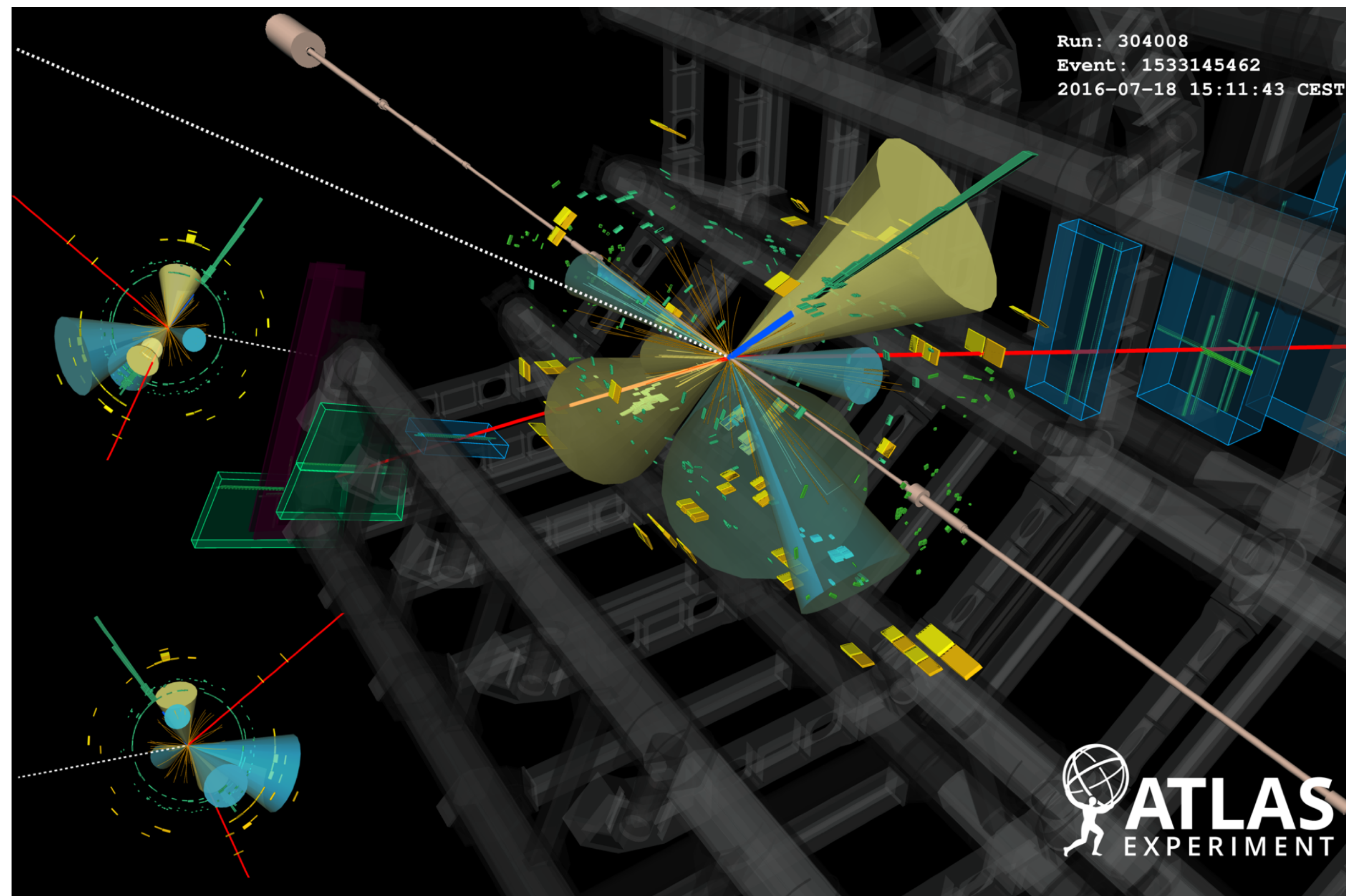


Review of four top quark production results

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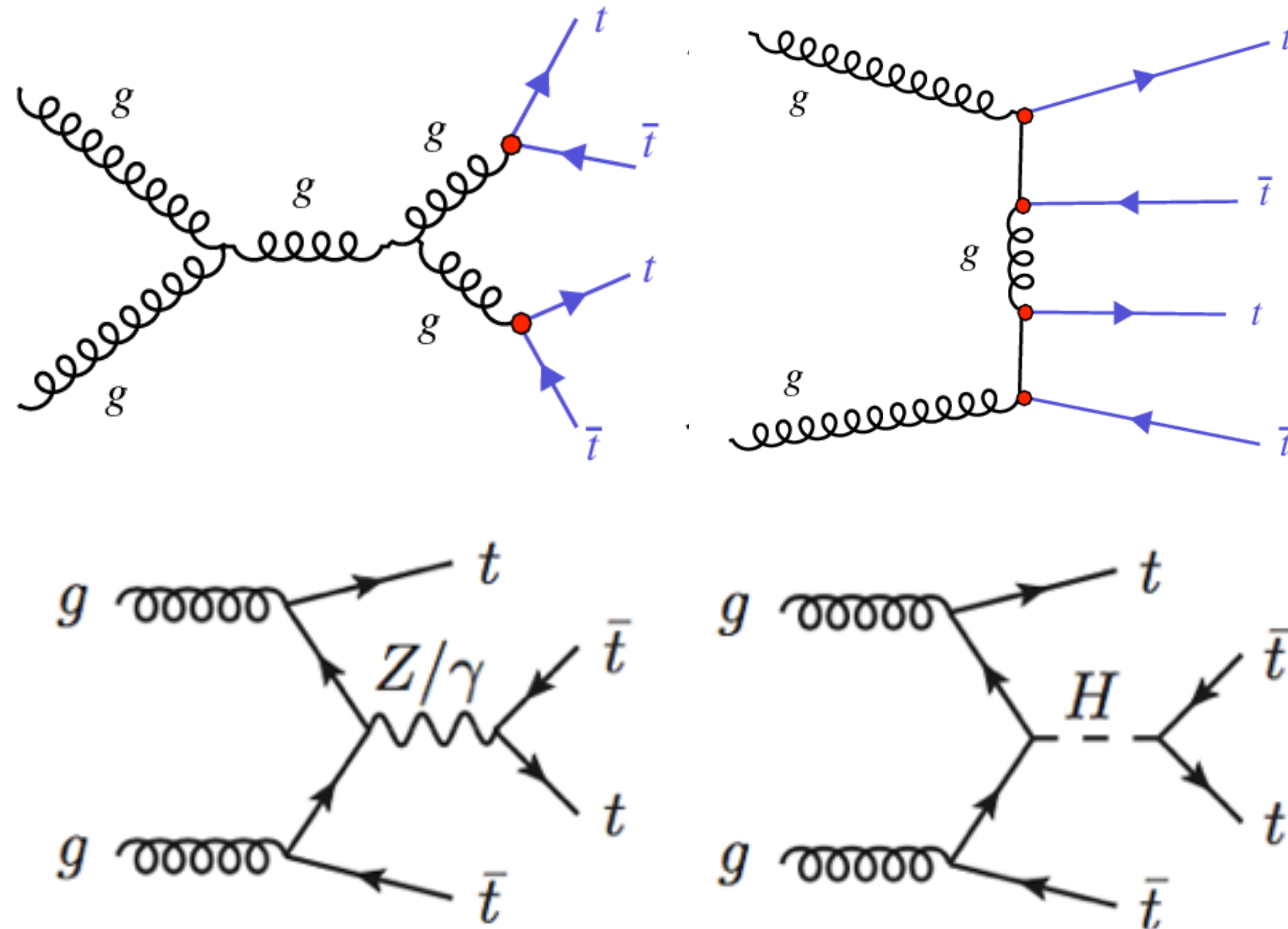
Four top quark production in the Standard Model

- One of the heaviest final states accessible at the LHC

- NLO QCD: $\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 12 \text{ fb} \pm 20\%$ [JHEP 02 (2018) 031]
- NLO+NLL: $\sigma(t\bar{t}t\bar{t}) = 13.4 \text{ fb} \pm 11\%$ [arXiv:2212.03259]

- Naturally sensitive to many BSM models

- top Higgs Yukawa coupling and its CP properties
- Uniquely sensitive to EFT four heavy fermion operators
- New mediator particles

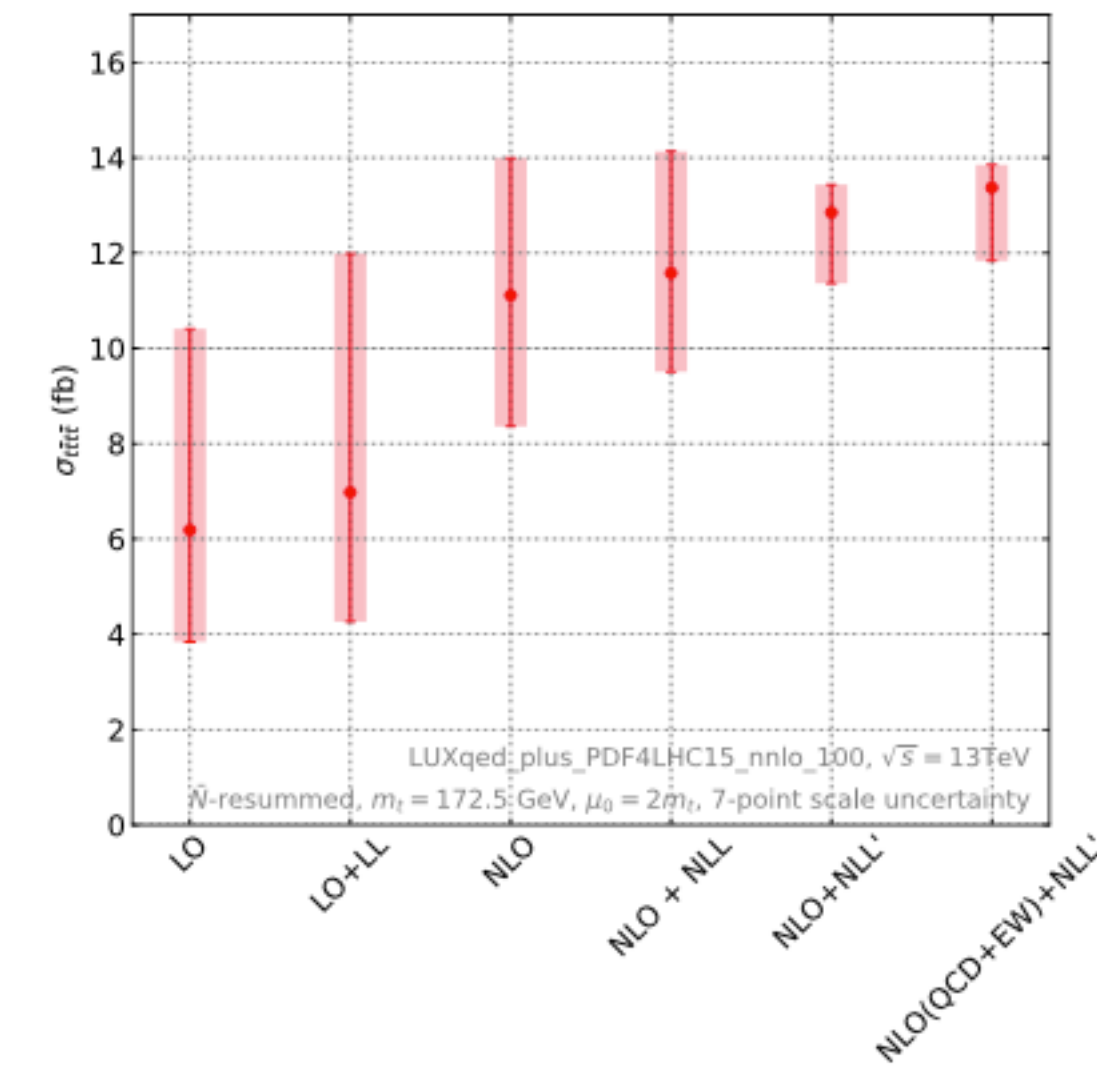


$\sigma[\text{fb}]$	LO _{QCD}	LO _{QCD} + NLO _{QCD}	LO	LO + NLO	$\frac{\text{LO}(+\text{NLO})}{\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}(+\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}})}$
$\mu = H_T/4$	$6.83^{+70\%}_{-38\%}$	$11.12^{+19\%}_{-23\%}$	$7.59^{+64\%}_{-36\%}$	$11.97^{+18\%}_{-21\%}$	1.11 (1.08)

NLO K-factor around 10-15%

NLL resummation increase the XS by 15%

Decrease in scale uncertainties by 50%

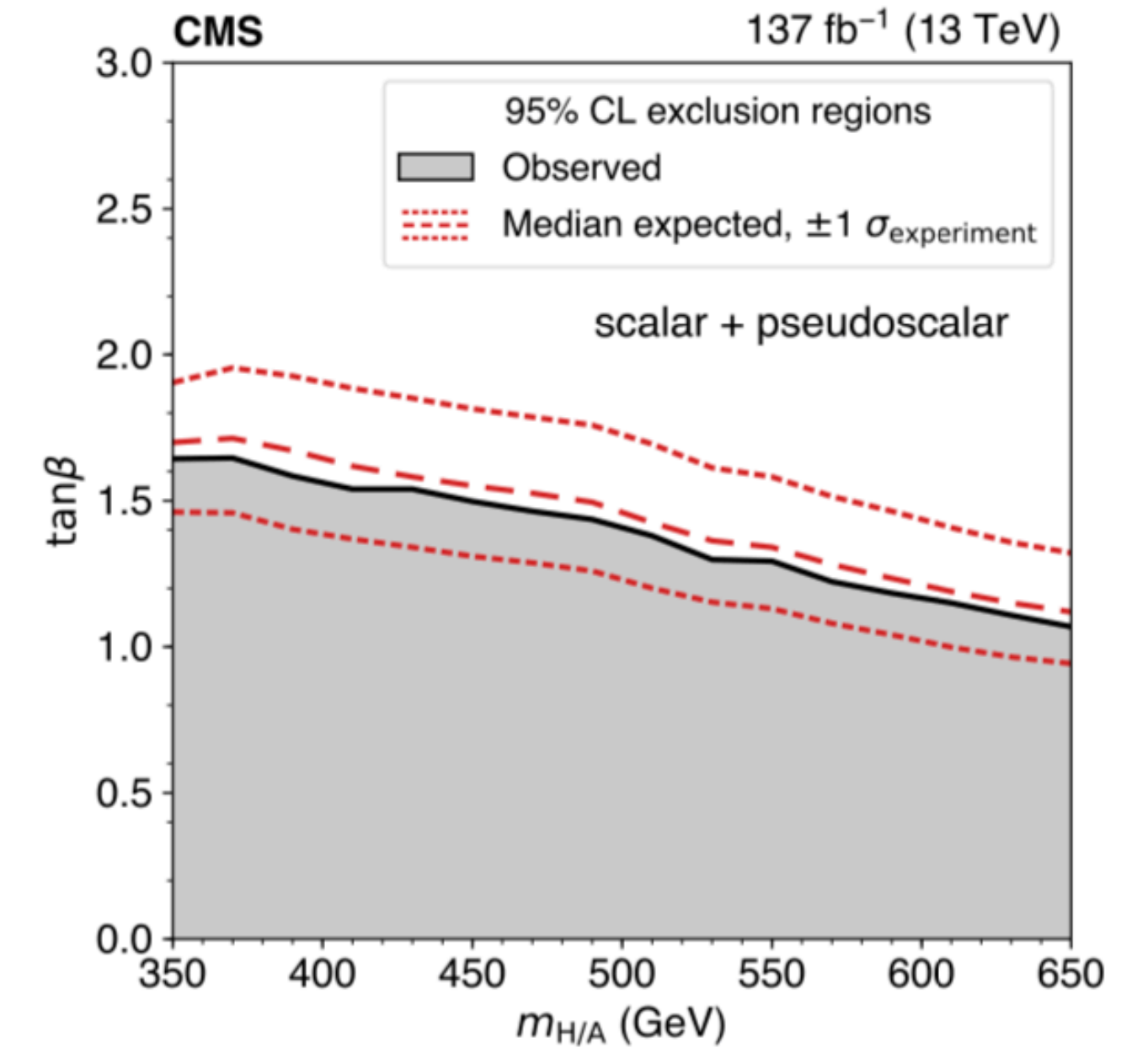
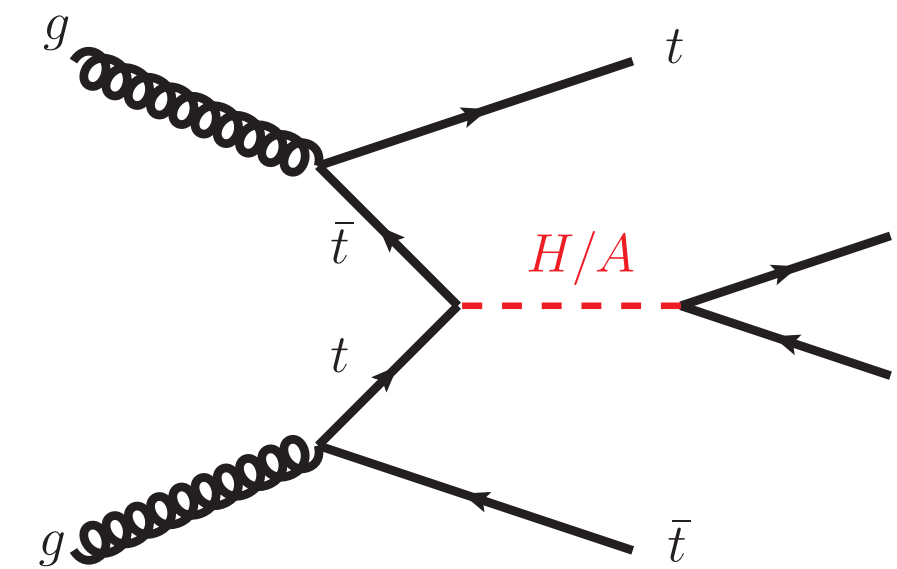
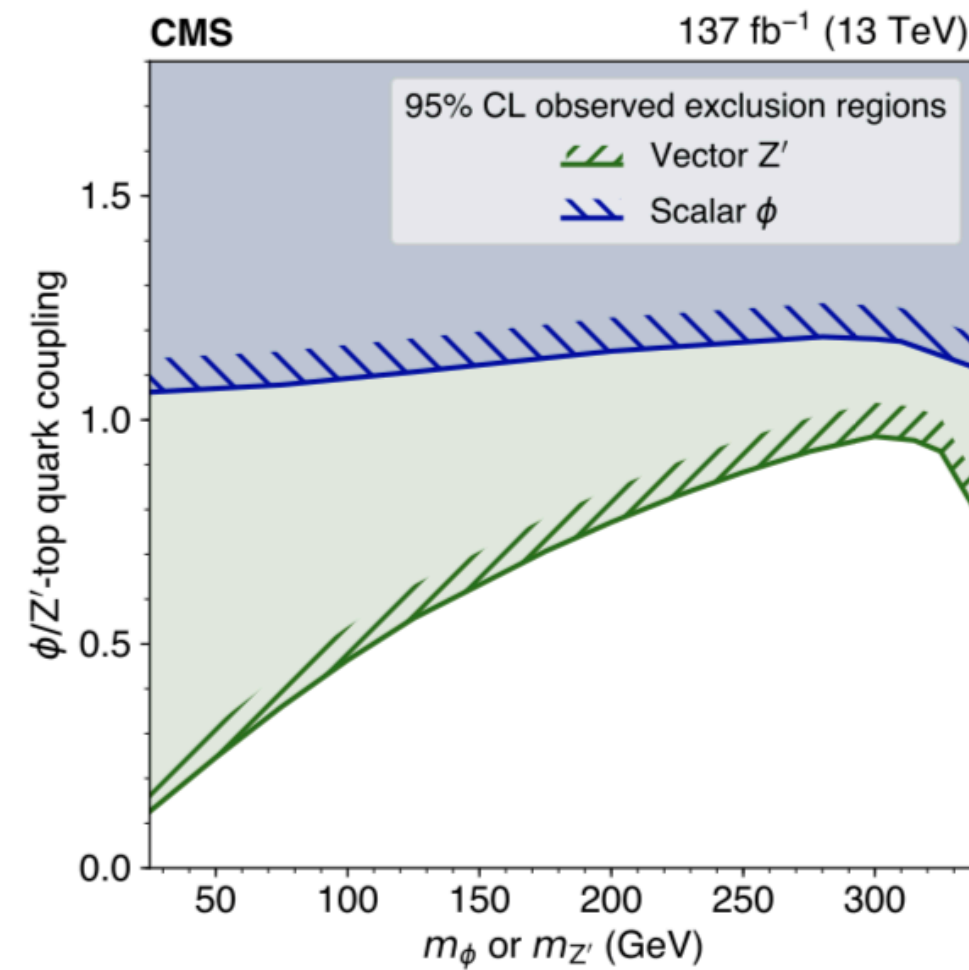


\sqrt{s} (TeV)	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO}}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO+NLL}}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO+NLL}'}$ (fb)	$K_{\text{NLL}'}$
13	$11.00(2)^{+25.2\%}_{-24.5\%}$ fb	$11.46(2)^{+21.3\%}_{-17.7\%}$ fb	$12.73(2)^{+4.1\%}_{-11.8\%}$ fb	1.16
13.6	$13.14(2)^{+25.1\%}_{-24.4\%}$ fb	$13.81(2)^{+20.7\%}_{-20.1\%}$ fb	$15.16(2)^{+2.5\%}_{-11.9\%}$ fb	1.15
\sqrt{s} (TeV)	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO(QCD+EW)}}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO(QCD+EW)+NLL}}$ (fb)	$\sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}^{\text{NLO(QCD+EW)+NLL}'}$ (fb)	$K_{\text{NLL}'}$
13	$11.64(2)^{+23.2\%}_{-22.8\%}$ fb	$12.10(2)^{+19.5\%}_{-16.3\%}$ fb	$13.37(2)^{+3.6\%}_{-11.4\%}$ fb	1.15
13.6	$13.80(2)^{+22.6\%}_{-22.9\%}$ fb	$14.47(2)^{+18.5\%}_{-19.1\%}$ fb	$15.82(2)^{+1.5\%}_{-11.6\%}$ fb	1.15

4top production as probe to new physics

- Higgs oblique parameter :

- the Wilson coefficient that modifies the Higgs propagator ([arXiv:1903.07725](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.07725))
- Modify the 4top signal and the $t\bar{t}H$ cross section (rescaled by $(1-H^2)$)



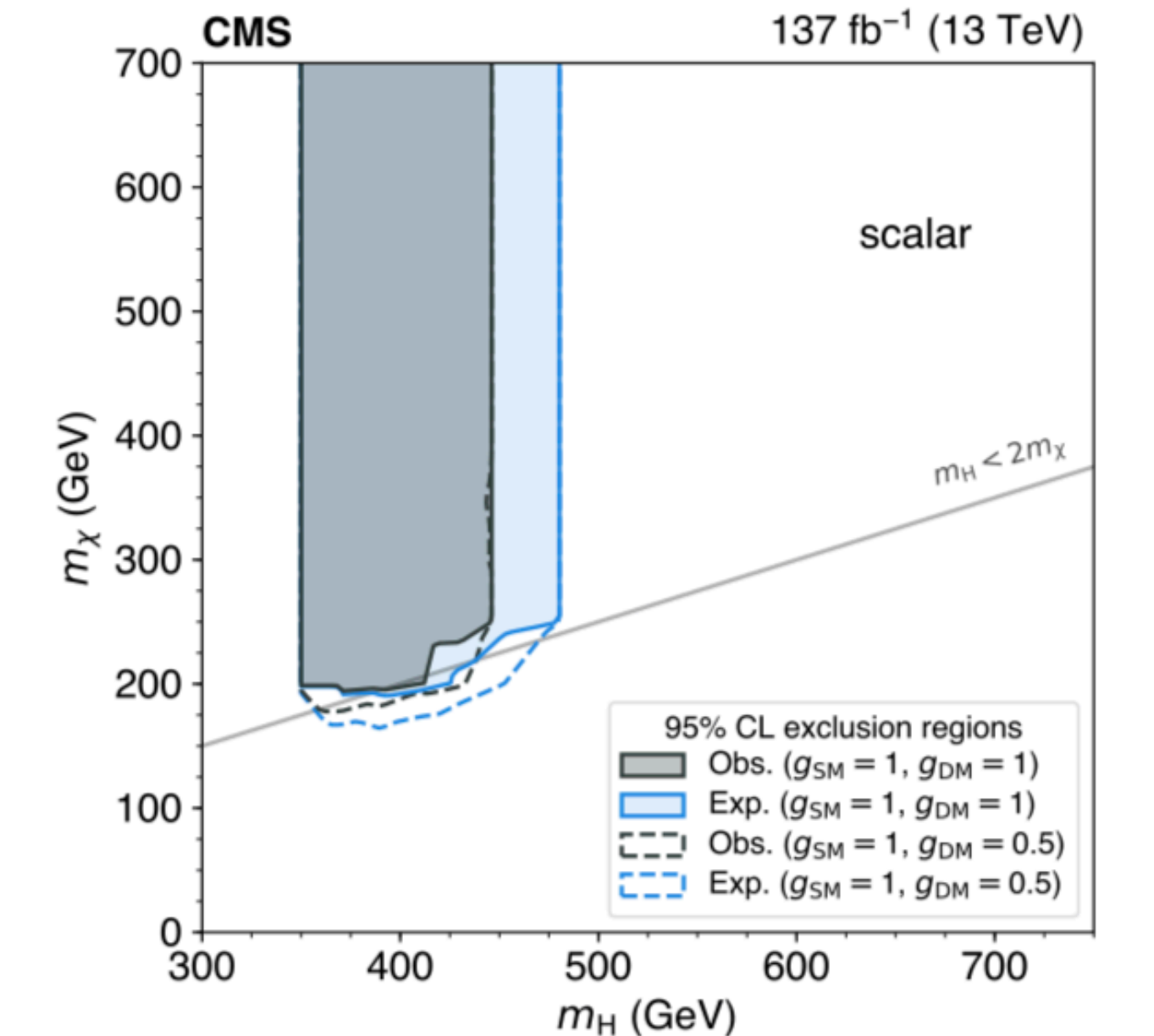
- New particles with $m < 2m_t$

- Virtual scalar (Φ) or vector (Z')
- Recalculate $\sigma(4\text{top})$ limit with 10% more systematics (effect of the BSM on the signal acceptance)

