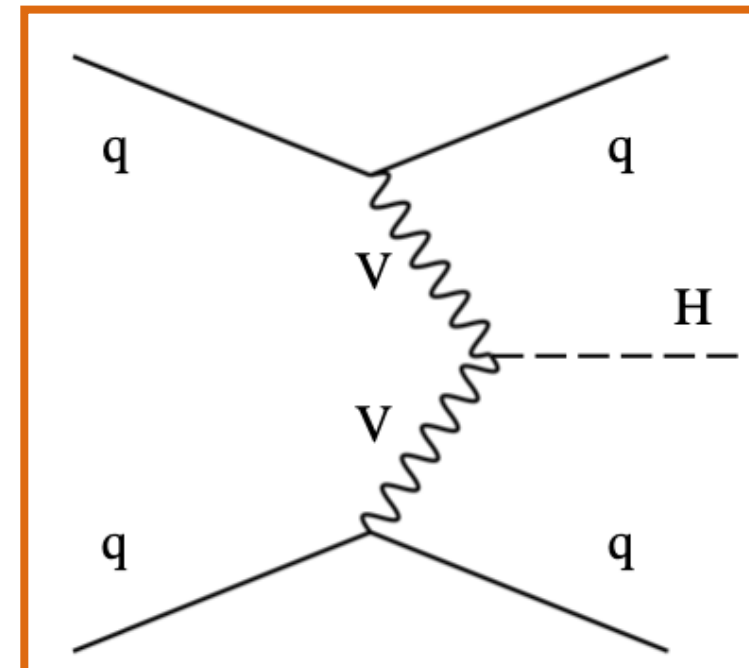
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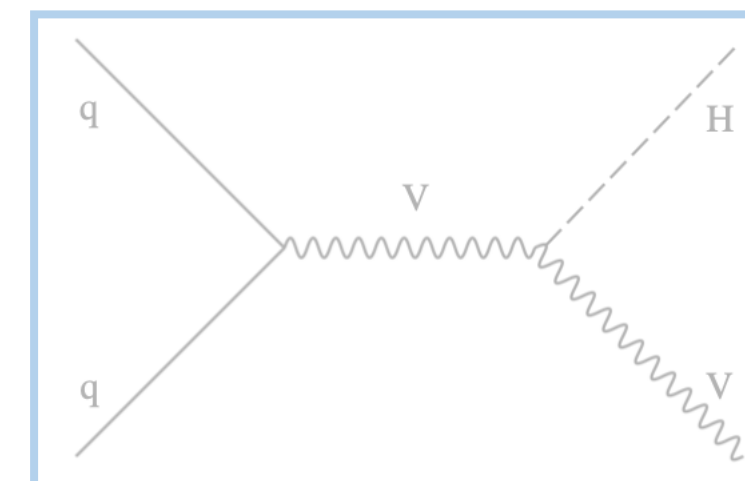
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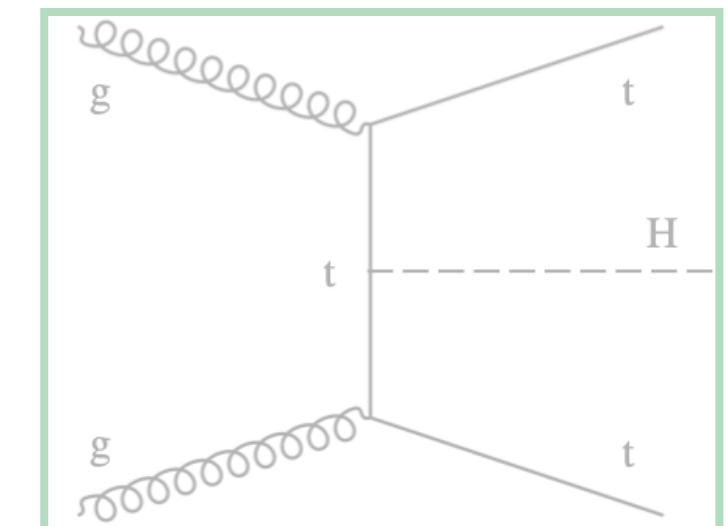
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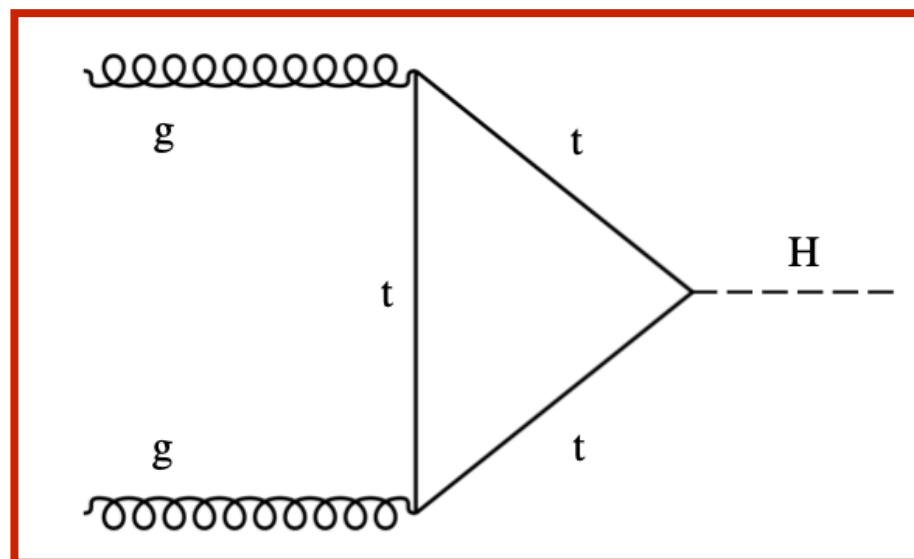
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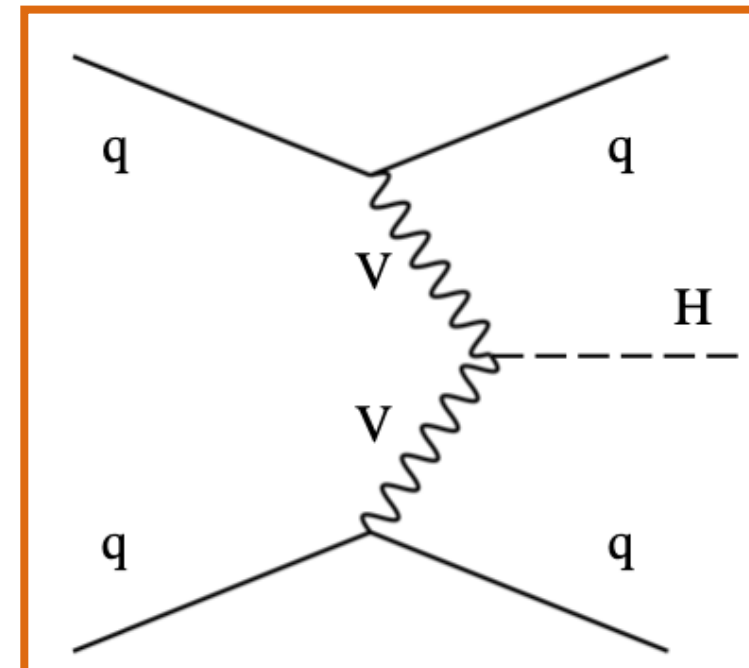
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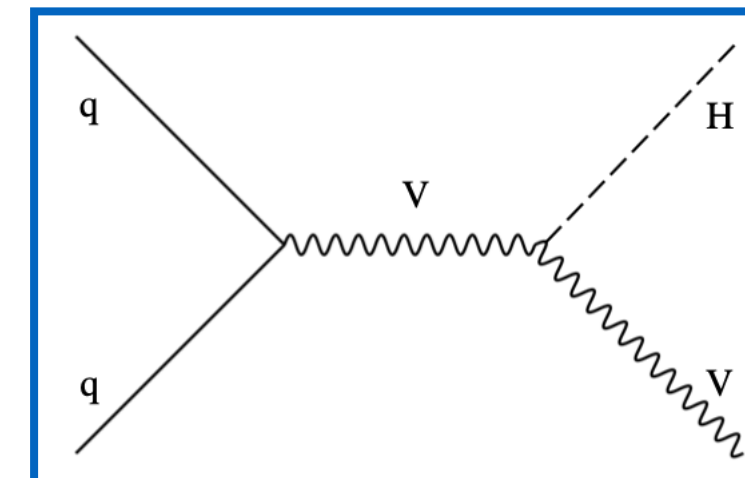
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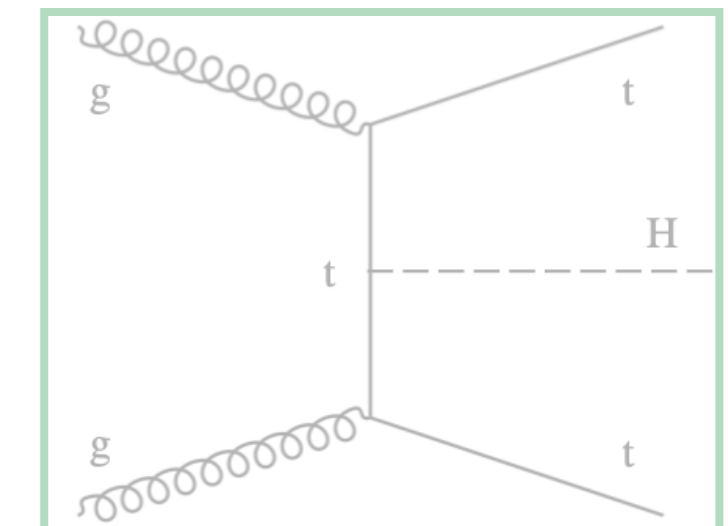
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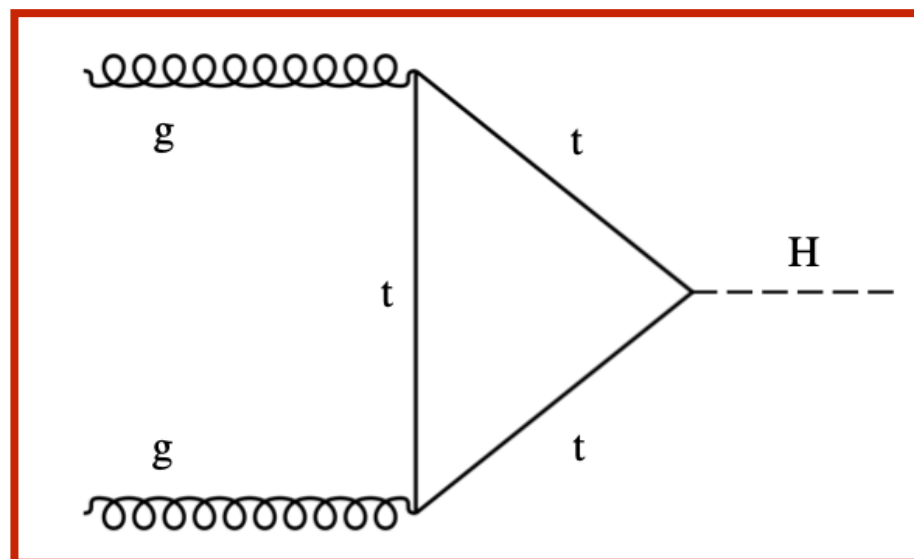
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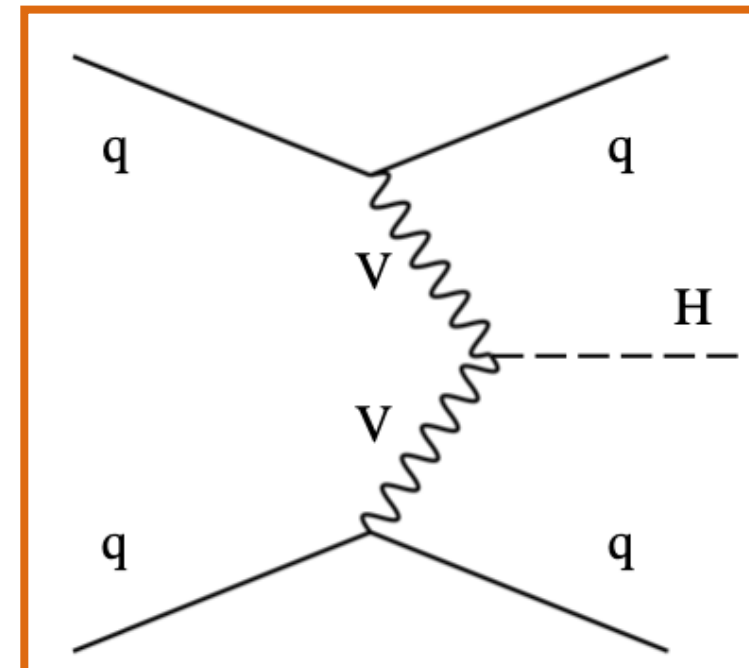
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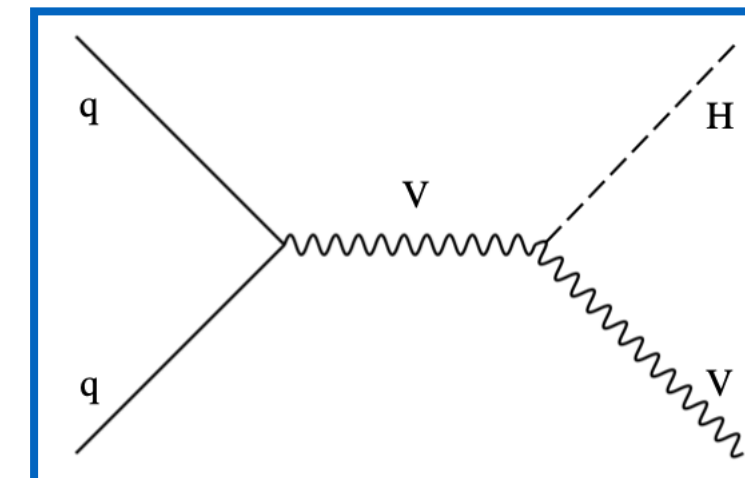
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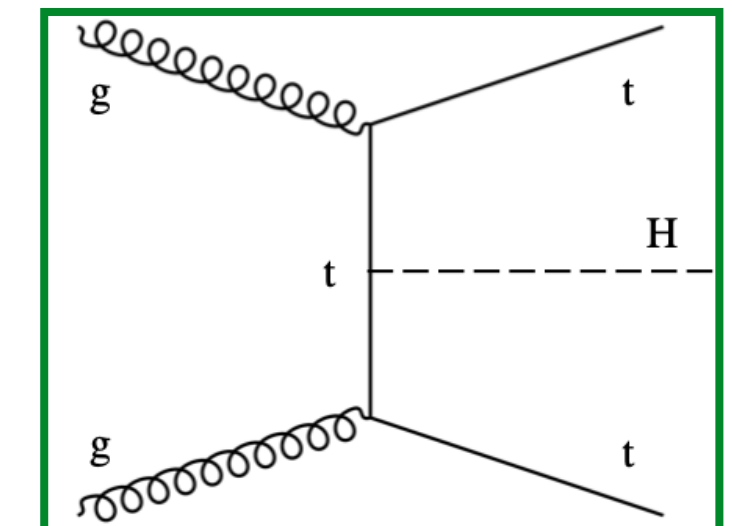
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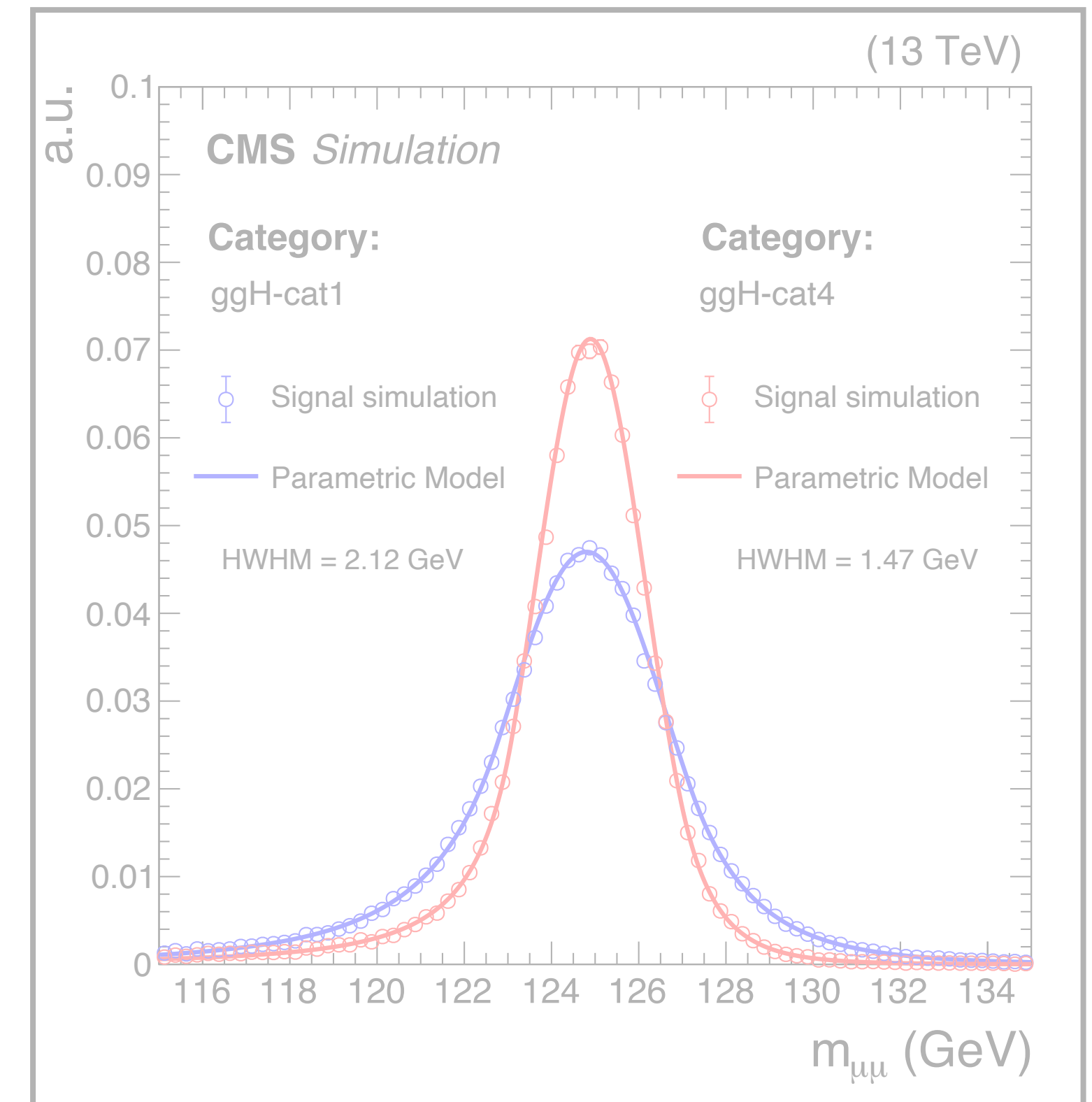
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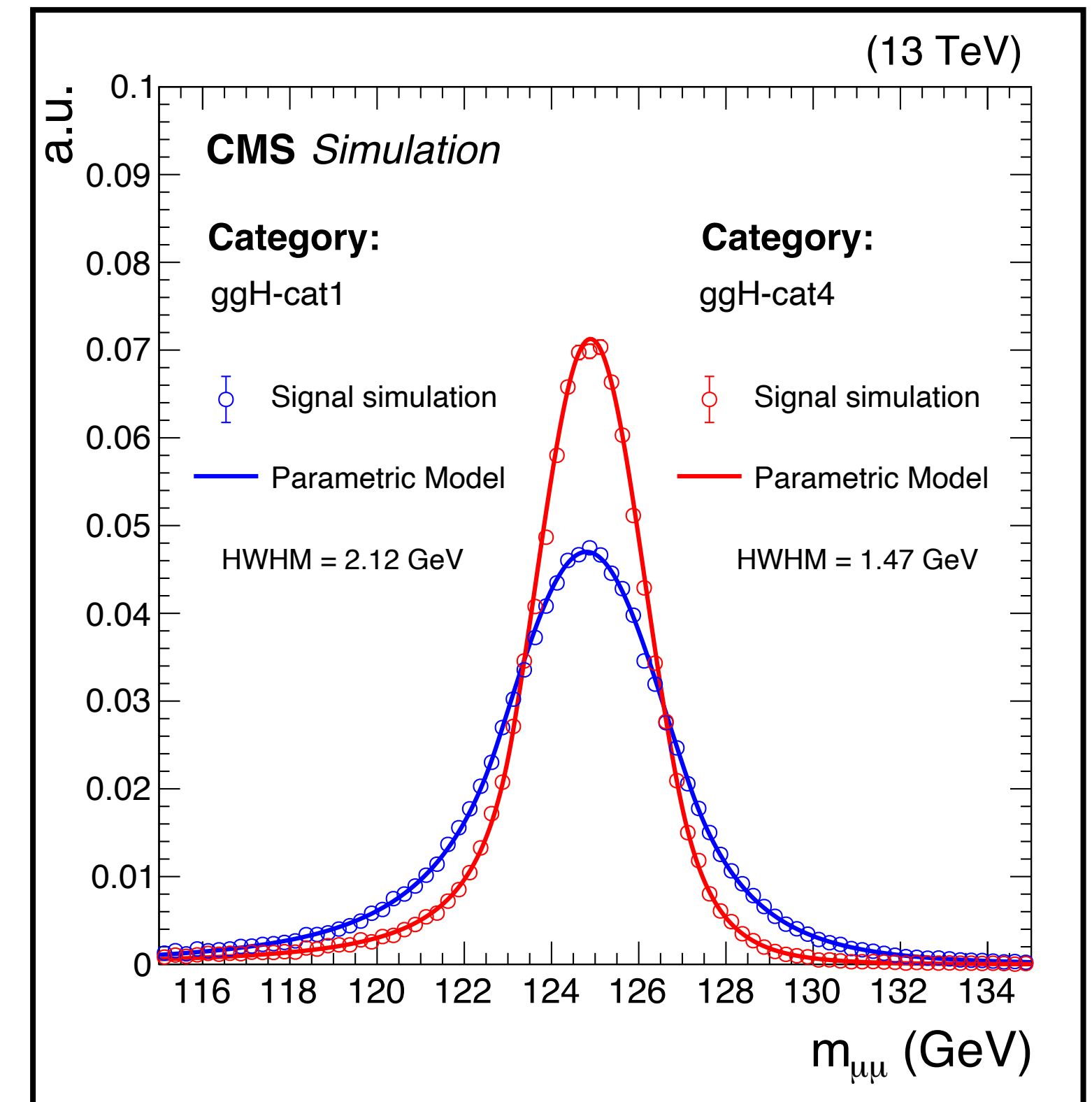
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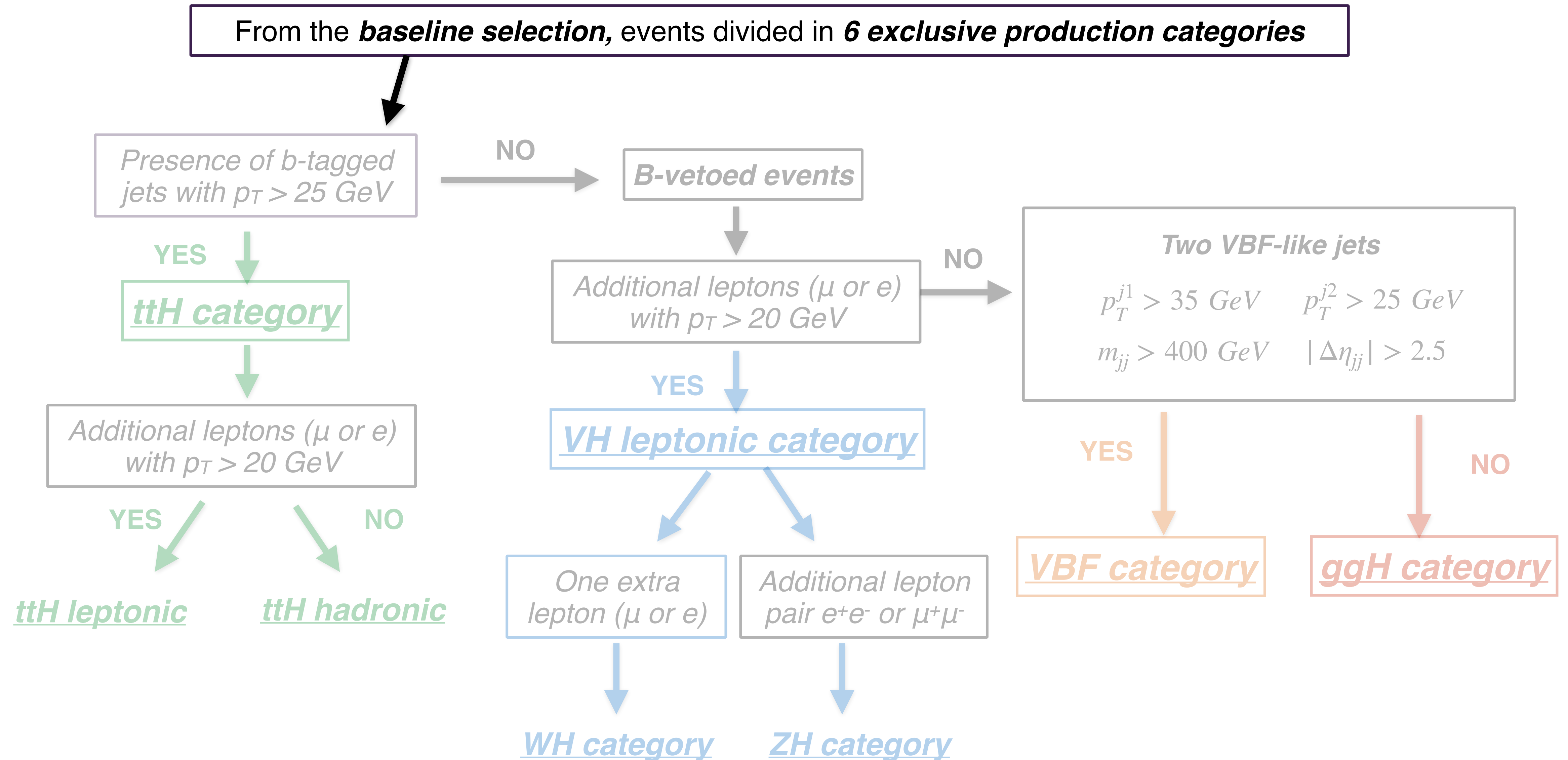
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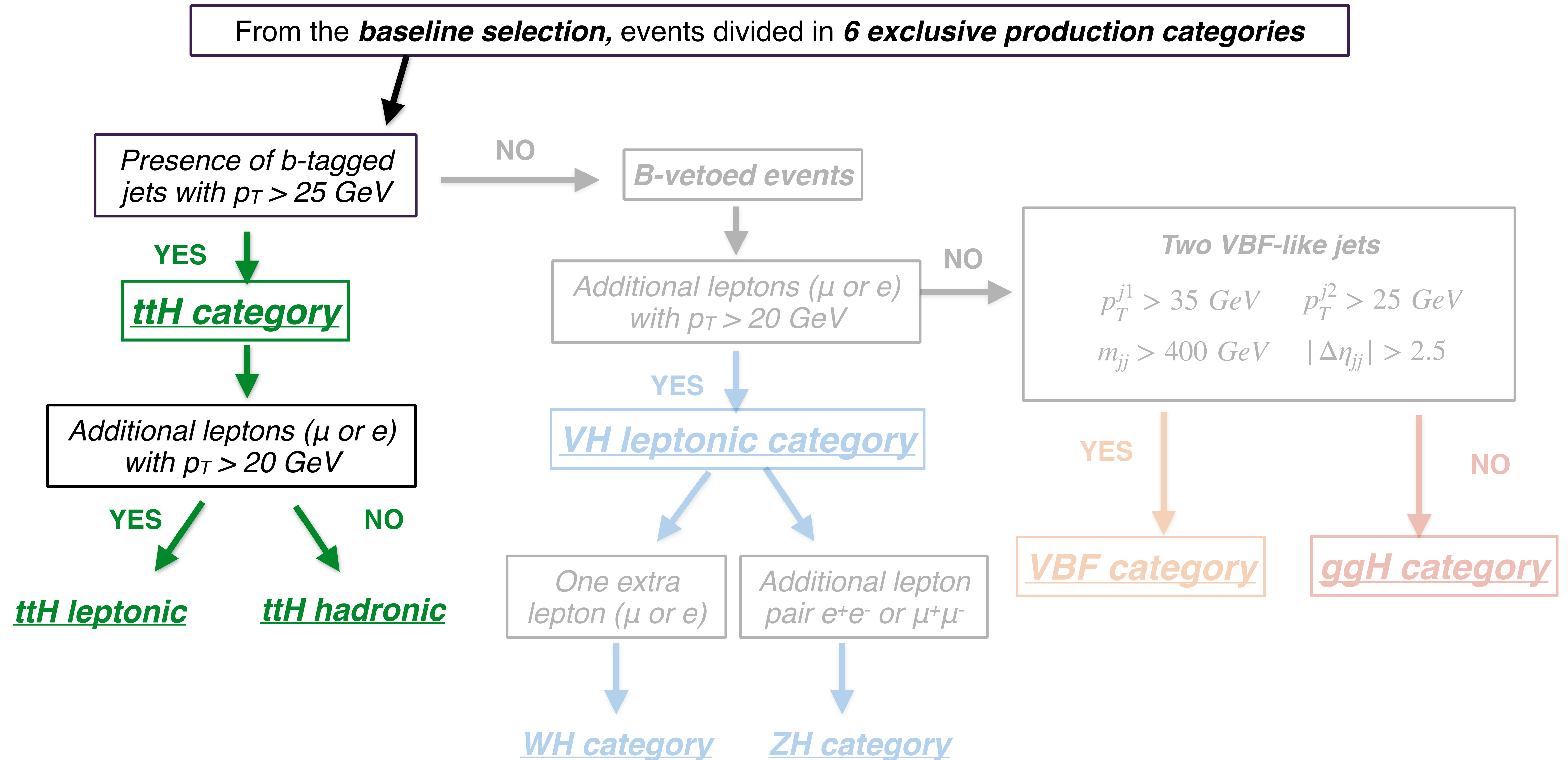


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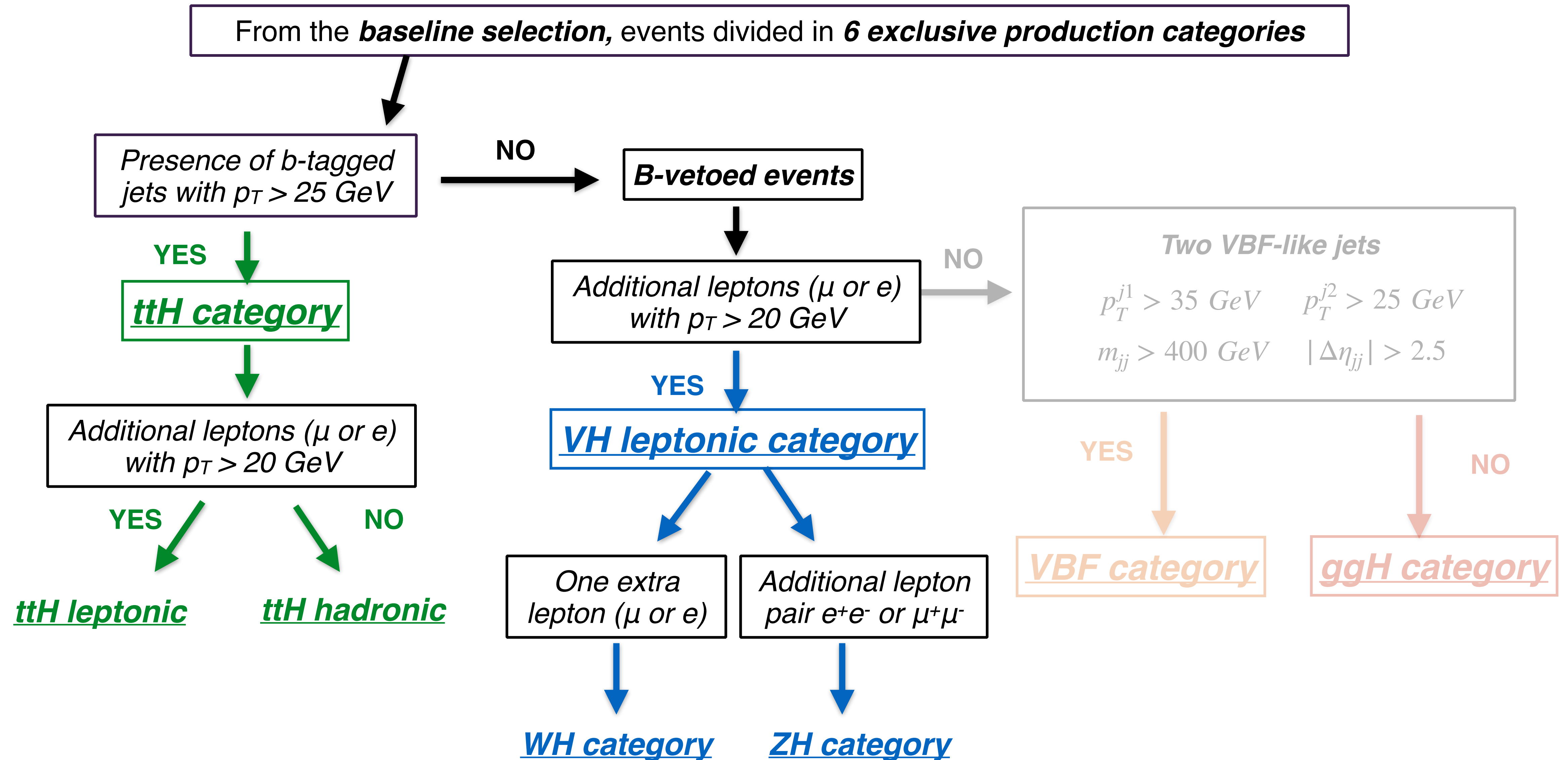
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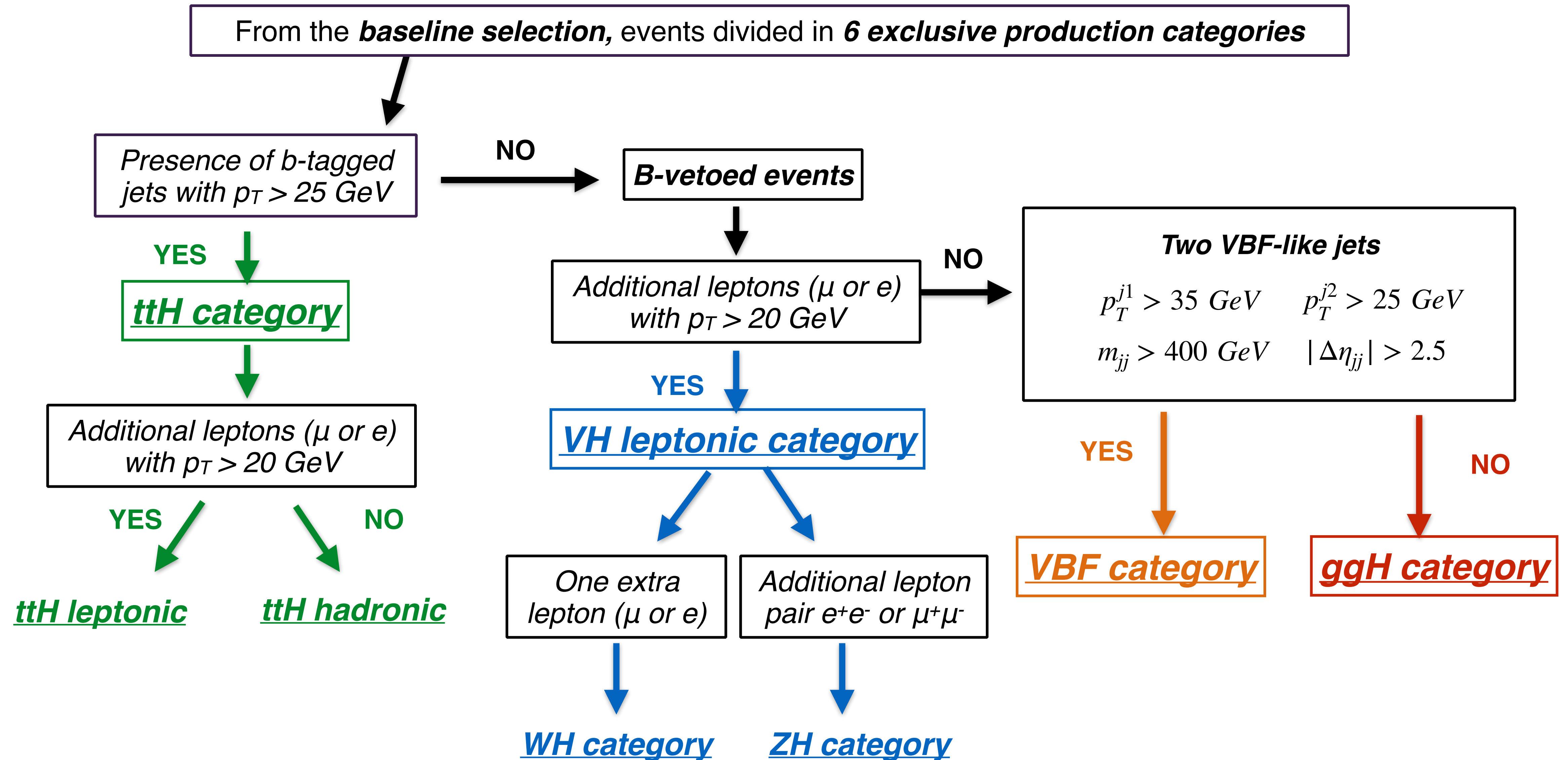
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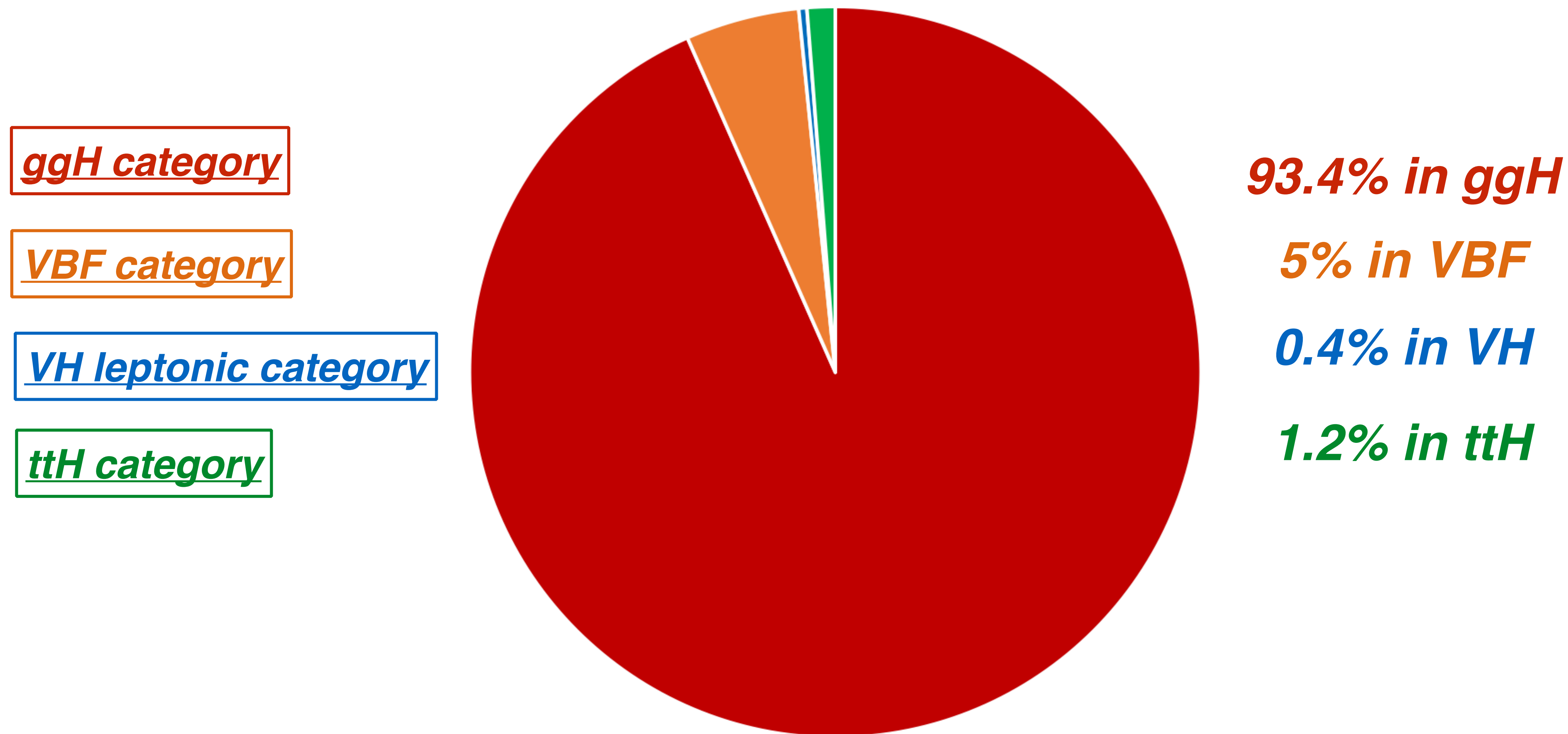


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$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ search in a nutshell

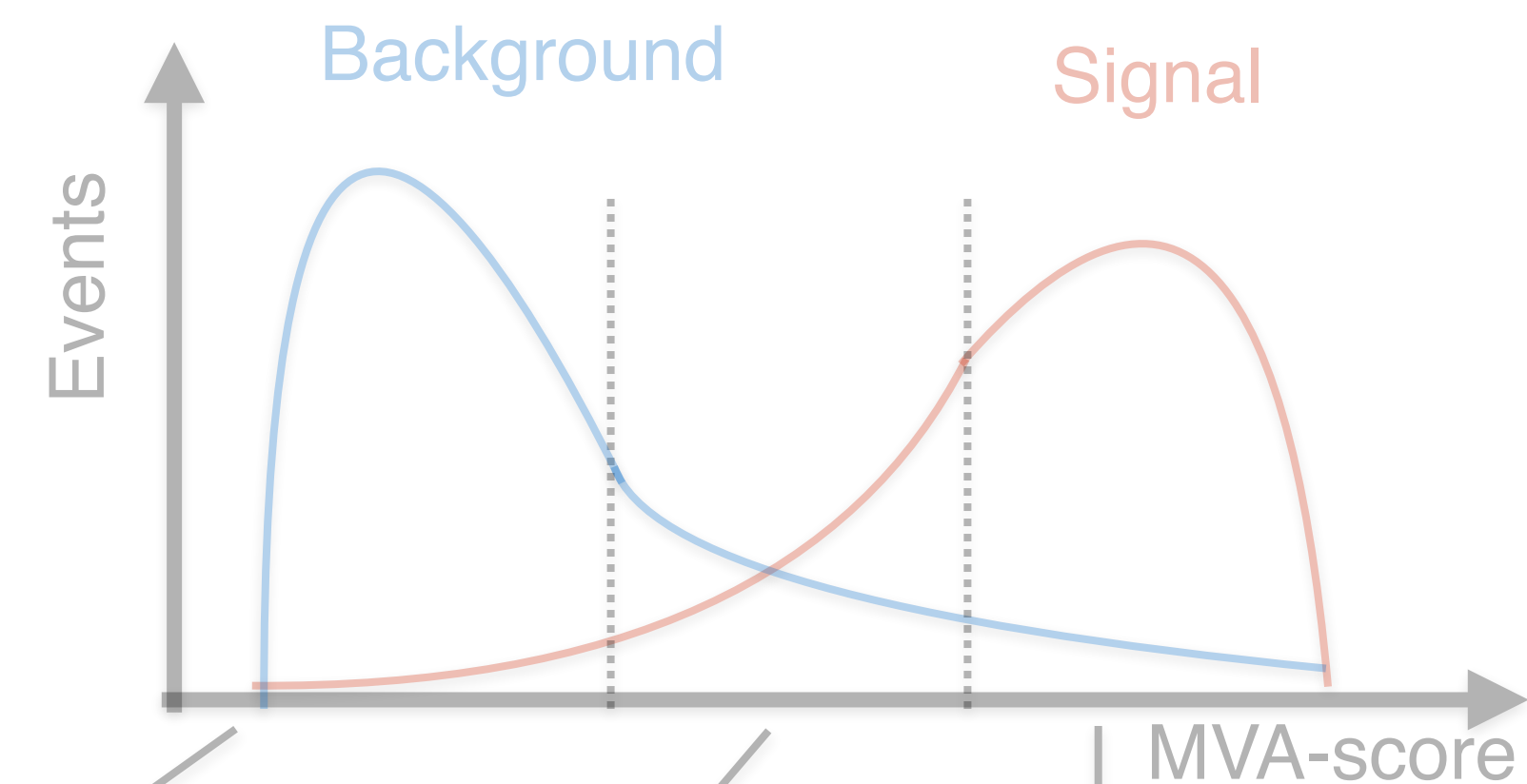
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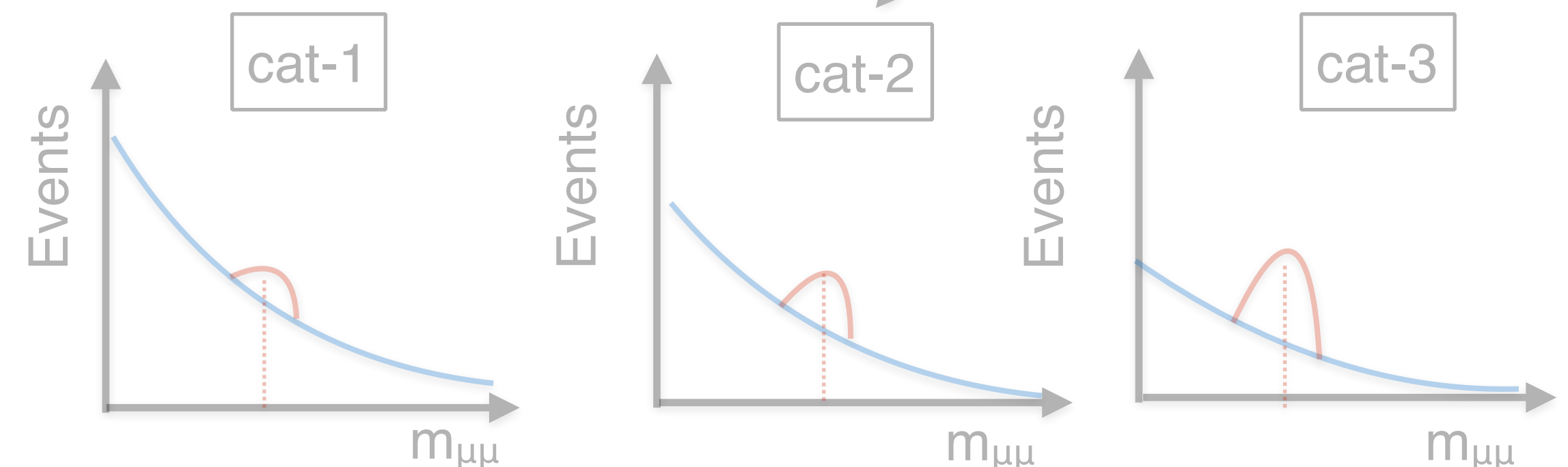
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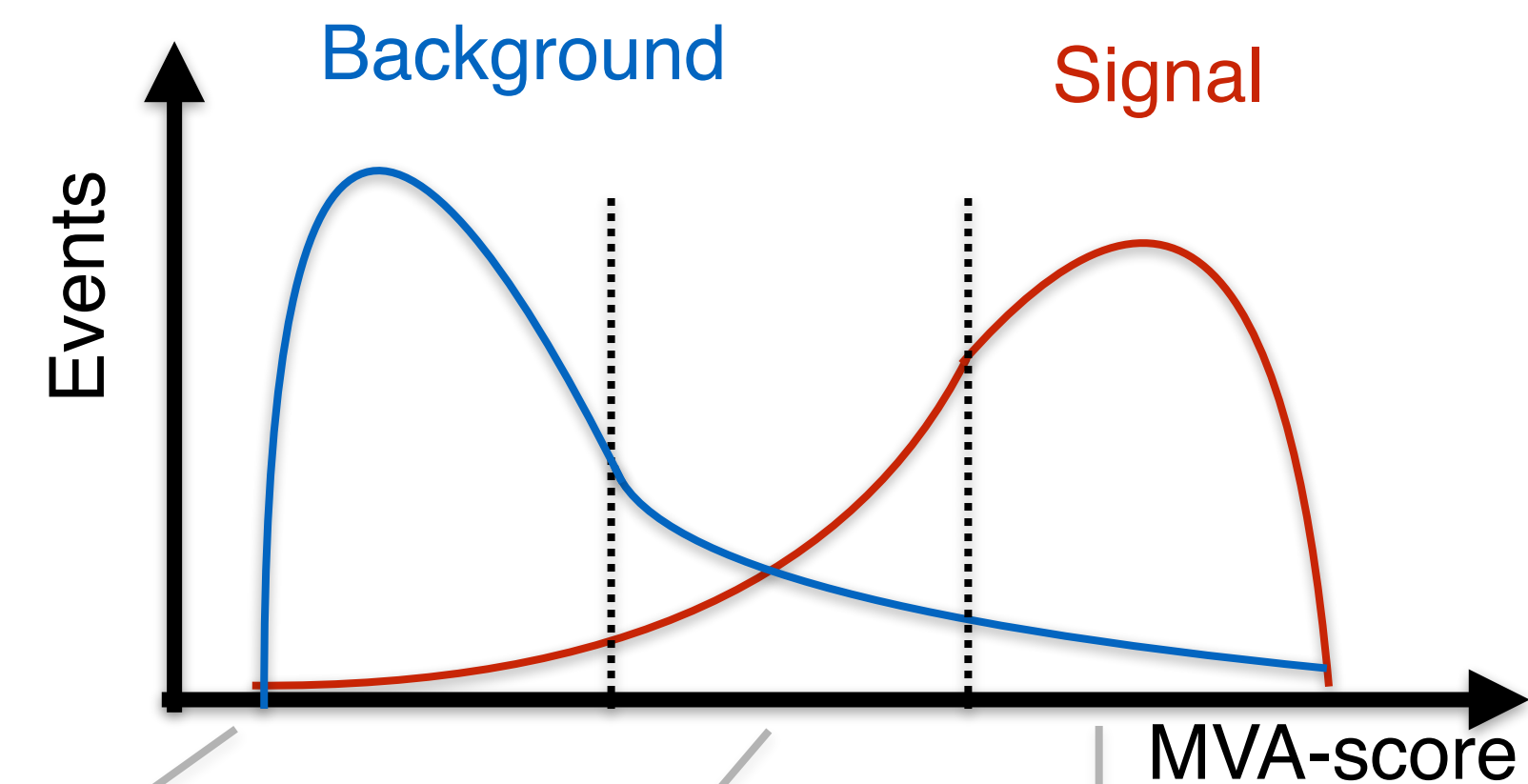
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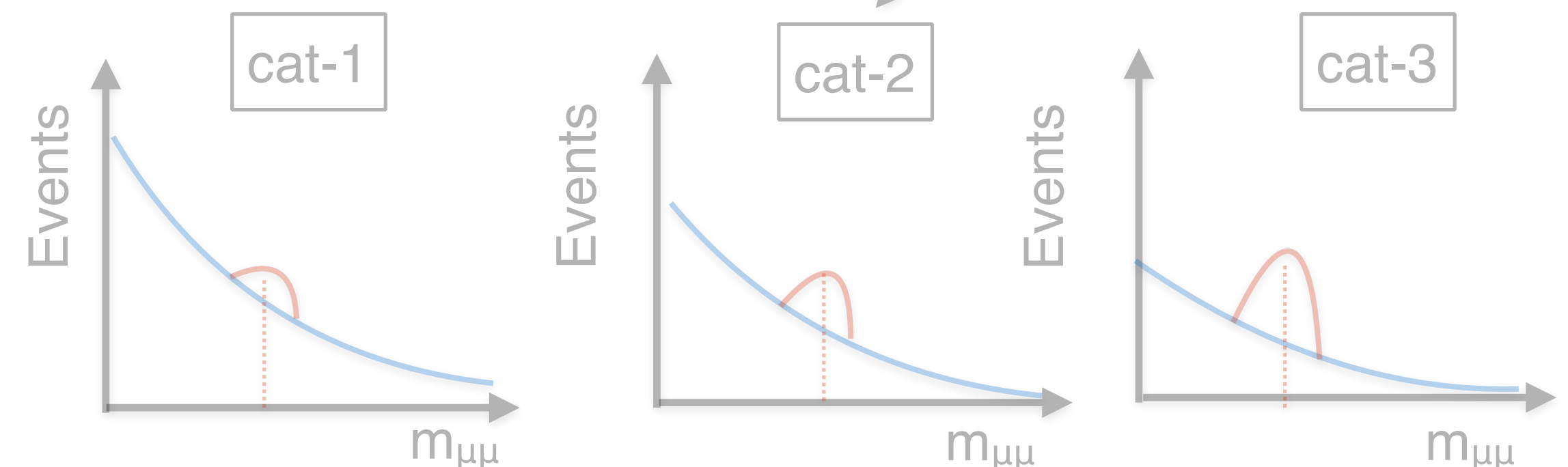
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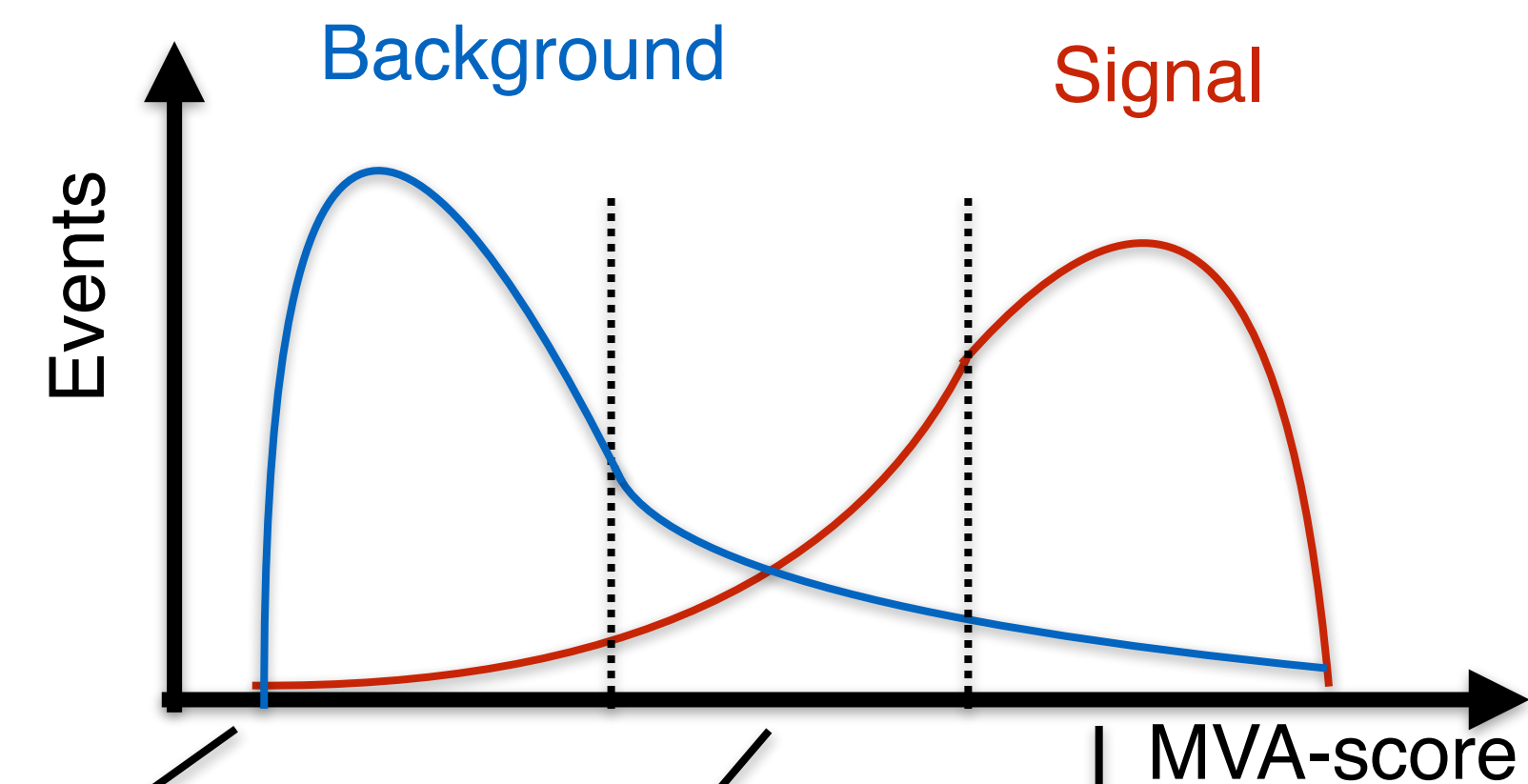
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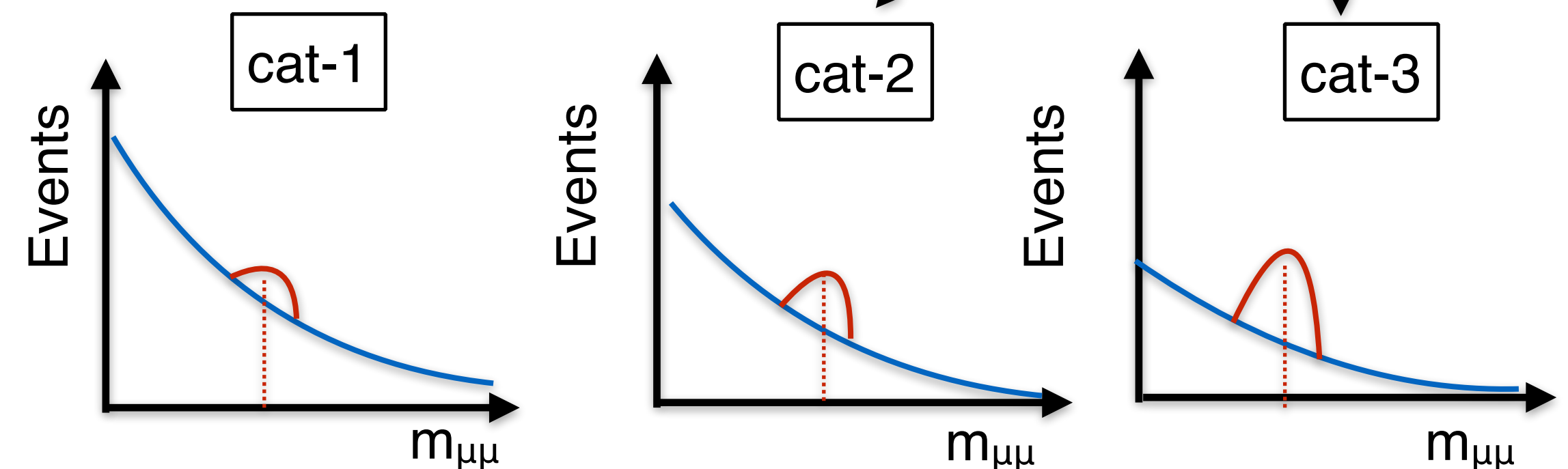
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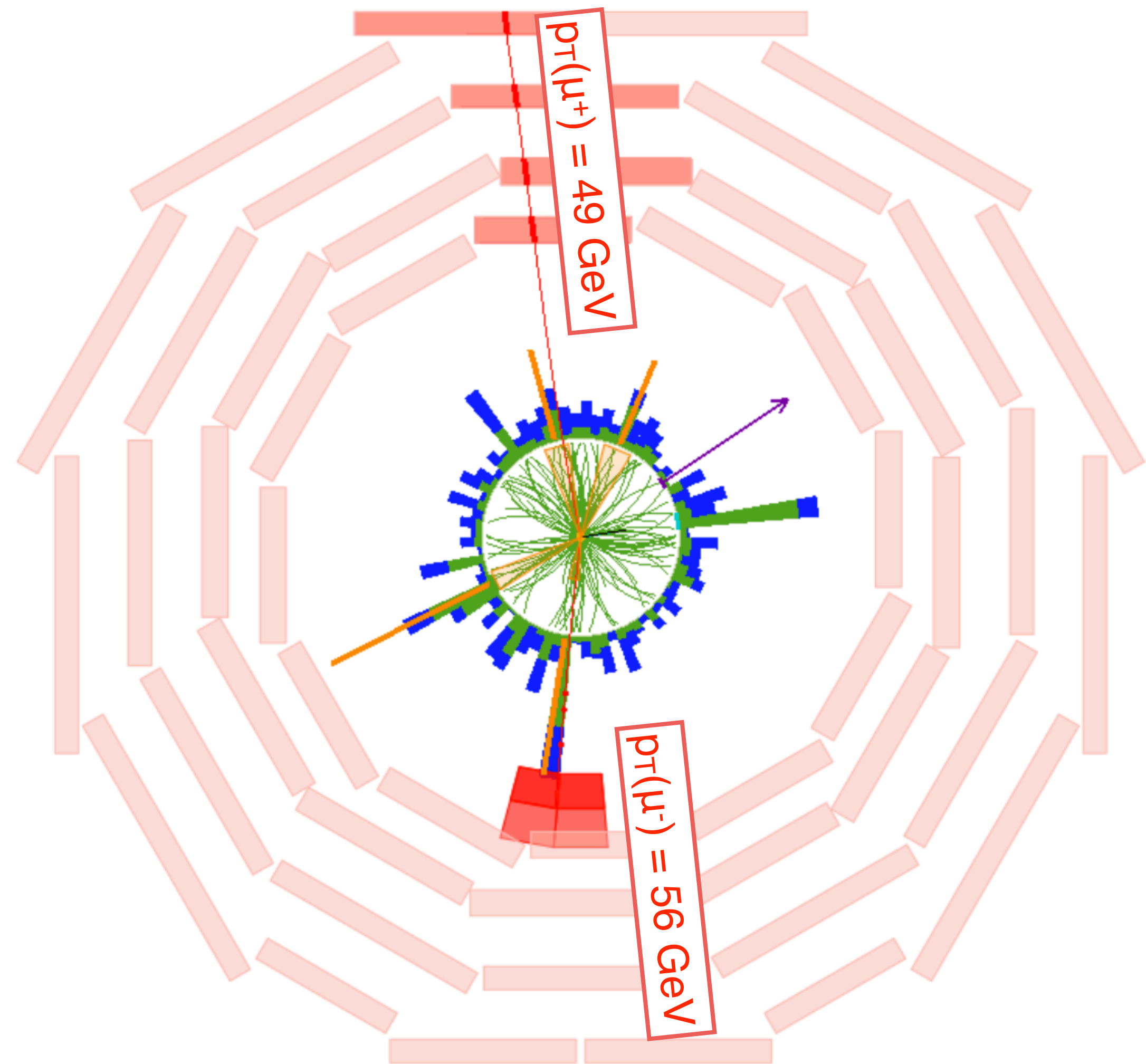
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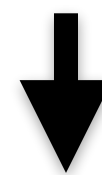
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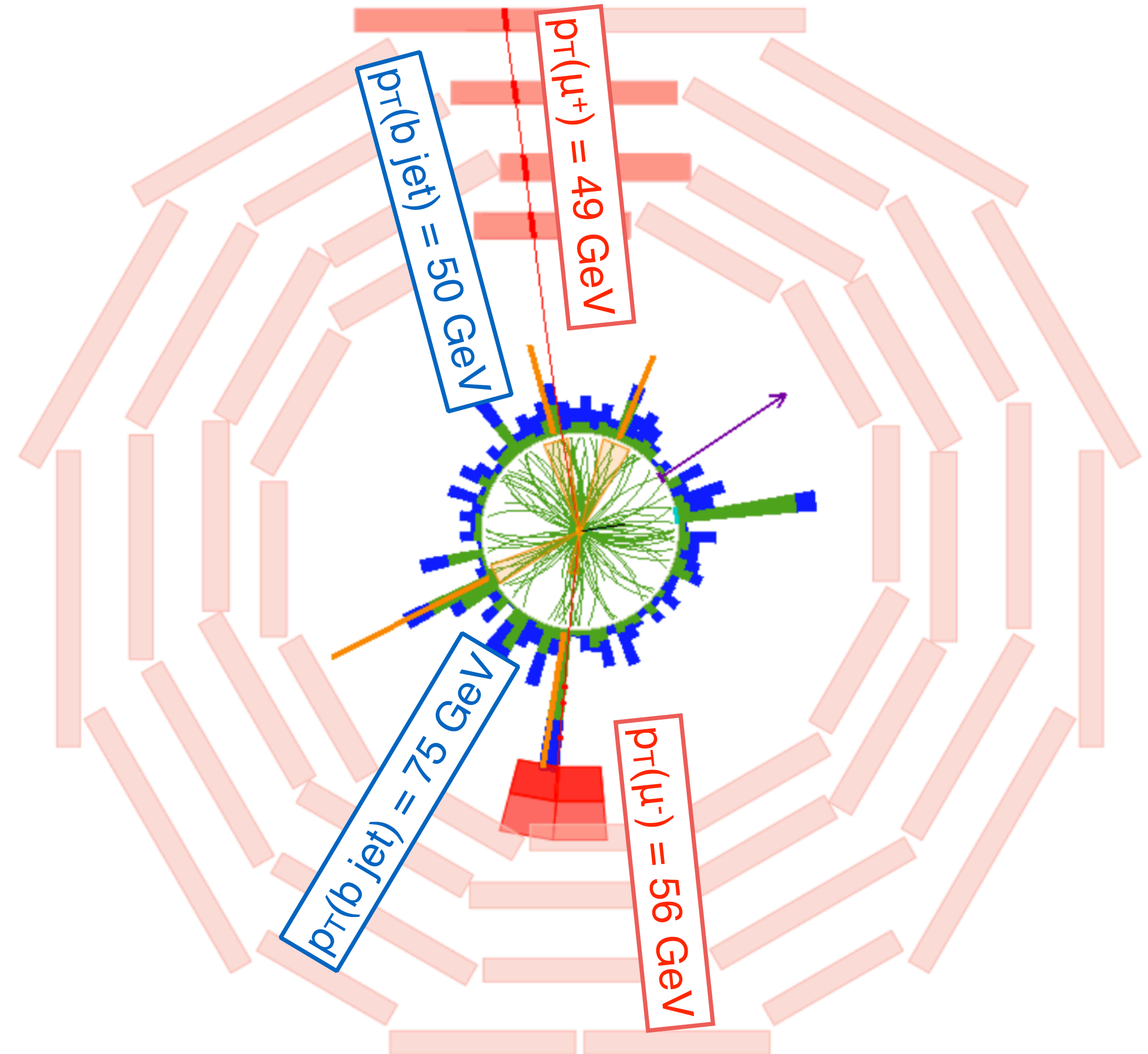
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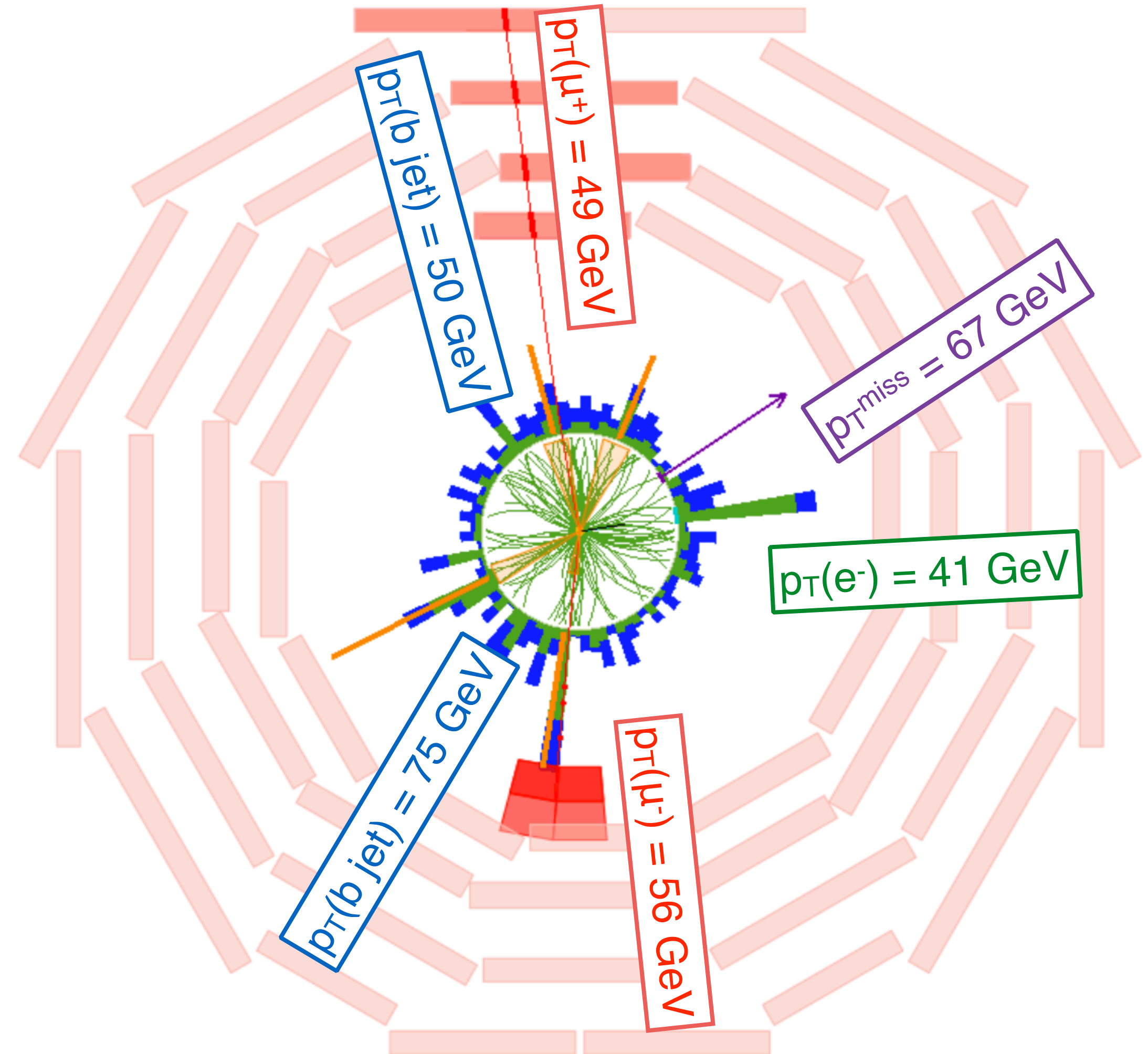
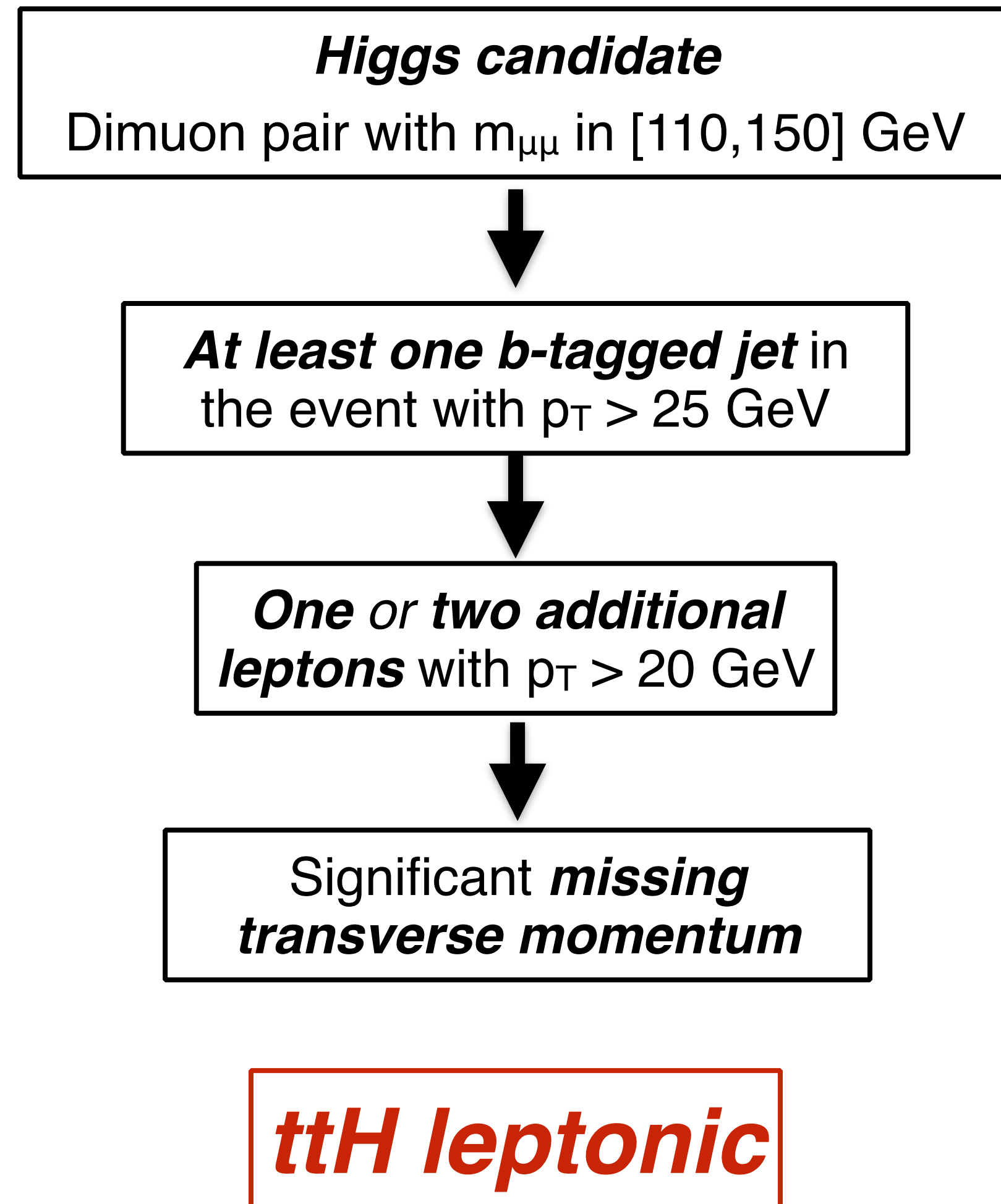


