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ATLAS
EXPERIMENT

(Top and) Higgs Physics in ATLAS

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Testing the SM

Top quark

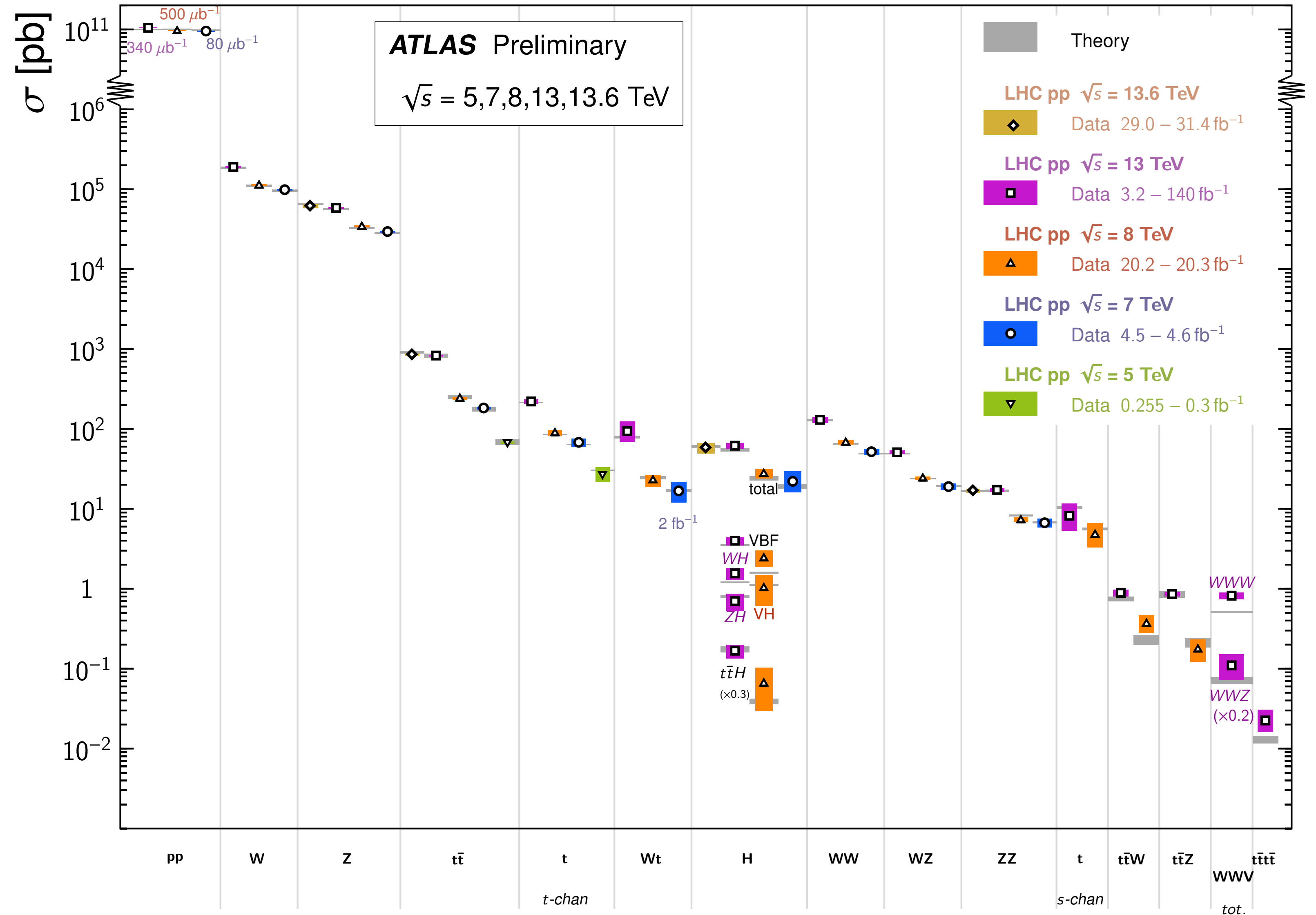
- Heaviest particle in the SM
- Only “bare” quark in the SM
- LHC is a true top factory
- No other running collider able to produce top quarks
- Focus of my PhD thesis

Higgs boson

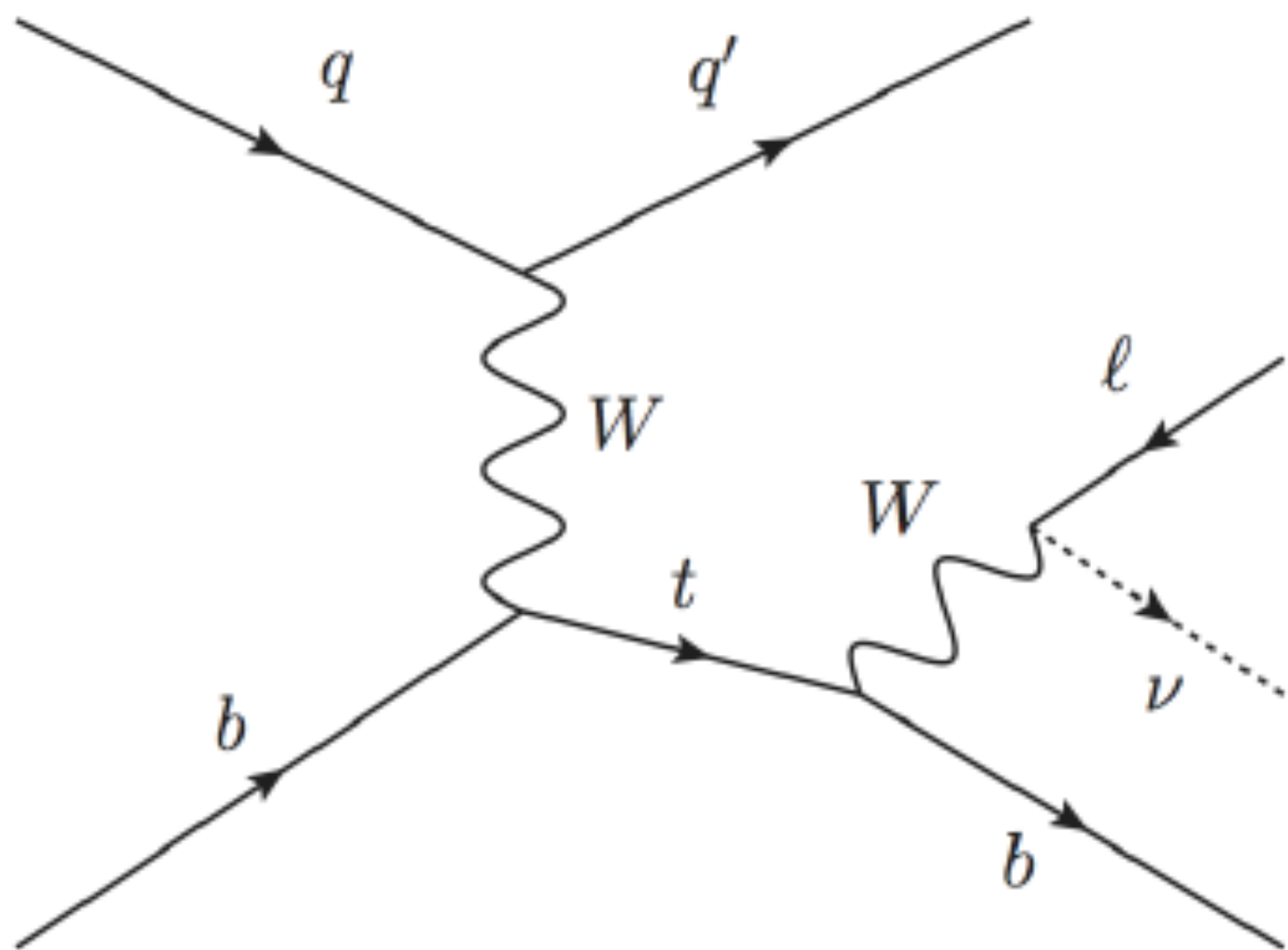
- Discovered in 2012
- Completed the SM
- Focus of my study here in Liverpool since November 2023

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: October 2023



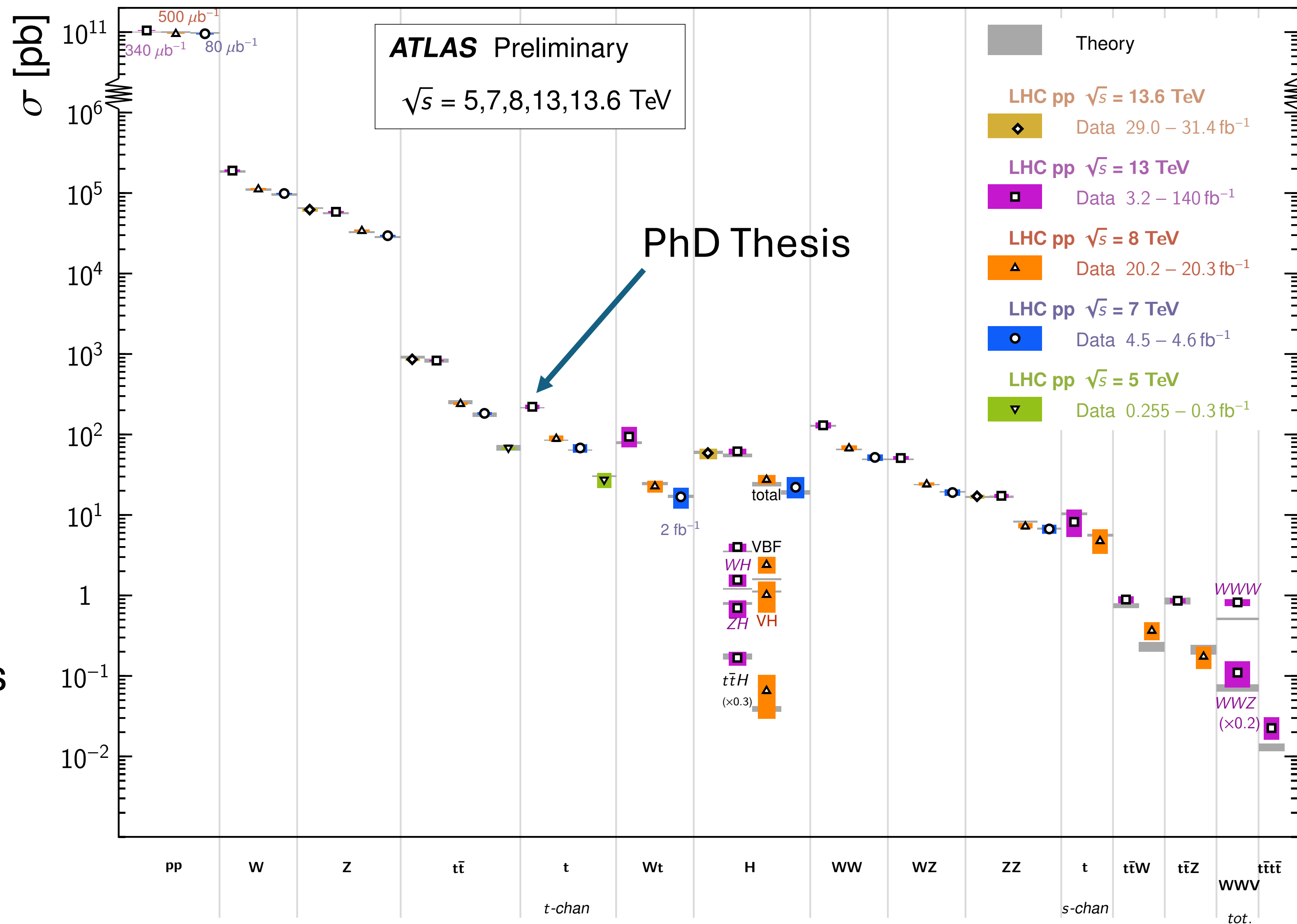
t-channel single top :



- Ideal probe for tW interactions
- ~30 million t-channel collisions produced at ATLAS in run 2
- Polarised production of tops

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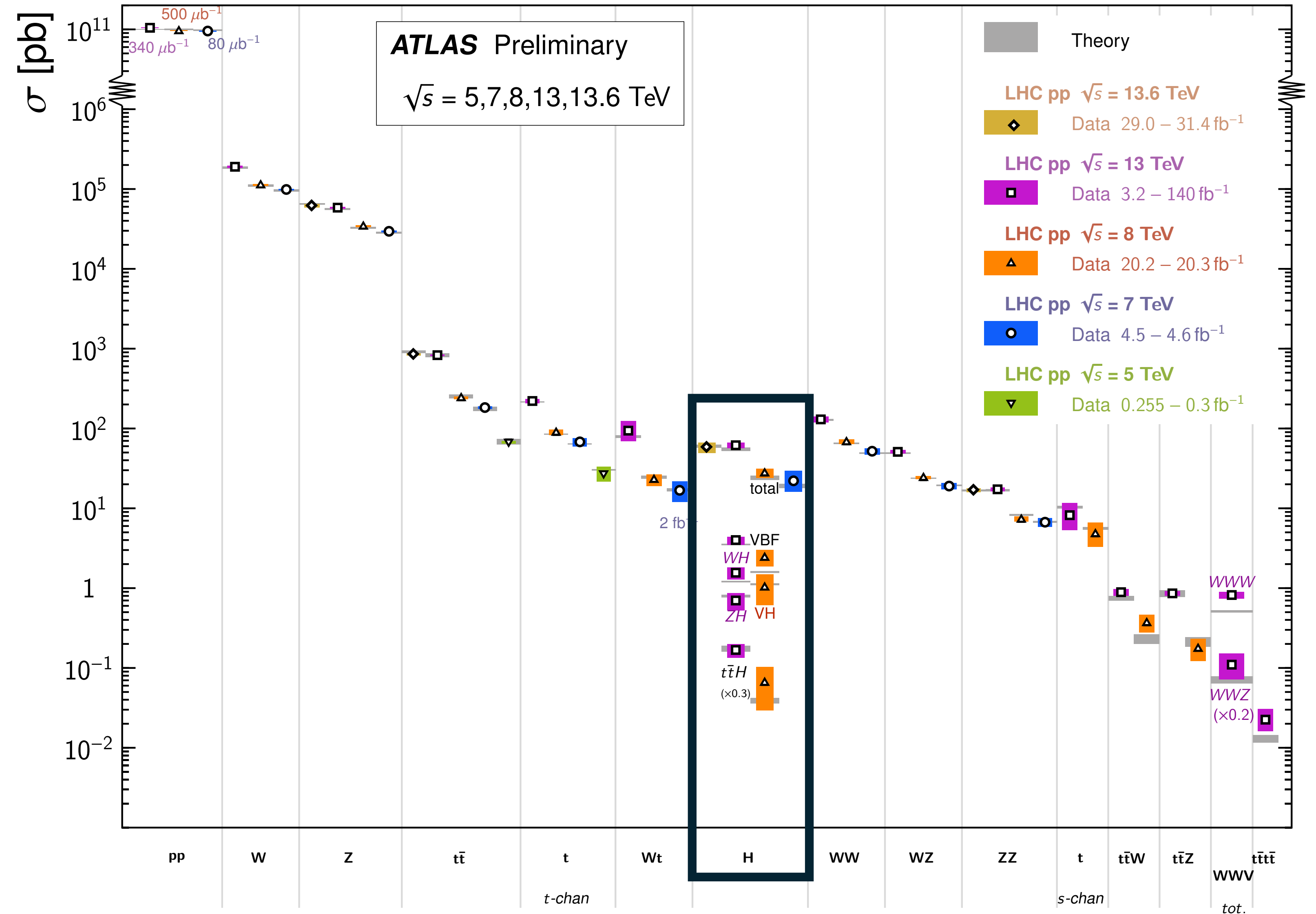


Higgs boson physics:

- Many different production mechanisms
- Many different decay modes
- Allows to study all different couplings of the Higgs boson
- ~9 million Higgs bosons produced at ATLAS in run 2

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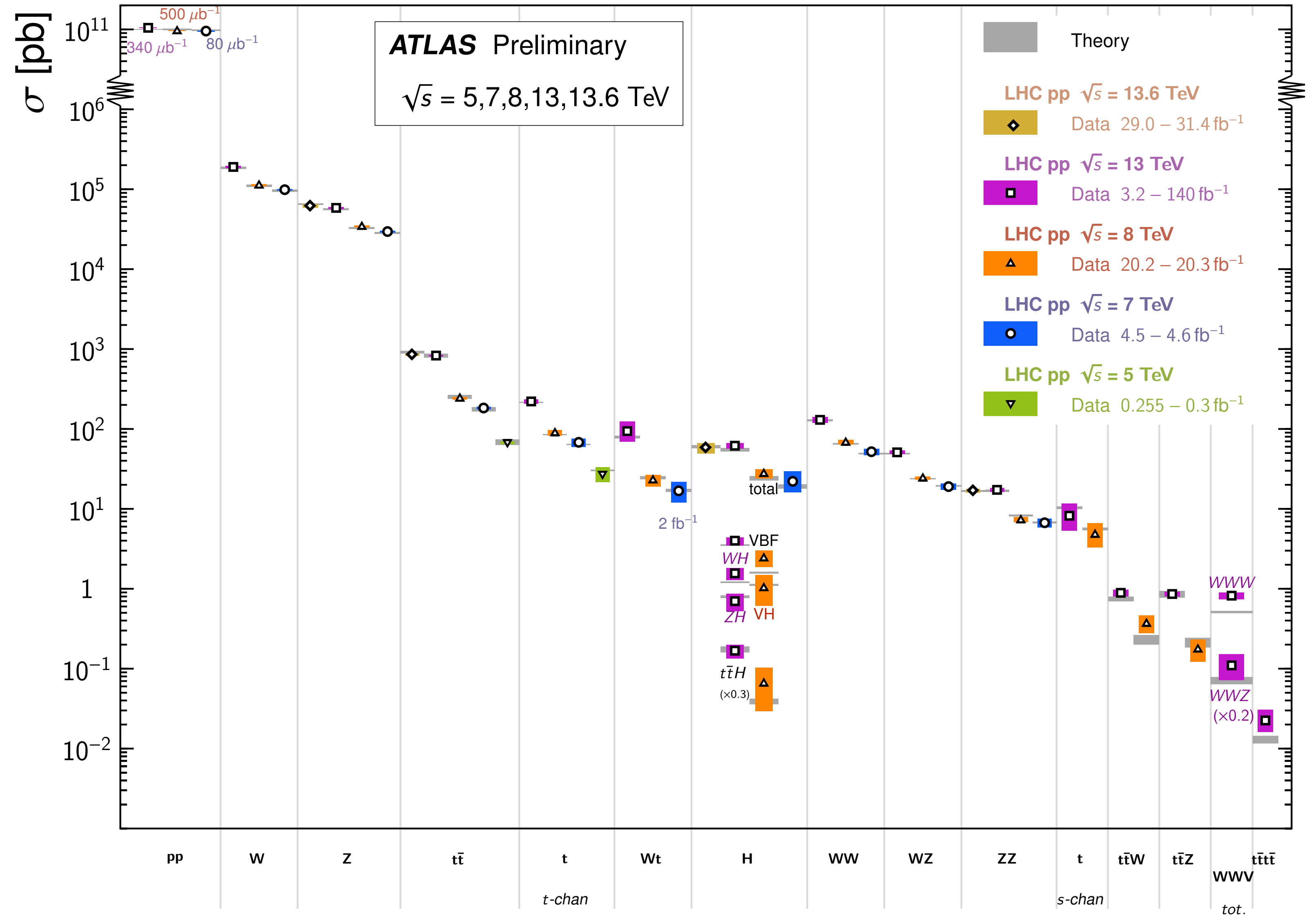


ATLAS physics program:

- Measure each process individually
- Combine individual measurements
- Search for new physics
 - Common way of interpretation is EFT

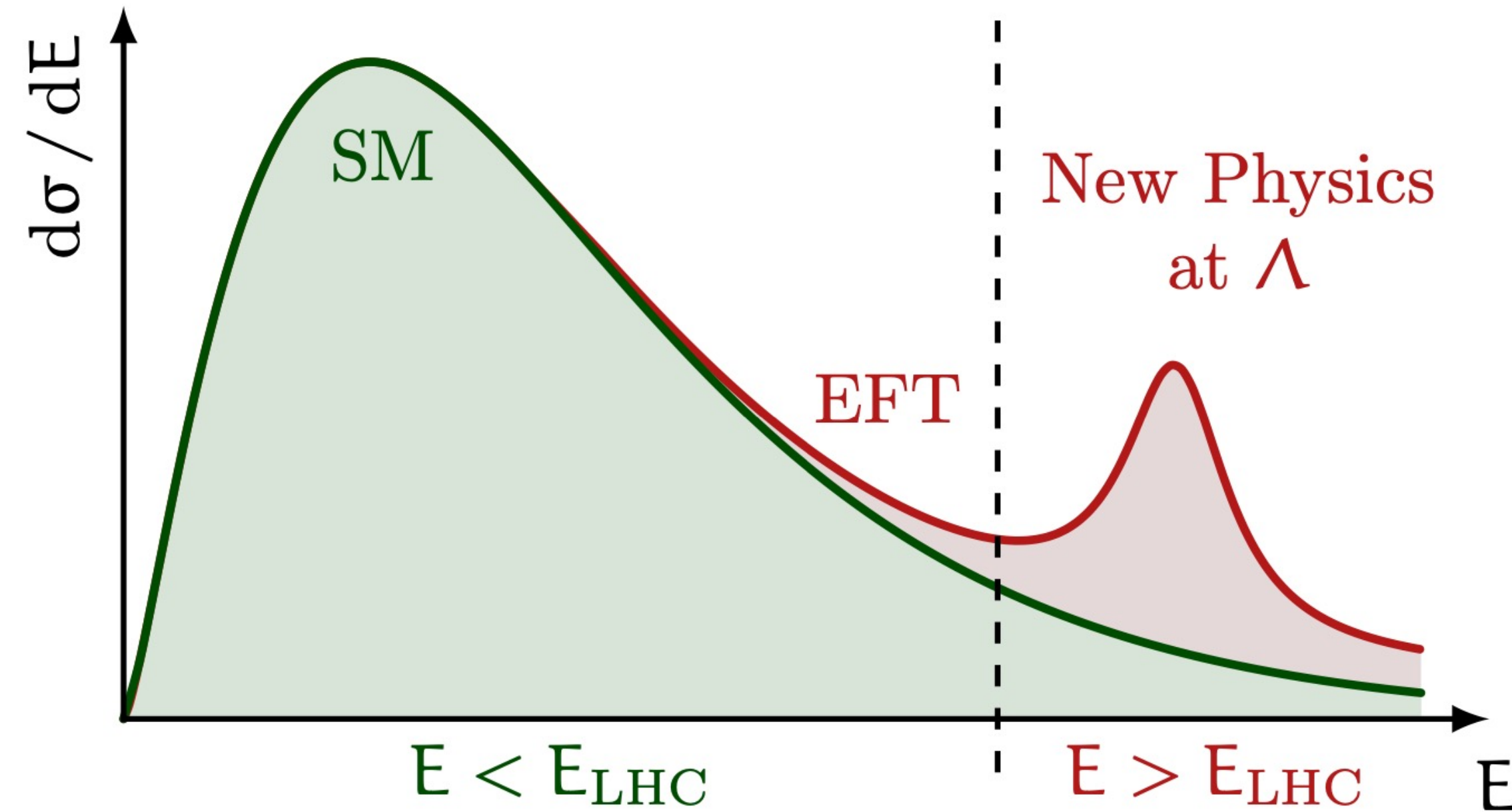
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Effective Field Theory

- New Physics interactions out of reach for LHC energy



- Extend SM Lagrangian with higher order interactions:

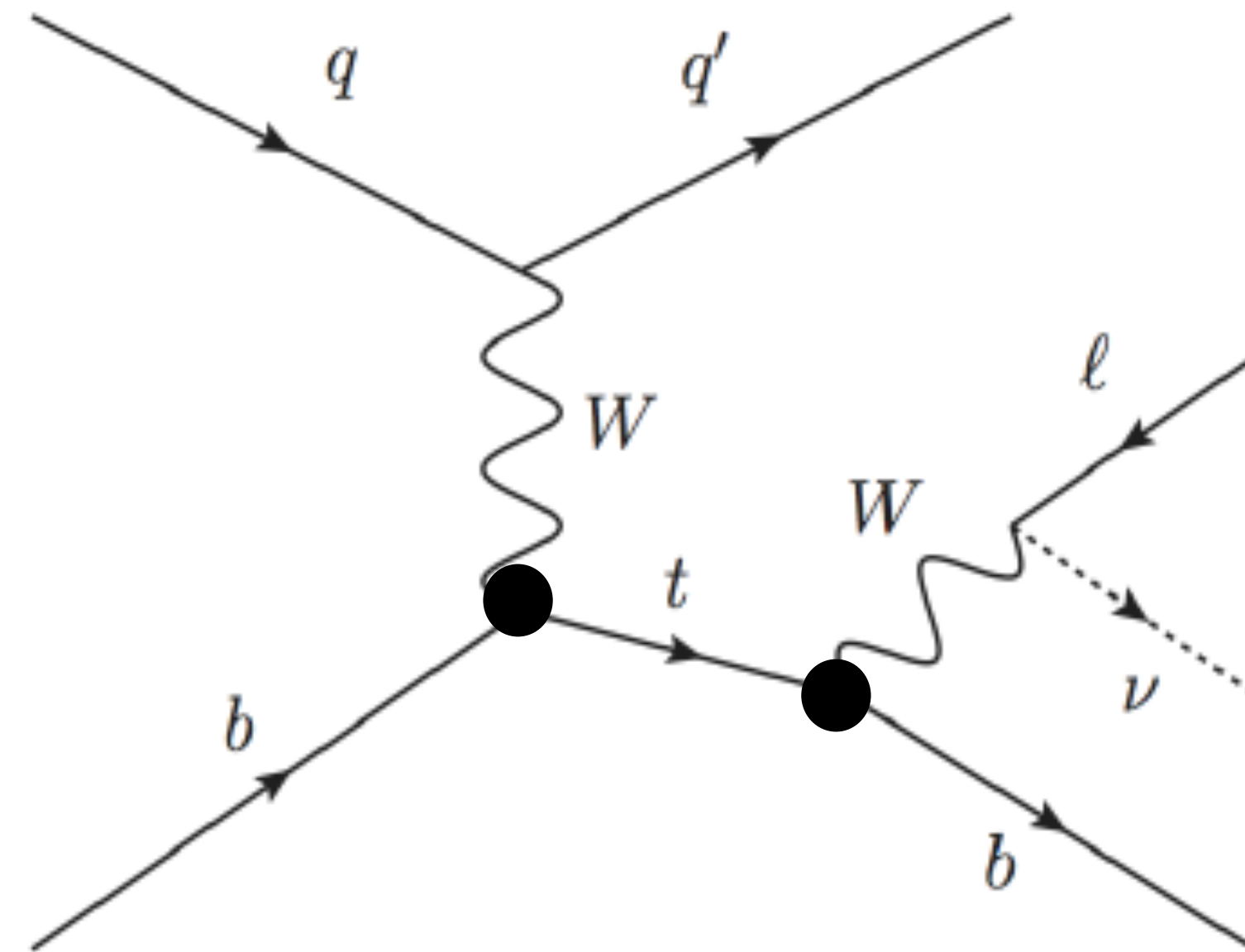
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i^6$$

- Due to interference with SM can measure small deviations of SM processes
- Allows to search for new physics across different processes in a systematic way

