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Search for heavy resonances decaying to top quarks

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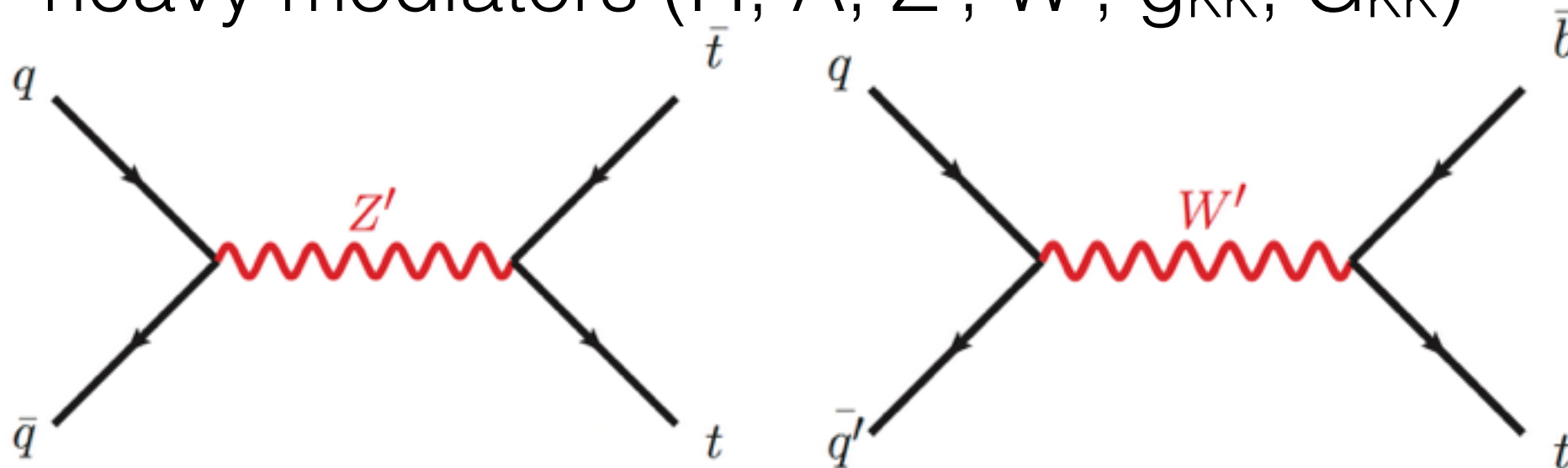
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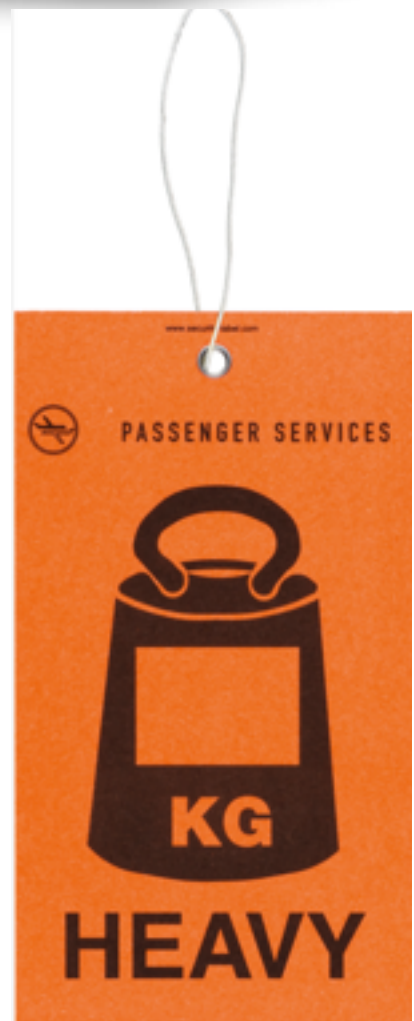
Why top quarks?

- Top quarks are heavy $\rightarrow$ Very large Yukawa coupling
- Many scenarios for beyond the Standard Model physics predict enhanced couplings to third generation quarks, non-SUSY examples:

- heavy mediators ($H, A, Z', W', g_{KK}, G_{KK}$)

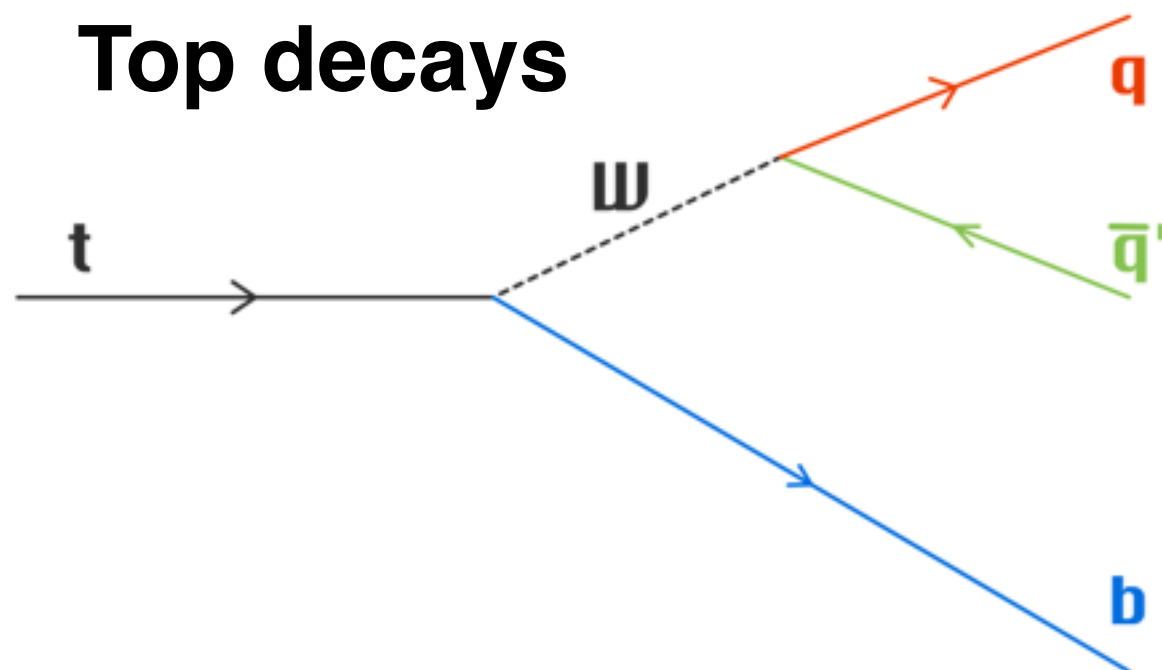


- top partners (Vector-like quarks, see Romain Kukla's talk)



Intermission:

Top decays

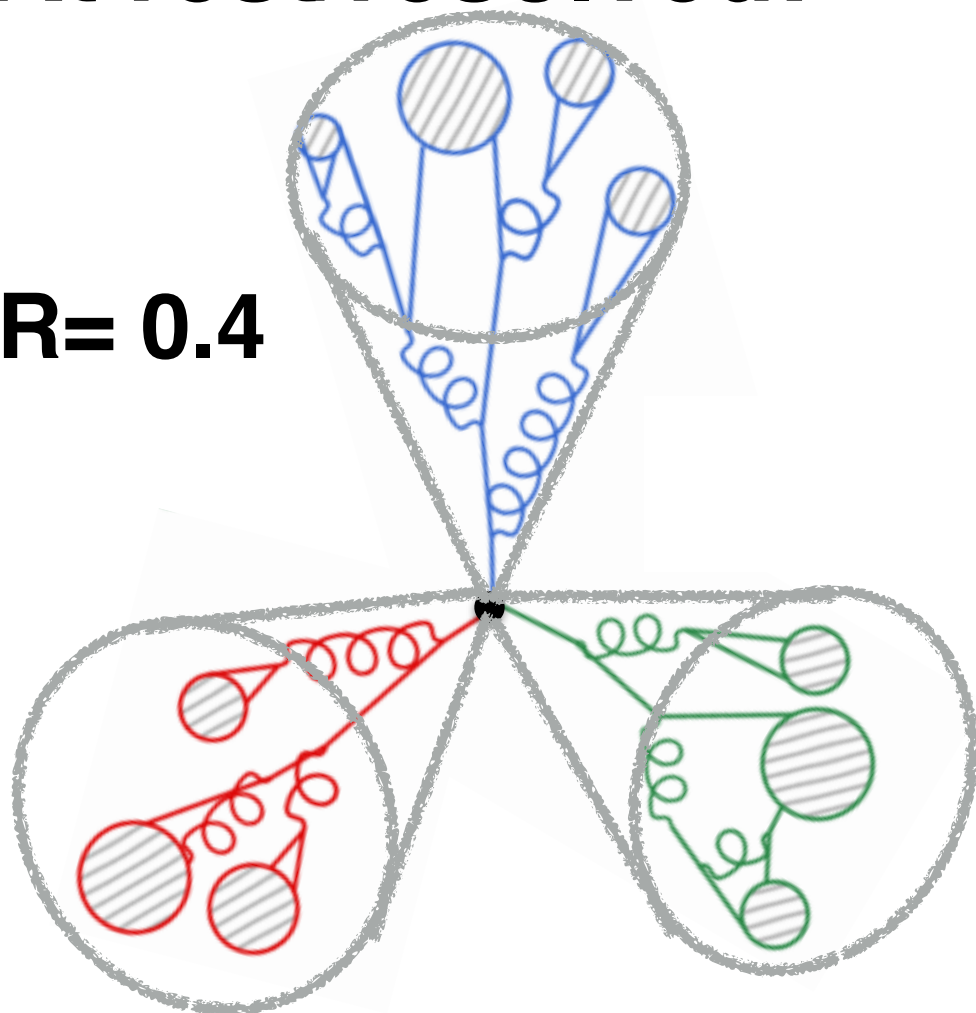


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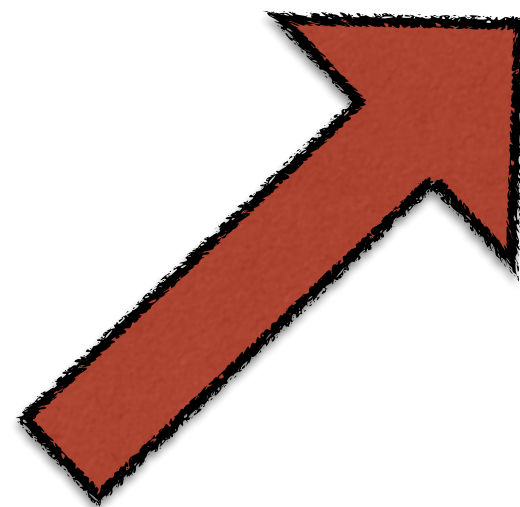
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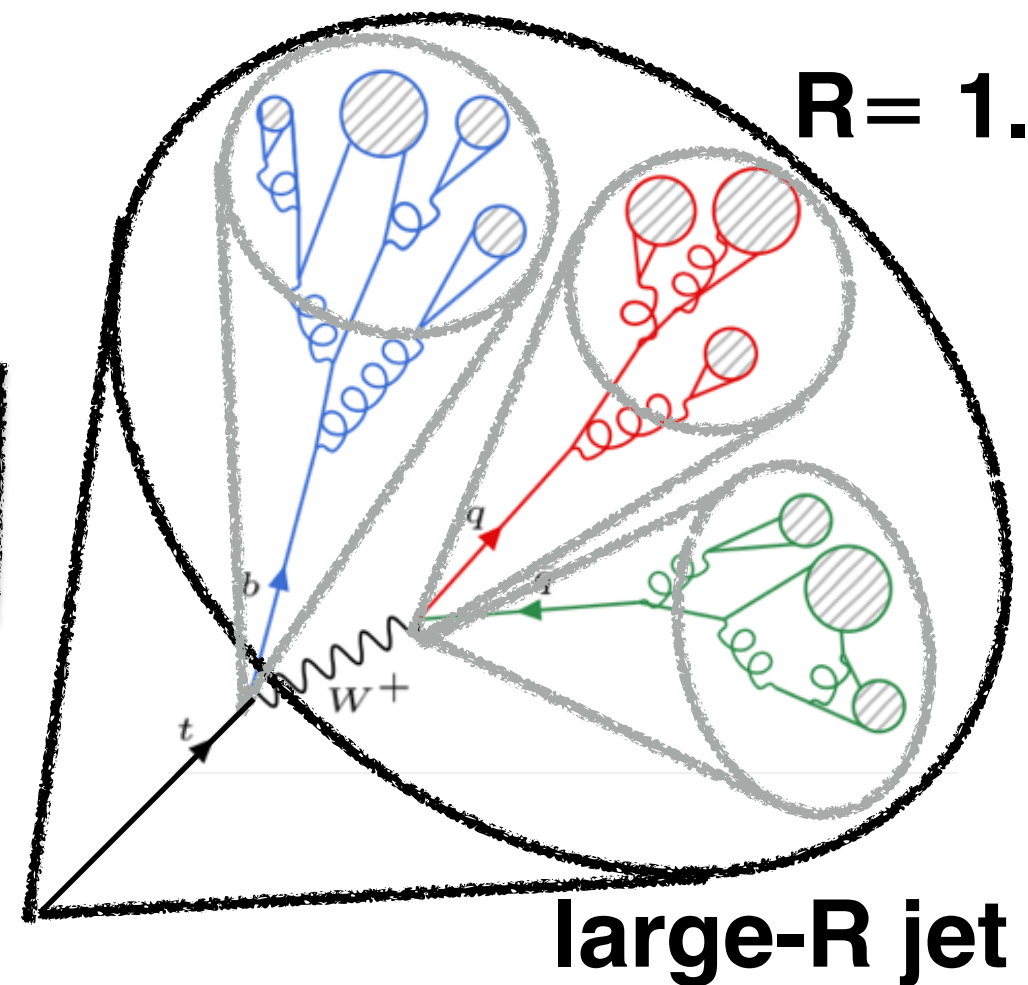
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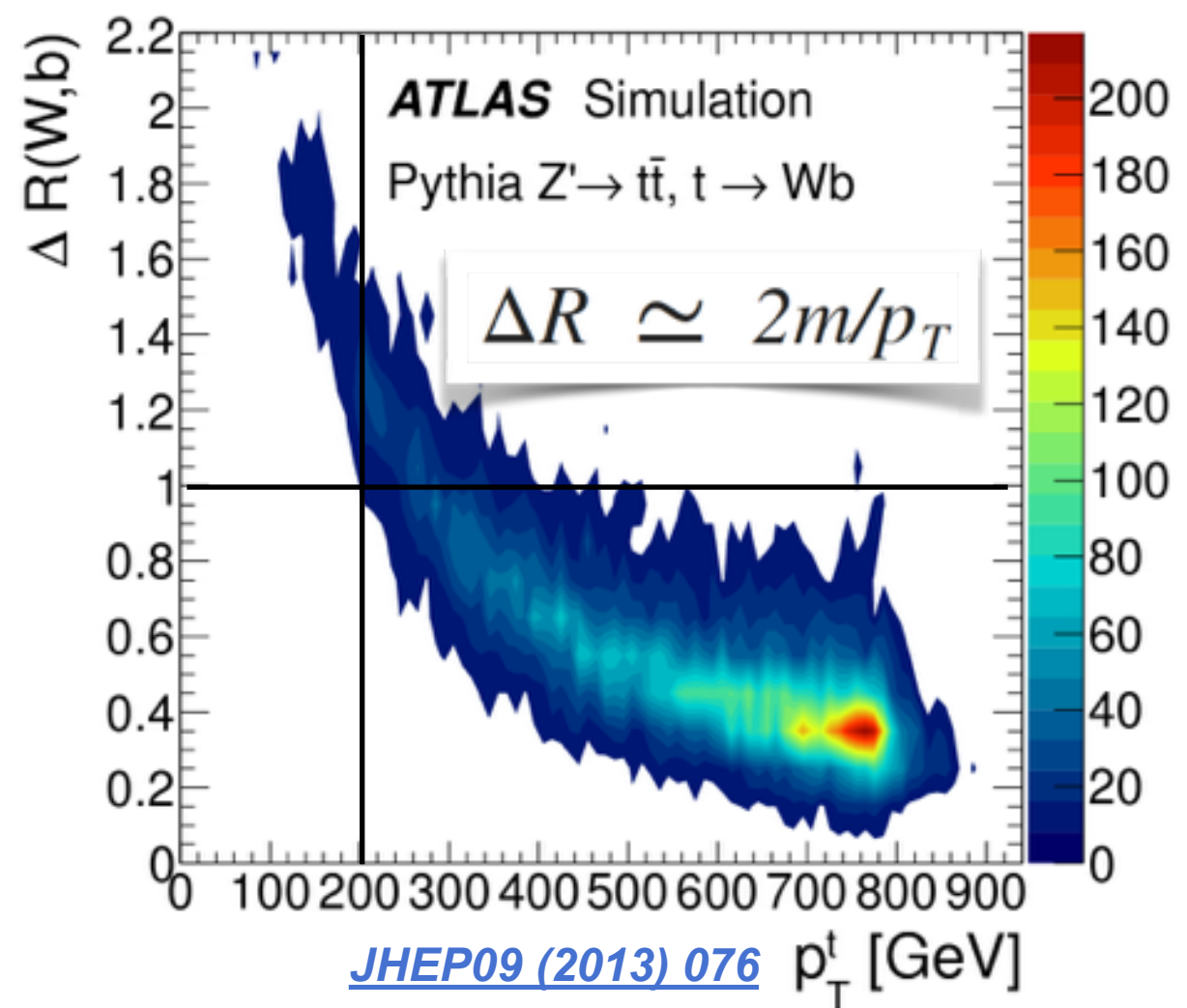
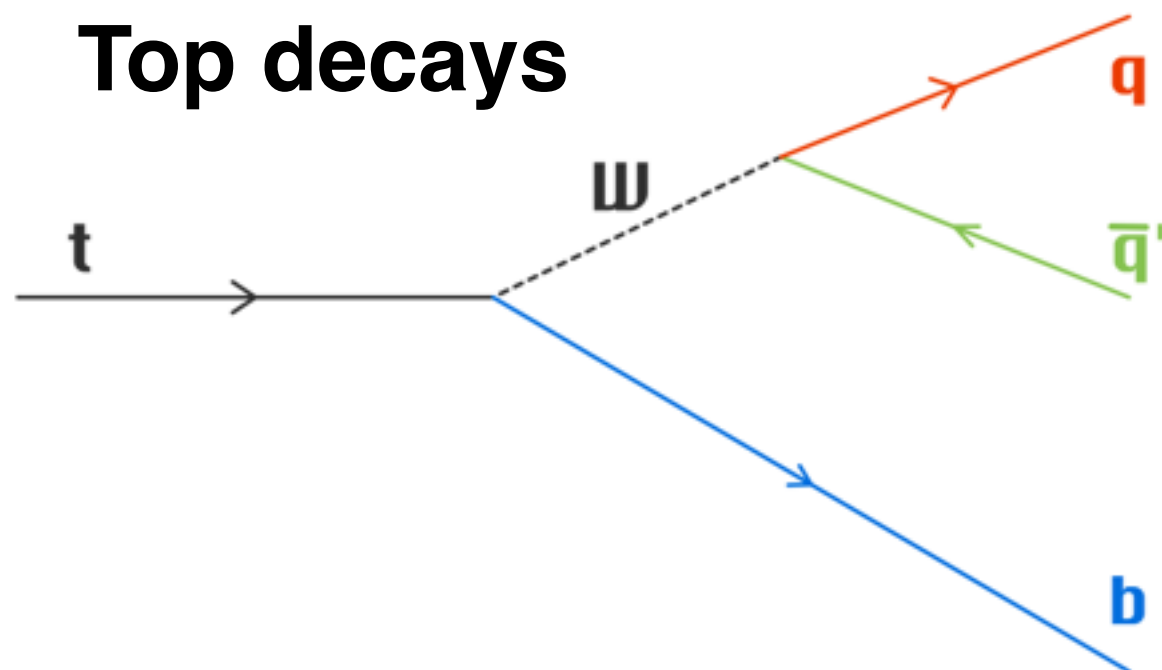


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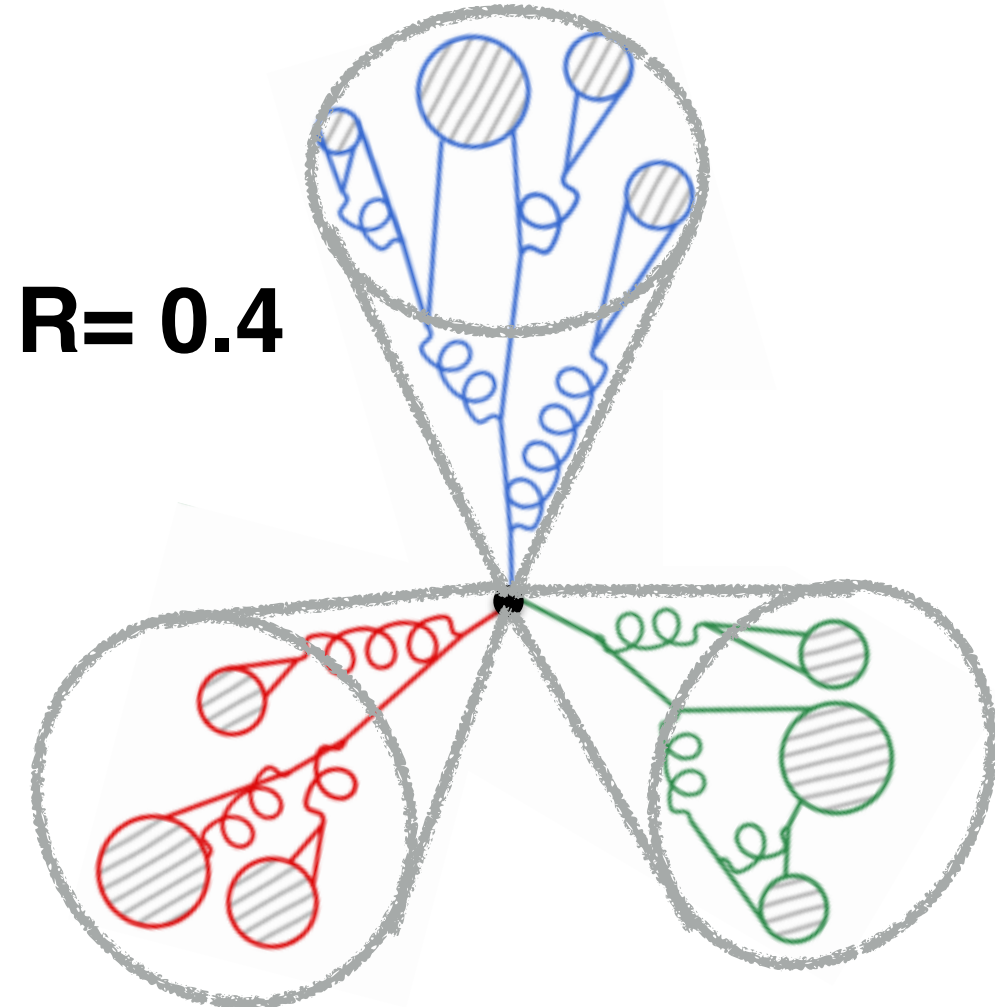


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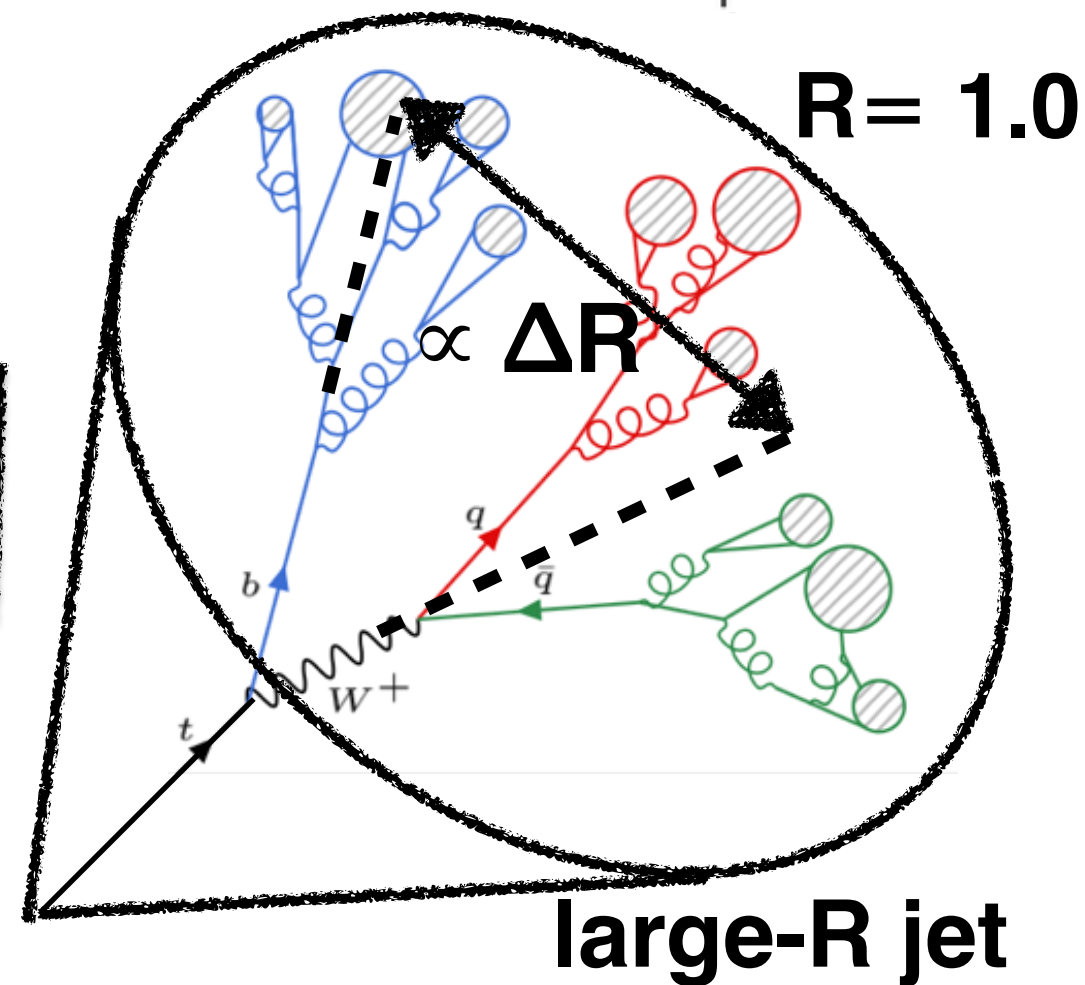
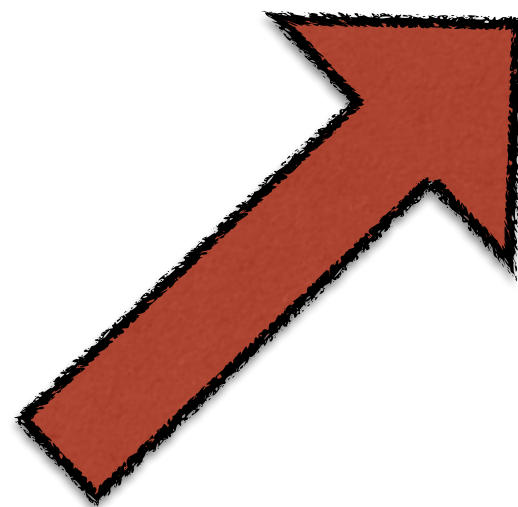
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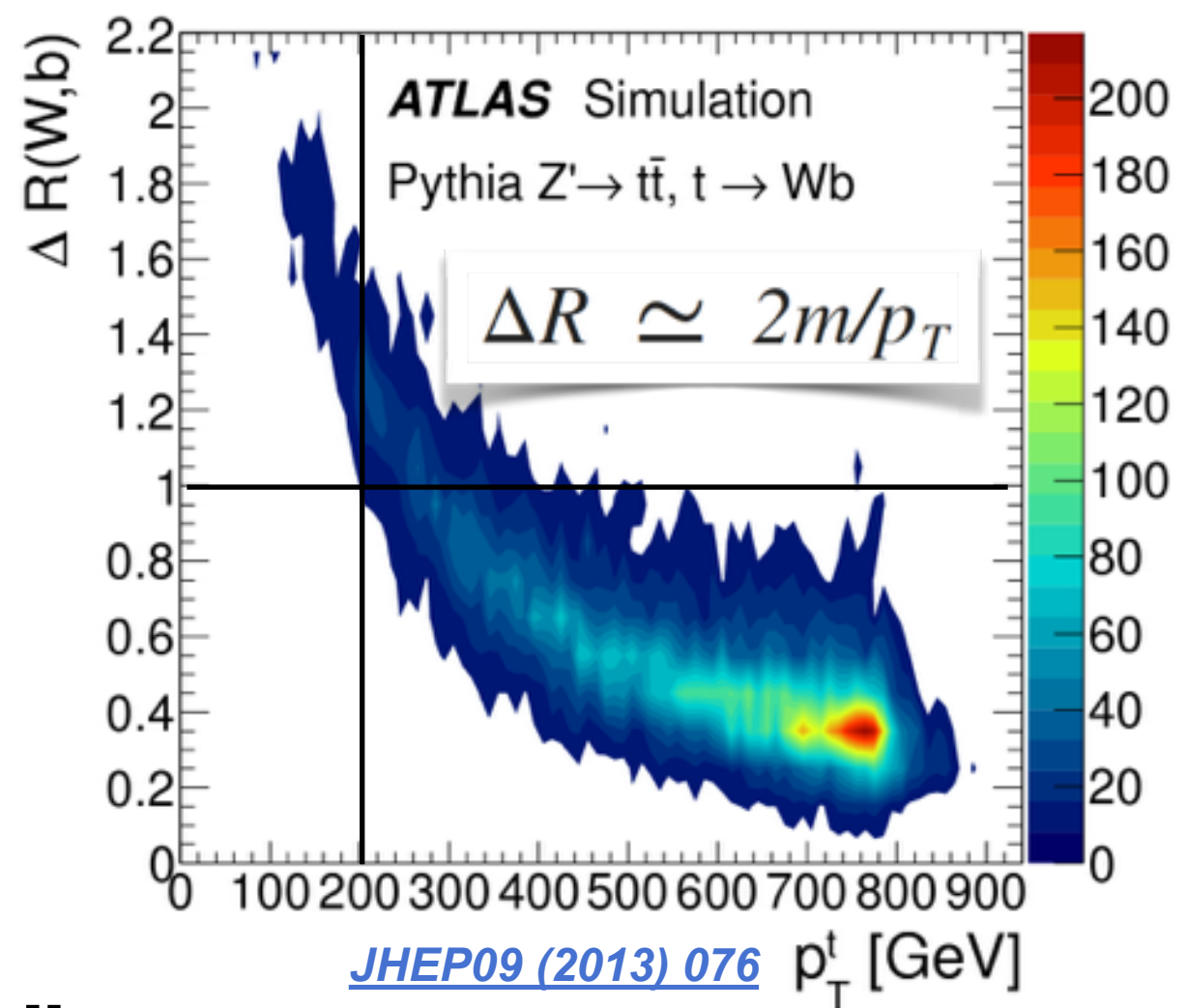
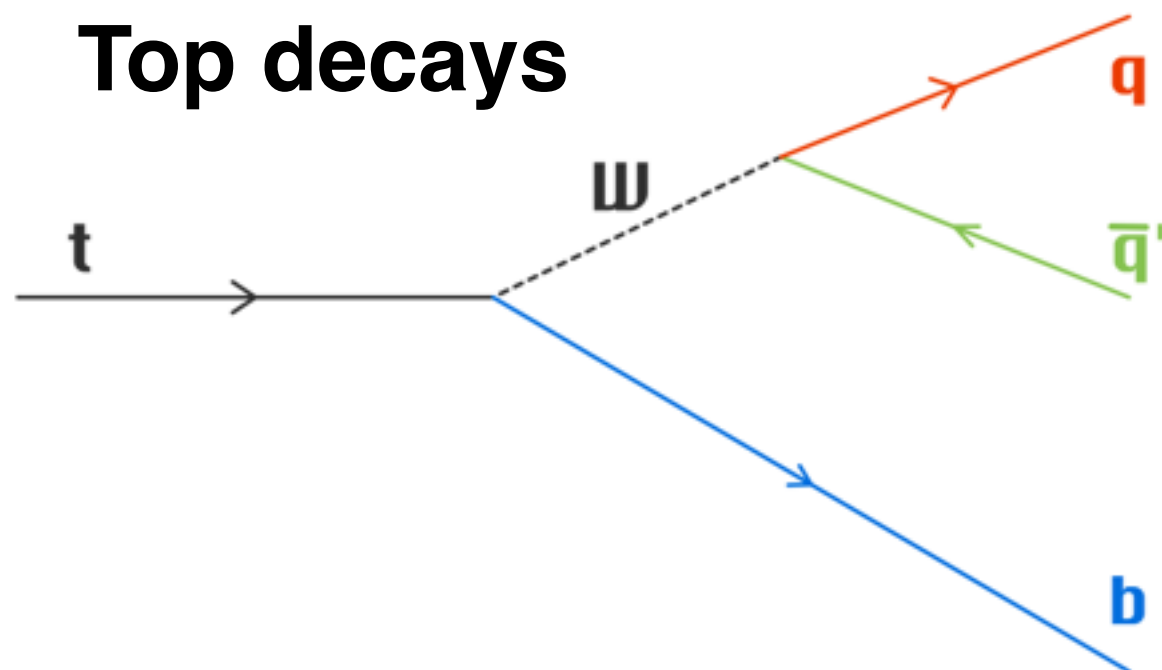


