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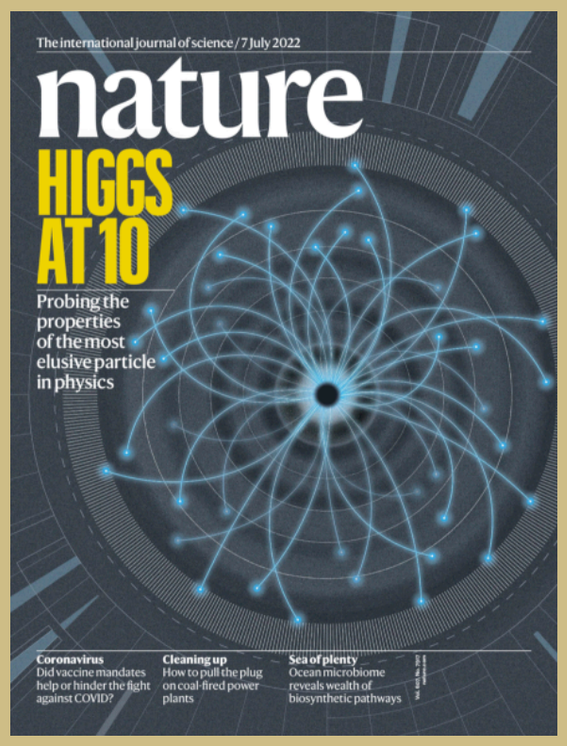
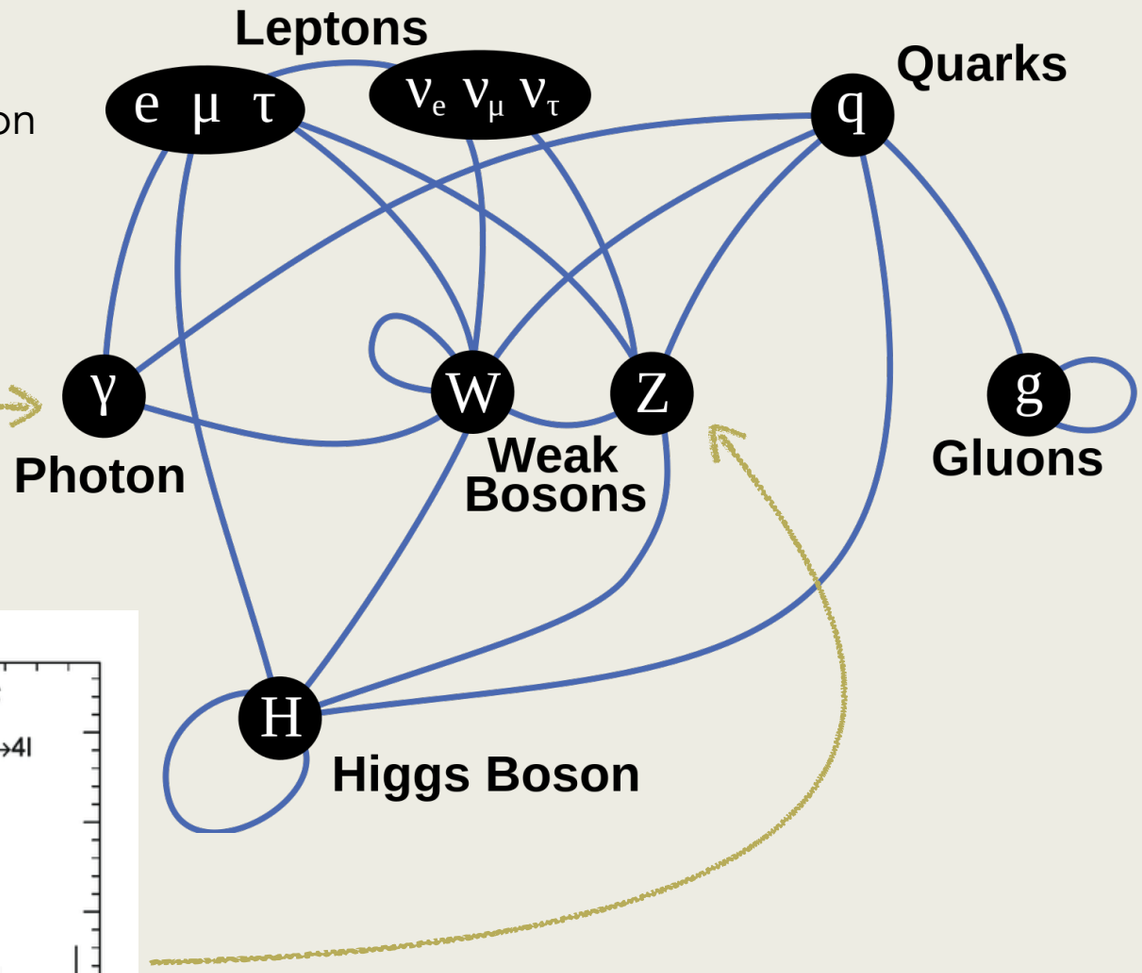
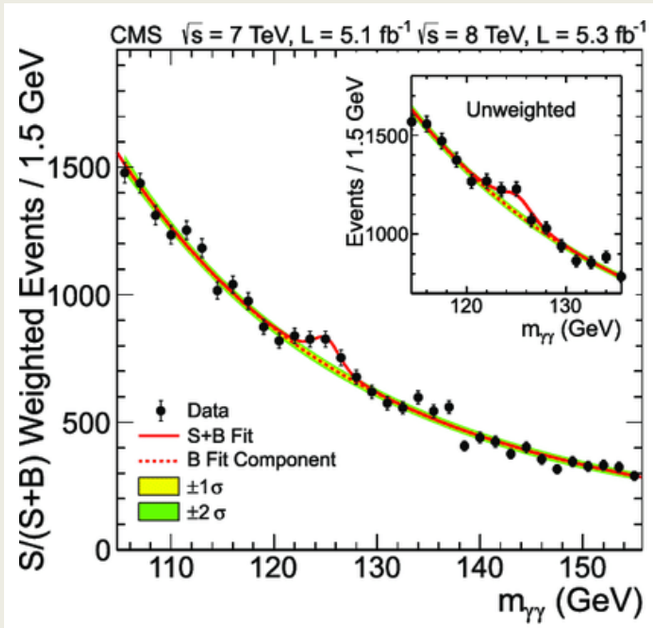


