

Single Top Quark Production Cross Section and Properties Using the ALTAS Detector at the LHC

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- Why Study Single Top Processes?
- Single Top Quark Phenomenology
- Measurements
 - t-channel
 - Wt channel
- Searches
 - s-channel
 - Heavy Gauge Bosons (W')
 - Monotops
 - FCNC



Why Study Single Top Processes?

Massive

- most massive elementary particle...that we know of
- Higgs mass corrections
- hierarchy problem

Decay Before Hadronization

- only opportunity to observe bare parton

Background in Other Searches

- background to Higgs, SUSY, etc...

Unique Tests of Standard Model

- ratio of u and d quark PDF
- unitarity test of CKM matrix, $|V_{tb}|$ extraction
- top quark polarization, W boson helicity, etc...

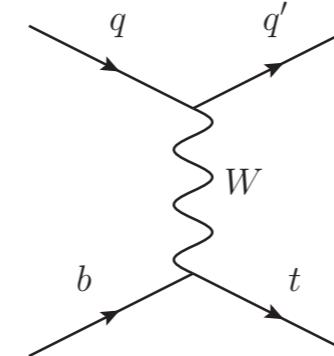
Beyond the Standard Model Probe

- Wtb anomalous couplings
- flavor changing neutral currents
- heavy gauge bosons
- dark matter



t-channel generic selection

- 2 high p_T jets
 - 1 forward light jet
 - 1 central b-jet
- 1 isolated, high p_T lepton
- E_T^{Miss}



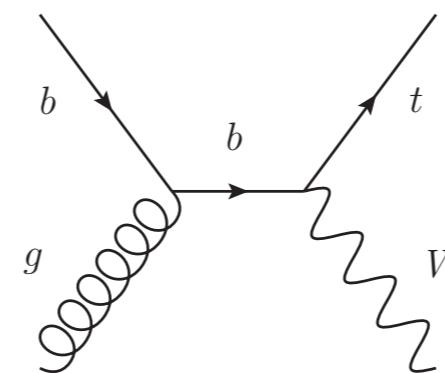
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$$\sigma_{t\text{-ch}}^{\text{theory}} = 87.76^{+3.44}_{-1.91} \text{ pb @ 8 TeV}$$

Phys. Rev. D 83, 091503 (2011)

Wt-channel generic selection

- 1 high p_T central b-jet
- 2 isolated, high p_T leptons
- E_T^{Miss}



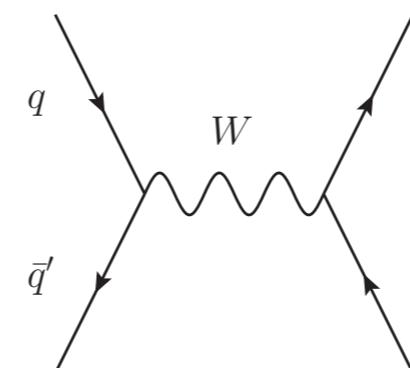
$$\sigma_{Wt\text{-ch}}^{\text{theory}} = 15.74^{+1.17}_{-1.21} \text{ pb @ 7 TeV}$$

$$\sigma_{Wt\text{-ch}}^{\text{theory}} = 22.37 \pm 1.52 \text{ pb @ 8 TeV}$$

Phys. Rev. D 82, 054018 (2010)

s-channel generic selection

- 2 high p_T central b-jets
- 1 isolated high p_T lepton
- E_T^{Miss}



$$\sigma_{s\text{-ch}}^{\text{theory}} = 4.63^{+0.20}_{-0.18} \text{ pb @ 7 TeV}$$

$$\sigma_{s\text{-ch}}^{\text{theory}} = 5.61 \pm 0.22 \text{ pb @ 8 TeV}$$

Phys. Rev. D 81, 054028 (2010)

* calculations made assuming a top mass of 172.5 GeV and using the MSTW 2008 NNLO PDF

t-chan Cross Section Measurements

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

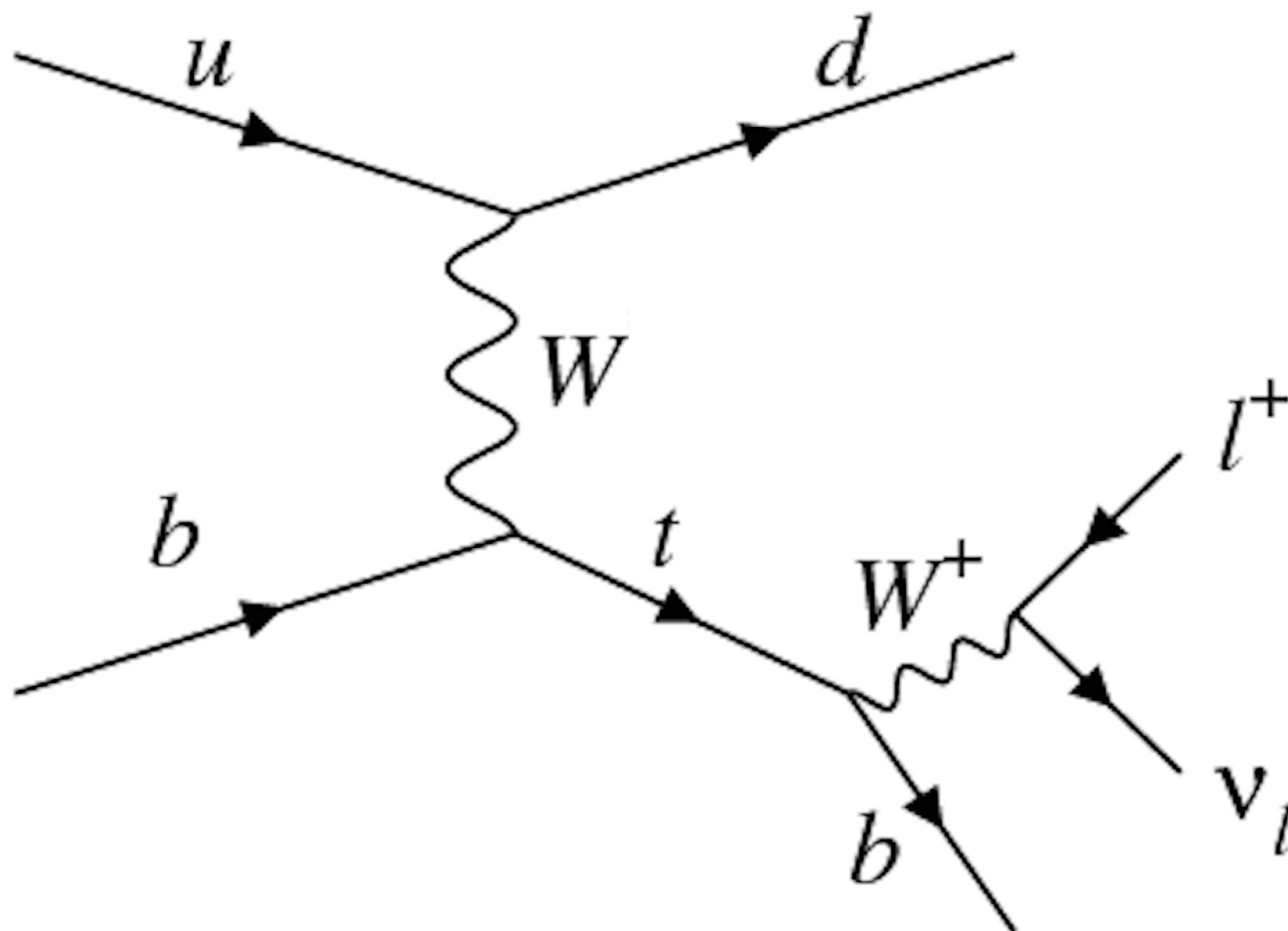
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$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, 4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Phys. Rev. D. 90, 112006

Final State Selection

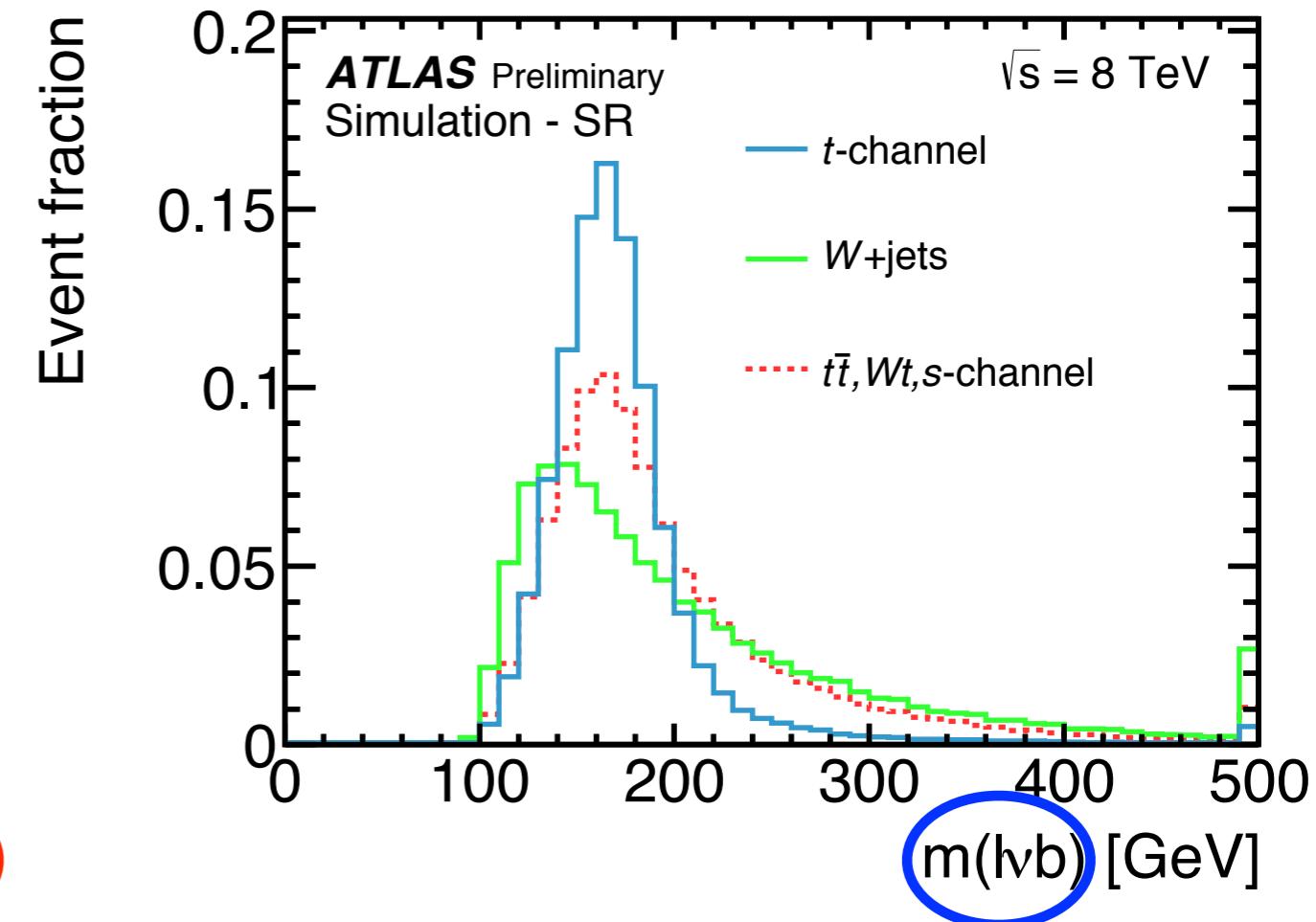
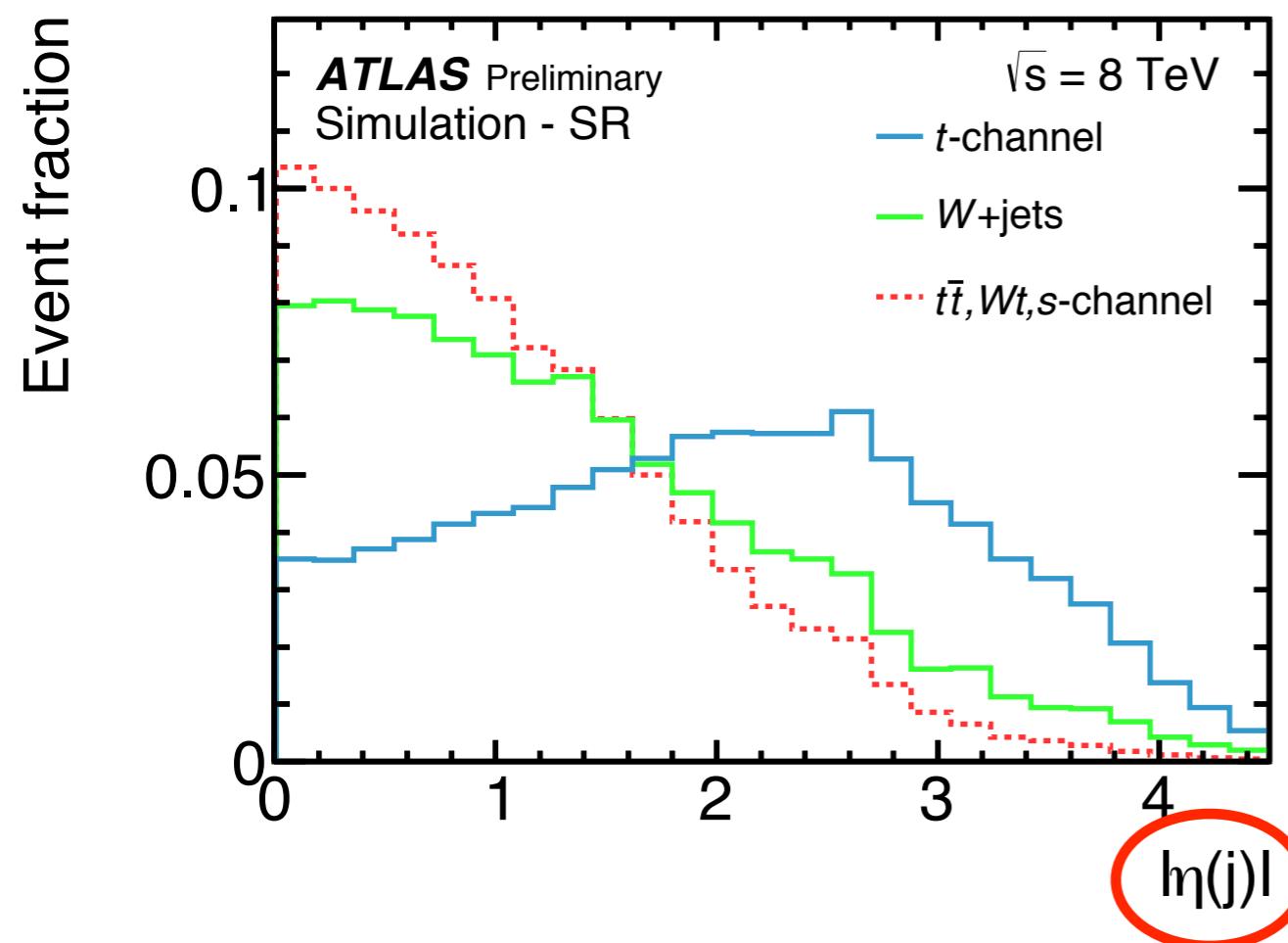
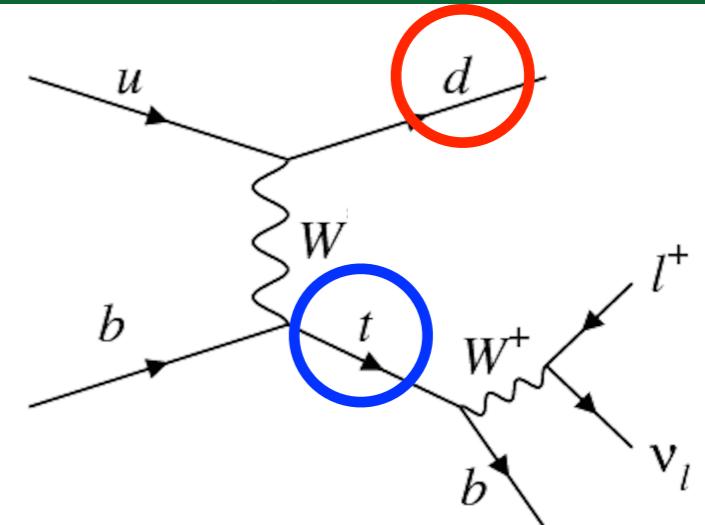
- 1 light quark, 1 b-jet, 1 electron or muon, E_T^{Miss}



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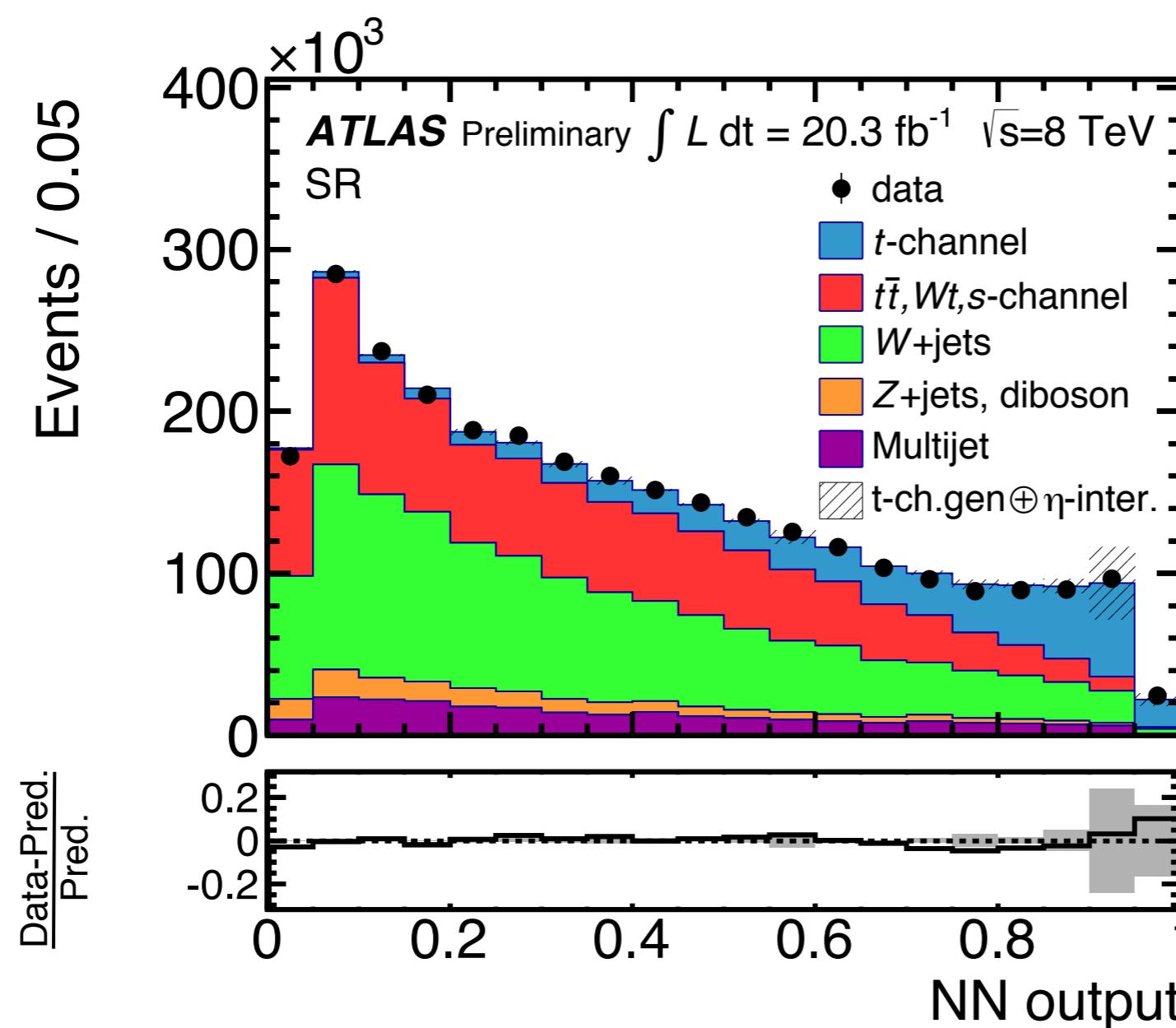
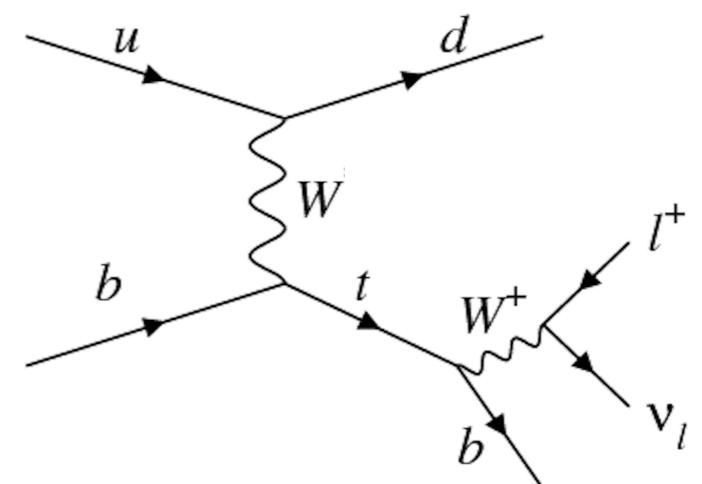
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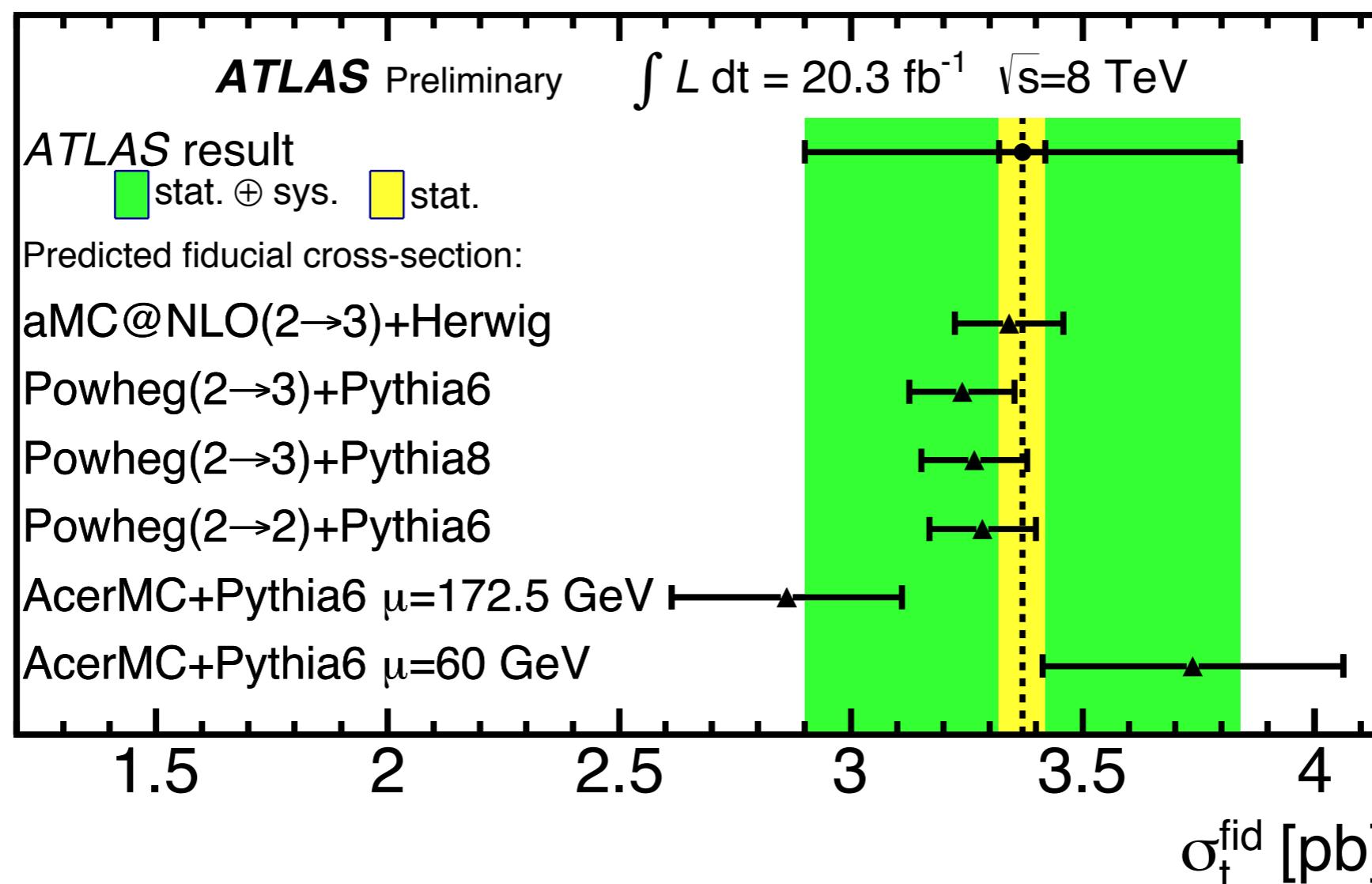
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Cross Section Determination (fiducial)

- cross section in region of phase-space visible by ATLAS
- easier theoretical interpretation
- reduced sensitivity to theoretical uncertainties

dominated by JES and generator modeling uncertainties

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 3.37 \pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.48(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$



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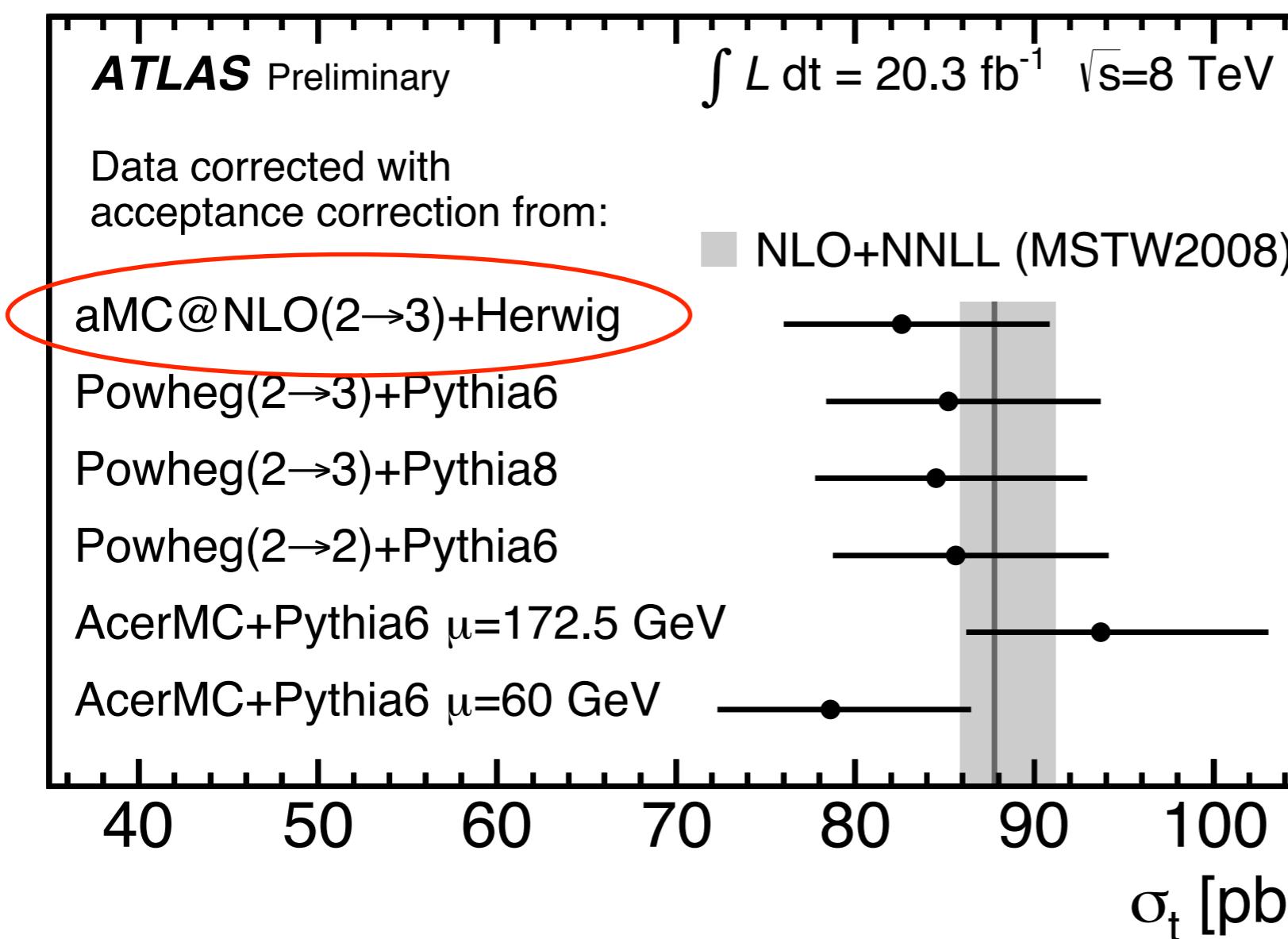
Cross Section Determination (inclusive)