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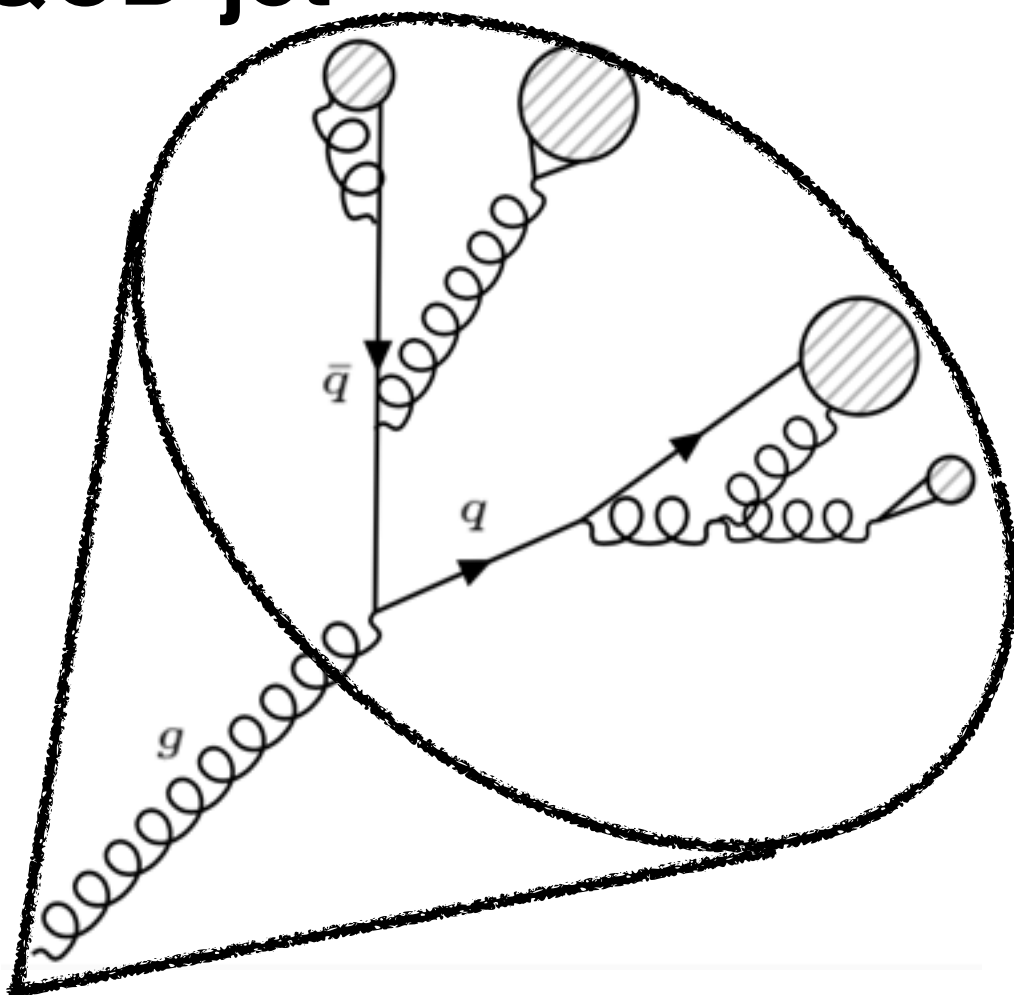


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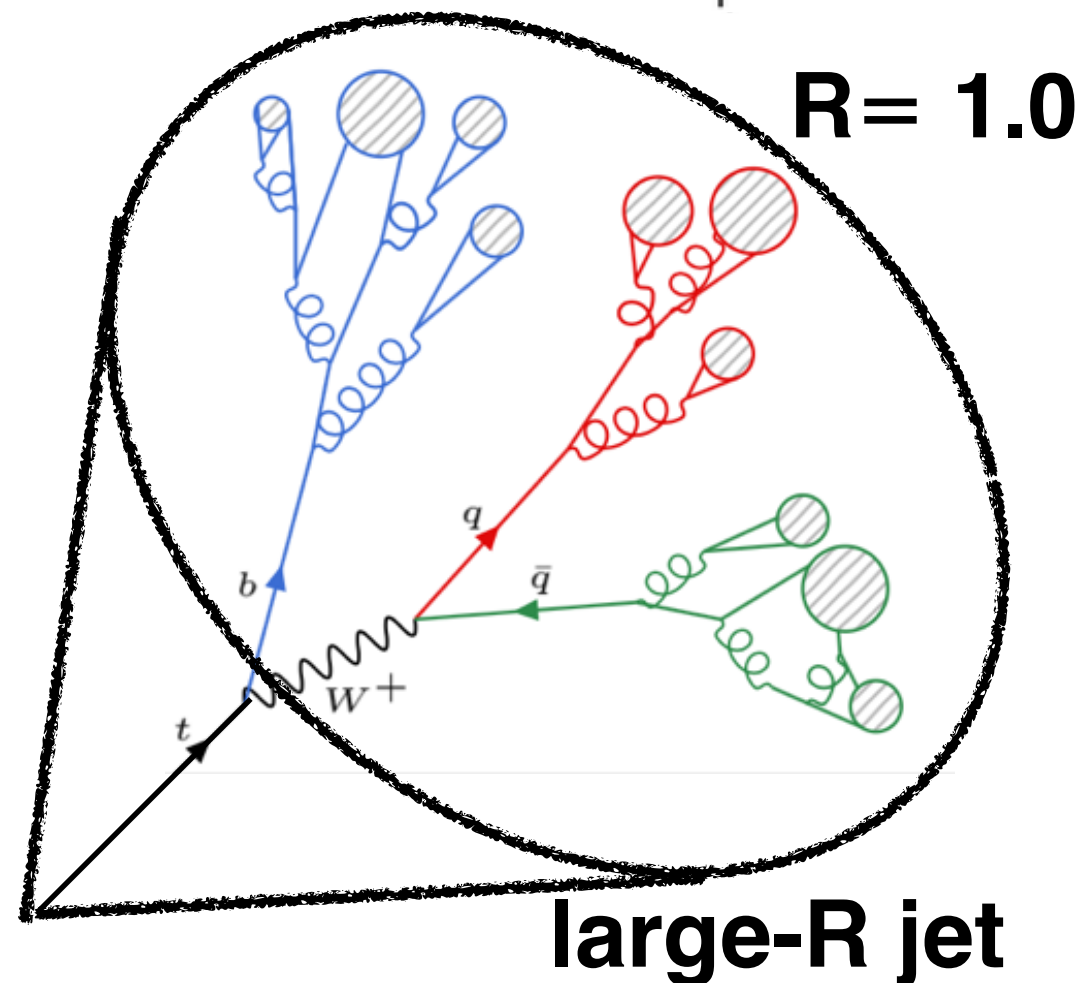
Top decays



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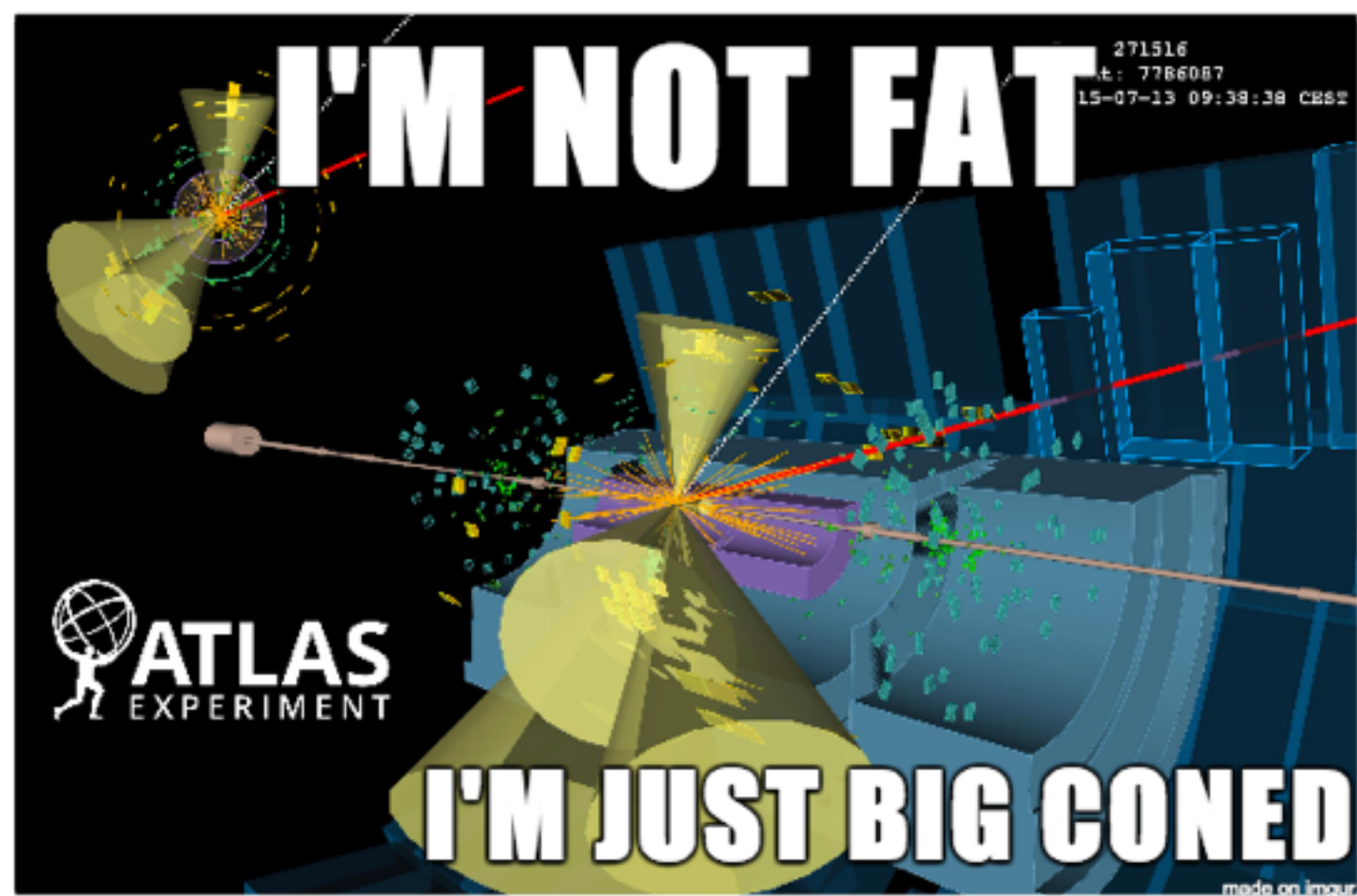
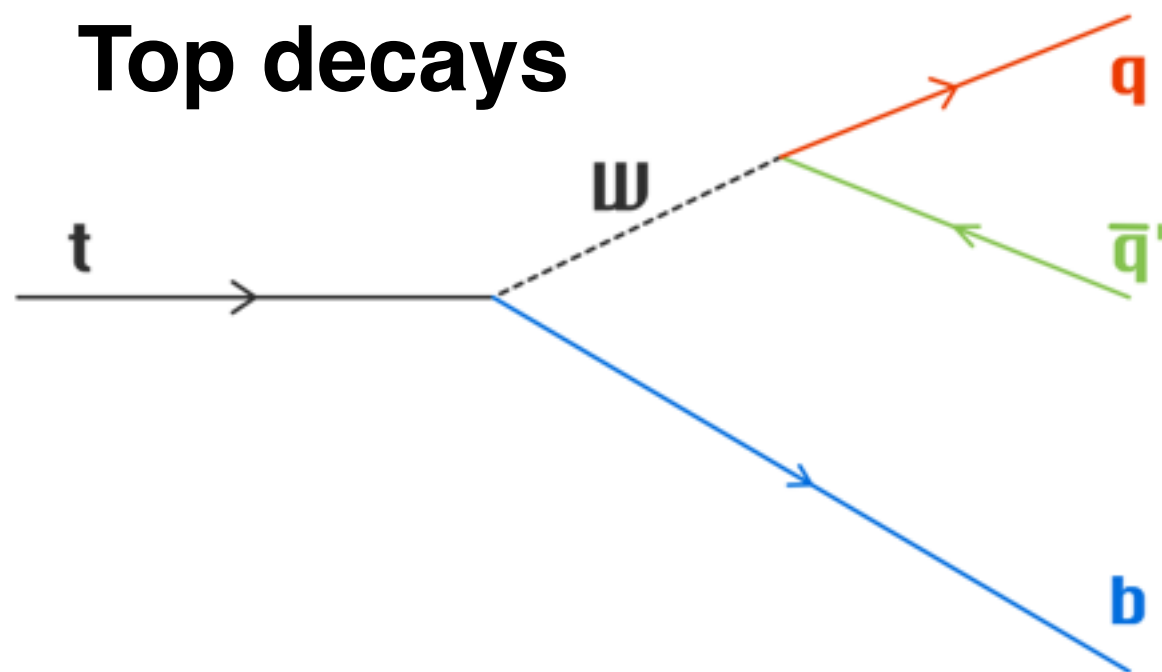


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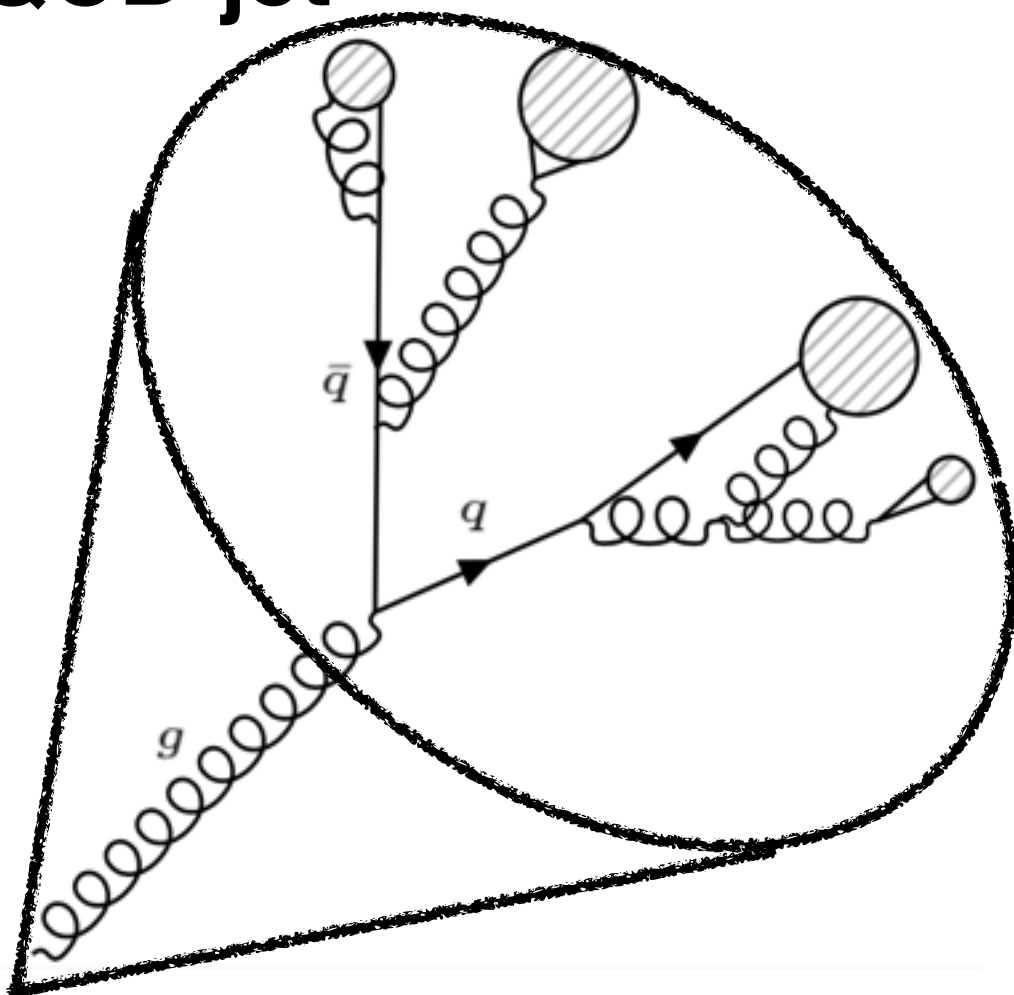


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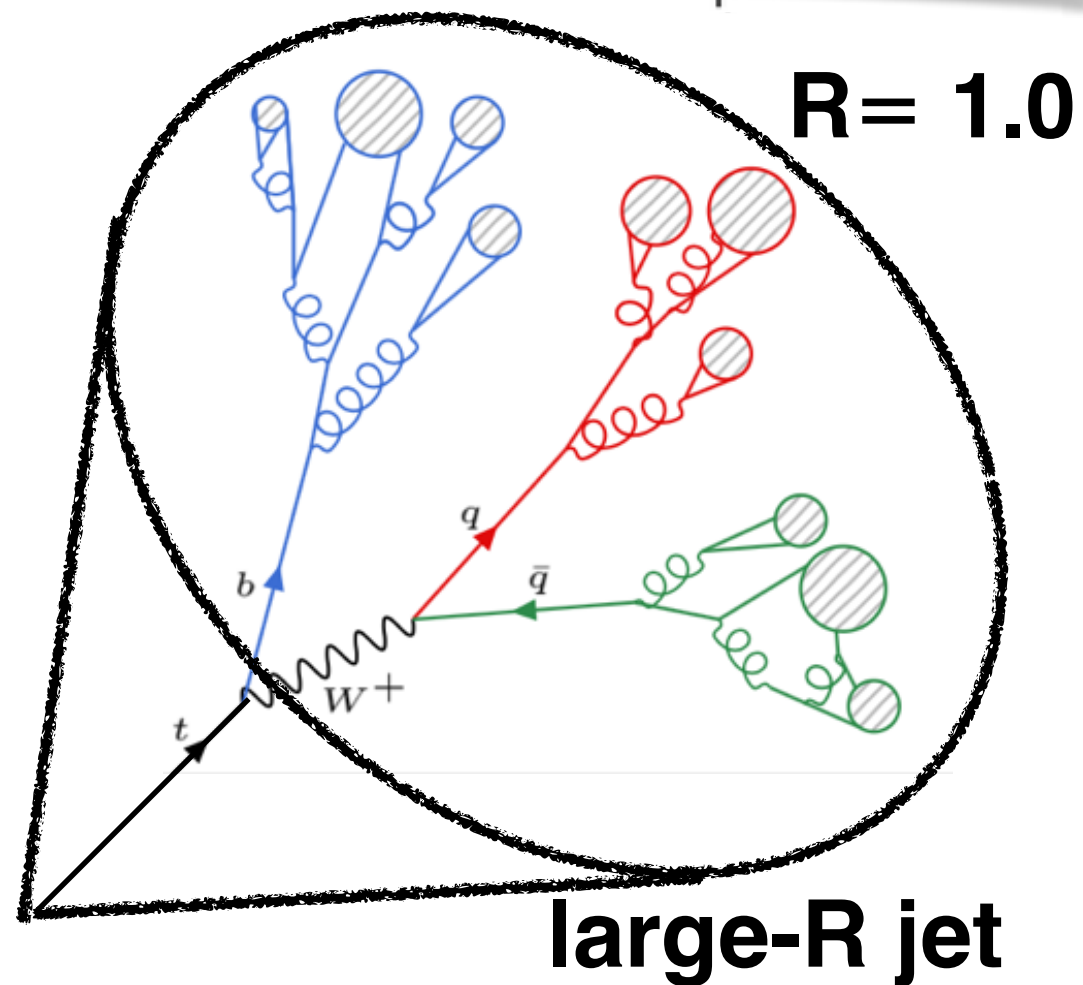
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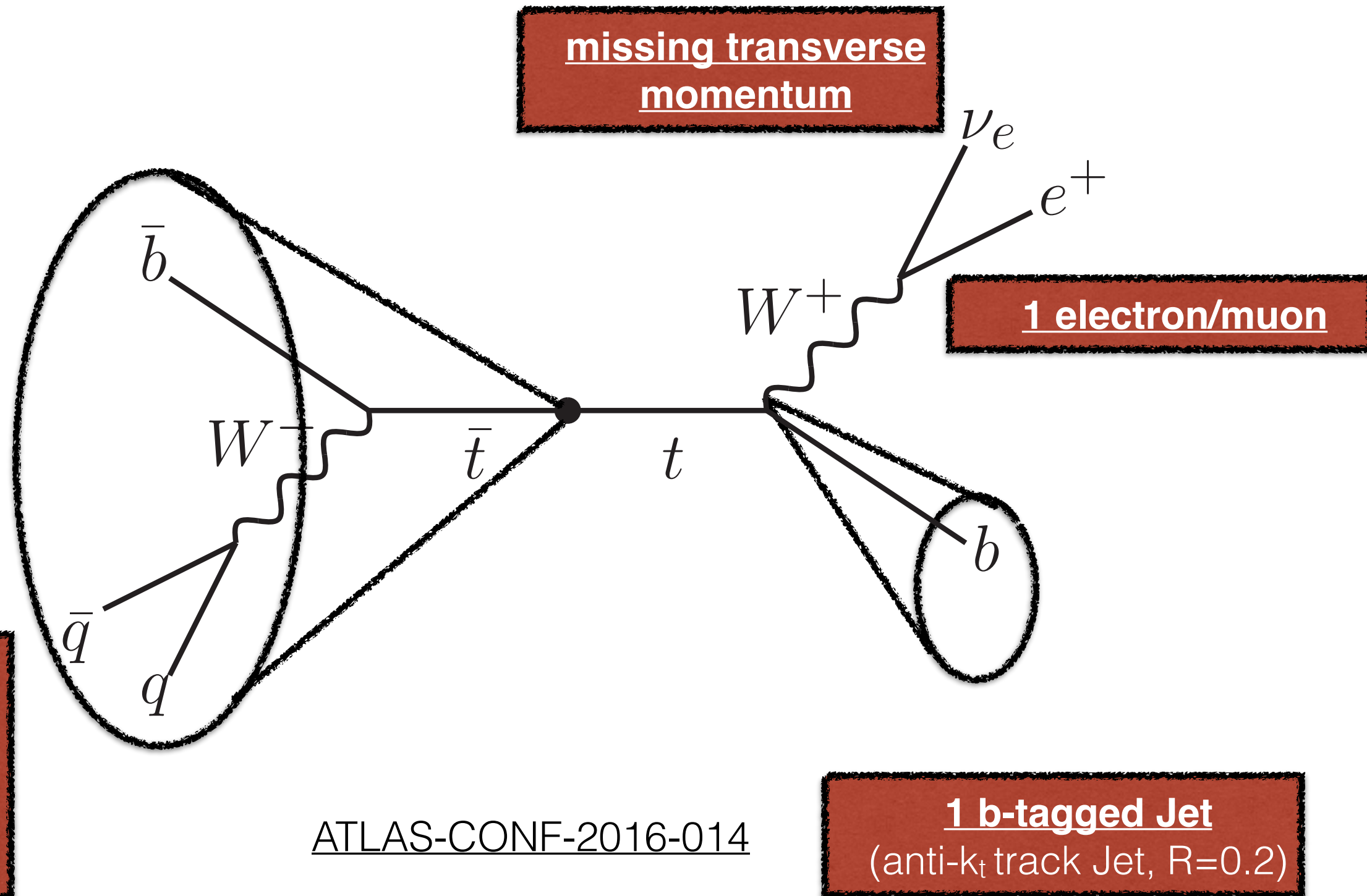
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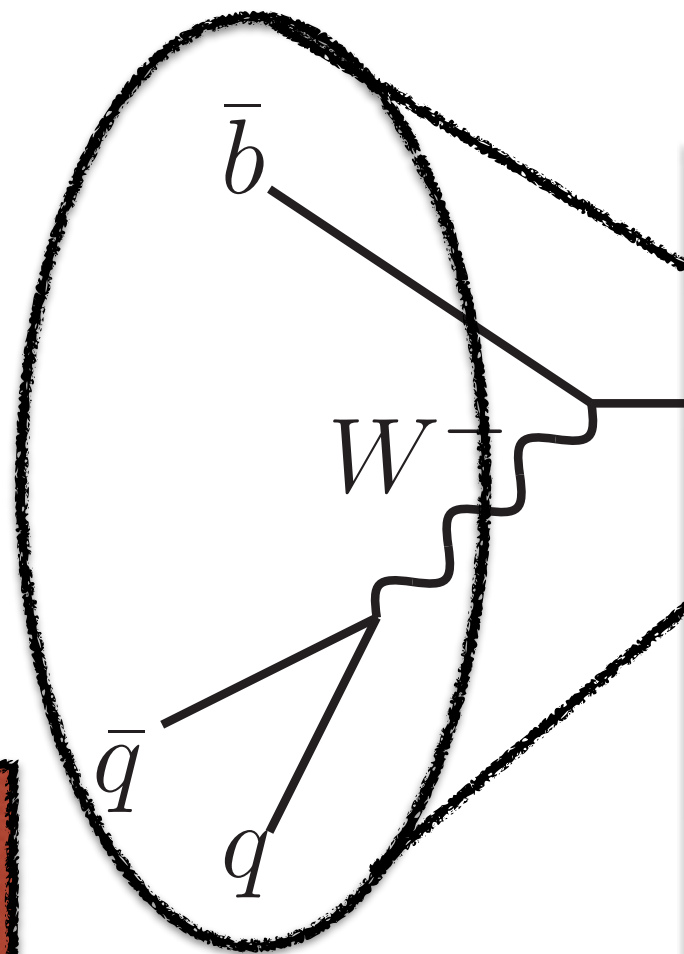
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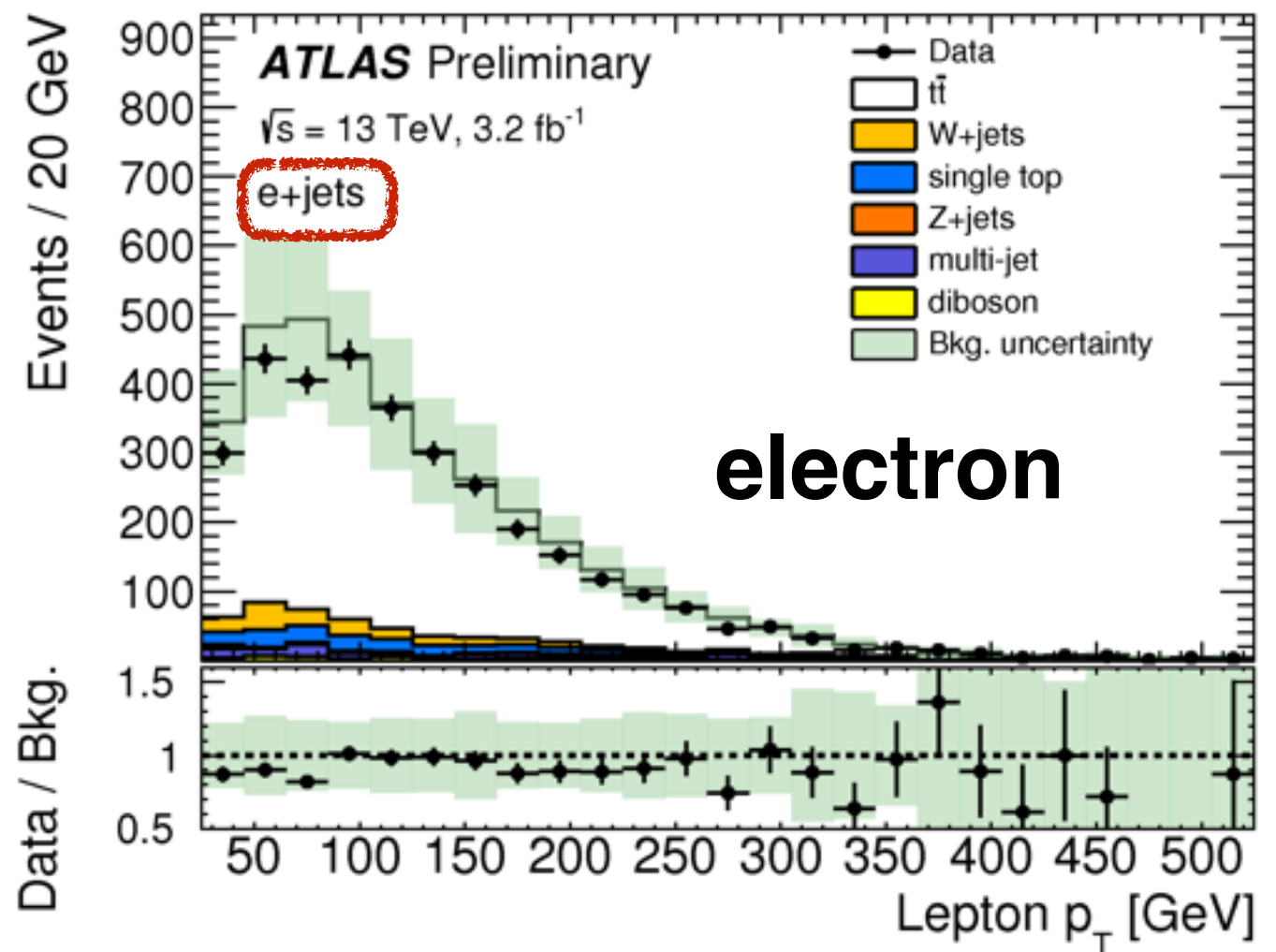
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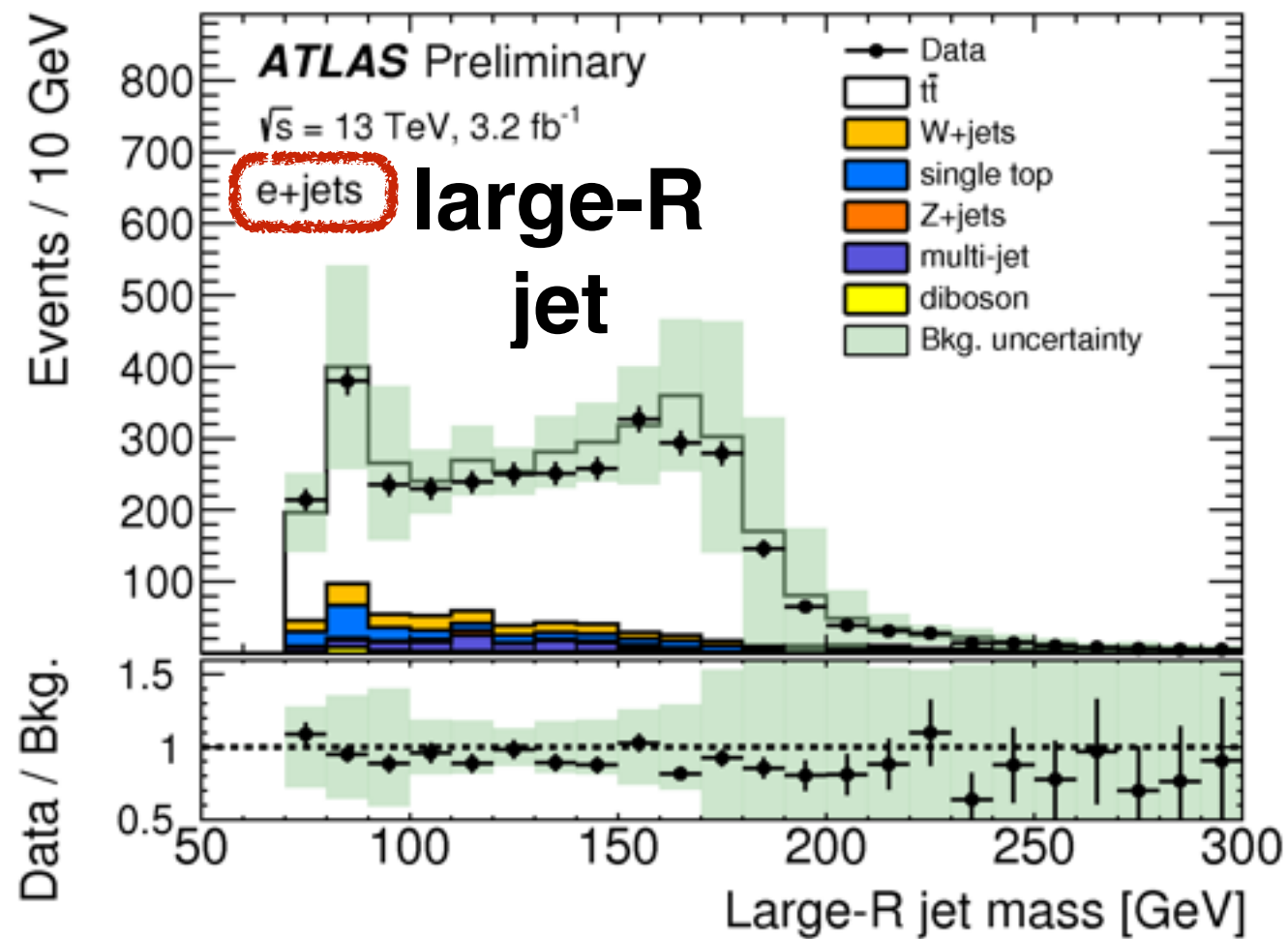