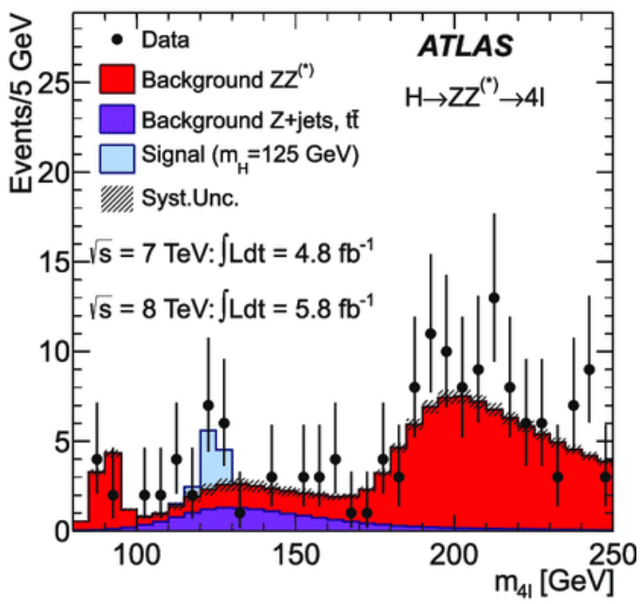
Introduction

- Higgs boson couples to all massive particles
  - Only particle that distinguishes between fermion generations

