

# New top results on HL-LHC for Snowmass

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# What is Snowmass ?



- **Snowmass** is a scientific study which provides an opportunity for the entire particle physics community to come together to **identify and document a scientific vision for the future of particle physics** in the US and its international partners
  - Link to know more about [Snowmass](#)
- ATLAS and CMS prepared a common **white paper** to be used as input for the Snowmass process
- The paper is structured as follows: for each section, **Yellow Report (YR) results** have been summarised in 3-4 pages and subsequent **new ATLAS and CMS results** are highlighted in 1-page summaries

## 4 EF03: EW Physics: Heavy flavor and top quark physics

### 4.1 Yellow Report summary

4.1.1 Top quark mass measurements

4.1.2 Differential  $t\bar{t}$  cross-section measurements

4.1.3 Study of rare processes involving top quarks

4.1.4 Constraints on flavor-changing neutral currents couplings

### 4.2 New results

4.2.1 Sensitivity to the measurement of the Standard Model four top quark cross section with ATLAS at the HL-LHC [122]

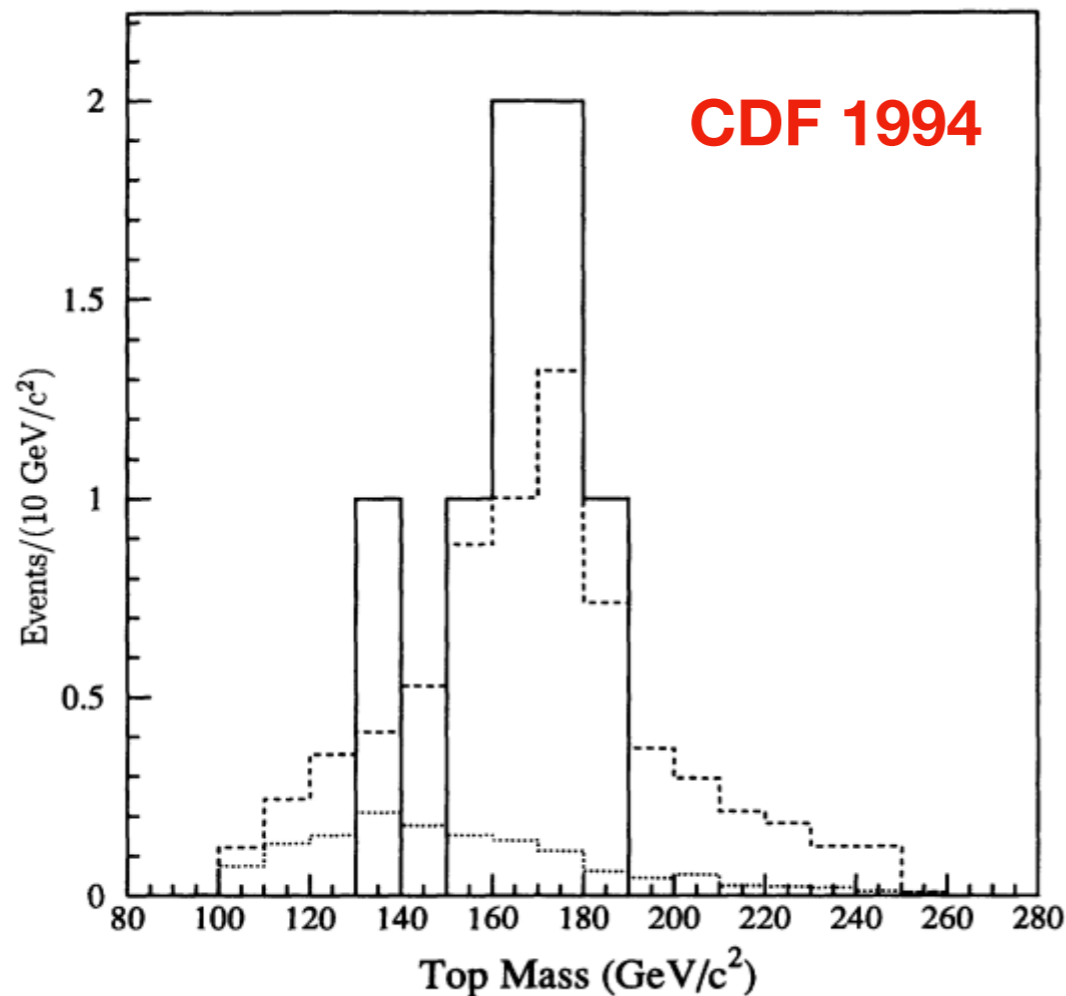
**Link to the Note:**  
**ATL-PHYS-PUB-2022-018**  
**CMS PAS FTR-22-001**



# Introduction

- We have been doing Top & SM measurements for a long time!

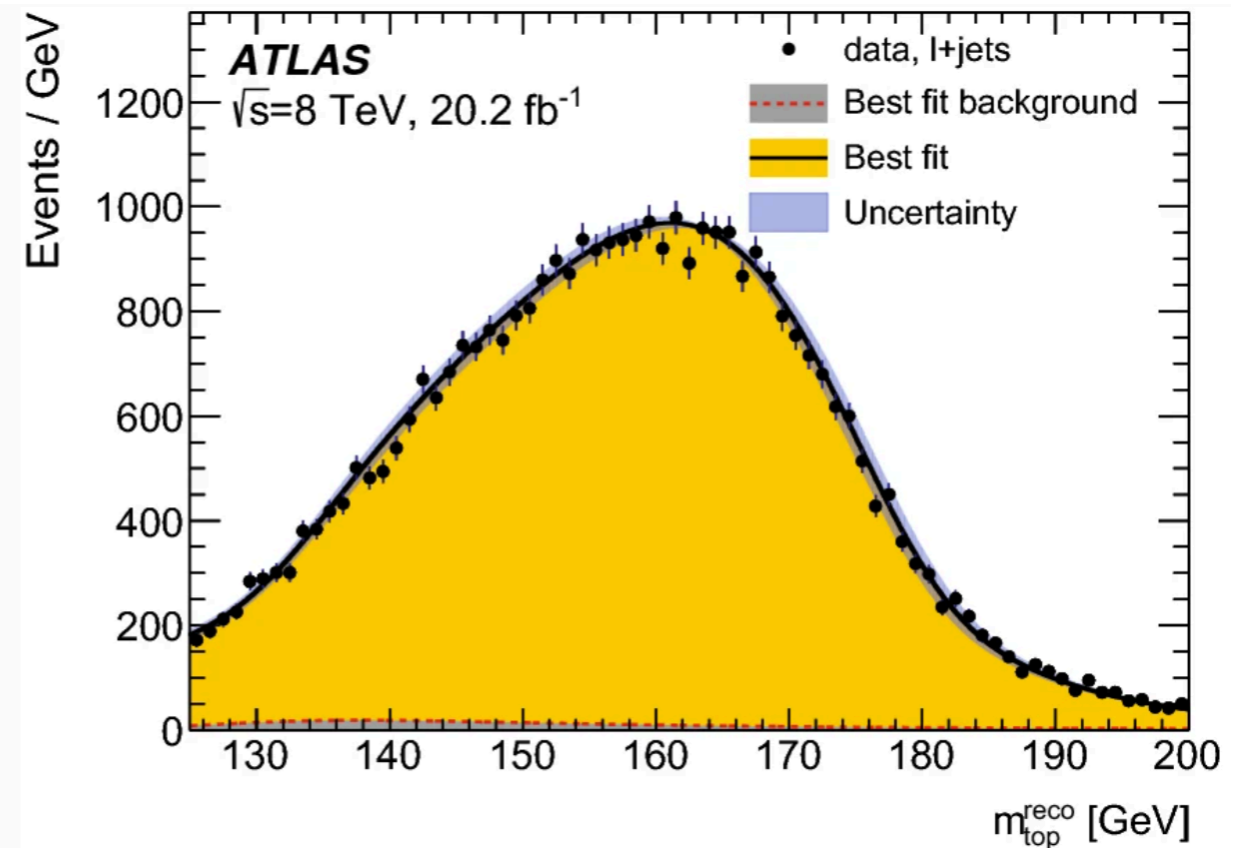
7 events; l+4jets



Top mass:  
 $174 \pm 10^{+13}_{-12}$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
with **9.4% precision**  
PRD 50,2966(1994)

~38K events; l+4jets  
(at least 2b-tags)

**ATLAS 2019**



Top mass:  
 $172.08 \pm 0.39(\text{stat}) \pm 0.82(\text{syst})$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
with **0.5% precision**  
Eur. Phys. J. C79(2019) 290

