

*Overview of the **Higgs** and  
**Standard Model** physics  
at ATLAS*



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# The Standard Model of Particle Physics

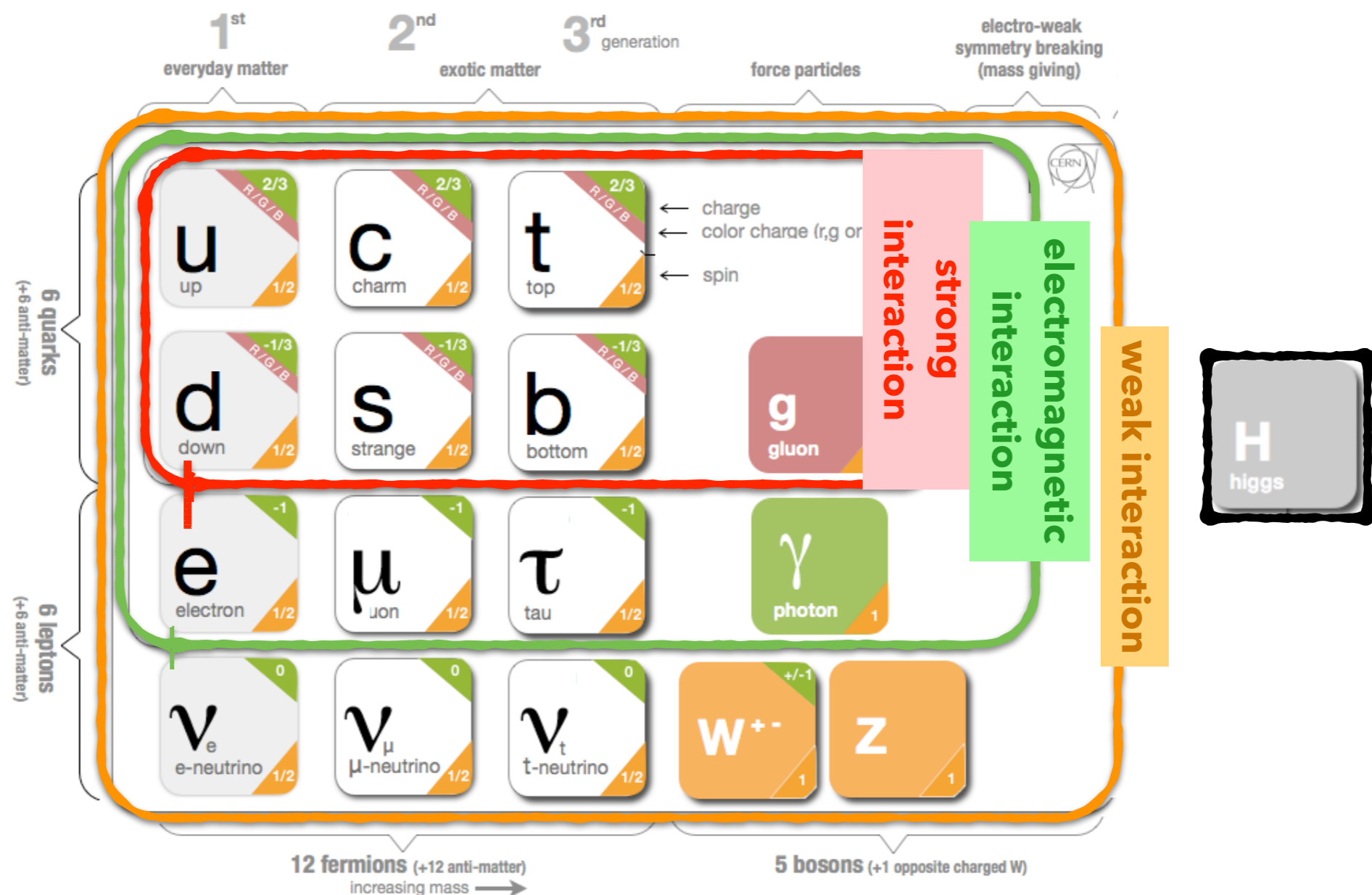


The SM provides unified picture of the electroweak (EW) and strong interactions

building blocks of matter: fermions (leptons and quarks)

force carriers: bosons (gluon, photon,  $W^{+-}$ ,  $Z$ )

**Higgs** field: added to the SM to generate the mass of EW bosons and fermions



## \* Detector performance

## \* Standard Model highlights

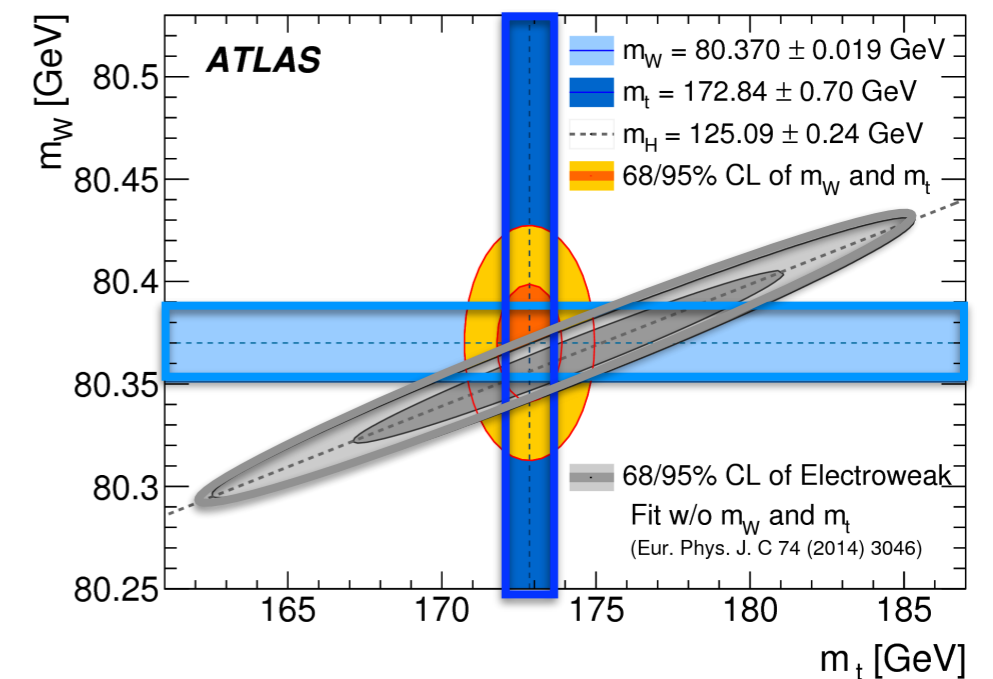
- $W$  boson mass measurement
- Top quark mass measurement
- Single top and  $tZ$  production evidence

## \* Higgs boson physics highlights

- Mass measurement
- Differential cross section measurements
- Higgs-fermion coupling measurements
- Rare decays & HH: long term Higgs program

## \* Conclusions

$m(W)$ ,  $m(\text{top})$ ,  $m(H)$  are related to fundamental parameters of the Standard Model and provide key information to test its consistency



**Disclaimer:** as expected, the full ATLAS SM&Higgs program cannot be covered in 30' - this is an overview of some of the most relevant recent results!

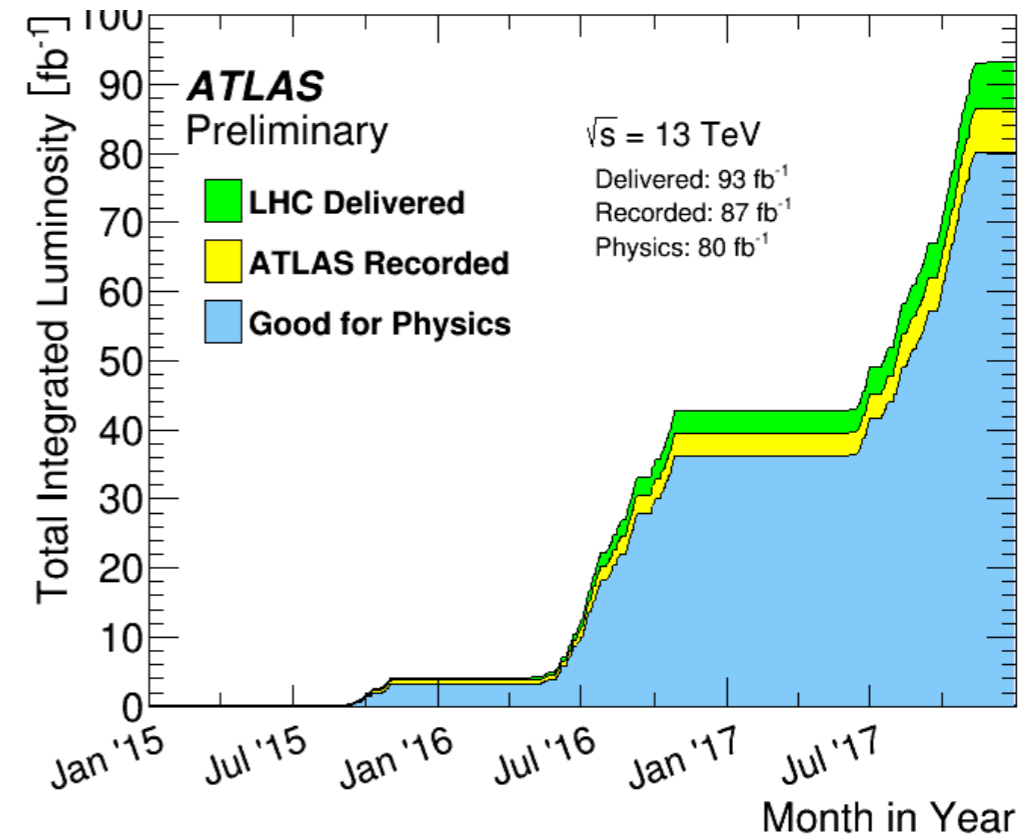
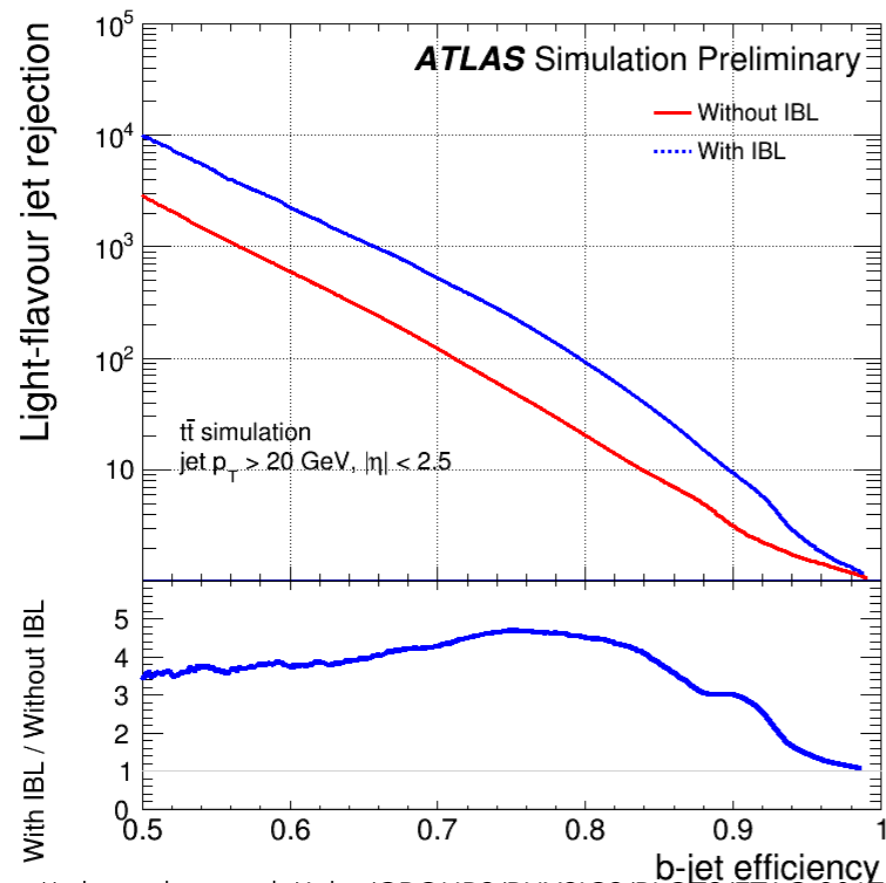
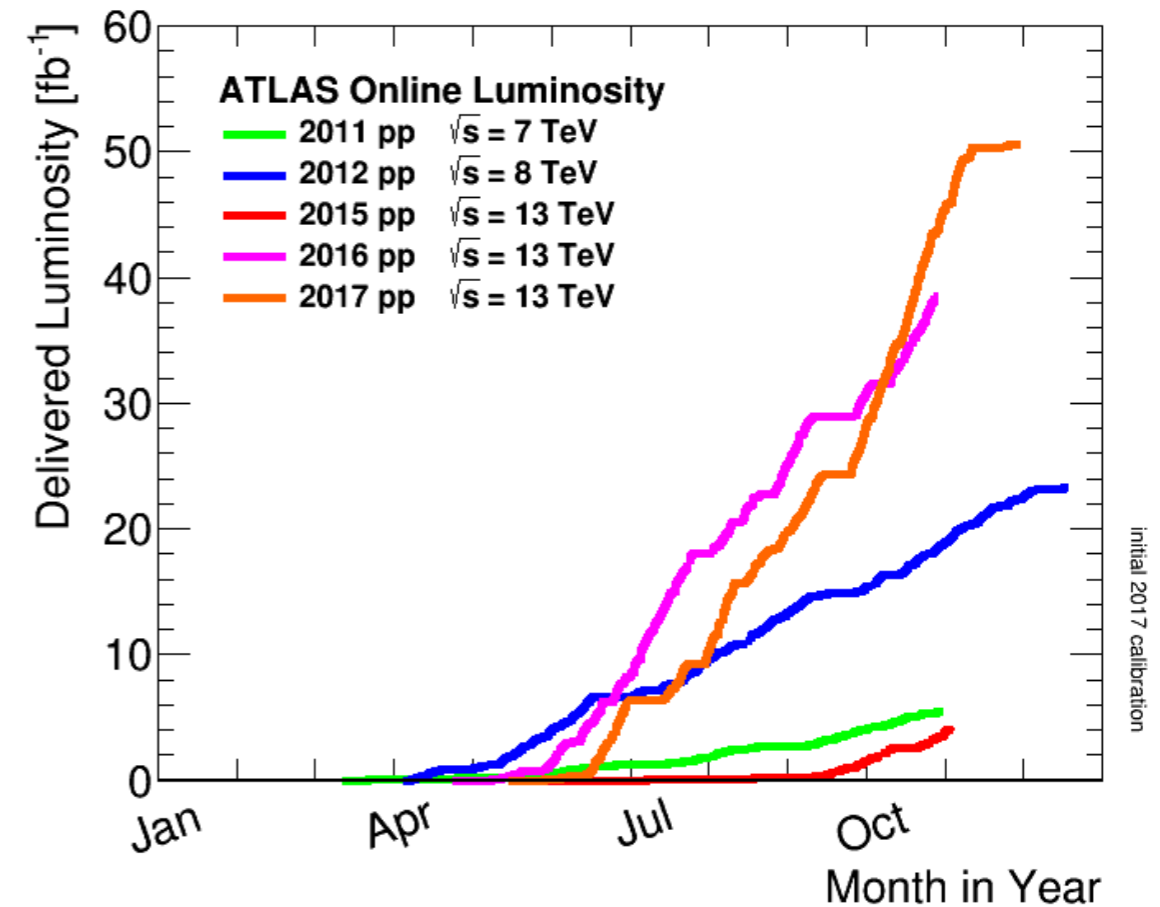
# Detector performance (I)



## \* Excellent performance of LHC and ATLAS in Run 2 so far:

- Record instantaneous luminosity for pp interactions in 2017:  $2.06 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ 
  - **double** the LHC design!
- 80  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  good for physics from 87  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  recorded by ATLAS

## \* Improved b-tagging performance with the inclusion of IBL (Insertable B-Layer) for Run 2



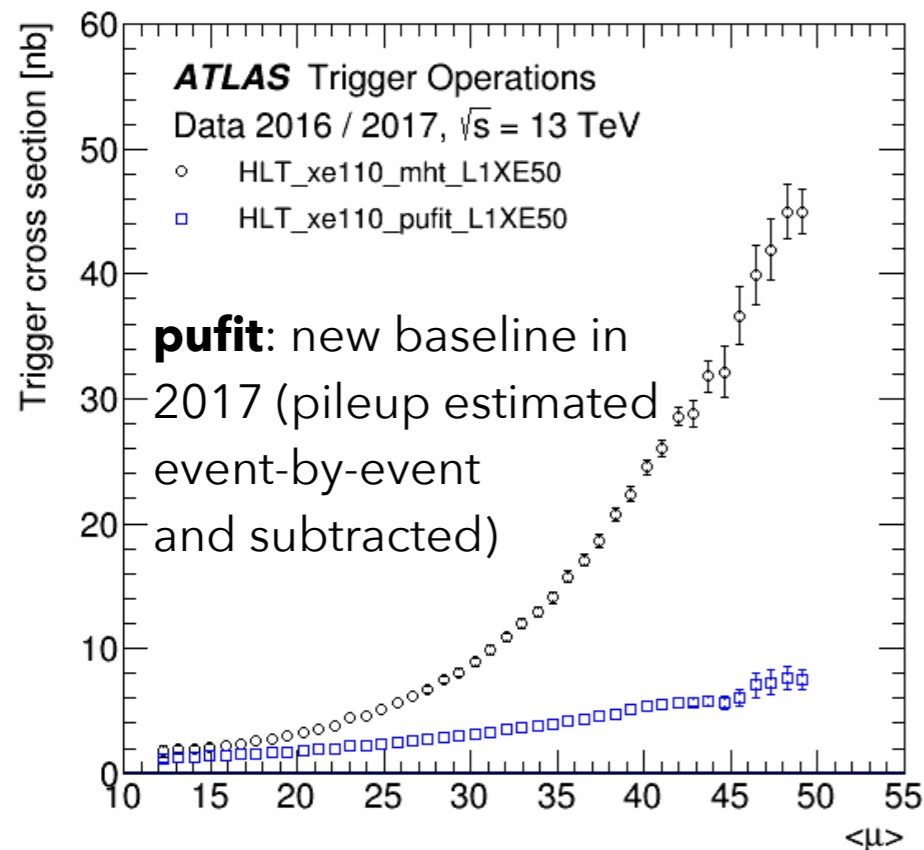
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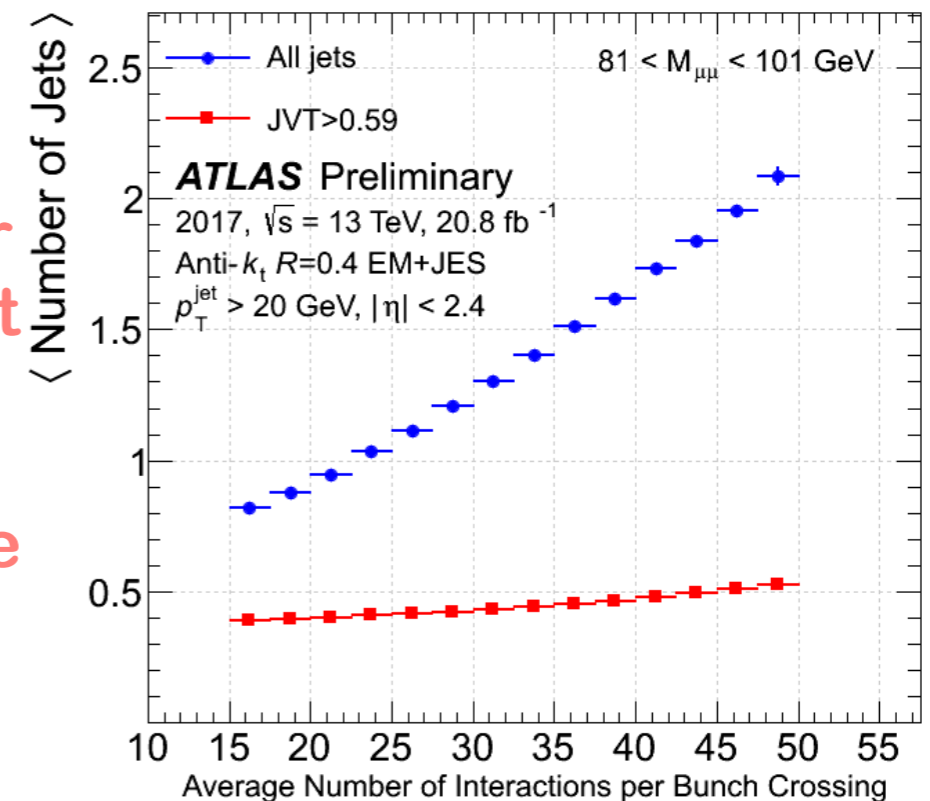
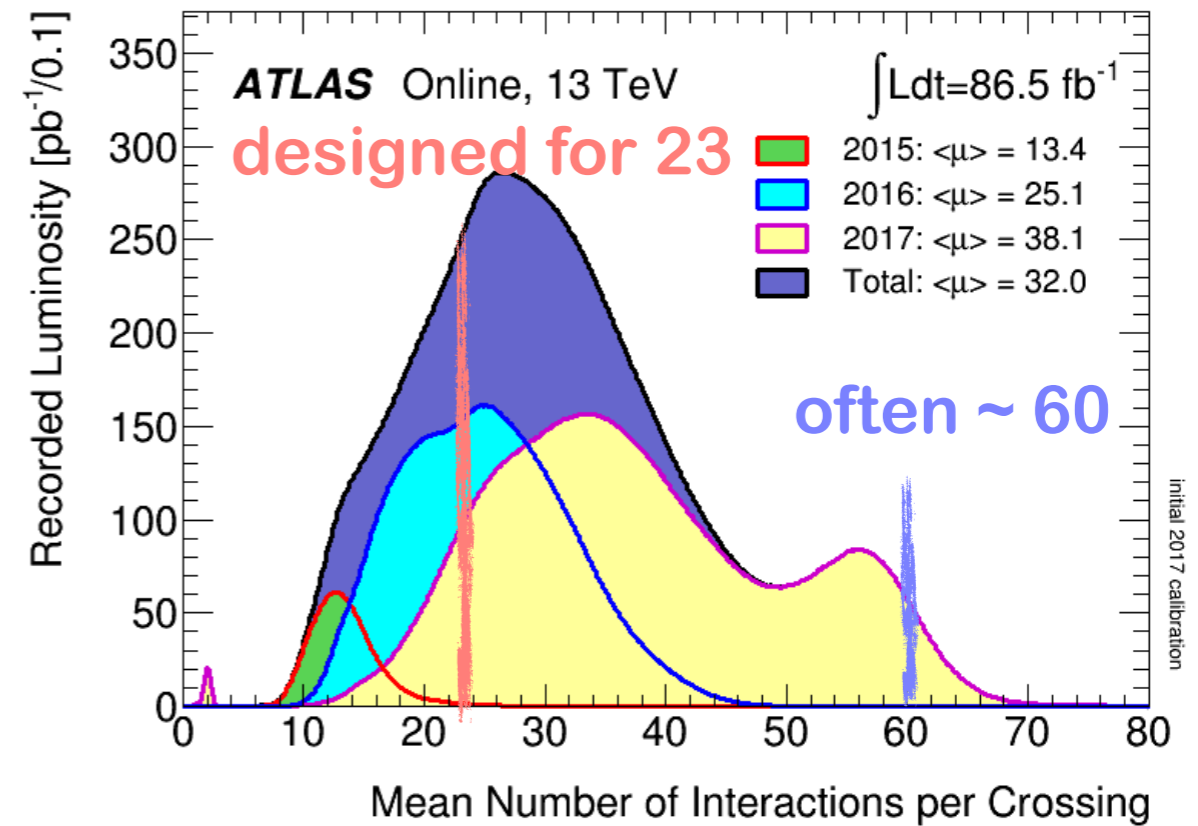
**\* Biggest challenge:** robustness against pile-up

- Controlling trigger rates at high interaction per bunch crossing
- Online and offline reconstruction performance maintained even at the highest pile-up

improved HLT algorithms to suppress dependence of  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  trigger rates on pile-up



**Jet Vertex Tagger (JVT) requirement applied to jets with  $20 < p_T < 60$  GeV to reduce the fake jet rate**



# Standard Model (SM)

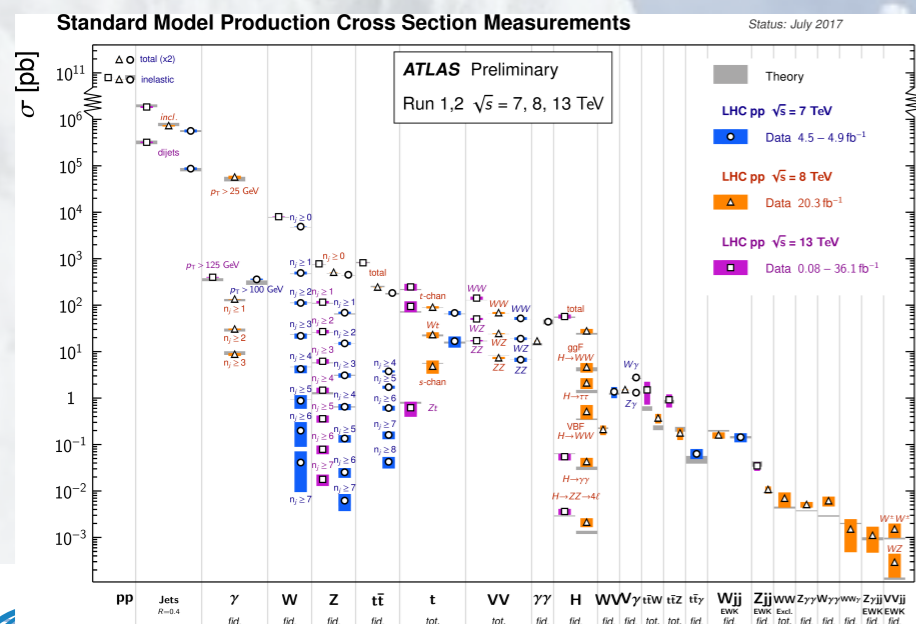
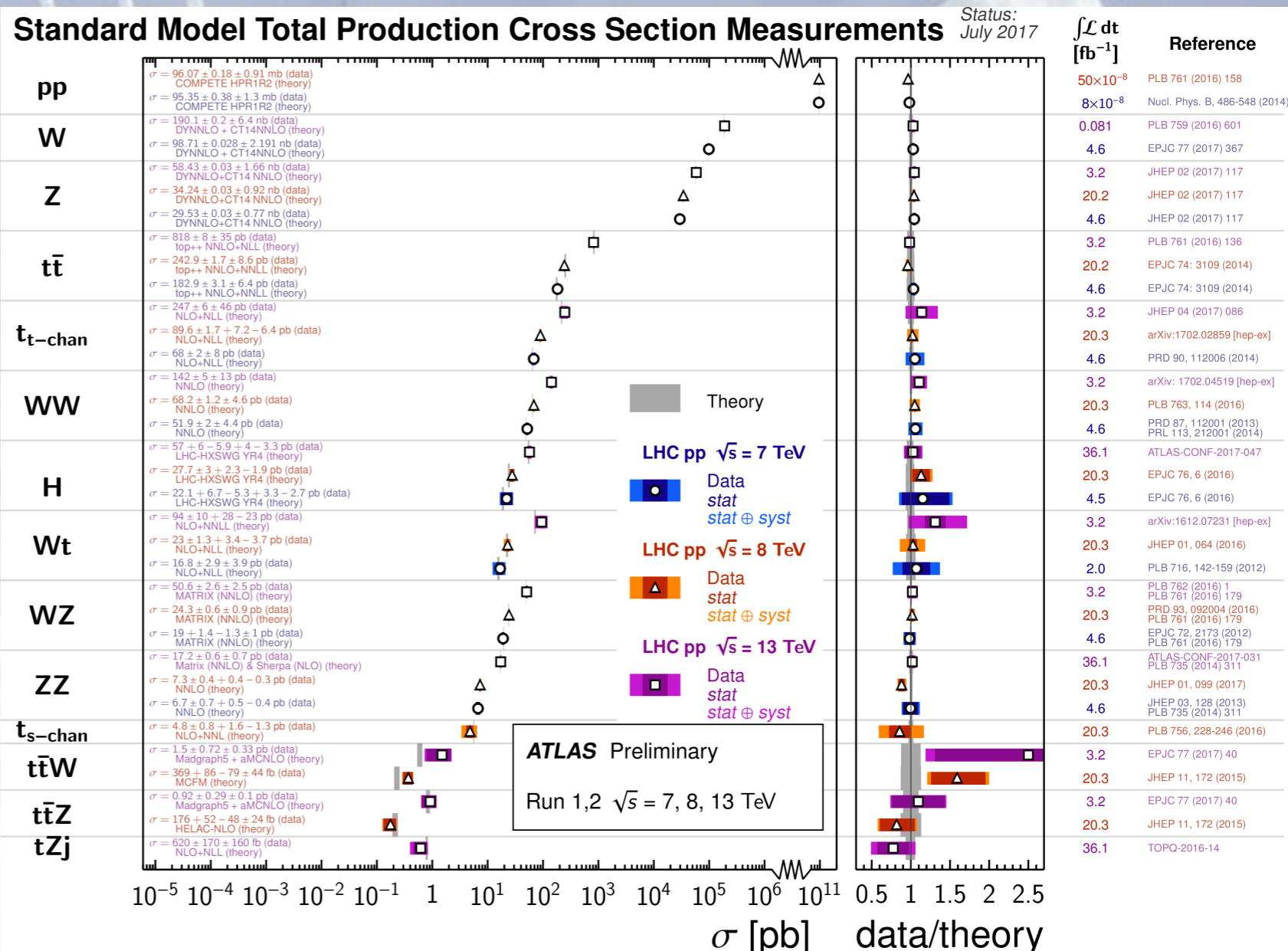


No measurements yet with 2017 data

\* SM cross section measurements in excellent agreement with theory so far

- Some deviations in  $t\bar{t}W$ , updates with full 2015+2016 dataset to come...

