

# Search for Standard Model Higgs Bosons produced in association with top quarks with the ATLAS detector

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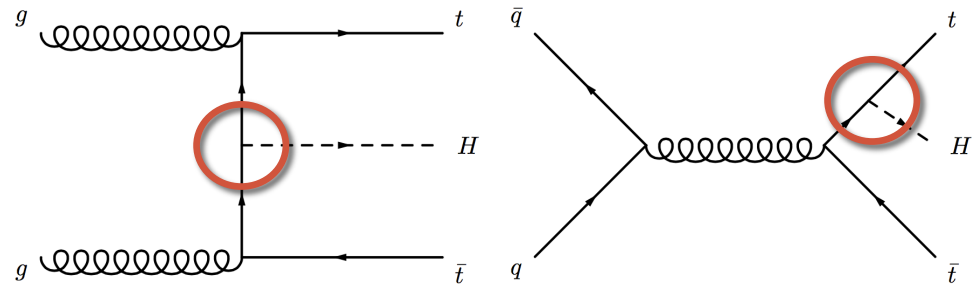
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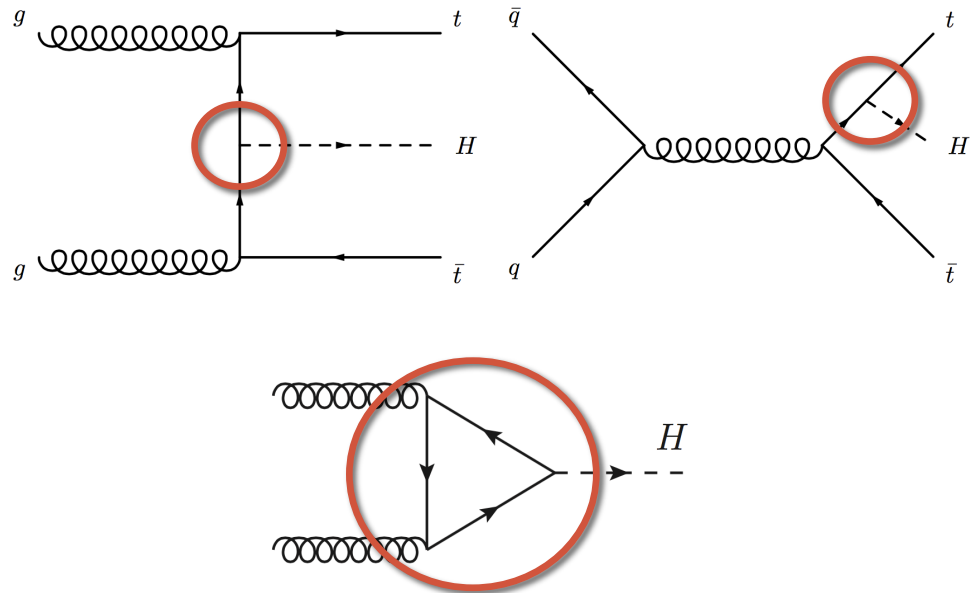
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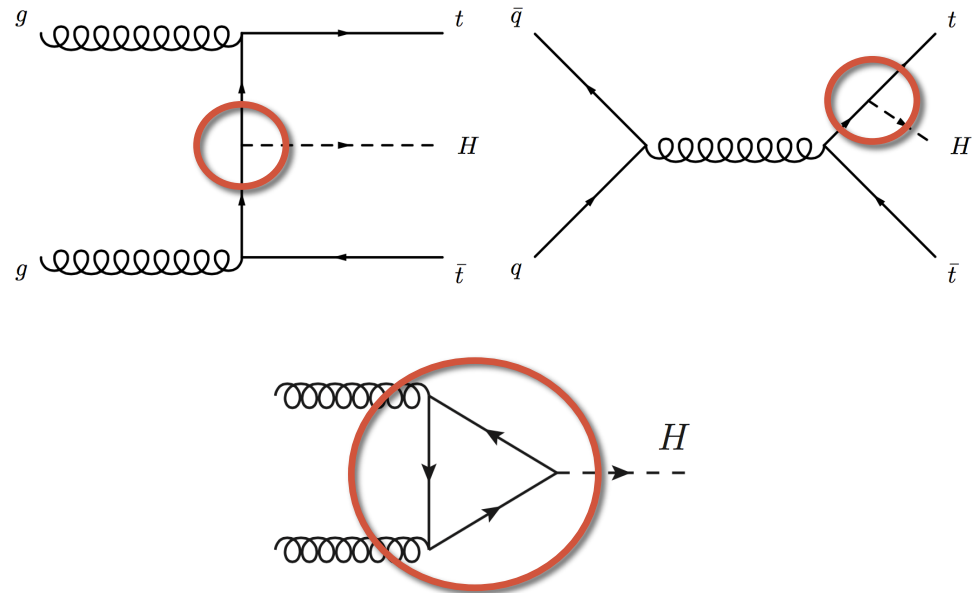
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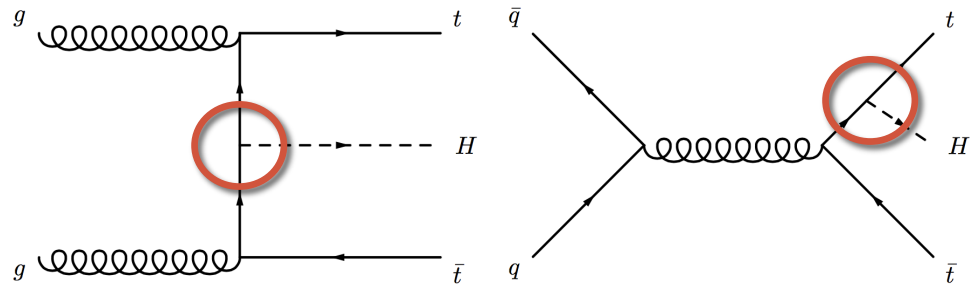
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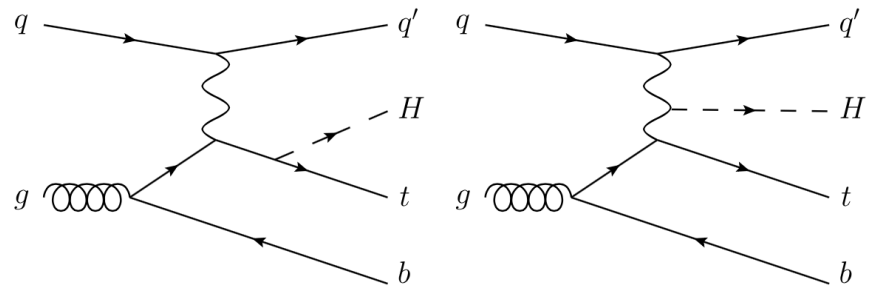


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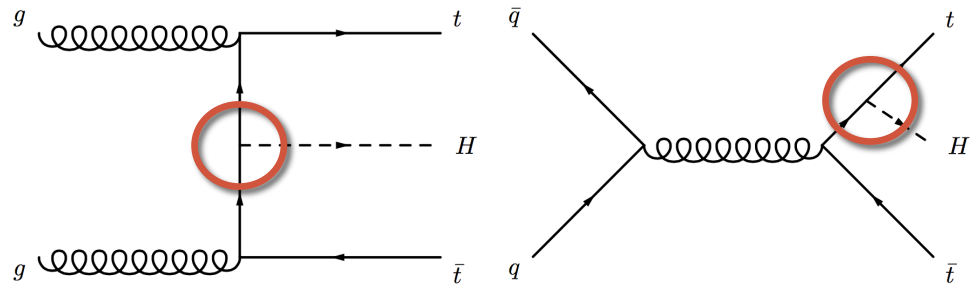


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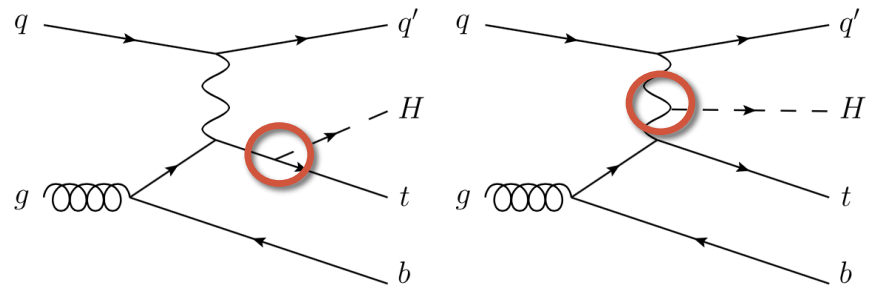