- At the time of the discovery, we knew very little about the Higgs boson







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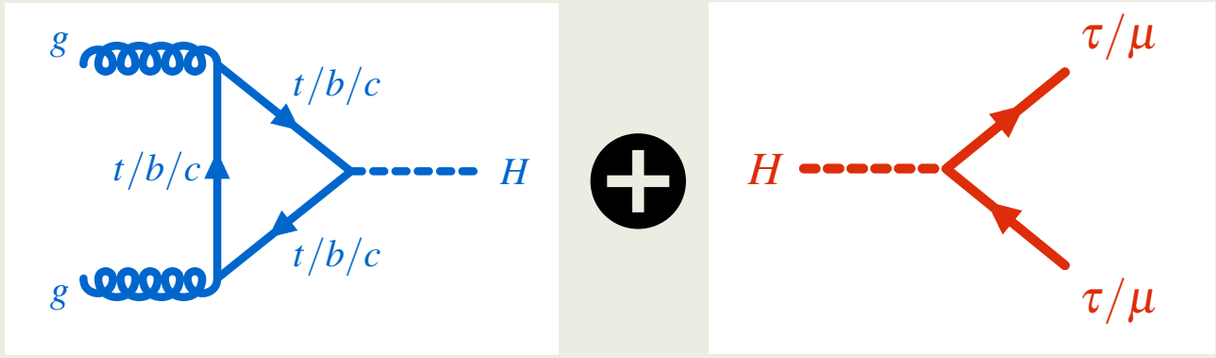

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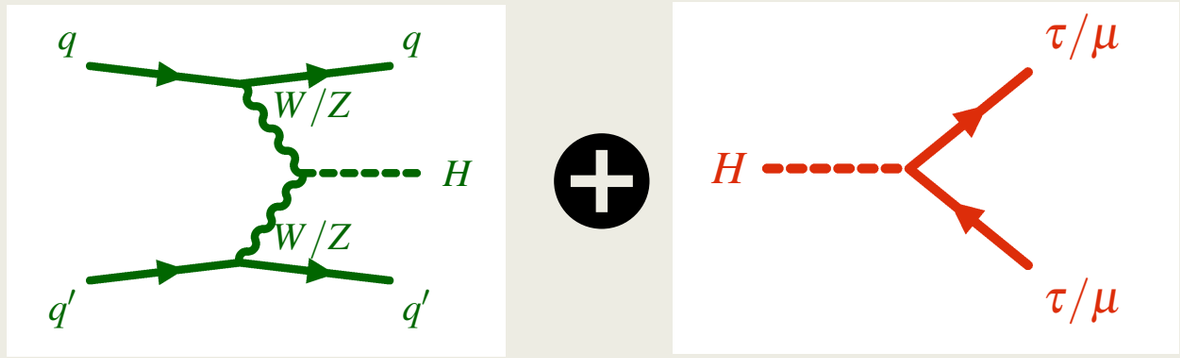

