

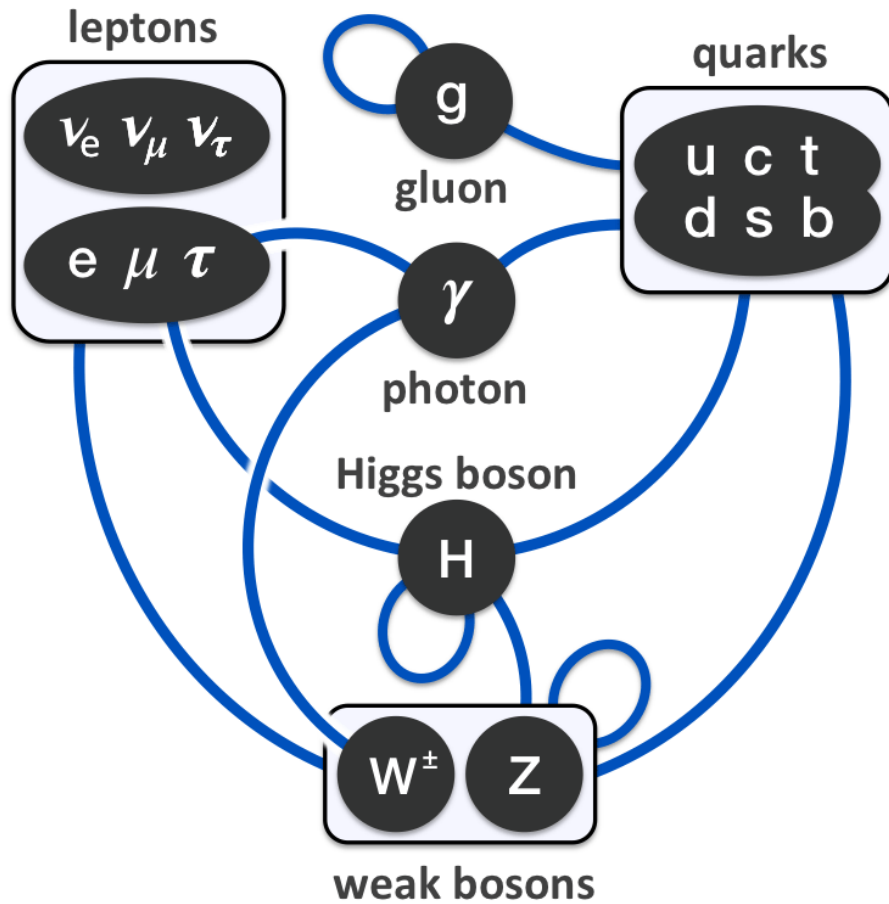
$t\bar{t}H$ and tH Production with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ at the CMS Experiment

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The Standard Model and the Higgs Boson



- In the Standard Model, the **Higgs boson** responsible for generating mass of:
 - Vector bosons** via electroweak symmetry breaking
 - Fermions** via Yukawa coupling (mass \propto coupling strength)

Higgs boson discovery in 2012 by CMS¹ and ATLAS²

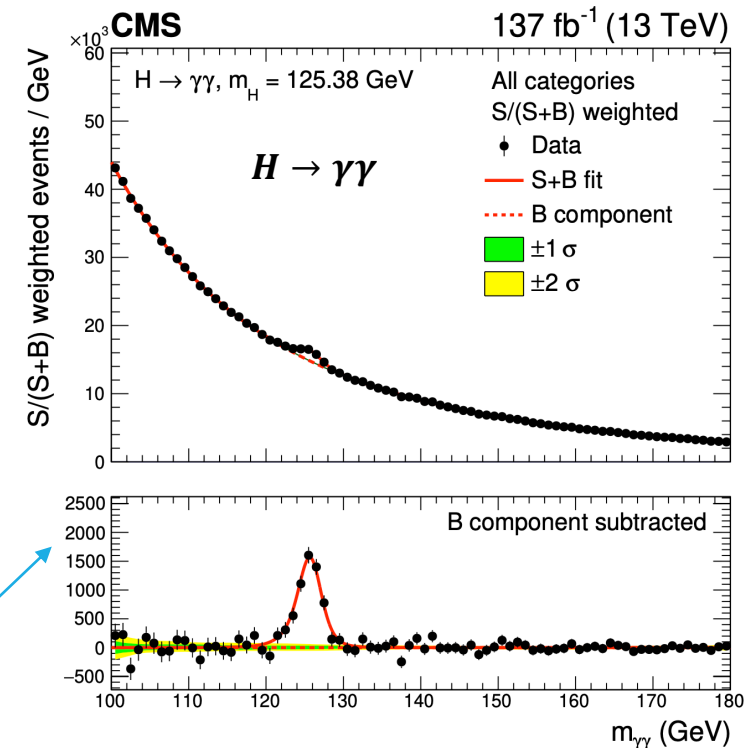
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

Observed mass of Higgs boson ~ 125 GeV

¹CMS : [Phys. Lett. B 716 \(2012\) 30–61](#)

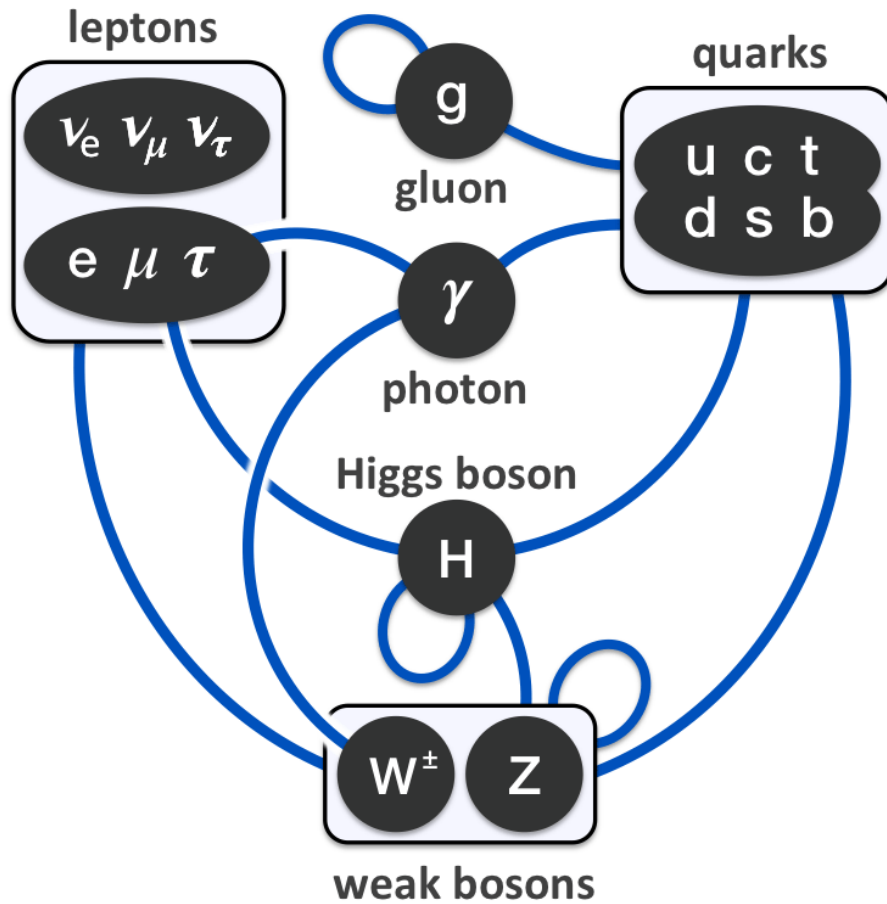
²ATLAS : [Physics Letters B 716 \(2012\) 1–29](#)

Latest results using Full Run-2 data
[J. High Energ. Phys. 2021, 27 \(2021\)](#)



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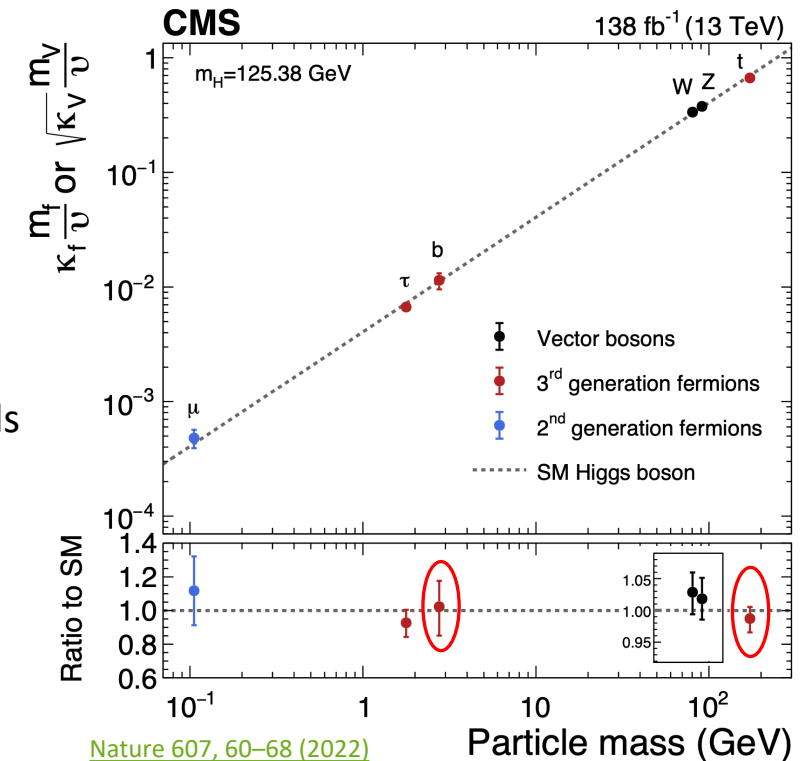


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Latest measurements of coupling strengths between the Higgs boson and vector bosons & fermions:

κ_b and κ_t : many BSM models can lead to modifications of Higgs boson couplings to fermions

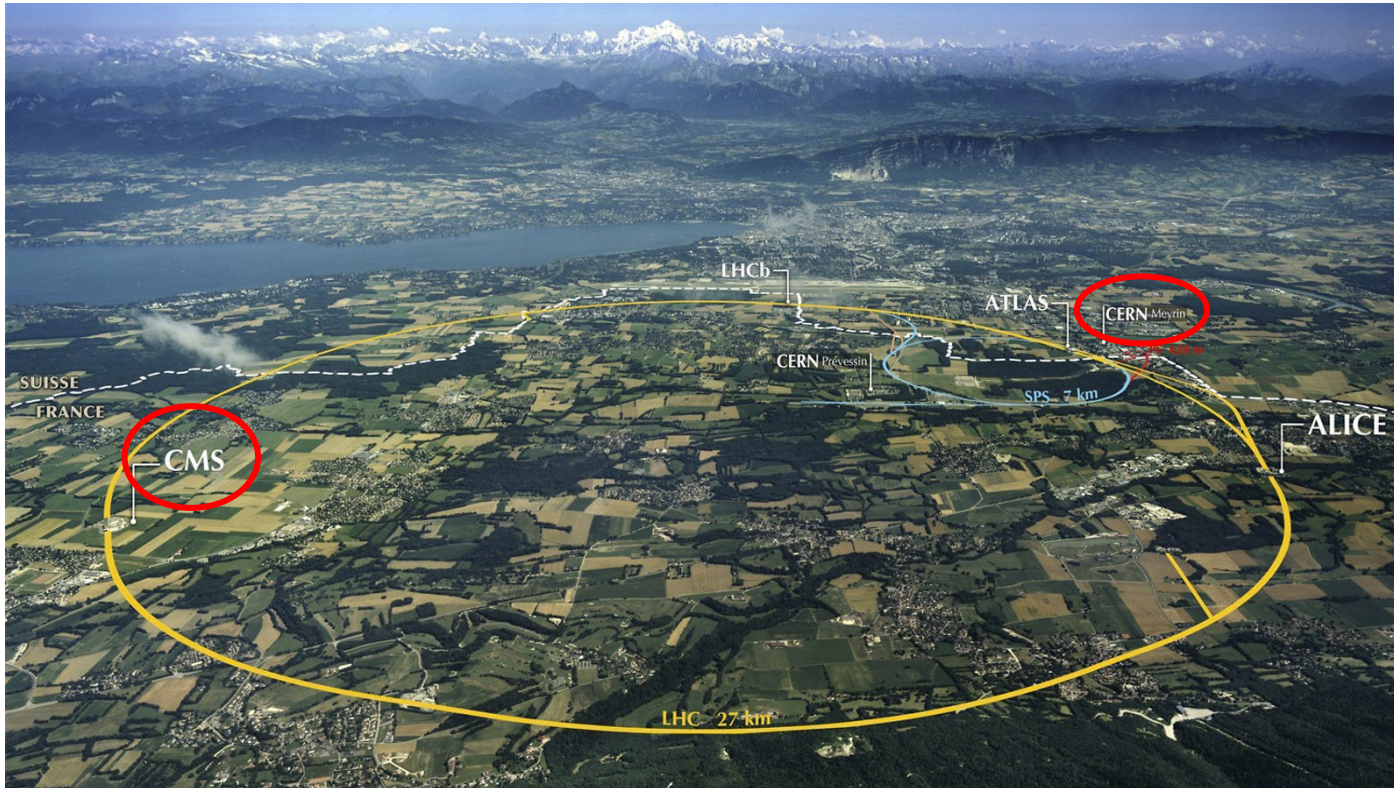
→ higher precision needed



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Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



A **proton-proton** (also heavy ion) **collider** lying in a 27 km tunnel below France and Switzerland

Data collected in Run-2 (2016-2018):

- Center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
- Collision rate of **40 MHz**
- Integrated luminosity = **138 fb^{-1}**

4 experiments at the LHC :

- **CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid)**
- **ATLAS (A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS)**
- **ALICE (A Large Ion Collider Experiment)**
- **LHCb (LHC-beauty)**

Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS)

CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes
Overall diameter : 15.0 m
Overall length : 28.7 m
Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE
12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS
Pixel ($100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}$) $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 66\text{M}$ channels
Microstrips ($80 \times 180 \mu\text{m}$) $\sim 200\text{m}^2 \sim 9.6\text{M}$ channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID
Niobium titanium coil carrying $\sim 18,000\text{A}$

