

Recent SM results (including Higgs) from ATLAS and CMS

Focusing on rare processes

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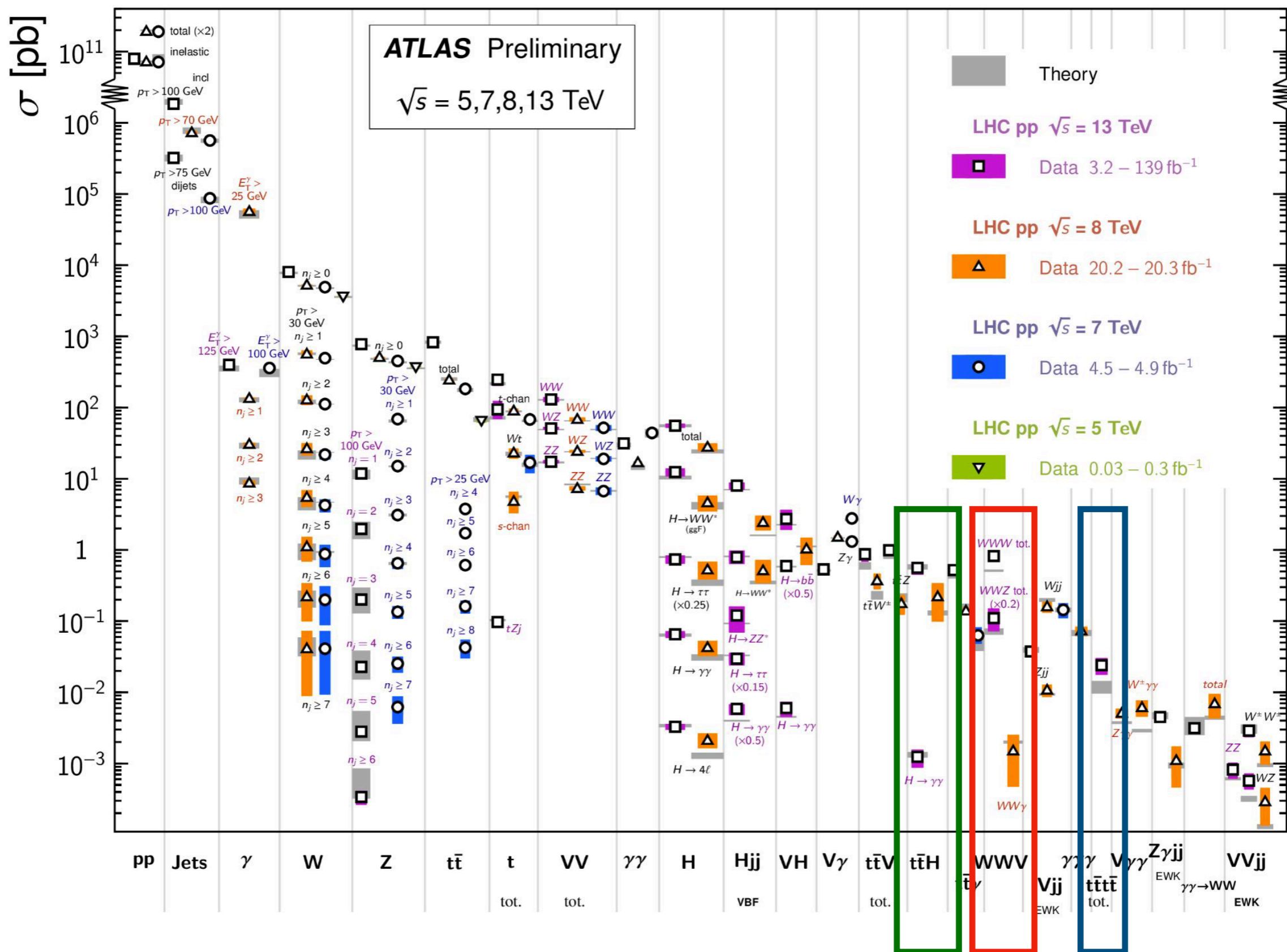
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Why rare processes?

Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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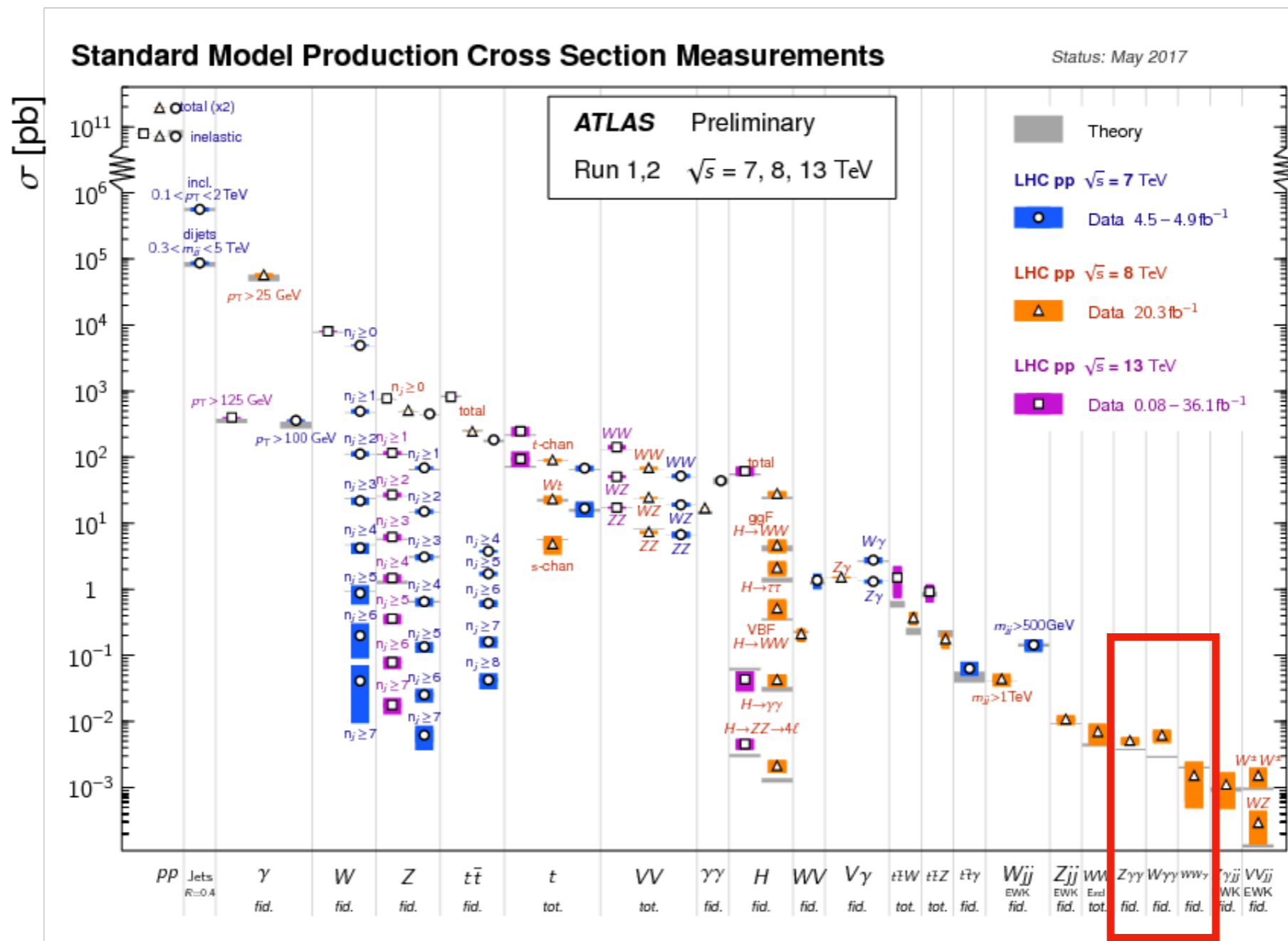


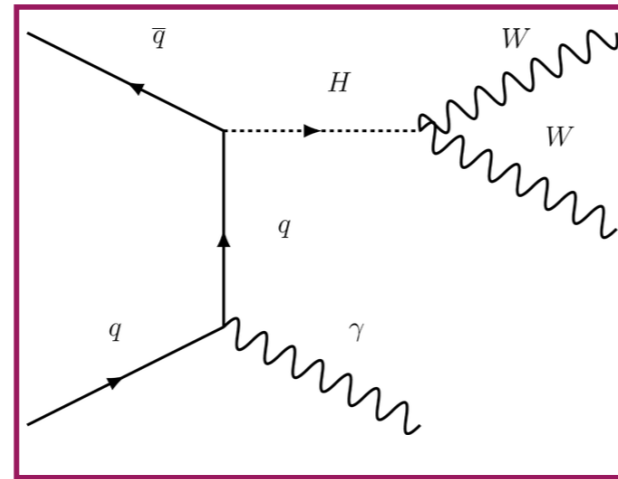
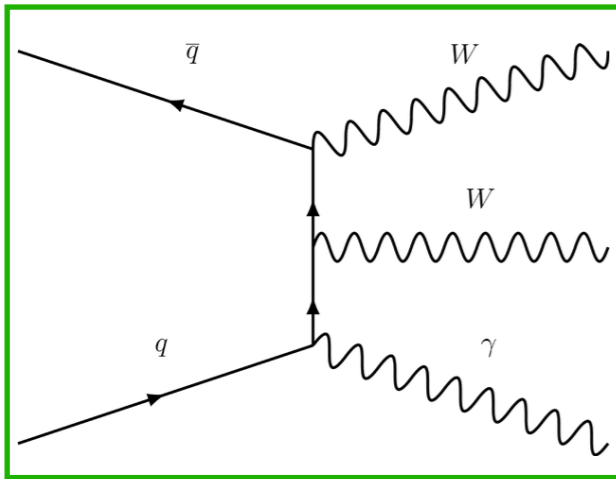
Why rare processes?

- Rare production modes become fully accessible with Run 2 data
 - Many recent first observations!
- No signs of new physics beyond the SM brought by searches at LHC
- Further test SM by measuring more precisely rare processes which are not yet well measured

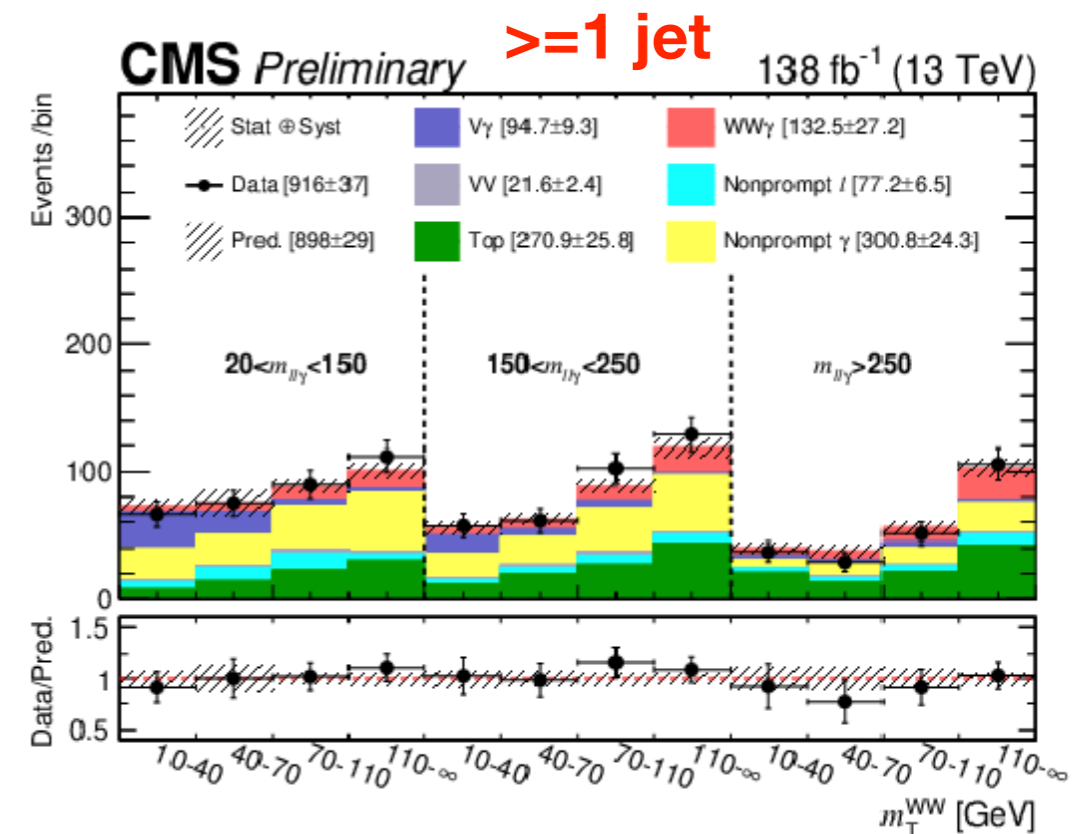
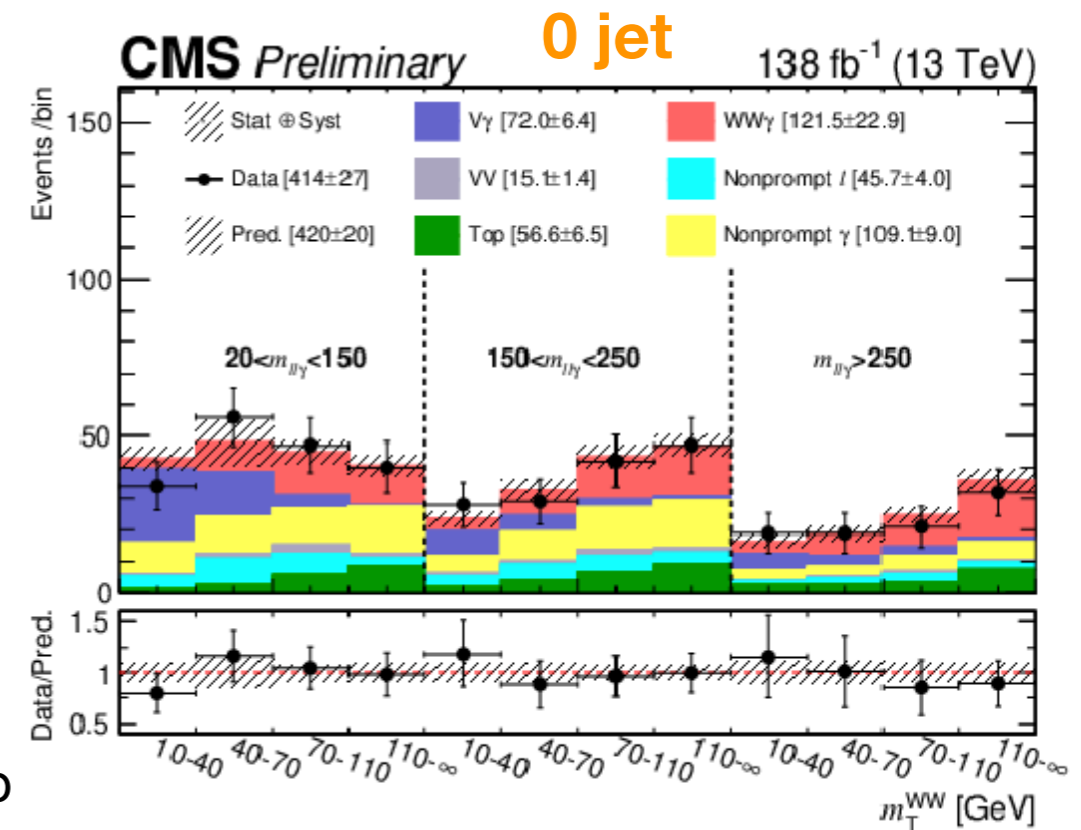
Triboson measurements with ATLAS and CMS

- Triboson final states have small cross section
- Sensitive to Anomalous Quartic Gauge Coupling (AQGC)
- Limit to Effective Field Theories can be set
- Understand those process as they are backgrounds for further analyses in run 3 ($ZH(\gamma\gamma)$ $WH(\gamma\gamma)$)

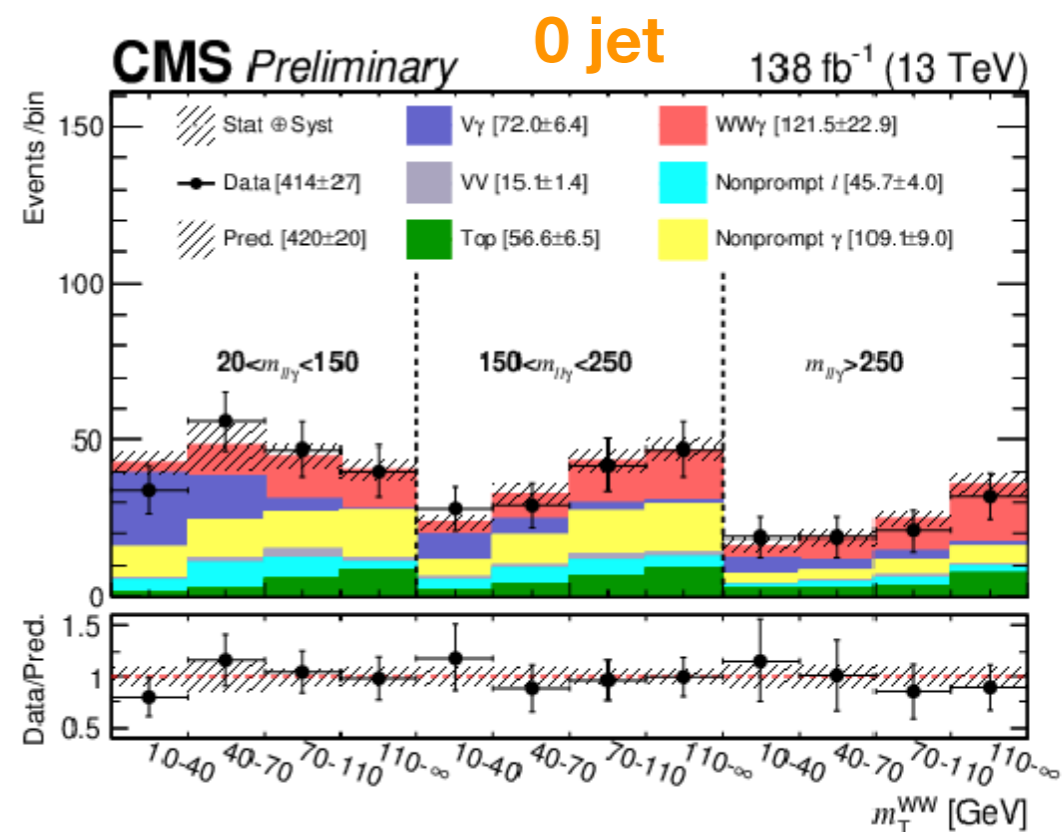




- First measurement of $WW\gamma$ fiducial cross section with 5.6 (4.7) standard deviation observed (expected)
 - $\sigma_{\text{measured}} = 6.0 \pm 1.0$ (stat) ± 1.0 (syst) ± 0.9 (theo) fb within 1.5σ of theory prediction
 - $\sigma_{\text{Theory}} = 4.16 \pm 0.34$ (scale) ± 0.05 (PDF) fb
- Using opposite charge opposite flavor e/ μ channel with 138 fb⁻¹ at 13 TeV
 - b-jet veto
 - Likelihood 2D fit on M_T^{WW} and $M_{ll\gamma}$, using SR (splitting 0 jet and ≥ 1 jet) and 2VR
 - Limit on Higgs Yukawa couplings with light quarks (u,d,s,c)



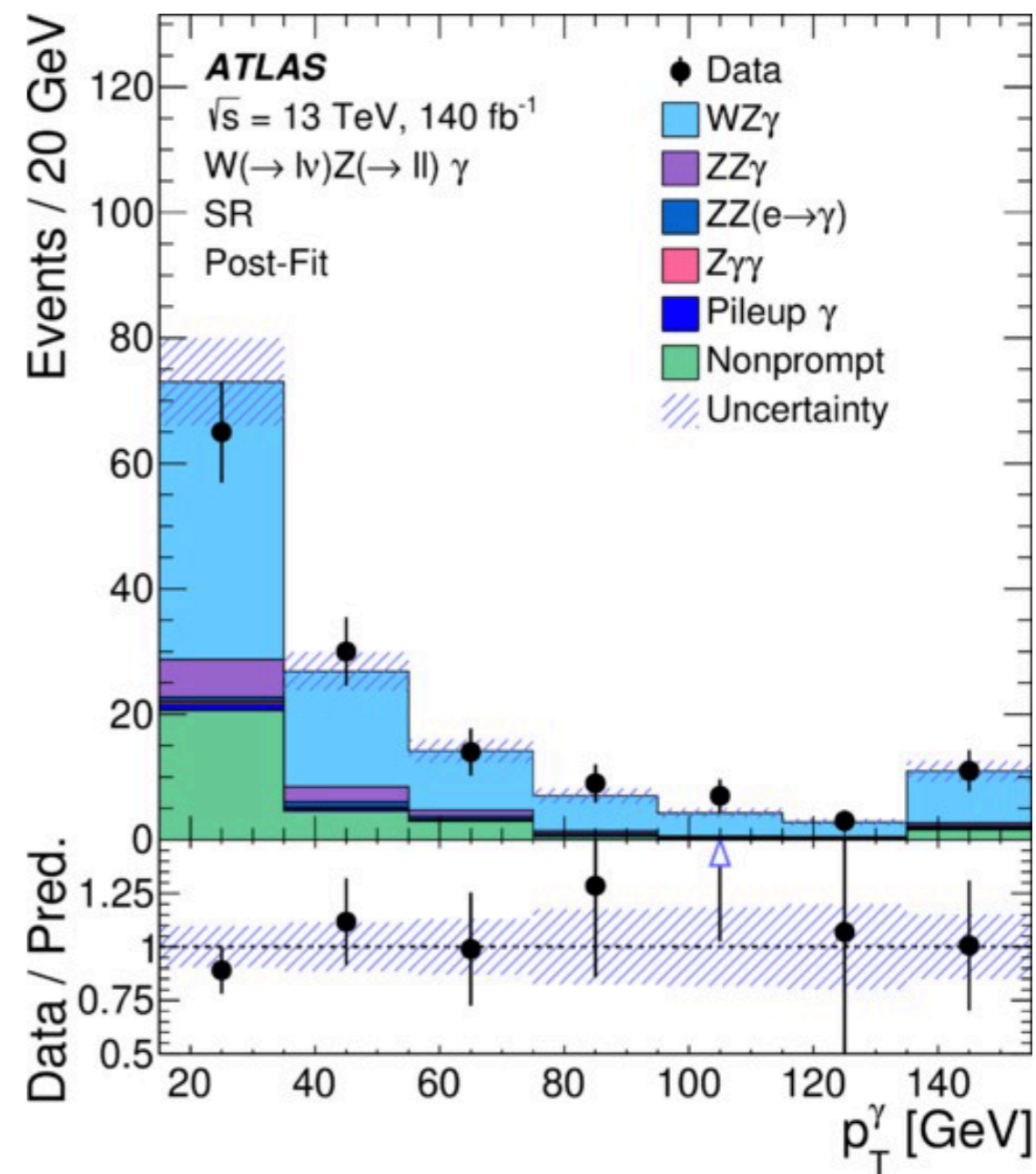
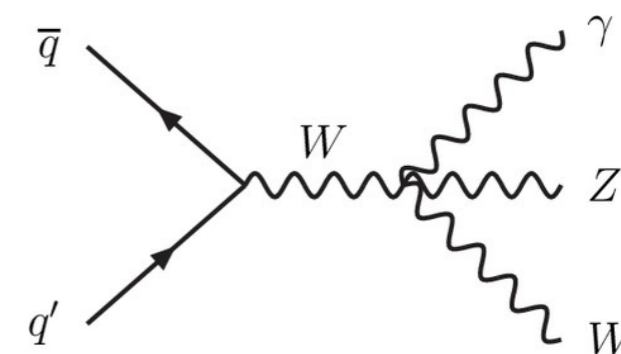
- Background treatment
 - Non prompt photon/lepton
 - $j \rightarrow \gamma$ main background; Data driven estimation in W+jets Control Region (CR)
 - $j \rightarrow e$ significant background; Data driven fake rate estimate in dijet CR
 - Validation; Top+ γ VR with ≥ 1 b-jet for both background; Same flavor lepton final state CR for $j \rightarrow e$ background
 - $WZ\gamma$ and top; reduced by b-jet veto



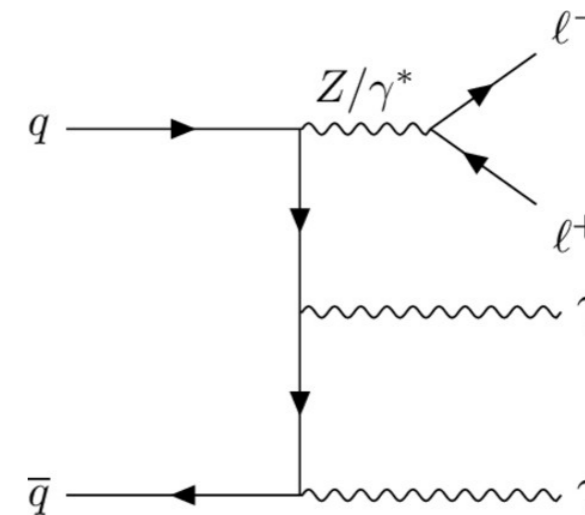
Limit on Higgs Yukawa couplings

Process	σ_{up} pb exp.(obs.)	Yukawa couplings limits exp.(obs.)
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow H + \gamma \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$	0.067 (0.085)	$ \kappa_u \leq 13000$ (16000)
$d\bar{d} \rightarrow H + \gamma \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$	0.058 (0.072)	$ \kappa_d \leq 14000$ (17000)
$s\bar{s} \rightarrow H + \gamma \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$	0.049 (0.068)	$ \kappa_s \leq 1300$ (1700)
$c\bar{c} \rightarrow H + \gamma \rightarrow e\mu\gamma$	0.067 (0.087)	$ \kappa_c \leq 110$ (200)