\* Several new differential cross section measurements available

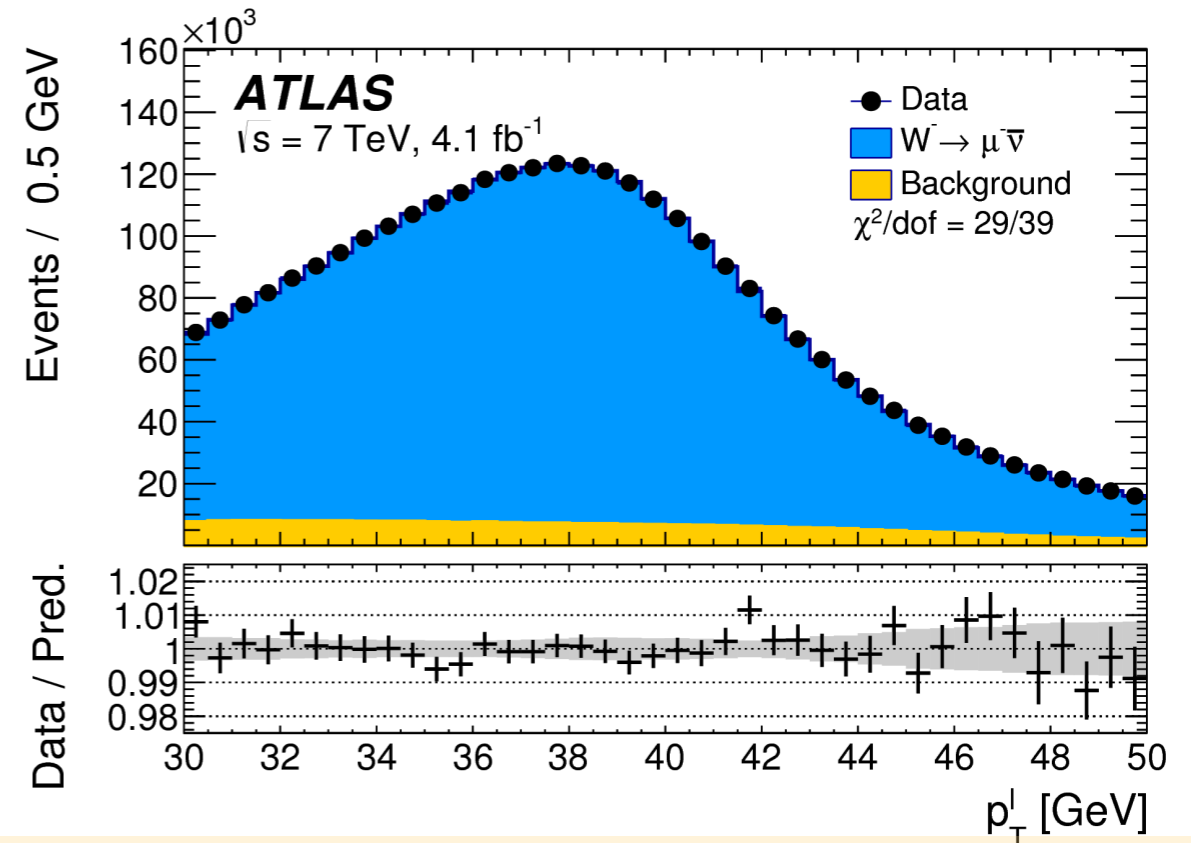


# W boson mass

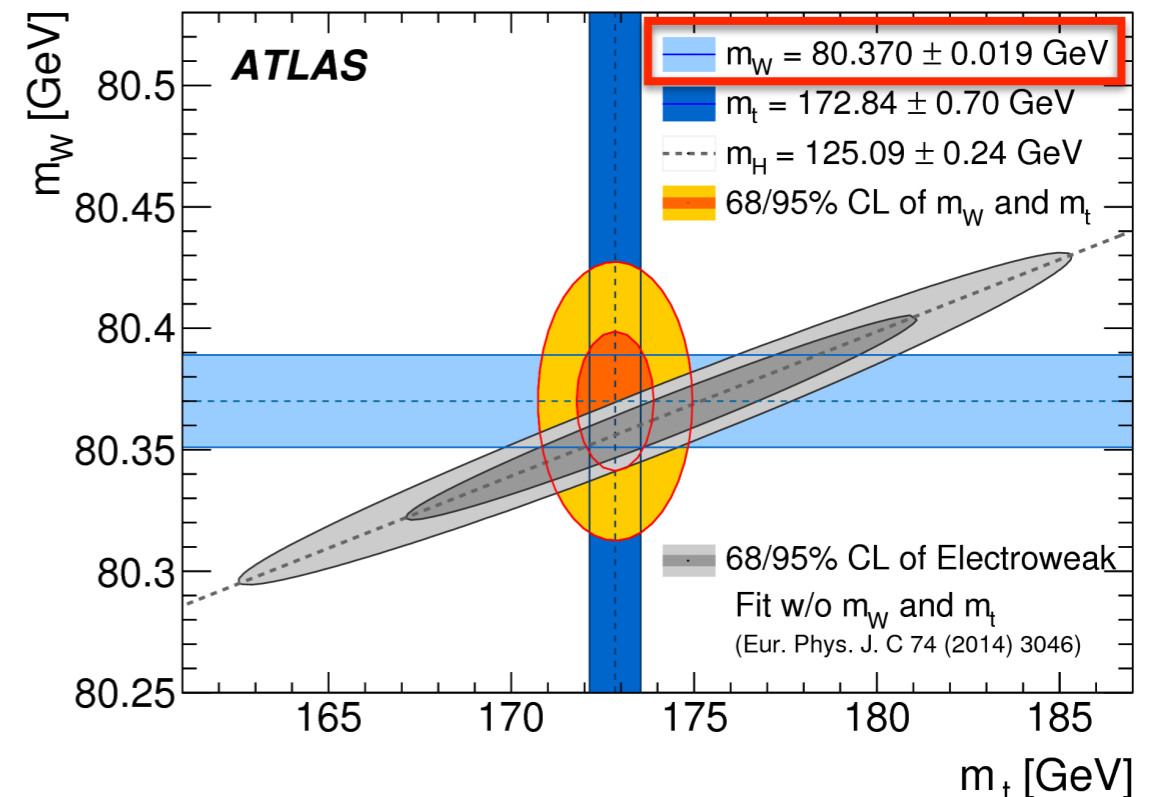
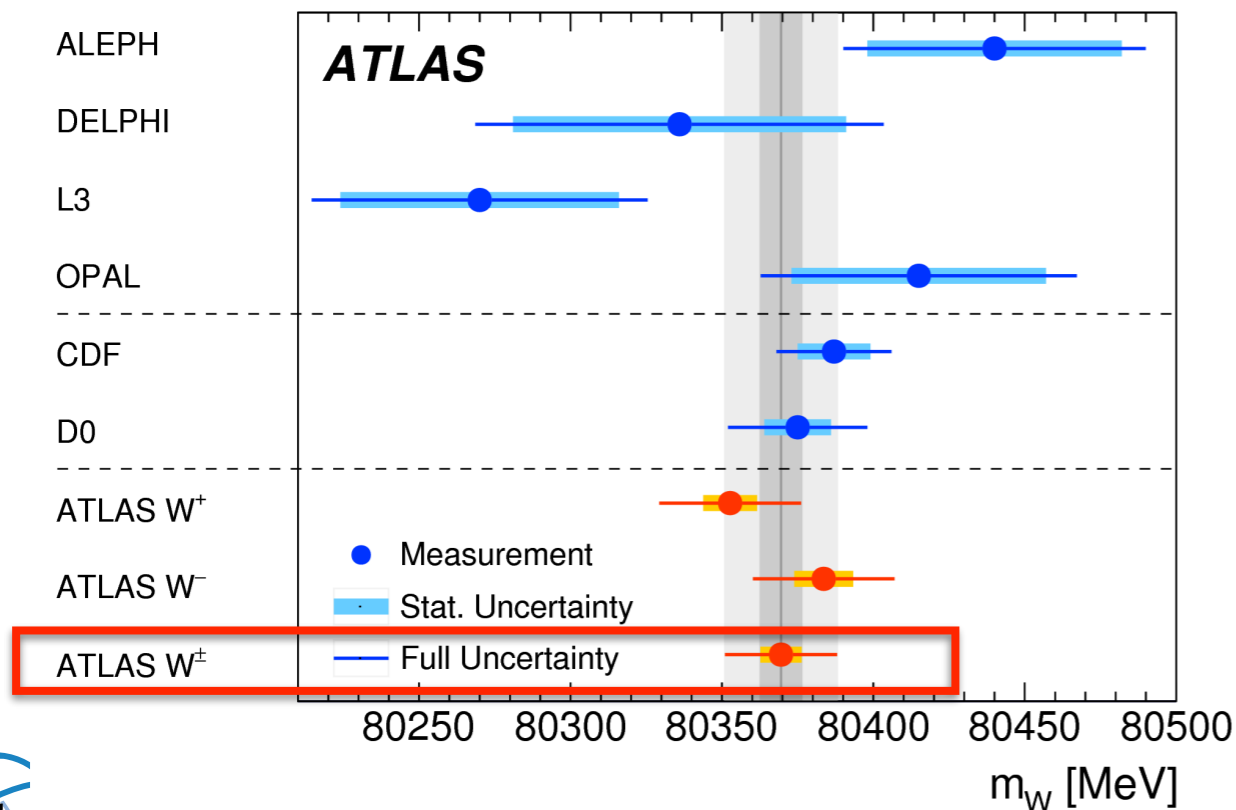
arXiv:1701.07240 - submitted to EPJC



- \* Uses 4.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 7 TeV data (W → eν/μν)
- \* Impressive amount of work since 2011 to understand detector response and modelling of kinematic quantities
  - calibration of W recoil with Z → ℓℓ data
- \* First measurement at the LHC!
  - Similar precision to best previous single experiment measurement (from CDF)
- \* Result consistent with SM expectation
- \* Further progress requires improved **modelling**



**$m_W = 80.370 \pm 0.019 \text{ GeV} = \pm 7 \text{ MeV (stat)} \pm 11 \text{ MeV (syst)} \pm 14 \text{ MeV (modelling)}$**



# Top quark mass

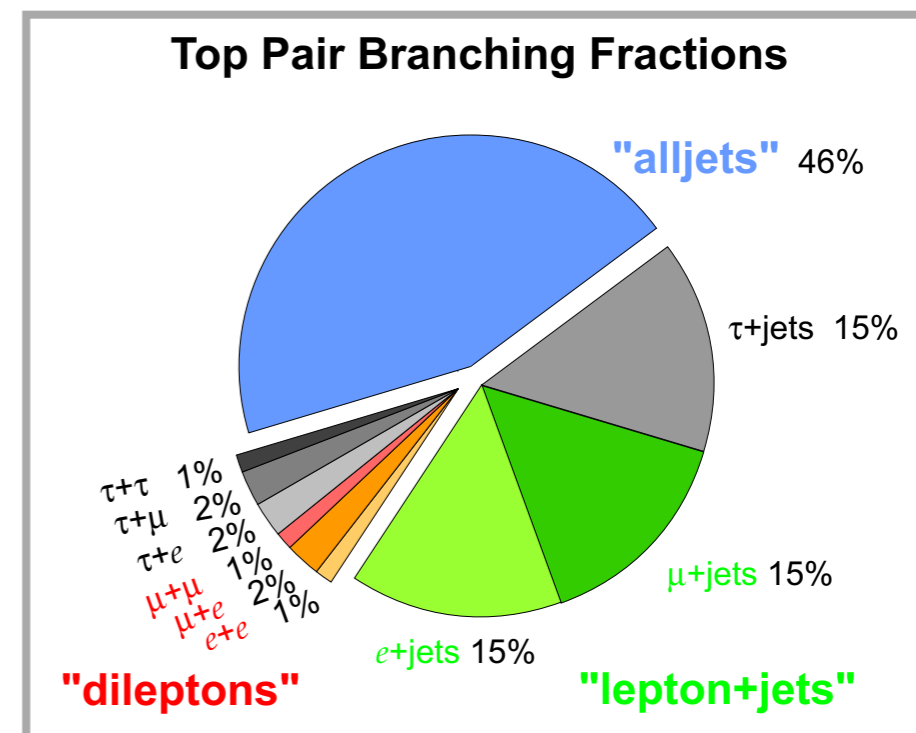
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\* Exploiting a **3D** template technique: **top quark mass** determined together with a **global jet energy scale factor** and a **relative b-to-light-jet energy scale factor**

\* Run 1 top quark mass combination at **0.3% precision level!**

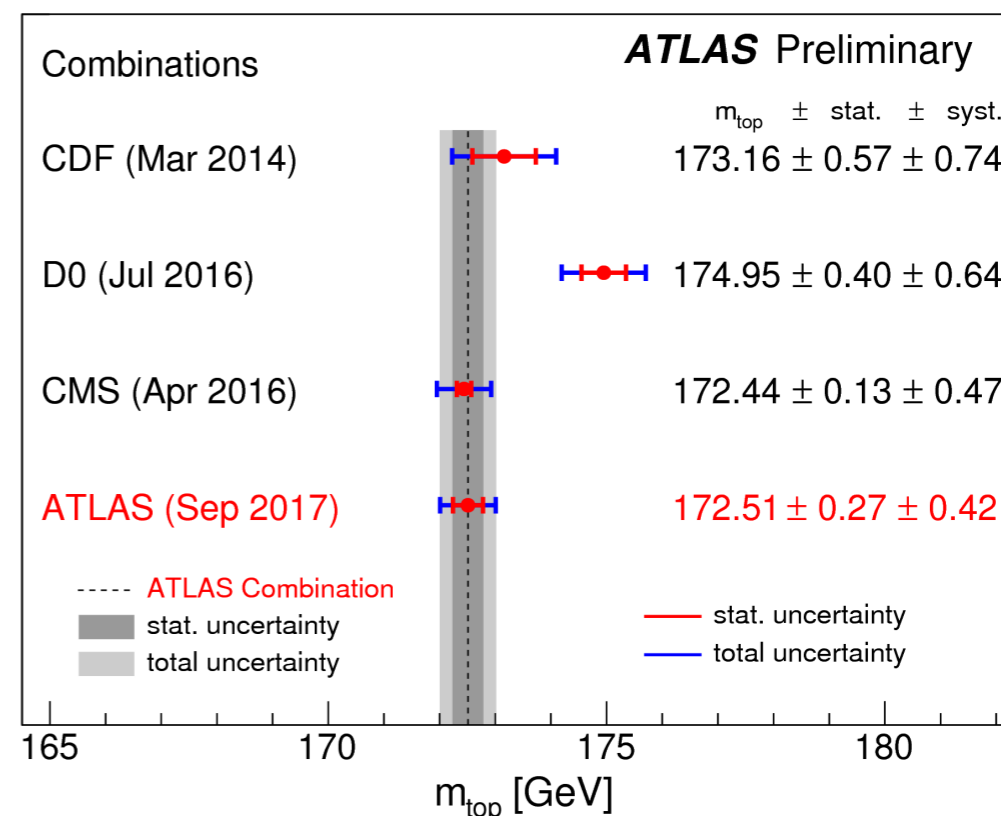
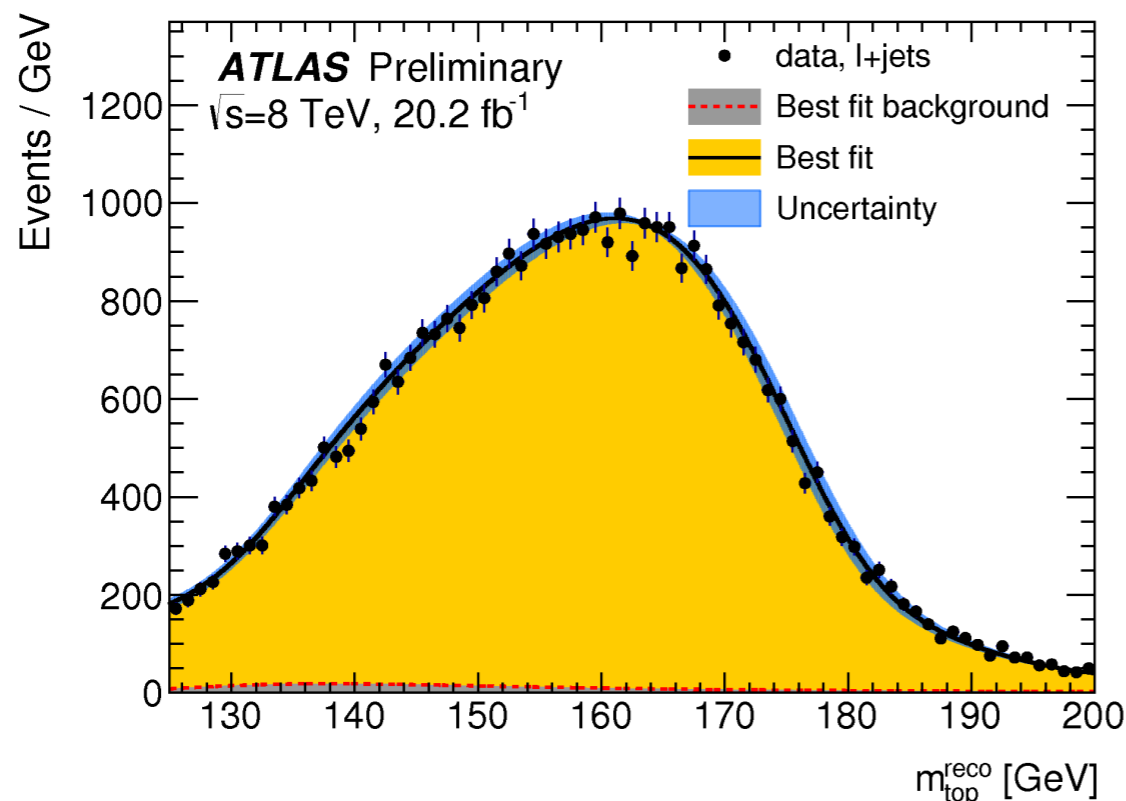
- Systematic uncertainties reduced in combination due to correlations between measurements



**NEW** **ATLAS  $\ell$ +jets 8 TeV**  
**ATLAS dilepton 8 TeV**  
**ATLAS Run 1 comb**

**top quark mass measurement [GeV]**

172.08 ± 0.39 (stat) ± 0.82 (syst)
172.99 ± 0.41 (stat) ± 0.74 (syst)
<b>172.51 ± 0.27 (stat) ± 0.42 (syst)</b>





# Single top (+Z) cross section

arXiv:1710.03659

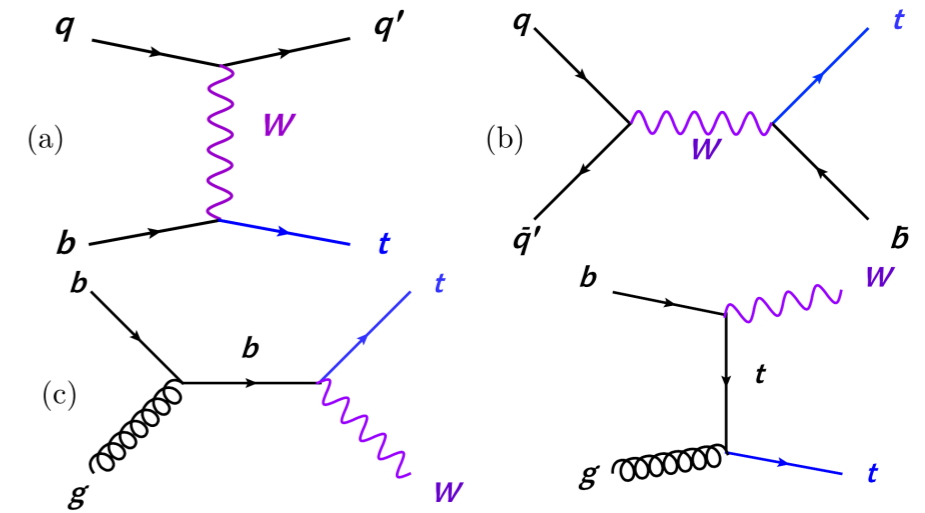
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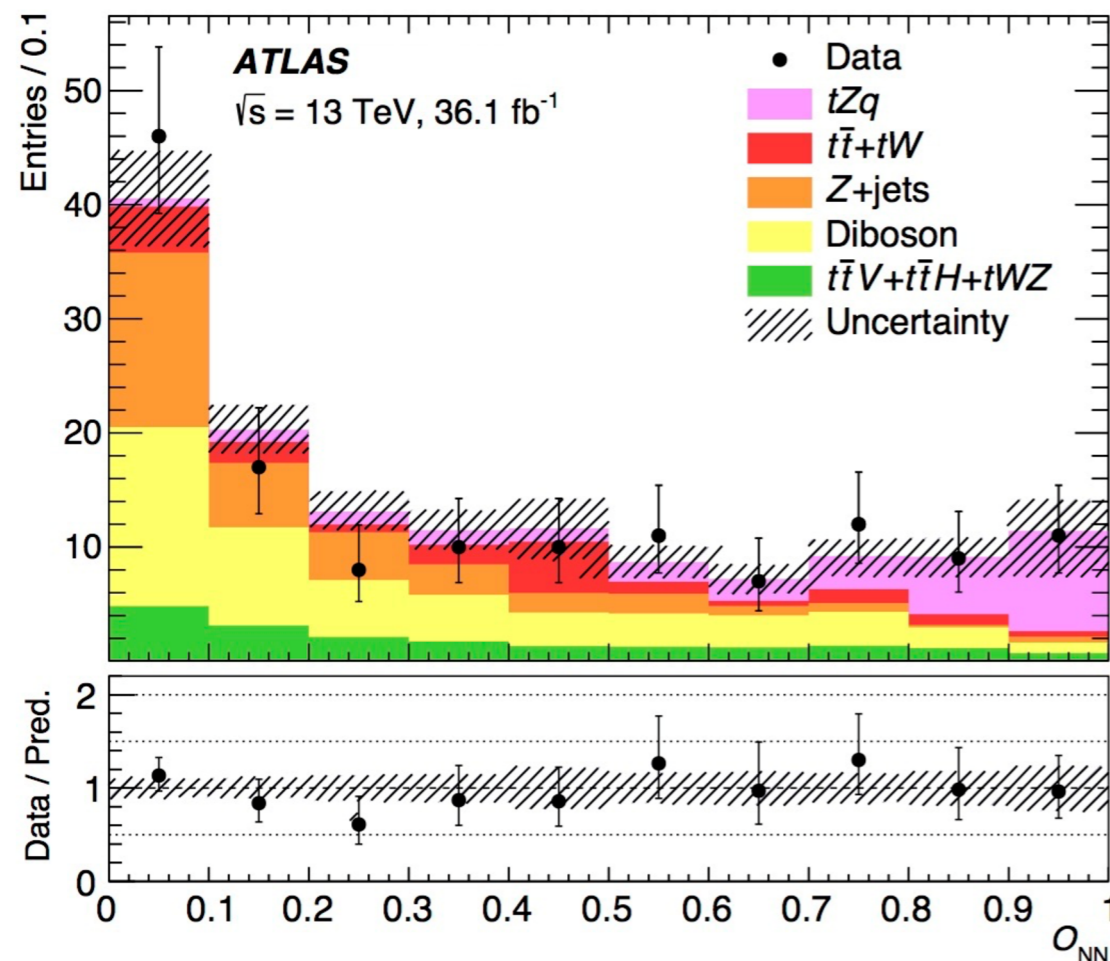
\* **First**, evidence for single top quark production at LHC in t-channel (a), s-channel (b) and Wt-associated (c) production

\* Now, also evidence for **tZ production**

- **Significance =  $4.2\sigma$**  ( $5.4\sigma$ ) observed (expected)
- Cross-section =  $620 \pm 170$  (stat)  $\pm 140$  (syst) fb
  - consistent with SM expectation



**tZ = single top + Z radiated from W/fermion**



- \* Events containing **3 leptons** ( $e/\mu$ , 2 originating from Z) and **two jets**, one of which is identified as a b-quark jet are selected
- \* The major backgrounds are diboson,  $t\bar{t}$ , and Z+jets
- \* Using **neural network** to improve the background rejection and extract the signal



# Higgs boson physics



\* Since its discovery in 2012, focus on **precision measurements of production and decay** of the Higgs boson, and the **search for additional BSM Higgs bosons**

Higgs coupling to fermions

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi + \text{h.c.} + \bar{\psi}_i y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + \text{h.c.} + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$$

