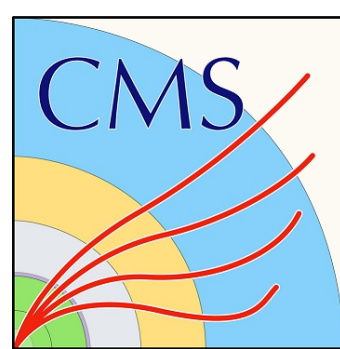


# V + jets modelling in CMS

**VH(c $\bar{c}$ ) and VH(b $\bar{b}$ ) analyses experience**

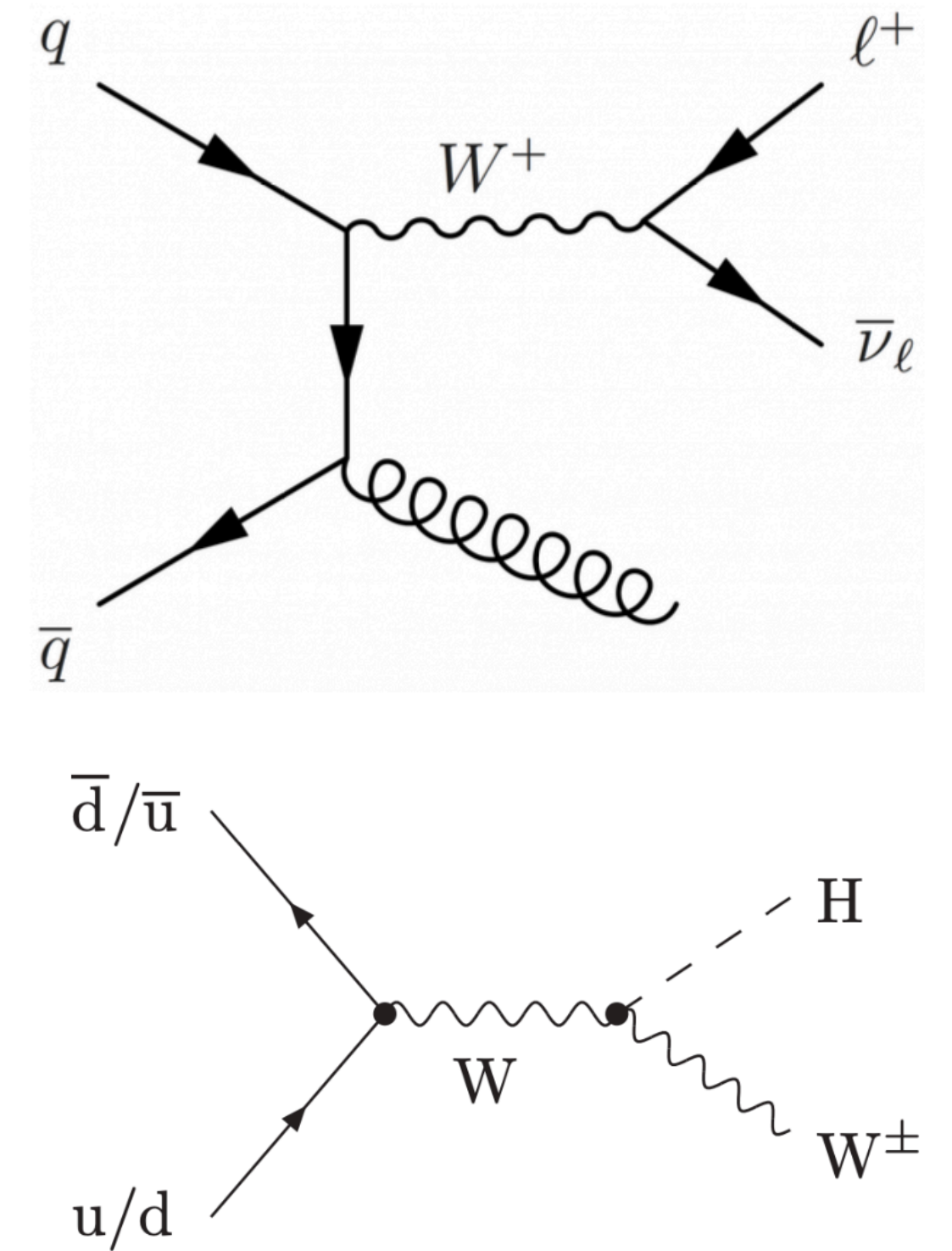
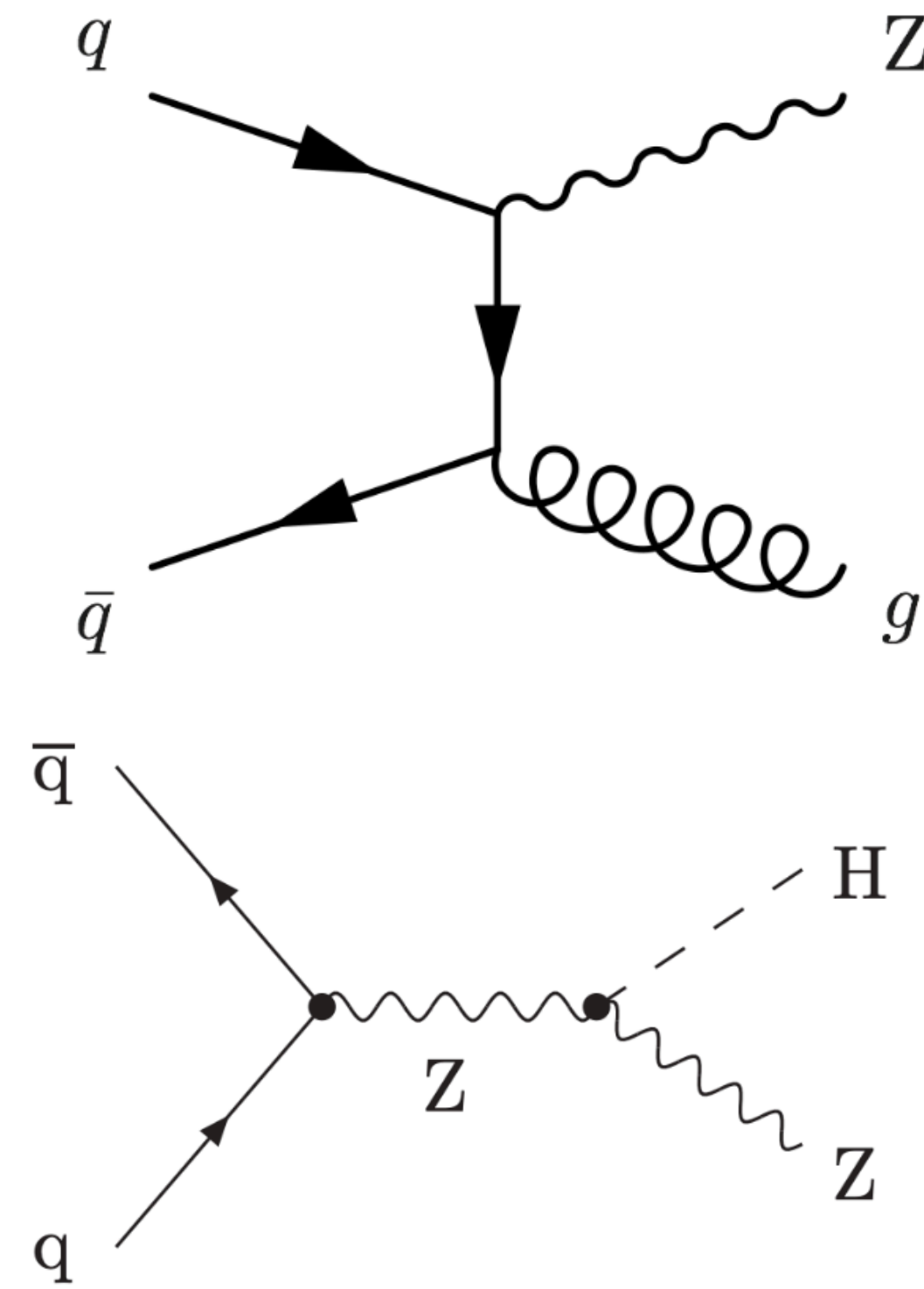
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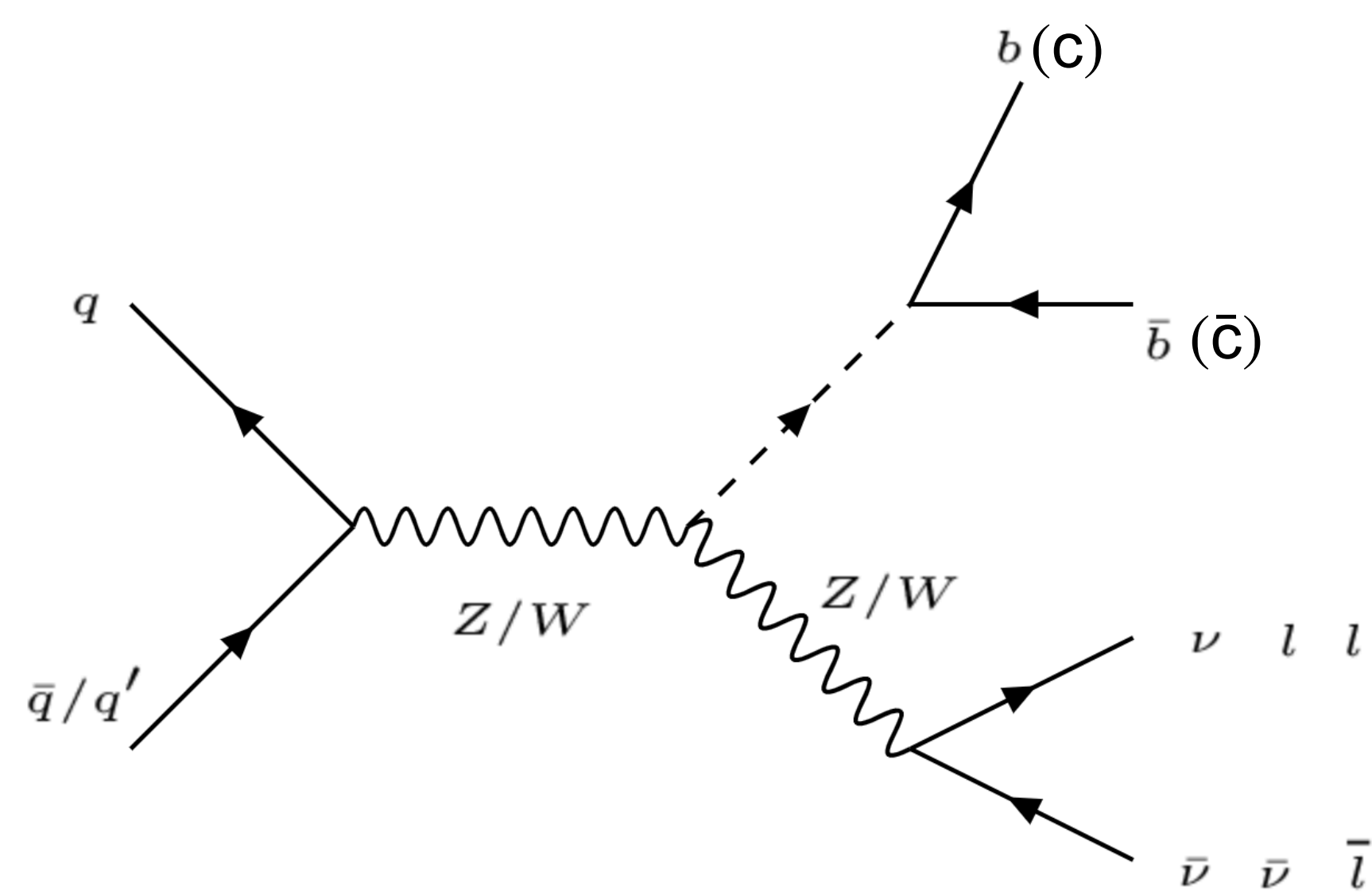


