



Observation of ttH at CMS

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Observation of $t\bar{t}H$ production

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ABSTRACT

The observation of Higgs boson production in association with a top quark-antiquark pair is reported, based on a combined analysis of proton-proton collision data at center-of-mass energies of $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8,$ and 13 TeV, corresponding to integrated luminosities of up to $5.1, 19.7,$ and 35.9 fb^{-1} , respectively. The data were collected with the CMS detector at the CERN LHC. The results of statistically independent searches for Higgs bosons produced in conjunction with a top quark-antiquark pair and decaying to pairs of W bosons, Z bosons, photons, τ leptons, or bottom quark jets are combined to maximize sensitivity. An excess of events is observed, with a significance of 5.2 standard deviations, over the expectation from the background-only hypothesis. The corresponding expected significance from the standard model for a Higgs boson mass of 125.09 GeV is 4.2 standard deviations. The combined best fit signal strength normalized to the standard model prediction is $1.26^{+0.16}_{-0.20}$.

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Viewpoint: Sizing Up the Top Interaction with the Higgs

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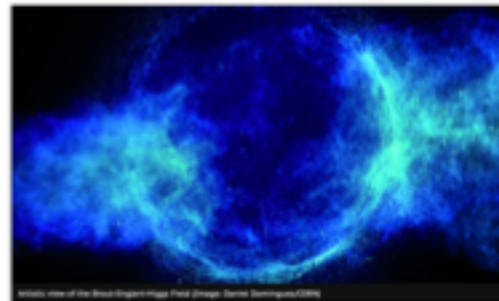


The Higgs boson reveals its affinity for the top quark

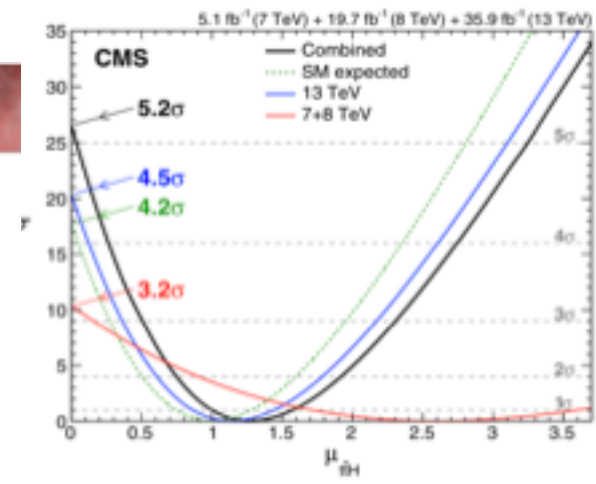
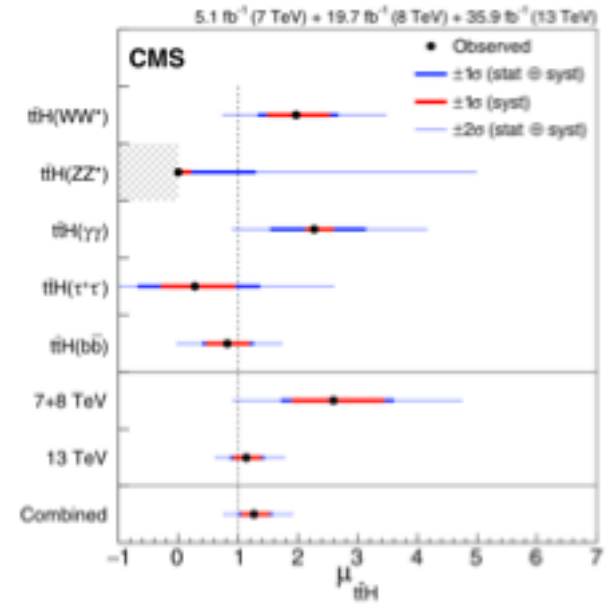
New results from the ATLAS and CMS experiments at the LHC reveal how strongly the Higgs boson interacts with the heaviest known elementary particle, the top quark, confirming our understanding of the Higgs and setting constraints on new physics.

Details: [CMS 1308](#). The Higgs boson interacts only with massive particles, and it was discovered to be decaying to two massive photons. Quantum mechanics allows the Higgs to fluctuate for a moment into a top quark-antiquark pair and a top anti-top which eventually annihilate each other into a photon pair. The probability of the former scattering rises with the strength of the interaction between an incoming Higgs boson and top quark. The observation allows us to indirectly infer the value of the Higgs-top coupling, however.

Higgs boson comes out on top

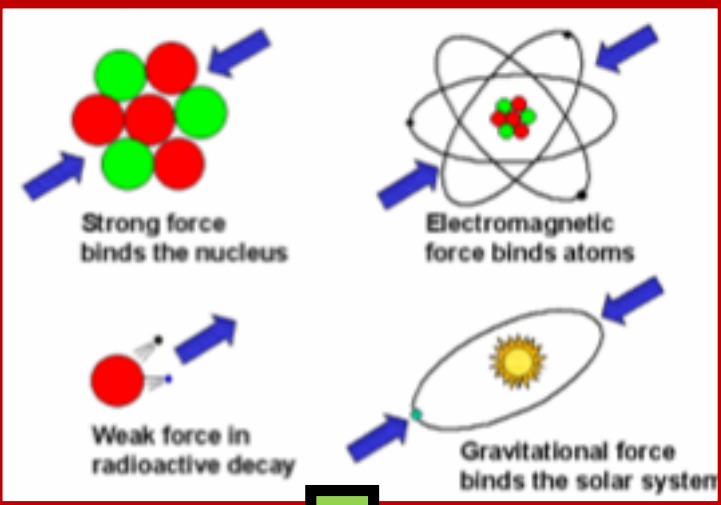


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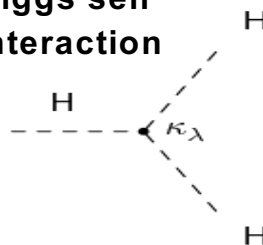


Why ttH is important (1)



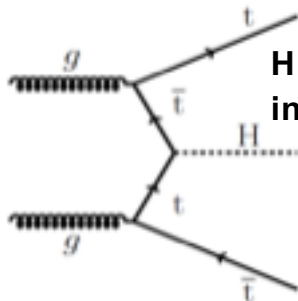
2 new forces

Higgs self interaction



small cross section, to be detected

Higgs-fermion interaction



verify its existence now at LHC!!

The past of universe
Phase transition?



The future of universe
Decay of Vacuum?



