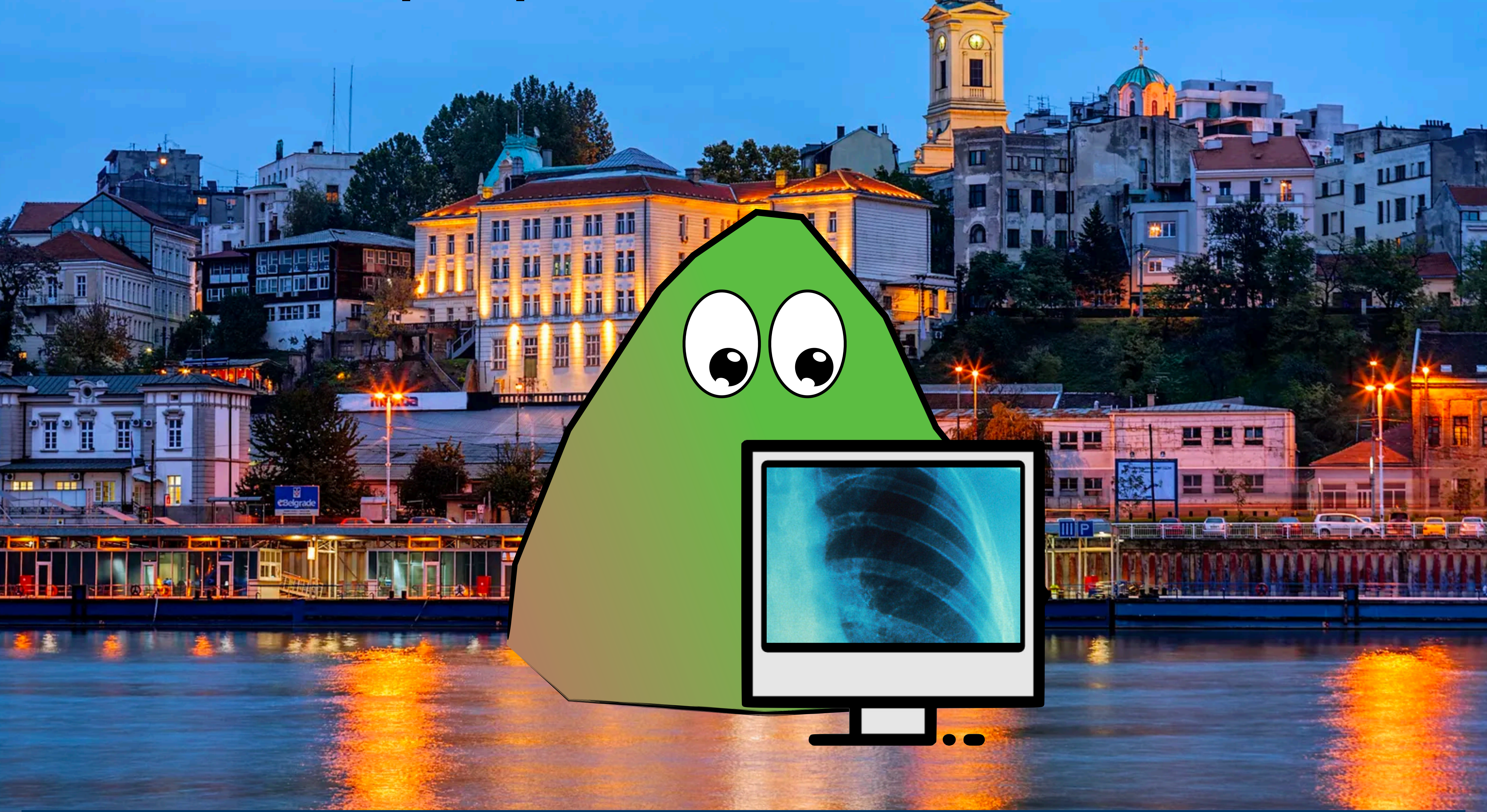
Measurements of top quark mass and properties in **ATLAS**



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What is it we want to know?

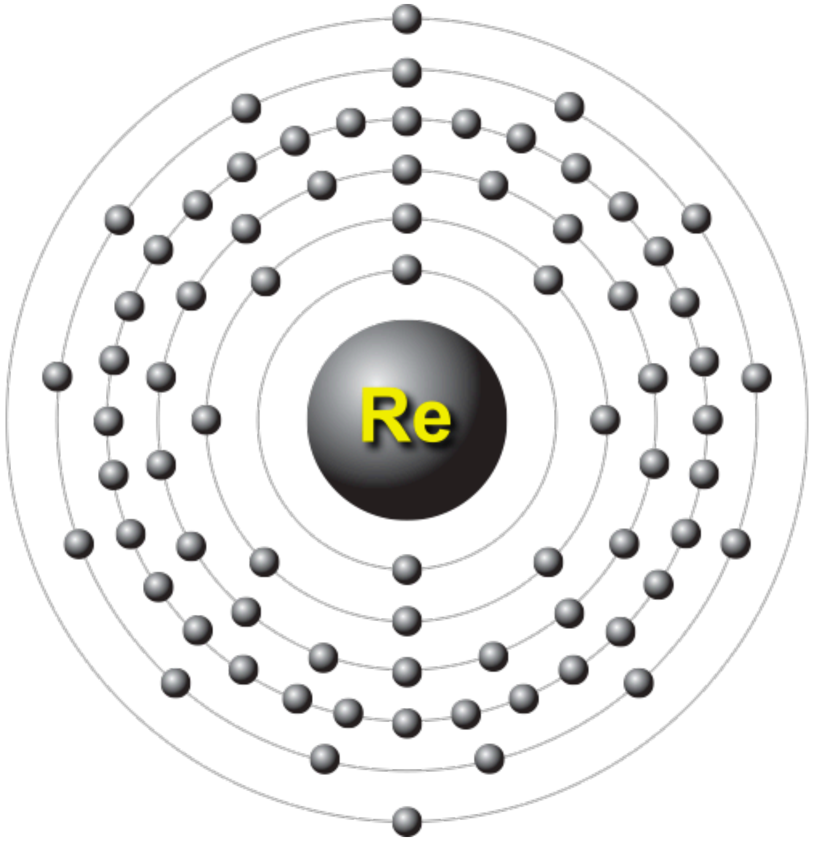
- **Ideally, we want to know the quantum numbers of the quarks:**

  - ➡ **mass**
  - ➡ **spin**
  - ➡ **charge**

- **Properties of QCD** (particularly quark confinement) **makes it nearly impossible to access these directly for most quarks….**

Top Quarks

- The top quark has a special and totally unique property: it is VERY heavy!
- It has a mass of 172.5 GeV, many orders of magnitude heavier than the other quarks!
- Closest in mass to an entire Rhenium nucleus.



Top Quarks

- This phenomenally high mass leads to some unique properties:

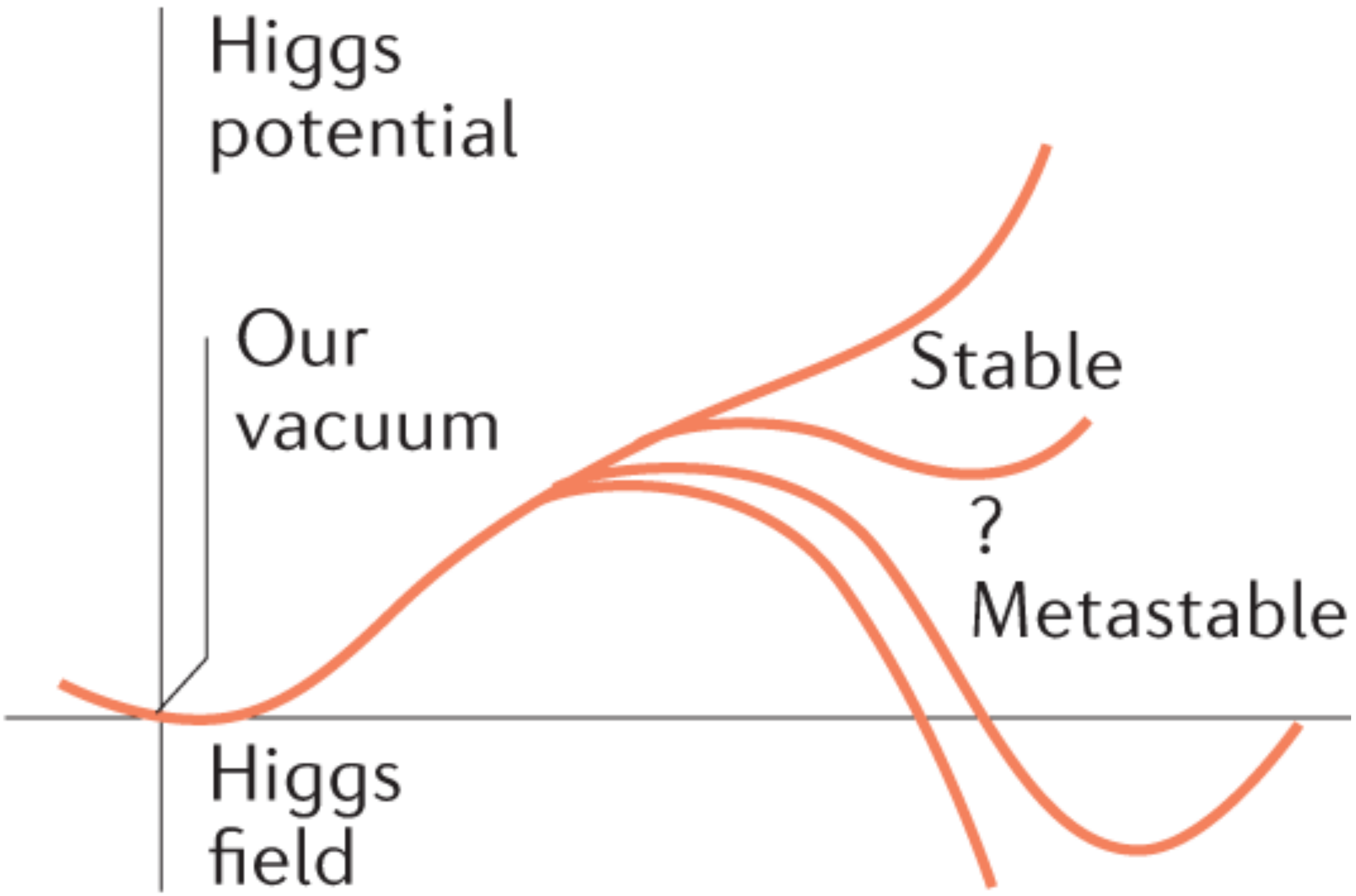
Production		Lifetime		Hadronisation		Spin decorr.
$\frac{1}{m(t)}$	$<<$	$\frac{1}{\Gamma(t)}$	$<<$	$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$	$<<$	$\frac{m(t)}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$
$\sim 10^{-27}$ s		$\sim 10^{-25}$ s		$\sim 10^{-24}$ s		$\sim 10^{-22}$ s

- QCD has no time to dilute its quantum numbers
- Perfect candidate to understand QCD!