- uses acceptance of different MC generators
- selection cuts of fiducial volume in backup

$$\sigma_{\text{inc}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\text{fid}}} \sigma_{\text{fid}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{inc}} = 82.6 \pm 1.2(\text{stat}) \pm 12.0(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\frac{\delta \sigma_{\text{inc}}}{\sigma_{\text{inc}}} = 15\%$$

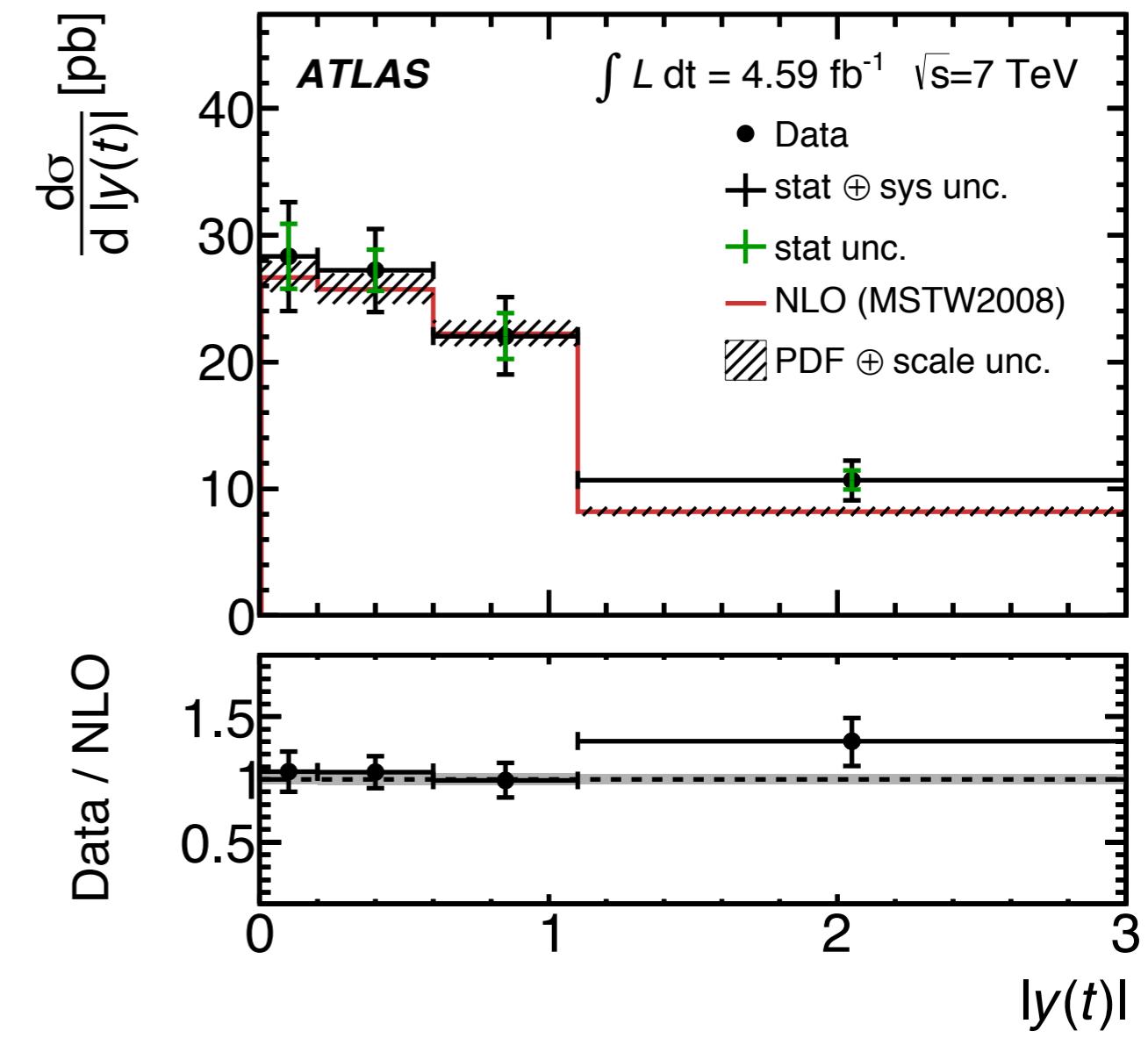
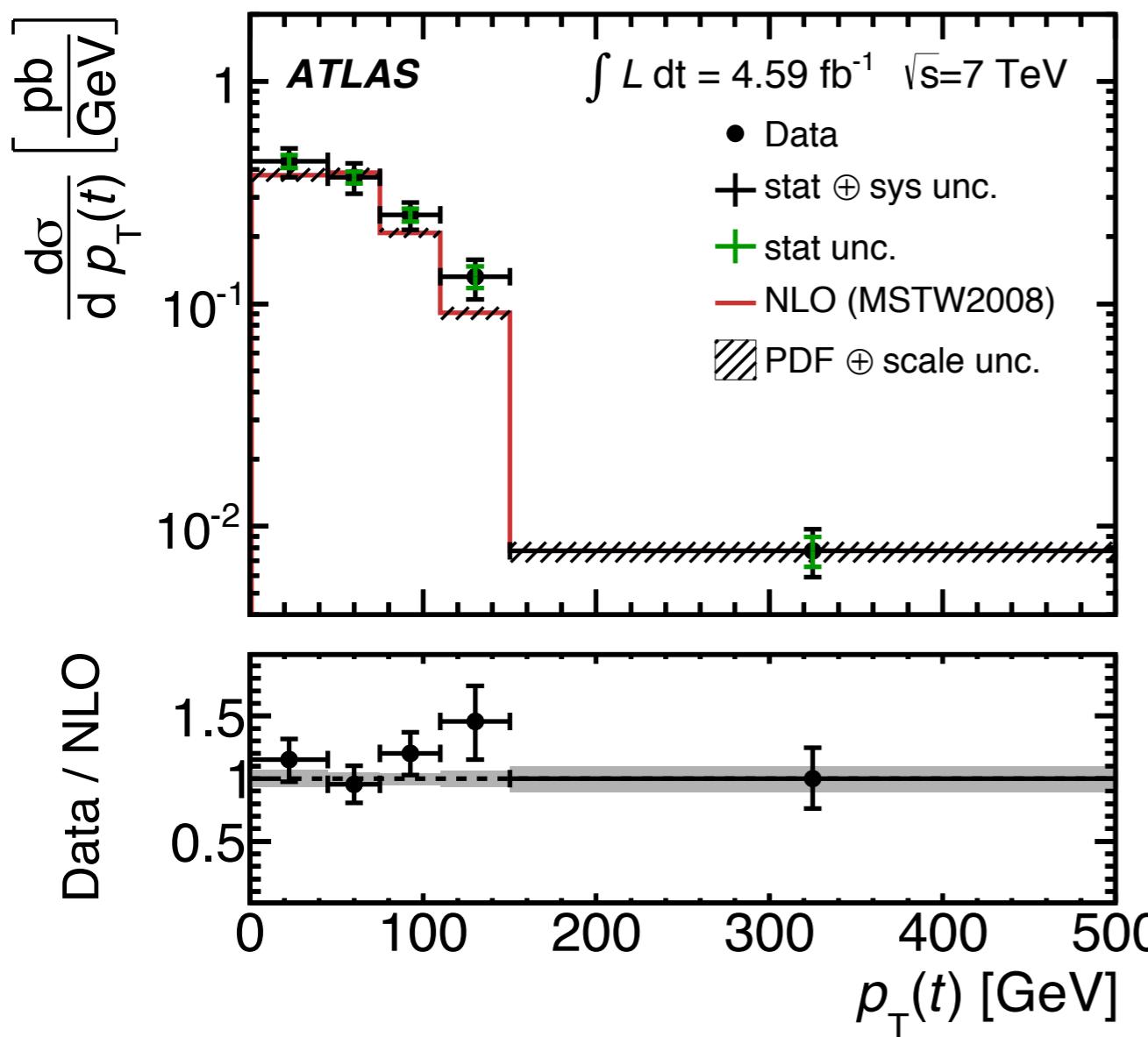


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Cross Section Determination (differential)

- first differential cross section measurements
- given in both $p_T(t)$ and $|y(t)|$

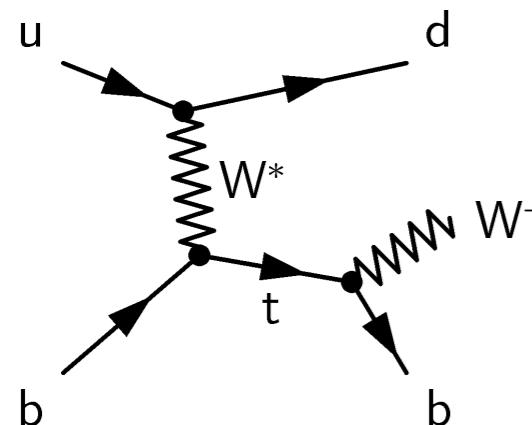


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Top vs Antitop Production, R_t

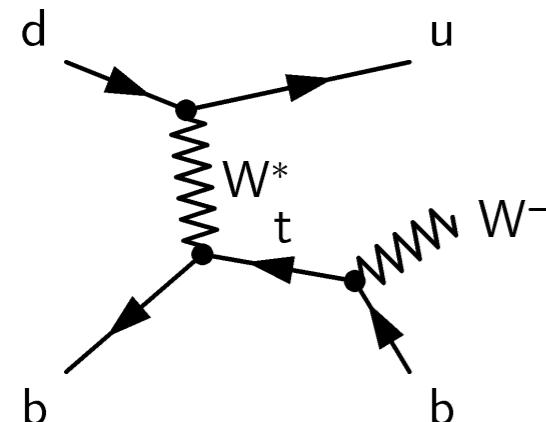
- standard model test
- u and d quark in PDFs

dominated by JES, generator modeling, and b-tagging efficiency uncertainties



$$\sigma_{t\text{-chan}}(t) = 46 \pm 1(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

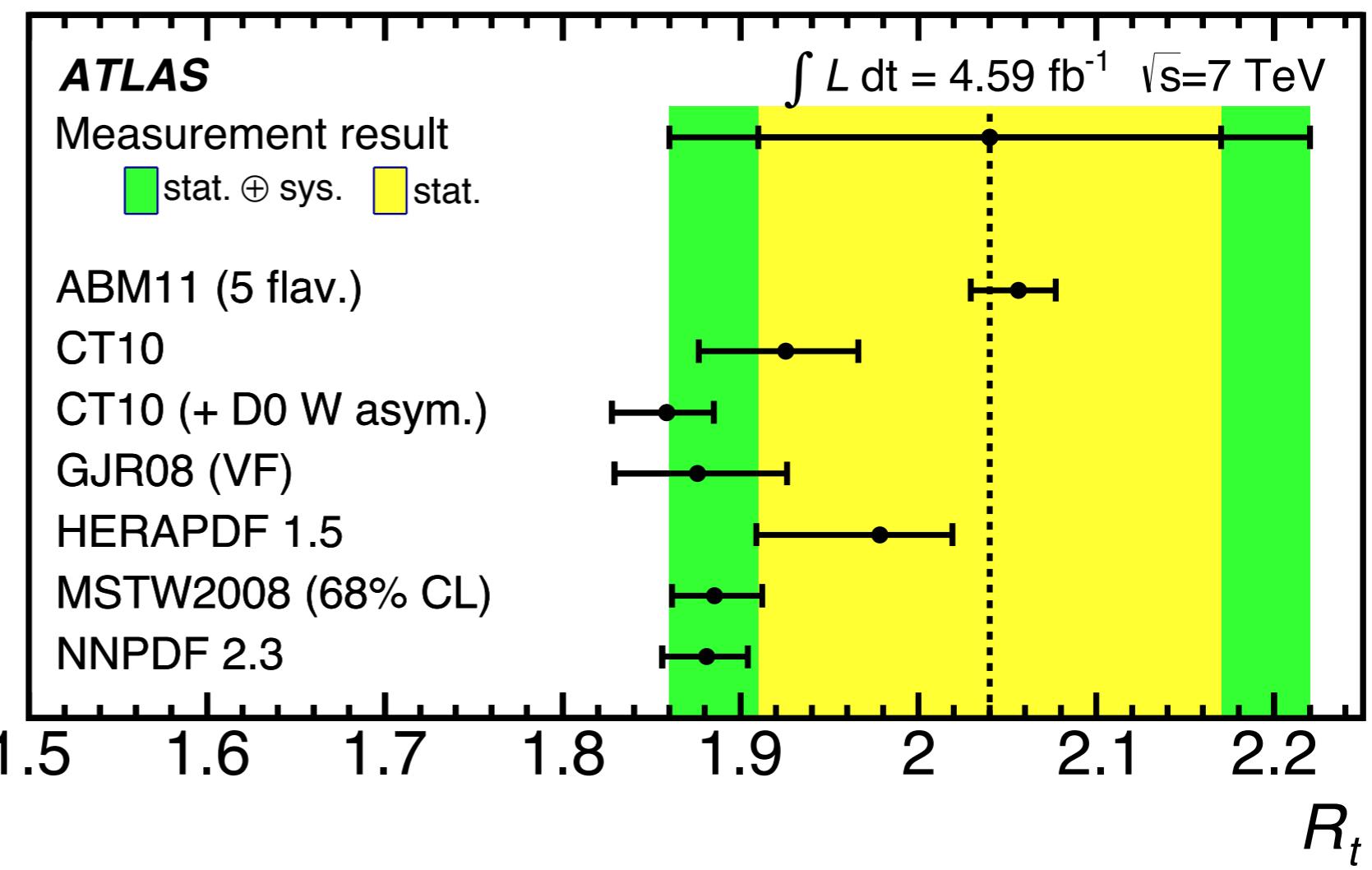
$$\sigma_{t\text{-chan}}^{\text{theory}}(t) = 41.9^{+1.8}_{-0.9} \text{ pb}$$



$$\sigma_{t\text{-chan}}(\bar{t}) = 23 \pm 1(\text{stat}) \pm 3(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\text{-chan}}^{\text{theory}}(\bar{t}) = 22.7^{+0.9}_{-1.0} \text{ pb}$$

$$R_t = \frac{\sigma(t)}{\sigma(\bar{t})} = 2.04 \pm 0.13(\text{stat}) \pm 0.12(\text{syst}) \quad \frac{\delta R_t}{R_t} = 9\%$$



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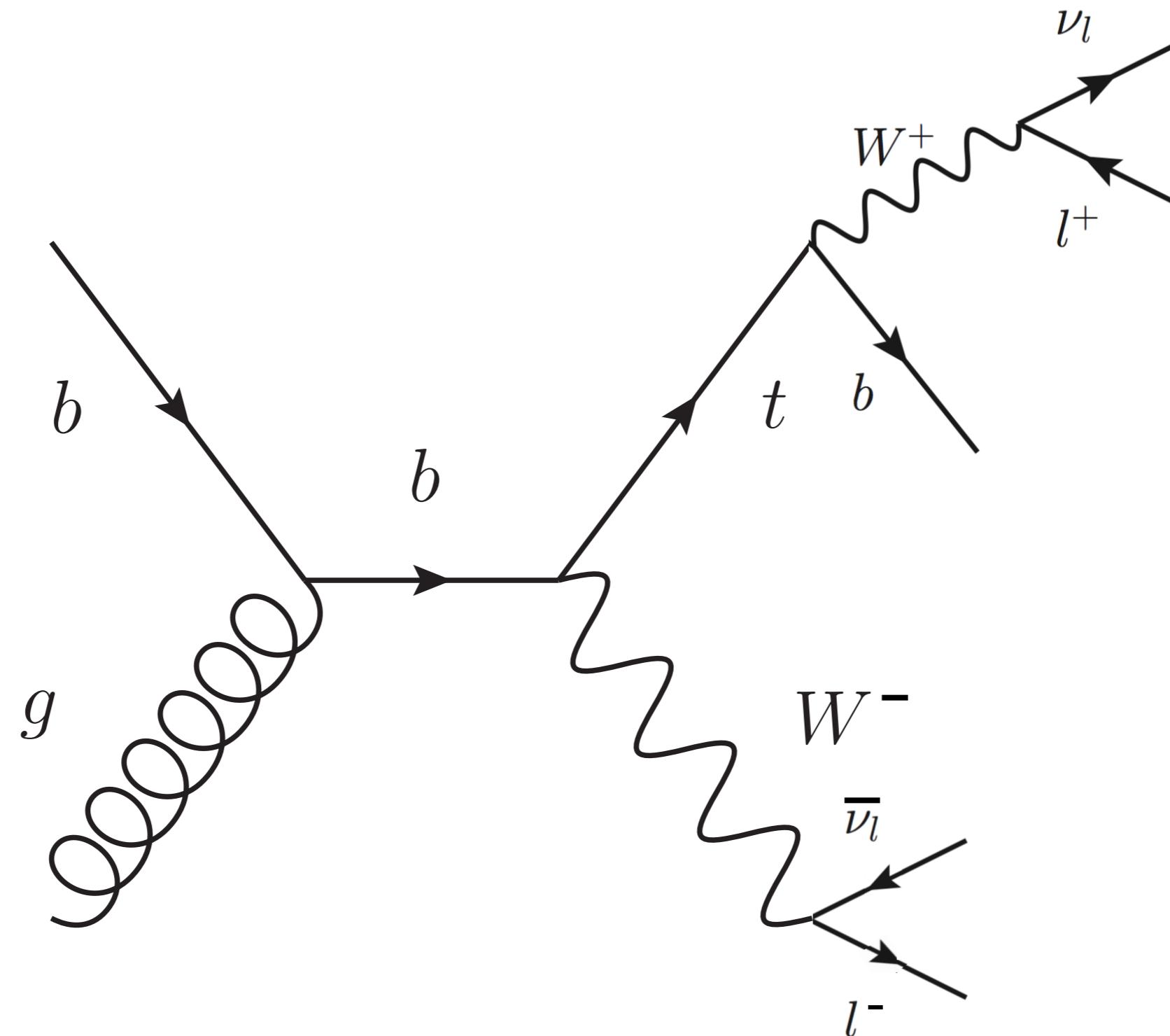
Wt-chan Cross Section Measurement

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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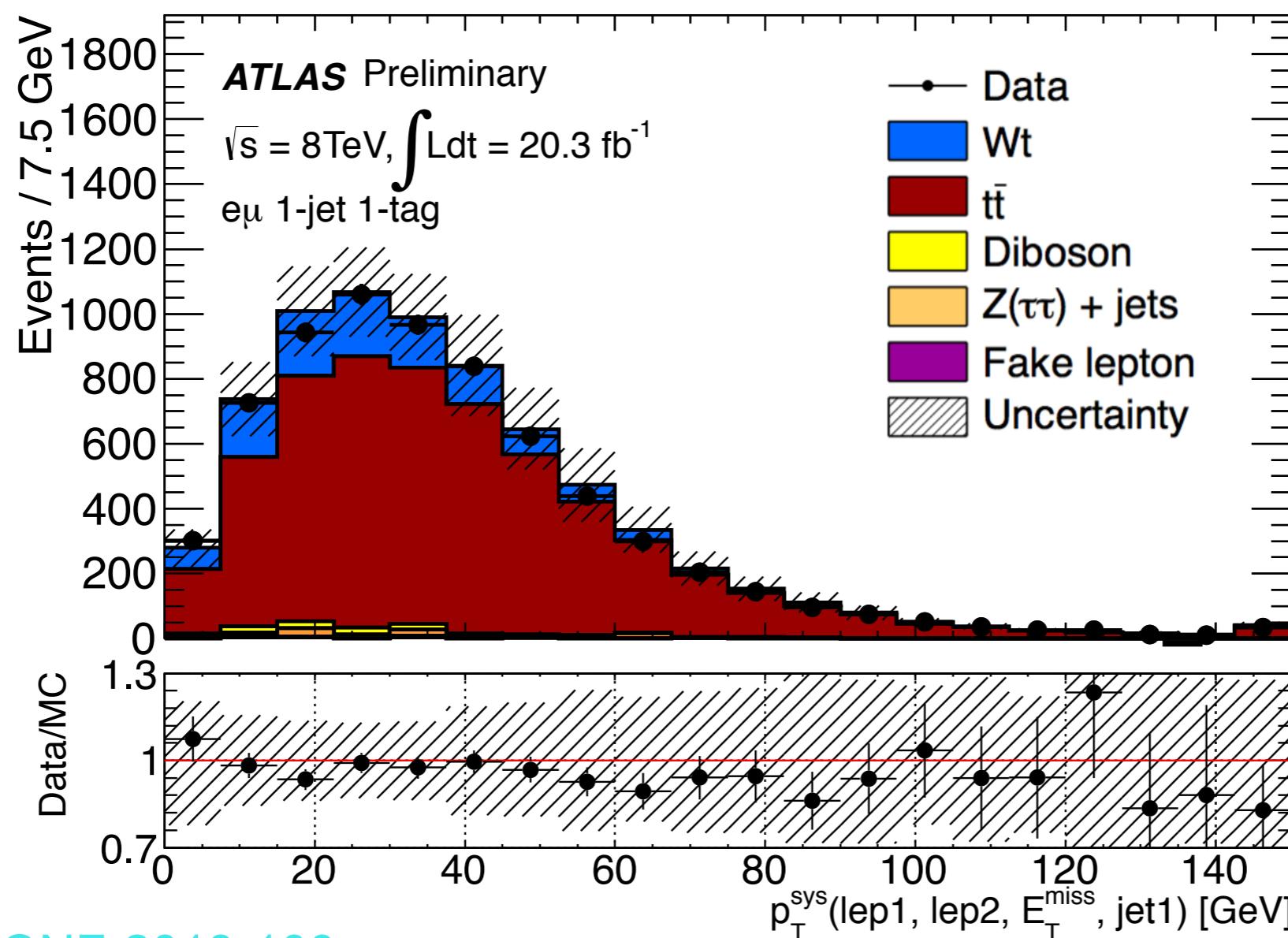
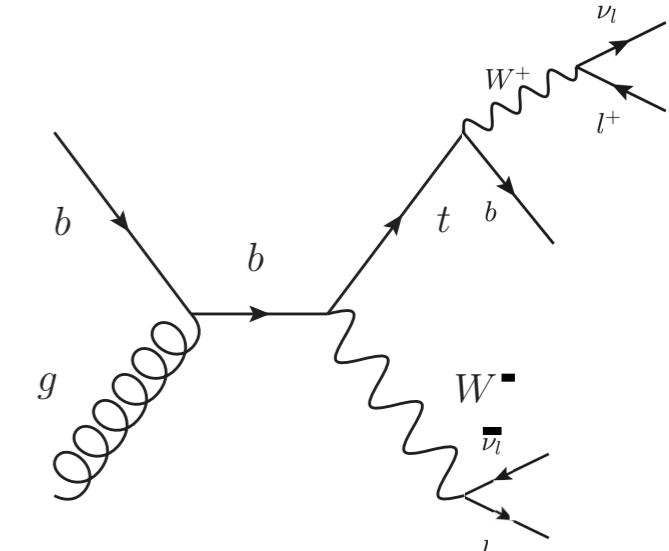
Final State Selection

- 1 electron, 1 muon (opposite sign), E_T^{Miss} , 1 or 2 jets (≥ 1 b-tagged)



Signal Discrimination

- Boosted Decision Trees
- classifiers defined for 1-jet and 2-jet events
- most discriminating variables: p_T^{sys}



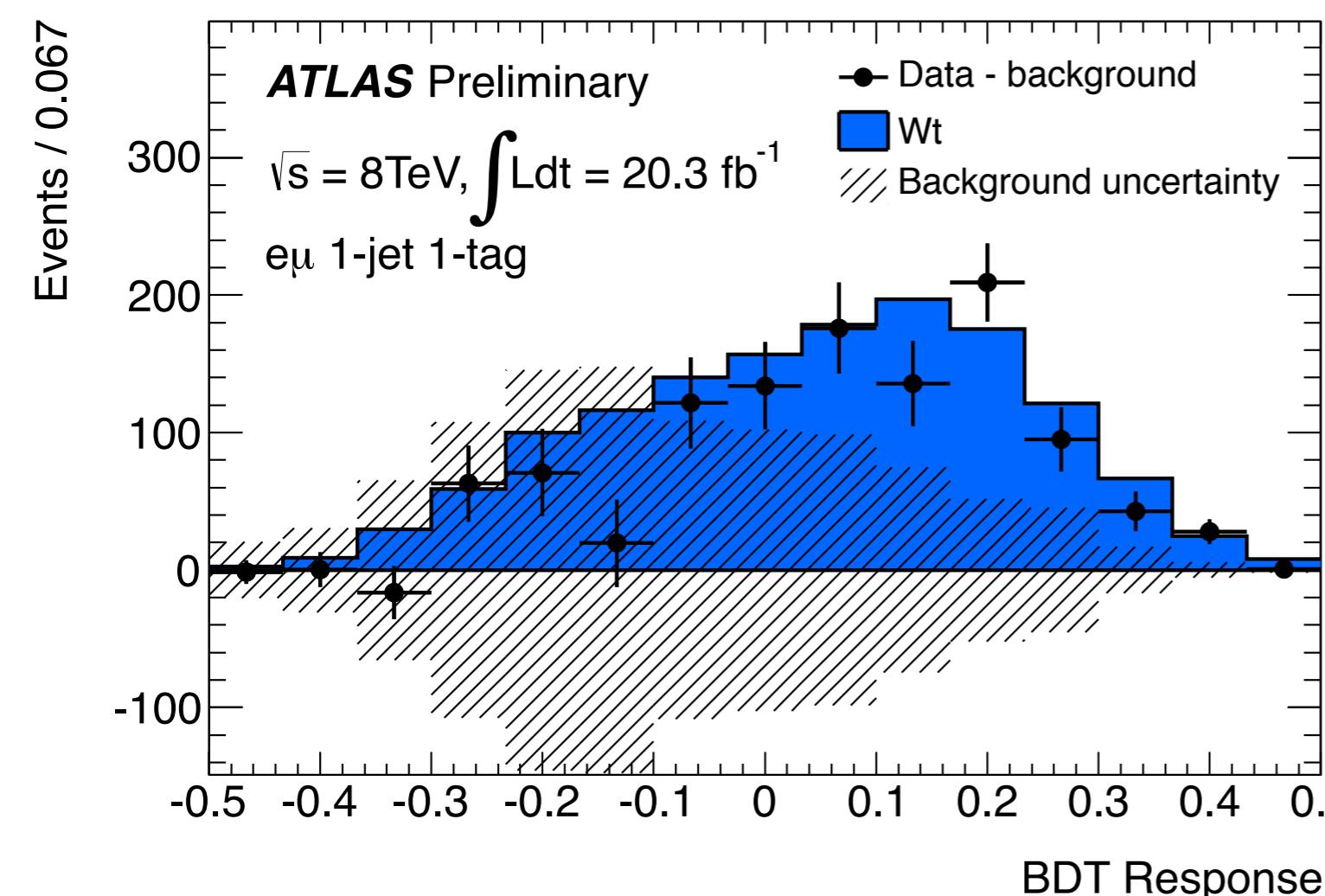
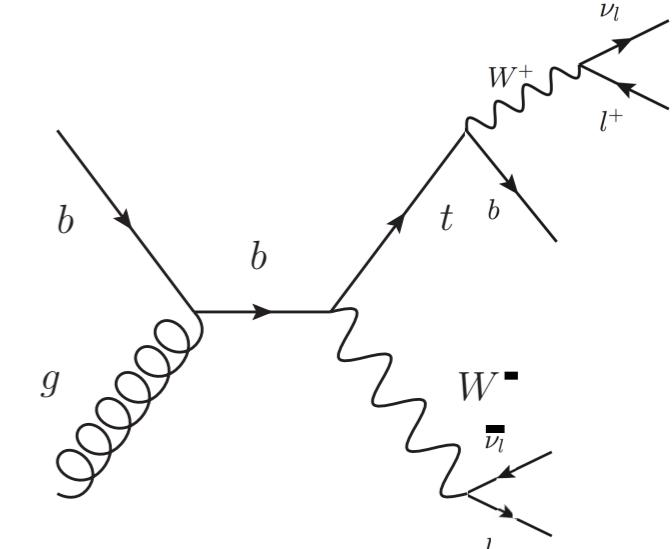
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Cross Section Determination

- maximum-likelihood fit to BDT distributions

Results

- observed (expected) significance of 4.2σ (4.0σ)
- inclusive cross section
- CKM matrix element $|V_{tb}|$ with lower limit (later slide)



$$\sigma_{\text{inc}} = 27.2 \pm 2.8(\text{stat}) \pm 5.4(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\frac{\delta\sigma_{\text{inc}}}{\sigma_{\text{inc}}} = 22\%$$

$$\sigma_{Wt\text{-ch}}^{\text{theory}} = 22.37 \pm 1.52 \text{ pb}$$

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Wt- and t-chan $|V_{tb}|$ Measurements

