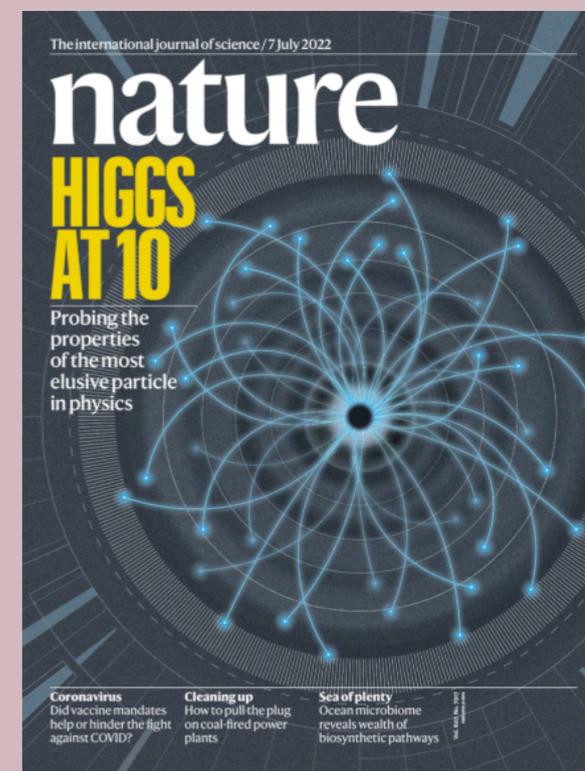




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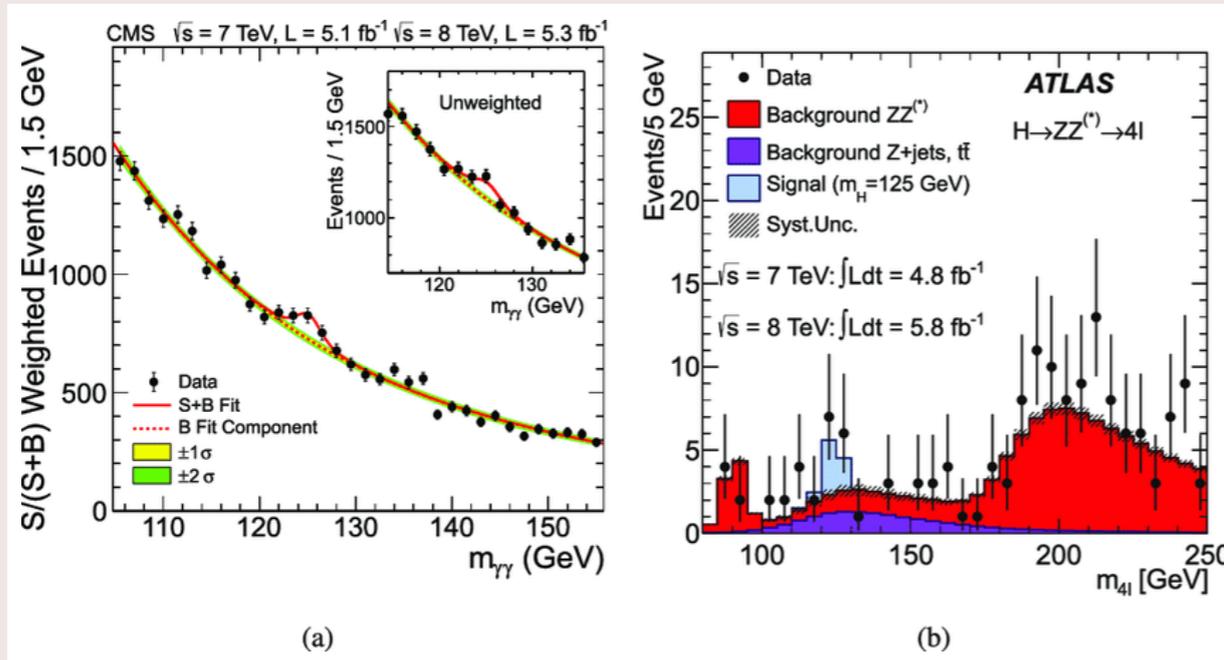
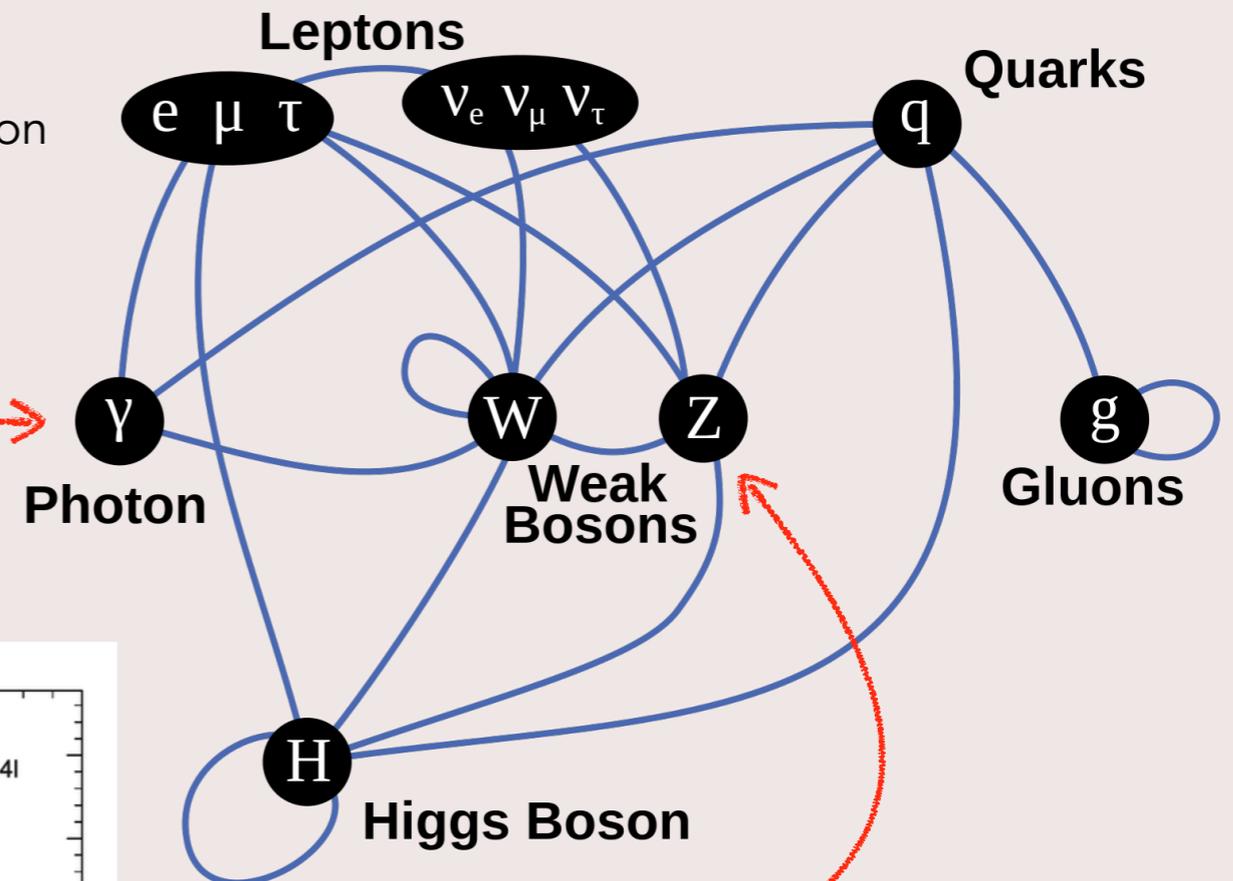
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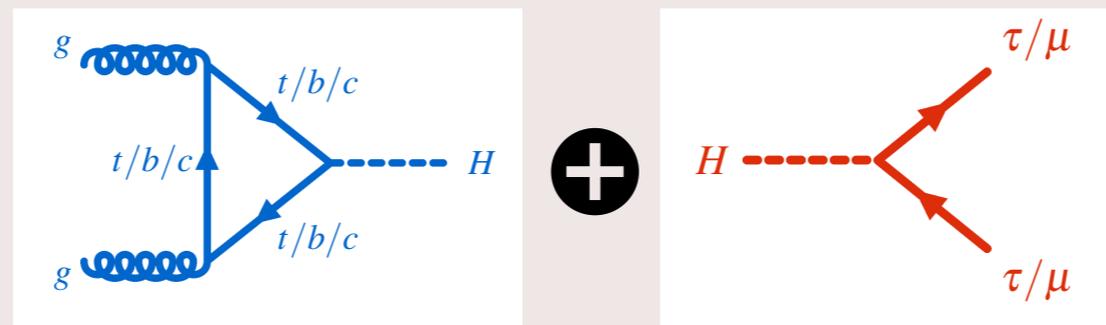