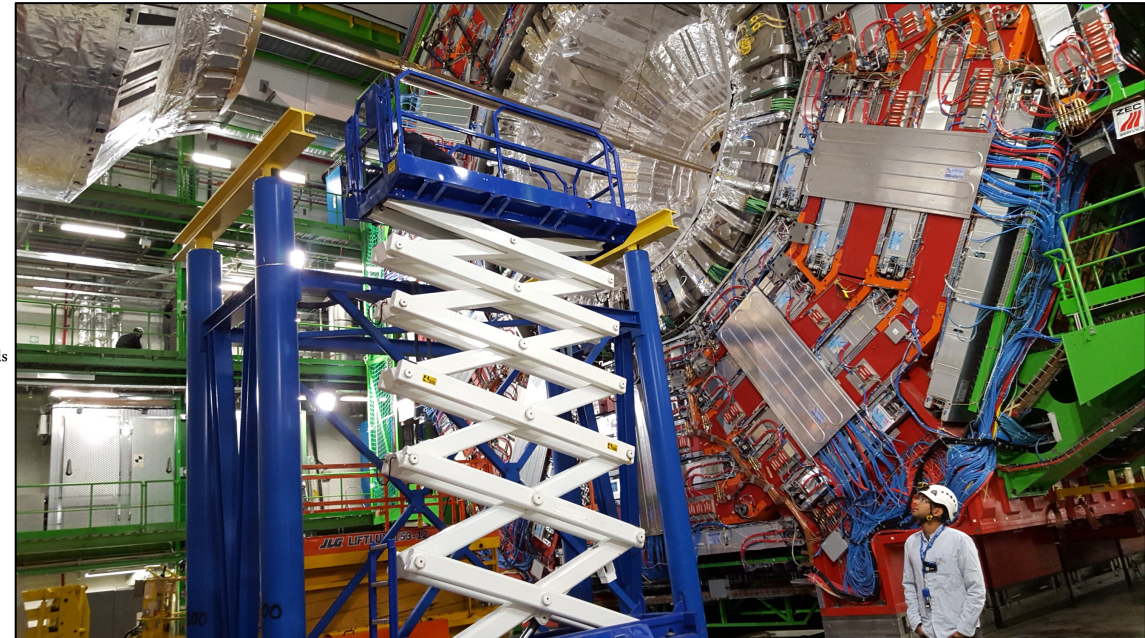
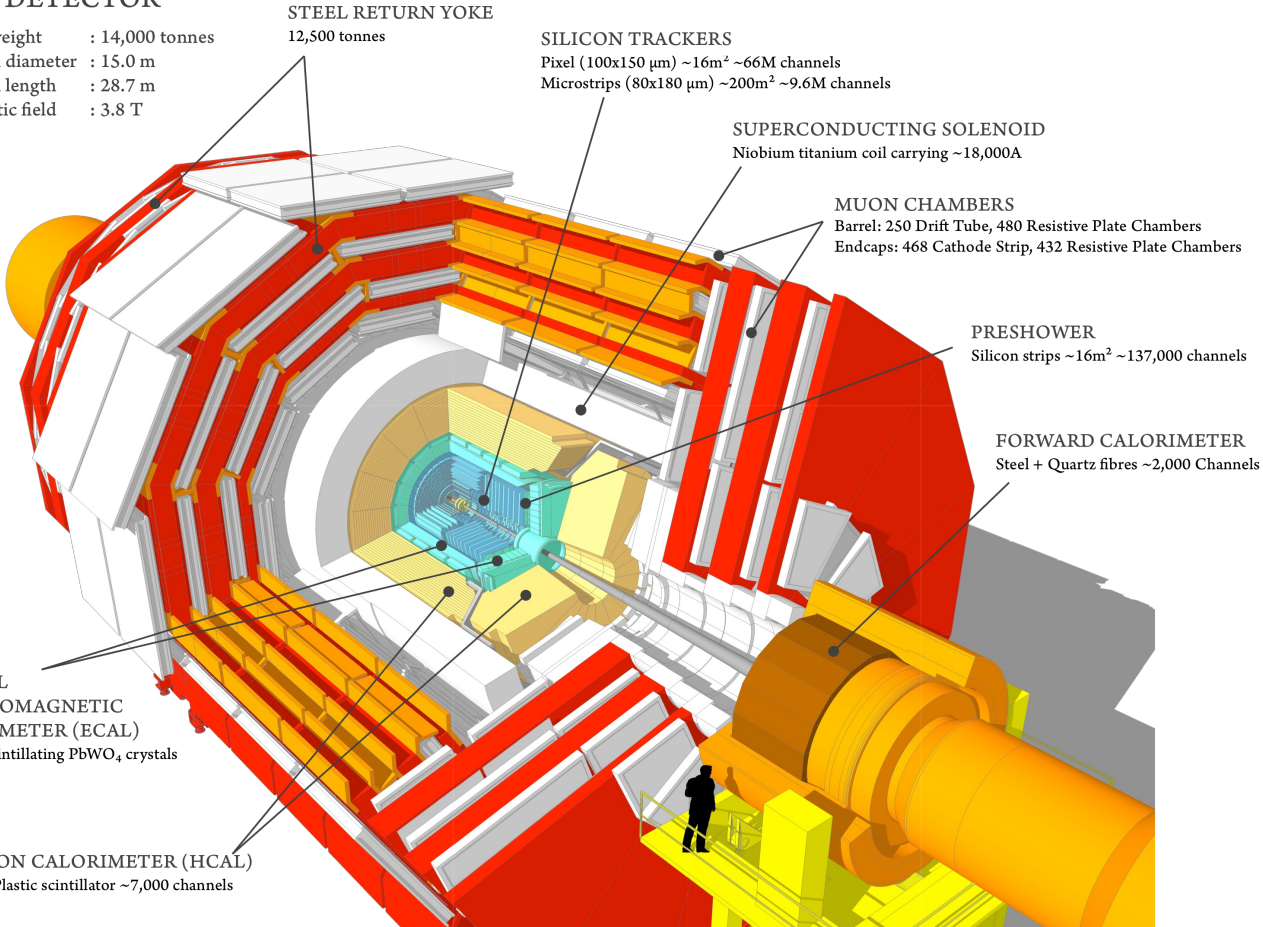
MUON CHAMBERS
Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers
Endcaps: 468 Cathode Strip, 432 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER
Silicon strips $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 137,000$ channels

FORWARD CALORIMETER
Steel + Quartz fibres $\sim 2,000$ Channels

CRYSTAL
ELECTROMAGNETIC
CALORIMETER (ECAL)
 $\sim 76,000$ scintillating PbWO_4 crystals

HADRON CALORIMETER (HCAL)
Brass + Plastic scintillator $\sim 7,000$ channels

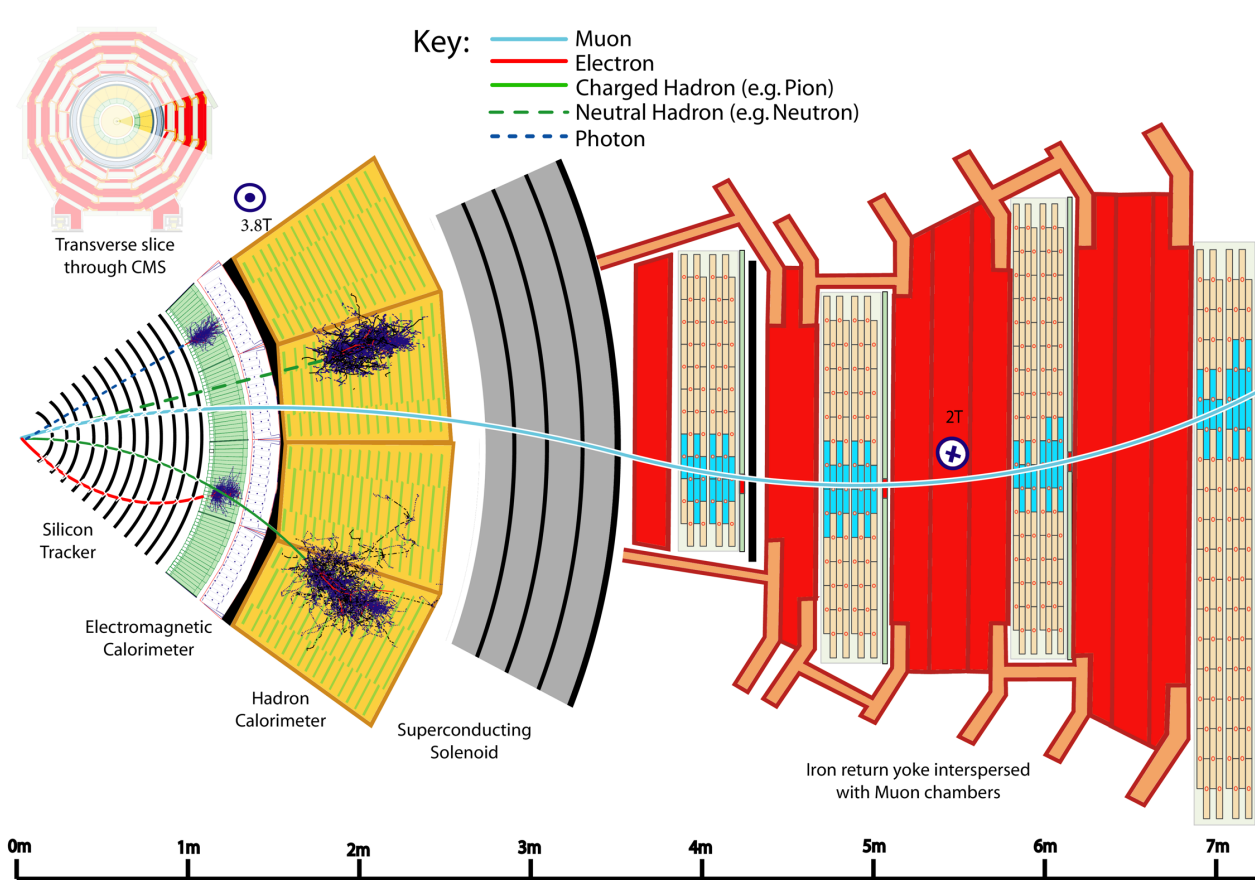


CMS detector in the cavern at CERN

<https://cms.cern/detector>

Particle and Event Reconstruction

Particle reconstruction using particle-flow (PF) technique



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Different physics-objects identified:

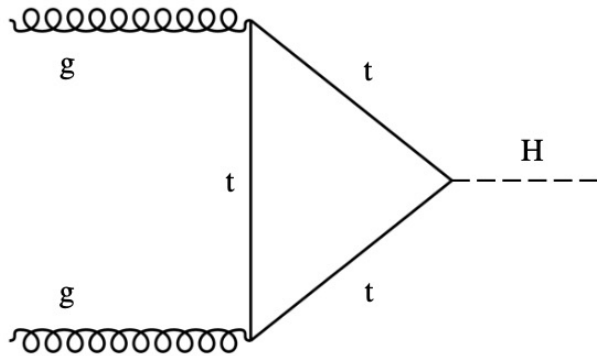
- **Electrons** reconstructed using tracks (from tracker) and energy deposits from ECAL
- **Photons** reconstructed from energy deposits in ECAL
- **Muons** reconstructed matching tracks from tracker and muon chambers
- **Jets** (of quarks and gluons) clustered from tracks and deposits in ECAL and HCAL
 - **Jets** originating from **b-quarks** - b-tagging
- **Missing momentum** (p_T^{miss}) from momentum imbalance in the transverse plane (e.g. neutrinos)

Two Levels of Triggers:

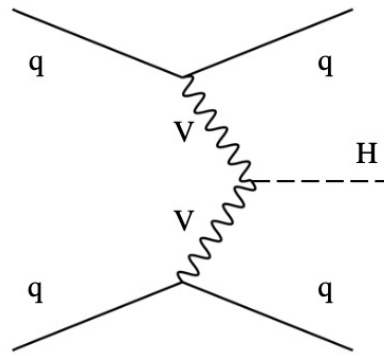
- **Level-1:** hardware level, reduces rate from **40 MHz** to **100 kHz**
- **High Level Trigger (HLT):** software level, further reduces to **1 kHz**

Higgs Boson Production at the LHC

Gluon fusion (ggF)



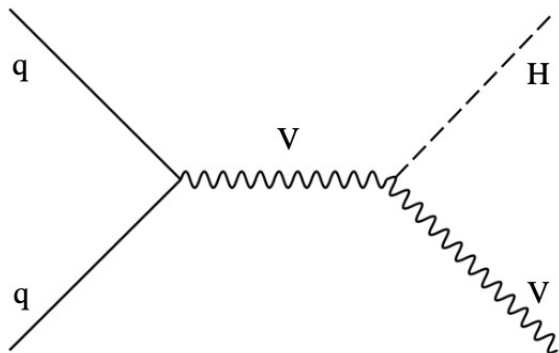
Vector boson fusion (VBF)



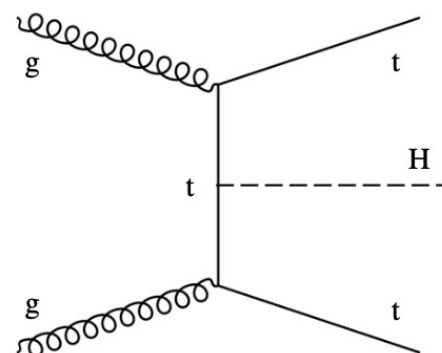
Gluon fusion is the **dominant production mode** at the LHC

$t\bar{t}H$ is the rarest production mechanism among these four

Associated production with a vector boson (VH)



Associated production with $t\bar{t}$ pair ($t\bar{t}H$)

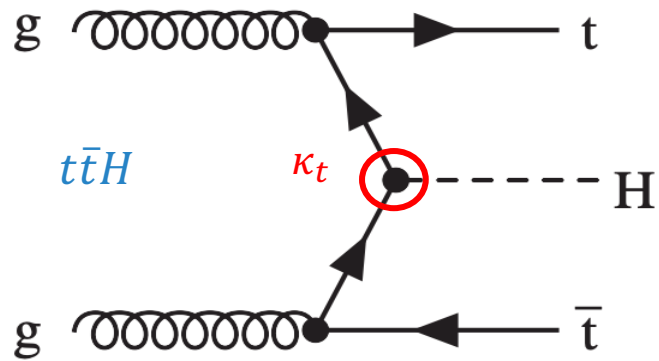


For a center-of-mass energy $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV
and $m_H = 125$ GeV

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}H} (\approx 0.5 \text{ pb}) \ll \sigma_{ggF} (\approx 48.6 \text{ pb})$$

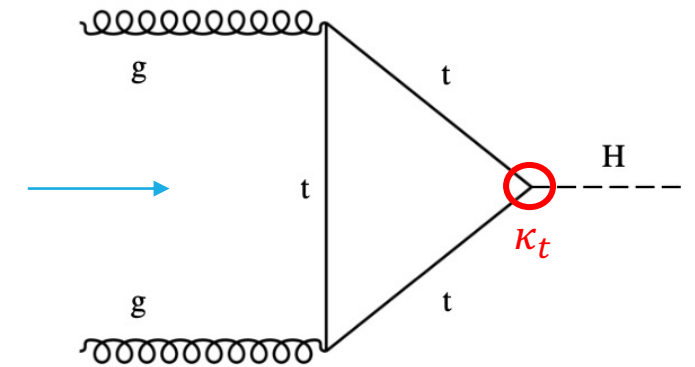
Why $t\bar{t}H$ and tH ?

- $t\bar{t}H$ is the **best direct probe** of the **Top-Higgs coupling** (κ_t) at **tree level**



$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}H} \approx 0.503 \text{ pb}$$

Possible to measure Top-Higgs coupling from gluon fusion, but only under the assumption of no BSM contributions to the top-loop

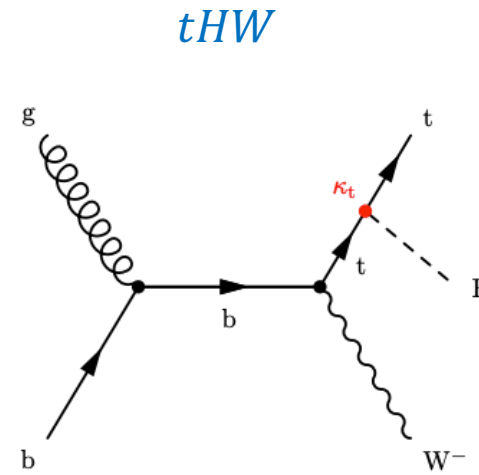
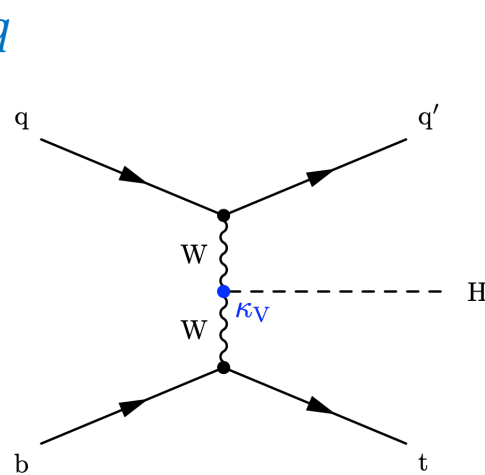
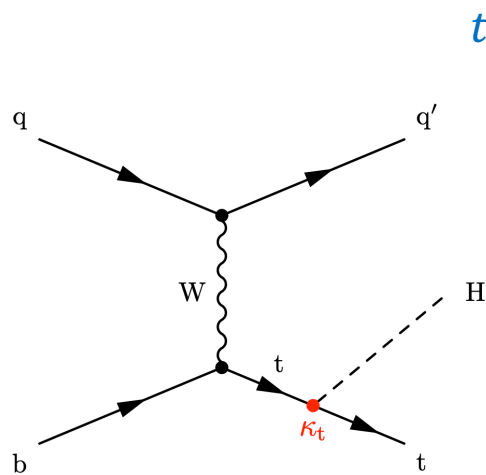


Observing a $t\bar{t}H$ production rate different from the Standard Model prediction can indicate the presence of BSM physics

BSM: Beyond the Standard Model

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- tH provides **additional sensitivity** to sign of κ_t and κ_V due to interference terms (while $t\bar{t}H$ only sensitive to κ_t^2)
- Also **sensitive** to *CP-odd* contribution in **Top-Higgs Yukawa coupling**



$$\sigma_{tHq} \approx 0.074 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{tHW} \approx 0.015 \text{ pb}$$

Cross-section even smaller than $t\bar{t}H$ in SM

$t\bar{t}H$ and tH with $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

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Many possible decay channels for the Higgs boson:

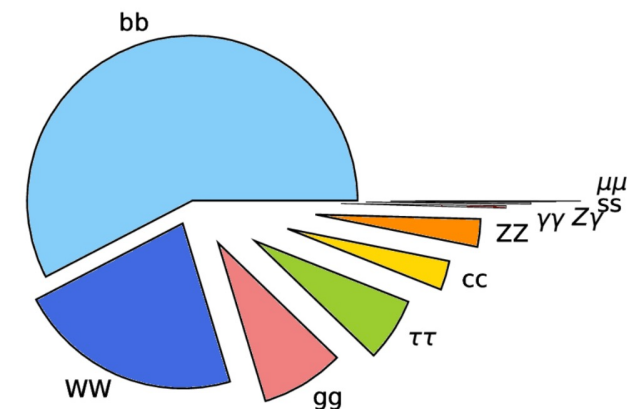
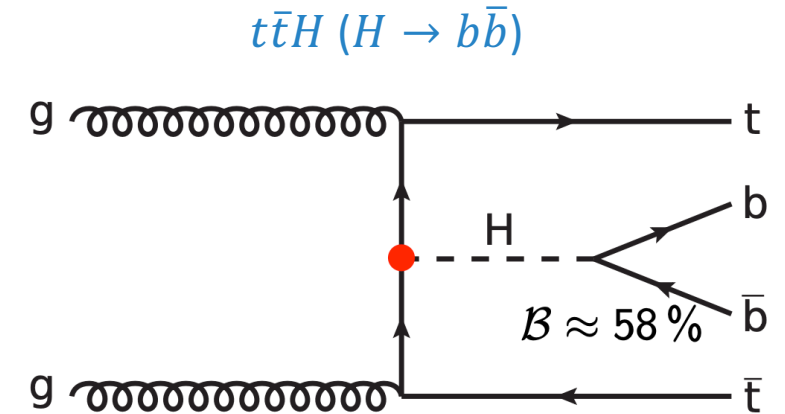
- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- $H \rightarrow WW^*, \tau\tau, ZZ^*$
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ final state chosen for this analysis:

