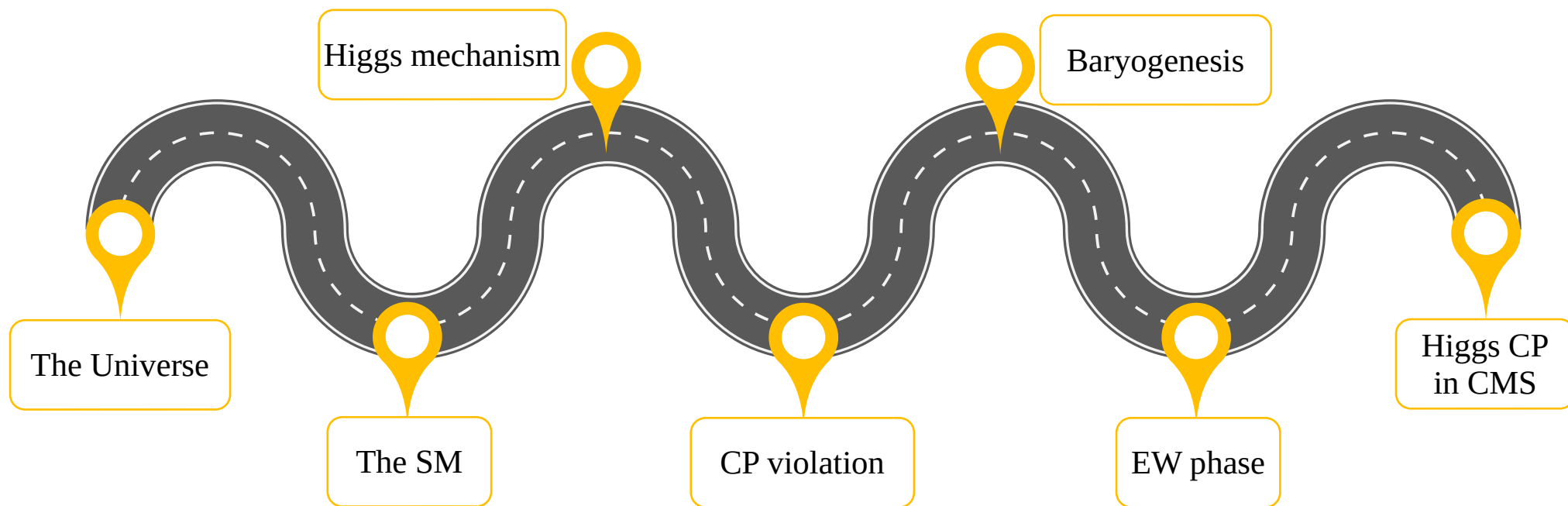


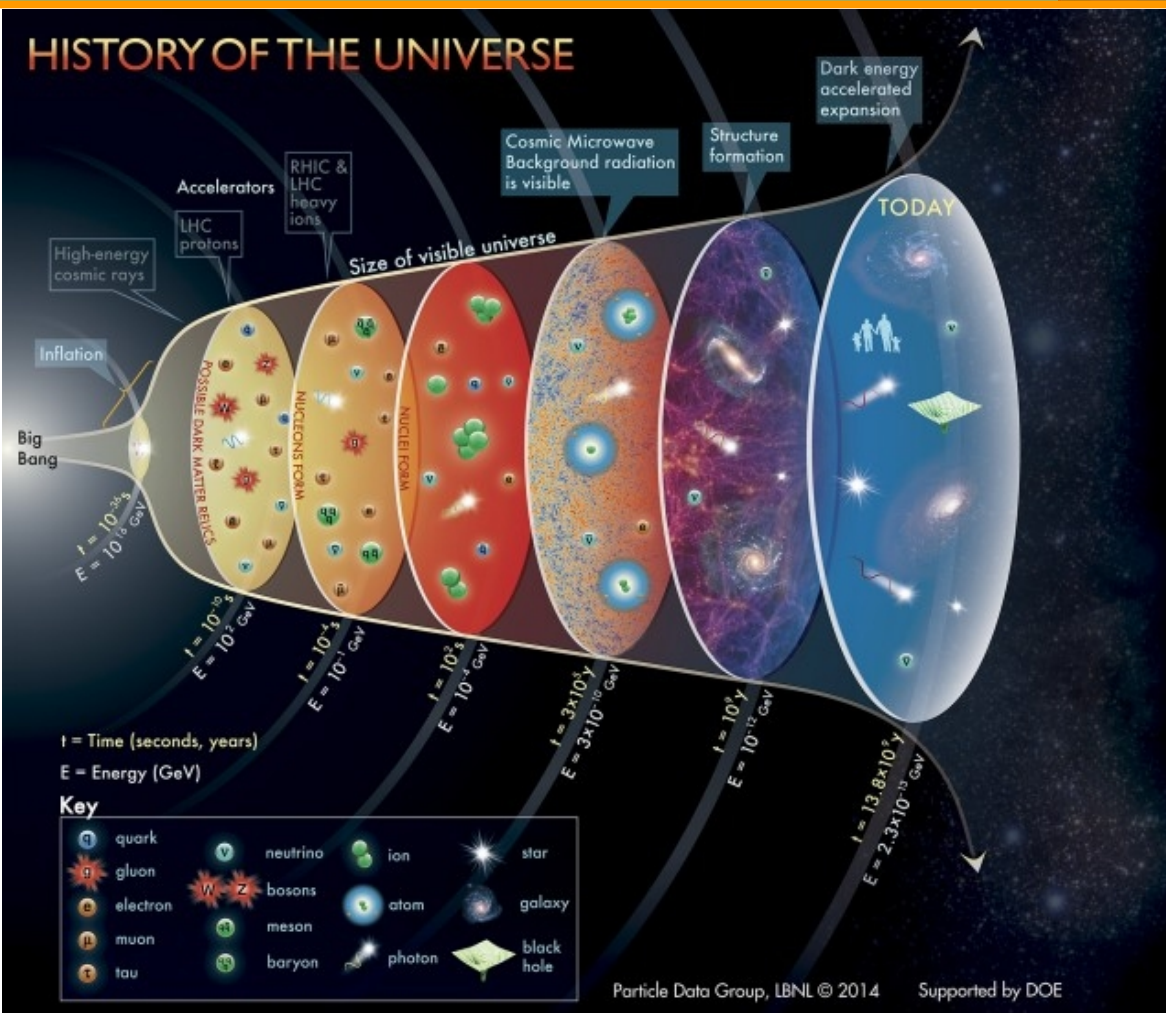
# CP Violation in the Higgs Sector: Understanding Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry



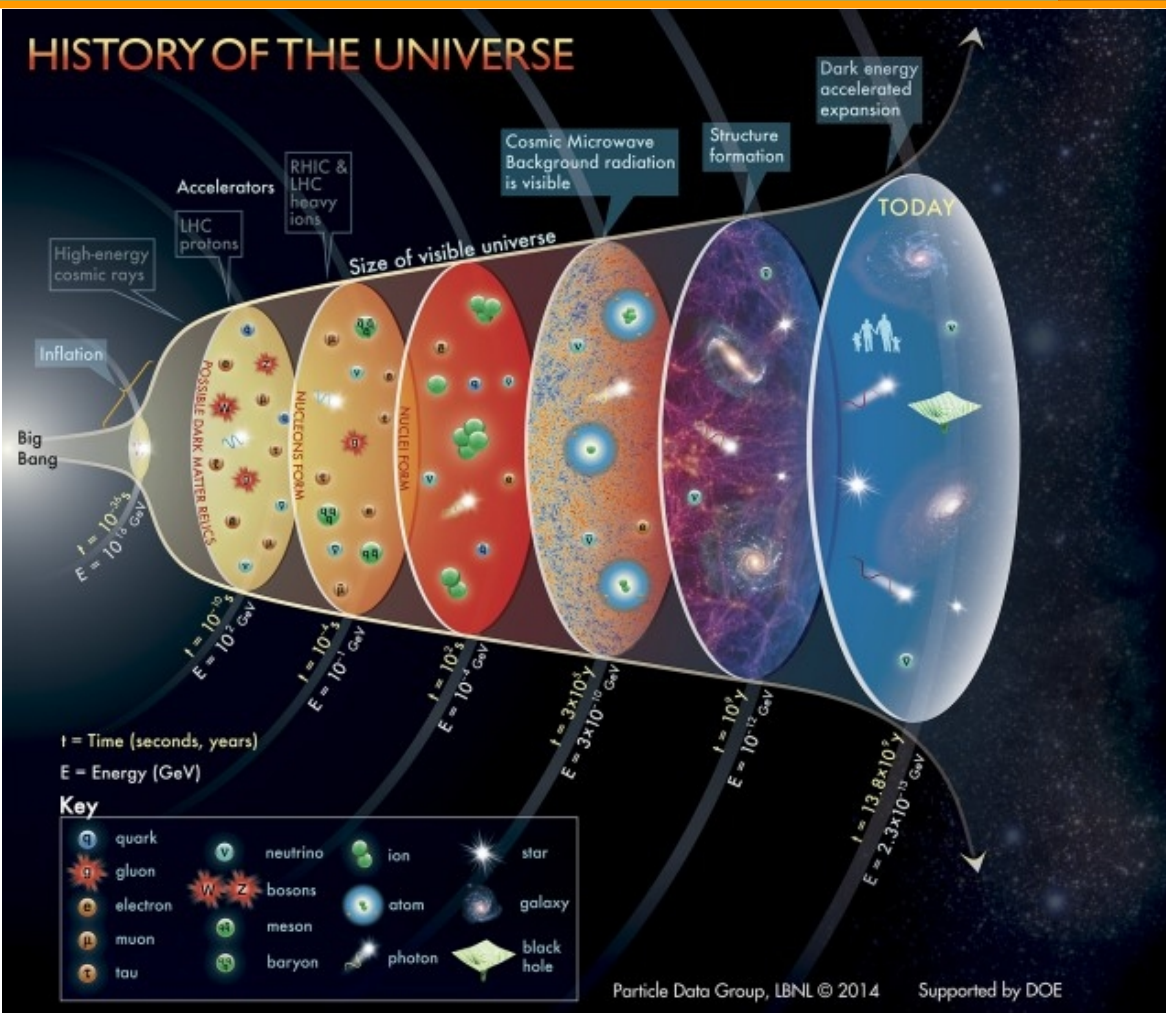
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  - > review of CP violation results in CMS that could help explain it