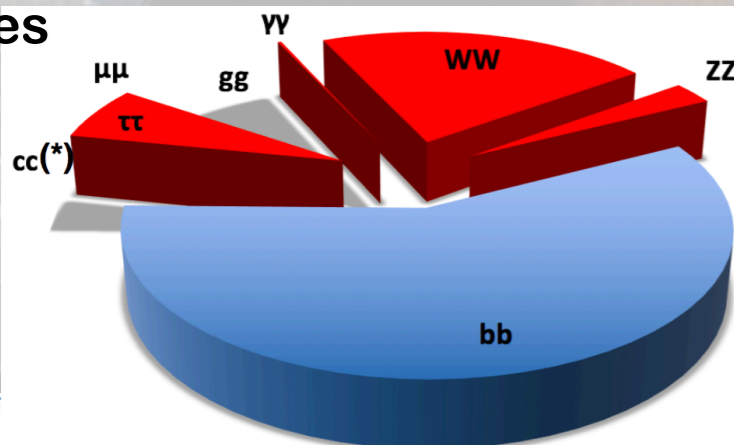
Higgs differential cross section

- Higgs boson mass
- Higgs self-coupling

$$V(h) = \frac{1}{2} m_h^2 h^2 + \lambda v h^3 + \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\lambda} h^4$$

No measurements yet with 2017 data

Higgs decay modes

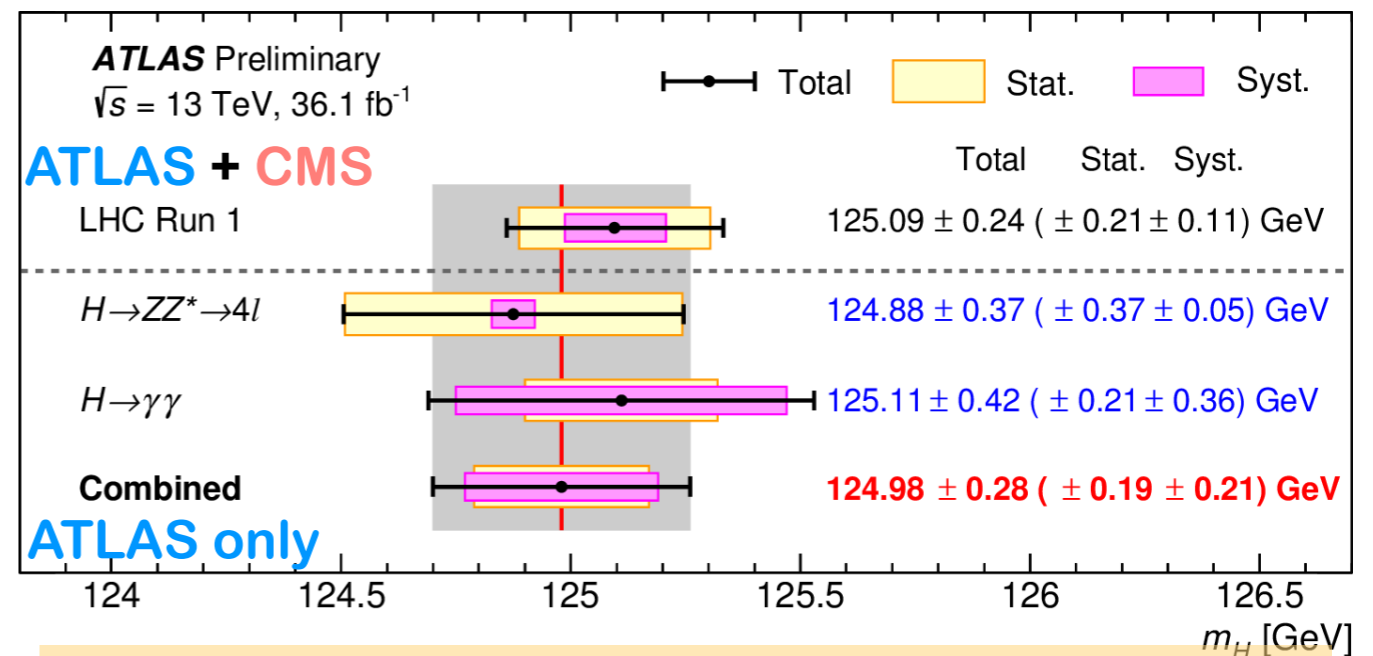
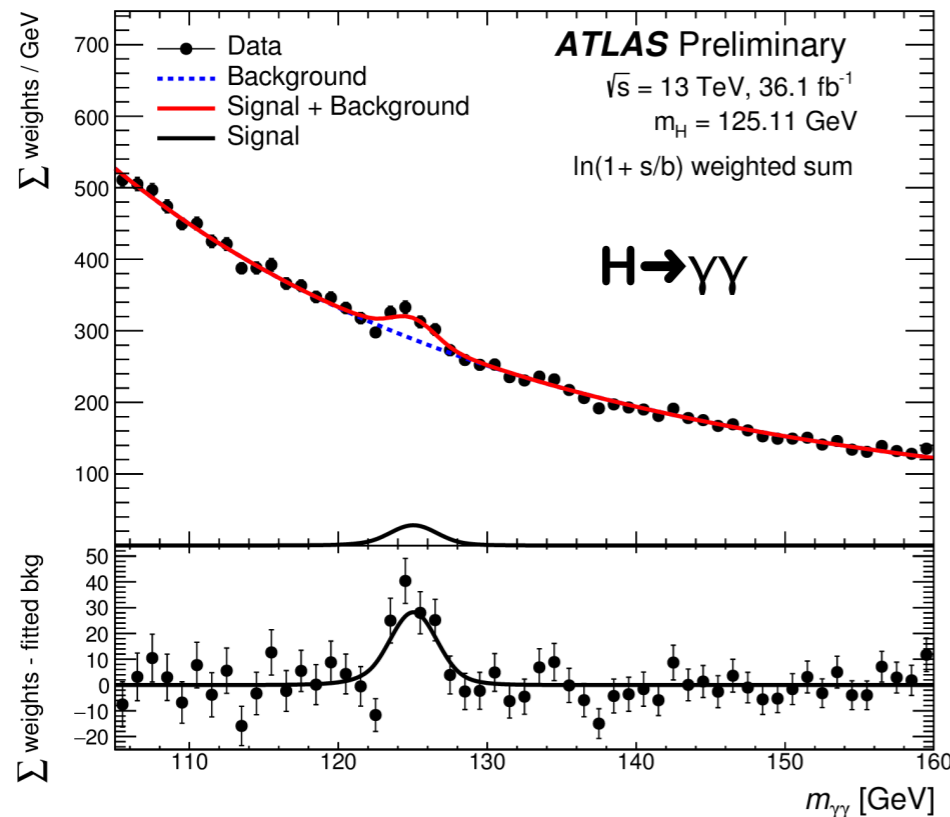
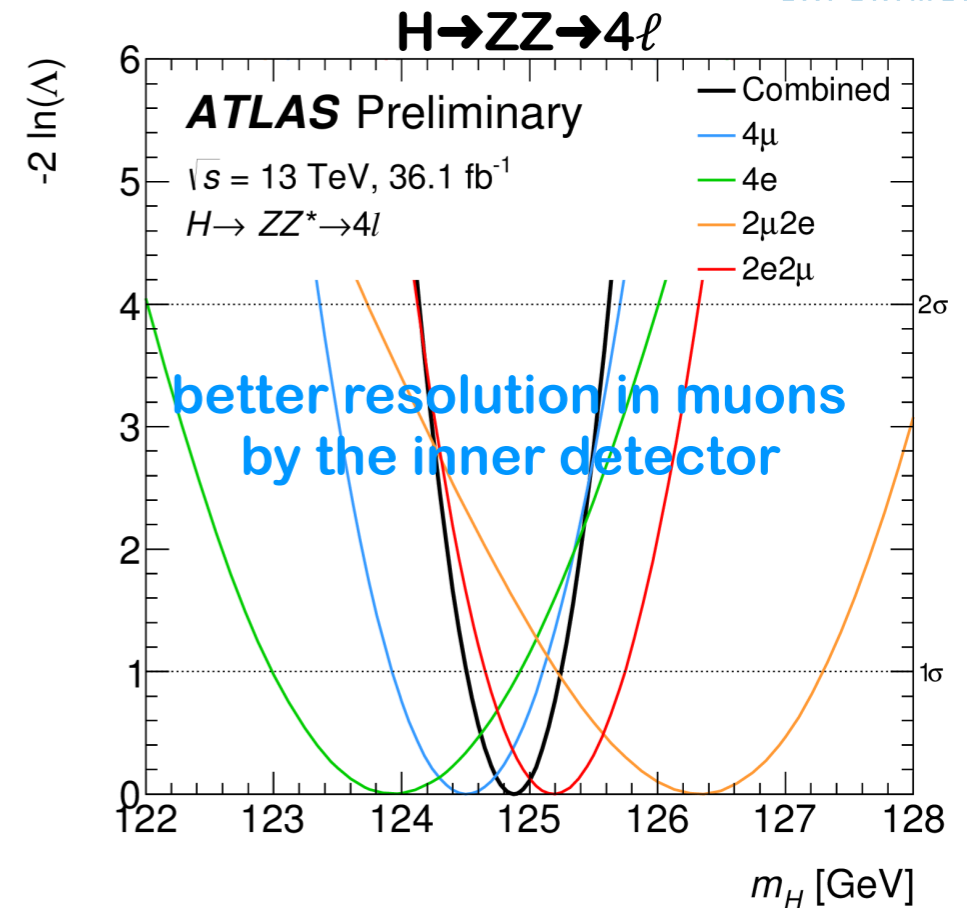


# Higgs boson mass

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- \* Higgs boson mass measured using kinematic categories from cross-section measurement in  $4\ell$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  channels
- \* Complementary measurements:
  - $4\ell$  channel dominated by **stat** uncertainty
  - $\gamma\gamma$  channel dominated by **syst** uncertainty ( $\gamma$  energy scale calibration)
- \* In  $4\ell$  channel, measurements consistent between electron/muon sub-channels
- \*  $4\ell$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  measurements consistent with each other
- \* Combined measurement consistent with Run-1



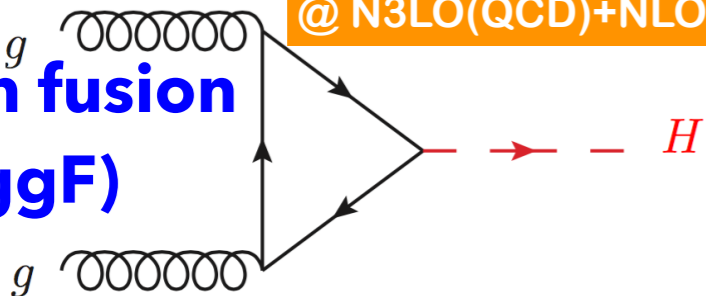
**2-per-mille** precision from single experiment!  
 at the level of LHC Run 1 precision!

# Higgs production modes: reminder



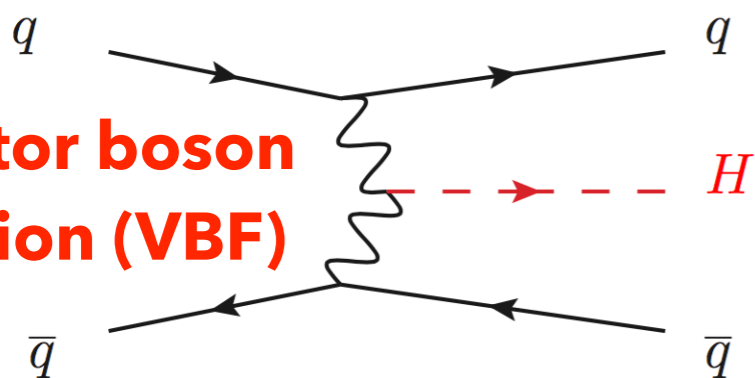
cross section calculation  
@ N3LO(QCD)+NLO(EW)

**gluon fusion  
(ggF)**

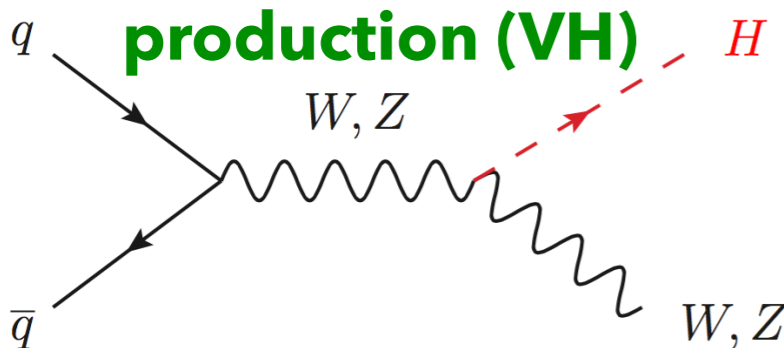


- \* Gluon fusion has the largest production rate, order of magnitude higher than VBF or VH
- \* Large cross section increase from 8 to 13 TeV, especially for  $t\bar{t}H$  and  $tH$

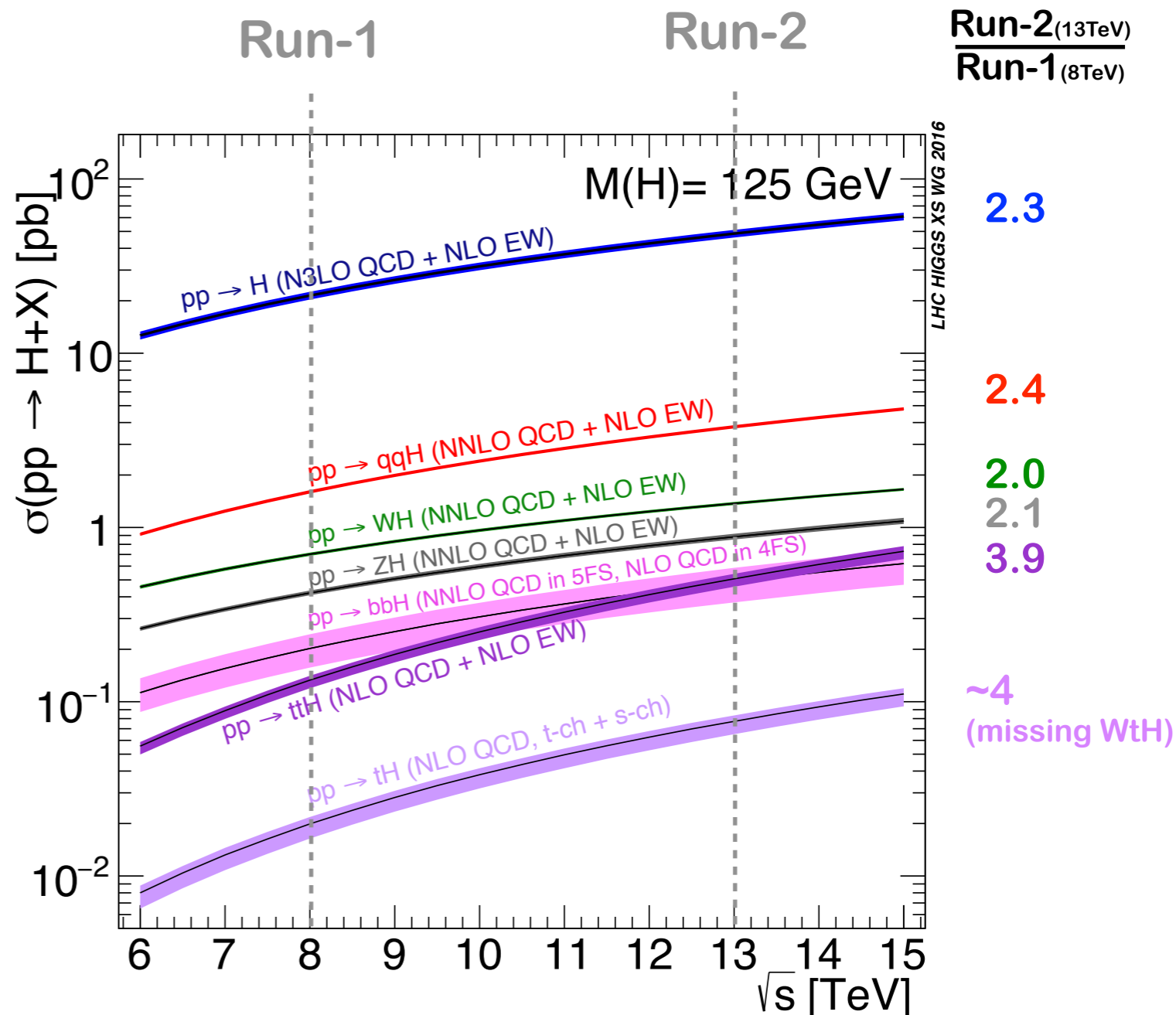
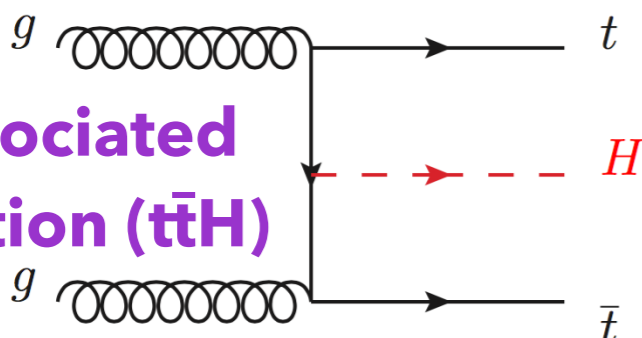
**vector boson  
fusion (VBF)**



**W, Z associated  
production (VH)**



**top associated  
production ( $t\bar{t}H$ )**



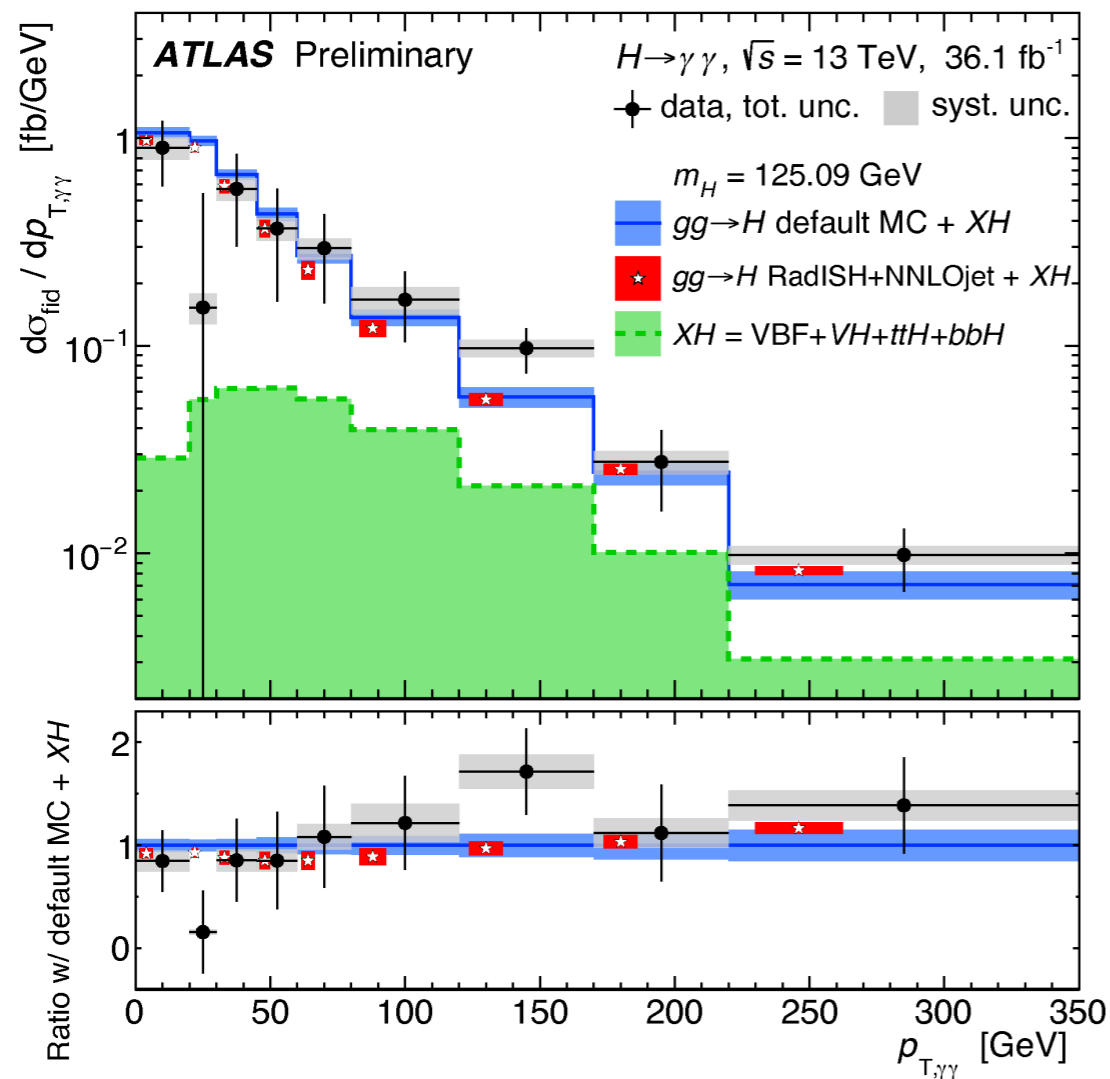
# Higgs differential cross section



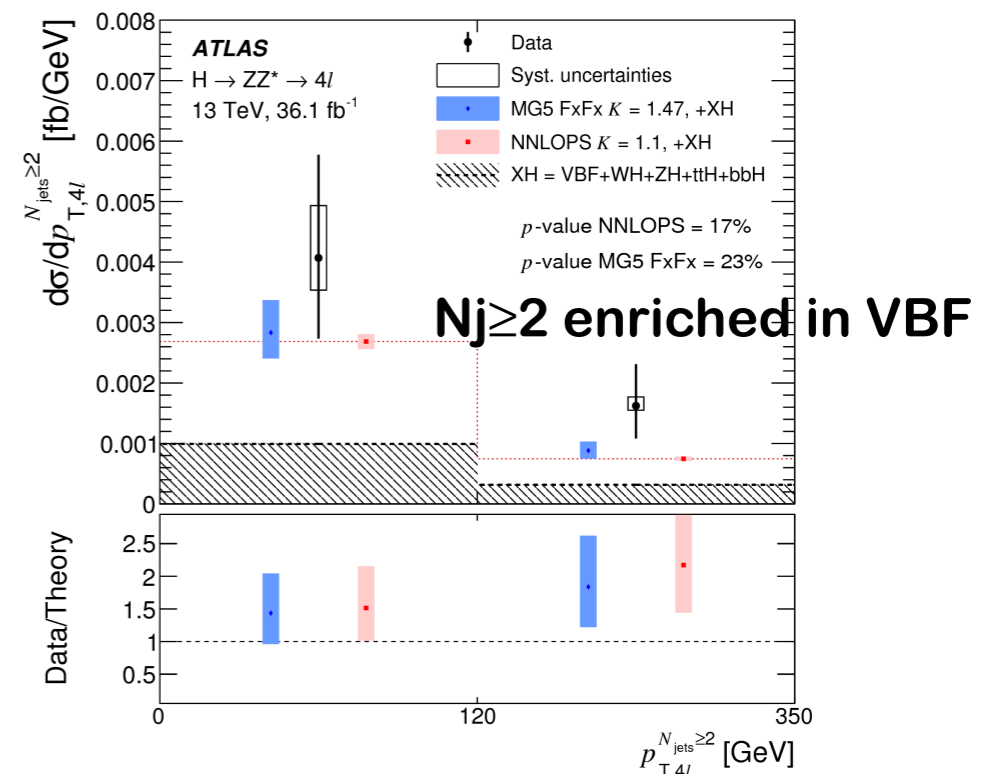
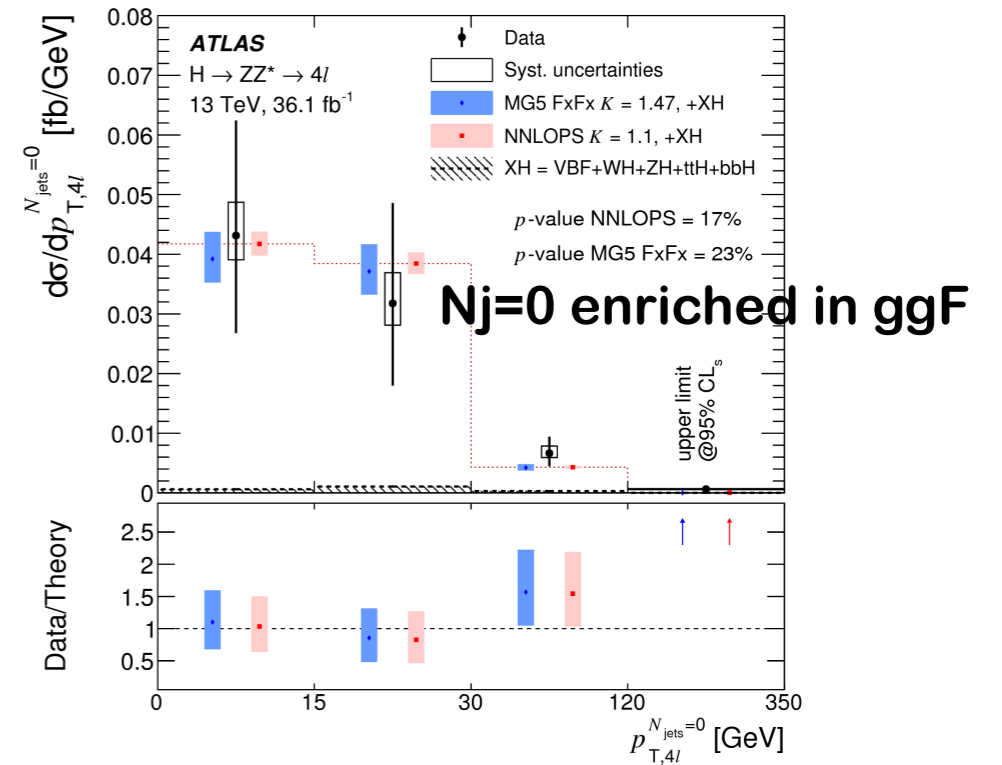
## \* With increasing statistics

- Measure differential cross-sections as functions of **Higgs boson kinematics** and **kinematics of additional jets in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$**

$p_T(H)$  consistent with SM prediction in both channels



data/prediction agreement slightly worse towards higher jet multiplicity



# Higgs coupling to fermions



\* **First evidence** of Higgs coupling to fermions from the  **$\tau\tau$  channel** (ggF and VBF) in Run 1 [JHEP 04 \(2015\) 117](#)

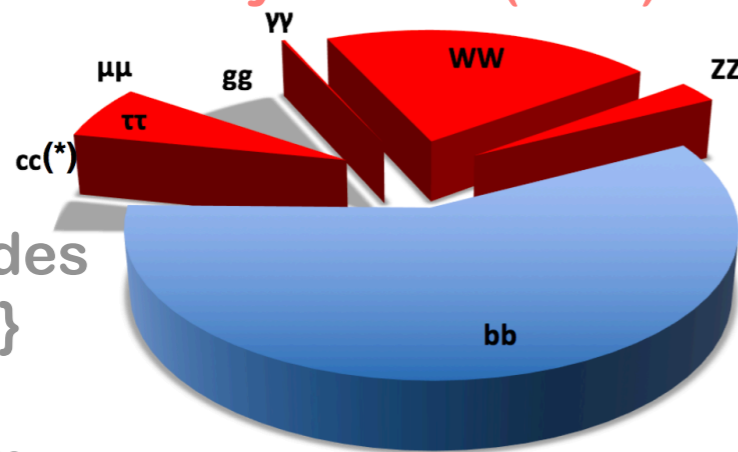
\* **New in Run 2:**

- top Yukawa coupling: evidence for ttH production
- b-quark Yukawa coupling: evidence in VH(H $\rightarrow$ bb)

