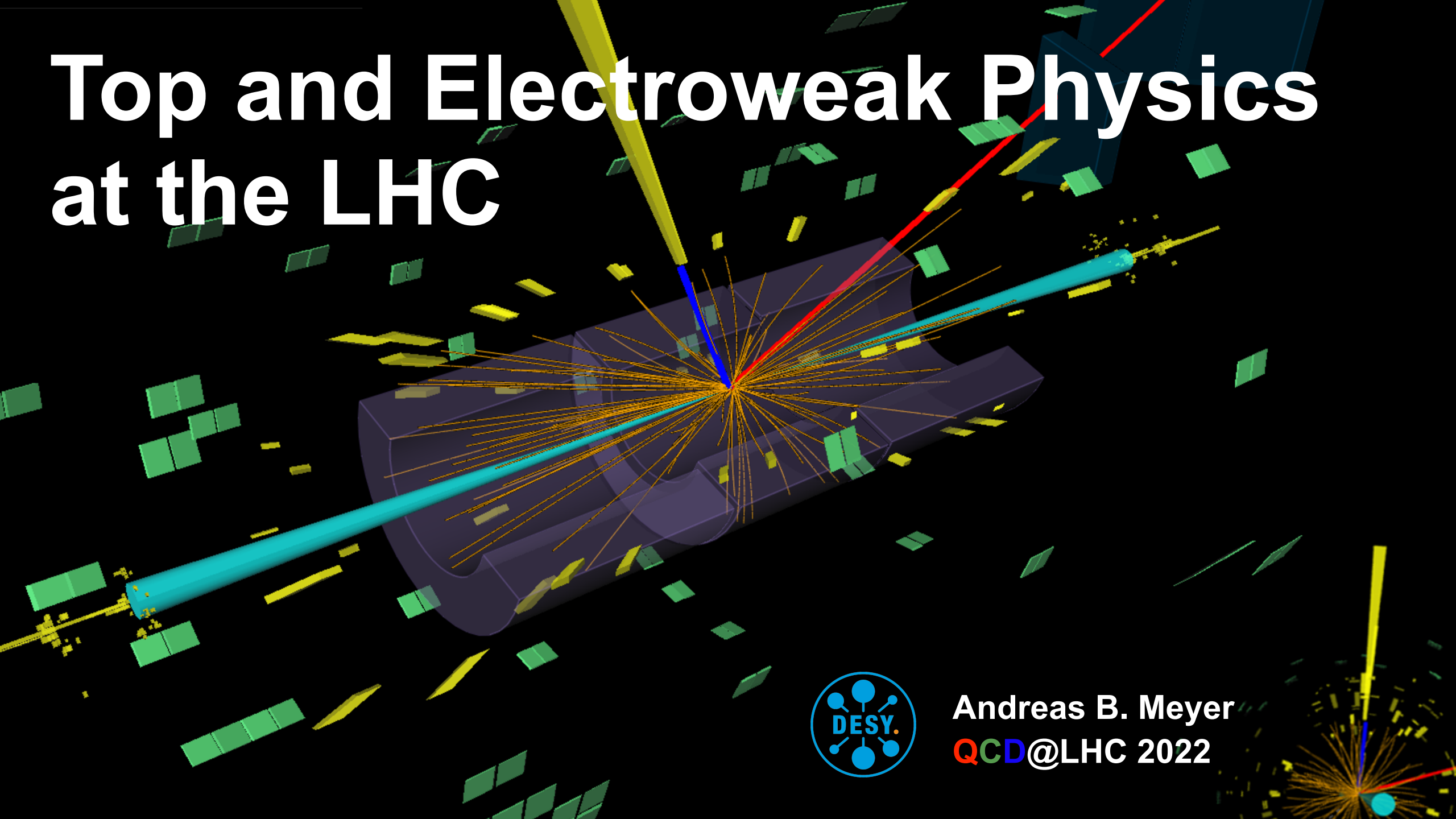
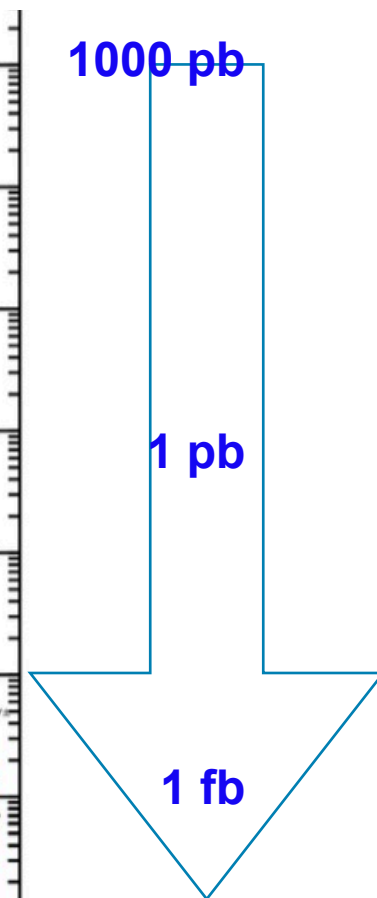


# Top and Electroweak Physics at the LHC



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# Introduction

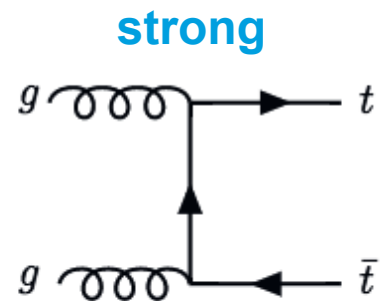
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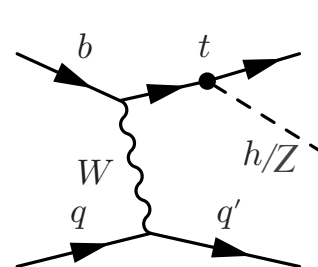
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  - Cross sections and mass (and  $\alpha_s$ , pdf,  $V_{tb}$ )
  - Angular distributions => bare-quark properties
- Evidence and first differential
  - $t(t)+X$  ( $X=j, b, c, \gamma, W, Z, tt$ )
- Direct searches / top as a tool
  - FCNC, Lepton-flavour violation, CP-violation

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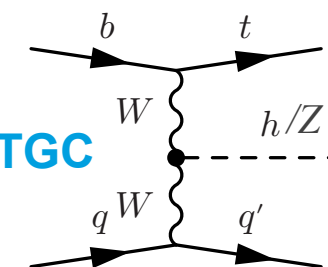
- Vector boson scattering
- VVV production
- Inclusive VV production and polarization



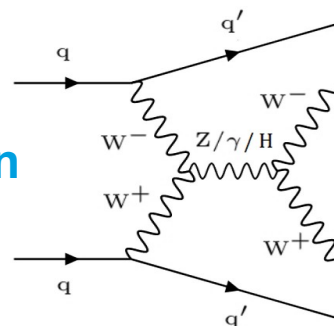
EW-top



TGC

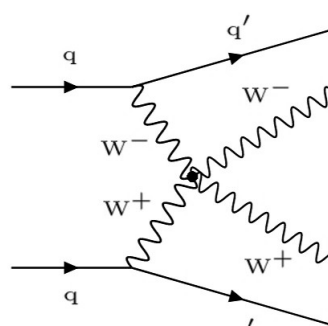


Multi-boson



TGC

VBS



QGC

1000 pb

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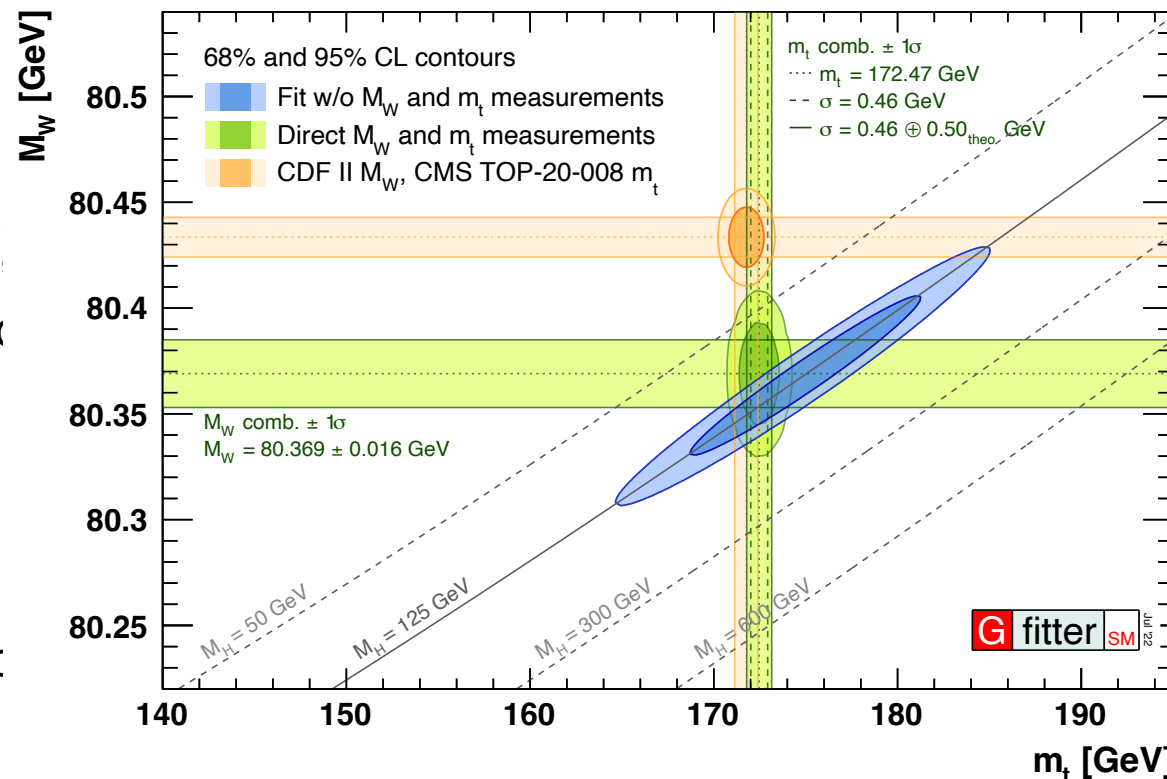
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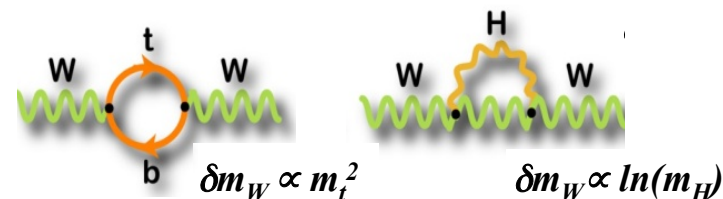
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[R.Kogler, ICHEP 2022]



Top quark mass relates Higgs and W masses



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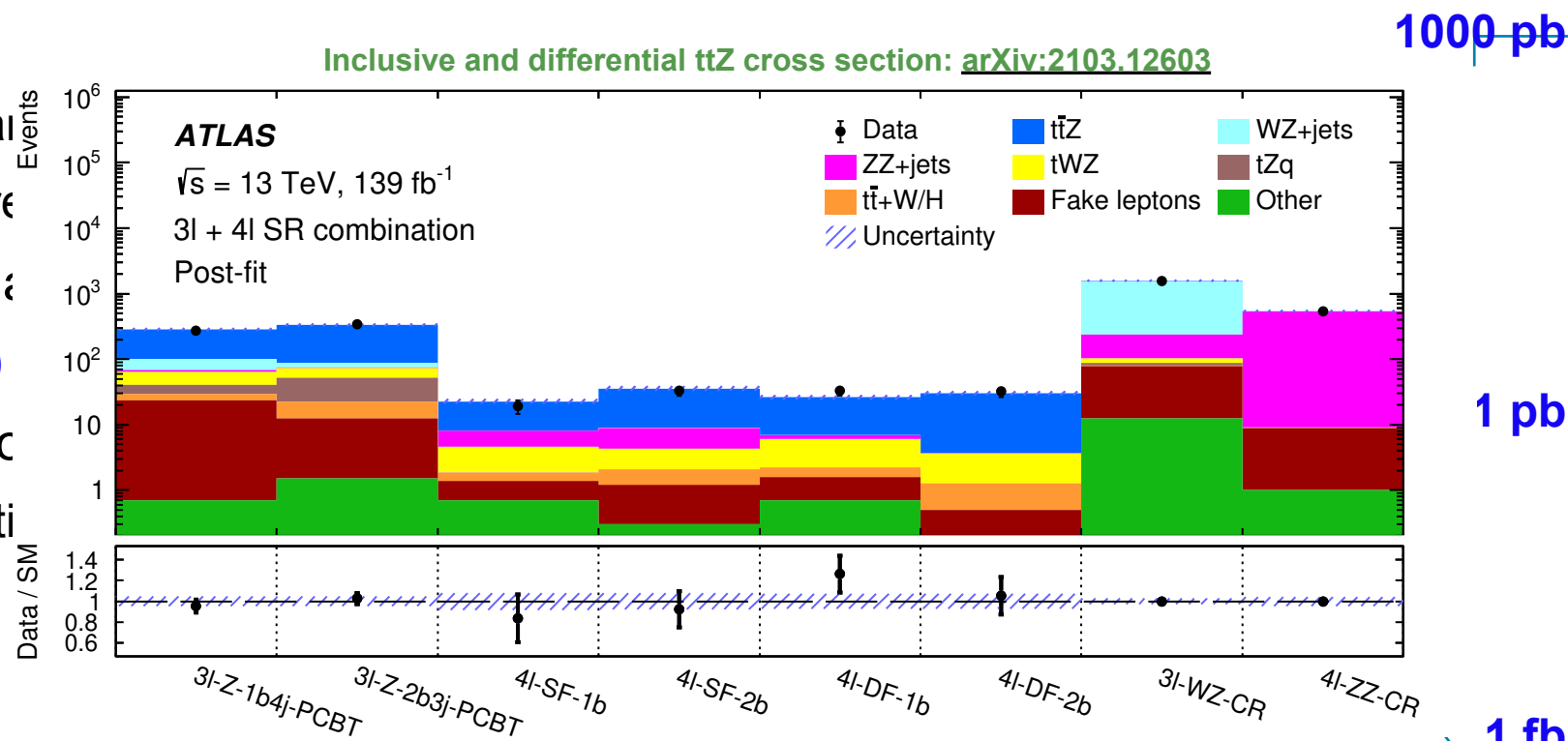
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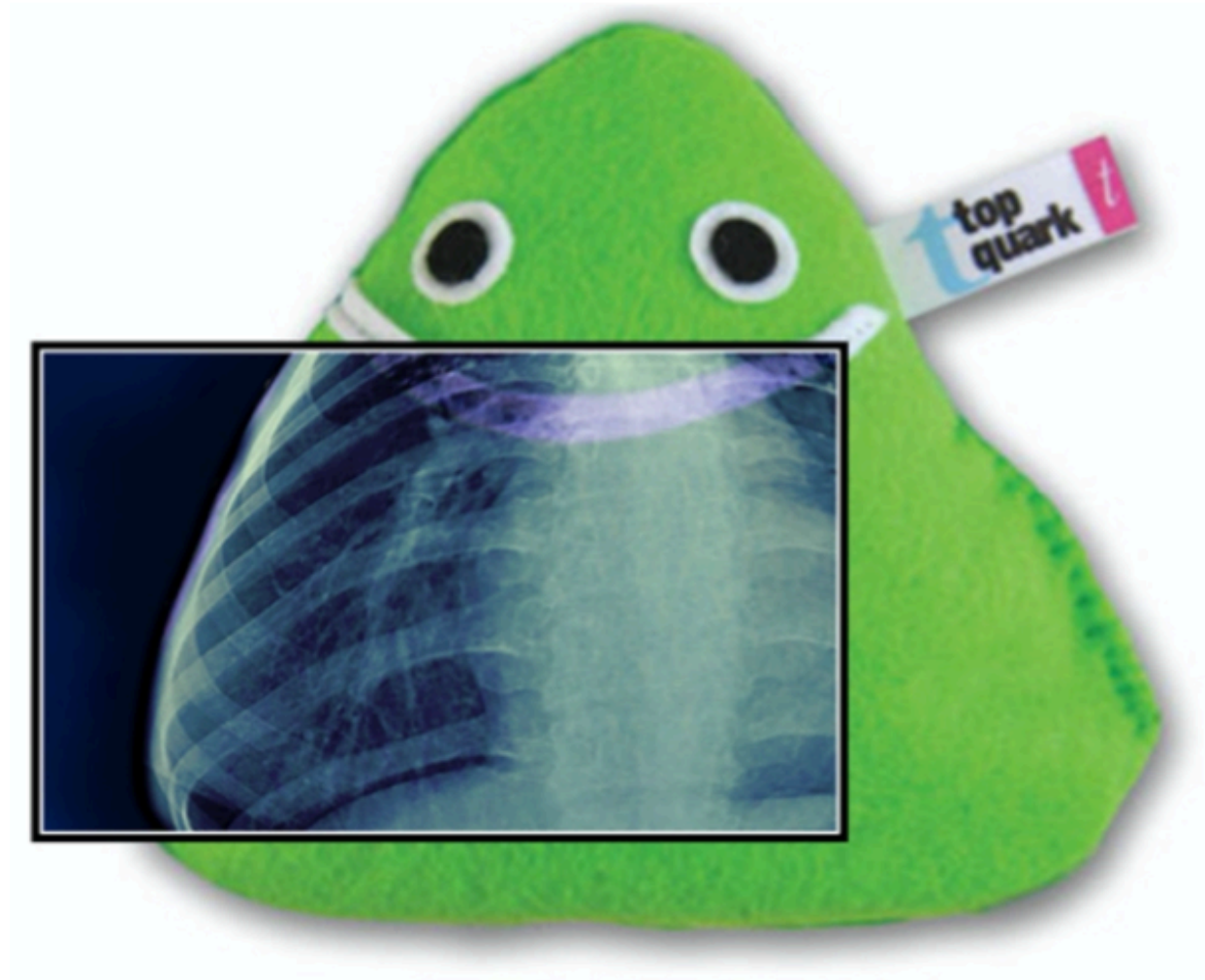
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**Experimentally, ttV, tV and VV are mutual backgrounds**

# Top



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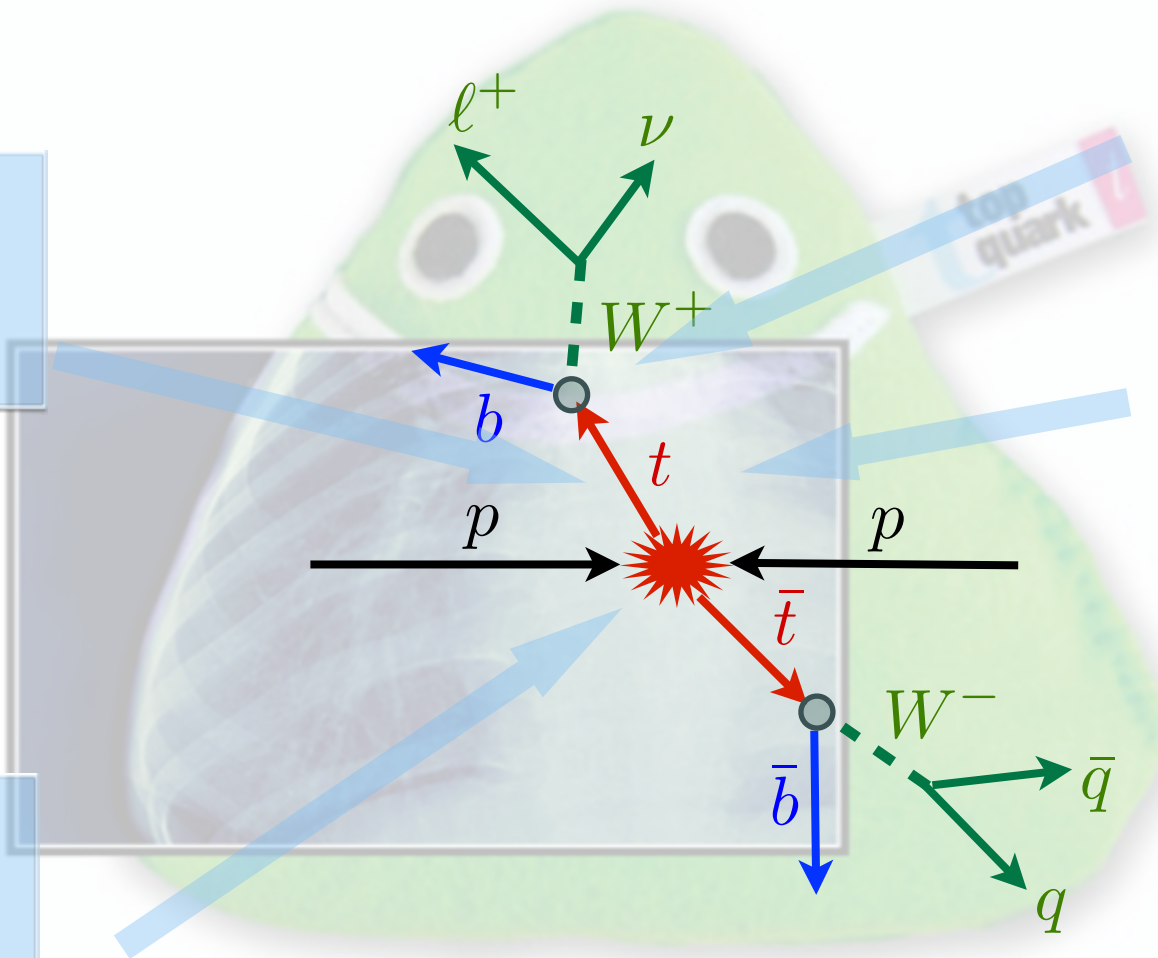
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# Top

Spin correlations  
polarisation  
asymmetries

Cross sections,  
QCD parameters,  
resonances,  
new particles



W-helicity fractions  
branching ratios,  $V_{tb}$ ,  
rare decays, FCNC

Mass  
mass difference,  
width, charge

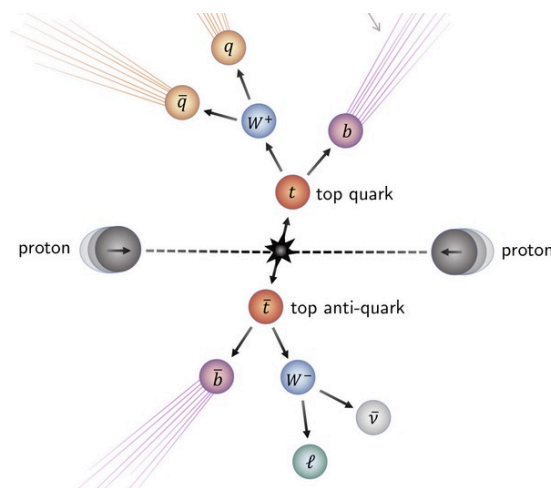
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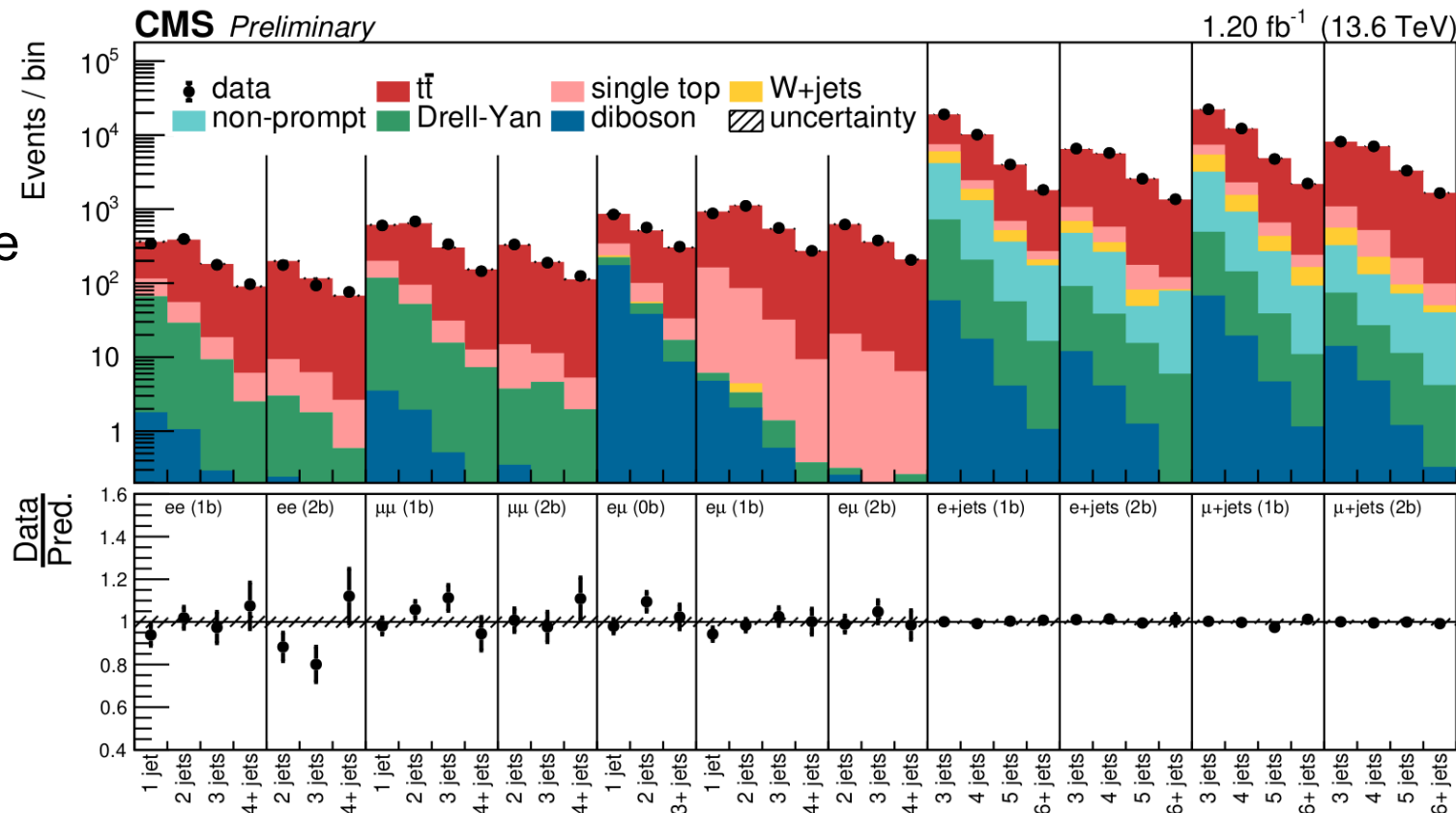
## First Run-3 result

- Confirm expected cross section rise
- Top quark events: leptons, jets, b-tags, W-boson, top mass