- Largest branching fraction of **58%**
- Fully reconstructable** Higgs boson final state
- All **Higgs-fermion** (even 3rd generation – t and b) vertices

Goal: Measurement of the $t\bar{t}H$ production cross-section w.r.t. SM prediction i.e. **the signal strength** $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$

$$\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = \frac{\sigma(t\bar{t}H)}{\sigma_{SM}(t\bar{t}H)} \cdot \frac{\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})}{\mathcal{B}_{SM}(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})}$$



Previous Results on $t\bar{t}H$ and tH

$t\bar{t}H$ observation by the combination of all decay channels at both CMS and ATLAS in 2018

Using partial Run-2 ($\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV) + Run-1 ($\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV) data :

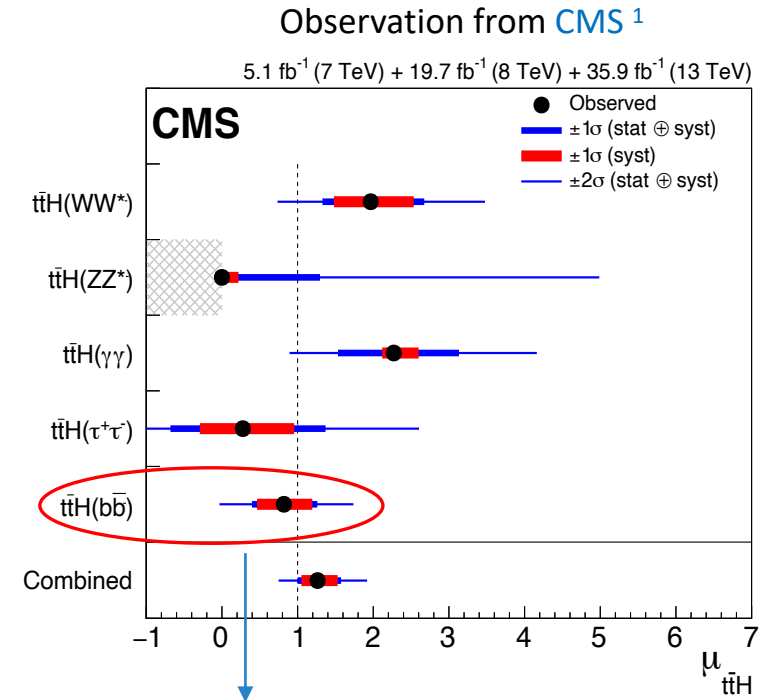
Results	Observed Significance
CMS ¹	5.2 σ
ATLAS ²	6.3 σ

¹[Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 \(2018\) 231801](#) (CMS)

²[Physics Letters B 784 \(2018\) 173–191](#) (ATLAS)

Best-fit signal strength from CMS: $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 1.26^{+0.31}_{-0.26}$

$t\bar{t}H$ signal strength consistent with SM expectations



$t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ results using 2016 data

[J. High Energ. Phys. 2019, 26](#) (2019)

[J. High Energ. Phys. 2018, 101](#) (2018)

Previous result for tH ($H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$) production from CMS:

Upper Limits using 2016 data :

[Phys. Rev. D99 \(2019\) 092005](#)

- SM (Standard Model) scenario : $89.5 \times \sigma_{SM}$ (41.4 exp.)
- ITC (Inverted Top Coupling) scenario : $5.83 \times \sigma_{ITC}$ (2.94 exp.)

$t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ Using Full Run-2 Data

Following the $t\bar{t}H$ discovery, the focus is now on more precise measurements of $t\bar{t}H$ production in each decay channel

For the $t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ channel, using full Run-2 (2016 – 2018 : 138 fb^{-1}) data

Published in 2023 ([CMS-PAS-HIG-19-011](#))

Paper in preparation

**Focus of
today's talk**

Preliminary result using 2016 +
2017 data only: **published in 2019**
([CMS-PAS-HIG-18-030](#))

Major improvements in the analysis:

- Better modeling of the major irreducible $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$ background for $t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ with improved simulation
- Refined neural network classifiers (for signal to background discrimination)
- New triggers to increase signal efficiency in the different final states
- Better identification of jets arising from b-quarks from both improved algorithms and also upgrades in the pixel tracking detector of CMS
- Additional interpretations including differential measurements and coupling constants

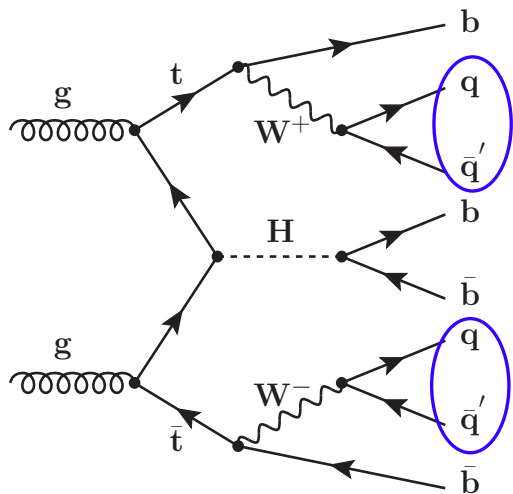
Final States Signatures

Different final states depending on $t\bar{t}$ decay :

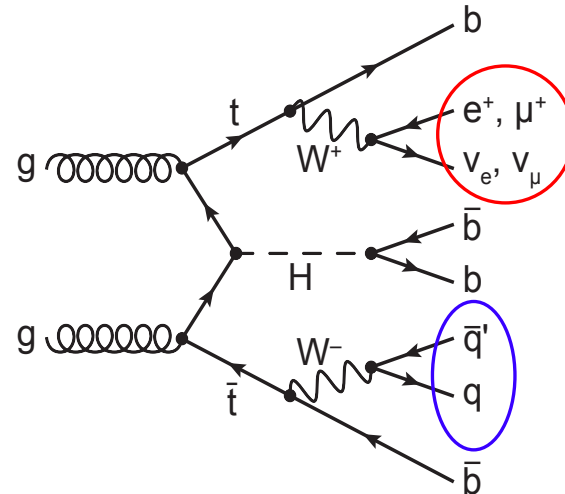
- Fully Hadronic (FH)
- Single Lepton (SL) : e, μ
- Dilepton (DL) : $ee, e\mu, \mu\mu$

Event Selection requires :

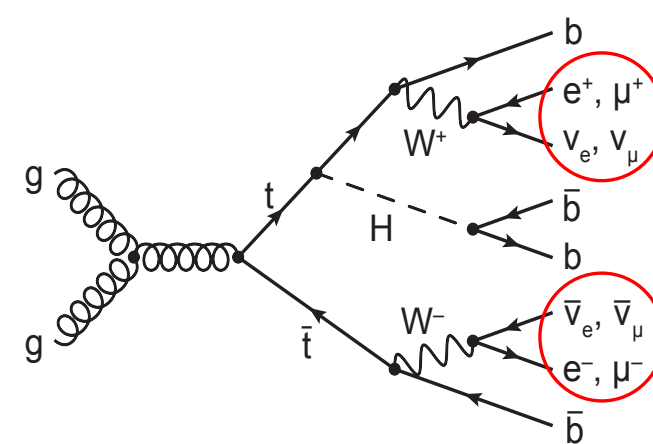
- 0/1/2 leptons depending on the channel
- Multiple jets (including b-tagged jets)



Fully Hadronic (FH)



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Important role in final state selection:

- Triggers
- b-tagging

Worked on improving both in the past during my PhD:

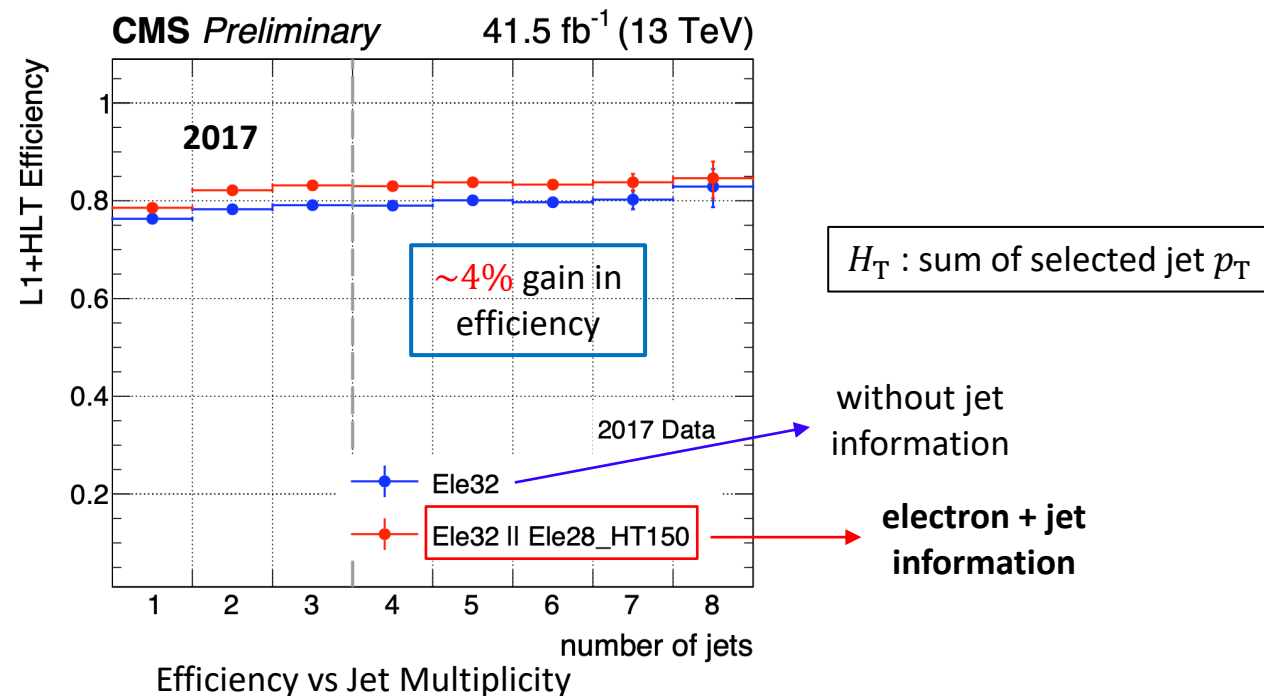
- Developed trigger algorithms for the single lepton channel
- Contributed to the excellent operation of the pixel detector crucial for b-tagging

Development of Single Electron Triggers

Developed new **Single Electron** triggers for 2017 and 2018 data taking for the $t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ analysis :

- Used **both electron** and **jet** information in the final states to design new triggers
- Allows keeping the p_T threshold **low** for the **electron**
- Retains signal efficiency at higher luminosity with negligible increase in data rates

This trigger also **used** in other Higgs and Top analyses

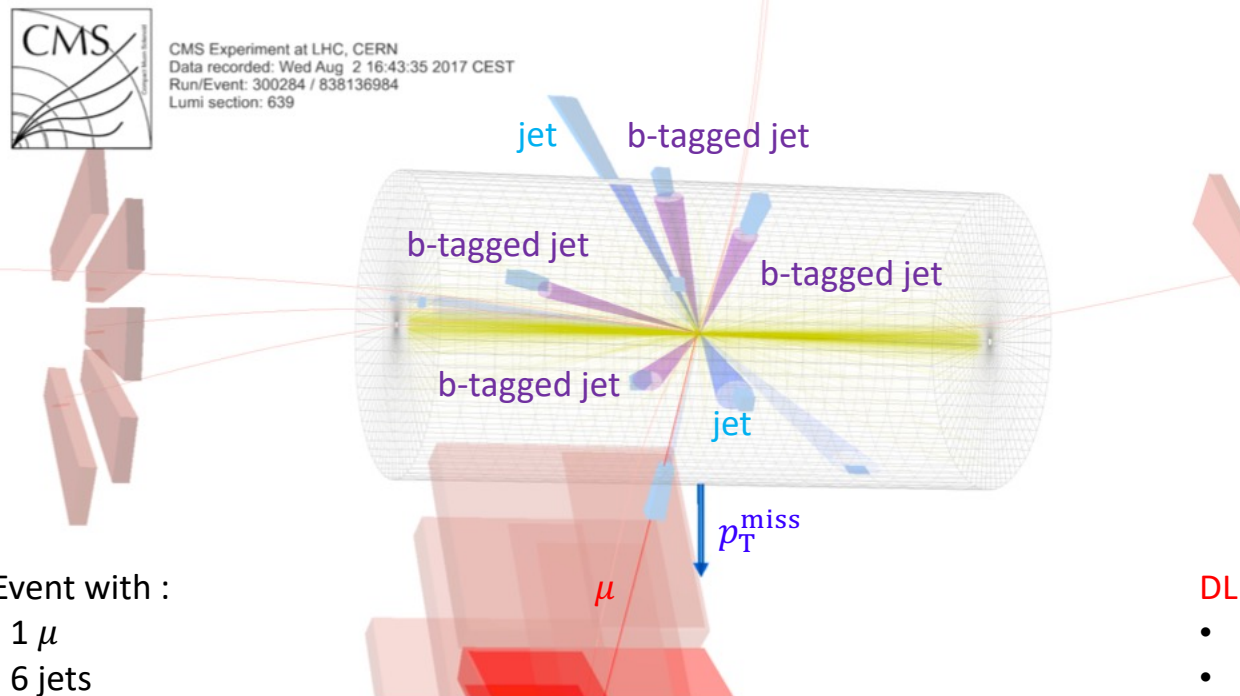


Results public : [CMS DP -2019/026](#)

Candidate $t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ Events in CMS

Candidate $t\bar{t}H(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ events after reconstruction and selections

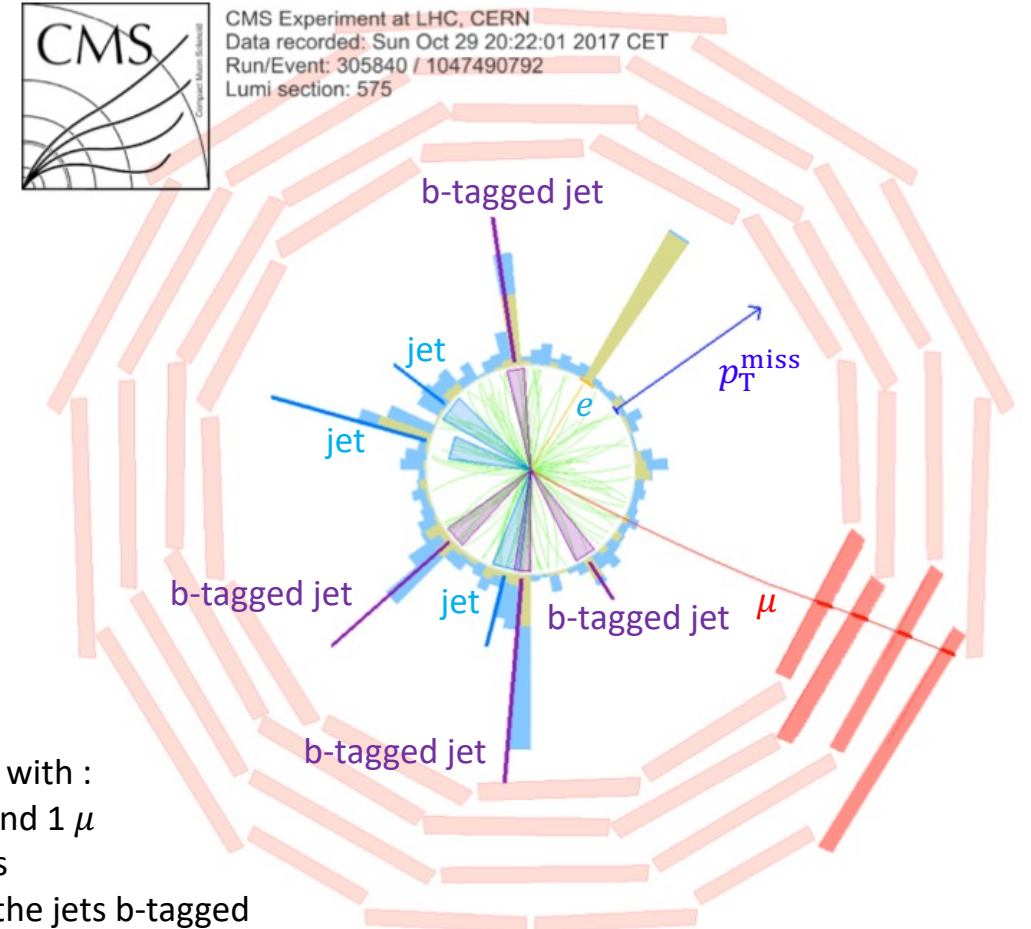
Single Lepton (SL) Channel



SL Event with :

