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Highlights from the CMS Experiment

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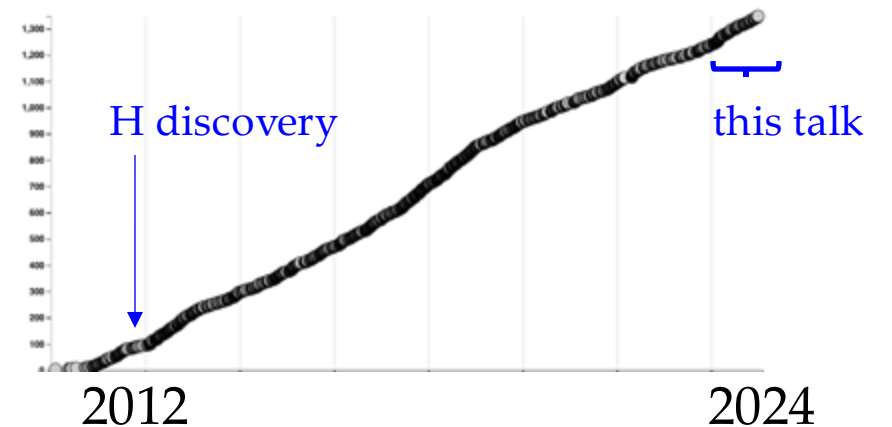
recent HEPHY results

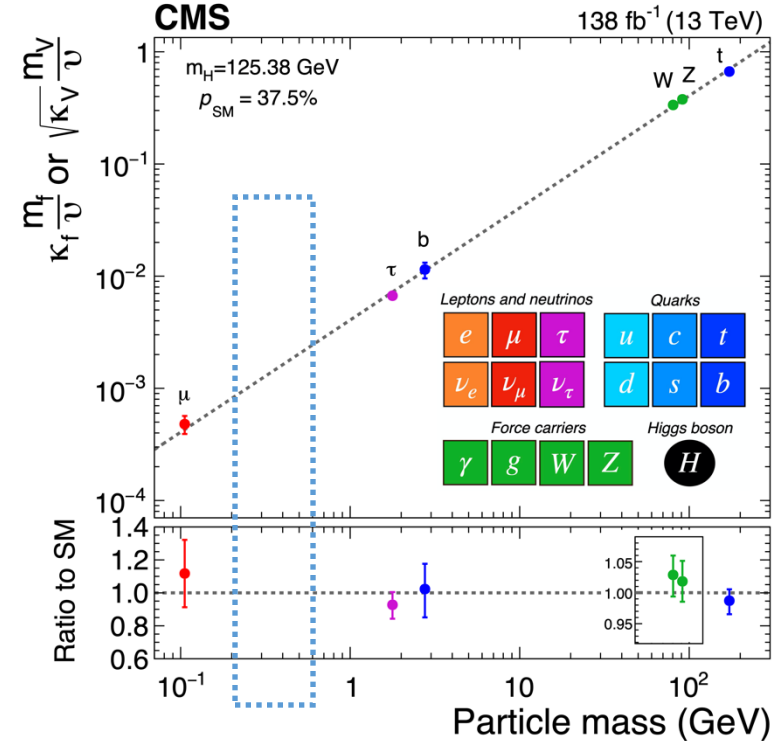
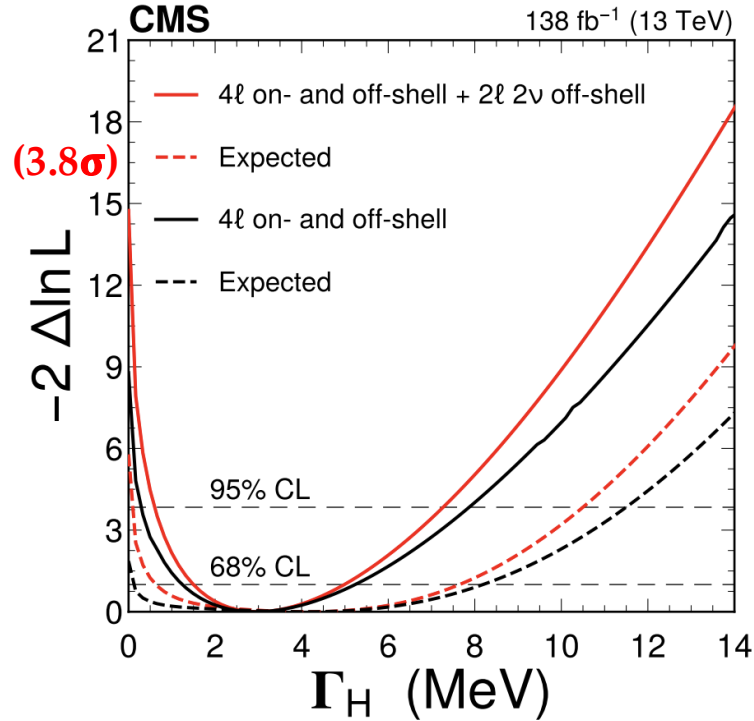
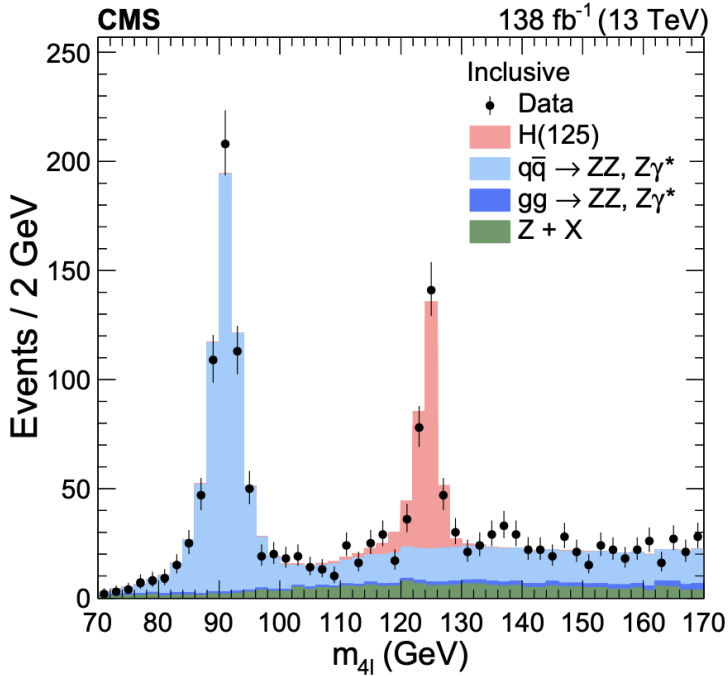
<https://hephyanalysisw.github.io/>





- 2024 excellent year for data taking
 - pp-operations: L(2024)=122/fb, tot. 331/fb ($\sqrt{s} \geq 13$ TeV)
- Run III until mid 2026; HL-LHC until 2041
- 1347 collider-data papers





M_H is a free parameter

- Ingredient to couplings, BR, width, EWPO, M_W , $\sin^2\theta_W$
- Best single-channel measurement in 4ℓ [[2409.13663](https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.13663)]

$125\,040 \pm 120 \text{ MeV} (0.09\%)$

Fully driven by statistics
HL-LHC: go below 30 MeV!

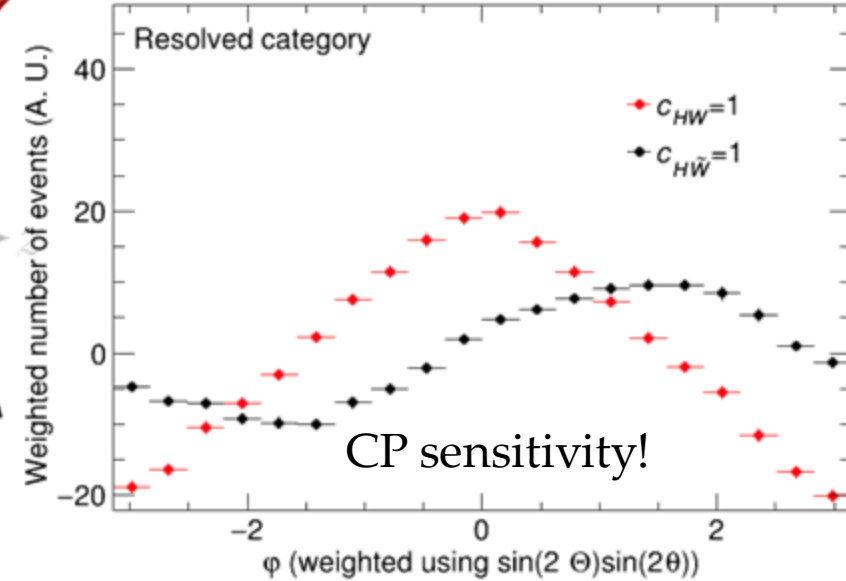
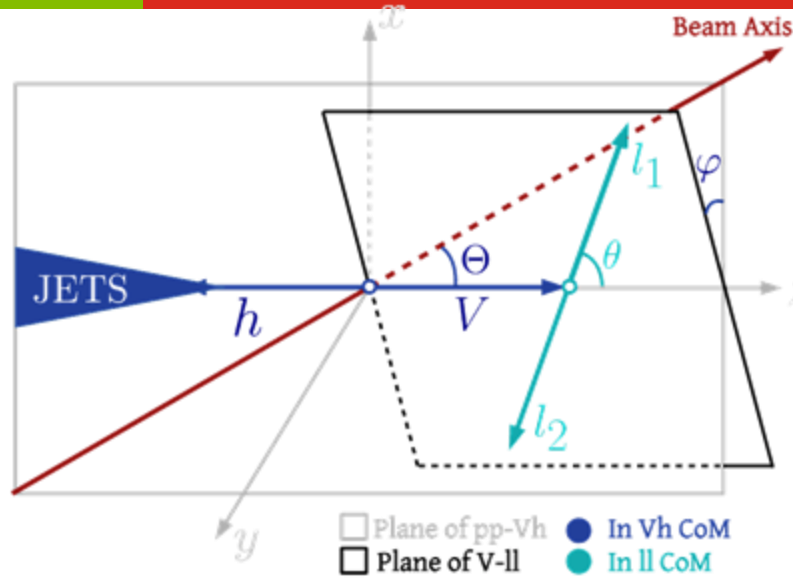
$\Gamma_H = 3.0 \text{ MeV} + 2.0 - 1.7 \text{ MeV}$ (exp. 4.1 MeV)
from ratio of on/off-shell production (3.8σ)

$H \rightarrow cc$?!

- ML improvements in charm tagging (gNN)
- Obs. (Exp.) 95% CL $1.1 < \kappa_c < 5.5$ ($\kappa_c < 3.5$)
- Searched for in VH

- VH is a weak-sector BSM probe
 - Use the SMEFT as a “model-independent” model
 - Include all symmetry preserving field monomials

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(4)} + \sum \frac{C_x}{\Lambda^2} O_{6,x} + h.c.$$



$$\frac{C_{\phi W}}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) W_I^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^I \leftarrow \begin{array}{|l} \text{known SM} \\ \text{particles} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{C_{qq}^{(8)}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu T^A q) (\bar{q} \gamma_\mu T^A q)$$

$$\frac{C_{qq}^{(3)}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q) (\bar{q} \gamma_\mu \tau^I q) \leftarrow \begin{array}{|l} \text{known SM} \\ \text{symmetries} \end{array}$$

unknown coefficients

- SMEFT = $|M_{SM} + \theta M_{BSM}|^2 = SM + \theta \text{ linear} + \theta^2 \text{ quadratic}$
 - Linear term: Interference! Boost into rest frame; 9 helicity functions

$$f_1 = f_{LL} = \sin^2 \Theta \sin^2 \theta,$$

$$f_4 = f_{LT}^1 = \cos \varphi \sin \Theta \sin \theta,$$

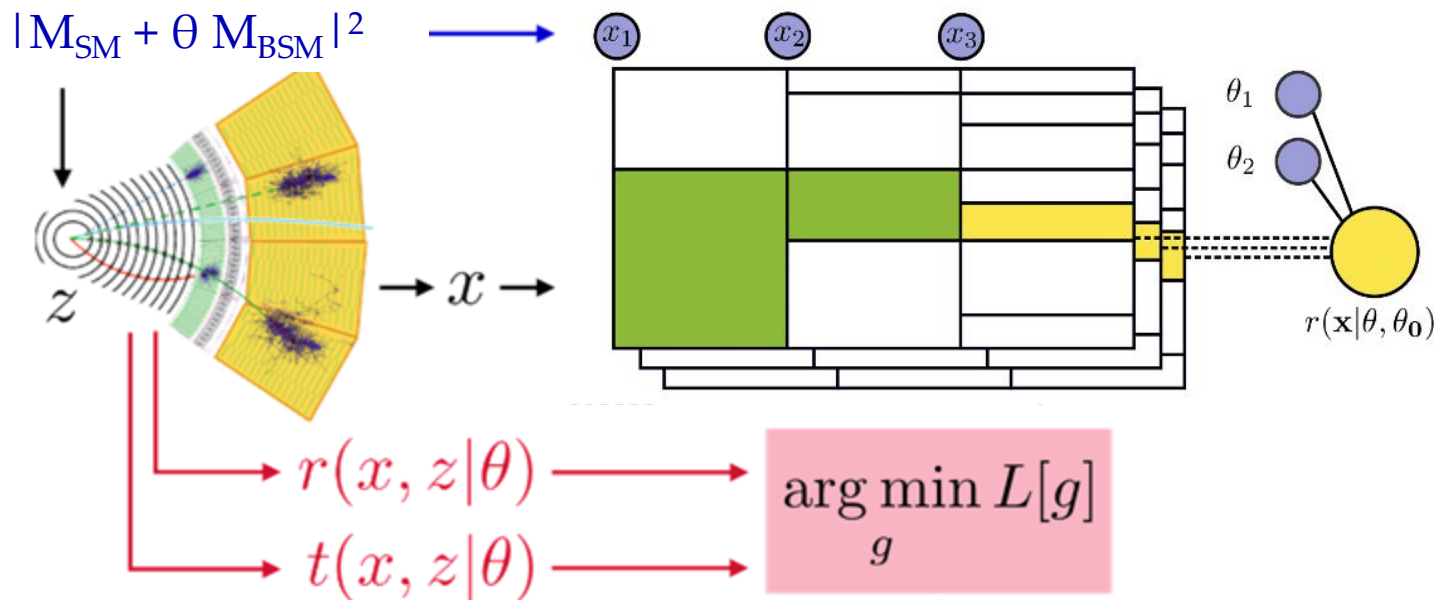
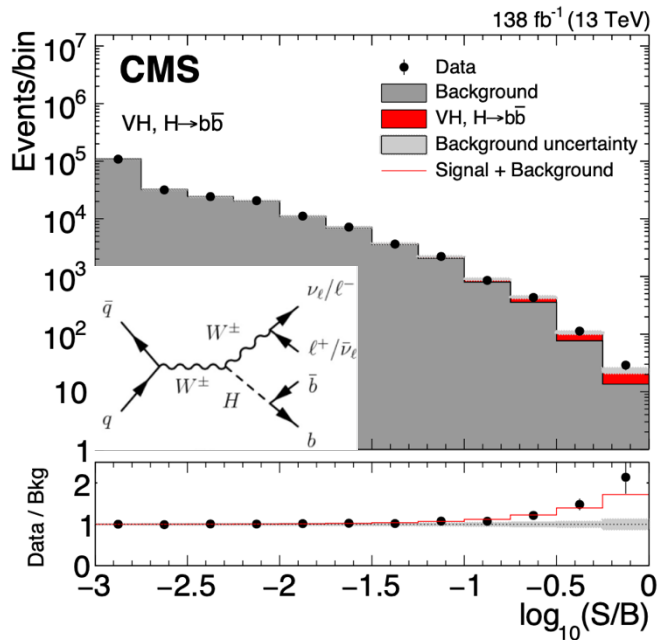
$$f_2 = f_{TT}^1 = \cos \Theta \cos \theta,$$

$$f_5 = f_{LT}^2 = \cos \varphi \sin \Theta \sin \theta \cos \Theta \cos \theta$$