# Introduction

- V+jets production is very abundant at LHC
- Similar topology to  $VH(H \rightarrow q\bar{q})$  processes: irreducible background
- Leading irreducible background for  $VH(c\bar{c})$  and  $VH(b\bar{b})$
- Accurate prediction and normalisation estimation is crucial
- MVA methods for the jets tagging and signal-background separation
- Both  $VH(c\bar{c})$  and  $VH(b\bar{b})$  use the process-enriched control regions (CR) to constrain the backgrounds



# VH strategy



3 channels (V-boson decay mode): 0-lepton ( $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ ), 1-lepton ( $W \rightarrow e\nu/\mu\nu$ ) and 2 lepton ( $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$ )

## VH( $b\bar{b}$ )

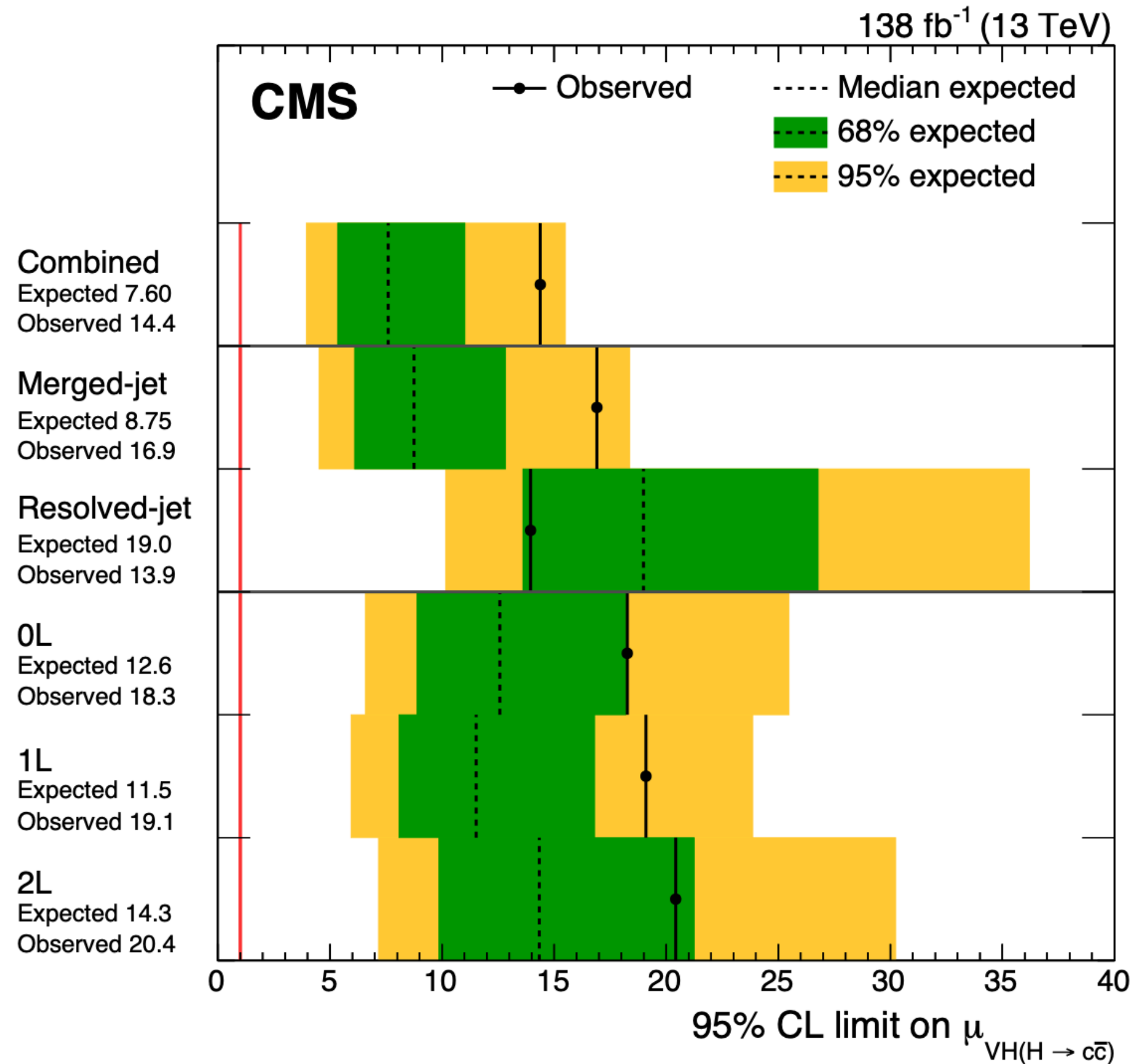
- Combine 2 Higgs decay topologies: resolved (DeepAK4) and boosted (DeepAK8)
- Simultaneous fit of boosted and resolved regions + overlap events are included with resolved priority
- Signal is extracted using DNN output (BDT in boosted analysis)
- Measuring cross-sections in STXS stage 1.2
  - SR are defined to match the STXS regions

