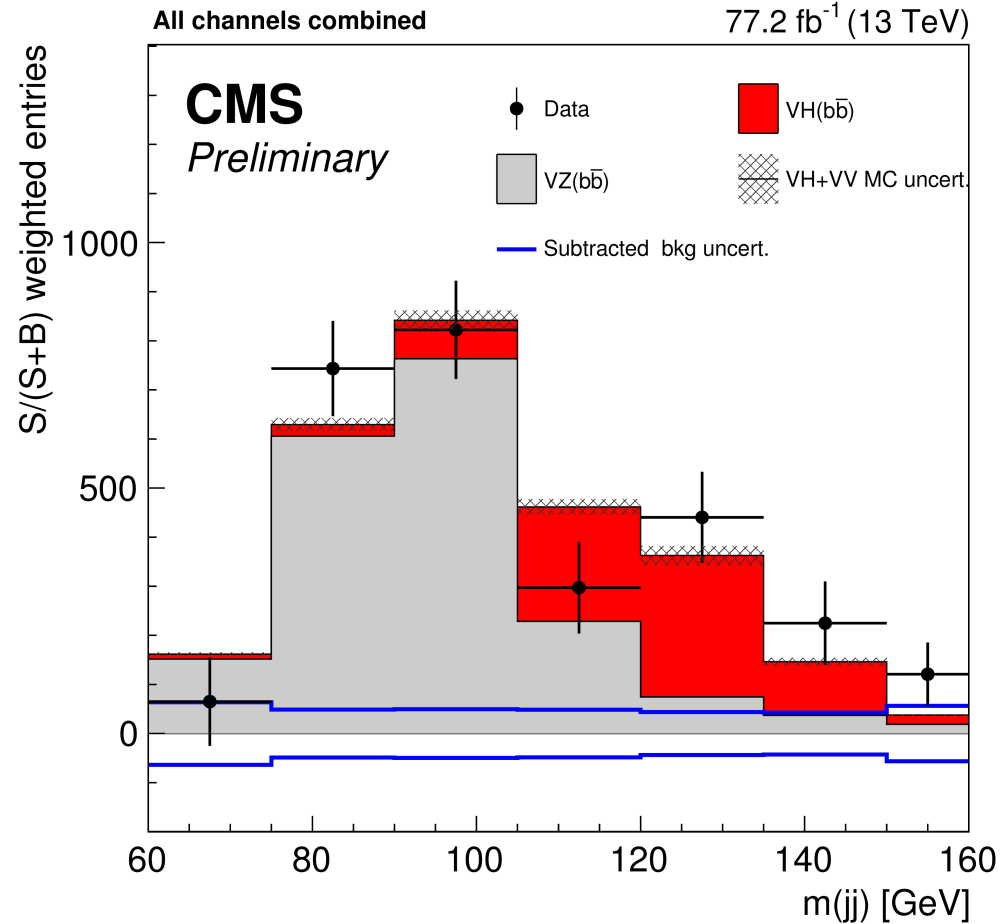
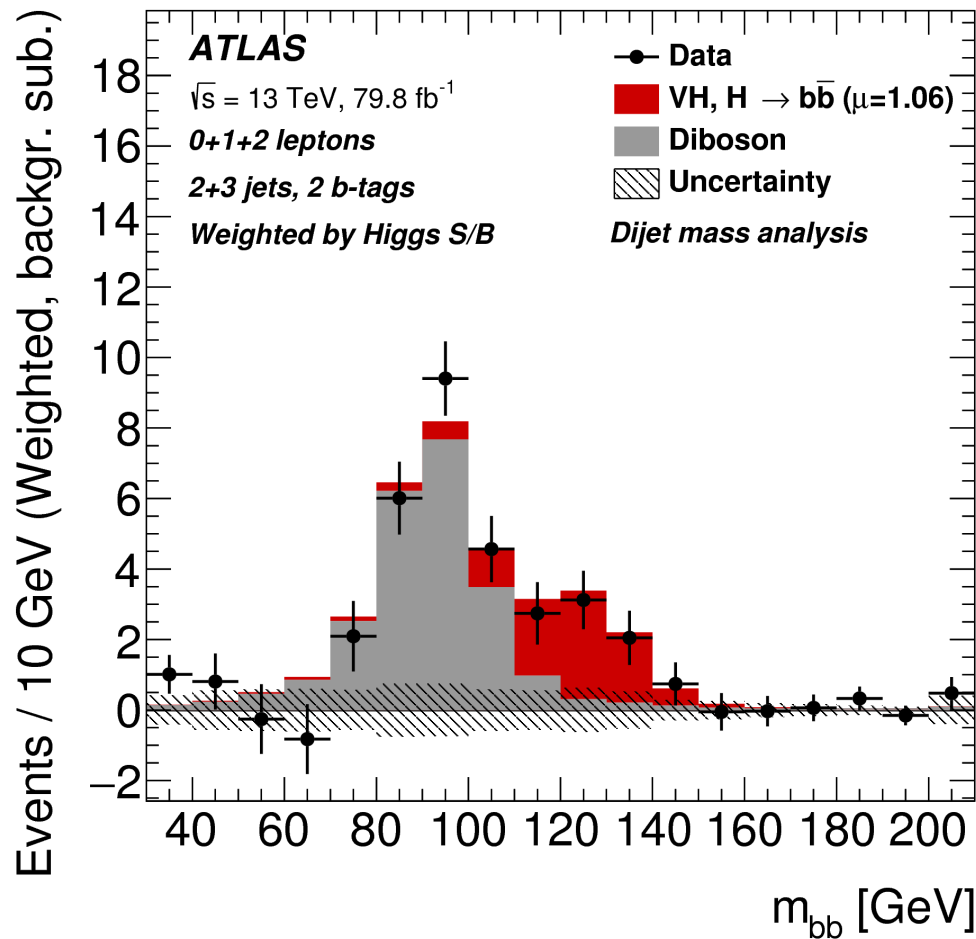


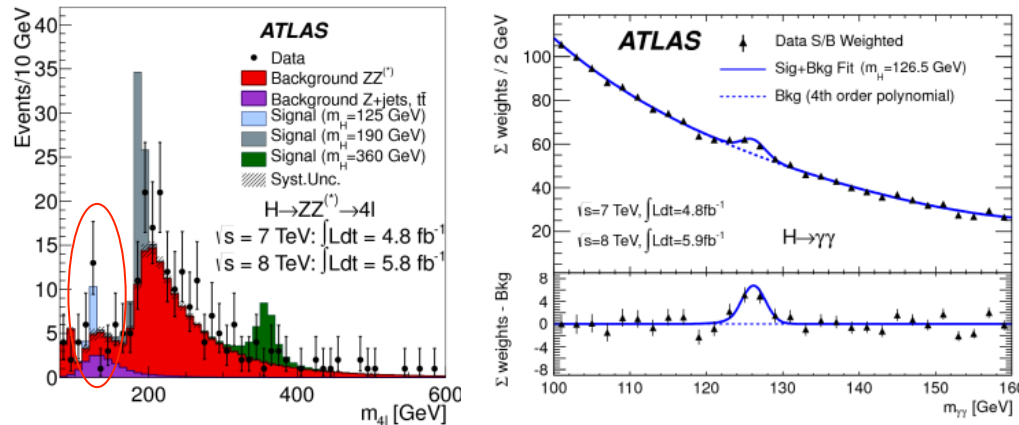
# Discovering new Physics with the SM Higgs Field



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# Outline

## ATLAS/CMS: completed the H field!

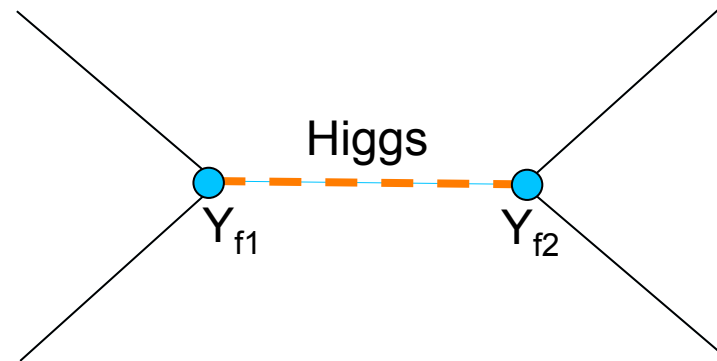


- Why VV scattering may be the key?
- VH with Higgs  $\rightarrow$  bb: as a probe of new Physics.
- Heavy Resonances decaying to Higgs
  - Prospects for discovery vs Mass and Width
- Brief: Hardware “made in Taiwan” to do this Physics!

# Motivation

- Higgs boson discovered in 2012: so far nothing else has been found.
- We now know: we definitely have a (single) Higgs doublet (4dof)
  - Why? (experimentalist answer: but I only need one!)
- Excitations of the 4<sup>th</sup> dof should be very heavy (decoupled).
  - Why it weighs only 125GeV?
  - Nuclear experimentalist answer: form factor?
  - 60's theorist answer: pseudo-Goldstone (example: pion)
- But NO evidence of compositeness yet
  - Issue: if Higgs composite we need to unitarize  $WW \rightarrow WW$

# The Higgs “interaction”

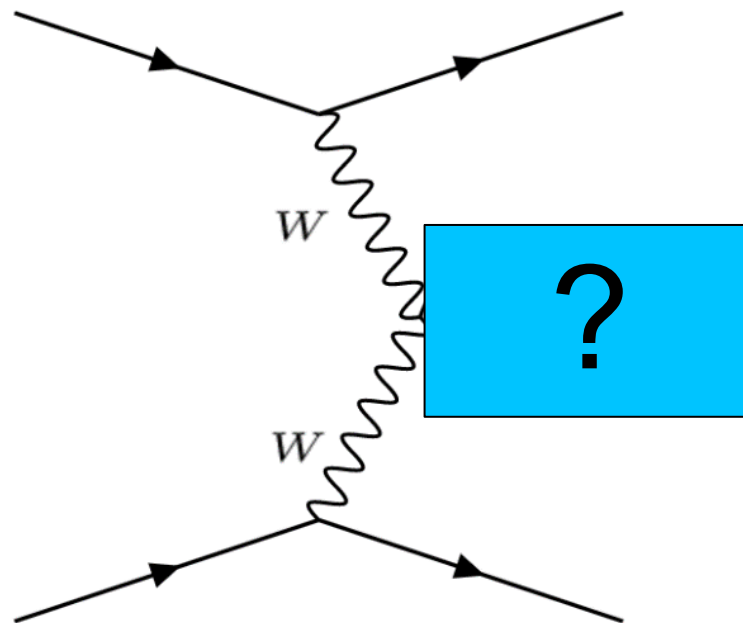
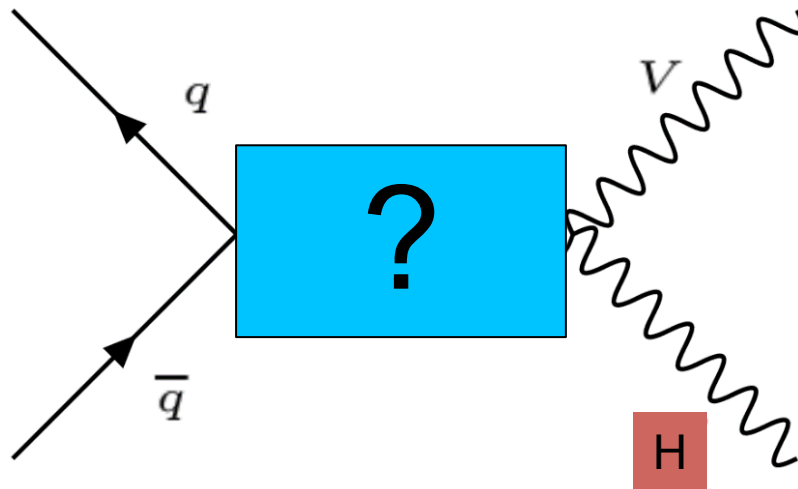


**Q1:  $\text{Dim}(ffH)=4$  is OK, but it does look like some sort of effective interaction!  
Strange: look at the (p-scalar) pion of QCD, it mediates the nuclear force!**

**Q2: mass of Higgs at 125GeV but no sign of new Physics to protect its mass  
Strange: the pion of QCD is also ~far from the QCD transition  $\Lambda=4*\pi*100\text{MeV}$**

**Experimentalist: What measurements can reveal any kind of form factor?**

# Measure VH and VV





# P5's Science Drivers

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Five topics that should drive U.S. HEP program for next 10 years:

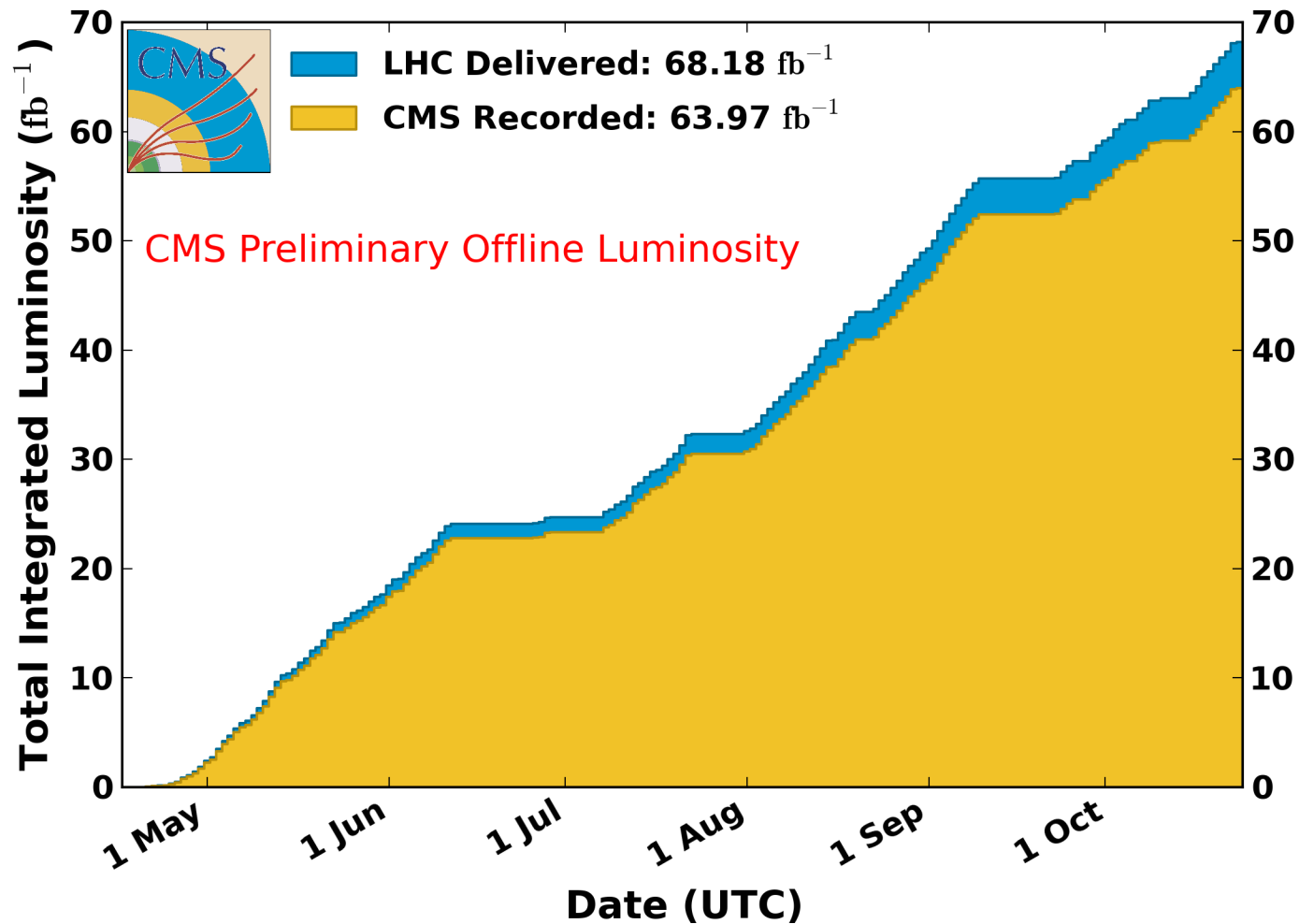
- Use the Higgs boson as a new tool for discovery.
- Pursue the physics associated with neutrino mass.
- Identify the new physics of dark matter.
- Understand cosmic acceleration: dark energy and inflation.
- Explore the unknown: new particles, interactions, and physical principles.

P5 identified the highest priority projects for a balanced program that addresses these science drivers in constrained budget scenarios.