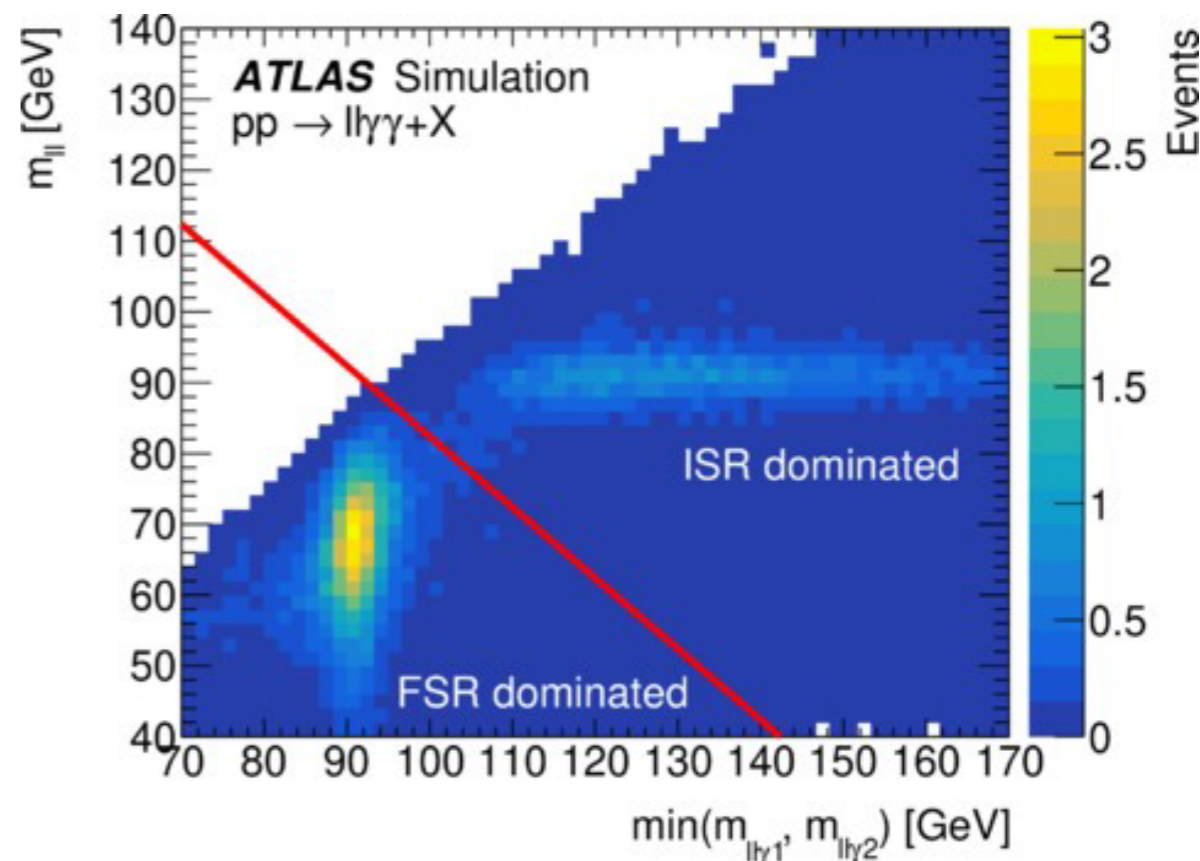
- **First measurement of WZ γ cross section** with 6.3 (5.0) standard deviation observed (expected)
 - $\sigma_{\text{measured}} = 2.01 \pm 0.3$ (stat) ± 0.16 (syst) fb within 1.5σ of theory prediction
 - $\sigma_{\text{Theory}} = 1.5 \pm 0.06$ fb
- Using $ll\gamma$ channel one same flavor opposite charge pair with 140fb^{-1} at 13TeV
 - $|m_{e(W)\gamma} - m_Z| > 10$ GeV
 - $m_{l(Z)l(Z)} > 81$ GeV for FSR reduction
 - Profile likelihood fit of the 4 e/ μ final states (3 bins, 1SR and 2CR)
- Background treatment
 - $j \rightarrow \gamma$ background; reduced by $m_{e(W)\gamma}$ selection; data driven fake rate estimation in looser identification/ isolation selection CD using Z+jets sample
 - $j \rightarrow l$ background; data driven fake rate estimation in looser identification/ isolation selection CD using dijet sample
 - ZZ γ and ZZ($e \rightarrow \gamma$); normalized with dedicated CR



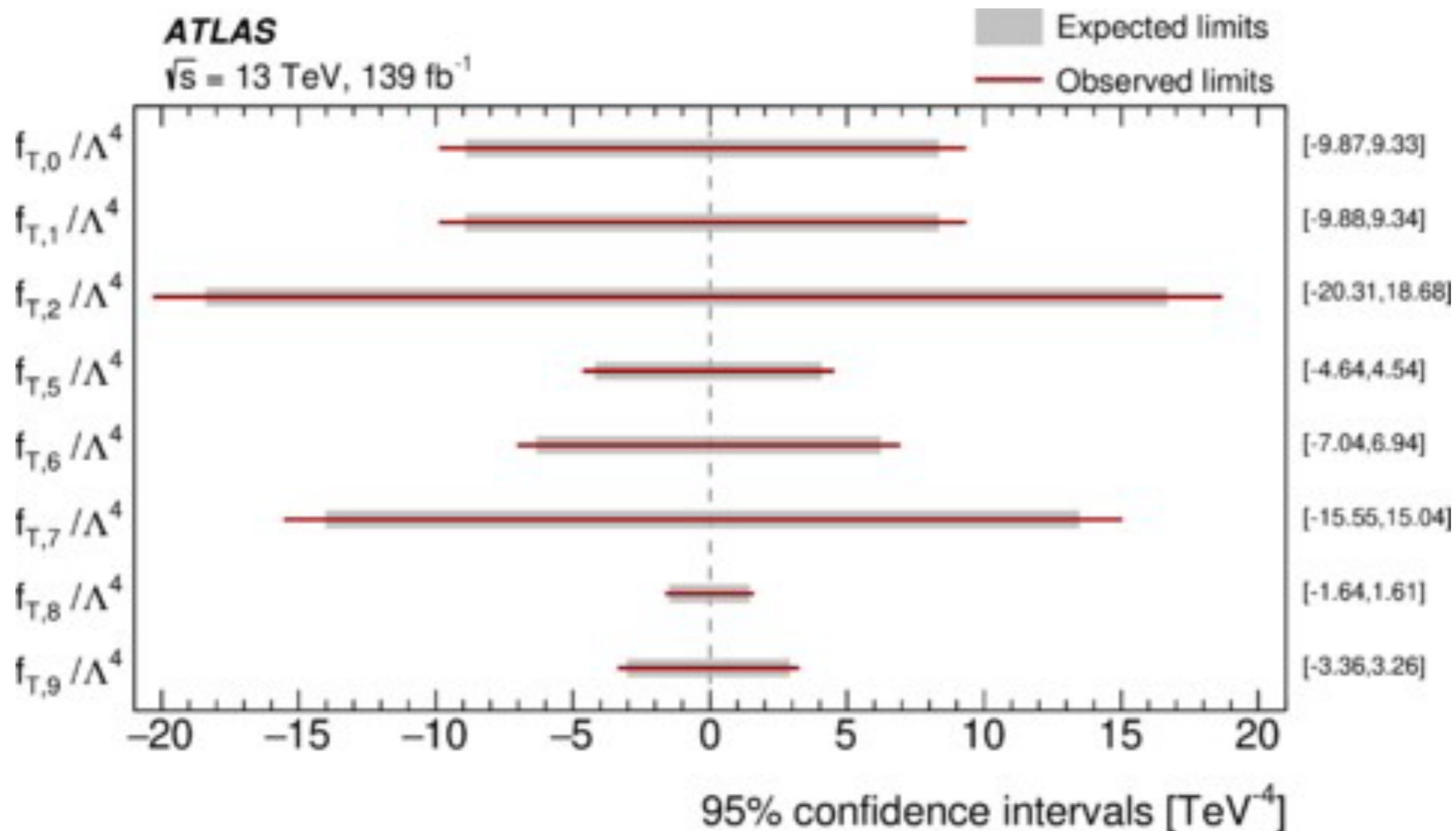
- **Fiducial cross section**
 - $\sigma_{\text{measured}} = 2.45 \pm 0.20$ (stat) ± 0.22 (syst) ± 0.04 (lumi) fb measurement with 12% precision
- Using e/μ channel with 139 fb^{-1} at 13 TeV
 - $(m_{ll} + \min(m_{ll\gamma,1}, m_{ll\gamma,2})) > 2M_Z$ for FSR contribution
 - Differential cross-sections (6 kinematic observables: $E_T^{\gamma 1}, E_T^{\gamma 2}, p_T^{ll}, p_T^{ll\gamma\gamma}, m_{\gamma\gamma}, m_{ll\gamma\gamma}$)
- Background treatment
 - $j \rightarrow \gamma$ main background; data driven fake rate estimate using $Z\gamma$ +jet and Z +jet
 - $t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$ with leptonic decay from top quark (second contribution); normalized using CD with opposite sign e/μ pair
 - $Z\gamma + \gamma$ and $Z + \gamma\gamma$ from pile-up; Uncertainties computed via signal simulation reweighed to pile-up background p_T spectra
 - $e \rightarrow \gamma$; Modelled by ZZ and $ZW\gamma$ simulation
 - $Z(ll)H(ll)$; Estimated from simulation



Distinction between ISR and FSR events when the Z boson is on-shell



- Limit set on aQGC operators using EFT approach
- $O_{T,1}, O_{T,2}, O_{T,6}, O_{T,7}$ reduced up to two order of magnitude at 8 TeV (Phys. Rev. D 93, 112002)

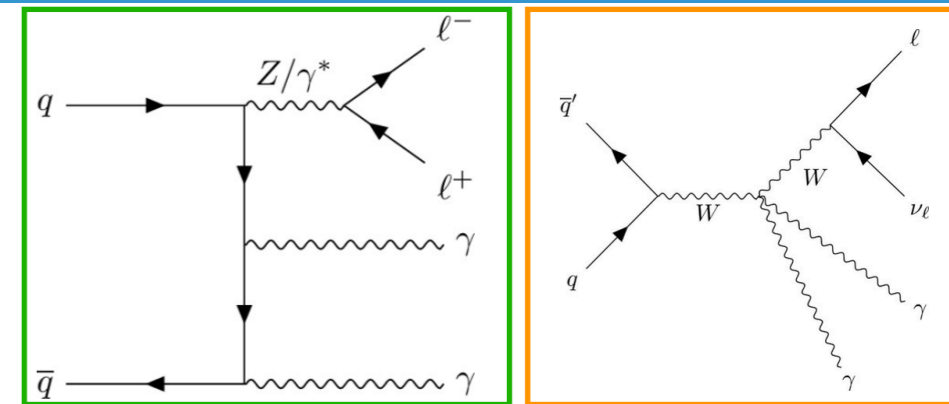


- $Z\gamma\gamma$ fiducial cross section

- $$\sigma(Z\gamma\gamma) = 5.41_{-0.55}^{+0.58} \text{ (stat)}_{-0.70}^{+0.64} \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.06 \text{ (PDF + scale) fb}$$
 (5.8) standard deviation observed (expected)

- $W\gamma\gamma$ fiducial cross section

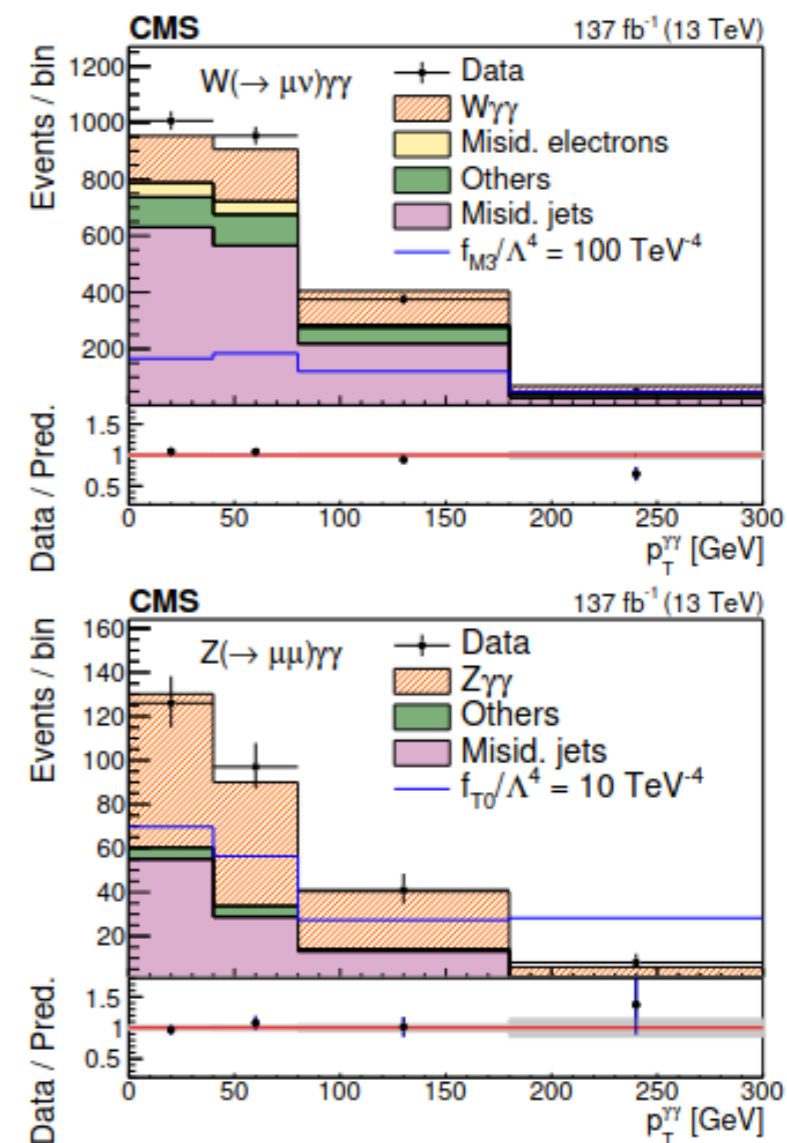
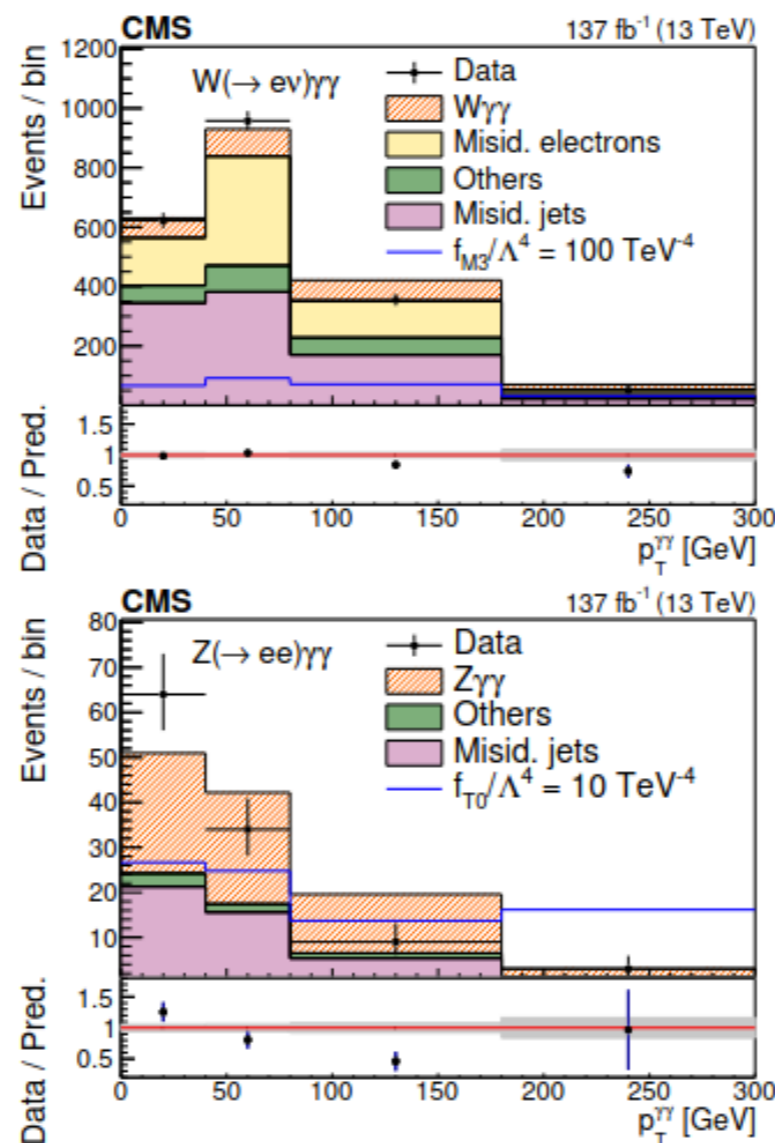
- $$\sigma(W\gamma\gamma)^{\text{meas}} = 13.6 \pm 1.9 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.4 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.08 \text{ (PDF + scale) fb}$$
 3.1 (4.5) standard deviation observed (expected)



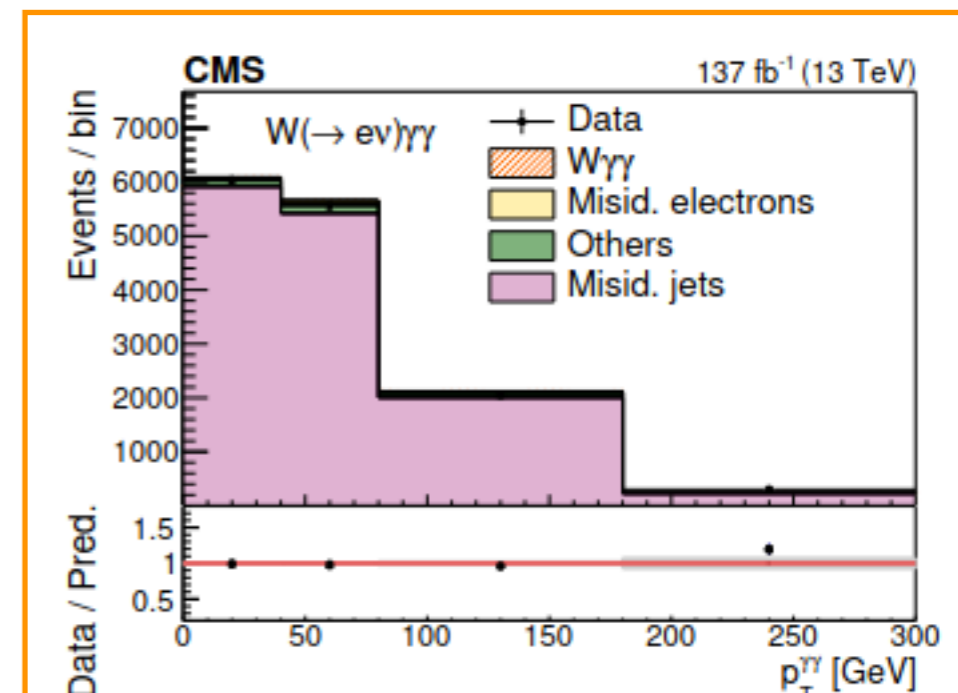
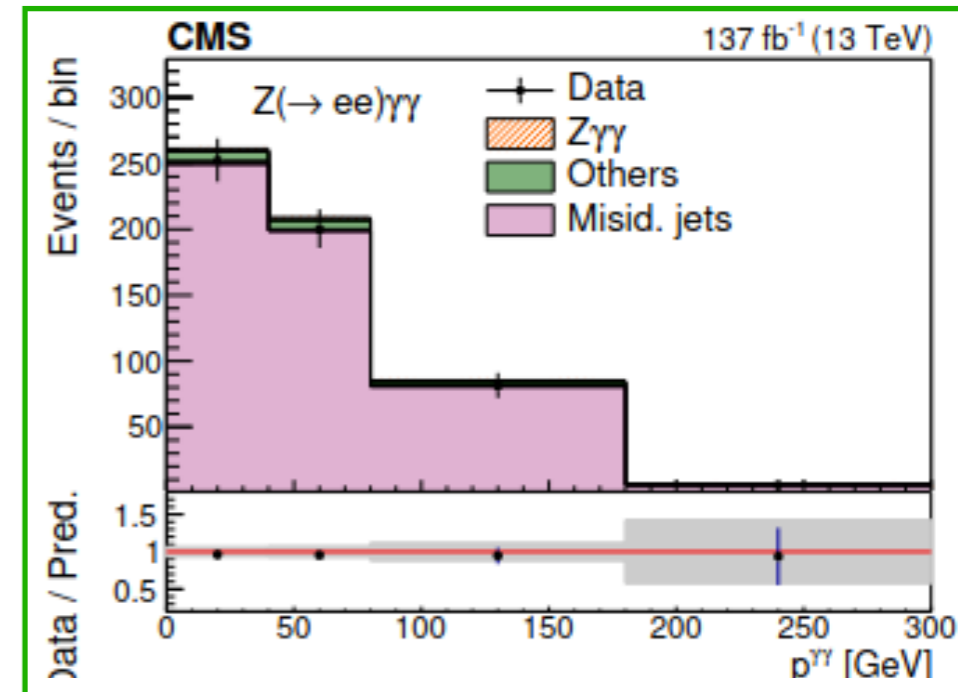
- Using e/μ channel with 137 fb^{-1} at 13 TeV

- Event removed if $|m_{e,\gamma} - m_Z| < 5 \text{ GeV}$ or $|m_{e,\gamma\gamma} - m_Z| < 5 \text{ GeV}$

- Binned likelihood fit on diphoton p_T distribution



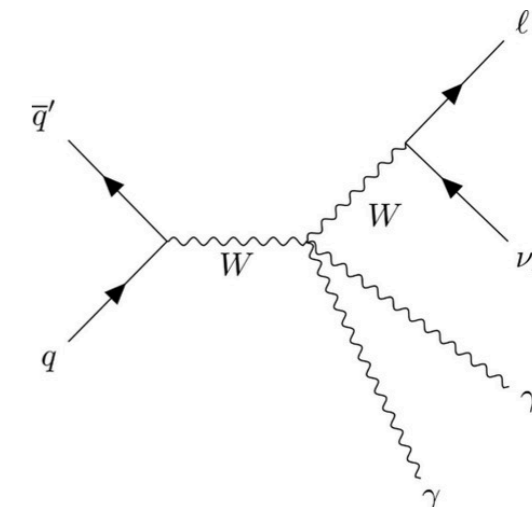
- Background treatment:
 - $j \rightarrow \gamma$, dominant for both $W\gamma\gamma$ and $Z\gamma\gamma$; data-driven fakes rate estimates
 - $e \rightarrow \gamma$, important in $W(e)\gamma\gamma$
 - Coming from $Z\gamma$ events
 - Corrector factor computed in CR ($|m_{e,\gamma\text{lead}} - m_Z| < 5$ GeV removed) with fit on $m_{e,\gamma\text{lead}}$
 - $VH(\gamma\gamma)$ neglected
- Limit set on 10 aQGC operators using EFT approach



Parameter	$W\gamma\gamma$ (TeV ⁻⁴)		$Z\gamma\gamma$ (TeV ⁻⁴)	
	Expected	Observed	Expected	Observed
f_{M2}/Λ^4	[-57.3, 57.1]	[-39.9, 39.5]	—	—
f_{M3}/Λ^4	[-91.8, 92.6]	[-63.8, 65.0]	—	—
f_{T0}/Λ^4	[-1.86, 1.86]	[-1.30, 1.30]	[-4.86, 4.66]	[-5.70, 5.46]
f_{T1}/Λ^4	[-2.38, 2.38]	[-1.70, 1.66]	[-4.86, 4.66]	[-5.70, 5.46]
f_{T2}/Λ^4	[-5.16, 5.16]	[-3.64, 3.64]	[-9.72, 9.32]	[-11.4, 10.9]
f_{T5}/Λ^4	[-0.76, 0.84]	[-0.52, 0.60]	[-2.44, 2.52]	[-2.92, 2.92]
f_{T6}/Λ^4	[-0.92, 1.00]	[-0.60, 0.68]	[-3.24, 3.24]	[-3.80, 3.88]
f_{T7}/Λ^4	[-1.64, 1.72]	[-1.16, 1.16]	[-6.68, 6.60]	[-7.88, 7.72]
f_{T8}/Λ^4	—	—	[-0.90, 0.94]	[-1.06, 1.10]
f_{T9}/Λ^4	—	—	[-1.54, 1.54]	[-1.82, 1.82]

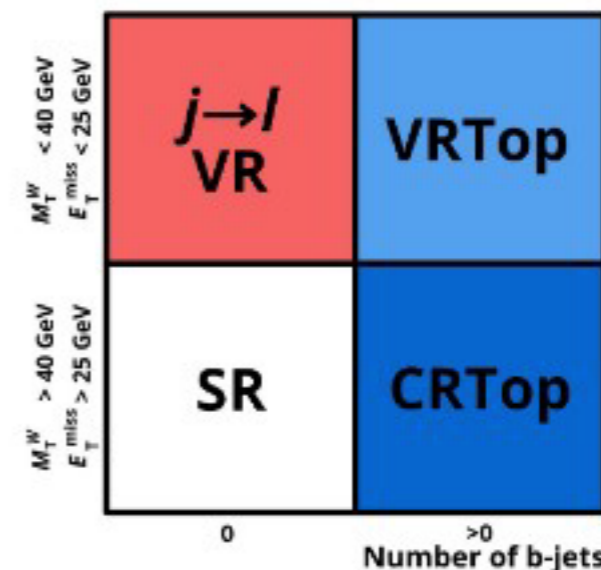
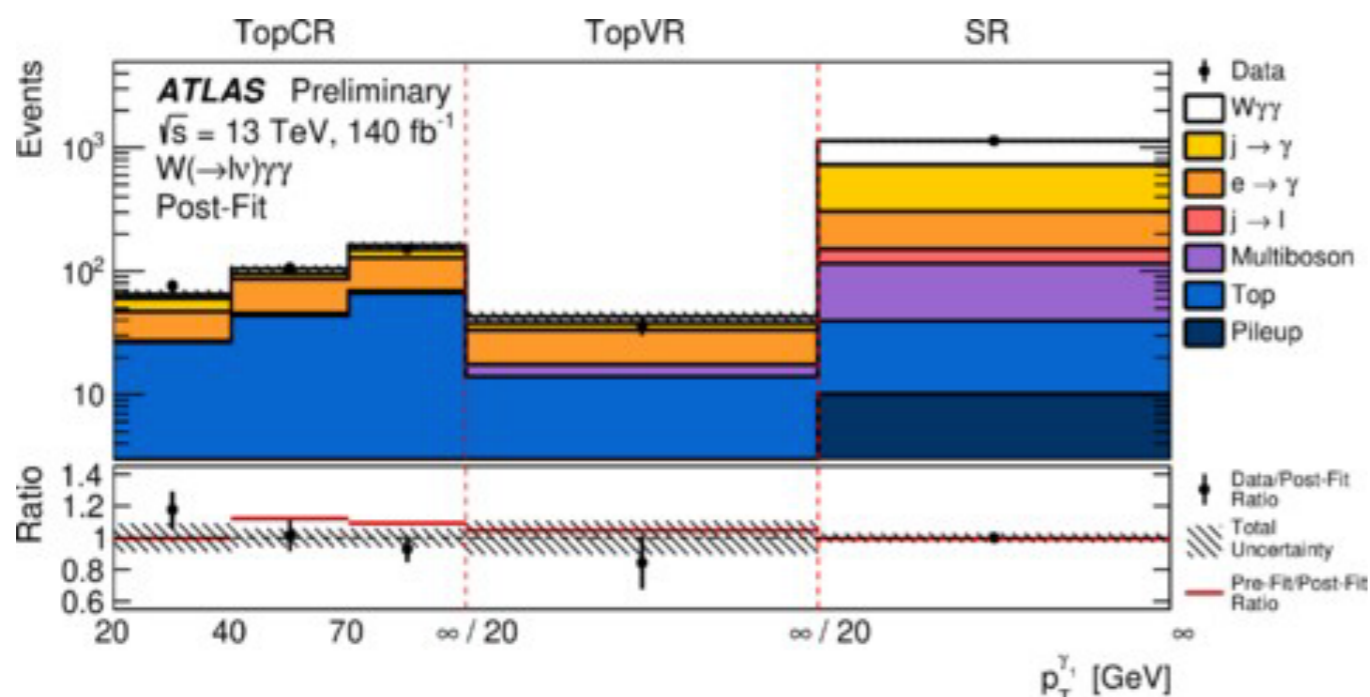
- First measurement of $W\gamma\gamma$ at 5.6 (5.6) standard deviation observed (expected)
 - $\sigma_{\text{measured}} = 12.2 \pm 1.0$ (stat $^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$) (syst) ± 0.01 (lumi) fb in agreement with the SM prediction