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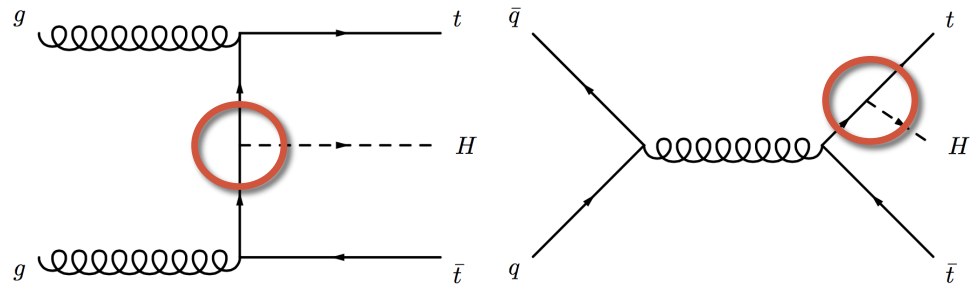
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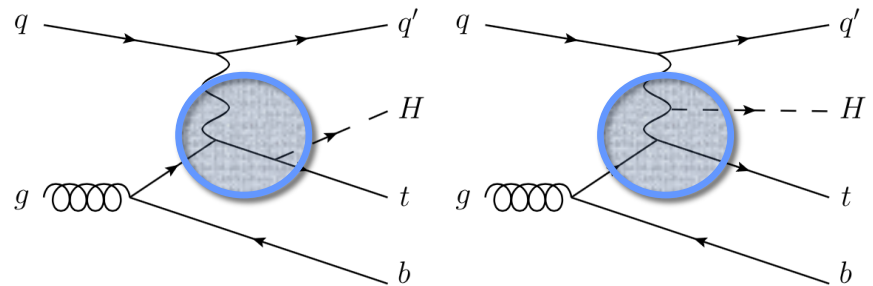
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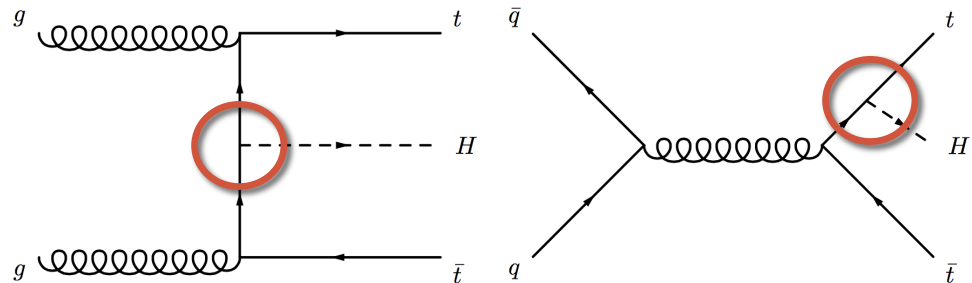
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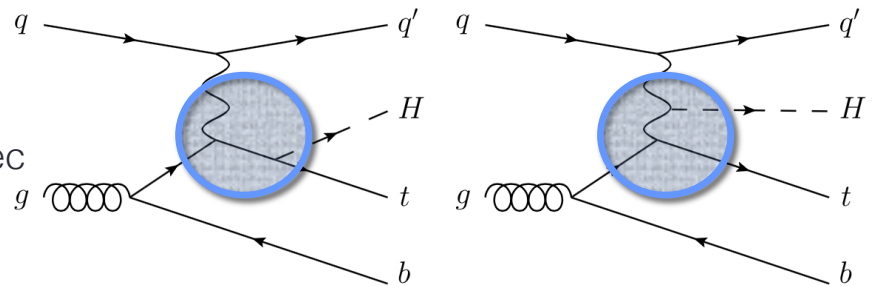
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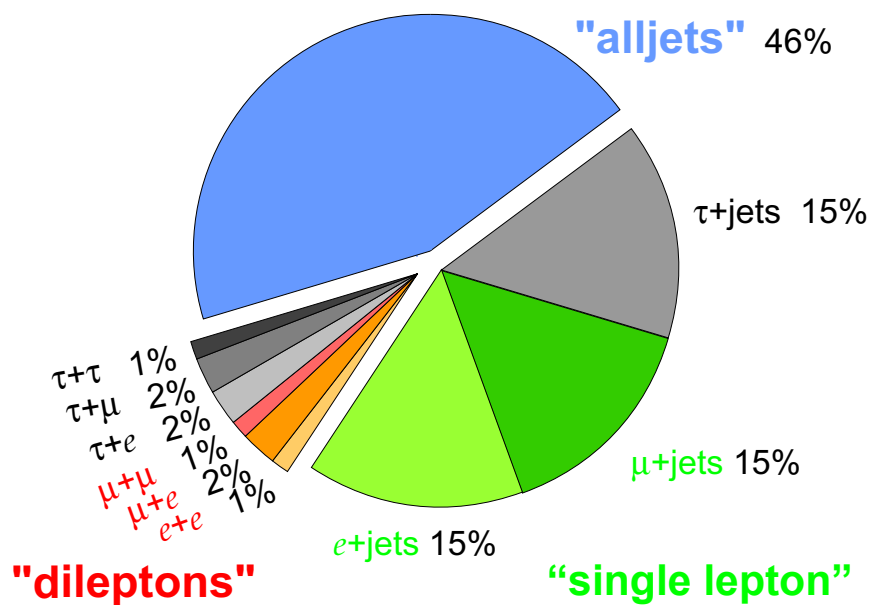
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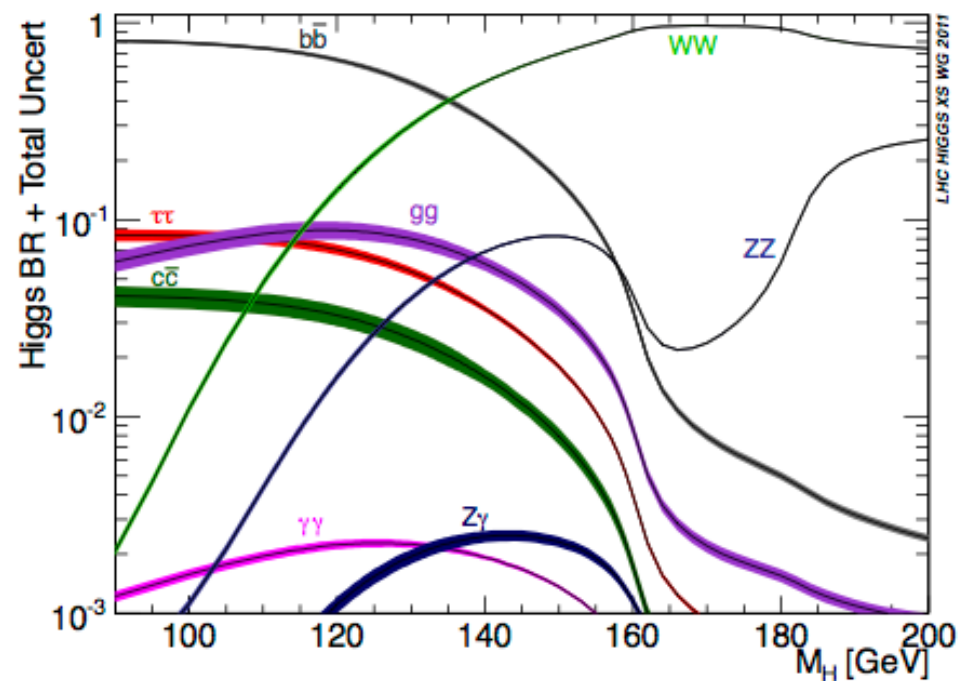
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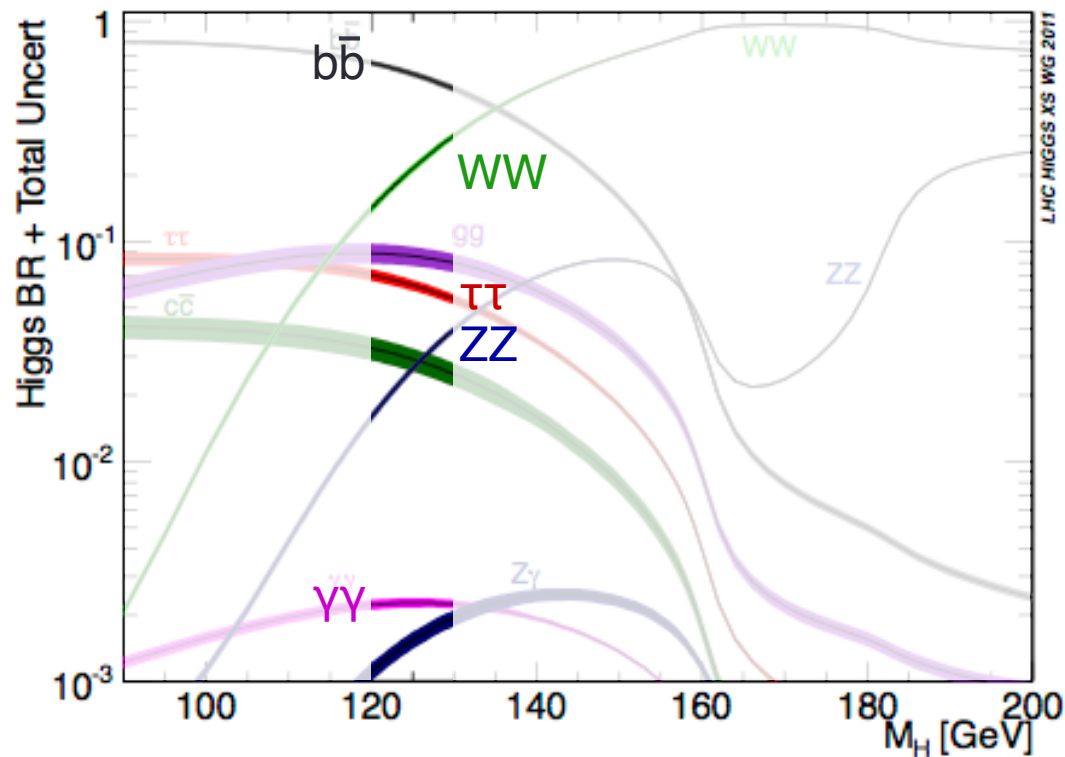
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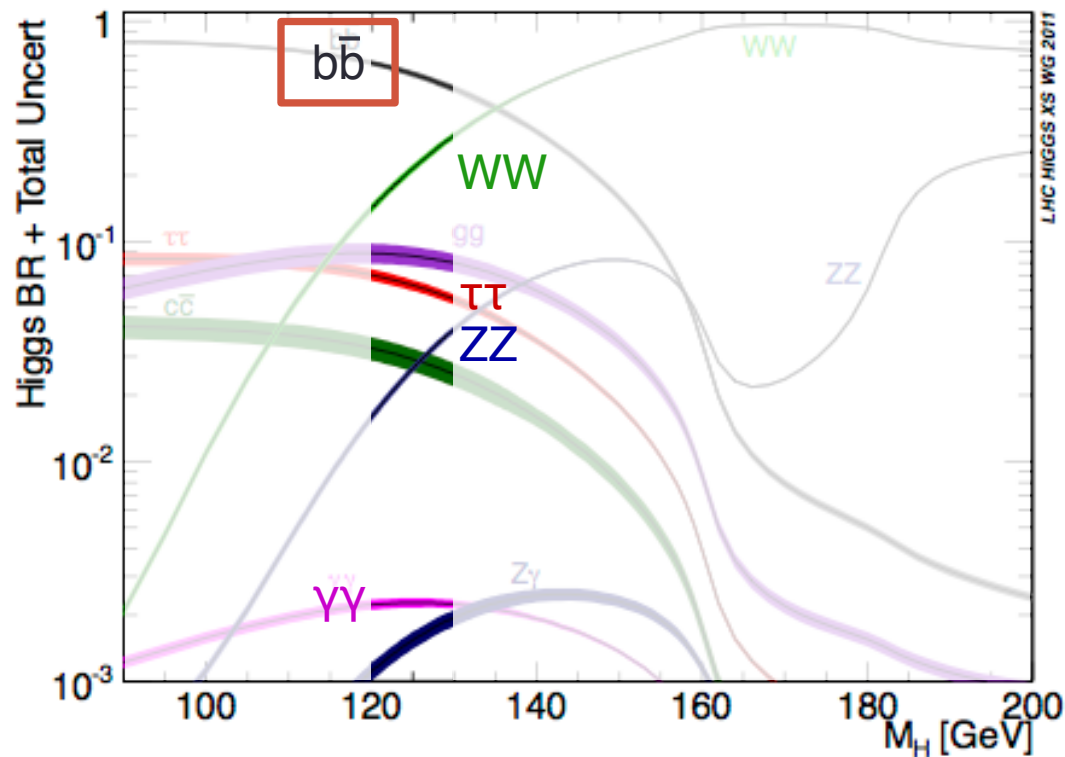
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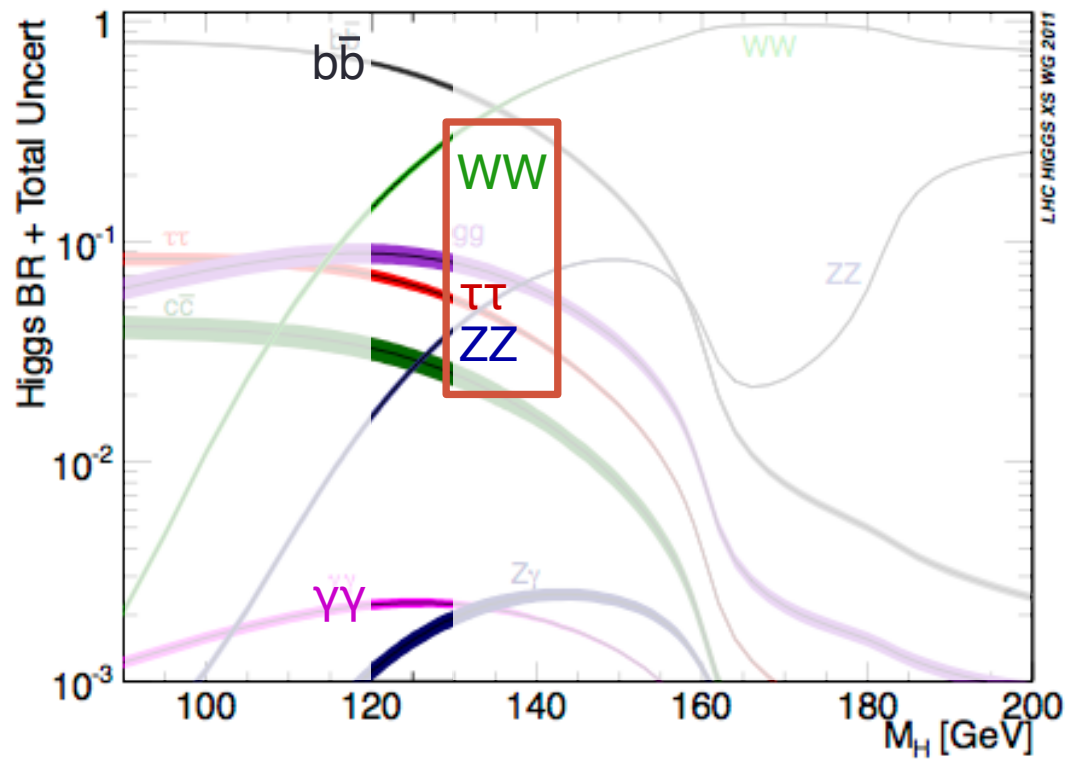
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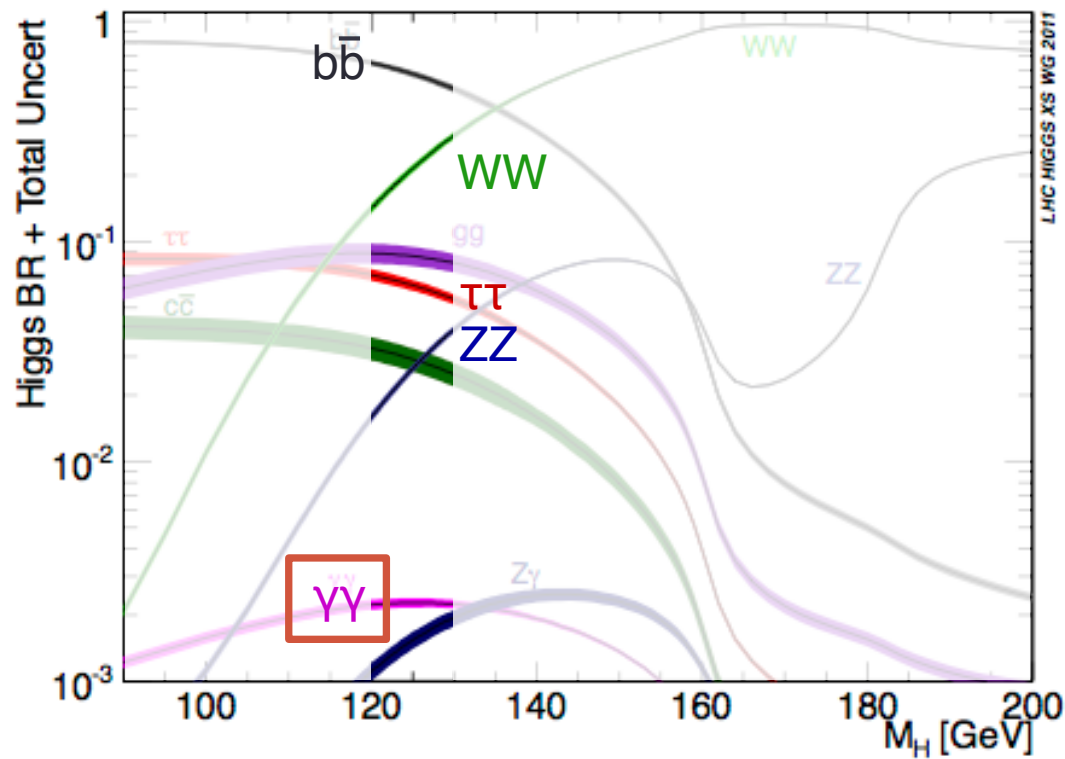
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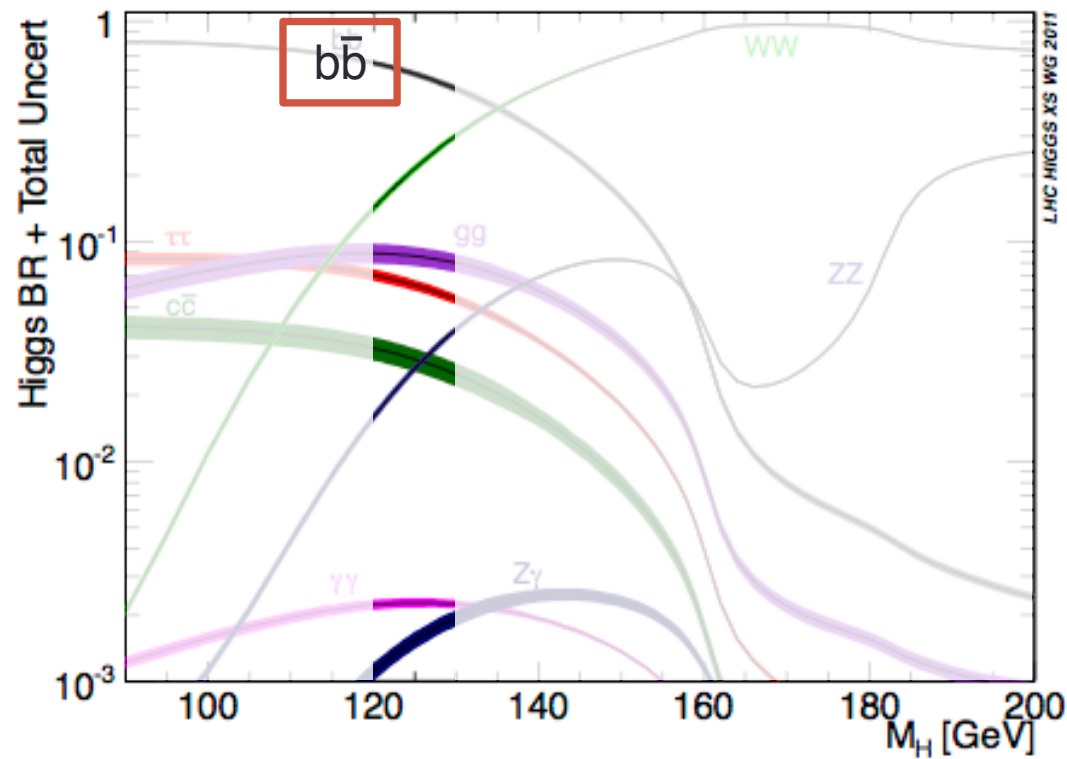
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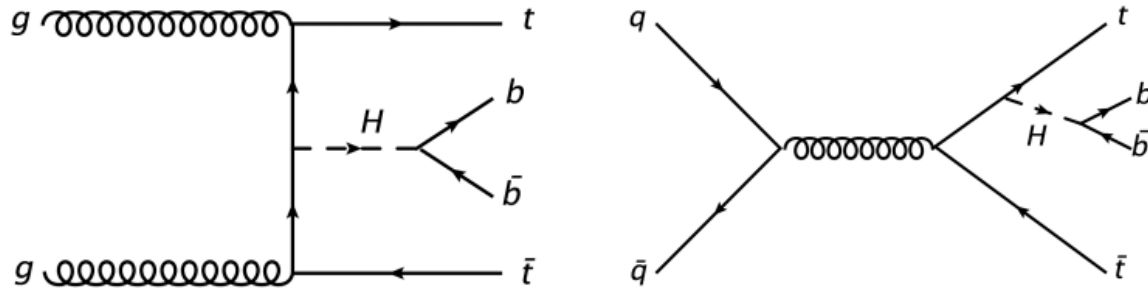
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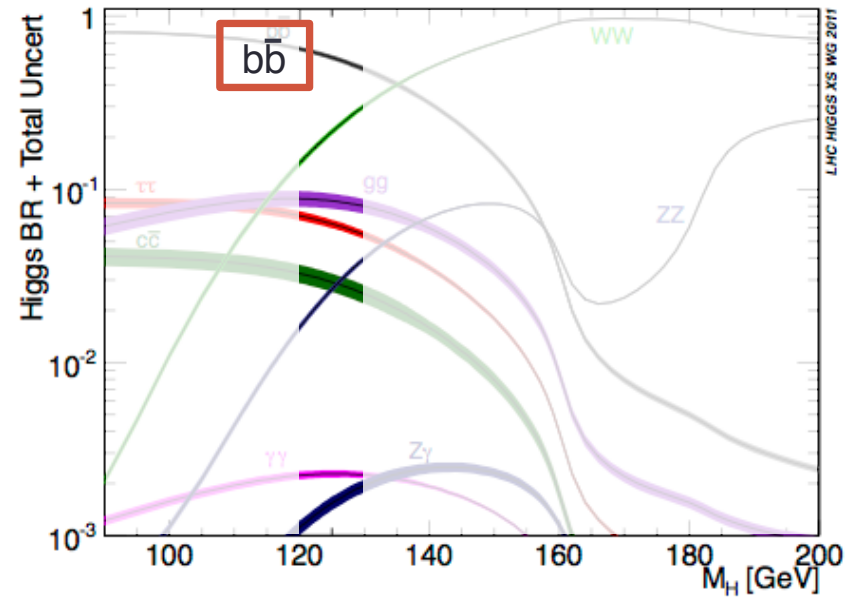
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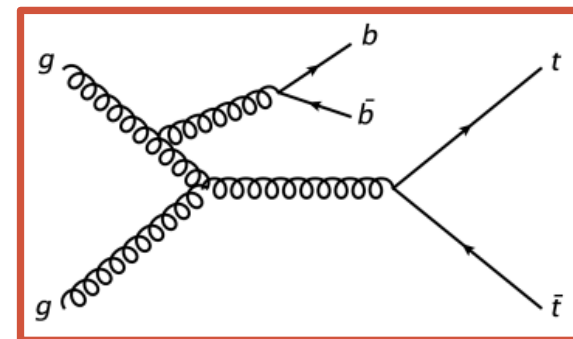
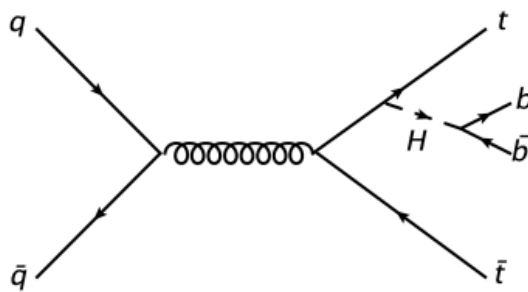
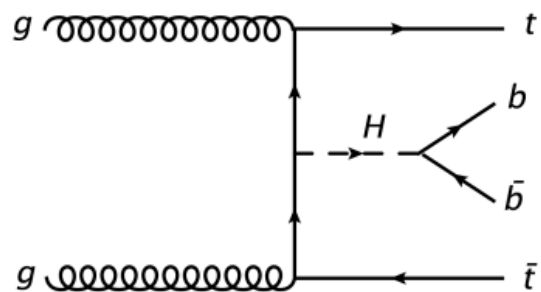
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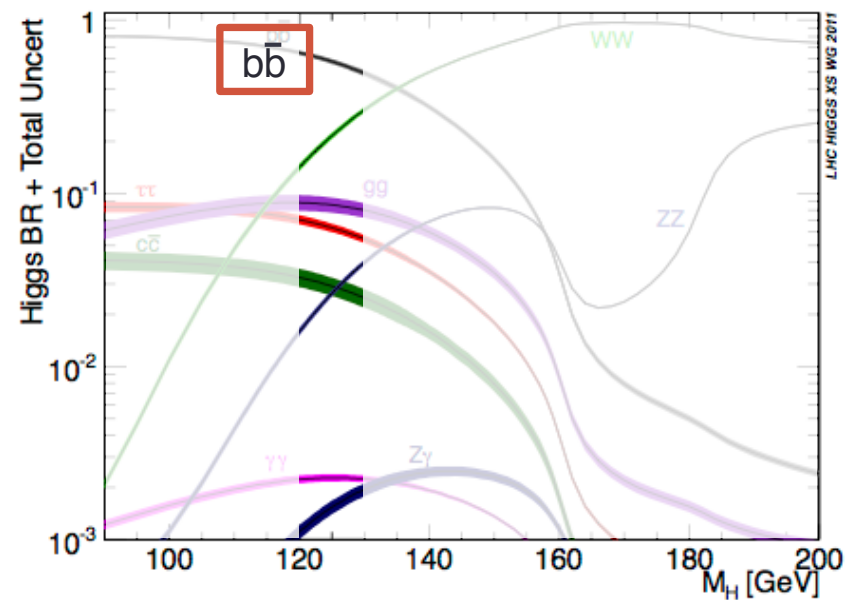
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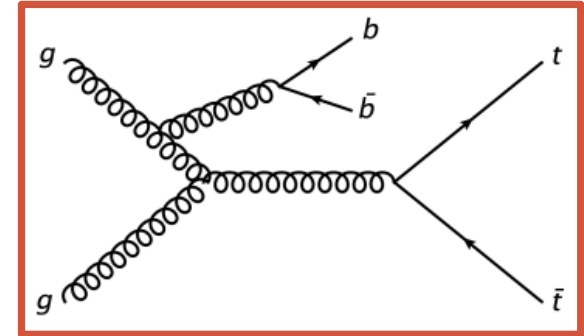
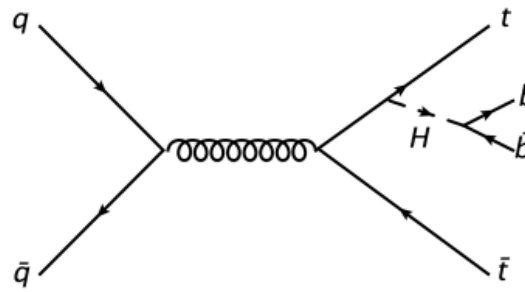
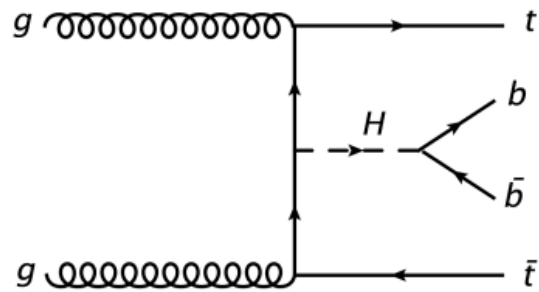
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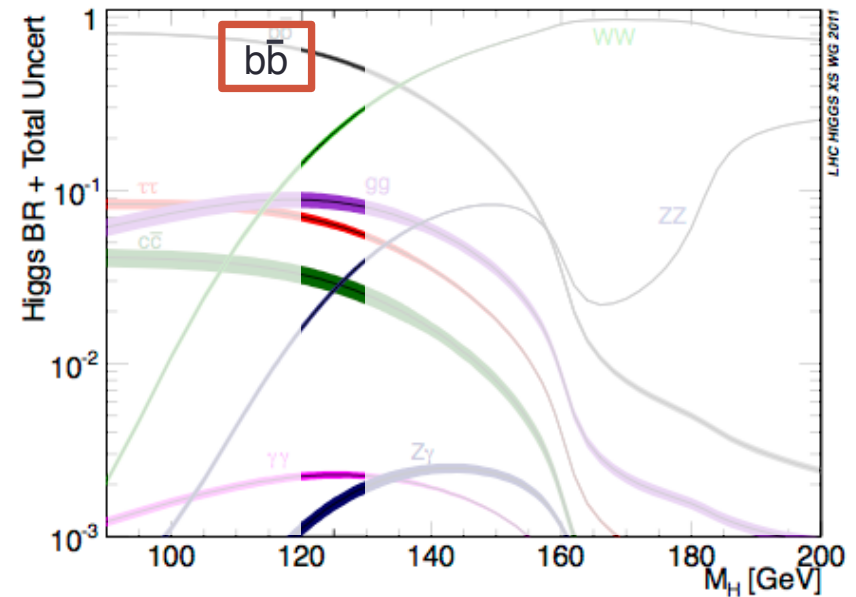
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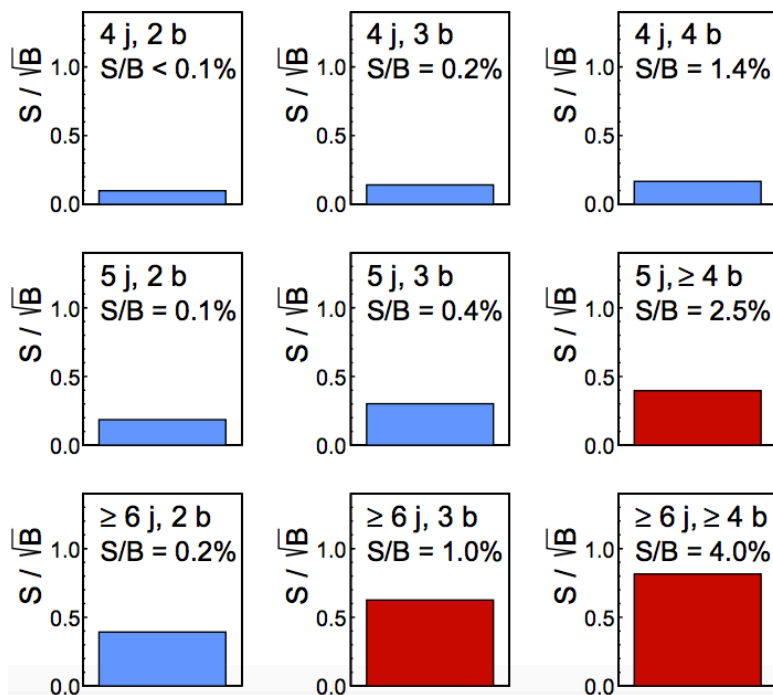
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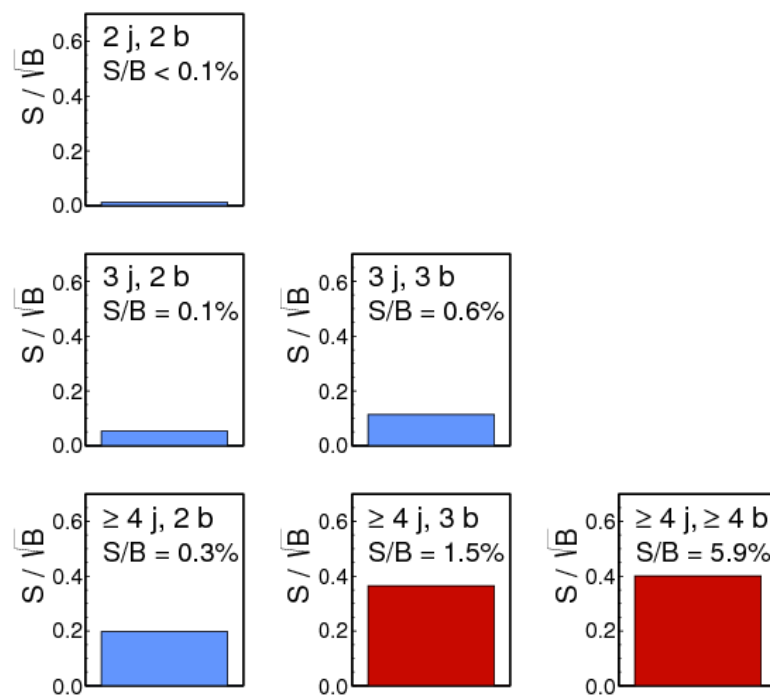


