

# Higgs boson production via $t\bar{t}H$

ATLAS and CMS results

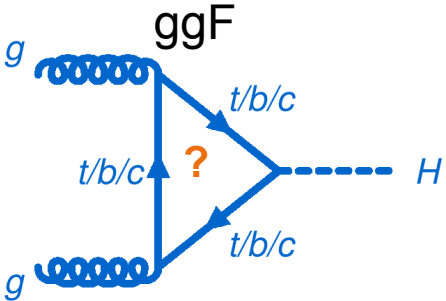
Judith Katzy on behalf of the ATLAS and CMS collaborations



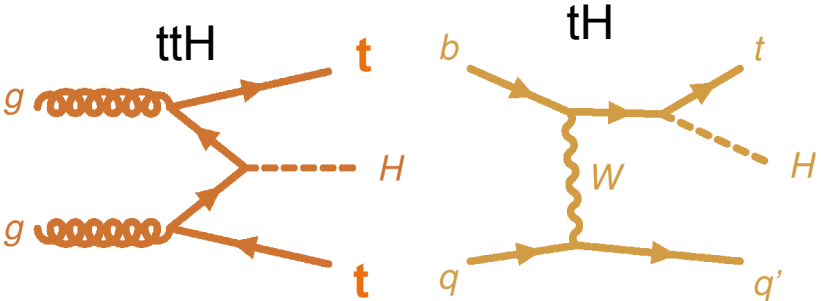
# Motivation

top-Higgs coupling largest in SM

$$y_t \sim m_t / v$$



$$\sigma_{ttH} \sim |y_t|^2$$



pp@13 TeV

SM ( $y_t \sim 1$ ): 44 pb

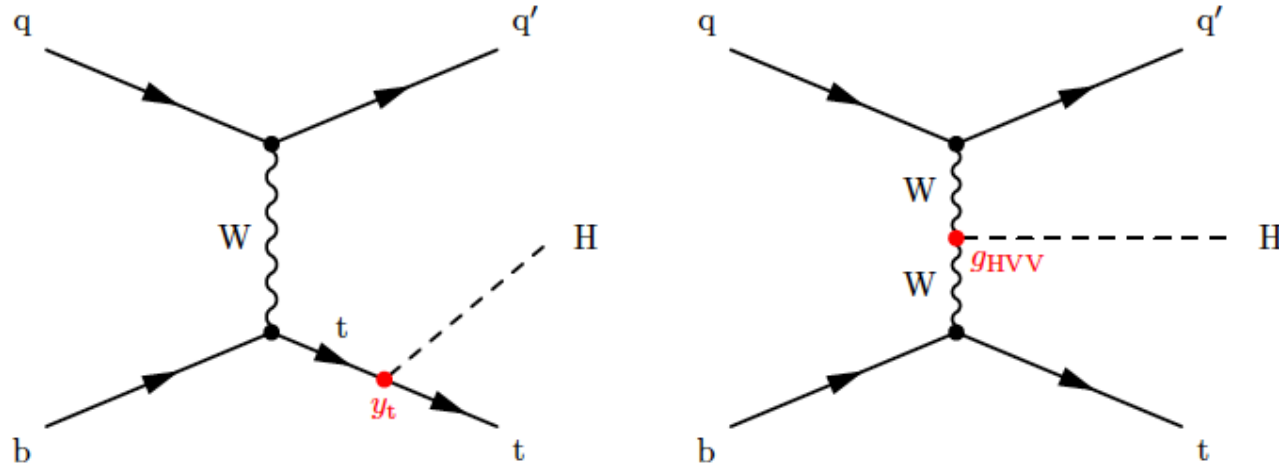
507 fb

74 fb

**ttH+tH: direct probe of top-Higgs coupling**

# Motivation

## Sign of $y_t$ & CP structure of fermionic Higgs couplings

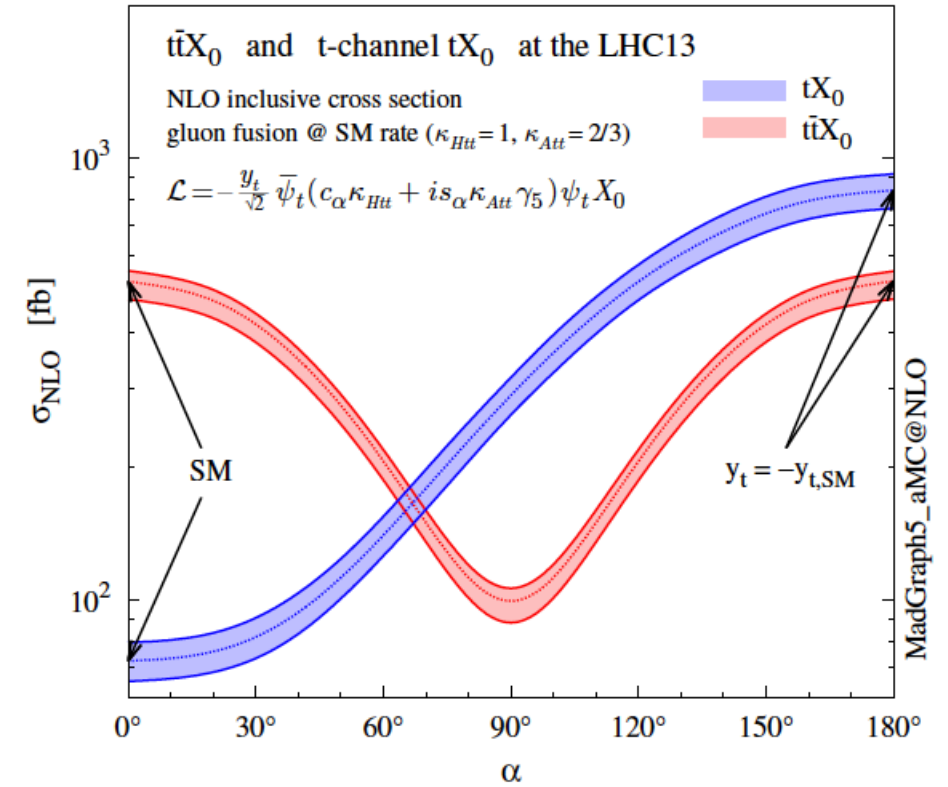


t-channel  $tHq$  production

SM:  $y_t \sim 1$ , destructive interference:  $\sigma_{tH} \sim 74$  pb

BSM:  $y_t \sim -1$ , constructive interference  $\sigma_{tH} \sim 850$  pb

**$tH$  sensitive to sign of  $y_t$**



CP properties [talk](#) by Ahmed

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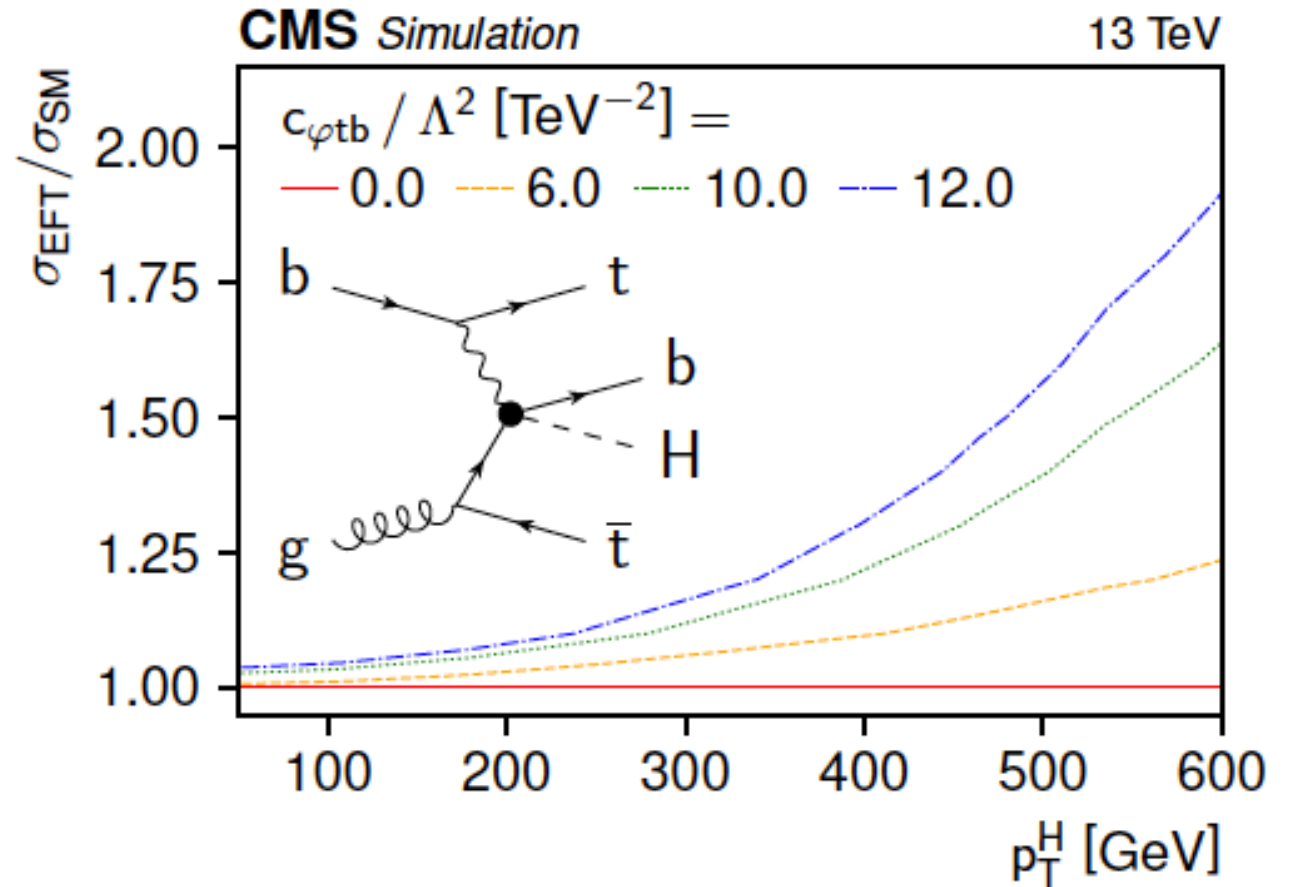
Unique opportunities to probe Effective Field Theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{d,i} \frac{c_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

Study dimension six operators affecting ttH and tH production

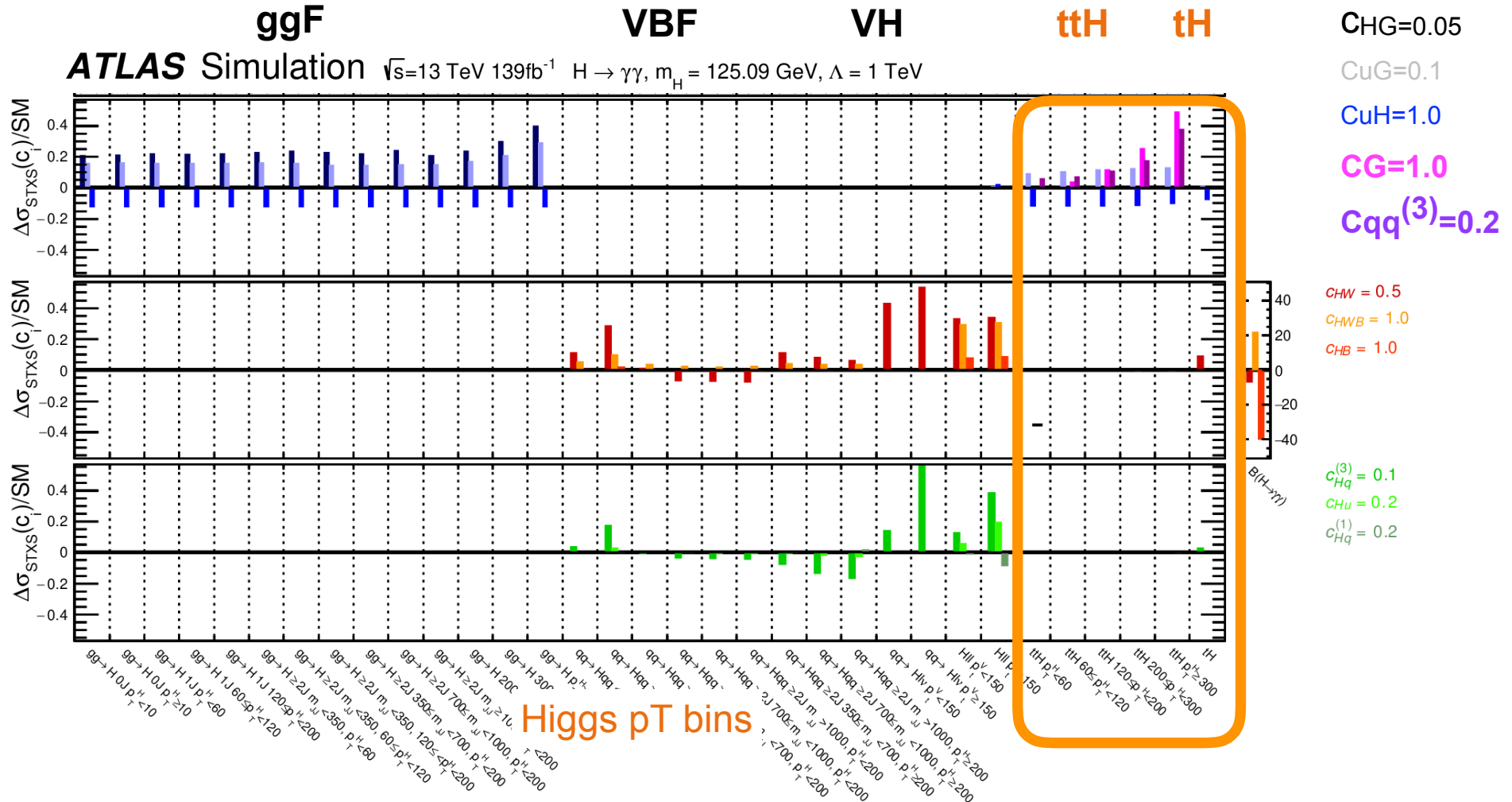
Probe Wilson coefficients in ttH production as a function of Higgs pT

Use STXS bins in Higgs pT



# Motivation

## Unique opportunities to probe Effective Field Theory



Unique sensitivity to some operators

# Measurements

## Rare process in different Higgs decay modes

$$\sigma_{ttH} \sim 530 \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{tH} \sim 74 \text{ fb}$$

$$N_{\text{events}} = L \cdot \sigma_{ttH} \cdot \mathcal{B}(H) \cdot \mathcal{B}(tt\text{bar}) \cdot \varepsilon \cdot A$$

“ML”

Higgs decay mode	B. ratio
H->bb	58.1 %
H->WW	21.5 %
H-> $\tau\tau$	6.3 %
H->ZZ -> qq, ll	
H-> $\gamma\gamma$	0.23 %
H->ZZ ->4 leptons (e, $\mu$ )	0.0124 %

ttbar decay mode	B.Ratio
Di-lepton (e, $\mu$ )	4%
Single lepton (e, $\mu$ ) + jets	30%
All jets	44%