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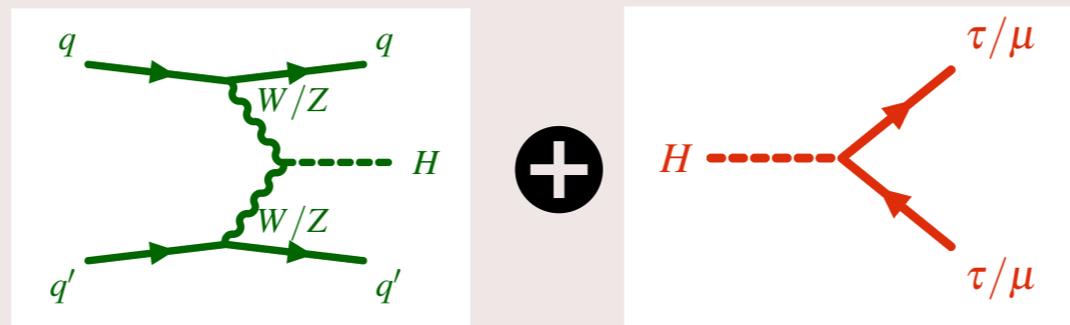
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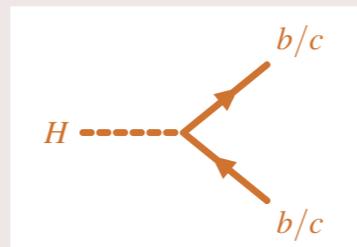
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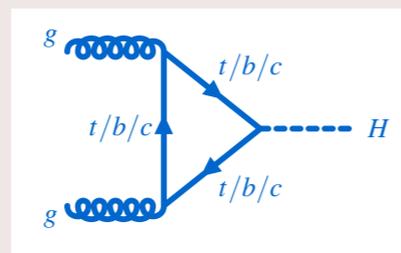
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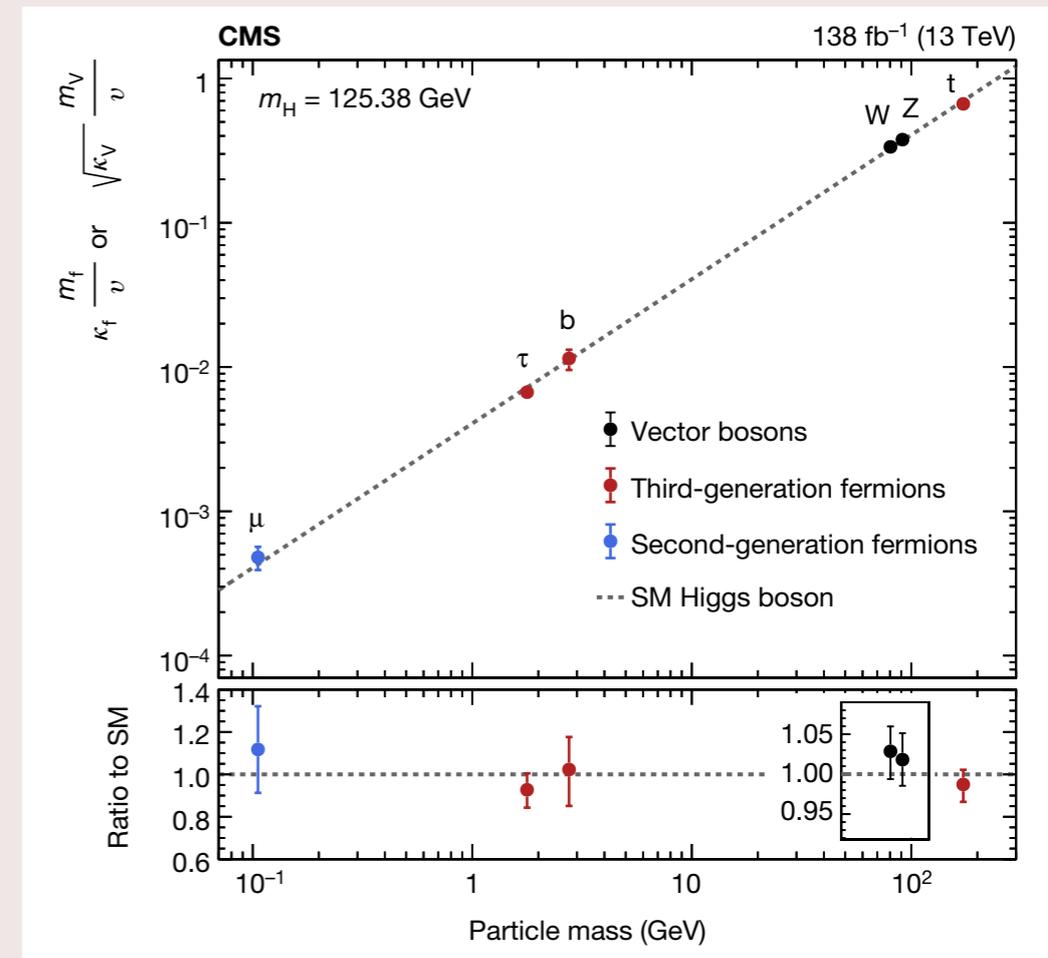