## VH( $c\bar{c}$ )

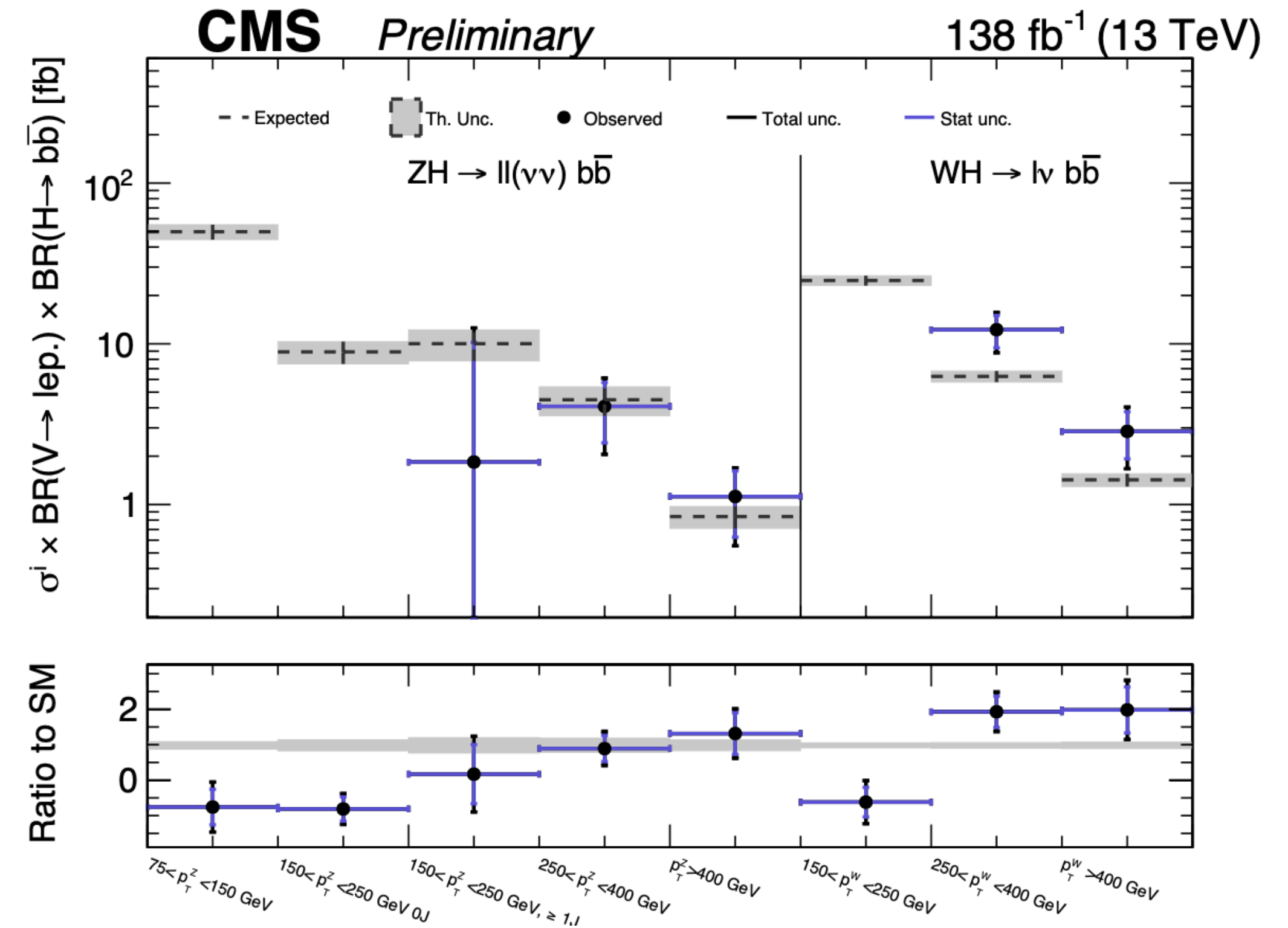
- Separate strategy for boosted and resolved analyses (orthogonality ensured with  $p_T^V$  cut )
- DeepJet in resolved and ParticleNet in boosted for c-tagging
- 2 lepton channel: split low and high  $p_T^V$  regions
- Fit BDT in resolved;  $m(jj)$  in boosted (BDT used for categorisation);