- 1 μ
- 6 jets
- 4 of the jets b-tagged

Dilepton (DL) Channel

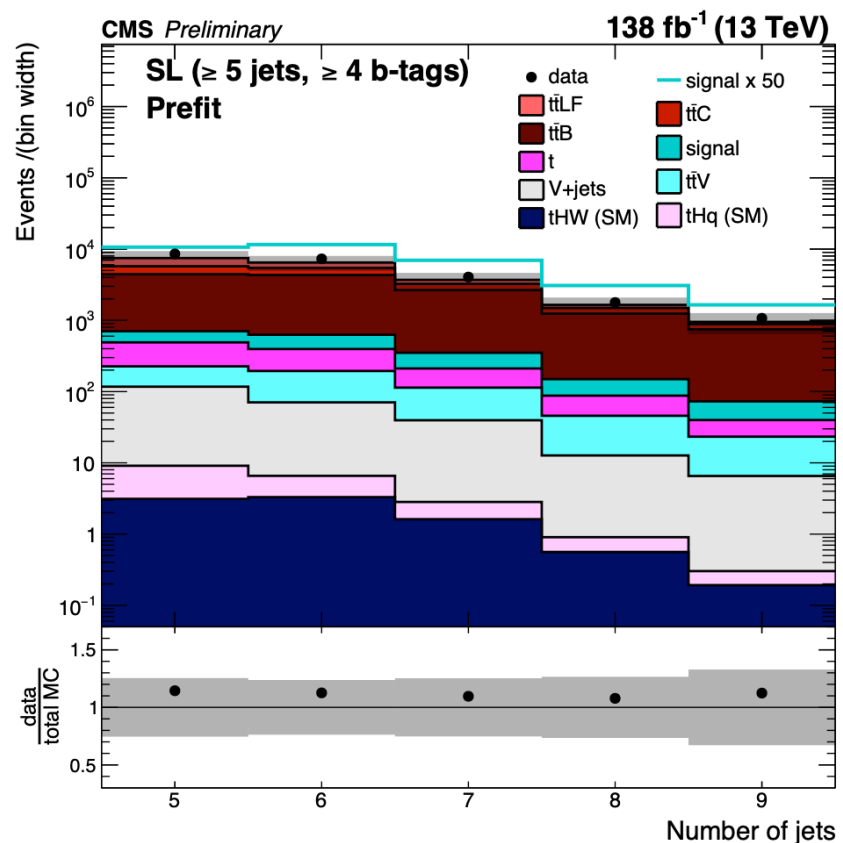


DL Event with :

- 1 e and 1 μ
- 7 jets
- 4 of the jets b-tagged

Challenging Final State

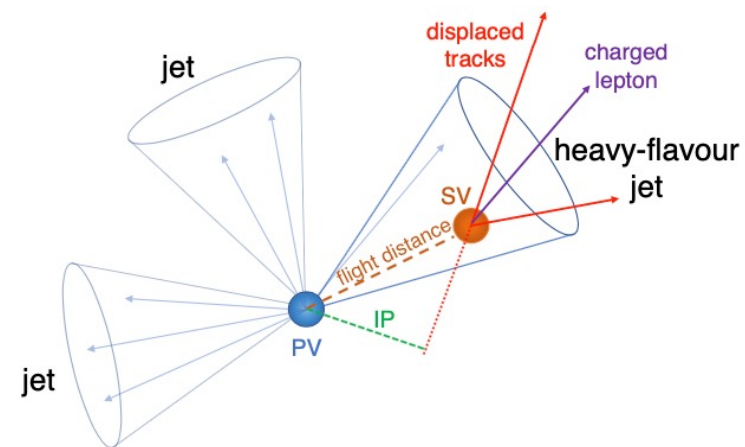
- Very busy final state with lots of jets and **b-jets**
- Small signal ($t\bar{t}H$ and tH) cross-section compared to large irreducible backgrounds ($t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$)



Identifying jets originating from b-quarks **essential**

b-tagging algorithms based on:

- Long lifetime of B-hadrons
- Secondary vertex displaced (~ 0.5 mm) from the interaction point



Full Run-2 analysis uses improved **DeepJet** b-tagging algorithm:

- **Improves** b-tagging efficiency by **5-10%** at same mis-tag probability
- Operate at **75-80%** signal efficiency, **1.5-2%** mis-tag probability for light-flavored jets

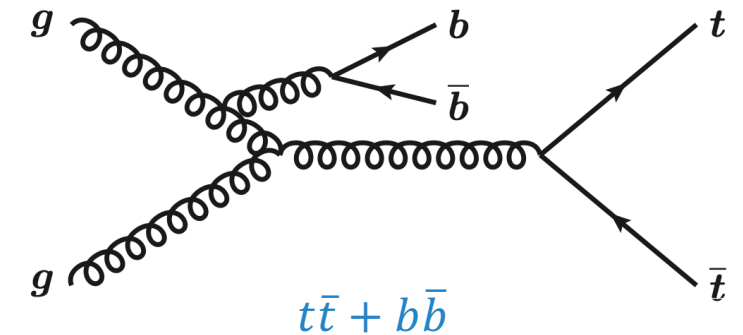
More details [here](#) and [here](#)

Major Background Processes

$t\bar{t}$ + jets (all channels):

- Modeled from simulation
- Divided into three sources depending on flavor of additional particle-level jets:

- $t\bar{t} + B$: ≥ 1 additional b-jet - irreducible background (mostly $t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$):
 - Modeling challenging due to complex multi-parton states and multiple, very different scales ($t\bar{t}$, $b\bar{b}$)
 - Large modeling uncertainties, crucial for $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$ measurement
 - Current measurements $\sim 20 - 40\%$ larger than prediction
- $t\bar{t} + C$: ≥ 1 additional c-jet but no b-jet
- $t\bar{t} + LF$: all other events (LF: light flavor)



QCD Multijet (Fully Hadronic channel):

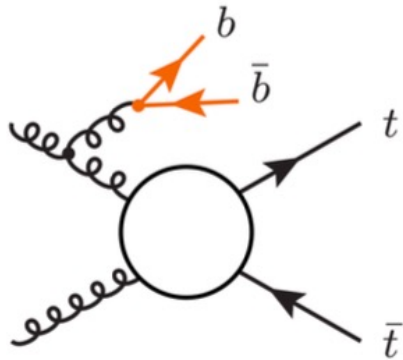
- Dedicated background rejection
- Data-driven background estimation using Control Regions

Minor backgrounds (all channels):

- Single-top, diboson, $t\bar{t} + V$, V + jets
- Modeled from simulation

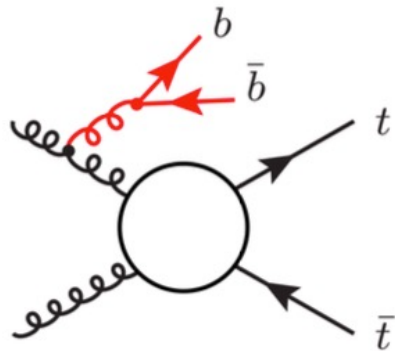
$t\bar{t} + B$ Background Model

One of the major improvements of the Full Run-2 analysis is the improved modeling of the $t\bar{t} + B$ irreducible background



In earlier versions of the analysis (including the 2016+2017 published analysis), $t\bar{t} + B$ processes described by:

- $t\bar{t}$ +jet Matrix Element (ME) at NLO (5FS): additional b-jets from parton shower (PS)
- Subject to PS and large/not well-defined uncertainties of PS tuning parameters



In the full Run-2 analysis, $t\bar{t} + B$ processes described by:

- $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ ME at NLO (4FS)*: additional b-jets from ME
- NLO+PS accuracy for $t\bar{t} + 1$ and 2 b-jet observables

4FS: 4 flavor scheme
5FS: 5 flavor scheme

Theoretically preferred option for $t\bar{t} + B$ modeling:
improvement (w.r.t. to $t\bar{t}$ 5FS) in event kinematics

NLO: Next to Leading Order

* [Eur. Phys. J. C 78 \(2018\) 502](#)

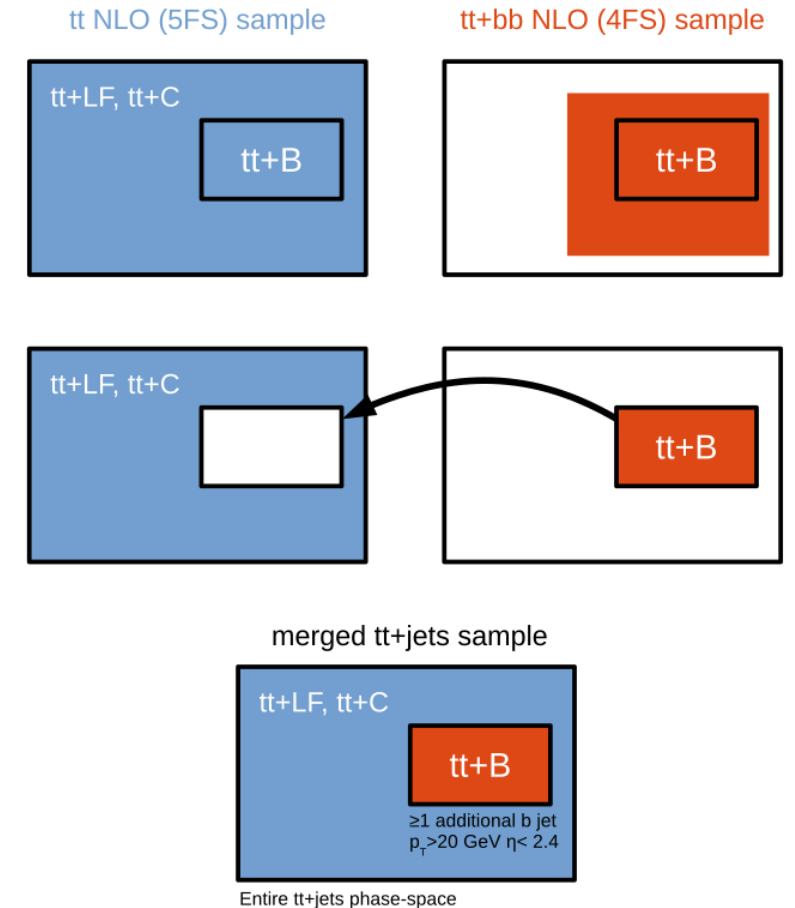
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- Based on theory recommendations, **new $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ simulation (4FS)**:
 - NLO accuracy simulation using Powheg-Box-Res ([Jezo et al](#)) with OpenLoops ([Buccioni et al](#)) in the 4FS

New Merged $t\bar{t} +$ Jets Background Model used in the Full Run-2 Analysis:

- $t\bar{t} + C, t\bar{t} + LF$ taken from $t\bar{t}$ NLO (5FS) sample
 - Overall $t\bar{t} +$ Jets normalization: Inclusive $t\bar{t} +$ Jets cross-section (NNLO+NNLL)
- $t\bar{t} + B$ taken from $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ NLO (4FS) sample
 - $t\bar{t} + B$ component normalized to $t\bar{t}$ NLO (5FS) MC prediction
 - $t\bar{t} + B$ and $t\bar{t} + C$ normalizations freely floating in the fit



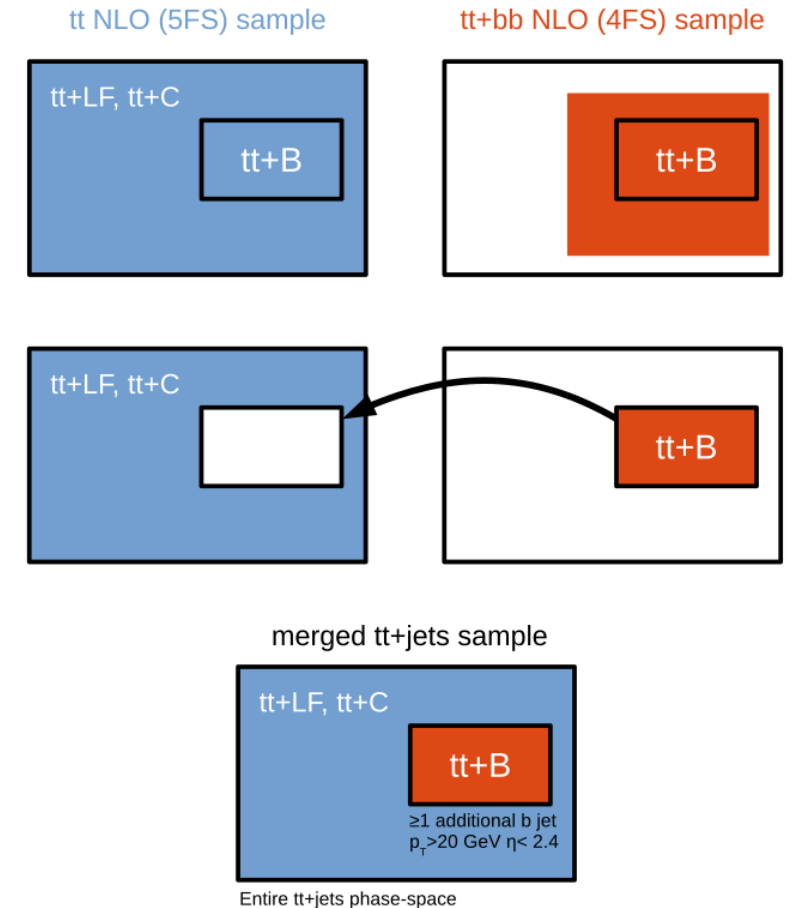
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Background model carefully validated:

- Good description of event kinematics on using $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ NLO (4FS)
- Dedicated modeling uncertainties decorrelated between $t\bar{t} + B$ and other $t\bar{t}$ events
 - Pulls and impacts well understood
- Goodness-of-fit tests
- Bias tests on the signal strength
 - Test for potentially mismodelled $t\bar{t} + B$ background using toy data
 - Fit model was found to be robust against potential deviations of the $t\bar{t} + B$ in data from the nominal prediction

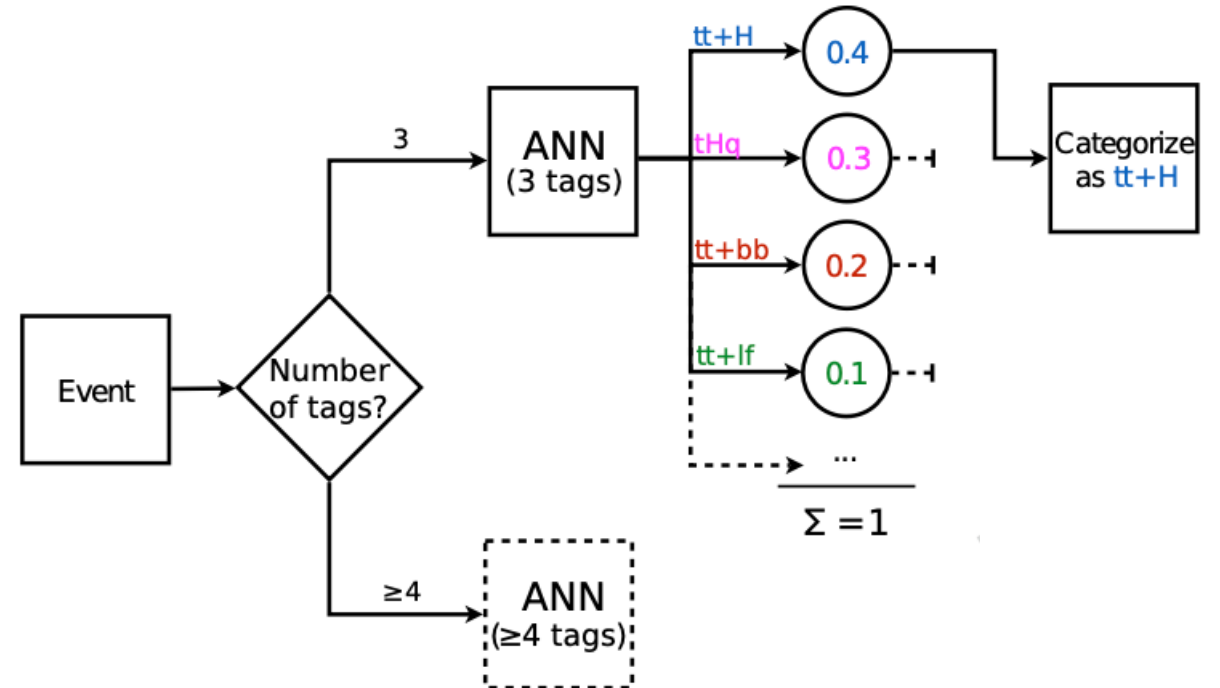


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Analysis Strategy

The analysis strategy relies on Event Categorization and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