# Measurements

## ATLAS and CMS ttH and tH measurements at 13 TeV

	H->bb	H->WW, $\tau\tau$ , ZZ	H-> $\gamma\gamma$	HZZ->4l
ATLAS	Full Run2 $\sigma_{ttH}$  pT(H)	80 ifb $\sigma_{ttH}$  Full Run2 $\sigma_{ttH}$ 0l H-> $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$	Full Run2 $\sigma_{ttH}$ $\sigma_{tH}$ pT(H)	Full Run2 $\sigma_{ttH}$
CMS	36 ifb $\sigma_{ttH}$  Full Run 2 boosted $\sigma_{ttH}, p_T(H) > 200$ GeV	Full Run2 $\sigma_{ttH}$ $\sigma_{tH}$	Full Run2 $\sigma_{ttH}$ $\sigma_{tH}$ pT(H)	Full Run2 $\sigma_{ttH}$

$$\mu = \sigma_{meas}/\sigma_{SM}$$

# ttH H->bb

## Measurement advantages and challenges

H->bb has largest branching ratio (58%)

Due to large combinatorics of 4 b-jets no Higgs mass peak

Use **leptonic top decays** to avoid QCD multi-jet background

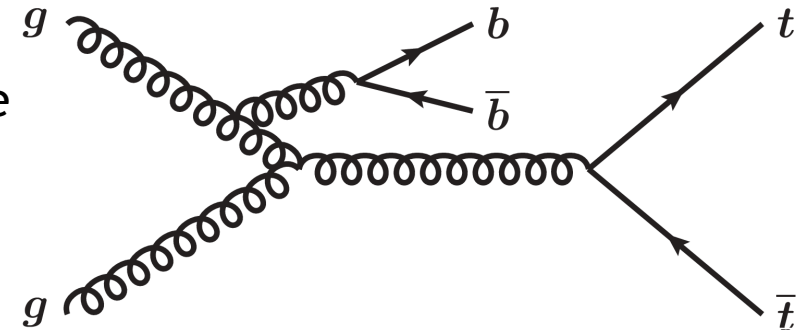
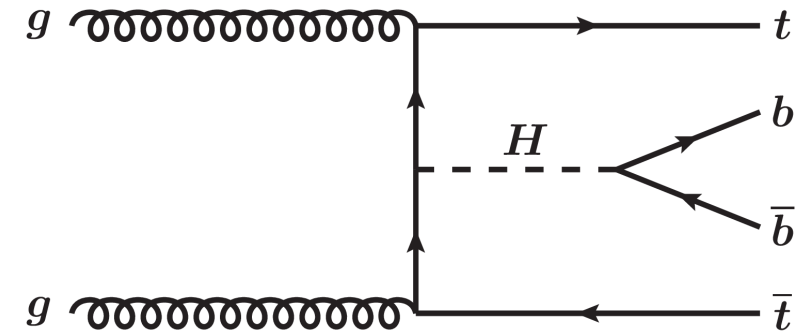
- Fully hadronic top decays have been tried but yield poor resolution

Typically **signal / background below 10%** even in most sensitive signal regions

Large irreducible background ttbb

- Various codes of **ttbb@NLO** 4FS calculations matched to PS available and used by recent analyses in ATLAS and CMS for tt +  $\geq 1b$
- Different philosophy of estimating modelling uncertainties in ATLAS and CMS

See talk by Ana Cueto Gomez on [background modelling](#)



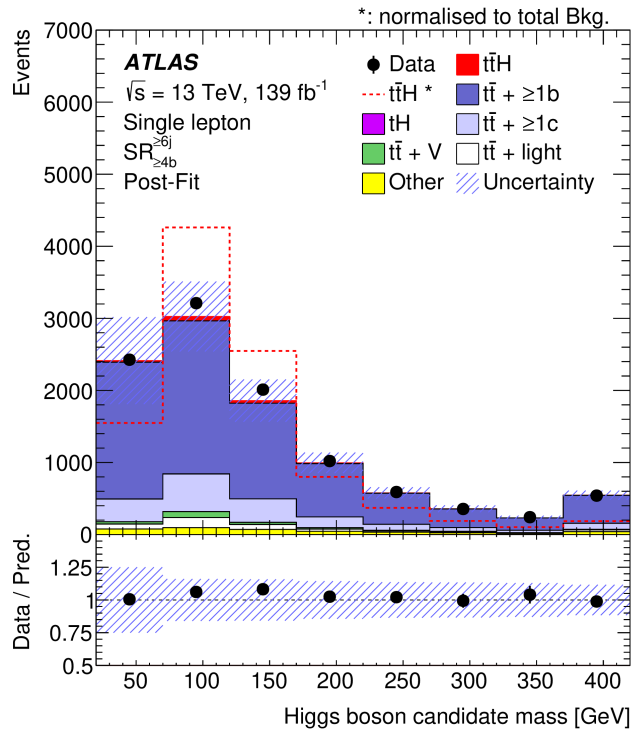


# ttH H->bb

ATLAS full Run-2 analysis 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>

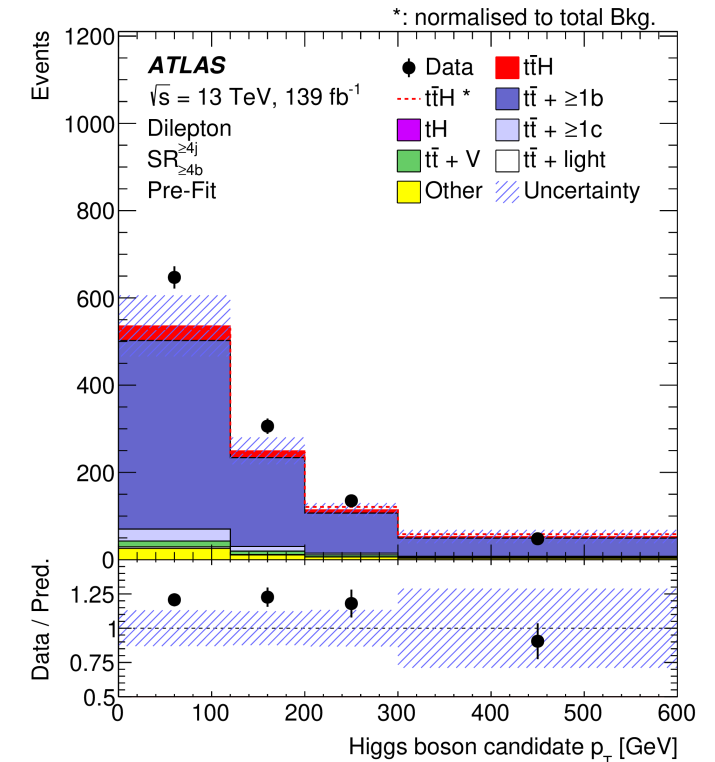
**Strategy:** Measure in pure phase space to minimise problems with modelling of various tt+jets backgrounds:

- Require  $\geq 1$  lepton, light jets and **4 well identified b-jets in the signal region**
- Measure in resolved and boosted channel



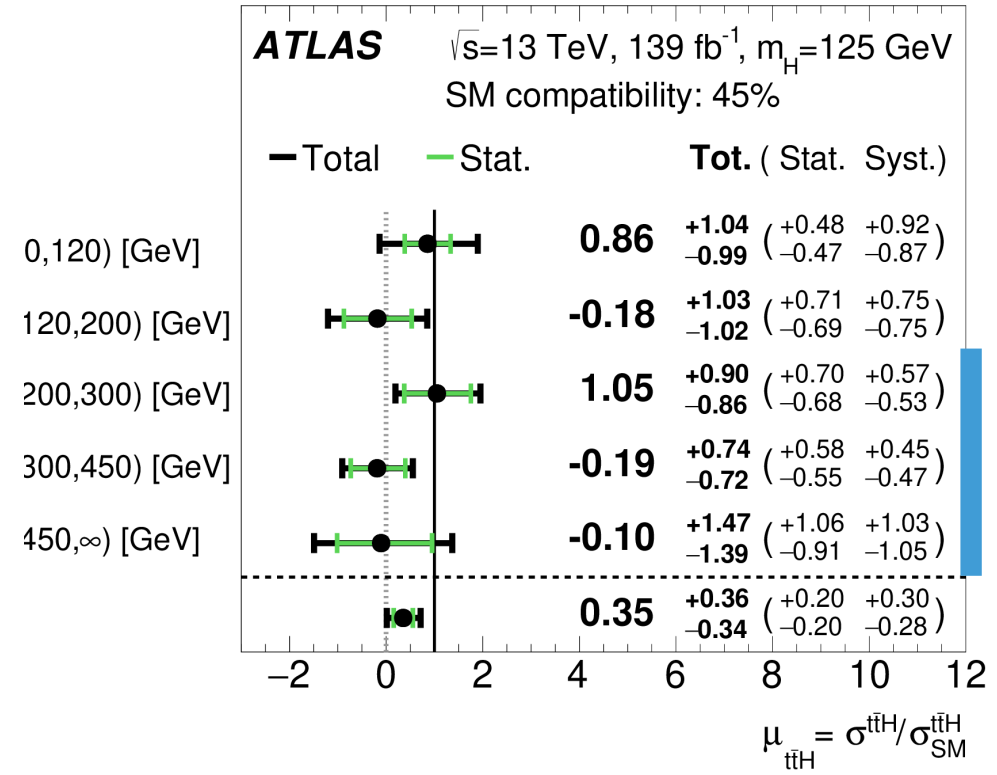
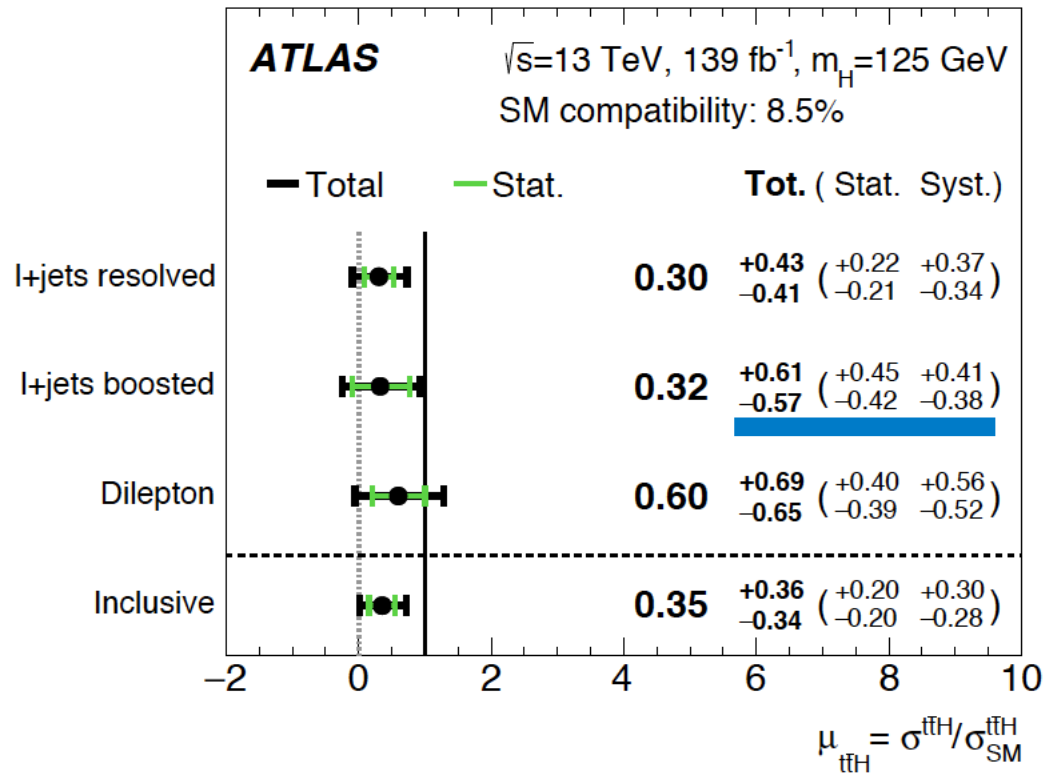
## Analysis chain:

- Reconstructed Higgs candidate and split into  $p_T H$
- Separate signal vs background with MVA based on Higgs candidate and event properties
- Perform Maximum Likelihood fit to signal and control regions to extract  $\mu_{ttH}$



# ttH H->bb

ATLAS full Run2



Syst limited

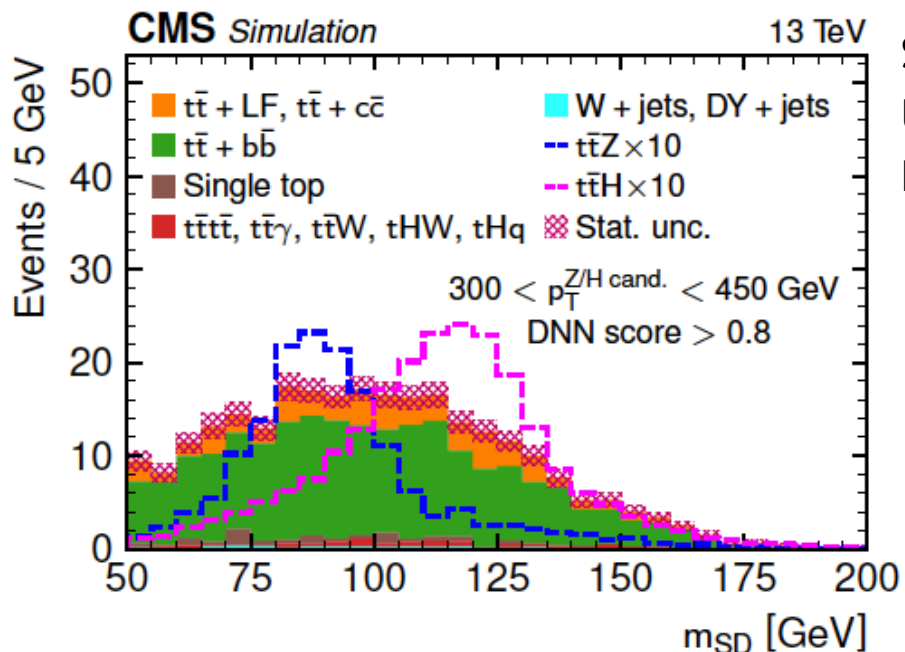
Stats limited

**Inclusive  $\mu_{ttH}$  systematics limited;  $\mu_{ttH}$  @ high Higgs pT stats limited**

Dominant Uncertainty: Modelling of ttbb background

# ttH H->bb, boosted Higgs

Probe  $\mu_{ttH}$  at high  $p_T$  and probe EFT



$\mu_{ttH}$  for  $p_T(\text{Higgs}) > 200$  GeV

Signal strength	Observed	Stat.	MC stat.	Exp. syst.	Theo. syst.	Expected
$\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$	$0.65^{+1.04}_{-0.98}$	$+0.80$ $-0.75$	$+0.36$ $-0.38$	$+0.38$ $-0.31$	$+0.43$ $-0.38$	$1.00^{+0.91}$ $-0.84$
$\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$	$-0.27^{+0.86}_{-0.83}$	$+0.72$ $-0.65$	$+0.31$ $-0.33$	$+0.19$ $-0.19$	$+0.28$ $-0.35$	$1.00^{+0.79}$ $-0.72$

Single lepton+2 resolved b-jets, boosted object with  $p_T > 200$  GeV containing bb