July 2012
Higgs Discovery

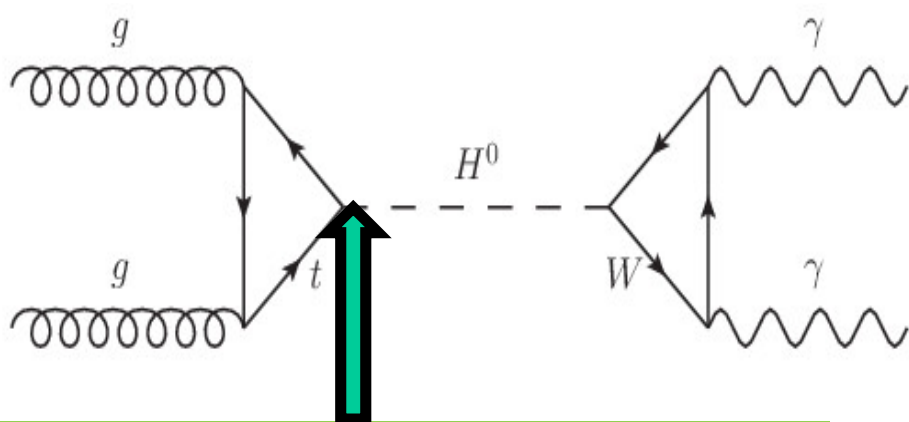
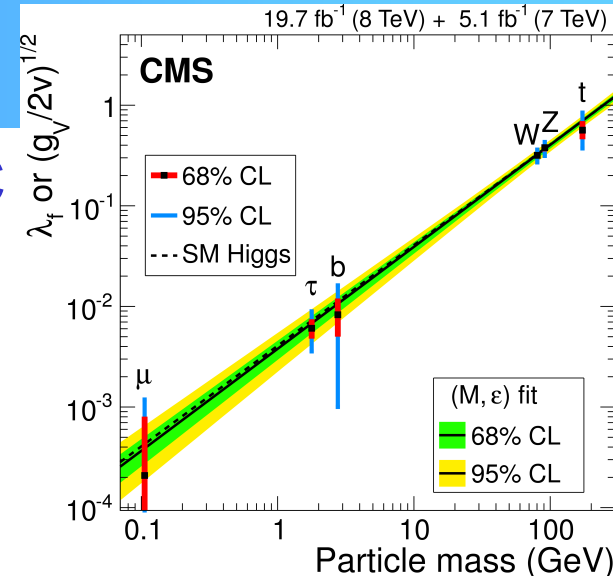
Gavin Salam at LHCP 2018 <Theory Vision> summary

Is this any less important than the discovery of the Higgs boson itself?

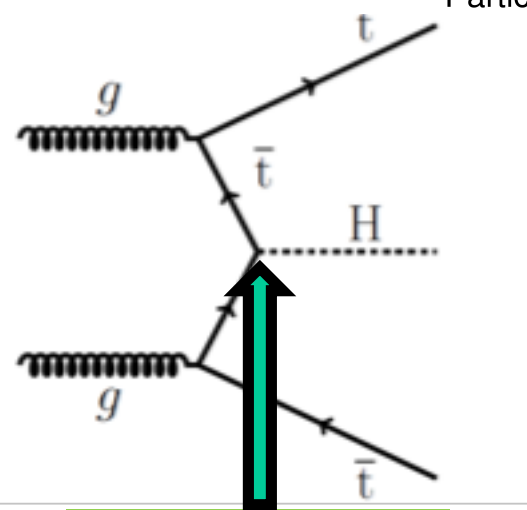
My opinion: no, because fundamental interactions are as important as fundamental particles

Why ttH is important (2)

- Explore Higgs-Fermion interactions at LHC
 - The strength of Higgs-Fermion interactions
 - Higgs-Top coupling is the largest
 - At LHC: Model dependent vs independent



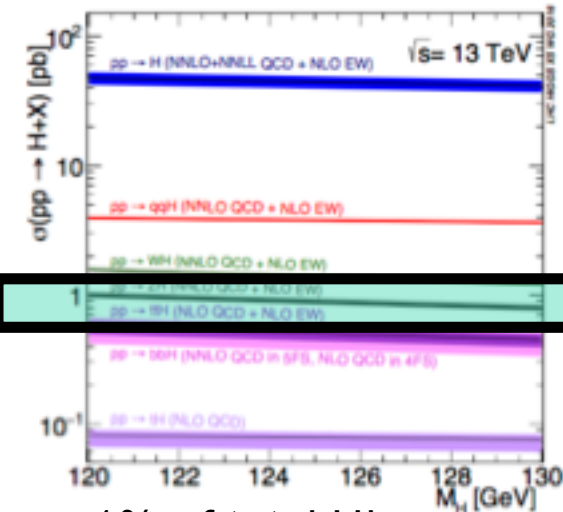
Indirect detection, model dependent



direct detection

ttH: probably the only channel that can **direct** probe Higgs Yukawa coupling at LHC

Production



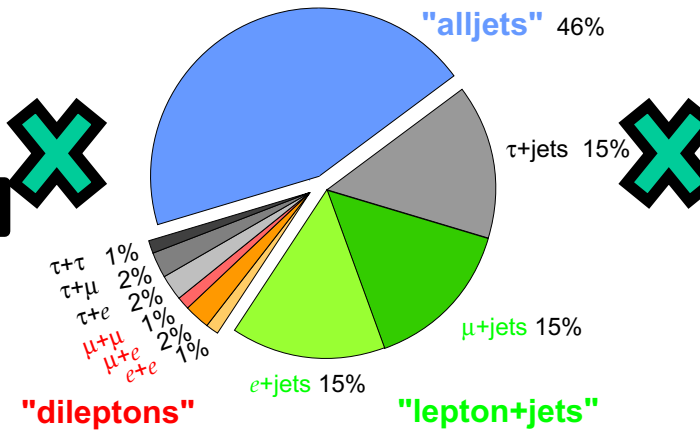
~1% of total Higgs

~0.06% of ttbar

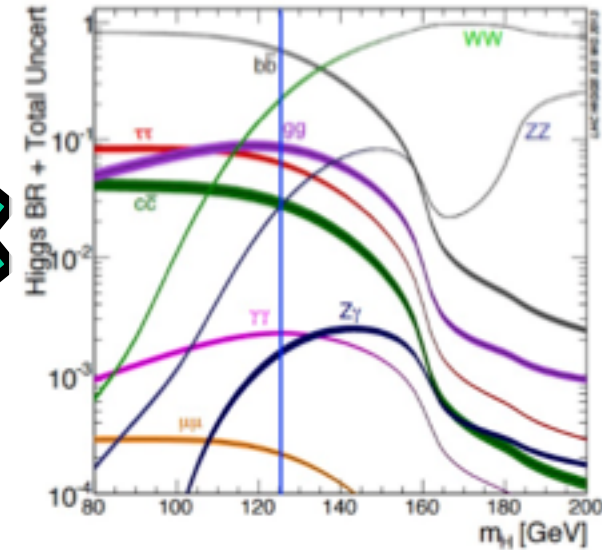
~1/10¹¹ of total interaction

Decays

Top Pair Branching Fractions



Hundreds of complex final states



BR: **21.5%**

H decay



6.3%



58.1%



0.23%



2.6%



Analyzed Final states

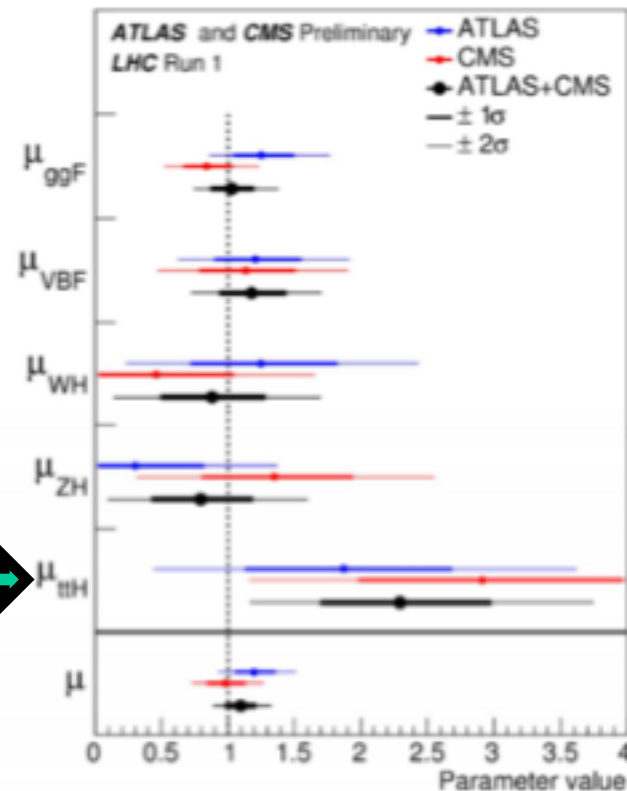




History of ttH searches at LHC

- Feasibility study prior to LHC data taking
 - ATLAS CSC book
- Hunting ttH at LHC run 1
 - Run 1 ATLAS + CMS combination: 4.4σ