Effective Field Theory in t-channel

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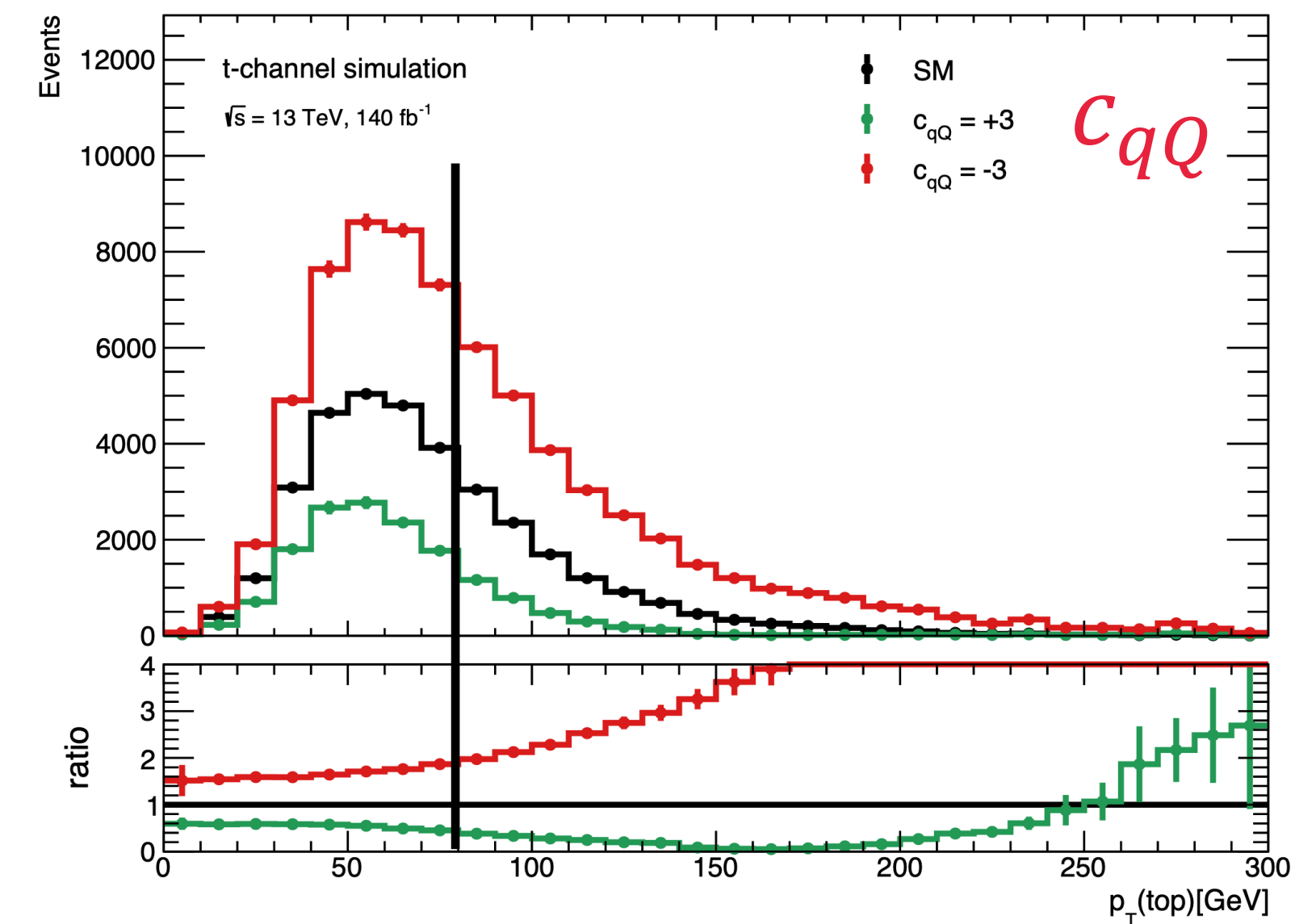
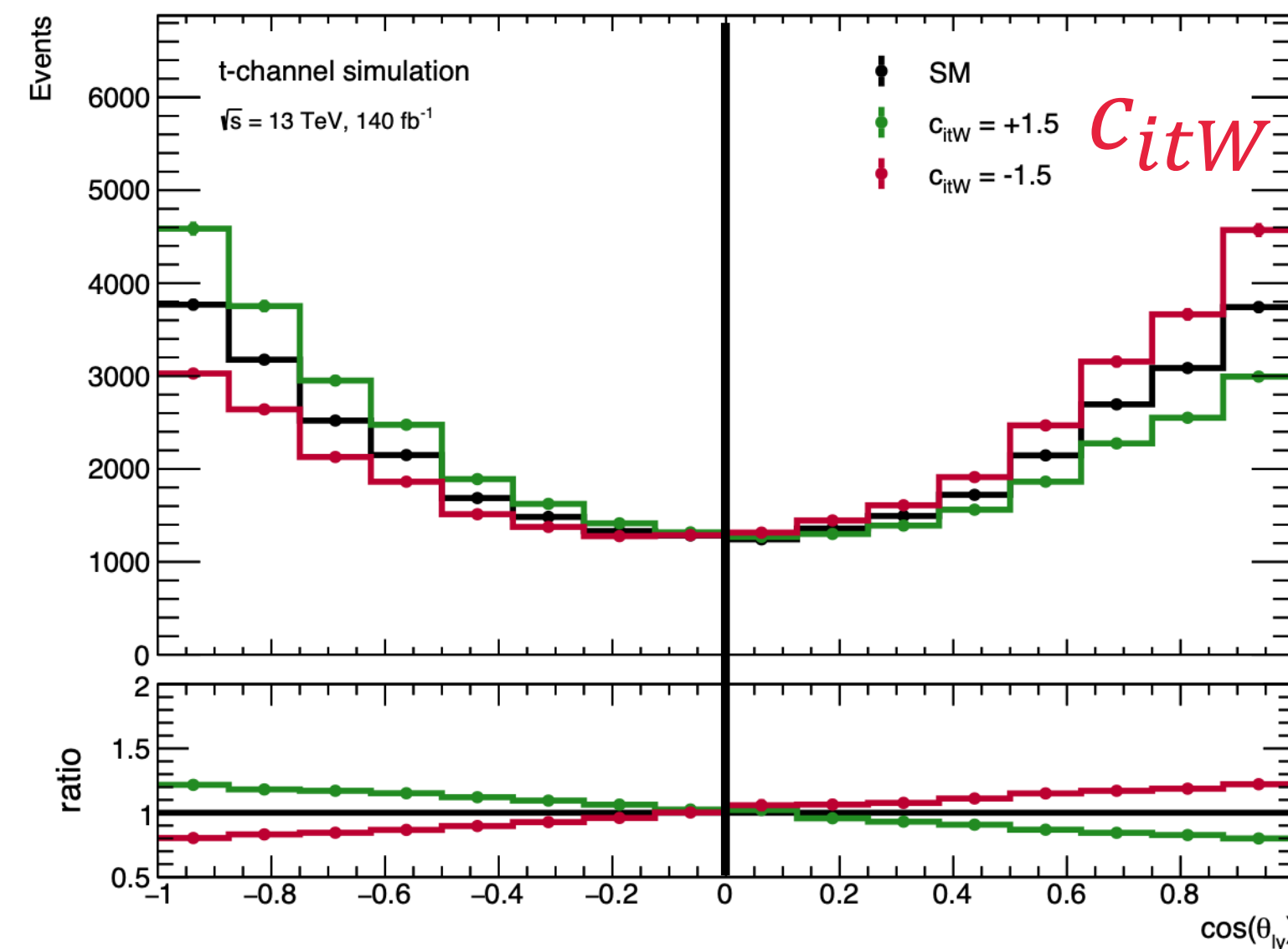
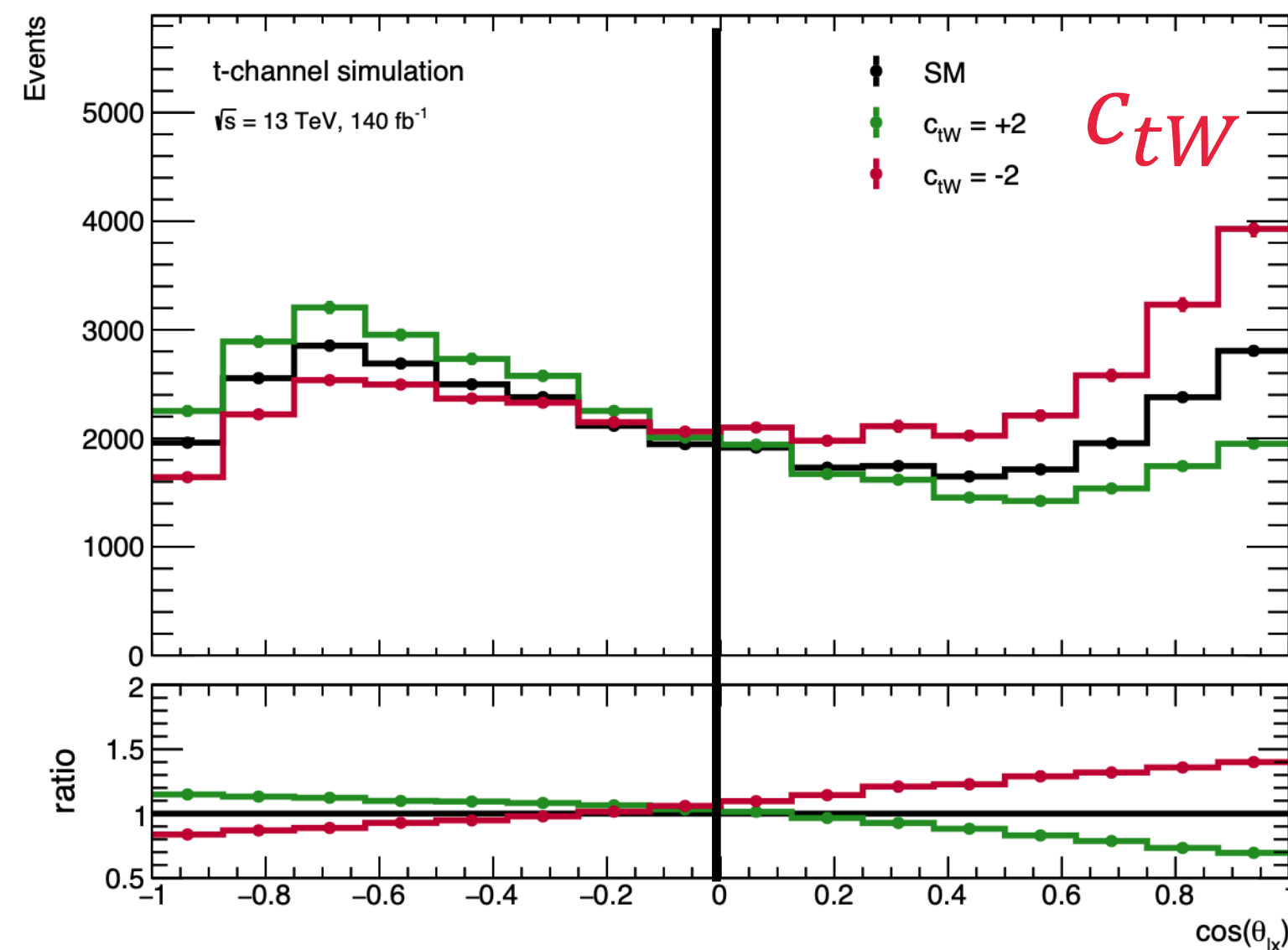
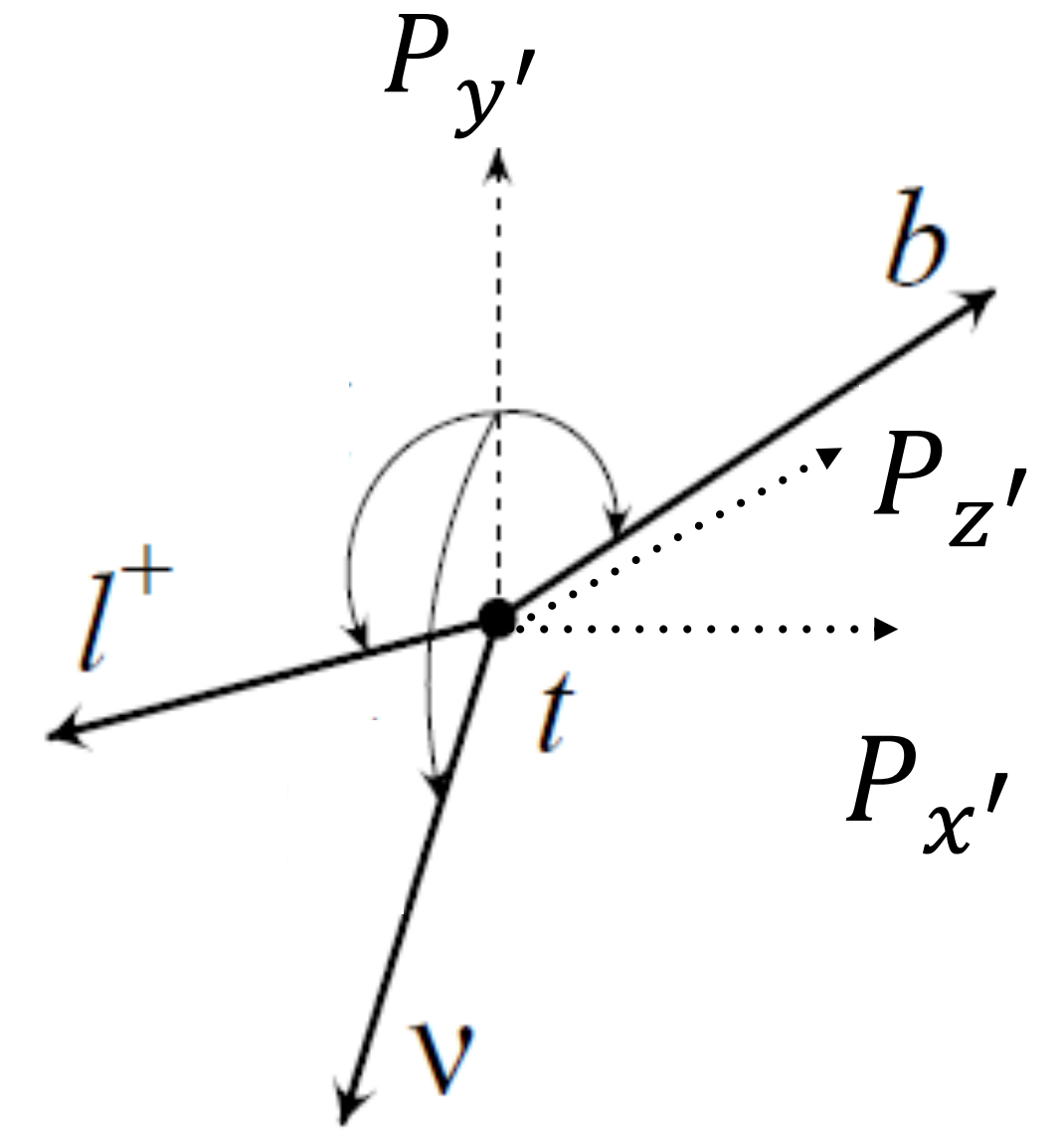
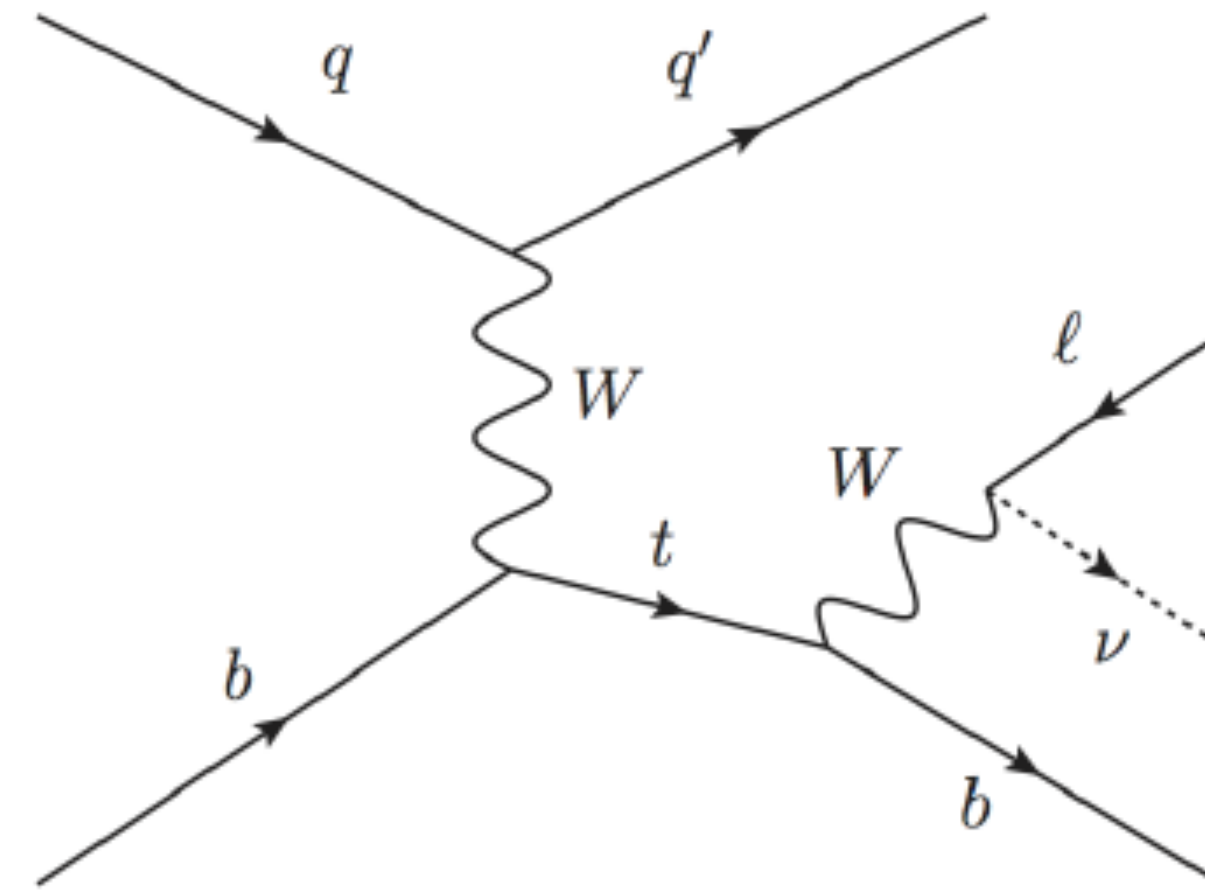
- $\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^3$ -> cross-section only
- $\mathcal{O}_{qQ}^{3,1}$ -> p_T - spectrum
- \mathcal{O}_{tW} -> angular variables
 - **Real coefficient (c_{tW})**
 - **New (chiral) right-handed interaction**
 - **Imaginary coefficient (c_{itW})**
 - **Linked to new CP-violating interaction**



- **Create analysis with focus on measuring EFT parameters after reconstruction**

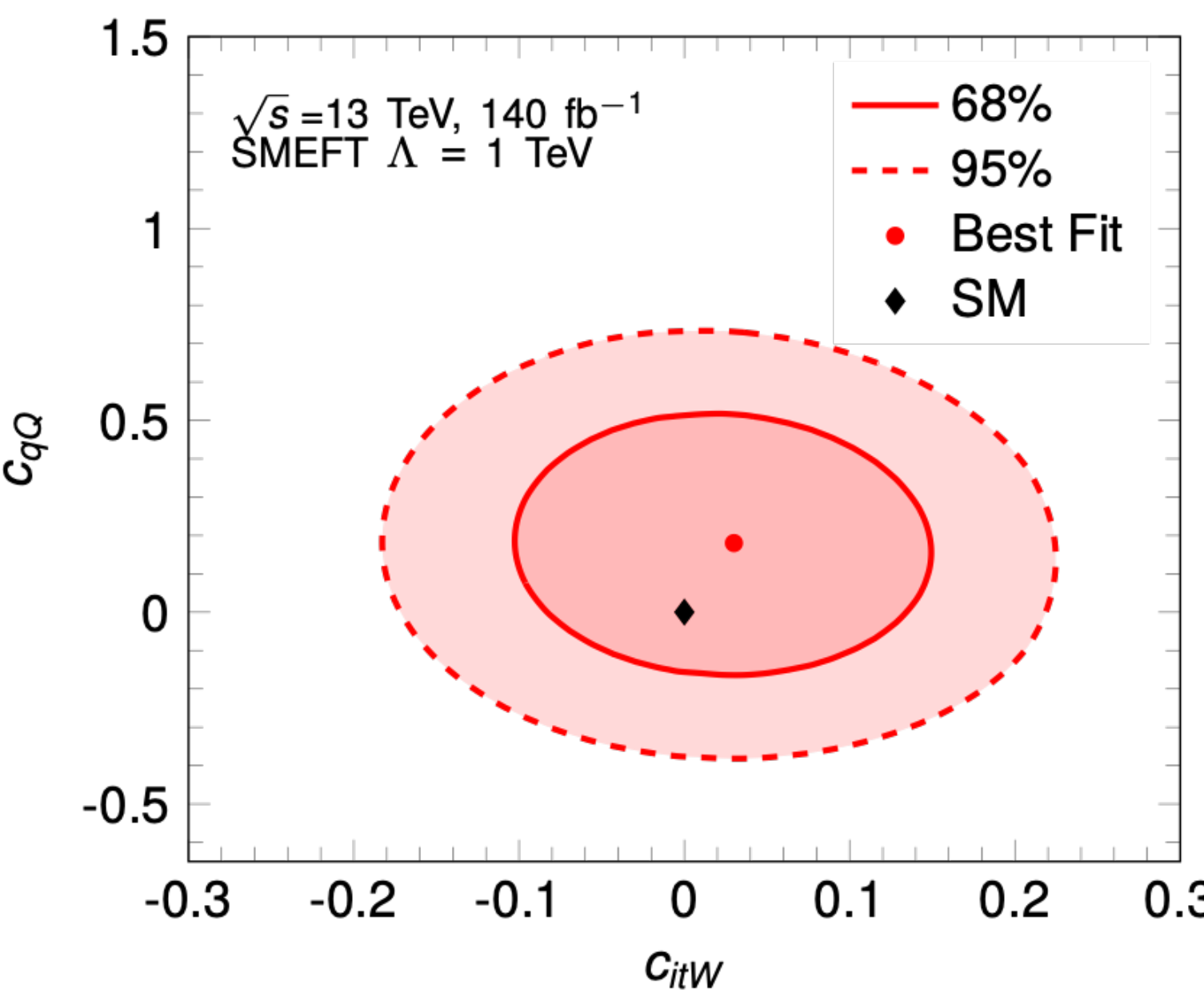
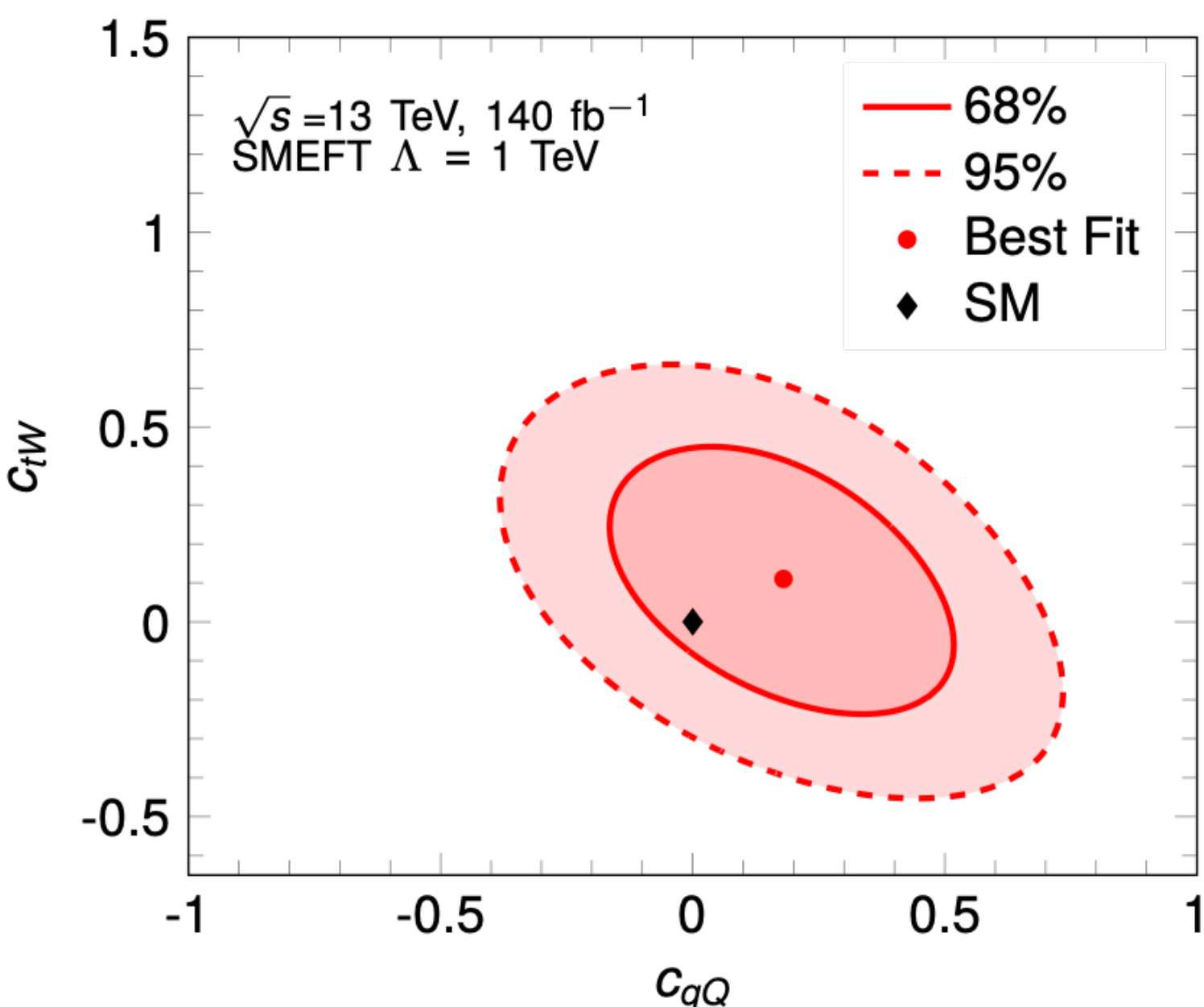
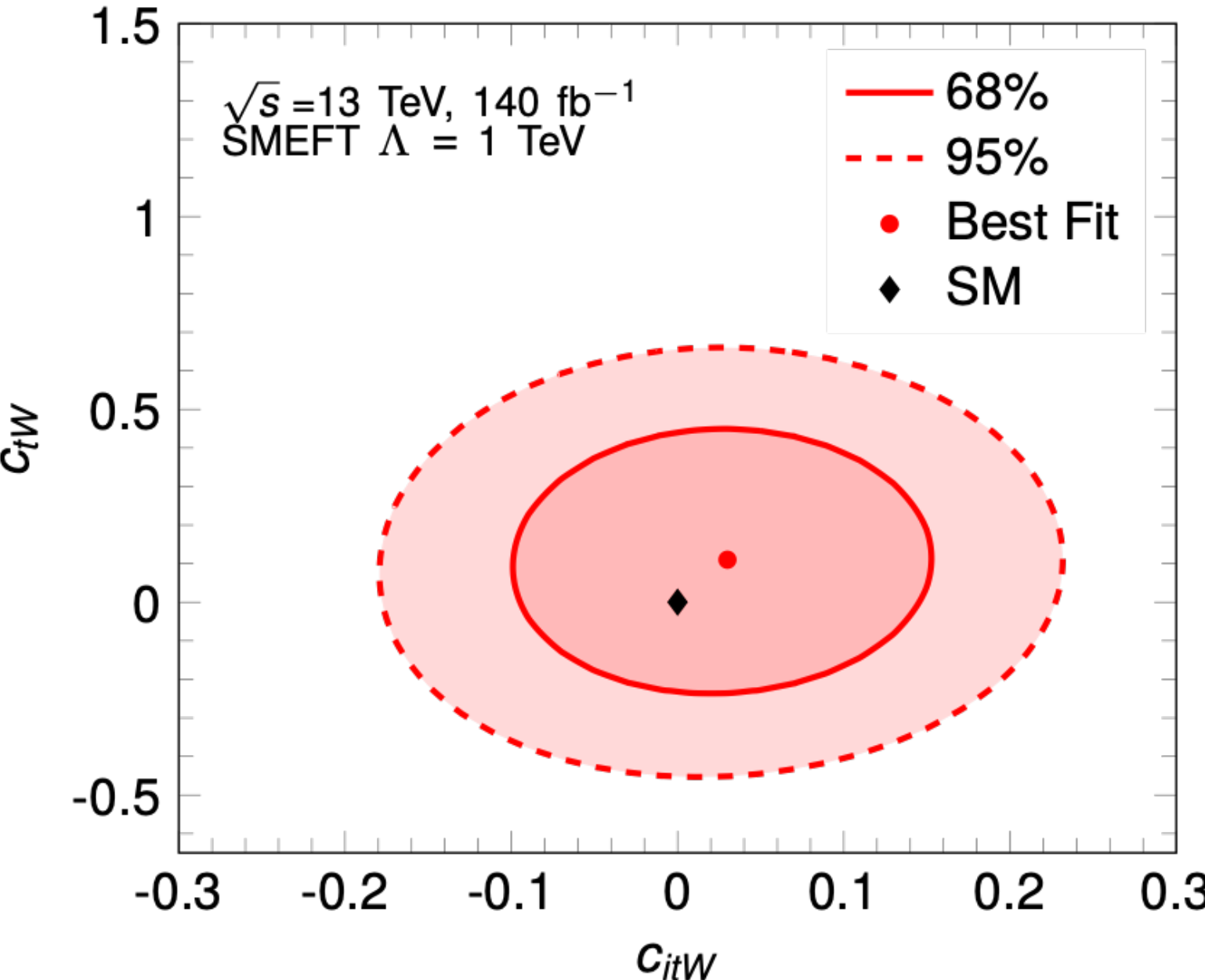
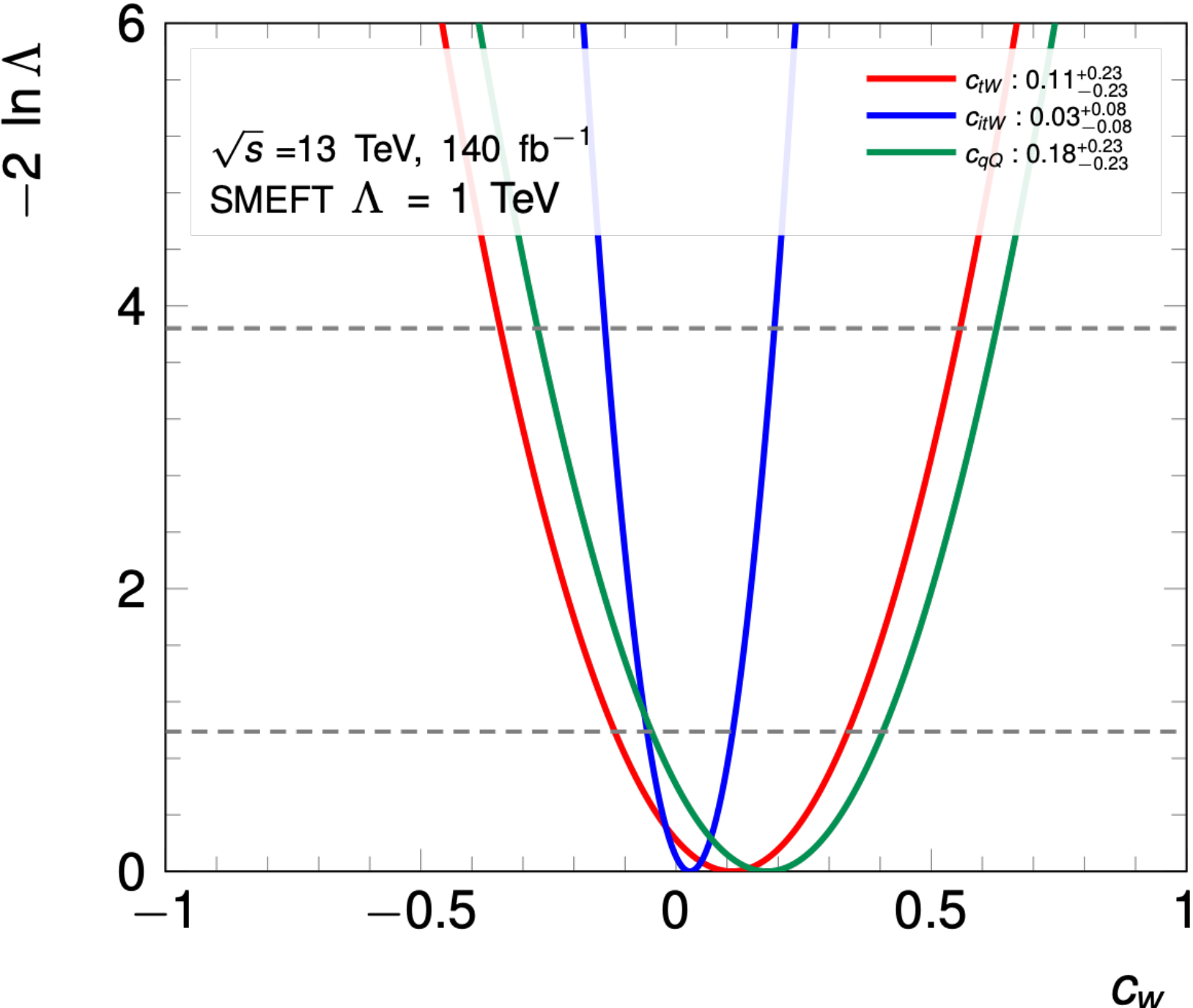
EFT sensitivity

- Use top spin axis to create 3-dimensional coordinate system
- Measure angle of lepton in this coordinate system
- Combine with top momentum measurement



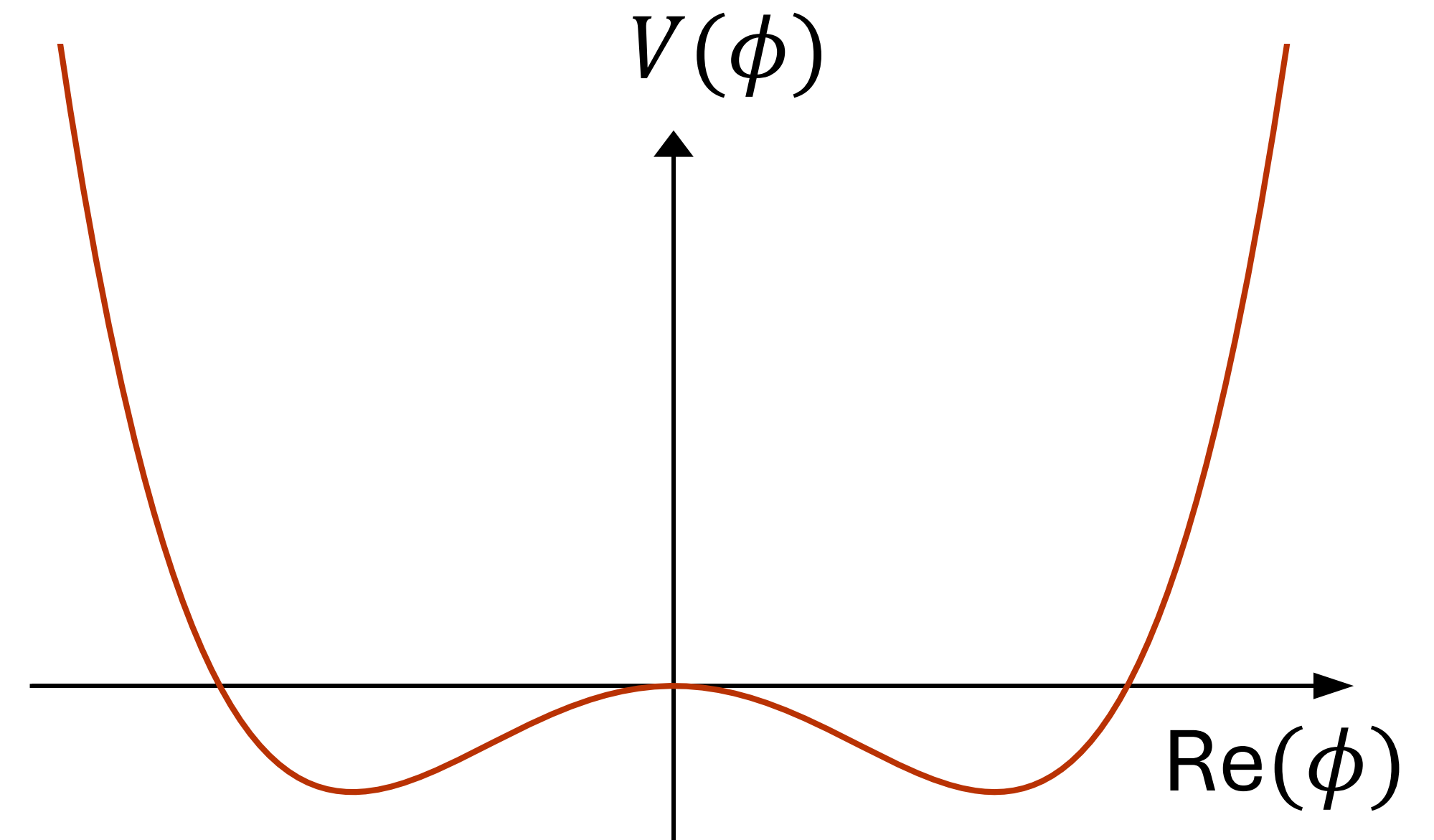
Maximum likelihood Fit

- First simultaneous EFT measurement in t-channel interactions
- Best limit on c_{itW}
- No new (CP-violating) interactions found in top interactions
- Input to a global EFT combination



The Higgs boson

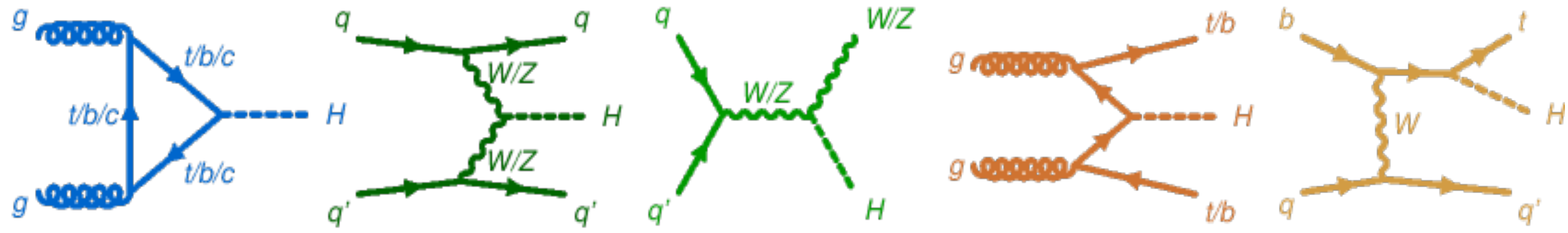
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = & -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi \\ & + |D_{\mu}\phi|^2 - \mu^2(\phi^{\dagger}\phi) - \lambda(\phi^{\dagger}\phi)^2 \\ & + y_{ij}\psi_i\phi\psi_j + \text{h.c.}\end{aligned}$$



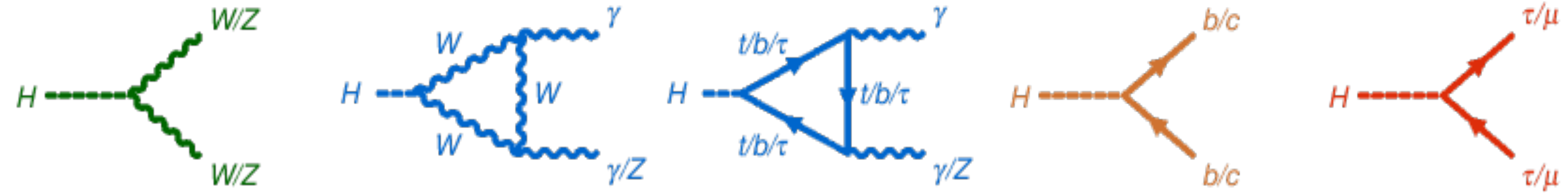
Higgs boson physics

- Many different production and decay modes
- Allows to measure many different Higgs interactions

Production modes:



Decay modes:



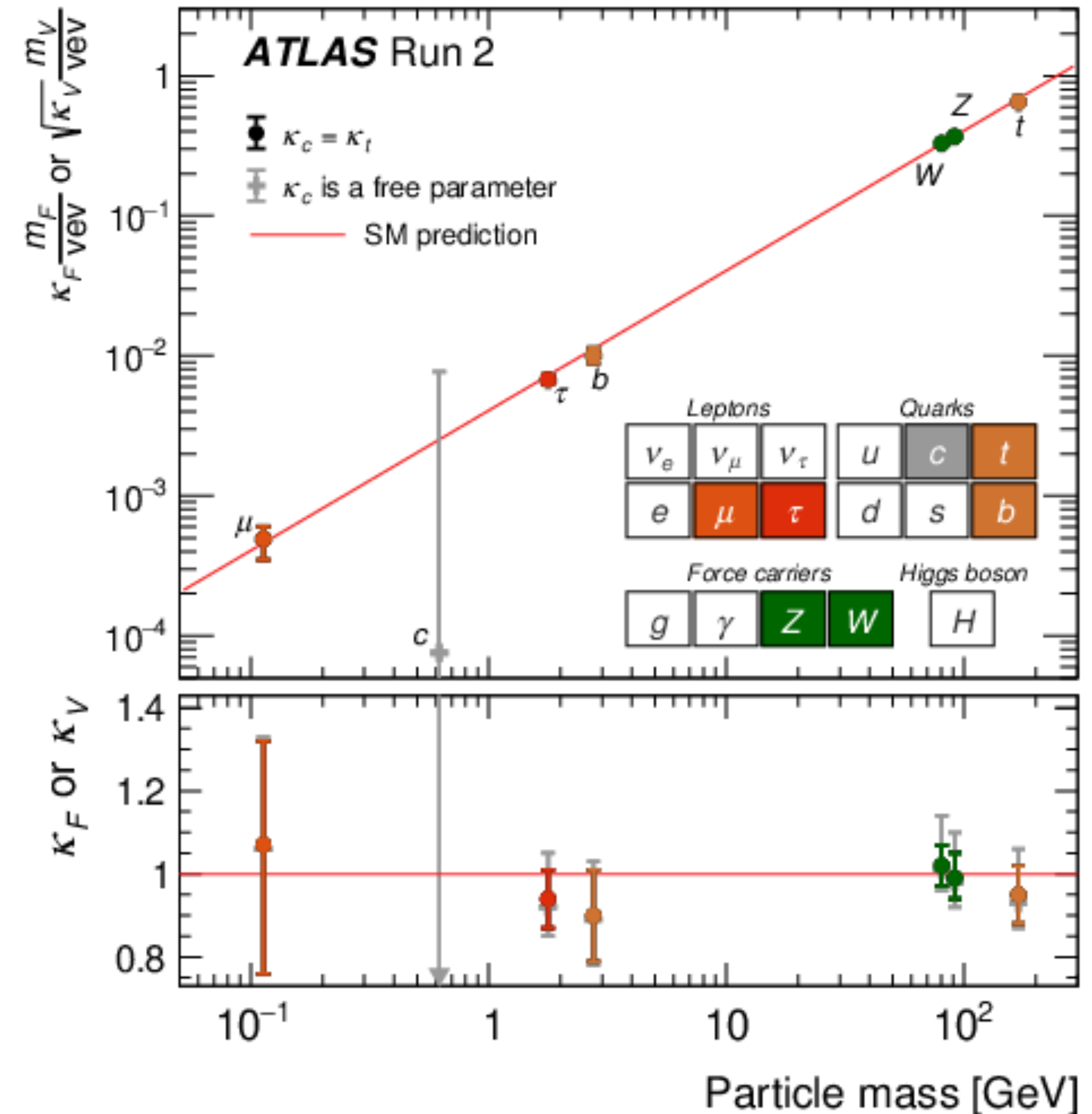
Where do we stand?