# How much data until today?

## CMS Integrated Luminosity, pp, 2018, $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

Data included from 2018-04-17 10:54 to 2018-10-24 04:00 UTC



# Ongoing Analyses in Run2?

VBF Higgs  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (Andreas Psallidas, You-Ying, SP)

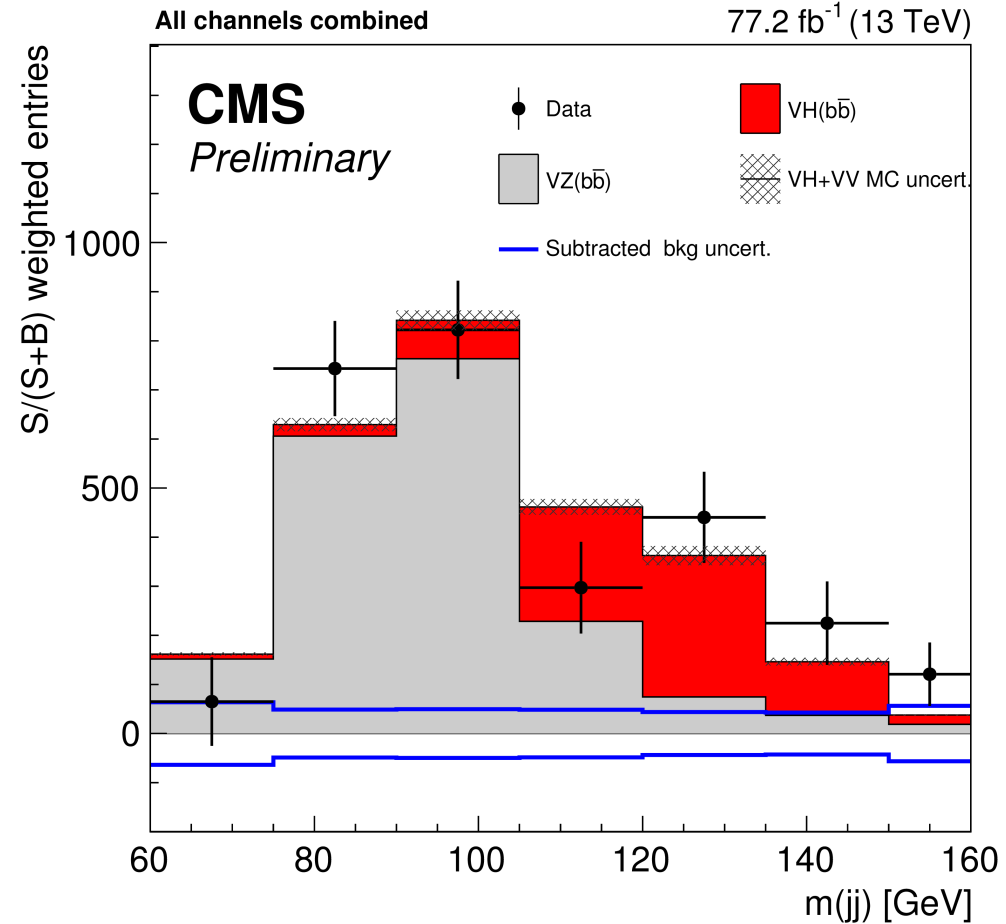
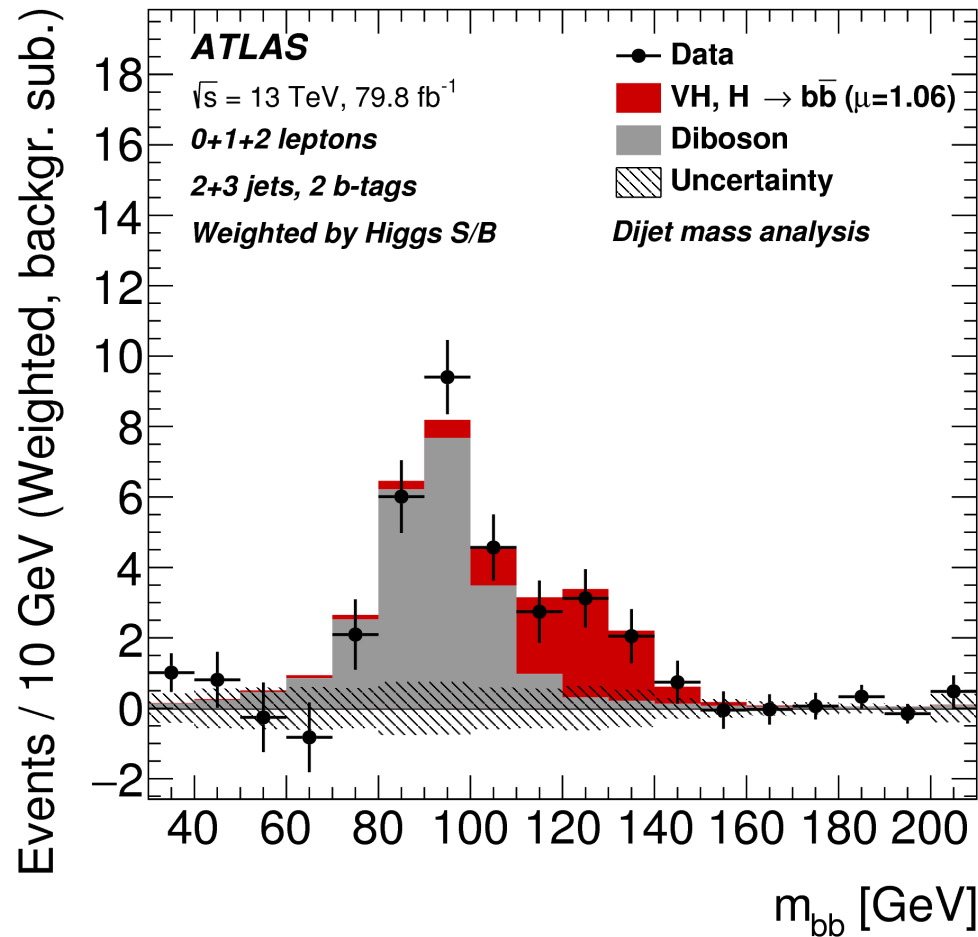
VH with Higgs  $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (official analysis). We were invited to join. Only one other group involved

I would like: to be involved in VH  $\rightarrow bb$  (relevant to this talk)

New results shown for the first time in this talk (Submitted to EPJC in October/10)



# Example potential anomaly: $H \rightarrow bb$



$H \rightarrow bb$  observed. Errors are still large, and the question is if these or future measurements can probe (or exclude) new Physics →

# The goal of this work

Our Proposal: a smoking gun signature in  $Vbb$  searches.

- A heavy (not necessarily narrow) resonance decay to Higgs + V/W:
- Gives an excess to 0 and 2 lepton final states (extra H+Z)
  - Gives a bigger excess to the 1 lepton category (extra WZ and WH)
  - BSM Higgs signal has higher  $P_t$

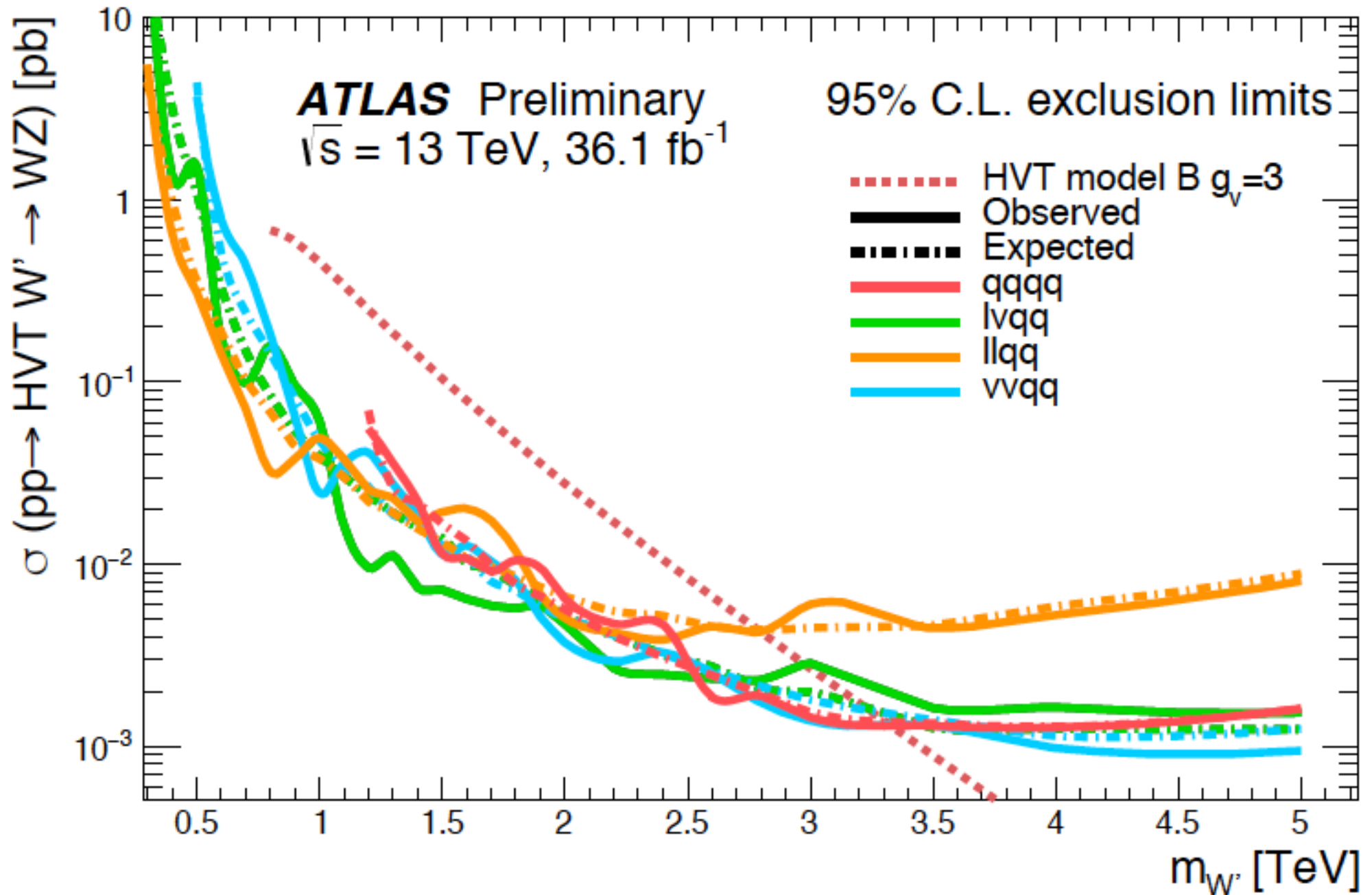
Can we observe the decays of heavy  $>1\text{TeV}$  states, to VH?

# ATLAS/CMS: tight limits on $V'$

ATLAS and CMS exclude  $V' \rightarrow VH$  and  $V' \rightarrow VV$ , with dijets,  $H \rightarrow bb$ , and di-leptons

	g	$\gamma$	W	Z	W/Z (hadronic)	H
g	arXiv:1703.09127 PAS-EXO-16-056	arXiv:1709.10440 arXiv:1711.04652			- arXiv:1708.05379	
$\gamma$		arXiv:1707.04147 arXiv:1606.04093	arXiv:1407.8150	arXiv:1708.00212 PAS-EXO-16-034	Coming Soon PAS-EXO-16-035	Coming Soon
W			arXiv:1710.01123 PAS-HIG-16-023	Coming Soon	arXiv:1710.07235 PAS-B2G-16-029	CONF-2017-055
Z	ATLAS CMS			arXiv:1712.06386 PAS-HIG-17-012	arXiv:1708.09638 arXiv:1802.09407	CONF-2017-055
W/Z (hadronic)					arXiv:1708.04445 arXiv:1708.05379	arXiv:1707.06958 arXiv:1707.01303
H	New Result about to come out from CMS					CONF-2016-049 arXiv:1710.04960

# Exclusions out to 3.4 TeV



# Dilepton searches: no peaks

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.06292>

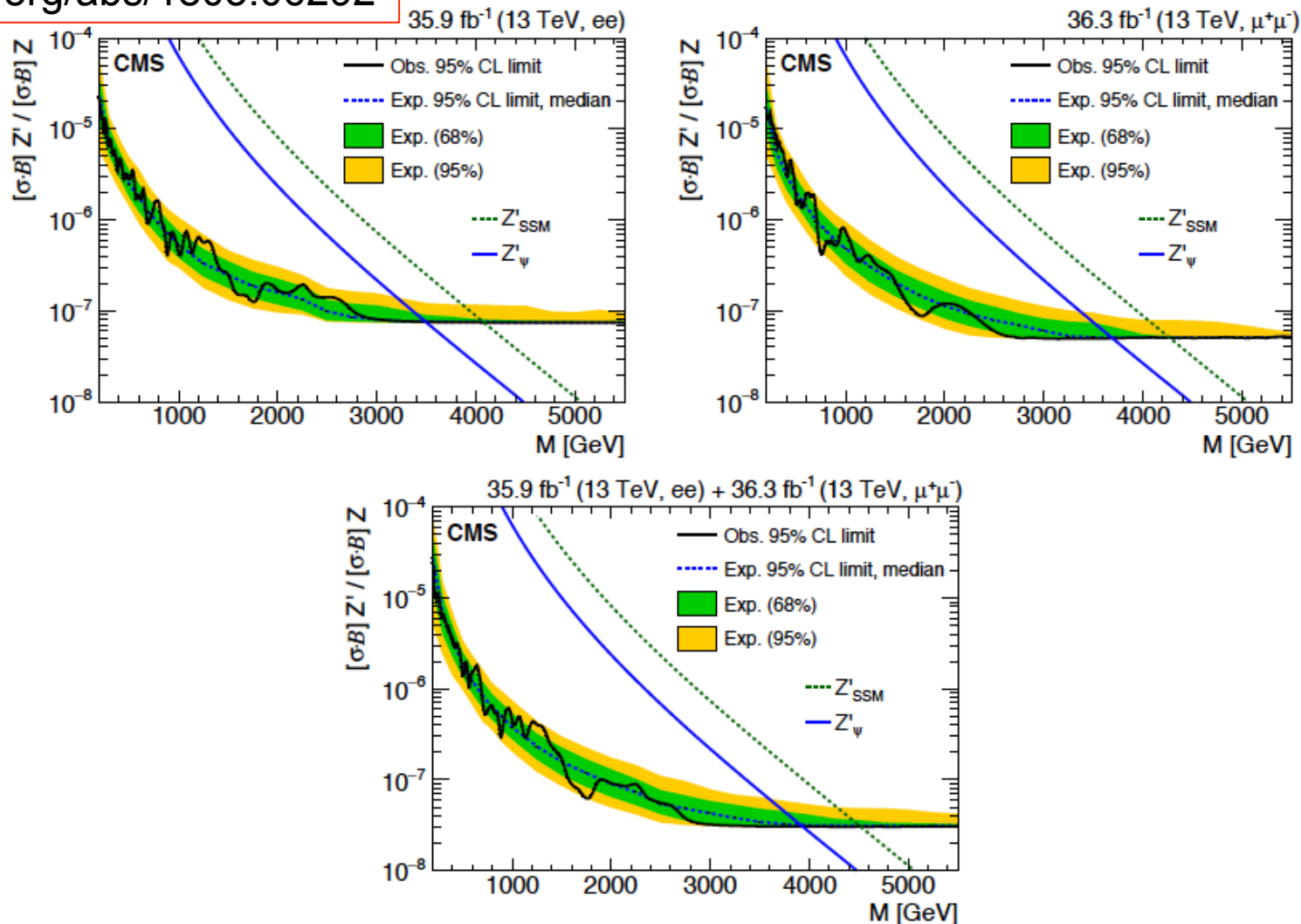
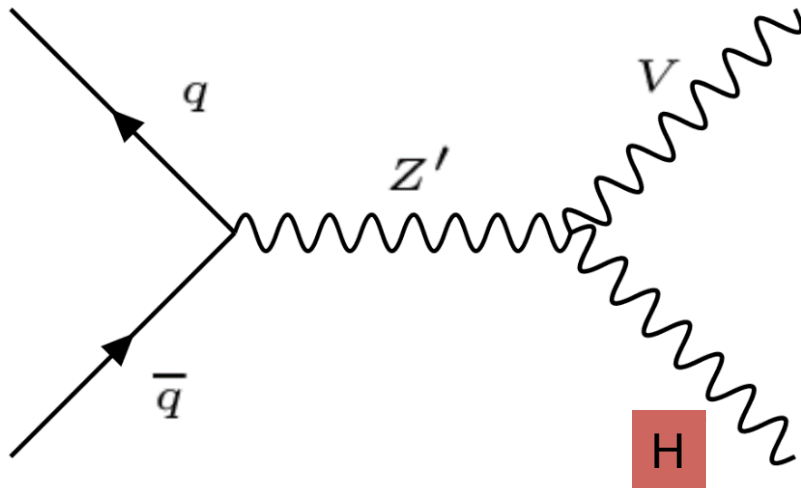


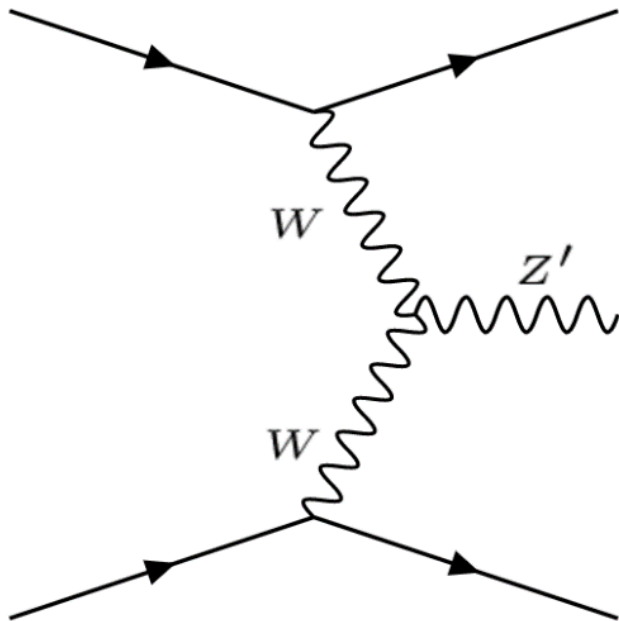
Figure 3: The upper limits at 95% CL on the product of production cross section and branching fraction for a spin-1 resonance with a width equal to 0.6% of the resonance mass, relative to the product of production cross section and branching fraction of a Z boson, for the dielectron channel (left), dimuon channel (right), and their combination (lower). The shaded bands correspond to the 68 and 95% quantiles for the expected limits. Theoretical predictions for the spin-1  $Z'_{SSM}$  and  $Z'_\psi$  resonances are shown for comparison.

# Can the VV/VH decay dominate?

22. M. Hoffmann, A. Kaminska, R. Nicolaidou, S. Paganis, Probing Compositeness with Higgs Boson Decays at the LHC, Eur. Phys. J. C74 (2014) no.11, 3181.