$\mu_{ttH} = 2.3^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$, Slightly higher than SM



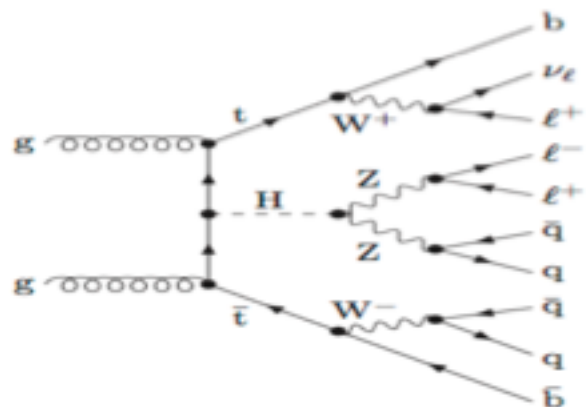
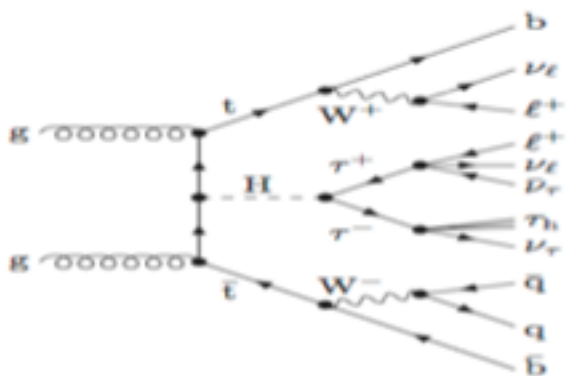
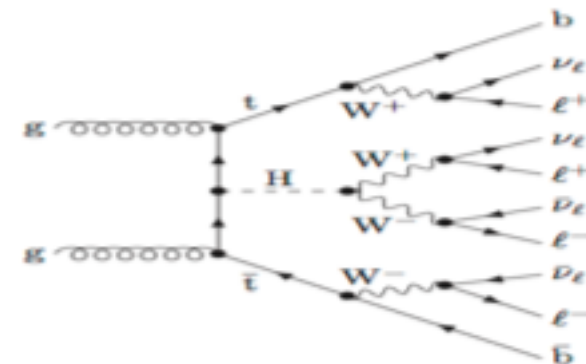
- High priority analysis at Run2 (13 TeV)

Cross section (fb) @NLO	ttH	ttW	ttZ	tt (NNLO)
8 TeV	133	232	206	2,53E+05
13 TeV	507	566	760	8,32E+05
13 TeV / 8TeV	3.8	2.4	3.7	3.3

Observation of ttH now !!

Data up to 2016

- ttH, $H \rightarrow WW$: large BR
 - Dominate signal in multilepton analysis
- ttH, $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$: Small BR
 - Enriched in some categories
- ttH, $H \rightarrow ZZ$: Very small BR
 - Very few signal, excluded in the 4l
- 6 final states analyzed
 - 2 lepton same-sign (2lss)
 - 3 leptons (3l)
 - 4 leptons (4l)
 - 1l + 2 hadronic taus
 - 2lss + 1 hadronic tau
 - 3l + 1 hadronic tau





Multi-lepton without tau: strategy

IHEP gave pre-approval talk

2ISS: 2D BDT analysis

- Signal: **53.8**
- BKG: **423**

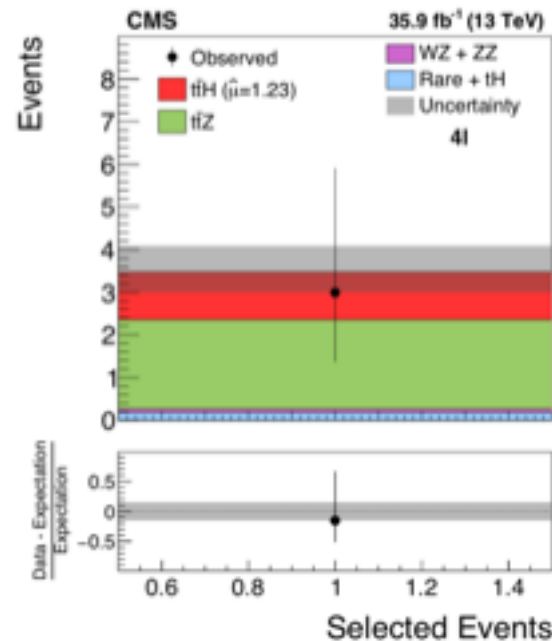
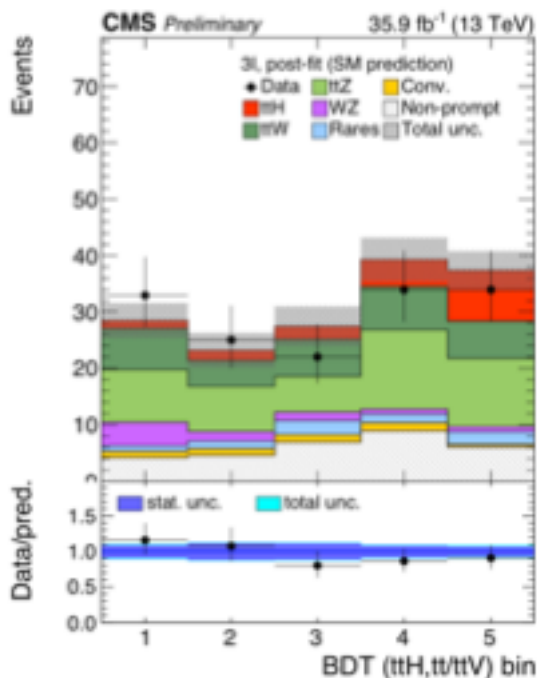
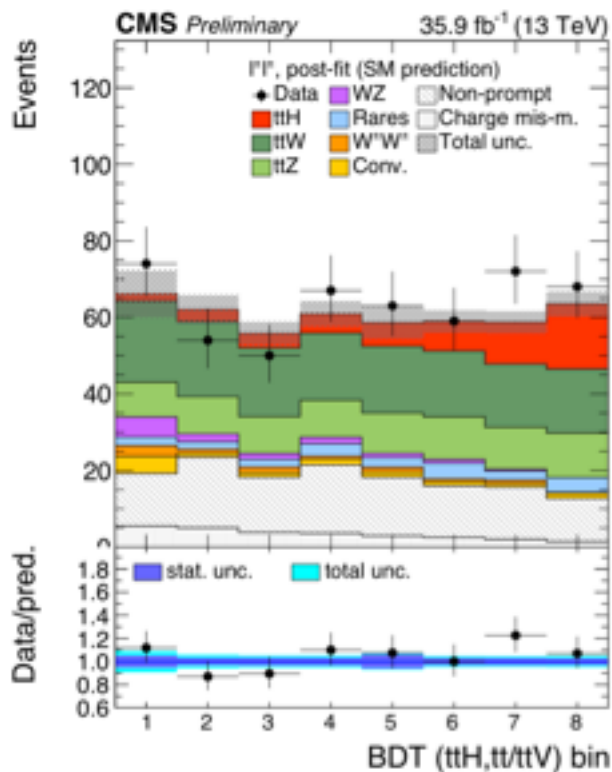
3I: MEM + BDT, 2D analysis