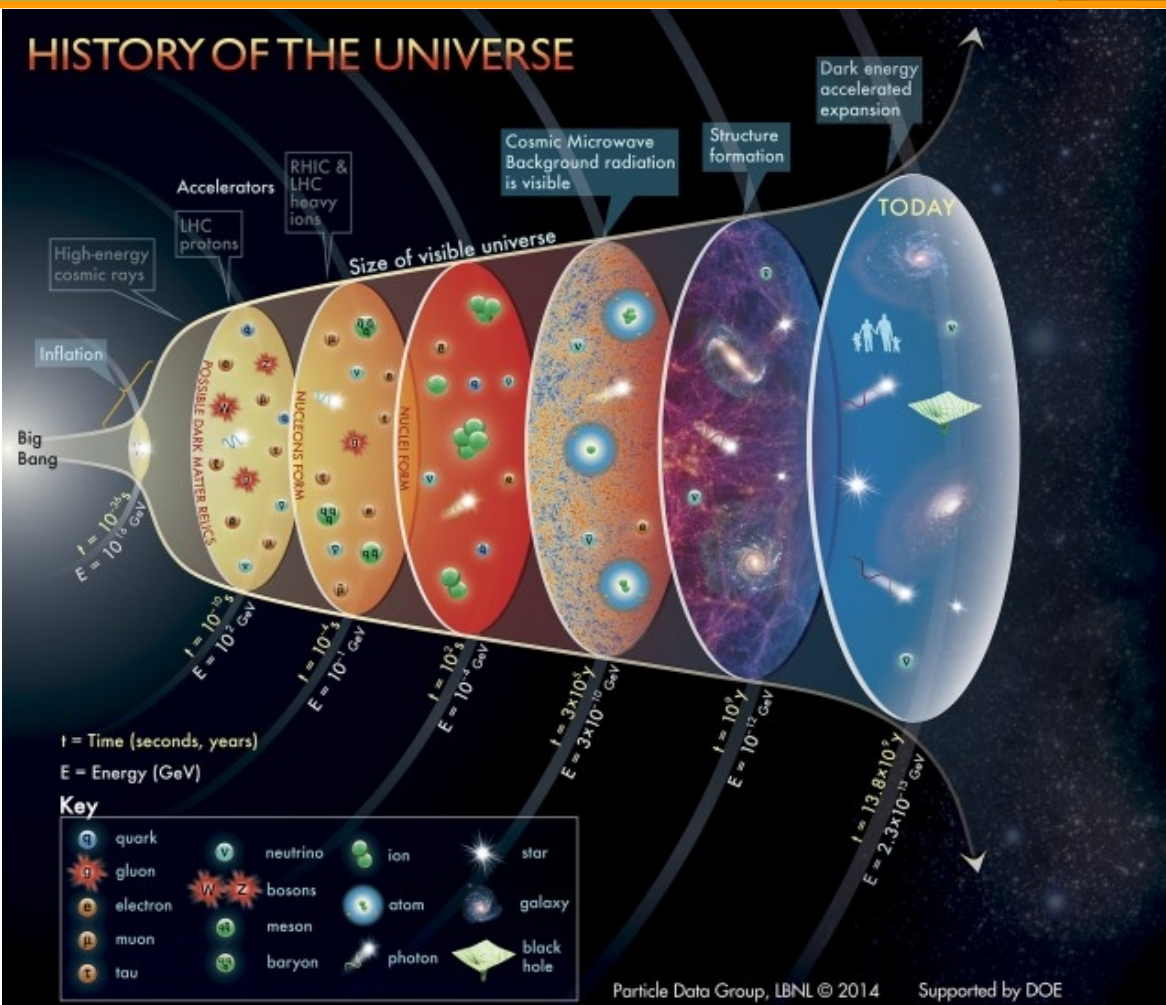
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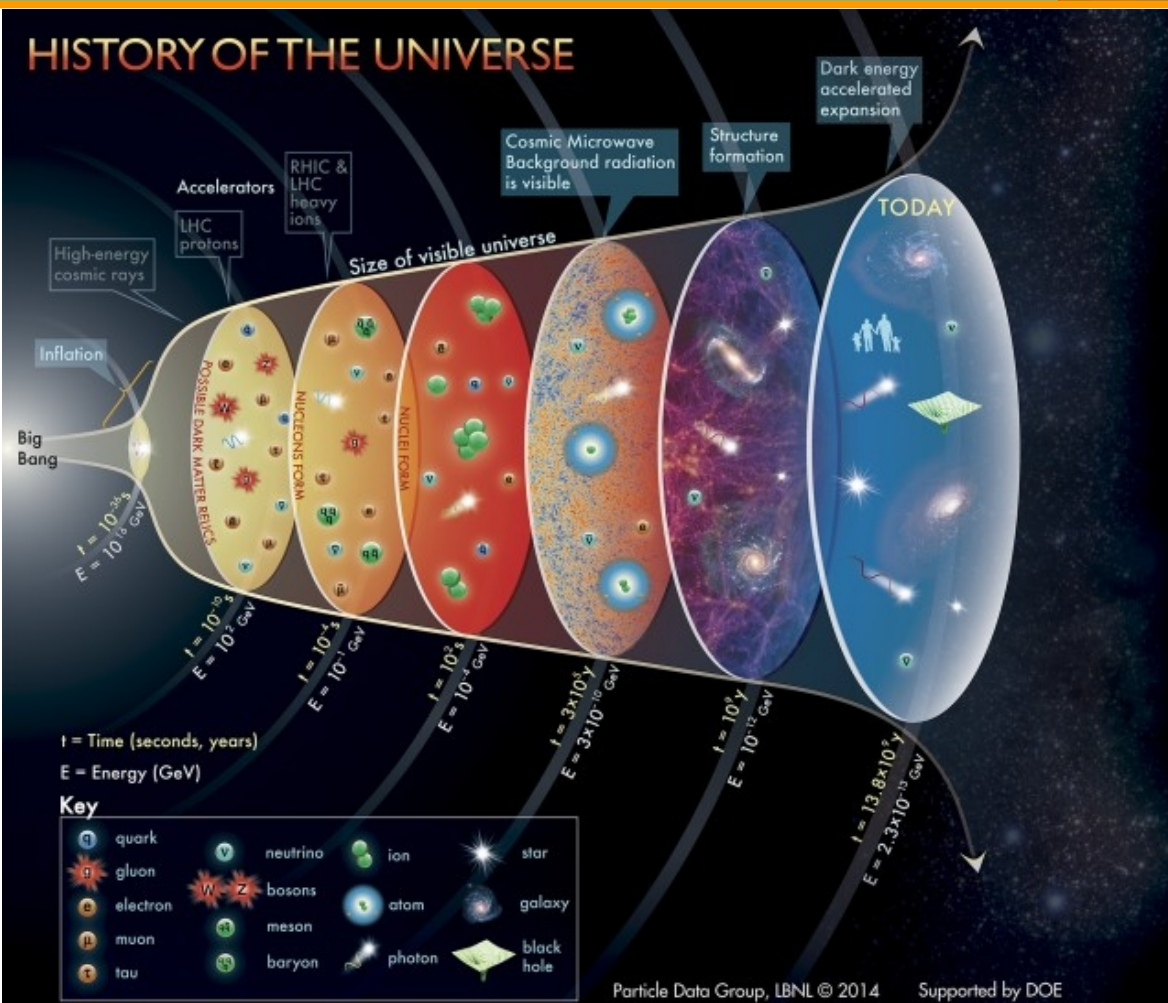
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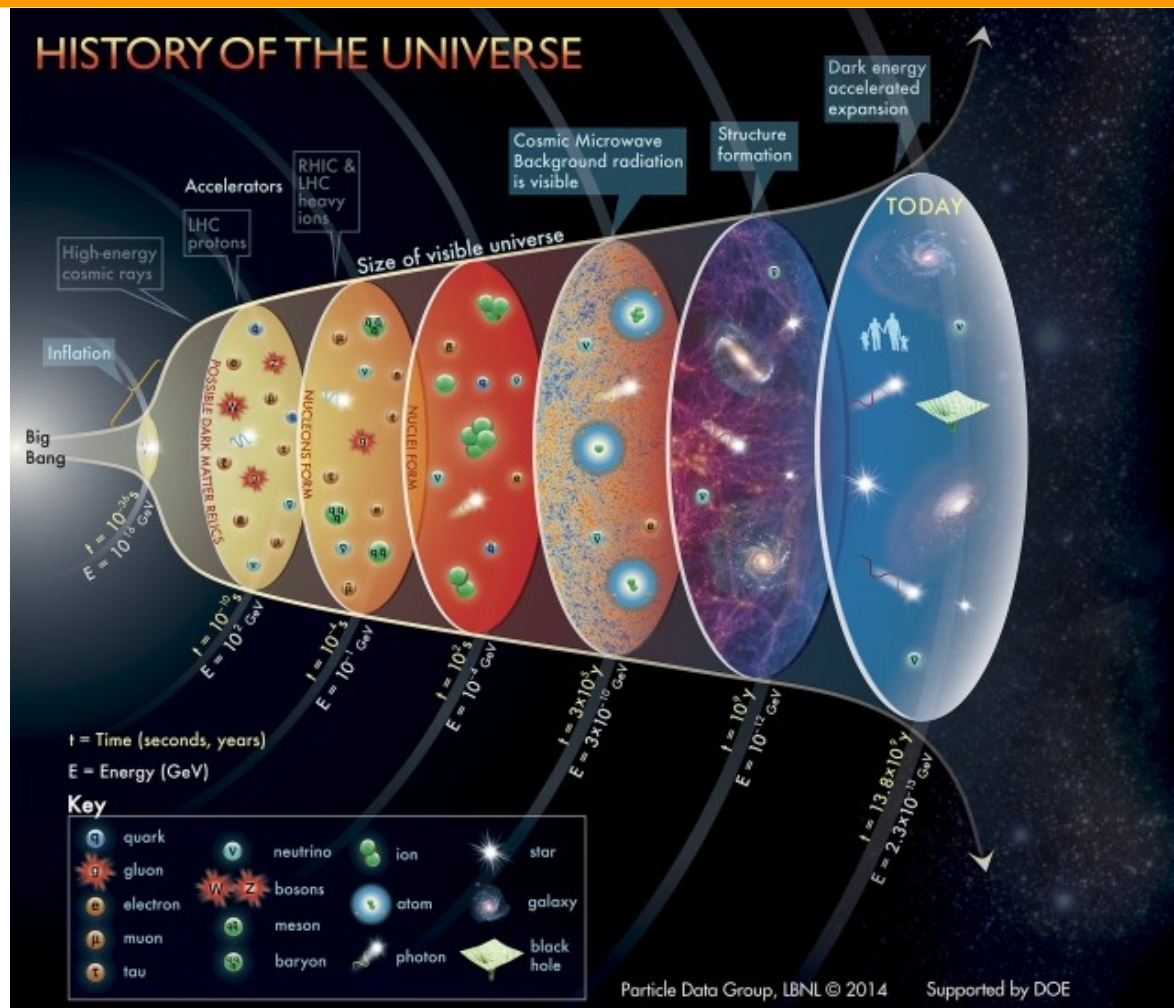
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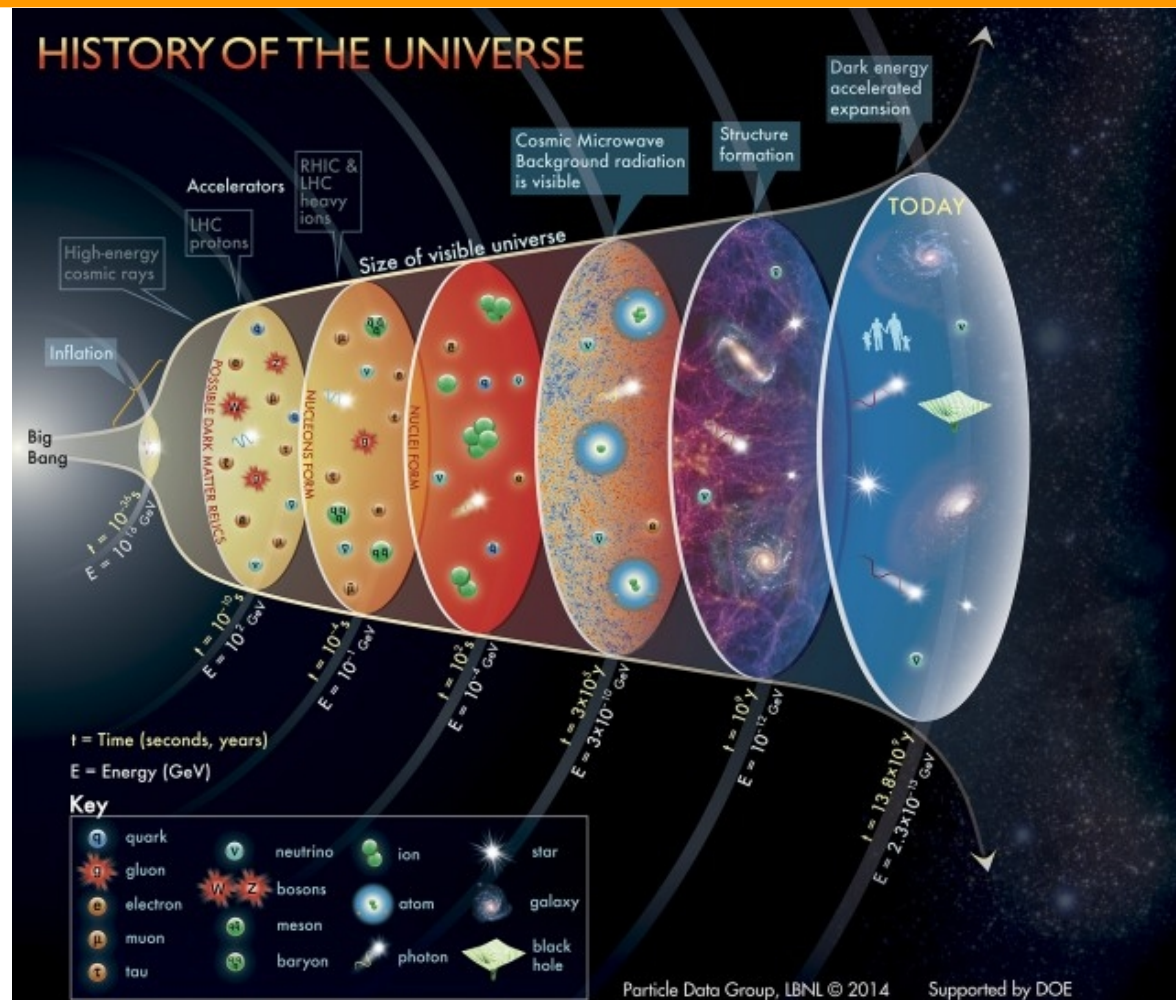
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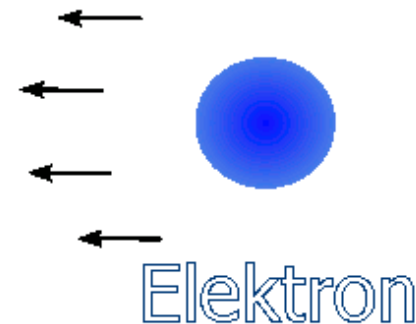
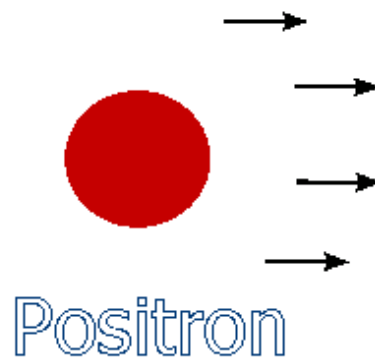


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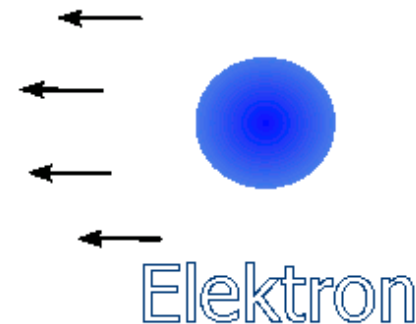
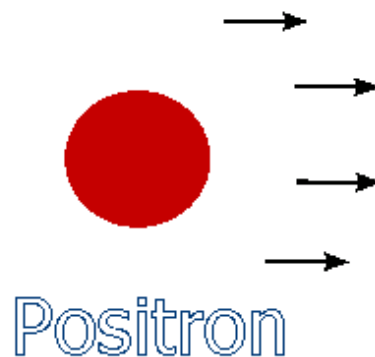




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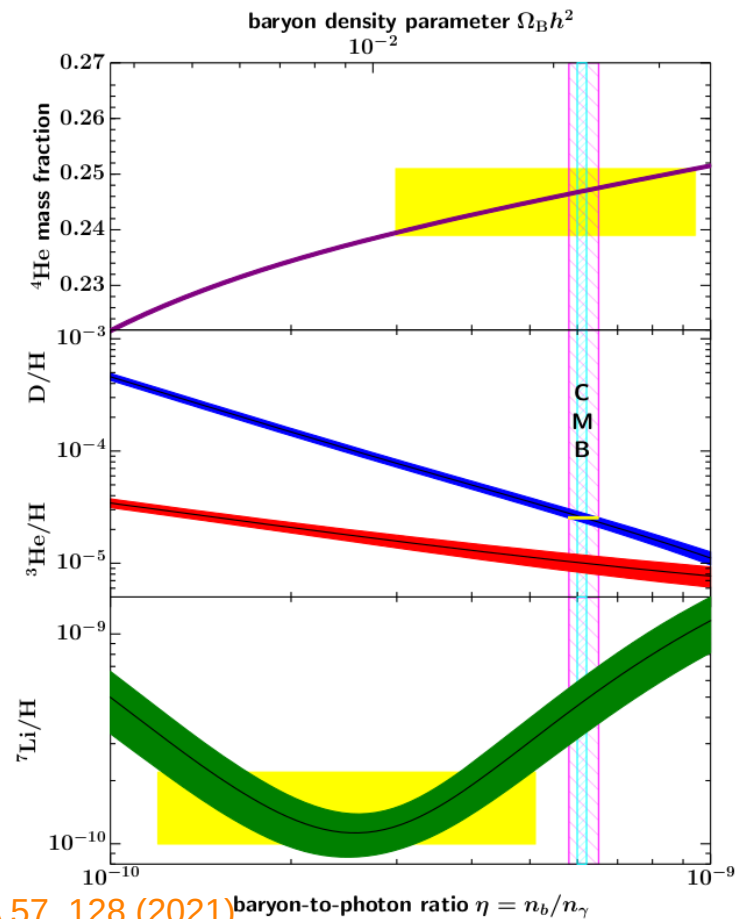


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- Where did the anti-matter go?



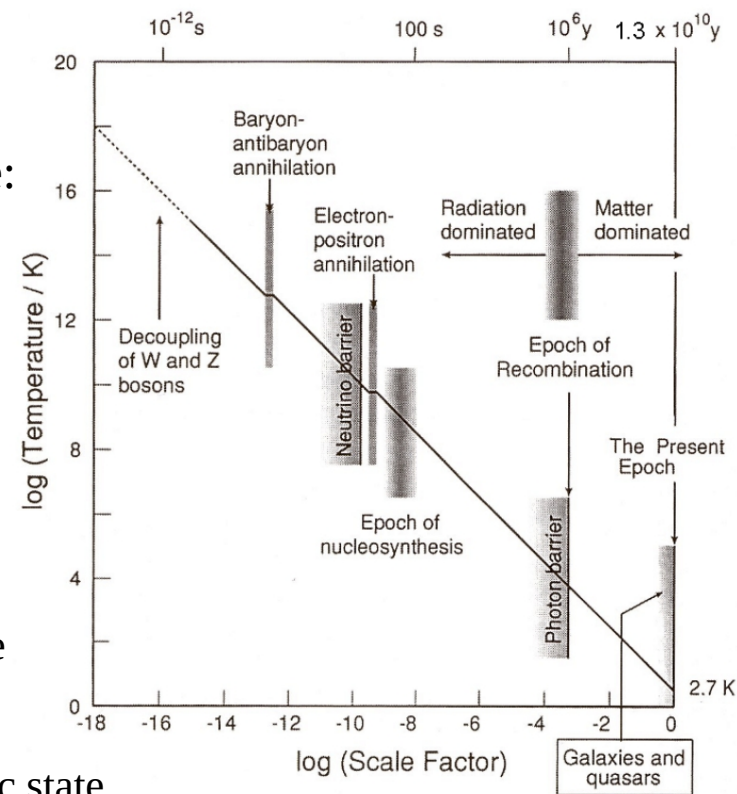
- Our Universe is now made of matter, forming the baryons and leptons which make up the atoms and molecules we are made of
- This required an **asymmetry** between matter and anti-matter in the primordial Universe
  - > **Baryon Asymmetry in the Universe (BAU)**
  - > Matter : Antimatter  
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- More specifically, the asymmetry is encoded in the ratio of baryons over photons in the Universe
- From the cosmic microwave background this is

$$\eta = \frac{(n_B - n_{\bar{B}})}{n_\gamma} = \frac{n_{B,relic}}{n_\gamma} \approx 6 \times 10^{-10}$$



Eur. Phys. J. A 57, 128 (2021) baryon-to-photon ratio  $\eta = n_b/n_\gamma$

- The cosmic microwave background originated when the Universe cooled off enough that the photons were free to propagate
  - > Epoch or recombination: formation of atoms
- Going backward in time particle density and temperature increase:
  - > formation of nuclei
  - > cosmic neutrino background
  - > **the baryon-antibaryon annihilation** → the matter asymmetry should have been present before this moment
- Sakharov theorized 3 conditions **necessary** for a CPT conserving theory to explain the BAU:
  - > Baryon number violation: generate asymmetry in a symmetric Universe
  - > C and CP violation: asymmetric interaction to remove antimatter
  - > Deviation from thermal equilibrium: to prevent reverting to a symmetric state
- Is there a theory that satisfies all 3 conditions?



- Successful theory predicting the behavior of matter constituents (**fermions**)
- Interactions mediated by **gauge bosons**, gravity not included

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles

three generations of matter (elementary fermions)			three generations of antimatter (elementary antifermions)			interactions / force carriers (elementary bosons)	
	I	II	III	I	II	III	
mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
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spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
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							<b>W<sup>-</sup></b> W <sup>-</sup> boson
							<b>H</b> higgs

QUARKS

LEPTONS

GAUGE BOSONS  
VECTOR BOSONS

SCALAR BOSONS

- Relevant symmetries:

> Gauge:  $SU(3)_C \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$

> Parity (P)

> Charge conjugation (C)



**CP**

> Time reversal (T)

> Chirality:  $\chi_L, \chi_R$

- The decoupling of the weak and electromagnetic forces is a key moment in the history of the Universe

**C**

Inversion of additive quantum numbers

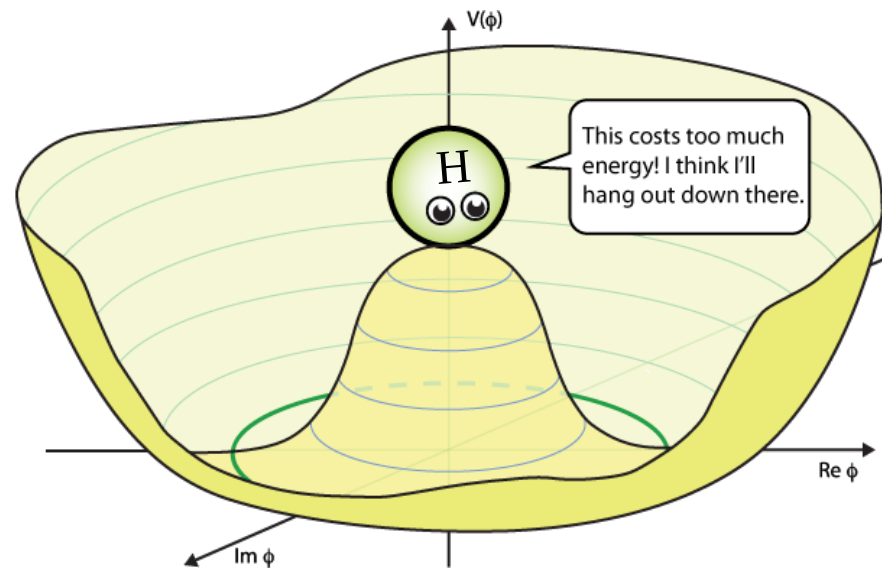
- The gauge invariance of the SM would prevent mass terms for the vector bosons and the fermions
- The Higgs boson was introduced to softly break the electroweak symmetry and give mass to the particles
- EWSB:  $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_{em}$

> Gauge bosons gain mass directly through Higgs kinetic term

$$L_{mWZ} = \left( \frac{v^2 g^2}{4} W_\mu^\dagger W^\mu + \frac{v^2 (g^2 + g'^2)}{8} Z_\mu Z^\mu \right)$$

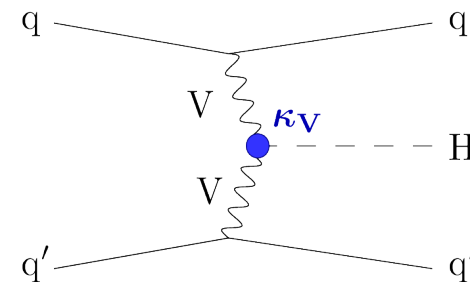
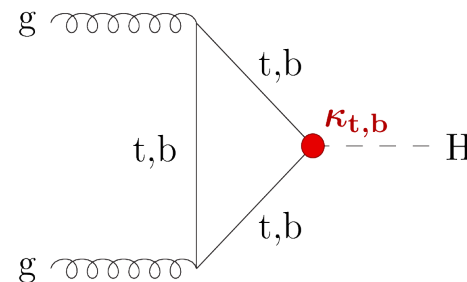
> Fermions gain mass via **Yukawa coupling**

$$L_Y^f = - \underbrace{m_f (\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L)}_{\text{fermionic mass term}} - \underbrace{\frac{m_v}{v} (\bar{\psi}_L H \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R H \psi_L)}_{\text{coupling of the Higgs to fermions}}$$