- In-situ calibration and efficiencies from combination of 5 channels
- Luminosity from emittance scans, cross checked using Z-bosons

$$887^{+43}_{-41} \text{ (stat + syst)} \pm 53 \text{ (lumi) pb}$$



Source	Uncertainty (%)
Lepton ID SF	3.4
Jet energy scale	1.6
b tagging SF	1.5
ME/PS matching	1.1
Drell-Yan background	0.9
Pileup	0.7
combined likelihood fit	4
Jet calibration (external)	2
luminosity (external)	6

# $t\bar{t}$ Cross Section

All inclusive measurements

Dominant uncertainties:

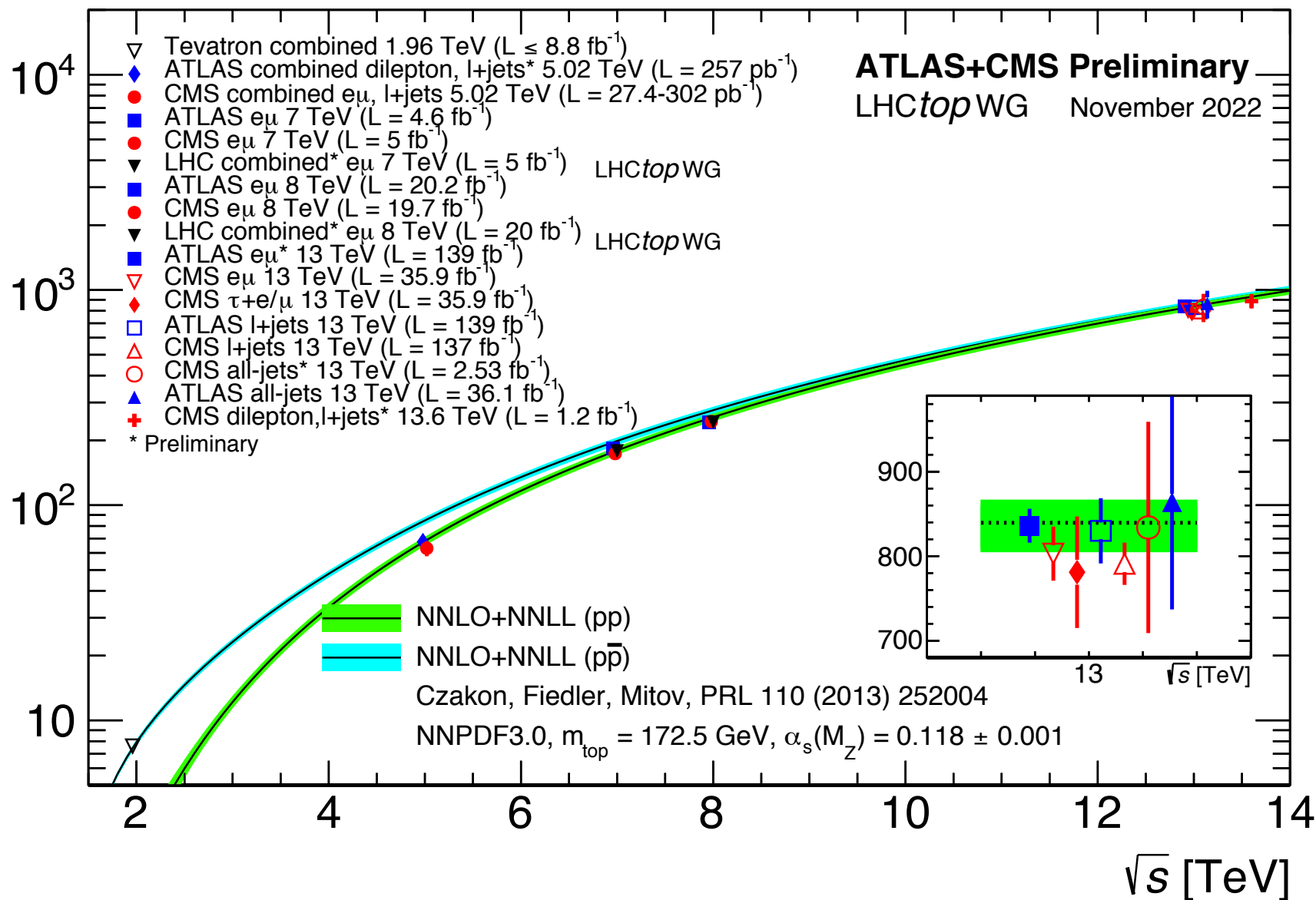
■ luminosity

■ lepton ID

■ MC modelling

■ For further experimental progress, work on the above

Inclusive  $t\bar{t}$  cross section [pb]



# $t\bar{t}$ Cross Section

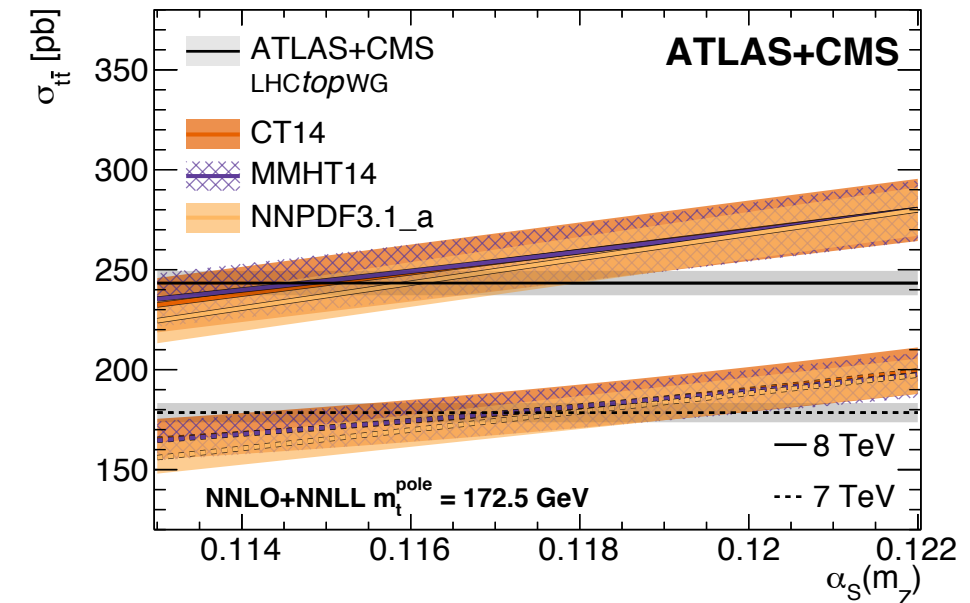
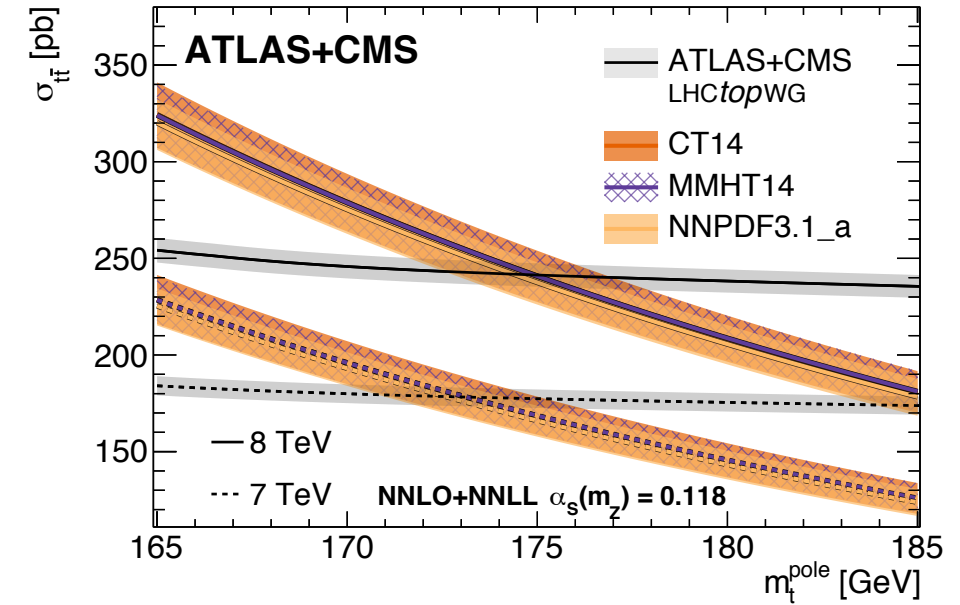
## Final word on Run-1

- ATLAS+CMS  $t\bar{t}$  cross sections at 7 and 8 TeV:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) &= 178.5 \pm 4.7 \text{ pb} \\ \sigma_{t\bar{t}}(\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}) &= 243.3^{+6.0}_{-5.9} \text{ pb}.\end{aligned}$$

- Combined systematic uncertainty: 2.6% (down from 3.5%)
- Extract top quark pole mass and  $\alpha_s$

PDF set	$m_t^{\text{pole}}$ ( $\alpha_s = 0.118 \pm 0.001$ )	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ ( $m_t = 172.5 \pm 1.0 \text{ GeV}$ )
CT14	$174.0^{+2.3}_{-2.3} \text{ GeV}$	$0.1161^{+0.0030}_{-0.0033}$
MMHT2014	$174.0^{+2.1}_{-2.3} \text{ GeV}$	$0.1160^{+0.0031}_{-0.0030}$
NNPDF3.1_a	$173.4^{+1.8}_{-2.0} \text{ GeV}$	$0.1170^{+0.0021}_{-0.0018}$





# $t\bar{t}$ Cross Section

Run-2: very high statistics => even smaller systematics

- In-situ determination of b-tag and lepton ID efficiency (as in Run-1)

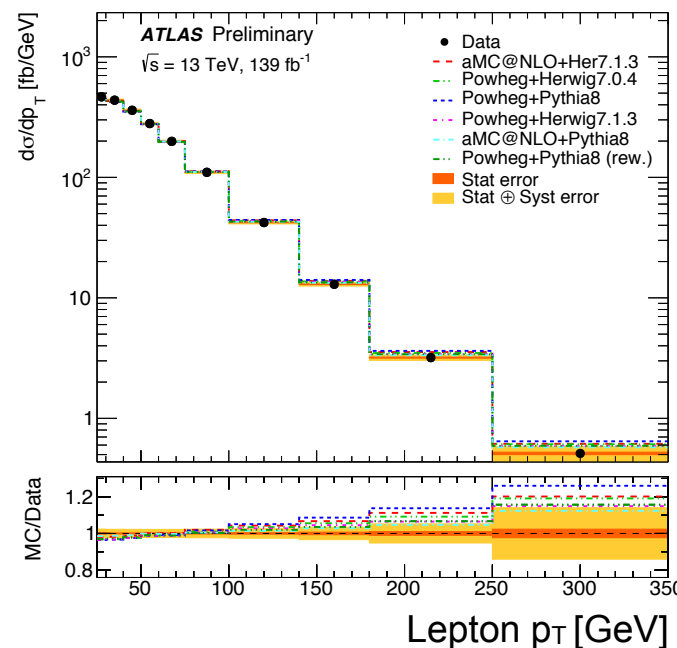
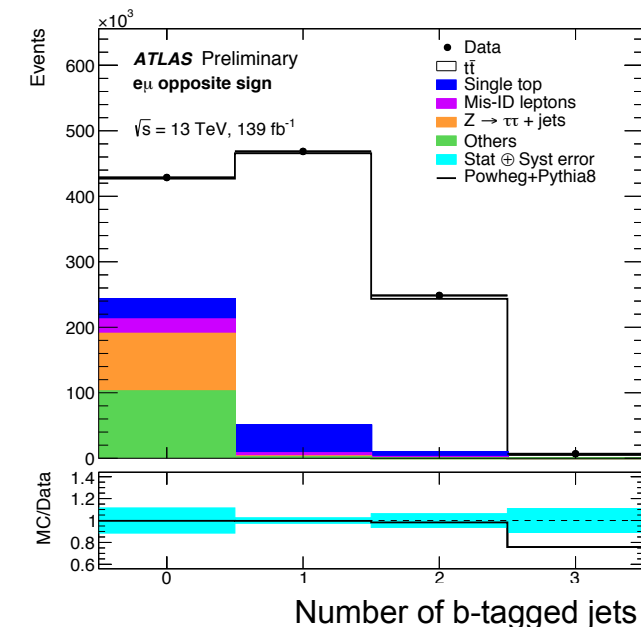
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 836 \pm 1 \text{ (stat)} \pm 12 \text{ (syst)} \pm 16 \text{ (lumi)} \pm 2 \text{ (beam)} \text{ pb}$$

- Uncertainty: 2.4%
- Dominant uncertainties: luminosity, lepton-ID,  $t\bar{t}$  modelling

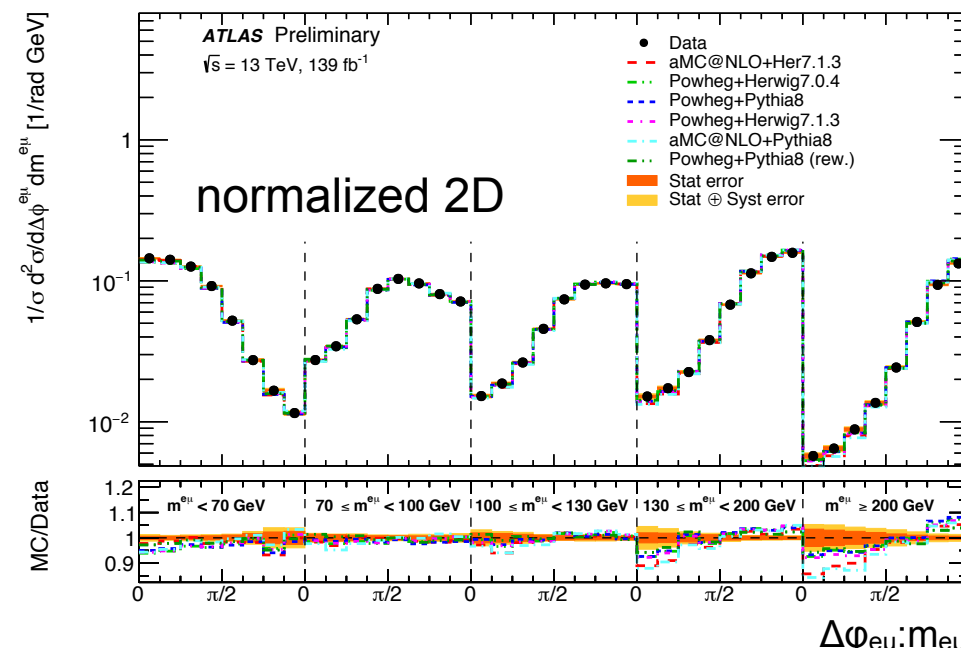
- Also measured: fiducial, differential- and double differential cross sections

- Known trends:

- lepton- $p_T$
- $\Delta\phi$



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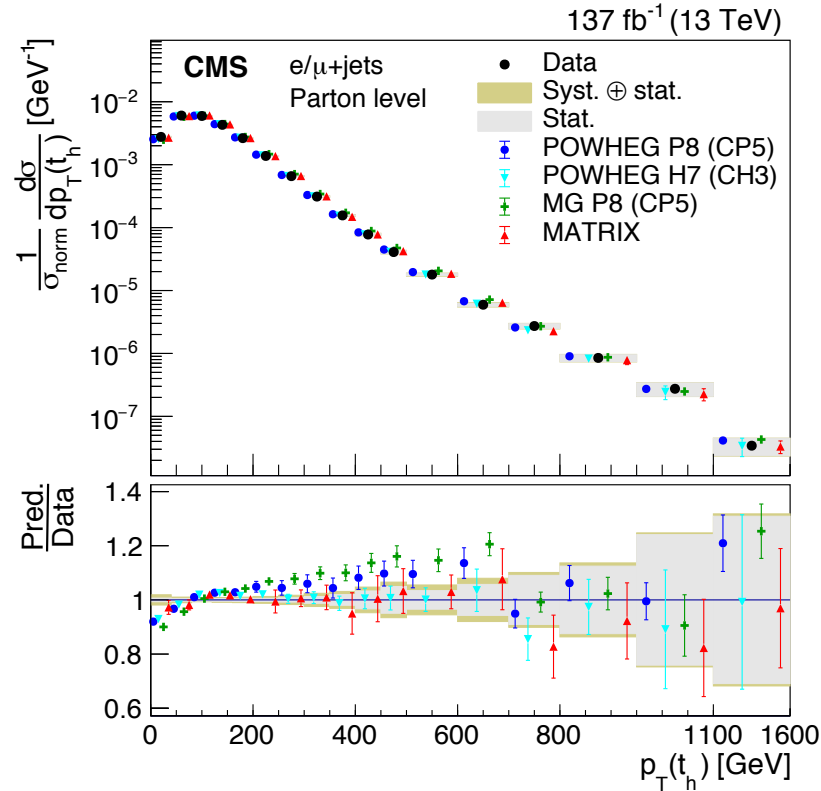


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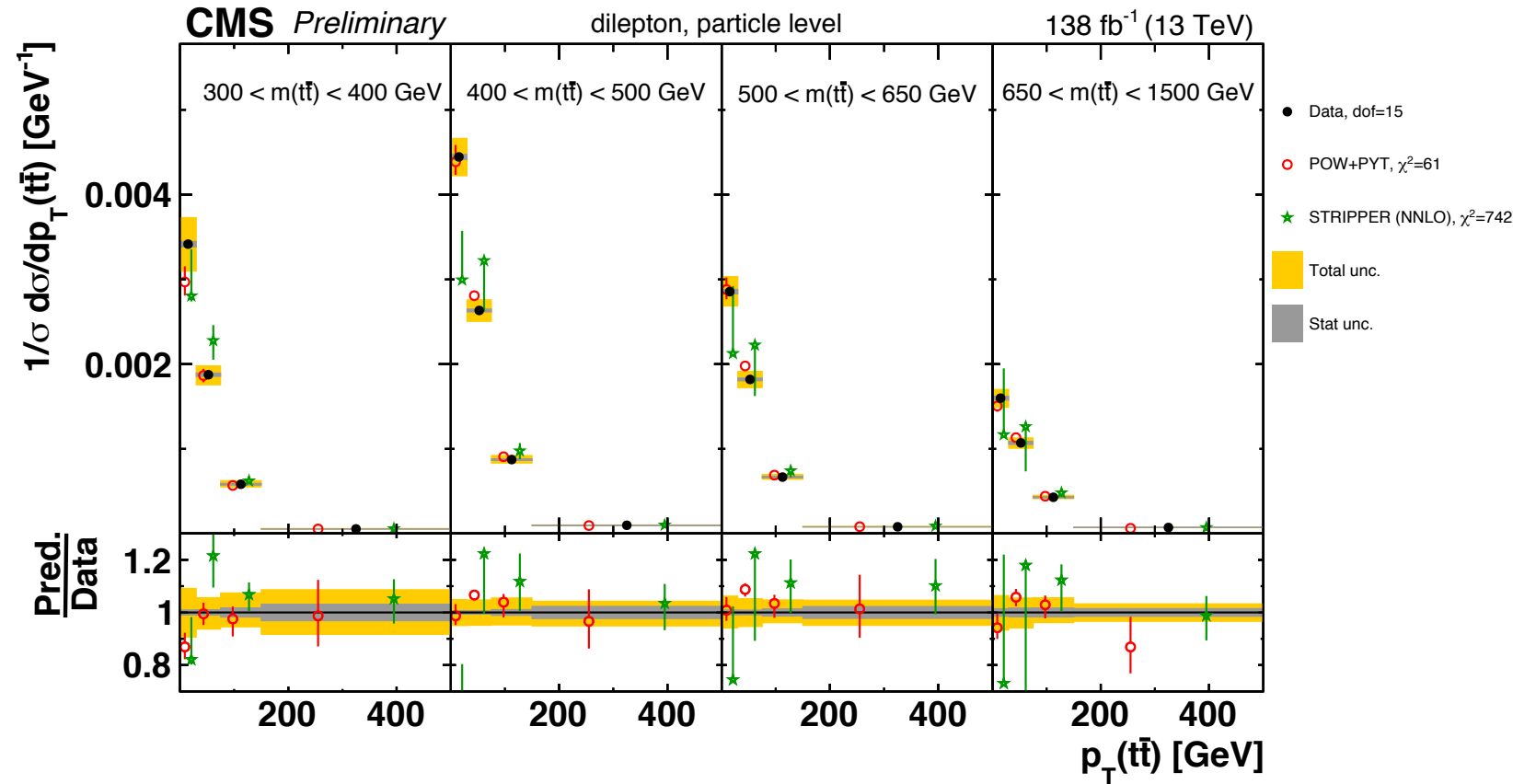
# $t\bar{t}$ Differential Cross Sections

Up to 3D

arXiv:2108.02803



CMS PAS TOP-20-006



Precise differential cross sections:

- very large statistics => reach very high  $p_T$
- measured and calculated at NNLO, up to 3D

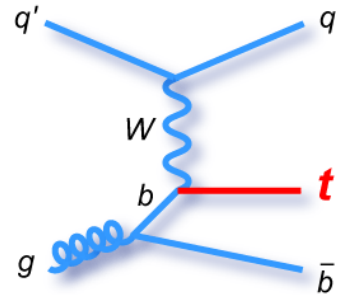
NNLO calculations:

- clear improvement over NLO, still residual slope
- differential lepton distributions also available
- large uncertainty towards  $p_T(t\bar{t}) \rightarrow 0$

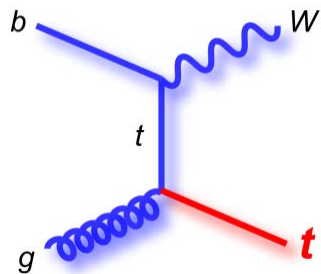
# Electroweak Top-Quark Production

## Single Top

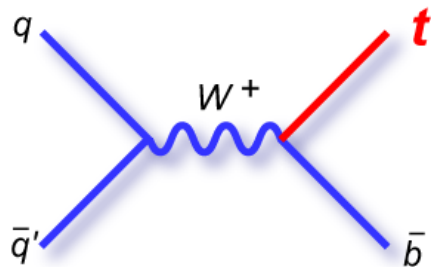
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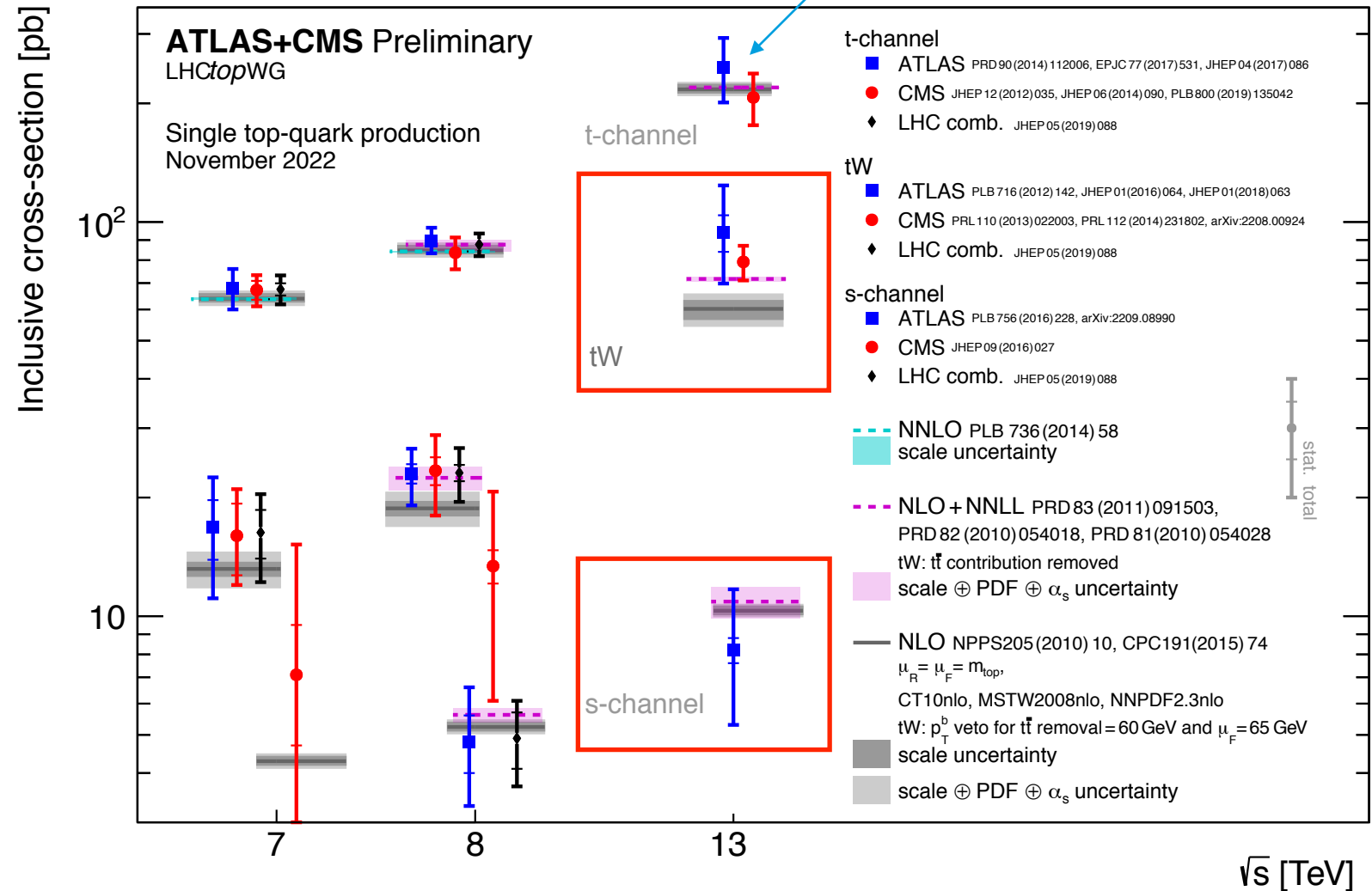
### tW-channel