Top Mass

Vacuum stability

- **A simple and accessible question at the LHC is** *"are we in a local or global minima?".*



- **Measuring m_W, m_t, m_H can tell us.**

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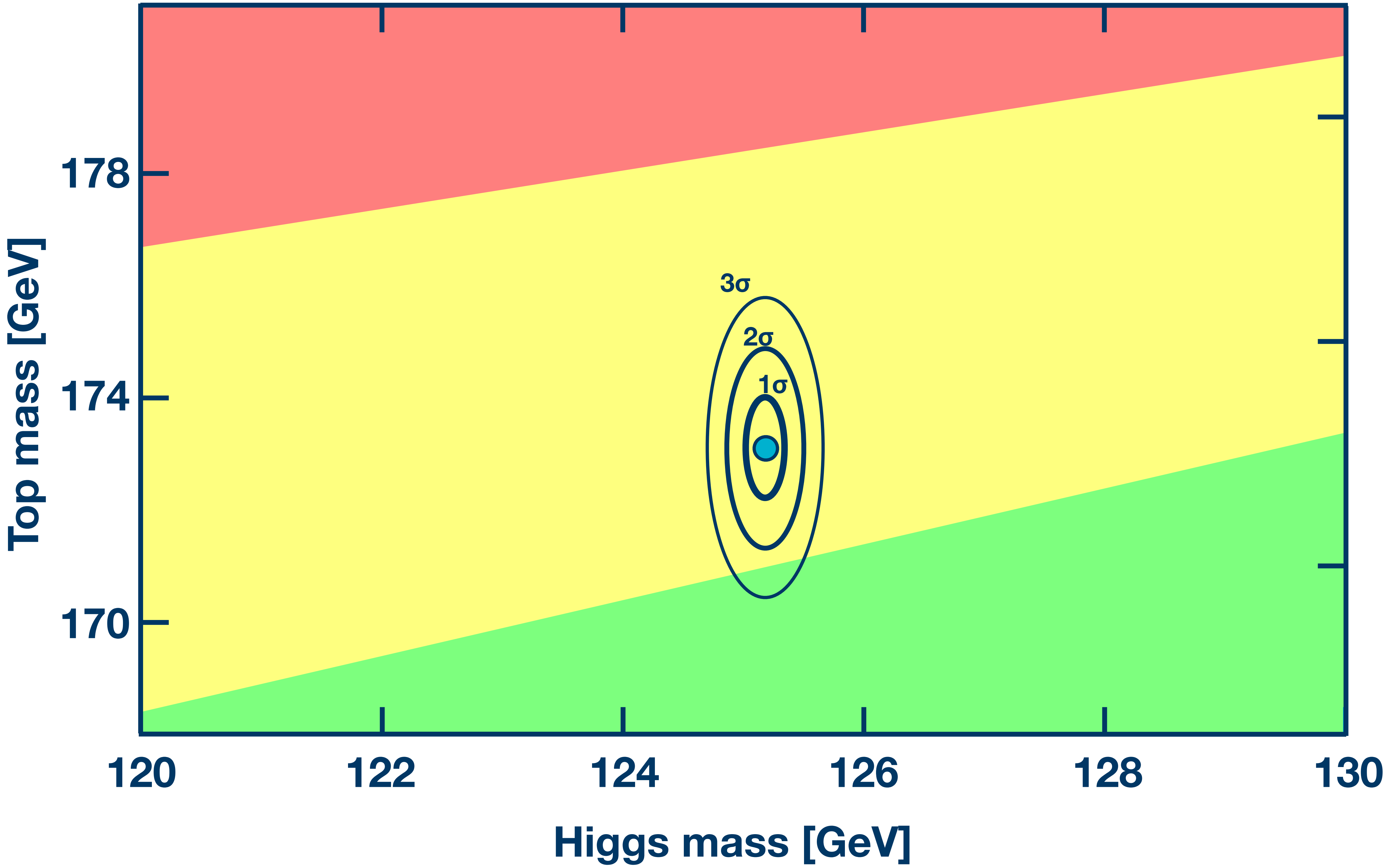

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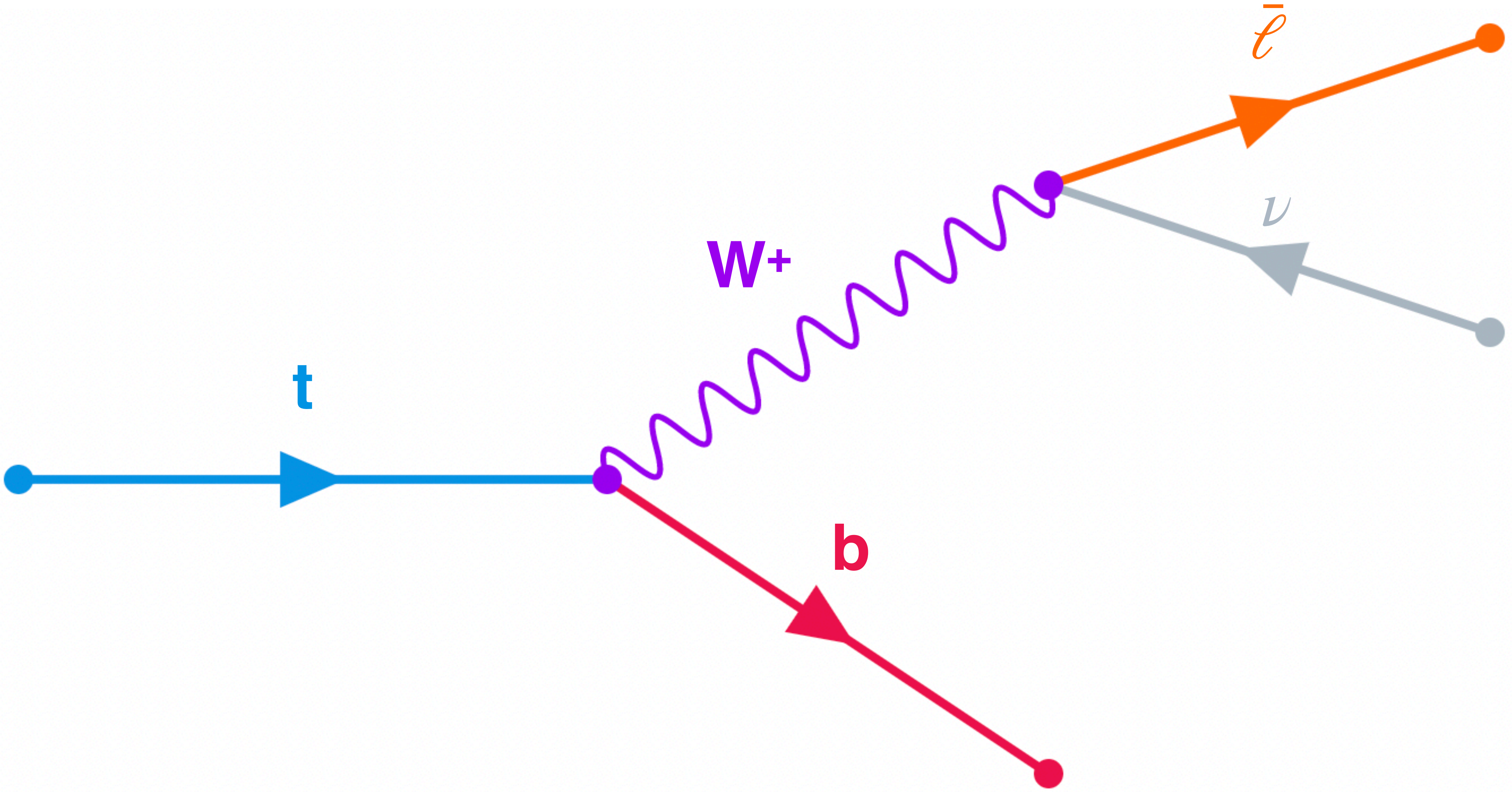

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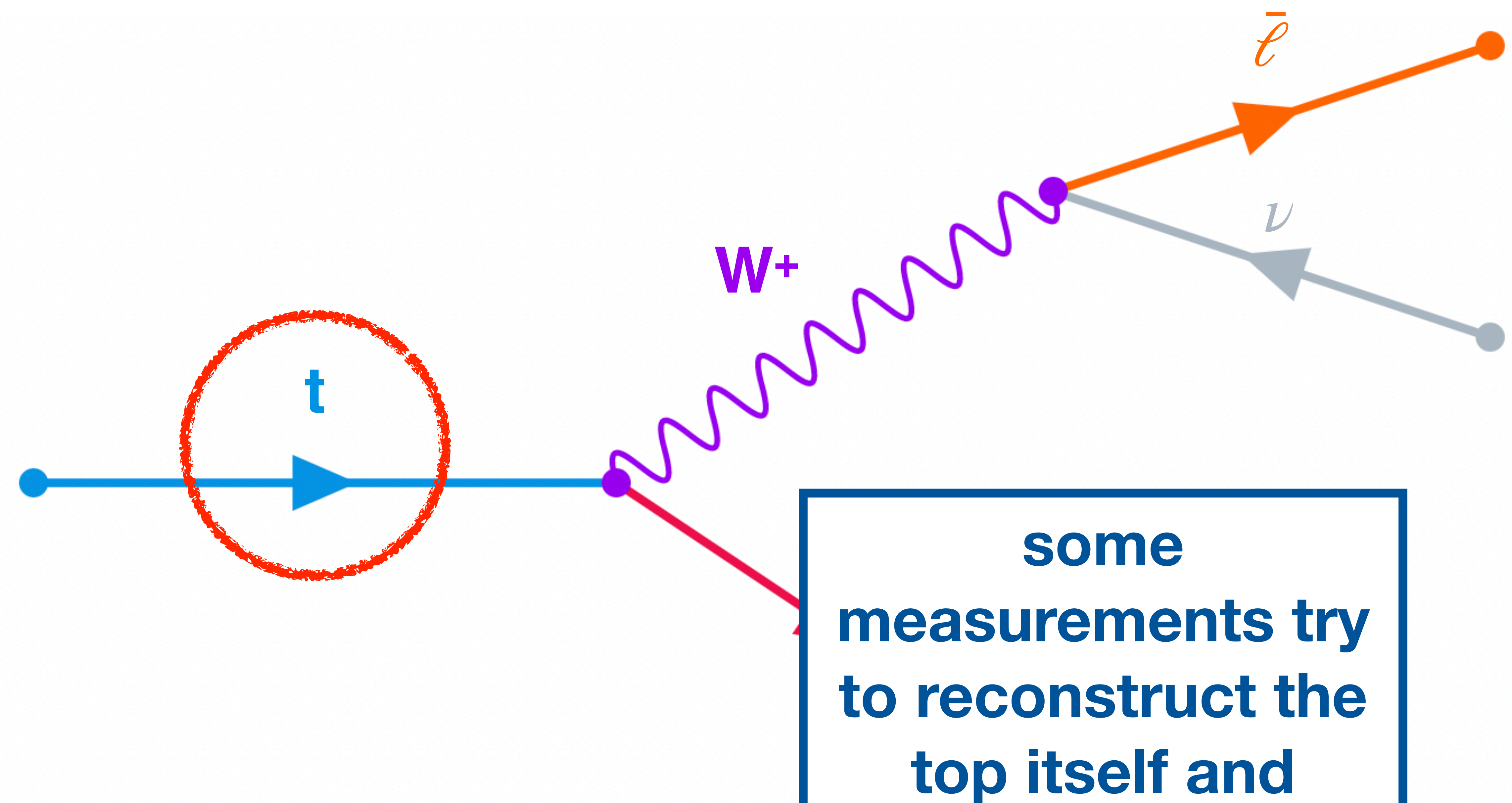

