



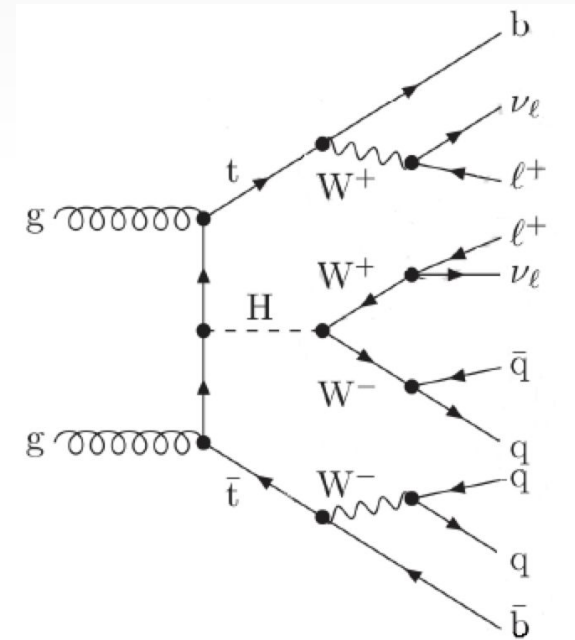
# Joker talk: differential $t\bar{t}H$ production in the multilepton final state using Run 2 dataset