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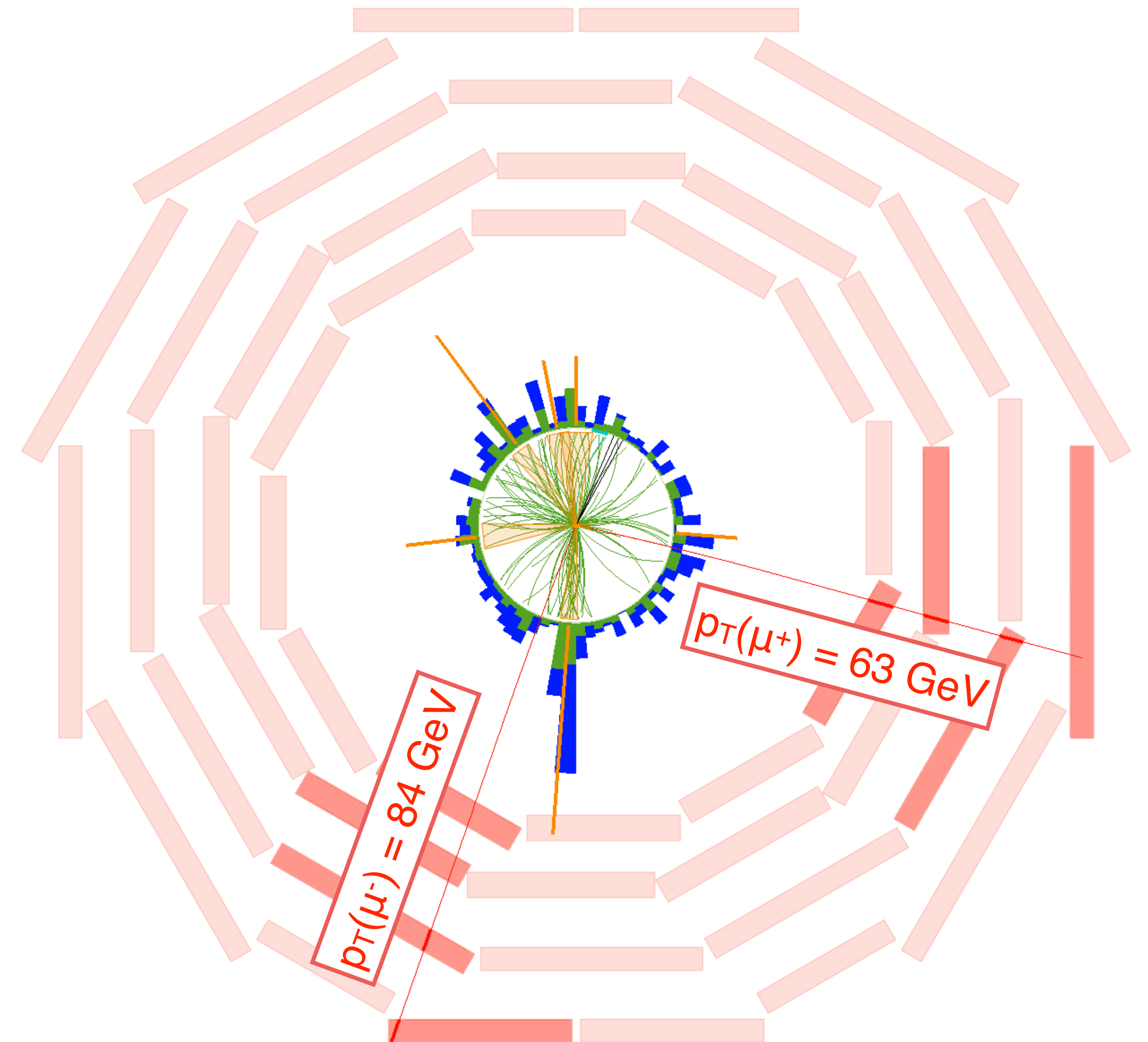
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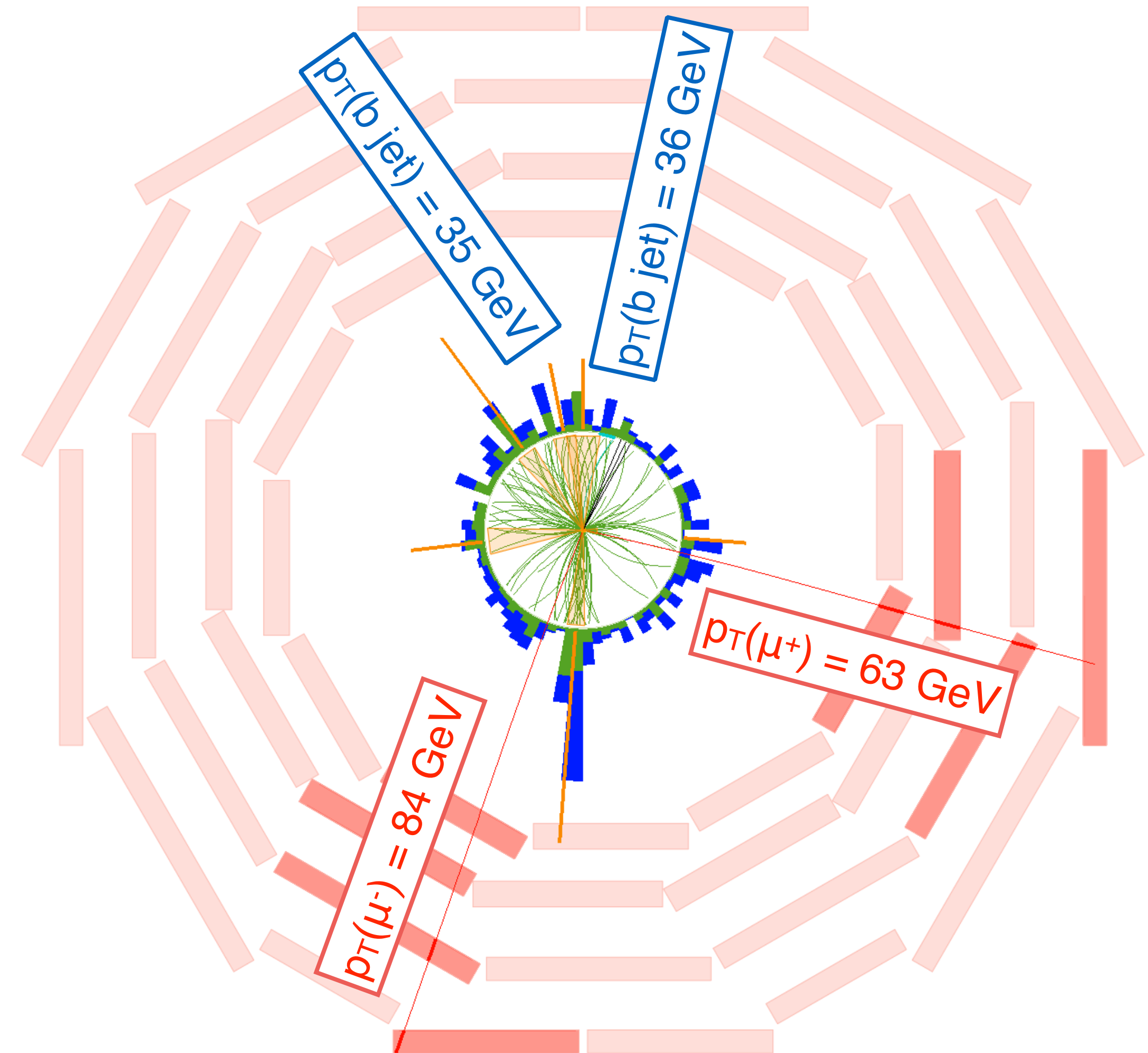
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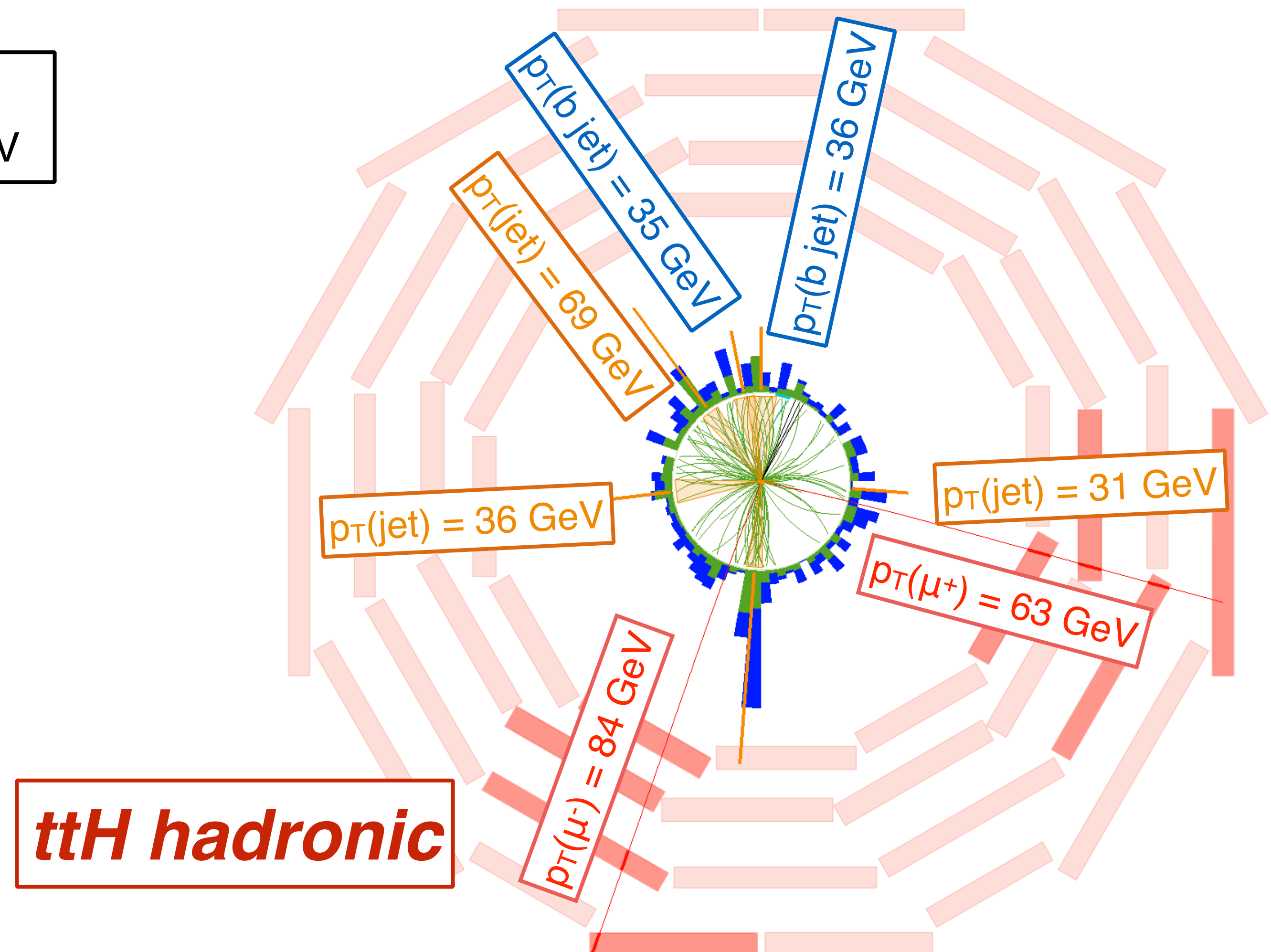
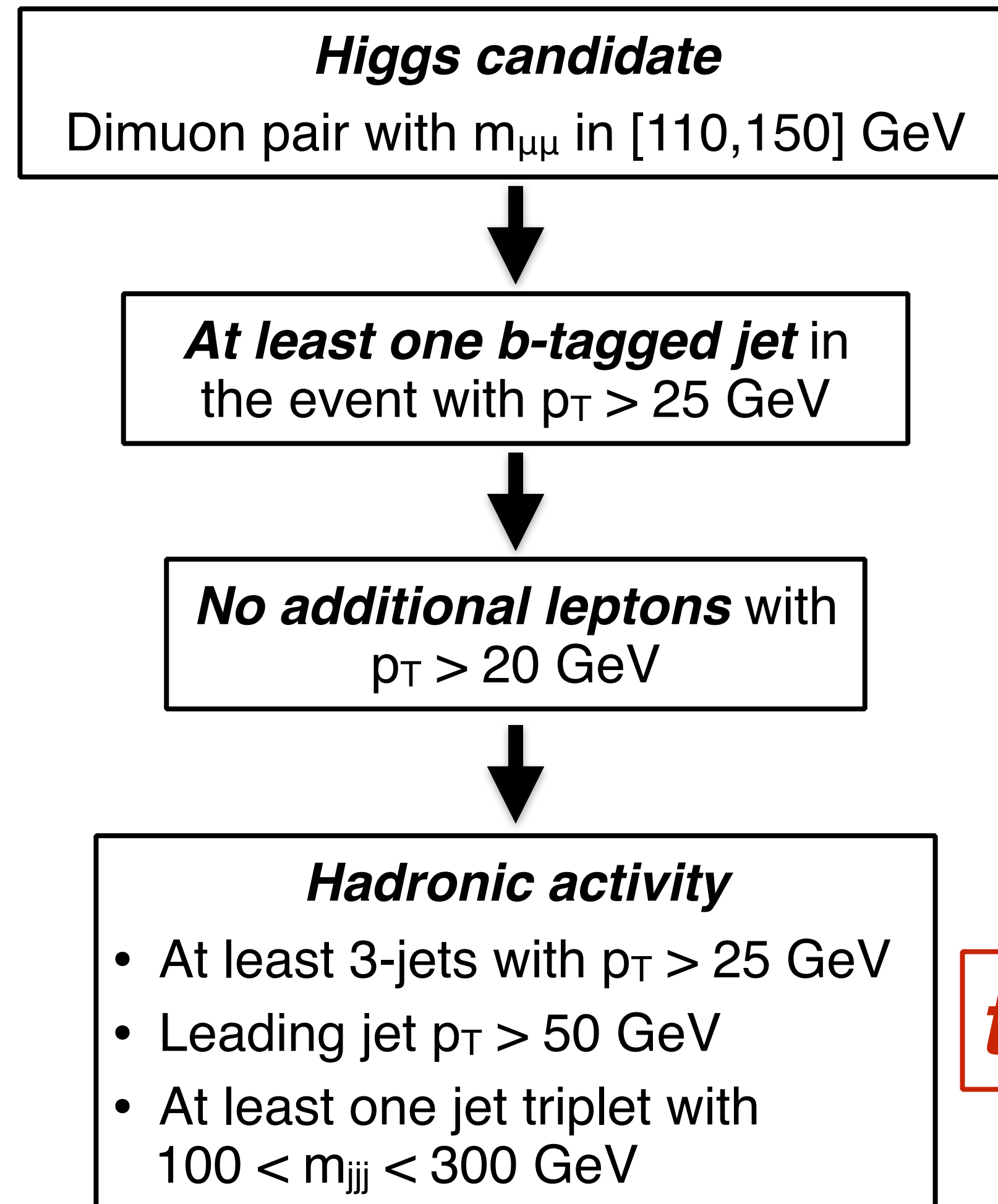


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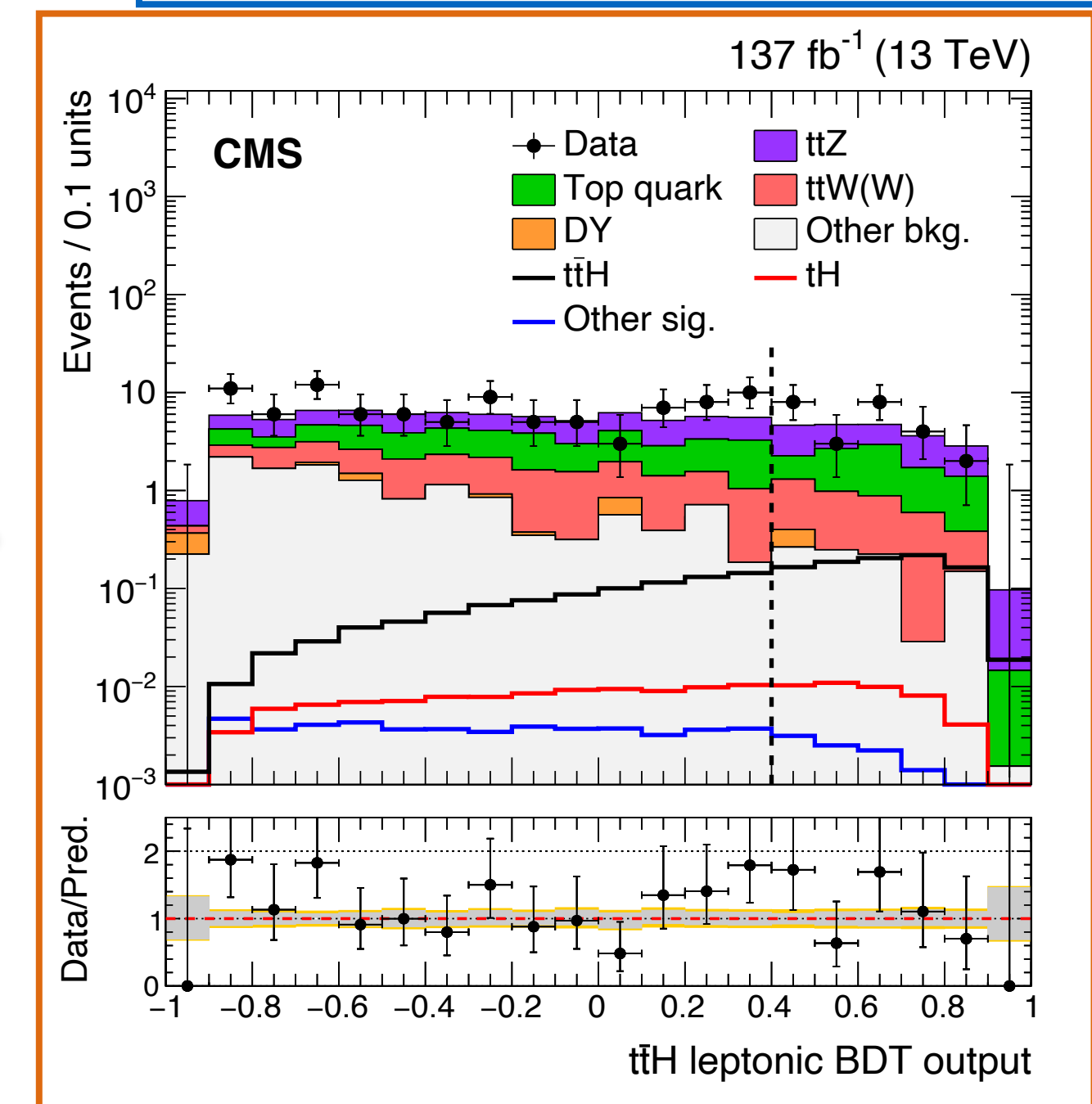
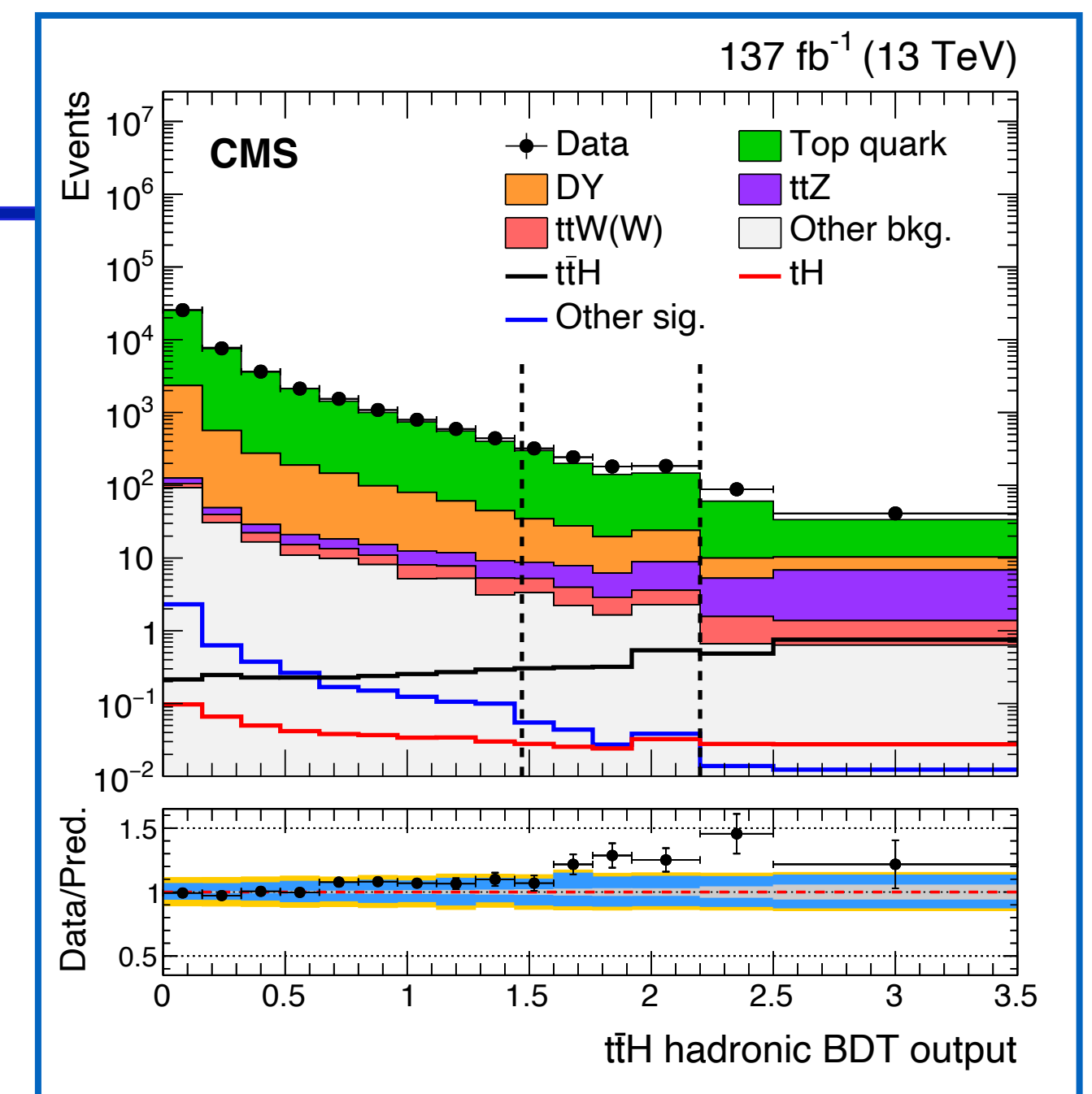
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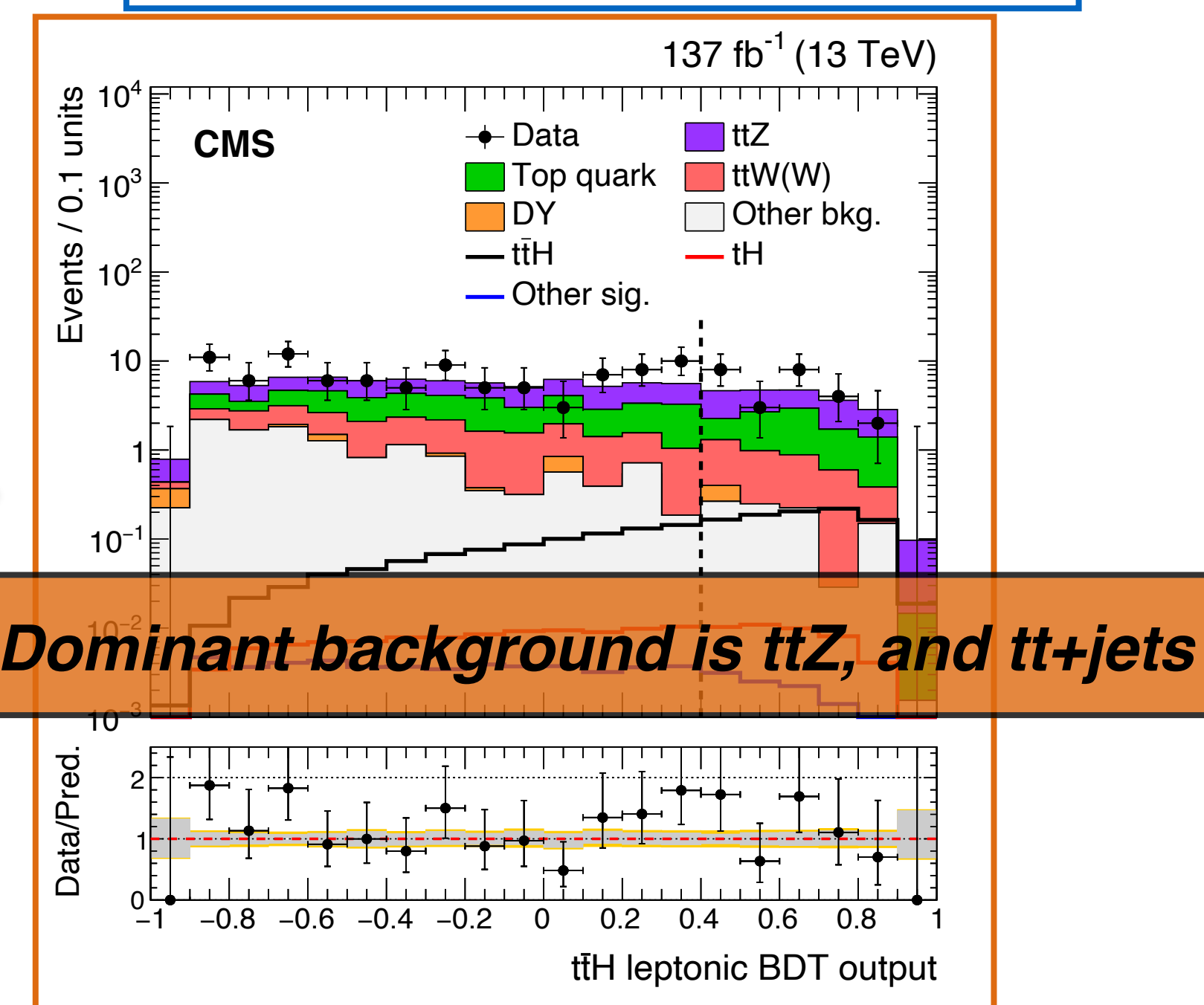
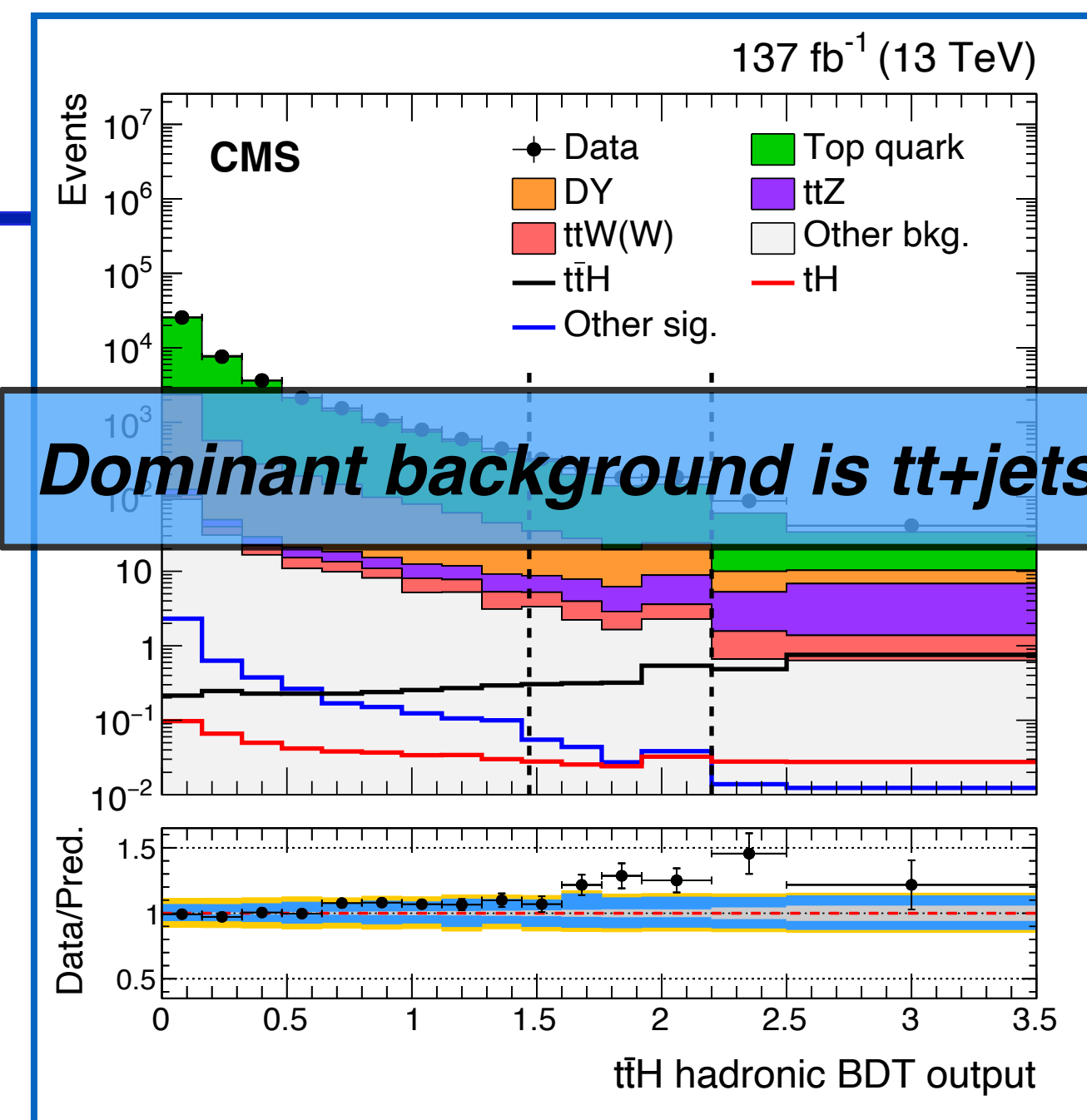
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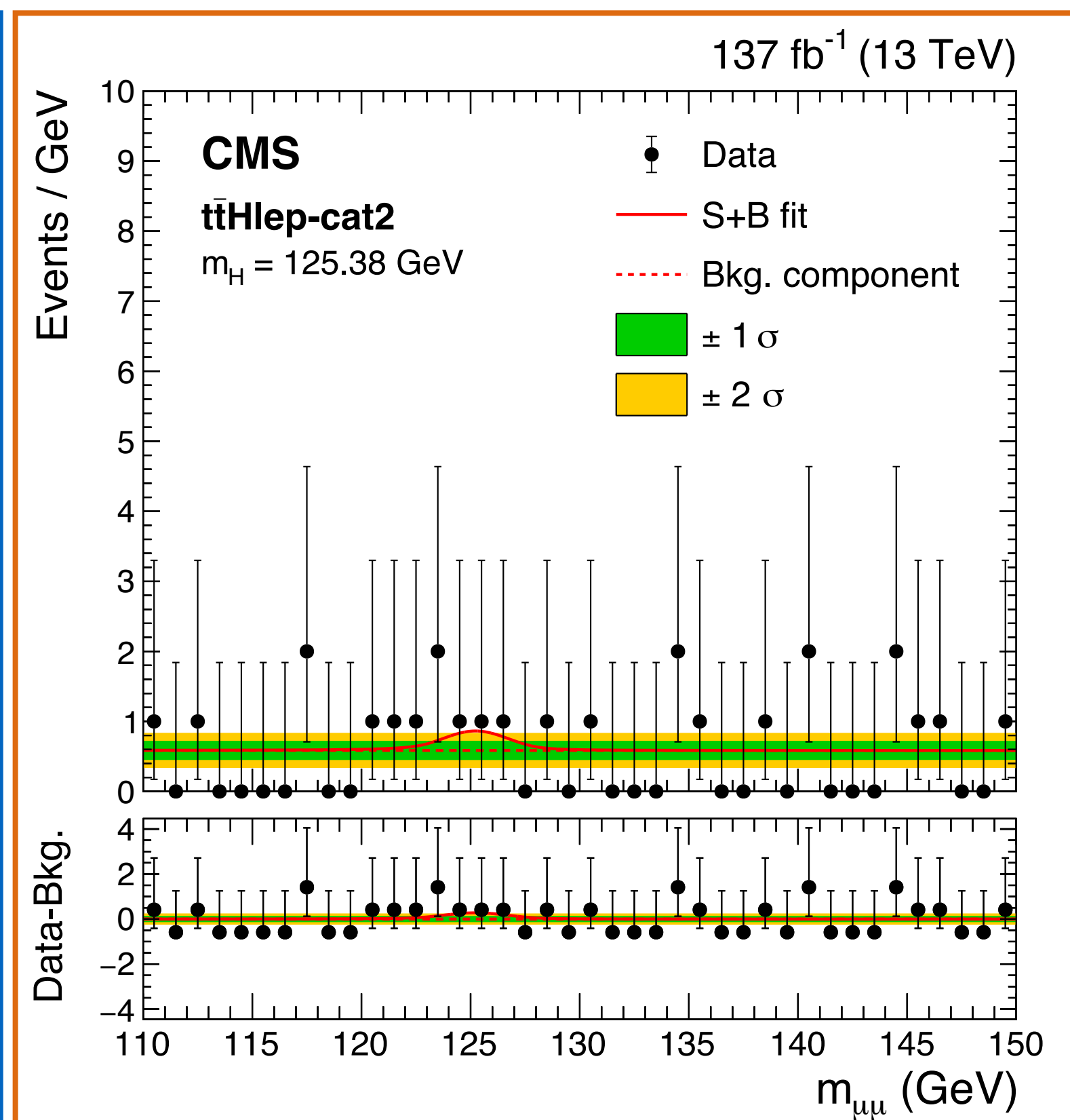
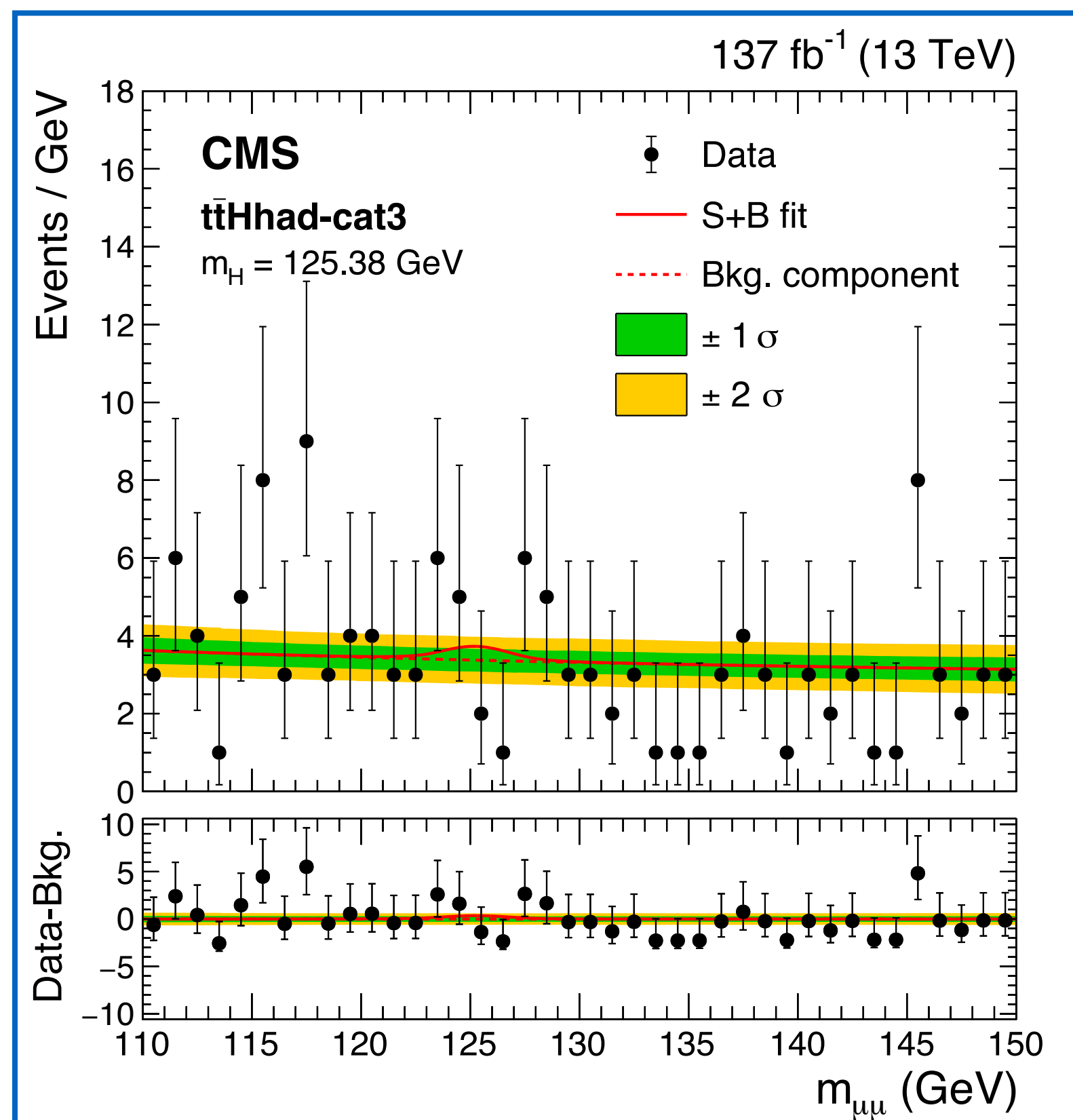
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Highest purity ttH categories



ttH category results

- **Expected** significance of 0.5σ
- **Observed** significance of 1.2σ
- Signal strength $\mu = 2.32^{+2.27}_{-1.95}$

WH event candidate

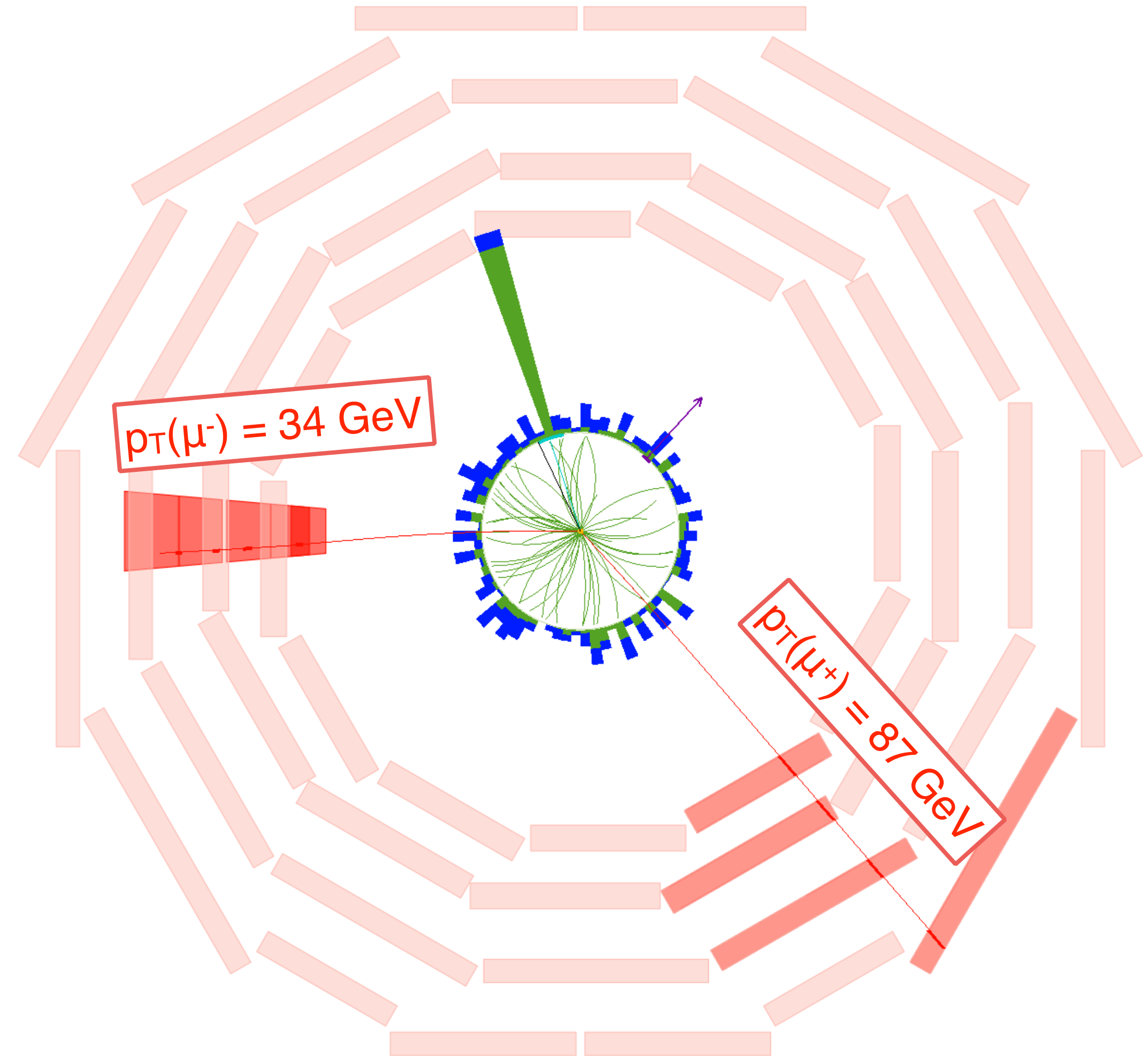
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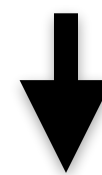


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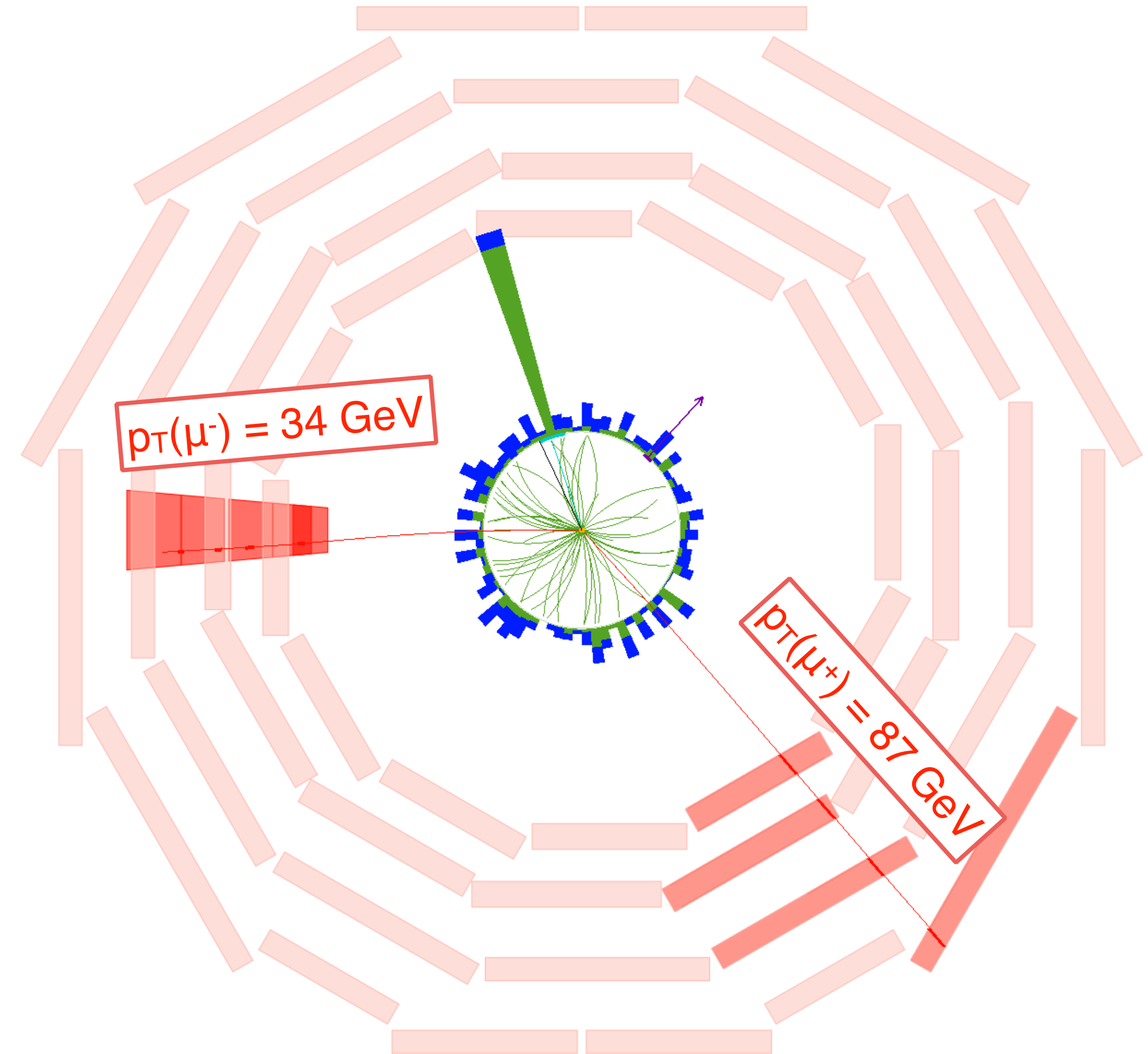
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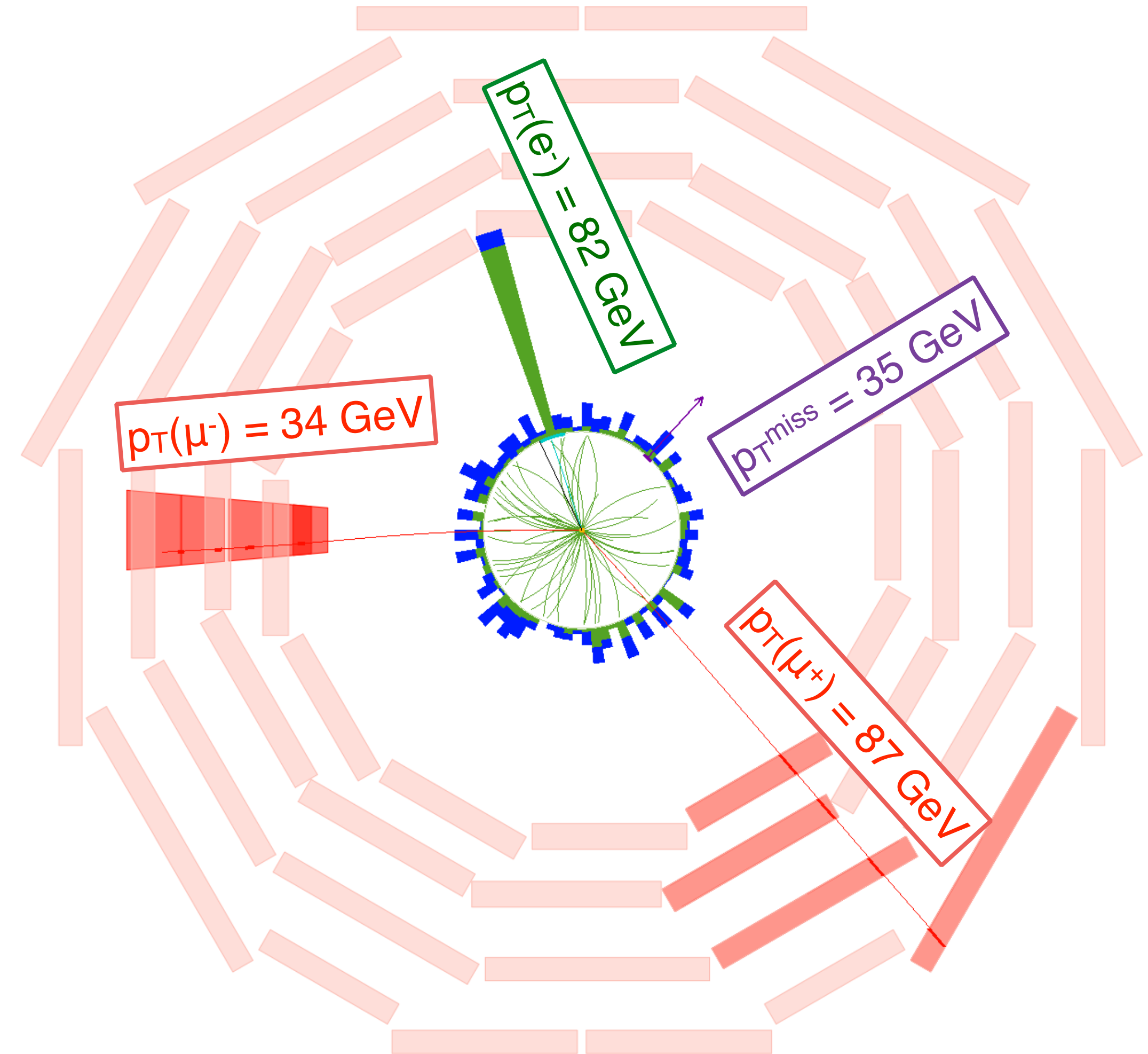
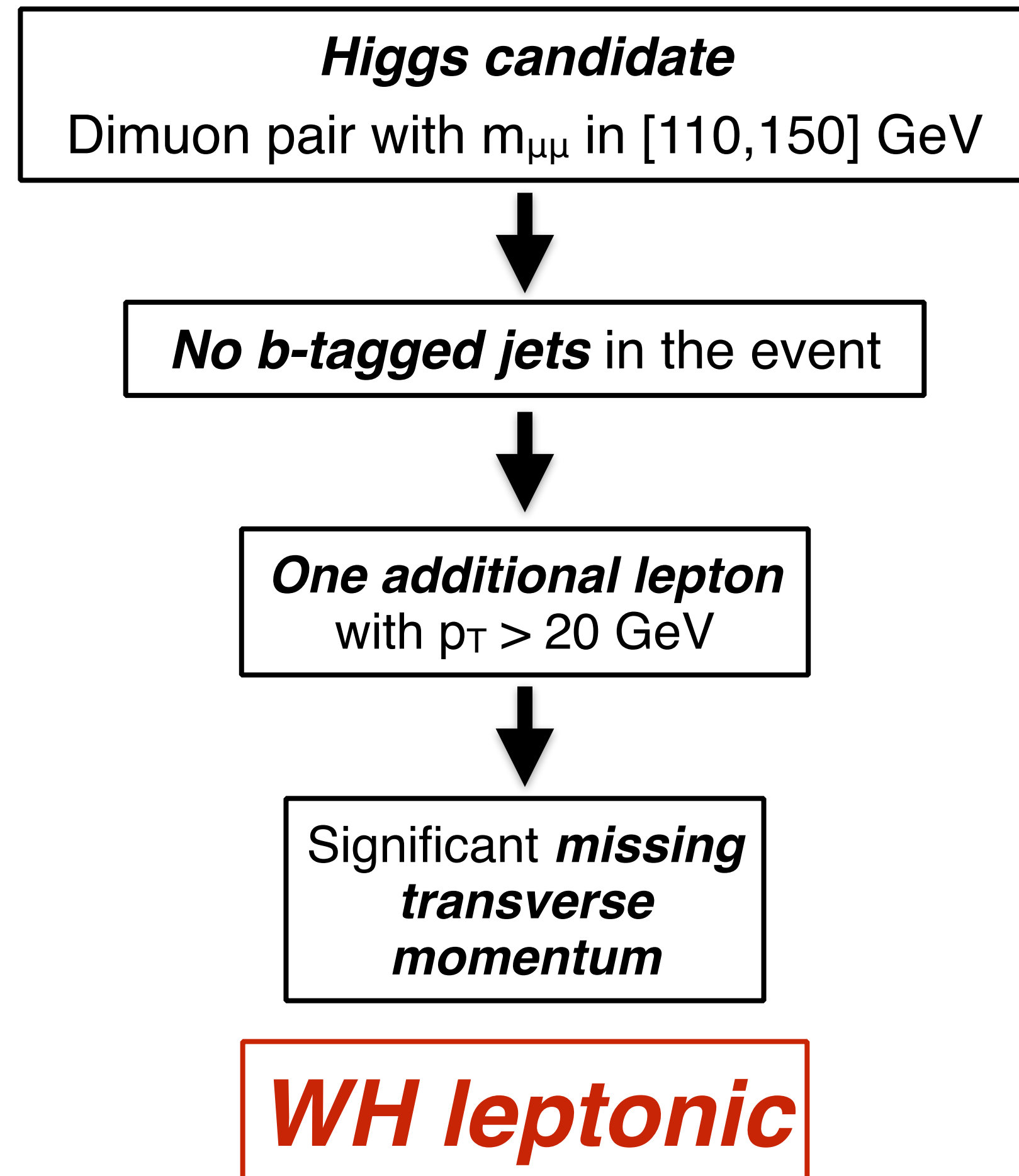