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(trimmed anti- k_t , $R=1.0$,
 $p_T > 300$ GeV),
top-tagged

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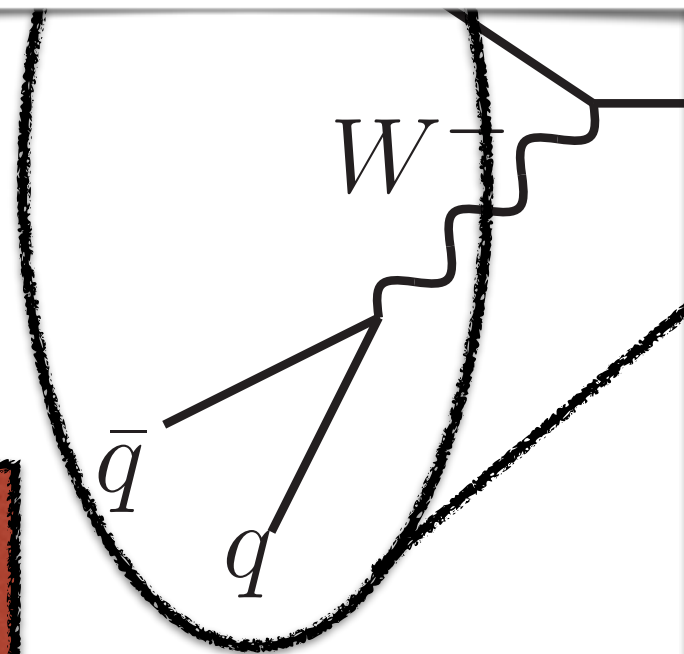
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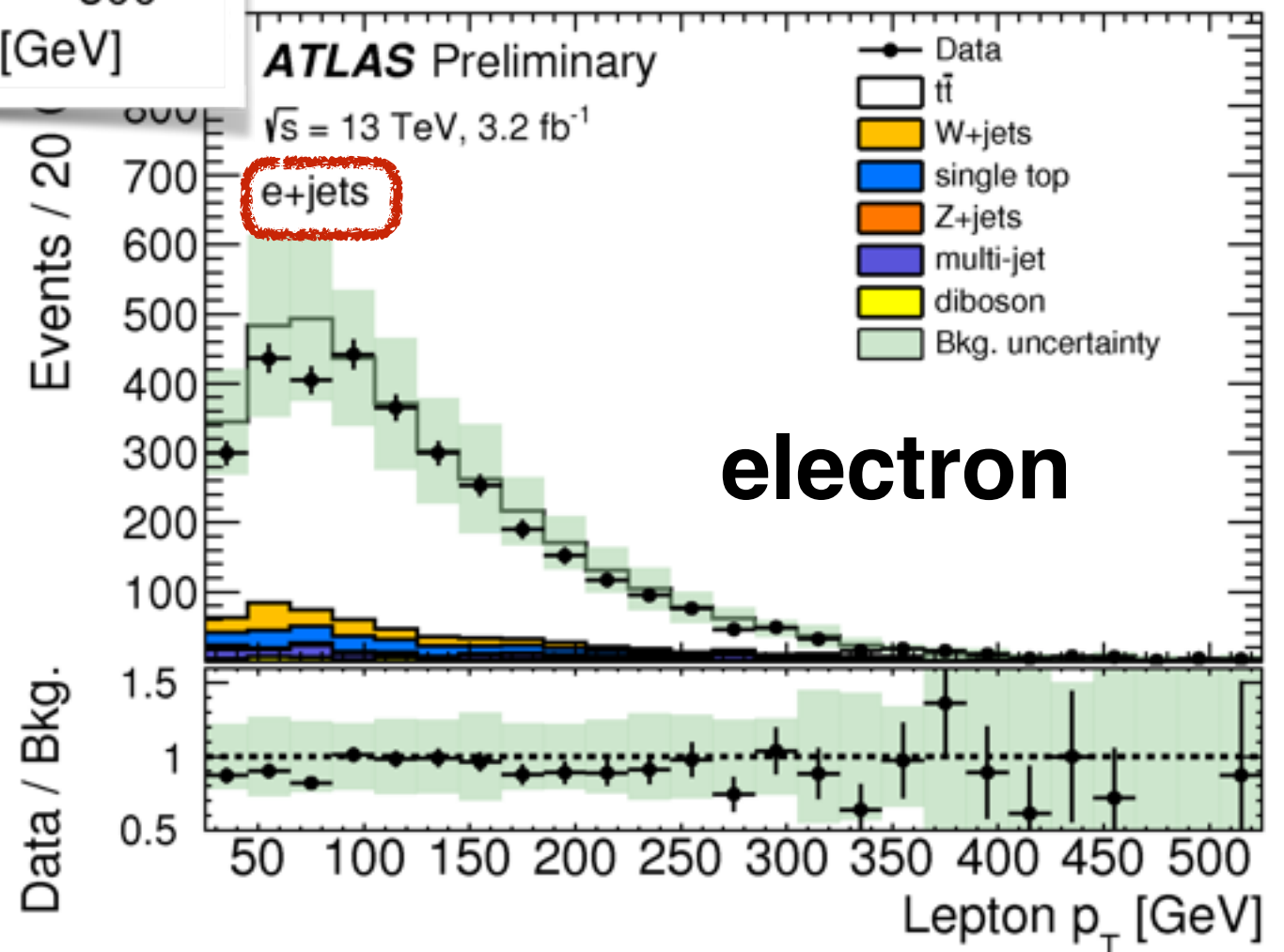
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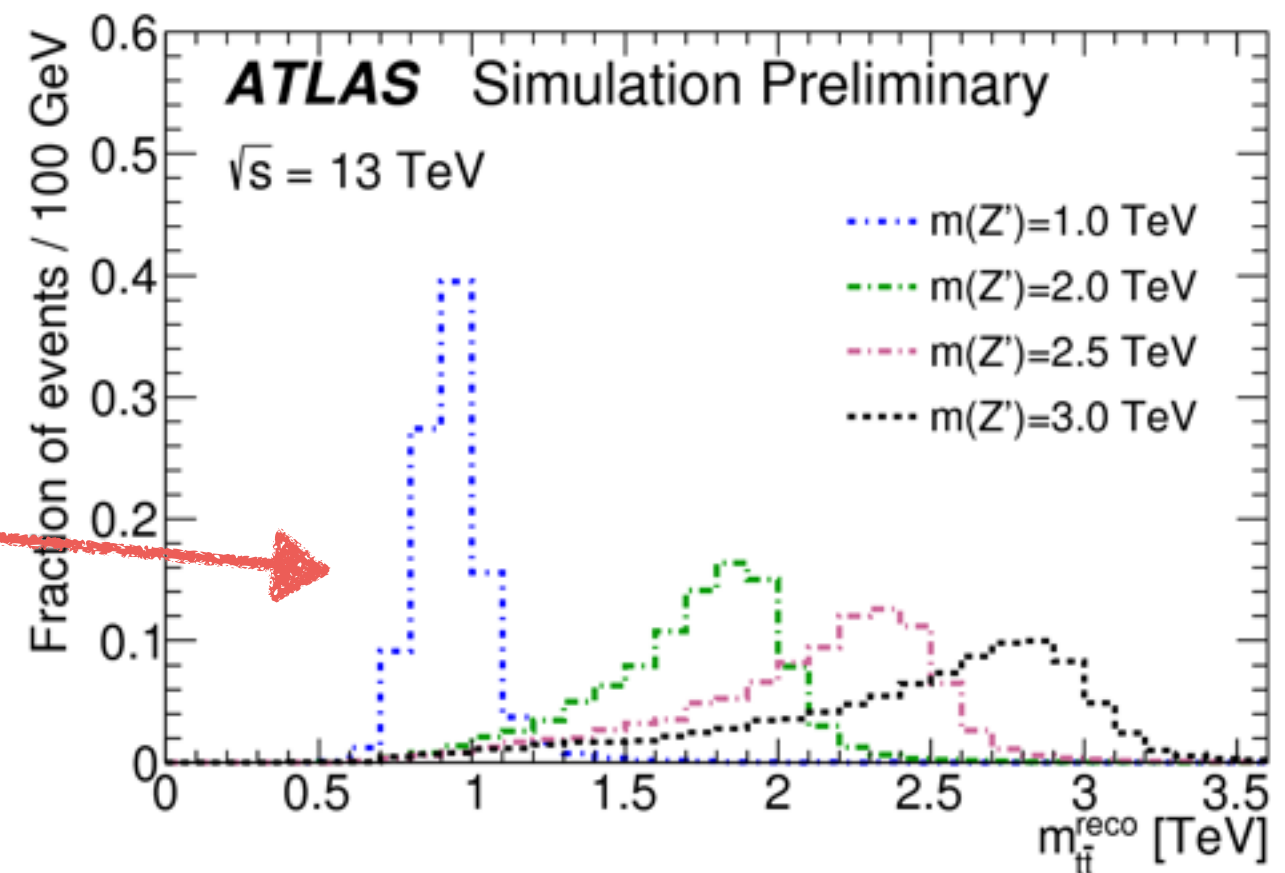


Top pair mass

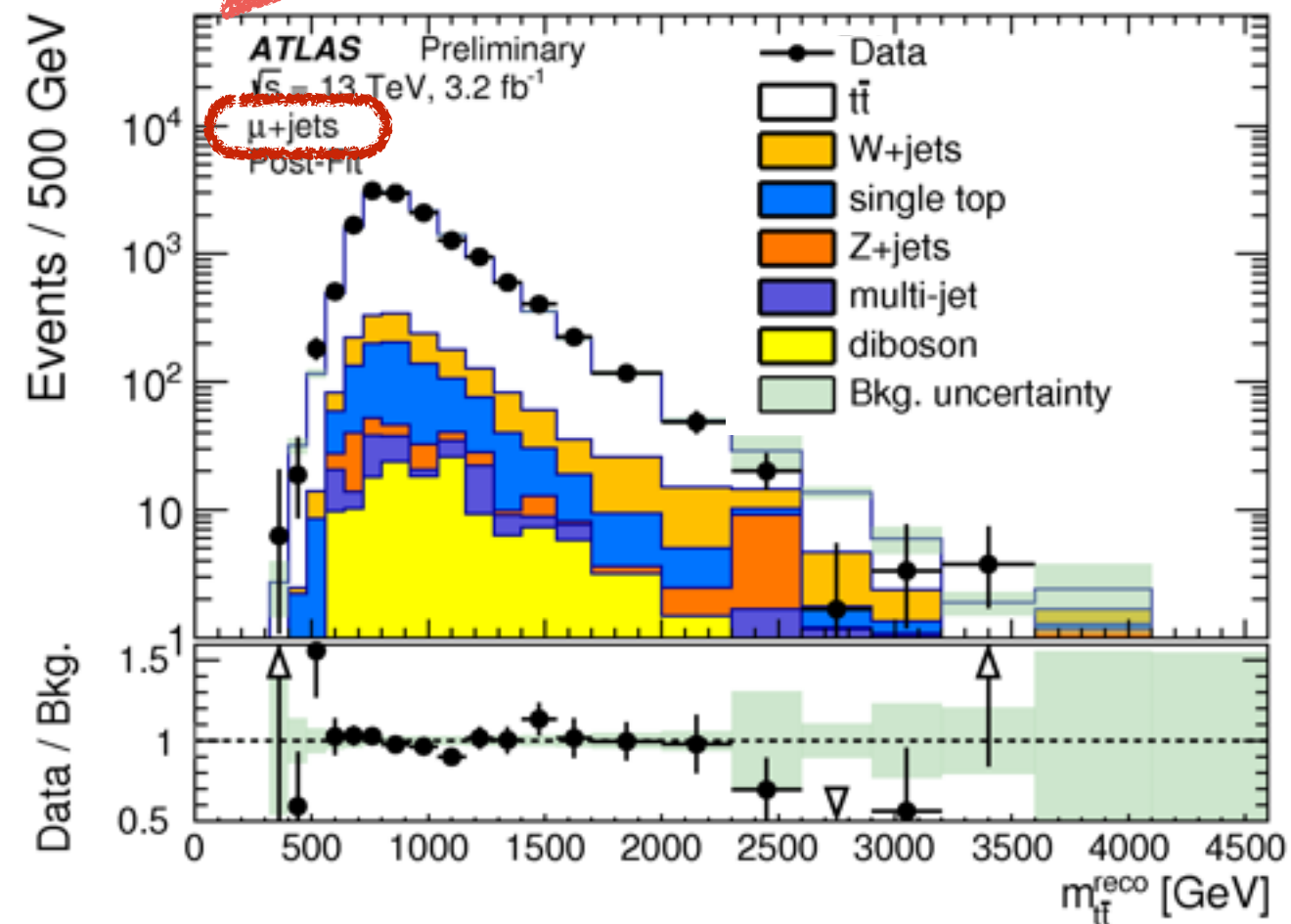
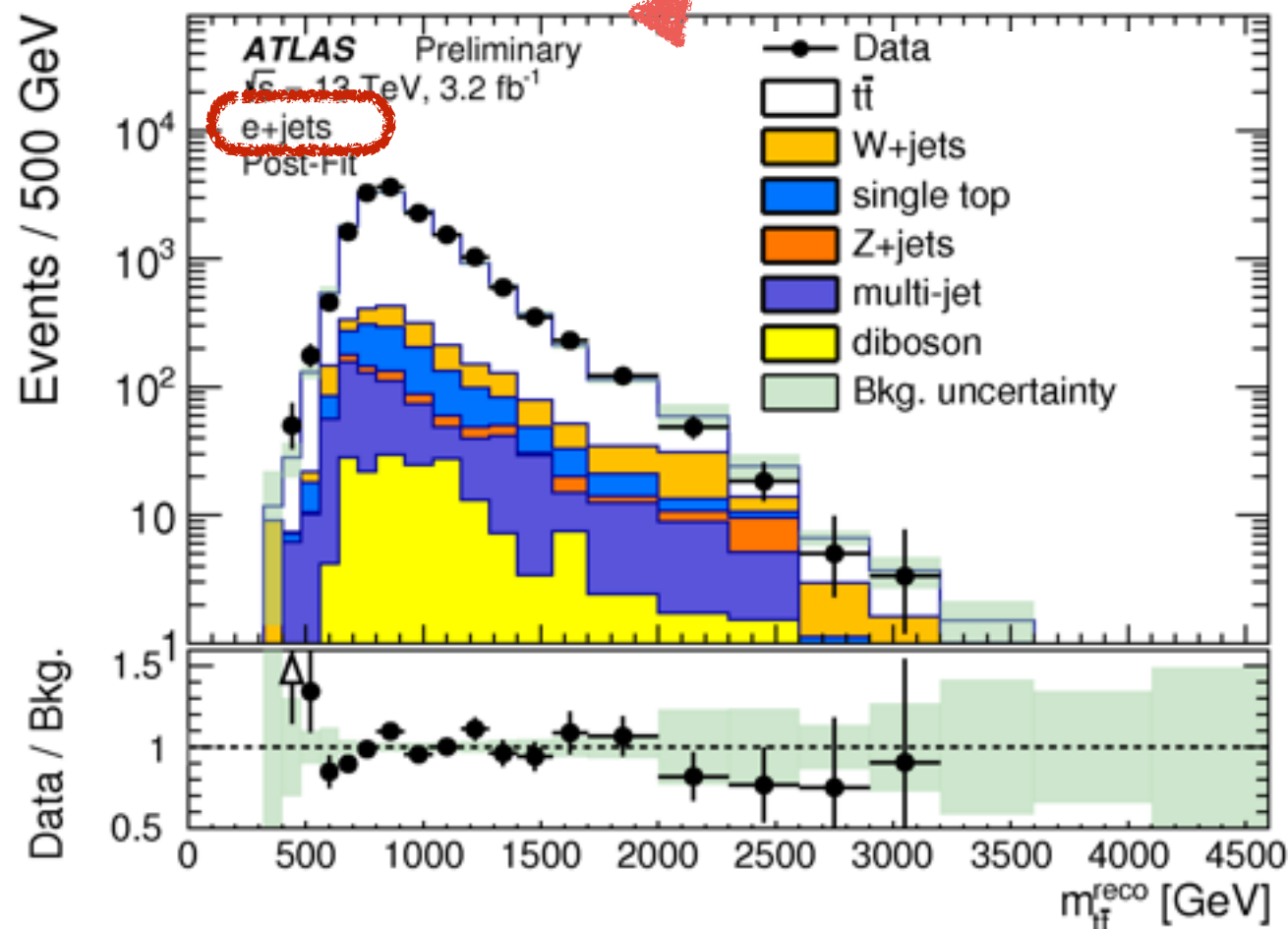
Signal (simulation)

$$Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$$

data+background MC

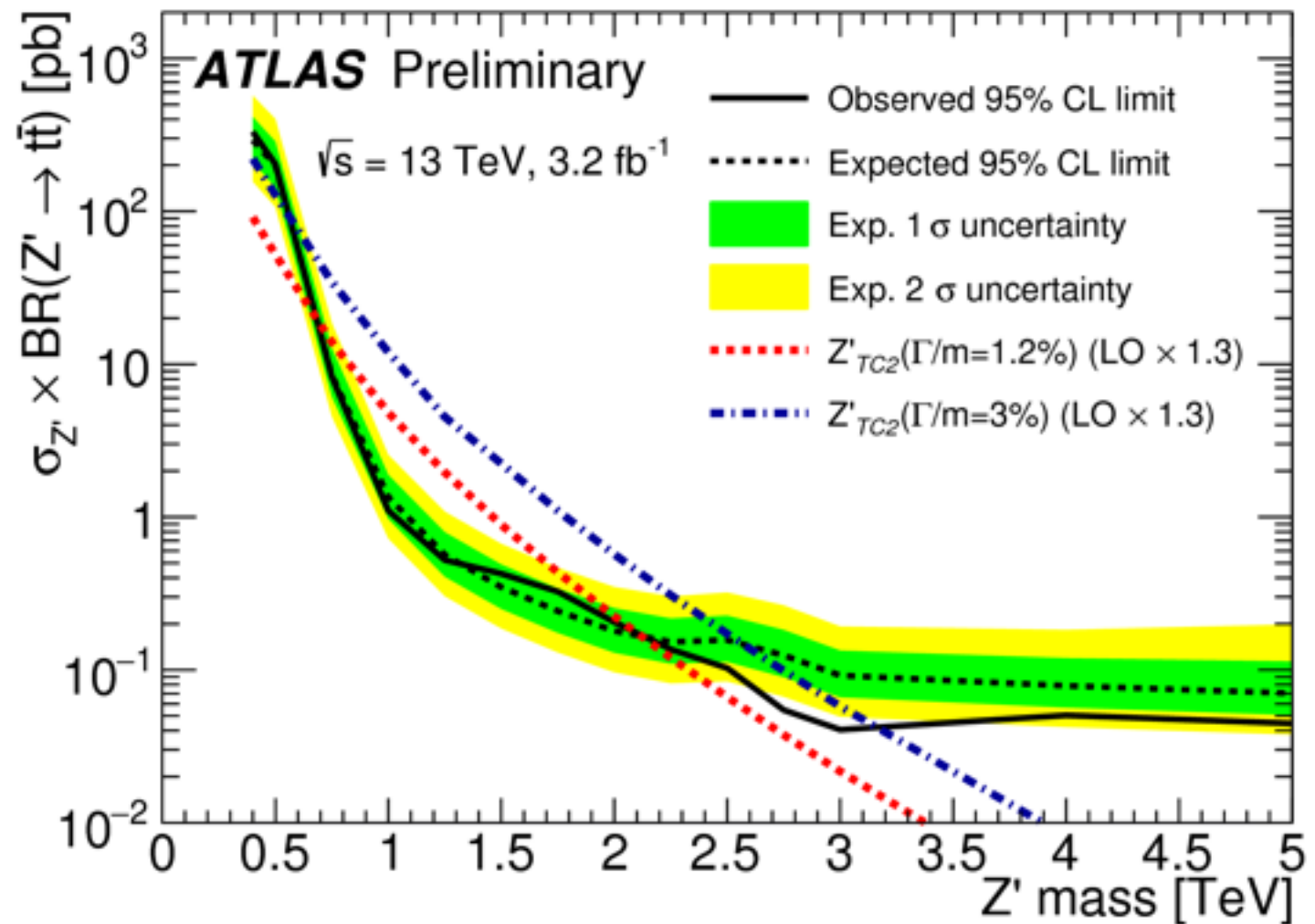
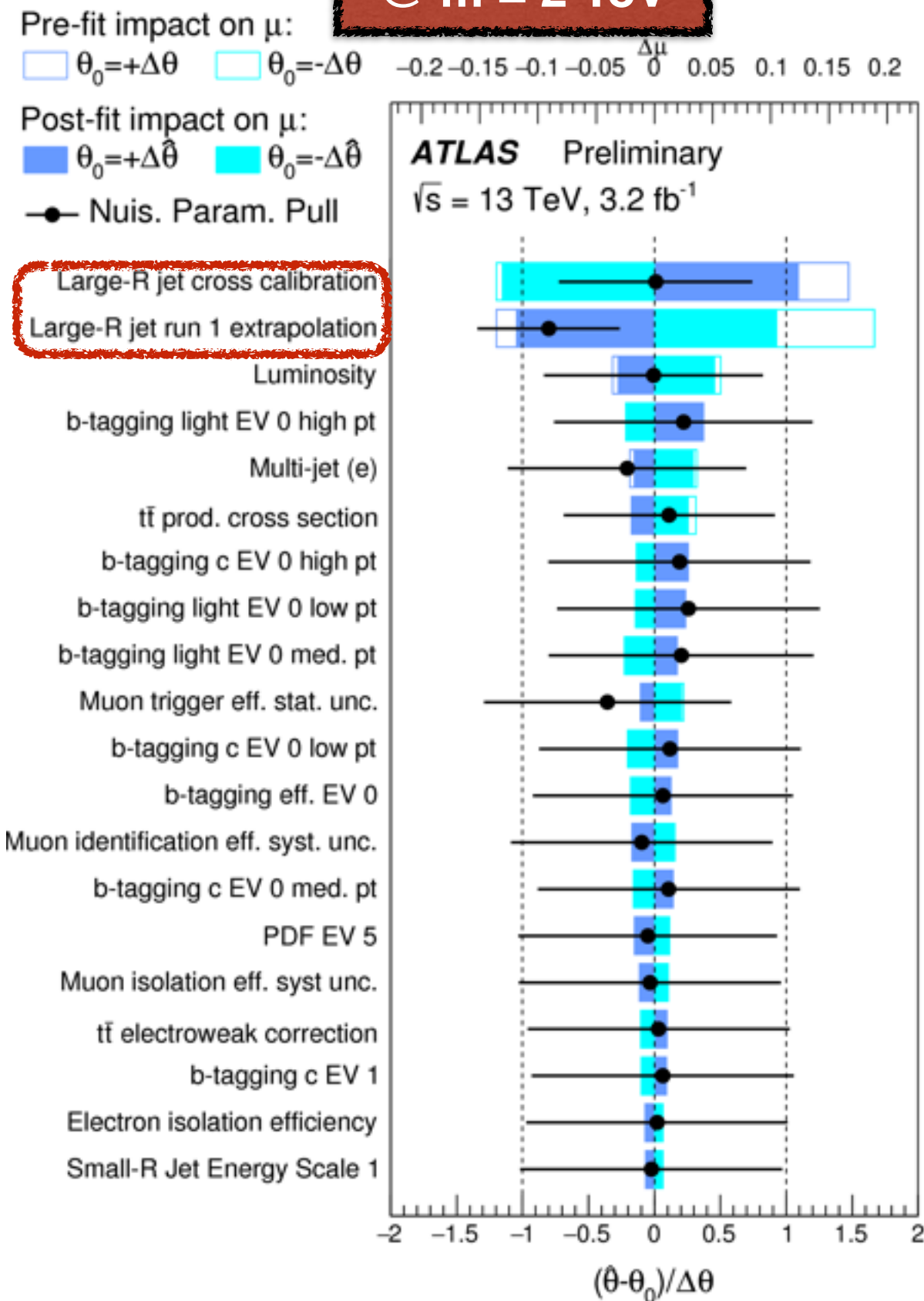


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Systematics and limits for $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

@ $m = 2$ TeV

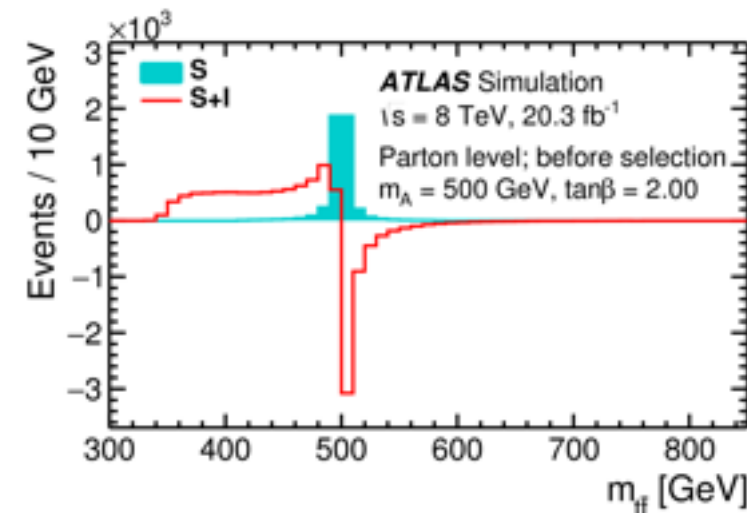
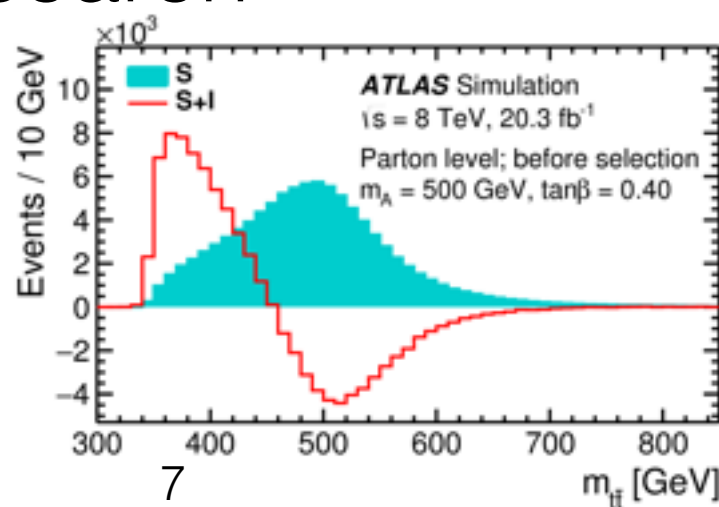
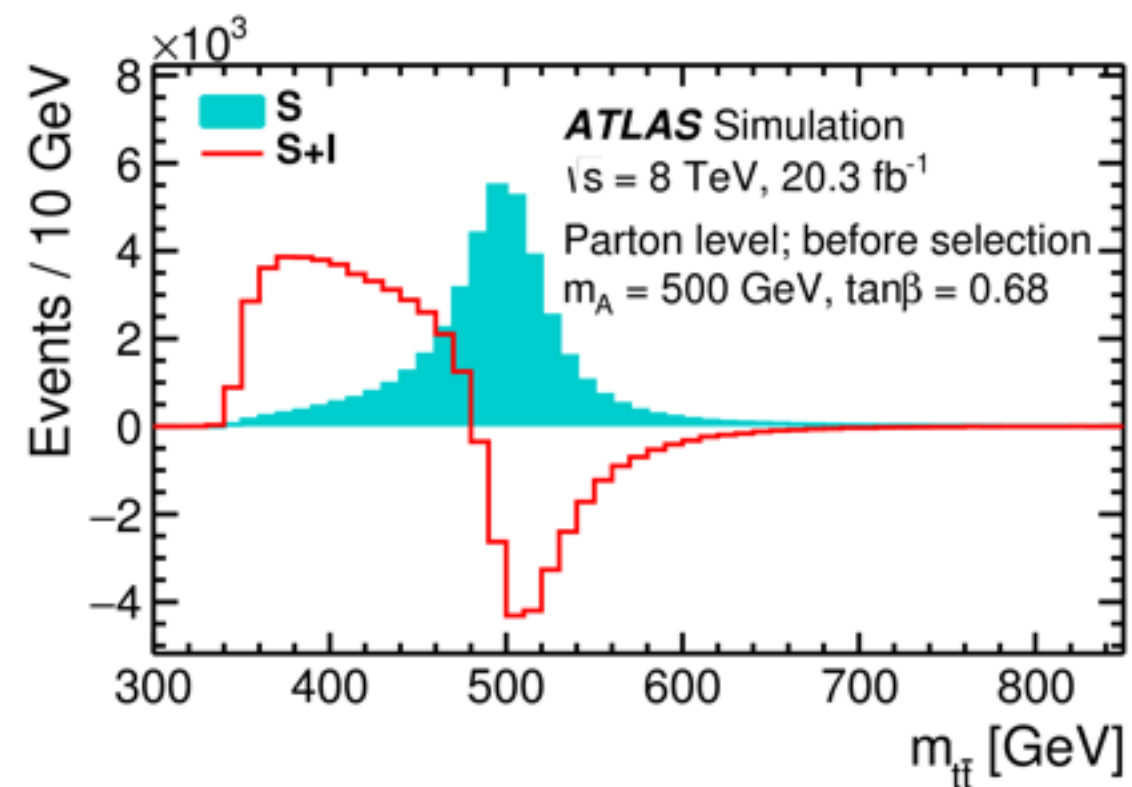
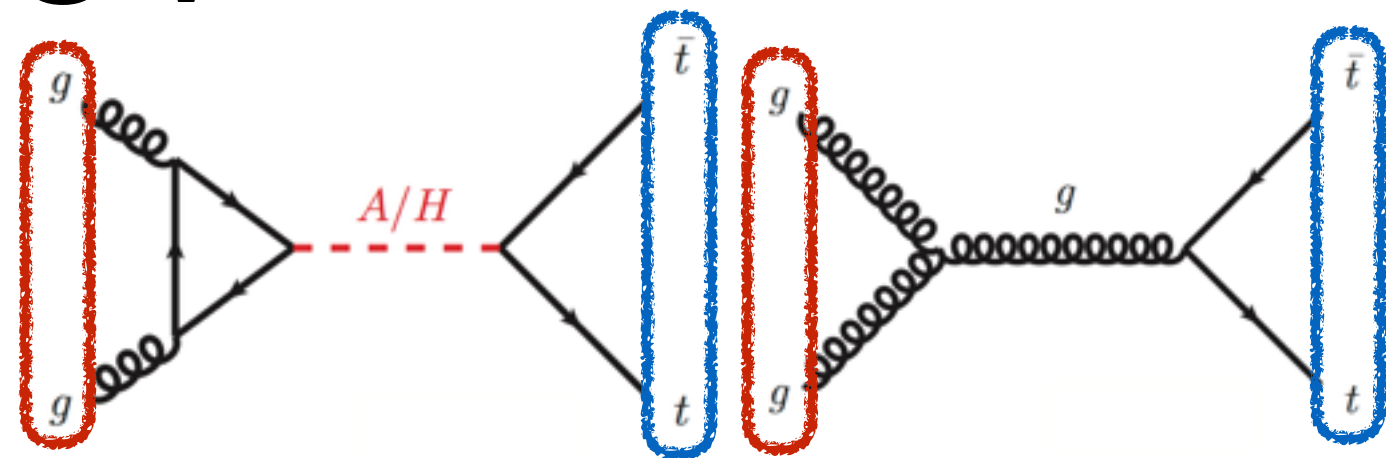


- biggest uncertainties due to large R jet scale uncertainties
- $0.7 < m_{Z'} < 2.0$ TeV excluded at 95% C.L.