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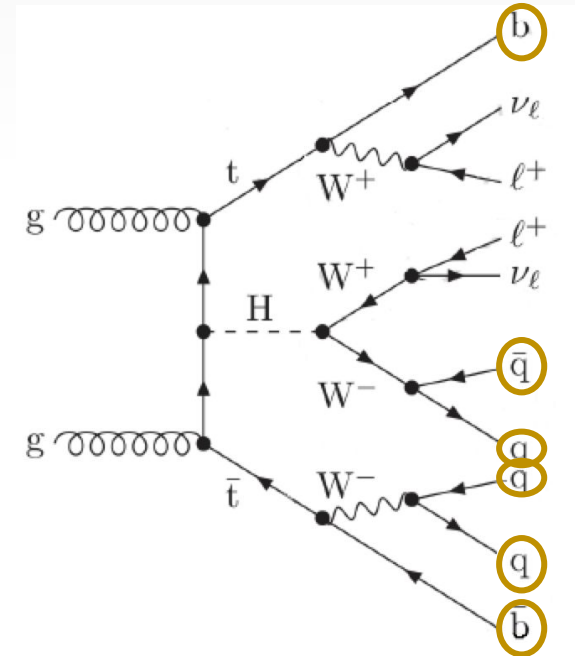
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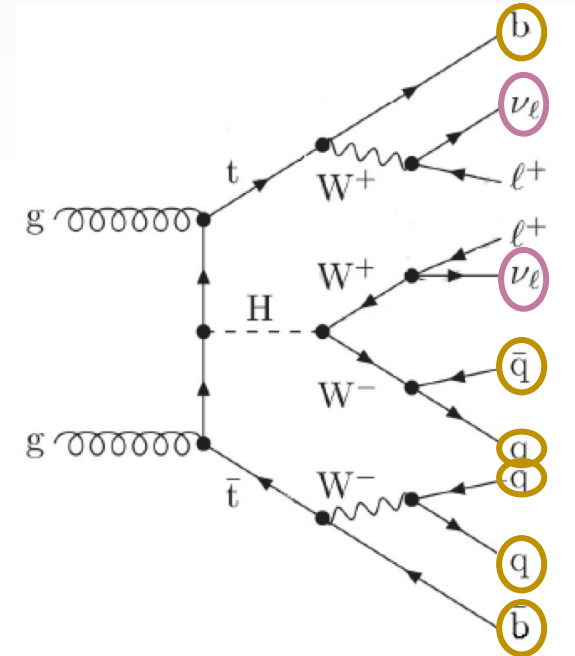
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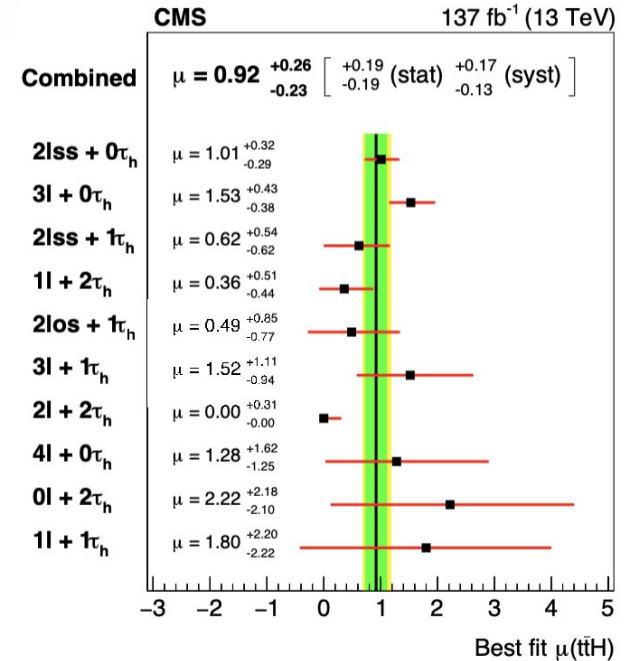
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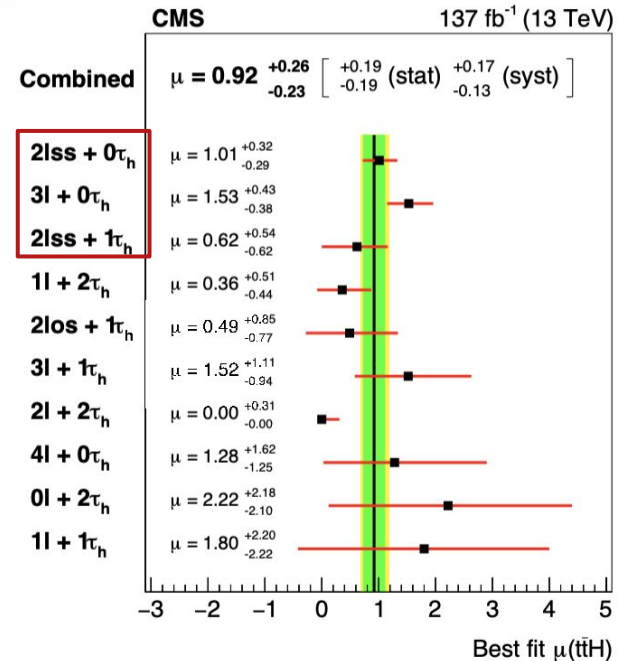
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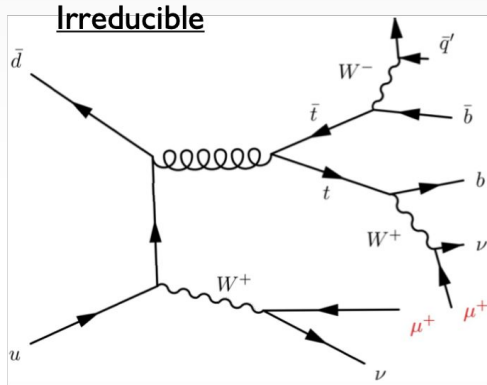


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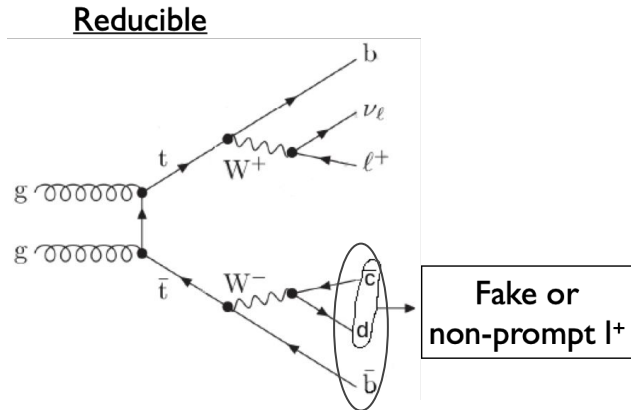
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- We select only the **best 3 final states**
- Differential measurement using full Run 2 data
  - Custom Higgs  $p_T$  bins
  - mtH bins