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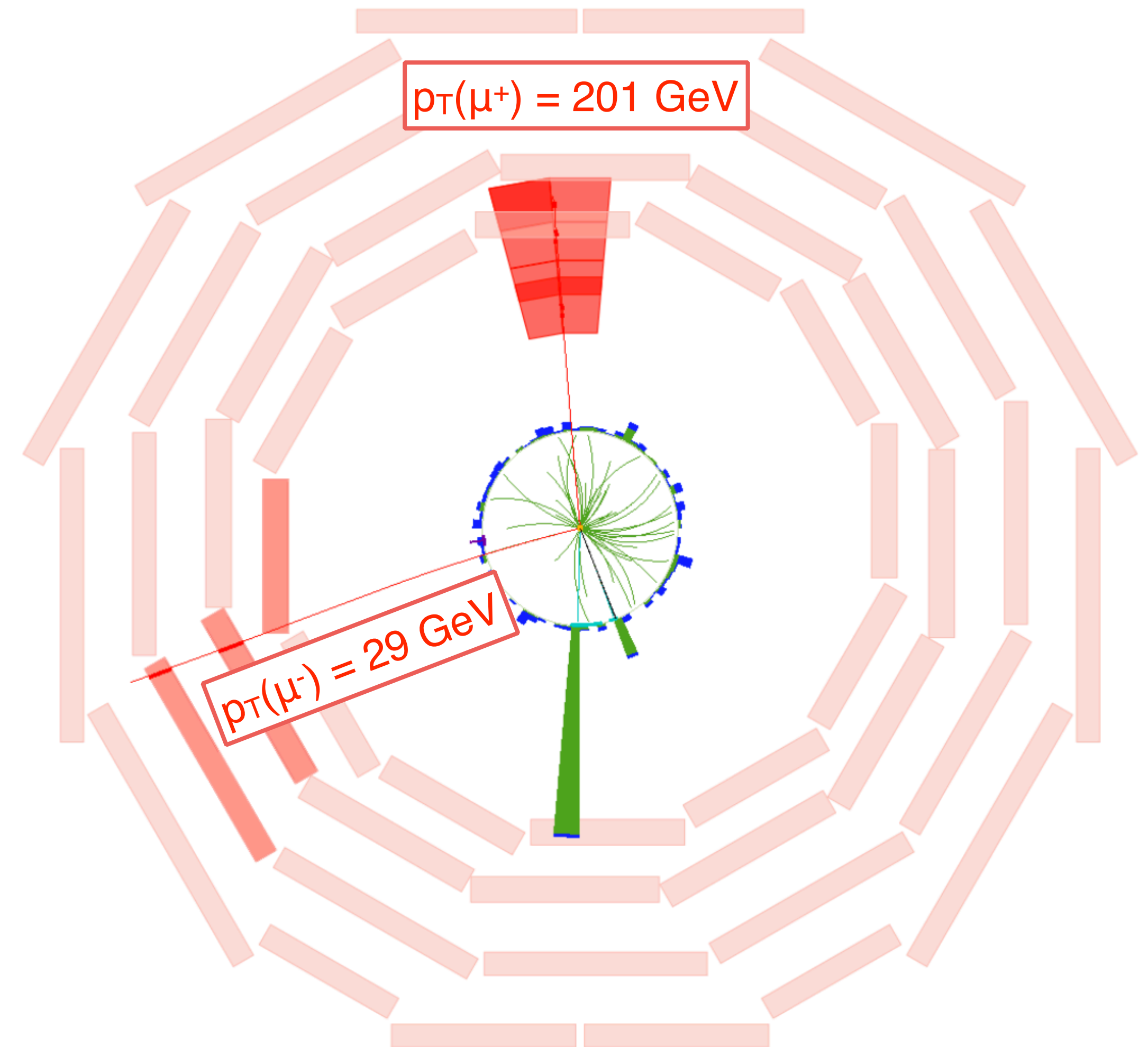
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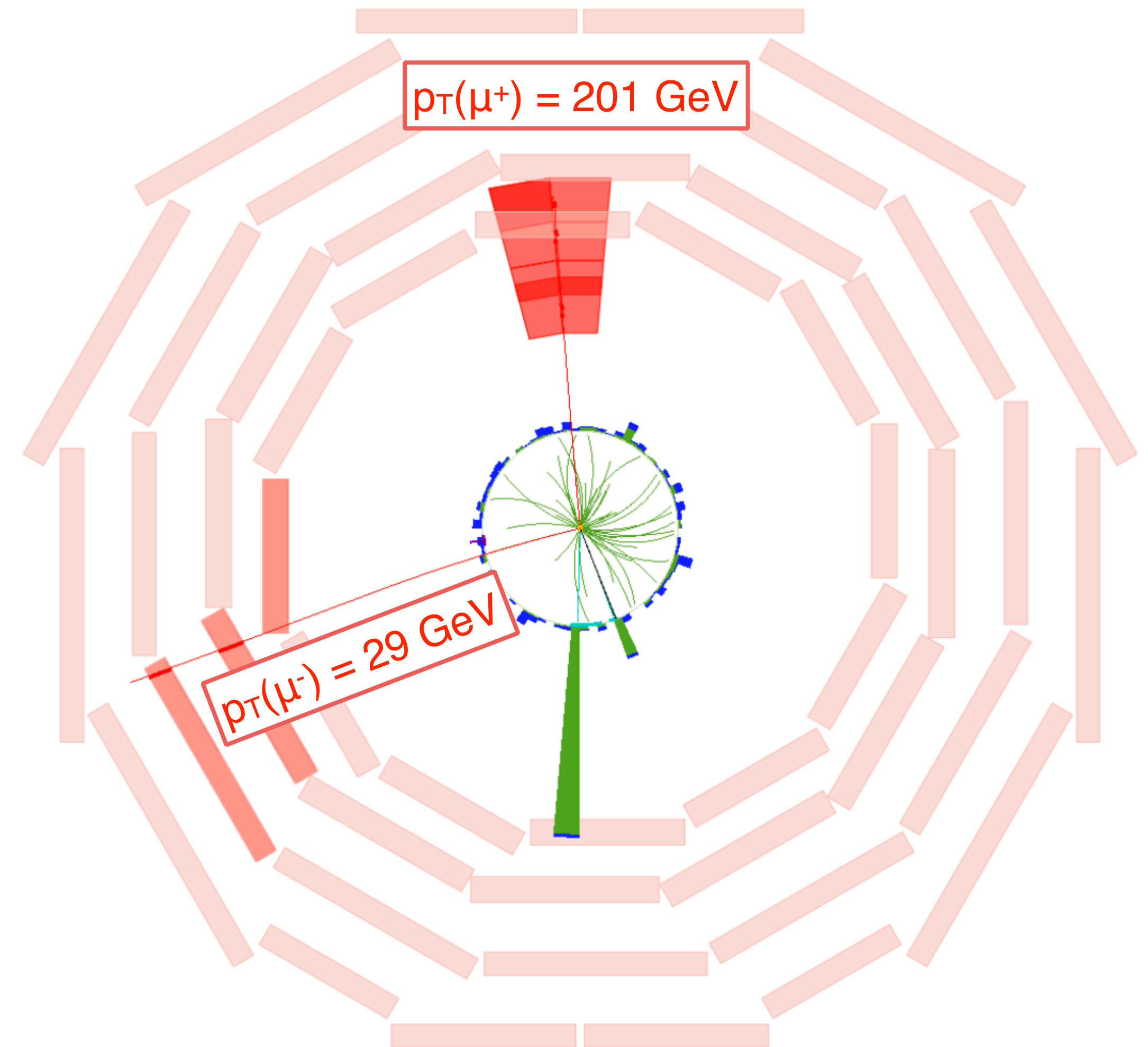
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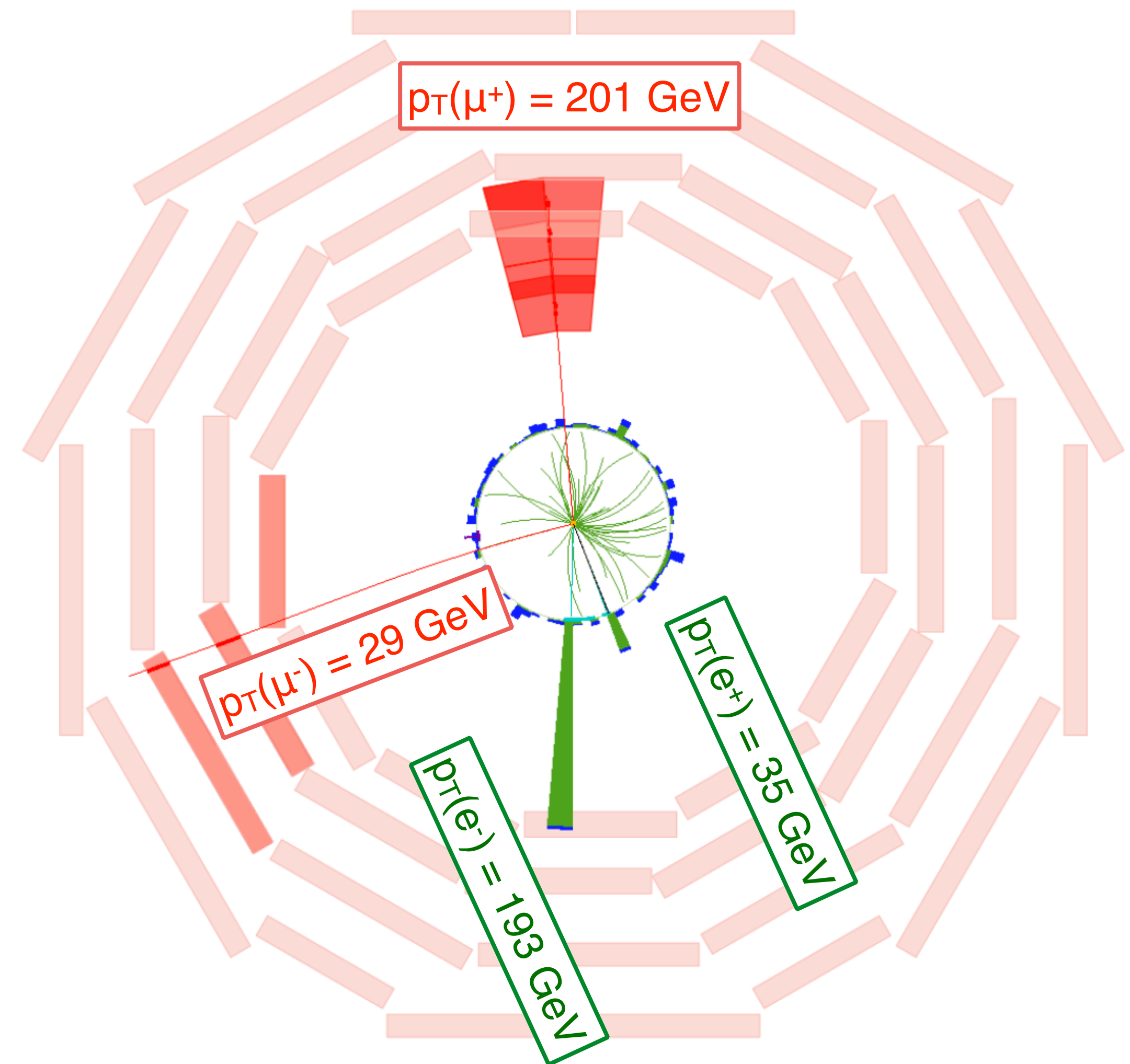
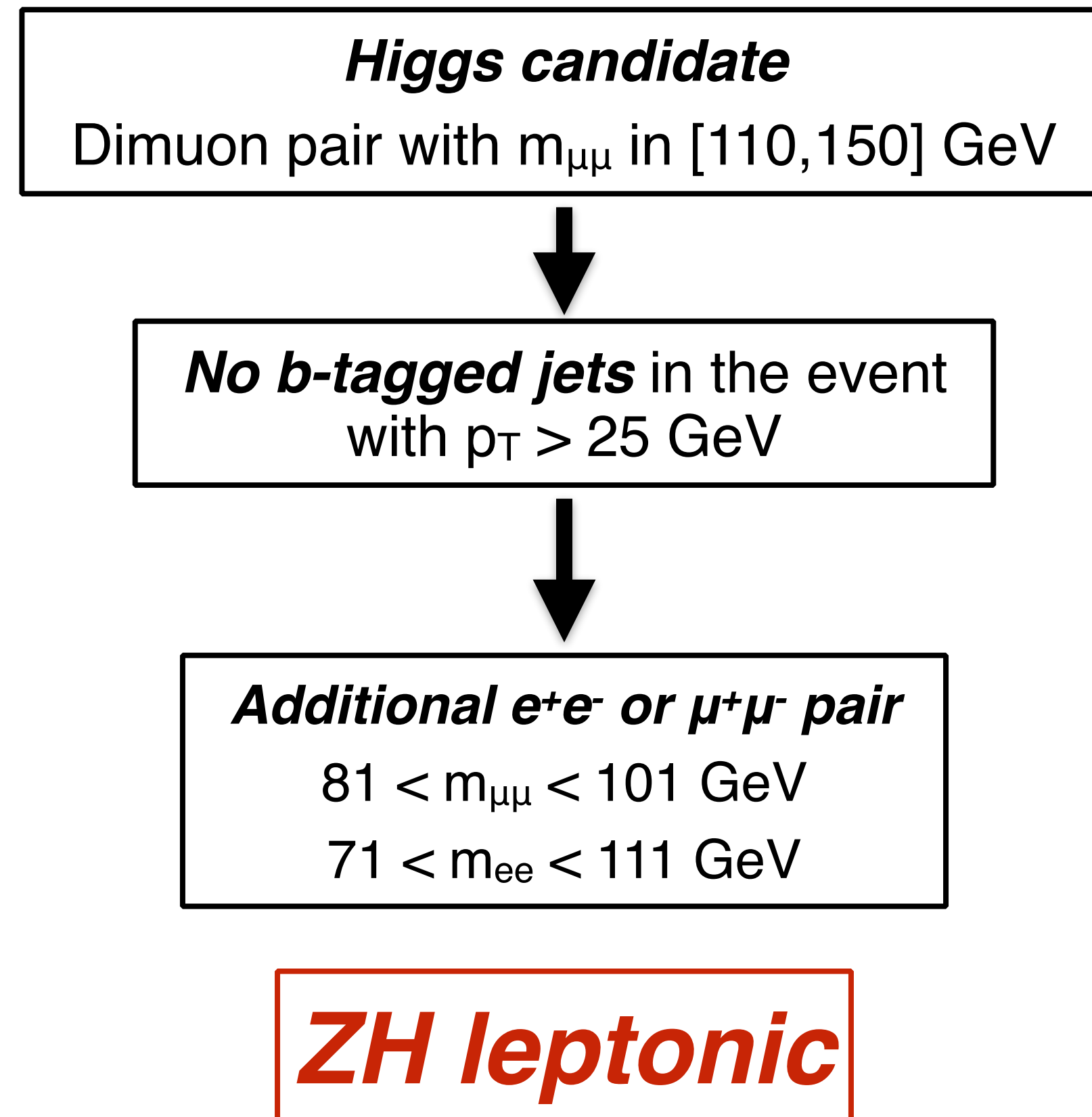


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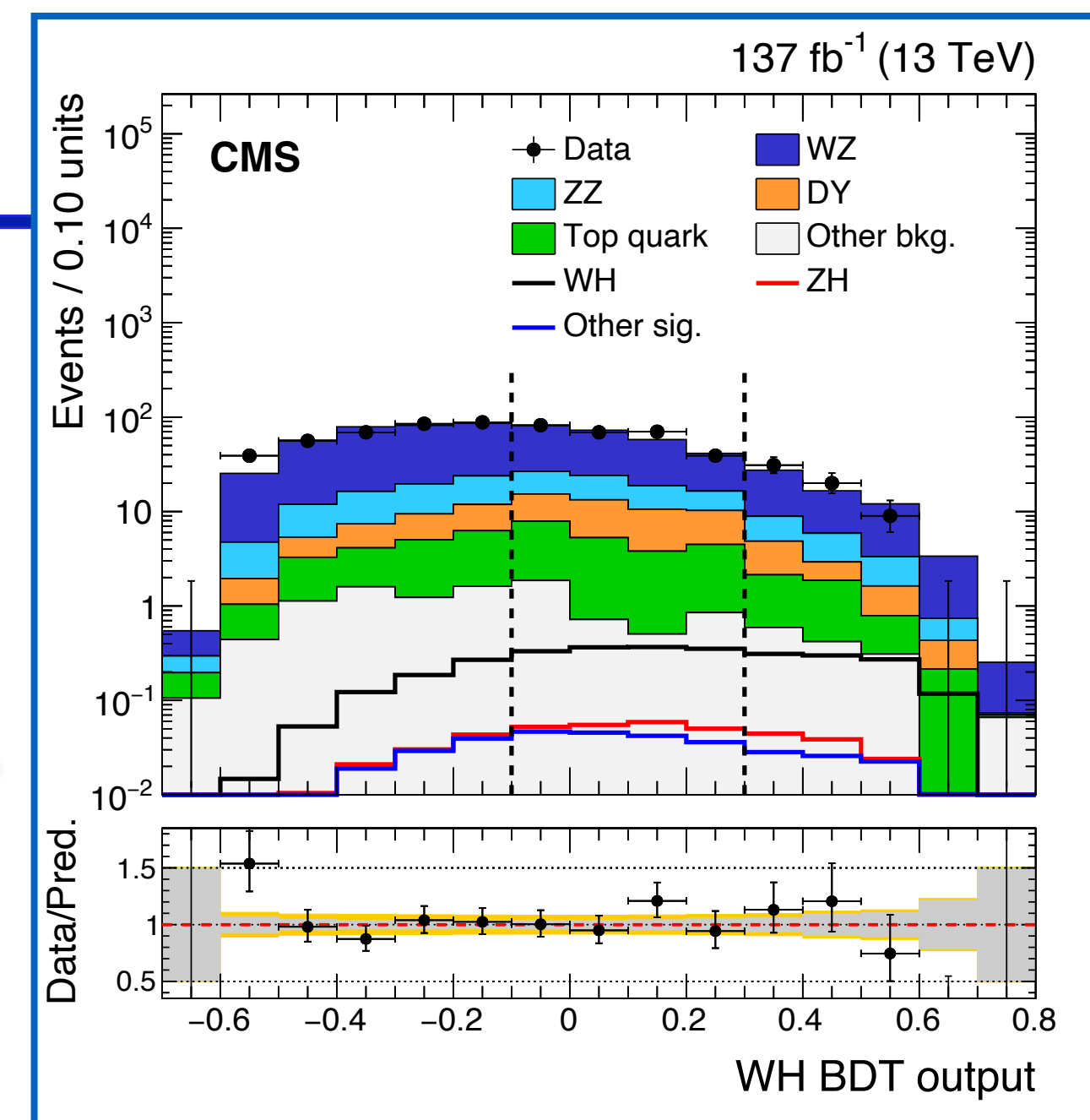


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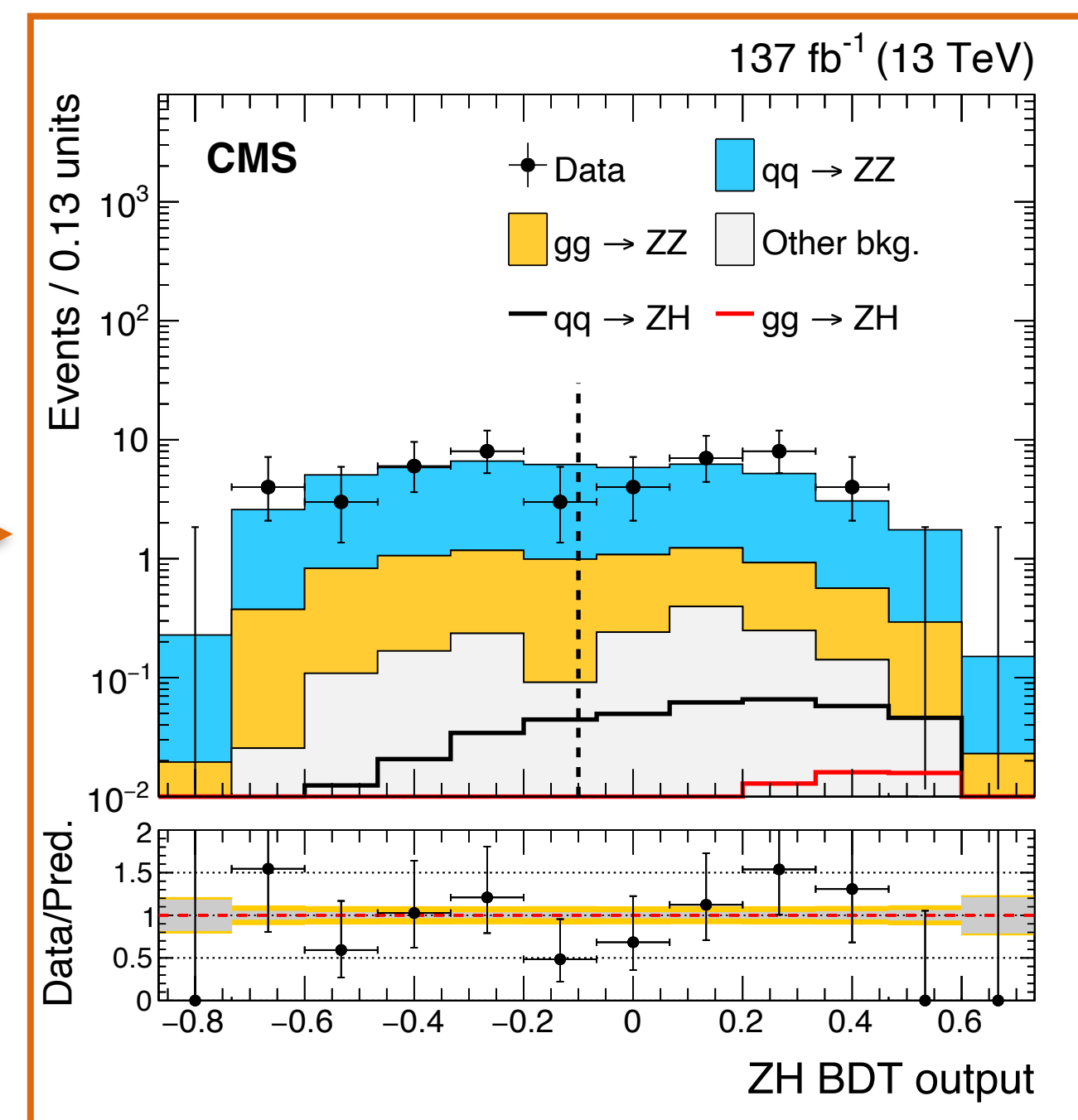
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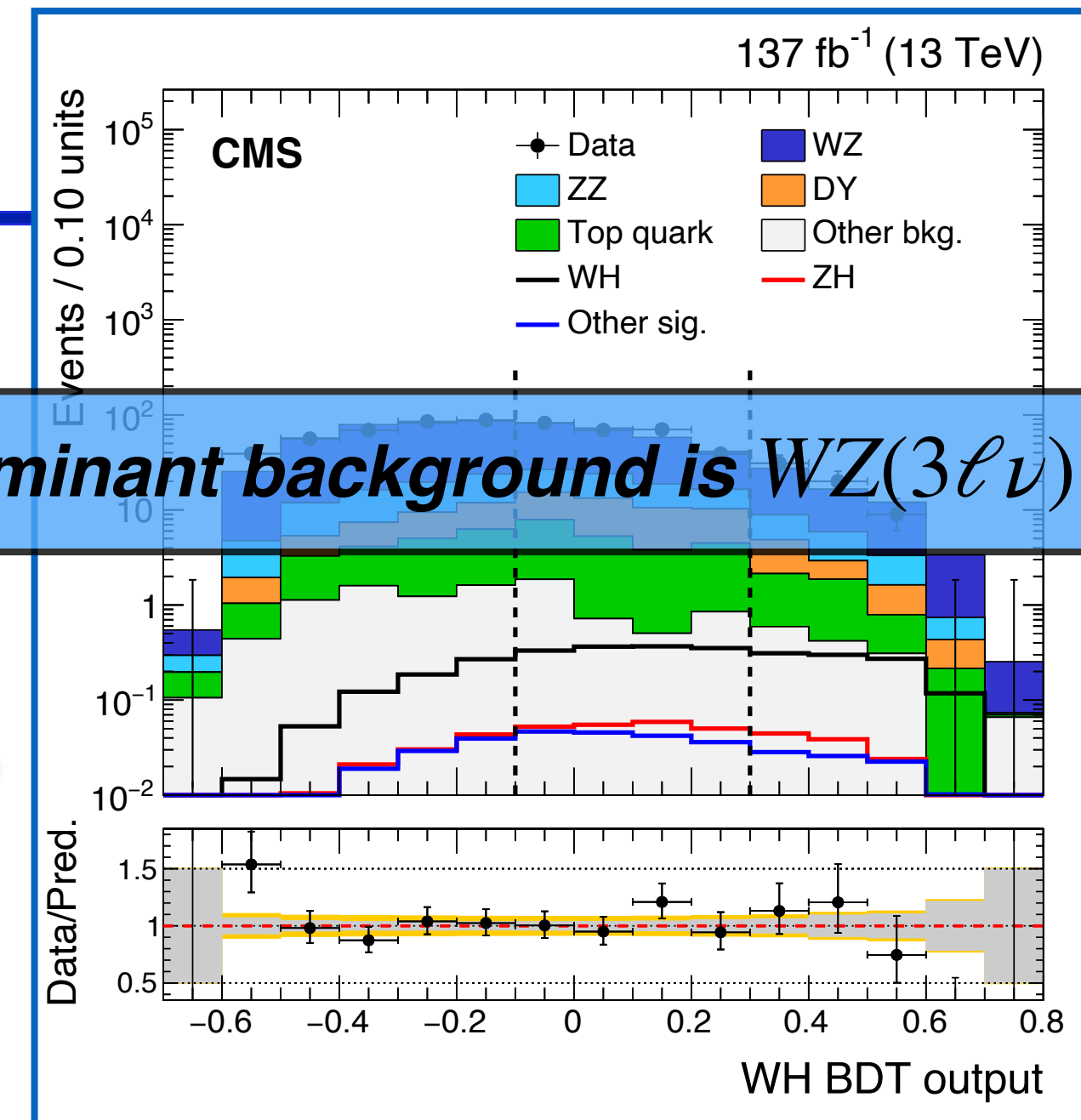
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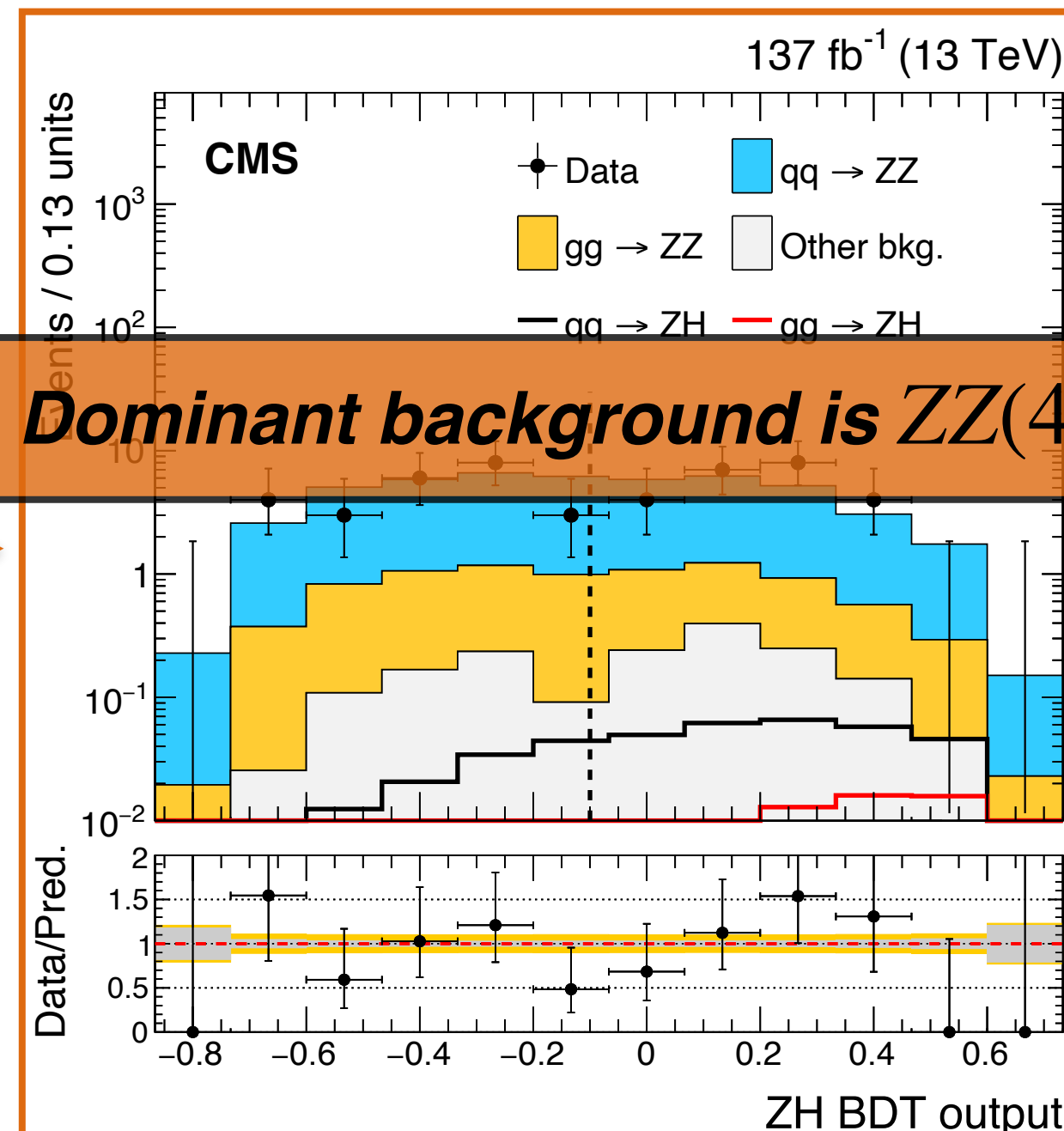
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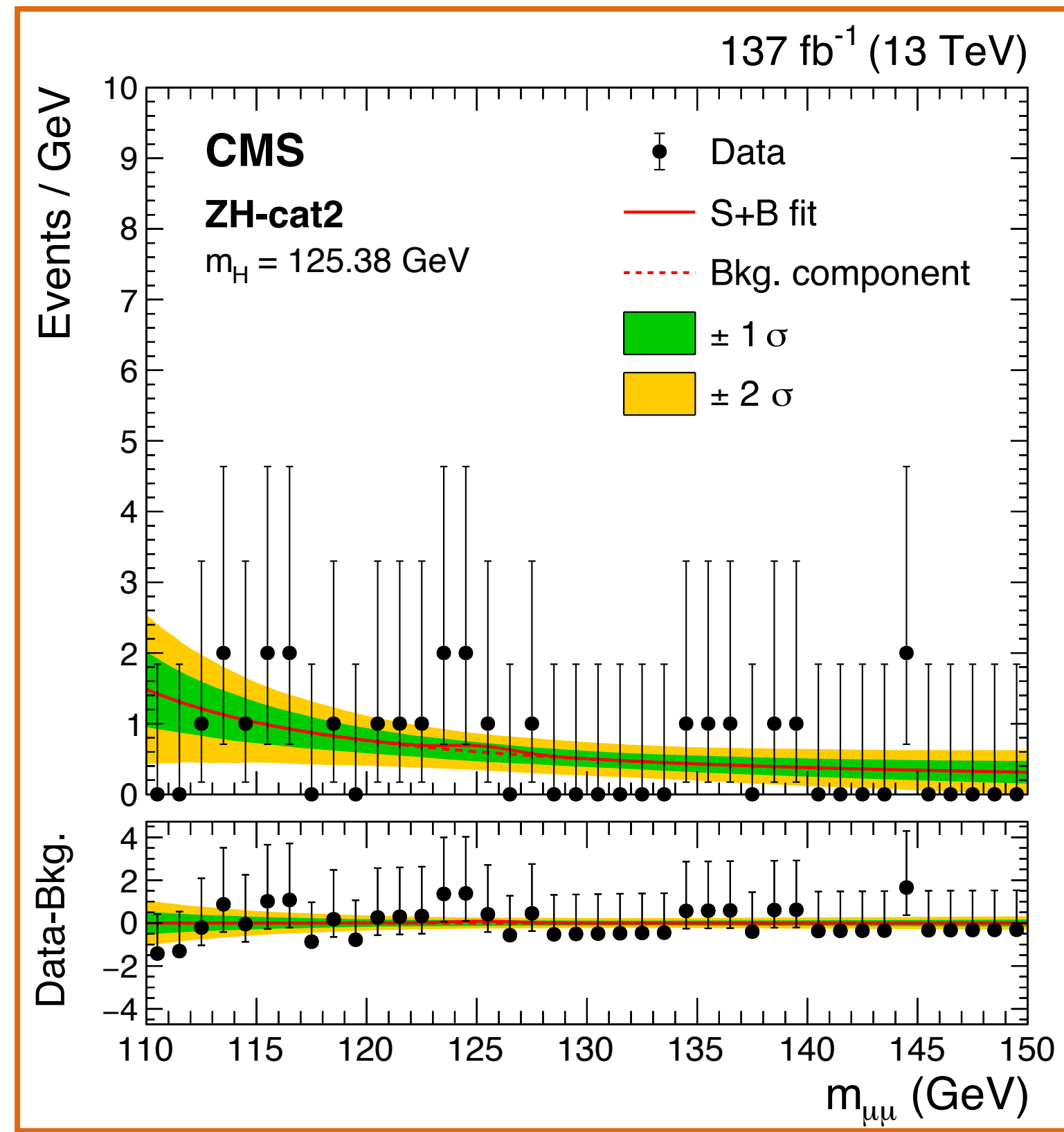
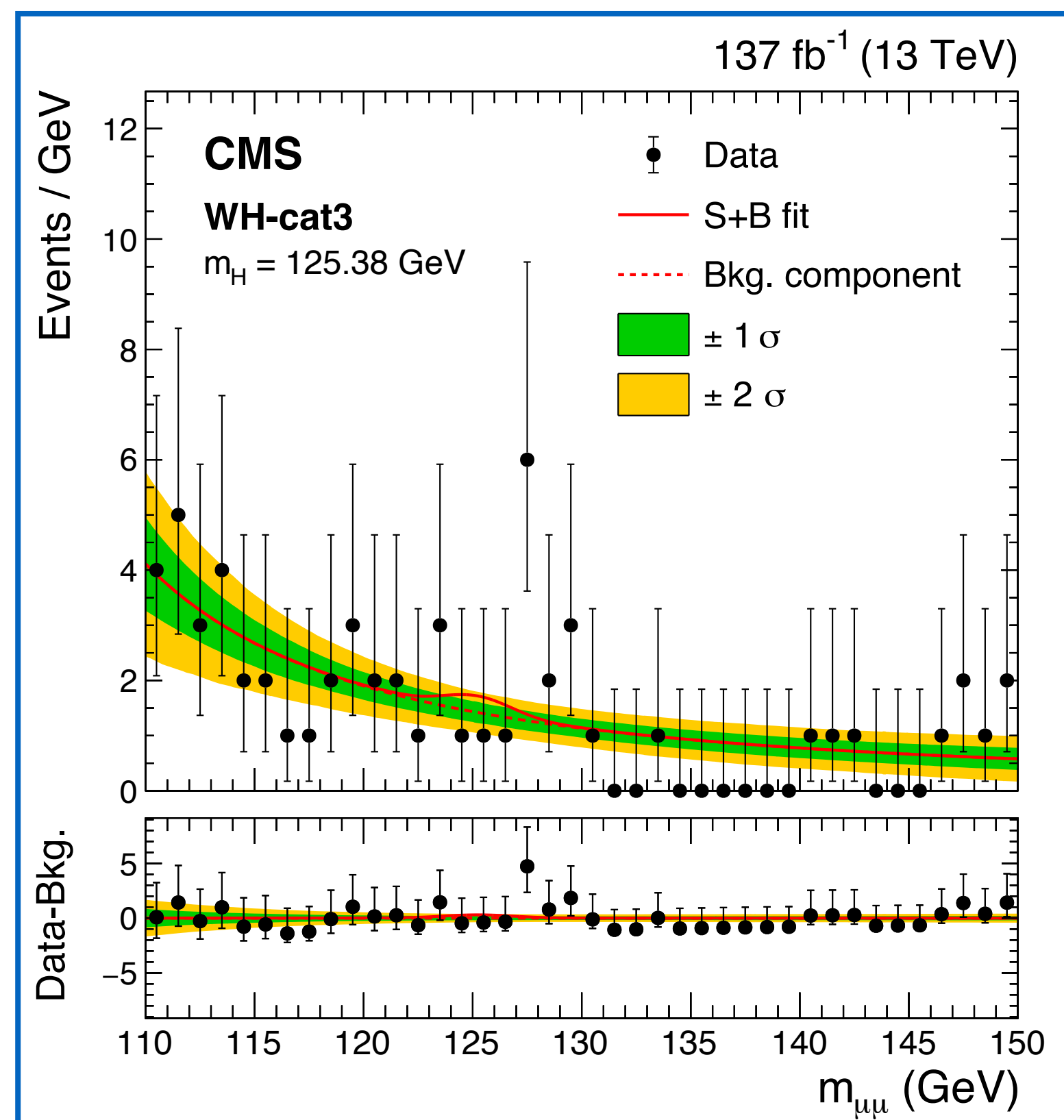
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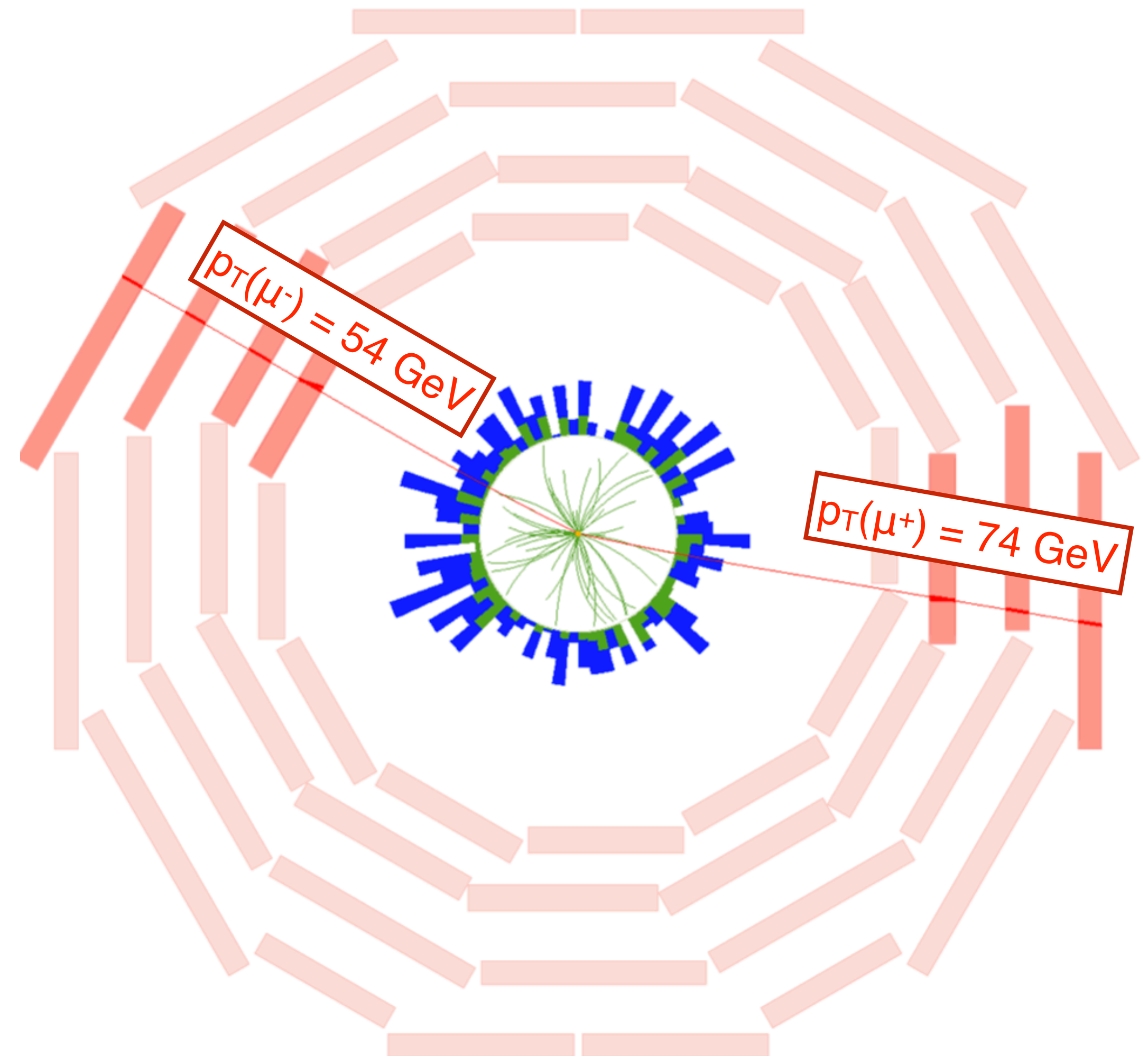
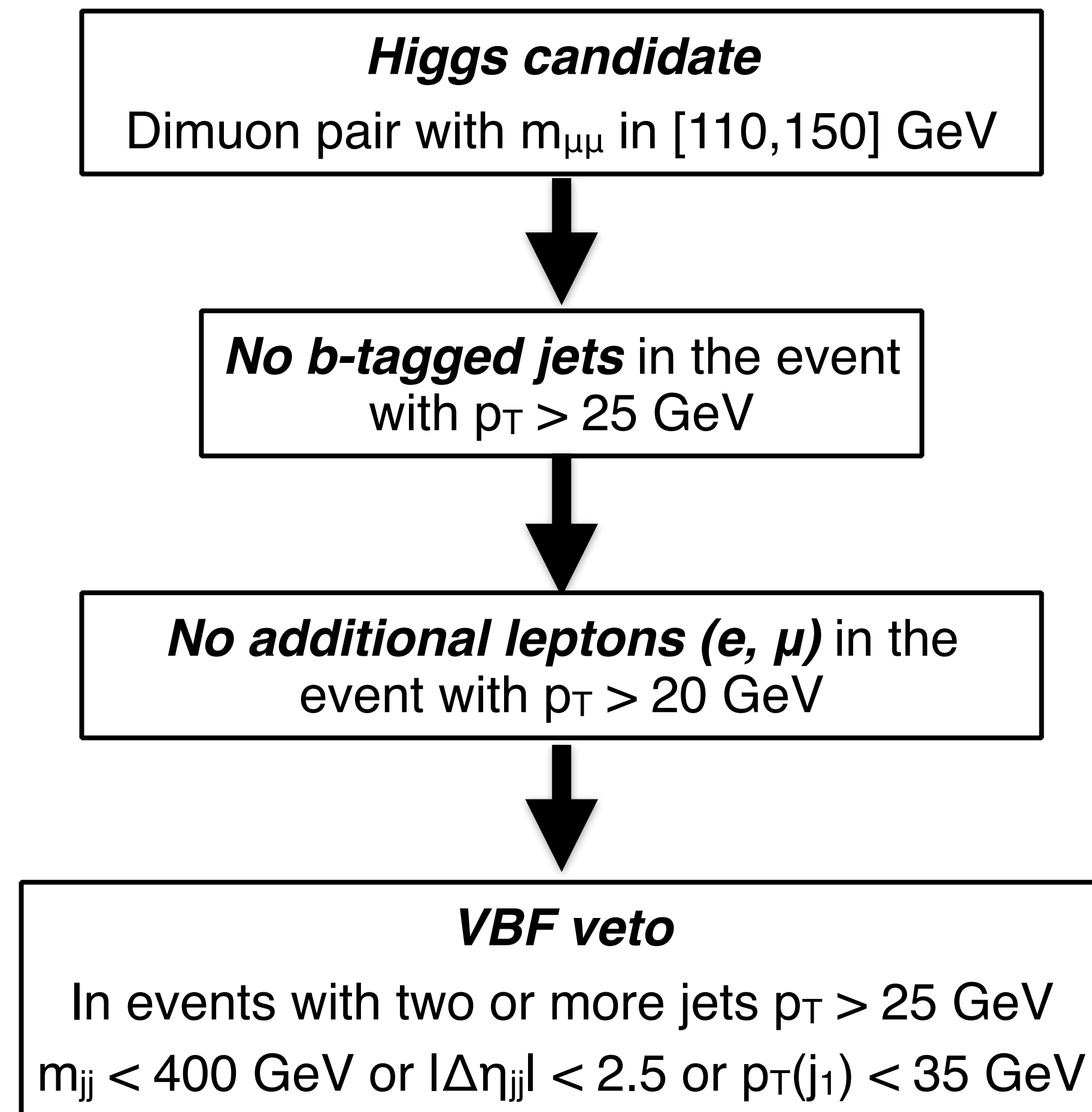
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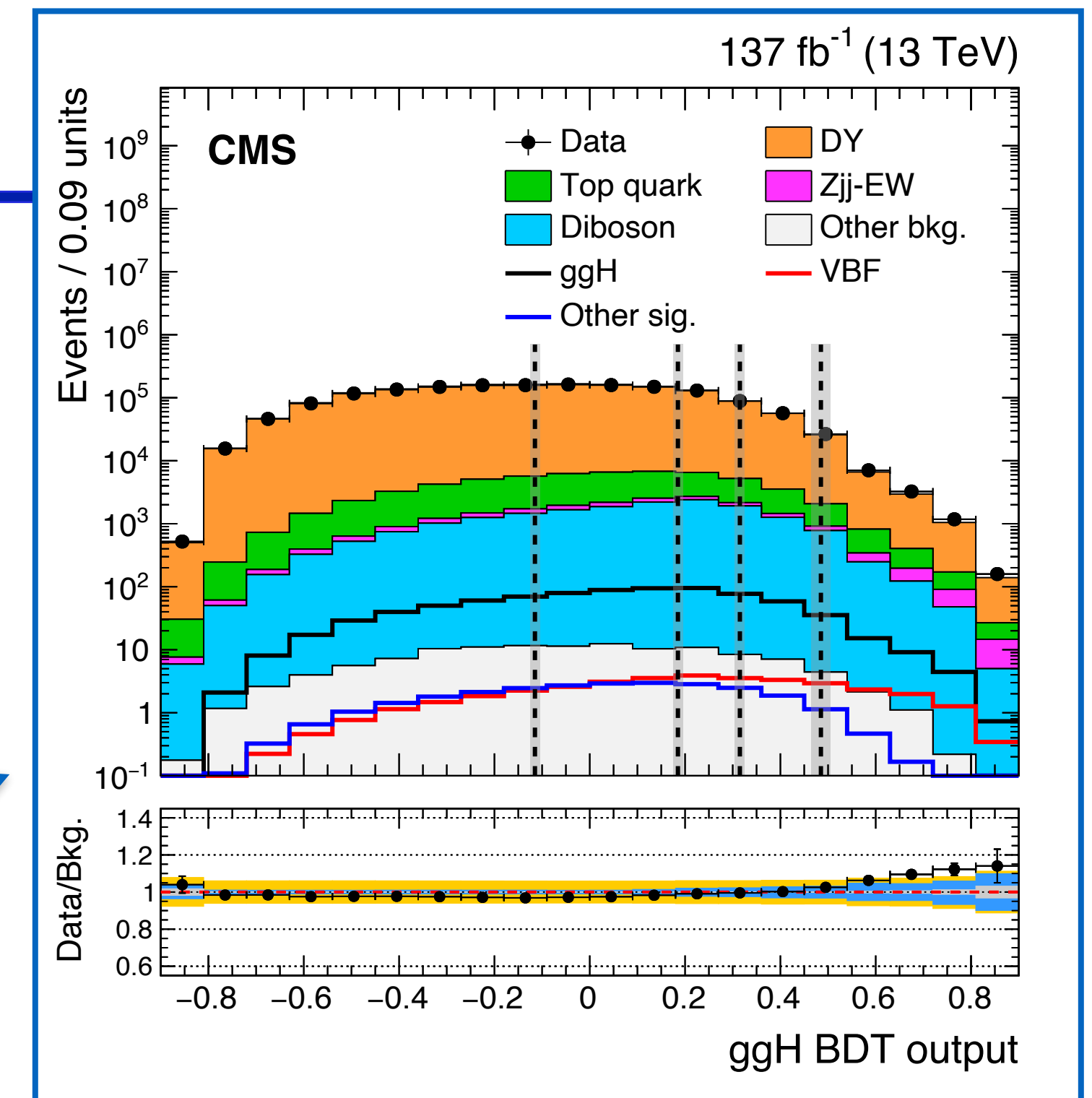
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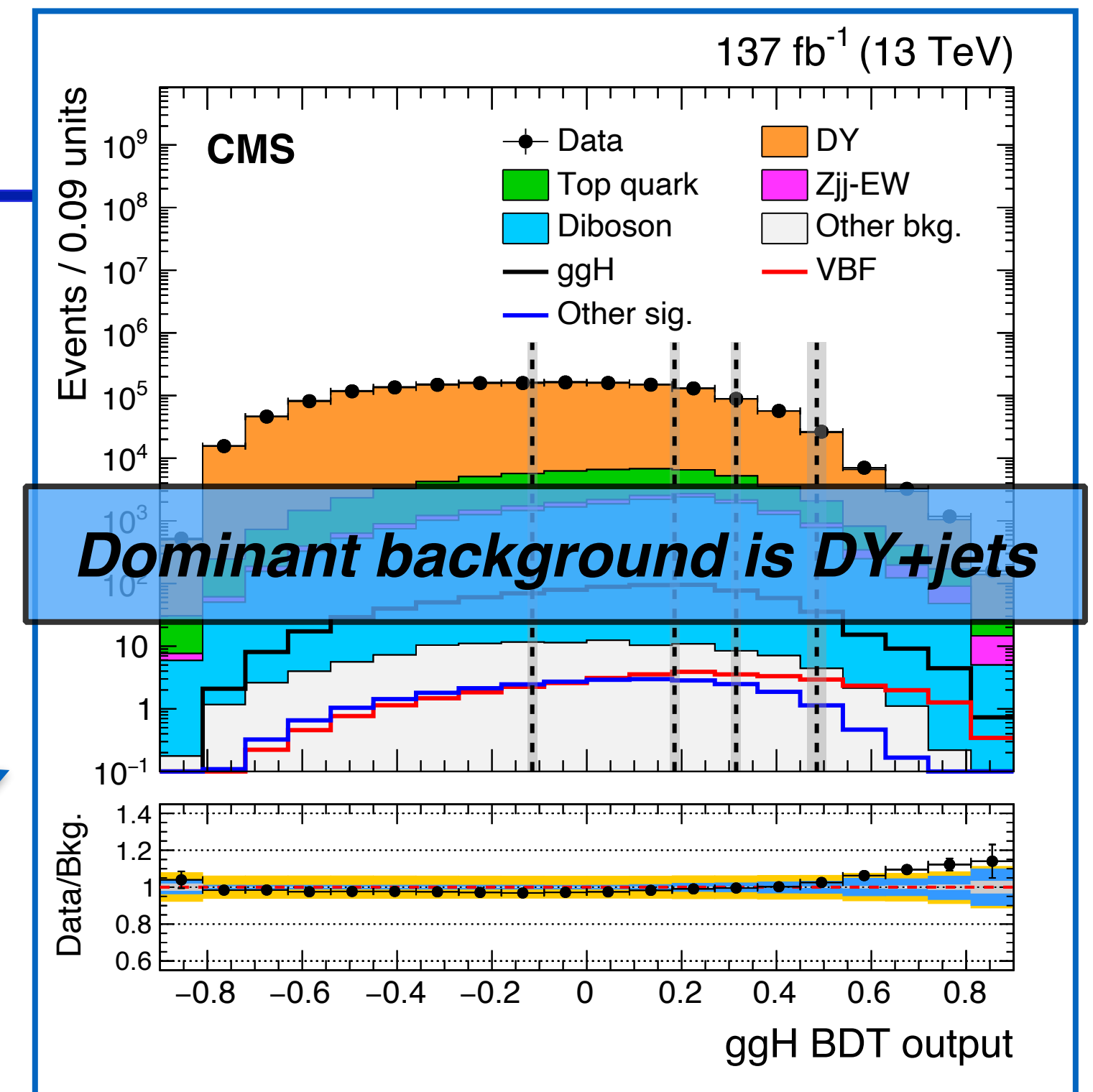
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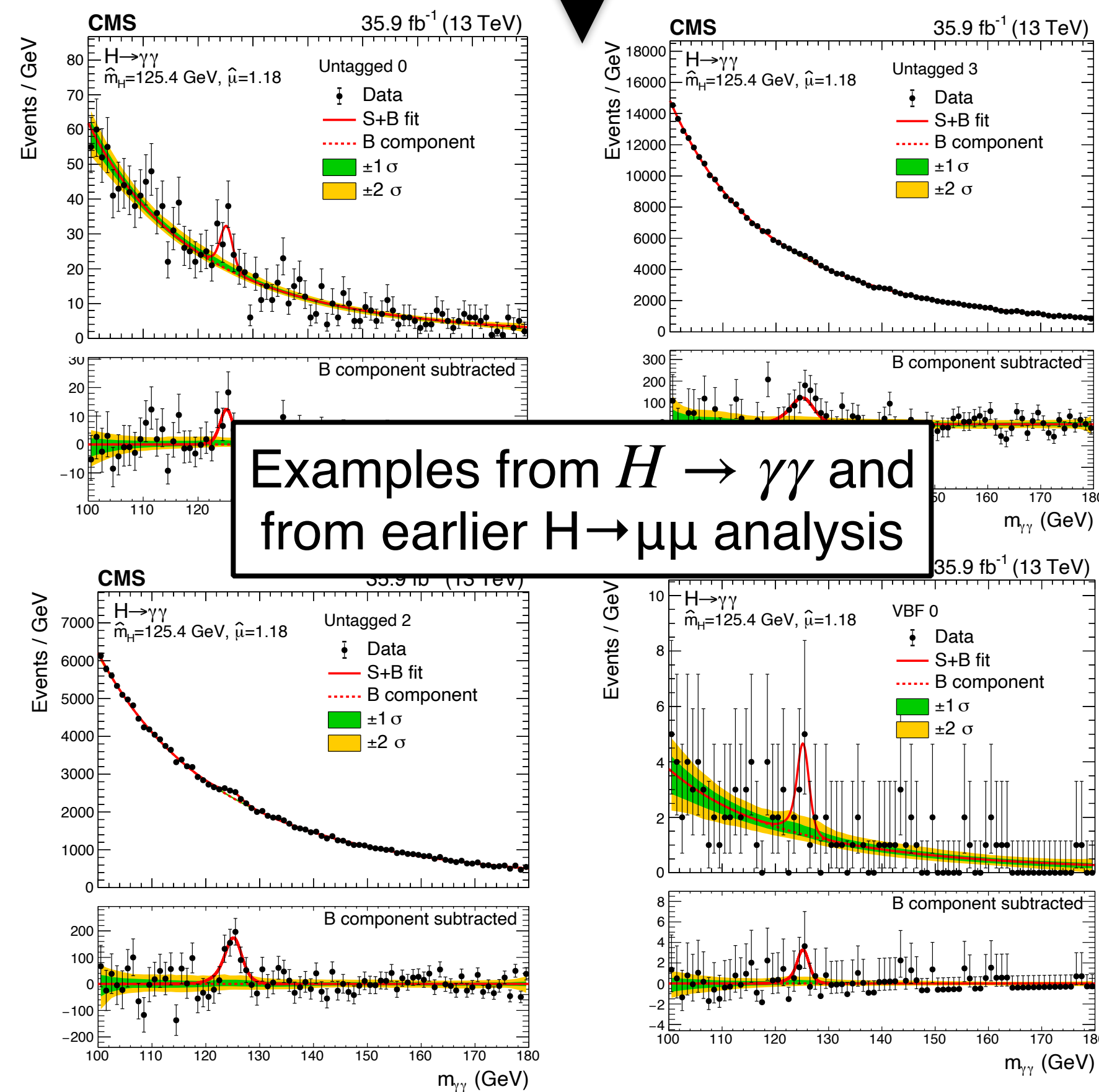
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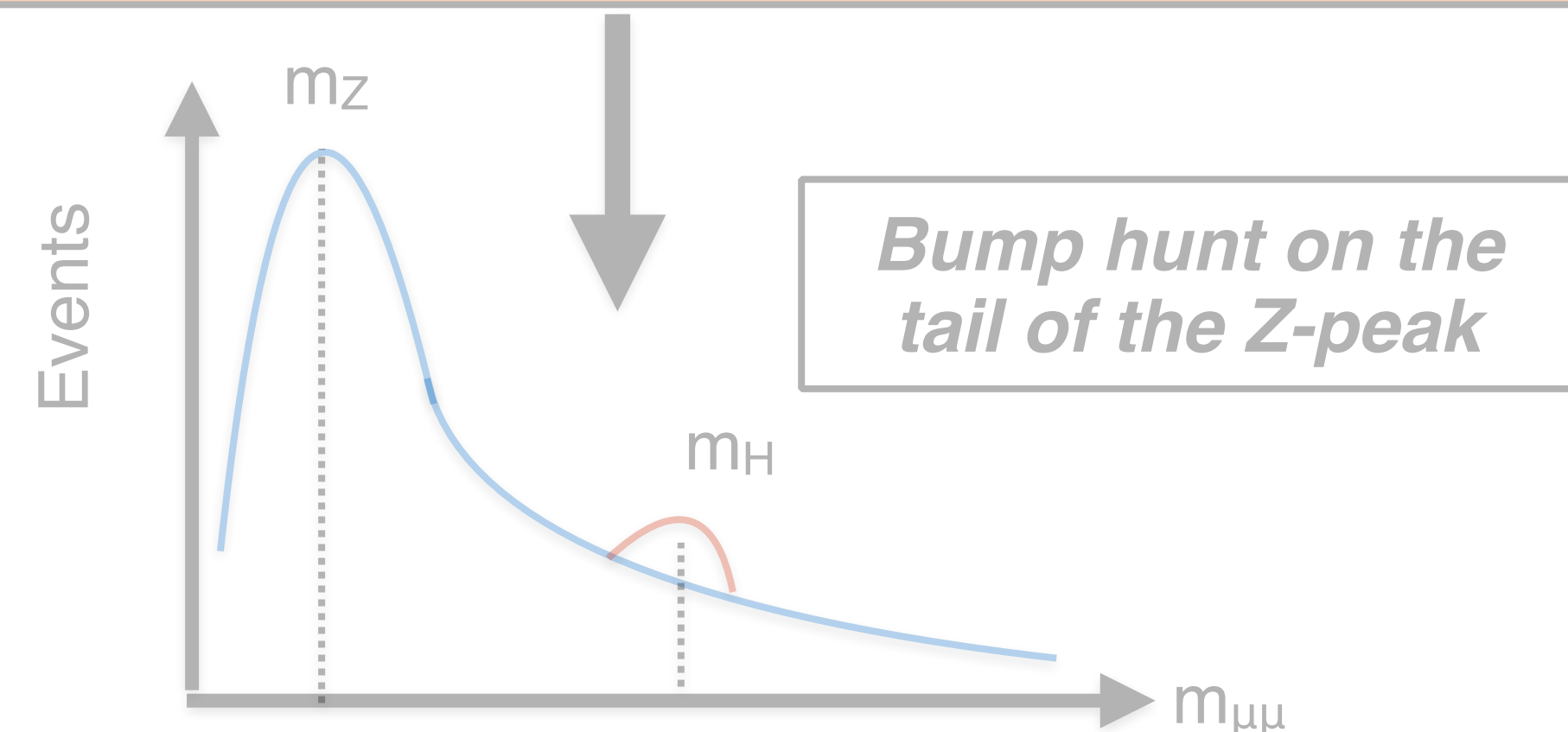
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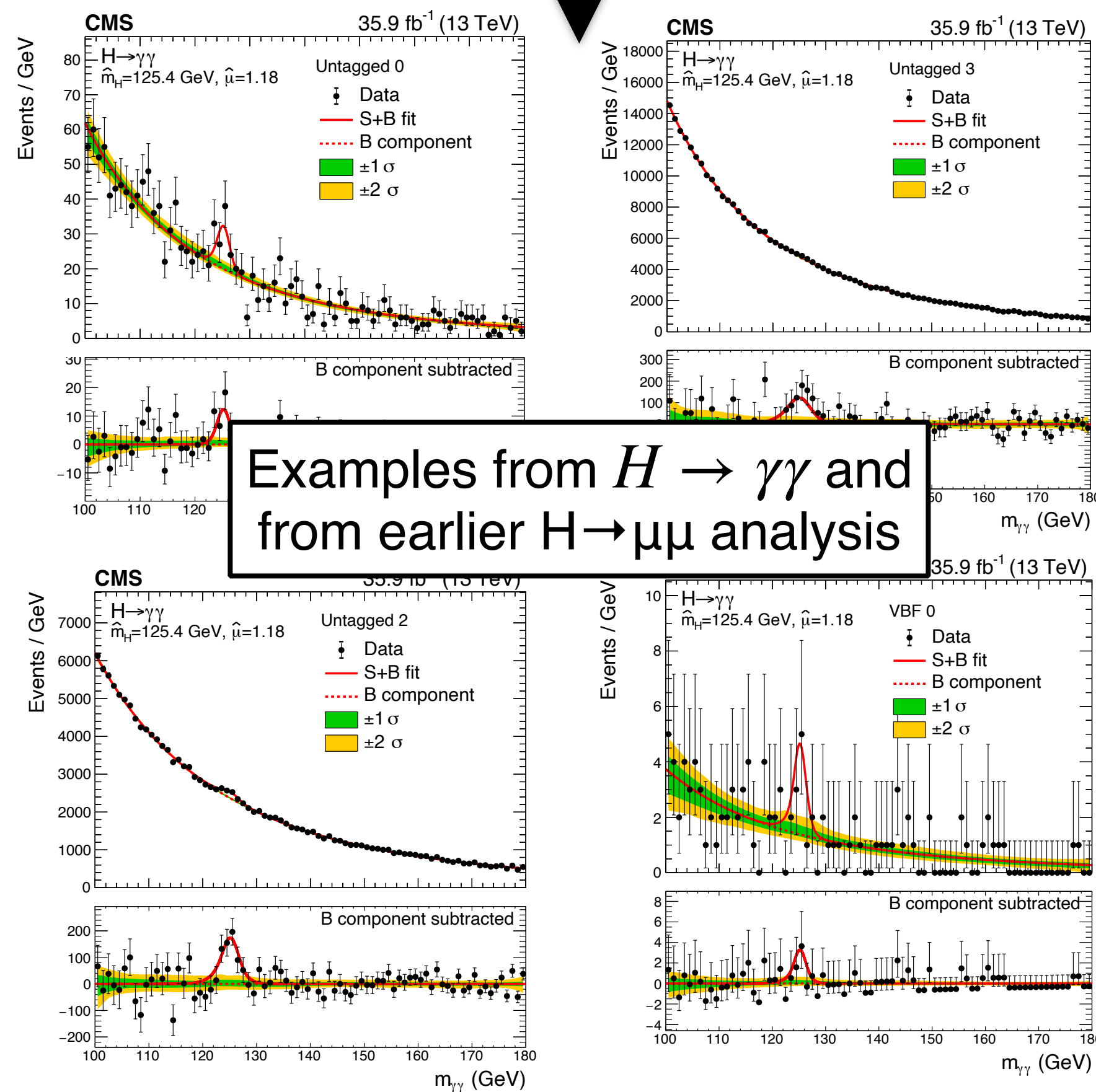
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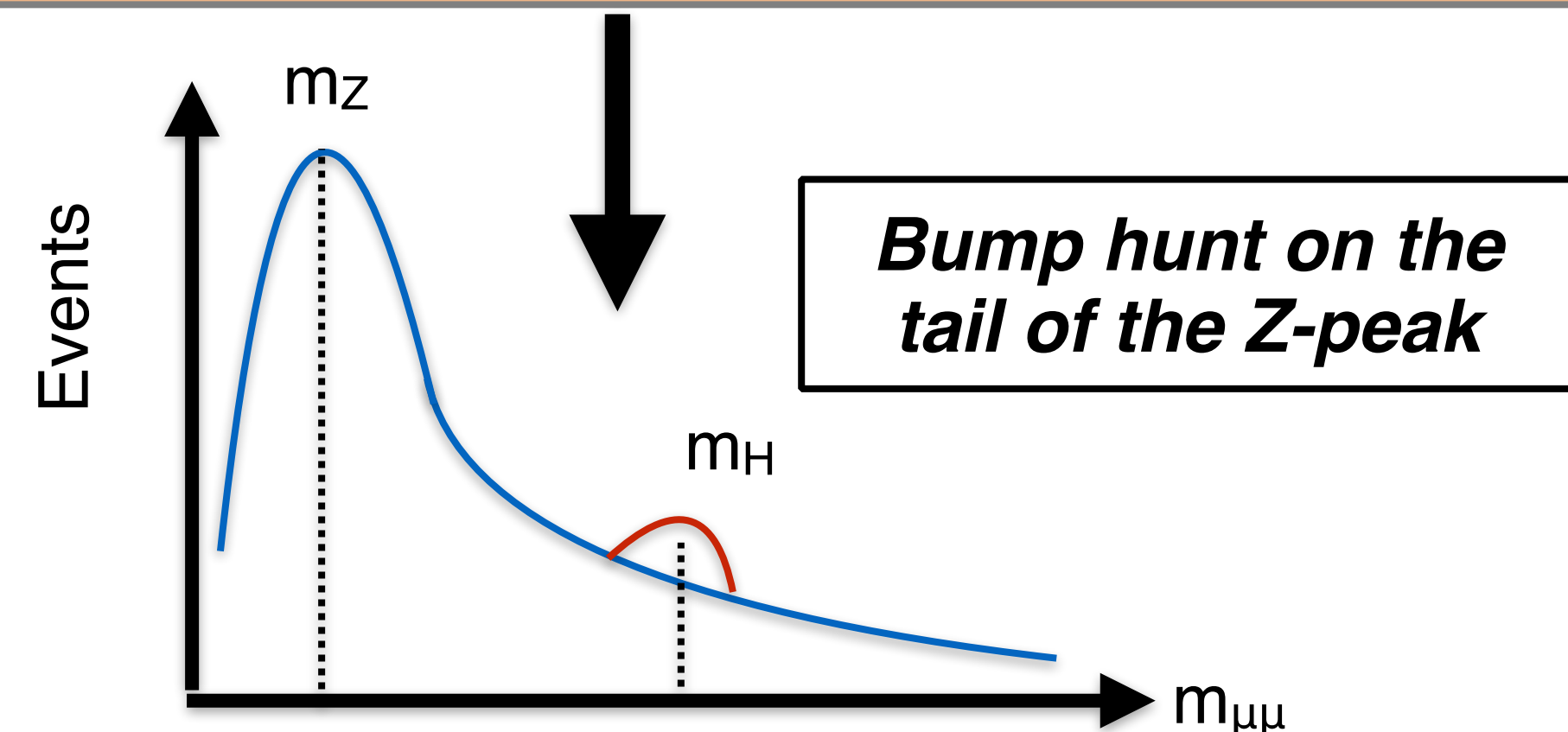
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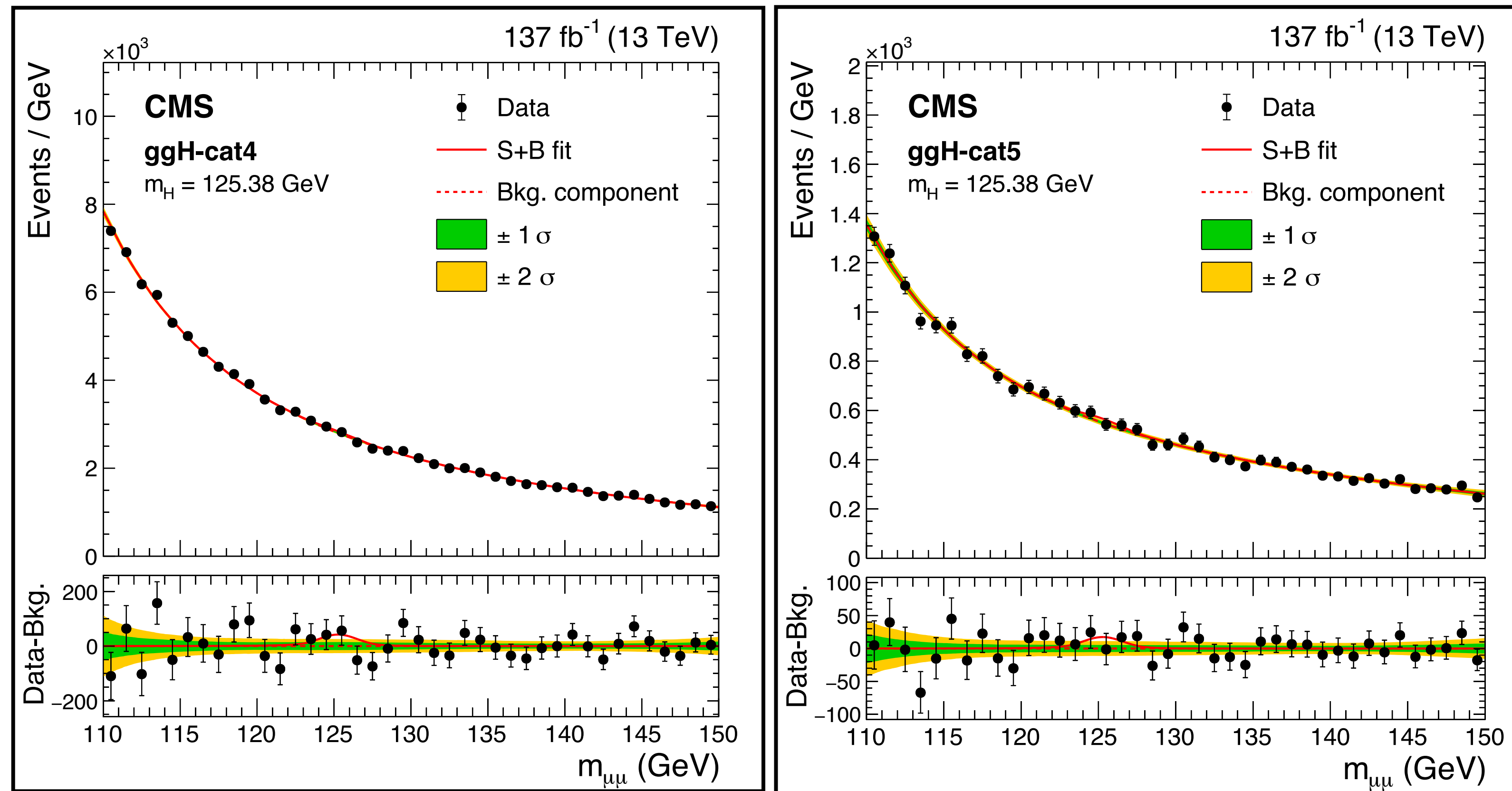
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ggH category results