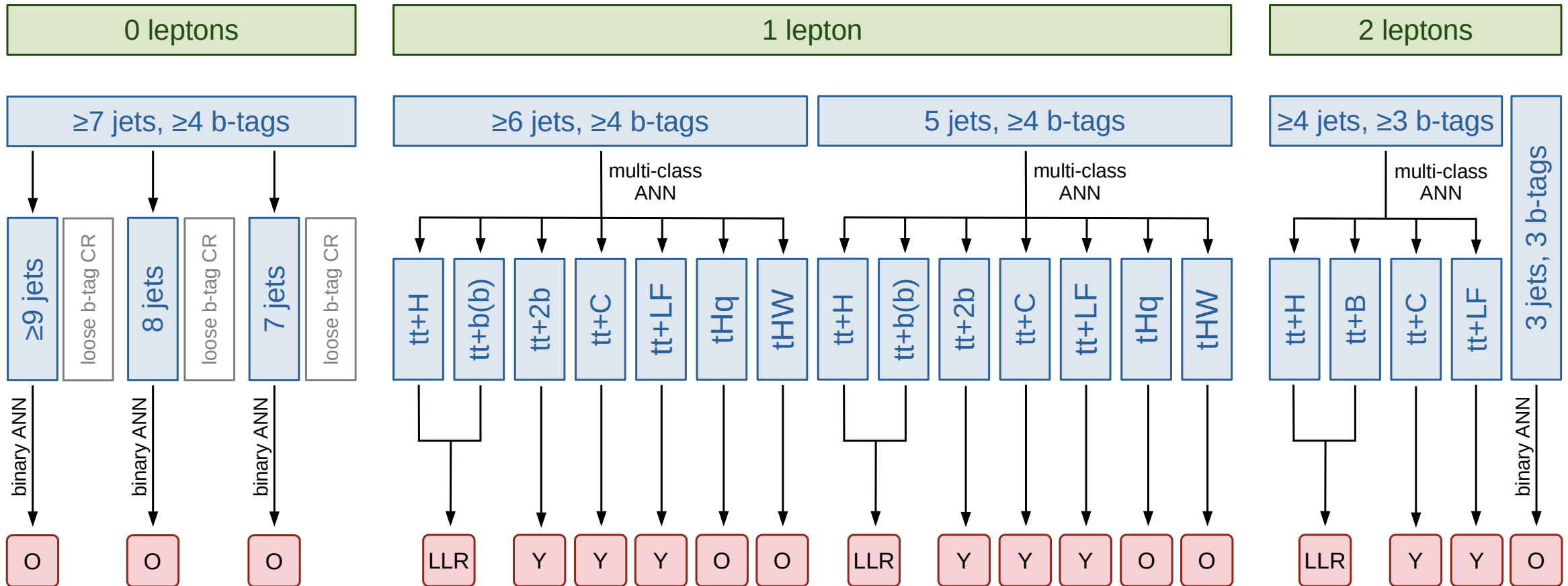
- **Event categorization** to form signal and control regions (to constrain background):
 - Based on **jet and b-tag multiplicity**
 - Based on **multi-class ANNs**
- **Artificial Neural Networks (ANN):**
 - Trained to separate signal from dominant background
 - Binary or multi-class depending on channel/category
 - Used for event categorization and as final discriminants



ANN Training:

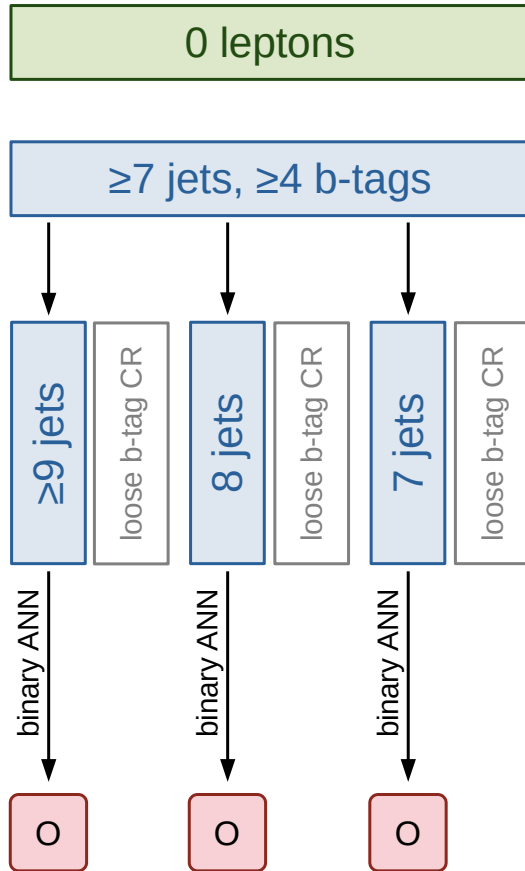
- Trained on several kinematic variables
 - Modelling of input variables validated with goodness-of-fit tests
- Usually trained on Monte-Carlo, except QCD (trained in a QCD enriched control region)
- One ANN training valid for all years in each channel and category

Inclusive $t\bar{t}H/tH$ Measurement



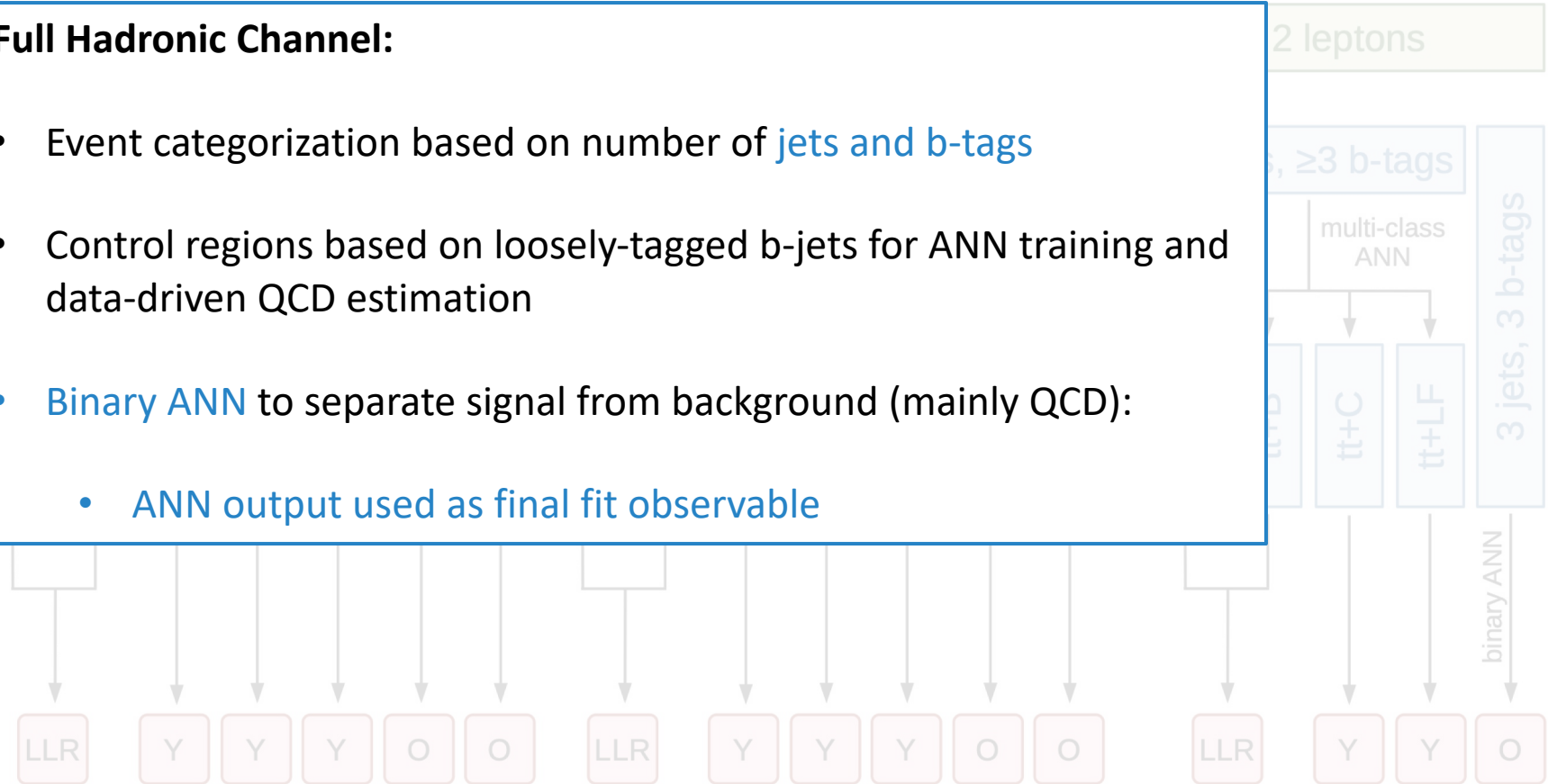
Legend: O Distribution in template fit, event yield (Y), ANN output (O), likelihood ratio of ANN outputs (LLR)

Inclusive $t\bar{t}H/tH$ Measurement



Full Hadronic Channel:

- Event categorization based on number of jets and b-tags
- Control regions based on loosely-tagged b-jets for ANN training and data-driven QCD estimation
- Binary ANN to separate signal from background (mainly QCD):
 - ANN output used as final fit observable

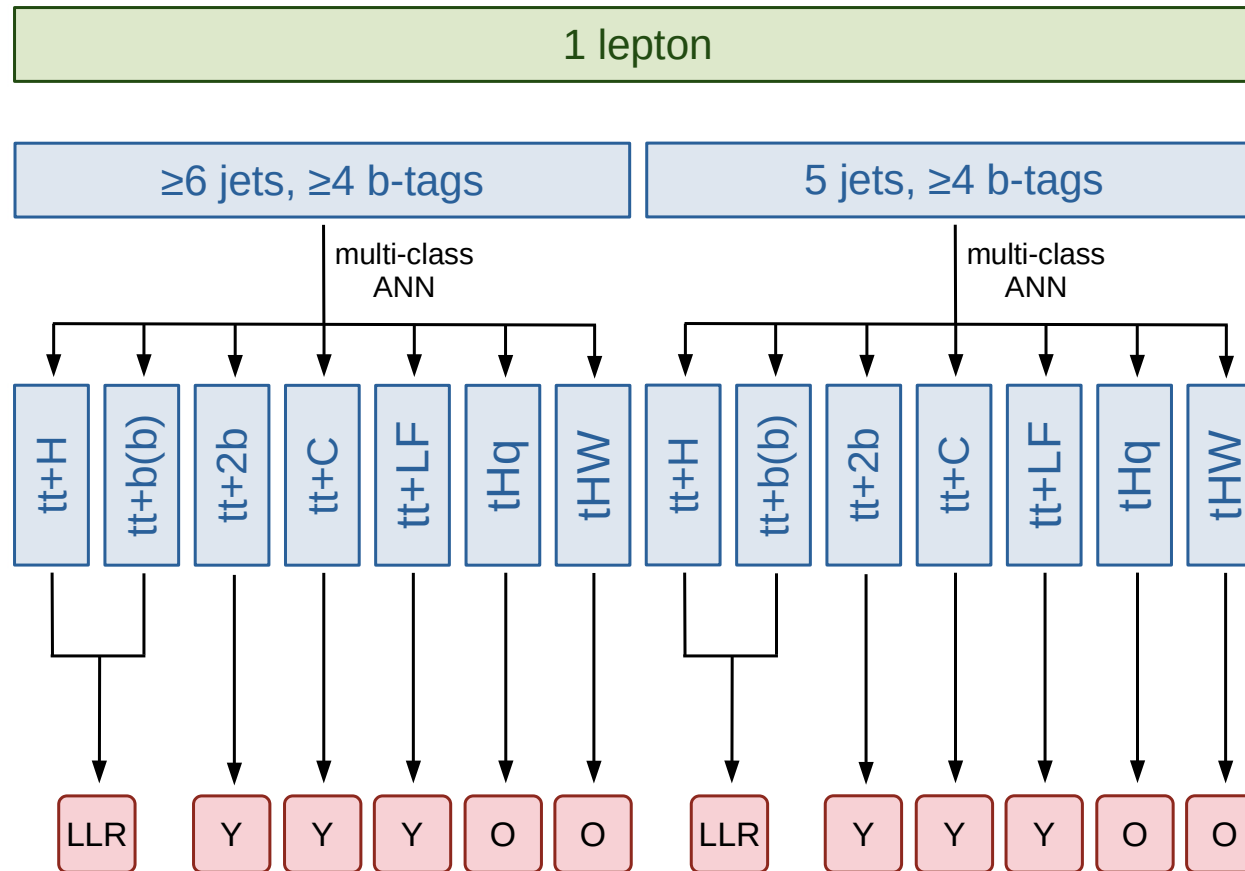


■ Distribution in template fit, event yield (Y), ANN output (O), likelihood ratio of ANN outputs (LLR)

Inclusive $t\bar{t}H/tH$ Measurement

Single Lepton Channel:

- Event categorization based on number of jets and b-tags
- Further multiclassification based on ANN

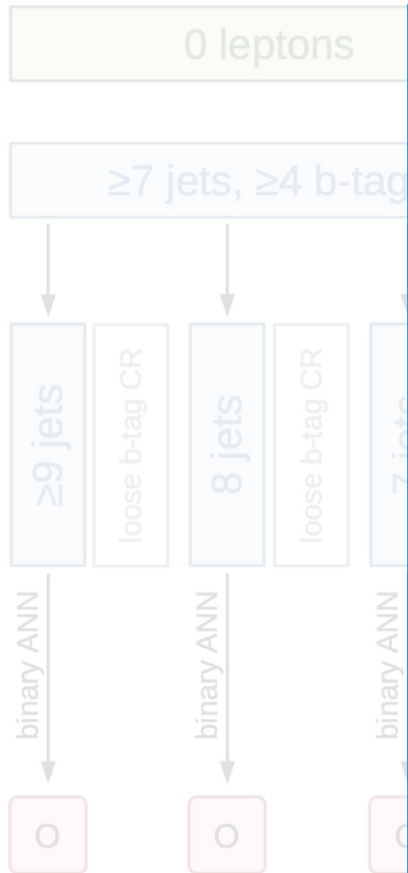


Final fit observables:

- Event yields in background enriched nodes
- ANN output for tHq and tHW signal regions
- Ratio observable in combined $t\bar{t}H$ and $t\bar{t}B$ category

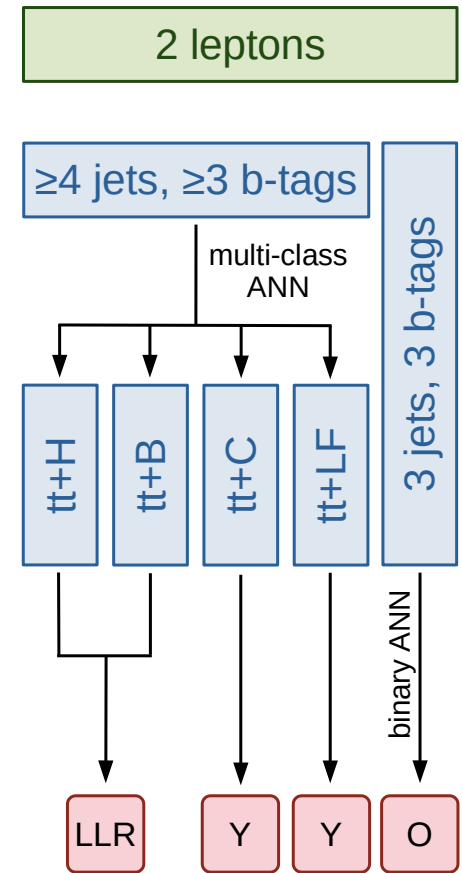
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Inclusive $t\bar{t}H/tH$ Measurement



Dilepton Channel:

- Event categorization based on number of jets and b-tags
- Further multiclassification based on ANN in the more signal sensitive category
- **Final fit observables:**
 - Event yields in background enriched nodes
 - Binary ANN output in less signal sensitive region
 - Ratio observable in combined $t\bar{t}H$ and $t\bar{t}B$ category (more signal sensitive)