- Using e/ μ channel with 140 fb $^{-1}$ at 13 TeV
 - b-jet veto and $E_{T\text{miss}} > 40$ GeV selection
 - 4 bin likelihood fit (using topCR, topVR, and SR)



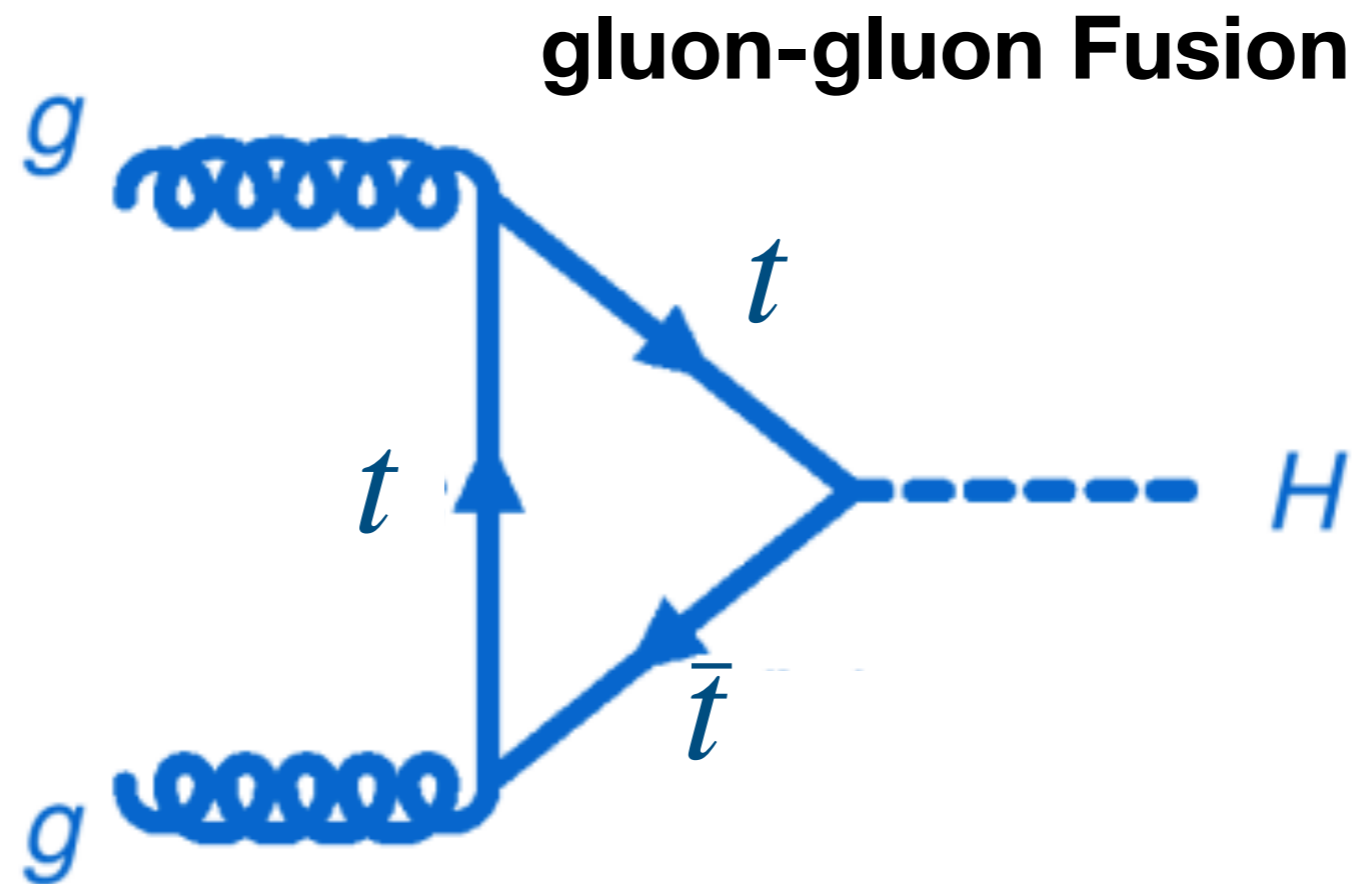
- Background treatment:

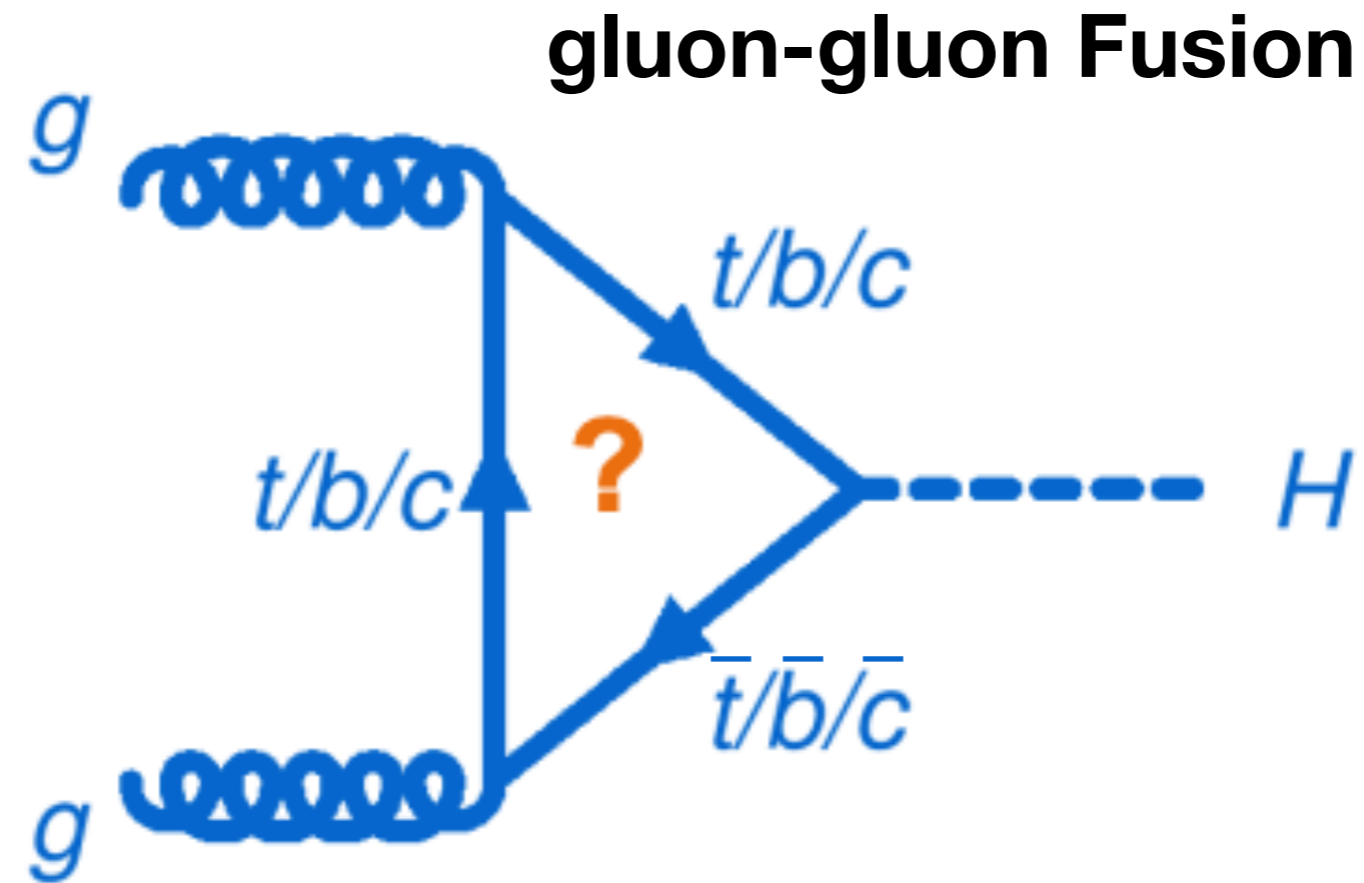
- $j \rightarrow \gamma$ main background; 2D (leading/sub-leading) template fit of photon isolation energy in data
- $e \rightarrow \gamma$; Data driven fake rate estimate in $Z \rightarrow ee/e\gamma$ CR
- Top background; Reduced via b veto; **Dedicated CR** (with ≥ 1 b-jet) for fit constrain; **Low $E_{T\text{miss}}$ region** (with ≥ 1 b-jet) for validation



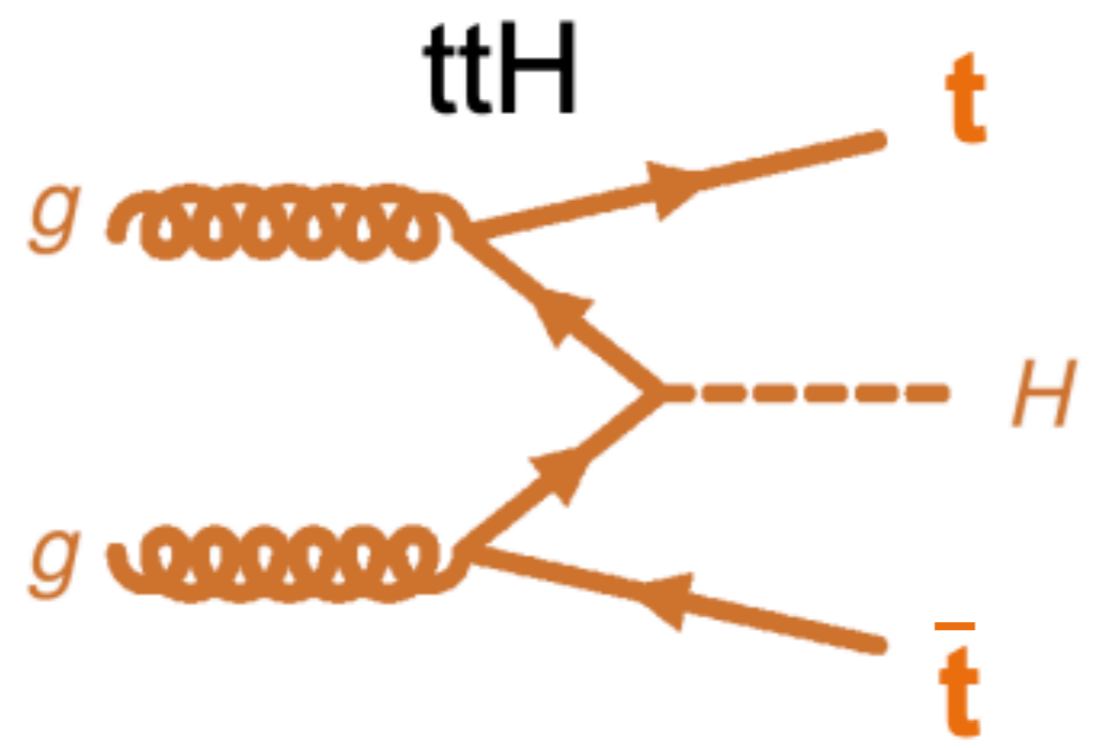
Measurement of Higgs boson production in association with top quarks

- Two ways to measure top-higgs coupling
- Dominant production mode of the Higgs boson at the LHC
- Proceeds primarily through a top quark loop

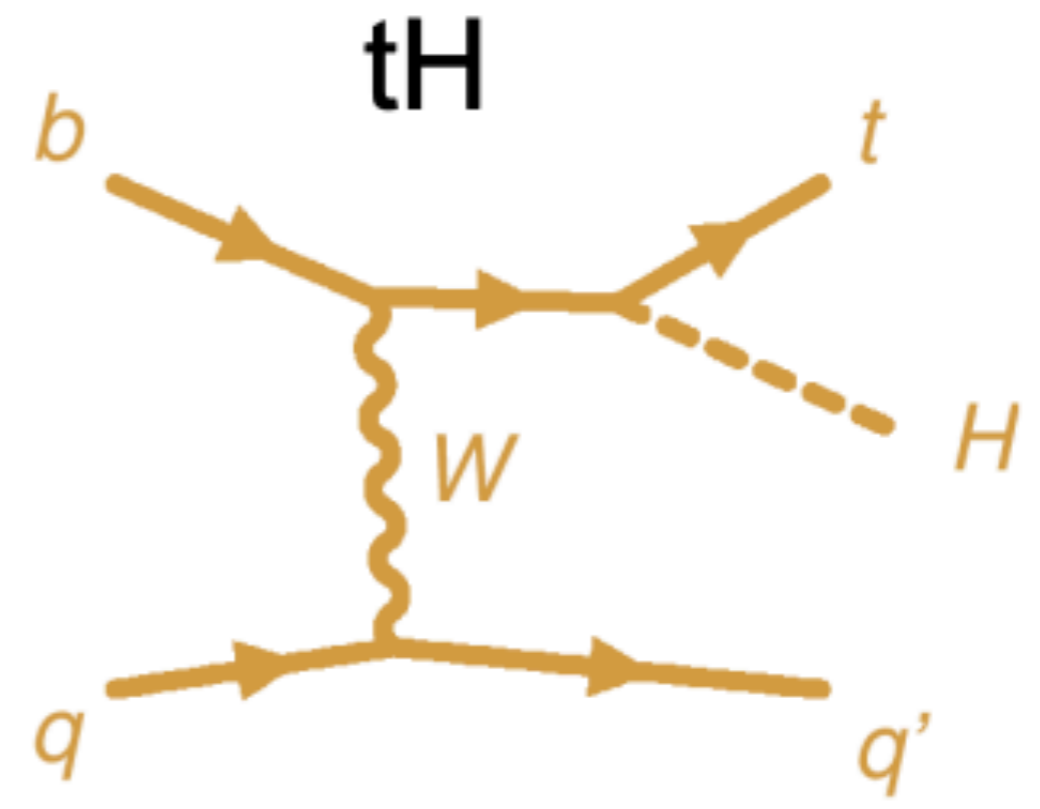




ttH+tH :
probe of top-Higgs coupling

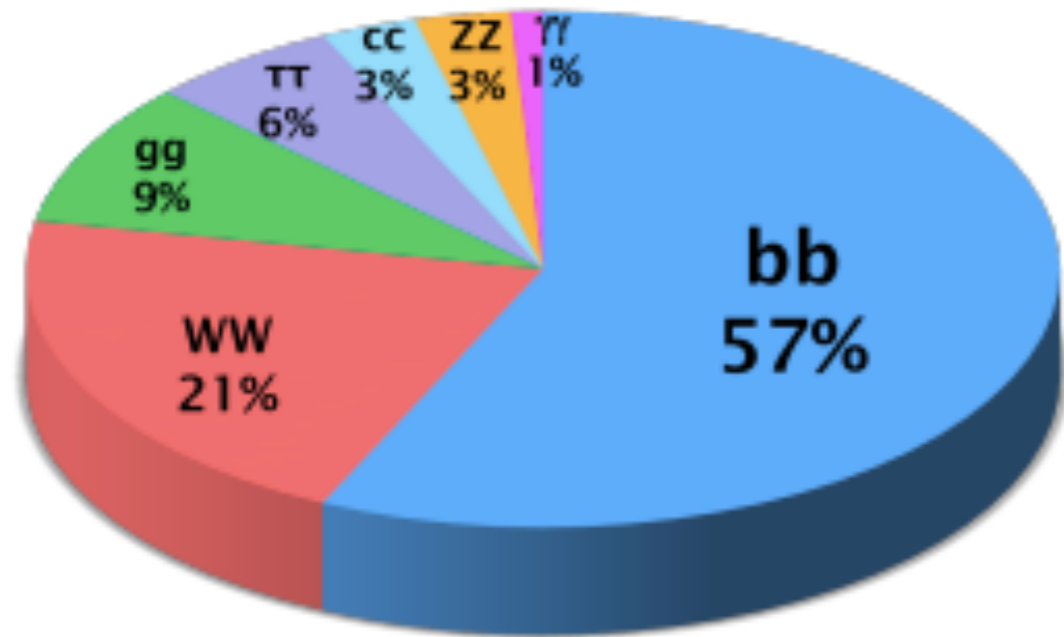


Only 1% of Higgs at LHC

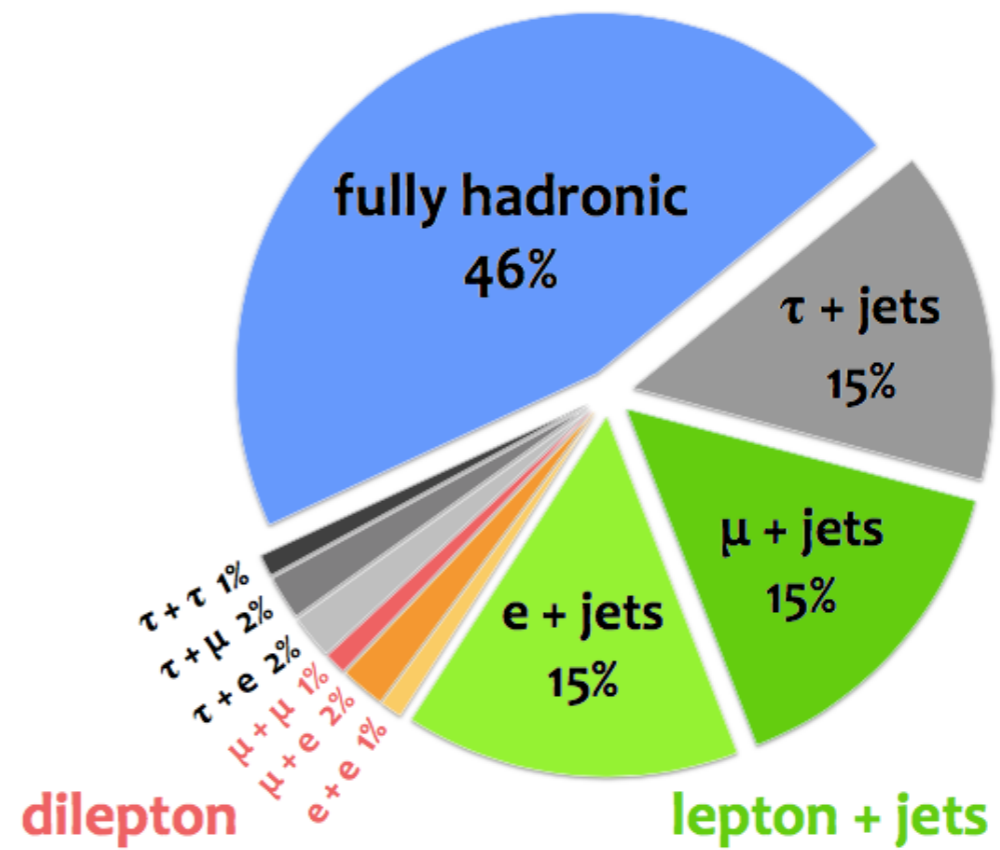


Only 0.1%!!!

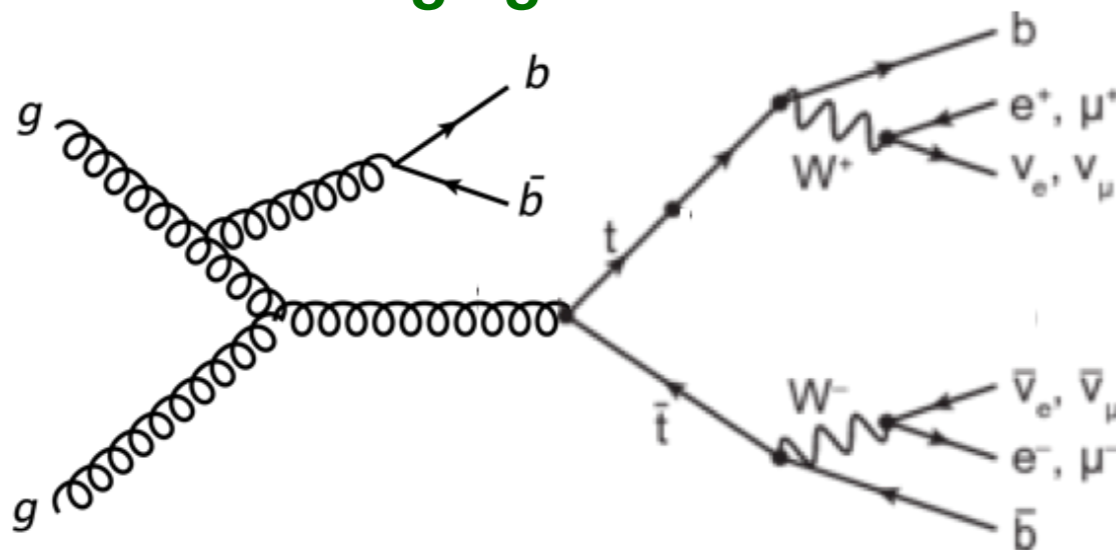
Higgs decay mode



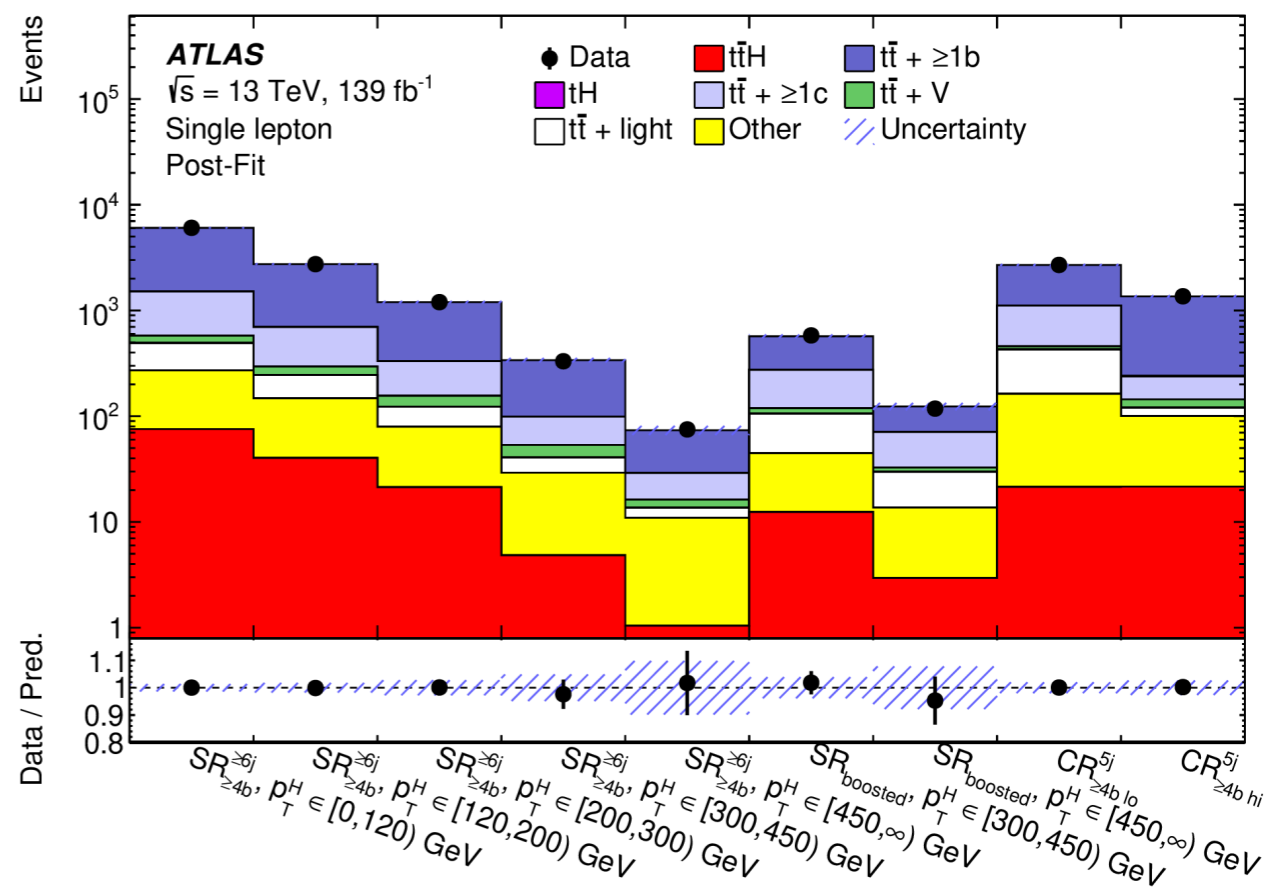
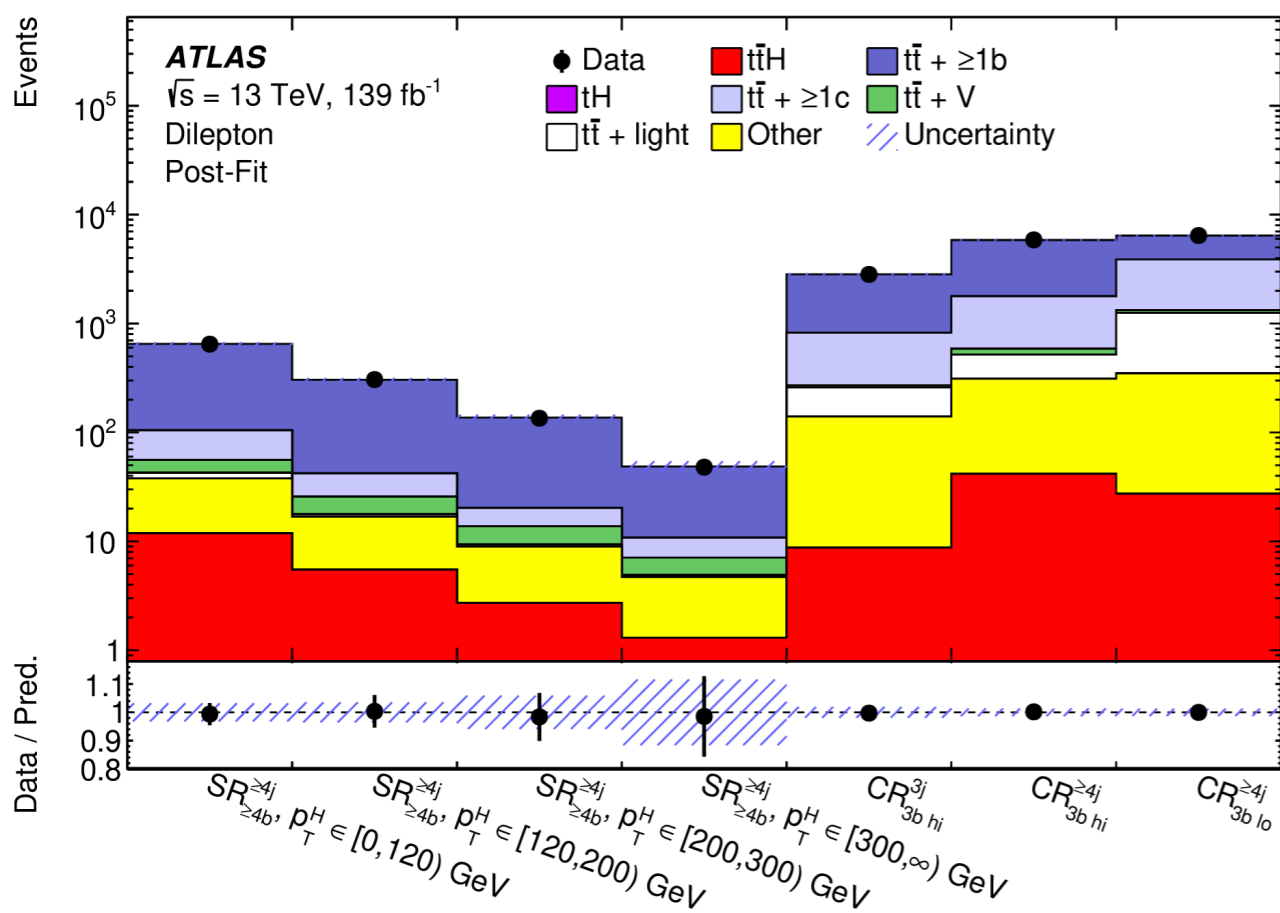
$t\bar{t}$ decay mode