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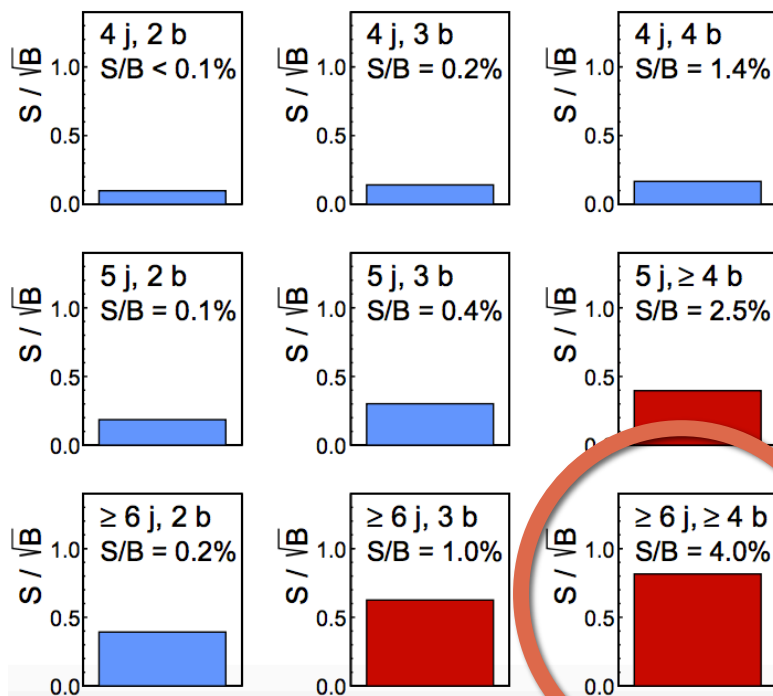