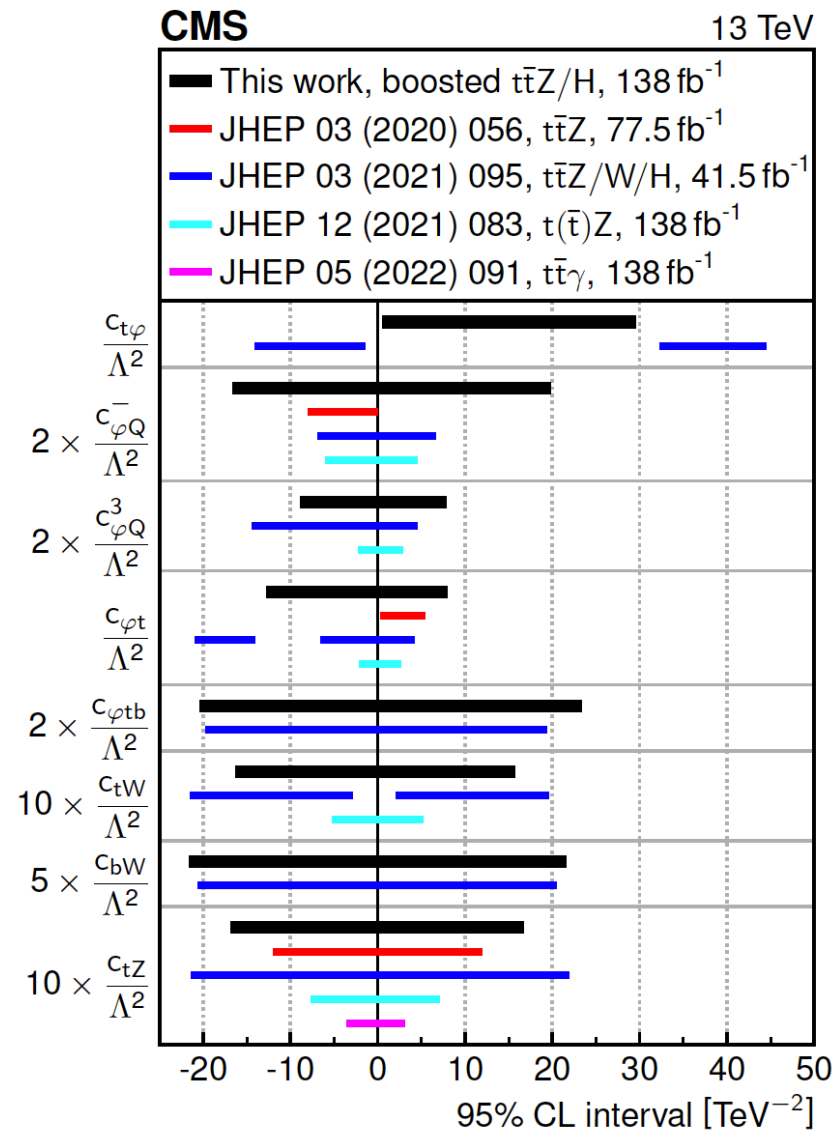
Use **ttbb@NLO 4FS** as background MC for ttbb

Higgs  $p_T$  bins  $[200, 300][300, 450][450, \infty[$

Source of uncertainty	$\Delta\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$	$\Delta\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$
$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$ cross section	$+0.27$ $-0.23$	$+0.14$ $-0.13$
$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$ cross section	$+0.18$ $-0.24$	$+0.16$ $-0.22$
$t\bar{t} + 2b$ cross section	$+0.03$ $-0.03$	$\pm 0.09$
$\mu_R$ and $\mu_F$ scales	$+0.12$ $-0.14$	$+0.11$ $-0.15$
Parton shower	$+0.16$ $-0.17$	$+0.07$ $-0.06$
b tagging efficiency	$+0.25$ $-0.13$	$\pm 0.10$
$b\bar{b}$ tagging efficiency	$+0.18$ $-0.13$	$+0.07$ $-0.04$
Jet energy scale and resolution	$\pm 0.11$	$+0.11$ $-0.12$
Jet mass scale and resolution	$\pm 0.10$	$\pm 0.08$

# ttH H->bb, boosted Higgs

Probe  $\mu_{ttH}$  at high Higgs pT and Wilson Coefficients



Observed confidence intervals  
constrained by ttH

# ttH + tH in ML

ATLAS + CMS

Various analysis channels depending on #leptons (e,μ) and relative sign, #hadronic  $\tau$

## ttH: 10 channels

Most sensitive:

2l SS 0 $\tau$

3l 0 $\tau$

2l 2 $\tau$

## tH: 3 channels

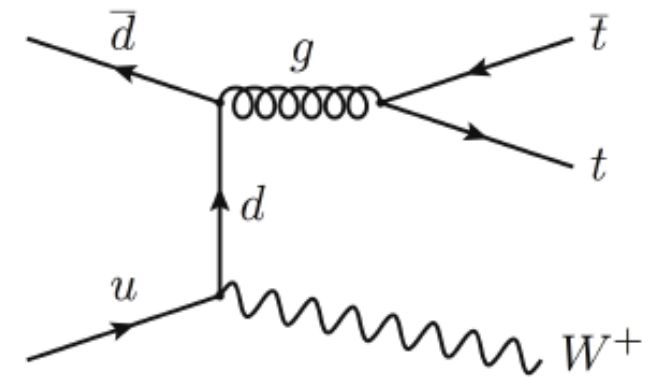
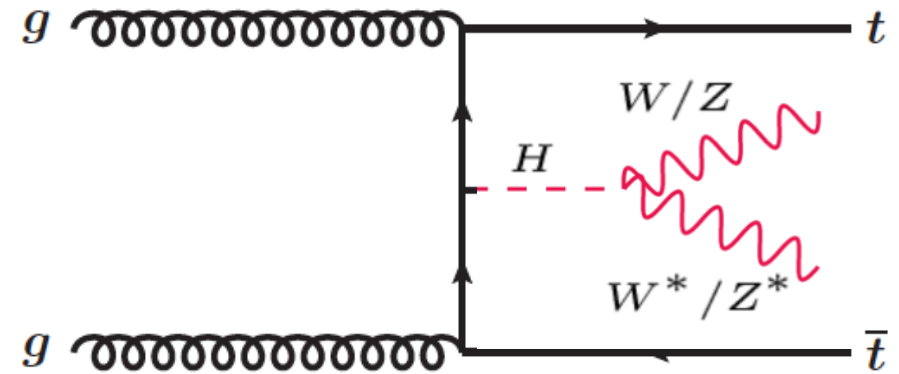
2ISS+0 $\tau$ , 2ISS+1 $\tau$ , 3l

## Key issues:

Large irreducible ttW background

- Large uncertainties in NLO predictions
- Different philosophy of estimating modelling uncertainties in ATLAS and CMS

Leptonic backgrounds of various sources



# ttH+tH in ML

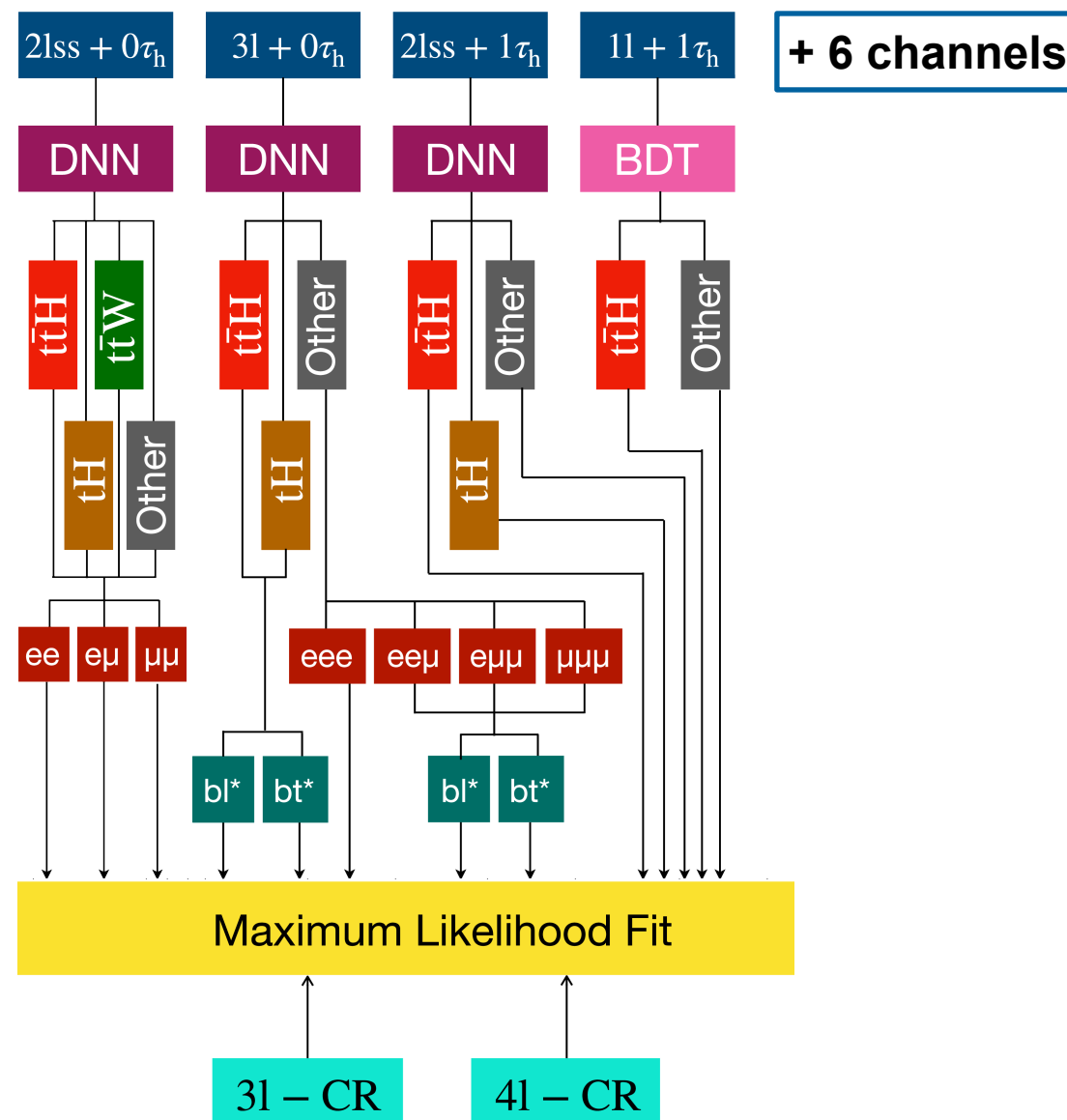
CMS full Run2 137 fb<sup>-1</sup>

S/B for ttH up to 35% tH up to 3.3%

**Separate regions** for ttH, tH, ttW, other backgrounds, CR (ttZ,ZZ,WZ)

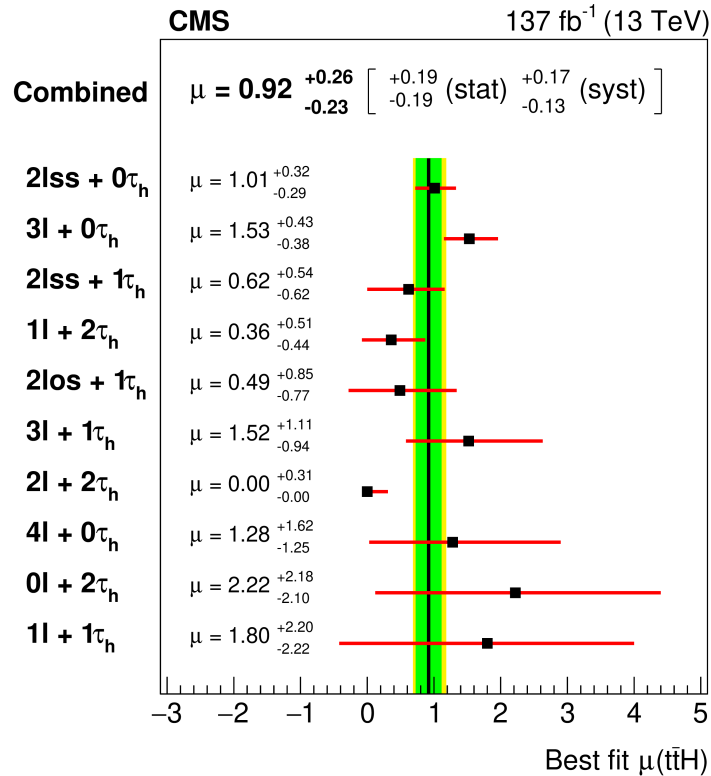
## Maximum likelihood Fit:

Extract **ttH** and **tH**  
and normalisation of **ttW** and **ttZ**



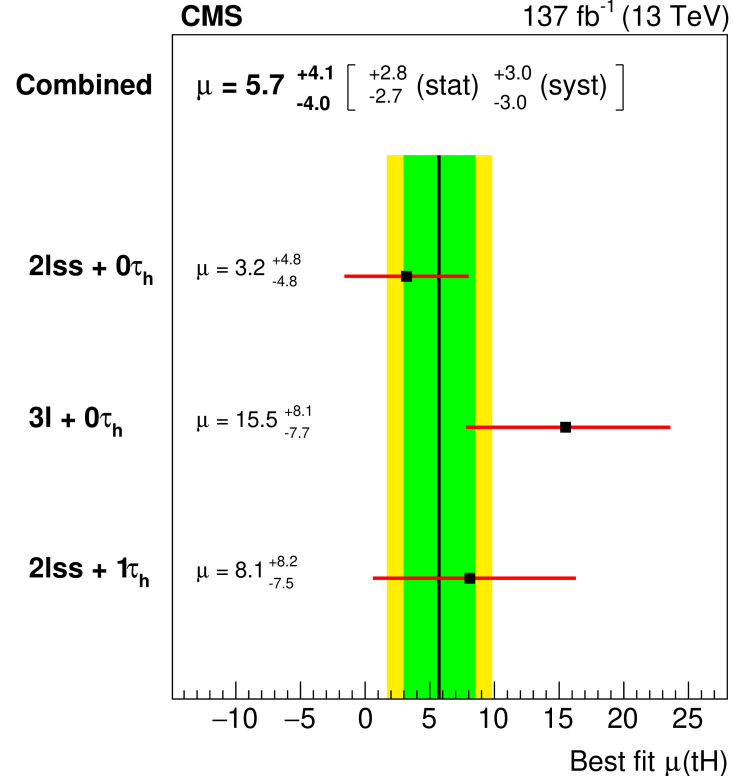
# ttH+tH in ML

## CMS full Run2 137 fb<sup>-1</sup> - ttH and tH cross section assuming SM kinematics



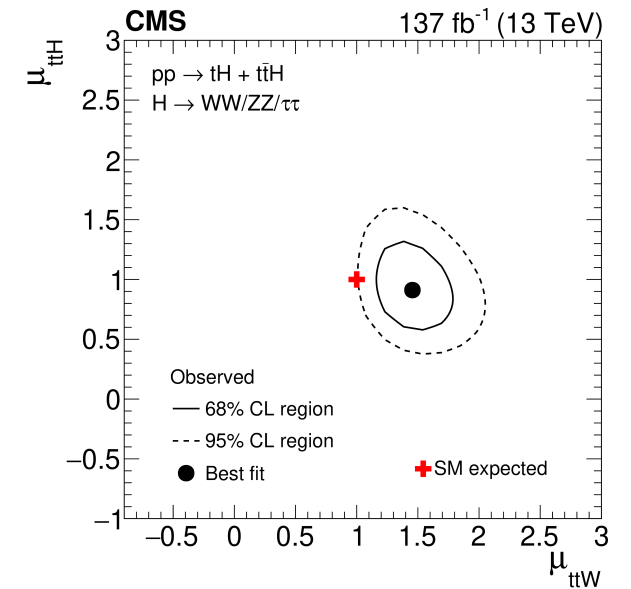
$$\mu_{\text{ttH}} = 0.92 \pm 0.19(\text{stat})^{+0.17}_{-0.13}(\text{syst})$$