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- **Background** → $m_{\mu\mu}$ mass distributions modelled via the method described before

Highest purity ggH categories



ggH category results

- **Expected** significance of 1.6σ
- **Observed** significance of 1.0σ
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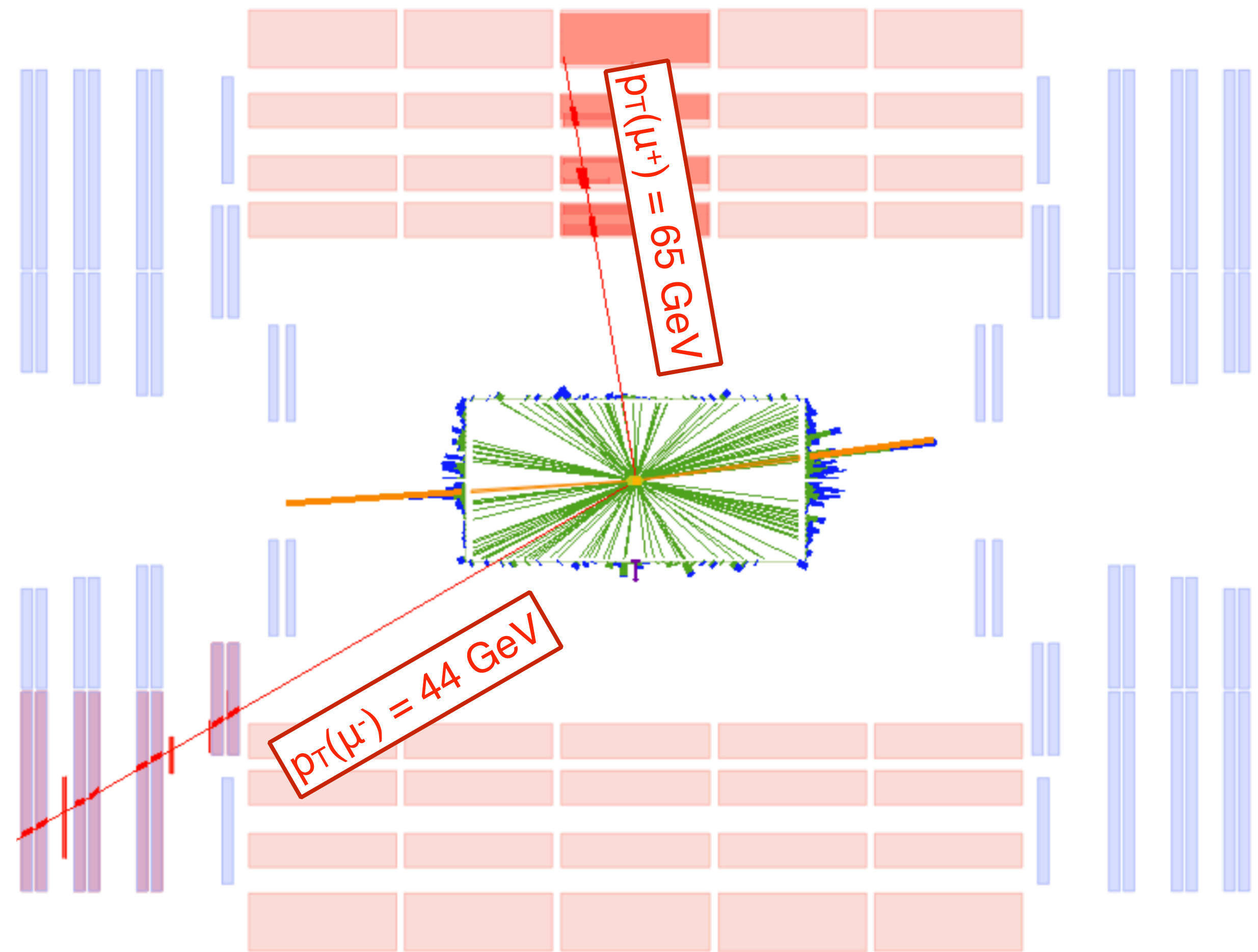
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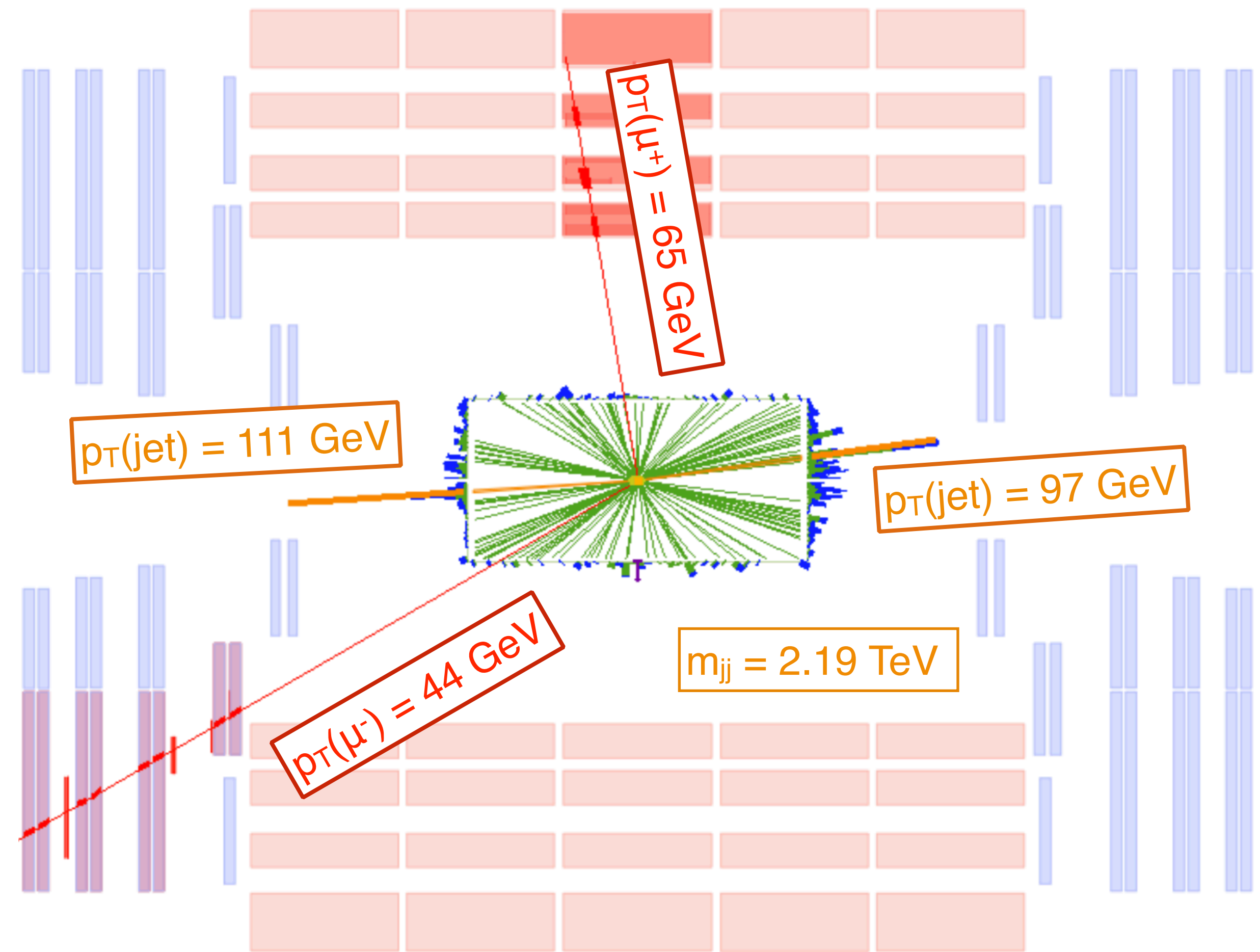
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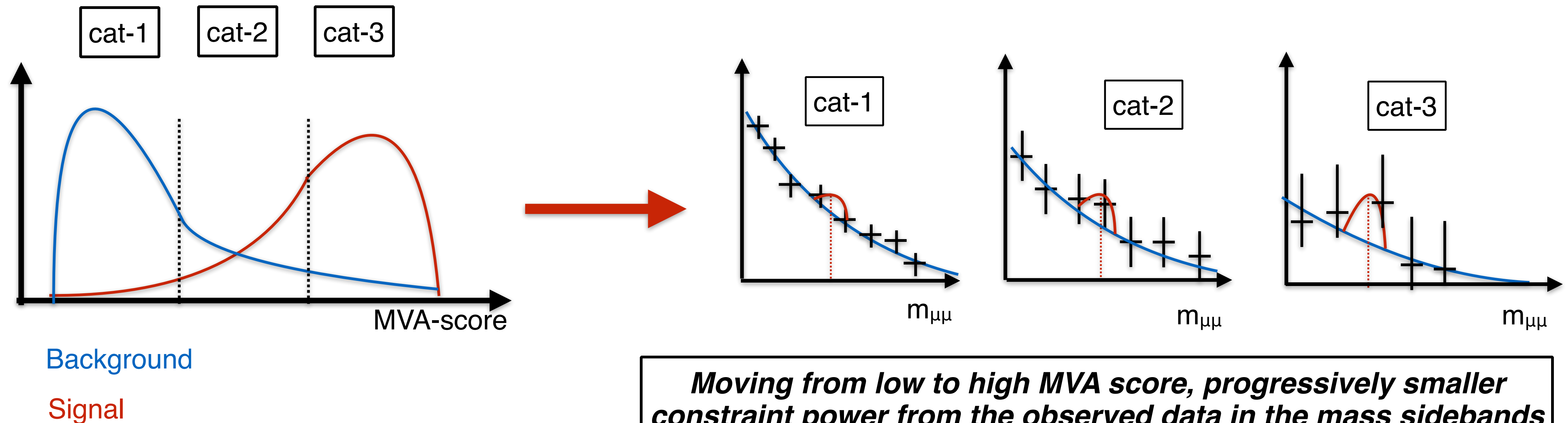
VBF selection

- At least two jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV
- Leading jet $p_T > 35$ GeV
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VBF 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
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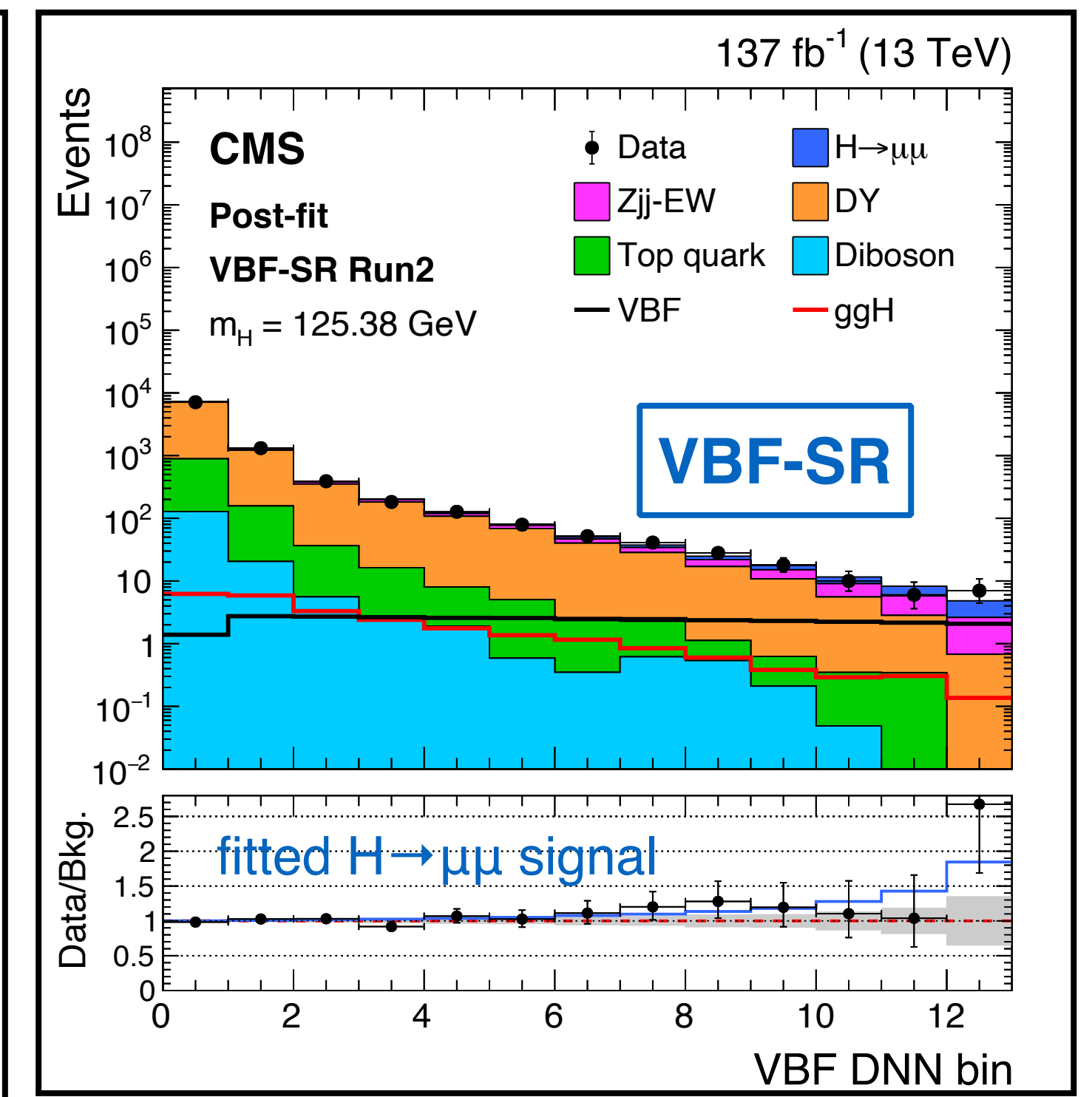
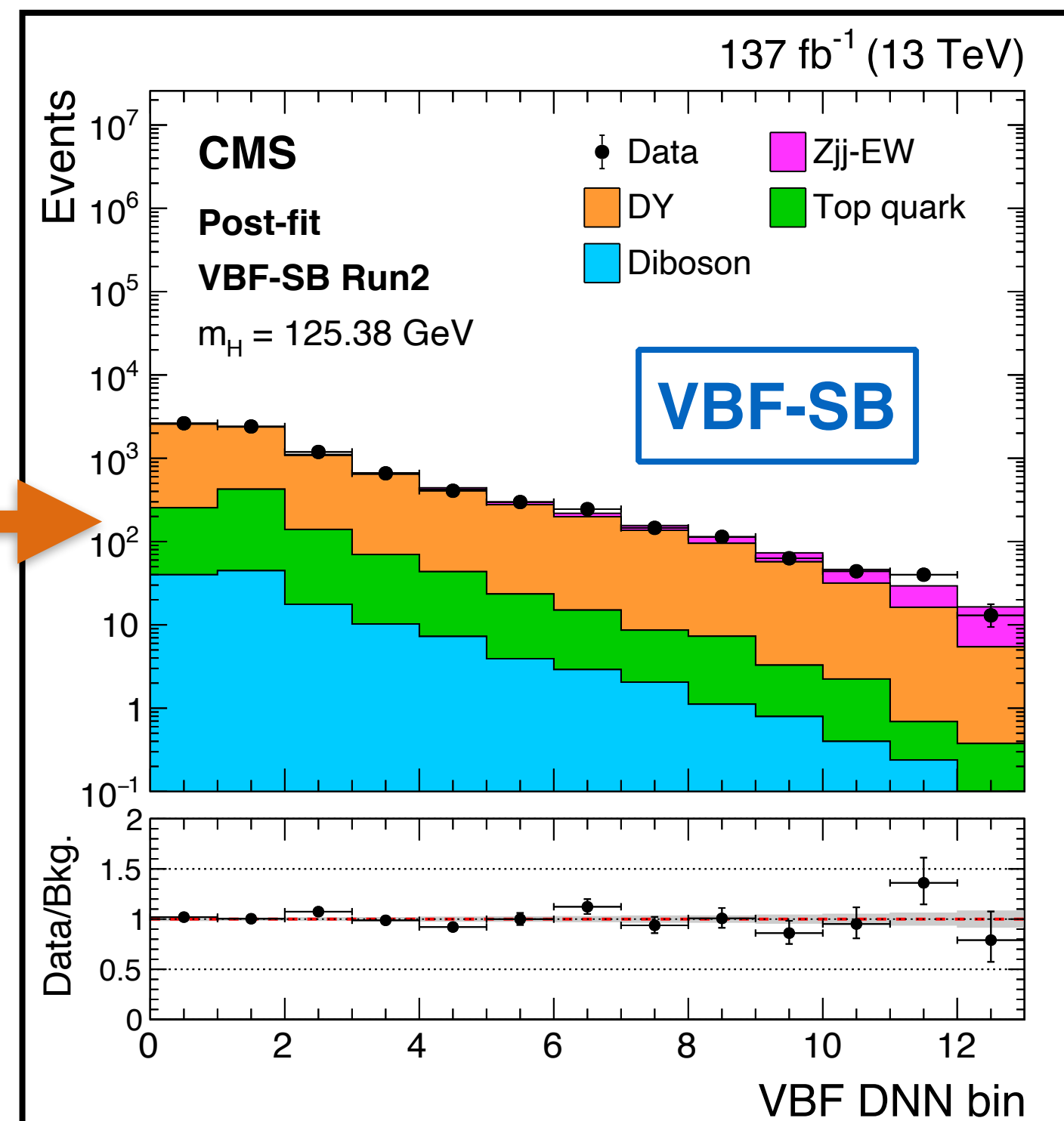
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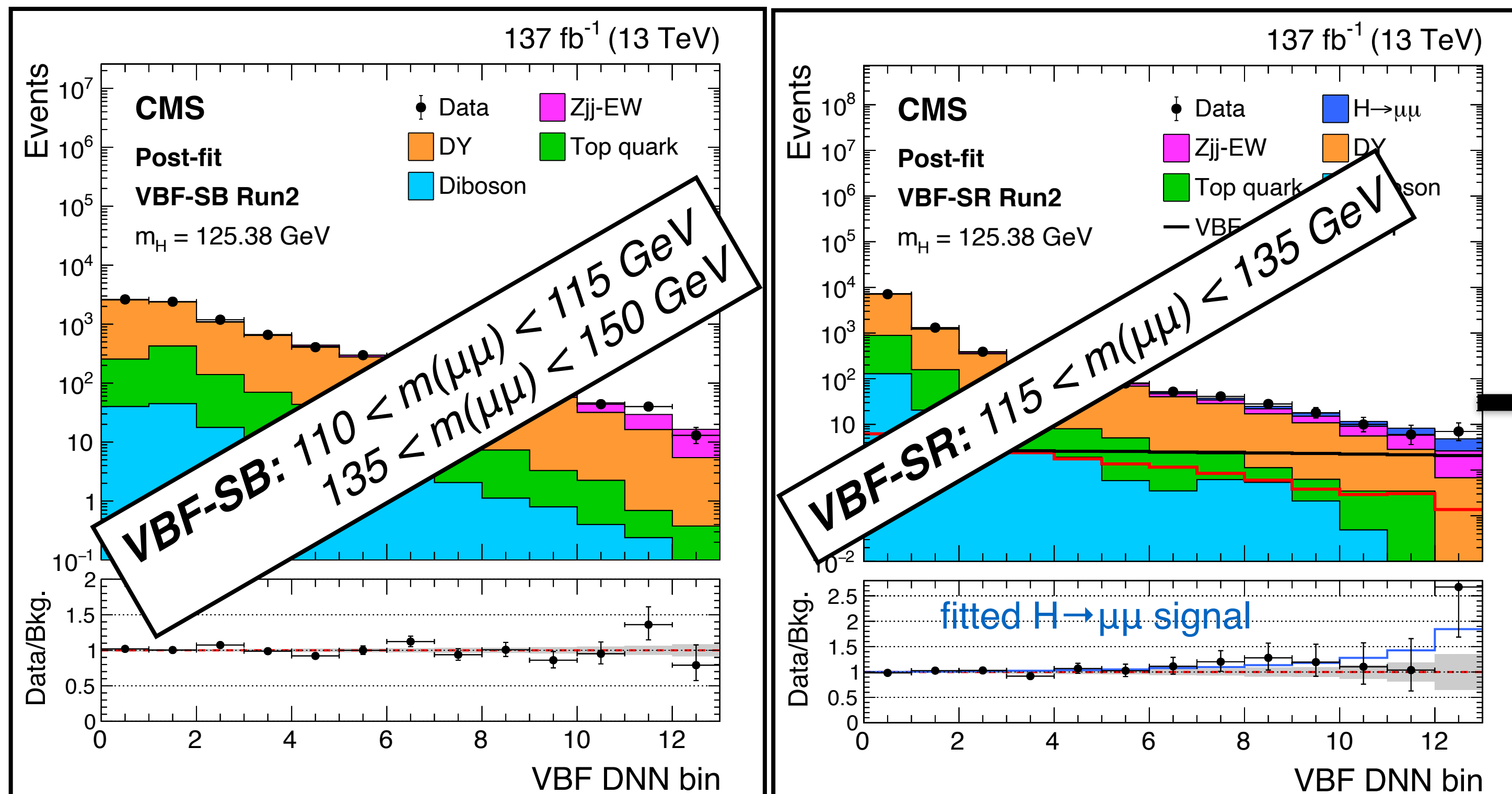
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VBF DNN: systematic uncertainties

- DNN classifier trained to maximise the separation between VBF signal and background events
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Impact of systematic uncertainties is ~5%

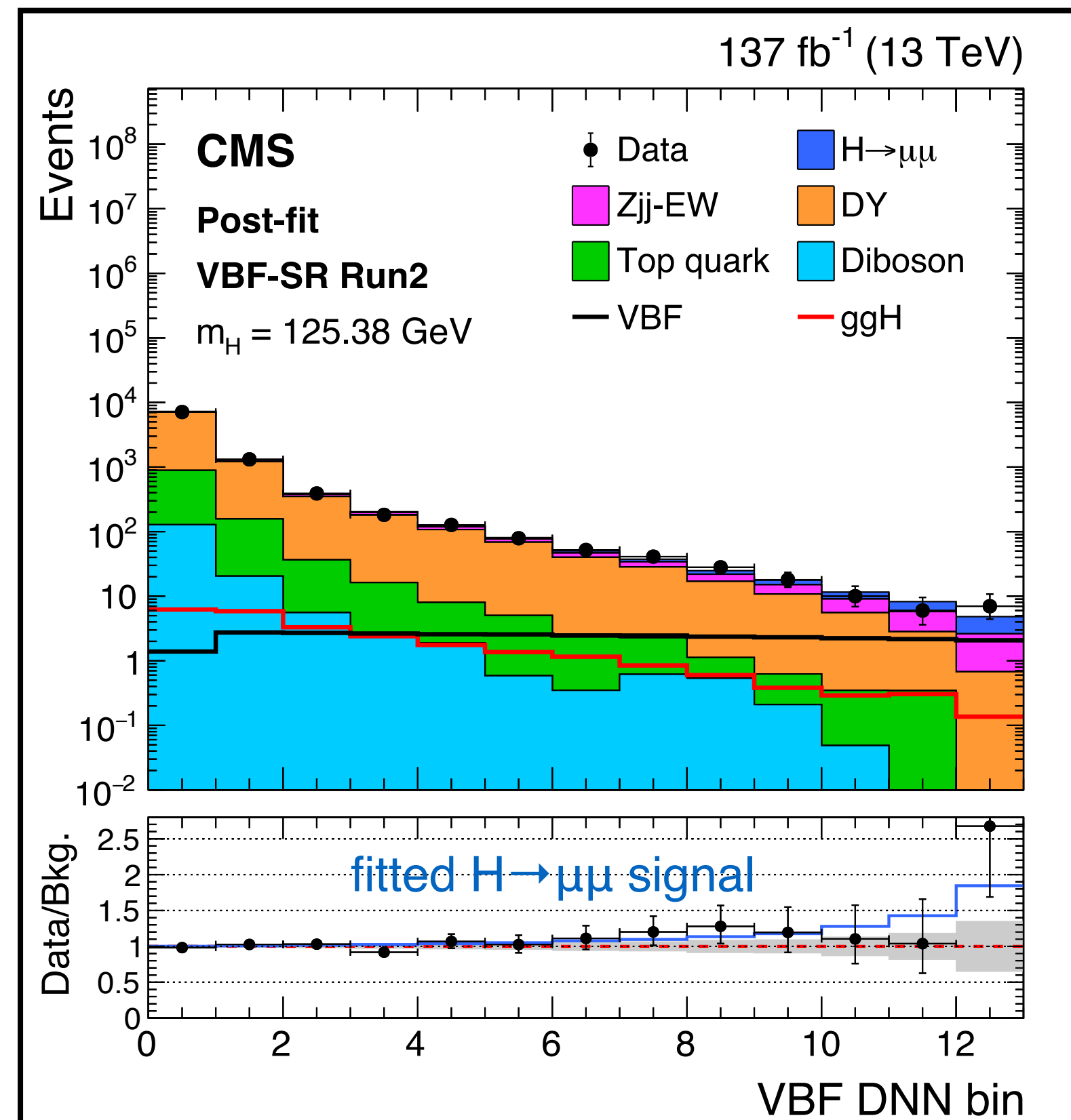
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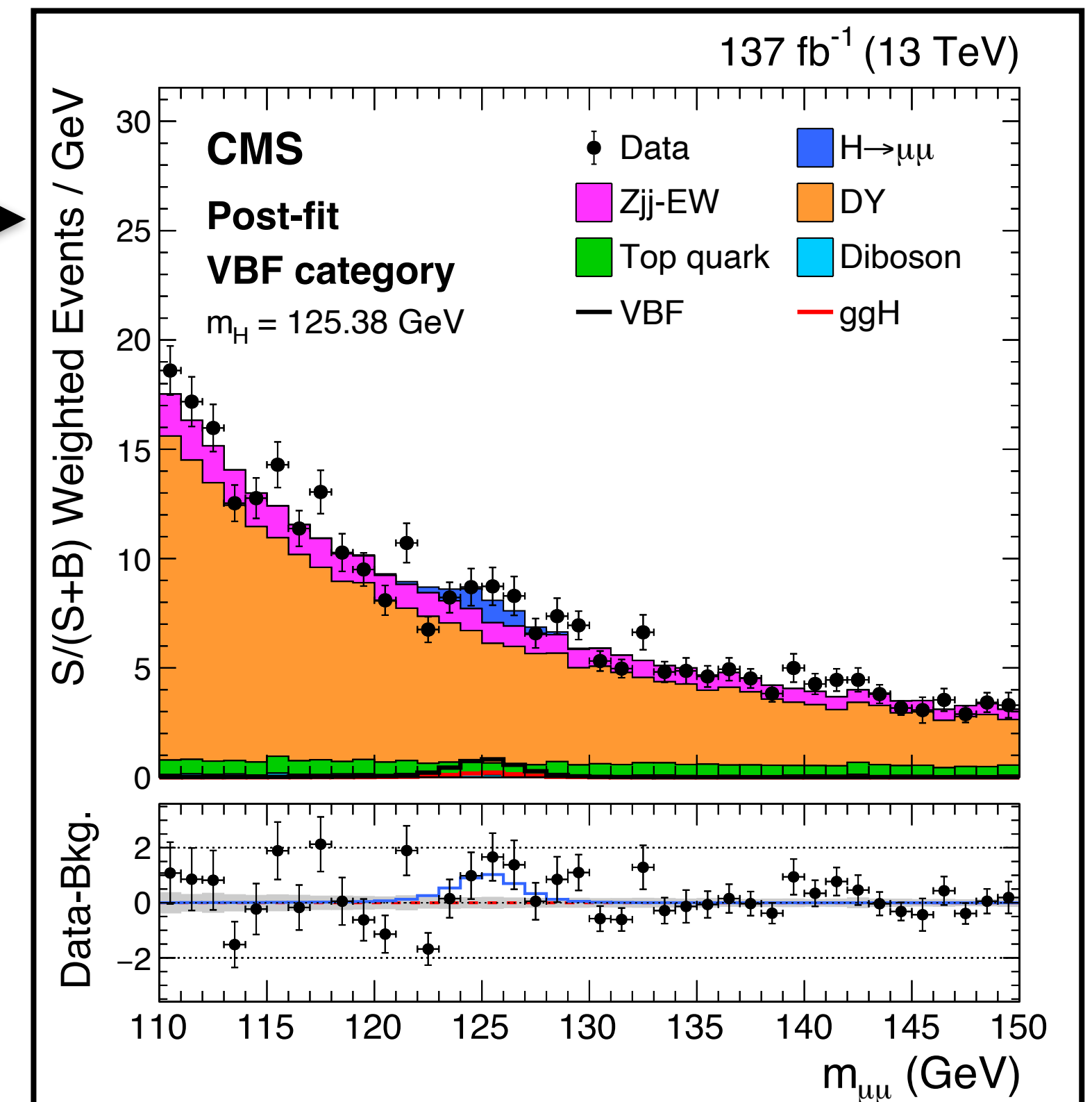


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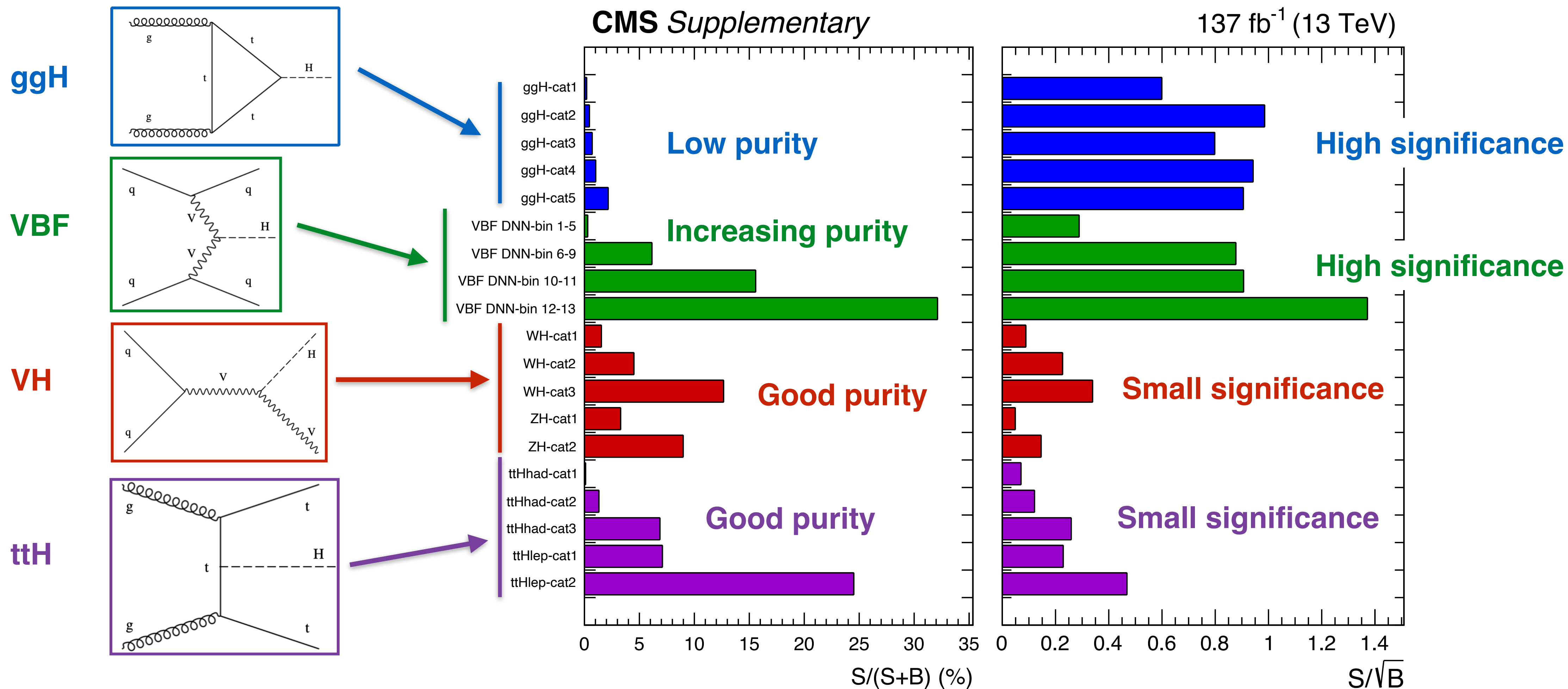
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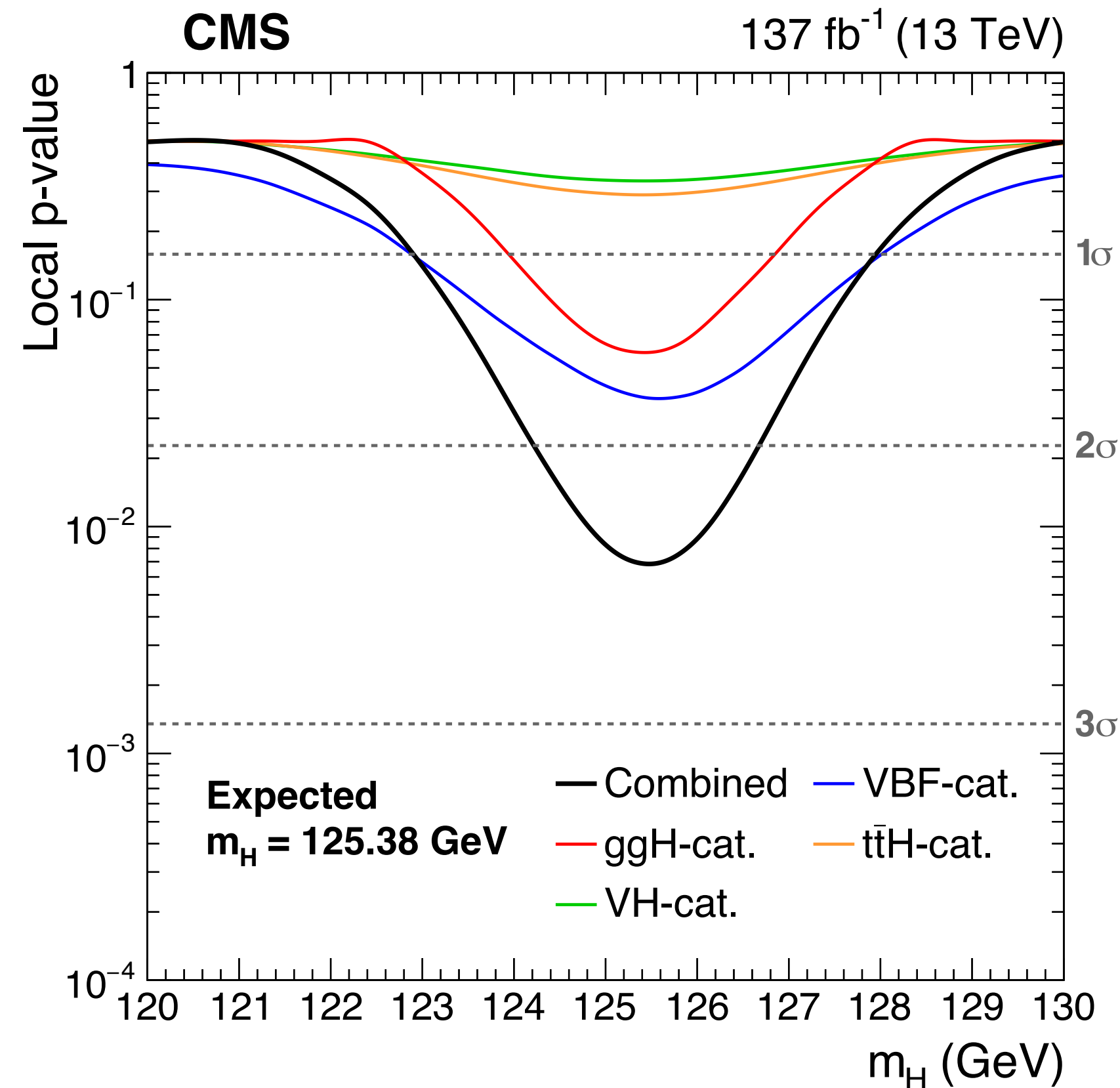
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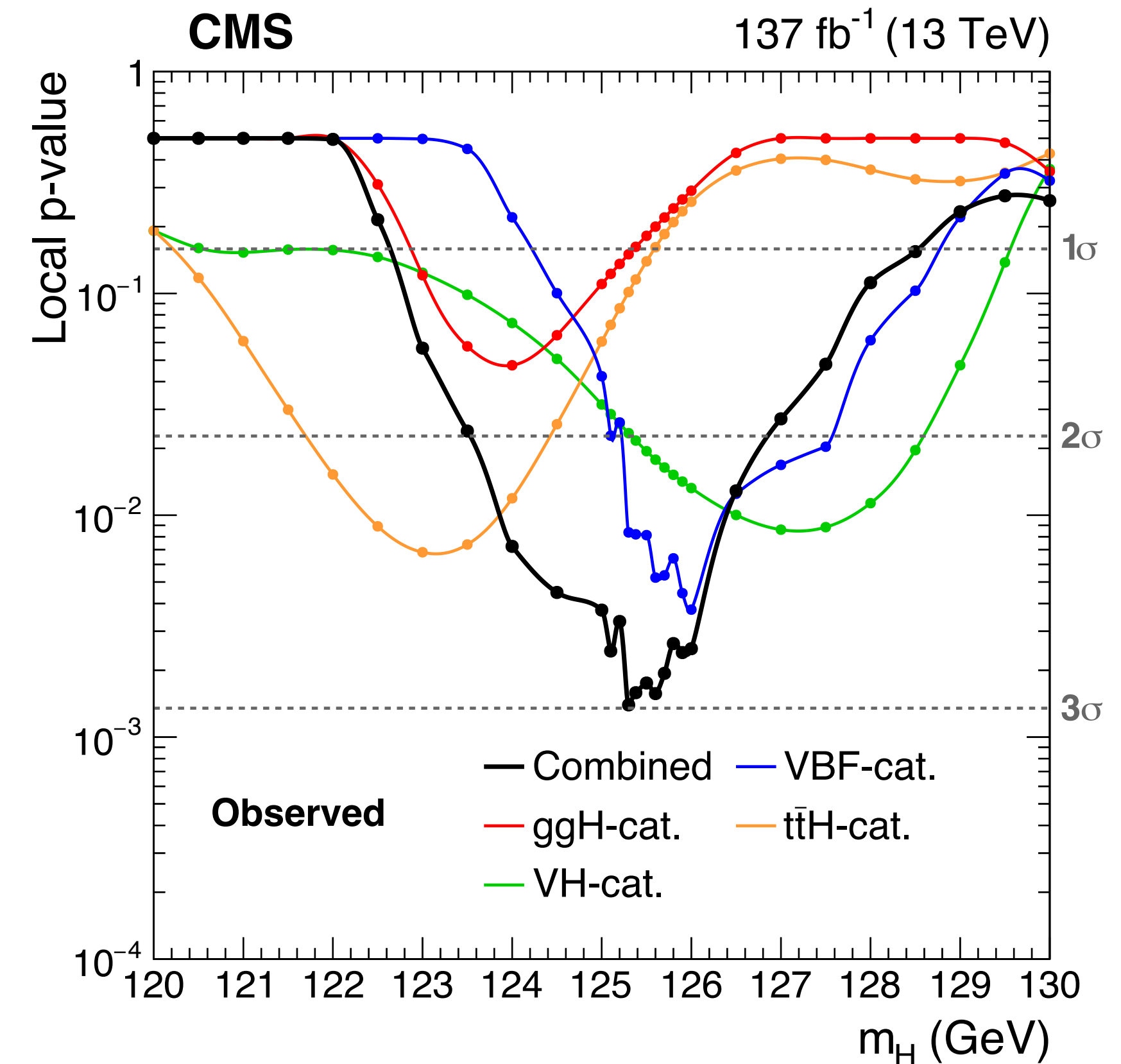


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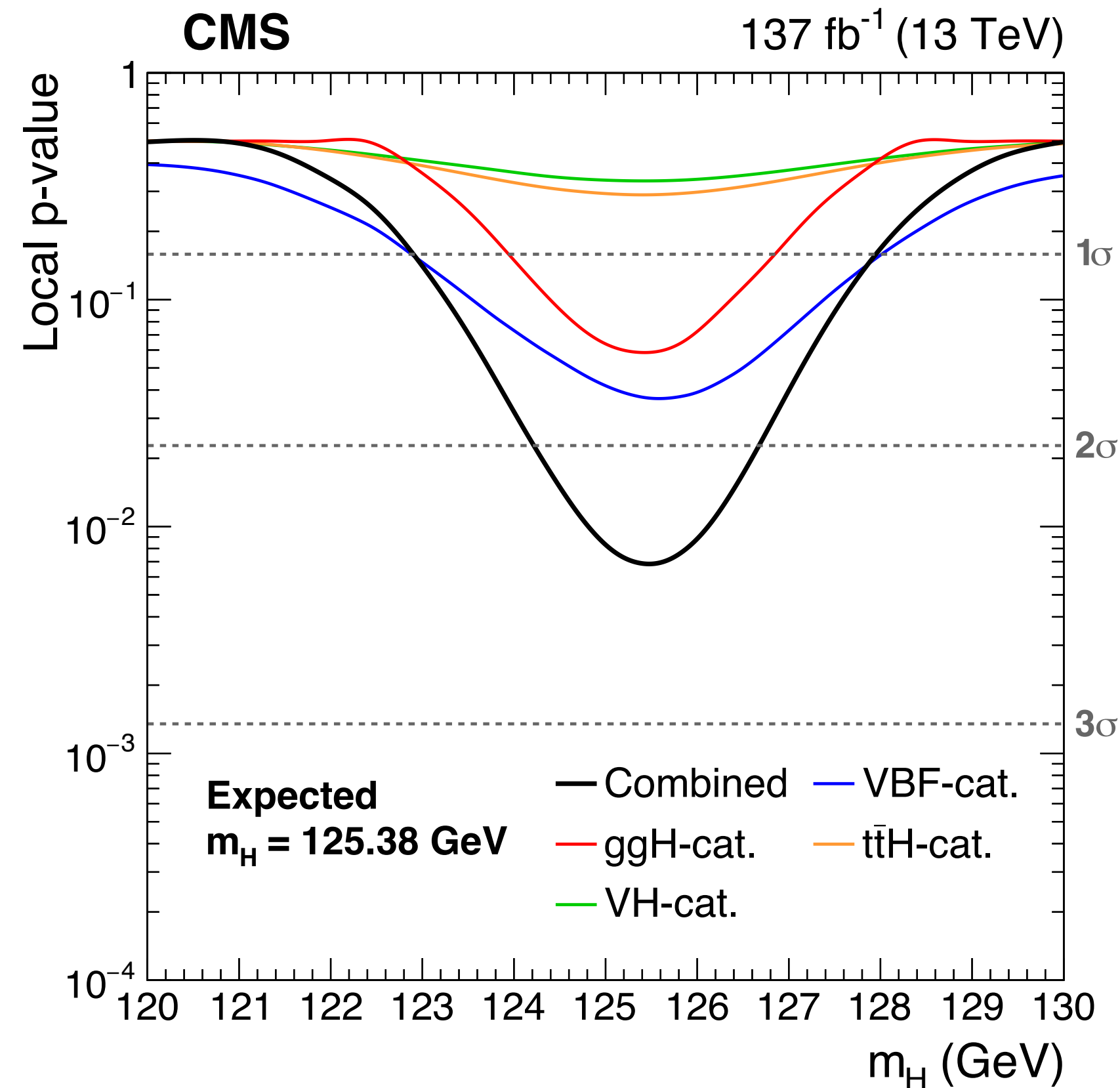
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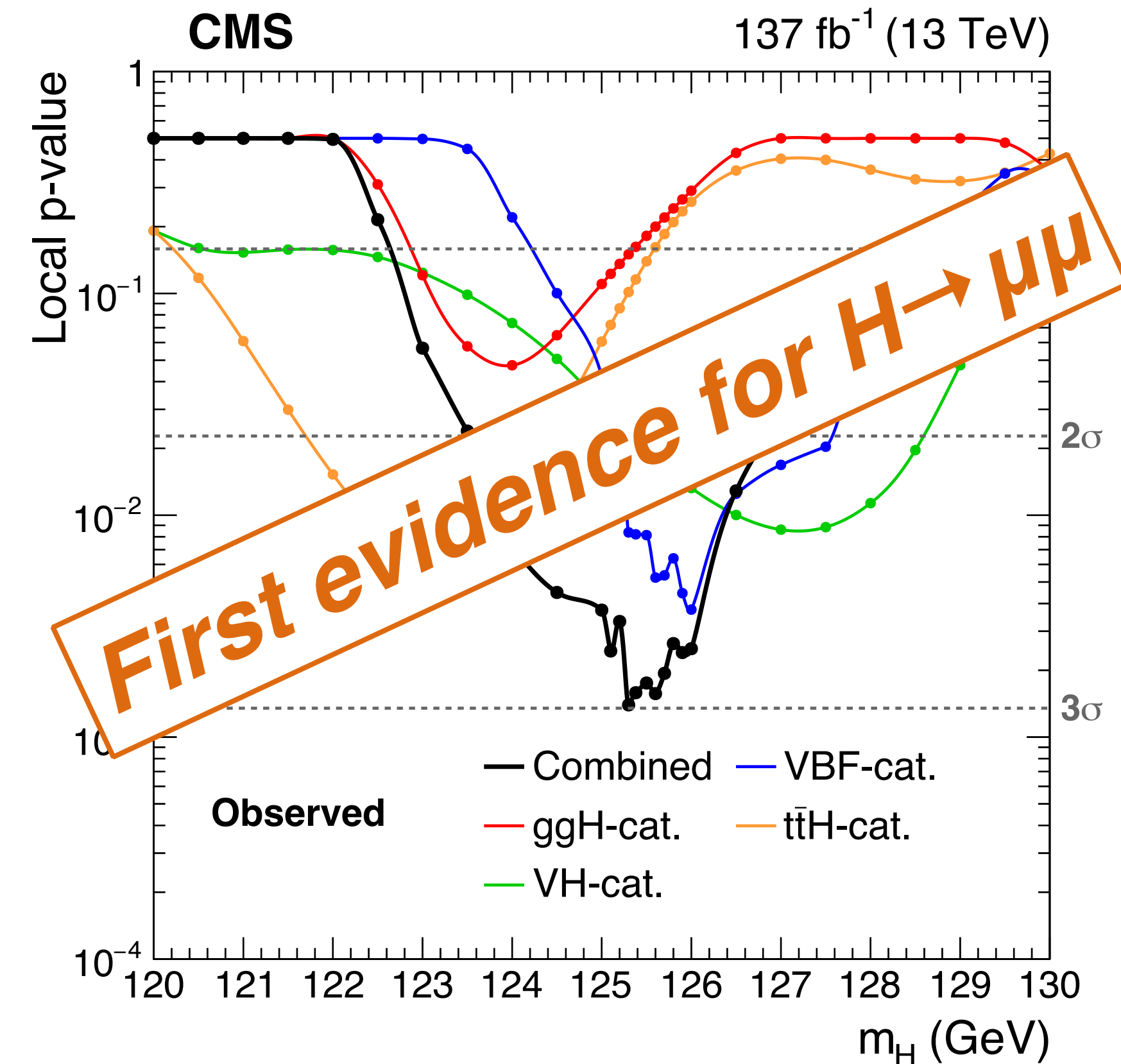
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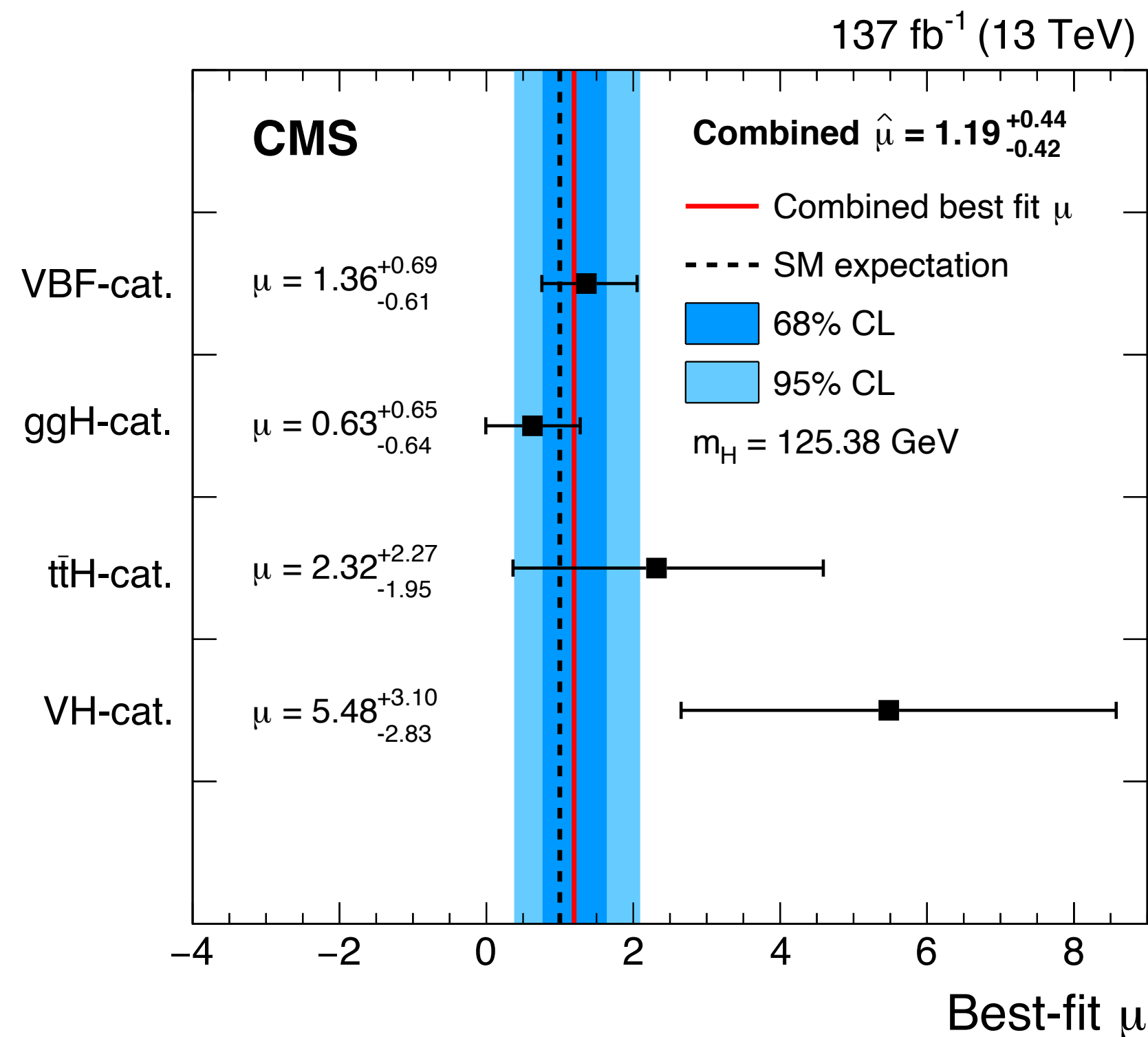
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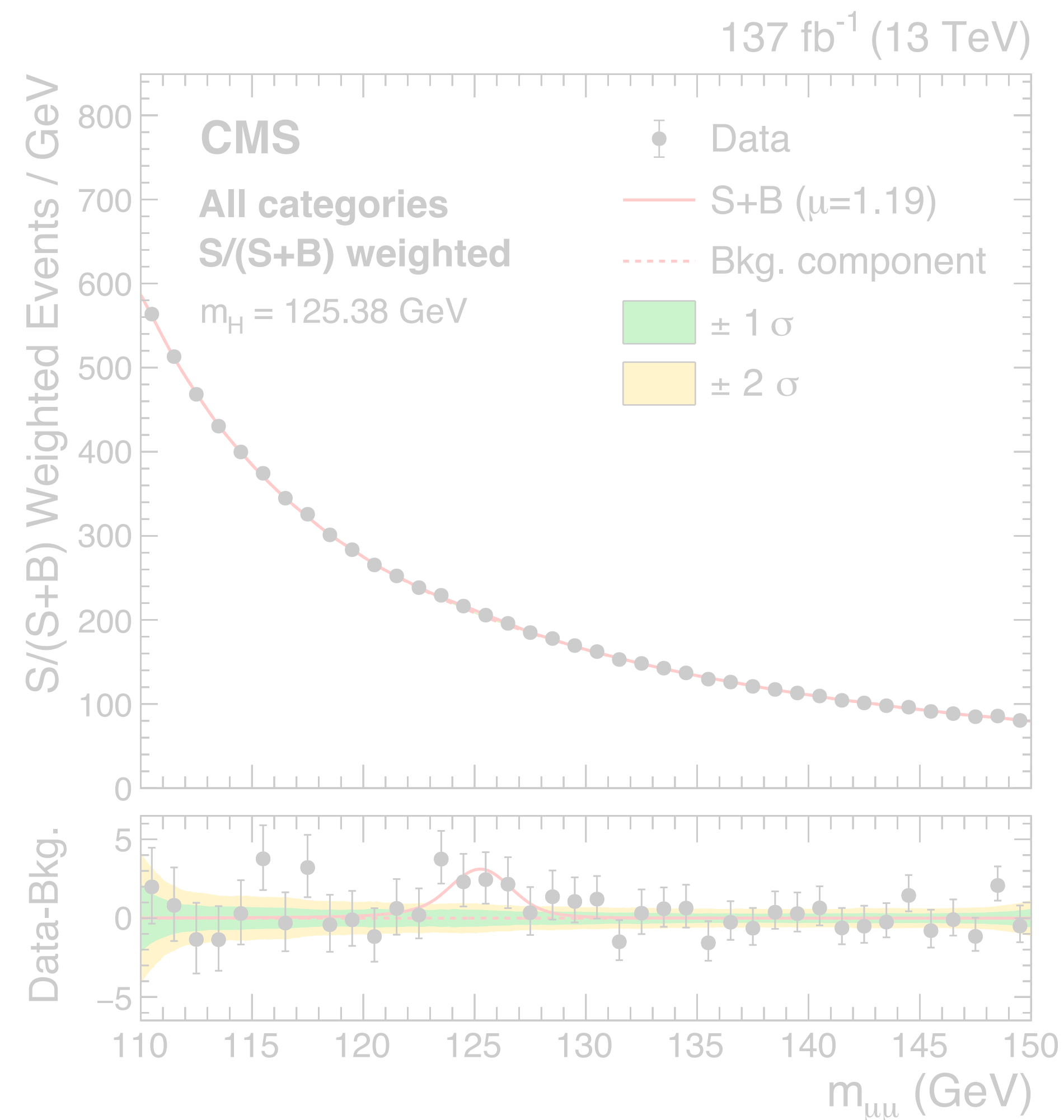
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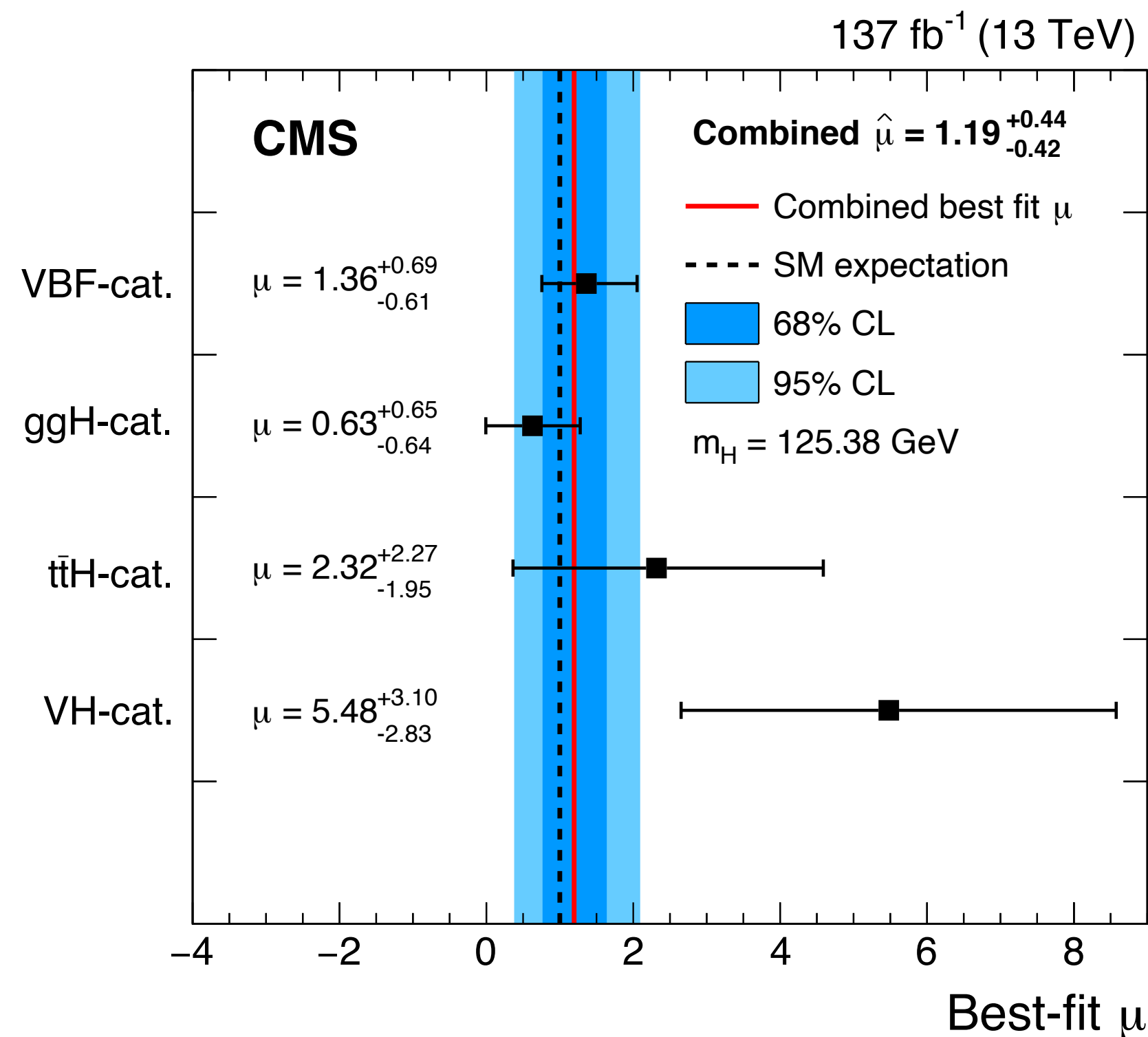