some measurements try to reconstruct the top itself and measure it's mass

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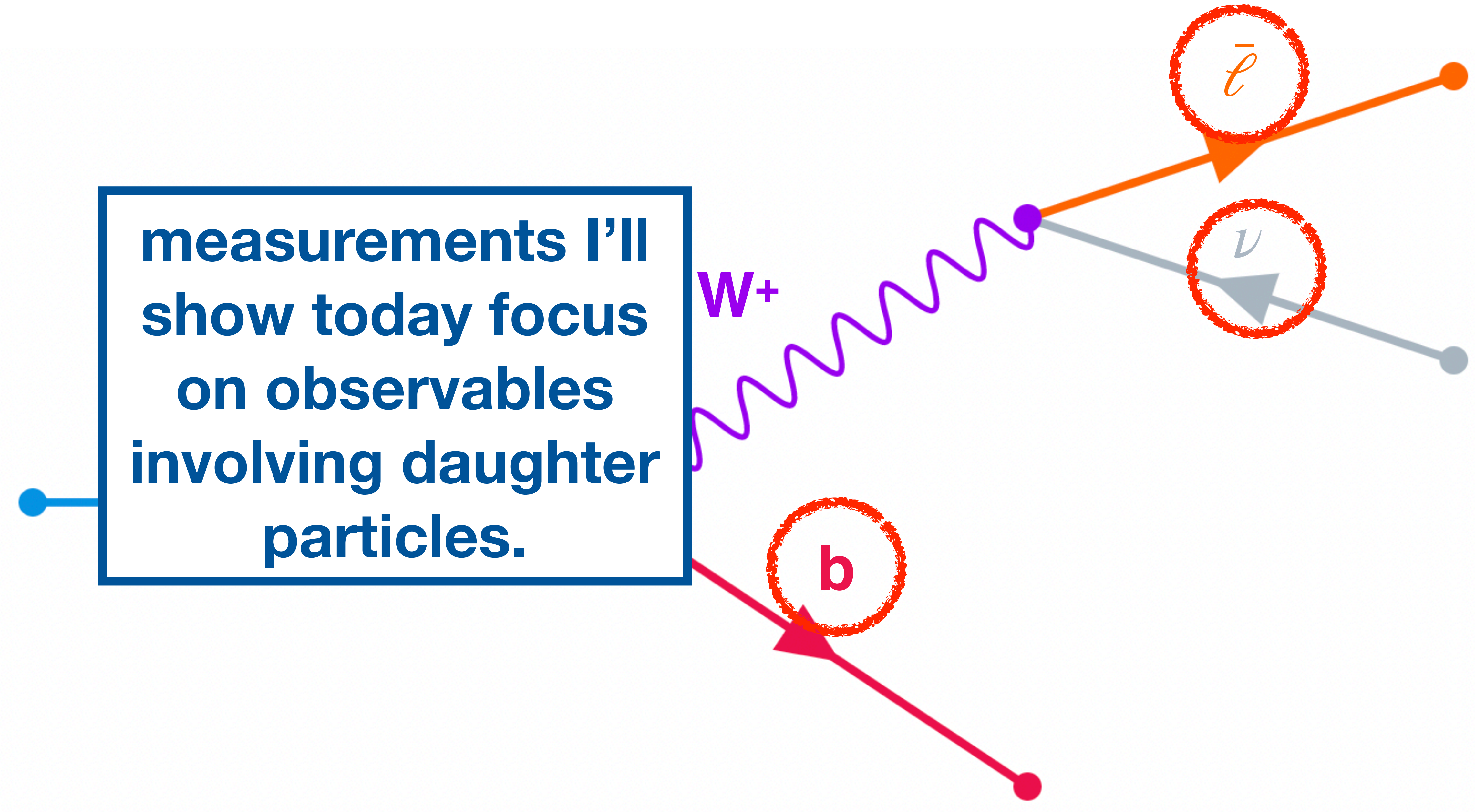

measurements I'll show today focus on observables involving daughter particles.

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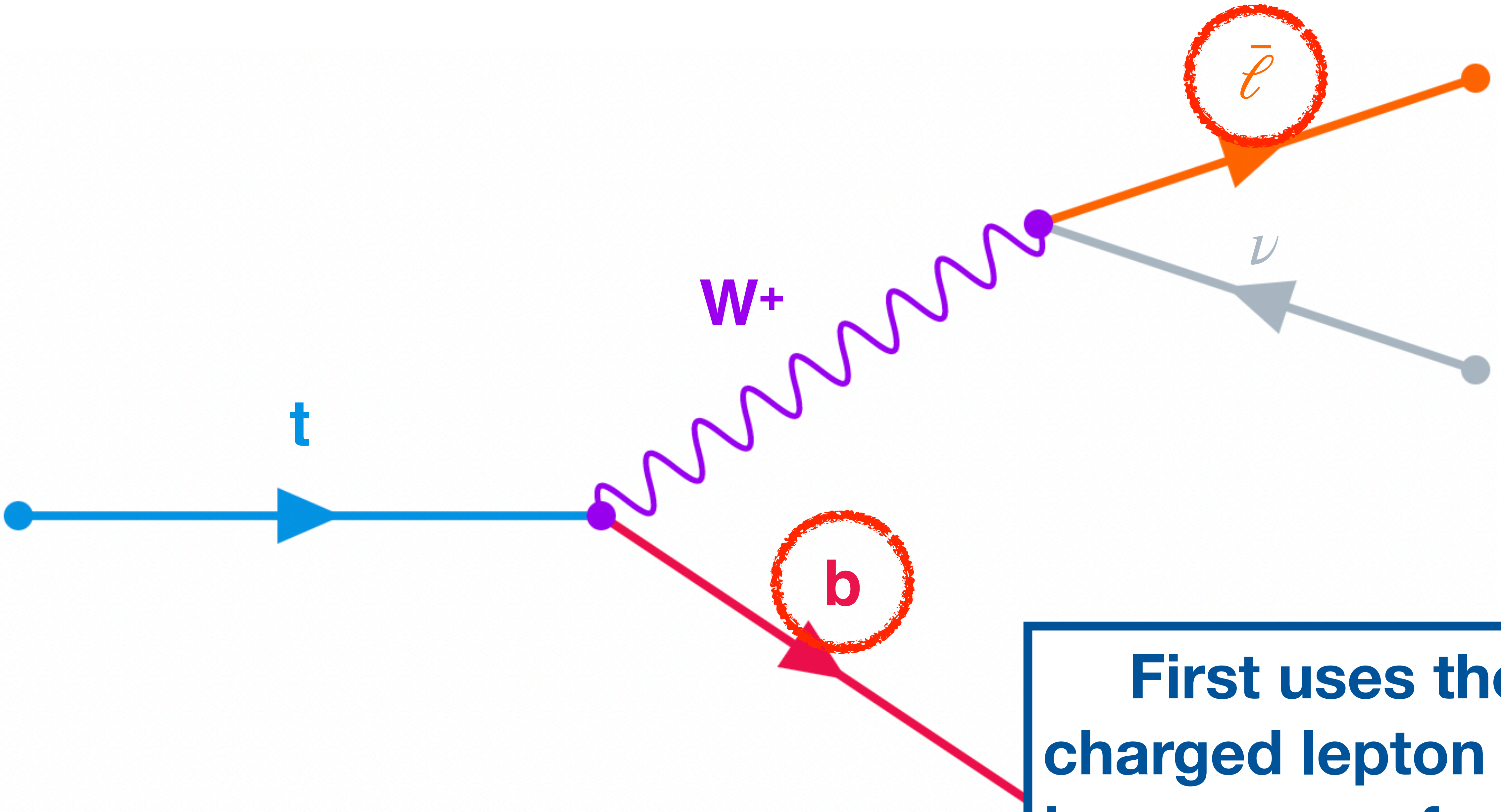

First uses the charged lepton and b as a proxy for the top.