- New particles with $m > 2m_t$

- Heavy Higgs (H/A): could be interpreted in terms of 2HDM parameters or as simplified dark matter models (dirac fermion dark matter X in addition to A/H)

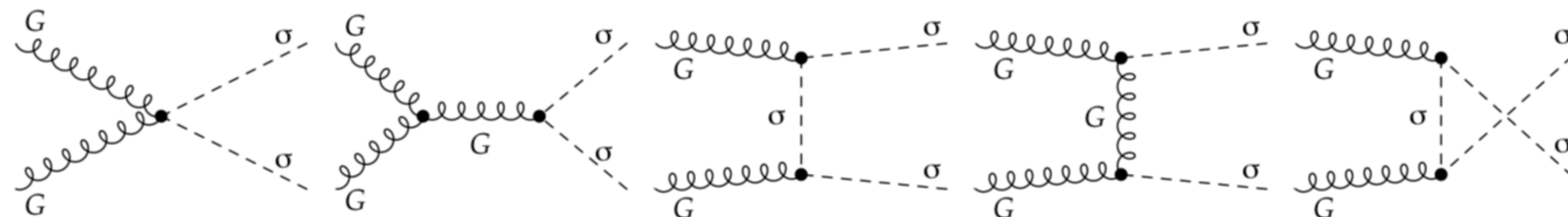
Interpretations performed by CMS: [arXiv:1908.06463](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.06463)



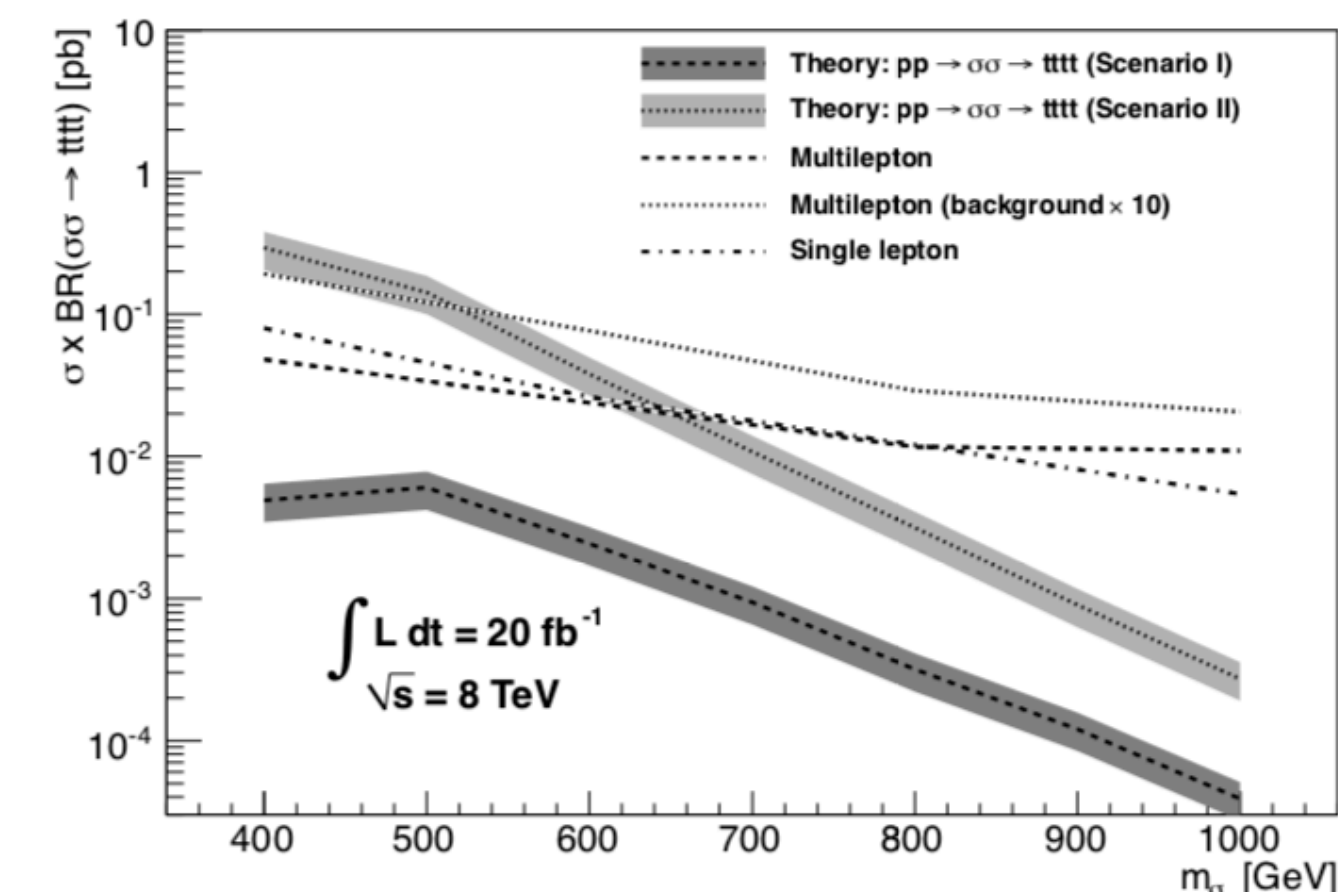
Other possible models with 4top signature

- **sgluon production**

- S. Calvet et al: [arXiv:1212.3360](https://arxiv.org/abs/1212.3360)
- Sgluon decaying to tj or $t\bar{t}$: can lead to a 4top signature



	Single lepton analysis	Multilepton analysis	Multilepton analysis (background $\times 10$)
$tjtj$	590^{+40}_{-30} GeV	570^{+30}_{-50} GeV	440^{+40}_{-15} GeV
$tjtt$	480^{+70}_{-80} GeV	520^{+35}_{-90} GeV	-
$tttt$ (Scenario I)	-	-	-
$tttt$ (Scenario II)	640^{+40}_{-30} GeV	650^{+30}_{-40} GeV	520^{+50}_{-110} GeV



- **Strong and weak dipole moments**

- Malekhosseini et al: [arXiv:1804.05598](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.05598)
- Parametrize the 4top cross section as a function of d_V^g, Z_V or d_A^g, Z_A
- Extract limits from the 4top rate

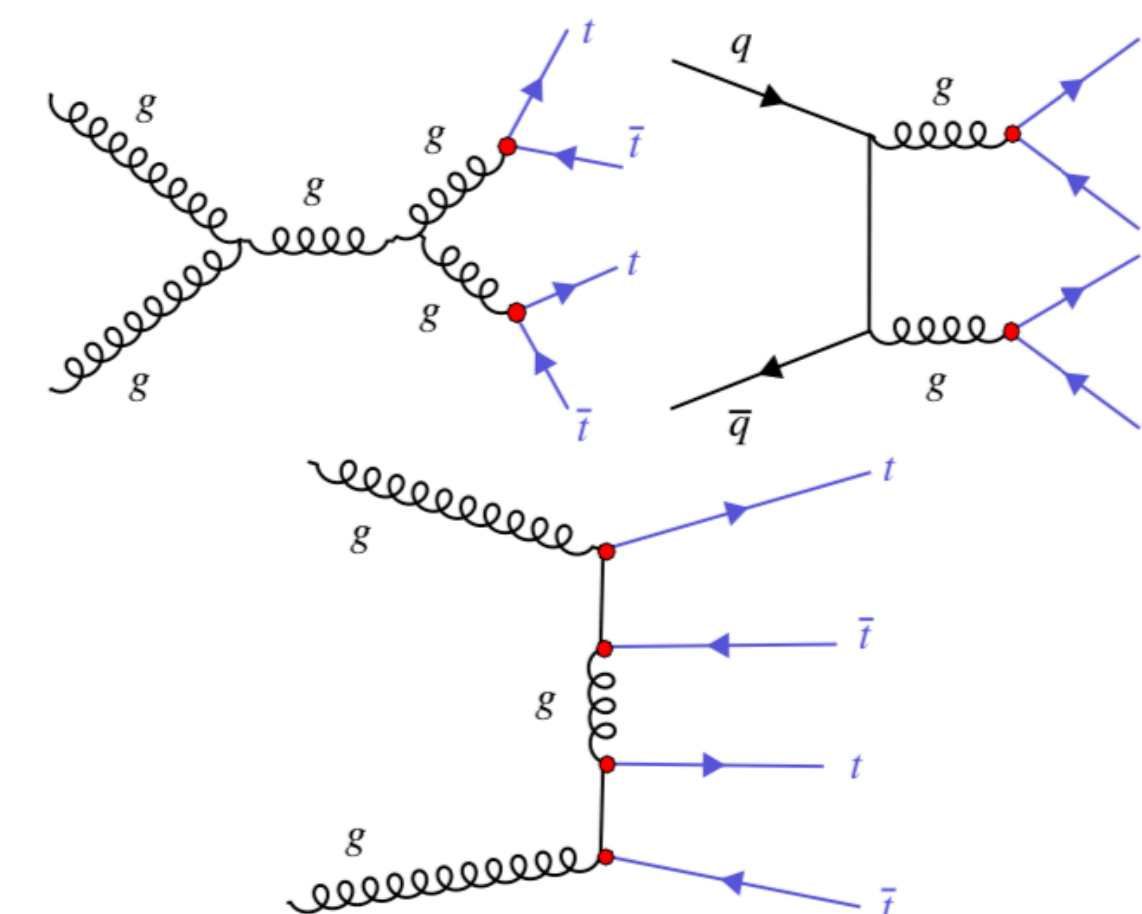
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t})(fb) = \sigma_{SM} + 154.827 \times d_V^g + 3404.44 \times (d_V^g)^2,$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t})(fb) = \sigma_{SM} + 2731.27 \times (d_A^g)^2,$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t})(fb) = \sigma_{SM} - 0.689188 \times d_V^Z + 37.0581 \times (d_V^Z)^2,$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t})(fb) = \sigma_{SM} + 27.962 \times (d_A^Z)^2,$$

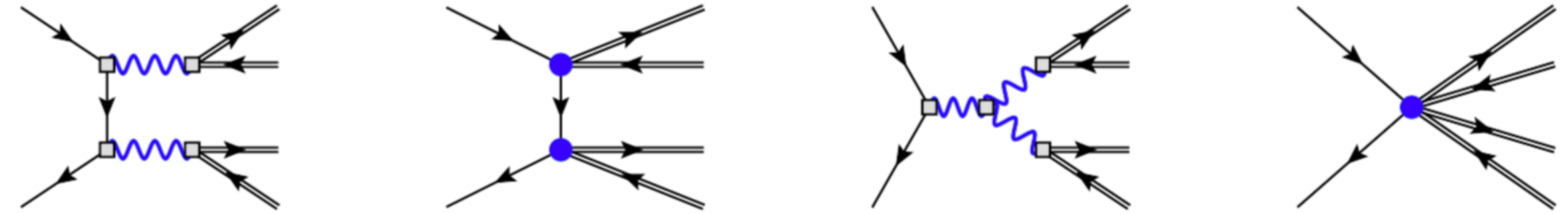
Coupling	Current four-top with 35.6 fb^{-1}	Future four-top with 300 fb^{-1}
d_V^g	[-0.20, 0.11]	[-0.07, 0.03]
d_A^g	[-0.16, 0.16]	[-0.05, 0.05]
d_V^Z	[-1.42, 1.45]	[-0.45, 0.47]
d_A^Z	[-1.65, 1.65]	[-0.53, 0.53]



4-top EFT operators

- 4-fermion operators relevant for 4top

- Only constrained by $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ or $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$
- Operators that preserved $SU(2)_L$:
 $O^{1_{QQ}}, O^{8_{QQ}}, O^{1_{Qt}}, O^{8_{Qt}}, O^{1_{tt}}$



$$c_{QQ}^1 \equiv 2C_{qq}^{1(3333)} - \frac{2}{3}C_{qq}^{3(3333)}, \quad c_{Qt}^1 \equiv C_{qu}^{1(3333)},$$

$$c_{QQ}^8 \equiv 8C_{qq}^{3(3333)}, \quad c_{Qt}^8 \equiv C_{qu}^{8(3333)},$$

$$c_{tt}^1 \equiv C_{uu}^{1(3333)},$$

- Other operators could affect the backgrounds:
 - $t\bar{t}W$: 3 $O(\Lambda^{-2})$ operators
 - $t\bar{t}H/Z$: 7 $O(\Lambda^{-2})$ operators
 - 14 $qqtt$ operators

- Reduced set for $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ only at LO:

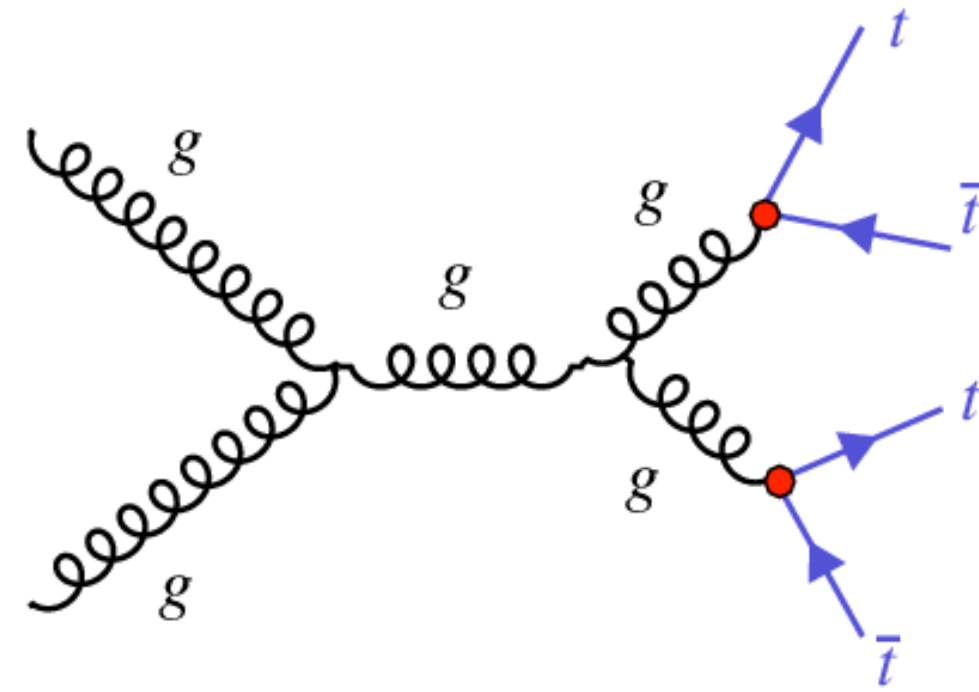
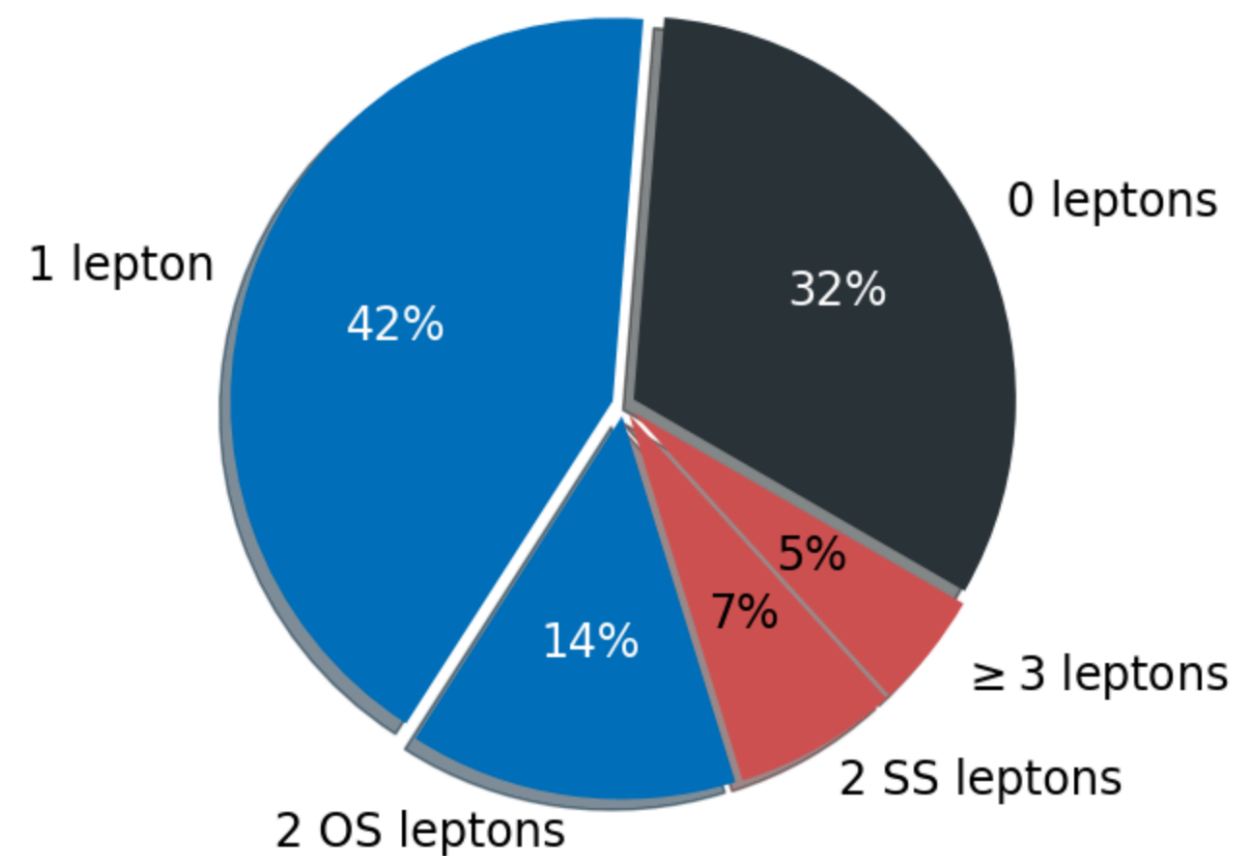
- 4 operators that conserved $SU(2)_L$: $O^{8_{QQ}}, = 1/3 O^{1_{QQ}}$
 (see for instance [1807.02130](#))
- Could also test $SU(2)_L$ breaking operators

Notation	Sensitivity at $O(\Lambda^{-2})$ ($O(\Lambda^{-4})$)								
	$t\bar{t}$	single-top	tW	tZ	$t\bar{t}W$	$t\bar{t}Z$	$t\bar{t}H$	$t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$
0QQ1								✓	✓
0QQ8								✓	✓
0Qt1								✓	✓
0Qt8								✓	✓
0Qb1									✓
0Qb8									✓
0tt1								✓	
0tb1									✓
0tb8									✓
0QtQb1									(✓)
0QtQb8									(✓)

Overview of the experimental results

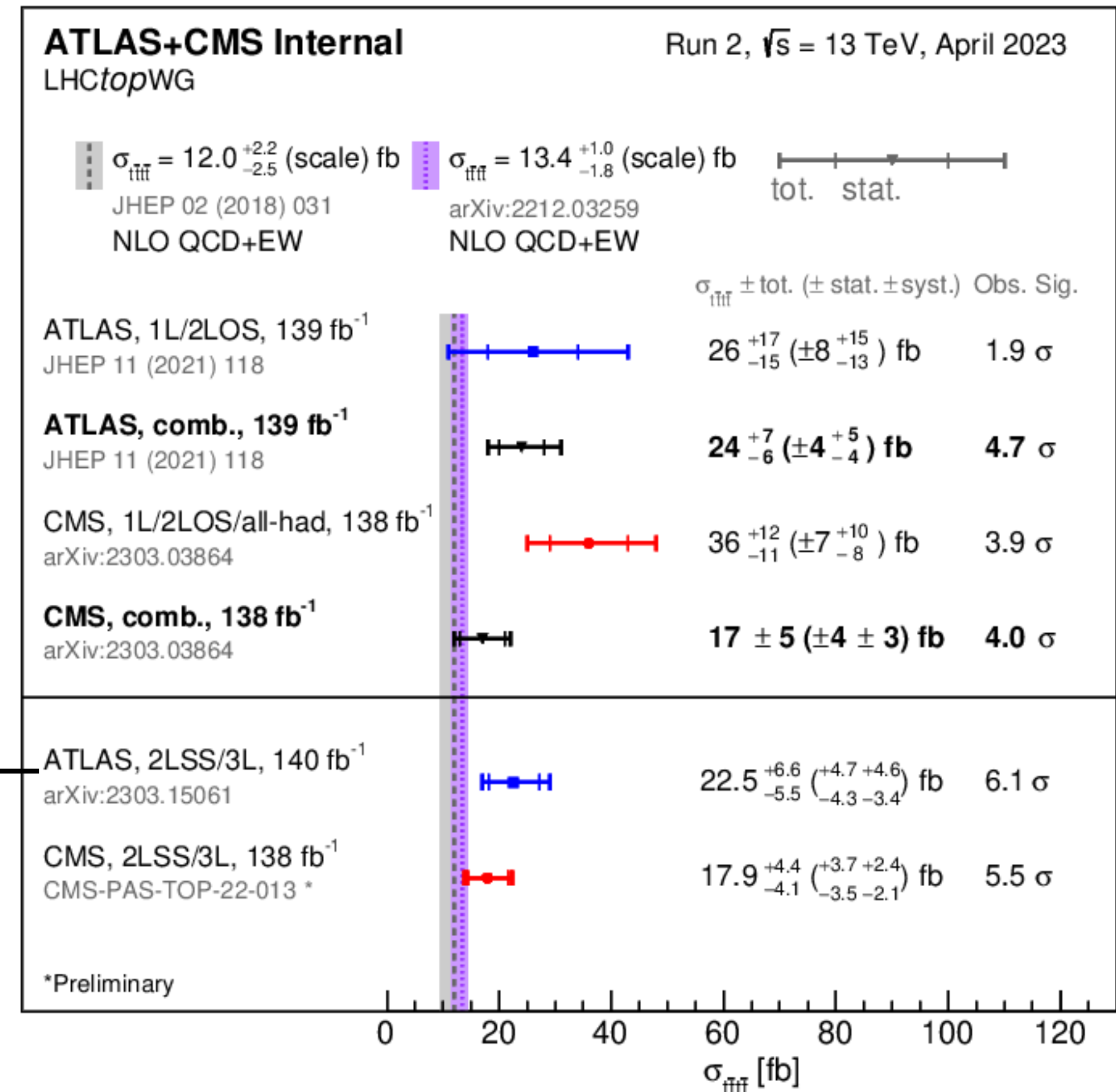
- Final states: high jets and b-jets multiplicity

- Analysis strategy depends on the number of leptons from the top decays
 - All hadronic (all-had): reasonable branching fraction and large irreducible background (multijets)
 - Single lepton and two lepton opposite sign (1L/2LOS): large branching fraction and large irreducible background ($t\bar{t}bb$)
 - Same-sign di-lepton and multi-lepton (multilepton or SSML): smaller branching fraction and higher purity