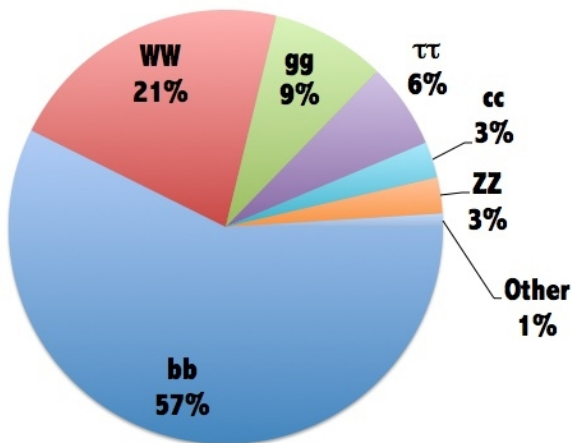


- Fermions form the matter our Universe is made of → Look for CP violation in the Higgs sector

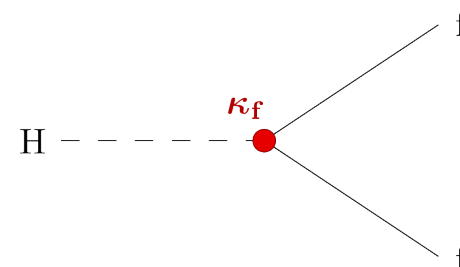
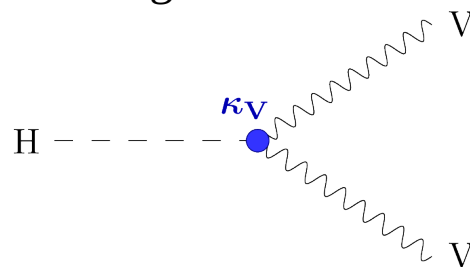
- At the LHC the main way to produce the Higgs boson is via gluon-gluon fusion
- Production via vector boson fusion, Higgs-strahlung and in association with top or bottom quarks are rarer



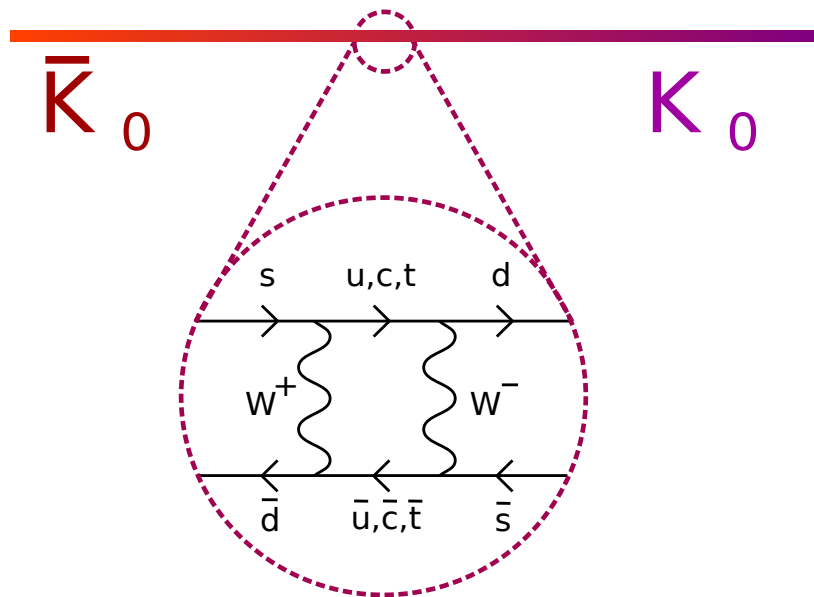
## Higgs decays at $m_H=125\text{GeV}$



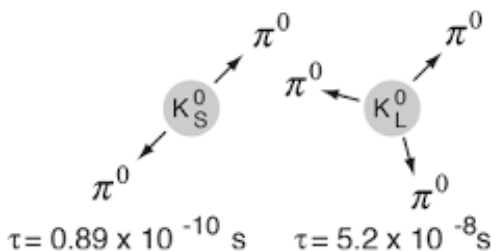
- The Higgs boson is not stable and decays immediately
- It can decay directly to W and Z bosons, and to all fermions via Yukawa coupling
- Via intermediate fermion or boson loop it can also decay to photons and gluons



- Weak interactions massively violates C and P symmetries, it also violates CP:  
 $K_0$  oscillation  $\rightarrow$   $K_S$  and  $K_L$  decays – Cronin and Fitch in the 60s



- The most notable violation of C, P and CP in the SM comes from flavor changing currents in the weak interaction
- CP violation located in the complex phase in the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix
- The matrix was introduced to describe the quark mixing in the weak interaction



$$K_S^0 = \frac{K^0 - \bar{K}^0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$K_L^0 = \frac{K^0 + \bar{K}^0}{\sqrt{2}}$$



- The quark mixing and the quark masses have a common origin: the Yukawa interaction

- The Higgs boson gives mass to the particles and defines the fermion generations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\phi q} = & - \sum_{ij} G_{ij} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{U}_{iL} & \bar{D}_{iL} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{0\dagger} \\ -\phi^- \end{pmatrix} U_{jR} & \longrightarrow & \text{Yukawa for up-type quarks} \\
 & - \sum_{ij} H_{ij} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{U}_{iL} & \bar{D}_{iL} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} D_{jR} + H.c. & \longrightarrow & \text{Yukawa for down-type quarks}
 \end{aligned}$$

with the indices  $i, j$  running over the quark generations

- After EWSB the quarks acquire mass via the Higgs vacuum expectation value

$$\mathcal{L}_m = - \sum_{ij} \bar{U}_{iL} m_{ij}^U U_{jR} - \sum_{ij} \bar{D}_{iL} m_{ij}^D D_{jR} + H.c.$$

- No theoretical requirement for the  $m_{ij}$  matrices to be diagonal **but** the SM Lagrangian is invariant under unitarity transformations

- We can multiply all fields by unitary matrices and redefine the quark fields to diagonalize the mass matrices

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{ij}^U &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} G_{ij} v & \longrightarrow & \quad m^{U'} &= A_L^U m^U A_R^{U\dagger} \\
 m_{ij}^D &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} H_{ij} v & & \quad m^{D'} &= A_L^D m^D A_R^{D\dagger}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Cannot diagonalize both mass matrices at once  $\rightarrow$  diagonalize one mass matrix and redefines the fields for either up or down type quarks
- The lightest quarks are **u**, **d** and **s**  $\rightarrow$  the quark mixing was observed for kaon decays between the **d** and **s** quarks  $\rightarrow$  the mass term diagonalized is the one for up-type quarks

$$V_{CKM} = A_L^U (A_L^D)^{-1} \longrightarrow q_{uL} = \left( \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \right) \left( V_{ud} d + V_{us} s + V_{ub} b \right)$$

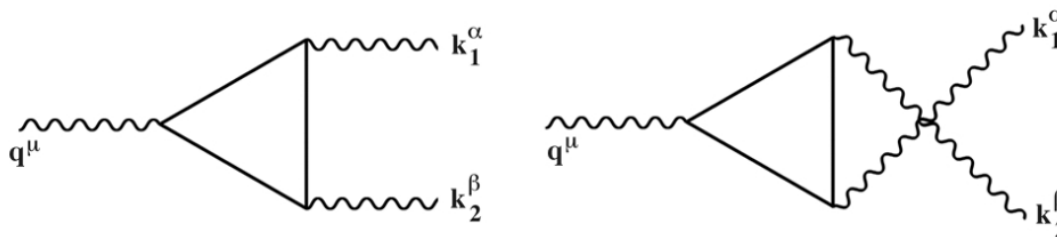
- The CKM matrix is unitary **but** is not required to be Real → it can have a complex phase leading to direct CP violation in the electroweak sector

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The complex phase  $\delta = 1.196 \pm 0.045$  [rad] is the main source of CP violation allowed in the SM
- Another source of CP violation *could*\* be found in the neutrino oscillation if the PMNS matrix presents a complex phase
- The strong interaction does not seem to violate CP experimentally... however in QCD CP-violating terms can arise leading to the question of why no signs of CP violation have been observed

\*there is no experimental consensus on a CP-violating phase in the PMNS matrix

- The main source of CP violation in the SM comes from the EW sector and is linked to the Higgs boson
- What about the other 2 Sakharov's conditions?
  - > Baryon number violation → is there baryon number violation in the SM?
    - In the SM the baryon (B) and lepton (L) number are conserved only via accidental symmetries – there are no gauge invariant operators of dim 4 that violate them
    - **Anomalies** appear at triangular loop level due to the chiral structure of the SM – Adler, Bell and Jackiw (ABJ) anomalies



$$\partial_\mu J_B^\mu = -\frac{\alpha_2}{8\pi} N_g W_i^{\mu\nu} \tilde{W}_{i\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha_1}{8\pi} N_g \left( \frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{18} \right) Y^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{Y}_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\partial_\mu J_L^\mu = -\frac{\alpha_2 N_g}{8\pi} W_i^{\mu\nu} \tilde{W}_{i\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha_1}{8\pi} N_g \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) Y^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{Y}_{\alpha\beta} .$$



Violation of baryon and lepton number violation at loop level

- $U(1)_B$  and  $U(1)_L$  are broken at quantum level, as is  $B+L$ , however  **$B-L$  is preserved**

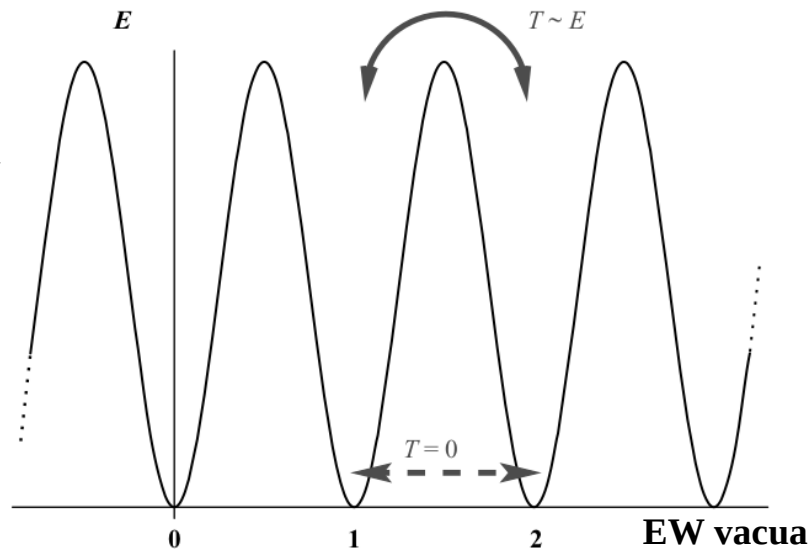
$$> \partial_\mu J_{B+L}^\mu = \frac{\alpha_1^2}{8\pi} N_g Y^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{Y}_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{4\pi} N_g W_i^{\alpha\beta} \tilde{W}_{i\alpha\beta}$$

$$> \partial_\mu J_{B-L}^\mu = 0 .$$

- At low temperatures the  $B$  violation is low, but at high temperature it can proceed via **sphaleron** production

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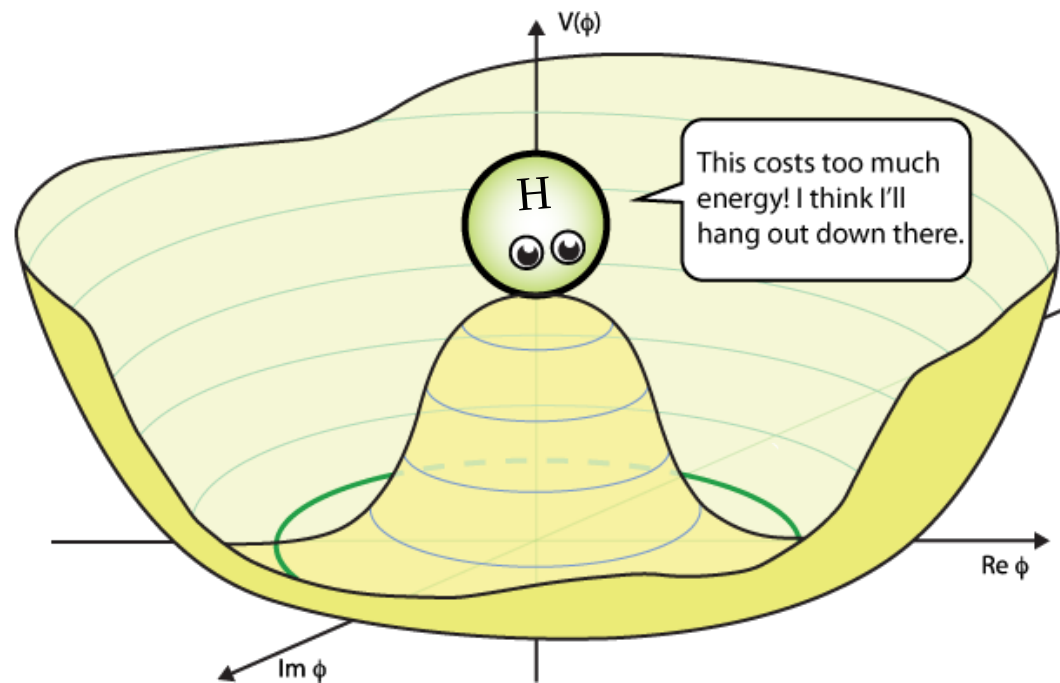
- > A Sphaleron – from Greek Σφαλερός ready to fall – is a static, but unstable, solution for the electroweak theory
- > It allows the transition between distinct EW vacuum states (different baryon or lepton number)
- >  $E_{\text{sph}} \sim 8\pi v(T)/g_w$  – the energy is proportional to the vacuum expectation value of the Higgs field



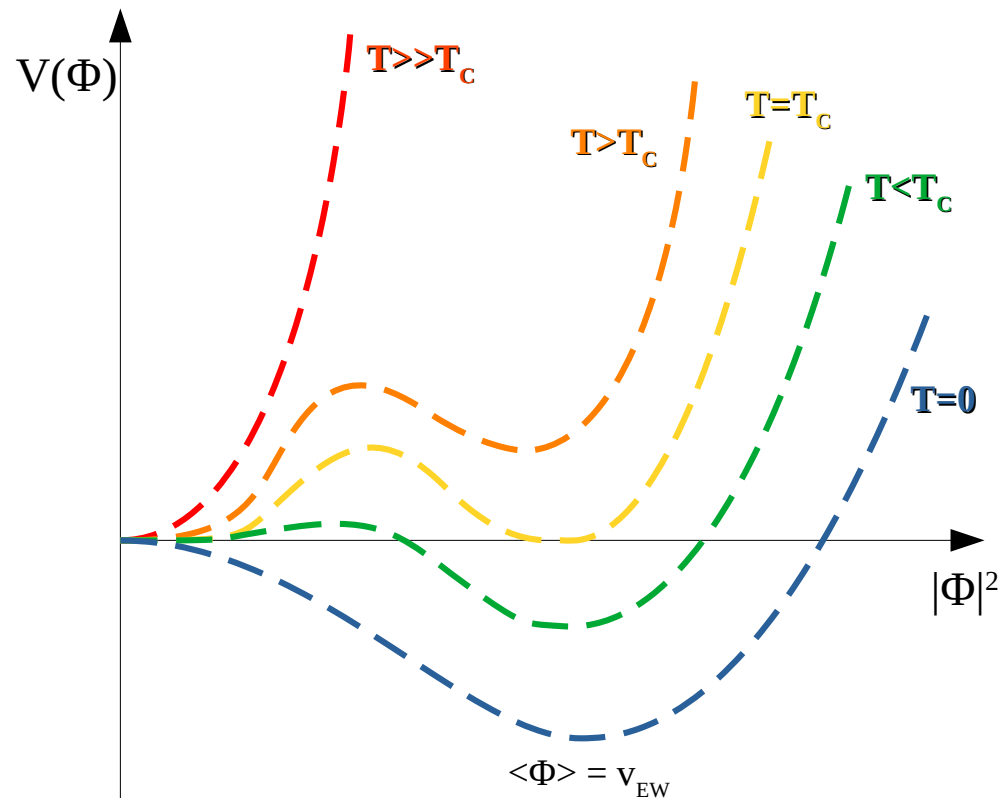
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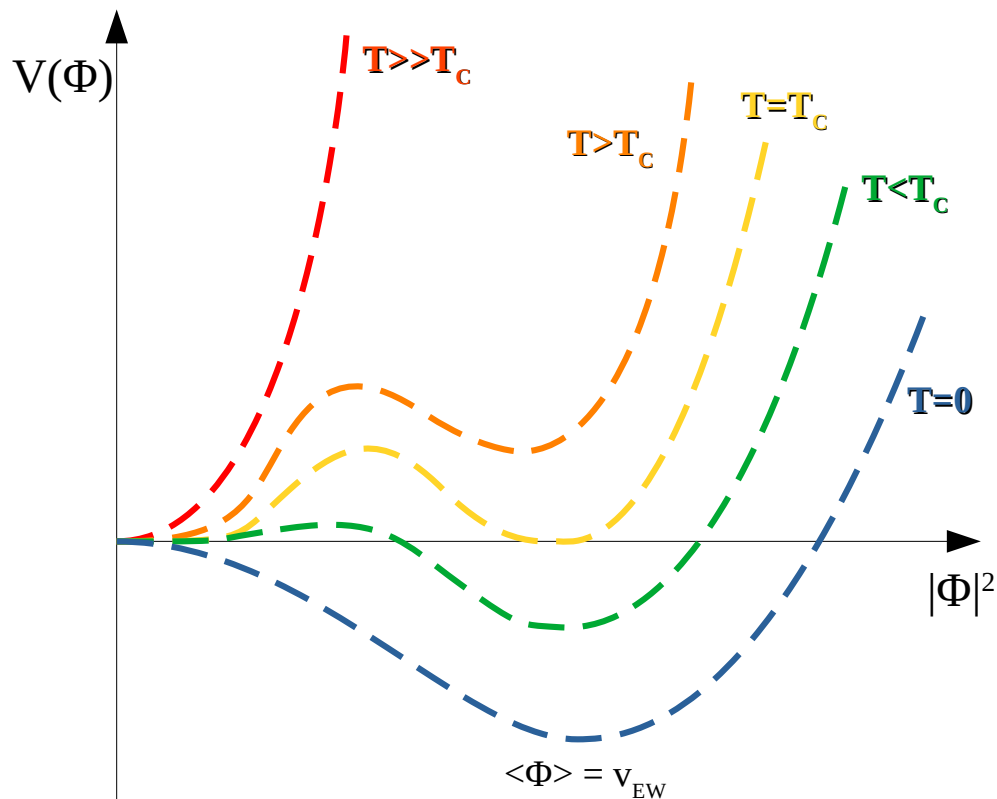