\* **Longer term:**

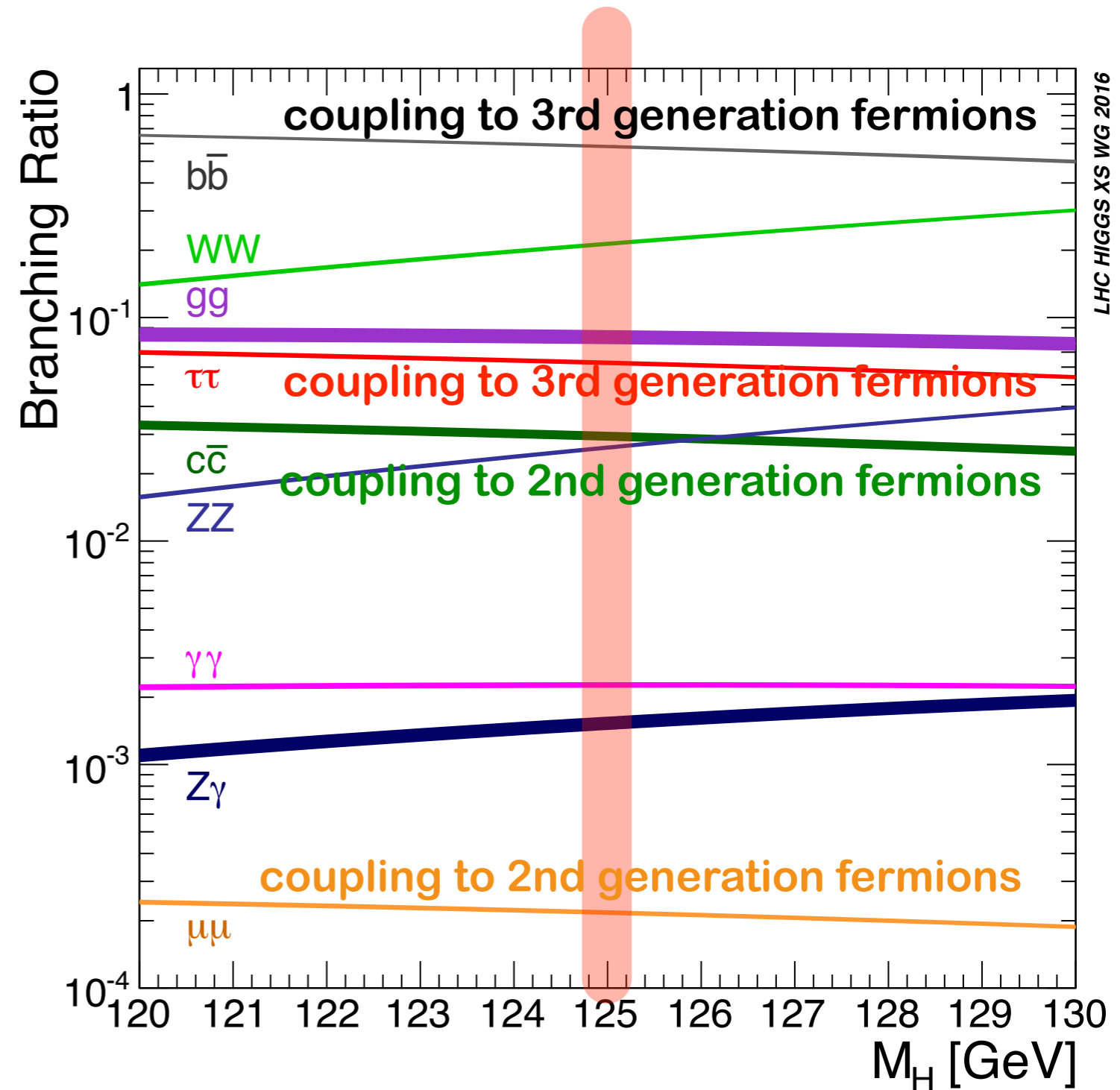
- Higgs coupling to 2nd generation fermions (cc,  $\mu\mu$ )

observed decay modes (31%)



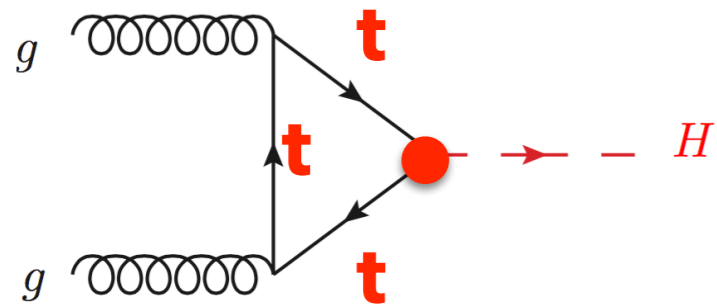
'difficult' modes {cc, gg,  $\mu\mu$ } (11%)  
 → long term

evidence (58%)



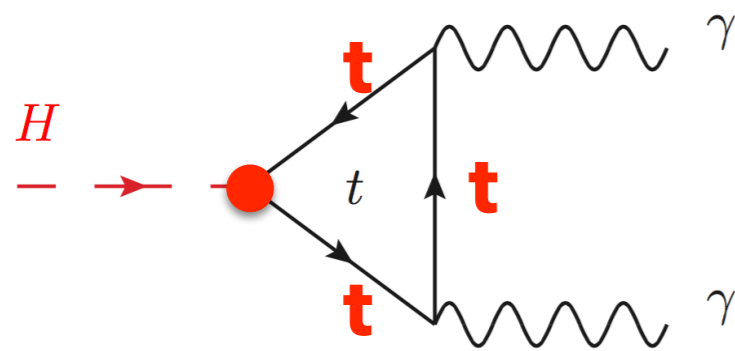
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# Higgs coupling to fermions: top via $t\bar{t}H$

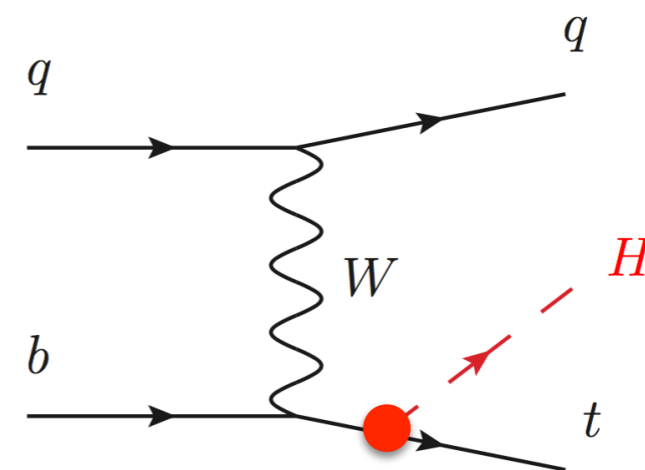
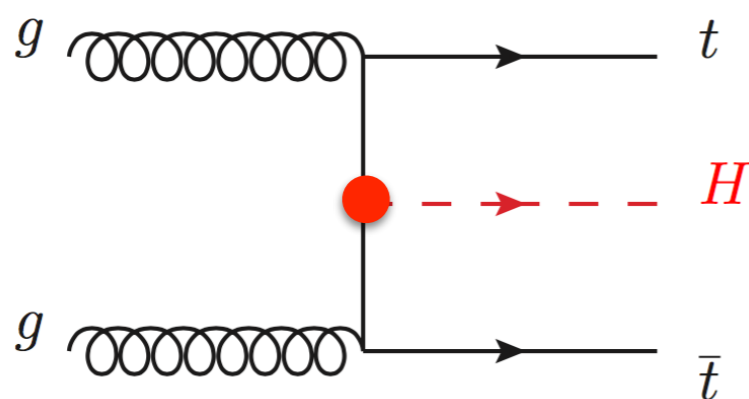


**indirect** top Yukawa coupling constraints from gluon fusion production and  $\gamma\gamma$  decay...

... assuming no additional heavy particles which could couple to the Higgs boson!



**direct** top Yukawa coupling measurement only possible at the LHC via  $t\bar{t}H$  and  $tH$



Similar signature is visible in SUSY searches, VLQ, black holes or heavy charged Higgs

If such new physics scenarios exist, will see significant deviations from SM prediction

# $t\bar{t}H$ analysis channels: summary

## $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow bb$ )

## $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow WW, \tau\tau, ZZ$ ) 'multilepton'

## $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, ZZ(\rightarrow 4\ell)$ )

Low signal/background (need MVA)

Clear peak (clean bump hunt)

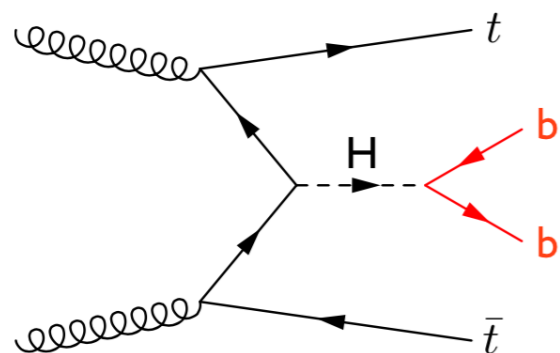
Large branching ratio (yields)

Small branching ratio

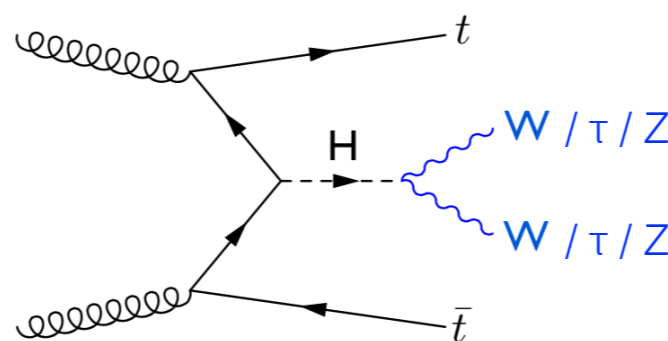
Difficult background modelling

Simple background

- large irreducible  $t\bar{t}$ +jets (HF) background
- final states with **multiple b-jets**

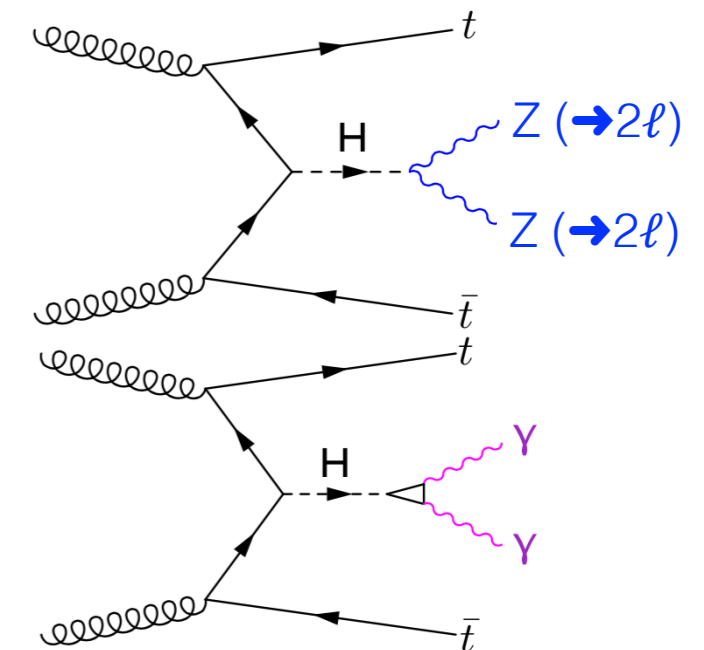


- leptonic decays of W / Z bosons and tau decays can give distinct **multilepton** signatures
- main background from  $t\bar{t}Z$ /W and non-prompt leptons



( $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$  at  $m_H$  selection vetoed)

- **resonant** channels



motivation ← challenge



# $t\bar{t}H$ (multileptons): analysis strategy



\* **Target:**  $t\bar{t}H$  with

- $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ/\tau\tau \rightarrow \geq 1\ell$
- $t\bar{t} \rightarrow (\ell + \text{jets}, \text{dilepton})$

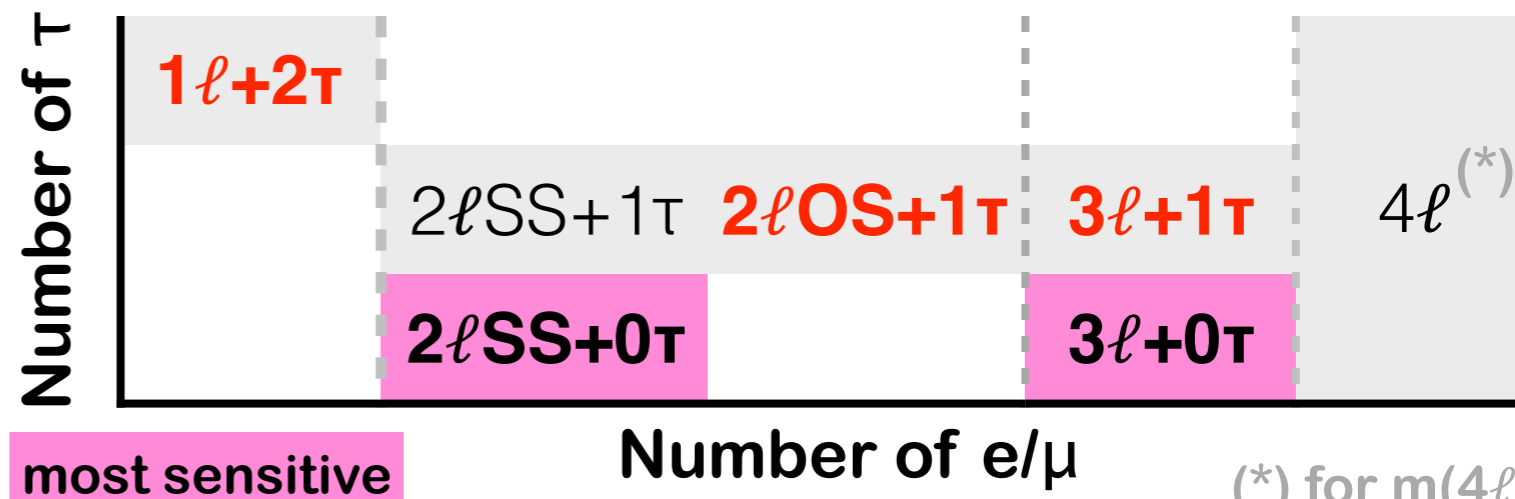
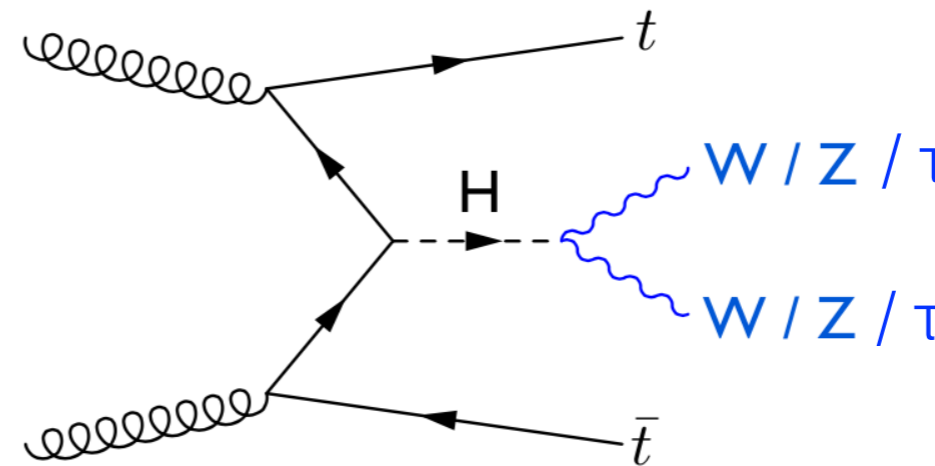
\* **High multiplicity** final state

\* **Rare in SM:** same-sign  $2\ell, 3\ell, 4\ell$

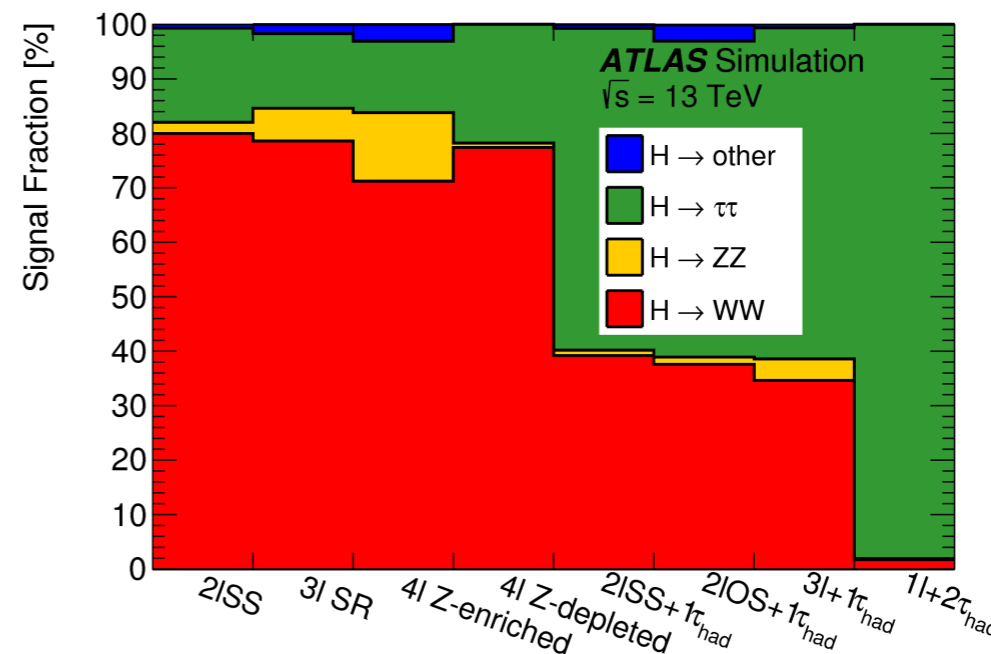
- Exploit presence of hadronically decaying  $\tau$

\* Split in categories based on **number of  $e/\mu$**  and **number of  $\tau$**

- **Loose** lepton definition (no isolation, loose ID)
- Dilepton and single lepton triggers



(\*) for  $m(4\ell)$  != Higgs mass window



# $t\bar{t}H$ (multileptons): background

\* **Signal extraction:** fit or cut on **BDTs (boosted decision tree)** to discriminate signal against the main background processes [except in  $3\ell+1\tau$ ]

	$2\ell SS$	$3\ell$	$4\ell$	$1\ell+2\tau_{had}$	$2\ell SS+1\tau_{had}$	$2\ell OS+1\tau_{had}$	$3\ell+1\tau_{had}$
BDT trained against	Fakes and $t\bar{t}V$	$t\bar{t}$ , $t\bar{t}W$ , $t\bar{t}Z$ , $VV$	$t\bar{t}Z$ / -	$t\bar{t}$	all	$t\bar{t}$	-
Discriminant	$2\times 1D$ BDT	5D BDT	Event count	BDT	BDT	BDT	Event count
Number of bins	6	5	1 / 1	2	2	10	1
Control regions	-	4	-	-	-	-	-

\* **Non-prompt** lepton in  $t\bar{t}$

- semileptonic b-decay
- $\gamma$  conversions

\* **Fake  $\tau$**  from light/b-jets

\* **Misidentified charge** lepton

- e.g. trident electrons (Bremsstrahlung conversion)

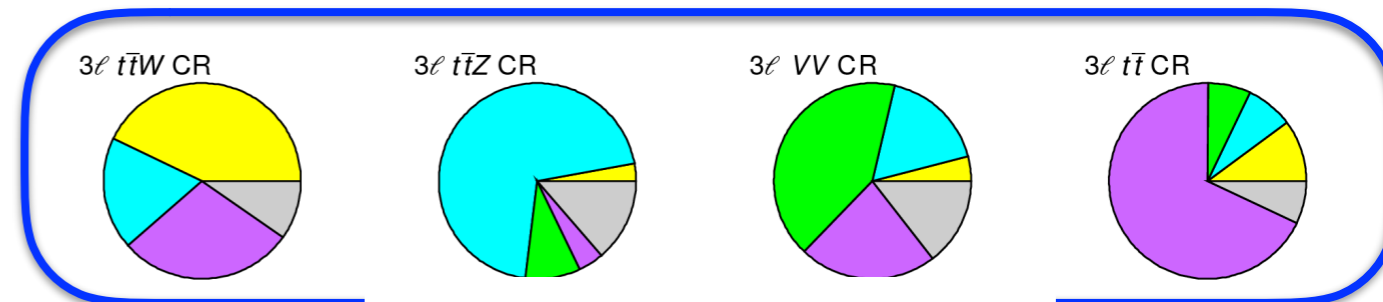
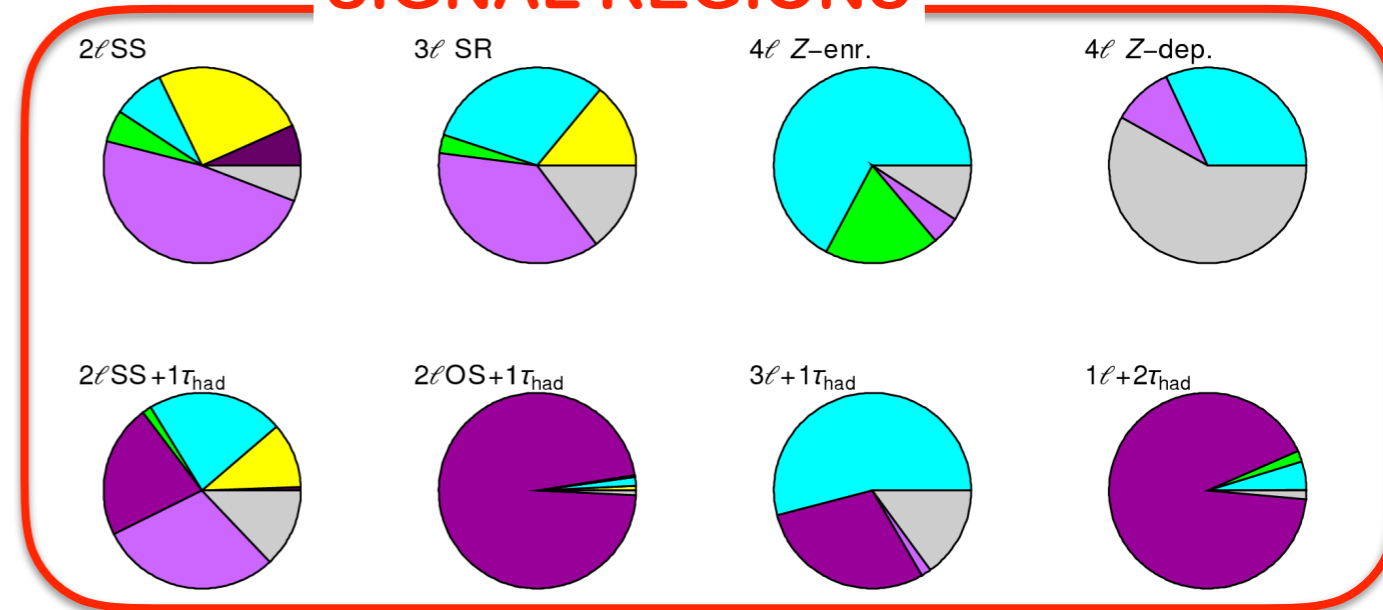
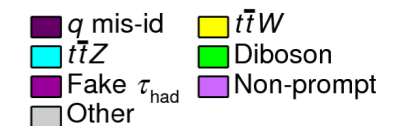
\* **Irreducible backgrounds** with prompt-leptons ( $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $t\bar{t}W$ ,  $VV$ )

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"Other":  $4t$ ops,  $t\bar{t}WW$ ,  $tH$ ,  $tZ$

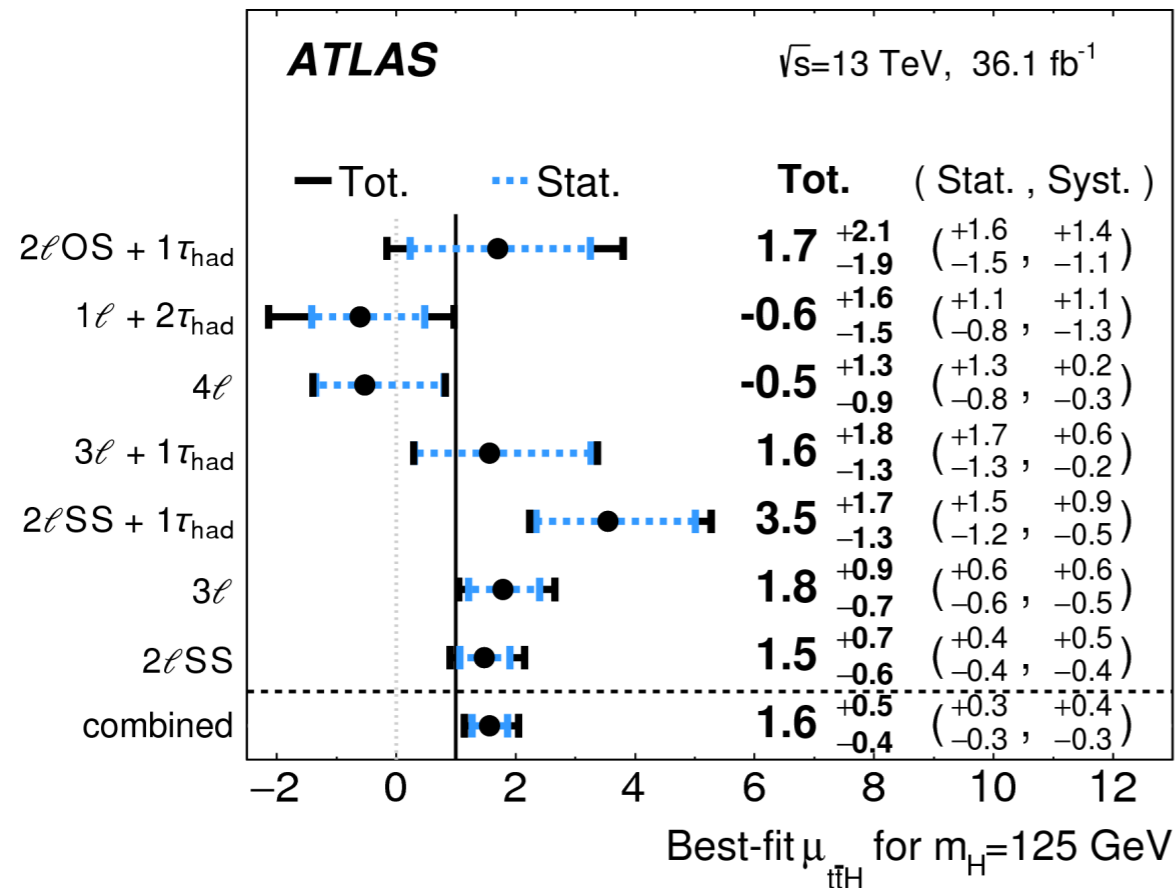
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 $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

