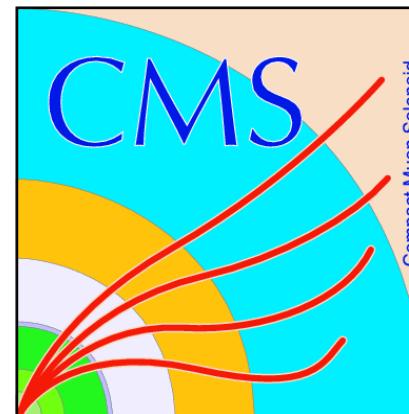


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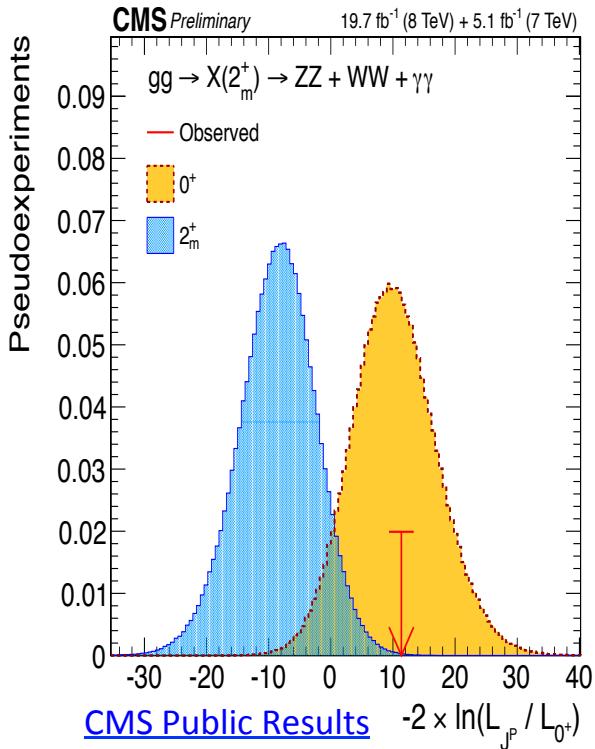
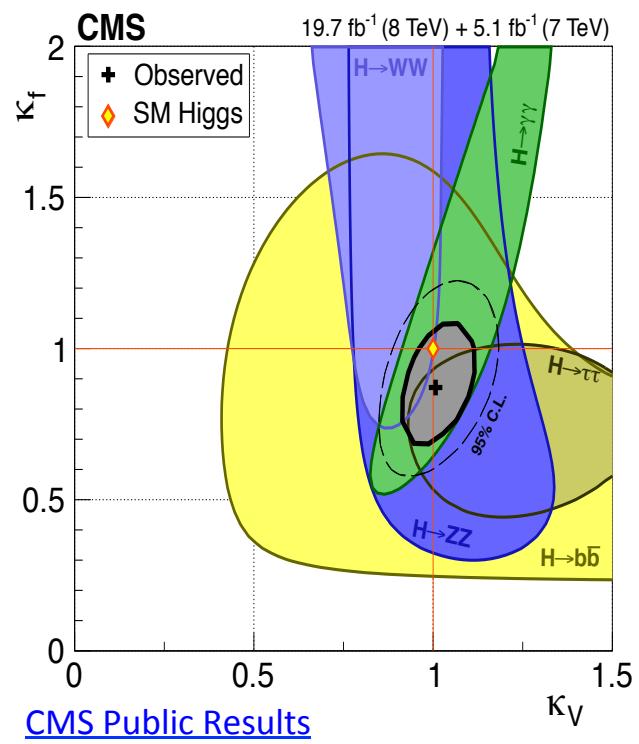
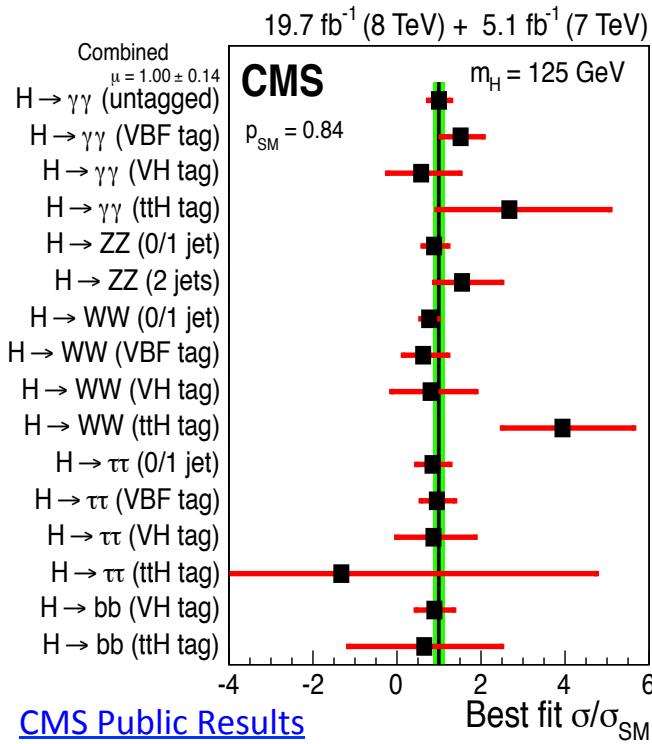


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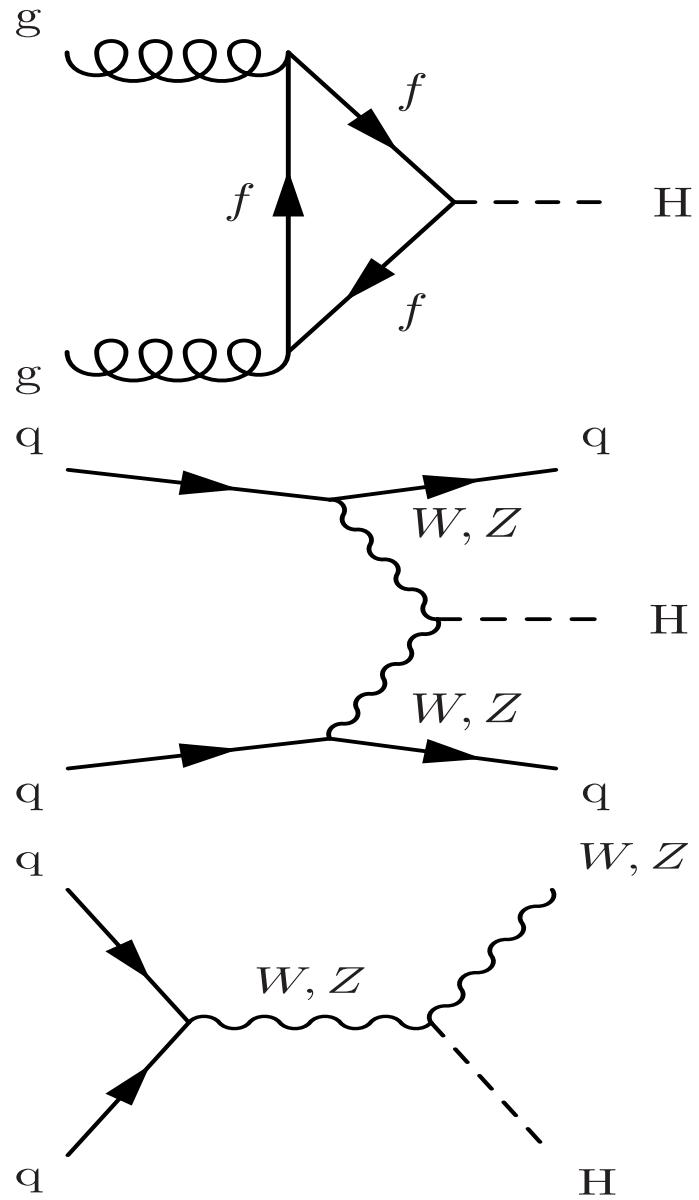
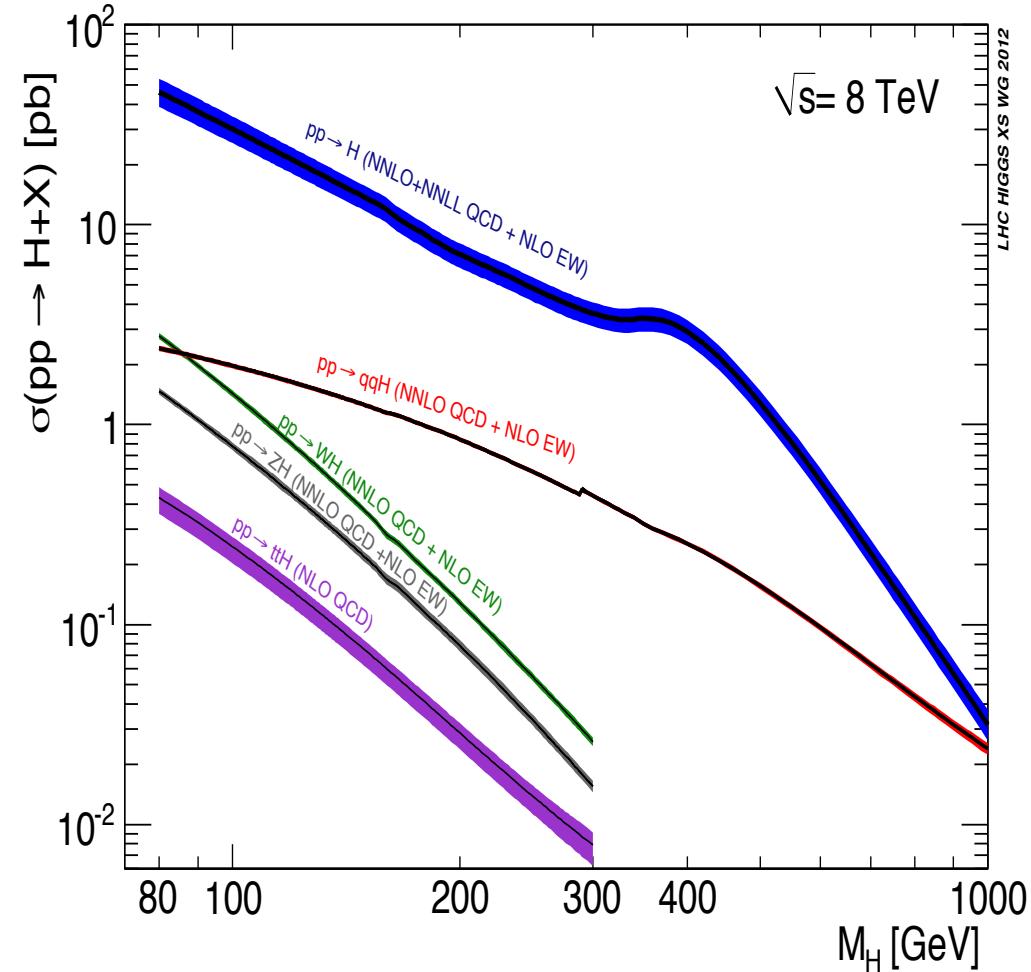


Latest Higgs Results

- ❖ Newly Discovered Boson
 - ✧ **Mass of $\sim 125 \text{ GeV}$** , consistent with precision EWK measurements
 - ✧ **Spin 0, positive parity**, consistent with SM Higgs predicted properties
 - ✧ **Coupling to SM leptons and bosons**, consistent with SM Higgs predicted properties
- ❖ Significant progress has been made towards the characterization of this new particle, but have yet to measure the coupling to the top-quark

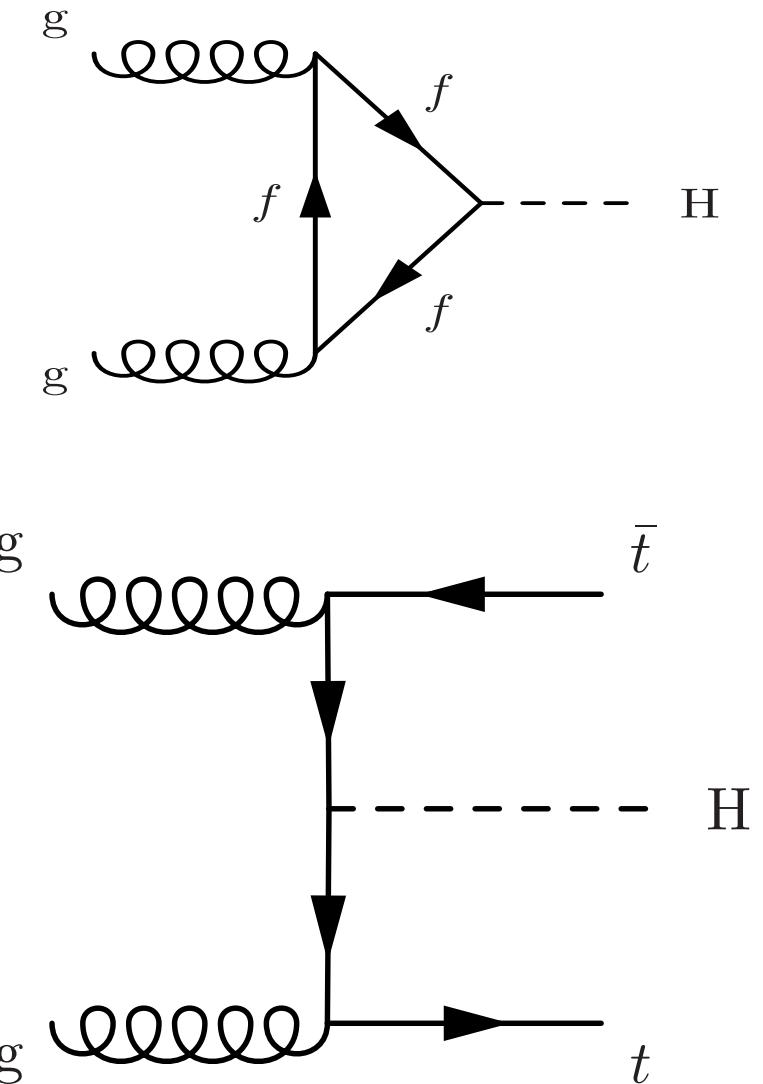


Higgs Production at the LHC



Top-Higgs Interplay

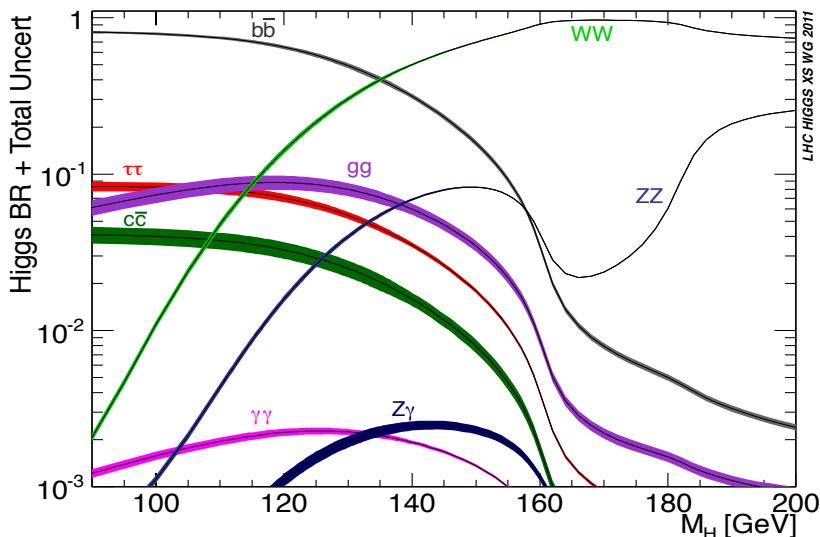
- ❖ Top quark is essential for characterizing the new, recently observed boson
 - ✧ If it is the SM Higgs: need to see coupling to all fermions
 - ✧ Large top-quark mass means large coupling to SM Higgs
 - ✧ ttH: best production mode **directly** sensitive to top-Higgs Yukawa coupling
 - ✧ Gluon-Gluon fusion: triangle loop to produce Higgs has contributions for other SM and potentially BSM particles



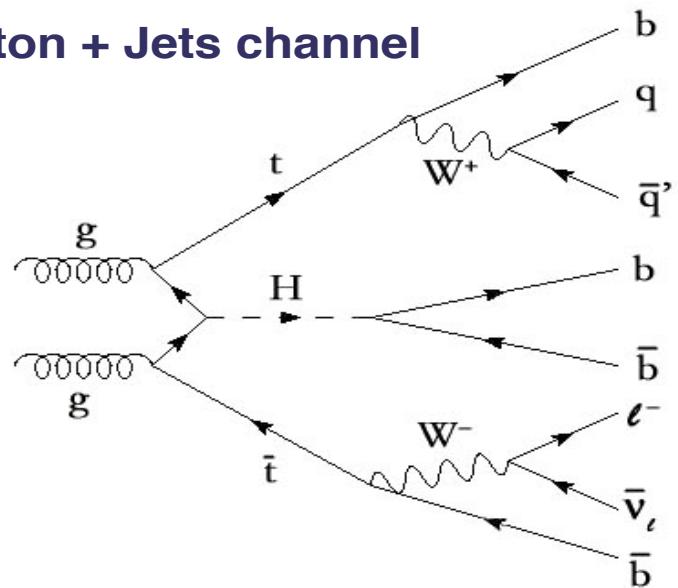
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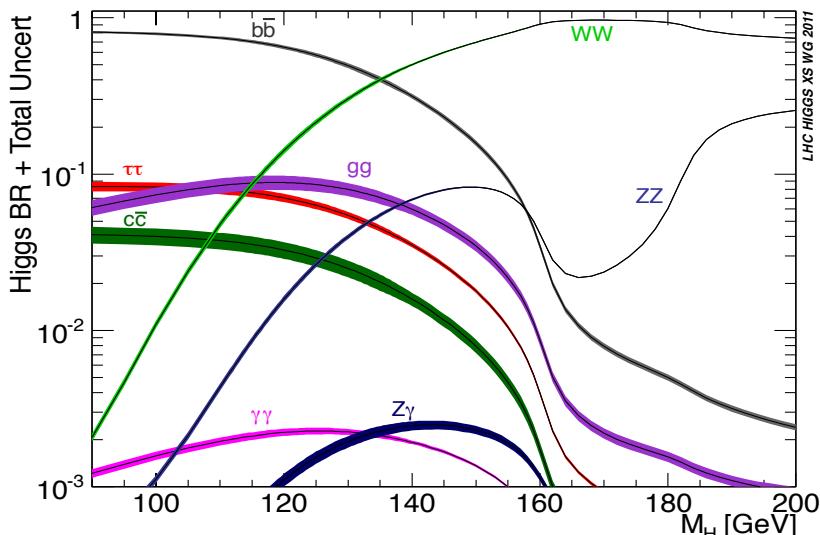
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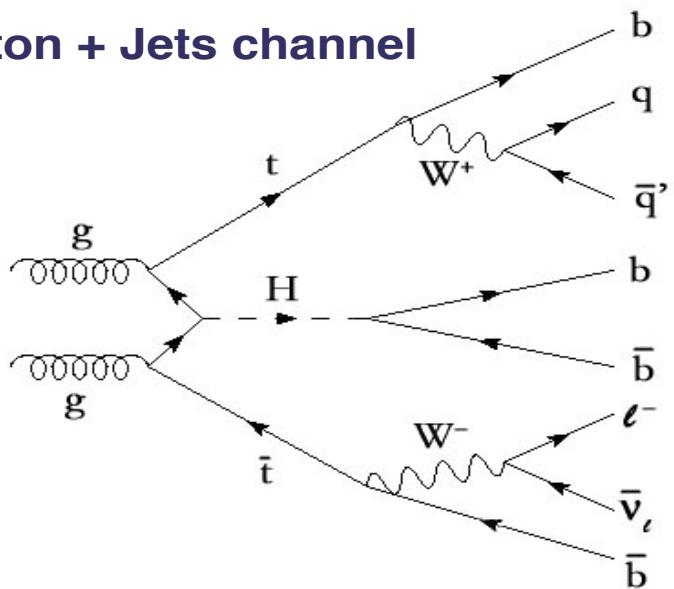
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❖ Challenges

- ✧ Low production cross section
 - Signal phase space suffers low statistics
- ✧ Swamped with tt+jets background
- ✧ tt+bb difficult to discriminate
 - Irreducible, poorly known
- ✧ Very busy events
- ✧ Recoil of ttbar system against Higgs
 - Final state is more complex than typical tt+jets system + typical Higgs system



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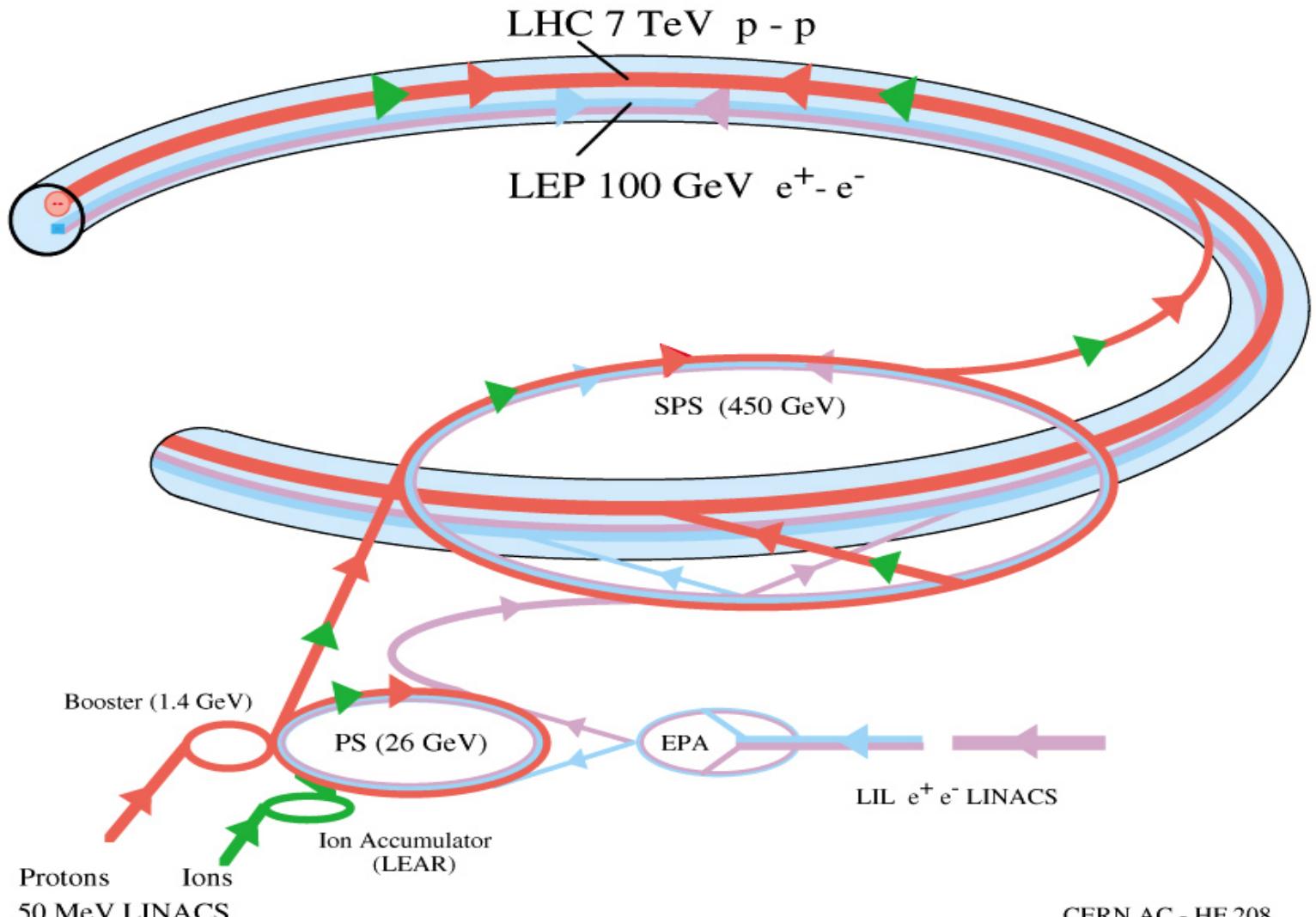


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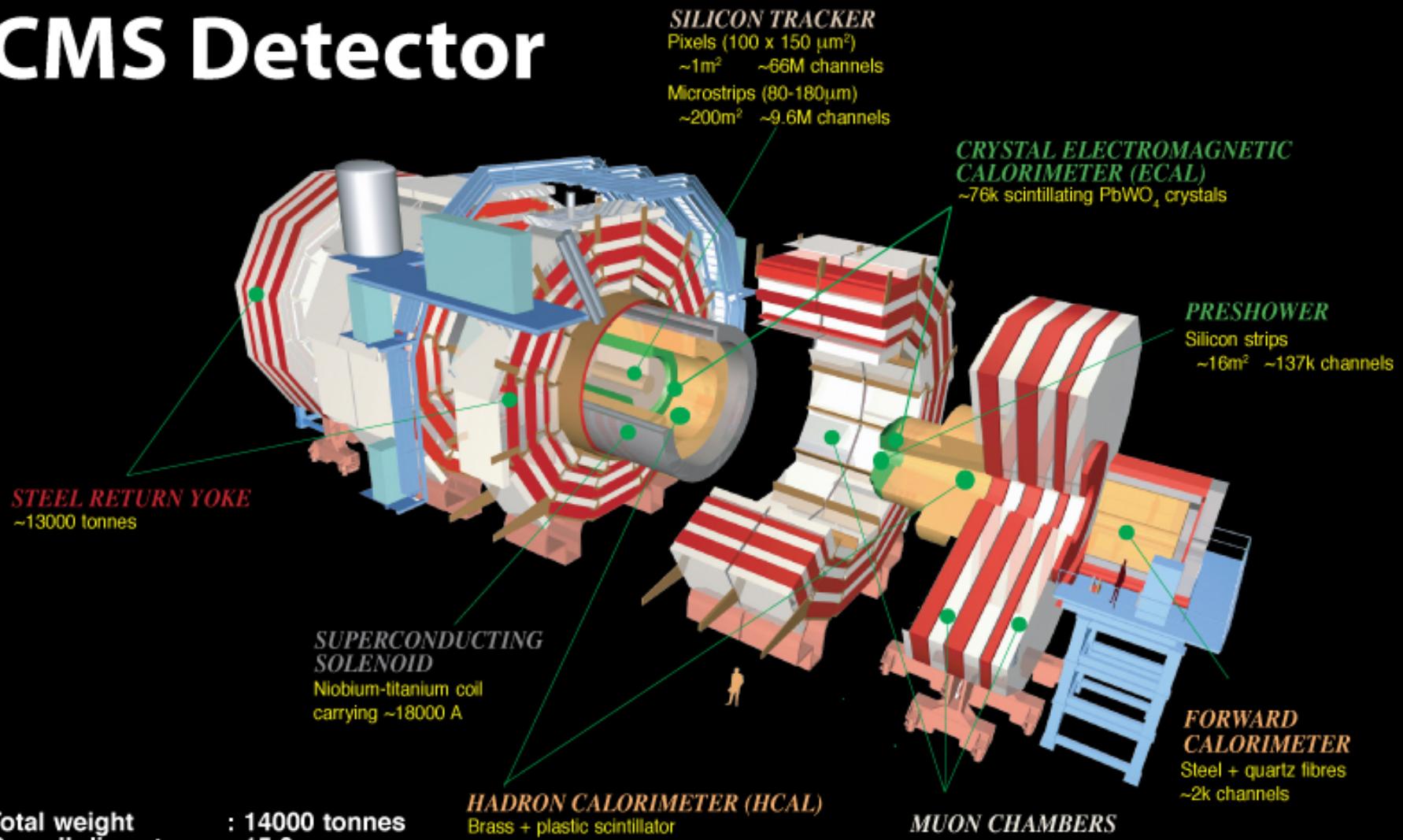
The LHC injection complex



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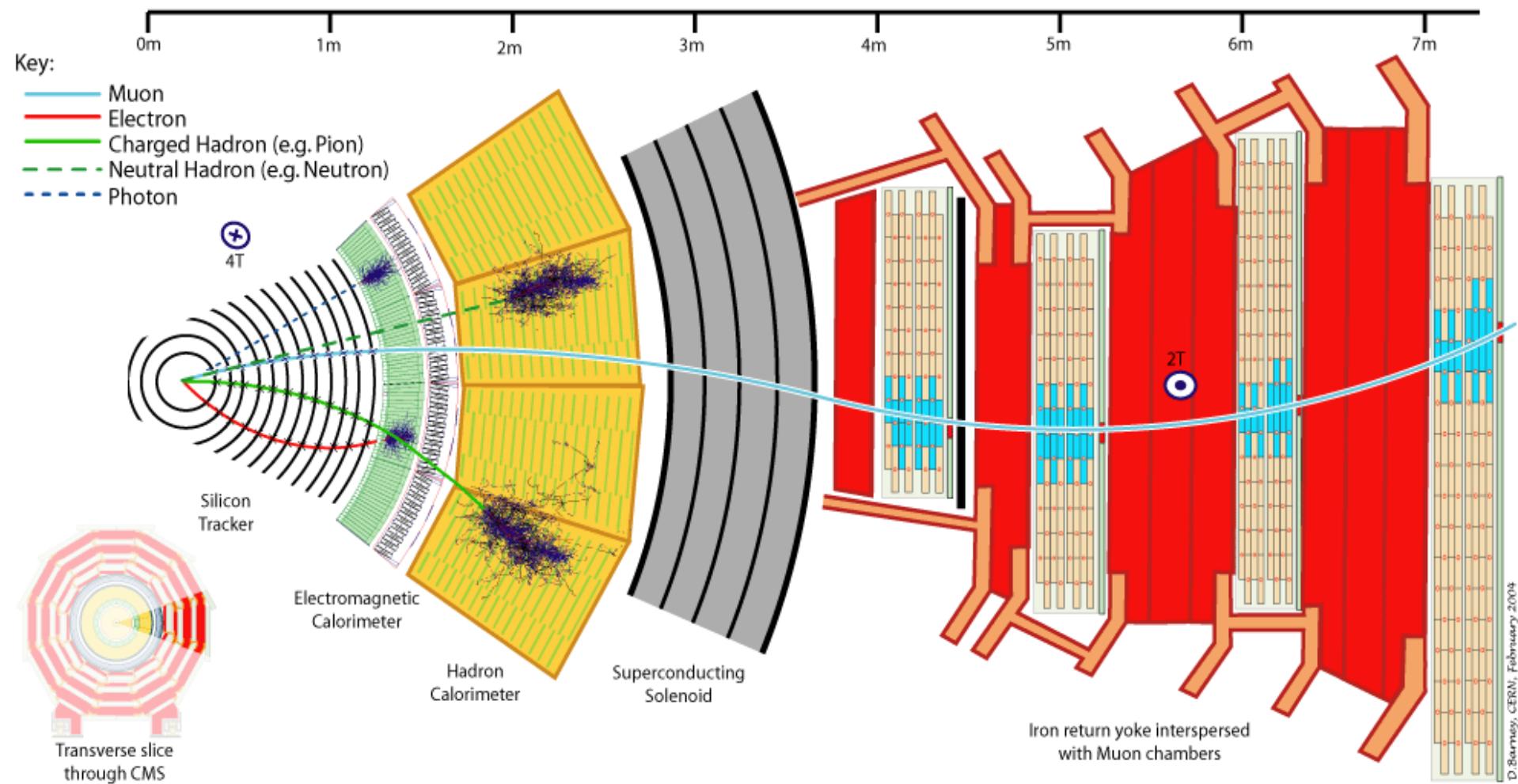
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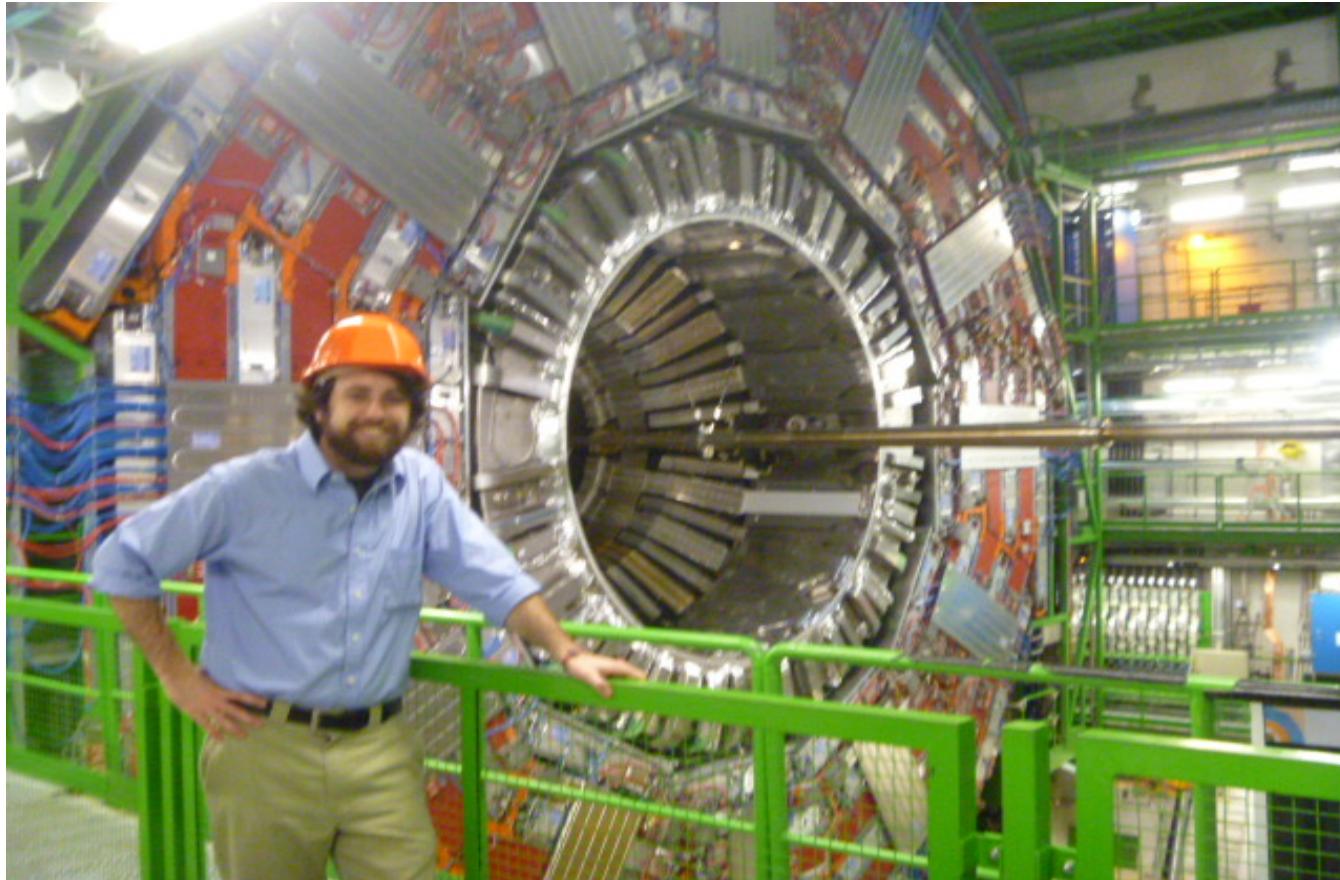


Total weight : 14000 tonnes
 Overall diameter : 15.0 m
 Overall length : 28.7 m
 Magnetic field : 3.8 T