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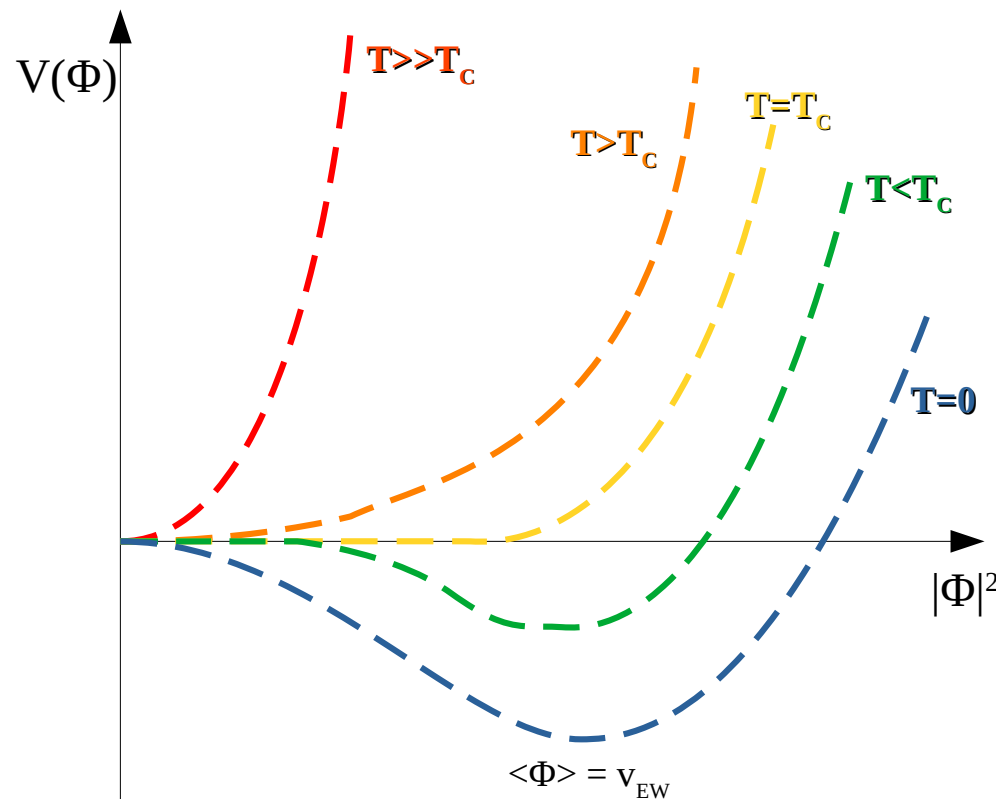




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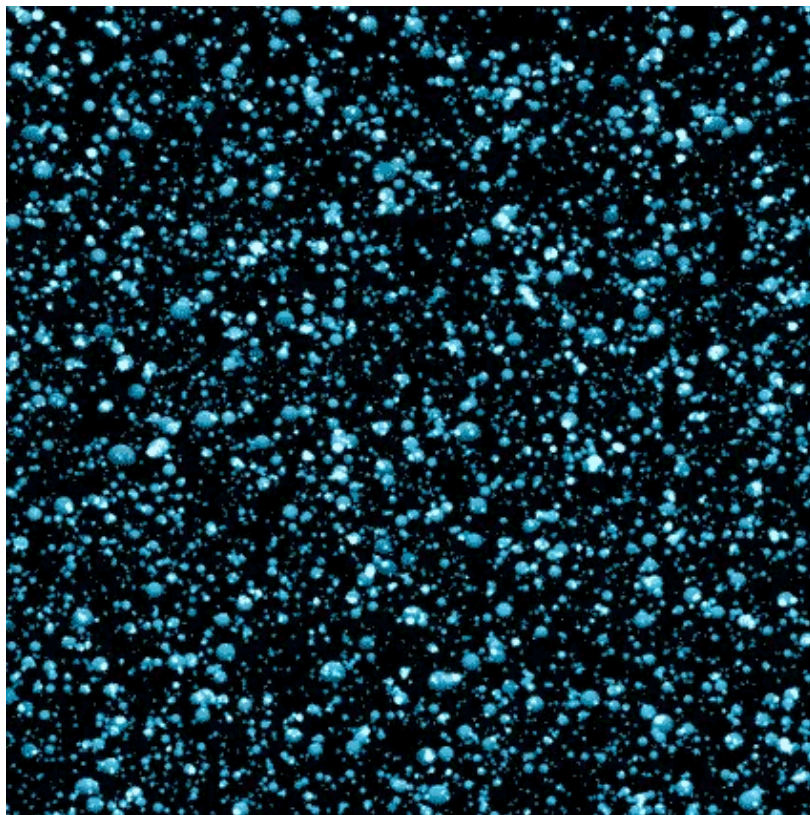


2<sup>nd</sup> order PT: there is no energy barrier and the system goes to the minimum *smoothly*

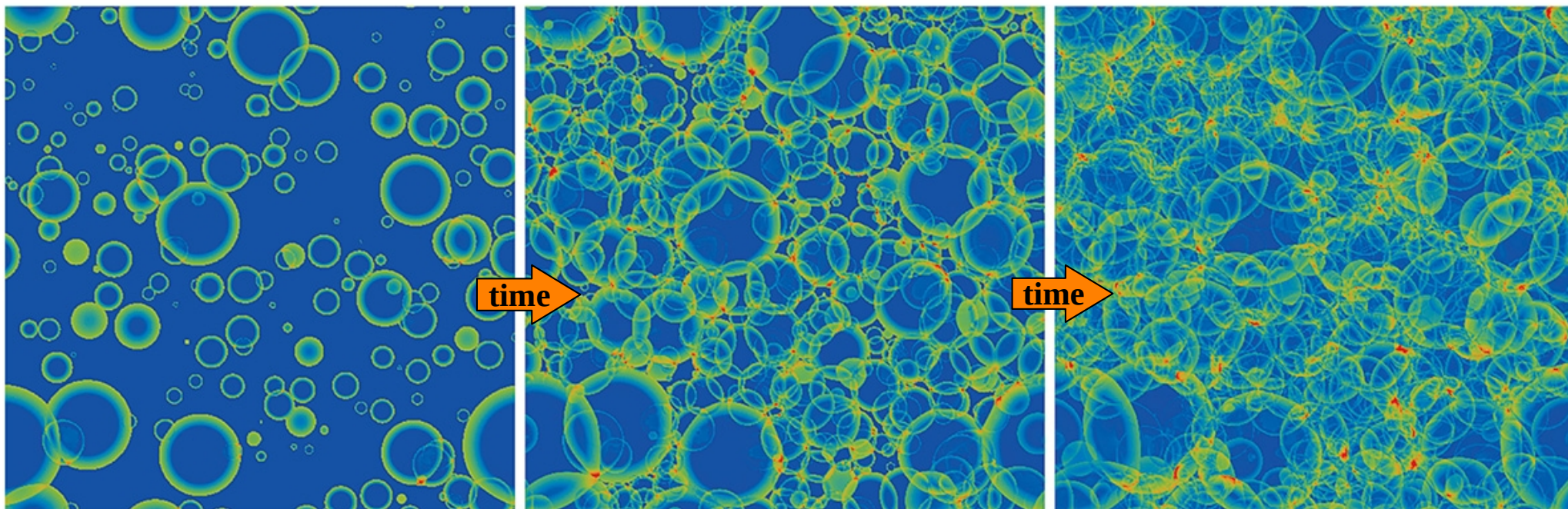


# Higgs bubbles

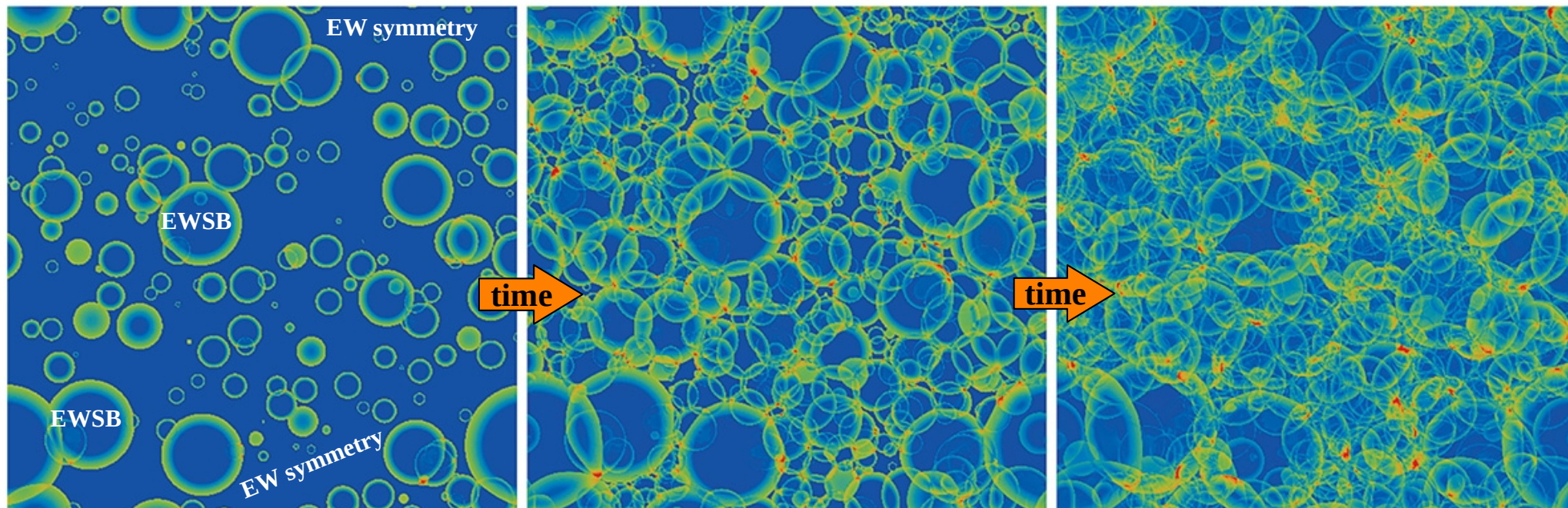
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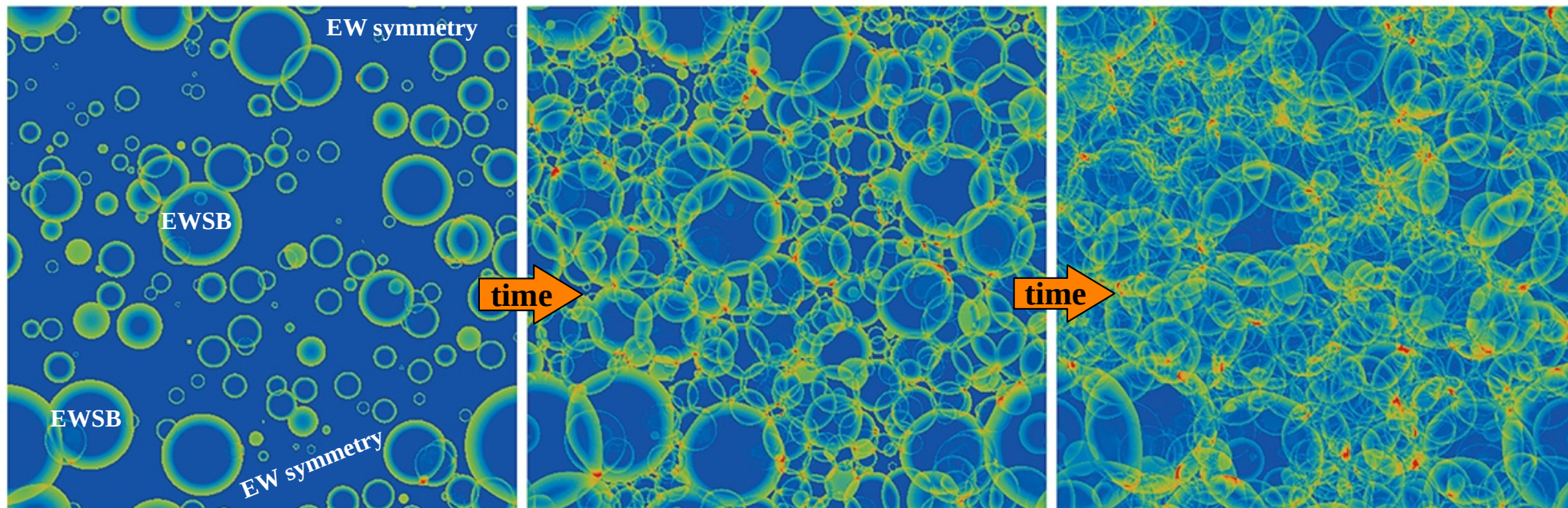
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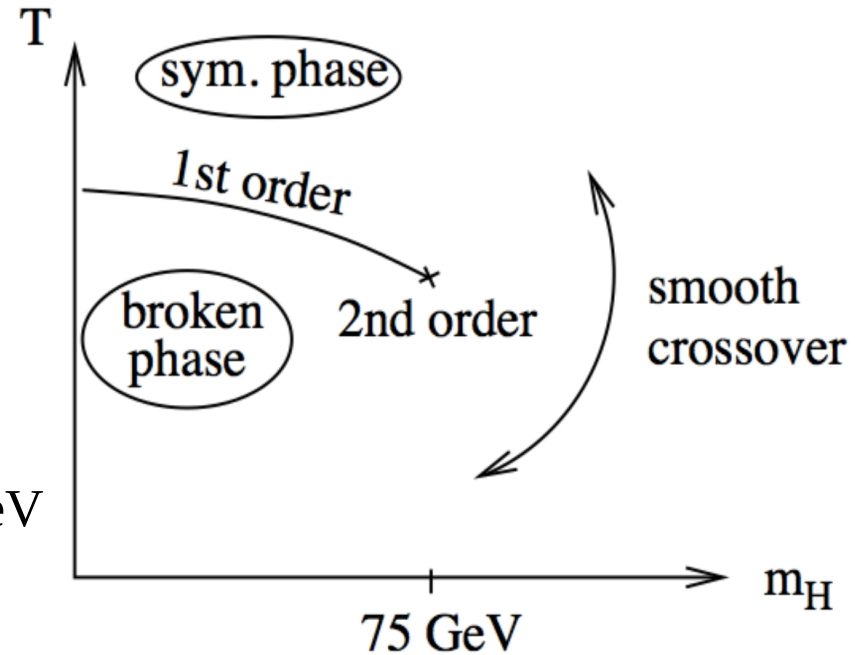
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- Fields on the bubble walls are highly out of equilibrium → satisfy the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sakharov's condition



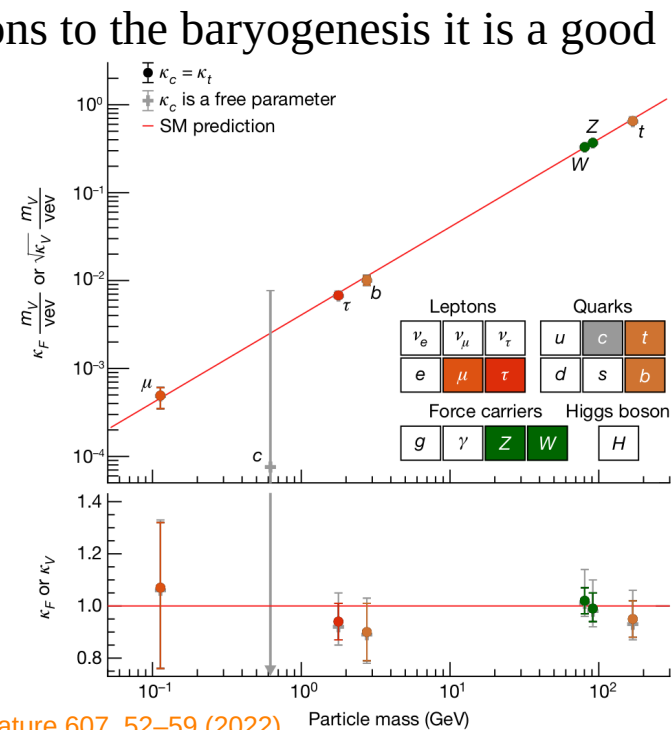
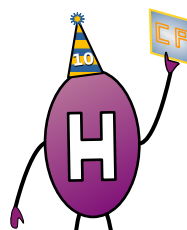
- B violating processes have different rates in the EW symmetric or broken phases
  - > In the unbroken phase  $T$  is high enough to have a continuous sphaleron production  $\rightarrow$  B-L is preserved but the rate of B violating processes is high
  - > At the wall they are Boltzmann suppressed
  - > In the broken phase they are exponentially suppressed
- To have baryon asymmetry inside the bubble and freeze it, the sphaleron processes need to shut down quickly
  - $\rightarrow$  **require a strong 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition**
- Problem: this would require a Higgs of mass  $< 80$  GeV
  - > The SM provides the conditions for generating some baryon asymmetry but not enough for the observed BAU



- To explain the BAU we need either
    - > More Higgs bosons → extra Higgs doublets/singlets, SUSY, etc.
    - > More sources of **CP violation** → today's topic
- } Not mutually exclusive
- As the Higgs boson is intrinsically linked to the SM contributions to the baryogenesis it is a good candidate to look for additional CPV