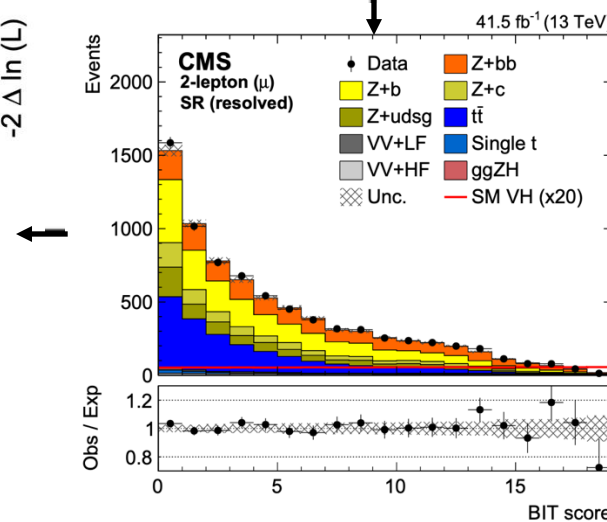
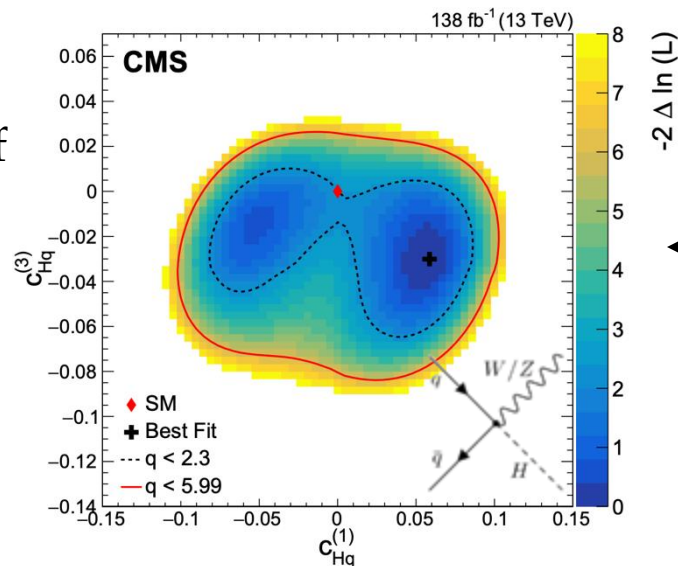
$$f_3 = f_{TT}^2 = (1 + \cos^2 \Theta)(1 + \cos^2 \theta), \text{ +4 more}$$

- Triple angular observables integrate out *unless...* (Ingredient #1) we keep suitable products \rightarrow CP sensitivity₄

H+W/Z interpretation with ML

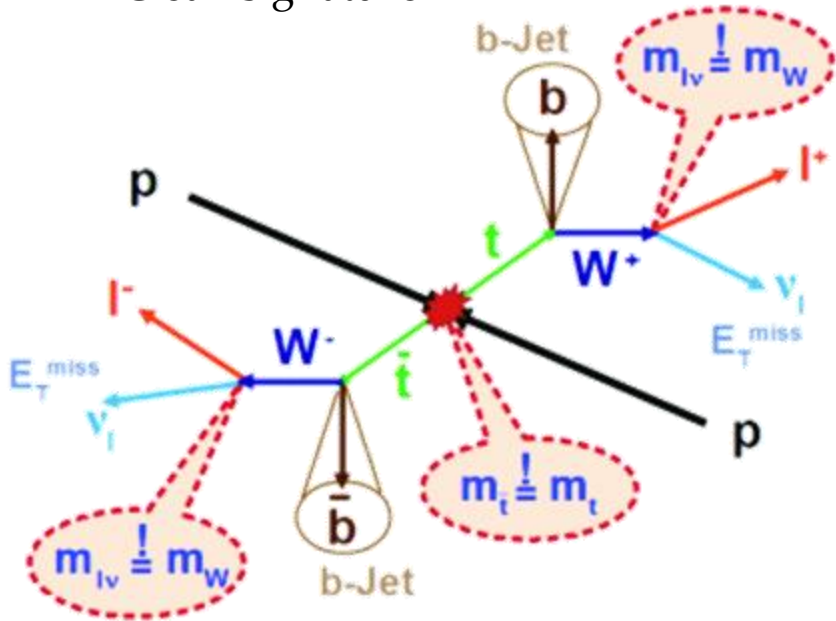


- H unitarizes SM at high energy
- cancellations over many orders of magnitude \rightarrow BSM probes
 - **Ingredient #2:** Energetic observables $\sim \theta^2 \rightarrow$ combine?
 - Developed ML algorithm fully aware of $|M_{SM} + \theta M_{BSM}|^2$ [[MLST 2025](#), [2205.12976](#), [CPC 2022](#)]

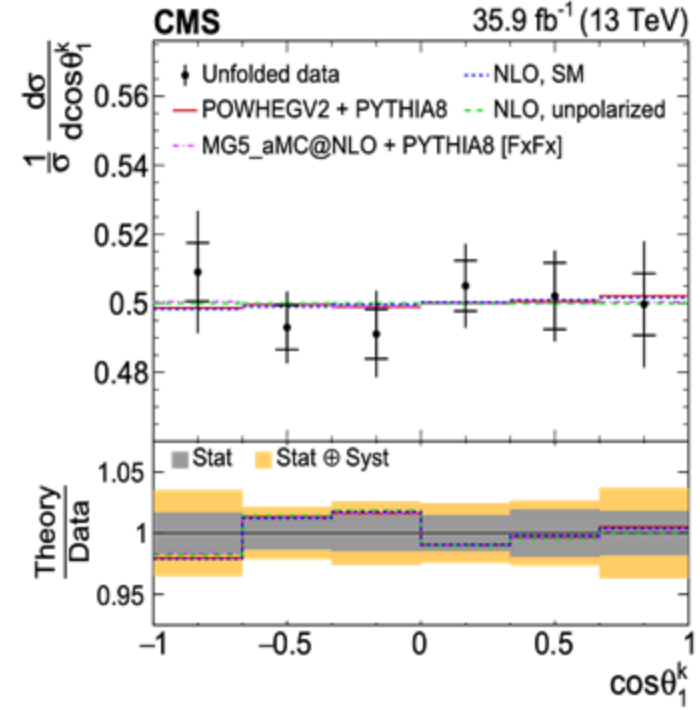
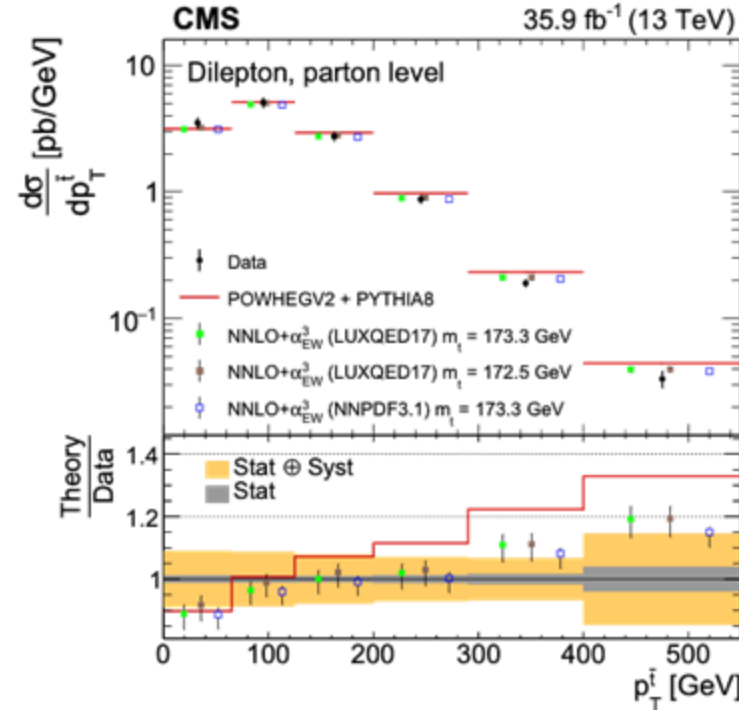


- “ML optimal observable” $0\ell/1\ell/2\ell$ high dim!
- 48 features
- 6 BSM effects up to x8 sensitivity [[2411.16907](#)]
- Systematic optimality?

- Success = Theory+Exp
 - Consider kin. Reco in 2ℓ-channel
 - Clean signature

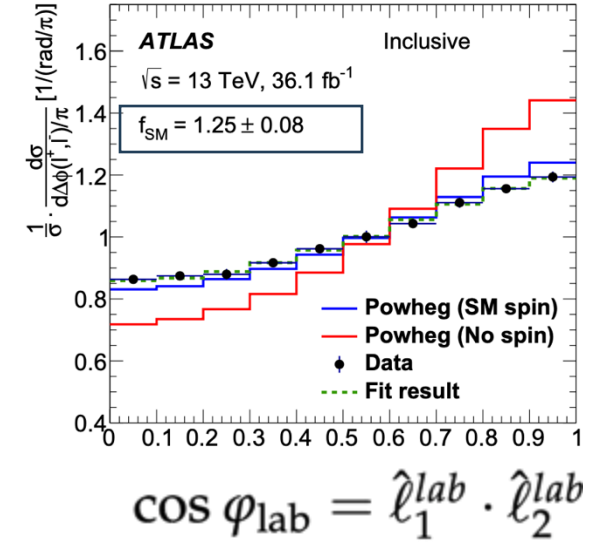
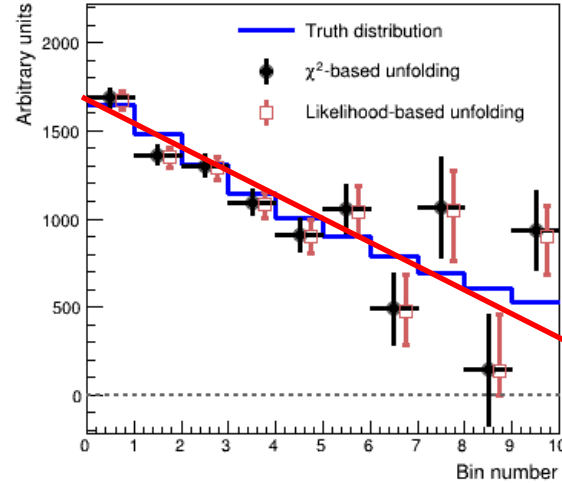
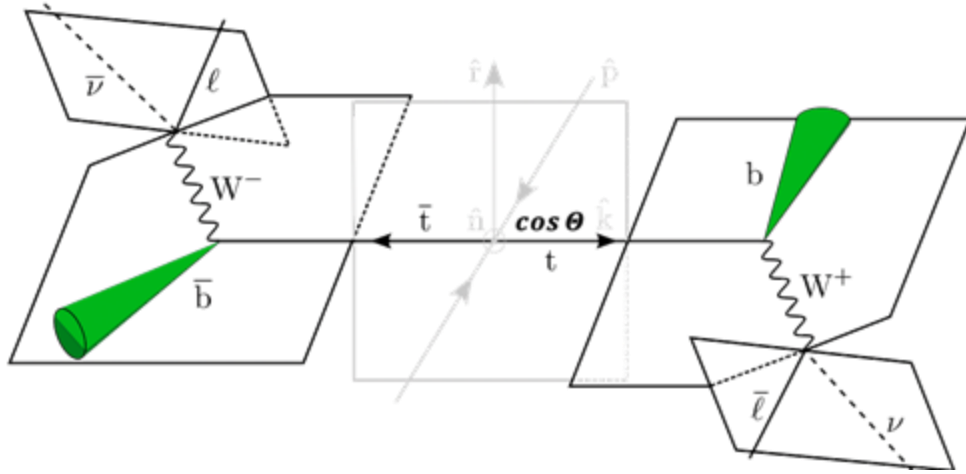


- 6 unknowns; 6 constraints
- Solve kinematic equations
- 4 solutions - 100x smearing and Likelihood-weighted average
[\[JHEP 02 \(2019\) 149\]](#)
[\[Phys. Rev. D 100, 072002 \(2019\)\]](#)



$$\begin{aligned}
 (p_{\ell_1} + p_{\nu_1})^2 &= m_W^2, & (p_{\ell_2} + p_{\nu_2})^2 &= m_W^2 \\
 (p_{b_1} + p_{\ell_1} + p_{\nu_1})^2 &= m_t^2, & (p_{b_2} + p_{\ell_2} + p_{\nu_2})^2 &= m_t^2 & \vec{p}_T^{\nu_1} + \vec{p}_T^{\nu_2} &= \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}
 \end{aligned}$$

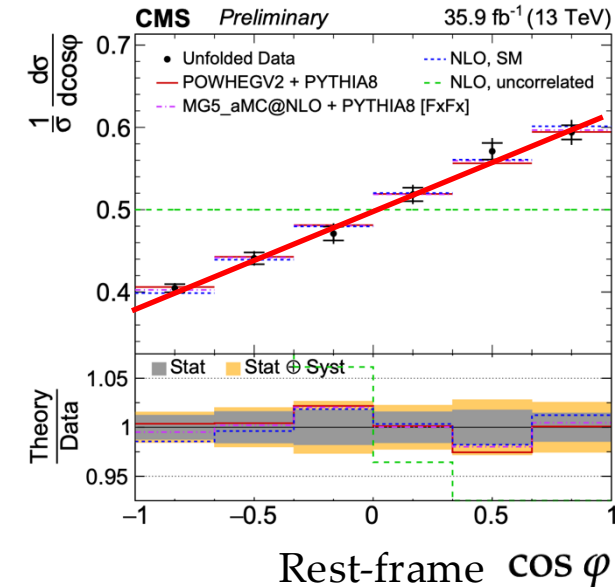
- Exquisite precision → All purpose tool
- 10% systematics on energetic quantities & diff. x-sec
- <5% on angles & in ratios
- What's good theory directions to best exploit this precision?