Discussed in Xiang's talk

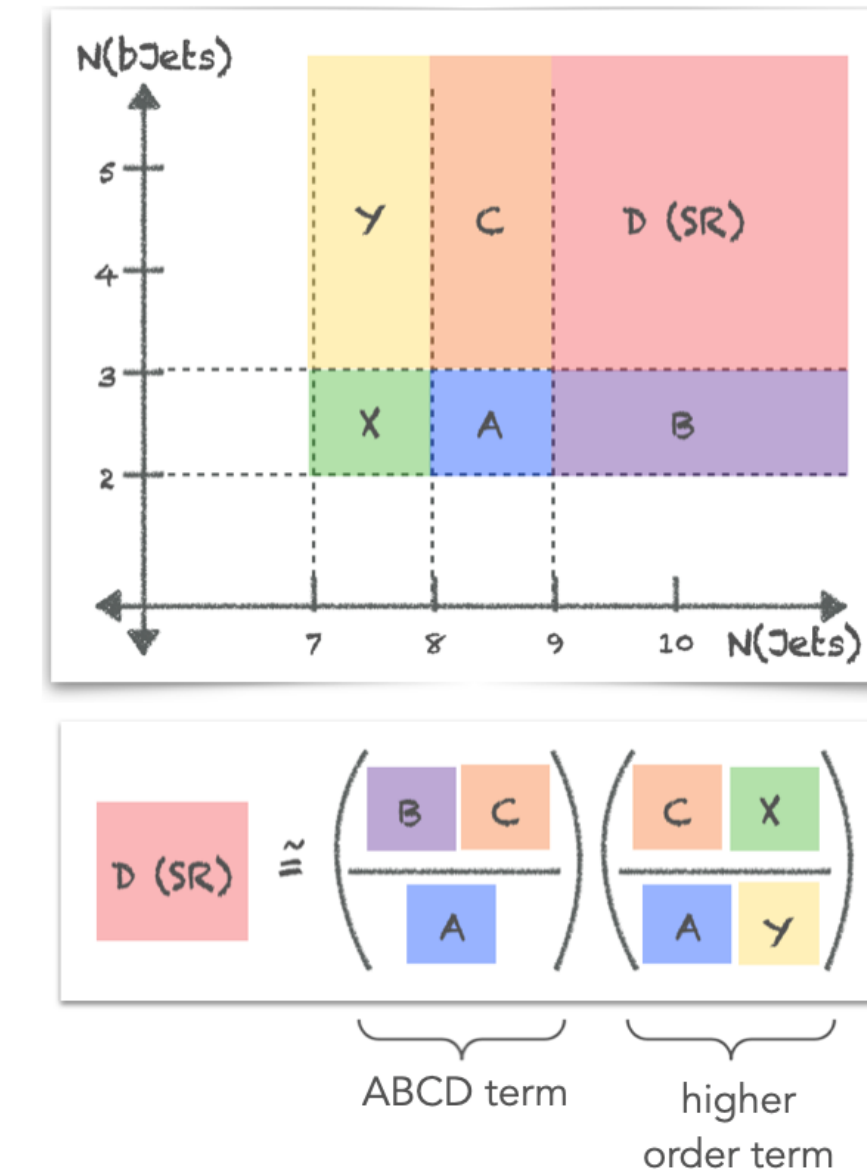
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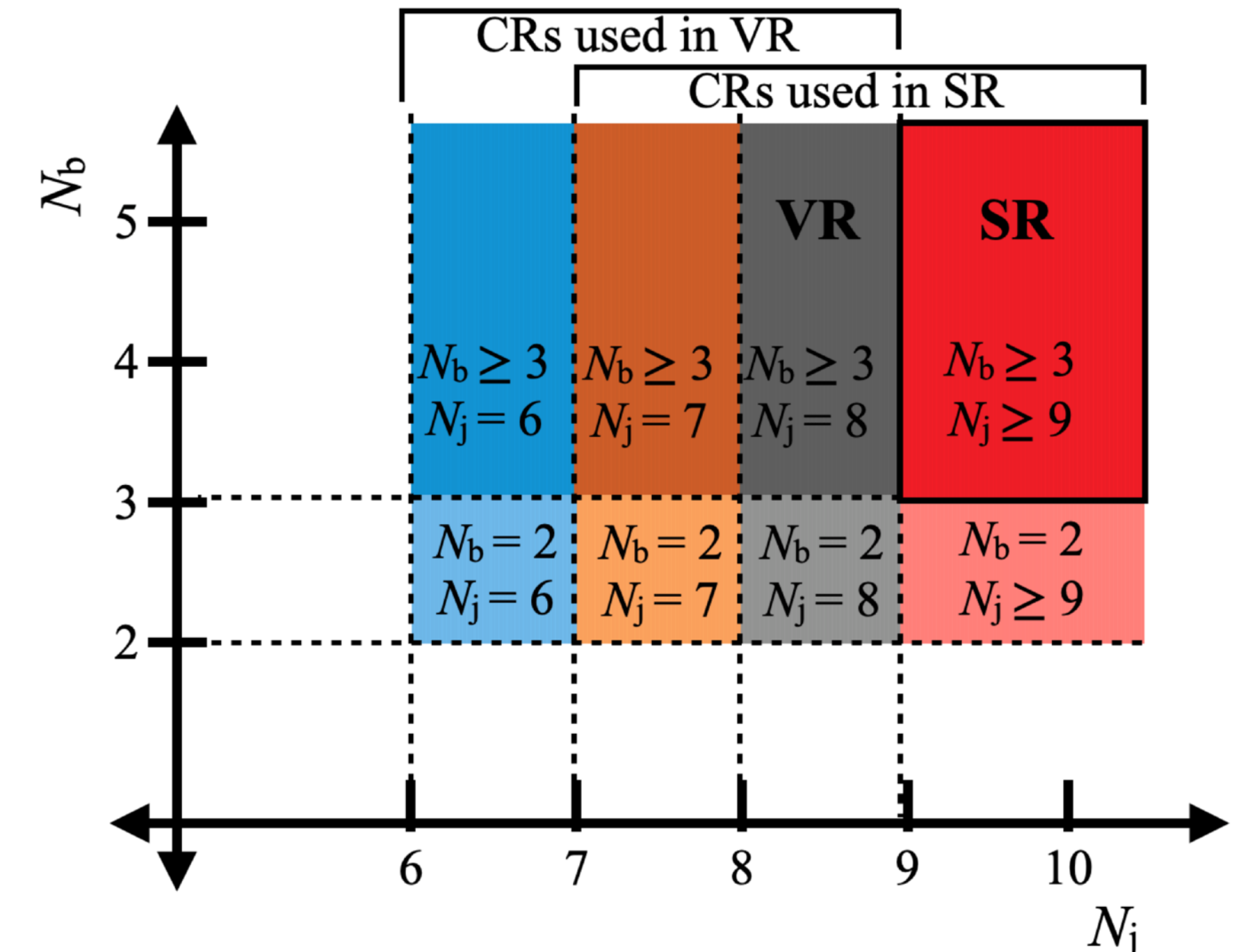
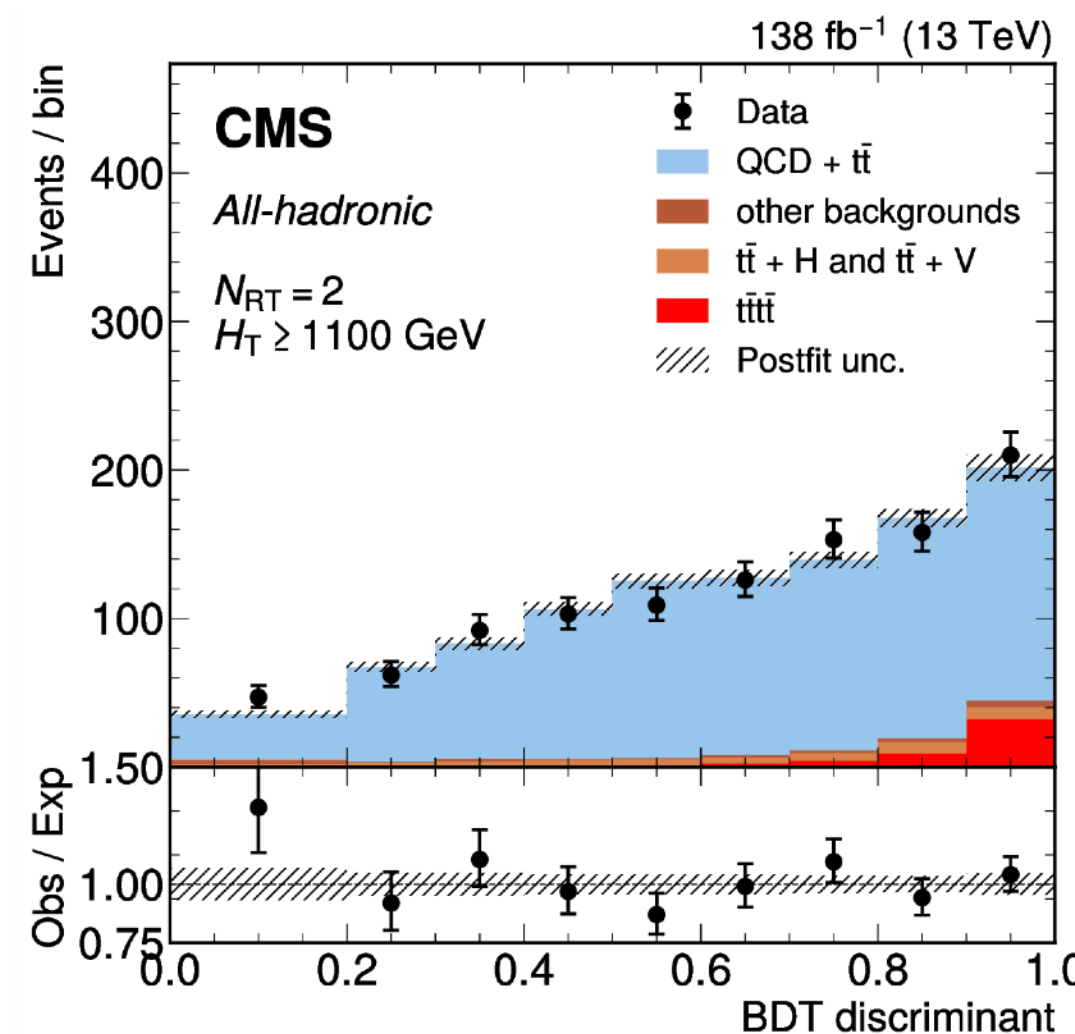
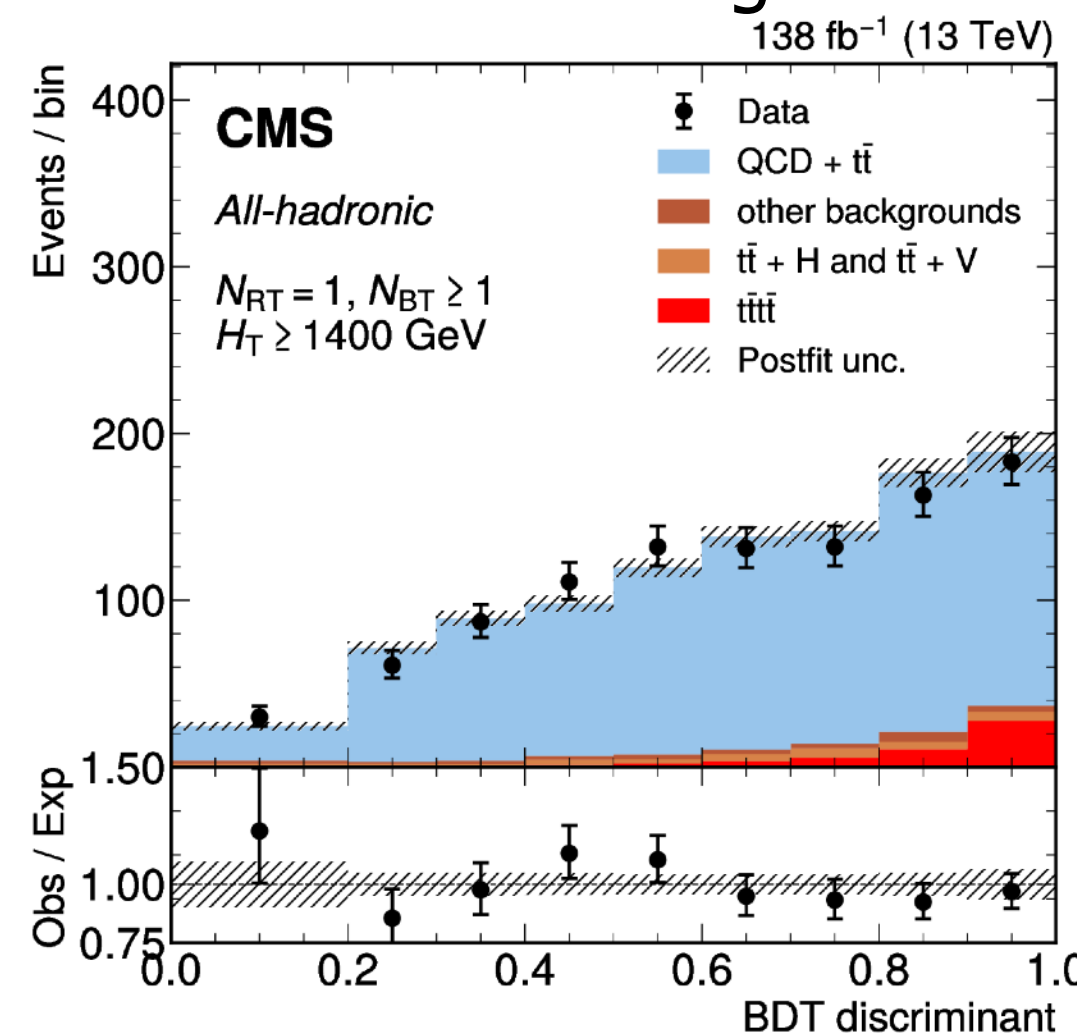
CMS result in the all hadronic channel

- Very challenging channel because of the multijet background
- Analysis strategy:
 - Signal region: $H_T > 700$ GeV, at least 9 jets with at least 3 b-jets ($S/B \sim 10^{-5}$)
 - Split in numbers of resolved and boosted tops and H_T into 12 regions
 - BDT trained in each category to separate $t\bar{t}\bar{t}$ from QCD multijet (20 input variables including N_j and N_b , kinematics of the jets)
- Background estimation:
 - 5 control regions with lower jets/b-jets multiplicity
 - Absolute normalisation from an 'extended ABDC method'
 - BDT shape in each SR predicted using a DNN trained on the 5 CRs
 - normalizing autoregressive flow trained on the CRs to learn a bijective transformation of H_T and BDT from a source ($t\bar{t}$ MC) to a target ($t\bar{t}$ and QCD background)
 - Shape checked in validation regions

arXiv:2303.03864



Expected: 0.4σ
Observed: 2.5σ



CMS result in the 1L/2LOS channel

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- Analysis strategy in the 2LOS channel:

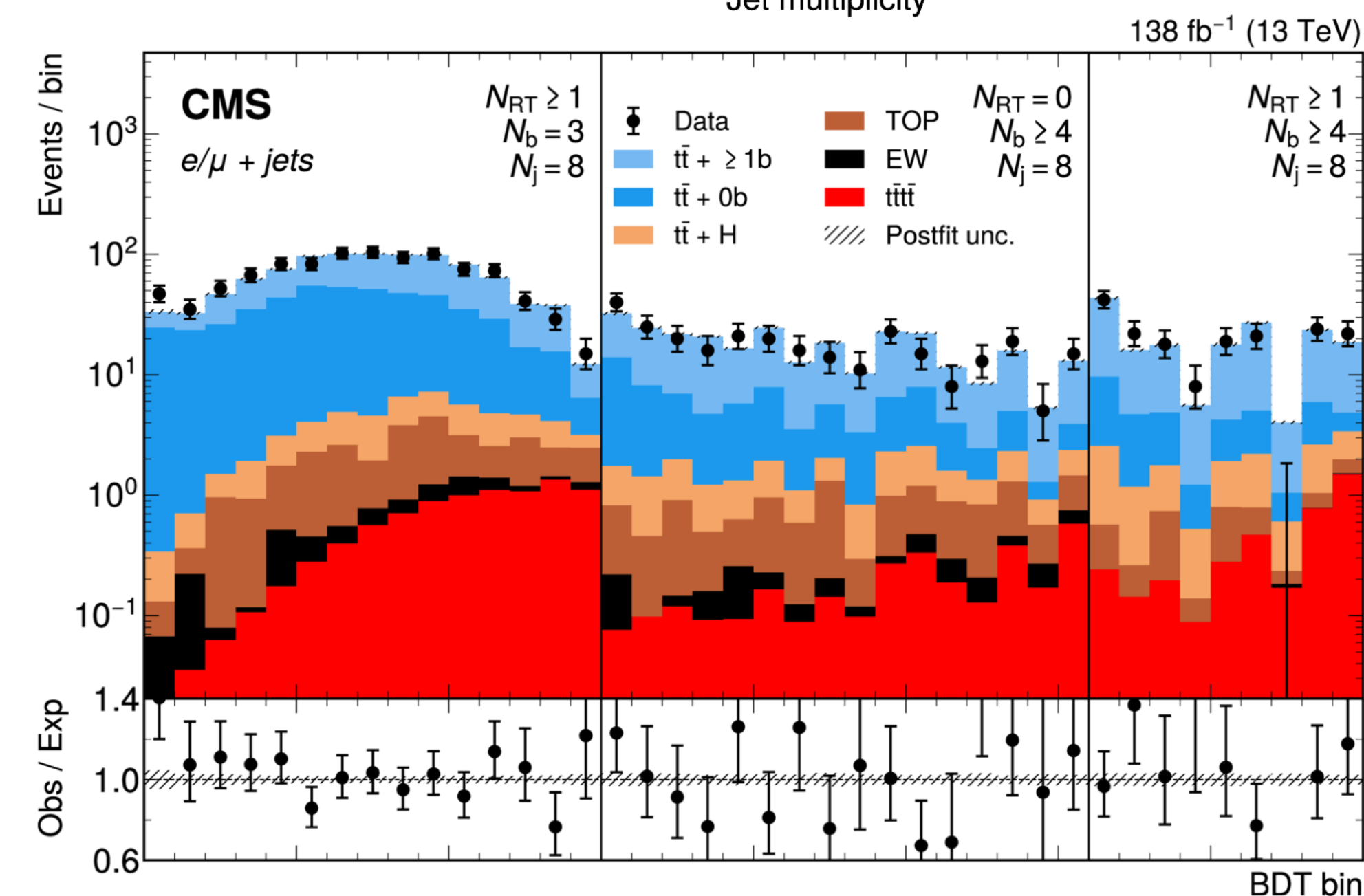
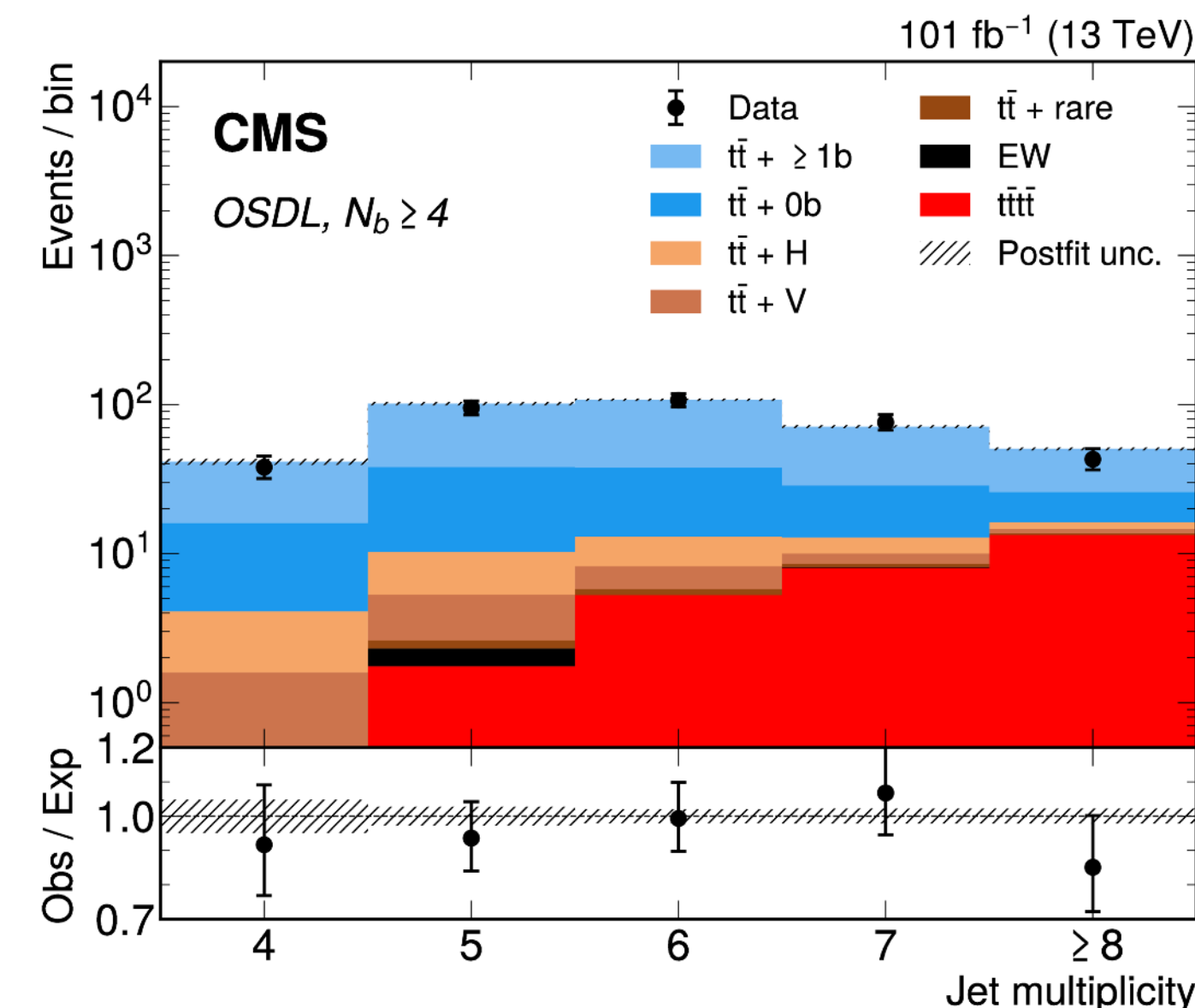
- Selection: exactly 2 opposite charge leptons, at least 4 jets with at least 2 b-jets, $H_t > 500$ GeV
- Split in numbers of jets, b-jets and by lepton flavour
- Signal region: ≥ 7 jets, ≥ 3 b-jets, CR: lower multiplicity
- Correction for events with $t\bar{t}$ +jets (no b's) : 0.78 ± 0.05
- The H_t distribution is used in the fit

Expected: 0.6σ
Observed: 1.8σ

- Analysis strategy in the 1L channel:

- Signal region: exactly one lepton, at least 6 jets with at least 3 b-jets, $H_t > 500$ GeV
- Split in numbers of jets, b-jets and resolved top
- BDT trained to separate $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ from $t\bar{t}$ and $t\bar{t}+X$ background using 70 input variables, validated in the $N_b=2$ region
- Split in numbers of resolved top, boosted and H_t into 12 regions