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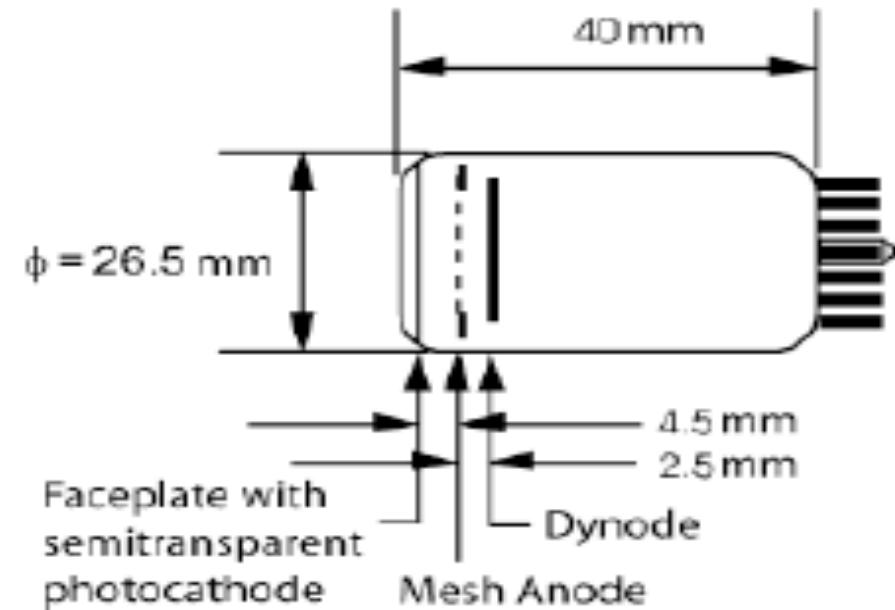
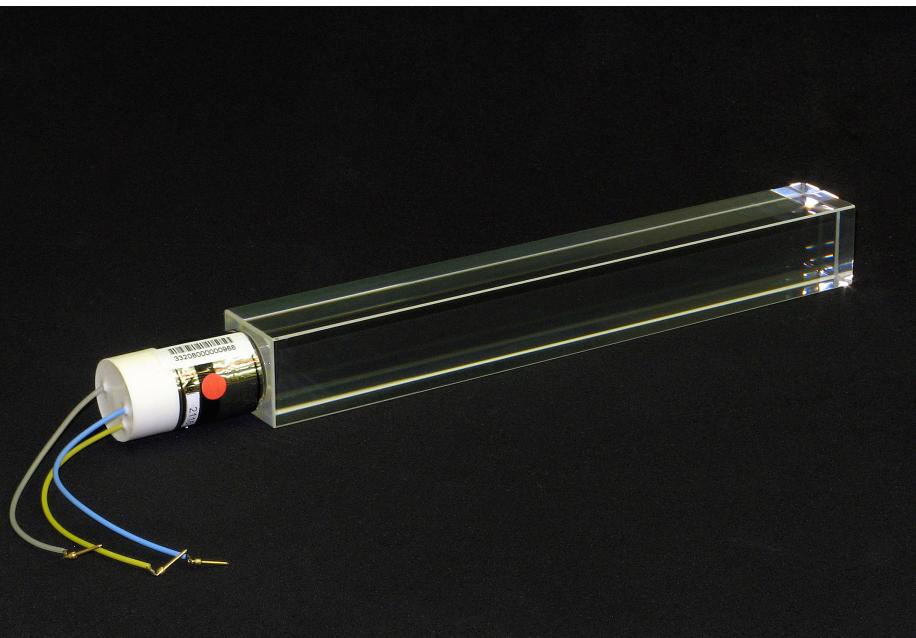


CMS Detector Overview



Vacuum Photo-Triodes (VPTs) and the ECAL Endcap

- ❖ Vacuum Photo-Triode – single stage photomultiplier device, adhered to back of lead tungstate crystals – measures scintillation light
- ❖ Cesium cathode for photoelectron production
- ❖ Anode is a mesh grid, captures ~50% of photoelectrons passing through it, 800V
- ❖ Dynode is behind anode, 600V, pushes electrons back towards anode for collection



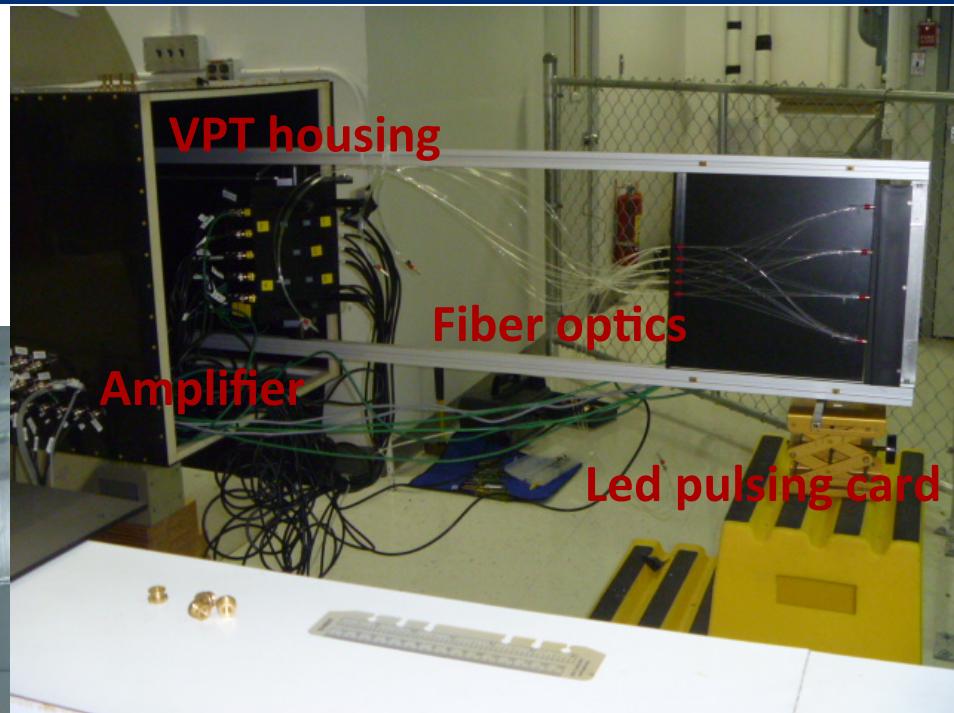
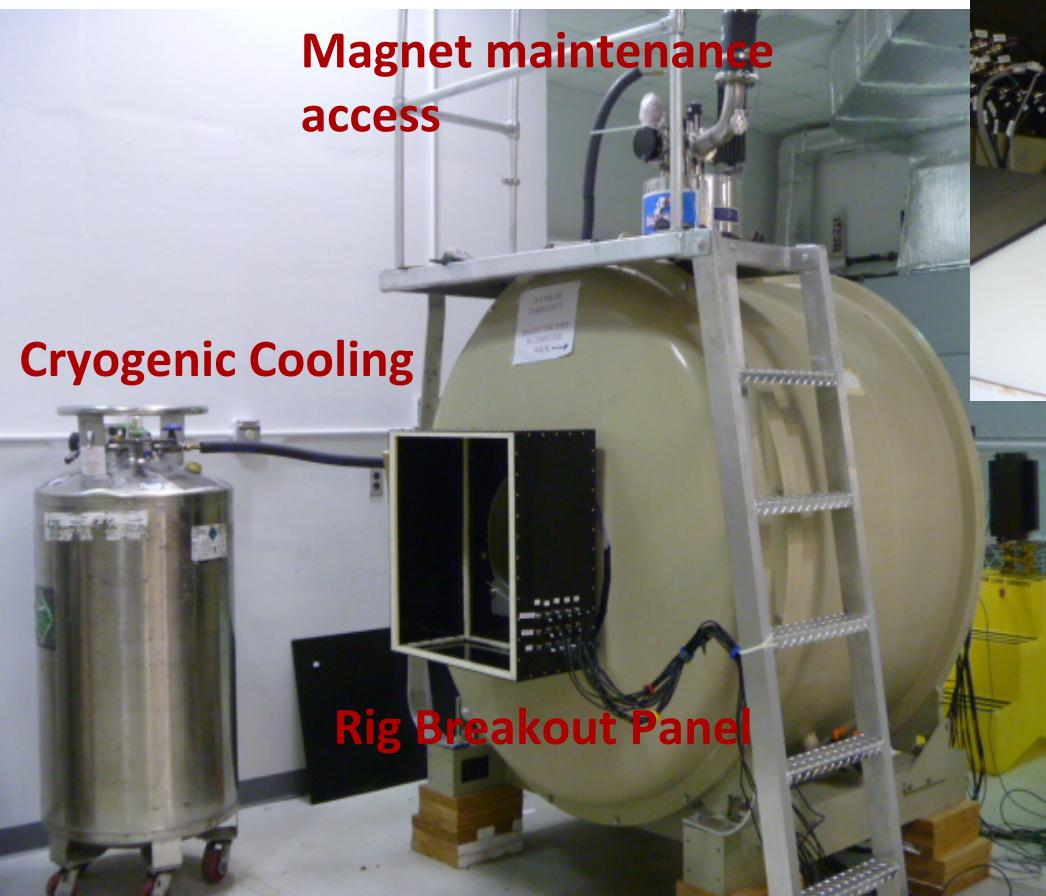
ECAL related sidebar - VPT Test Stand - Description

- ❖ VPTs perform well in magnetic fields, and are radiation hard – great for ECAL endcap environment
- ❖ Over time VPT anode response decreases, described well by a function of two exponentials with different time constants, modeling the two primary effects of VPT aging
 - ✧ Ion damage to cathode due to loss of vacuum and large electric potentials
 - ✧ Depletion of photo-electrons from the cathode
- ❖ In-situ at CMS, this effect is convoluted with light loss of crystals from radiation damage – necessary to study VPT lifetime performance effects independently
- ❖ University of Virginia HEP has access to a large-bore 3.8T solenoid magnet
 - ✧ Cryogen cooled – required LN₂, LHe fills once a week, and month respectively
 - ✧ Test-stand – 5 VPTs tested at a time
 - PIN diodes used as a control for measuring LED source light, signal amplification in housing next to VPTs to prevent noise pickup on small signal output
- ❖ Three LEDs are used to pulse VPTs
 - ✧ Blue Load LED – simulates beam cycle and light exposure from crystal
 - ✧ Blue & Orange Reference LEDs – measurement LEDs for VPT performance
- ❖ Load light illumination and measurement cycle continue for ~3-4 months per run
 - ✧ 6 runs completed at UVa

Magnet and Test Stand

❖ Below:

- ✧ 3.8T superconducting solenoid magnet
- ✧ Inner bore houses VPTs and amplifier equipment

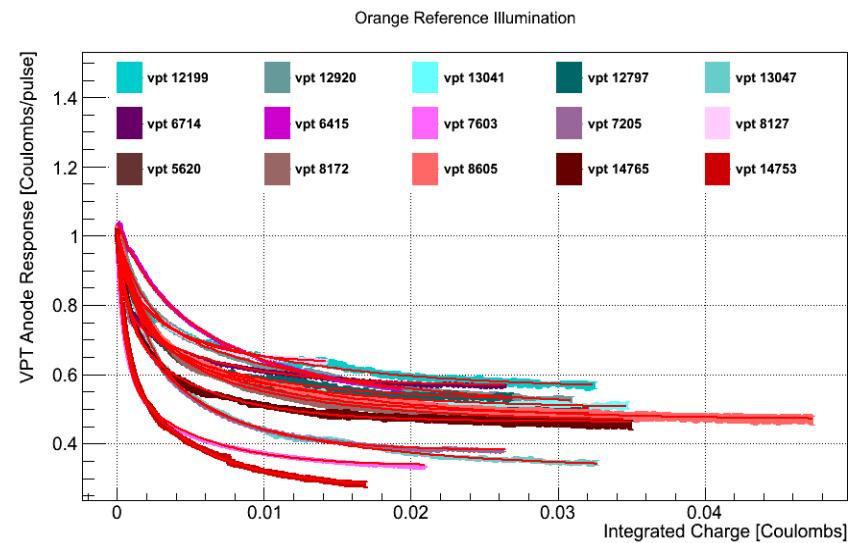
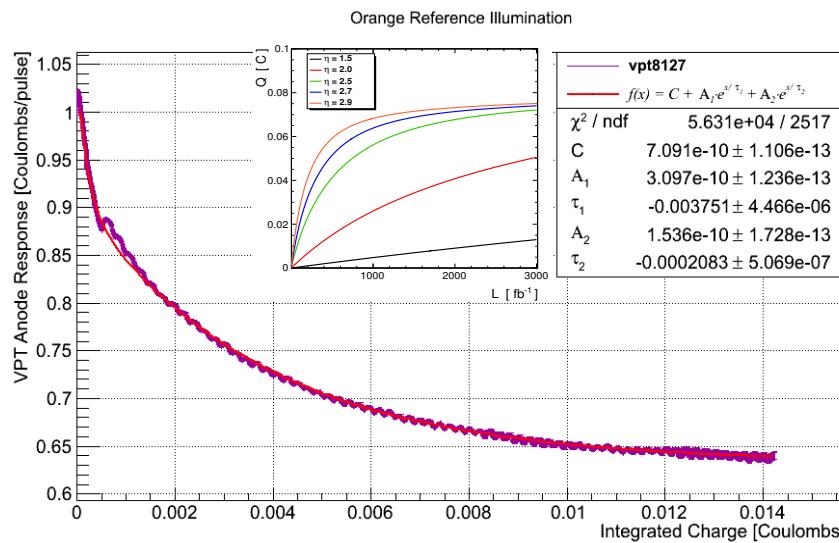
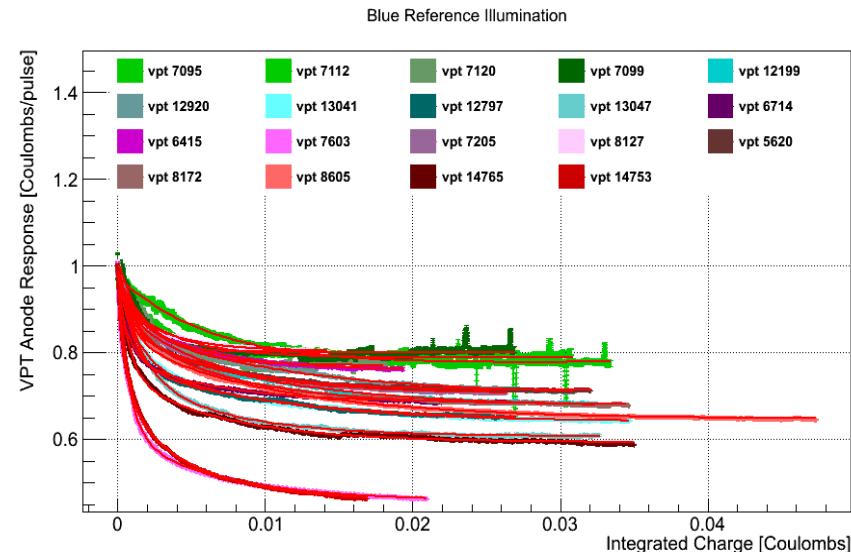
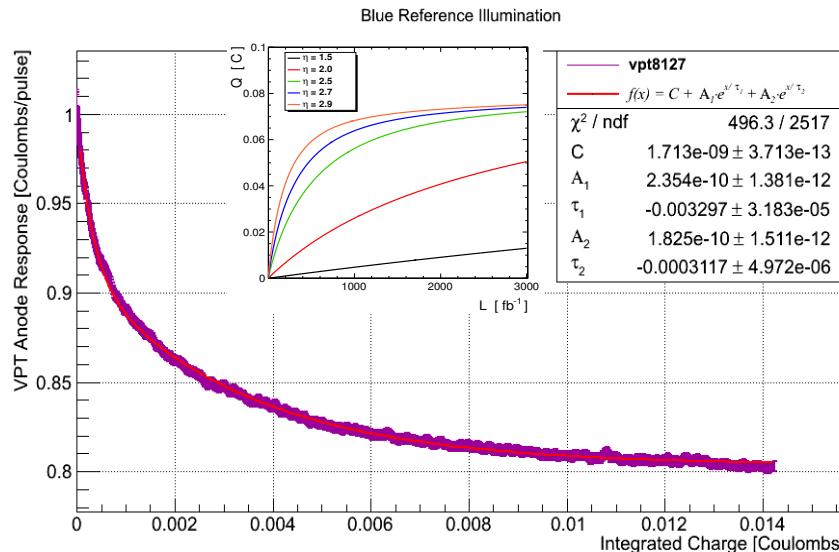


❖ Above:

- ✧ VPT, amplifier housing, fiber optics, and LED pulsing card, mounted on test stand railing system
- ✧ In picture – maintenance position, outside of bore

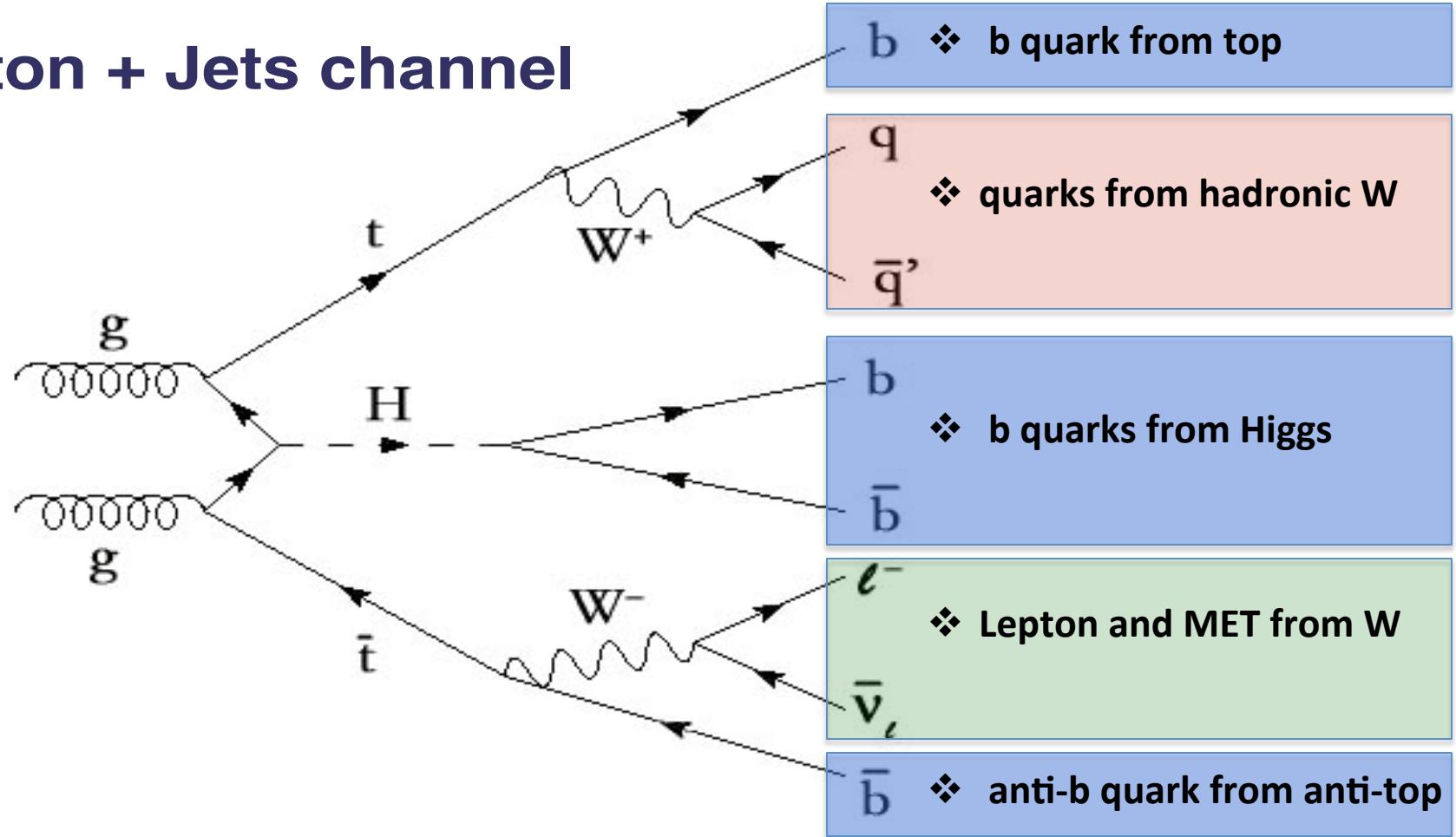
Blue and Orange Reference LED – Fits Summary

- ❖ NIM paper expected to be published later this year from these results



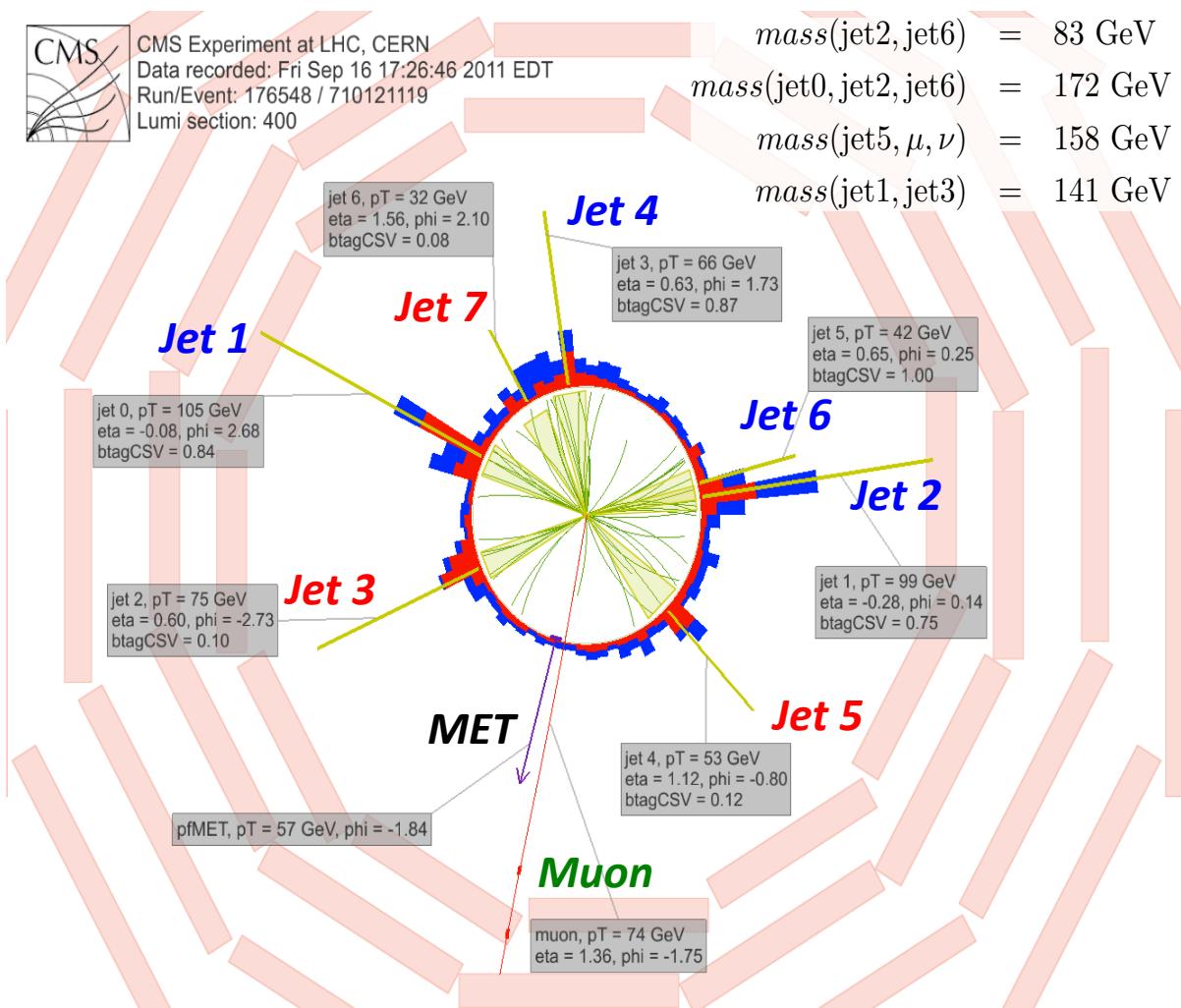
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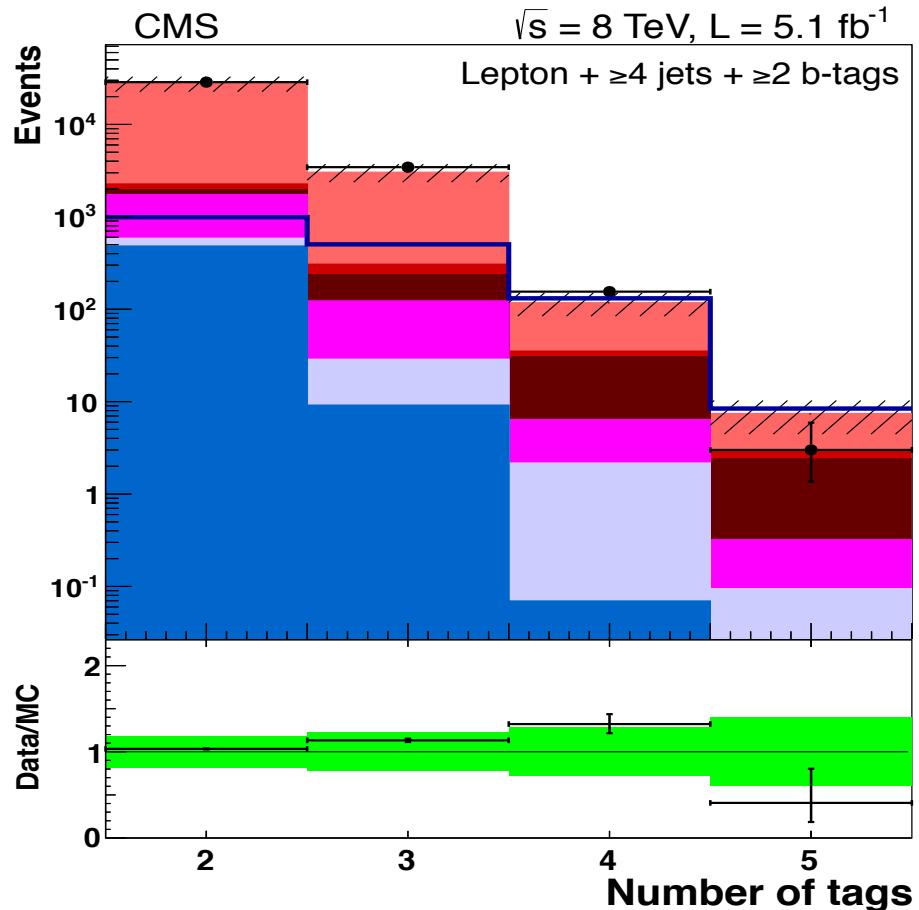
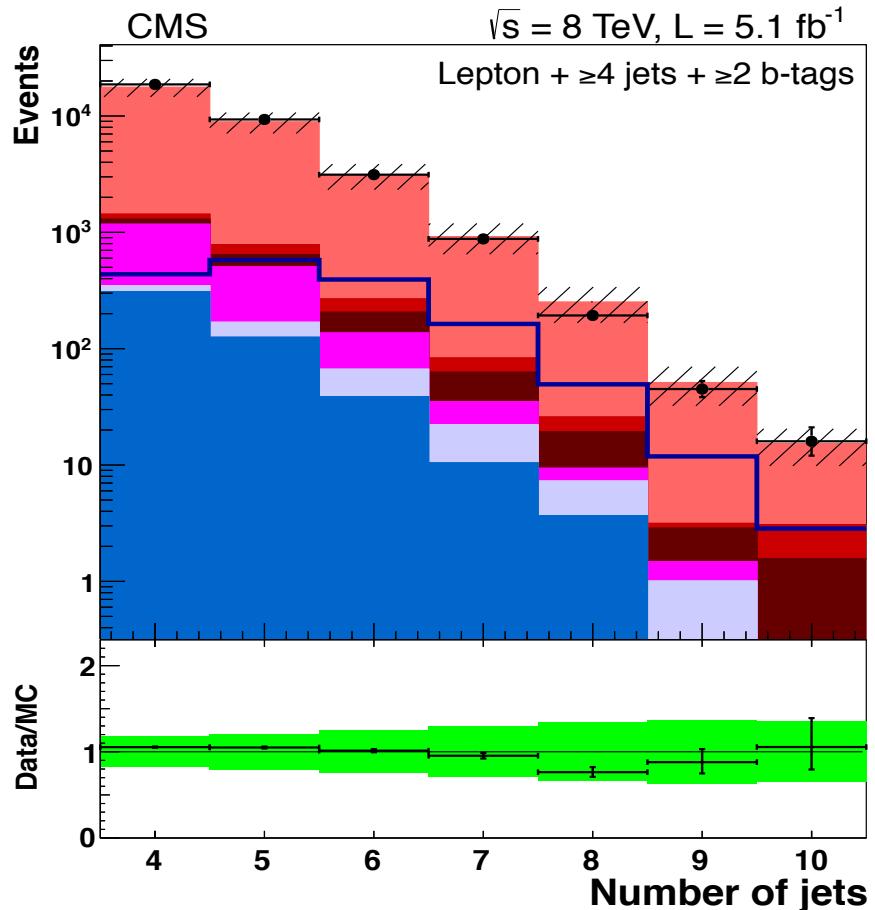
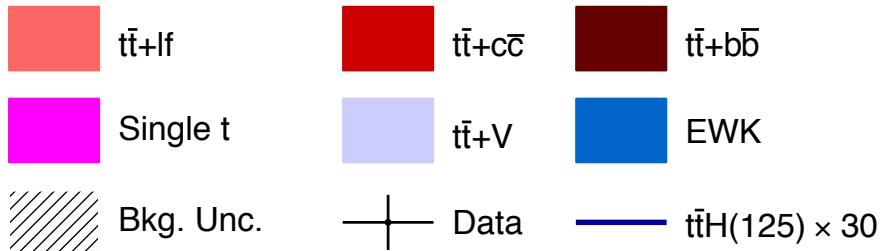


Event Selection

- ❖ **8TeV Data - 2012, 5.1 fb^{-1}**
- ❖ **Start from $t\bar{t}$ -enriched sample:**
 - ✧ Event passes single muon/electron+jets trigger
 - ✧ 1 isolated lepton (30 GeV)
 - ✧ At least 3 jets (40GeV) plus 1 jet (30GeV)
 - ✧ At least 2 b-tagged jets (CSV_M)
 - ✧ Categorize events into bins of nJets and nTags
 - Signal will occupy higher jet/tag multiplicity bins
 - Background will occupy lower bins



Number of Jets/Tags Distributions



Categorization by Number of Jets/Tags

- ❖ S/\sqrt{B} for each jet/tag category
 - ✧ Highlighted green region is signal-enriched
- ❖ **Lepton+Jets, 7 categories:**
 - ✧ 4 jets (3, ≥ 4 tags)
 - ✧ 5 jets (3, ≥ 4 tags)
 - ✧ ≥ 6 jets (2, 3, ≥ 4 tags)