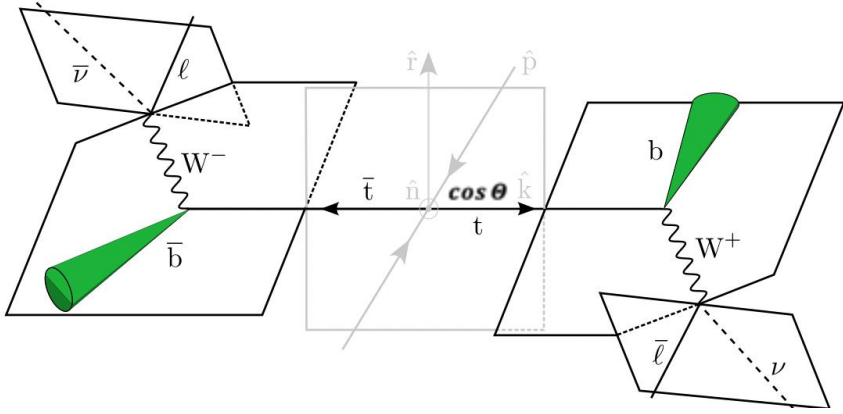
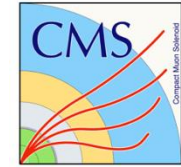
- Example: spin-correlation matrix in the $t\bar{t}$ rest-frame [Bernreuther et al., [1508.05271](#)]
 - Transform observables so that dependence is *linear* (or simple *known*.)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \varphi} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - D \cos \varphi) \quad D = -1/3 \text{Tr}[C] = -(C_{nn} + C_{rr} + C_{kk})/3$$

- Experimentally, need determine a slope in the unfolded distribution
- Curvature regularization constrains the 2nd derivative; regulator $\rightarrow \infty \rightarrow \chi^2$ fit
- ATLAS lab-frame SC meas. later understood via scale unc.
- Much smaller theory/modeling uncertainties in the rest frame



Entanglement of top quark pairs (2ℓ)



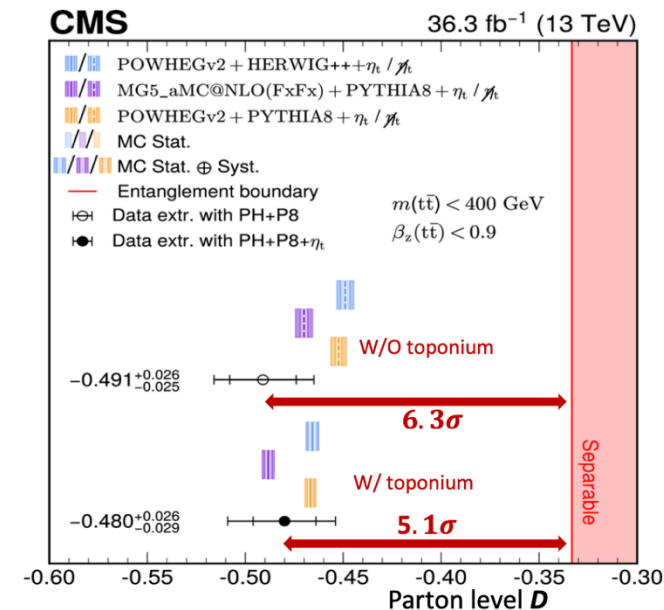
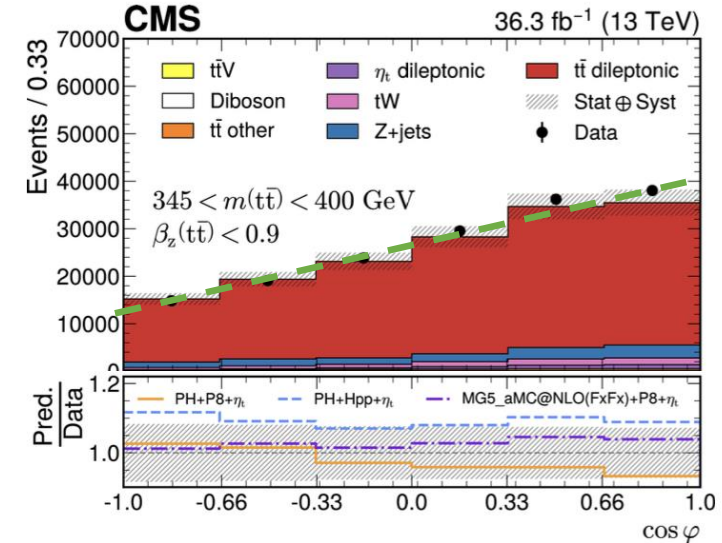
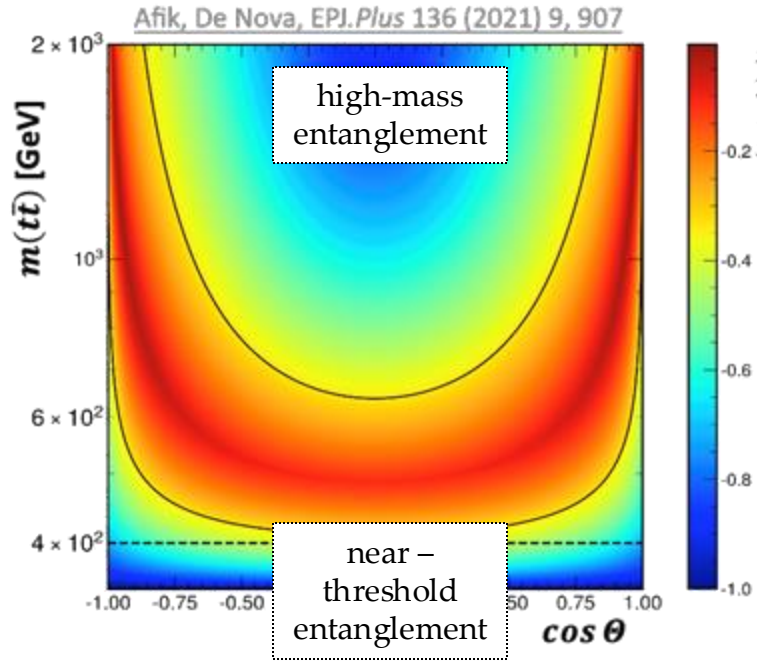
- Now that we've measured the spin-correlation matrix, what's next?
- Peres–Horodecki criterion

$$\Delta_E = C_{nn} + |C_{rr} + C_{kk}| > 1$$

→ Entanglement!

(C_{mn} etc. are diagonal entries)

- Entanglement at low & high $m(tt)$
- low $m(tt)$ region [[Rept.Prog.Phys. 87 \(2024\) 117801](#)]
 - “Entanglement witness”:
Steepness of $\cos \varphi(\ell^+, \ell^-)$ spectrum
 - $> 5.1 \sigma$ at low $m(tt)$
 - Main uncertainties: Toponium(!)

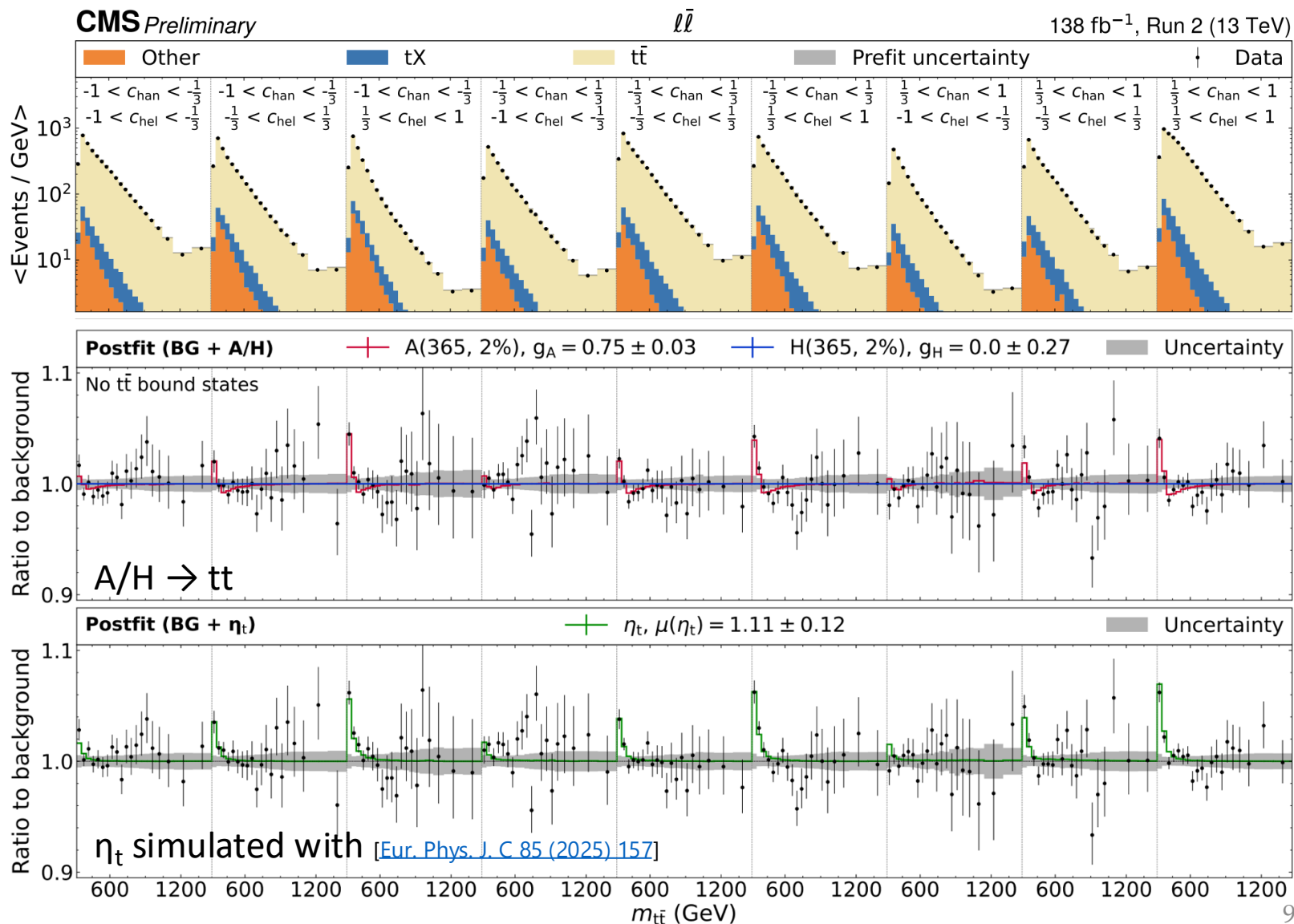
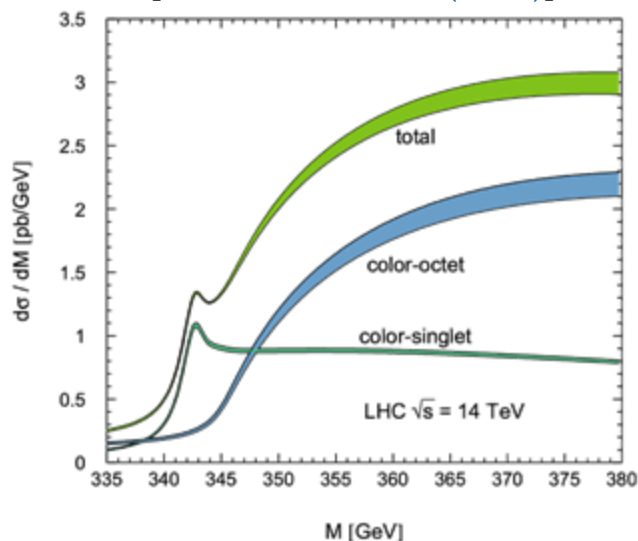


Deficit in simulation at low mass

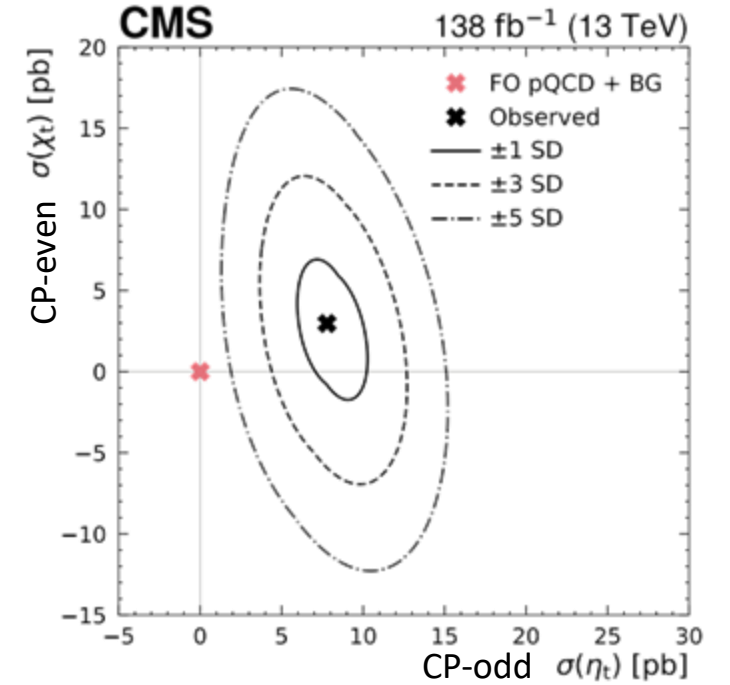
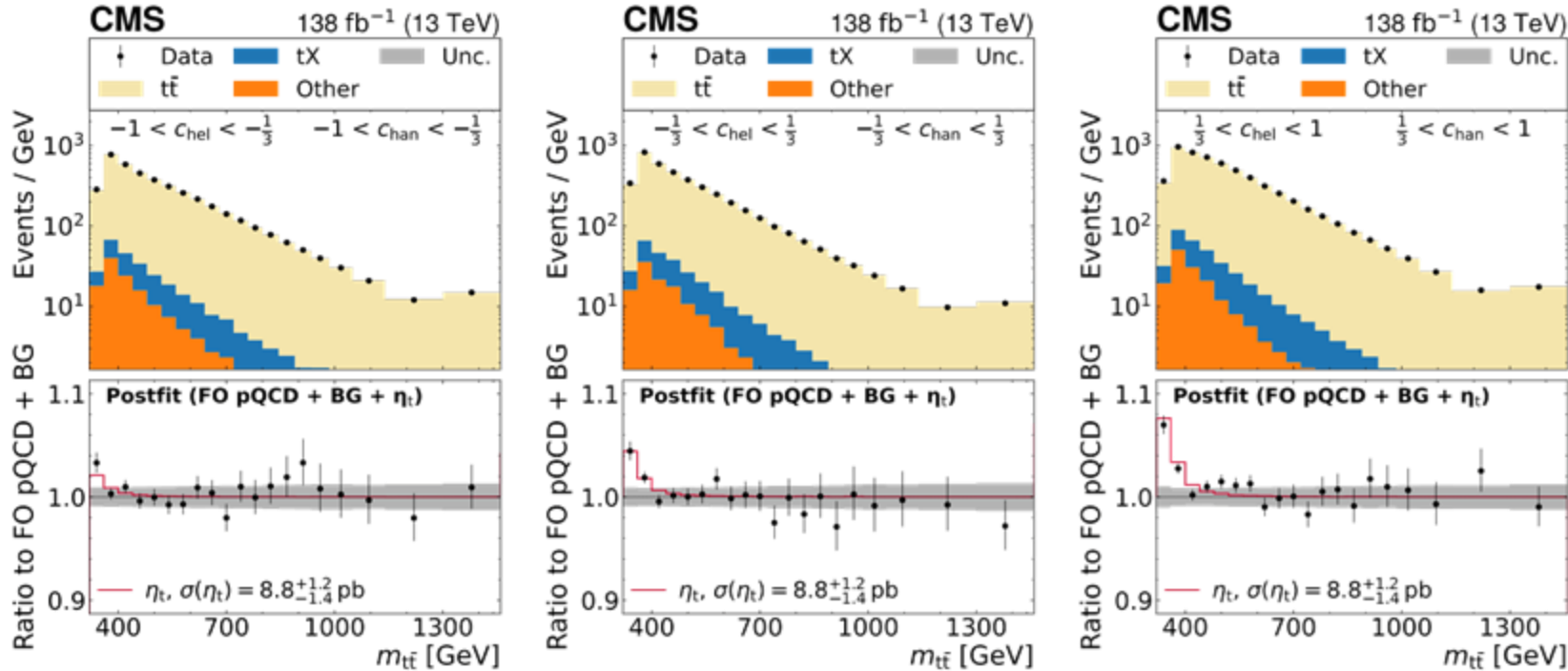
- Measure in bins of spin-correlation observables
- Consistent with low-M pseudo-scalar ($^1S_0^{[1]}$) state [[HIG-22-013](#)] at ~ 340 GeV

Color-singlet bound state?

- Meas.: $\sigma(\eta_t) = 7.1 \pm 0.8$ pb
- NRQCD 6.43 pb [[PRD 104, 034023 \(2021\)](#)]



Interpret with caution! Nevertheless: a new research program for the future.