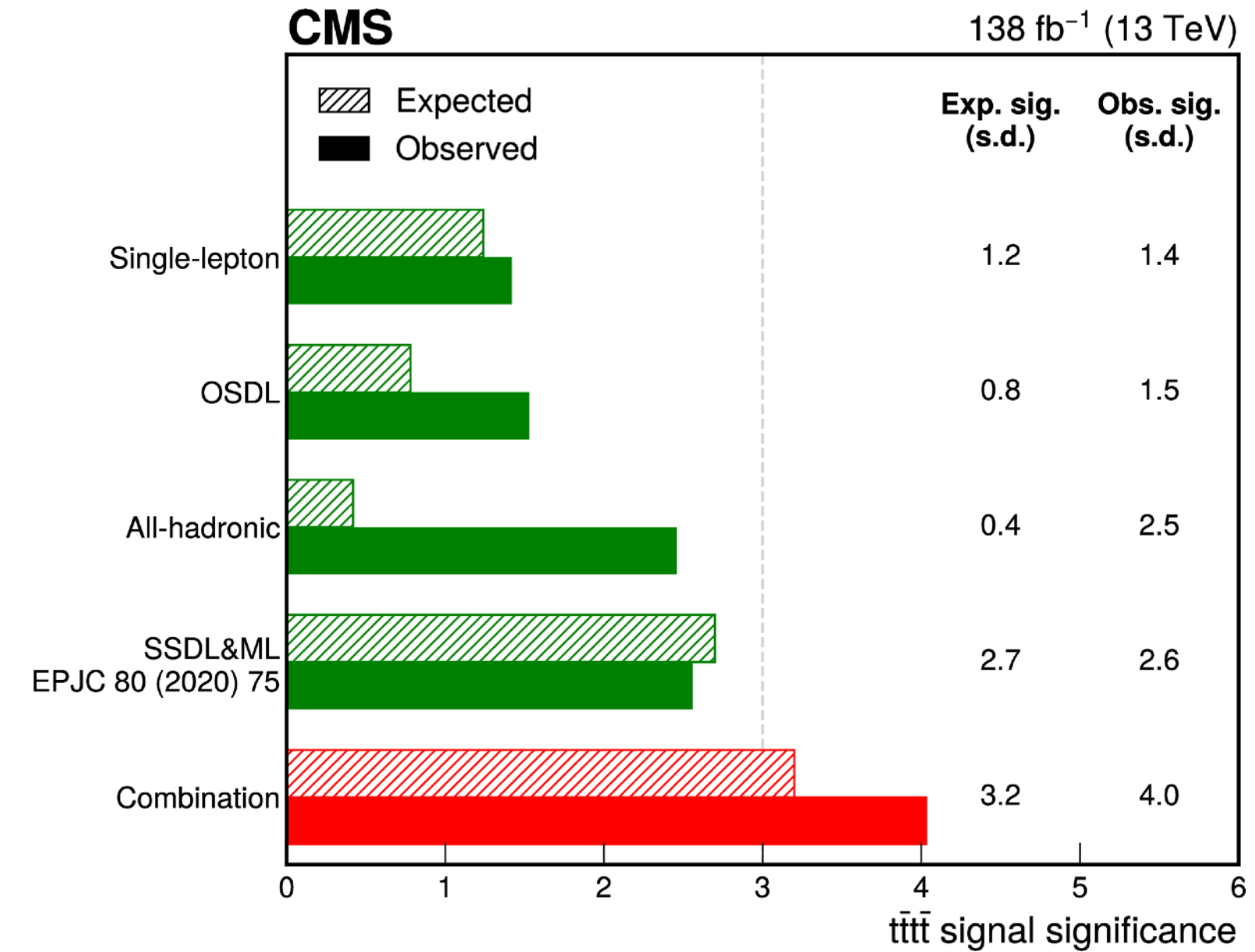
Expected: 1.2σ
Observed: 1.4σ



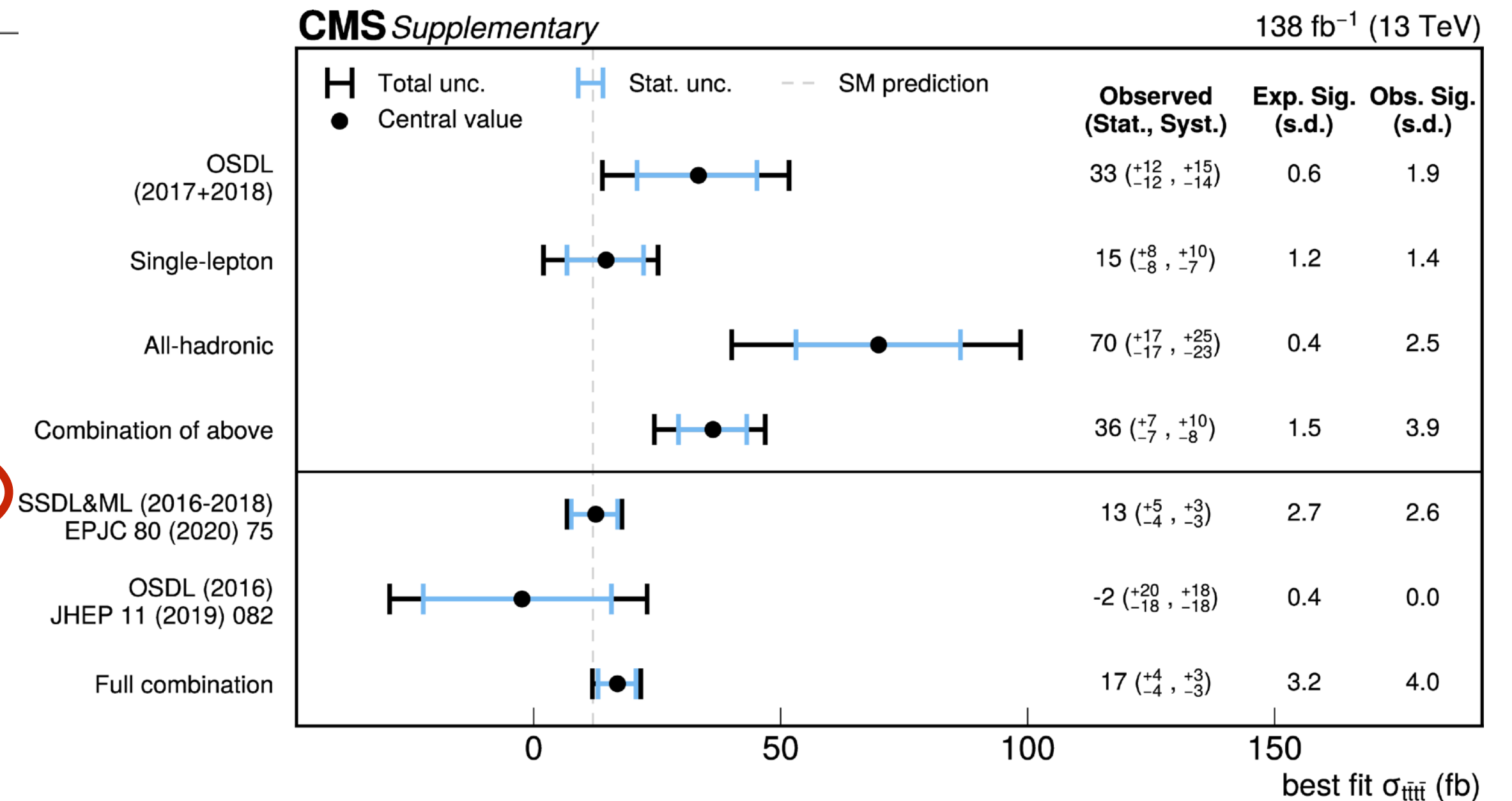
CMS evidence combination

arXiv:2303.03864

- Combined likelihood fit to all channels
 - Systematic uncertainties treated as nuisance parameters
 - Correlated for shared systematics
 - Including the 'old' multilepton analysis
- Combination achieved evidence
 - Limited by statistics
 - 2 largest systematics: $t\bar{t}H$ cross section and modelling of $t\bar{t}$ with b 's



Analysis	Signal strength (μ)		Cross section (fb)		Significance (s.d.)		
	(stat.)	(syst.)	(stat.)	(syst.)	Exp.	Obs.	
OSDL (2017+2018)	2.8	± 1.0	$+1.9$ -1.2	33 ± 12	$+15$ -14	0.6	1.8
Single-lepton	1.2	$+0.7$ -0.6	± 0.6	15 ± 8	$+10$ -7	1.2	1.4
All-hadronic	5.8	± 1.4	± 2.0	70 ± 17	$+25$ -23	0.4	2.5
Combination of above	2.5	± 0.5	± 0.5	36 ± 7	$+10$ -8	1.5	3.9
SSDL&ML (2016–2018) [21]	1.0	± 0.4	$+0.3$ -0.2	13 ± 5 -4	± 3	2.7	2.6
OSDL (2016) [22]	-0.2	$+1.7$ -1.5	± 1.5	-2 $+20$ -18	± 18	0.4	0
Full combination	1.4	± 0.3	± 0.2	17 ± 4	± 3	3.2	4.0



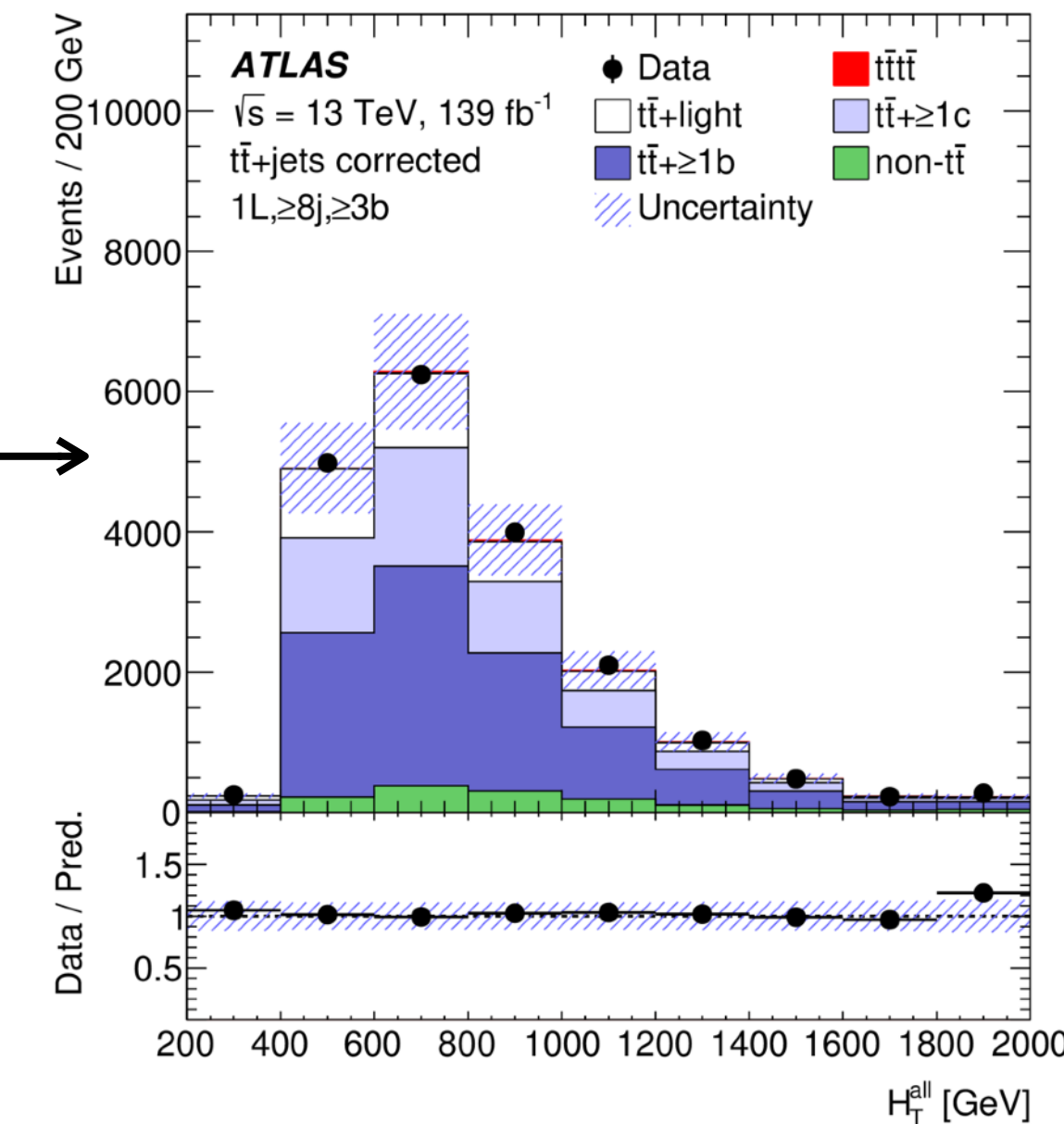
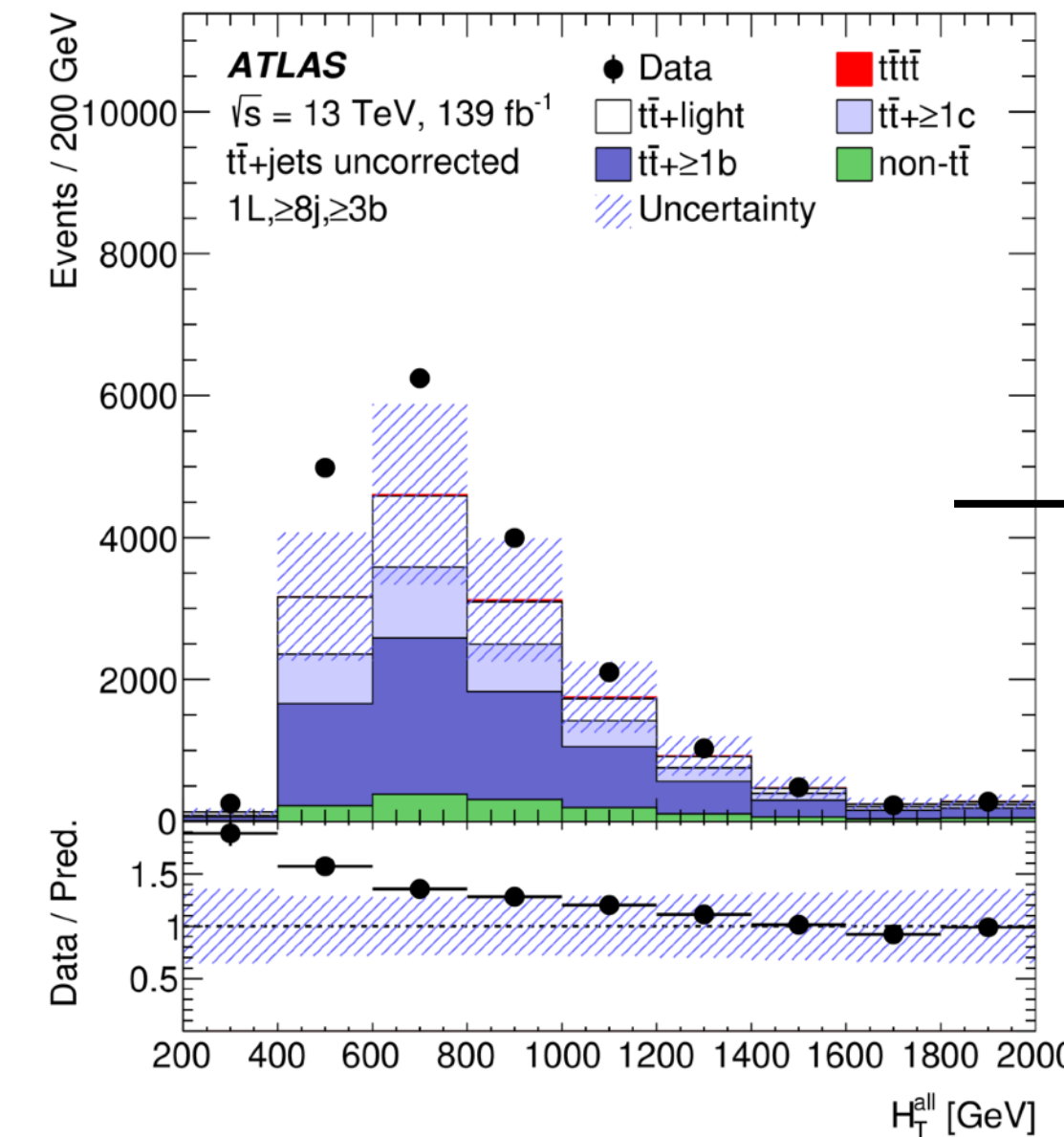
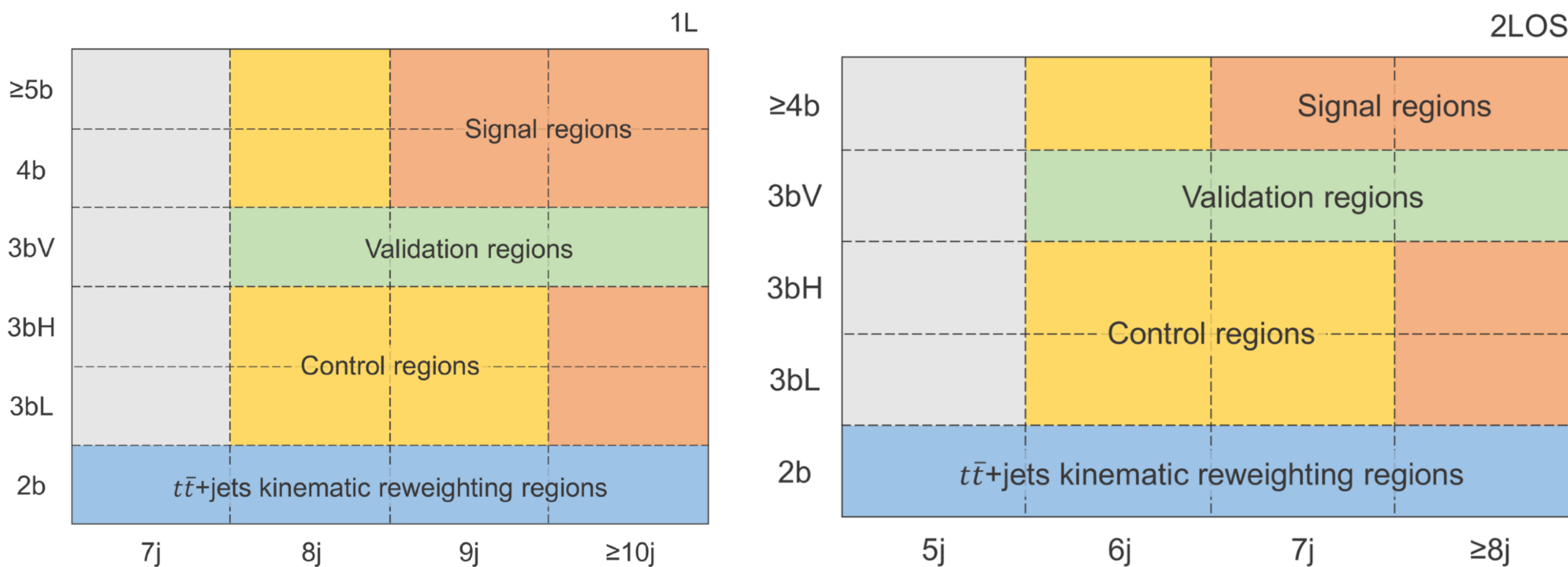
ATLAS 1L/2LOS results

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- **Analysis strategy:**

- Key point: estimation of the $t\bar{t}$ +jets/b background, challenging to get from MC
 - Use events with $t\bar{t}$ +2b events to derive pre-fit correlation factor classifying the events according to the flavour of the particle jets
 - Sequential reweightings in N_{jets} , $N_{\text{large jets}}$, H_t , $\Delta R(\text{jj})$
- Signal region: exactly one lepton, at least 7(5) jets with at least 3 b-jets in the 1L(2LOS) channel
- Split in numbers of jets, b-jets: 12 (9) regions for 1L(2LOS) channel

Name	$N_b^{60\%}$	$N_b^{70\%}$	$N_b^{85\%}$
2b	-	= 2	-
3bL	≤ 2	= 3	-
3bH	= 3	= 3	= 3
3bV	= 3	= 3	≥ 4
≥4b (2LOS)	-	≥ 4	-
4b (1L)	-	= 4	-
≥5b (1L)	-	≥ 5	-



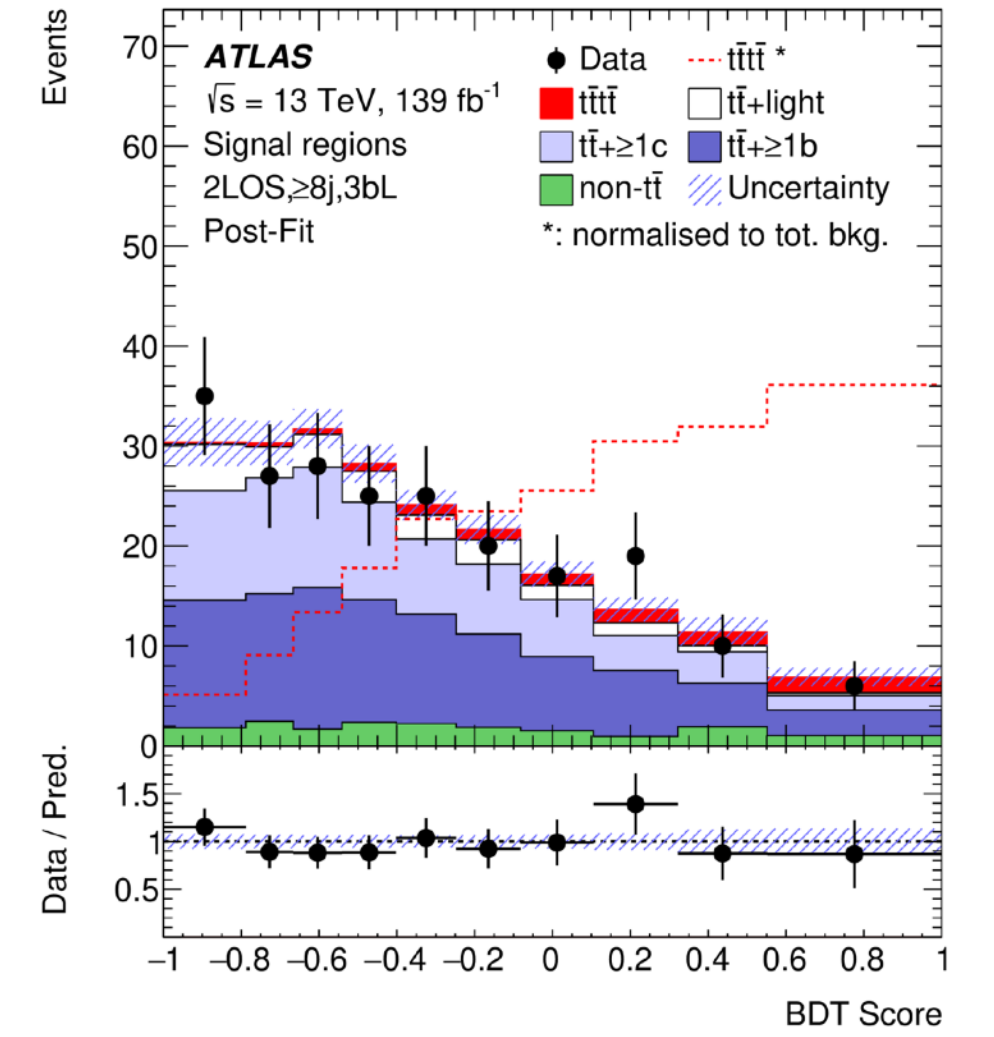
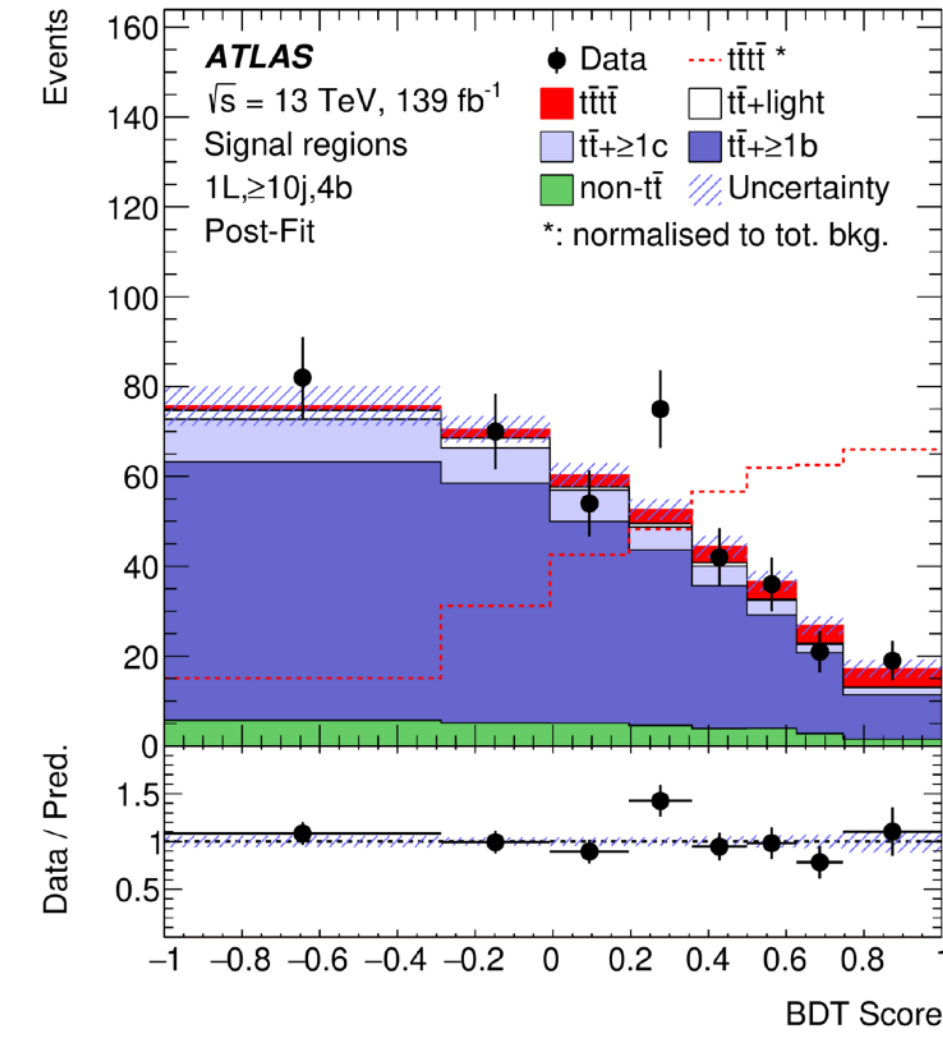
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- **Signal extraction:**