### s-channel

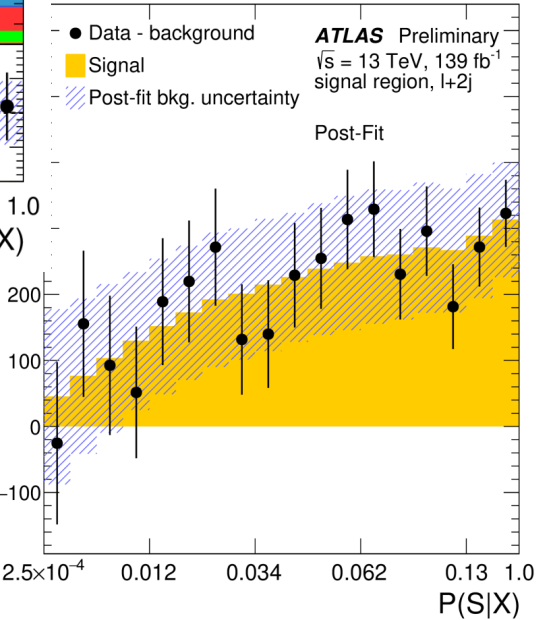
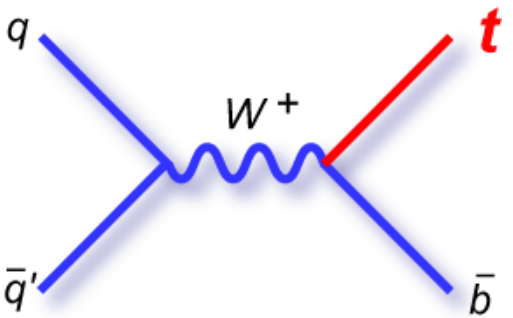
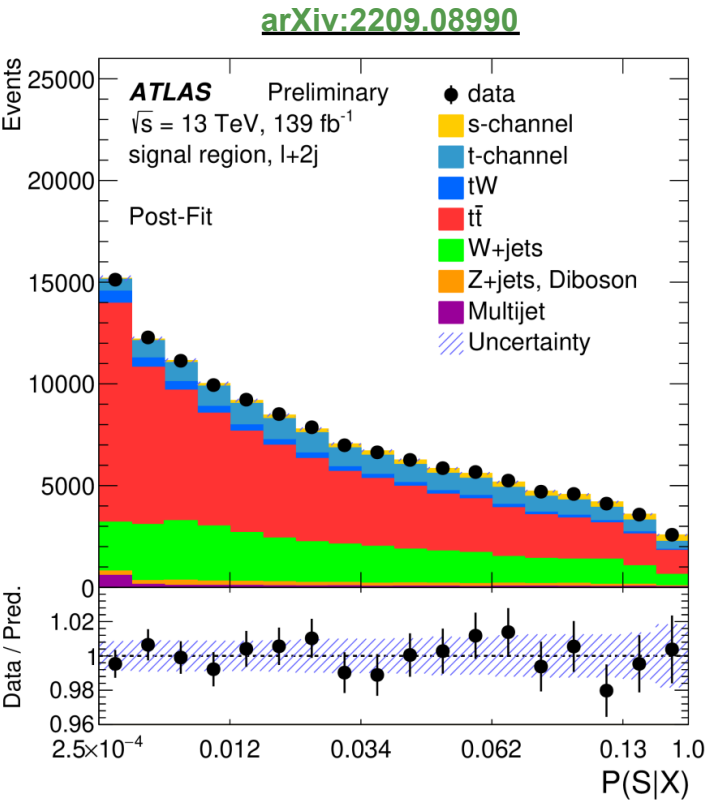
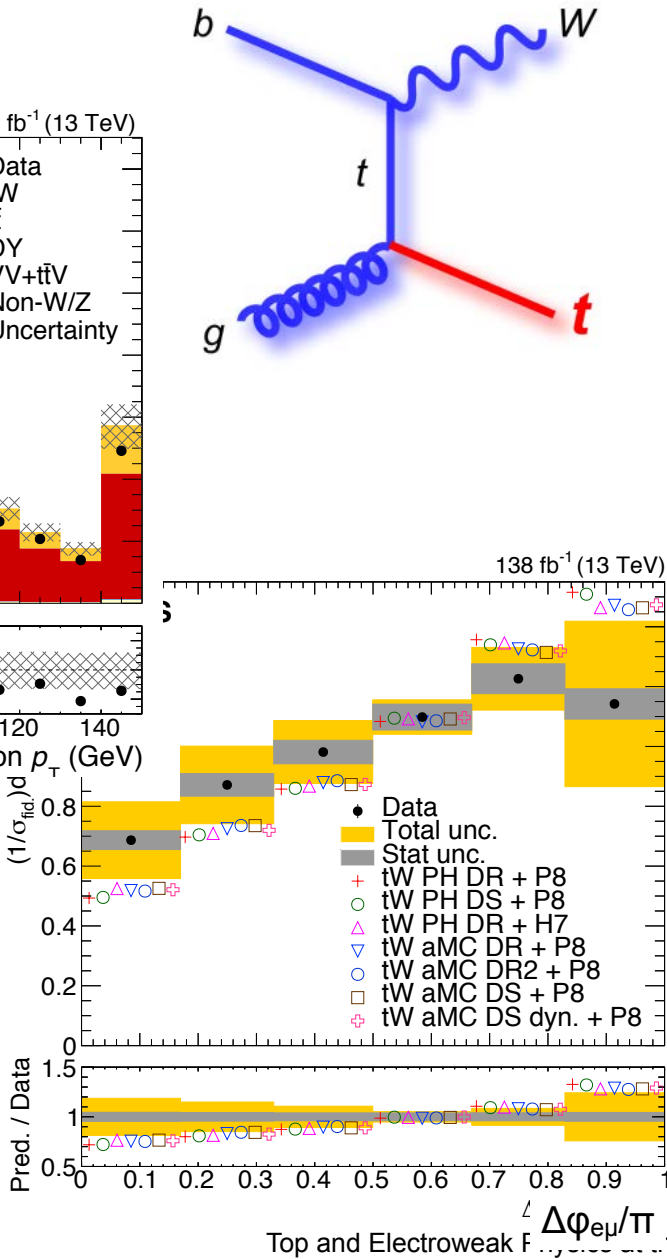
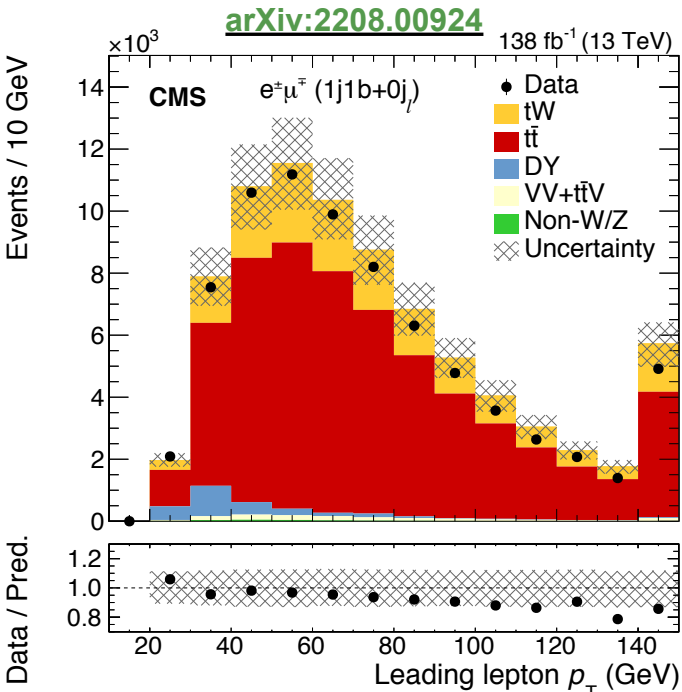


t-channel: detailed and precise differential measurements (not shown) [arXiv:2202.11382](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.11382)



# Single Top

## Recent firsts



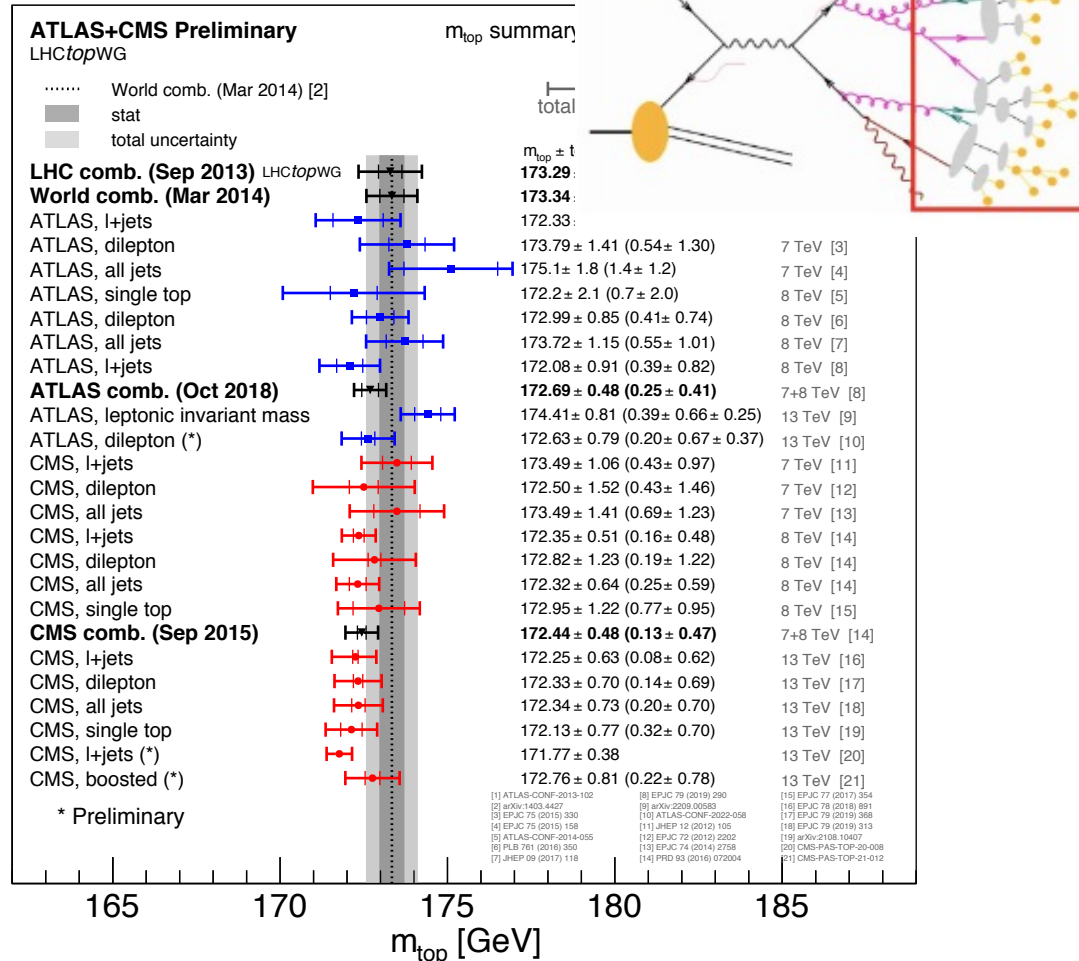
s-channel:  
Matrix-element  
discriminant to separate  
signal from background:

1st evidence at 13 TeV:  
3.3(3.9) $\sigma$  obs(exp)

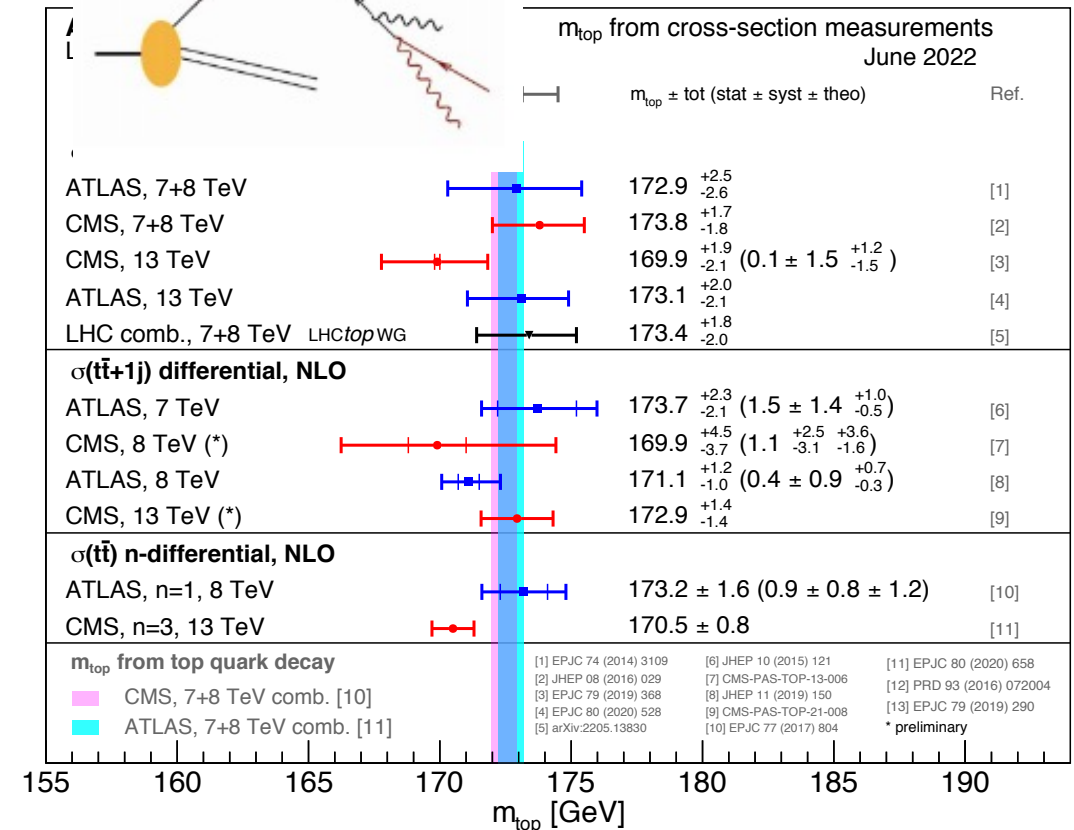
$$\sigma = 8.2^{+3.5}_{-2.9} \text{ pb}$$



# Top Quark Mass



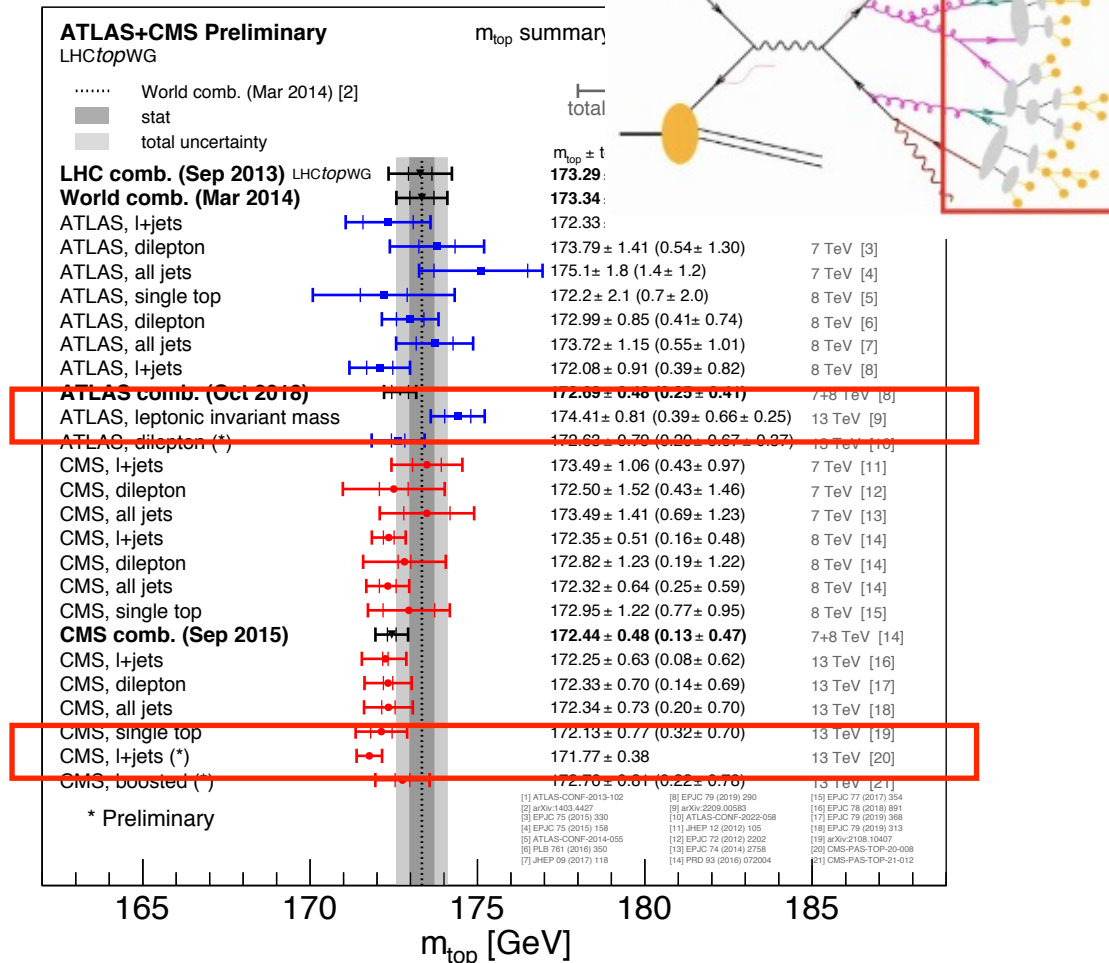
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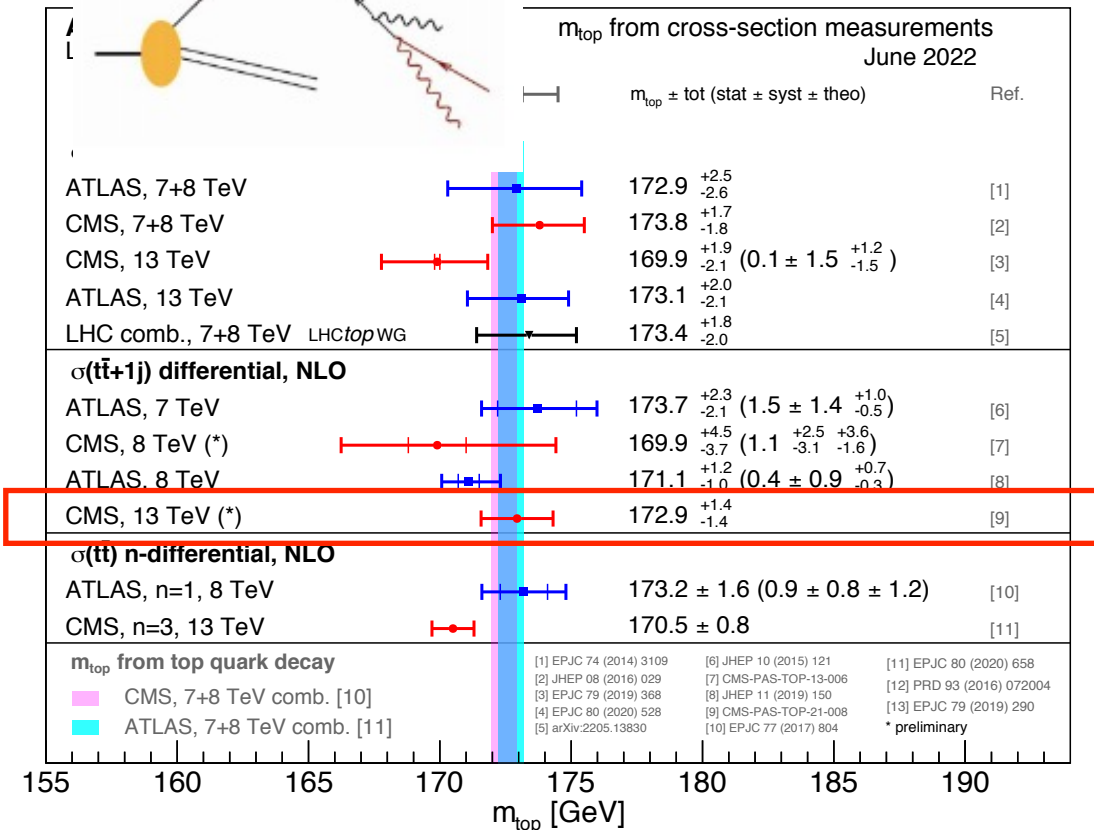
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# Top Quark Mass

## From 5D profile likelihood ratio

### Previously:

- 2D (or 3D) constraining (b) jet energy from W mass (and the ratio  $R_{bq}$ )  

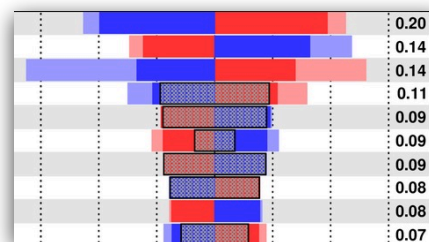
$$R_{bq}^{\text{reco}} = \frac{p_T^{b_{\text{had}}} + p_T^{b_{\text{lep}}}}{p_T^{q1} + p_T^{q2}}$$
- Systematic uncertainties assumed uncorrelated

### New:

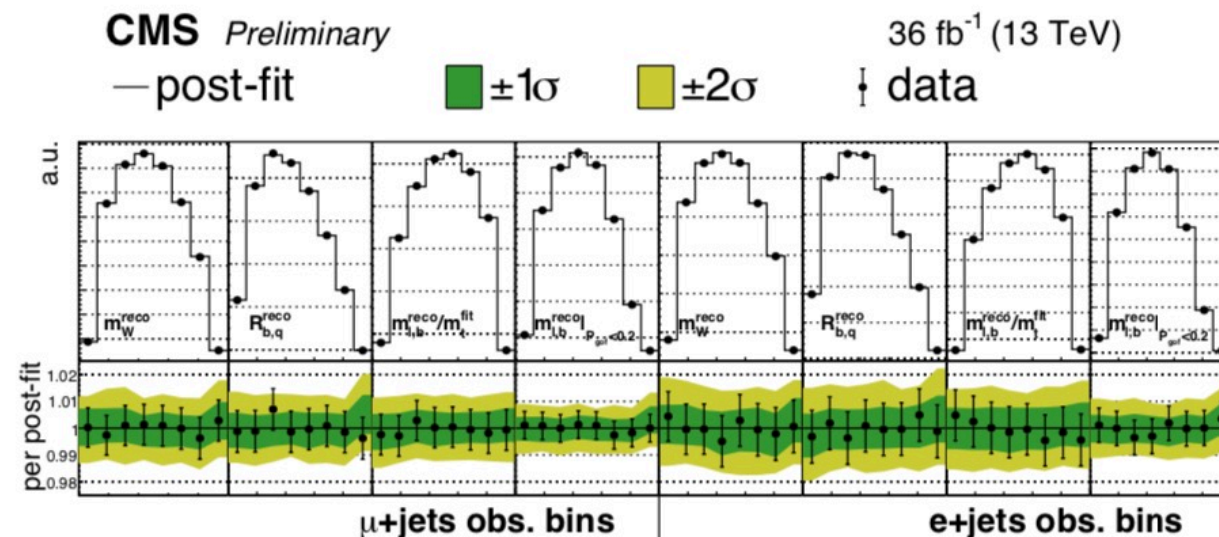
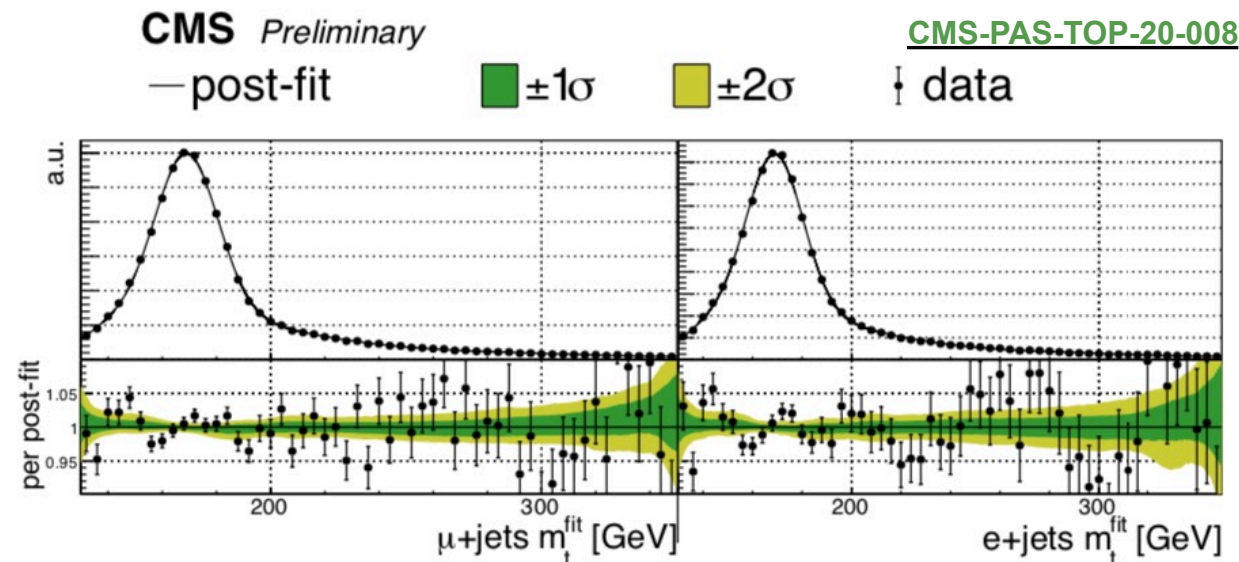
- 5D (additional variables:  $m_{lb}/m_{\text{fit}}$  and  $m_{lb}|p_{\text{gof}} < 0.2$ )
- Profile likelihood ratio, accounting for correlations

### Dominant uncertainties (as previously)

- b-jet energy scale
- FSR PS scale
- Color reconnection
- Underlying event



- Expect further improvements from “differential” measurements



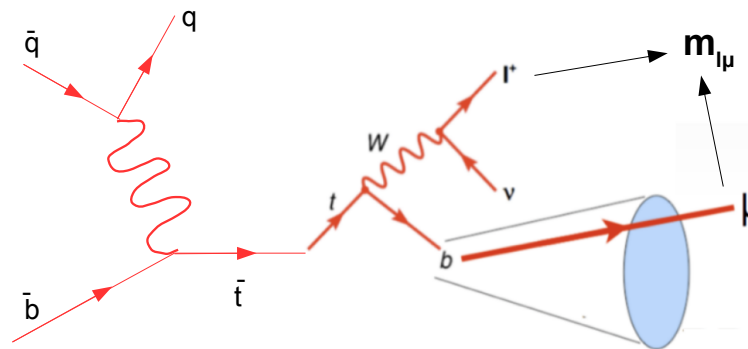
$$m_t^{5D} = 171.77 \pm 0.38 \text{ GeV.}$$

most precise result as yet (still with 2016 data only)