- Signal: **18.5**
- BKG: **131.4**

4I: number counting

- Signal: **0.9**
- BKG: **2.4**
- ttV: 89%

— non-prompt lepton: 28%, non-prompt lepton: 23%,
 ttV: 53% ttV: 60%



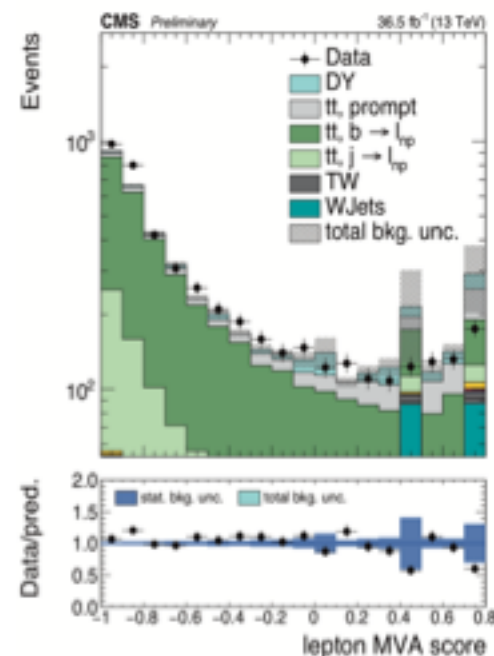
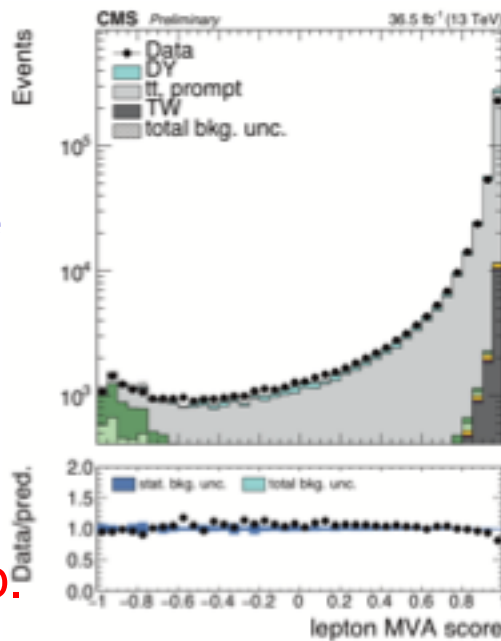
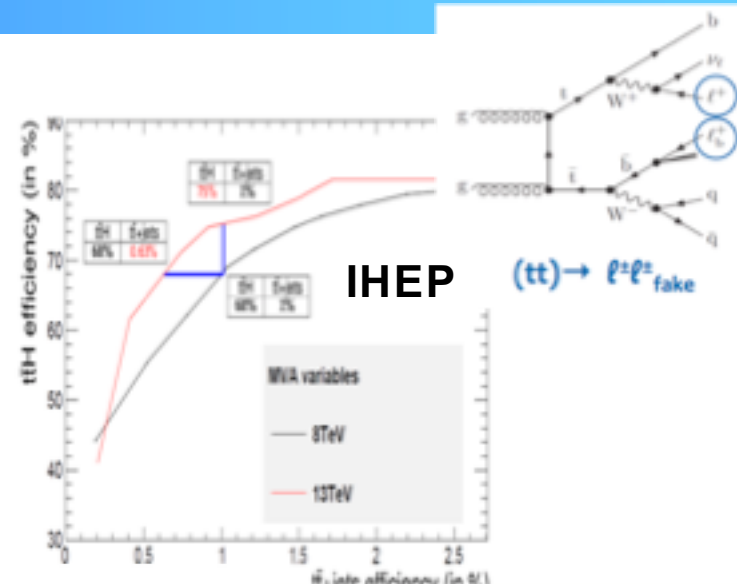
Non-prompt background rejection/estimation

- Non-prompt backgrounds
 - Mainly from b-jets in tt events
 - mis-identified light jets and decay-in-flight

- Multivariable to enhance separation
 - Isolation/kinematics
 - Vertex impact parameter
 - (Relation with) nearby jets

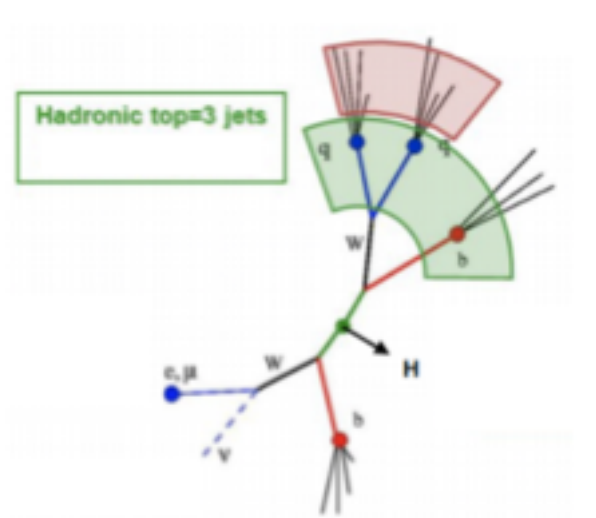
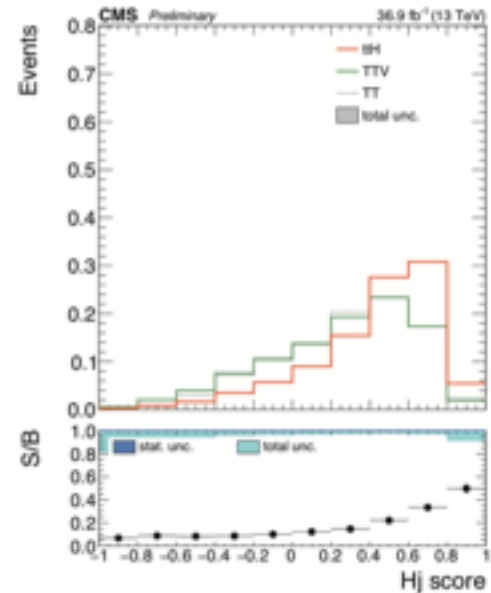
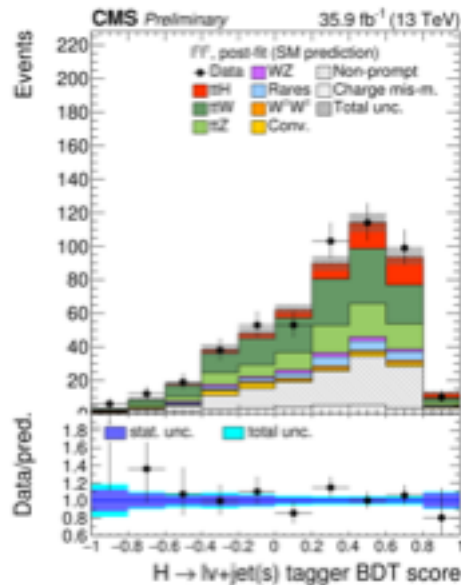
- Data validated performance

- Data-driven estimation
 - Loose \rightarrow tight fake prob.
 - Loose \rightarrow tight charge flip prob.