# Major Backgrounds



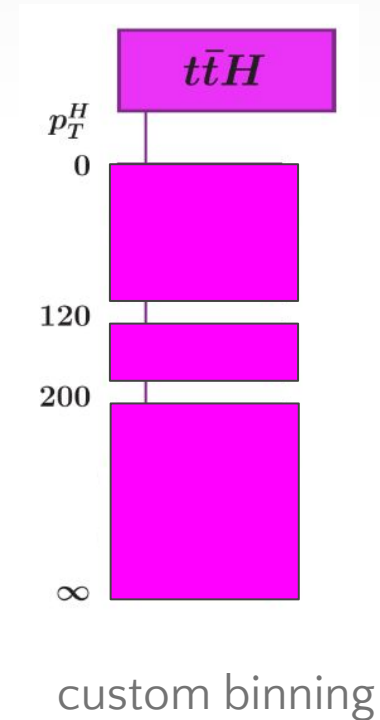
- $t\bar{t}W$ ,  $t\bar{t}Z$  are dominant
- Modeled in MC, normalization left floating in fit
  - Control regions to constrain
  - Validation regions to validate modeling



- Non-prompt lepton or jet fakes a prompt lepton
- Mostly  $t\bar{t}$  and  $W$ +jets in 2lss
- Estimated with data-driven methods

# Analysis Strategy

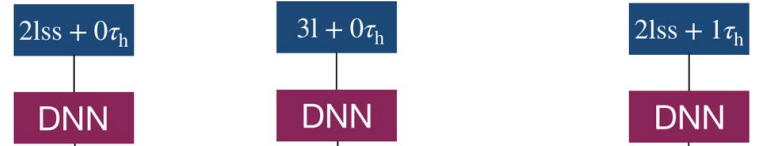
- Pick three best channels from inclusive  $t\bar{t}H$  analysis to do differential measurement
  - Custom Higgs  $p_T$  binning for optimized sensitivity (3 bins)
  - Custom Higgs  $m_{t\bar{t}H}$  binning (3 bins)
- Estimate the  $t\bar{t}W$ ,  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $WZ$ ,  $ZZ$  background from control regions:
  - 3l and 4l control region
- DNN multiclassifier, to maximise the sensitivity and the background modelling
  - Higgs  $p_T$  regression with DNN
- Fit all simultaneously all the classes of the DNN and the control regions