Higgs couples to Vector bosons

- W/Z couplings both measured
 - Including differential measurements
 - Number of additional jets
 - Momentum spectra

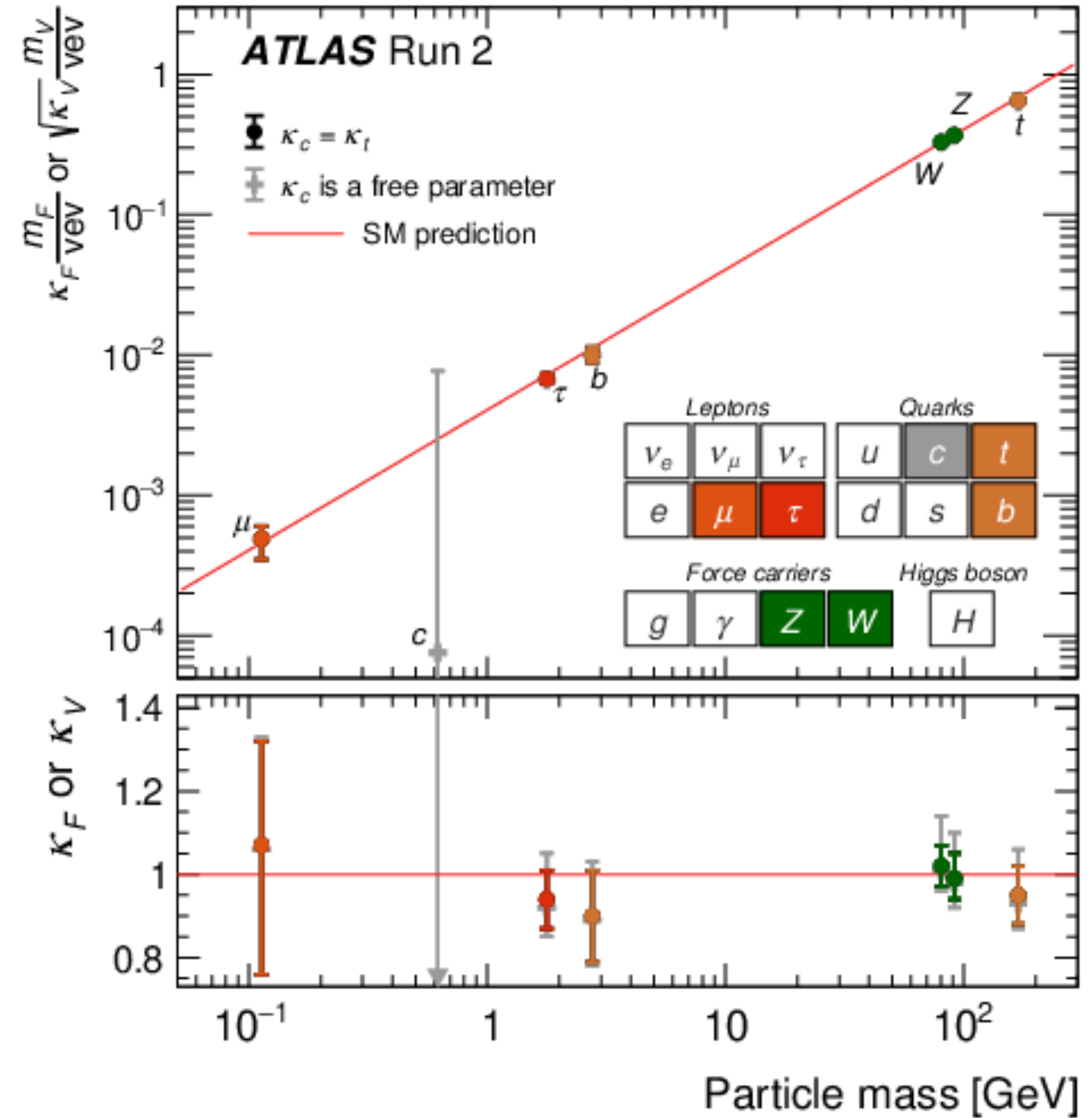
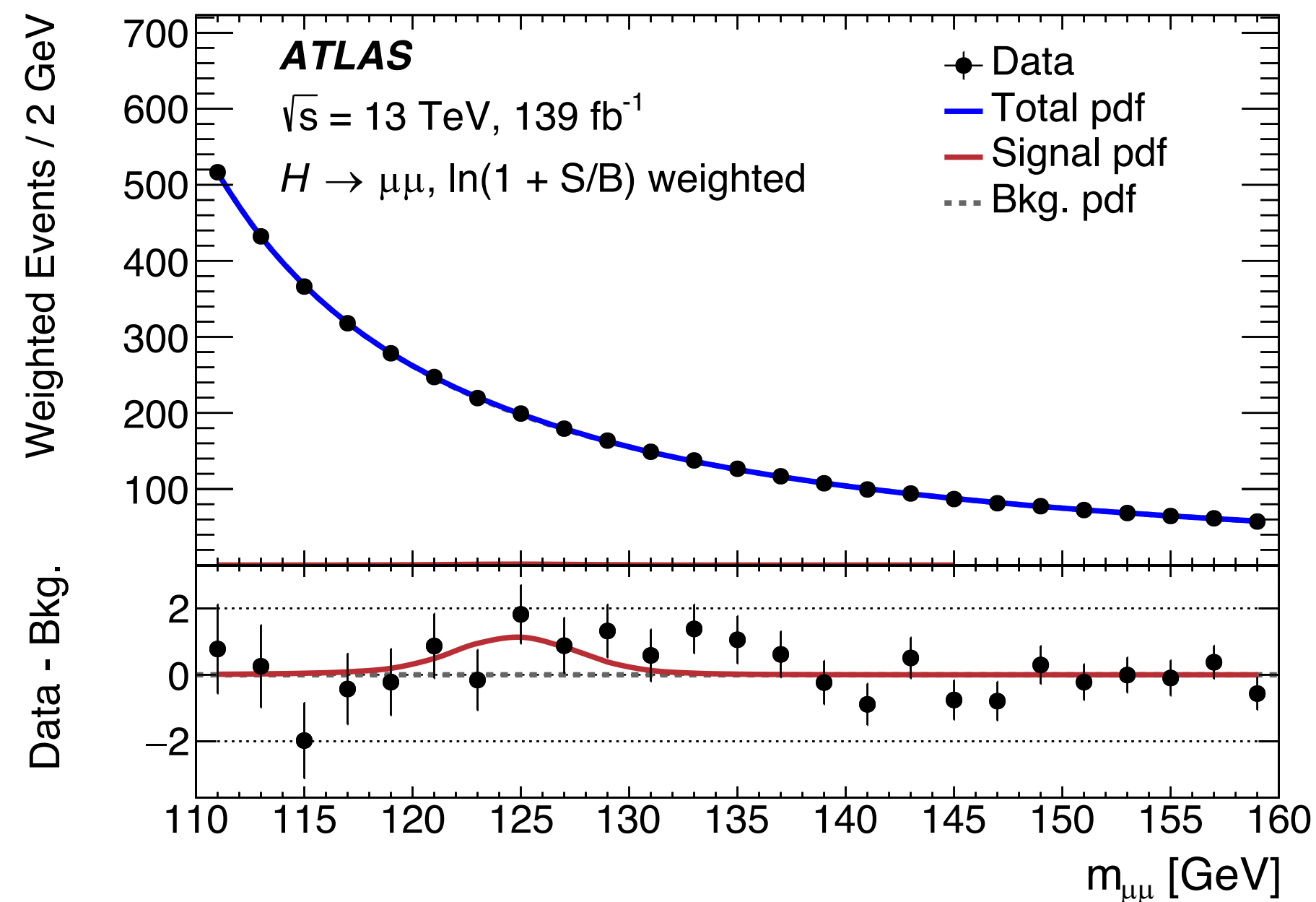
Higgs couples to 3rd generation of fermions

- top/b/ τ couplings all measured
 - Including differential measurements
 - Number of additional jets
 - Momentum spectra
 - Long term contributions from Liverpool in H \rightarrow bb final state (Andy, Carl)



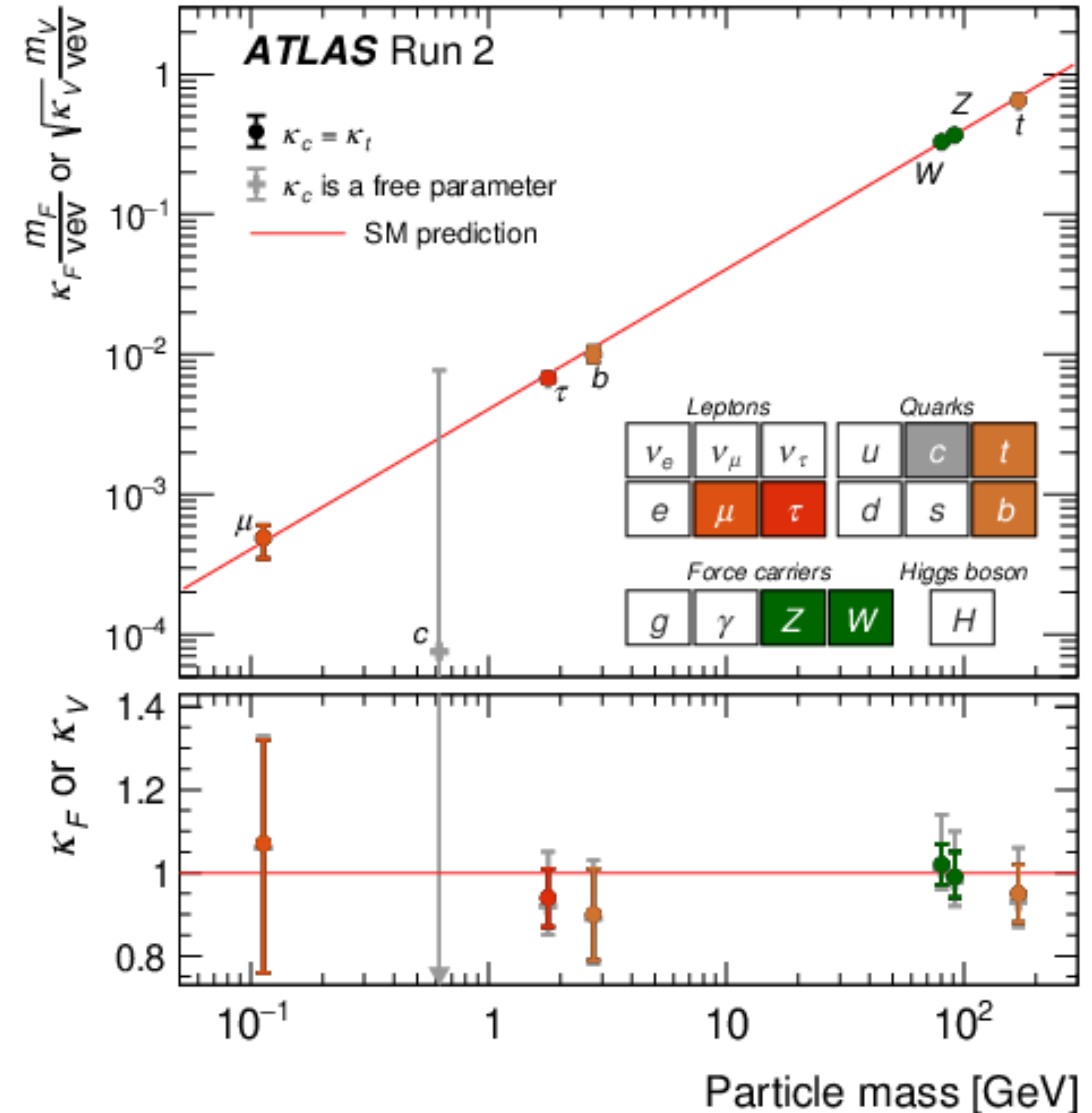
What about other generation?

- $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ observed with ATLAS at 2 sigma (Jan)
- Run 3 analysis ongoing
 - Challenging with new muon forward detector NSW
 - Aim for 5 sigma observation of combined CMS + ATLAS measurement



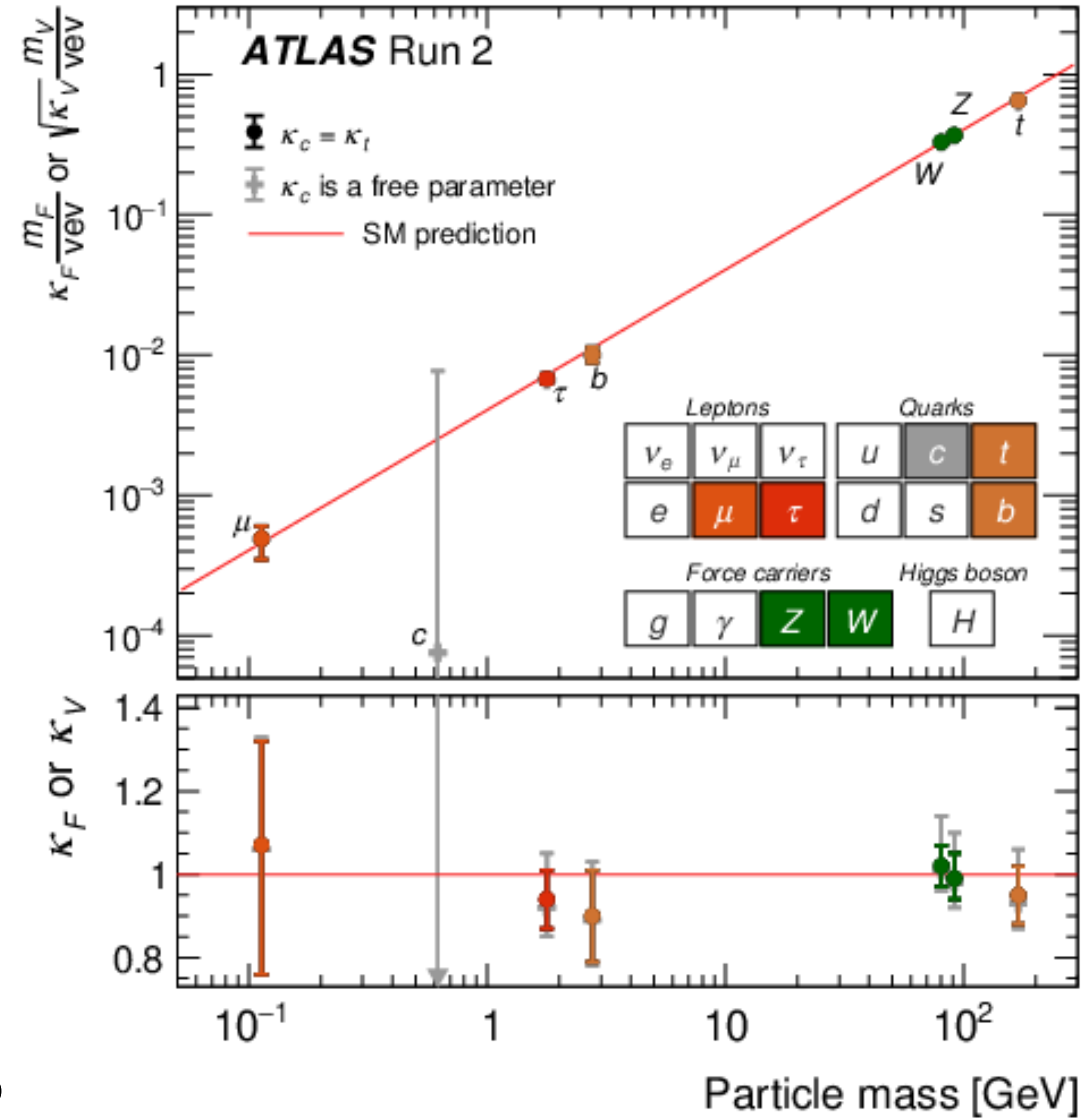
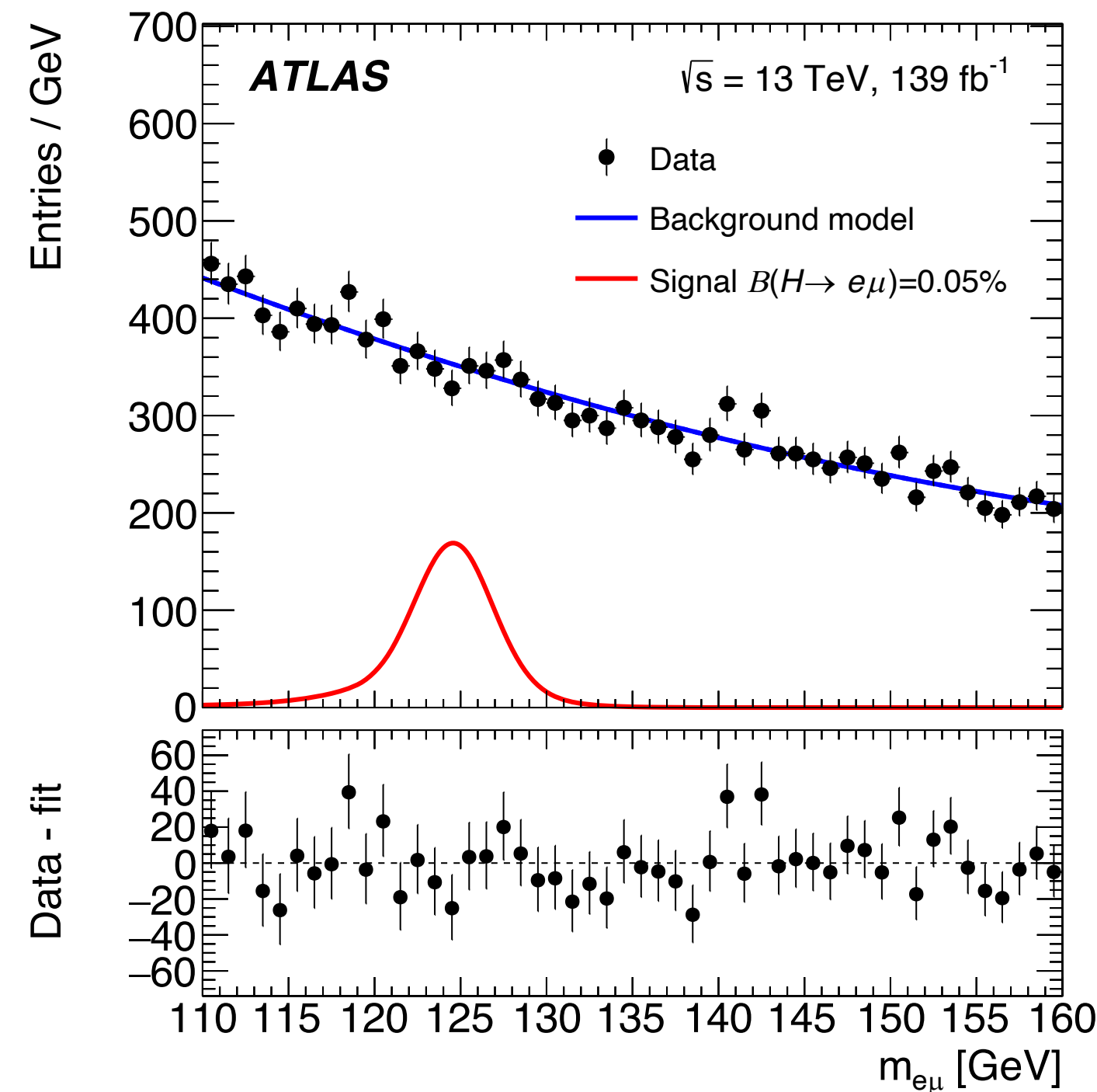
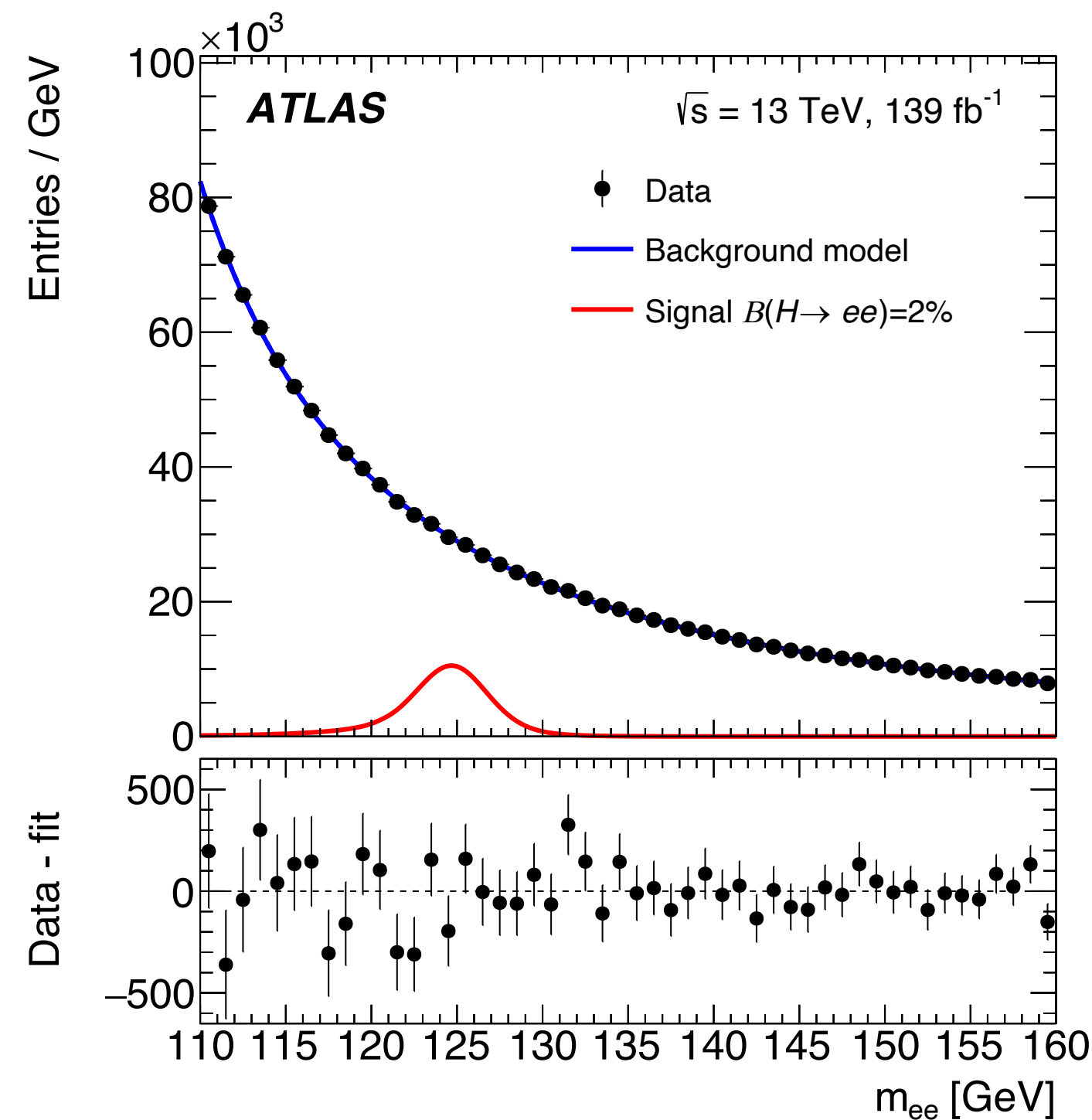
What about other generation?

- H->cc observed (expected) limit of $\mu = 26$ (31)
 - Established different H coupling between b and c quarks
- Re-analysis of run 2 (Ting + Andy)
 - Simultaneously measure H->cc and H->bb
 - Improve sensitivity by factor 2-3
 - Aim for paper at ICHEP
 - Poster by Ting
- Start run 3 analysis of h->bb/cc



What about other generation?

- 1st generation hard to access (Andy, Jan)
 - 95% CL $H \rightarrow ee$ branching fraction of $3.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
 - 95% CL LFV $H \rightarrow e\mu$ branching fraction of: $6.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$
 - Best limits to date



Higgs EFT combination

- Reminder:

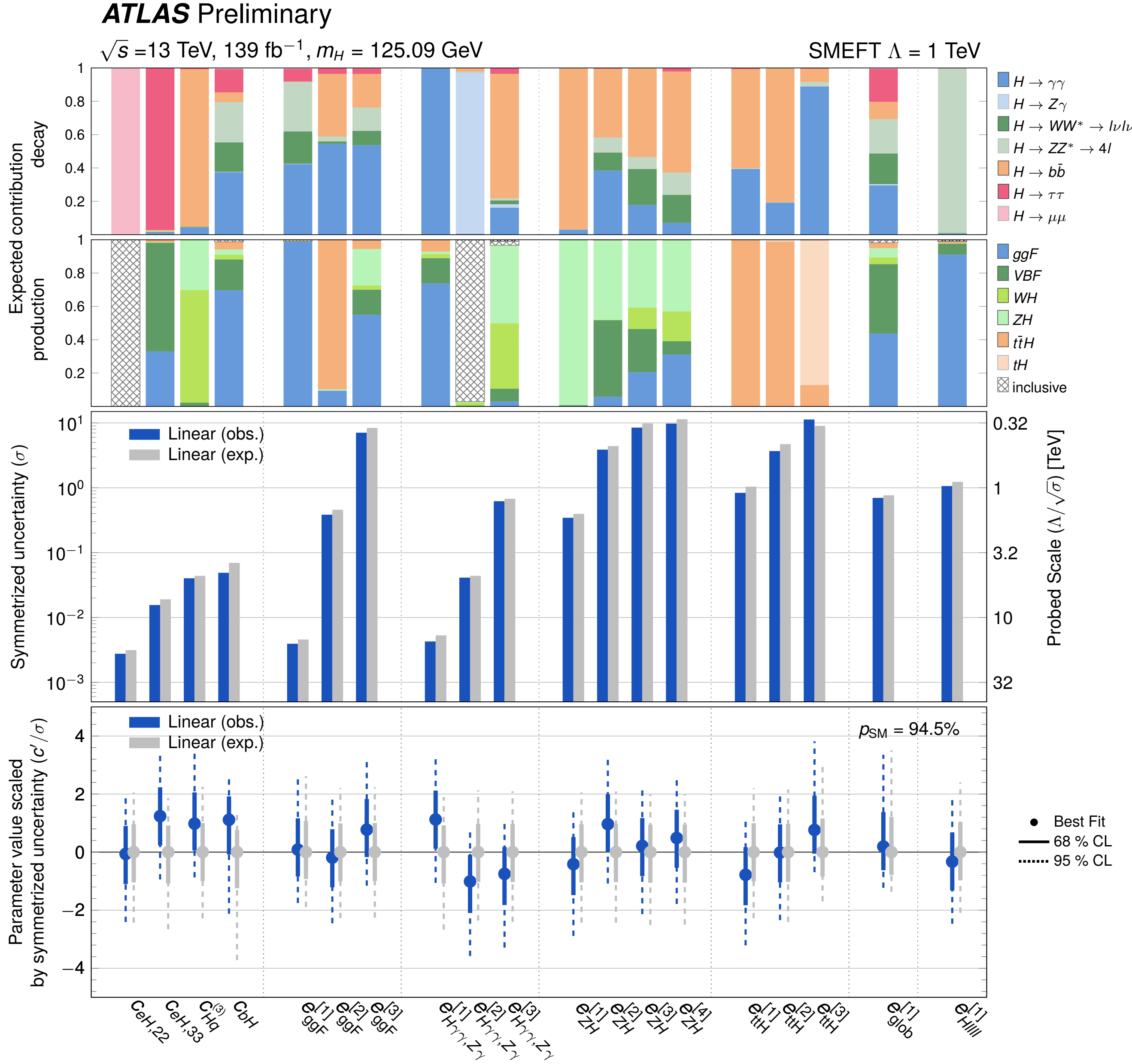
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- 24 different (CP-even) operators effecting Higgs boson physics

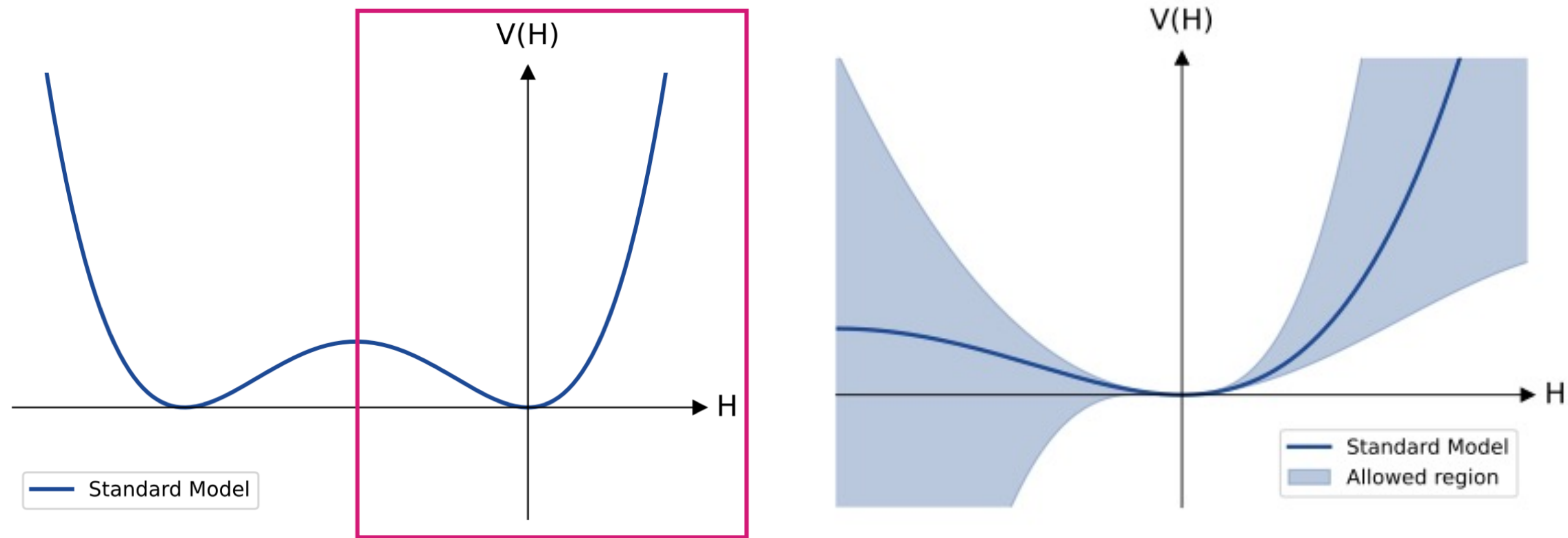
- Combine all different measurements in 1 EFT analysis
 - No new physics found