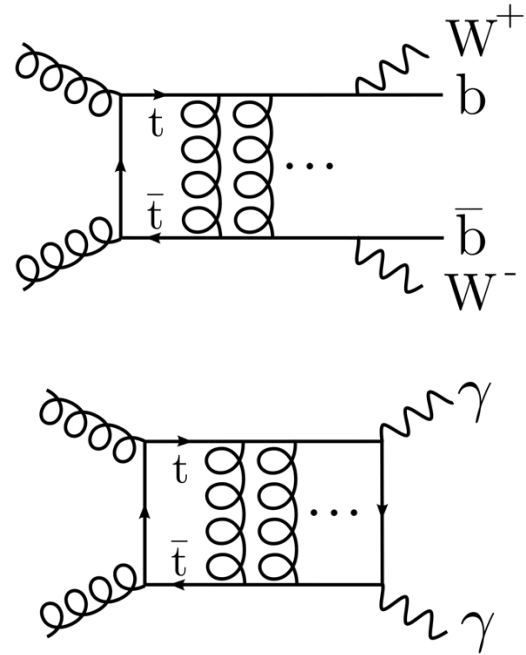
- Interpretation in CP-odd η_t vs. χ_t CP-even scalar [TOP-24-007]
- Removing generator mass cut, refined modeling systematics

$$\sigma(\eta_t) = 8.8 \pm 0.5 \text{ (stat)}^{+1.1}_{-1.3} \text{ (syst)} \text{ pb} = 8.8^{+1.2}_{-1.4} \text{ pb.}$$

observation with $>5\sigma$

FO pQCD generator setup	$\sigma(\eta_t)$ [pb]
POWHEG v2 hvq + PYTHIA	8.7 ± 1.1
POWHEG v2 hvq + HERWIG	8.6 ± 1.1
MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO FxFx + PYTHIA	9.8 ± 1.3
POWHEG vRES bb41 + PYTHIA	6.6 ± 1.4
Nominal result	$8.8^{+1.2}_{-1.4}$

- The low-mass signal is an experimental feat
- “Operationally defined”: QCD enhancement over fixed-order predictions
- Theory is actively developed
 - $BR(\eta_t \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}$ [\[2412.18527\]](#)
 - ~50 evts in Run II+III ?!
 - ZZ (stat limited), hX (?), WW (?), gg (.. not)
 - $^3S_1^{[1]} \psi_t$



plot removed

Simulation with [\[Eur. Phys. J. C 85 \(2025\) 157\]](#)

$n^{2S+1}L_J$	M
$1^1S_0(^3S_1)$	343.62
$2^1S_0(^3S_1)$	344.59
$3^1S_0(^3S_1)$	344.93

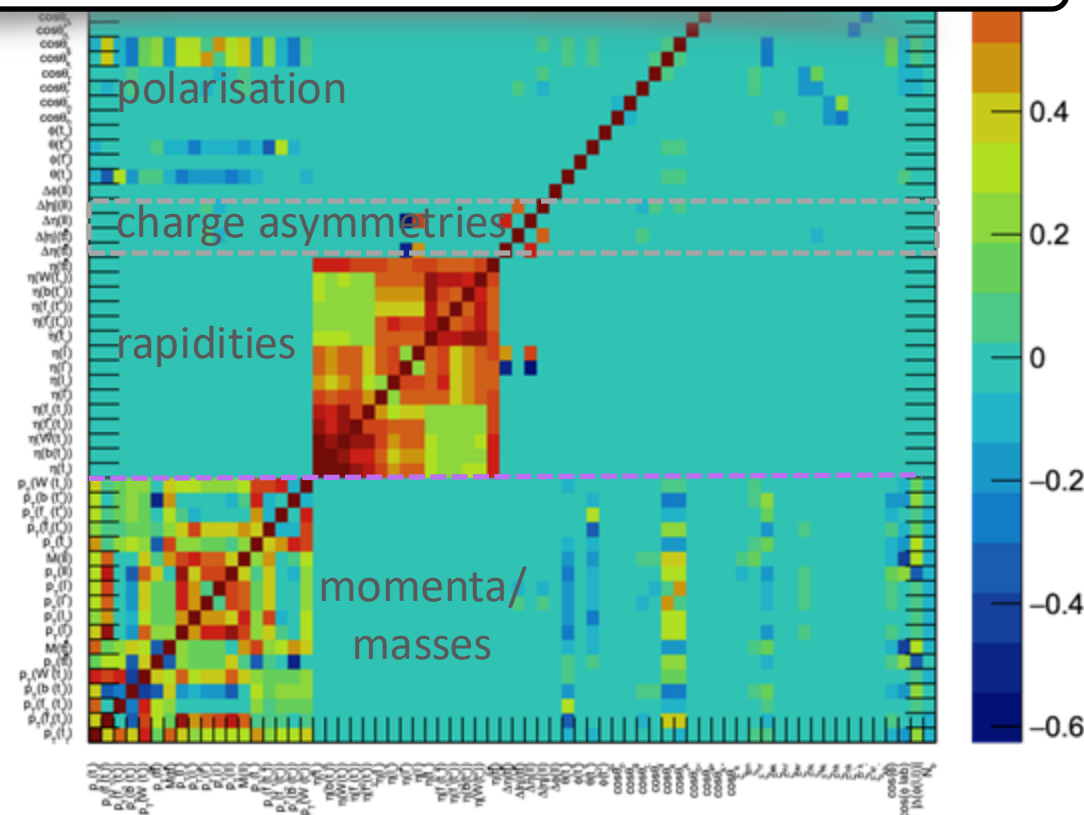
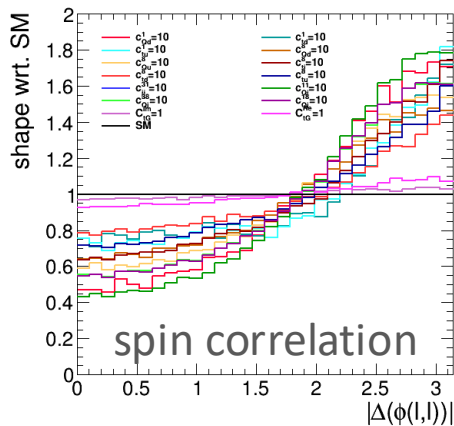
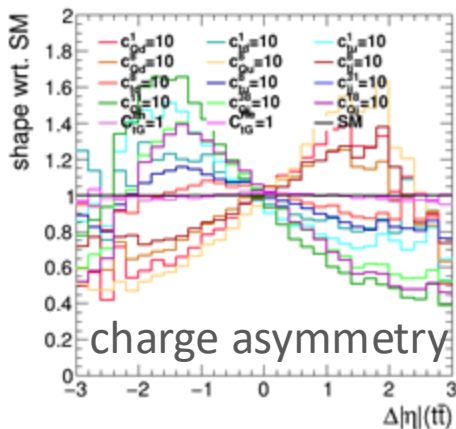
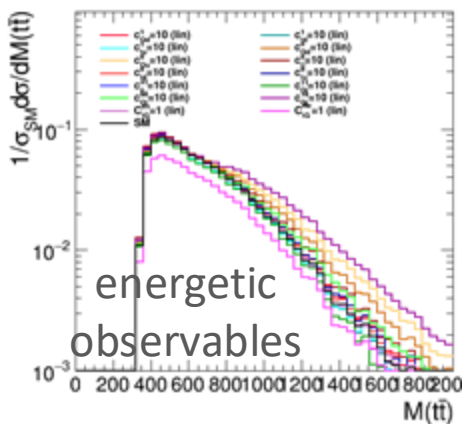
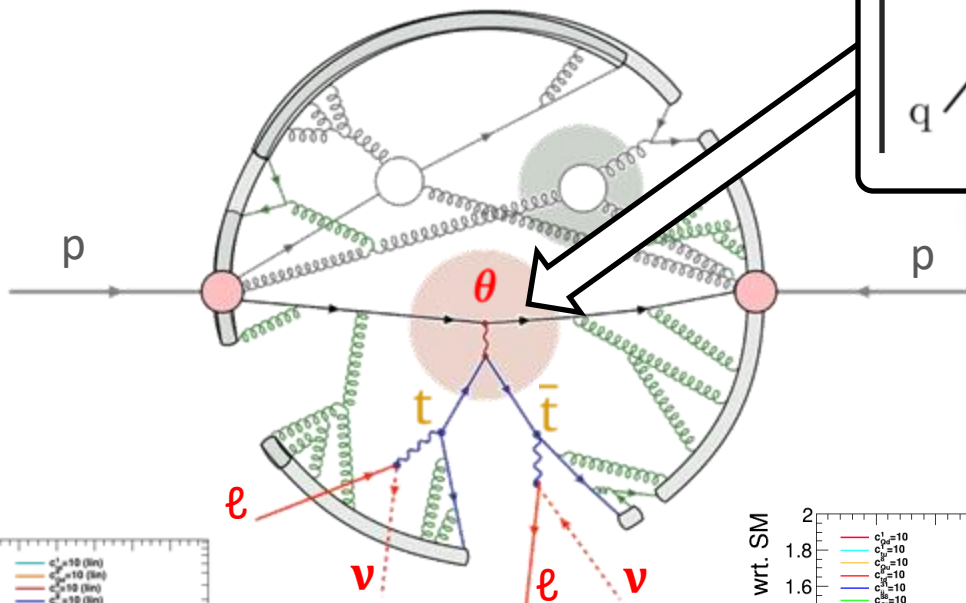
[\[2411.17955\]](#)

- Quality of the predictions & modeling will improve
 - “no theory consensus” [\[ref\]](#)
 - NLO, interference, matching, ...
- New techniques needed for the experimental challenge
- I think a rich subfield will develop, to be explored together

High-mass top quark pairs (2ℓ)

- What about the tails of $tt(2\ell)$?

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \bar{q} \quad \bar{t} \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ q \quad t \end{array} \right. + \left. \begin{array}{c} \bar{q} \quad \bar{t} \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ q \quad t \end{array} \right|^2 \text{ Standard Model Effective Theory} \\
 = d\sigma(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\theta}{\Lambda^2} d\sigma_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\theta^2}{\Lambda^4} d\sigma_{\text{quad}}(\mathbf{x})$$



≈ 72 features
 ≈ 15 SMEFT POIs

linear feature correlation in $tt(2\ell)$
 Typically use only 1 or 2 features!

1. Let's write an unbinned *additive* model

$$d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \sum_{p=1}^{N_p} \underbrace{R_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}_{\text{SMEFT normalisation ("k-factors")}} \underbrace{\alpha_p^{\nu_p}}_{\text{systematics}} \underbrace{\exp\{\boldsymbol{\nu}^\top \Delta_{n,p,1}(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\nu}^\top \Delta_{n,p,2}(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\nu} + \dots\}}_{S_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu})} d\sigma_p(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})$$

2. The experimentalist/theorist (not the framework) decides on specification
TT(2ℓ) has 90% purity: A single EFT process and a number of small backgrounds (DY, NP,...)

$$d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = R_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) S_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) d\sigma_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM}) + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \alpha_p^{\nu_p} S_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) d\sigma_p(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})$$

3. Form the ratio & learn the factors!

$$\frac{d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\nu})}{d\Sigma(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})} = \frac{R_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) S_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \alpha_p^{\nu_p} S_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) \frac{d\sigma_p(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})}{d\sigma_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})}}{1 + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \frac{d\sigma_p(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})}{d\sigma_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\text{SM})}} \approx \frac{\hat{R}_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \hat{S}_{\text{EFT}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \alpha_p^{\nu_p} \hat{S}_p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\nu}) \hat{g}_p(\mathbf{x})}{1 + \sum_{p=1}^{N_{\text{bkgs}}} \hat{g}_p(\mathbf{x})}$$

1) SMEFT learning 2) systematics learning

3) classifiers

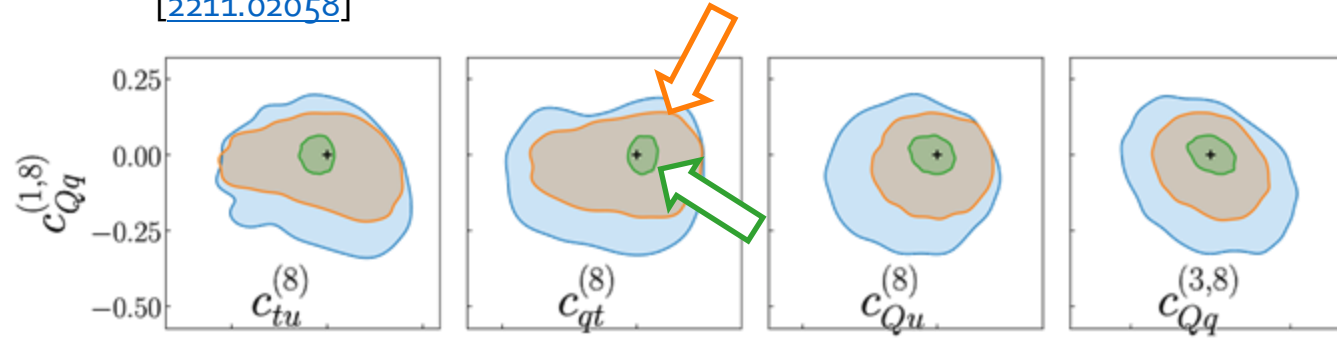
Likelihood ratio → optimal test statistic! Adding systematics or processes *doesn't invalidate* partial training!¹³

What are the gains?

- Systematics-free analysis of 8 WC with 18 features shows $\sim x5$ sensitivity gain

ML₄EFT R. Ambrosio, J. Hoeve, M. Madigan, J. Rojo, V. Sanz

[2211.02058]



- Developed techniques to learn systematics

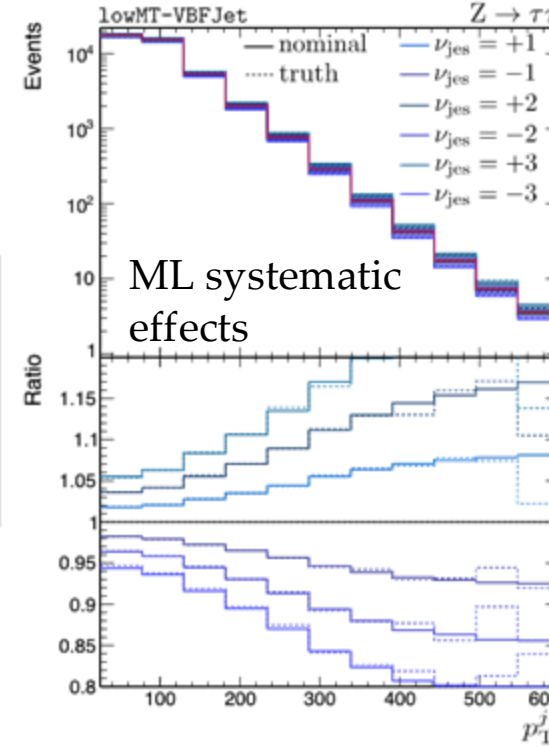
[RS, [Mach. Learn. Sci. Technol. 6 015007 \(2025\)](#)]

- New project starting soon @ HEPHY on $tt(2\ell)$

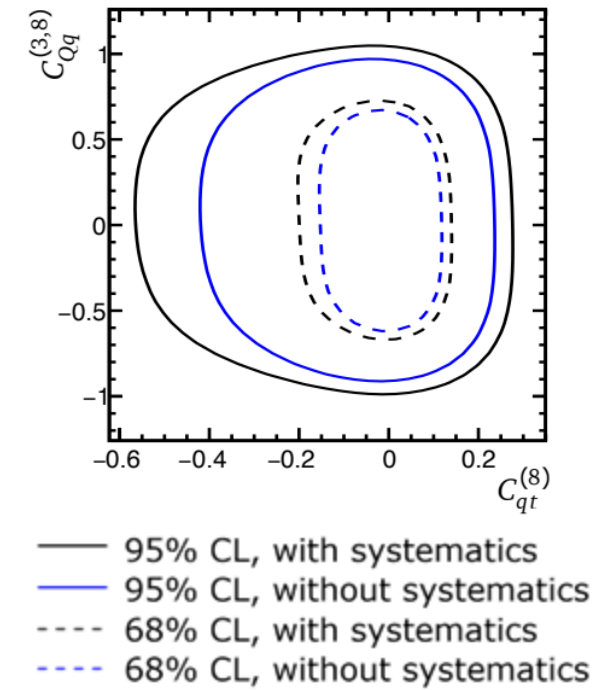
[[PAT7453824](#)]

- Tested technology on $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section

- FAIR Universe Higgs Uncertainty Challenge [[2410.02867](#)]
- Very steep learning curve!
- Currently at the top of the leader board