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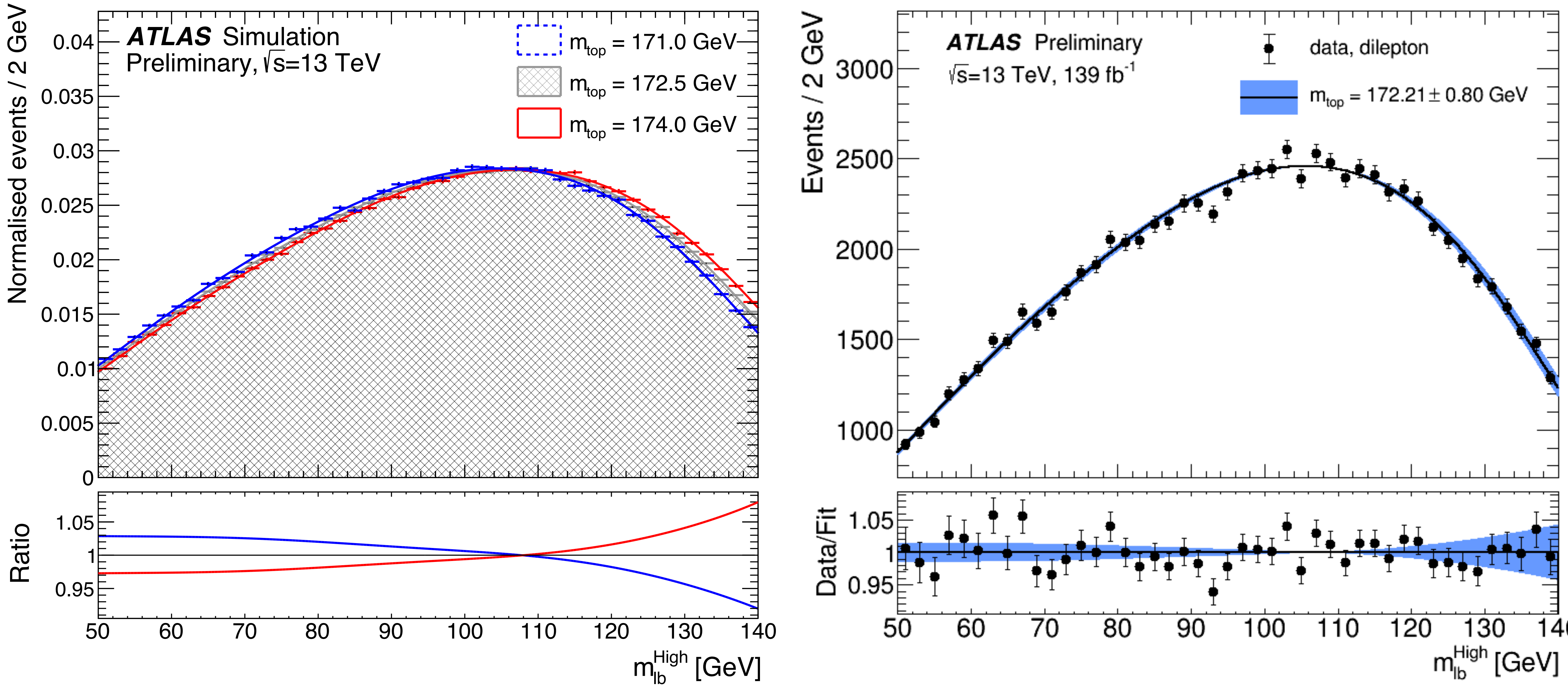

- **Top mass measured in proxy observable** (m_{lb}) **using template fit.**
- **Templates functions constructed from different mass hypotheses and fit to data** (unbinned max likelihood fit).

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- **Final selection also uses DNN to resolve lepton-jet pairing ambiguity.**

	m_{top} [GeV]
Result	172.21
Statistics	0.20
Matrix-element matching	0.40
Colour reconnection	0.27
Recoil effect	0.39
Jet energy scale	0.37
Other uncertainities	0.29
Total uncertainty	0.80

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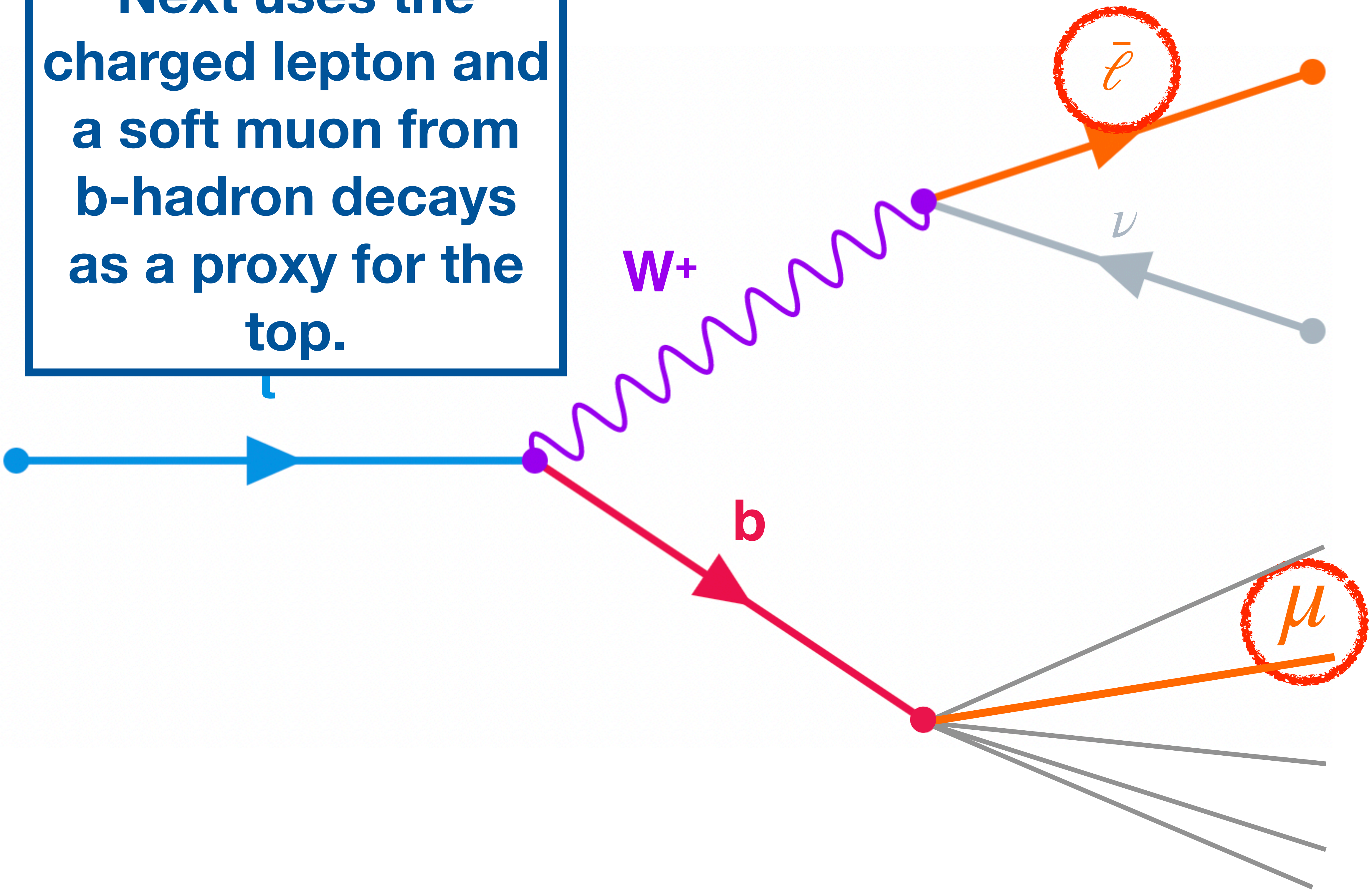
$$m_{top}^{dilepton} = 172.21 \pm 0.20\,(\text{stat}) \pm 0.67\,(\text{syst}) \pm 0.39\,(\text{recoil})\ \text{GeV}.$$

- **Uncertainty dominated by MC modelling and Jet energy scale uncertainties.**

How do we measure it?

Next uses the charged lepton and a soft muon from b-hadron decays as a proxy for the top.



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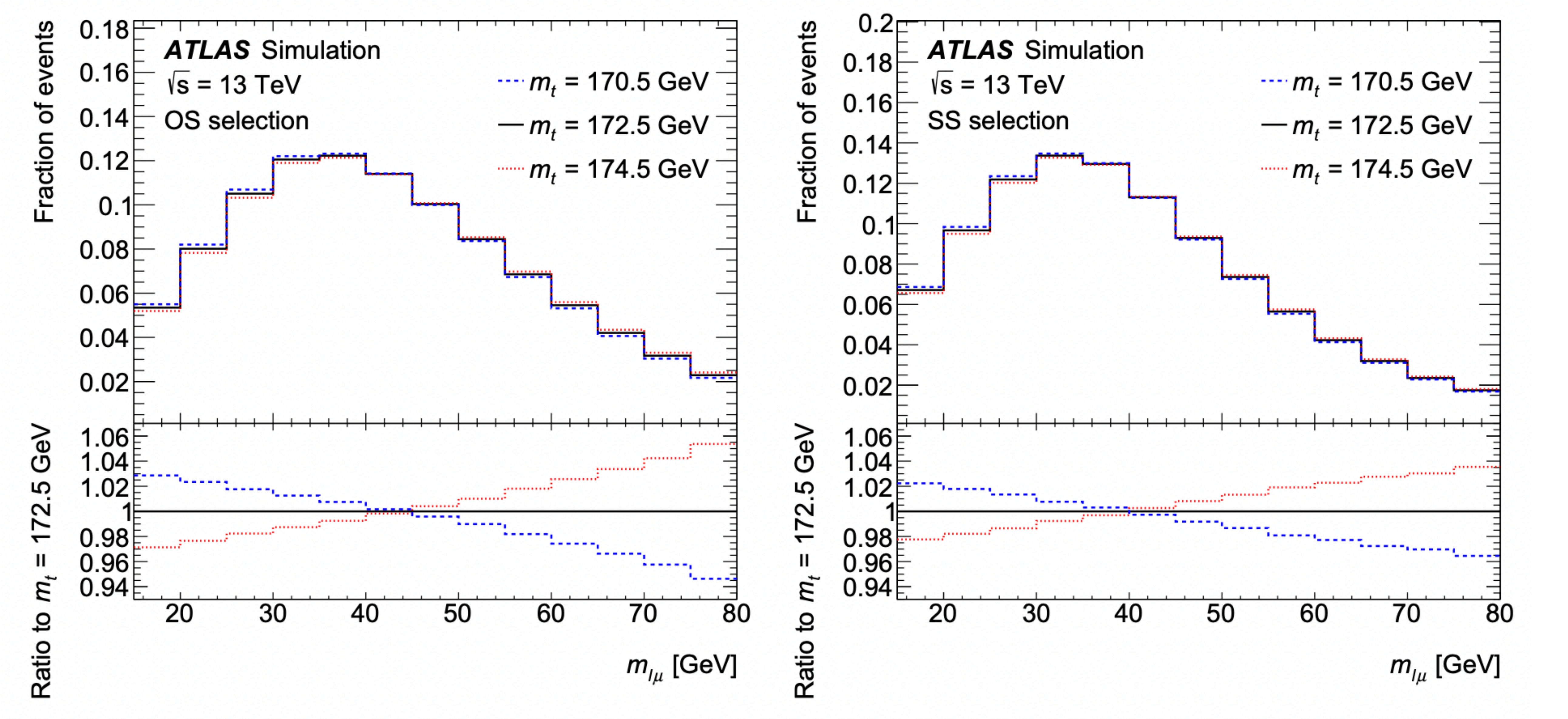