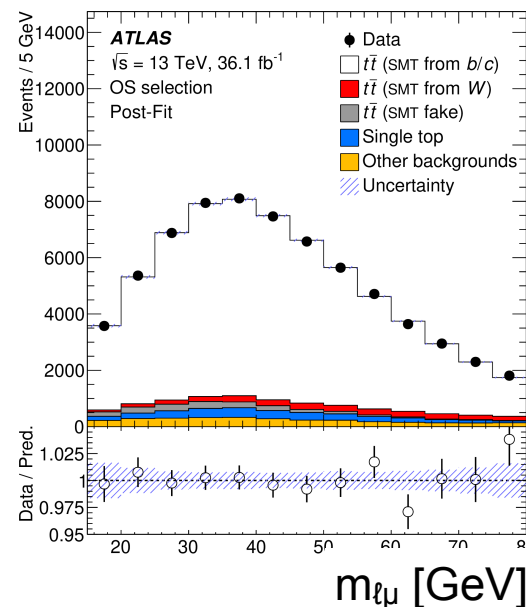
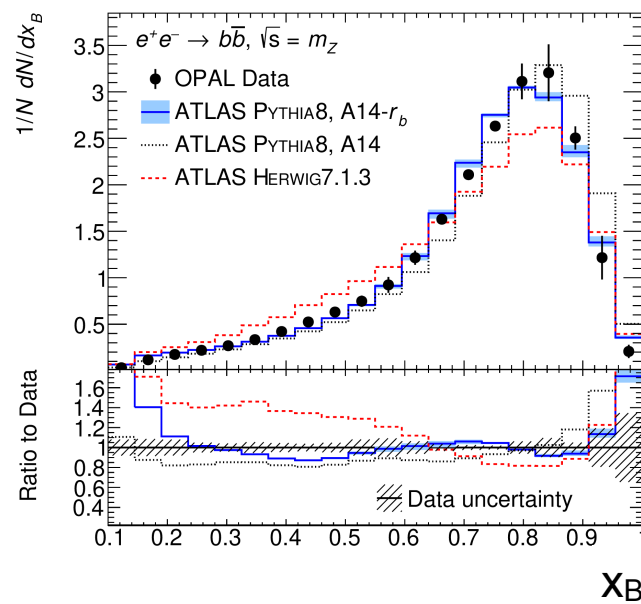
# Top Quark Mass

## Soft-muon mass $m_{t\mu}$

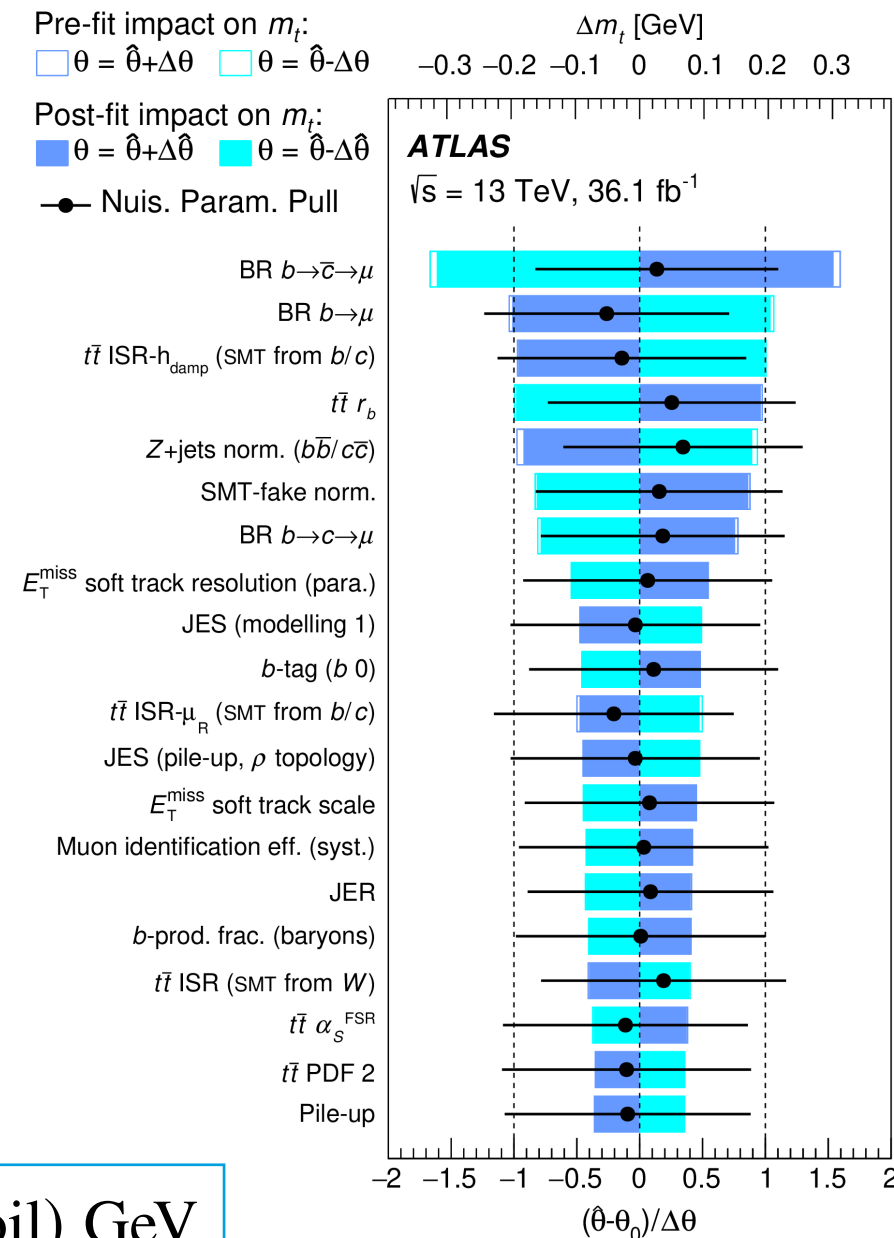
- less sensitive to jet energy scale
- more sensitive to fragmentation function, analysis includes:
  - Refit of Lund-Bowler parameter  $r_b$  in Pythia8 using LEP data
  - Additional uncertainty from gluon recoil scheme impacting  $x_B$



Pre-fit impact on  $m_t$ :  
 $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$   $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$   
 Post-fit impact on  $m_t$ :  
 $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$   $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$   
 ● Nuis. Param. Pull



$$m_t = 174.41 \pm 0.39 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.66 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.25 \text{ (recoil) GeV}$$

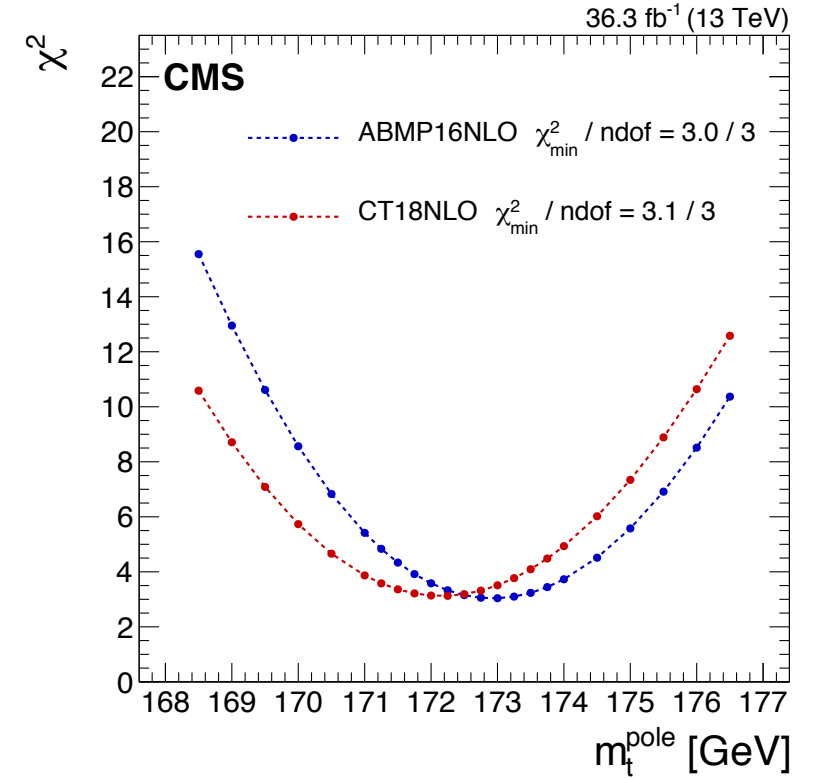
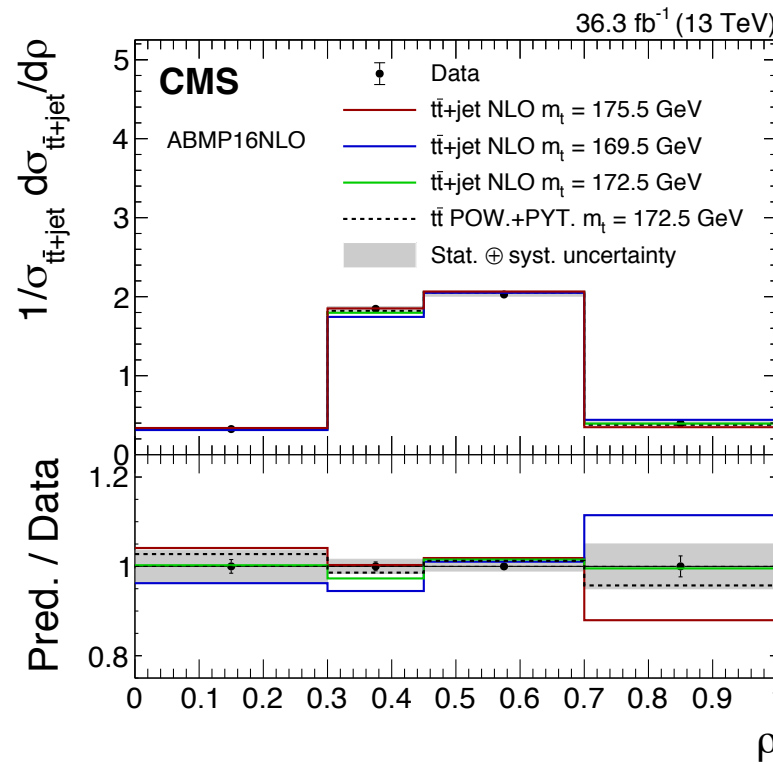
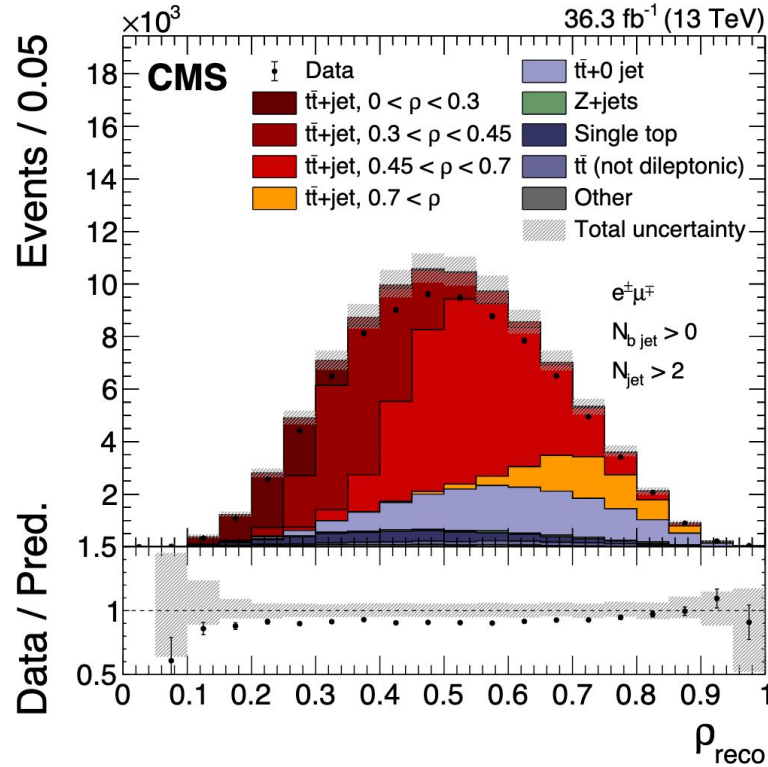




# Top Quark Mass

“Indirect Mass” from differential  $t\bar{t}+1\text{jet}$  cross section

$$\rho_s = \frac{2m_0}{m_{t\bar{t}+1\text{-jet}}}$$



- Differential  $t\bar{t}+1\text{jet}$  cross section as a function of  $\rho_s$
- Enhanced sensitivity as gluon (jet) kinematics depends top-quark mass
- Dedicated calculation at NLO+PS [arXiv:1303.6415](https://arxiv.org/abs/1303.6415)

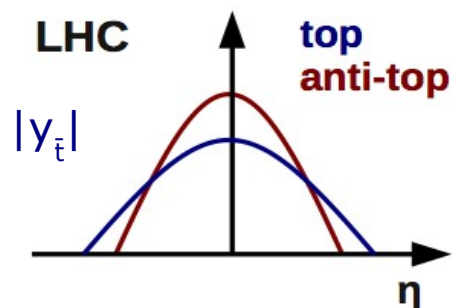
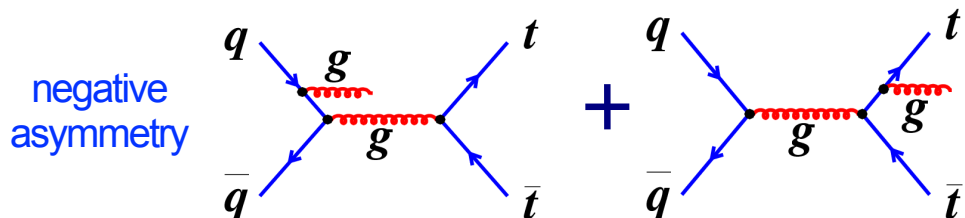
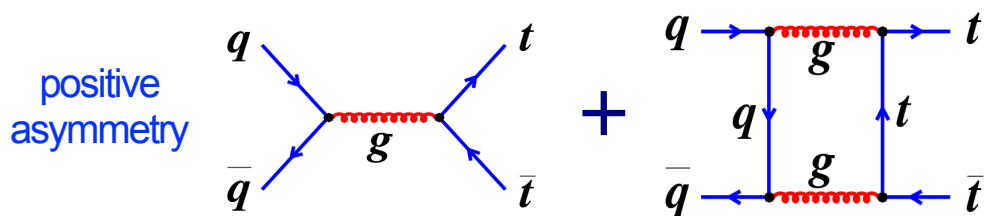
$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 172.94 \pm 1.27 (\text{fit}) {}^{+0.51}_{-0.43} (\text{scale}) \text{ GeV} \quad \text{ABMP16}$$

$$m_t^{\text{pole}} = 172.16 \pm 1.35 (\text{fit}) {}^{+0.50}_{-0.40} (\text{scale}) \text{ GeV.} \quad \text{CT18}$$

# Charge Asymmetry

## Inclusive $t\bar{t}$

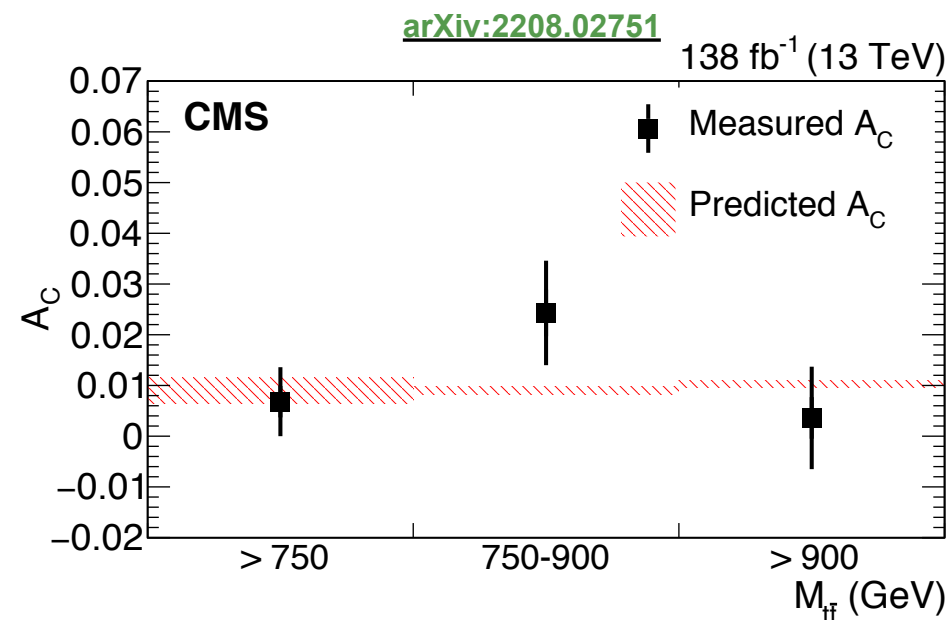
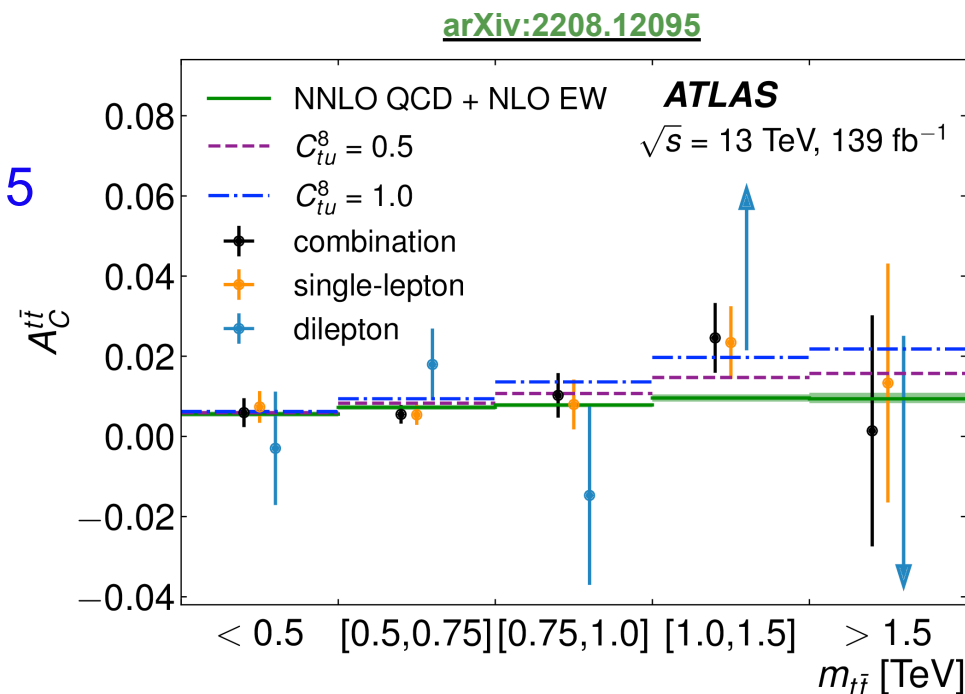
- Contributions from  $q\bar{q}$ 
  - LO: No charge asymmetry expected
  - NLO: interference between  $q\bar{q}$  diagrams



$$A_C = \frac{N(\Delta|y| > 0) - N(\Delta|y| < 0)}{N(\Delta|y| > 0) + N(\Delta|y| < 0)}$$

inclusive  $A_C = 0.0068 \pm 0.0015$  ( $4.7\sigma$ )

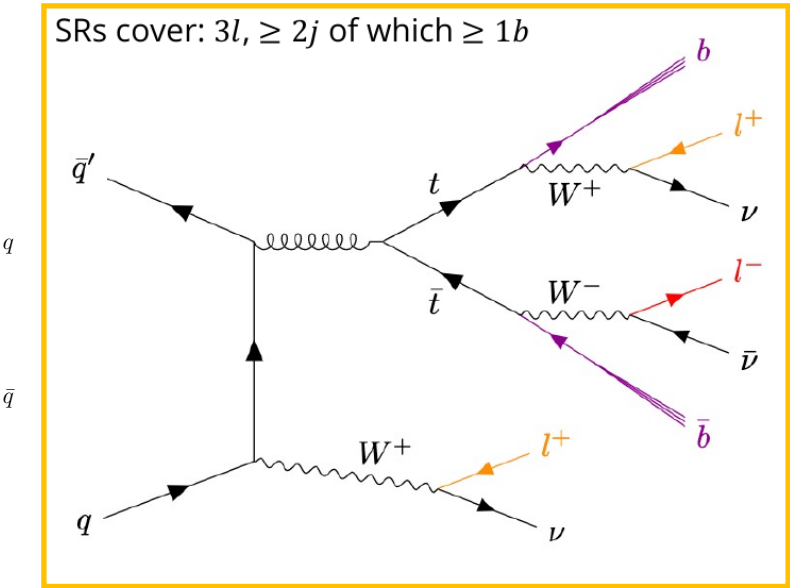
Boosted top: enhanced  $q\bar{q}$  at large  $m_{t\bar{t}}$



# Charge Asymmetry

$t\bar{t}+\gamma$ ,  $t\bar{t}+W$ ,  $t\bar{t}+\text{jets}$

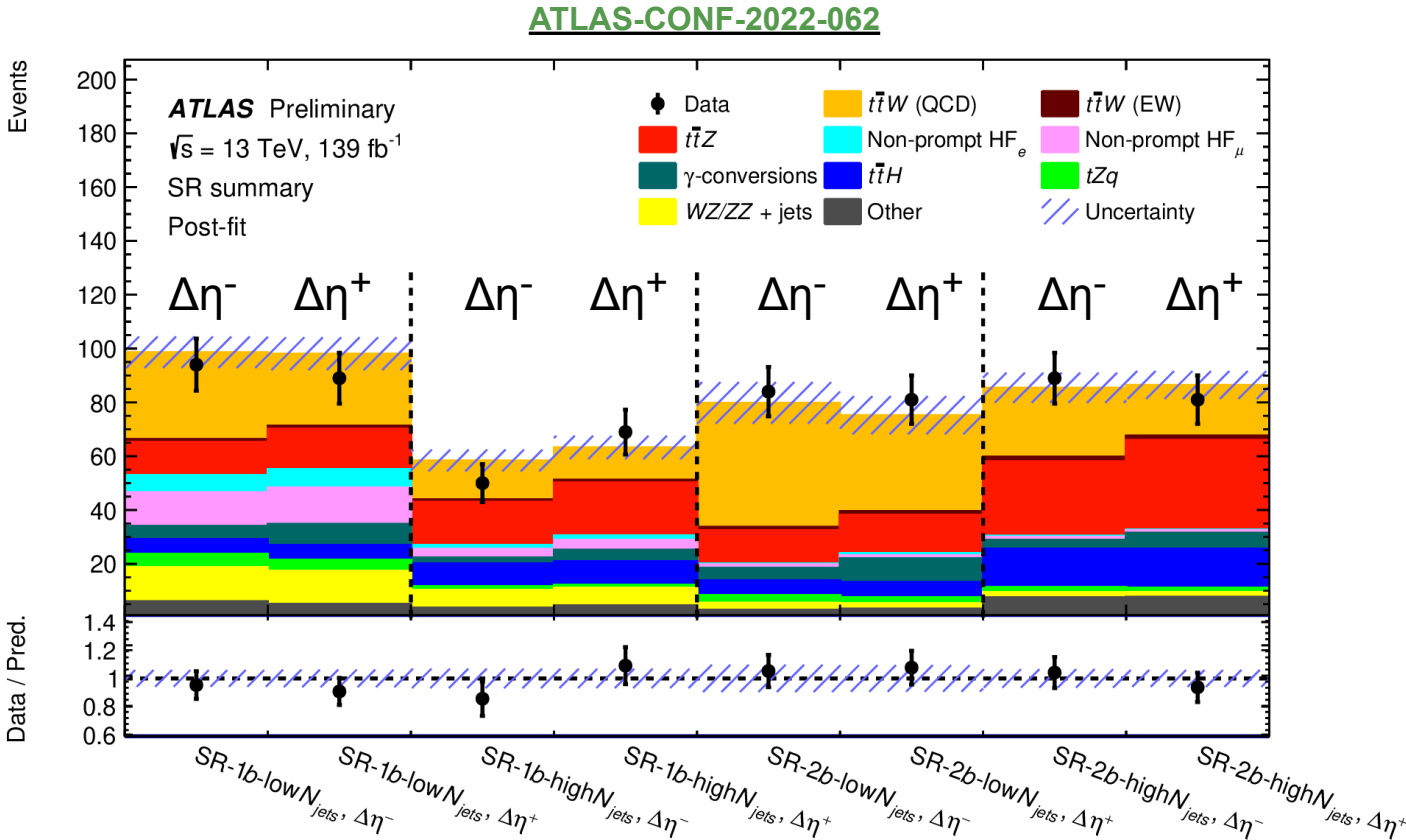
- $t\bar{t}+\gamma$  and  $t\bar{t}+W$ : enhance  $q\bar{q}'$  initial state
- $t\bar{t}+\text{jets}$ : also contributions from  $gq$



Odd lepton: always from (anti)top quark  
Even leptons: need to select the correct one

- BDT to identify  $\ell$  from additional  $W$

$t\bar{t}+\text{jets}$ : [arXiv:2110.05453](#)  
 $t\bar{t}+\gamma$ : [ATLAS-CONF-2022-049](#)



$$A_c^\ell(t\bar{t}W) = -0.123 \pm 0.136 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.051 \text{ (syst.)},$$

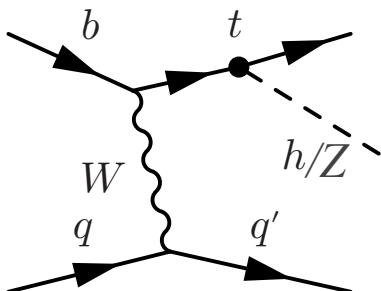
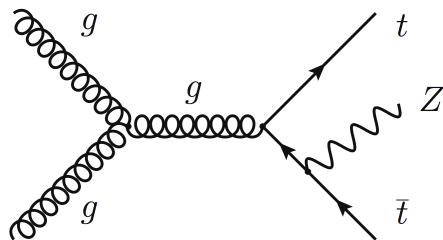
$$A_c^\ell(t\bar{t}W)_{\text{SM}} = -0.084^{+0.005}_{-0.003} \text{ (scale)} \pm 0.006 \text{ (MC stat.)}.$$