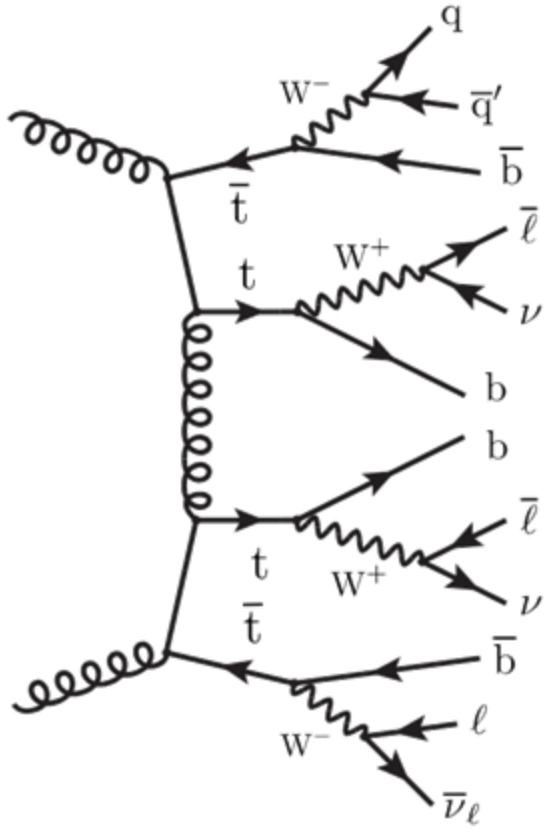
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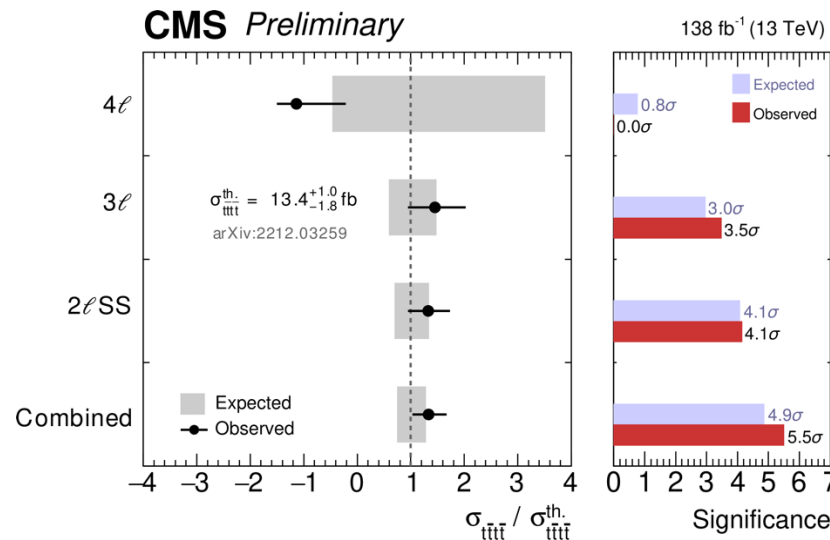
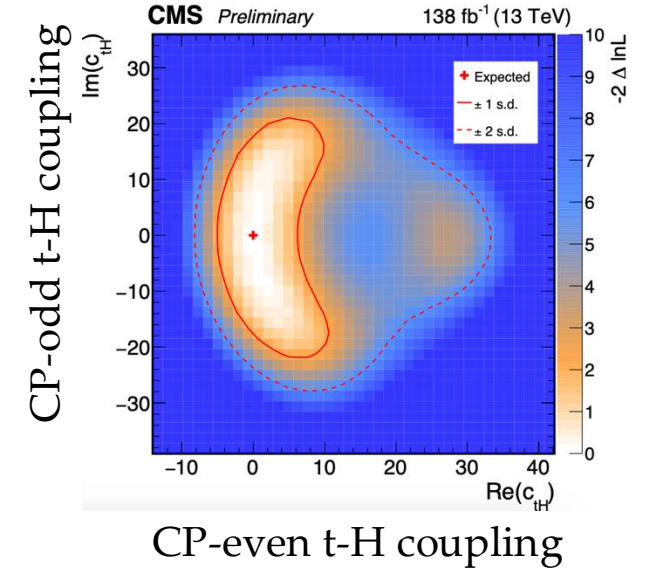
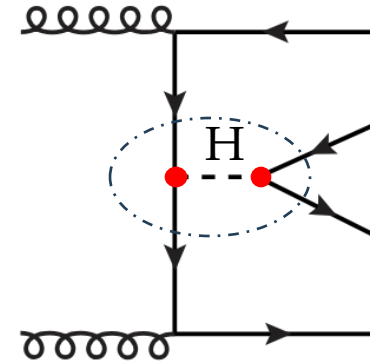
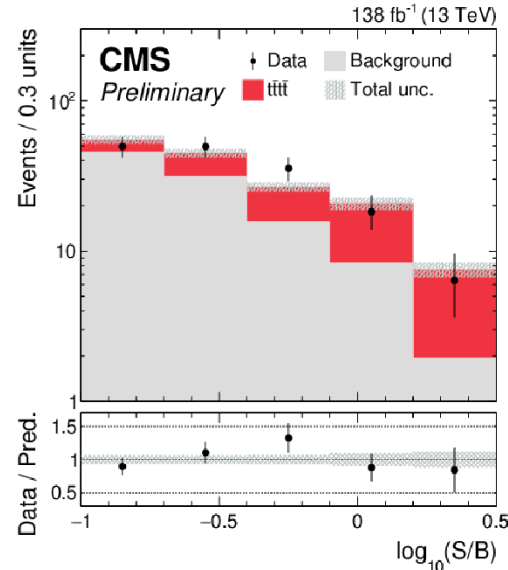
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(preliminary)₄

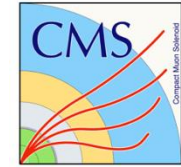
Four top quark production



- Complex final state
2ℓSS/3ℓ/4ℓ
- Observation in 2023
 $\sigma_{tttt} = 13.4 + 1.0 - 1.8 \text{ fb}$
[Phys. Lett. B 847 (2023) 138290]



- Process observed $\geq 5\sigma$ in 2023
- Probe forces among top quarks
 - Color singlet/octet, different chiralities, CP-even and odd
 - (Pseudo-/) Scalar & vector mediator resonances
 - Yukawa-coupling modifications probe indirect effects from H
- Equal BSM footing with EFT

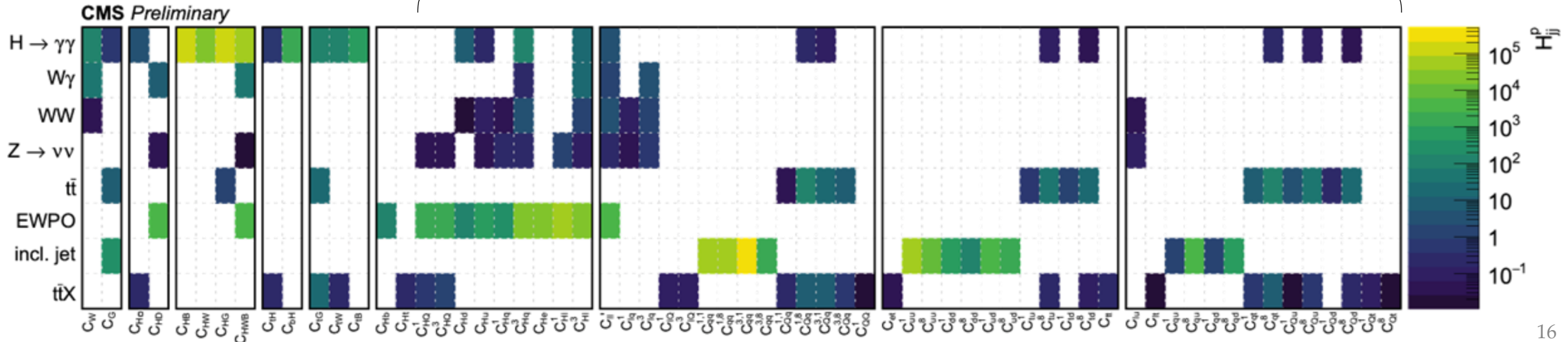
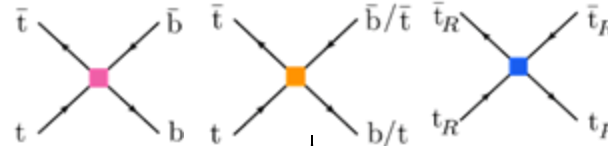
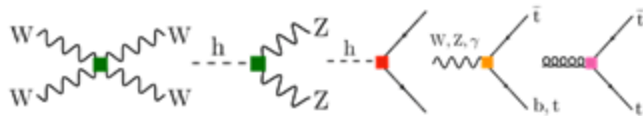


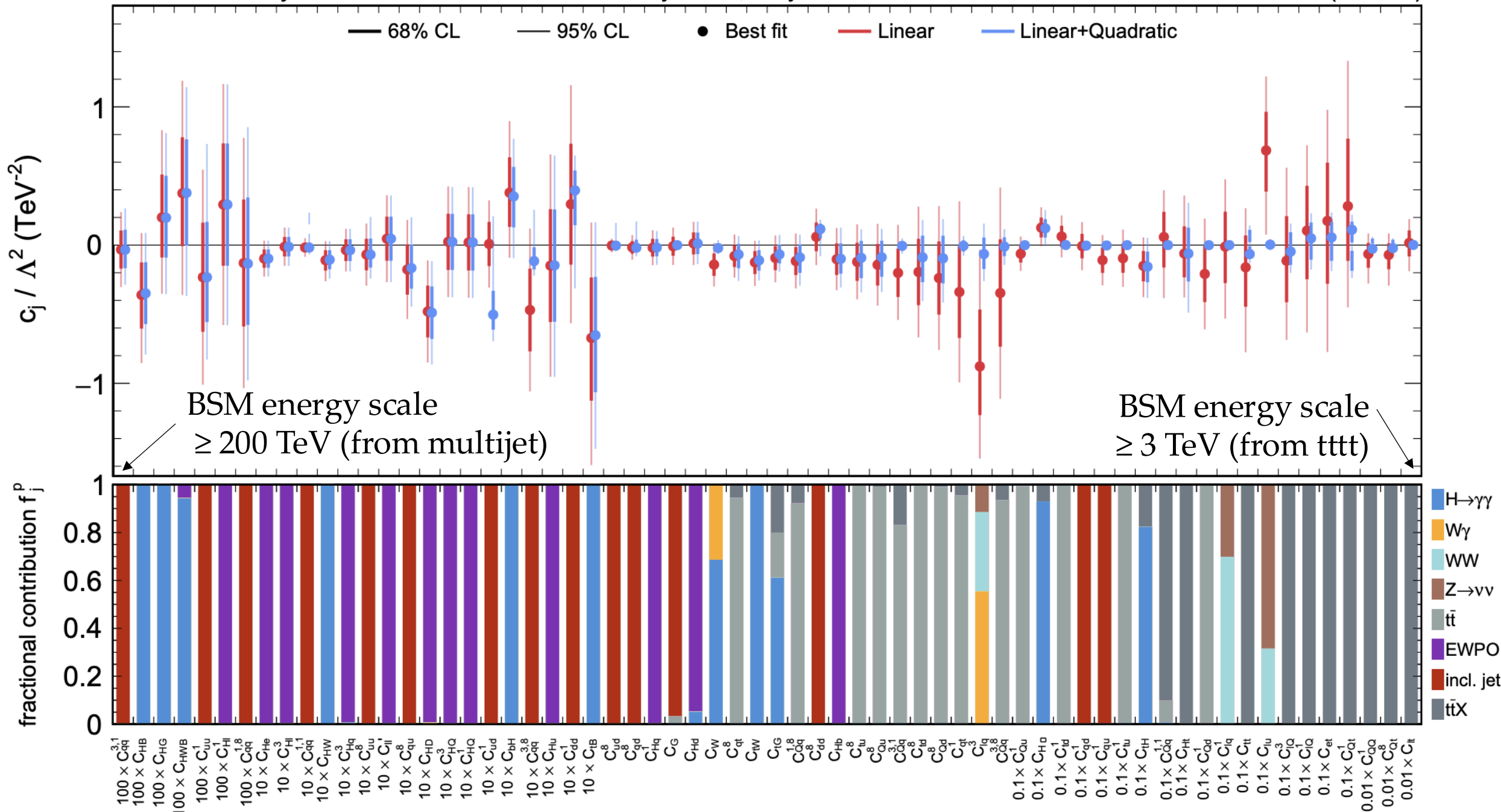
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Diff. cross sections
$W\gamma$	Fid. diff. cross sections
WW	Fid. diff. cross sections
$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$	Fid. diff. cross sections
$t\bar{t}$	Fid. diff. cross sections
EWPO	Pseudo-observables
Inclusive jet	Fid. diff. cross sections
$t\bar{t}X$	Direct EFT

STXS bins [41]
 $p_T^\gamma \times |\phi_f|$
 $m_{\ell\ell}$
 p_T^Z
 $M_{t\bar{t}}$
 $\Gamma_Z, \sigma_{had}^0, R_\ell, R_c, R_b, A_{FB}^{0,\ell}$
 $A_{FB}^{0,c}, A_{FB}^{0,b}$
 $p_T^{jet} \times |y^{jet}|$
 Yields in regions of interest

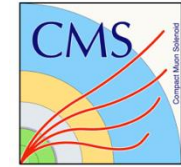
Combination of Higgs, EW, Top, QCD, EWPO to globally constrain non-resonant BSM: SMEFT [SMP-24-003]

- 64 individual measurements, 42 eigenvectors constrained simultaneously
- $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ STXS, leading sensitivity to 11 coefficients





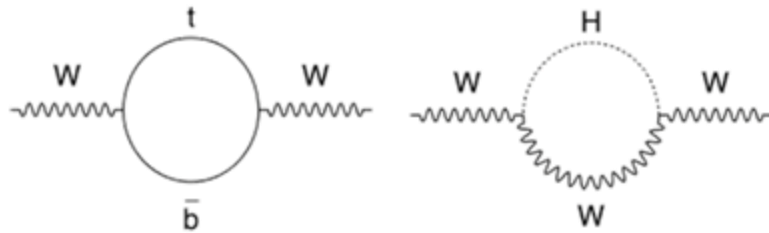
The mass of the W boson



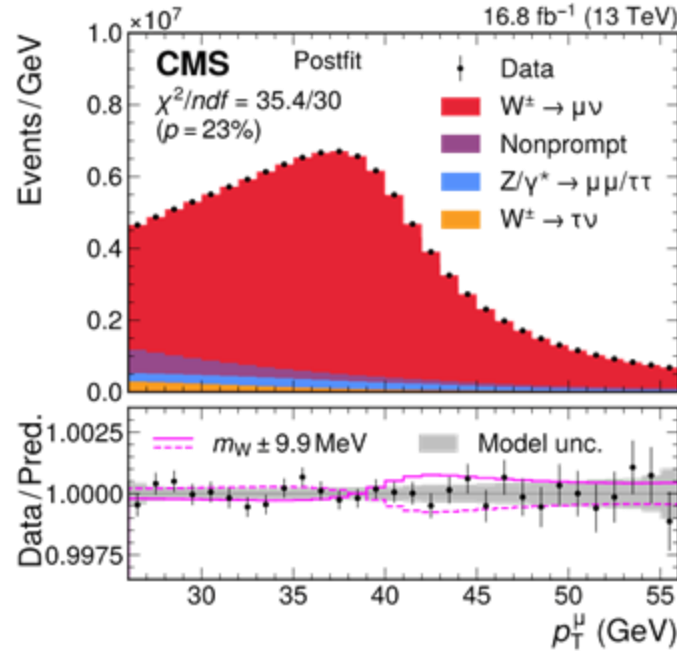
- With M_H and M_t known, the SM is over-constrained

$$M_W^2 \left(1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2} \right) = \frac{\pi \alpha_{\text{QED}}}{\sqrt{2} G_F} \times \frac{1}{1 - \Delta r}$$