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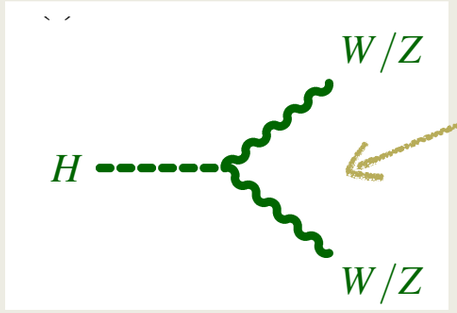
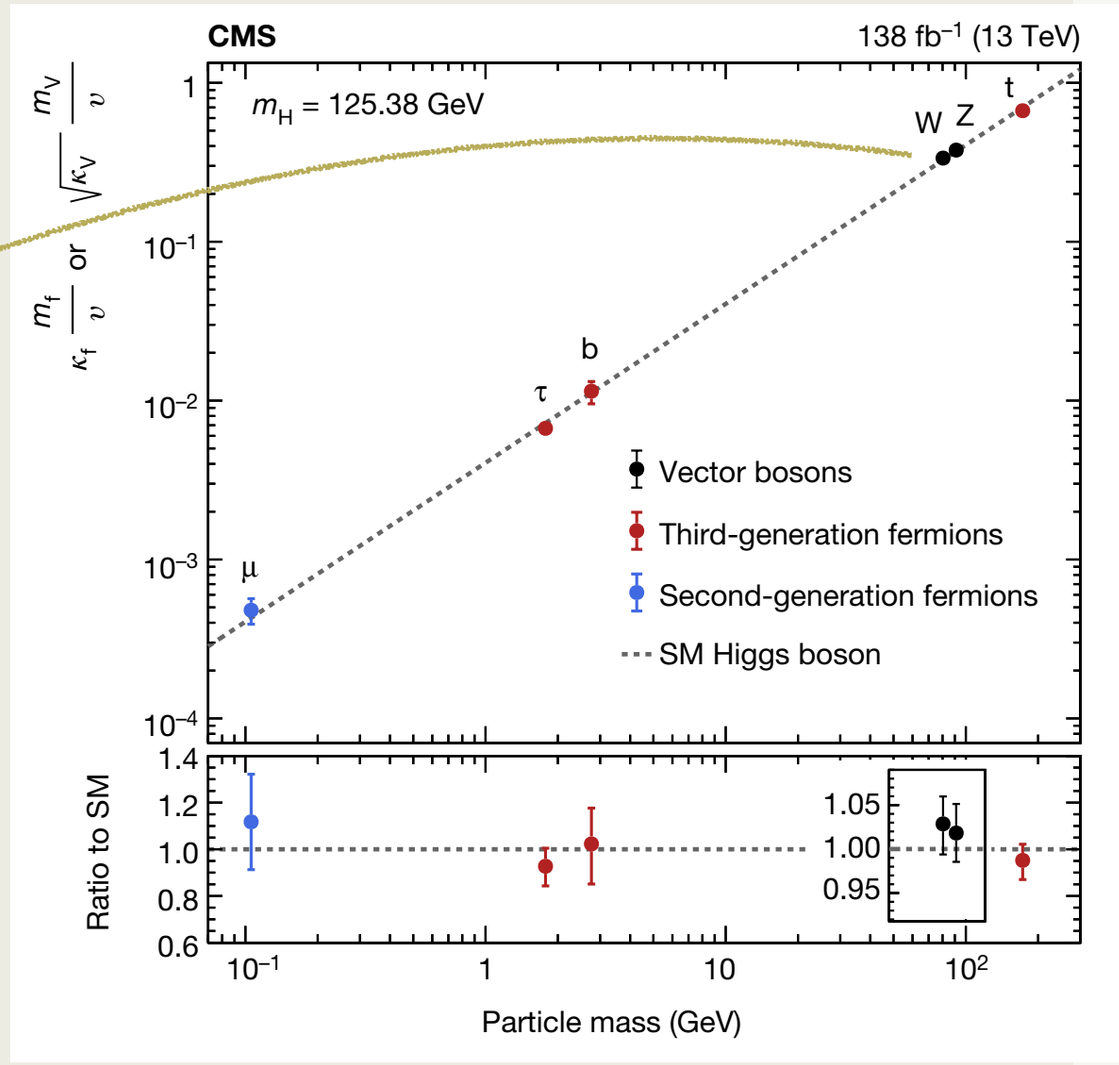
Combination

- Combining all production and decay mode measurements is where this becomes really interesting…
- Let's use the example of Higgs couplings to *W* bosons
  - The *W* boson is fairly heavy (strong coupling) but lighter than the Higgs so accessible as a decay product
  - One way to study it is to look at this decay:





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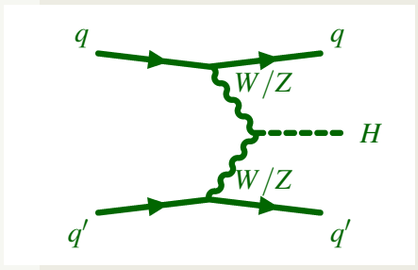