Multi-lepton without tau: Signal vs background

- Problem: no $t\bar{t}H$ reco
 - How to separate $t\bar{t}H$ from bkg?
- H_j tagger (2L) [IHEP]
 - Tagging jets from Higgs decay
 - Aim to extract $t\bar{t}H$ from $t\bar{t}V$
- Hadronic top tagger (2L)
 - BDT: Reconstruct hadronic top
- MEM (3L) [PKU and IPHC]
 - Separate $t\bar{t}H$ from $t\bar{t}V$ in 3L



Multi-lepton with tau: strategy

- 1l+2 τ_h : BDT analysis**

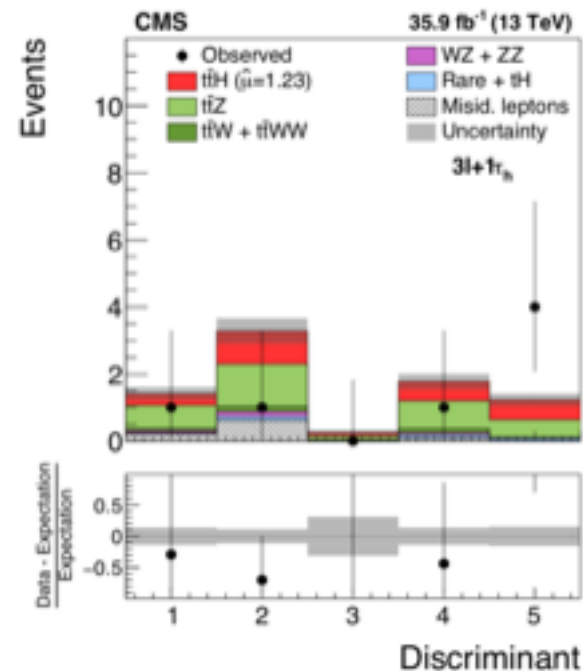
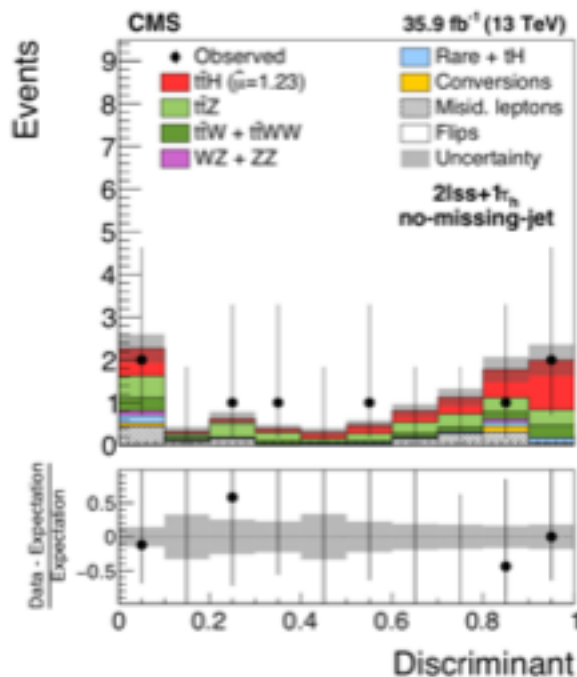
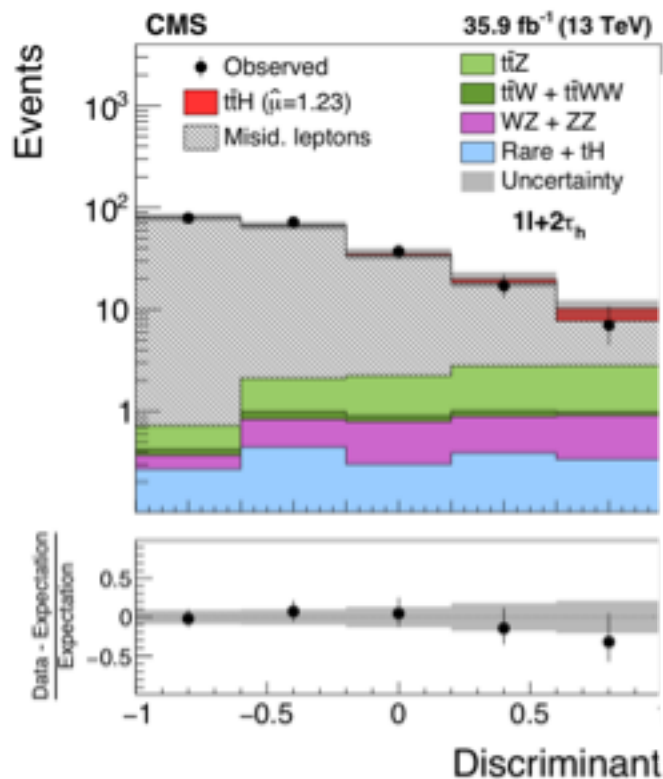
- Signal: **5.8**
- BKG: **206.3**
 - misID lepton: 95%

- 2lss+1 τ_h : MEM analysis**

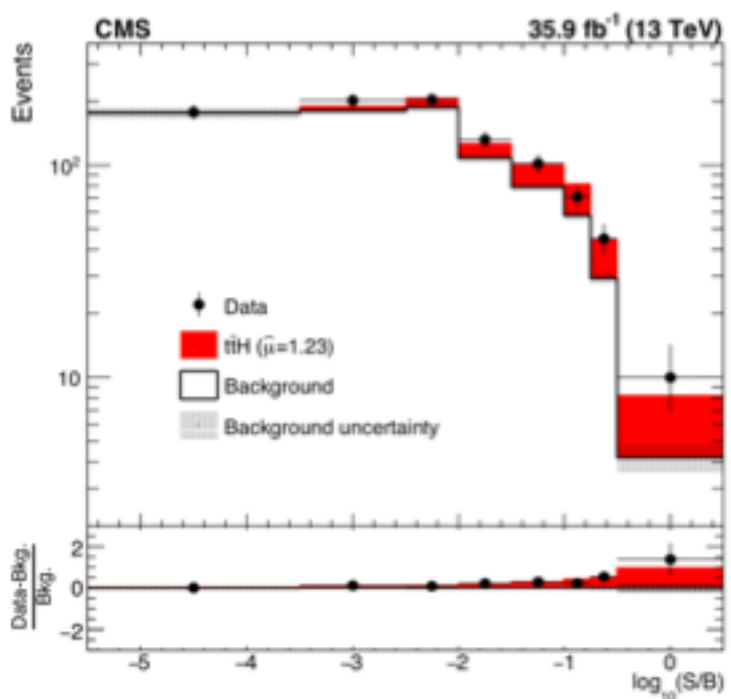
- Signal: **9.4**
- BKG: **36.1**
 - misID lepton: 24%, ttV: 51%

- 3l+1 τ_h : 2D BDT**

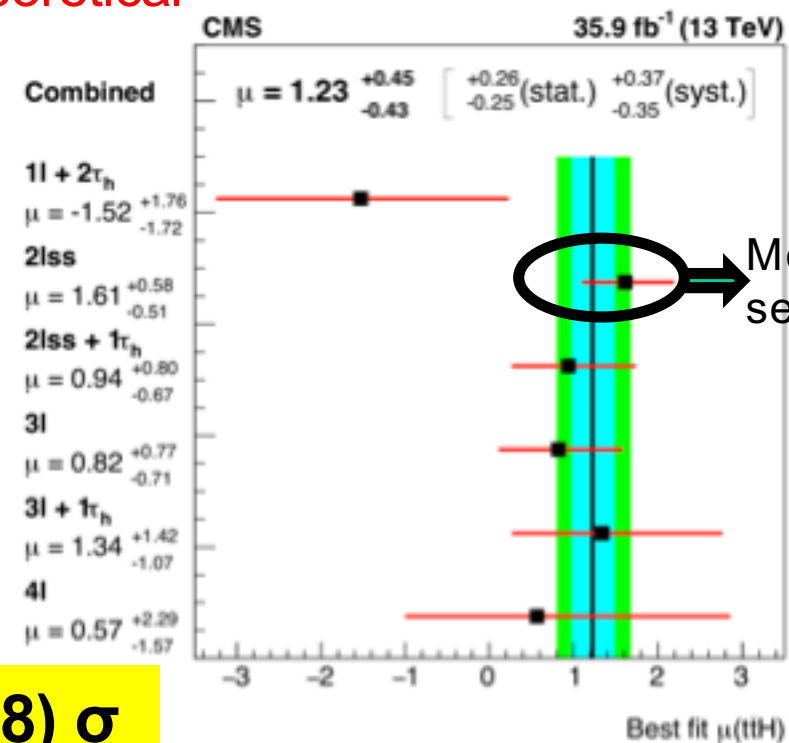
- Signal: **2.1**
- BKG: **5.3**
- ttV: 64%