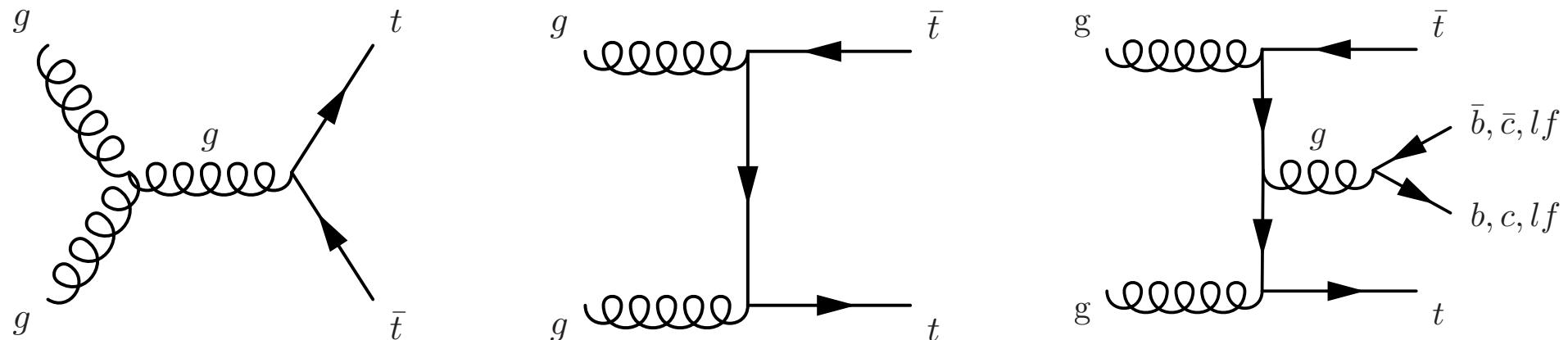
Number of Jets

		4	5	≥ 6
<i>Number of Tags</i>	2	-	-	0.19
	3	0.10	0.20	0.27
	≥ 4	0.13	0.23	0.31

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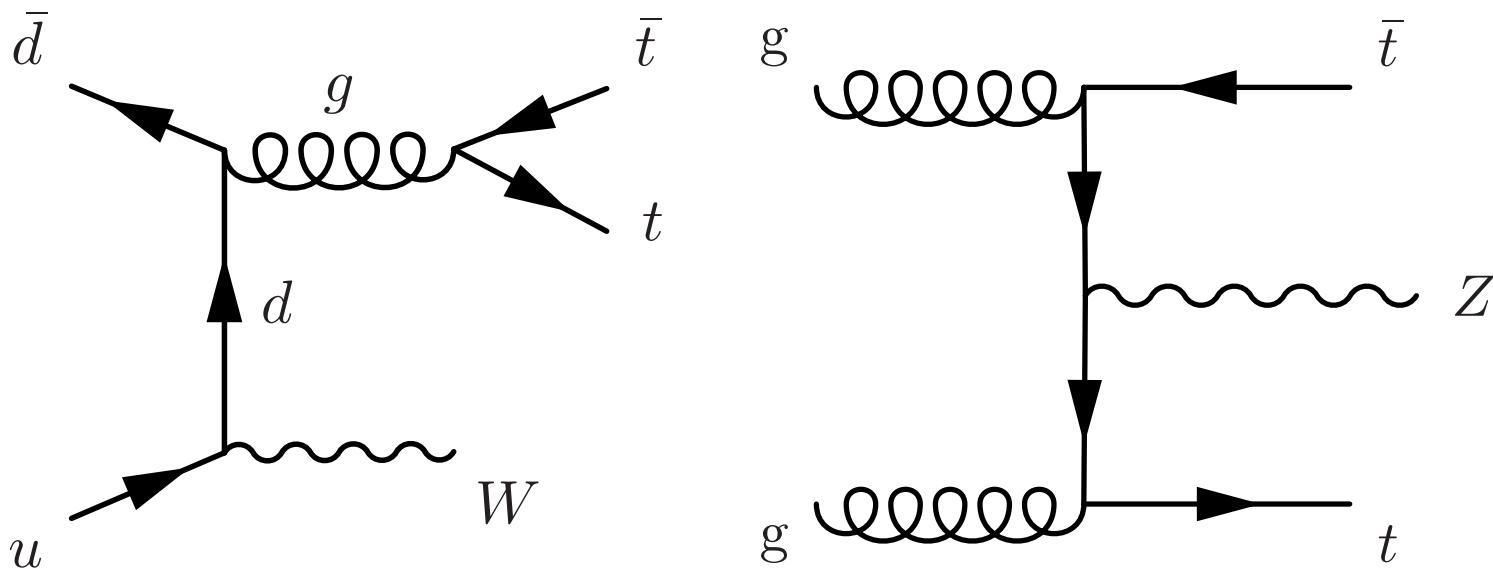
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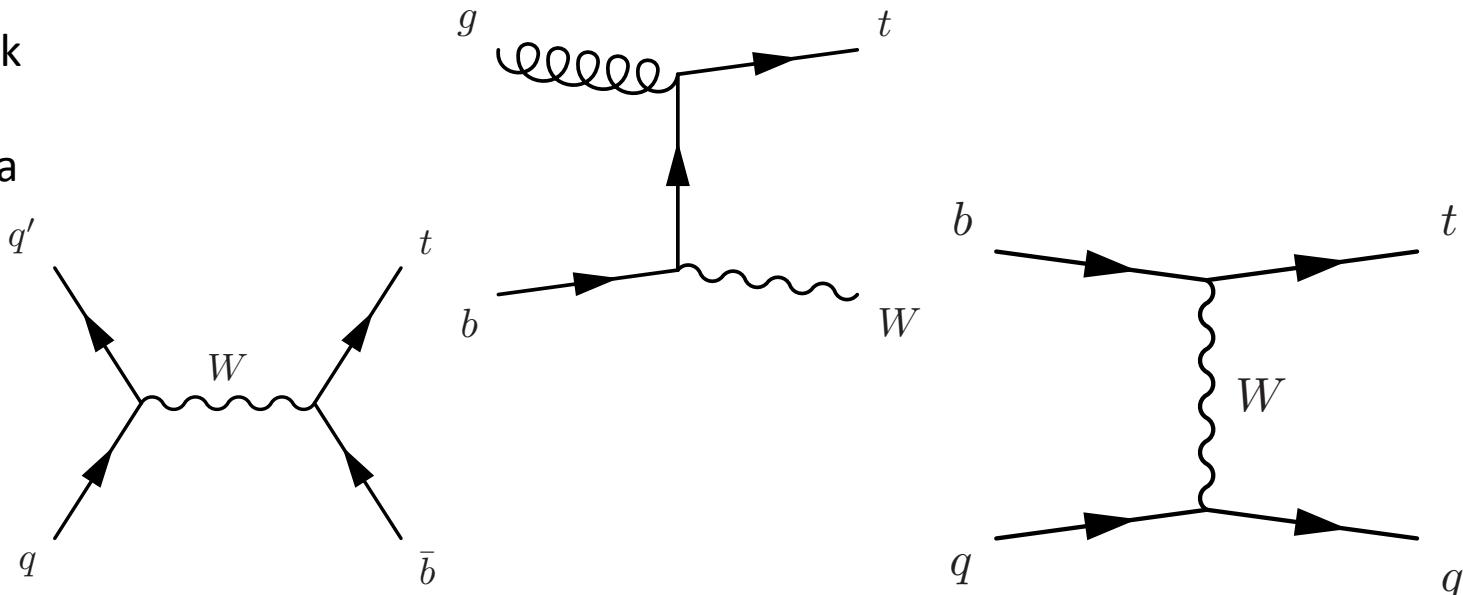
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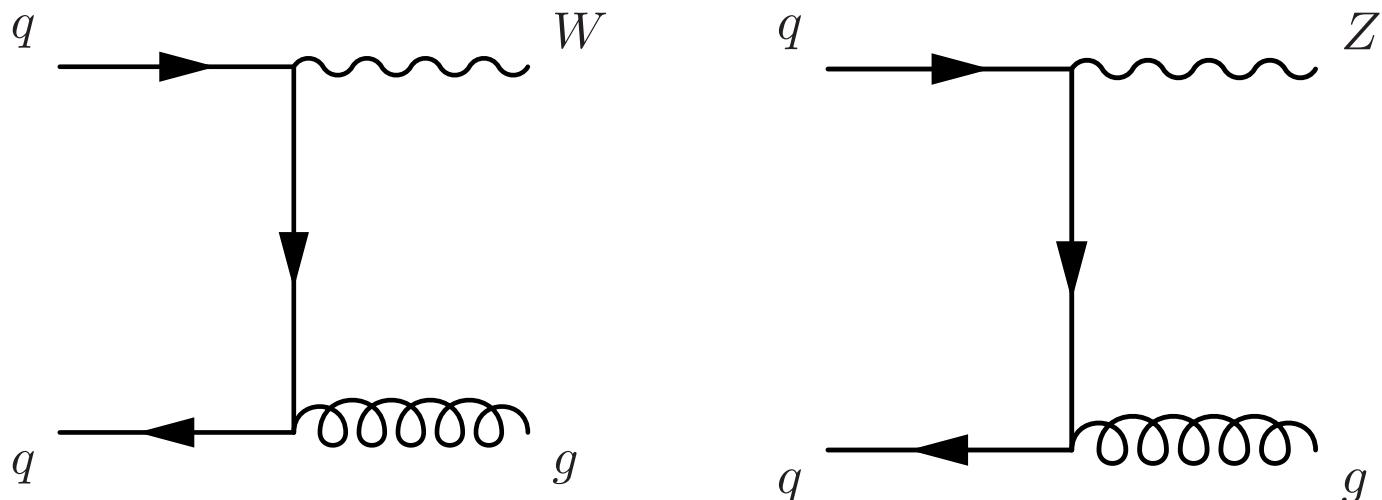
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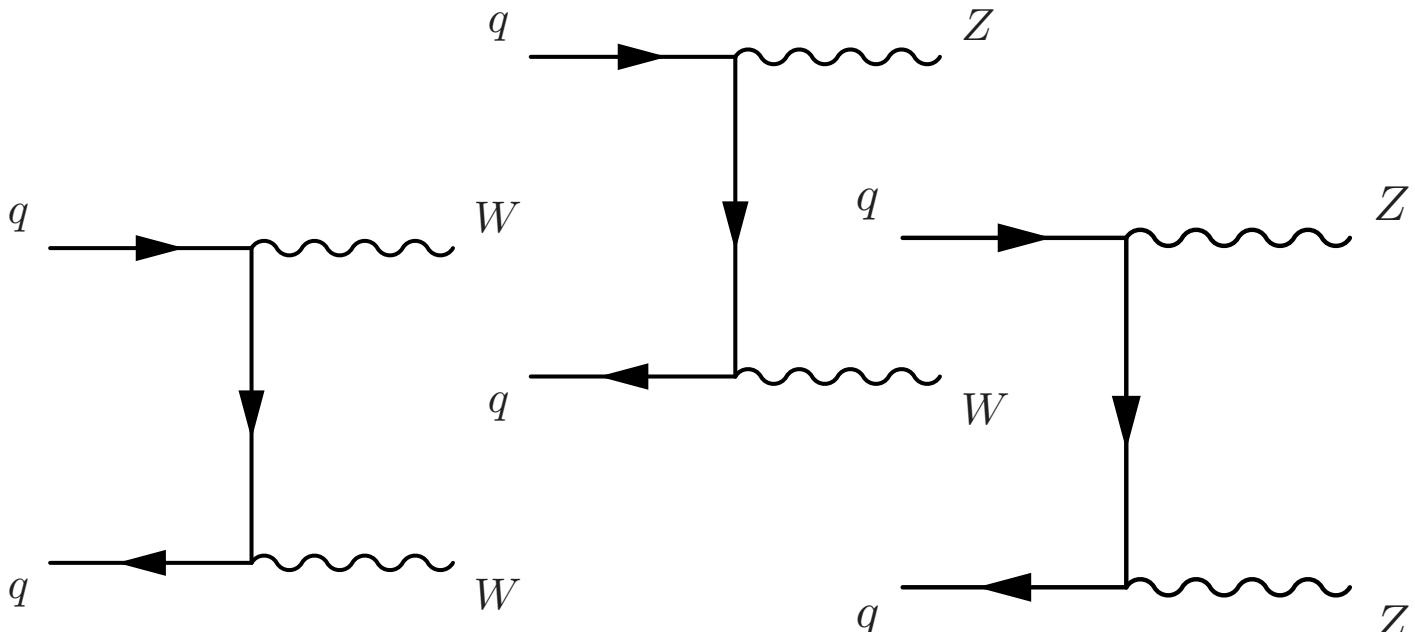
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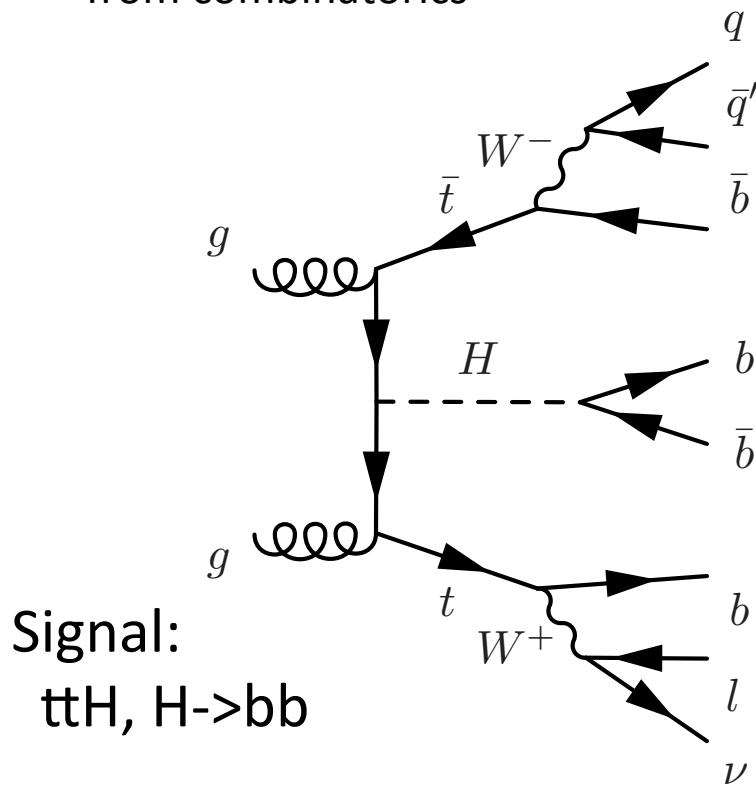
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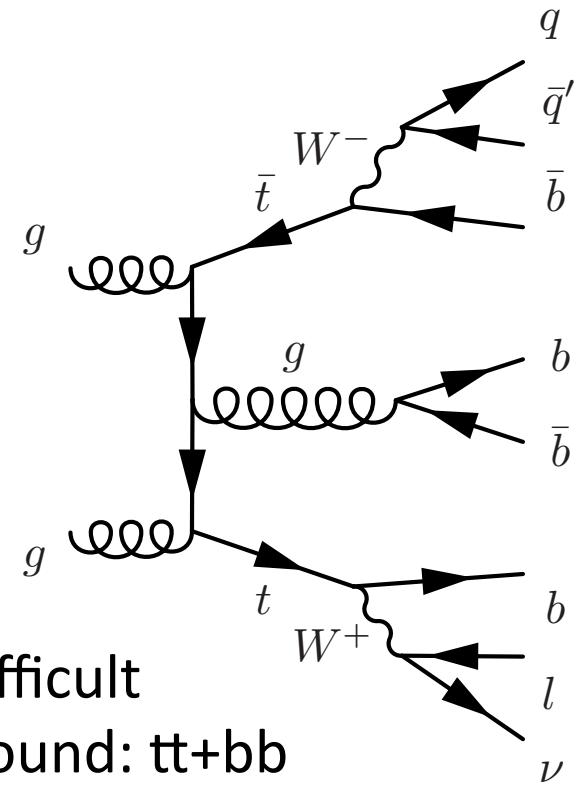
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❖ Biggest Challenges

- ✧ Overwhelmingly large background contributions from $t\bar{t}+jets$
- ✧ $t\bar{t}+bb$ background, since it resembles our signal very closely
- ✧ Large number of objects in event also make it difficult to distinguish which jet came from which decay, ie finding the two bTagged jets associated with Higgs
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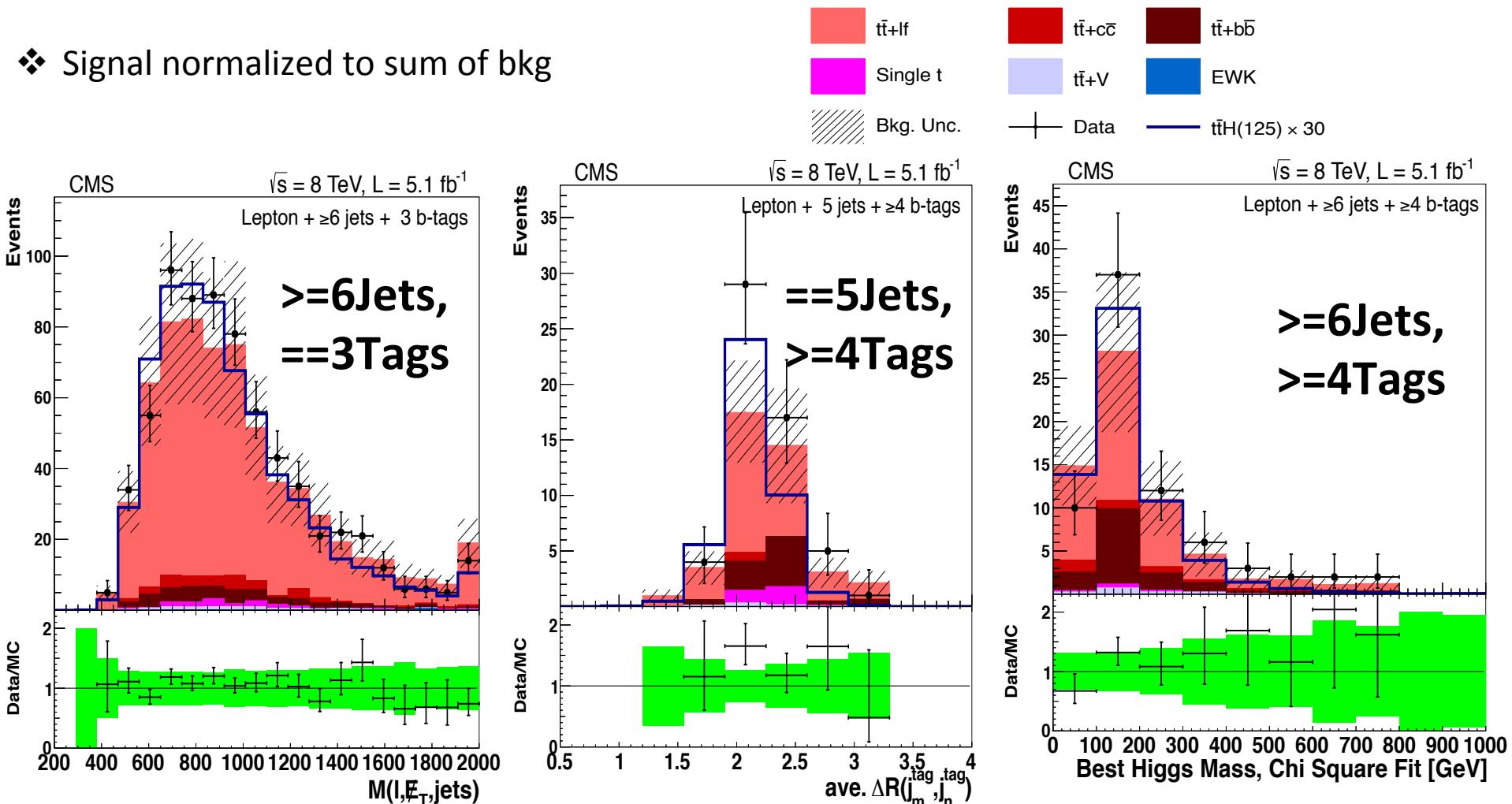
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 $ttH, H \rightarrow bb$



Most difficult
 background: $t\bar{t}+bb$

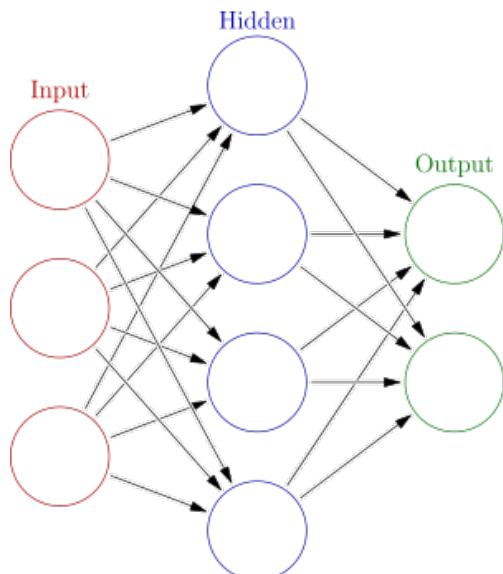
Searching for Discriminating Variables

- ❖ High Jet multiplicity gives many possible combinations to form the invariant mass of the Higgs system, smears mass resolution
 - ✧ no single variable with excellent discrimination against background
- ❖ Signal normalized to sum of bkg



Multi-Variate Analysis Techniques

- ❖ **Artificial Neural Network (ANN)** – specific implementation of an MVA.
 - ✧ The values of the input variables are assigned to a “node”
 - ✧ **Nodes** are independent functions that map an input value onto an output value, which is determined by an **Activation Function** – a weighted response to the input value, also known as the **Synapse Response**
 - ✧ Nodes are arranged in layers, and each node in a layer only connects to the nodes in the layer in front of it, this is known as a **Multi-Layer Perceptron**
 - ✧ **Training events** are given to the ANN from a known signal and background source, ANN output is compared to desired result (0=background, 1=signal) and adjusts weights to try and maximize output towards signal/background-like response

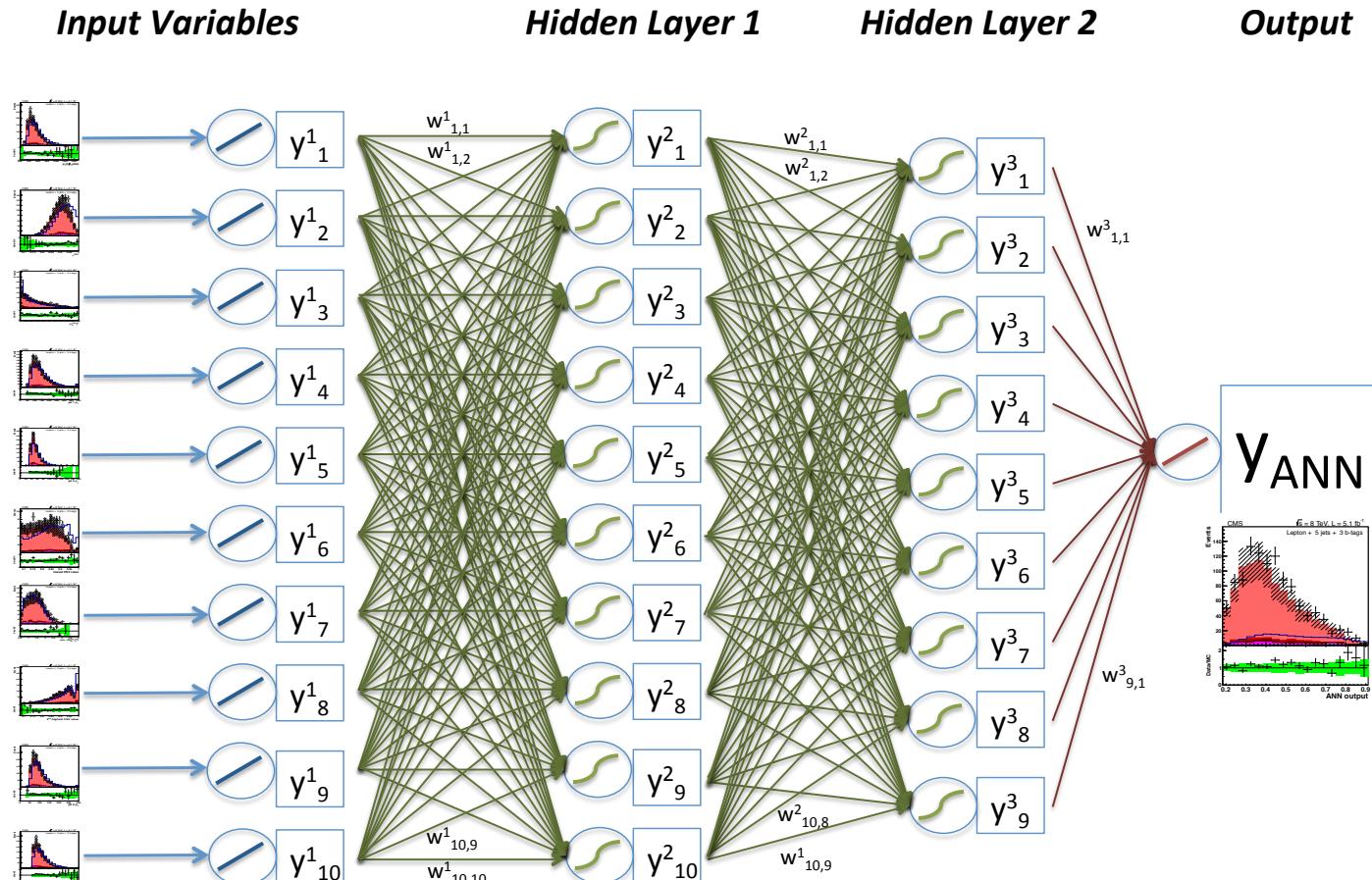


$$A(\alpha) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \quad \text{"Activation Function"}$$

$$\alpha = w_{0j}^{(l)} + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{(l)} w_{ij}^{(l)} \quad \text{"Synapse Response"}$$

Multi-Variate Analysis Techniques

- ❖ Clermont-Ferrand Multi Layer Perceptron (**CFMLpANN**) - specific implementation of an ANN.
 Ours uses 10 input variables, and two hidden layers with 10, 9 nodes respectively



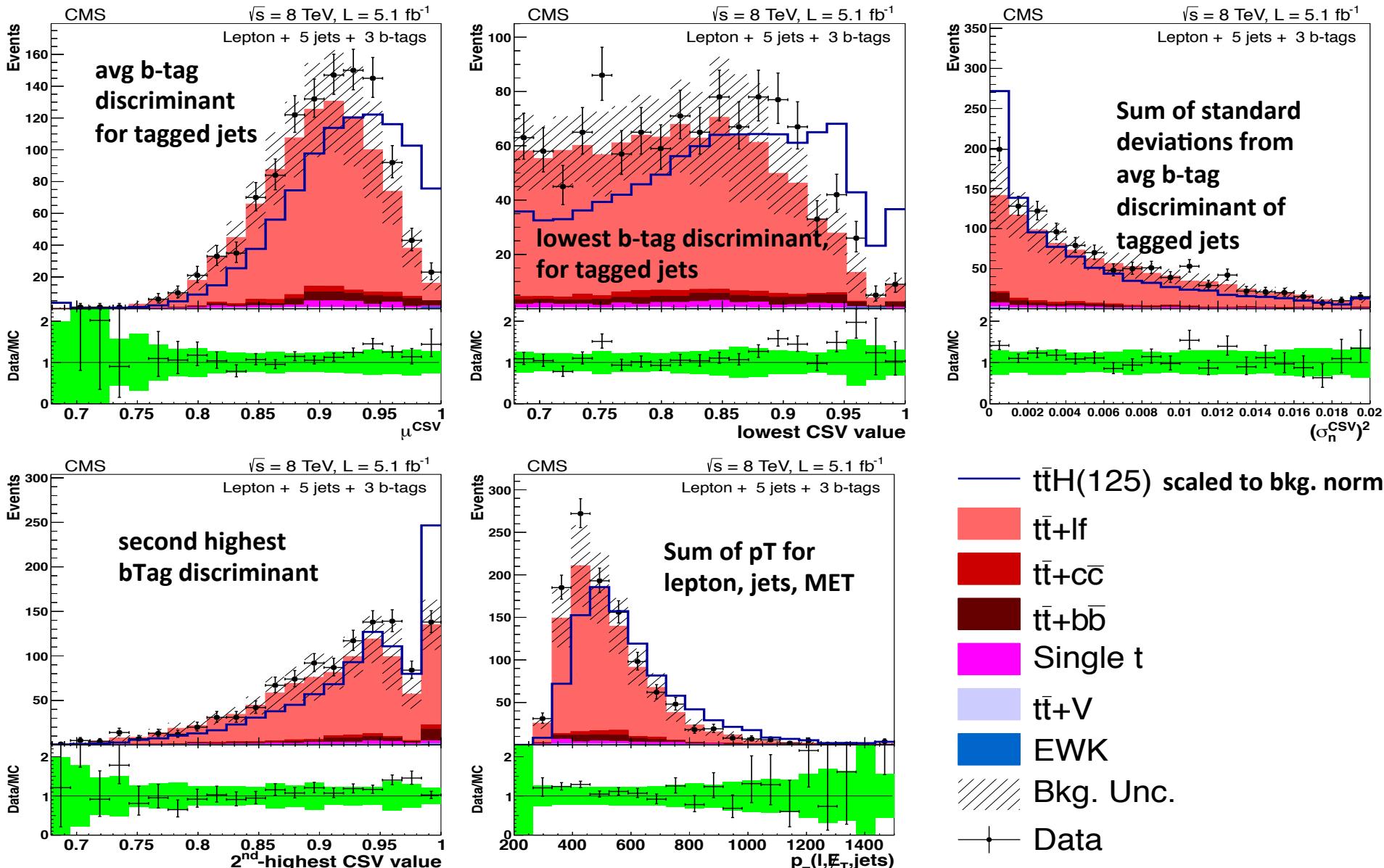
$$y_{ANN} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} y_k^{(3)} w_{k1}^{(3)} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A \left(\sum_{j=1}^n y_j^{(2)} w_{jk}^{(2)} \right) w_{k1}^{(3)} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_{ij}^{(1)} \right) w_{jk}^{(2)} \right) w_{k1}^{(3)}$$

Input Variables, all Categories

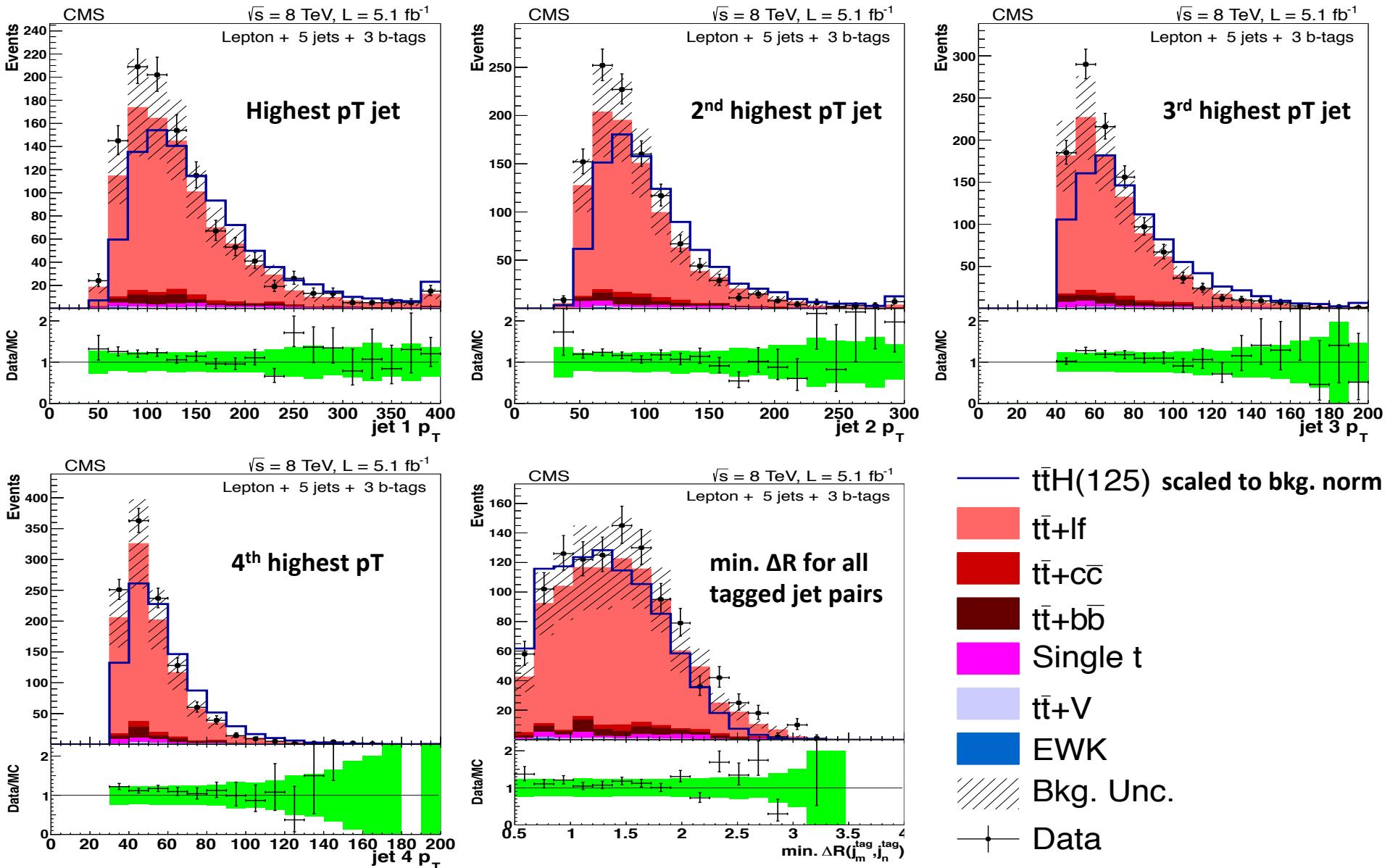
- ❖ Artificial Neural Network (ANN) – specific implementation of an MVA. This uses 10 input variables for each jet/tag category
- ❖ Variables with a Star have the highest discriminating power
- ❖ Variables are generally classified as being related to:
 - ✧ Single jet kinematics
 - ✧ Dijet/MultiJet kinematics
 - ✧ Angular distributions
 - ✧ bTag discriminant
- ❖ bTag discriminant variables are present in almost every jet/tag category
 - ✧ Average bTag discriminant of all jets tends to be the single most powerful variable

	Lepton+Jets						
Jets	≥ 6	4	5	≥ 6	4	5	≥ 6
Tags	2	3	3	3	4	≥ 4	≥ 4
Jet 1 p_T			✓	✓		✓	
Jet 2 p_T			✓	✓			
Jet 3 p_T	✓	✓	✓				✓
Jet 4 p_T	✓	✓	✓				✓
N_{jets}							
$p_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jets})$		★	✓				✓
$M(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{jets})$	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Average $M((j_m^{\text{untag}}, j_n^{\text{untag}}))$	✓			✓			
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$M((j_m^{\text{tag}}, j_n^{\text{tag}})_{\text{best}})$							✓
Average $\Delta R(j_m^{\text{tag}}, j_n^{\text{tag}})$				✓	✓	✓	✓
Minimum $\Delta R(j_m^{\text{tag}}, j_n^{\text{tag}})$			✓				
$\Delta R(\ell, j_{\text{closest}})$				✓			✓
Sphericity	✓				✓		✓
Aplanarity	✓				✓		✓
H_0	✓						
H_1	✓						
H_2					✓		
H_3	★				✓		
μ^{CSV}	✓	✓	★	★	★	★	★
$(\sigma_n^{\text{CSV}})^2$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Highest CSV value							
2 nd -highest CSV value	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Artificial Neural Network – Input, 5J 3T

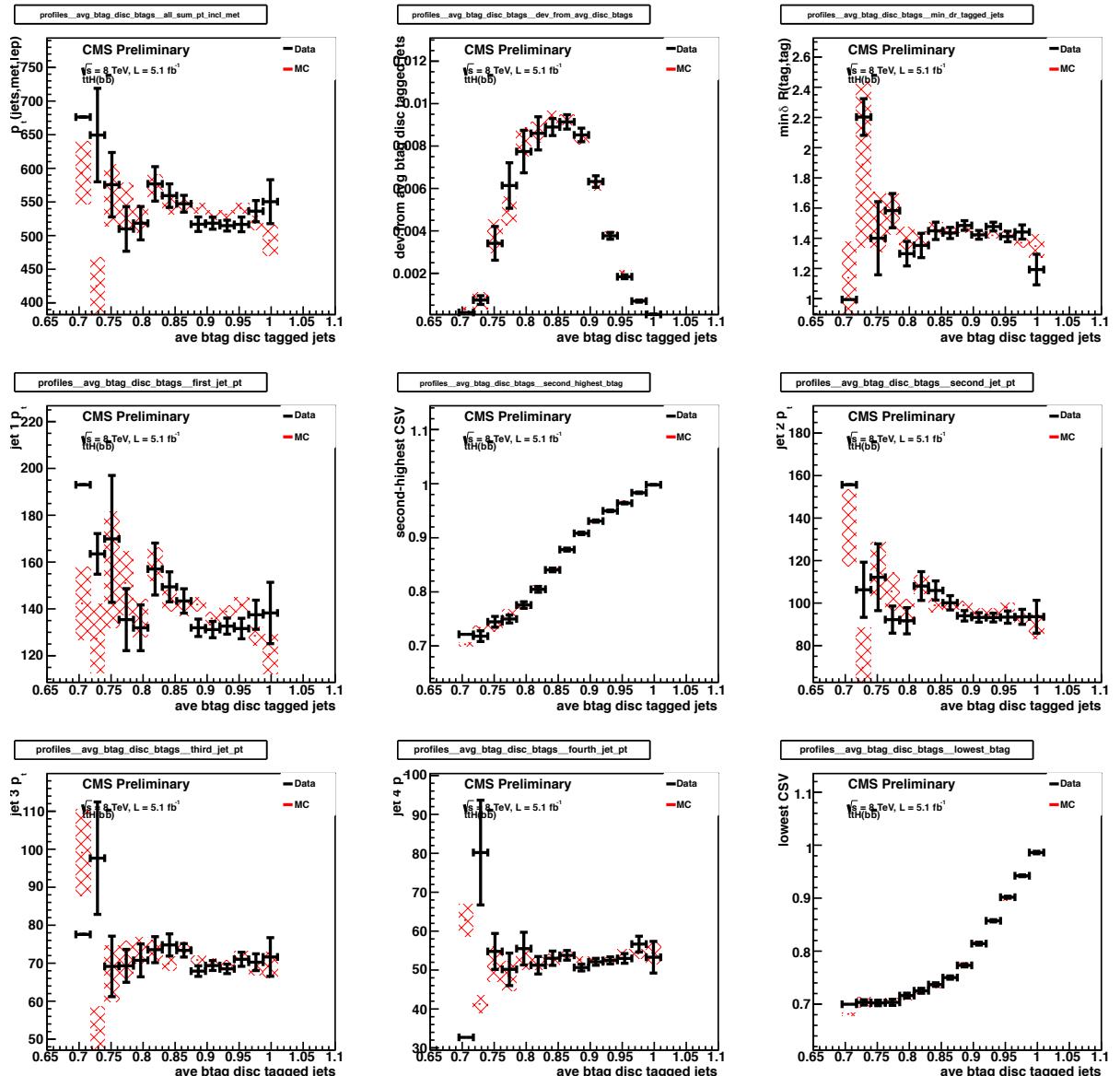


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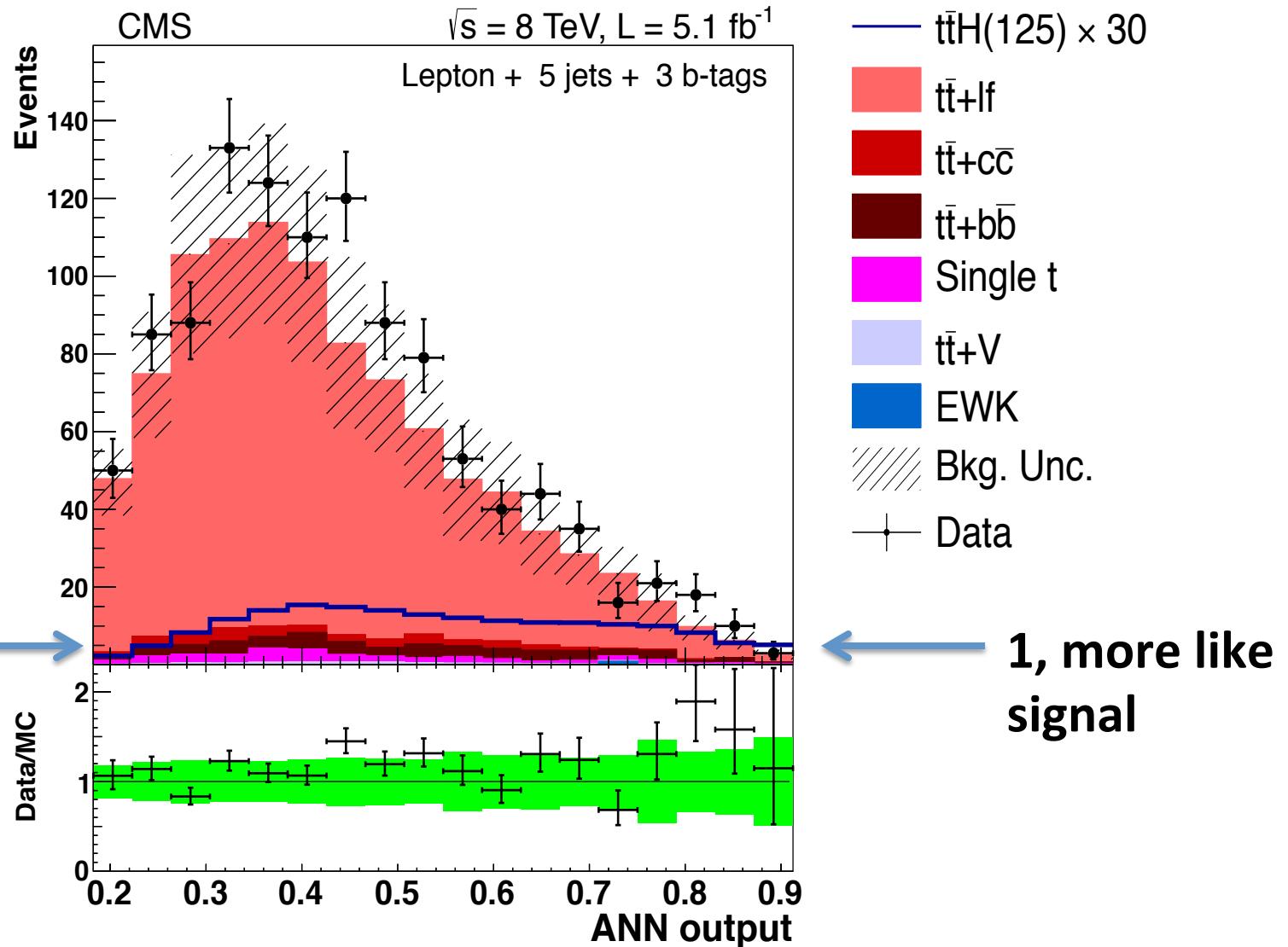