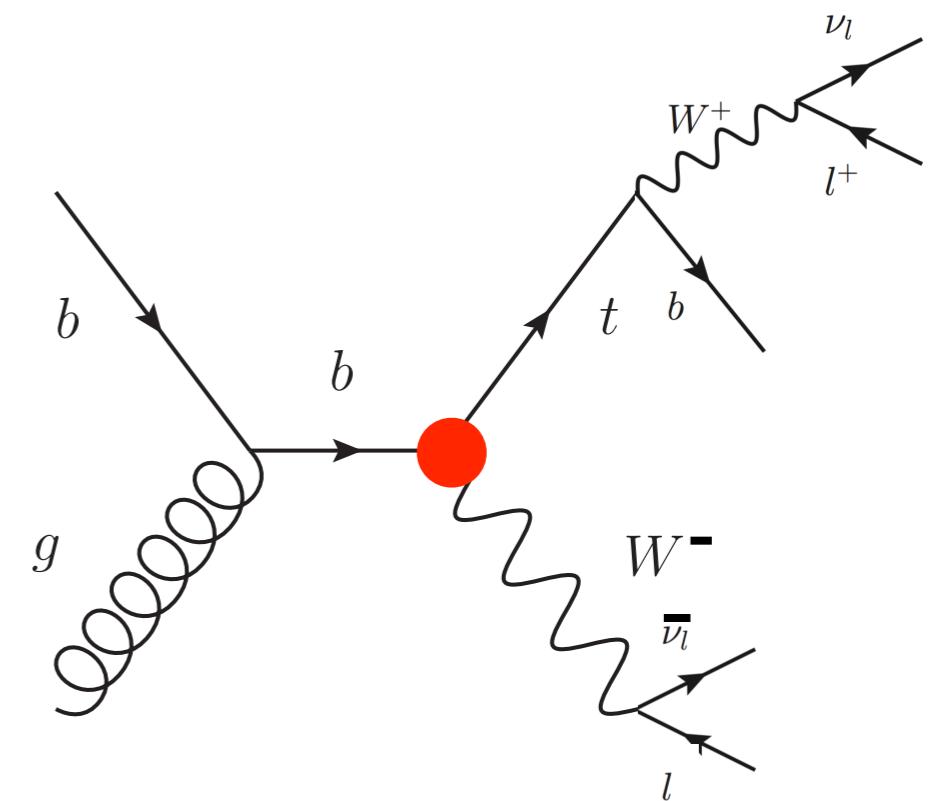
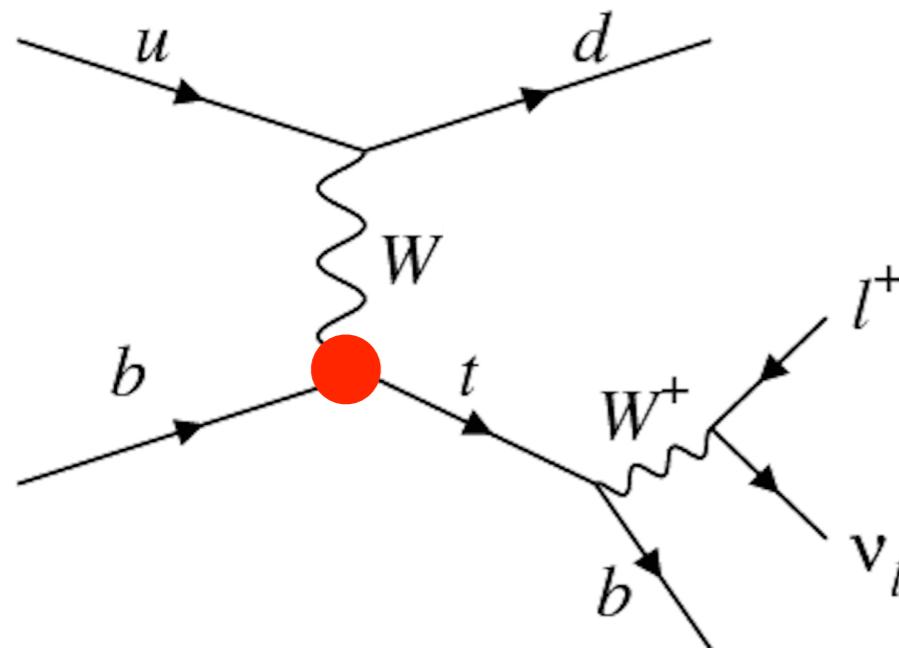
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Assumptions NOT made

- unitarity of CKM matrix
- number of quark generations



t-channel

$$|V_{tb}| = 0.97^{+0.09}_{-0.10} \quad \frac{\delta |V_{tb}|}{|V_{tb}|} = 9\%$$

$|V_{tb}| > 0.78$ at 95% CL

Wt-channel

$$|V_{tb}| = 1.10 \pm 0.12 \quad \frac{\delta |V_{tb}|}{|V_{tb}|} = 11\%$$

$|V_{tb}| > 0.72$ at 95% CL

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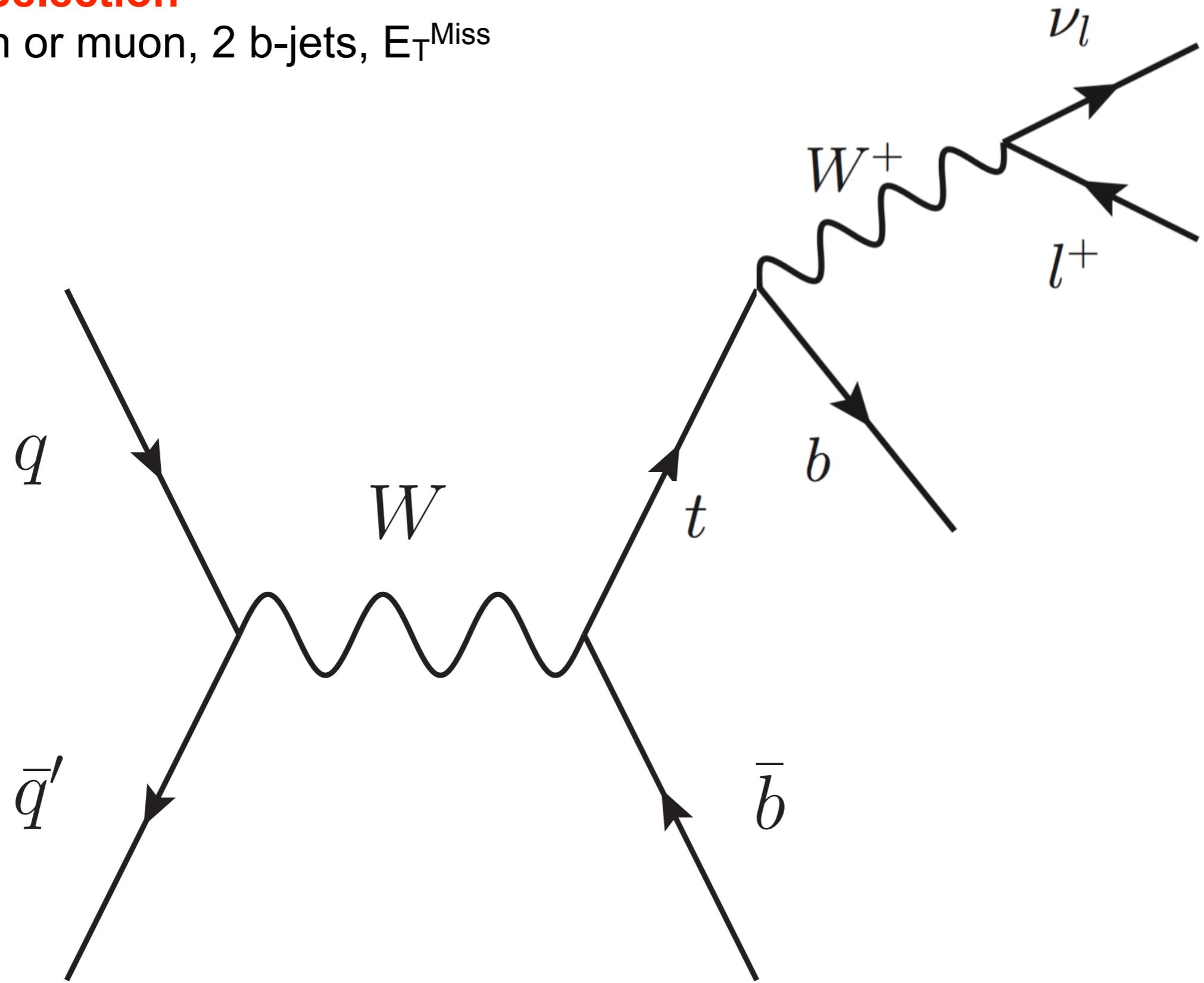
s-chan Search

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Final State Selection

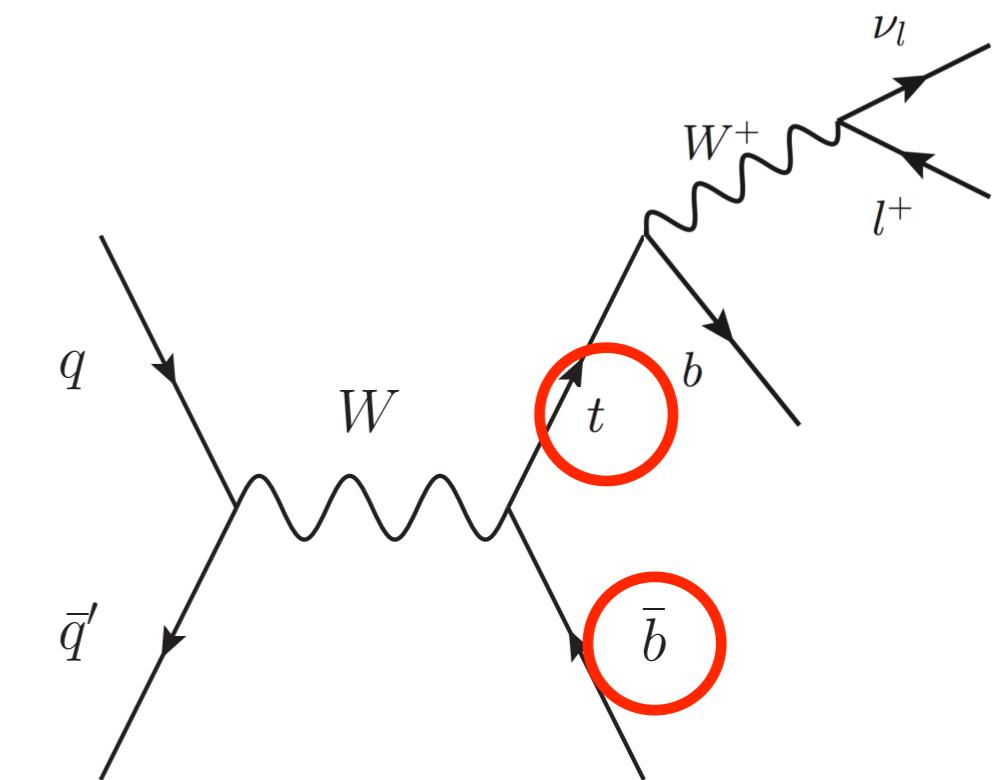
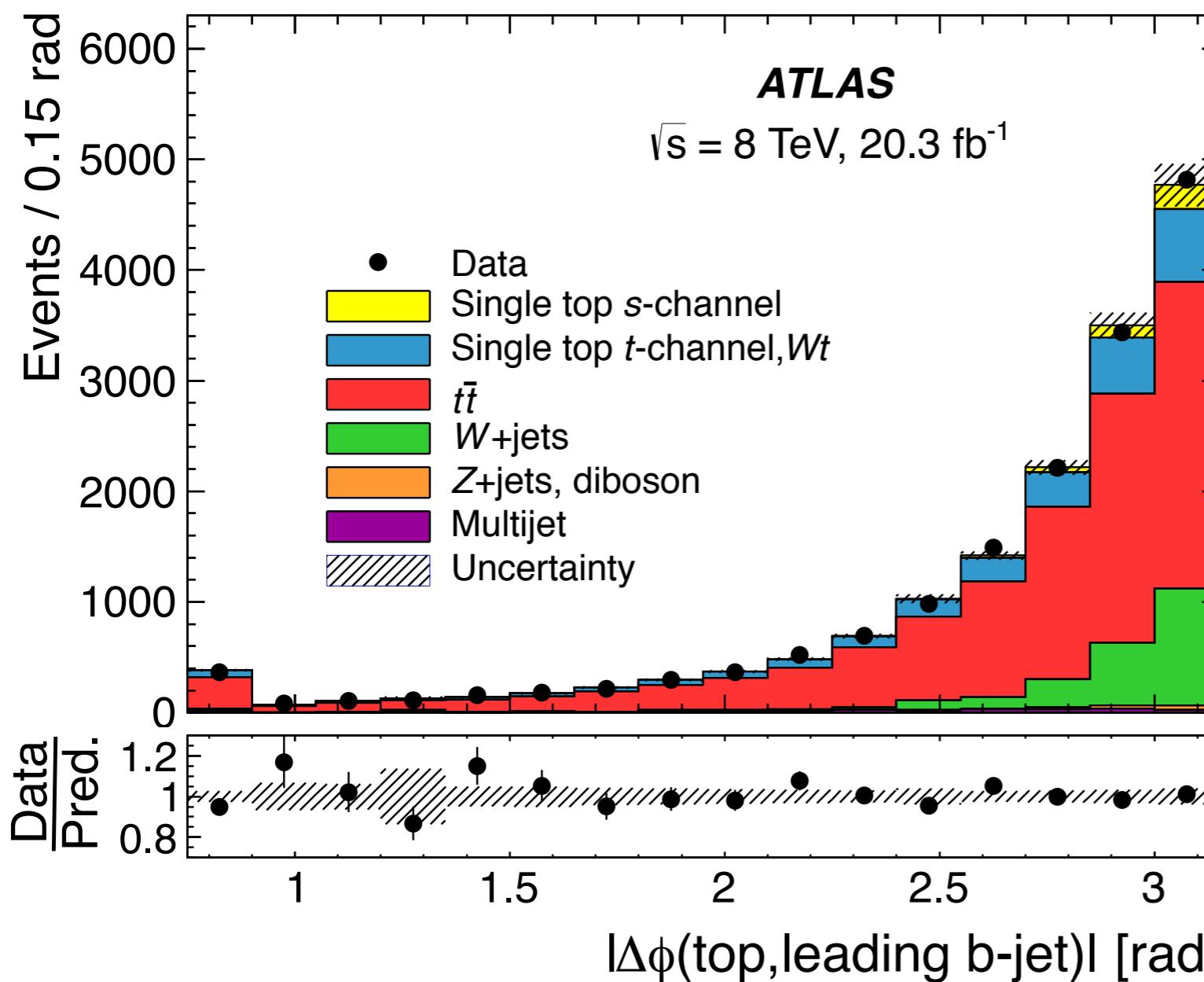
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Signal Discrimination

- Boosted Decision Tree
 - most discriminating variables: $|\Delta\phi(b,t)|$ and $H_T(\text{lep} + E_T^{\text{Miss}})$



- includes background normalization and statistical uncertainties

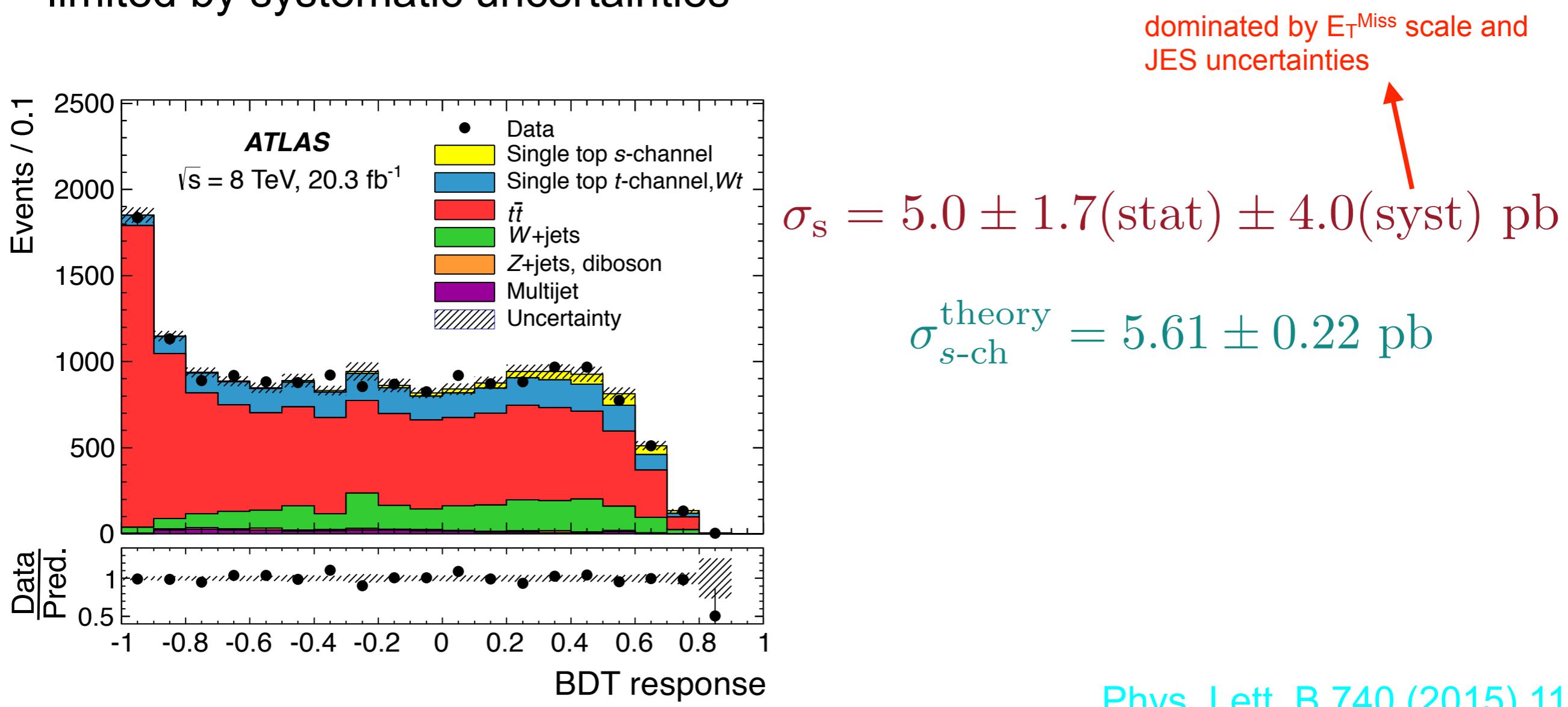
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Cross Section Determination

- maximum-likelihood fit to classifier distributions

Results

- observed (expected) significance of 1.3σ (1.4σ)
- upper limit of 14.6 pb on production cross section at 95% CL
- limited by systematic uncertainties



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Search for $W' \rightarrow t\bar{b}$

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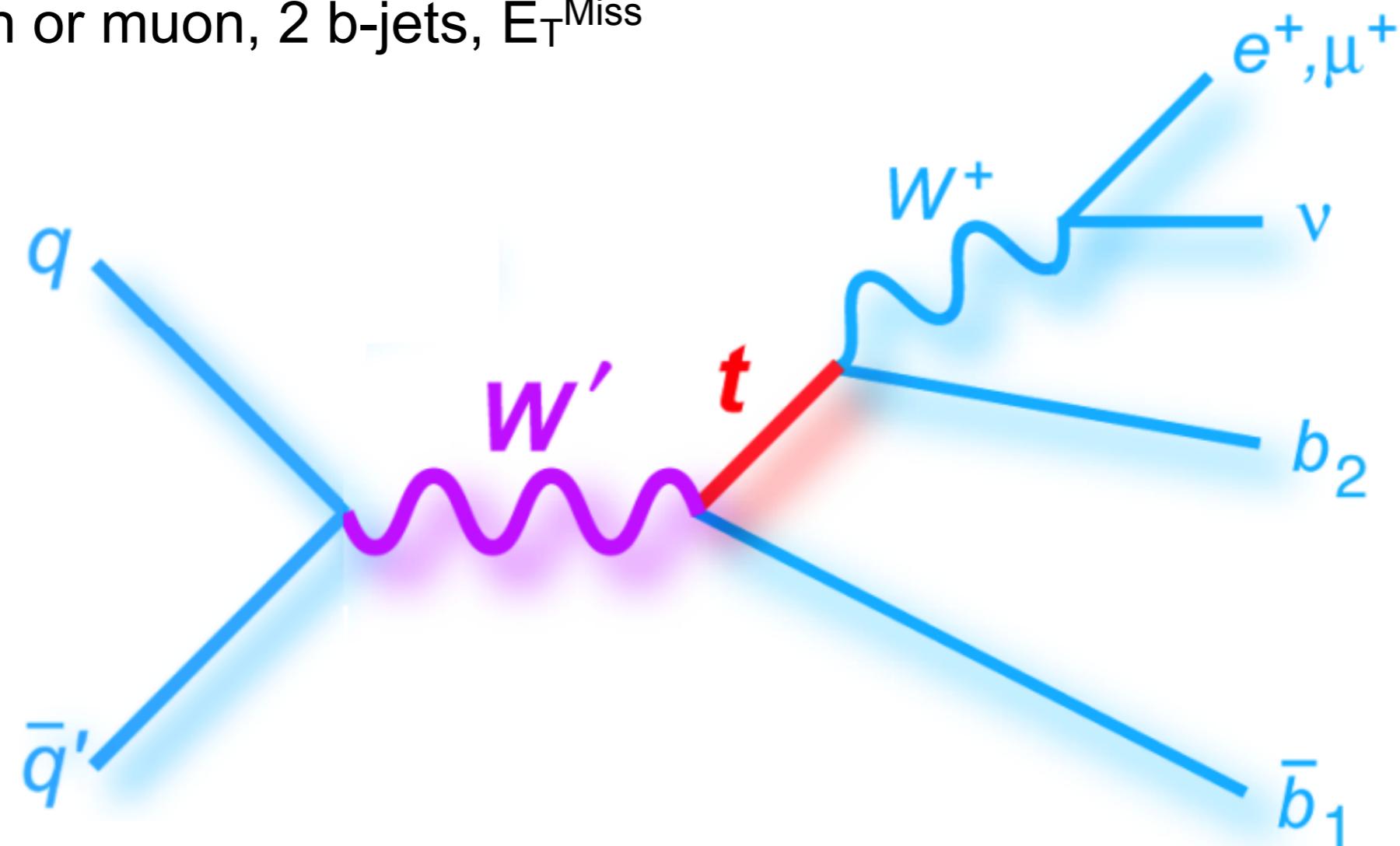
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BSM Search

- search for new vector currents mediated by heavy gauge boson (W')
- left/right handed W' bosons are searched for between 0.5 and 3 TeV

Final State Selection

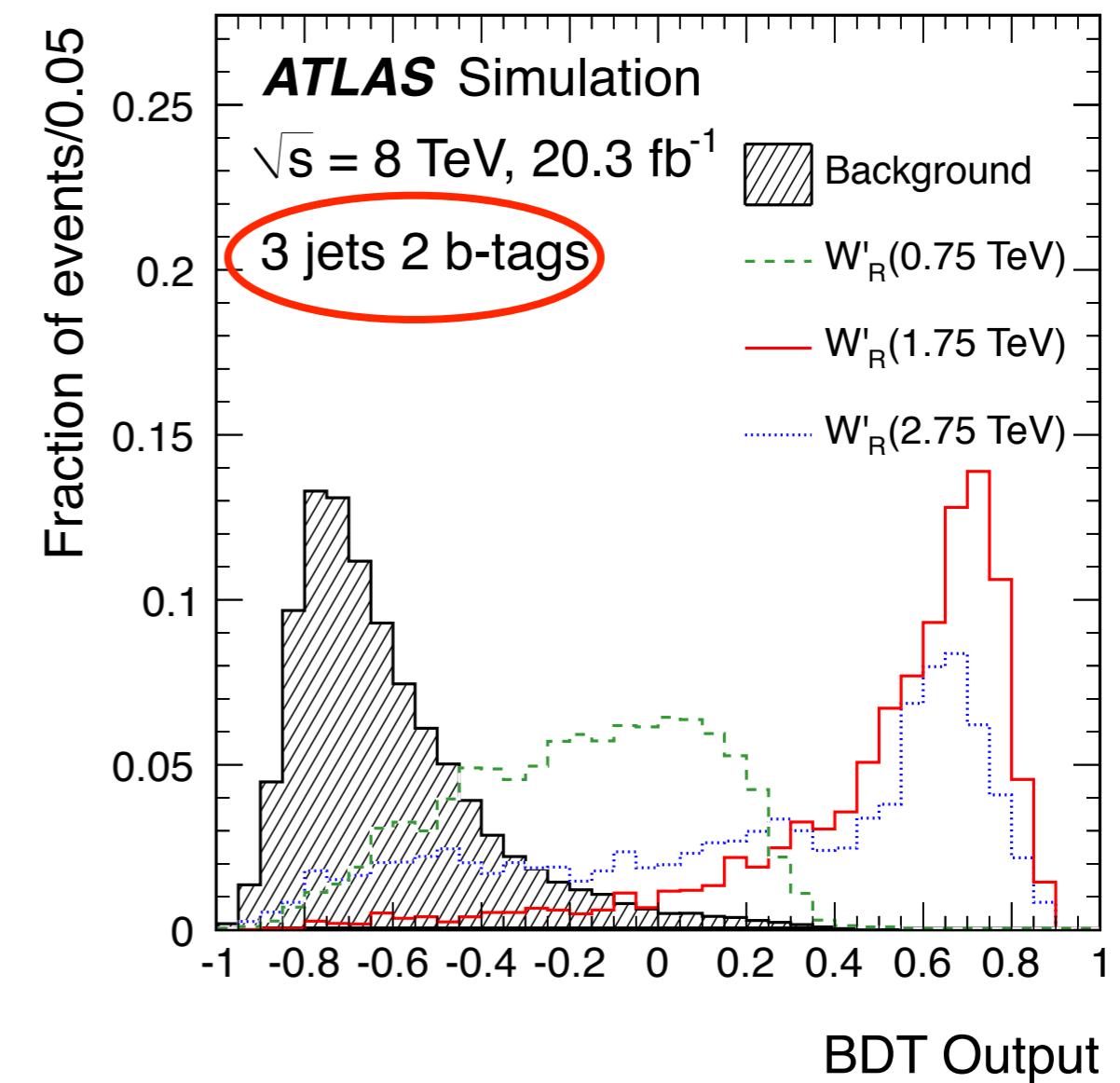
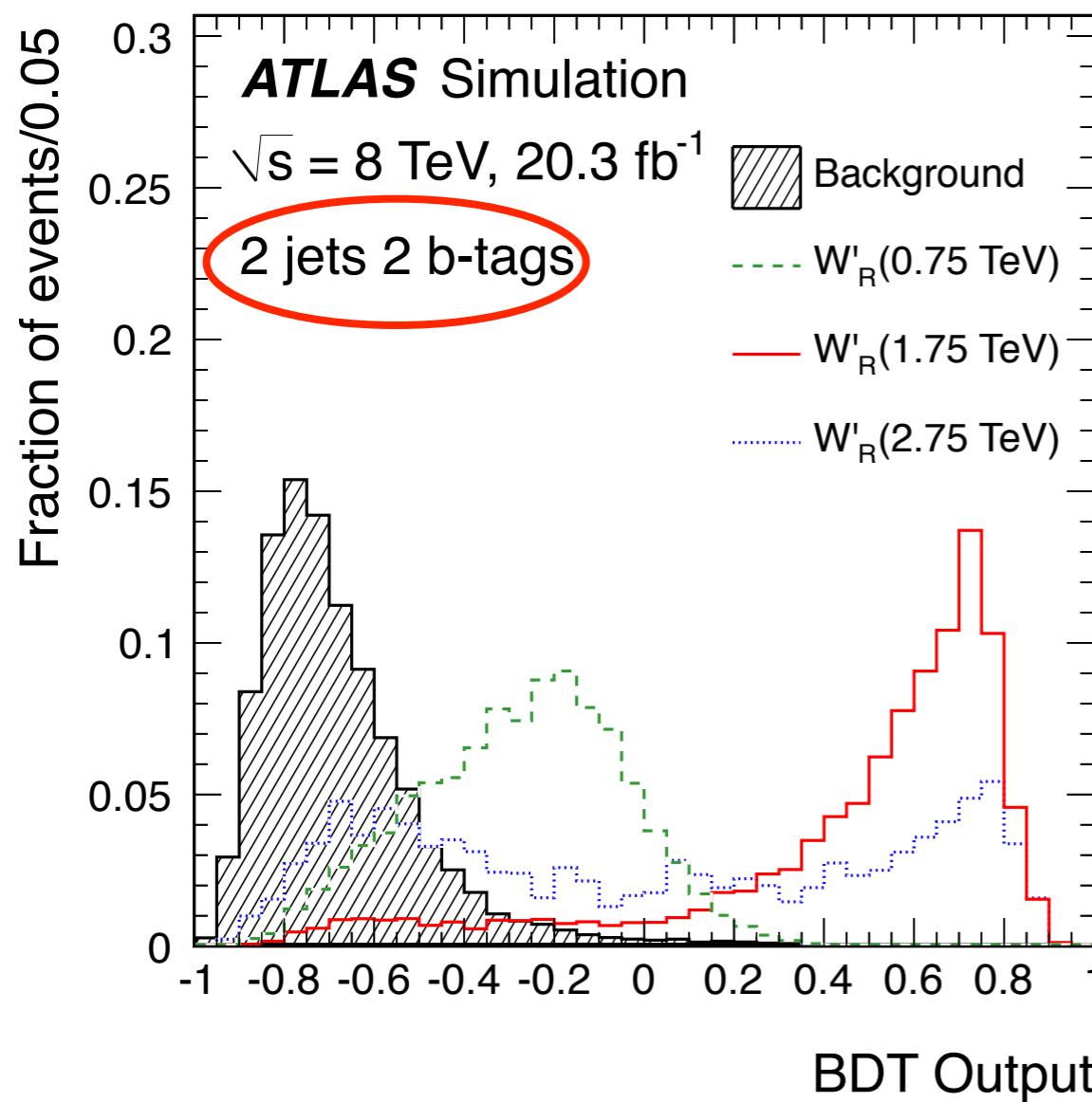
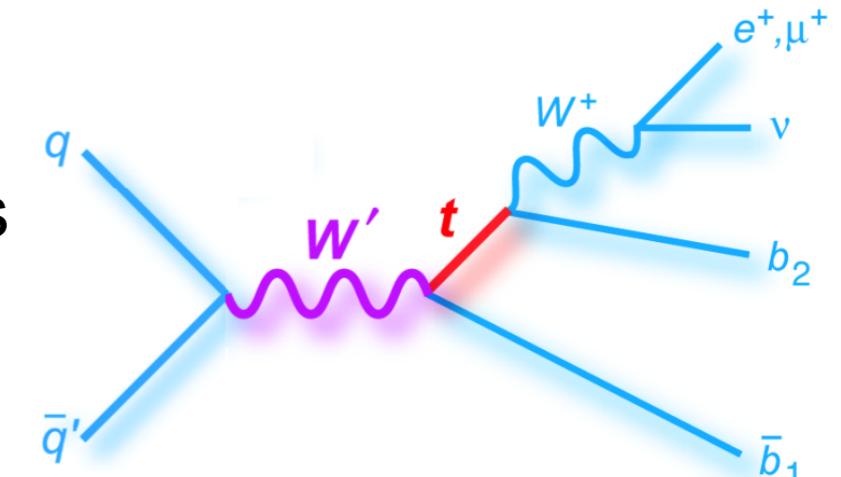
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Signal Discrimination