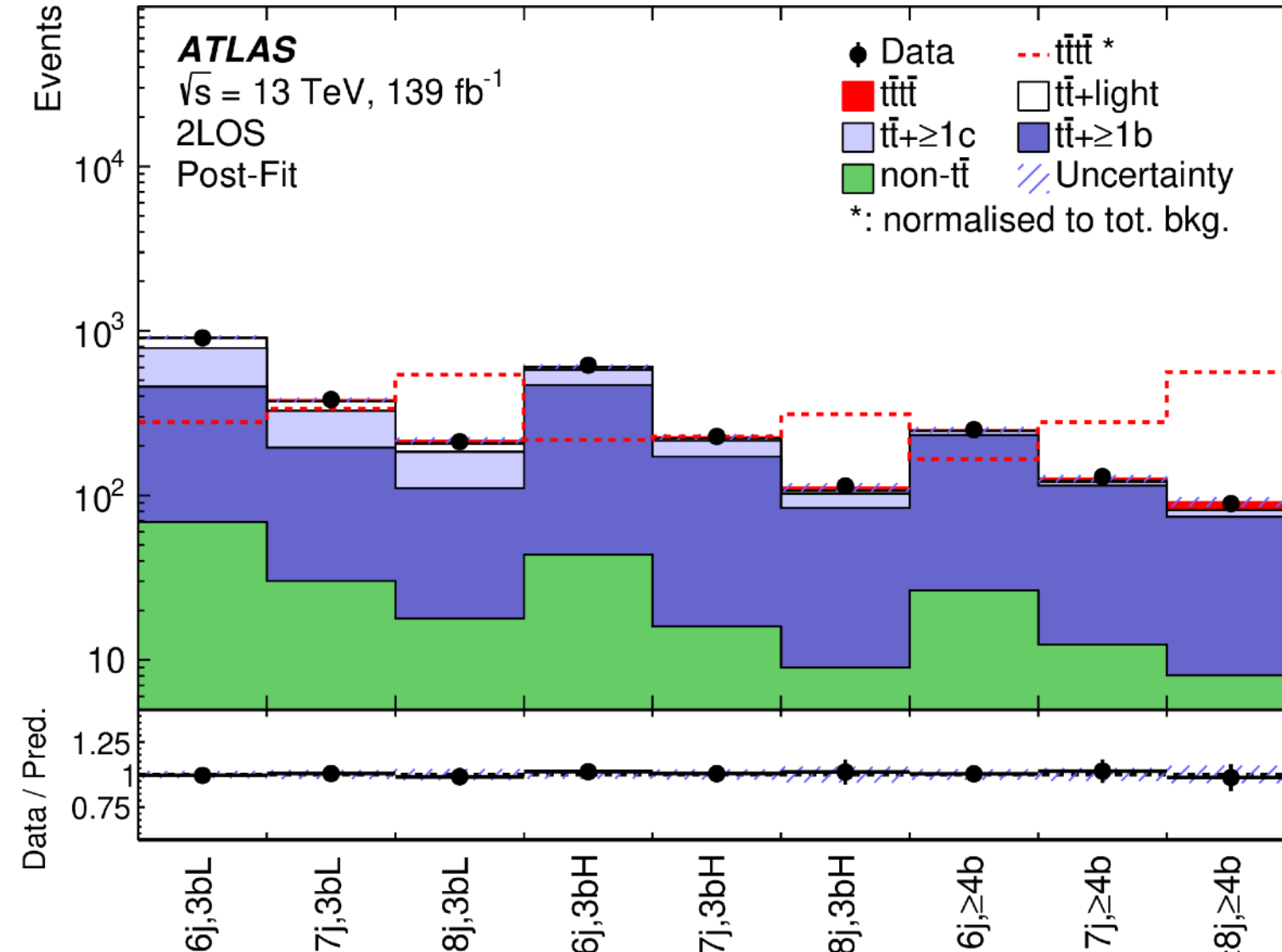
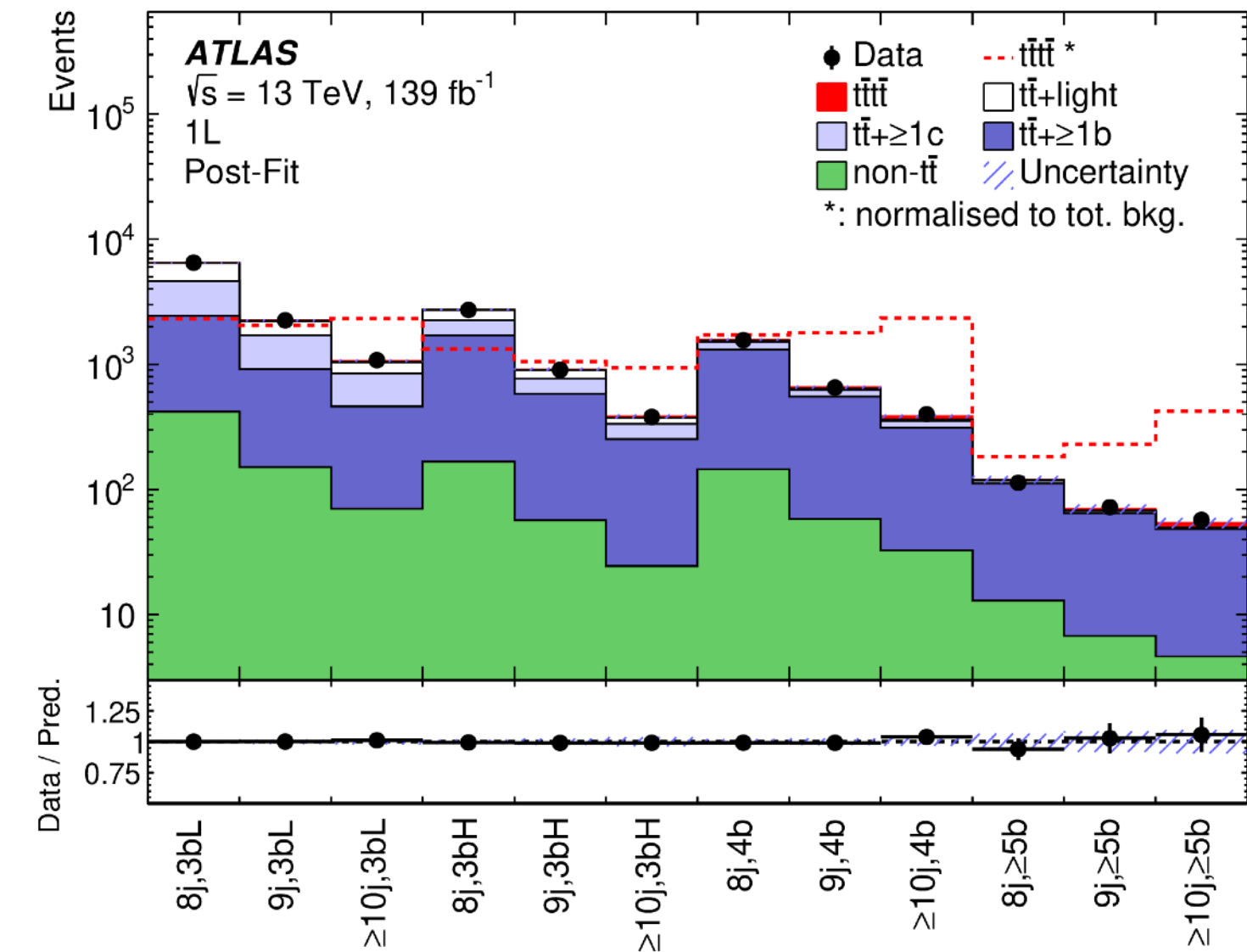
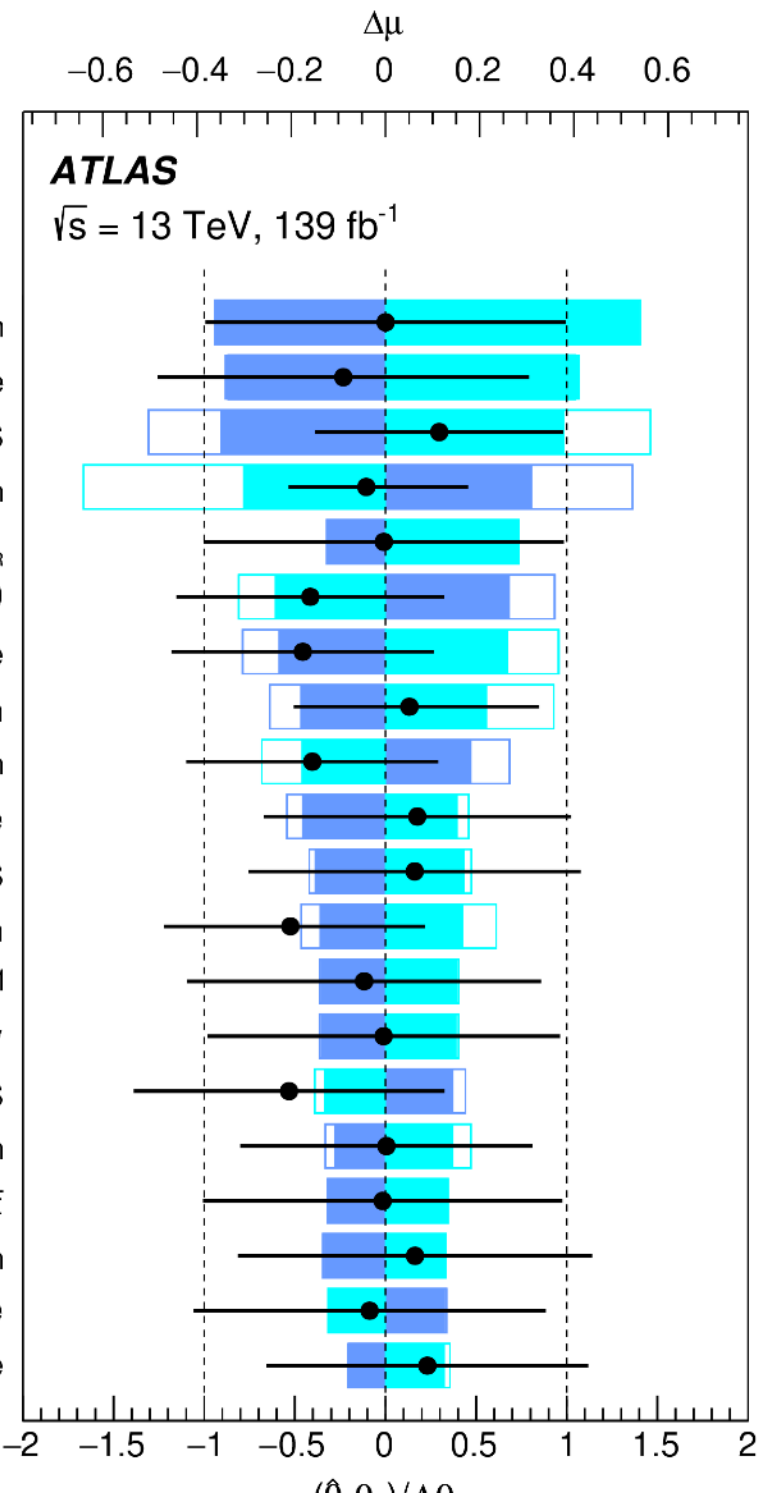
- BDT trained to separate $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ from $t\bar{t}/t\bar{t}+X$ background
- Profile likelihood fit of the CR and SR regions including systematics:
 - Main systematics: signal modelling, $t\bar{t}+b$ modelling

Name	Description
$\sum b\text{-tag}$	Sum of pseudo-continuous b -tagging score over the six jets with the highest score
N_{jets}	Number of jets
$\Delta R_{bb}^{\text{min}}$	Minimum ΔR between all pairs of b -tagged jets
H_T^{all}	Scalar sum of all jet and lepton transverse momenta
C^{all}	Centrality ($\sum_i p_{Ti} / \sum_i E_i$) of the leptons and jets
p_T^{lead}	Transverse momentum of the leading jet
$\Delta R_{b\ell}^{\text{min}}$	Minimum ΔR between all pairs of b -tagged jets and leptons
$\Delta R_{jj}^{\text{avg}}$	Average ΔR between all pairs of jets
m_{ijj}	Invariant mass of the closest triplet of jets
E_T^{miss}	Missing transverse momentum
m_T^W	W reconstructed transverse mass $m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$ (1L)
$N_{\text{LR-jets}}$	Number of large- R jets with a mass above 100 GeV
$\sum d_{12}$	Sum of the first k_t splitting scale d_{12} of all large- R jets
$\sum d_{23}$	Sum of the second k_t splitting scale d_{23} of all large- R jets

Expected: 1.0σ
Observed: 1.9σ



Pre-fit impact on μ :
 $\theta = \hat{\theta} + \Delta\theta$ (light blue)
 $\theta = \hat{\theta} - \Delta\theta$ (light cyan)
 Post-fit impact on μ :
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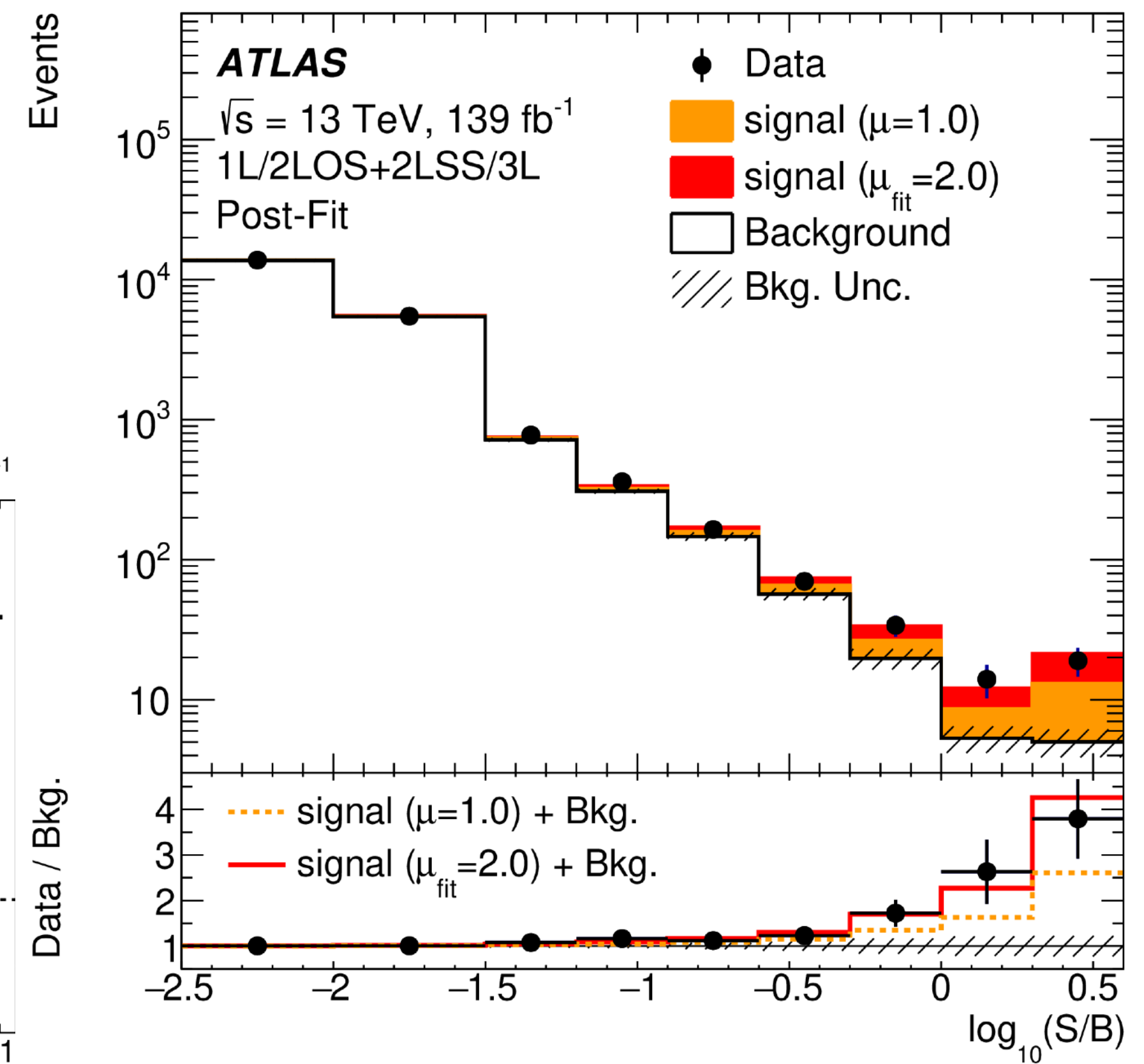
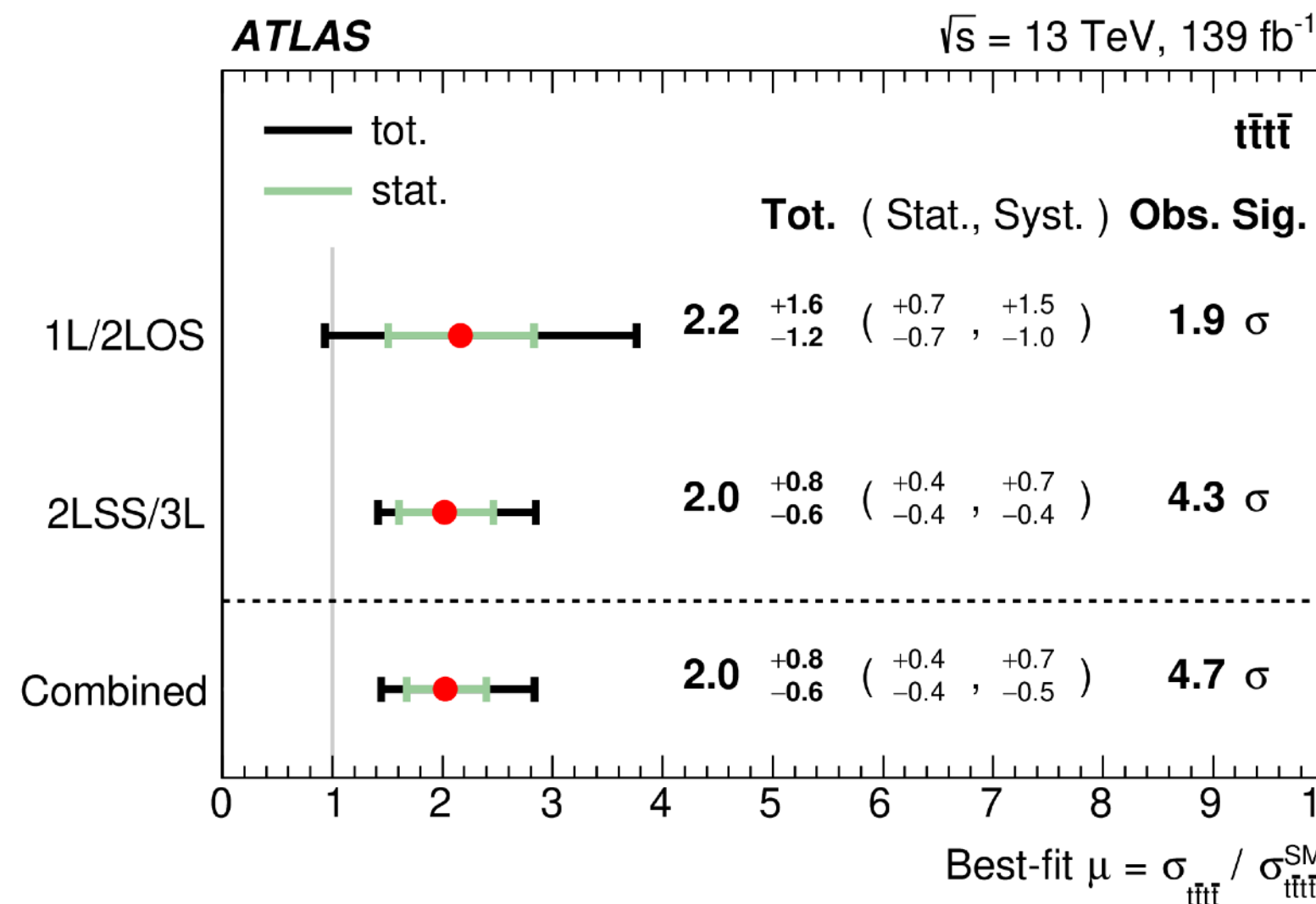
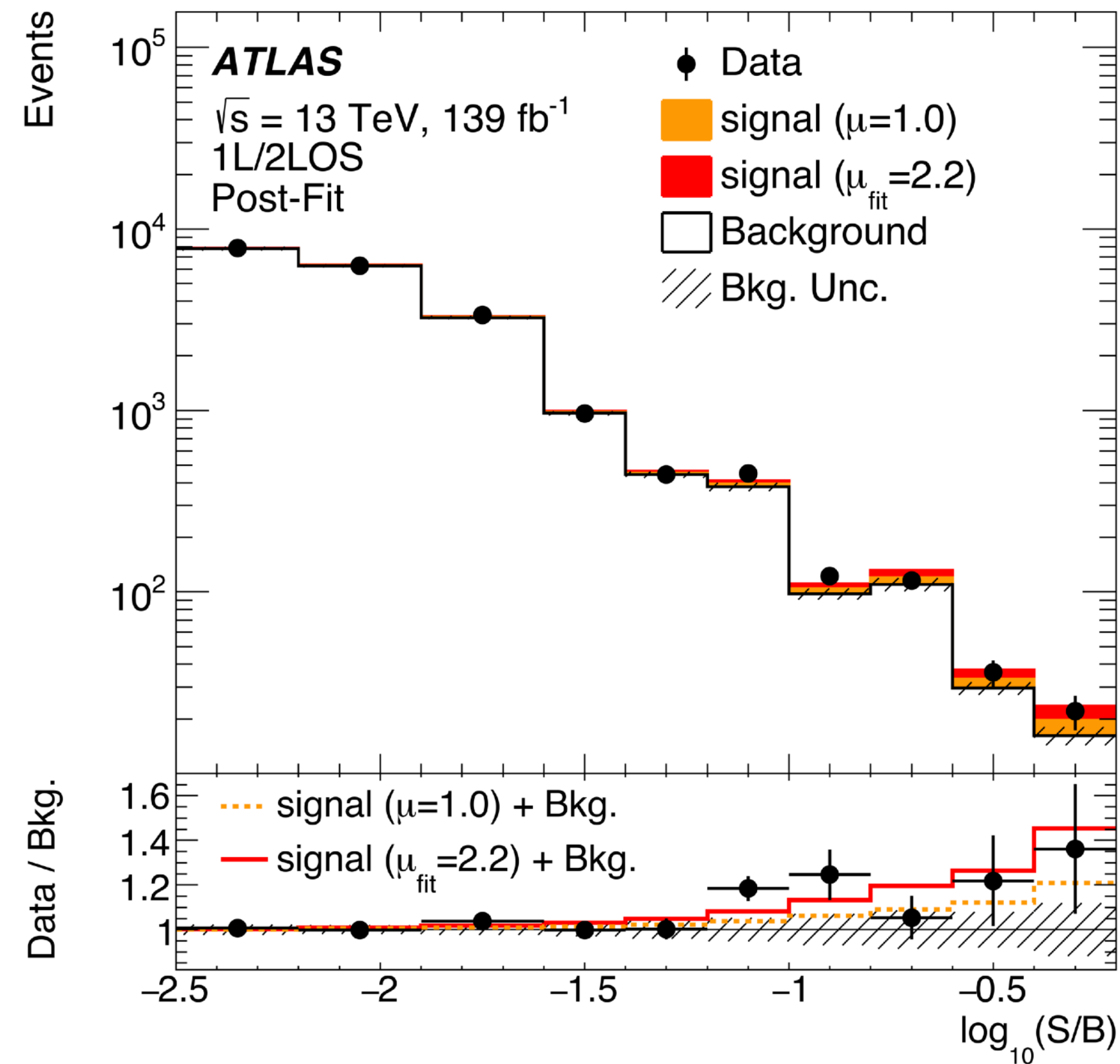
ATLAS 1L/2LOS + 2LSS/3L combination

- Combined likelihood fit to 1L/2LOS channel and the old multilepton result
 - $t\bar{t}$ +jets systematic uncorrelated, other systematics correlated

$$\mu = 2.0 \pm 0.4 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+0.7}_{-0.5} \text{ (syst.)} = 2.0 {}^{+0.8}_{-0.6}$$

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 24 \pm 4 \text{ (stat.) } {}^{+5}_{-4} \text{ (syst.)} \text{ fb} = 24 {}^{+7}_{-6} \text{ fb}$$