Dominant systematic uncertainty:  
normalisation of MC estimated processes



$$\mu_{\text{tH}} = 5.7 \pm 2.7(\text{stat}) \pm 3.0(\text{syst})$$

Dominant systematic uncertainty:  
Misidentified leptons + flips



$$\mu_{\text{ttW}} \sim 1.5 \mu_{\text{SM}}$$

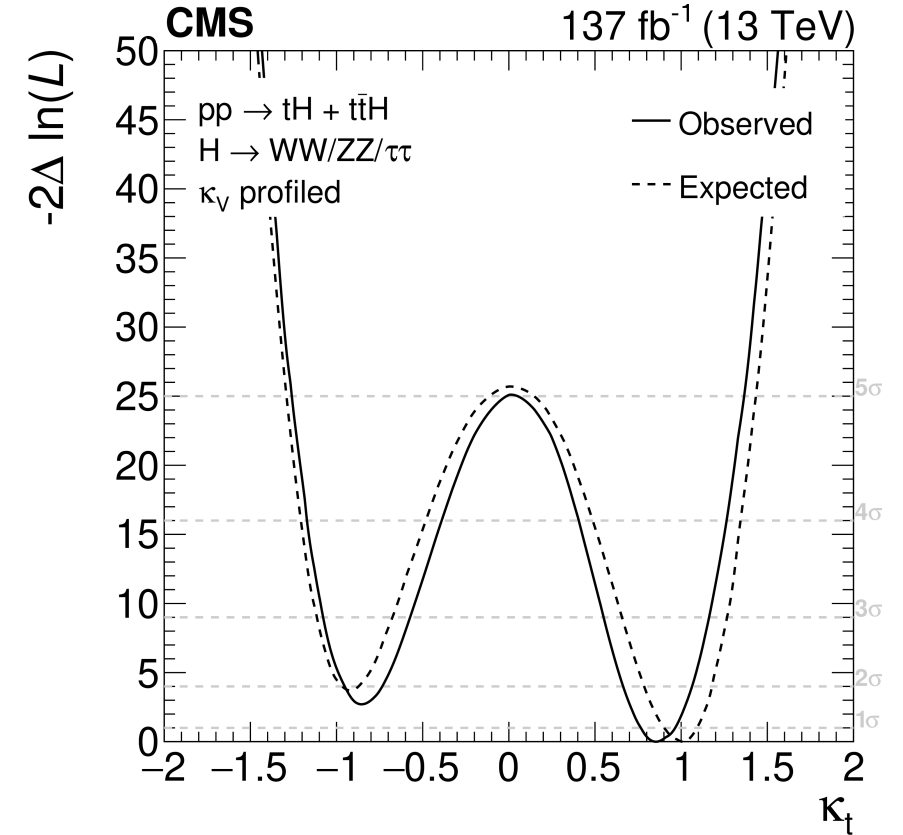
# ttH+tH in ML

Extract  $y_t$  without SM assumptions

Take interference effects in tHq on kinematic observables into account

extract  $\kappa_t = y_t(\text{meas}) / y_t(\text{SM})$

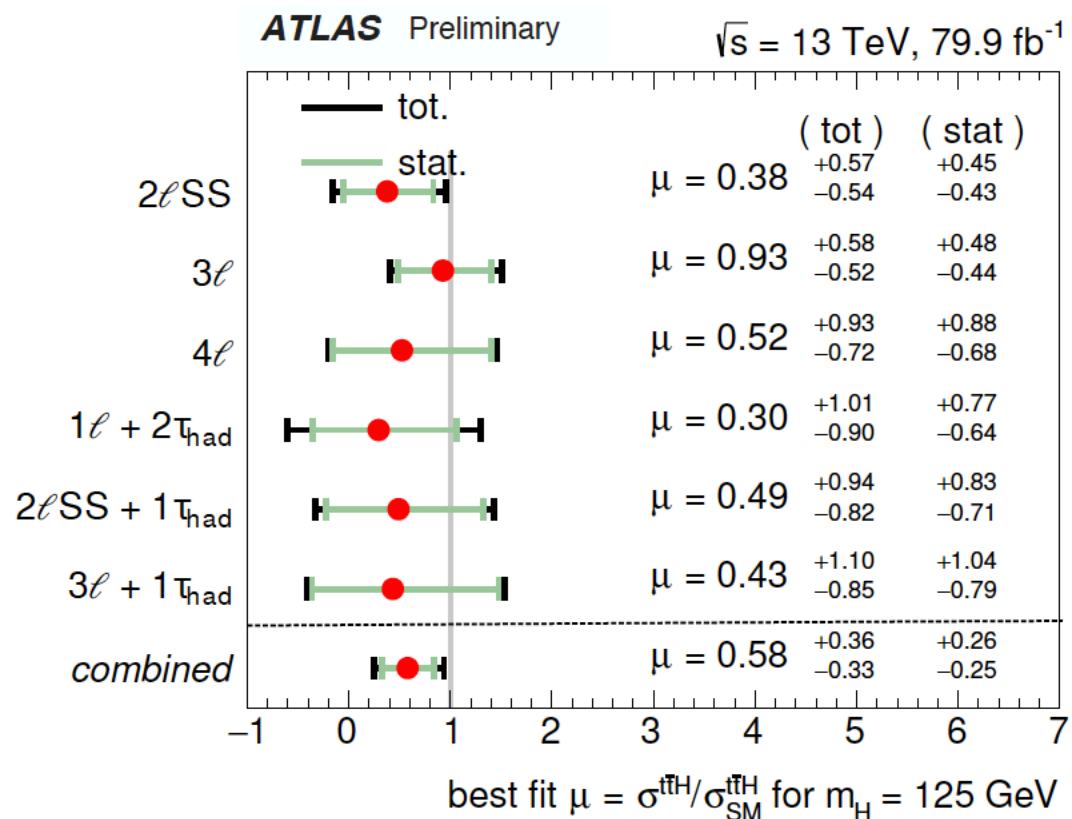
**$-0.7 < \kappa_t < -0.9$  or  $0.7 < \kappa_t < 1.1$  at 95% CL**





# ttH in ML

ATLAS preliminary 80 fb<sup>-1</sup>

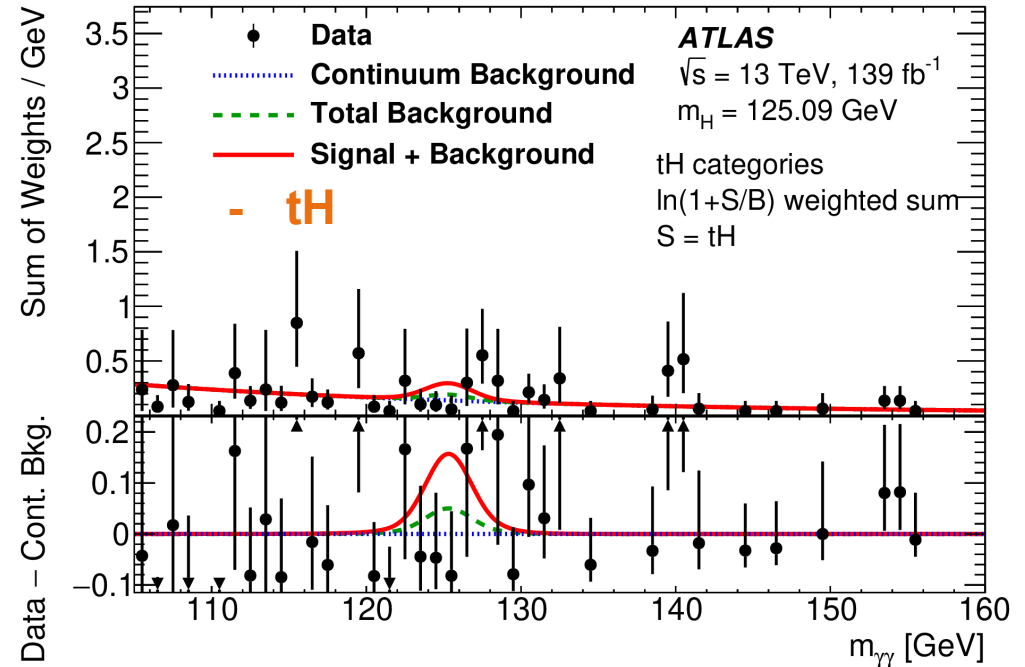
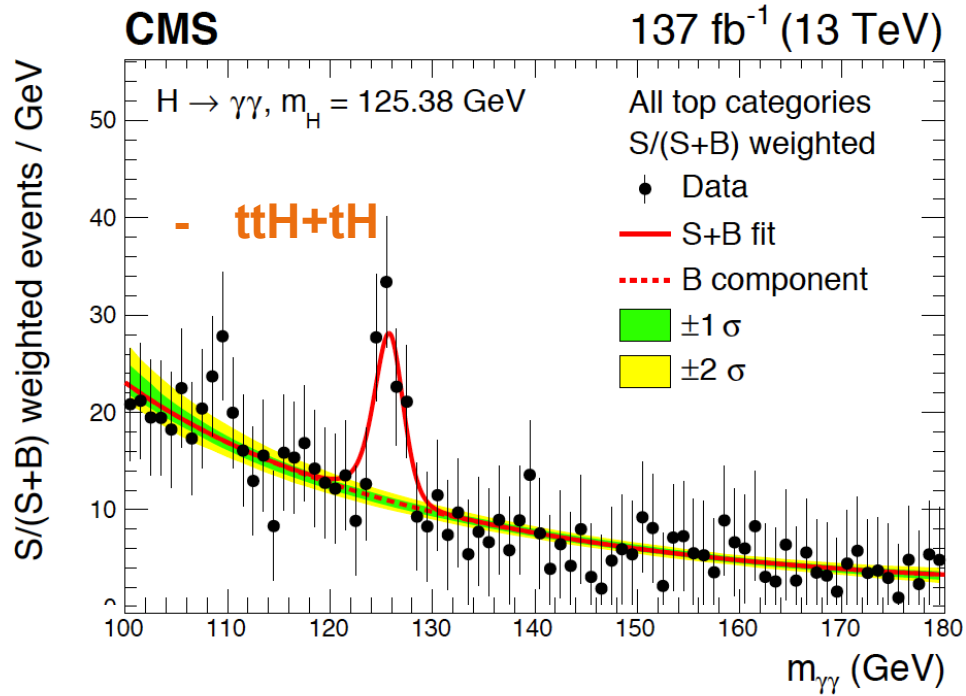


$$\hat{\lambda}_{t\bar{t}W}^{2\ell\text{LJ}} = 1.56^{+0.30}_{-0.28}, \hat{\lambda}_{t\bar{t}W}^{2\ell\text{HJ}} = 1.26^{+0.19}_{-0.18}, \text{ and } \hat{\lambda}_{t\bar{t}W}^{3\ell} = 1.68^{+0.30}_{-0.28}$$

# ttH H→γγ

## ATLAS+CMS full Run2: inclusive ttH + tH cross sections

Talk by Pascal



### CMS

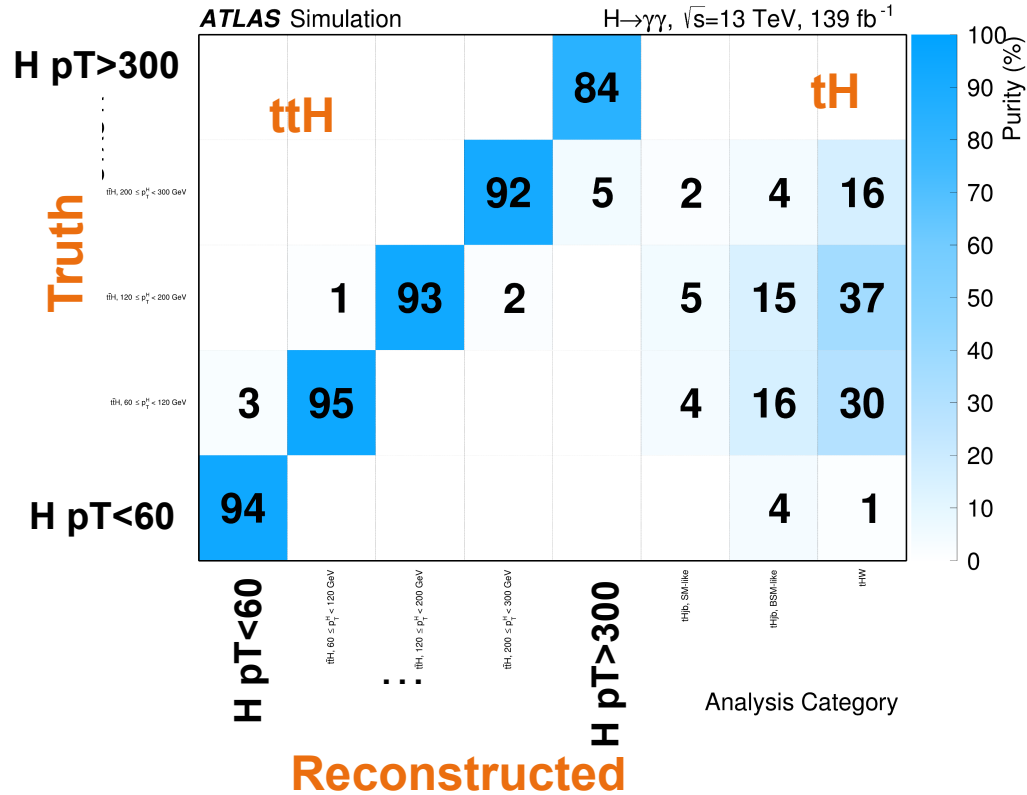
		Th.	Exp.	Stat.
$\mu_{ttH+tH}$	$1.35^{+0.34}_{-0.28}$	+0.17 -0.10	+0.08 -0.05	$+0.28$ $-0.25$

### ATLAS

		Tot.	Stat.	Syst.
$\mu_{ttH}$	0.89	+0.32 -0.30	$+0.31$ $-0.29$	+0.08 -0.05
$\mu_{tH}$	3	+4 -3	$+4$ $-3$	+1 -1