- Boosted Decision Trees
- left and right handed W' in 2-jet and 3-jet regions



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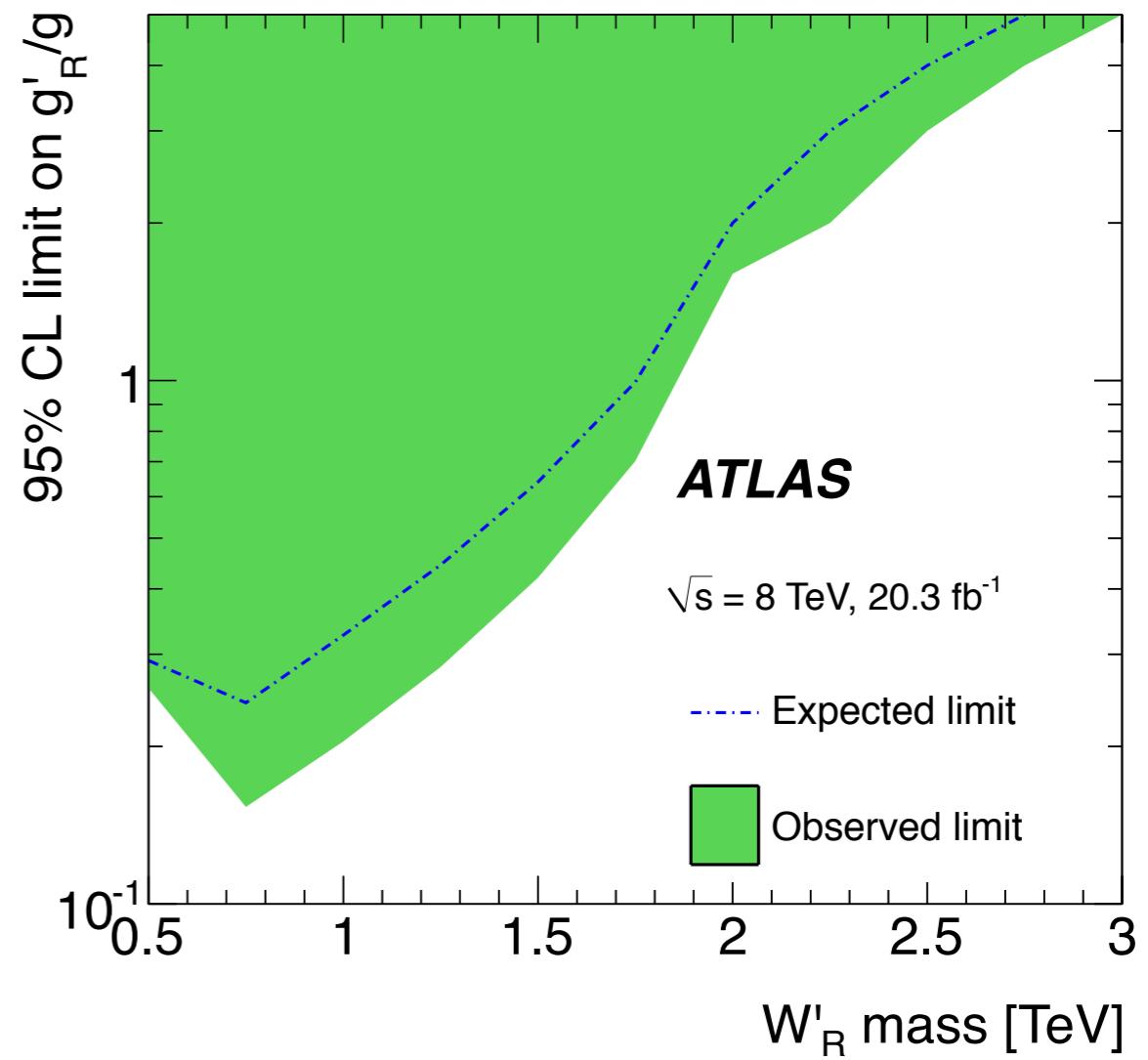
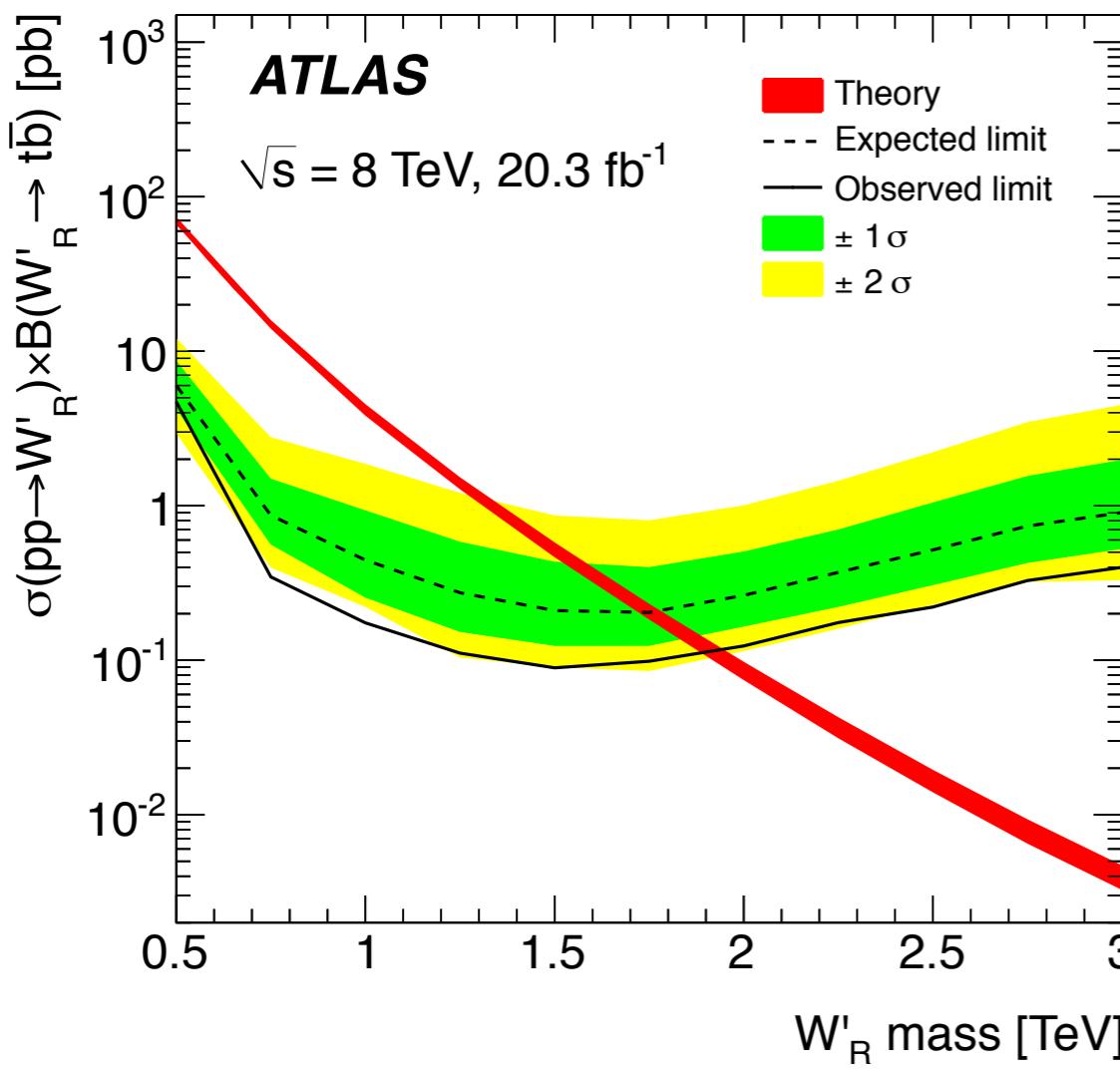
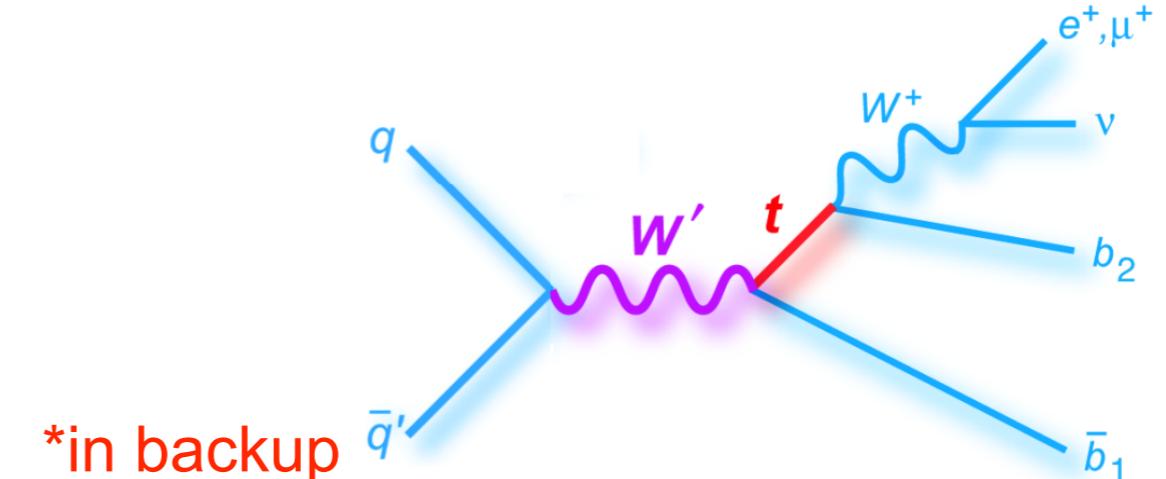
W' Search ($\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

Results

- limits set on W'_R and W'_L masses

$m(W'_L) > 1.70 \text{ TeV}$ at 95% CL

$m(W'_R) > 1.92 \text{ TeV}$ at 95% CL



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Search for Monotops

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

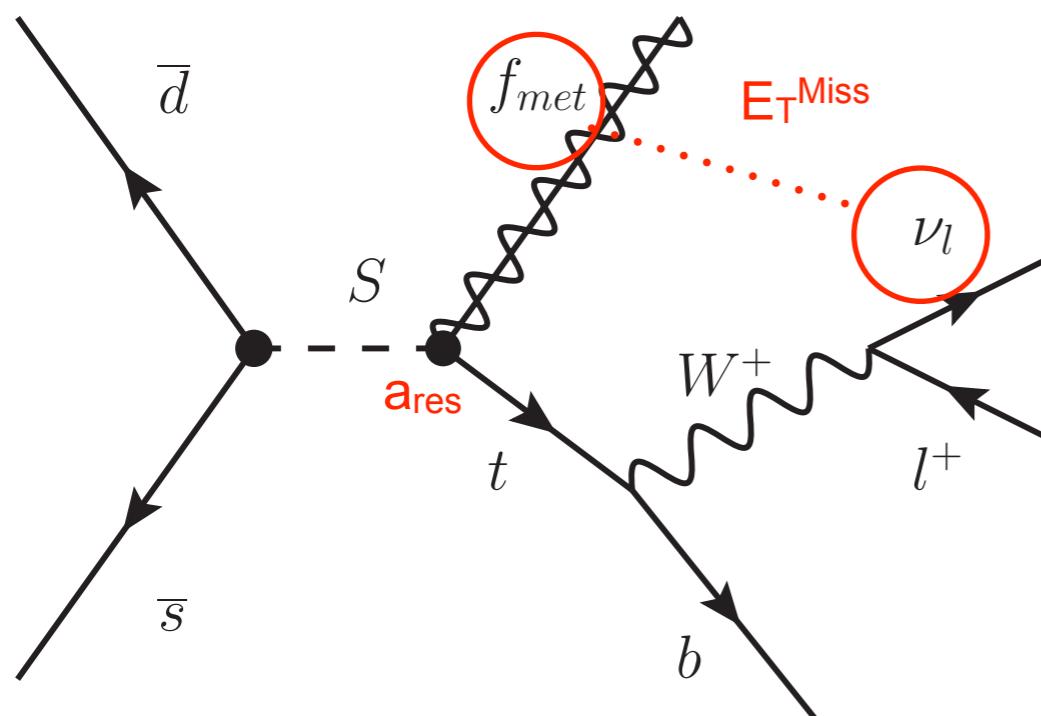
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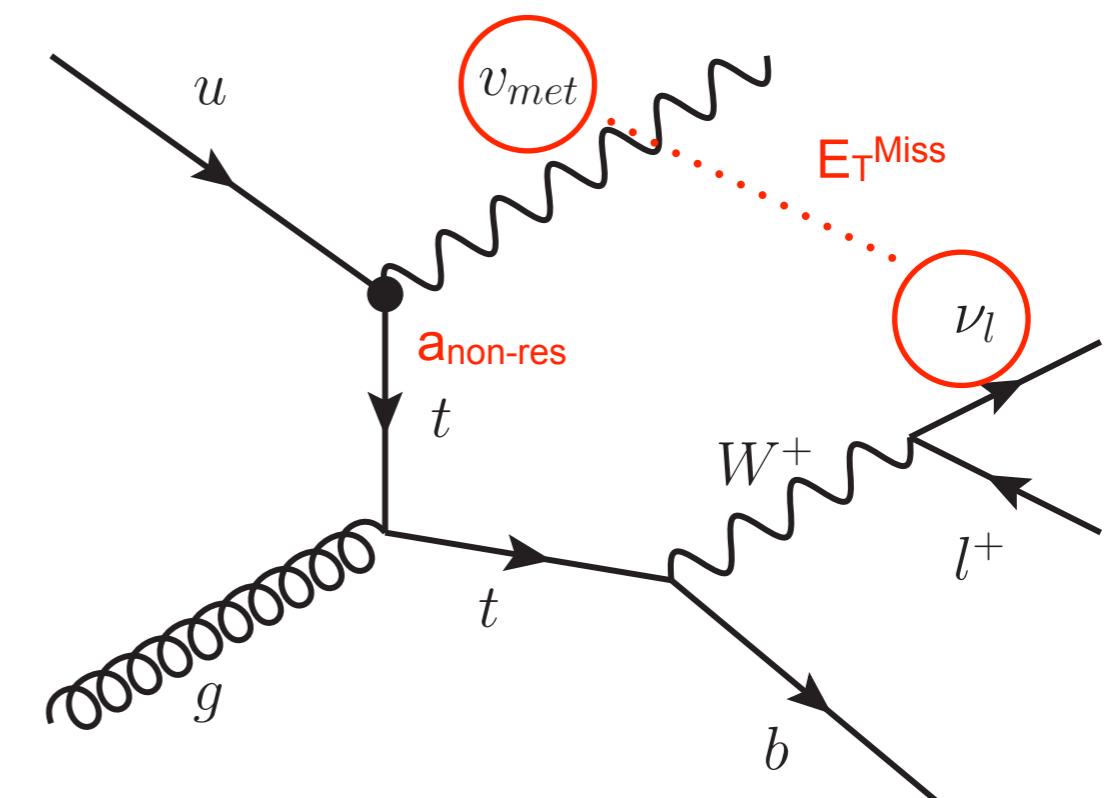
- search for single top quarks produced with large E_T^{Miss}
- dark matter candidate search
- resonant and non resonant production models

Final State Selection

- 1 electron or muon, 1 b-jet, E_T^{Miss}



resonant production

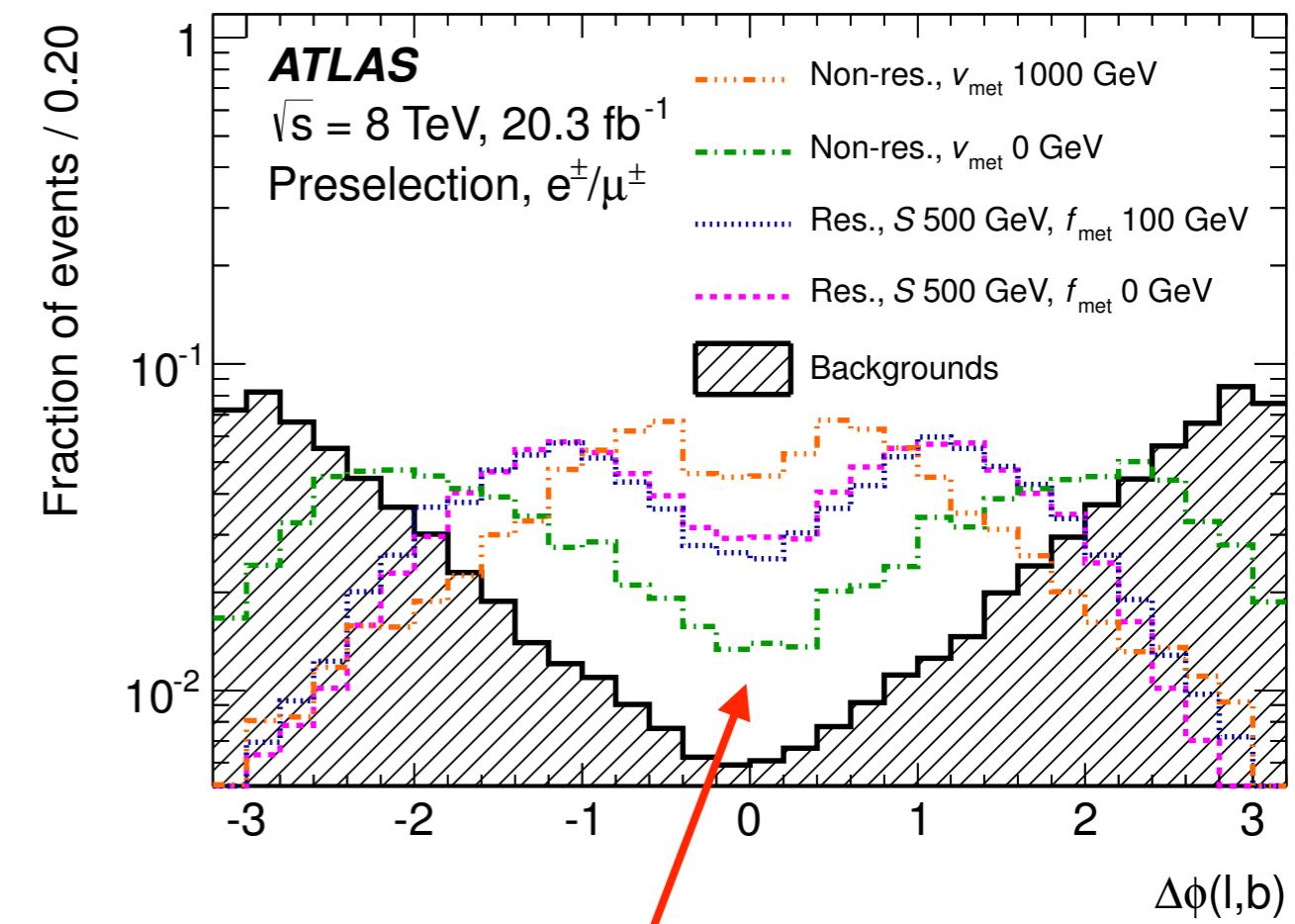
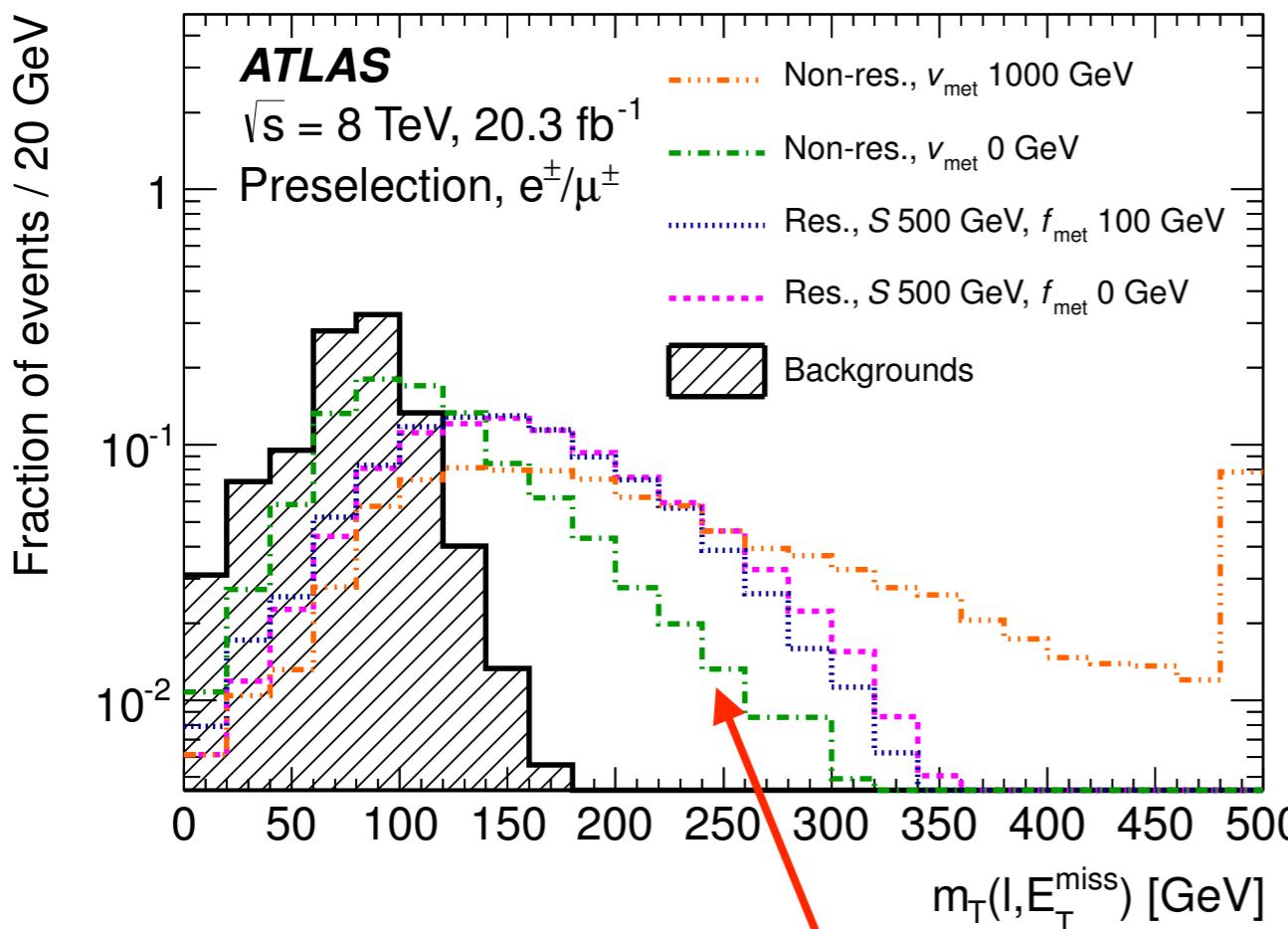


non-resonant production

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Signal Discrimination

- cut based approach using $M_T(l, E_T^{\text{miss}})$ and $|\Delta\phi(l, b)|$
- optimization done to maximize expected limits