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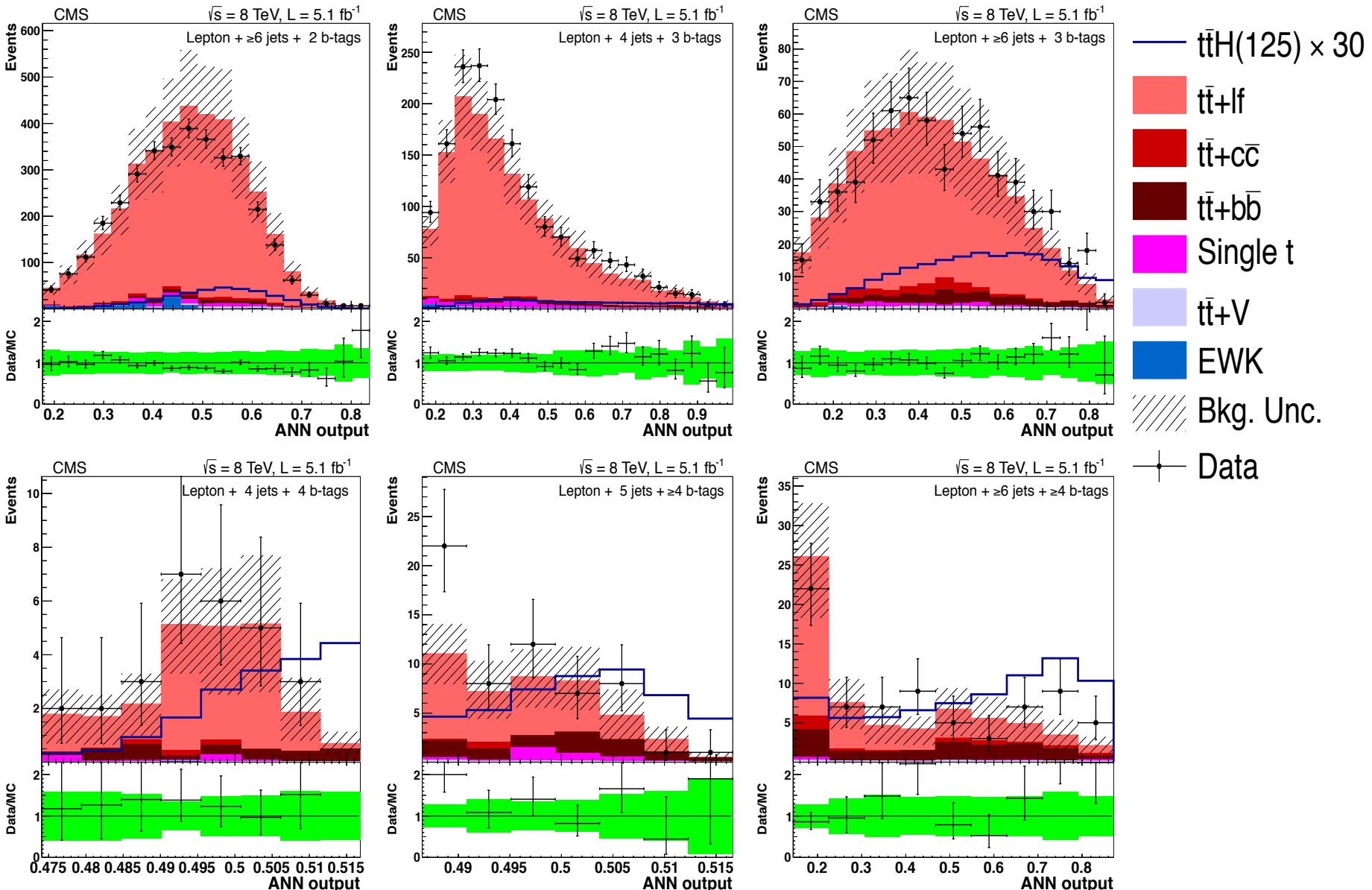
- ❖ Data to Monte Carlo comparisons of the correlations between the Average bTag Discriminant and all other variables in the 5j3t category
- ❖ These plots are the “profiles” of the 2D correlations – ie for each bin of the Average bTag Discriminant on the X-axis, the average value of the other input variable for events that would fall into that x-axis bin, is plotted, with the std. deviation of that average reported as the error
- ❖ The good data/MC agreement shows that the correlations between variables are also well-modeled



Artificial Neural Network – Output



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Systematic Uncertainties

❖ Below: Table of complete list of uncertainties, % change to normalization, and whether or not uncertainty is used in shape comparison

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Lepton ID/Trig	4%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Pileup	1%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Additional Pileup Corr.	–	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
Jet Energy Resolution	1.5%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Jet Energy Scale	0–60%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
b-Tag SF (b/c)	0–33.6%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
b-Tag SF (mistag)	0–23.5%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
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PDF ($q\bar{q}$)	4.2–7%	No	For $q\bar{q}$ initiated processes ($t\bar{t}W$, W , Z).
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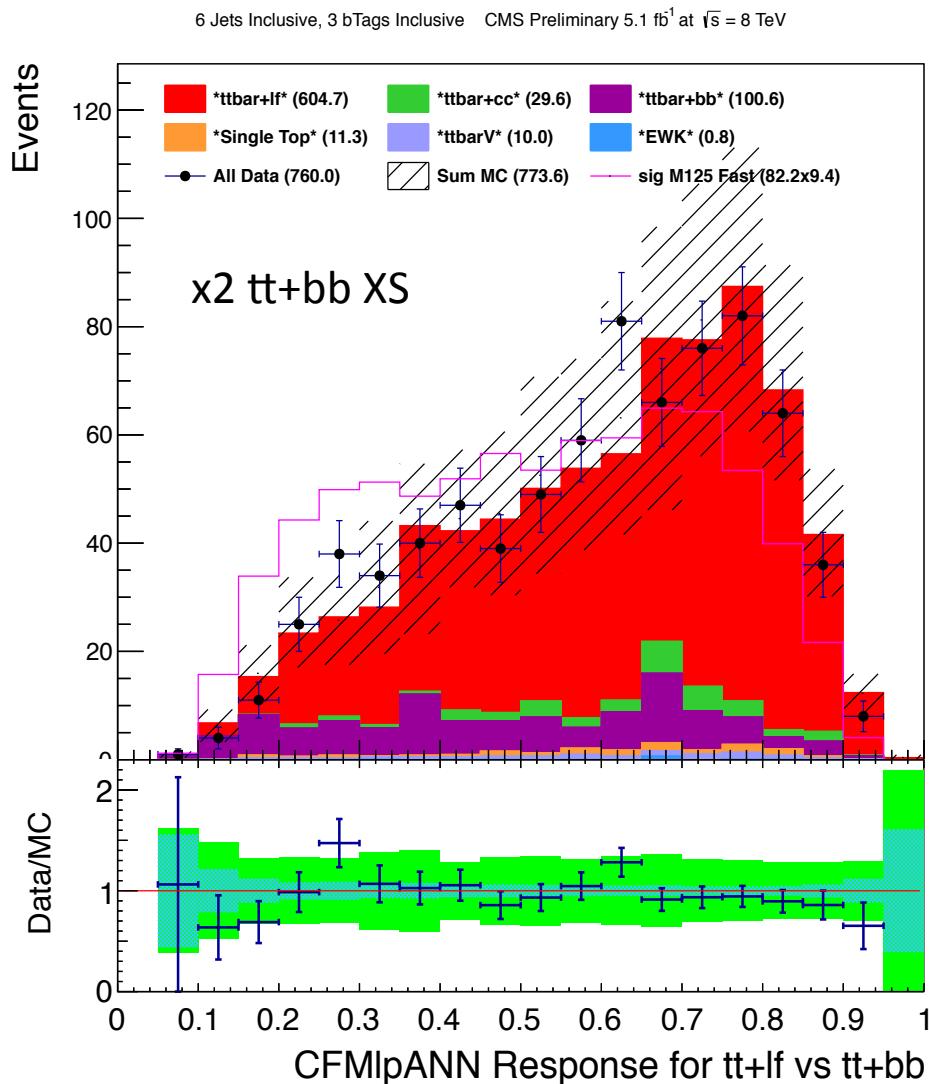
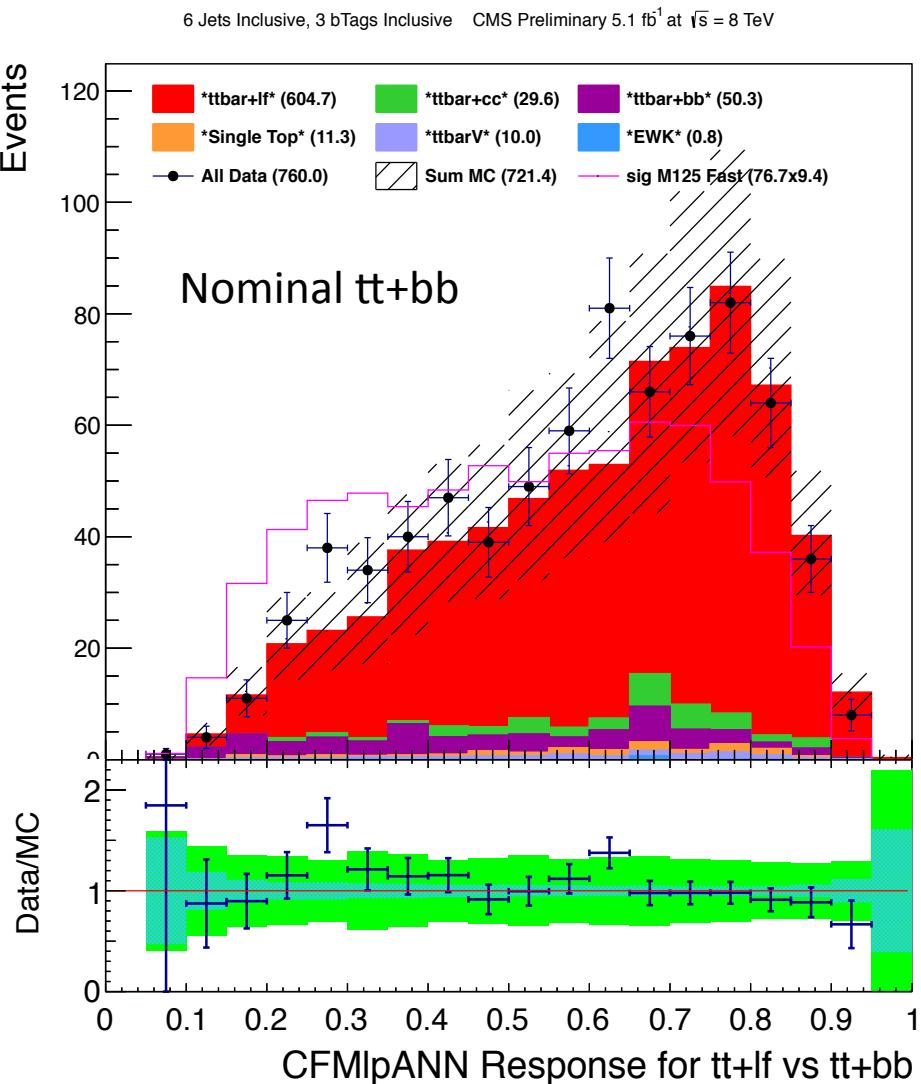
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$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV L+J, mu+ele, $\geq 6J$, $\geq 3T$

- Here, in the most sensitive category for $t\bar{t}+bb$, nominal $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS shows more consistent levels of agreement than the doubled XS



Limit Setting Technique

- ❖ In the case of no clear signal, ask what is the upper limit on ttH production possible that can still be explained by this dataset
- ❖ CLs is modified frequentist technique (~Bayesian, relies on background prediction)
- ❖ Begins by forming a likelihood function assuming a Poisson distribution for the number of events observed in a given bin
 - ✧ For a given signal strength multiplier, mu, the likelihood is maximized if the prediction for the number of events in the bin ($\mu s + b$) is comparable to the number observed, n_i
 - ✧ Systematic uncertainties are accounted for through nuisance parameters, using log-normal distributions for rate uncertainties, and template fitting for shape uncertainties

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\mu, \theta) &= \text{Poisson}(\text{data}|\mu \cdot s(\theta) + b(\theta)) \cdot p(\tilde{\theta}|\theta) \\
 &= \prod_i \frac{(\mu s_i + b_i)^{n_i}}{n_i!} e^{-(\mu s_i + b_i)} \cdot p(\tilde{\theta}|\theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Limit Setting Technique

- ❖ A test statistic is formed for two hypotheses – one testing a particular value of μ , the other comparing the best fit of μ within the range $0 < \mu_{best} < \mu_{tested}$
 - ✧ This assures that an upward fluctuation of background can't be used to exclude a signal – ie no lower bound on the value of μ
- ❖ The statistic q_u is formed for the signal+background hypothesis ($\mu \neq 0$), and the background only hypothesis ($\mu=0$)

$$\tilde{q}_\mu = -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu)}{\mathcal{L}(\text{data}|\hat{\mu}, \hat{\theta})} \quad , 0 \leq \hat{\mu} \leq \mu$$

- ❖ PDFs of q_u are formed by varying the signal and background templates, constrained by the range allowed by the systematic uncertainties, and p-values calculated for the signal +background and background-only hypotheses

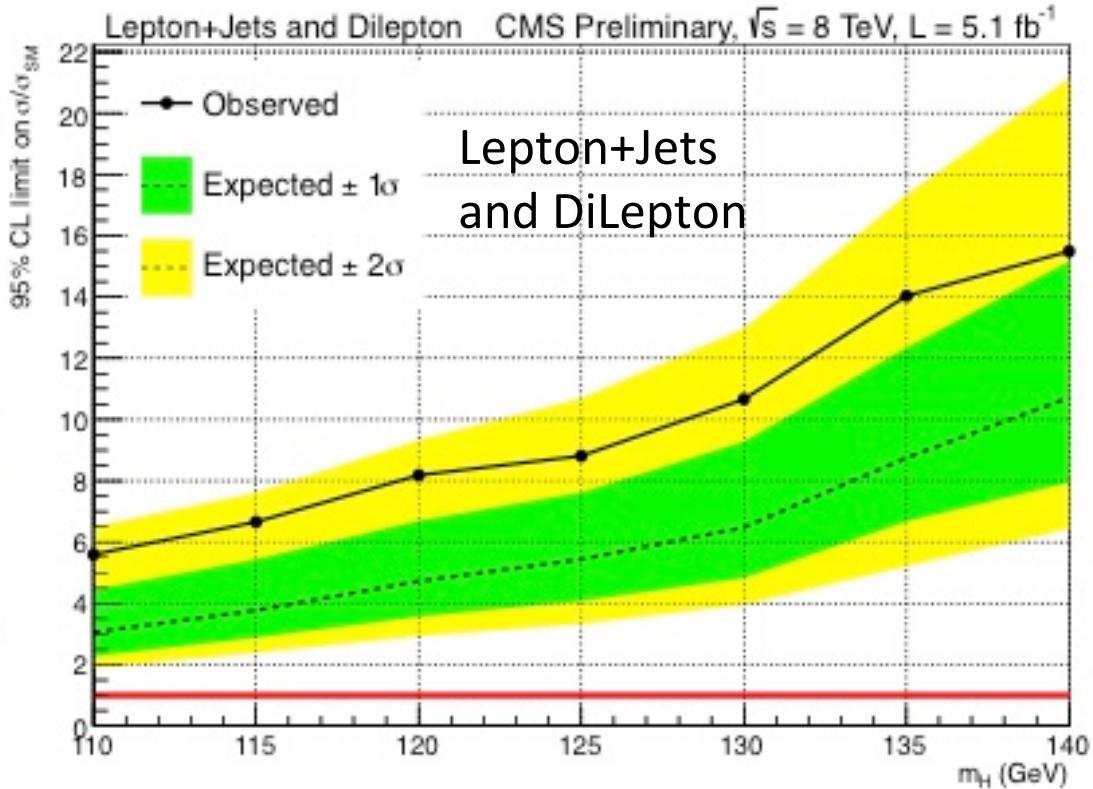
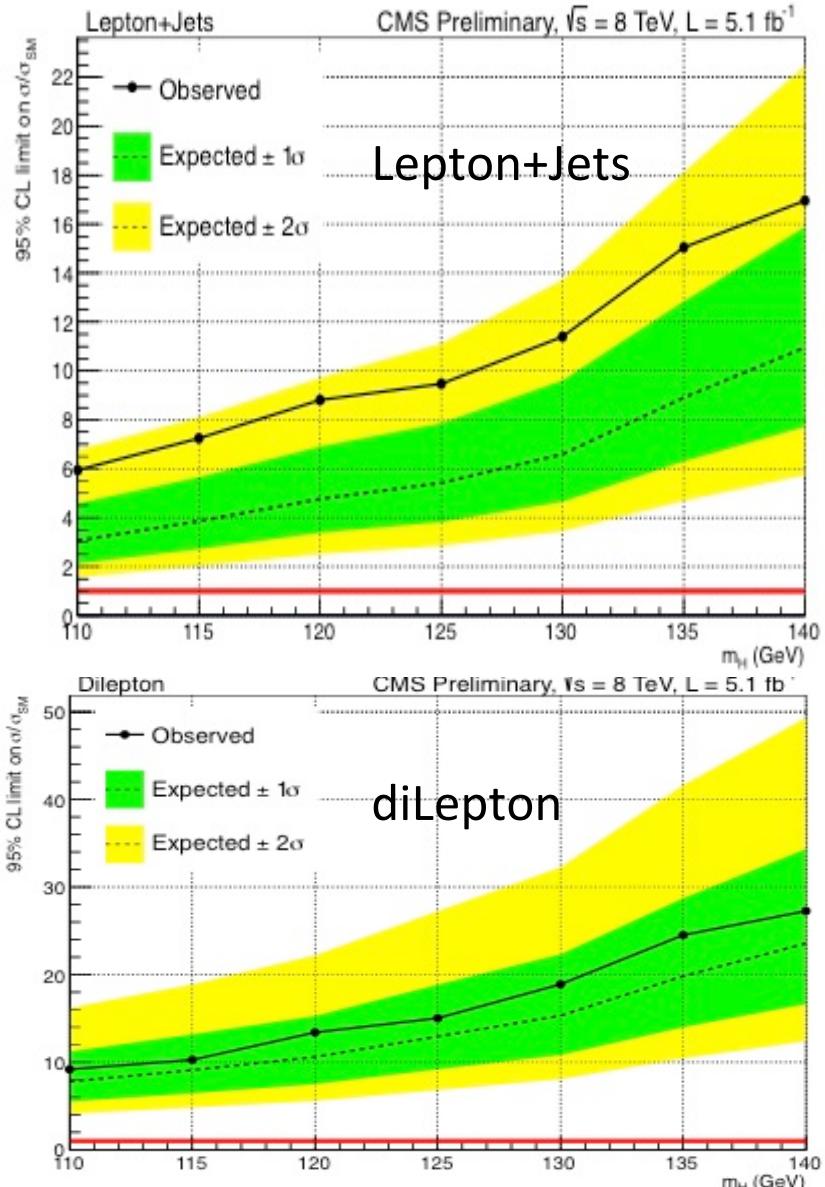
$$p_\mu = P(\tilde{q}_\mu \geq \tilde{q}_\mu^{obs} | \text{signal + background}) = \int_{\tilde{q}_\mu^{obs}}^{\infty} f(\tilde{q}_\mu | \mu, \hat{\theta}_\mu^{obs}) d\tilde{q}_\mu$$

$$1 - p_0 = P(\tilde{q}_\mu \geq \tilde{q}_\mu^{obs} | \text{background - only}) = \int_{\tilde{q}_0^{obs}}^{\infty} f(\tilde{q}_\mu | 0, \hat{\theta}_0^{obs}) d\tilde{q}_\mu$$

- ❖ The 95% CLs upper limit is determined by the value of μ that gives a ratio of 0.05

$$CL_s(\mu) = \frac{p_\mu}{1 - p_0}$$

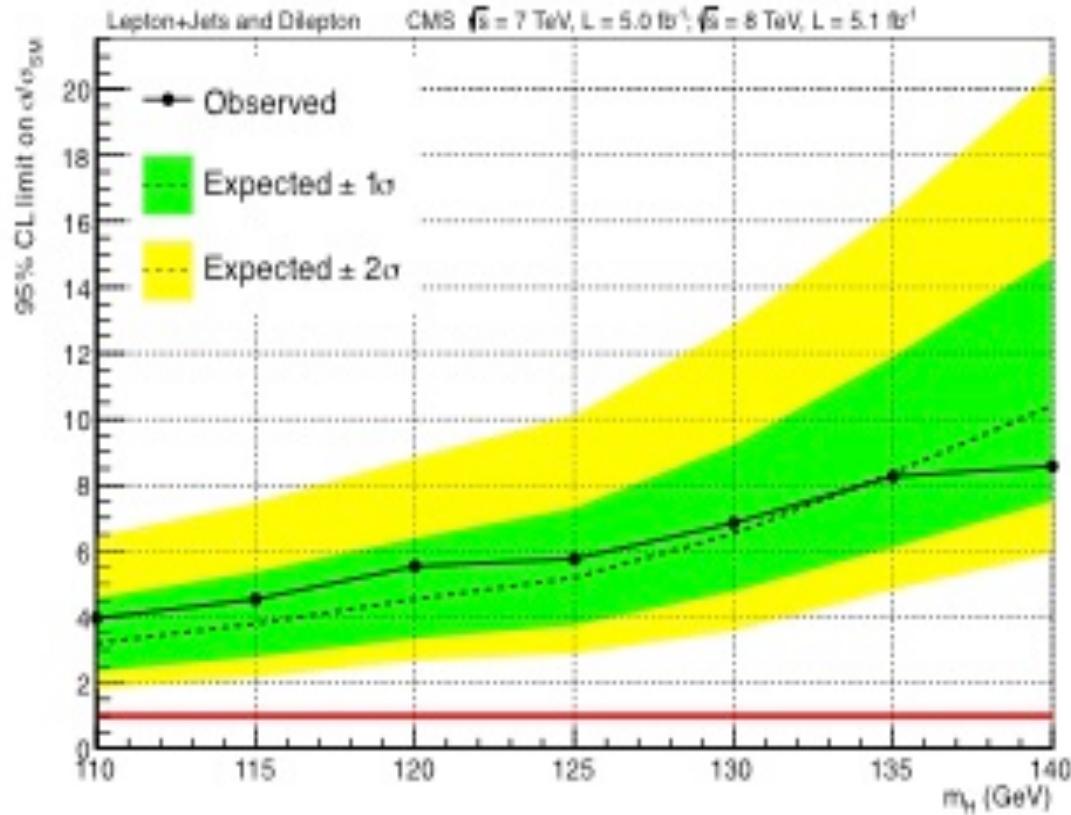
Limit Setting – 8TeV Only



- ❖ Ideally, extract and measure Higgs signal – but no large excess in SM predictions seen
- ❖ Proceed by setting upper limit on Higgs production
- ❖ At Higgs mass 125 GeV, Lepton+Jets Channel
 - ✧ ***expect to set a limit of 5.4x σ_{SM}***
 - ✧ ***observed upper limit: 8.8 x σ_{SM}***

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- ❖ Publication – 5 fb^{-1} 7TeV data, first 5 fb^{-1} 8TeV data
 - ✧ Lepton+Jets, diLepton Channels
 - ✧ JHEP, May 2013,
[JHEP paper link](#)
 - ✧ Arxiv: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1303.0763v1.pdf>

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The CMS Collaboration*

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2nd Publication, 19.5 fb⁻¹ 8 TeV

❖ Update to Full 19.5 fb⁻¹ of 8TeV data

- ✧ Improved data statistics – x4 stats wrt 2011
- ✧ Higher statistics Monte Carlo
- ✧ Derived custom b-tag Scale Factors
- ✧ Improved MVA structure, input variables
- ✧ Additional Search Channels for Combination
 - ttH, H->ττ
 - ttH, H->WW,ZZ, τ's-> 3, 4, leptons
 - ttH, H->ZZ -> Same-sign diLepton
 - ttH, H->γγ
- ✧ [Public PAS Hig-13-019](#)

❖ Publication – 5 fb⁻¹ 7TeV data, 19.5 fb⁻¹ 8TeV data

- ✧ JHEP, September 2014, [JHEP paper link](#)
- ✧ Arxiv: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1408.1682v1.pdf>

❖ For the rest of the talk

- ✧ Updated Lepton+Jets analysis in the H->bb decay mode – full 8TeV data
- ✧ Initial ttH combined channel results

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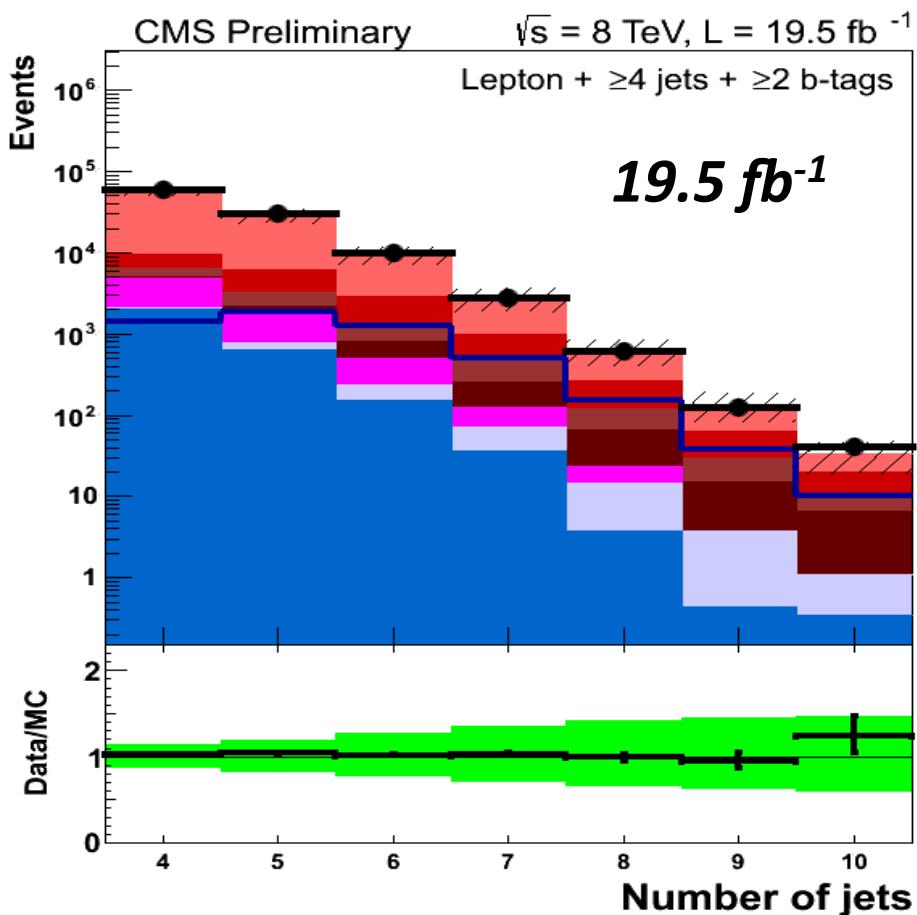
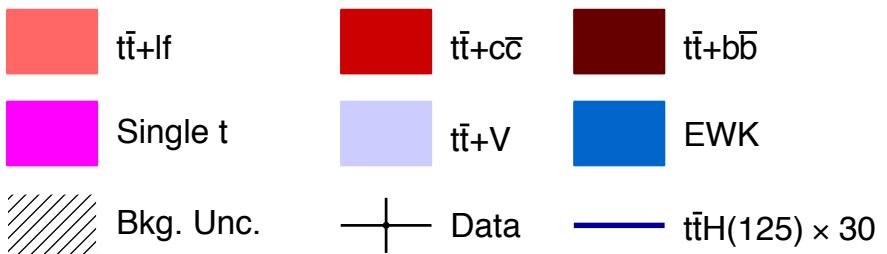
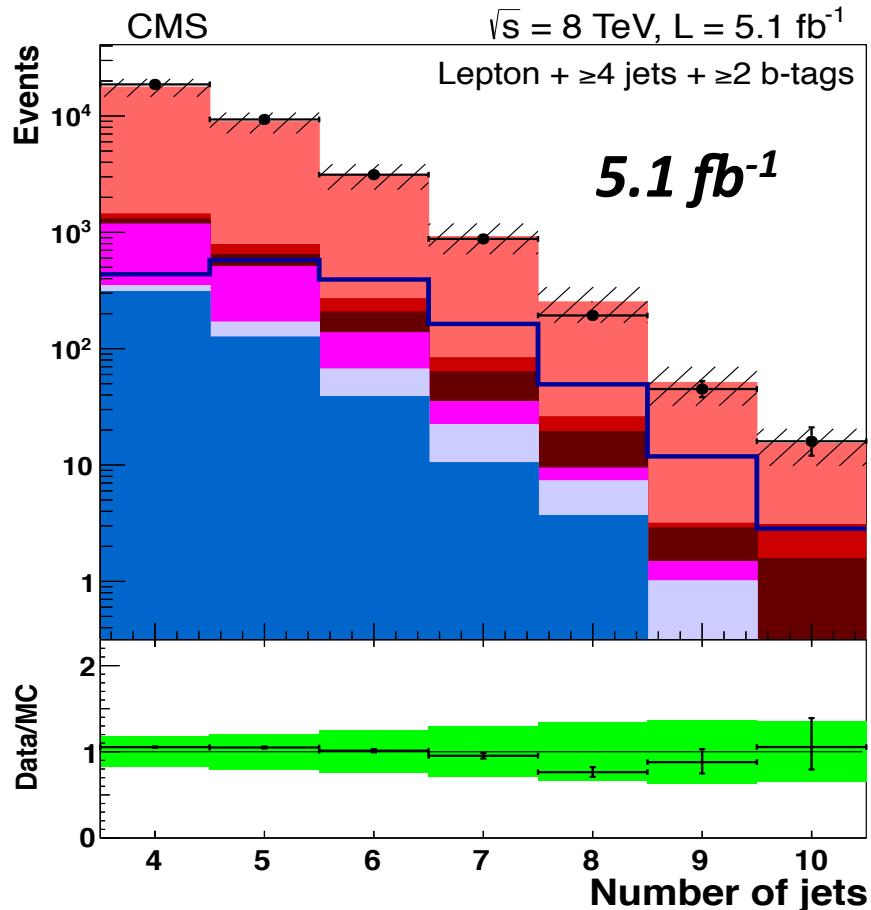
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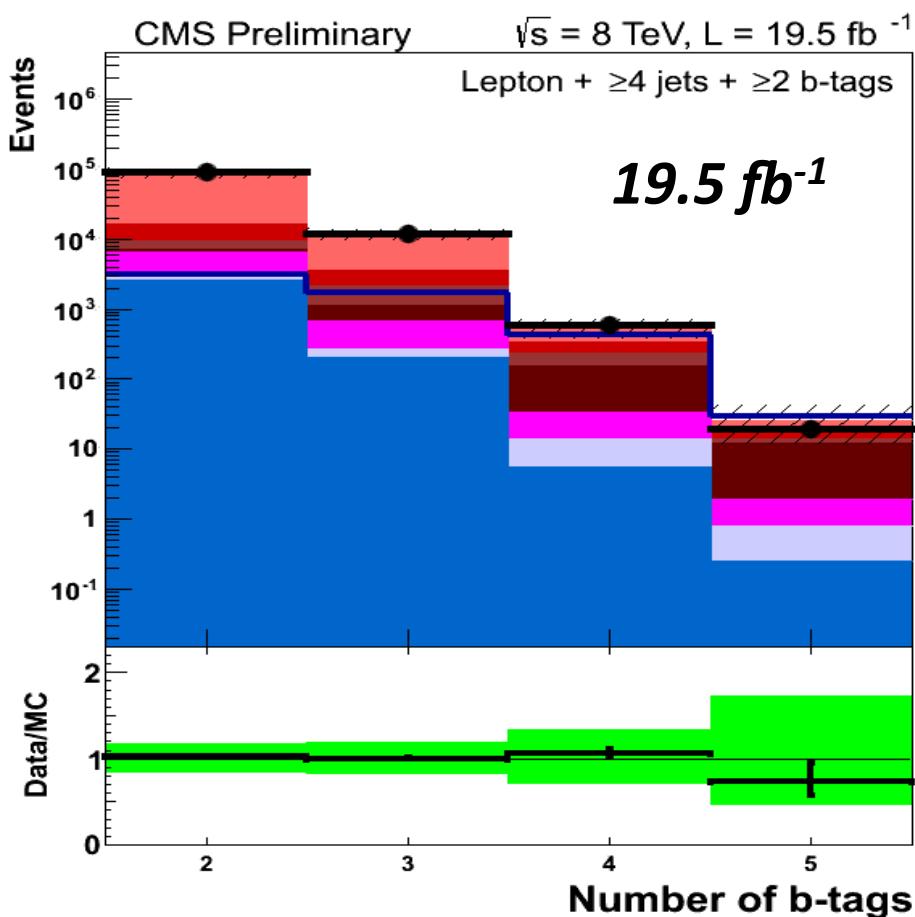
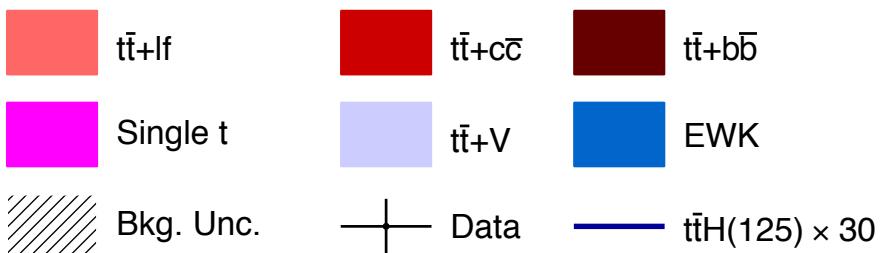
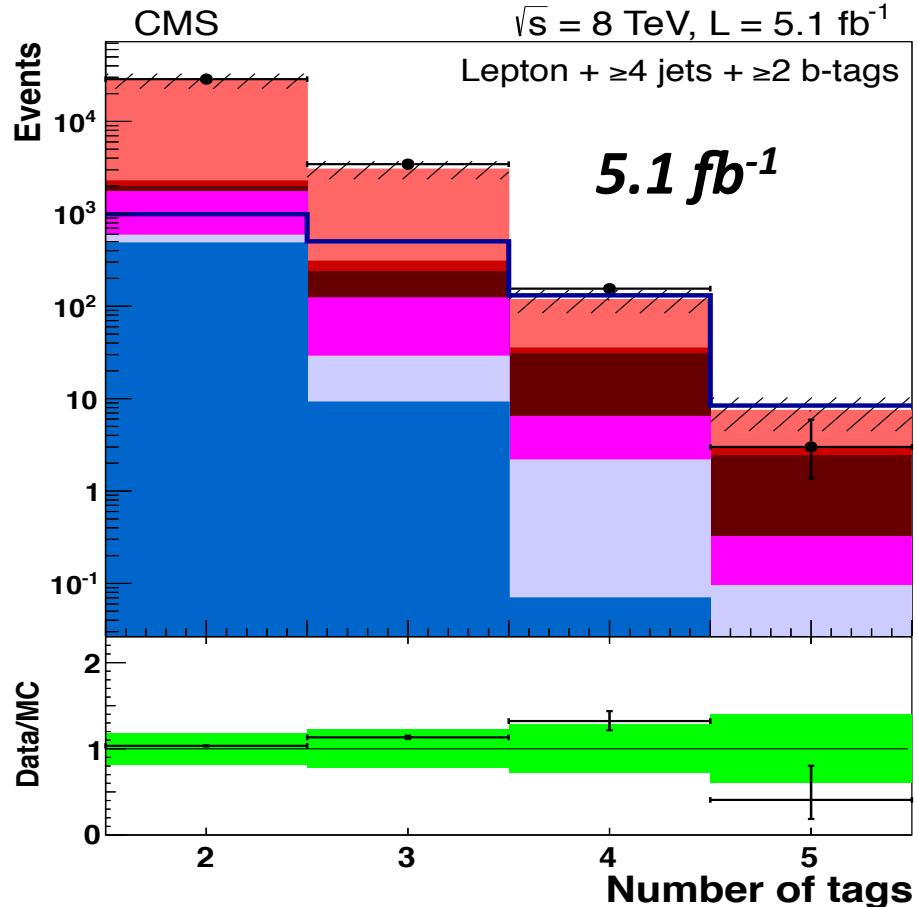
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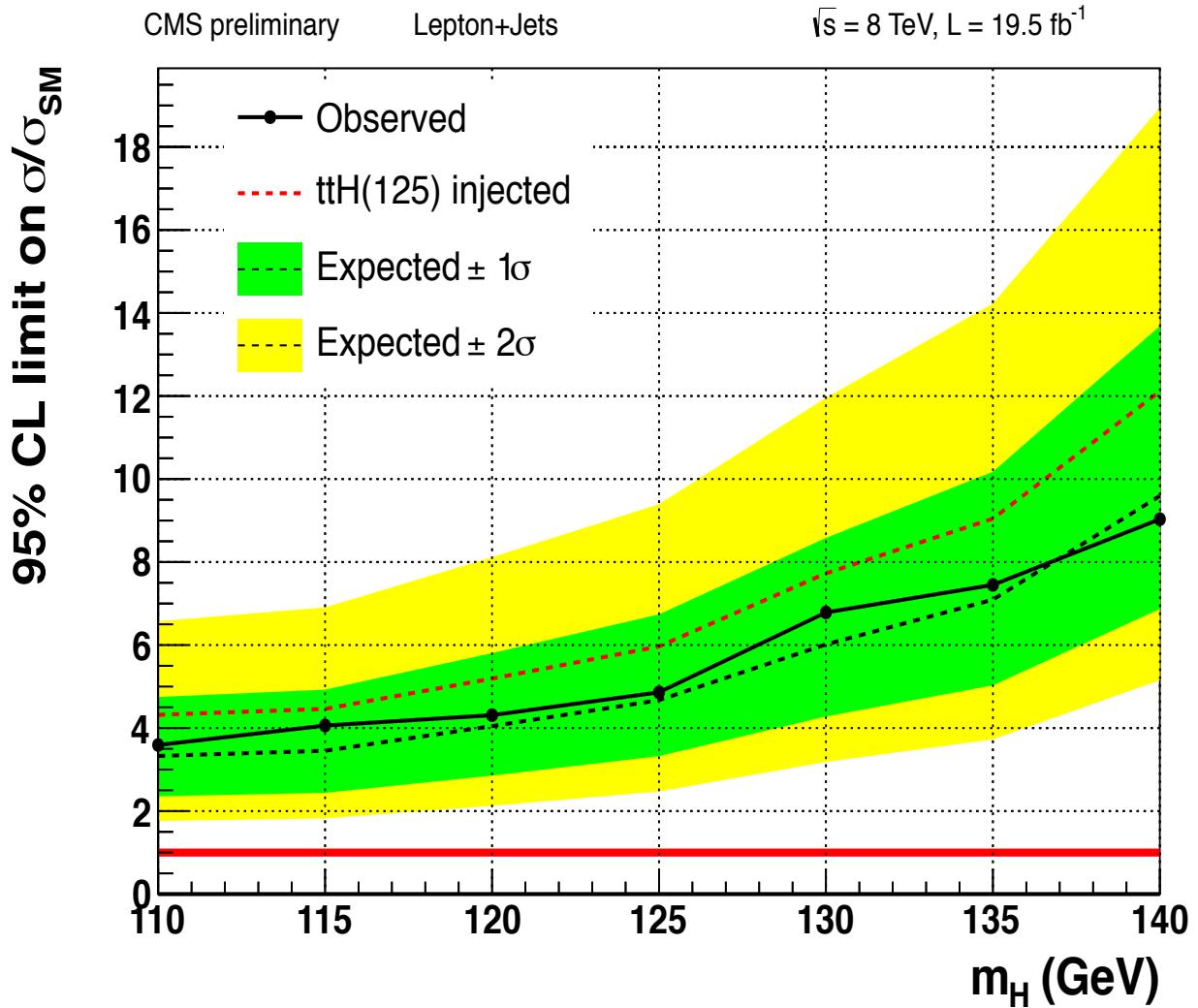
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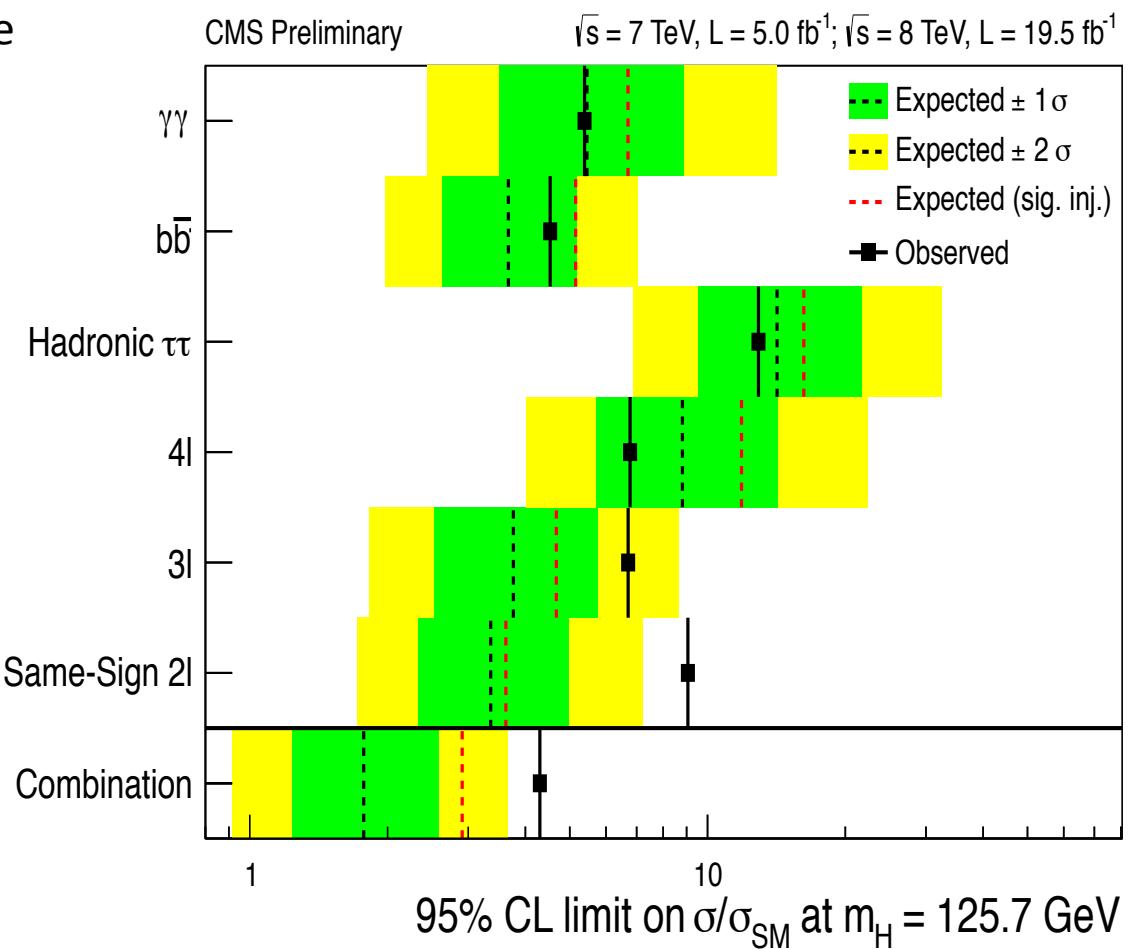
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 - ✧ **Expected limit:** $4.7x\sigma_{SM}$
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- ❖ Compared to 5fb^{-1} 8 TeV
 - ✧ **Expected limit:** $5.4x\sigma_{SM}$
 - ✧ **Observed limit:** $8.8\sigma_{SM}$
- ❖ Improvement less than expected from increasing lumi alone due to a different and more conservative estimate of systematic uncertainties