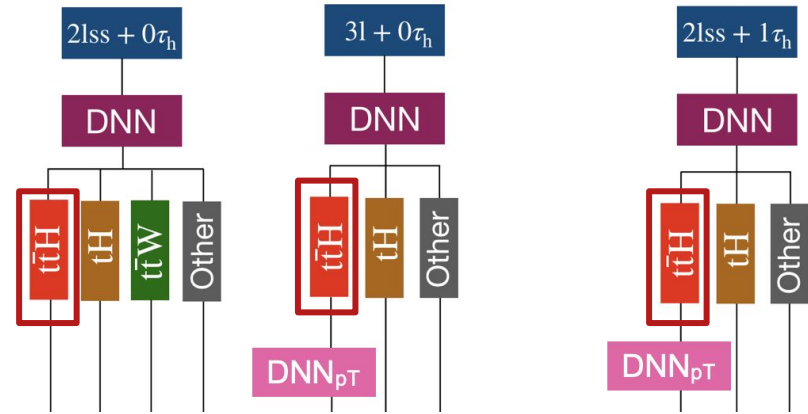
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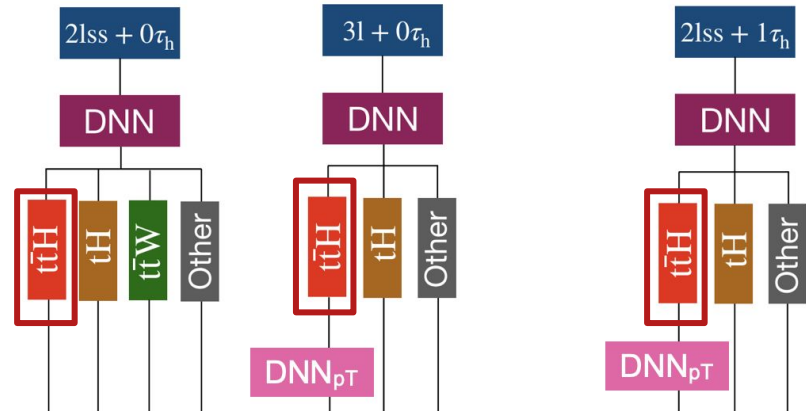
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- For  $t\bar{t}H$  like events
  - Train DNN for Higgs  $p_T$  regression
- For  $tH$ ,  $t\bar{t}W$  and other backgrounds
  - Split by lepton flavor, number of  $b$  jets when statistics allow



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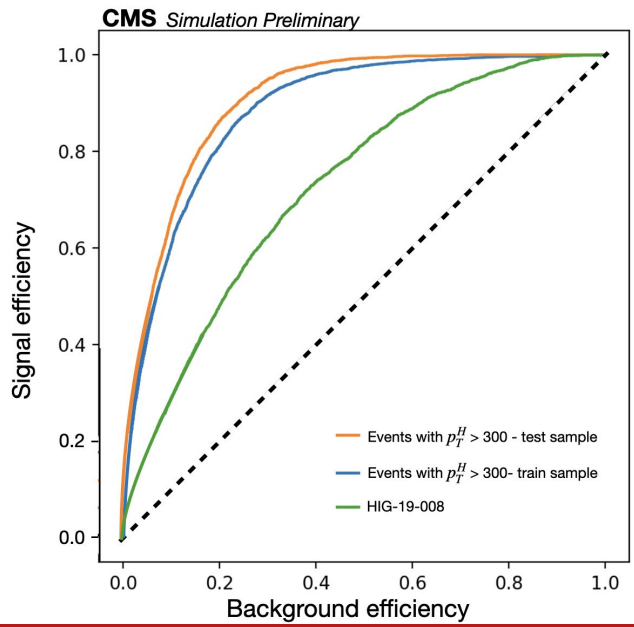
- **Improved** upon inclusive analysis by training separately high and low Higgs  $p_T$  events
  - BSM effects more sensitive at higher Higgs  $p_T$



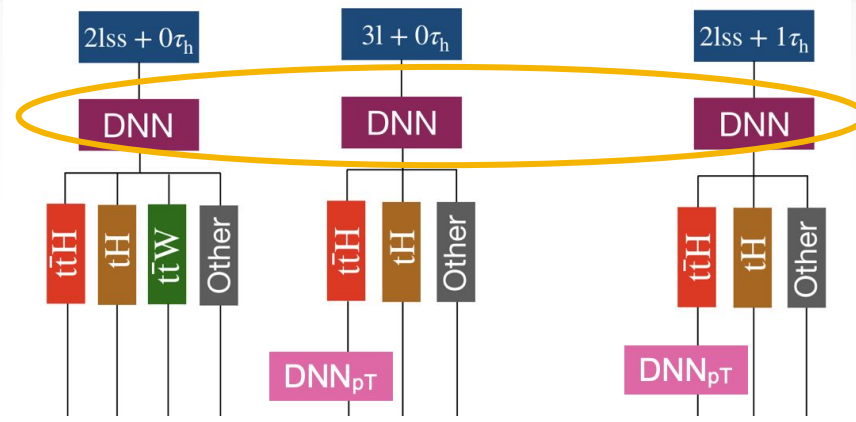
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# DNN Classifier Performance