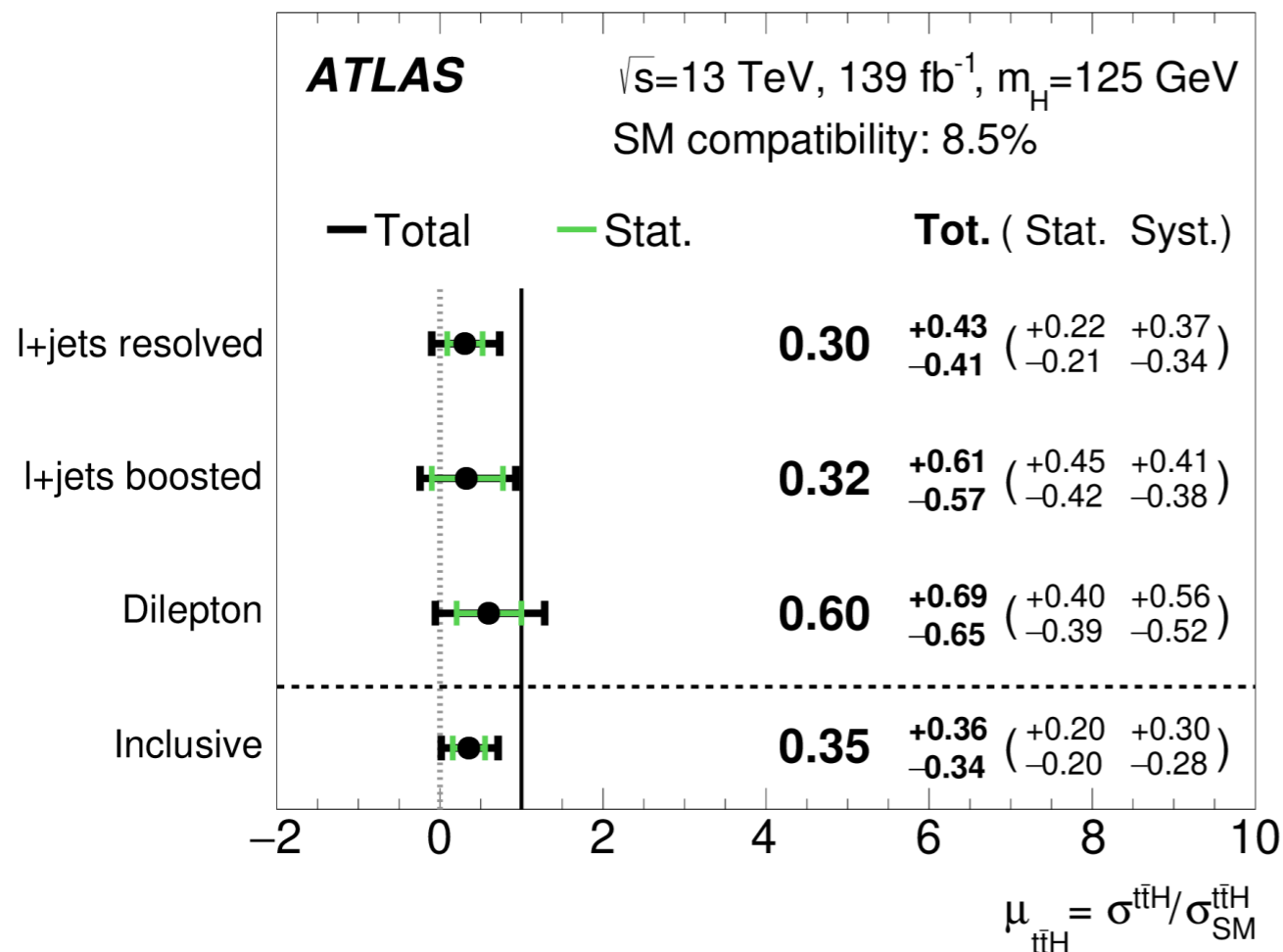
Large background from $t\bar{t}$ +jets
Challenging to model!



- Single lepton and dilepton regions
- Signal and control regions depending on number of jets and b-jets
- Single lepton boosted for Higgs $p_T > 300$ GeV
- Classification BDT for signal regions and yields for control regions in fit



Inclusive measurement



- Total uncertainty dominated by $t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$ modelling systematics
- No theoretical constraints applied to its cross section
- $k(t\bar{t} + \geq b) = 1.28 \pm 0.08$

Pre-fit impact on μ :

$\square \theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$ $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$

Post-fit impact on μ :

$\blacksquare \theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\hat{\theta}$ $\blacksquare \theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\hat{\theta}$

● Nuis. Param. Pull

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: NLO match. ljets $p_T^H \in [0,120)$ GeV

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: NLO match. ljets $p_T^H \in [120,200)$ GeV

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$ fraction

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: FSR

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: PS & hadronisation dilep

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: NLO match. dilep $p_T^H \in [0,120)$ GeV

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: NLO match. CR ljets

tW: PS & hadronisation

$t\bar{t}H$: NLO matching

$k(t\bar{t}+\geq 1b)$

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: NLO match. dilep $p_T^H \in [120,200)$ GeV

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: p_T^{bb} shape

tW: diagram subtraction

$t\bar{t}H$: PS & hadronisation

$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: NLO match. ljets $p_T^H \in [300,450)$ GeV

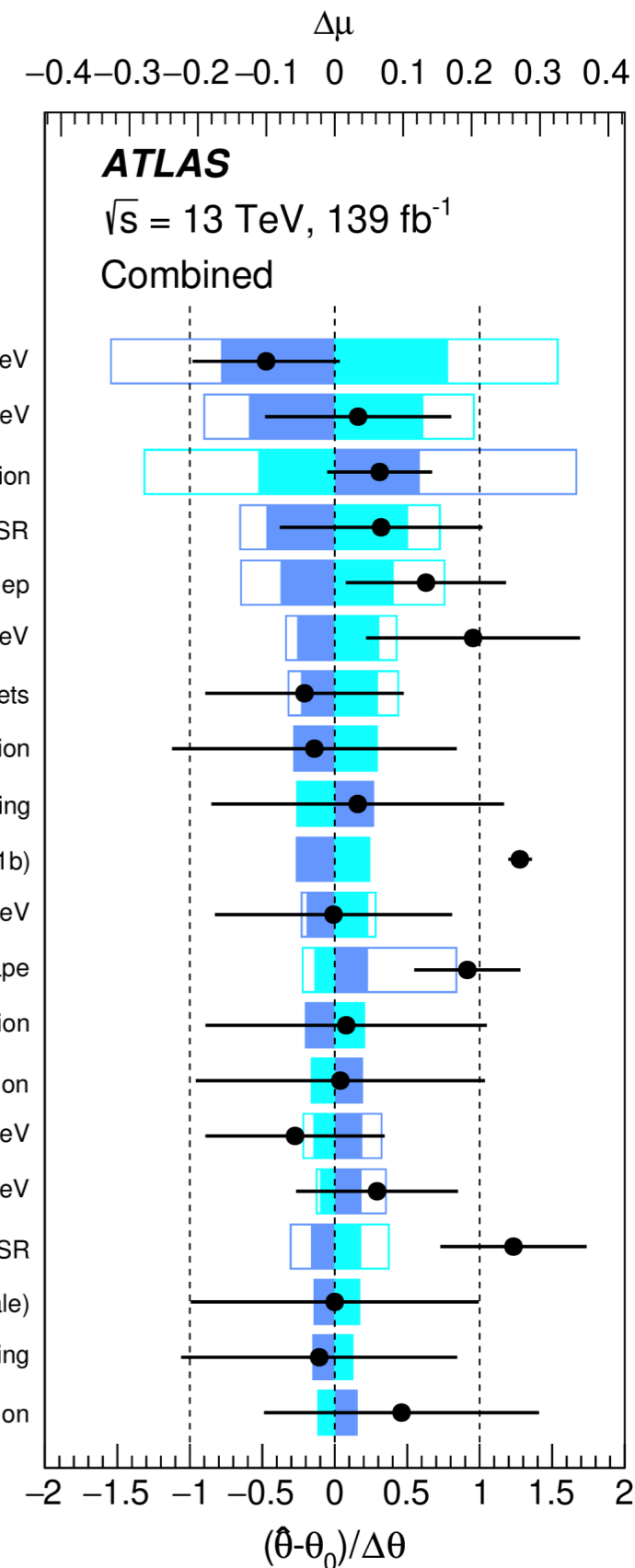
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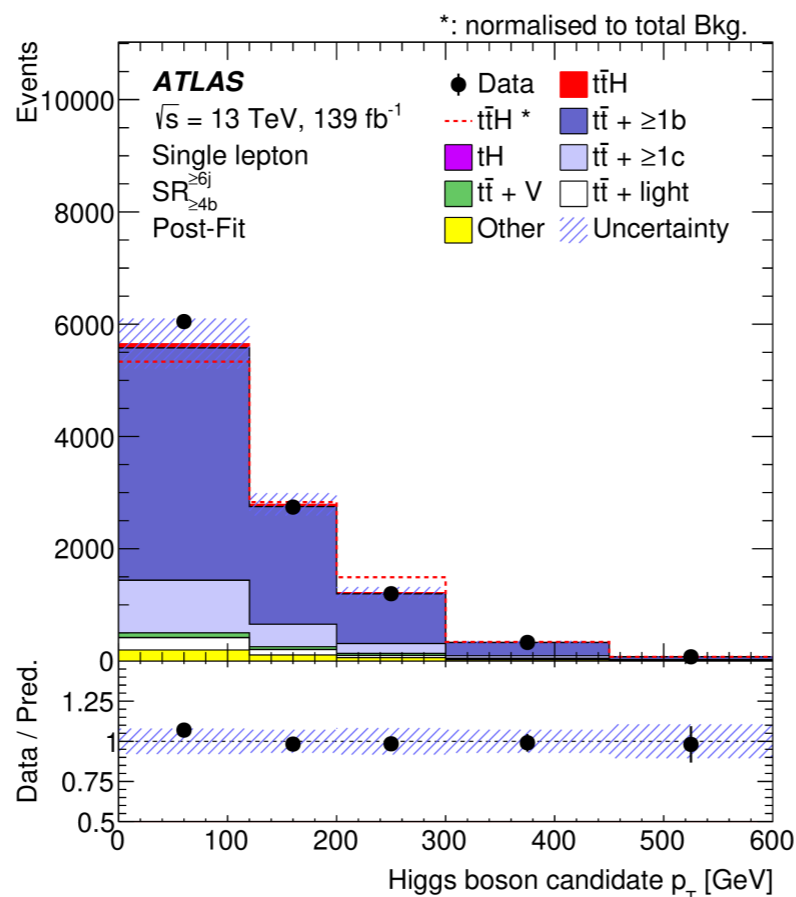
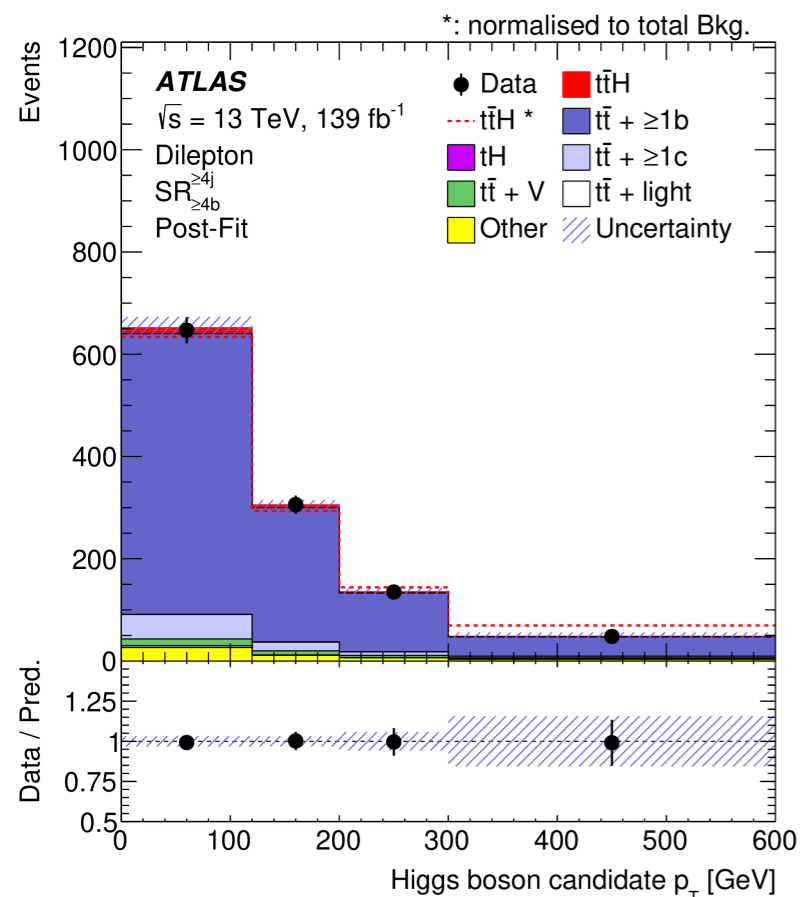
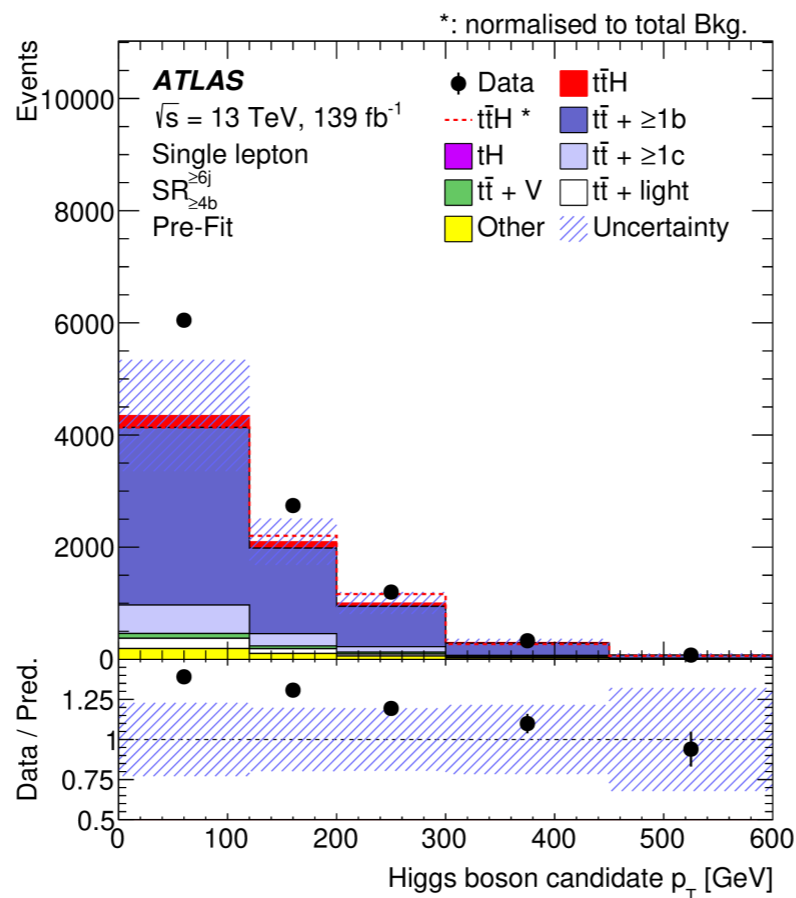
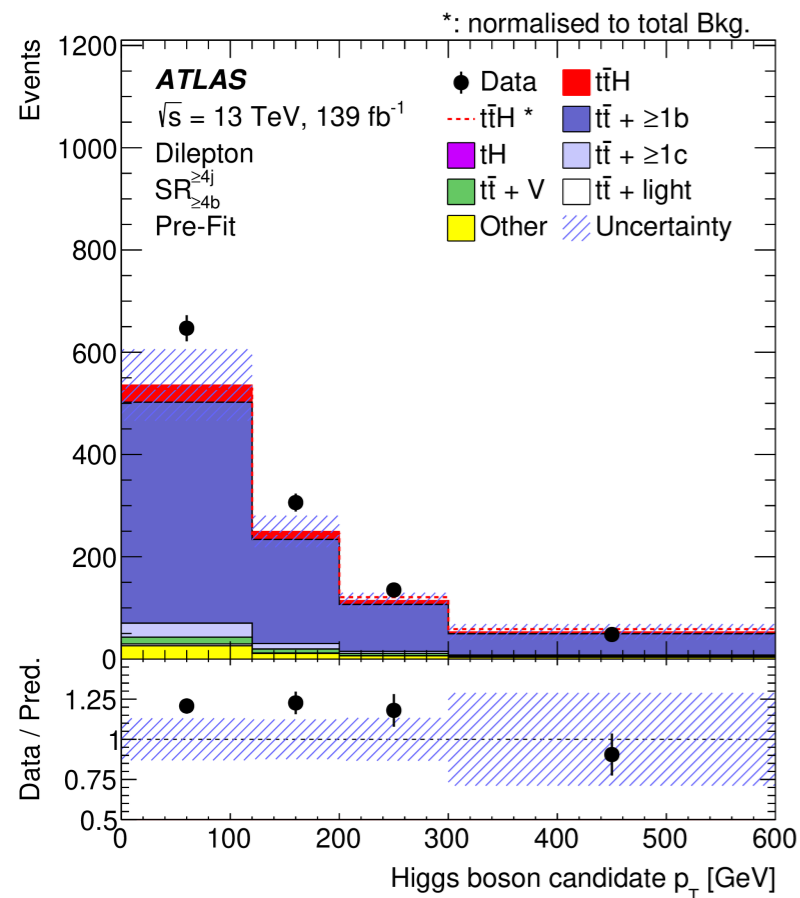
$t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$: ISR

$t\bar{t}H$: cross-section (QCD scale)

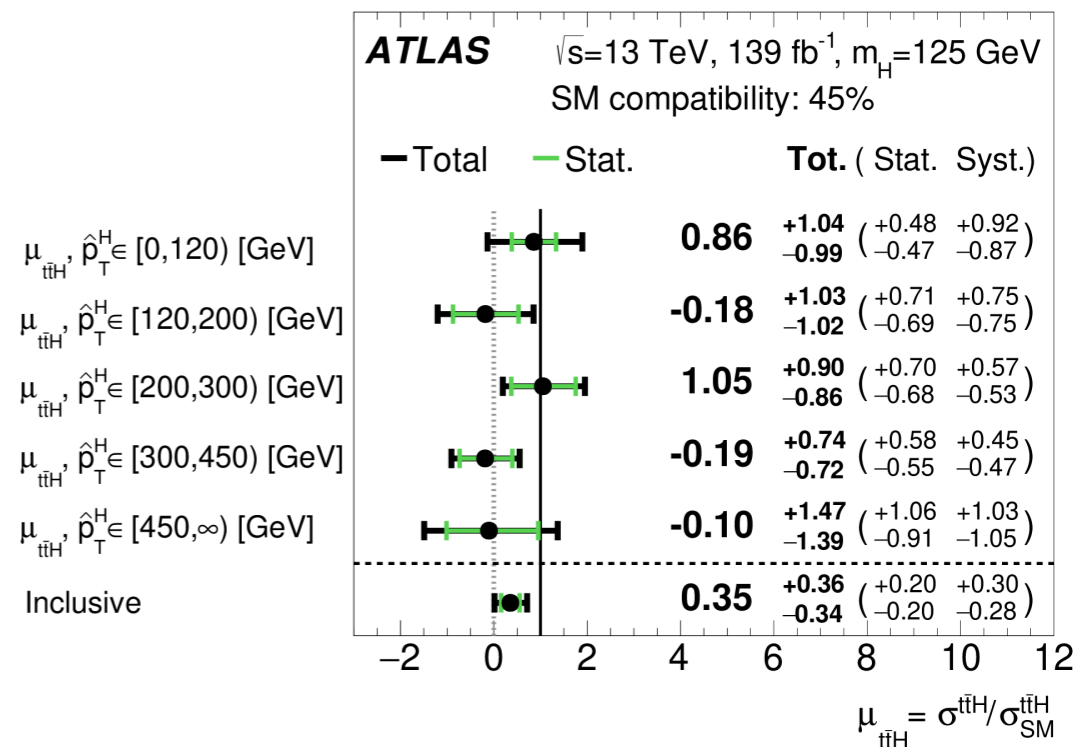
tW: NLO matching

$t\bar{t}+\text{light}$: PS & hadronisation





Differential measurement



- Statistical and systematic uncertainties of similar size in most bins
- Results compatible with the SM predictions within 1-2 σ (but several negative fit values)

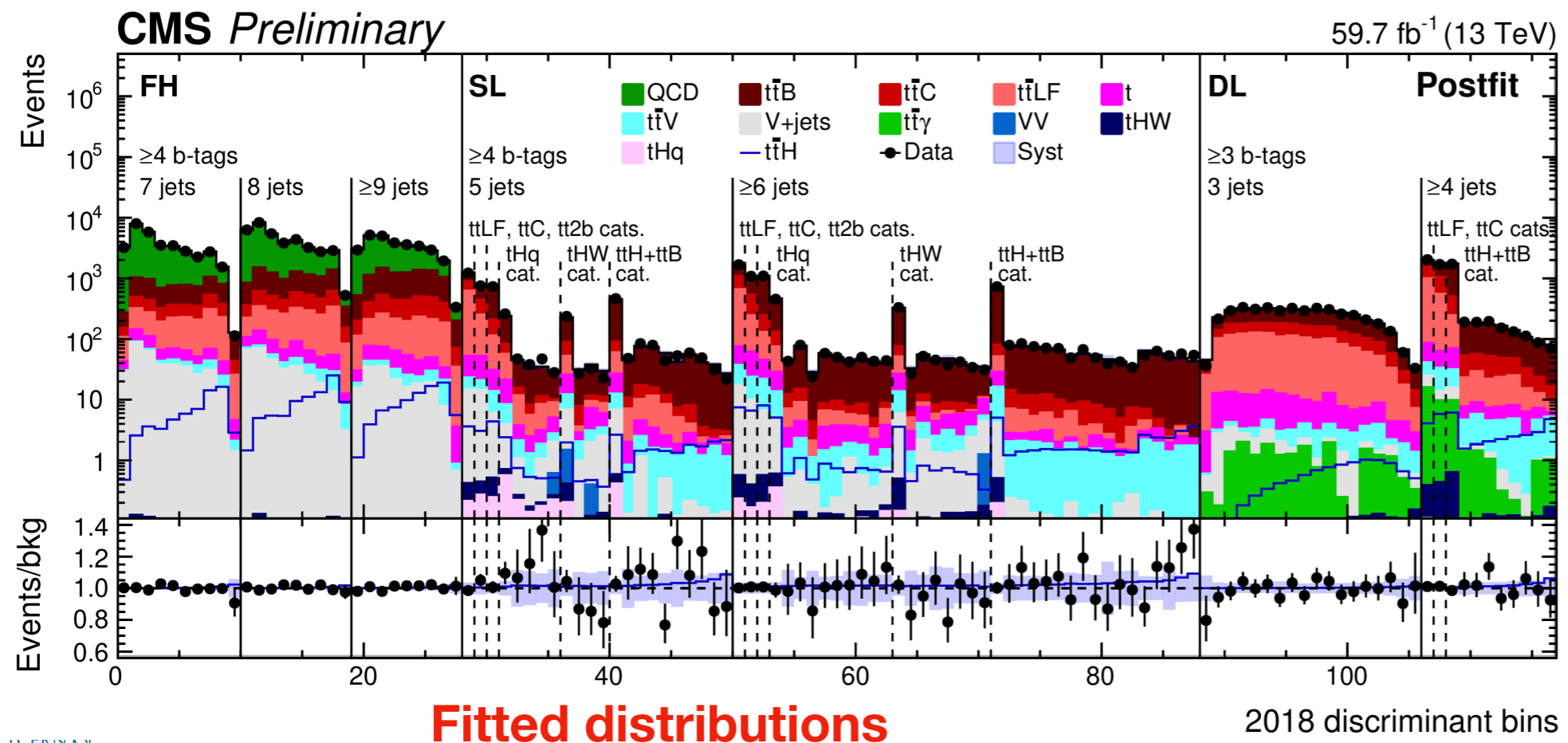
$t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ [CMS-PAS-HIG-19-011]

- Full hadronic, single lepton and dilepton regions
- Signal and control regions depending on number of jets and b-jets
- Multiclass artificial neural networks (ANNs) separately for each year
- ANN output and likelihood ratio of outputs used in fit
- Different treatment of $t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$ background wrt ATLAS

Inclusive measurement

CMS Preliminary 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

	μ	tot	stat	syst
FH	0.84	+0.49 -0.46	+0.25 -0.25	+0.42 -0.39
SL	0.46	+0.33 -0.33	+0.21 -0.21	+0.25 -0.26
DL	-0.23	+0.41 -0.42	+0.31 -0.31	+0.26 -0.29
2016	0.49	+0.42 -0.40	+0.25 -0.25	+0.33 -0.32
2017	0.32	+0.38 -0.37	+0.24 -0.24	+0.29 -0.28
2018	0.23	+0.34 -0.34	+0.21 -0.21	+0.27 -0.27
Combined	0.33	+0.26 -0.26	+0.17 -0.16	+0.21 -0.21

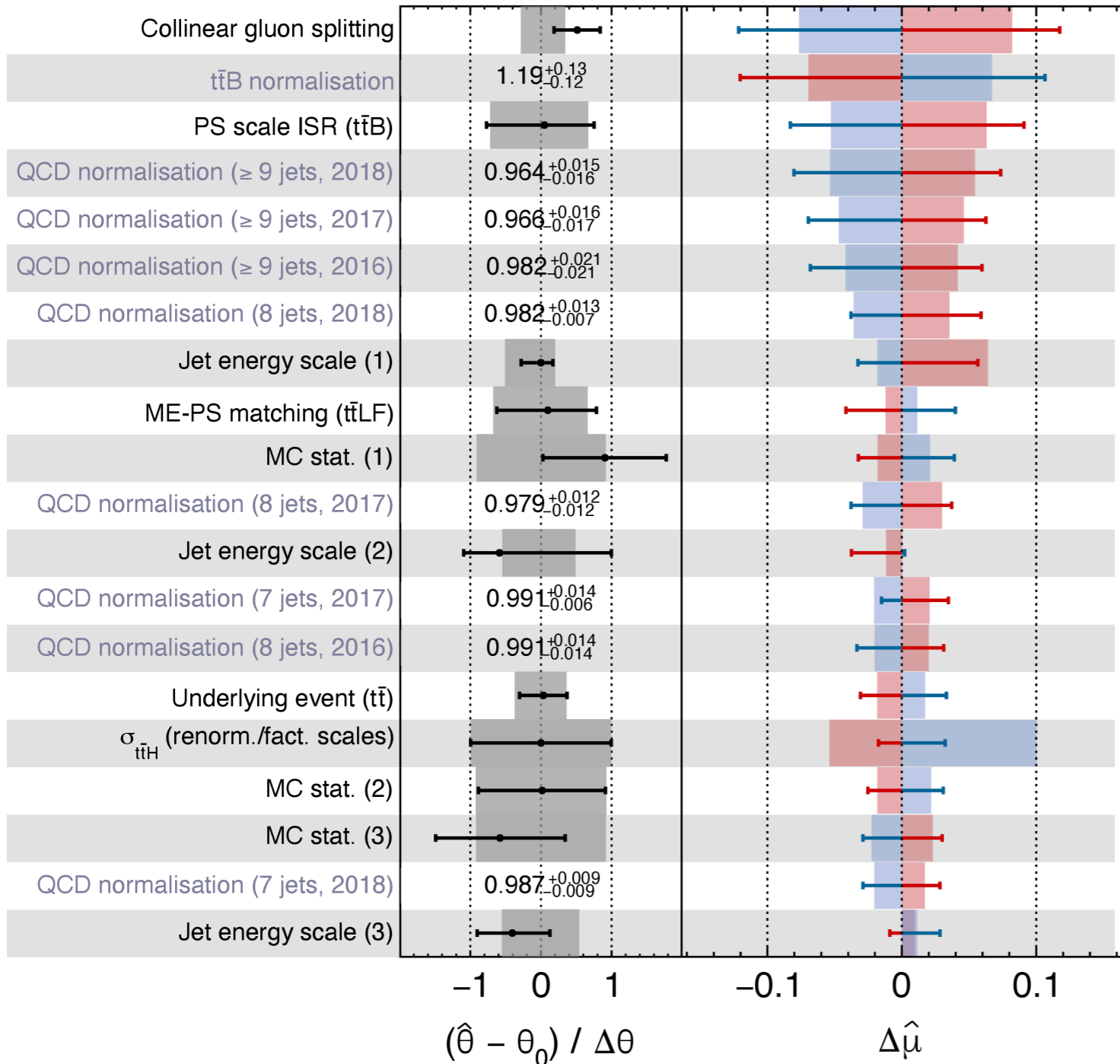


$$\hat{\mu} = \hat{\sigma}/\sigma_{SM}$$

—●— Fit constraint (obs.) — $+1\sigma$ Impact (obs.) — -1σ Impact (obs.)
 Fit constraint (exp.) $+1\sigma$ Impact (exp.) -1σ Impact (exp.)