- Next steps:

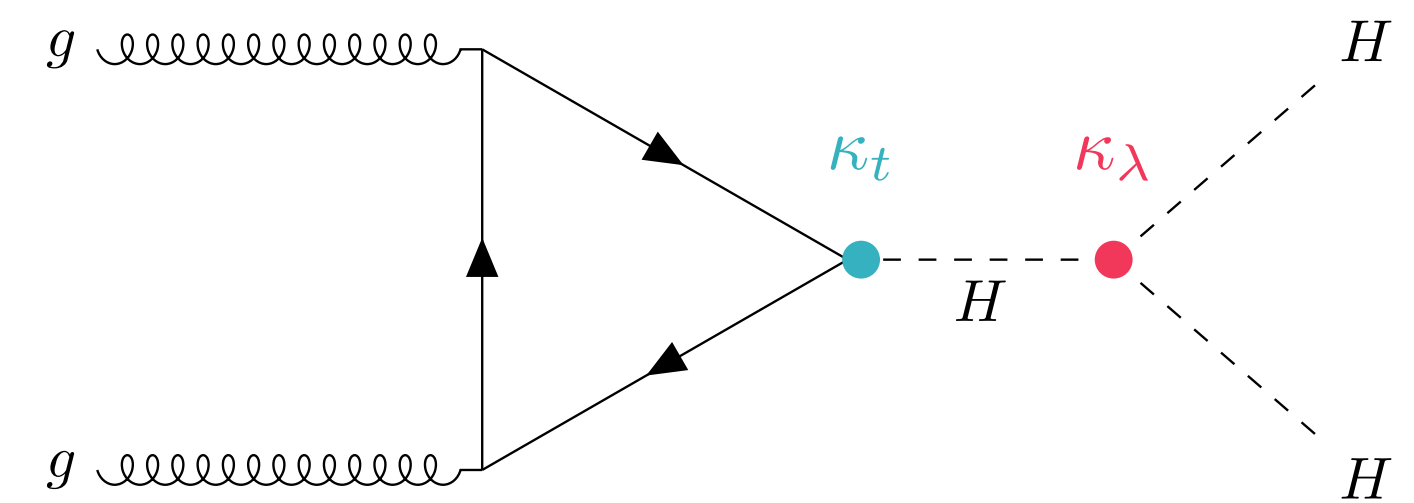
- Combination with other measurements
 - Top
 - Di-higgs



Testing the potential



$$V(H) = \frac{1}{2} m_H^2 H^2 + \boxed{\lambda v_{ev} H^3} + \frac{1}{4} \lambda H^4$$



- Location of minimum well established from single Higgs
- Shape Not explored
 - Is it Mexican hat shaped?
 - Measure Higgs self-coupling modifier $\kappa_\lambda = \lambda/\lambda_{SM}$
 - ~2000 times smaller than single Higgs production
 - ~4000 Higgs pairs produced during run-2

HH Decay

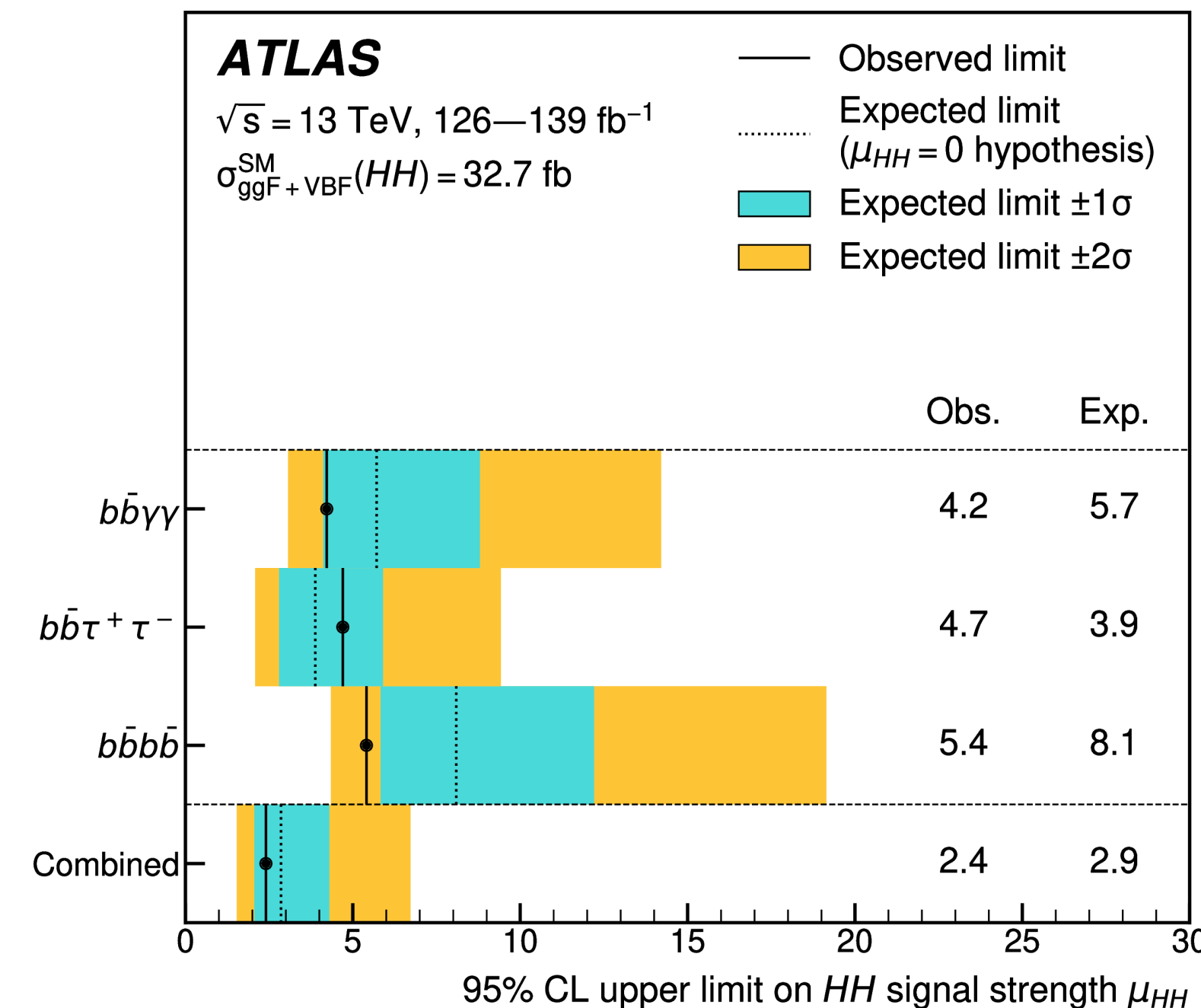
Many different decay modes

- HH->4b: Large branching ratio but huge background
- HH->bbγγ: Low branching ratio but very clean
- **HH->bbττ: Moderate branching ratio and relatively clean**
 - τ can decay hadronically (67%) leptonically (33%)

	bb	WW	ττ	ZZ	γγ
bb	34%				
WW	25%	4.6%			
ττ	7.3%	2.7%	0.39%		
ZZ	3.1%	1.1%	0.33%	0.069%	
γγ	0.26%	0.10%	0.028%	0.012%	0.0005%

First full run 2 result in HH->bbττ (Carl, Nikos, Jordan, Matt)

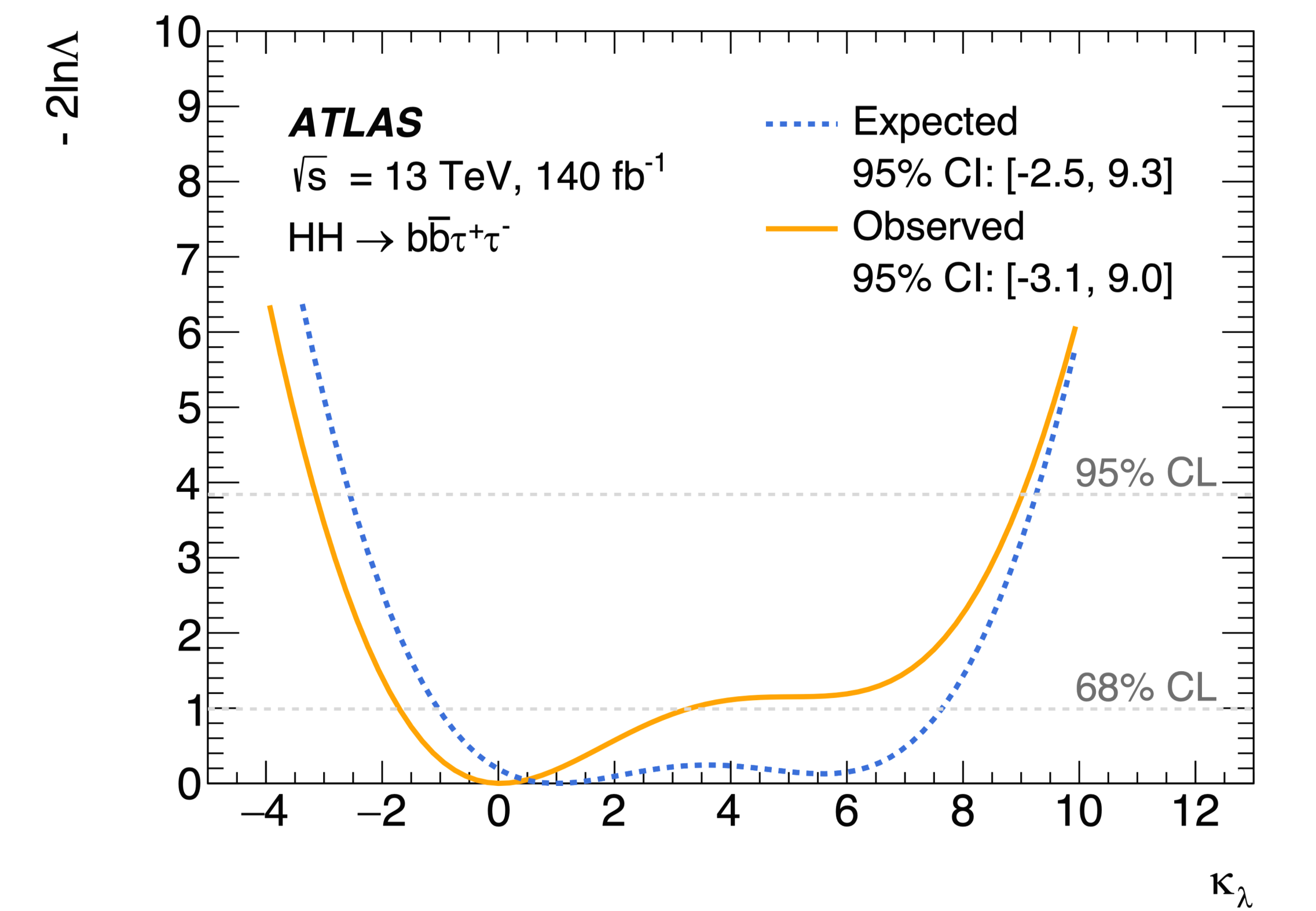
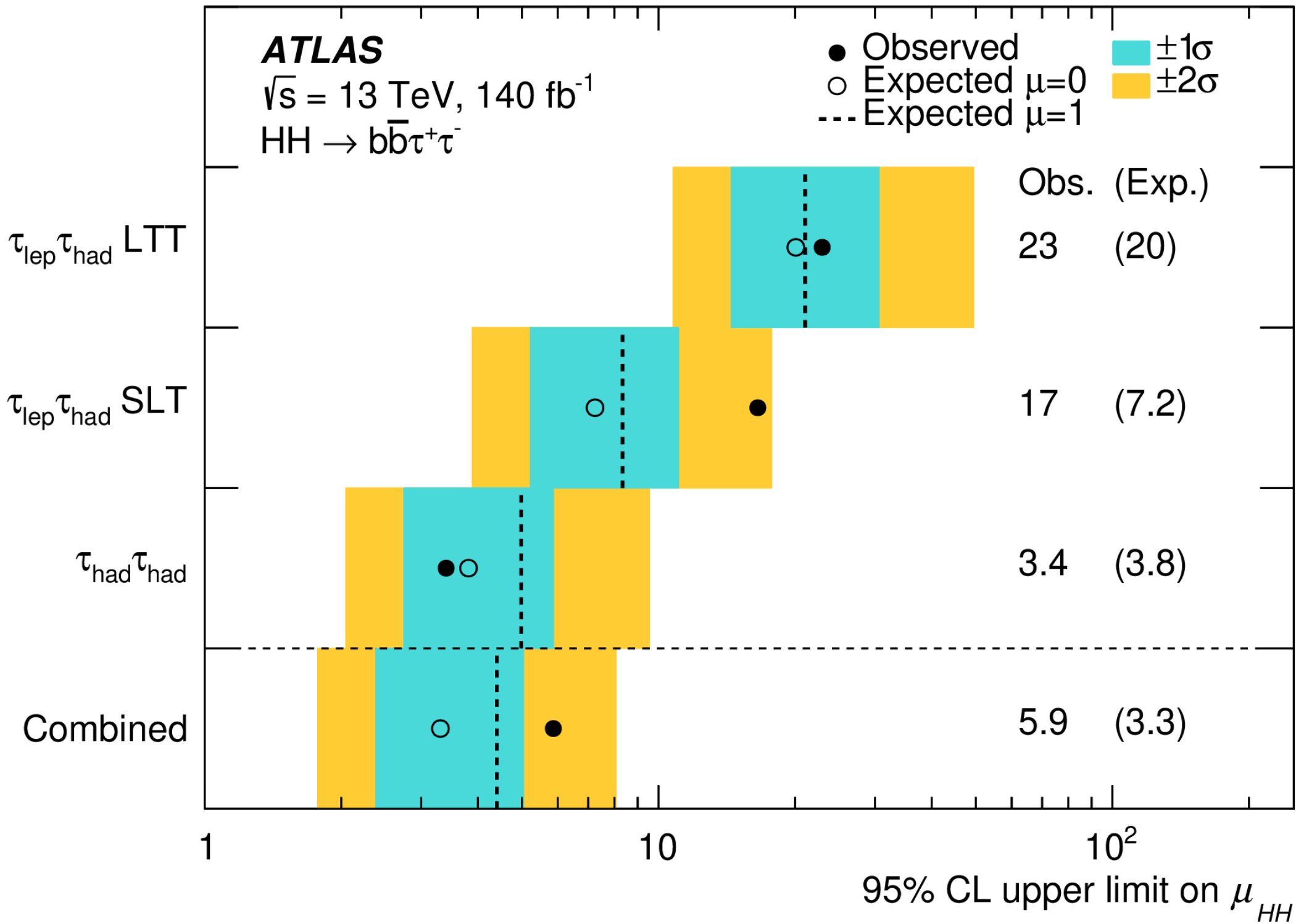
- Main analyzers of the lephad channel
- observed (expected) upper limit from bbtt on $\mu_{HH} = 4.7$ (3.9)
 - Most sensitive channel in combination
 - Included a search for new heavy resonances
- Contributions to final di-Higgs combination
 - Including combined EFT interpretation



Legacy HH->bbττ result

ATLAS recently published new HH->bbττ legacy run 2 result

- Observed (expected) upper limit of $\mu_{HH} = 5.9$ (3.3)
- 20% better limit on κ_λ in HH->bbττ
- New di-Higgs combination ongoing



Run 2 + Run 3 HH->bb $\tau\tau$ measurement

Liverpool contributions (Bhupesh, Carl, Jordy)

- Software coordinator of the new analysis framework
- Focus will be on HadHad channel
- Investigate top modelling ([talk Bhupesh](#))
- Study new MVA strategy

Flavour tagging Improvements

- ~2x better performance compared to previous tagger (DL1d)
- Ongoing calibration of GN2 tagger (Andy + Nikos)

Tau tagging Improvements

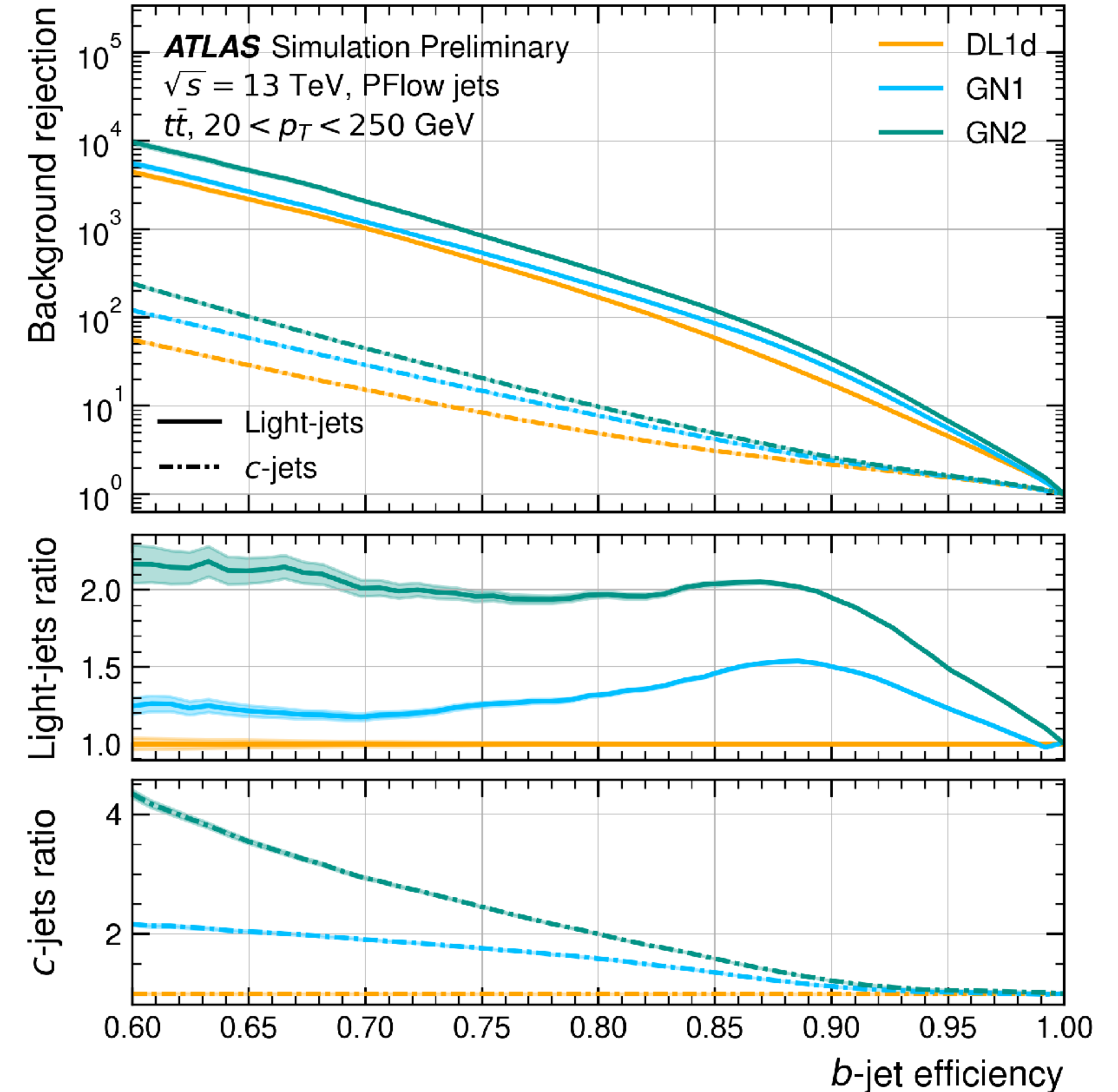
- Training of new tagger also using GNN architecture (Monica, Joe, Nikos, Rob, Mehul, Jordy)
- Similar improvements expected with respect to b-tagging
- More details in [Robs 2nd year talk](#)

Estimated sensitivity:

- Combined (CMS+ATLAS) evidence for HH production by end of run 3

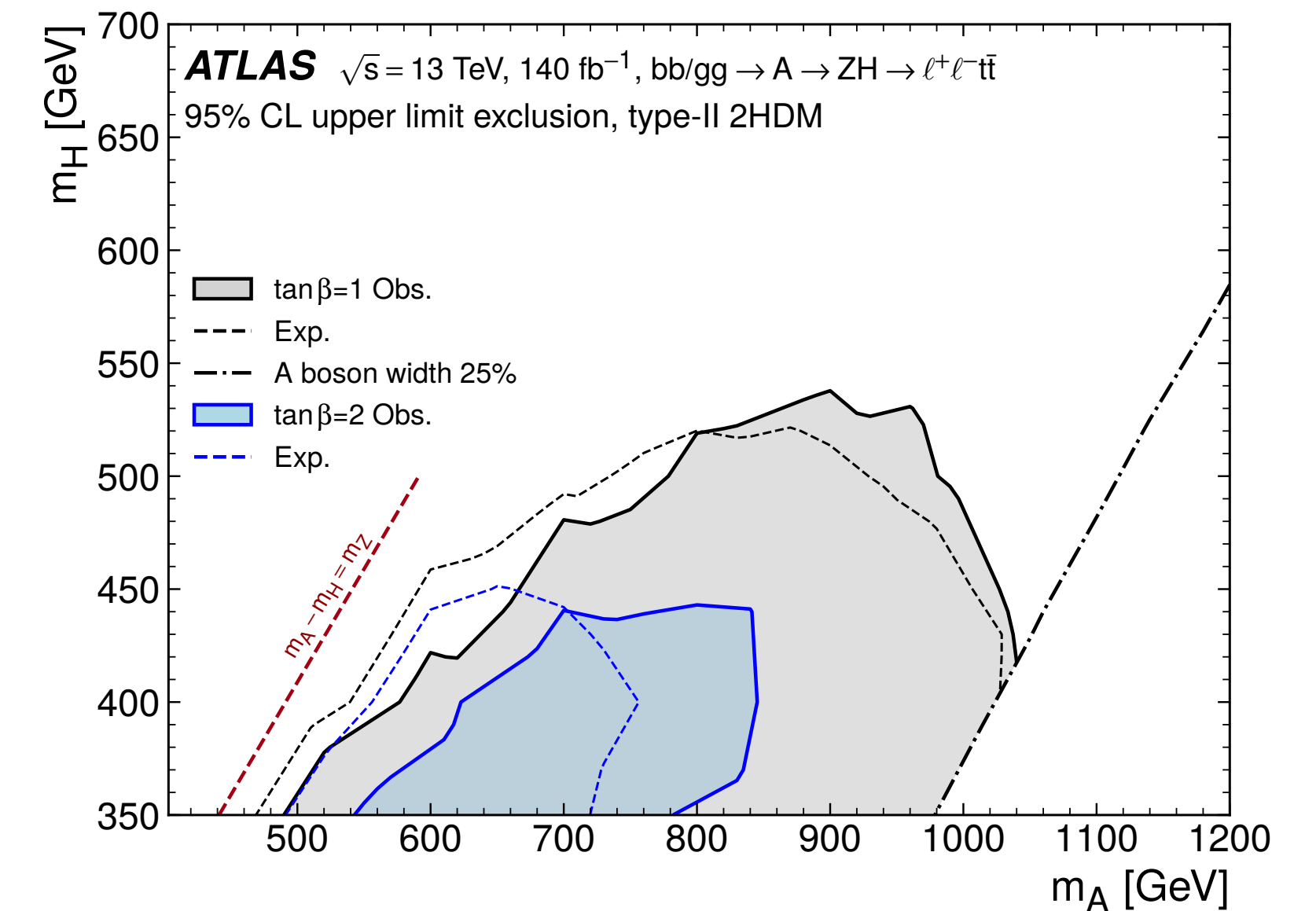
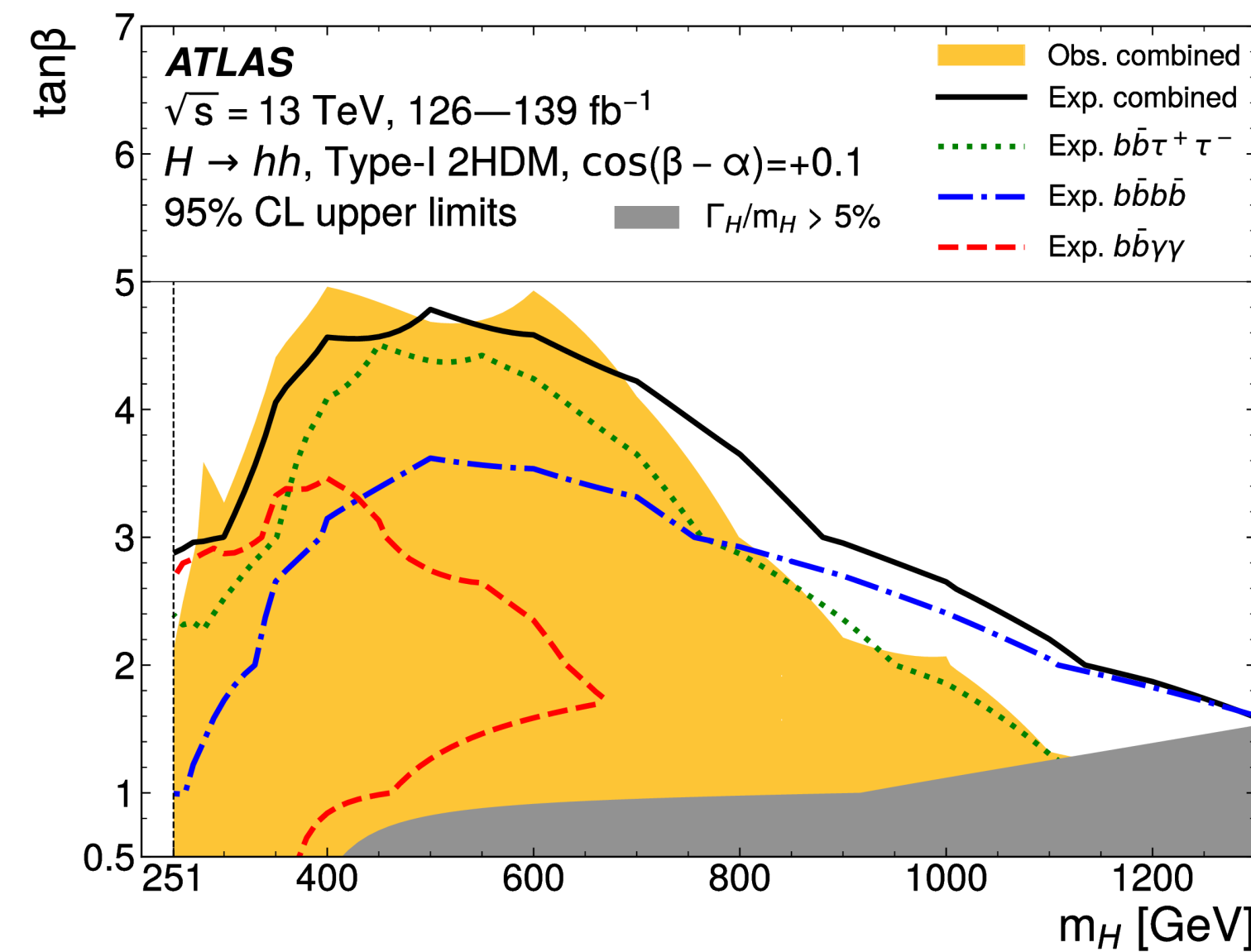
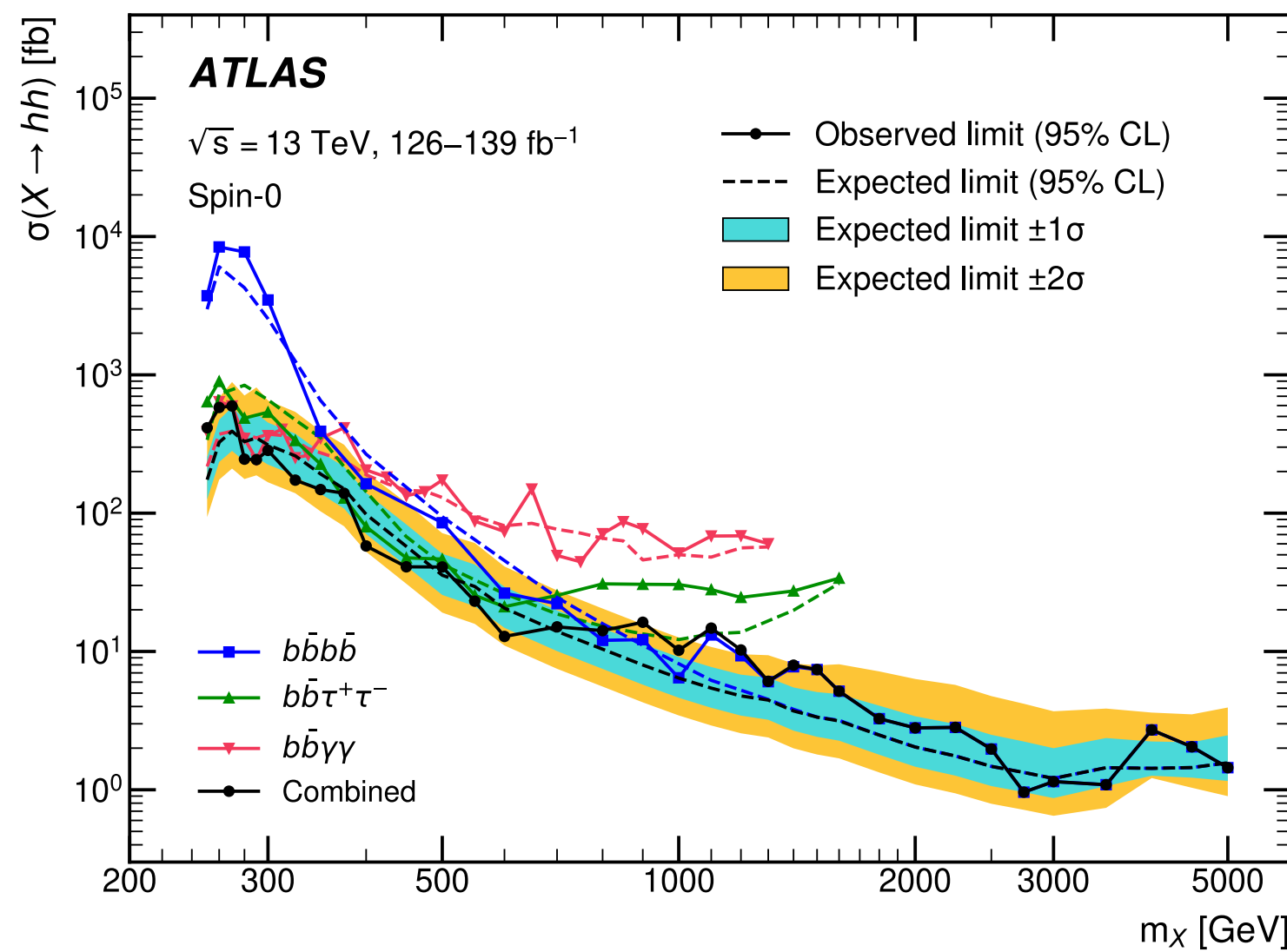
One of main physics results for ATLAS HL-LHC

- New tracking detector build in Liverpool: ITk



Search for additional Higgs bosons

- Many models predict additional Higgs bosons (SUSY, MSSM, 2HDM)
 - Combined search for heavy Higgs boson (H) decaying into higgs pair (Nikos):
 - H->hh->bbbb (high mass)
 - H->hh-> bb $\tau\tau$ (medium mass) (Nikos, Carl, Jordan)
 - H->hh->bb $\gamma\gamma$ (low mass)
 - Search for CP-odd Higgs boson decaying to heavy CP-even Higgs boson and a Z (Nikos)
 - Search for di-Higgs production in association with vector boson (Nikos)