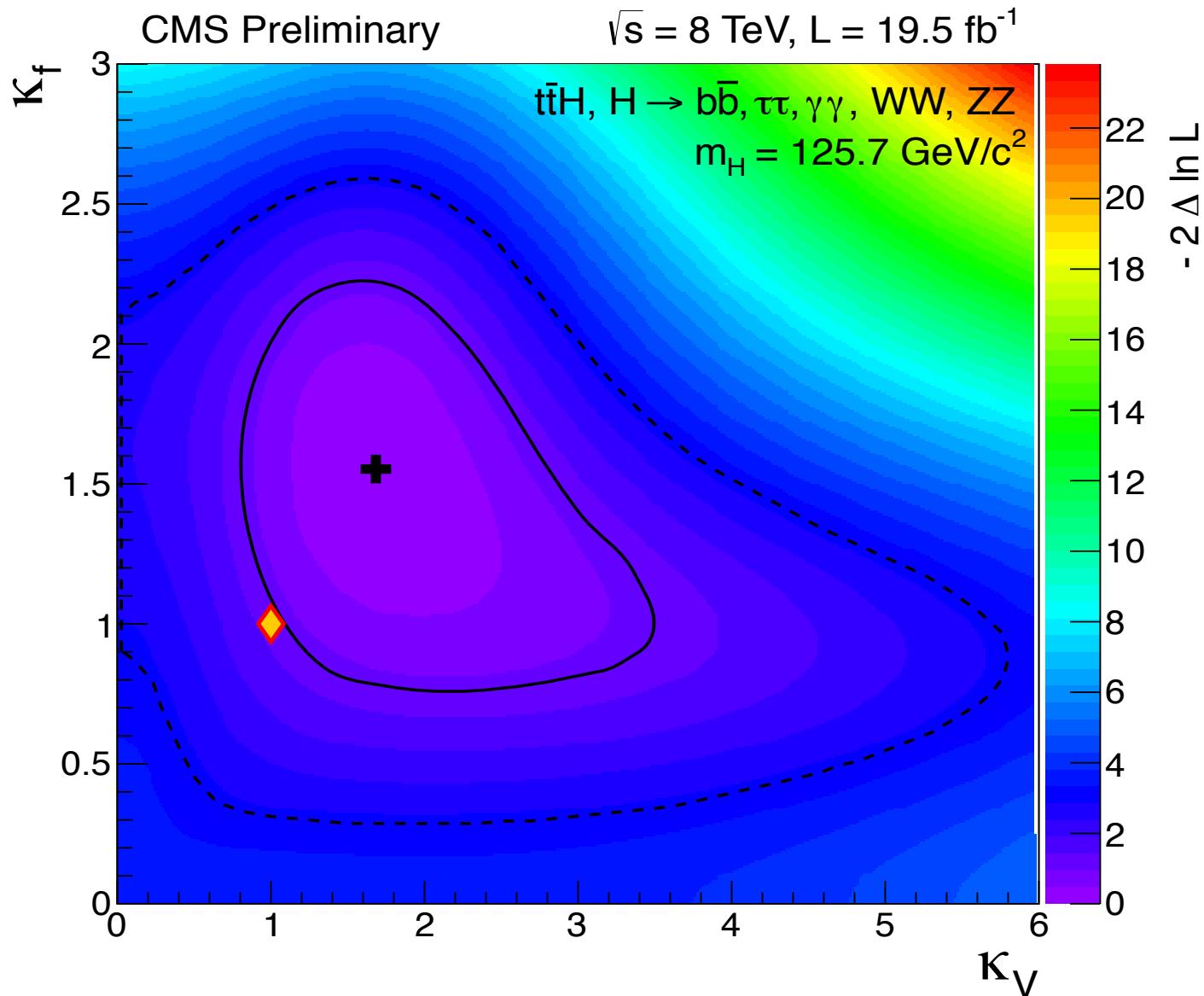
Summary of Initial 7+8TeV Results

- ❖ Several Analysis Groups contribute to ttH searches at CMS
- ❖ Can access all decay modes with one production mechanism!
 - ✧ ttH, H->bb, L+J
 - ✧ ttH, H->bb, diLepton
 - ✧ ttH, H-> $\tau\tau$
 - ✧ ttH, H-> $\gamma\gamma$
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 - ✧ ttH, H->ZZ -> Same-Sign dilepton
- ❖ At $M_{125.7}$
 - ✧ **Expected:** $1.8 \times \sigma_{SM}$
 - ✧ **Observed:** $4.3 \times \sigma_{SM}$
 - ✧ **Signal Injected:** $2.9 \times \sigma_{SM}$



Summary of Initial 7+8TeV Results

- ❖ Measurement of coupling constant to fermions (k_f), and bosons (k_v)
- ❖ SM is red/yellow diamond at (1,1)
- ❖ Solid line is 68% CL, Dashed Line is 95%



Looking towards Run 2

- ❖ This analysis will continue towards its goal of observing the Higgs produced in association with top-quark pairs during the next run of data collection at the LHC
- ❖ Additional improvements to the analysis are also underway
 - ✧ Investigations into NLO Monte Carlo
 - NLO tt+0/1/2 jets aMC@NLO + Pythia8, Powheg
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 - ✧ Improved theoretical cross section measurements
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 - ✧ Improved jet association algorithms
 - Correctly identifying which jets came from ttbar versus Higgs system will improve kinematic handle on ttH events
 - Exploitation of spin correlated variables of decay products
 - Improved χ^2 minimization, BDT driven algorithm
 - ✧ Optimized BDT techniques
 - Tiered BDT ie MVA discriminant for each major tt+X background

Summary

- ❖ This analysis is closing in on SM Higgs sensitivity!
- ❖ Adding in full 8TeV data, 20 fb^{-1} ($\times 4$ more data), plus different set of decay modes has given greater sensitivity to ttH production
 - ✧ Expected limit of the combination at $\sim 1.8 * \text{SM}$ production sensitivity
- ❖ A measurement of the top-Higgs coupling is essential for the Run2 program at the LHC
- ❖ Exciting results are coming!!!

BACKUP

CMS Detector Overview

❖ CMS detector sub-systems

✧ Tracker

- 66 (9.3) million channels in silicon pixels (strips) – high precision detection of ionizing radiation from charged particles

✧ ECAL

- 60k(14k) PbWO₄ crystals - Absorbing/Scintillating medium from electromagnetic particles – e⁻ and γ deposit the most

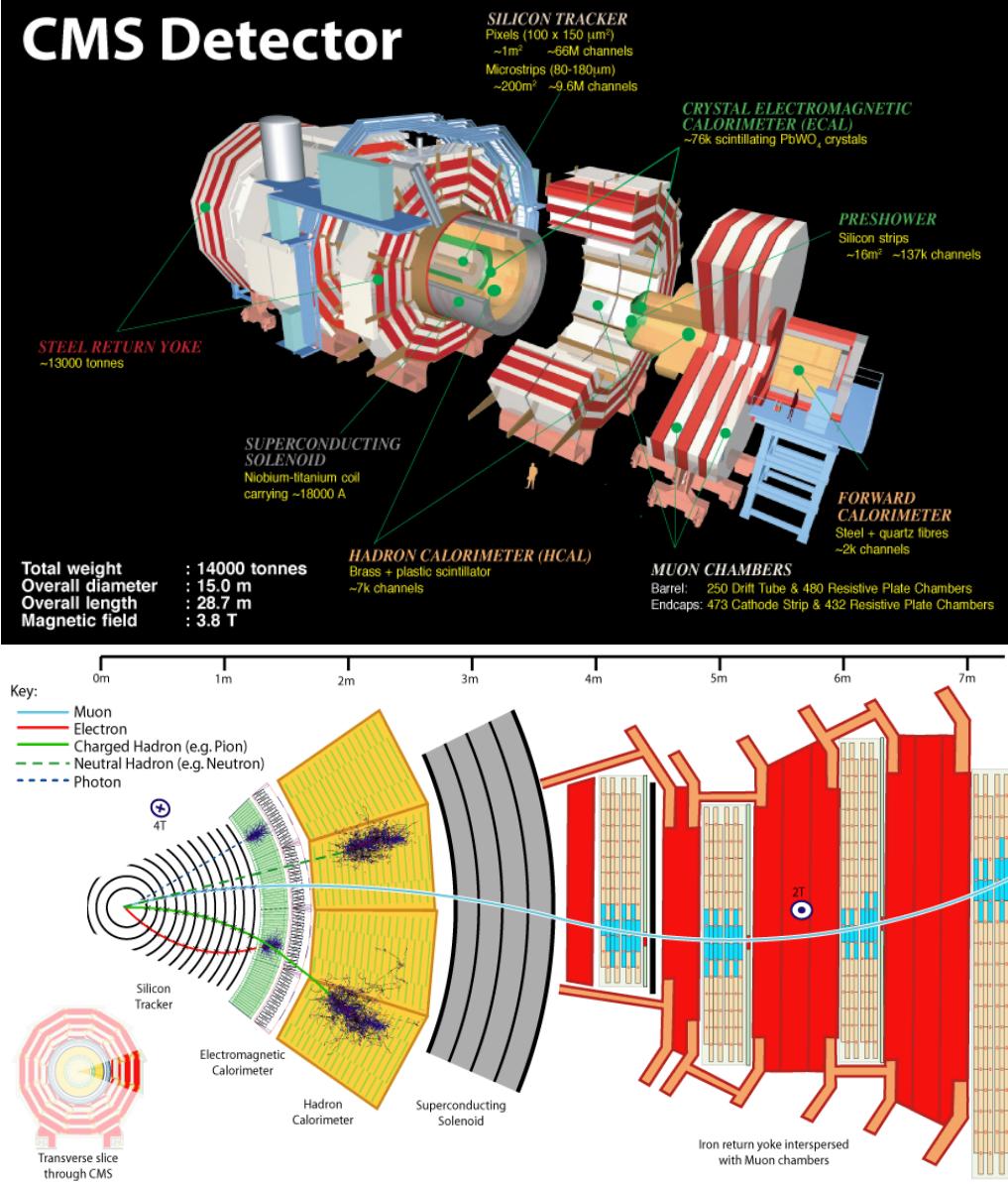
✧ HCAL

- 17 layers of plastic scintillator interspaced in brass (steel for outer/innermost layers) absorbers- initiates cascade & samples energy

✧ Muon System

- 3 types of detectors- DTs, CSCs, RPCs, each specializing for use in tracking, spatial, and timing resolution

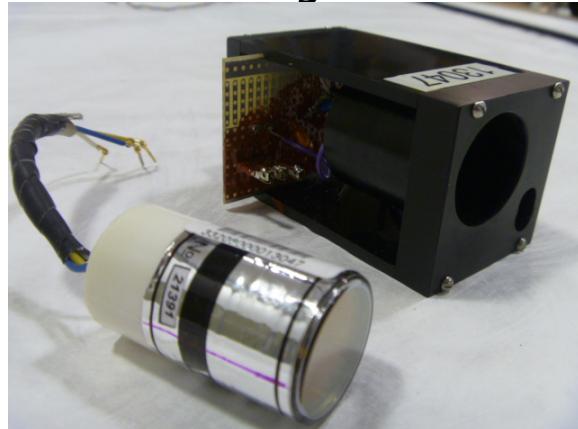
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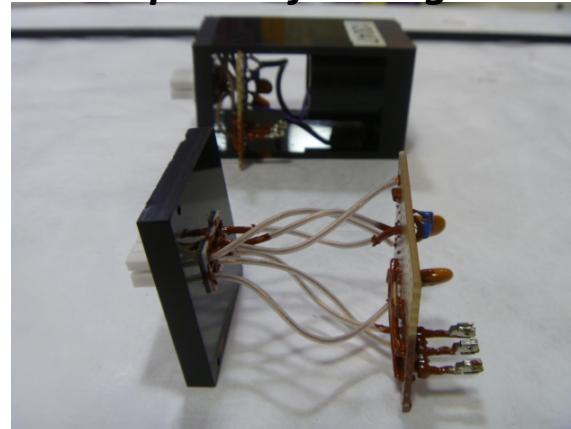
VPT Rig

❖ Connection Scheme

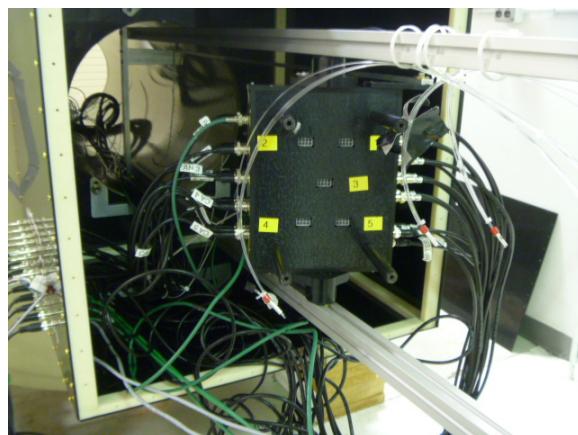
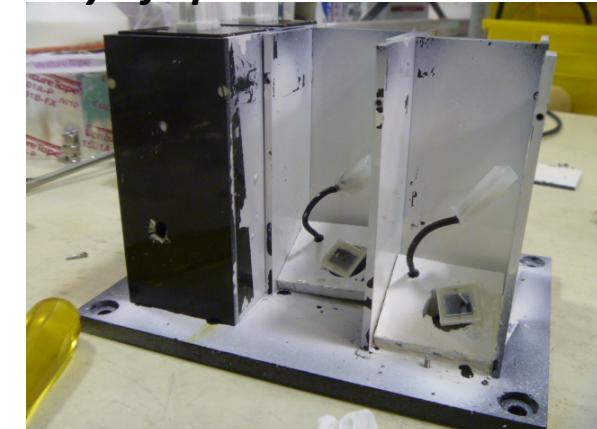
VPT & Housing



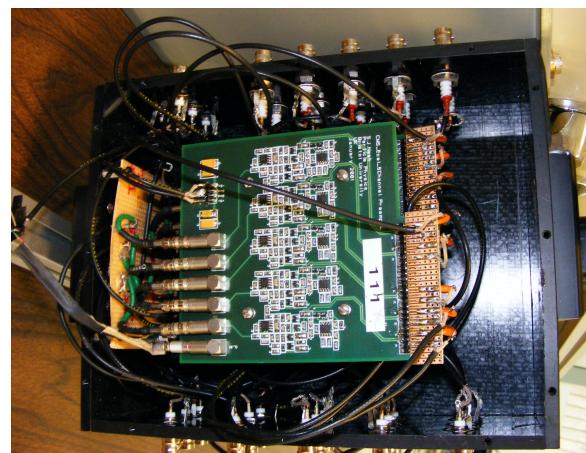
Simple HV filtering



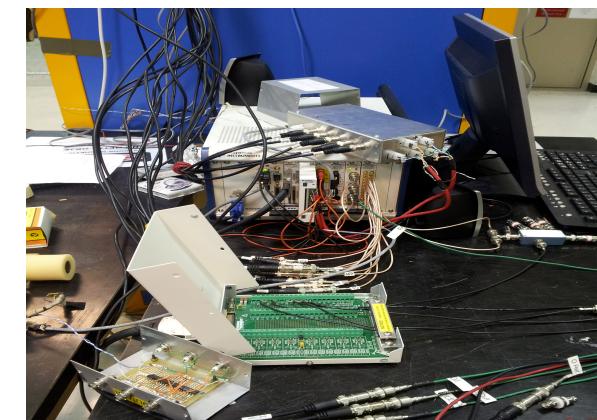
Array of vpt & PIN chambers



Connection of chambers to amplifier



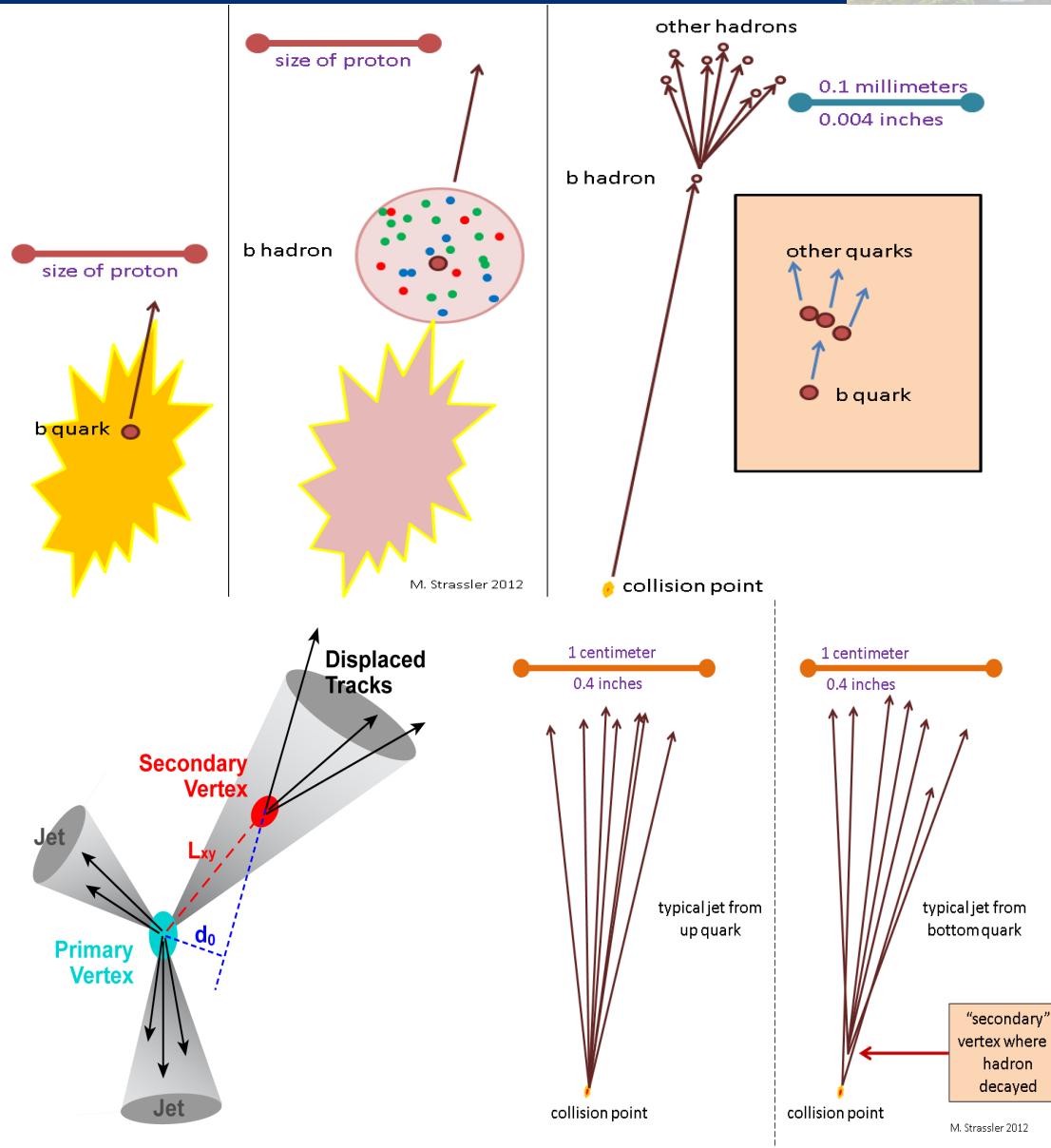
Amplifier Housing



NI PXI crate, DAQ for automated measurements

b-Tagging

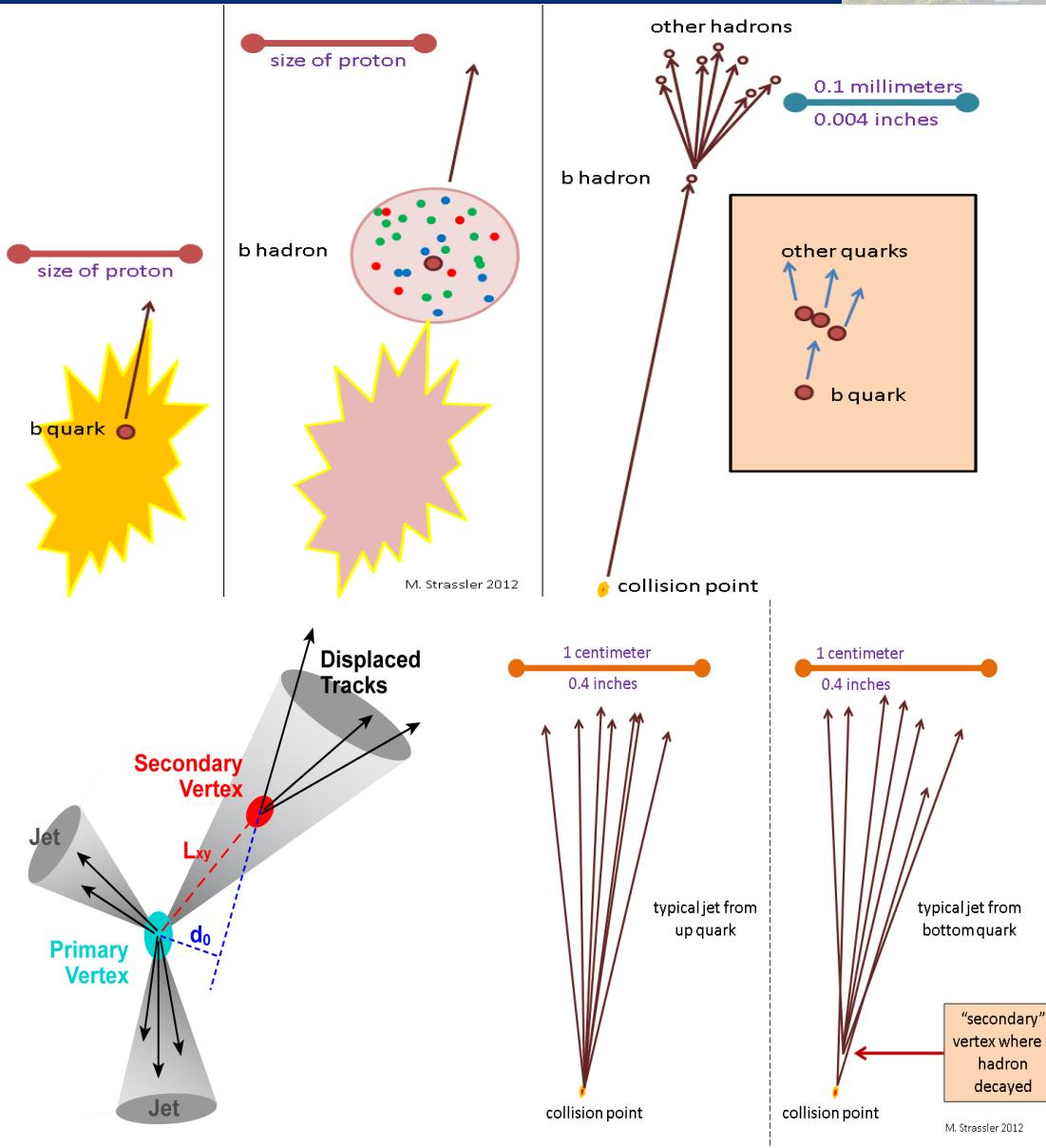
- ❖ CKM matrix has top->bottom quark at 99.9%
- ❖ b-quarks have low probability of decaying to other quarks, on average, longer decays
- ❖ Macroscopically observable time of flight - observe a displaced secondary vertex
- ❖ Several algorithms available to attempt to “tag”, a jet as being from a b-quark
- ❖ Very important for ID of top-quarks, due to high CKM mixing probability



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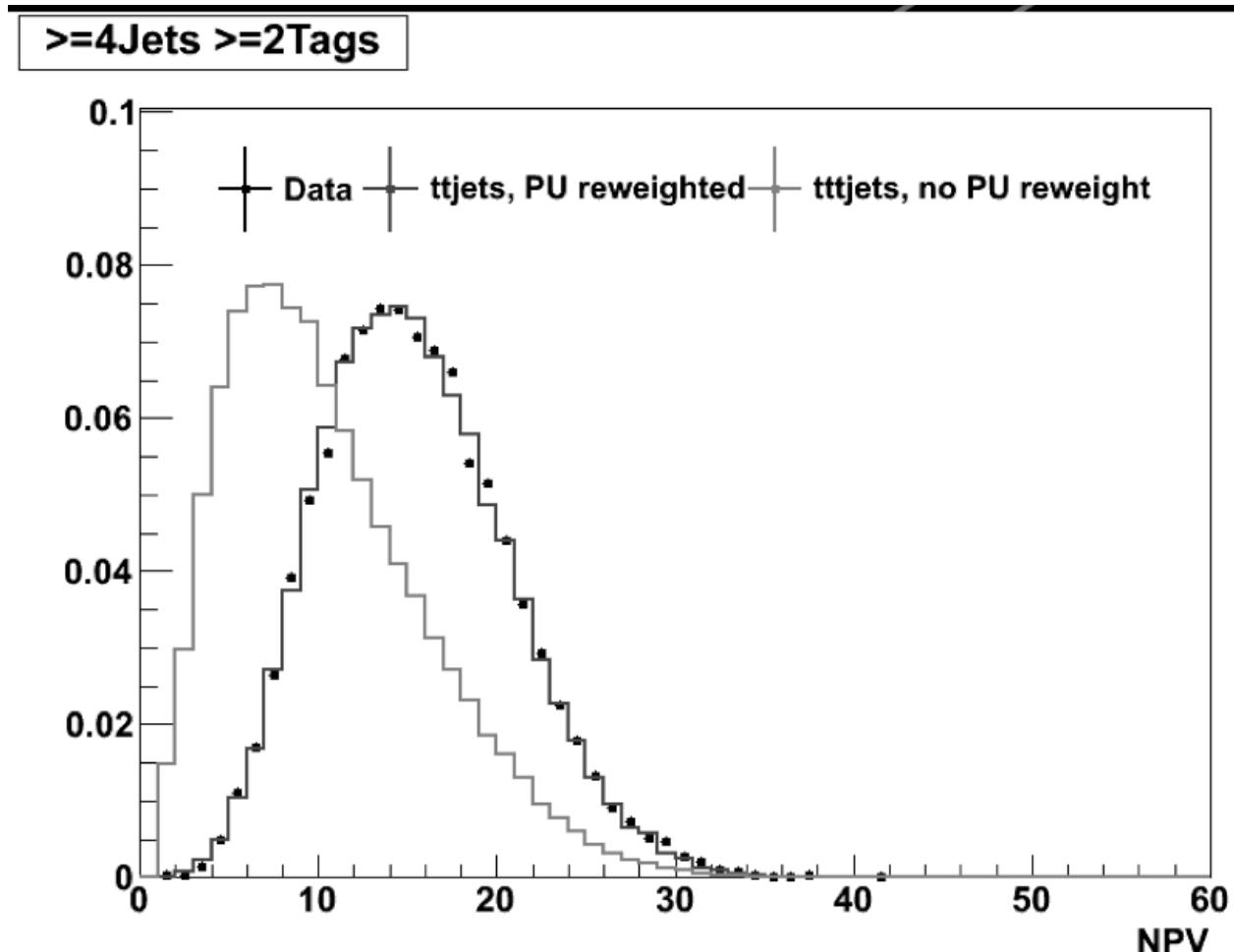
- ❖ **Combined Secondary Vertex (CSV)**
is our chosen algorithm. MVA with input variables:

- ✧ invariant mass of 2nd vertex
- ✧ jet multiplicity
- ✧ significance of 2nd vertex distance to primary
- ✧ ratio of energies of 1st/2nd vertex
- ✧ rapidities of particles associated with 2nd vertex
- ✧ track impact significance of first track exceeding charm threshold (1.5GeV)



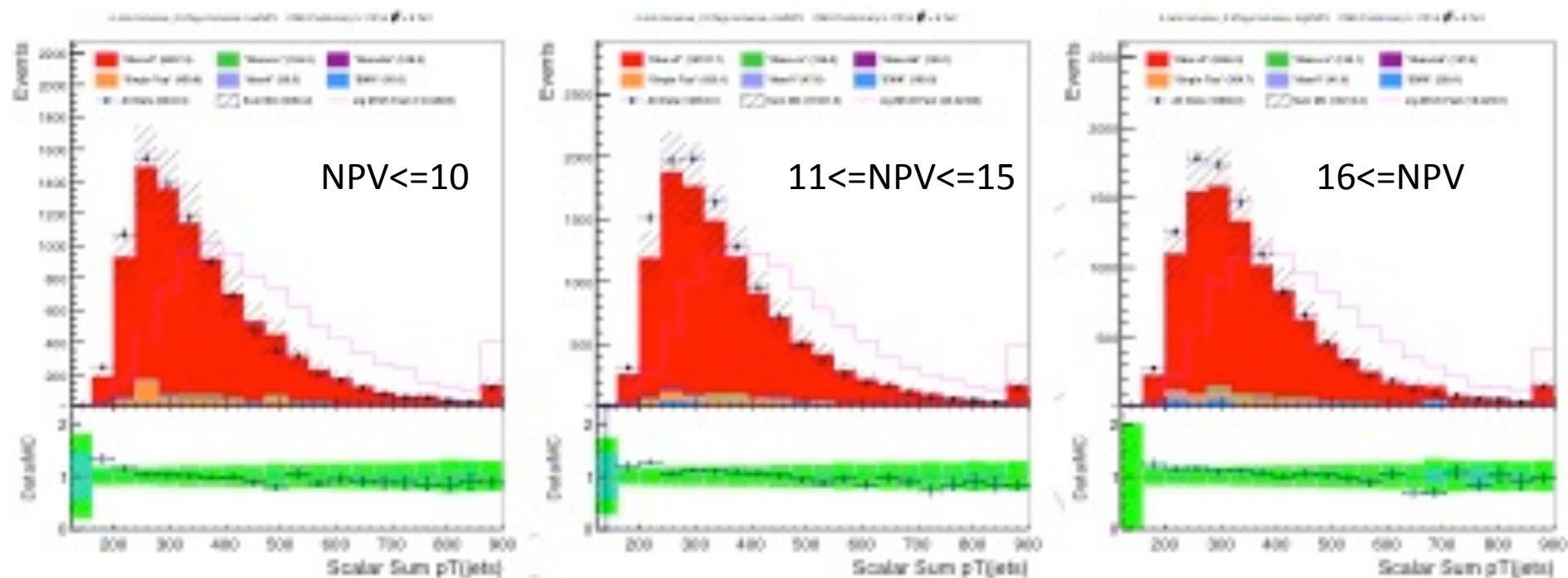
Pileup Reweighting – 5 fb⁻¹ 8 TeV

- ❖ Left – Distribution of Number of Primary Vertices for each event for tt+jets enriched sample
- ❖ Red – Monte Carlo is generated with a different pileup profile than data, so events are re-weighted using a sample of min-bias events from data
- ❖ Blue – Reweighted monte carlo sample of tt+jets enriched events
- ❖ Black – Data from a sample of tt+jets enriched events