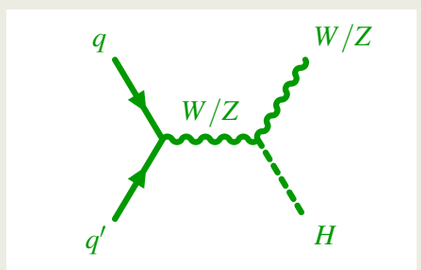

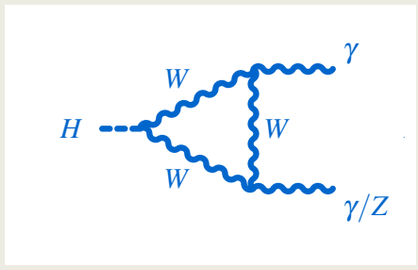

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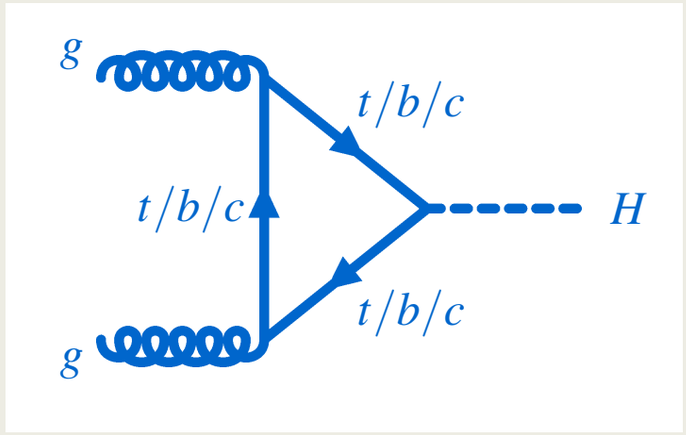

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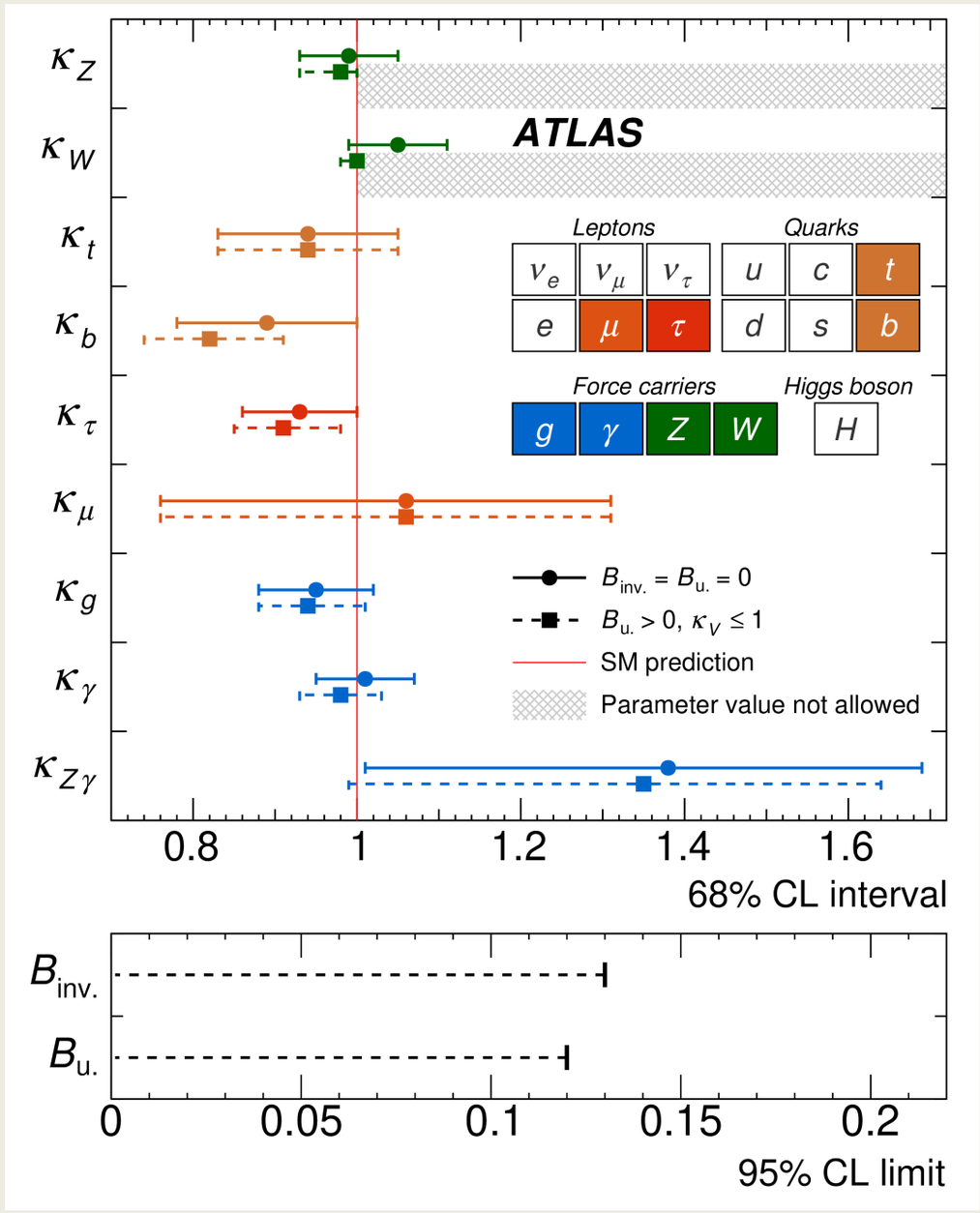