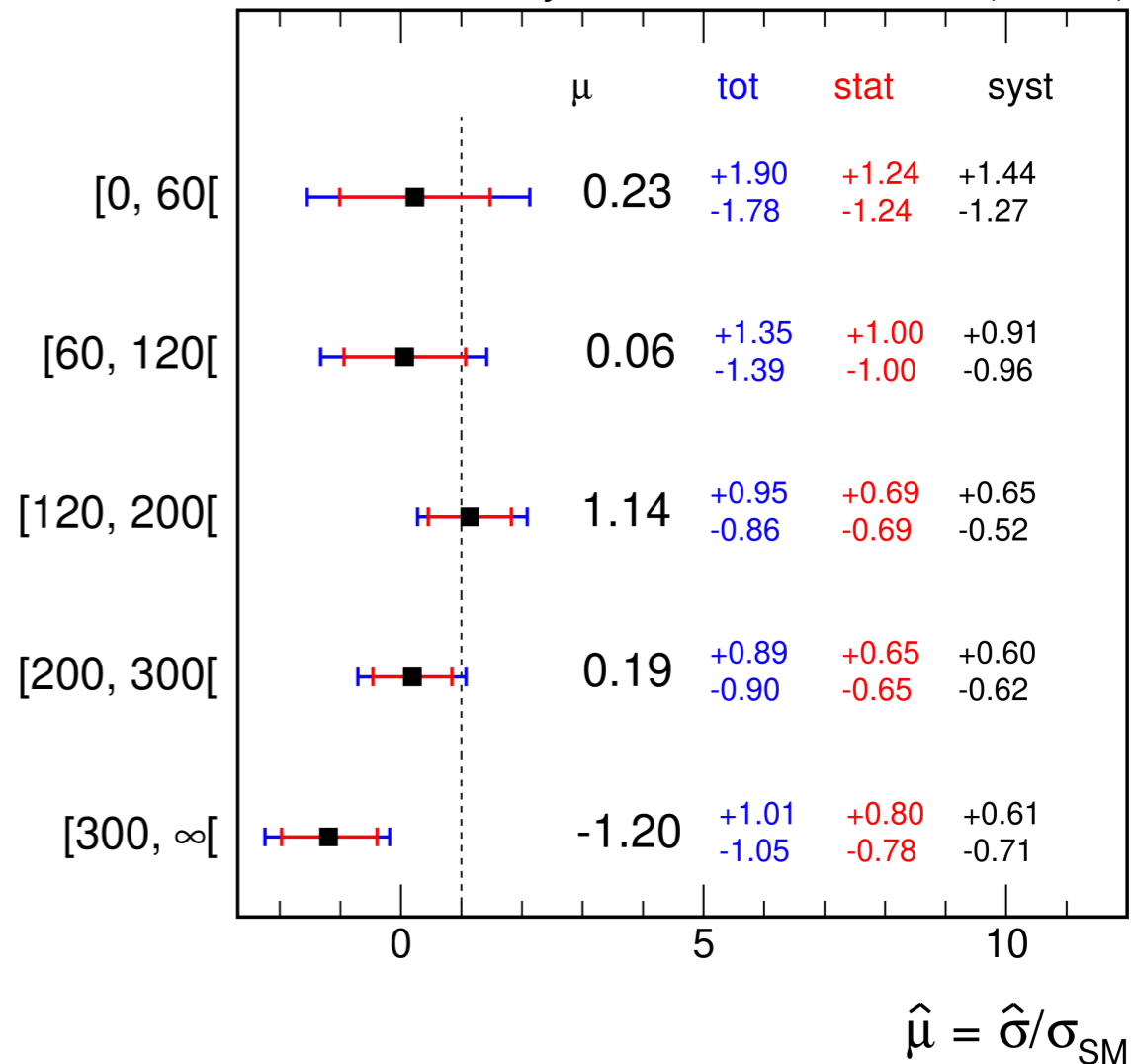
CMS Preliminary

$$\hat{\mu} = 0.33^{+0.26}_{-0.26}$$



CMS Preliminary

138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



- Results compatible with SM ($\leq 2.4\sigma$) and similar to ATLAS
- Uncertainty dominated by systematics for the inclusive measurement, mostly similar size for differential

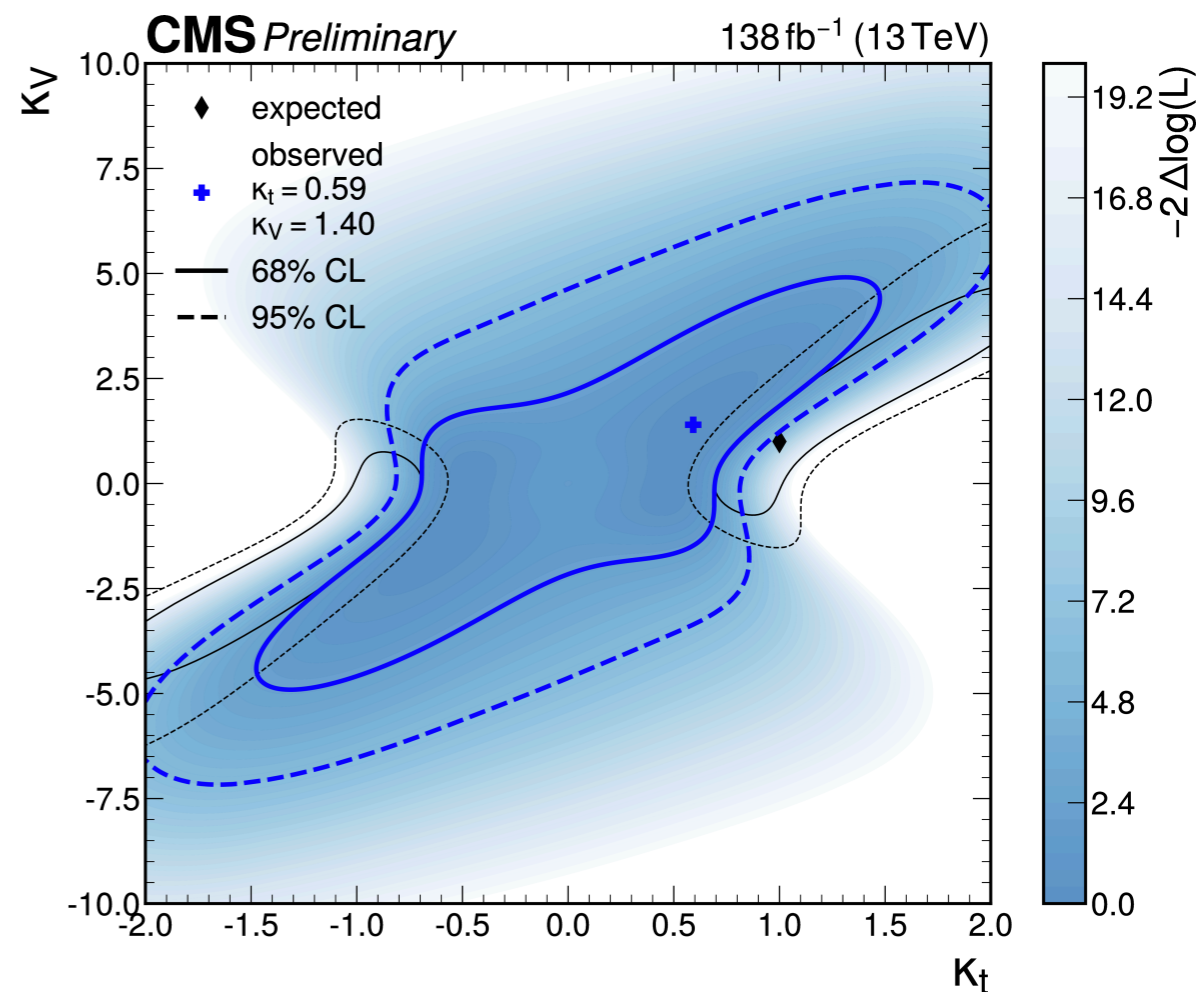
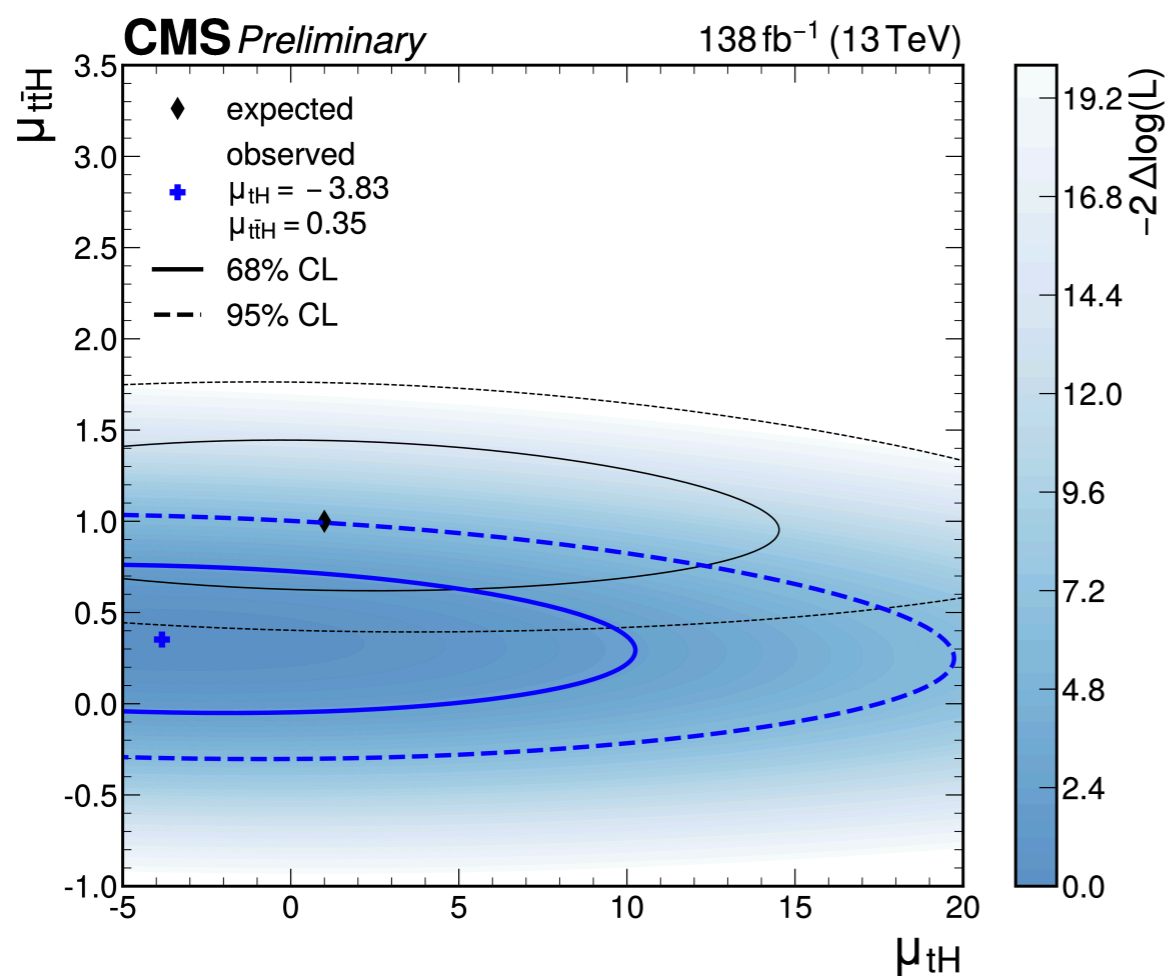
$\mu_{tH} < 14.6$ @ 95%CL With $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ fixed to 1 and treated as background

Coupling measurement
Assuming SM Higgs boson coupling structure

$$\sigma_{tHq} = (2.63\kappa_t^2 + 3.58\kappa_V^2 - 5.21\kappa_t\kappa_V)\sigma_{tHq}^{SM}$$

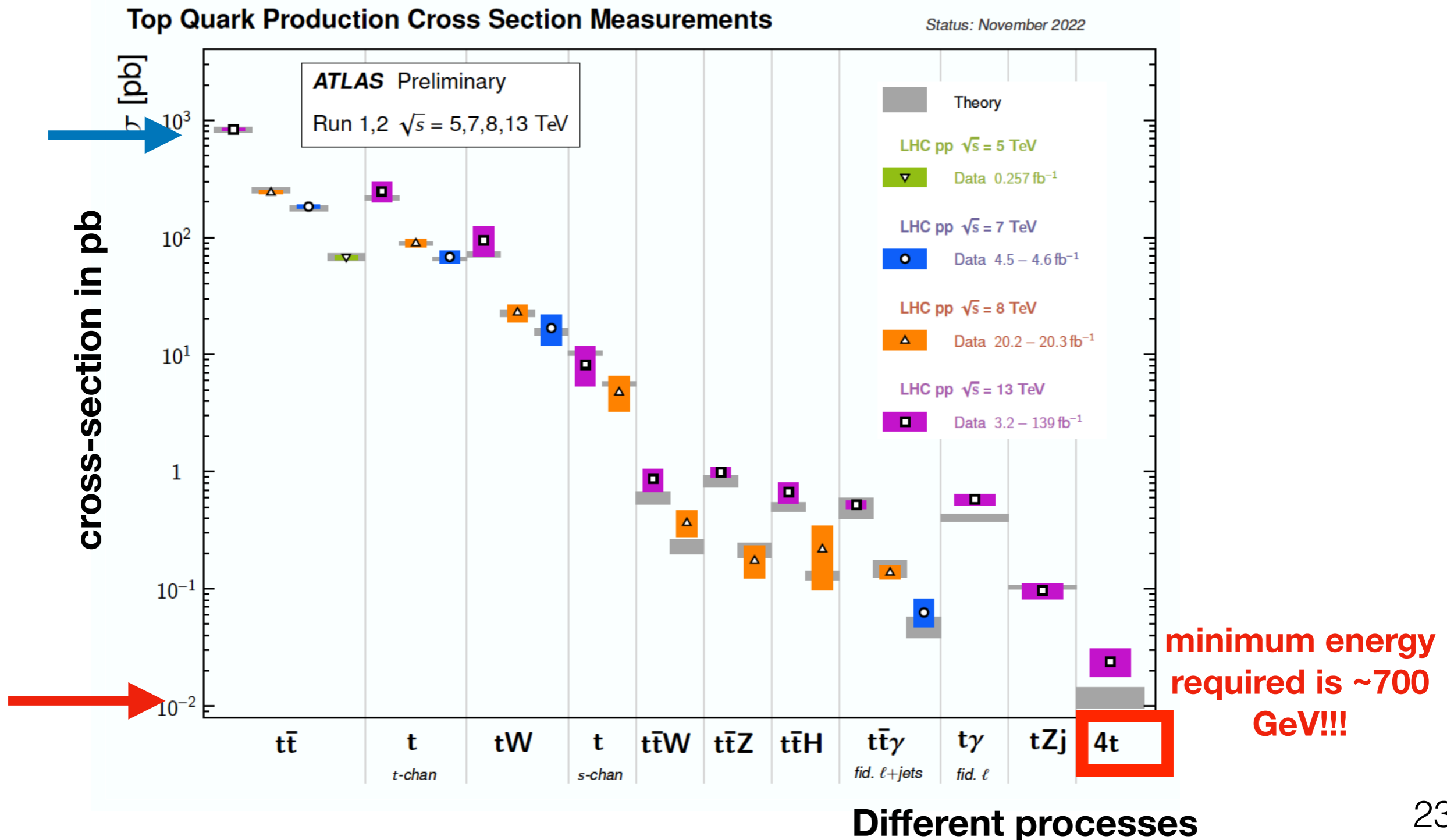
$$\sigma_{tHW} = (2.91\kappa_t^2 + 2.40\kappa_V^2 - 4.22\kappa_t\kappa_V)\sigma_{tHW}^{SM}$$

Simultaneous fit



Production of four-top-quarks

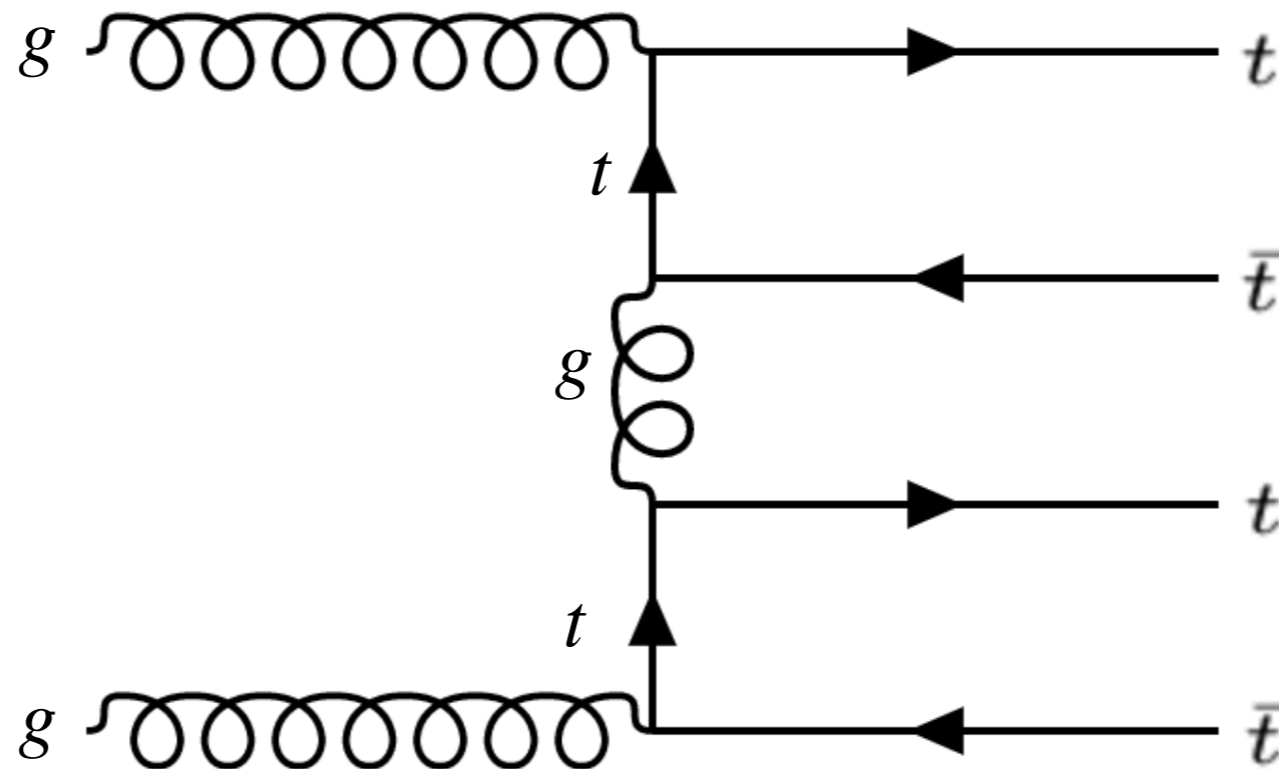
- Heaviest particle final state
- four-top-quark has a **very tiny cross section in the SM**
- $\sigma_{SM}(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) \sim 12 \text{ fb}$



Predictions for four tops

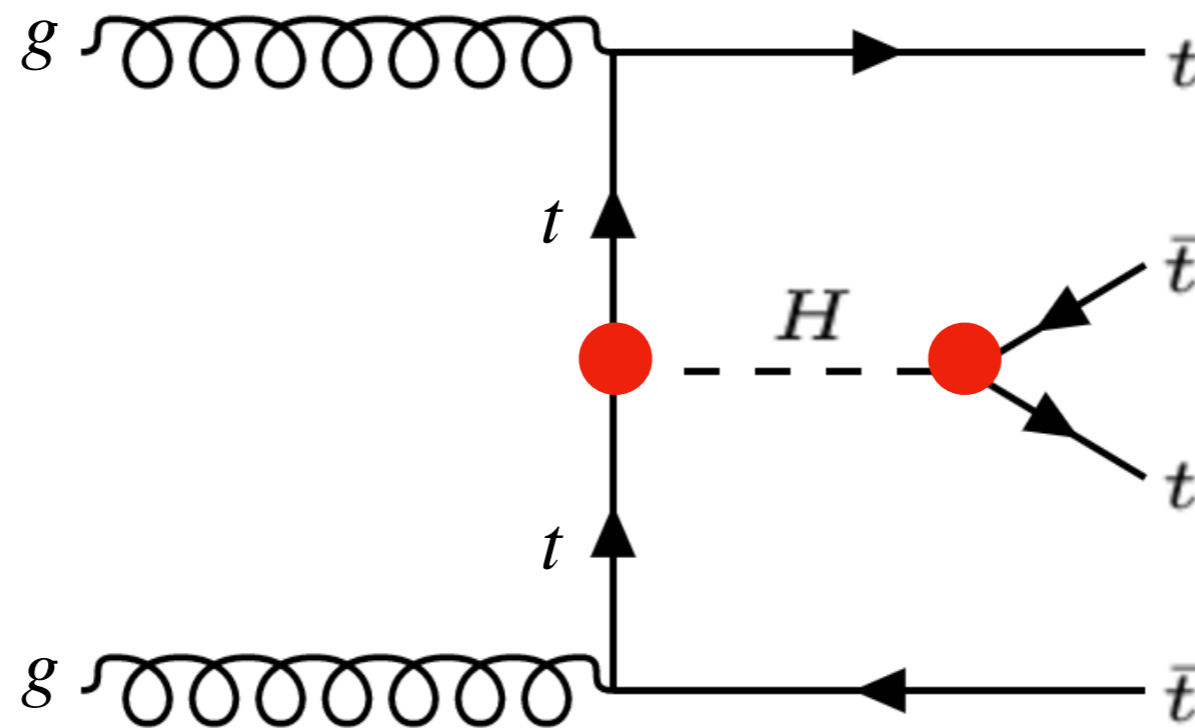
- **Rare** process predicted by the SM and has never been observed

Dominant production of $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$



Predictions for four tops

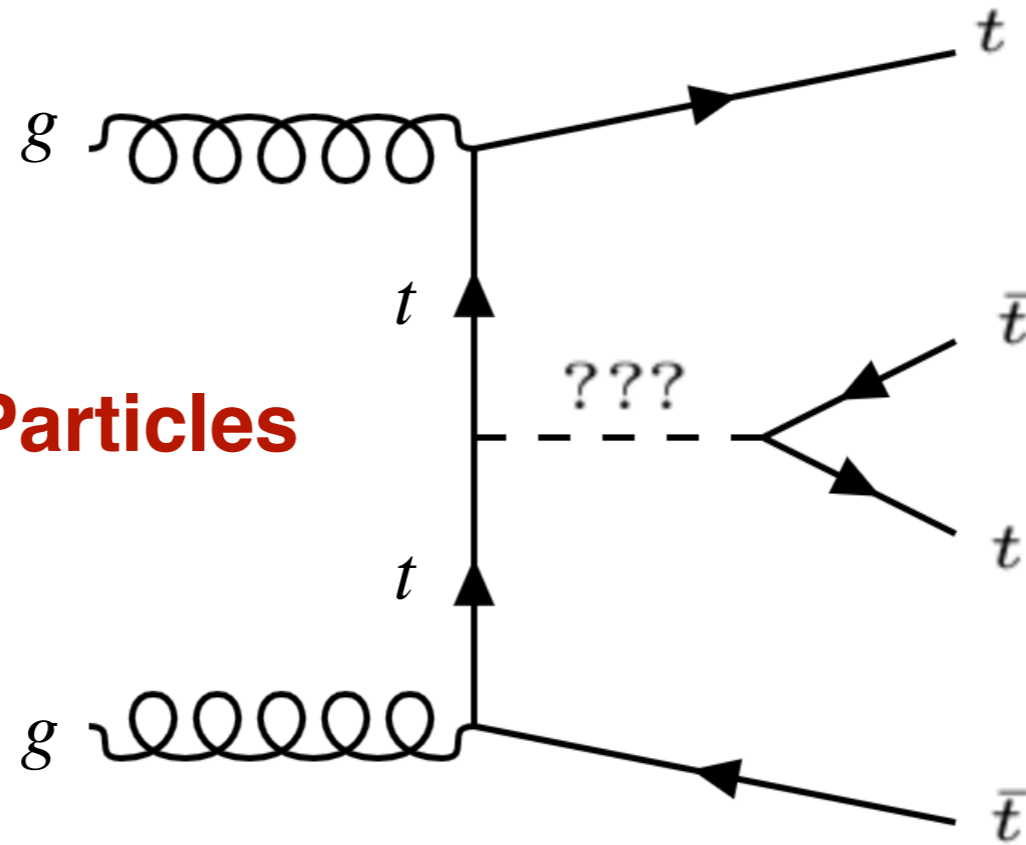
- Four top quarks can be produced via an **offshell SM Higgs boson**
- **Sensitive to the magnitude and CP properties of the Yukawa coupling of the top quark to the Higgs boson**



[arXiv:1611.05032 [hep-ph]]