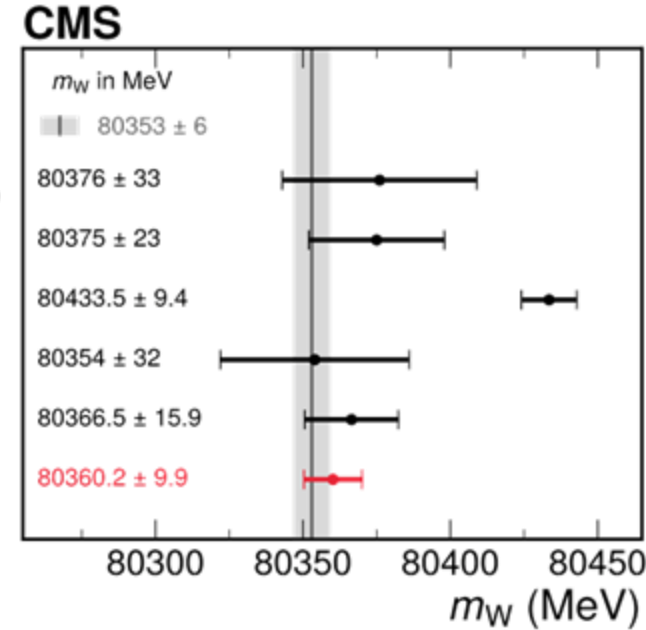
- Δr is mostly affected by M_t and M_H



- Lack of consistency would be a sign of BSM



Electroweak fit
PRD 110 (2024) 030001
LEP combination
Phys. Rep. 532 (2013) 119
D0
PRL 108 (2012) 151804
CDF
Science 376 (2022) 6589
LHCb
JHEP 01 (2022) 036
ATLAS
arXiv:2403.15085
CMS
This work



- Data set 16.8/fb at 13 TeV with ~25 PU
- Highly binned measurement in $p_T(\mu)$, $\eta(\mu)$, q
- Difficulty: In-situ constraint of PDFs, $p_T(\ell)$ calibration J/Ψ , validation Z, modeling (helicity fractions, scales, non-pert.)

$$M_W = 80\,360.2 \pm 9.9 \text{ MeV} \quad [\text{Nature sub.}] \quad [\text{press release}]$$

- Important uncertainties:
Scale of p_T (4.8MeV), PDF (4.4 MeV)

Improved muon coverage and trigger
increased RPC coverage ($1.5 < |\eta| < 2.4$)
new electronics

[[CMS-TDR-016](#)]

New precision timing detector
Timing resolution of 30-40 ps for MIPs
full coverage of $|\eta| < 3.0$

[[CMS-TDR-020](#)]

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New inner tracker

all silicon tracker
4 layers of pixels
5 layers of strips

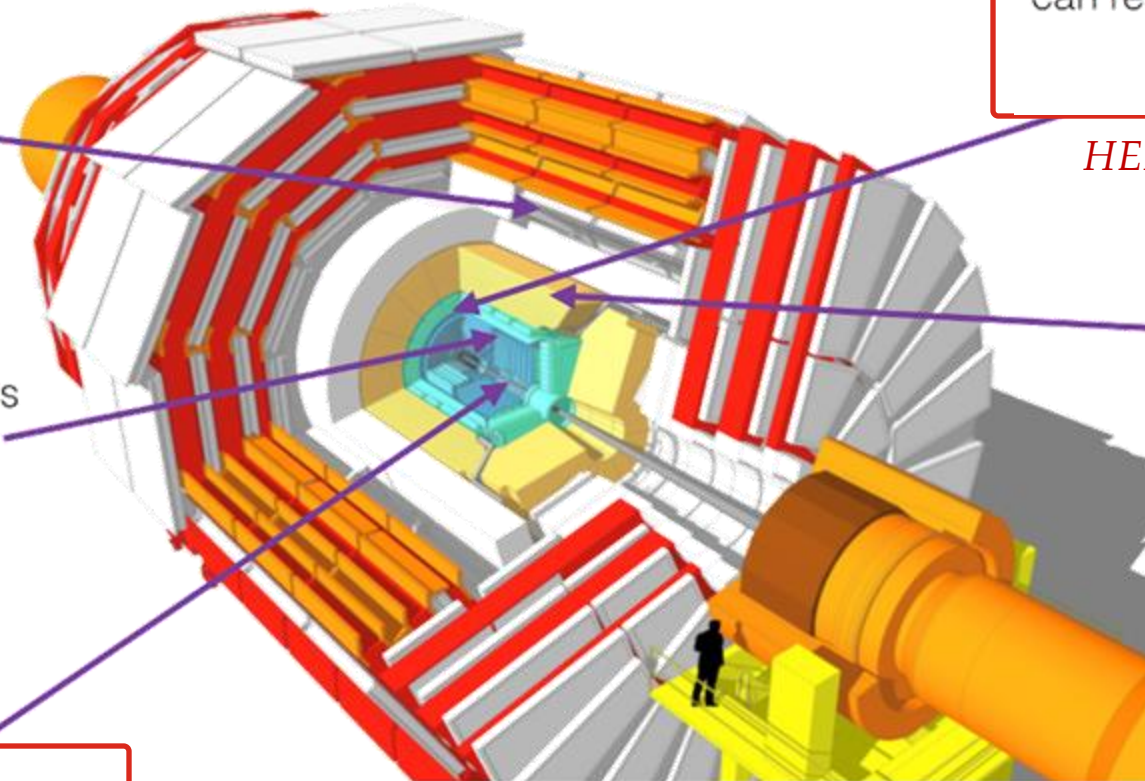
coverage to $|\eta| < 4$ [[CMS-TDR-014](#)]

New endcap calorimeters
high granularity
can reconstruct showers in 3D

[[CMS-TDR-019](#)]

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Updates to calorimeter and trigger
higher granularity
electronics for trigger



Upgrade to trigger and DAQ

L1 rate increased to 750 kHz
High Level trigger rate to 7.5 kHz
Track information at L1

[[L1: CMS-TDR-021](#)]

[[DAQ/HLT: CMS-TDR-022](#)]

- In traditional analyses, we
 - a) predict S-matrix elements $S_{fi} = \langle f_{\text{out}} | i_{\text{in}} \rangle = \delta_{fi} + i (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_f - p_i) \mathcal{M}_{fi}$
 - b) sample from $|M|^2$
 - c) compute observables (e.g. peak position)
 - d) compare with data

- New paradigm: Energy correlators (EEEC) [2201.08393]

- Define “calorimeter” cells at spatial infinity

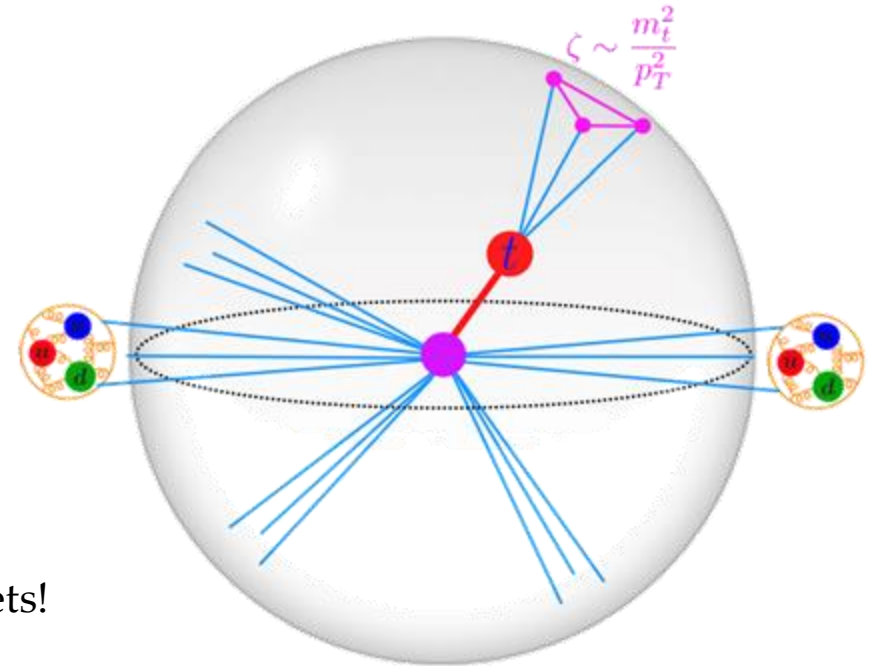
$$\mathcal{E}(\hat{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt n^i T_{0i}(t, r \hat{n})$$

- Compute the expectation of the operator product

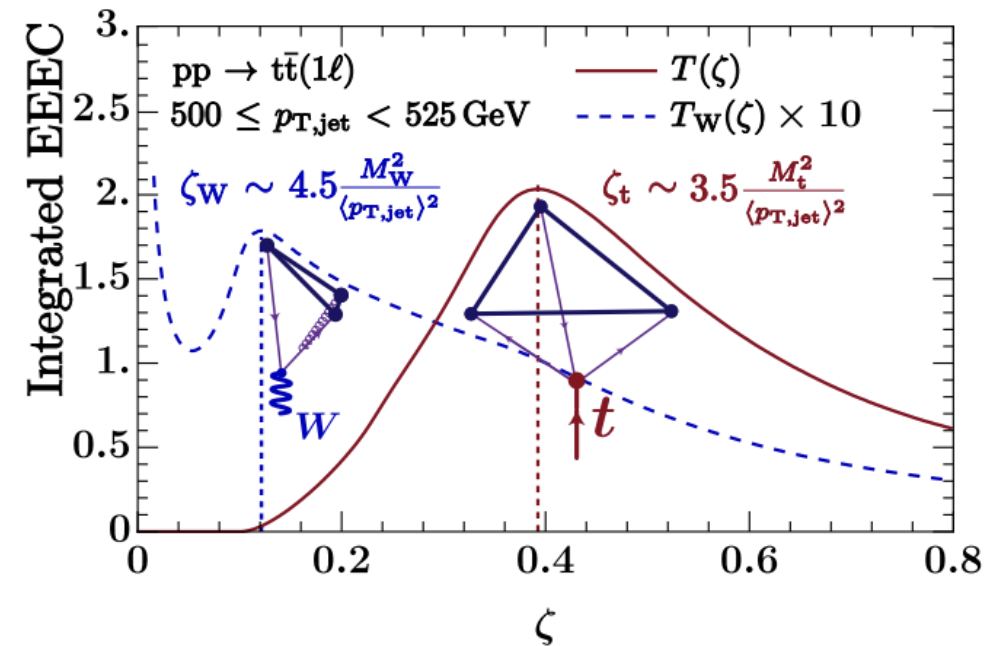
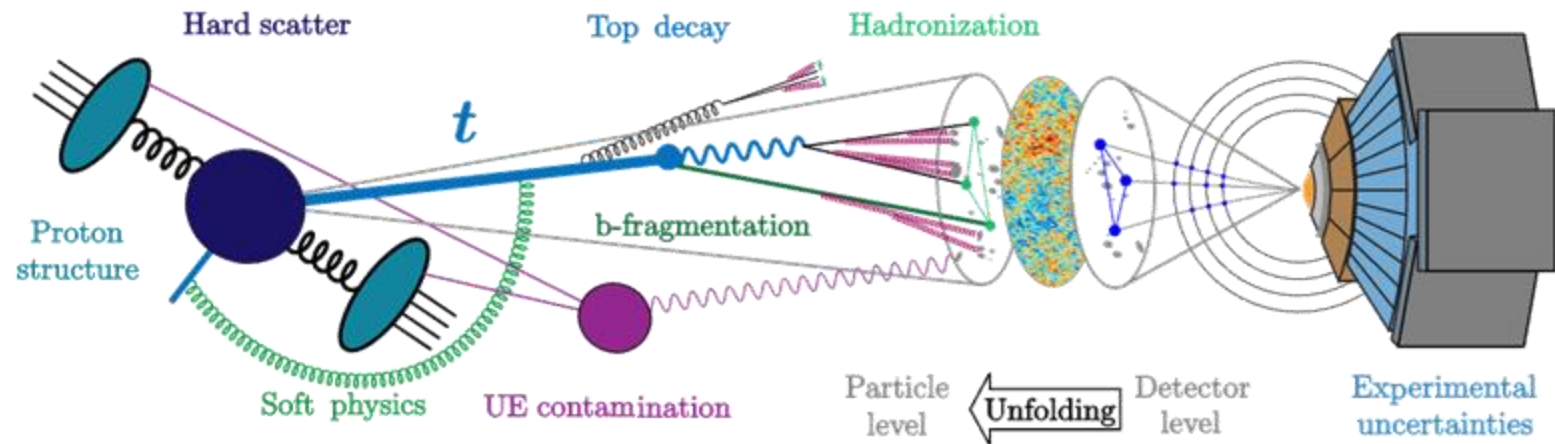
$$\begin{aligned} \text{EEEC}^{(3)}(\vec{n}_1, \vec{n}_2, \vec{n}_3) &= \langle \Psi | \mathcal{E}(\hat{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\hat{n}_2) \mathcal{E}(\hat{n}_3) | \Psi \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} \prod_{j=1}^3 \left[E(p_{\sigma(j)}) \delta^{(2)}(\hat{p}_{\sigma(j)} - \vec{n}_j) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- This is an experimentally trivial representation of the data: triplets!
- The energy correlator is parametric in the directions!
For example, can compute an arbitrary Lorentz-invariant substructure observable

$$\int d\Omega_1 \dots d\Omega_m \text{EEEC}(\underbrace{\vec{n}_1, \dots, \vec{n}_1}_{k_1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{\vec{n}_2, \dots, \vec{n}_2}_{k_2 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{\vec{n}_m, \dots, \vec{n}_m}_{k_m \text{ times}}) n_1^{\mu_{1,1}} \dots n_1^{\mu_{1,k_1}} \dots n_m^{\mu_{m,k_1}} \dots n_m^{\mu_{m,k_m}} \longrightarrow S^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\sum_{i < j} p_i \cdot p_j \left[p_i^\mu p_j^\nu + p_j^\mu p_i^\nu \right]}{\sum_{i < j} (p_i \cdot p_j)^2}$$



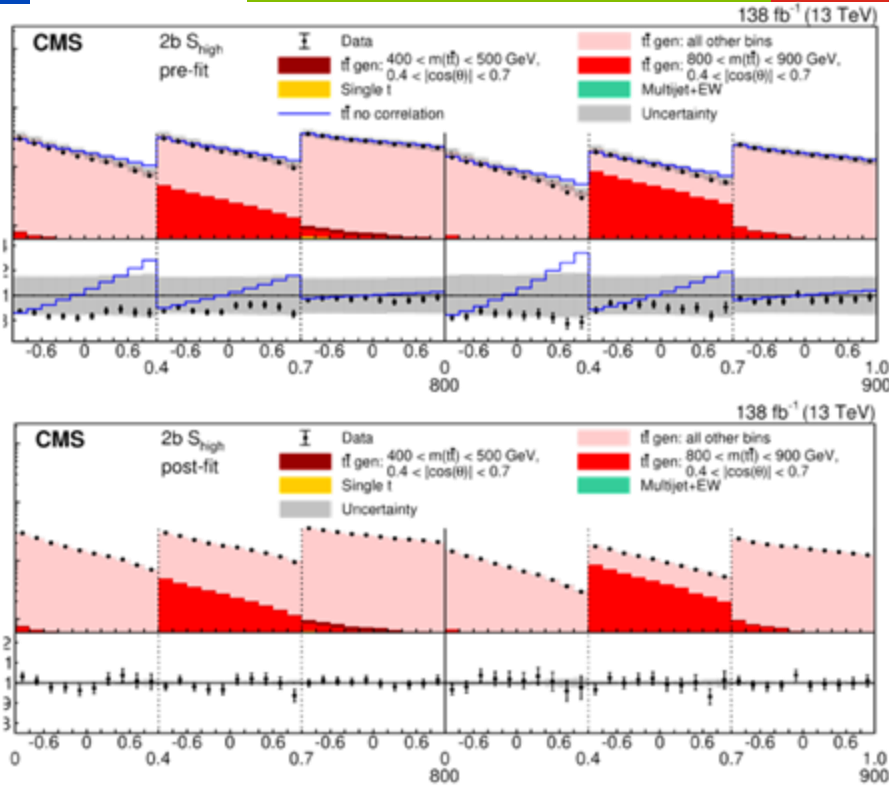
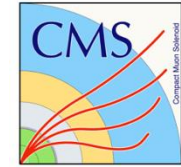
- Track-based M_t measurement with the double- and triple-energy correlator with
 - “in principle” theoretical control
 - FWF Project with UNIVIE & DESY [[PAT2312224](#)]
- Several aspects understood:
 - Which correlators to use, how & where to integrate
 - Calibration on M_W [[2311.02157](#)]
 - Feasibility study [[2407.12900](#)]
- Next steps:
 - Unfolding of triplet kinematics
 - 3D or 5D? Unbinned-ML?
 - Real-world demonstration
- Uncertainty projection
 - Run II+III: 500 MeV
 - HL-LHC: 300 MeV