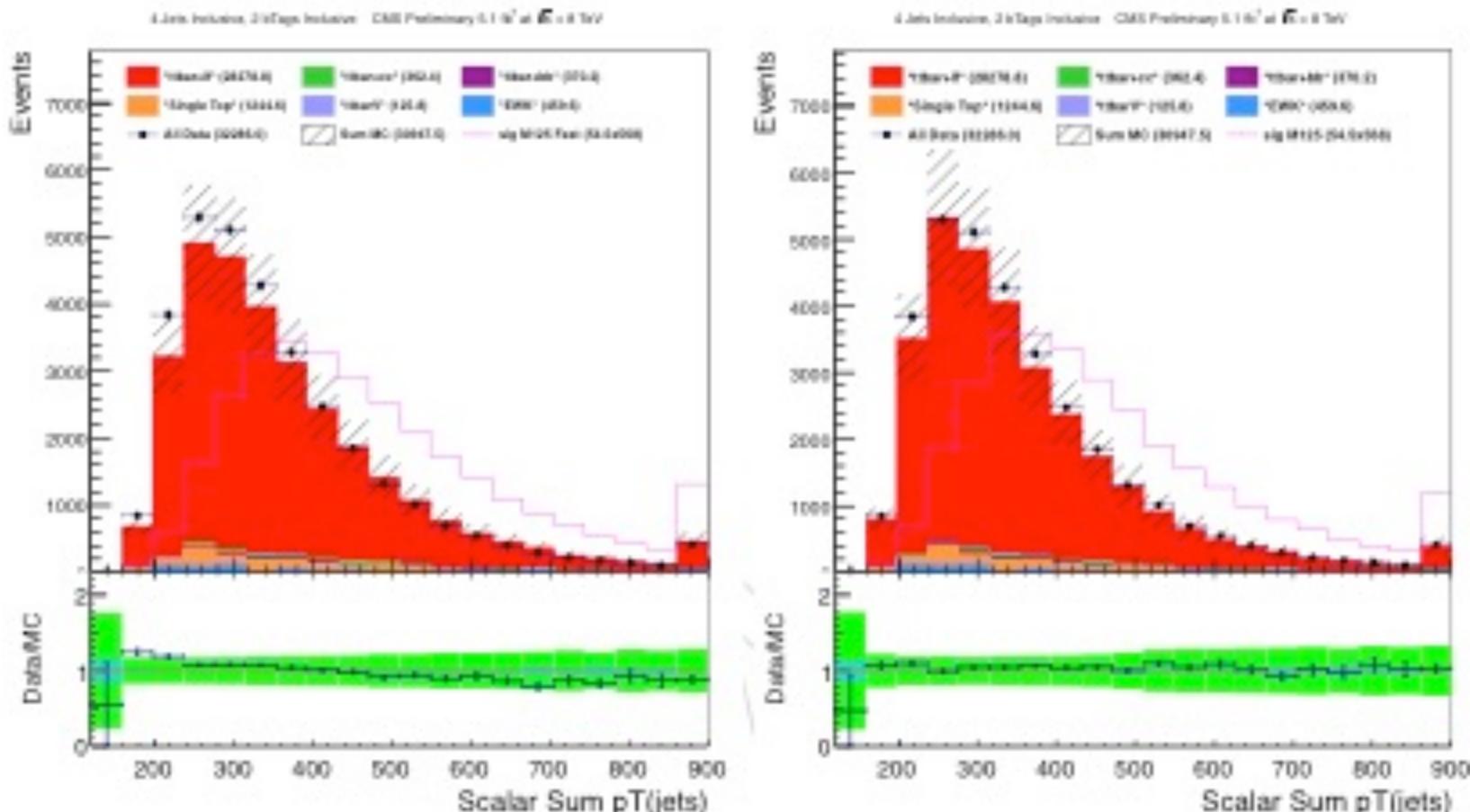
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- ❖ Scalar Sum of all Jets in the event (H_t) – for different pileup binnings
 - ✧ After PF2PAT overlap removal, charged hadron subtraction, and jet energy corrections are applied, distinct trend in discrepancy between data and monte carlo remains
- ❖ Correction based on ≥ 4 Jets, ≥ 2 Tags, Lepton+Jets data and monte carlo comparison
 - ✧ Bin-by-bin correction factor in each of the three pileup bins



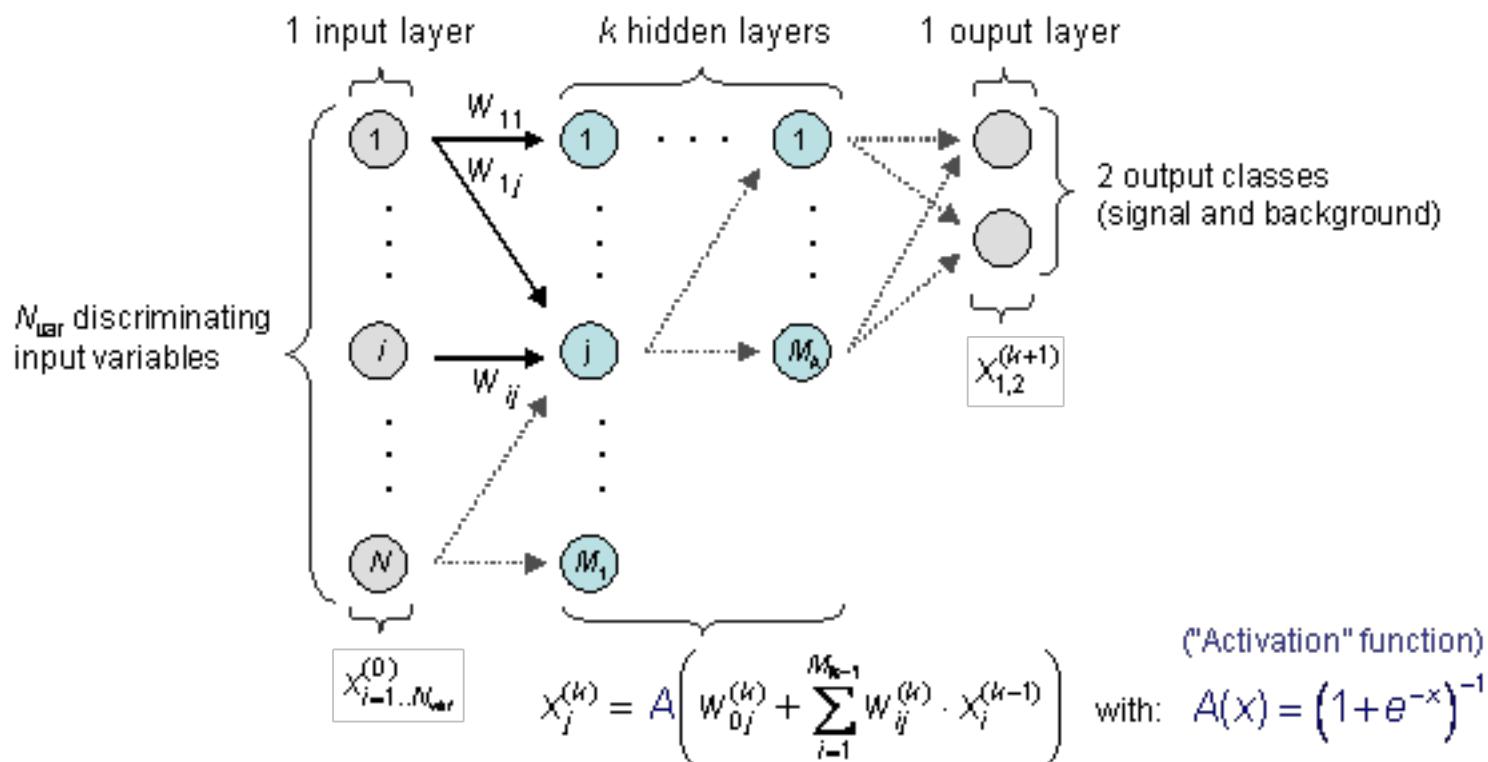
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- ❖ Below: Left – before Ht correction; Right – after Ht correction
 - ✧ Correction factors derived with variable binning for sufficient stats in tail region, so plot on bottom right is not exactly flat
 - ✧ S/B is 0.002, so no worry of signal bias
 - ✧ Additional systematic uncertainty for given by no corrections and x2 correction factor



Multi-Variate Analysis Techniques

- ❖ **Artificial Neural Network (ANN)** – specific implementation of an MVA. Ours uses 10 input variables, and two hidden layers with 10, 9 nodes respectively
- ❖ **Training events** are given to the ANN from a known signal and background source, ANN output is compared to desired result (0=background, 1=signal) and adjusts weights to try and maximize output towards signal/background-like response



Systematic Uncertainties - Lumi

- ❖ Luminosity is calculated by using the inner pixel detector
 - ✧ 7e7 pixels used
 - ✧ Low occupancy per bunch crossing, one pixel for one track
 - ✧ # of pixels is linearly related to # of interactions per bunch crosses
- ❖ Sources of uncertainty
 - ✧ Physical distribution of pixel clusters
 - ✧ Resolution on interaction region (length scale calibration)
 - ✧ Uncertainties on Beam characteristics
 - Width Evolution
 - BetaStar
 - Scan-to-Scan uncertainties
 - ✧ Afterglow

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Systematic Uncertainties – Lepton ID

- ❖ Lepton ID/Trigger Efficiency uncertainty
 - ✧ Tag & Probe Method
 - ✧ Select two electrons/muons in an invariant mass window around Z peak
 - ✧ Choose events where one electron/muon passes trigger and ID cuts, this is the “tag”
 - ✧ Assume partner is identical (since both should be coming from Z decay)
 - ✧ Check if partner passes trigger/ID, this is “probe”
 - ✧ Efficiency = #probe/#tag which pass trigger ID selection

- ❖ Sources of uncertainty
 - ✧ Purity of sample
 - ✧ Statistical uncertainty

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Systematic Uncertainties – Pileup

- ❖ Pileup is the effect of having multiple interaction points per bunch crossing
 - ✧ MC is generated with an arbitrary number of pileup events
 - ✧ Has to be adjusted to match data distribution
 - ✧ Use control region in data from your HLT to get pileup distribution from data
 - ✧ Scale MC to match

- ❖ Sources of uncertainty
 - ✧ Min bias Xsection
 - Number of actual pileup of events in each measurement

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Systematic Uncertainties – Add. Pileup

- ❖ Jet pT distributions showed a sloped bias in the data to MC distributions which varied over Number of Primary Vertex (NPV) regions
- ❖ Use Scalar Sum of all jet pTs in event, H_t
- ❖ In inclusive selection, reweight this distribution to match data
- ❖ Weights distributed to jet/tag categories
- ❖ Yields normalized to # of events before this reweighting
- ❖ Uncertainty comes from applying no correction to applying x2 the correction

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Systematic Uncertainties – JER

- ❖ Jet Energy Resolution (JER) is different between MC and data
- ❖ Need a scale factor for jet 4-vector, to “smear” resolution of jet energy and momentum in MC to match data
- ❖ Photon+Jet, Z+Jet, and diJet events are used to study energy resolution in pT, eta, phi bins in the detector
- ❖ Uncertainty comes from
 - ✧ Purity of sample
 - ✧ Uncertainty on invariant mass fits in resolution analysis

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Systematic Uncertainties – JES

- ❖ Jet Energy Scale corrections are based on corrections made to jet energies during reconstruction
- ❖ Energy offset (L1 correction) is performed to remove energy from pileup deposits
- ❖ Eta correction (L2 correction) performed to ensure uniform detector response in eta
- ❖ Pt correction (L3 correction) performed to ensure uniform detector response from kinematically similar events
- ❖ Corrections derived by studying Z-jetjet using tag & probe, and other diJet processes
- ❖ Uncertainty determined by varying Jet Energy Scale correction factors +/- 1 sigma and reproducing ANN output shapes

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Systematic Uncertainties – bTag hSF

- ❖ Begin with high purity sample of bQuarks
- ❖ Muon-Jet method, multi-jet production
 - ✧ Strong mixing to top-quark gives larger semi-leptonic BR vs other quarks
 - ✧ Look for jets with a muon within $\delta R < 0.4$
 - ✧ Alternative use high-purity ttbar sample, but we need those events in our analysis
- ❖ Several methods to determine efficiency
 - ✧ “System8”, tag & probe style method, ID a muon-jet as probe, use jet passing some number of alt. tagging algos
- ❖ Measure efficiency in data to be ~70%, need MC to match this
- ❖ Uncertainties due to purity of sample, pileup, gluon splitting, muon ID, bias of other tagger

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Systematic Uncertainties – bTag IfSF

- ❖ Similar procedure to calculate mis-ID SF uncertainty, ie uncertainty on SF for If jets tagged as b-Jets
- ❖ Invert away-jet tagger cut, still probe with muon jet
- ❖ Systematic uncertainties
 - ✧ b/c quark fractions
 - ✧ Gluon fractions
 - ✧ Long-lived meson decays
 - ✧ Mis-ID on tracks
 - ✧ Pileup
 - ✧ Purity of sample
- ❖ Vary results of SF due to these different uncertainties, get +/- 1 sigma on SF, recreate ANN distributions
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- ❖ Uncertainty from knowledge on initial Parton Distribution Function of protons being collided
- ❖ Studied from earlier Tevatron, and earlier runs at CMS' knowledge of the proton
- ❖ Initial state energies of particles are essentially varied, giving different rates for background processes
- ❖ Adjust rates +/- 1 sigma from quoted uncertainty used across CMS

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PDF (gg)	9%	No	For gg initiated processes ($t\bar{t}$, $t\bar{t}Z$, $t\bar{t}H$)
PDF ($q\bar{q}$)	4.2-7%	No	For $q\bar{q}$ initiated processes ($t\bar{t}W$, W , Z).
PDF (gg)	4.6%	No	For gg initiated processes (single top)
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t}H$)	15%	No	For NLO $t\bar{t}H$ prediction
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t}$)	2-12%	No	For NLO $t\bar{t}$ and single top predictions
QCD Scale (V)	1.2-1.3%	No	For NNLO W and Z prediction
QCD Scale (VV)	3.5%	No	For NLO diboson prediction
Madgraph Scale ($t\bar{t}$)	0-20%	Yes	$t\bar{t}$ +jets/ bb / cc uncorrelated. Varies by jet bin.
Madgraph Scale (V)	20-60%	No	Varies by jet bin.
$t\bar{t} + bb$	50%	No	Only $t\bar{t} + bb$.

Systematic Uncertainties – QCD Scale

- ❖ Theoretical uncertainties on production cross-sections from theory
- ❖ Estimated by considering effects of next order in perturbation theory on results from current level of calculation
- ❖ Processes Effected:
 - ✧ ttH (signal)
 - ✧ tt+lf,c,b
 - ✧ V+X events
 - ✧ VV+X events

- ❖ Below: Table of complete list of uncertainties, % change to normalization, and whether or not uncertainty is used in shape comparison

Source	Rate Uncertainty	Shape	Remarks
Luminosity (7 TeV)	2.2%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Luminosity (8 TeV)	4.4%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Lepton ID/Trig	4%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Pileup	1%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Additional Pileup Corr.	–	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
Jet Energy Resolution	1.5%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Jet Energy Scale	0-60%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
b-Tag SF (b/c)	0-33.6%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
b-Tag SF (mistag)	0-23.5%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
MC Statistics	–	Yes	All backgrounds
PDF (gg)	9%	No	For gg initiated processes ($t\bar{t}$, $t\bar{t}Z$, $t\bar{t}H$)
PDF ($q\bar{q}$)	4.2-7%	No	For $q\bar{q}$ initiated processes ($t\bar{t}W$, W , Z).
PDF (gq)	4.6%	No	For gq initiated processes (single top)
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t}H$)	15%	No	For NLO $t\bar{t}H$ prediction
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t}$)	2-12%	No	For NLO $t\bar{t}$ and single top predictions
QCD Scale (V)	1.2-1.3%	No	For NNLO W and Z prediction
QCD Scale (VV)	3.5%	No	For NLO diboson prediction
Madgraph Scale ($t\bar{t}$)	0-20%	Yes	$t\bar{t}$ +jets/ bb / cc uncorrelated. Varies by jet bin.
Madgraph Scale (V)	20-60%	No	Varies by jet bin.
$t\bar{t} + bb$	50%	No	Only $t\bar{t} + bb$.

Systematic Uncertainties – Q^2

- ❖ Q^2 is the factorization and renormalization uncertainties from using MC
- ❖ Uncertainty from not matching data exactly, thus energy scale, ie strength of coupling constants, kinematic distributions from decays are all affected
- ❖ Vary Q^2 in the initial MC samples, reproduce ANN output distribution to have rate and shape information about how ANN should change due to this effect

- ❖ Below: Table of complete list of uncertainties, % change to normalization, and whether or not uncertainty is used in shape comparison

Source	Rate Uncertainty	Shape	Remarks
Luminosity (7 TeV)	2.2%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Luminosity (8 TeV)	4.4%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Lepton ID/Trig	4%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Pileup	1%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Additional Pileup Corr.	–	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
Jet Energy Resolution	1.5%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Jet Energy Scale	0-60%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
b-Tag SF (b/c)	0-33.6%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
b-Tag SF (mistag)	0-23.5%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
MC Statistics	–	Yes	All backgrounds
PDF (gg)	9%	No	For gg initiated processes ($t\bar{t}$, $t\bar{t}Z$, $t\bar{t}H$)
PDF ($q\bar{q}$)	4.2-7%	No	For $q\bar{q}$ initiated processes ($t\bar{W}$, W , Z).
PDF (qg)	4.6%	No	For qg initiated processes (single top)
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t}H$)	15%	No	For NLO $t\bar{t}H$ prediction
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t}$)	2-12%	No	For NLO $t\bar{t}$ and single top predictions
QCD Scale (V)	1.2-1.3%	No	For NNLO W and Z prediction
QCD Scale (VV)	3.5%	No	For NLO diboson prediction
Madgraph Scale ($t\bar{t}$)	0-20%	Yes	$t\bar{t}$ +jets/ bb / cc uncorrelated. Varies by jet bin.
Madgraph Scale (V)	20-60%	No	Varies by jet bin.
$t\bar{t} + bb$	50%	No	Only $t\bar{t} + bb$.

Systematic Uncertainties – tt+bb

- ❖ Since the tt+bb background is kinematically very similar to our signal, it is hard to discriminate against
- ❖ In order to be conservative in our estimates of ttH production, we added an additional 50% uncertainty on top of the existing cross-section uncertainty

- ❖ Below: Table of complete list of uncertainties, % change to normalization, and whether or not uncertainty is used in shape comparison

Source	Rate Uncertainty	Shape	Remarks
Luminosity (7 TeV)	2.2%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Luminosity (8 TeV)	4.4%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Lepton ID/Trig	4%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Pileup	1%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Additional Pileup Corr.	–	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
Jet Energy Resolution	1.5%	No	All signal and backgrounds
Jet Energy Scale	0-60%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
b-Tag SF (b/c)	0-33.6%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
b-Tag SF (mistag)	0-23.5%	Yes	All signal and backgrounds
MC Statistics	–	Yes	All backgrounds
PDF (gg)	9%	No	For gg initiated processes (tt, ttZ, ttH)
PDF ($q\bar{q}$)	4.2-7%	No	For $q\bar{q}$ initiated processes (tW, W, Z).
PDF (qg)	4.6%	No	For qg initiated processes (single top)
QCD Scale (ttH)	15%	No	For NLO $t\bar{t}H$ prediction
QCD Scale (tt)	2-12%	No	For NLO $t\bar{t}$ and single top predictions
QCD Scale (V)	1.2-1.3%	No	For NNLO W and Z prediction
QCD Scale (VV)	3.5%	No	For NLO diboson prediction
Madgraph Scale (tt)	0-20%	Yes	$t\bar{t} + \text{jets}/bb/c\bar{c}$ uncorrelated. Varies by jet bin.
Madgraph Scale (V)	20-60%	No	Varies by jet bin.
tt + bb	50%	No	Only tt + bb.

Limit Setting Technique

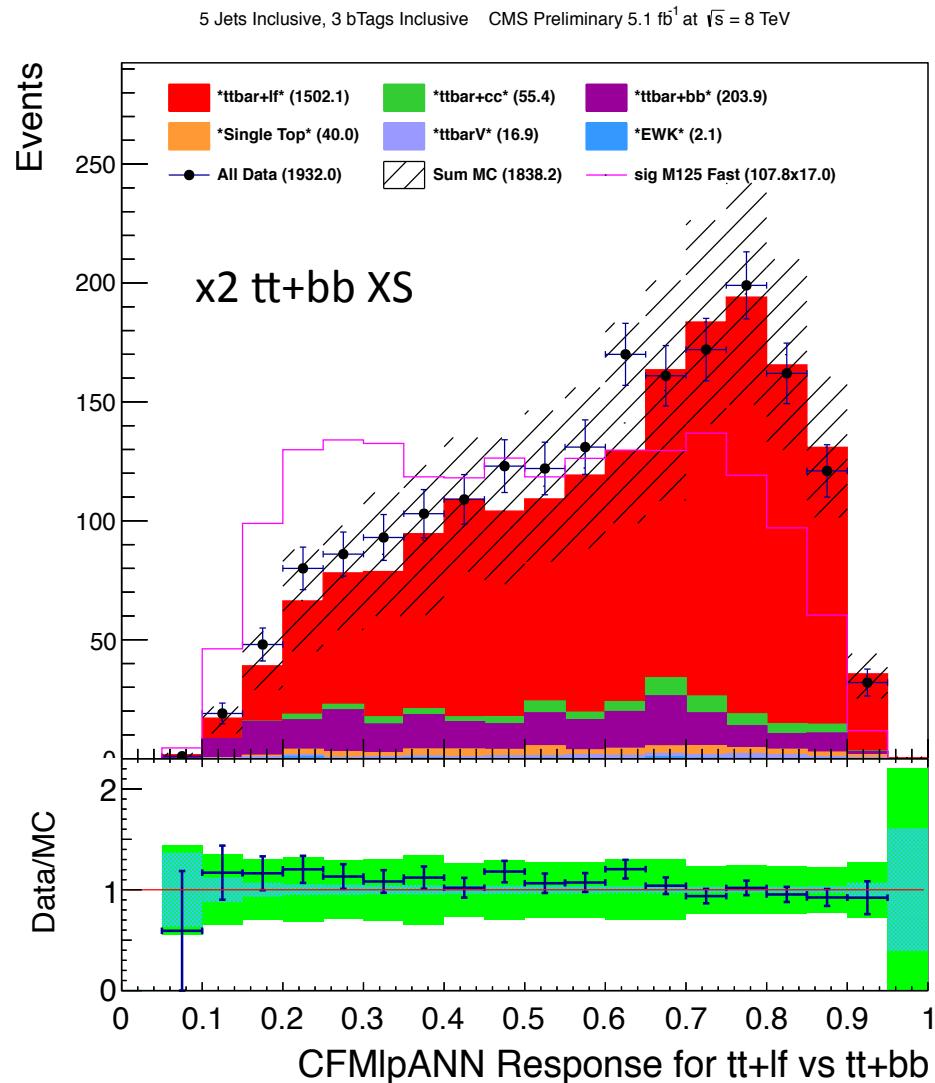
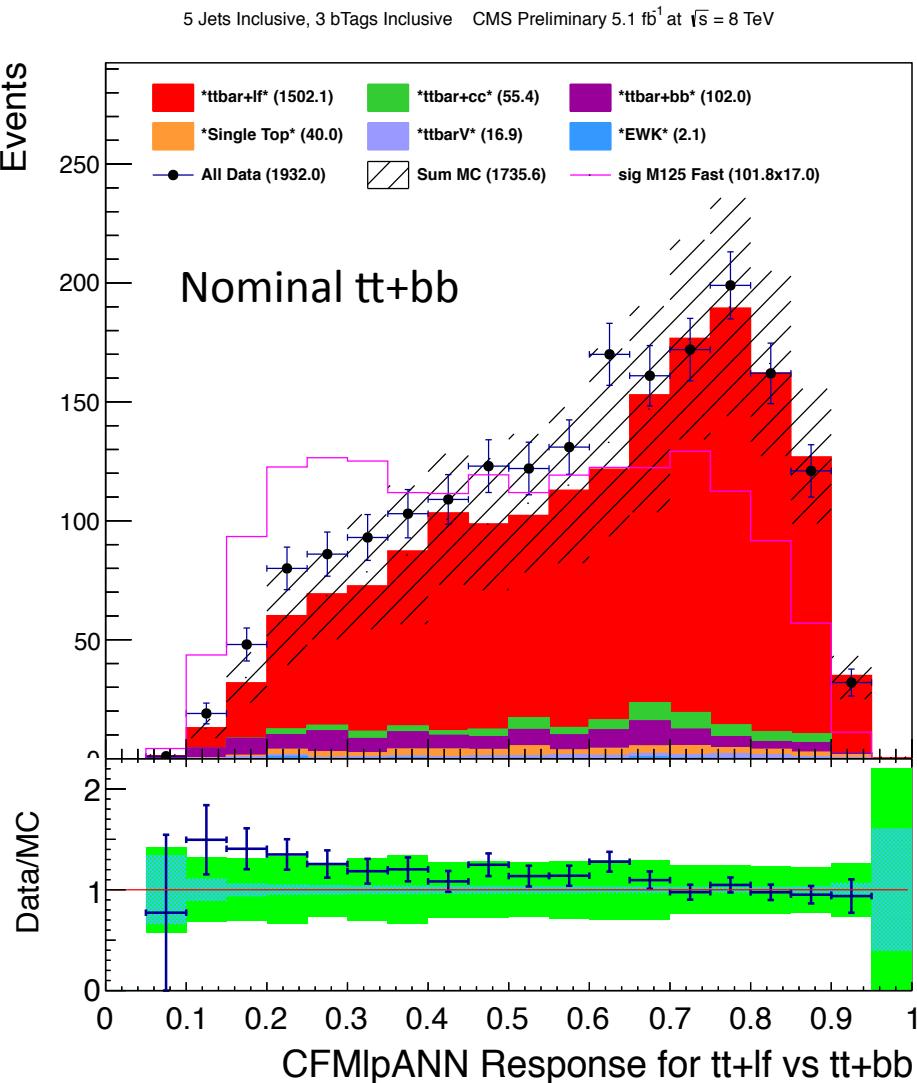
- ❖ In the case of no clear signal, ask what is the upper limit on ttH production possible that can still be explained by this dataset
- ❖ CLs is modified frequentist technique (~Bayesian, relies on background prediction)
- ❖ Templates for signal and background processes, nominal and +/- 1 σ for shape uncertainties
- ❖ Perform pseudoexperiments - vary template shapes within constraints of systematics
- ❖ Test signal+background and background only hypothesis by performing a fit across each jet/tag category simultaneously
 - ✧ Signal-poor categories constrain background fit in signal-rich jet/tag categories
- ❖ Repeat many times to get distribution of +/- 1,2 σ uncertainty bands

$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV L+J, mu+ele

- In order to gauge the sensitivity of our analysis to $t\bar{t}+bb$, we have trained an ANN to discriminate $t\bar{t}+bb$ from $t\bar{t}+lf$
 - Using CFMLpANN MVA – same type of MVA algorithm used in signal extraction
 - Train $t\bar{t}+bb$ as signal against $t\bar{t}+lf$ background
 - Divide samples into 2 sub-categories, so that TMVA has sufficient events in each sample to train the ANN
 - ==5 Jets, ≥ 3 bTags
 - ≥ 6 Jets, ≥ 3 bTags
 - For comparison, have also created plots with the X-Section for $t\bar{t}+bb$ doubled
 - From these we can look for any discrepancies between data and MC agreement, which could possibly be attributed to erroneous assumptions on the XS or shape of the $t\bar{t}+bb$ process

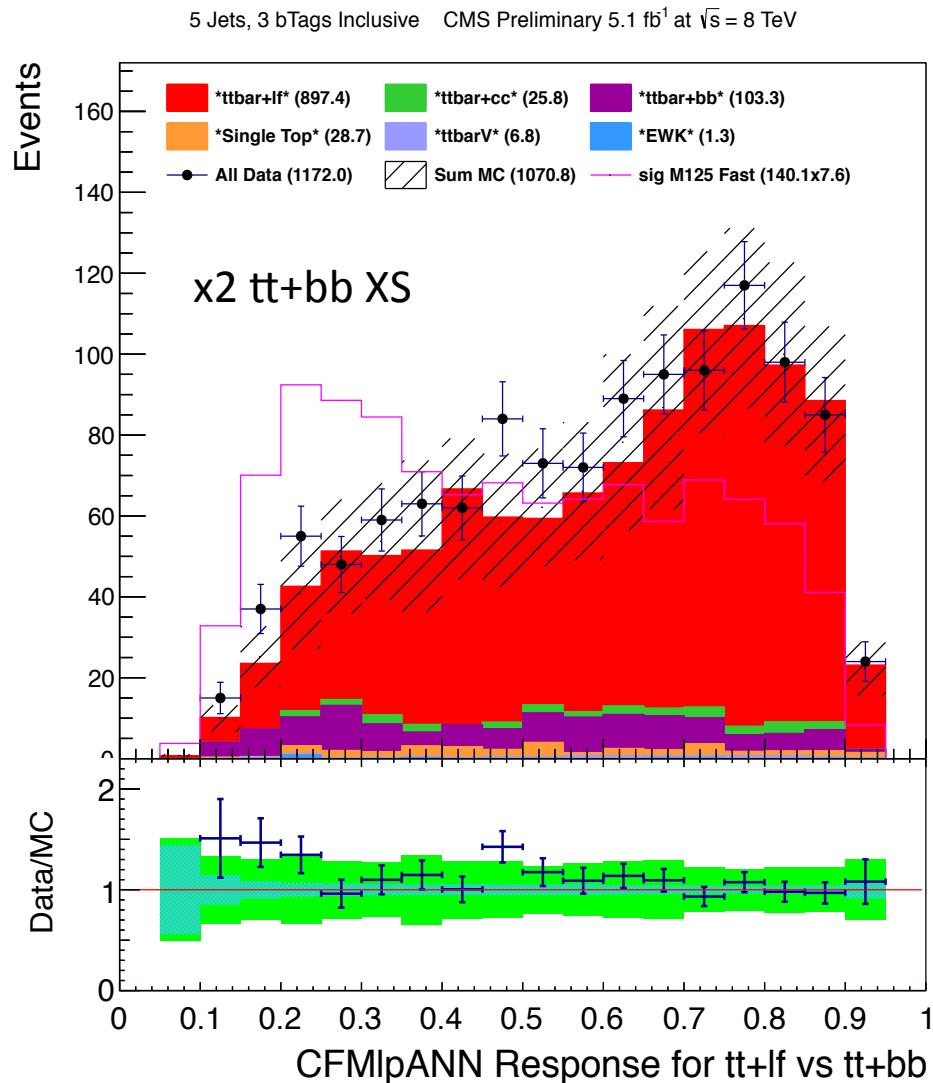
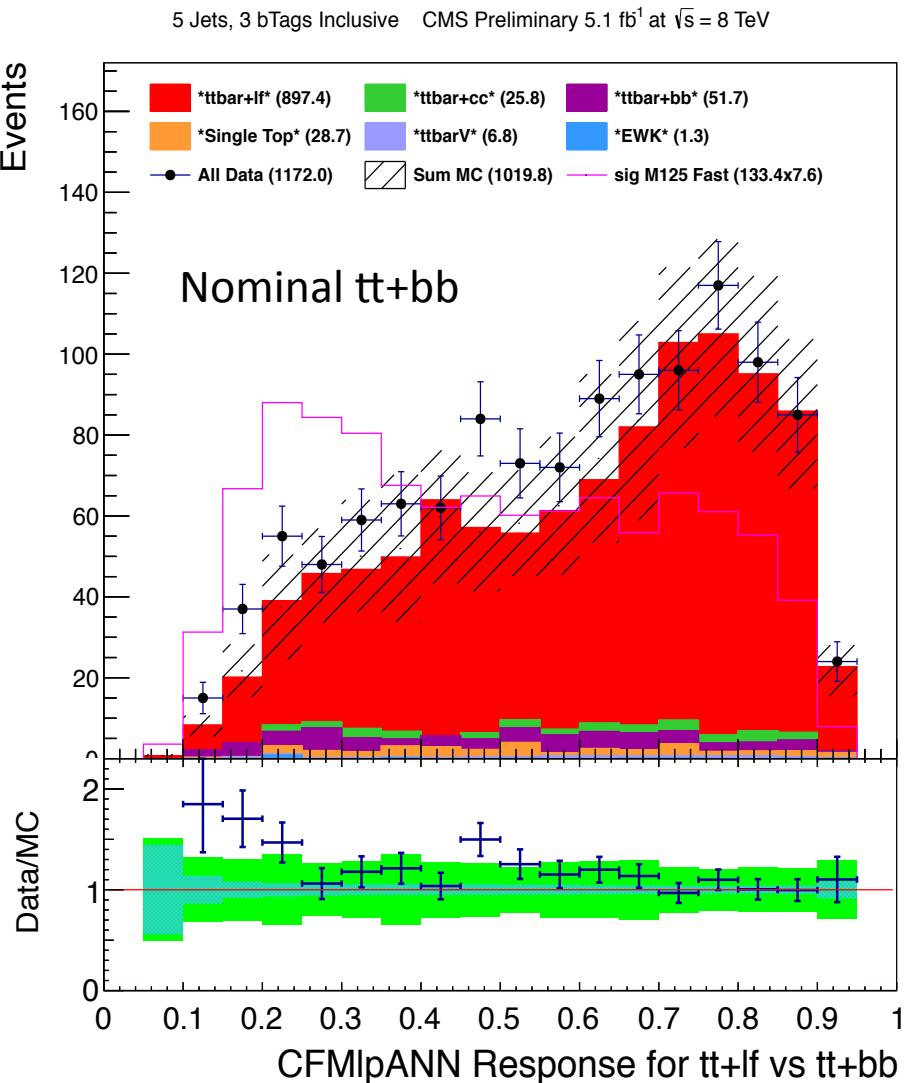
$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV L+J, mu+ele, $\geq 5J \geq 3T$

- For the inclusive category, Nominal $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS accounts for data within error bands
- Doubling $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS improves agreement only slightly