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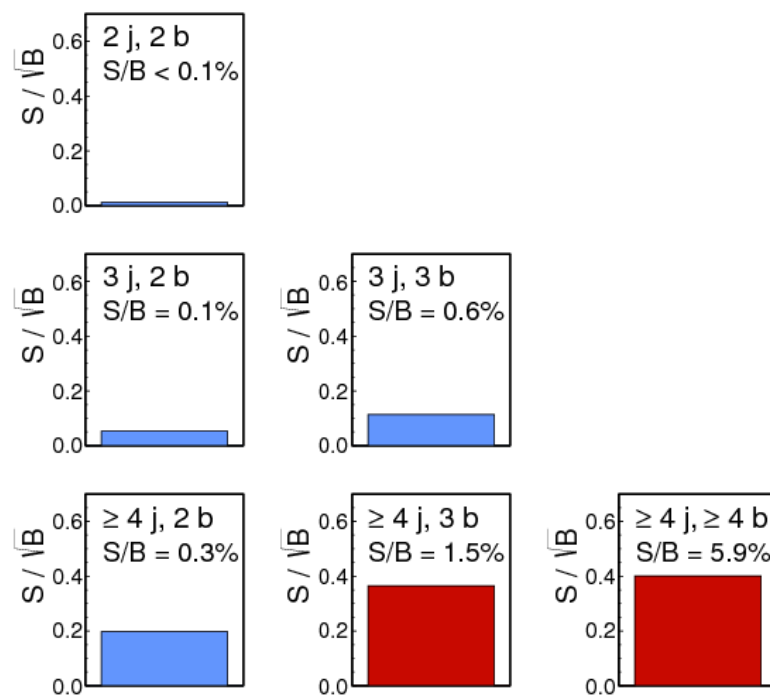
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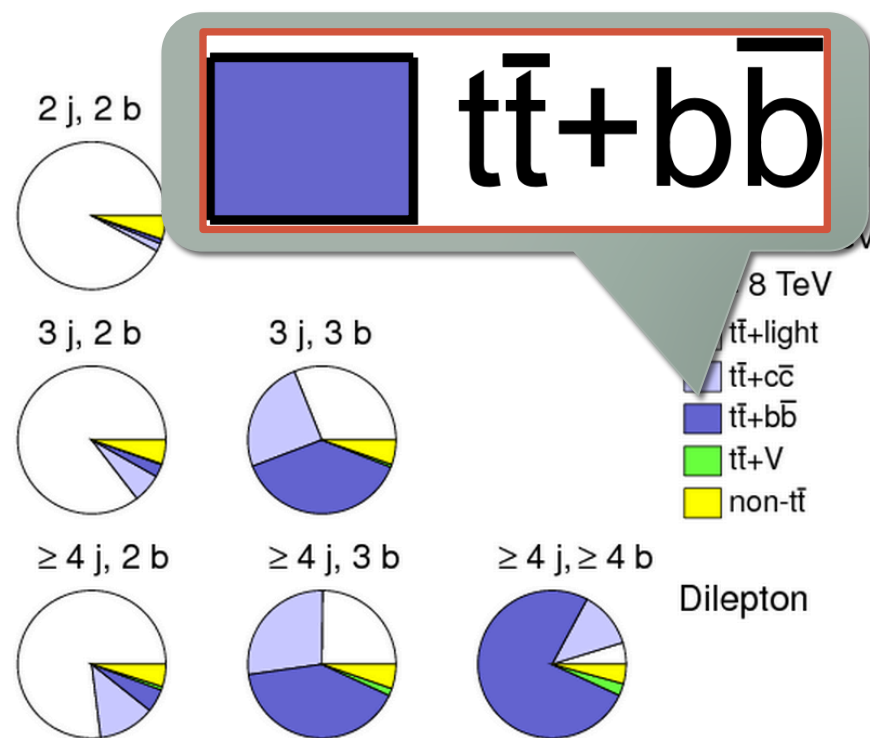
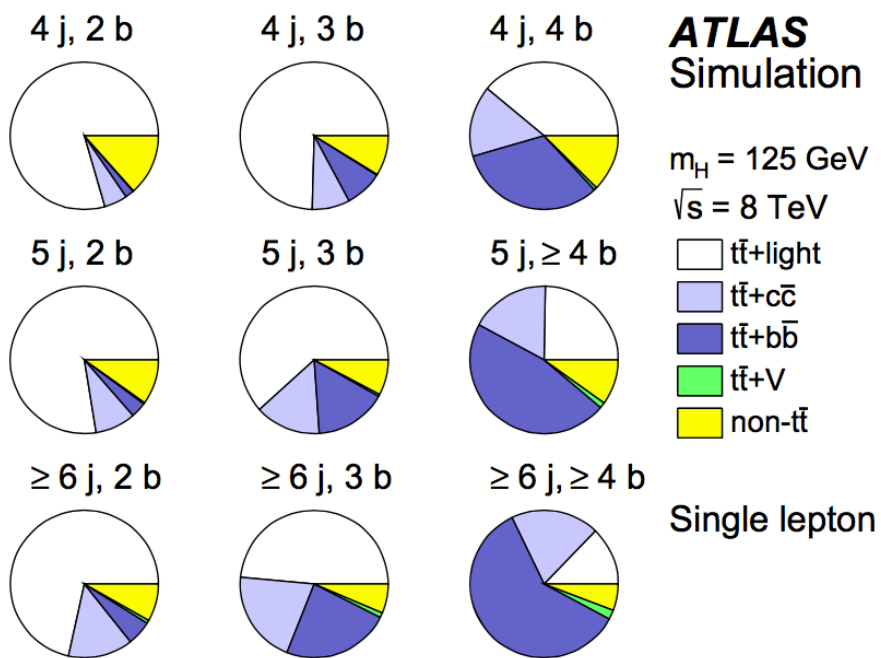
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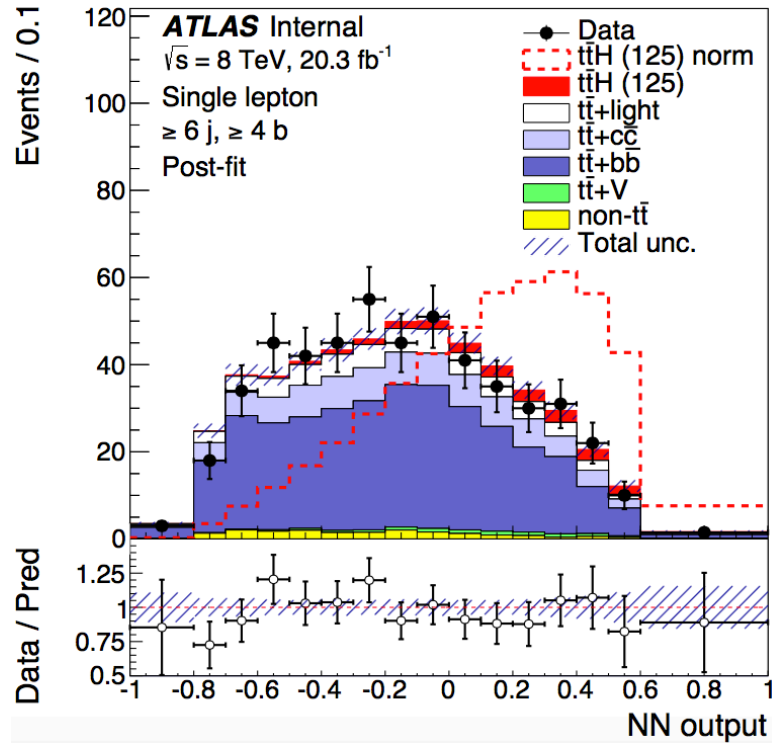
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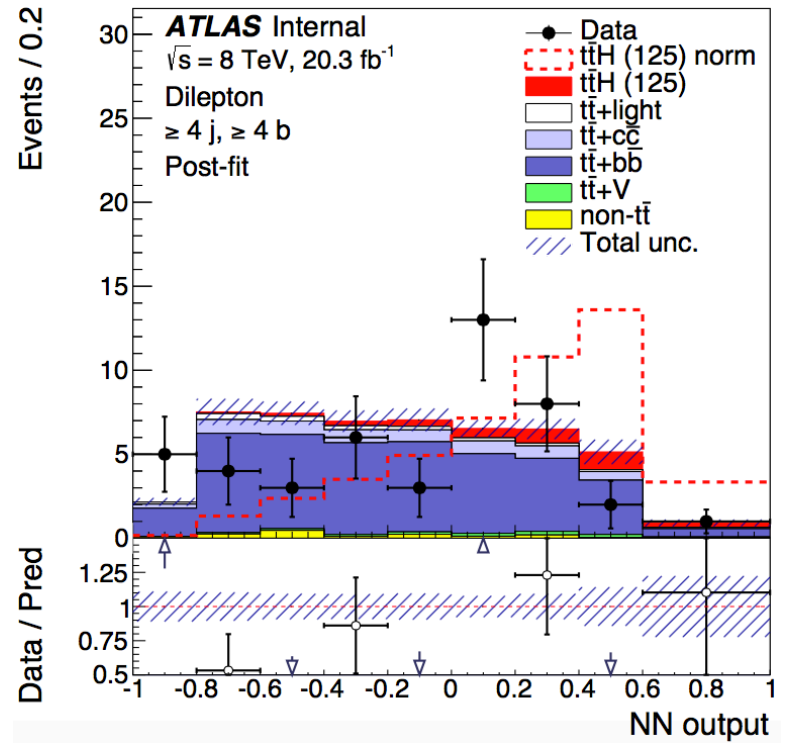
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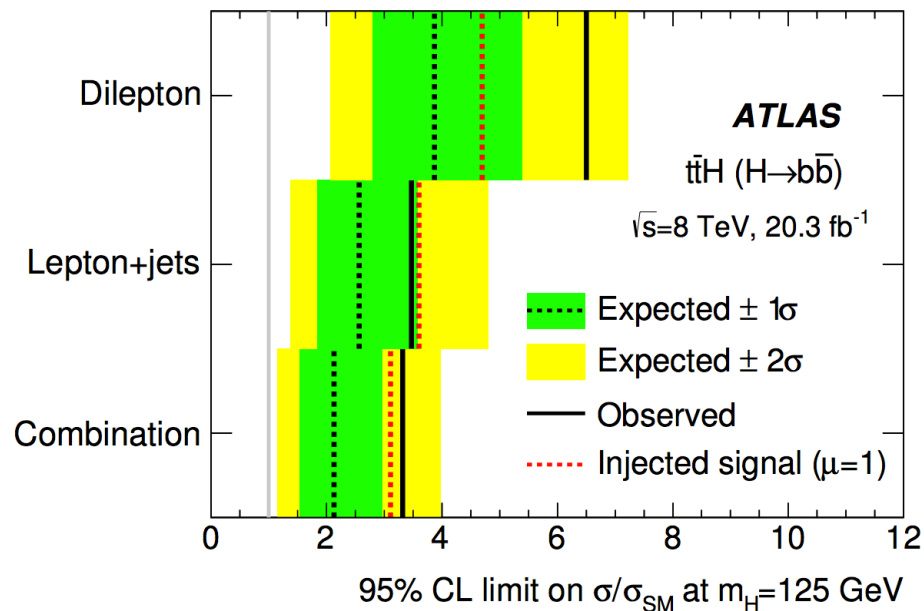
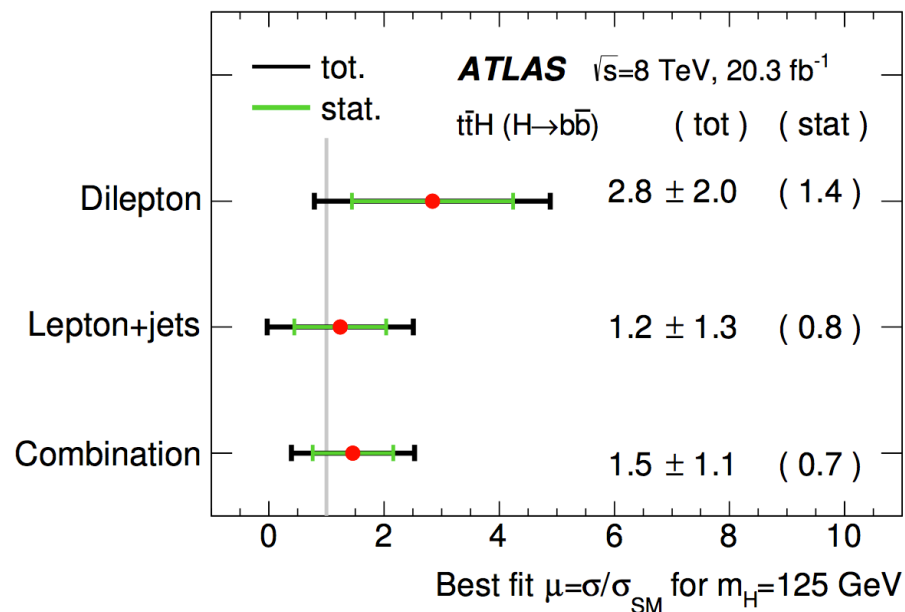