# Recent Run 2 results

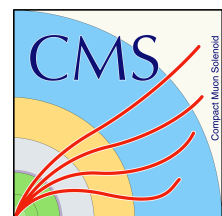
## Leading limits for VH(cc) process



## STXS measurement for VH(bb)

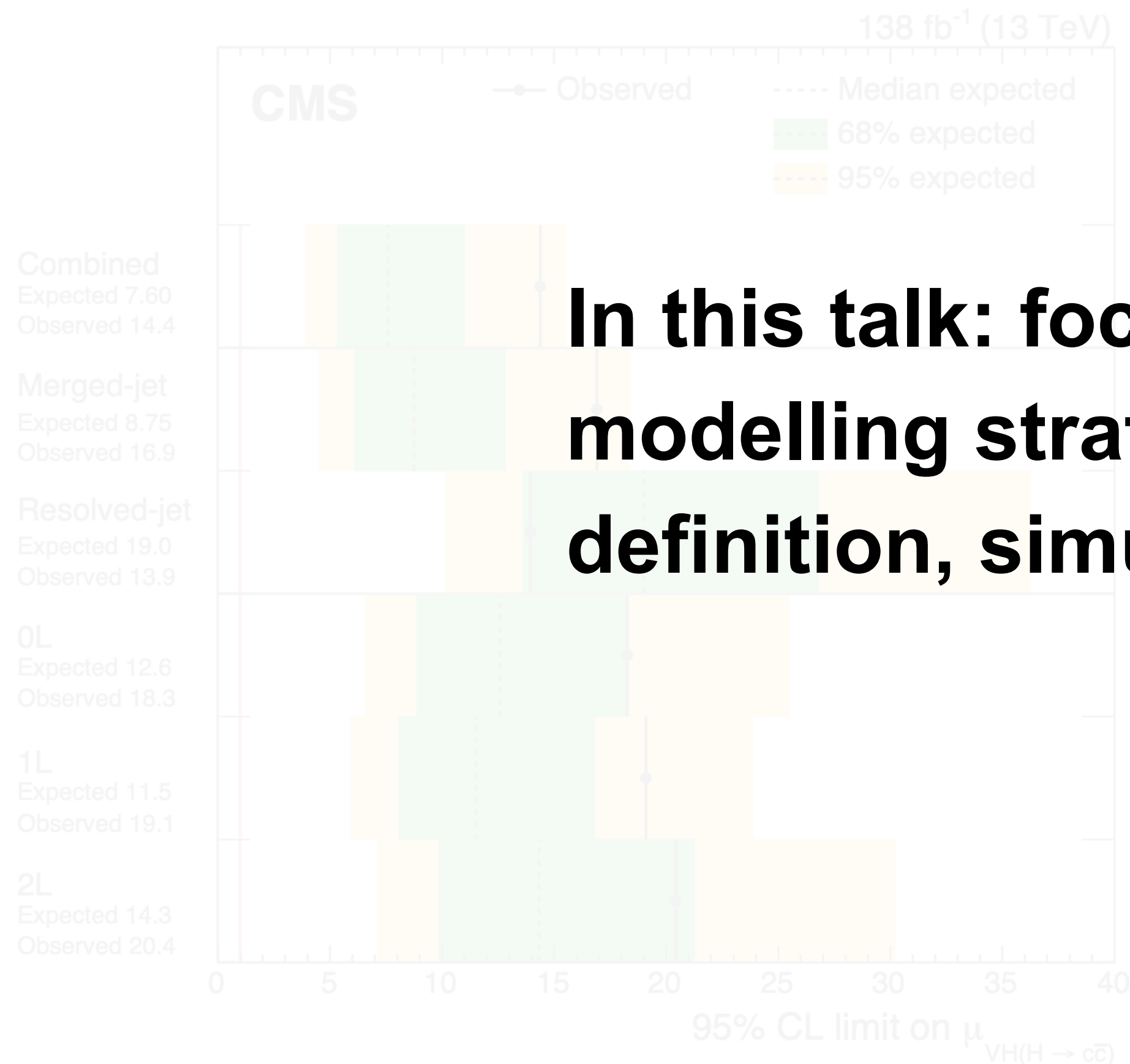


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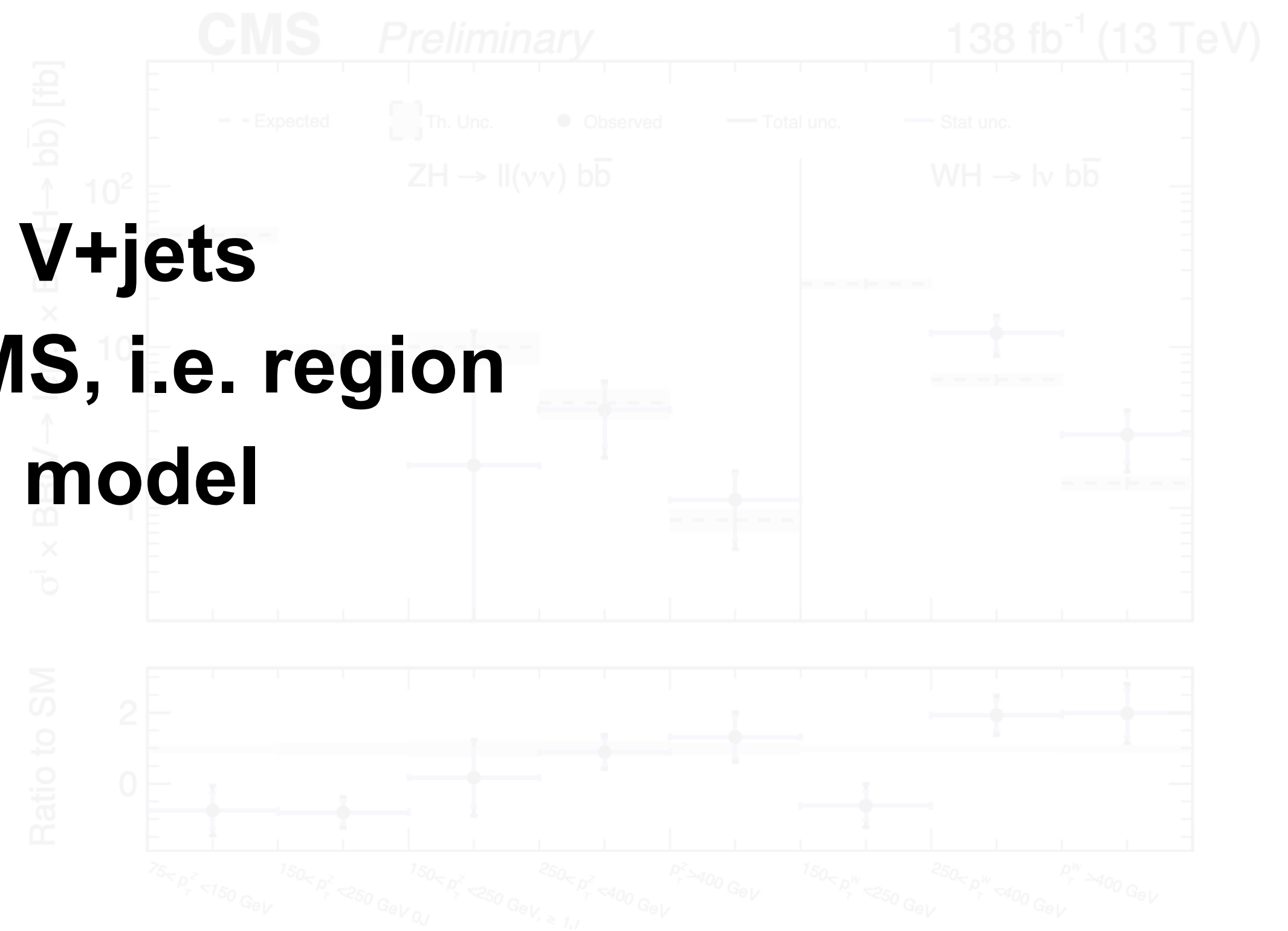
# Recent Run 2 results

Leading limits for  $VH(cc)$



**In this talk: focus on the V+jets modelling strategy in CMS, i.e. region definition, simulation, fit model**

STXS measurement for  $VH(bb)$



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# Systematics

- Major contributions to the systematic uncertainties in both VH(c $\bar{c}$ ) and VH(b $\bar{b}$ ) analyses
  - Limited MC statistics, the uncertainties from scale variations, V+jets modelling

## VH(c $\bar{c}$ )

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu / (\Delta\mu)_{\text{tot}}$
Statistical	85%
Background normalizations	37%
Experimental	48%
Sizes of the simulated samples	37%
c jet identification efficiencies	23%
Jet energy scale and resolution	15%
Simulation modeling	11%
Integrated luminosity	6%
Lepton identification efficiencies	4%
Theory	22%
Backgrounds	17%
Signal	15%

## VH(b $\bar{b}$ )

	$\Delta\mu$
Background (theory)	+0.067 -0.064
Signal (theory)	+0.082 -0.060
MC stats.	+0.092 -0.093
Sim. modelling	+0.070 -0.066
b tagging	+0.059 -0.041
Jet energy resolution	+0.045 -0.057
Luminosity	+0.041 -0.034
Jet energy scale	+0.029 -0.036
LeptonID	+0.016 -0.002
Trigger(MET)	+0.001 -0.001

# Simulation

## VH(c $\bar{c}$ ) and 2017-2018 VH(b $\bar{b}$ ) analyses:

- NLO Madgraph aMC@NLO prediction with the inclusive reweighting to NNLO accurate in QCD
- Samples are split in  $p_T^V$  and n-jets
  - Stitched in case of phase space overlap to maximise the statistics

- $\Delta R(j_1 j_2)$  reweighting to account for residual disagreement (NLO feature)