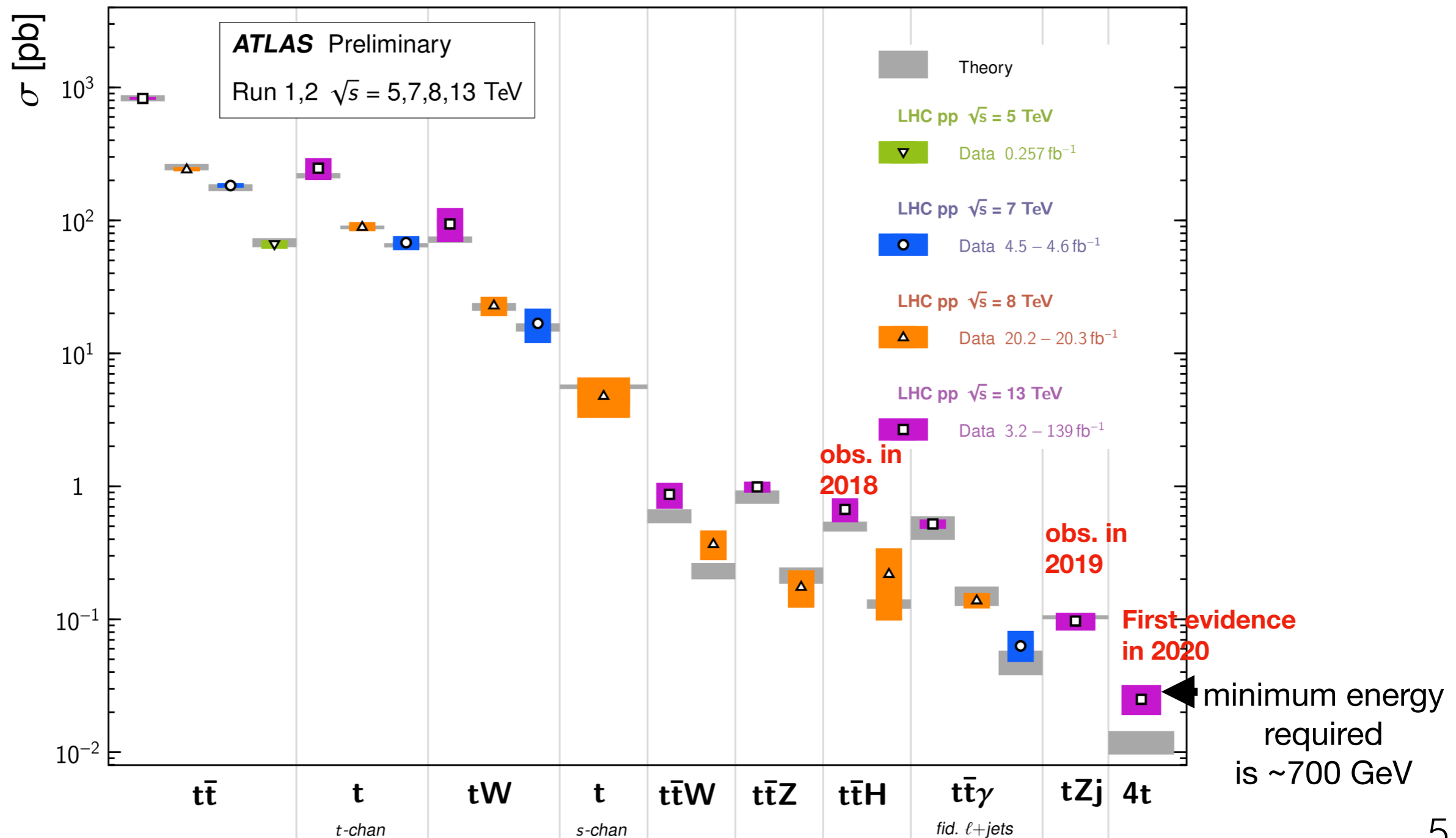


# Introduction

- Run 2 brought us to an unprecedented centre-of-mass energy of 13 TeV
- Opened up measurements to new rare SM processes

Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: May 2021



# Introduction

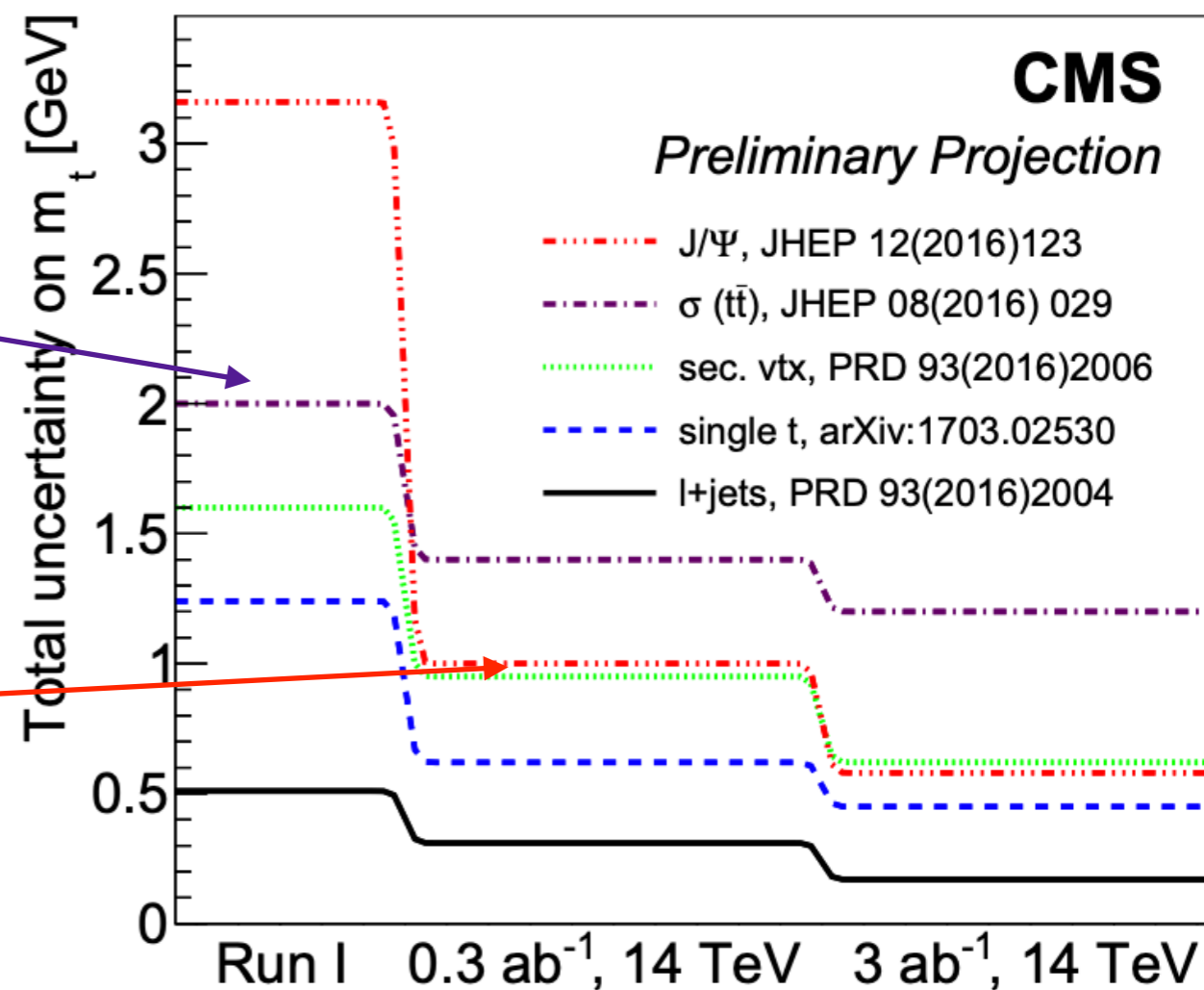
- Why keep doing Top & SM measurements?
  - Teach us about the SM
  - Improves our theoretical calculations, MC modelling, and understanding of CP calibrations and uncertainties
  - Measurements will be important for constraining PDFs, understanding electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB), and measuring fundamental properties of the SM
  - Can uncover unexpected deviations from the SM
- The HL-LHC will provide the opportunity for more precision, particularly at high energies which are currently limited by statistical uncertainties



# Top mass

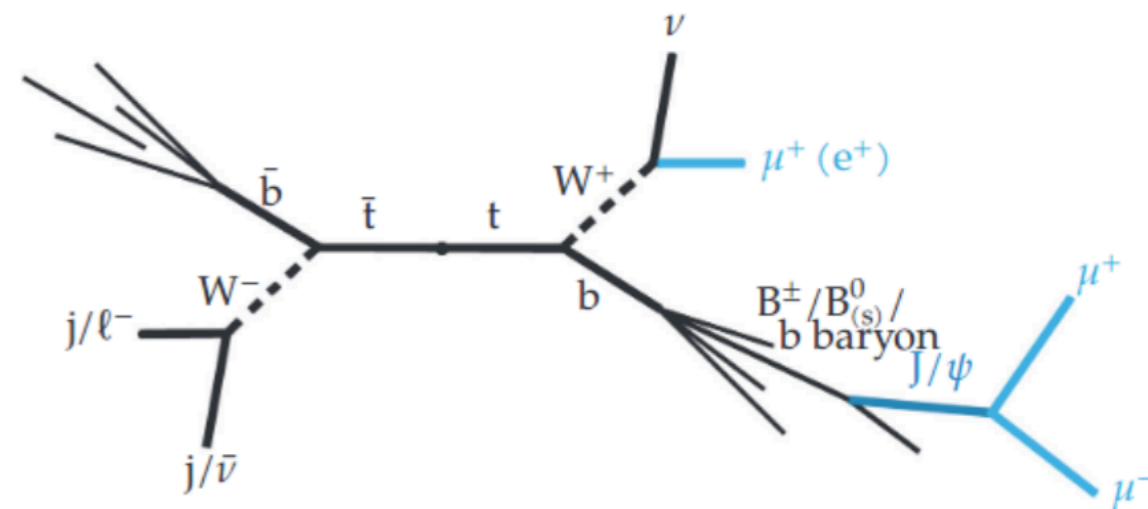
- Top quark plays a crucial role in EWSB and offers a gateway to searching for new physics beyond the SM
- $m_{\text{top}}$  is a fundamental parameter related to other EWK parameters - stringent tests of SM
  - Most precise measurements exploit kinematic information of the decay products
- Current uncertainties are  $\sim 600$  MeV, projected to be reduced to 200 MeV at the HL-LHC
- Indirect extraction of pole mass, e.g.  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ 
  - limited by theory uncertainty and lumi measurements
- less dependence on JES, e.g.  $m(lJ/\psi)$
- Room for more reduction via future techniques

**$m_{\text{top}}$  measurement uncertainty for different methods as a function of integrated luminosity**



# Top quark mass measurement using $t\bar{t}$ pairs with a $J/\psi$

- Measurements using  $t\bar{t}$  pairs with a  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  in final state using the strong correlation between  $m_{\text{top}}$  and  $m(lJ/\psi)$ 
  - $\text{BR}(b \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu\mu) + X) \sim 10^{-3}$ 
    - Will benefit from larger data samples from the HL-LHC
- A reduction of  $t\bar{t}$  modeling uncertainties by a factor of two and a reduction of some of the experimental uncertainties by up to a factor two are assumed for these projections
  - Main result of this study is a statistical projection of the measurement
- ATLAS [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2018-042]: **a statistical uncertainty of  $\sim 0.14$  GeV is expected with a systematic uncertainty of 0.48 GeV**
  - Dominant uncertainties are from **signal modeling** (fragmentation functions / b-hadron fractions) and from **JES/JER**
- CMS [CMS-PAS-FTR-16-006]: **expected to yield an ultimate relative precision below 0.1% at the HL-LHC**