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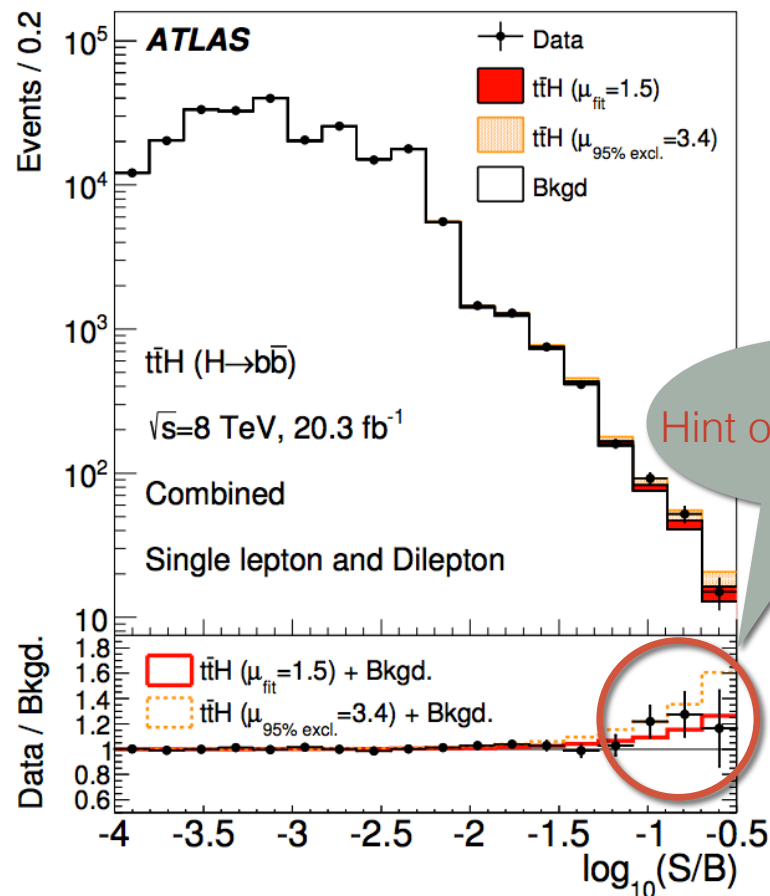
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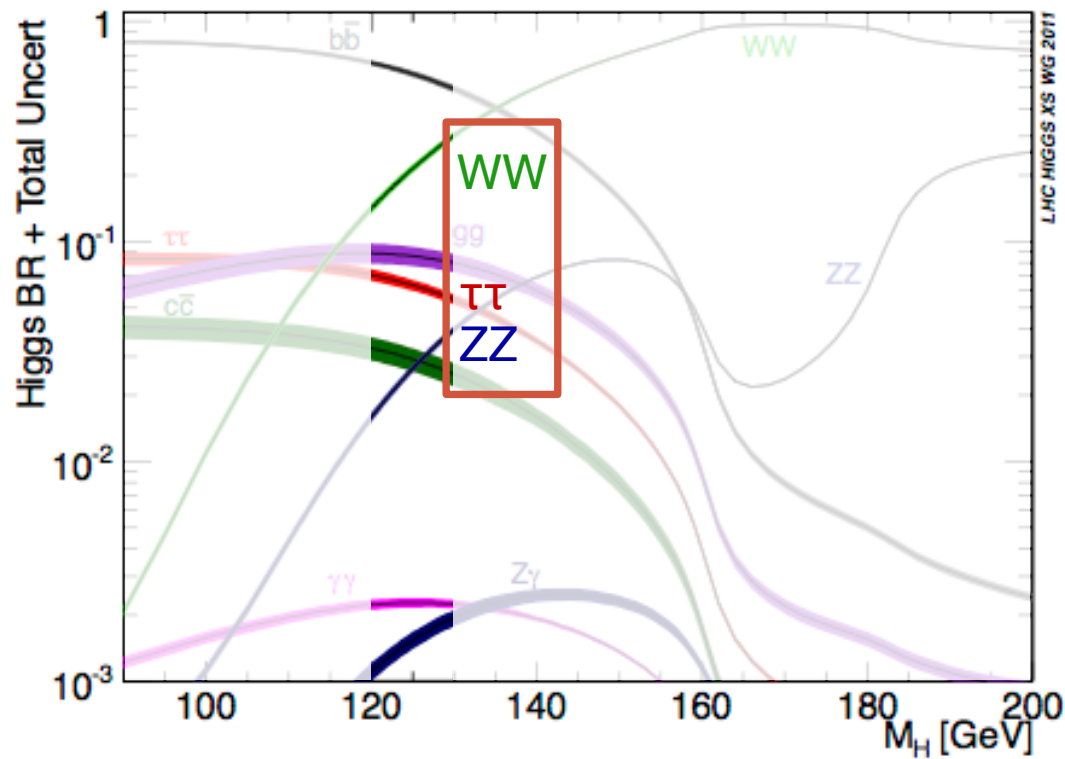
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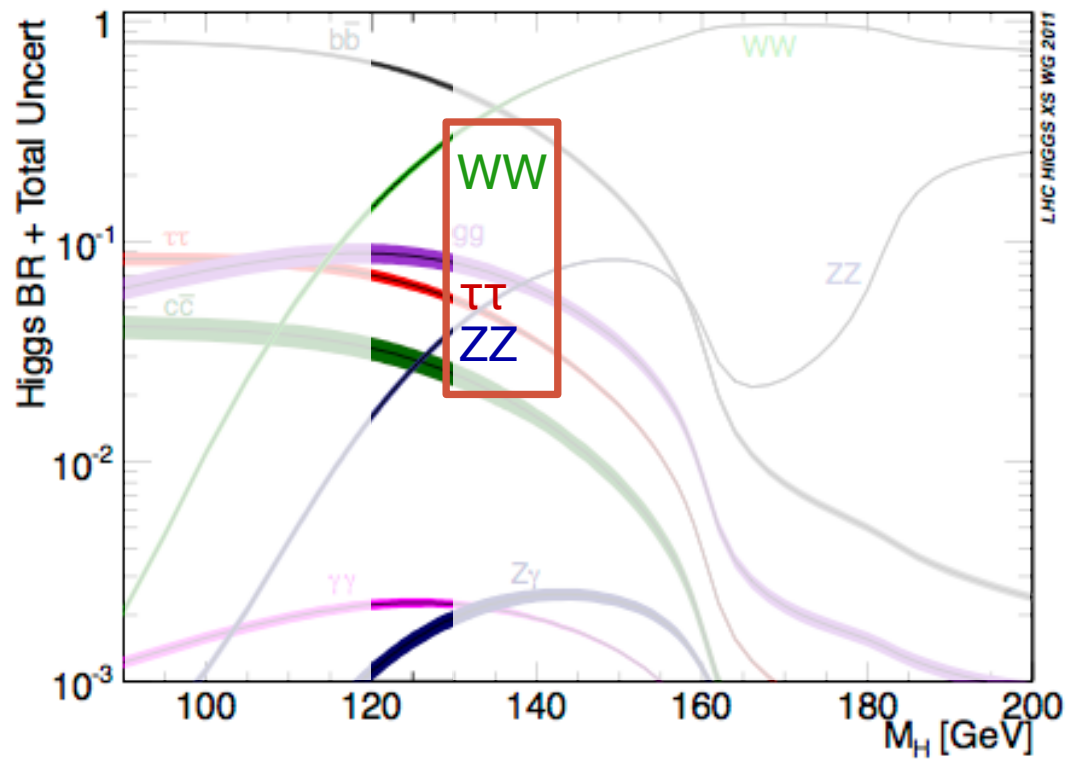
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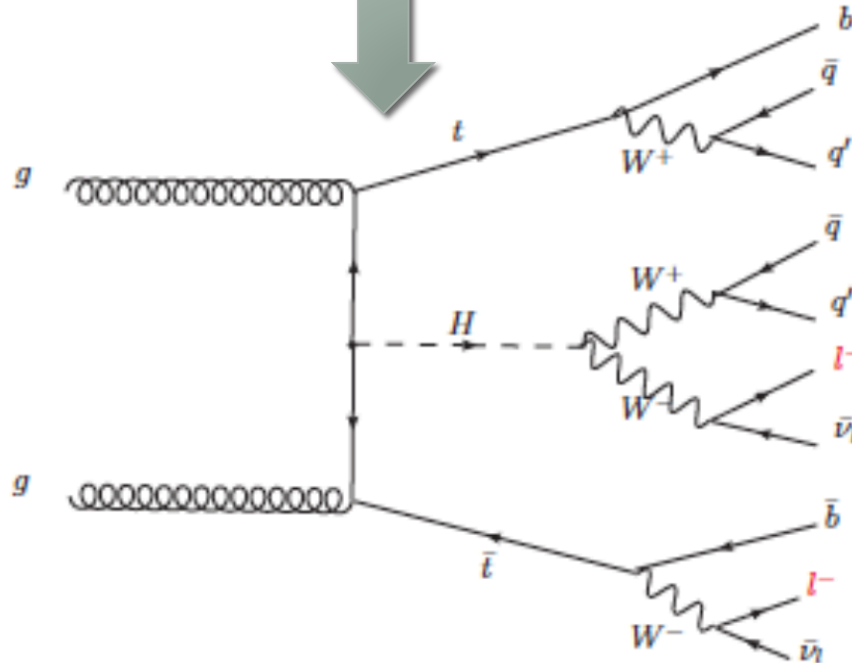
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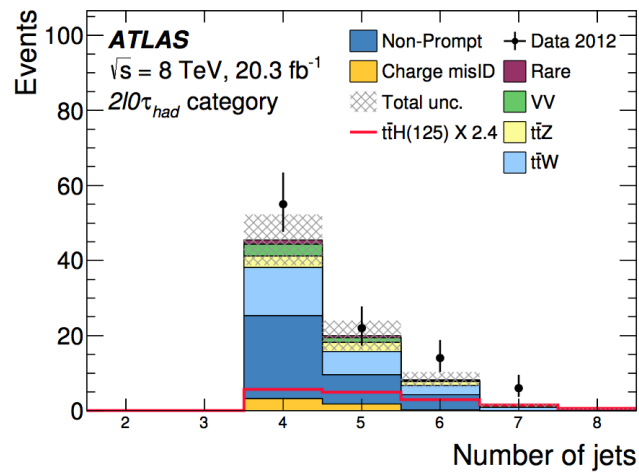
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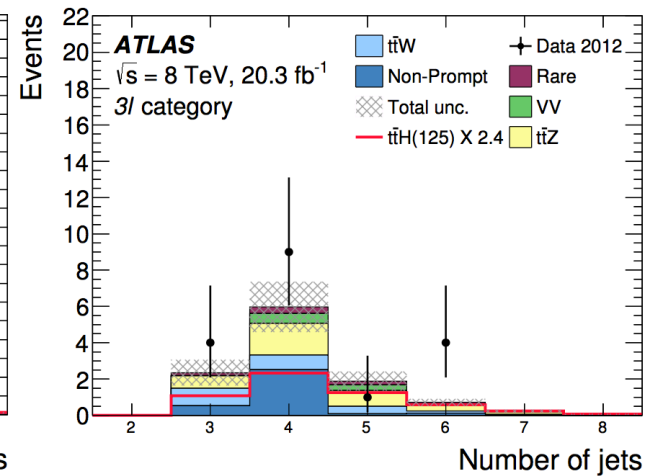