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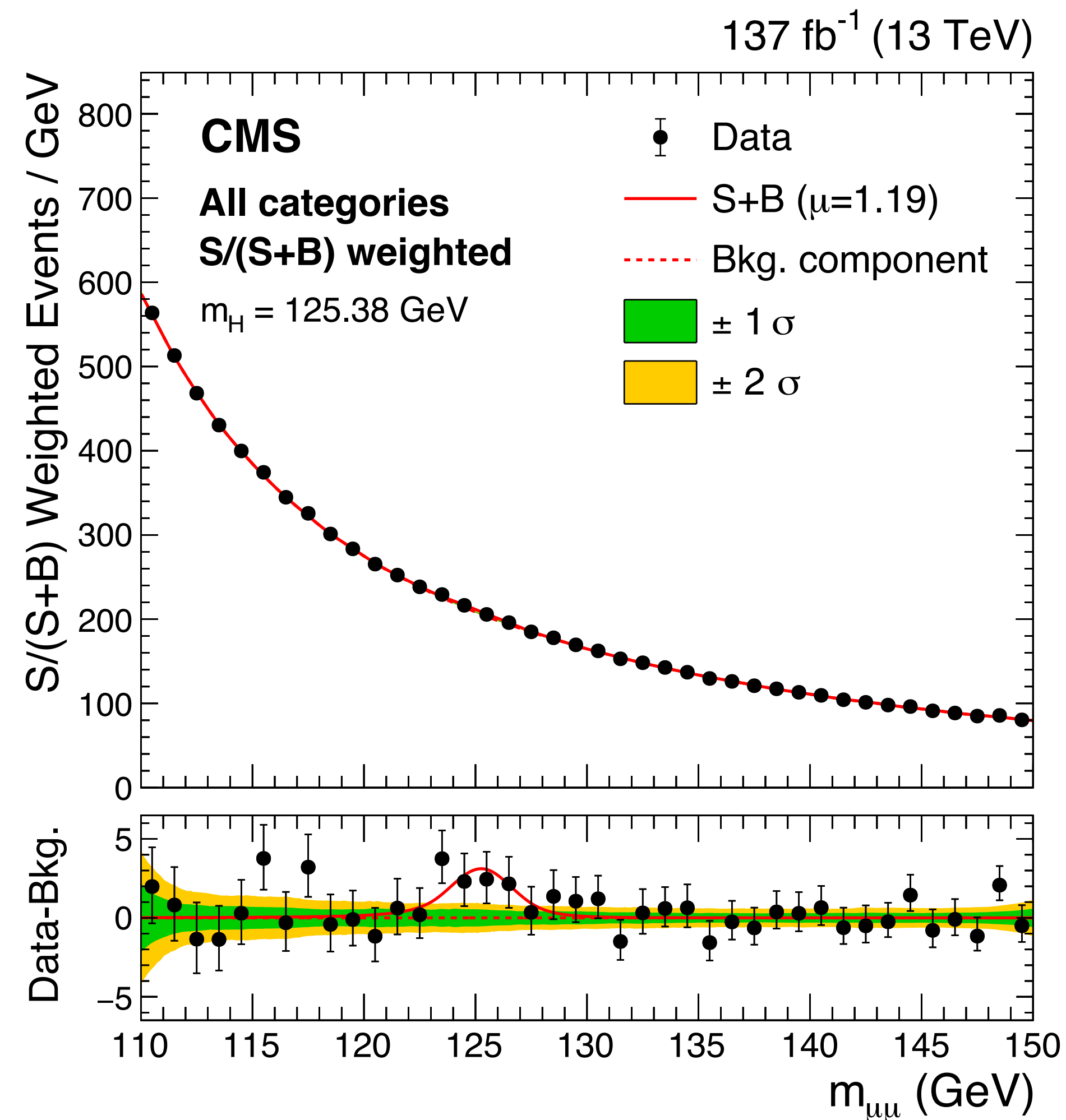
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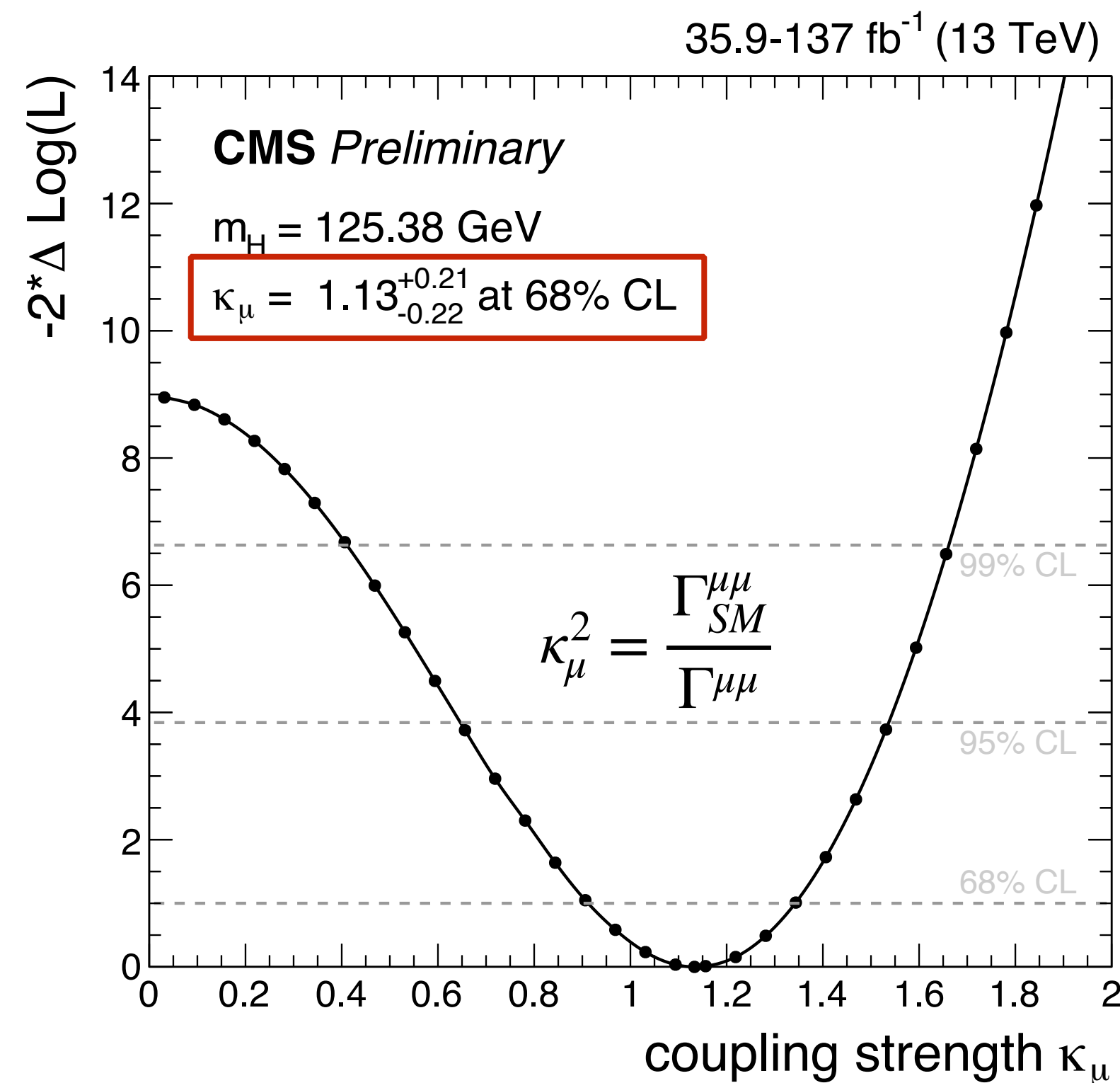


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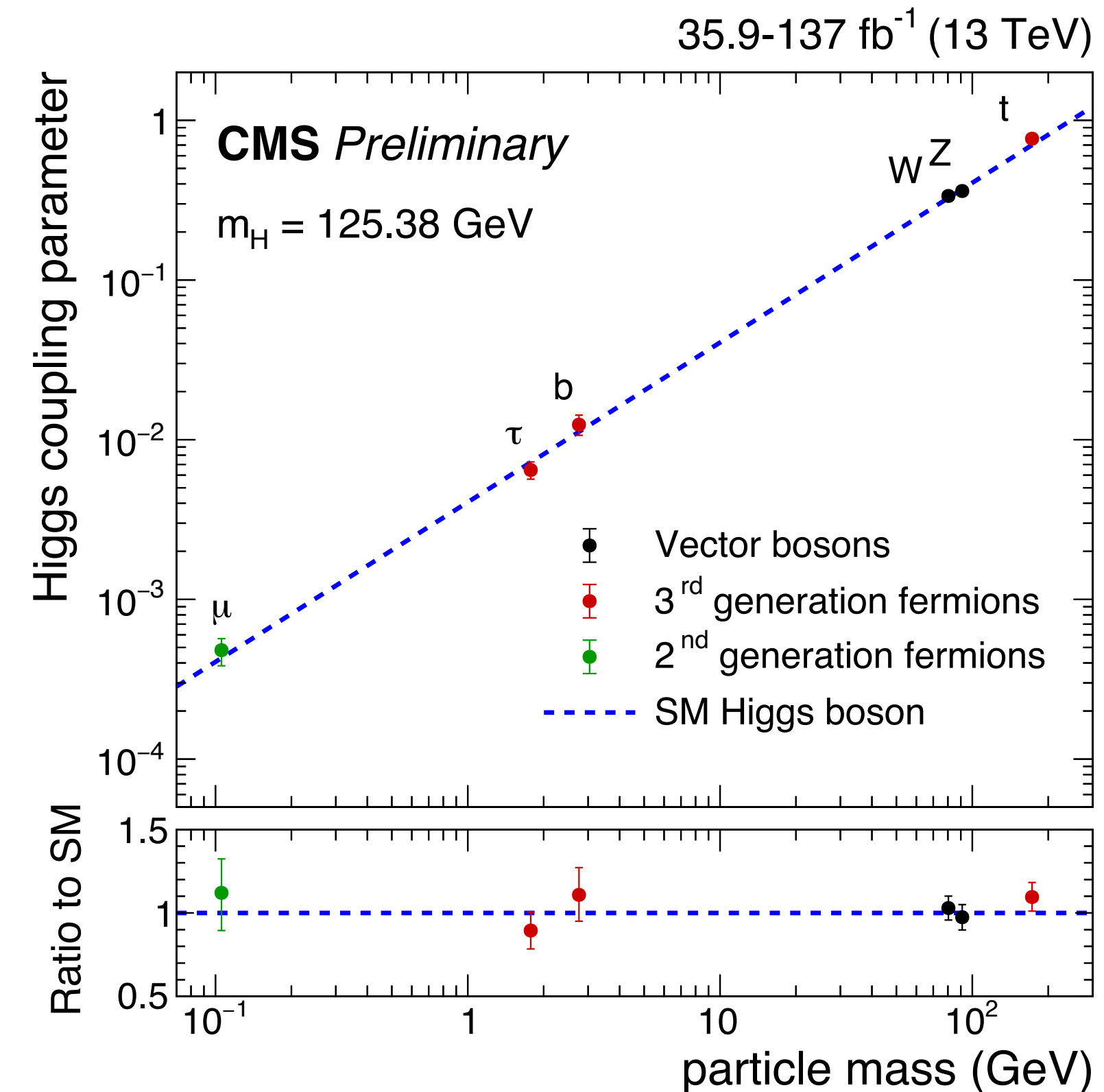
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Coupling vs mass → **remarkable success of the SM**

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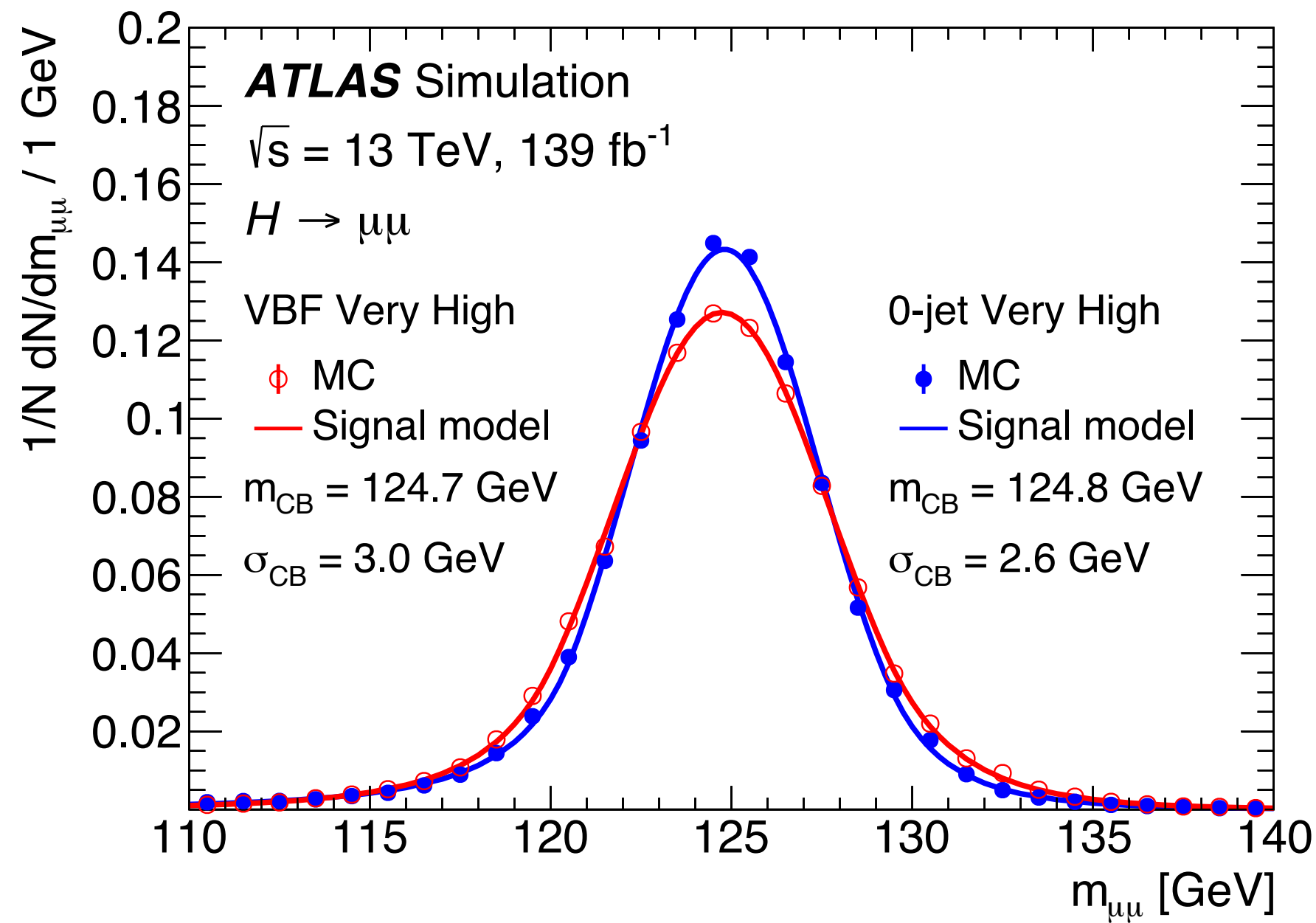
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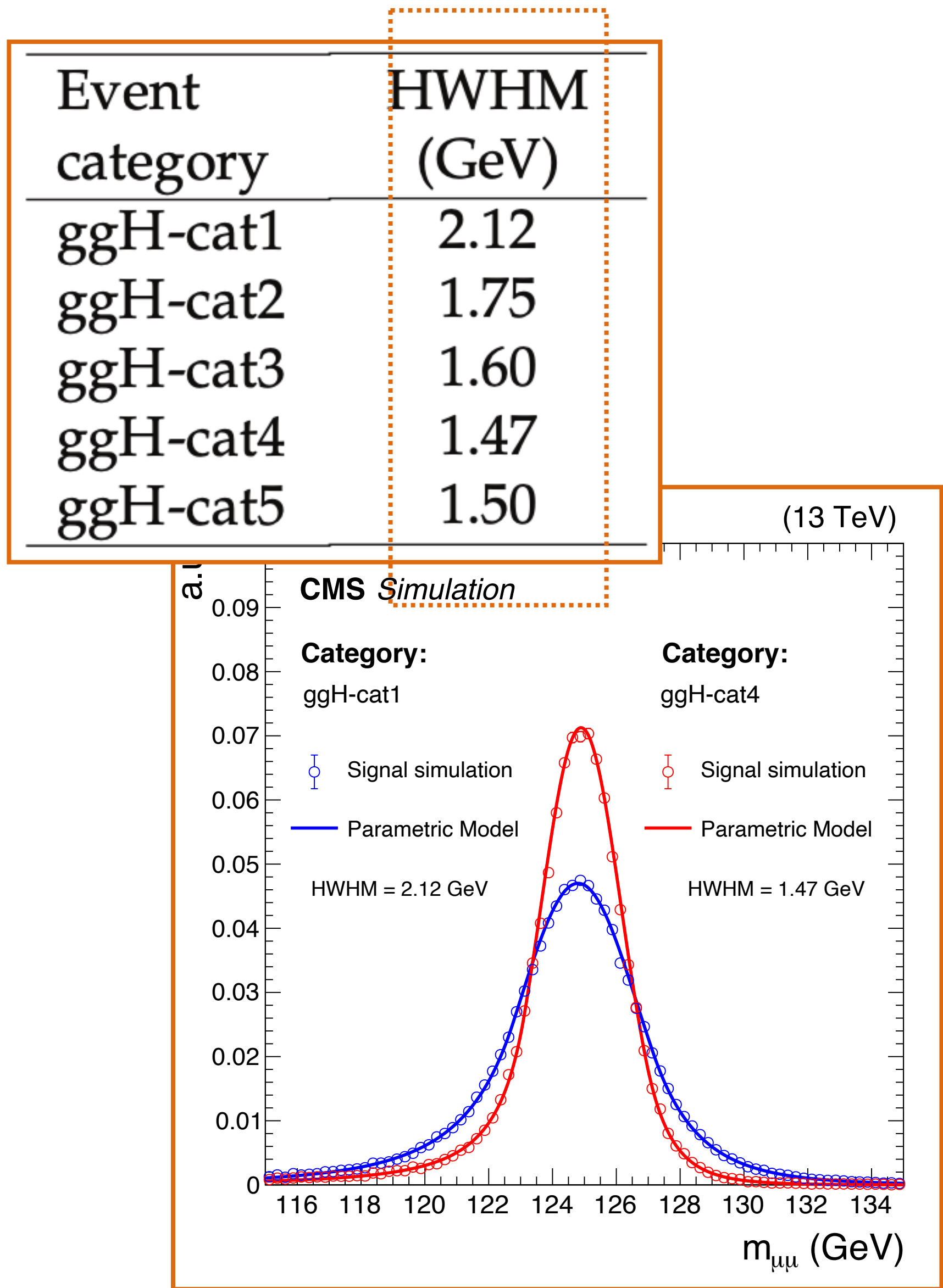
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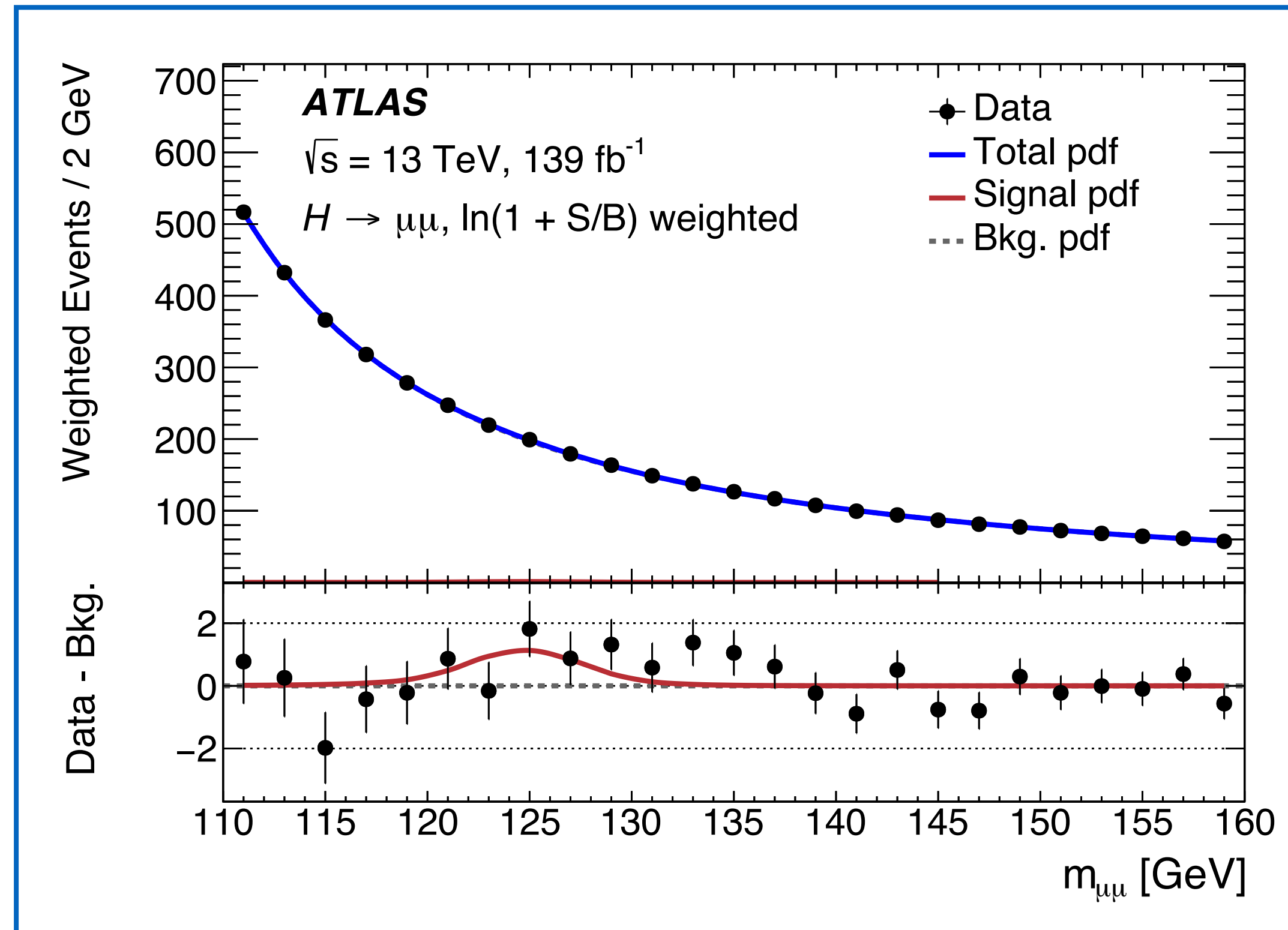


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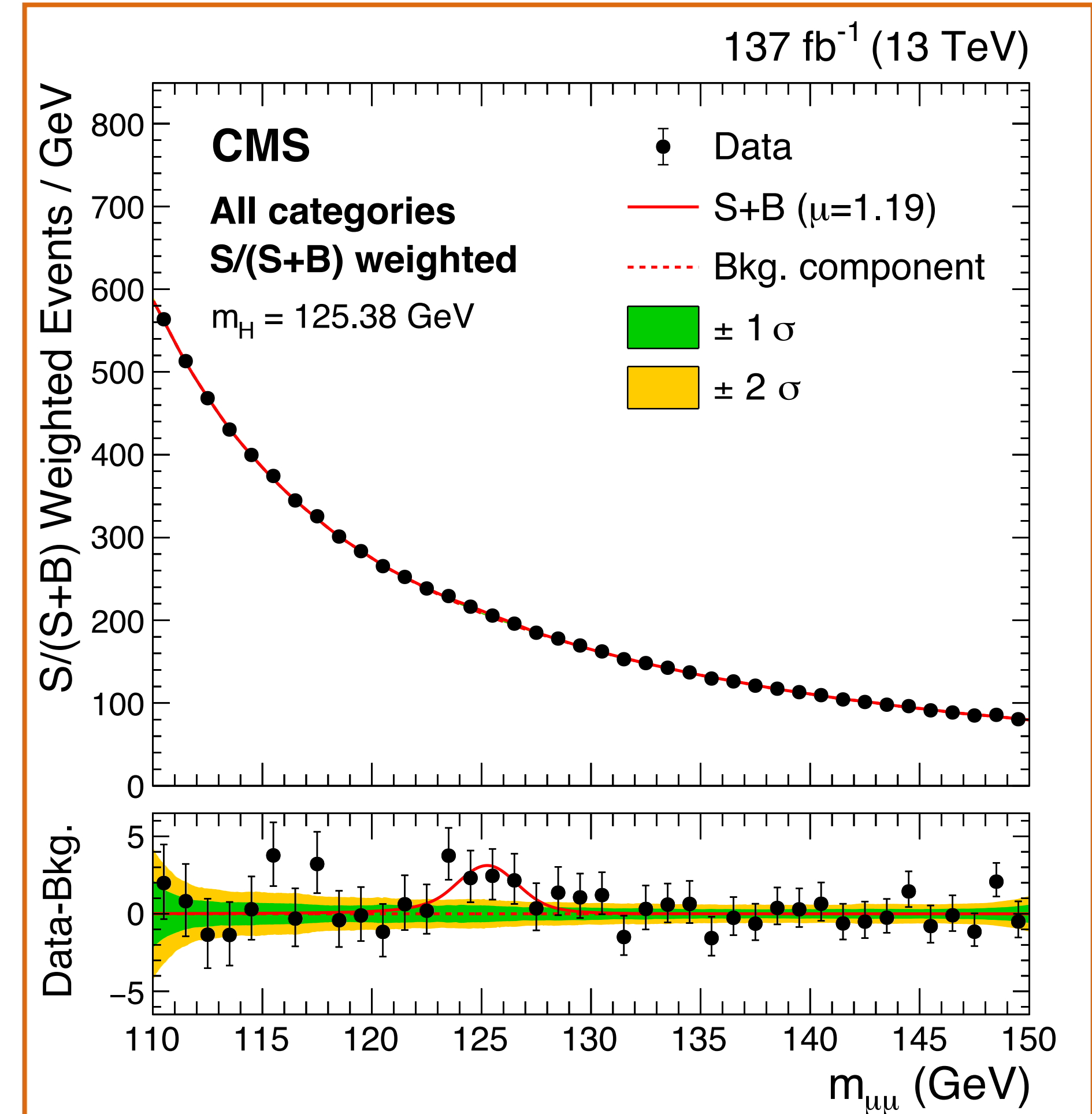


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$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ analysis: future prospects

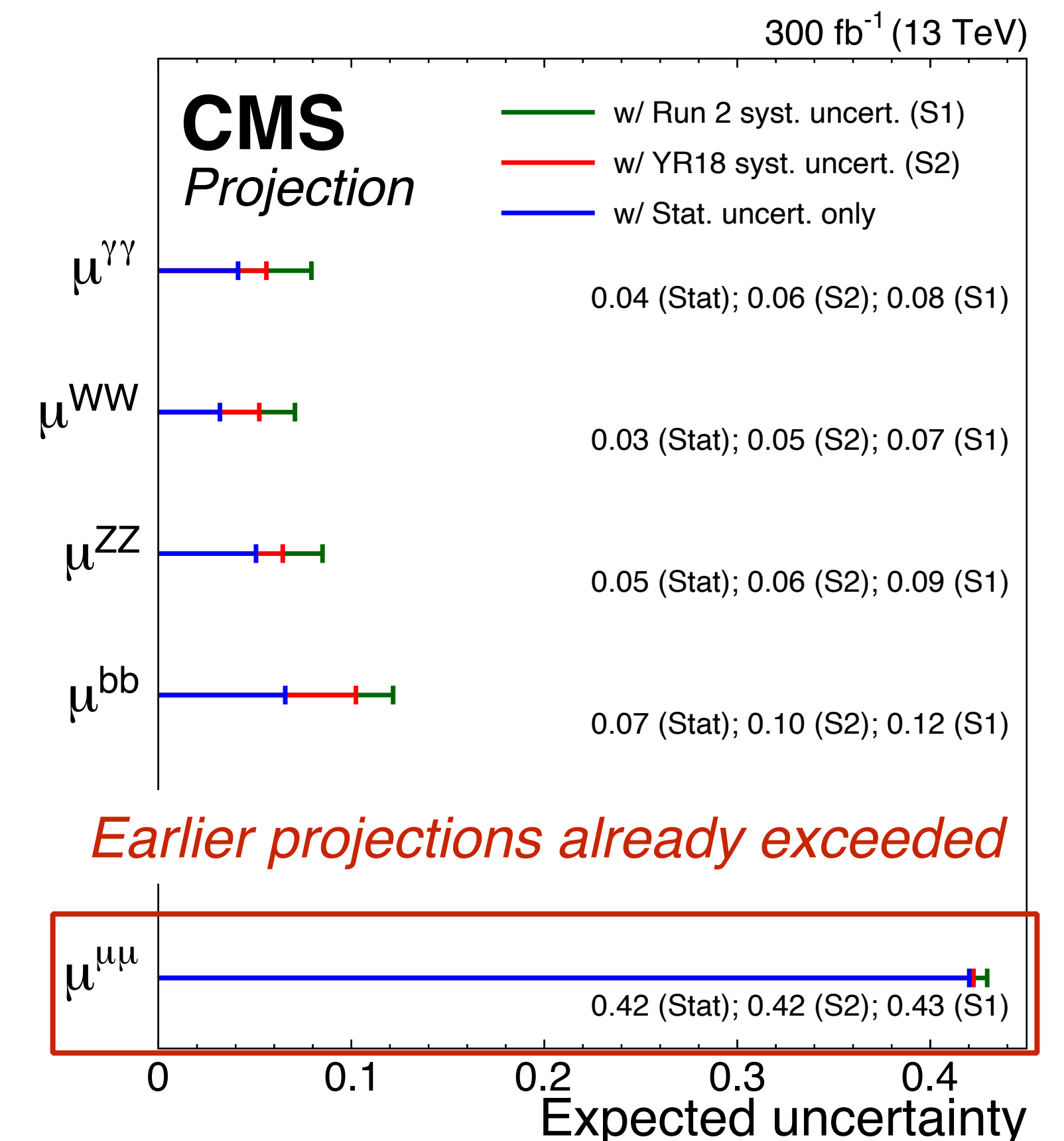
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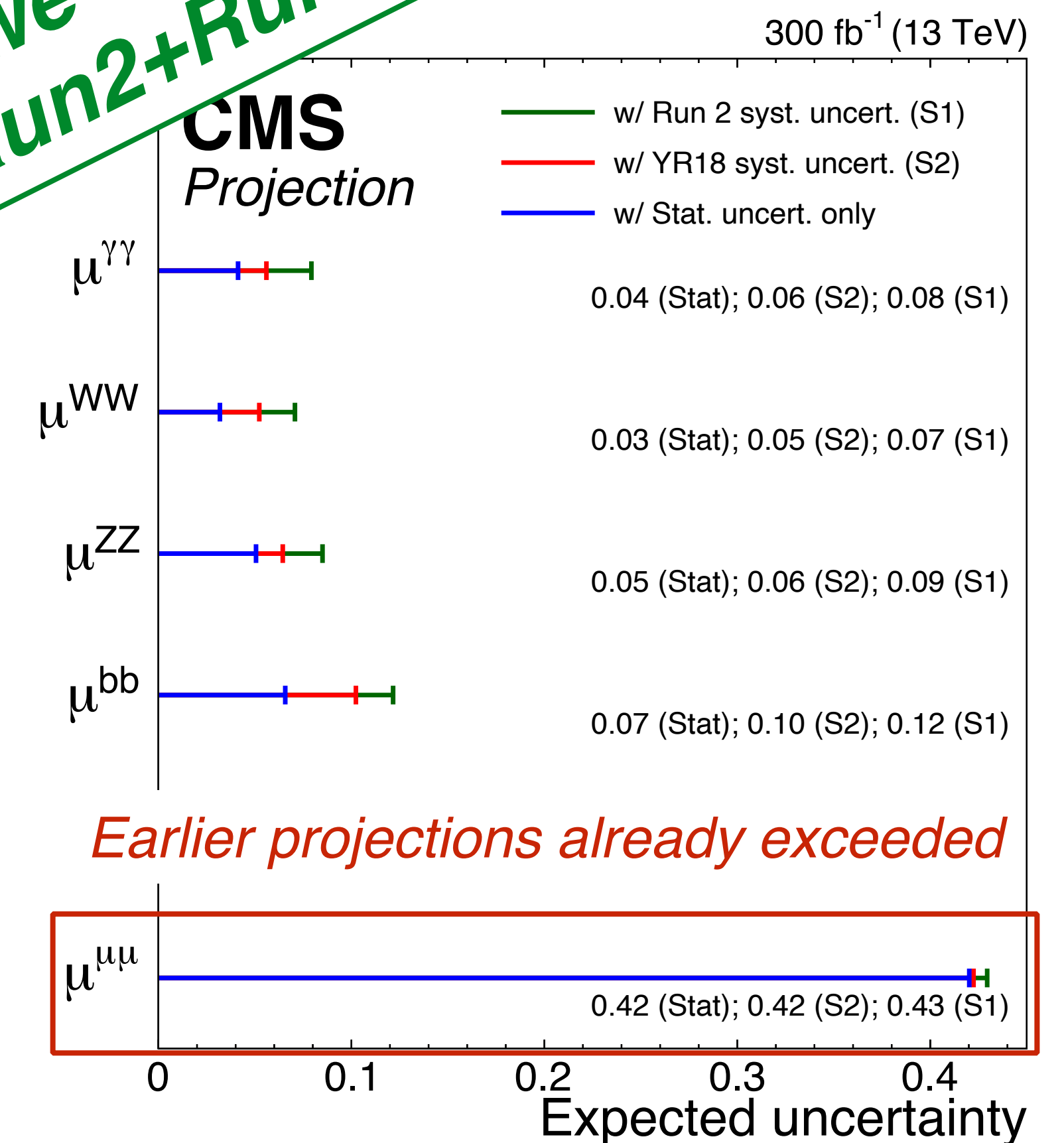


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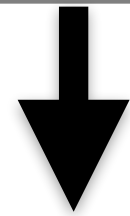
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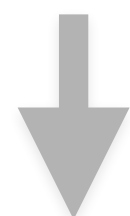
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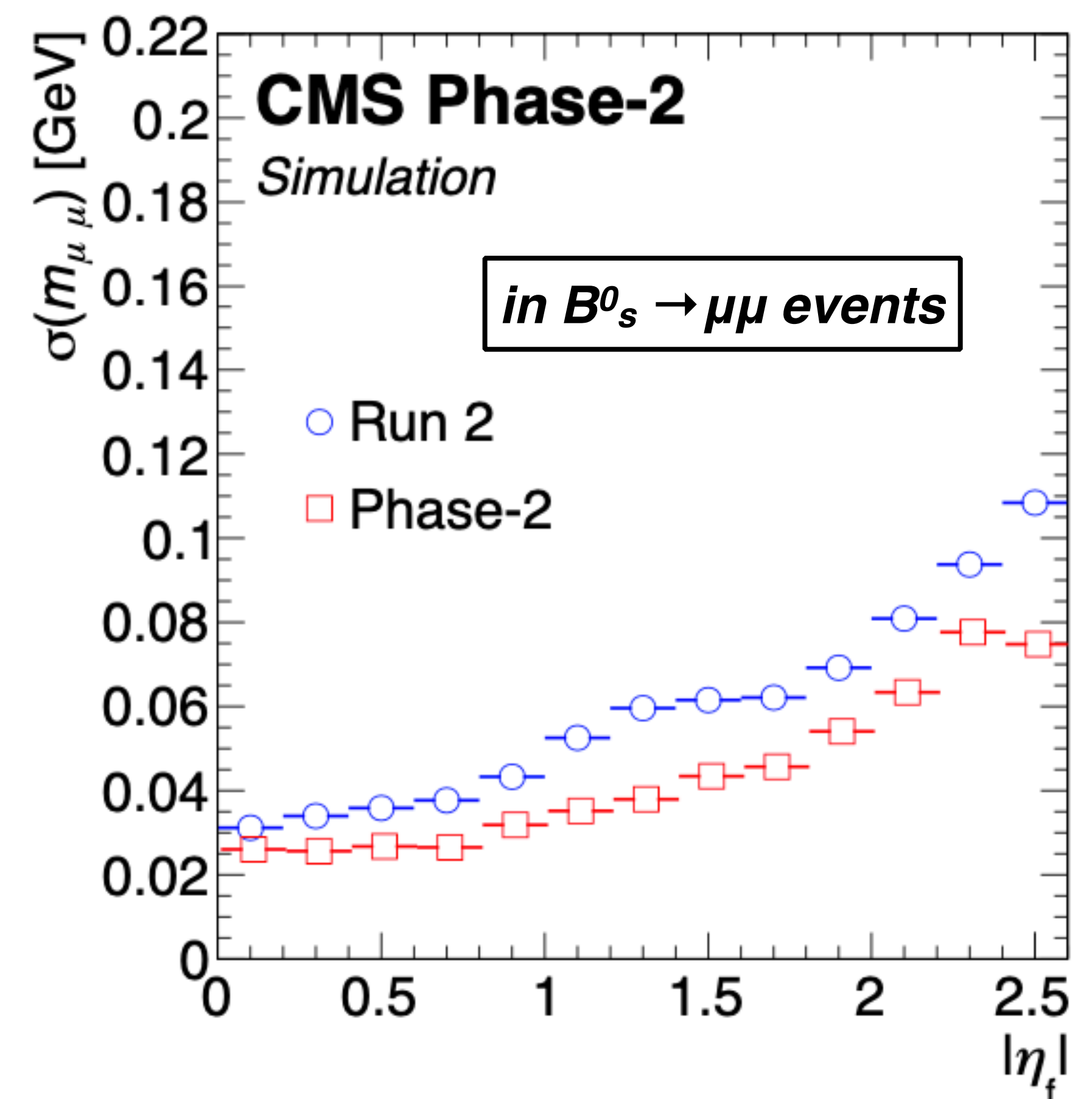
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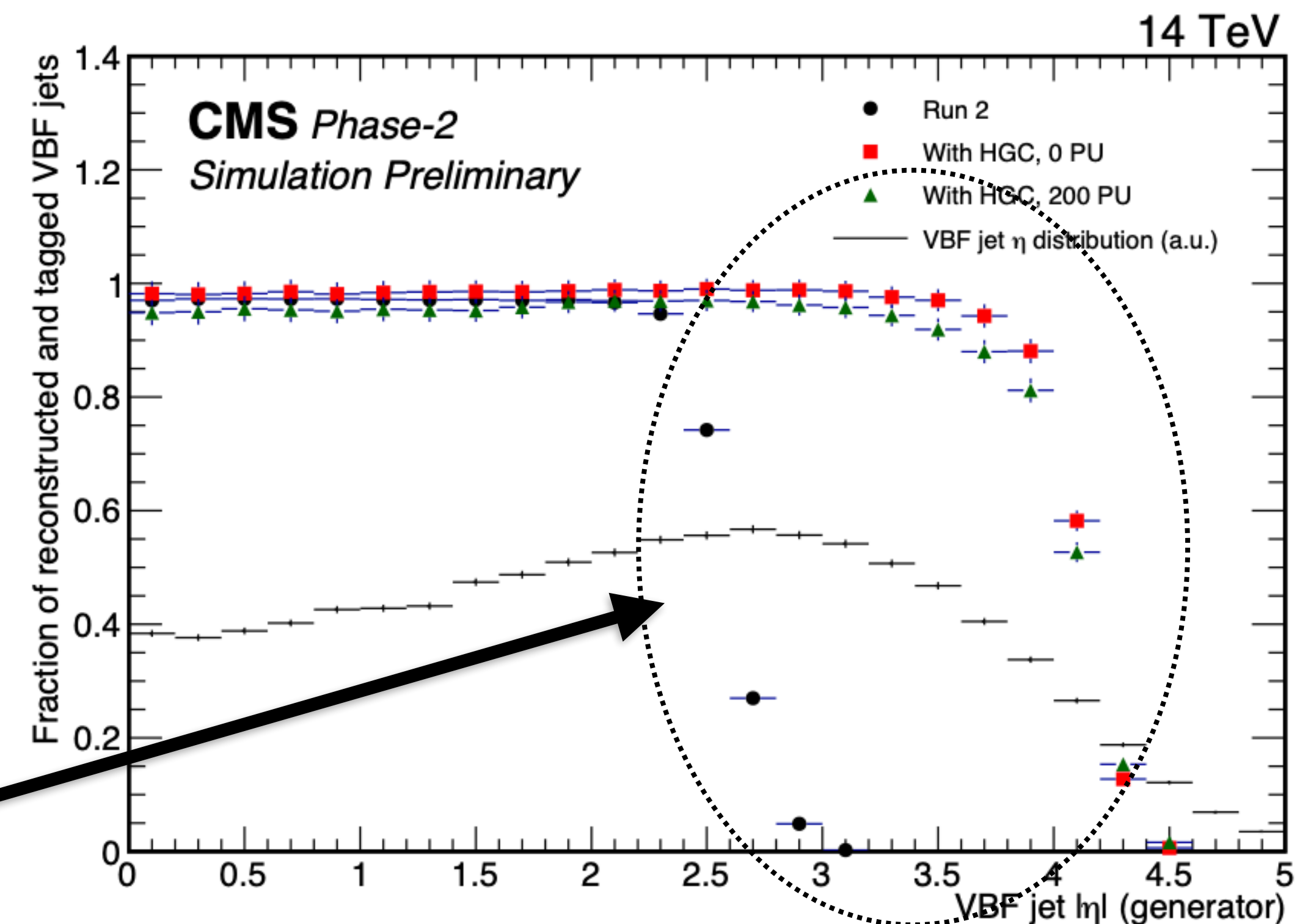
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- ***New tracker*** with coverage up to $|\eta|=4$ and L1 track trigger
- ***Upgraded muon system*** with coverage up to $|\eta|=2.8$
- ***New high granularity endcap calorimeter (HGCAL)***

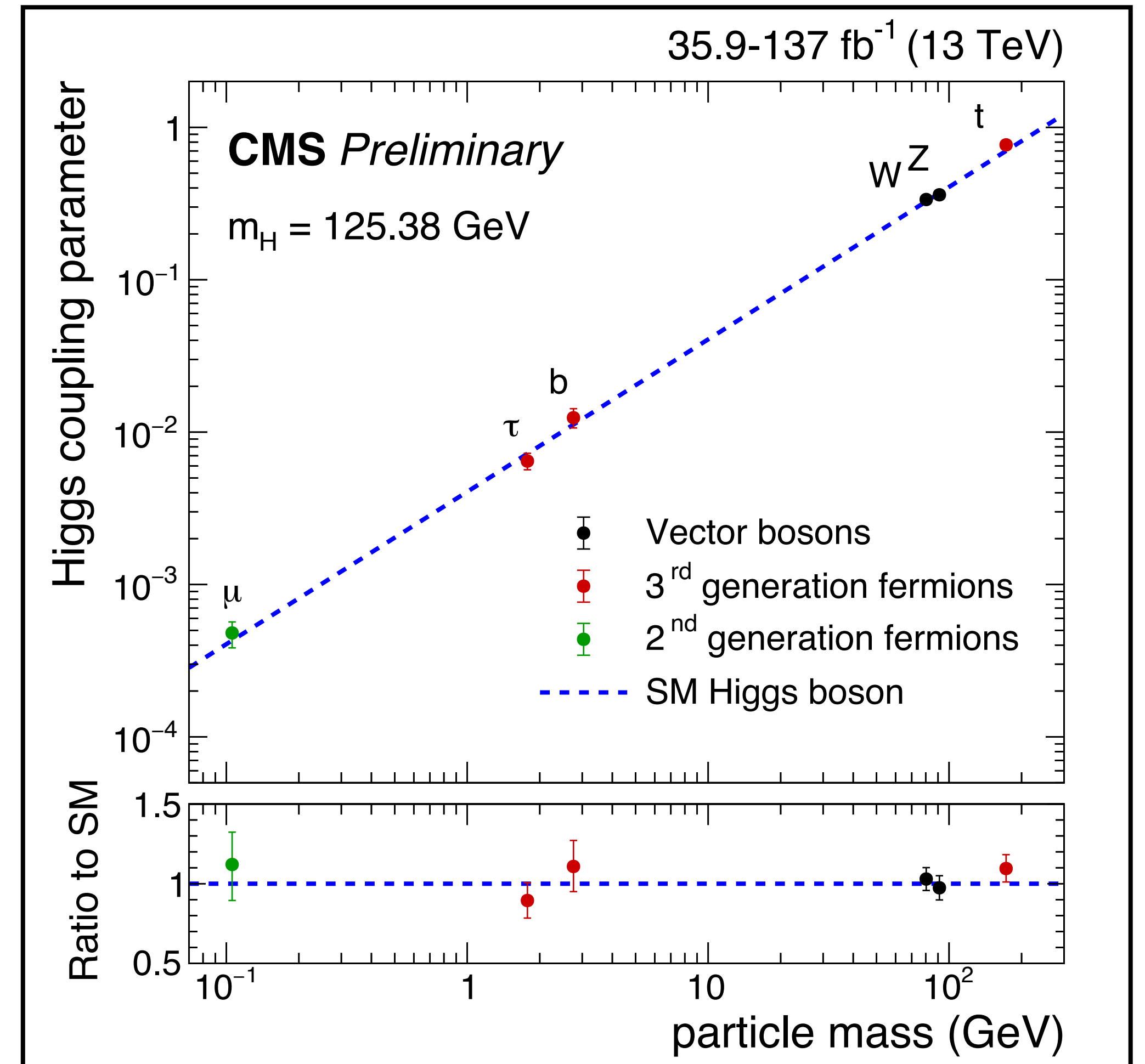
Improvements expected in the $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ analysis

- Increased acceptance due to muon coverage up to $|\eta|=2.8$
- Possibly reconstruct muons with tracker-only up to $|\eta|=4.0$
- Substantial improvement in ***muon p_T resolution***
- ***VBF category***: improved ***jet-energy-resolution*** for endcap and forward jets
- ***VBF category***: improved ***rejection*** of ***pileup jets*** in the ***endcap*** and ***forward region***

**At the HL-LHC, ATLAS+CMS
may measure Higgs-to-muon
couplings with 4% precision
(arXiv [1902.00134](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.00134))**

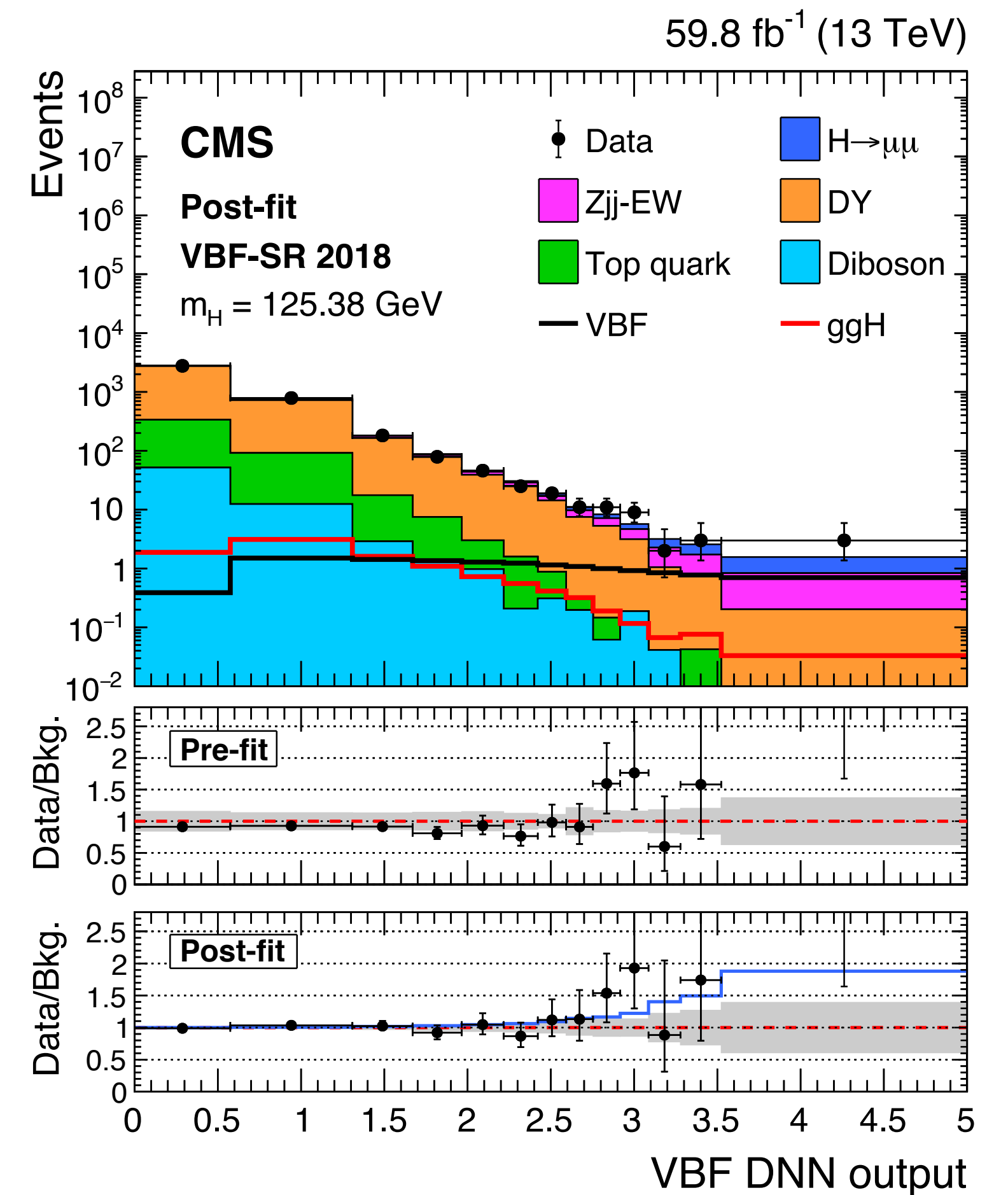
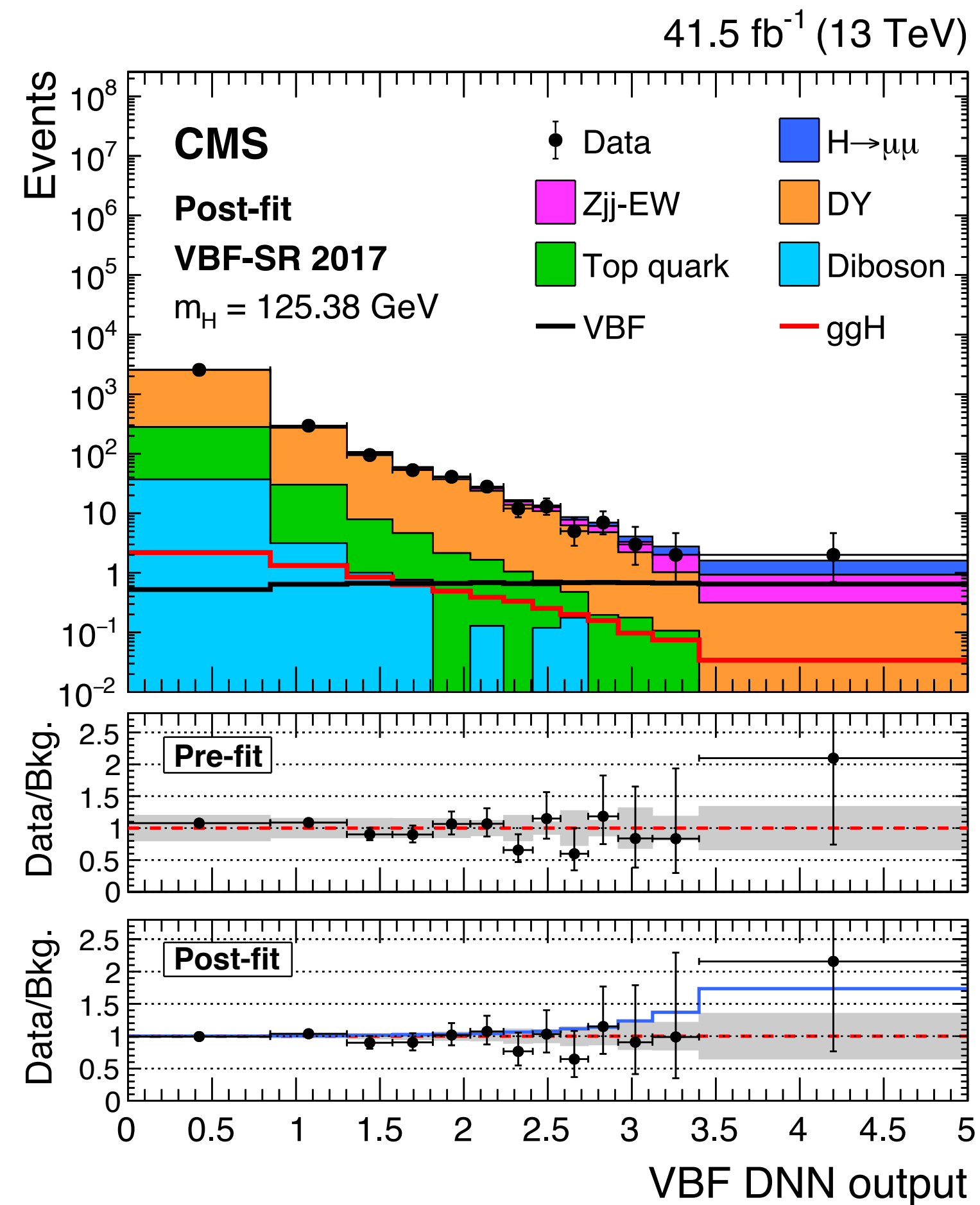
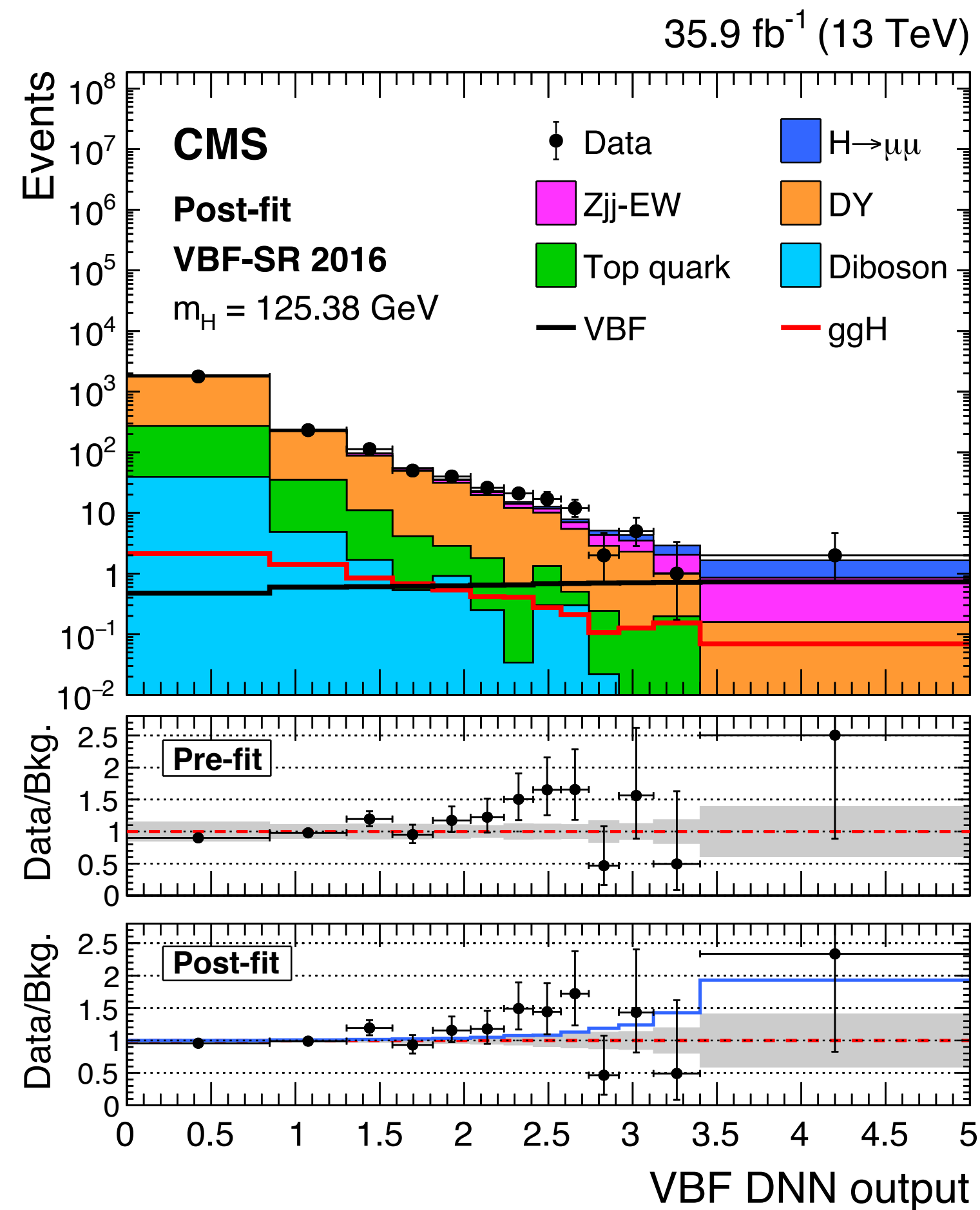
Conclusions

- $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ analysis performed using 137 fb^{-1} of 13 TeV data
- Observed (exp) significance of 3.0σ (2.5σ) at $m_H = 125.38 \text{ GeV}$
- **First evidence for $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays**
- **First evidence for Higgs interactions with 2nd generation of fermions**
- Measured signal strength of $\mu = 1.19^{+0.44}_{-0.42}$
- **The success of the SM continues!**
- Result submitted to JHEP and available in *arXiv [2009.04363]*

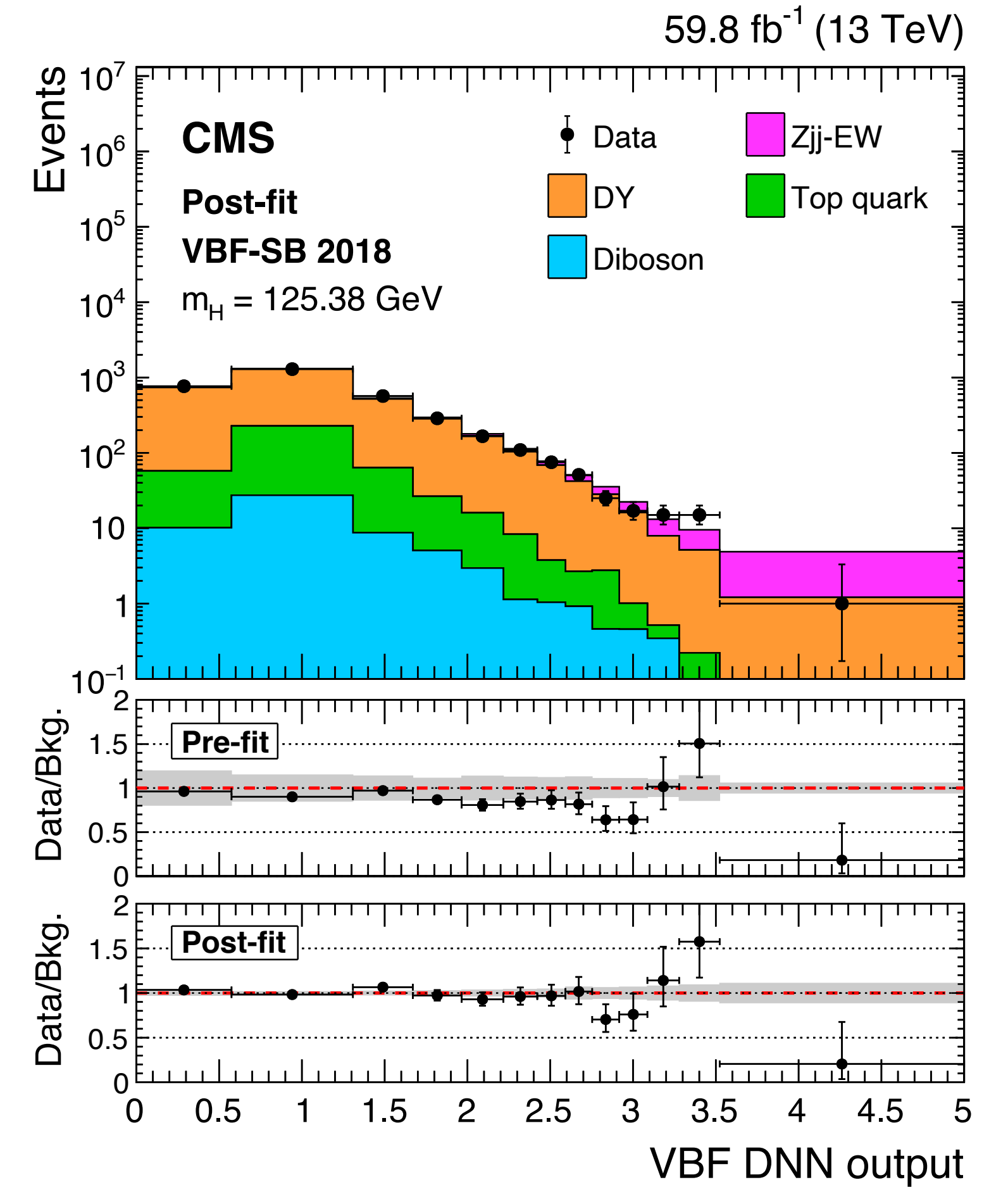
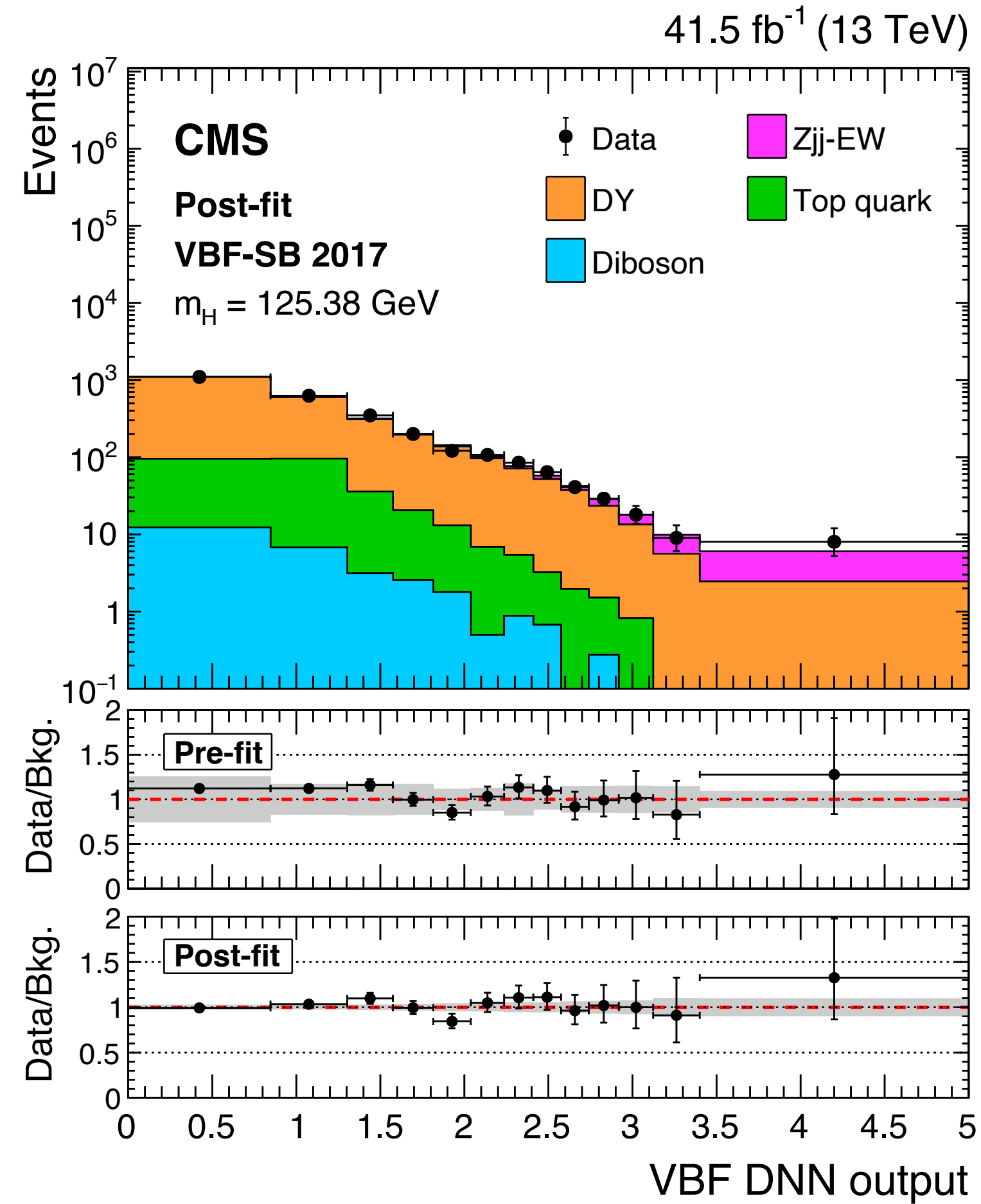
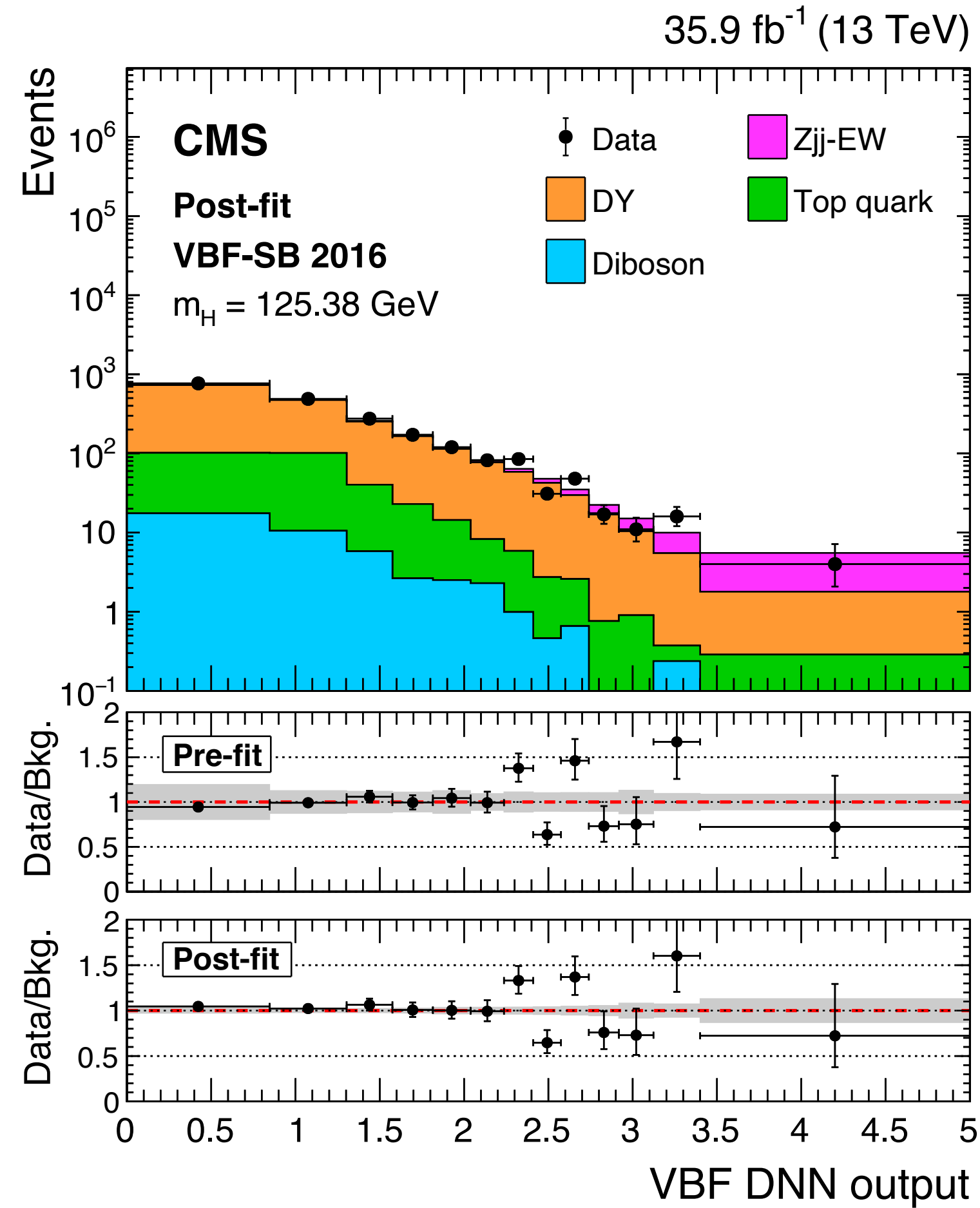