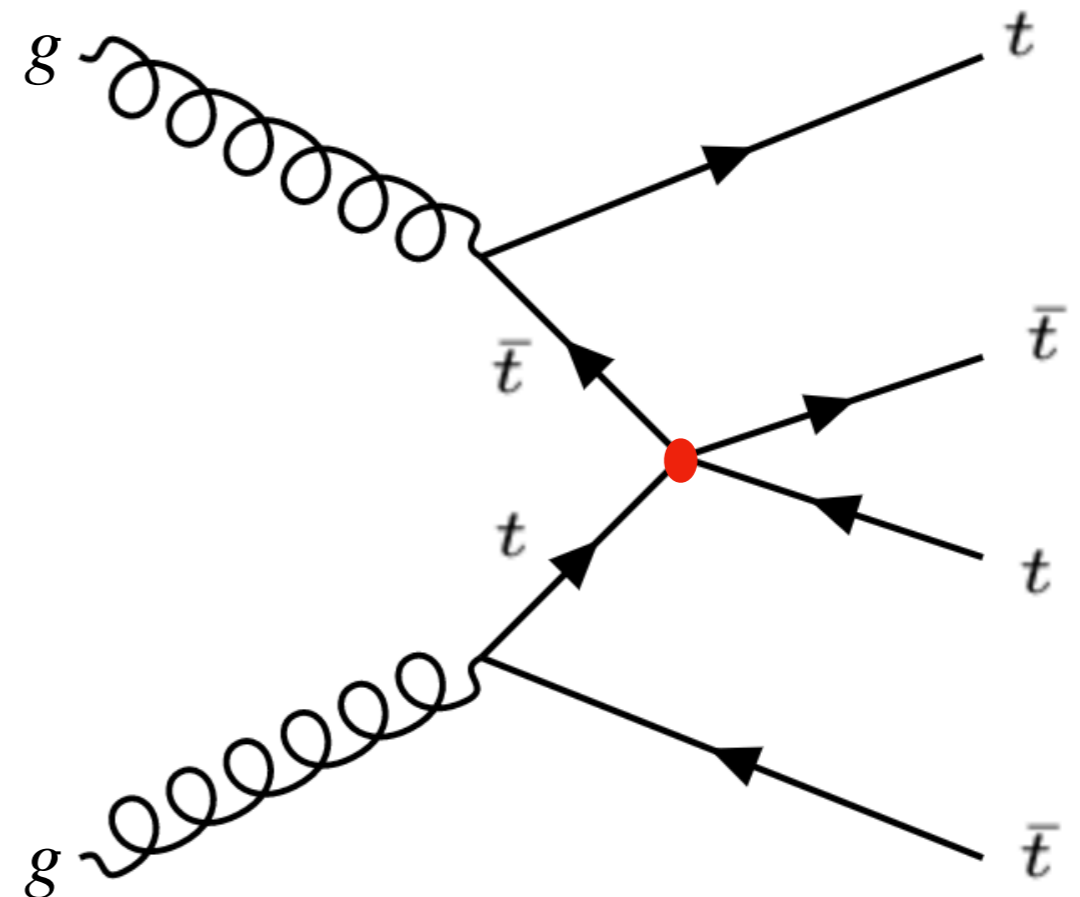
Four top quarks can be sensitive to BSM scenarios

New Particles



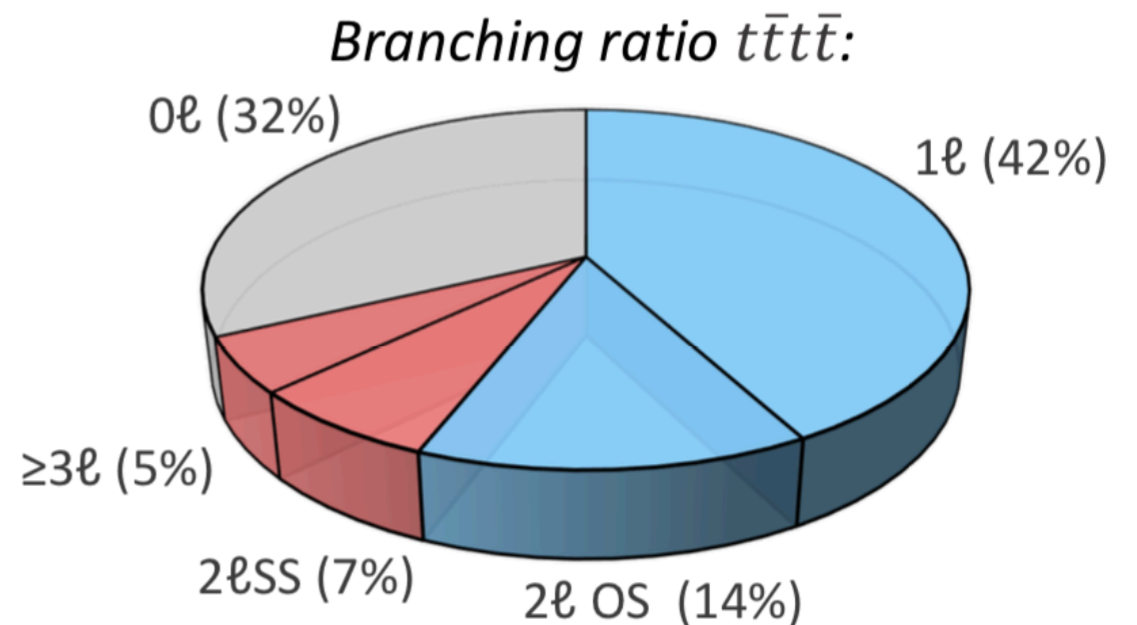
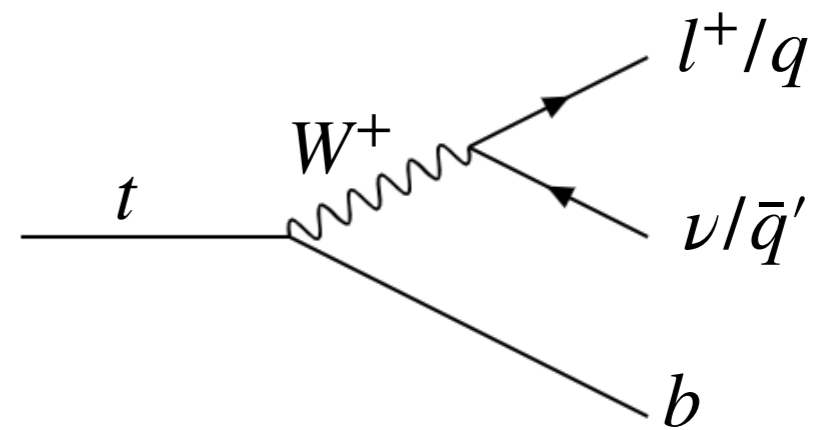
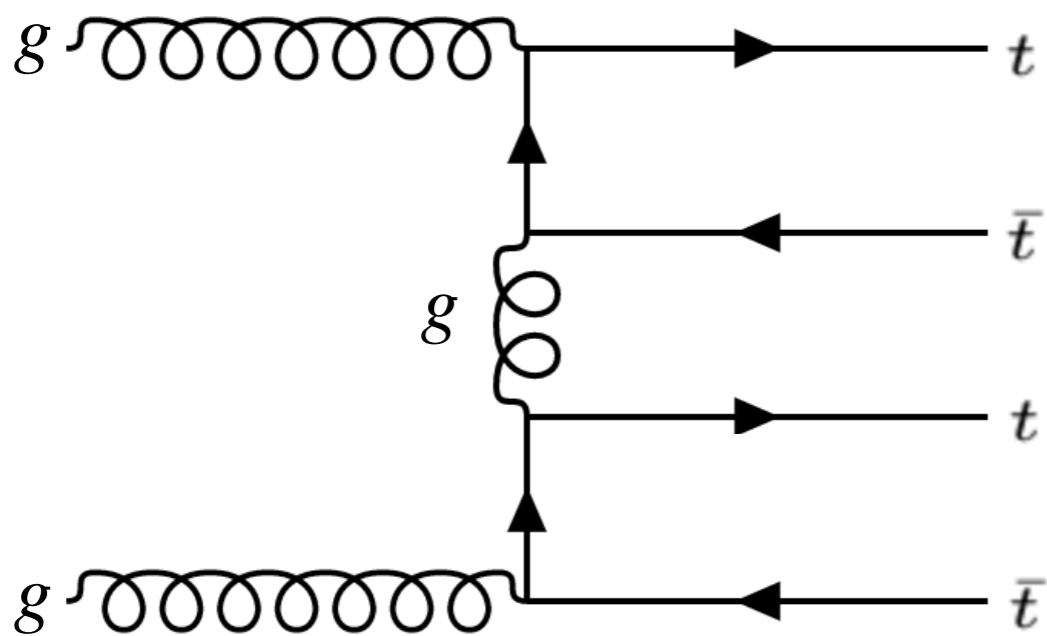
New physics beyond our energy reach

“Four-fermion contact interaction”



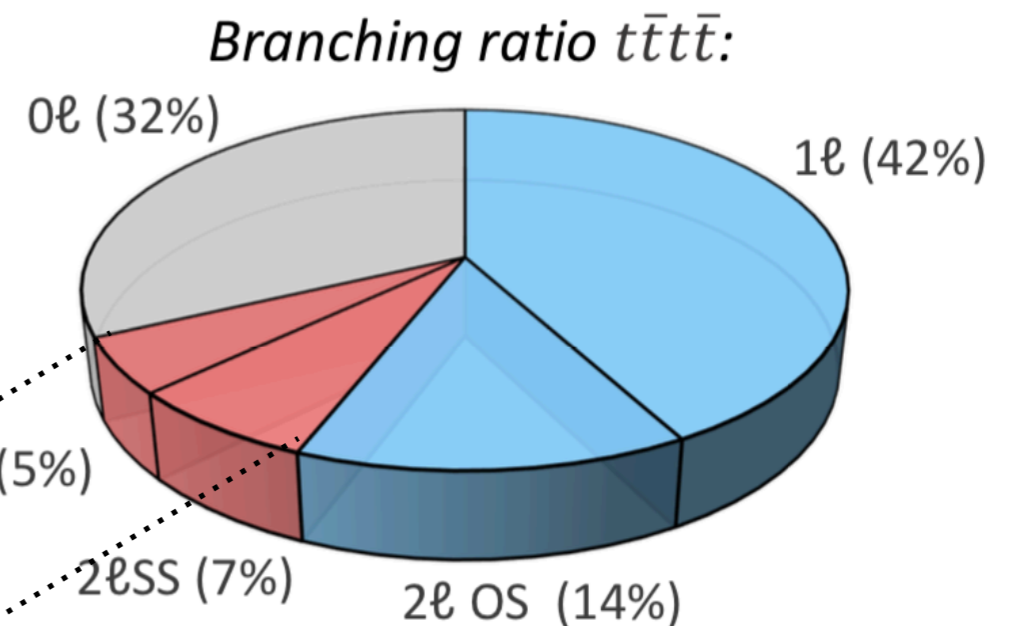
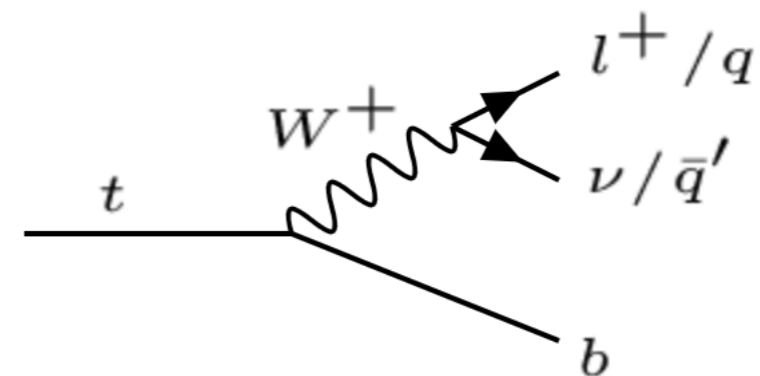
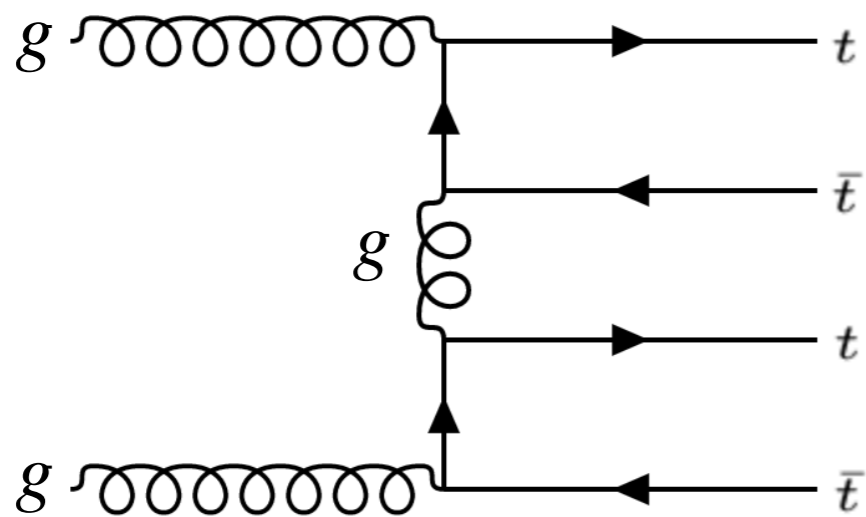
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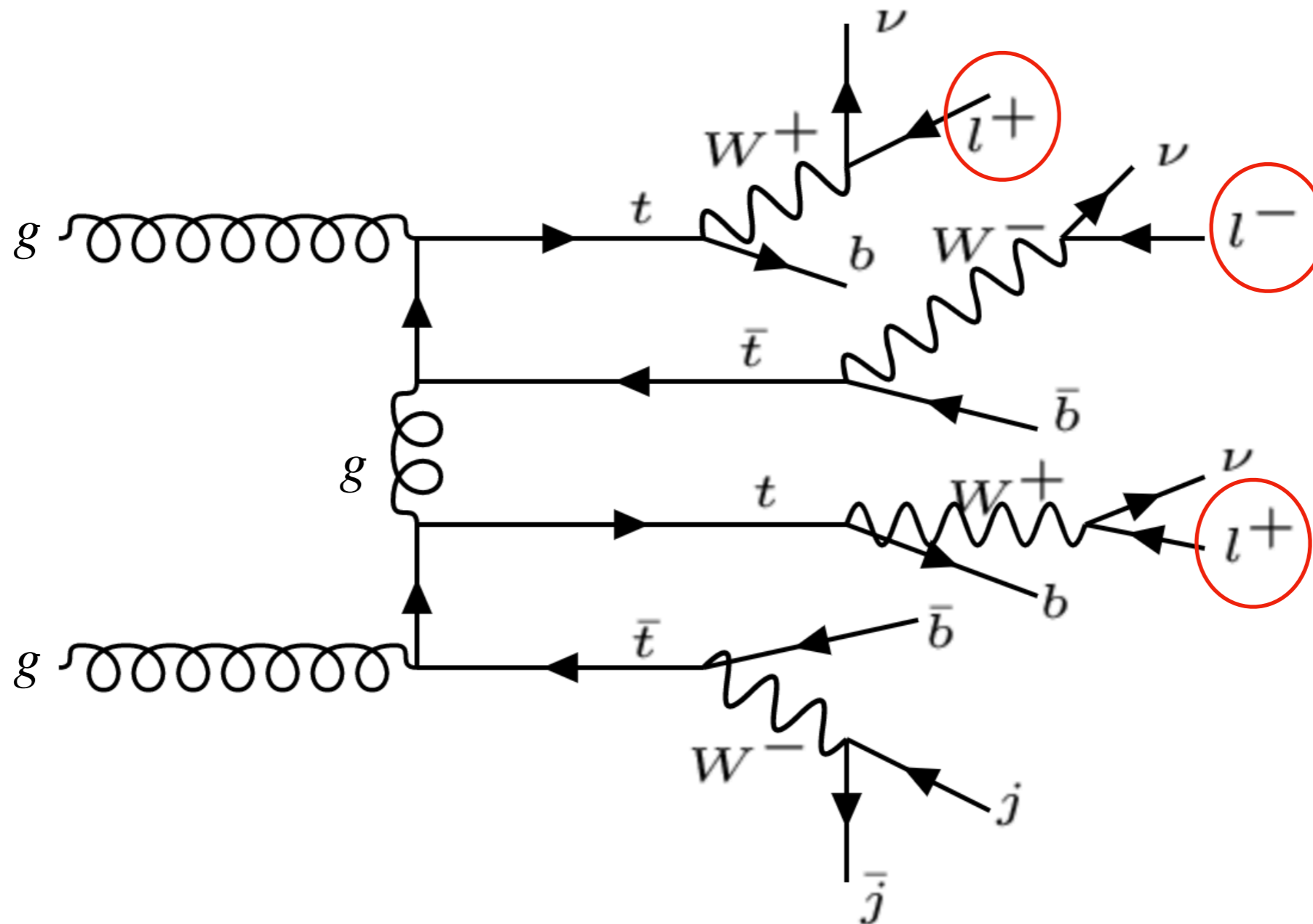
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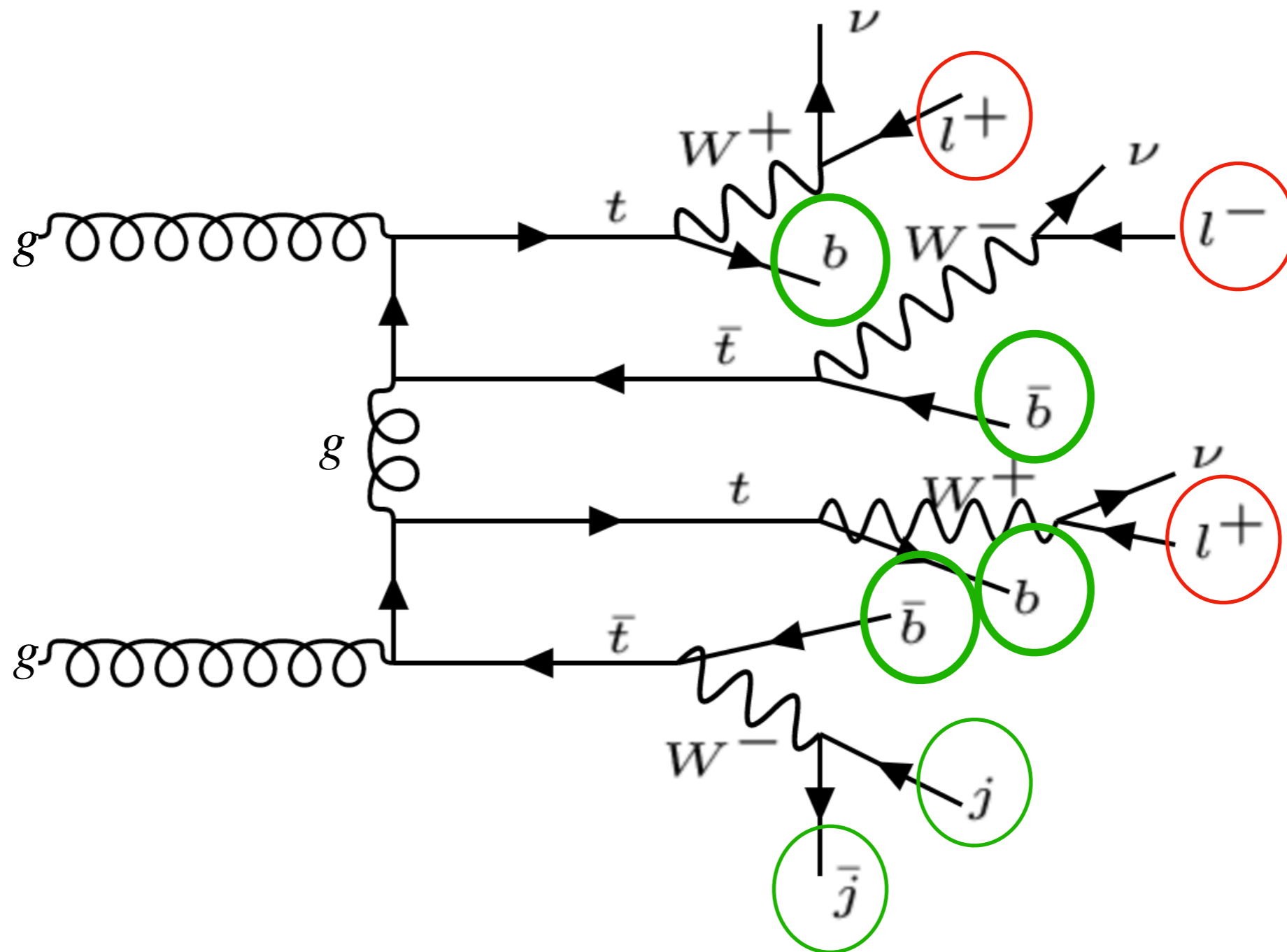


**Smallest branching ratio
but very clean (low backgrounds)
Most sensitive channel**

Example from the 3ℓ channel



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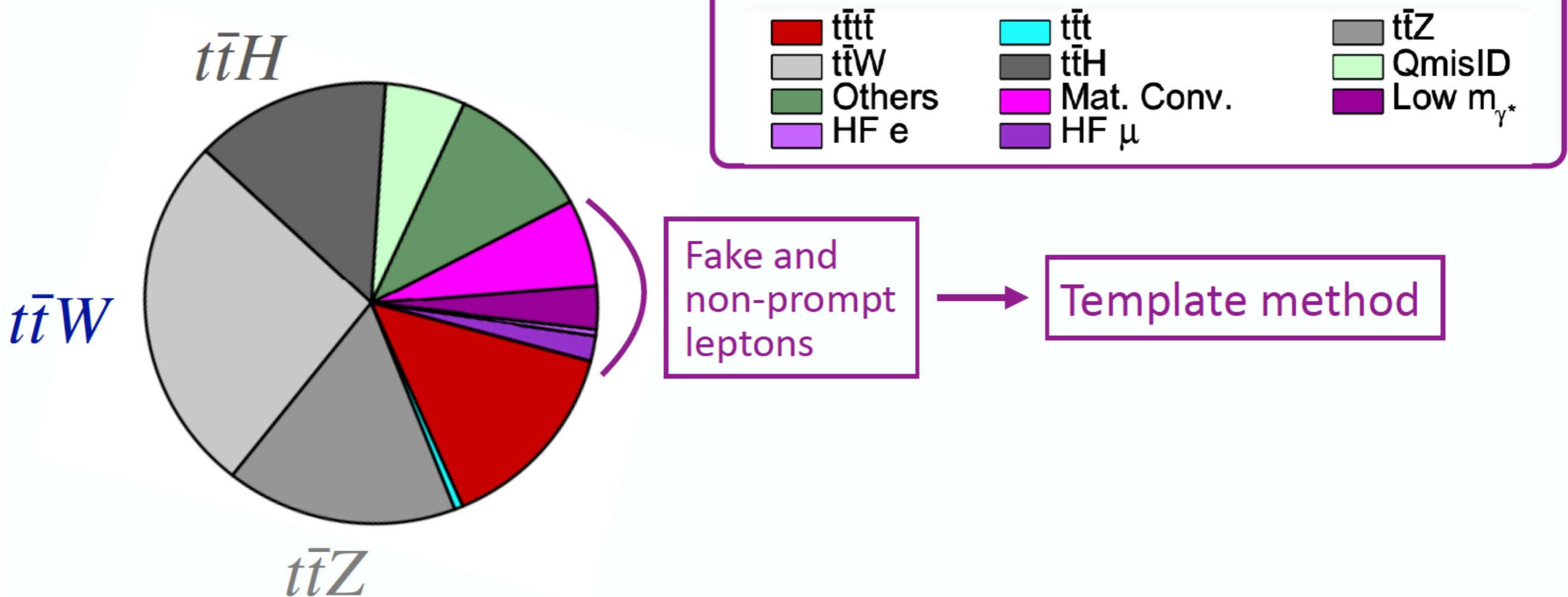


Signal region selection

- Selection requirements in the **2ℓSS/3ℓ** (signal region):
 - 2 same-sign leptons *or* 3 leptons ($\ell=e,\mu$)
 - ≥ 6 jets
 - ≥ 2 b-tagged jets
- $H_T > 500$ GeV ; $H_T = \sum_{leptons} P_T + \sum_{jets} P_T$

What else can produce many leptons & jets ?