# ttH H- $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$

## ATLAS and CMS differential in Higgs pT

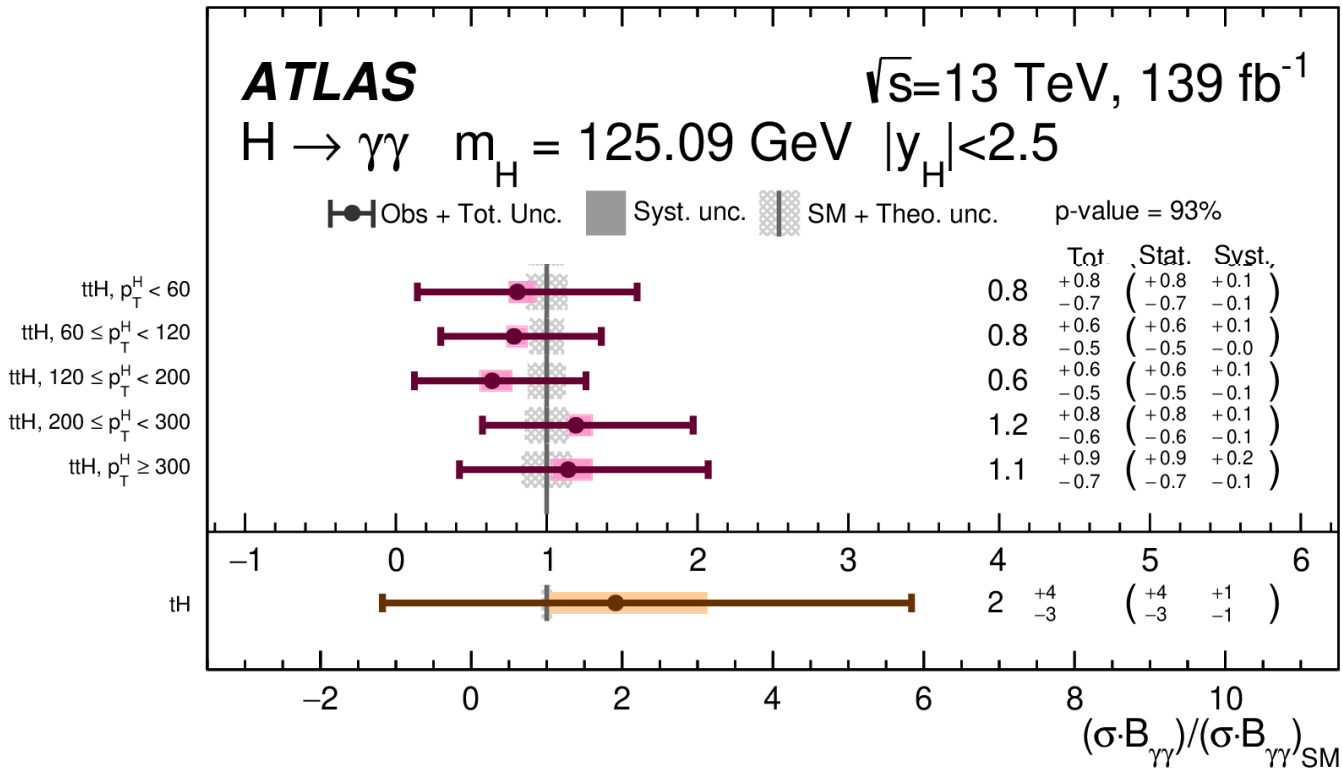


## Event yields in full Run 2

$t\bar{t}H$	S	B	S/B
$p_T^H < 60 \text{ GeV}$ , High-purity	3.04	4.01	0.75
$p_T^H < 60 \text{ GeV}$ , Med-purity	2.78	13.3	0.20
$60 \leq p_T^H < 120 \text{ GeV}$ , High-purity	4.30	4.09	1.05
$60 \leq p_T^H < 120 \text{ GeV}$ , Med-purity	2.99	8.61	0.35
$120 \leq p_T^H < 200 \text{ GeV}$ , High-purity	4.65	3.52	1.32
$120 \leq p_T^H < 200 \text{ GeV}$ , Med-purity	1.66	4.16	0.39
$200 \leq p_T^H < 300 \text{ GeV}$	3.39	2.26	1.50
$p_T^H \geq 300 \text{ GeV}$	2.73	1.66	1.64
$tH$			
$tHqb$ , High-purity	0.55	2.16	0.25
$tHqb$ , Med-purity	0.14	2.78	0.05
$tHqb$ , BSM ( $\kappa_t = -1$ )	0.12	1.86	0.06
$tHW$	0.16	6.91	0.02

# ttH H- $\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$

## ATLAS + CMS full Run2 differential in Higgs pT



## CMS

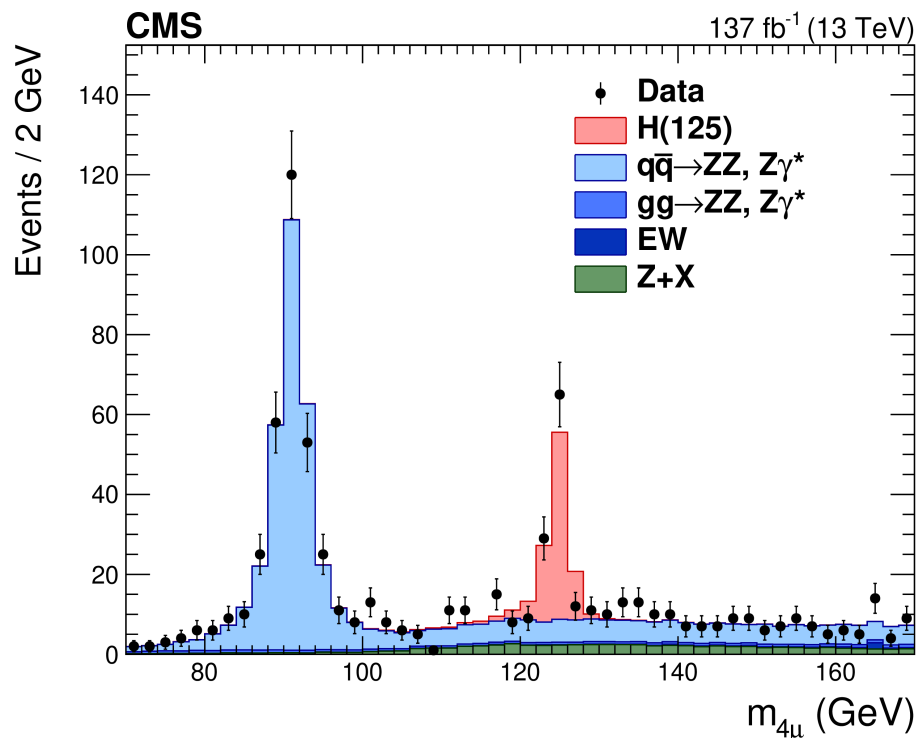
Parameters	$\sigma\mathcal{B}/(\sigma\mathcal{B})_{\text{SM}}$
	Observed (Expected) Best fit
$t\bar{t}H$ $p_T^H < 60$	$0.73^{+0.92}_{-0.73} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +0.89 \\ -0.75 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
$t\bar{t}H$ $60 < p_T^H < 120$	$1.25^{+0.65}_{-0.55} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +0.72 \\ -0.55 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
$t\bar{t}H$ $120 < p_T^H < 200$	$0.80^{+0.58}_{-0.49} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +0.58 \\ -0.53 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
$t\bar{t}H$ $200 < p_T^H < 300$	$0.92^{+0.89}_{-0.73} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +0.81 \\ -0.75 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
$t\bar{t}H$ $p_T^H > 300$	$0.00^{+1.34}_{-0.00} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +1.21 \\ -1.00 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$
tH	$8.38^{+3.48}_{-4.55} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +4.93 \\ -1.00 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$

Measurements have very small systematic and large statistical uncertainties

# ttH H->ZZ->4l

ATLAS + CMS full Run2 data

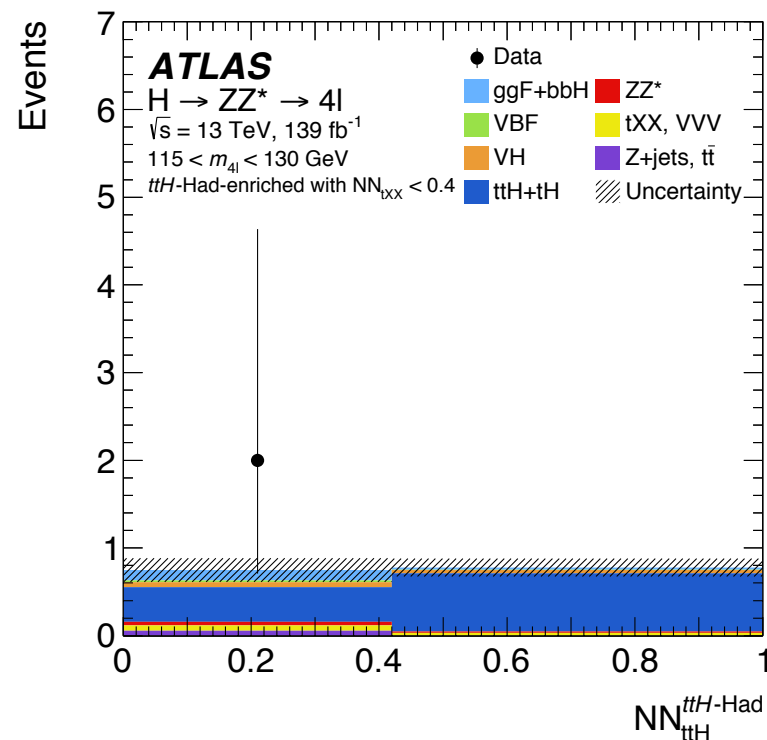
## Inclusive H->4μ



$$(\sigma_{ttHB})_{\text{meas}} / (\sigma_{ttHB})_{\text{SM}}$$

CMS:  $3^{+16}_{-3}$

## ttH H->4l



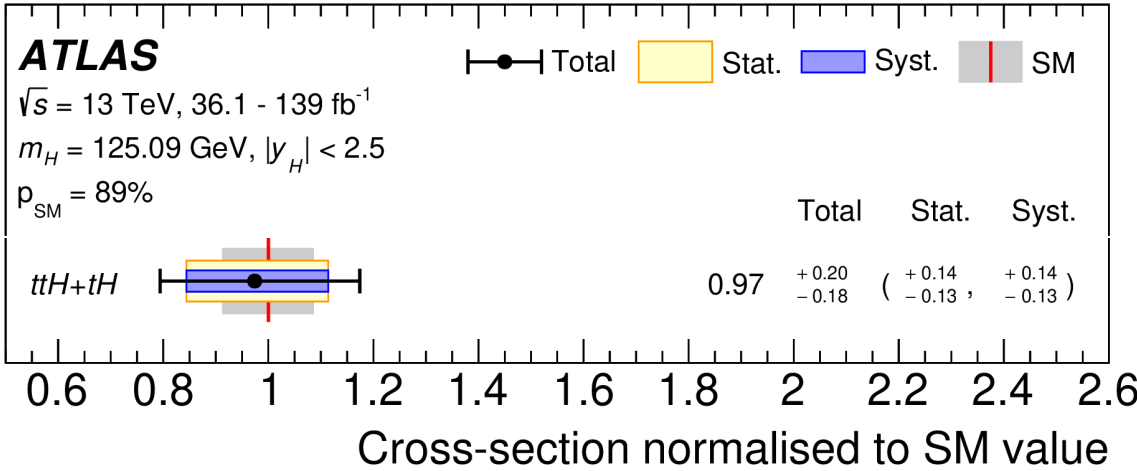
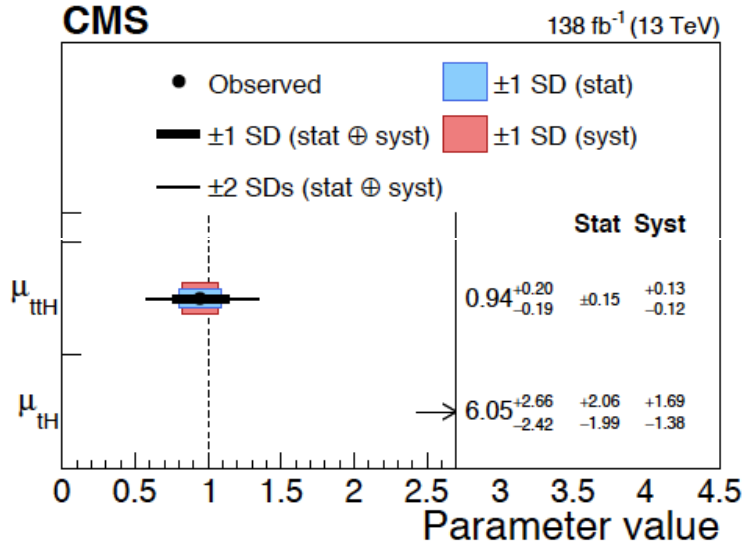
ATLAS:  $1.6 \pm 1.7^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$

# Combined Results for each experiment

## Combination of ttH results in different channels

H-> $\gamma\gamma$ , 4l, ML 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>  
 H->bb 36 fb<sup>-1</sup>

ttH+tH, H-> $\gamma\gamma$ , 4l, bb 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>  
 ttH, H->WW,ZZ,  $\tau\tau$  36 fb<sup>-1</sup>



statistical and systematic uncertainties of similar size

$\mu_{ttH}$  known at ~20%

$\sigma_{tH}$ . not yet observed

# Summary & Outlook

Measurements of ttH and tH performed on full Run2 data set in many channels, few are still in preparation

Measurements of ttH in differential Higgs pT are statistics limited in most of the phase space

Combination of Run2 results of ATLAS and CMS would be beneficial

- Need to overcome significant differences in treatment of systematic uncertainties in ttHML and ttHbb
- LHC Higgs WG note on theory uncertainty treatment in [cds](#); to appear on arXiv soon

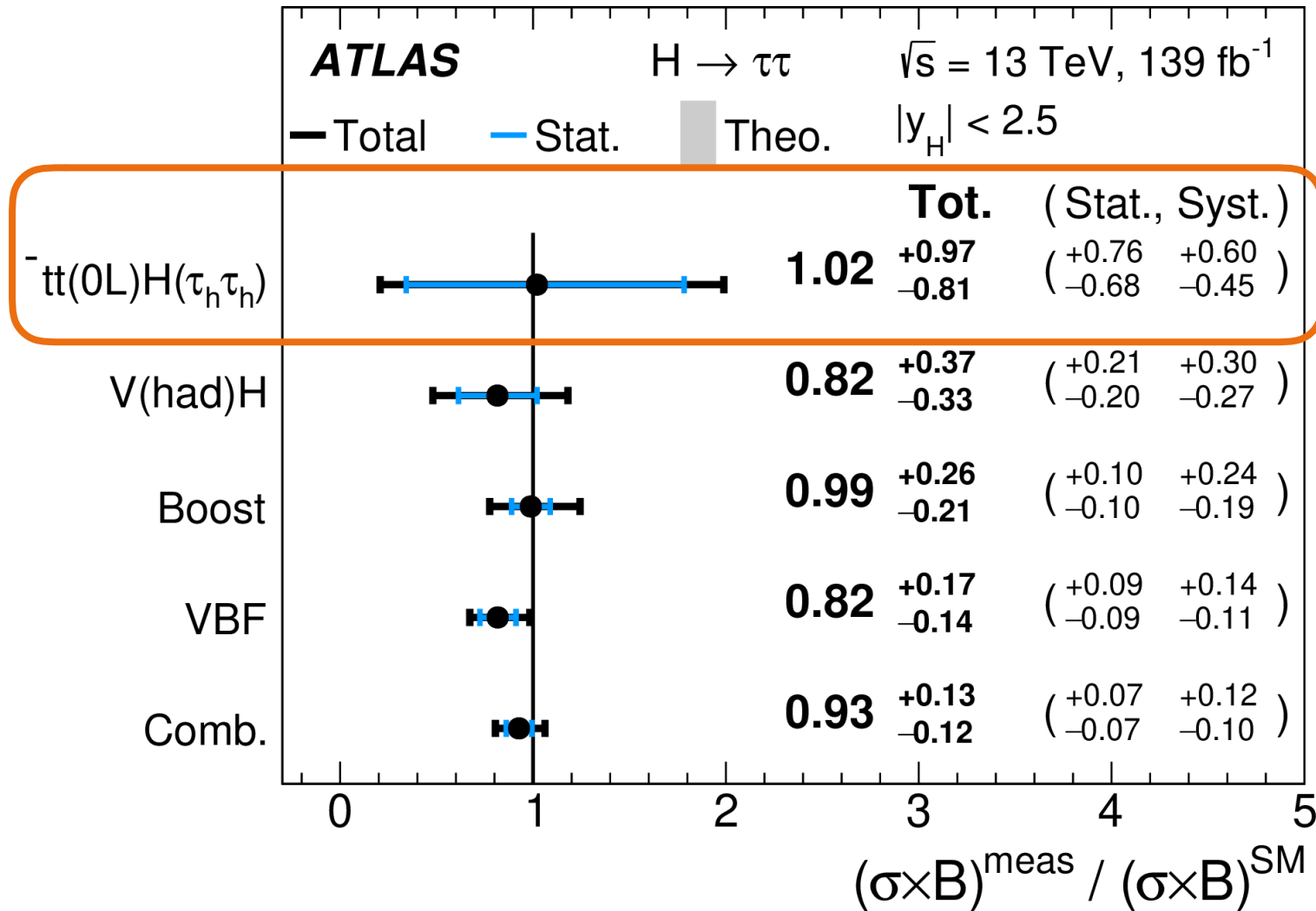
13.6 TeV: increase of ttH and tH cross section by 12%