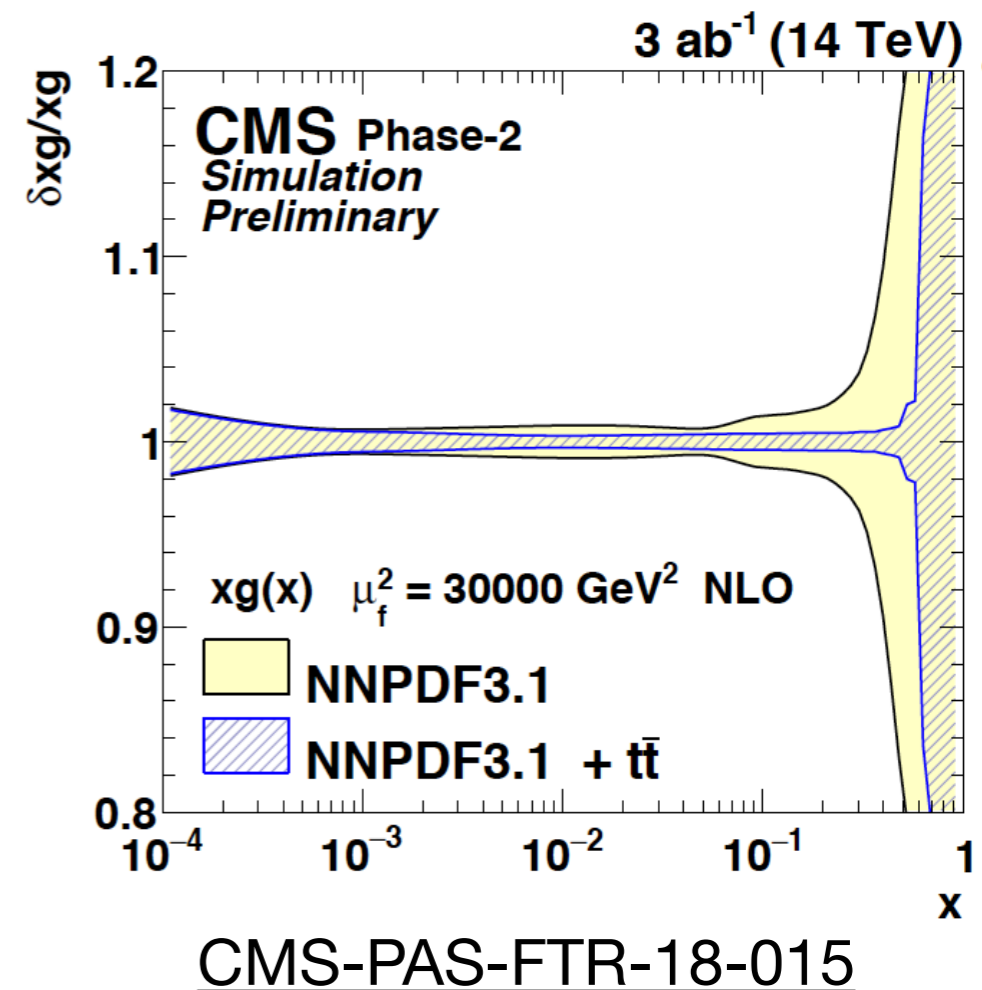




# Differential $t\bar{t}$ cross-section measurements

- Done in  $e/\mu$ +jets channels
- Most significant reduction of uncertainty is expected to come from:
  - Improved jet energy calibration
  - Reduced uncertainty in the b-jet identification
- Final projected uncertainty is estimated below 5%
- Precision in the measurement will profit from the **enormous amount of data** and the **extended  $\eta$ -coverage** of the Phase-2 CMS detector, which enables fine-binned measurements at high rapidity that are not possible with the current detector
- Uncertainties of the gluon distribution are drastically reduced and depend directly on the uncertainty of the integrated luminosity (assumed to be 1%)

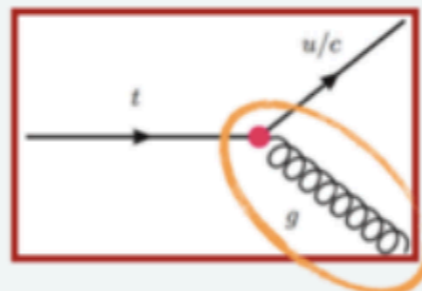
Prospects at HL-LHC of the relative gluon uncertainties of the original and profiled NNPDF3.1 PDF set



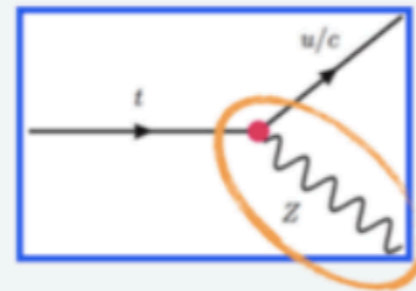
# Flavor Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC)

- FCNC in the SM is forbidden at tree-level: heavily suppressed in loops by GIM mechanism BRs  $\sim 10^{-14}$
- BSM can enhance FCNC up to  $\sim 10^{-4}$ 
  - Many potential models: 2HDM, MSSM, RPV SUSY, ...
- Any observation of FCNC can hint to new physics
- FCNC probe can be done in both top quark **production**, and **decay**

top quark+  
gluon

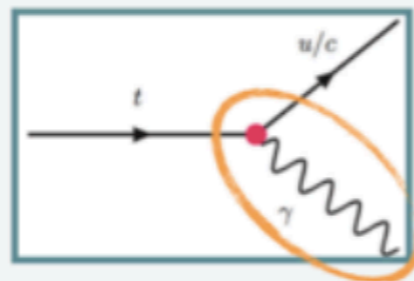


top quark+  
Z boson

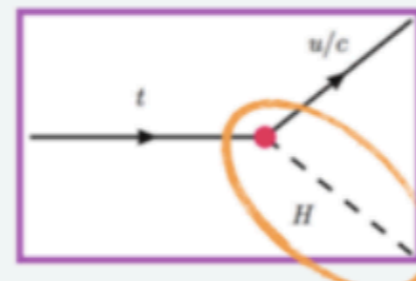


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 & + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2} c_W} \frac{\kappa_{zqt}}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (f_{Zq}^L P_L + f_{Zq}^R P_R) q Z_{\mu\nu} \\
 & - e \frac{\kappa_{\gamma qt}}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (f_{\gamma q}^L P_L + f_{\gamma q}^R P_R) q A_{\mu\nu} \\
 & \left. + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{t} \kappa_{Hqt} (f_{Hq}^L P_L + f_{Hq}^R P_R) q H \right] + \text{h.c.}
 \end{aligned}$$

top quark+  
photon



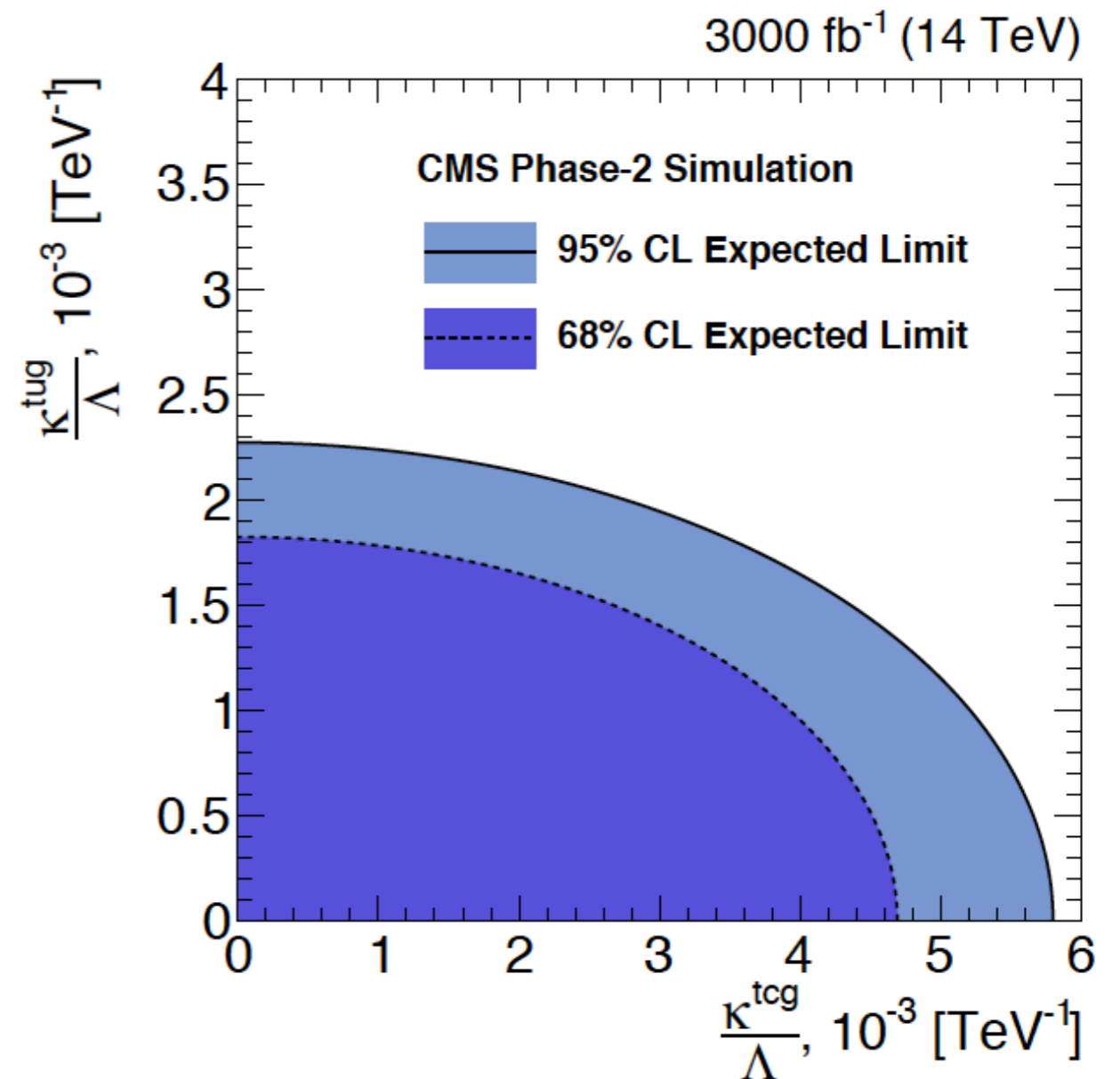
top quark+  
Higgs



# Flavor Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC)

- Search prospects for gluon-mediated FCNC in top quark production via  $tug$  and  $tcg$  vertices were studied with CMS HL-LHC detector
- Dominant uncertainty is normalization of multijet background
- Limits on branching fractions:
  - $B(t \rightarrow ug) < 3.8 \times 10^{-6}$
  - $B(t \rightarrow cg) < 32 \times 10^{-6}$