- **Similar to previous method but uses soft muon in b jet** ($m_{\mu l}$)**; leptons measured more precisely than jets.**
- **Additional complication is μ and l can be same sign.**
- **Requires precise knowledge of b-fragmentation.**

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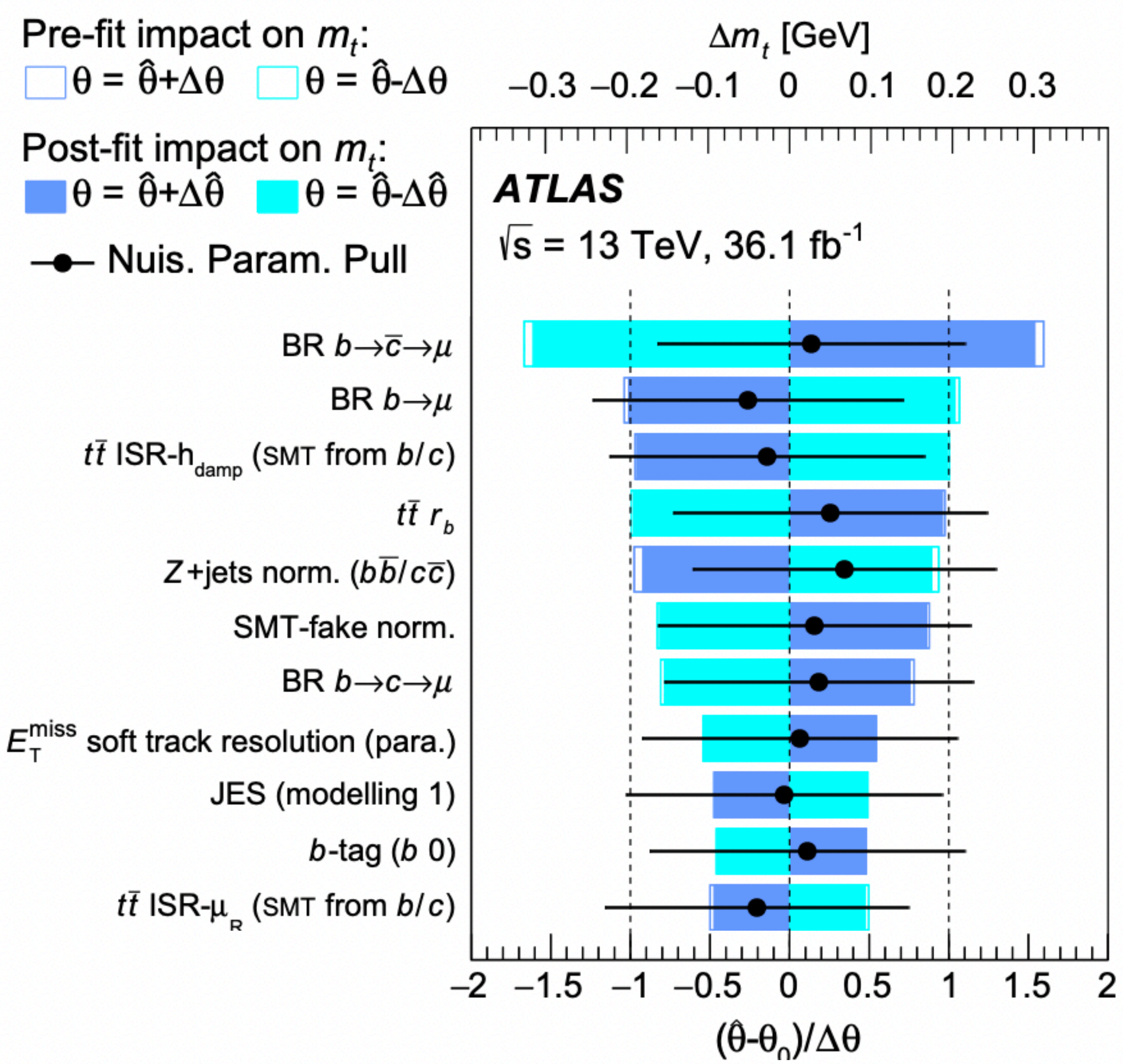
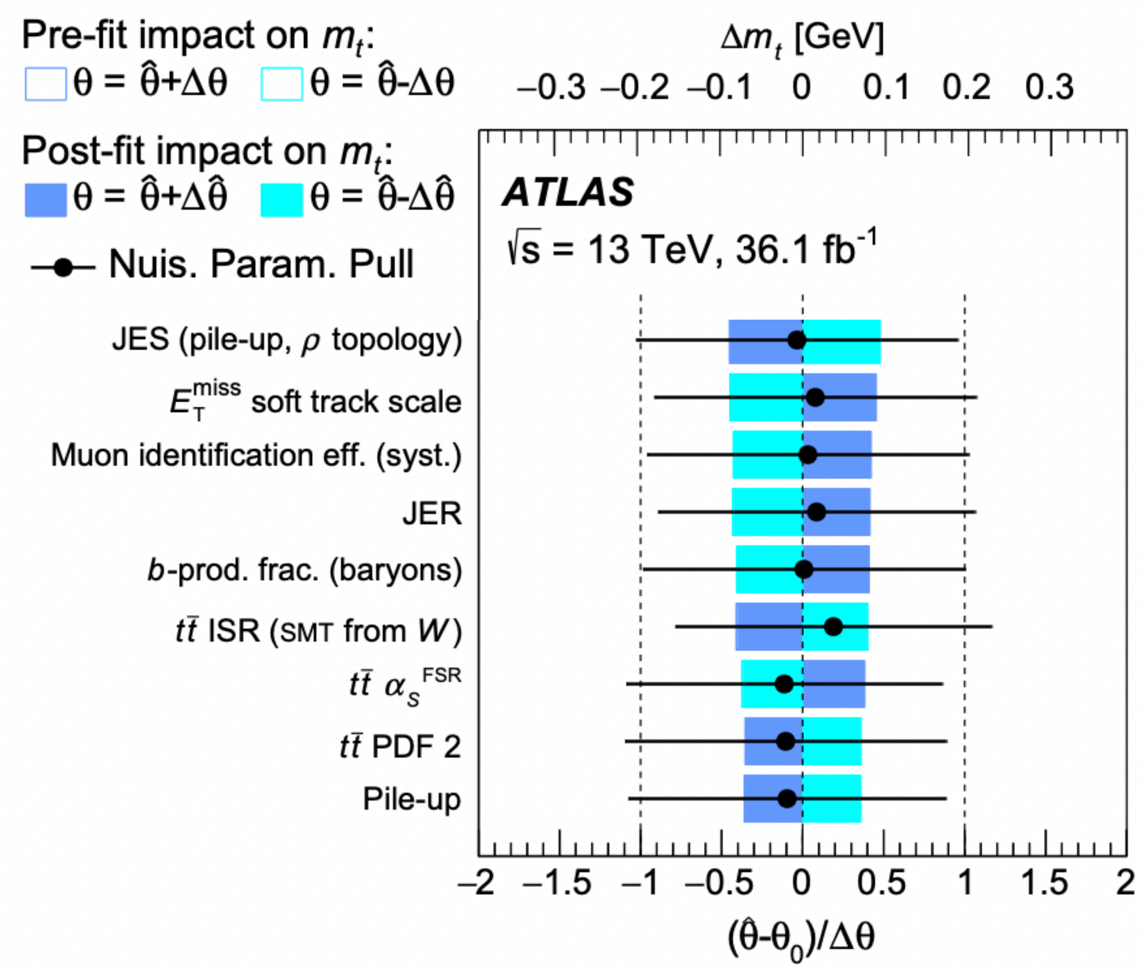
- **Mass extracted using binned maximum likelihood fit.**





$$m_{\text{top}} = 174.41 \pm 0.39\ (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.66\ (\text{syst.}) \pm 0.25\ (\text{recoil})\ \text{GeV}$$

- **Measurement dominated by uncertainties on the b-fragmentation and decay.**

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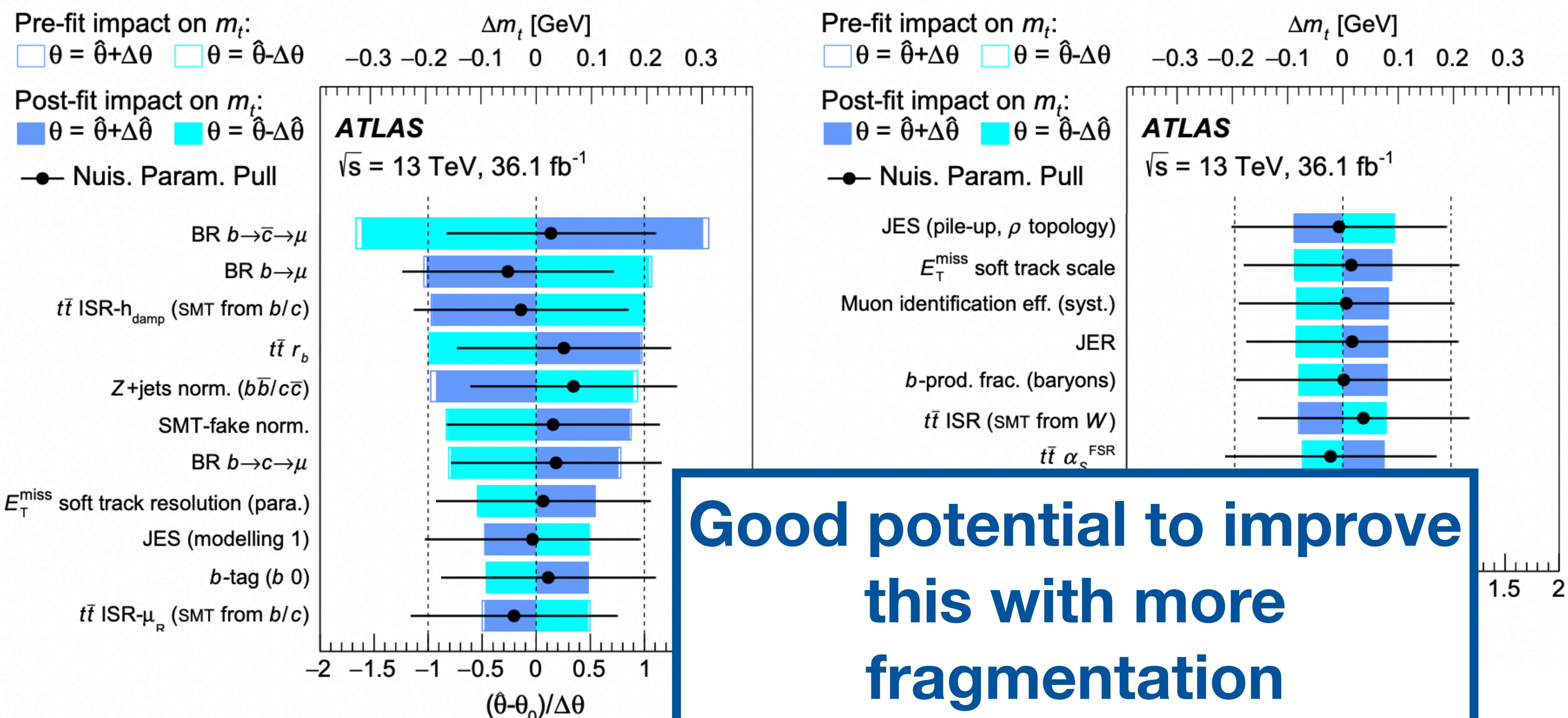

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Good potential to improve this with more fragmentation improvements!