## • What do we know about the Higgs boson now?

- > Discovery announced in 2012 by the ATLAS and CMS experiments – over 10 years ago
- > Established couplings to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fermions
- > Coupling to W and Z well studied since Run 1
- > More recently studied are decays to muons and charm quarks, and evidence for  $Z\gamma$  has been established



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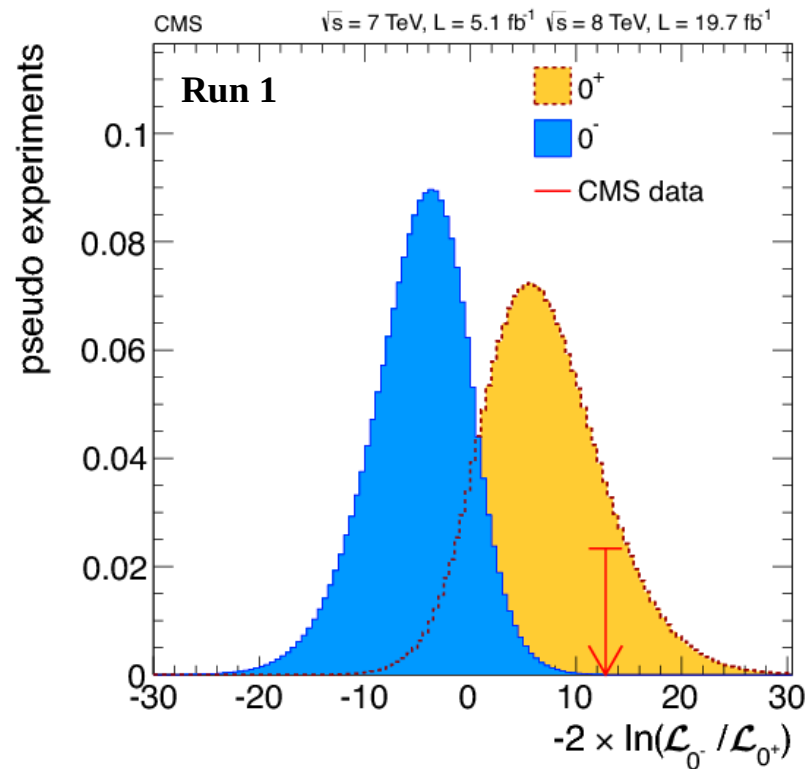


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Pure CP odd excluded  
already with Run 1 data →  
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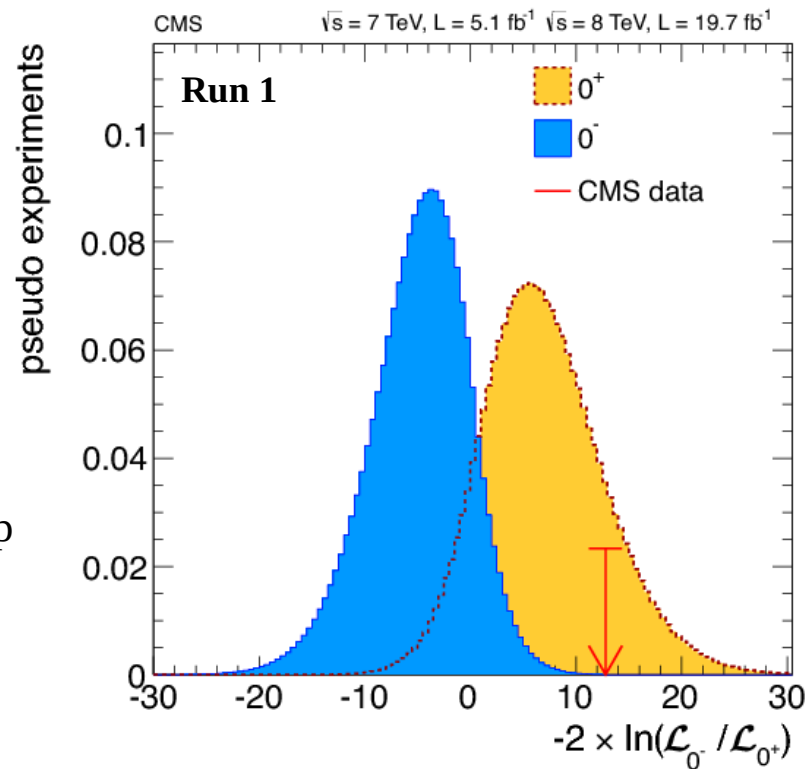
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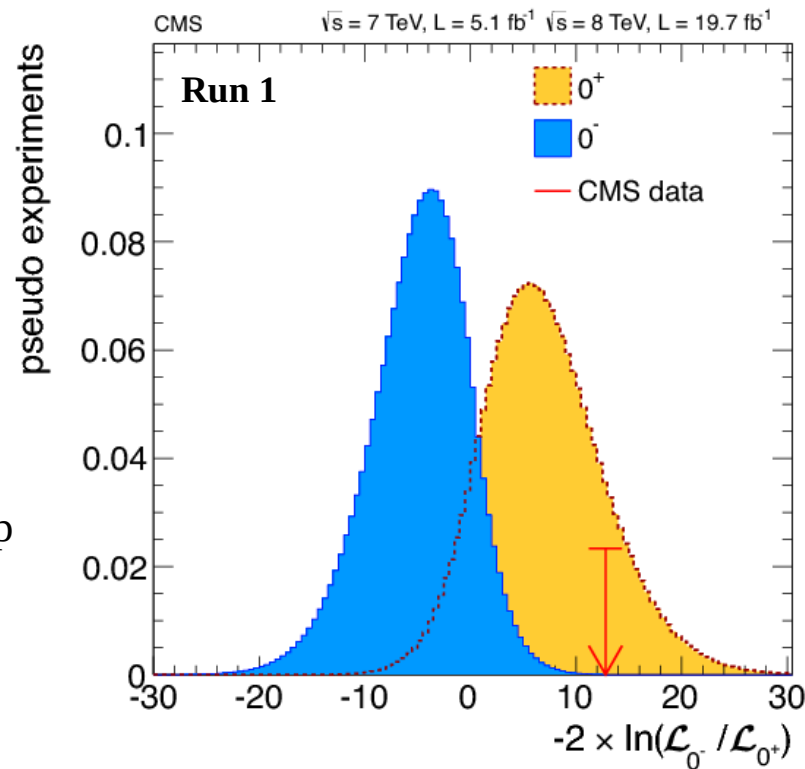
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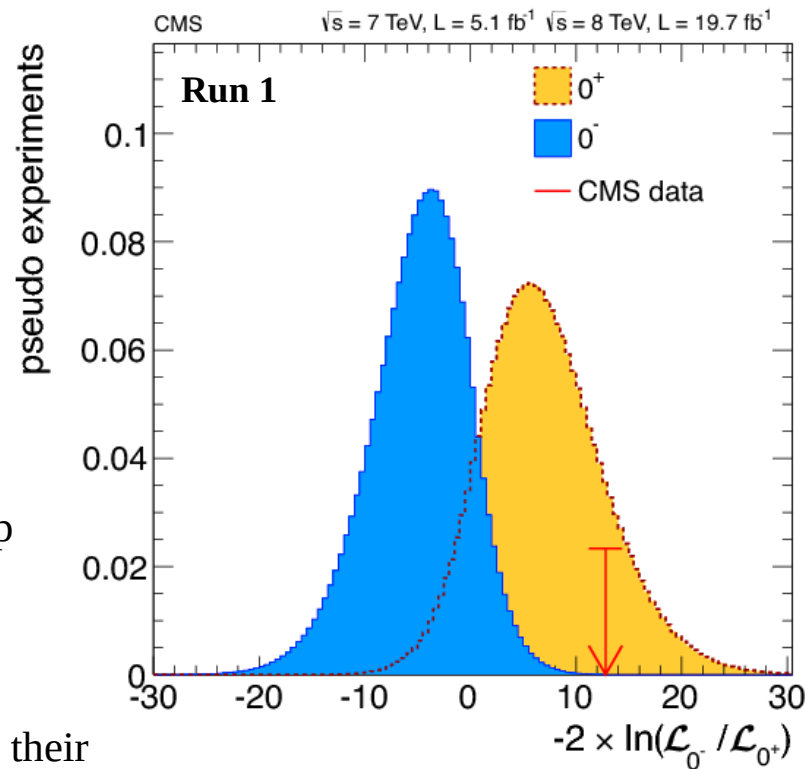
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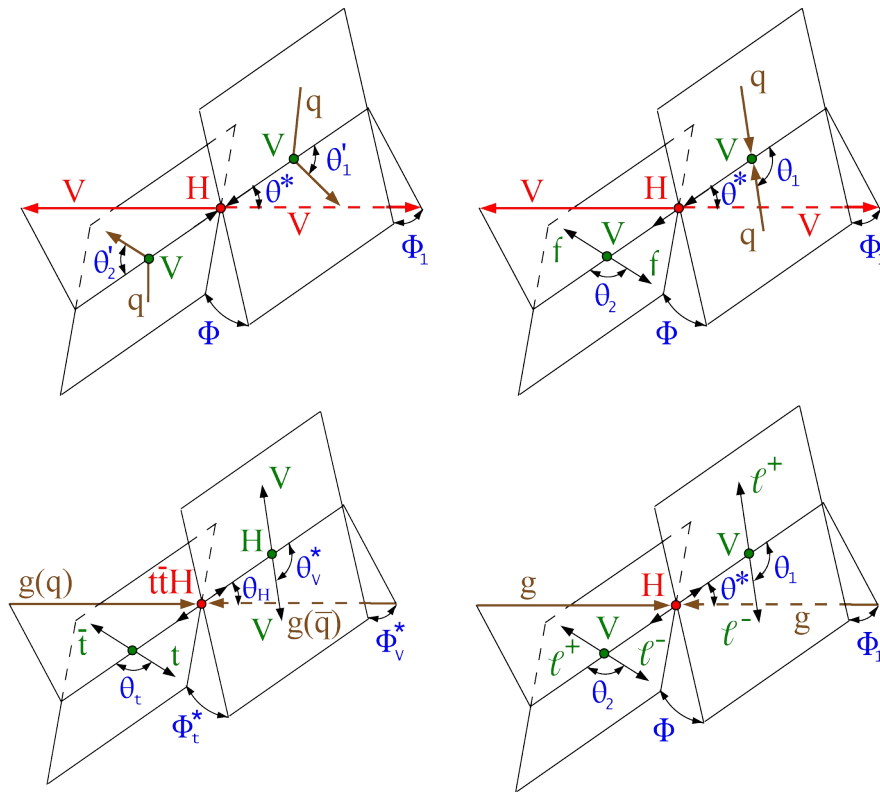
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  - > Target process:  $\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{VV} \rightarrow \mathbf{4 leptons}$
  - > Uses kinematics of leptons in the final state
- Production:
  - > Target process: **Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)**
  - > Higgs CP nature affects kinematics of jets from the initial state
  - > Studied in Higgs decays to  $\tau\tau$ , 4 leptons and  $\gamma\gamma$

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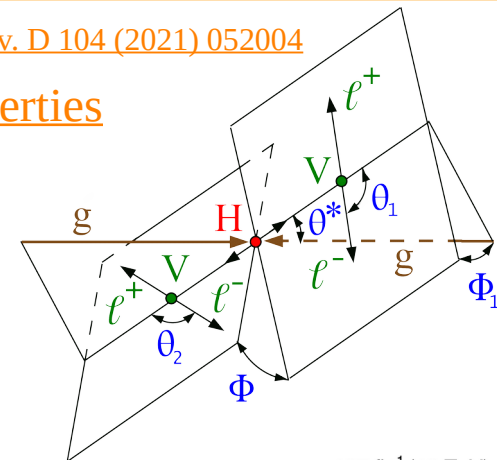
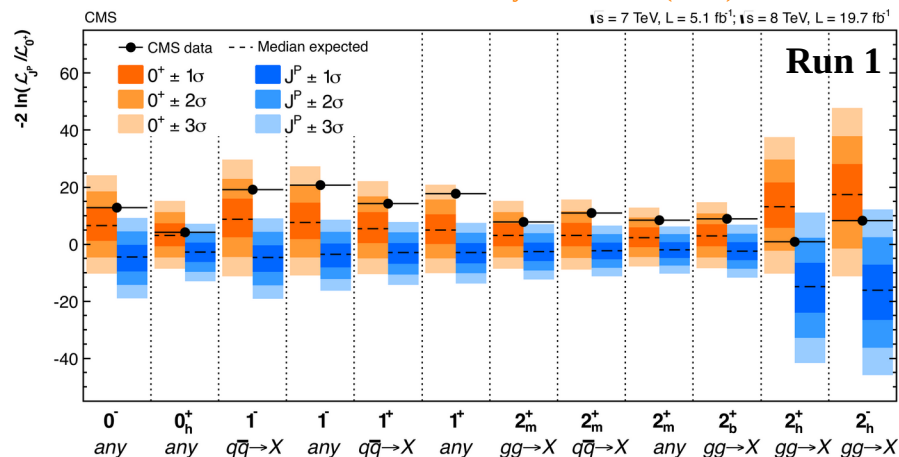




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- Excellent handle to measure Higgs properties: mass, spin, width, and CP properties
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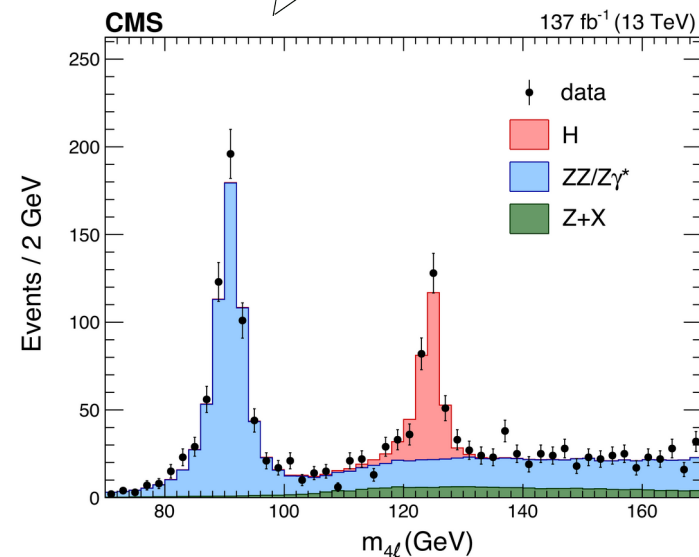
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- > Analysis with full Run 2 also targets interference terms of anomalous couplings with other hypothesis using MVA classifiers

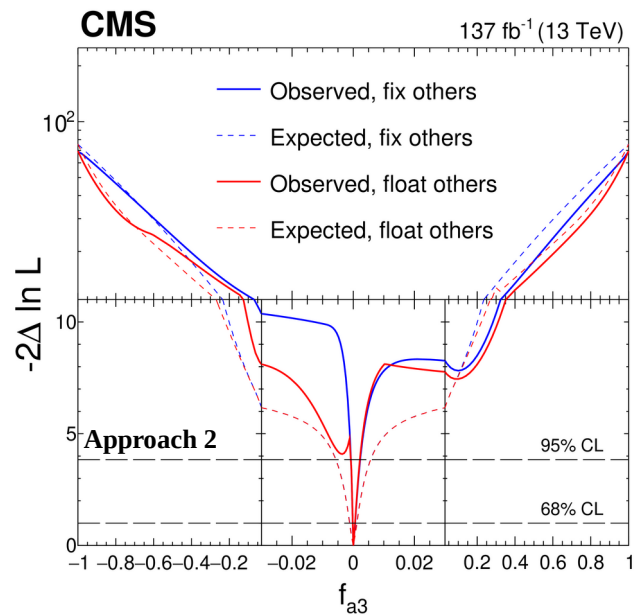
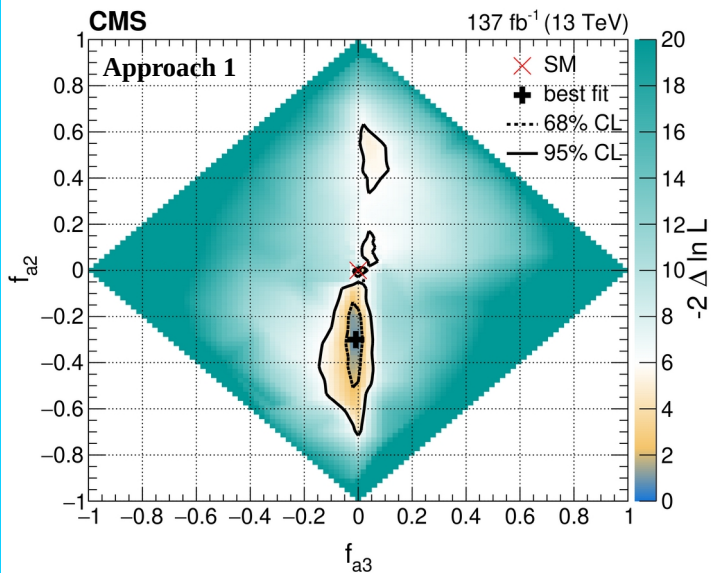
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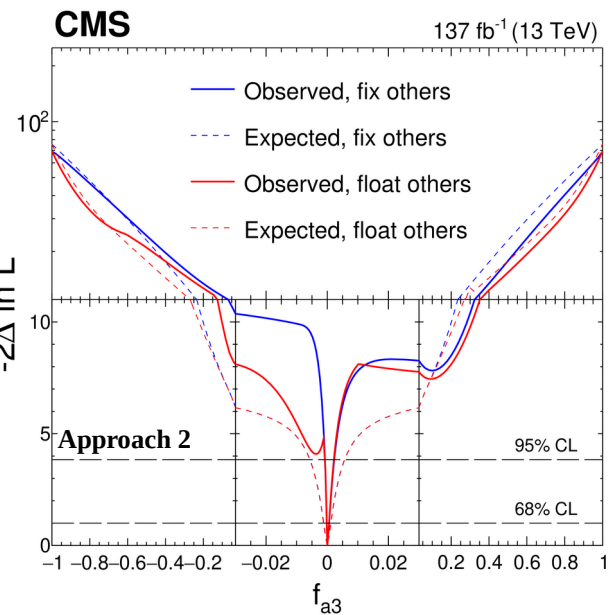
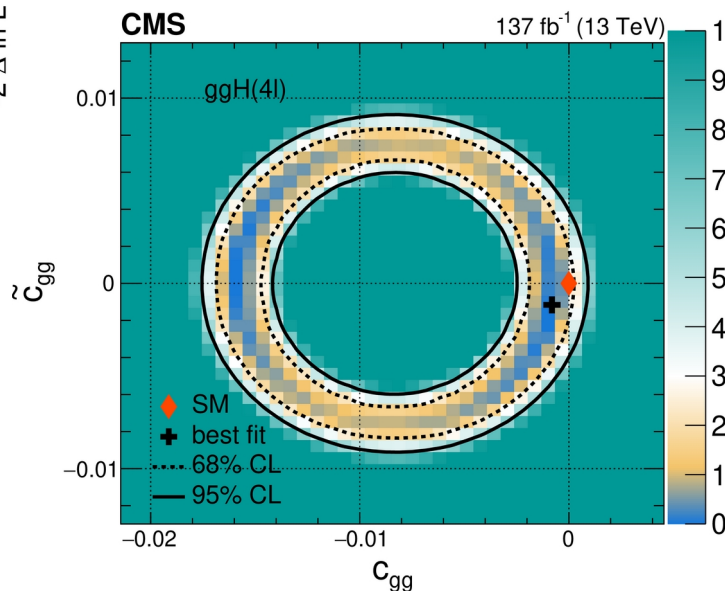
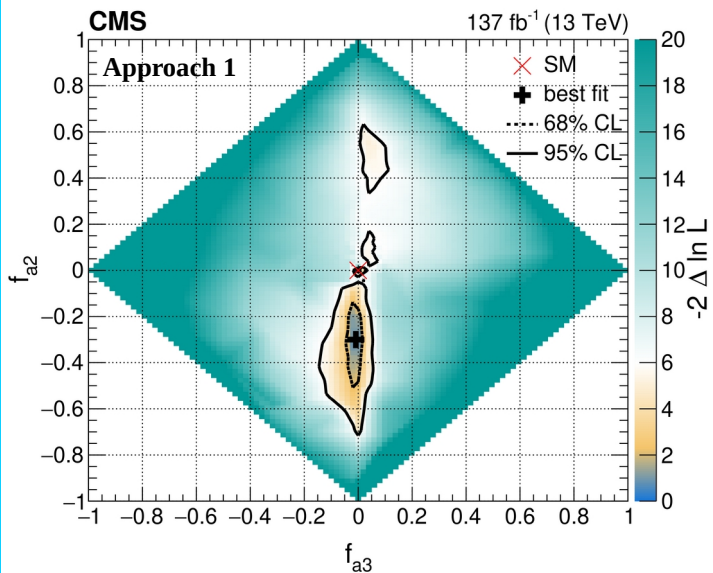