# Thank you



# ttH 0 lepton, $H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}} \tau_{\text{had}}$

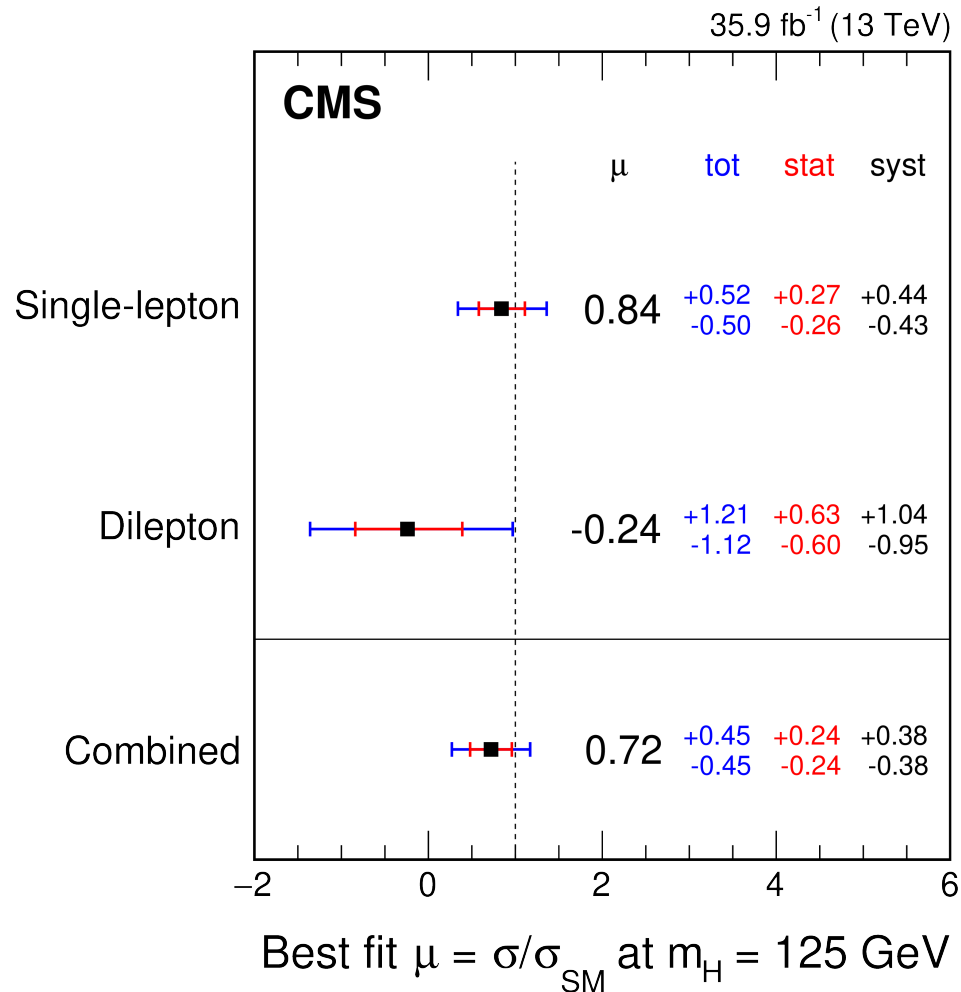
ATLAS full Run2



# ttH H->bb

CMS 36 fb<sup>-1</sup>

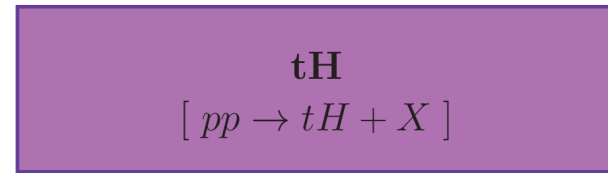
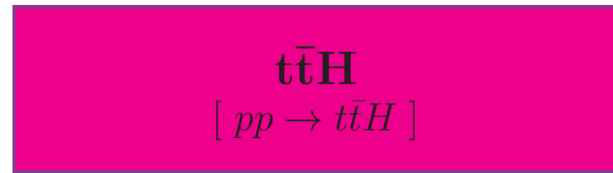
- **>= 1 leptonic top decay**



- Measurement performed in phase space starting with 3b
- Use of MVA techniques to separate signal from background and different background categories
- Use **tt@NLO** 5FS as background MC also for ttbb
- **Systematic limited**
- **Dominant uncertainty:**
  - uncertainty on tt+heavy flavour rate
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# STXS binning $t\bar{t}H$ + $tH$

Including Higgs  $p_T$



$p_T^H < 60 \text{ GeV}$

$60 \leq p_T^H < 120 \text{ GeV}$

$120 \leq p_T^H < 200 \text{ GeV}$

$200 \leq p_T^H < 300 \text{ GeV}$

$300 \leq p_T^H < 450 \text{ GeV}$

$p_T^H \geq 450 \text{ GeV}$

# ttHbb SR background composition

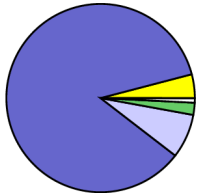
ATLAS full Run2

ATLAS

$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

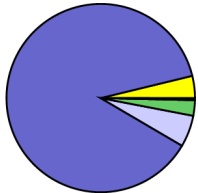
Dilepton

$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\geq 4j}$   
 $p_T^H \in [0, 120)$  GeV

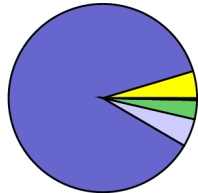


- dilepton

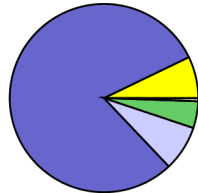
$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\geq 4j}$   
 $p_T^H \in [120, 200)$  GeV



$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\geq 4j}$   
 $p_T^H \in [200, 300)$  GeV



$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\geq 4j}$   
 $p_T^H \in [300, \infty)$  GeV



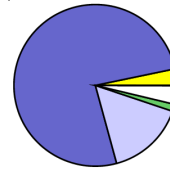
Legend for dilepton channel:  
 tH (magenta)  
 tt + V (green)  
 tt + \ge 1b (blue)  
 tt + light (white)  
 tt + \ge 1c (light blue)  
 Other (yellow)

ATLAS

$\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

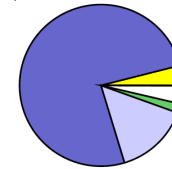
Single lepton

$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\geq 6j}$   
 $p_T^H \in [0, 120)$  GeV

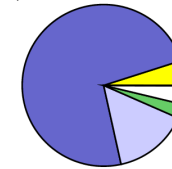


- l+jets

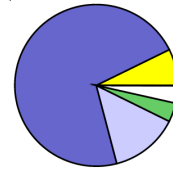
$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\geq 6j}$   
 $p_T^H \in [120, 200)$  GeV



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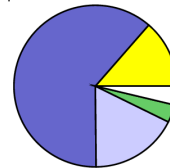


$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\geq 6j}$   
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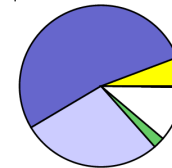
Legend for single lepton channel:  
 tH (magenta)  
 tt + V (green)  
 tt + \ge 1b (blue)  
 tt + light (white)  
 tt + \ge 1c (light blue)  
 Other (yellow)

$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\geq 6j}$   
 $p_T^H \in [450, \infty)$  GeV

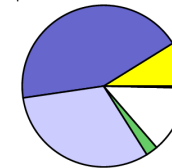


- Boosted

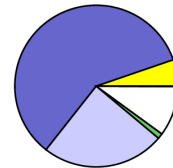
$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\text{boosted}}$   
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$SR_{\geq 4b}^{\text{boosted}}$   
 $p_T^H \in [450, \infty)$  GeV

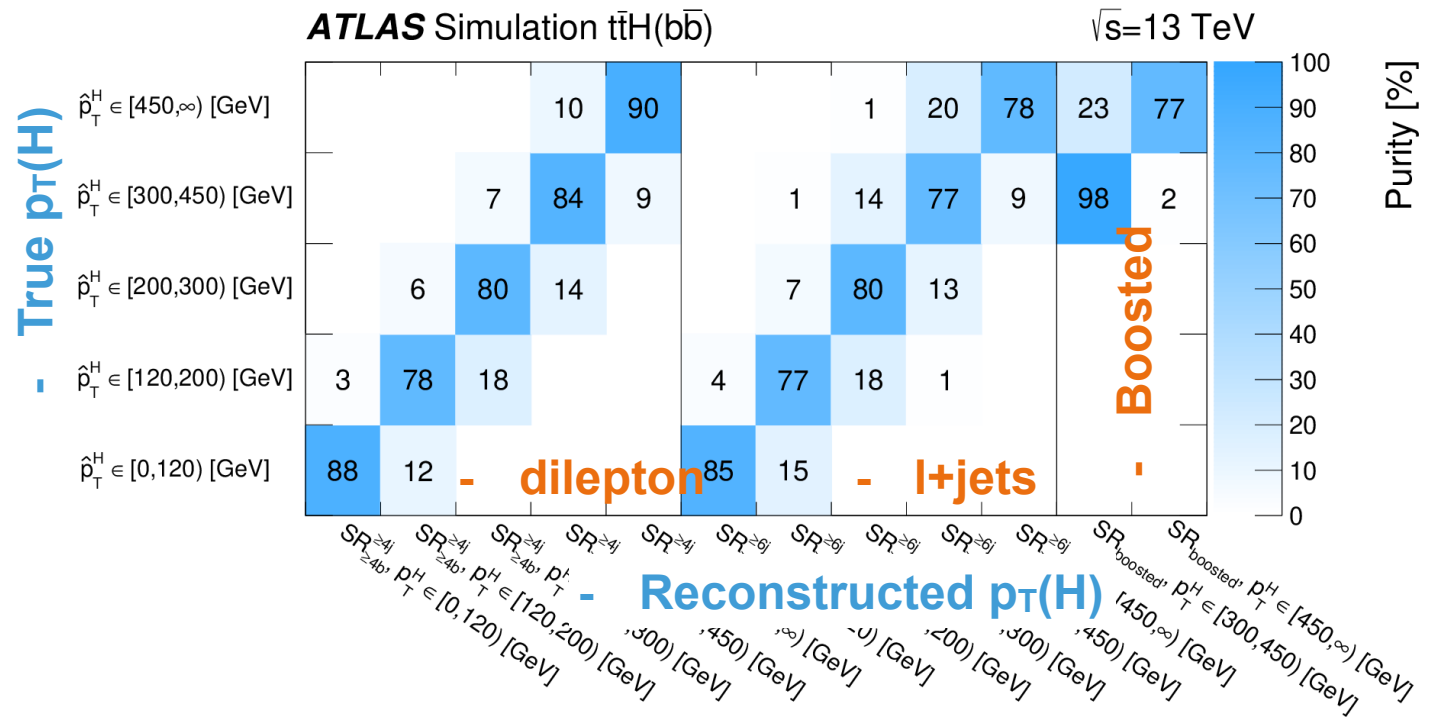
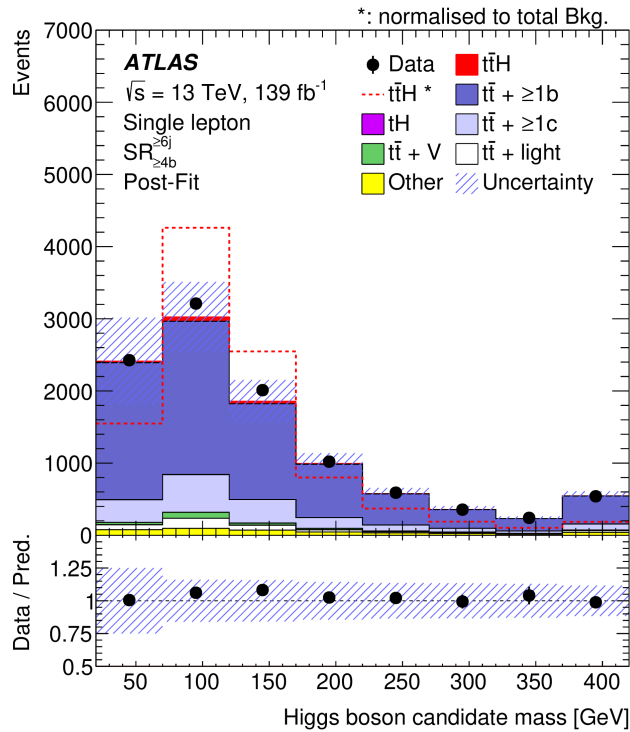