**Exploiting full HL-LHC dataset will allow us to improve current limits by an order of magnitude**

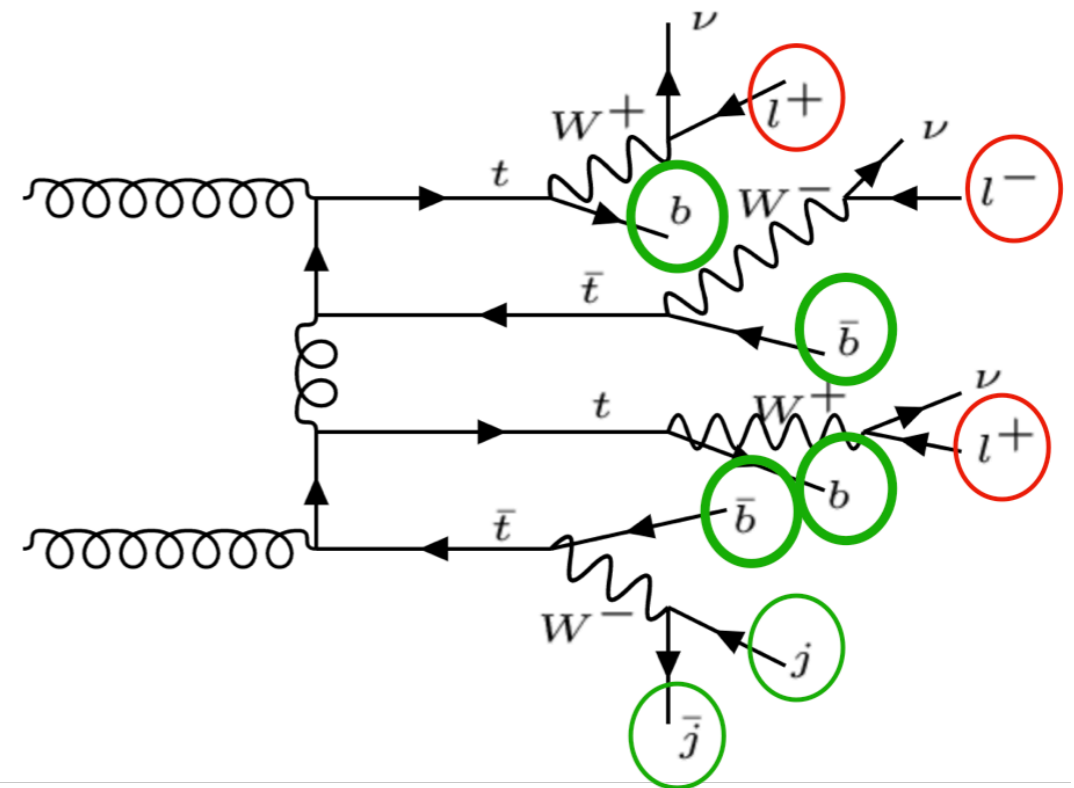
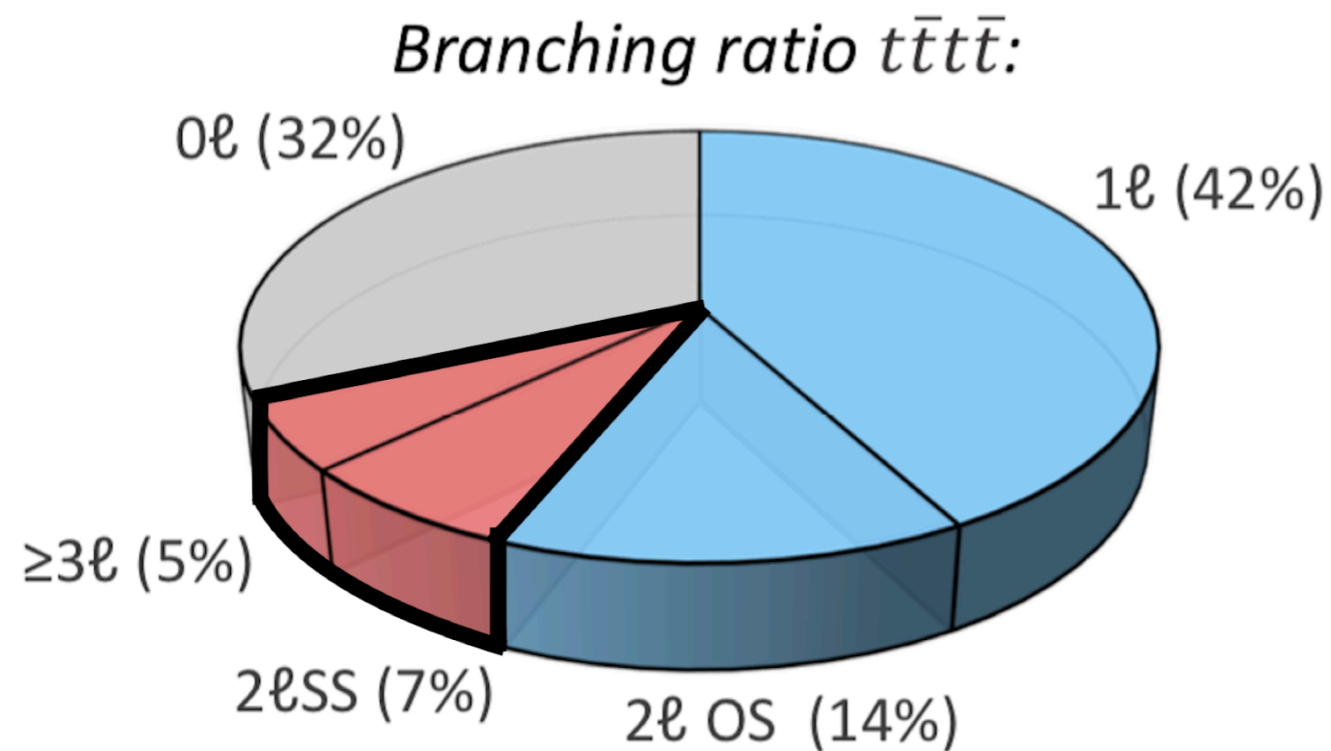


See back-up for more examples

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# Sensitivity of the SM $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ cross section at the HL-LHC

- Based on the recent evidence found in the SS/ML channel using the full run-2 dataset
- See Mathis's talk from Monday for more details

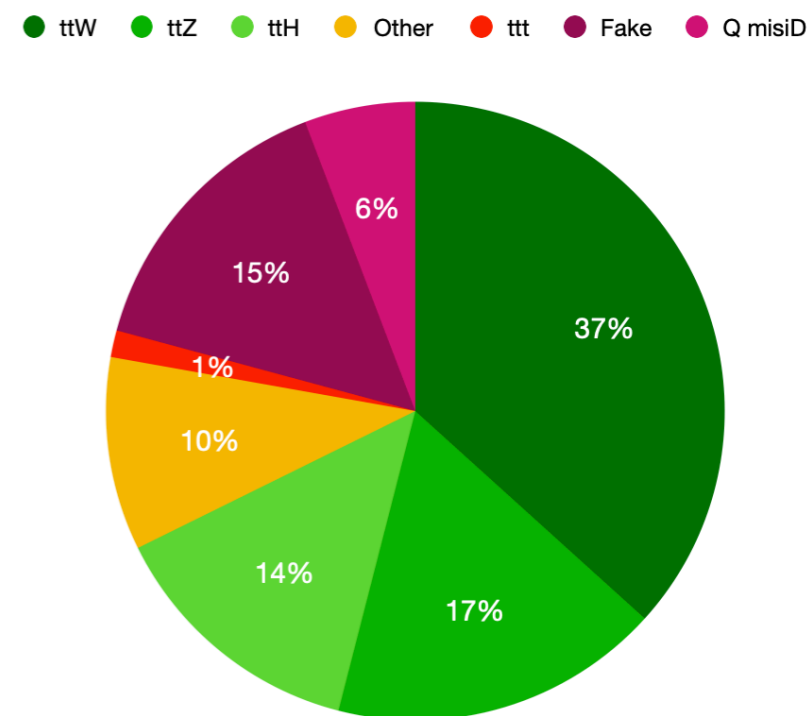


# Run 2 analysis in a nutshell

- Five analysis regions: 1 Signal Region & 4 Control Regions

- Main Backgrounds:

- **ttW (37%)**, ttZ(17%), and ttH (14%)
- Fake and non-prompt leptons (15%)
- Charge mis-assignment (6%)



- **Template Method** is used to determine the major backgrounds

- Background shapes are estimated from MC
- Normalisation is obtained from the fit