$H/A \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ @ 8 TeV

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- 2HDM Type II: heavy pseudo/scalar $A/H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
- Interferes with SM $t\bar{t}$ production (same initial and final states)
- Generate Signal+Interference events using MadGraph5_aMC@NLO
- Reinterpretation of Run 1 search ([JHEP 08 \(2015\) 148](#))

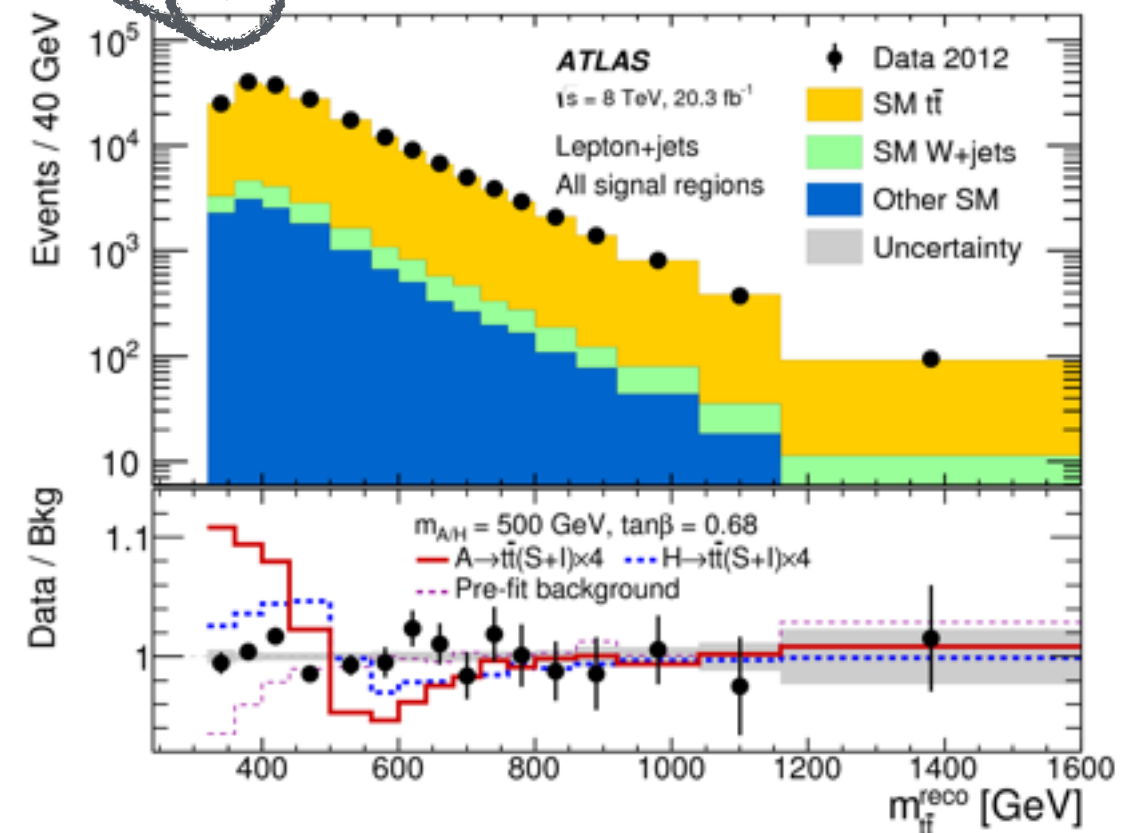
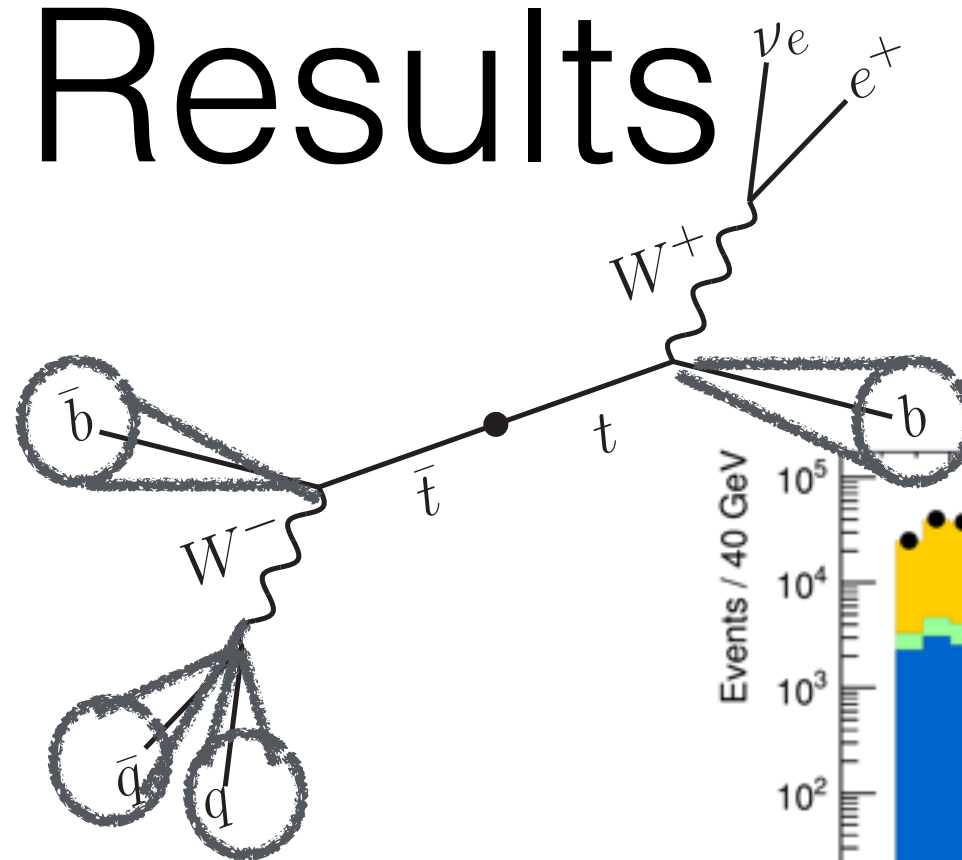


H/A $\rightarrow$ $t\bar{t}$ Results

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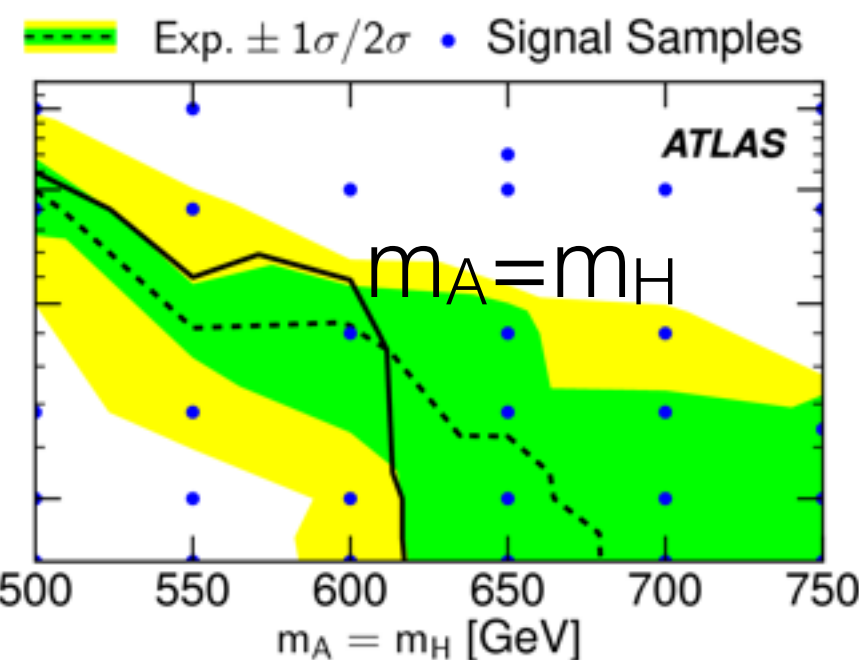
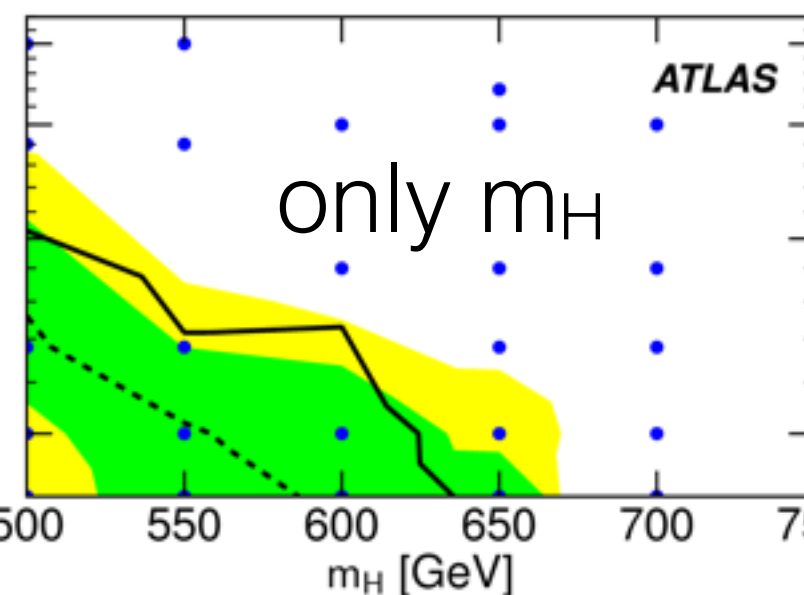
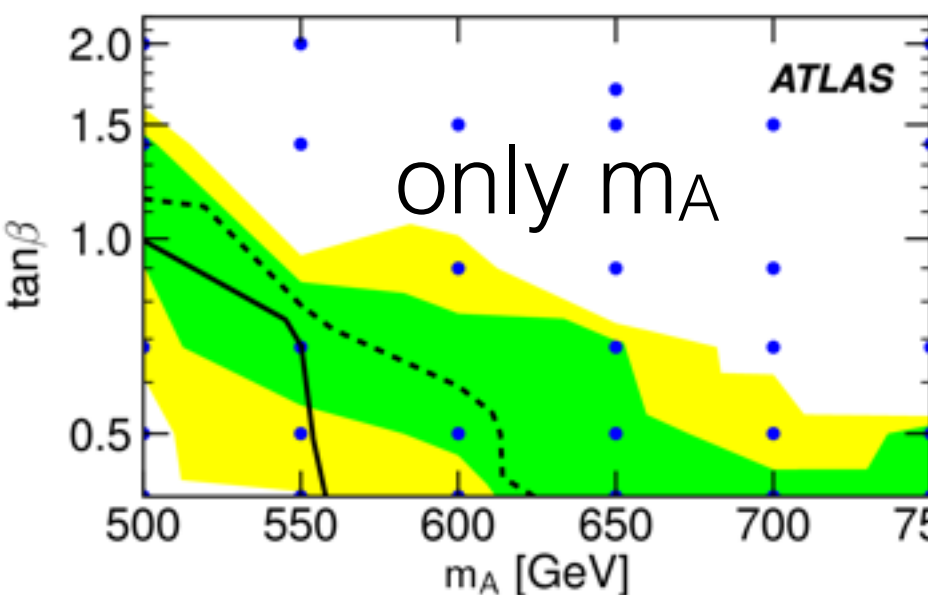
- Resolved selection:

- 1 electron/muon
- at least 4 jets
- at least 1 b-jet
- χ^2 to reconstruct top candidates



No sign of scalar/pseudo scalar
 $\rightarrow$ set limits in 3 scenarios:

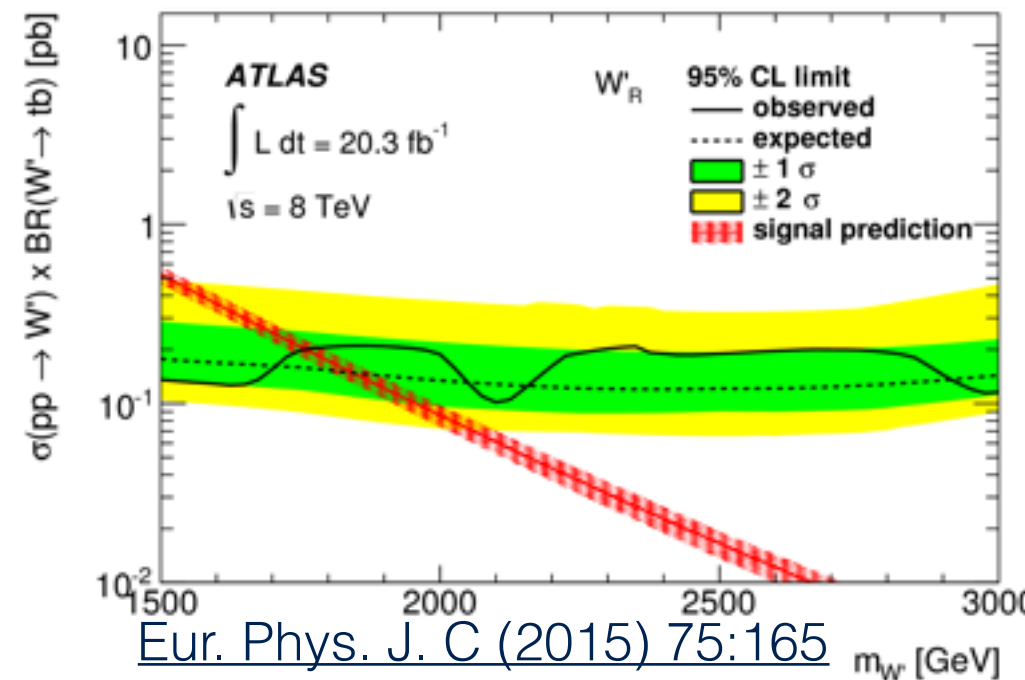
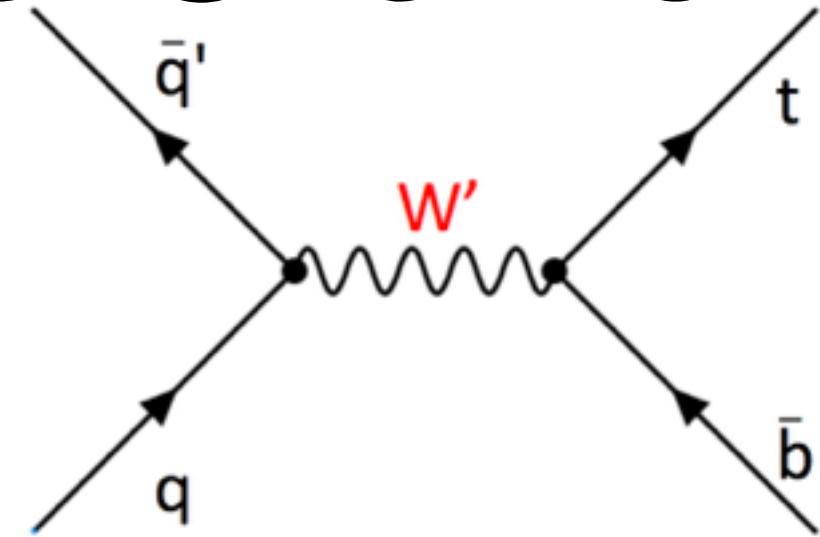
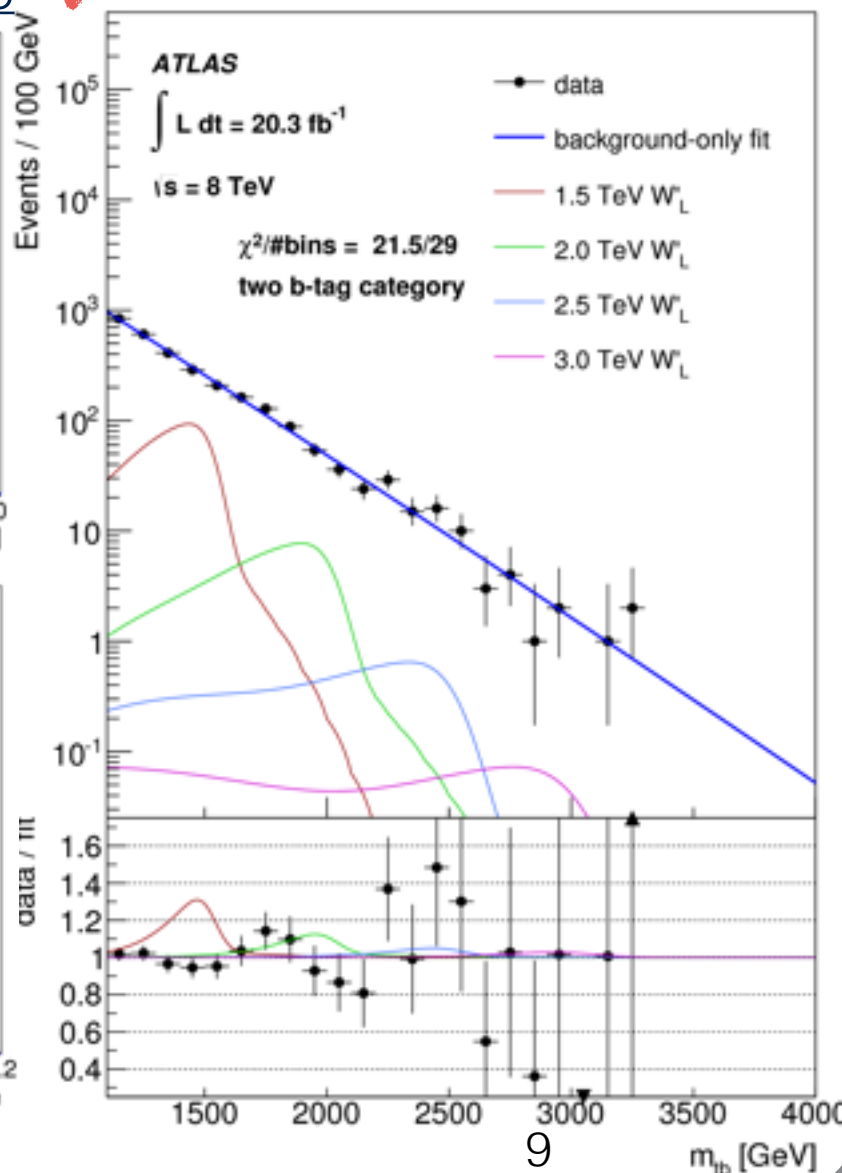
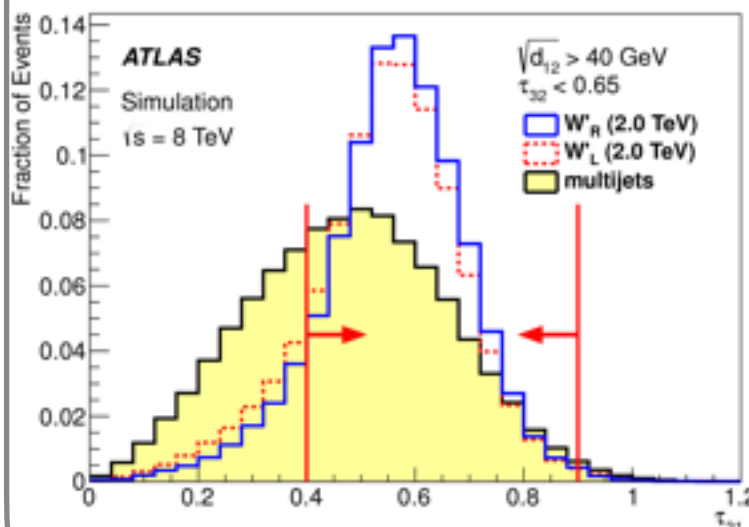
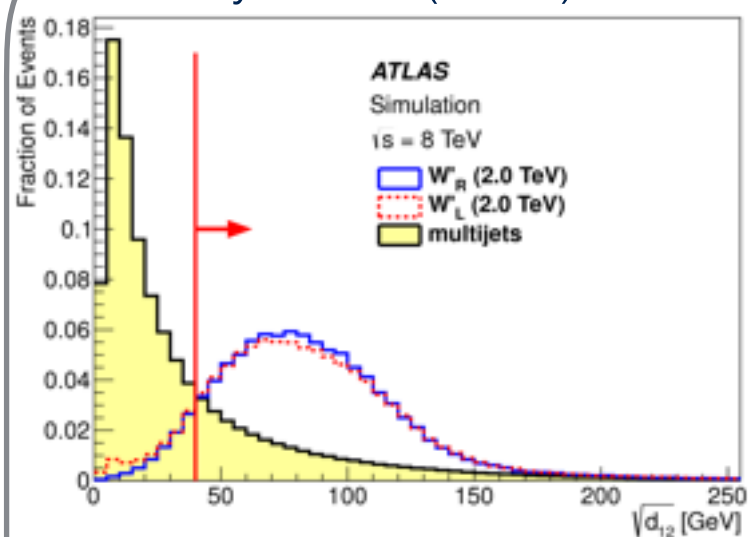
$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, 20.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$, all limits at 95% CL



W' to $t\bar{b}$ resonances @ 8 TeV

- Leptophobic W' to $t\bar{b}$
- Boosted all hadronic with substructure based top tagging
- l+jets

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Exclusion:

$$m_{W'L} < 1.68 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_{W'R} < 1.76 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_{W'L} < 1.7 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_{W'R} < 1.92 \text{ TeV}$$

all hadronic

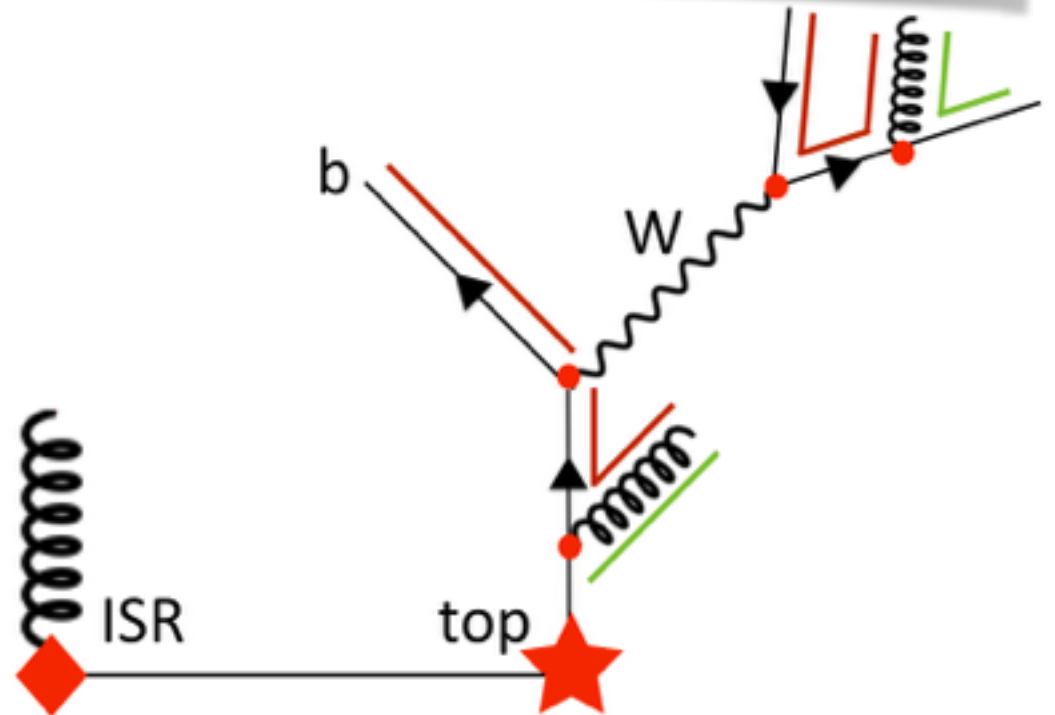
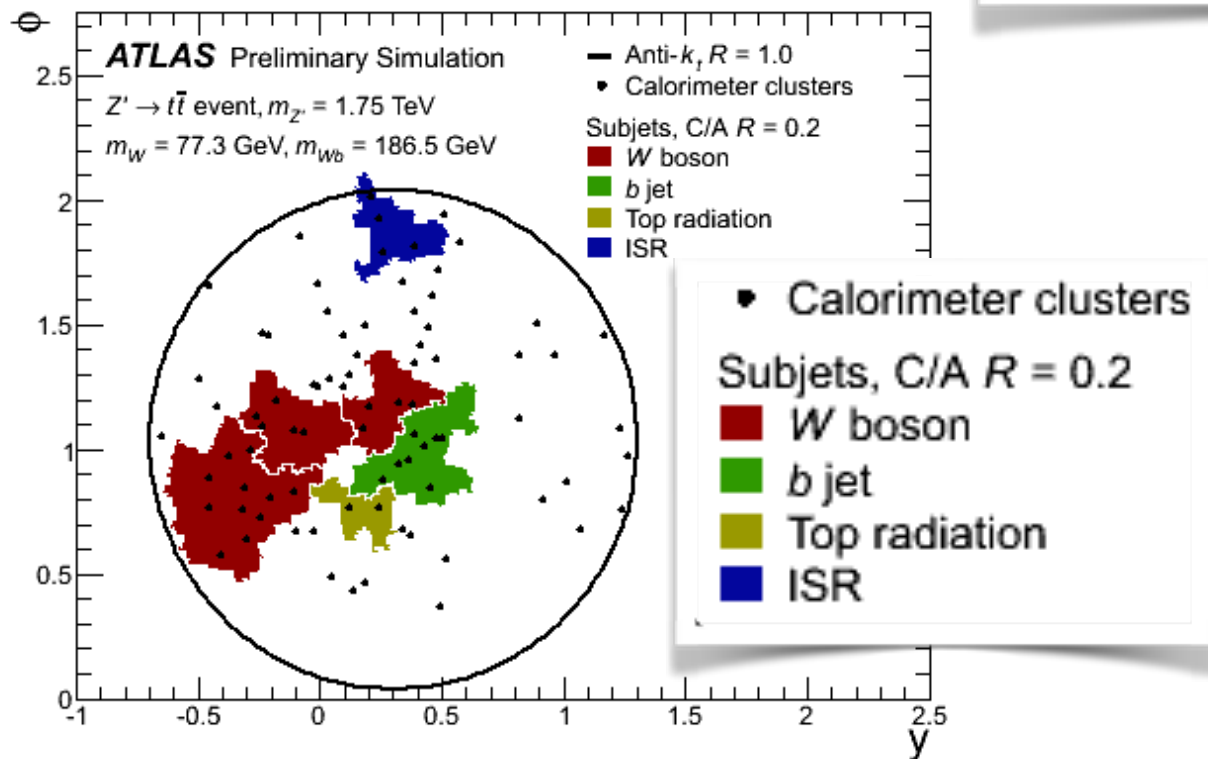
1 lepton

Intermission: Shower deconstruction

Phys. Rev. D 84 (2011) 074002, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013) 054012

- Make subjets from large R jets
 - Assume each subjet comes from a certain particle
 - Calculate probability of particle-subjet association using QCD principles
 - Repeat for all possibilities and with signal* and background hypothesis
 - Single analytic function:
- $$\chi_{\text{SD}}(\{p_i^k\}) = \frac{\sum_{\text{perm}} P(\{p_i^k\} | \text{top-quark jet})}{\sum_{\text{perm}} P(\{p_i^k\} | \text{gluon/light-quark jet})}$$

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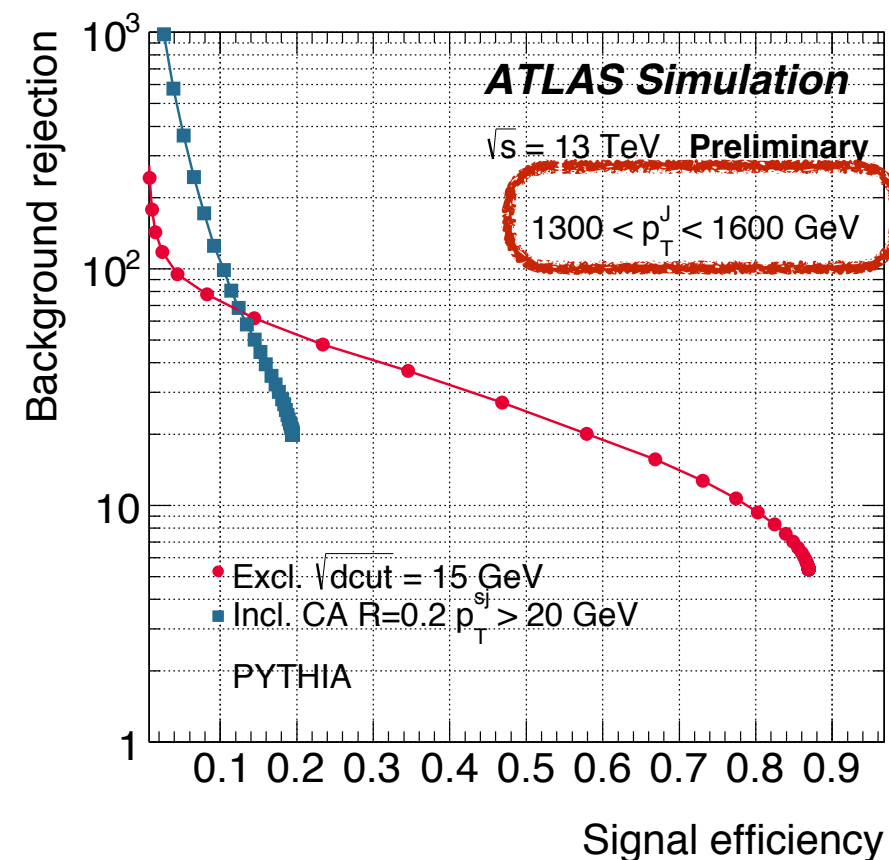
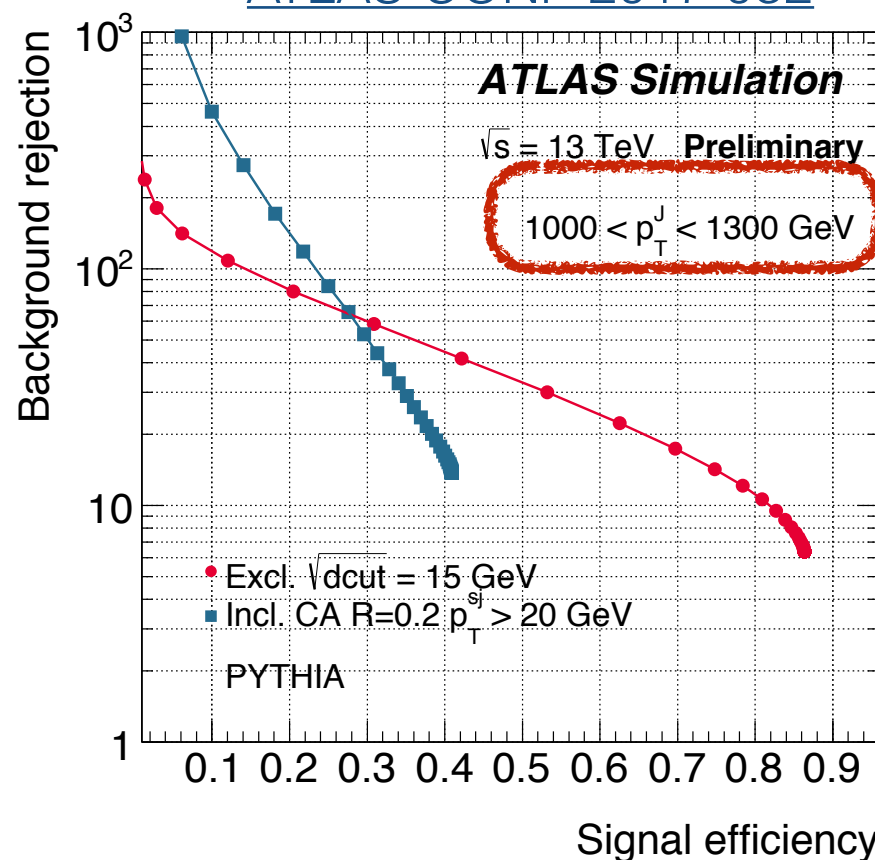
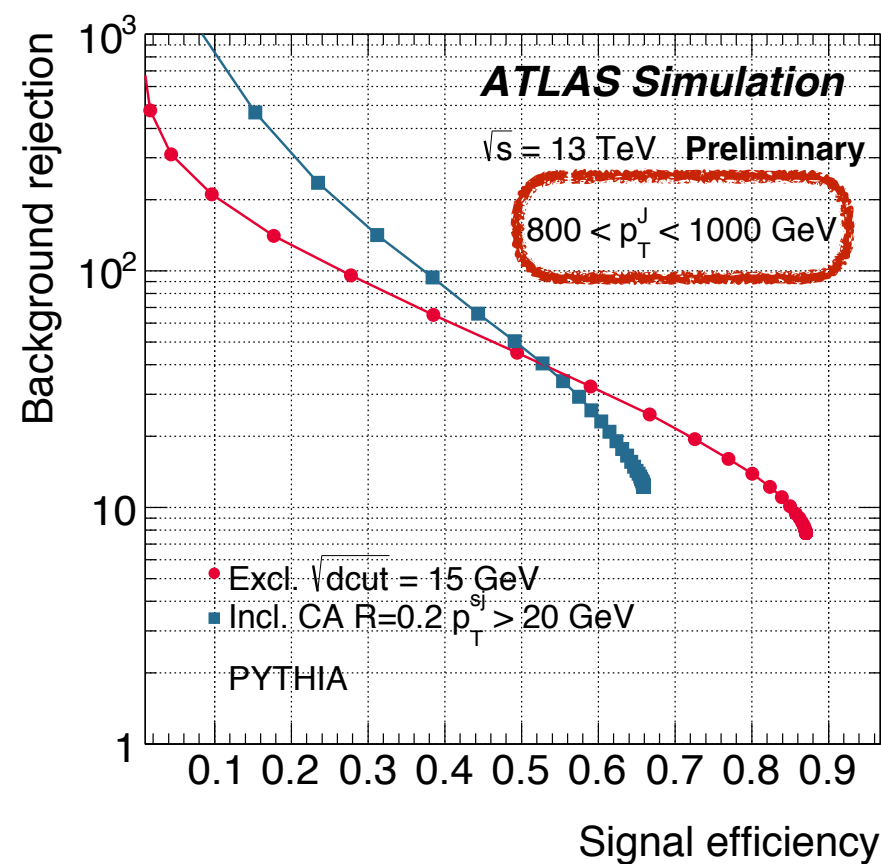


SD Update for high p_T

NEW!