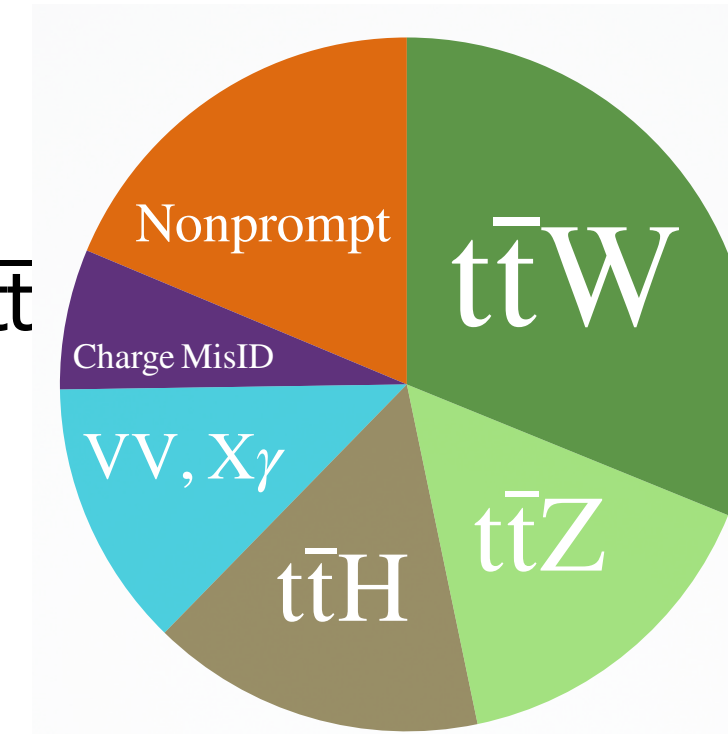
Expected: 2.6 σ
Observed: 4.7 σ



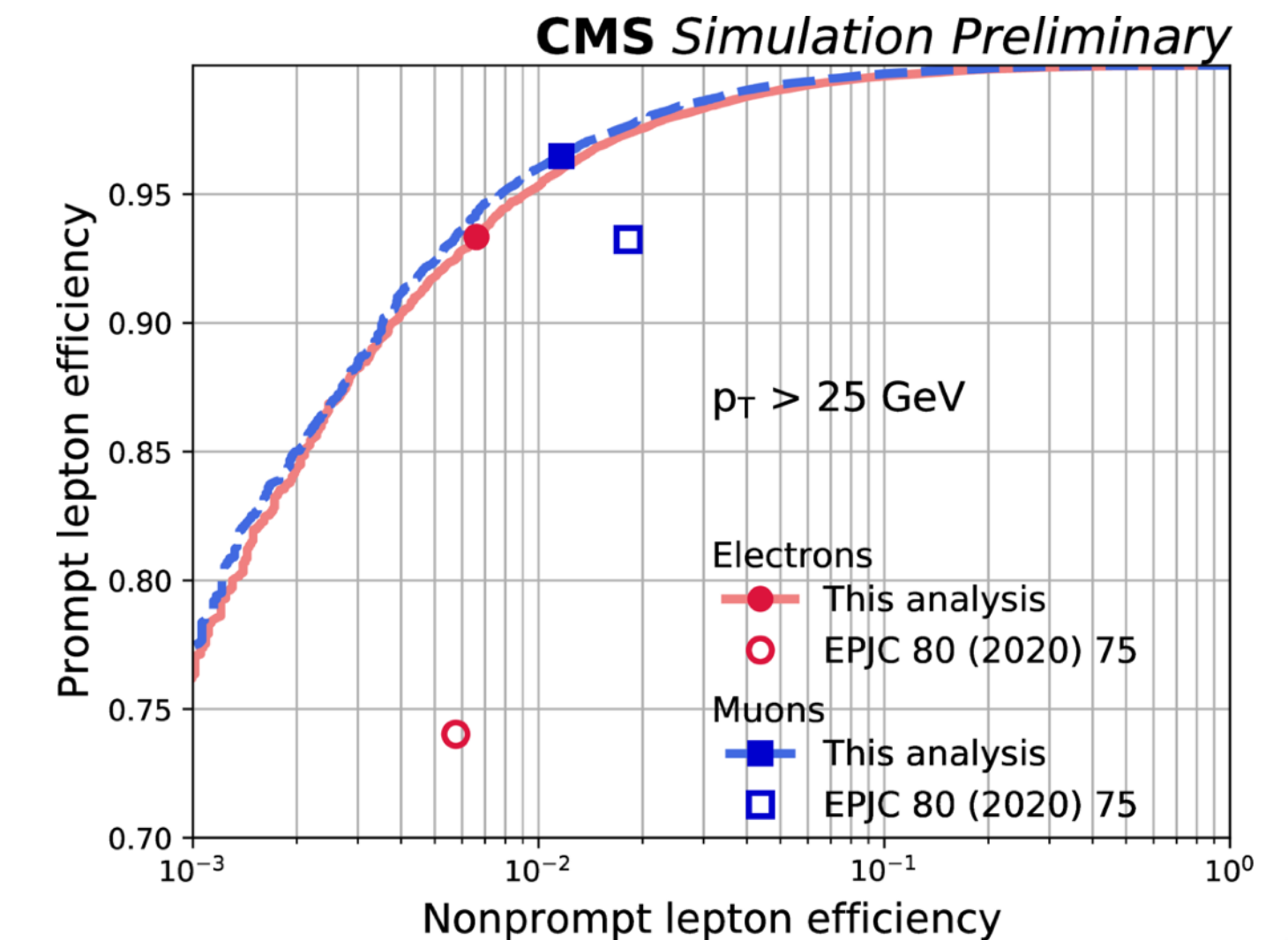
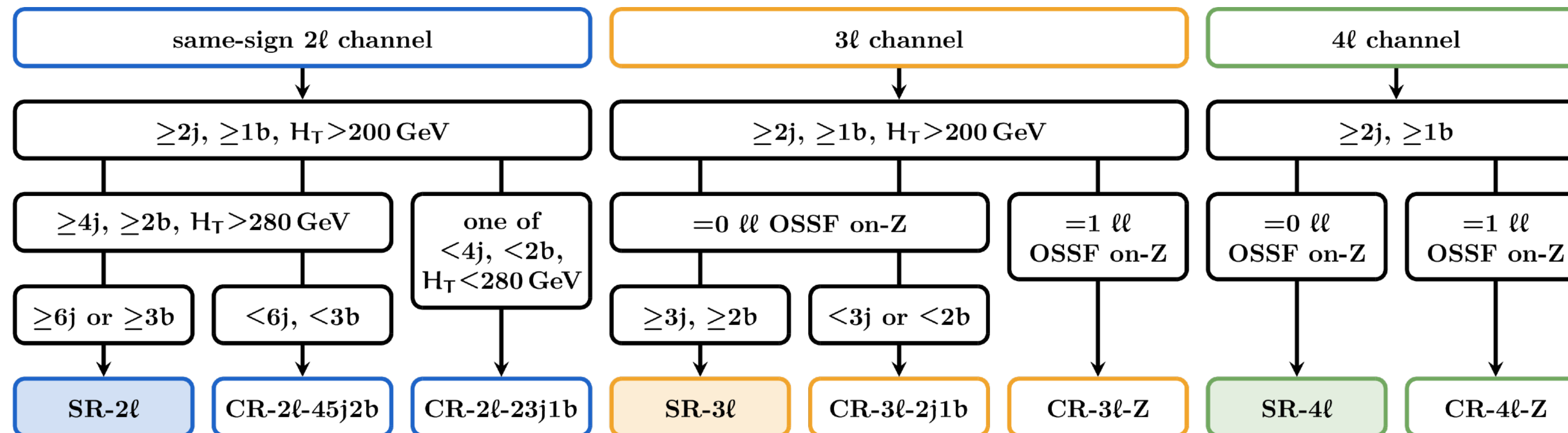
New CMS result in the multilepton channel

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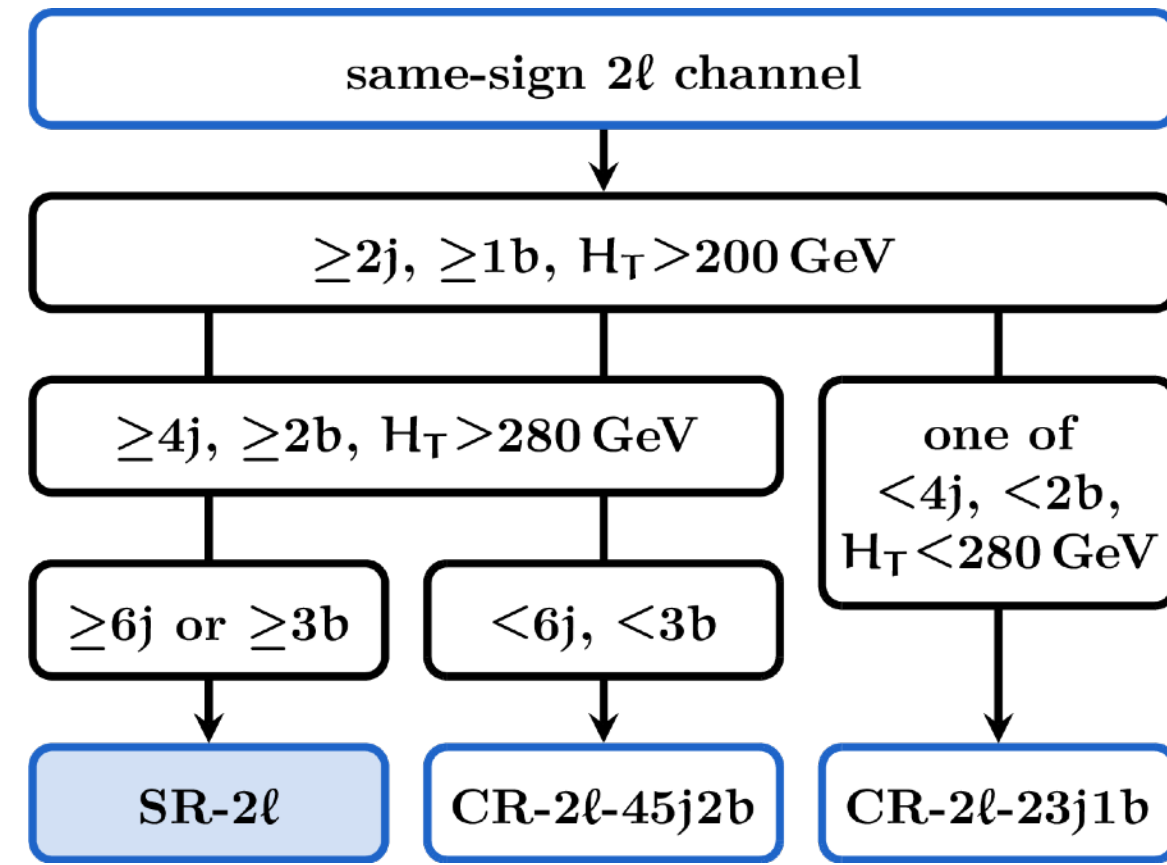
- Re-analysis of the full Run 2 dataset
 - Two same-sign leptons, three leptons, four leptons
 - Benefit from improvements in b-tagging and fake lepton rejections
 - BDT trained to distinguish between prompt and nonprompt leptons
- dataset split by lepton multiplicity
 - Jets and b-jets multiplicity to define SR and CR
 - Train 2 multiclass BDTs (2LSS, 3L/4L) to separate signal from $t\bar{t}+X$ and $t\bar{t}$
 - $t\bar{t}+X$ estimated from MC with some normalisation from data
 - QmisID and non prompt background from data



Symbol	Definition
p_T	Lepton p_T
$ \eta $	Absolute value of the lepton η
I_{rel}^{fixed}	Relative isolation using a fixed distance $\Delta R < 0.4$
I_{rel}^{ch}	Relative isolation using a p_T -dependent distance and including only charged particles
I_{rel}^{neu}	Relative isolation using a p_T -dependent distance and including only neutral particles
$N_{ch}(j_{near})$	Number of charged particles associated with the jet
p_T^{ratio}	Ratio of the lepton p_T to the nearest jet p_T , $p_T(\ell)/p_T(j_{near})$, or $1/(1 + I_{rel}^{fixed})$ if no nearest jet is found
p_T^{rel}	Component of the lepton momentum in direction transverse to the nearest jet, $p(\ell) \sin \theta(\vec{p}(\ell), \vec{p}(j_{near}))$
$DJ(j_{near})$	DEEPIET score of the nearest jet
$\log d_{xy} $	Distance of closest approach of the lepton track to the PV in the transverse plane
$\log d_z $	Distance of closest approach of the lepton track to the PV in the longitudinal plane
$d/\delta d$	Significance of the distance of closest approach of the lepton track to the PV
P_{ID}^e	Electron ID discriminant
P_{seg}^μ	Muon segment compatibility

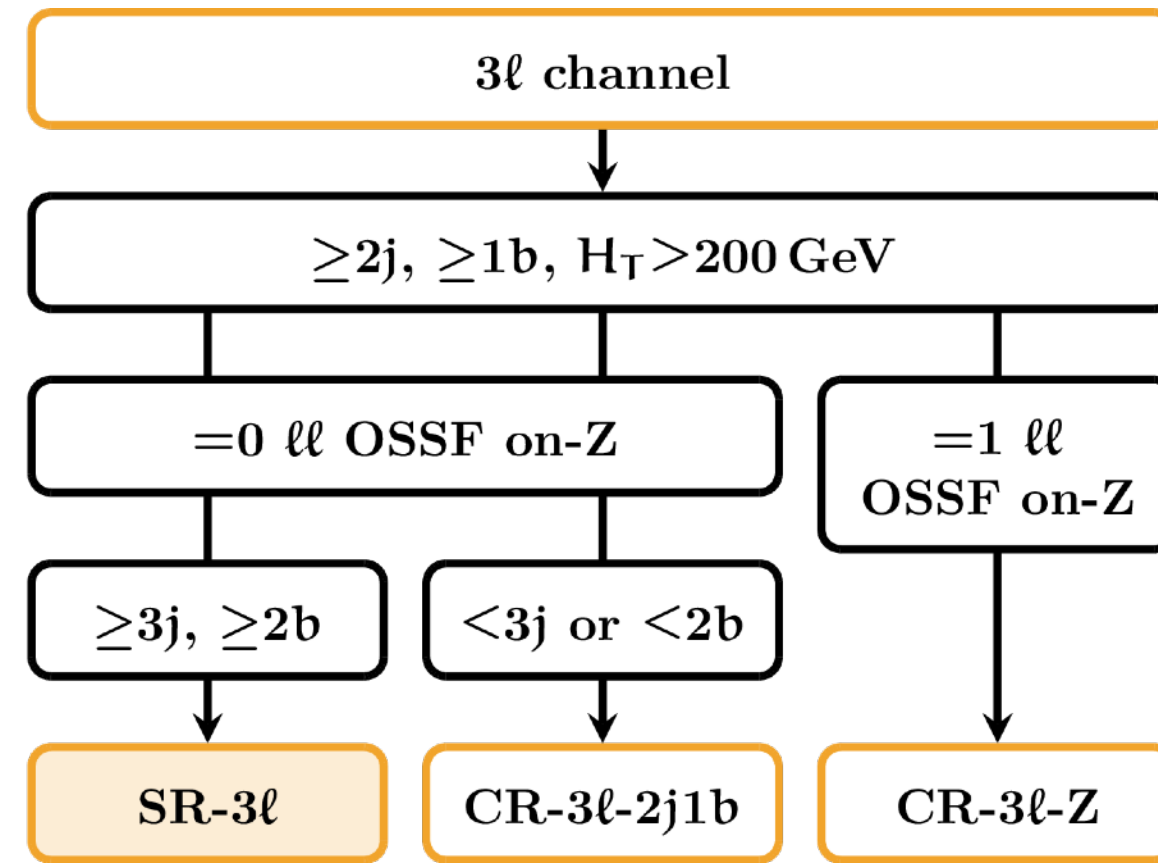
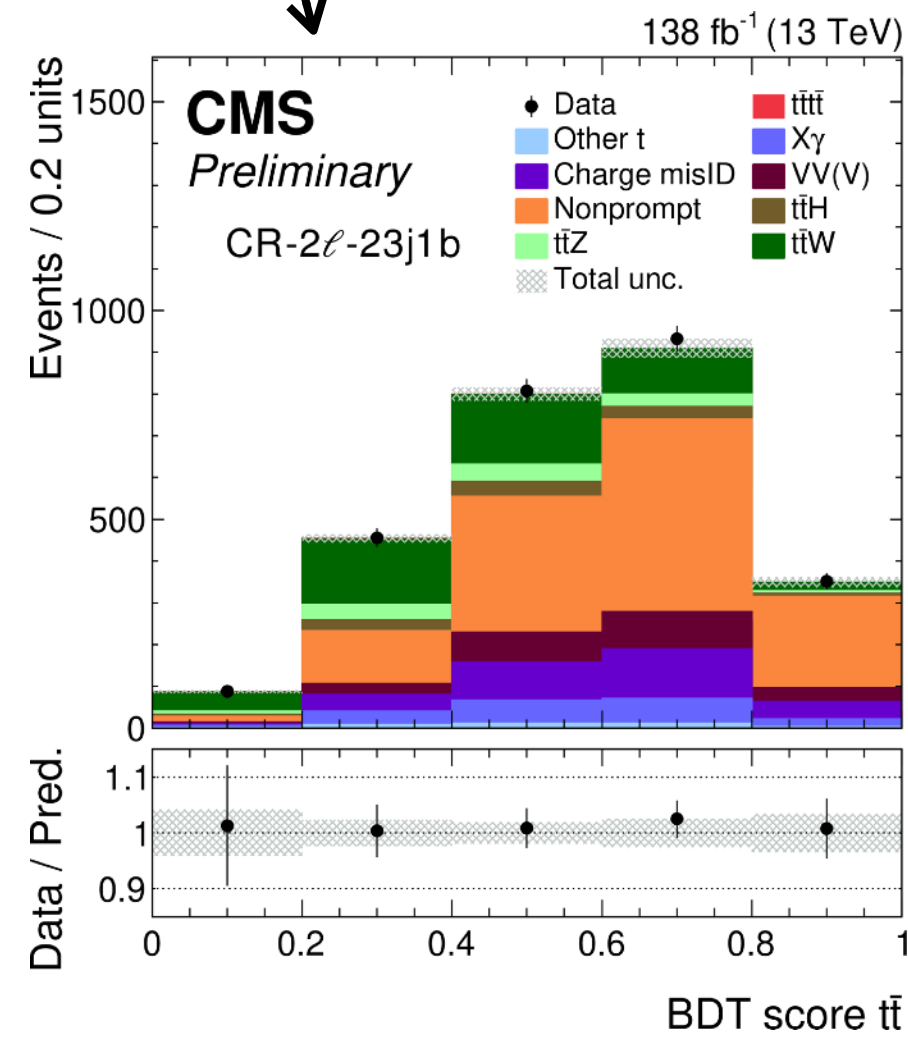
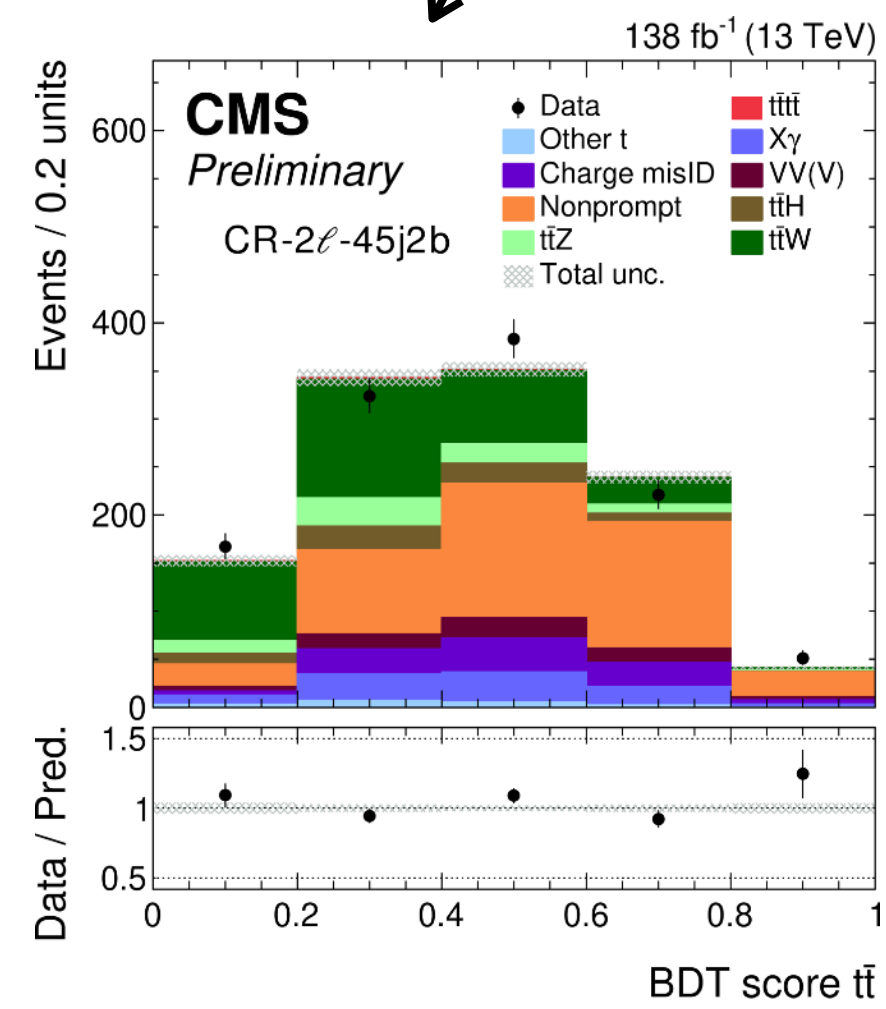