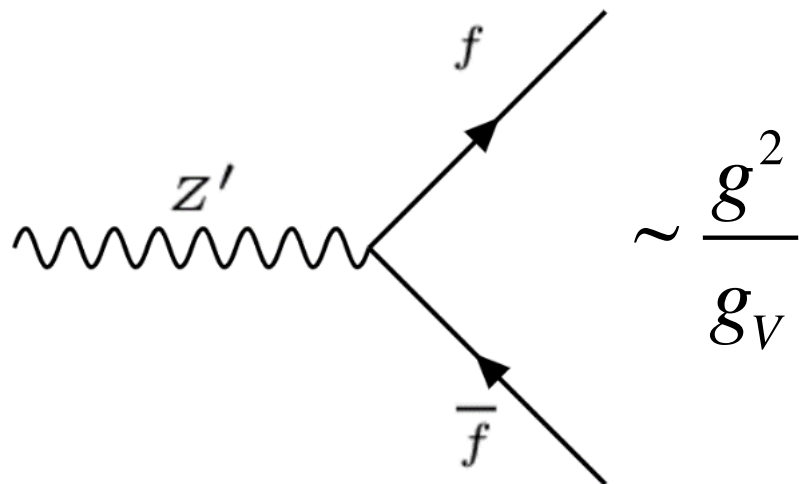
Drell-Yan production (dominant)



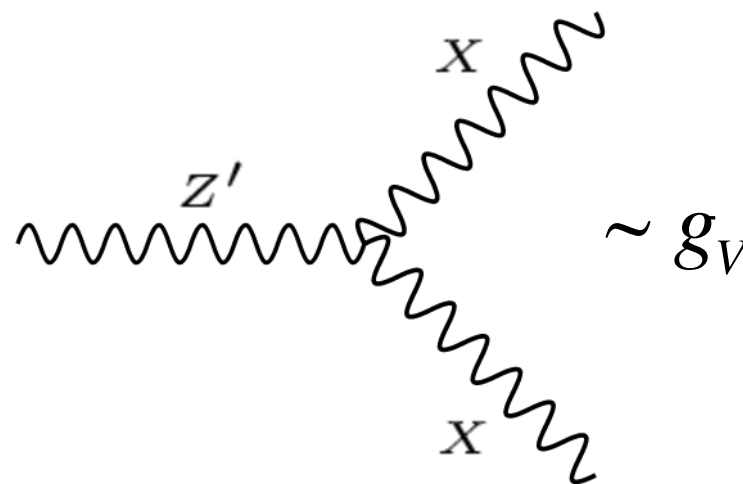
Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)

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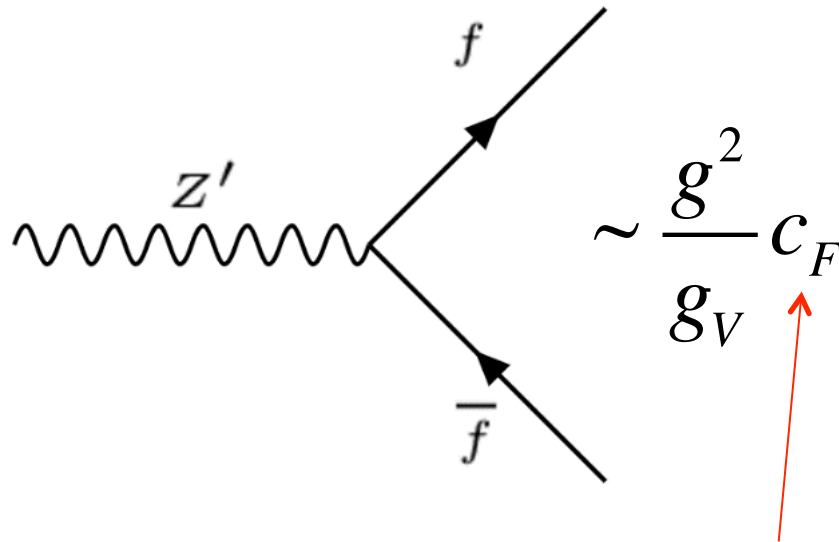
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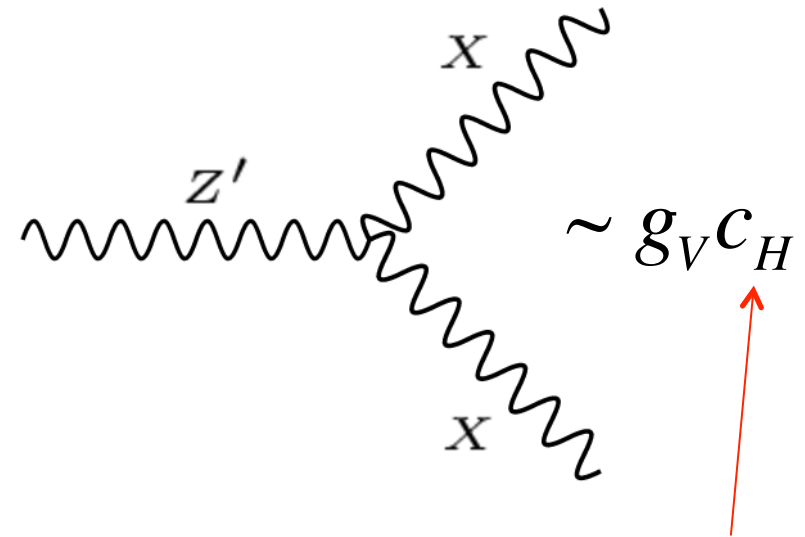
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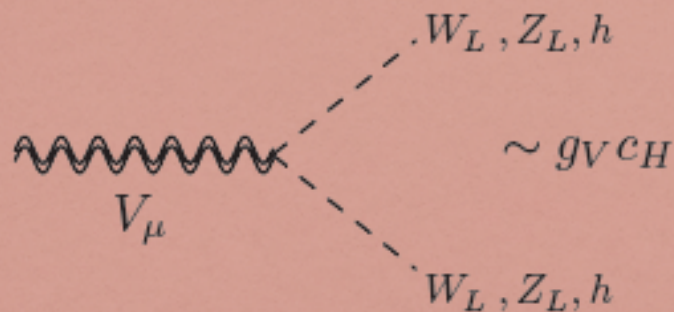
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# Heavy Vector Triplet simplified model

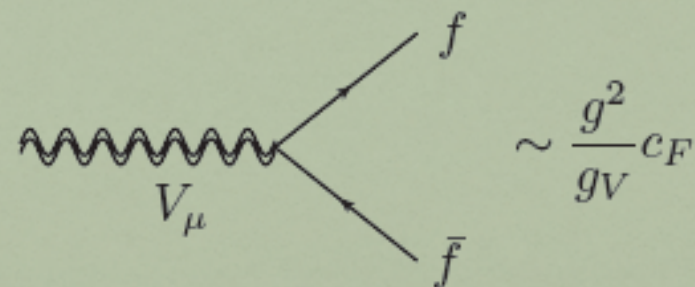
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 & + i g_V c_H V_\mu^a H^\dagger \tau^a \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu H + \frac{g^2}{g_V} c_F V_\mu^a J_F^{\mu a} \\
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## Coupling to SM Vectors



## Coupling to SM fermions

$$J_F^{\mu a} = \sum_f \bar{f}_L \gamma^\mu \tau^a f_L$$



$$c_F V \cdot J_F \rightarrow c_l V \cdot J_l + c_q V \cdot J_q + c_3 V \cdot J_3$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

## Couplings among Vectors

- do not contribute to V decays
- do not contribute to single production
- only effects through (usually small) VW mixing

➡ irrelevant for phenomenology ➡ only need  $(c_H, c_F)$

# Drell-Yan and VBF production modes

$$\sigma_{DY} = \sum_{i,j \in p} \frac{\Gamma_{V \rightarrow ij}}{M_V} \frac{4\pi^2}{3} \left. \frac{dL_{ij}}{d\hat{s}} \right|_{\hat{s}=M_V^2}$$

$$\sigma_{VBF} = \sum_{i,j \in p} \frac{\Gamma_{V \rightarrow W_{Li}W_{Lj}}}{M_V} 48\pi^2 \left. \frac{dL_{W_{Li}W_{Lj}}}{d\hat{s}} \right|_{\hat{s}=M_V^2}$$

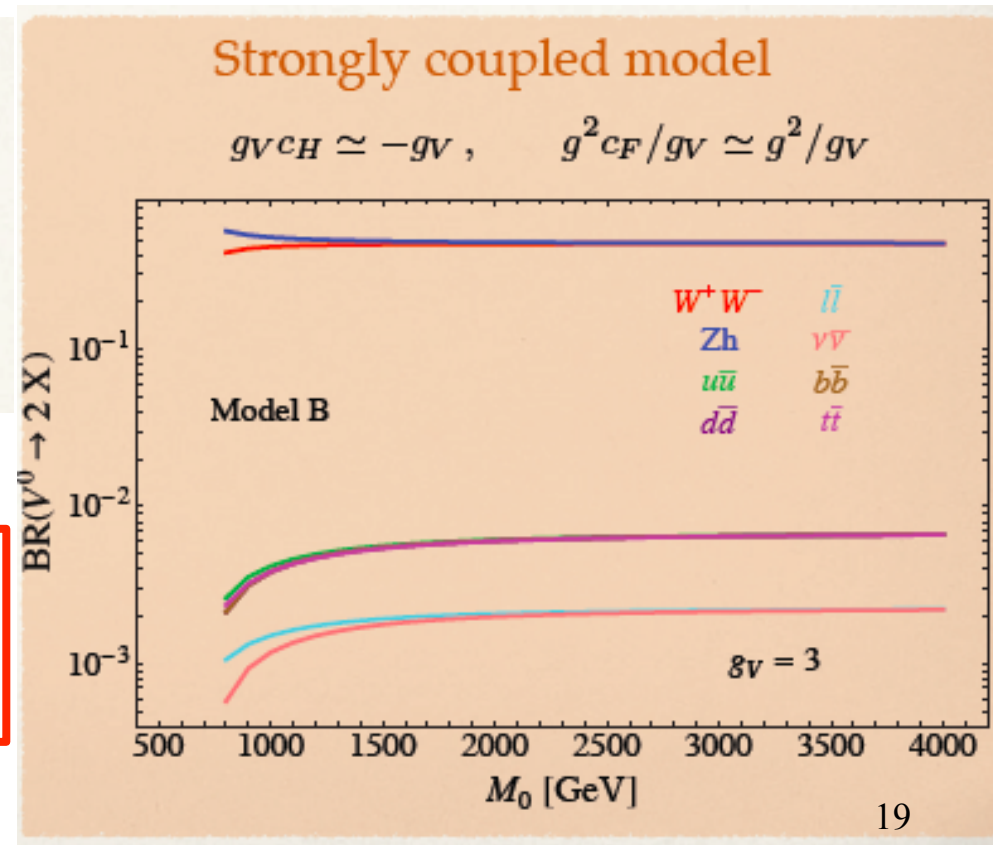
model dependent
model independent

$$\Gamma_{V_{\pm} \rightarrow f\bar{f}'} \simeq 2\Gamma_{V_0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}} \simeq N_c[f] \left( \frac{g^2 c_F}{g_V} \right)^2 \frac{M_V}{96\pi},$$

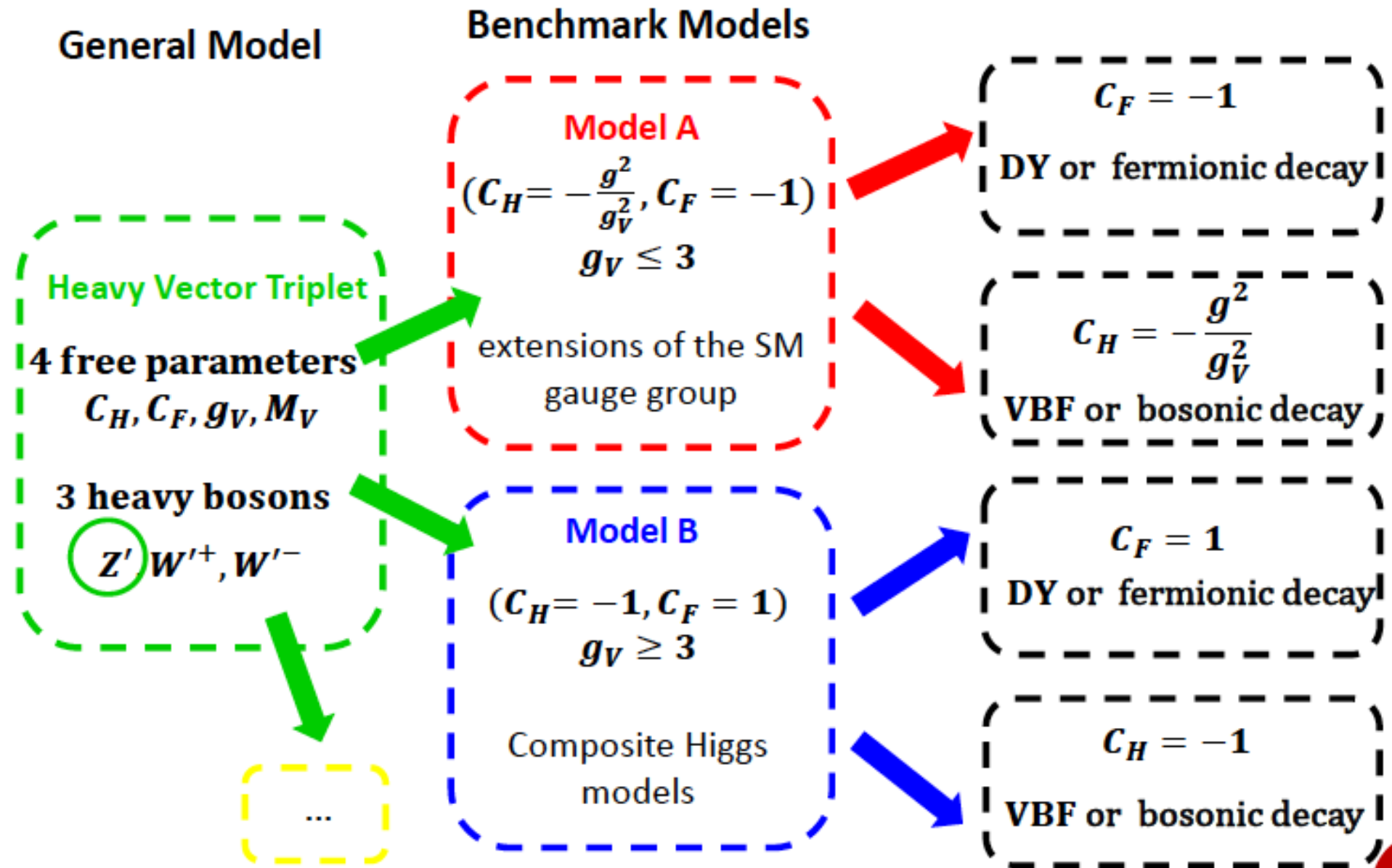
$$\Gamma_{V_0 \rightarrow W_L^+ W_L^-} \simeq \Gamma_{V_{\pm} \rightarrow W_L^{\pm} Z_L} \simeq \frac{g_V^2 c_H^2 M_V}{192\pi} [1 + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^2)]$$

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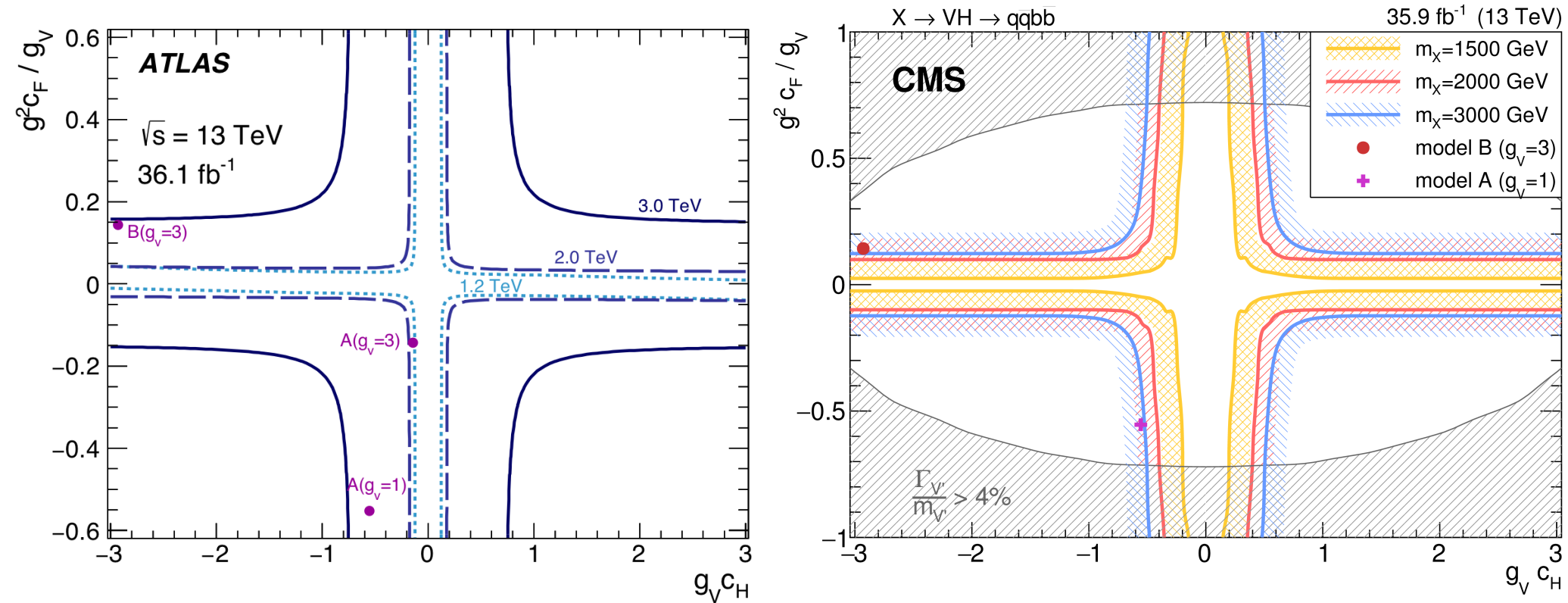
Note that the VBF partonic xsections are several orders of magnitude smaller (4 to 5)  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to DY production.