- So far used SD with C/A $R=0.2$ subjets, good proxies for partons with $\Delta R > 0.2$
- SD needs $n_{\text{subjet}} \geq 3$ to work (i.e. for three top decay partons)

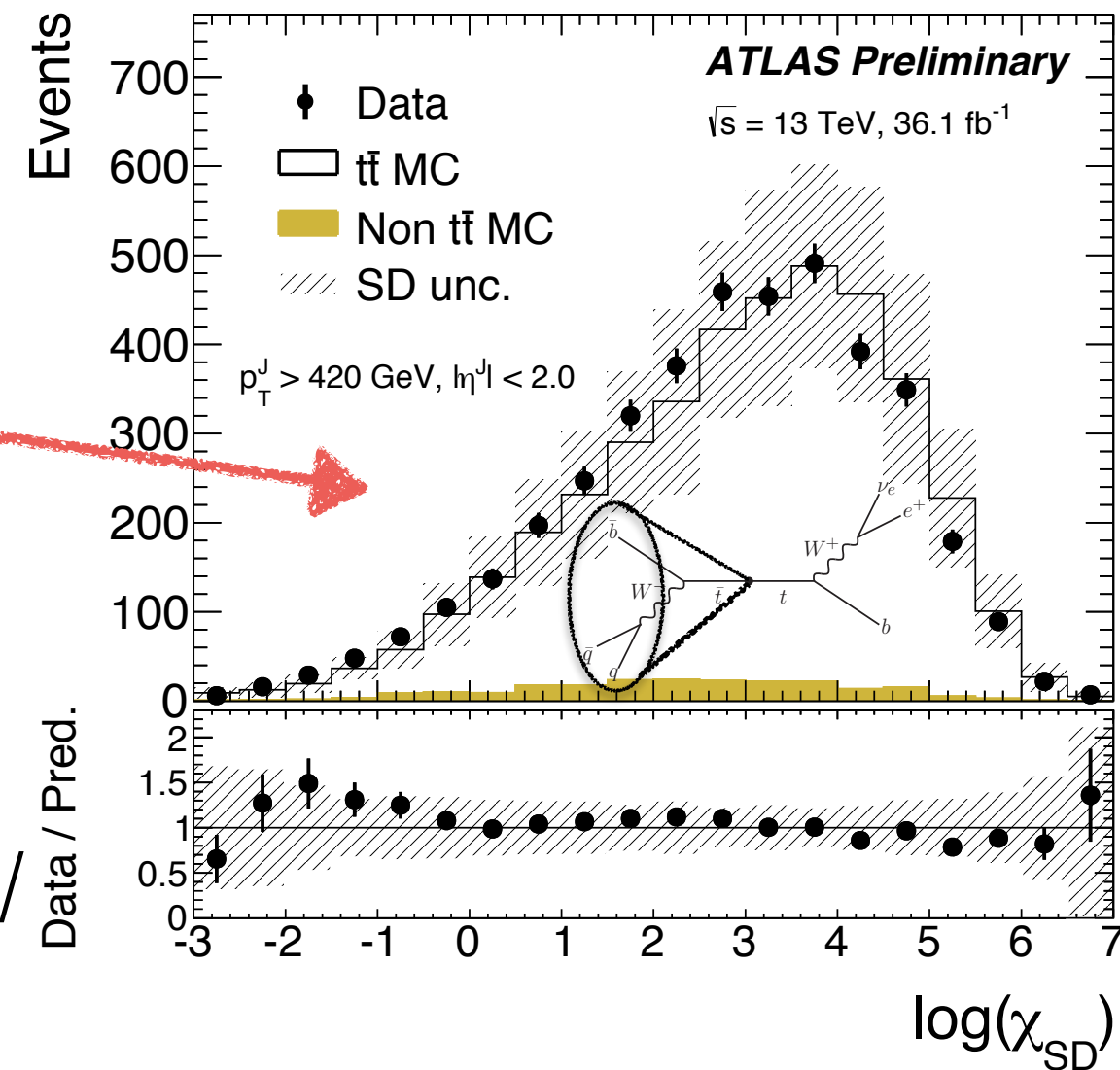
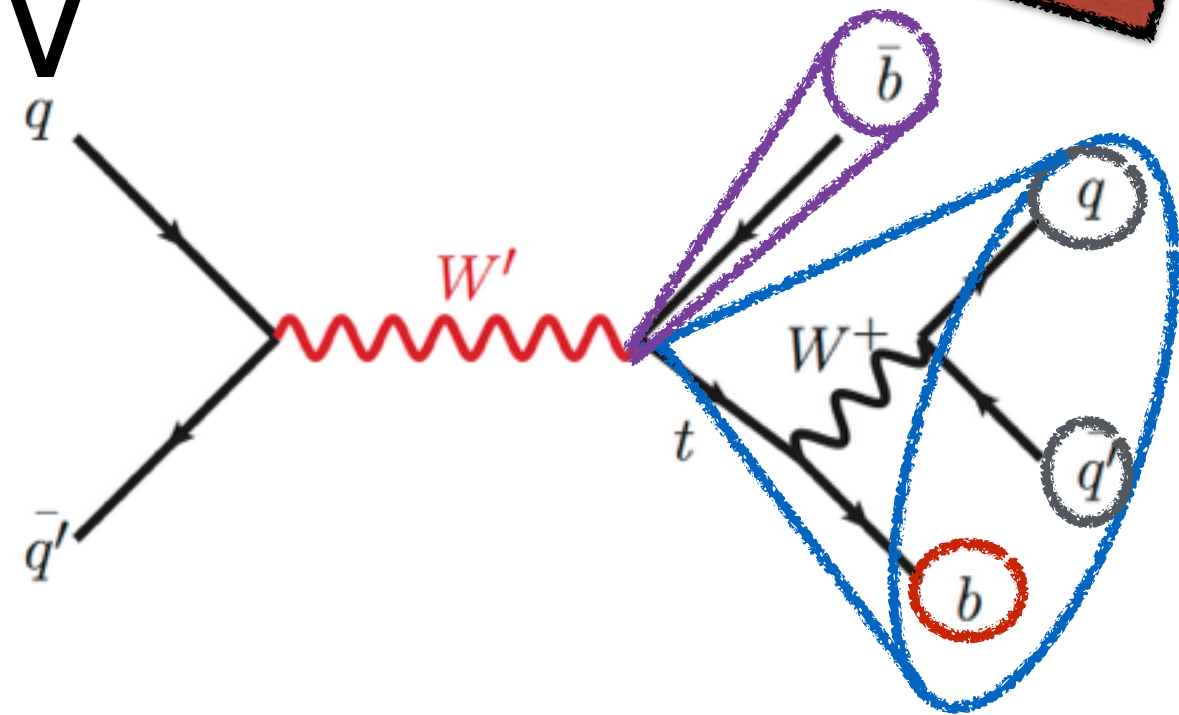
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- New: At large p_T use exclusively k_T^* clustered jets
- Provides more $n_{\text{subjet}} \geq 3$ large input jets to SD
 $\rightarrow$ Larger efficiency at high p_T .

W' to $t\bar{b}$ @ 13 TeV

- Trigger: 1 small-R jet, $p_T > 420$ GeV
- Large-R jets: trimmed anti- k_t $R=1.0$ jet, $p_T > 420$ GeV
- Pick **large-R jet** with highest $m_{\text{leading small-R}}; \Delta R < 1.0 + 0.15 m_{\text{large-R}}$
- Top tag via *Shower Deconstruction*
 - eff = 50% $\rightarrow$ rejection = 80
 - eff = 80% $\rightarrow$ rejection = 25
 - Test SD in lep+jet tt events
- b-tagging: 77% eff., MVA-based
- **b-jet candidate** = highest p_T small-R jet, $\Delta R > 2.0$ from large-R
- Split in **1 and 0 “b-tag-in”**, i.e. within/not within $\Delta R=1.0$ of top jet



QCD Estimate

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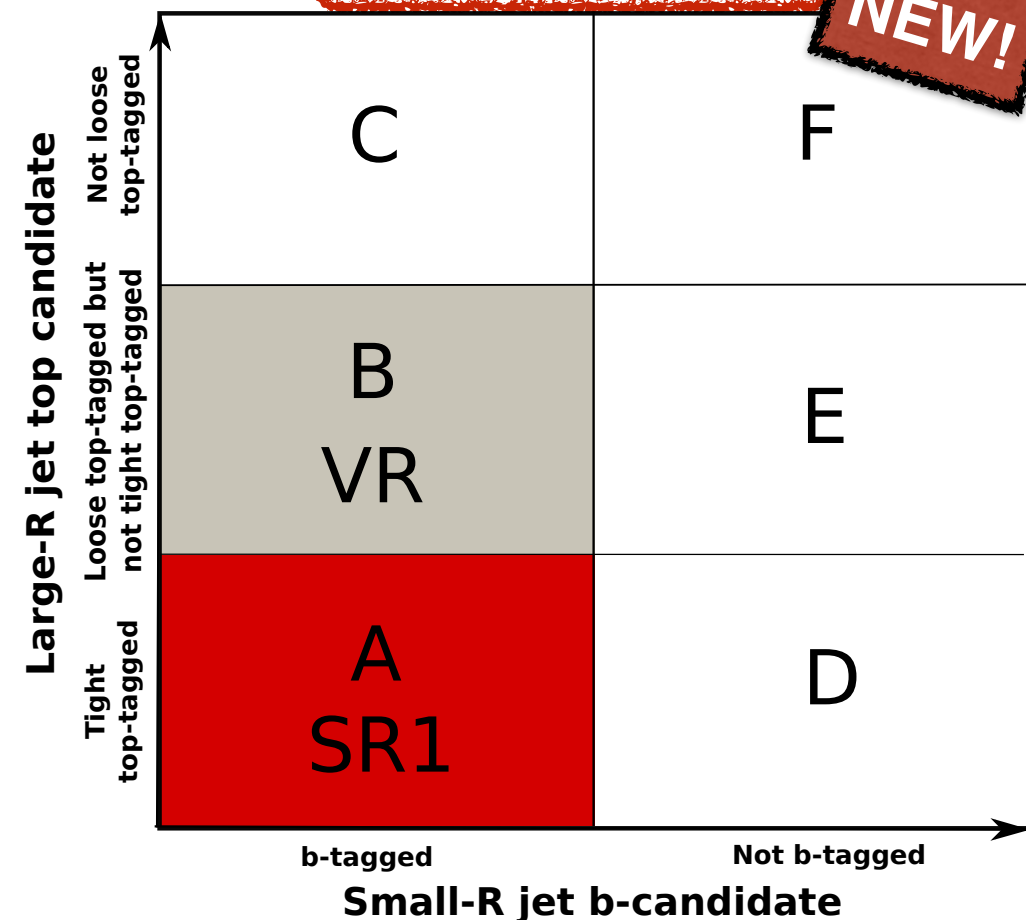
0 b-tag in category

NEW!

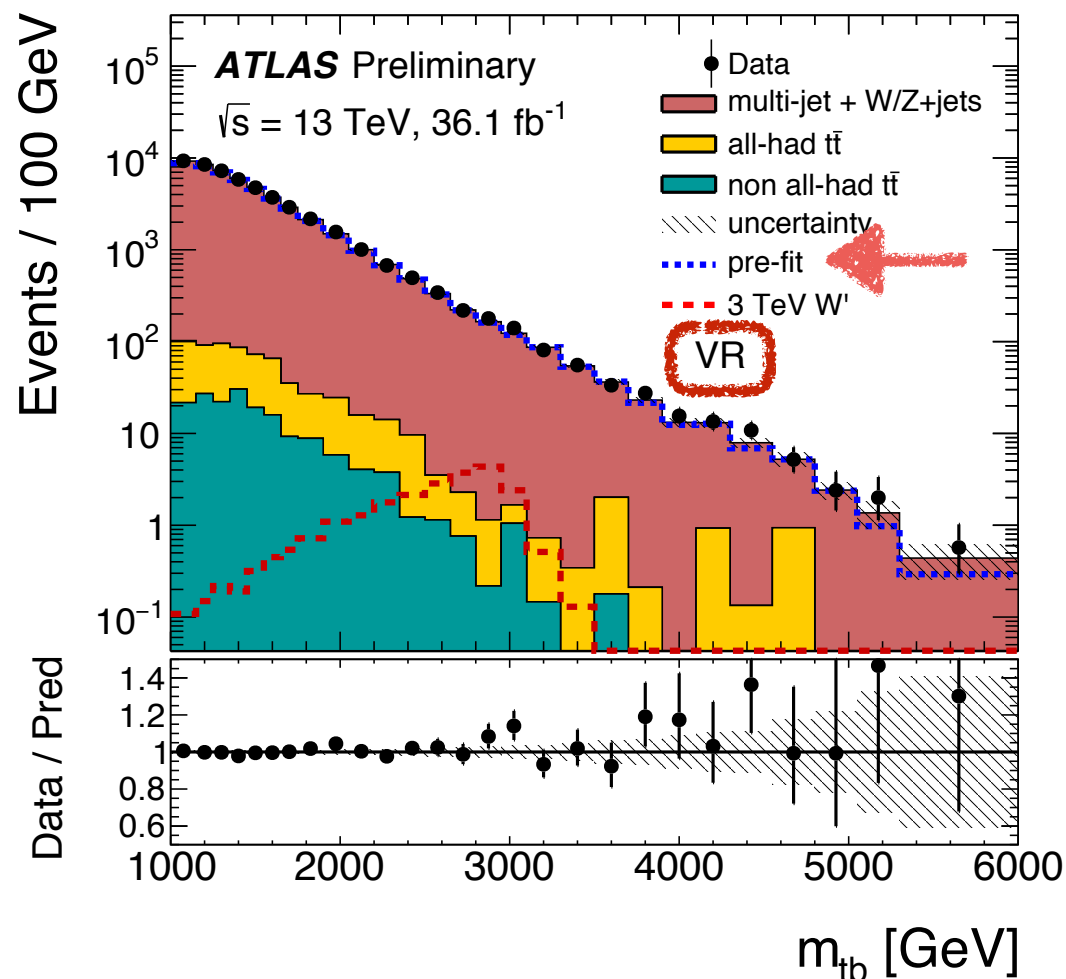
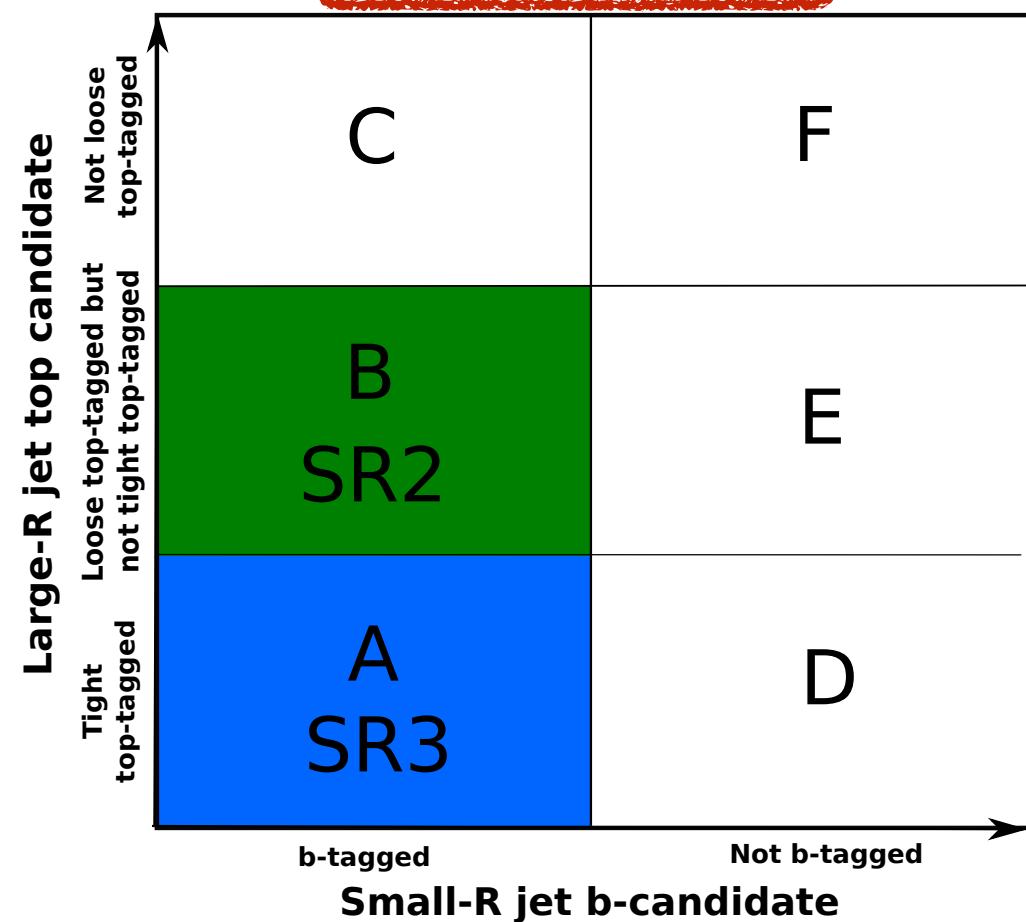
- Estimate QCD multijet (and a few V+jet) events from $t\bar{t}$ subtracted data in control regions:

$$N_A^{\text{bkg}} = R_A^{\text{corr}} \cdot \frac{(N_C^{\text{data}} - N_C^{t\bar{t}}) \cdot (N_D^{\text{data}} - N_D^{t\bar{t}})}{N_F^{\text{data}} - N_F^{t\bar{t}}}$$

- Correlation of top- and b-tagging from PYTHIA, uncertainties from 4 alternative multijet samples



1 b-tag in category

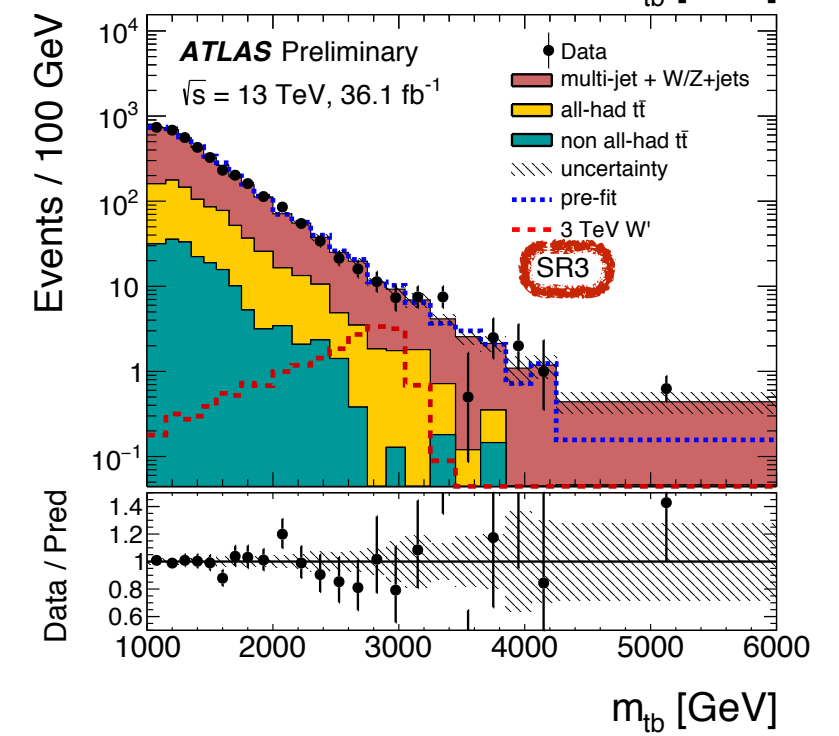
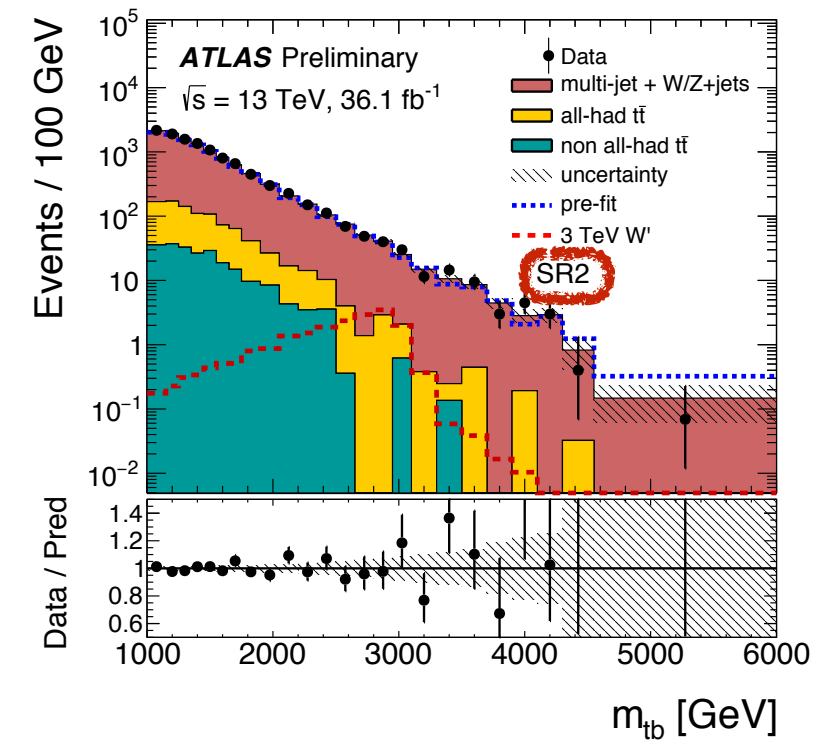
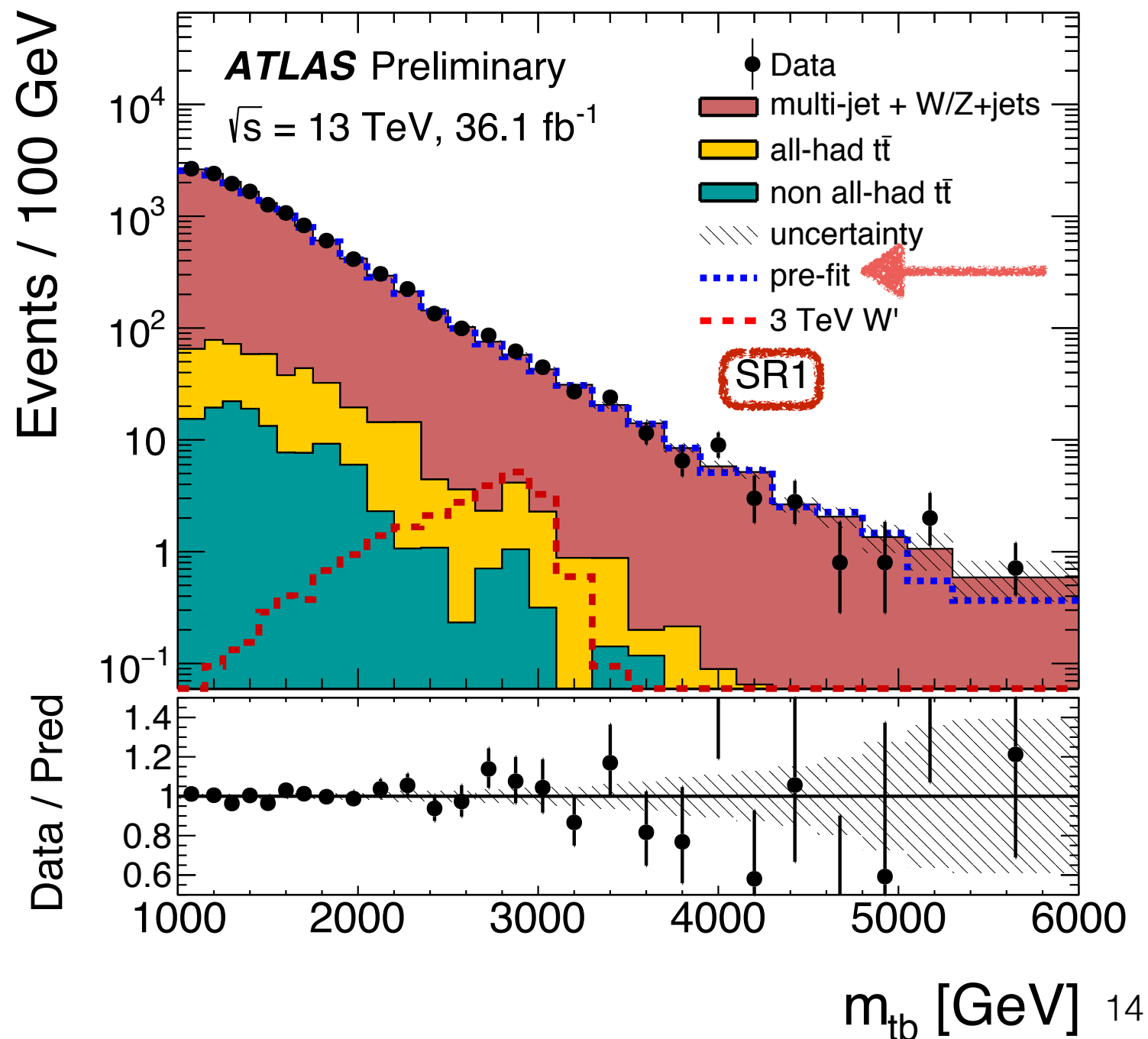


Uncertainties and fit to data

NEW!

- Profile LLH fit to data
- Systematic uncertainties are constraint
- Main uncertainties: QCD-estimate and b-tagging, statistically dominated for $m_{tb} > 2$ TeV

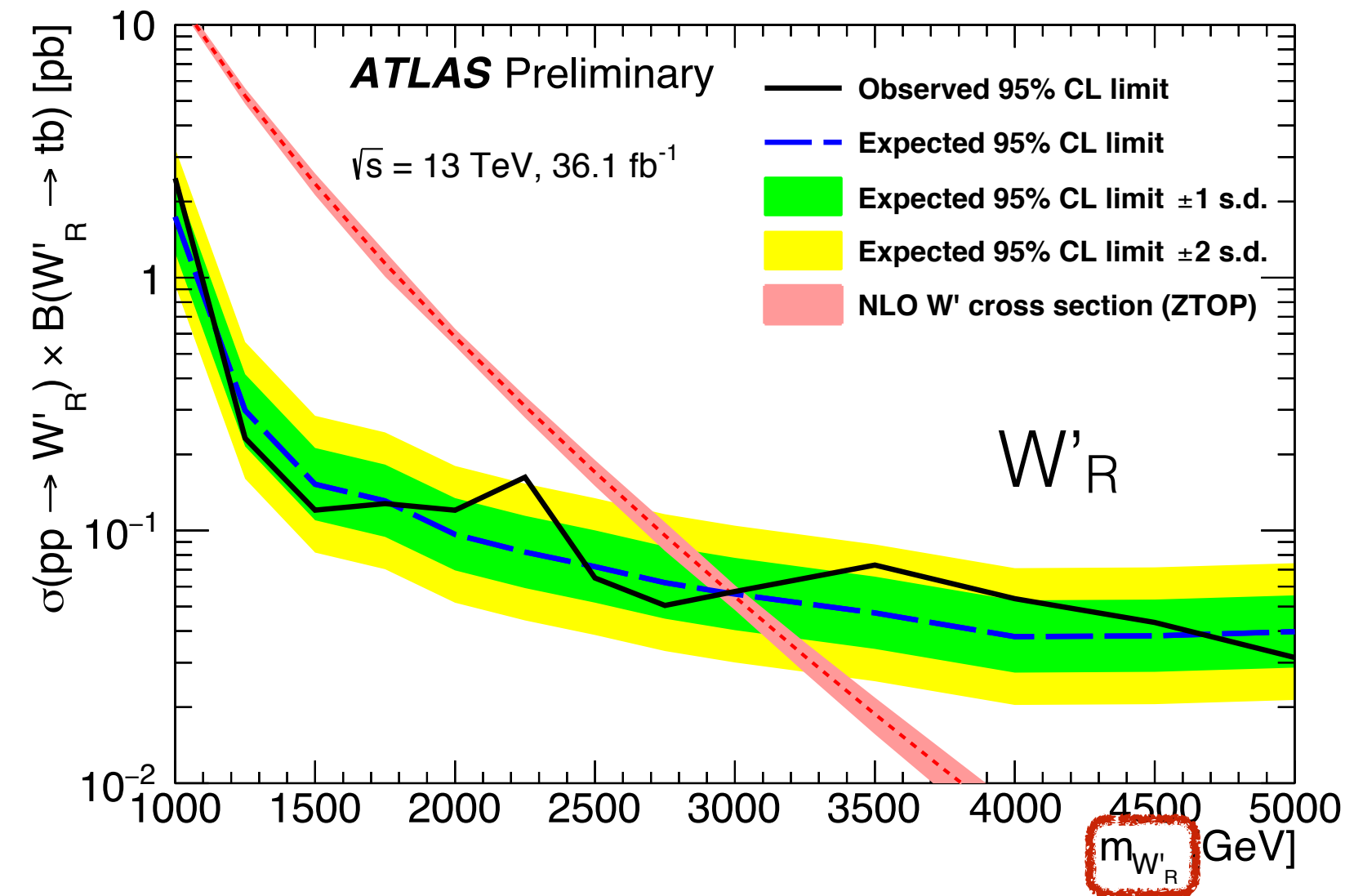
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Limits on $W' \rightarrow t\bar{b}$

NEW!