$t\bar{t}+X$ background



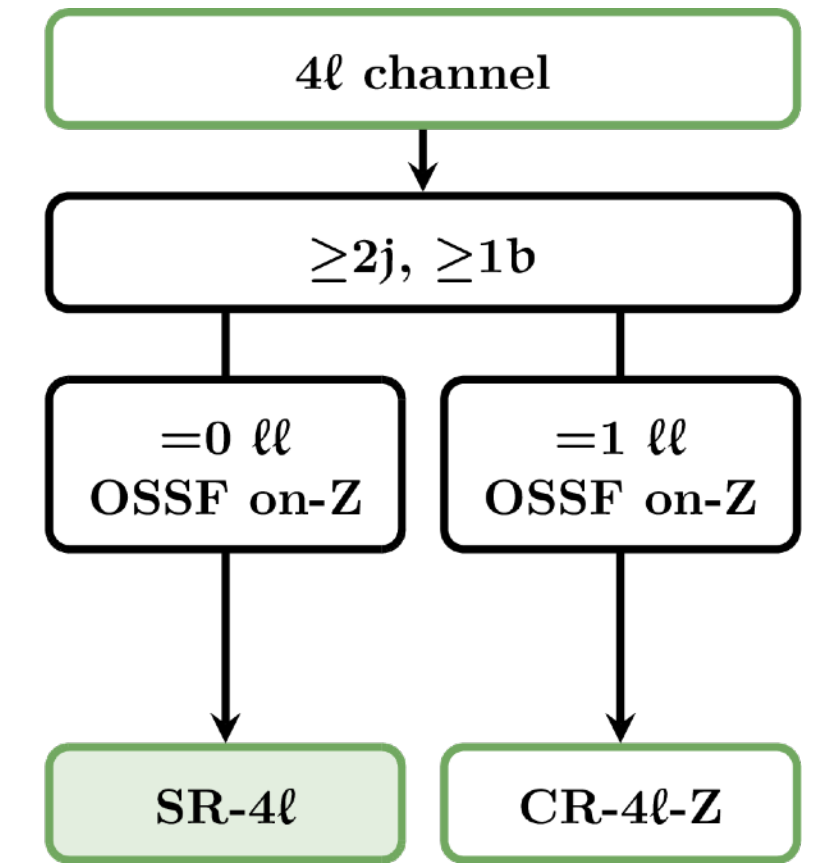
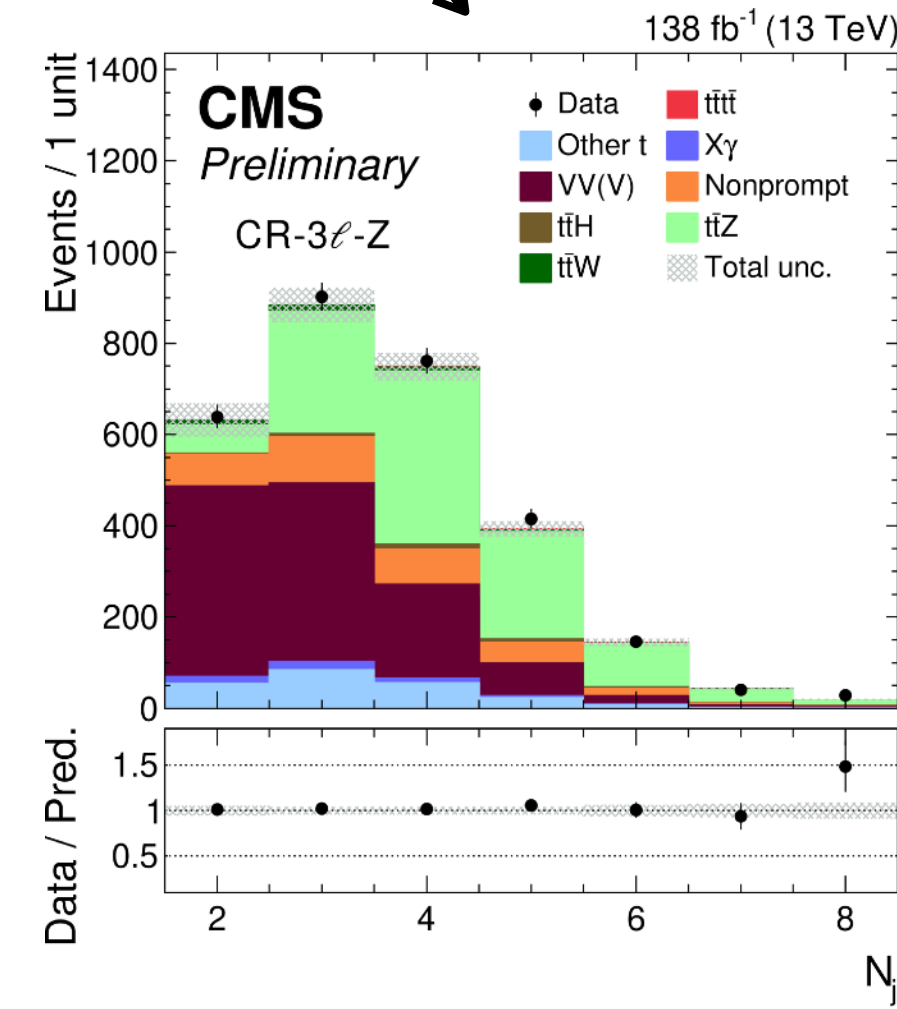
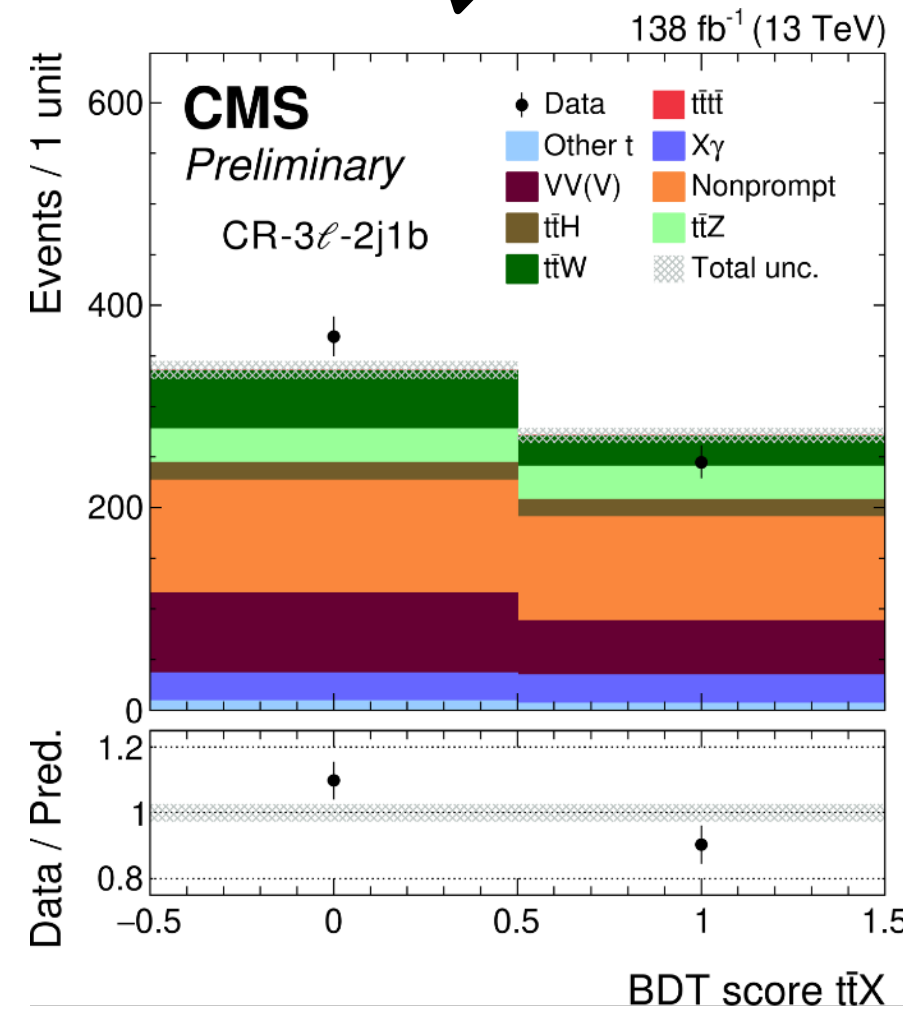
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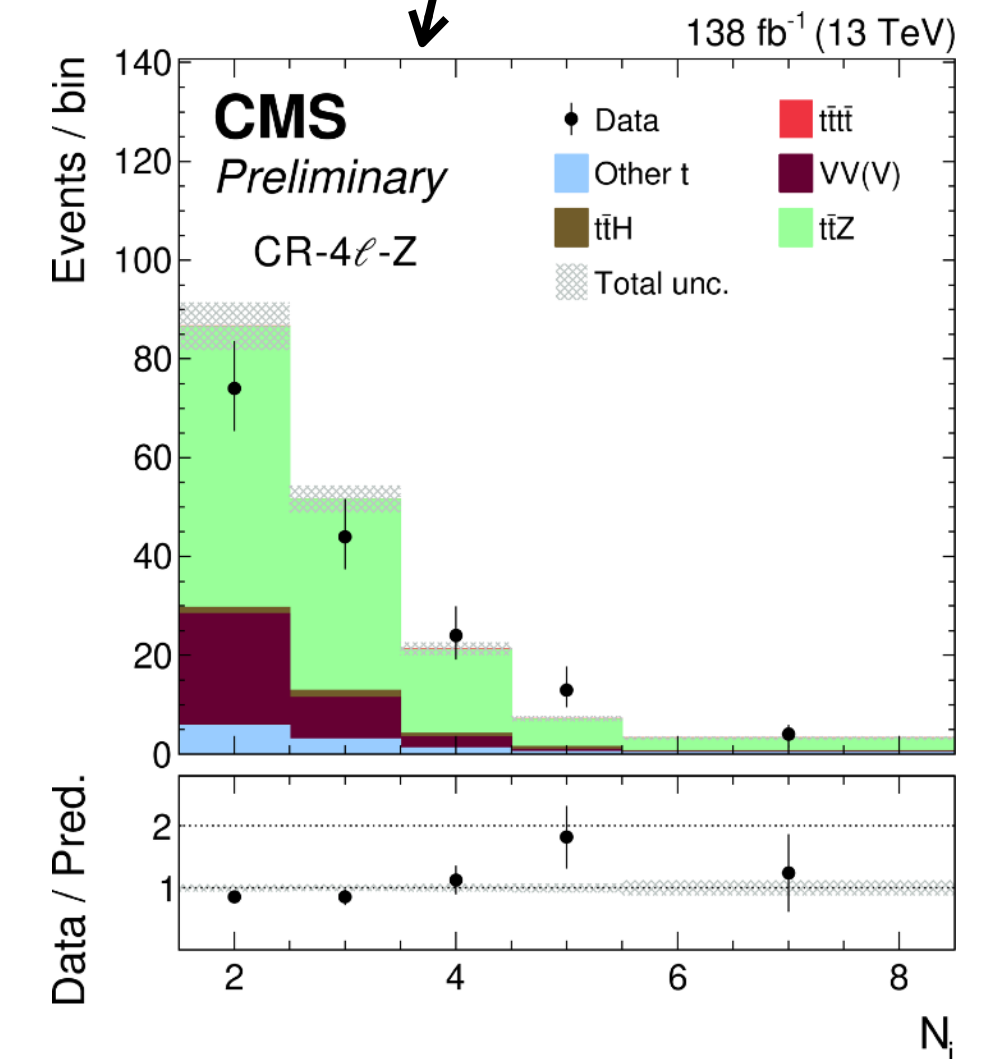


to control non prompt bkg

to control $t\bar{t}Z$



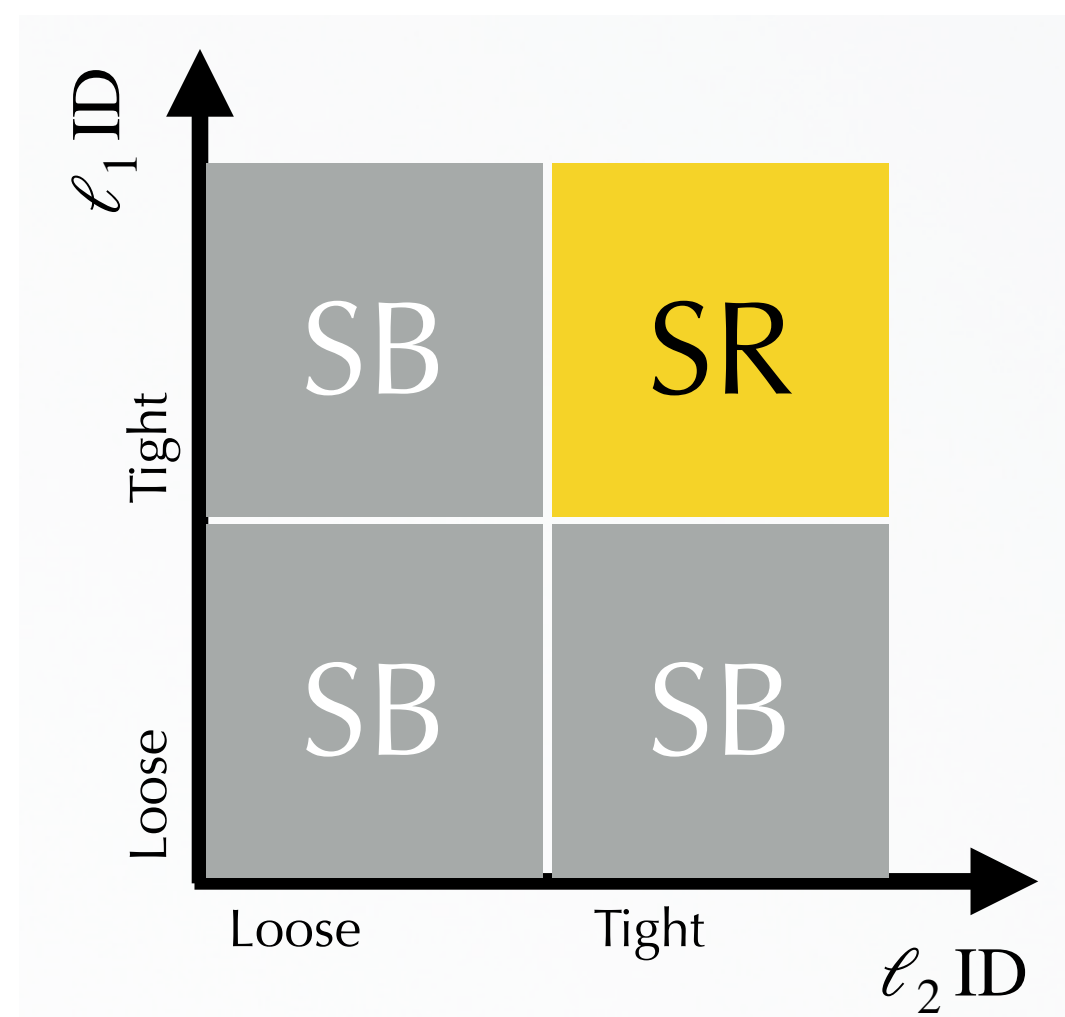
to control $t\bar{t}Z$



Other backgrounds

- Background from non prompt leptons:

- Evaluated using the tight-to-loose ratio method
 - fake rates measured in multijet data events
 - applied in regions with loose lepton requirements

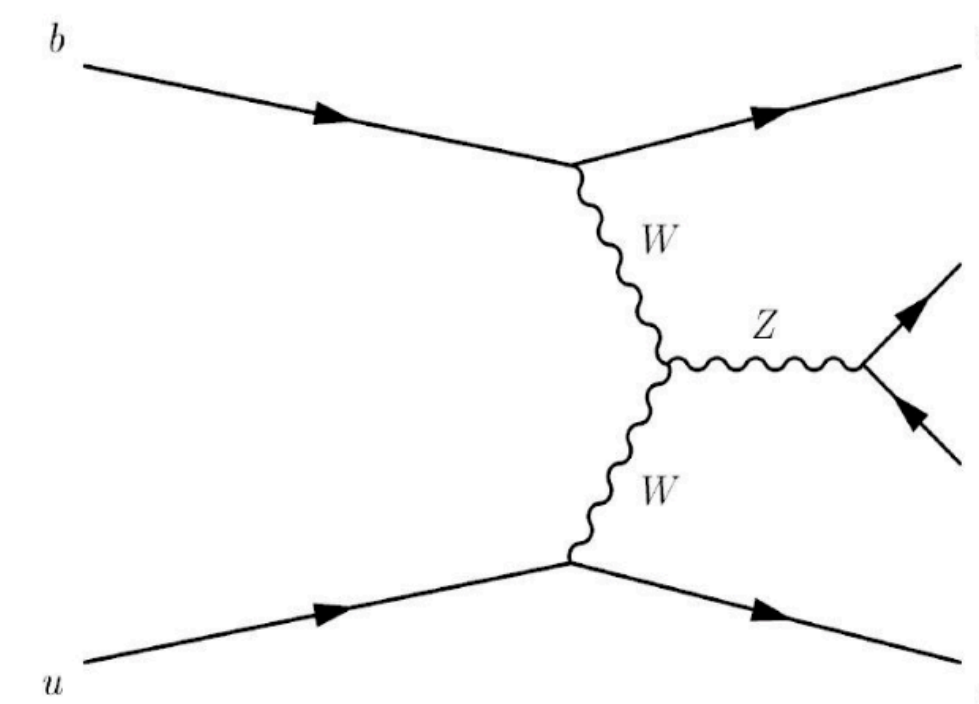
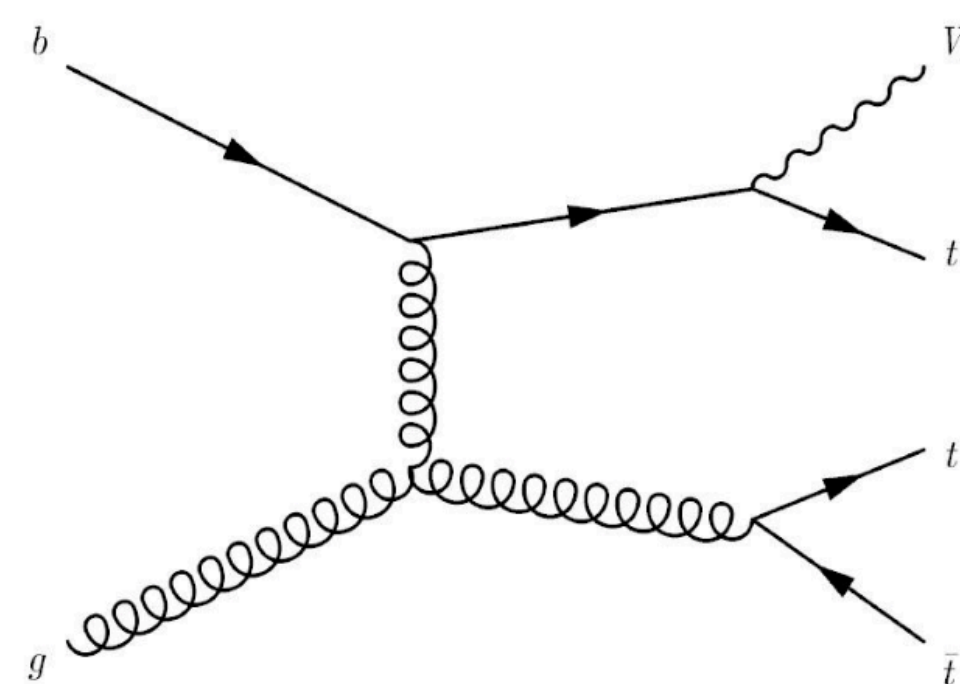


- Background from charge mis-id electrons:

- Charge misID probabilities measured in MC
- Correction factors applied to these measured in Z OS / SS events

- $t\bar{t}$ events

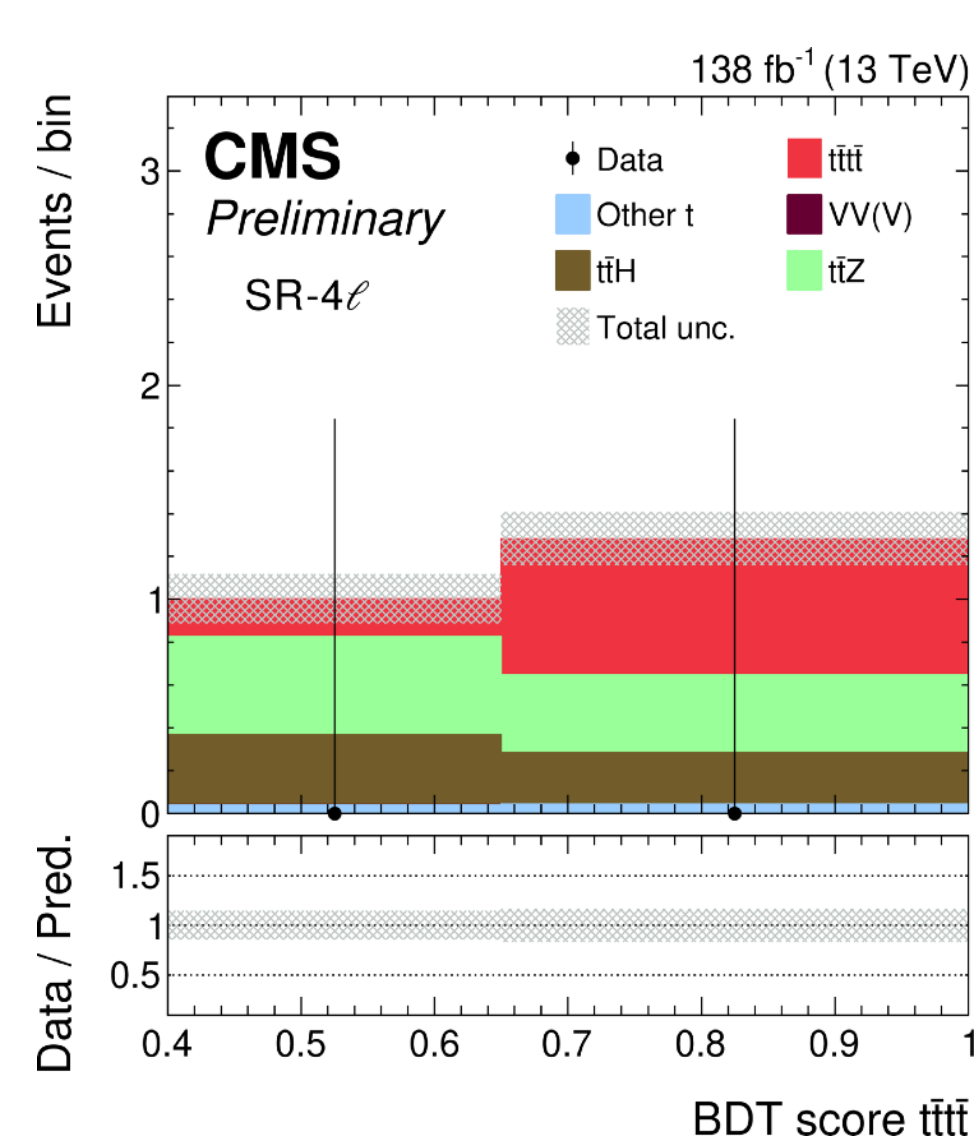
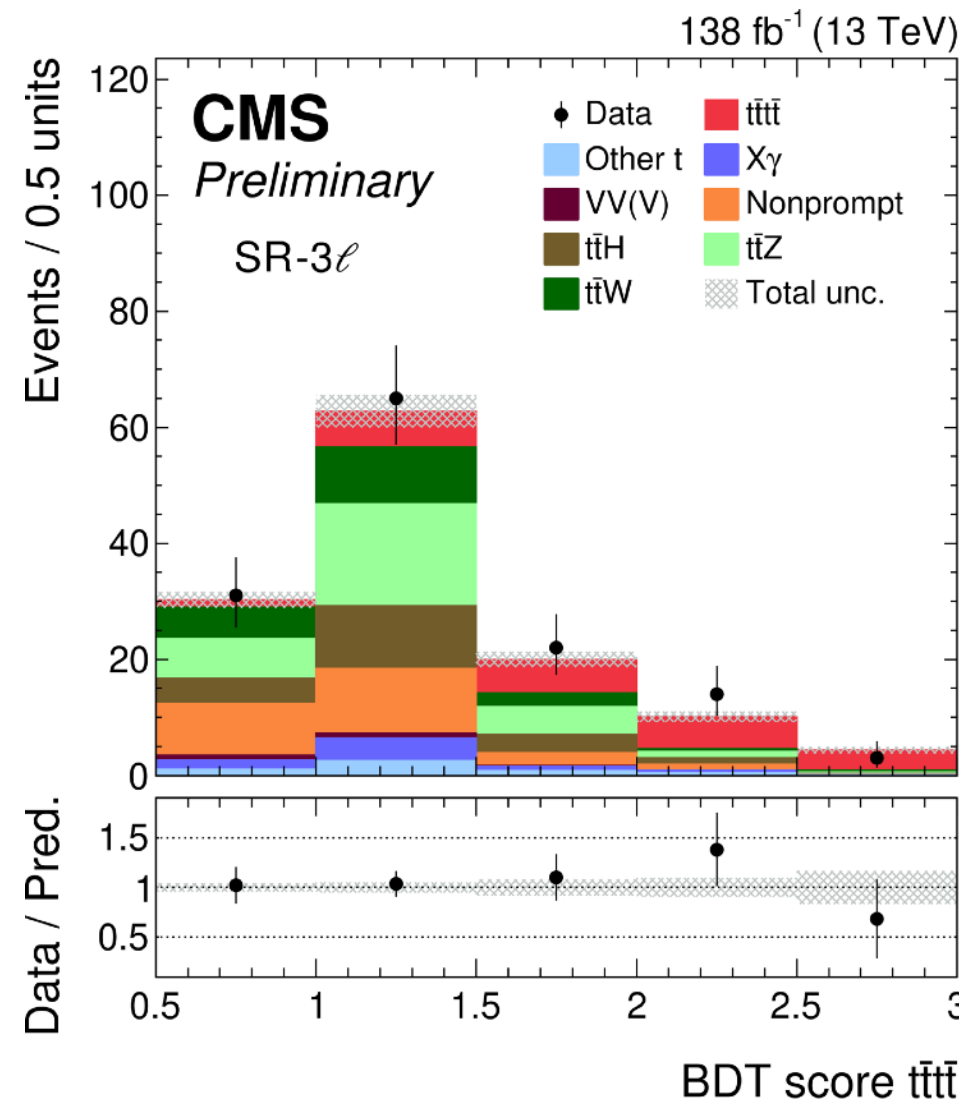
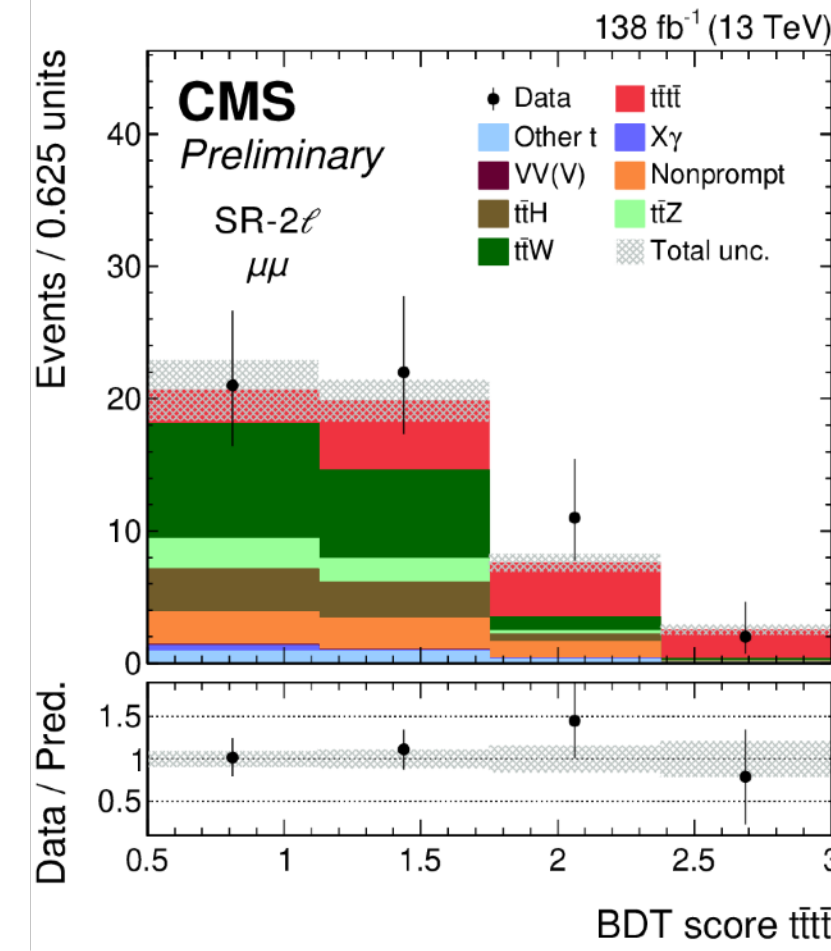
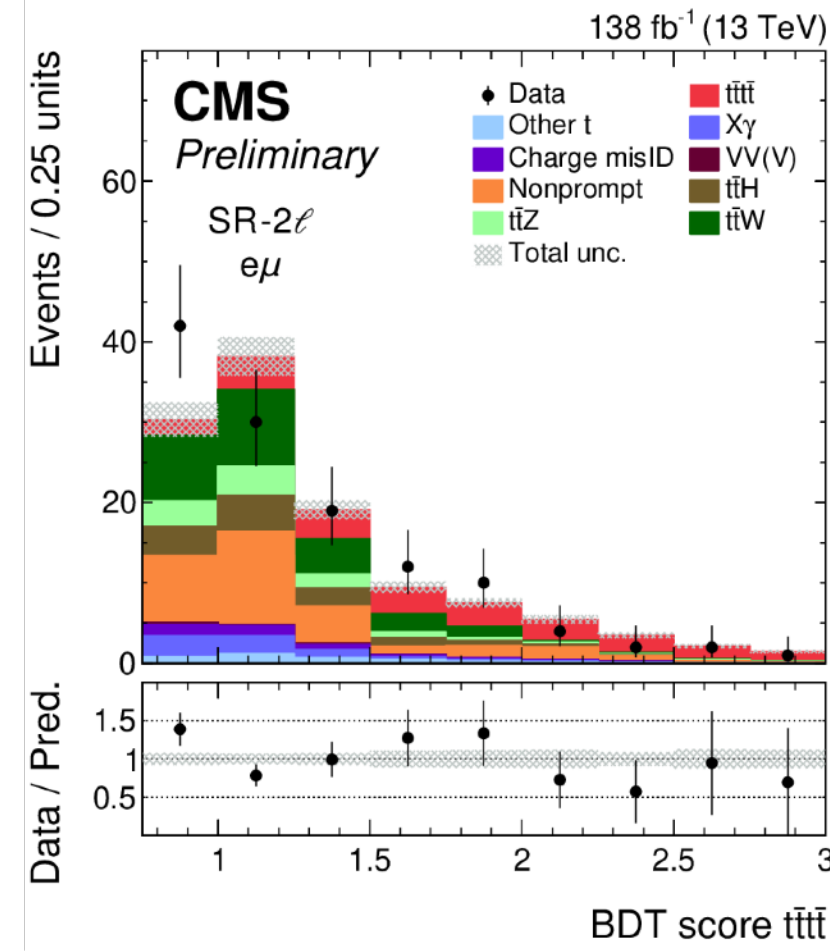
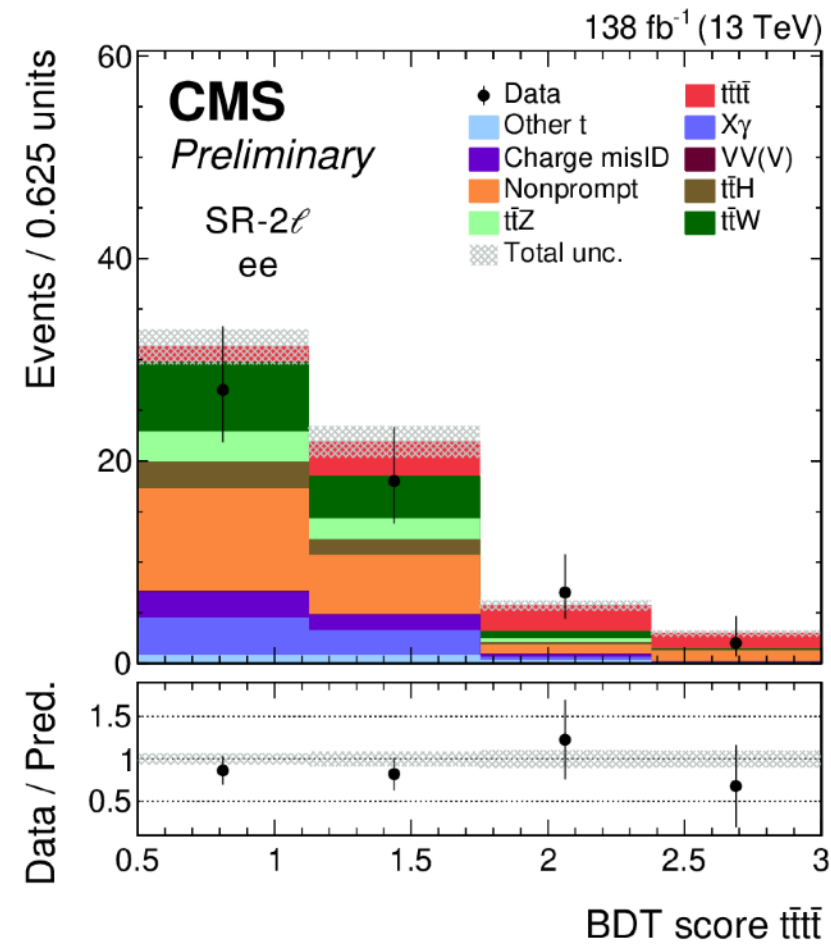
- Cross section around 1 fb (small but very signal like)
- Normalised to the LO cross section
- 20% uncertainties