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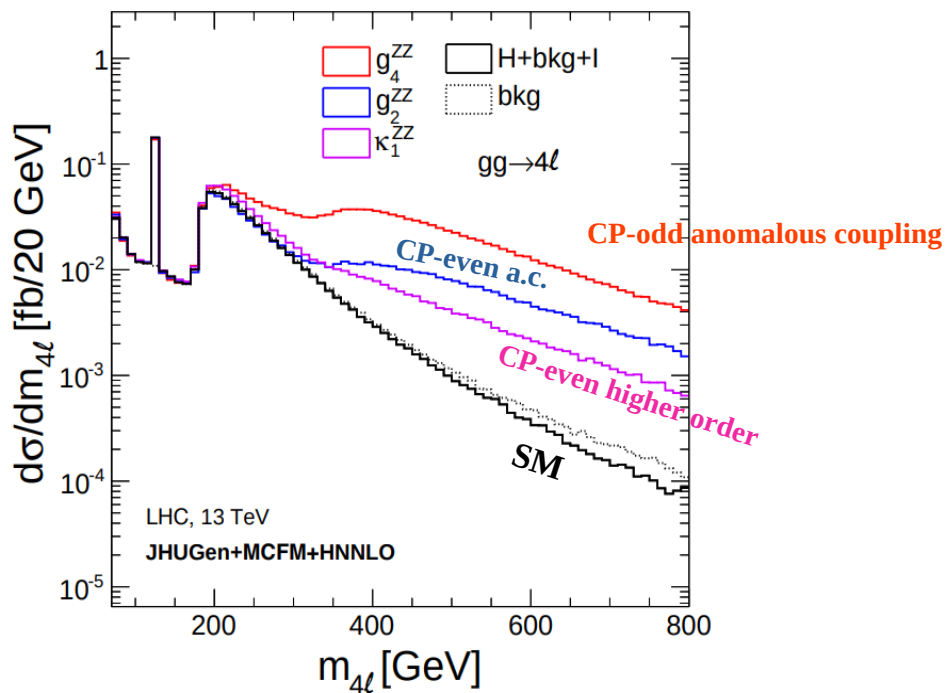
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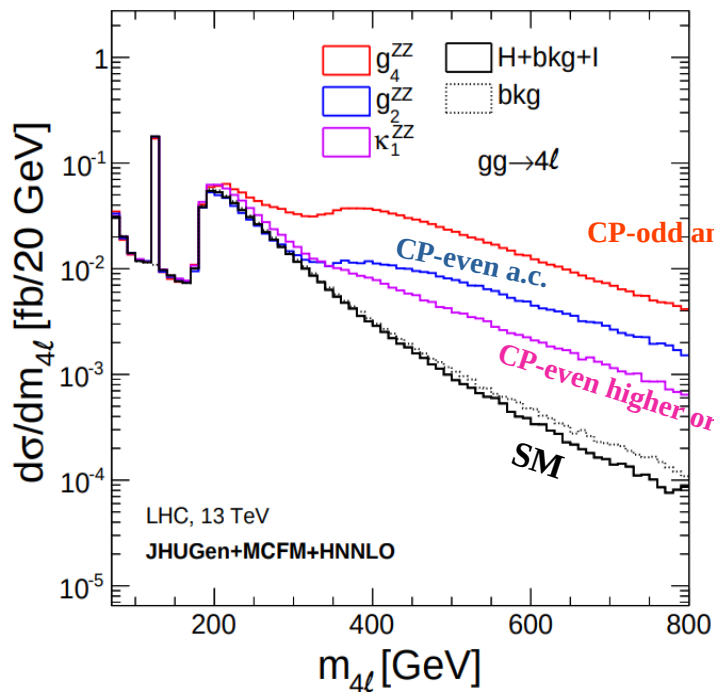


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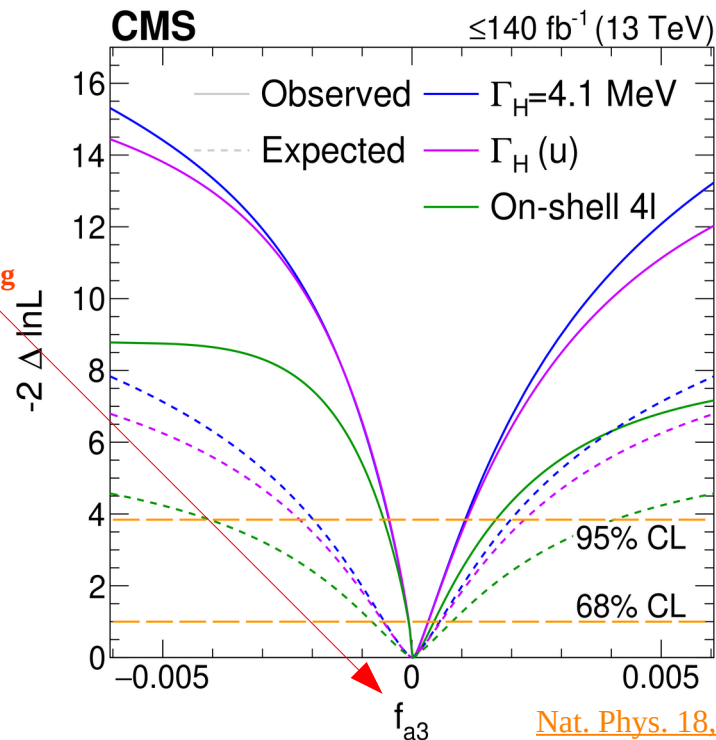


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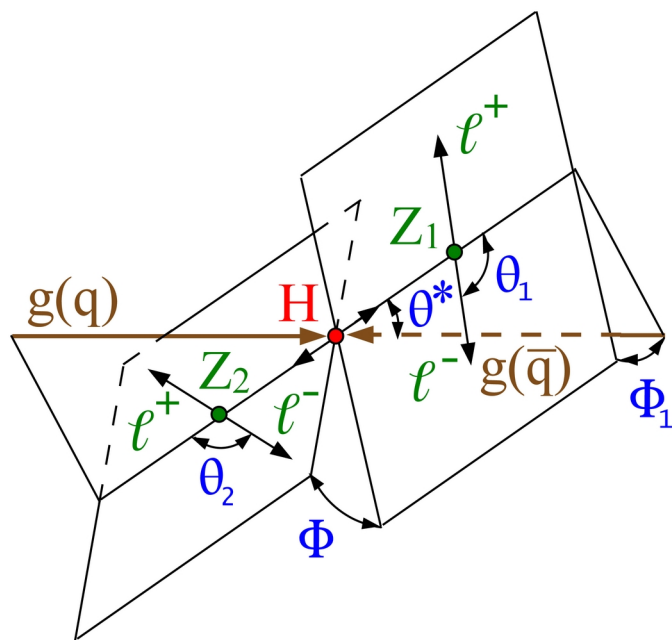


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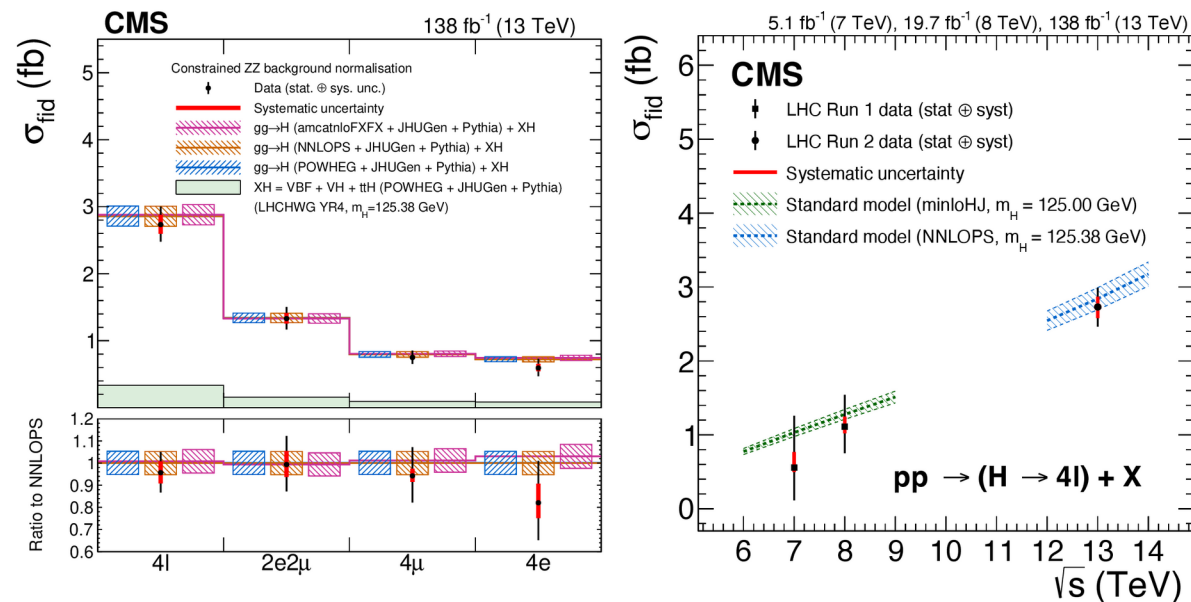


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- H → 4 leptons also studied differentially
- Differential measurement performed with respect to angular variables, Higgs momentum, and accompanying jet pT → sensitivity to loop correction and BSM operators

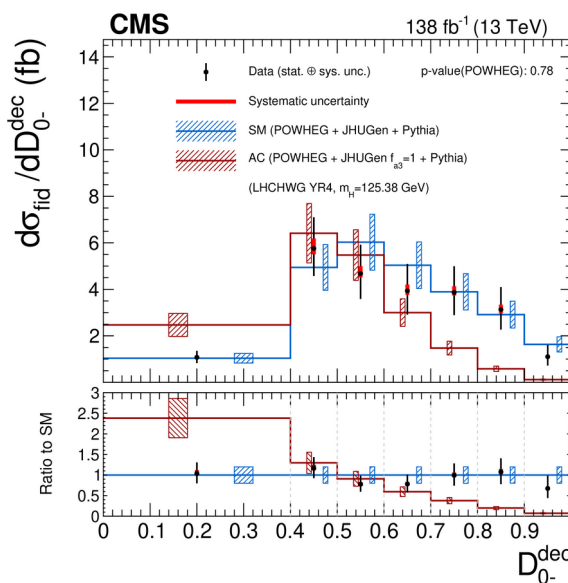
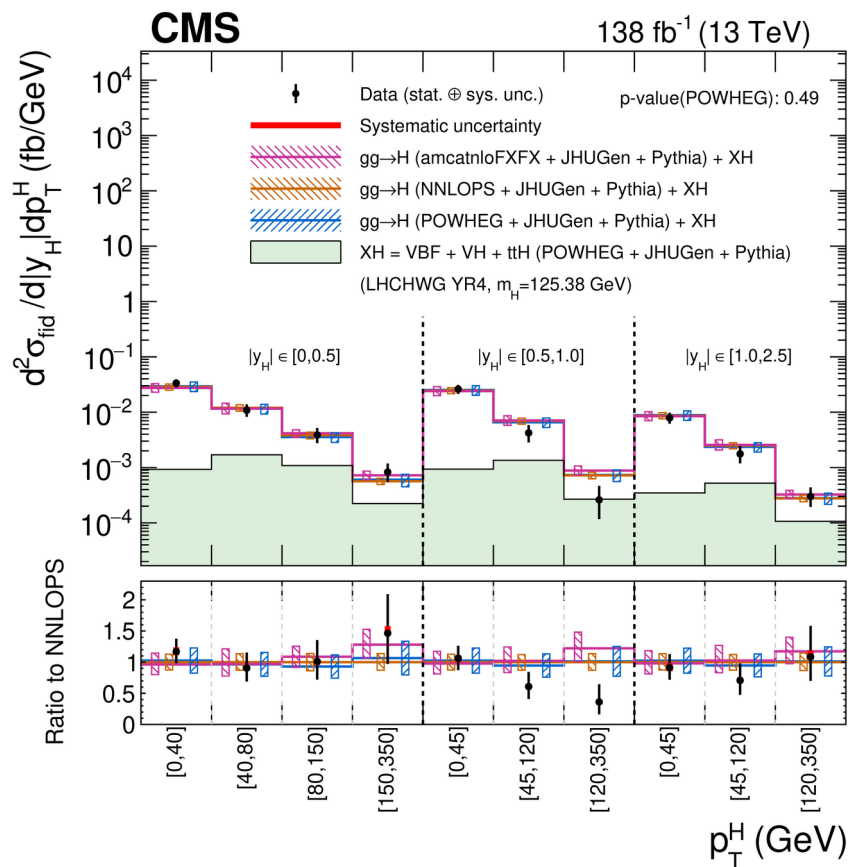


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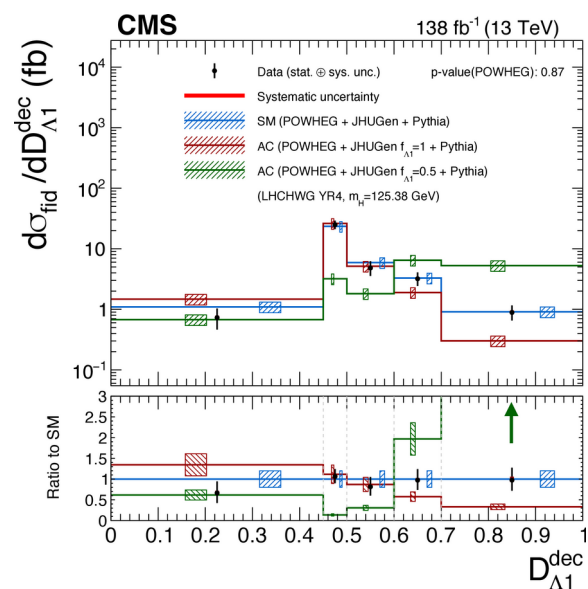
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- The increased sensitivity allows to constrain better CP-violating terms and validate our current theoretical understanding