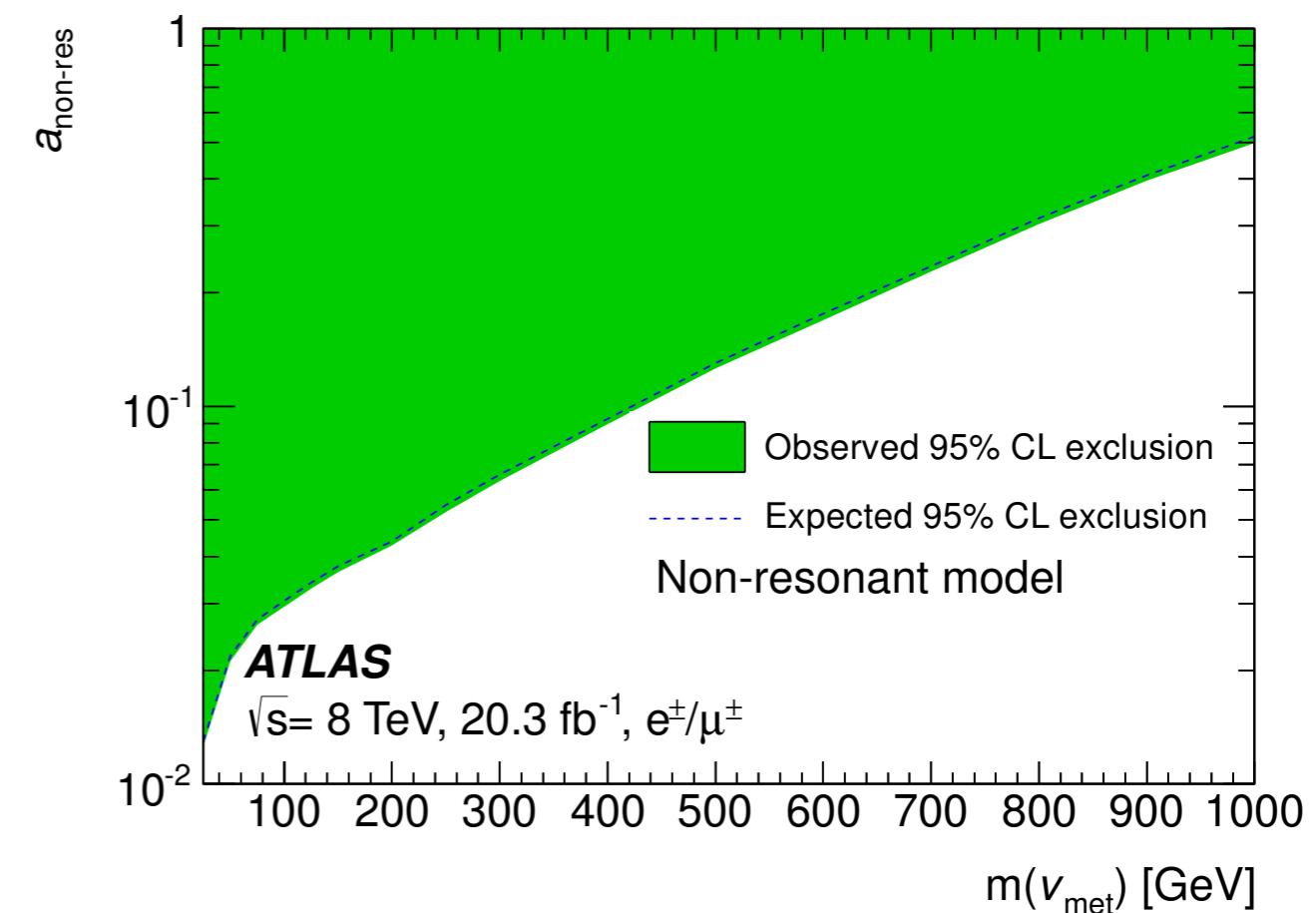
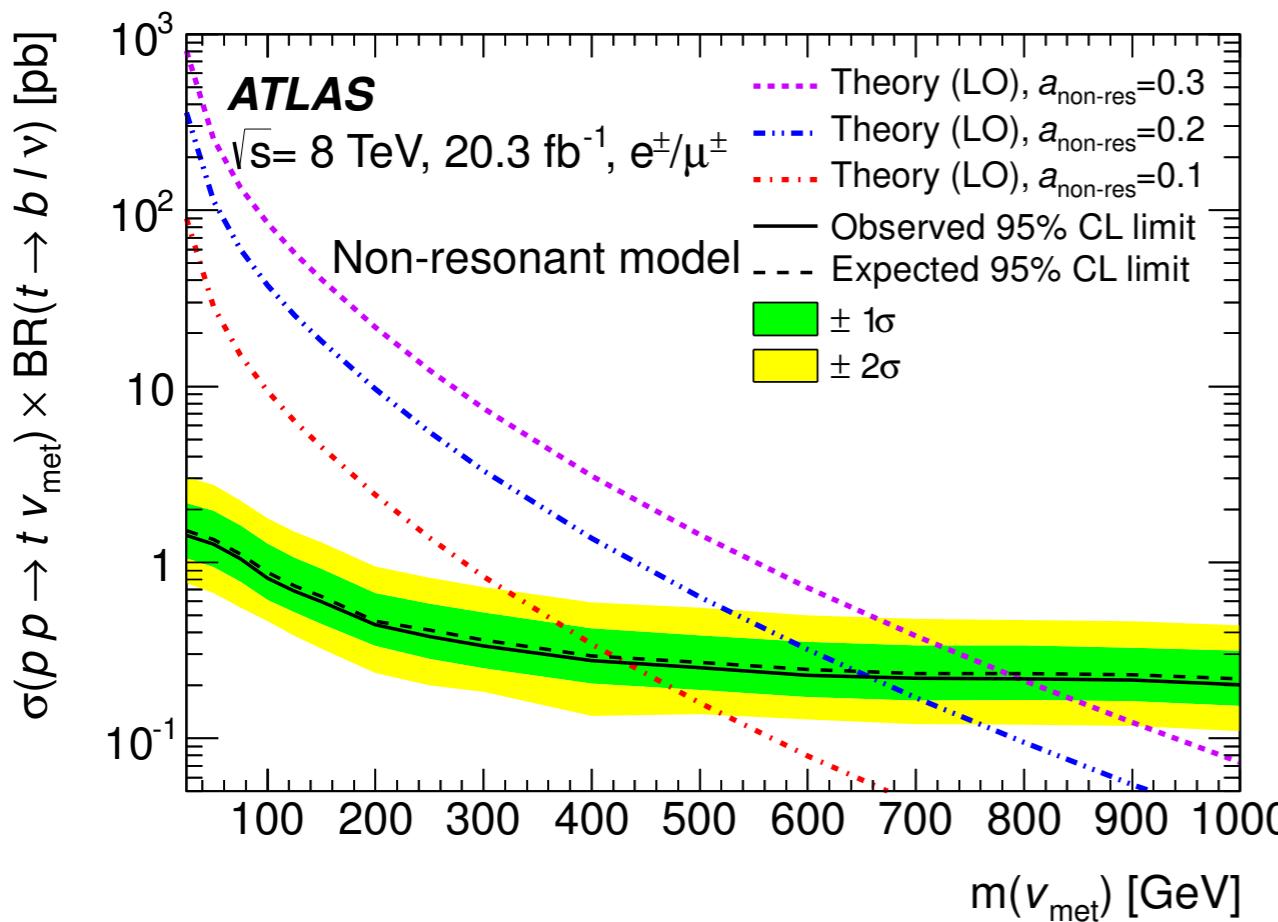


excellent discriminating power

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Results

- limits set on effective coupling strength
- limits set on $m(v_{\text{met}})$ and $m(f_{\text{met}})$



for $a_{\text{non-res}} = 0.2, m(v_{\text{met}}) > 657 \text{ GeV}$ at 95% CL

for $a_{\text{res}} = 0.2, m(f_{\text{met}}) > 100 \text{ GeV}$ at 95% CL *in backup

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Single Top via FCNC

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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BSM Search

- search for single top quarks via FCNC in production vertex
- QCD multijet background makes search in the $t \rightarrow gq$ decay vertex challenging

Final State Selection

- 1 electron or muon, 1 b-jet, E_T^{Miss}

Signal Discrimination

- Neural Network

Main Systematics

- JES/JER
- PDF uncertainties
- b/c-tagging efficiencies

Results

- limits set on coupling parameters κ_{ugt} and κ_{cgt}
- limits set on $\mathcal{BR}(t \rightarrow cg)$ and $\mathcal{BR}(t \rightarrow ug)$

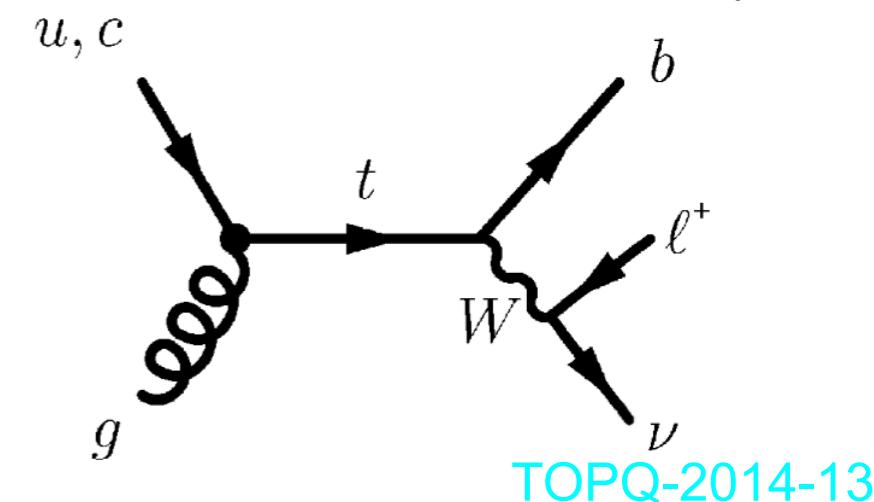
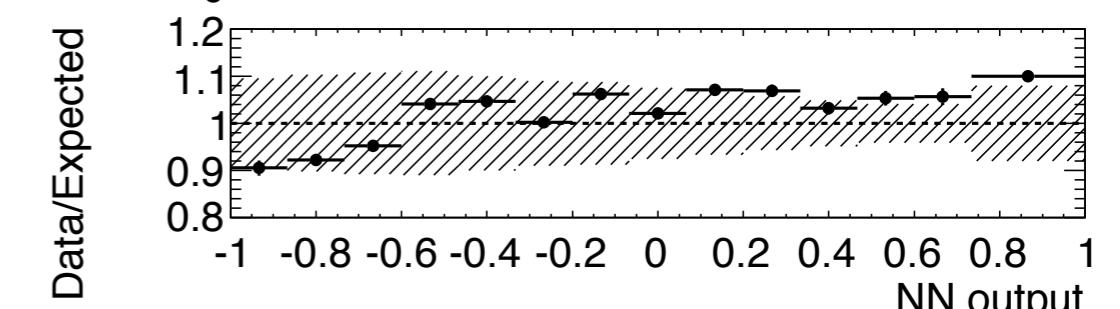
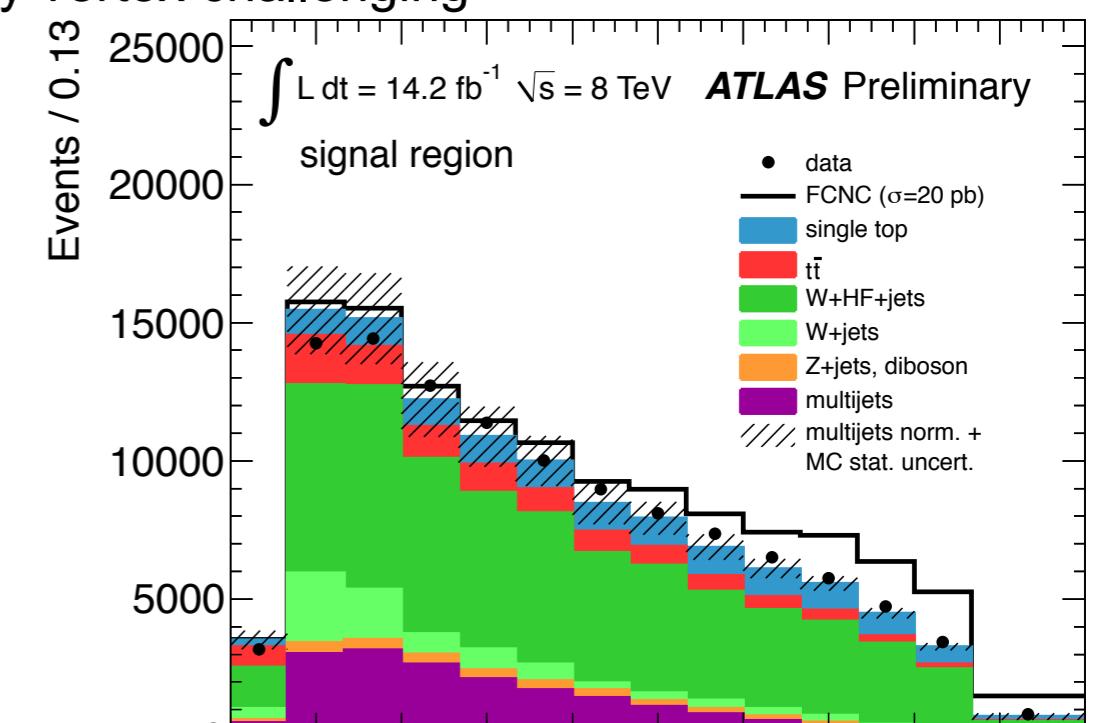
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$$\frac{\kappa_{ugt}}{\Lambda} < 5.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow ug) < 4.0 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\frac{\kappa_{cgt}}{\Lambda} < 13 \times 10^{-3} \text{ TeV}^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow cg) < 17 \times 10^{-5}$$



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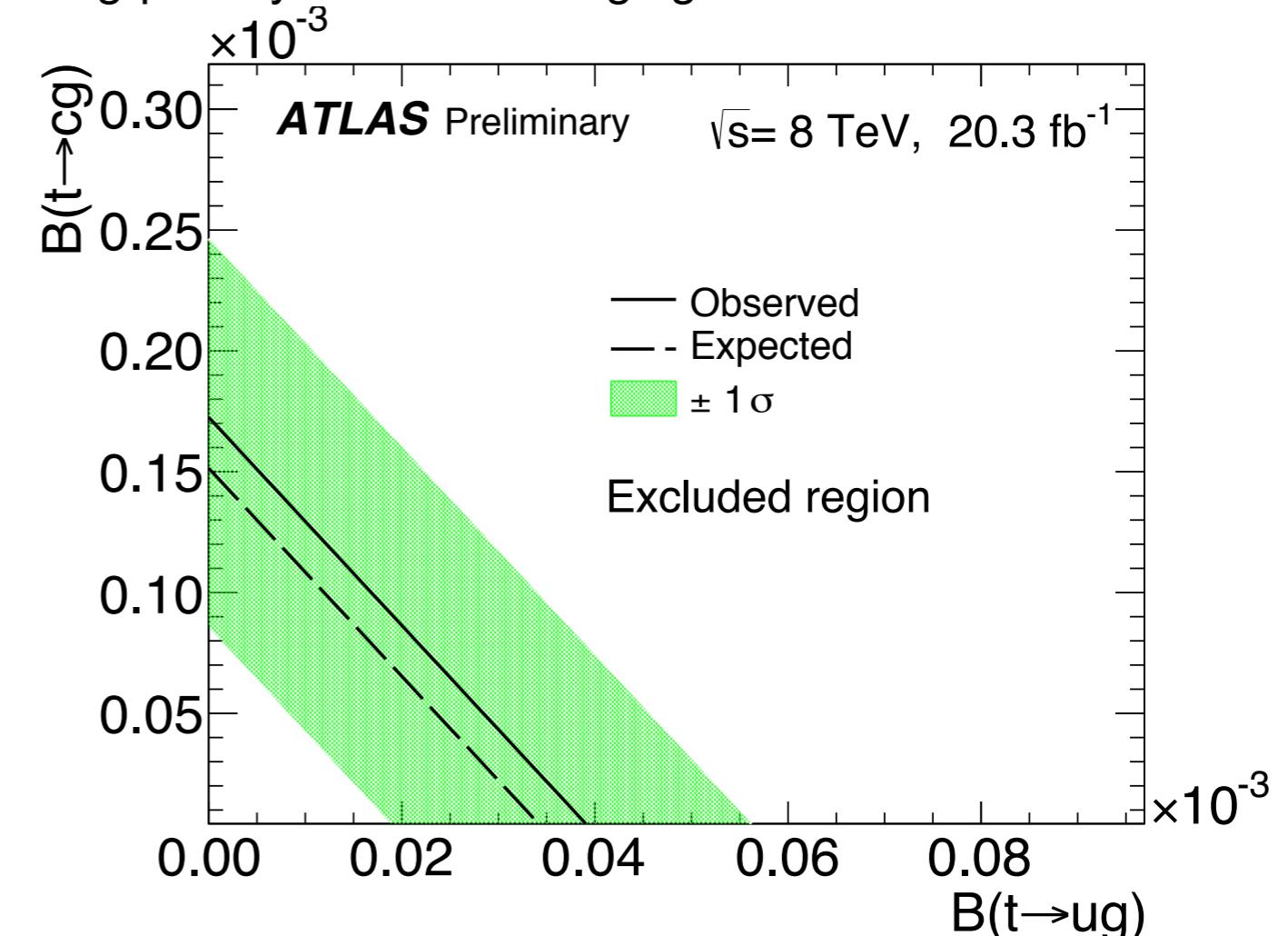
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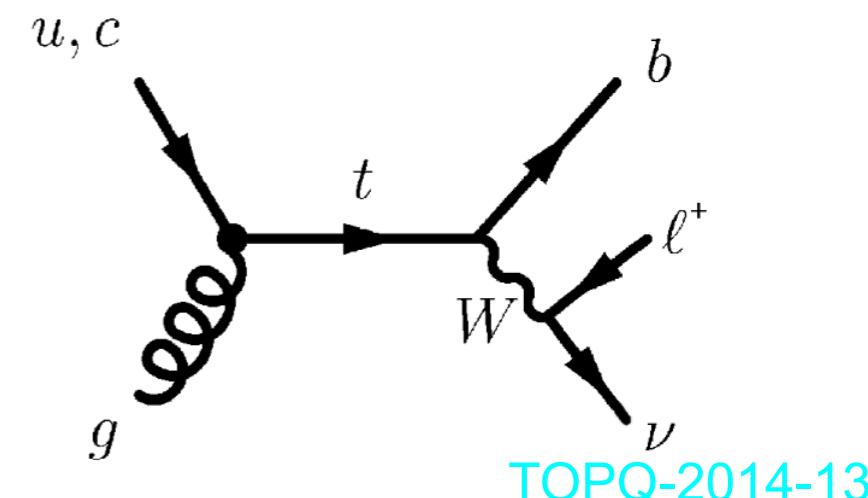
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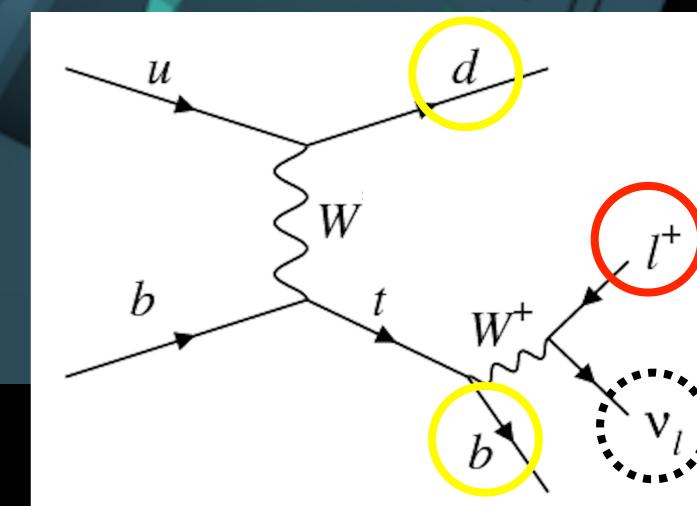
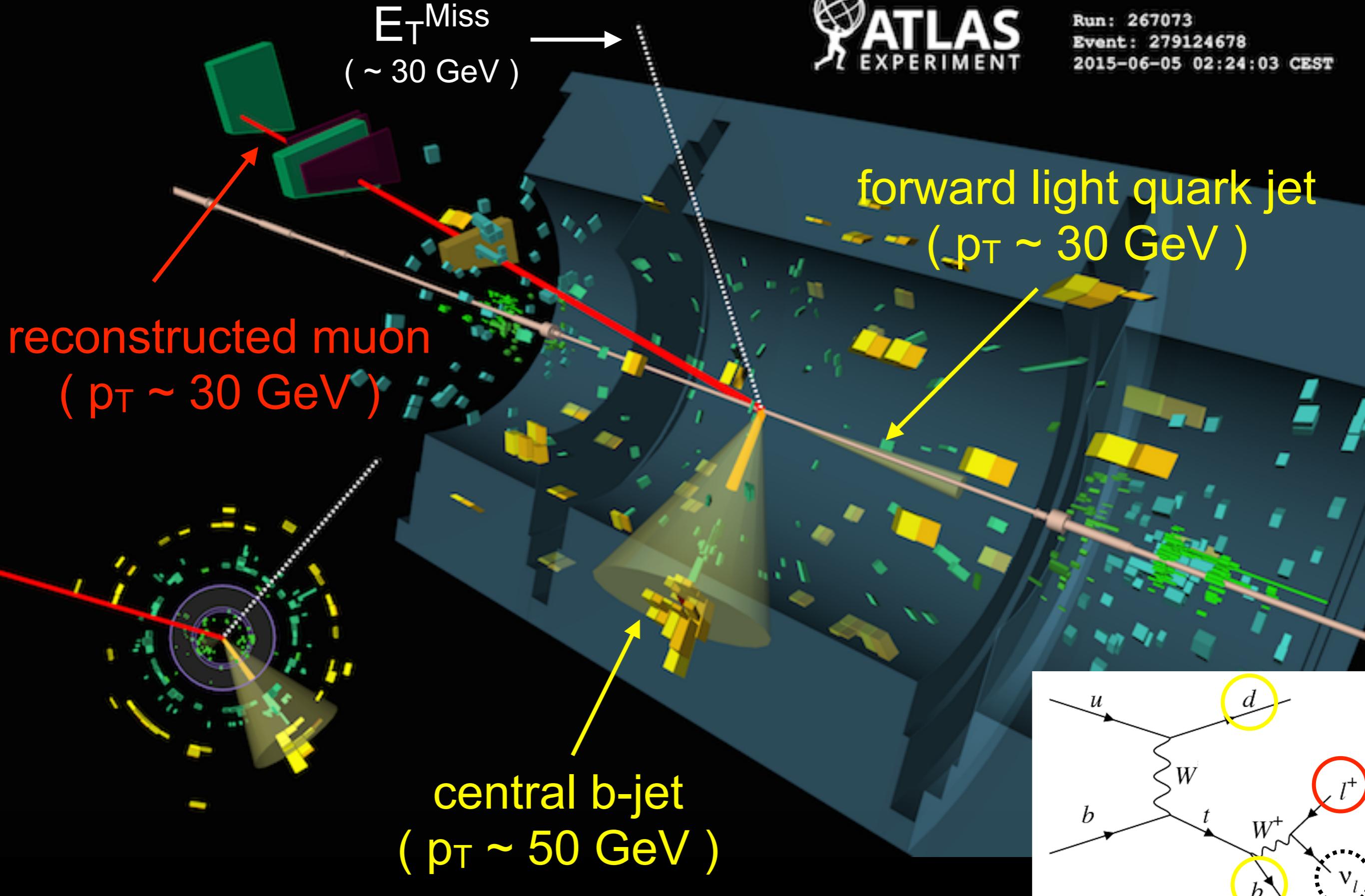


- ATLAS is performing a wide range of studies involving single top quark
- Cross section measurements for t- and Wt-channels were presented
- Presented search results for s-channel analysis
- Showed $|V_{tb}|$ matrix element extractions
- Latest limits on BSM searches were shown
- Measurements and additional searches underway for Run-II
- Visit our [public page](#) for up-to-date results

13 TeV t-channel single top event display

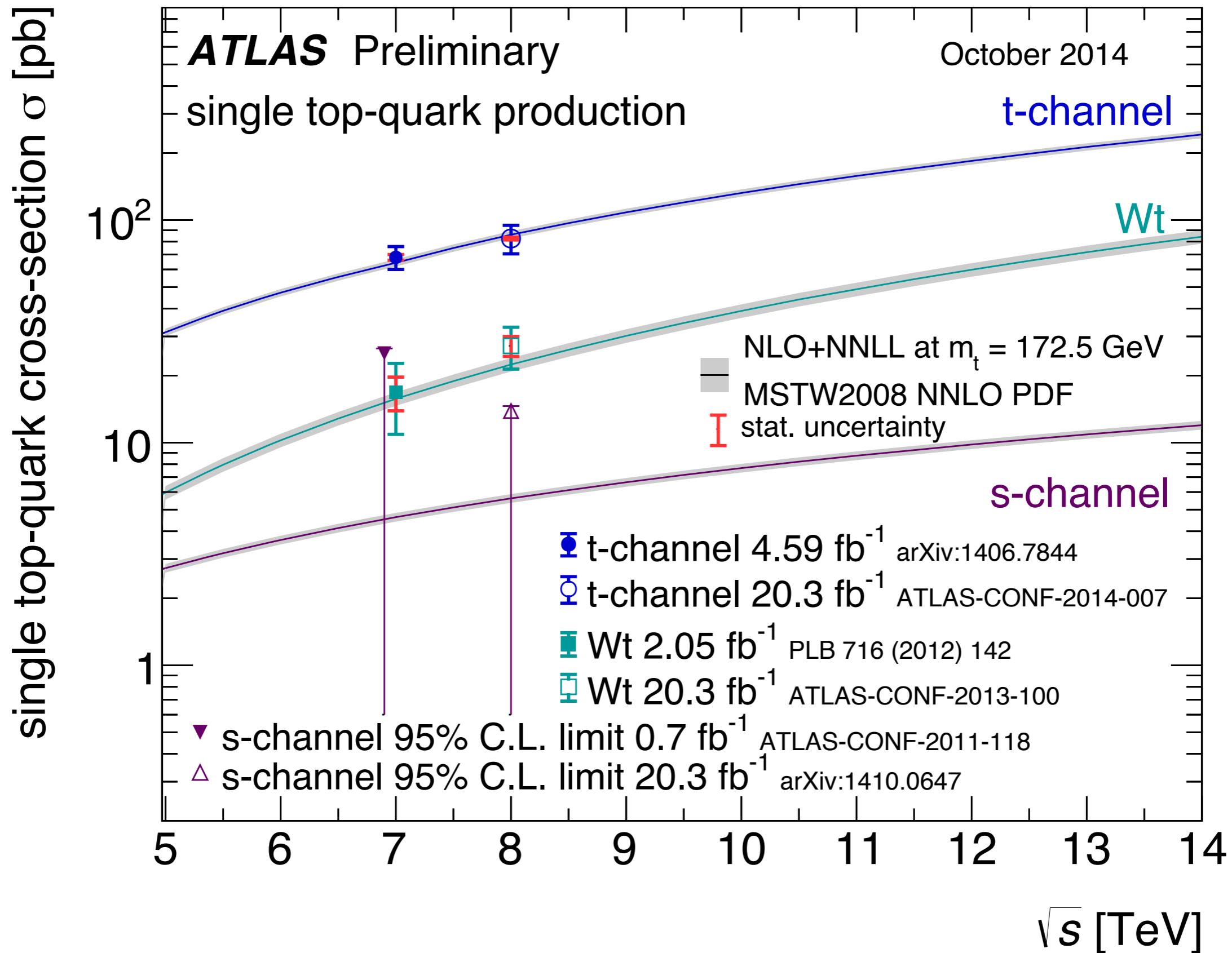


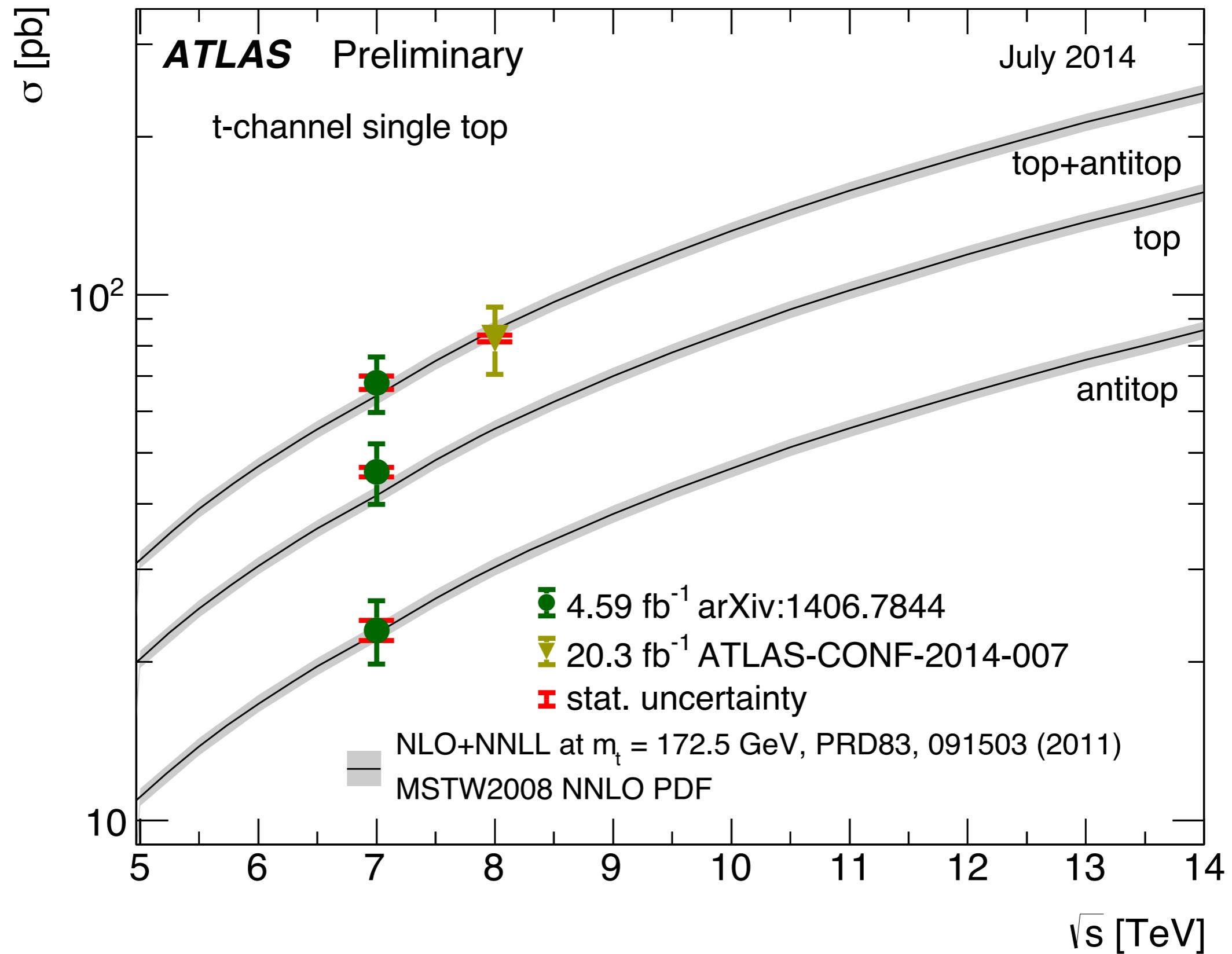
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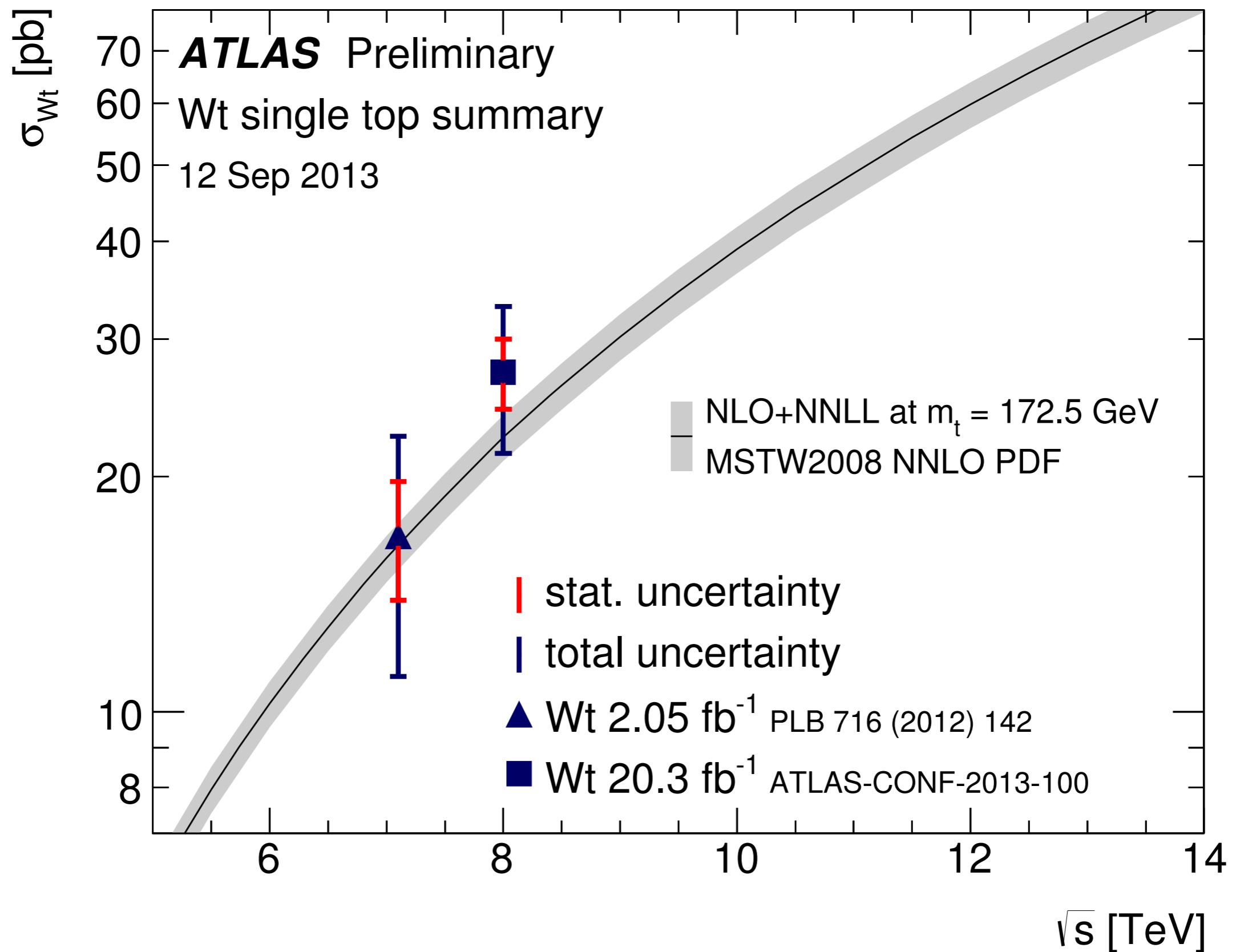