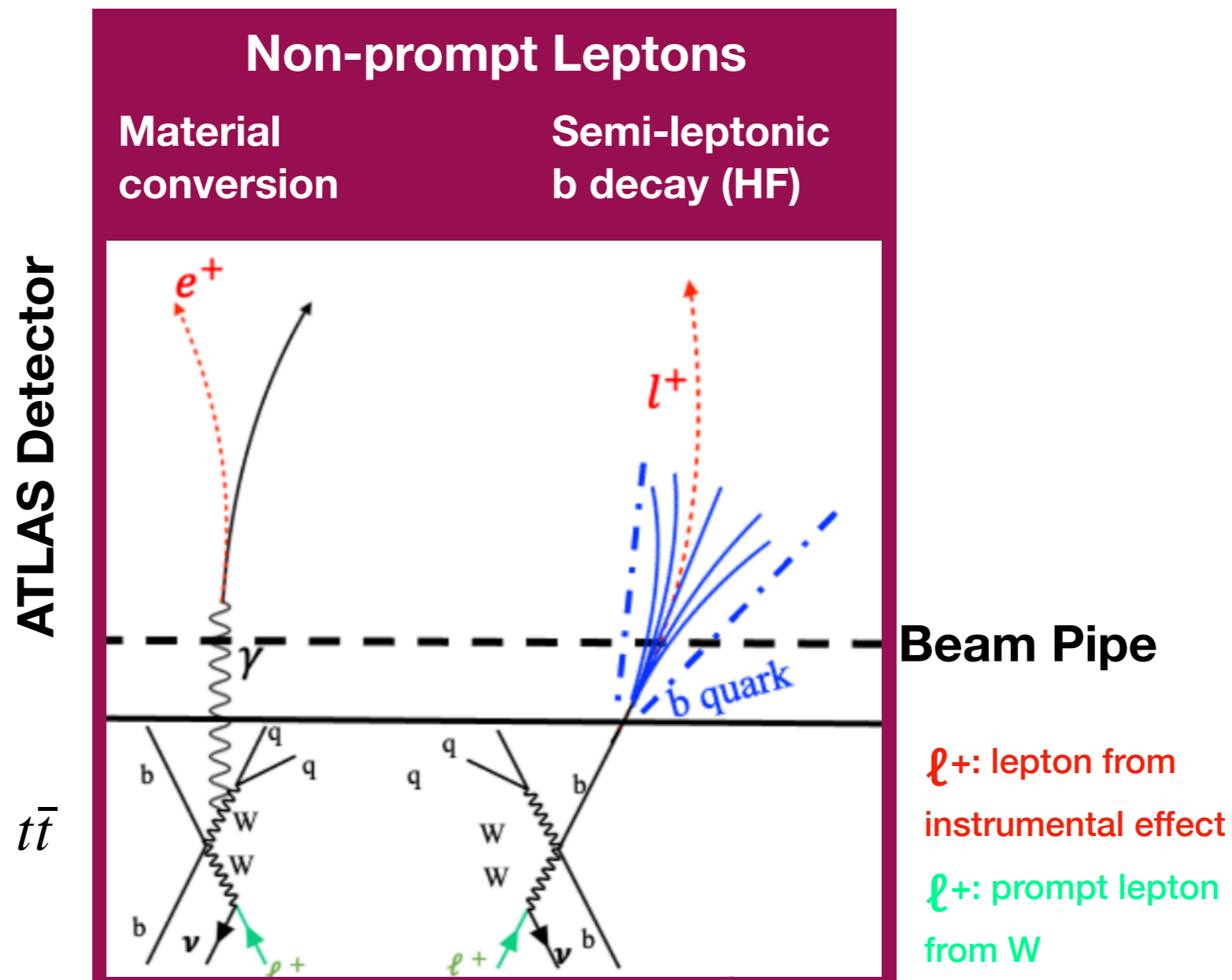
Signal region composition



Control regions are designed to evaluate $t\bar{t}W$ and fake/
non-prompt background

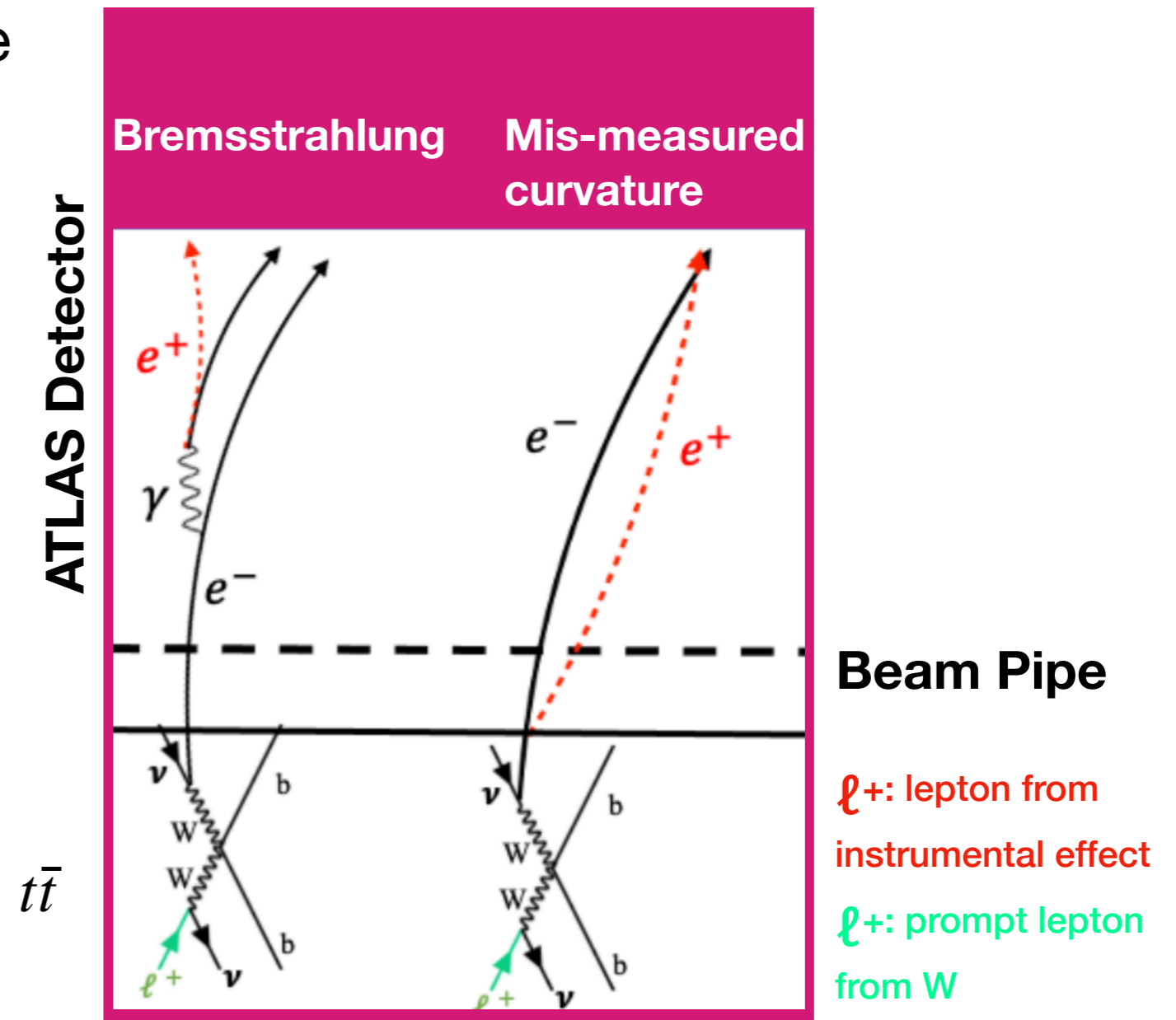
Fake/non-prompt leptons

- electrons from γ conversion in detector
- a virtual photon γ^* leading to an e^+e^- pair (Low M_{ee})
- electrons (muons) from heavy-flavour (HF) decay



Fake/non-prompt leptons

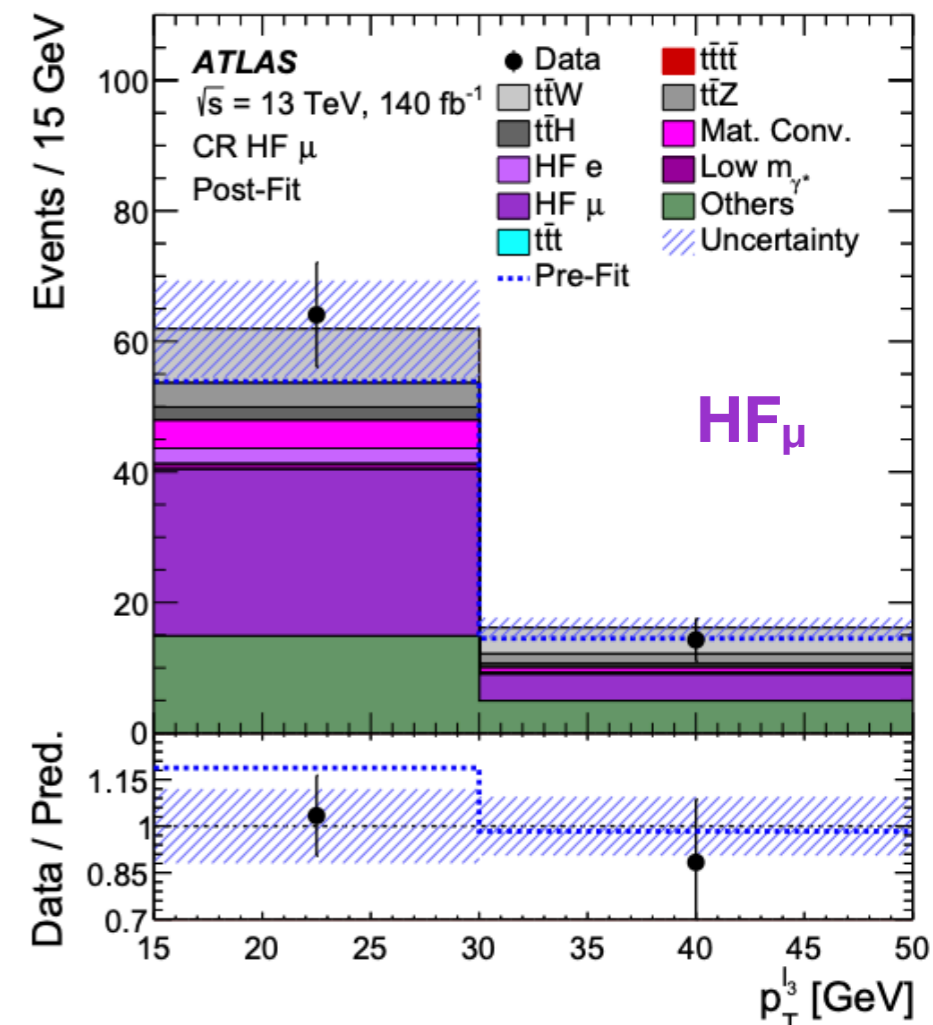
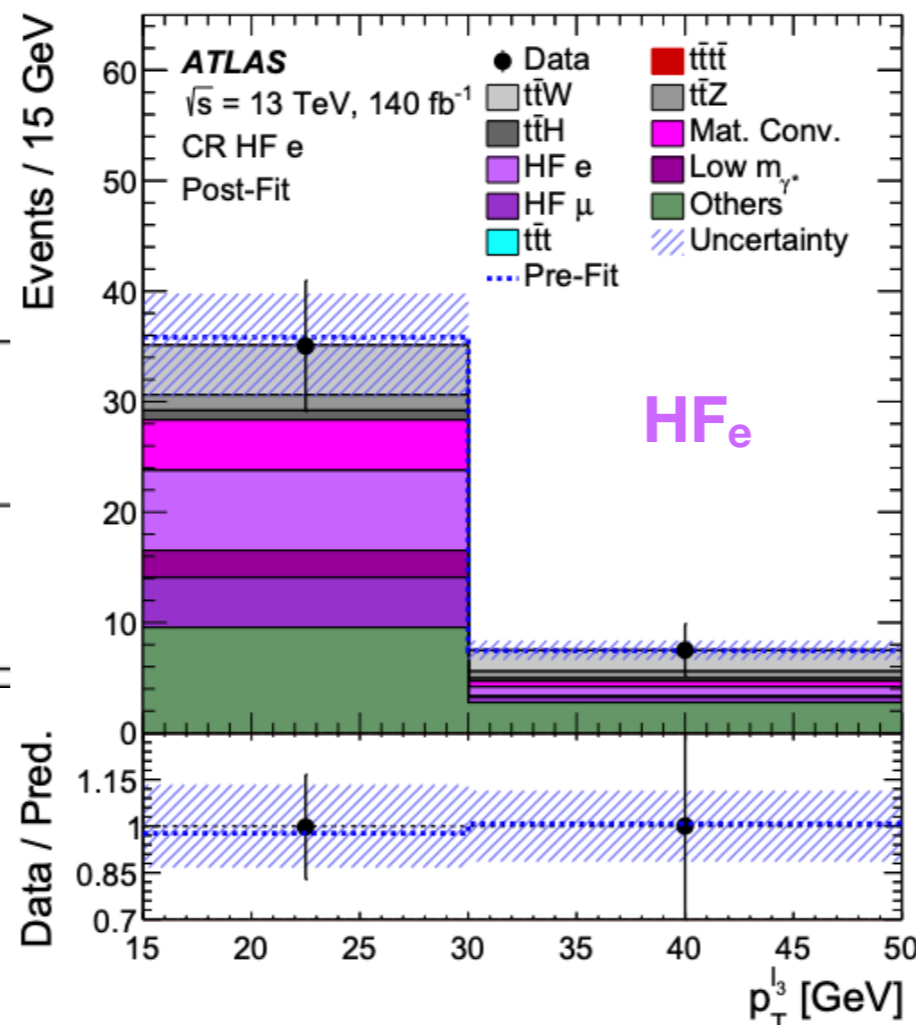
- Charge mis-assignment (relevant for the 2ℓ SS channel)
- Charge of electron is mis-measured, caused by:
 - Bremsstrahlung photon emission followed by its conversion
 - Mis-measured track curvature



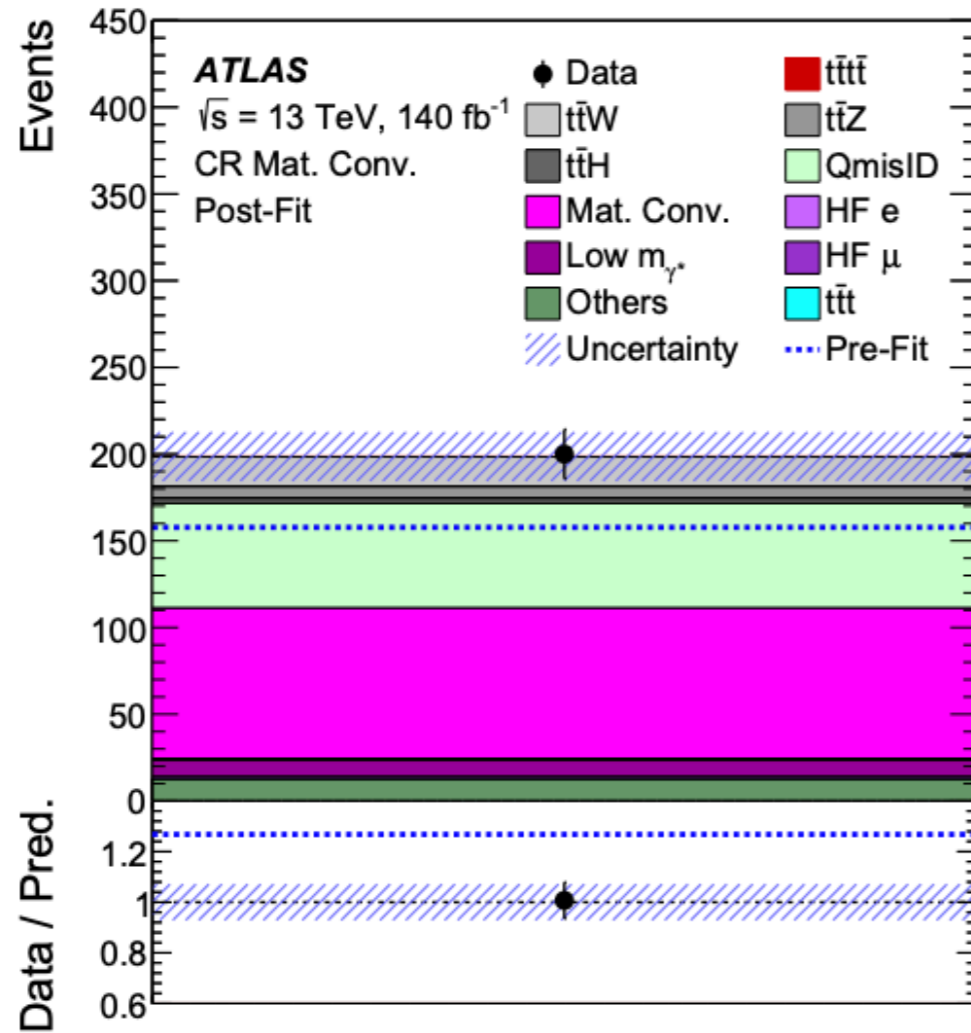
Template method to estimate fake/non-prompt leptons

- **Template Method** is used to determine the major backgrounds
- Background shapes are estimated from MC
- Normalisation is obtained from the fit
- 4 free parameters included in the signal extraction fit to determine normalization (HF electron, HF muon, material conversions, virtual photon conversions)

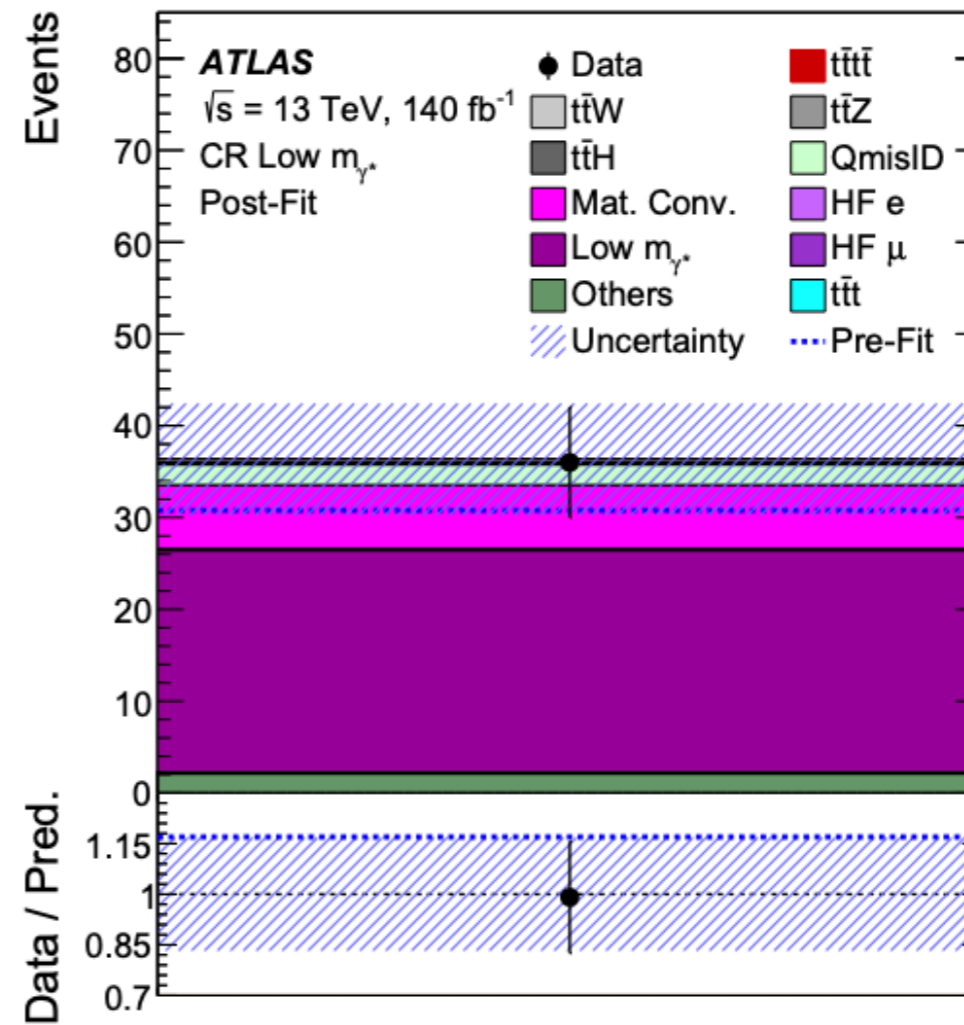
$NF_{HF e}$	$NF_{HF \mu}$
$0.66^{+0.75}_{-0.46}$	$1.27^{+0.53}_{-0.46}$



Template method to estimate fake/non-prompt leptons



material conversions



virtual photon conversions

$NF_{\text{Mat. Conv.}}$	$NF_{\text{Low } m_{\gamma^*}}$
$1.80^{+0.47}_{-0.41}$	$1.08^{+0.37}_{-0.31}$

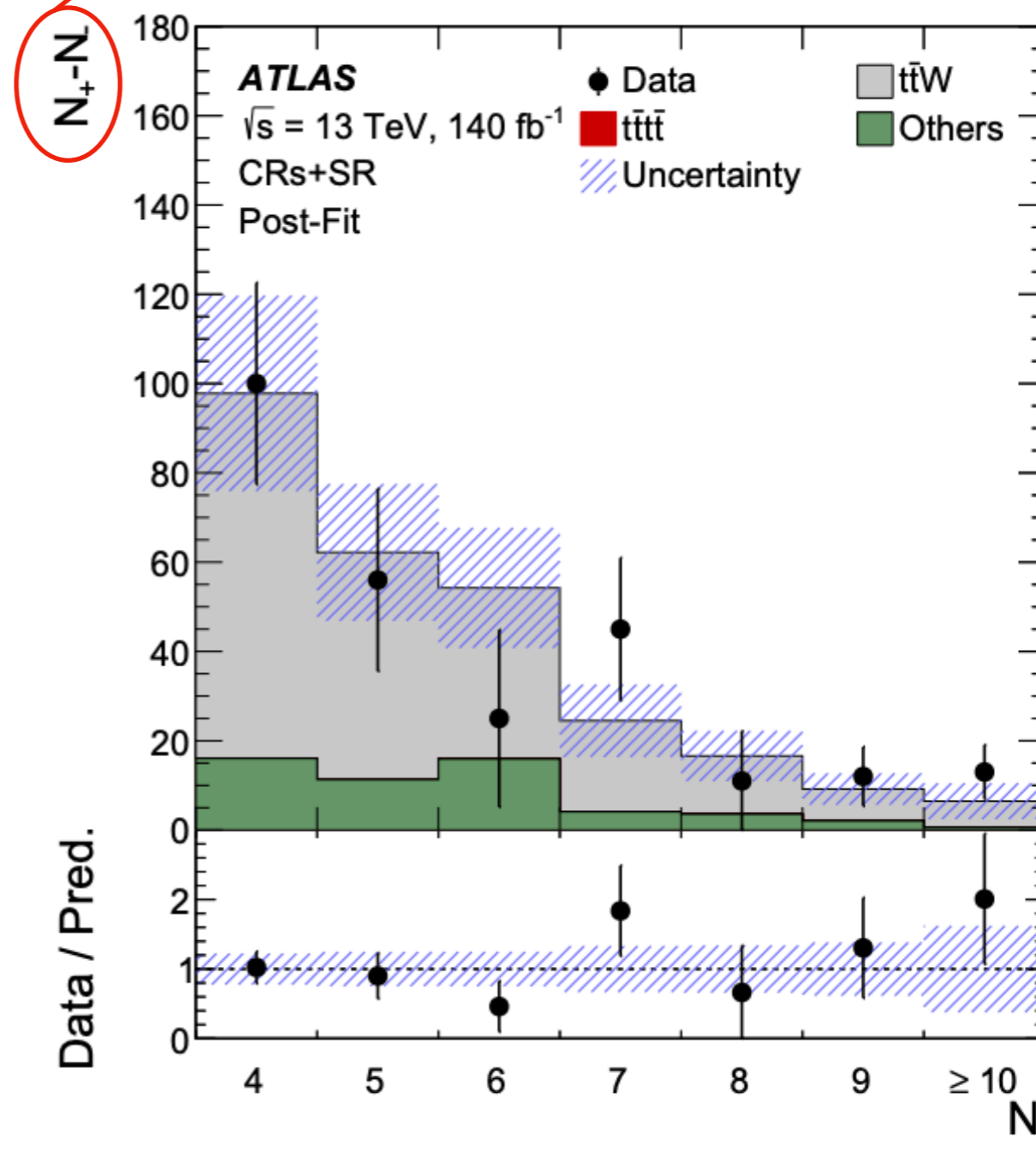
ttW background

- Estimate ttW background normalization per jet bin from data based on the evolution

$$R(j) = \frac{N(j+1)}{N(j)}$$

- $R(j) = a_0$ for $j > j_{\text{threshold}}$
- $R(n) = a_1/(n+1)$ for $n < j_{\text{threshold}}$ where $n = \text{number of additional jets to the hard process}$
- Shape from MC simulation

Plot $N_+ - N_-$ to suppress all charge symmetric backgrounds



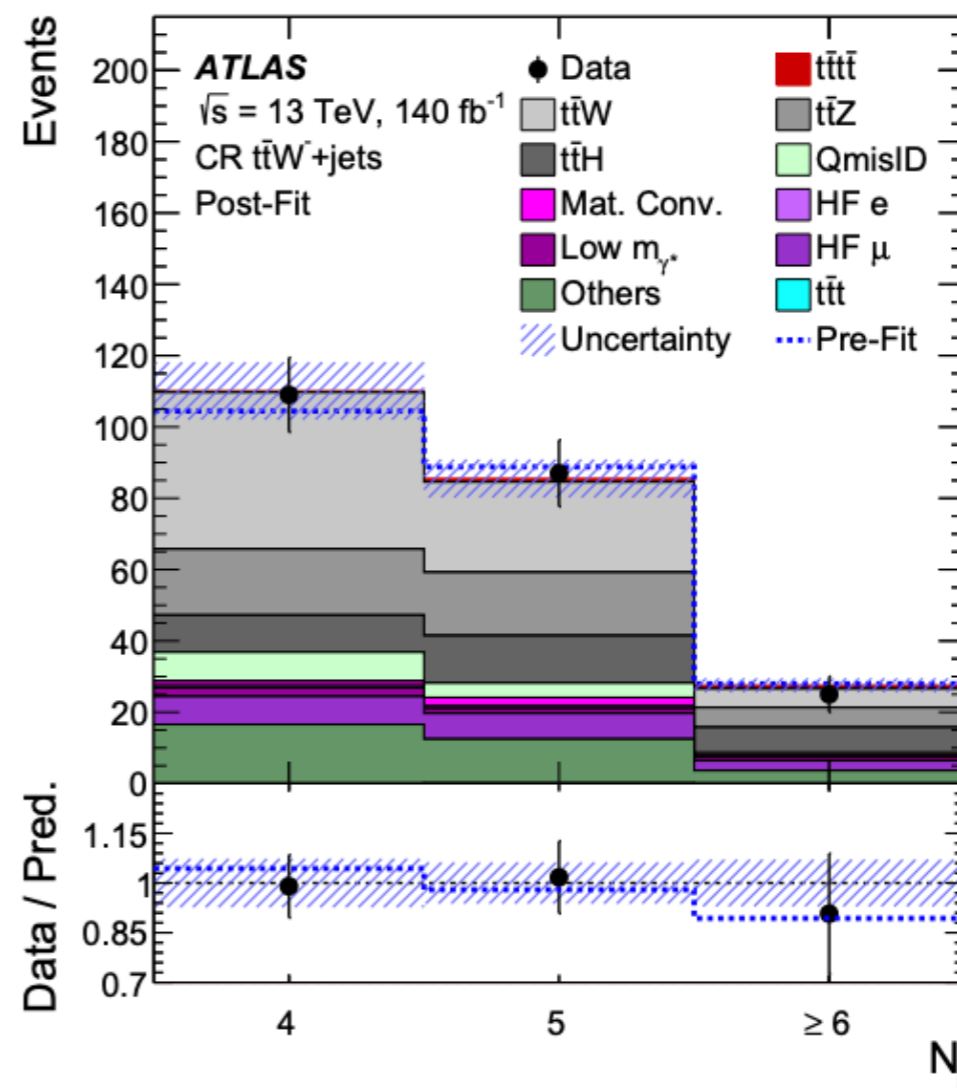
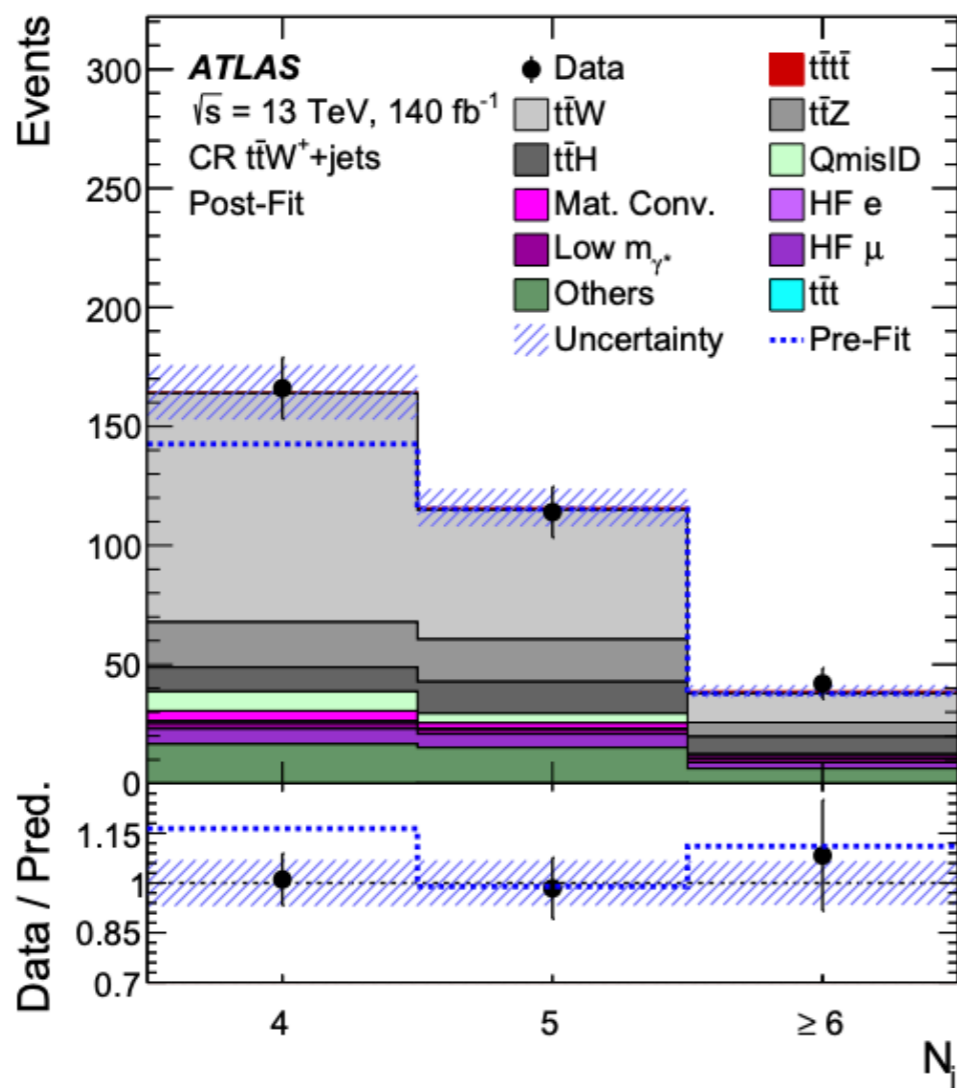
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- Four ttW control regions to determine