- New classifier perform significantly better at separating higher Higgs  $p_T$  & tHq signal from others

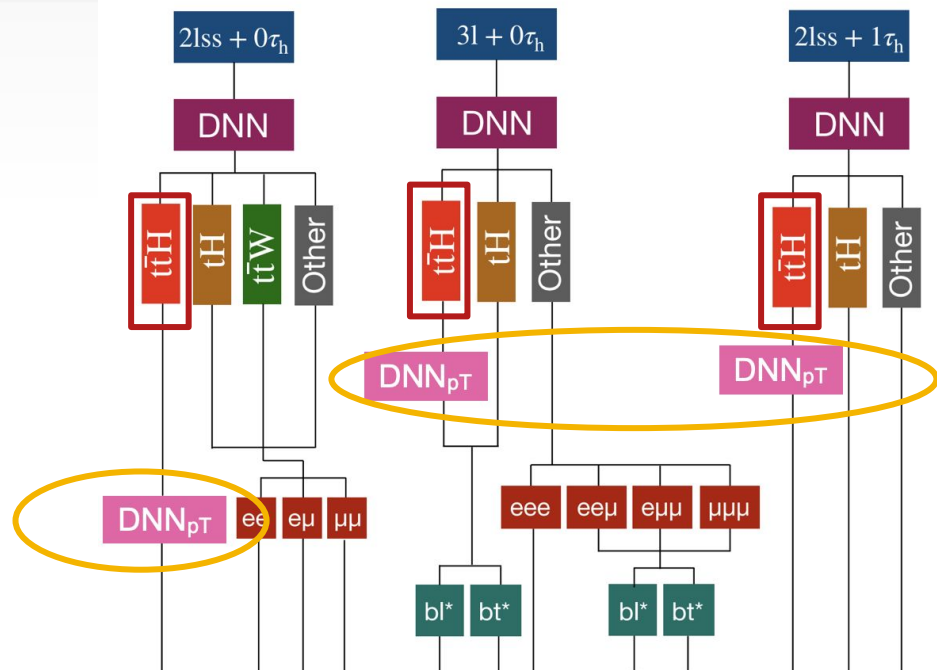


2lss



# Higgs $p_T$ Regression DNN

- Higgs  $p_T$  Regression DNN
  - New DNN developed for differential analysis



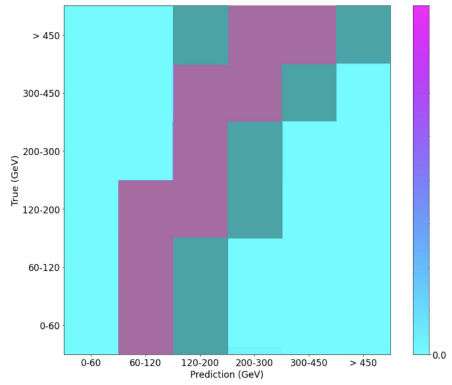
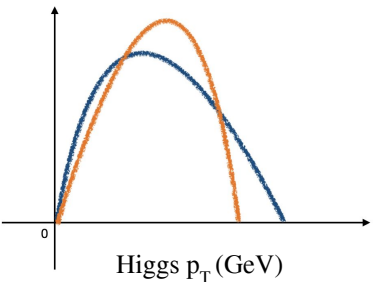