Backup slides

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

ggH mass distributions

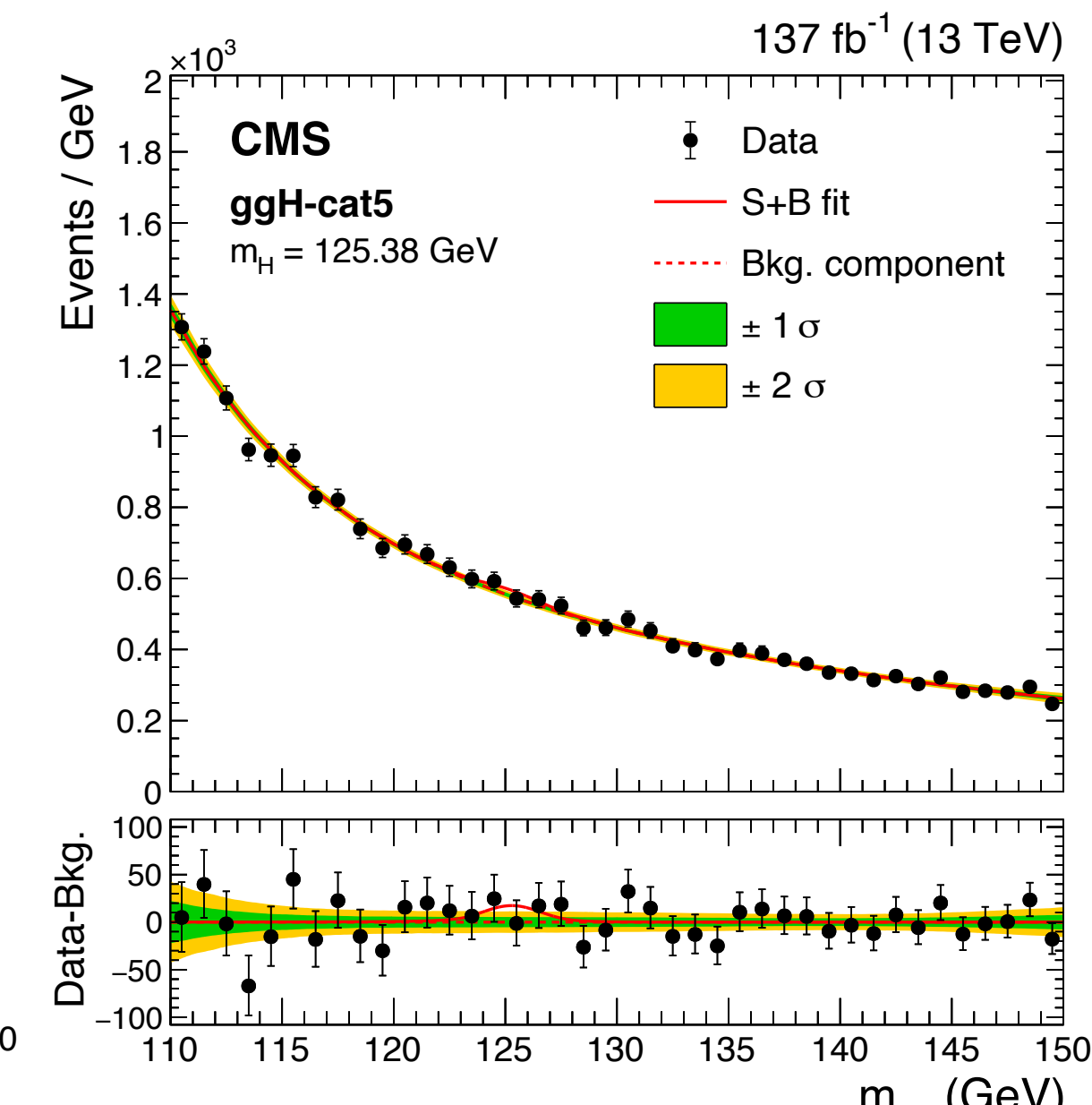
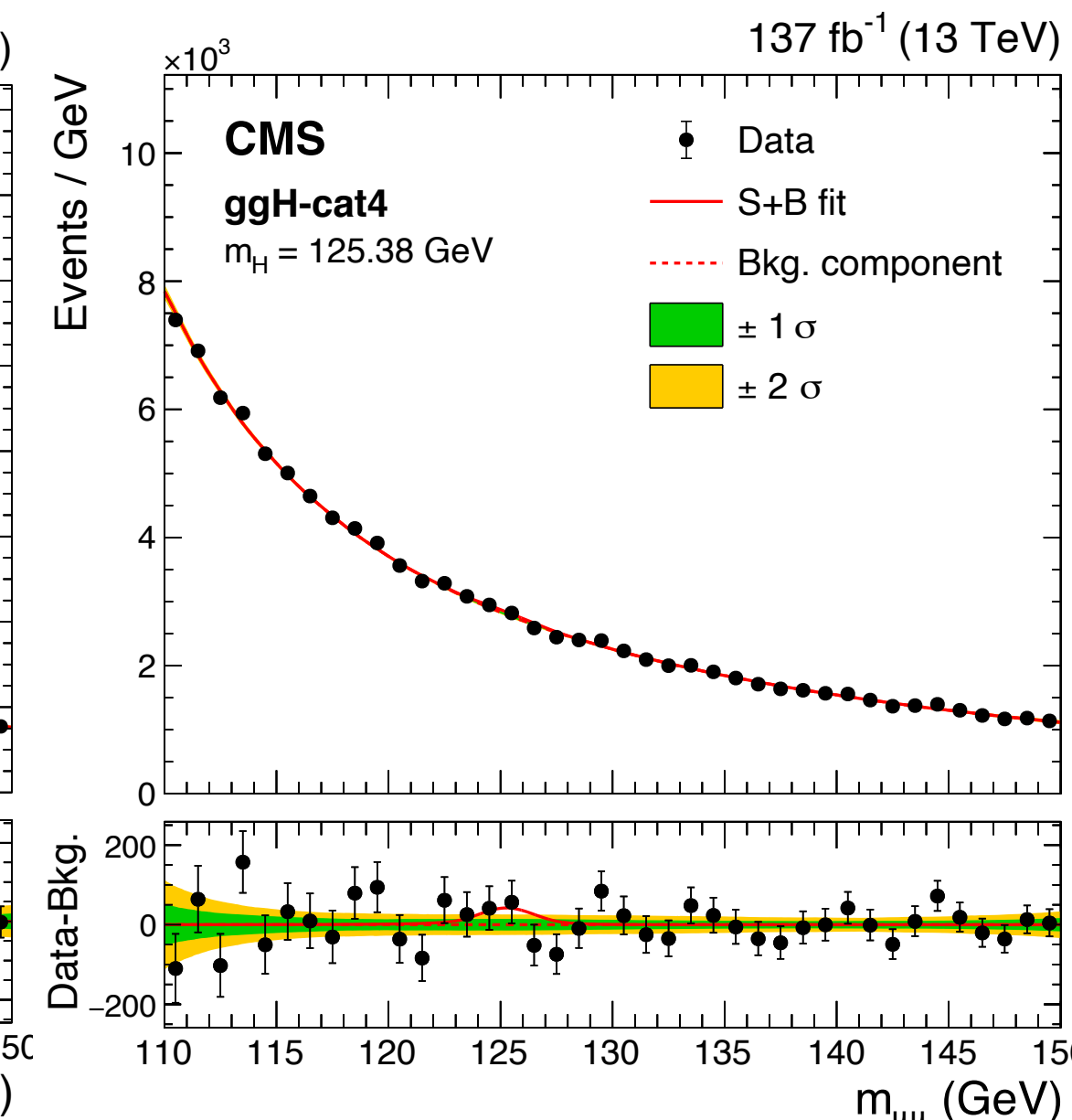
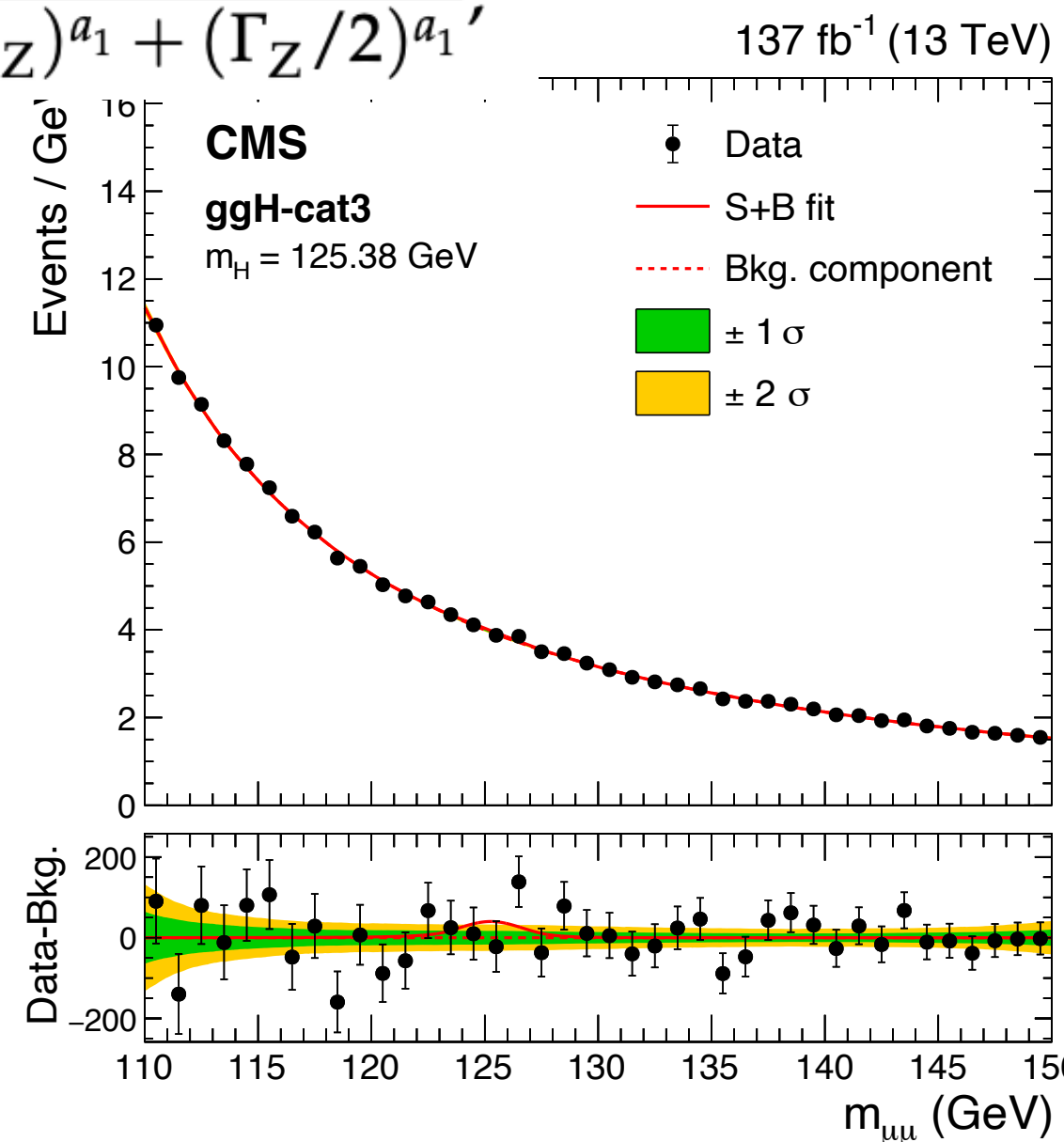
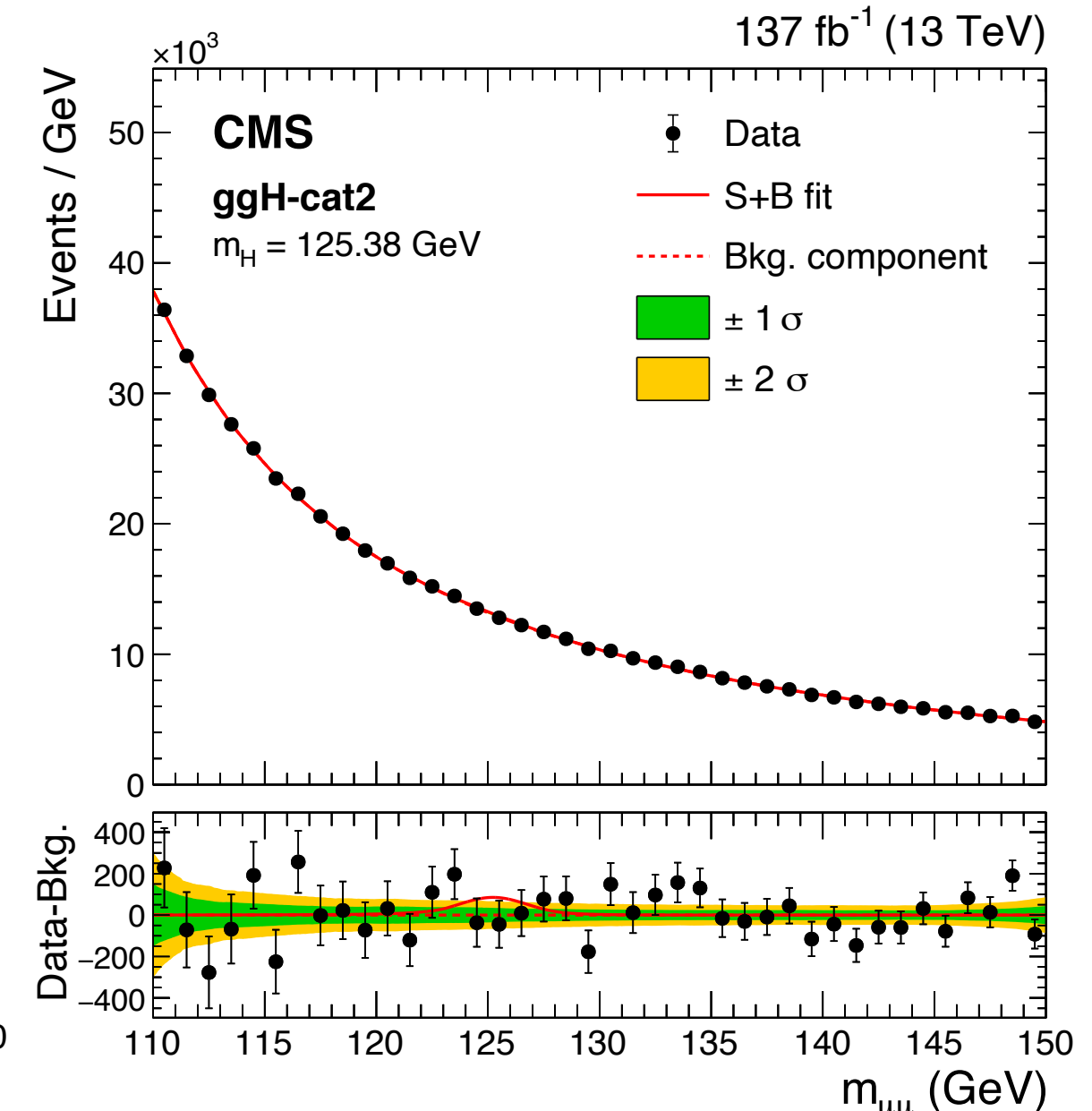
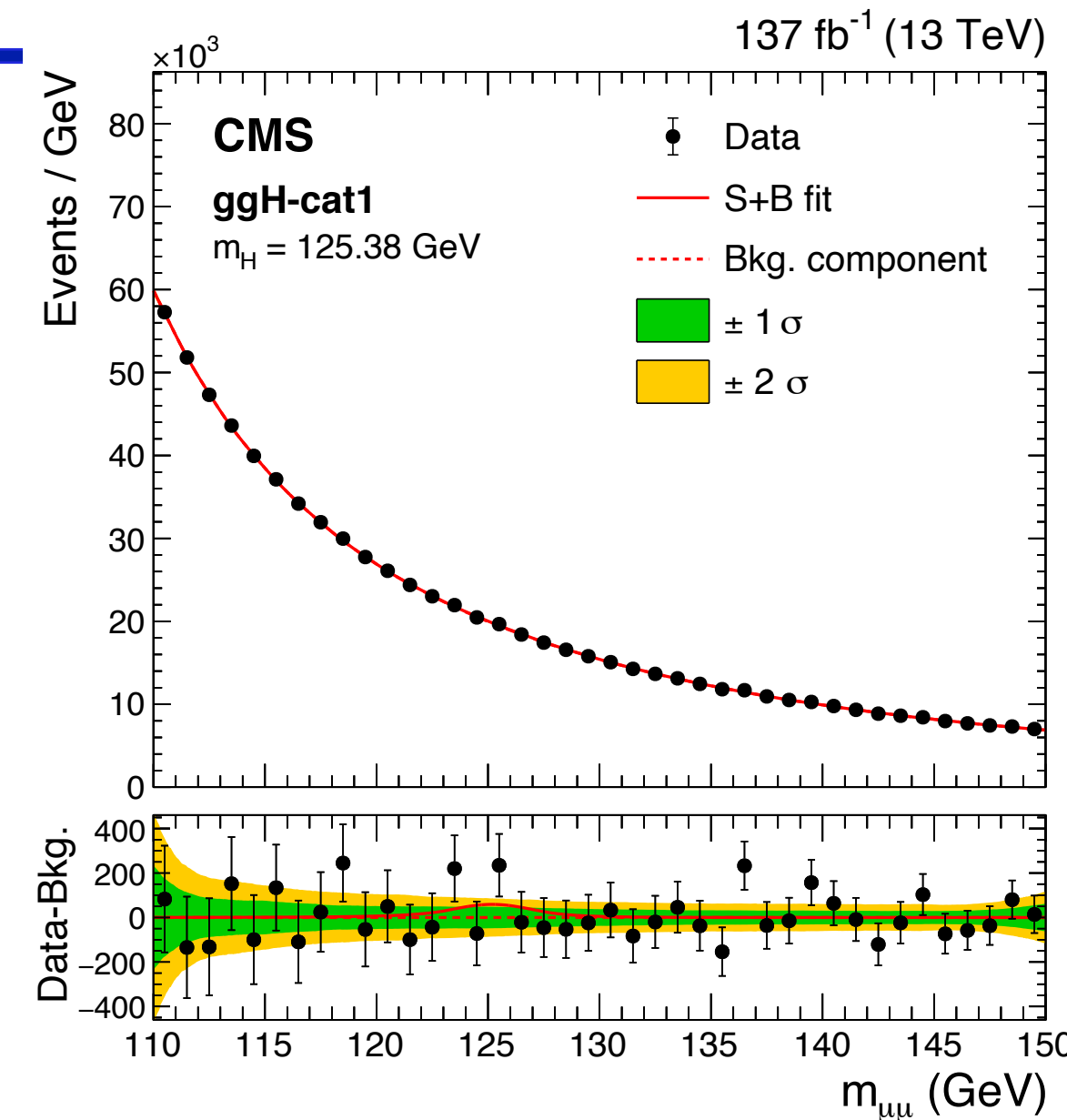
Observable	Selection
Number of loose (medium) b-tagged jets	≤ 1 (0)
Number of selected muons	$= 2$
Number of selected electrons	$= 0$
VBF selection veto	if $N_{\text{jets}} \geq 2$ $m_{jj} < 400 \text{ GeV}$ or $ \Delta\eta_{jj} < 2.5$ or $p_T(j_1) < 35 \text{ GeV}$

Background model

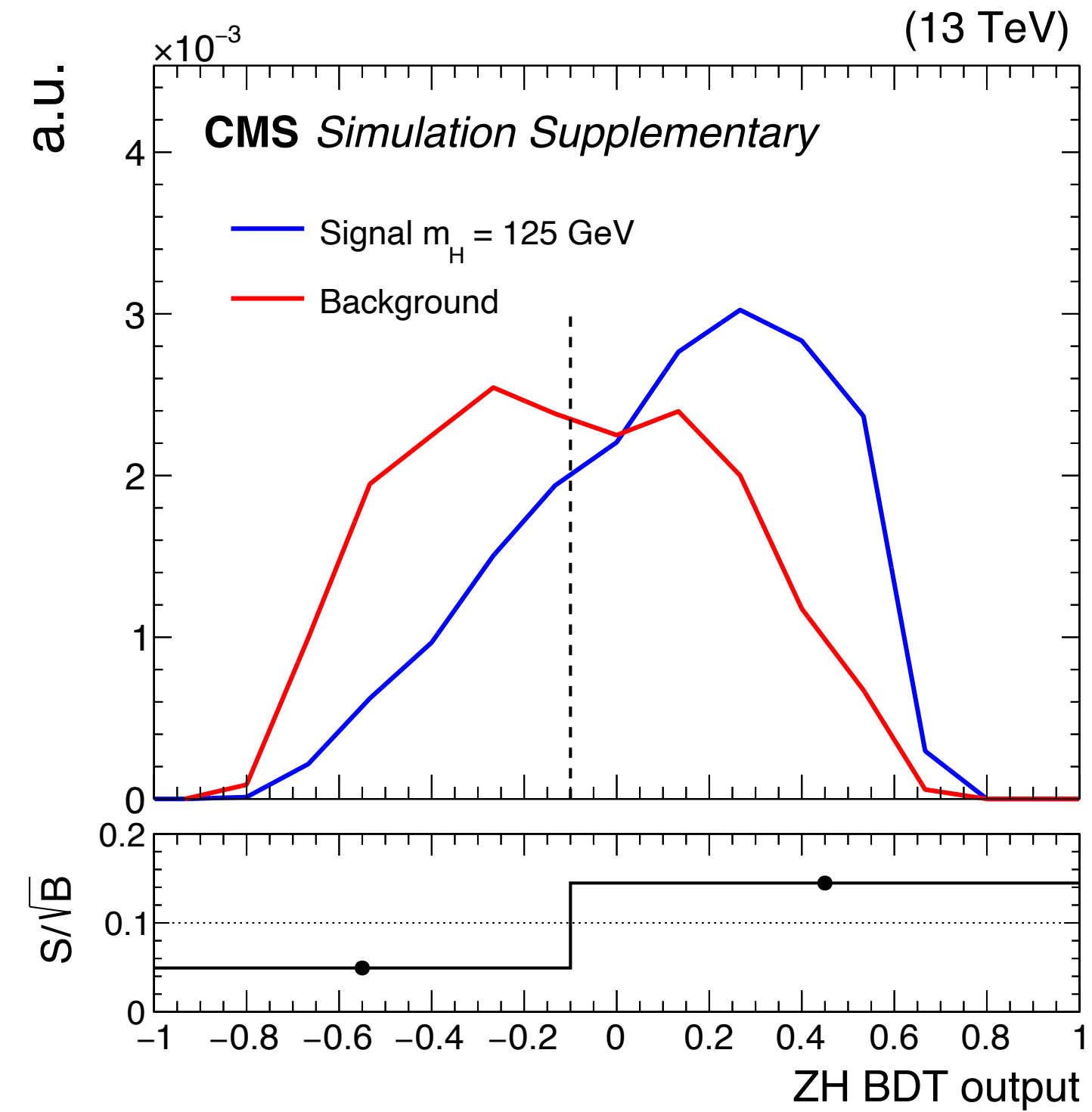
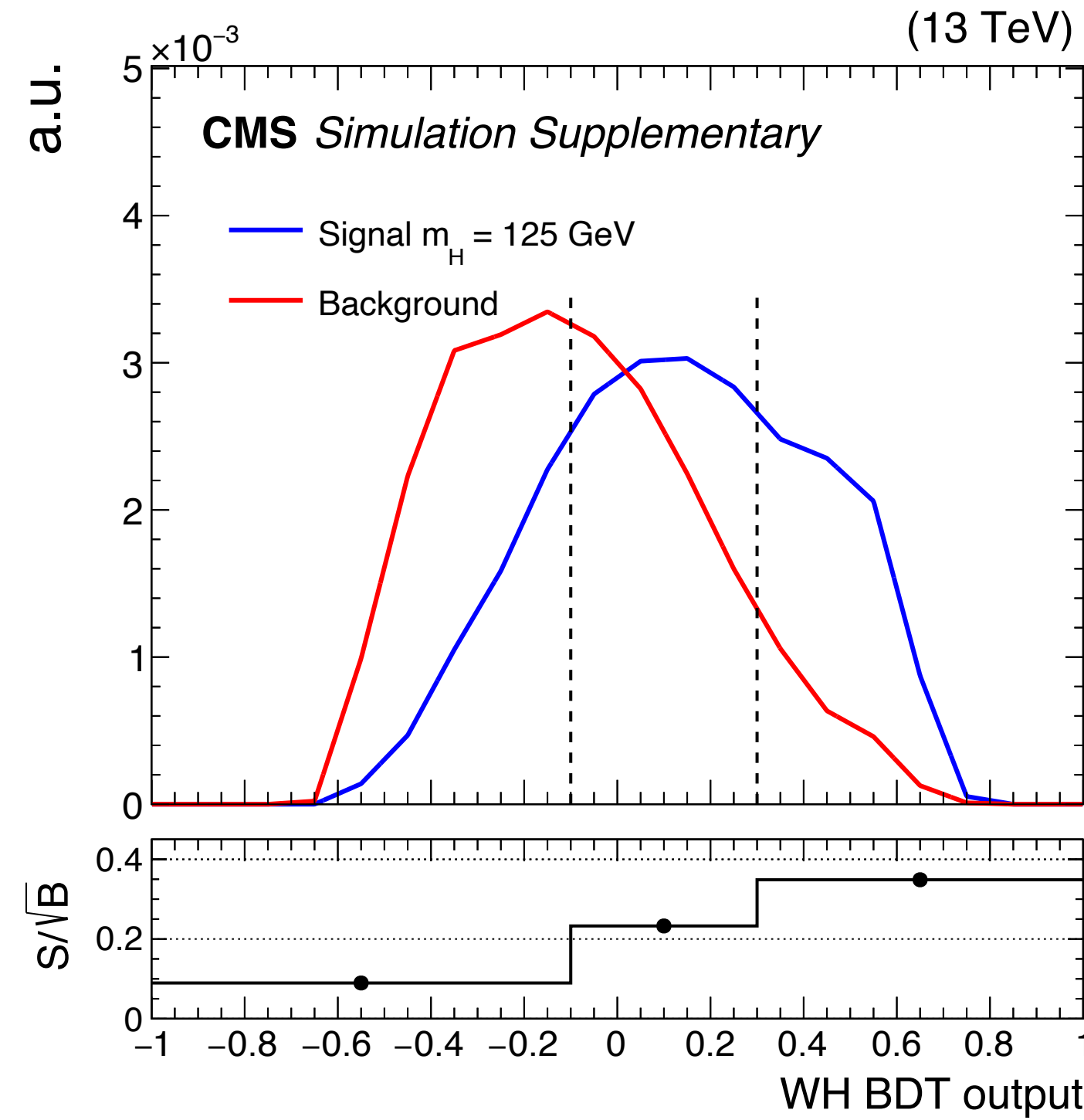
- Core function $\rightarrow$ discrete envelope of
 - Modified Breit-Wigner function

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

- 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



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}$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$= 1$	$= 1$

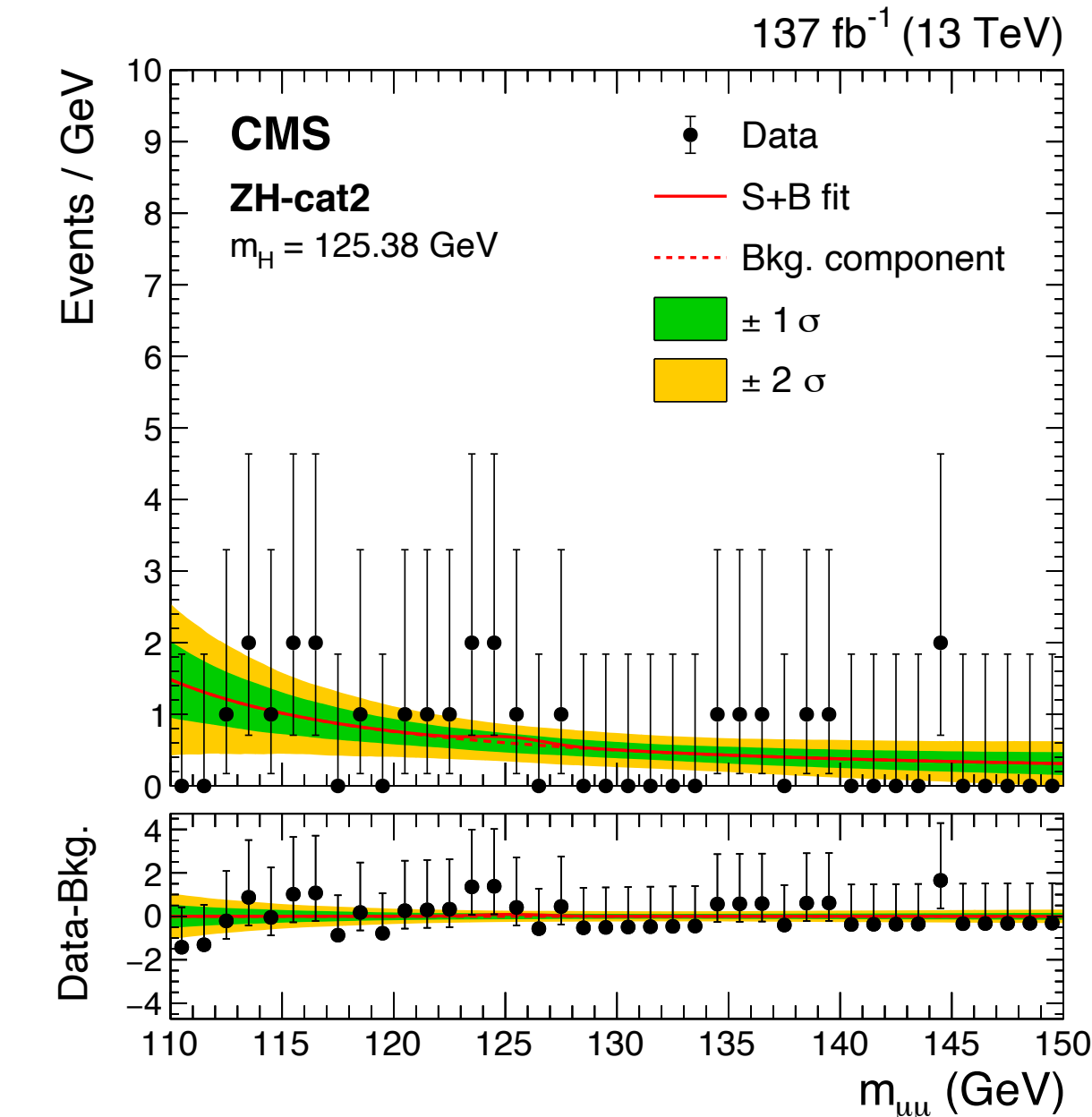
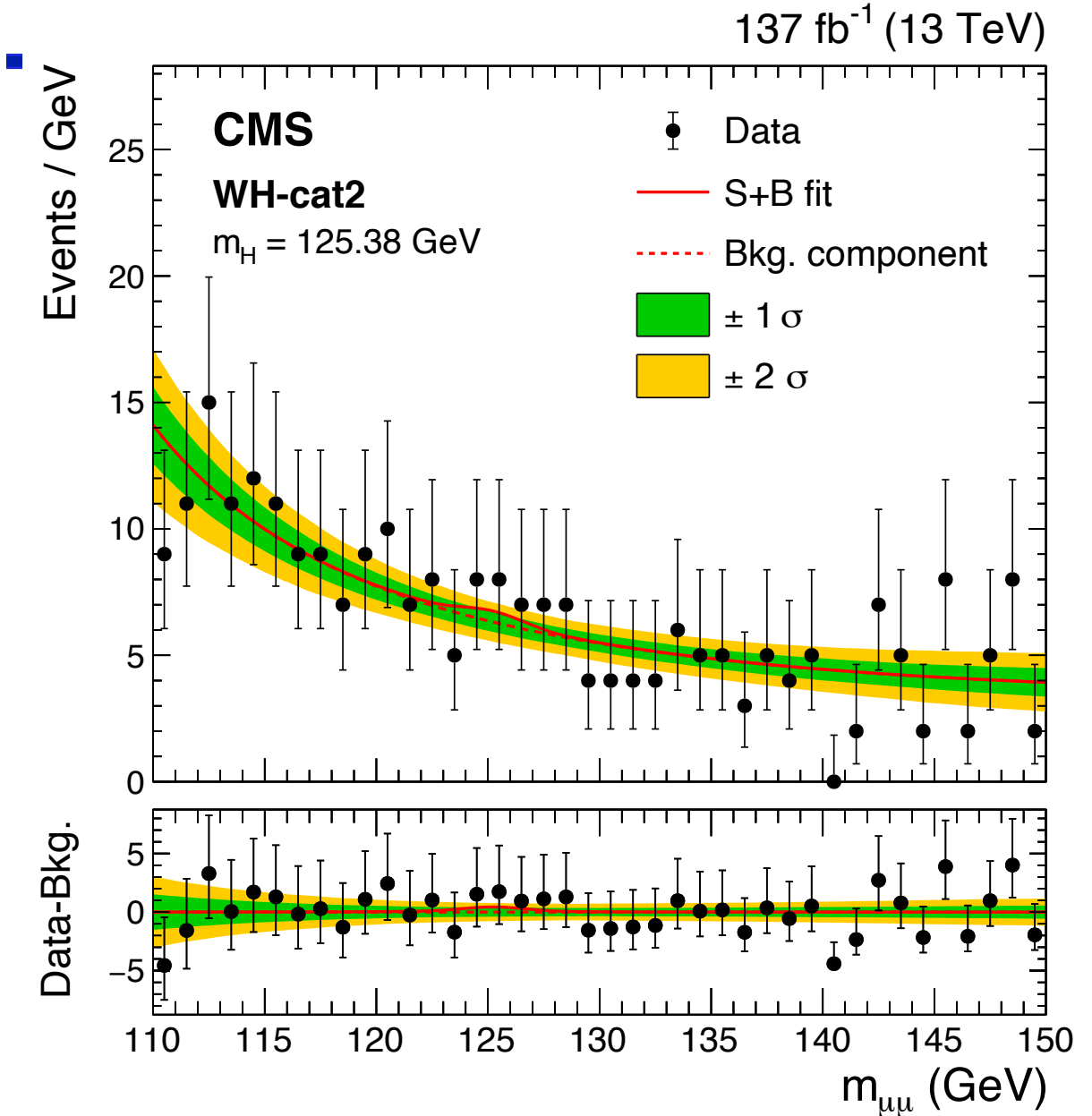
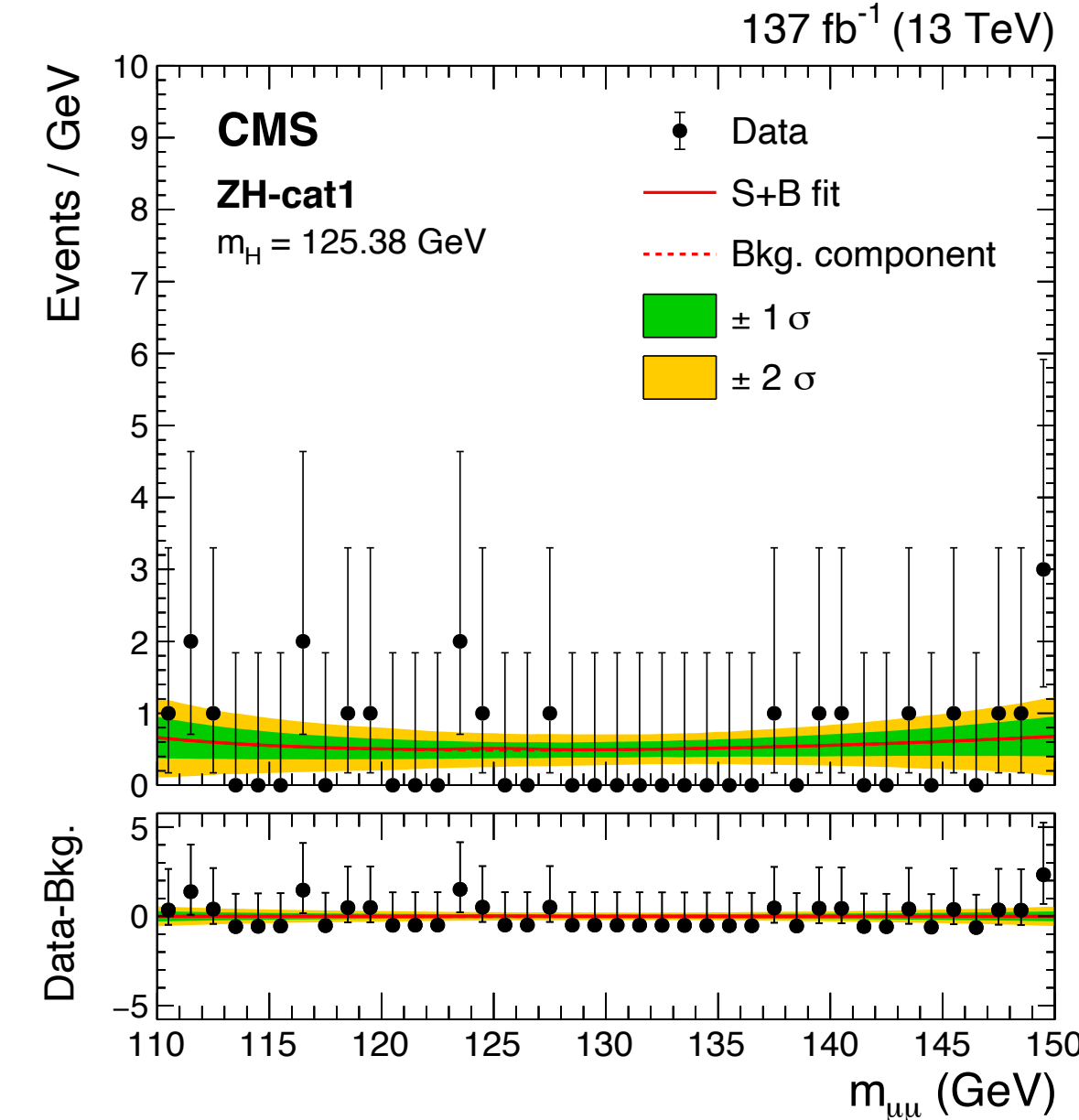
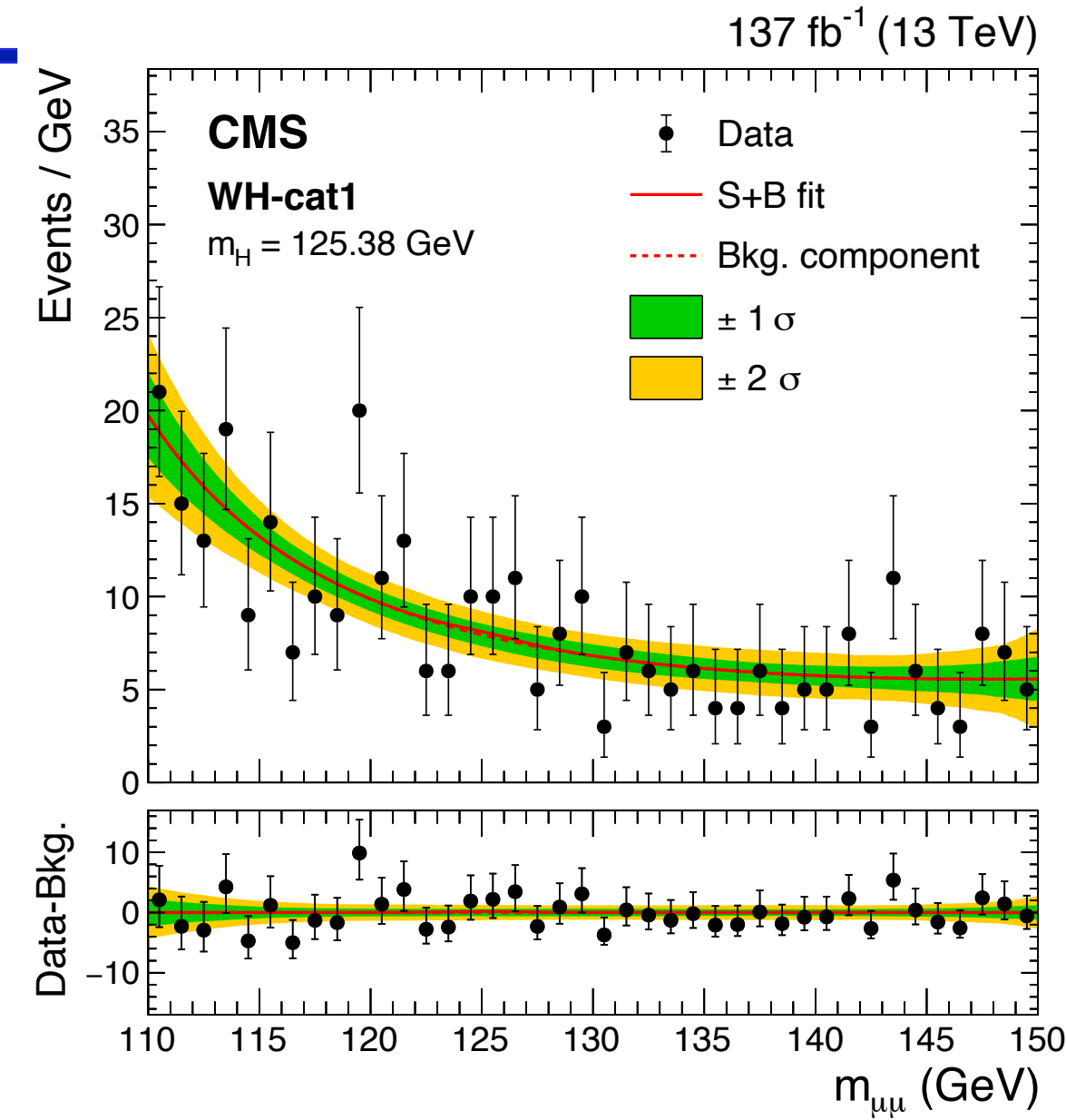
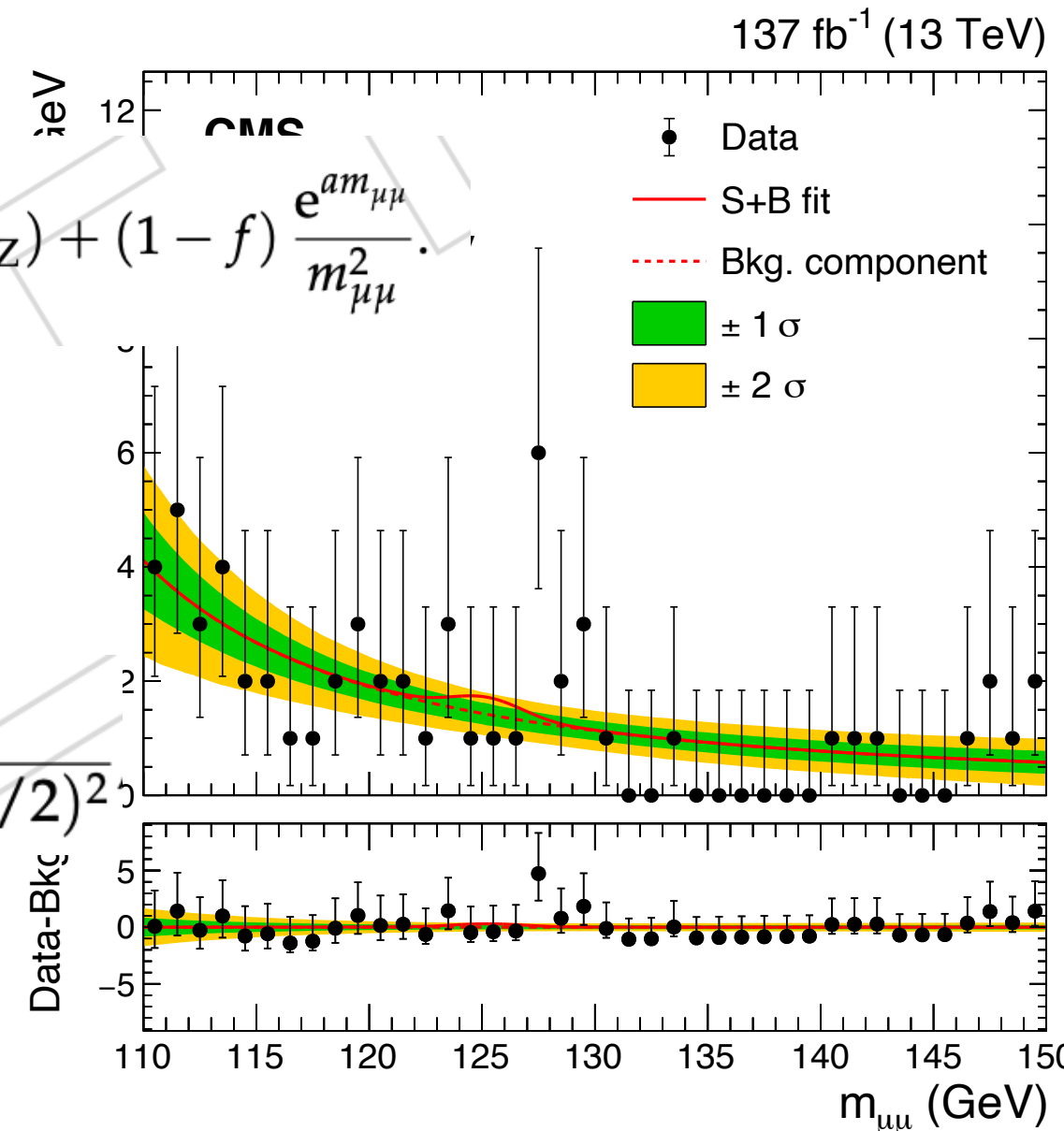
Background model

- BWZ γ in WH-cat1

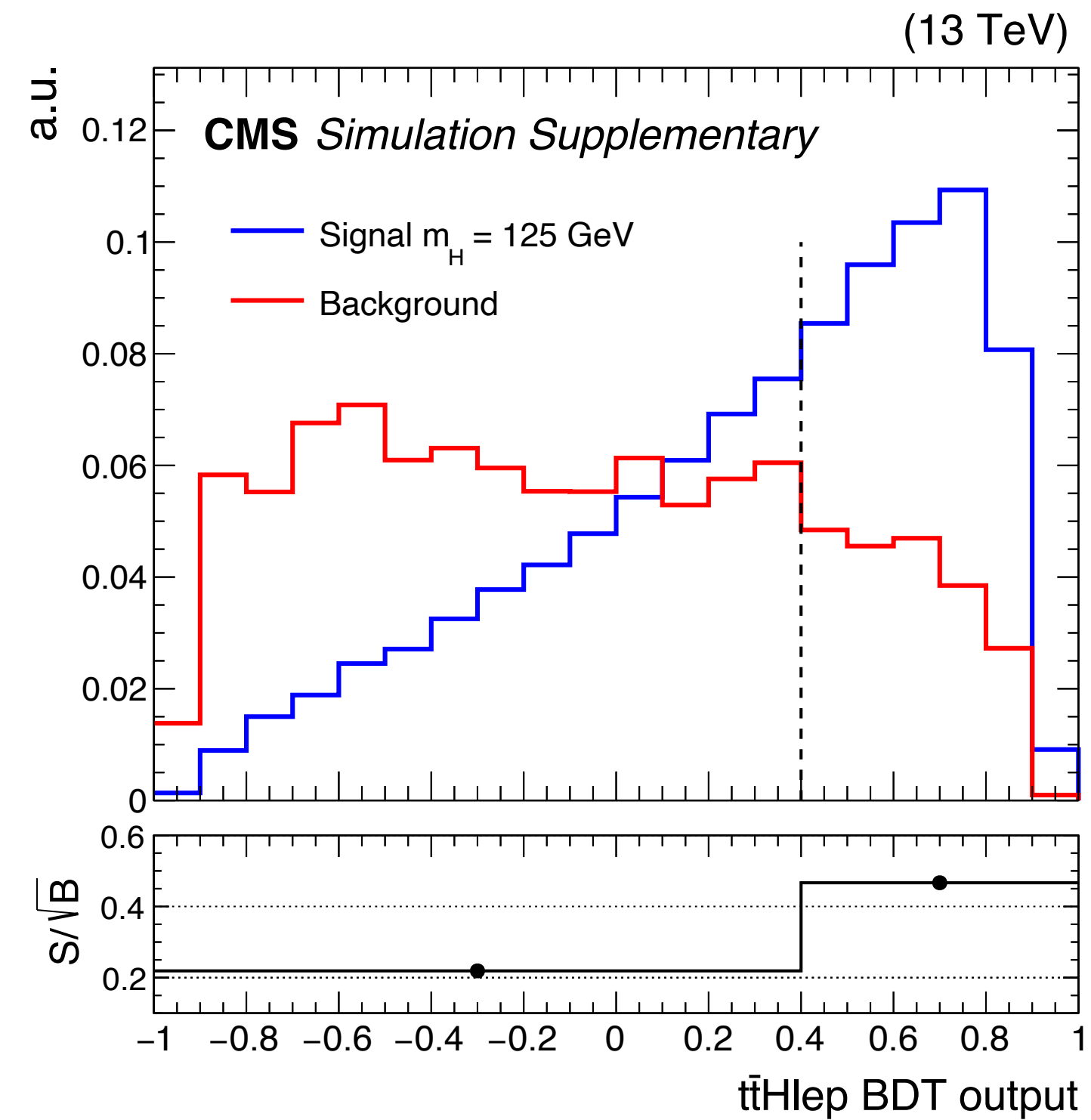
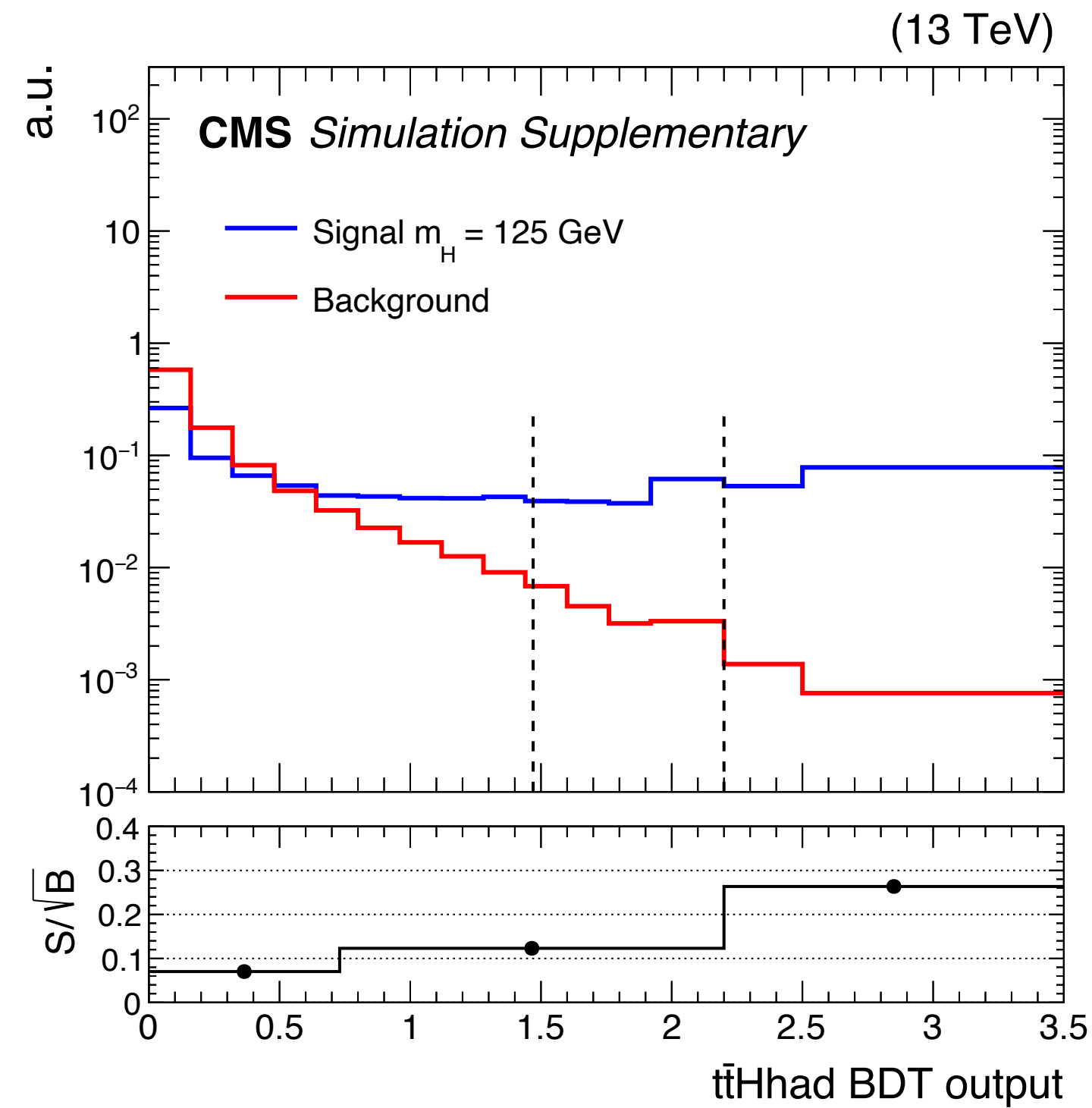
$$\text{BWZ}\gamma(m_{\mu\mu}; a, f, m_Z, \Gamma_Z) = f \text{BWZ}(m_{\mu\mu}; a, m_Z, \Gamma_Z) + (1-f) \frac{e^{am_{\mu\mu}}}{m_{\mu\mu}^2}$$

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

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



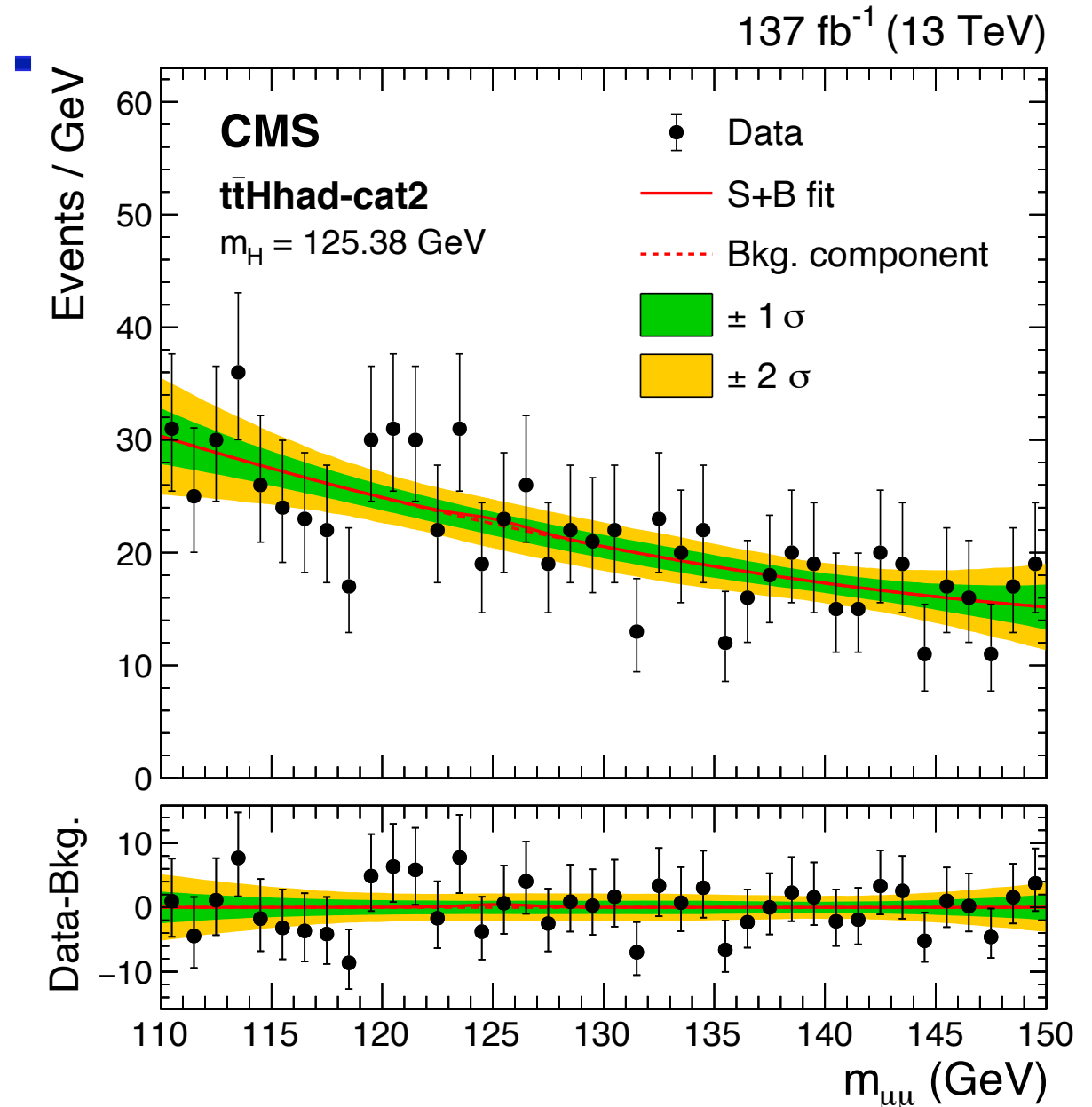
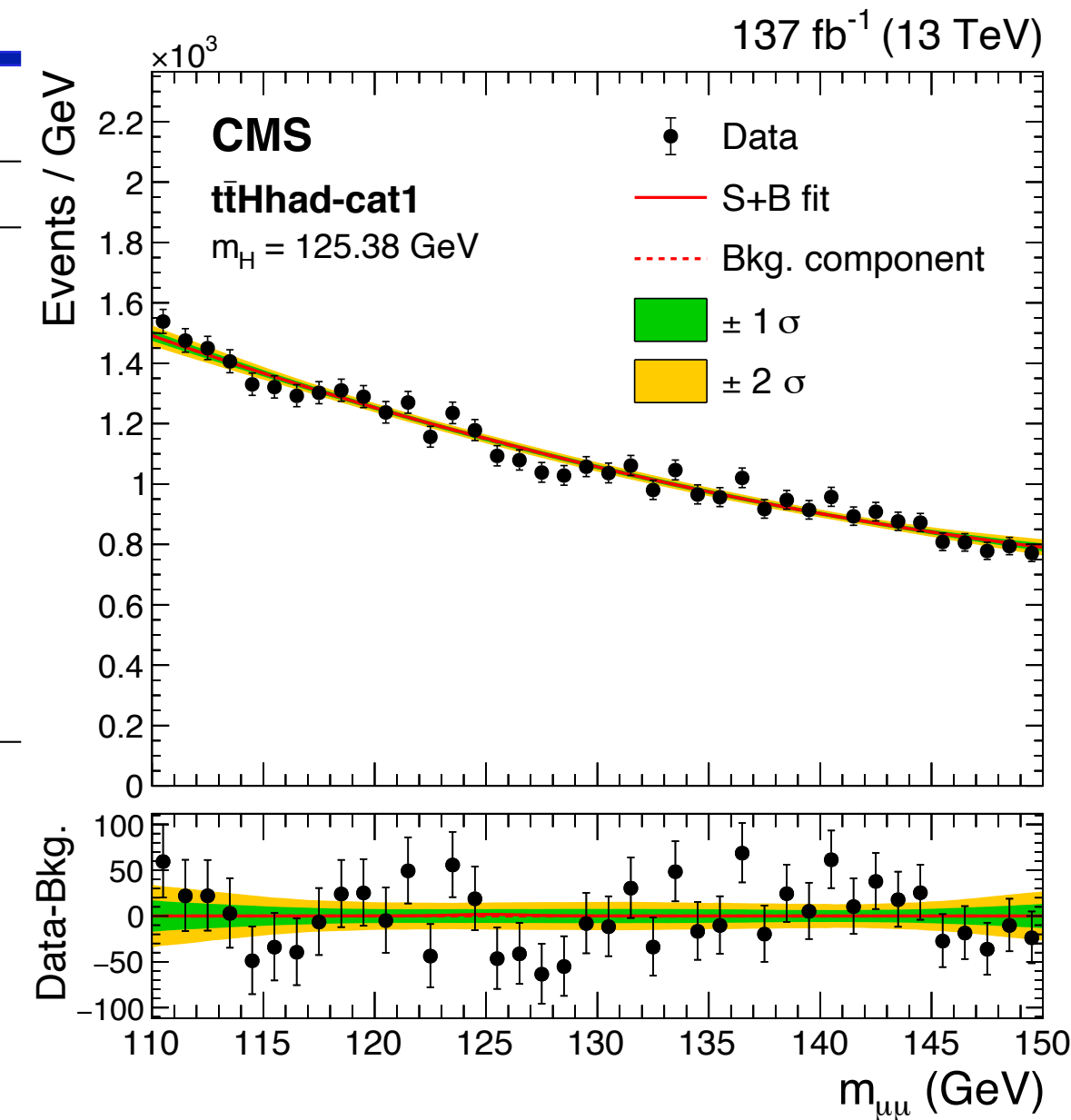
ttH analysis



Event category	Total signal	ttH (%)	ggH (%)	VH (%)	Other (%)	HWHM (GeV)	Bkg. fit function	Bkg. @HWHM	Data @HWHM	$S/(S+B)$ (%) @HWHM	$S/\sqrt{B}$ @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