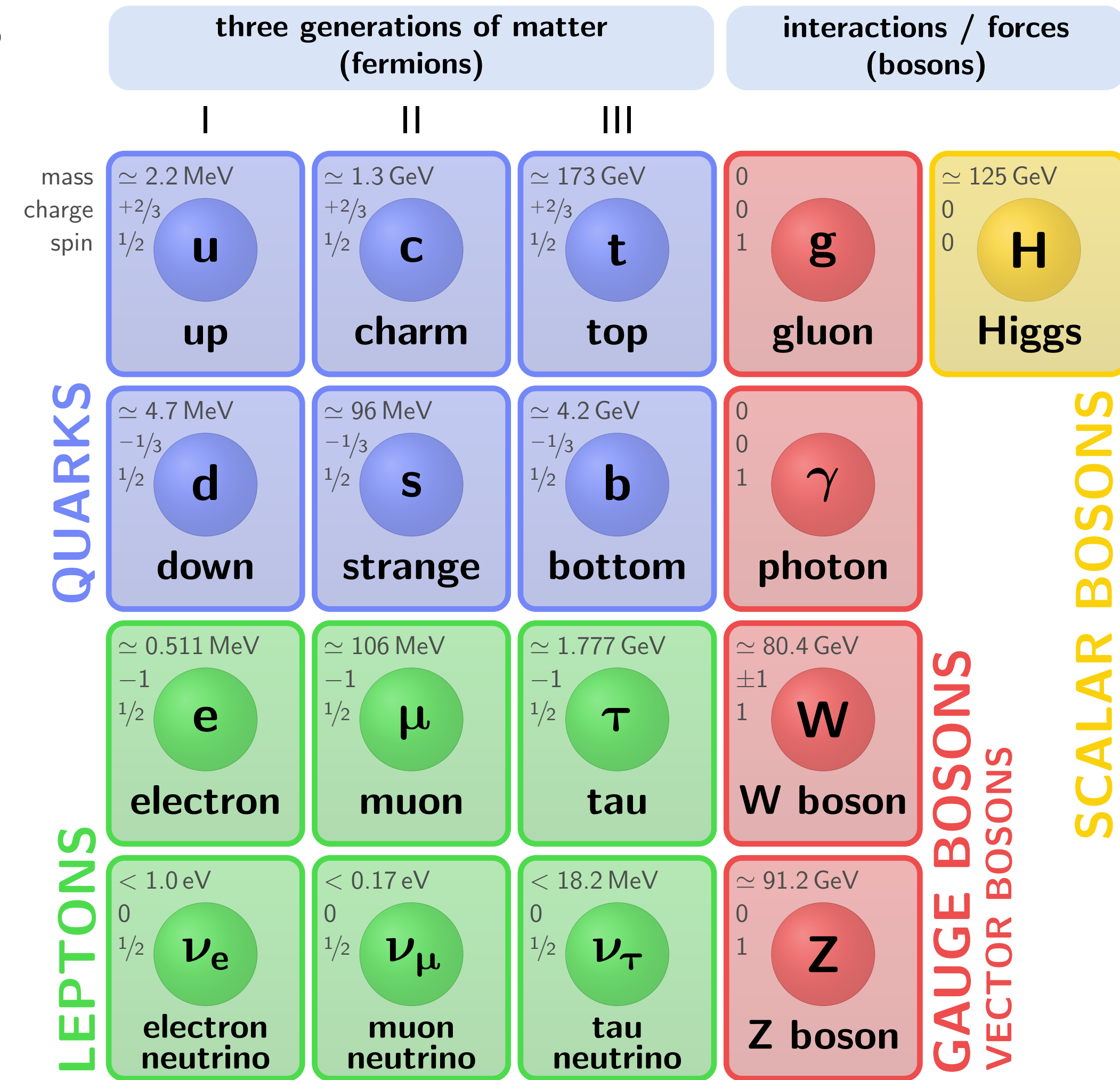
Conclusion

- ATLAS ideal detector to study complete SM
 - Mapping out the complete Higgs/Electroweak/top sector
 - Liverpool involved in many key analysis
- Future data allows to search for even rarest processes
 - Strong involvement from Liverpool both in Analysis and object reconstruction
 - 2nd generation of leptons would verify Higgs mechanism across generation
 - Di-Higgs measurement offers unique opportunity to determine shape of Higgs potential
 - Plans to study even rarer triple-Higgs production to determine full potential
- EFT powerful tool to combine many different analysis
 - Study on new CP-violating interactions in top sector presented
 - Most stringent limits on combined EFT interactions in Higgs physics
 - Future combination of many measurements

Backup

Testing the SM

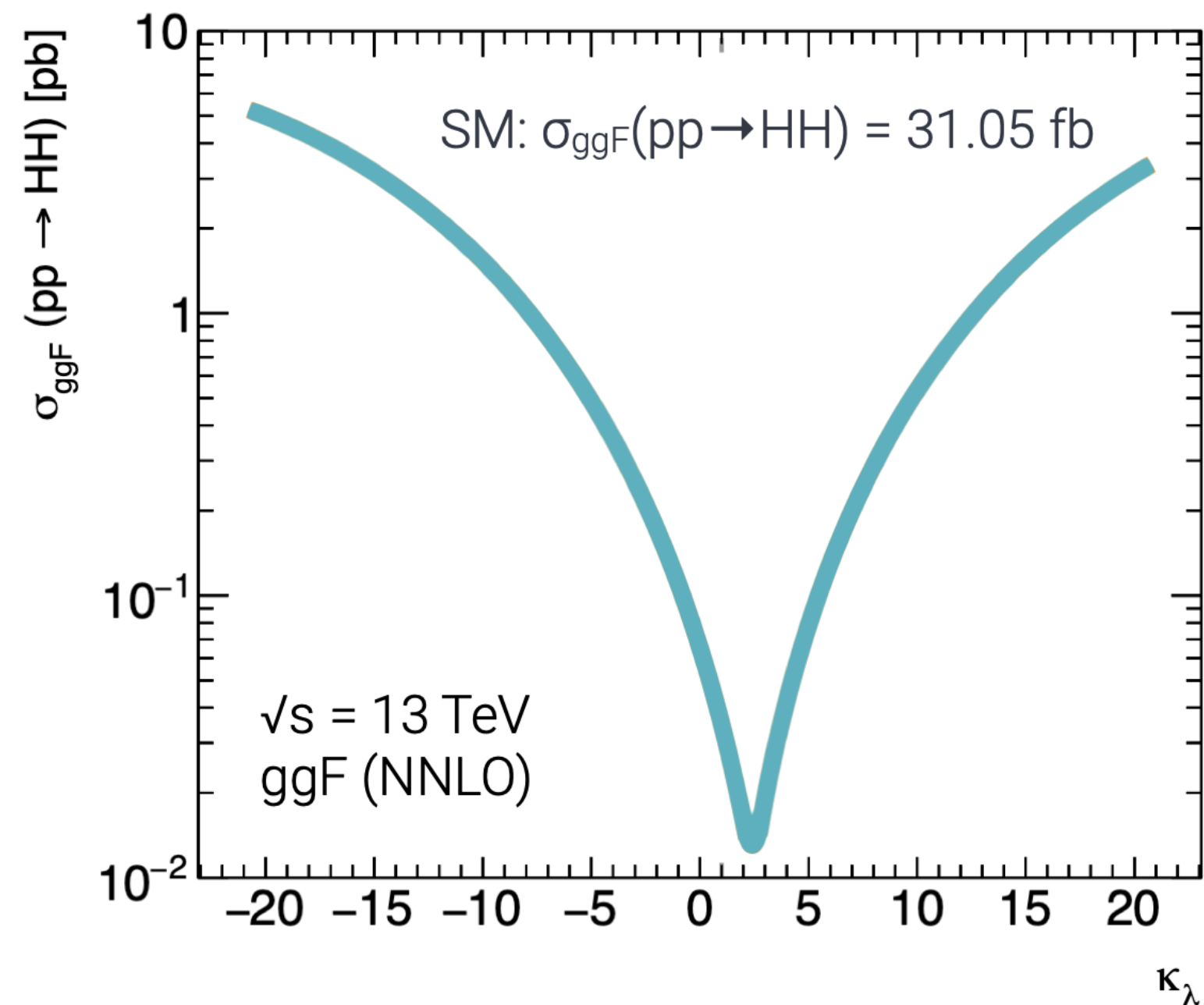
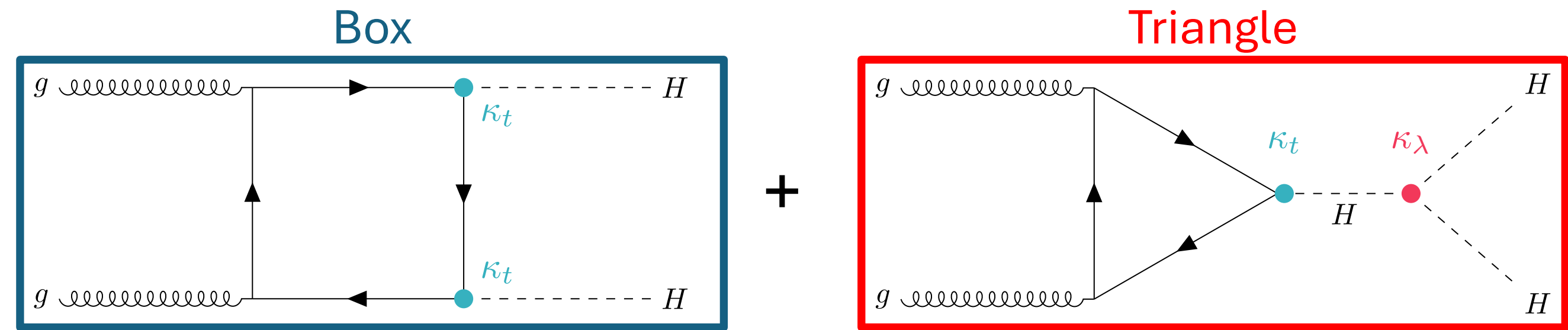
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- Higgs boson
 - Discovered in 2012
 - Crucial part in giving particles their mass
 - By studying the Higgs boson we can access the Higgs potential
 - Focus of my study here in liverpool



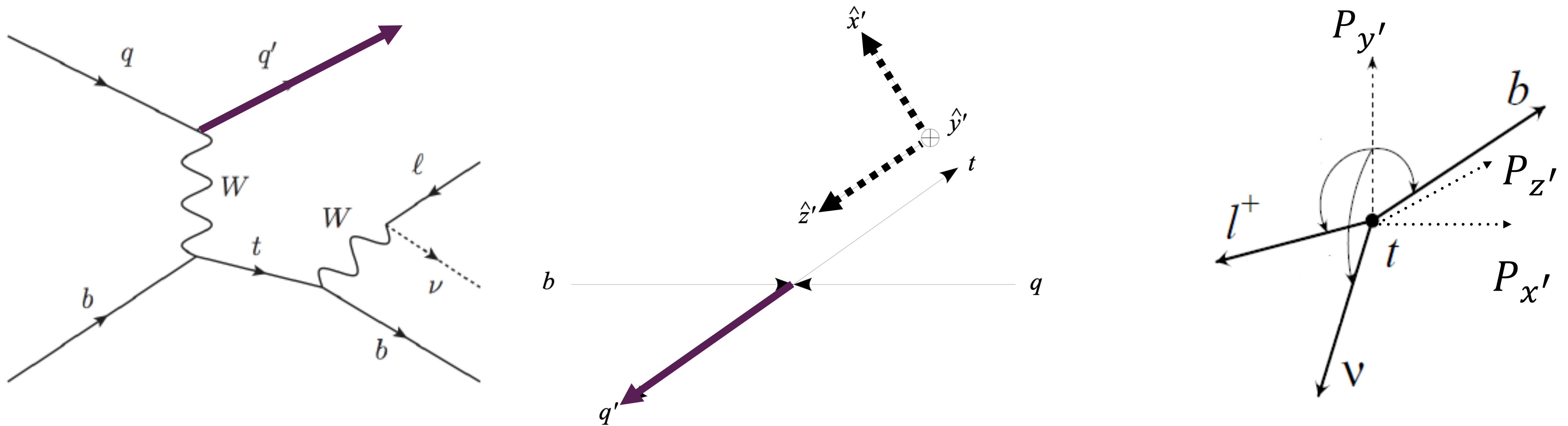
GGF HH Production

- ~ 4000 HH pairs produced in Run 2
- $\sigma \sim |\mathbf{B}|^2 + |\mathbf{T}|^2 + 2\text{Re}(\mathbf{B}^*\mathbf{T})$
- ggF: $\sigma = 31 \text{ fb}$

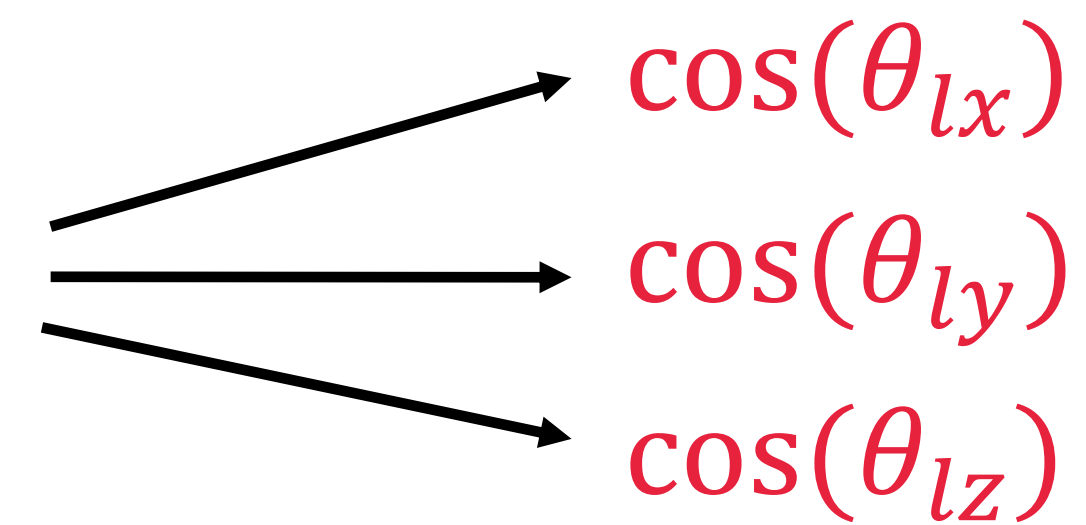
- Acces to Higgs self-coupling κ_λ



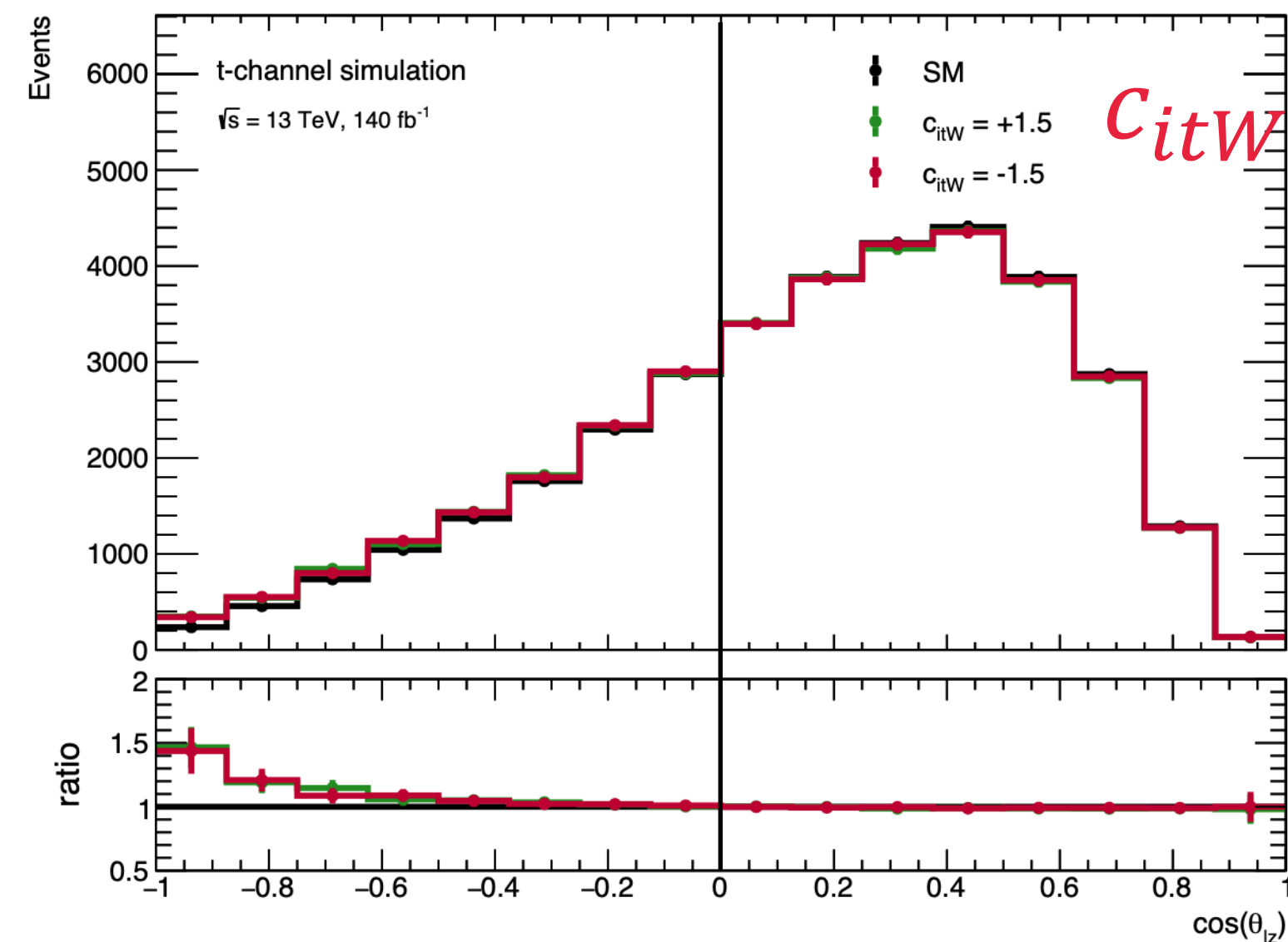
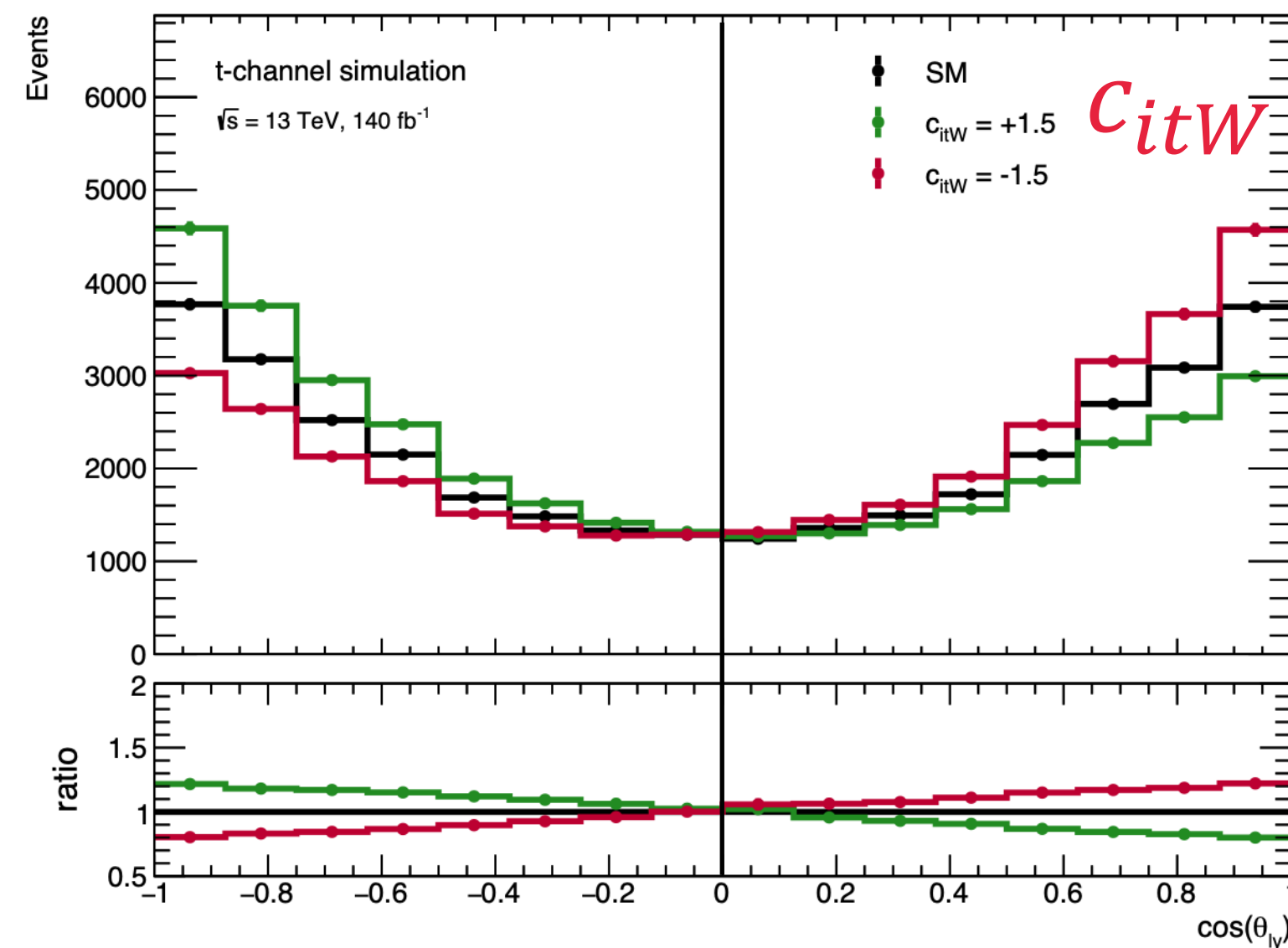
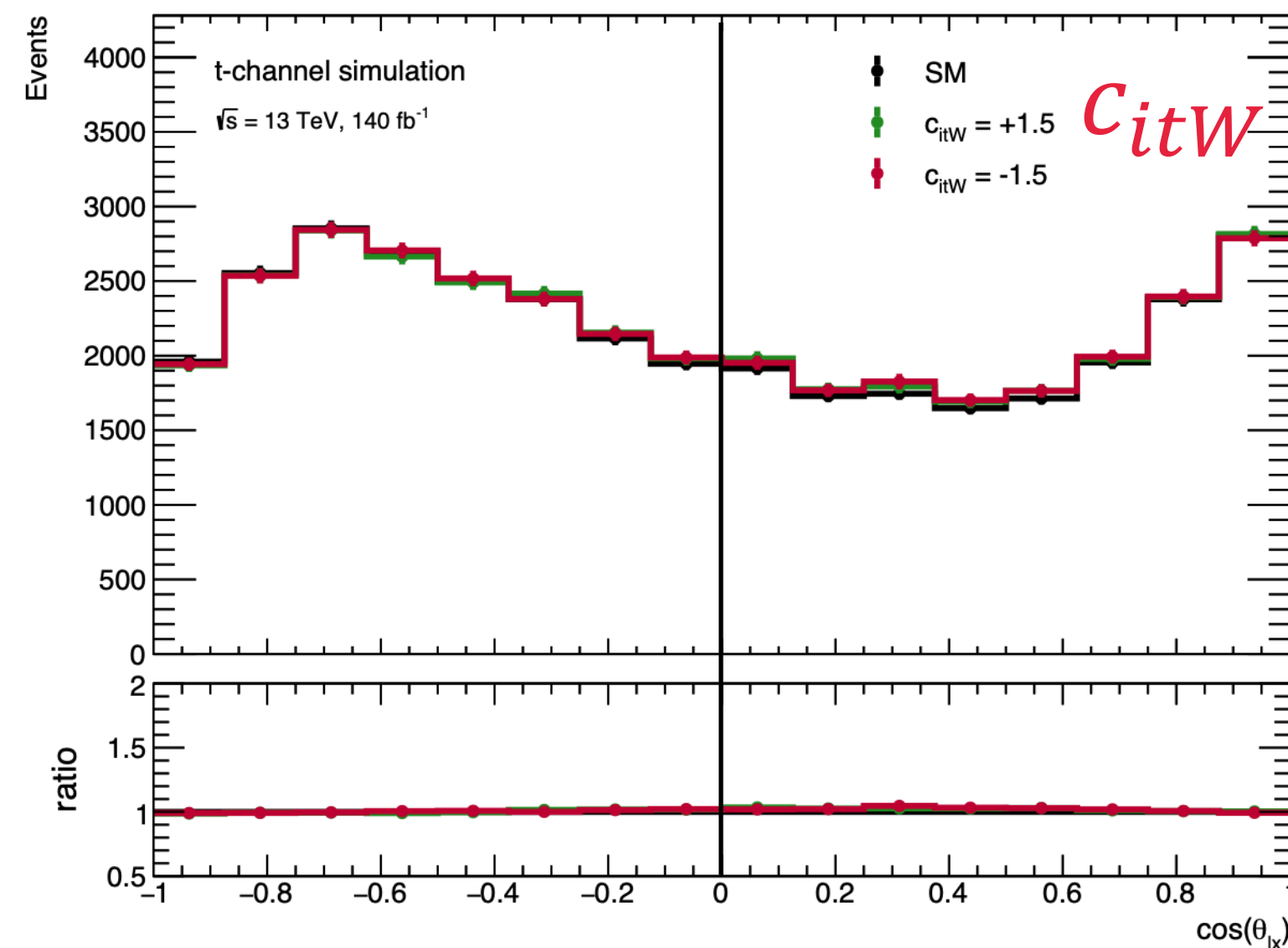
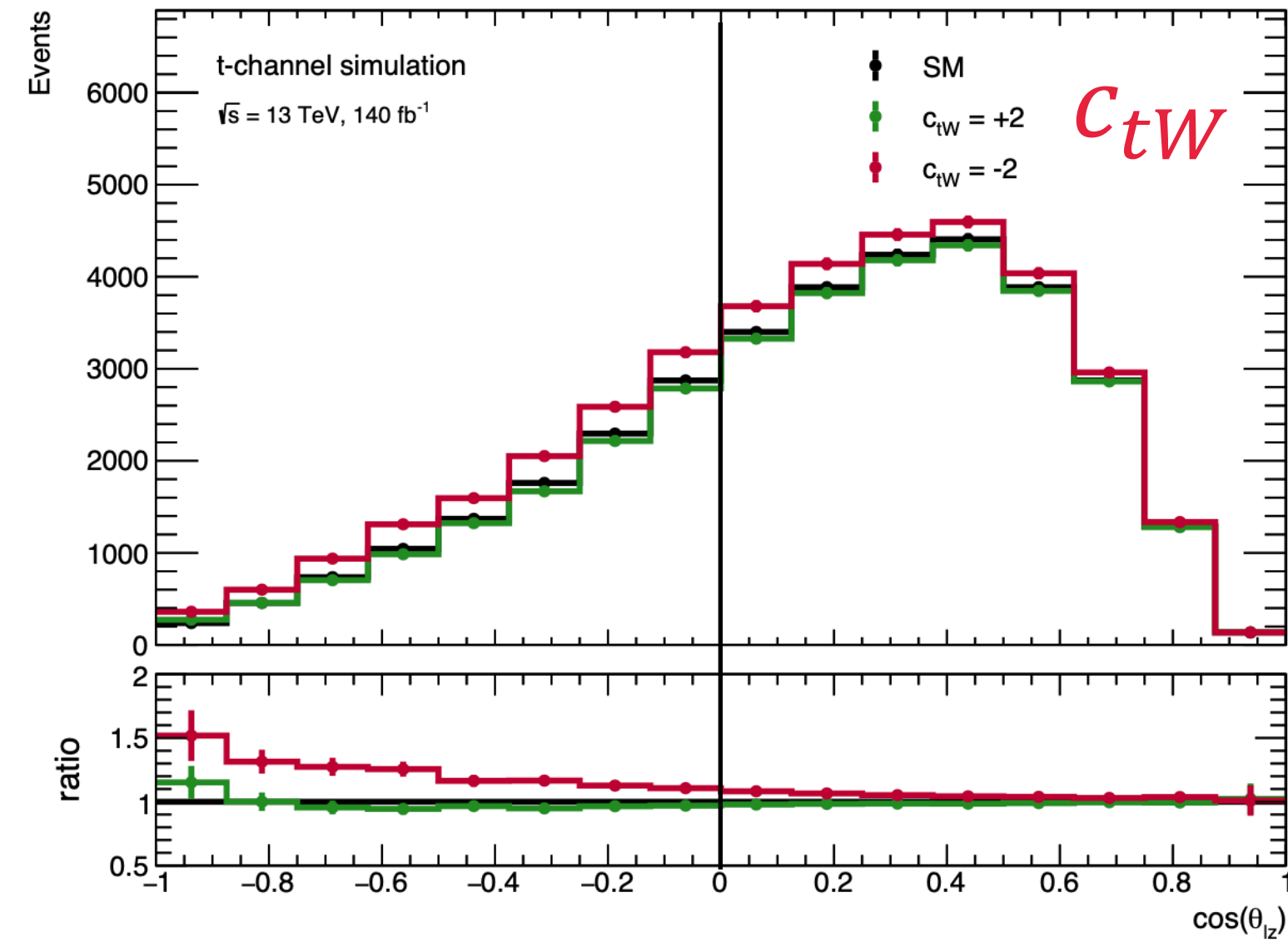
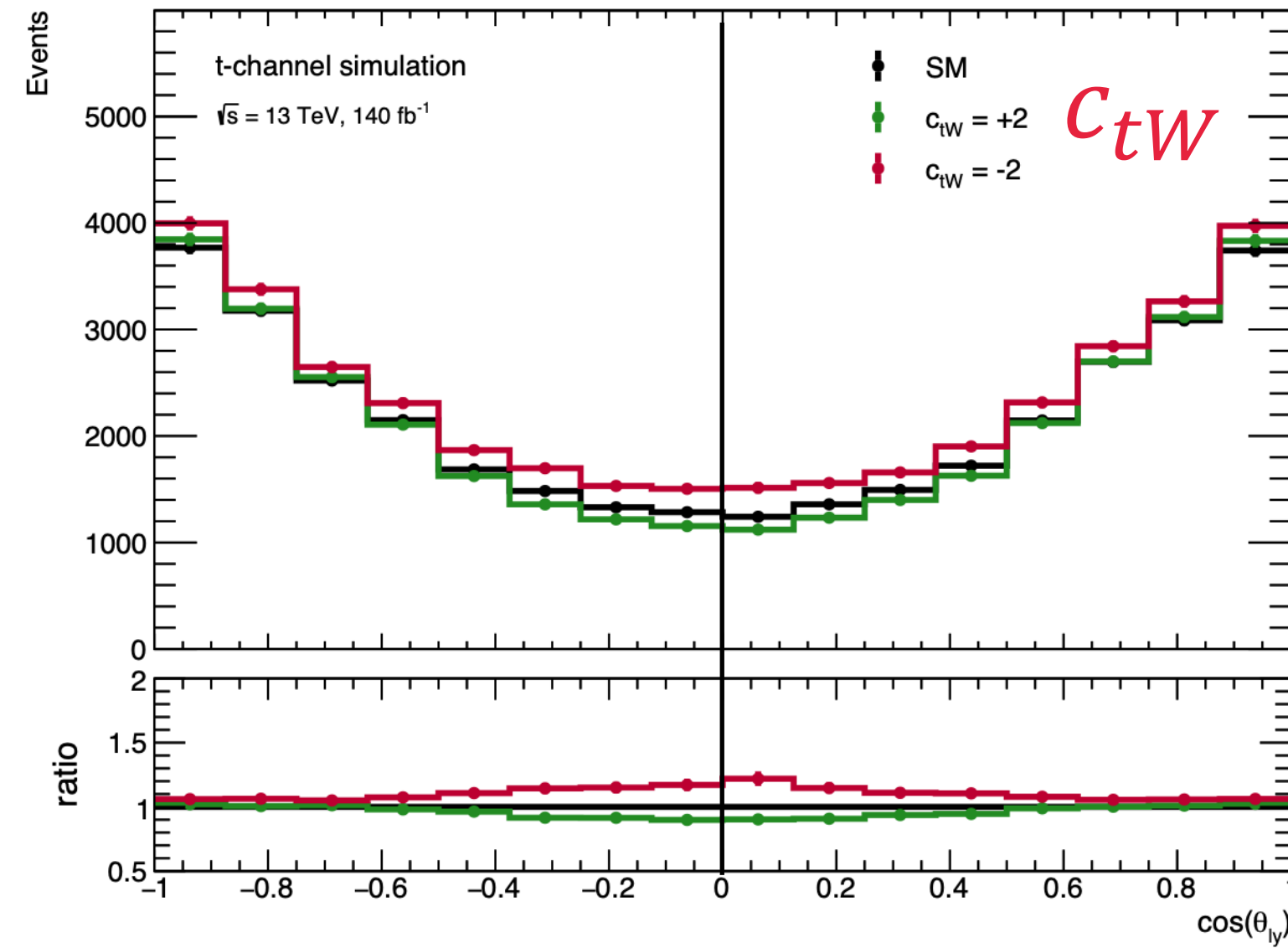
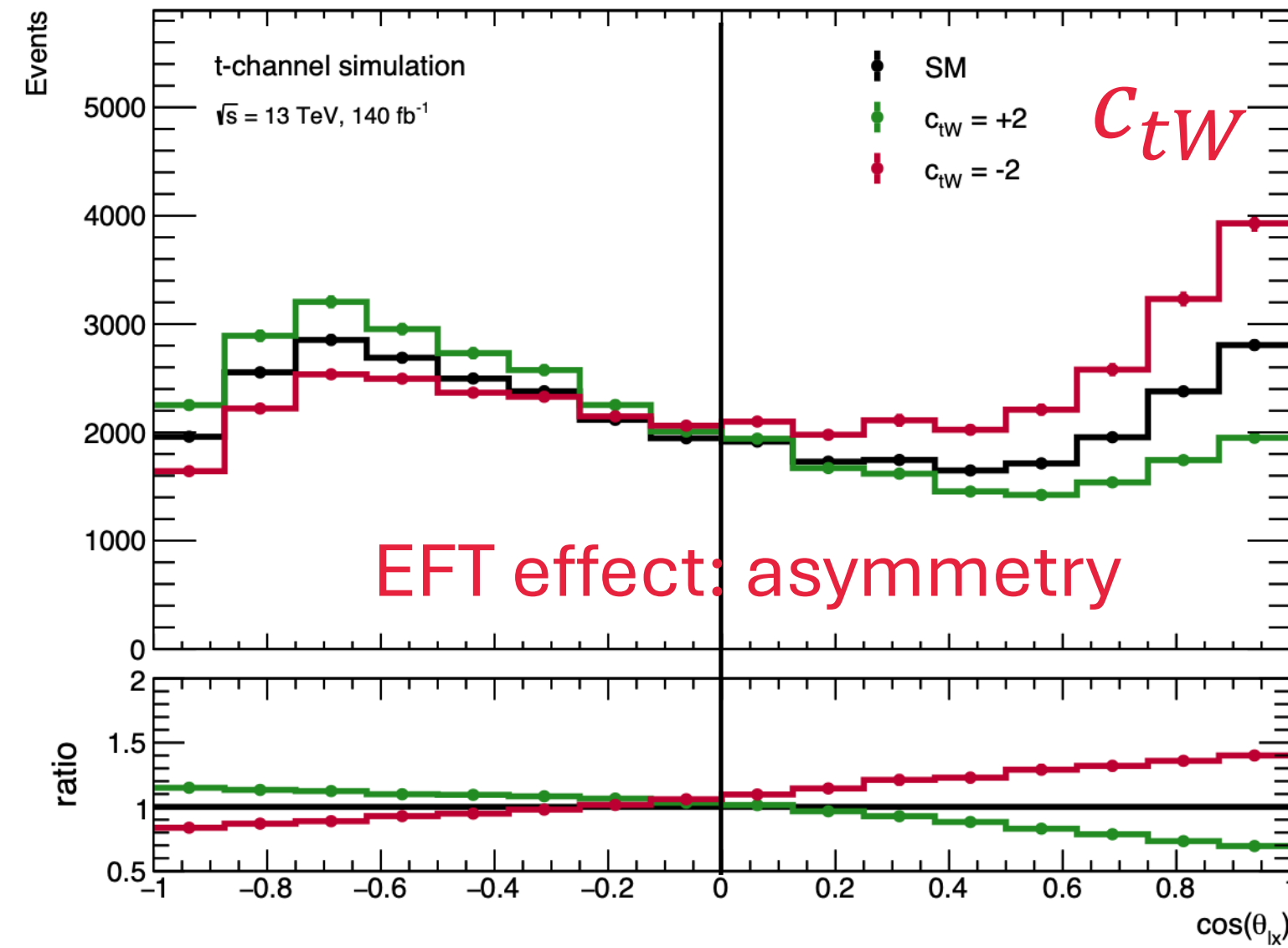
t-channel single top