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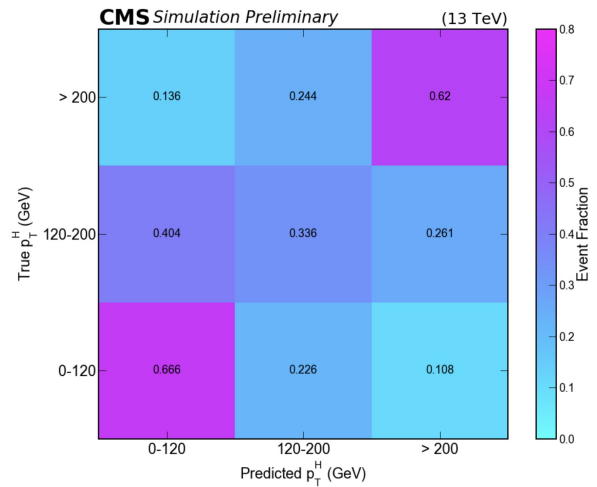
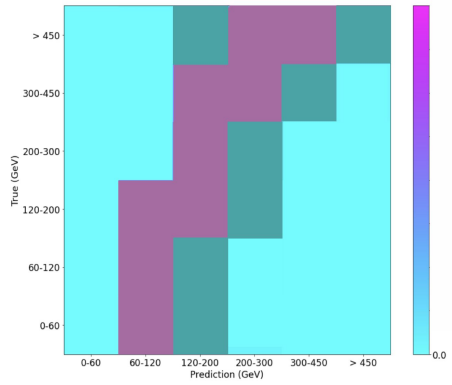
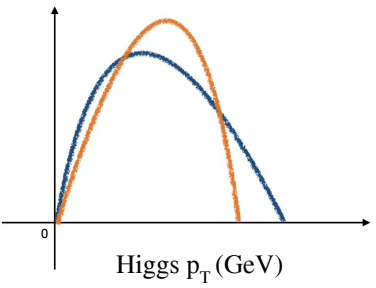
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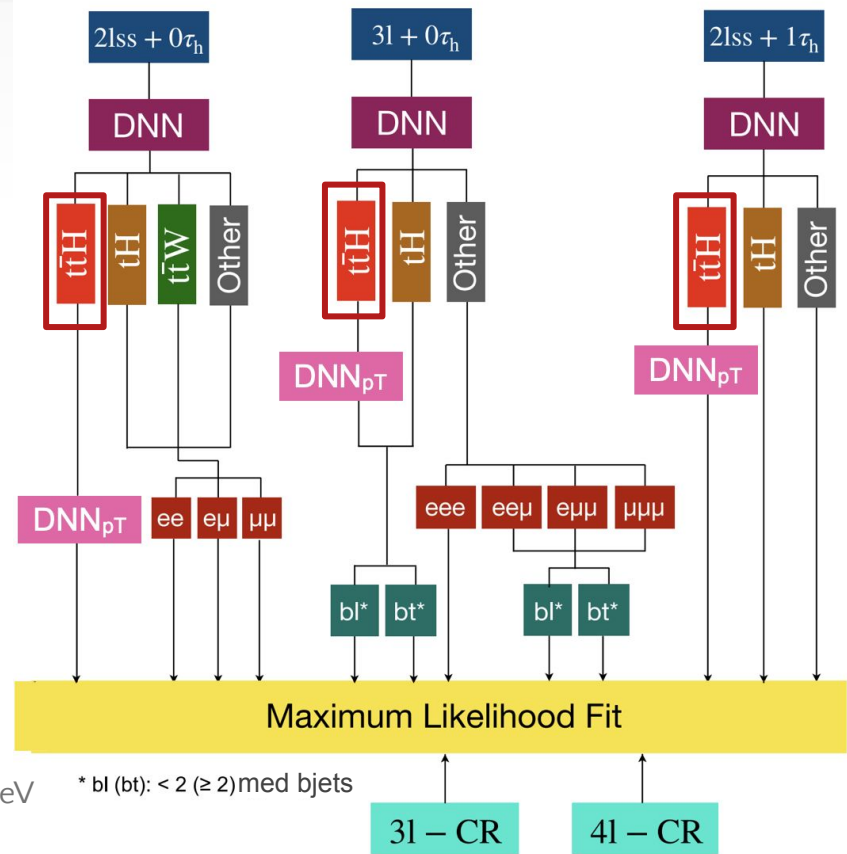
Term to penalize deviations in variance between true & prediction

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# Event Categorization & Fit Strategy