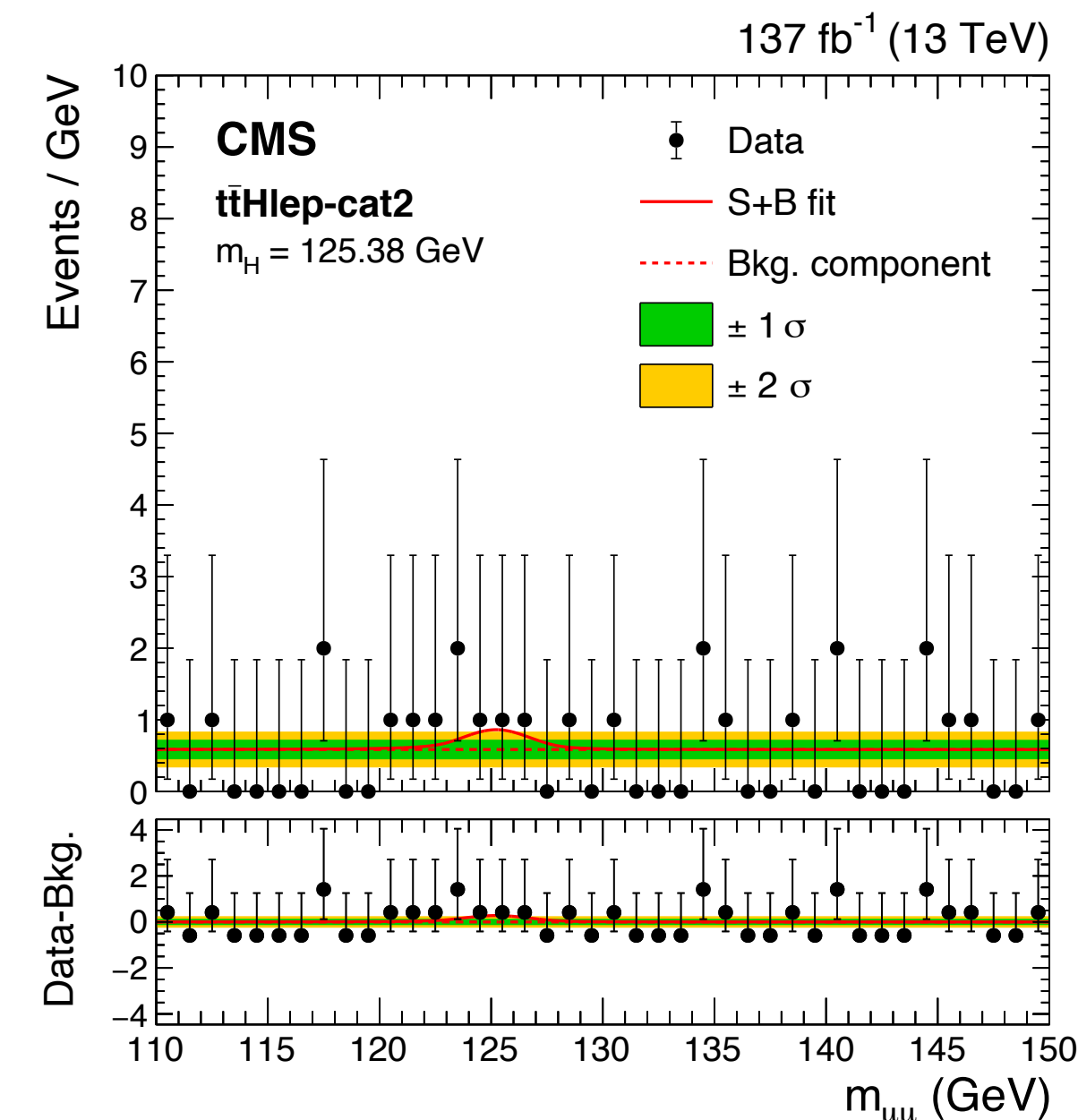
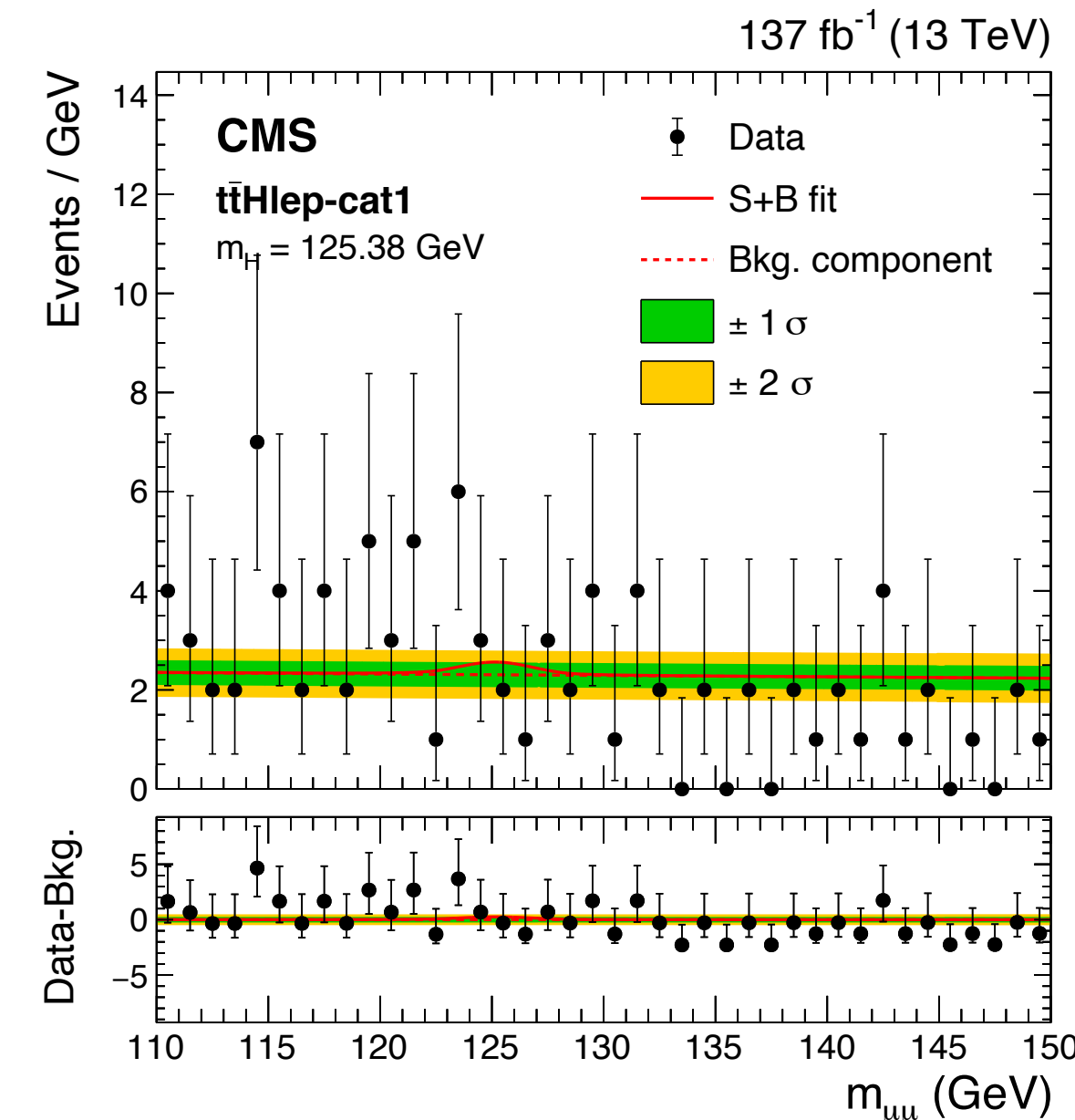
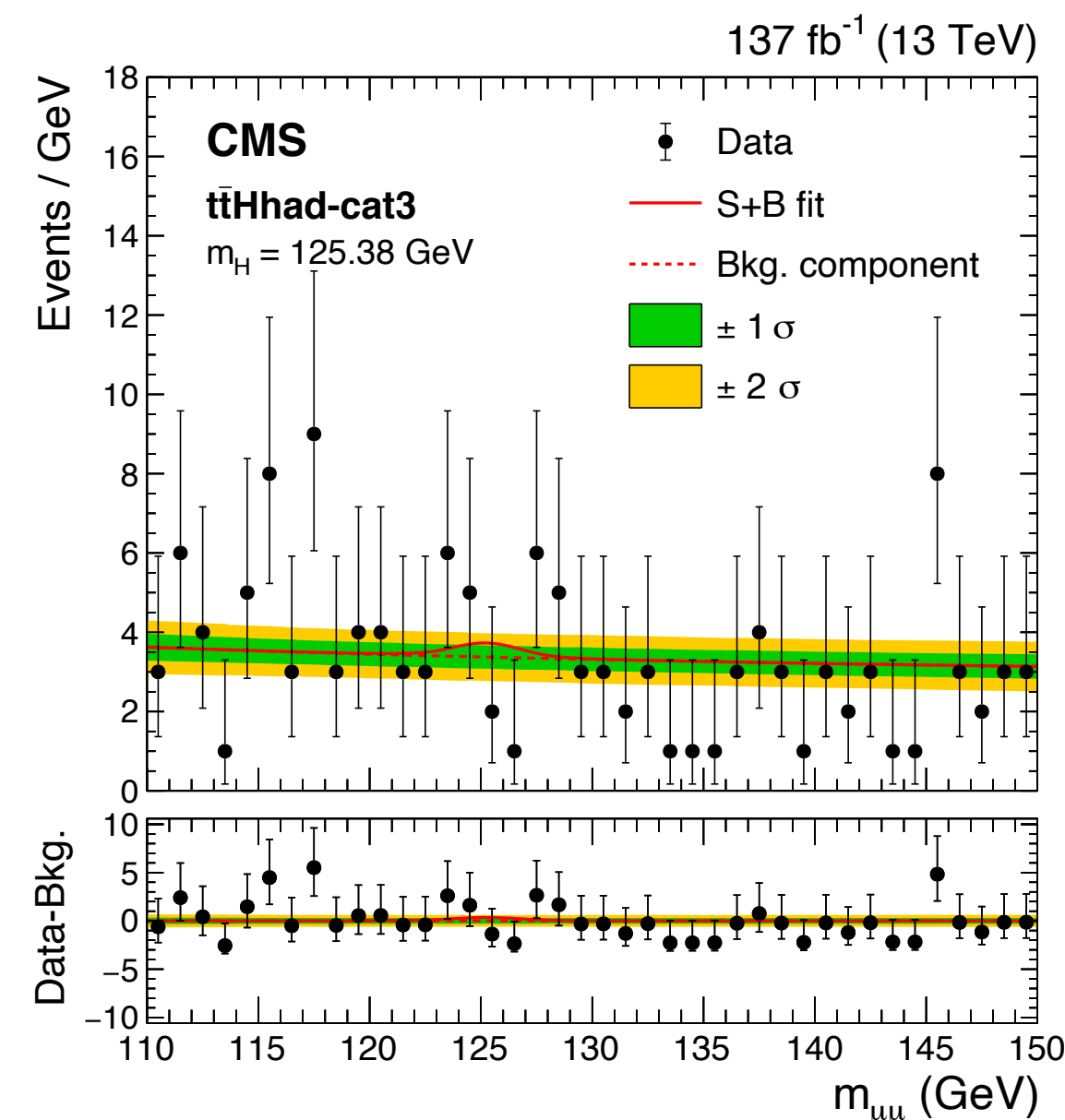
ttH mass distributions

Observable	ttH hadronic	ttH leptonic
Number of b quark jets	>0 medium or >1 loose b-tagged jets	
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	$100 < m_{jjj} < 300 \text{ GeV}$	—

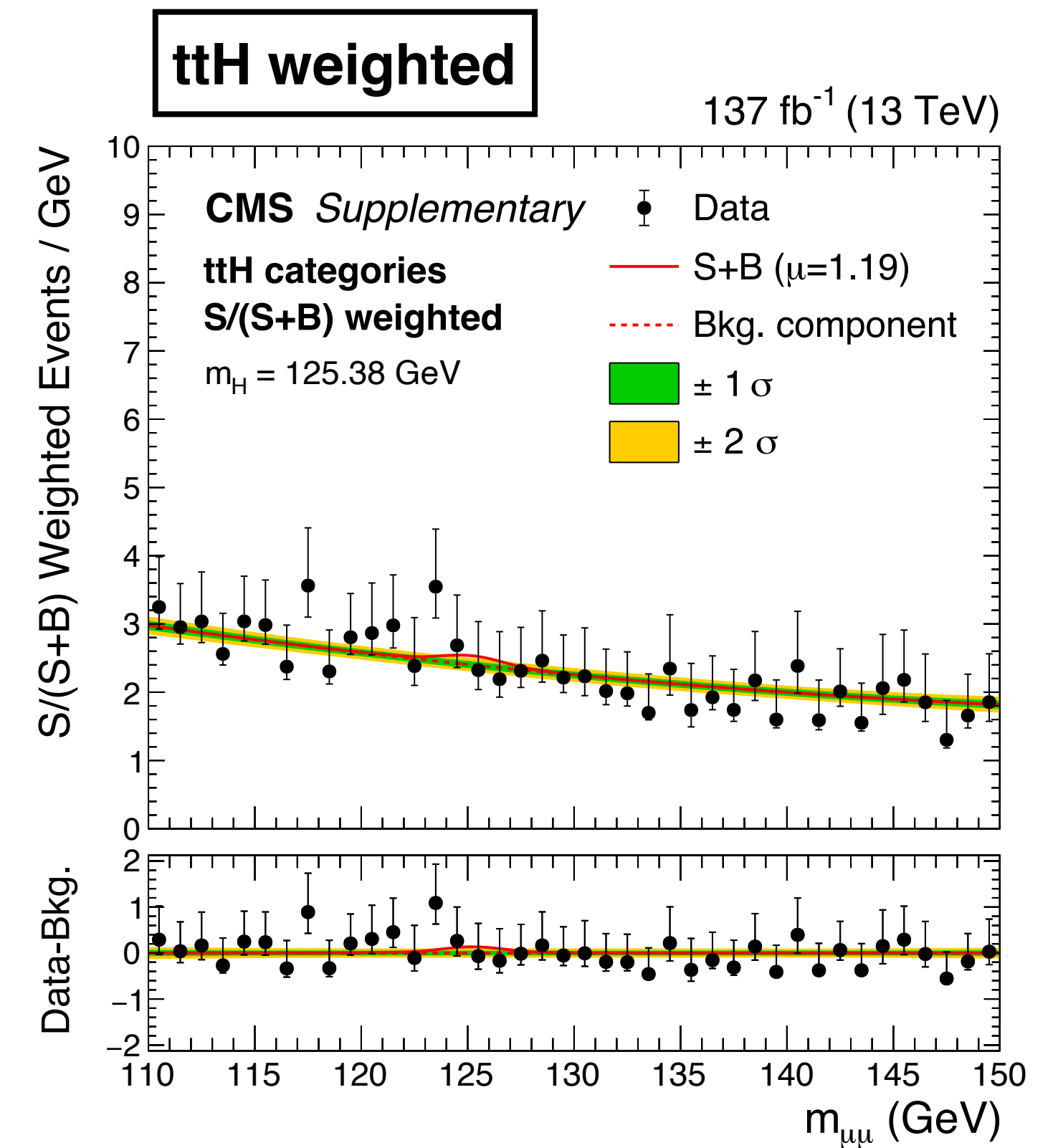
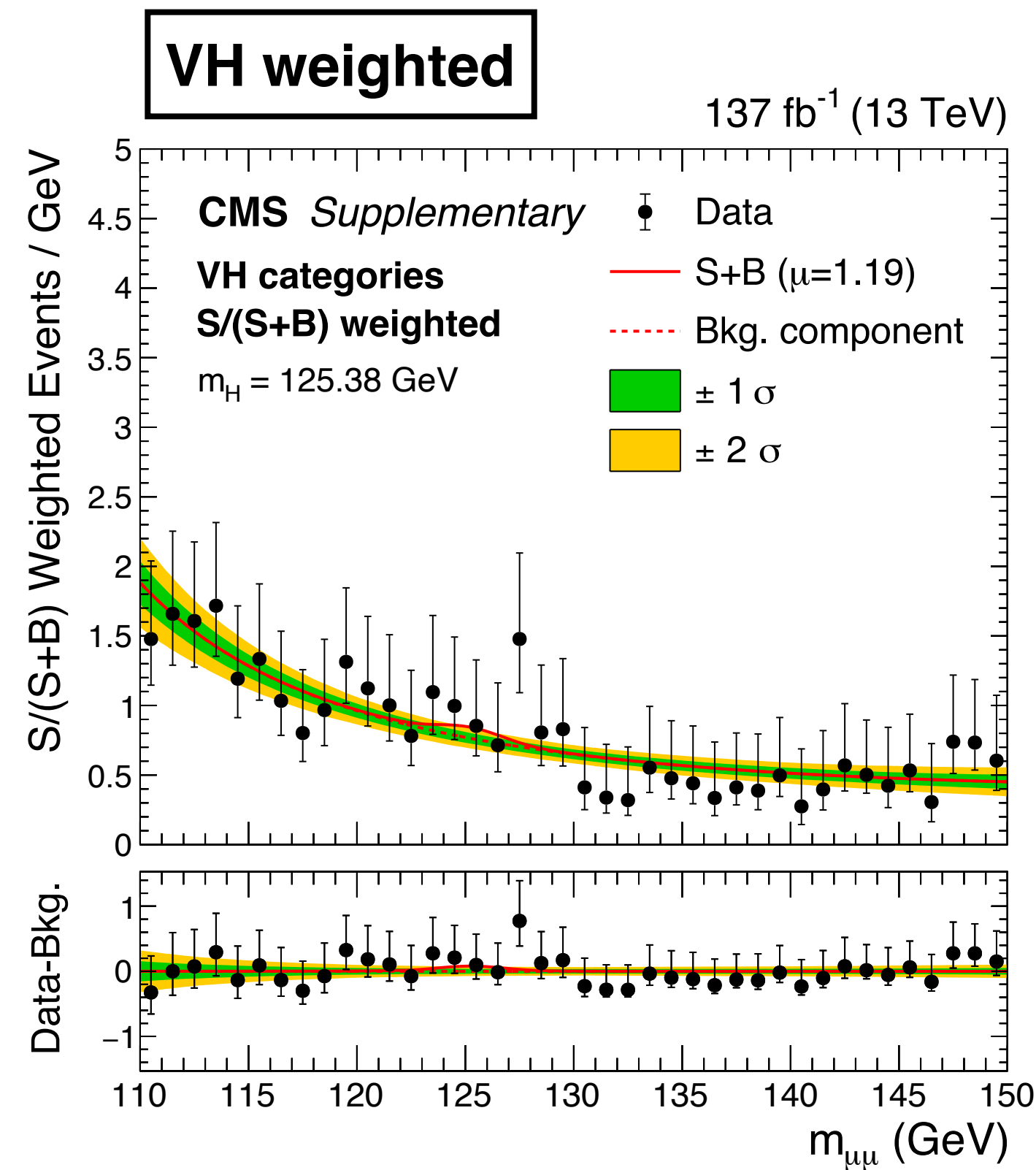
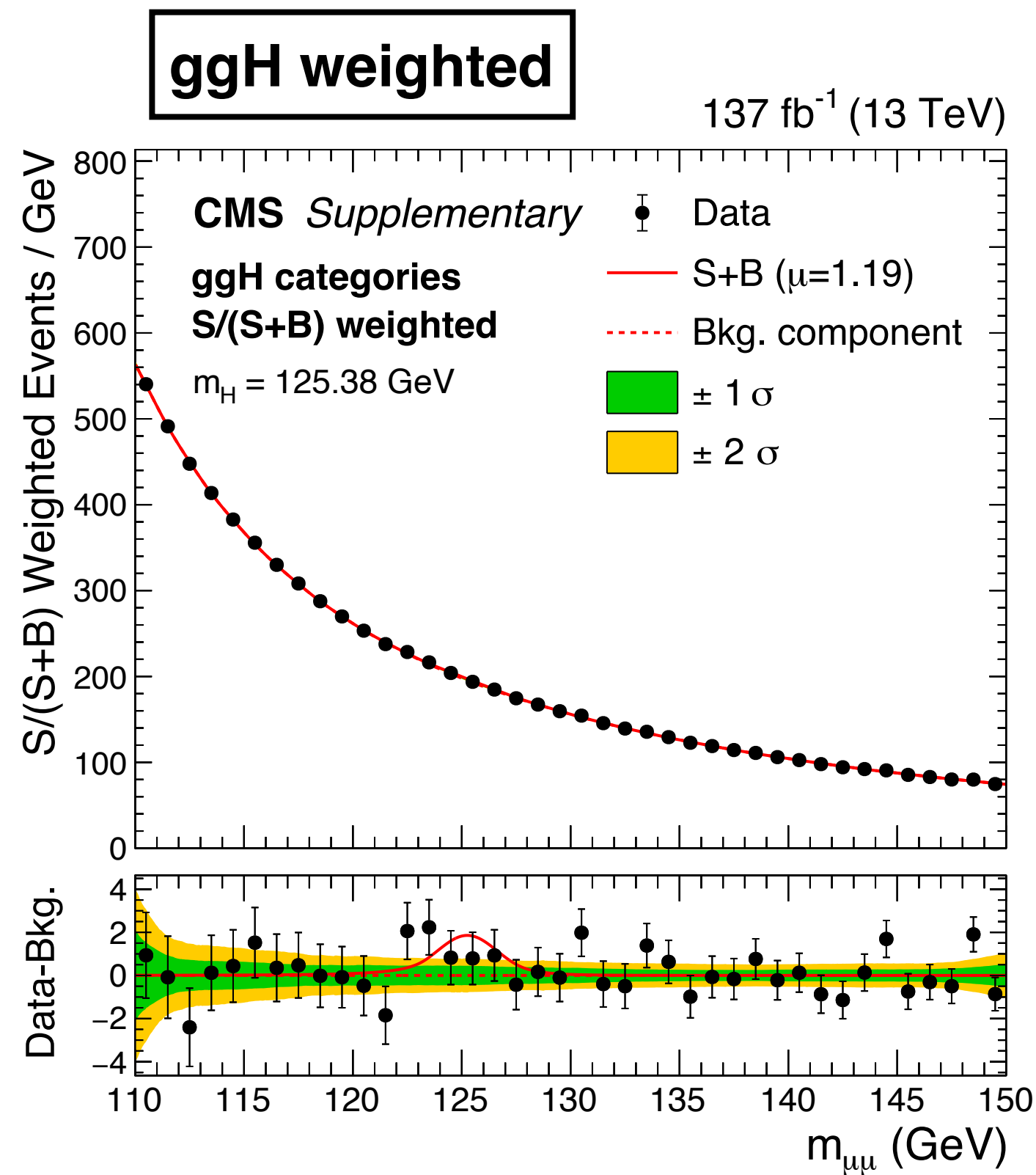


Background model

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



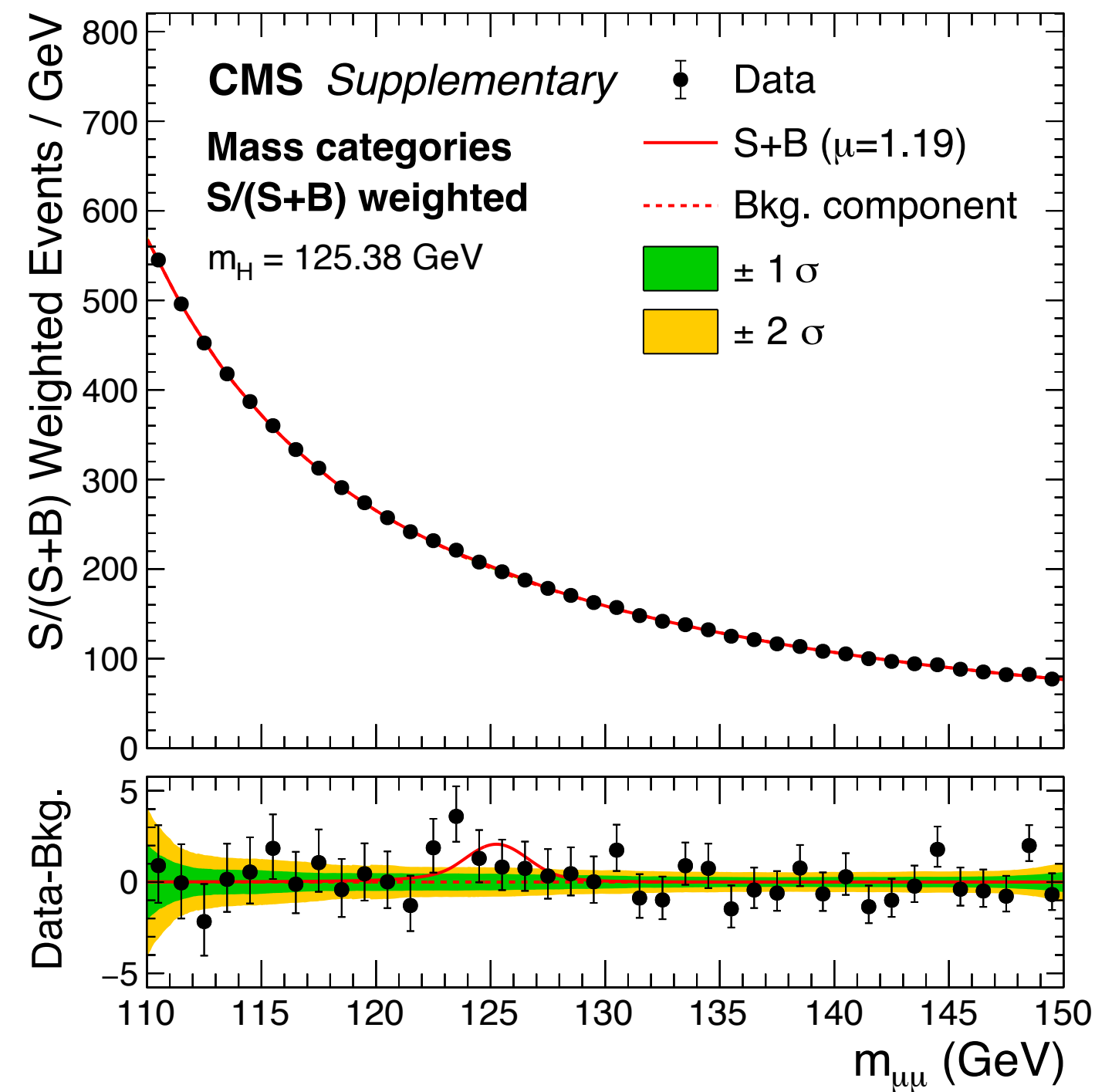
S/(S+B) weighted distributions



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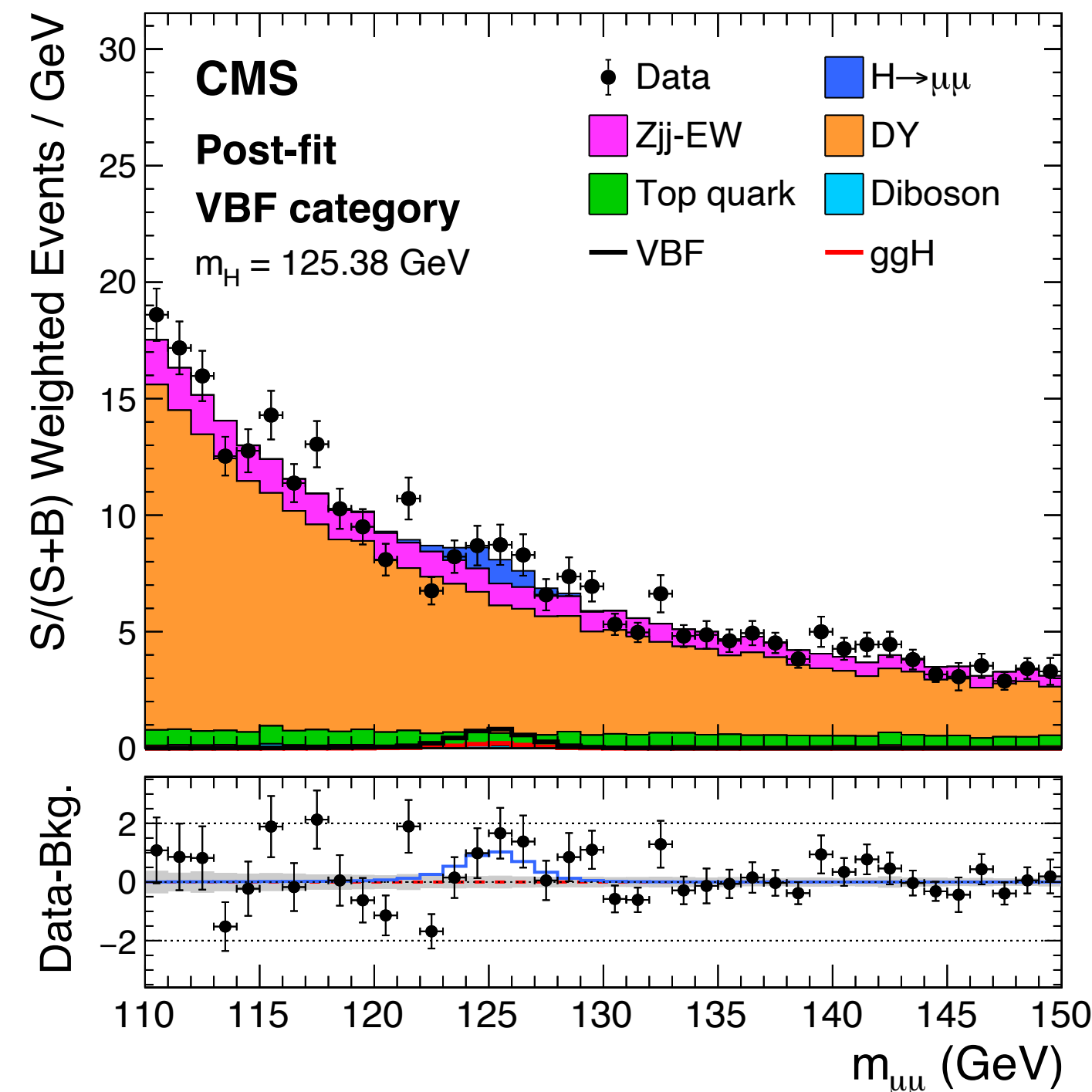
ggH+VH+ttH weighted

137 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



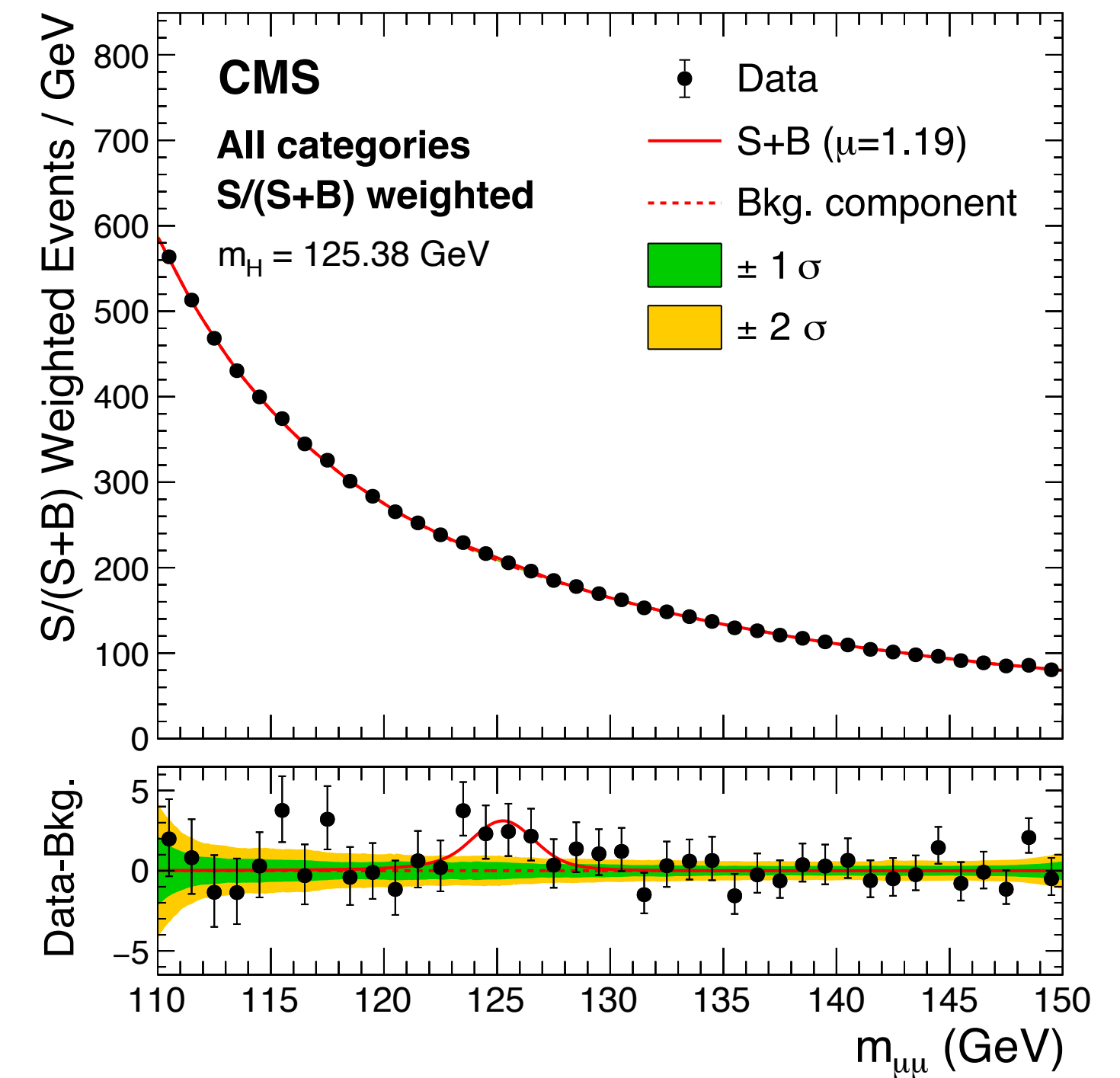
VBF weighted

137 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



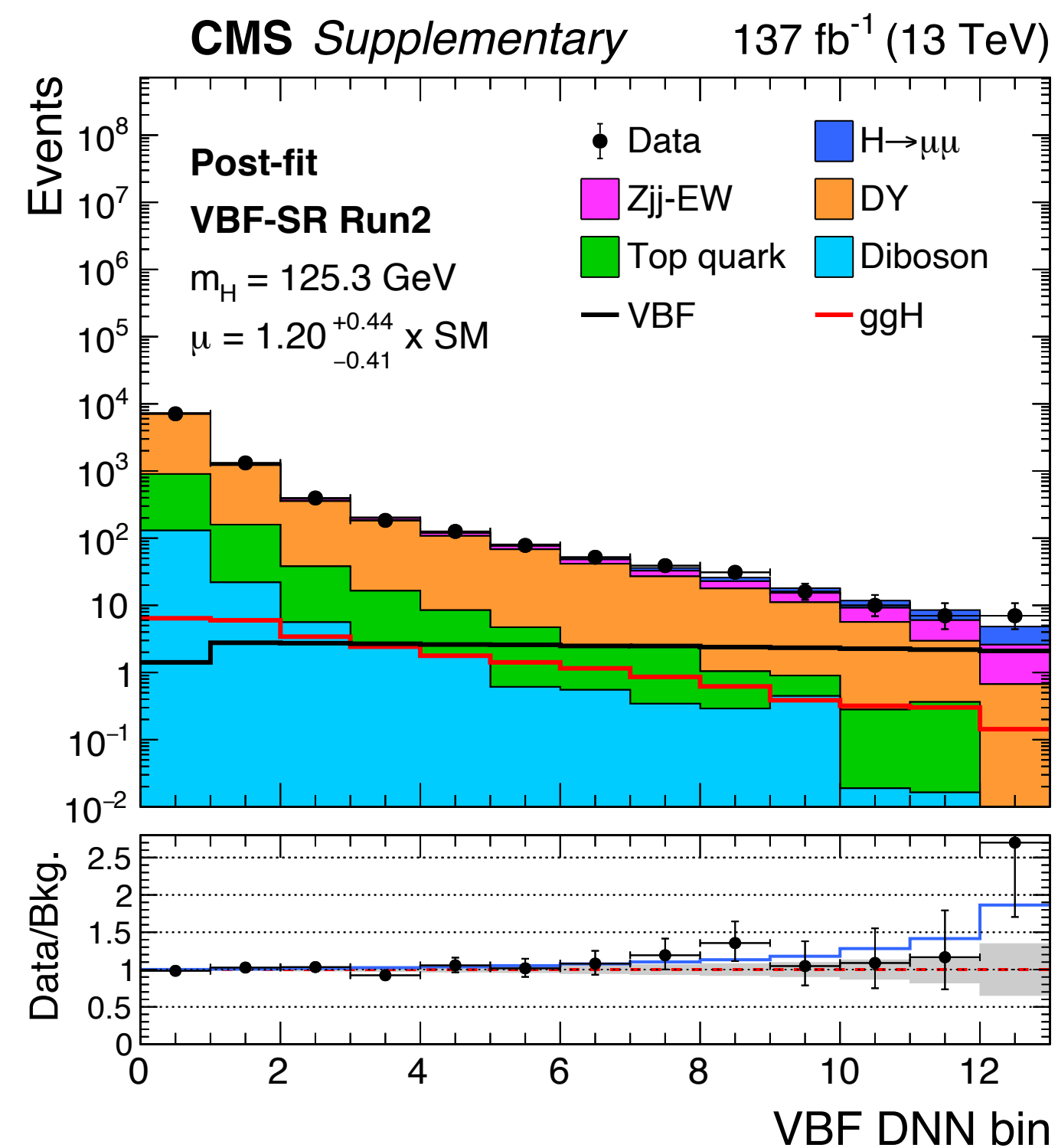
All categories

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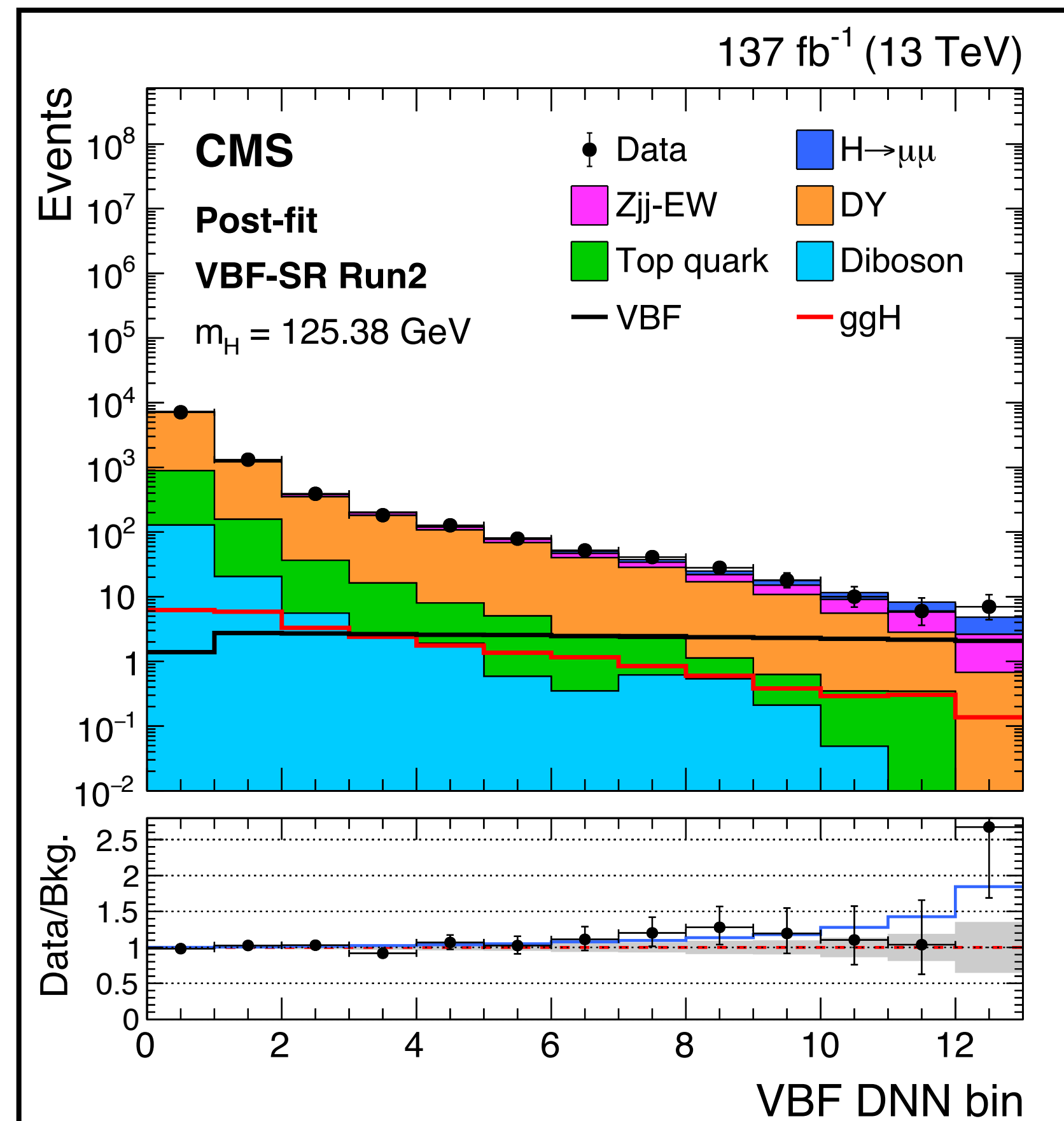


VBF DNN in SR vs m_H hypotheses

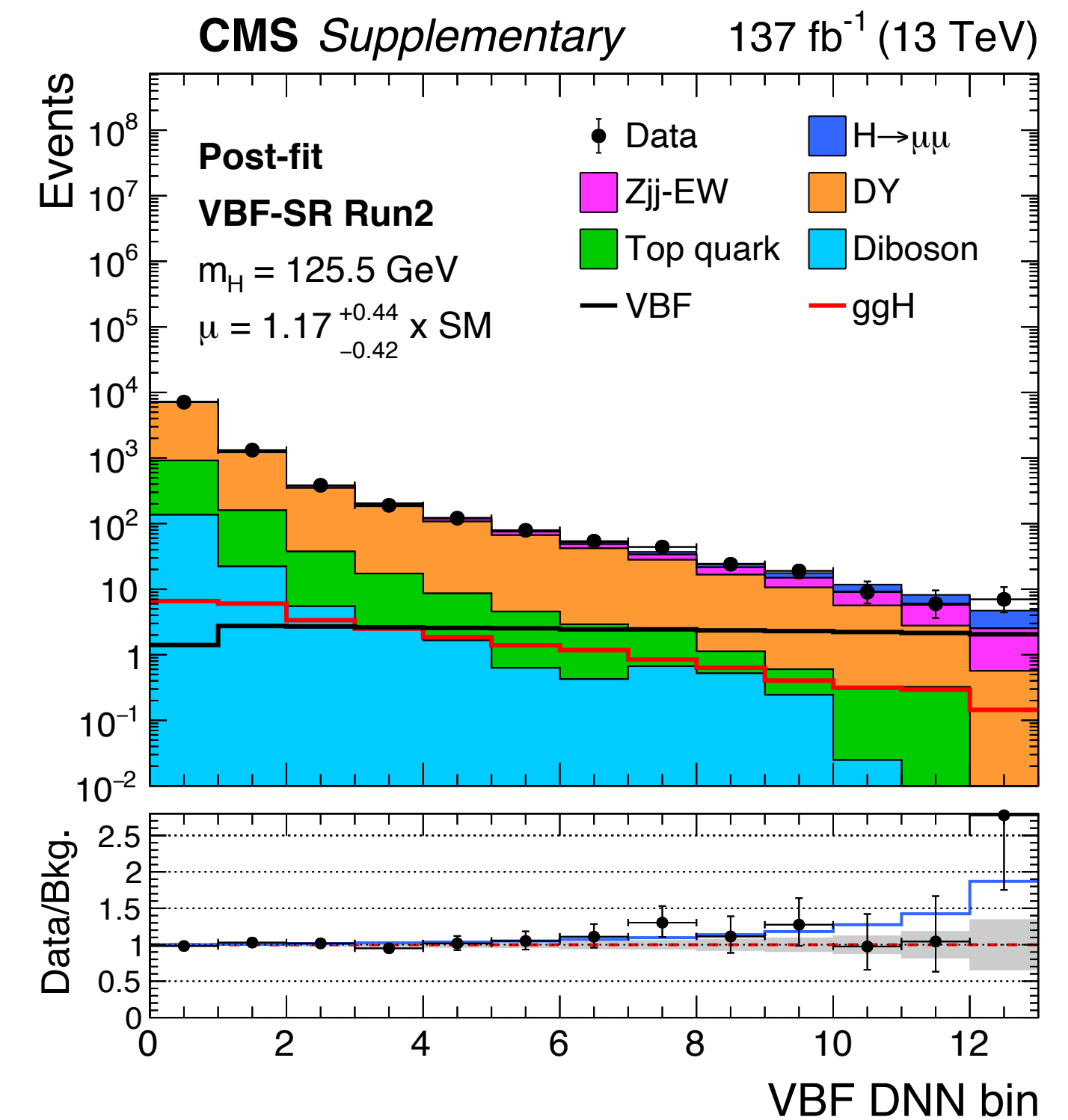
$m_H = 125.3$ GeV



$m_H = 125.38$ GeV

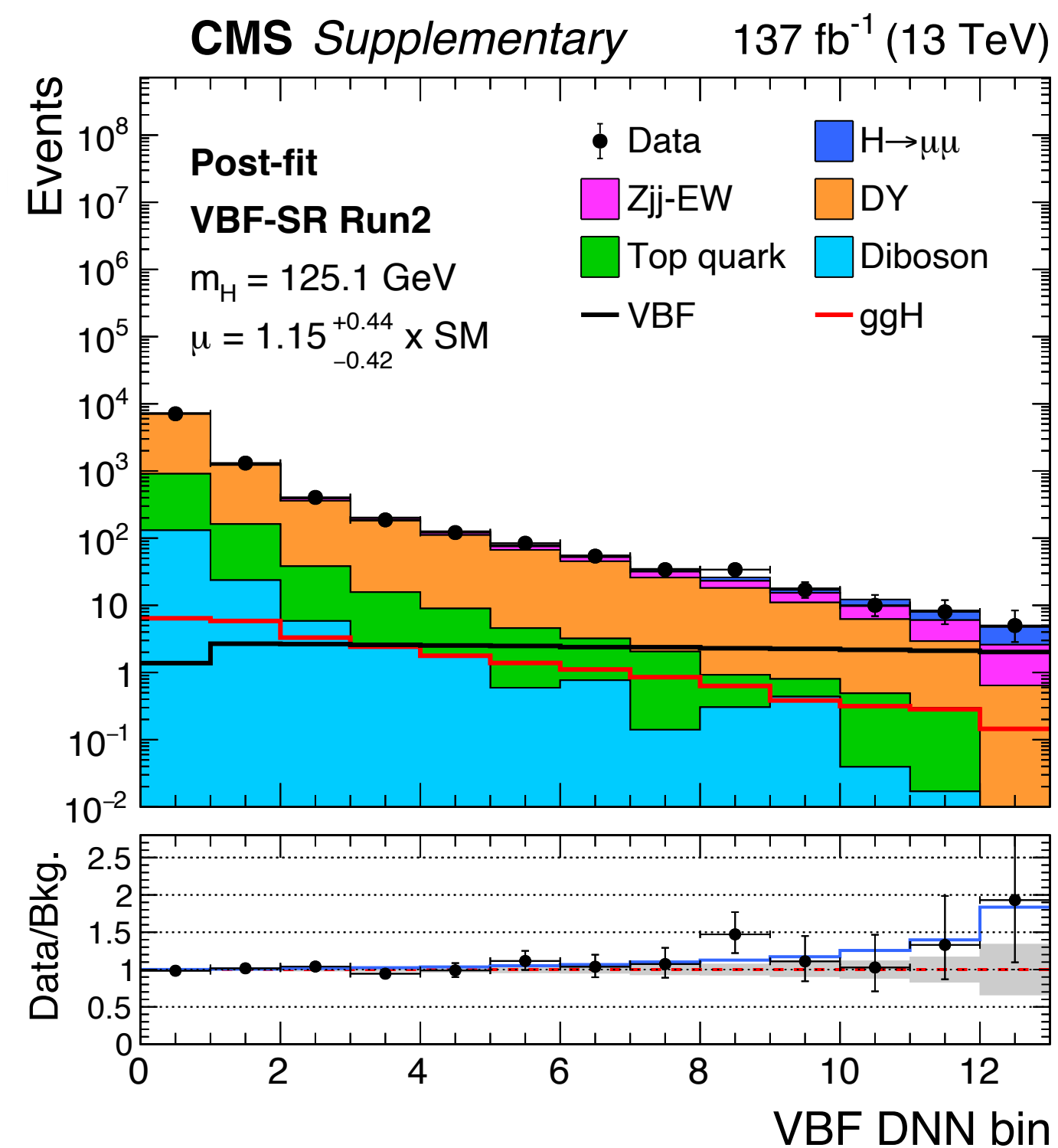


$m_H = 125.5$ GeV

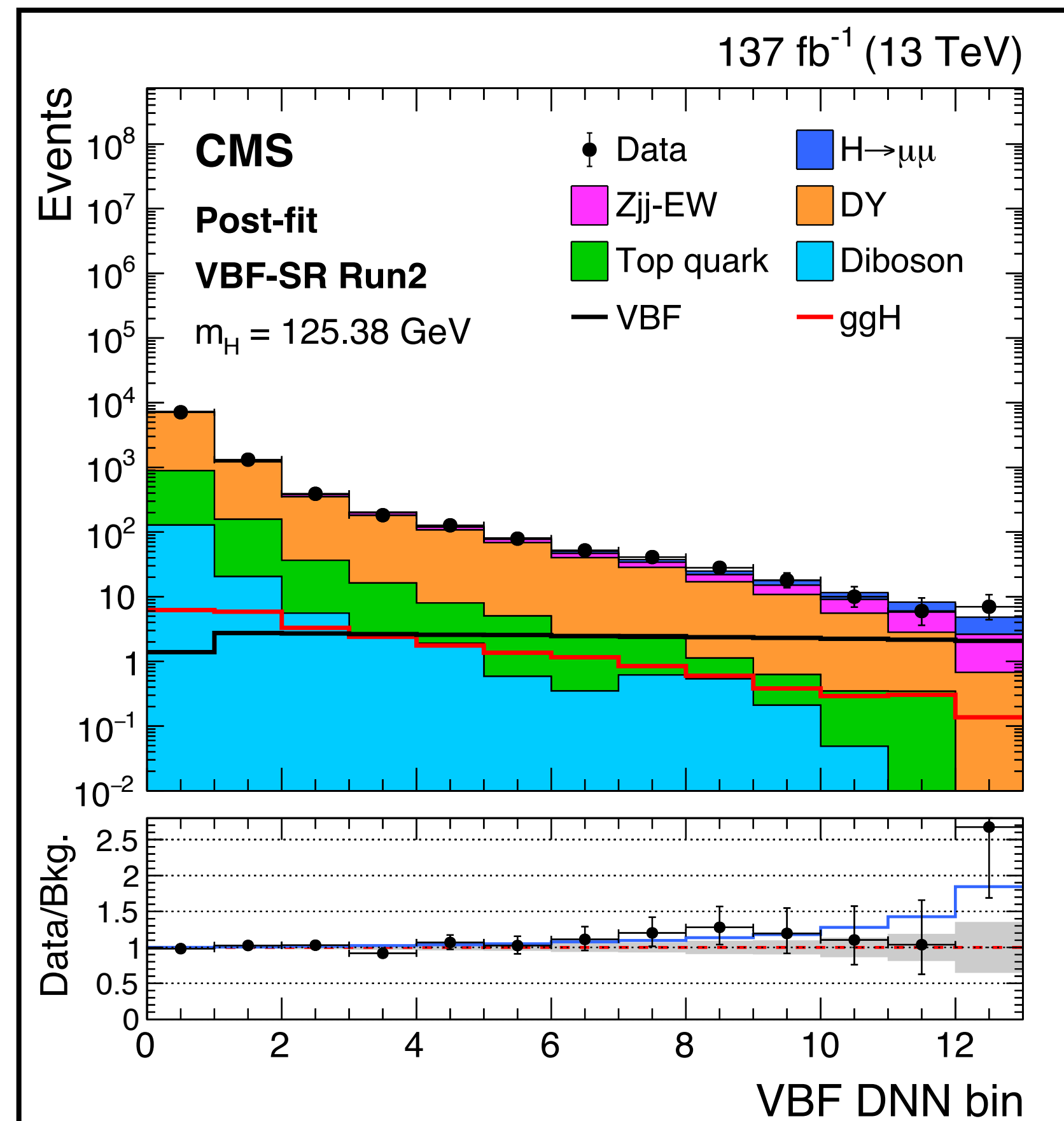


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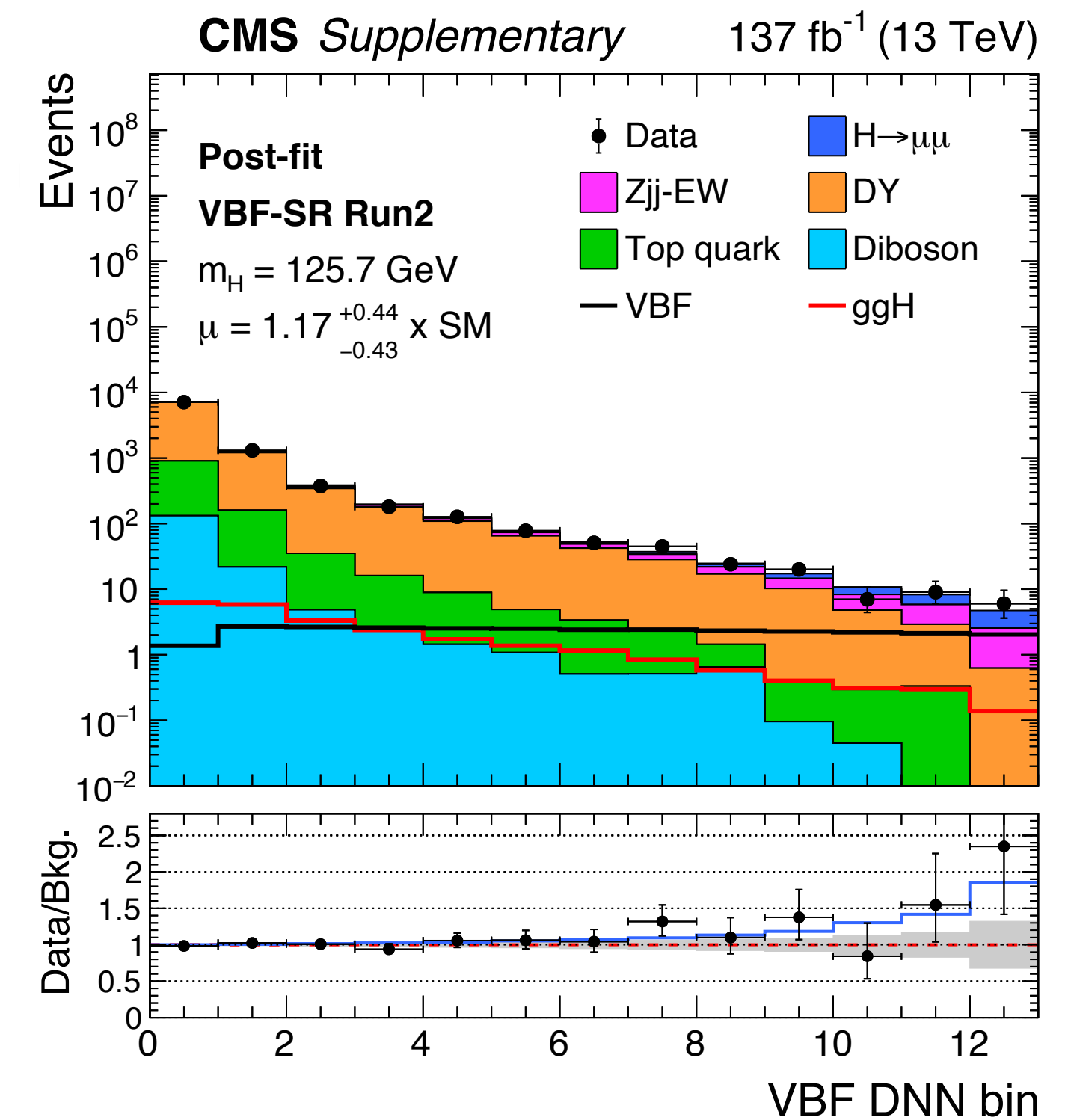
$m_H = 125.1$ GeV



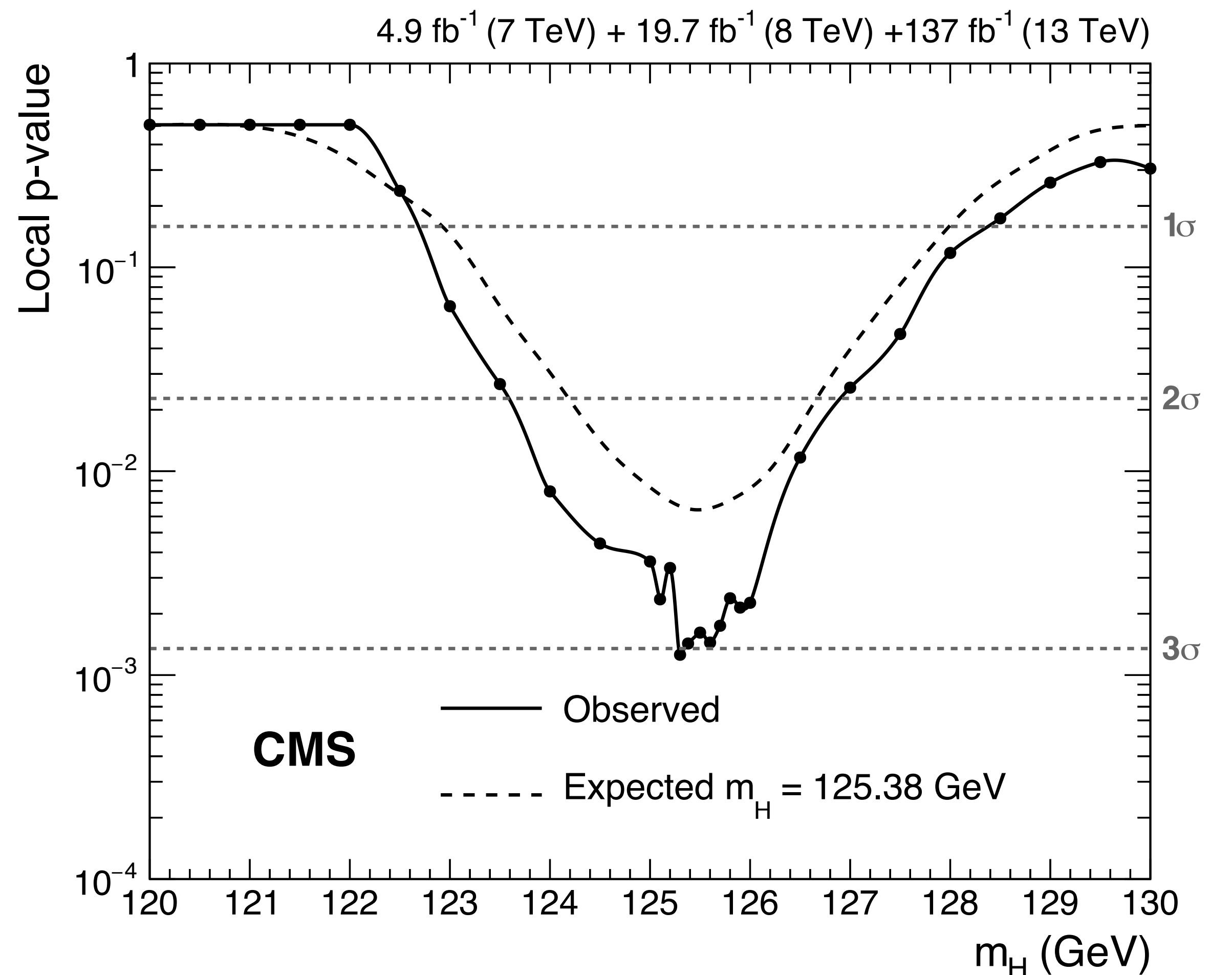
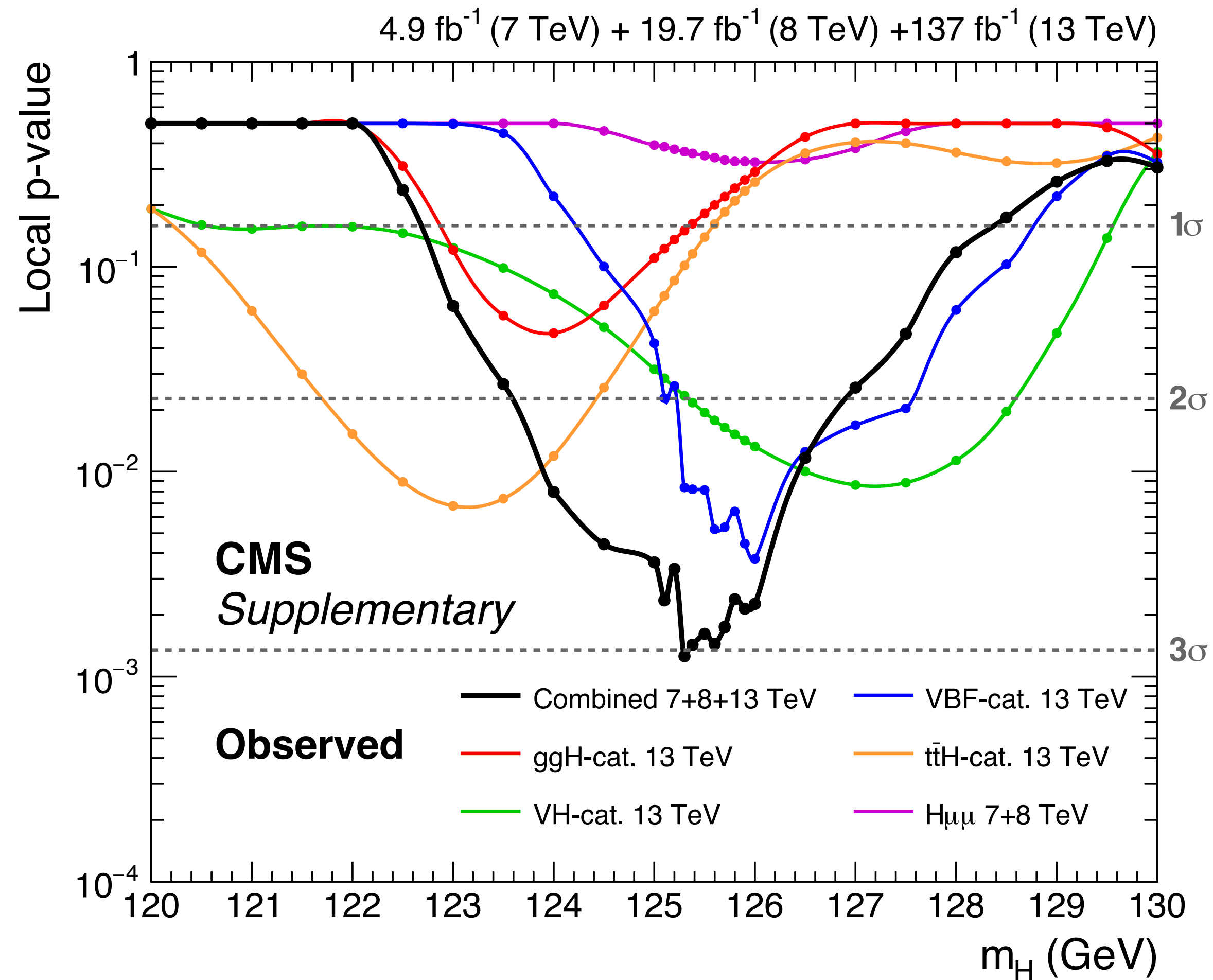
$m_H = 125.38$ GeV