- Combining all production and decay mode measurements is where this becomes really interesting...
- Let's use the example of Higgs couplings to  $b$  quarks
  - The  $b$  quark is fairly heavy (strong coupling) but lighter than the Higgs so accessible as a decay product
  - Easiest way to study it is to look at this decay:



- However, there's also:



- Together: more precise measurement of coupling (can take advantage of strengths of each!)

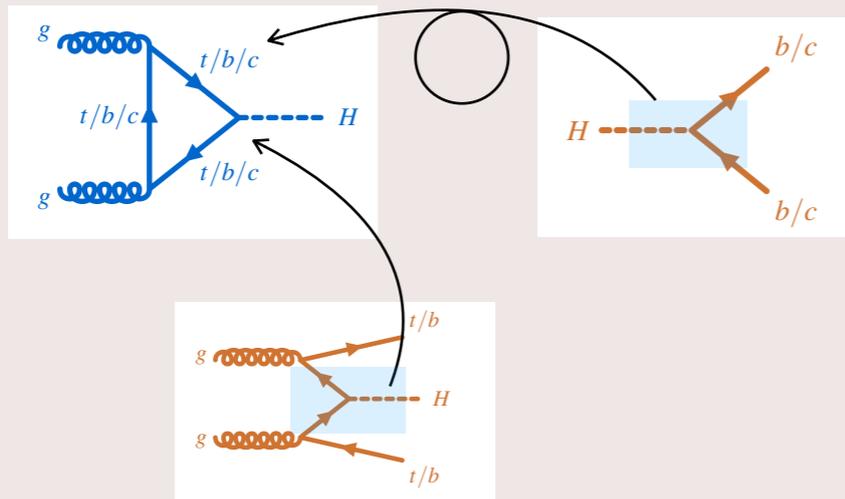


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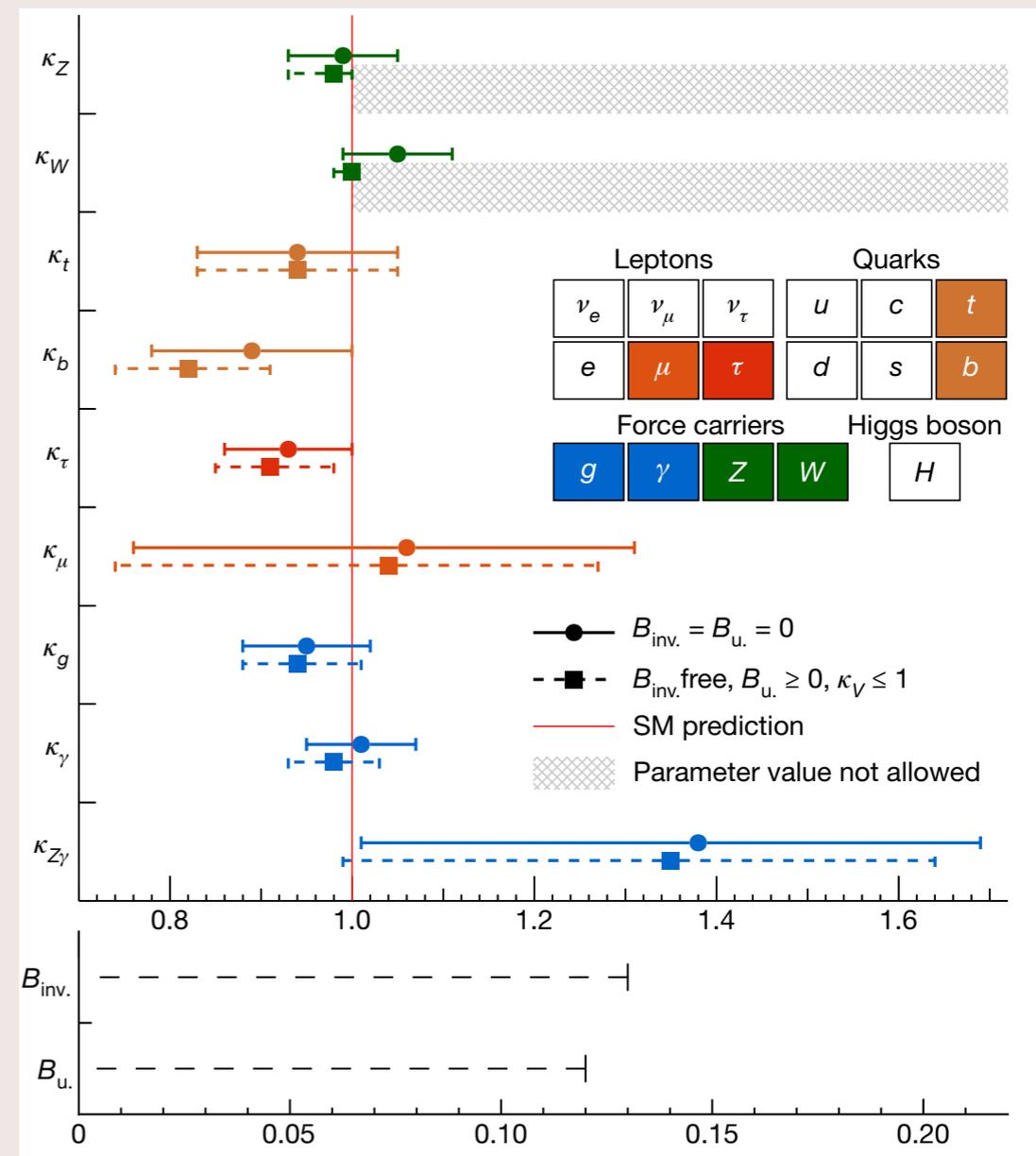