- a_0, a_1

- $t\bar{t}W^+$ and $t\bar{t}W^-$ normalization for $j=4$

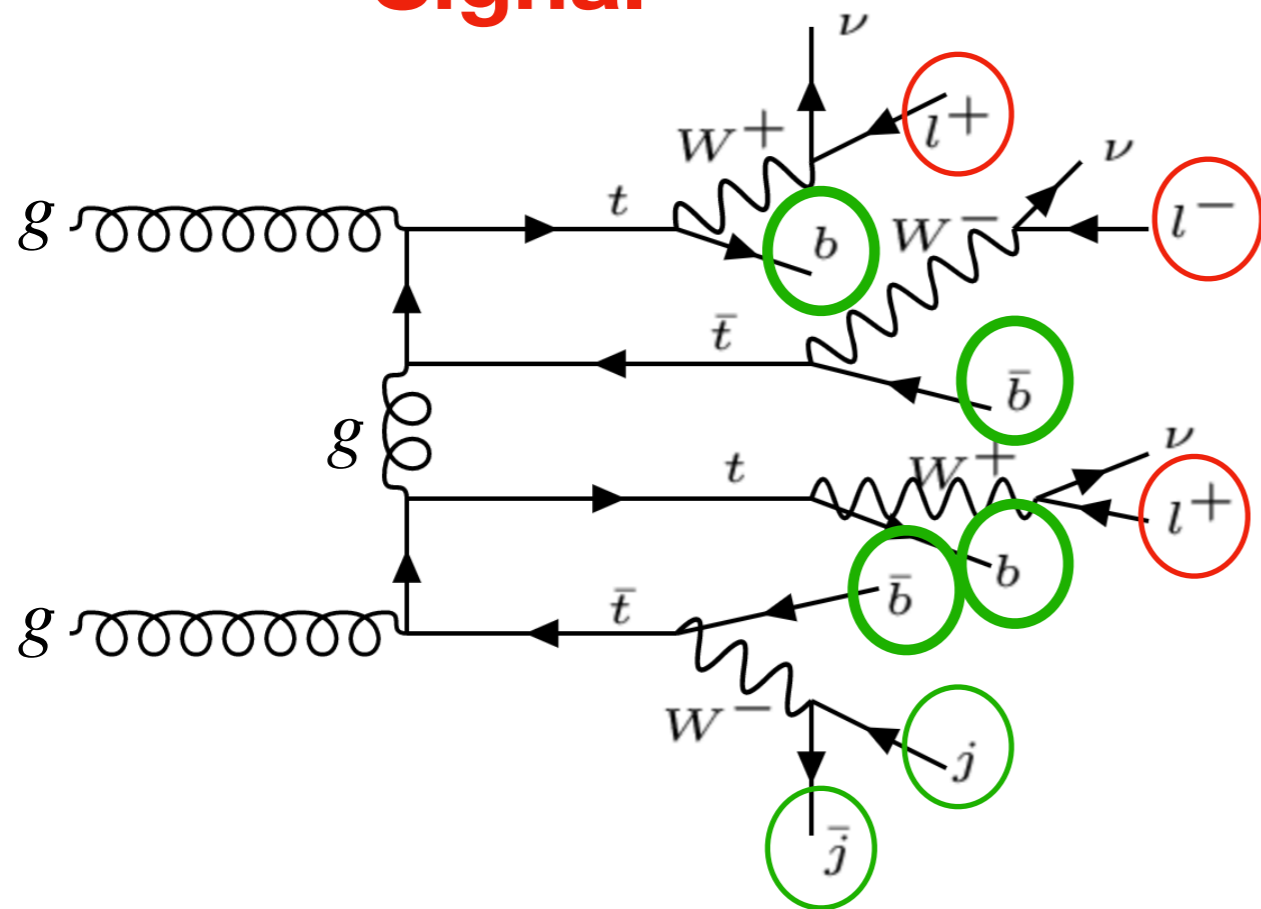
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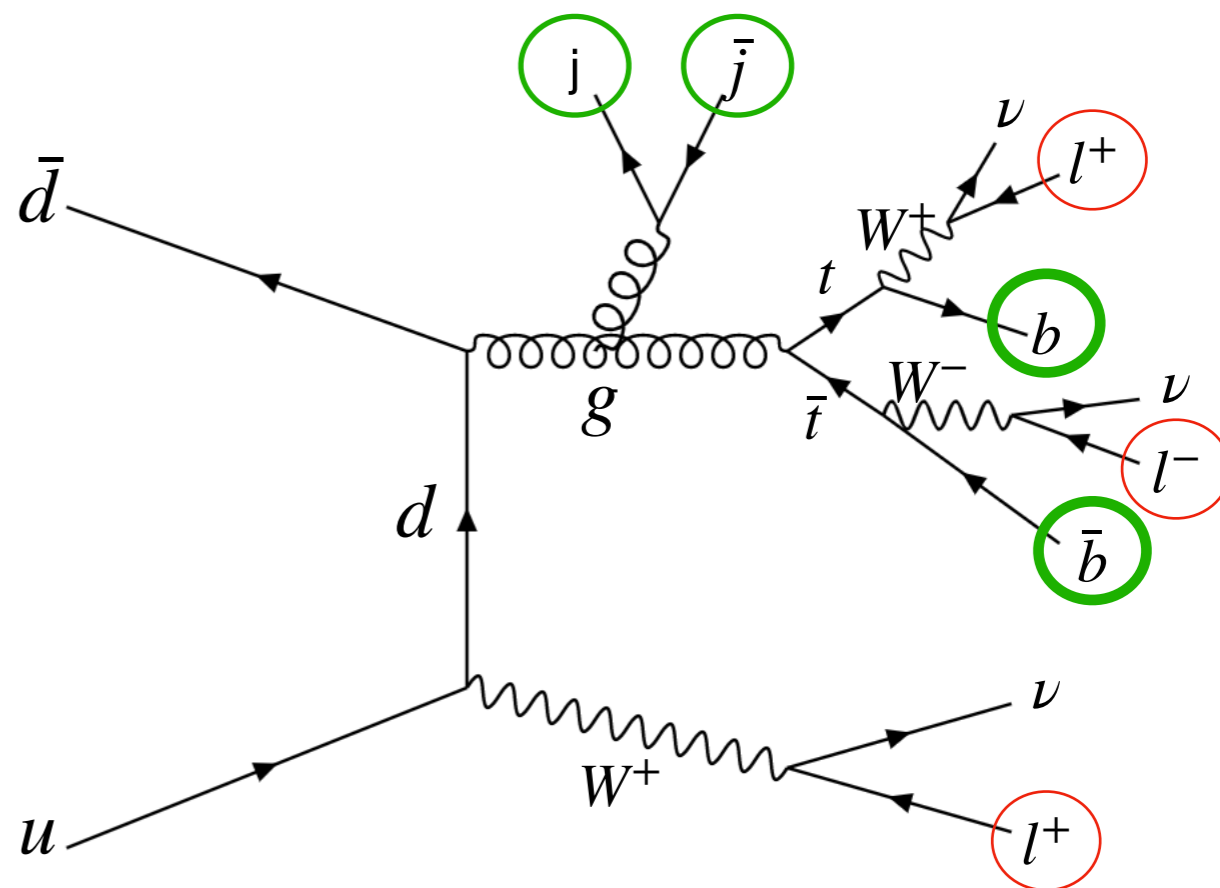
$t\bar{t}W$ background	a_0	a_1	$NF_{t\bar{t}W^+}(4jet)$	$NF_{t\bar{t}W^-}(4jet)$
Value	0.51 ± 0.10	$0.22^{+0.25}_{-0.22}$	$1.27^{+0.25}_{-0.22}$	$1.11^{+0.31}_{-0.28}$

Disentangling Signal from Background

Signal



Background



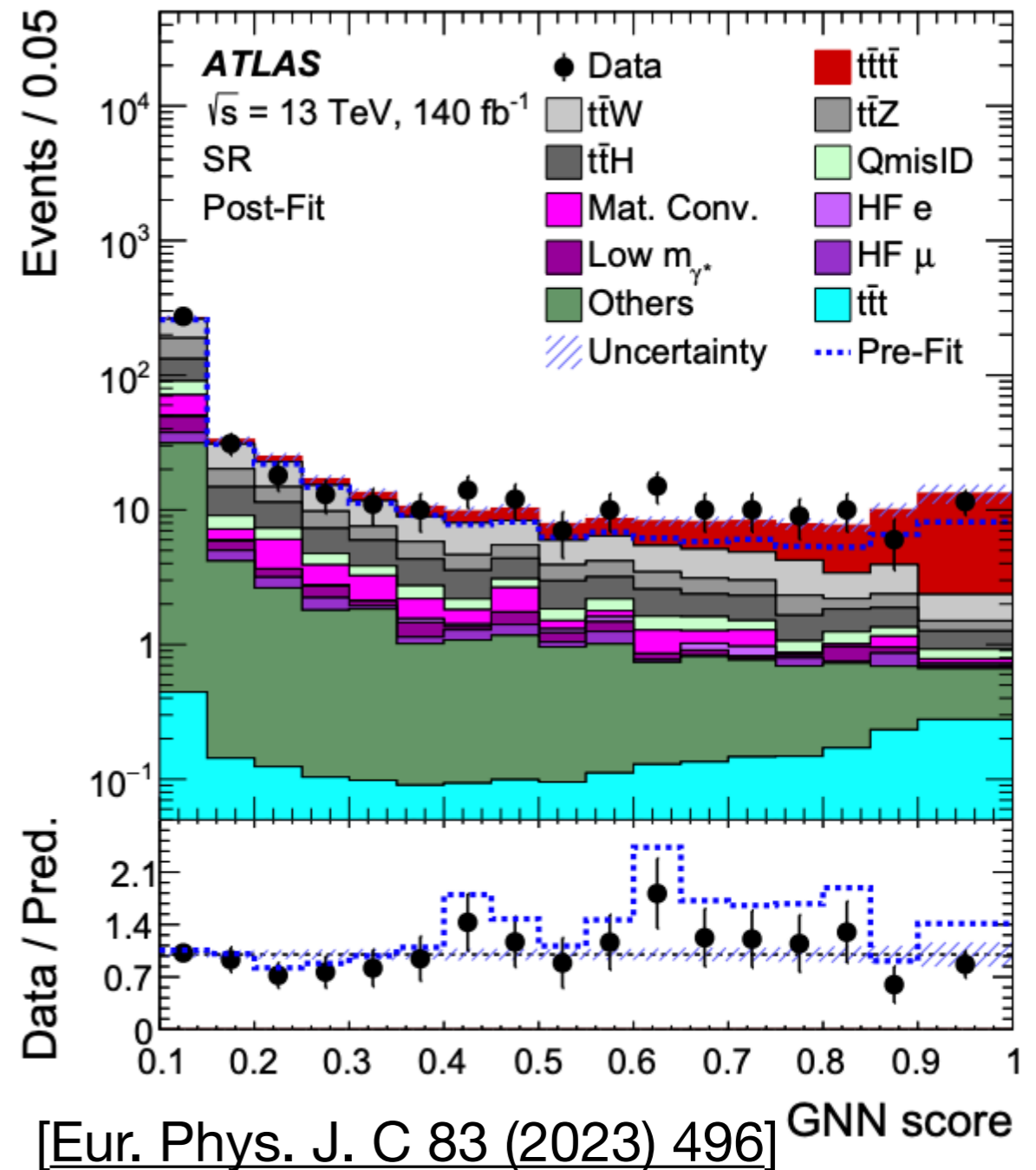
- Look for variables showing kinematic differences between signal and background
 - Many jets, b-jets, leptons
- A multivariate discriminant built with a Graph Neural Network (GNN) is used
- Example: use b-jet “tagging” variable *continuously* and *across all jets*

Four-top cross section result

- Signal extraction
 - simultaneous fit to GNN in SR and distributions in 8 CRs
 - Extract the signal strength

$$\mu = \sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} / \sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{SM}$$
 - $\mu = 1.9 \pm 0.4$ (stat) $^{+0.7}_{-0.4}$ (syst) ;
6.1 σ (4.3 σ expected)
- Measured four-top cross-section:

$$\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 22.5^{+6.6}_{-5.6} \text{ fb}$$
- Observation of the 4-top quark production!
- Consistent with the SM prediction at 1.8/1.7 σ
- Largest systematic uncertainty from 4-top modelling, ttW DD parameters

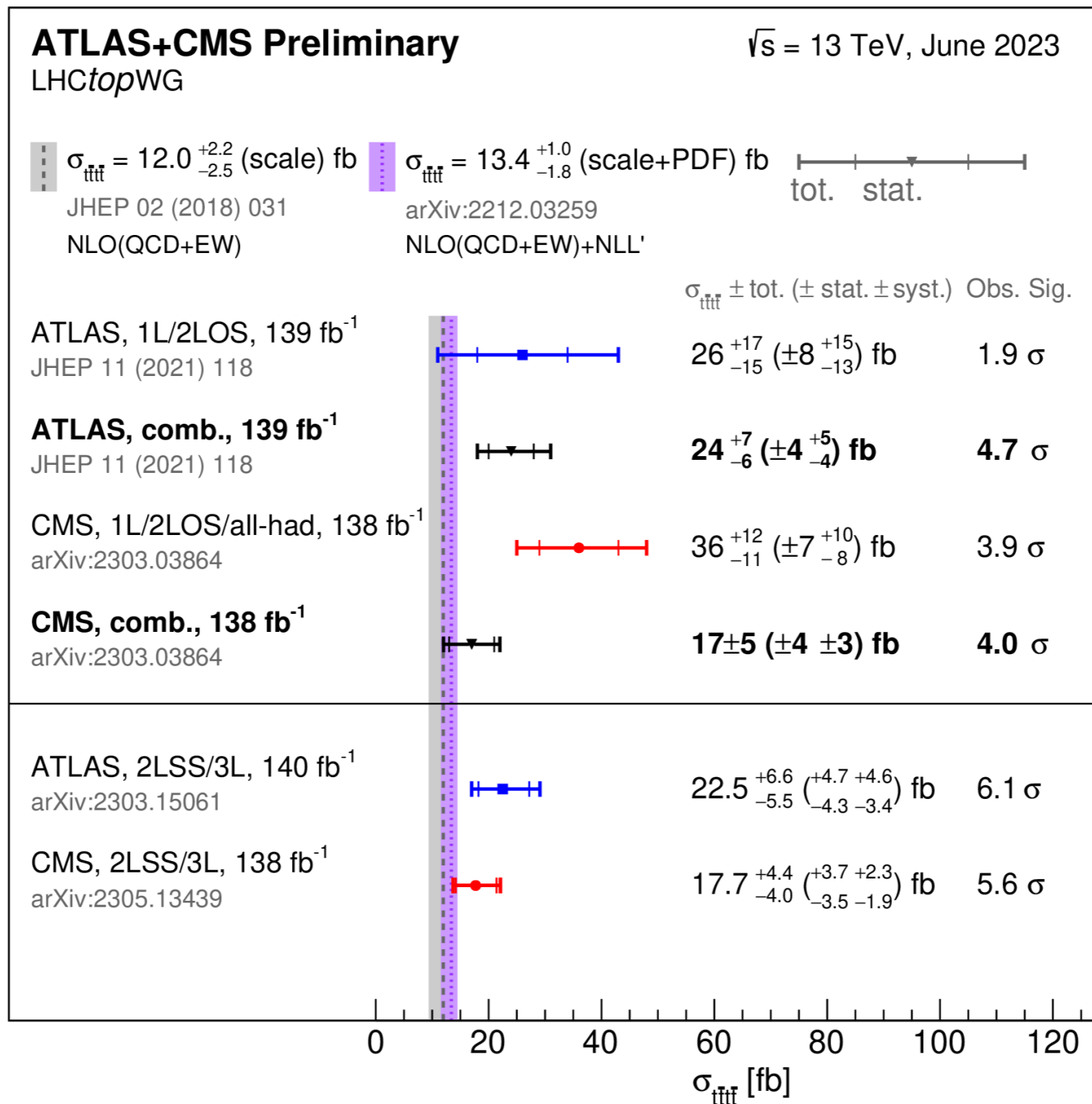


SM predictions

[JHEP02\(2018\)031](#) NLO (QCD+EW)
 $\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 12.0 \pm 2.4 \text{ fb}$

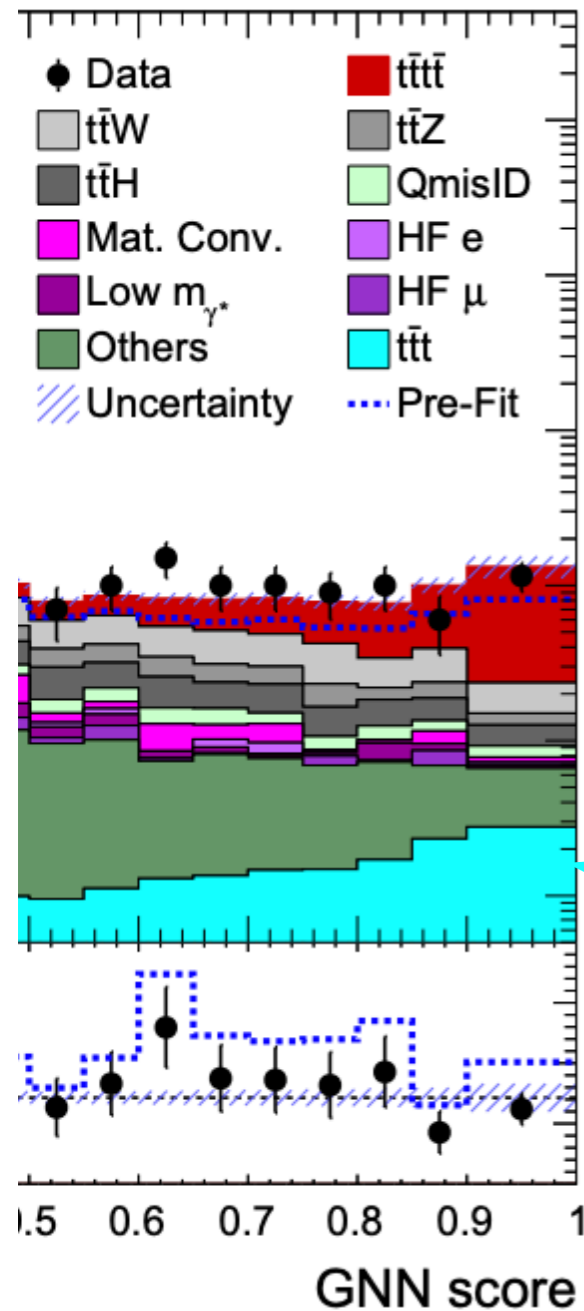
[arXiv: 2212.03259](#) including NLL'
 $\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 13.4^{+1.0}_{-1.8} \text{ fb}$

Summary of ATLAS and CMS measurements



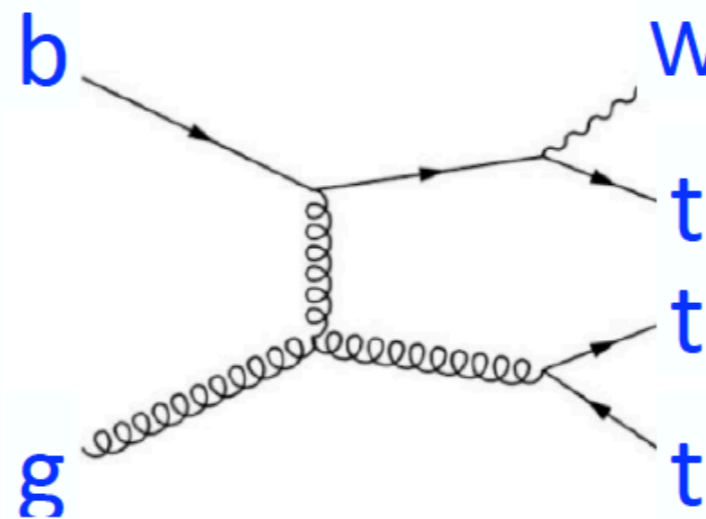
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Three-top-quark production

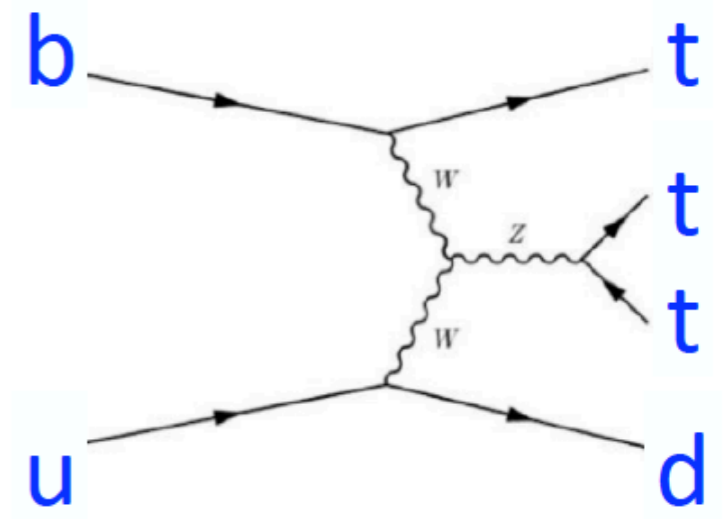


$t\bar{t}t$

- Final state signature is similar to four top signal
- Populates regions of high GNN score
- In SM $t\bar{t}t$ produces always in association with other particles
- 30% uncertainty on $t\bar{t}t$ cross section
- Big thanks to Gauthier Durieux for these predictions!

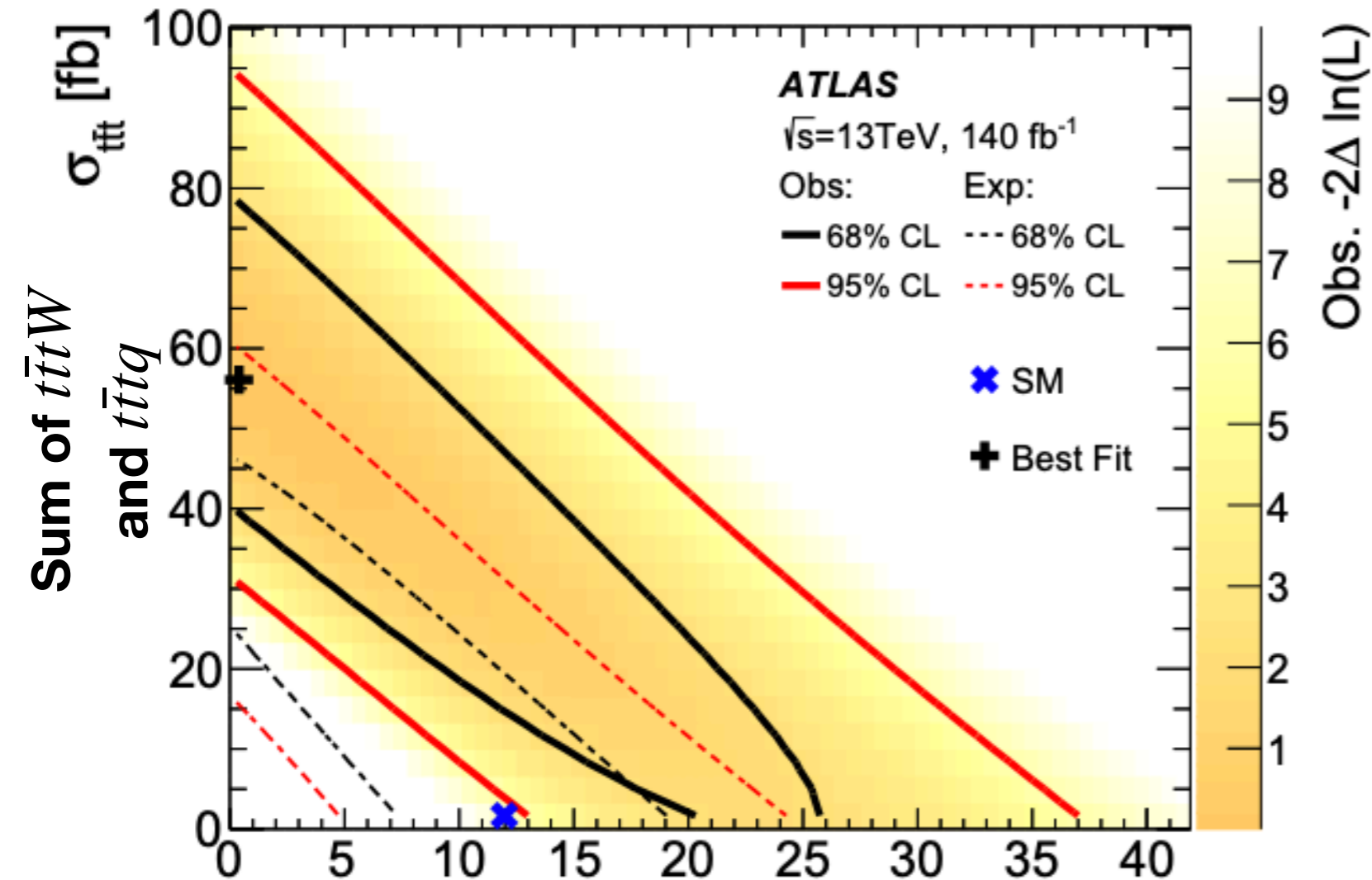


$$\sigma(t\bar{t}tW) = 1.02 \text{ fb}$$



$$\sigma(t\bar{t}tq) = 0.65 \text{ fb}$$

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If both cross sections are free parameters of the fit anti-correlation is 93%

Limits on $t\bar{t}t$ production

Cross section [fb]	95% CL interval with $\mu_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 1$	95% CL interval with $\mu_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} = 1.9$
$t\bar{t}t$	[4.7, 60]	[0, 41]
$t\bar{t}tW$	[3.1, 43]	[0, 30]
$t\bar{t}tq$	[0, 144]	[0, 100]

Interpretations

- Limits on heavy flavour fermion operators in EFT (one parameter variation)

Operators	Expected C_i/Λ^2 [TeV ⁻²]	Observed C_i/Λ^2 [TeV ⁻²]
O_{QQ}^1	[-2.4,3.0]	[-3.5,4.1]
O_{Qt}^1	[-2.5,2.0]	[-3.5,3.0]
O_{tt}^1	[-1.1,1.3]	[-1.7,1.9]
O_{Qt}^8	[-4.2,4.8]	[-6.2,6.9]

Conclusions

- Run 2 brought us to an unprecedented centre-of-mass energy of 13 TeV!
- Opened up measurements to new rare SM processes
 - SM, Top, & Higgs groups working to produce precise & lasting measurements
- Teaches us about the SM
- Improves our theoretical calculations, MC modelling, and understanding of CP calibrations and uncertainties
- Can uncover unexpected deviations from the SM
- ATLAS & CMS published many interesting measurements using full Run 2 data-set at 13 TeV

Thank you!