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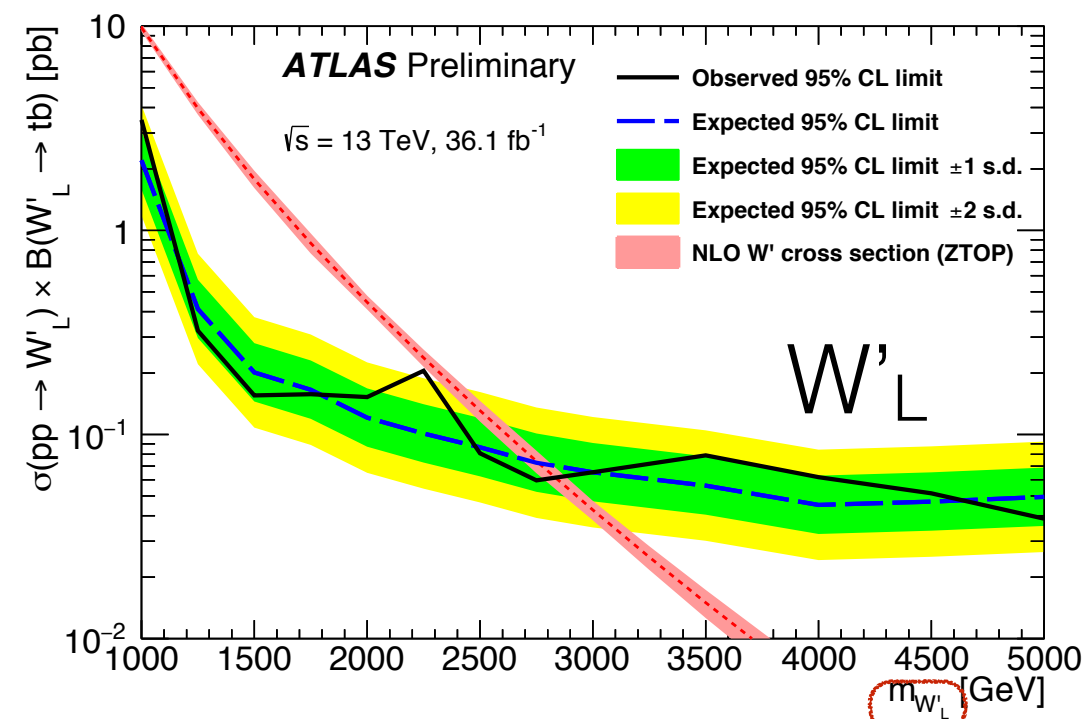
- Observed 95% CL limits, exclude:

- $m_{W'_L} < 2.95 \text{ TeV},$
- $m_{W'_R} < 2.98 \text{ TeV}$

Reminders:

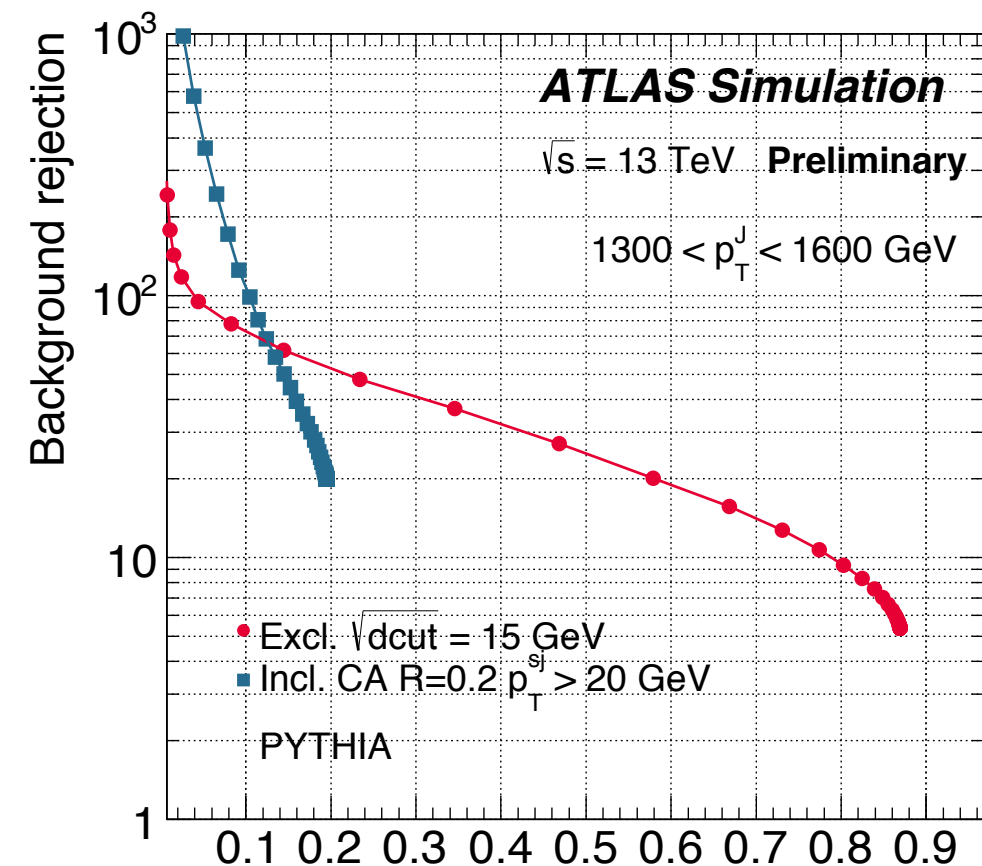
- Best Run 1 $W' \rightarrow t\bar{b}$ limit was just below 2 TeV!
- $W' \rightarrow e/\mu\nu$ @ 5 TeV, but not sensitive to W'_R

[arXiv:1706.04786 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.04786)



Conclusions

- No sign of new heavy resonances decaying to top quarks
- Leptophobic Z' excluded up to 2 TeV with a subset of the Run2 data
- Inclusion of interference effects in search for scalar
- Significant improvement of limit on W' mass compared to Run 1
- More data and improved analysis strategies will push the limits further and will hopefully reveal signs of new physics!





Sequential jet clustering algorithms

- Use clusters of calorimeter energy as input “particles” (also tracks or truth particles can be used)

- Distance:

$$d_{ij} = \min(p_{Ti}^{2p}, p_{Tj}^{2p}) \Delta R_{ij}^2 / R^2$$

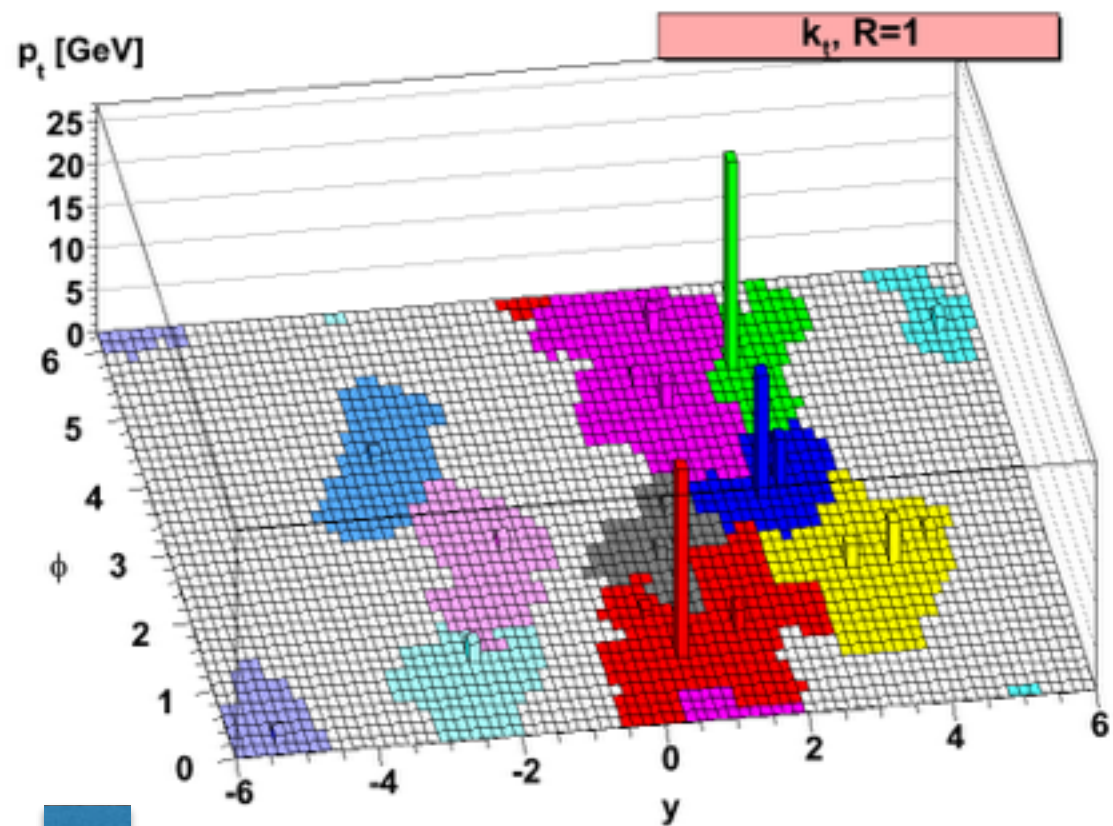
- algo:

find pair with smallest d_{ij}
if $d_{ij} > d_{iB} = p_{Ti}^{2p} \rightarrow i$ is already a jet, remove it
else $\rightarrow$ merge i, j
repeat until all particles are clustered into a jet

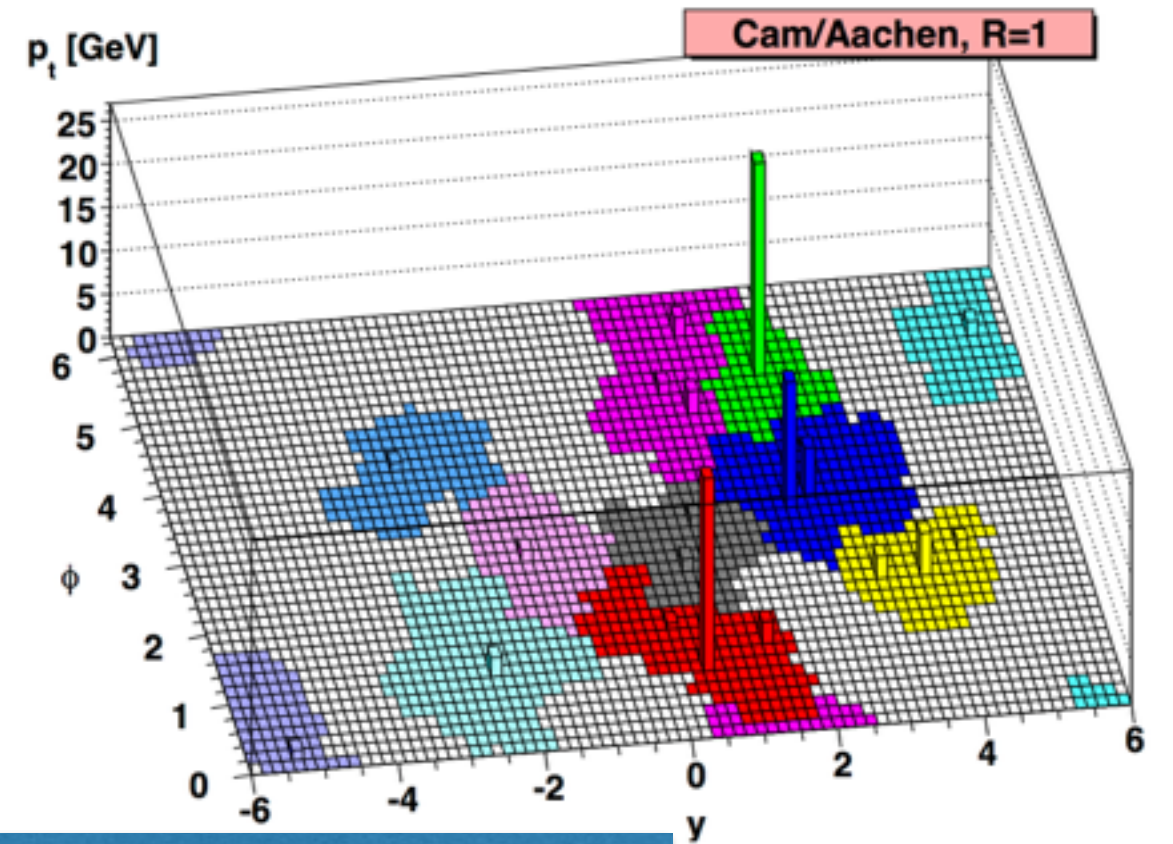
- parameters:

- R : geometrical separation, “radius parameter”, not a radius!
- p : energy vs geometry, $2=k_t$; $0=C/A$; $-2=\text{anti-}k_t$





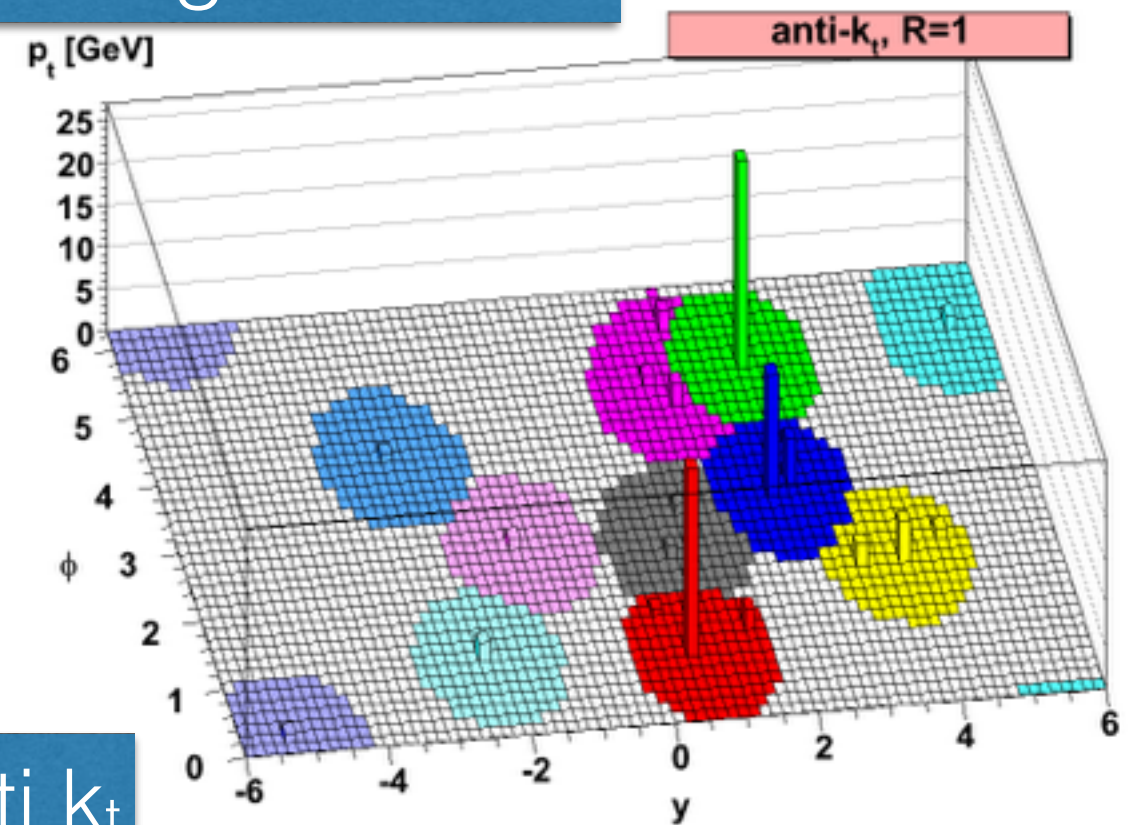
k_t



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Take home message:

k_t = soft first
 C/A = closest first
 $anti\ k_t$ = hard first

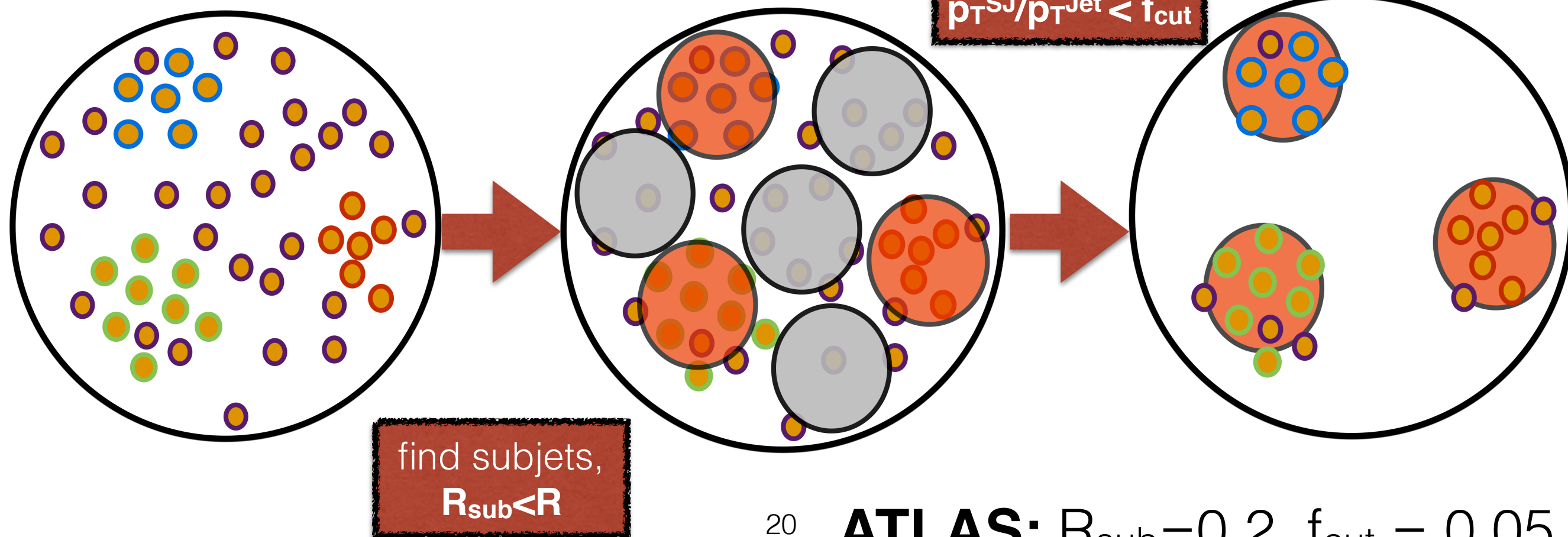
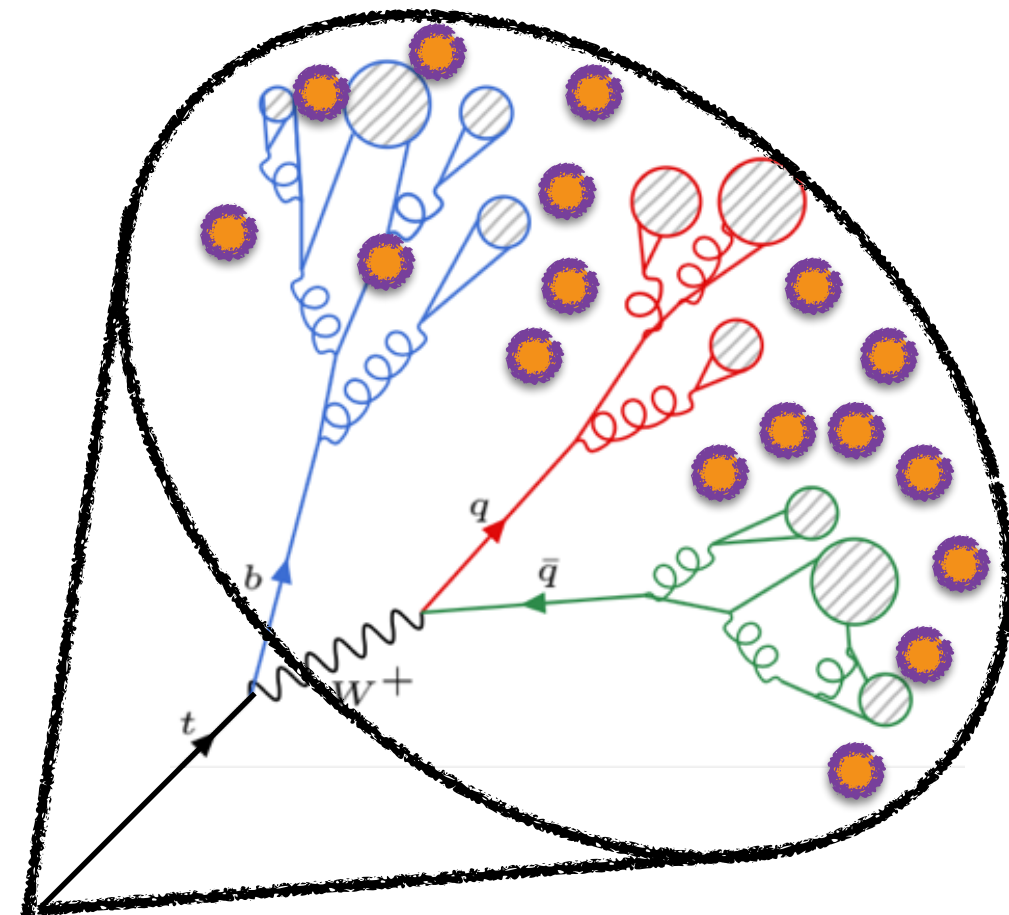


$anti\ k_t$

Trimming

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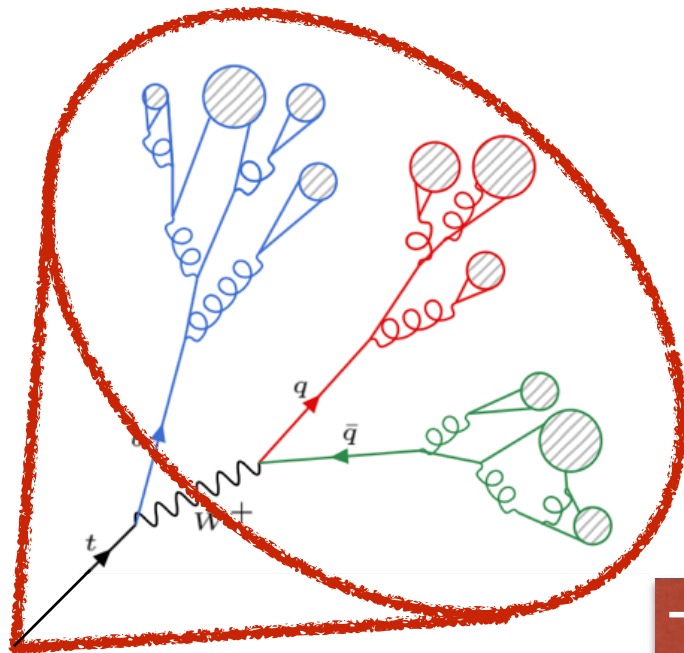
- **pile up**
—> large R jets pick up more “junk”
- **“grooming” algorithms**
—> clean the large R jet
- one example, **“trimming”**:



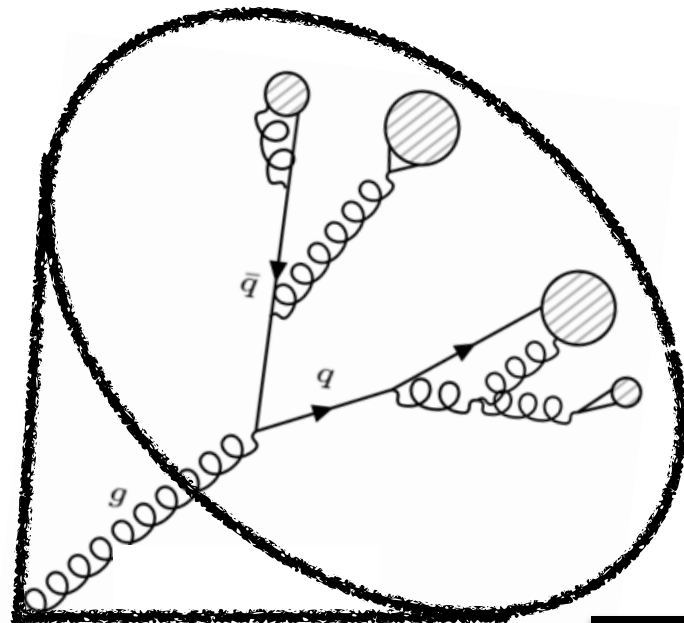
Jet mass

$$m_{jet}^2 = \left(\sum_i E_i \right)^2 - \left(\sum_i p_i \right)^2$$

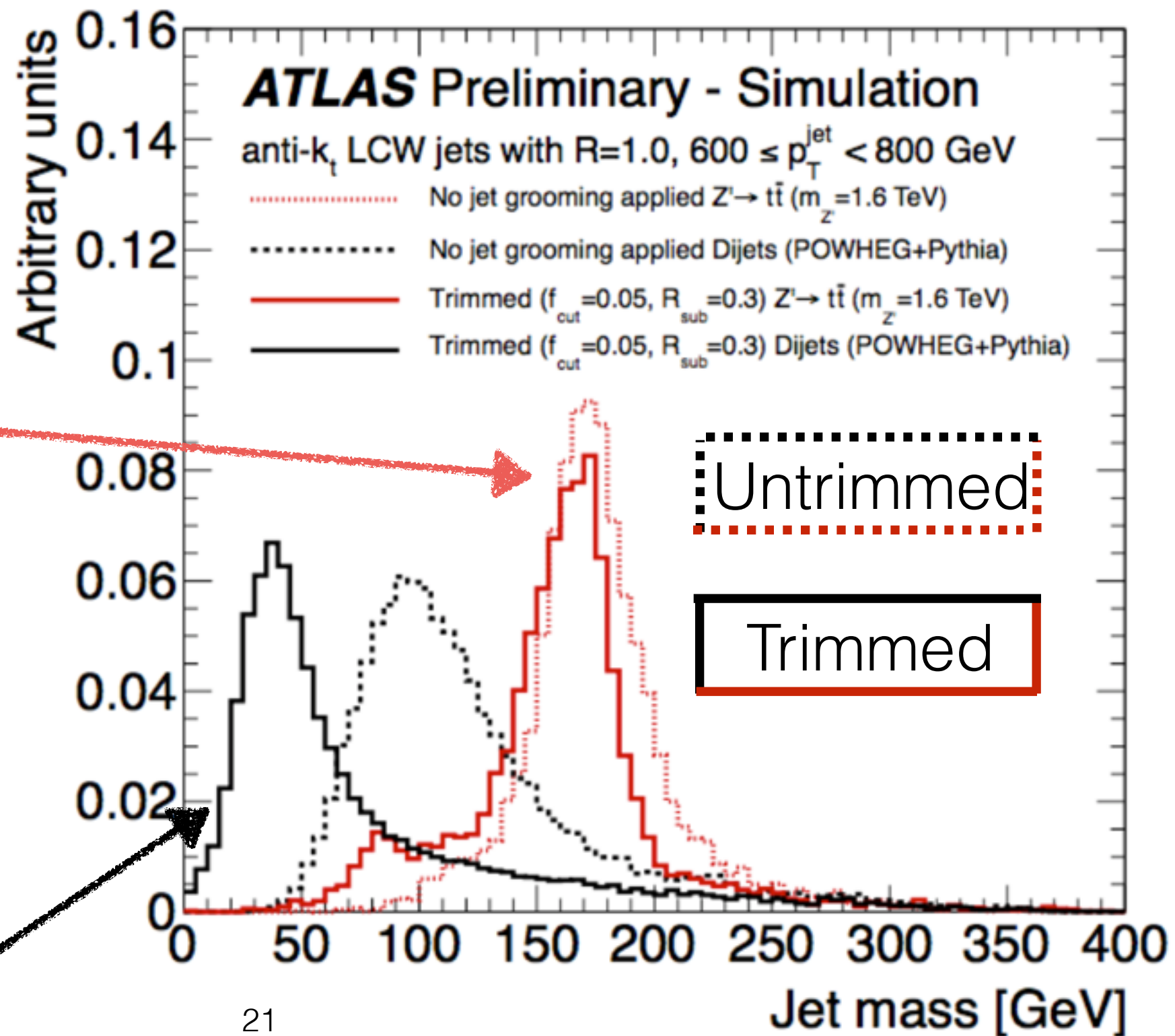
$i = \text{all cluster}$



Top

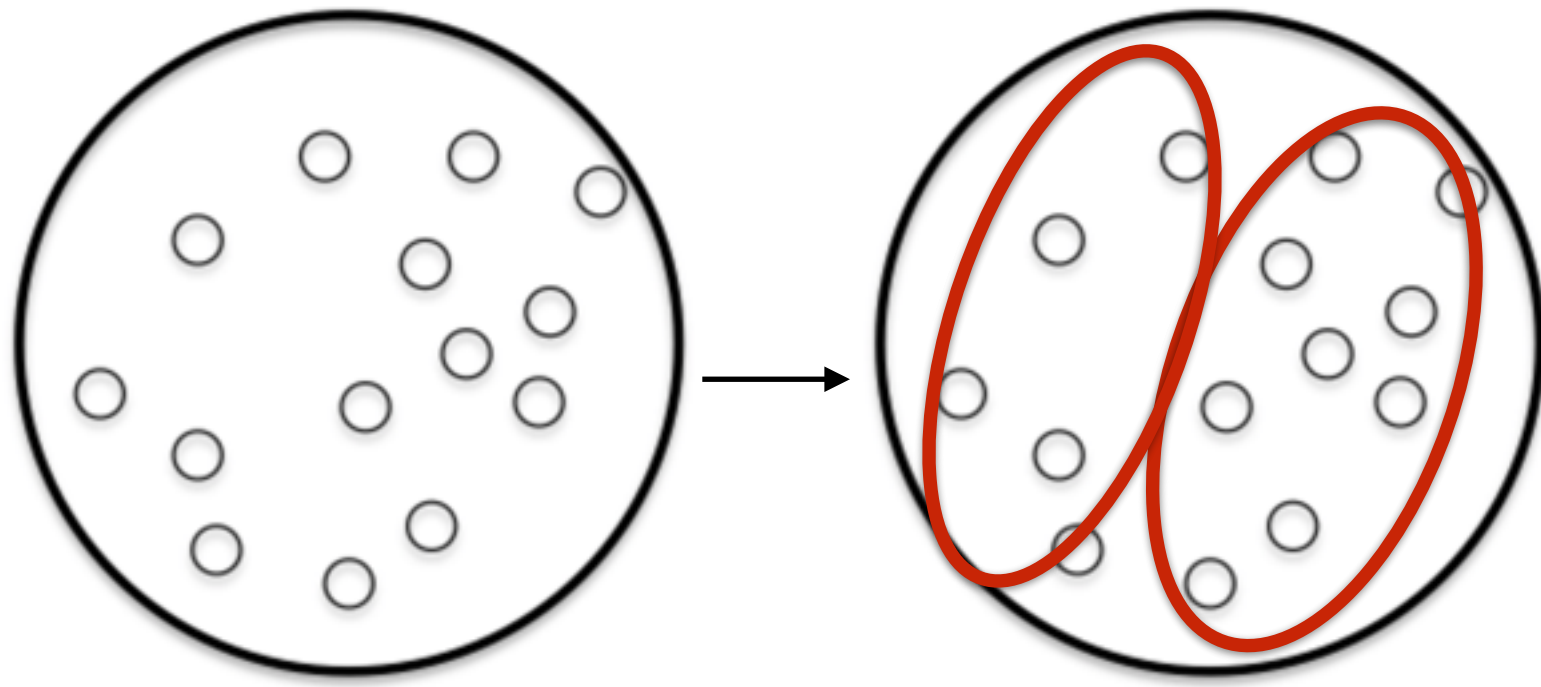


QCD



k_T splitting scales

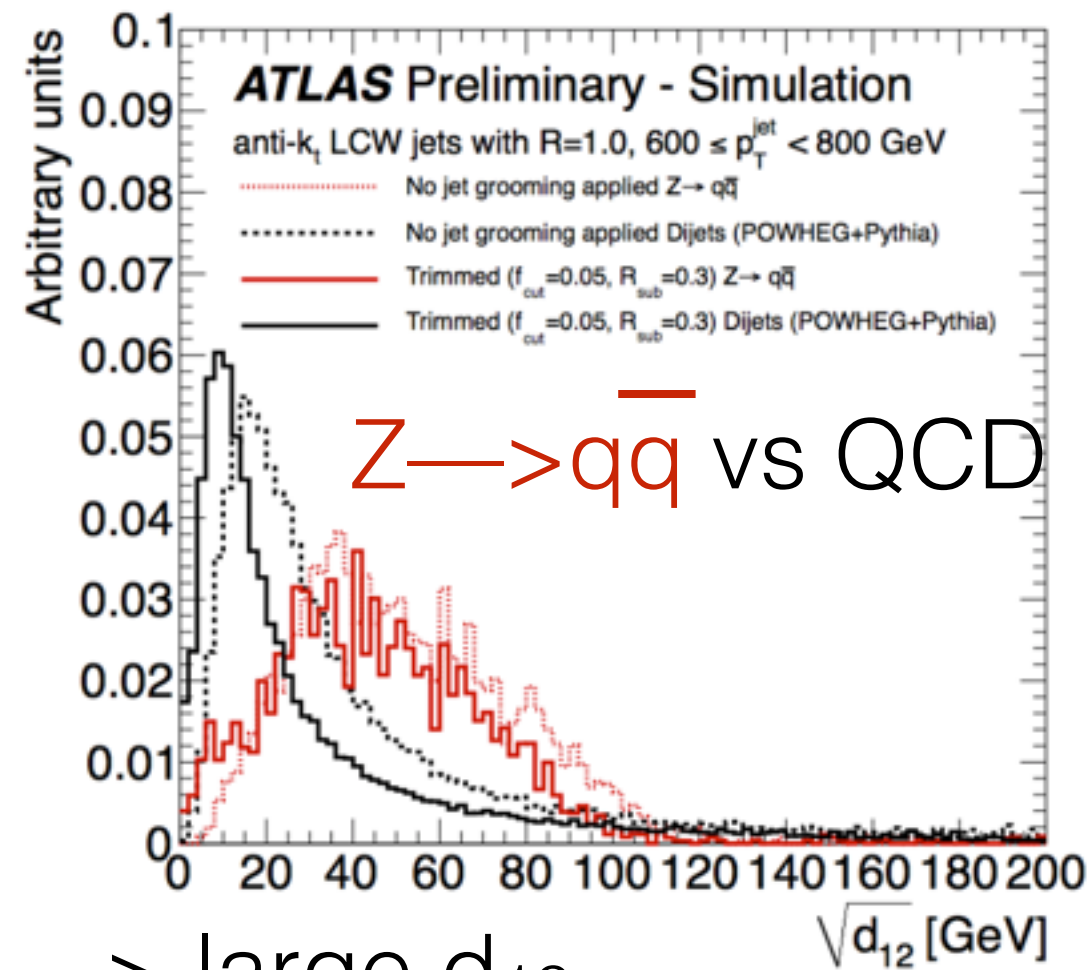
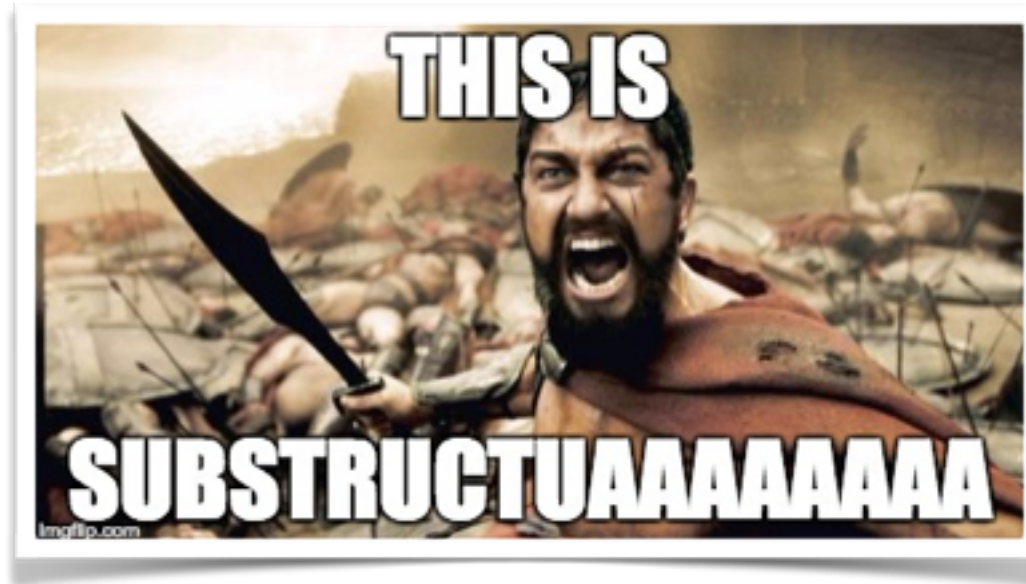
go back one step in the k_T clustering



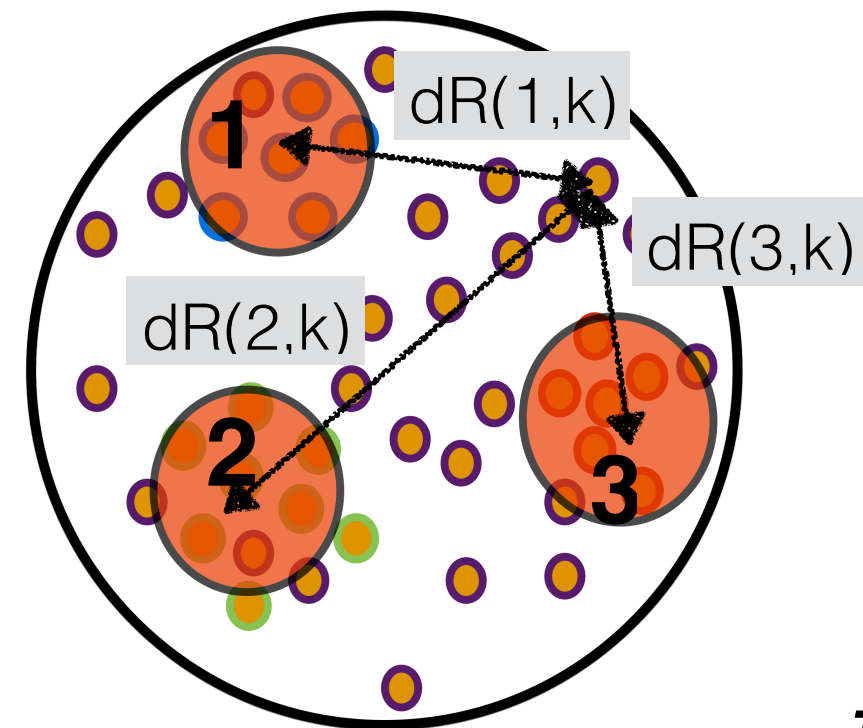
$$d_{12} = \min(p_{T,1}, p_{T,2}) \Delta R_{12}$$

Example: $Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$:

- symmetric two-body decay:
both subjets apart and of similar $p_T \rightarrow$ large d_{12}
- For top decay: go back one more step: d_{23}



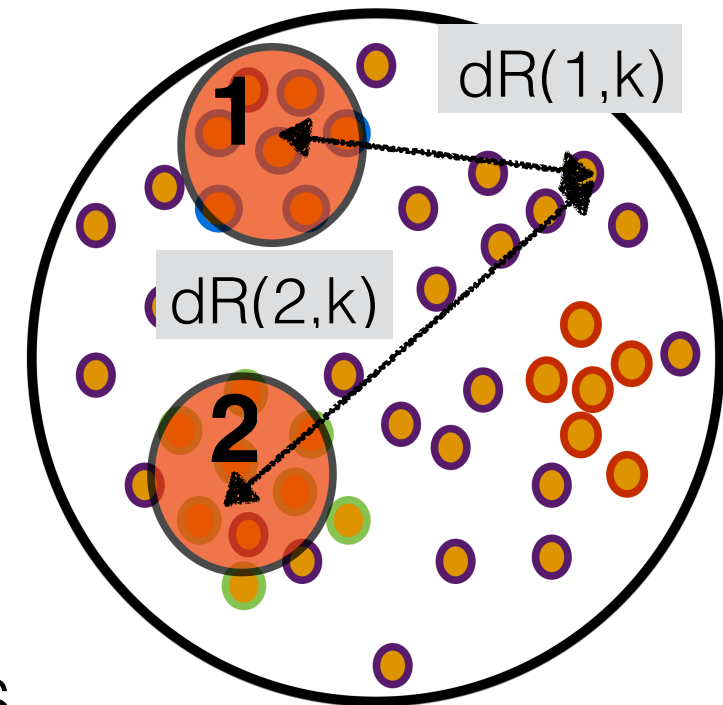
n-subjettiness *JHEP 03 (2011) 015*



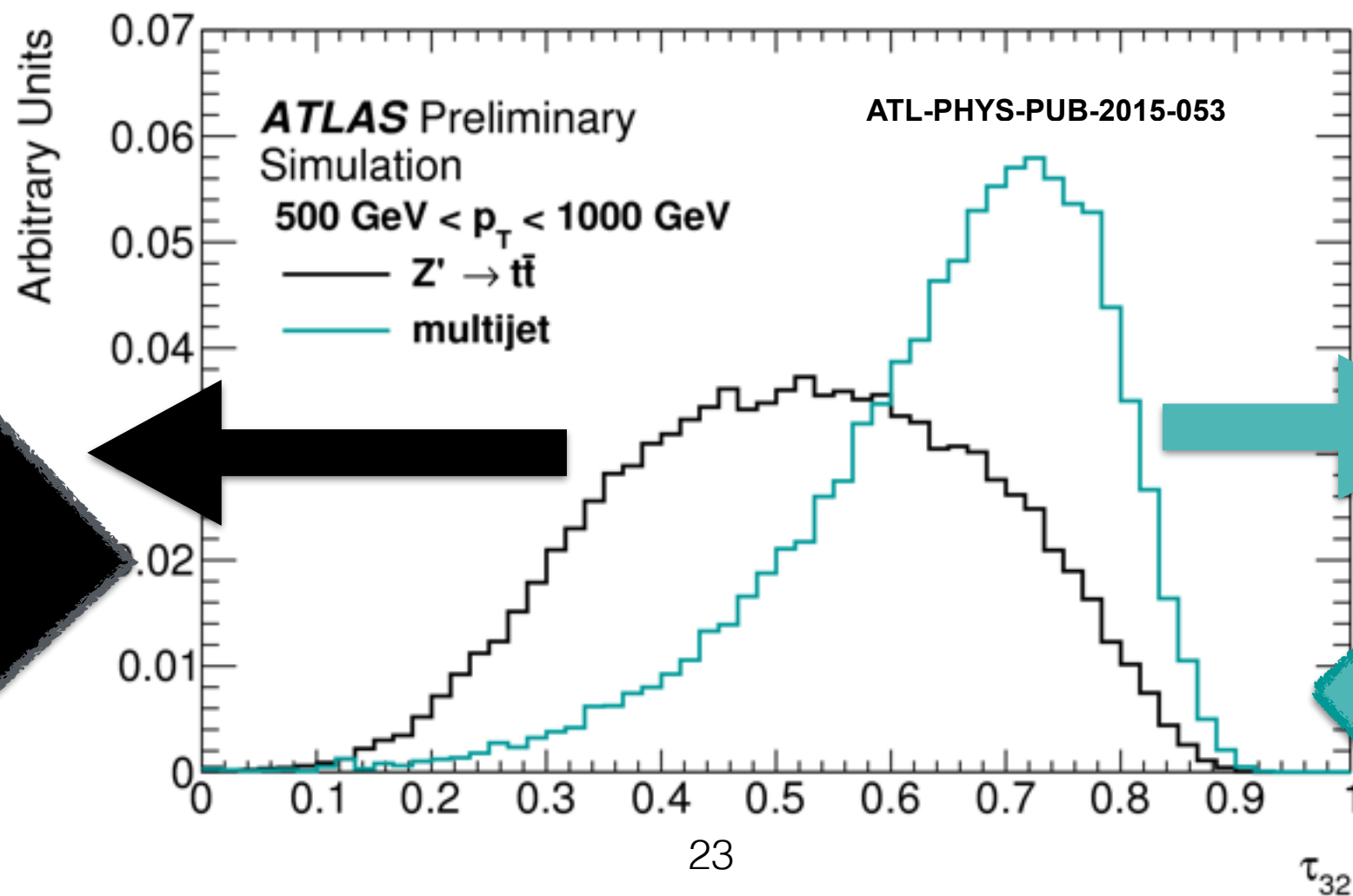
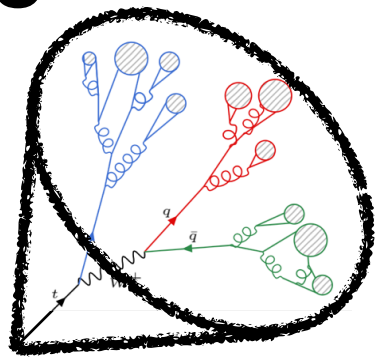
$$d(k) = p_T(k) \times \min(dR(1,k), \dots, dR(n,k))$$

$$\tau_n \propto \sum d(k)$$

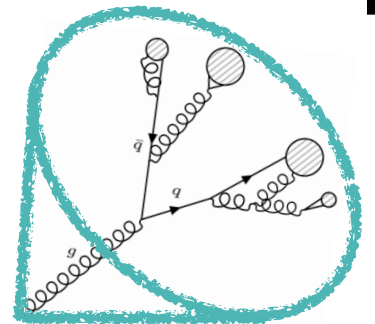
τ_3/τ_2 separates 3 and 2 subjects



n=3



n=2

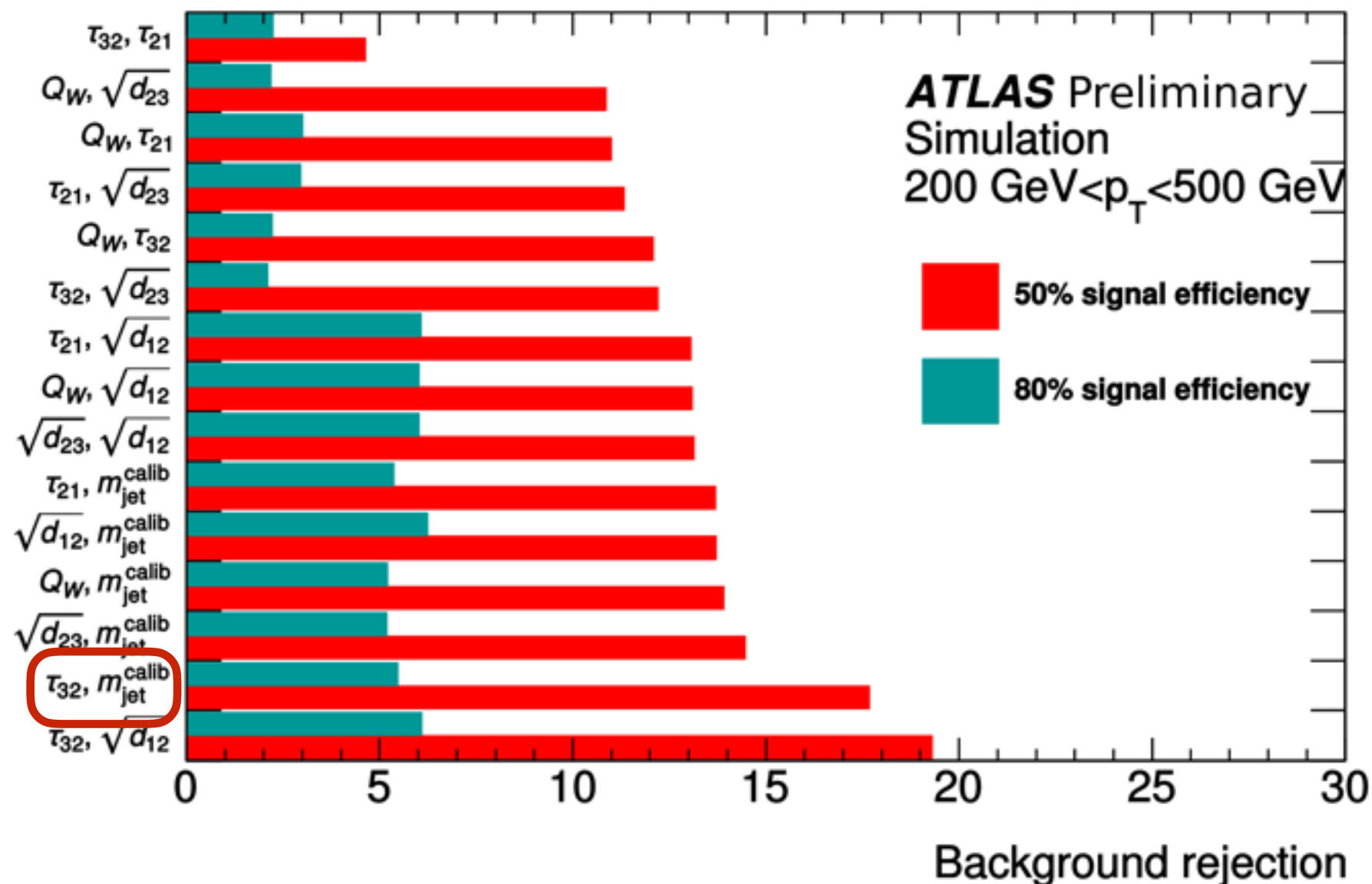


**3 subjet-
like**

**2 subnet-
like**

2 variable ATLAS top tagger

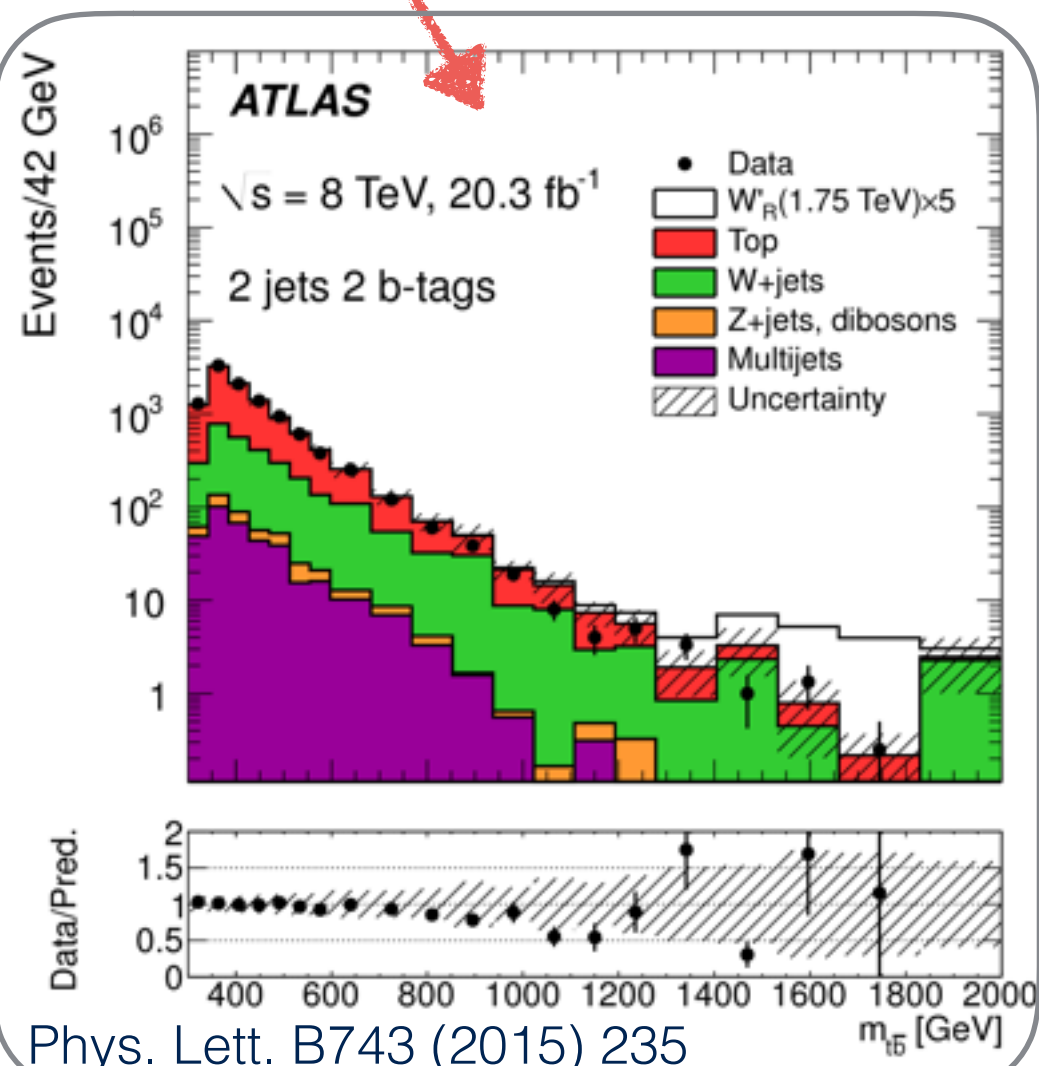
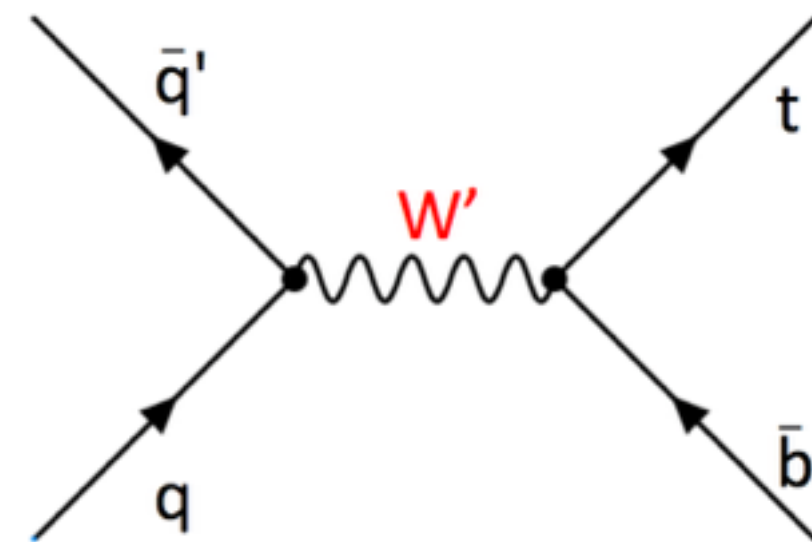
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- Check combinations of 2 variables
- Compare background rejection at 50% 80% signal efficiency
- Pick best combination: m_{jet} & τ_{32}

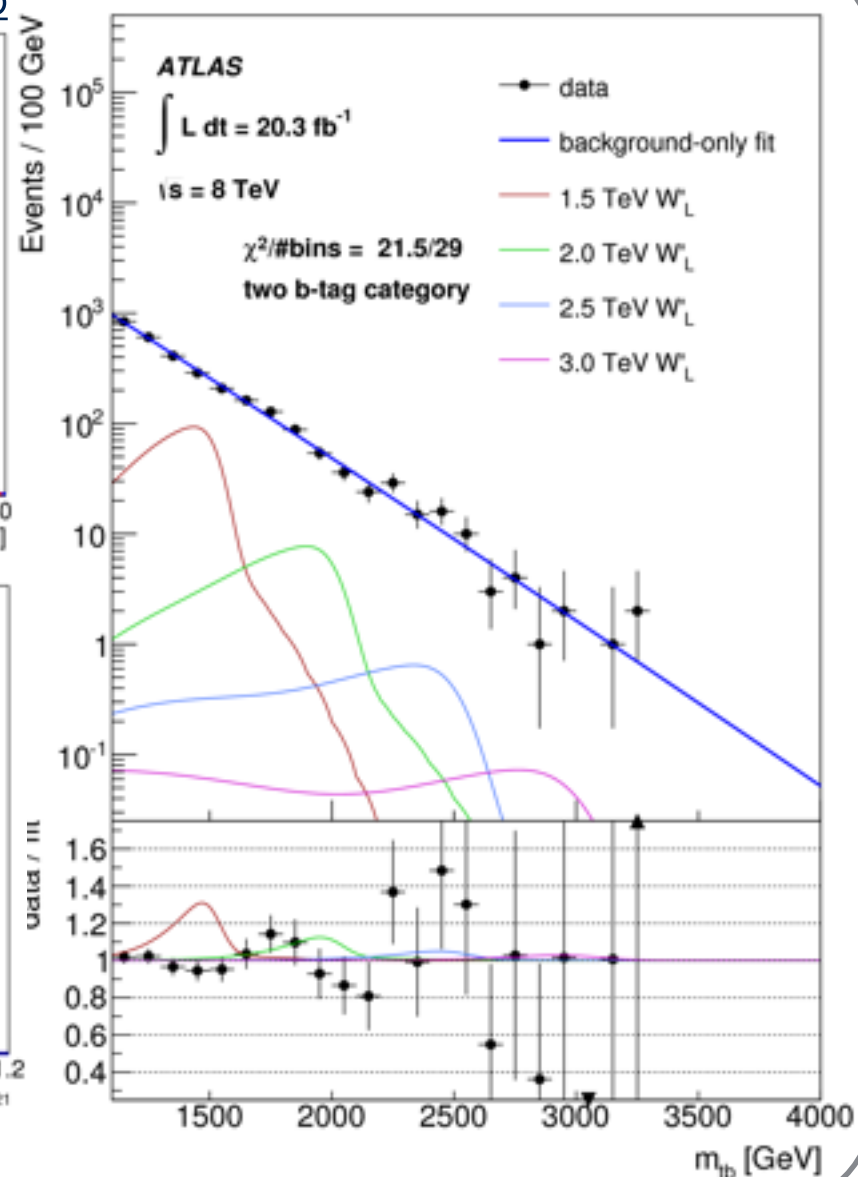
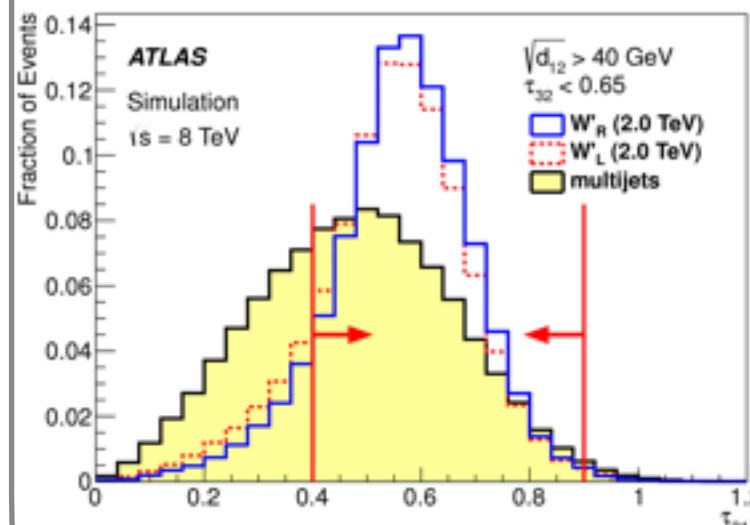
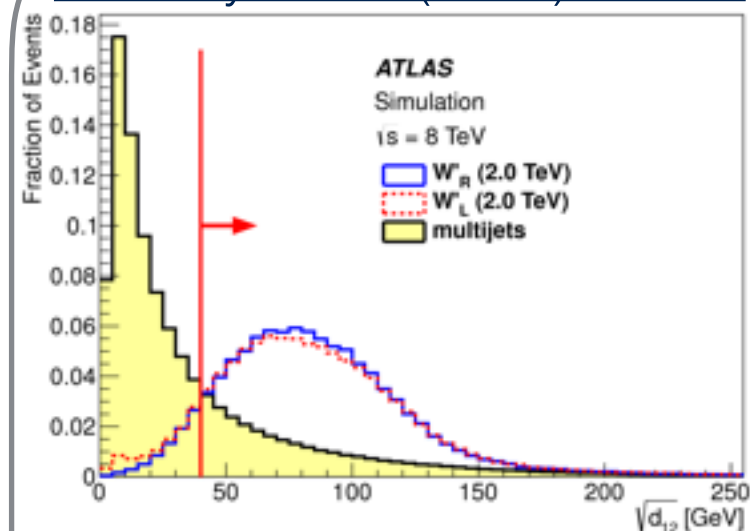
W' to $t\bar{b}$ resonances @ 8 TeV

- Leptophobic W' to $t\bar{b}$
- Boosted all hadronic w/ substructure based top tagging
- $l + \text{jets}$