- For optimized sensitivity, in each channel, train a DNN Classifier to distinguish events between ttH low Higgs  $p_T$ , ttH high Higgs  $p_T$ , tH and background
- **Maximum-likelihood (ML) fit** to the yields in the signal region bins for 2lss, 2lss + 1th and 3l & 3l and 4l control regions



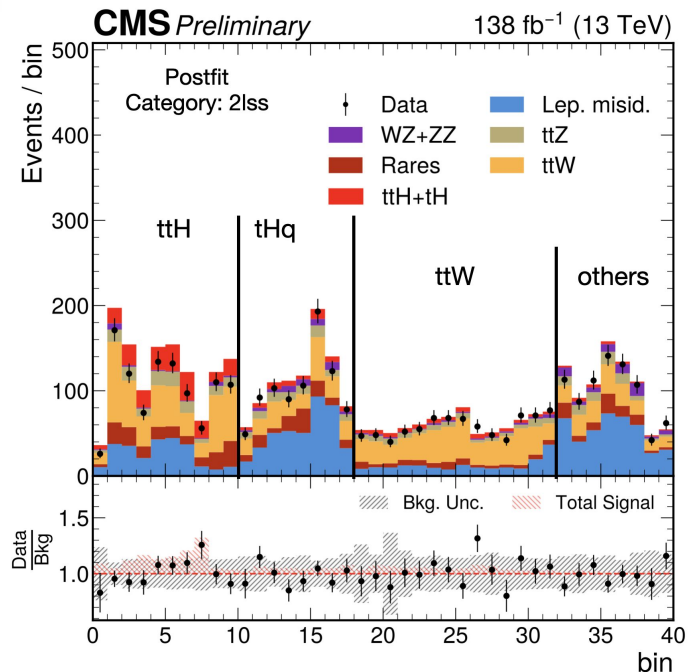
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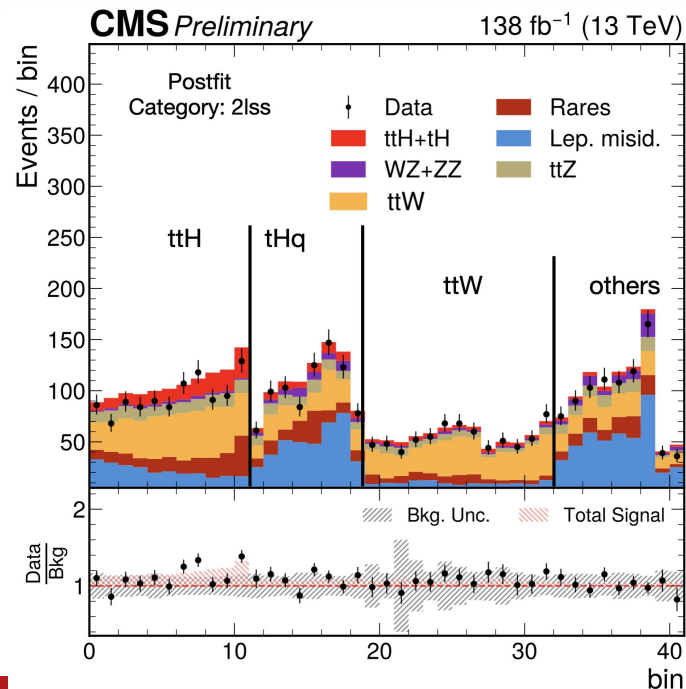
# Postfit distributions

- Postfit distribution for the 2lss category for:

$m_{ttH}$  category



Higgs  $p_T$  category

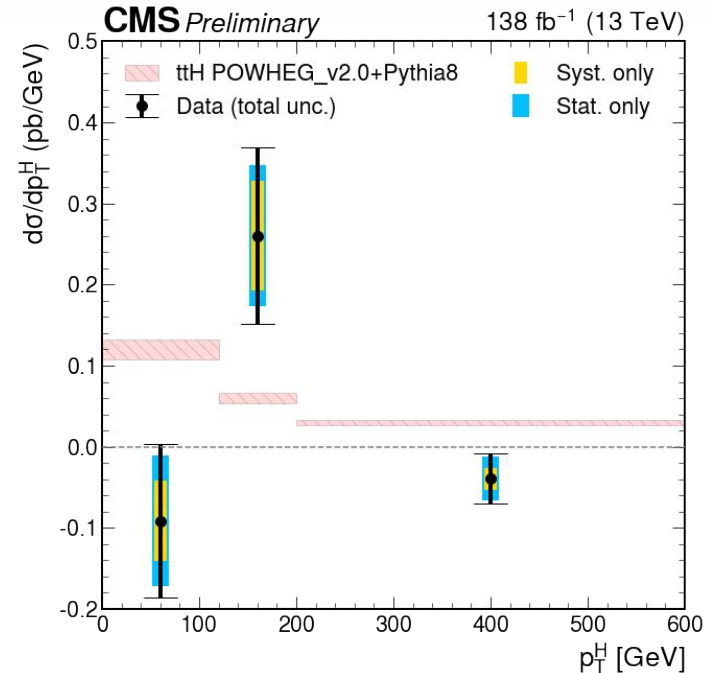


# Higgs $p_T$ Results

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  - Custom Higgs  $p_T$  binning

class	$2\ell SS + 0\tau_h$	$2\ell SS + 1\tau_h$	$3\ell + 0\tau_h$
$t\bar{t}H$ _low	$2 \times 4$	$2 \times 4$	( $< 2$ bjet med., $\geq 2$ bjet med.) $2 \times 4$
$t\bar{t}H$ _high	$1 \times 4$	$1 \times 4$	$1 \times 4$
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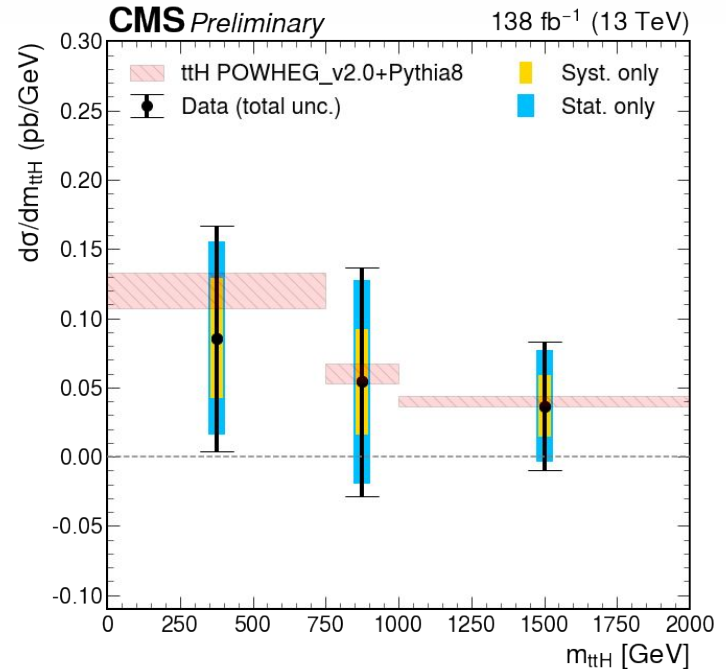
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# Summary

- First  $t\bar{t}H$  differential measurement in  $t\bar{t}H$  multilepton final state
- Very challenging final state large  $\rightarrow$  large multiplicity of jets, presence of neutrinos
- Multiclass DNN to categorize the events
  - DNN to regress the Higgs  $p_T$
- We measured the differential cross section as a function of:
  - 3 Higgs  $p_T$ :  $[0,120)$ ,  $[120, 200)$ ,  $[200, \text{inf})$  GeV
  - 3  $m_{t\bar{t}H}$  bins:  $[0,750)$ ,  $[750, 1000)$ ,  $[1000, \text{inf})$  GeV
- Results are in agreement with the SM prediction