Results consistent with SM within large statistical uncertainties

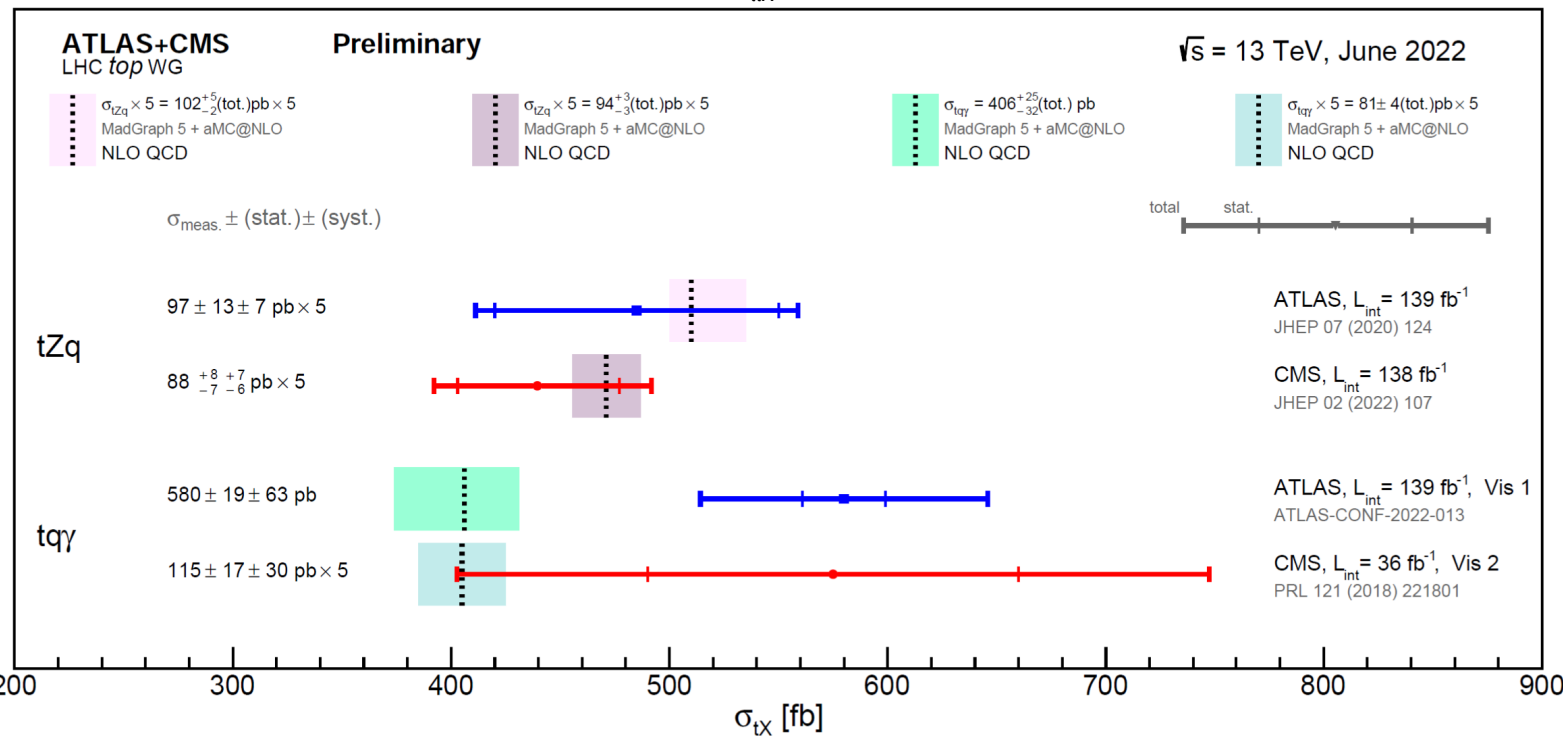
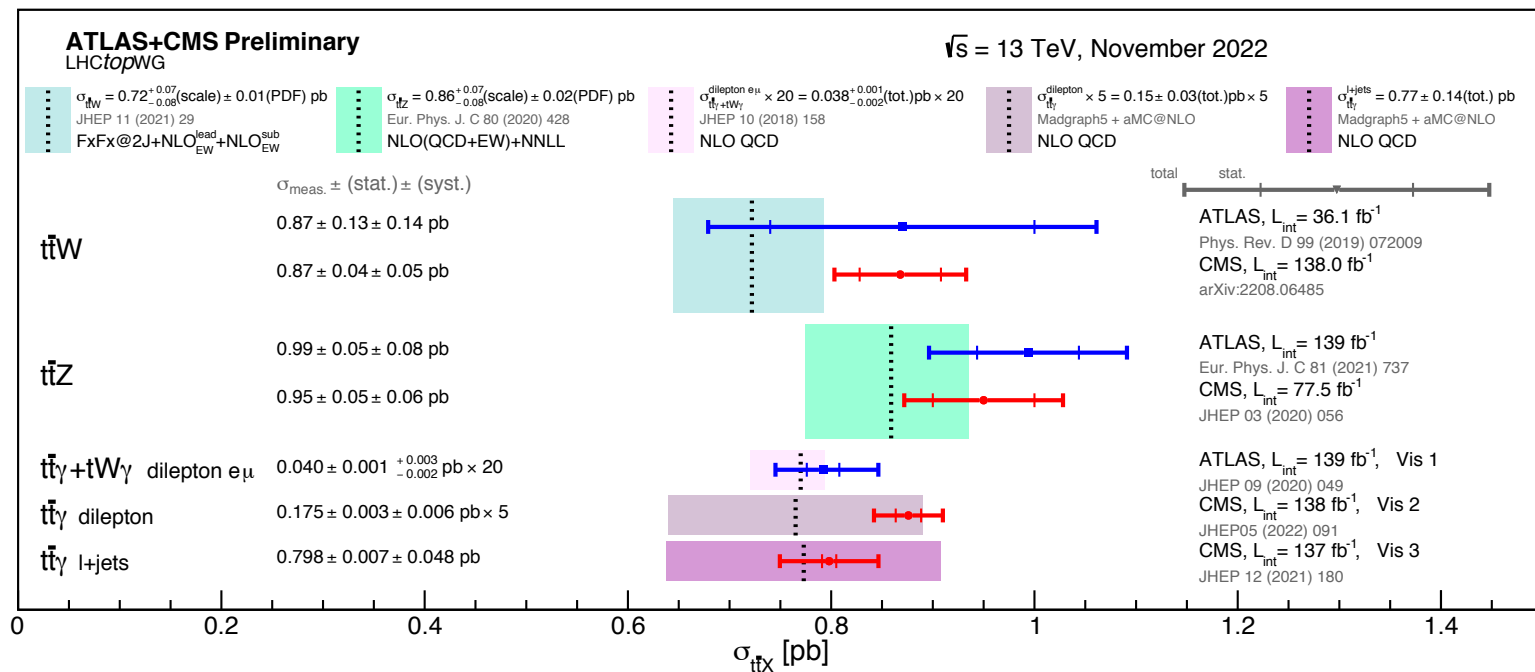
# Top + V

$V = \gamma, W, Z$

■  $tVq$  and  $t\bar{t}V$ : similar cross sections (0.4...1 pb)



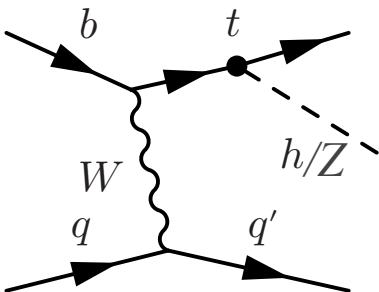
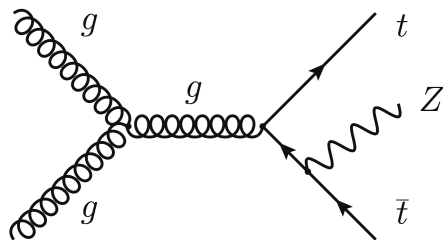
■ 1st differential measurements:  
good understanding established



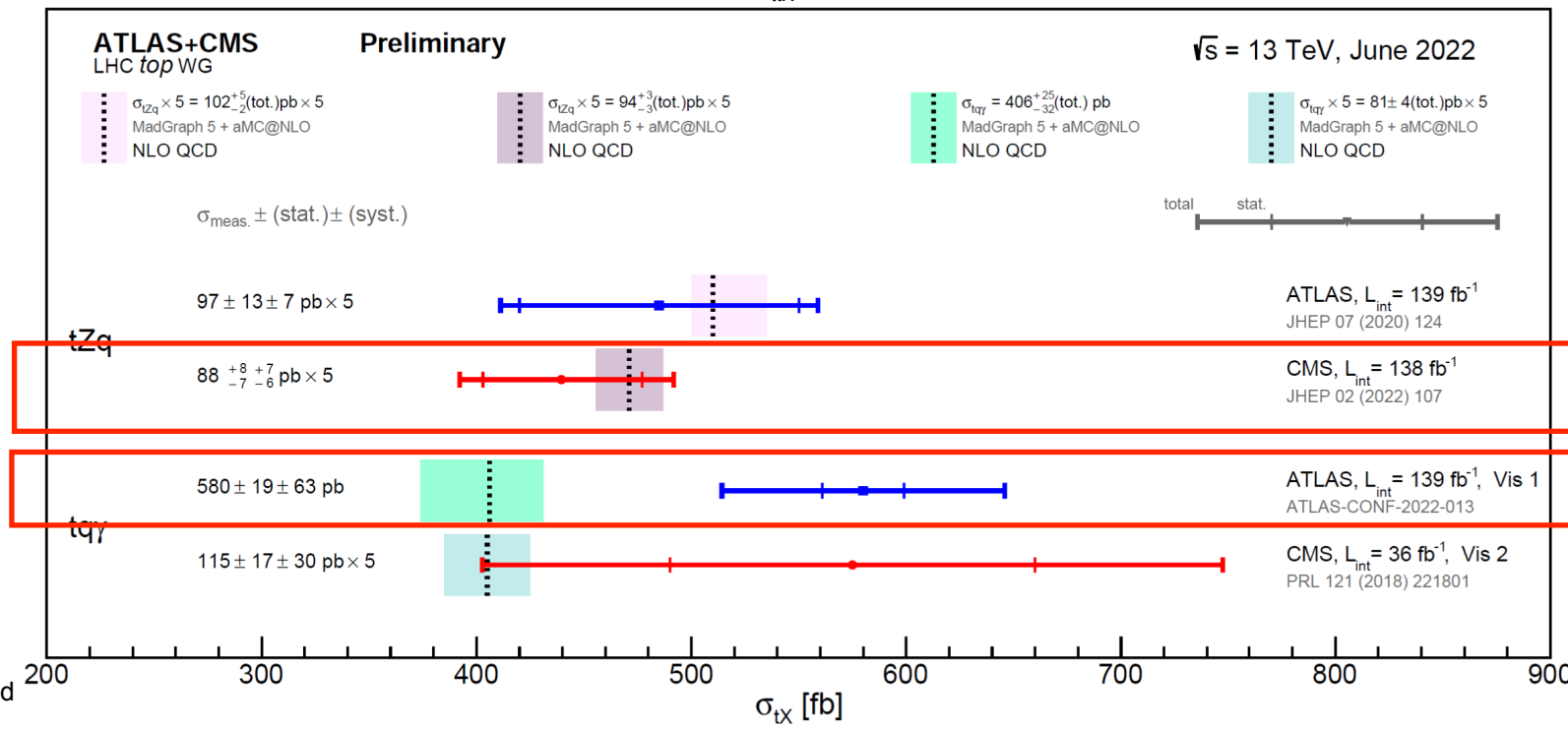
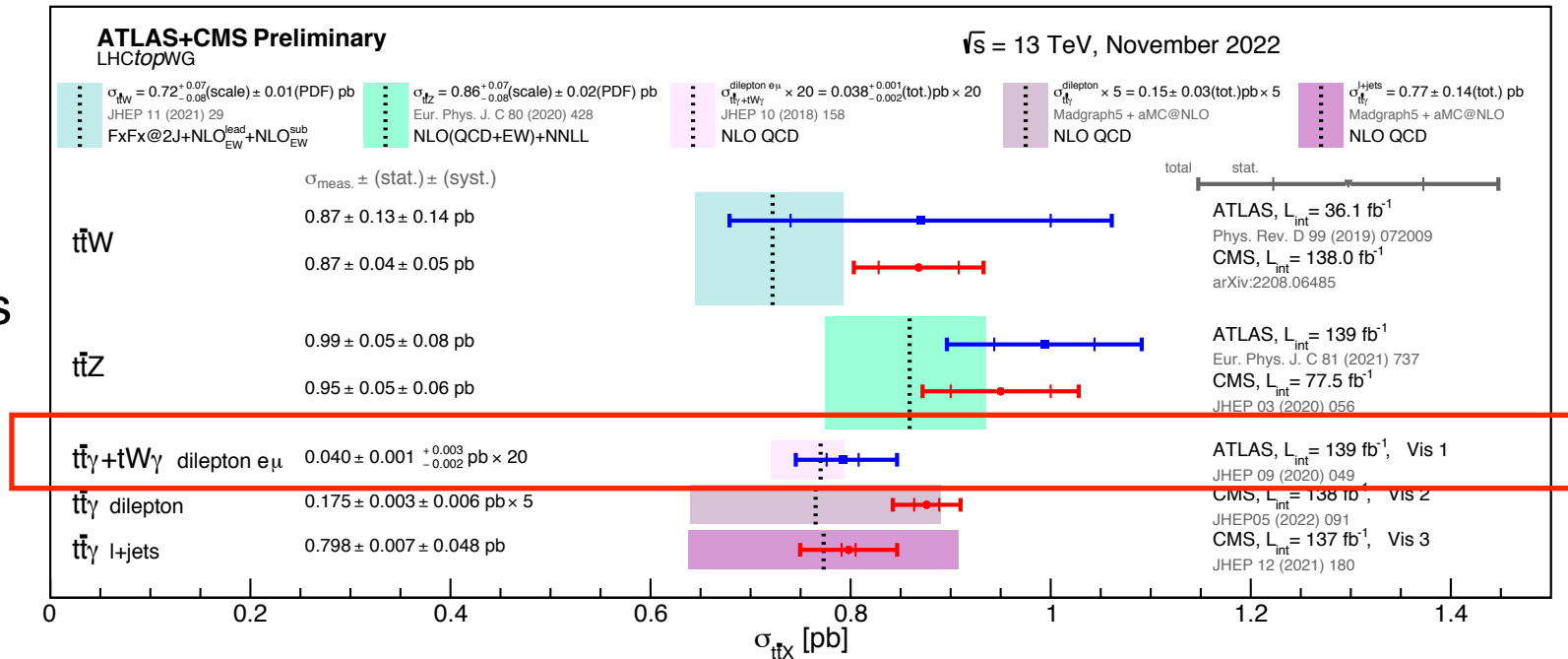
# Top + V

$V = \gamma, W, Z$

■  $tVq$  and  $t\bar{t}V$ : similar cross sections (0.4...1 pb)

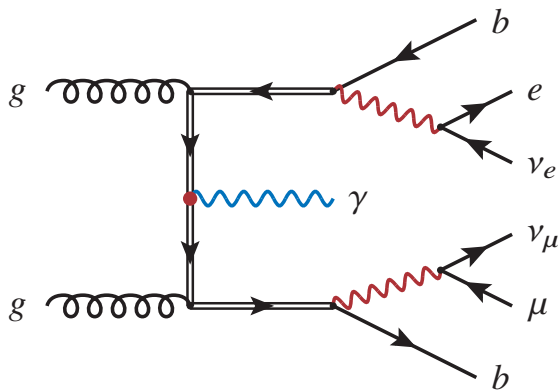


■ 1st differential measurements:  
good understanding established

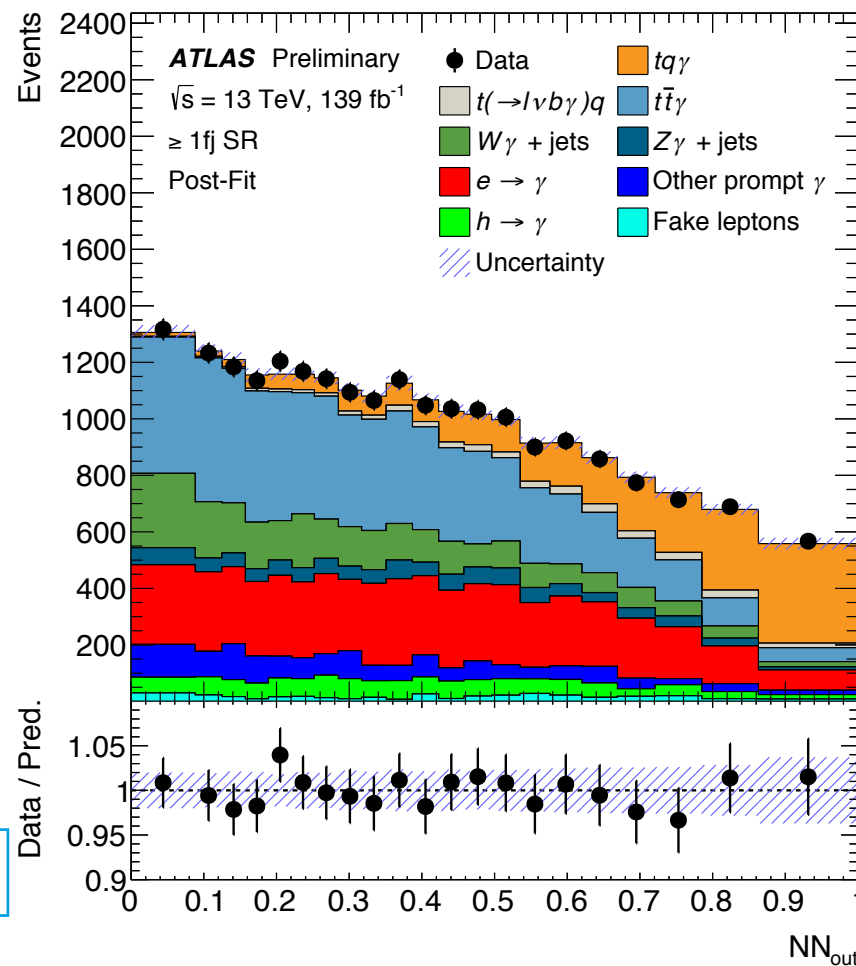
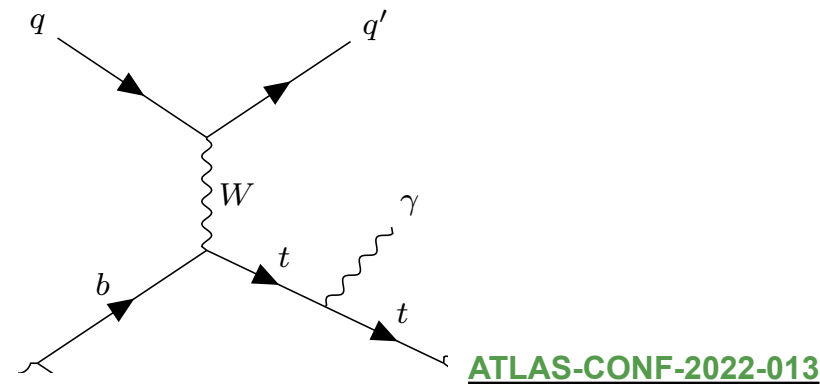
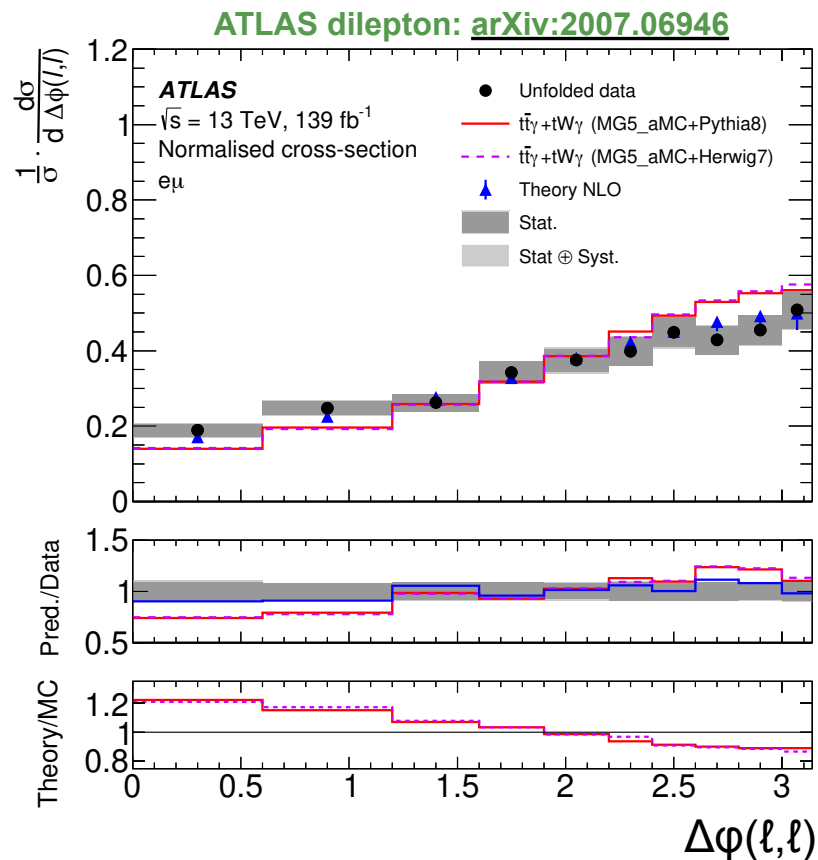


# Top + $\gamma$

## $t\bar{t}\gamma$ and $tq\gamma$



ATLAS dilepton: [arXiv:2007.06946](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.06946)  
 CMS l+jets: [arXiv:2107.01508](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.01508)  
 CMS dilepton: [arXiv:2201.07301](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.07301)



■  $t\bar{t}\gamma$ : differential measurements show importance of NLO

- very high precision: 4%
- Dominant uncertainties: luminosity, background, signal modelling

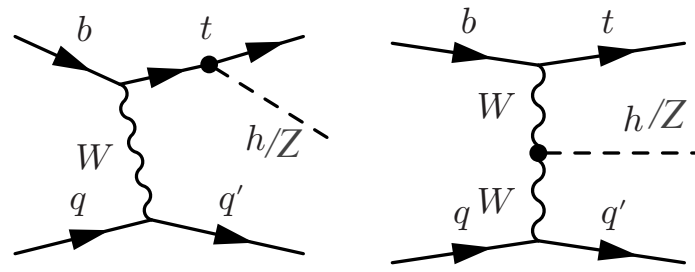
■ Observation of  $tq\gamma$  at  $9.1(6.7)\sigma$

$$\sigma_{tq\gamma} \times \text{BR} = 580 \pm 19_{\text{stat}} \pm 63_{\text{syst}} \text{ fb}$$

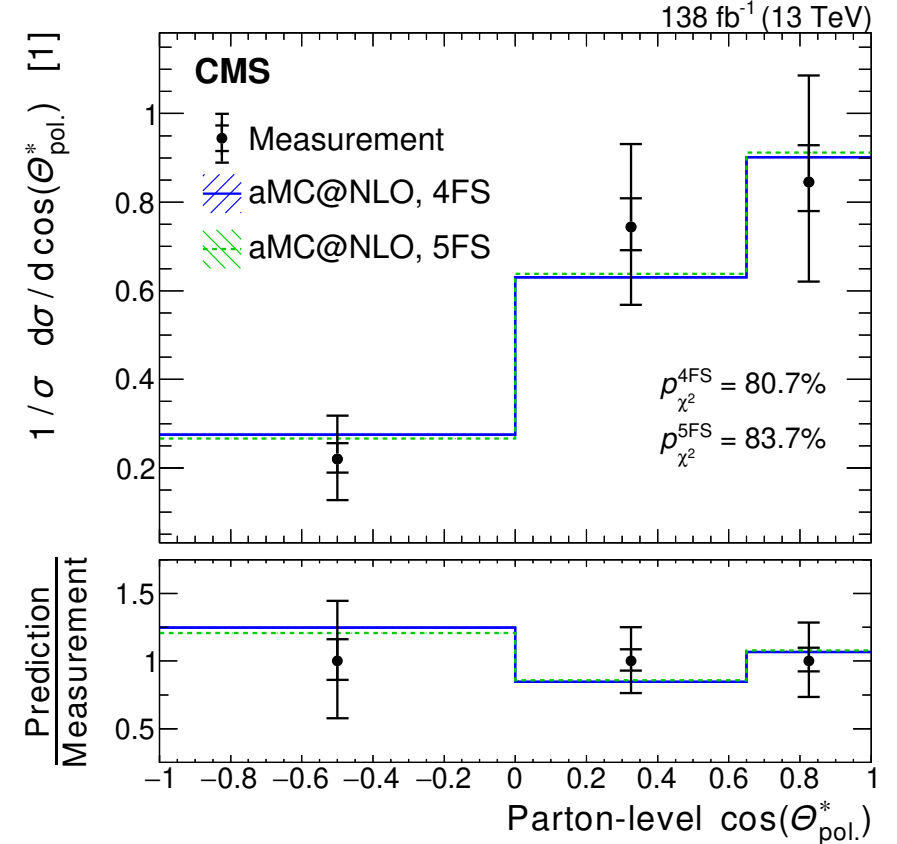
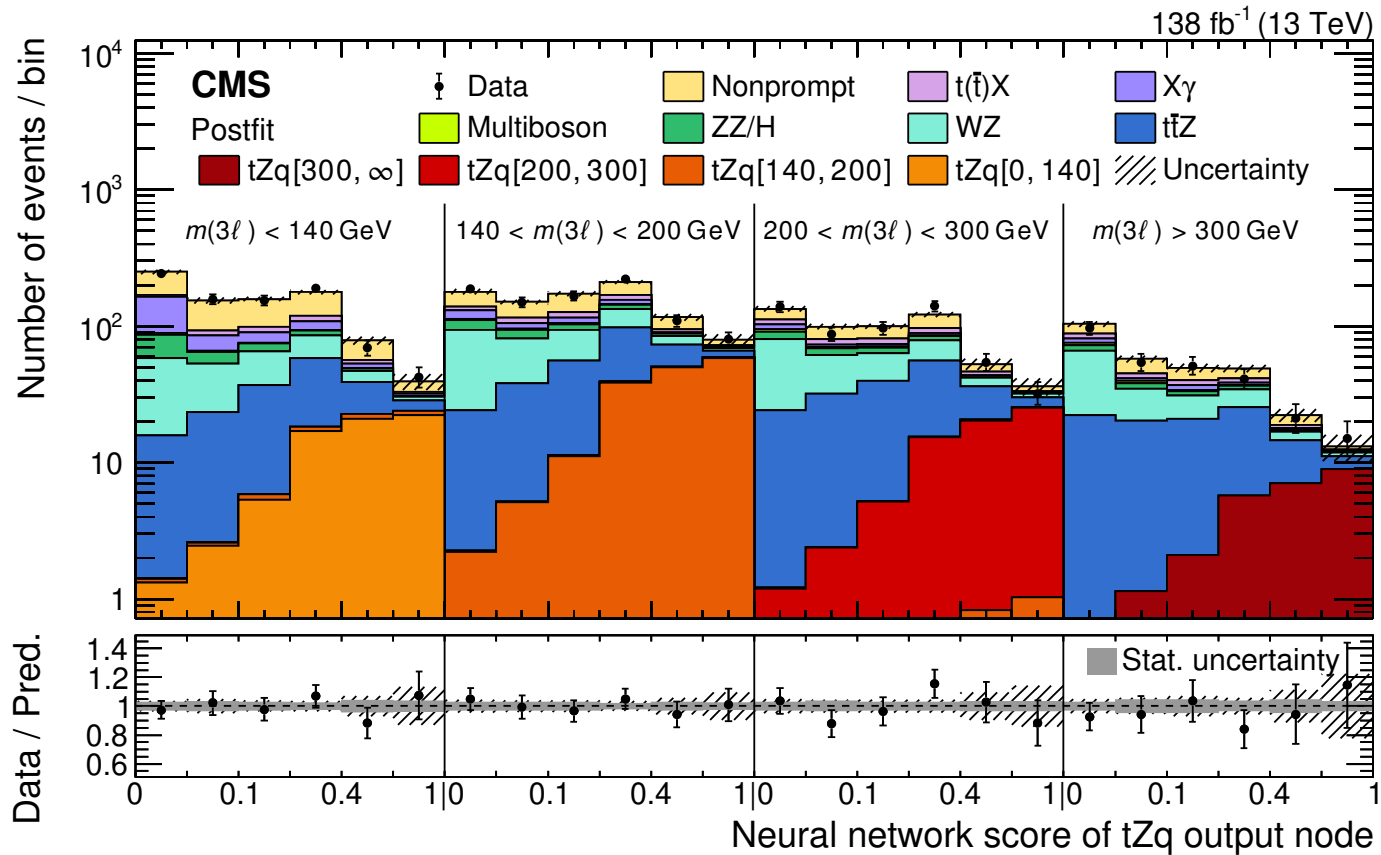