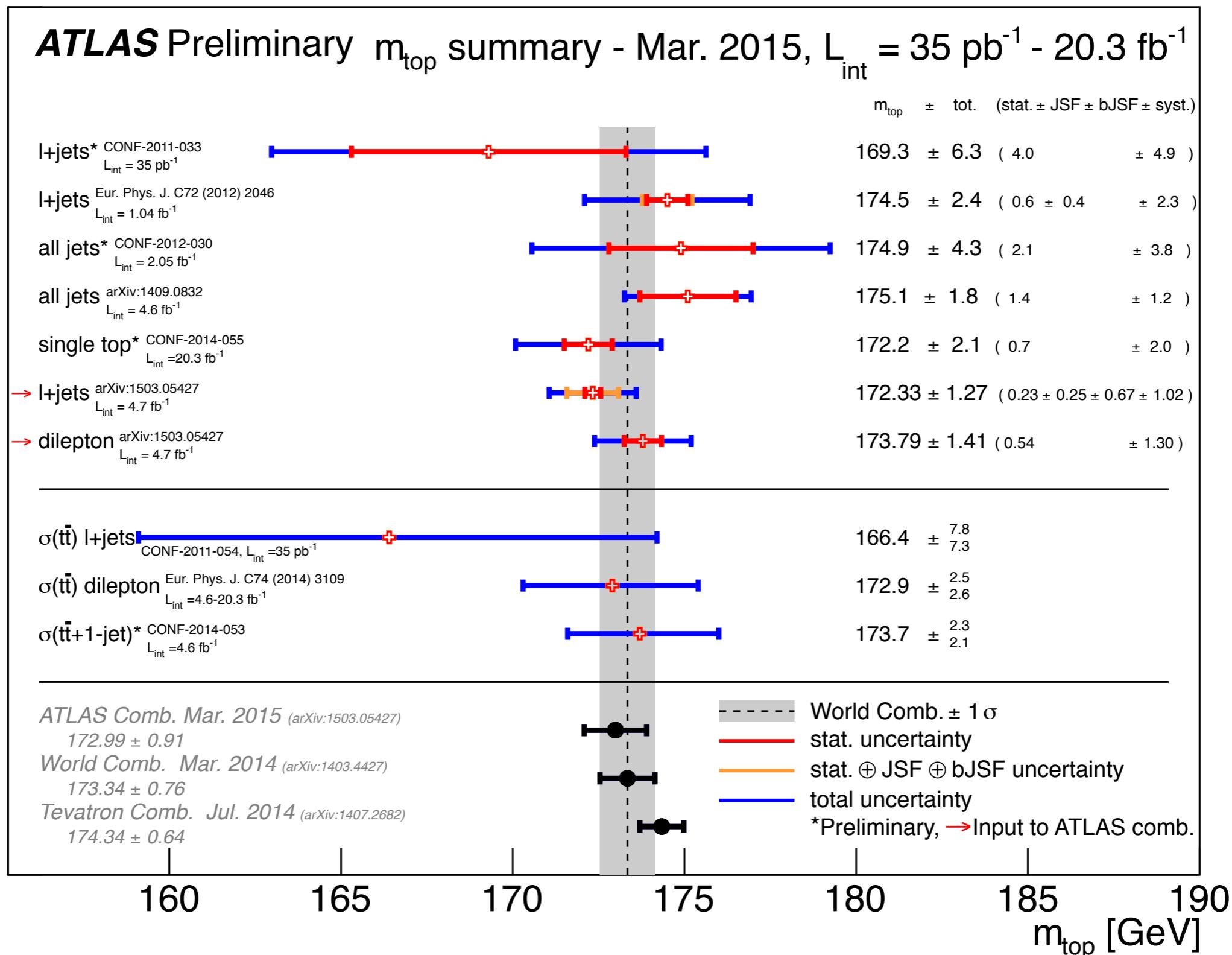
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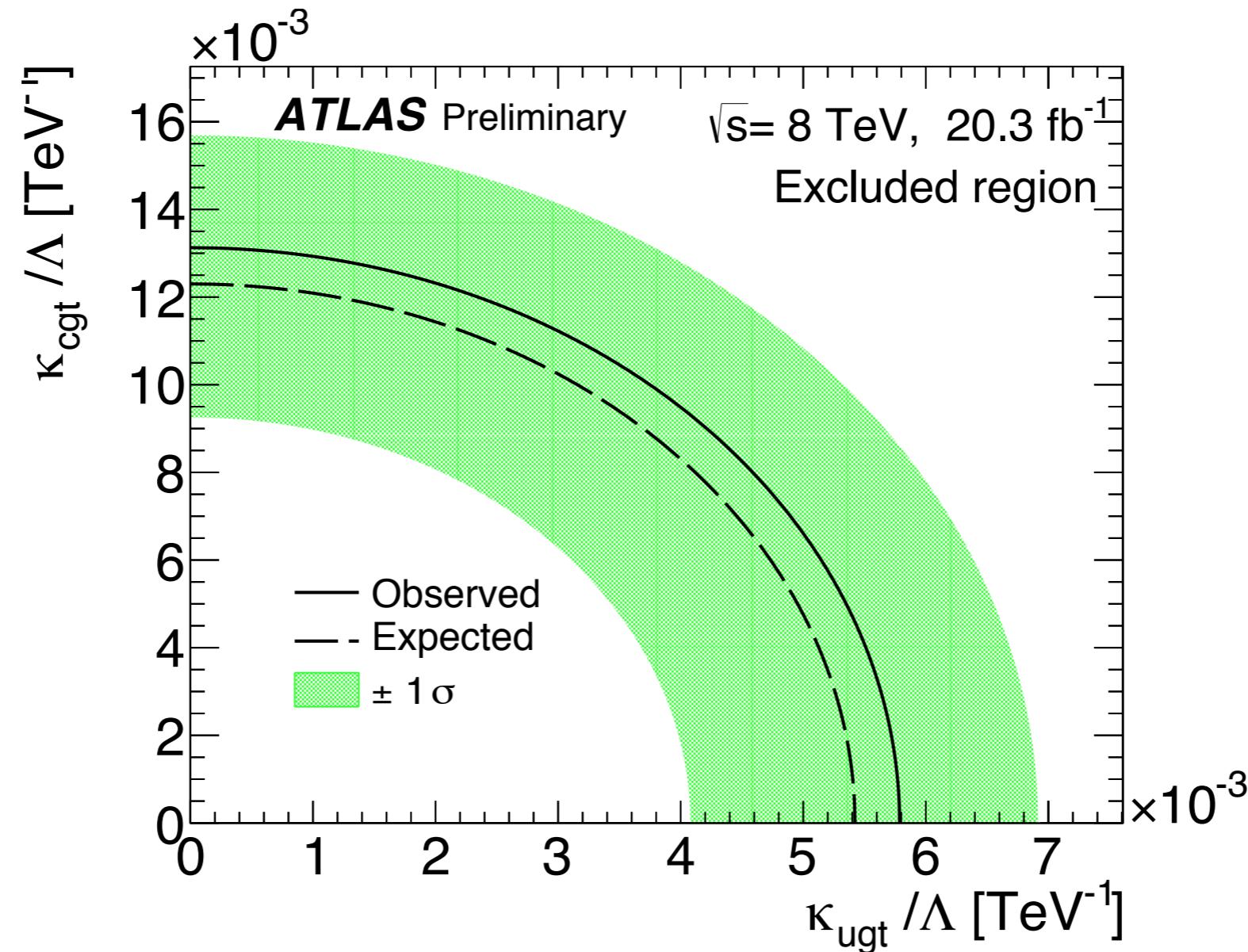
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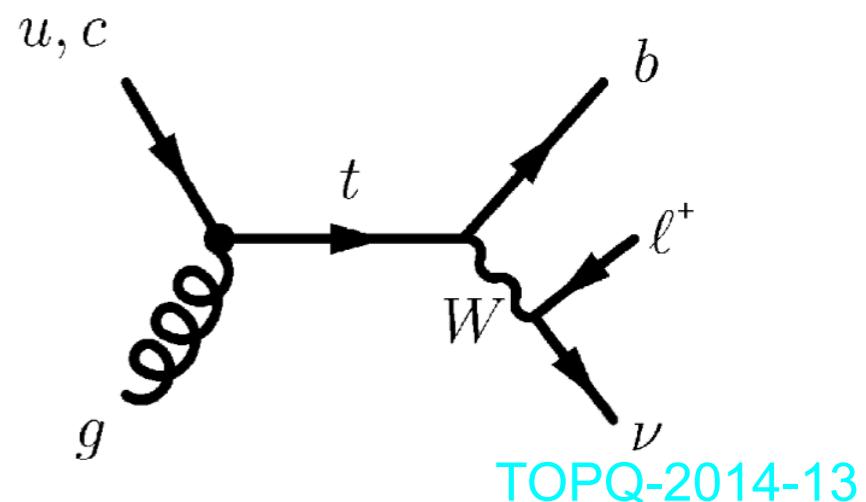
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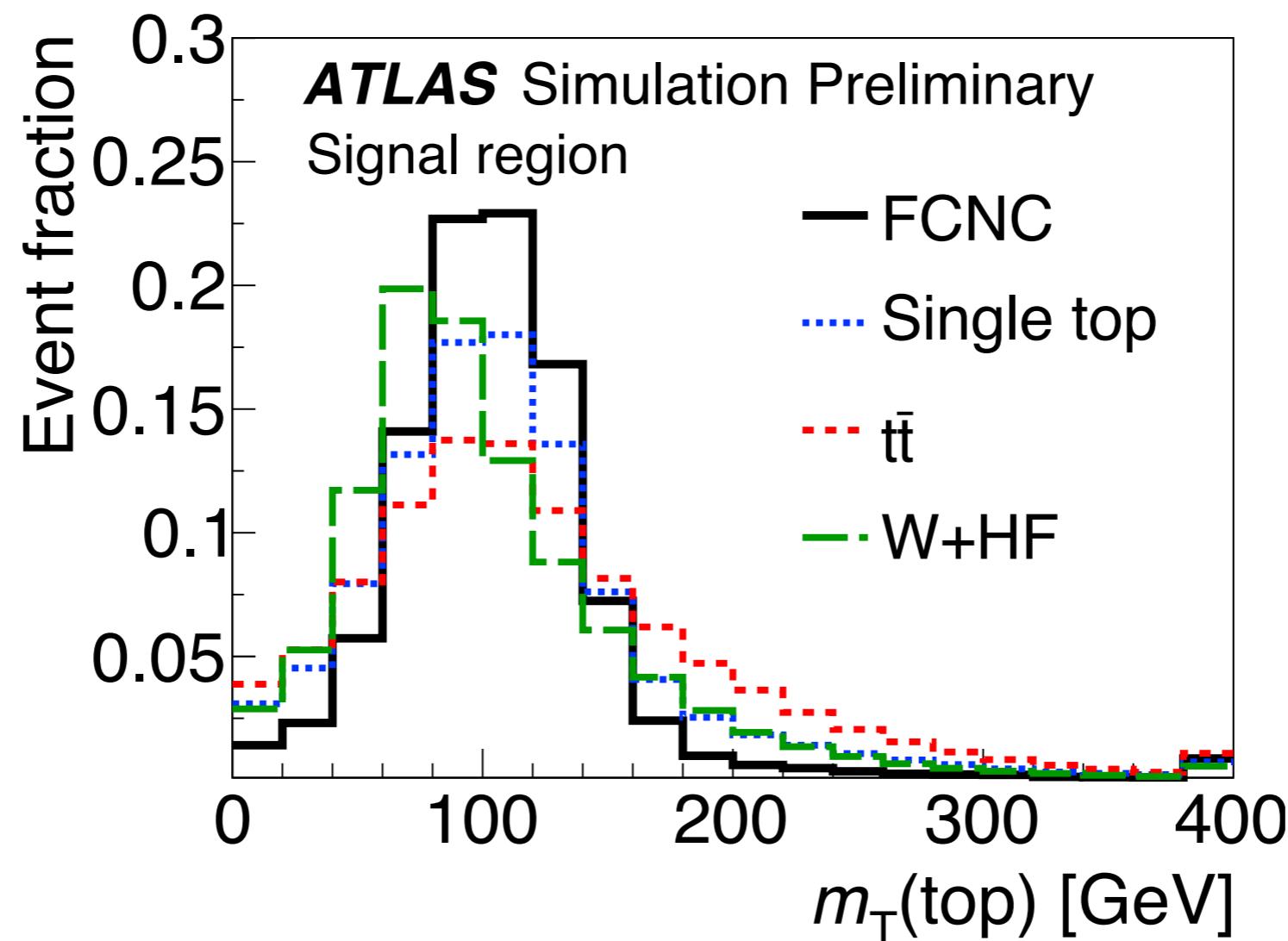
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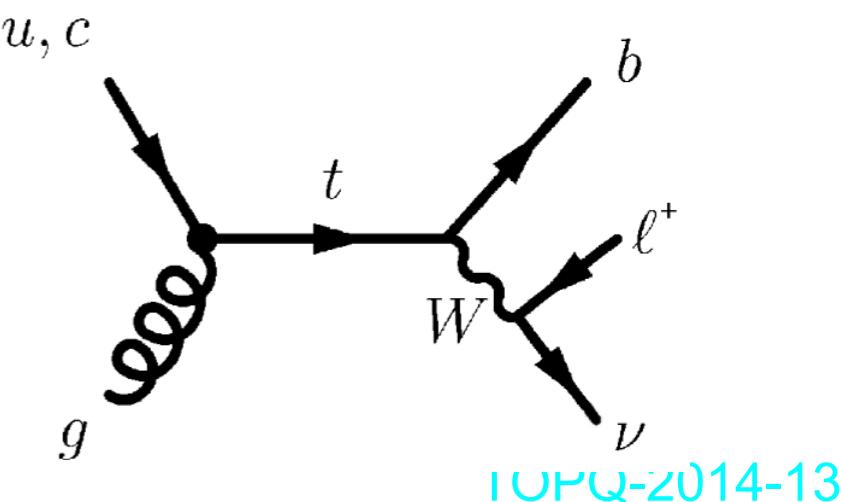
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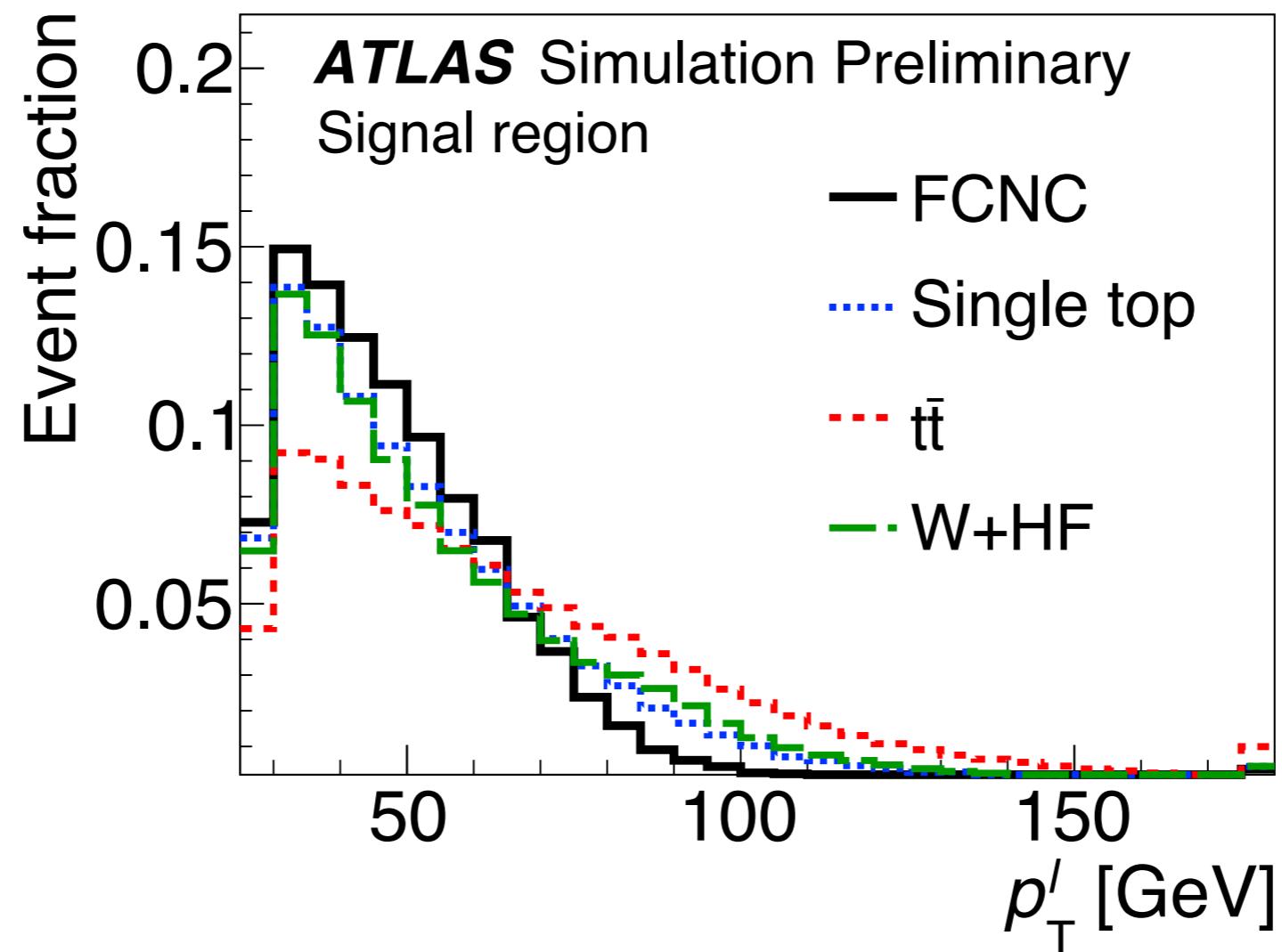
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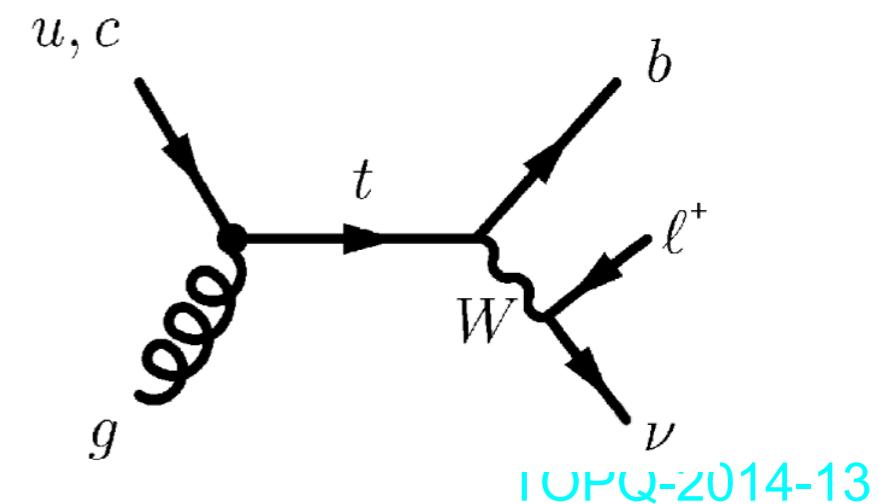
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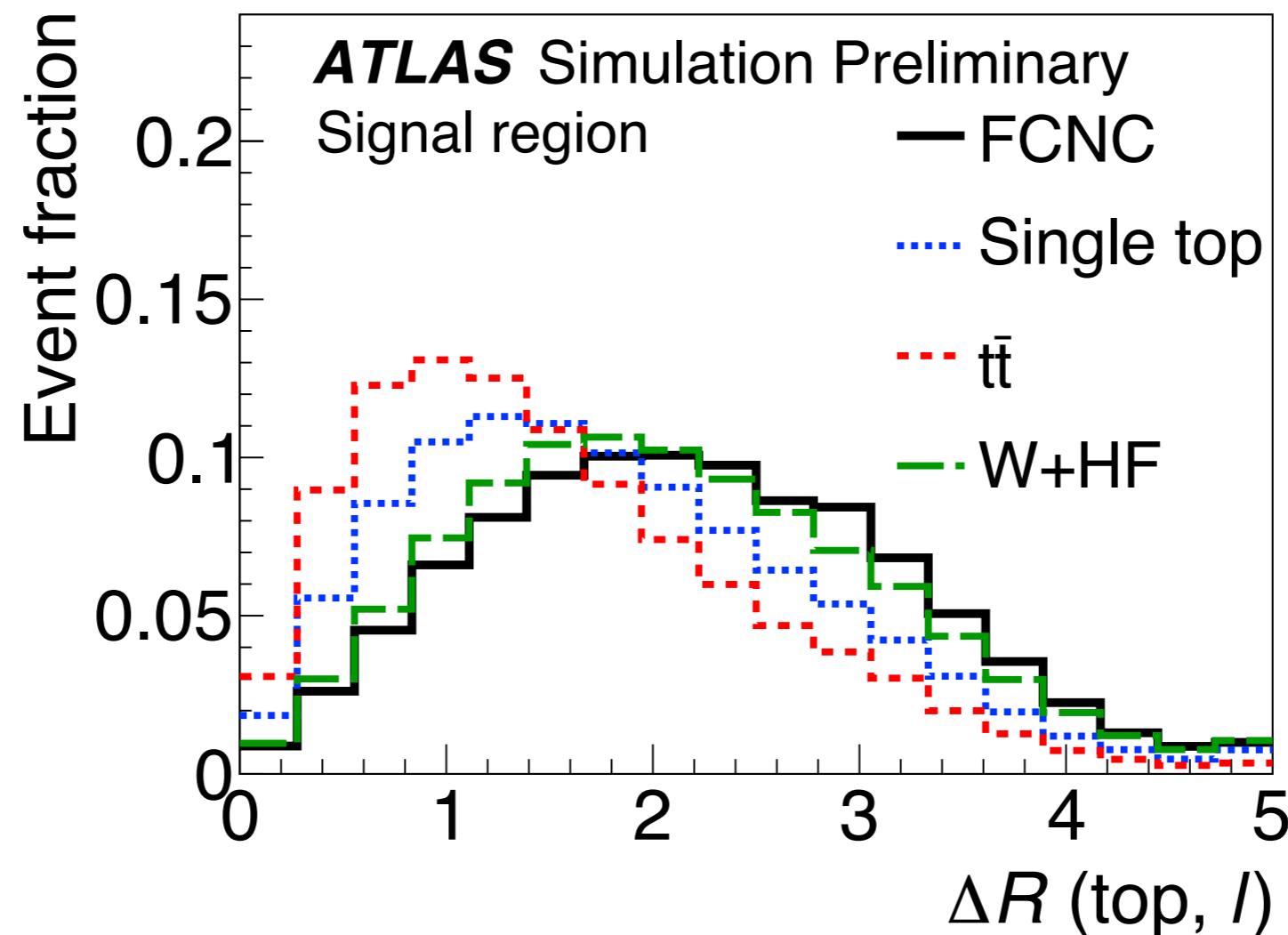
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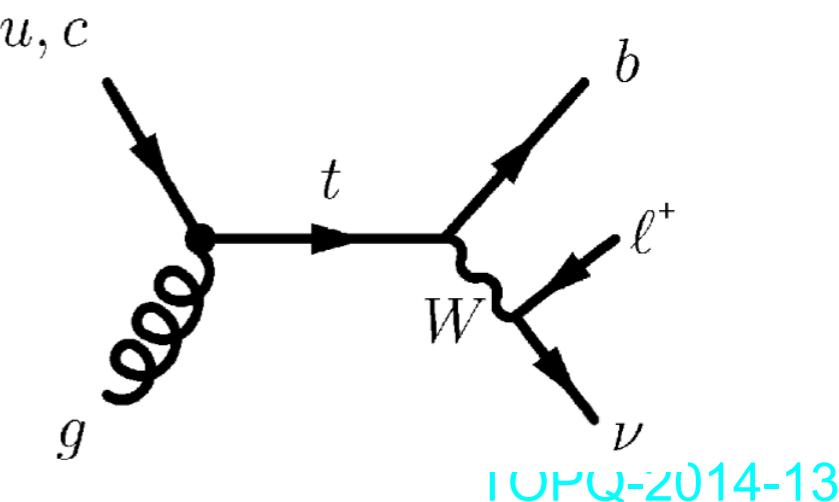
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t-chan Cross Section Measurements