$CR_{\geq 4b}^{5j}$



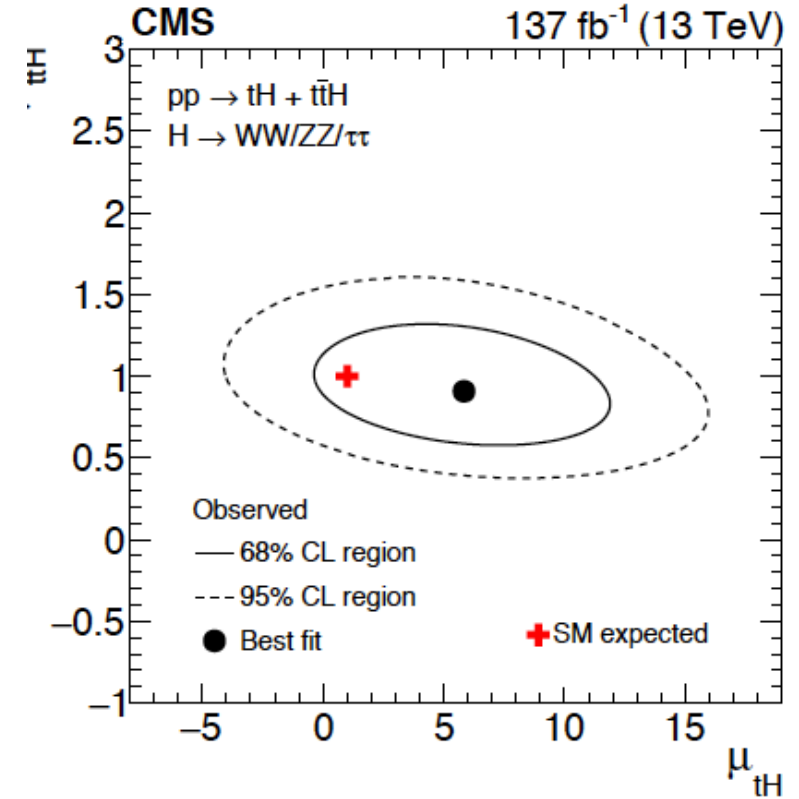
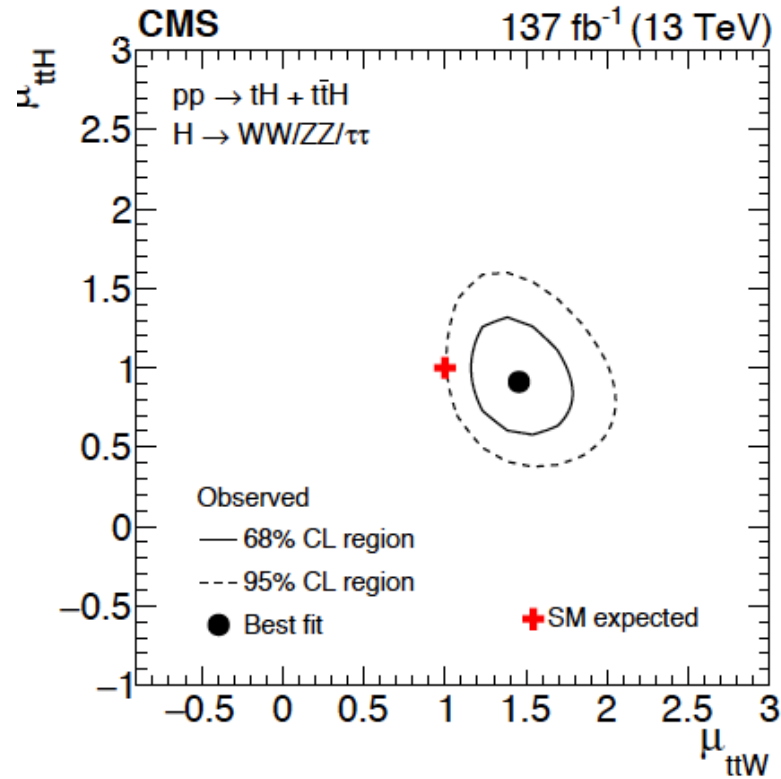
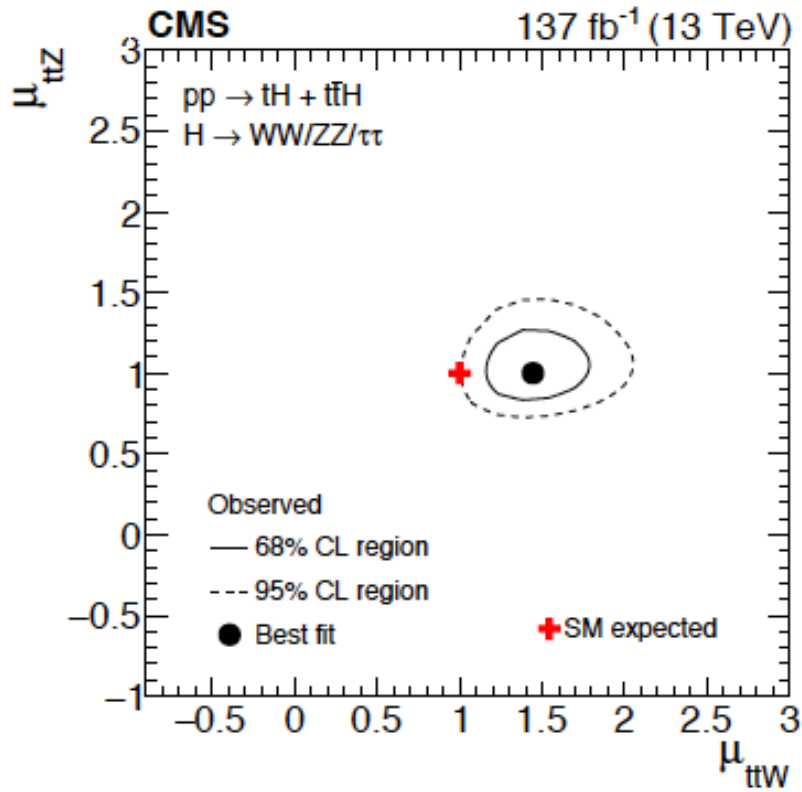
# ttH H->bb

ATLAS full Run-2 analysis 139 fb<sup>-1</sup>



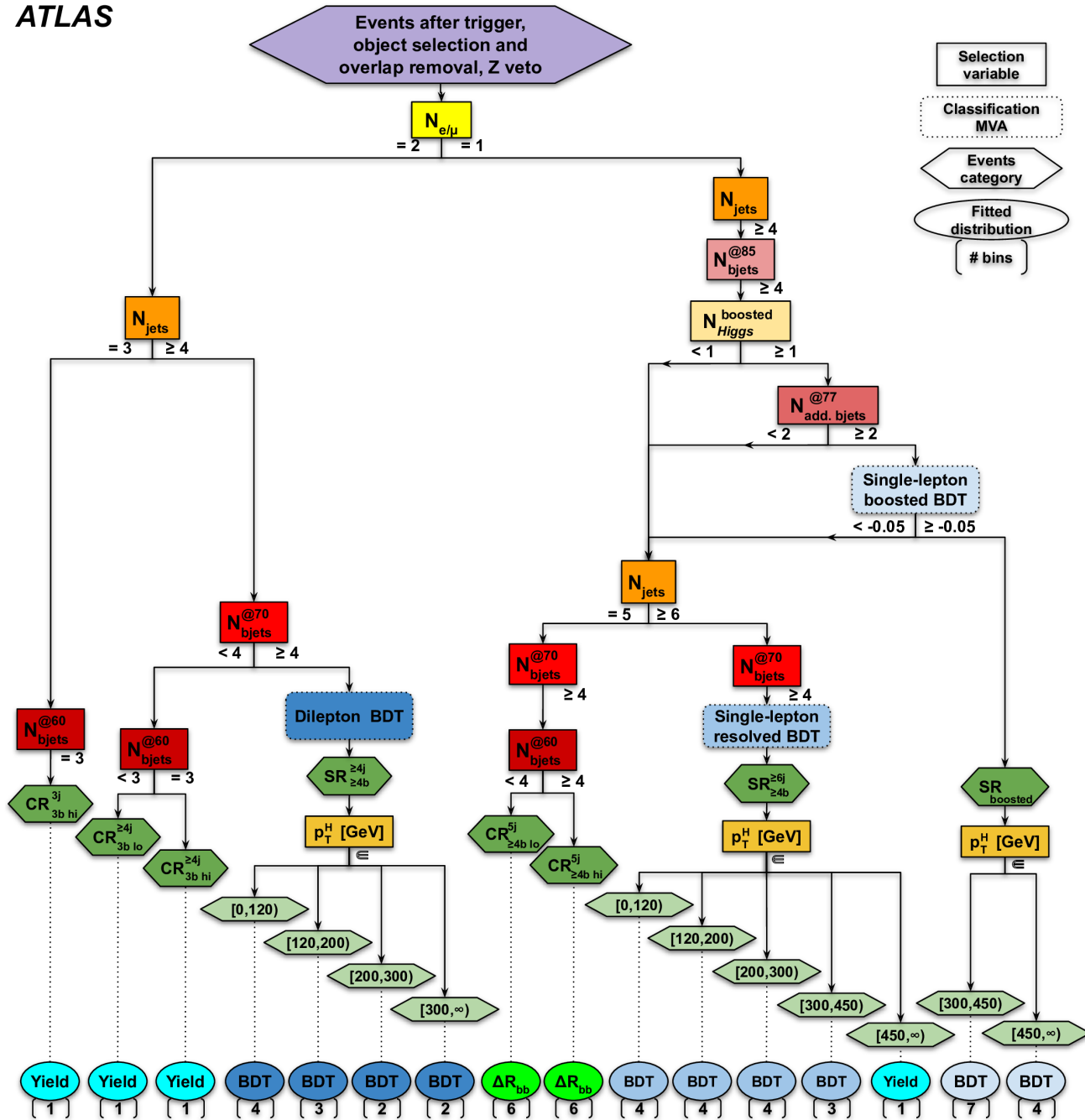
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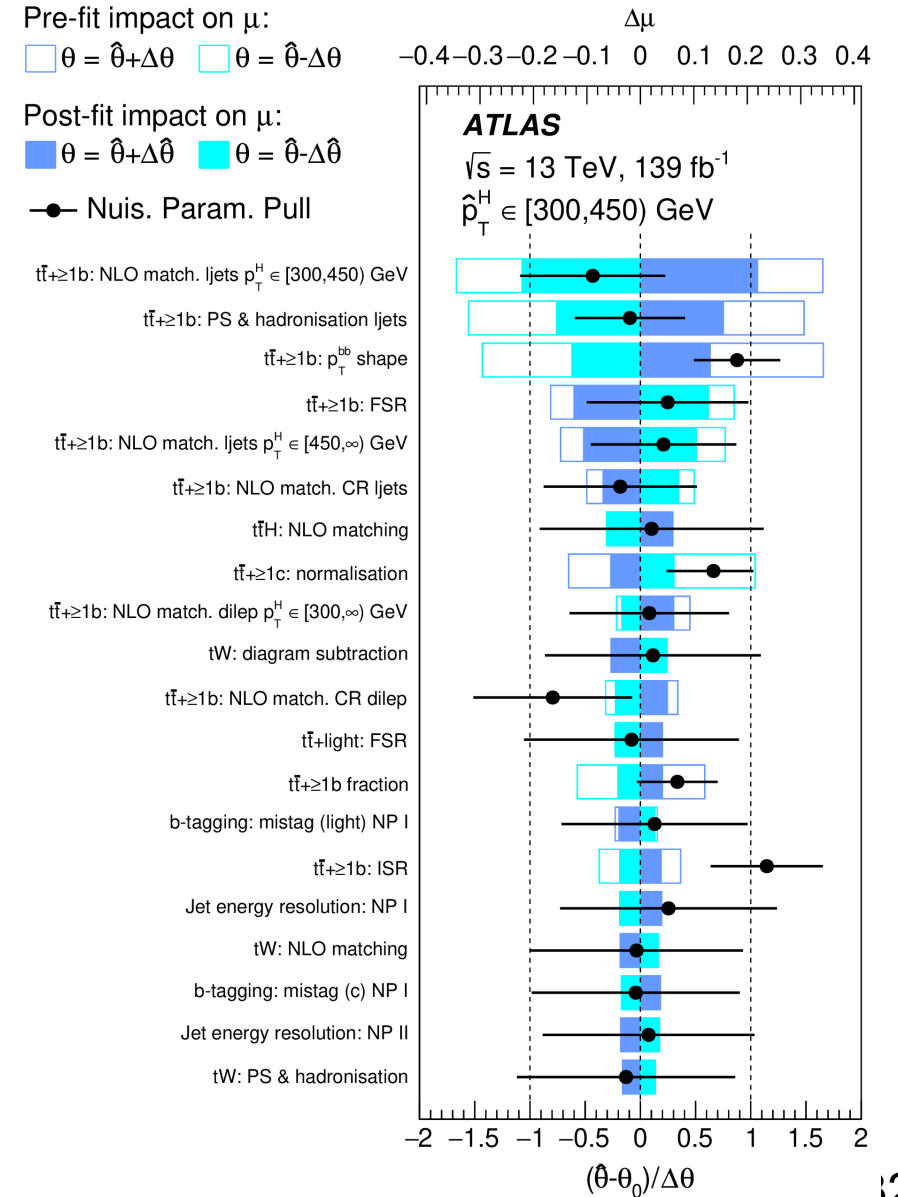
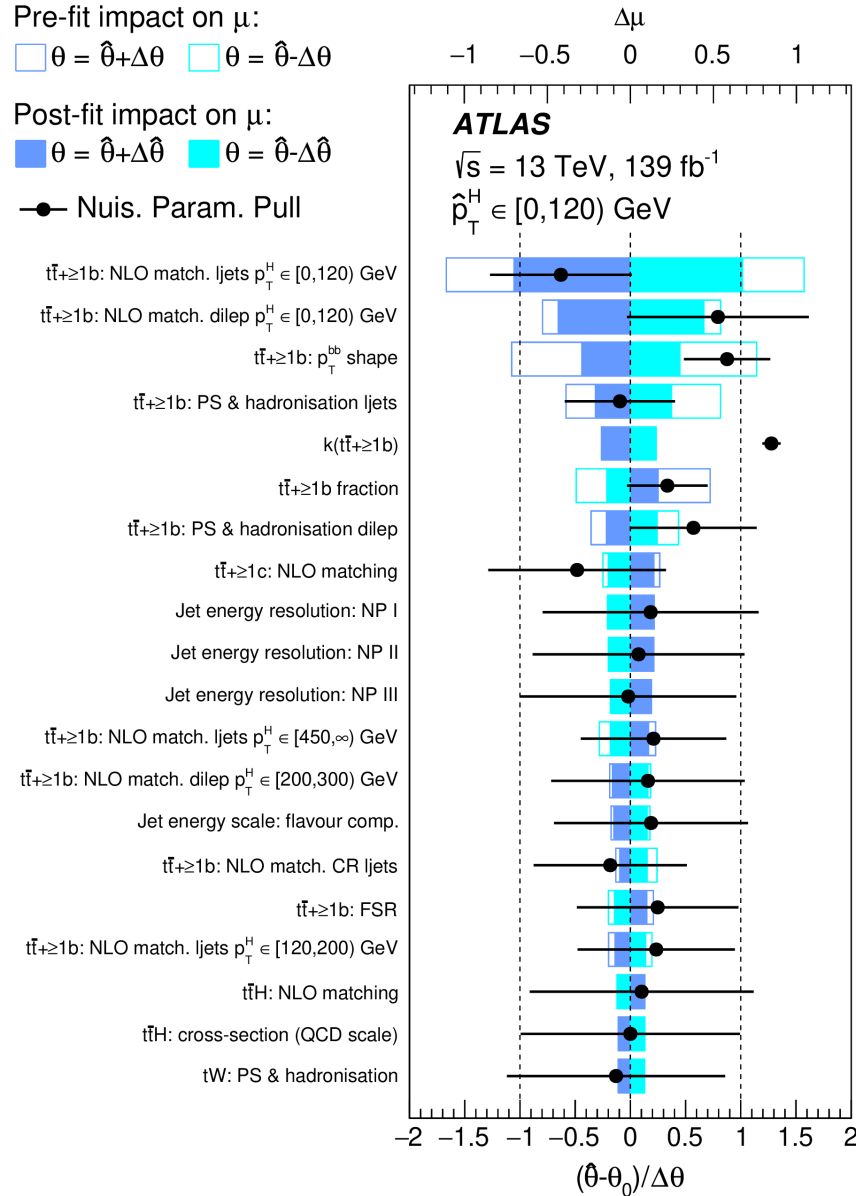
CMS full Run2 139 fb



- ttW ~1.5 times higher in data

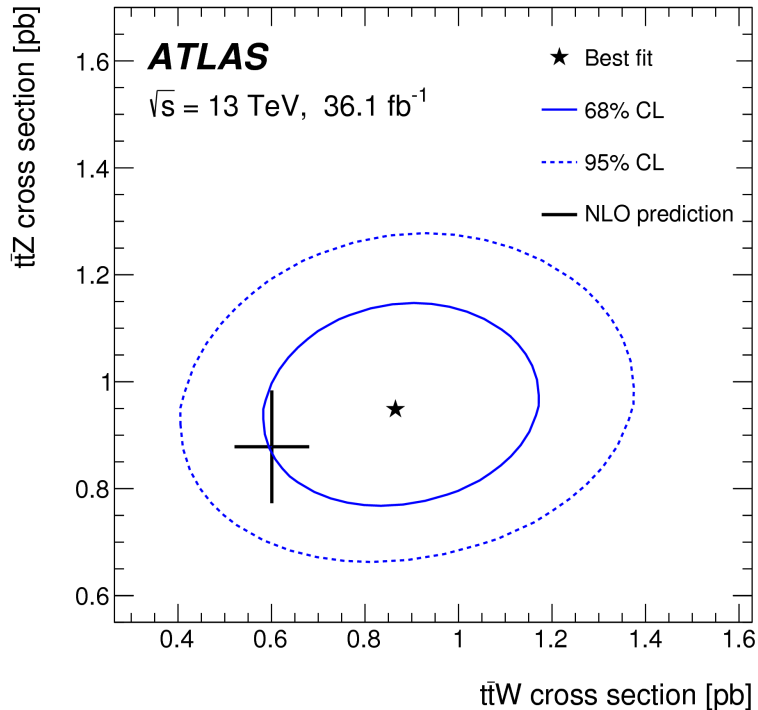
-  $\kappa_t = y_t(\text{meas}) / y_t(\text{SM})$  -  **$-0.7 < \kappa_t < -0.9$  or  $0.7 < \kappa_t < 1.1$  at 95% CL**