# Top + Z

## First differential measurement



- Inclusive cross section: measured to  $\sim 10\%$
- Dominant from fake leptons and multi boson

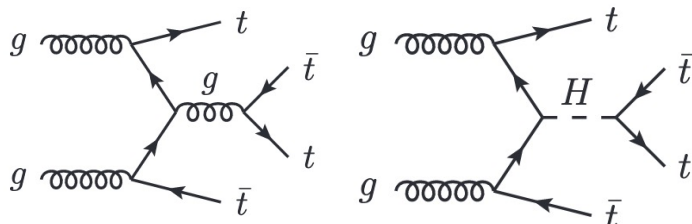


- Top quark spin polarisation from asymmetry in  $\cos\theta^*$  distribution

$$A_\ell = 0.54 \pm 0.16 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.06 (\text{syst})$$

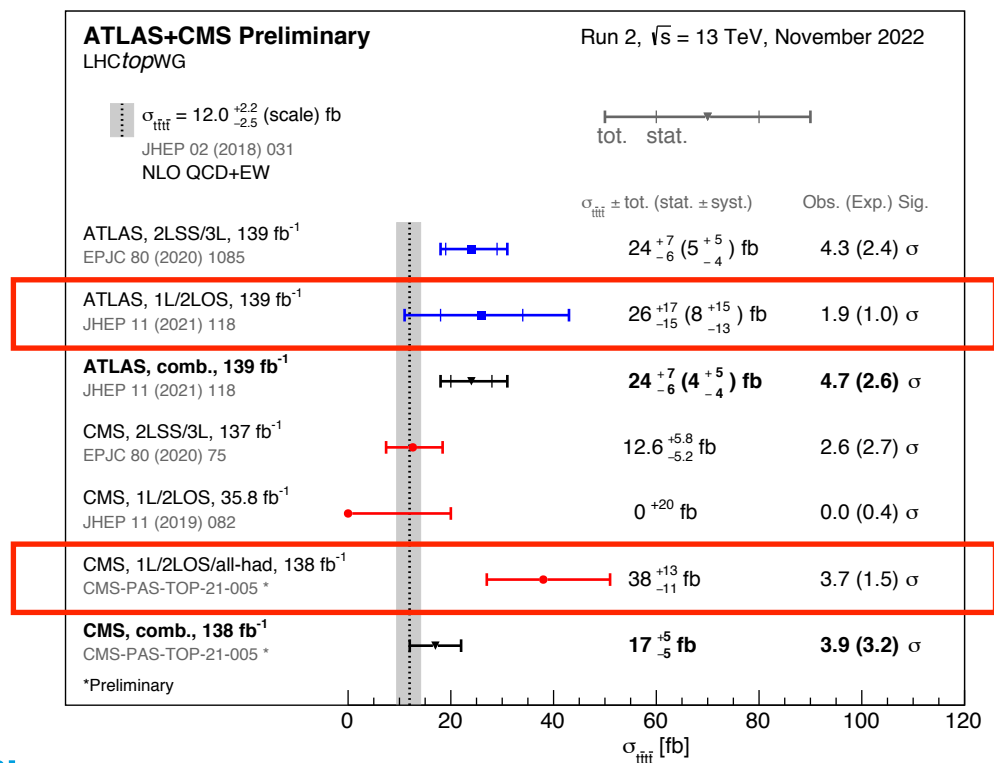
$$A_\ell(\text{SM}) = 0.45$$

## Evidence consolidated

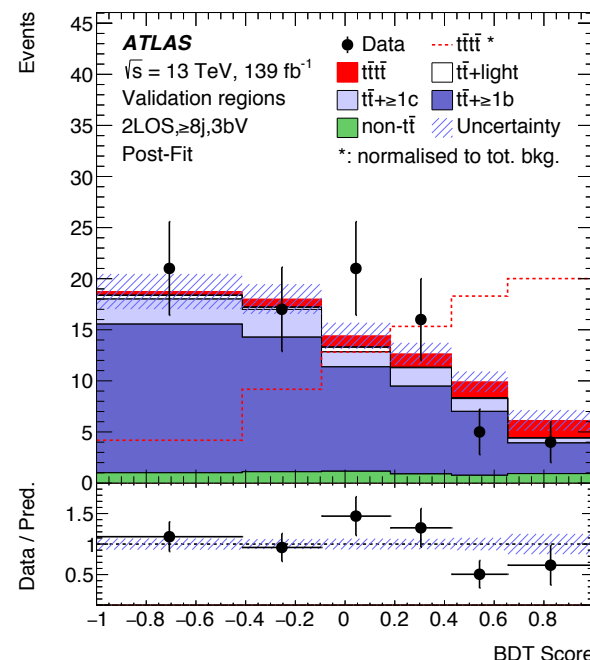


■ In 2019/2020, ATLAS and CMS established evidence of 4-top production using multilepton channels

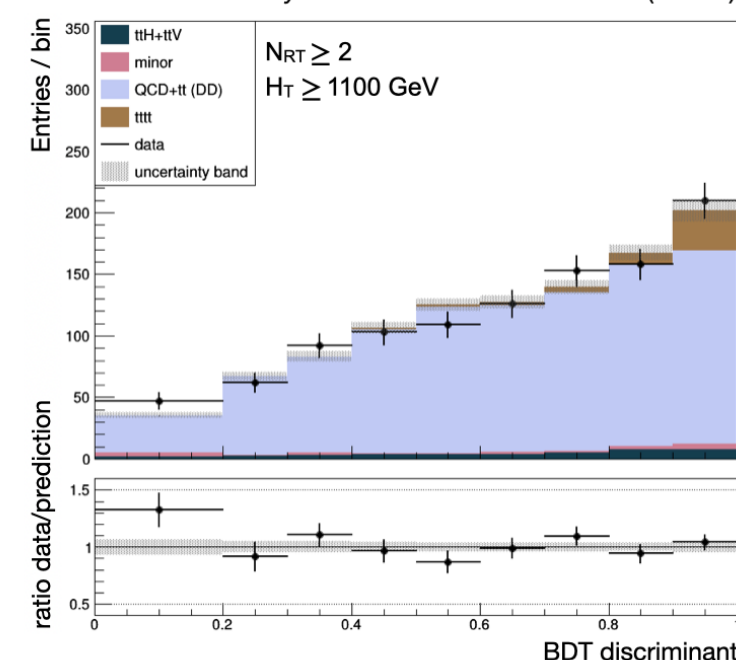
## LHCTopWGSummaryPlots



1 or 2 OS leptons



0, 1 or 2 leptons

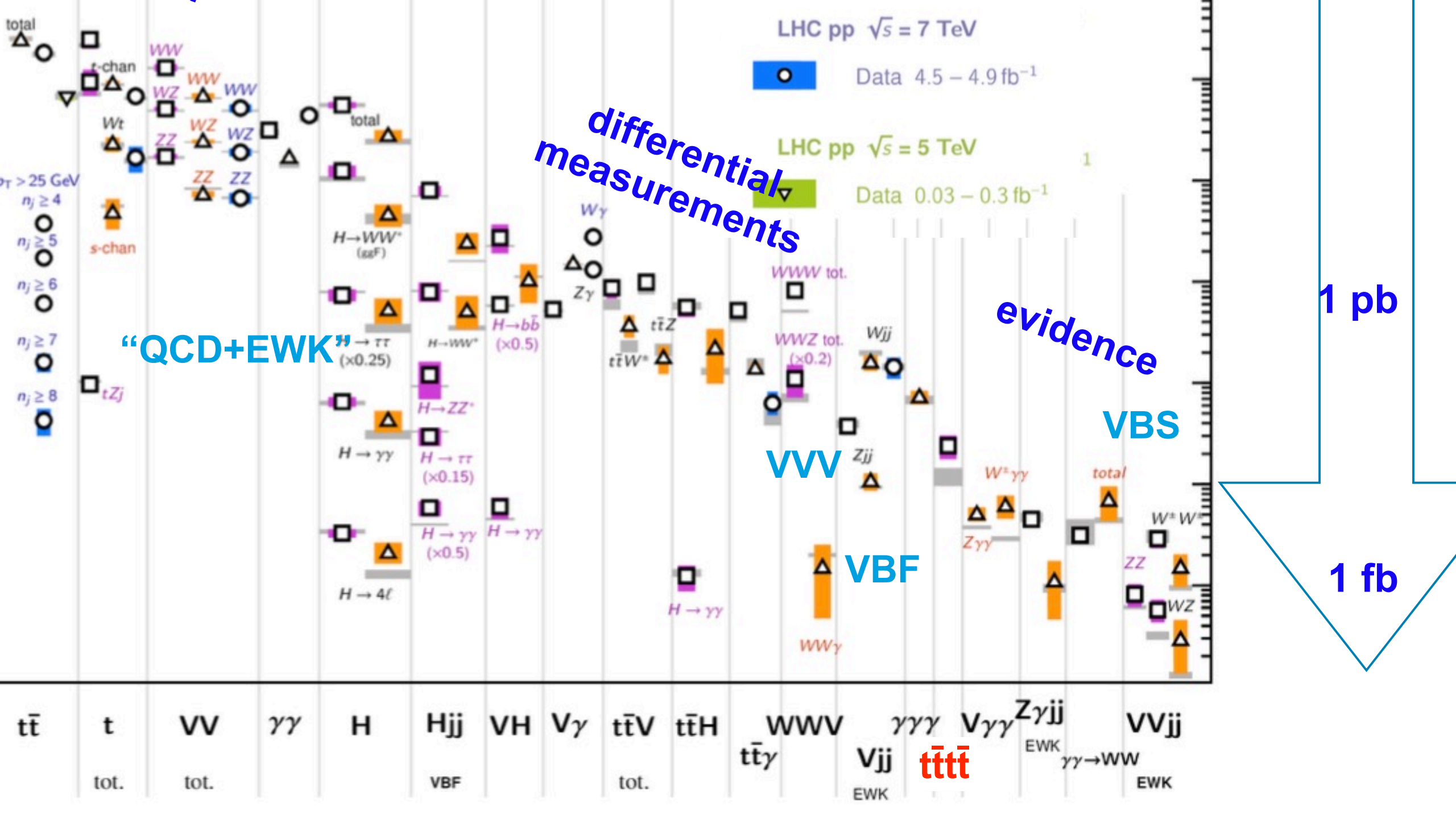
138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)

■ Predicted 4-top quark cross section:  $12 \pm 2.5$  fb

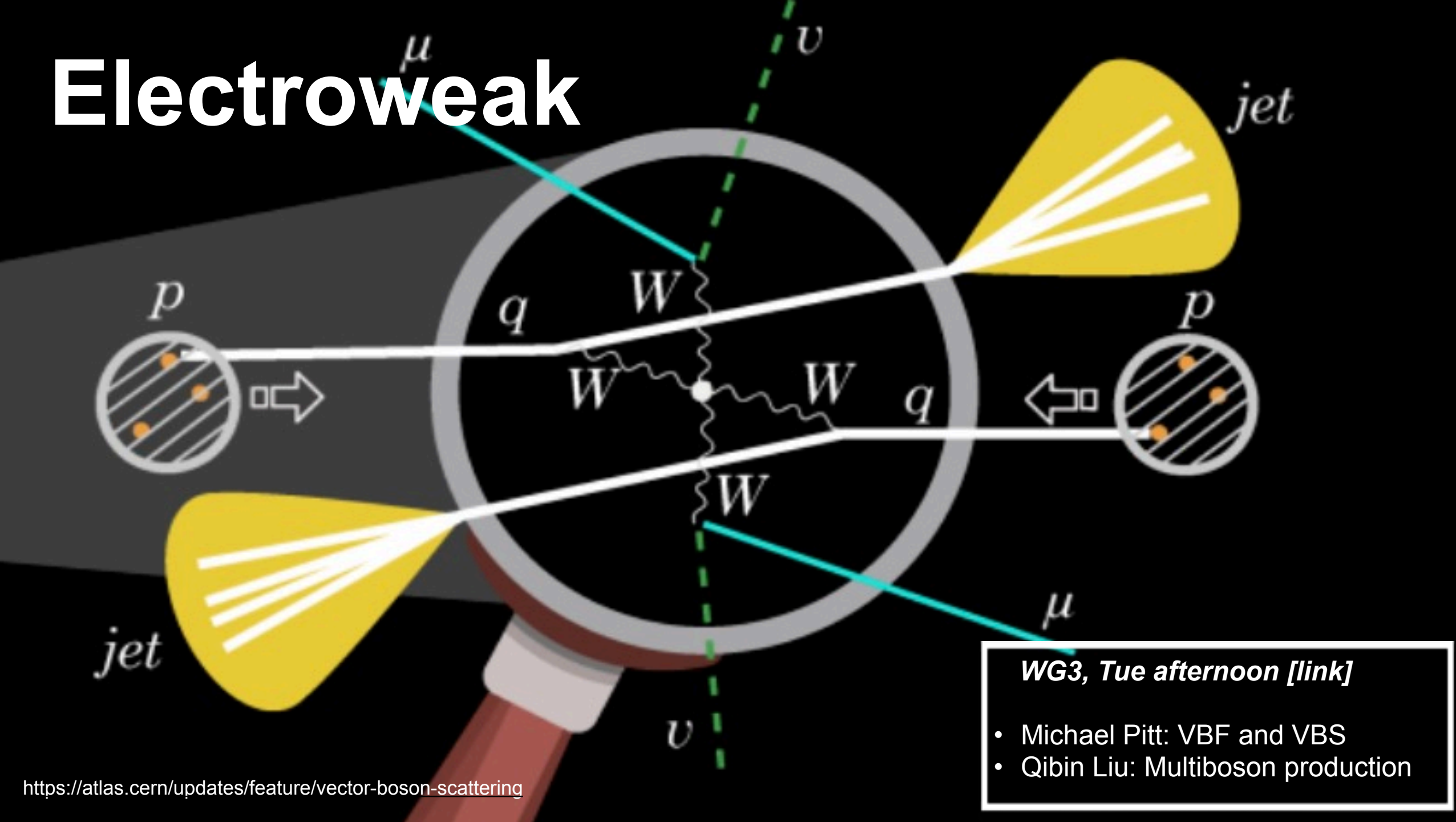
■ Measured signal strength  $\mu$ :

■ ATLAS (combined):  $\mu = 2.0^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$  **4.7(2.6) $\sigma$**

■ CMS (combined):  $\mu = 1.4 \pm 0.4$  **3.9(3.2) $\sigma$**



# Electroweak



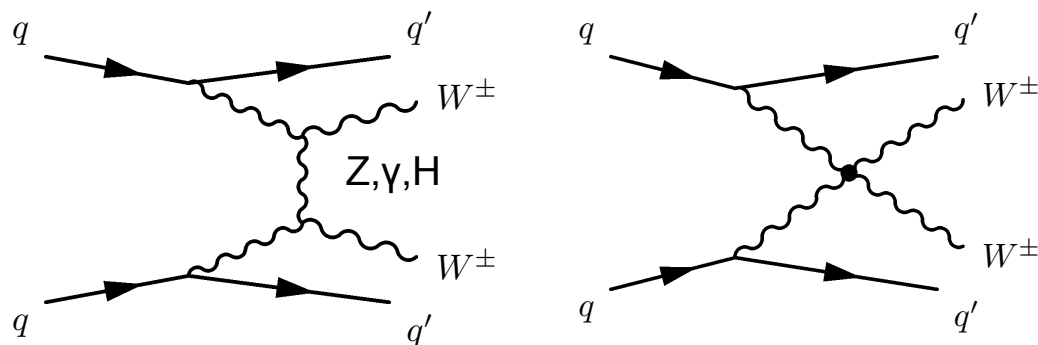
**WG3, Tue afternoon [link]**

- Michael Pitt: VBF and VBS
- Qibin Liu: Multiboson production

# Vector Boson Scattering (VBS)

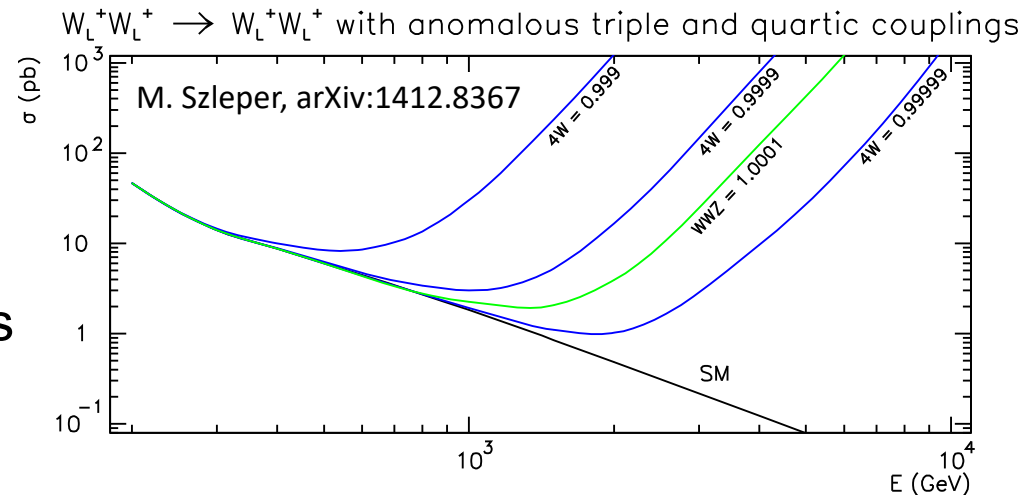
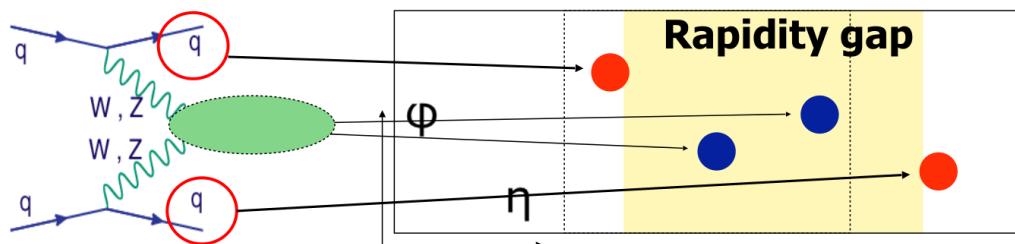
## Same-sign WW + 2 jets: the lowest hanging fruit

- Higgs boson expected to unitarize  $V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L$  amplitude  
Higgs boson cancels cross section divergence exactly.
- Probing the Higgs mechanism without looking at the Higgs

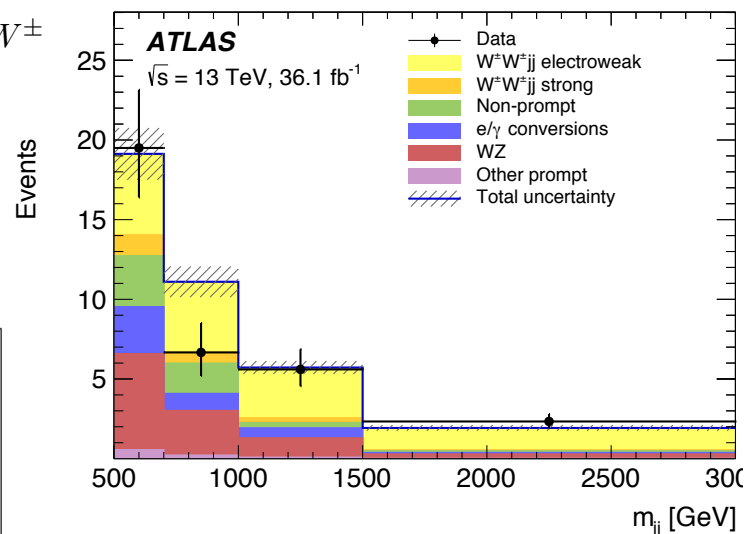


### Experimentally:

- Signature: 2 jets, large rapidity gap, high  $m_{jj}$

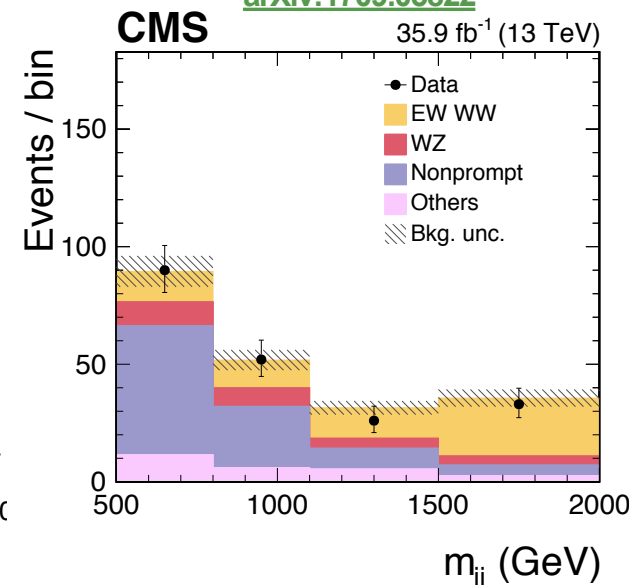


arXiv:1906.03203



**6.5(4.4) $\sigma$  obs(exp)**

arXiv:1709.05822

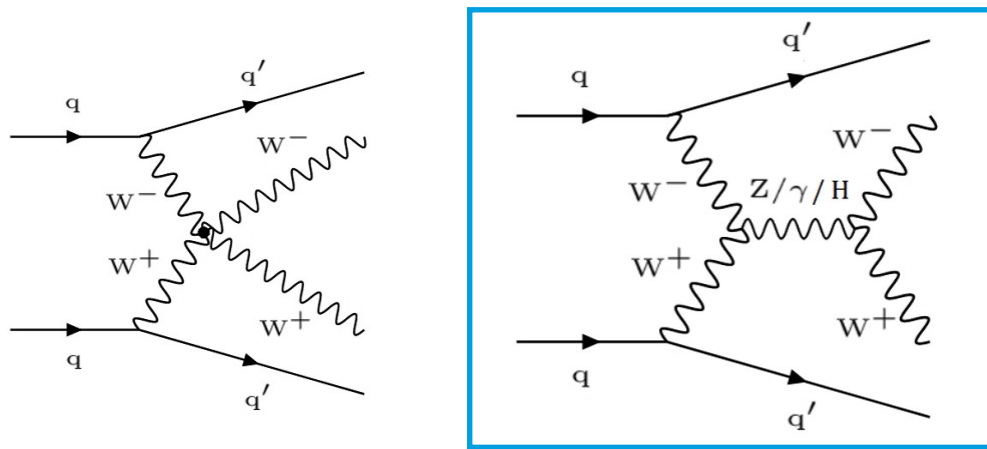


**5.5(5.7) $\sigma$  obs(exp)**



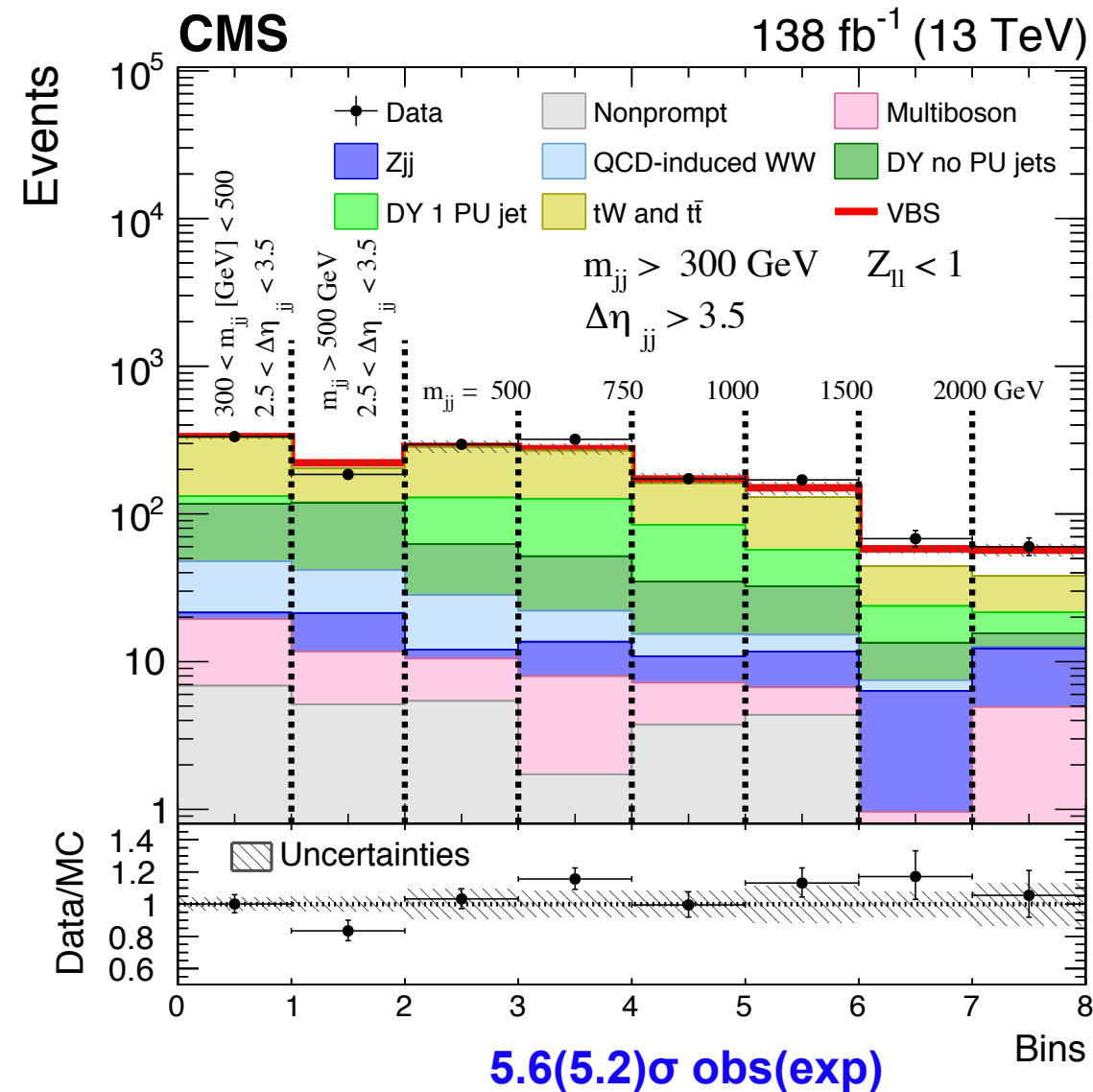
# Vector Boson Scattering (VBS)