Final fit

- Includes all CR and SR

- SR further split into three subregions $t\bar{t}\bar{t}$, $t\bar{t}+X$, $t\bar{t}$ based on the highest value of three BDT scores



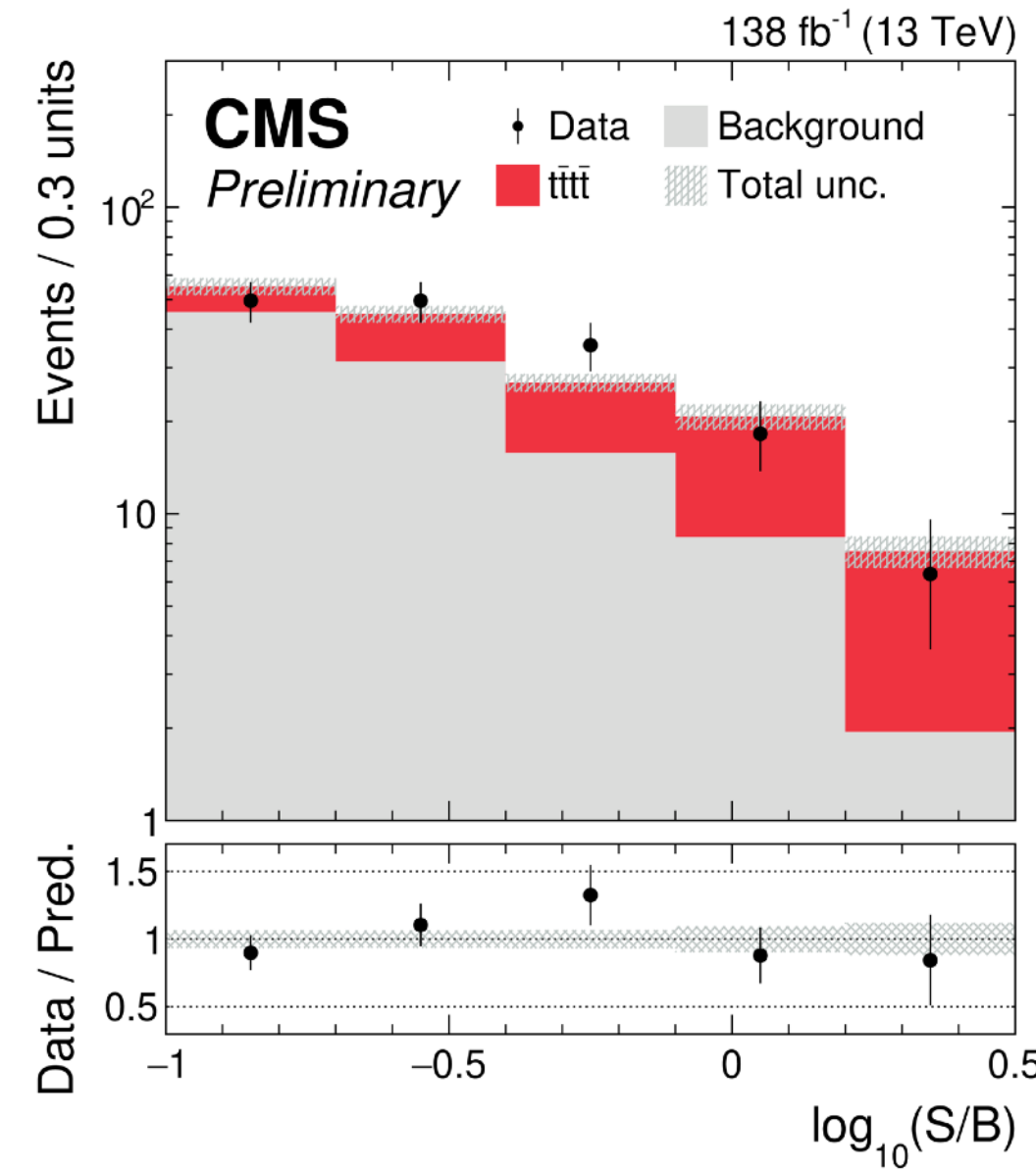
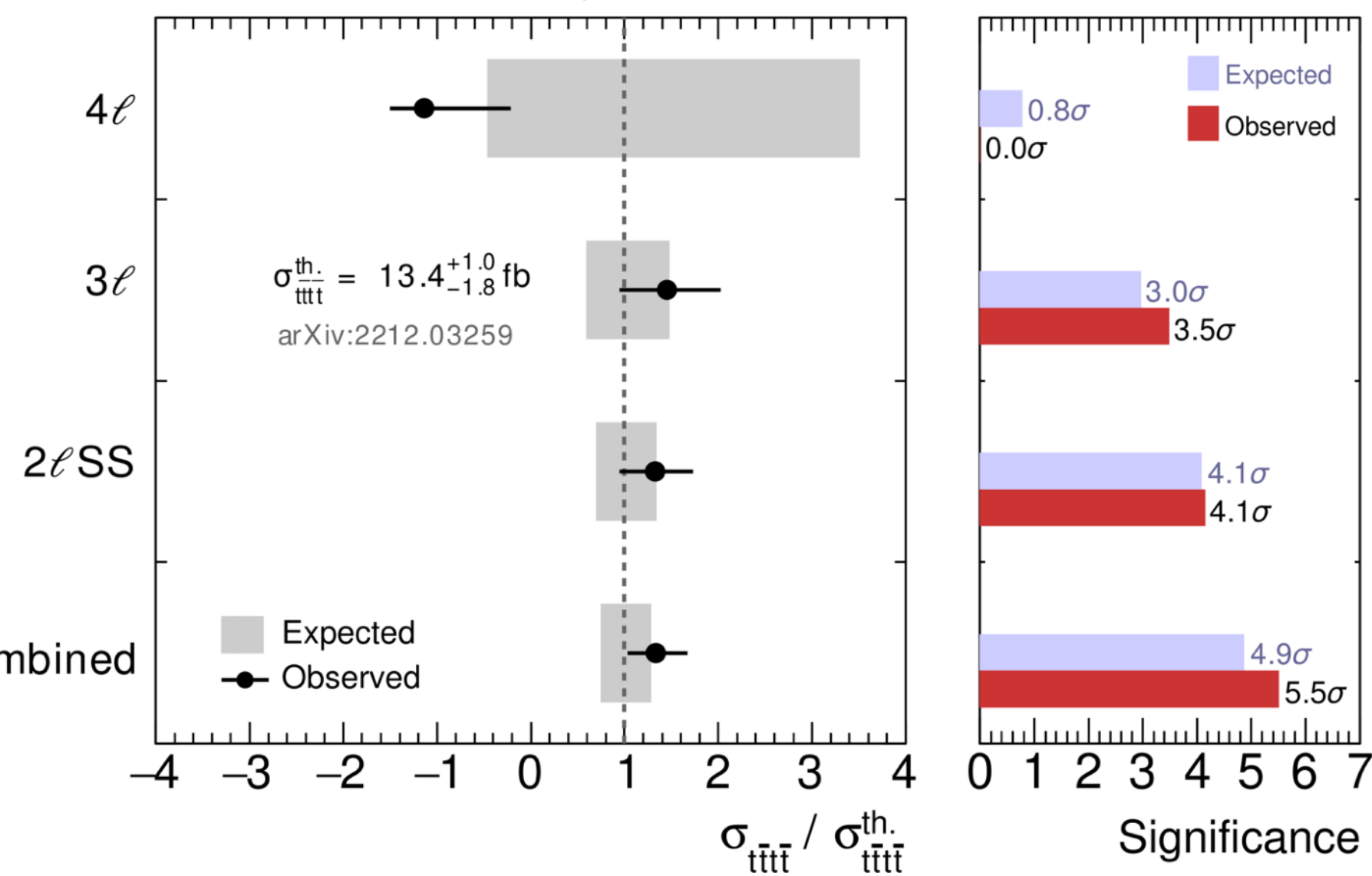
Symbol	Definition
$\max_2 \text{DJ}$	Second-highest DEEPJET score of any jet
$\Delta R(\ell_1, \ell_2)$	ΔR between leading and subleading lepton
$\min \Delta R(b, b)$	Smallest ΔR between any two b jets
$\min_2 \Delta R(\ell, b)$	Second smallest ΔR between any lepton and b jet
$\Delta\phi(\ell_1, \ell_2) \dagger$	$\Delta\phi$ between leading and subleading lepton
$\min_1 \Delta R(\ell, b) \dagger$	Smallest ΔR between any lepton and b jet
$m(t_1)$	Invariant mass of any three jets, of which one is a b jet, that is closest to the top quark mass
$\max_3 \text{DJ}$	Third-highest DEEPJET score of any jet
$\text{DJ}(j_1)$	DEEPJET score of the leading jet
$m(W_1)$	Invariant mass of any two jets used for $m(t_1)$ that is closest to the W boson mass
$p_T(j_4) \dagger$	Fourth-highest p_T of any jet
$\text{DJ}(j_2)$	DEEPJET score of the subleading jet
$p_T(j_5)$	Fifth-highest p_T of any jet
H_T	Scalar sum of p_T of all jets
$p_T(\ell_2) \dagger$	Second-highest p_T of any lepton
$\text{DJ}(j_3) \dagger$	DEEPJET score of the jet with the third-highest p_T
$m_T(\ell_1)$	Transverse mass of the leading lepton and p_T^{miss}
$p_T(j_1)$	Highest p_T of any jet
$p_T(\ell_1)$	Highest p_T of any lepton
p_T^{miss}	Missing transverse momentum
$m_T(\ell_2) \dagger$	Transverse mass of the subleading lepton and p_T^{miss}
$p_T(j_2) \dagger$	Second-highest p_T of any jet
$m(t_2) \dagger$	Invariant mass of any three jets, of which one is a b jet and none of which is used for $m(t_1)$, that is closest to the top quark mass
N_j	Number of jets
$m_{T2}(b) \dagger$	m_{T2} variable constructed from the leading and subleading b jet
$m_{T2}(\ell+b) \dagger$	m_{T2} variable constructed from two lepton+jet systems built with the leading two leptons and the leading two b jets
N_b^{tight}	Number of jets passing the "tight" DEEPJET working point (tighter than in the event selection)
$m(W_2) \dagger$	Invariant mass of any two jets used for $m(t_2)$ that is closest to the W boson mass
$\max_4 \text{DJ} \dagger$	Fourth-highest DEEPJET score of any jet
$N_b^{\text{medium}} \dagger$	Number of jets passing the "medium" DEEPJET working point (tighter than in the event selection, but looser than "tight")
$p_T(\ell_3) \dagger$	Third-highest p_T of any lepton
$p_T(j_3) \dagger$	Third-highest p_T of any jet
$m_{T2}(\ell) \dagger$	m_{T2} variable constructed from the leading and subleading lepton
$\text{DJ}(j_4) \dagger$	DEEPJET score of the jet with the fourth-highest p_T

Results: 4top observation

Channel	Obs. (exp.) significance	$\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\bar{\text{t}})$
2 ℓ	4.1 (4.1) s.d.	$17.6^{+4.7}_{-4.3} \text{ (stat)}^{+2.8}_{-2.7} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}$
3 ℓ	3.5 (3.0) s.d.	$19.4^{+7.1}_{-6.4} \text{ (stat)}^{+2.9}_{-2.3} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}$
4 ℓ	0.0 (0.8) s.d.	—
Combined	5.5 (4.9) s.d.	$17.9^{+3.7}_{-3.5} \text{ (stat)}^{+2.4}_{-2.1} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}$

1.1 σ compatible with the SM computation (NLO+NLL)

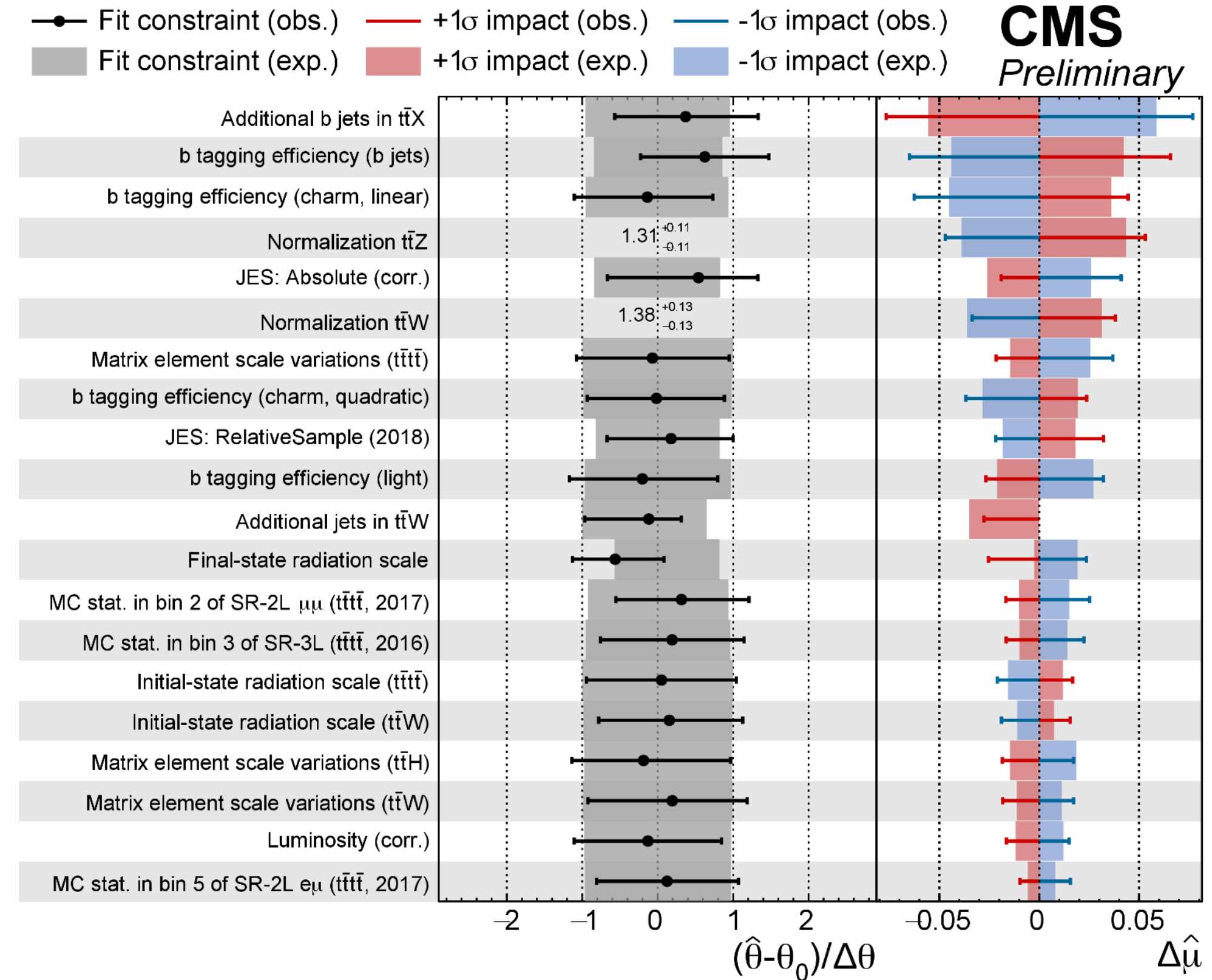
CMS Preliminary



Measured $\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{W}$ ($\text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{Z}$) cross sections : in agreement with SM within 2.3 σ (2.2 σ)

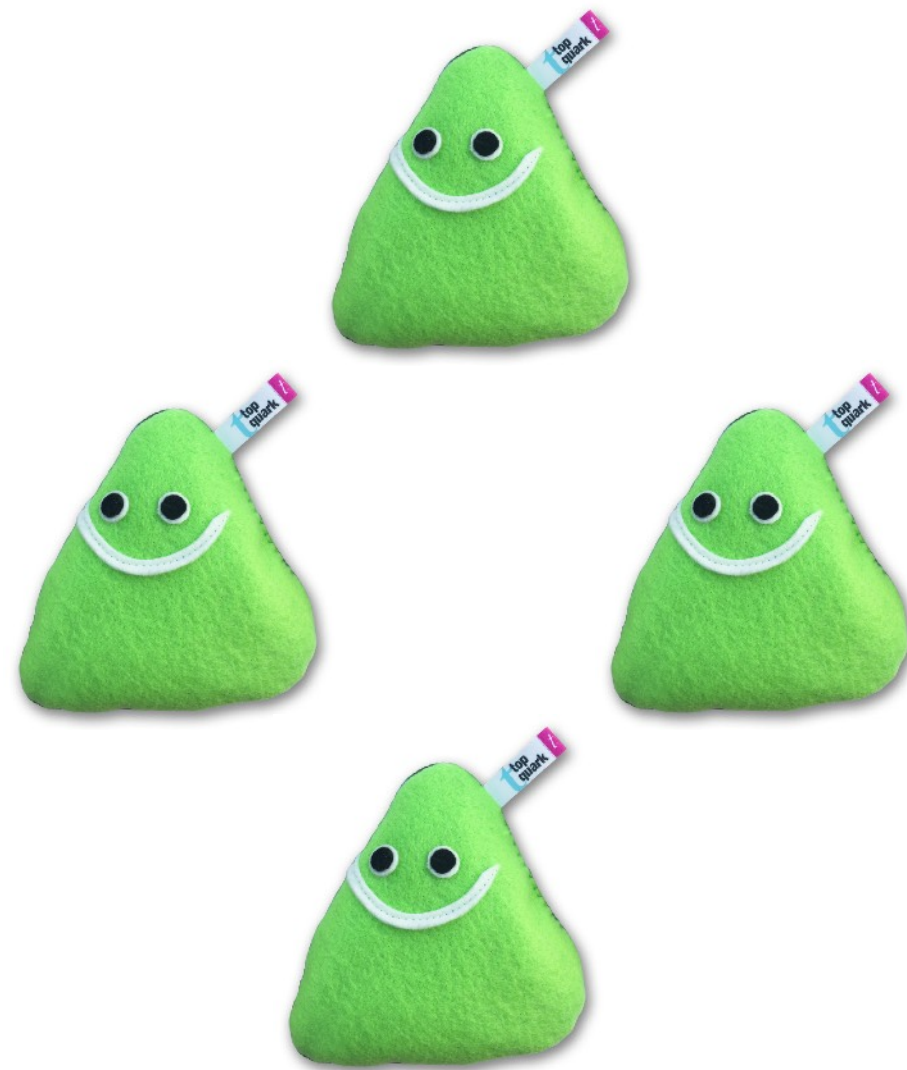
$$\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{W}) = 997 \pm 58 \text{ (stat)}^{+79}_{-72} \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb},$$

$$\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \text{t}\bar{\text{t}}\text{Z}) = 1134^{+52}_{-43} \text{ (stat)} \pm 86 \text{ (syst)} \text{ fb}.$$



Conclusion

- The past years/months have seen the development of 4top physics
 - SM computations
 - BSM scenario
 - Since March 2023, ATLAS and CMS have **observed** $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ production
- This is just the beginning
 - Run 3 at 13.6 TeV means 18% higher $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ cross section
 - Next is first to see if the measured cross section is higher or not compared to the SM
 - Then $t\bar{t}t$ studies, differential measurements ...



A recent review (pre-observation)

Four Top Quarks' Poem

*In the LHC's depths, where particles dance,
Four top quarks emerge, a rare chance,
Heaviest of all, the secrets they hold,
The universe's mysteries, soon to unfold.*

*Advancements in techniques, signals refined,
With Graph Neural Networks, clarity we find,
Six point one standard deviations amassed,
A threshold surpassed, discovery at last.*

*New doors now opened, as we further explore,
The cosmic labyrinth, seeking truths to implore,
With future endeavors, our knowledge expands,
Unveiling the secrets, the universe commands.*

ChatGPT