# Benchmark Models (A, B)

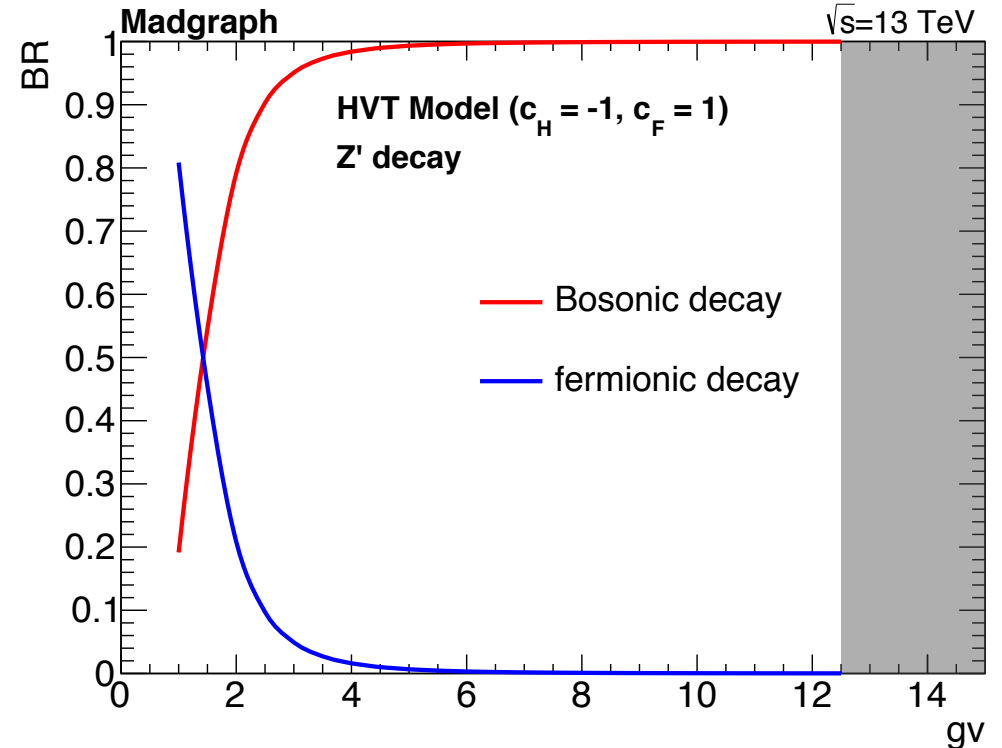
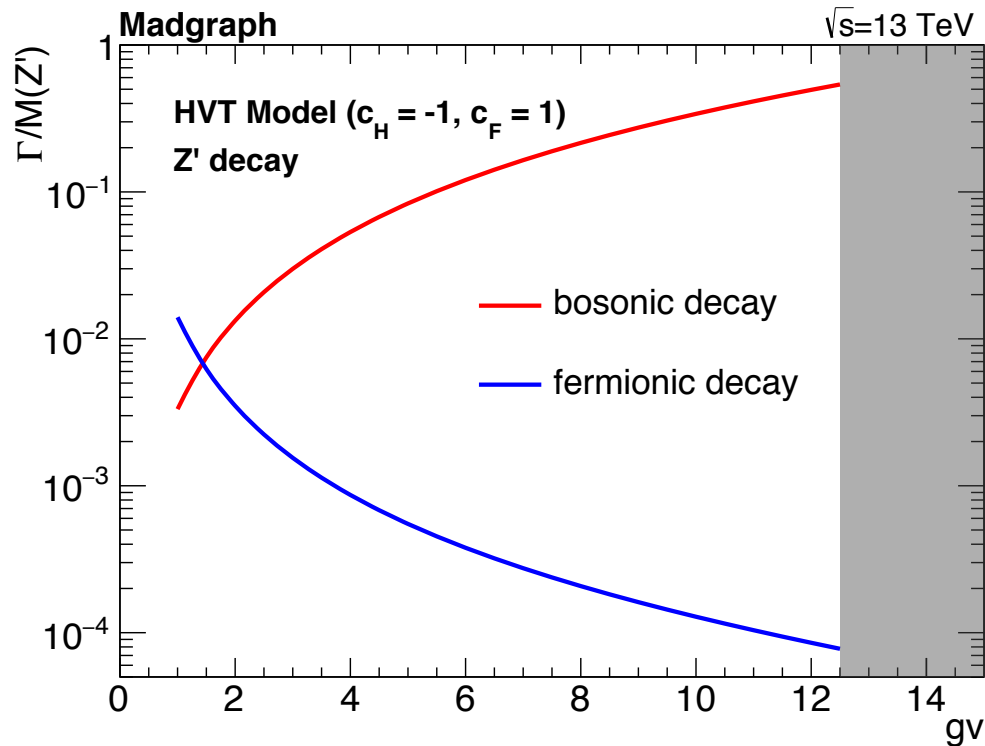


# Exclusions: fermion vs $g_V$ plane



**Fig. 1** ATLAS, [15], and CMS, [20], observed 95% CL exclusion contours in the HVT parameter space  $g_V c_H$ ,  $(g^2/g_V)c_F$  for narrow resonances of mass 1.2 TeV, 2.0 TeV and 3.0 TeV. Due to the narrow width approximation assumption, the exclusion validity is restricted to roughly  $|g_V c_H| < 3.0$  (better shown in the left plot), thus leaving a large part of the available phase space unconstrained ( $3 < |g_V c_H| < 4\pi$ ).

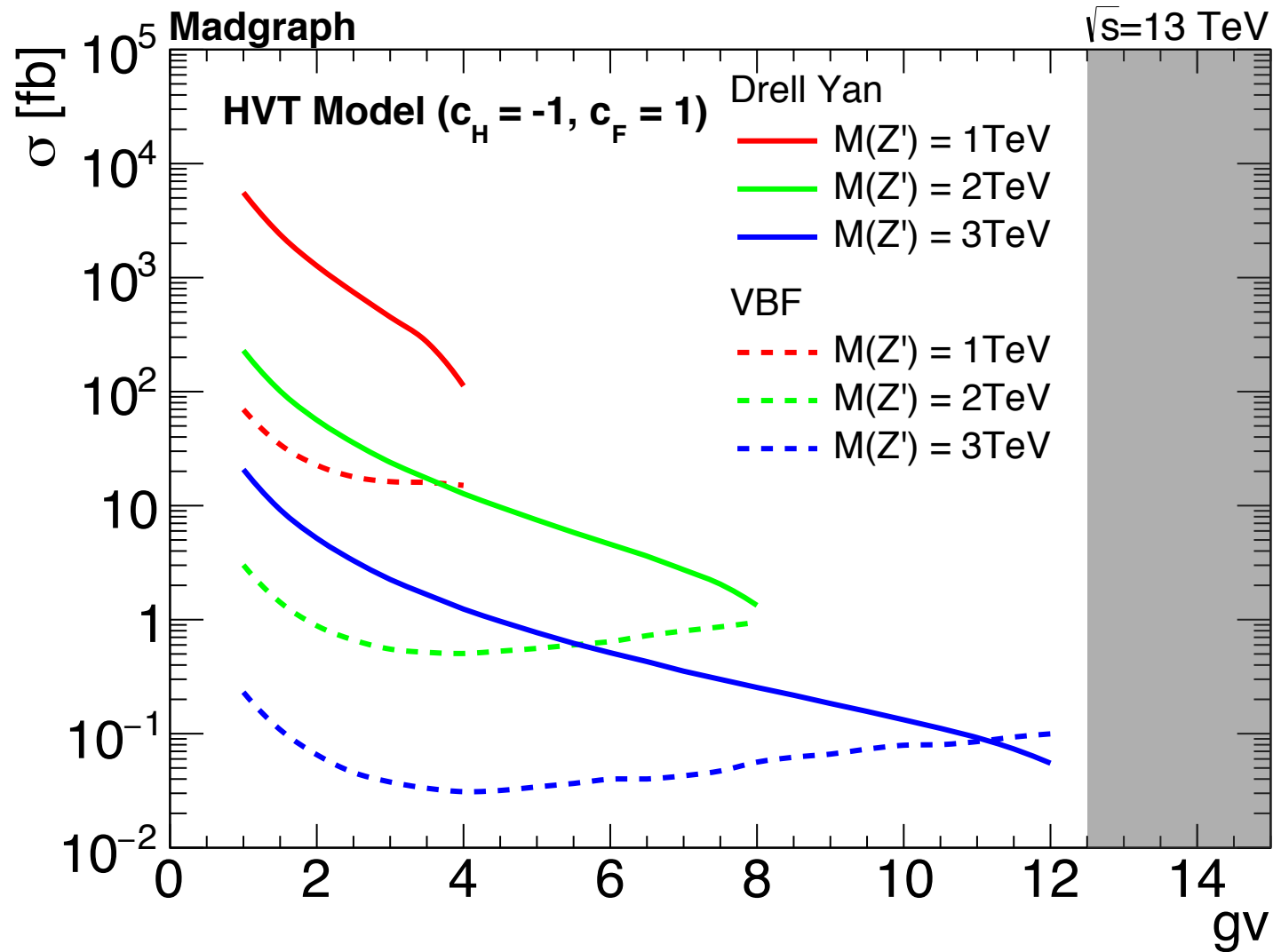
# $V'$ exclusively decays to $VV, VH$



For large  $g_V$  the BR to fermions goes to 0. However the DY production still wins.

Large  $g_V$  also means larger width ( $>5\%$ ). Only close to NP regime width very large.

# $pp \rightarrow Z'$ xsection at 13TeV



# Event Selection: follow LHC analyses

arXiv:1708.03299

Selection	0-lepton		1-lepton		2-lepton
			<i>e</i> sub-channel	$\mu$ sub-channel	
Trigger	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$		Single lepton	$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	Single lepton
Leptons	0 loose leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV		1 tight electron $p_T > 27$ GeV	1 medium muon $p_T > 25$ GeV	2 loose leptons with $p_T > 7$ GeV $\geq 1$ lepton with $p_T > 27$ GeV
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$> 150$ GeV		$> 30$ GeV	–	–
$m_{\ell\ell}$	–		–	–	$81 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 101 \text{ GeV}$
Jets	Exactly 2 or 3 jets				Exactly 2 or $\geq 3$ jets
Jet $p_T$	$> 20$ GeV				
<i>b</i> -jets	Exactly 2 <i>b</i> -tagged jets				
Leading <i>b</i> -tagged jet $p_T$	$> 45$ GeV				
$H_T$	$> 120$ (2 jets), $> 150$ GeV (3 jets)		–	–	–
$\min[\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{jets})]$	$> 20^\circ$ (2 jets), $> 30^\circ$ (3 jets)		–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{bb})$	$> 120^\circ$		–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2)$	$< 140^\circ$		–	–	–
$\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \vec{E}_{T,\text{trk}}^{\text{miss}})$	$< 90^\circ$		–	–	–
$p_T^V$ regions	$> 150$ GeV				$(75, 150]$ GeV, $> 150$ GeV
Signal regions	✓		$m_{bb} \geq 75$ GeV or $m_{\text{top}} \leq 225$ GeV		Same-flavour leptons Opposite-sign charge ( $\mu\mu$ sub-channel)
Control regions	–		$m_{bb} < 75$ GeV and $m_{\text{top}} > 225$ GeV		Different-flavour leptons

- No  $\Delta\phi(ET_{\text{miss}}, ET_{\text{trkmiss}})$  cut
- We allow  $\geq 2$  jets



# Event yields after detector

Madgraph5+Delphes

The SM signal yield:

$$\text{Luminosity} \times \sigma_{pp \rightarrow H} \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow bb) \times \text{Efficiency} = N_{\text{SM}}$$

The BSM signal yield:

$$\text{Lumi} \times \sigma_{pp \rightarrow V'} \times \text{BR}(V' \rightarrow VH) \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow bb) \times \text{Eff} = N_{\text{BSM}}$$

**~58%**

$$\text{Lumi} \times \sigma_{pp \rightarrow V'} \times \text{BR}(W' \rightarrow WZ) \times \text{BR}(Z \rightarrow bb) \times \text{Eff} = N_{\text{BSM}}$$

**~50%**                      **~15%**

Efficiencies in our simulations are normalized to the published data (ATLAS in our case)  
This means our no-BSM analysis reproduces the ATLAS Mbb results.

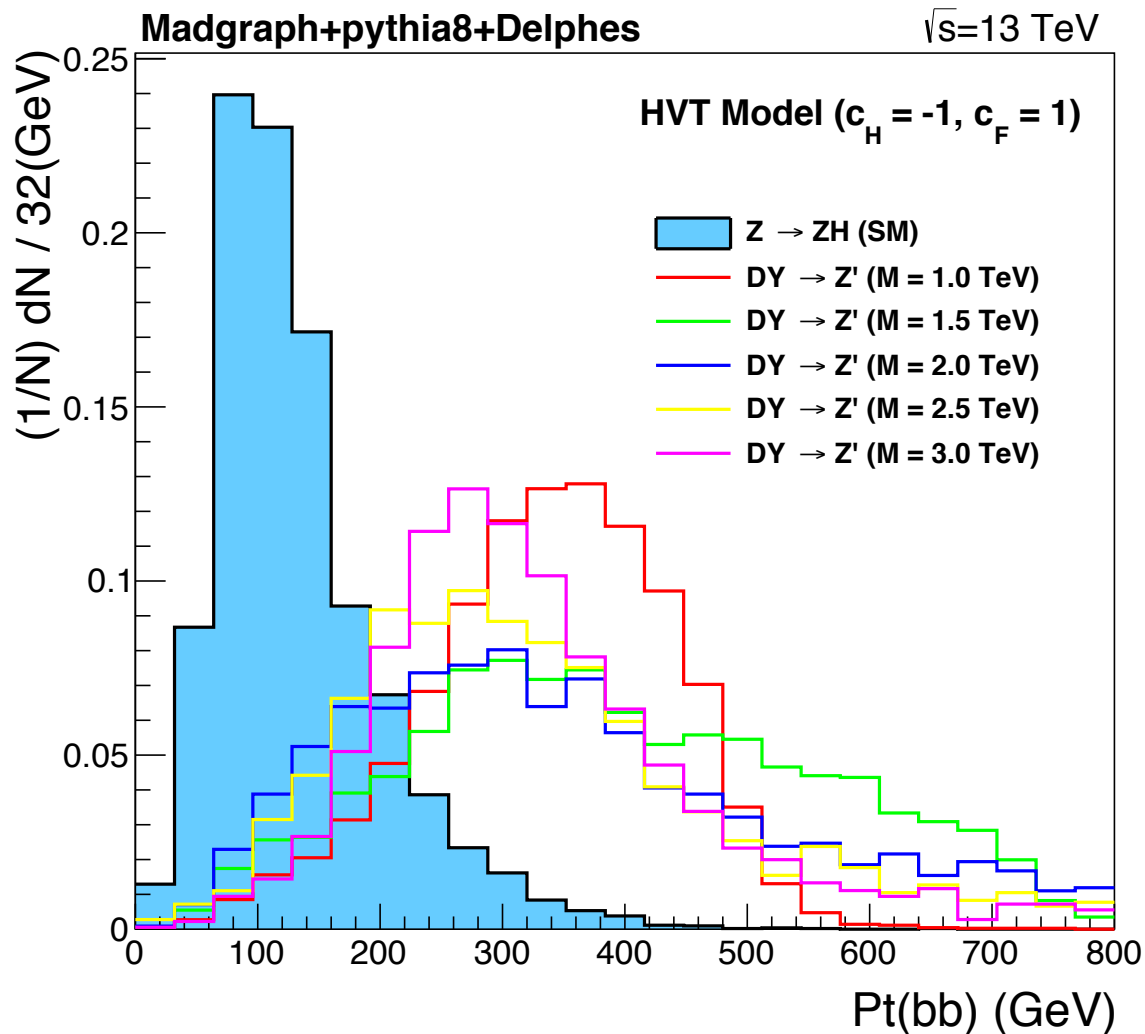
# Event yields for $V'$

Process $qq \rightarrow X$	$\sigma \times BR$ [fb]	$A \times \epsilon$ [%]	Yield [100fb]	Yield $p_{\perp} >$ 200GeV
$Z' \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}$	1.58	2.45	3.78	3.51
$Z \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}$	97.2	5.01	486	224
$ZZ \rightarrow \nu\nu jj$	2580	0.27	697	248
$W' \rightarrow WH \rightarrow l\nu b\bar{b}$	3.87	5.5	21.3	19.4
$W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow l\nu jj$	3.79	0.23	0.81	0.59
$W \rightarrow WH \rightarrow l\nu b\bar{b}$	225	1.44	324	148
$WZ \rightarrow l\nu jj$	4148	0.13	529	173
$Z' \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow ll b\bar{b}$	0.553	4.76	2.6	2.2
$Z \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow ll b\bar{b}$	34.2	13.7	467	68.6
$ZZ \rightarrow ll jj$	910	0.96	875	72.6

} Best Category

**Table 1** Signal yield and resonant SM background yields for a 1.5 TeV resonance and  $g_V = 5$ , after baseline selection, and after an additional  $p_{\perp} > 200$  GeV cut (last column).

# $pp \rightarrow Z'$ kinematics: $bb$ is boosted

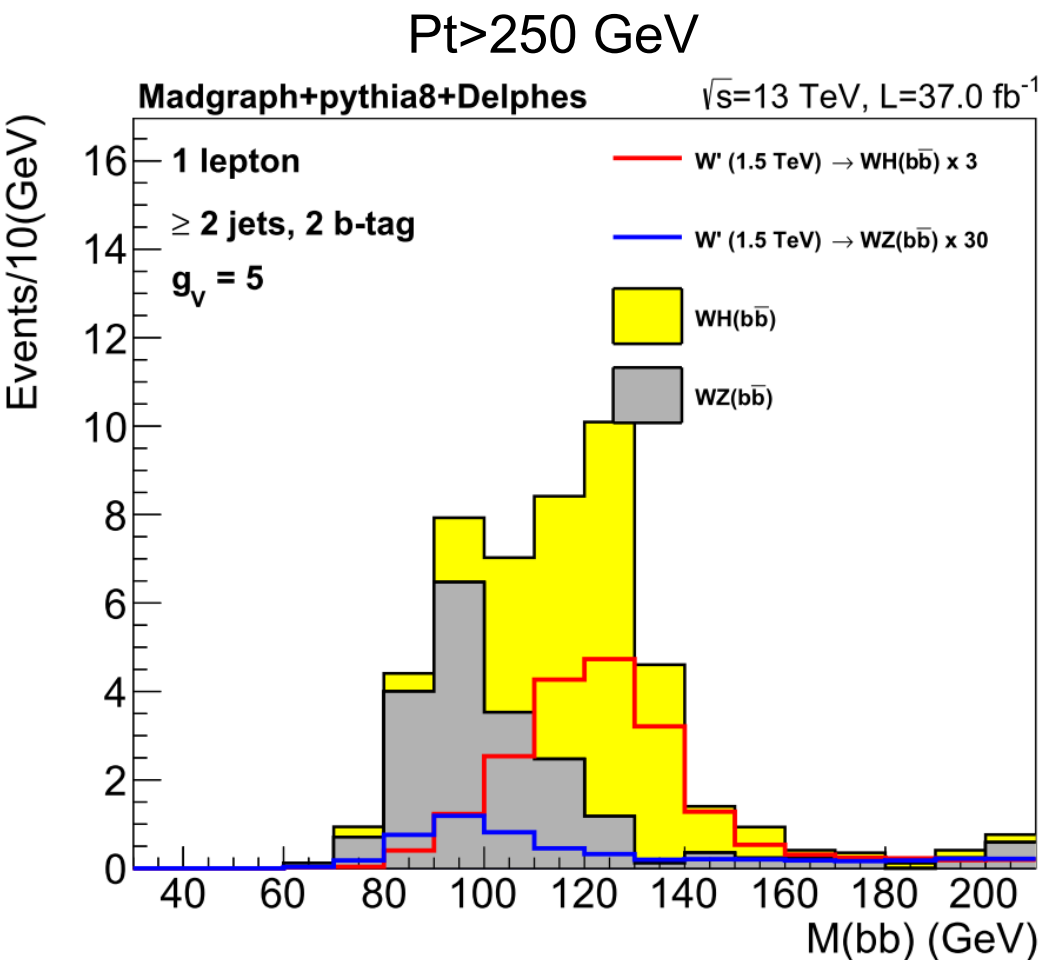


After ATLAS (or CMS) style selection.