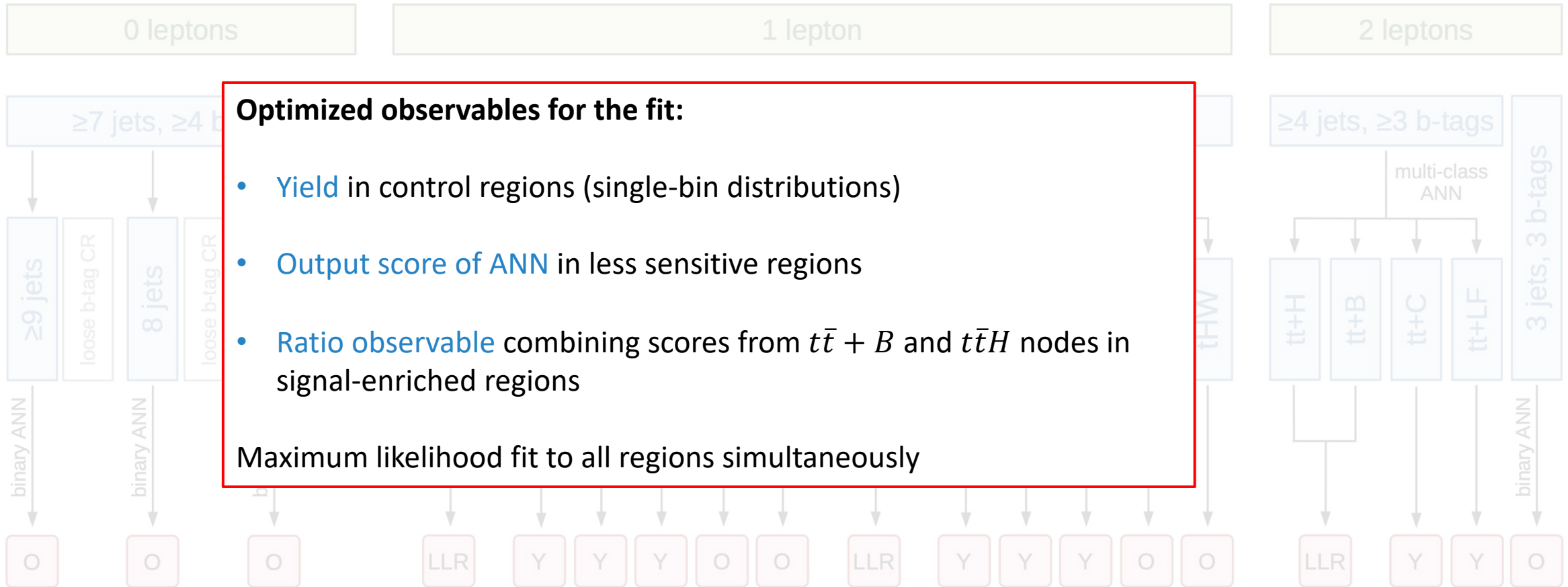


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Inclusive $t\bar{t}H/tH$ Measurement



Optimized observables for the fit:

- Yield in control regions (single-bin distributions)
- Output score of ANN in less sensitive regions
- Ratio observable combining scores from $t\bar{t} + B$ and $t\bar{t}H$ nodes in signal-enriched regions

Maximum likelihood fit to all regions simultaneously

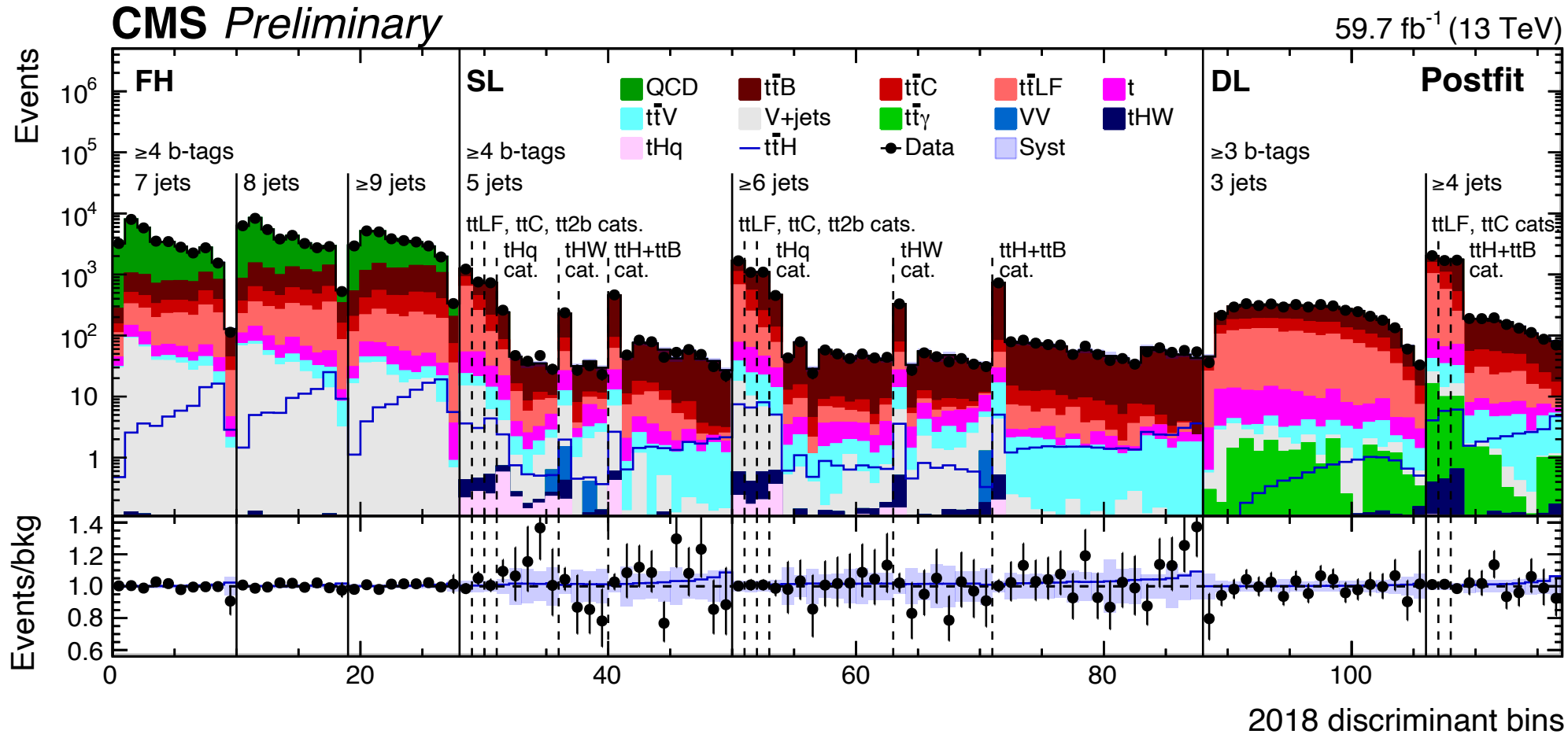
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Inclusive $t\bar{t}H$ Results: Postfit Distributions

Postfit distributions from 2018 (2016 and 2017 in backup):



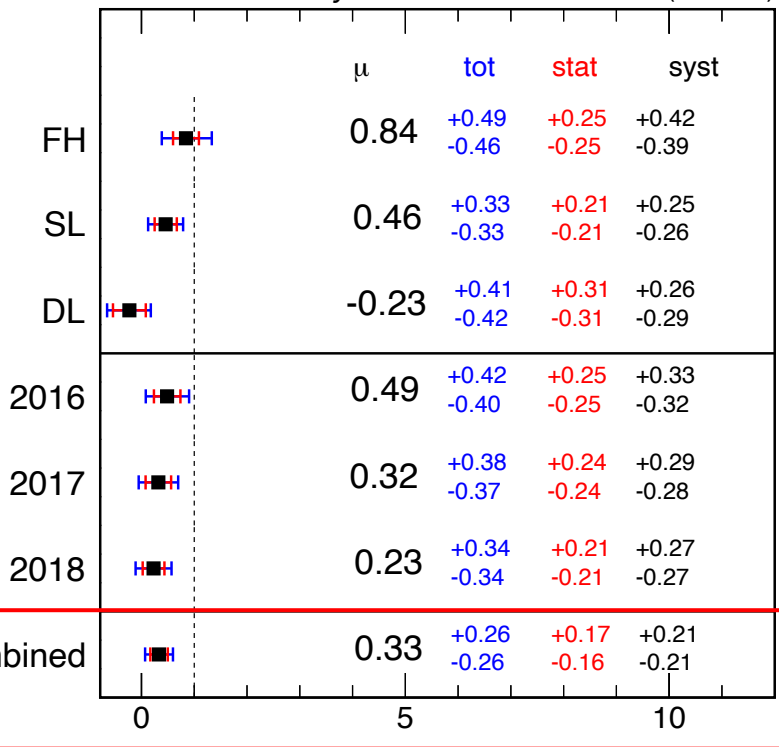
Expect a **total** of
~1100 $t\bar{t}H$ events

Fitted observables
in this plot are the
event yields, ANN
outputs and ratio
observables

Inclusive $t\bar{t}H$ Results: Signal Strength

Full Run-2 Results

CMS Preliminary 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



$$\hat{\mu} = \hat{\sigma}/\sigma_{SM}$$

Uncertainties are correlated among channels and years

- $t\bar{t}H$ signal strength:

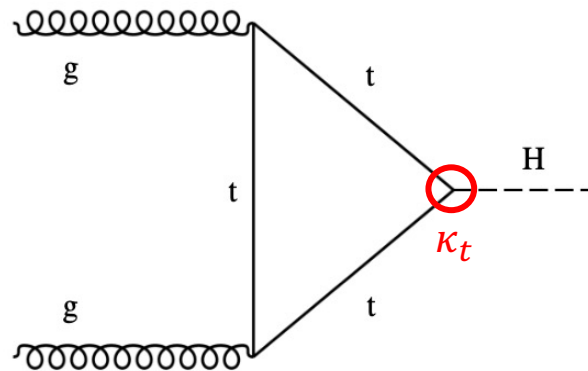
- $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 0.33 \pm 0.26$, 1.3 obs. (4.1 σ exp.) significance
- SM compatibility p-value: 2% (2.4 σ)
- Compatibility to 2016 CMS publication (SL+DL): 41% (0.8 σ)

Agreement with ATLAS Full Run-2 result:

- $\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 0.35 + 0.35 - 0.34$

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This can potentially indicate towards a smaller value of the Top-Higgs Yukawa coupling compared to the SM expectation

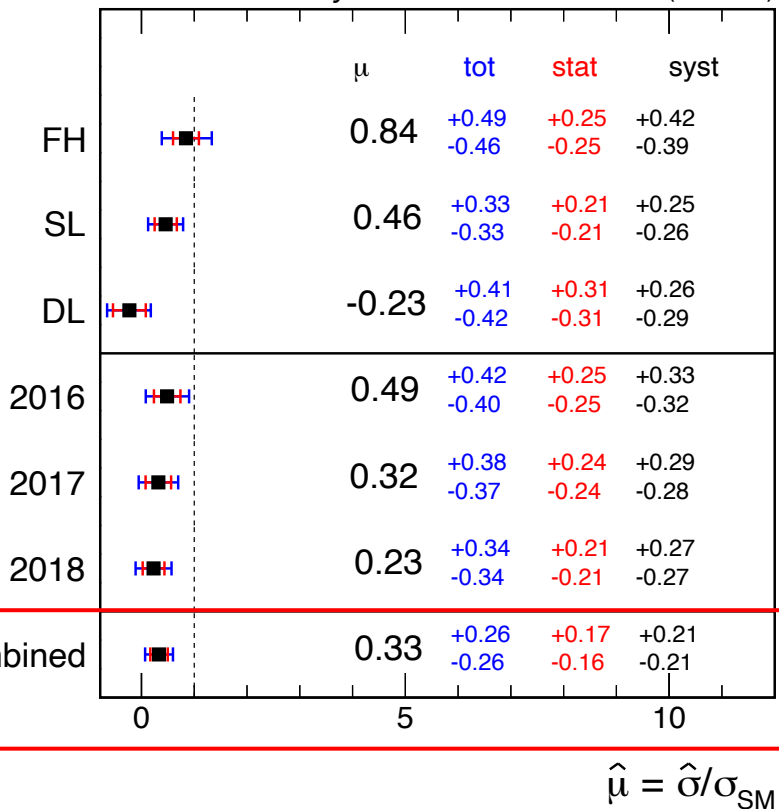


Although, the measured gluon fusion cross-section is in agreement with SM, there is a possibility of contributions to the loop from BSM physics which can compensate for the lower value of κ_t

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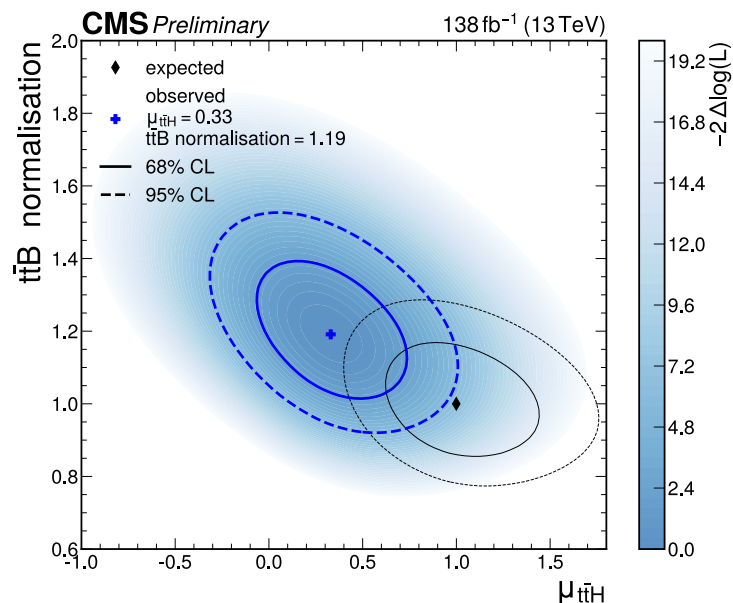
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Background normalizations from the $t\bar{t}H$ measurement:

- $t\bar{t} + B: 1.19^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$
- $t\bar{t} + C: 1.07^{+0.20}_{-0.19}$

In agreement with dedicated measurements ([TOP-22-009](#))

Inclusive $t\bar{t}H$ Results: Systematic Uncertainties

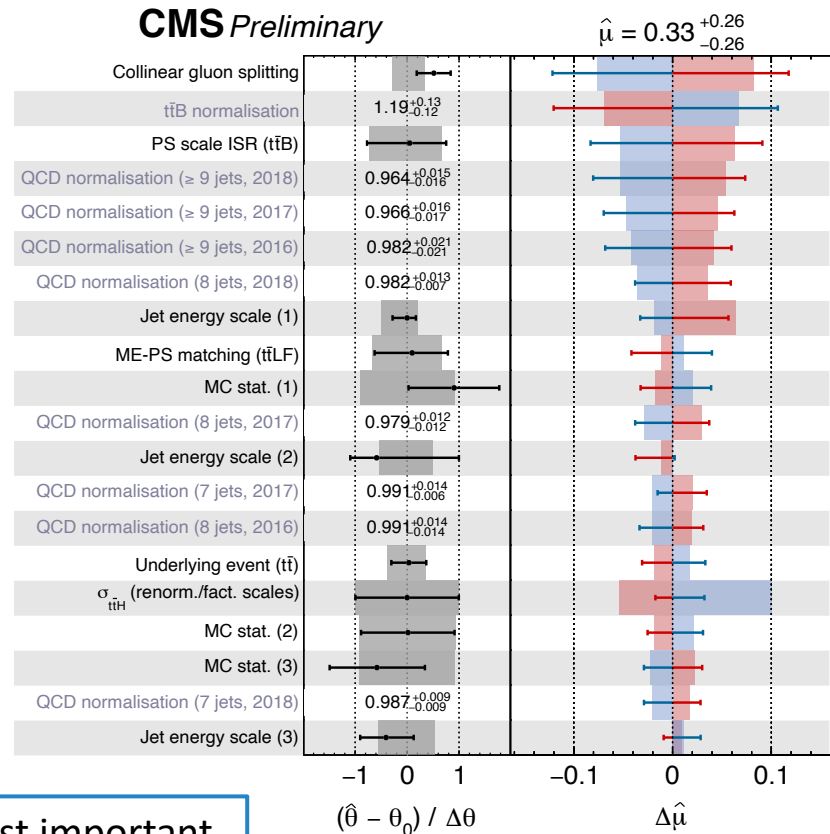
Major sources of systematic uncertainties:

Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ (observed)	$\Delta\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$ (expected)
Total experimental	+0.10/ - 0.10	+0.11/ - 0.10
jet energy scale and resolution	+0.08/ - 0.07	+0.09/ - 0.09
b tagging	+0.07/ - 0.06	+0.06/ - 0.02
luminosity	+0.02/ - 0.02	+0.01/ - 0.01
Total theory	+0.16/ - 0.16	+0.18/ - 0.14
$t\bar{t}$ + jets background	+0.15/ - 0.16	+0.12/ - 0.11
signal modelling	+0.06/ - 0.01	+0.13/ - 0.06
Size of the simulated event samples	+0.13/ - 0.12	+0.10/ - 0.10
Total systematic	+0.20/ - 0.21	+0.23/ - 0.19
Statistical	+0.17/ - 0.16	+0.17/ - 0.17
background normalisation	+0.13/ - 0.13	+0.13/ - 0.13
$t\bar{t}B$ and $t\bar{t}C$ normalisation	+0.12/ - 0.12	+0.12/ - 0.12
QCD normalisation	+0.01/ - 0.01	+0.01/ - 0.01
Total	+0.26/ - 0.26	+0.28/ - 0.25