## SIGNAL REGIONS



## CONTROL REGIONS

# $t\bar{t}H$ (multileptons): results



Channel	Significance	
	Observed	Expected
$2\ell OS + 1\tau_{had}$	$0.9\sigma$	$0.5\sigma$
$1\ell + 2\tau_{had}$	-	$0.6\sigma$
$4\ell$ (*)	-	$0.8\sigma$
$3\ell + 1\tau_{had}$	$1.3\sigma$	$0.9\sigma$
$2\ell SS + 1\tau_{had}$	$3.4\sigma$	$1.1\sigma$
$3\ell$	$2.4\sigma$	$1.5\sigma$
$2\ell SS$	$2.7\sigma$	$1.9\sigma$
Combined	$4.1\sigma$	$2.8\sigma$

\* Statistical and systematic uncertainties are comparable

\* **Largest systematic uncertainties:**

- signal modelling, jet energy scale and resolution, and the non-prompt light  $\ell$  estimates

\* Significance with respect to background-only hypothesis = **4.1  $\sigma$  (2.8  $\sigma$ ) obs (exp)**

\* Compatible with SM (within  $1.4\sigma$ )

(\*) for  $m(4\ell)$   
 != Higgs  
 mass  
 window

# $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ): analysis strategy



**\* Biggest challenge:** good and precise modelling of the  $t\bar{t}+HF$  ( $\geq 1b, \geq 1c$ ) background

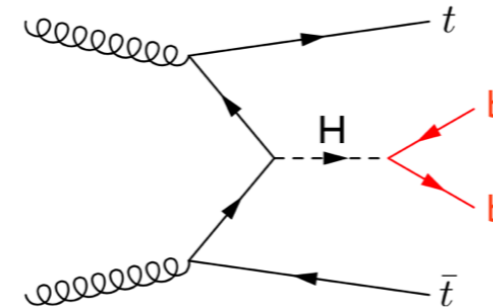
- Nominal sample: 5-flavour scheme
- Relative contribution of  $t\bar{t}+\geq 1b$  sub-components reweighted to  $t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}$  predictions by Sherpa+OpenLoops (4-flavour scheme)

**\* Channel categorisation** based on

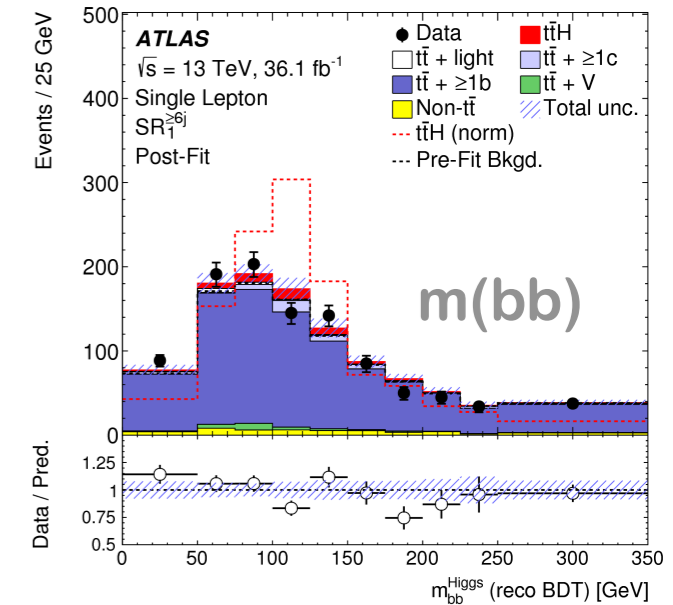
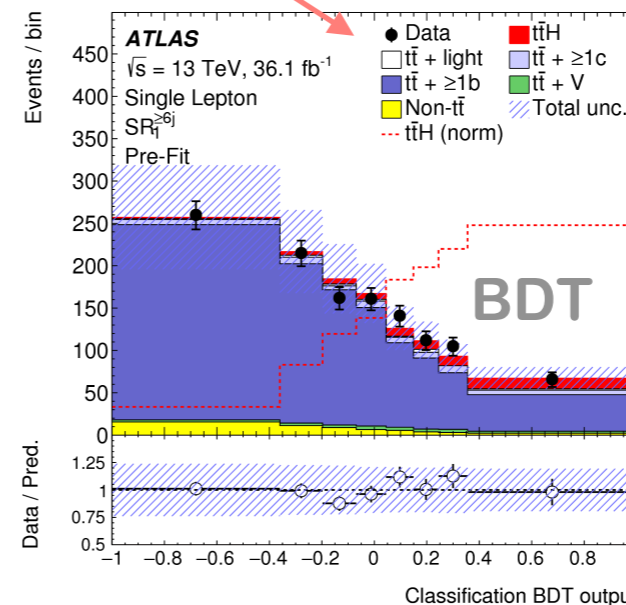
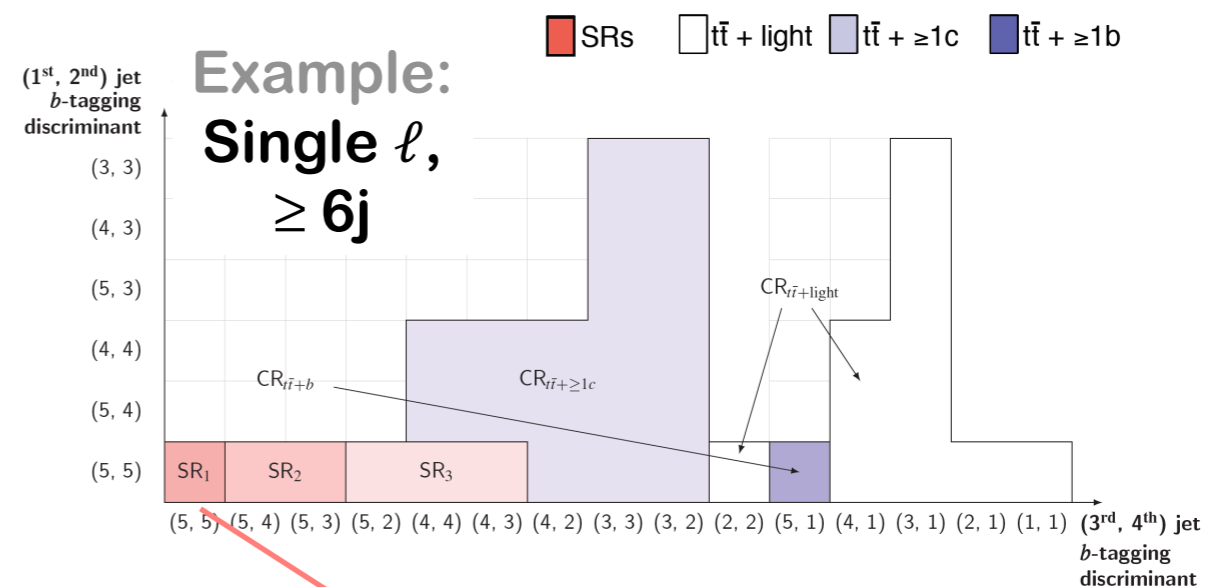
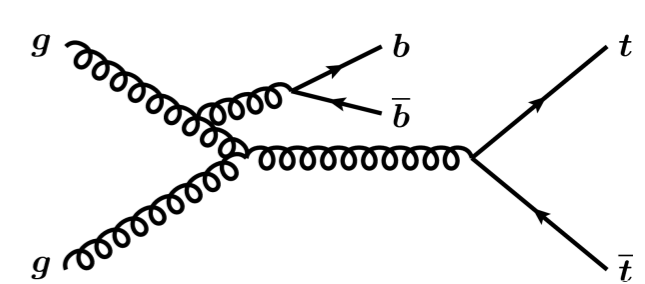
- Number of  $\ell$  (1 or 2 opposite-sign)
- Number of jets
- Requirements on the b-tagging discriminant (4 calibrated working points)
- Resolved or boosted, for single lepton channel

**\* MVA analysis** needed to discriminate signal from the overwhelming background

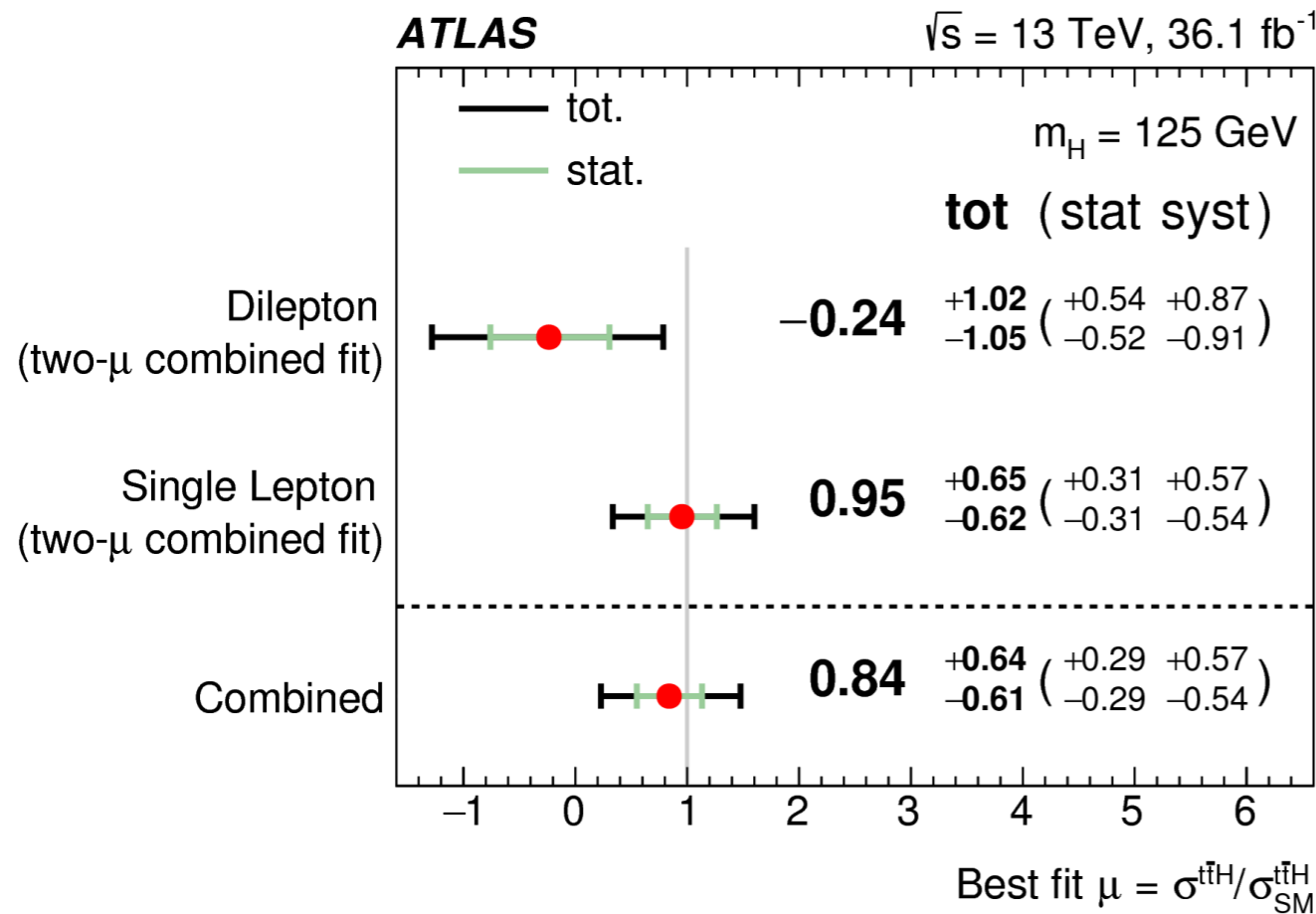
signal ( $t\bar{t}H$ )



$t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$



# $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ): results



Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ modeling	+0.46	-0.46
Background-model stat. unc.	+0.29	-0.31
$b$ -tagging efficiency and mis-tag rates	+0.16	-0.16
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.14	-0.14
$t\bar{t}H$ modeling	+0.22	-0.05
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ modeling	+0.09	-0.11
JVT, pileup modeling	+0.03	-0.05
Other background modeling	+0.08	-0.08
$t\bar{t} + \text{light}$ modeling	+0.06	-0.03
Luminosity	+0.03	-0.02
Light lepton ( $e, \mu$ ) id., isolation, trigger	+0.03	-0.04
Total systematic uncertainty	+0.57	-0.54
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$ normalization	+0.09	-0.10
$t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$ normalization	+0.02	-0.03
Intrinsic statistical uncertainty	+0.21	-0.20
Total statistical uncertainty	+0.29	-0.29
Total uncertainty	+0.64	-0.61

\* Normalisation factors for  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  and  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$  left free-floating in the fit:

- $NF(t\bar{t} + \geq 1b) = 1.24 \pm 0.10$
- $NF(t\bar{t} + \geq 1c) = 1.63 \pm 0.23$

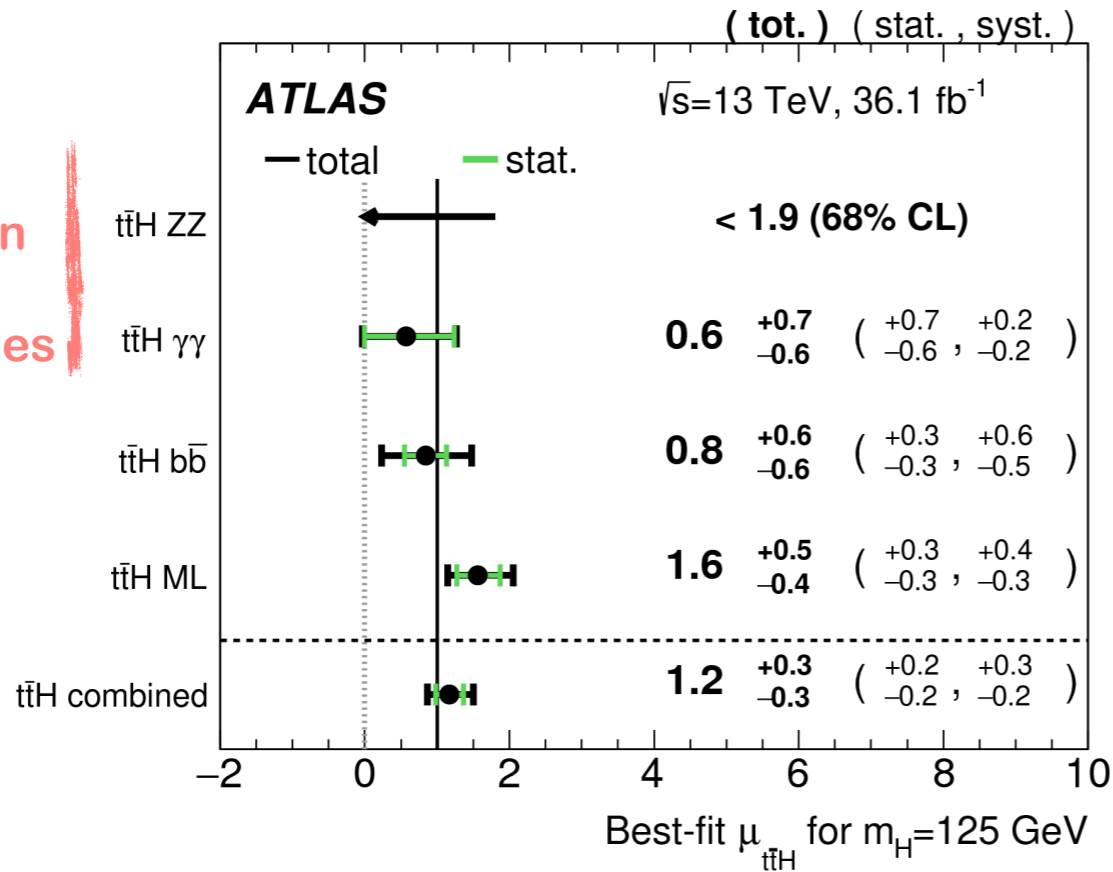
\* Most relevant uncertainties related to  $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$  background modelling

\* Analysis is **dominated by systematic** uncertainties

\* Significance w.r.t background-only hypothesis: **1.4 $\sigma$  (1.6 $\sigma$ ) obs (exp)**

# $t\bar{t}H$ combination

dedicated categories in  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  analyses



Channel	Significance	
	Observed	Expected
Multilepton	$4.1\sigma$	$2.8\sigma$
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$1.4\sigma$	$1.6\sigma$
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$0.9\sigma$	$1.7\sigma$
$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	—	$0.6\sigma$
Combined	$4.2\sigma$	$3.8\sigma$

\* Combination of multilepton,  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$ , and  $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$   $t\bar{t}H$  analyses

\* Results in agreement with the SM predictions

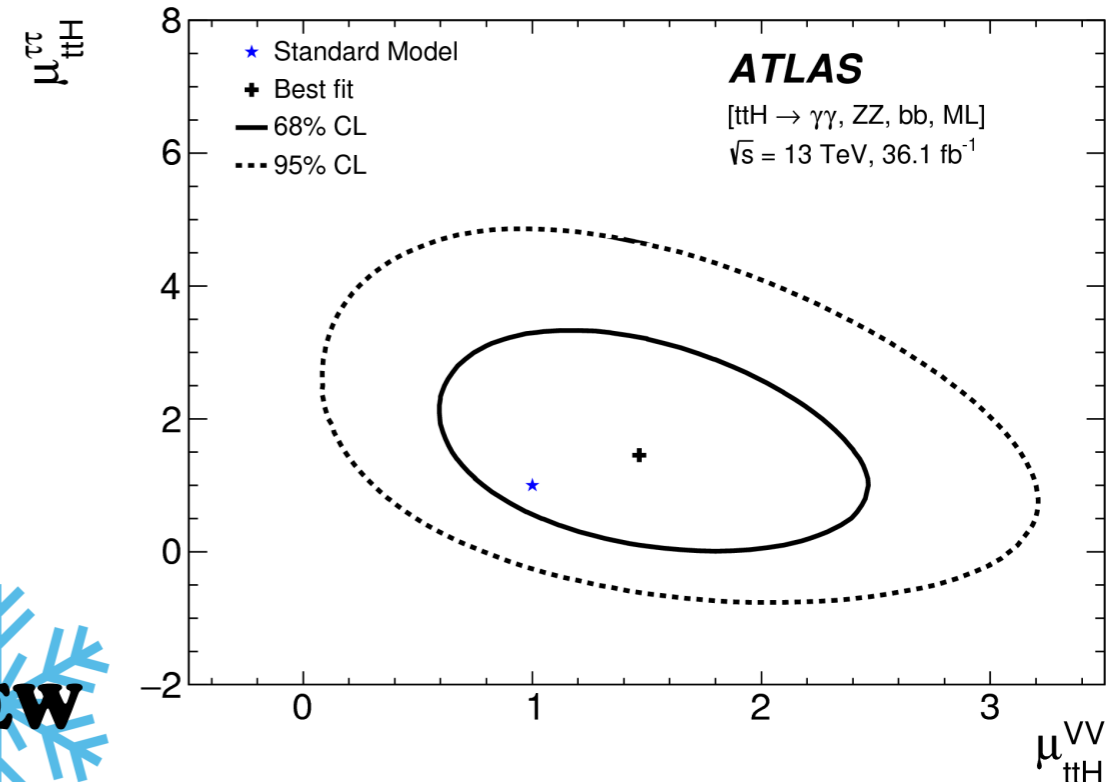
- $\sigma(t\bar{t}H) = 590^{+160}_{-150} \text{ fb}$

- $\sigma_{SM}(t\bar{t}H) = 507^{+35}_{-50} \text{ fb}$

\* Significance w.r.t background-only hypothesis:

**$4.2\sigma$  ( $3.8\sigma$ ) obs (exp)**

**Evidence for  $t\bar{t}H$  production!**



# Higgs coupling to fermions: b-quark via $VH(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$

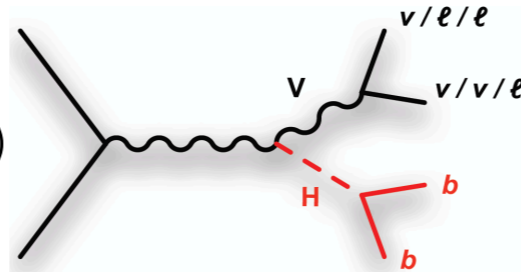


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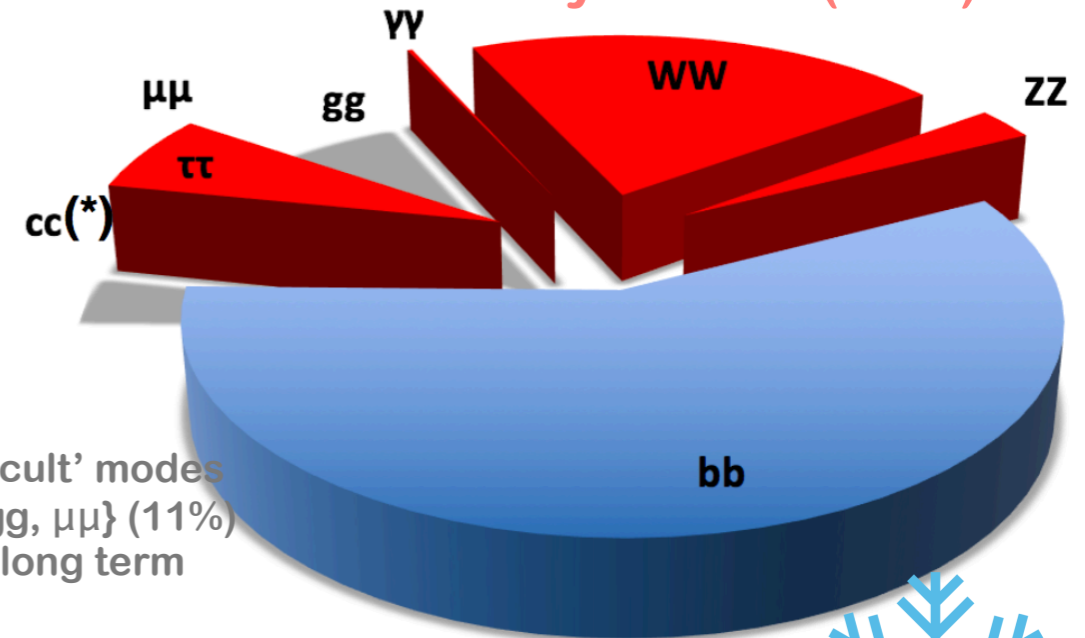
\* **Leptons** from W/Z used for triggering/  
background suppression

\* **Three channels:**

- 0-leptons (targeting ZH,  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ )
- 1-lepton (targeting WH,  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ )
- 2-leptons (targeting ZH,  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ )



observed decay modes (31%)



'difficult' modes  
{cc, gg,  $\mu\mu$ } (11%)  
→ long term

\* Main analysis based on multivariate analysis techniques

\* **Run 2:** 3.5 (3.0)  $\sigma$  observed (expected)

\* **Run 1+Run 2:** 3.6 (4.0)  $\sigma$  observed (expected)

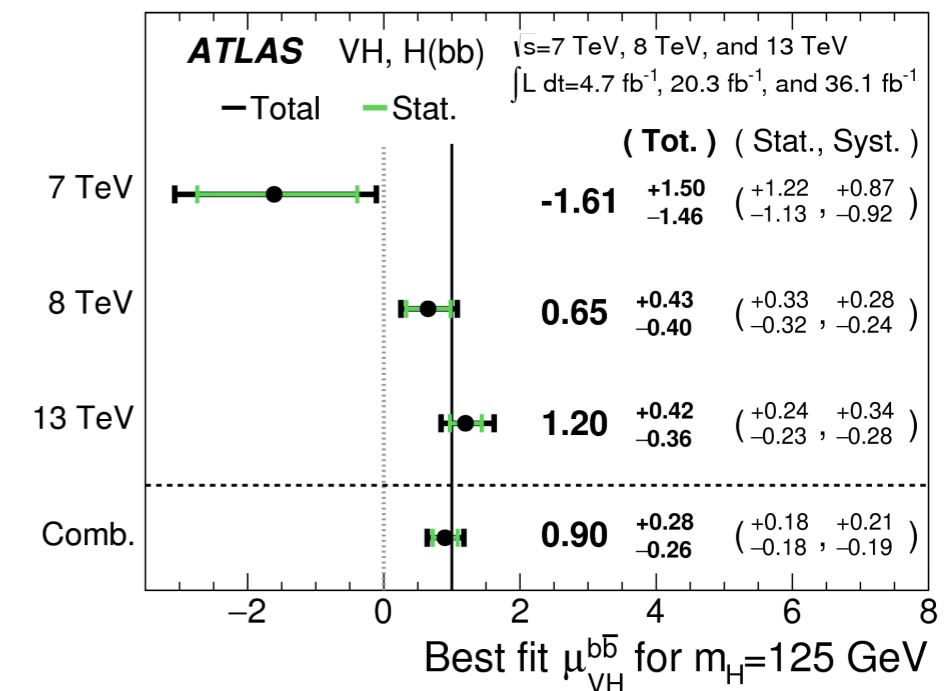
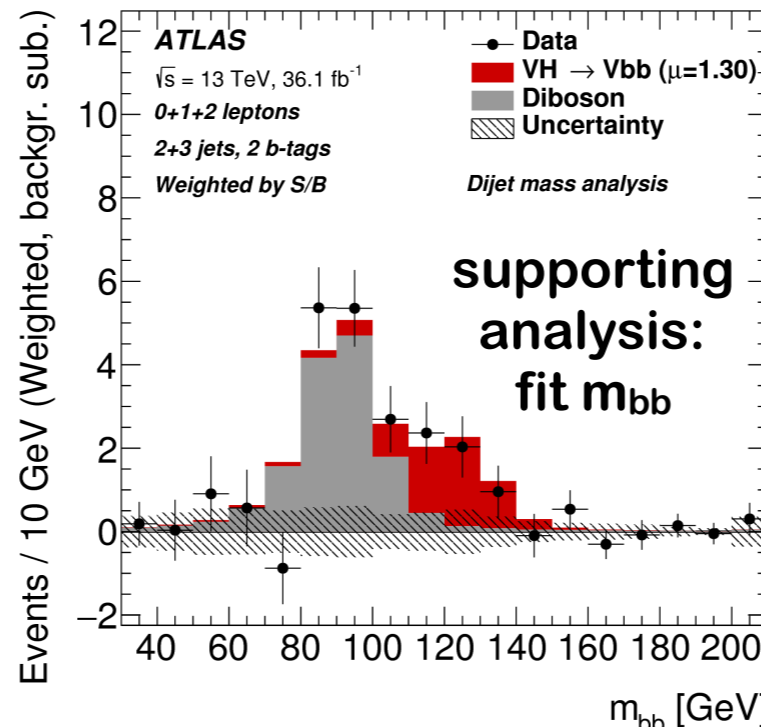
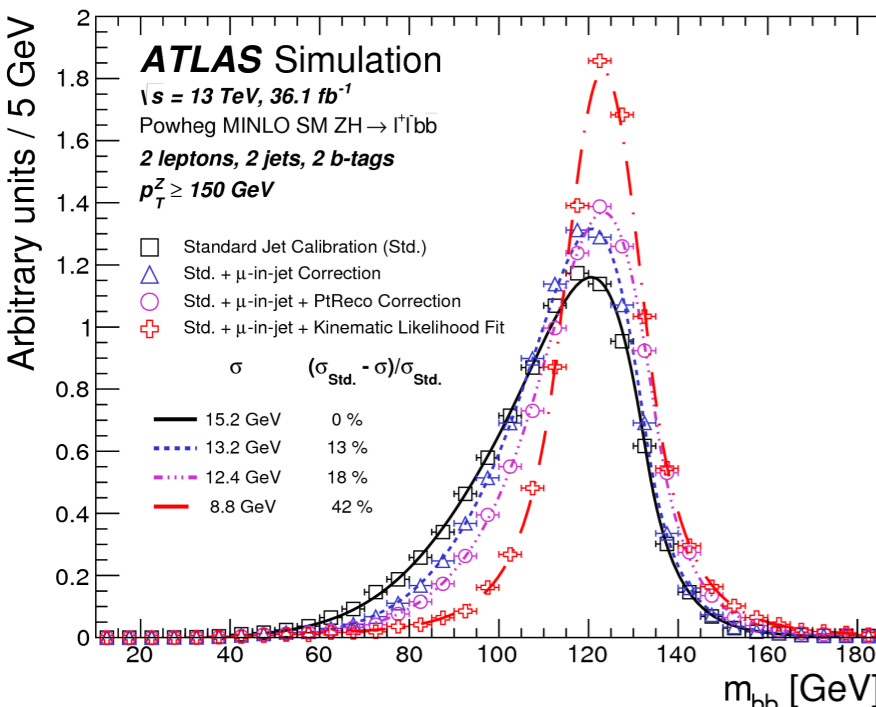
improved jet calibration +  
kinematic reconstruction

evidence (58%)