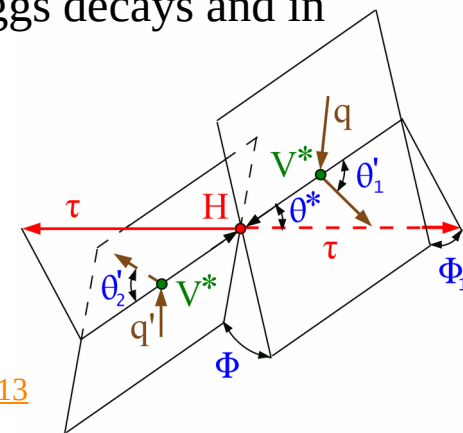


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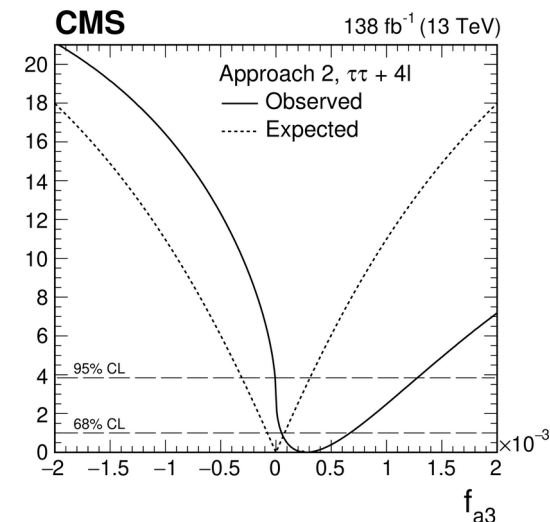
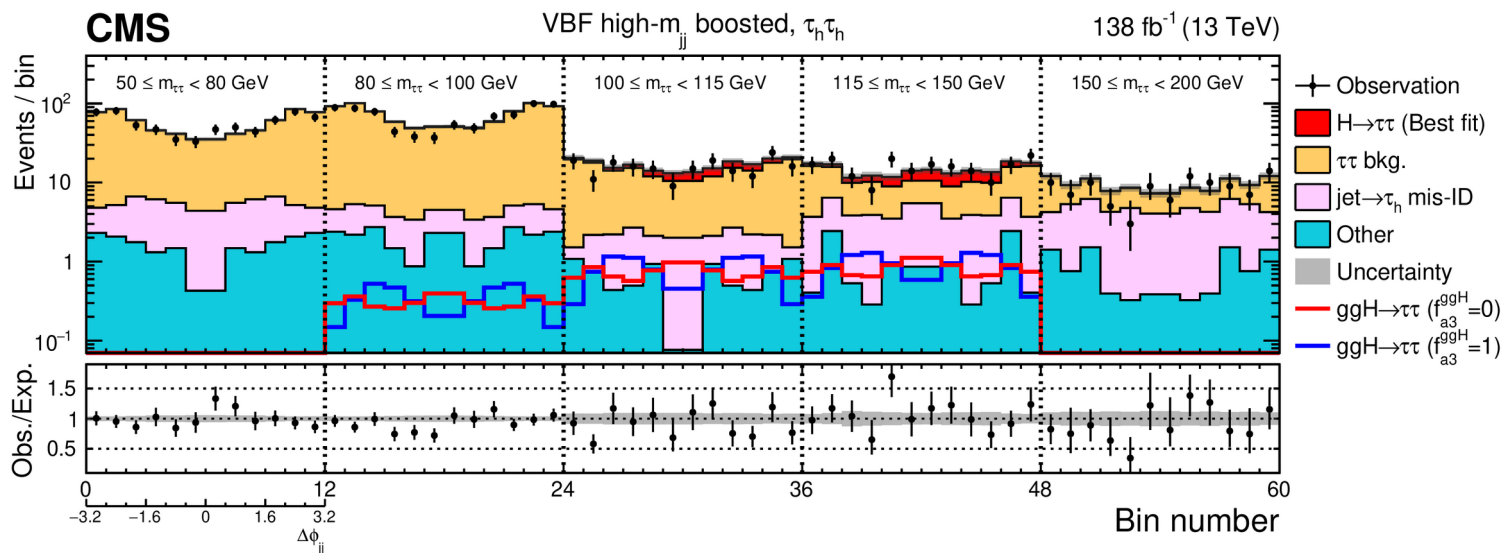
- All differential distributions agree with the latest SM predictions



- Higgs decays to tau leptons can be used as a probe both for CP violation in Higgs decays and in combination with  $H \rightarrow 4l$  for the search of CP violation in production
  - > When studying Higgs CP in production the  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  vertex is kept SM-like
  - > The azimuthal angle between jets coming from the initial state offers sensitivity to the Higgs CP quantum number



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- Higgs Yukawa interaction can be parametrized as follows:

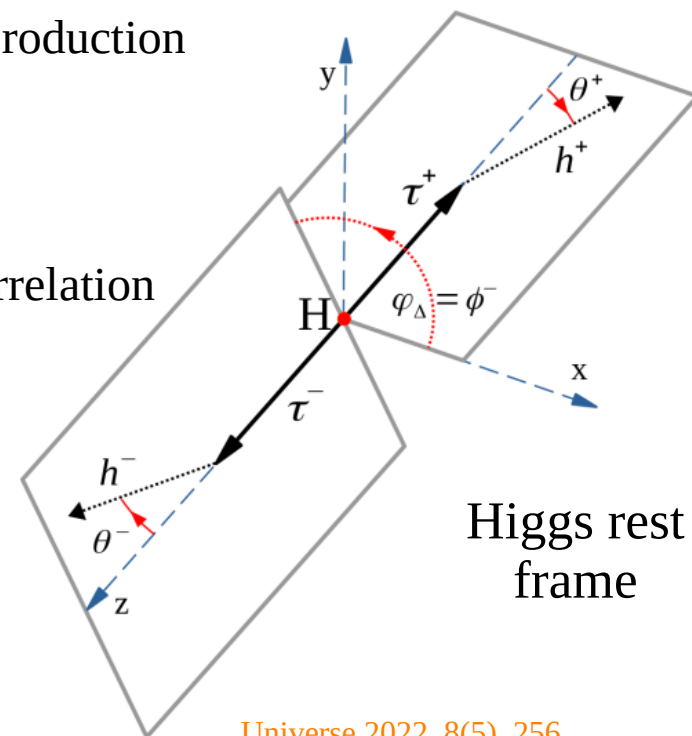
$$> \mathcal{L}_{Y,f} = -\frac{m_f}{v} \bar{\psi}_f (\kappa_f + i\gamma^5 \tilde{\kappa}_f) H \psi_f$$

- > Higgs direct coupling to top quarks investigated in ttH and tH production

- CP-odd anomalous coupling affects top quark(s) kinematics
- Investigated with MVA techniques

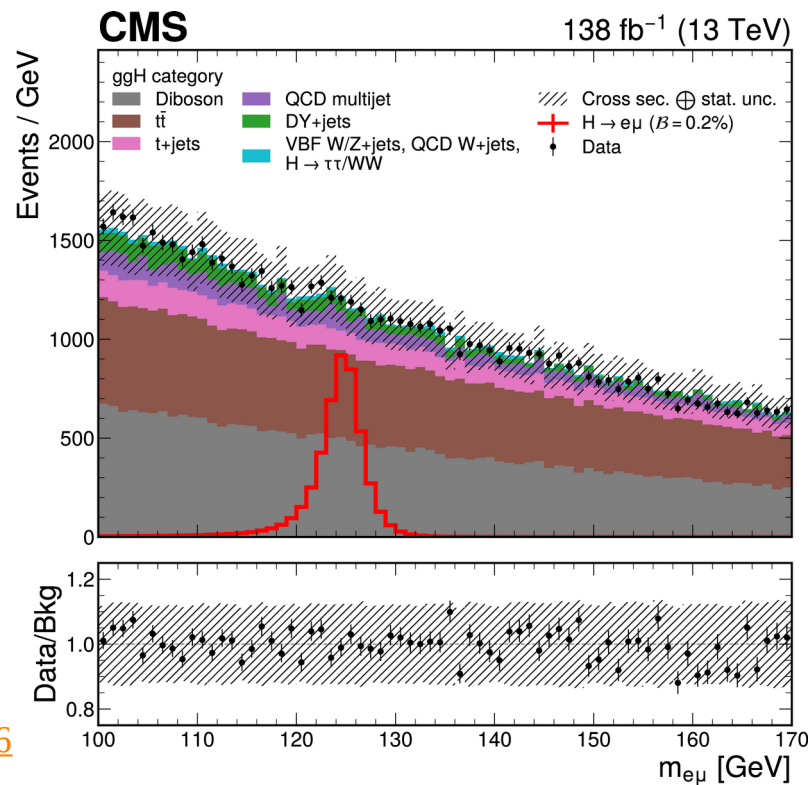
- > Higgs coupling to  $\tau$  leptons investigated in decays via  $\tau$  spin correlation

- CP mixing encoded in  $\alpha^{H\tau\tau}$  :
  - $\kappa_\tau = \sqrt{\mu^{\tau\tau}} \cos(\alpha^{H\tau\tau})$
  - $\tilde{\kappa}_\tau = \sqrt{\mu^{\tau\tau}} \sin(\alpha^{H\tau\tau})$
- Mixing angle can be accessed via the angle between  $\tau$  decay planes



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- Beyond the coupling to top quarks and tau leptons we also look for lepton flavor violation
  - > Lepton flavor is conserved  $\rightarrow$  the Yukawa matrix is diagonal wrt lepton generations
- In analogy with the CKM matrix we can look for CP violation also by studying off-diagonal elements of the lepton Yukawa matrix
  - > A search for  $H \rightarrow e\mu$  decays can hint towards sources of new physics
  - > Search performed in mass window  $110 < m_{e\mu} < 160$  GeV
  - > Analysis exploits BDT to improve S/B ratio in two signal categories: ggH and VBF

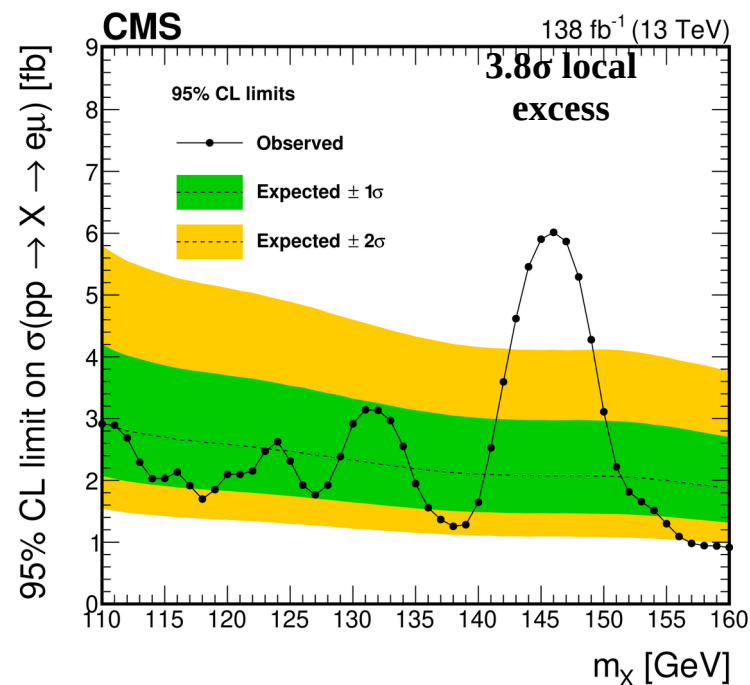
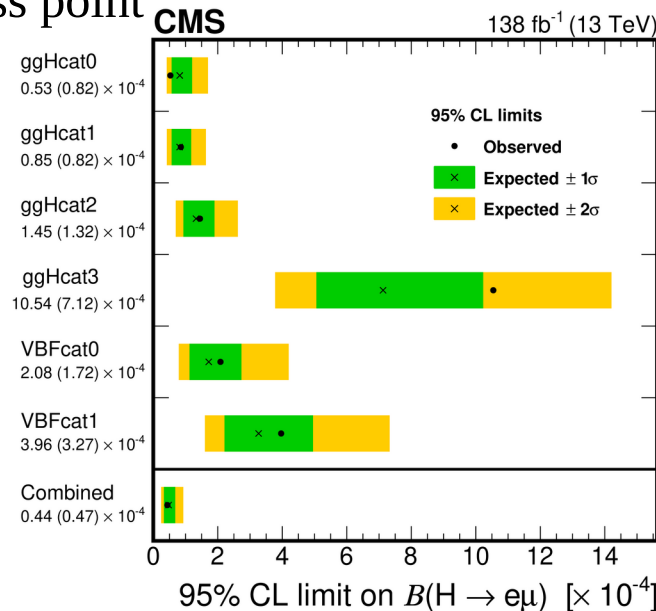


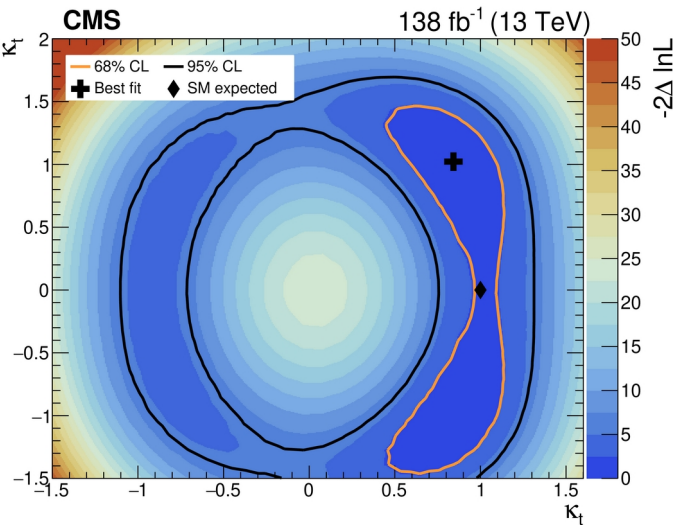
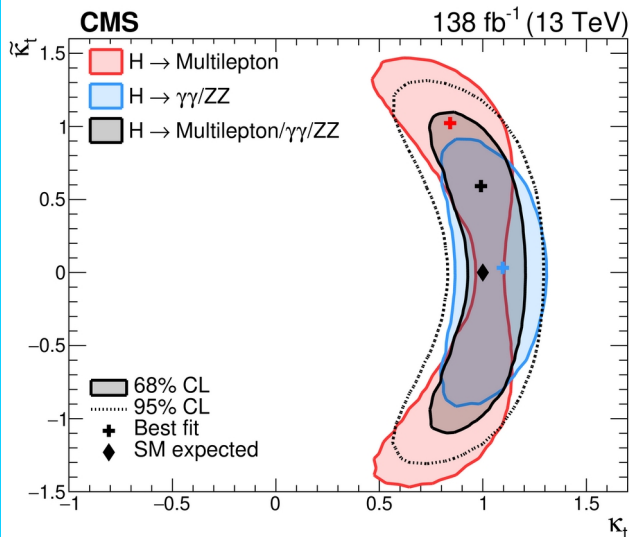
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- Constraints on the H → eμ branching fraction determined for SM-like H(125) and more generally for generic scalar particle X of mass between 110 and 160 GeV
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- Observed (expected) limit on  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow e\mu) < 4.4$  ( $4.7$ )  $\times 10^{-5}$  at 95% for a SM-like Higgs
- The X → eμ search presents a local (global) excess of 3.8σ (2.8σ) for the 146 GeV mass point

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- The best fit signal for this mass point has a cross-section of  $3.89 \pm 1.25$  fb
- More data is needed to investigate this excess

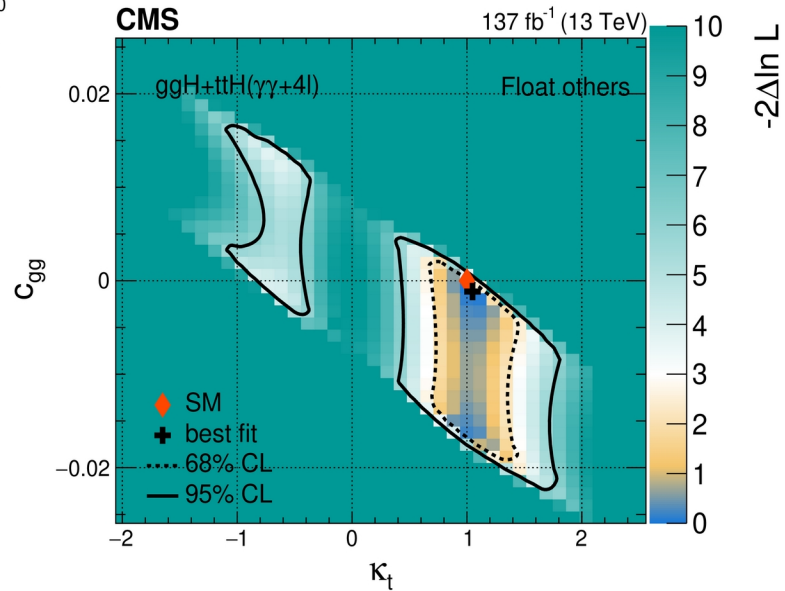




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- Higgs couplings are proportional to the mass → enhanced coupling with the top quark → target ttH and tH production
- Htt coupling CP structure was probed in the H → WW,  $\tau\tau$  (multilepton)  $\gamma\gamma$  and ZZ decays

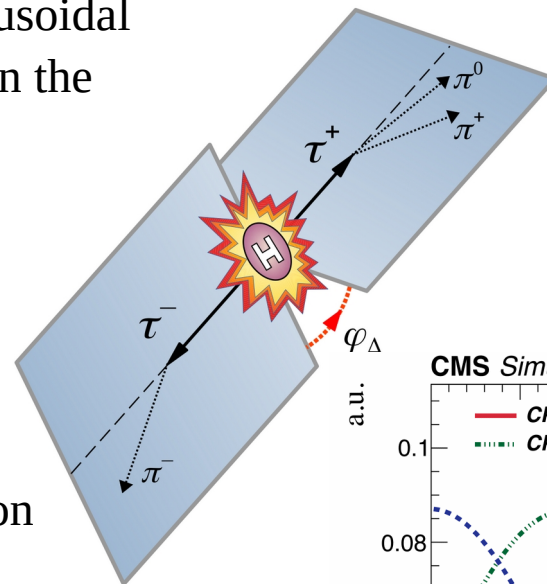
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- Top quark loop has leading contribution to ggH effective coupling → simultaneous fit of CP-odd contribution ggH and ttH production
- Combination performed under hypothesis that ggH loop is dominated by top quark