$t\bar{t}$ + jets uncertainties most important

Impacts and pulls of systematic uncertainties:

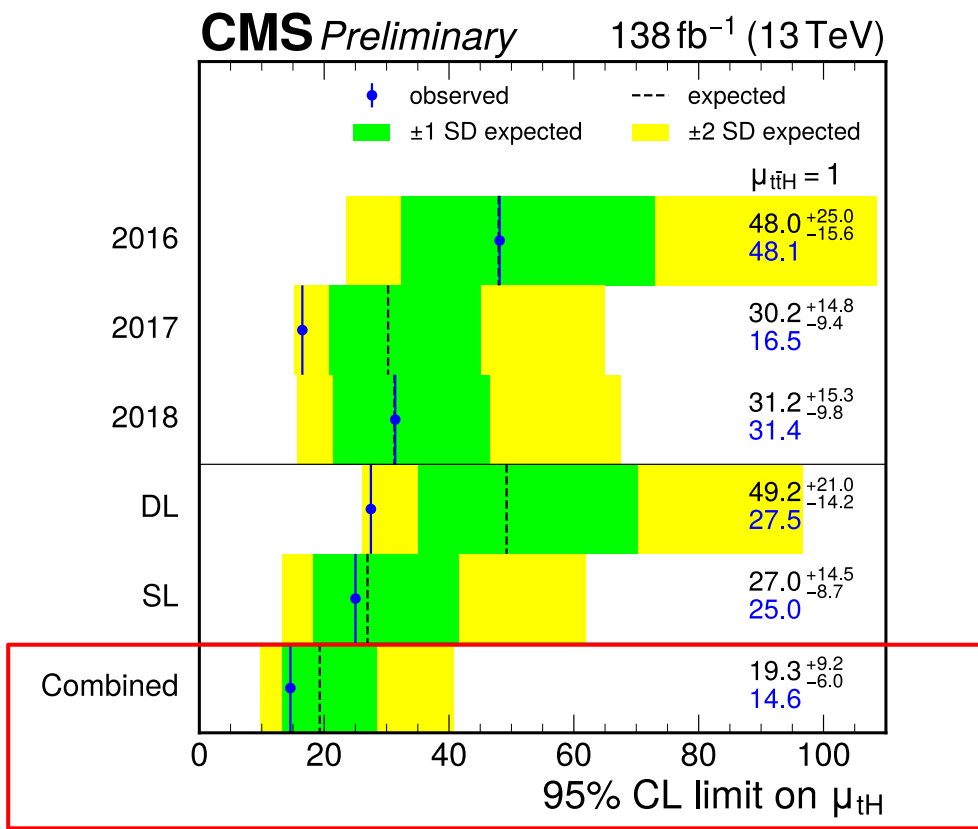
- Fit constraint (obs.)
- +1 σ Impact (obs.)
- -1 σ Impact (obs.)
- Fit constraint (exp.)
- +1 σ Impact (exp.)
- -1 σ Impact (exp.)



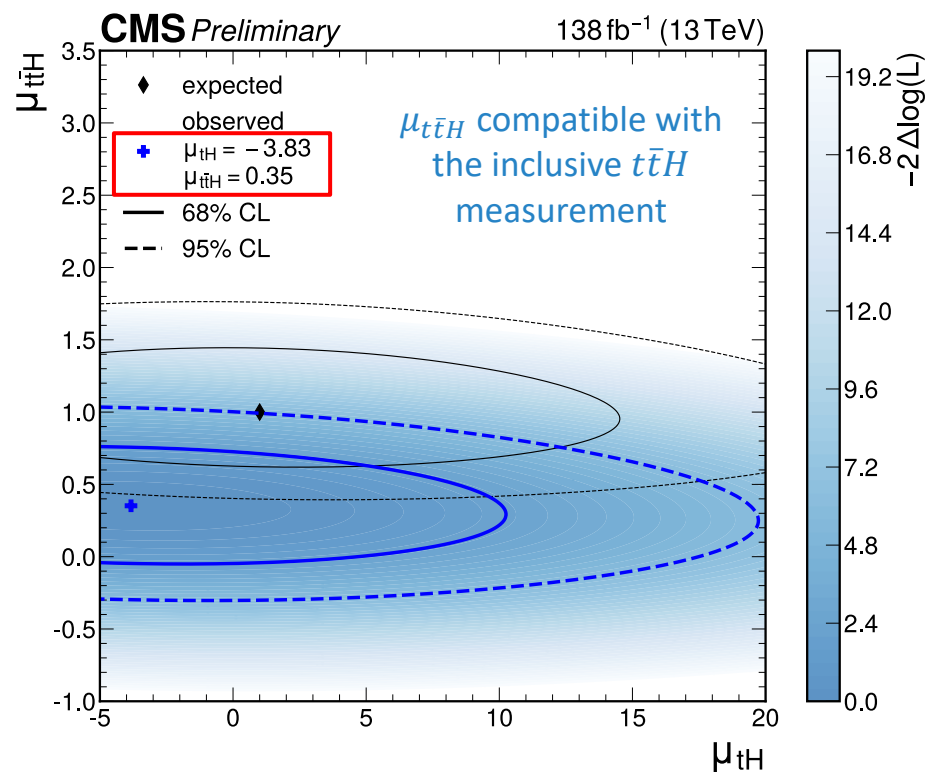
Inclusive tH Results: Signal Strength

Expected and observed 95% CL upper limits on μ_{tH} for individual years, SL channel, DL channel and combination of all channels

Simultaneous measurement of μ_{tH} and $\mu_{t\bar{t}H}$



$t\bar{t}H$ treated as background and kept at SM prediction



$t\bar{t}H$ Measurement in Higgs Boson p_T Bins

$t\bar{t}H$ cross-section measured in 5 Higgs boson p_T (p_T^H) bins:

- $t\bar{t}H$ signal split using generator level p_T^H

Perform reconstruction of the Higgs boson p_T bins:

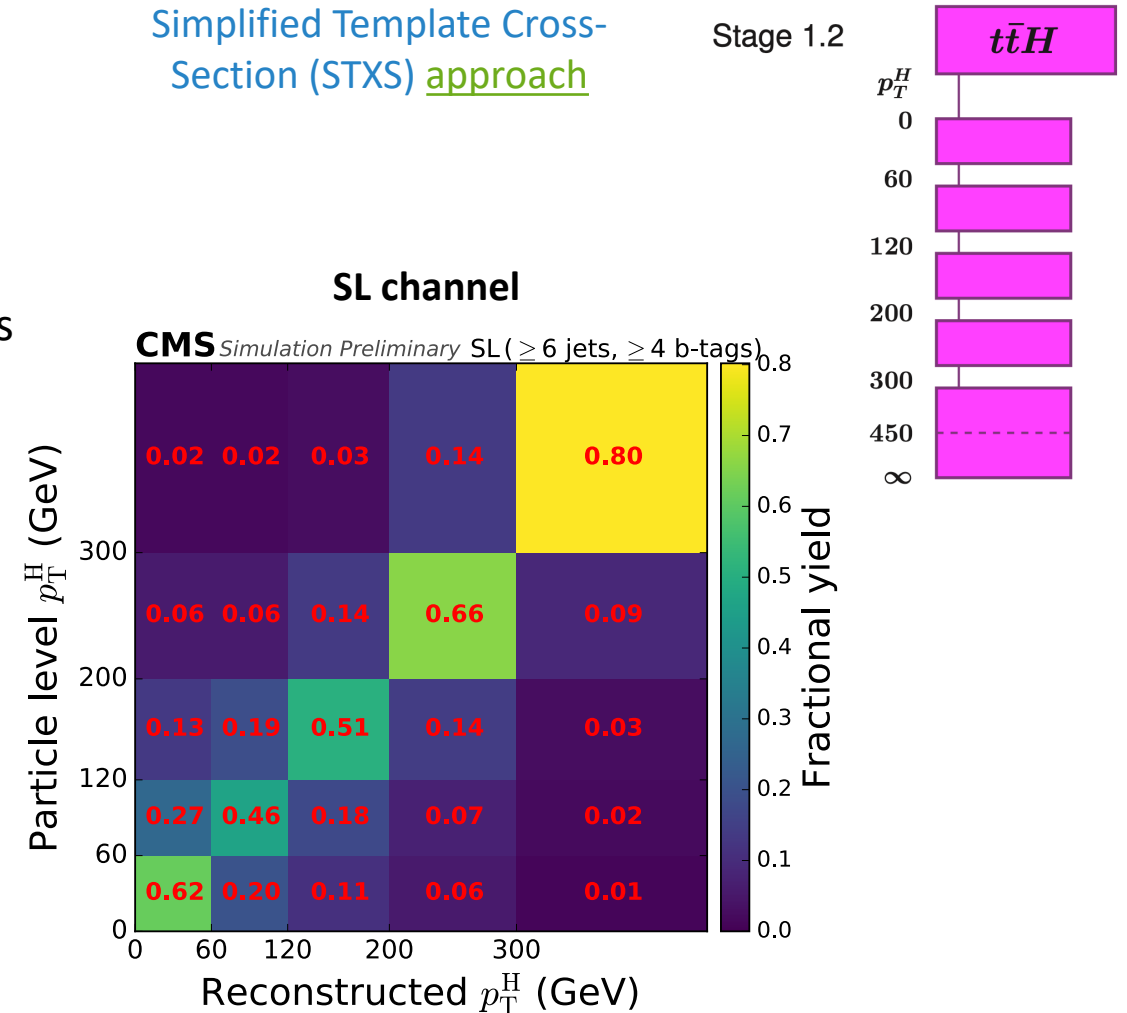
- In FH channel: χ^2 reconstruction of the Higgs from b-jet pairs
- In SL and DL channels: multi-class ANN trained on $t\bar{t}H(b\bar{b})$

Assignment efficiency between 35-85%, depending on p_T bin and category

Events in the signal-enriched regions from the inclusive categorization further divided in reconstructed p_T^H nodes

Simplified Template Cross-Section (STXS) approach

Stage 1.2



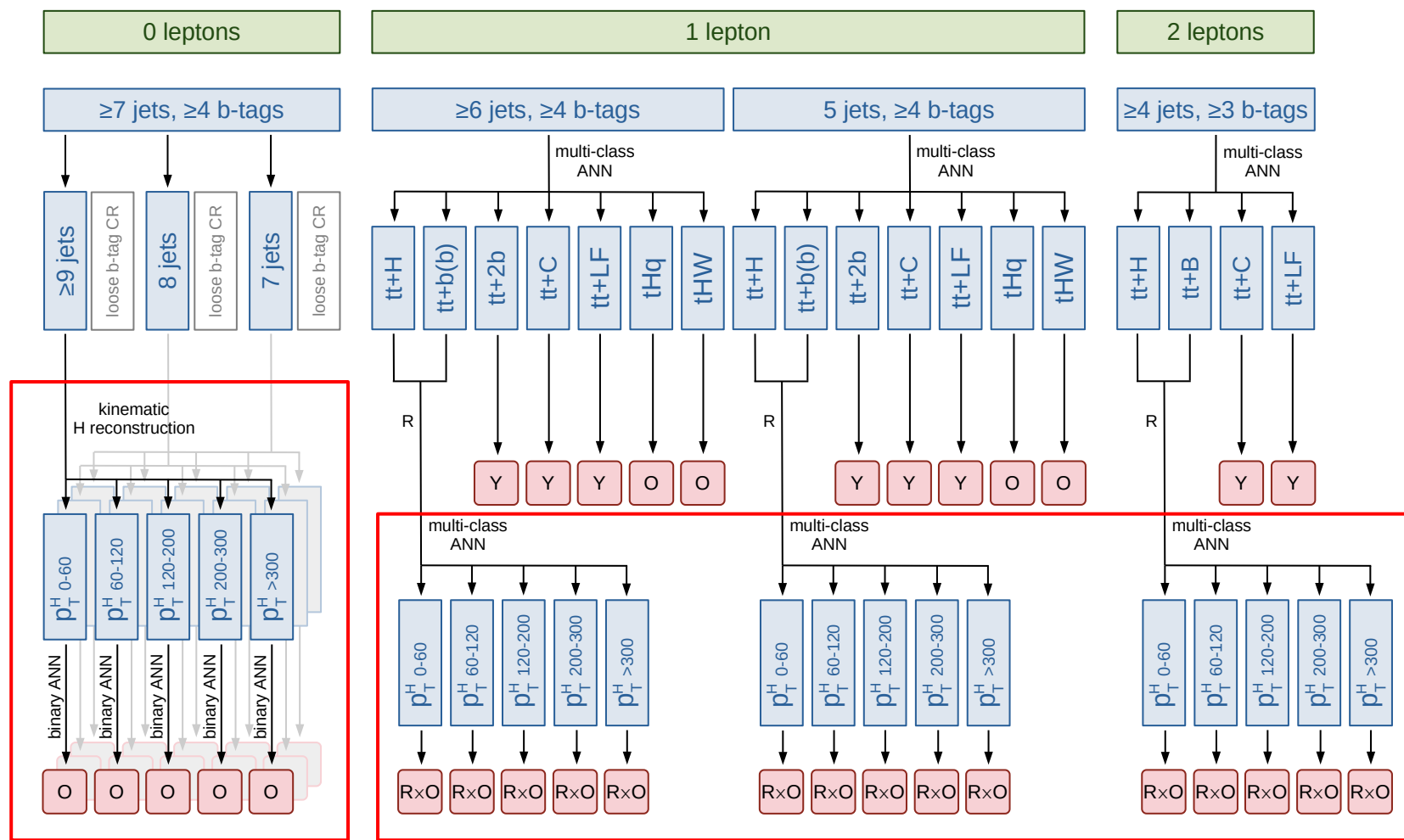
$t\bar{t}H$ Measurement in Higgs Boson p_T Bins

5 independent signal templates (for each generator-level p_T^H) fit simultaneous in a 5D fit:

- In each signal region node, contributions taken from all p_T^H bins – to consider migration between nodes due to resolution effects

Fitted observable is the output of the Higgs p_T ANN times the ratio observable from the inclusive ANN

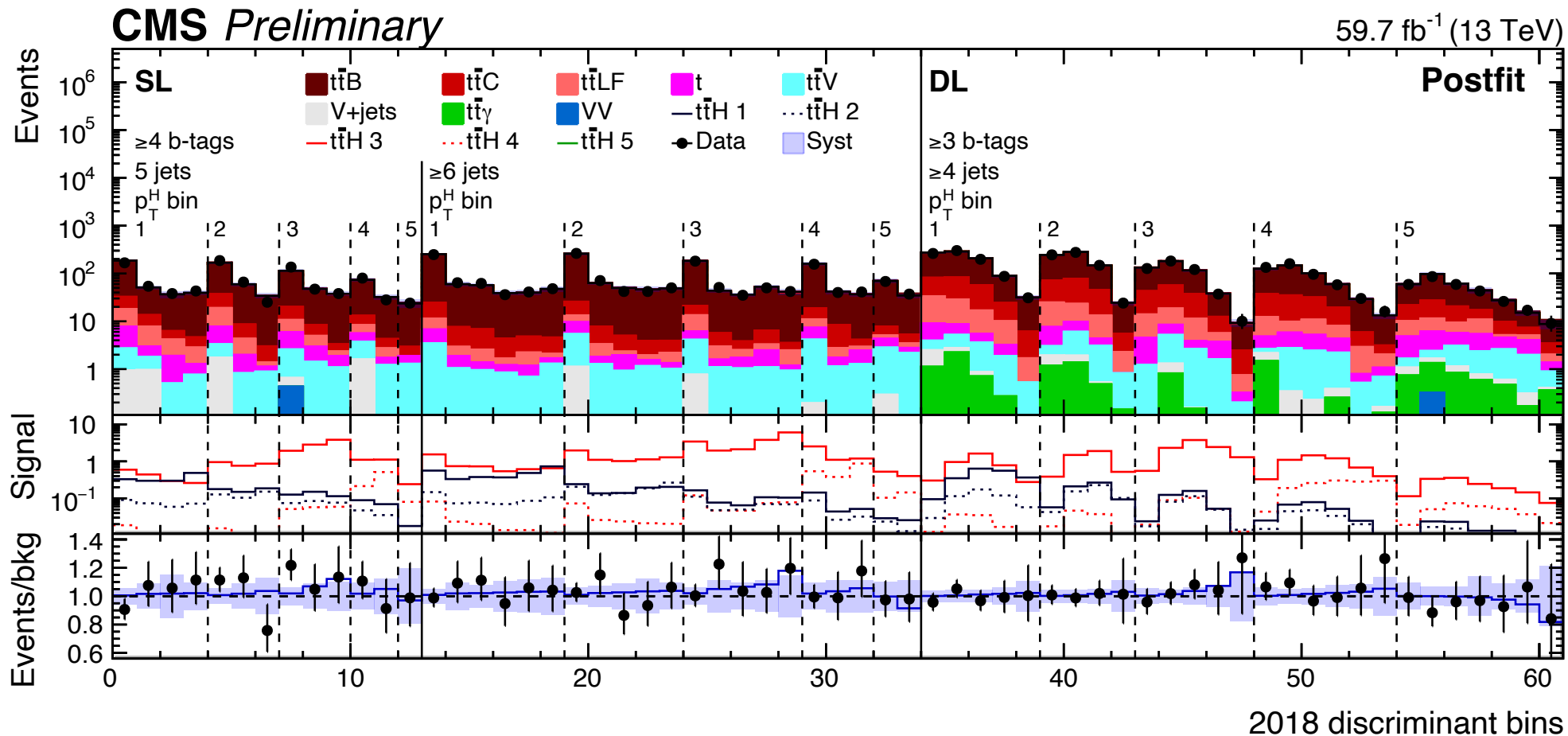
The DL 3 jets, 3 b-tags category is not included – negligible sensitivity to this measurement