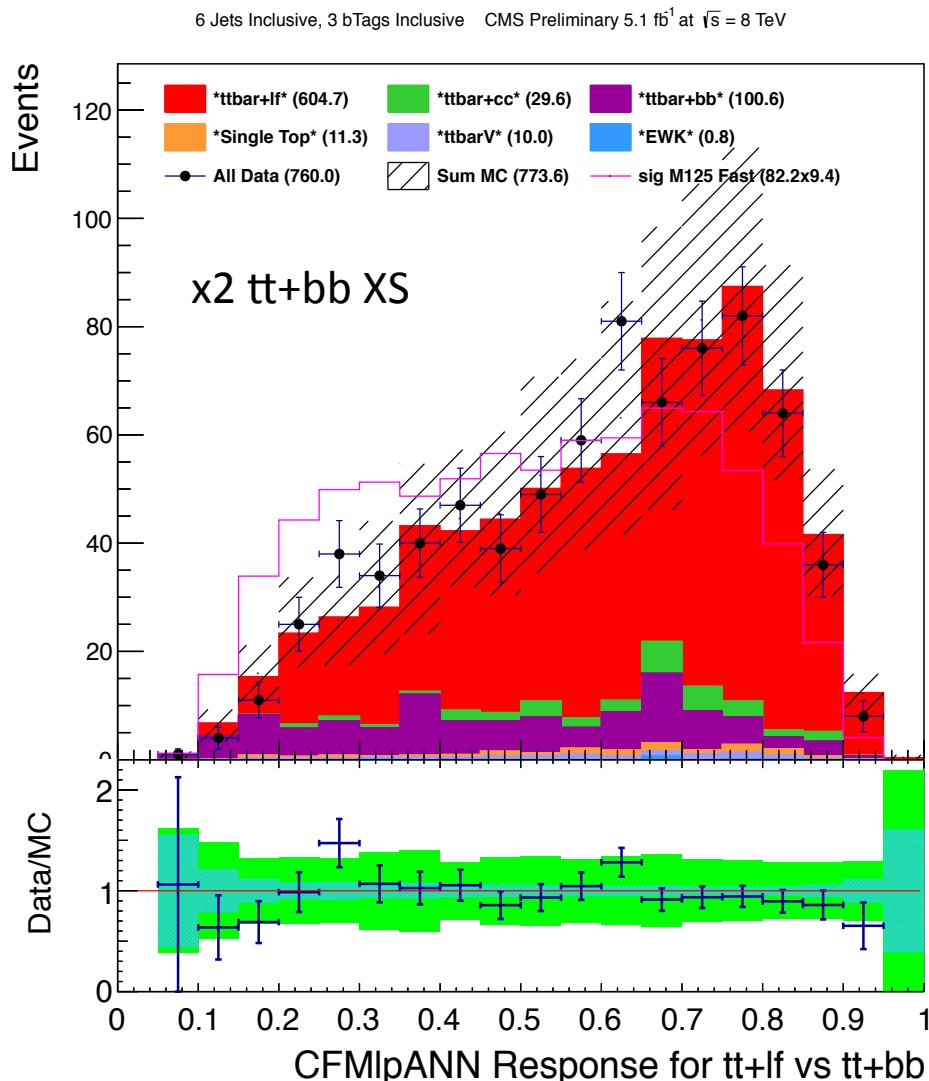
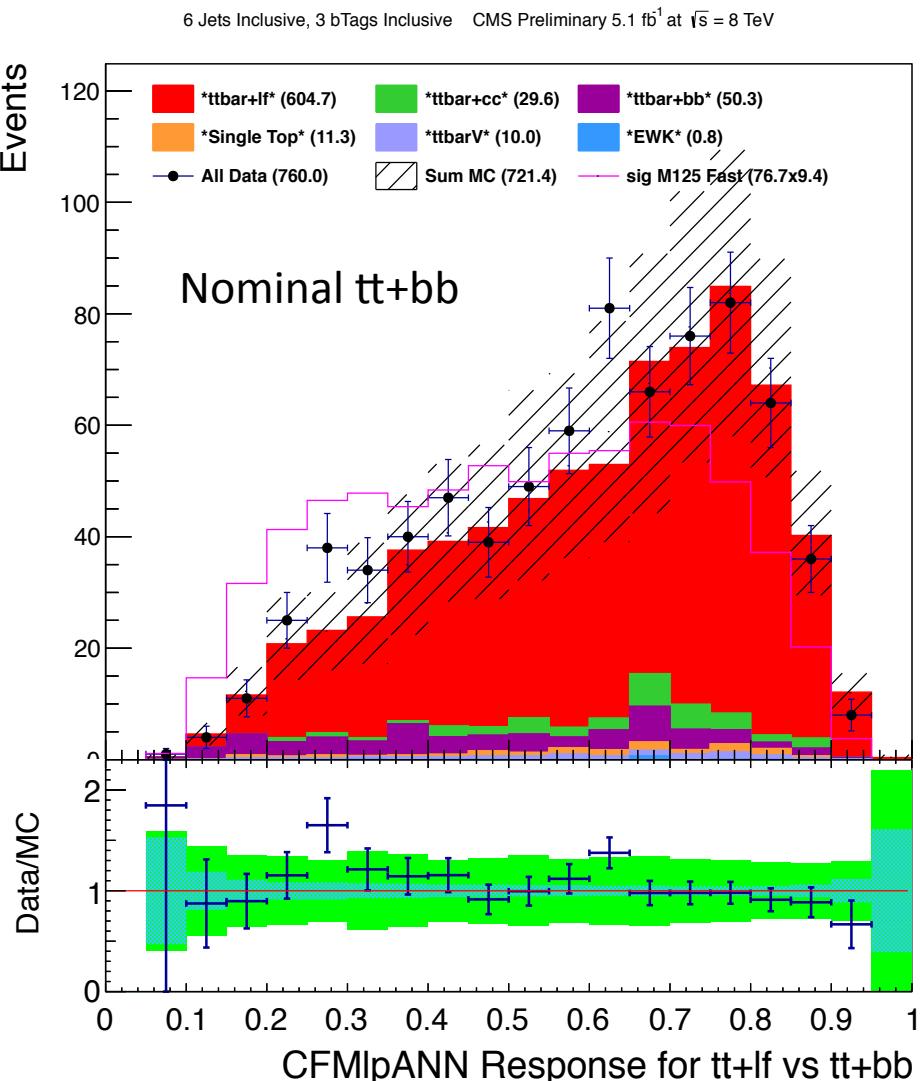
$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV L+J, mu+ele, ==5J, $\geq 3T$

- Nominal $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS accounts for data within error bands
- In this sub-category, doubling $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS improves only a few bins



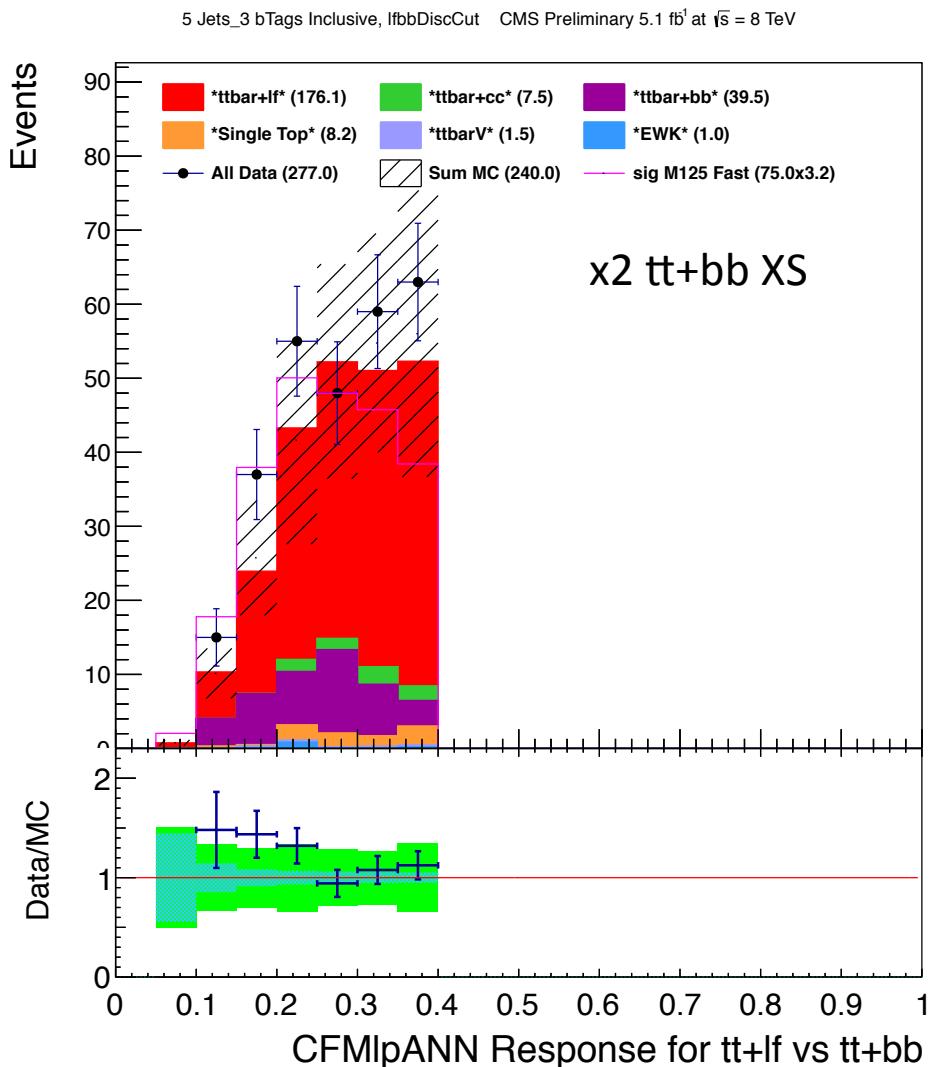
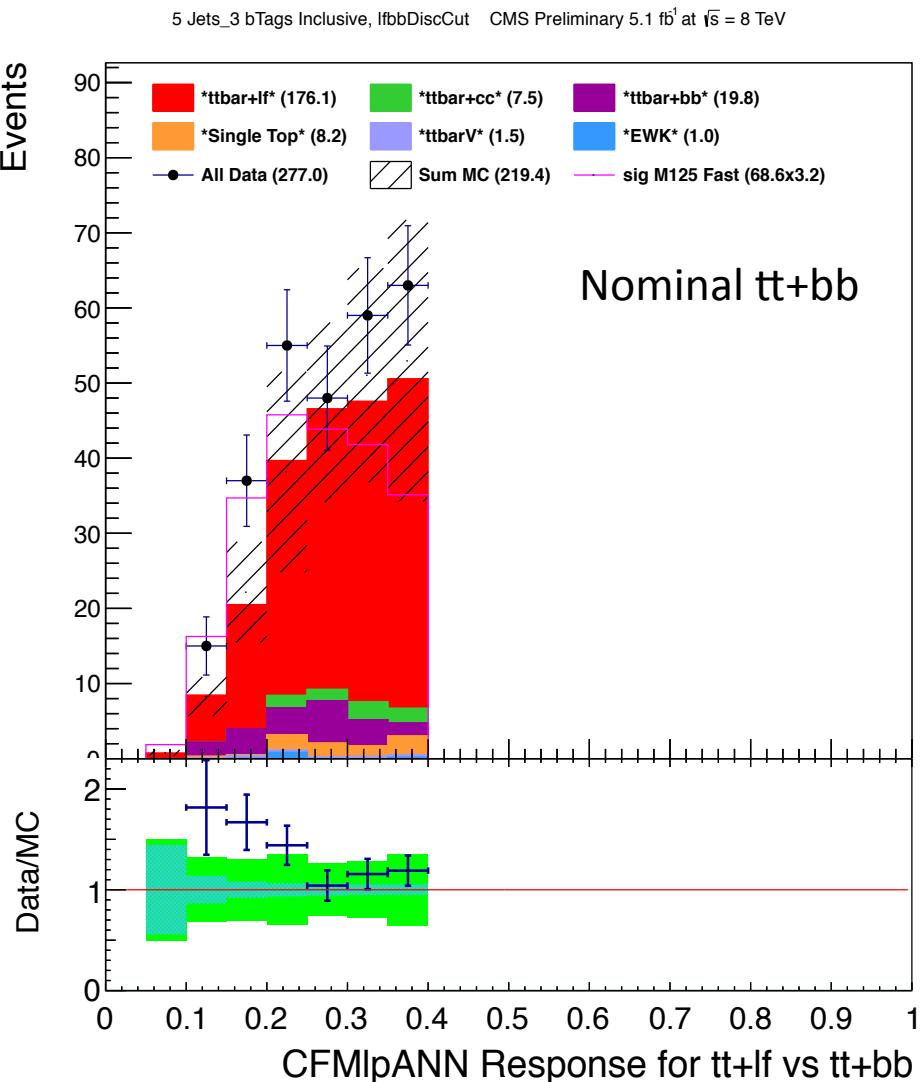
$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV L+J, mu+ele, $\geq 6J$, $\geq 3T$

- Here, in the most sensitive category for $t\bar{t}+bb$, nominal $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS shows more consistent levels of agreement than the doubled XS



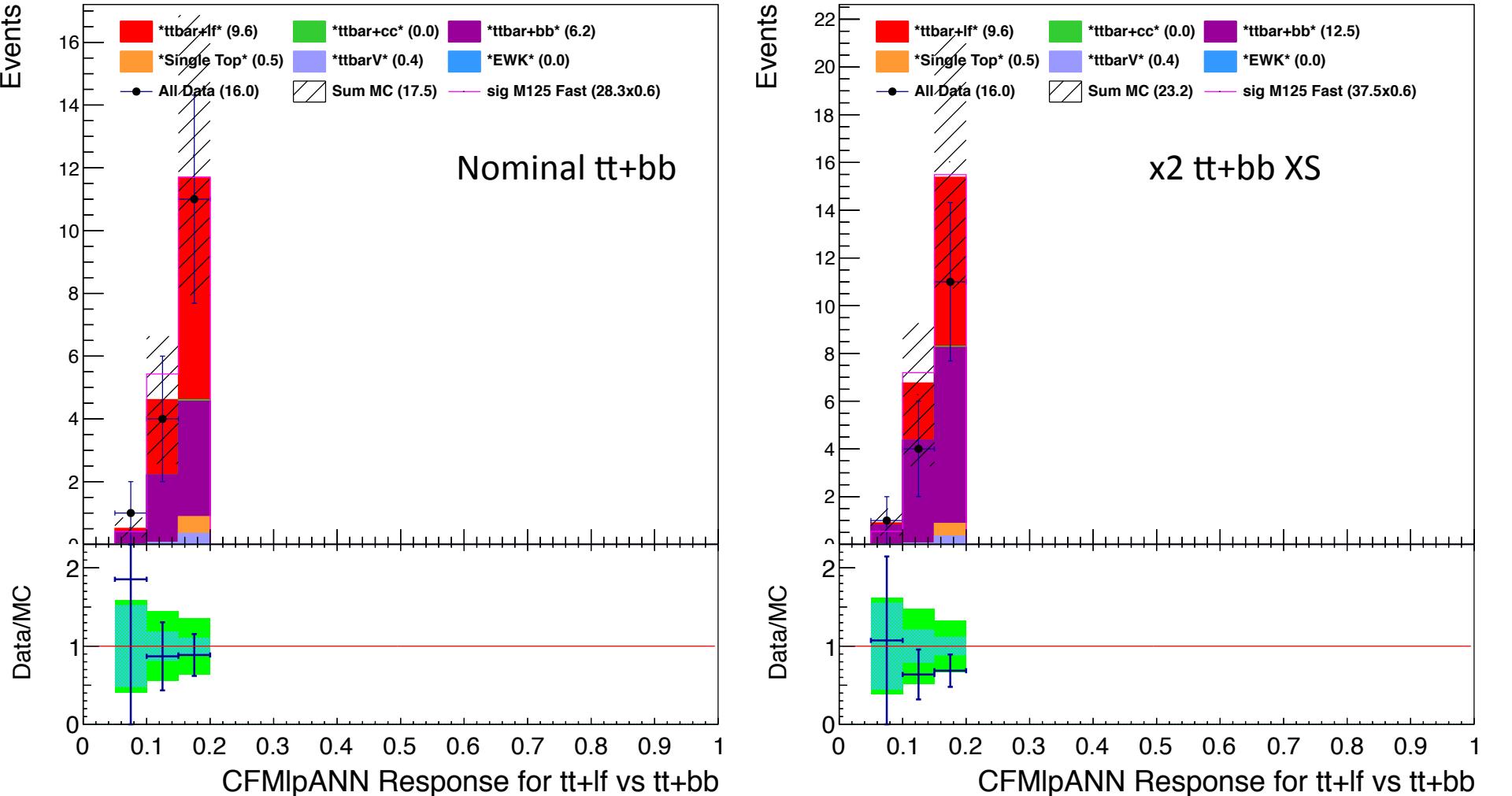
$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV L+J, mu+ele, ==5J, $\geq 3T$

- Looking at the region with best $t\bar{t}+bb$ /Sum_allBg, doubling XS provides some improvement



$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV L+J, mu+ele, $\geq 6J$, $\geq 3T$

- In this category, which has the best $t\bar{t}+bb$ /allBg ratio; in the most sensitive region of this discriminant: nominal $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS provides better agreement



$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV L+J, mu+ele

- Cutflow tables for nominal, and x2 $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS cases

Nominal $t\bar{t}+bb$

Table 1: Cut Flow Table for $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow t\bar{t}bb \rightarrow \text{lep+Jets}$

Cut	$t\bar{t}+lf$	$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$	$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$	Single t	$t\bar{t} + V$	EWK	sig M125 Fast	$\epsilon_{sig}(\%)$	Sum B	Observed
≥ 5 Jets ≥ 3 bTags	1502.09	55.42	101.95	40.03	16.85	2.10	17.05	2.5992	1718.45 ± 124.38	1932.00
$= 5$ Jets ≥ 3 bTags	897.40	25.80	51.67	28.70	6.82	1.28	7.64	1.1692	1011.66 ± 68.67	1172.00
≥ 6 Jets ≥ 3 bTags	604.69	29.62	50.28	11.34	10.04	0.82	9.41	1.4300	706.79 ± 63.47	760.00
$= 5$ Jets, ≥ 3 bTags, $lfbbDisc < 0.4$	176.14	7.48	19.77	8.25	1.52	1.00	3.20	0.4927	214.17 ± 30.48	277.00
≥ 6 Jets ≥ 3 bTags, $lfbbDisc < 0.2$	9.60	0.05	6.23	0.53	0.43	0.00	0.62	0.0975	16.83 ± 4.92	16.00

x2 $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS

Table 1: Cut Flow Table for $t\bar{t}H \rightarrow t\bar{t}bb \rightarrow \text{lep+Jets}$

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$t\bar{t}+bb$ vs $t\bar{t}+lf$ discriminant – 8TeV 5fb^{-1} L+J, mu+ele

- ==5 Jets, >=3 bTags
 - This category shows some improvement overall when doubling the $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS
- >=6 Jets, >=3 bTags
 - This category only shows slight improvement overall when doubling $t\bar{t}+bb$ XS
 - In the most sensitive region of the discriminant for $t\bar{t}+bb$, the nominal XS showed shows the better agreement
- By designing an MVA to look specifically for $t\bar{t}+bb$, we can gauge how accurately we believe we are modeling this process
- It is not clear that increasing the $t\bar{t}+bb$ X-section is the right thing to do for all categories. Hence, we propose to increase our systematic uncertainty on the normalization of this process to a larger number, 100%
- Also, even though we look at these plots and can make statements about the yields/ shapes for these different scenarios, there is no statistically significant discrepancy in any of the nominal shapes. The size of the $t\bar{t}+bb$ “signal” is approximately the same size as the uncertainty of the background (which is driven by $t\bar{t}+lf$)

Pre/Post Fit Comparison – 8 TeV 5 fb⁻¹

- ❖ Pre-fit versus post-fit normalizations for all backgrounds and signal
- ❖ In general, background uncertainties reduced, signal uncertainty increased
- ❖ K-Factor for $t\bar{t}+bb$ consistent with expectations from NLO comparisons

	≥ 6 jets 2 tags	4 jets 3 tags	5 jets 3 tags	≥ 6 jets 3 tags	4 jets ≥ 4 tags	5 jets ≥ 4 tags	≥ 6 jets ≥ 4 tags
$t\bar{t}+lf$	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.1
$t\bar{t}+bb$	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2
$t\bar{t}+cc$	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1

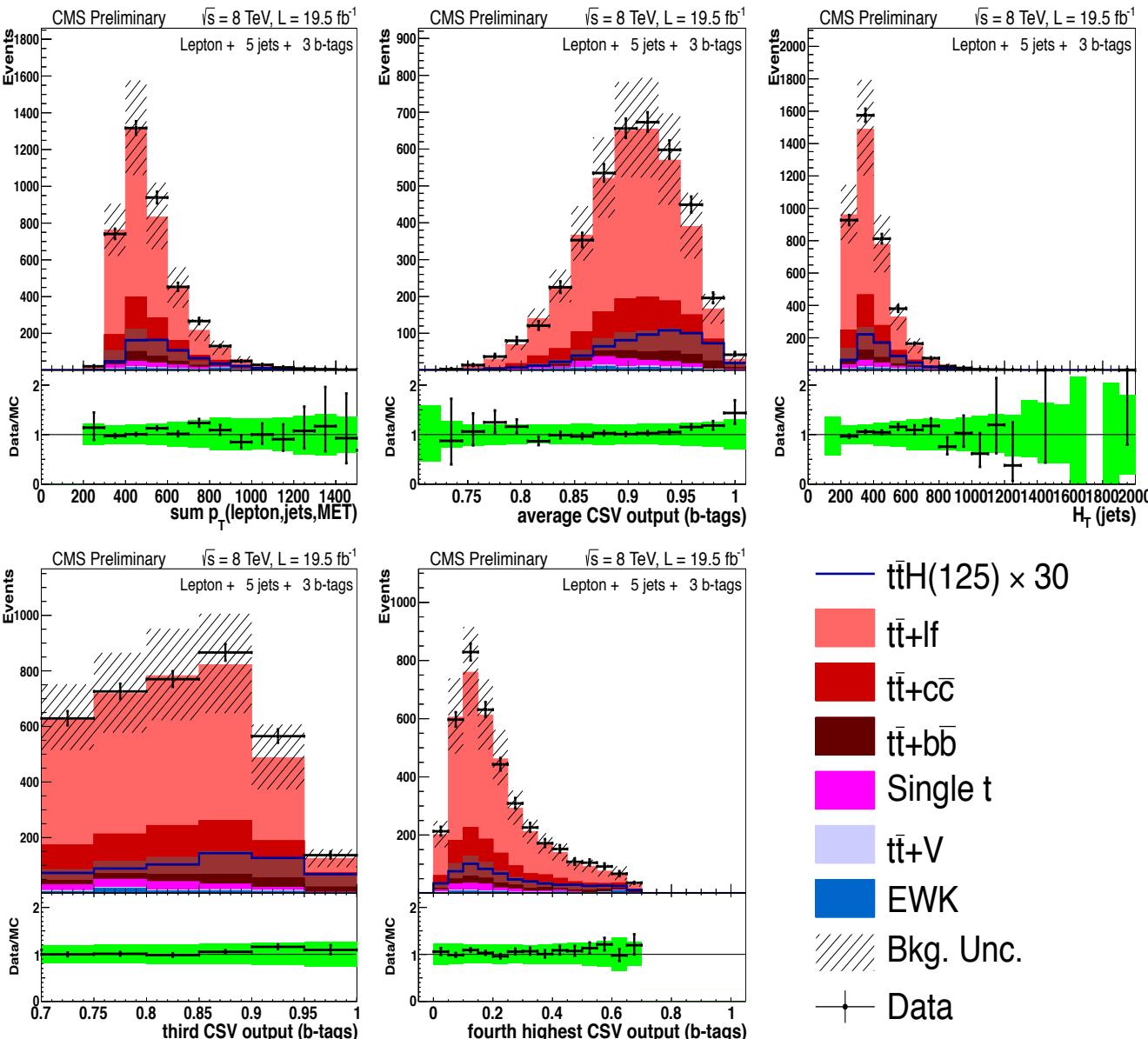
Category	Sample	Pre-Fit	Post-fit (s+b)	<i>Post-fit Pre-fit</i>
Dilepton ≥ 3 jets, ≥ 3 b-tags	$t\bar{t}H(125)$	3.3 ± 1.7	11.2 ± 9.7	3.4
	$t\bar{t}+lf$	135.5 ± 34.4	150.2 ± 10.5	1.1
	$t\bar{t} + bb$	25.1 ± 13.9	32.7 ± 15.3	1.3
	$t\bar{t} + cc$	14.1 ± 4.1	14.8 ± 2.7	1.0
	$t\bar{t}W$	1.1 ± 0.3	1.2 ± 0.2	1.1
	$t\bar{t}Z$	2.7 ± 0.6	2.9 ± 0.3	1.1
	Single t	6.2 ± 2.4	5.3 ± 2.2	0.8
	$W+jets$	< 0.1	< 0.1	-
	$Z+jets$	29.4 ± 13.3	26.0 ± 10.0	0.9
	Diboson	0.7 ± 0.2	0.7 ± 0.2	1.0
Total Bkg	Total Bkg	214.7 ± 48.0	233.8 ± 18.8	1.1
	Data		251	
Lepton+jets 5 jets, ≥ 4 b-tags	$t\bar{t}H(125)$	1.5 ± 0.8	5.6 ± 4.8	3.6
	$t\bar{t}+lf$	27.6 ± 8.6	32.1 ± 5.0	1.2
	$t\bar{t} + bb$	8.4 ± 5.4	11.6 ± 5.6	1.4
	$t\bar{t} + cc$	0.8 ± 0.9	0.8 ± 0.9	1.0
	$t\bar{t}W$	0.3 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.1	1.0
	$t\bar{t}Z$	0.4 ± 0.2	0.5 ± 0.1	1.2
	Single t	3.1 ± 2.2	2.8 ± 2.0	0.9
	$W+jets$	< 0.1	< 0.1	-
	$Z+jets$	< 0.1	< 0.1	-
	Diboson	< 0.1	< 0.1	-
Total Bkg	Total Bkg	40.5 ± 11.8	48.1 ± 7.0	1.2
	Data		56	
Lepton+jets ≥ 6 jets, ≥ 4 b-tags	$t\bar{t}H(125)$	2.5 ± 1.3	8.7 ± 7.5	3.4
	$t\bar{t}+lf$	41.3 ± 14.9	45.3 ± 5.8	1.1
	$t\bar{t} + bb$	15.4 ± 9.4	18.9 ± 9.2	1.2
	$t\bar{t} + cc$	3.7 ± 1.8	3.9 ± 1.5	1.1
	$t\bar{t}W$	0.3 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.1	1.1
	$t\bar{t}Z$	1.2 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.2	1.1
	Single t	1.0 ± 0.6	1.1 ± 0.5	1.1
	$W+jets$	< 0.1	< 0.1	-
	$Z+jets$	< 0.1	< 0.1	-
	Diboson	< 0.1	< 0.1	-
Total Bkg	Total Bkg	62.9 ± 21.0	70.9 ± 10.2	1.1
	Data		74	

Input Variables, all Categories

5 jets, ≥ 4 tags	≥ 6 jets, 3 tags	≥ 6 jets, ≥ 4 tags	4 jets, 3 b-tags	4 jets, 4 b-tags	
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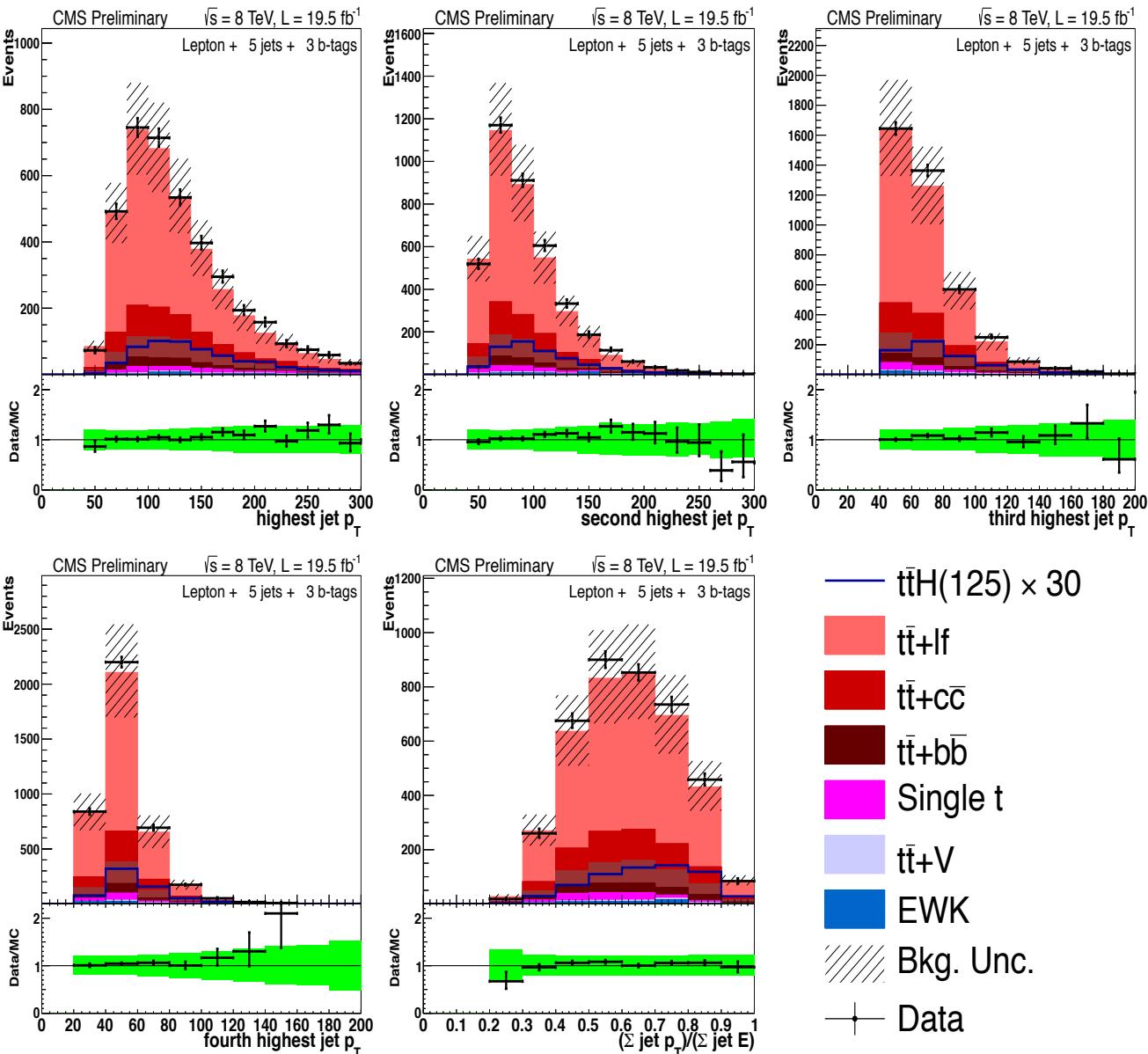
- ❖ Above: Variables used for the ttbb/ttH discriminant in the most signal sensitive categories
- ❖ Right: Variables used for tt+Jets/ttH discriminant used in signal extraction and limit setting

Boosted Decision Tree - Input



- ❖ **Train BDT, 10 variables depending on category (eg. ==5j, ==3t, signal scaled x 30):**
- ✧ Sum of pT for lepton, jets, MET
- ✧ avg b-tag discriminant value (CSV) for tagged jets
- ✧ Scalar Sum of pT, Jets (H_T)
- ✧ Third highest b-tag CSV
- ✧ Fourth highest CSV
- ✧ Highest pT jet
- ✧ Second highest pT jet
- ✧ Third Highest pT jet
- ✧ Fourth highest pT jet
- ✧ Sum of Jet pT / Sum of jet Energy

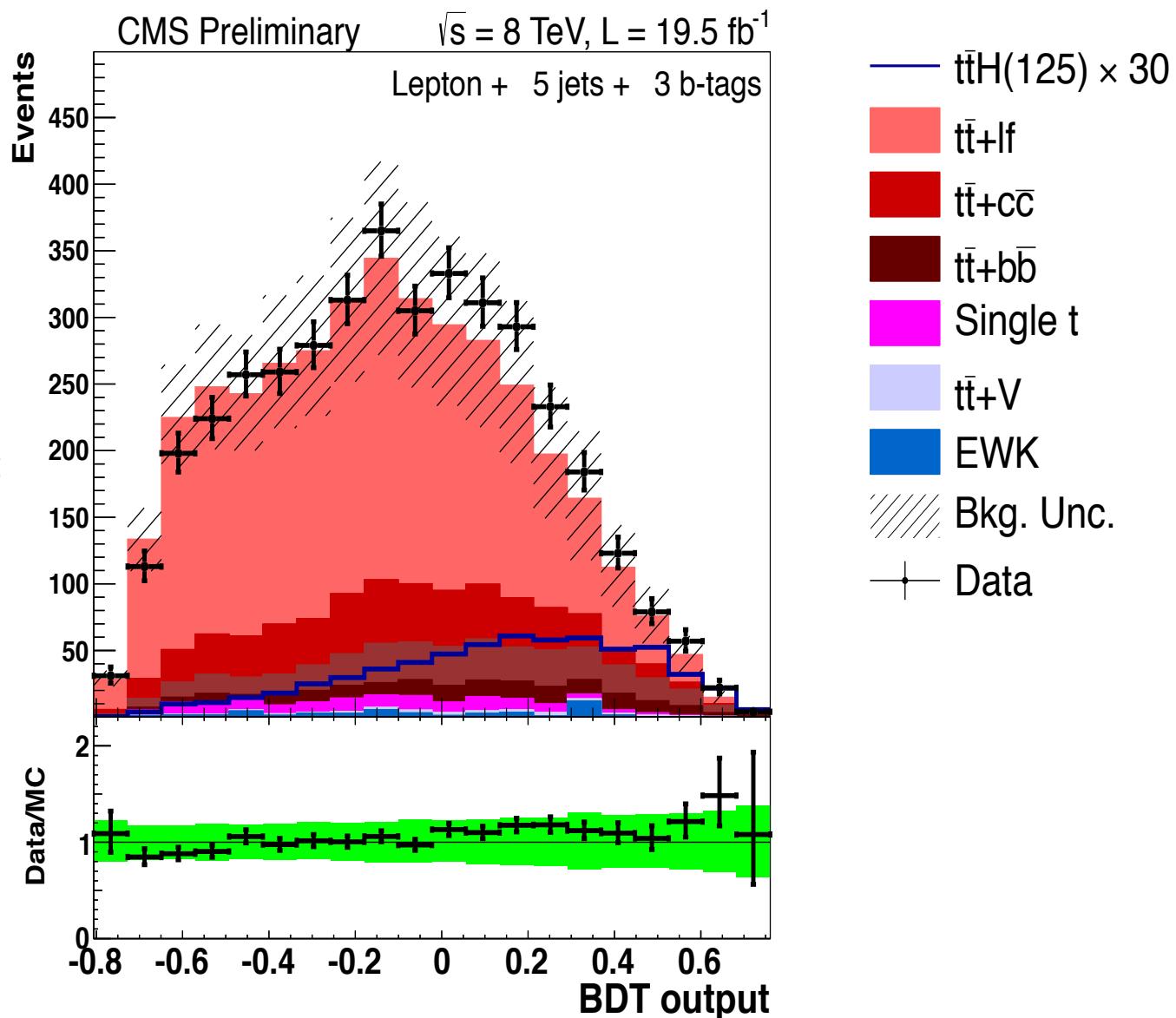
Boosted Decision Tree - Input



- ❖ **Train BDT, 10 variables depending on category (eg. ==5j, ==3t, signal scaled x 30):**
 - ❖ Sum of p_T for lepton, jets, MET
 - ❖ avg b-tag discriminant value (CSV) for tagged jets
 - ❖ Scalar Sum of p_T , Jets (H_T)
 - ❖ Third highest b-tag CSV
 - ❖ Fourth highest CSV
 - ❖ Highest p_T jet
 - ❖ Second highest p_T jet
 - ❖ Third Highest p_T jet
 - ❖ Fourth highest p_T jet
 - ❖ Sum of Jet p_T / Sum of jet Energy

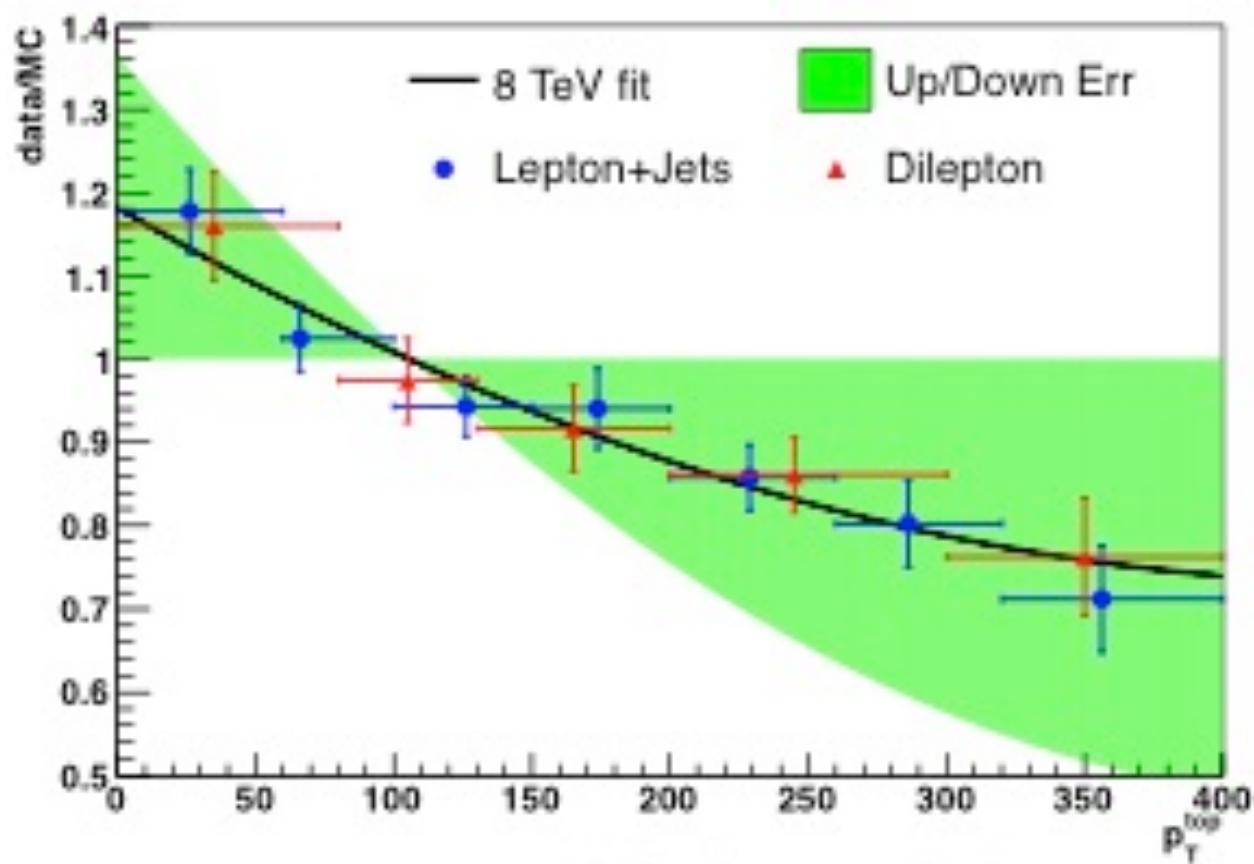
Boosted Decision Tree – Output

- ❖ Events which are more similar to largest background, $t\bar{t}$ +jets, have values closer to -1, events which are most similar to $t\bar{t}H$, have values closer to 1
- ❖ Example to the right is from the Lepton +Jets analysis: (≈ 5 Jets, ≈ 3 Tags)