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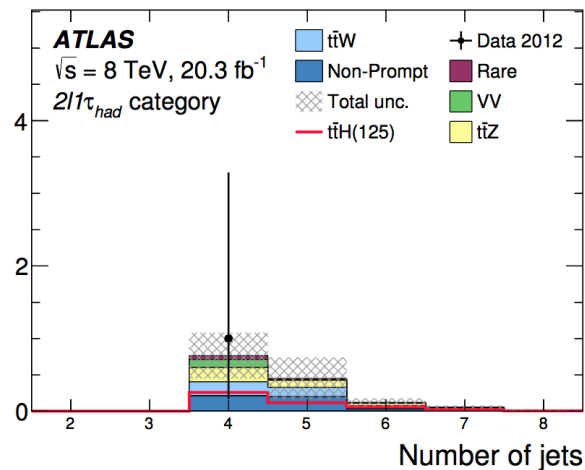
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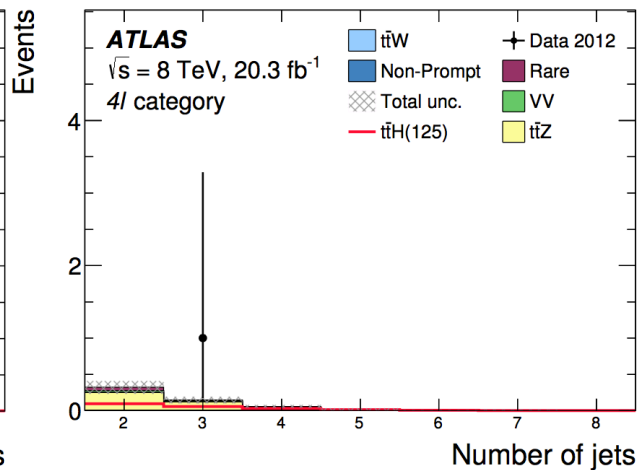
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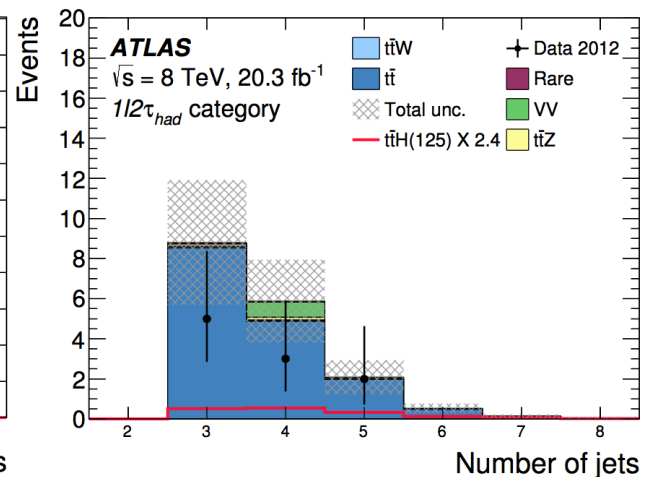
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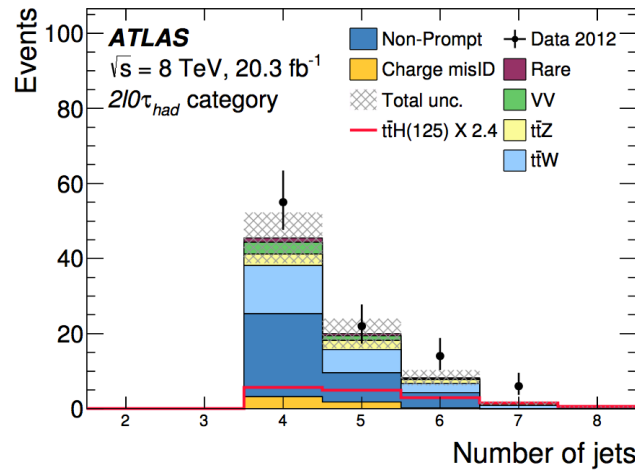
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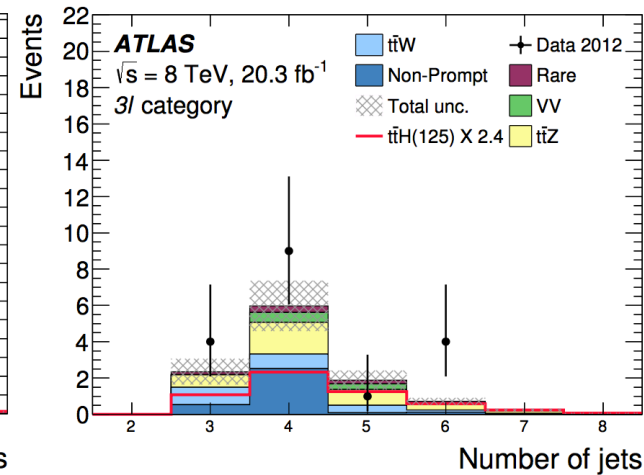
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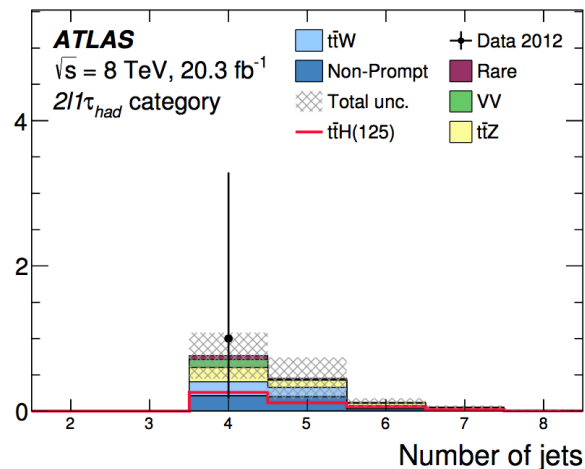
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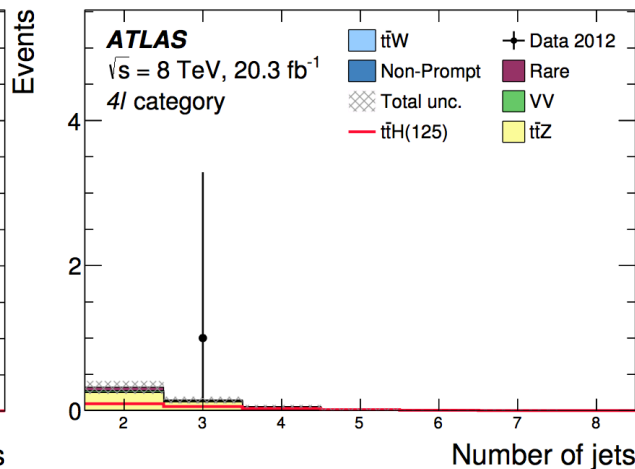
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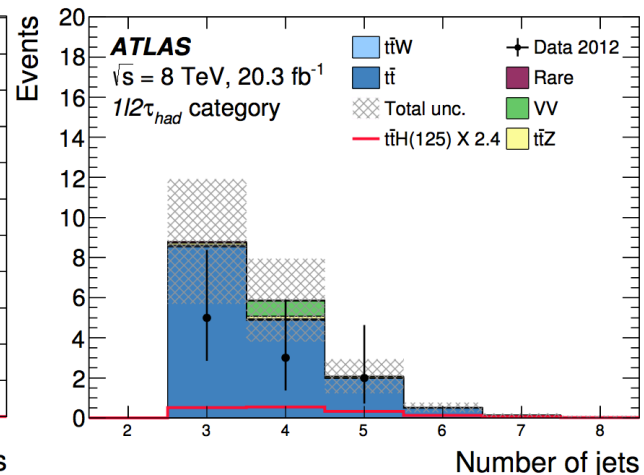
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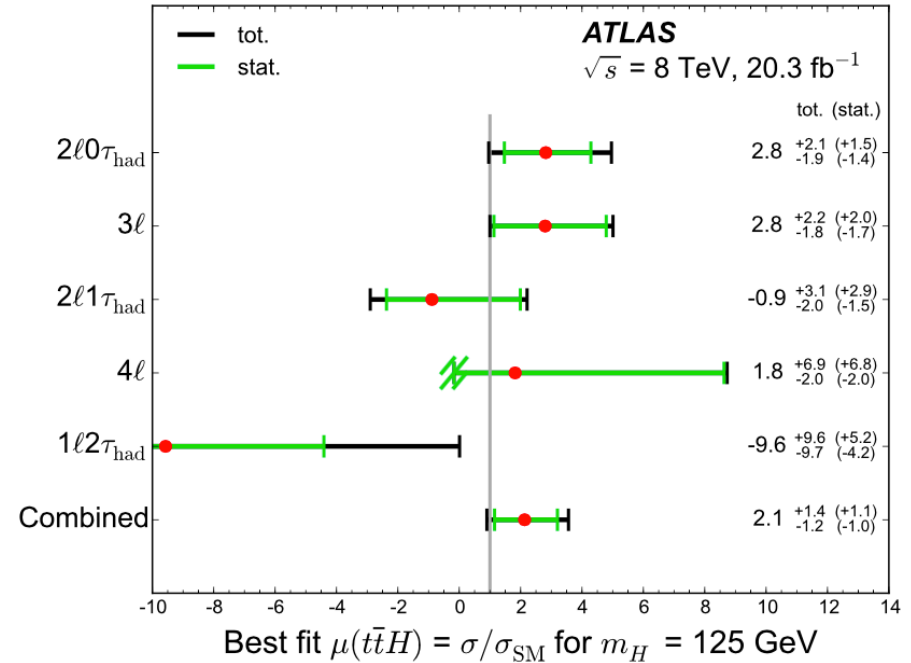
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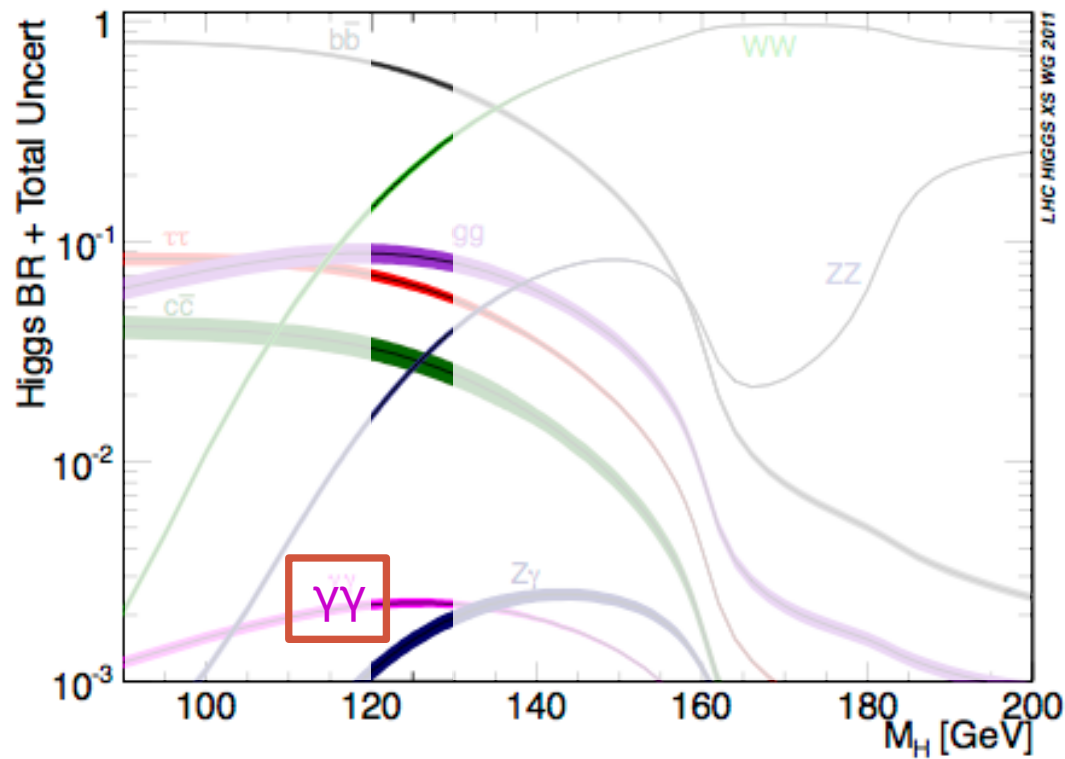
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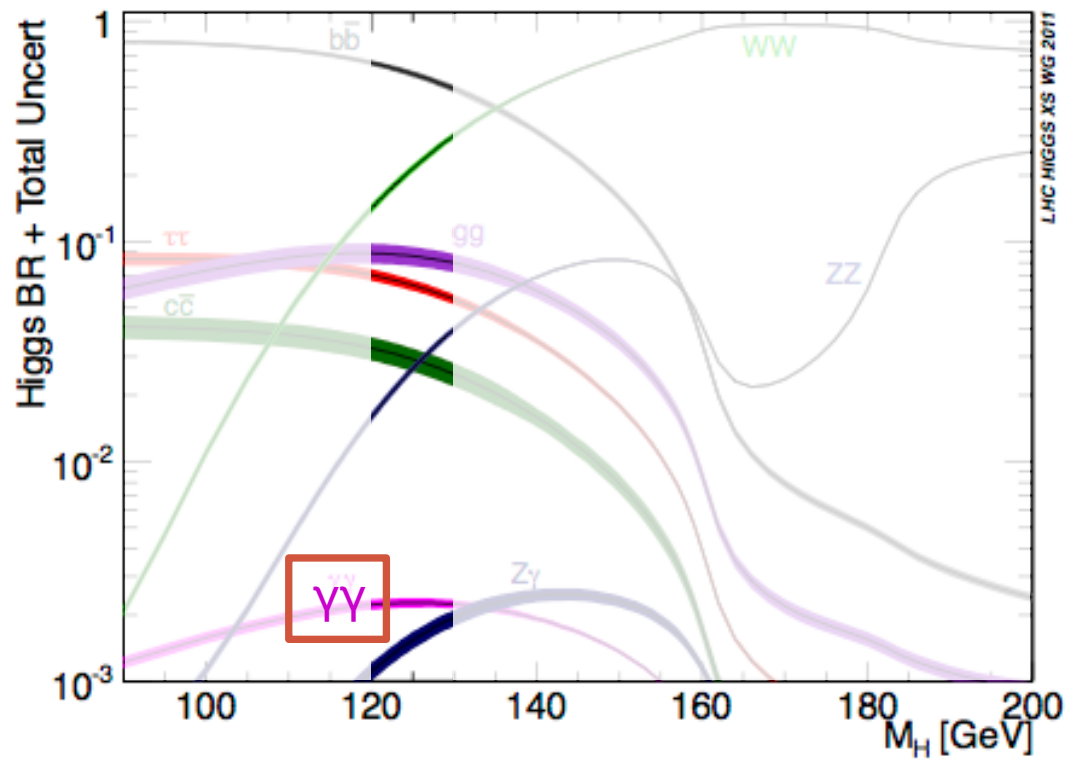
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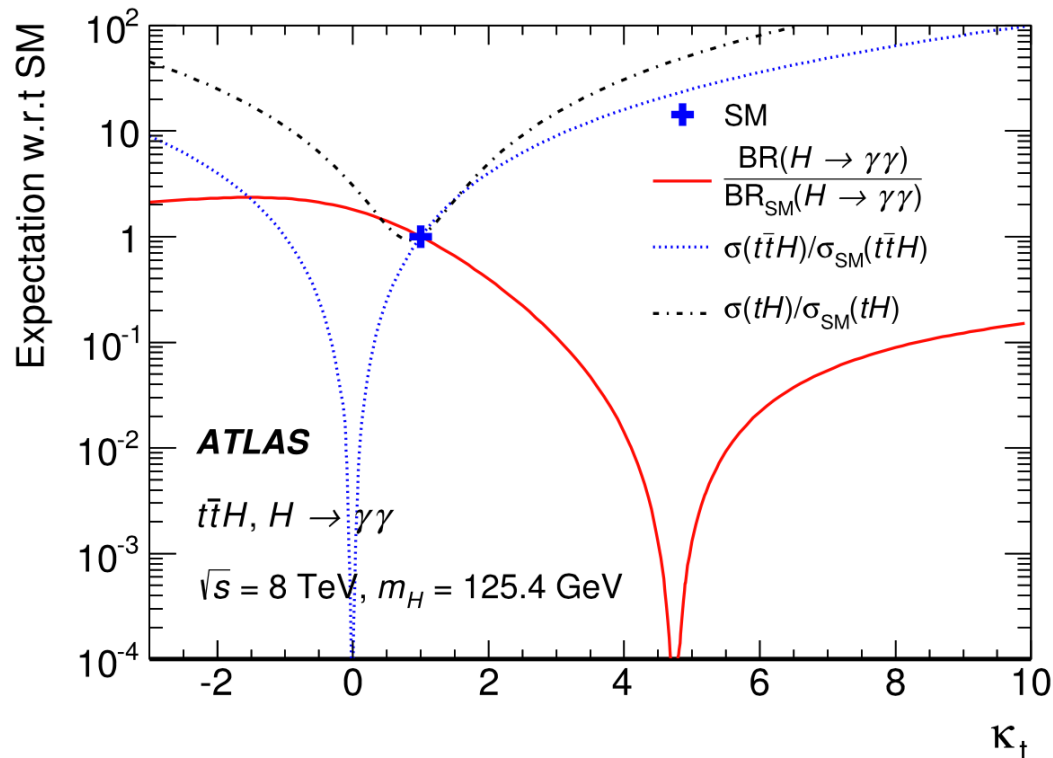
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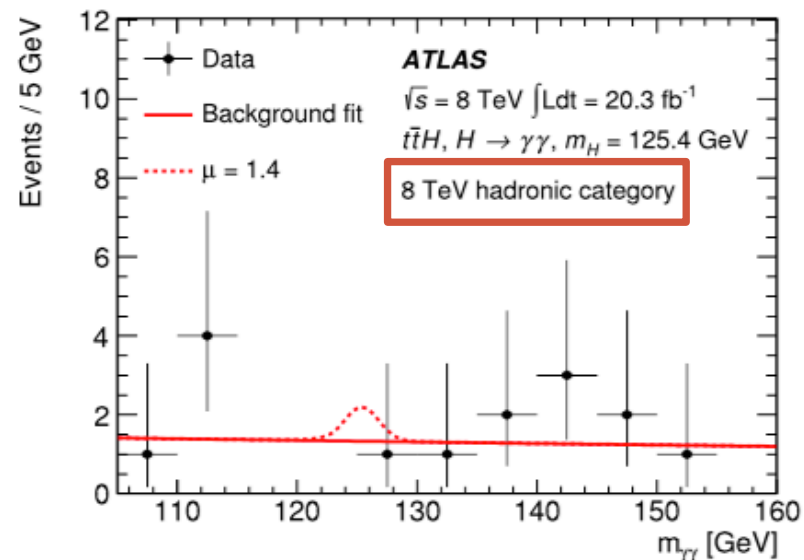
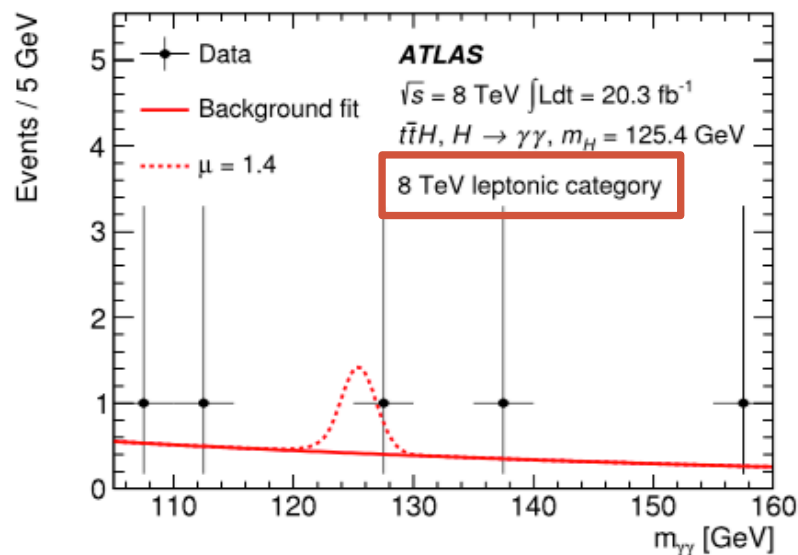