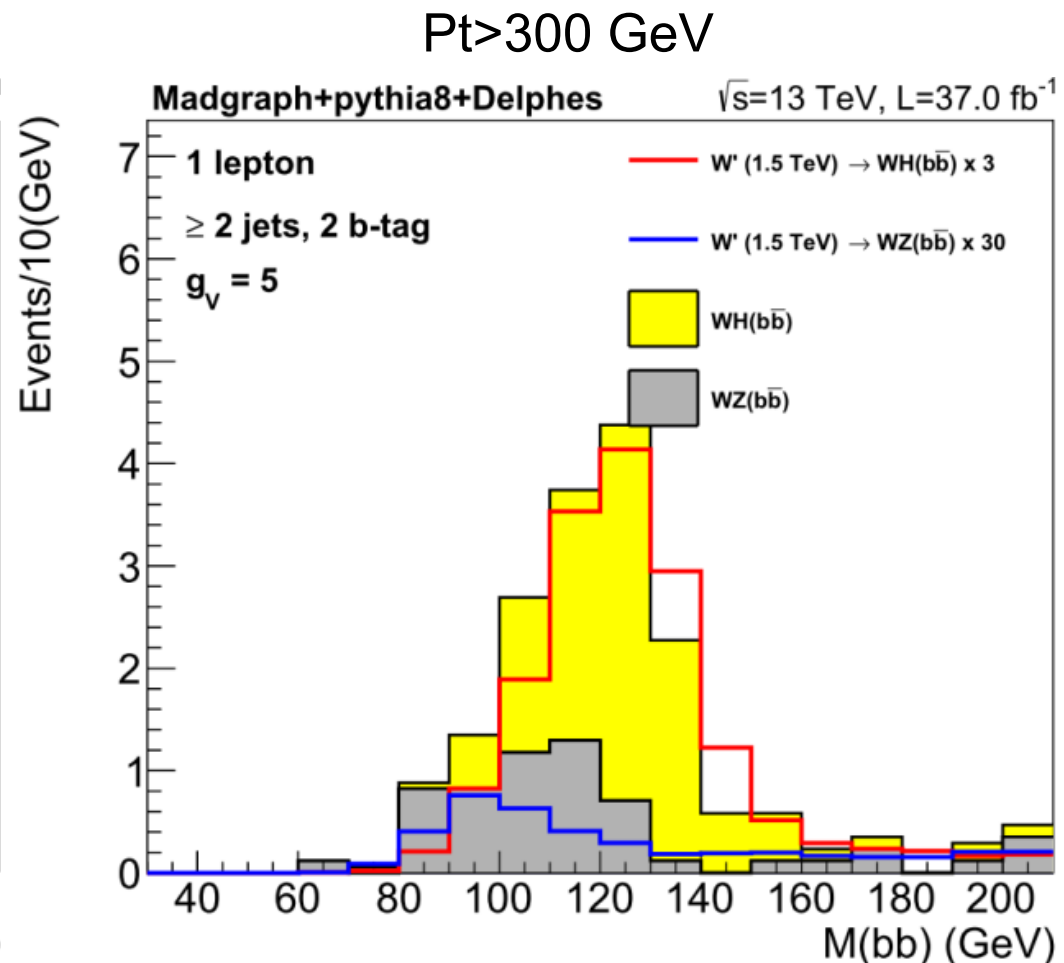
The BSM signal is of higher Pt than the SM Higgs (blue dashed)

We decided to study the effect of the Pt cut.

# One-lepton category



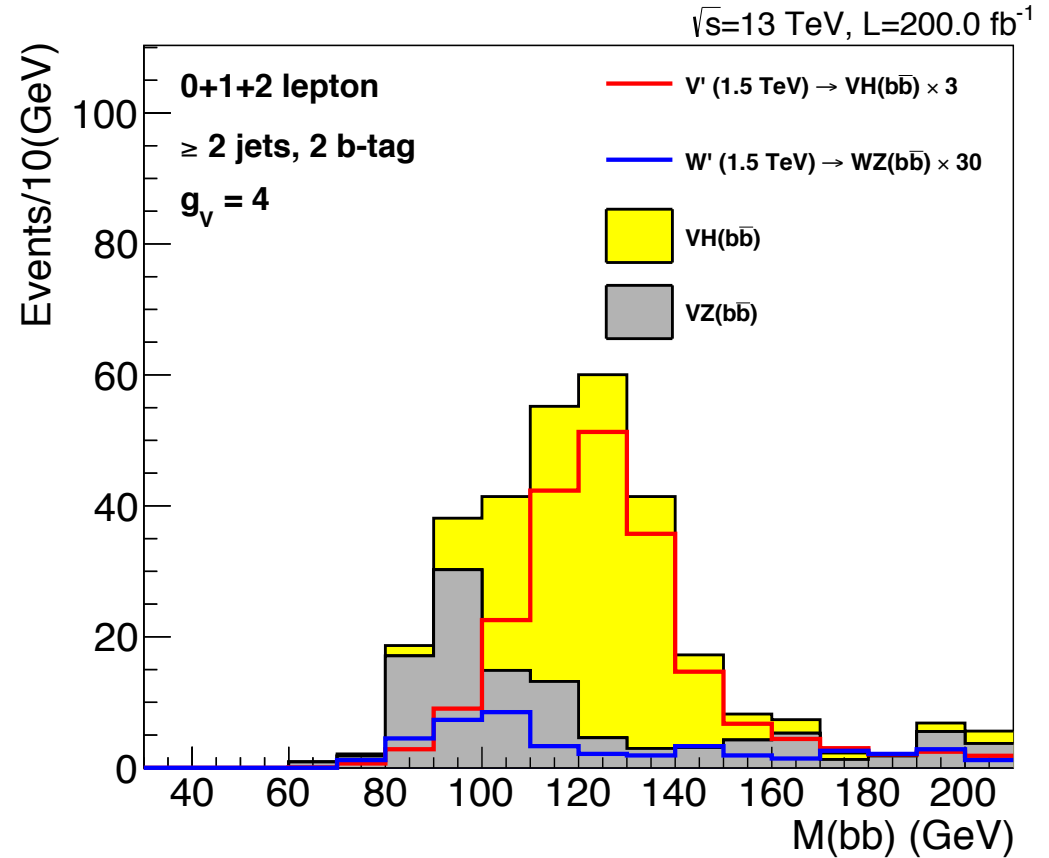
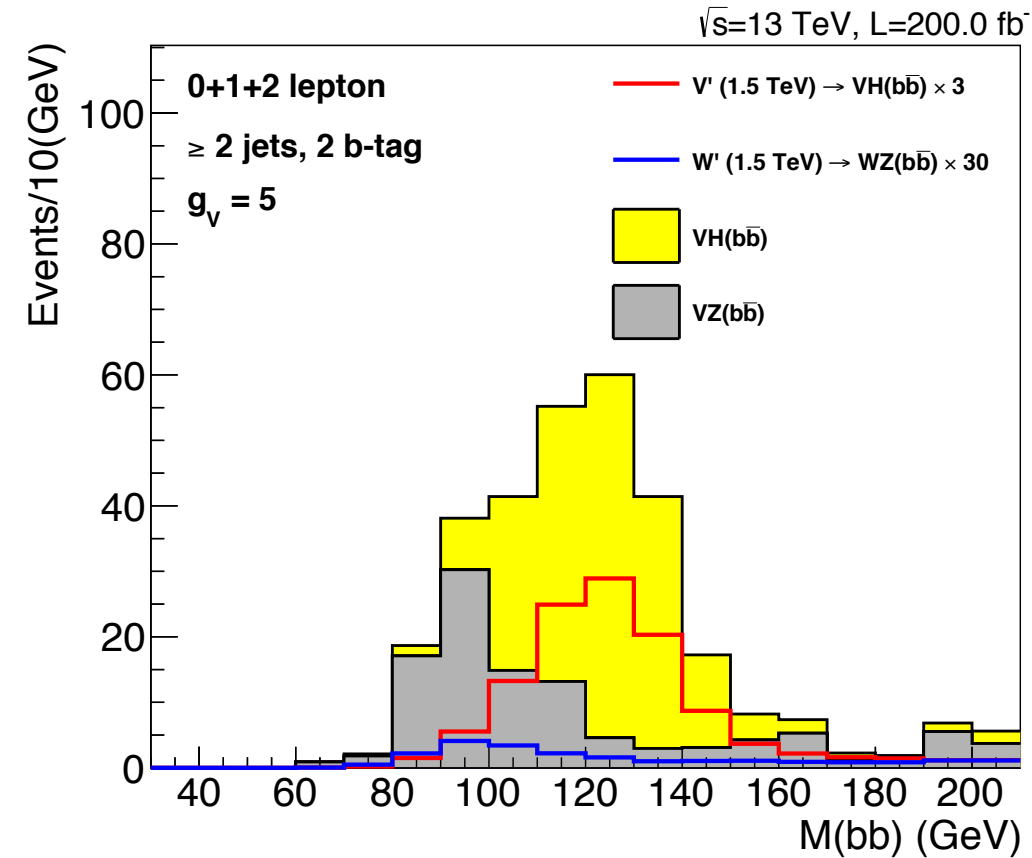
SM VH, ZW yield : 47.92 events  
 95% CLs  $W' \rightarrow$  WH : 15.5 events



SM VH, ZW yield : 18 events  
 95% CLs  $W' \rightarrow$  WH : 10.3 events

# Projections (expected limits) for 200 fb<sup>-1</sup>

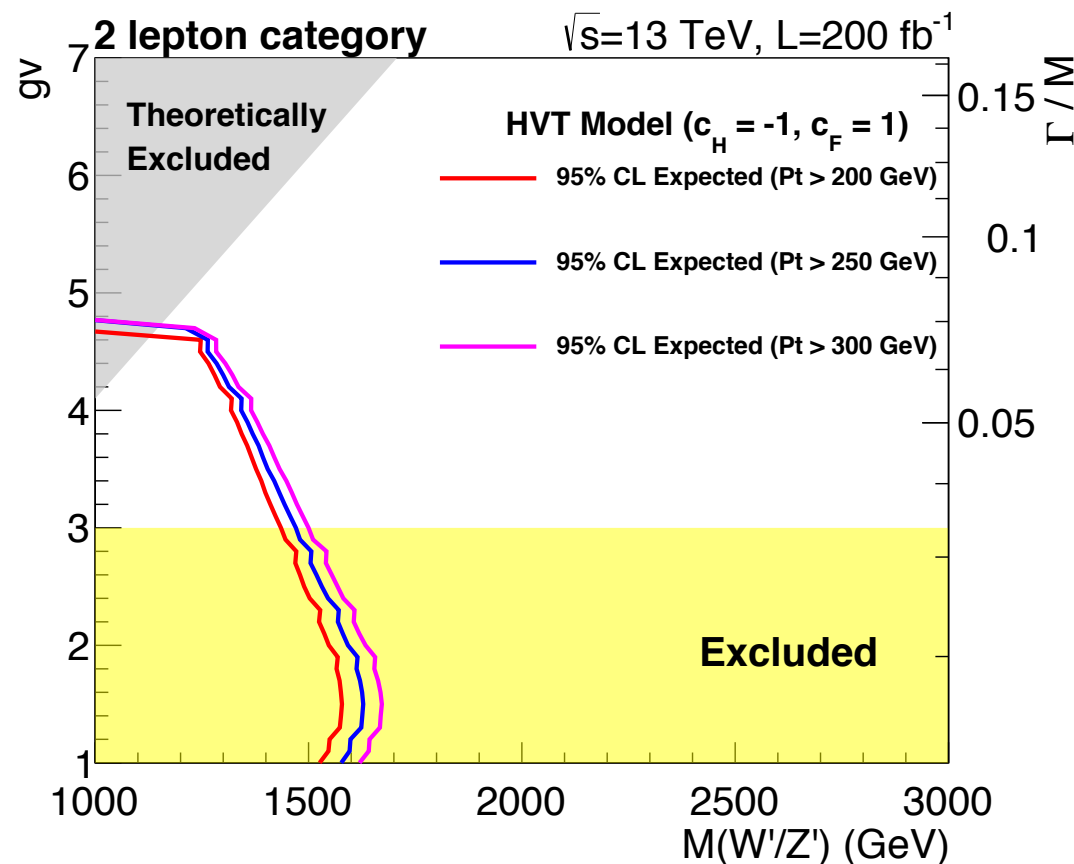
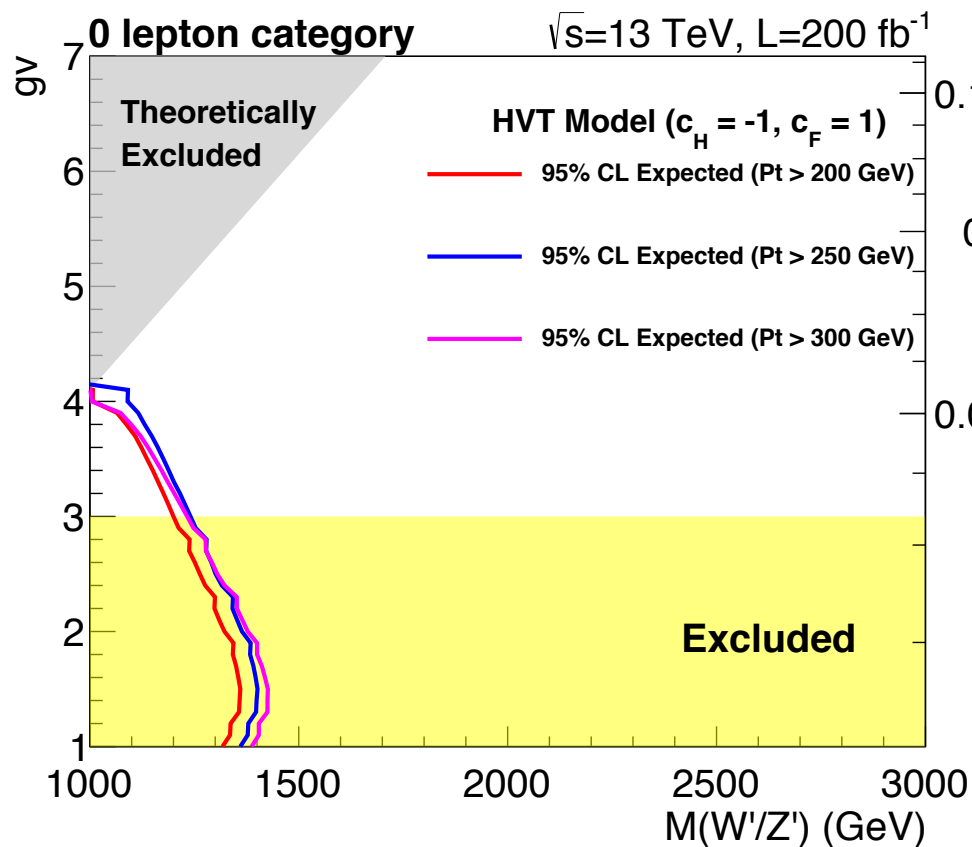
# All categories 200 fb<sup>-1</sup>



$g_V$  reduction gives more exotic Higgs signal. The exotic WZ is still small

# CLs Limits: 0-lep, 2-lep categories

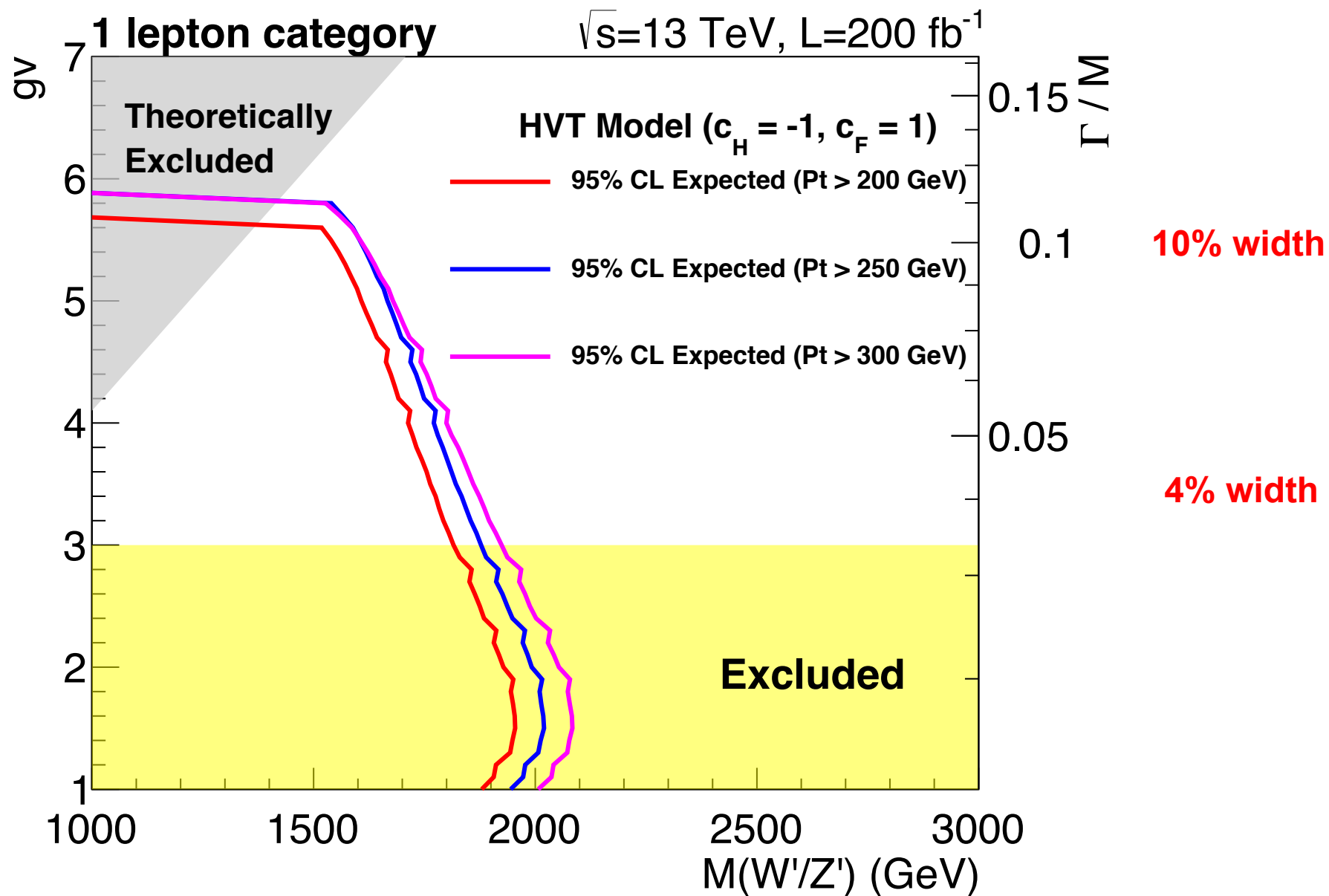
$$\int L dt = 200 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$



0-lepton category has lower sensitivity.