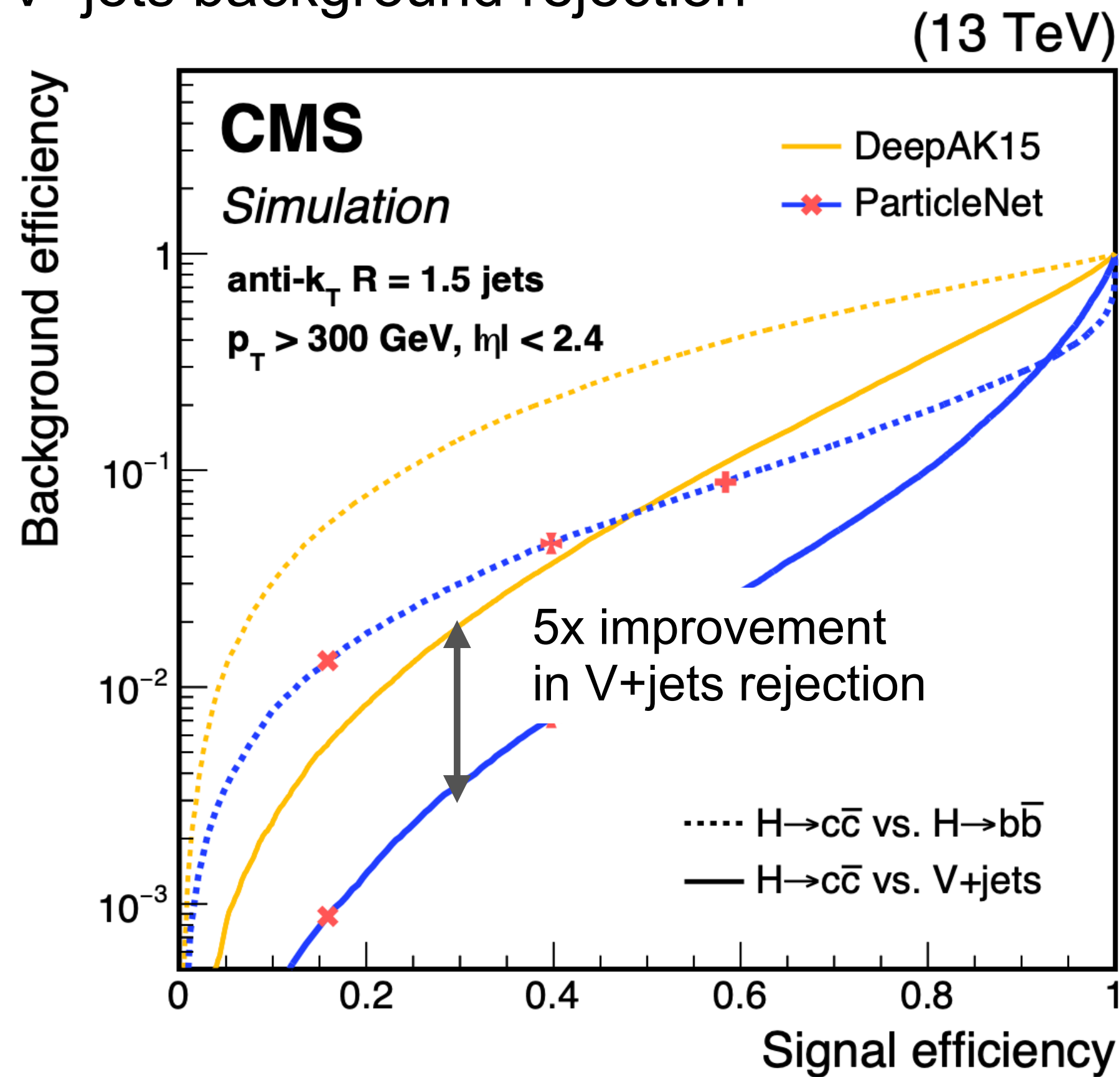
## VH(b $\bar{b}$ ) 2016 analysis

- LO Madgraph aMC@NLO prediction with the inclusive reweighting to NNLO accurate in QCD
- HT-binned + b-enriched enriched binned in  $p_T^V$ 
  - Stitched in case of phase space overlap to maximise the statistics
- $\Delta\eta(j_1 j_2)$  to reweighting to NLO accuracy

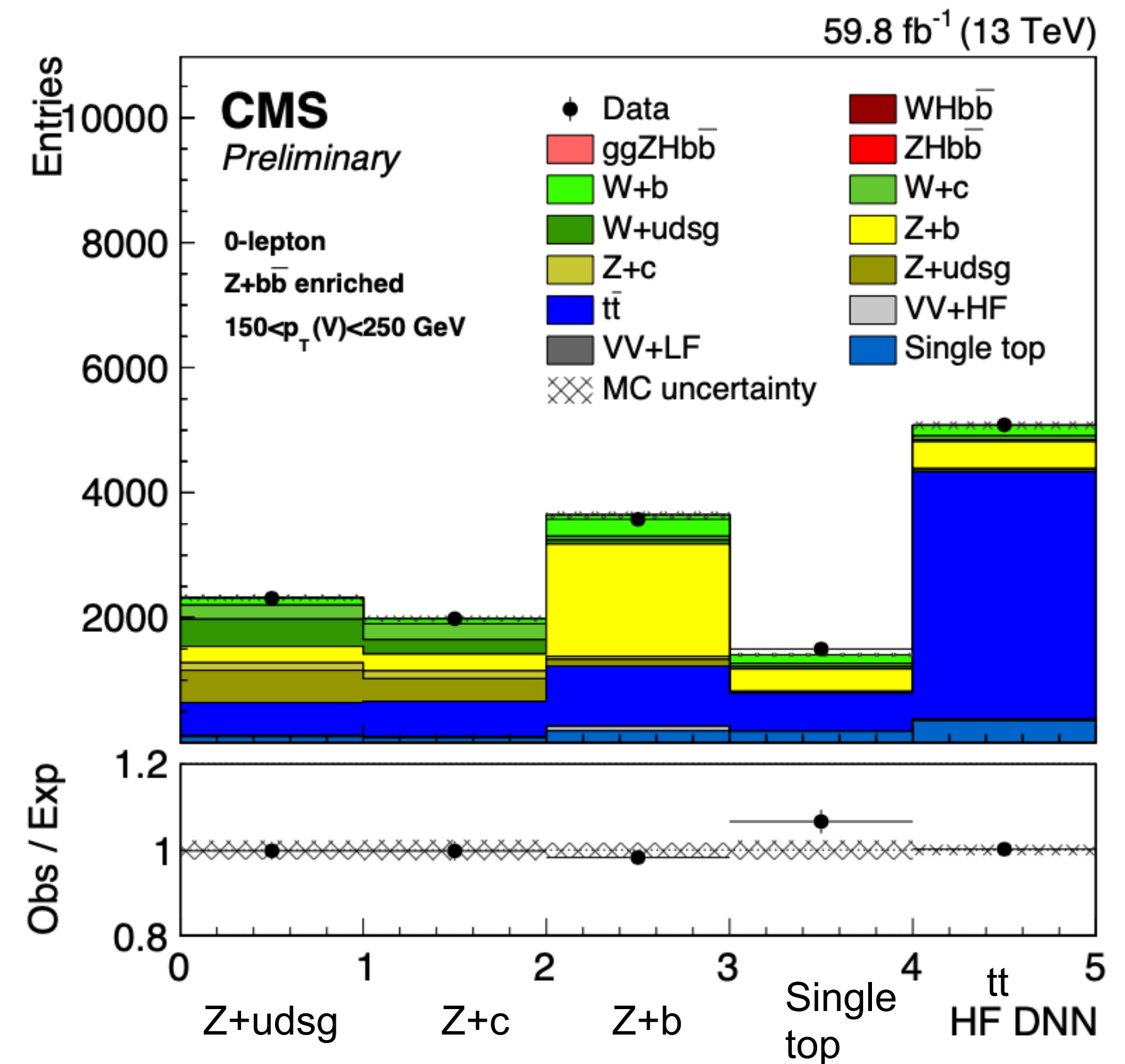
Additional systematic uncertainties assigned