Opposite-sign  $W^\pm W^\mp + 2$  jets



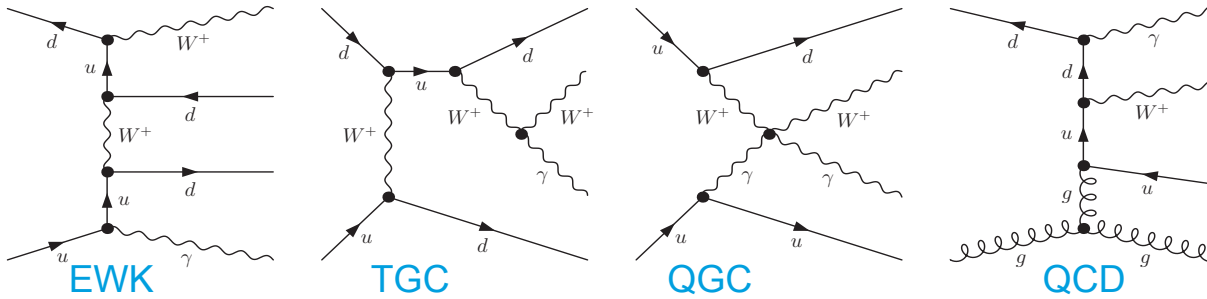
$W^\pm W^\pm$ : s-channel diagram

- Includes s-channel Higgs contribution
- Recent calculation at NLO [A.Denner et al](#)
- Experimentally, large bg from top and Drell-Yan
- **Measured cross section:  $10.2 \pm 2.0$  fb**
- Predicted:  $9.1 \pm 0.6$  fb



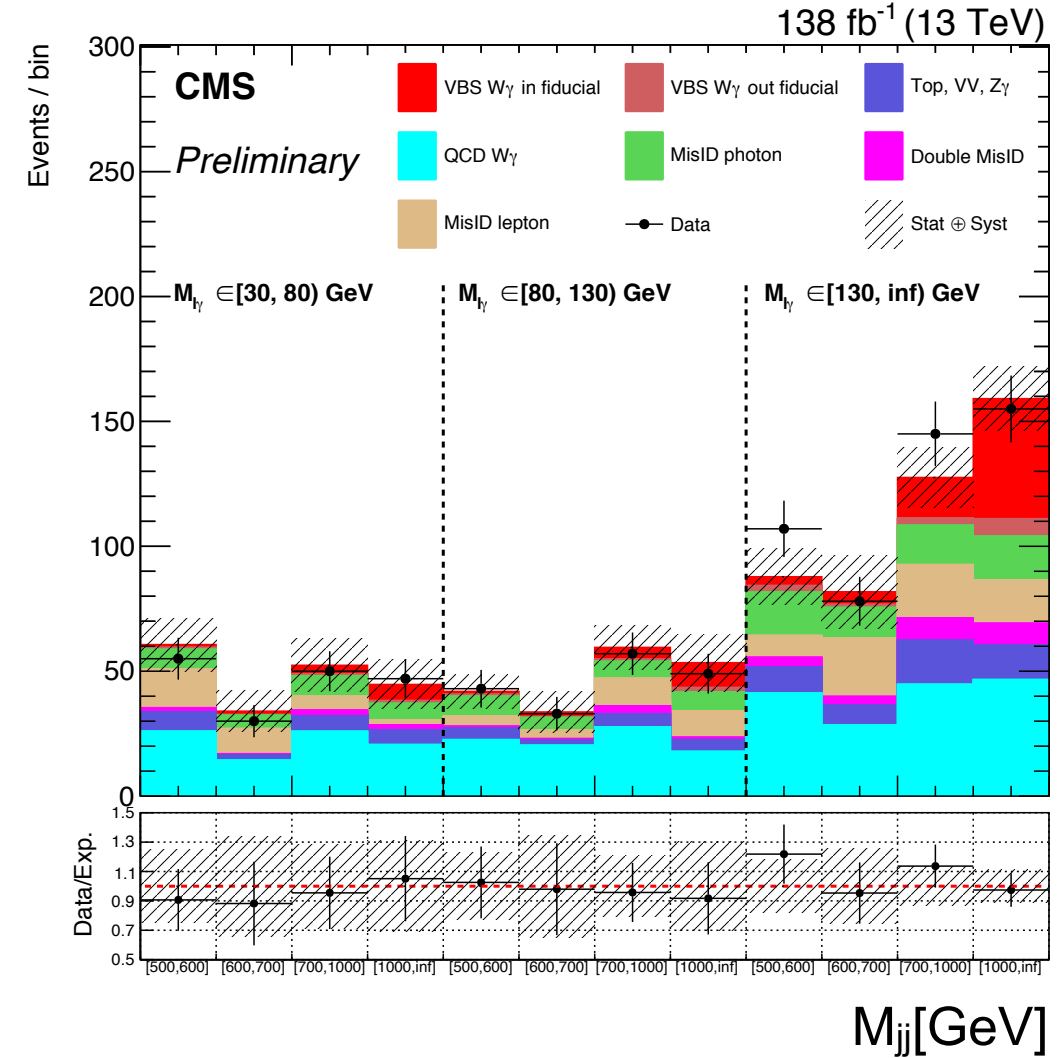
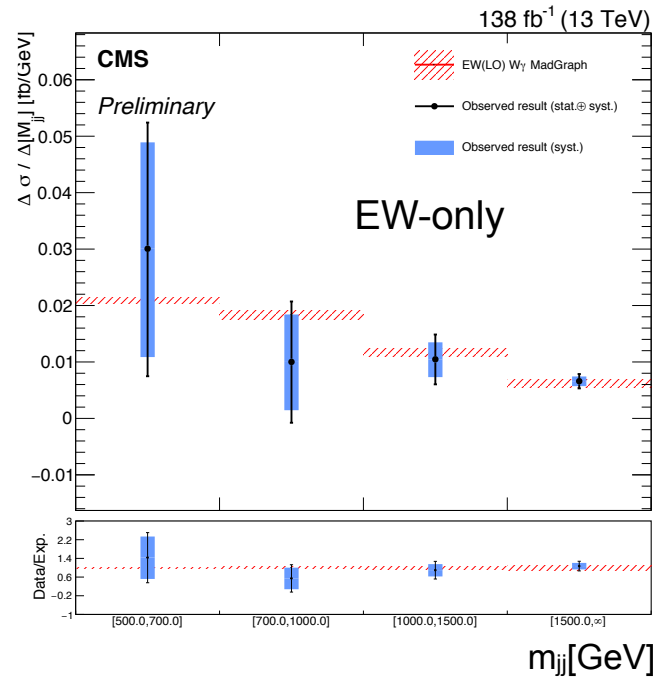
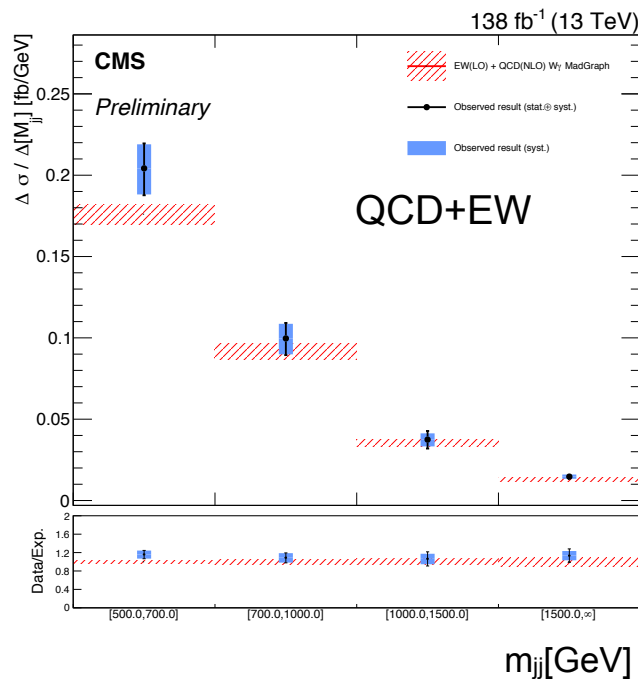


# $W\gamma + 2 \text{ Jets}$



Measured EW cross section:  $19 \pm 4 \text{ fb}$

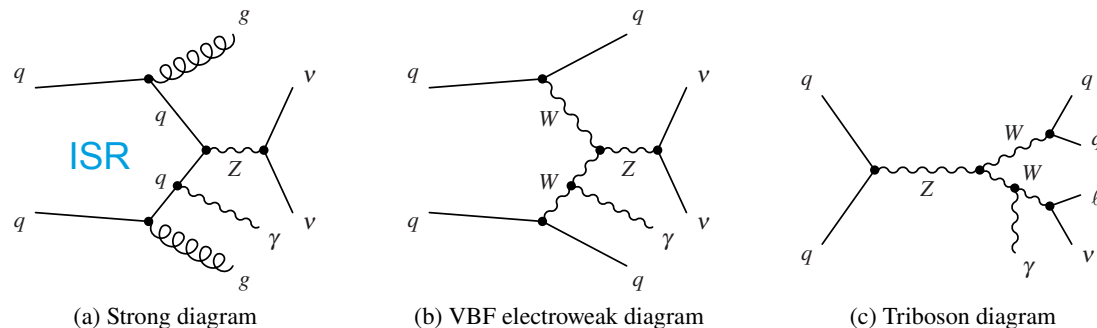
First differential cross sections



$6.0(6.8)\sigma$  obs(exp)

# Z $\gamma$ Production

Differential measurements in  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  and first observation in  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu + 2$  jets

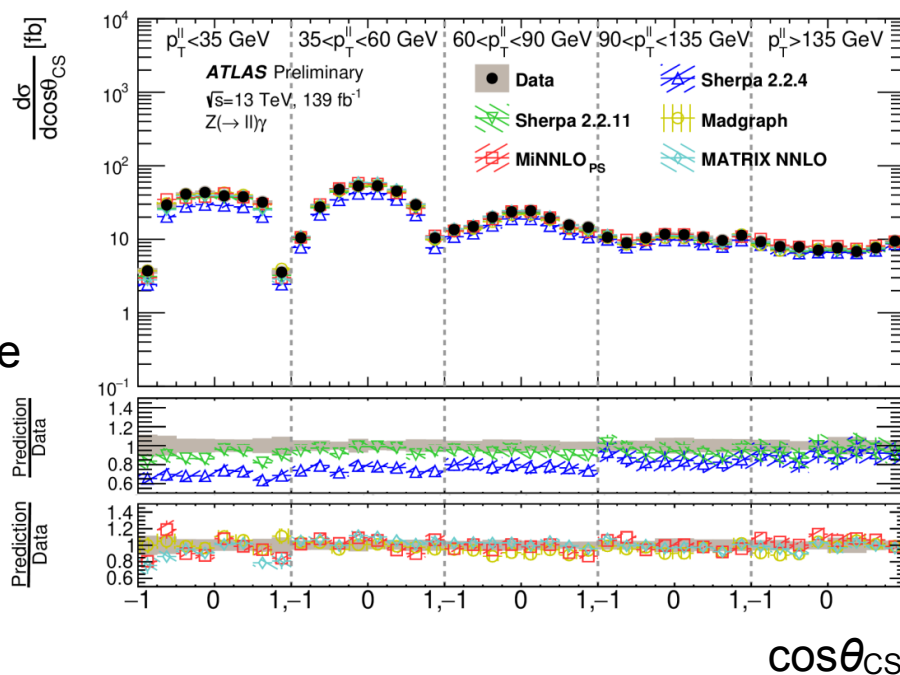


(a) Strong diagram

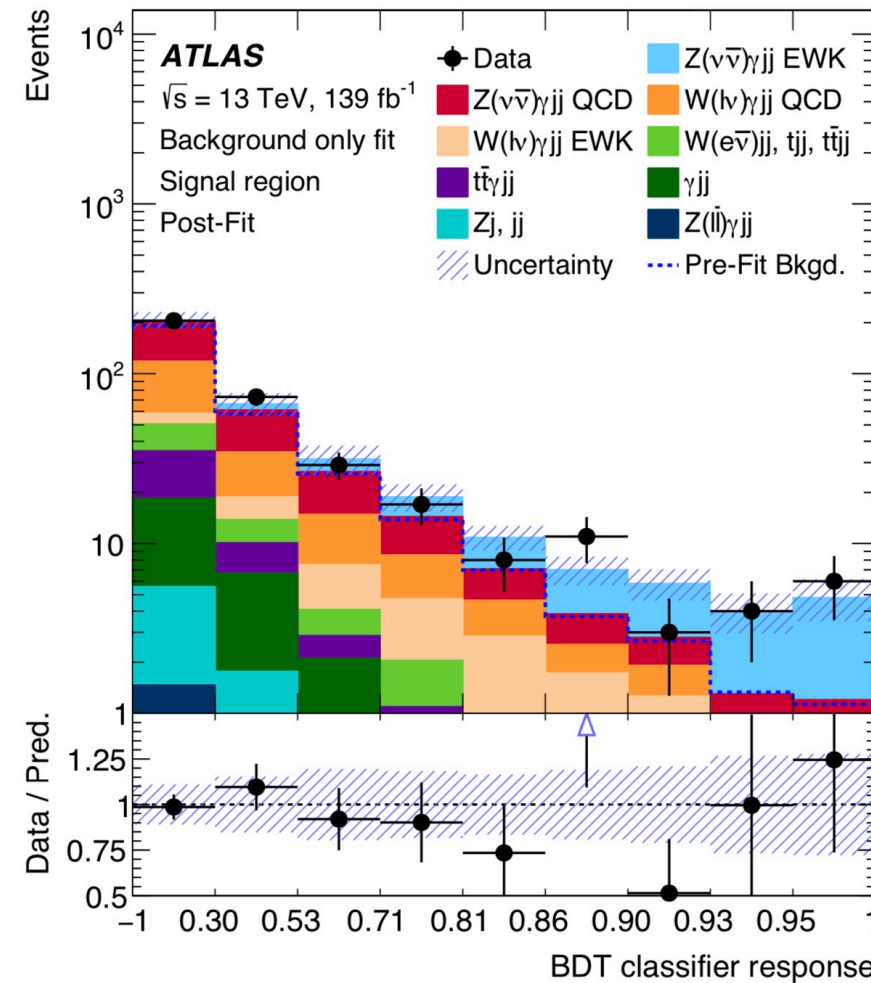
(b) VBF electroweak diagram

(c) Triboson diagram

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arXiv:2208.12741



**$Z(\rightarrow \nu\nu)\gamma$  significance: 6.3(6.6) $\sigma$**

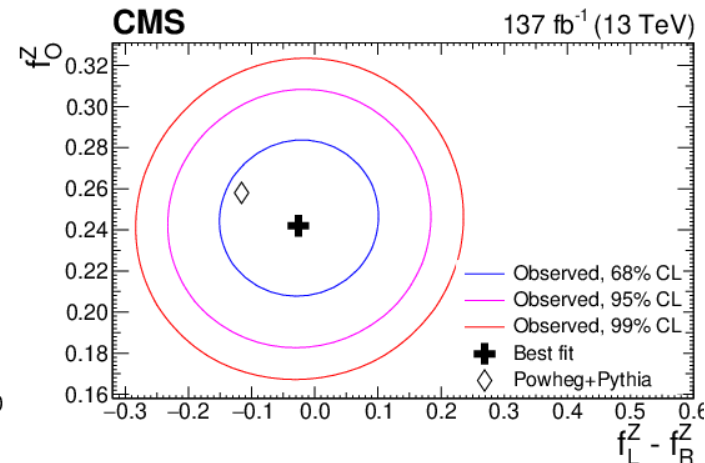
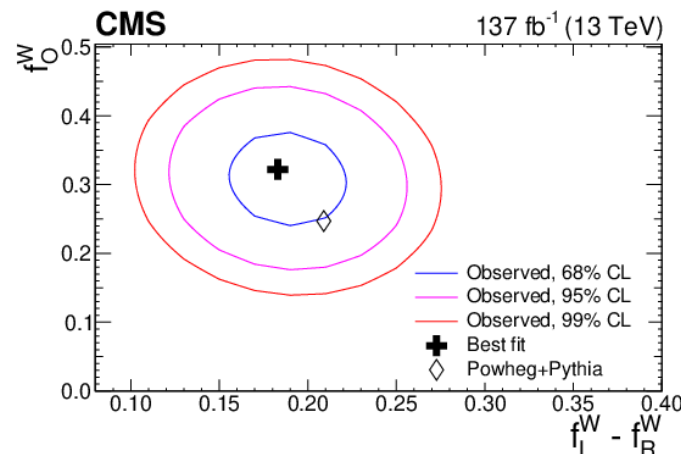
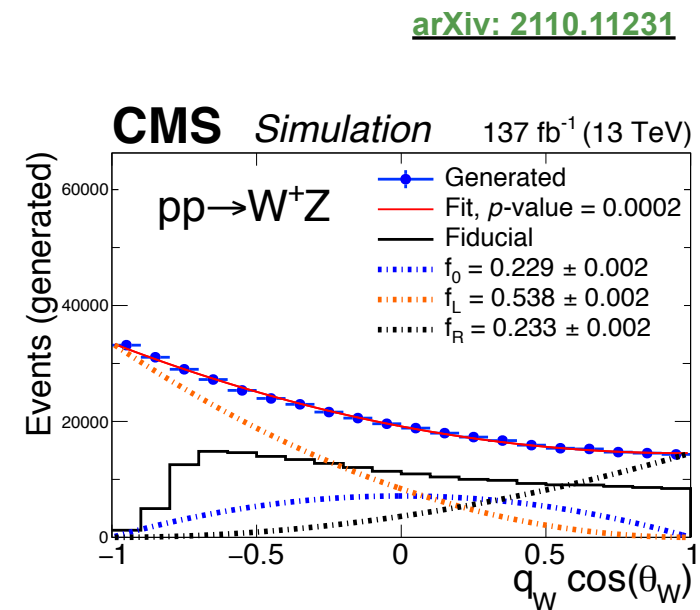
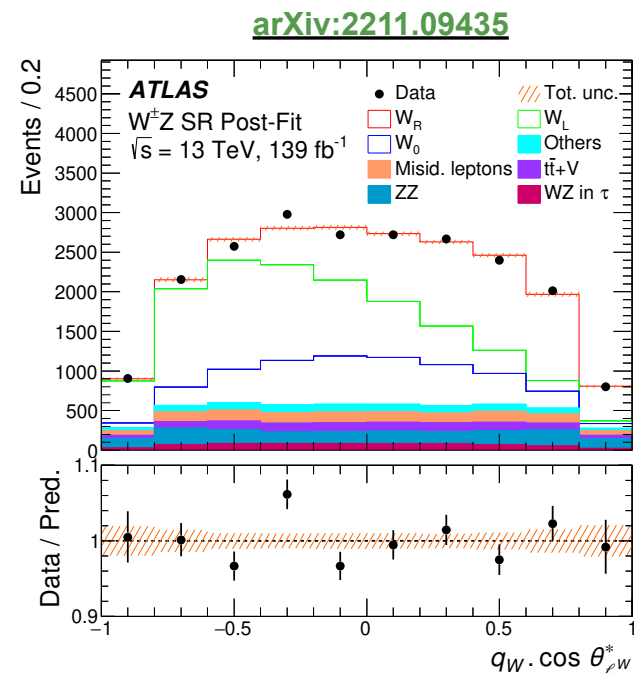
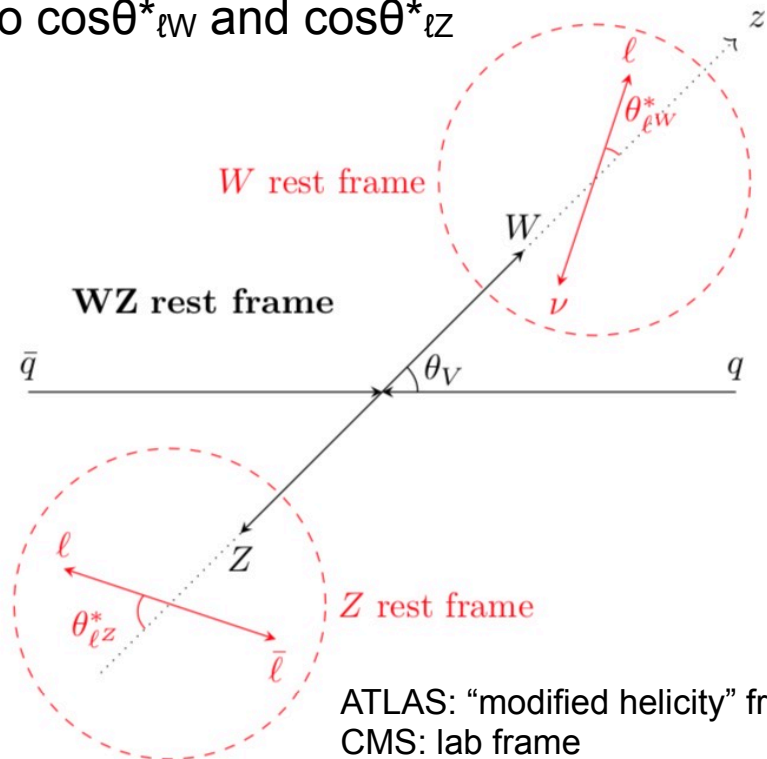
- Differential  $Z\gamma$ , ISR-enriched
- many distributions measured (1D and 2D)
- Test of QCD radiation in color singlet final state
- Polarisation

Good agreement by theory up to NNLO+PS

# WZ Polarization

## Single-boson polarization

- $V_0V_0 \rightarrow V_0V_0$  beyond reach for now
- Recent theory calculations,  
NLO QCD [A.Denner, G.Pelliccioli](#) and  
NLO QCD+EW [D. Ninh Le, J.Baglio](#)
- Helicity fractions extracted from template fits to  $\cos\theta_{\ell W}^*$  and  $\cos\theta_{\ell Z}^*$



$f_0$  significance over transverse-only hypothesis:

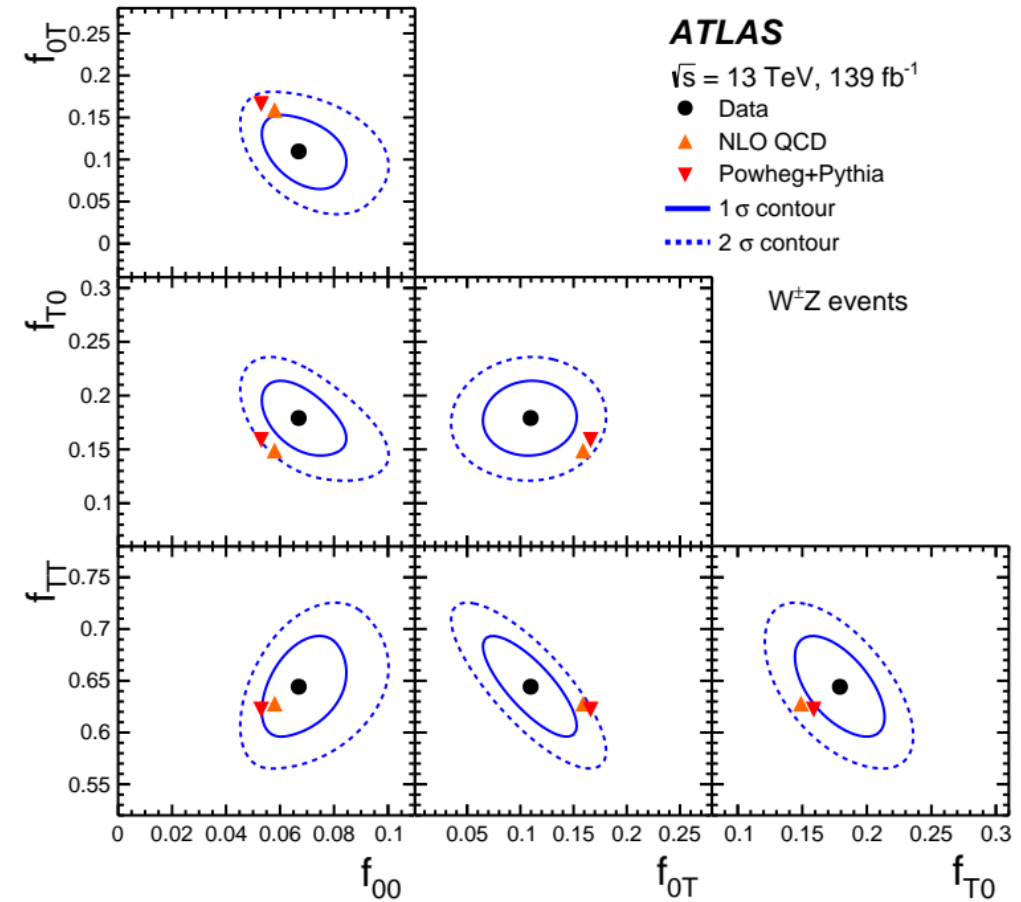
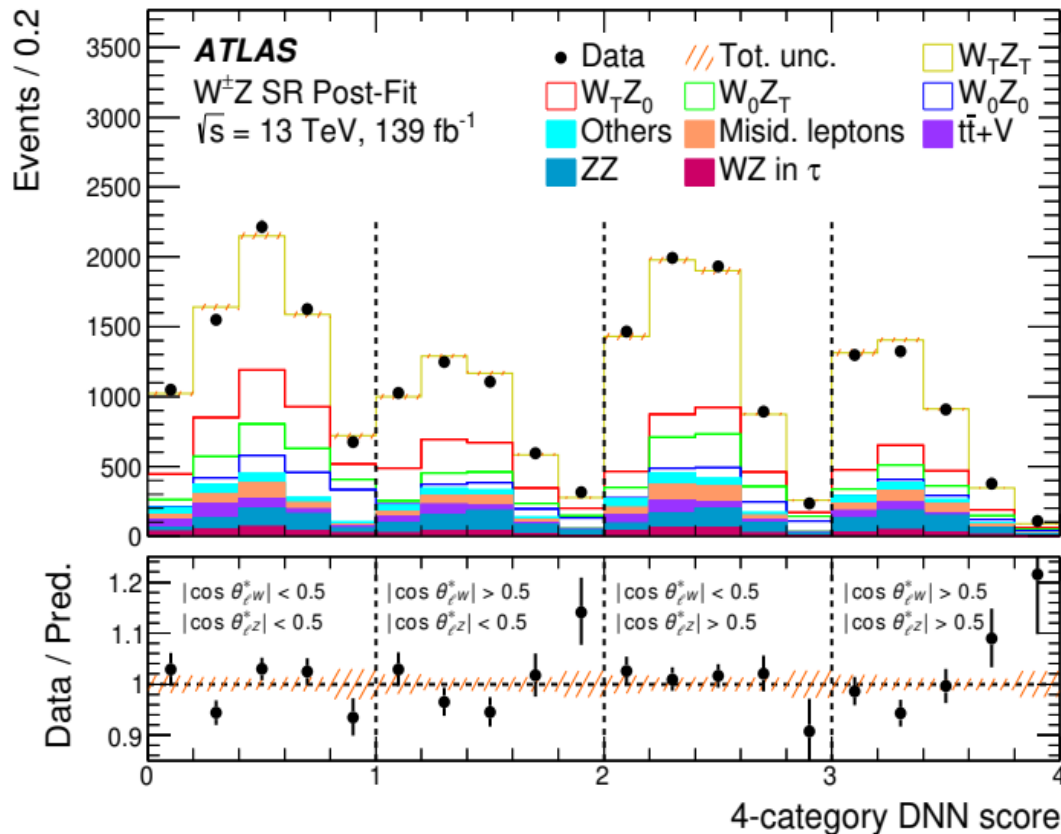
**W: 5.6(4.3) $\sigma$**