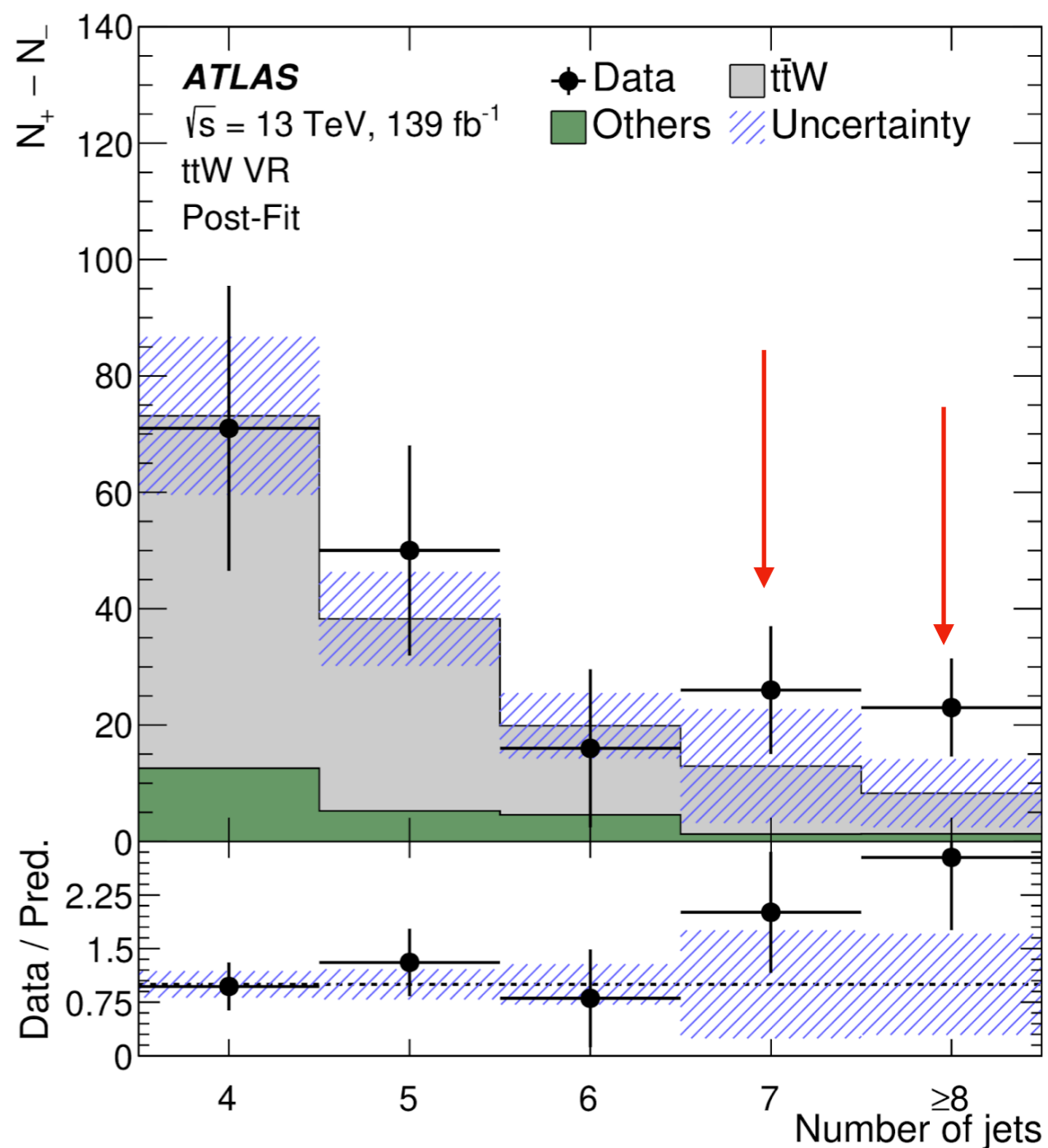
Parameter	$NF_{t\bar{t}W}$	$NF_{\text{Mat. Conv.}}$	$NF_{\text{Low } M_{ee}}$	$NF_{\text{HF } e}$	$NF_{\text{HF } \mu}$
Value	$1.6 \pm 0.3$	$1.6 \pm 0.5$	$0.9 \pm 0.4$	$0.8 \pm 0.4$	$1.0 \pm 0.4$



Compatible with other ATLAS and recent CMS measurements!

# ttW Validation Region

- Use Validation Region to check ttW+jets normalisation and modeling
- Additional jets: Uncertainty of 125% is assigned to events with 7 jets and 300% is assigned to events with  $\geq 8$  jets
- Based on Validation Region mismodeling





# Results with 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- Signal is separated from background based on a multivariate discriminant built in the signal region by combining input observables into a **BDT**

- The measured tttt signal strength is found to be:

$$\mu = \sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}} / \sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{SM} = 2.0^{+0.4}_{-0.4}(stat) \quad +0.7_{-0.5}(syst) = 2.0^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$$

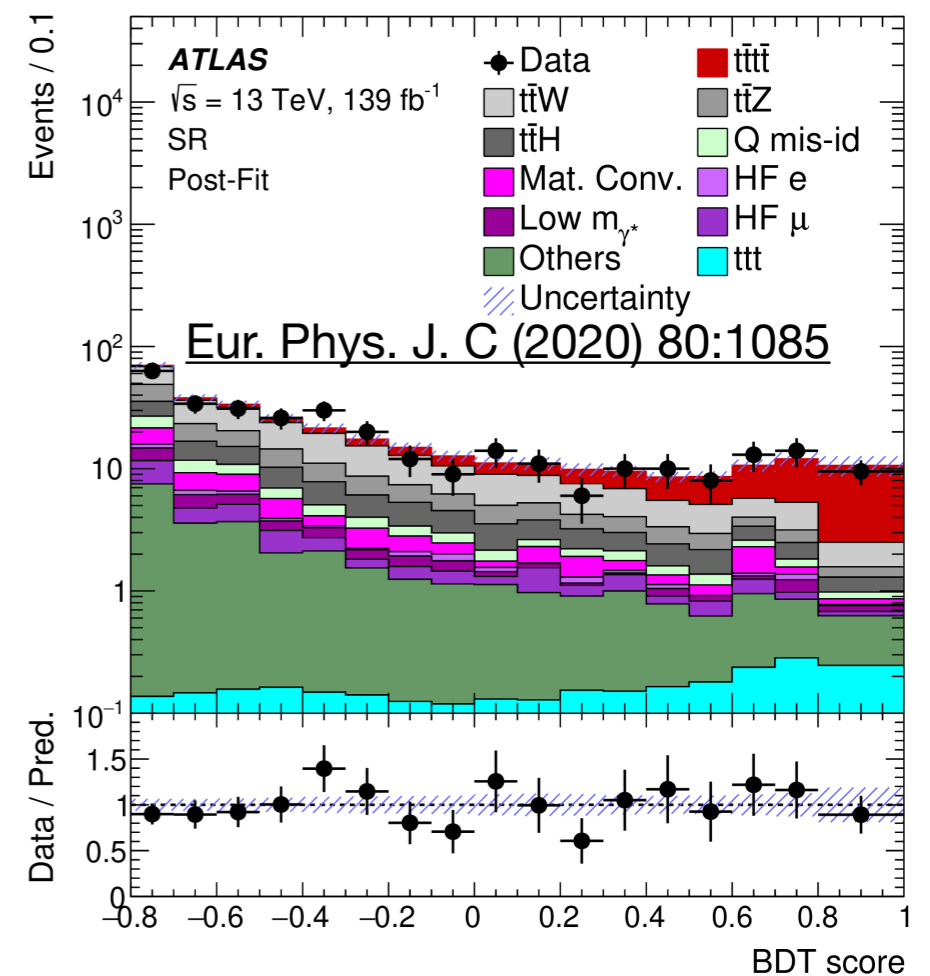
- Cross section:

$$\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 24^{+5}_{-5}(stat) \quad +5_{-4}(syst) fb = 24^{+7}_{-6} fb$$

- Compared to the theoretical prediction of  $\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 12 \pm 2 fb$

- Strong 4.3 $\sigma$  (2.4 $\sigma$  expected) evidence

- Consistent to 1.7 $\sigma$  with the Standard Model



# Extrapolation Studies

- The expected cross-section of  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  at 14 TeV is  $15.83 +18\% / -21\%$  fb ([JHEP 02 \(2018\) 031](#))
  - An increase by a factor of 1.3 with respect to 13 TeV
- Extrapolation studies are performed with the setup that uses **HT as fitted variations** in five signal regions
  - Easier to extrapolate than the result using the BDT score
  - Almost the same significances as with the BDT

Channel	Selection criteria
Common	$N_j \geq 6, N_b \geq 2$ and $H_T > 500$ GeV
SR2b21	SS events with $N_b = 2$
SR2b31	multilepton events with $N_b = 2$
SR3b21	SS events with $N_b = 3$
SR3b31	multilepton events with $N_b = 3$
SR4b	events with $N_b \geq 4$





# HL-LHC Recommendations

- Looked into several extrapolation scenarios based on how to scale the systematics with the assumption agreed for the **2019 Yellow Report**
- Followed the recommendations explained in the High Lumi LHC Systematics
  - **Modelling uncertainties could be halved** ([ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-005](#))
  - No dedicated studies for HL-LHC expected performance, **except for HF**
    - Recommended way to apply flavor tagging uncertainties is to **scale down** the nuisance parameters from the current analyses
    - Systematics driven by intrinsic detector limitations **are left unchanged**, or revised according to detailed simulation studies of the upgraded detector