For the existing published ATLAS/CMS analyses it will come out to have no sensitivity (HVT yields small in the full phase space)

# W' Limits: 1-lepton category





# ATLAS/CMS $VH \rightarrow bb$ yields (0, 1, 2lep)

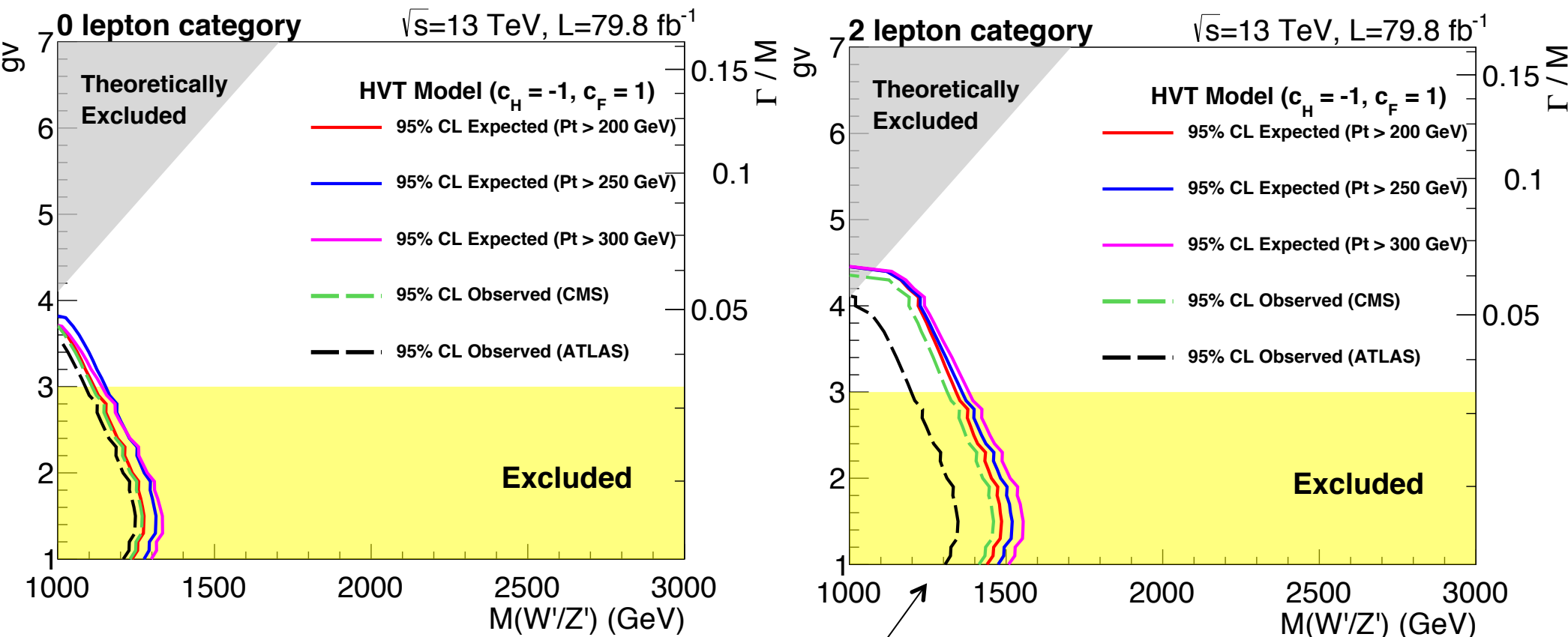
Signal strength	Signal strength	$p_0$		Significance	
		Exp.	Obs.	Exp.	Obs.
0-lepton	$1.04^{+0.34}_{-0.32}$	$9.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3.1	3.3
1-lepton	$1.09^{+0.46}_{-0.42}$	$8.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.4	2.6
2-lepton	$1.38^{+0.46}_{-0.42}$	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	2.6	3.4
$VH, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ combination	$1.16^{+0.27}_{-0.25}$	$7.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$5.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$	4.3	4.9

Channels	Significance		Signal strength
	Expected	Observed	
2017			
0-lepton	1.9	1.3	$0.73 \pm 0.65$
1-lepton	1.8	2.6	$1.32 \pm 0.55$
2-lepton	1.9	1.9	$1.05 \pm 0.59$
Combined	3.1	3.3	$1.08 \pm 0.34$
Run 2	4.2	4.4	$1.06 \pm 0.26$
Run 1 + Run 2	4.9	4.8	$1.01 \pm 0.23$

25. ATLAS Collaboration, Observation of  $H \rightarrow bb$  decays and  $VH$  production with the ATLAS detector, arXiv:1808.08238 [hep-ex] (2018).

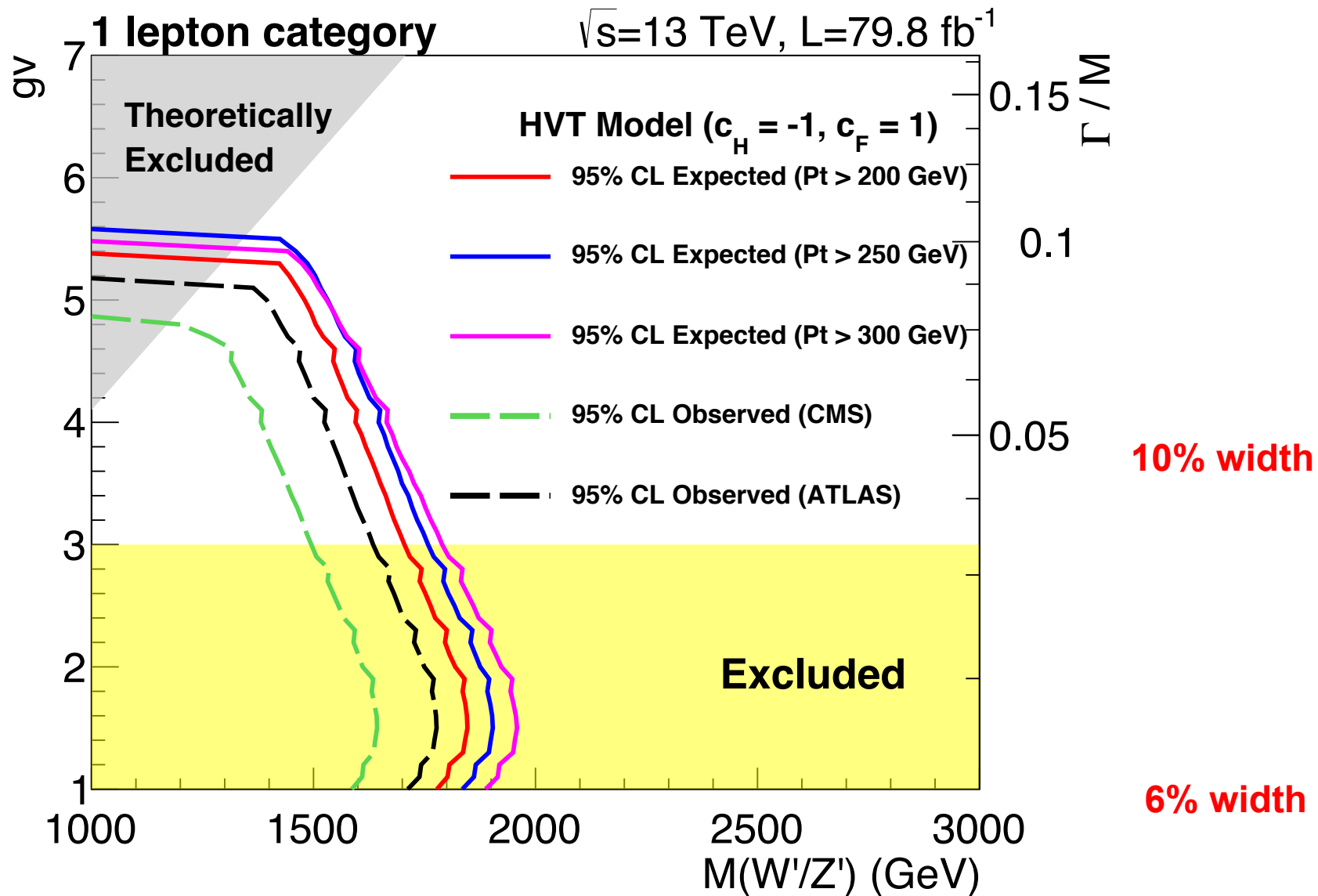
26. CMS Collaboration, Observation of Higgs boson decay to bottom quarks CMS-PAS-HIG-18-016 (2018).

# ATLAS/CMS exclusions: 0 lep , 2 lep



ATLAS exclusion lower than expectation due to an excess.  
(actually this would be the first sign of signal if both ATLAS/CMS showed “the same” observed limit weaker than expected).

# W' Limits: 1-lepton category

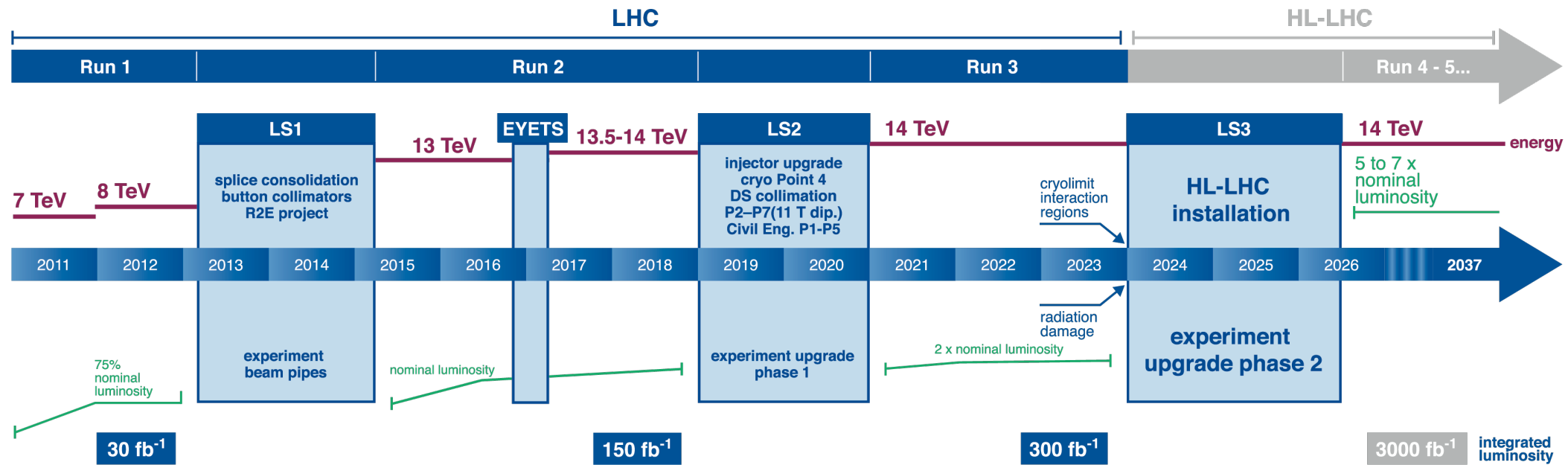


Reach out to 1.5 TeV to 2 TeV depending on the width  
 Note that part of the available param space is excluded.

# Work in Taiwan

A few words about what we're doing

## LHC / HL-LHC Plan



HL-LHC will enable precision measurements of H properties (couplings, self-couplings,...) and to probe the existence of very rare new physics processes.

Major detector upgrades foreseen to maximise the physics outcome from high integrated luminosity and limit the degradation from radiation and high pileup rate.

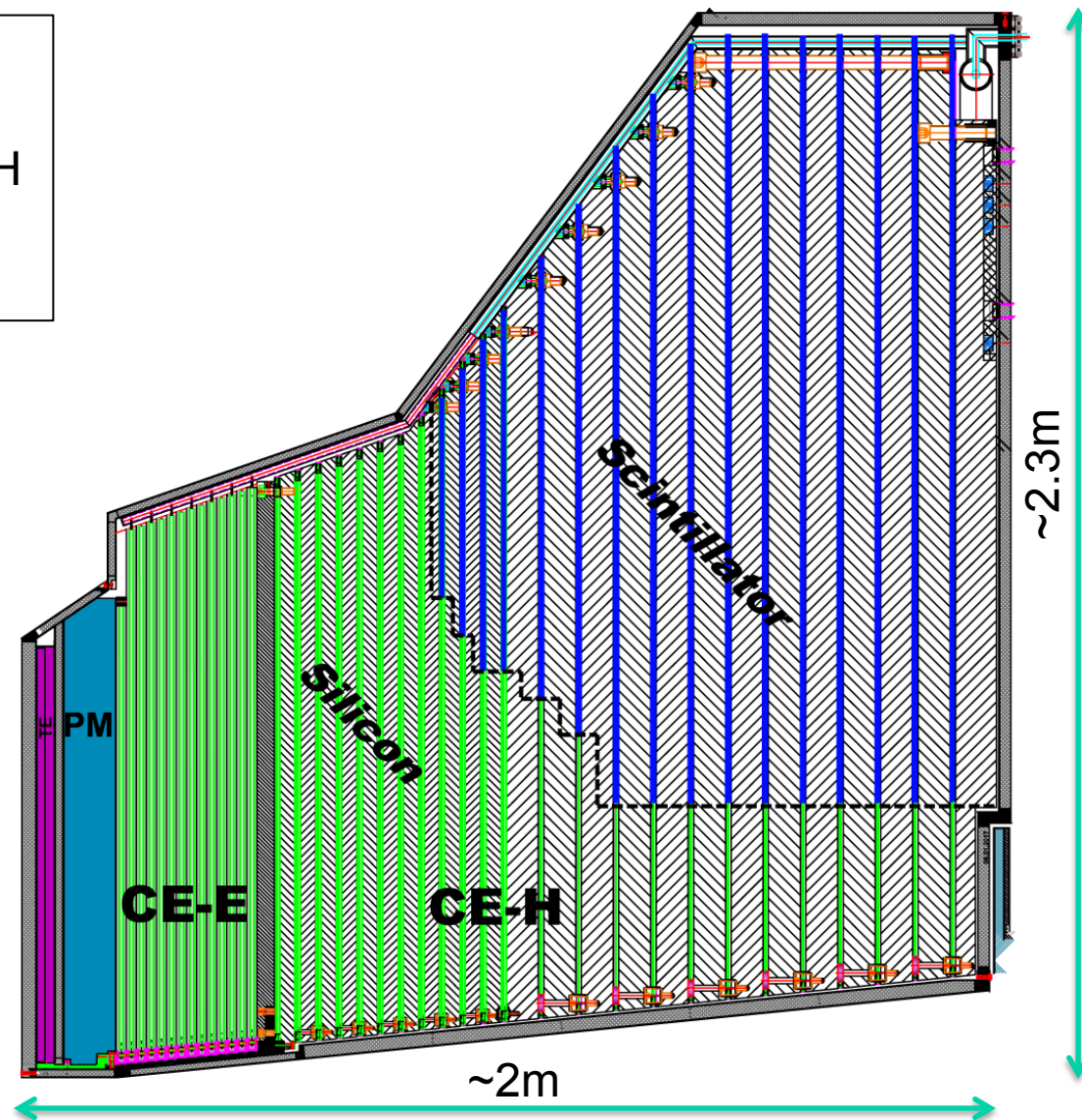
# CMS HGCal: a 52-layer sampling calorimeter with unprecedented number of readout channels

## Active Elements:

- Hexagonal modules based on Si sensors in CE-E and high-radiation regions of CE-H
- Scintillating tiles with SiPM readout in low-radiation regions of CE-H

## Key Parameters:

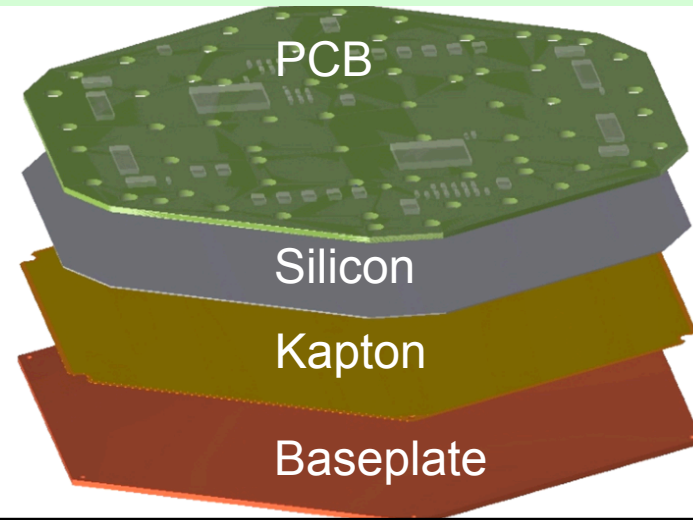
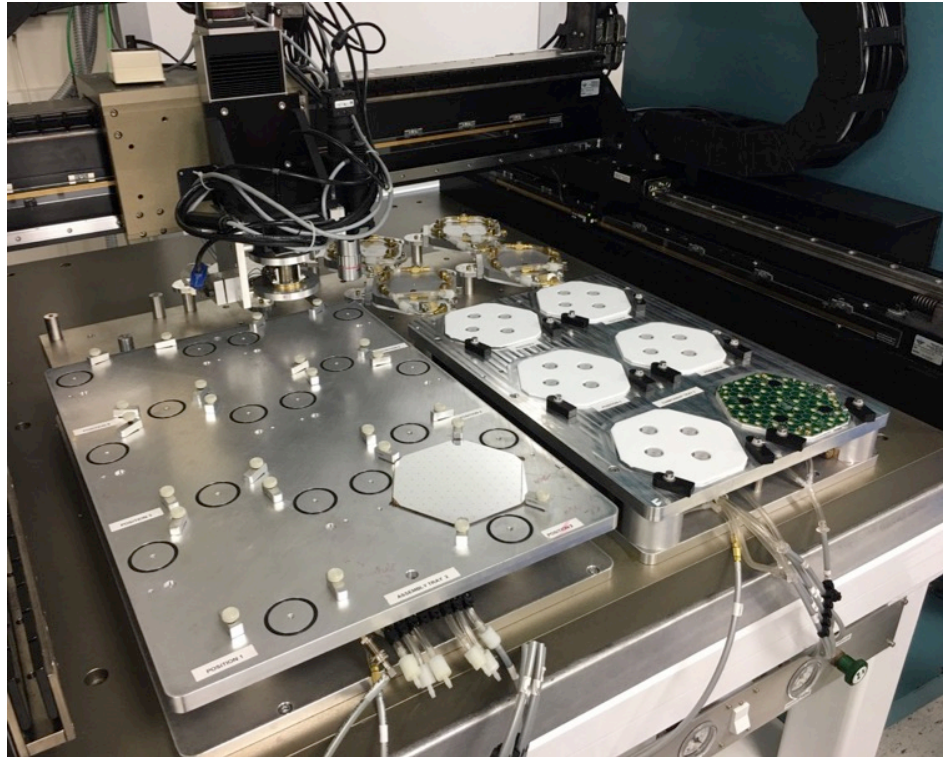
- HGCal covers  $1.5 < \eta < 3.0$
- **Full system maintained at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$**
- **$\sim 600\text{m}^2$**  of silicon sensors
- **$\sim 500\text{m}^2$**  of scintillators
- 6M Si channels,  $0.5$  or  $1.1\text{ cm}^2$  cell size
  - Data readout from all layers
  - Trigger readout from alternate layers in CE-E and all layers in CE-H
- $\sim 27000$  Si modules



EM calorimeter (**CE-E**): **Si**, Cu/CuW/Pb absorbers, 28 layers,  $26 X_0$  &  $\sim 1.7\lambda$   
Hadronic calo (**CE-H**): **Si** & **scintillator**, steel absorbers, 24 layers,  $\sim 9.0\lambda$