- Top quarks are polarized
- Measure polarization via angular decay distribution
- Measure angle of lepton in coordinate system (x', y', z') :
- Measure new CP violation via $\cos(\theta_{ly})$



C_{tW} and C_{itW} sensitivity on Angles



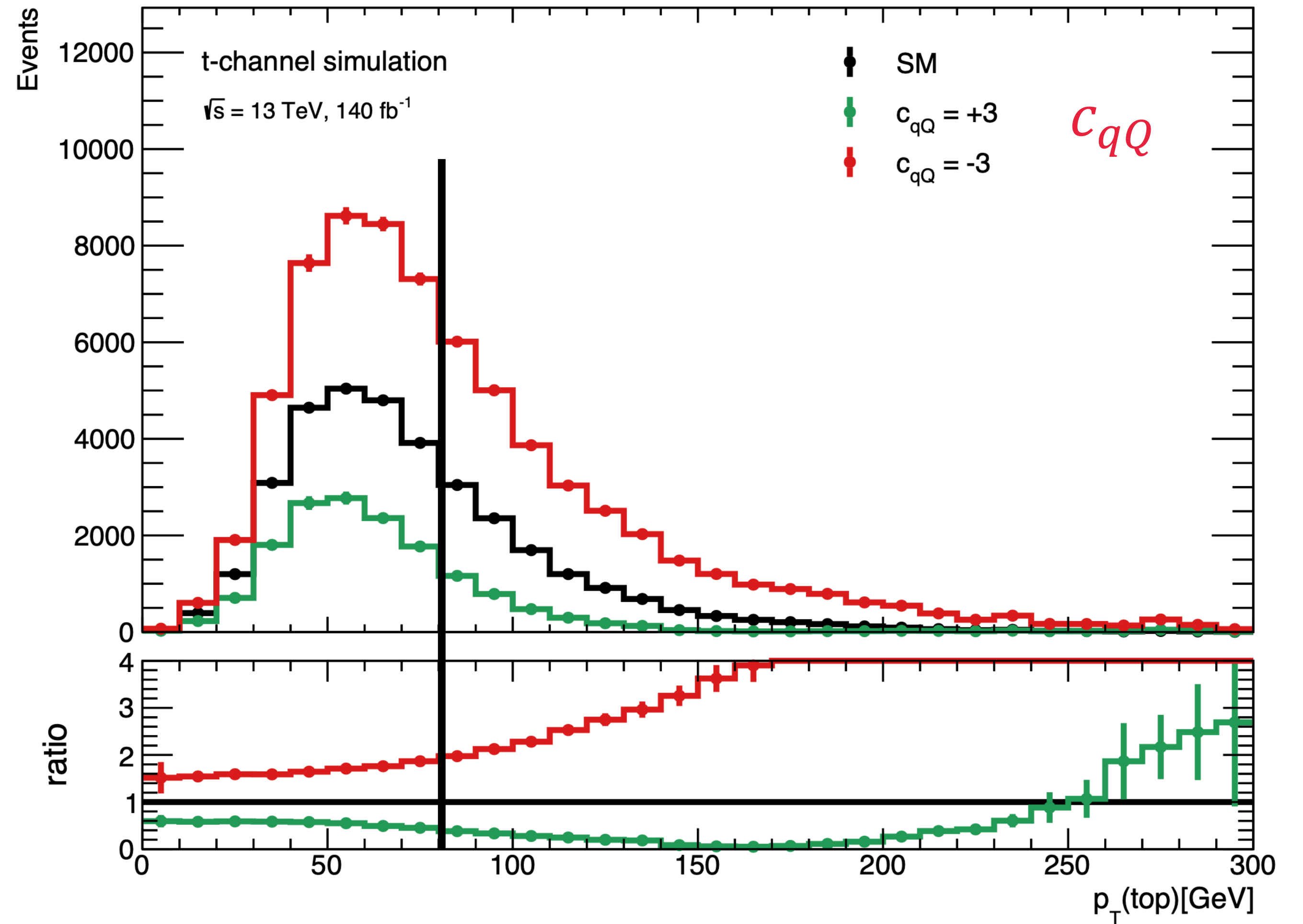
$\cos(\theta_{lx})$

$\cos(\theta_{ly})$

$\cos(\theta_{lz})$

CQQ sensitivity

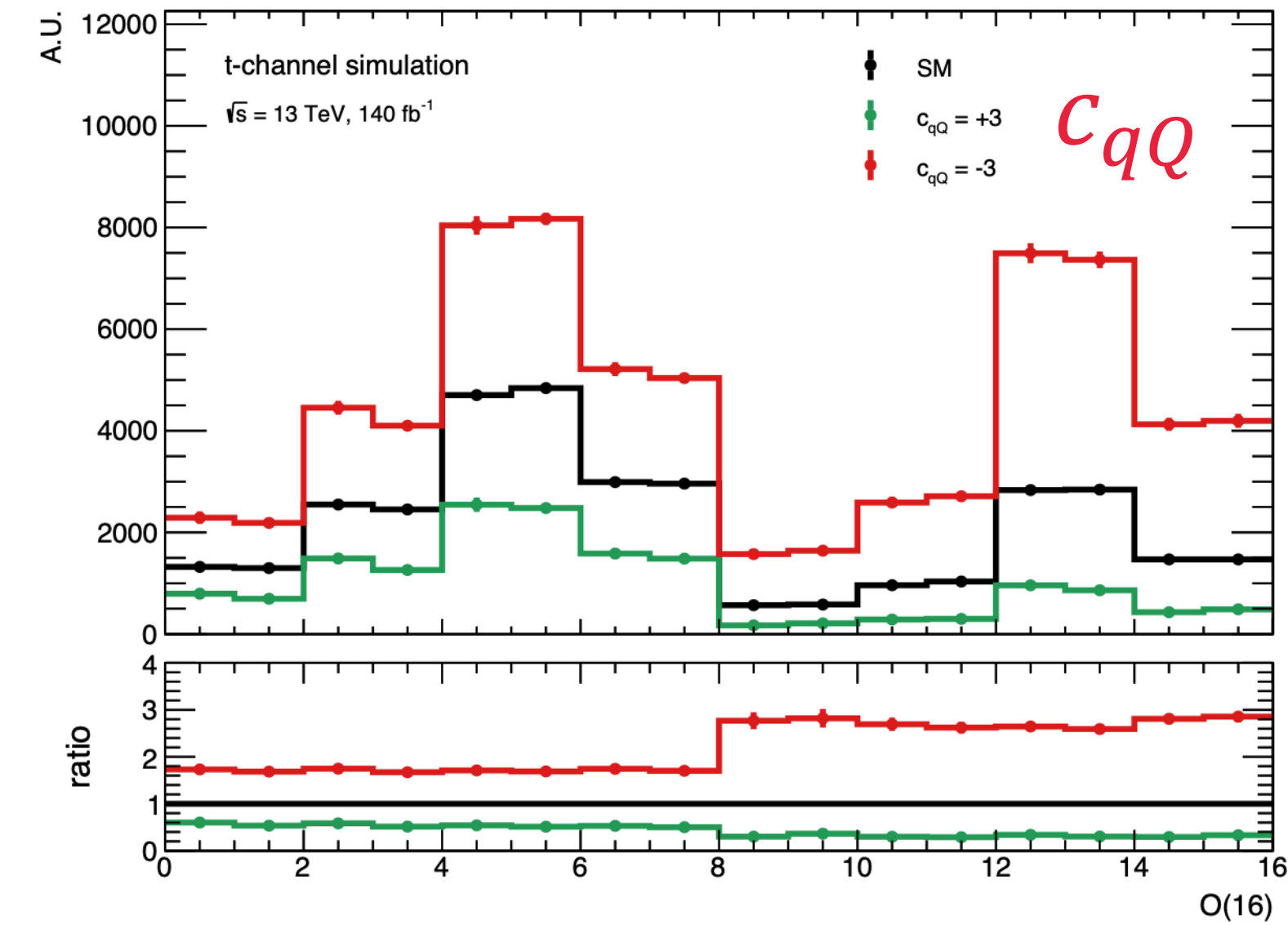
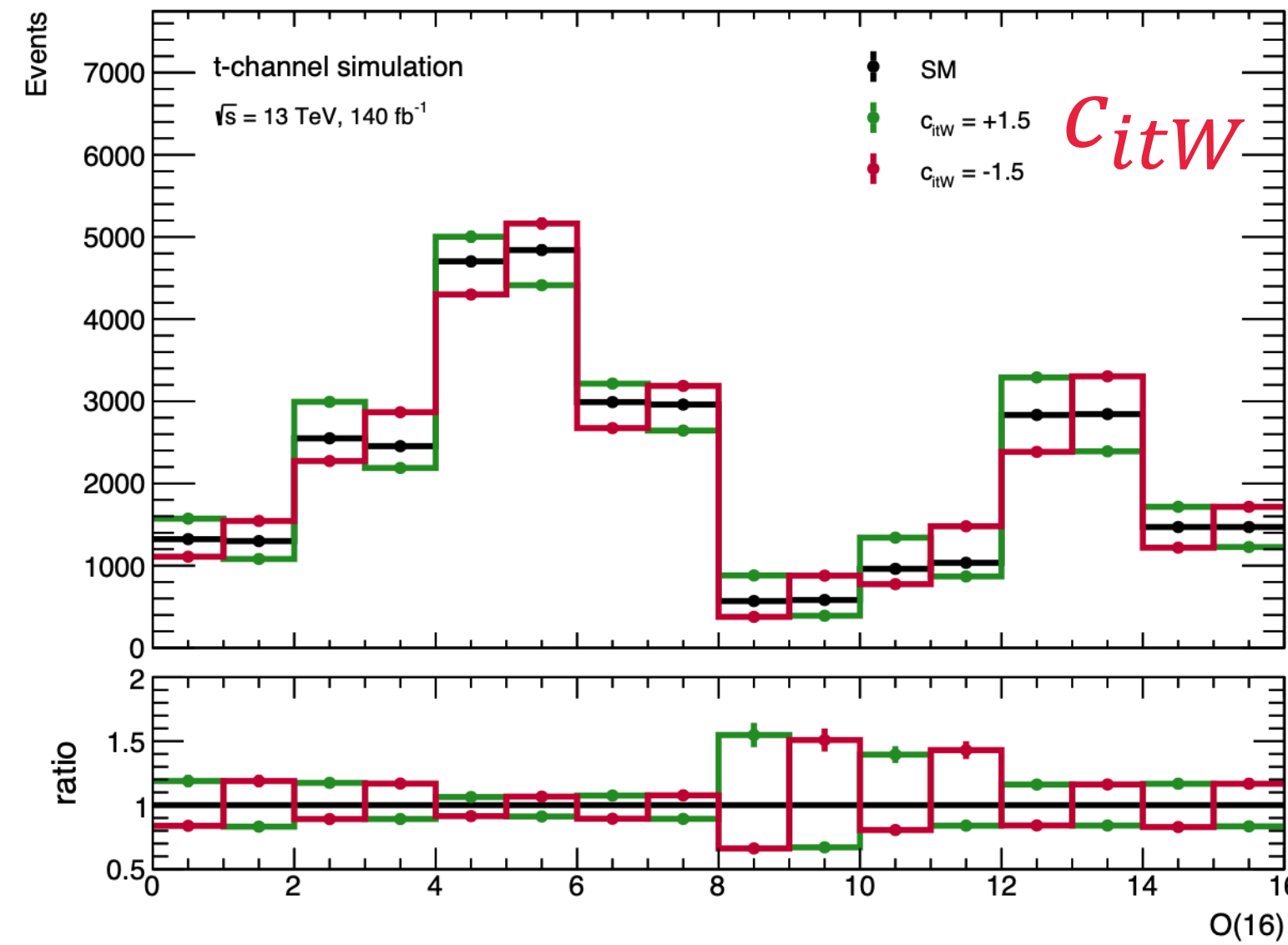
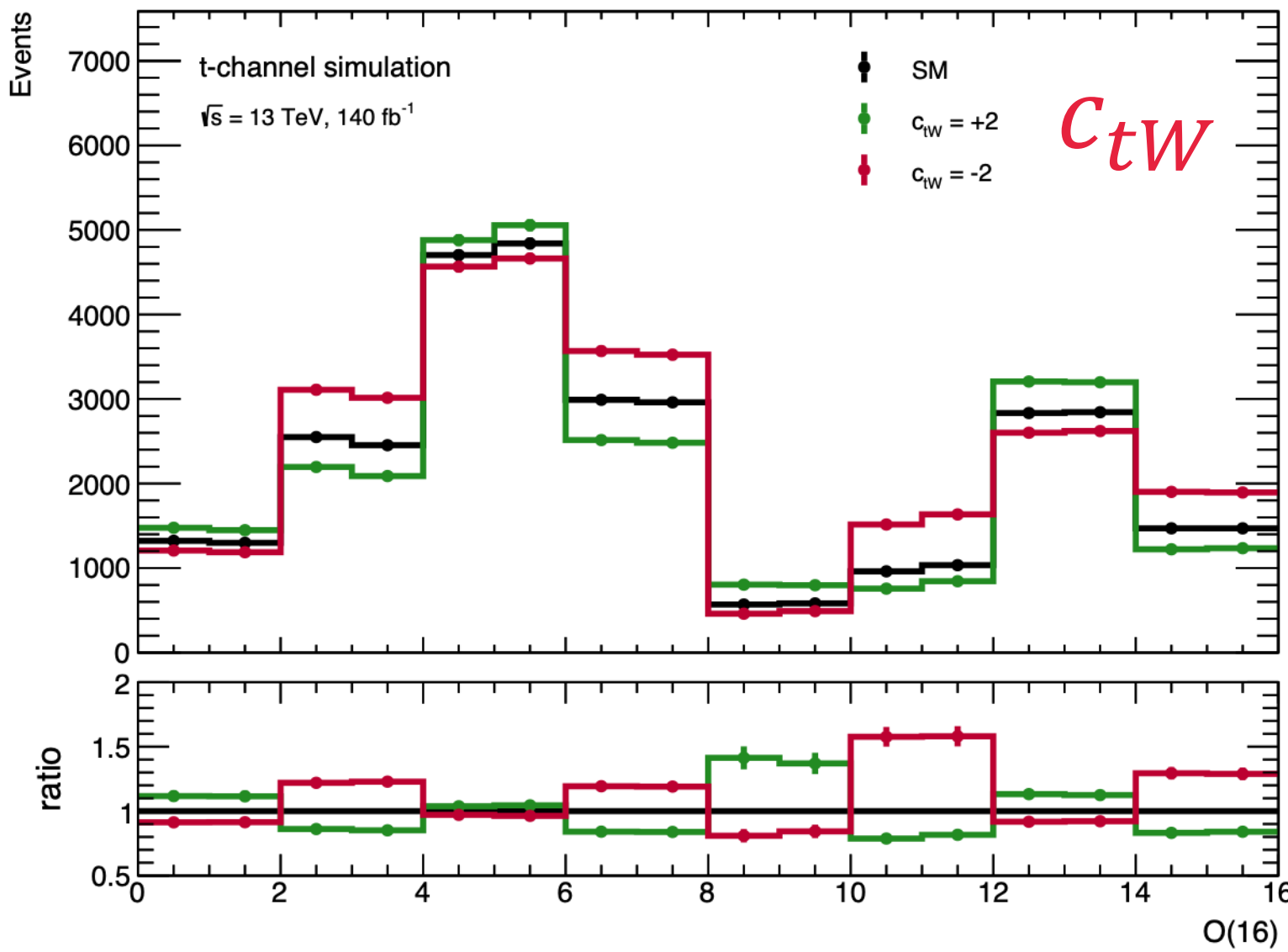
- Large sensitivity through top p_T
 - Grows with momentum
- Use 2 bins in p_T
 - Larger/smaller than 80 GeV



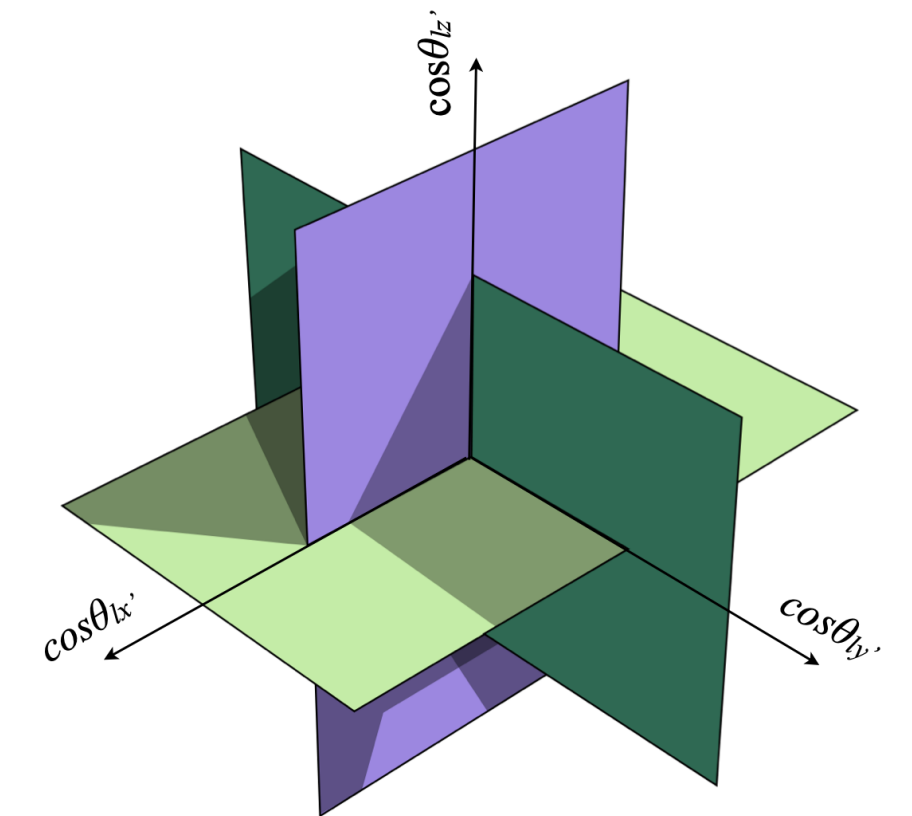
Final observable $O(16)$: EFT sensitivity

$O_{tW} \rightarrow$ angular variables (real + imaginary),

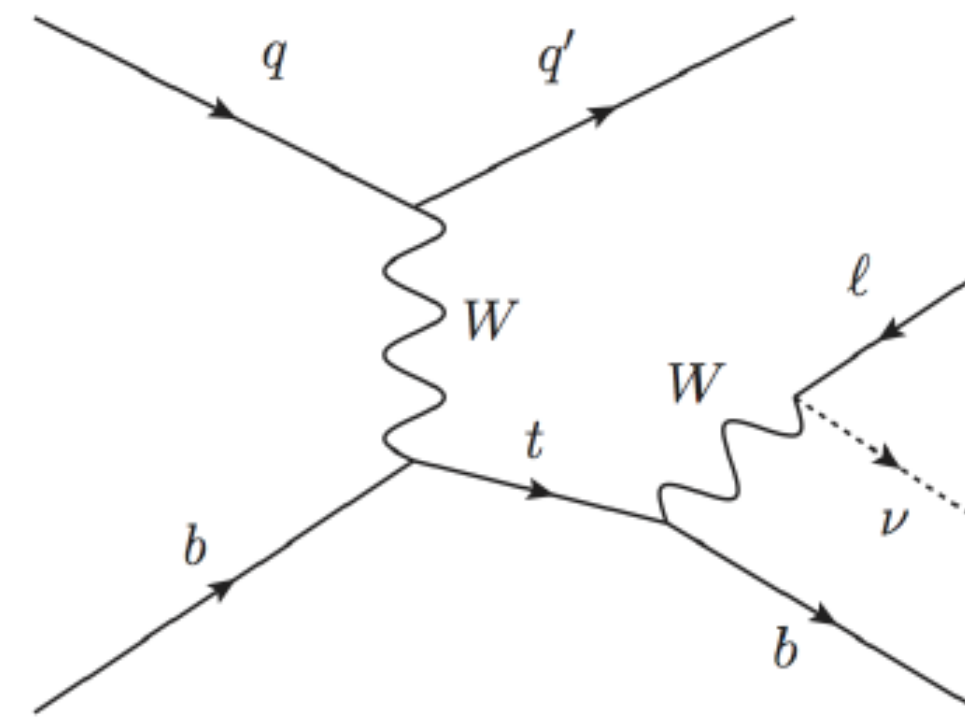
$O_{qQ}^{3,1} \rightarrow p_T$ - spectrum



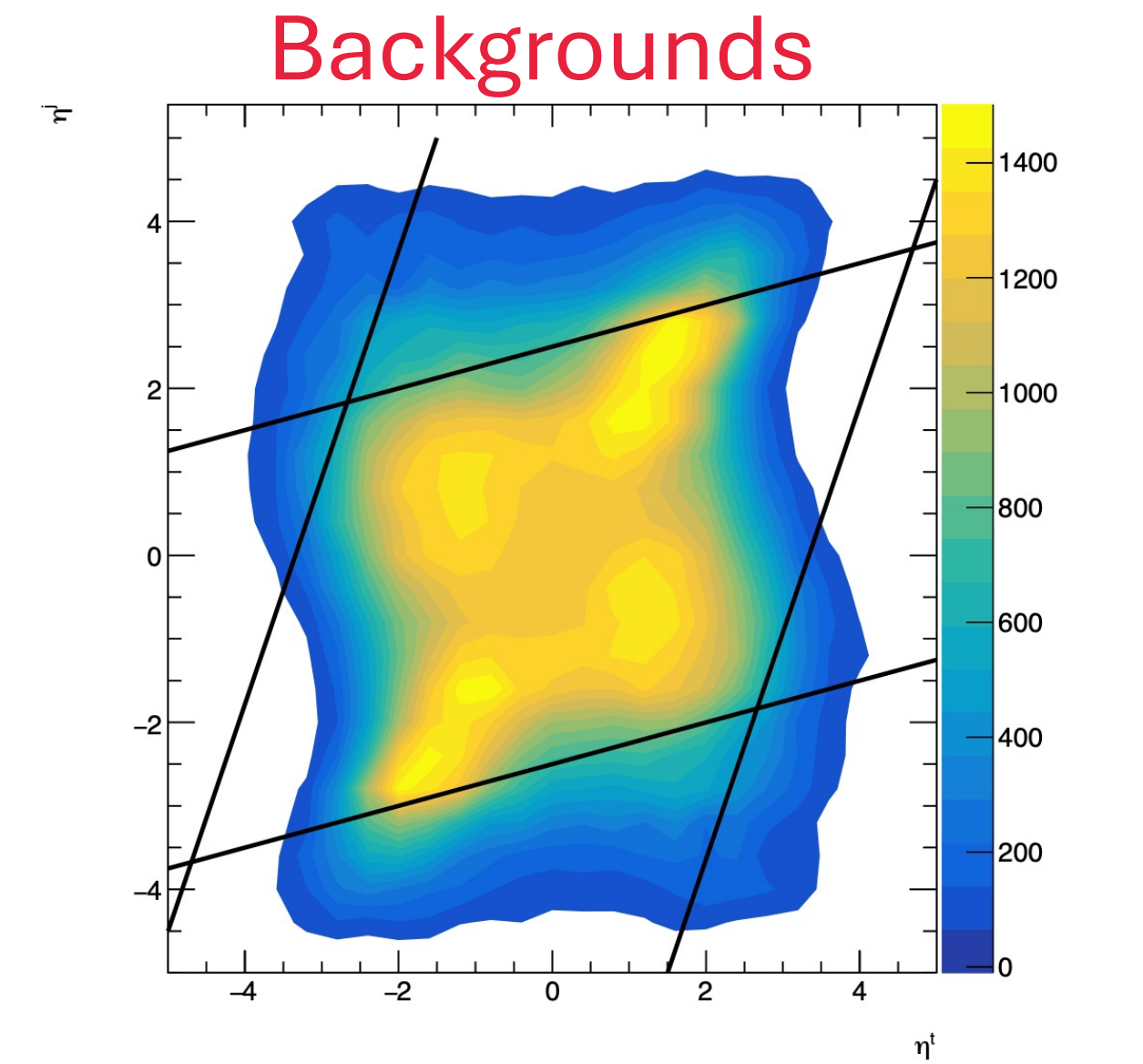
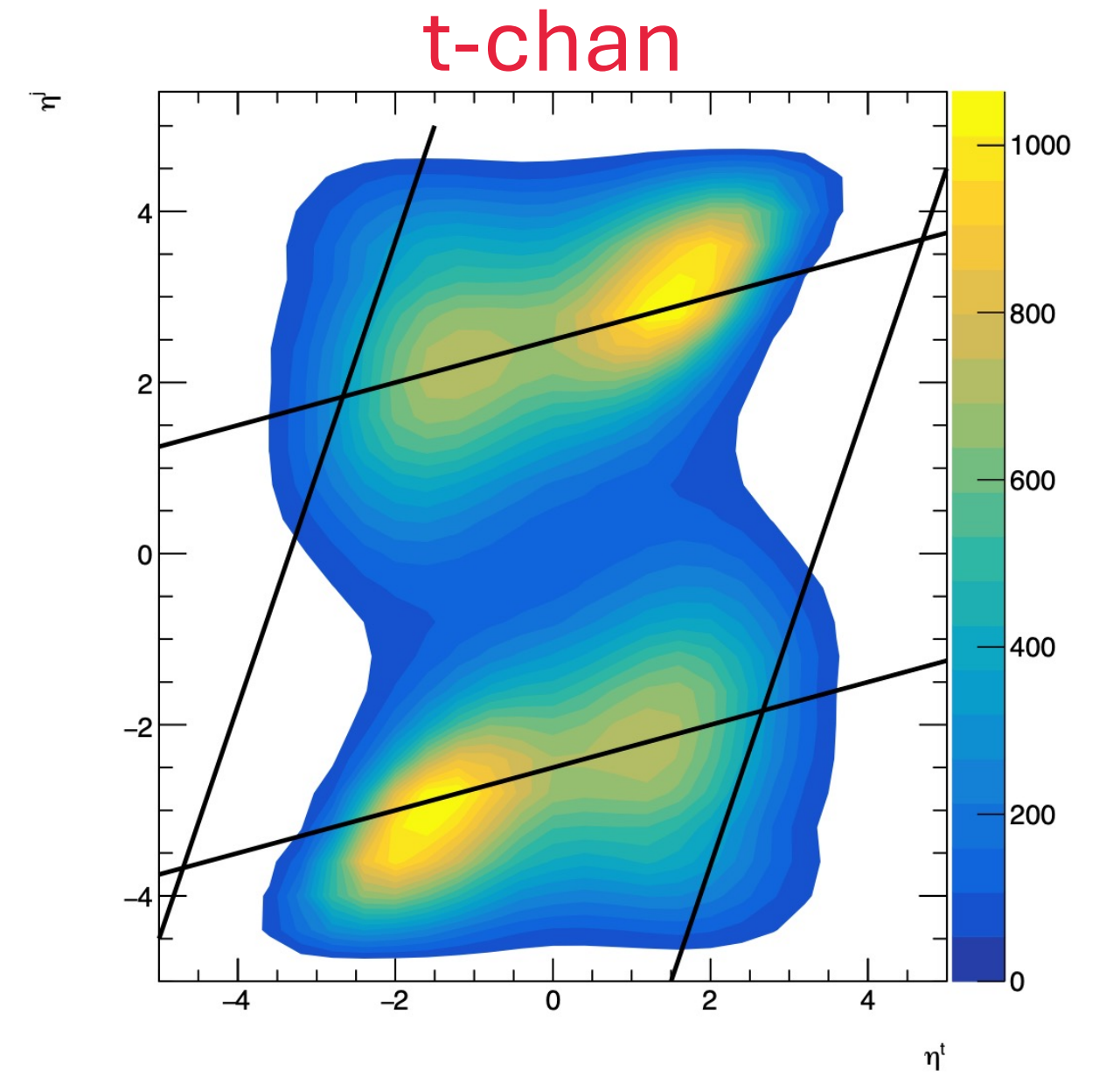
- $O(16) = (\cos(\theta_y) > 0) + 2(\cos(\theta_x) > 0) + 4(\cos(\theta_z) > 0) + 8(p_T^t > 80 \text{ GeV})$
- Can measure 3 EFT parameters simultaneously
 - Enhanced sensitivity at high momentum



T-channel selection



Preselection region	Signal region	$t\bar{t}$ control region	W+jets control region
	=1 charged tight lepton ($p_T > 30$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.5$) Veto secondary low- p_T charged loose leptons ($p_T > 10$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.5$) =2 jets ($p_T > 30$ GeV and $ \eta < 4.5$; $p_T > 35$ GeV within $2.7 < \eta < 3.5$) $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 35$ GeV $m_T(\ell E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 60$ GeV $p_T(\ell) > 50 \left(1 - \frac{\pi - \Delta\phi(j_1, \ell) }{\pi - 1}\right)$ GeV		
	=1 b -jet ($ \eta < 2.5$; 60%WP)	=2 b -jet ($ \eta < 2.5$; 60%WP)	=1 b -jet ($ \eta < 2.5$; 60%WP)
	$m_{\ell b} < 153$ GeV $m_{\ell E_T^{\text{miss}} b} \in [120.6, 234.6]$ GeV trapez. requirement $m_{j\ell E_T^{\text{miss}} b} > 320$ GeV $H_T > 190$ GeV		$m_{\ell b} > 153$ GeV $m_{\ell E_T^{\text{miss}} b} \notin [120.6, 234.6]$ GeV veto trapez. requirement $m_{j\ell E_T^{\text{miss}} b} < 320$ GeV $H_T < 190$ GeV

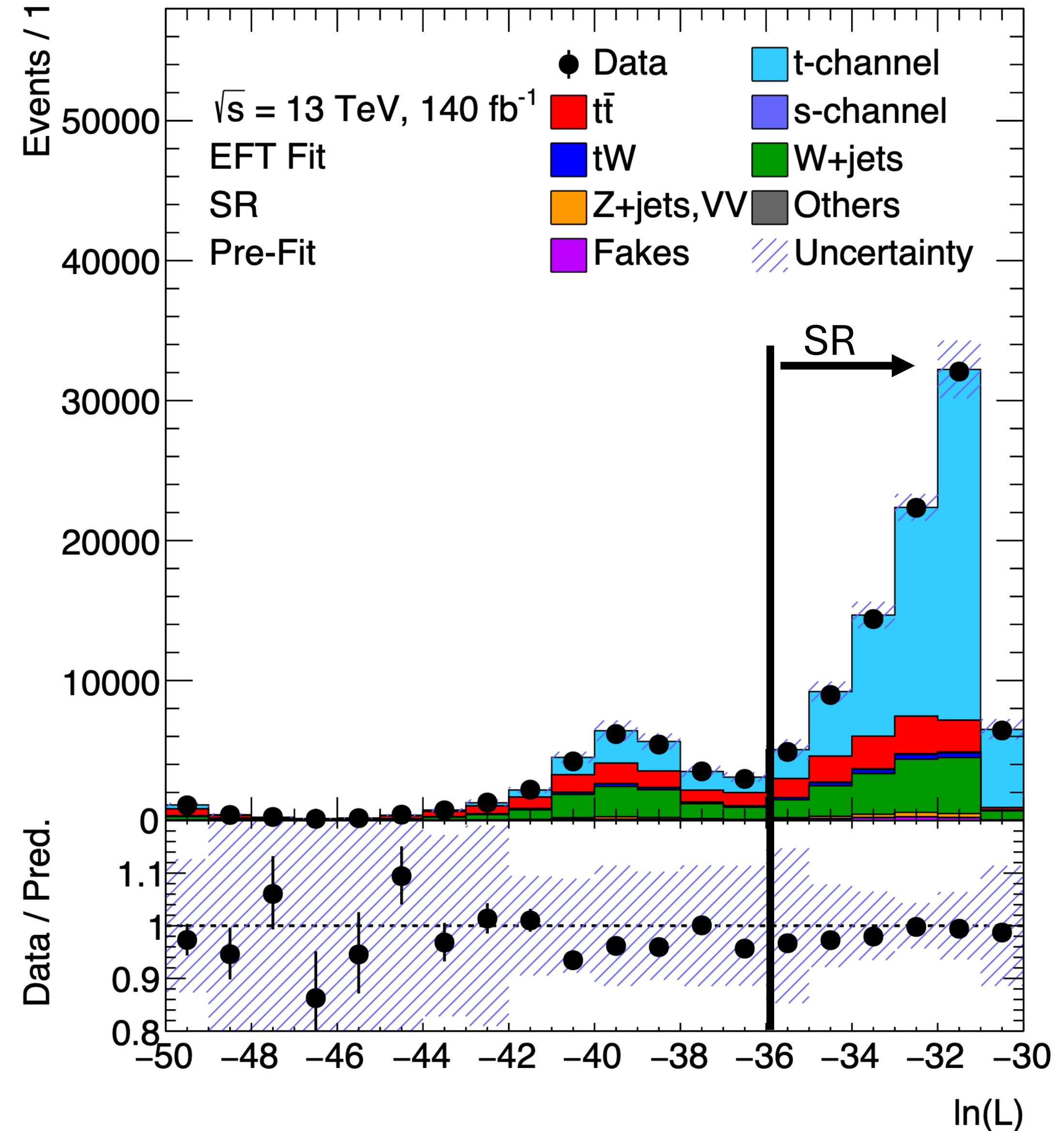


Trapezoidal requirement:

$$\eta^j < (3\eta^t + 10.5) \cap \eta^j > (3\eta^t - 10.5) \cap \eta^j > (0.25\eta^t + 2.5) \cup \eta^j < (0.25\eta^t - 2.5)$$