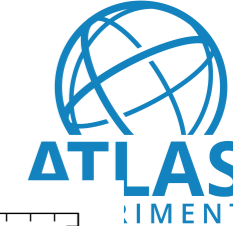


after subtracting all  
background except VV

supporting  
analysis:  
fit  $m_{bb}$



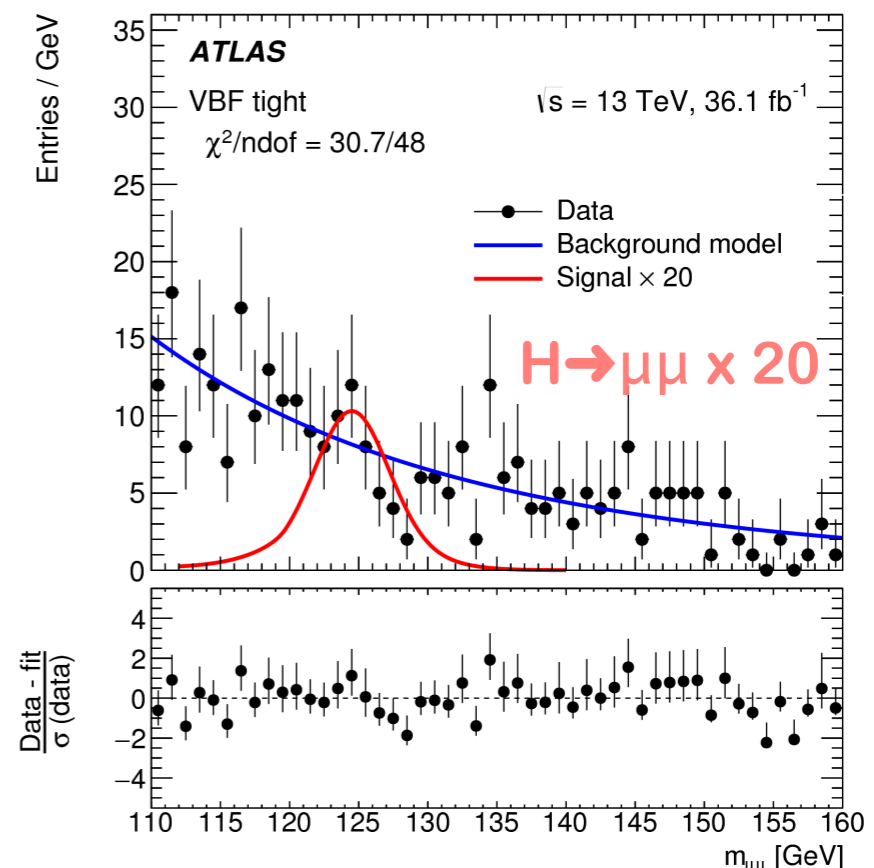
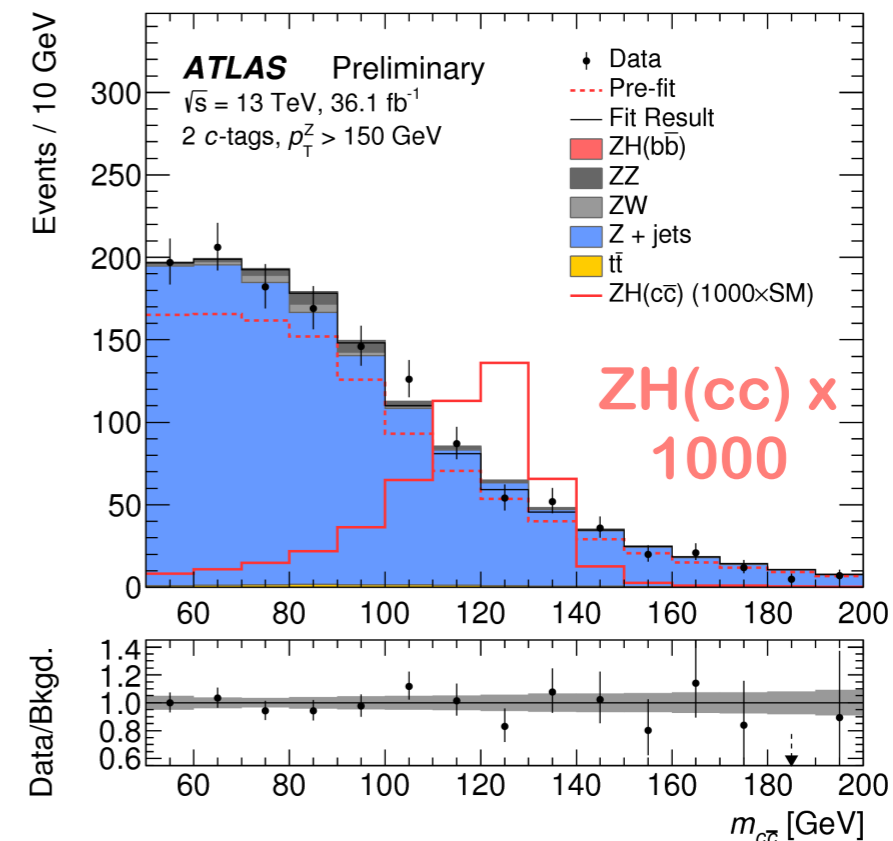
# Rare(r) Higgs decays



## \* Difficult decay modes

- all using 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> Run 2 data
- $ZH, H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  [ATLAS-CONF-2017-078](#)
  - Z decaying leptonically
  - Set upper limits for  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow ZH) \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow cc)$ : < **2.7 pb observed** (3.9 pb expected)
  - SM value is 25.5 fb
  - Sensitivity to cc SM still quite far away!
- $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$  [JHEP 10 \(2017\) 112](#)
  - Z decaying leptonically
  - Set upper limits for  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow Z\gamma)$ : < **6.6 observed** (5.2 expected) **xSM**
  - SM value of  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow Z\gamma)$  is  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$
- $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$  [PRL 119 \(2017\) 051802](#)
  - Categories enriched in ggF and VBF Higgs production
  - Set upper limits for  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow H) \times \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\mu)$ : < **3.0 observed** (3.1 expected) **xSM**
  - SM value of  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \mu\mu)$  is  $2.2 \times 10^{-4}$

Towards measurements of Yukawa coupling of 2nd generation fermions!





# Higgs self-coupling



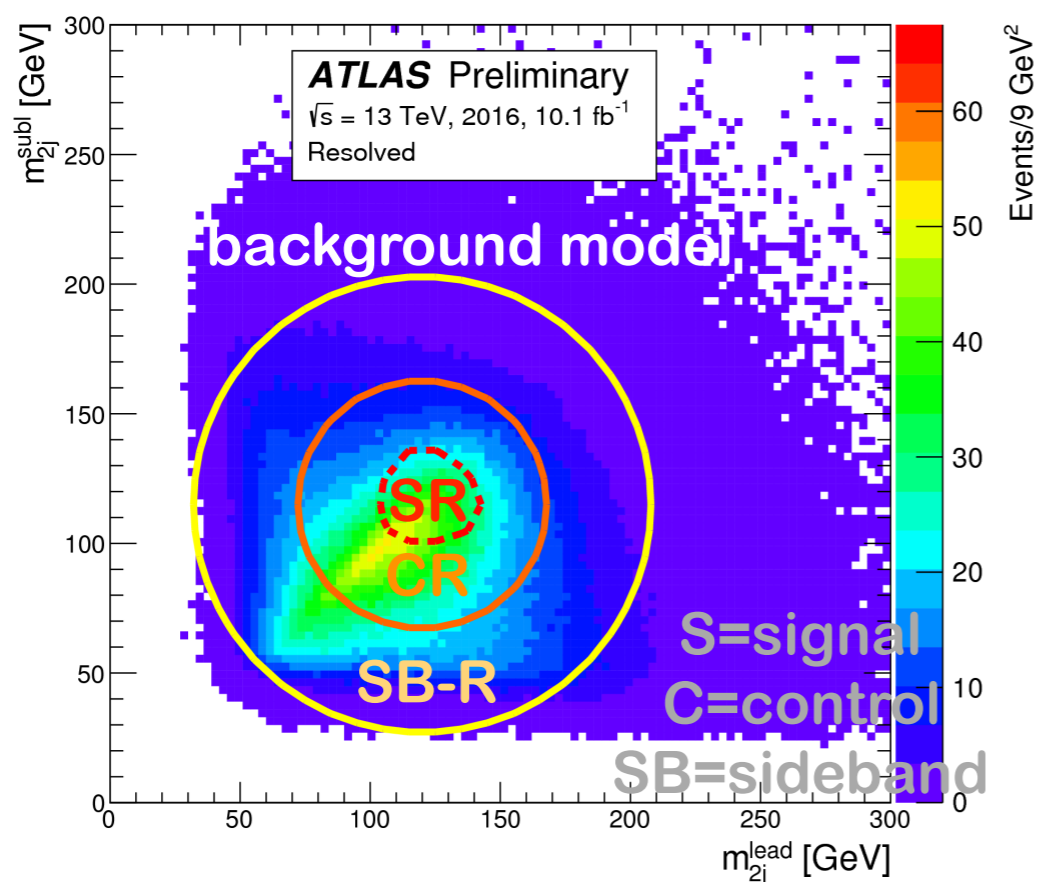
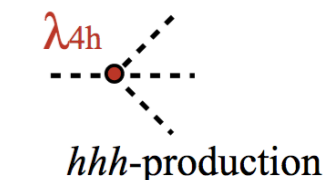
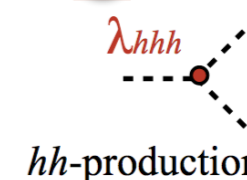
\* Not only are we interested in studying the Higgs couplings to other particles...

- We also want to understand its **self-coupling  $\lambda$** !
- $\lambda$  is predicted once Higgs boson mass is known
  - Any deviation from the HH production measurement would imply new physics!

$$V = V_0 + \lambda v^2 h^2 + \lambda v h^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4$$

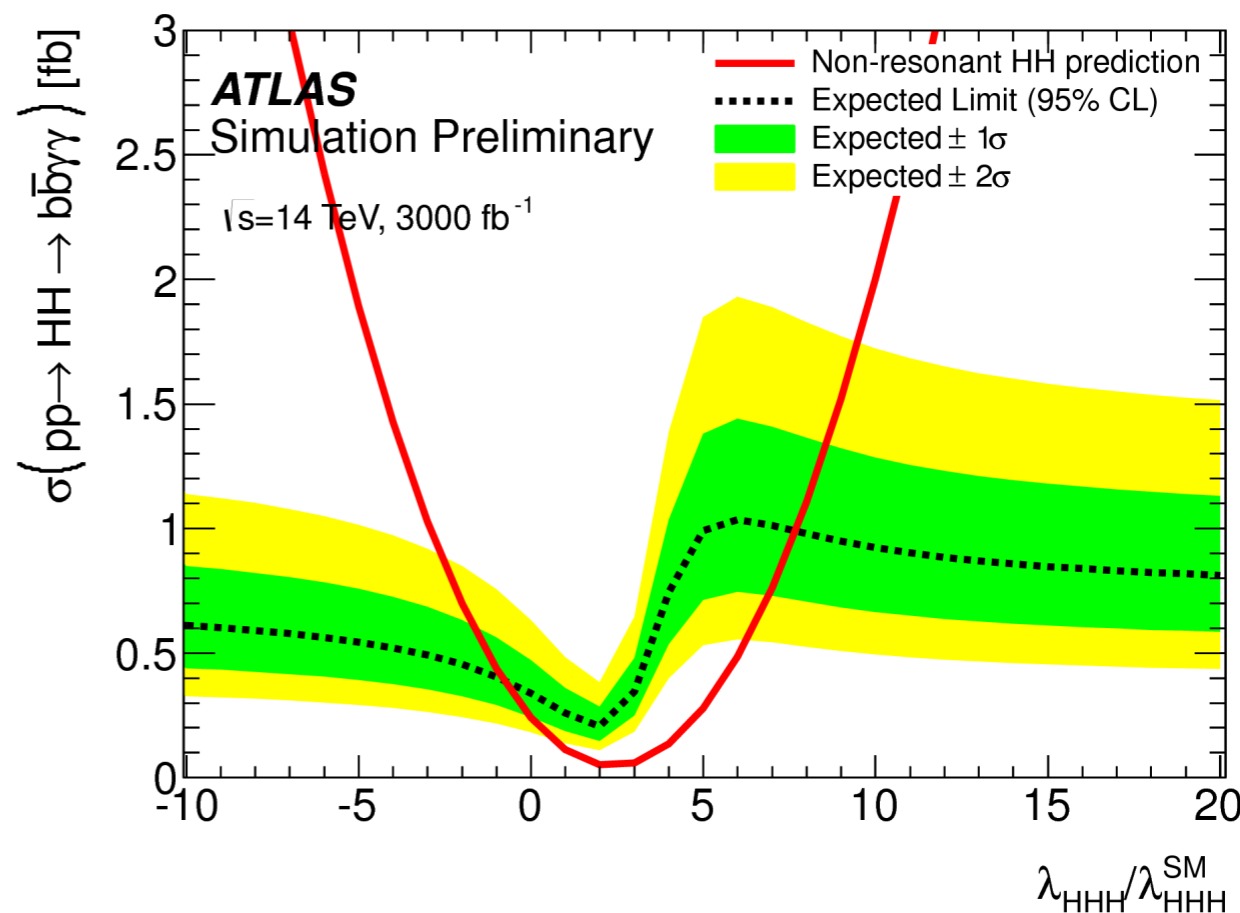
$$= V_0 + \frac{1}{2} m_h^2 h^2 + \frac{m_h^2}{2v^2} v h^3 + \frac{1}{4} \frac{m_h^2}{2v^2} h^4$$

Higgs mass term



Search for HH with  $13.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in bbbb final states

Upper limits  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow HH) \times \mathcal{B}(HH \rightarrow bbbb) < 330 \text{ fb}$  [**29 times the SM** = 11.3 fb !]



Prospects at  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (HL-LHC) in  $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$  final state

Single analysis:  $-0.8 < \lambda/\lambda_{\text{SM}} < 7.7$   
Expected significance = **1.05 $\sigma$**

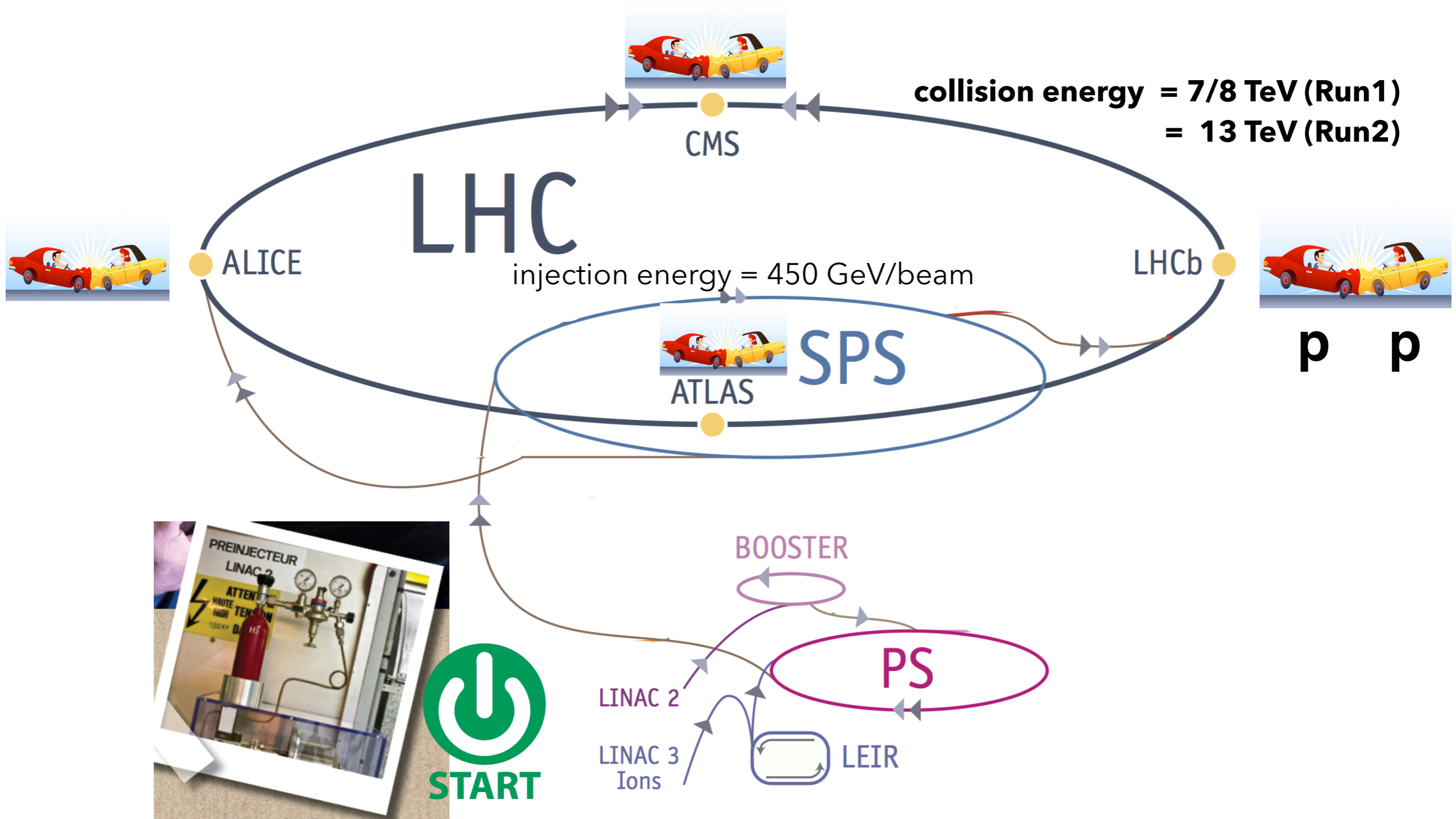
- \* Many ground-breaking ATLAS physics results with the 2015+2016 Run-2 dataset, including **evidence** for  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  and  $t\bar{t}H$  production
- \* Standard Model and Higgs measurements are reaching unprecedented precision
  - New analyses trying to target tough Higgs decays
  - Higgs self-coupling beyond current reach
- \* 2017 has been another record year - data on tape is larger than what we have analysed so far at 13 TeV!
- \* 2018 will bring even more data for pp and heavy ion collisions