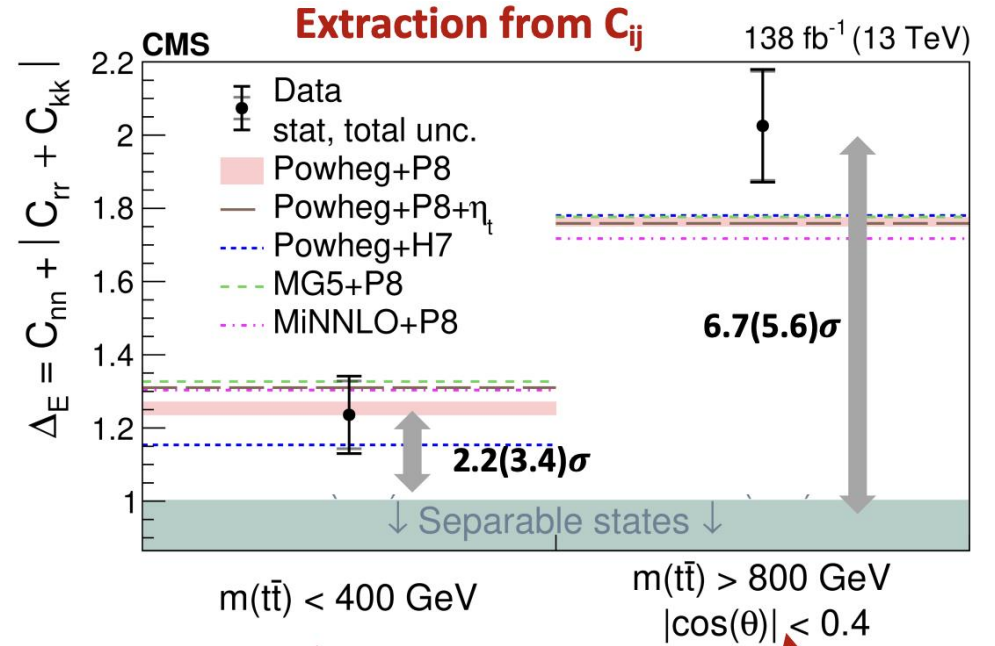
- CMS has also a rich program also in
 - Flavor physics (Quarks & leptons), LVF, FCNC, ..., HIN
 - Many collision data sets are [[published](#)] [[CMS Open Data portal](#)] including [[code & instructions](#)]
 - Most recent results were NOT anticipated before data-taking
 - Planning is useful for the first steps
 - The CMS physics program is rich and also continuously *enriched*
 - Upshot: That's best done if we're in exchange about problems, issues & ideas
- [[B Physics and Quarkonia](#)]
[[Standard Model Physics](#)]
[[Top Physics](#)] [[Higgs Physics](#)] [[Supersymmetry](#)]
[[Exotica](#)] [[Beyond 2 Generations](#)] [[Heavy-Ion Physics](#)]

Entanglement of top quark pairs (1ℓ)



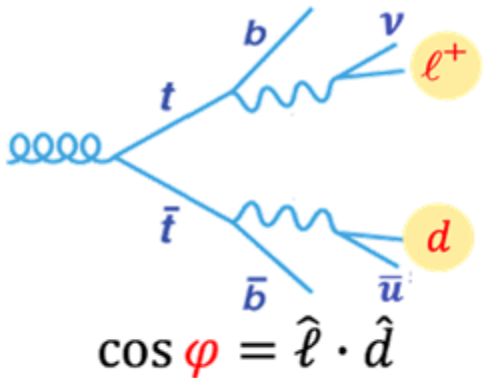
Pre-fit

Post-fit

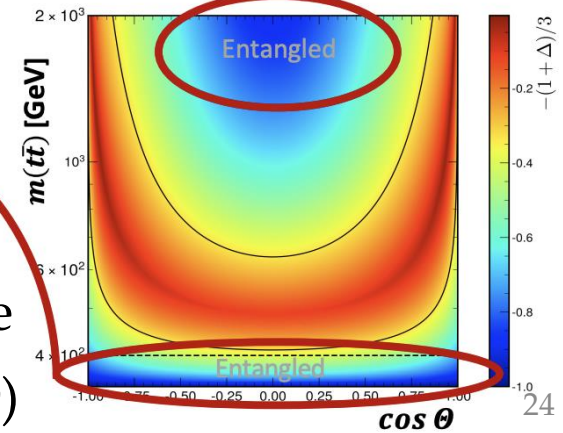


$m(t\bar{t}) < 400 \text{ GeV}$

$m(t\bar{t}) > 800 \text{ GeV}$
 $|\cos(\theta)| < 0.4$

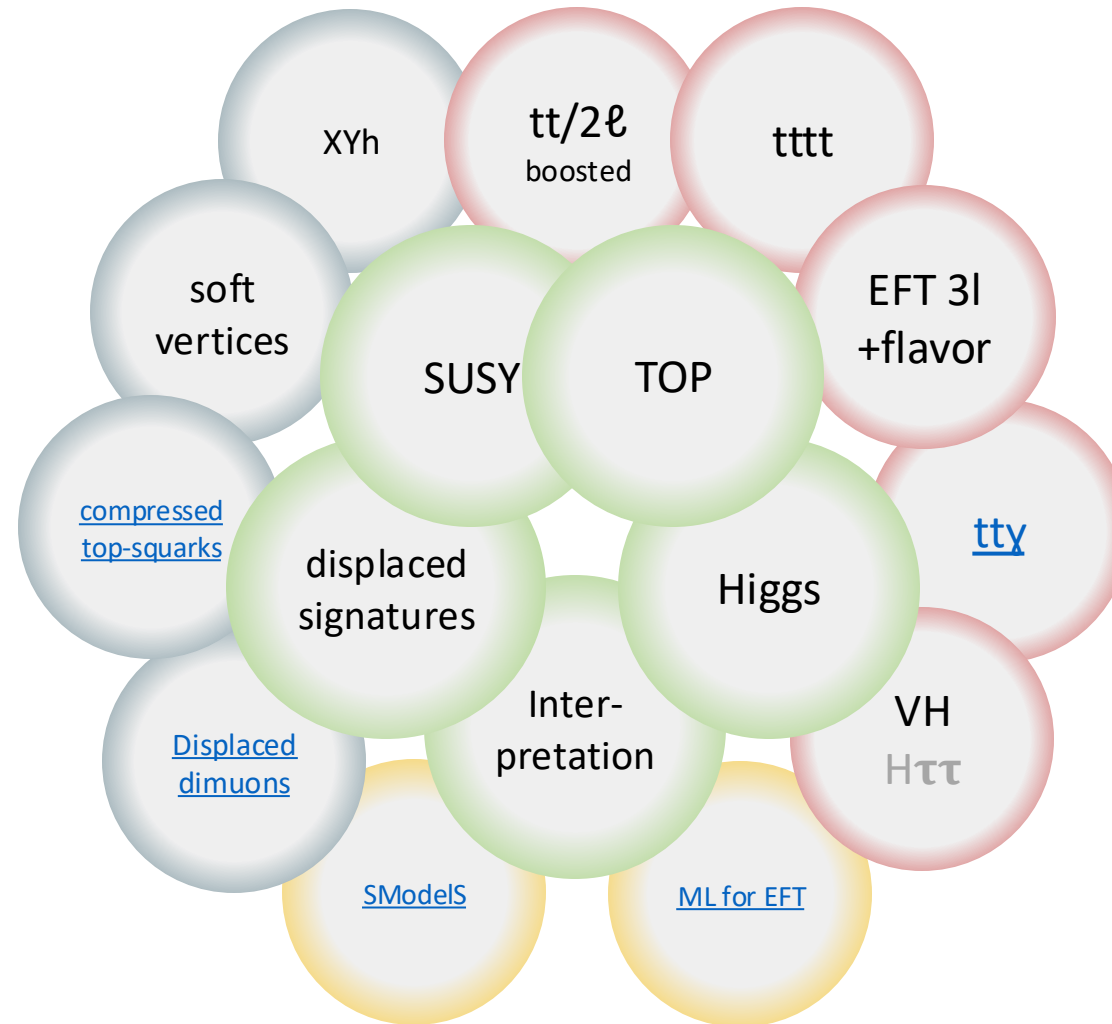


- Need to identify the spin analyzer
 - down-type quark; no ID
 - Kinematical reco
- Events categorized according to e/m , N_{bjets} , and NN score
- Profile likelihood fits to $\cos(\varphi)$ in bins of $m(t\bar{t})$ and $\cos(\Theta)$



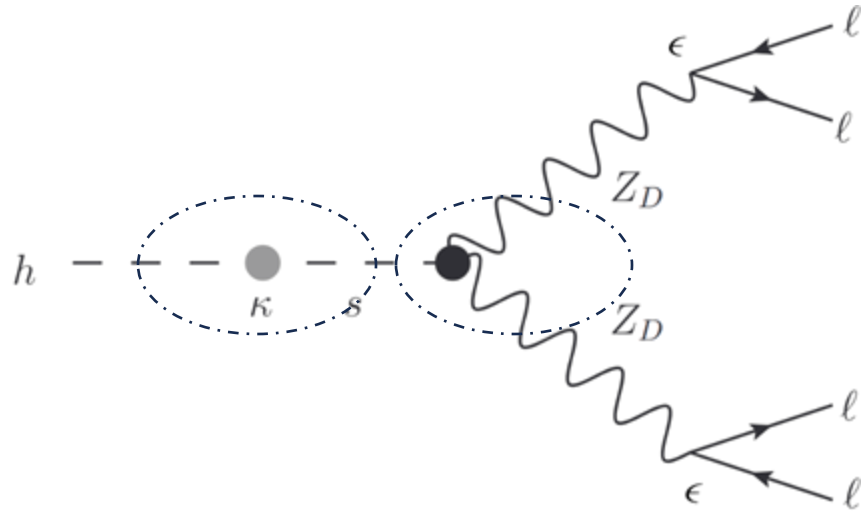
CMS Data Analysis at HEPHY

Searches, Measurements, Interpretation

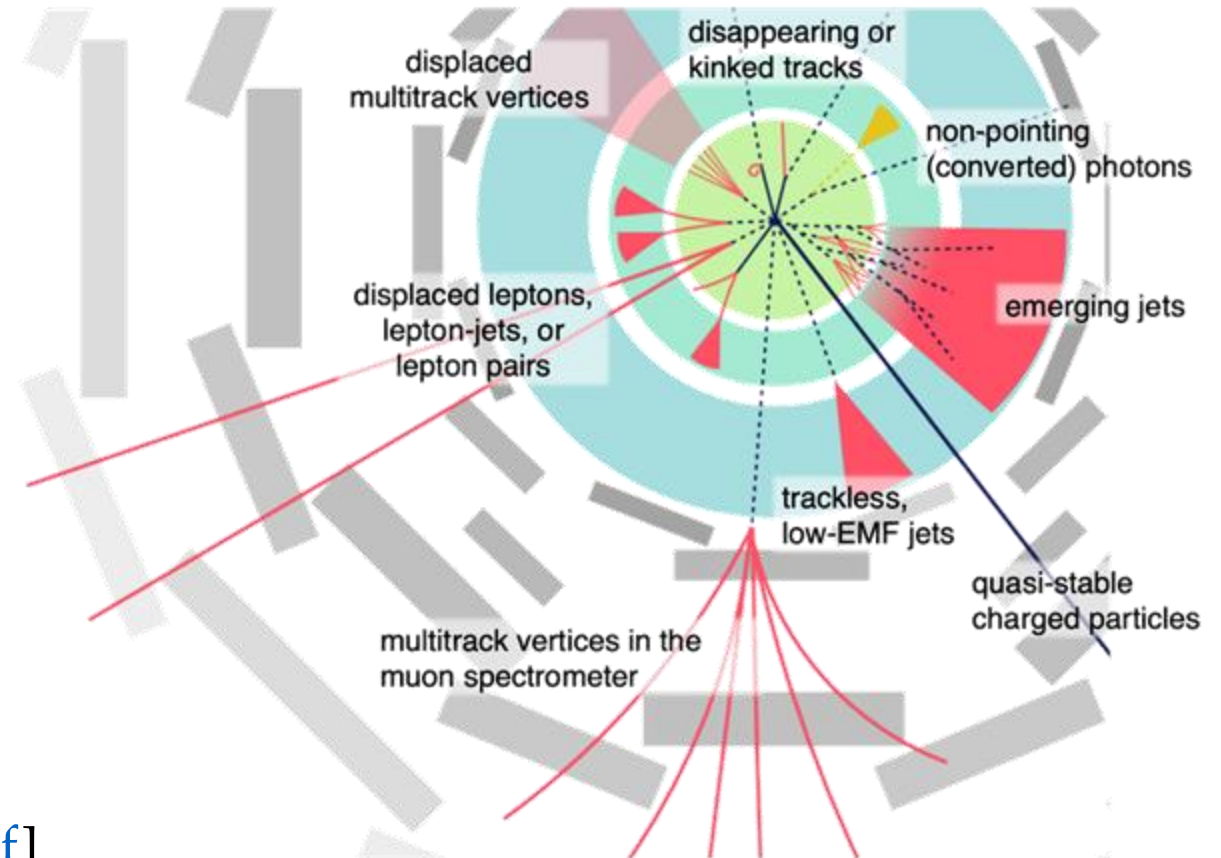


Long-Lived Particles

- Maybe BSM is in ``dark sectors`` with feeble couplings to the SM

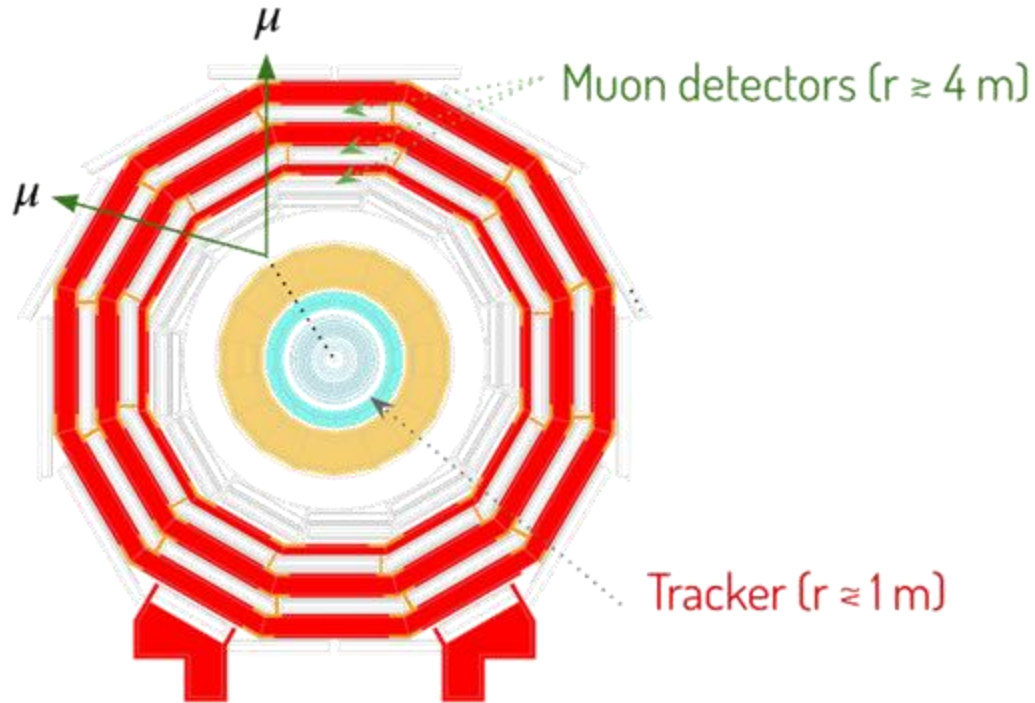


- Long-lived particles have versatile, often low-background, detector signatures
- LLPs are predicted in many BSM scenarios [[ref](#)]
 - Decays mediated by **heavy neutral leptons** (HNL)
 - **Nearly mass degenerate** states (e.g. compressed SUSY)
 - **Small couplings** to SM particles (e.g. dark mediators)