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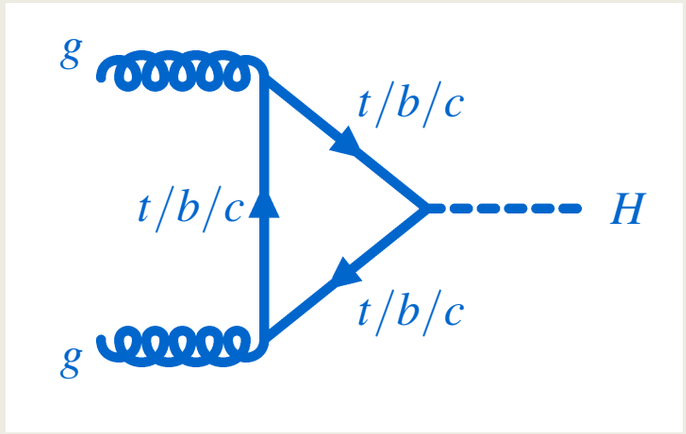

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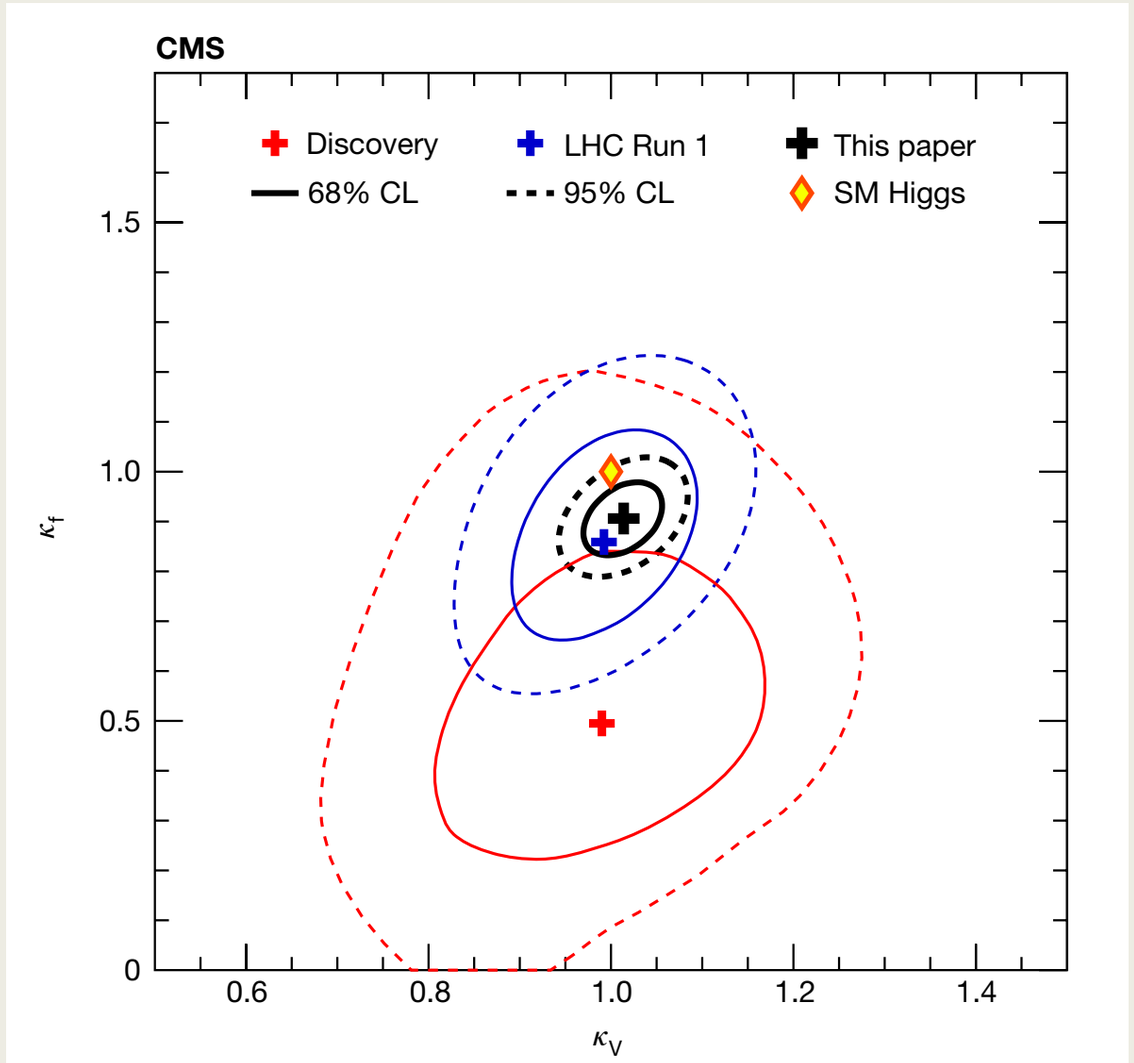