# Improving background rejection and modelling with NN

**VH(c $\bar{c}$ ):** Major improvement from ParticleNet in in V+jets background rejection



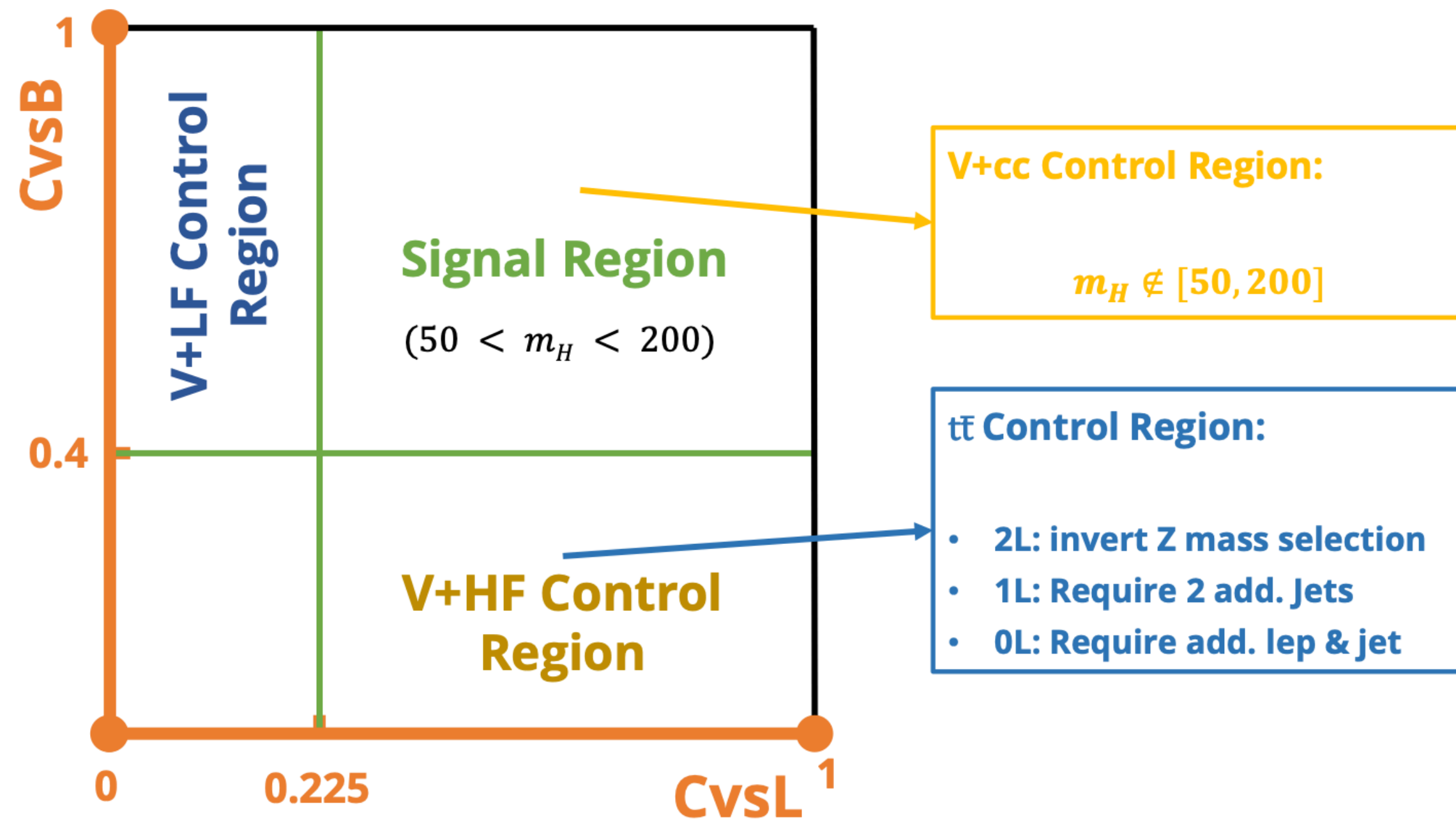
**VH(b $\bar{b}$ ):** In V+HF control region the multi-class DNN was trained to improve the V+jets separation from the other major backgrounds