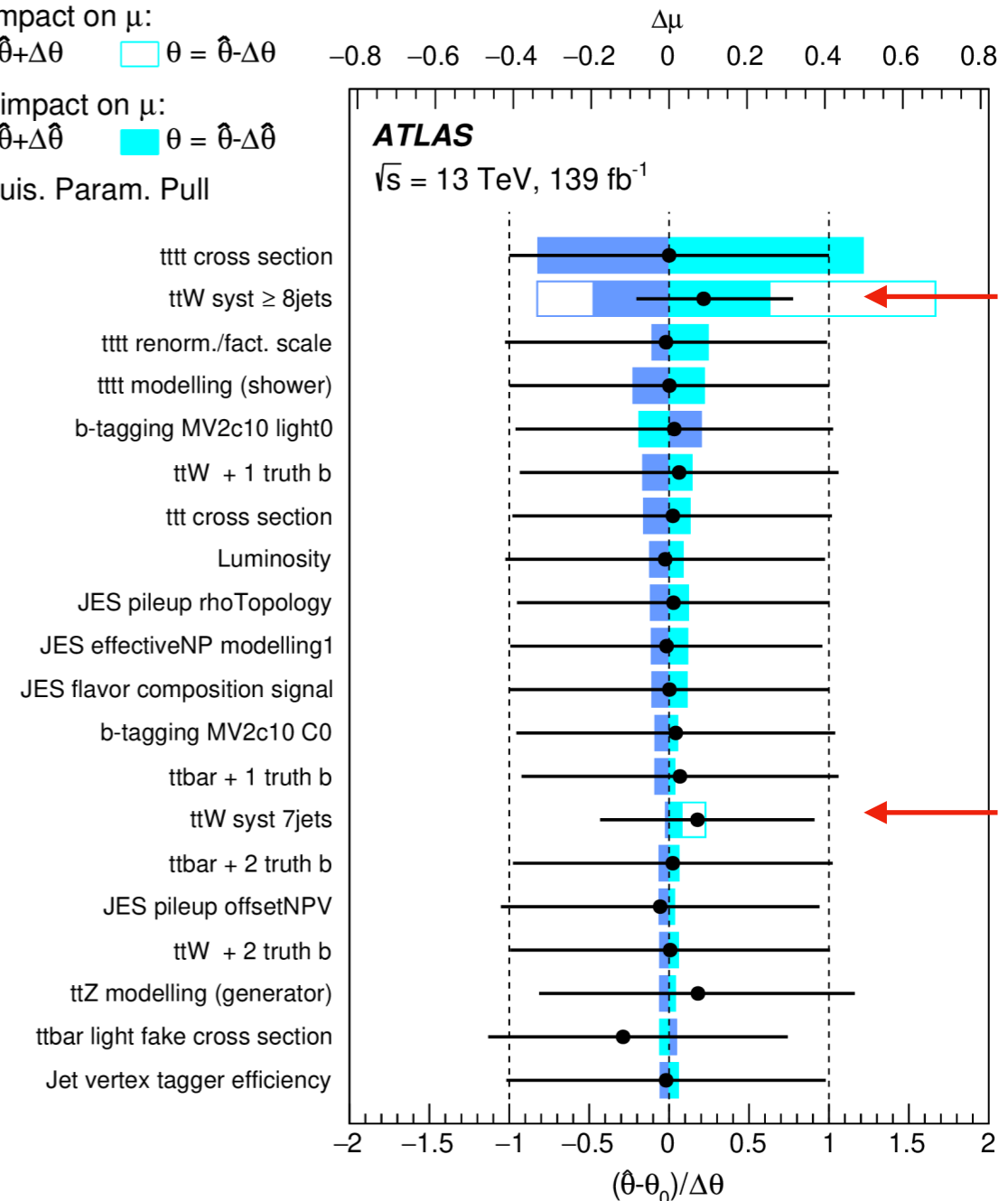


# Two Different Scenarios

- Extrapolation is performed under two different scenarios of the evolution of detector performance and associated systematic uncertainties
- **“Run 2”** : systematic uncertainties are kept equal to their Run 2 values except uncertainties related to  $t\bar{t}W + 7/8\text{jets}$  (take the post-fit values of the corresponding nuisance parameters from the 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> result)
- **“Run 2 Improved”**: includes the  $t\bar{t}W + 7/8\text{jets}$  scaling and includes a decrease of the systematic uncertainties based on the “YR18 systematic uncertainties”

Pre-fit impact on  $\mu$ :  
 $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$      $\square \theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$   
 Post-fit impact on  $\mu$ :  
 $\blacksquare \theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$      $\blacksquare \theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$   
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## Ranking with 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>



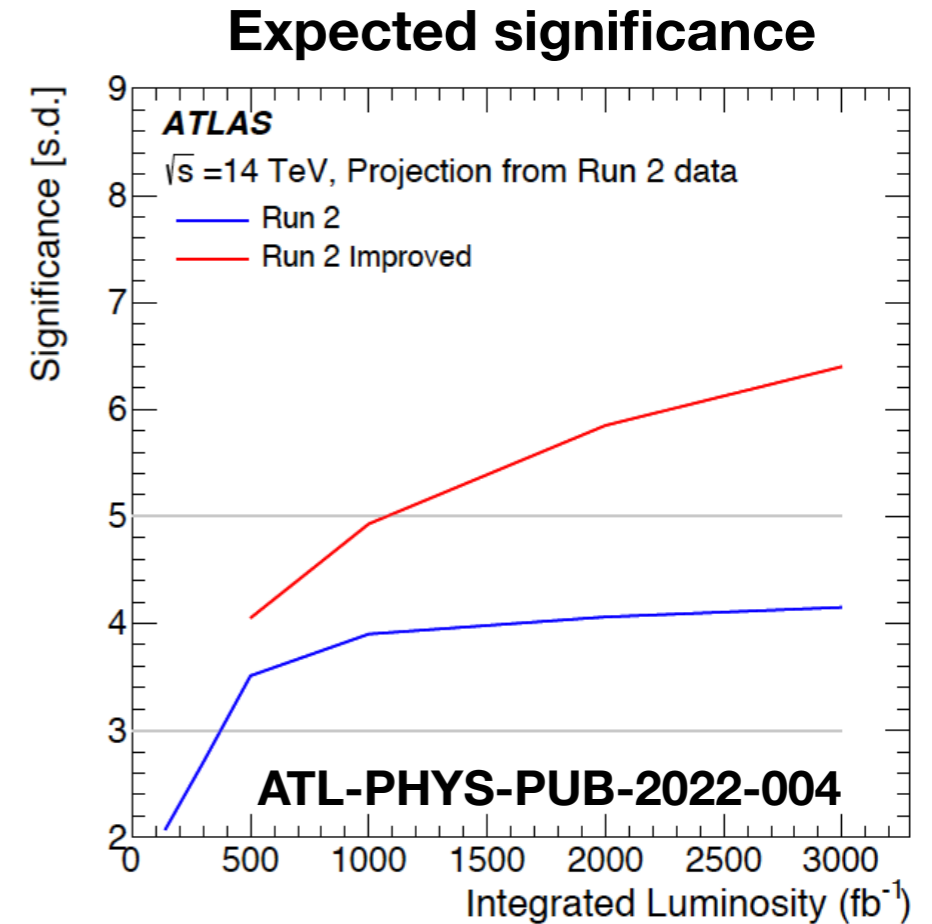
# Run 2 Improved

Uncertainty source	Treatment in the “Run 2 Improved” model
<b>Signal modelling</b>	
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ cross section	Half of Run 2
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ modelling	Half of Run 2
<b>Background modelling</b>	
$t\bar{t}W$ +jets modelling	
Renormalisation and factorisation scales	Half of Run 2
Generator	Half of Run 2
Jets multiplicity modelling	Scaled by Run 2 pulls
Additional heavy flavour jets	Scaled by luminosity
$t\bar{t}t$ modelling	
Cross section	Half of Run 2
Additional heavy flavour jets	Scaled by luminosity
Non-prompt leptons modelling	Scaled by luminosity
$t\bar{t}H$ +jets and $t\bar{t}Z$ +jets modelling	
Cross section	Half of Run 2
Renormalisation and factorisation scales	Half of Run 2
Generator	Half of Run 2
PDF	Half of Run 2
Additional heavy flavour jets	Scaled by luminosity
Other background modelling	
Cross section	Half of Run 2
Additional heavy flavour jets	Scaled by luminosity
Charge misassignment	Same as Run 2
Template fit shape uncertainties	
Mat. Conv., $\gamma^*$ , and HF non-prompt leptons	Scaled by luminosity
Other fake leptons	Half of Run 2
Additional heavy flavour jets	Half of Run 2
<b>Instrumental</b>	
Jet uncertainties	Same as Run 2
Jet flavour tagging (light-flavour jets)	Half of Run 2
Luminosity	Same as Run 2
Jet flavour tagging ( $b$ -jets)	Half of Run 2
Jet flavour tagging ( $c$ -jets)	Half of Run 2
Other experimental uncertainties	Same as Run 2

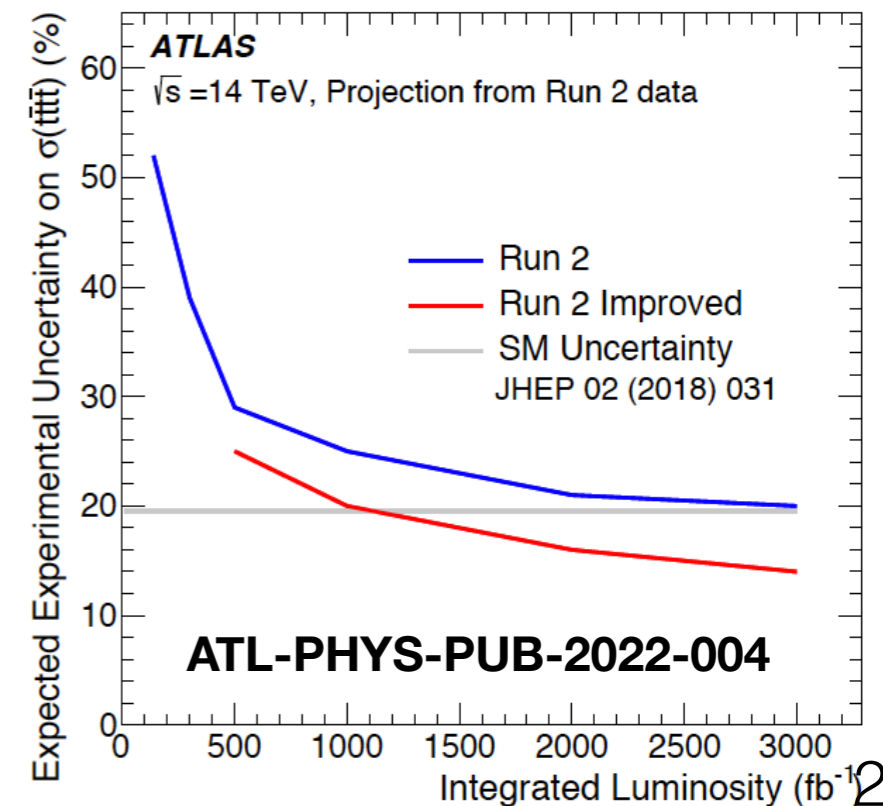


# Expected Sensitivity

- A significance of  $6.4\sigma$  for the SM  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  process is expected in the **“Run 2 Improved”** scenario
  - Expecting total uncertainty on the cross section of  $\sim 14\%$
  - Experimental precision is expected to be significantly better than the precision of the current SM computation
- The better sensitivity is driven by:
  - Smaller theoretical uncertainties assumed in the  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  cross section
  - Better modeling of the  $t\bar{t}W/t\bar{t}Z + \text{HF jets}$
  - Smaller b-tagging experimental uncertainties