# Supporting material

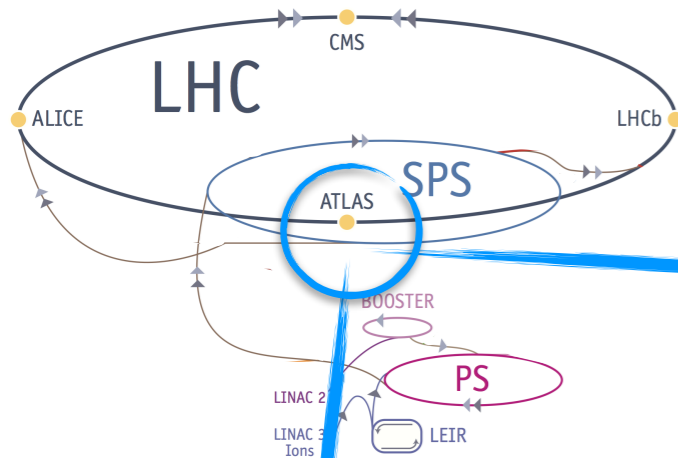


# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

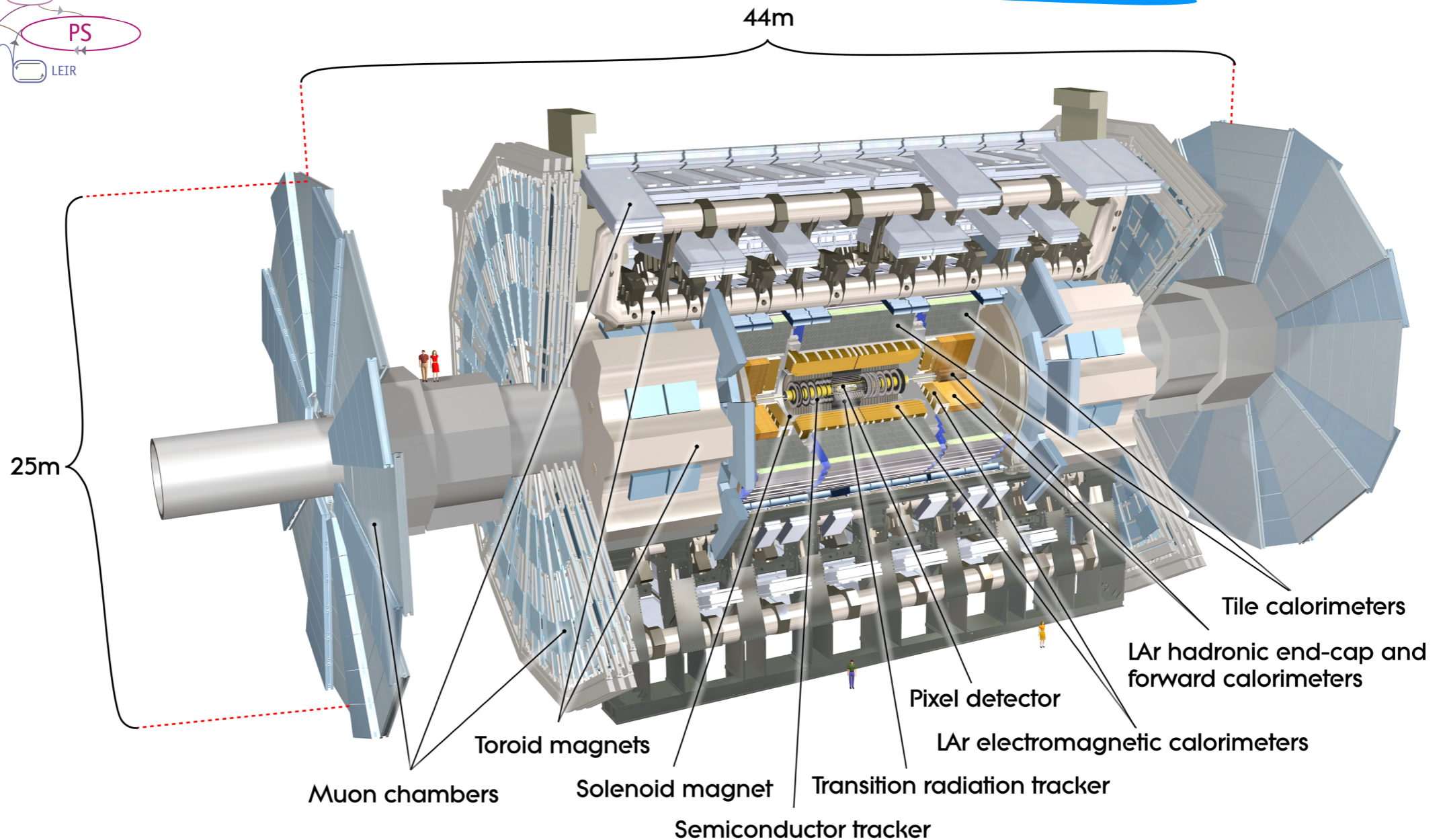


## The CERN accelerator complex & the collider

# The ATLAS experiment

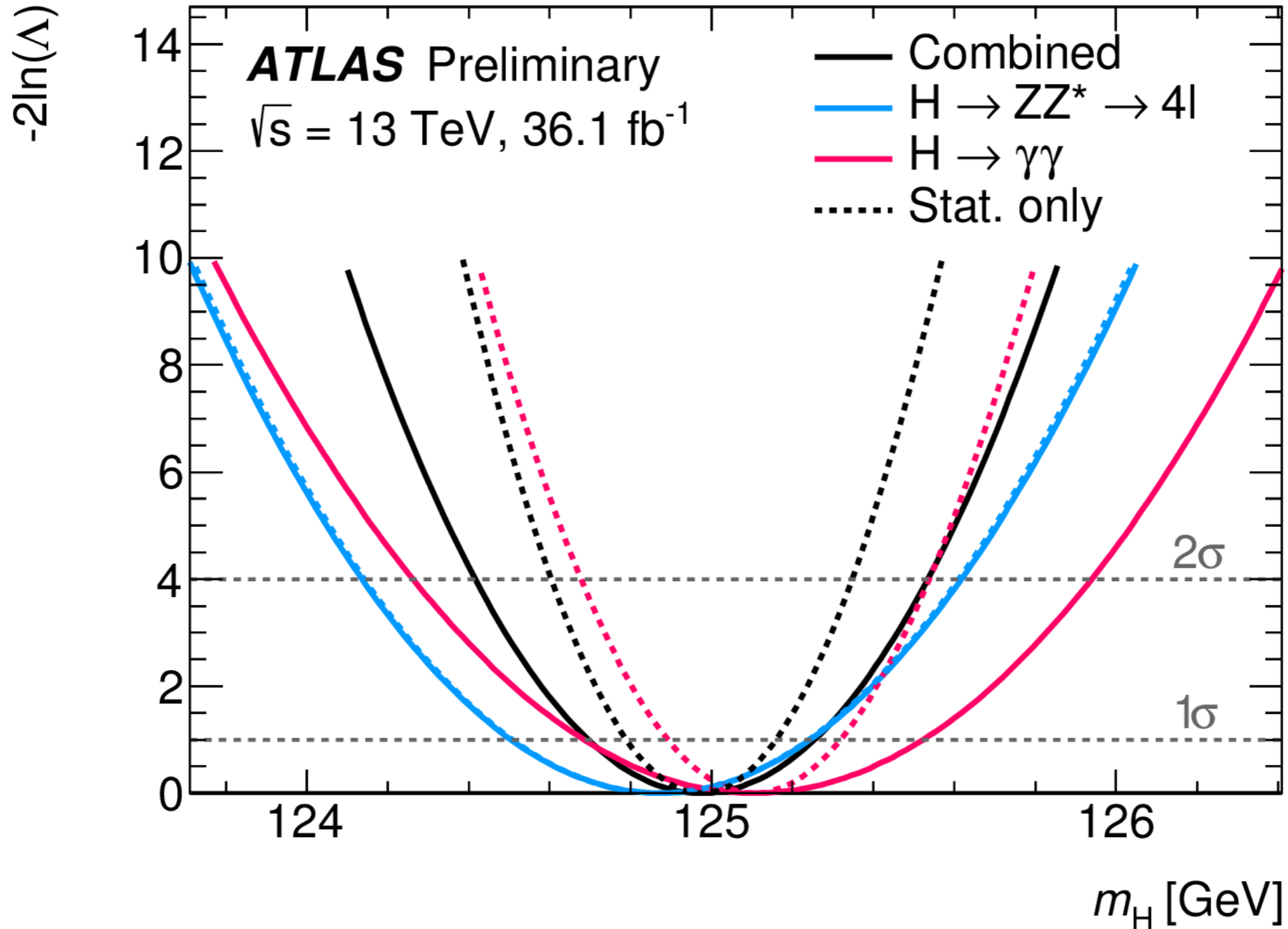


Multipurpose detector:  
tracking detector + calorimeter + muon spectrometer



# Higgs boson mass

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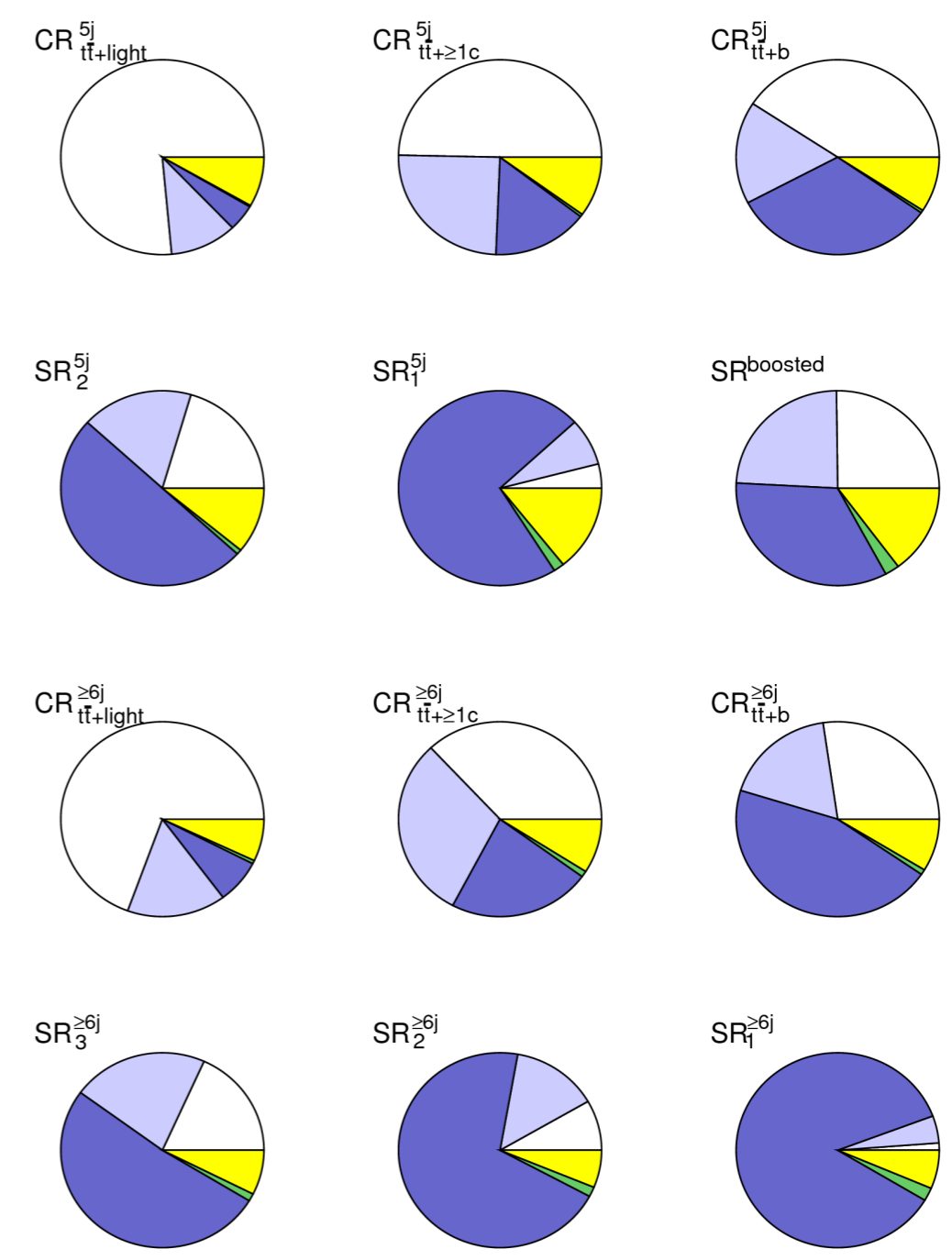
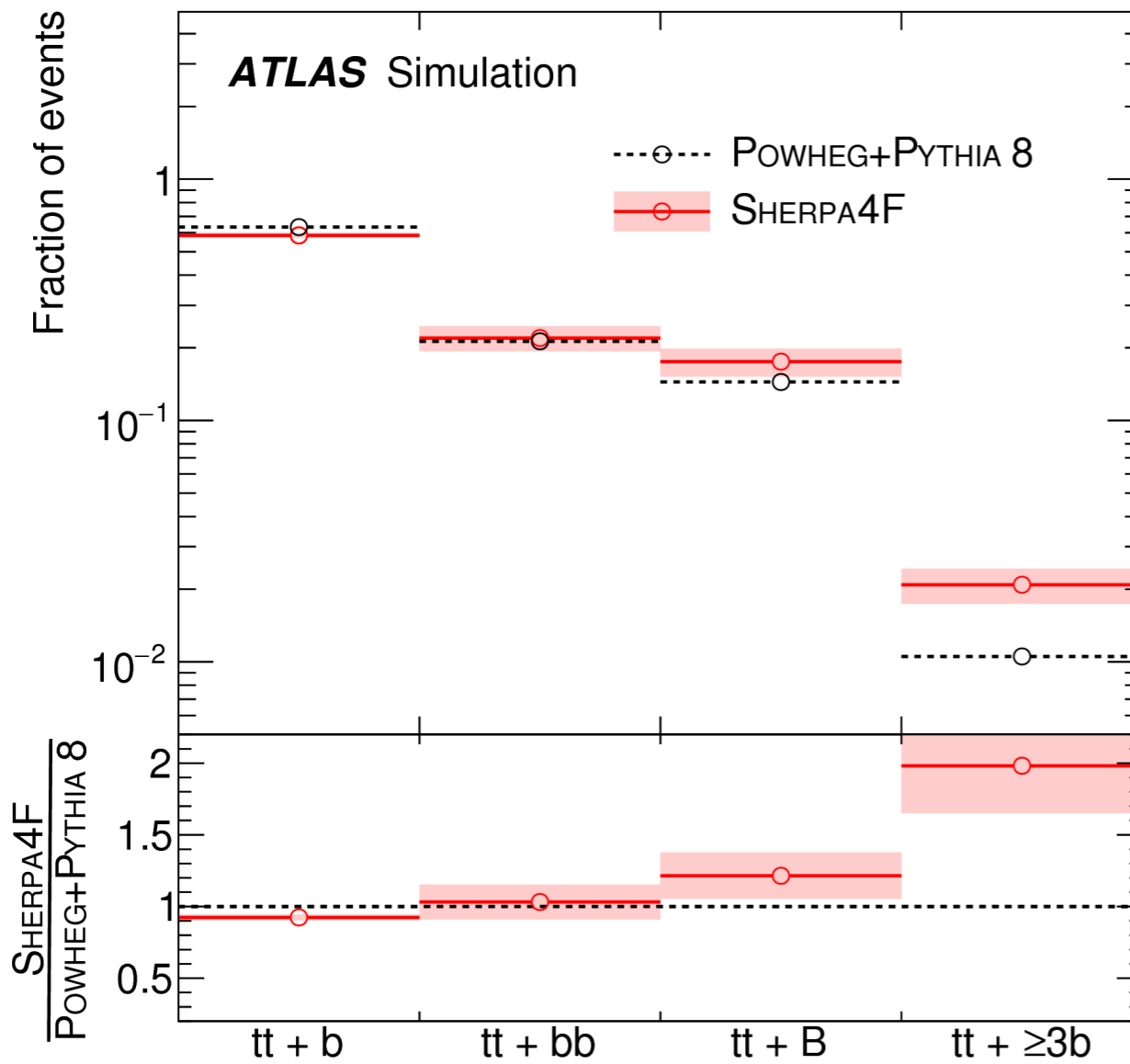


# $t\bar{t}H$ ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ): $t\bar{t}$ modelling



**ATLAS**  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  
 Single Lepton

$\square$   $t\bar{t} + \text{light}$   
  $\square$   $t\bar{t} + \geq 1c$   
  $\square$   $t\bar{t} + \geq 1b$   
 $\square$   $t\bar{t} + V$   
  $\square$  Non- $t\bar{t}$





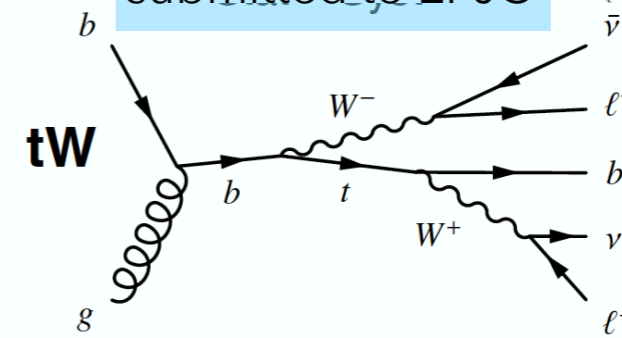
# Wt differential cross section

arXiv:1712.01602

submitted to EPJC



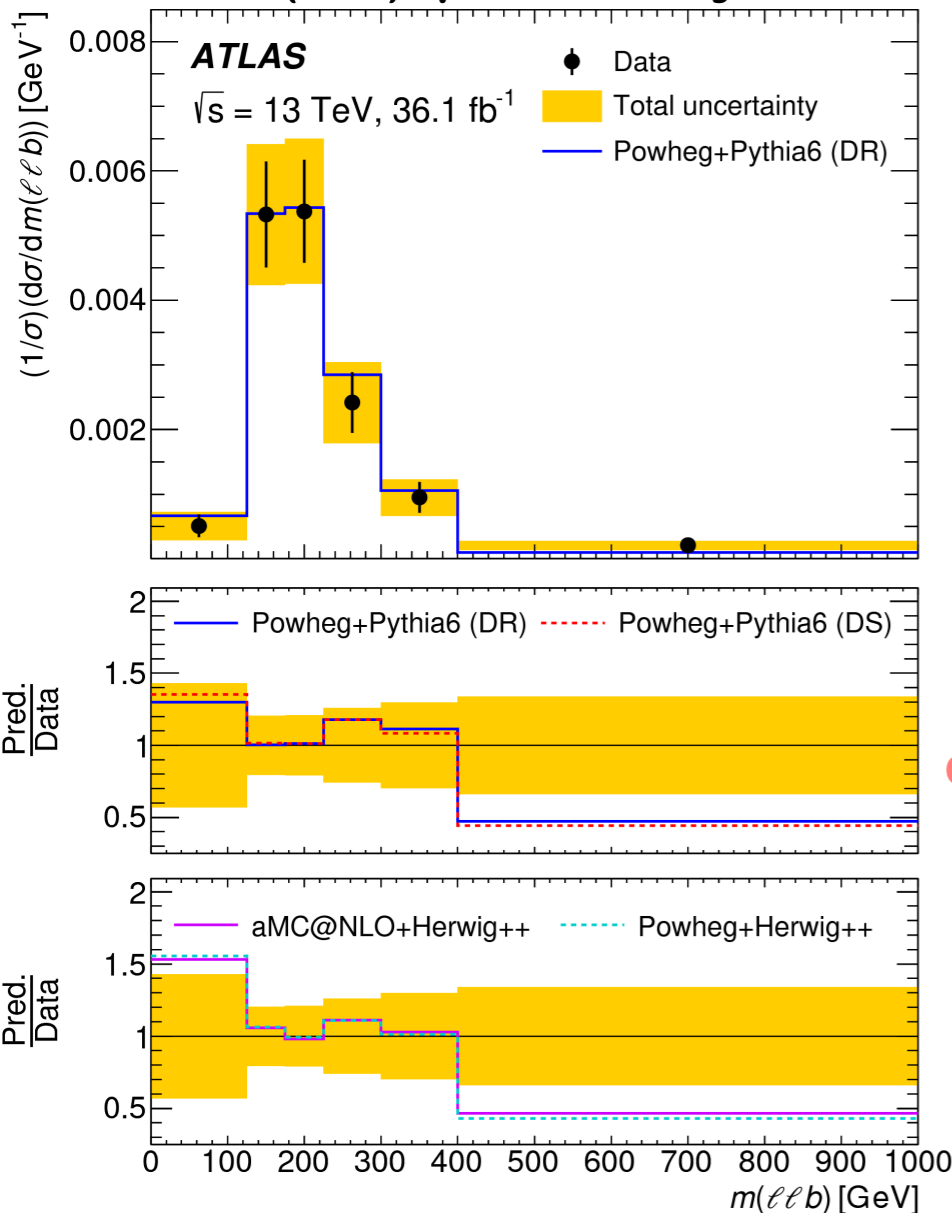
- \* **First**, evidence for single top quark production at LHC in t-channel (a), s-channel (b) and Wt-associated (c) production



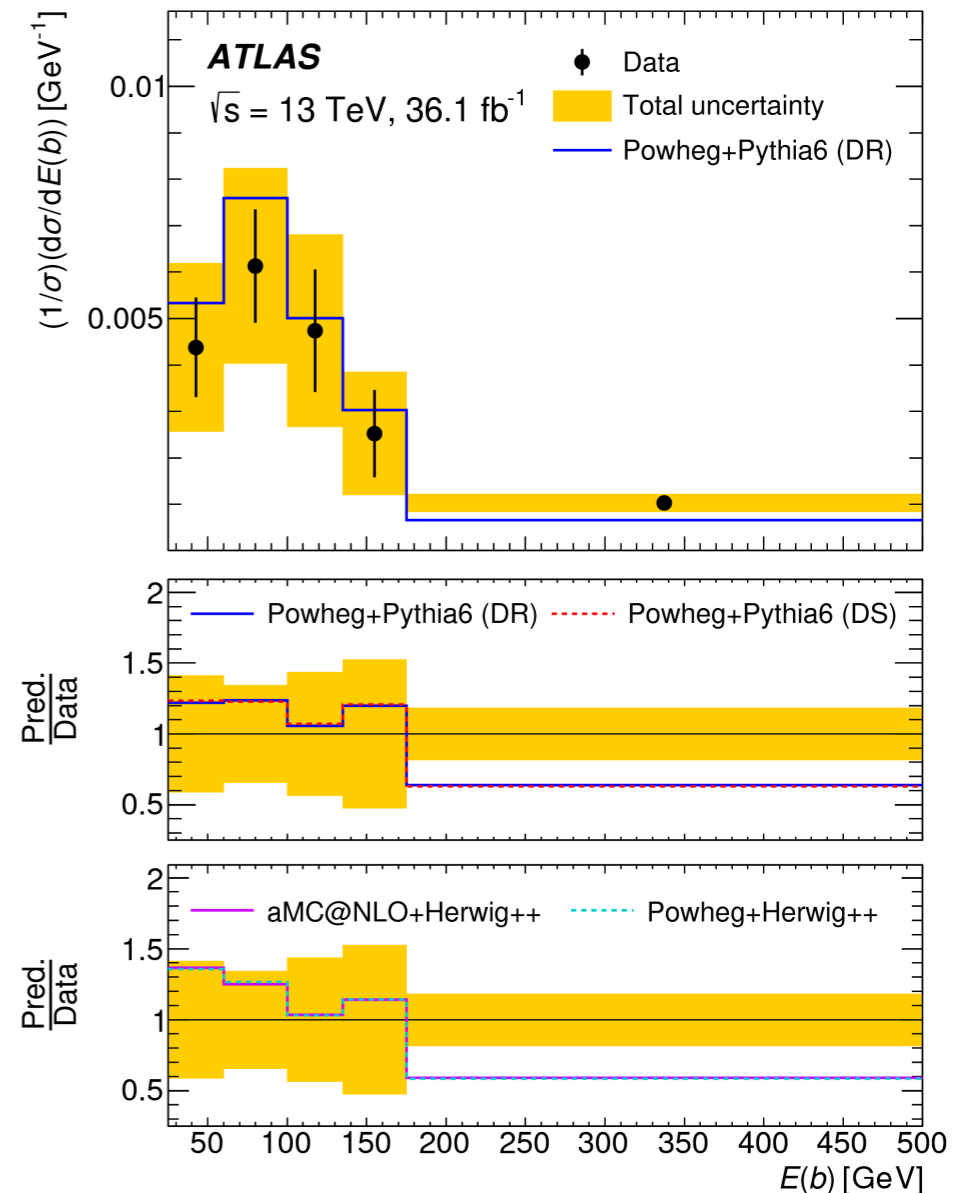
dilepton final state

- \* Now, also **differential cross section** of Wt for several particle-level observables

$m(\ell\ell b)$ : probe Wt system



$E(b)$ : probe top production



Particle level vs **NLO+PS**

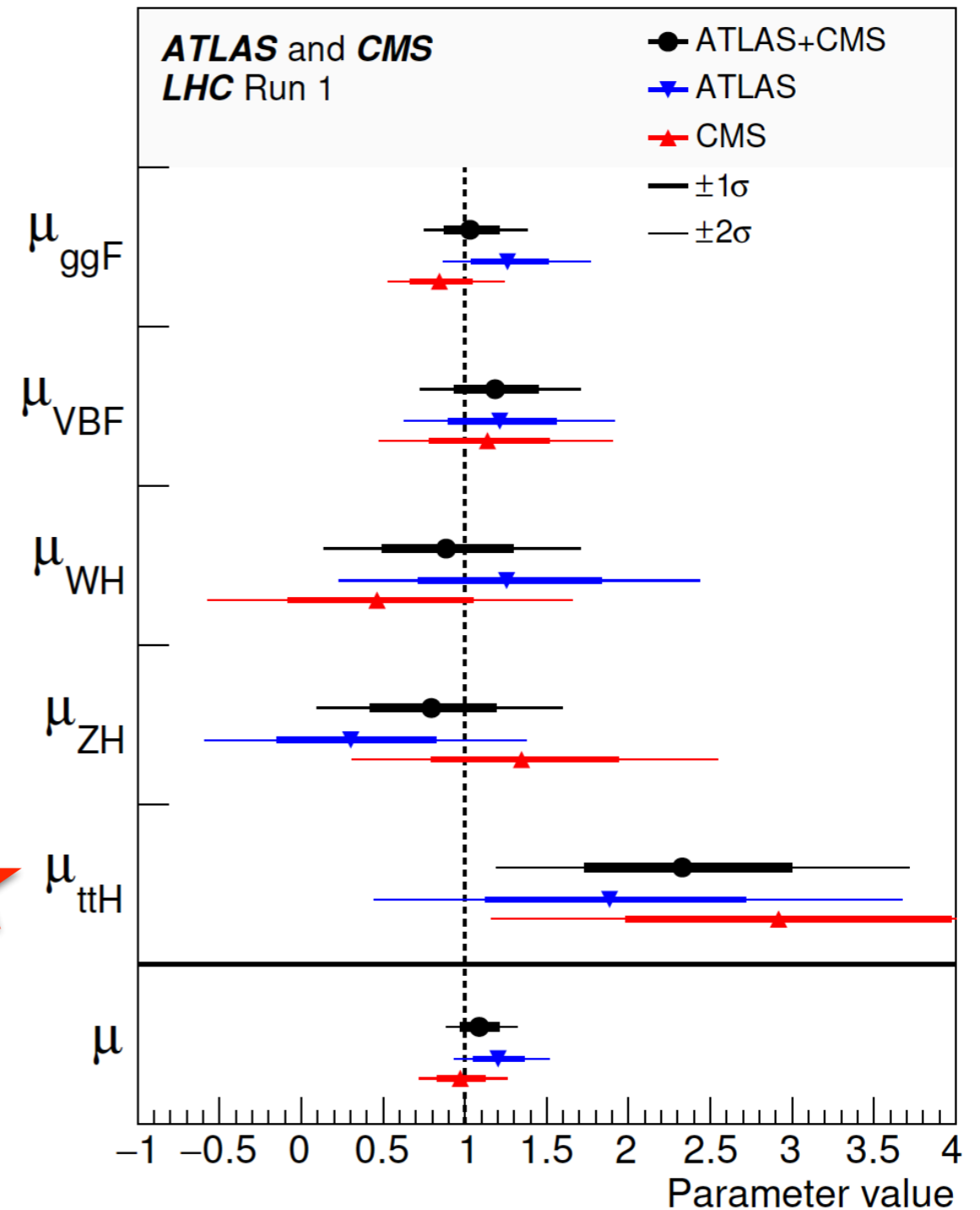
Measurement consistent with predictions

**DR (Diagram Removal)**  
**DS (Diagram Subtraction)**  
different treatment of Wt-t $\bar{t}$  interference

different matrix element generator

# $t\bar{t}H$ interest: from Run-1 to Run-2

- \* Run-1 ATLAS+CMS Higgs combination:
  - $t\bar{t}H$  significance of  $4.4 \sigma$  ( $2.0 \sigma$  expected)
- \* Excess in both ATLAS and CMS  $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = \sigma/\sigma_{SM}$ 
  - Originating from  $t\bar{t}H$  multilepton analyses
- \* Big leap (**x4**) for  $t\bar{t}H$  SM cross section from 8 to 13 TeV (\*) and **high statistics** of top quark samples collected by the LHC make this SM search **extremely interesting** to be studied in Run-2!



(\*) Other background contributions cross section do not increase as much, but different kinematics at higher energies!

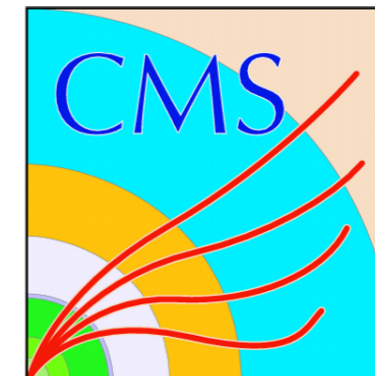
# Most recent $t\bar{t}H$ results



2015+2016 data  
[~36 fb<sup>-1</sup>]



partial 2015+2016  
data [~13 fb<sup>-1</sup>]



ttH multilepton (H → WW/ττ/ZZ)	★ arXiv: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.08891">1712.08891</a> submitted to PRD (including combination)	CMS-PAS-HIG-17-004 ( $\ell$ only) 3.3σ (exp: 2.5σ) $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 1.5 \pm 0.5$ CMS-PAS-HIG-17-003 ( $T_{had}$ ) 1.4σ (exp: 1.8σ) $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 0.72^{+0.62}_{-0.53}$
ttH(bb)	★ arXiv: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.08895">1712.08895</a> submitted to PRD	CMS-PAS-HIG-16-038 $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = -0.19 \pm 0.8$
ttH(ZZ → 4ℓ)	arXiv: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.02304">1712.02304</a> submitted to JHEP $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} < 7.1$	arXiv: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.09936">1706.09936</a> $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} < 1.18$
ttH(γγ)	ATLAS-CONF-2017-045 1.0σ (exp: 1.8σ) $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 0.5 \pm 0.6$	CMS-PAS-HIG-16-040 3.3σ (exp: 1.5σ) $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 2.2^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$
<b>ATLAS+CMS Run1 combination</b>	JHEP 1608 (2016) 045 4.4σ (exp: 2.0σ) $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 2.3^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$	

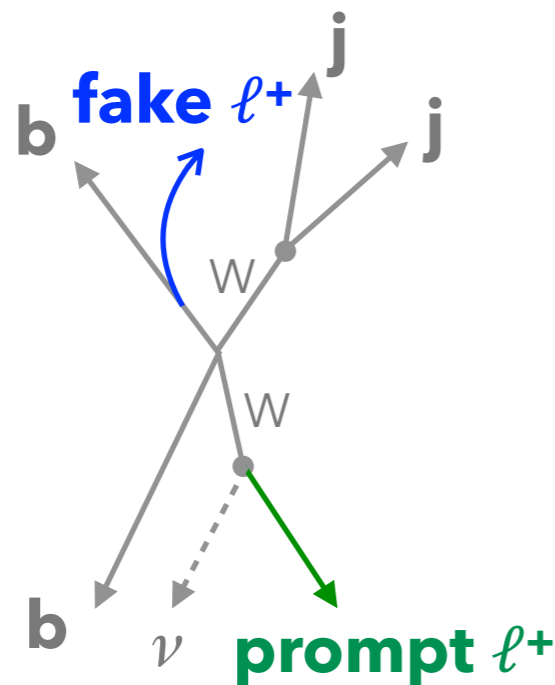


# $t\bar{t}H$ (multileptons): non-prompt light $\ell$ (I)



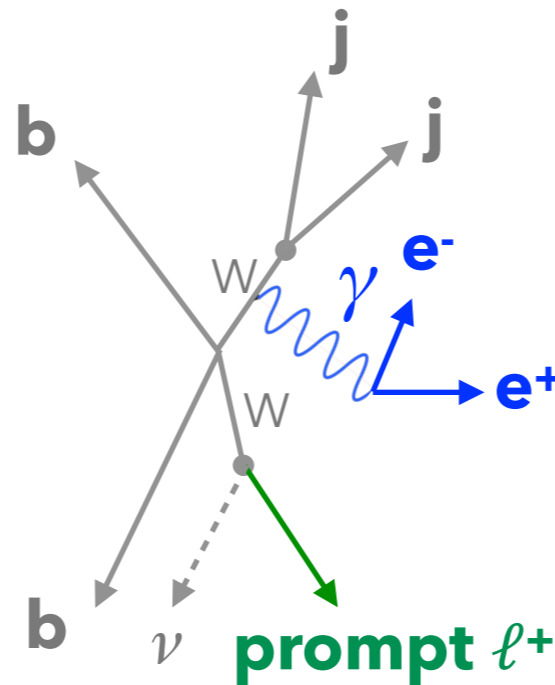
Method [parametr.]	$2\ell SS+0\tau$	$3\ell+0\tau$	$4\ell$	$2\ell SS+1\tau$	Other $\tau$ channels
<b>Non-prompt lepton</b>	<b>DD (MM)</b> el: $[p_T, NB_{jets}]$ $\mu$ : $[p_T, dR(\mu, j)]$	<b>pseudo-DD (Fake SF)</b>		<b>DD (FF)</b> el/ $\mu$ : $[p_T]$	<b>MC</b> (very small)

Semileptonic  
b-decay



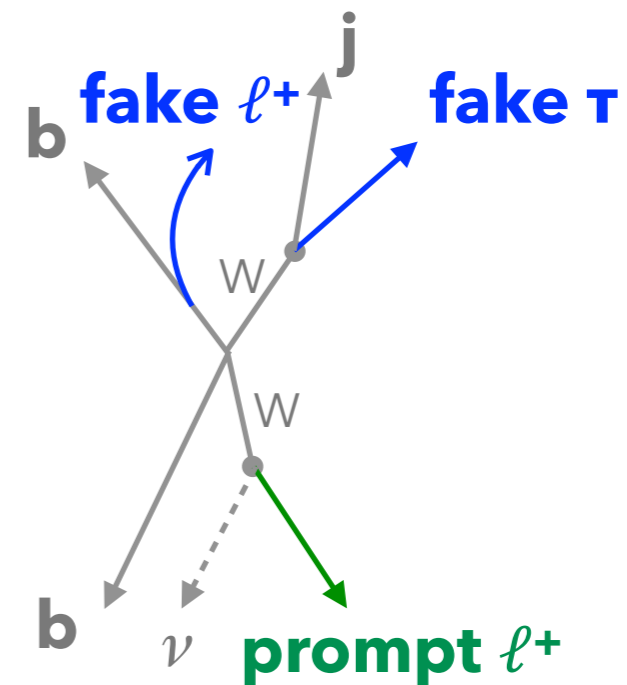
strongly reduced with PLI

Photon  
conversions



50% of the "fakes" in  $3\ell$ !