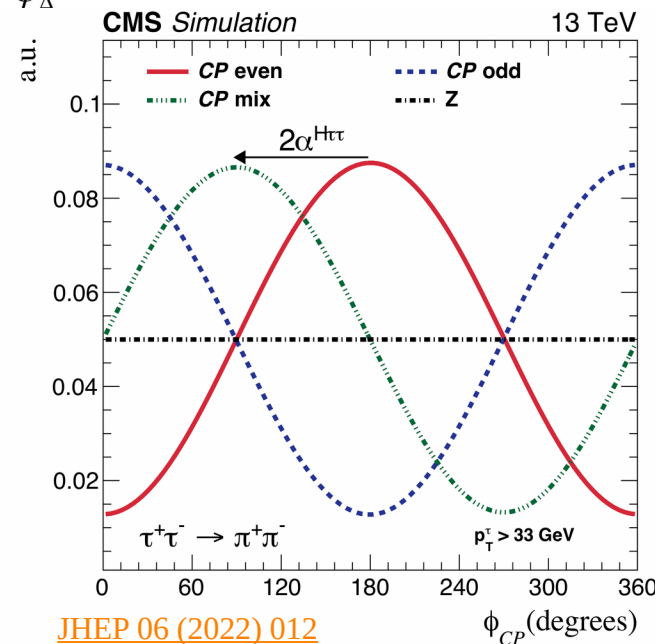
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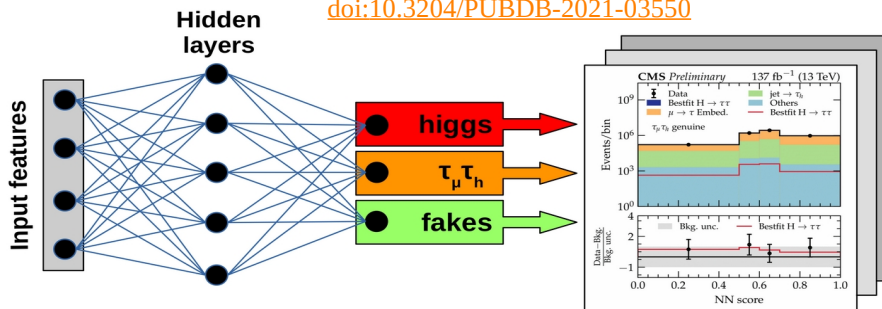
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- CP mixing appears as a **phase-shift** in the distribution
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- This angle can be generalized to the angle between the  $\tau$  decay planes, an **acoplanarity angle**

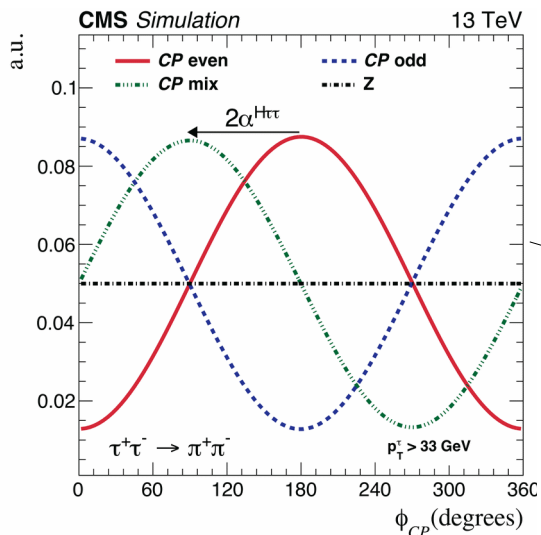


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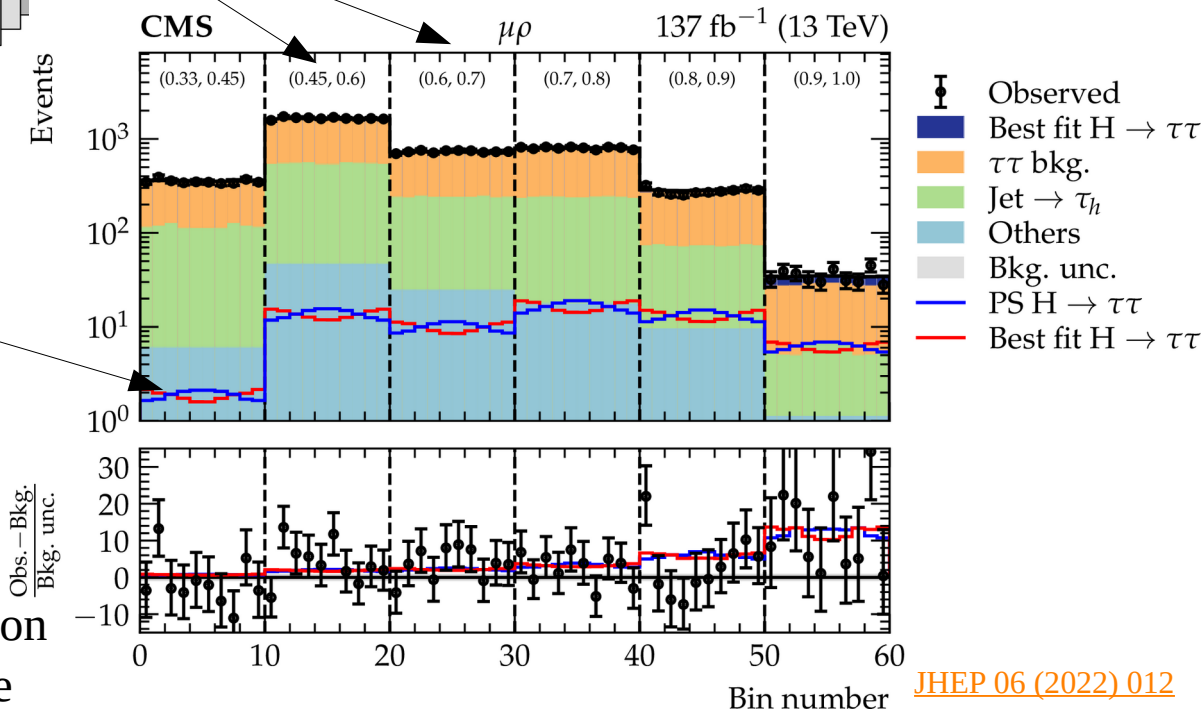
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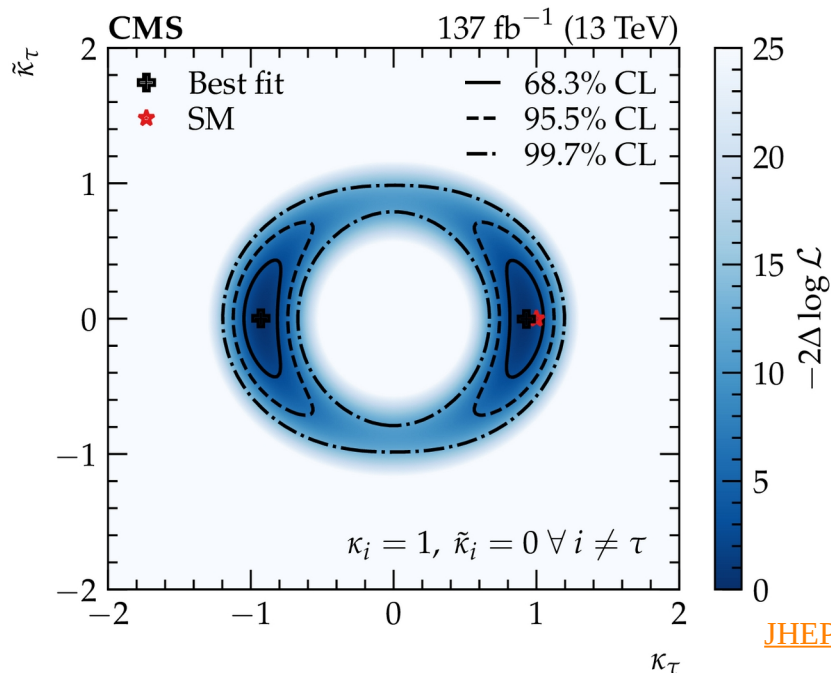
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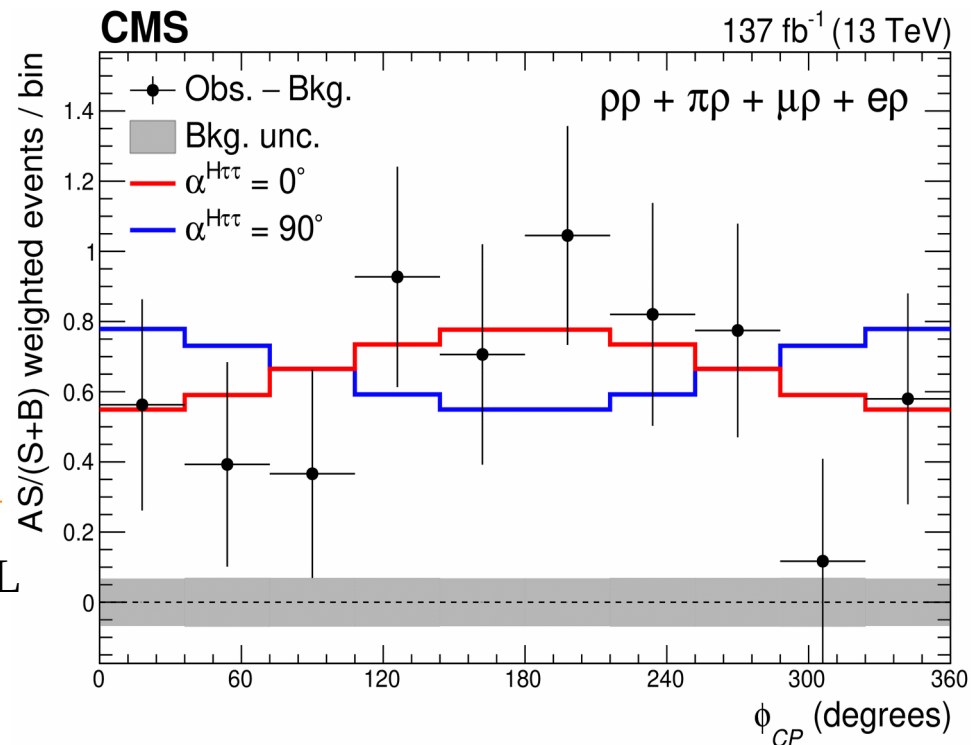


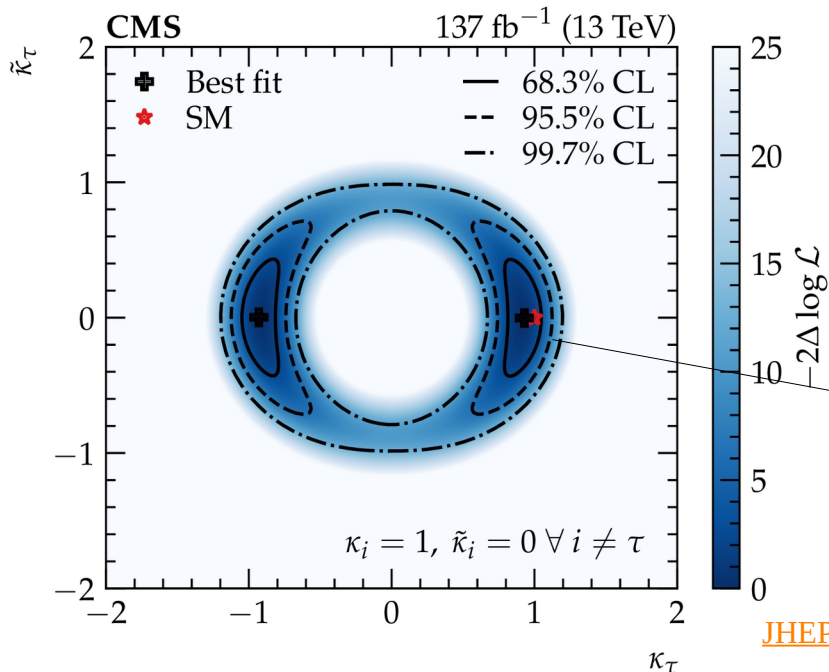
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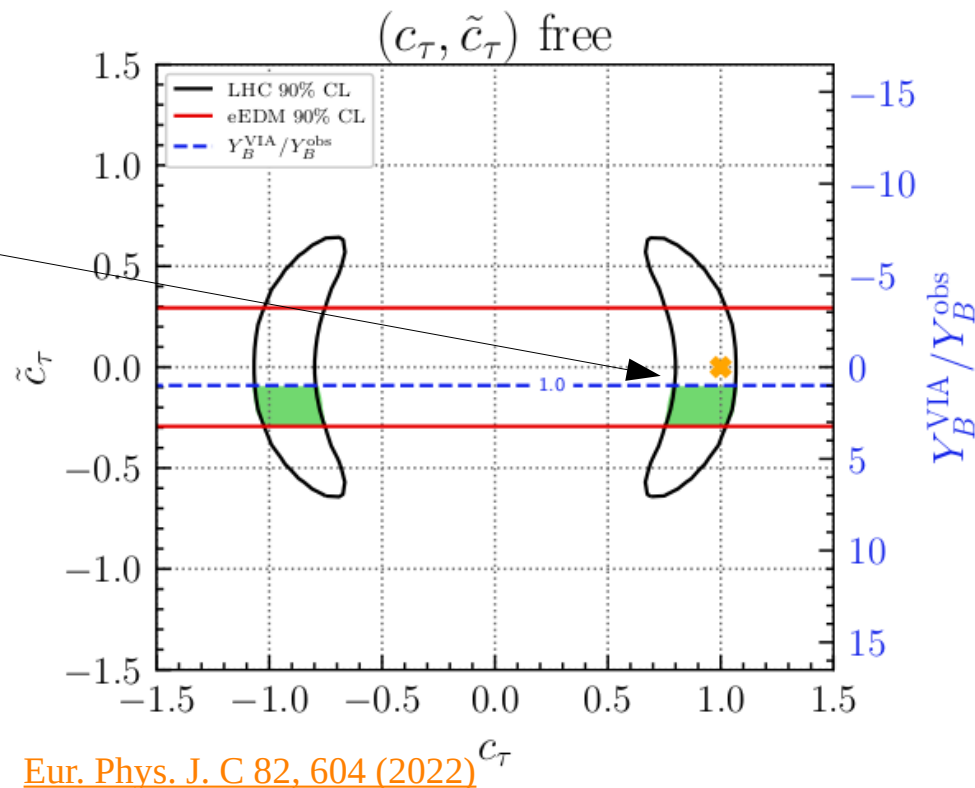
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$$\alpha^{H\tau\tau} = -1 \pm 19 \text{ (stat)} \pm 1 \text{ (syst)} \pm 2 \text{ (bin-by-bin)} \pm 1 \text{ (theo)}^\circ$$





- Interesting for MSSM interpretation to test CP mixing angle of  $7^\circ \rightarrow$  good target for future measurement



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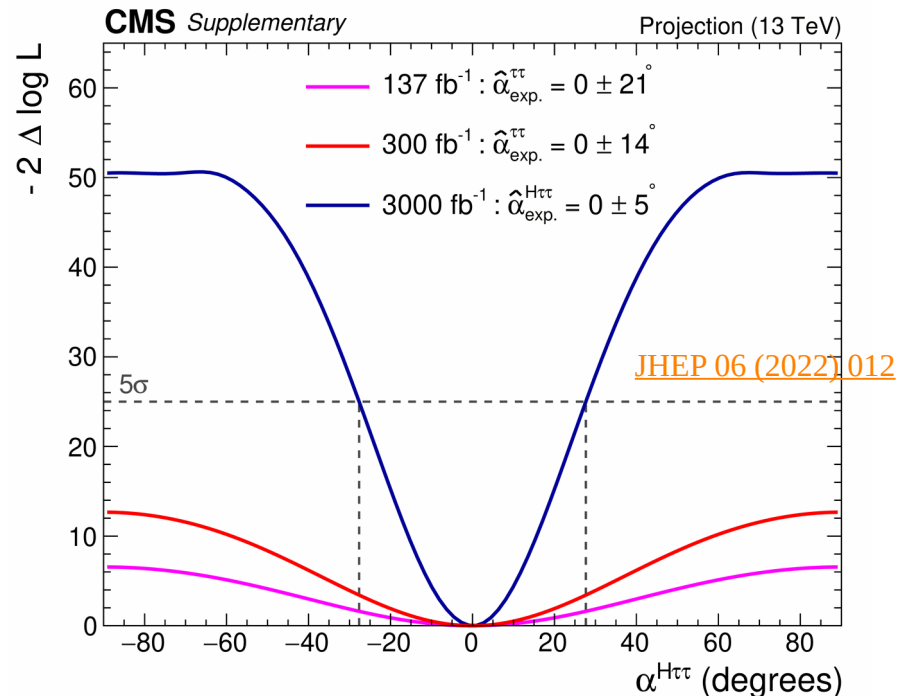


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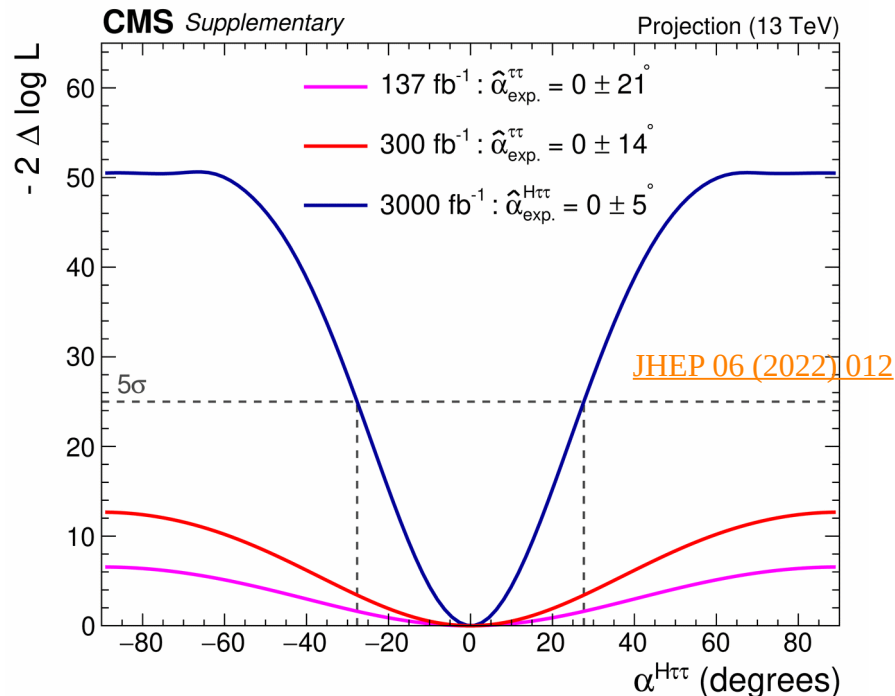
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Continuing

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