## Expected experimental uncertainty



# Sensitivity Studies by CMS

- Based on the run-2 results with  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Tried various treatment of systematic uncertainties

Source uncert.	<i>Stat. only</i>	<i>Run 2</i>	<i>YR18</i>	<i>YR18+</i>
Statistical	$(L/L_{ref})^{-0.5}$	$(L/L_{ref})^{-0.5}$	$(L/L_{ref})^{-0.5}$	$(L/L_{ref})^{-0.5}$
Experimental	None	Original	$\max(0.5, (L/L_{ref})^{-0.5})$	$(L/L_{ref})^{-0.5}$
Int. Luminosity	None	Original	0.4	0.4
Data-driven bckgrnd	None	Original	$\max(0.5, (L/L_{ref})^{-0.5})$	$(L/L_{ref})^{-0.5}$
Theory (shapes)	None	Original	0.5	0.5
Bckgrnd cross section	None	Original	0.5	0.5
Signal cross section	None	Original	0.5	0.5

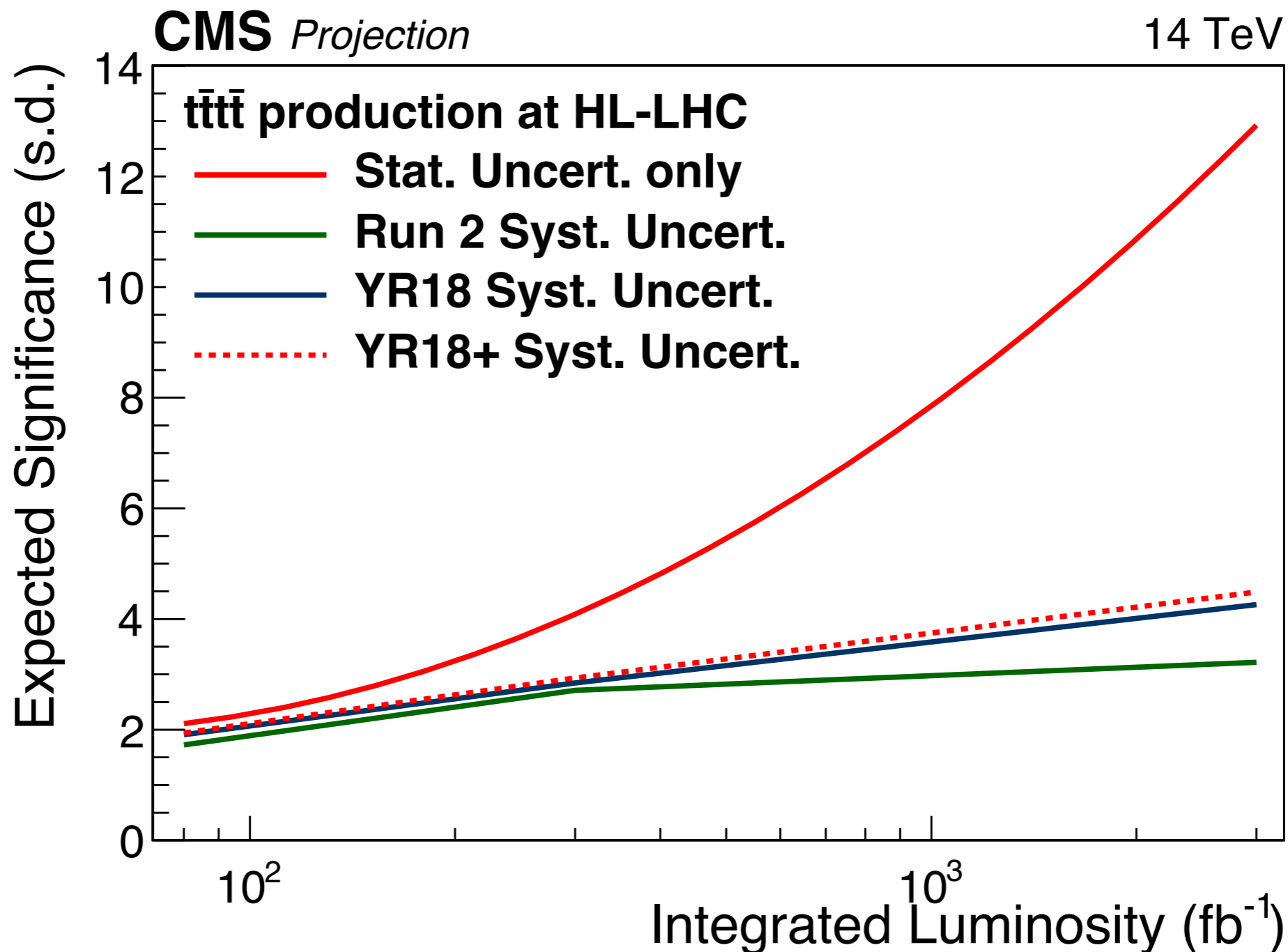
## Expected significance of $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ signal over a background-only hypothesis

Int. Luminosity	<i>Stat. only</i>	<i>Run 2</i>	<i>YR18</i>	<i>YR18+</i>
$300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	4.09	2.71	2.85	2.93
$3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	12.9	3.22	4.26	4.49



# Sensitivity Studies by CMS

- A  $4.5\sigma$  significance is expected with the most optimistic systematics scenario
- Cross-section can be constrained down to 9% statistical uncertainty and 18% to 28% total uncertainty (depending on the considered systematic uncertainties)



# Conclusions

- HL-LHC will offer a great opportunity for many top measurements & top related searched
- Detector upgrades will allow for better forward jet and lepton reconstruction - essential to improve current measurements
- Will produce currently unachievable measurements
- Improve our understanding and learn more about the SM
- Can uncover unexpected deviations from the SM pointing to new physics
- Improving theoretical uncertainties is a key player to achieve better precision

**Thank you!**

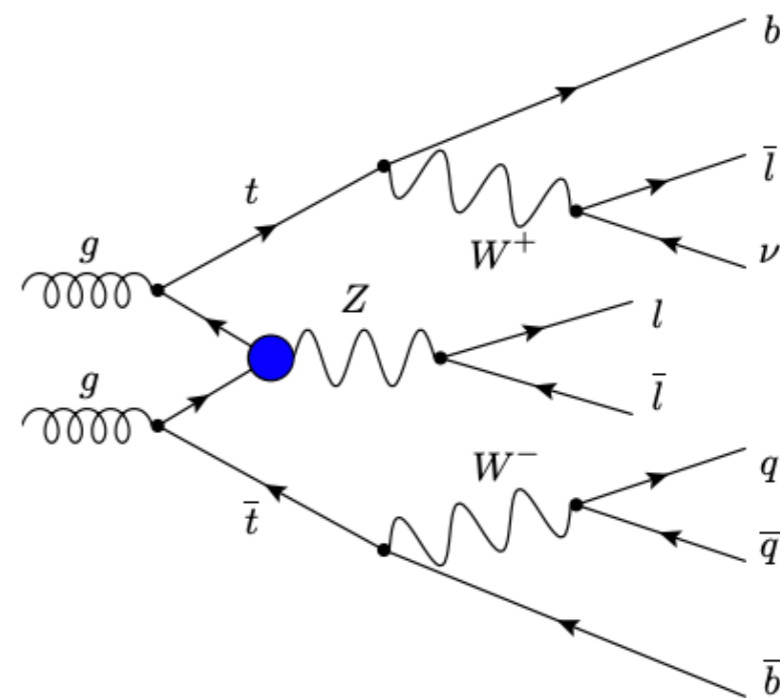
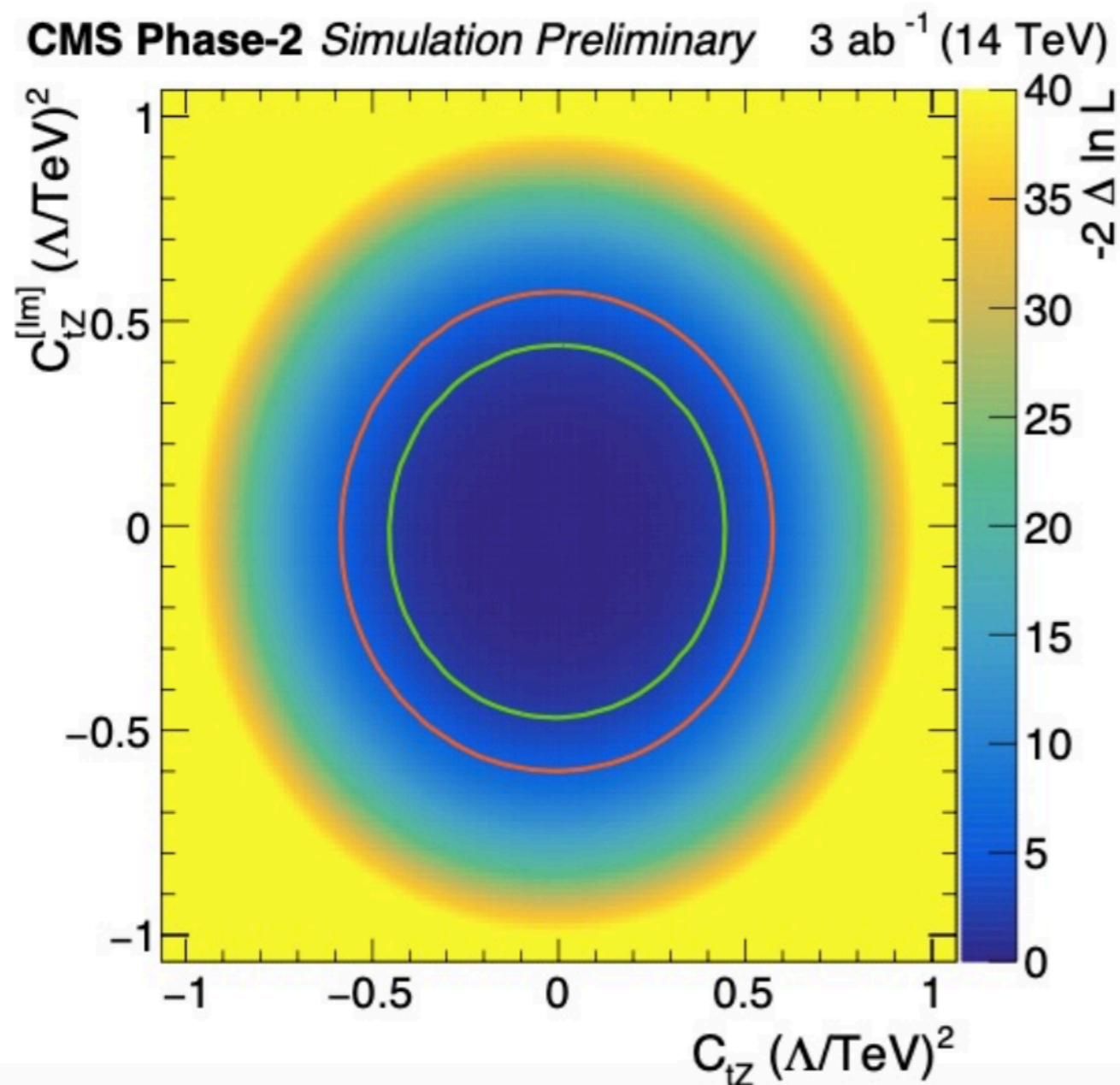