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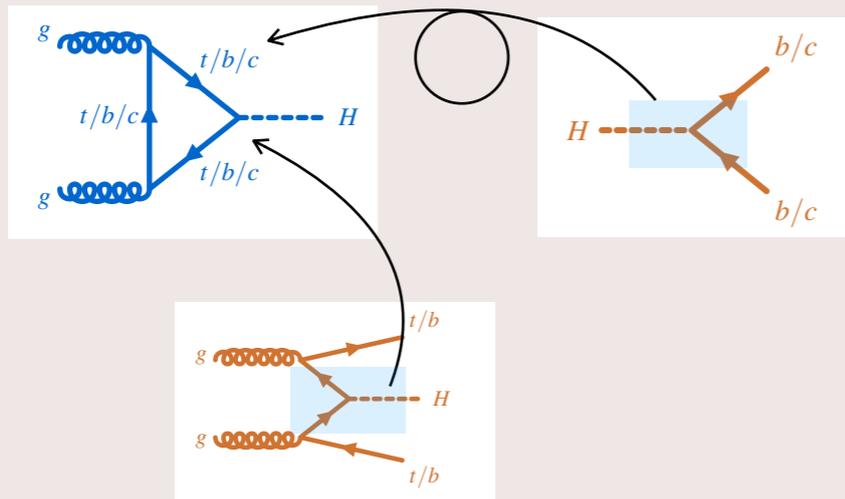
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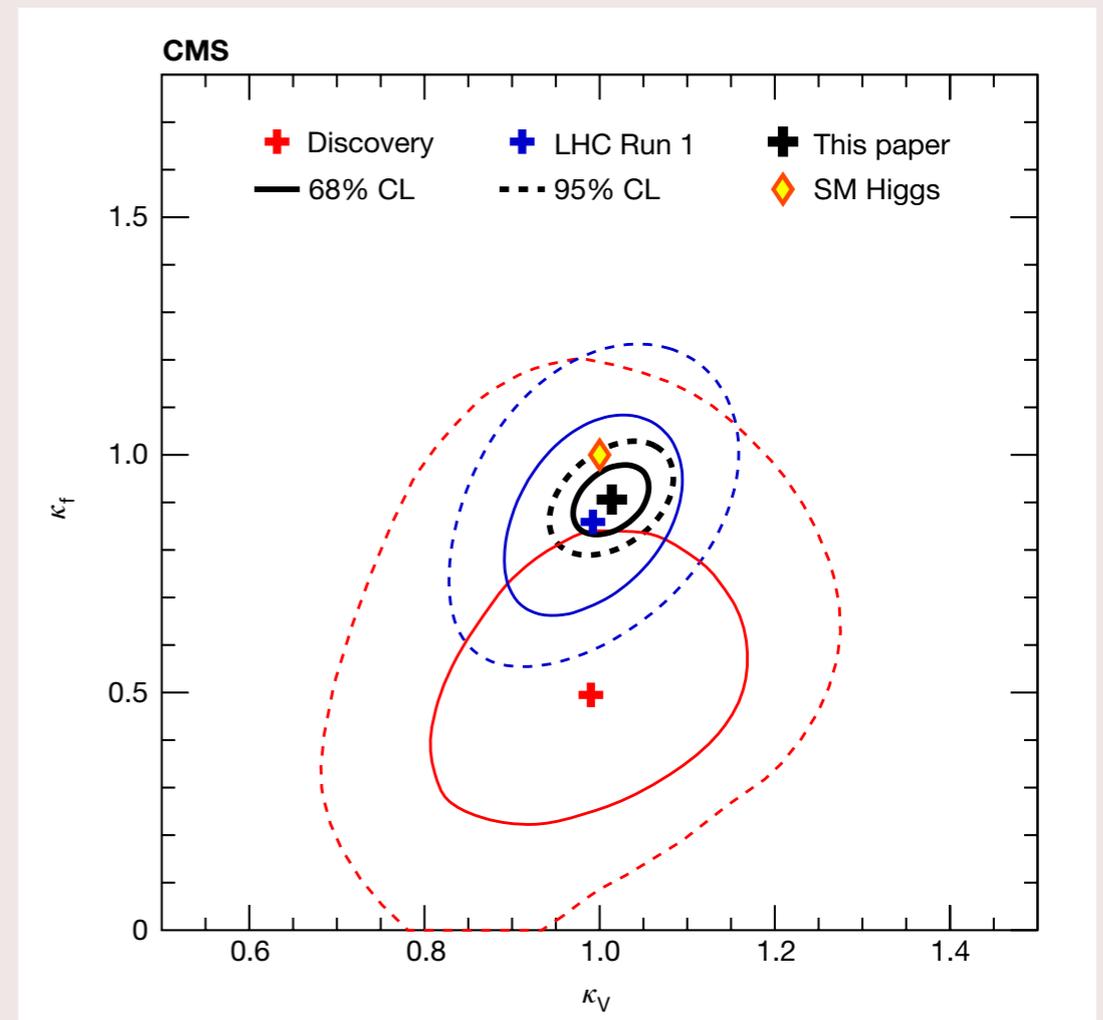
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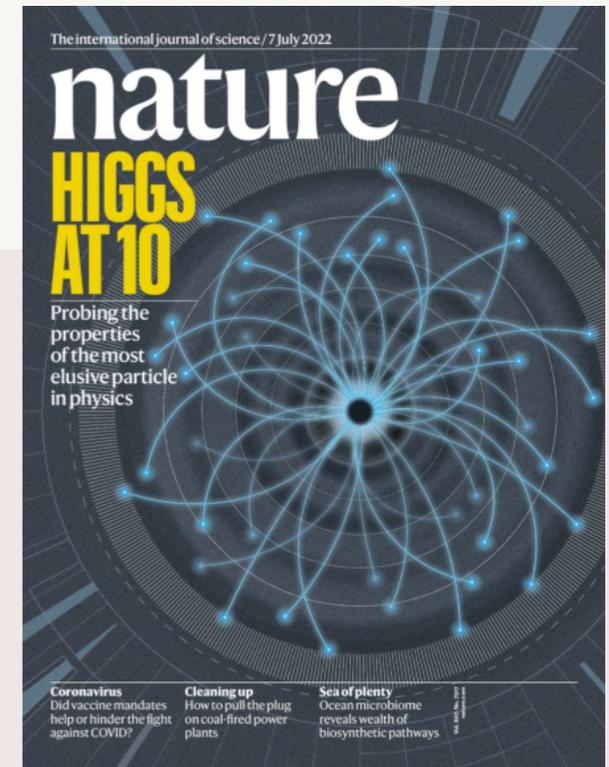
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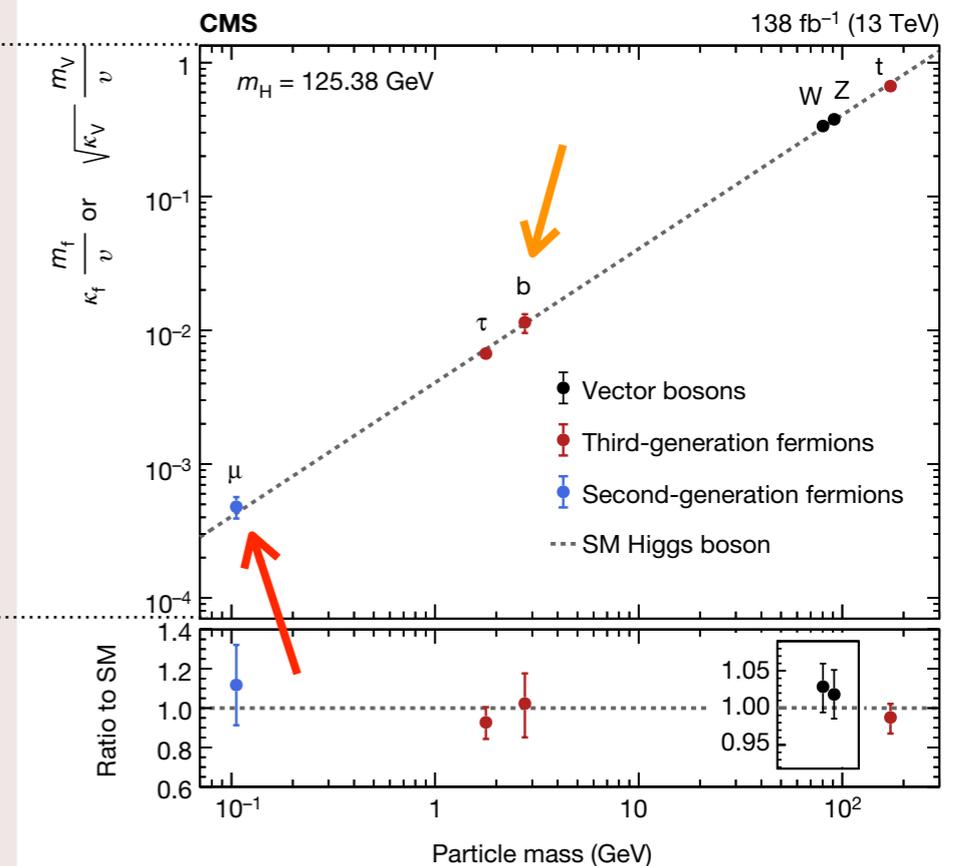