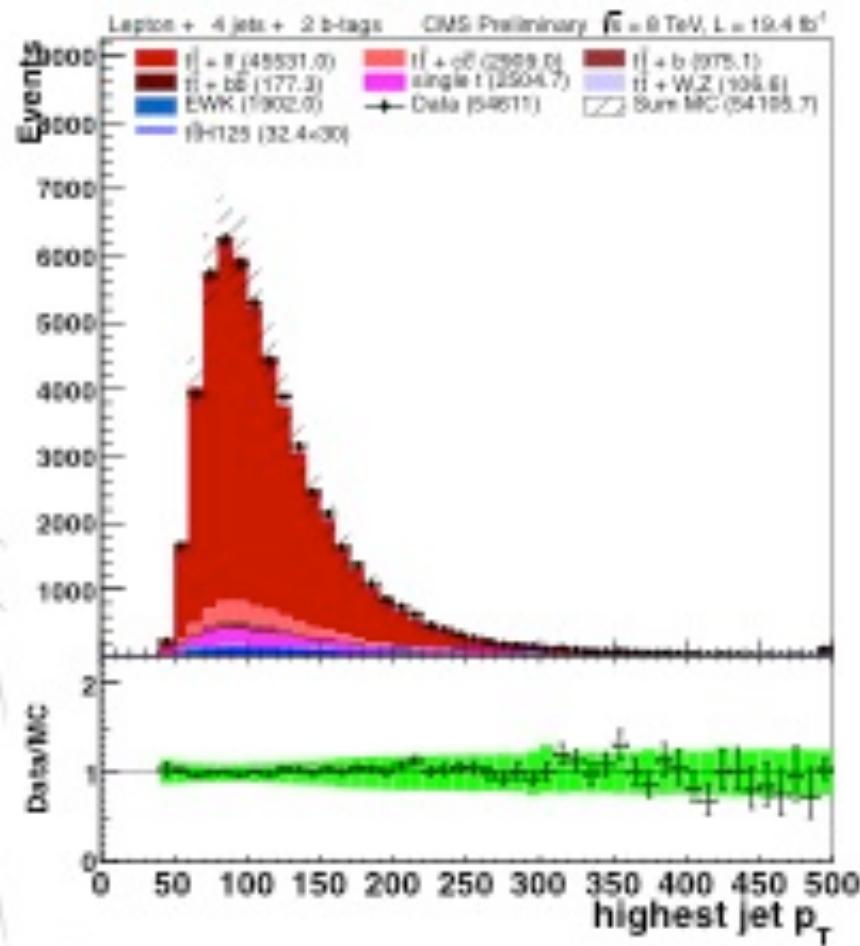
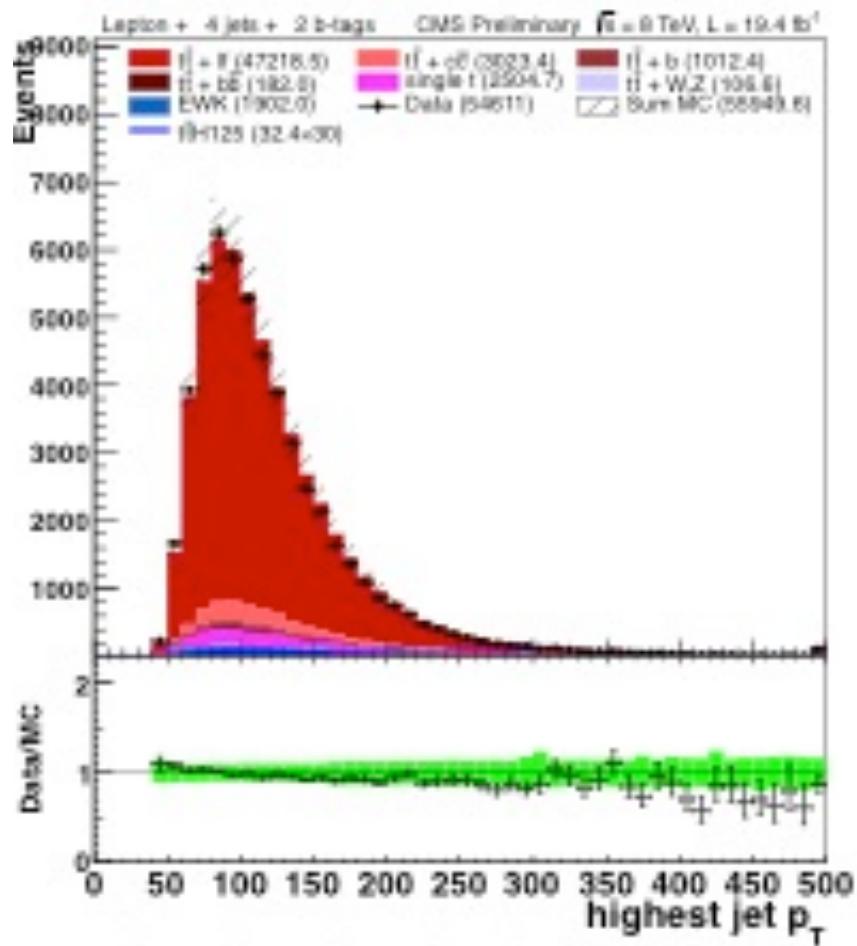
Top pT Reweighting – 19.5 fb⁻¹ 8 TeV

- ❖ New Monte Carlo ttJets samples also exhibited the same discrepancy with respect to data that we previously used Ht reweighting to correct
- ❖ Top pT cross section measured in data and compared to madgraph monte carlo
- ❖ Top pT at genParton level is softer than data at low pT, so correction factor and associated systematic uncertainty added to the analysis



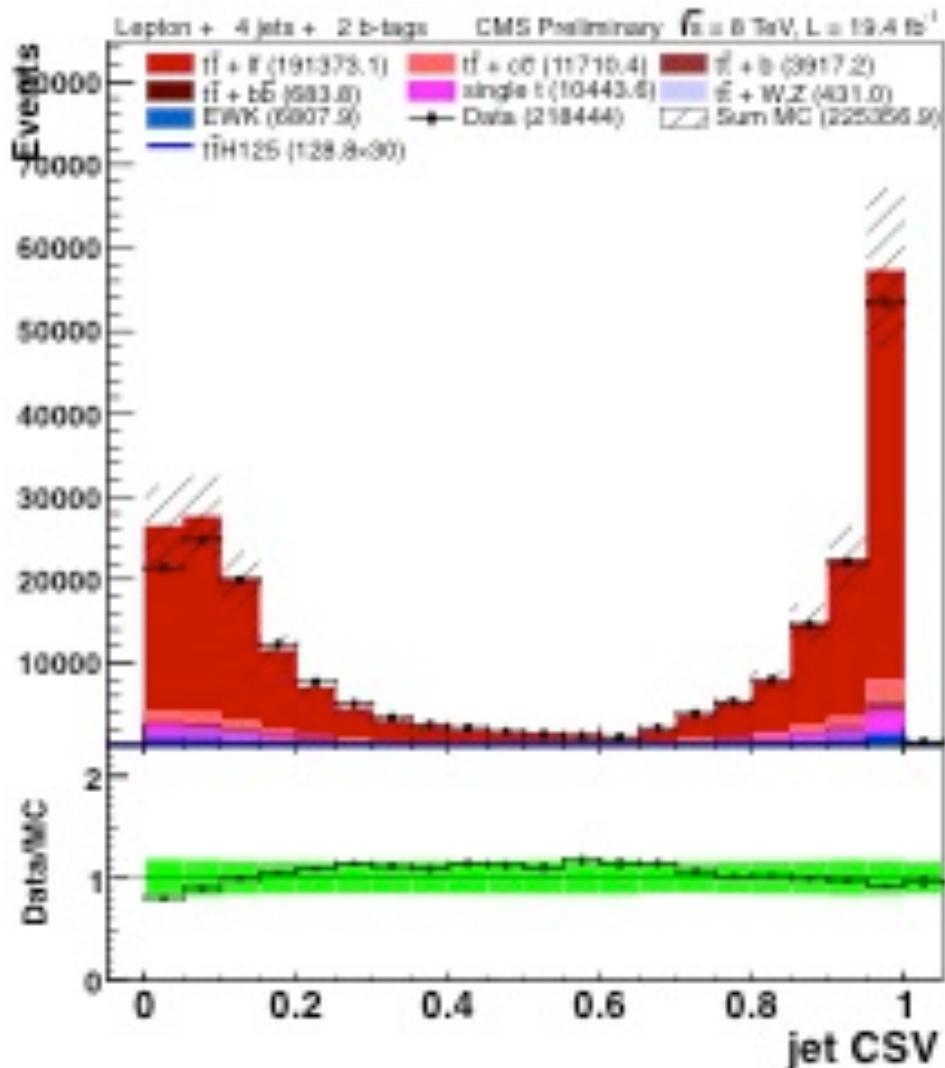
Top pT Reweighting – 19.5 fb⁻¹ 8 TeV

- ❖ >=4Jets >=2Tags Data to Monte Comparison before (left) and after (right) top pT reweighting
- ❖ Sloped trend clearly reduced, and based off of data-driven measurements
- ❖ Replaces Ht re-weighting from previous iteration of analysis



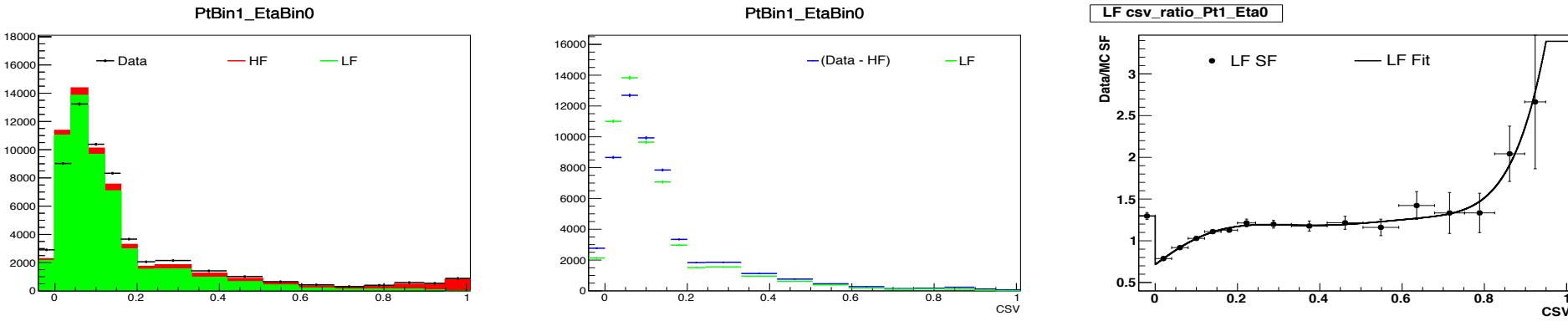
bTag Scale Factors – 19.5 fb^{-1} 8 TeV

- ❖ When updating to the full 8 TeV dataset, set discovered a new problem in the modeling of the bTagging discriminant
- ❖ (Right) Data to MC comparisons of jet csv in the Lepton+Jets ==4Jet ==2Tag channel shows a distinctive “bow” in the csv shape
- ❖ Since we rely heavily on CSV shape in our signal extraction BDT, it is necessary to model this variable correctly
- ❖ Data-Driven correction factors
 - ✧ Tag and Probe in $t\bar{t}$ +jets enriched, 2jet, diLepton sample for efficiency scale factor (HF scale factor)
 - ✧ Tag and Probe in $Z+jets$ enriched, 2 jet, diLepton sample for mistag scale factor (LF scale factor)
 - ✧ Bin in pT and eta for optimal SF extraction

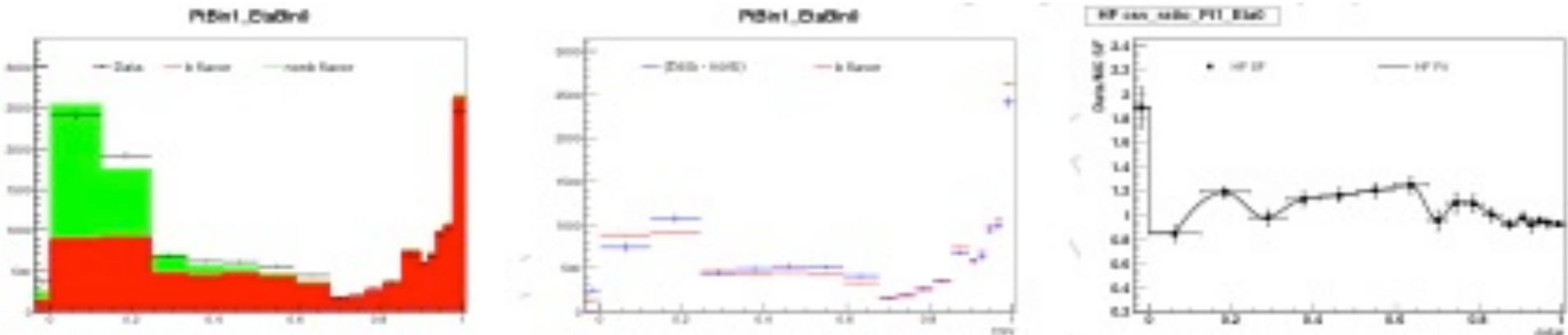


bTag Scale Factors – 19.5 fb^{-1} 8 TeV

- ❖ pT bins of [30,40], [40, 60], [60+]
- ❖ $|\eta|$ bins of [0, 0.8], [0.8, 1.6], [1.6, 2.4]
- ❖ (Above) Light Flavor (Below) Heavy Flavor

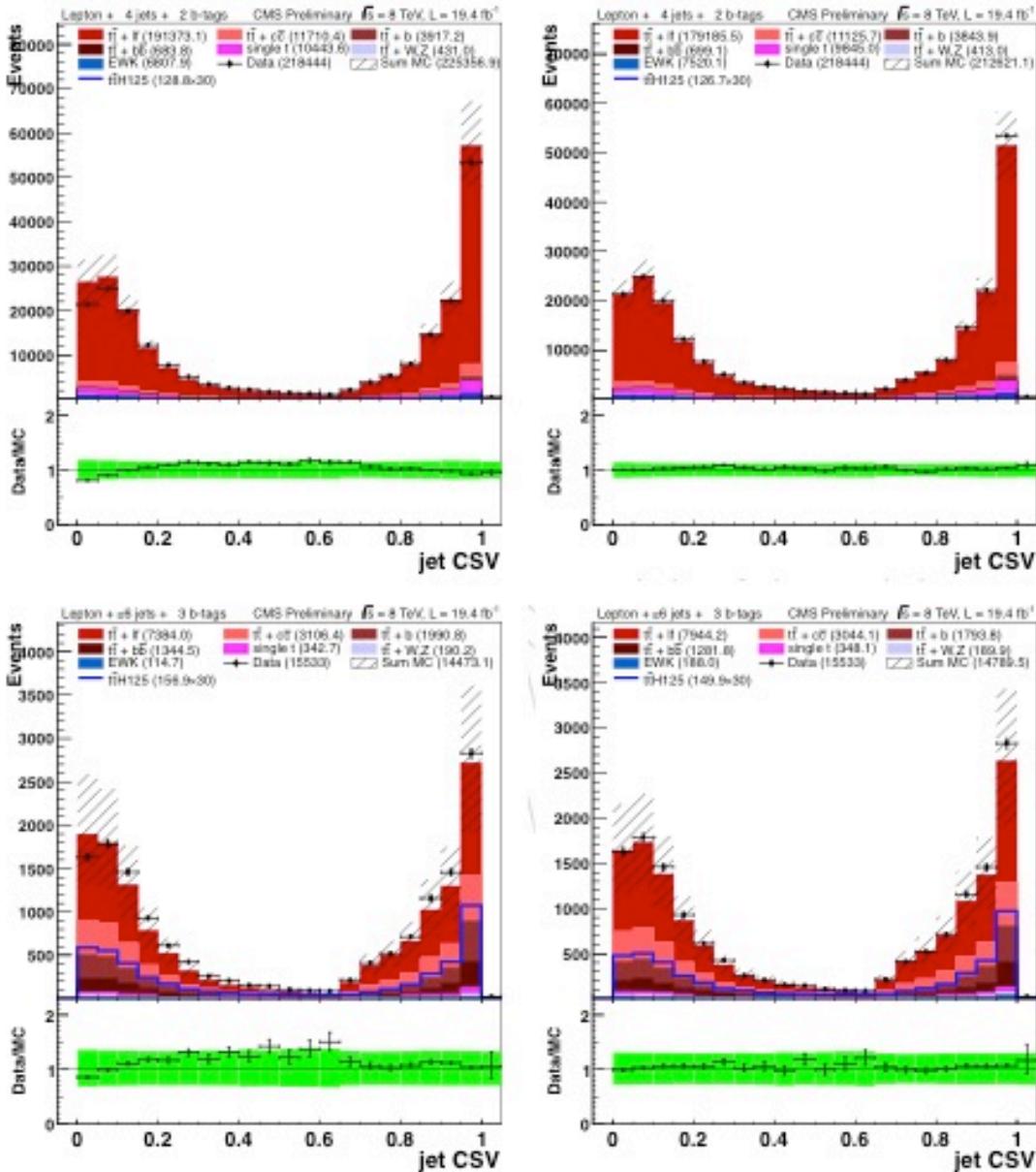


- ❖ (Left) Data vs MC comparisons of LF/HF regions
- ❖ (Center) Isolating LF/HF in data – subtract HF mc from LF data, and vice versa
- ❖ (Right) Scale Factors after applying tag & probe technique to selected sample



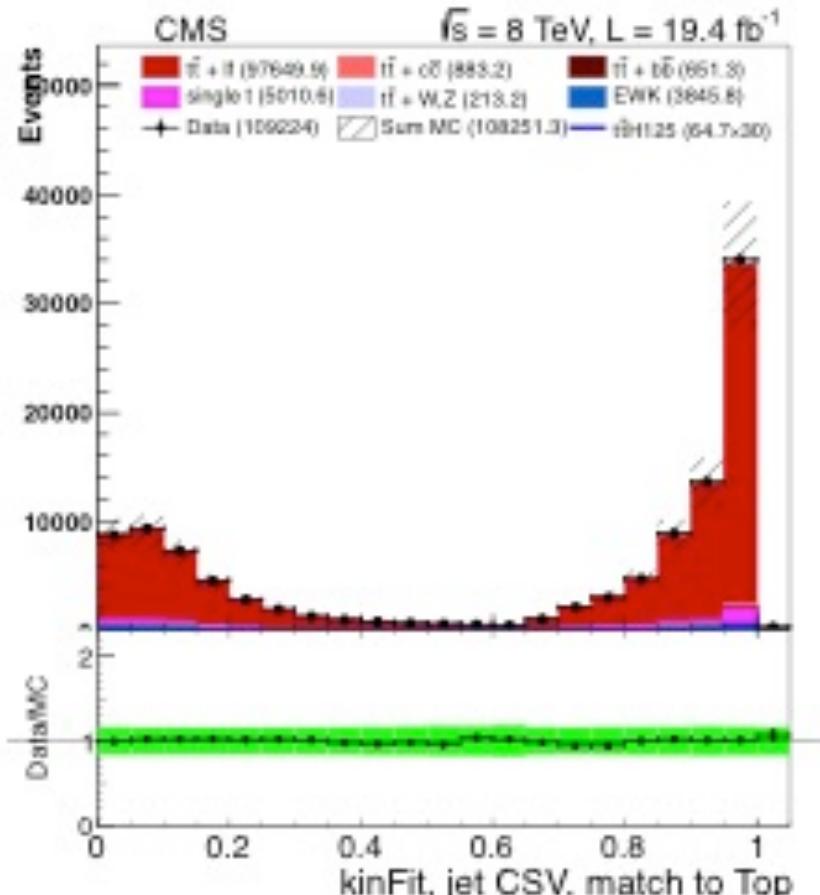
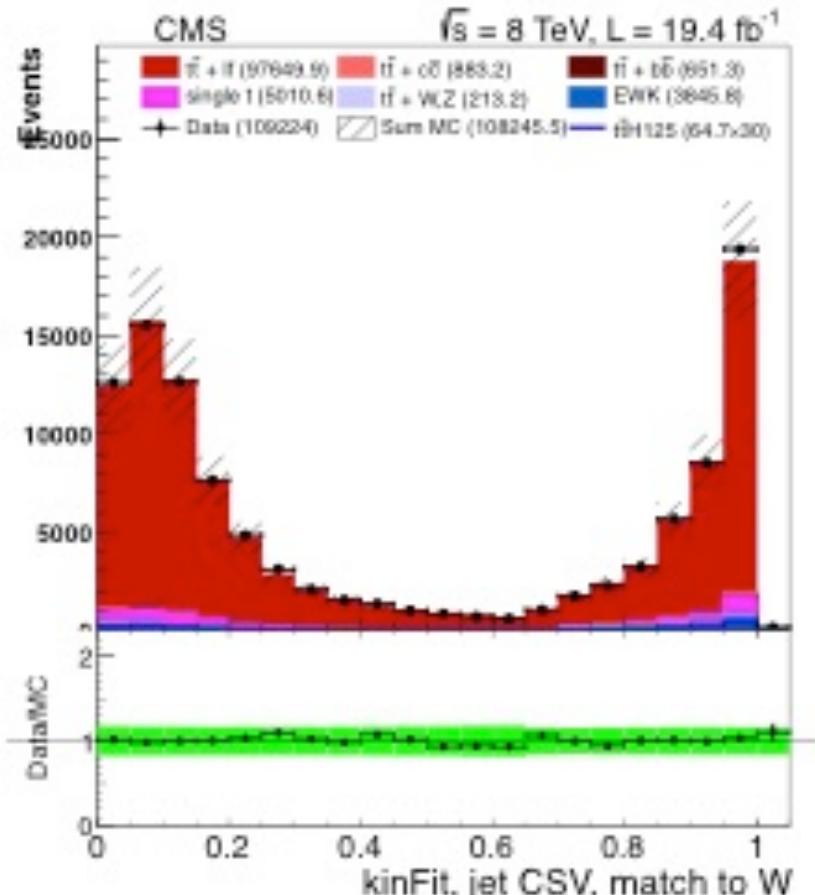
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- ❖ (Above Left) ==4Jets ==2Tags jet csv distribution without scale factors – note distinct bow in center
- ❖ (Above Right) ==4Jets ==2Tags jet csv distribution with scale factors – flat data/mc ratio shows csv factors derived in diLepton work in lepton +jets
- ❖ (Below Left) ≥ 6 Jets ==2Tags jet csv distribution without scale factors – note distinct bow in center
- ❖ (Below Right) ≥ 6 Jets ==2Tags jet csv distribution with scale factors – flat data/mc ratio shows csv factors derived in diLepton work in lepton +jets in high jet multiplicity environment



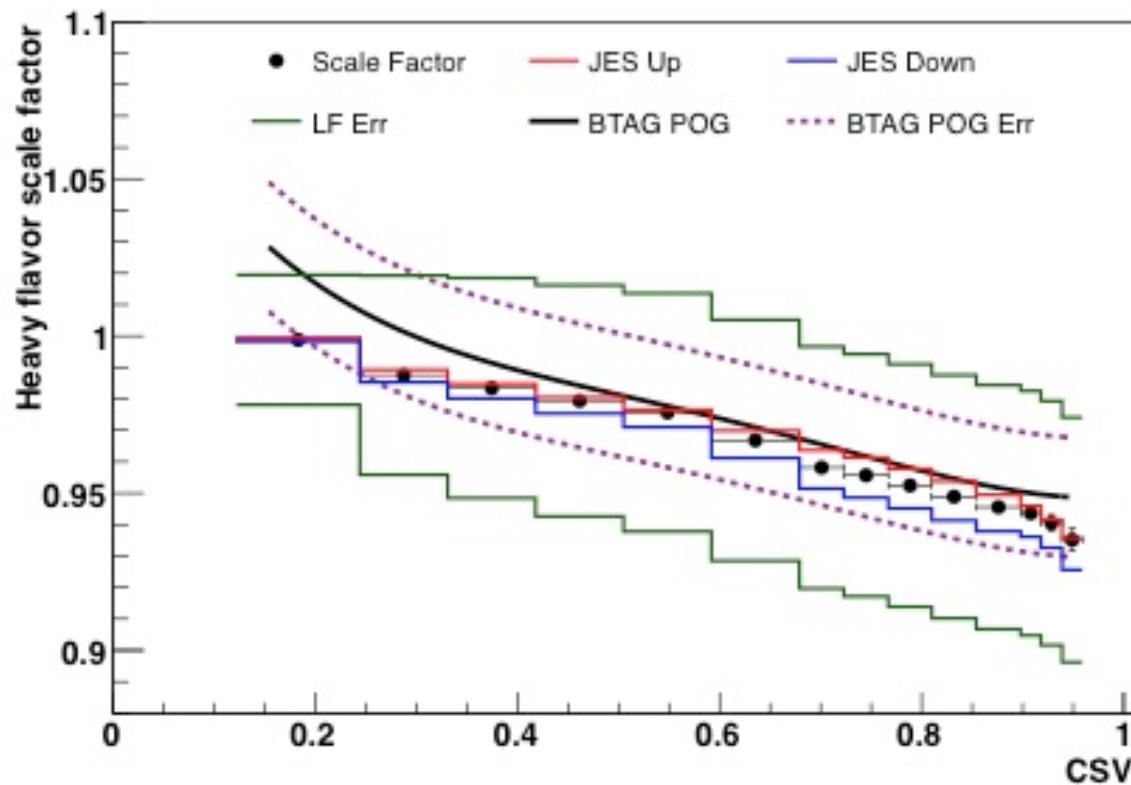
bTag Scale Factors – 19.5 fb^{-1} 8 TeV

- ❖ (Below Right) ==4Jets ==2Tags jet csv distribution with scale factors, for selection of jets matched to W boson decays, using a χ^2 minimization algorithm- validating LF Scale Factors
- ❖ (Below Left) ==4Jets ==2Tags jet csv distribution with scale factors, for selection of jets matched to b-quark decays from top quarks, using a χ^2 minimization algorithm – validating HF scale factors

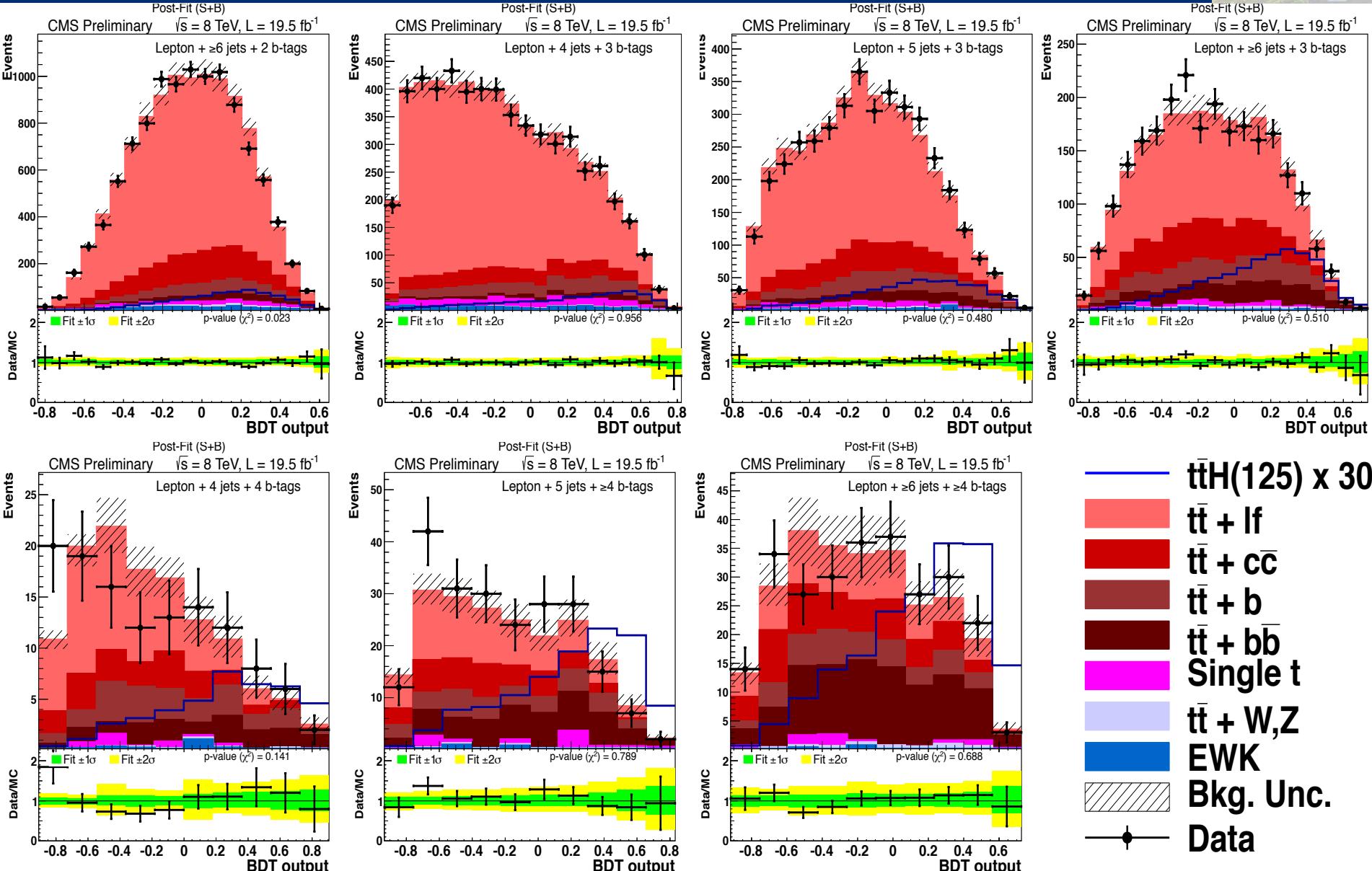


bTag Scale Factors – 19.5 fb^{-1} 8 TeV

- ❖ (Right) Comparison of Scale Factors and Uncertainties to bTag POG Scale Factors and uncertainties
- ❖ Measuring Scale factors in differential form comes at a cost of increased uncertainty bands
- ❖ Uncertainties based on:
 - ✧ JES Scale Up/Down
 - ✧ Purity Uncertainty from Subtracting MC from data
 - ✧ Statistical uncertainty from using MC
- ❖ ***Method described in AN-13-130 and is now an official bTag POG set of scale factors***



Boosted Decision Tree – Output



Systematic Uncertainties

- ❖ Uncertainties table for sum of $t\bar{t}+X$ background yields
 - ✧ ≥ 6 Jet, ≥ 4 Tag category
- ❖ QCD Scale— ie renormalization and factorization uncertainty – MC only uncertainty, due to matrix element nature of calculations, it is the largest uncertainty in the analysis
- ❖ bTagging efficiencies –differences in tagging efficiencies between data and MC
- ❖ Other sources – uncertainties on scale of jet energy measurement, momentum distributions of incoming colliding partons, and production rates of SM processes

Uncertainties of the sum of $t\bar{t}+lf$, $t\bar{t}+b$, $t\bar{t} + bb$, and $t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$ events with ≥ 6 jets and ≥ 4 b-tags		
Source	Rate	Shape?
QCD Scale (all $t\bar{t}+hf$)	35%	No
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t} + bb$)	17%	No
b-Tag bottom-flavor contamination	17%	Yes
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$)	11%	No
Jet Energy Scale	11%	Yes
b-Tag light-flavor contamination	9.6%	Yes
b-Tag bottom-flavor statistics (linear)	9.1%	Yes
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t}+b$)	7.1%	No
Madgraph Q^2 Scale ($t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$)	6.8%	Yes
b-Tag Charm uncertainty (quadratic)	6.7%	Yes
Top p_T Correction	6.7%	Yes
b-Tag bottom-flavor statistics (quadratic)	6.4%	Yes
b-Tag light-flavor statistics (linear)	6.4%	Yes
Madgraph Q^2 Scale ($t\bar{t} + 2$ partons)	4.8%	Yes
b-Tag light-flavor statistics (quadratic)	4.8%	Yes
Luminosity	4.4%	No
Madgraph Q^2 Scale ($t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$)	4.3%	Yes
Madgraph Q^2 Scale ($t\bar{t}+b$)	2.6%	Yes
QCD Scale ($t\bar{t}$)	3%	No
pdf (gg)	2.6%	No
Jet Energy Resolution	1.5%	No
Lepton ID/Trigger efficiency	1.4%	No
Pileup	1%	No
b-Tag Charm uncertainty (linear)	0.6%	Yes

Background Composition Comparison, 6j4t

- ❖ CMS “Baseline” vs ATLAS results, taken from conference note
 - ✧ Error bars on CMS numbers are from ***shape systematics only*** from limit file

		≥ 6 jets, ≥ 4 tags		
		ATLAS	CMS	ATLAS/CMS
❖ Scaled to 20.3 fb^{-1} , ATLAS lumi	$t\bar{t}H, M125$	16.0 ± 2.8	8.5 ± 2.0	1.9 ± 0.5
	$t\bar{t} + lf$	67.0 ± 20.0	73.7 ± 38.8	0.9 ± 0.6
	$t\bar{t} + c\bar{c}$	80.0 ± 40.0	53.7 ± 12.5	1.5 ± 0.8
	$t\bar{t} + b\bar{b}$	240.0 ± 130.0	115.6 ± 22.1	2.1 ± 1.2
	$t\bar{t} + X$	387.0 ± 137.5	243.0 ± 46.4	1.6 ± 0.6
	$f_{t\bar{t}+lf}$	0.17 ± 0.1	0.30 ± 0.2	0.57 ± 0.4
	$f_{t\bar{t}+c\bar{c}}$	0.21 ± 0.1	0.22 ± 0.1	0.94 ± 0.6
	$f_{t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}}$	0.62 ± 0.4	0.48 ± 0.1	1.30 ± 0.9
	$t\bar{t} + V$	8.4 ± 2.8	6.0 ± 1.0	1.4 ± 0.5
	Non - $t\bar{t}$	22.0 ± 5.0	9.0 ± 1.7	2.4 ± 0.7
❖ $tt+bb = tt+1,2b$	Total Bkg	430.0 ± 160.0	258.1 ± 46.4	1.7 ± 0.7
	Data	516.0	271.4	1.9

- ❖ In this category, fractional composition is rather different for ATLAS and CMS, with ATLAS claiming an increase in $t\bar{t}H$ signal but also $t\bar{t}+bb$ background

Background Composition Comparison, jet/lepPt>25, 6j4t

- ❖ CMS jet/lep pT>25 vs ATLAS results
 - ✧ Error bars on CMS numbers are from ***shape systematics only*** from limit file

		≥ 6 jets, ≥ 4 tags		
		ATLAS	CMS	ATLAS/CMS
❖ Scaled to 20.3 fb ⁻¹ , ATLAS lumi	ttH, M125	16.0 ± 2.8	13.2 ± 3.0	1.2 ± 0.3
	t<bar>t + lf</bar>	67.0 ± 20.0	138.7 ± 74.9	0.5 ± 0.3
	t<bar>t + c<bar>c</bar></bar>	80.0 ± 40.0	91.6 ± 19.9	0.9 ± 0.5
	t<bar>t + b<bar>b</bar></bar>	240.0 ± 130.0	202.5 ± 37.2	1.2 ± 0.7
	t<bar>t + X</bar>	387.0 ± 137.5	432.8 ± 86.0	0.9 ± 0.4
	f_{tt+lf}	0.17 ± 0.1	0.32 ± 0.2	0.54 ± 0.4
	f_{tt+cbarc}	0.21 ± 0.1	0.21 ± 0.1	0.98 ± 0.7
	f_{tt+bbarb}	0.62 ± 0.4	0.47 ± 0.1	1.33 ± 0.9
	t<bar>t + V</bar>	8.4 ± 2.8	9.3 ± 1.6	0.9 ± 0.3
	Non – t<bar>t</bar>	22.0 ± 5.0	16.3 ± 2.8	1.3 ± 0.4
❖ tt+bb = tt+ 1,2b	Total Bkg	430.0 ± 160.0	458.4 ± 86.0	0.9 ± 0.4
	Data	516.0	472.8	1.1
❖ f _{tt+I} = fraction of tt +Inclusive Jets				
❖ Pre-fit yields for both experiments				
❖ Still less ttH and tt+bb than ATLAS, but closer than in baseline analysis				
❖ Fractional composition is ~same as CMS baseline analysis				

Summary of Analysis Configuration Studies

❖ *Right Col., blind, would guide analysis decisions; Center Col., partial unblind, for ATLAS comparison*

Scenario	Exp. Limit ("Unblinded")	Exp Limit ("Blind", "-t-1")
Baseline	4.83	3.80
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Baseline, add HT var for 4j2t, 5j2t	4.14	3.52
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tt+lf/cc/bb to ATLAS	--	3.73
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ttH, tt+lf/cc/bb to ATLAS, add HT var for 4j2t, 5j2t	--	3.02
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