Klfitter to select events

- Kinematic Likelihood **FIT(KLFIT)**:
- $\ln(\mathcal{L}) = B(m_{l\nu} | M_W, \Gamma_W) + B(m_{Wb} | M_t, \Gamma_t)$
- $+ \sum_{l,b,q,\nu} W(E_{obj}^{meas} | E_{obj})$
- Use cut on likelihood at -36
 - Selects t-channel events vs background events
 - Selects well reconstructed events
 - Neutrino estimation off for low likelihood events
 - Not using "KLFit-corrected" 4-momentum
- Normalization of t-channel is free parameter
- Main backgrounds:
 - Top pair production
 - W+jets production



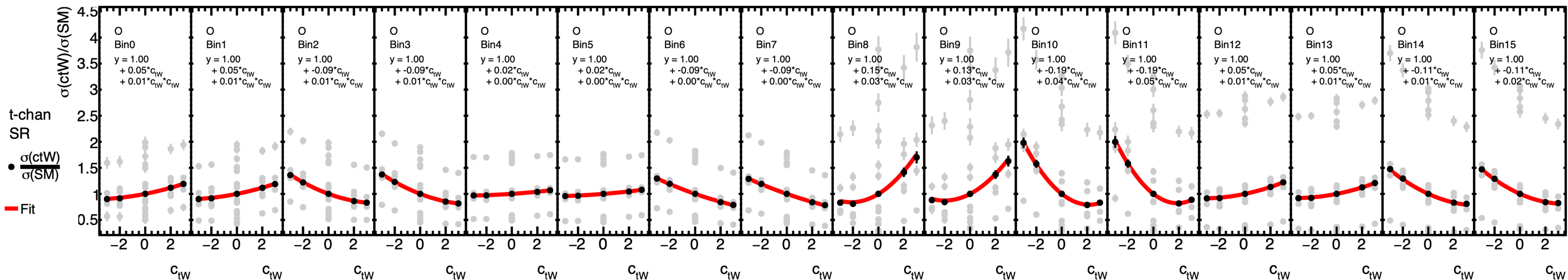
t-chan EFT Parameterization

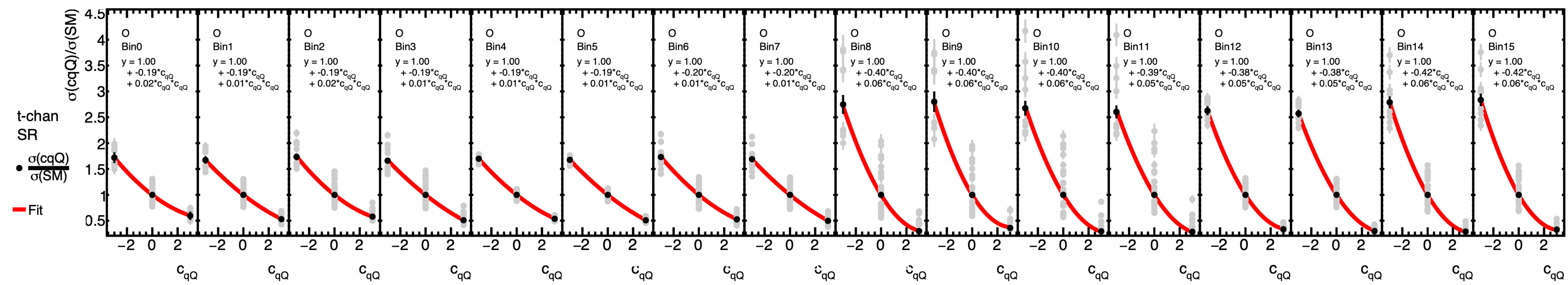
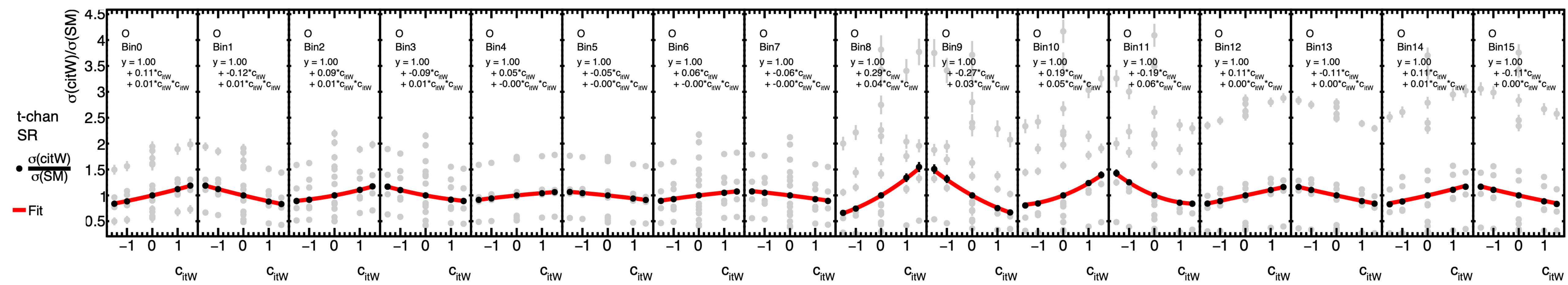
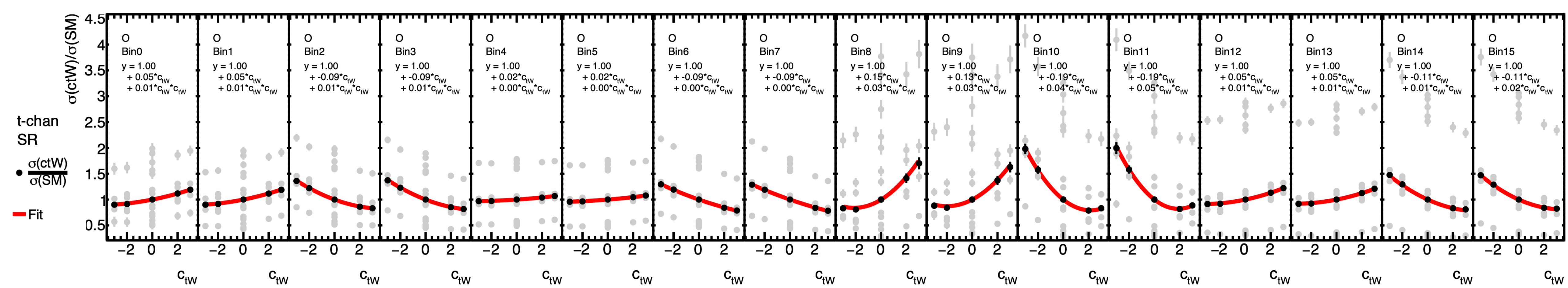
- EFT fit after detector simulation

- Parameterize each bin in EFT parameters:

$$N_{EFT}(c_{tW}, c_{itW}, c_{qQ}) = \left[1 + \sum_{x=c_{tW}, c_{itW}, c_{qQ}} a_x \cdot c_x + \sum_{x,y=c_{tW}, c_{itW}, c_{qQ}} b_{x,y} \cdot c_x \cdot c_y \right] N_{SM}$$

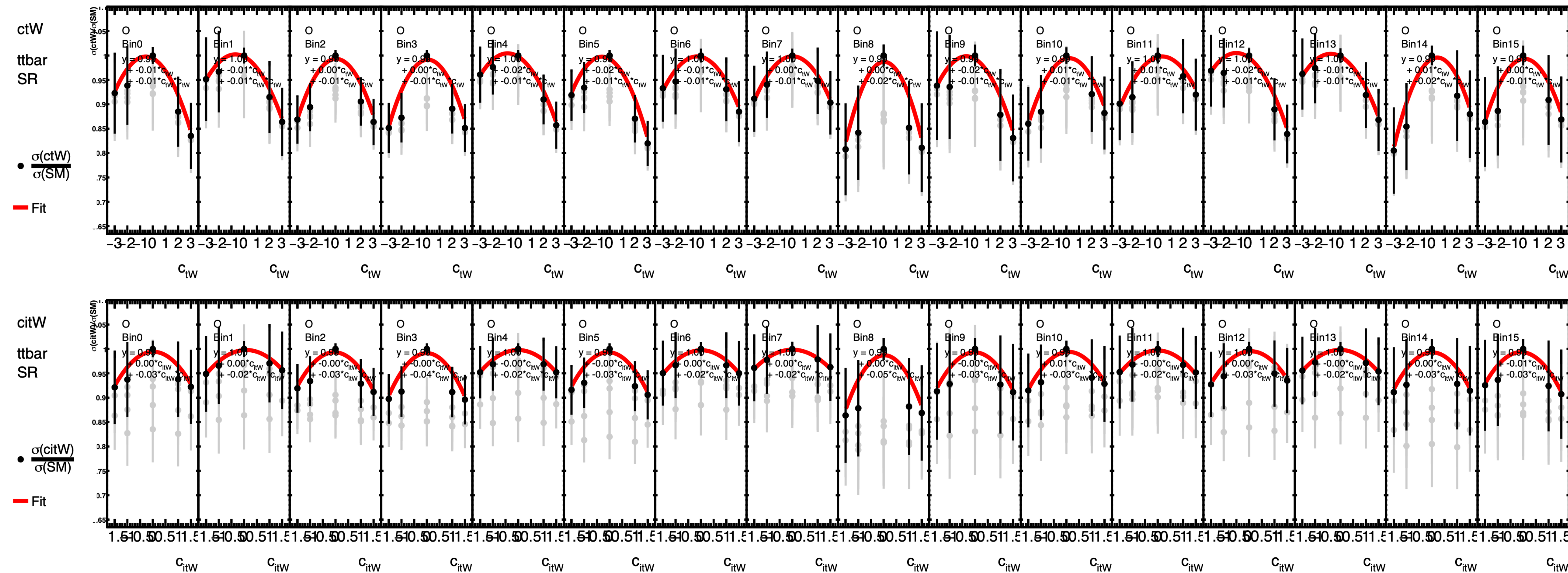
- Strong linear (shape) dependence!!





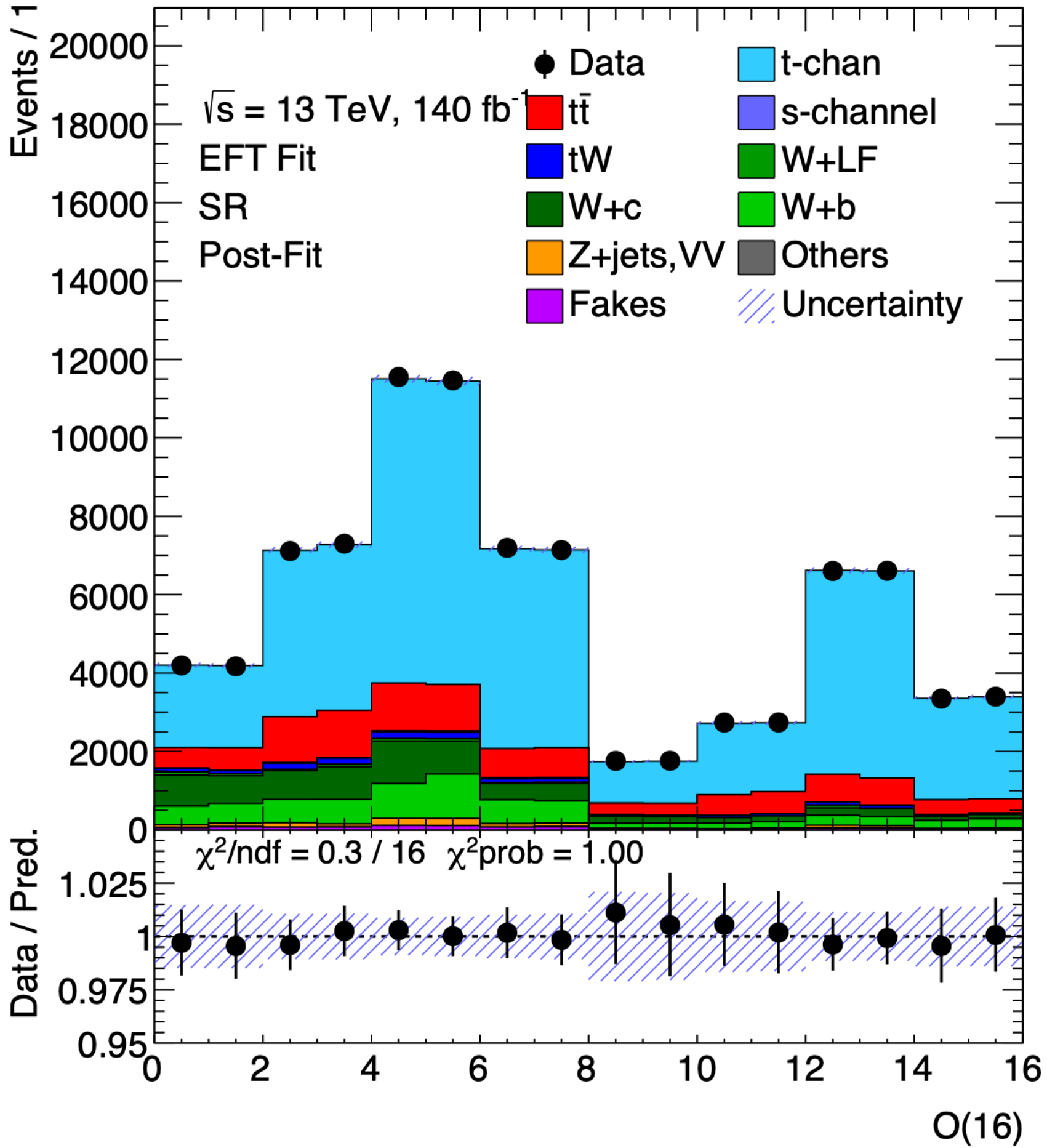
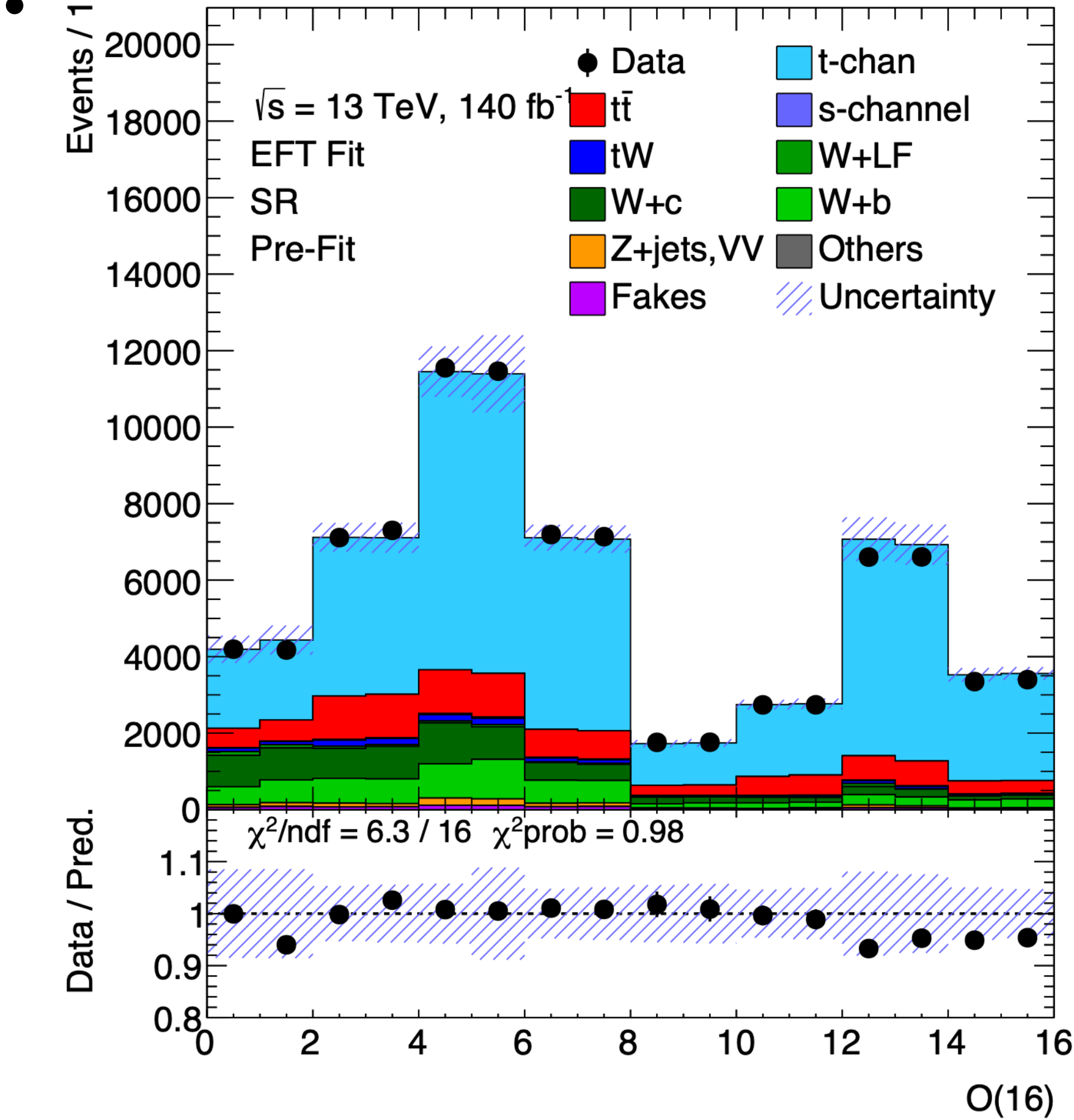
$t\bar{t}$ eft Parameterization

- $t\bar{t}$ also depends on c_{tW} and c_{itW} via decay
 - New since previous analysis

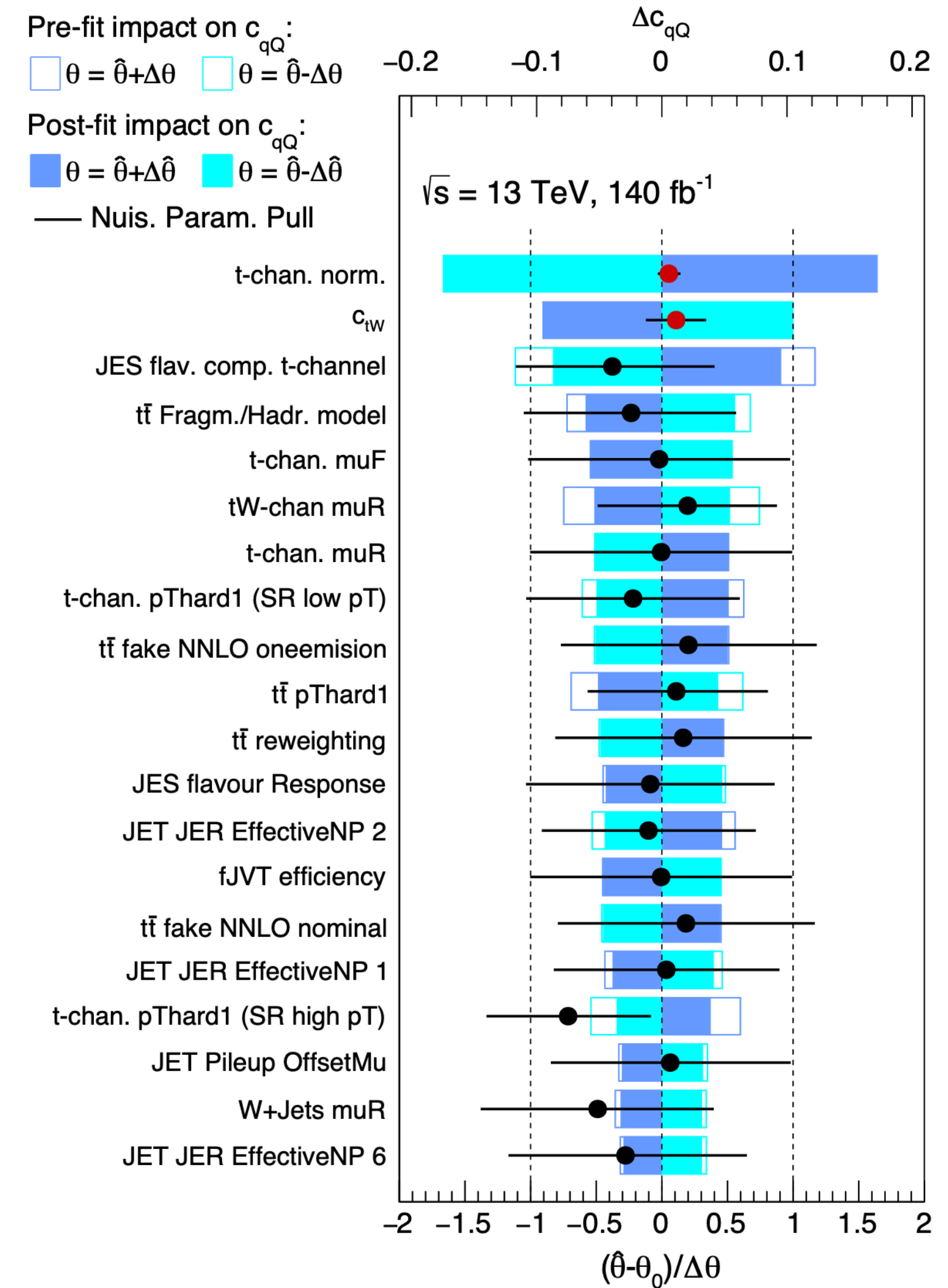
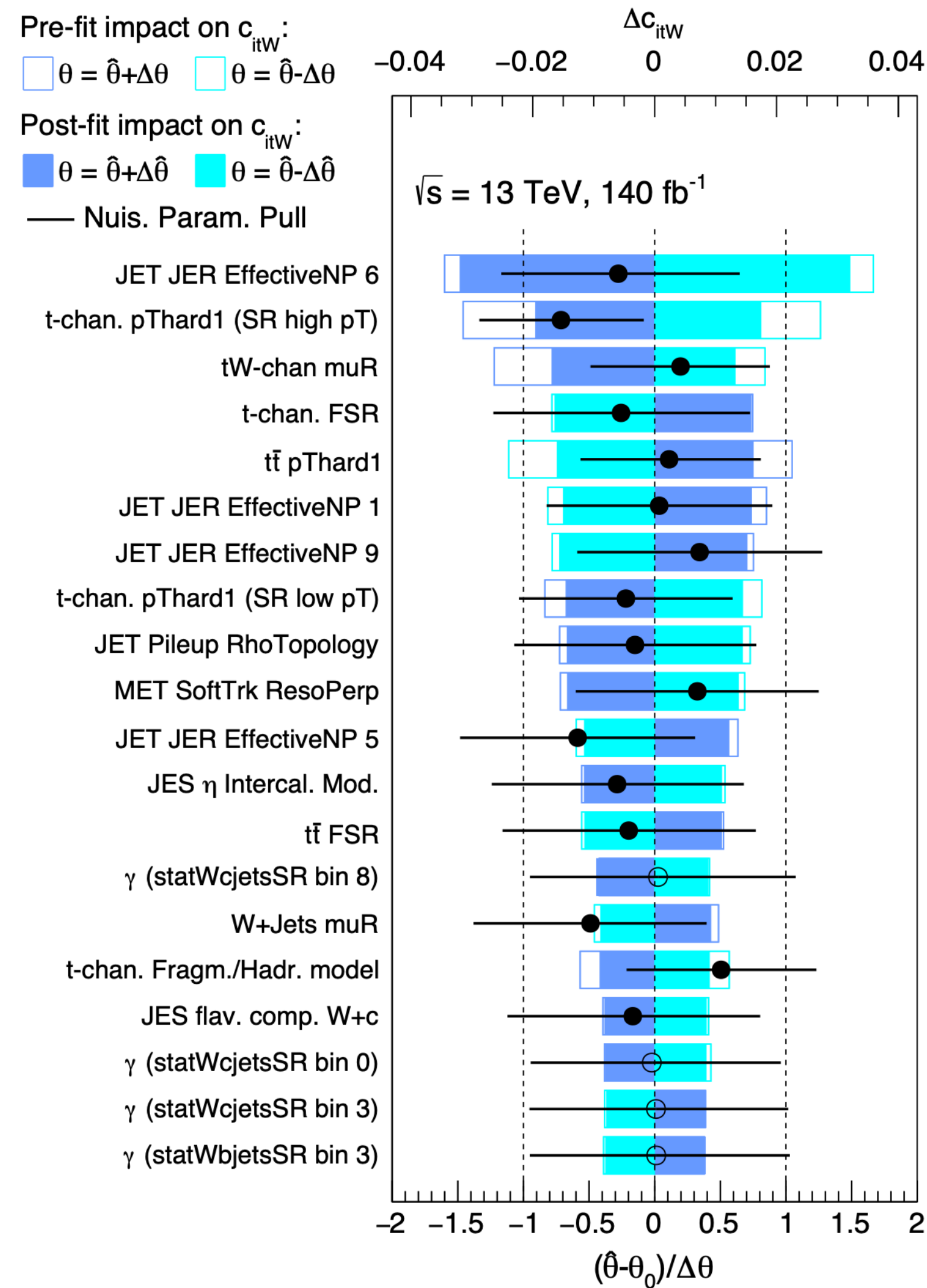
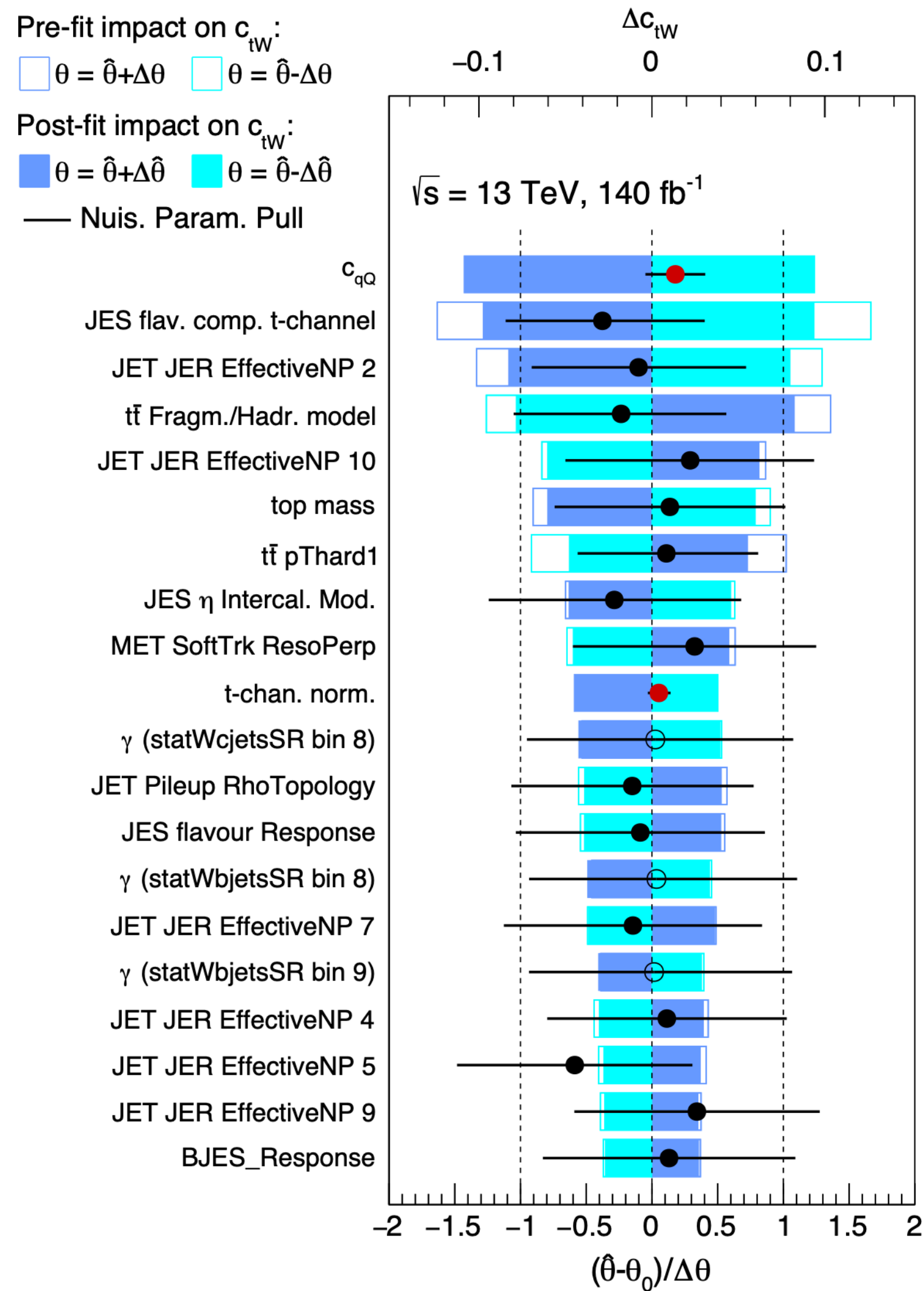