**Z:  $\gg 5\sigma$**

# WZ Polarization

## Joint polarization measurement

- Measure polarisation of both bosons simultaneously.
- DNN score to maximize sensitivity



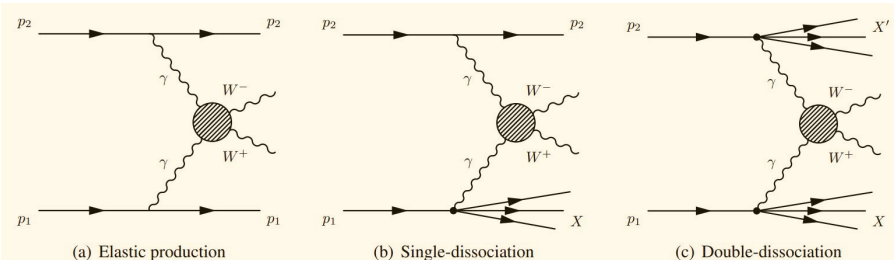
- Four linear combinations of spin density ME:  $f_{TT}$ ,  $f_{T0}$ ,  $f_{0T}$  and  $f_{00}$

- Significance on  $f_{00}$  **7.1 $\sigma$**
- Significance on  $f_{TT}$  and  $f_{T0}$  **>5 $\sigma$**

# Exclusive Production $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow VV$

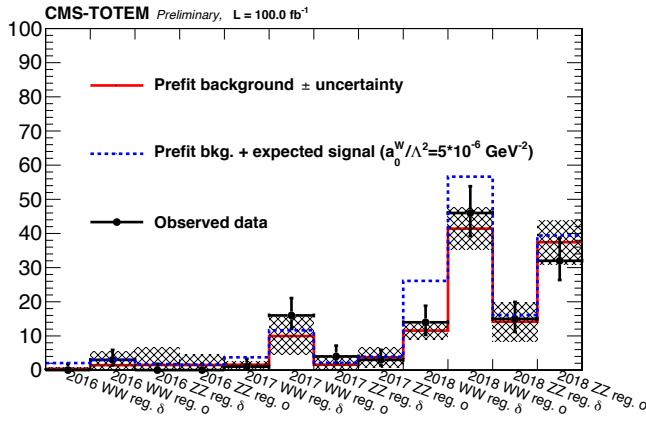
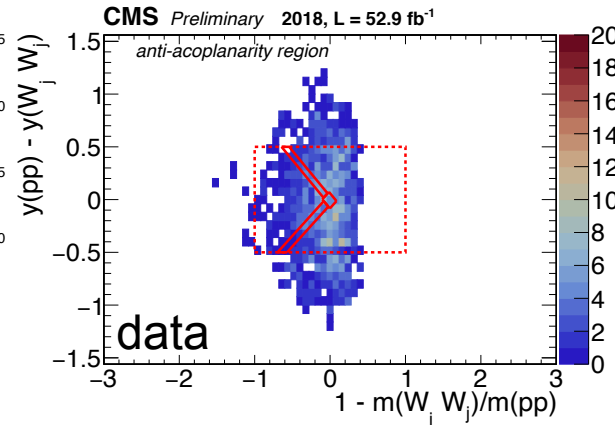
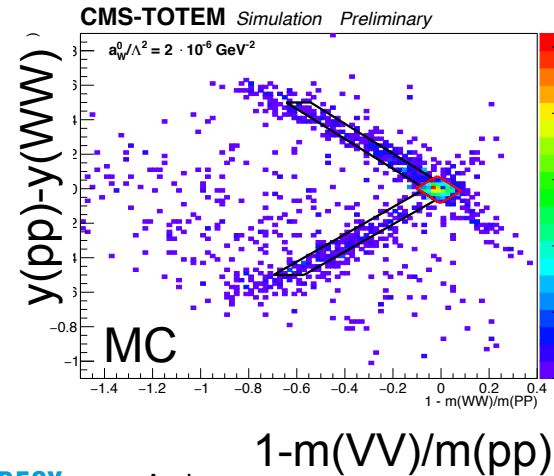
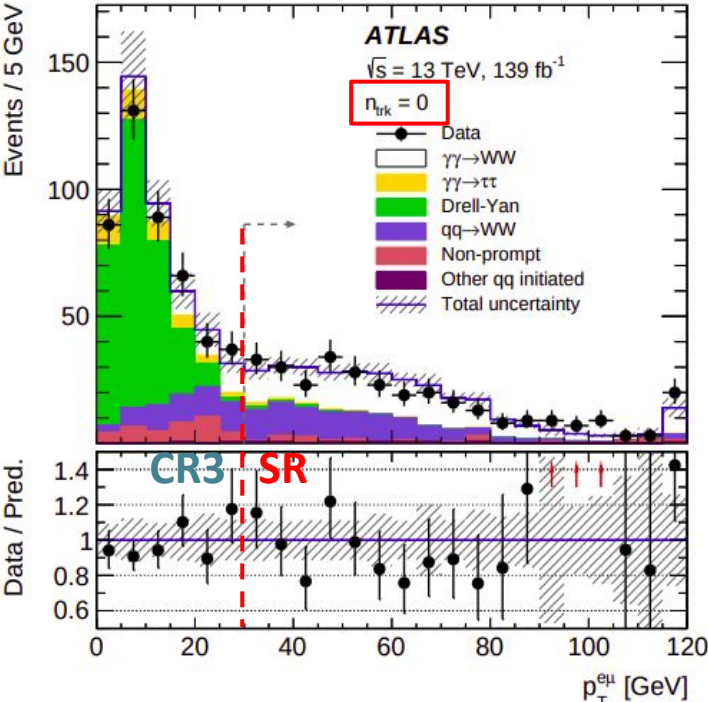
## Photon-photon fusion at the LHC

- 1st observation  $WW \rightarrow e\mu(\nu\nu)$
- Elastic + p-dissociative
- Main signal requirement:  
no additional tracks near  $e\mu$  vertex
- Main background:  $qq \rightarrow WW$
- Elastic  $VV \rightarrow jj$  (boosted) using Proton Spectrometer (PPS)
- Main background: QCD multijet pileup with protons



$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 3.13 \pm 0.31 \pm 0.28 \text{ fb}$$

arXiv:2010.04019



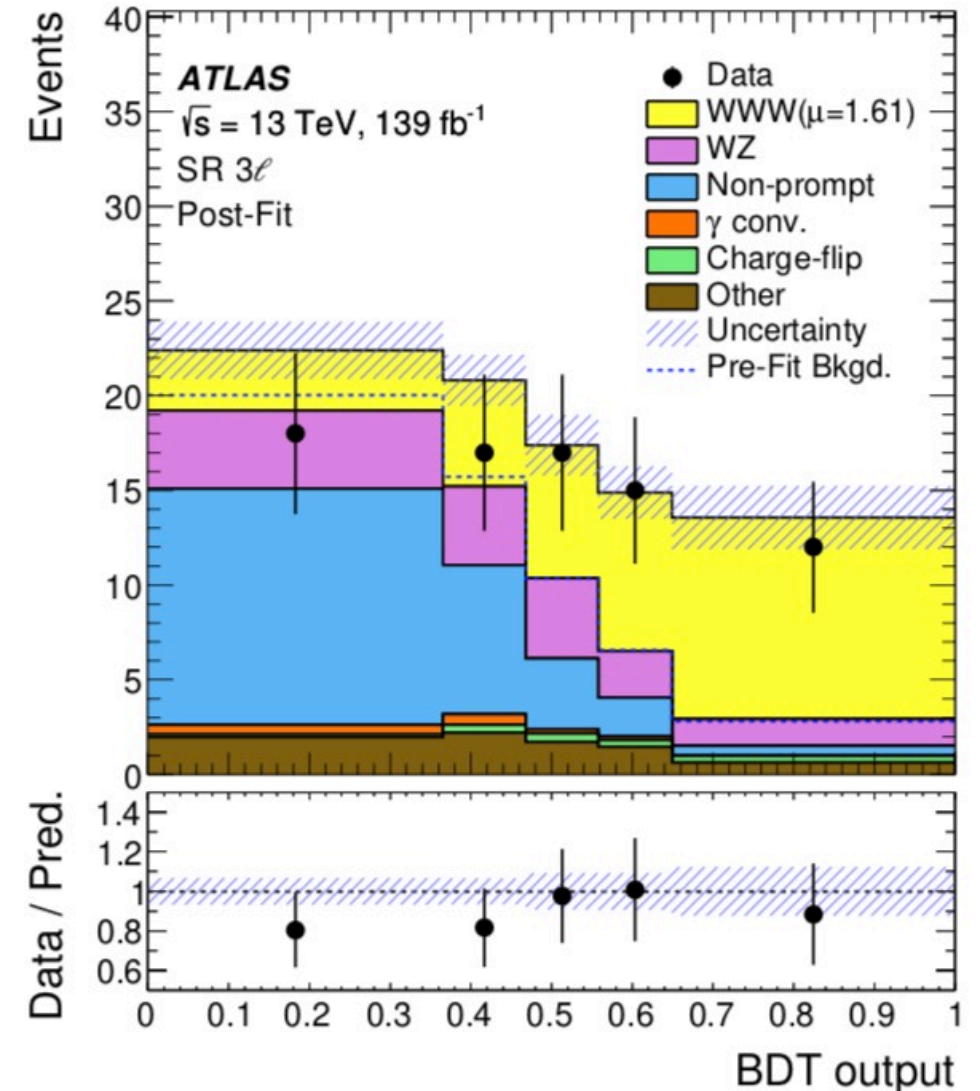
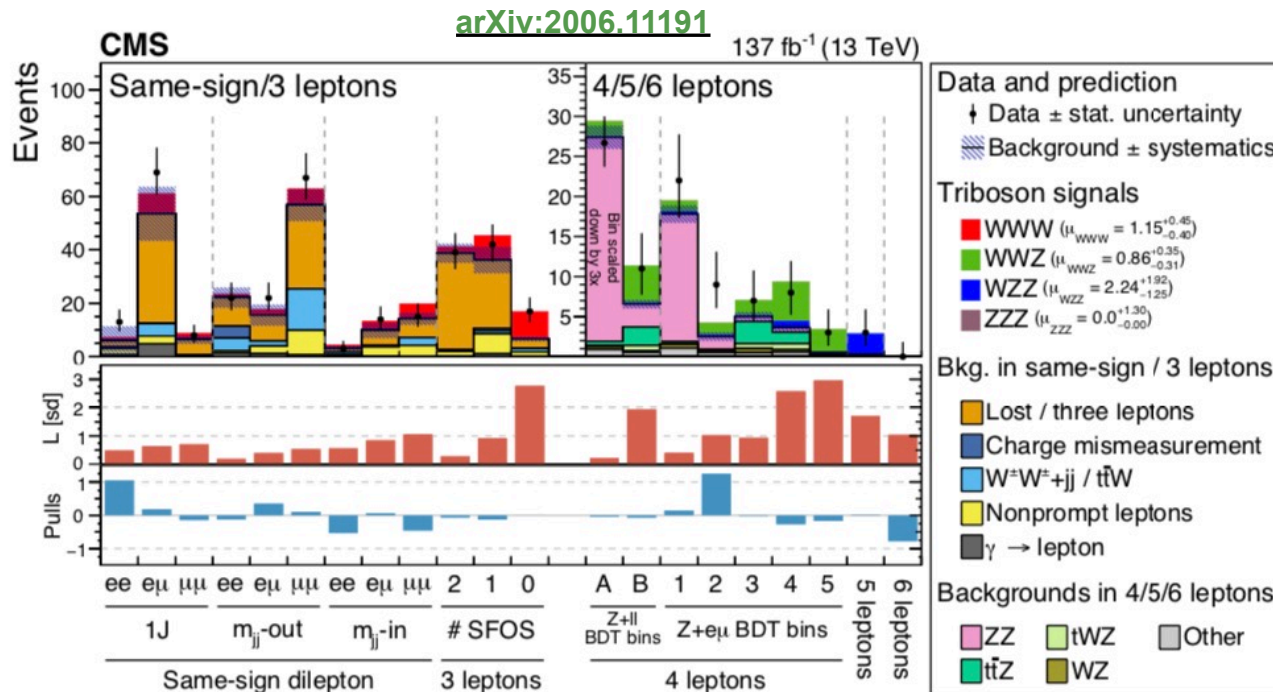
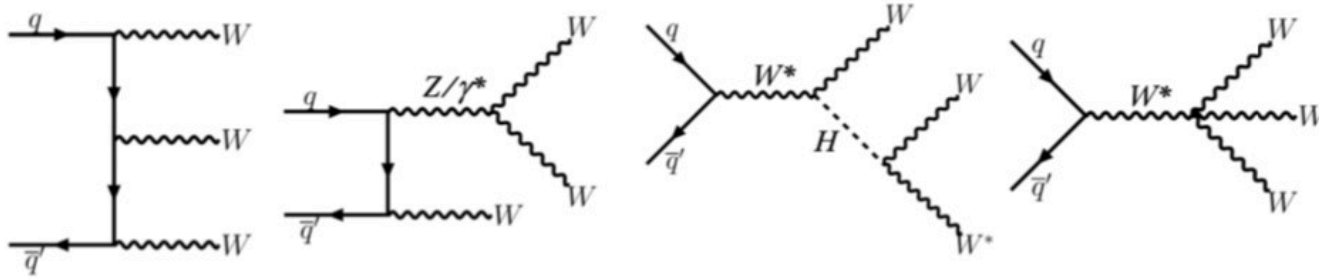
Upper limits @95CL  
on  $\sigma_{\text{fid}}(pp \rightarrow pVVp)$

WW: < 67 fb  
ZZ: < 43 fb



# Triple Boson Production

## Quartic Gauge Coupling

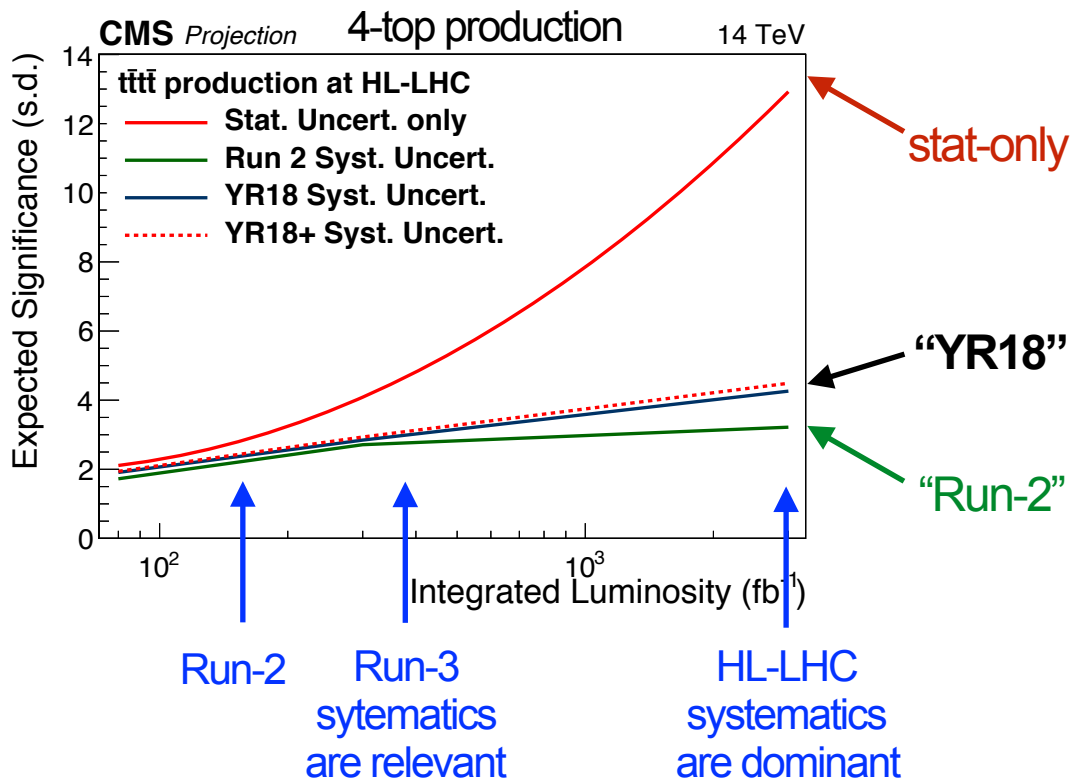


Inclusive WWW cross section:  
 $820 \pm 100 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 80 \text{ (syst.) fb}$

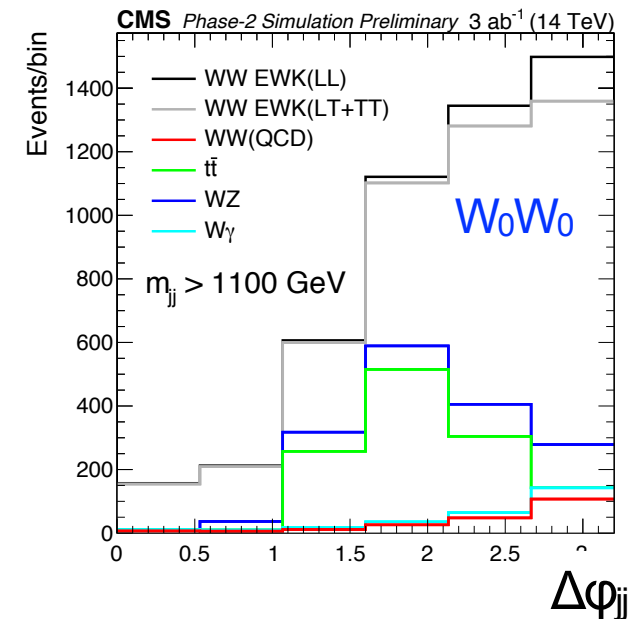
# Outlook: Run3 and HL-LHC

- We are ahead of recent projections for Run-3 and HL-LHC
- Systematic uncertainties will be limiting factor for more and more measurements
- $V_0V_0$  remains hard, but still room for 2-3 orders in SMEFT coefficients

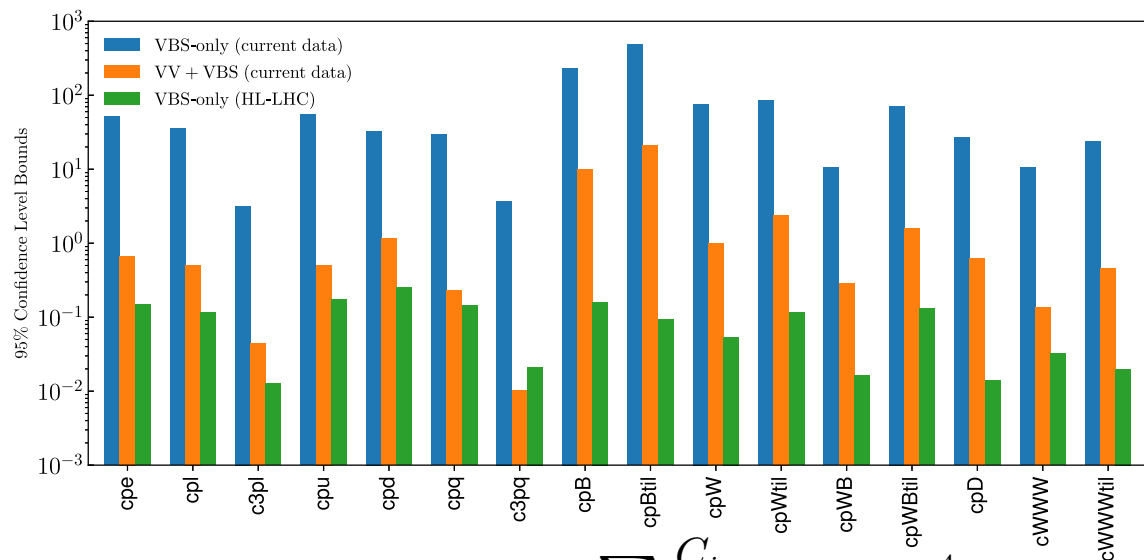
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CMS-FTR-18-005



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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-4}).$$

# Summary

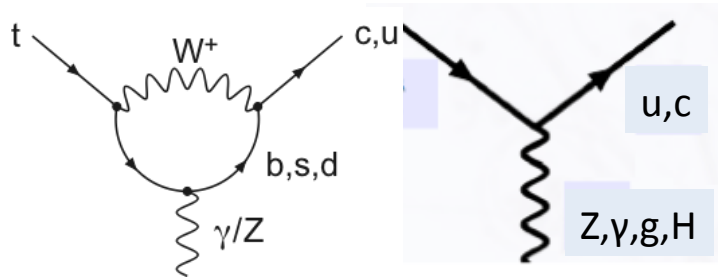
- Top quarks
  - Ever increasing precision: multidifferential cross sections, mass and properties
  - **First observations and differential measurements for  $t(t)X$**
  - Top as a tool: FCNC, flavour-violation, ...
- Electroweak multiboson production
  - Unpolarized VBS and VVV established in many channels
  - **Not-so-low-hanging fruit being harvested in VBS**
  - First polarisation results, for inclusive VV
- Run-3 and beyond
  - First results coming out
  - More data, better detectors, further improved analyses
  - Continued interplay between experiment and theory
  - Push for discovery through precision



# Backup

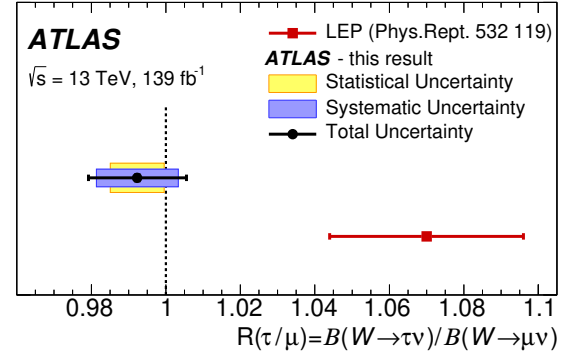
# Flavour Violations

Lepton Flavour  
Flavour Changing Neutral Currents

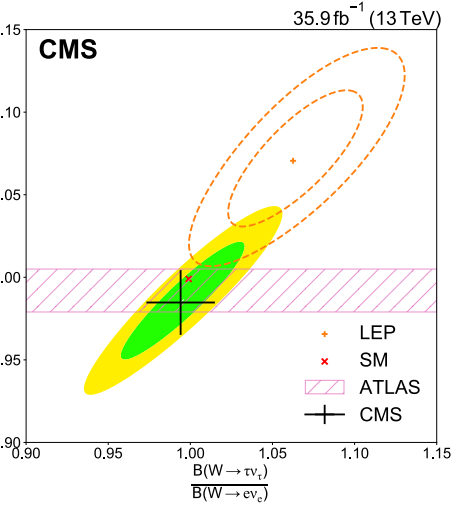


CMS: arXiv:2111.02219:  $t(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$   
CMS: arXiv:2112.09734:  $t(H \rightarrow bb)$   
ATLAS: arXiv:2208.11415:  $t(H \rightarrow \tau\tau)$   
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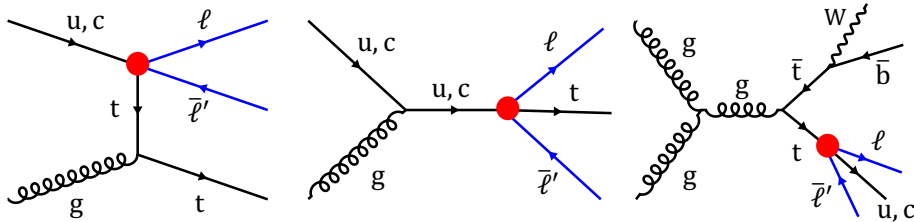
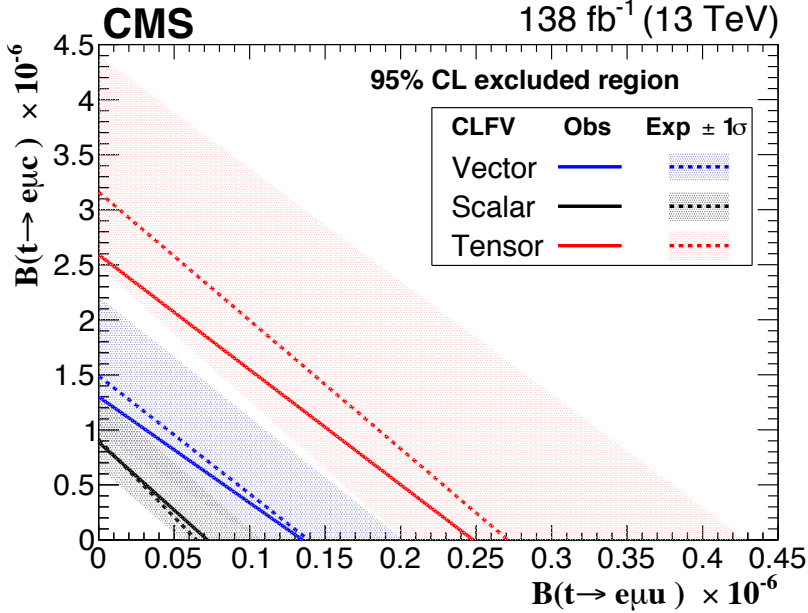
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