# Si modules are glued assemblies

Automated gantry @ UCSB  
used previously for CMS tracker assembly

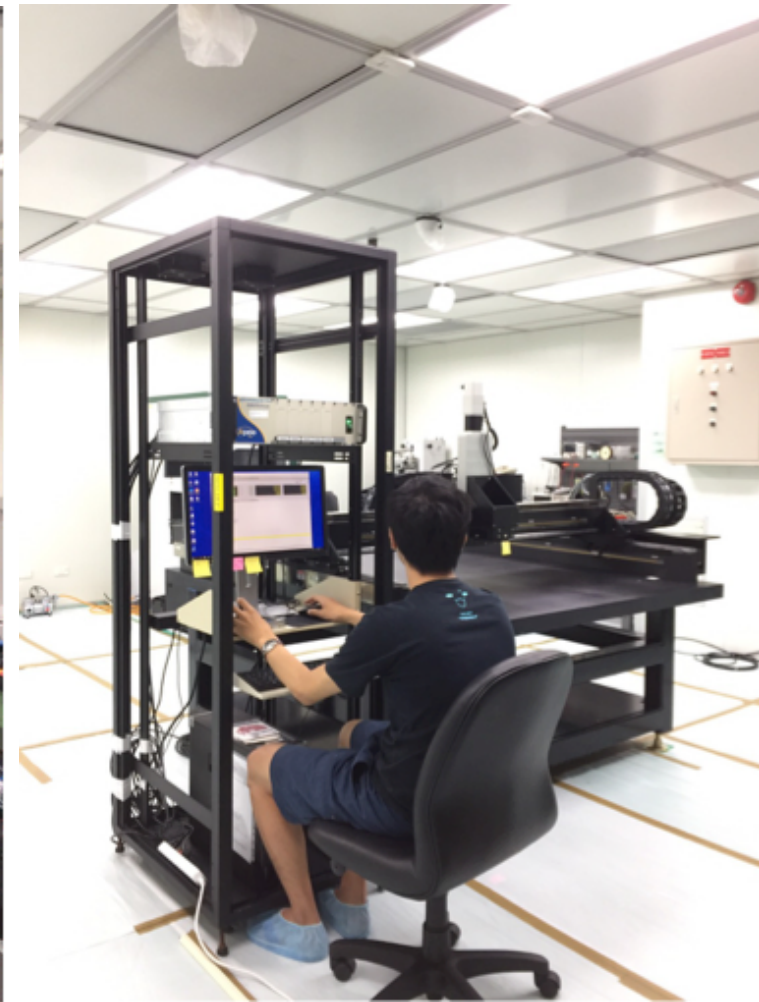
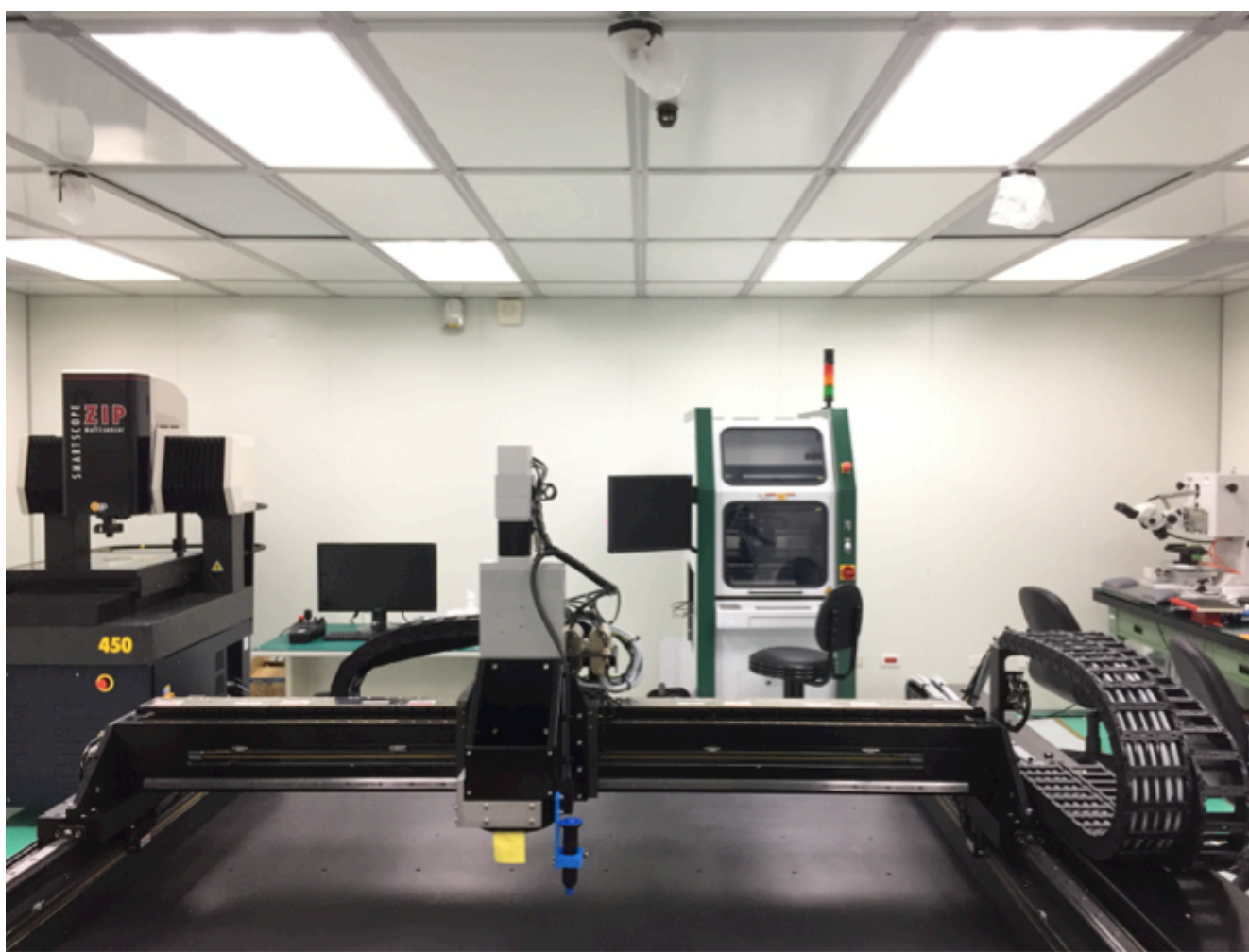


In CE-E, baseplate = 1.2mm CuW, to  
keep overall density high



Three centers are being setup in Asia:  
India, China (IHEP), **Taiwan**

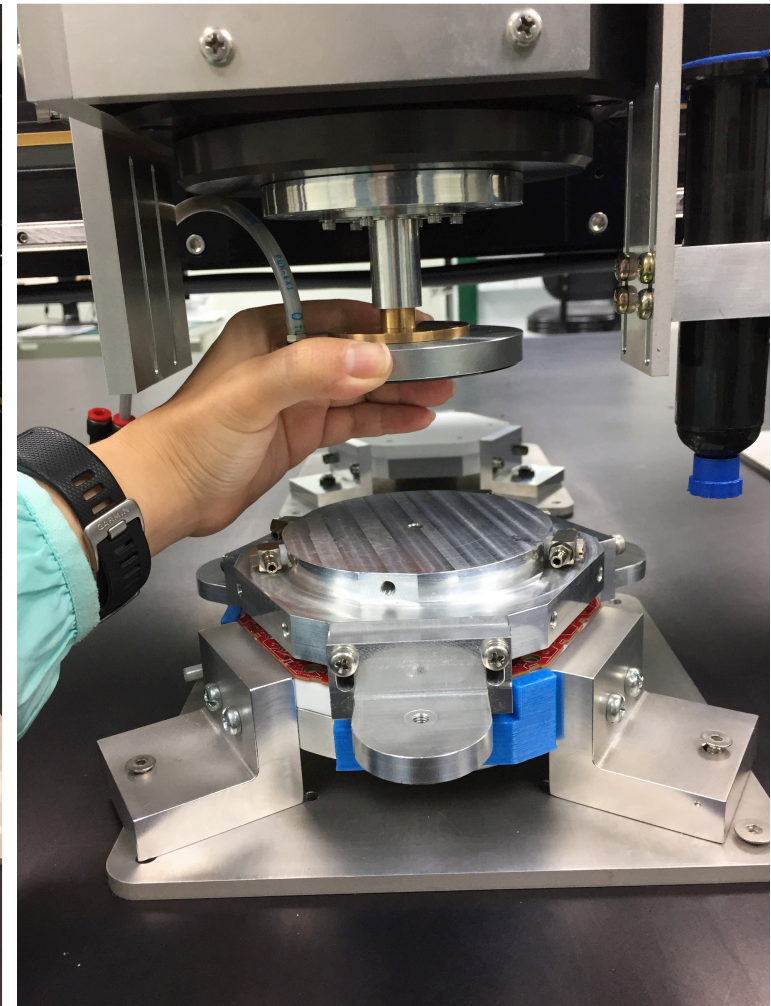
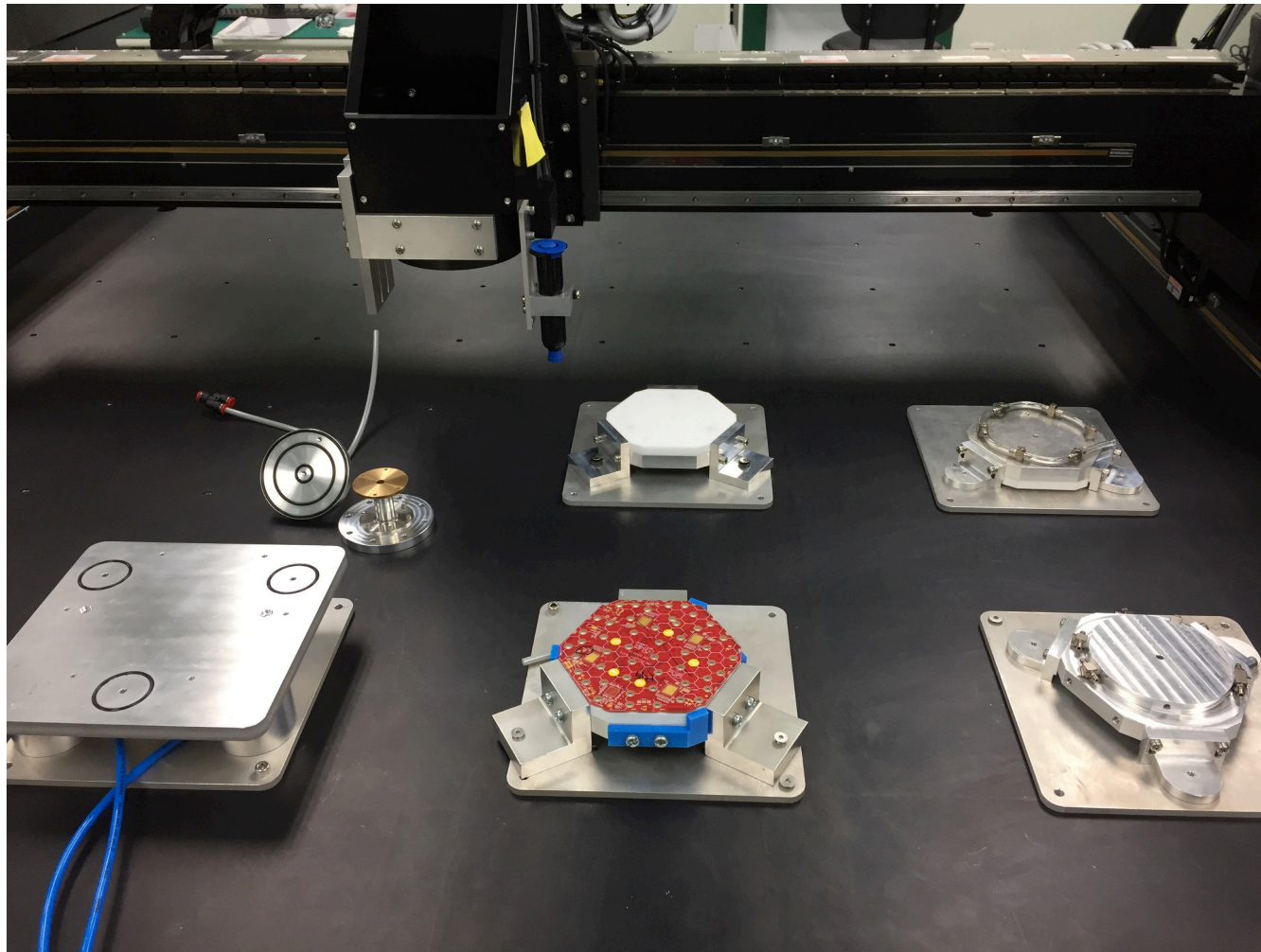
# Cleanroom ready (OGP is in)



We are now moving to the R&D phase.  
Next milestone to build a module.



# Tooling work



This is ongoing work to use our std tools for pickup. The first batch of these have shown some leaks, but we can set vacuum and pick up mock sensors.

# Plans for a Taiwan-HEP collaboration

## Develop sensors for:

- Build 5000 HGICAL modules (2021-2023)
- CEPC (Circular 100km collider in China)
  - Luminosity Monitor (PI: Suen Hou)
  - ILD-like calorimeter (similar to HGICAL)
- Sensors for Particle Astrophysics and Medical Apps
  - Gaseous VUV and Xray sensors (SP)
  - Others? (MPPCs, Scnanowires, etc)
- Generic R&D
  - Silicon sensors from Taiwan + PCB from Taiwan

# Extra Slides

# Fraction of fat jets vs Mass

Normal jet :  $\text{Eta} < 2.5$ , pass btagging,  $80 < \text{dijet\_mass} < 160$

Fat jet : exactly 1 jet with  $\text{eta} < 2.5$ ,  $80 < \text{this single jet mass} < 160$

Fat jet rate

1.0 TeV 47.4 %

1.5 TeV 85.6 %

2.0 TeV 94.8 %

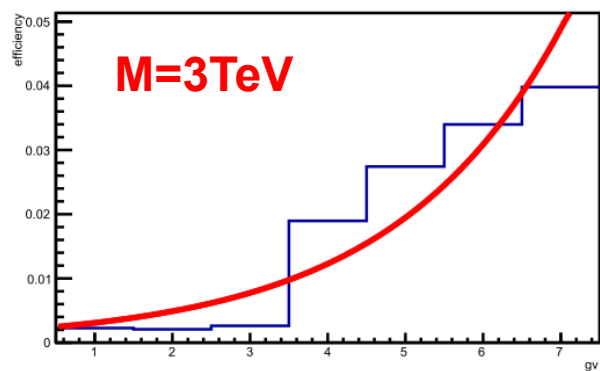
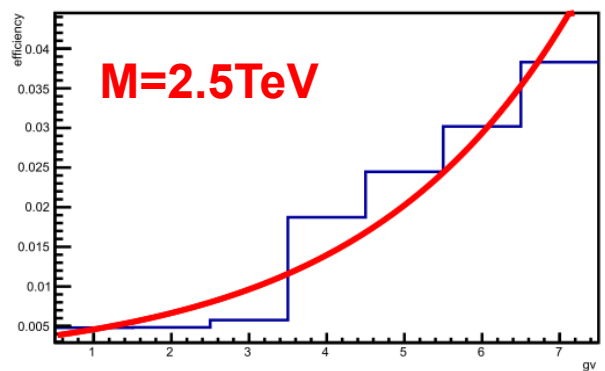
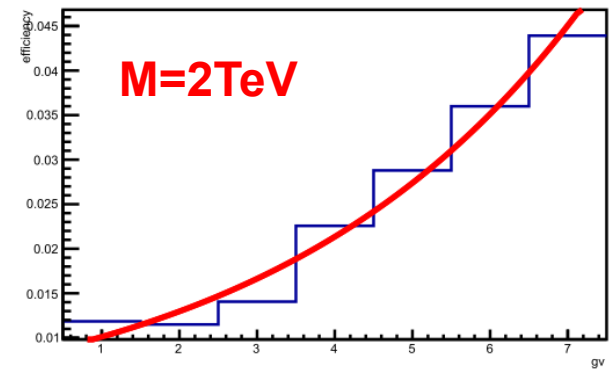
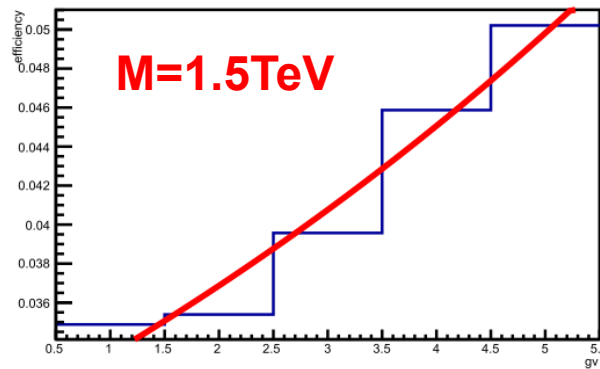
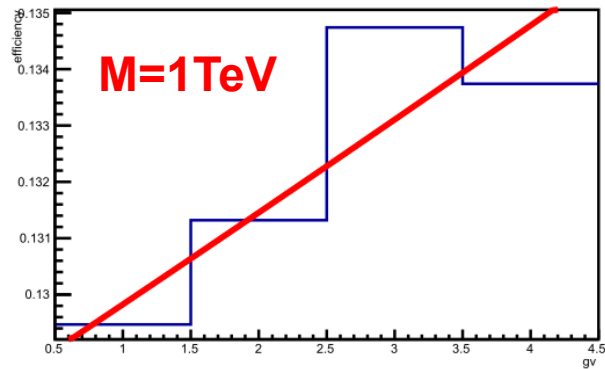
2.5 TeV 98.0 %

3.0 TeV 98.9 %

# Efficiencies for $V'$

Significant amount of work to find the efficiencies vs  $M_{V'}$  and  $g_V$ .