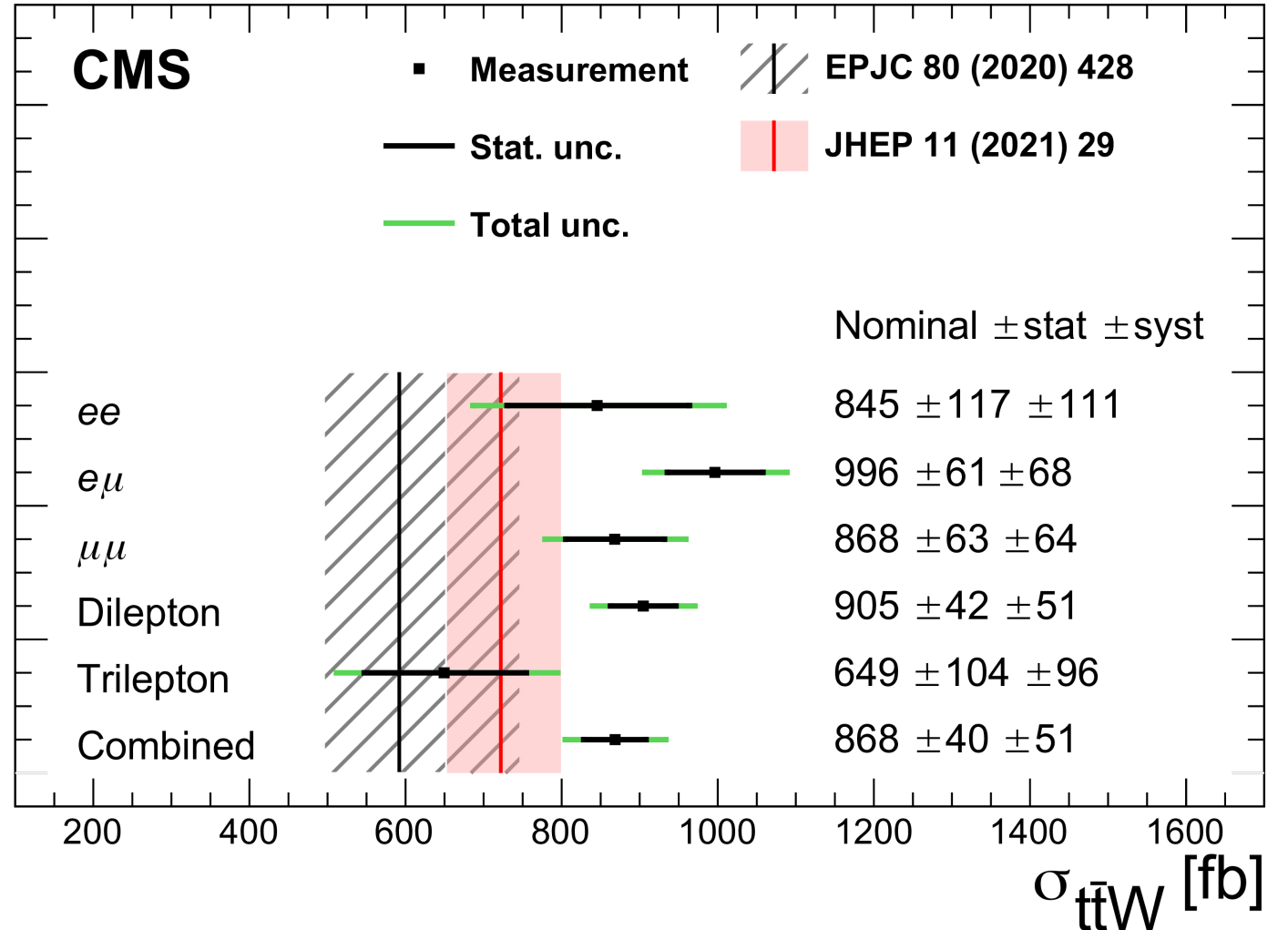


Fit configuration	$\mu_{t\bar{t}Z}$	$\mu_{t\bar{t}W}$
Combined	$1.08 \pm 0.14$	$1.44 \pm 0.32$
2l-OS	$0.73 \pm 0.28$	–
3l $t\bar{t}Z$	$1.08 \pm 0.18$	–
2l-SS and 3l $t\bar{t}W$	–	$1.41 \pm 0.33$
4l	$1.21 \pm 0.29$	–



- ATLAS: [Phys. Rev. D 99 \(2019\) 072009](#)
- CMS: [arXiv:2208.0648](#)

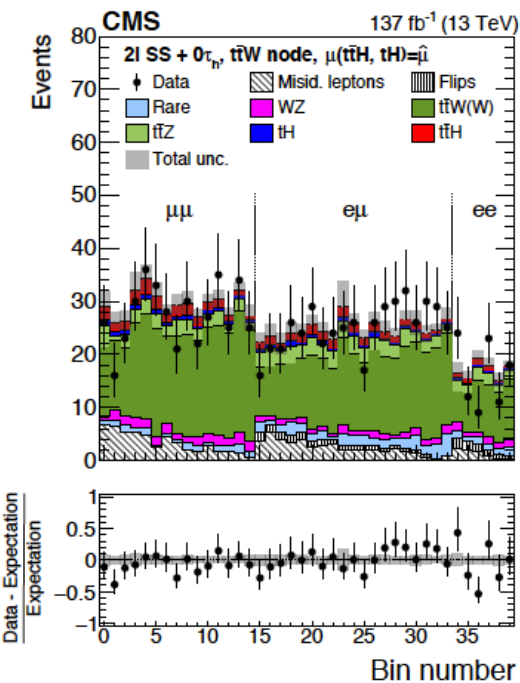
138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



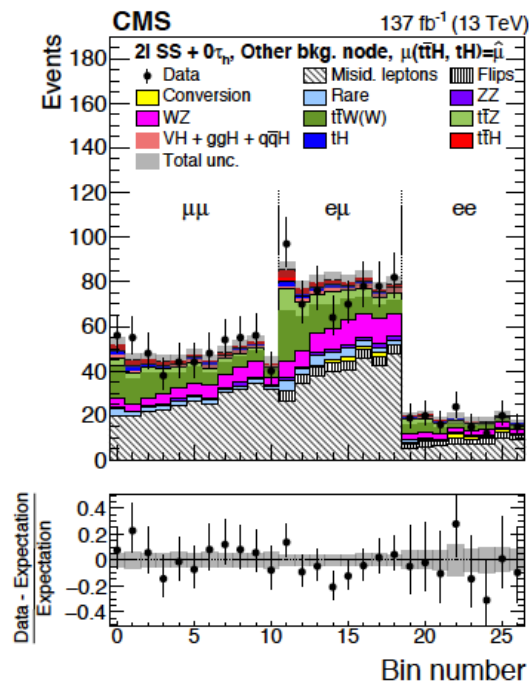
# ttH+tH in ML

Example: nodes of 2ISS+0 $\tau$

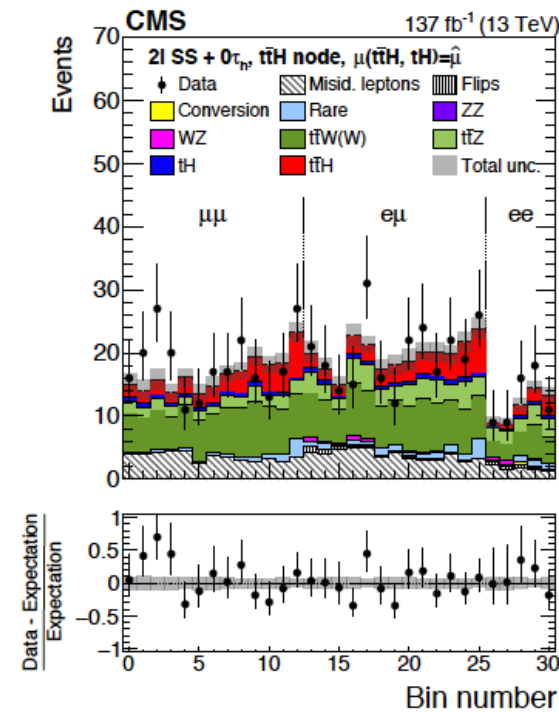
- ttW



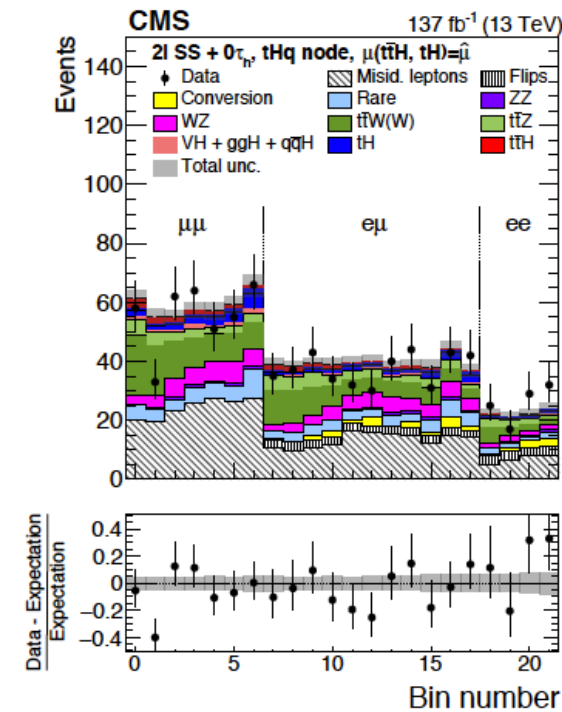
- Misidentified leptons



- ttH

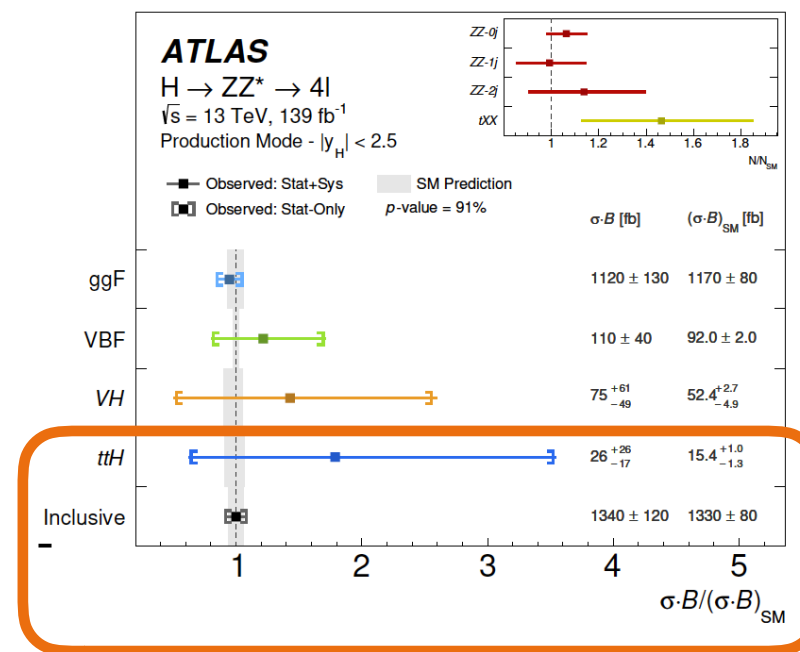
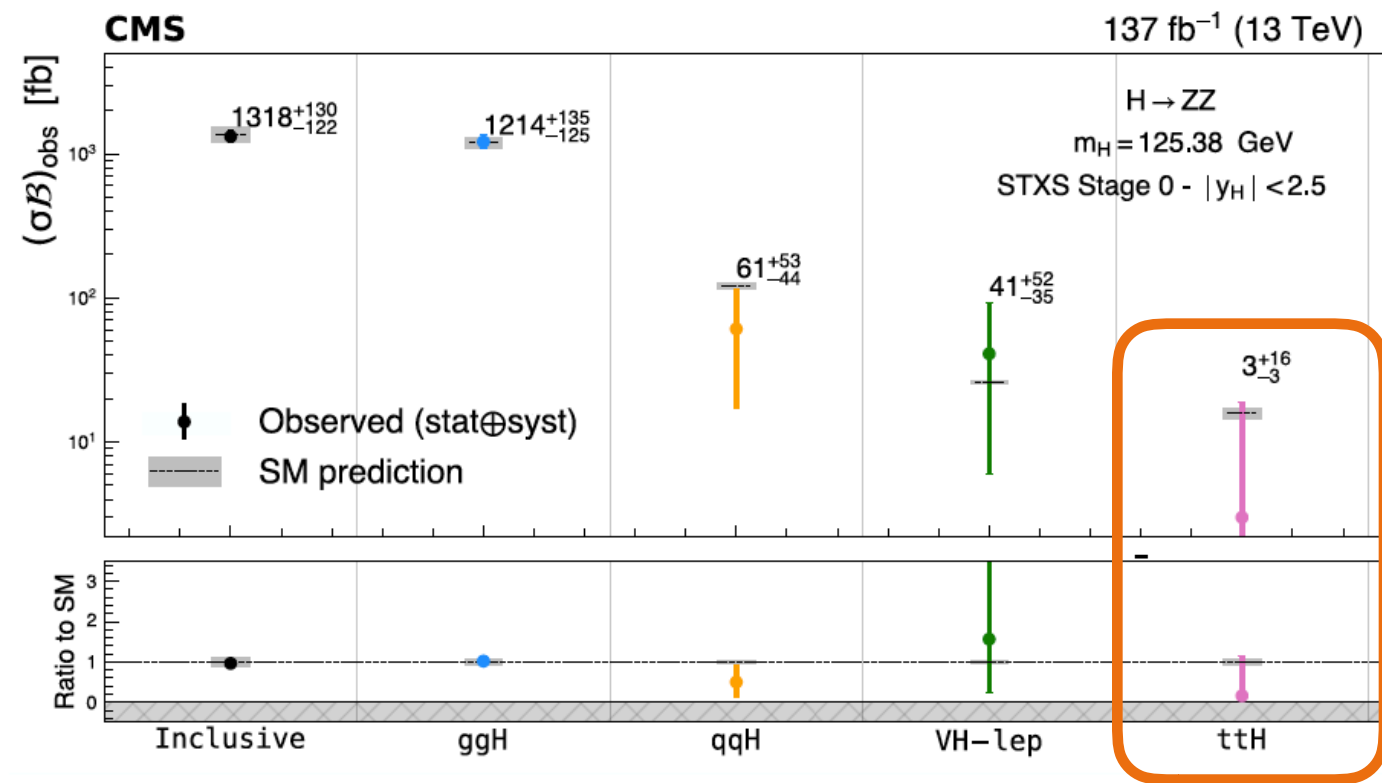


- tH



# ttH H→ZZ→4l

ATLAS + CMS full Run2 data



# Combinations

## Differential in Higgs pT