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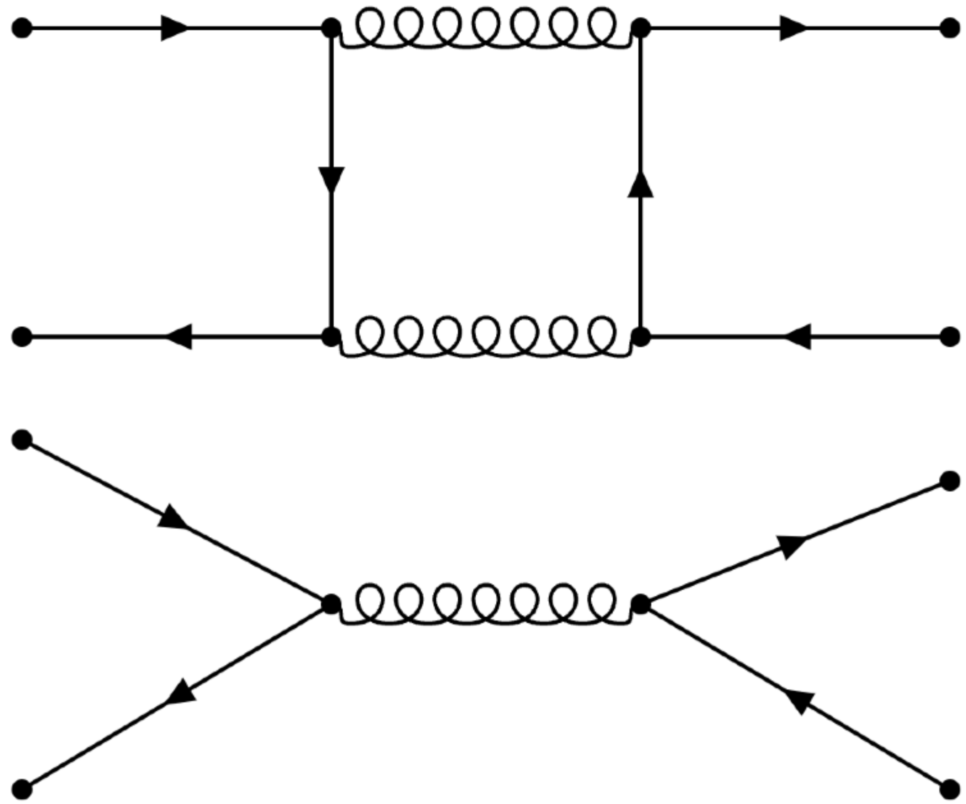
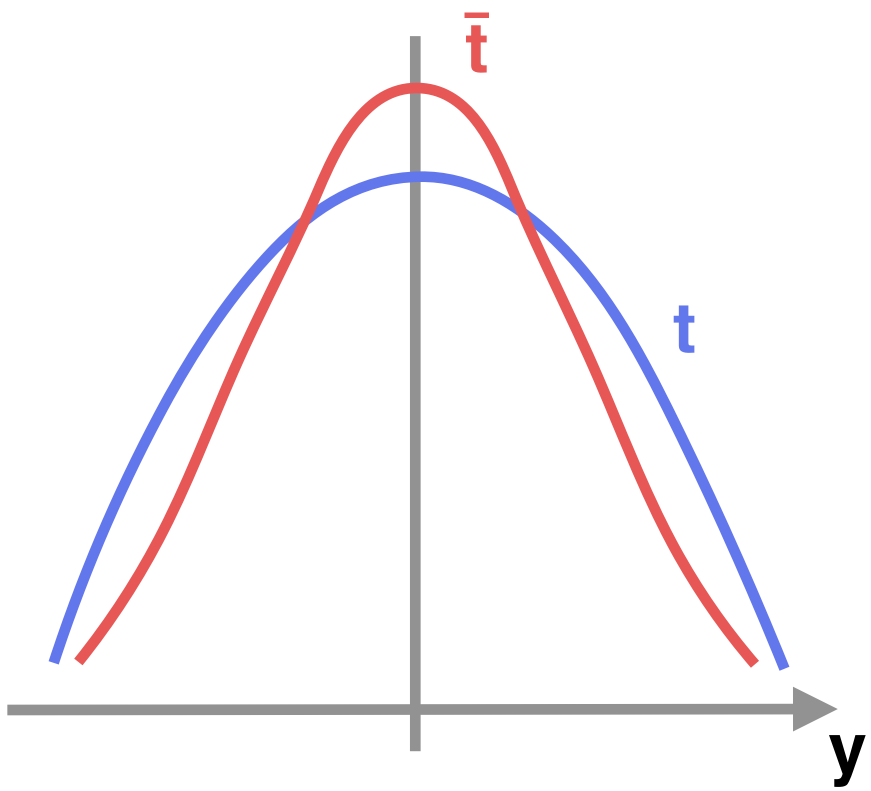
Other Properties

Charge Asymmetry [Accepted by JHEP]





- **Interference between born and box diagrams induces an asymmetry in the direction of tops vs. anti-tops.**
- **Extremely subtle precent-level** (0.6%) **effect.**
  (one of the most precise SM tests in top physics)**.**

Charge Asymmetry [Accepted by JHEP]

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- **This measurement selected dileptonic and semi-leptonic** (resolved and boosted) **$t\bar{t}$ events and uses builds two asymmetries:**

$$A_C^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{N(\Delta|y_{t\bar{t}}| > 0) - N(\Delta|y_{t\bar{t}}| < 0)}{N(\Delta|y_{t\bar{t}}| > 0) + N(\Delta|y_{t\bar{t}}| < 0)} \qquad \Delta|y_{t\bar{t}}| = |y_t| - |y_{\bar{t}}|$$

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- **Observables are corrected for detector effects using a Fully Bayesian Unfolding.**

- **Systematic uncertainties are marginalised and can be constrained by the data.**

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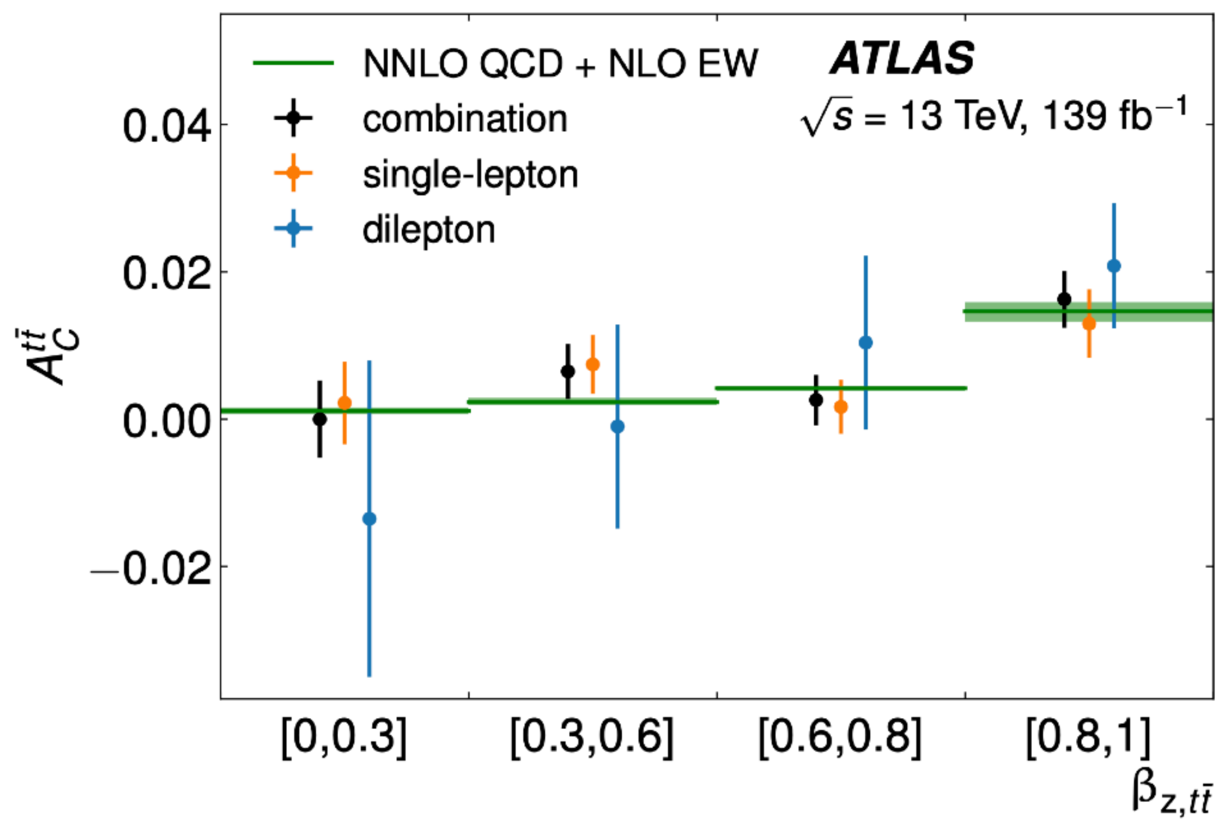
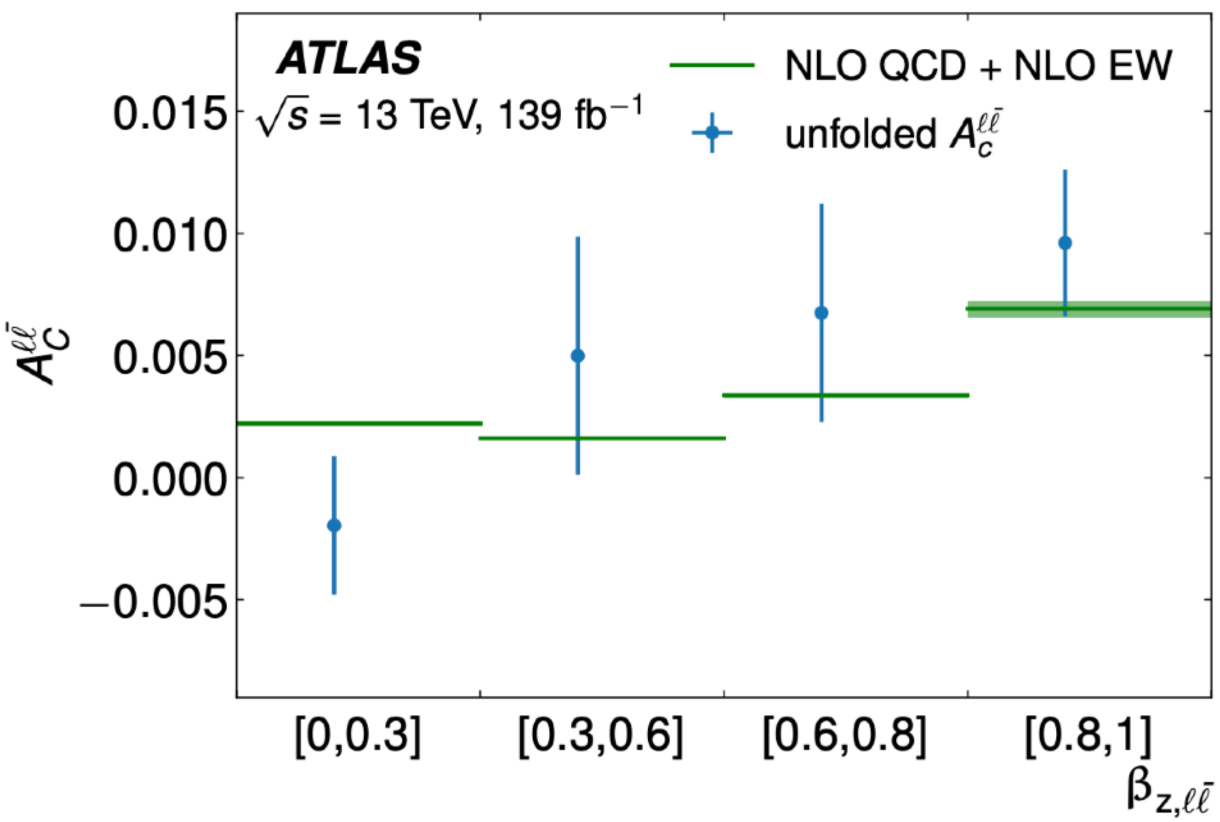