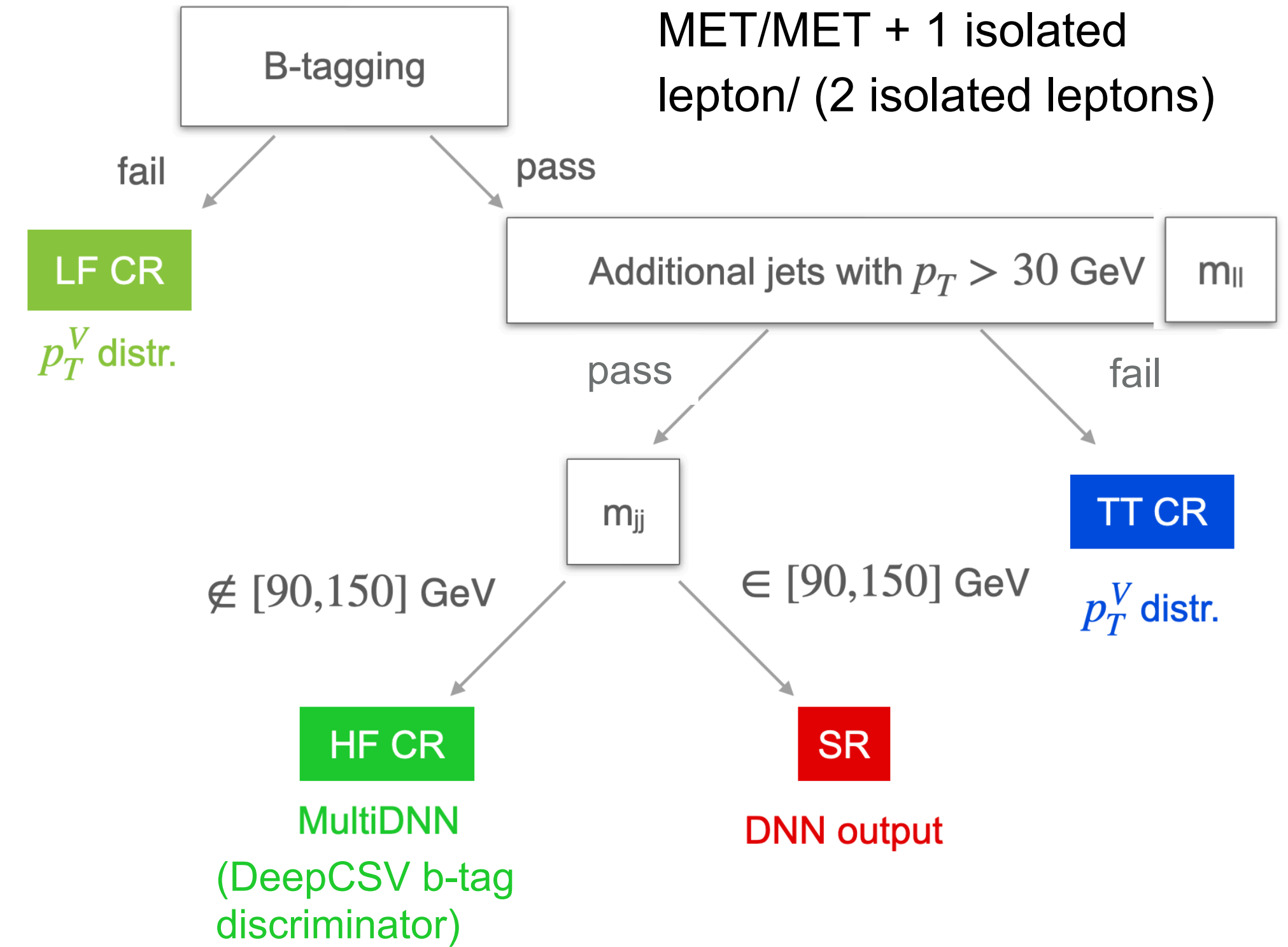


# Regions definition

## VH(cc̄) regions

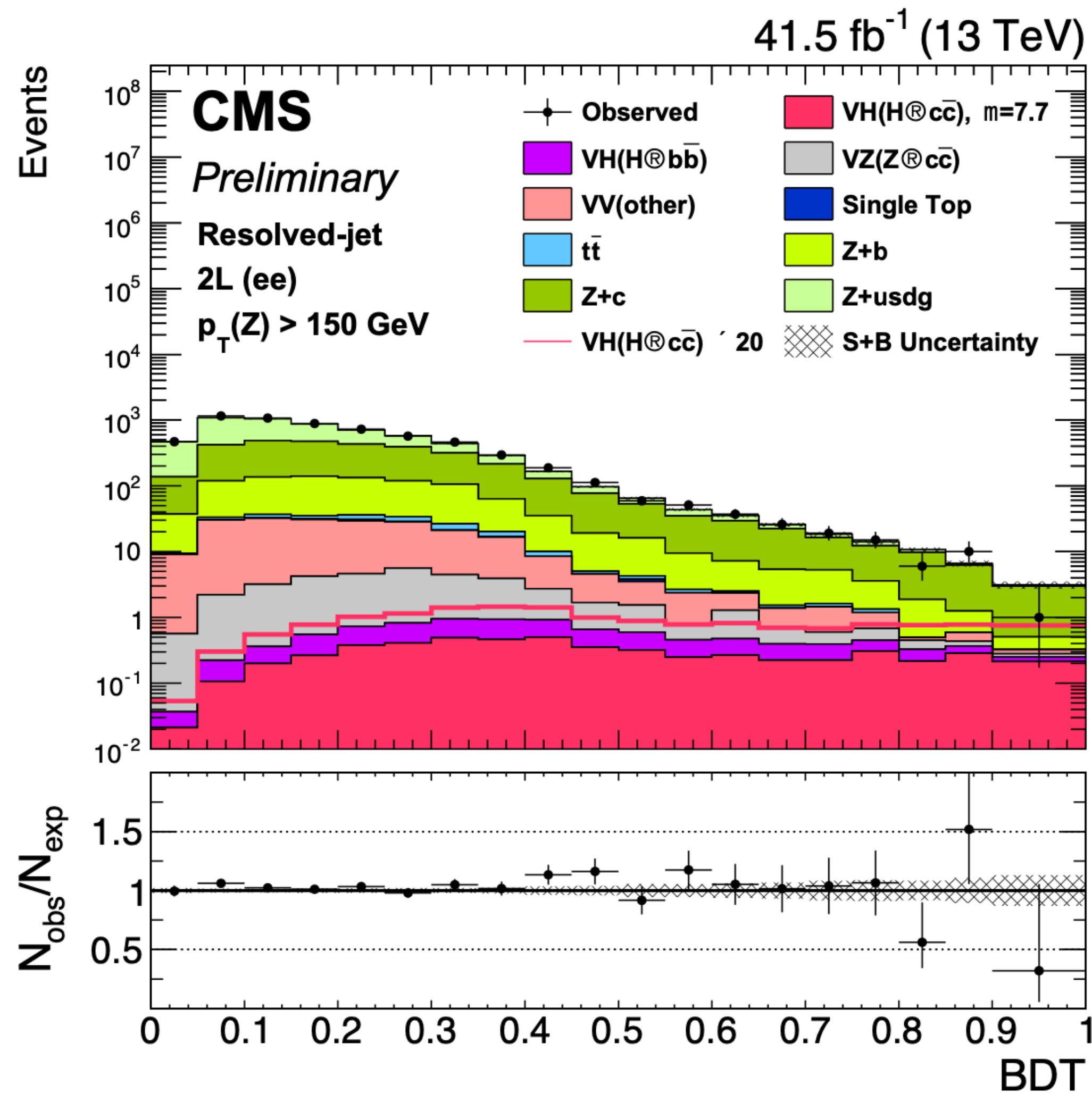


## VH(b̄b̄) regions

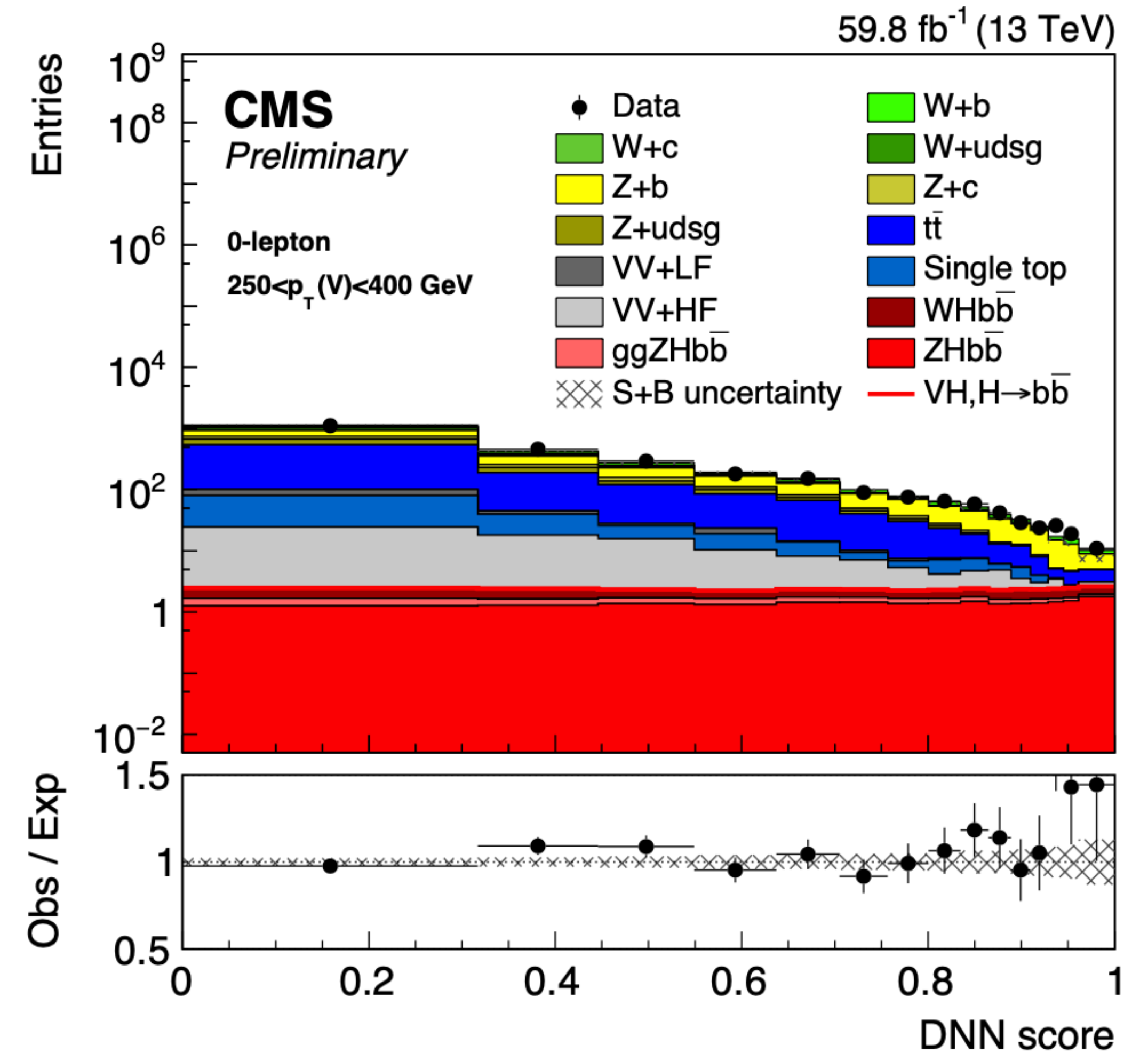


# Signal region distributions

## VH(cc̄), 2 lepton resolved region



## VH(bb̄) regions, 0 lepton resolved region



# Fit model $VH(c\bar{c})$

**V+jets process is subcategorised:**

Resolved

V+b - at least one b-hadron (HF CR)

V+c - at least one c-hadron, no b-hadrons (cc CR)

V+udsg - no b- or c-hadrons (LF CR)

Constrained using 3 CR with the floating rate parameters:

Channel	SR	LF CR	HF CR	cc CR	t $\bar{t}$ CR
<b>0L</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>1L</b>	e	✓	✓	✓	✓
	$\mu$	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>2LL</b>	ee	✓	✓	✓	✓
	$\mu\mu$	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>2LH</b>	ee	✓	✓	✓	✓
	$\mu\mu$	✓	✓	✓	✓

Channel	Z+LF	Z+HF	Z+cc	W+LF	W+HF	W+cc	t $\bar{t}$
<b>0L</b>	✓	✓	✓				✓
<b>1L</b>				✓	✓		✓
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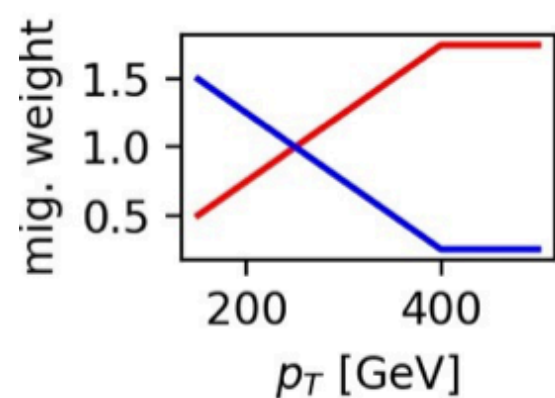
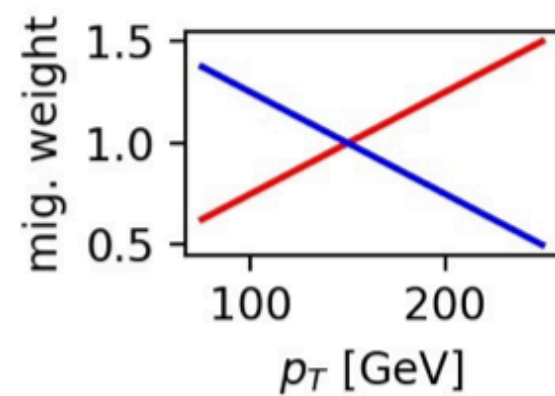
# Fit model $VH(b\bar{b})$

STXS measurement (binned in  $p_T^V$  and n-jets)

➔ Control the background in  $p_T^V$  bins

- Inclusive in  $p_T^V$  free-floating RP defined for each channel

-  $p_T^V$  migration shape uncertainty:



	Channels					
$p_T(V)$	Zee	Zmm	Wen	Wmn	Znn	$p_T(V)$
75.0						75.0 low
150.0						150.0 med
250.0						250.0 high1
400.0						400.0 high2

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V+b - at least one b-hadron

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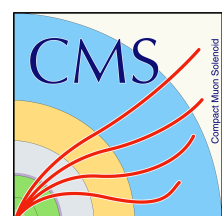
V+udsg - no b- or c-hadrons

**Z+b/c/udsg**

- Large priors, constrained in the fit
- Ensures the smoothness of post-fit  $p_T^V$  distribution

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Resolved



# Fit model $VH(b\bar{b})$

## V+jets process is subcategorised:

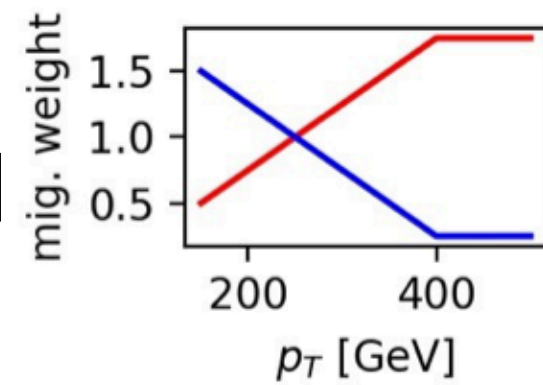
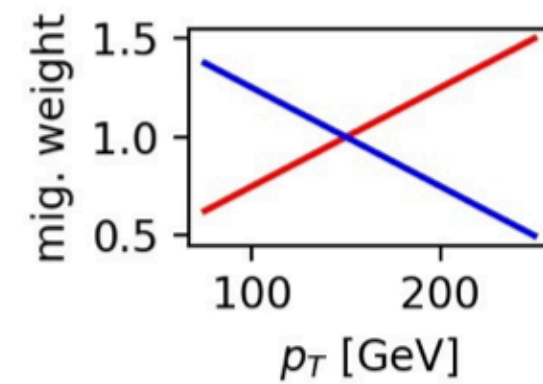
- V+b - at least one b-hadron
- V+c - at least one c-hadron, no b-hadrons
- V+udsg - no b- or c-hadrons

STXS measurement (binned in  $p_T^V$  and n-jets)

➔ Control the background in  $p_T^V$  bins

- Inclusive in  $p_T^V$  free-floating rate parameters defined for each channel

-  $p_T^V$  migration shape uncertainty:



## W+b/c/udsg

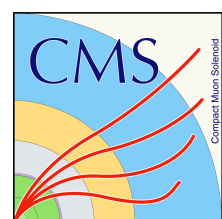
	Channels					
$p_T(V)$	Zee	Zmm	Wen	Wmn	Znn	$p_T(V)$
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[Details]

Resolved

- Large priors, constrained in the fit

- Ensures the smoothness of post-fit  $p_T^V$  distribution



# Summary

- Summarised the V+jets background modelling strategy in VH(c $\bar{c}$ ) and VH(b $\bar{b}$ ) analyses in CMS
- NLO prediction is used whenever possible
- Control region method with free floating rate parameters extract the normalisation
- Relying on the flexible fit model to improve data-MC agreement
  - Majority of the extracted rate parameters are close to unity
- Corrections applied ( $\Delta R(j_1 j_2)$  for NLO and  $\Delta \eta(j_1 j_2)$  for LO) to improve data-MC agreement, with additional systematic uncertainties
- Exchange with ATLAS has been initiated, very useful and constructive discussion in the VH WG1 subgroup

# Backup

# Boosted VHcc

All regions



Channel		SR		V+Jets CR	t $\bar{t}$ CR
0L		✓		✓	✓
1L	e	Low BDT ✓	High BDT ✓	✓	✓
	$\mu$	Low BDT ✓	High BDT ✓	✓	✓
2L	ee	✓		✓	
	$\mu\mu$	✓		✓	

Each further split by purity: LP, MP, HP

Normalization factors

Channel	W+j	Z+j	t $\bar{t}$ (top)	t $\bar{t}$ (W)	t $\bar{t}$ (other) nJet<2	t $\bar{t}$ (other) nJet $\geq$ 2
0L	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1L		↕				
2L		✓		VW		

- t $\bar{t}$  further split by which component lies inside the AK15 jet
- Same RP used for SingleTop (and VW in 2L)
- Each RP further split by purity: LP, MP, HP



# Boosted VHbb

0-lepton				
Variable	SR	Z + b jets	Z + light jets	$t\bar{t}$
DeepAK8 (bbVsLight)	$> 0.8$	$> 0.8$	$< 0.8$	$> 0.8$
$M(jj)$	$\in[90,150]$	$\notin[90,150]$	$> 50$	$> 50$
$N_{al}$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
$N_{aj}$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$> 1$
1-lepton				
Variable	SR	W + b jets	W + light jets	$t\bar{t}$
DeepAK8 (bbVsLight)	$> 0.8$	$> 0.8$	$< 0.8$	$> 0.8$
$M(jj)$	$\in[90,150]$	$\notin[90,150]$	$> 50$	$> 50$
$N_{al}$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$> 0$
$N_{aj}$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$= 0$	$> 1$
2-lepton				
Variable	SR	Z + b jets	Z + light jets	$t\bar{t}$
DeepAK8 (bbVsLight)	$> 0.8$	$> 0.8$	$< 0.8$	$> 0.8$
$M(jj)$	$\in[90,150]$	$\notin[90,150]$	$> 50$	$> 50$
$M(V)$	$\in[75,105]$	$\in[75,105]$	$\in[75,105]$	$\notin[90,150]$