- Main difficulty: reconstruction

Long-Lived Particles: Displaced 2μ

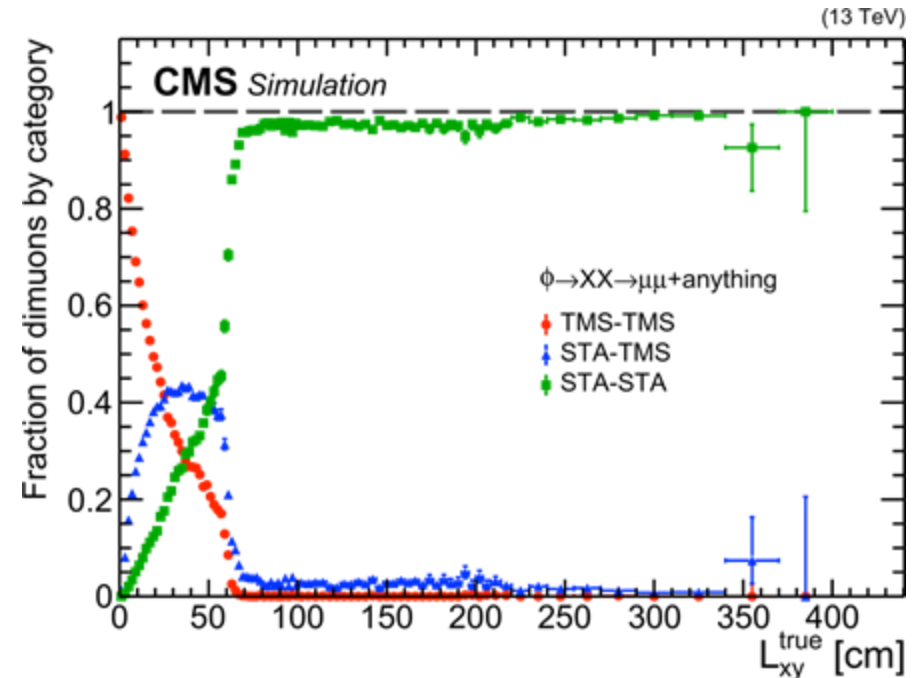


- **STA:** only use muon system
- **TMS:** STA + tracker information

- Search is done in 3 categories **within and beyond the CMS tracker:**

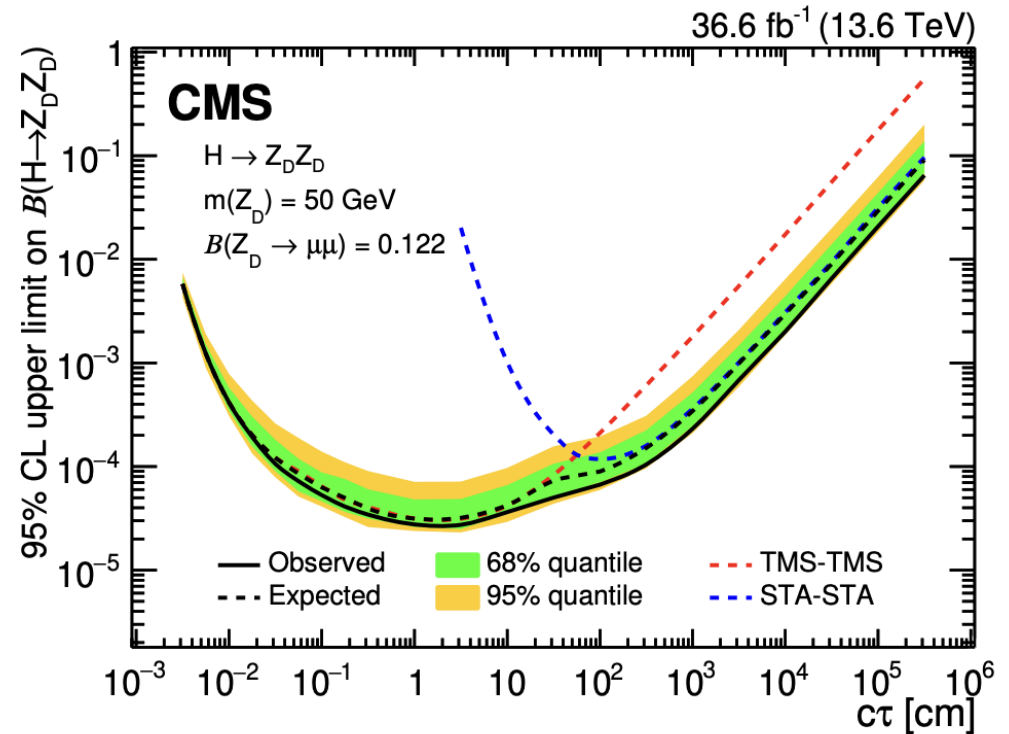
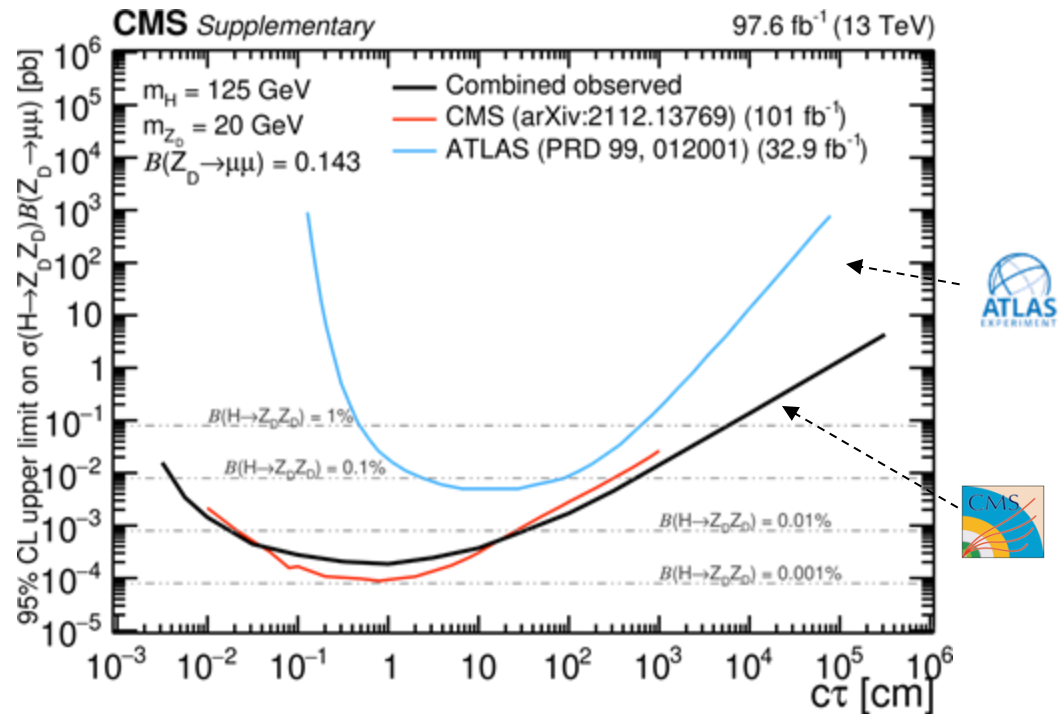
STA-STA, **STA-TMS**, **TMS-TMS**,

- Double muon triggers relying on muon system information alone



maximize decay length coverage

Long-Lived Particles: Displaced 2μ

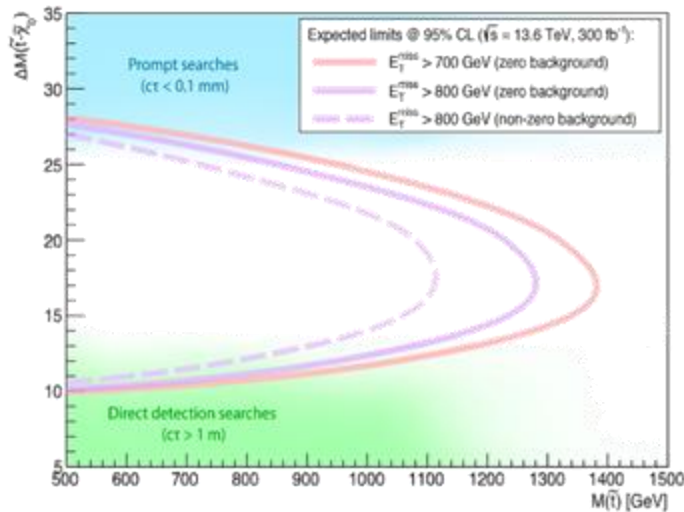
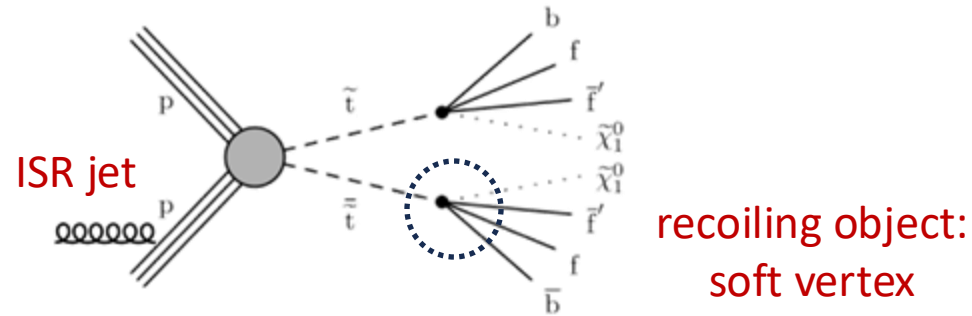


- Combination of categories → sensitivity to a wide range of life times ($c\tau$) from μm to km
- Excluded $B(H \rightarrow Z_D Z_D) > 10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$ as fkt of $(M_{Z_D}, c\tau_{Z_D})$
[\[JHEP 05 \(2023\) 228\]](#) [\[Physics briefing\]](#)
 EXO summary paper [\[EXO-23-005\]](#)

- Thanks to HEPHY's long-term trigger-involvement:
 → First search with Run-3 data (13.6 TeV)
[\[Phys. Rev. D 110, 032007\]](#)

New exotic directions

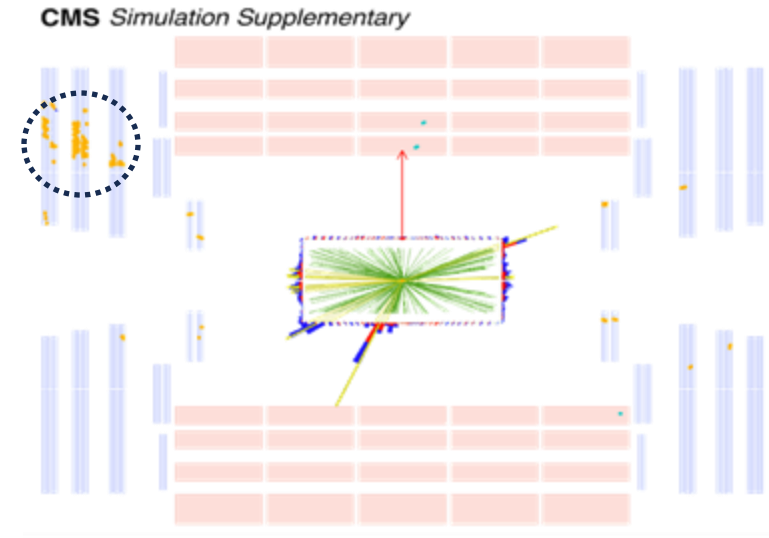
1. Explore small BSM mass gaps of $1 \text{ GeV} < \Delta M < 10 \text{ GeV}$ with **soft vertices**



- Closes the sensitivity gap between “mono-jet” and prompt signals

2. CMS MUO system → calorimeter

- Together with KFU
- Showers of decay products of LLP ionize gas in muon detectors → calorimeter
- Probe QCD-like dark sectors (collimated dark showers) and “SUEPS”: Spherical Soft Unclustered Energy Patterns

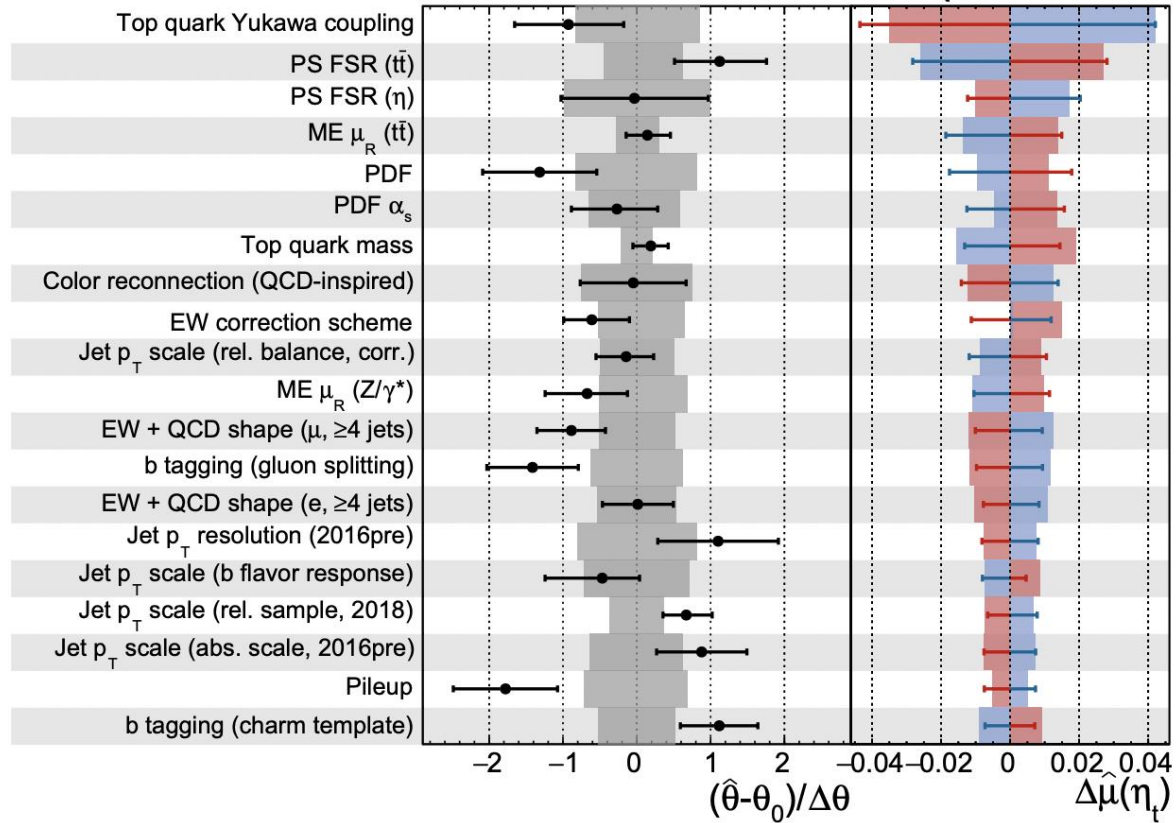


- Example of a signal not anticipated at [TDR] times

CMS
Preliminary

● Fit constraint (obs.) ● +1 σ impact (obs.) ● -1 σ impact (obs.)
 ■ Fit constraint (exp.) ■ +1 σ impact (exp.) ■ -1 σ impact (exp.)

$$\hat{\mu}(\eta_t) = 1.11 \pm 0.12$$



Parity scan