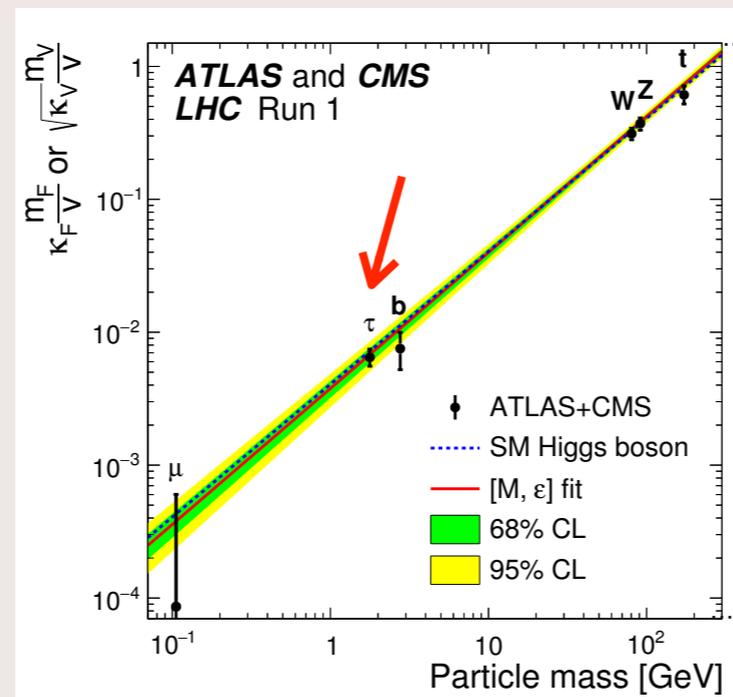
- A particle consistent with the Higgs boson was discovered 10 years ago by the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations
  - Early measurements had large (statistical) uncertainties
  - Many properties untested, lots of phase space available for BSM
- **10 years later:**
  - Precise measurement of Higgs production cross-sections and decay rates
    - Observation of all main LHC production processes:  $ggF$ ,  $VBF$ ,  $WH$ ,  $ZH$ ,  $t\bar{t}H + tH$
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  - Interpretation of results in terms of **couplings** to other particles ( $\kappa$  framework)
  - Study of **kinematic properties** of Higgs production processes (STXS framework)
  - Study of Higgs **self-coupling**
- Presented in two separate publications in Nature (ATLAS, CMS)



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