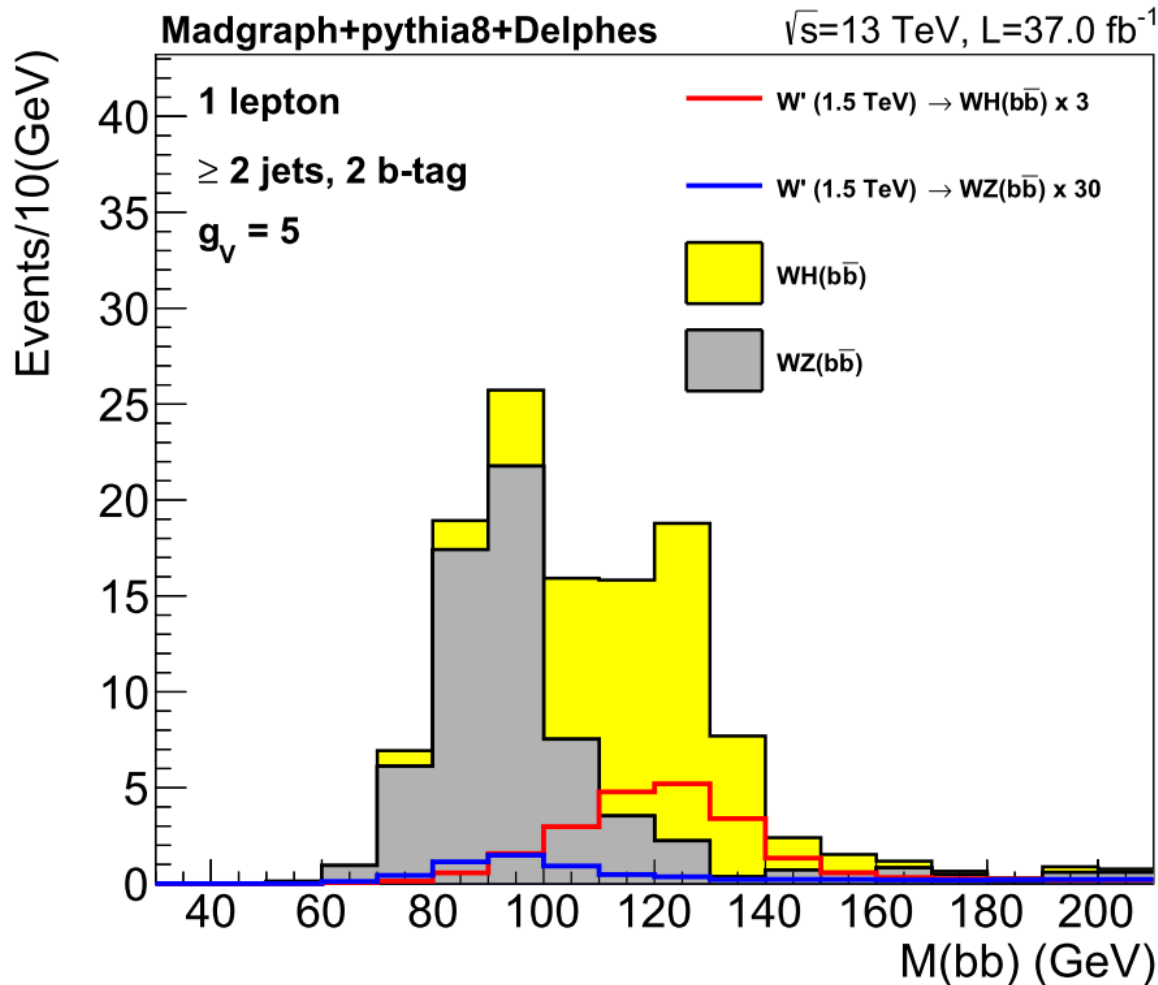
Example: efficiencies for  $bb$   $P_t > 200$  GeV.



$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon(M_{V'}, g_V)$$

# One-lepton category $37\text{fb}^{-1}$

ATLAS-like analysis with the addition of Higgs  $P_t > 200\text{GeV}$  cut

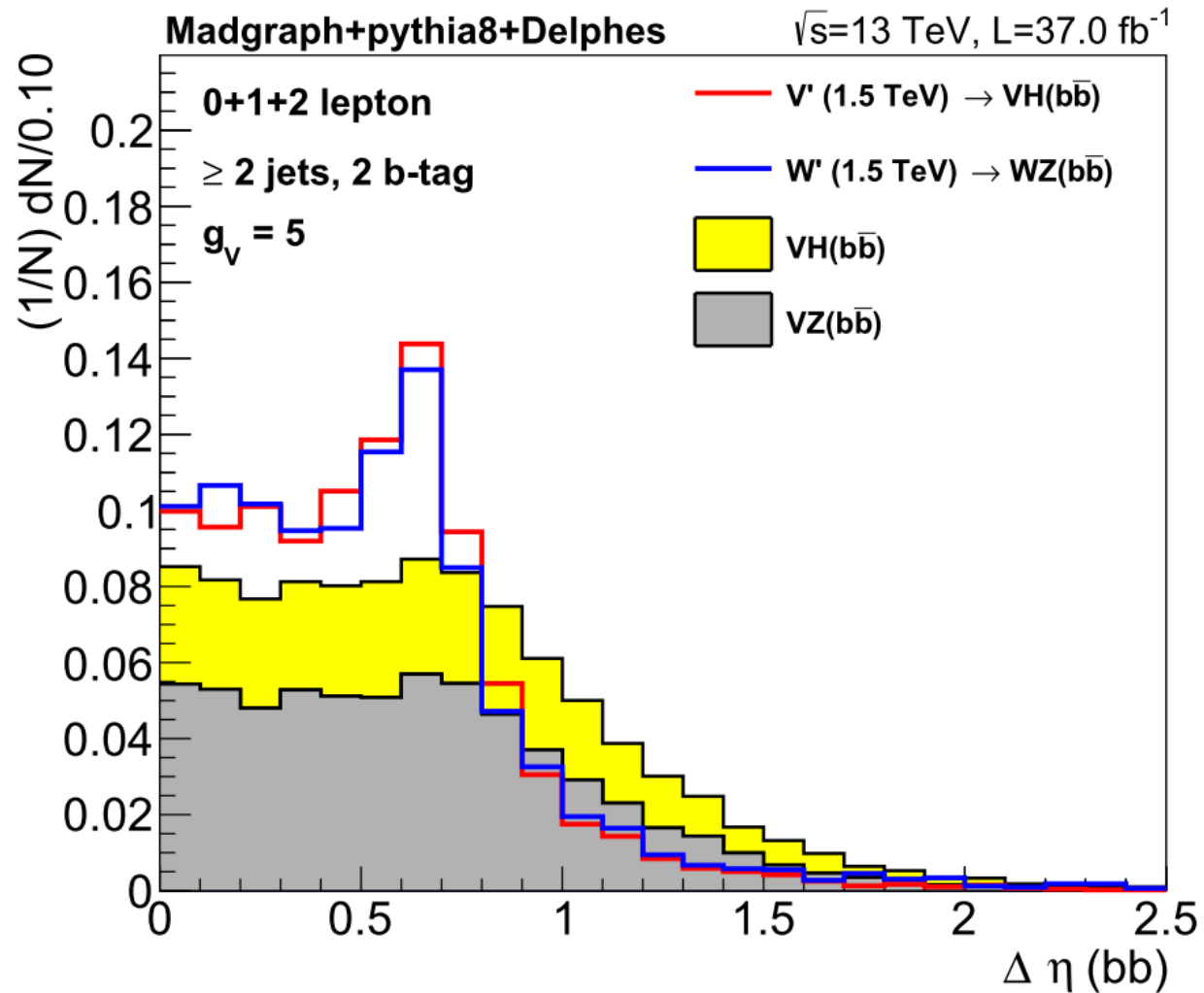


$BR(Z \rightarrow bb) = 15\%$   
 $BR(H \rightarrow bb) = 58\%$

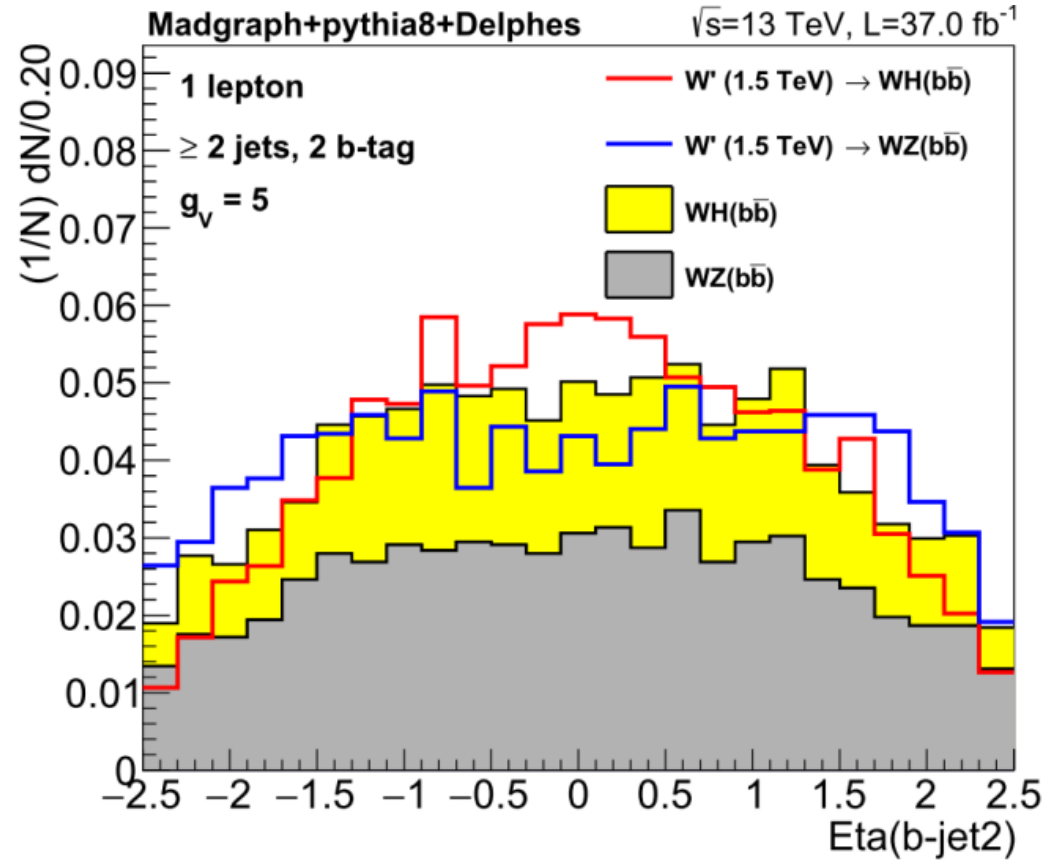
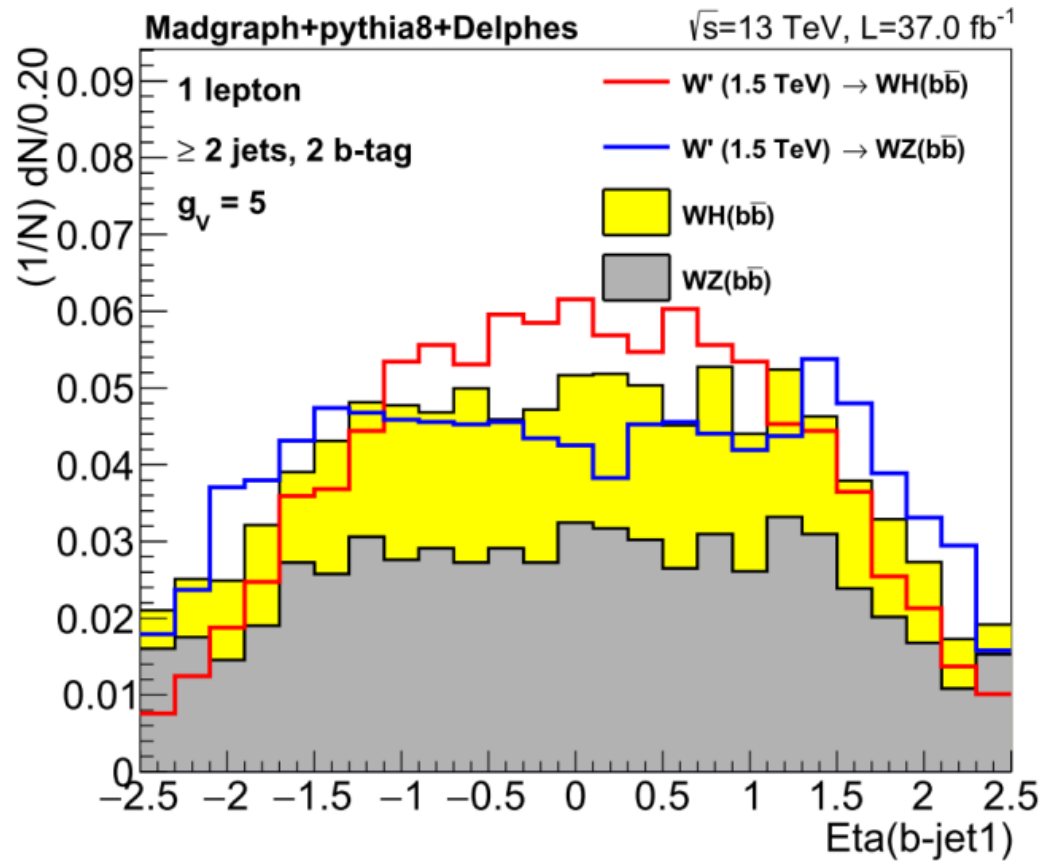
So, the  $WZ$  BSM signal is  
4x lower than the  $WH$   
( SHOWN in **blue** )

SM  $VH, ZW$  yield : 118.55 events  
95% CLs  $W' \rightarrow WH$  : 22.8 events

# $\Delta\eta(\text{bb})$ distribution after detector



# $\Delta\eta(bj)$ distributions after detector





# Comment on the $V$ self-interactions

Our parametrization of the operators is useful at the theoretical level but obviously redundant as  $g_V$  could be reabsorbed in the  $c$ 's and is not a genuine new parameter of the model. For instance, one could resolve the redundancy by setting  $c_{VVV} = 1$  and thus define  $g_V$  as the  $V$  self-interaction strength. However for practical purposes, and in particular for presenting the experimental limits of the model, it could be easier to treat  $g_V c_H$  and  $g^2/g_V c_F$ , the combinations that enter in the vertices, as fundamental parameters.

# Comment on “Theory Excluded”

## Strongly coupled heavy vector

This case is depicted in the middle and lower plots of Figure 3.1 for an intermediate,  $g_V = 3$ , and rather stronger,  $g_V = 6$ , coupling. A strongly coupled vector resonance like a new composite vector boson, analogous to the  $\rho$  in QCD, arising for example in Composite Higgs models is excluded up to  $\sim 1.5 - 2$  TeV for intermediate coupling of the strong sector and almost unconstrained for large enough coupling ( $g_V \gtrsim 5$ ). The most constraining searches are those into di-boson final states because, as described above, the BRs into vector bosons are much larger than those into fermions.  $t\bar{t}$  and  $tb$  searches are not particularly sensitive. Notice, however, that we are working under the assumption of a universal coupling to fermions. In potentially realistic strongly coupled scenarios the parameter  $c_3$  is actually expected to be enhanced, improving the sensitivity of third family searches. A careful assessment of this interesting effect is left to future work. Notice that a large portion of the mass range is theoretically excluded, as shown in the plots. This corresponds to regions where it is not possible to reproduce the SM input parameters  $\alpha_{EW}$ ,  $G_F$  and  $M_Z$  for such a small physical mass and large  $g_V$  coupling.

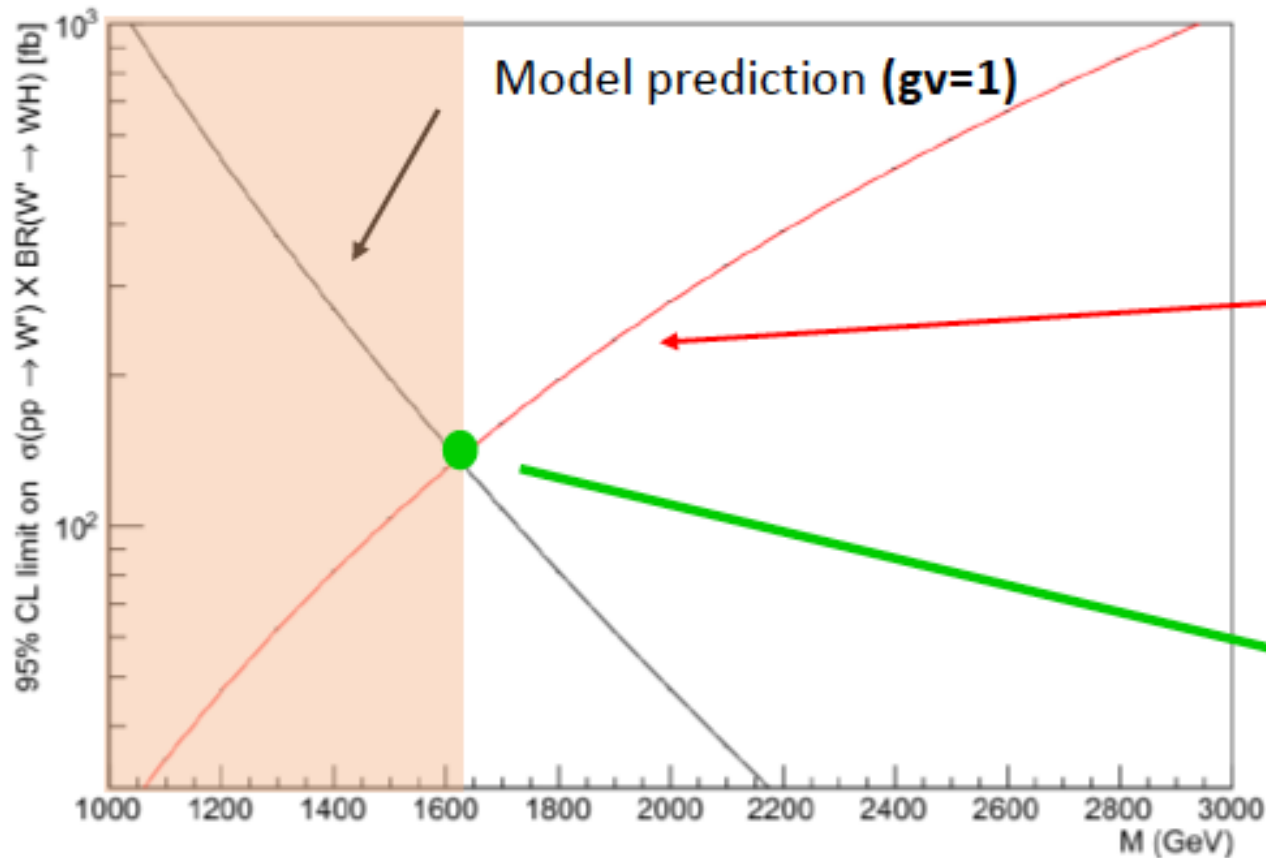
# Setting Limits procedure

## 1 lepton category ( $qq \rightarrow W' \rightarrow WH(\rightarrow lvbb)$ ) ( $Pt > 200$ GeV)

Expected bkg (VH +VV) events for  $37\text{fb}^{-1}$  : 119  
(based on ATLAS paper and additional selection)

b-only  
(Poisson counting + CLs)

22.8 new physics events (95% CL expected limit)



$BR(H \rightarrow b\bar{b}), BR(W \rightarrow lv),$   
selection efficiency

(95% CL expected limit)

For  $gv=1, M < 1620$  excluded