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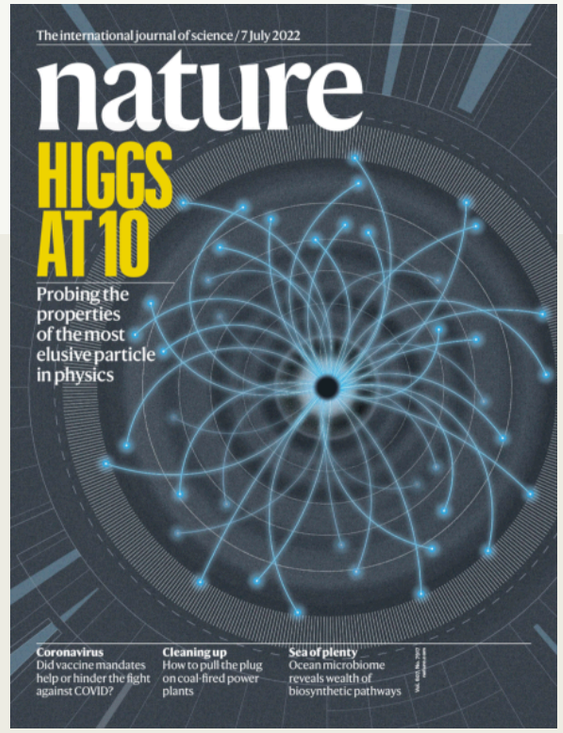

- A particle consistent with the Higgs boson was discovered 10 years ago by the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations
  - Early measurements had large (statistical) uncertainties
  - Many properties untested, lots of phase space available for BSM