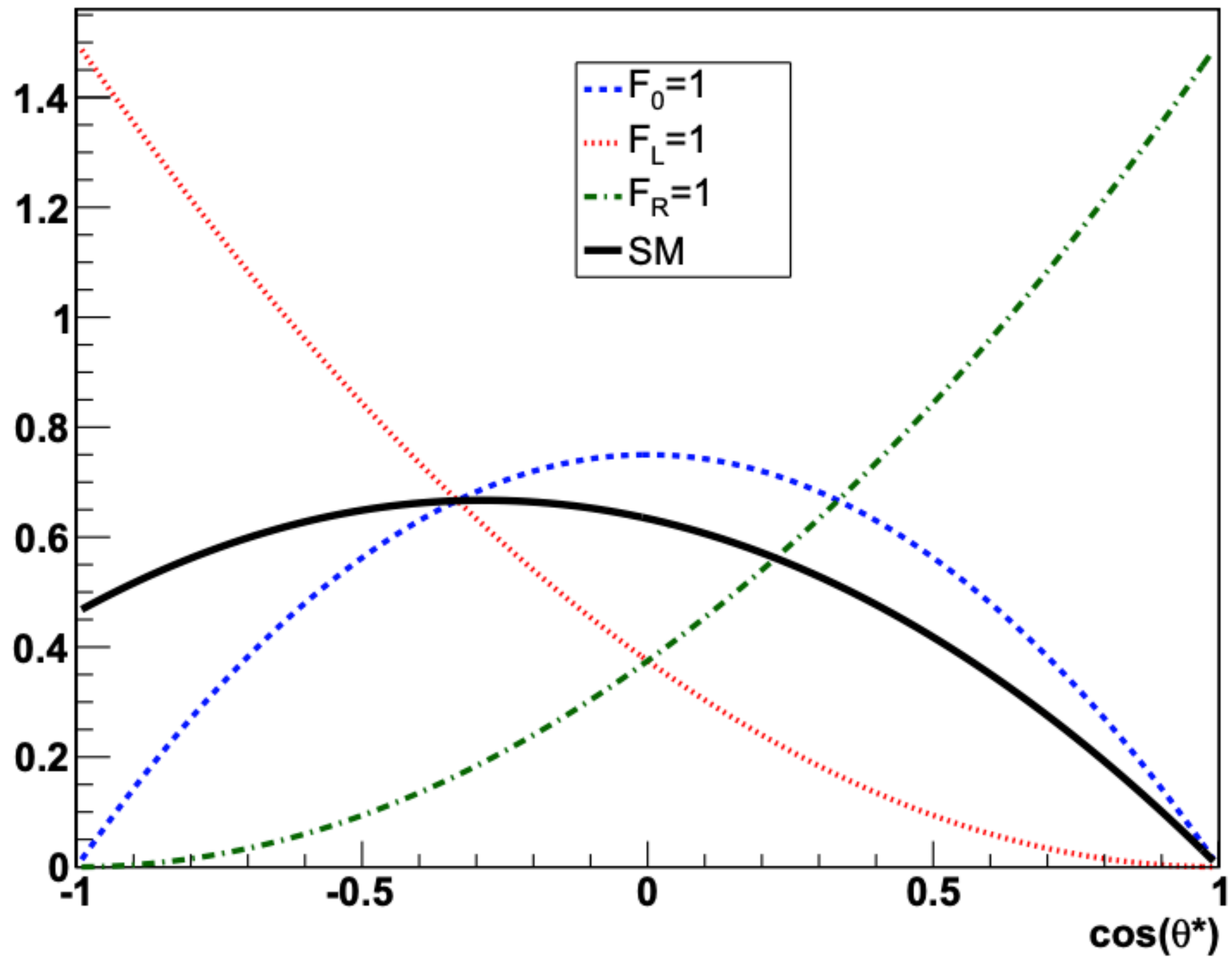
- **Measured inclusive asymmetries are:**

  $A_C^{t\bar{t}}$ = 0.068 ± 0.015 (stat. + syst.)

  A_C^{ll} = 0.054 ± 0.026 (stat. + syst.)

- **4.7 sigma disagreement with 0: very strong evidence!**

W Boson Helicity [Accepted by PLB]



- **W bosons can be polarised longitudinally** (F_0) **or left-handed** (F_L)**, but not right-handed** (F_R) **in the SM.**
- **Sensitive to anomalous Wtb couplings** (any significant F_R = new physics!)**.**

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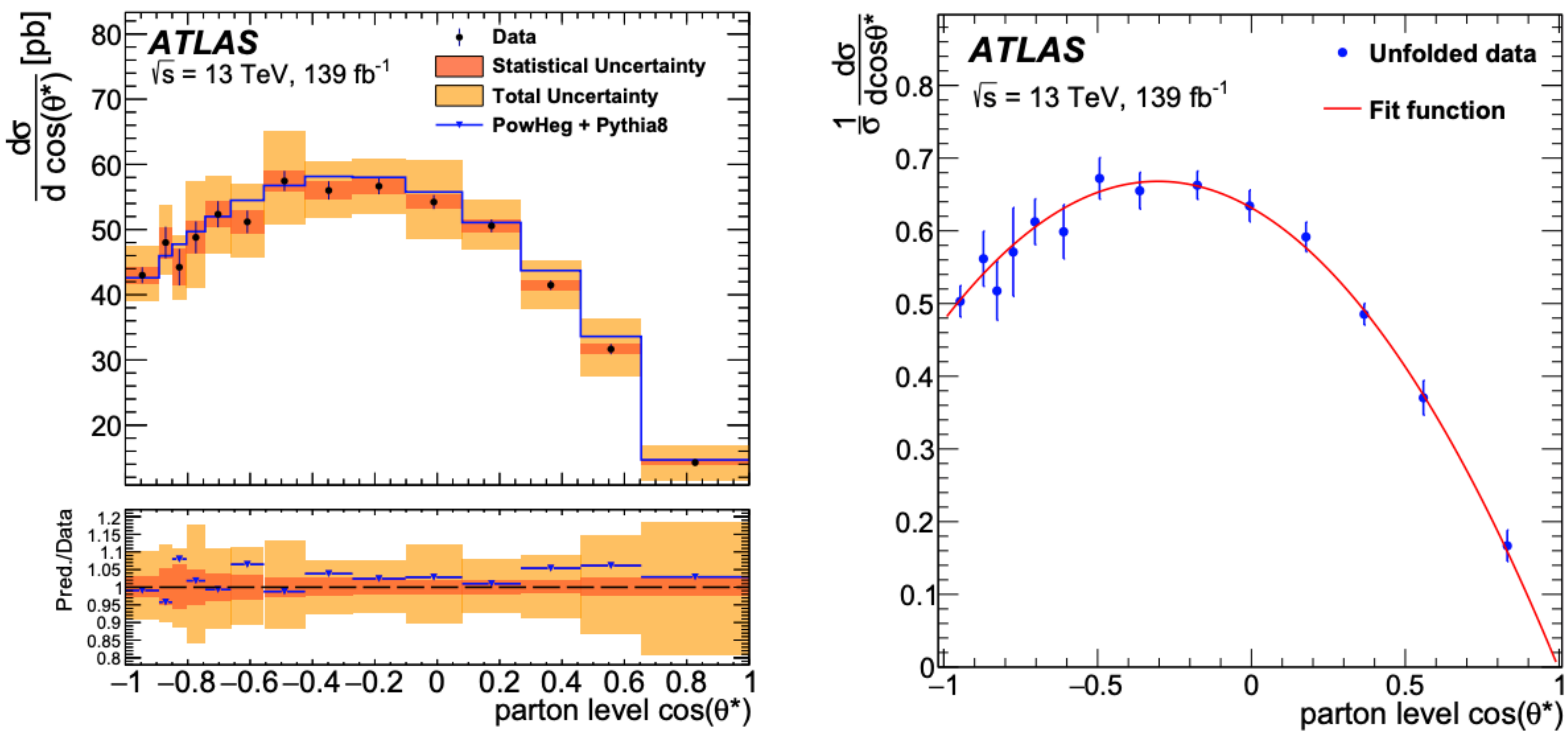
$$\frac{1}{\sigma}\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*} = \frac{3}{4}(1-\cos^2\theta^*)f_0 + \frac{3}{8}(1-\cos\theta^*)^2 f_L + \frac{3}{8}(1+\cos\theta^*)^2 f_R.$$