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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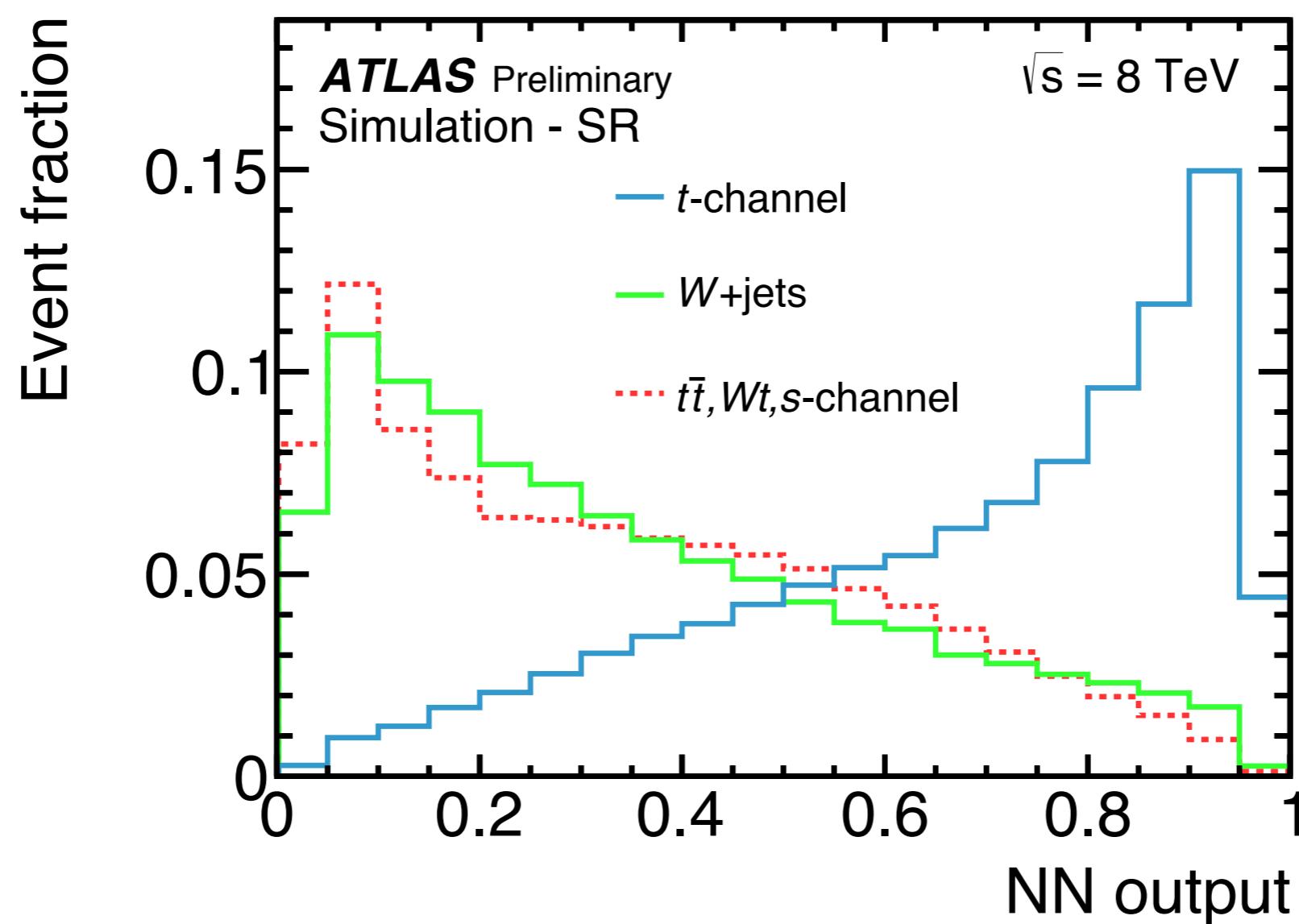
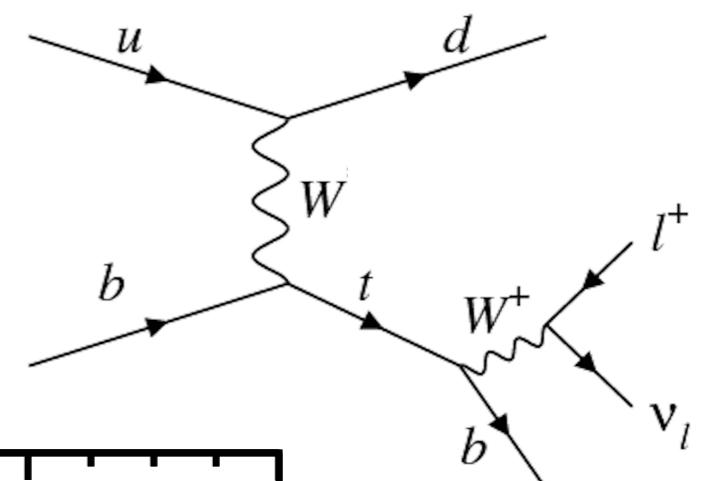
Selection Cuts in Fiducial Volume

Object	Cut
Electrons	$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta < 2.5$
Muons	$p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta < 2.5$
Jets	$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \eta < 4.5$ $p_T > 35 \text{ GeV}$, if $2.75 < \eta < 3.5$
Lepton (ℓ), Jets (j_i)	$\Delta R(\ell, j_i) > 0.4$
E_T^{miss}	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$
Transverse W-boson mass	$m_T(W) > 50 \text{ GeV}$
Lepton (ℓ), jet with the highest p_T (j_1)	$p_T(\ell) > 40 \text{ GeV} \left(1 - \frac{\pi - \Delta\phi(j_1, \ell) }{\pi - 1}\right)$

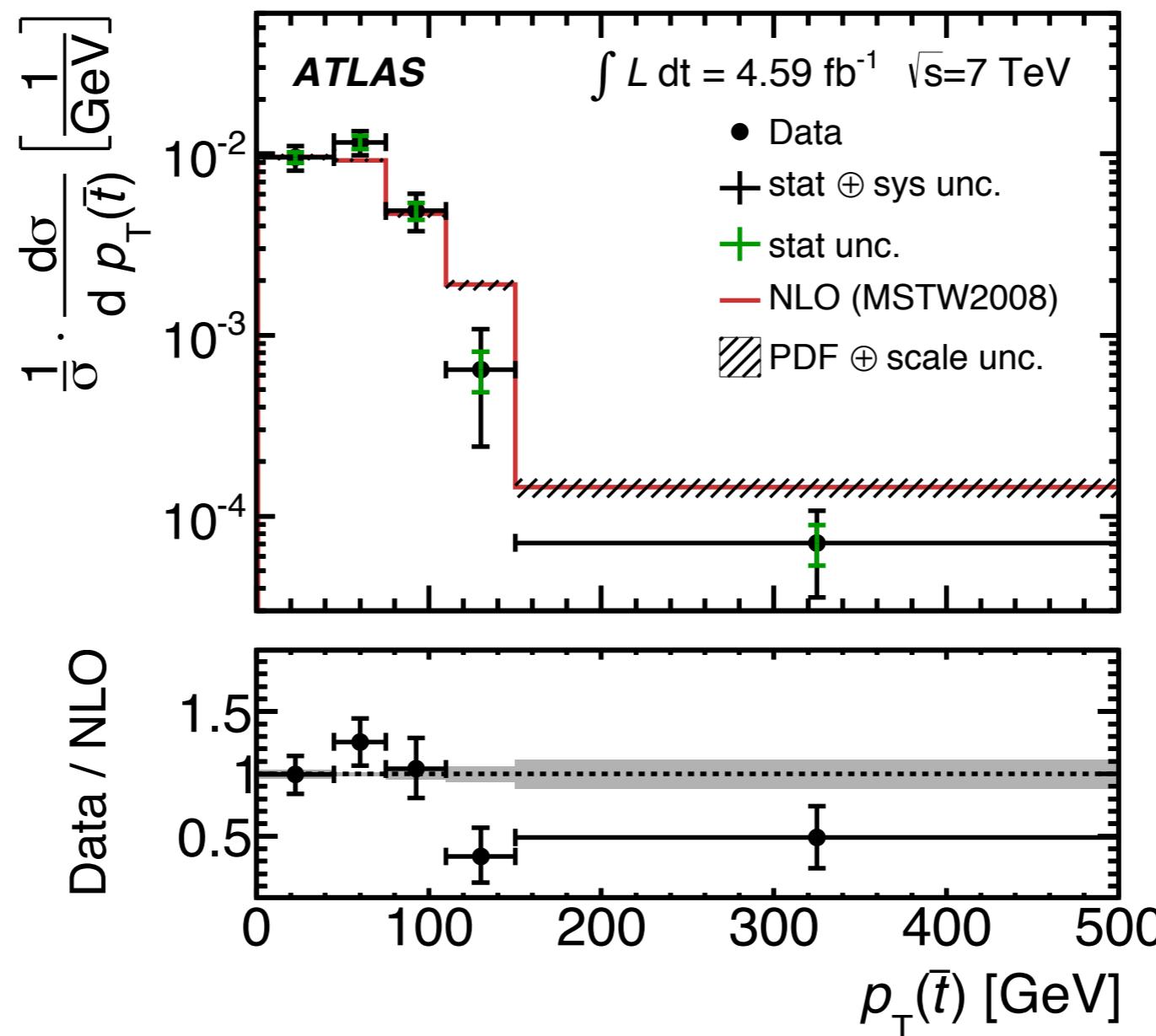
- stable particles; mean lifetime $> 30\text{ps}$
- lepton from W boson decay
- lepton dressed with photons within a cone of $\Delta R < 0.1$
- E_T^{Miss} vectorial sum of neutrinos from W boson decay
- AKT4 jets used
- overlap removal; reject events with $\Delta R(\text{lep}, \text{b-jet}) < 0.4$

Signal Discrimination

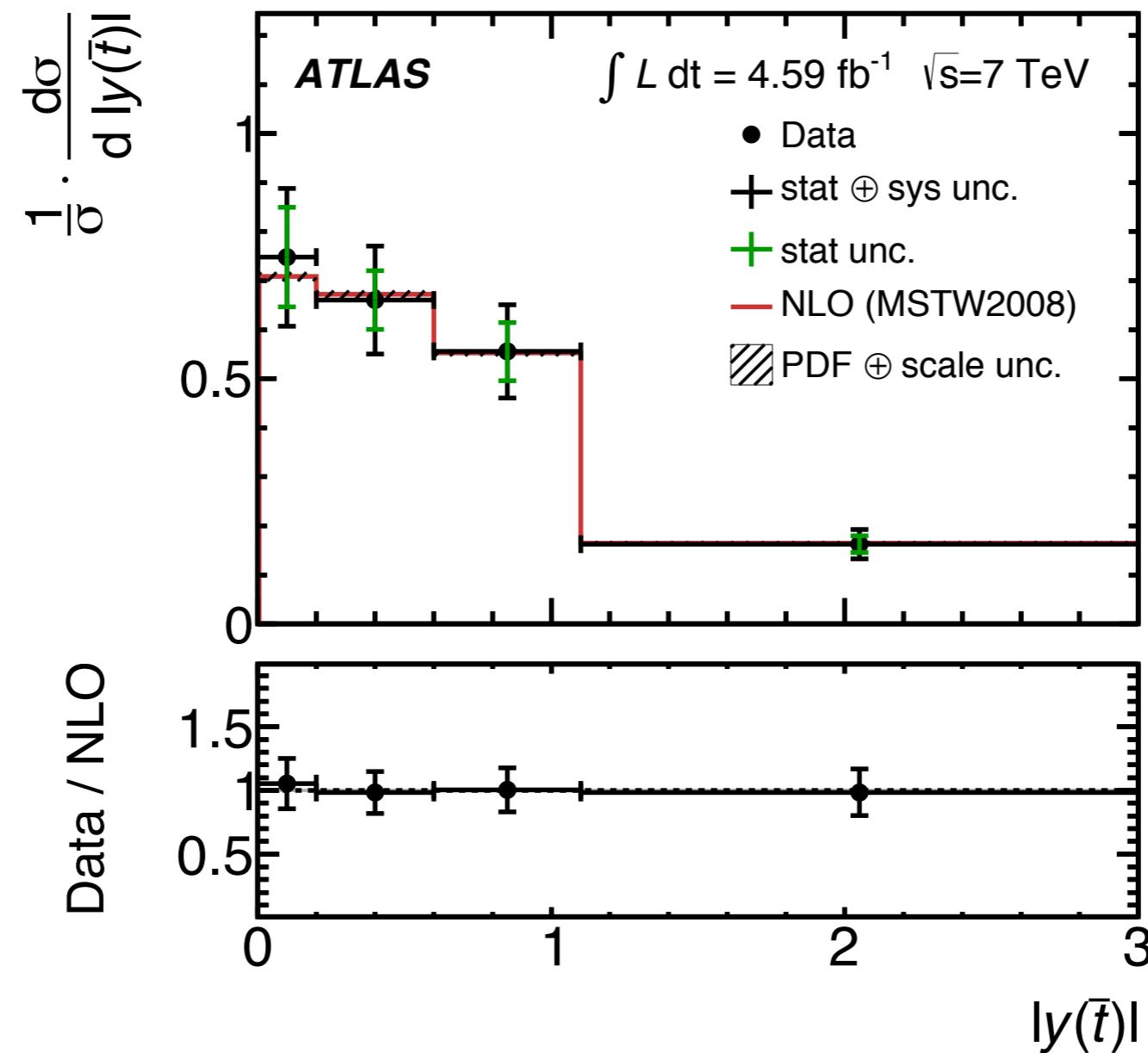
- Neural Network
- most discriminating variables: $|\eta(j)|$ and $m(lvb)$



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$p_T(\bar{t}) [\text{GeV}]$	$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_T(\bar{t})} [\frac{\text{fb}}{\text{GeV}}]$	total [%]	stat. [%]	syst. [%]
[0, 45]	190 ± 50	± 28	± 12	± 25
[45, 75]	230 ± 40	± 18	± 8.2	± 17
[75, 110]	97 ± 27	± 27	± 13	± 24
[110, 150]	13.0 ± 9.7	± 74	± 26	± 70
[150, 500]	1.4 ± 0.9	± 59	± 26	± 53

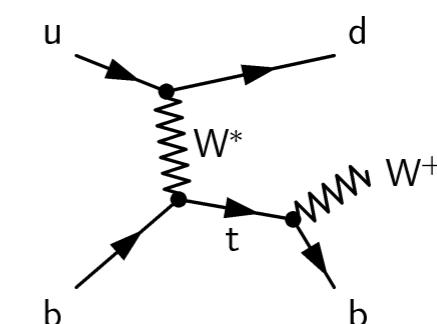
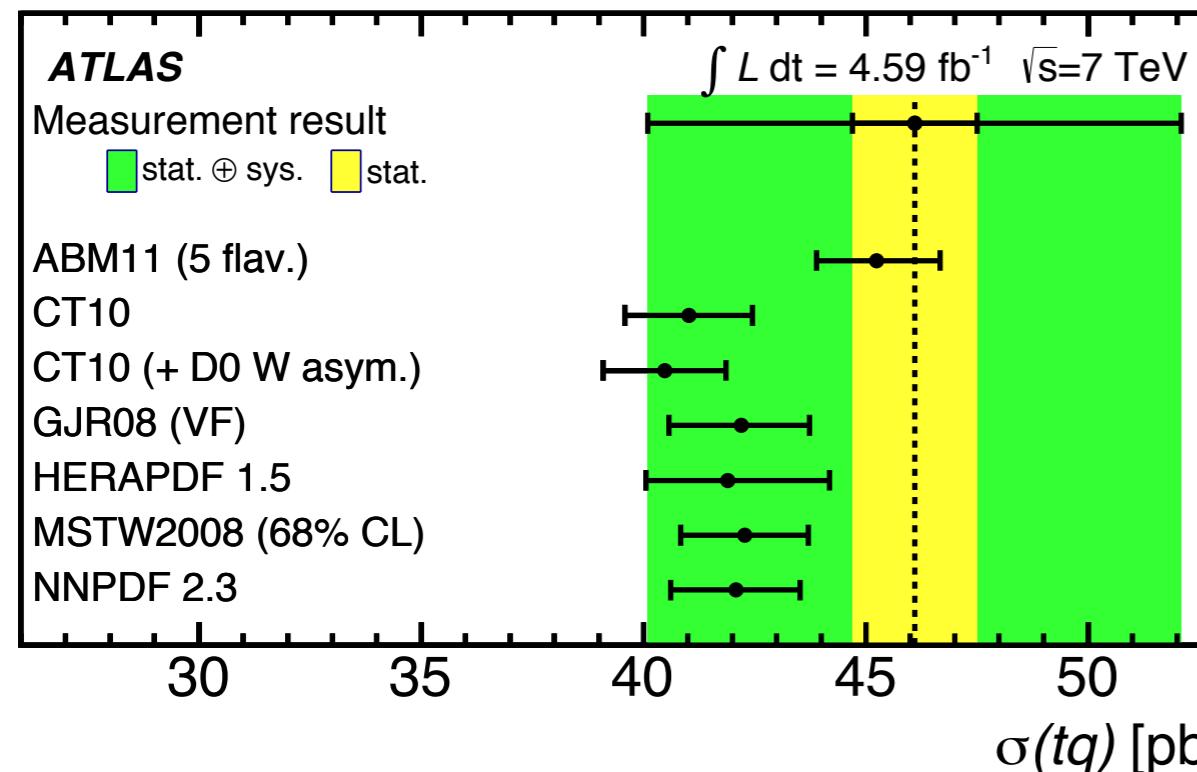


$ y(\bar{t}) $	$\frac{d\sigma}{d y(\bar{t}) }$ [pb]	total [%]	stat. [%]	syst. [%]
[0,0.2]	15.0 ± 3.4	± 23	± 13	± 18
[0.2,0.6]	13.3 ± 3.3	± 25	± 9.5	± 23
[0.6,1.1]	11.2 ± 2.6	± 23	± 11	± 20
[1.1,3.0]	3.3 ± 0.9	± 29	± 13	± 25

t-channel R_t Measurement

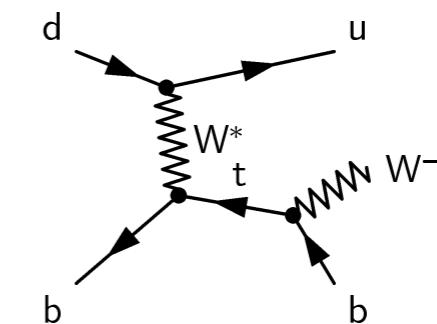
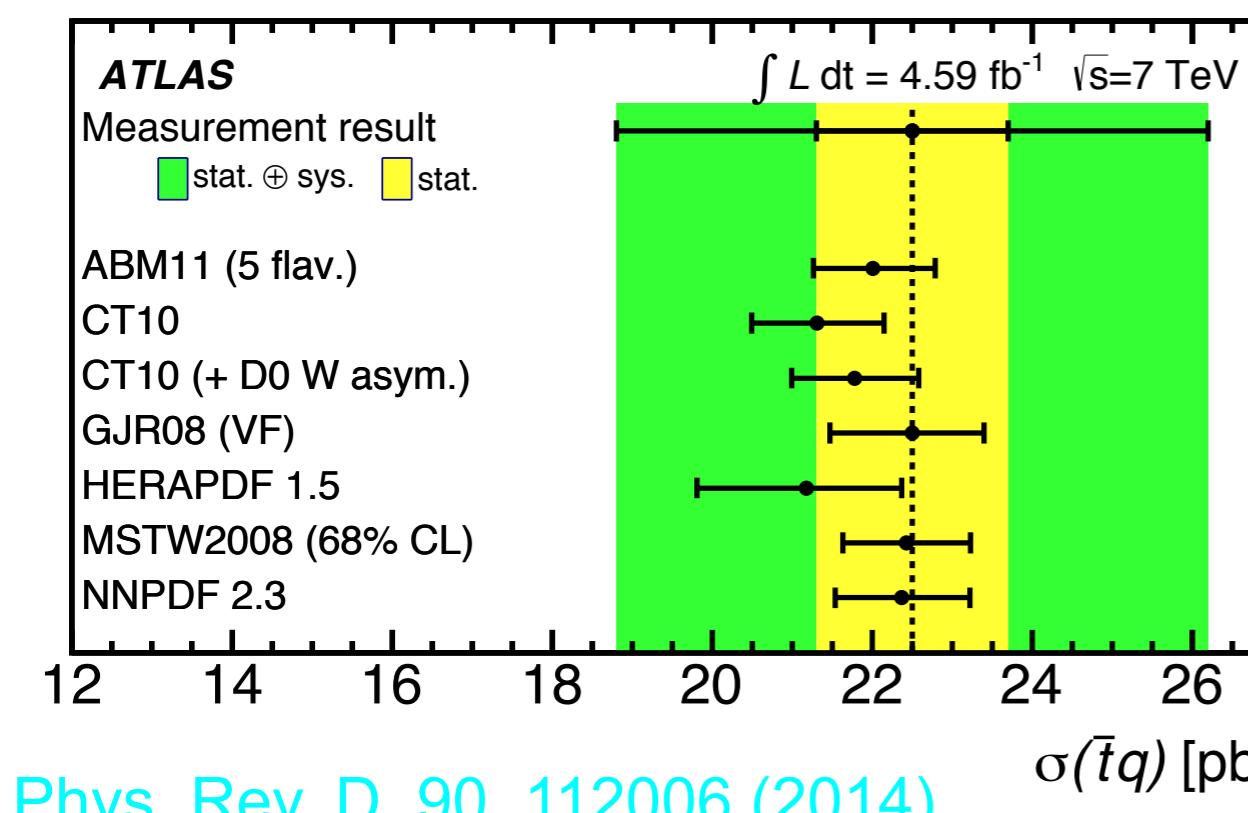
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$$\sigma_{\text{t-chan}}(t) = 46 \pm 1(\text{stat}) \pm 3(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{t\text{-chan}}^{\text{theory}}(t) = 41.9^{+1.8}_{-0.9} \text{ pb}$$



$$\sigma_{\text{t-chan}}(\bar{t}) = 23 \pm 1(\text{stat}) \pm 3(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$$

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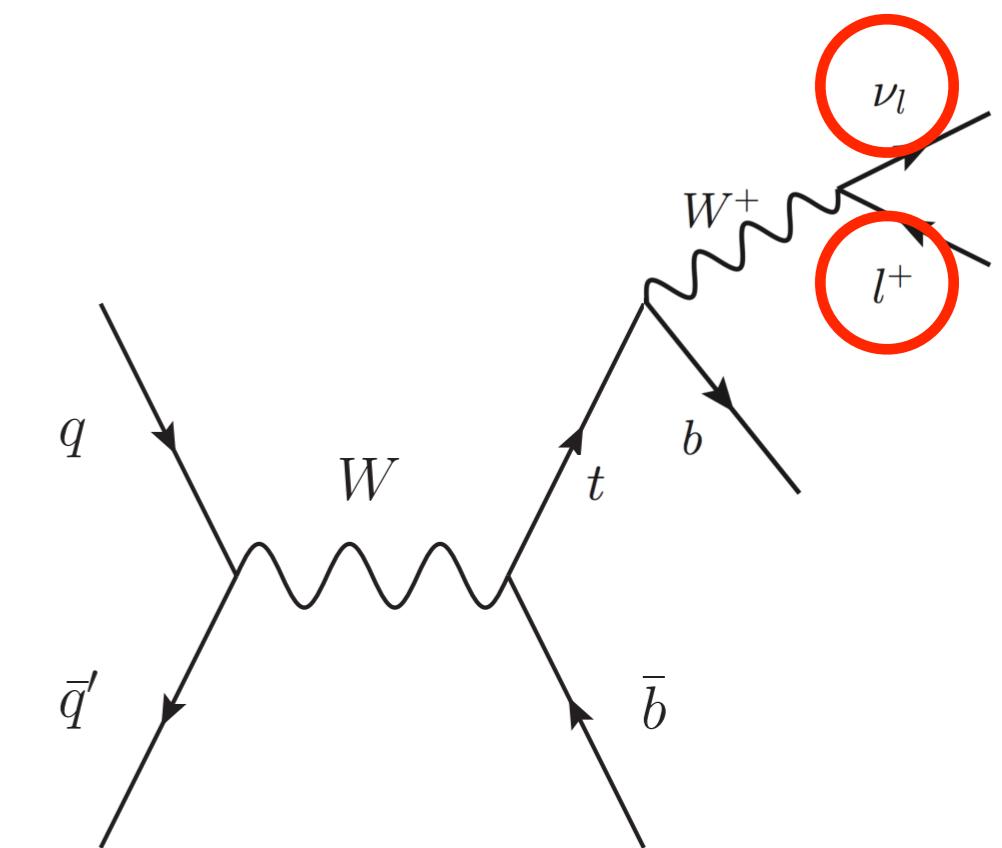
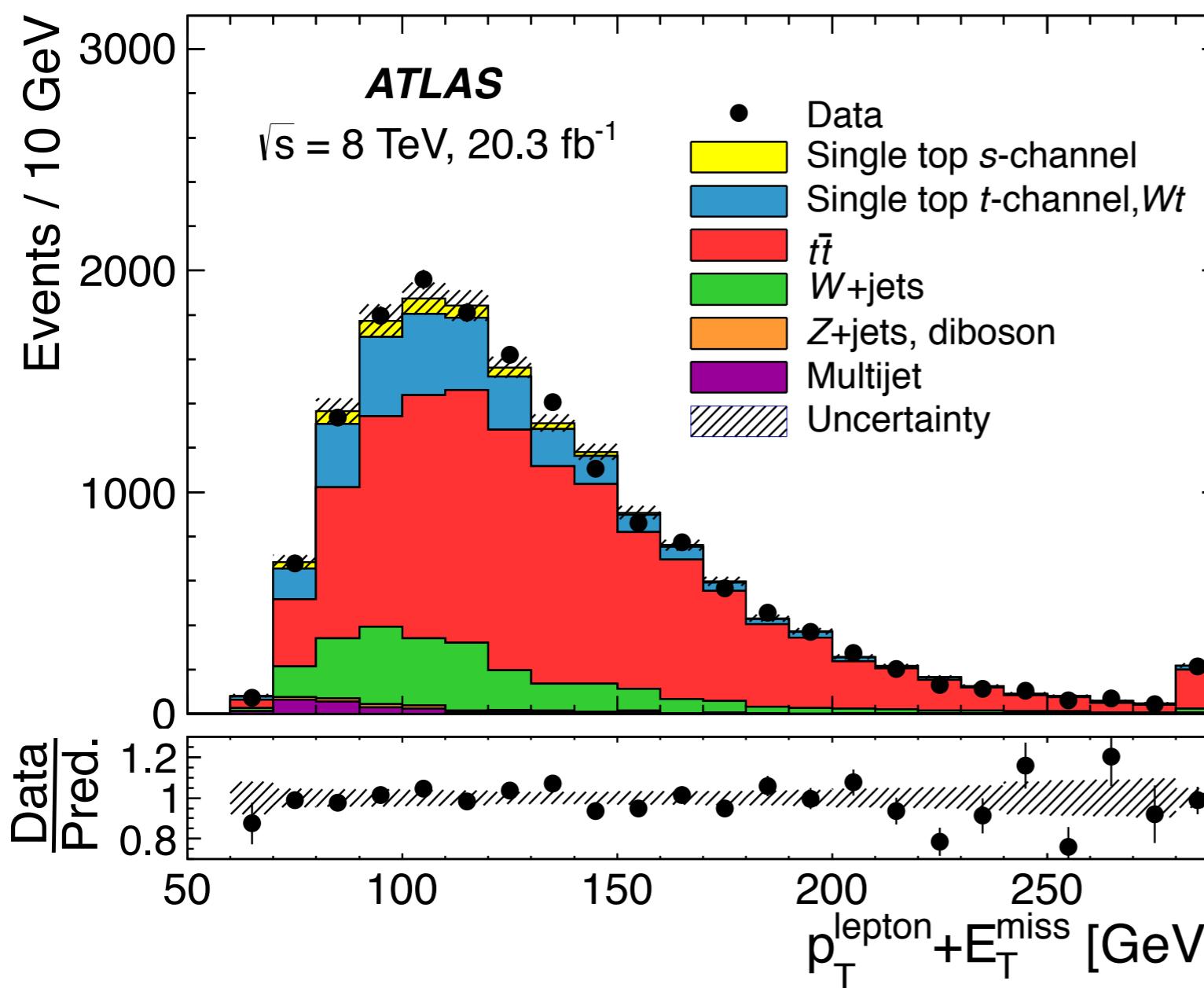
s-chan Search

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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Signal Discrimination

- Boosted Decision Tree
- most discriminating variables: $|\Delta\phi(b,t)|$ and $H_T(\text{lep} + E_T^{\text{miss}})$



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Search for $W' \rightarrow t\bar{b}$