Non-prompt lepton  
& fake  $\tau$



70% from  $t\bar{t}$  in  $2\ell SS+1\tau$

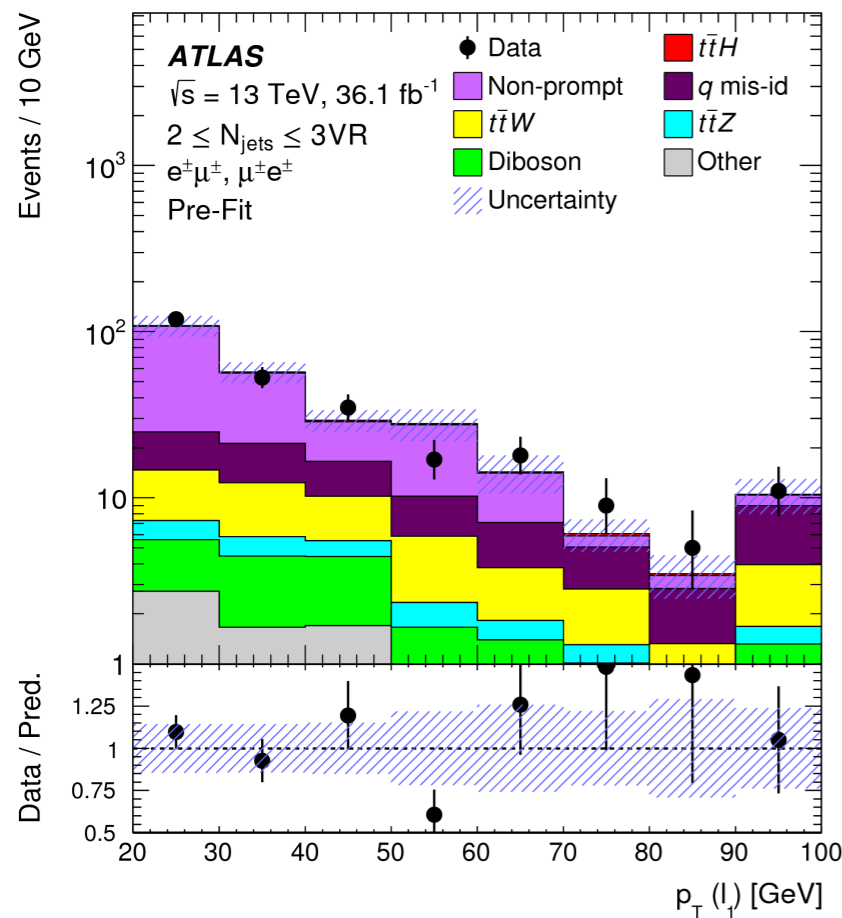
# $t\bar{t}H$ (multileptons): fakes/non-prompt $\ell$ validation



\* Overall **reasonable data/prediction agreement** with estimates fakes in VRs

“Low  $N_{\text{jets}}$ ”

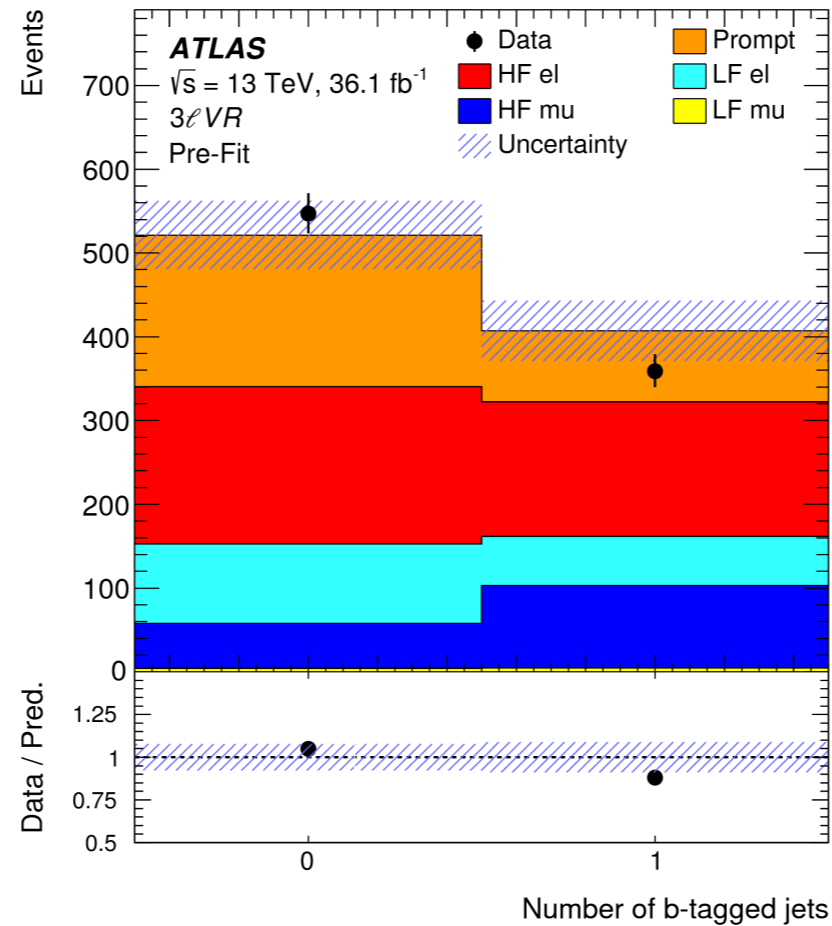
$2 \leq N_{\text{jets}} \leq 3, N_{\text{jets}} \geq 1$



**2 $\ell$ SS+0 $\tau$**   
fake  $\ell$

“3 loose light  $\ell$ ”

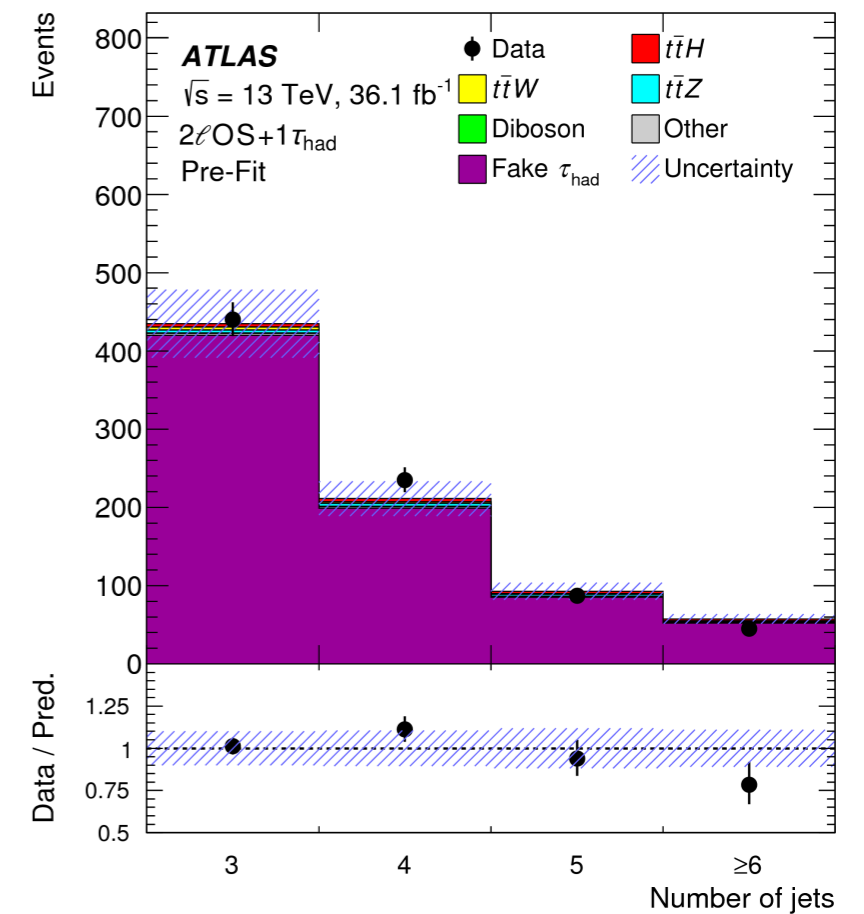
$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3$



**4 $\ell$**   
fake  $\ell$

“Pre-selection”

$N_{\text{jets}} \geq 3$

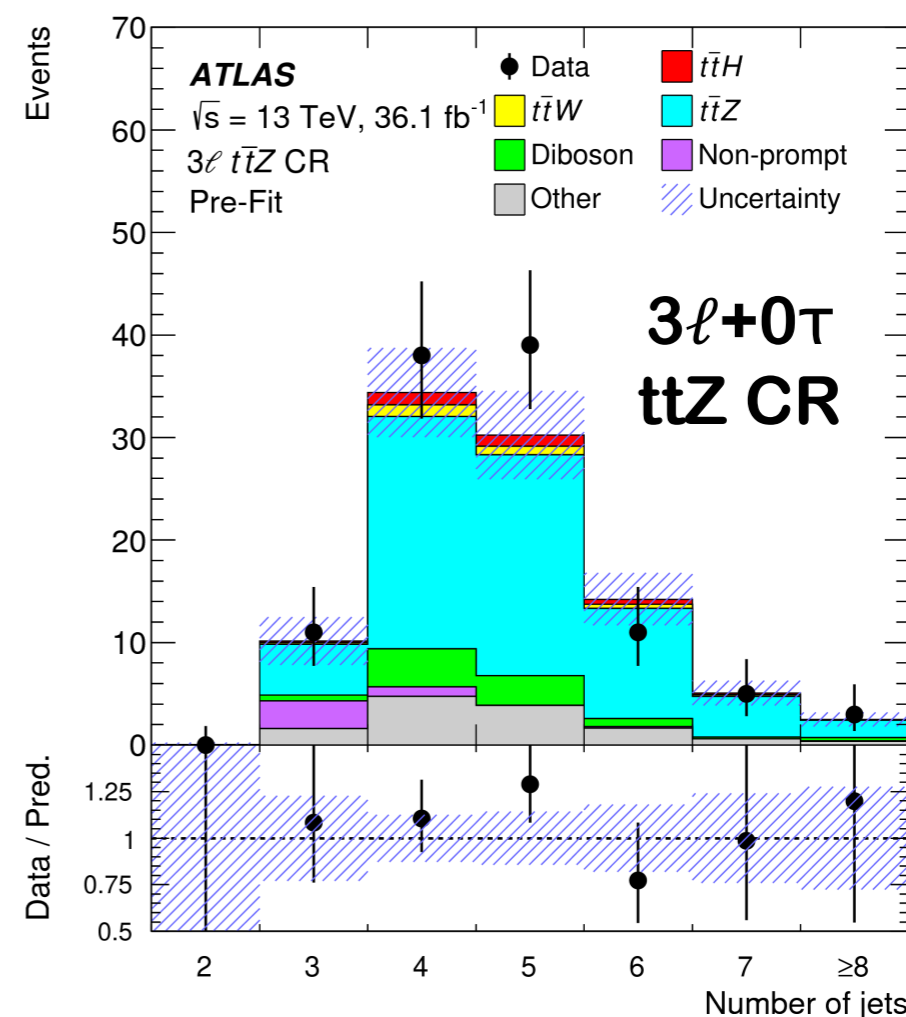
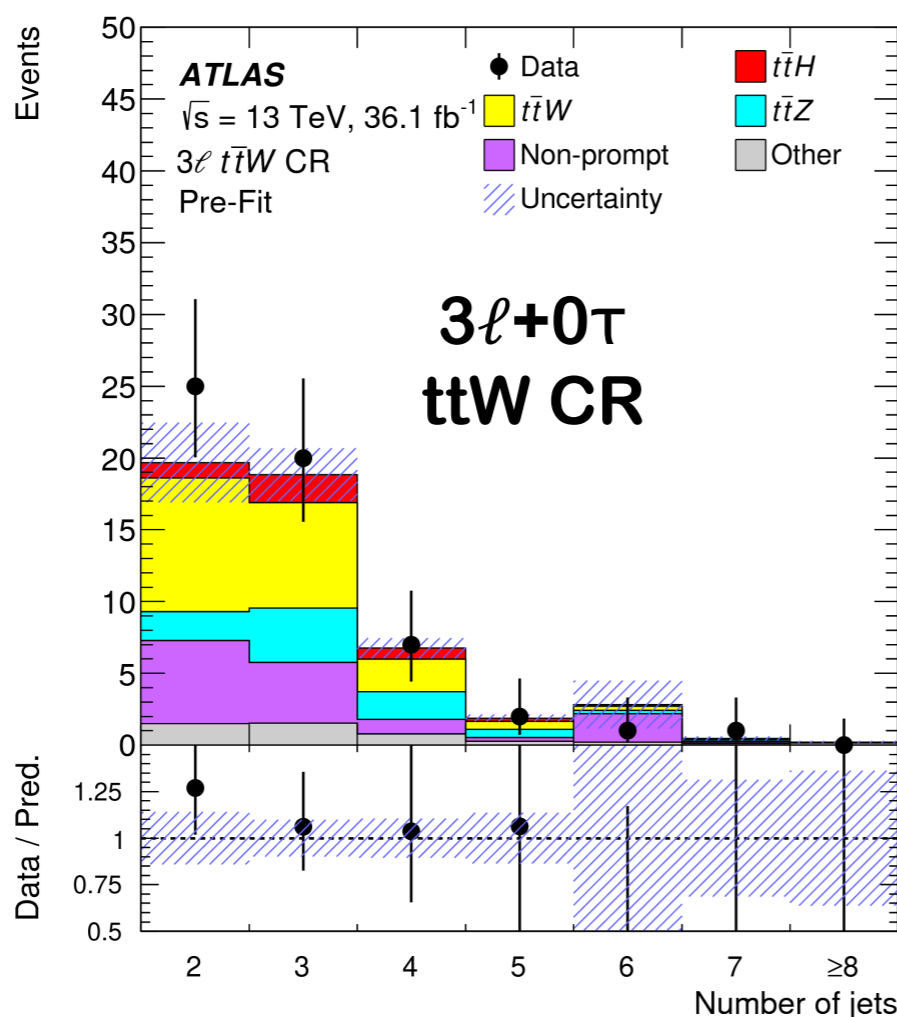


**2 $\ell$ OS+1 $\tau$**   
fake  $\tau$

# $t\bar{t}H$ (multileptons): prompt $\ell$ background validation



- \* Largest irreducible backgrounds:  $t\bar{t}W$ ,  $t\bar{t}Z$ , diboson
- \* Estimated using **NLO MC samples**, with theory/modelling uncertainties:
  - Cross-section uncertainties
  - Scale variations
  - Generator comparisons
- \* Validated in several regions, eg:  $3\ell$   $t\bar{t}W/Z$  CRs built using the multinomial BDT
- \* Overall **good data/prediction agreement** in  $t\bar{t}V$ -enriched CRs using MC simulation
  - Also good agreement in cut-based VRs



# $t\bar{t}H$ (multileptons): profile likelihood fit



\* Binned profile likelihood fit

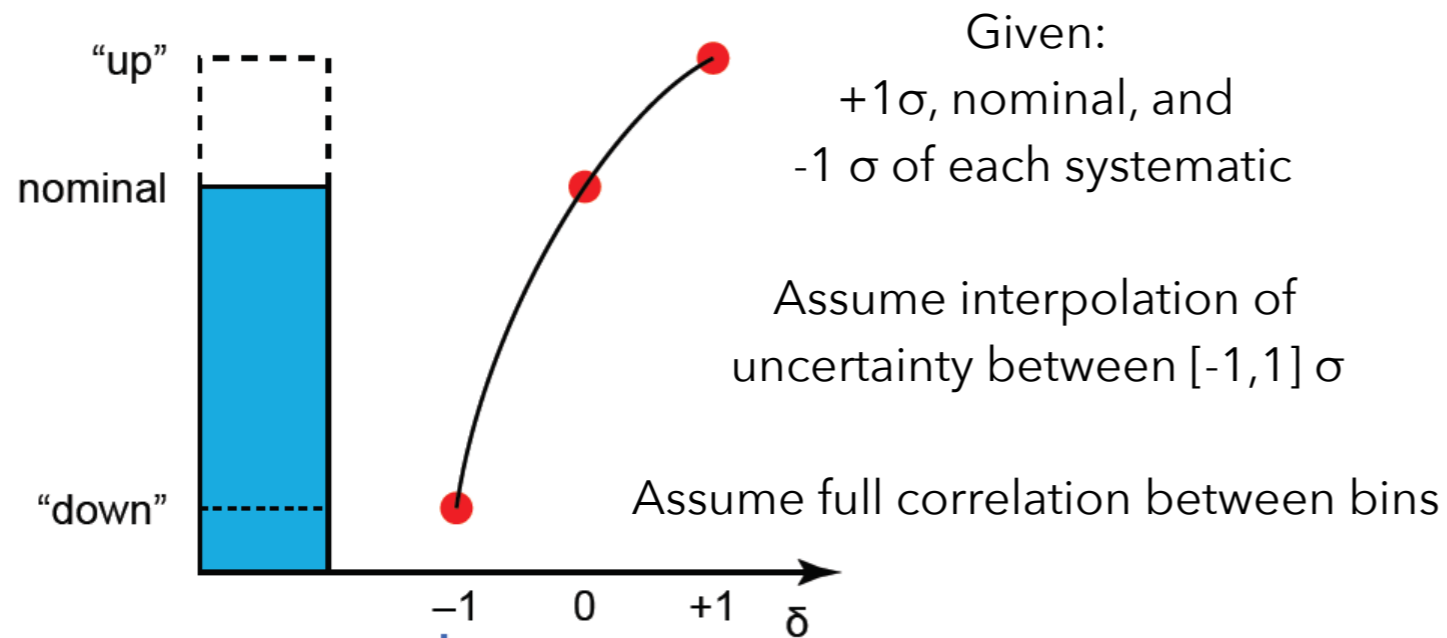
$$L(\mu, \theta) = L_{Pois}(\mu, \theta) \cdot \prod_p \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\theta_p^2}{2}\right)$$

\* **Parameter of interest:** signal strength

$$\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = \frac{\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}}{\sigma_{t\bar{t}H}^{SM}}$$

\* **Systematic uncertainties** included in the fit as nuisance parameters  $\theta$

- Need sufficiently flexible model of signal and background!



**Constrain uncertainty in  
control region, propagate this  
knowledge to signal region**

\* Find best values for  $\mu$  and  $\theta$  from minimising the  $-\log L$

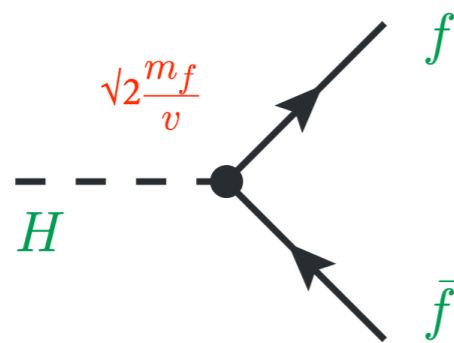
\* Calculate experimental sensitivity in terms of the significance

- Quantify level of disagreement between data and background-only hypothesis as Gaussian standard deviations ( $\sigma$ )

# Top Yukawa coupling... why should we care?

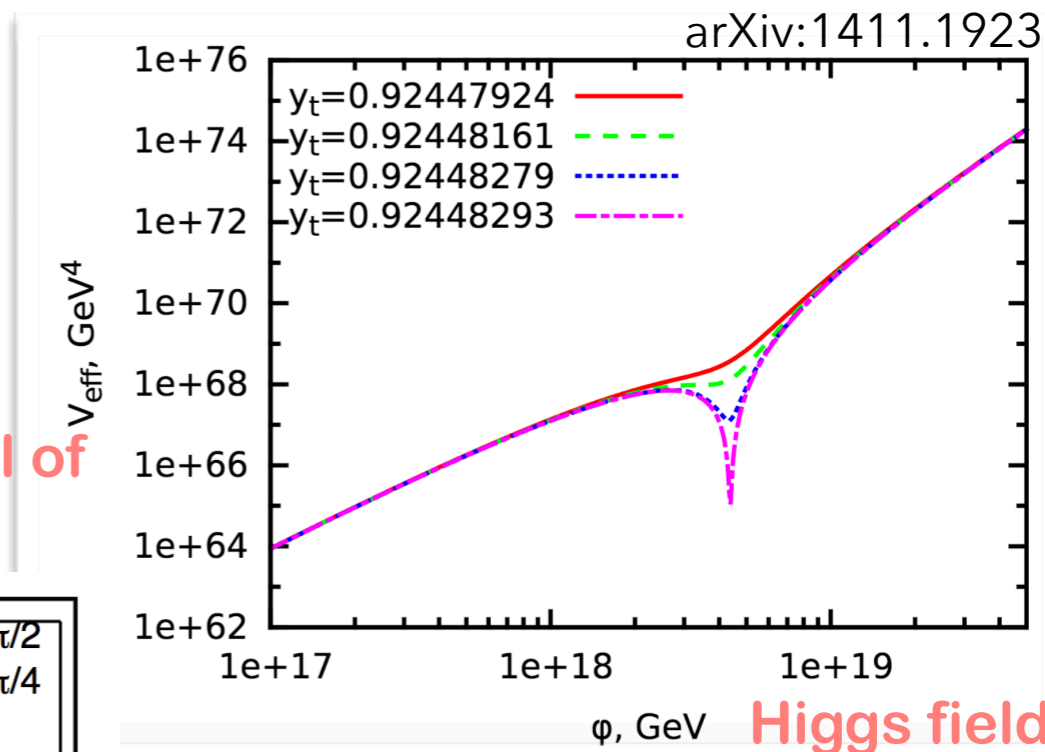


Top quark is the heaviest fermion in the SM → Largest Yukawa coupling

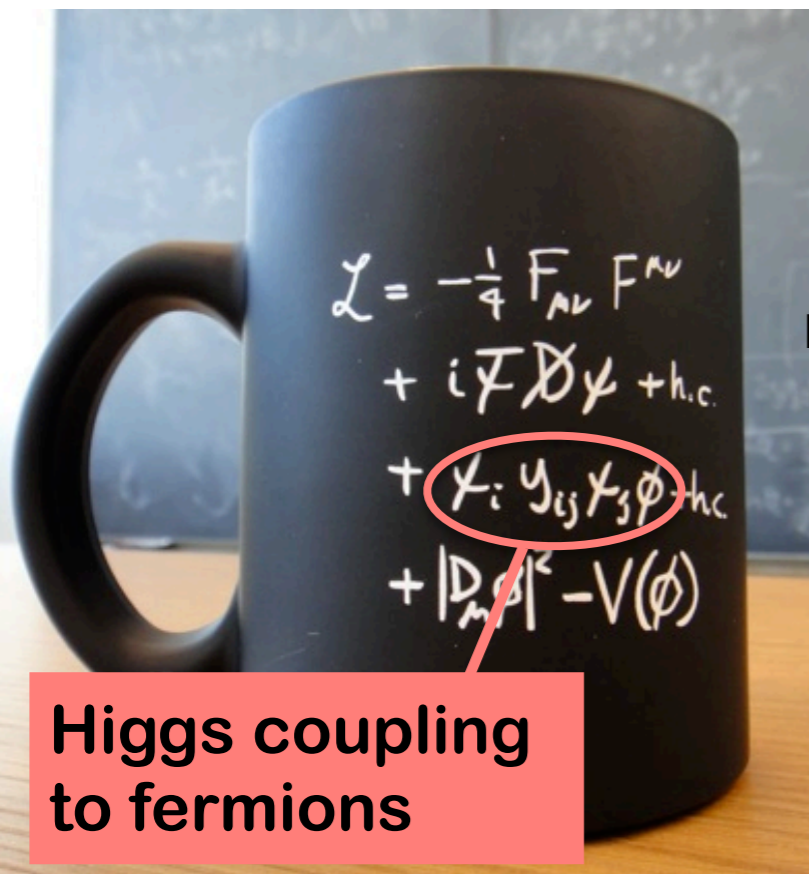


- \* The only fermion with such a natural coupling
- \* Does this point to a special role in electroweak symmetry breaking or beyond the SM physics?
- \* Top quark Yukawa coupling tells us about the stability of Universe and the required energy scale for new physics

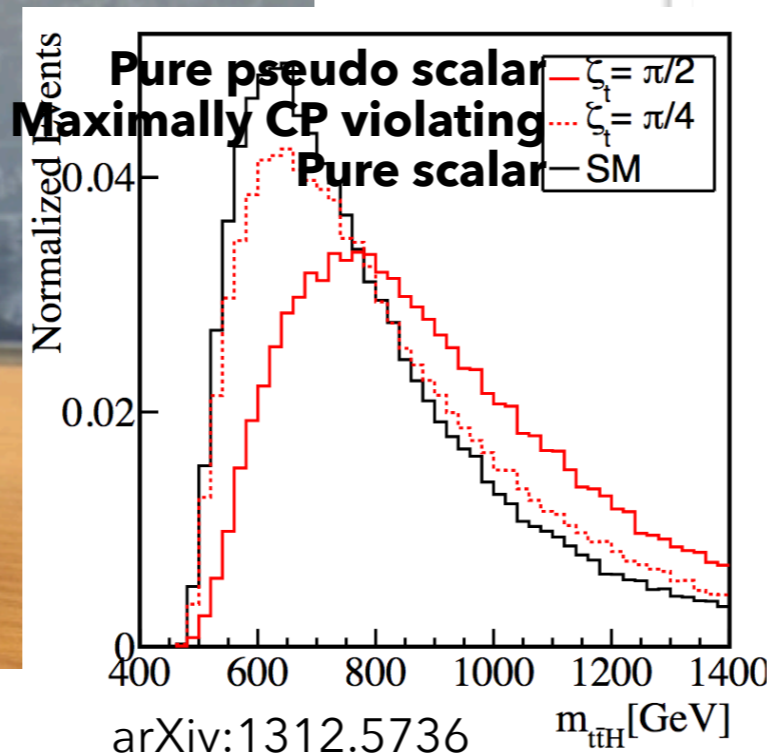
Is the Universe stable or only metastable?



effective potential of the Higgs field



Higgs coupling to fermions



What is the CP nature of the Higgs boson?

- \* A CP admixture is still allowed
- \* Maybe  $t\bar{t}H$  production can help us disentangle the BSM component