Legend: ■ Distribution in template fit, event yield (Y), ANN output (O), likelihood ratio of ANN outputs (R)

$t\bar{t}H$ Measurement in Higgs Boson p_T Bins

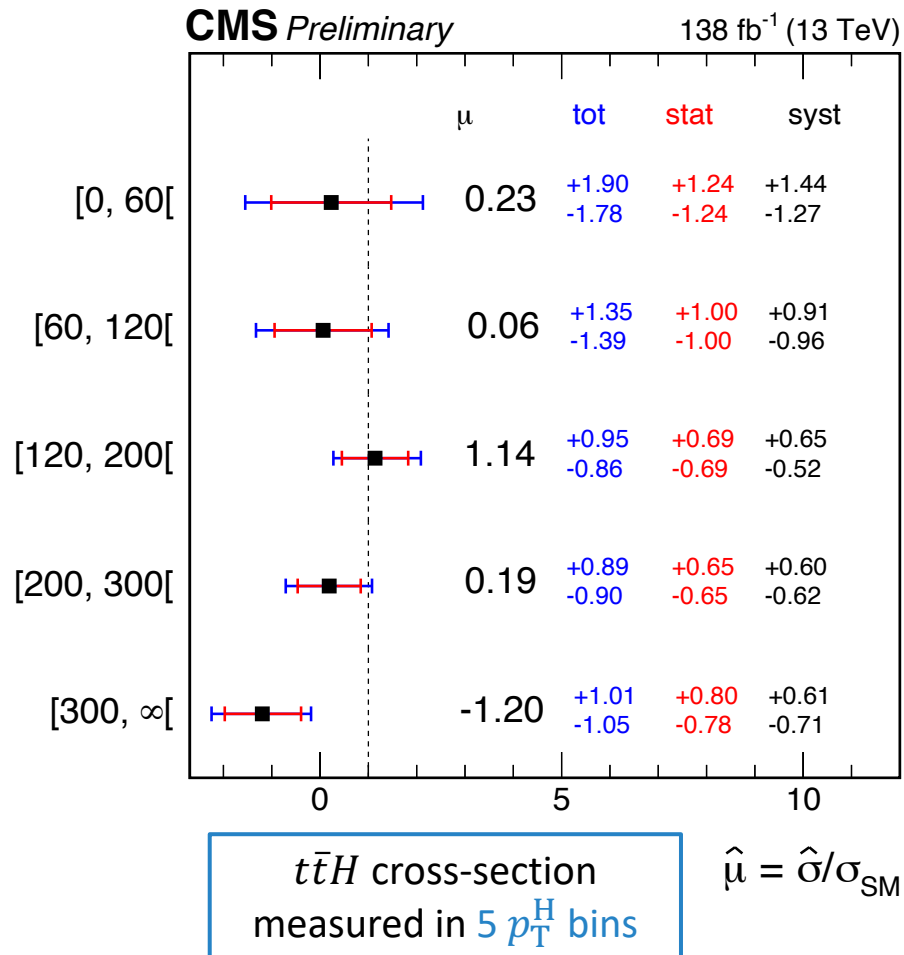
Post-fit distributions in SL and DL channels in Higgs p_T bins from 2018 (2017 and 2017 in backup):



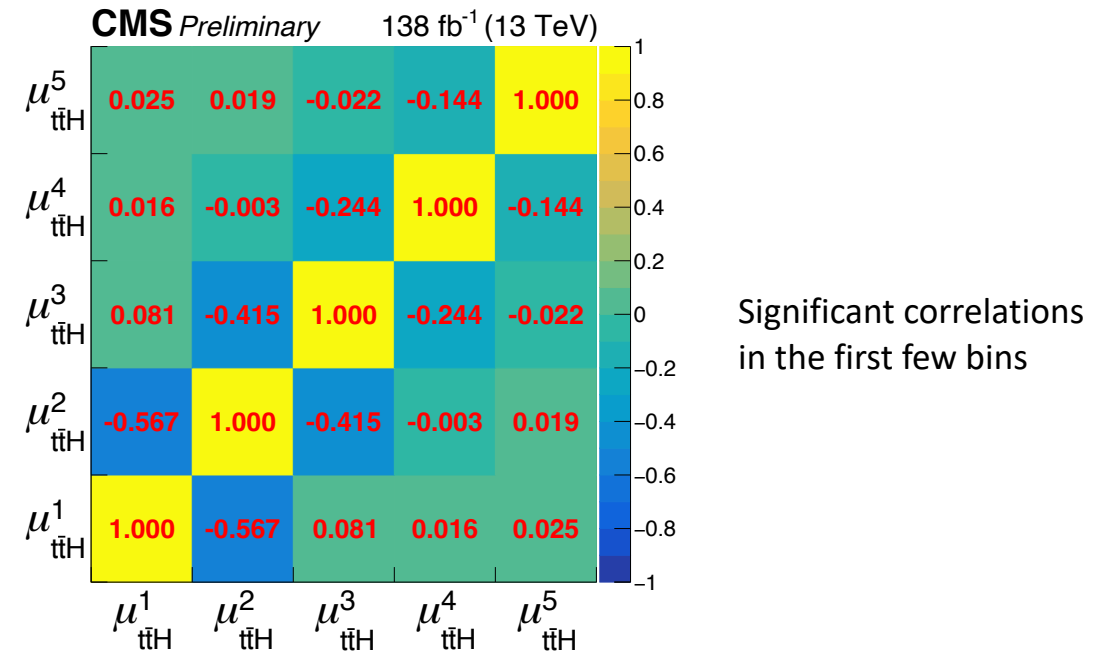
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$t\bar{t}H$ Measurement in Higgs Boson p_T Bins

Full Run-2 Results



Correlations among the signal strengths



Compatibility with:

- **Inclusive results:** p-value of 0.67 (0.4 σ)
 - Additional single parameter fit gives signal strength within 3% of the inclusive result: **completely compatible**
- **SM:** p-value of 0.21 (1.3 σ)

Coupling Interpretations in the κ -Framework

Re-parameterize analysis in terms of κ_t and κ_V :

- Rate of $t\bar{t}H \propto \kappa_t^2$
- Rate of tHq and tHW sensitive to relative sign of κ_t and κ_V due to interference terms

$$\sigma_{tHq} = (2.63 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 3.58 \cdot \kappa_V^2 - 5.21 \cdot \kappa_t \kappa_V) \sigma_{tHq}^{\text{SM}}$$

$$\sigma_{tHW} = (2.91 \cdot \kappa_t^2 + 2.40 \cdot \kappa_V^2 - 4.22 \cdot \kappa_t \kappa_V) \sigma_{tHW}^{\text{SM}}$$

Best fit result:

$$\kappa_t = 0.59$$

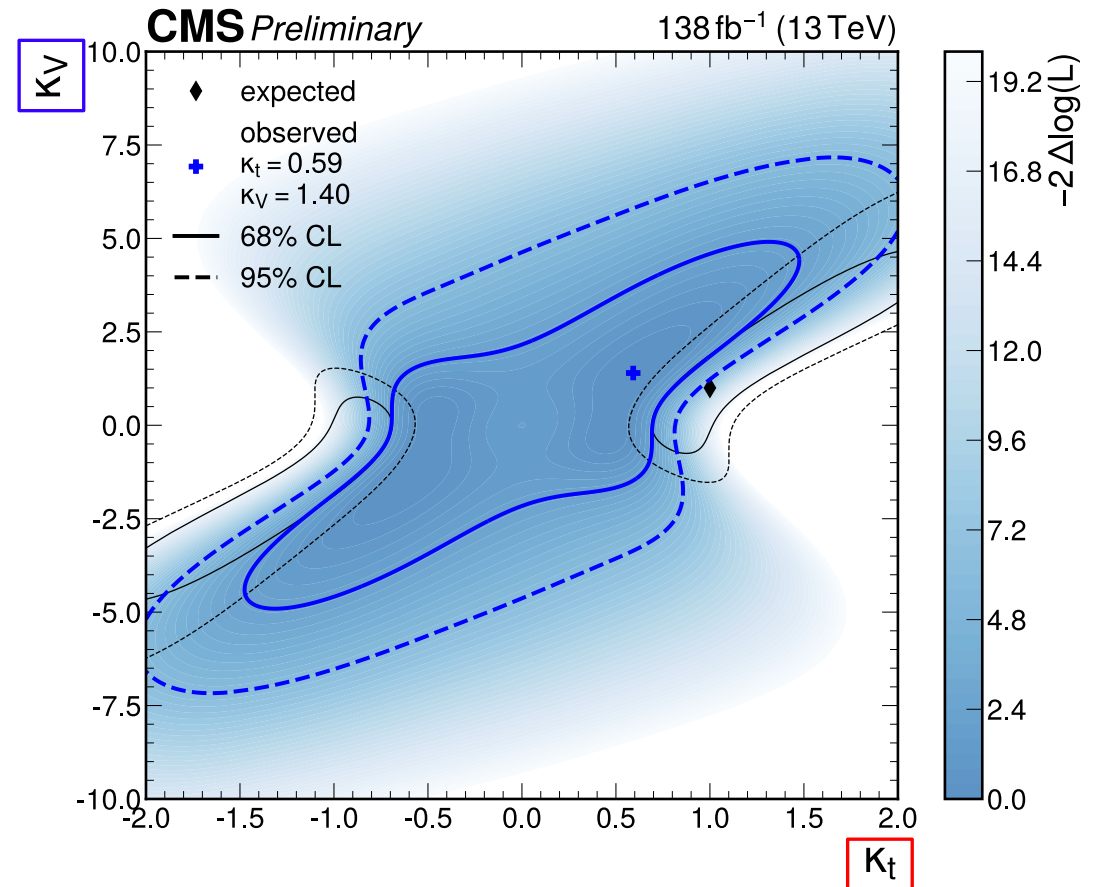
$$\kappa_V = 1.40$$

With κ_V fixed to 1,

$$\kappa_t = 0.54_{-0.34}^{+0.19}$$

Coupling parameter values compatible with inclusive signal strength modifiers

Also compatible with SM at the level of 2σ



Both $t\bar{t}H$ and tH treated as signal processes

CP Structure of top-Higgs Coupling

Extending Top-Higgs Yukawa Lagrangian to divide pure CP-even (κ_t) and pure CP-odd ($\kappa_{\bar{t}}$) components

$$\mathcal{A}(\text{H}t\bar{t}) = -\frac{m_t}{v} \bar{\psi}_t \left(\kappa_t + i\tilde{\kappa}_t \gamma_5 \right) \psi_t$$

Both $t\bar{t}H$ and $tH \propto \kappa_{\bar{t}}^2$

Additional parameterization in the $\kappa_t - \kappa_{\bar{t}}$ plane:

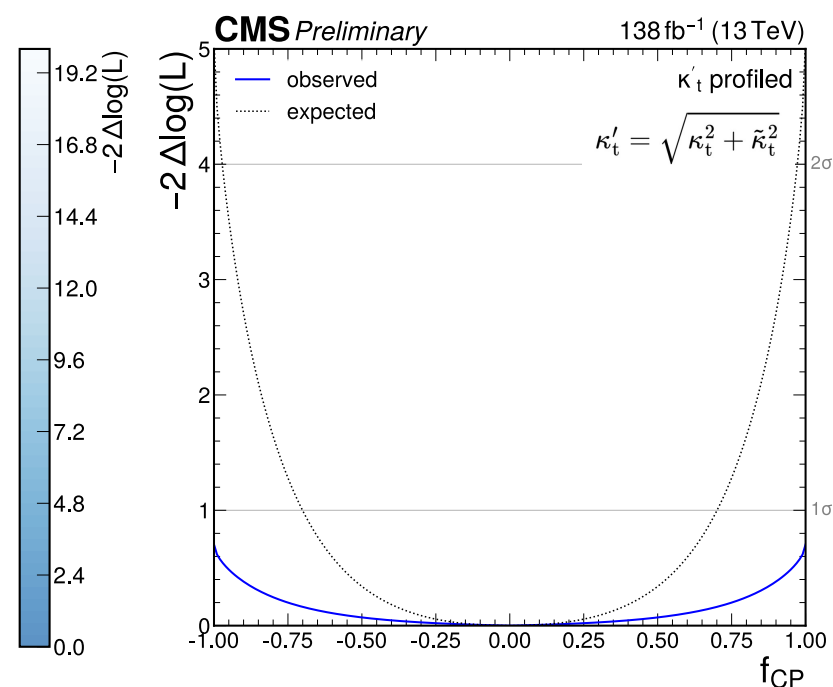
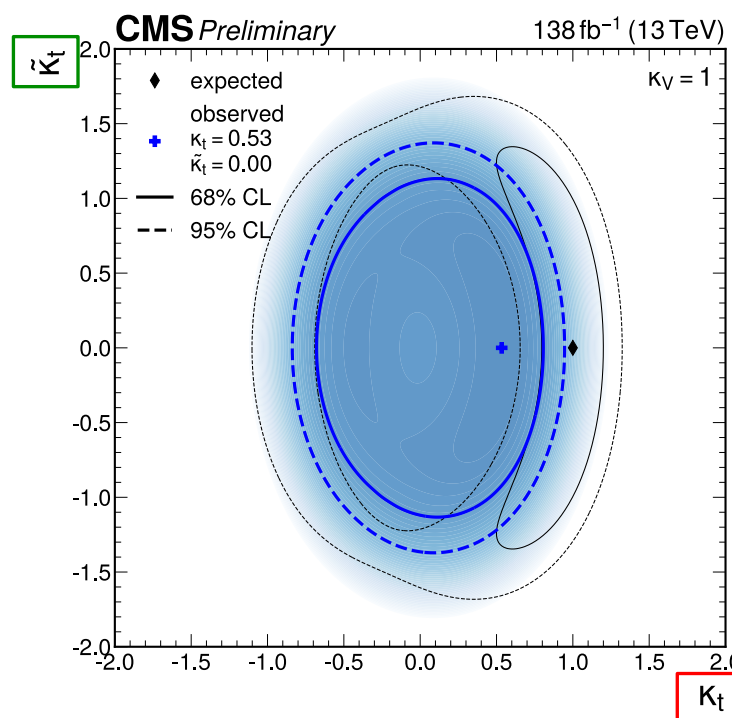
$$f_{CP} = \frac{\tilde{\kappa}_t^2}{\kappa_t^2 + \tilde{\kappa}_t^2} \cdot \text{sign} \left(\frac{\tilde{\kappa}_t}{\kappa_t} \right)$$

$$\kappa_t = \kappa'_t \sqrt{1 - |f_{CP}|}$$

$$\tilde{\kappa}_t = \kappa'_t \sqrt{|f_{CP}|}$$

(same model as used in the $t\bar{t}H/tH$ multilepton [paper](#))

fix $\kappa_V = 1$



- **Best fit** values of $(\kappa_t, \kappa_{\bar{t}})$: $(0.53, 0.00)$: Compatible with SM at the level of 2σ

Exclude CP-odd component at almost 1σ

Summary

- $t\bar{t}H$ and tH provide direct probes for the Top-Higgs Yukawa coupling
- Measurement of $t\bar{t}H$ production rate (both inclusive and in Higgs boson p_T) presented using full Run-2 data (138 fb^{-1})
- Measurement of tH production rate also performed along with additional interpretations of the **top-Higgs couplings**
- $t\bar{t}H$ production rate observed to be smaller than SM expectations – interesting result which can indicate towards new physics leading to smaller value of Top-Higgs coupling than in the SM
- Necessitates updated measurements of $t\bar{t}H$ and tH production rates with more data and further scrutiny of the $t\bar{t} + B$ background