$m_H = 125.7$ GeV

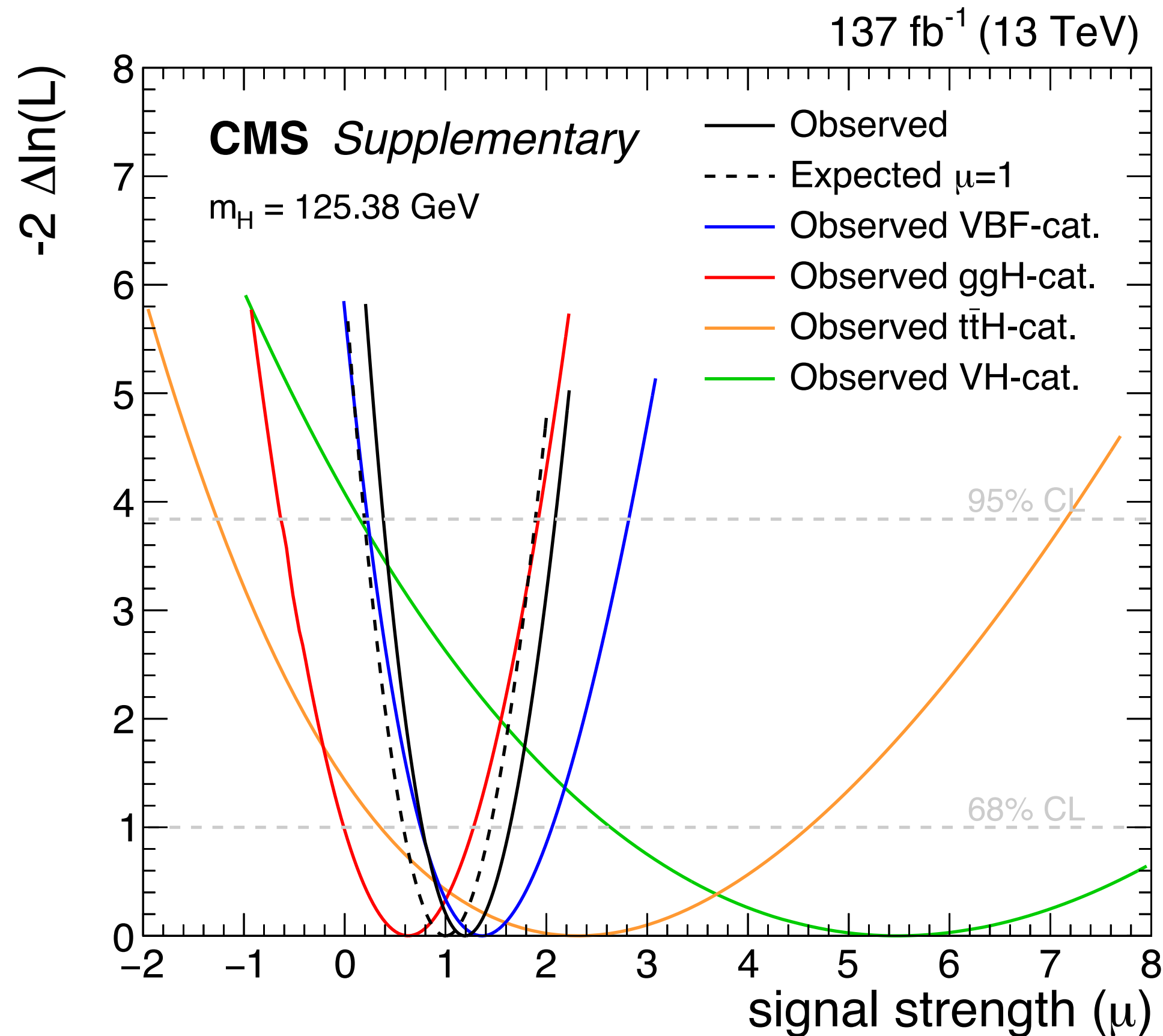


Run1+Run2 combination



H→μμ signal

Likelihood scans vs μ for $m_H = 125.38$ GeV

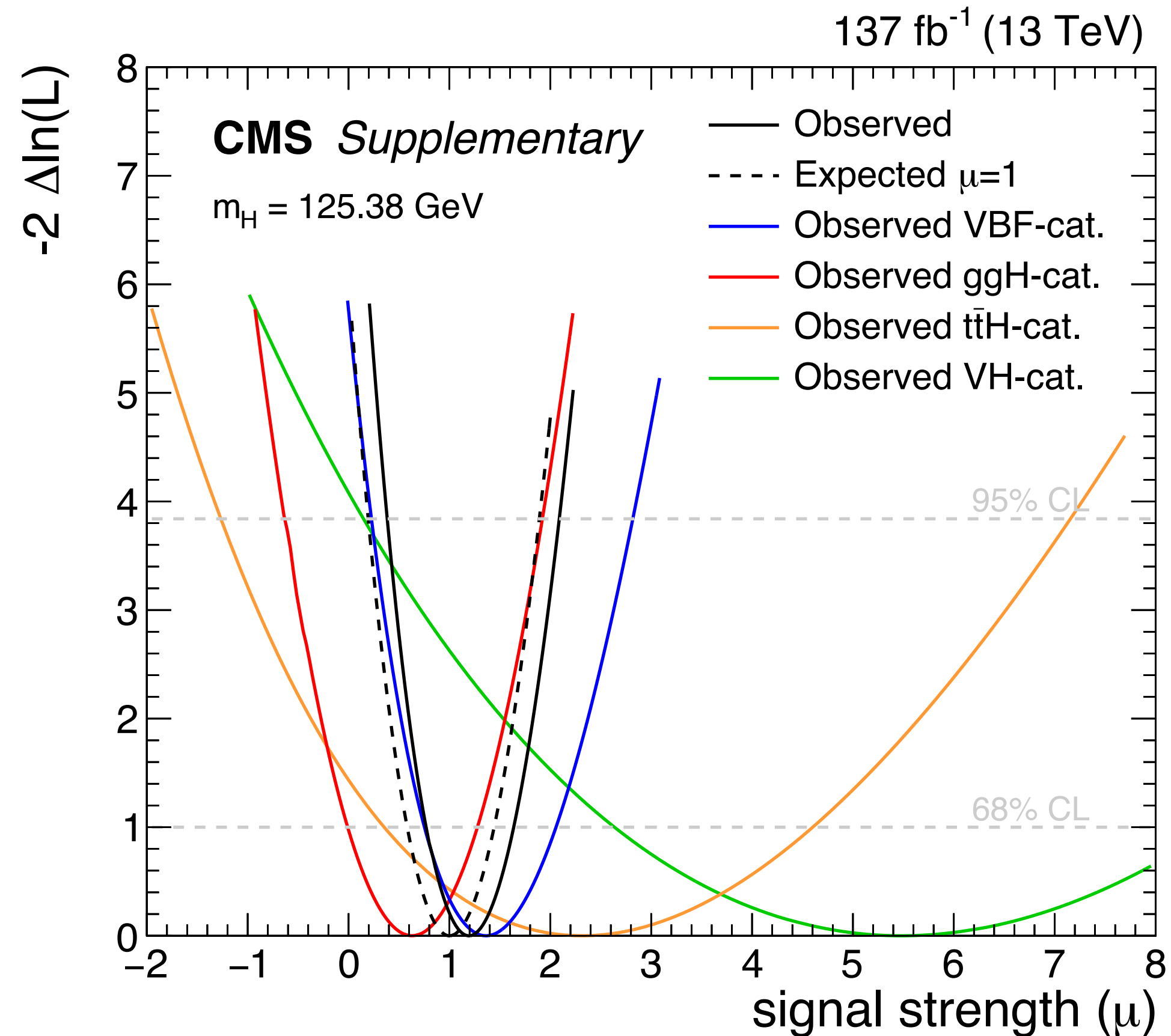


Best fit $\mu = 1.19^{+0.44}_{-0.42}$ → via partial likelihood scans the post-fit uncertainty is breakdown into statistical and systematics

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

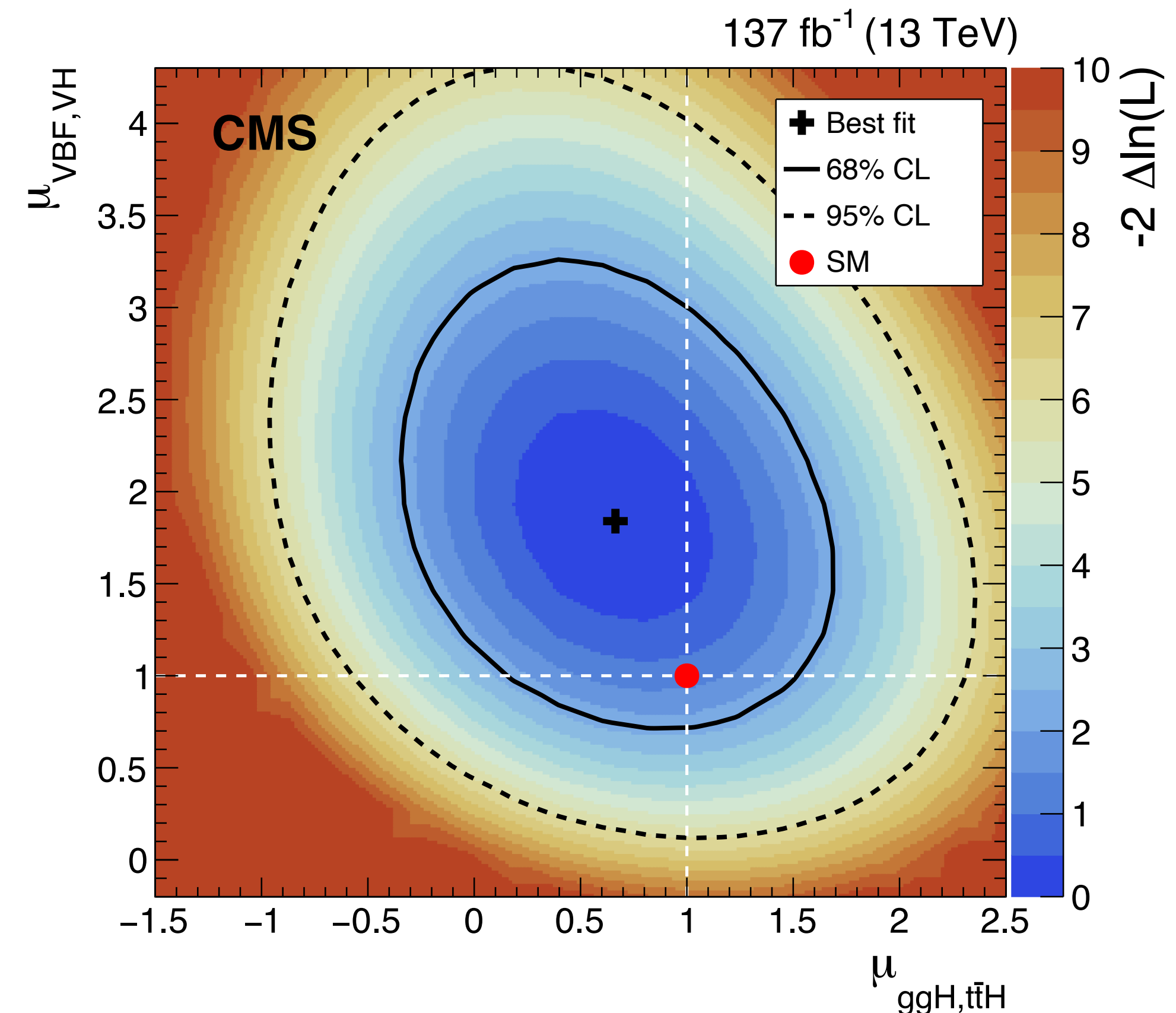
H→μμ signal

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)



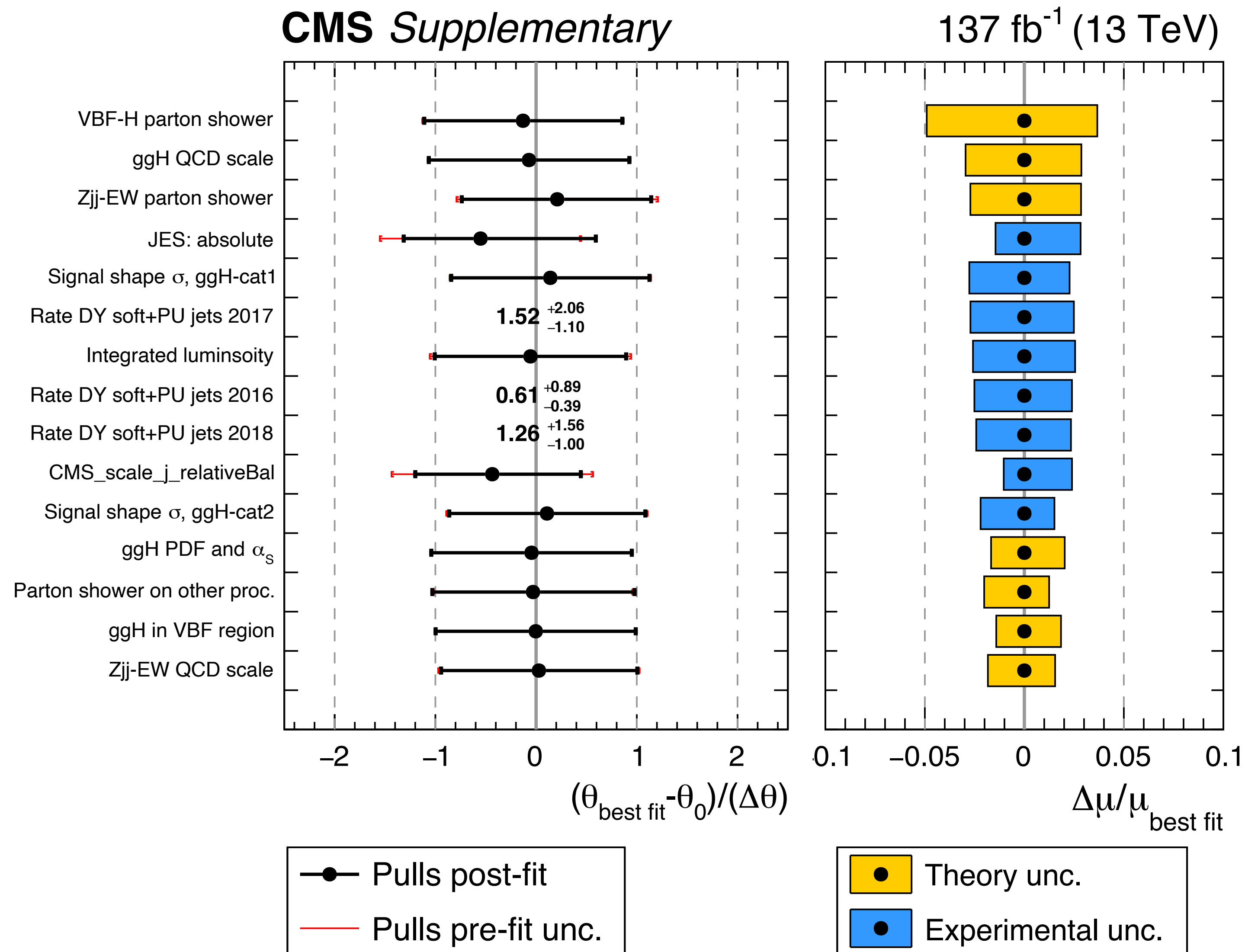
Simulated samples and cross sections

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

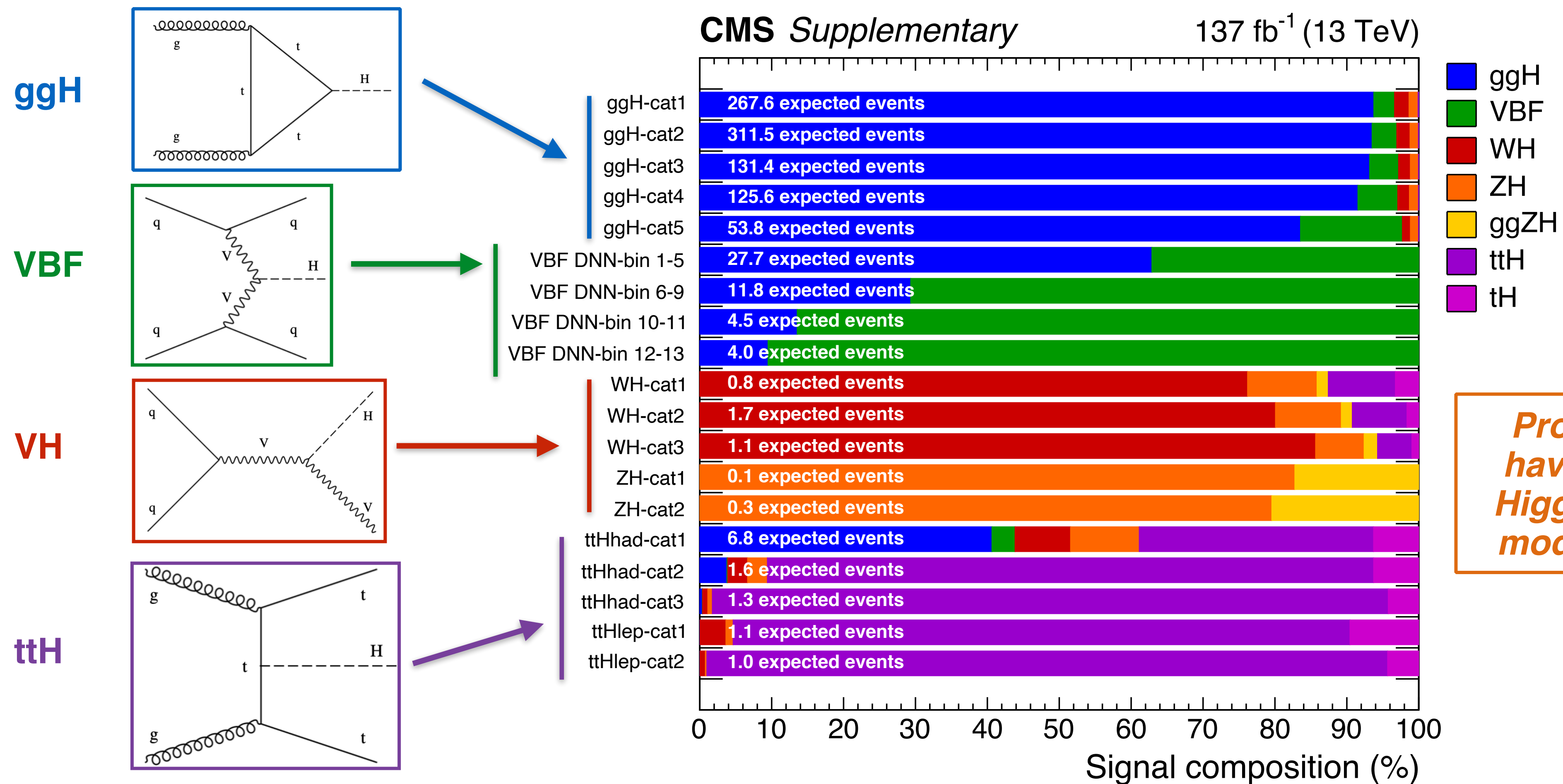
Source of uncertainty	Categories and processes	Type	Correlation vs cat.	Correlation vs year
Experimental uncertainties				
Integrated luminosity	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Rate	Correlated	Partial
Muon efficiency	Sig. in all cat., bkg. in VBF	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
Electron efficiency	Sig. in $t\bar{t}H$ 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
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$t\bar{t}H$ accept. from PDF	$t\bar{t}H$ in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
VH accept. from PDF	VH in all cat.	Rate	Correlated	Correlated
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
μ_R and μ_F for Zjj-EW	VBF cat.	Shape	Correlated	Correlated
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
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Size of simulated samples	VBF cat.	Bin-by-bin	—	Uncorrelated

Systematic uncertainties: pulls and impacts



Summary of event categories

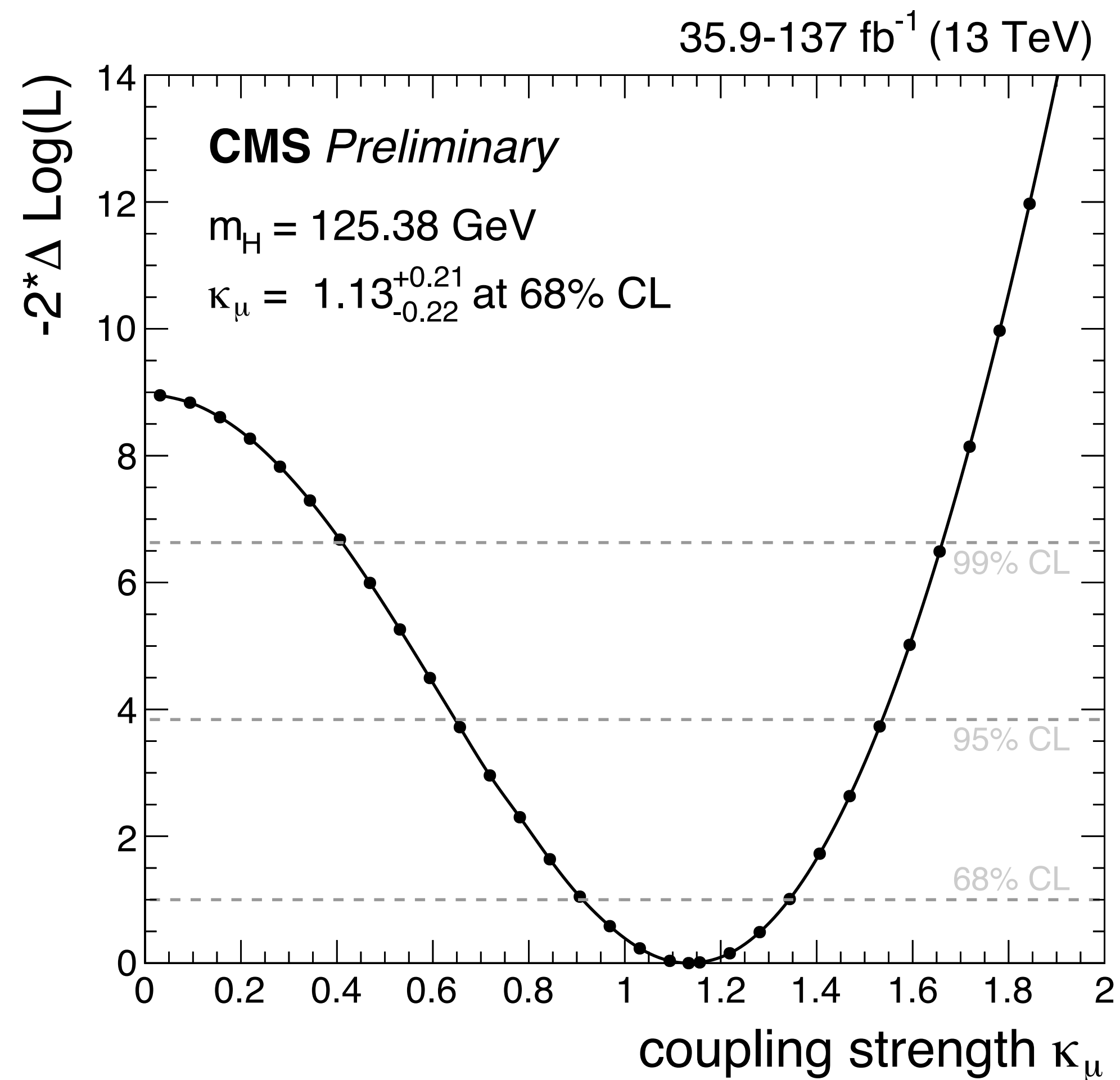
- $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ analysis divided in **exclusive production categories** targeting ggH, VBF, VH, and ttH modes
- Each of them is further **divided into subcategories** optimising the expected significance for $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays



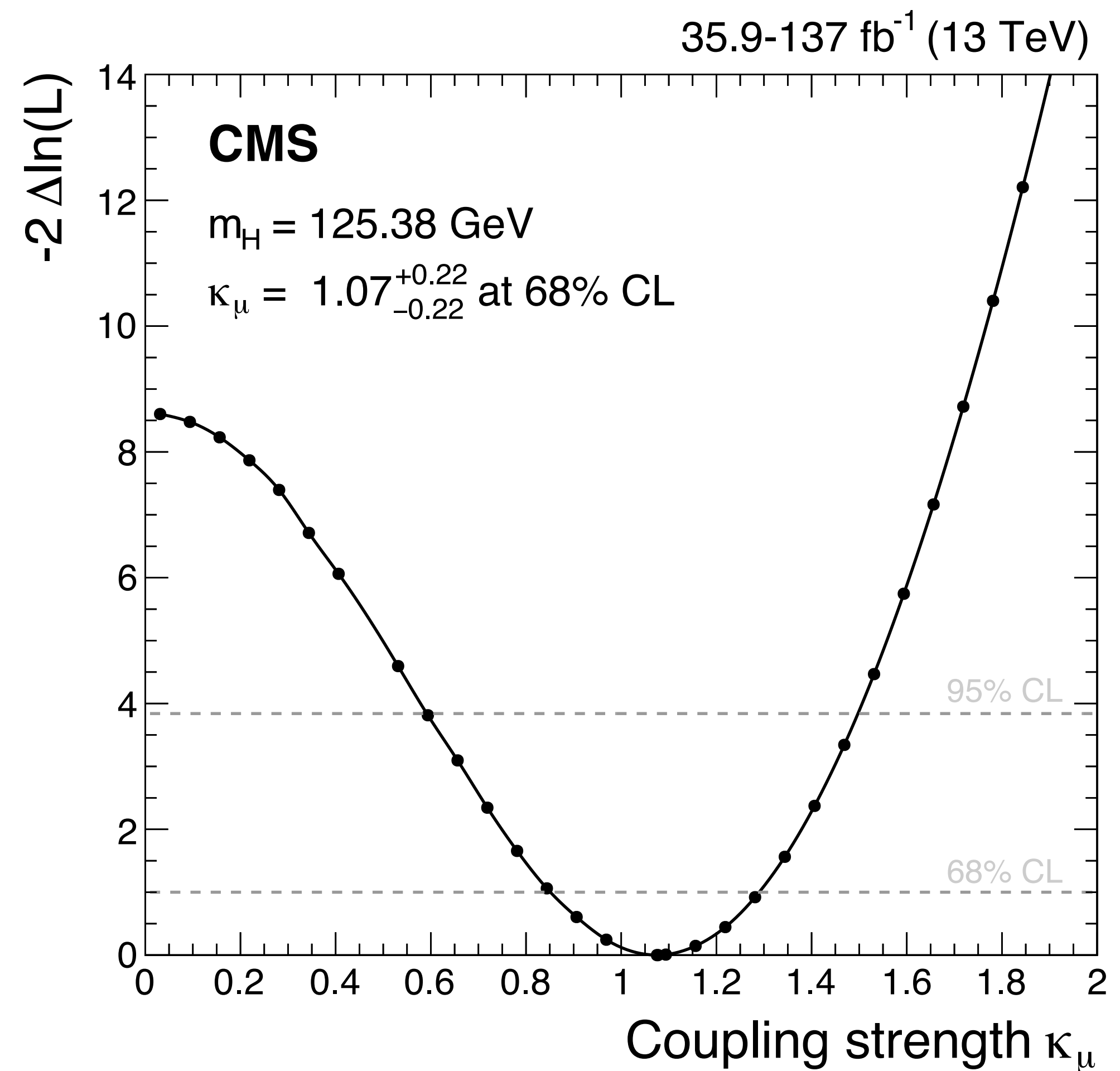
Production categories have good purity in the Higgs boson production mode they are targeting

Coupling fit

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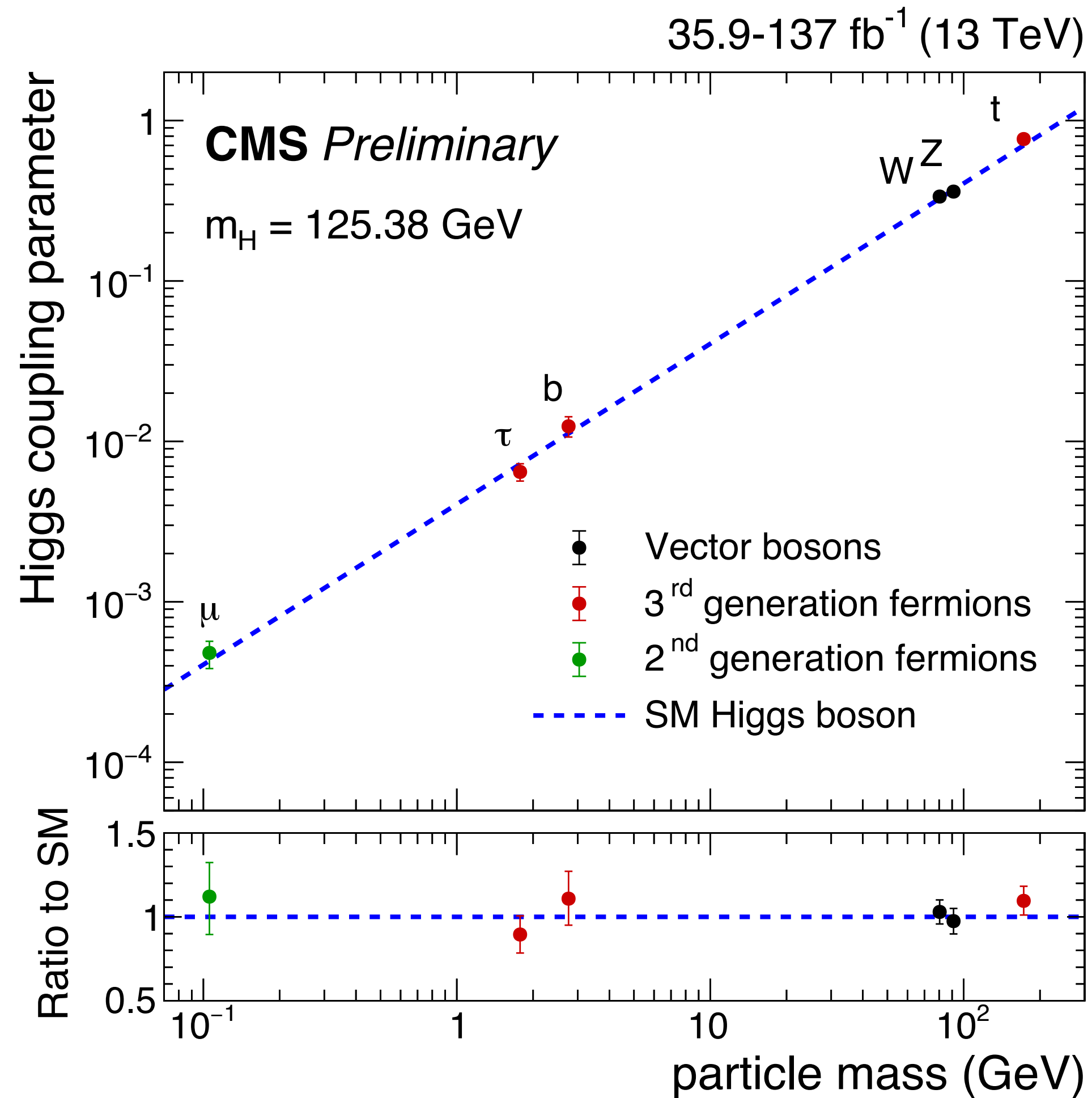


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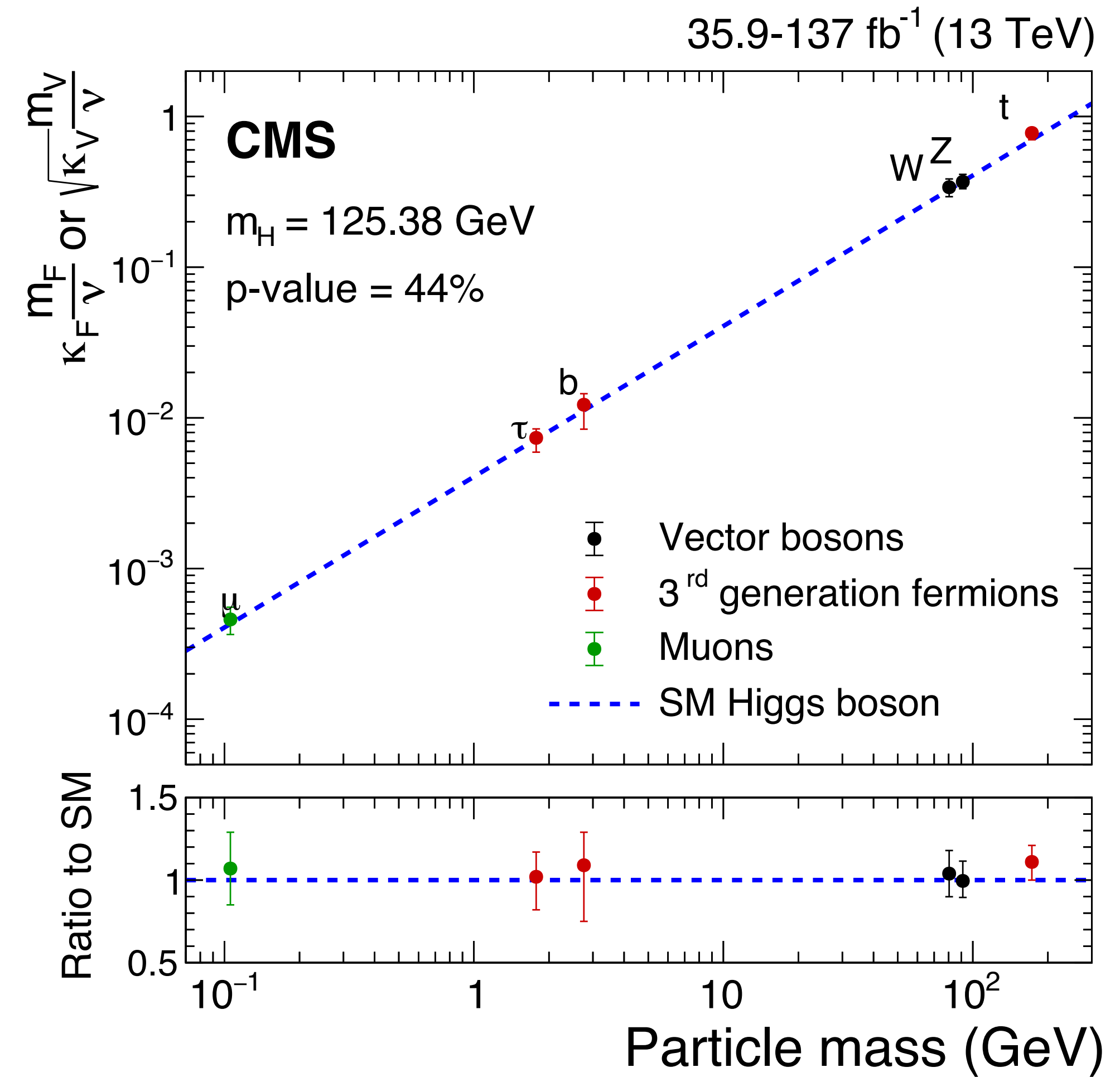


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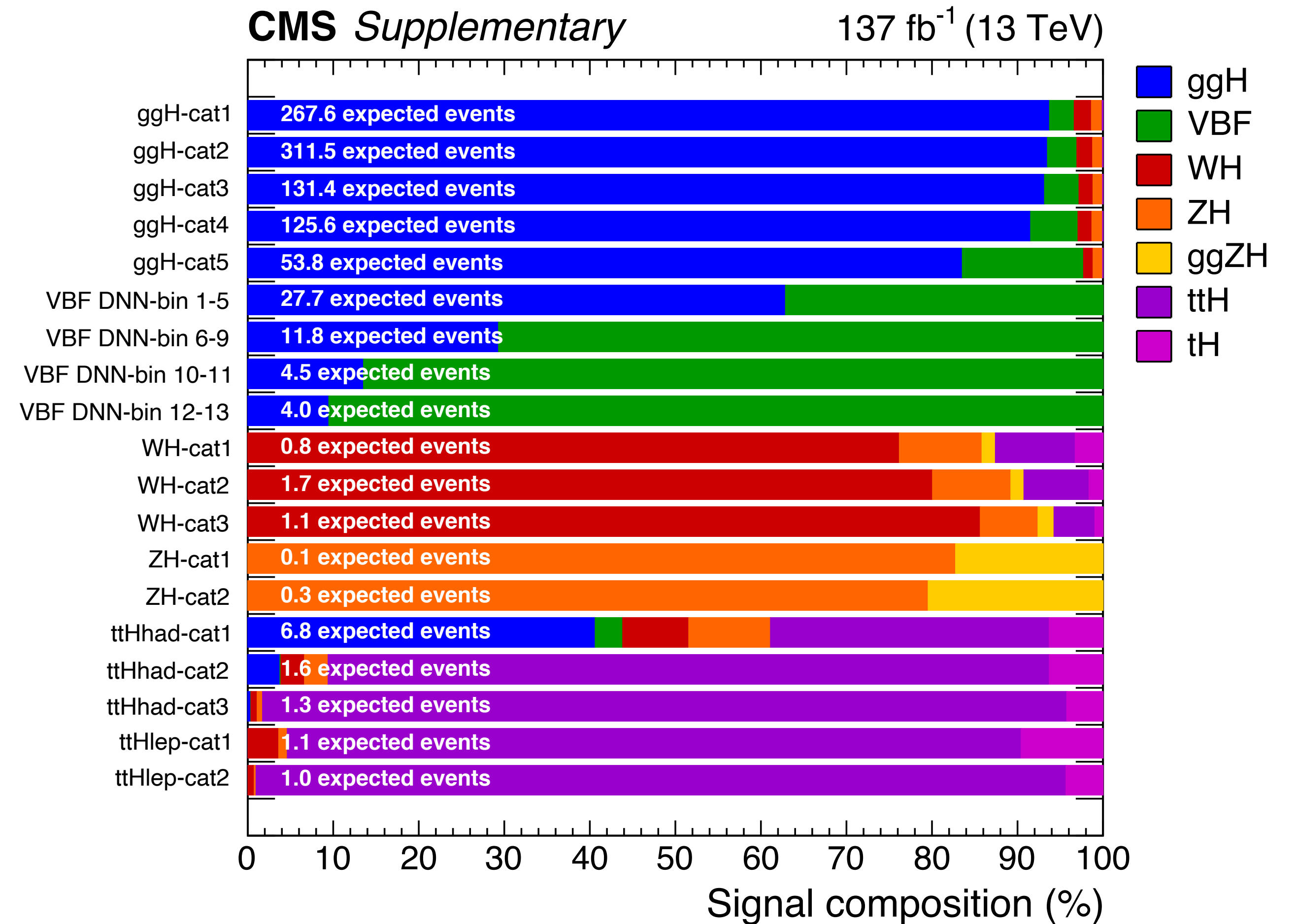
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ATLAS and CMS $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ result

ATLAS categories

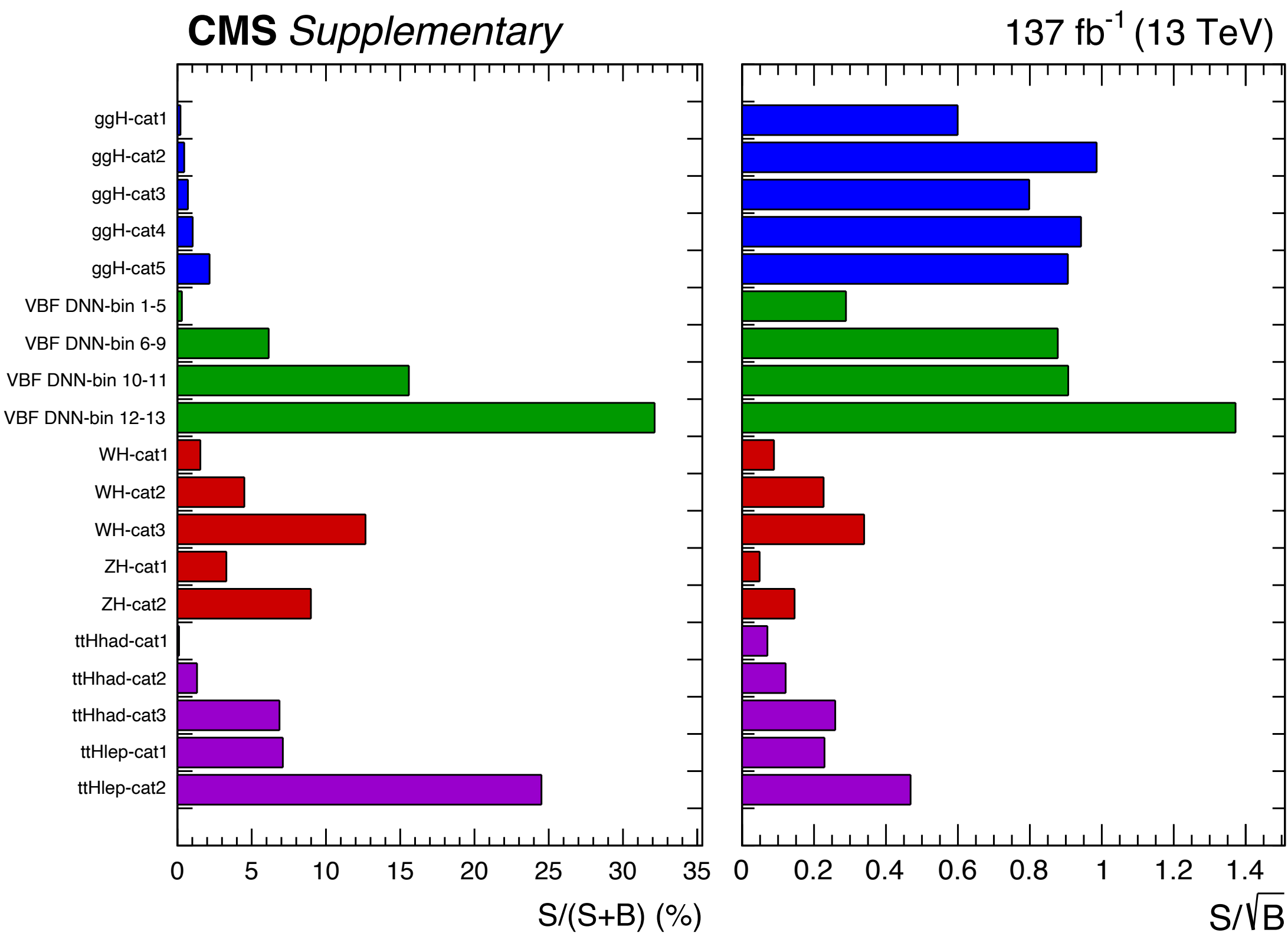
Category	ggF	VBF	WH	ZH	$t\bar{t}H$
VBF Very High	6.6%	93.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
VBF High	12.8%	87.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
VBF Medium	21.3%	78.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
VBF Low	34.8%	64.8%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%
2-jet Very High	82.0%	15.7%	1.2%	1.0%	0.2%
2-jet High	79.3%	16.0%	2.7%	1.8%	0.3%
2-jet Medium	80.7%	10.4%	5.4%	3.0%	0.5%
2-jet Low	78.2%	6.6%	8.8%	4.9%	1.5%
1-jet Very High	78.2%	21.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
1-jet High	88.2%	10.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.0%
1-jet Medium	91.4%	6.1%	1.6%	0.9%	0.0%
1-jet Low	92.4%	3.8%	2.6%	1.2%	0.0%
0-jet Very High	94.1%	2.5%	1.4%	2.0%	0.0%
0-jet High	98.3%	1.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%
0-jet Medium	99.1%	0.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
0-jet Low	99.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
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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ATLAS and CMS H→μμ result

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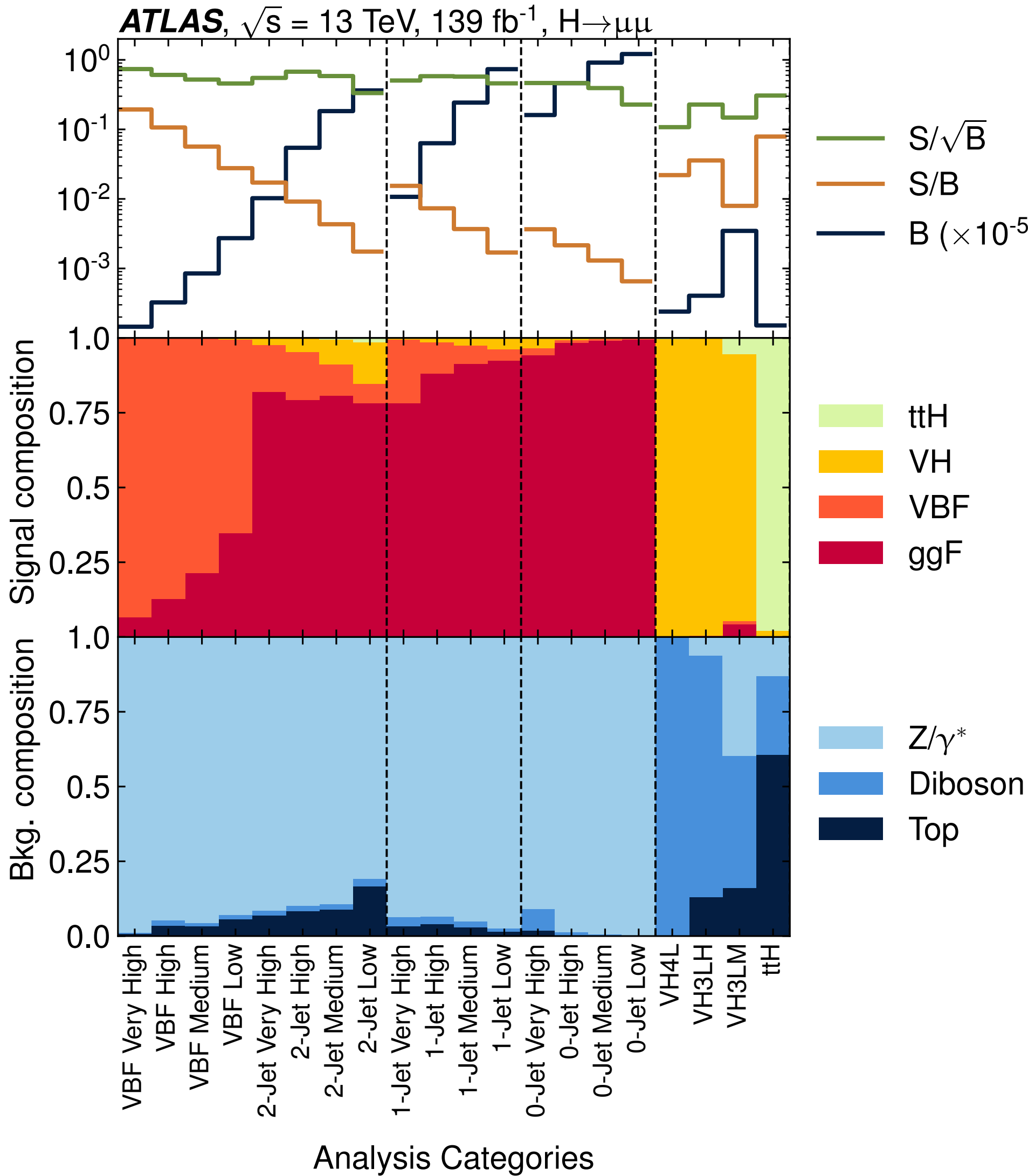
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VBF Low	284	7.5 ± 0.9	9 ± 4	273 ± 8	0.53	3.2	3.0
2-jet Very High	1030	17.6 ± 3.3	21 ± 10	1024 ± 22	0.63	2.0	3.1
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VH3LH	41	1.45 ± 0.14	1.7 ± 0.9	41 ± 5	0.27	4.2	3.1
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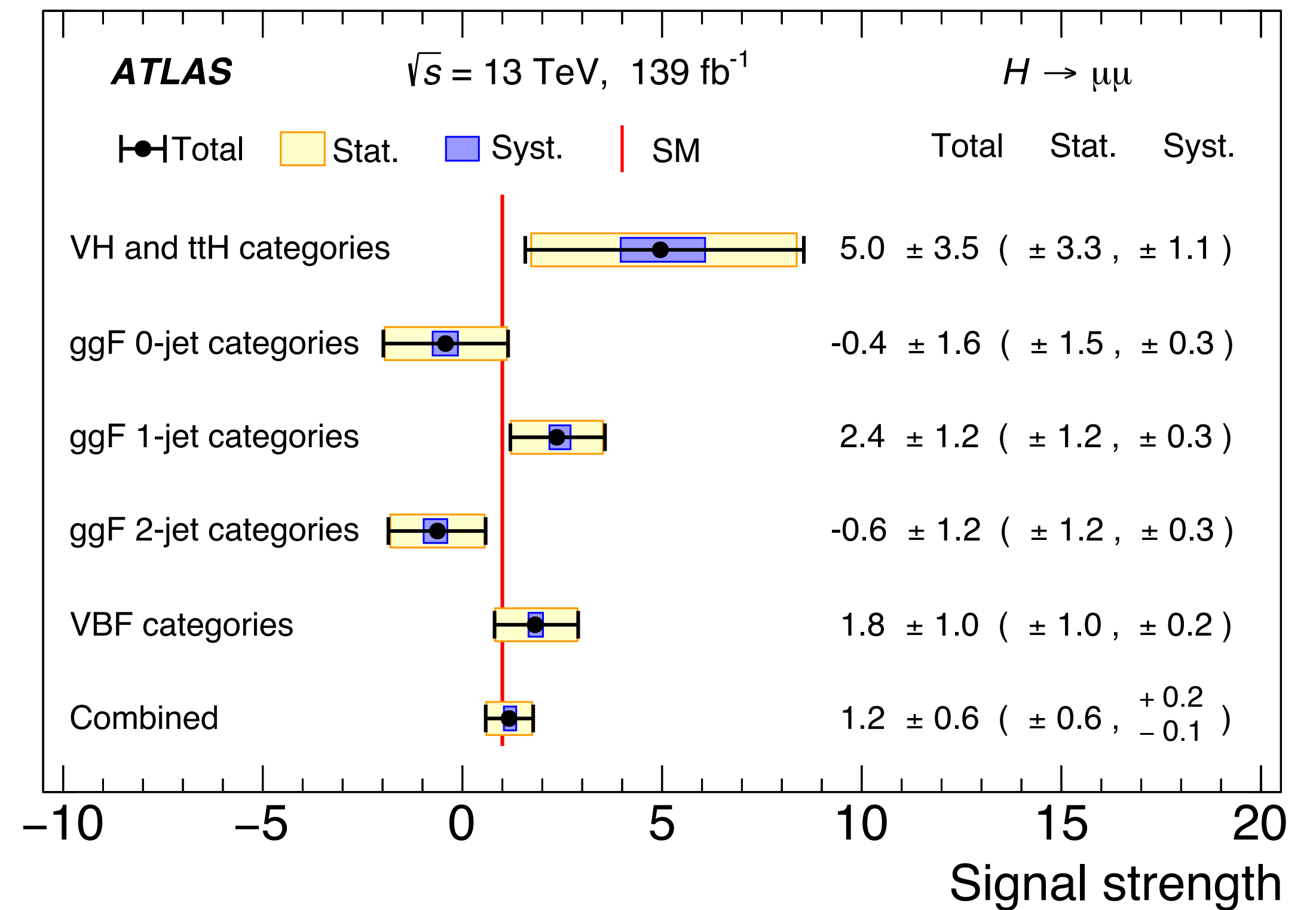
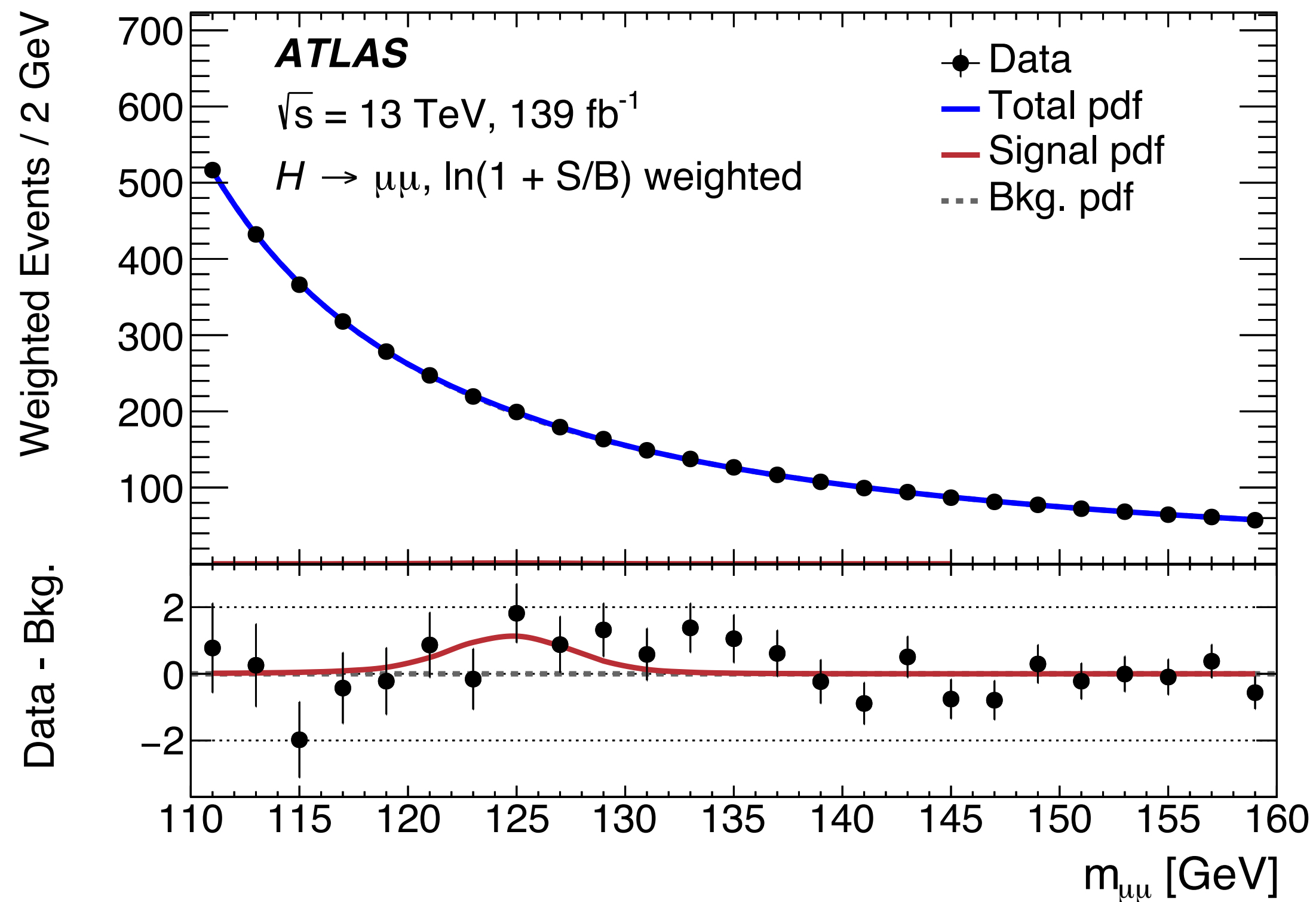
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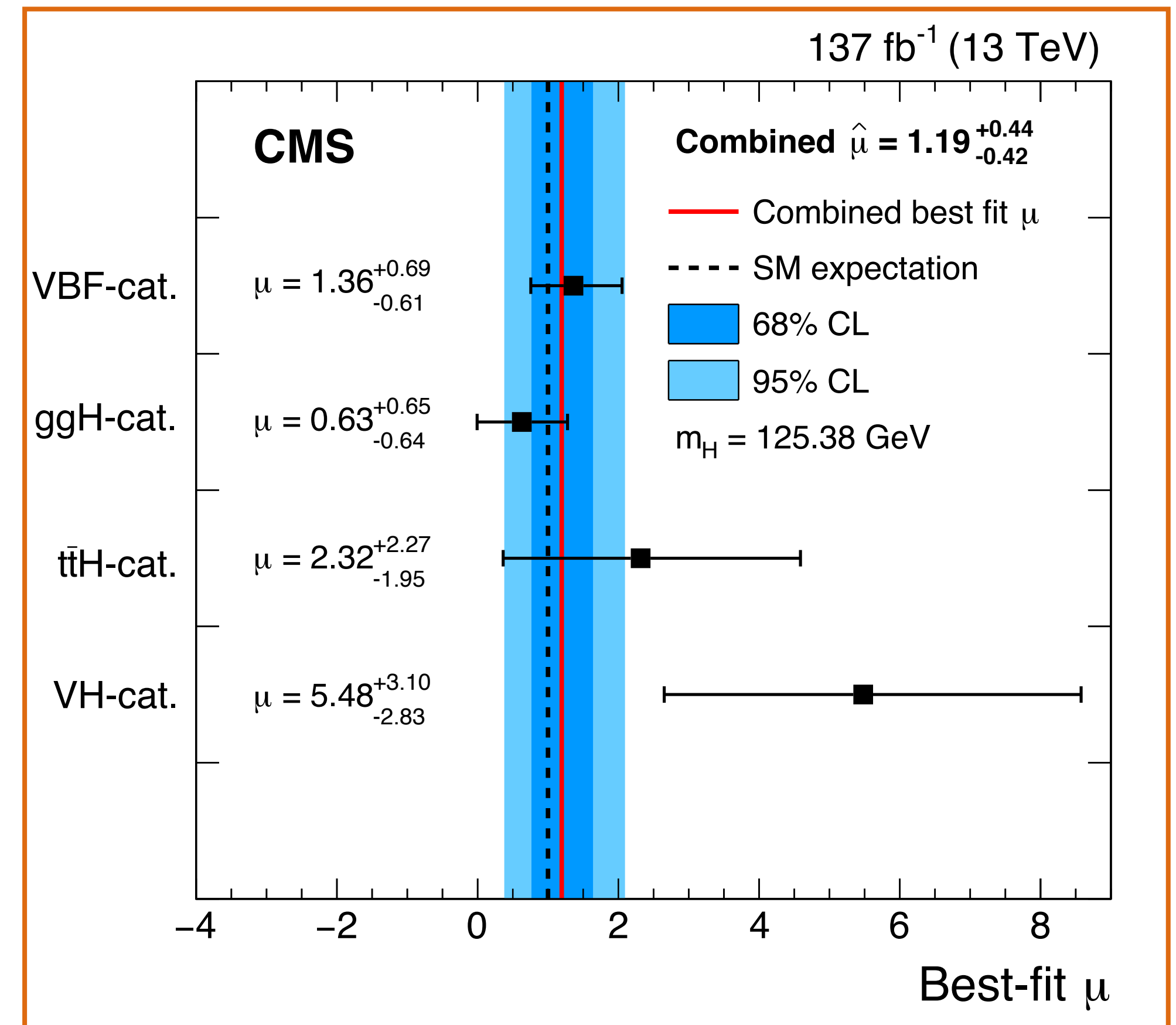
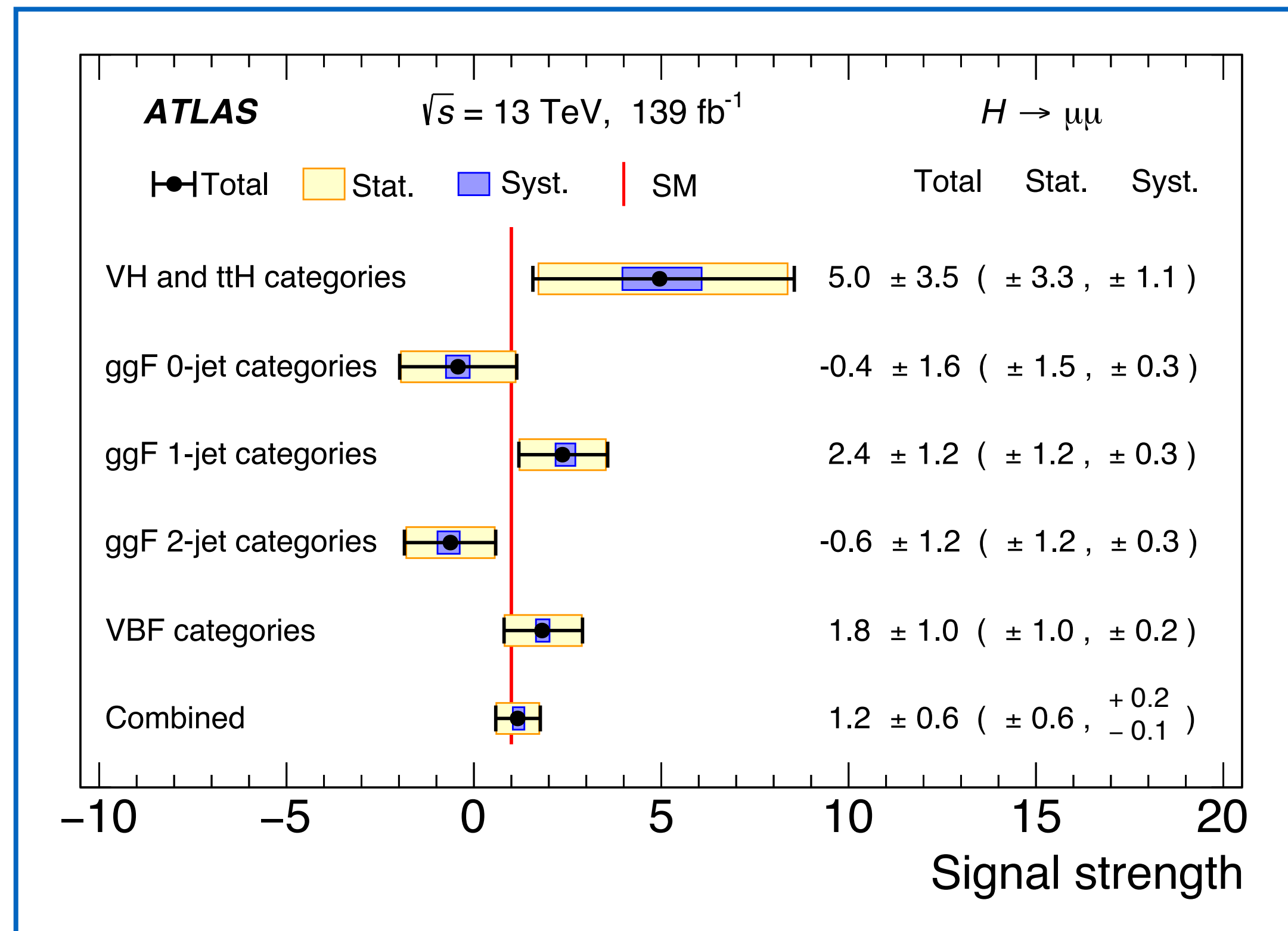


ATLAS $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ result



ATLAS vs CMS: results

- Comparison of the final weighted mass distributions as well as fitted signal strength



- ATLAS:** best fit signal strength of 1.2 ± 0.6
- CMS:** best fit signal strength of 1.19 ± 0.43

ATLAS vs CMS: analysis strategies

Signal prediction

- **ggH simulation:** ATLAS uses NNLOPS, while CMS relies on aMC@NLO reweighted to NNLOP in $p_T(H)$ - N_{jet}
- **VBF simulation:** both rely on POWHEG+PYTHIA but CMS uses dipole-shower as in [[arXiv:2003.12435](#)]

Muon selection

- **Triggers:** both analyses rely on single-muon triggers with similar p_T thresholds but different isolation conditions
 - ATLAS trigger efficiency on $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ events is 91%, CMS one is about 99%
- **FSR recovery:** implemented by both experiments leading to similar gain in $m(\mu\mu)$ resolution of about 3%
- **Acceptance:** ATLAS (CMS) covers up to $|\eta| < 2.7$ (< 2.4), second muon p_T threshold 15 (20) GeV
- **Total selection efficiency in the fit region is similar between the two experiments about ~60%**

ttH and VH categories

- In the ttH analysis, ATLAS only targets leptonic final states while CMS has a dedicated ttH-hadronic category
- Thresholds for **additional leptons** are looser in ATLAS, while CMS imposes always a 20 GeV cut
- BDT input features are similar between the two experiments

ATLAS vs CMS: analysis strategies

VBF analysis

- In CMS the VBF phase-space defined by selections in m_{jj} and $\Delta\eta_{jj}$, where signal is extracted from a ***fit to a DNN output. Background modelled from simulation.***
- In ATLAS, a ***more “conservative” divide-n-fit*** strategy adopted. Four categories defined along BDT output.
- ***CMS VBF phase-space is more inclusive than the sum of the four categories in ATLAS***

ggH analysis

- In CMS, a ***single BDT*** trained for all events belonging to the ggH category considering several input features
- In ATLAS, ***three dedicated BDT*** trainings for events with $N_{\text{jets}} = 0, 1, \text{ and } \geq 2$
- CMS exploits the ***$m_{\mu\mu}$ resolution*** in the training, while ATLAS builds kinematic-only discriminants
- ***Number of categories:*** 5 in CMS and 12 in ATLAS
- ***Fit region:*** 110-150 GeV in CMS, 110-160 GeV in ATLAS
- ***Background model:*** both analyses follow a “core-PDF” method but the technical implementation differs
 - ATLAS selects the bkg. model to be unbiased w.r.t. the MC truth in bias studies
 - CMS selects the bkg. model to be unbiased w.r.t. a variety of analytical functions that can fit the $m_{\mu\mu}$ spectrum