- **Measured by unfolding using angular distribution of charged lepton decay from the W.**



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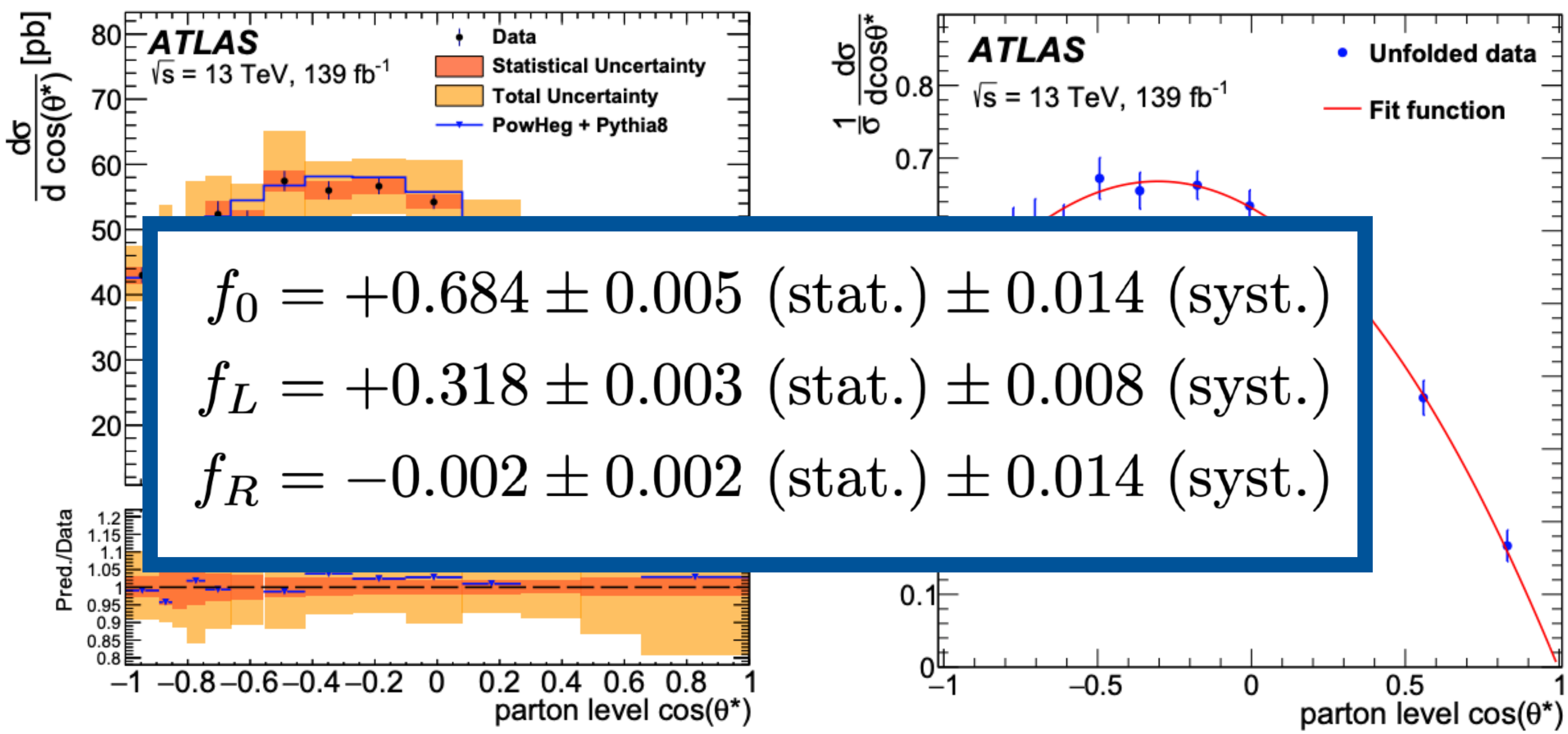

$$f_0 = +0.684 \pm 0.005\ (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.014\ (\text{syst.})$$
$$f_L = +0.318 \pm 0.003\ (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.008\ (\text{syst.})$$
$$f_R = -0.002 \pm 0.002\ (\text{stat.}) \pm 0.014\ (\text{syst.})$$

Conclusions

- First ATLAS Run2 top mass measurements starting to appear.
- Current sensitivity is ~1 GeV, but this will decrease as more analyses mature.
- Precision tests of top-properties already well established in Run2, now approaching ultra-precise measurements.
- Still some clear statistical benefits from upcoming Run3 data in these analyses.

Backup

Paper/CONF references

- **$t\bar{t}\gamma$ charge asymmetry: Accepted by PLB**
- **W Boson polarisation: Accepted by PLB**
- **top mass** (SMT)**: Accepted by JHEP**
- **top mass** (template)**: ATLAS-CONF-2022-058**

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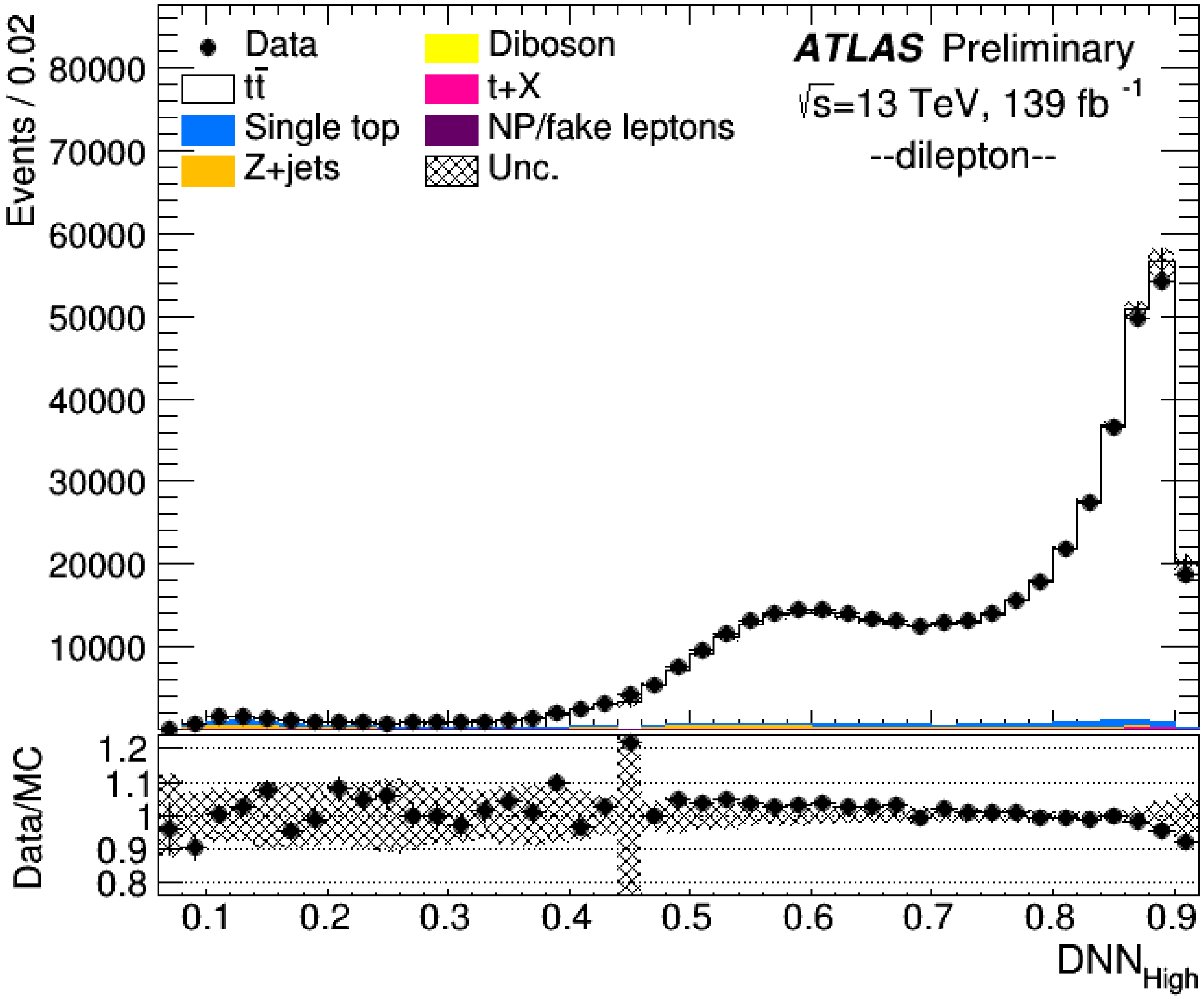

- **Deep Neural Net used to optimise lepton-b pairings.**

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Statistics	0.20
Method	0.05 ± 0.04
Matrix-element matching	0.40 ± 0.06
Parton shower and hadronisation	0.05 ± 0.05
Initial- and final-state QCD radiation	0.17 ± 0.02
Underlying event	0.02 ± 0.10
Colour reconnection	0.27 ± 0.07
Parton distribution function	0.03 ± 0.00
Single top modelling	0.01 ± 0.01
Background normalisation	0.03 ± 0.02
Jet energy scale	0.37 ± 0.02
b-jet energy scale	0.12 ± 0.02
Jet energy resolution	0.13 ± 0.02
Jet vertex tagging	0.01 ± 0.01
b-tagging	0.04 ± 0.01
Leptons	0.11 ± 0.02
Pile-up	0.06 ± 0.01
Recoil effect	0.39 ± 0.09
Total systematic uncertainty (without recoil)	0.67 ± 0.05
Total systematic uncertainty (with recoil)	0.77 ± 0.06
Total uncertainty (without recoil)	0.70 ± 0.05
Total uncertainty (with recoil)	0.80 ± 0.06