# Extra Material



# ttZ and EW top couplings at the HL-LHC

- Expected sensitivity to Wilson coefficients of top quark operators  $C_{tZ}$  in the ttZ process



Wilson coefficient  $C_{tZ}$  in SMEFT  
 68 % CL ( $\Lambda/\text{TeV}$ )<sup>2</sup> : [-0.37, 0.36]  
 95 % CL ( $\Lambda/\text{TeV}$ )<sup>2</sup> : [-0.52, 0.51]

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- Done in the three charged lepton final states
- The dominant sources of uncertainties, in both signal and background estimations, are from the theoretical normalization and the modeling of the background processes MC
- An improvement by a factor of four is expected over the current Run-2 analysis

	$-1\sigma$	Expected	$+1\sigma$
$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow uZ)$	$4.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-5}$
$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow cZ)$	$5.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$12 \times 10^{-5}$

Table 6: The expected 95% confidence level upper limits on the top-quark FCNC decay branching ratios are shown together with the  $\pm 1\sigma$  bands, which include the contribution from the statistical and systematic uncertainties. Presented limits are extracted from "Asimov data" in the signal and background control regions, defined as the total expected pre-fit background. Systematic uncertainty from the MC statistical uncertainty is considered as well.

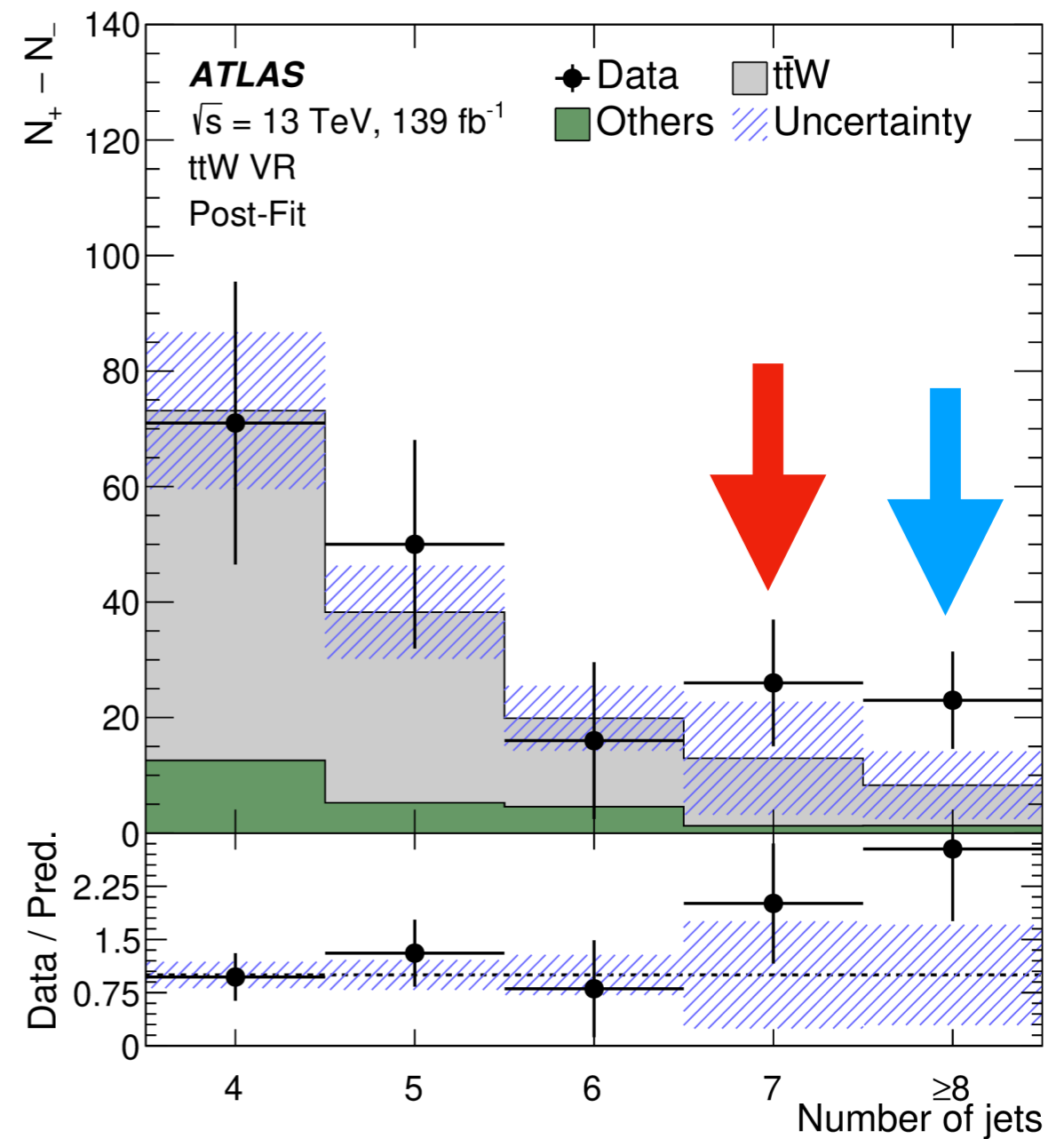
Operator	Expected limit
$ C_{uB}^{(31)} $	0.13
$ C_{uW}^{(31)} $	0.13
$ C_{uB}^{(32)} $	0.14
$ C_{uW}^{(32)} $	0.14

Table 8: Expected 95% CL upper limits on the moduli of the operators contributing to the FCNC decays  $t \rightarrow uZ$  and  $t \rightarrow cZ$  within the TopFCNC model for a new-physics energy scale  $\Lambda = 1$  TeV.

# Run 2 SM $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ cross section

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
<b>Signal modelling</b>		
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ cross section	+0.56	-0.31
$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ modelling	+0.15	-0.09
<b>Background modelling</b>		
$t\bar{t}W$ modelling	+0.26	-0.27
$t\bar{t}t$ modeling	+0.10	-0.07
Non-prompt leptons modeling	+0.05	-0.04
$t\bar{t}H$ modelling	+0.04	-0.01
$t\bar{t}Z$ modelling	+0.02	-0.04
Charge misassignment	+0.01	-0.02
<b>Instrumental</b>		
Jet uncertainties	+0.12	-0.08
Jet flavour tagging (light-jets)	+0.11	-0.06
Simulation sample size	+0.06	-0.06
Luminosity	+0.05	-0.03
Jet flavour tagging (b-jets)	+0.04	-0.02
Other experimental uncertainties	+0.03	-0.01
Jet flavour tagging (c-jets)	+0.03	-0.01
<b>Total systematic uncertainty</b>	<b>+0.69</b>	<b>-0.46</b>
<b>Statistical</b>	<b>+0.42</b>	<b>-0.39</b>
Non-prompt leptons normalisation(HF, material conversions)	+0.05	-0.04
$t\bar{t}W$ normalisation	+0.04	-0.04
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	<b>+0.82</b>	<b>-0.62</b>

## $t\bar{t}W$ Validation Region: $\geq 4$ jets $\geq 2$ b-tagged



# Sensitivity of the SM $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ cross section at the HL-LHC

- The cross-section can be constrained down to 9% statistical uncertainty and 18% to 28% total uncertainty, depending on the considered systematic uncertainties, while a  $4.5\sigma$  significance is expected with the most optimistic systematics scenario
- The expected sensitivity on the  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  cross-section is also used to provide constraints on EFT four top contact interaction operators, setting limits on their Wilson coefficients

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