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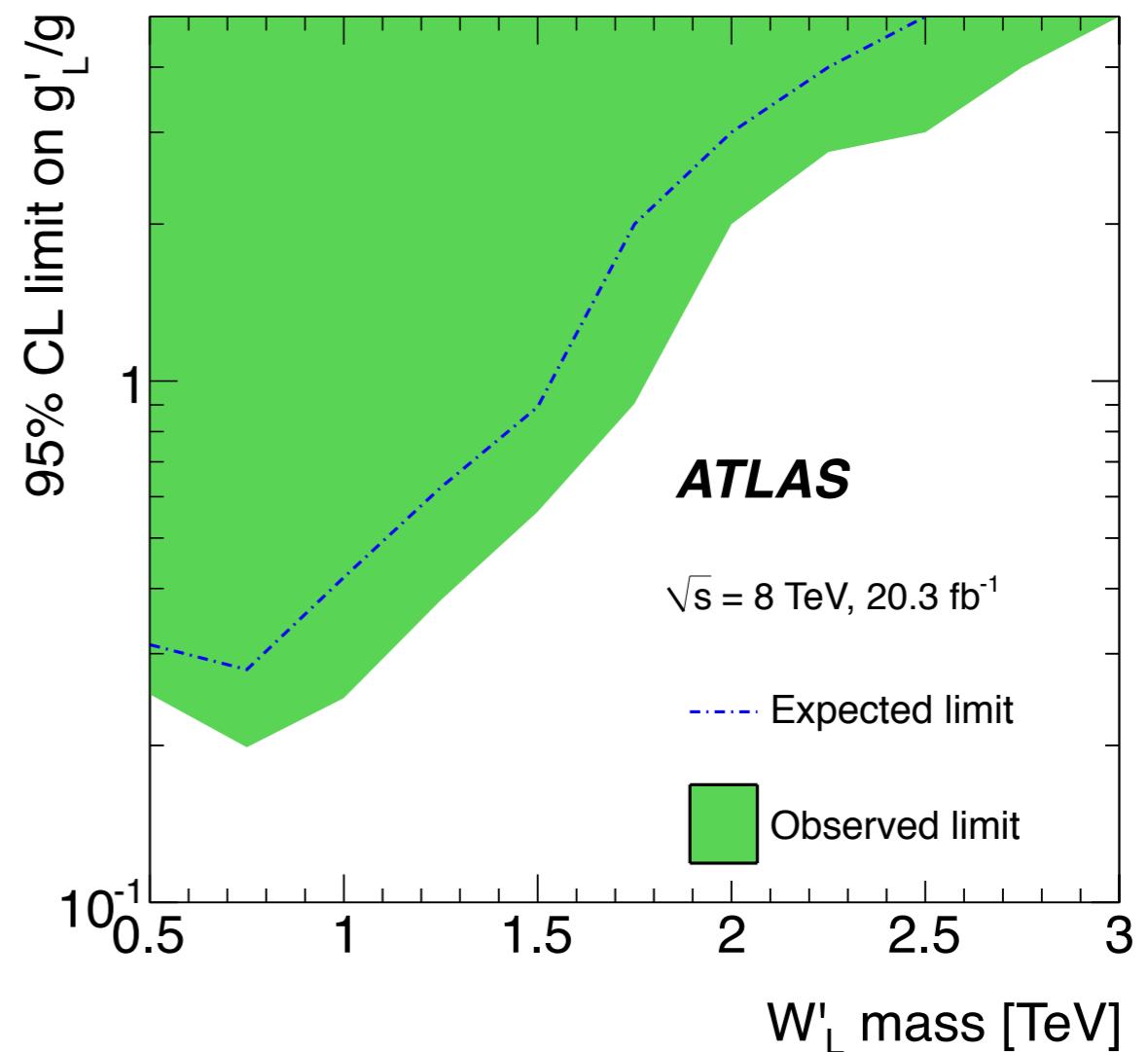
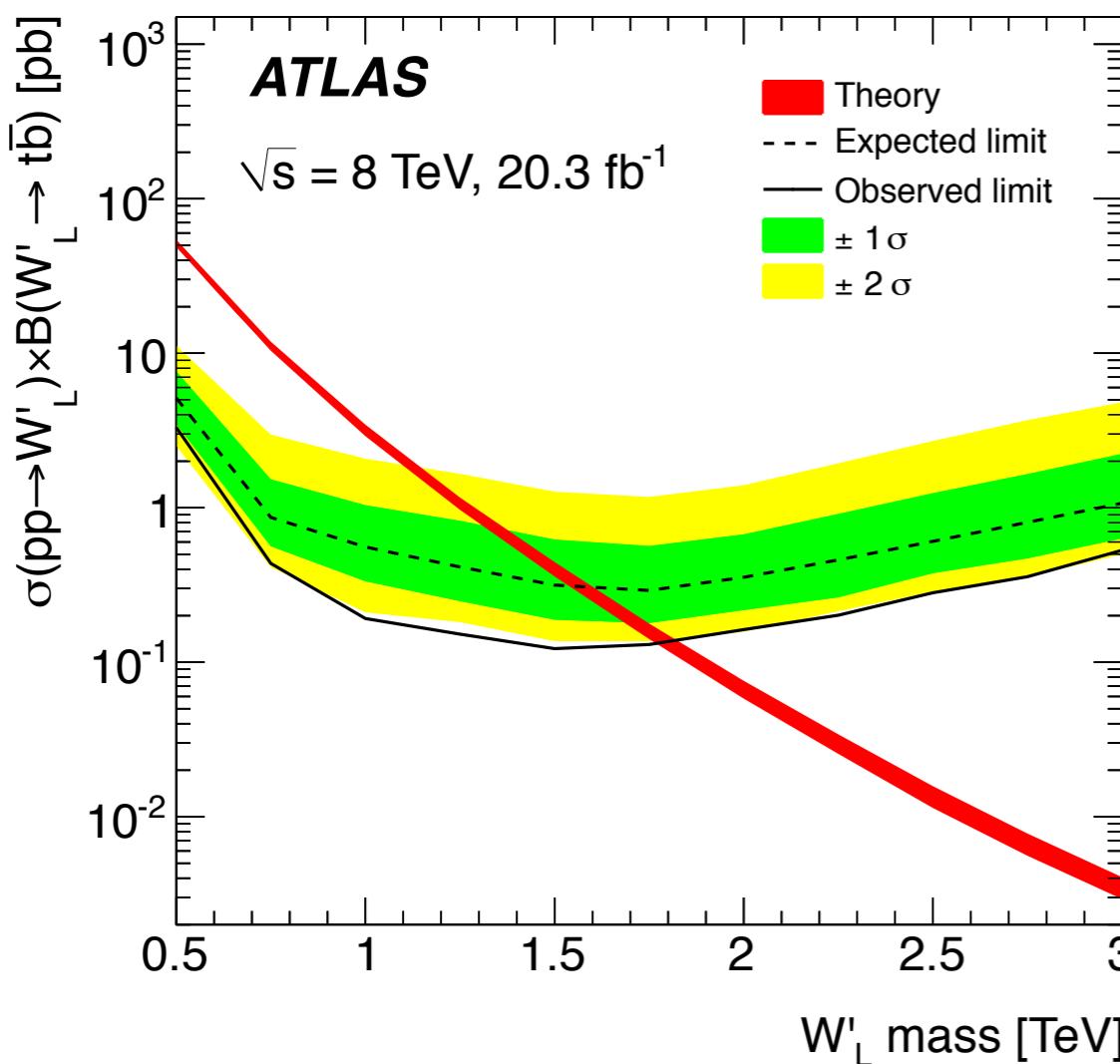
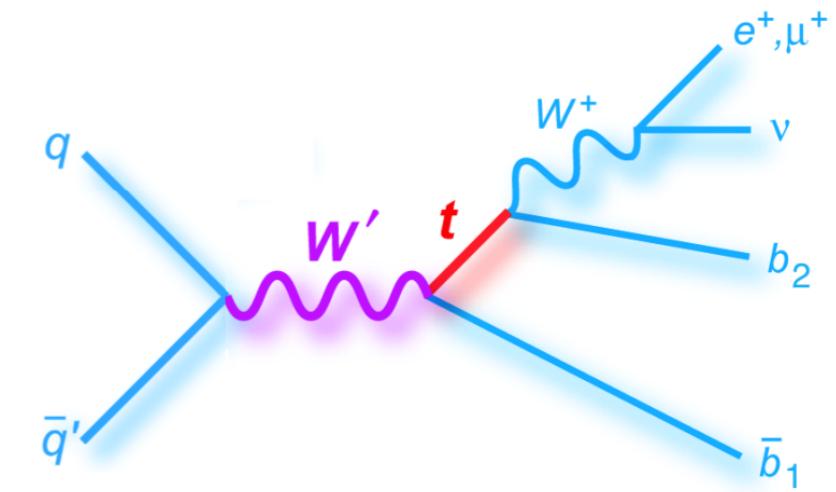
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Results

- limits set W'_R and W'_L masses

$m(W'_L) < 1.70 \text{ GeV}$ at 95% CL

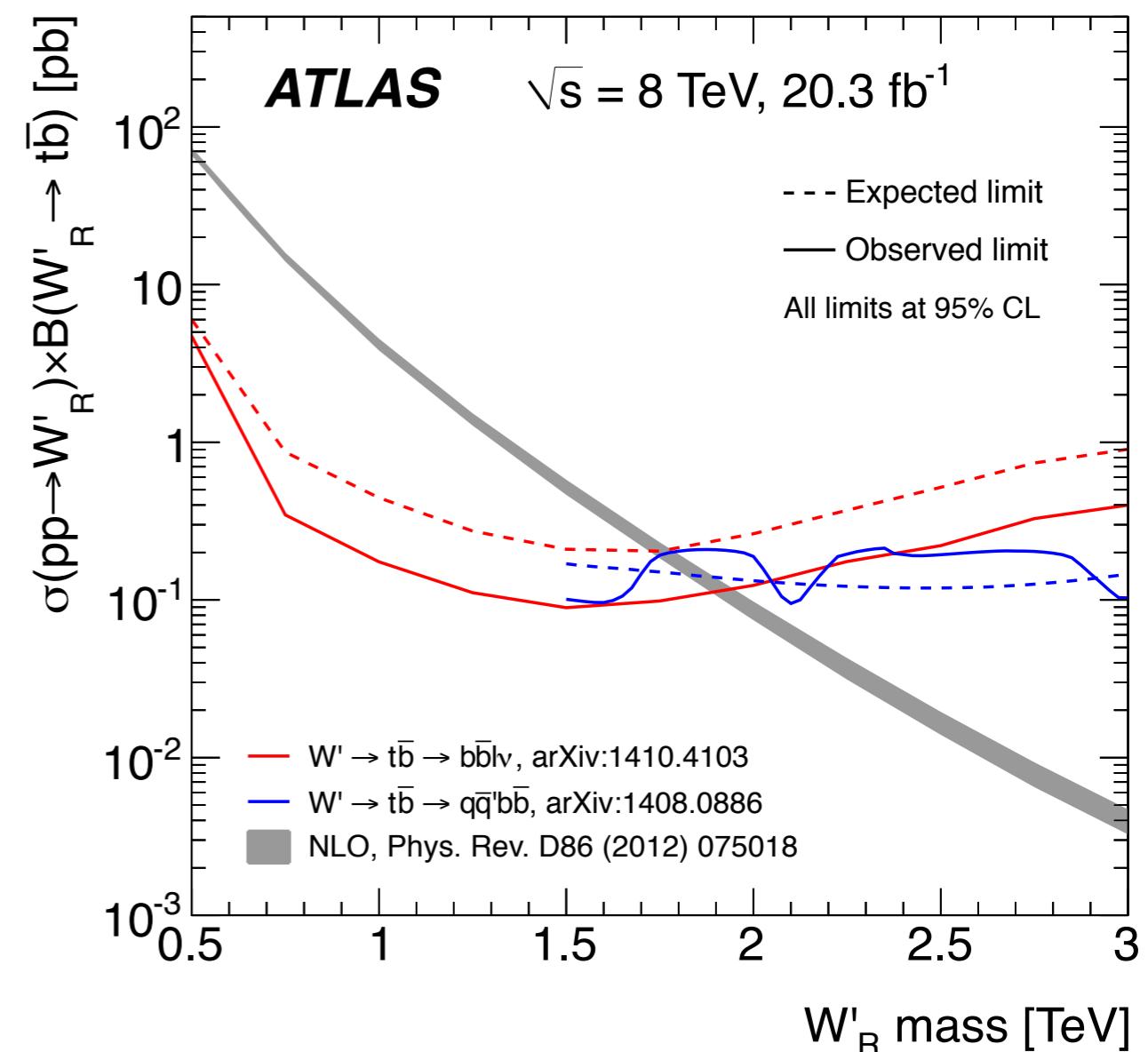
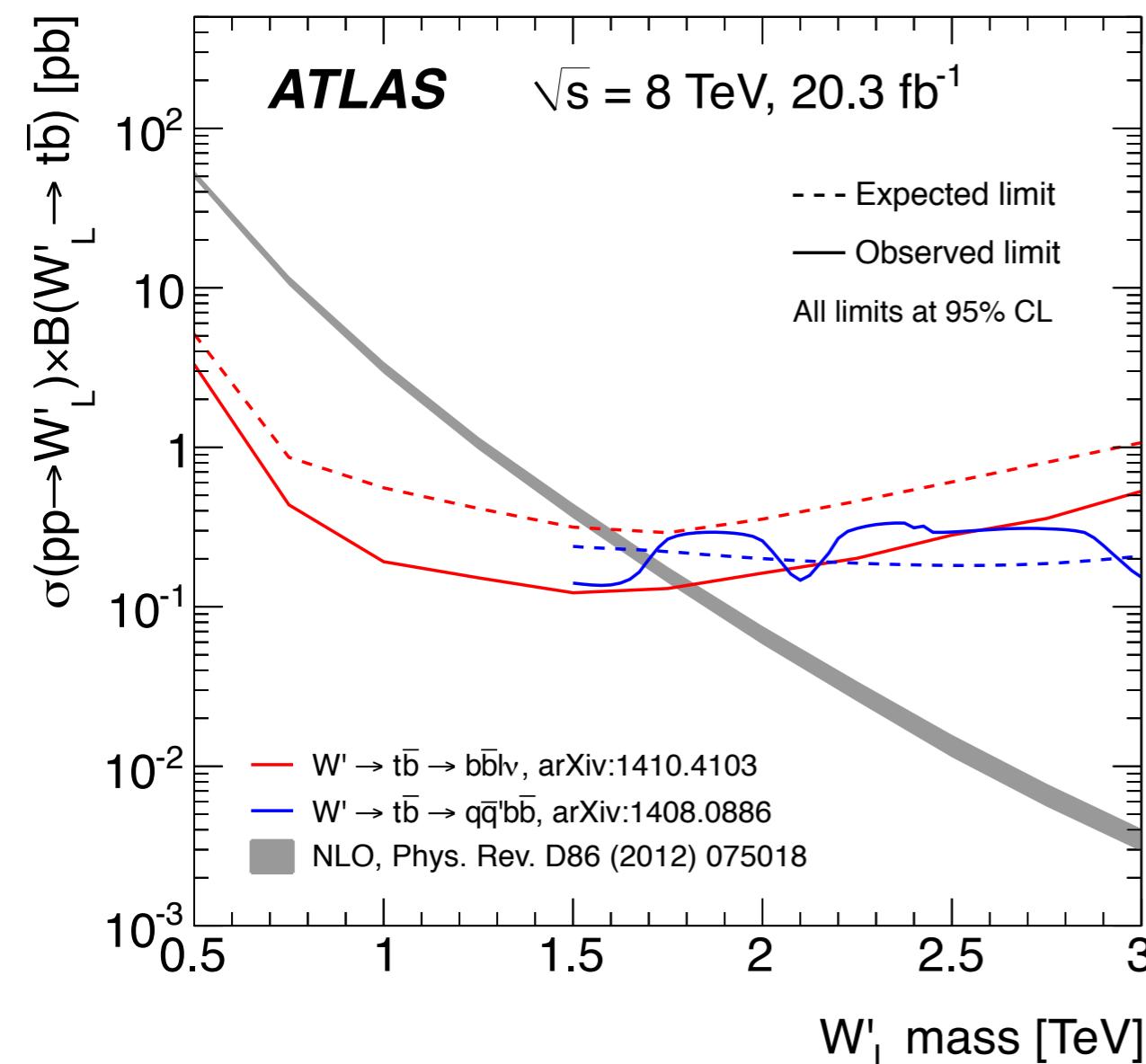
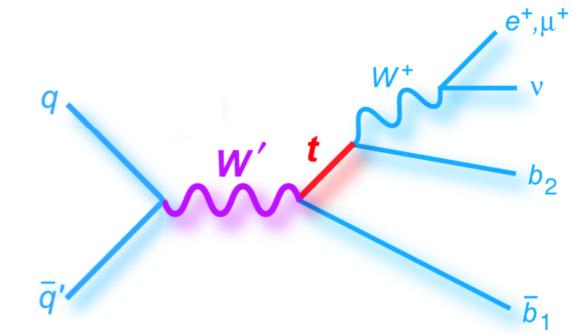
$m(W'_R) < 1.92 \text{ GeV}$ at 95% CL



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Results

- limits combined with hadronic analysis



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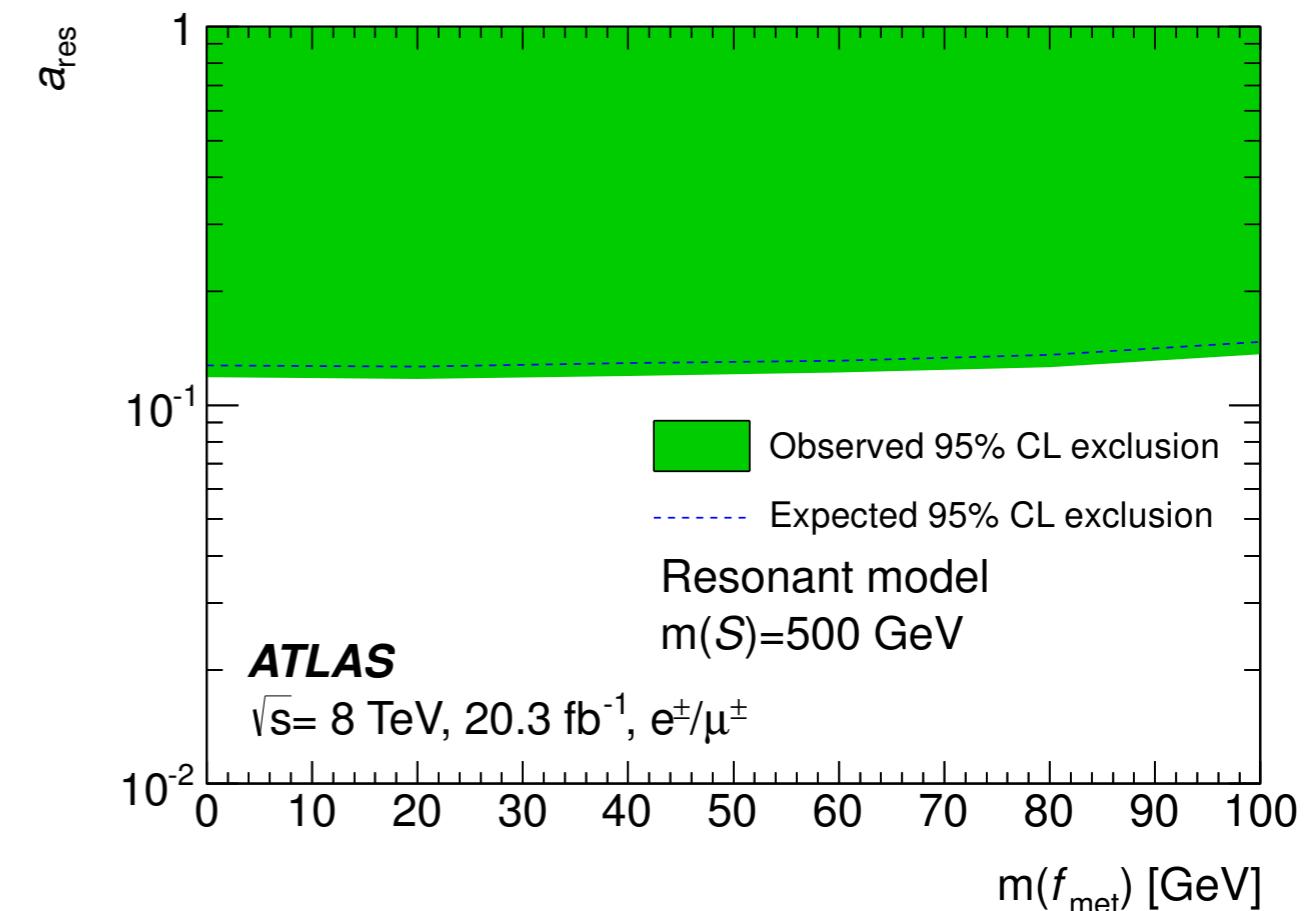
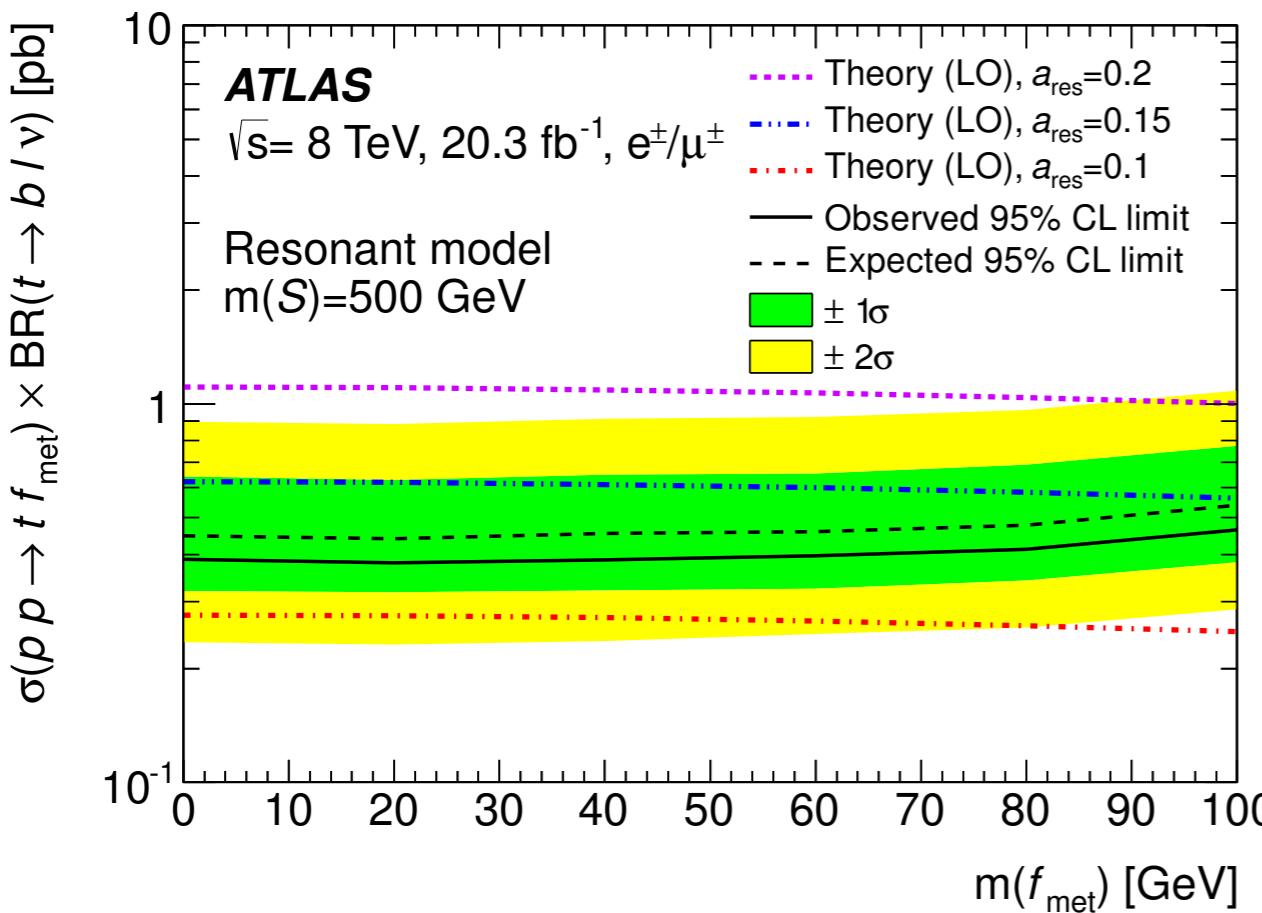
Search for Monotops

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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Results

- limits set on effective coupling strength
- limits set on $m(v_{\text{met}})$ and $m(f_{\text{met}})$



for $a_{\text{res}} = 0.2$, $m(f_{\text{met}}) > 100 \text{ GeV}$ at 95% CL

for $a_{\text{non-res}} = 0.2$, $m(v_{\text{met}}) > 657 \text{ GeV}$ at 95% CL

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Anomalous Couplings

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}, 4.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

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BSM Search

- search for \mathcal{CP} violation in the decay of single top quarks
- measures the forward-backward asymmetry
- a non-zero value is indicative of \mathcal{CP} violating contribution to Wtb vertex

Final State Selection

- 1 electron or muon, 1 b-jet, E_T^{Miss}

$$A_z \equiv \frac{N_{\text{evt}}(\cos \theta > z) - N_{\text{evt}}(\cos \theta < z)}{N_{\text{evt}}(\cos \theta > z) + N_{\text{evt}}(\cos \theta < z)}$$

Signal Discrimination

- cut and count analysis

$$A_{\text{FB}}^N = 0.64 P \mathbb{I}(g_R)$$

Main Systematics

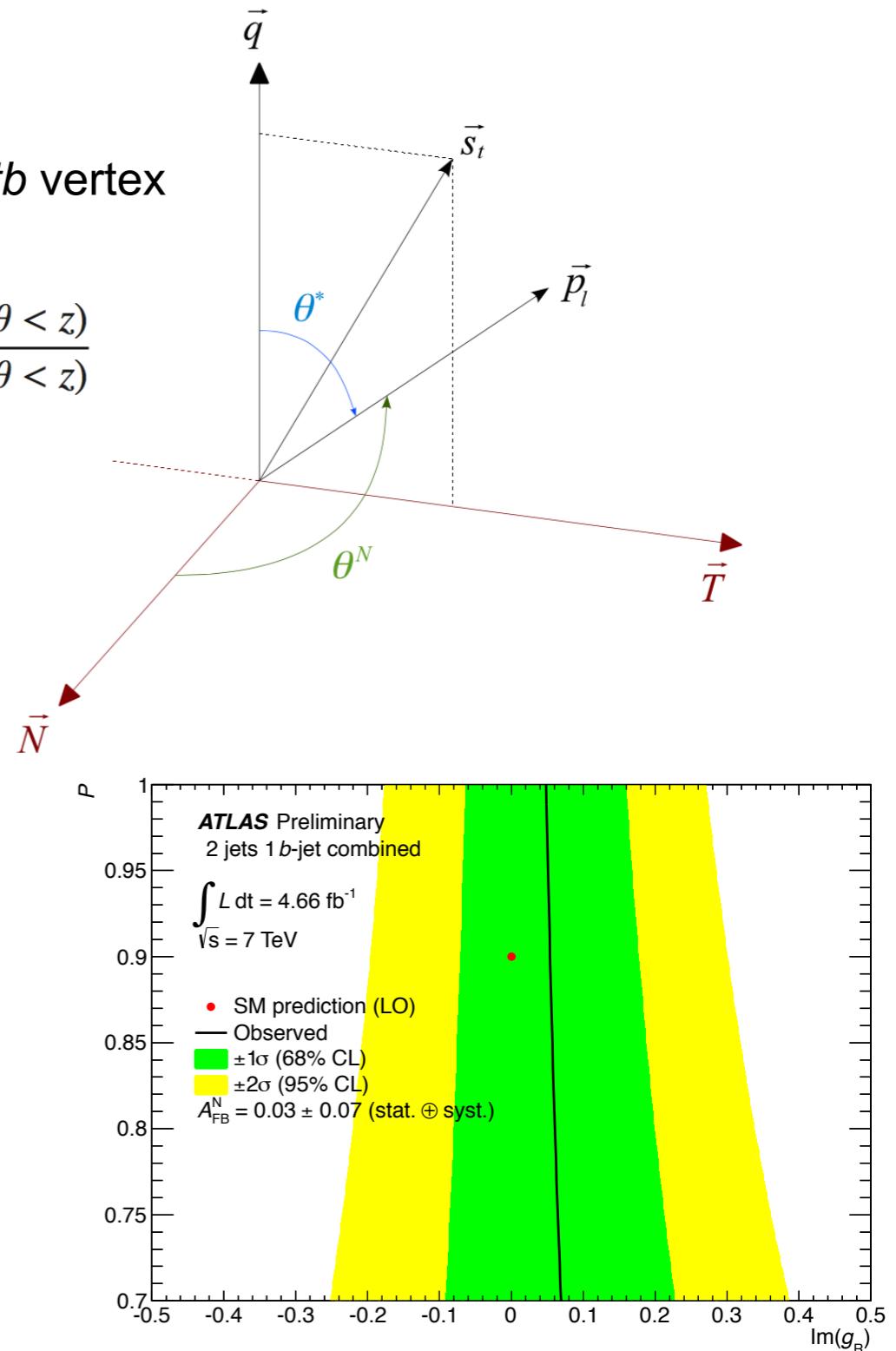
- generator modeling uncertainties
- parton shower
- JES/JER

Results

- forward-backward asymmetry
- limits on $\text{Im}(g_R)$
- good agreement with SM

$$A_{\text{FB}}^N = 0.031 \pm 0.065 (\text{stat})^{+0.029}_{-0.031} (\text{syst})$$

$$-0.20 < \text{Im}(g_R) < 0.30 @ 95\% \text{ CL}$$



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