Pre/Post-fit plots

- Small (pre-fit) deficit in last 4 bins
 - All within uncertainties

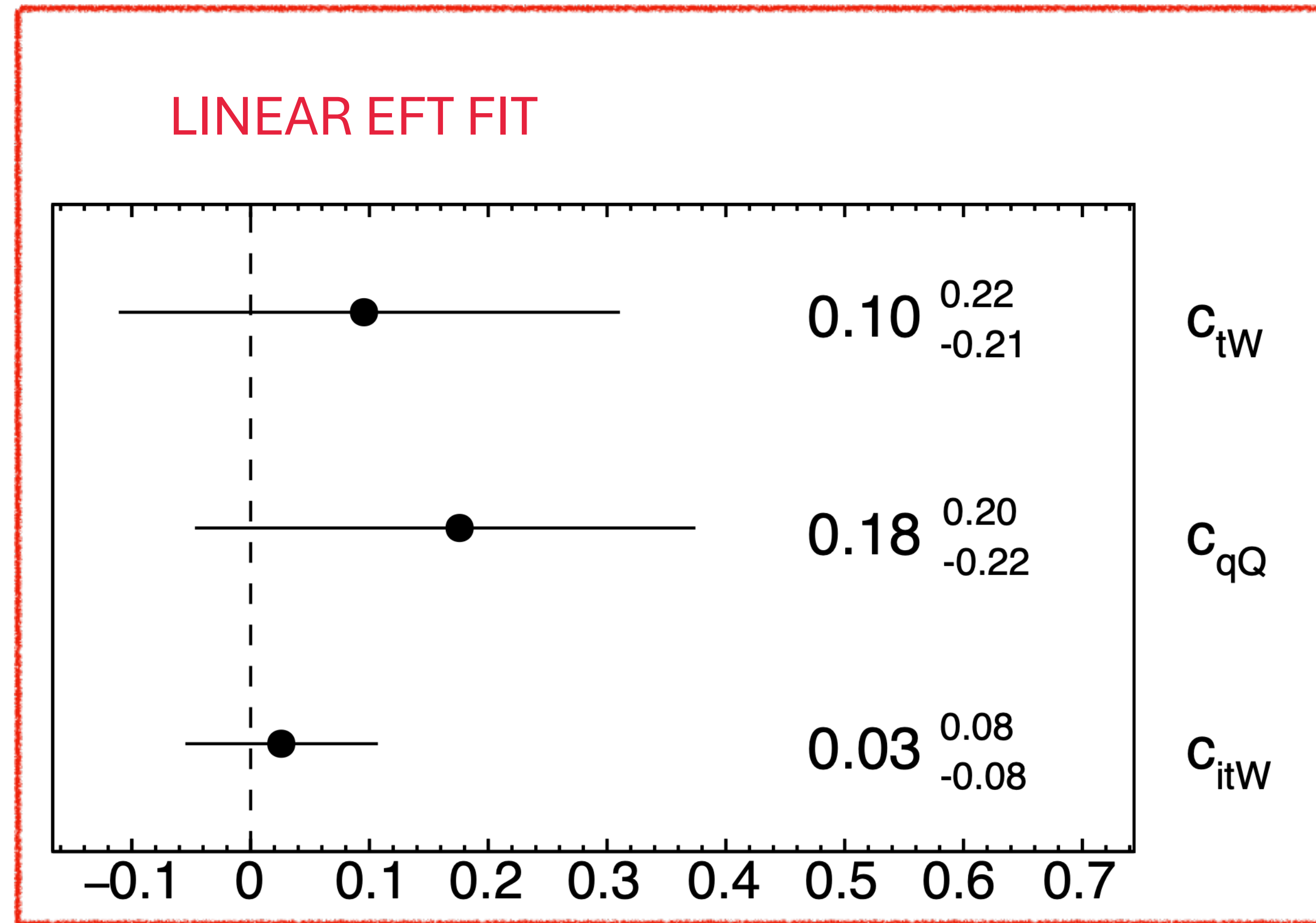
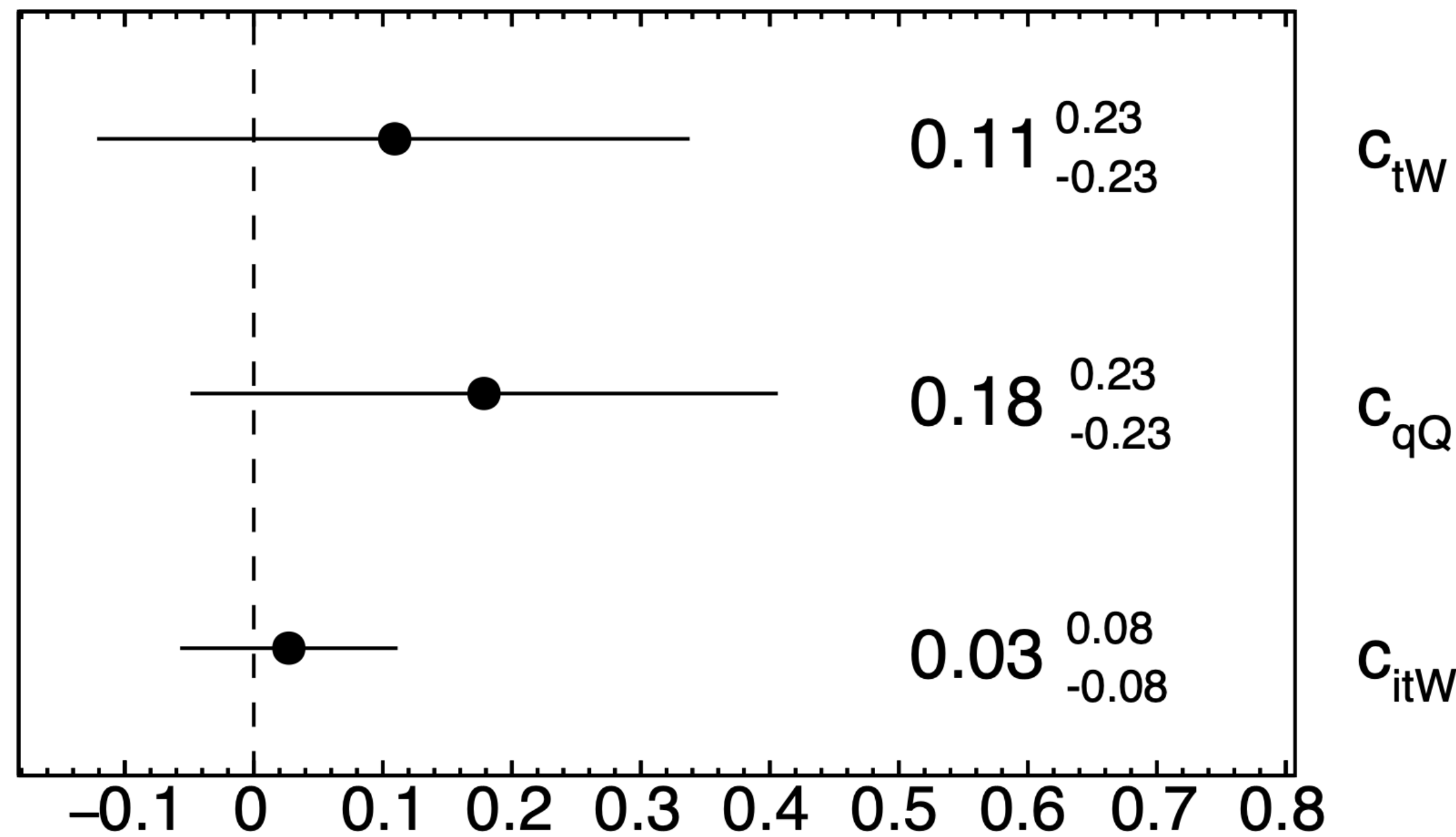


Ranking



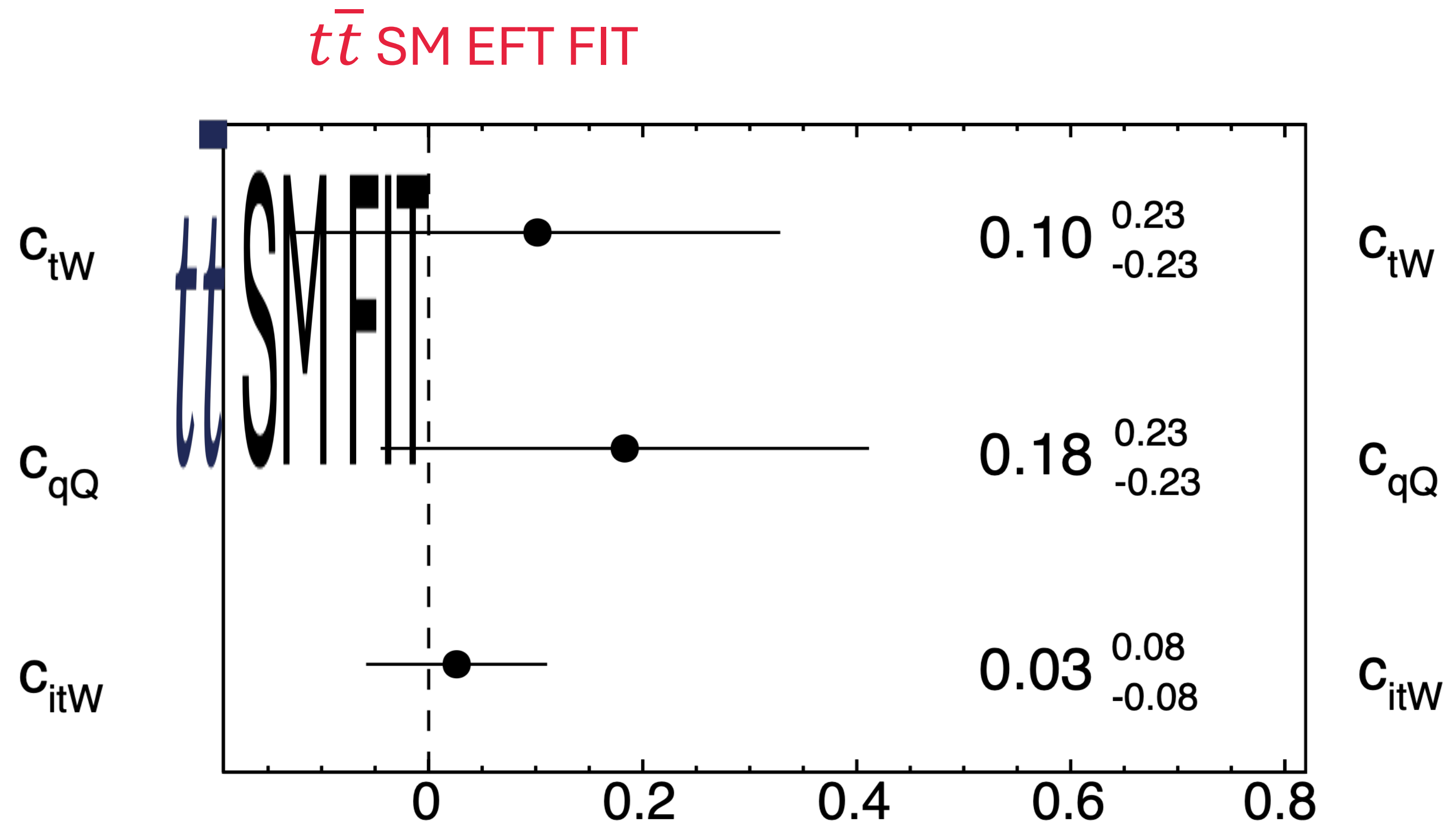
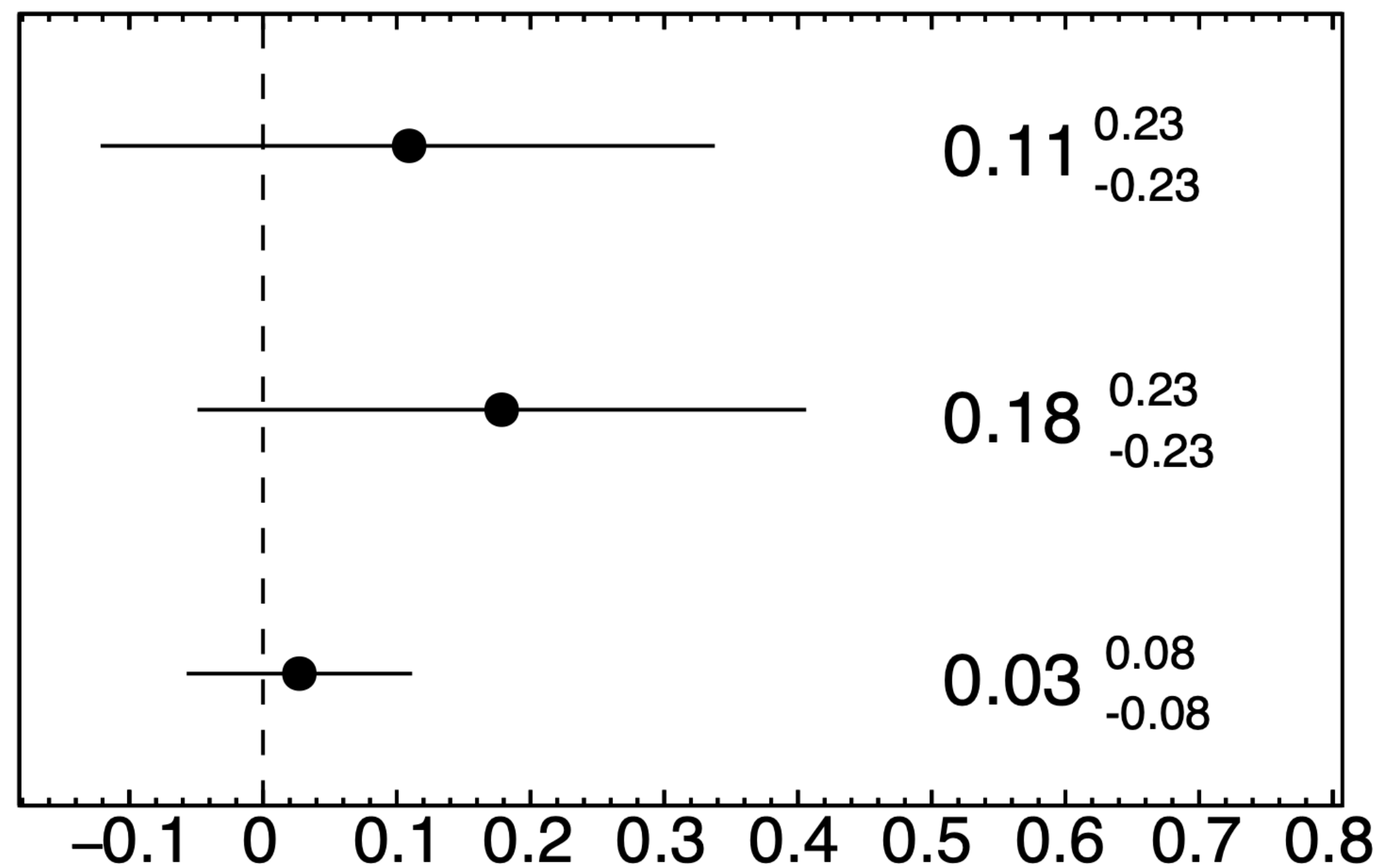
LINEAR FIT

- Fit EFT parameters simultaneously with overall normalization factors for t-channel, $t\bar{t}$ and W+jets
- EFT parametrization for both t-channel and $t\bar{t}$



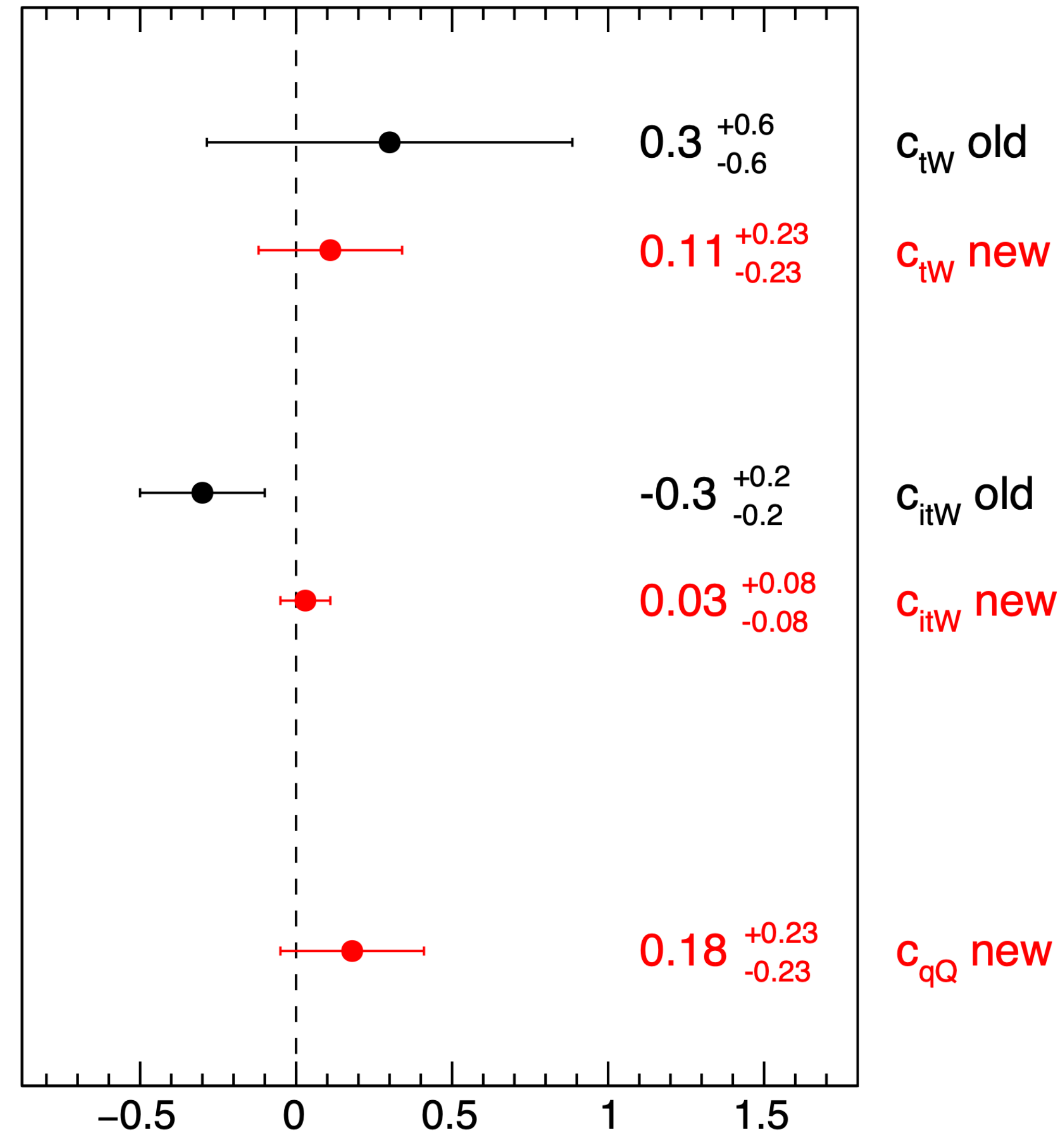
$t\bar{t}$ SM FIT

- Fit EFT parameters simultaneously with overall normalization factors for t-channel, $t\bar{t}$ and W+jets
 - Quadratic EFT parametrization for both t-channel and $t\bar{t}$ (left)
 - Standard Model $t\bar{t}$ (right)



Conclusion

- EFT fit performed on reconstruction level:
 - Taking into account all systematics
 - With EFT Effects on $t\bar{t}$
 - Taking into account all leading EFT contributions in a correlated way
 - Factor 2-3 more sensitive than previous t-chan ATLAS result for c_{tW} and c_{itW}
 - Smaller sensitivity as t-channel cross-section on c_{qQ} but more model independent
 - Large improvements from p_T dependency and better background rejection(2x better)



CQQ sensitivity

- $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i^6 \longrightarrow M = M_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} M_i^6$
- $N \propto |M|^2 = M_{SM} + \sum_i c_i |M_{sm} M_i| + \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j |M_{ij}|$

- Use reweighting method for EFT:

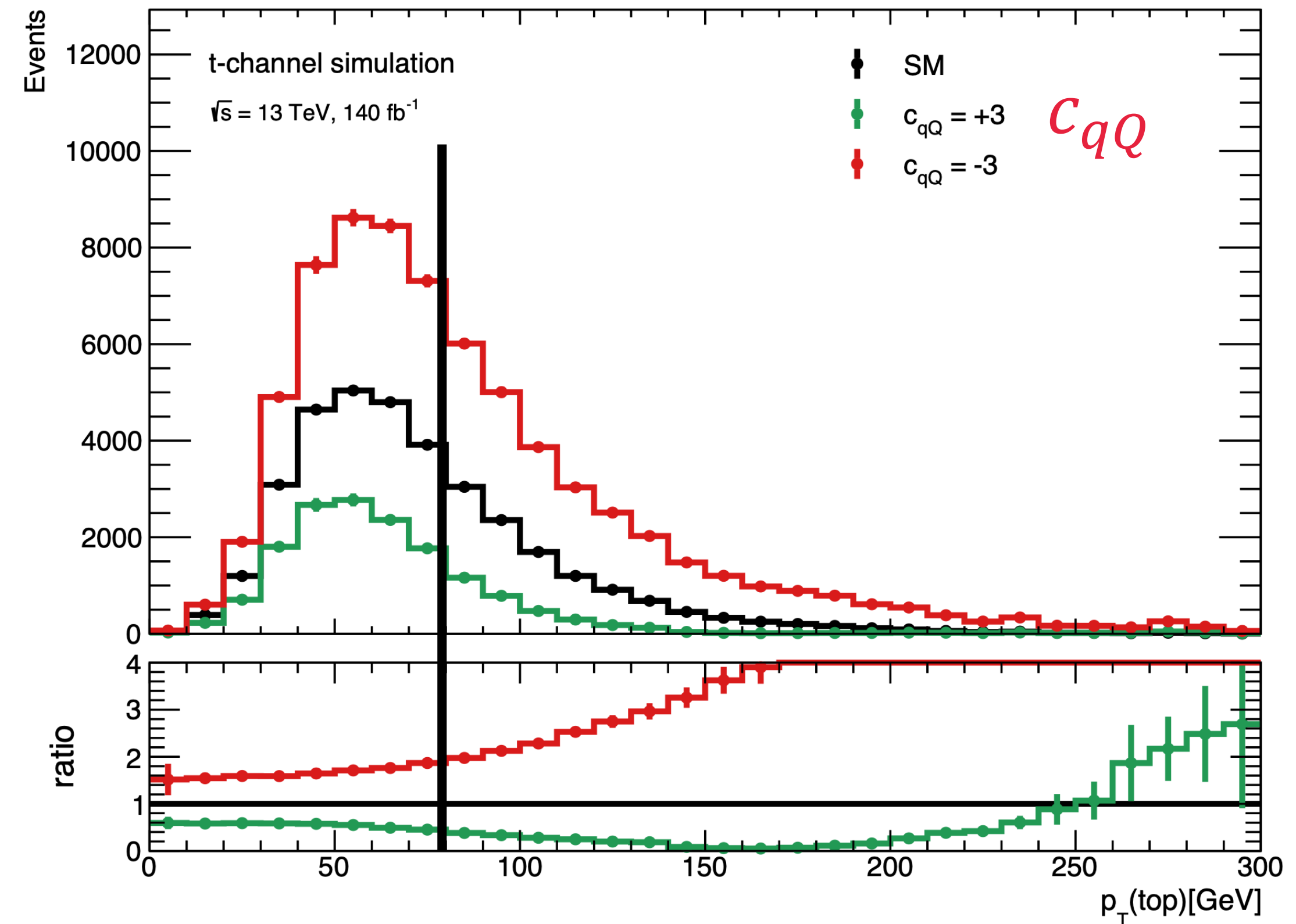
- $W_{new} = \frac{|M^{new}|^2}{|M^{old}|^2} W_{old}$

- Large sensitivity through top p_T

- Grows with momentum

- Use 2 bins in p_T

- Larger/smaller than 80 GeV



Region definition

- Trapez. Requirement defined as:

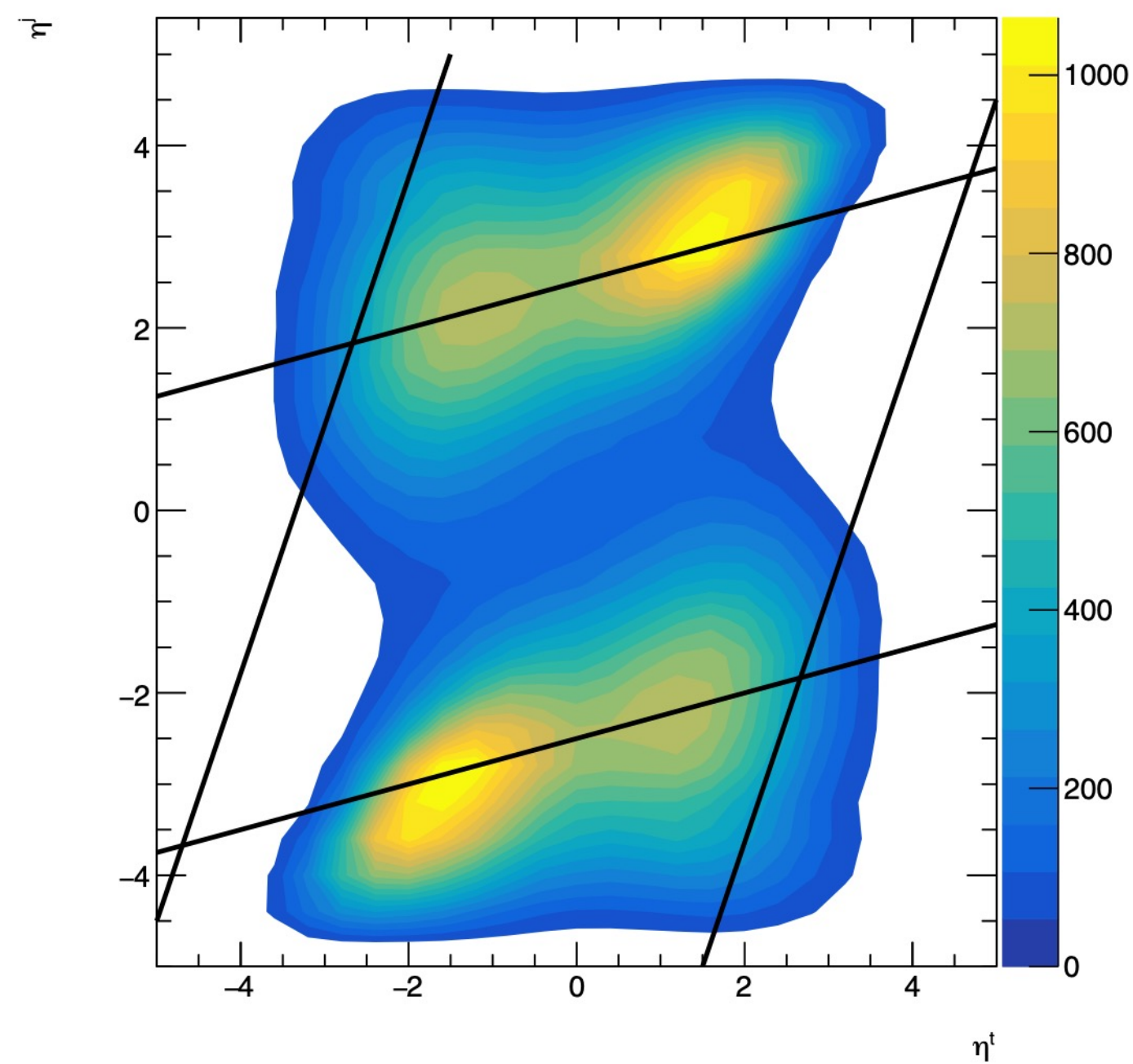
- $\eta_i < (3\eta_{iE^{miss}_k} + 10.5) \cap \eta_i > (3\eta_{iE^{miss}_k} - 10.5) \cap \eta_i > (0.25\eta_{iE^{miss}_k} + 2.5) \cup \eta_i < (0.25\eta_{iE^{miss}_k} - 2.5)$

Preselection region	Signal region	$t\bar{t}$ control region	W+jets control region
	=1 charged tight lepton ($p_T > 30$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.5$) Veto secondary low- p_T charged loose leptons ($p_T > 10$ GeV and $ \eta < 2.5$) =2 jets ($p_T > 30$ GeV and $ \eta < 4.5$; $p_T > 35$ GeV within $2.7 < \eta < 3.5$) $E_T^{miss} > 35$ GeV $m_T(\ell E_T^{miss}) > 60$ GeV $p_T(\ell) > 50 \left(1 - \frac{\pi - \Delta\phi(j_1, \ell) }{\pi - 1}\right)$ GeV		
	=1 b -jet ($ \eta < 2.5$; 60% WP)	=2 b -jet ($ \eta < 2.5$; 60% WP)	=1 b -jet ($ \eta < 2.5$; 60% WP)
	$m_{\ell b} < 153$ GeV & $m_{\ell E_T^{miss} b} \in [120.6, 234.6]$ GeV trapez. requirement $m_{j\ell E_T^{miss} b} > 320$ GeV $H_T > 190$ GeV		$m_{\ell b} > 153$ GeV Or $m_{\ell E_T^{miss} b} \notin [120.6, 234.6]$ GeV veto trapez. requirement $m_{j\ell E_T^{miss} b} < 320$ GeV $H_T < 190$ GeV

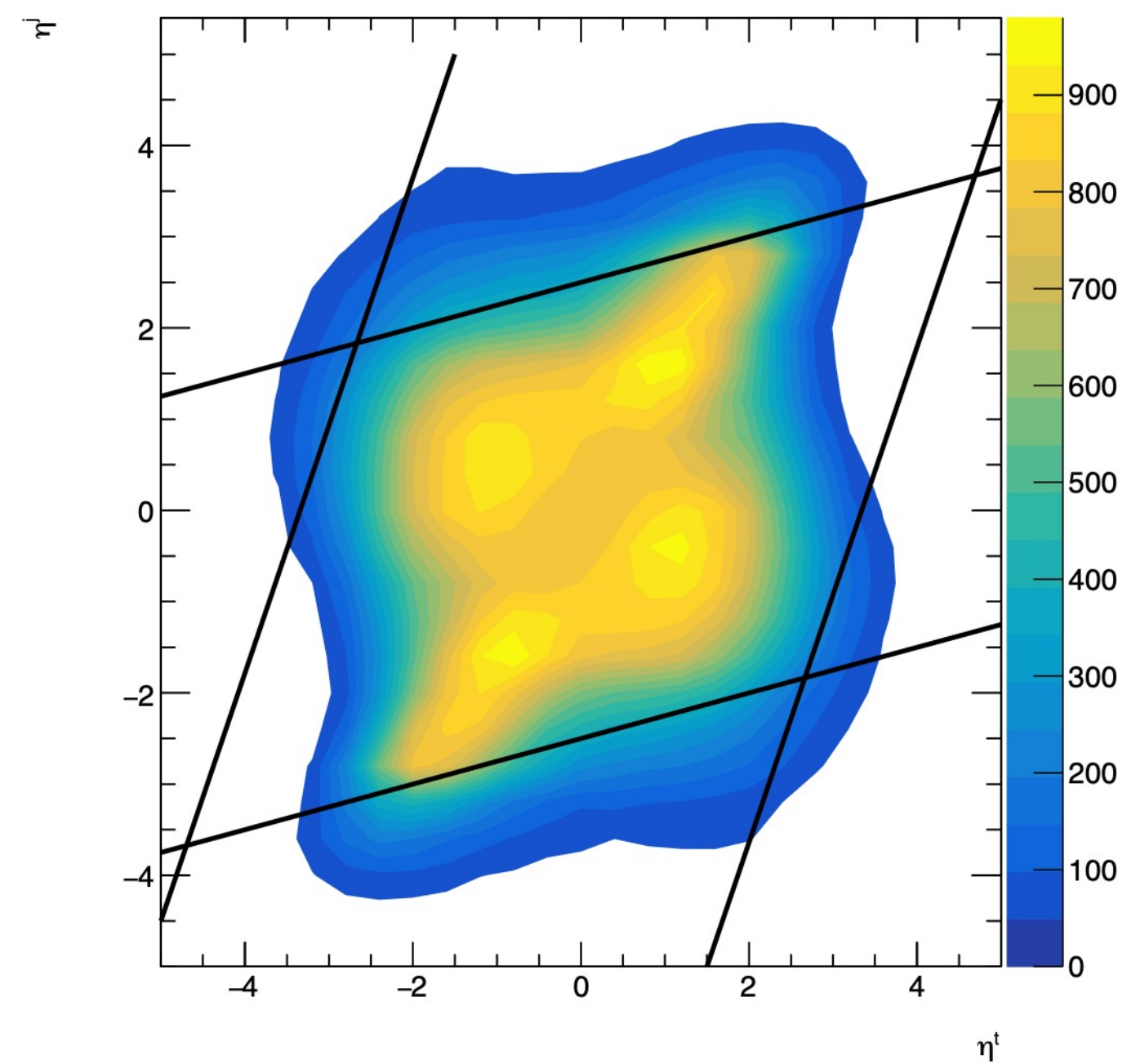
Trapezoidal cut

- Greatly reduces backgrounds while keeping signal
 - Optimized on S/B and $S/\sqrt{S+B}$

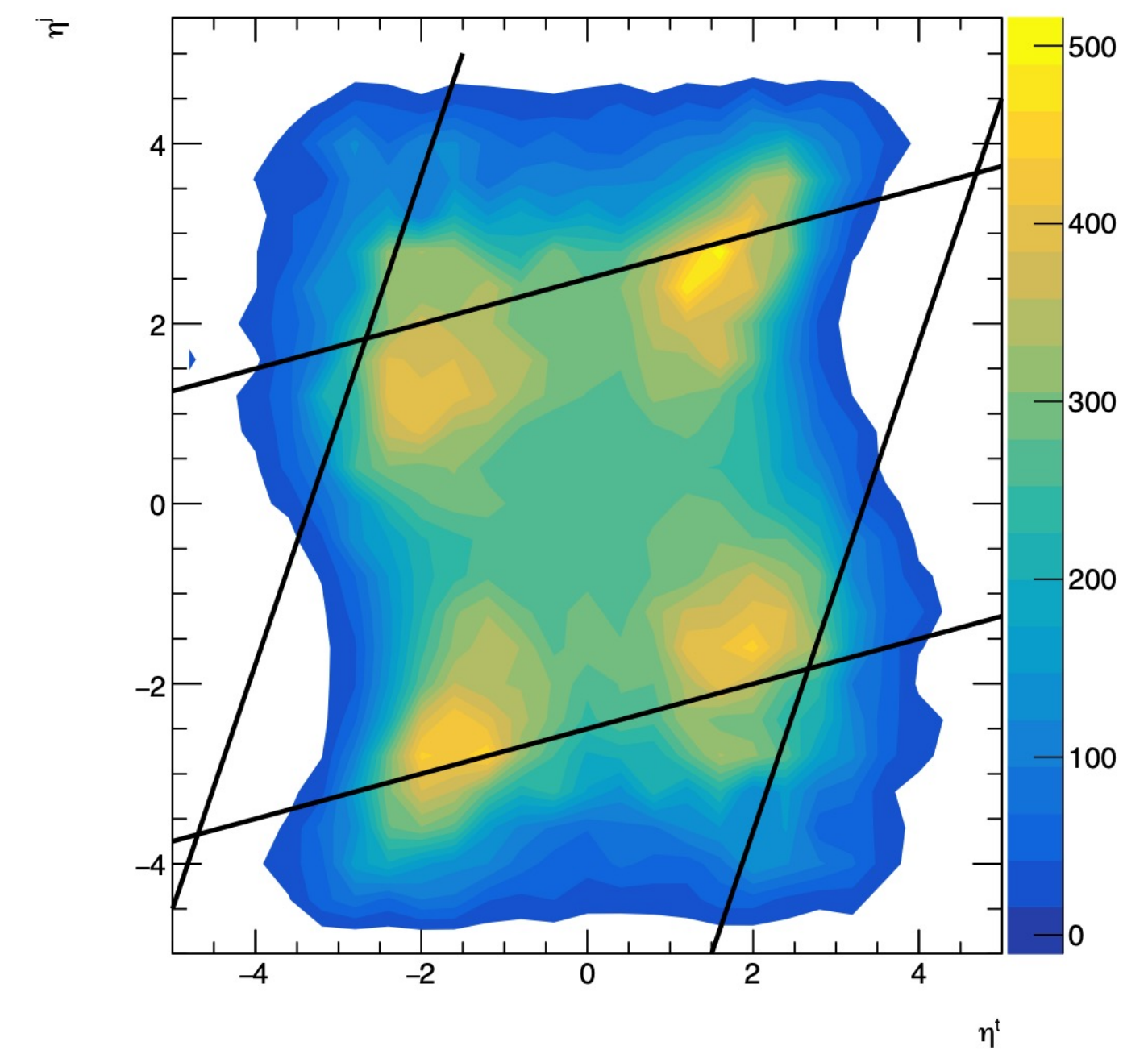
t-chan



$t\bar{t}$



W+jets



Previous results of polarization fit

- Fit both c_{tW} and c_{itW} to unfolded distributions of $\cos(\theta_{xl})$ and $\cos(\theta_{yl})$
 - $c_{tW} = 0.3 \pm 0.6$
 - $c_{itW} = -0.3 \pm 0.2$