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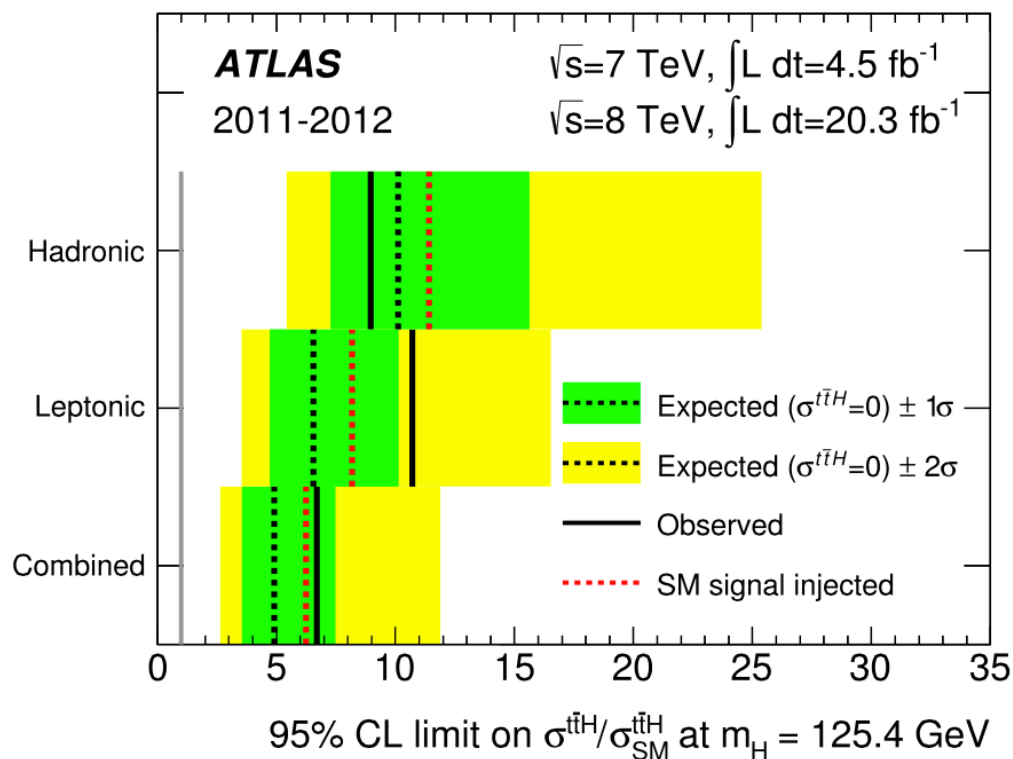
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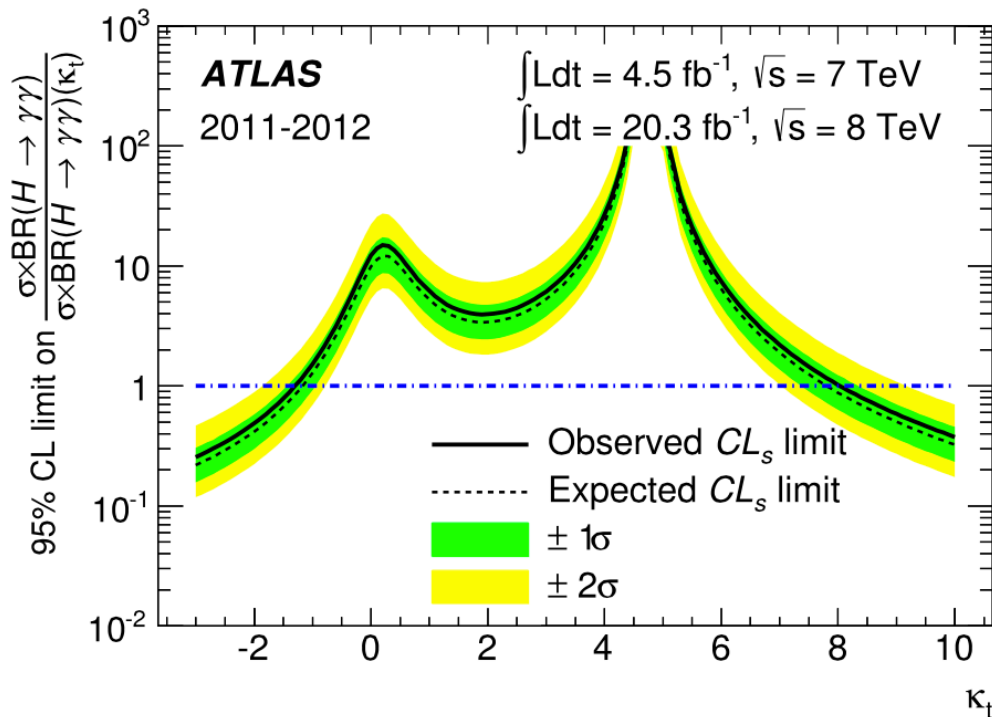
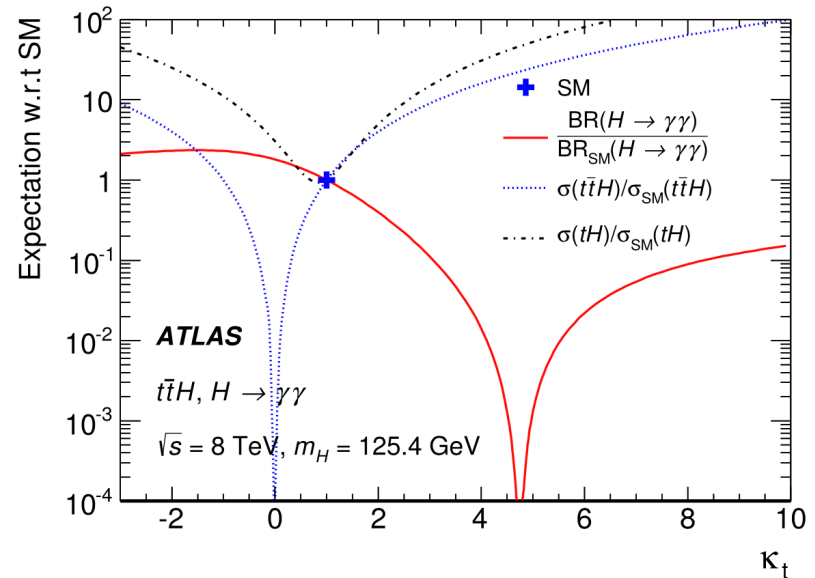
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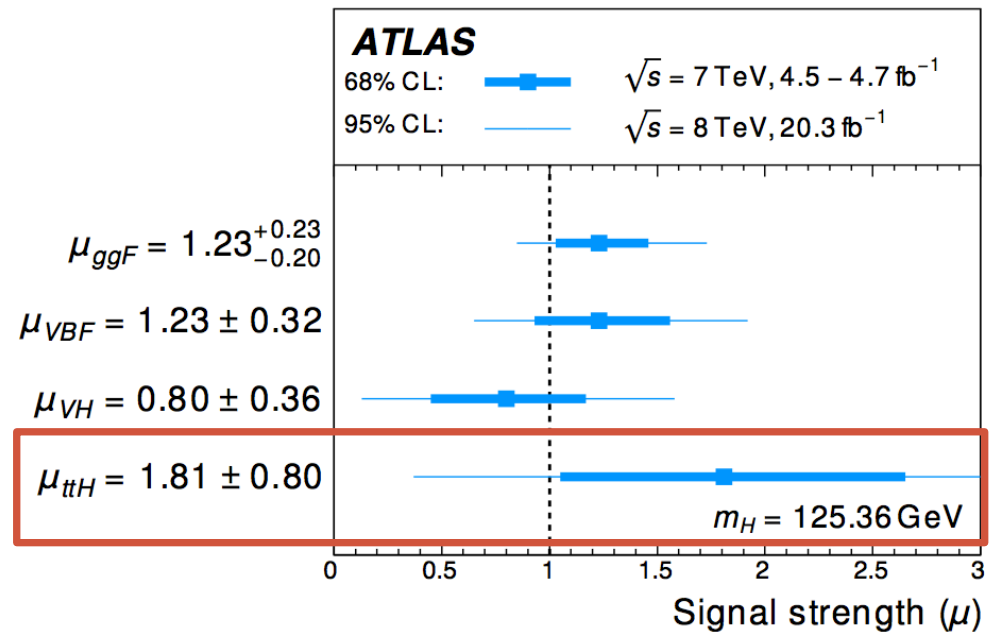
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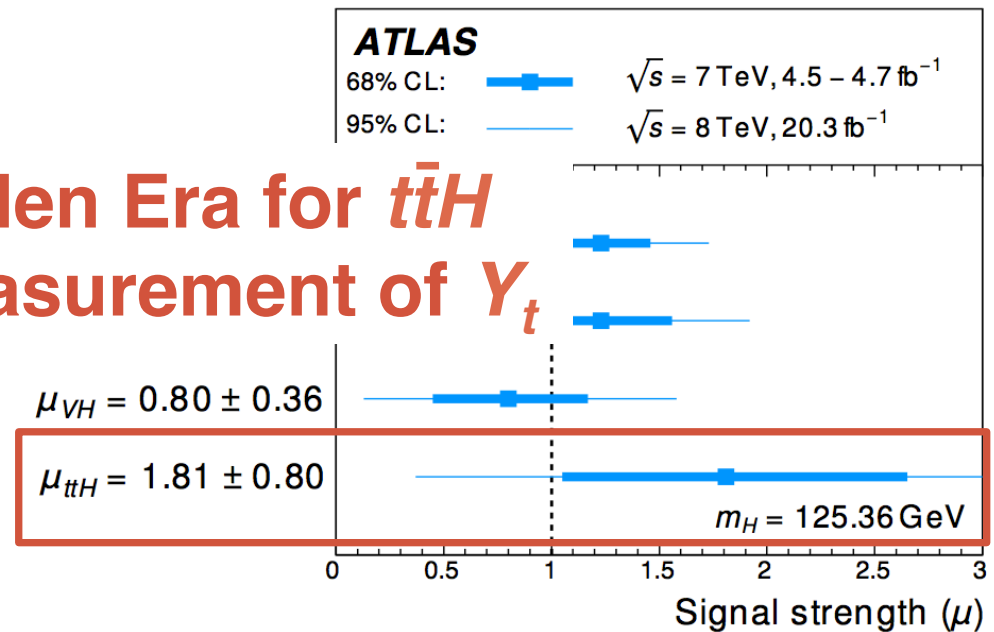
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- Control regions dominated by  $t\bar{t}+light$ 
  - use a sequential reweighting as a function of top quark  $p_T$  and  $t\bar{t}$  system  $p_T$ , based on the ratio of data/MC measured at 7 TeV.

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Dilepton

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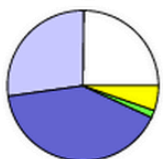
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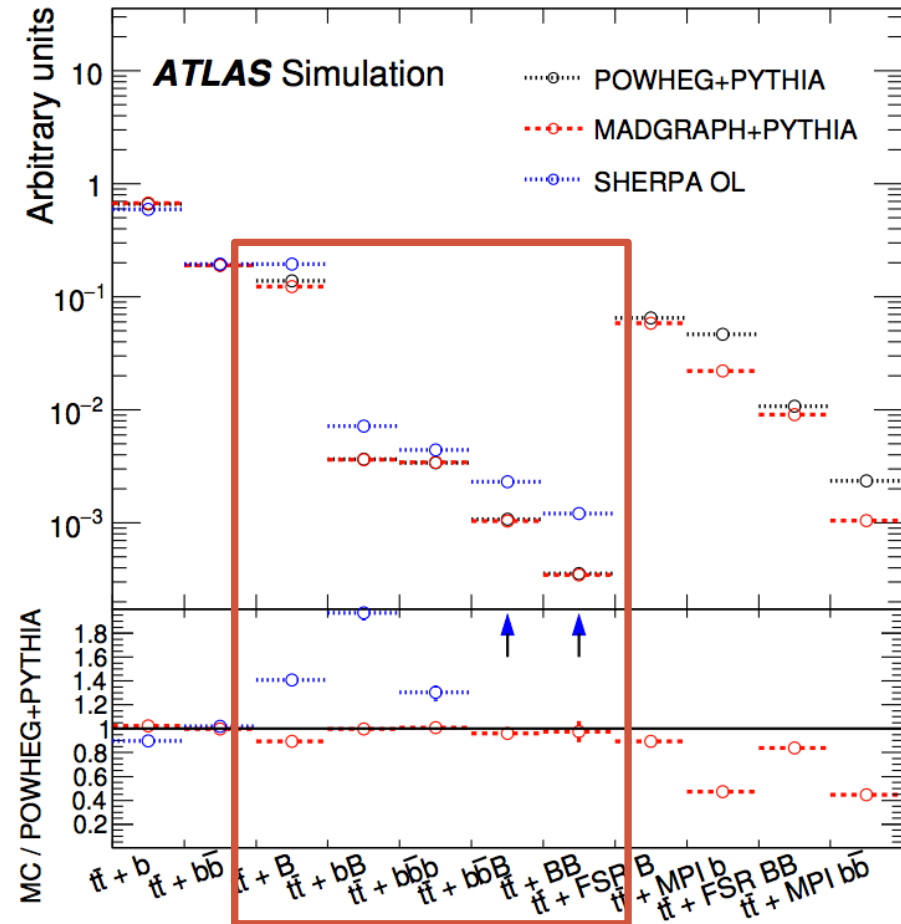
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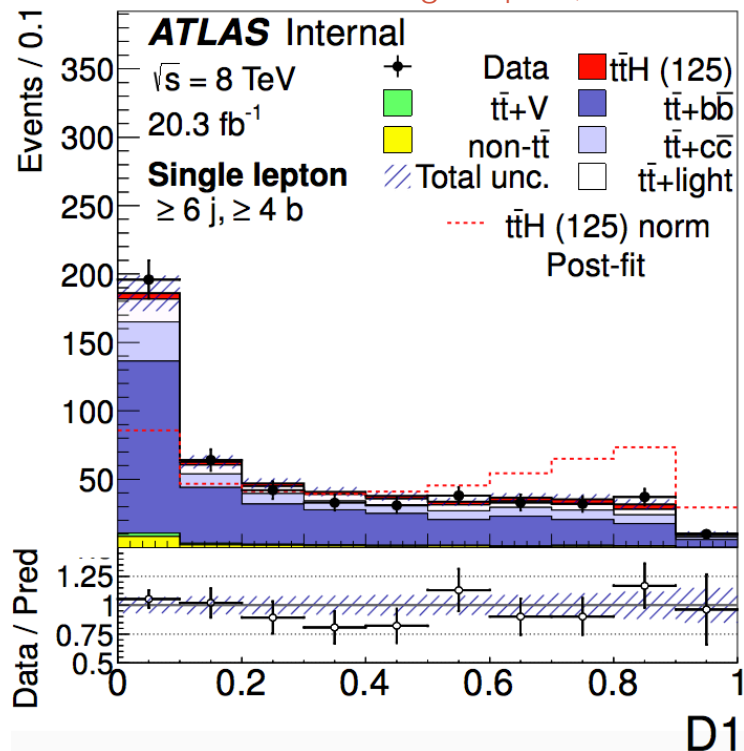