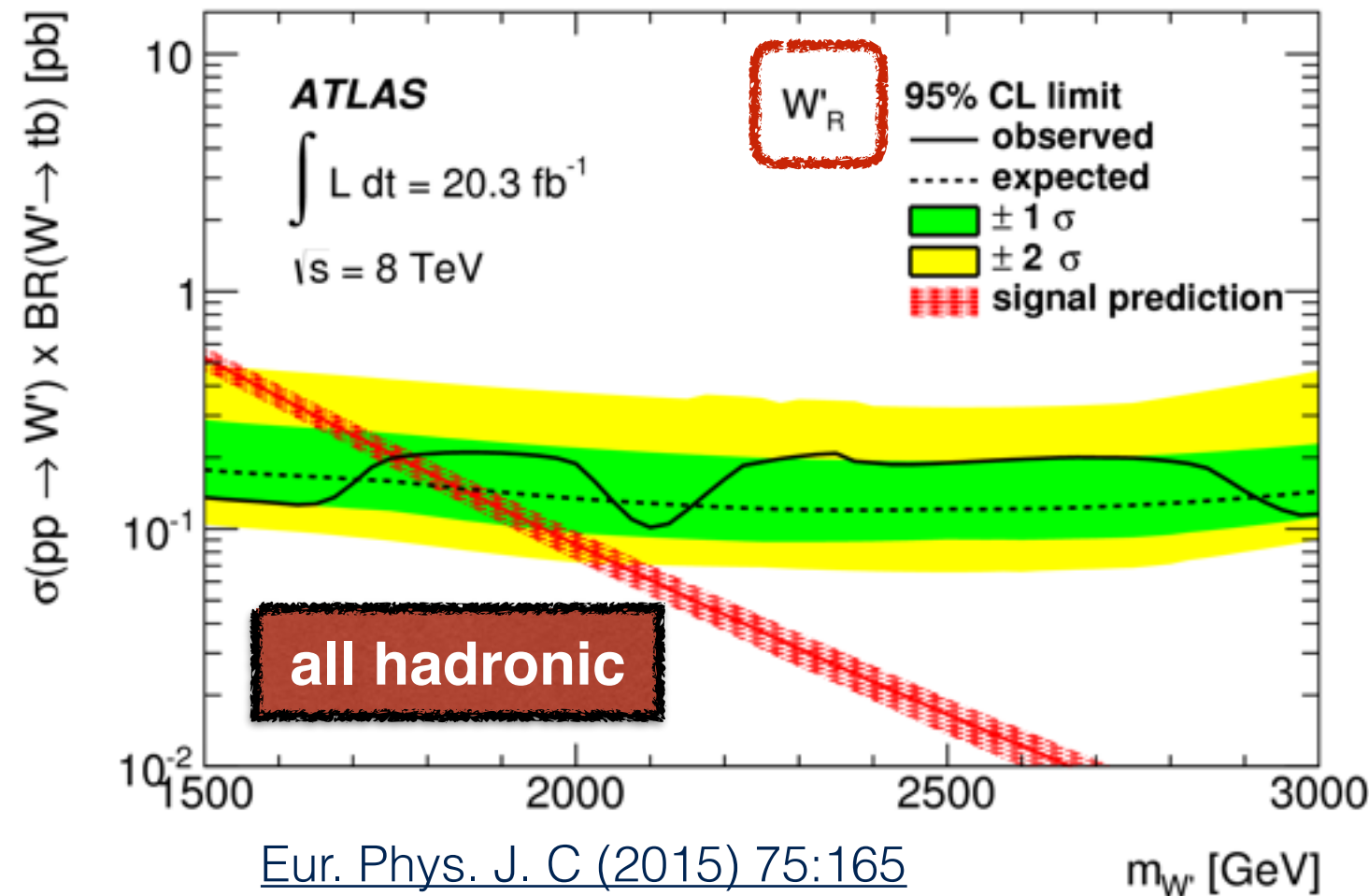
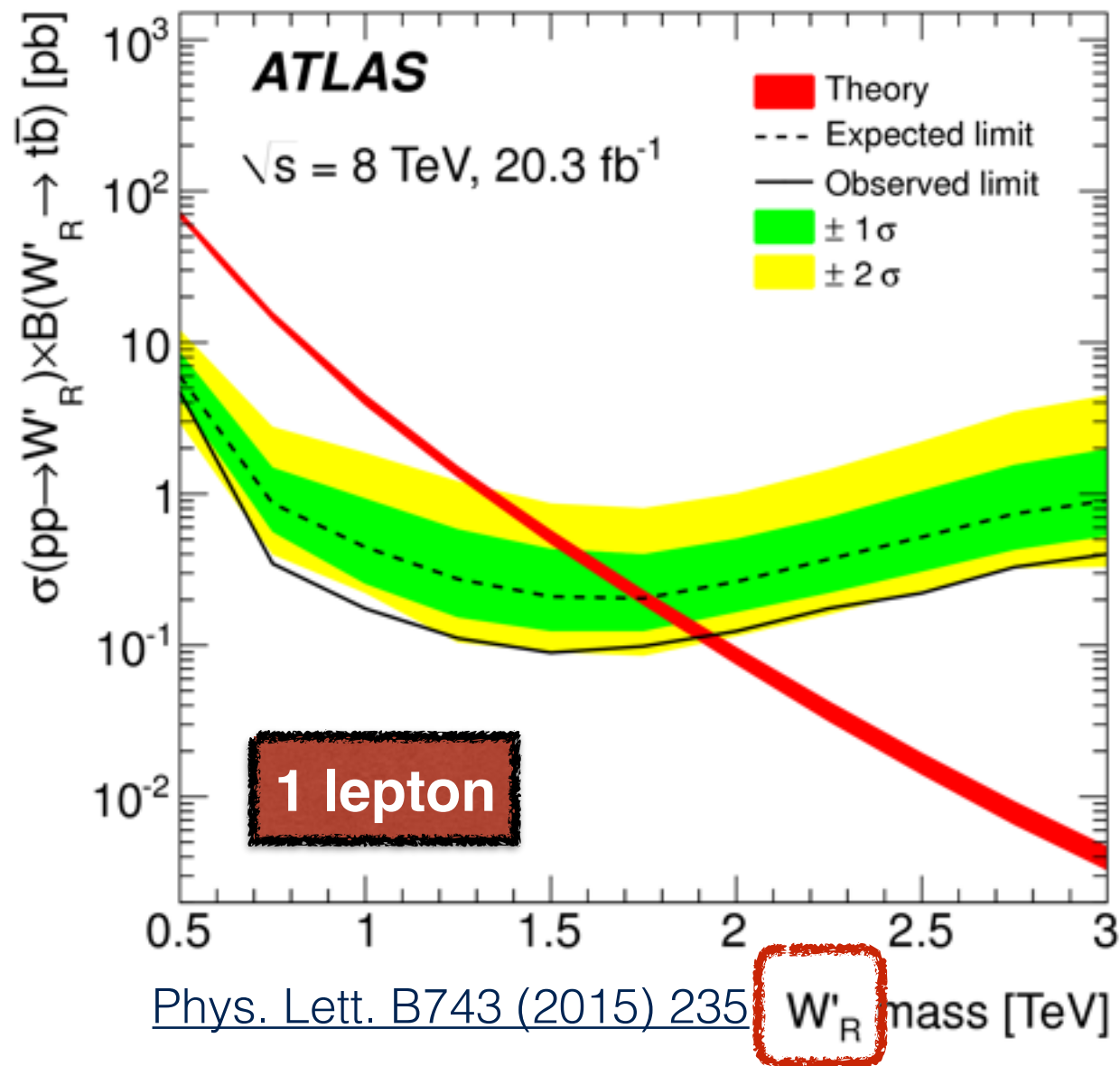
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W' to tb limits @8 TeV

Tested right- and left-handed coupling hypotheses, results very similar.



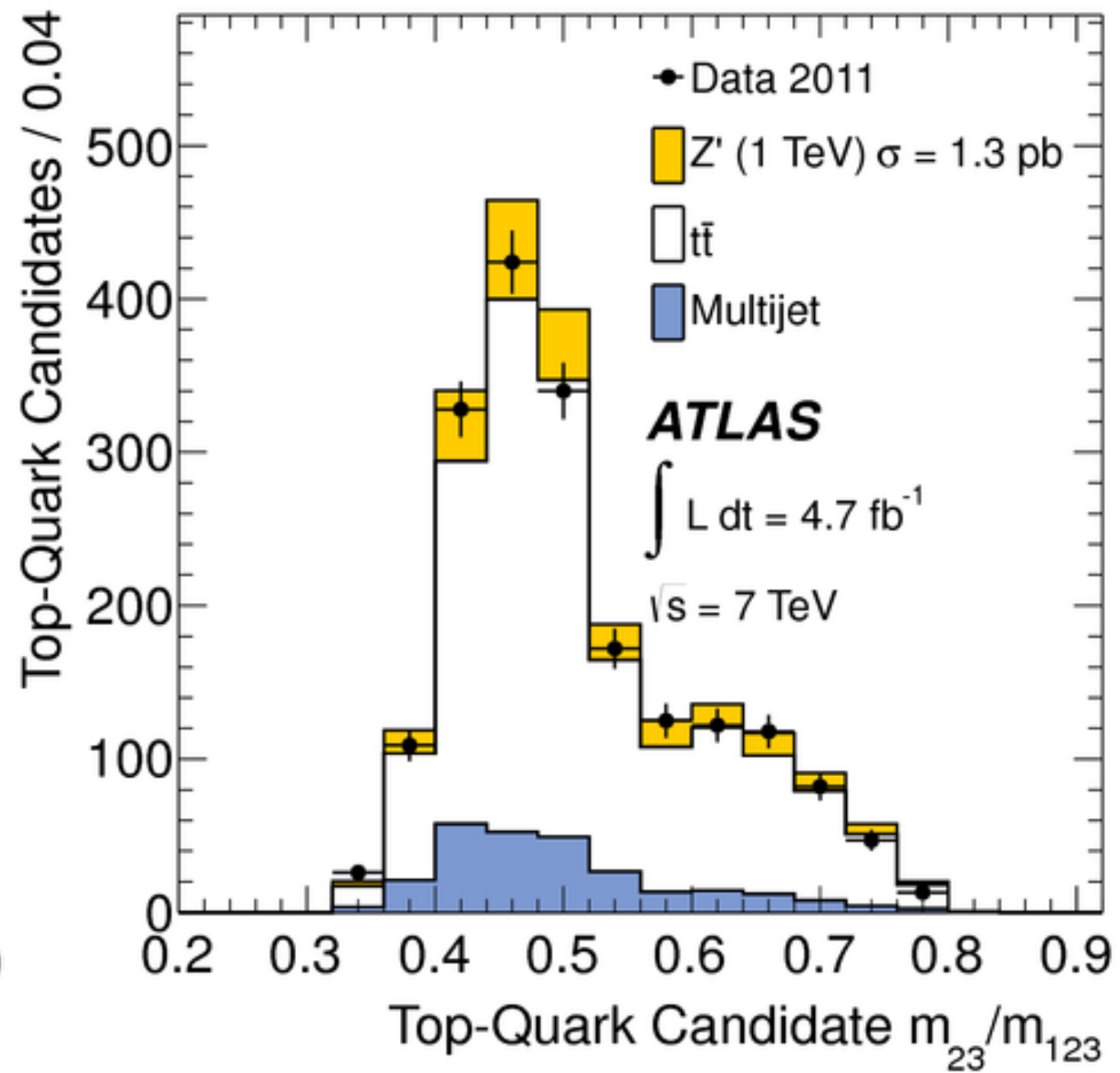
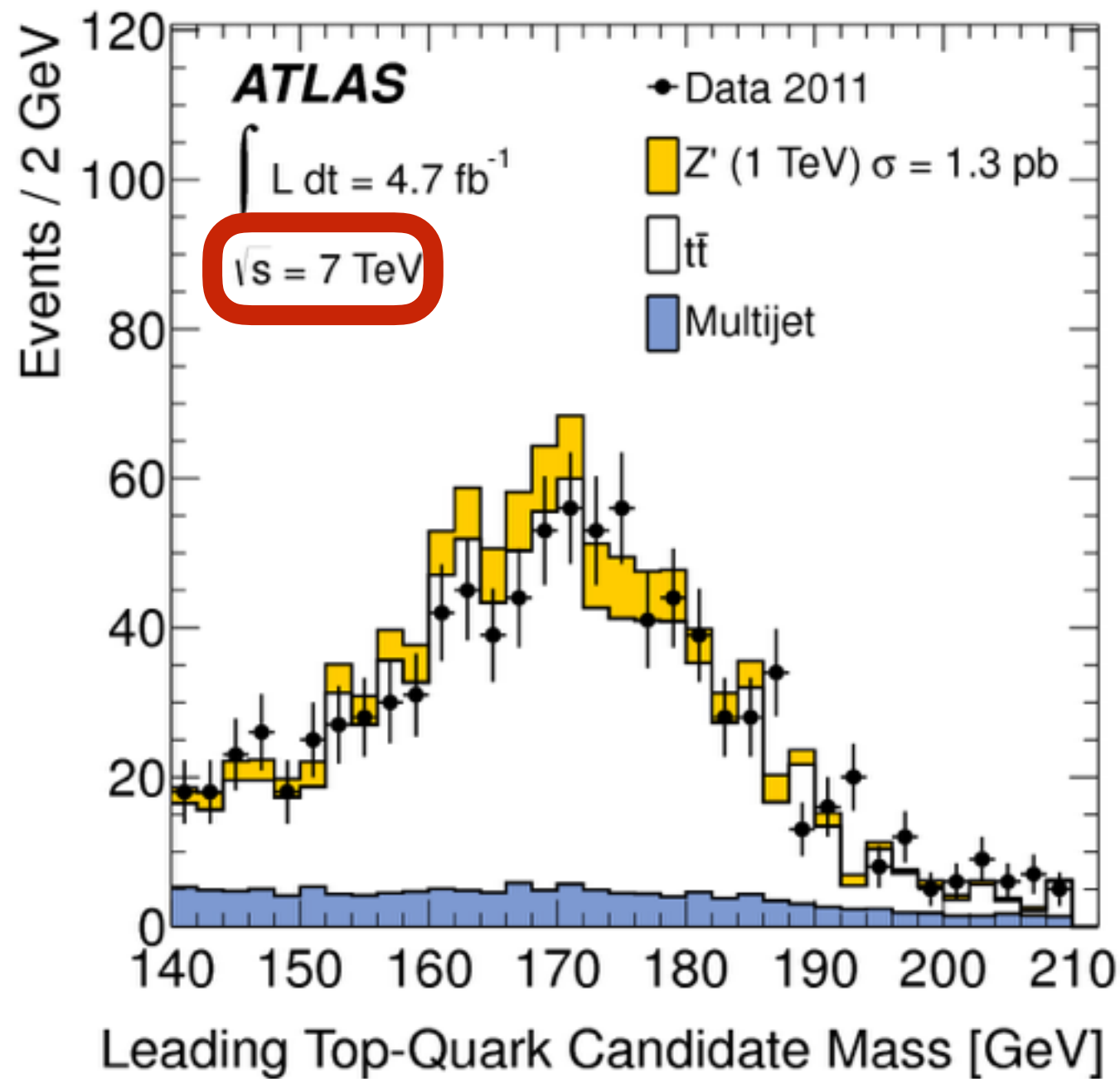
Excluded:

$m_{W'_L} < 1.7 \text{ TeV}$ and
 $m_{W'_R} < 1.92 \text{ TeV}; 1 \text{ lep}$

$m_{W'_L} < 1.68 \text{ TeV}$ and
 $m_{W'_R} < 1.76 \text{ TeV}; \text{all had}$

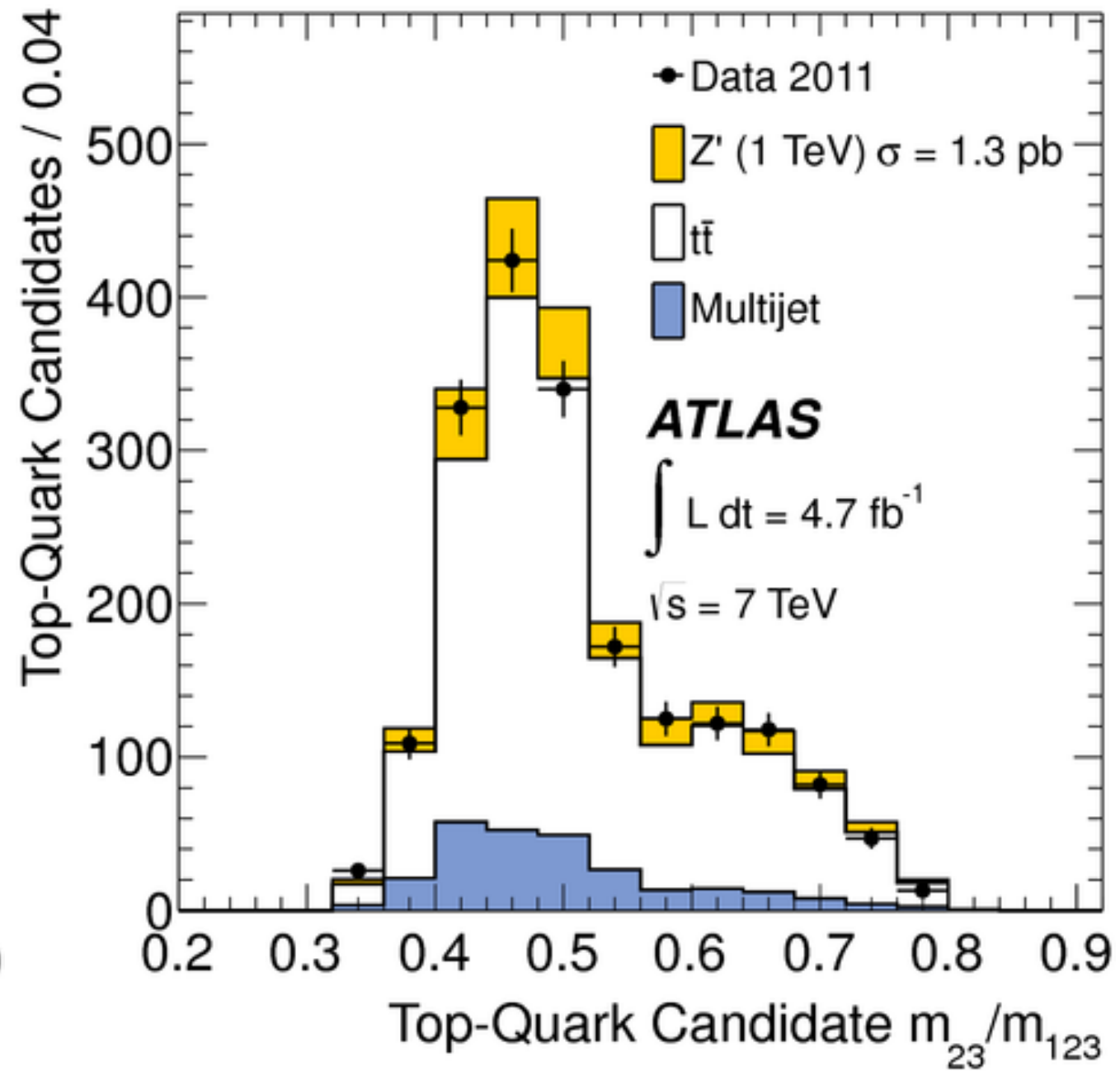
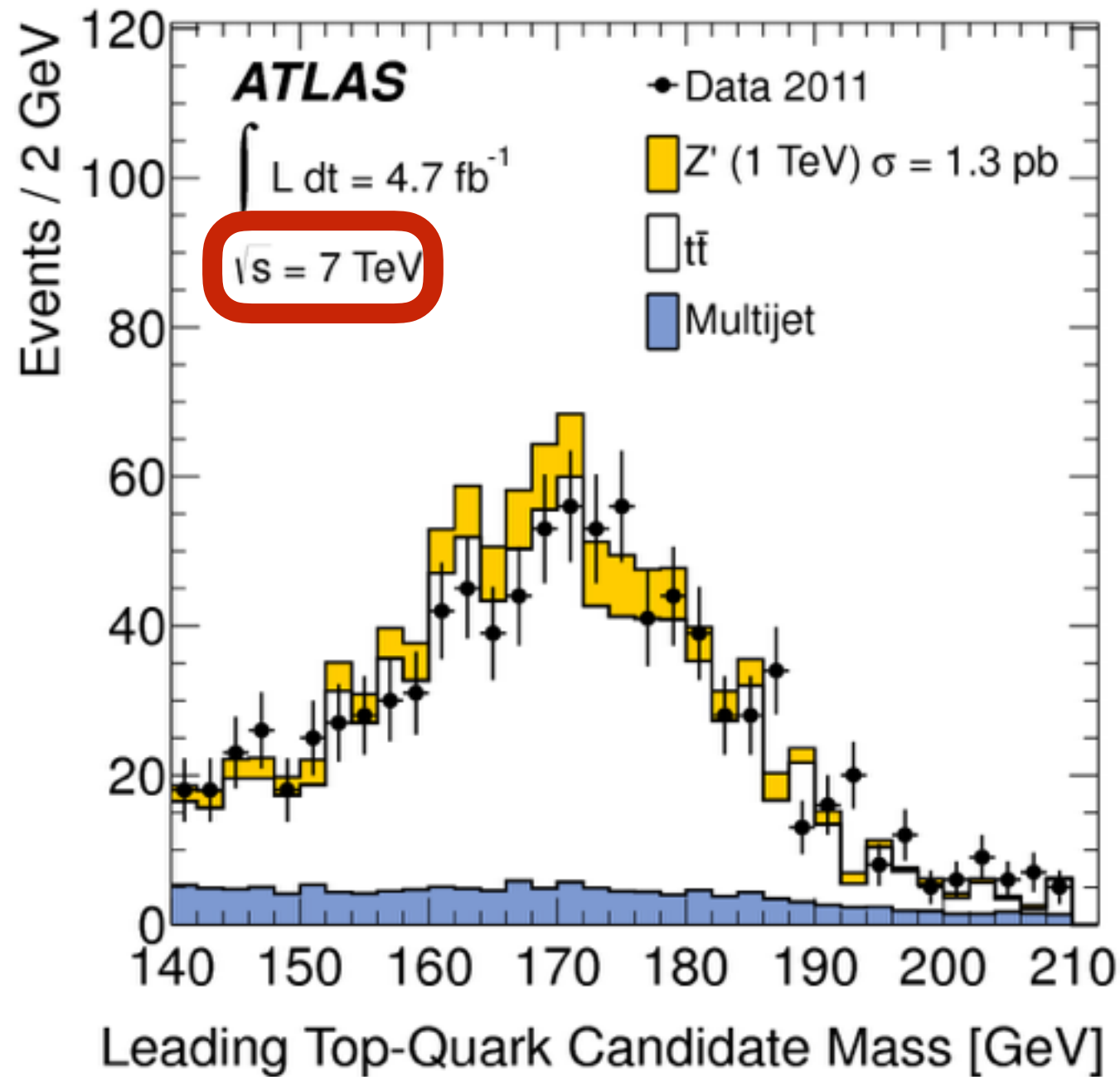
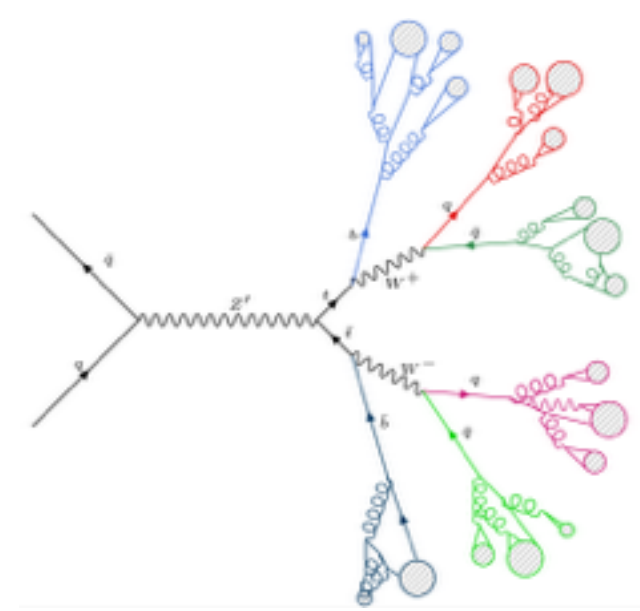
Fully hadronic $t\bar{t}$ resonance search

Lots of non top background (QCD)

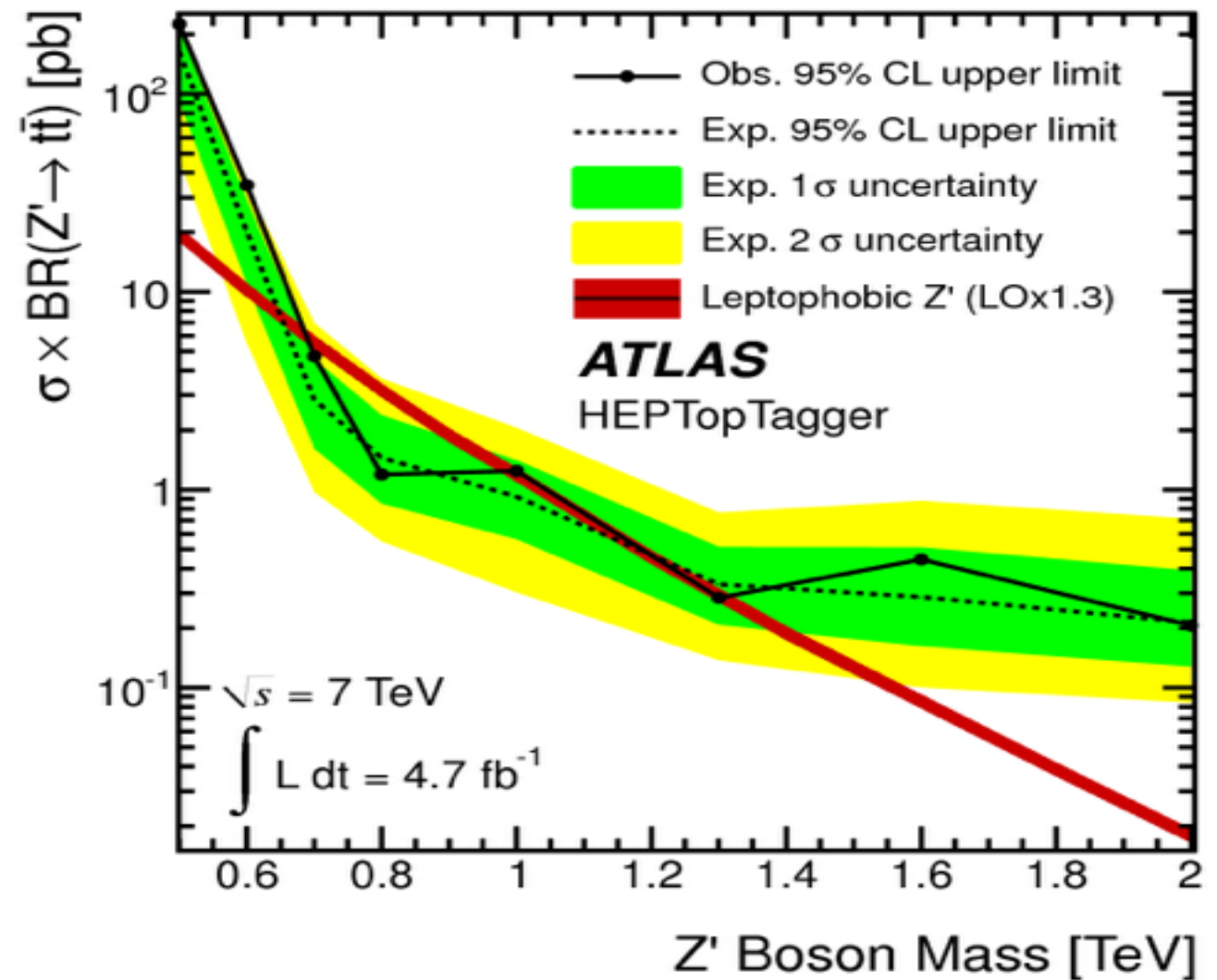
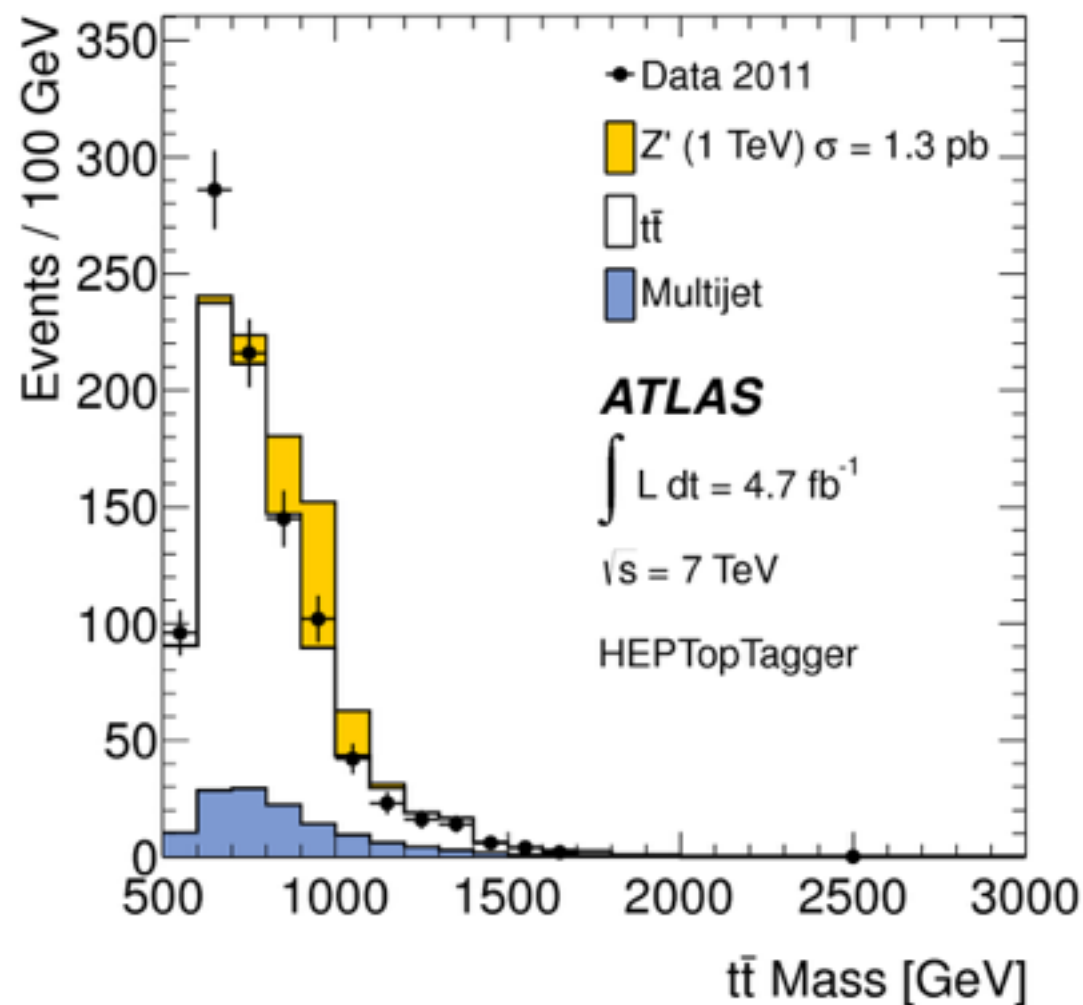


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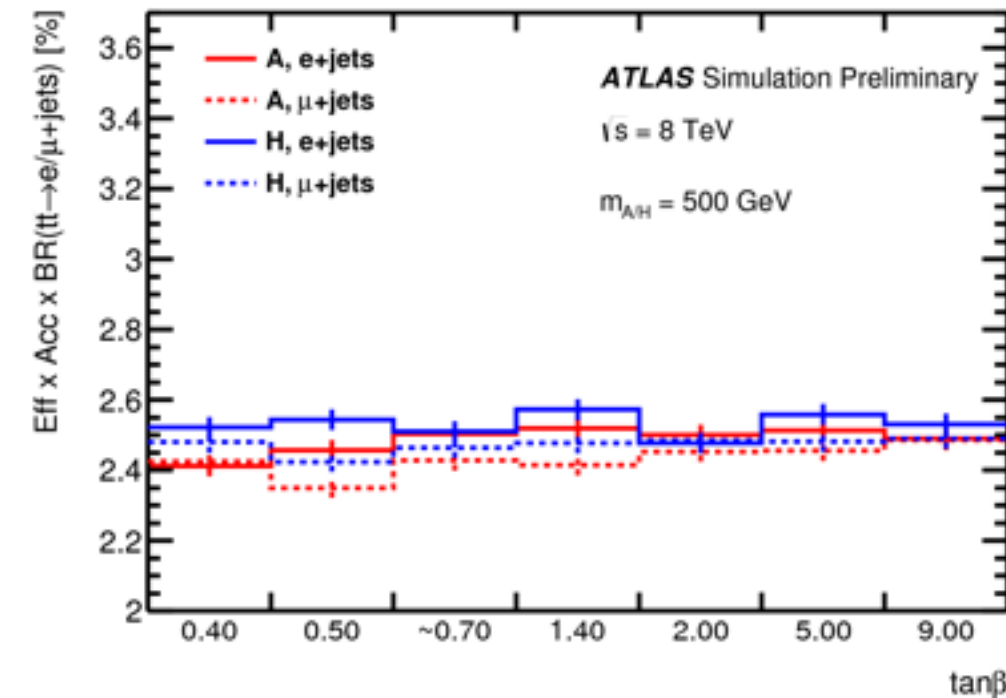


Fully hadronic $t\bar{t}$ resonance search (Run 1)



Scalar interpretation

- Selection eff $\sim$ flat vs $\tan\beta$
- gg production dominates over qq
- large cross section at low mass, sharply falling off
—> sensitivity up to $\sim 1\text{TeV}$
- $X \rightarrow tt$ best suited for low $\tan\beta$ as, i.e. where couplings to up-type quarks are larger
- limits are set on $\sqrt{\mu}$



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$$\mu S + \sqrt{\mu} I + B = (\mu - \sqrt{\mu}) S + \sqrt{\mu} (S + I) + B$$