- Combine multi-lepton channels
 - Simultaneous ML fit to discriminate of 6 categories
 - Potential signal excess is quantified by p-value
- Dominate uncertainties:
 - lepton eff. Reducible bkg est. Theoretical



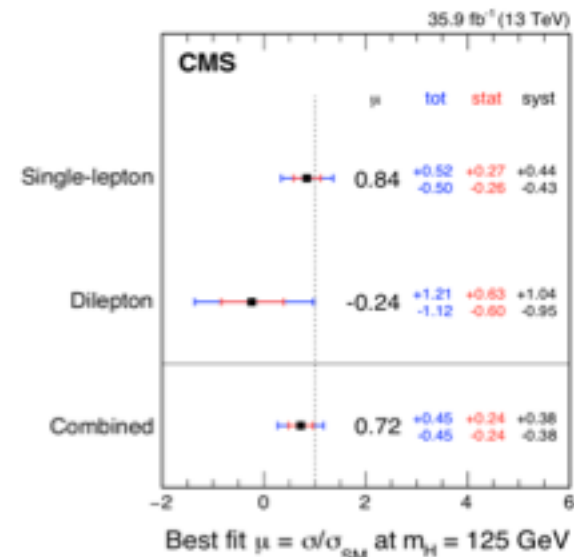
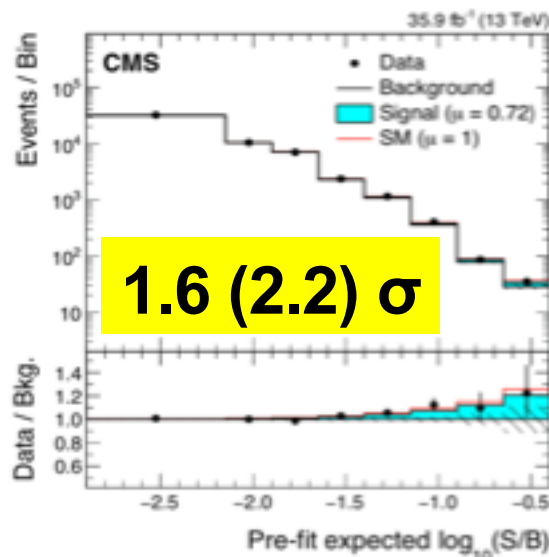
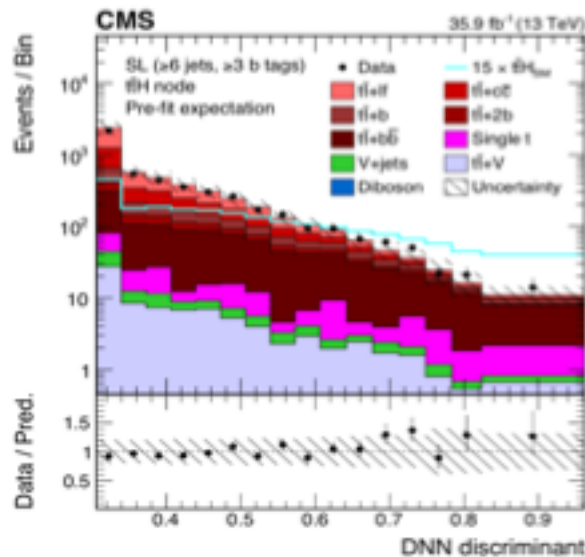
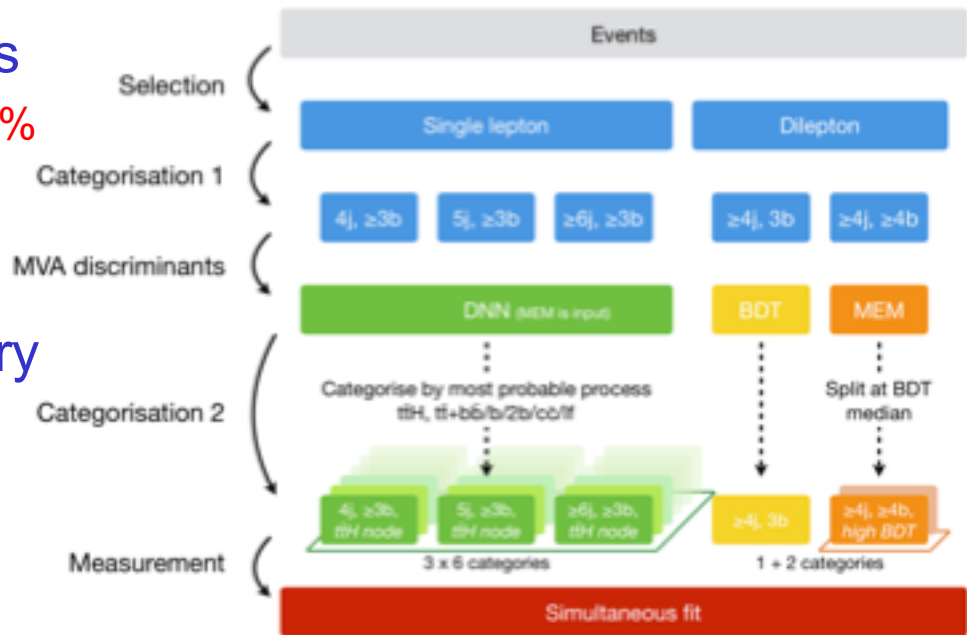
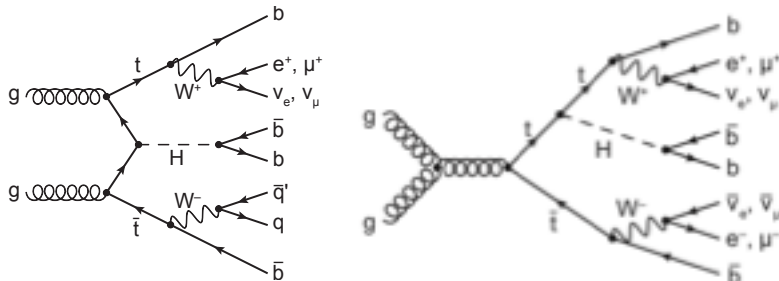
3.2 (2.8) σ