- Further categorise  $tt+bb$  into:
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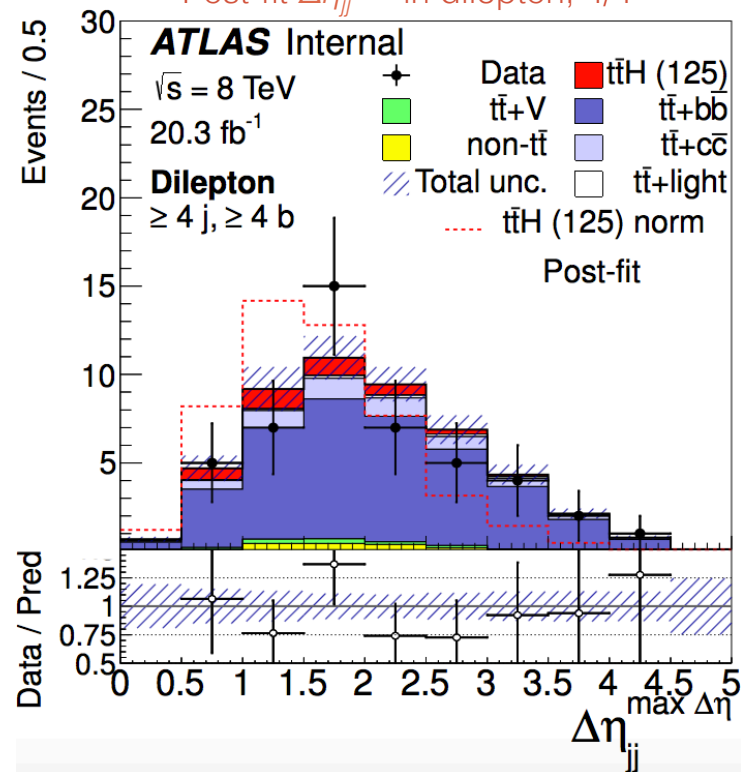
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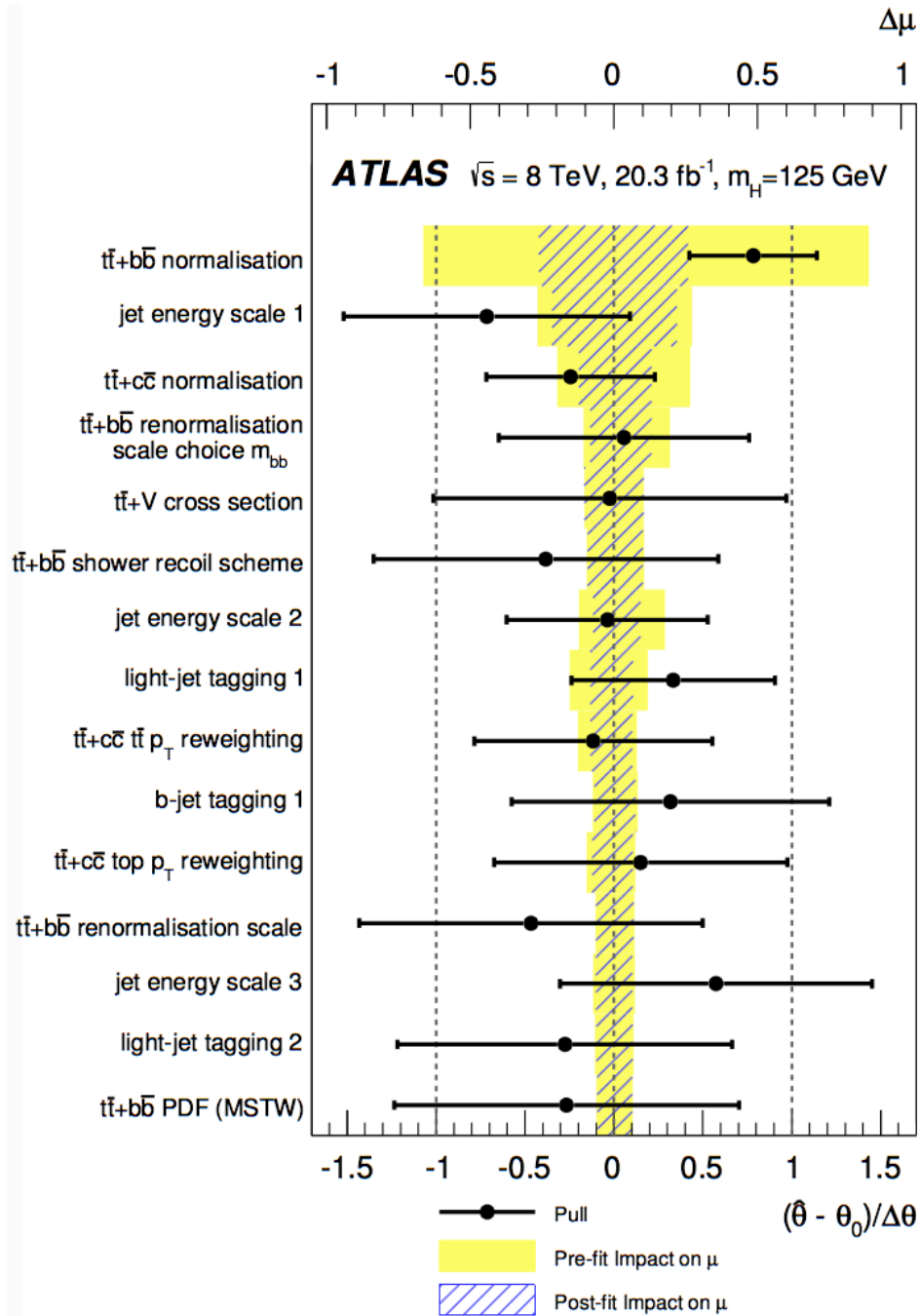


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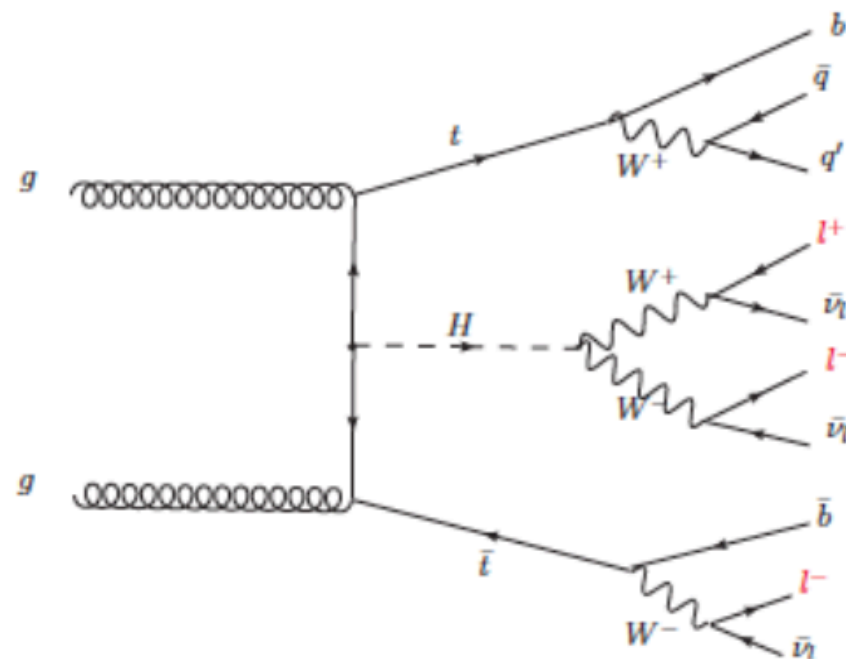
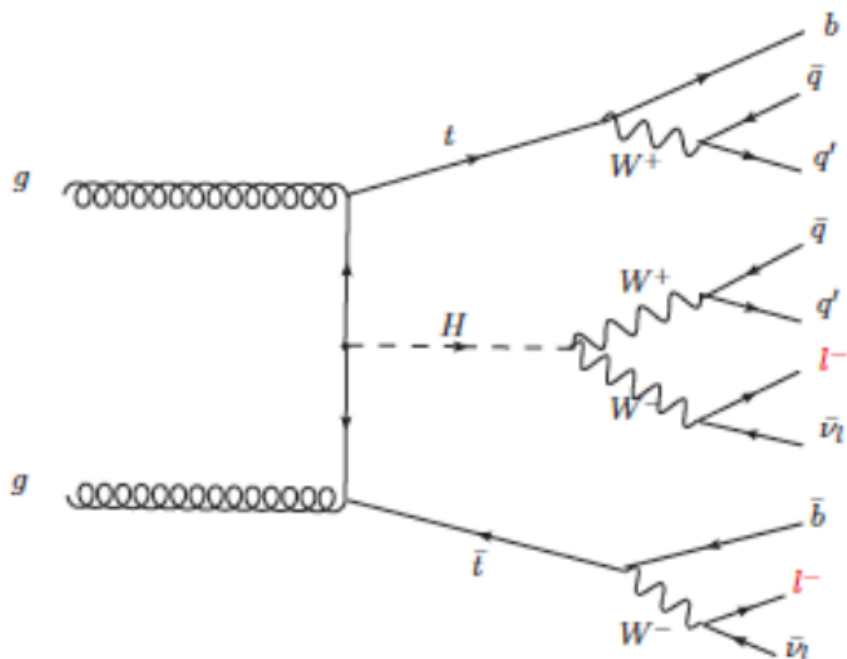
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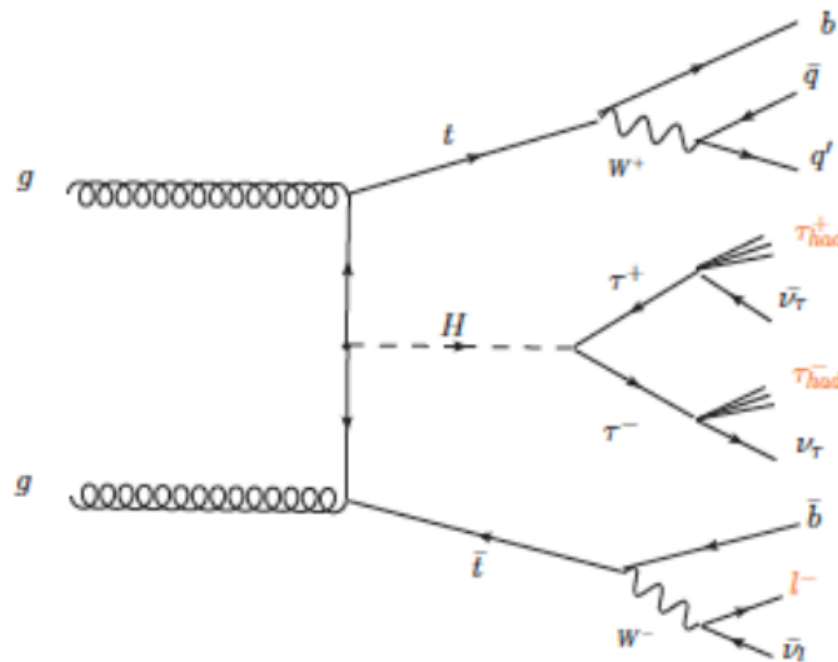
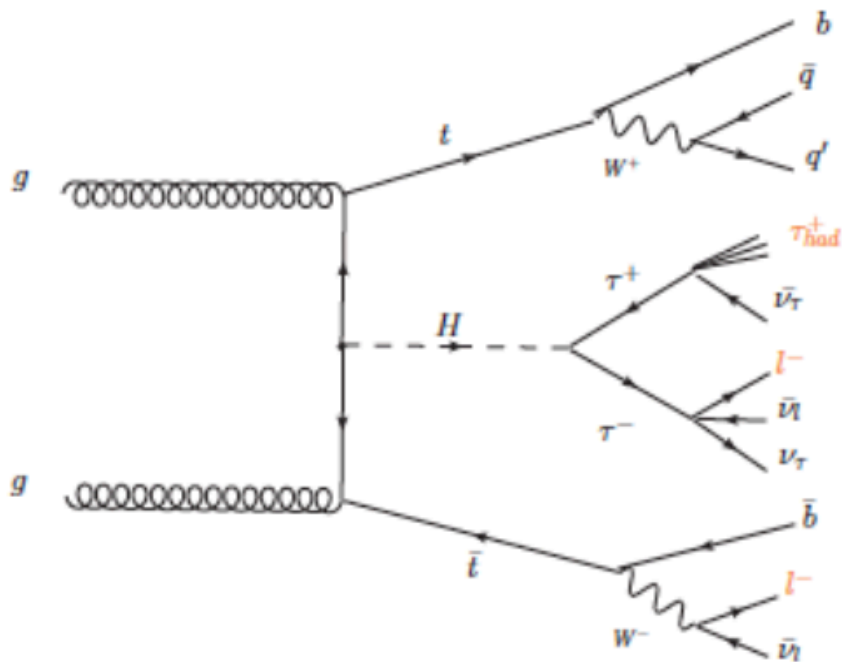
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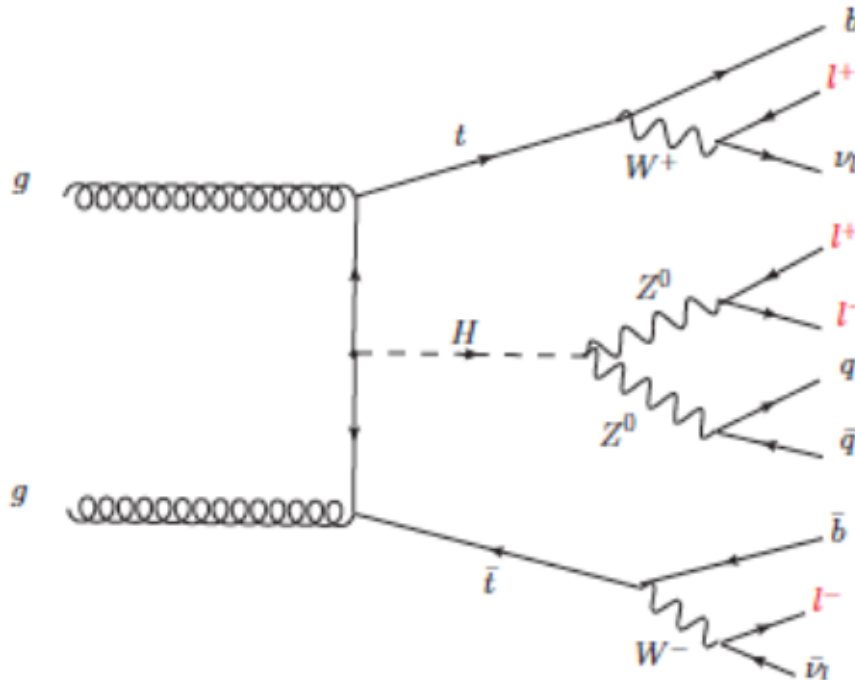
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$2\ell 1\tau_{had}$	35%	62%	2%	1%
<b><math>4\ell</math></b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>4%</b>
$1\ell 2\tau_{had}$	4%	93%	0%	3%



# Signal / Background modelling

- Modelling the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  resonance: Crystal Ball function (core) + Gaussian (tail)
  - Parameters of the functions fitted to the MC simulations
  - Taking into account all possible Higgs production mode:  $ggF$ ,  $VBF$ ,  $WH$ ,  $ZH$ ,  $t\bar{t}H$ ,  $tH$  ( $tHqb$ ,  $WtH$ )
- Modelling the continuum background:  $e^{am_{\gamma\gamma}}$ , where  $a \leq 0$ 
  - Validated in the data control regions
  - Use the same shape for 7 TeV and 8 TeV – due to lack of data @ 7 TeV