- **10 years later:**
  - Precise measurement of Higgs production cross-sections and decay rates
    - Observation of all main LHC production processes: ggF, VBF, WH, ZH, $t\bar{t}H + tH$
    - Increased precision on $H \to \gamma\gamma$, ZZ, $W^{\pm}W^{\mp}$, $\tau^{+}\tau^{-}$, observation of $H \to b\bar{b}$, $\geq 2\sigma$ on $H \to \mu\mu$, $Z\gamma$
  - Interpretation of results in terms of **couplings** to other particles (κ 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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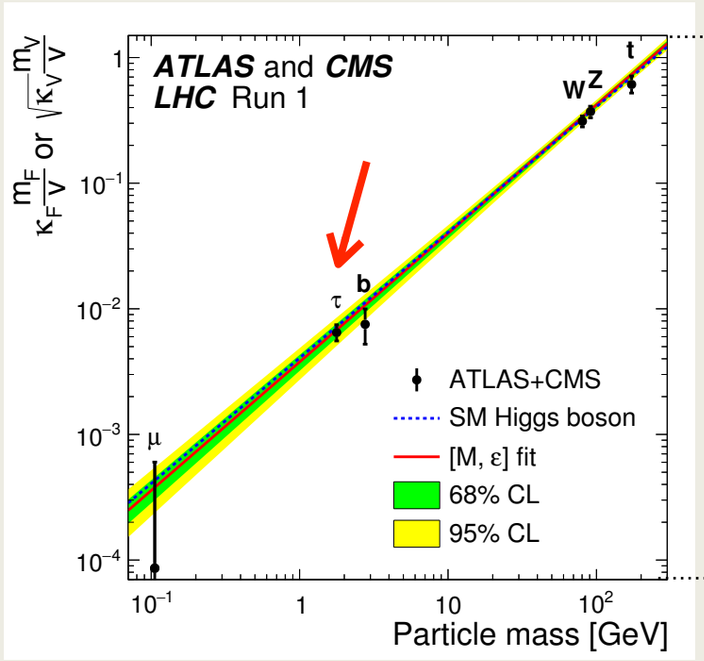

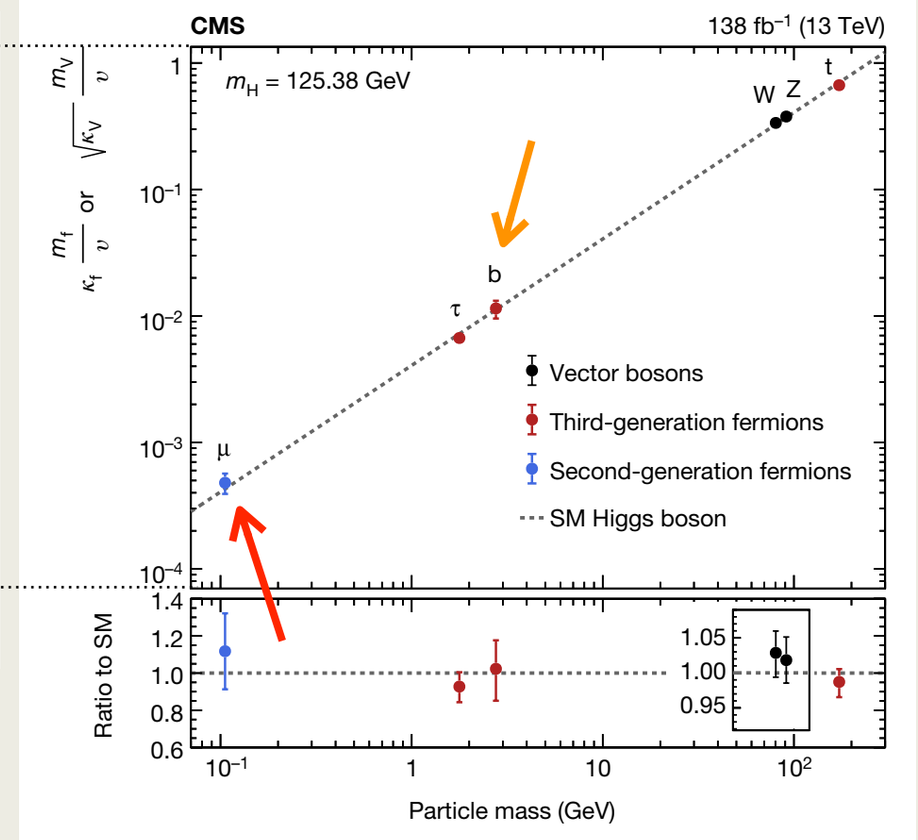

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