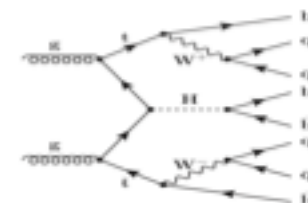


Most sensitive

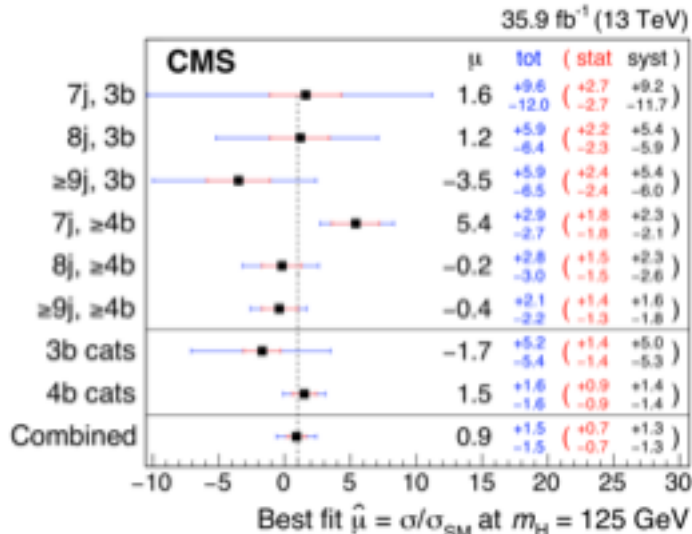
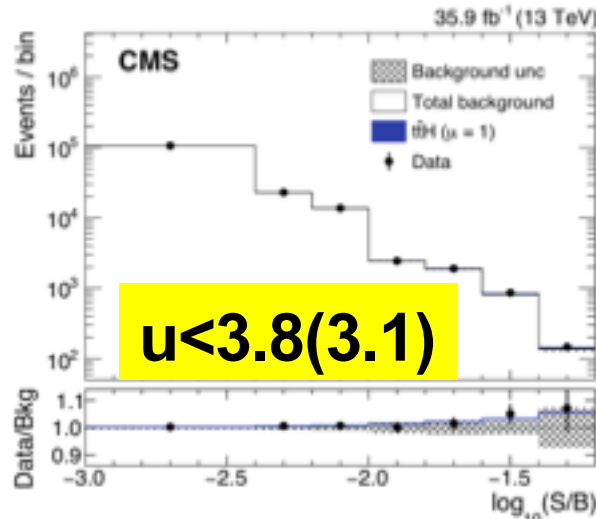
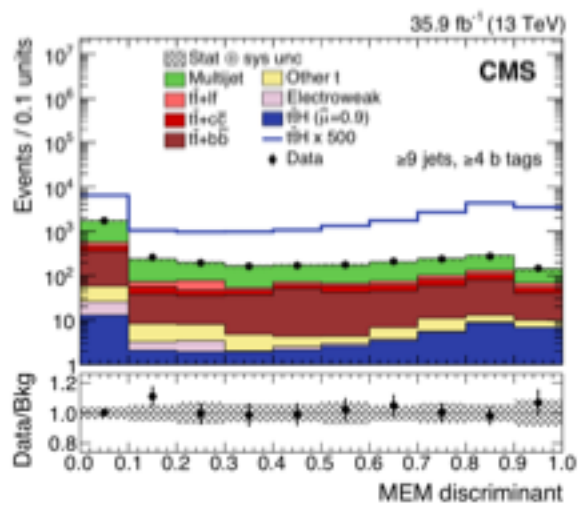
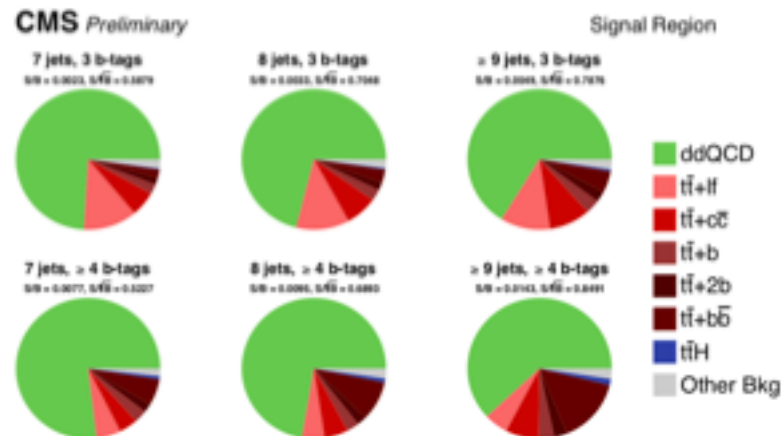
$$\mu = 1.23^{+0.45}_{-0.43} \quad (1.00^{+0.42}_{-0.38})$$

- ttHbb: l+jets and dilepton channels
 - S/B :1.2%, 2.8%, 2.8%,1.4%,3.2%,13%
- Analysis using DNN, BDT, MEM
- Major background from tt+jets
- Main uncertainties from tt+hf theory

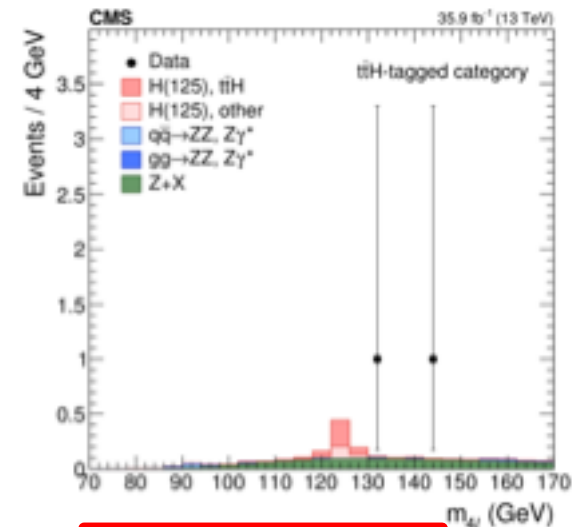
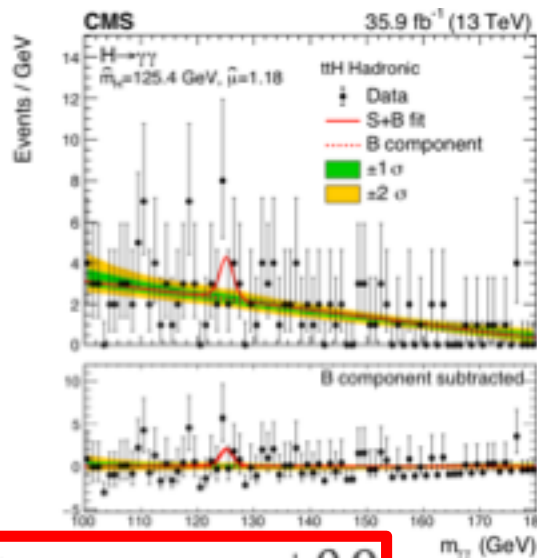
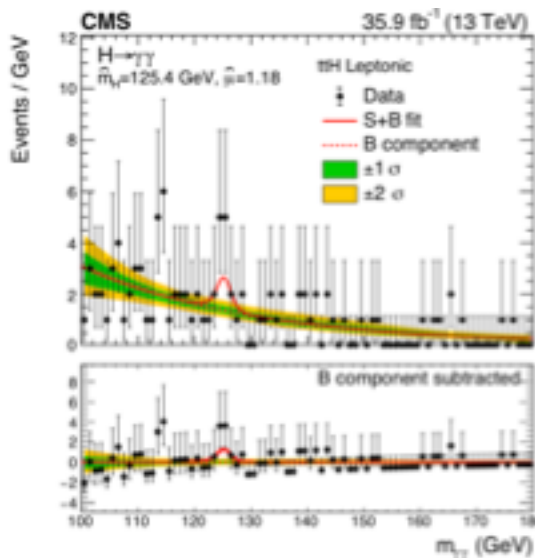
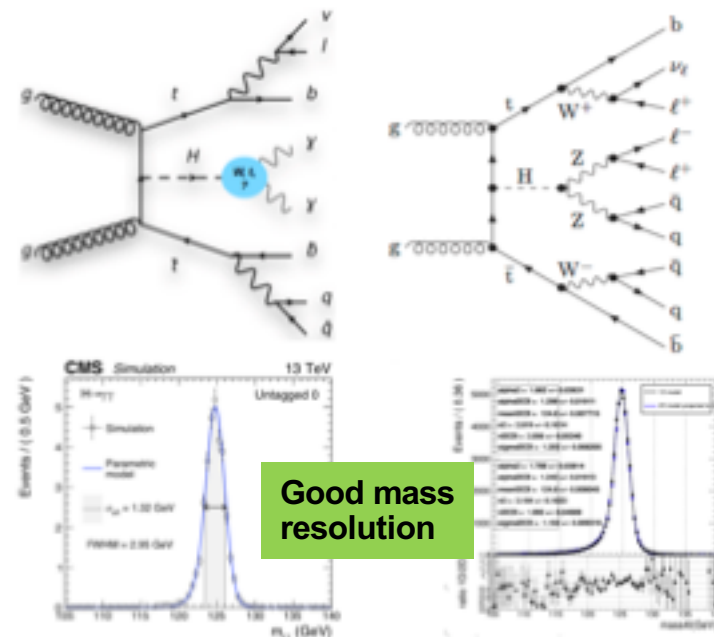




- ttHbb full hadronic channel
 - 6 categories by 3/≥4 b jets and 7/8/≥9 jets
 - S/B:0.5%,0.7%,0.9%,2.3%,2.5%,3.6%
- Analysis using MEM
- Major background:
 - Multi-jets(~60%) and tt+jets(~40%)
- Main uncertainties: QCD estimation



- Additional category in the common H → γγ, H → ZZ analysis IHEP
- H → γγ: semileptonic/hadronic categories, BDT analysis
 - Bump hunting on a smooth falling background
- H → ZZ: ≥5 leptons/4l + ≥4J1T
 - Limited by statistics, expect 0.35 signal



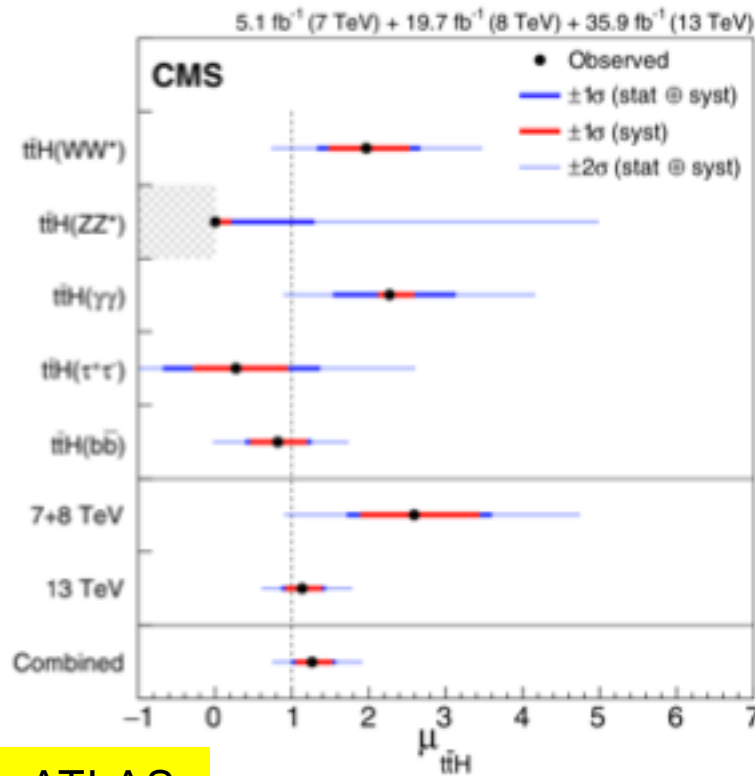
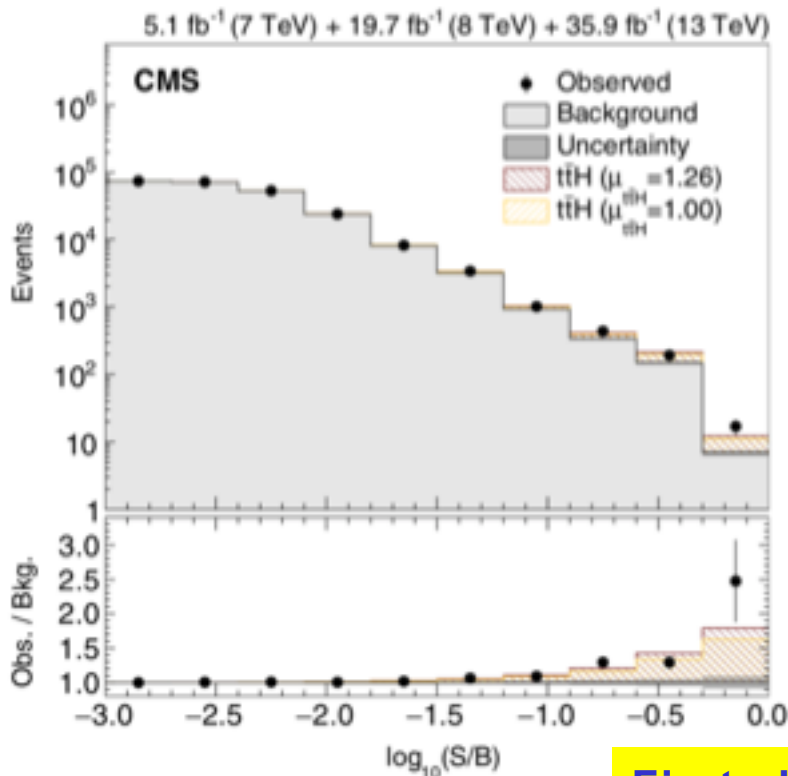
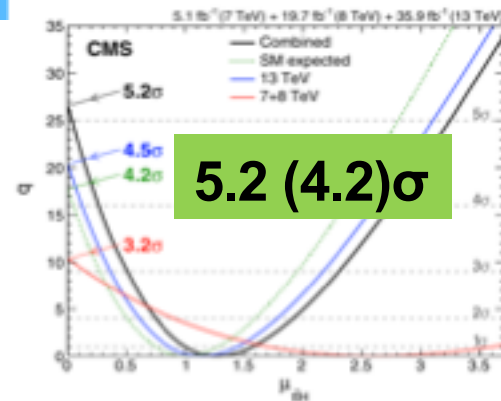
$$\hat{\mu}_{ttH} = 2.2^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$$

$$\sigma_{ttH} / \sigma_{theo} = 0.00^{+1.18}_{-0.00}$$



- Combination of ttH, H → WW / ττ / bb / γγ / ZZ
 - 7TeV + 8TeV + 13 TeV (35.9 fb⁻¹, data taken up to 2016)
- Simultaneous ML fit to all decay modes/Ecm

$$\mu_{t\bar{t}H} = 1.26^{+0.31}_{-0.26}$$



First observation, ATLAS

confirmed with more data



Summary

- Observation of $t\bar{t}H$ at CMS
 - Reveal the interactions between Higgs and top quark \Rightarrow new force
 - Consistent with SM predictions, room for new physics
- Chinese CMS colleagues contributed to the final states of
 - Higgs decay to WW , bb , $\gamma\gamma$, ZZ (except $\tau\tau$);
 - pre-approval talk of $t\bar{t}H$ multilepton \rightarrow most important channel to Obv.
- Measurement of Higgs-top Yukawa coupling
 - Model dependent, more data needed
- Future of $t\bar{t}H$:
 - Observation/measurements in individual final states
 - Extract Higgs-Top Yukawa coupling (Y_t) @ HL-LHC:
 - Precise measure Y_t at Electron-positron collider @ ~ 500 GeV E_{cm}