

# Search for $W_R$ and HNL in a $\tau_h \tau_\ell + \text{jets}$ Final State

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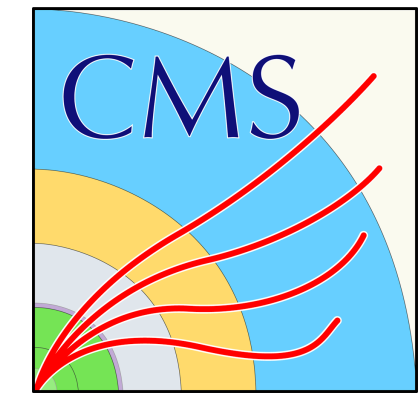
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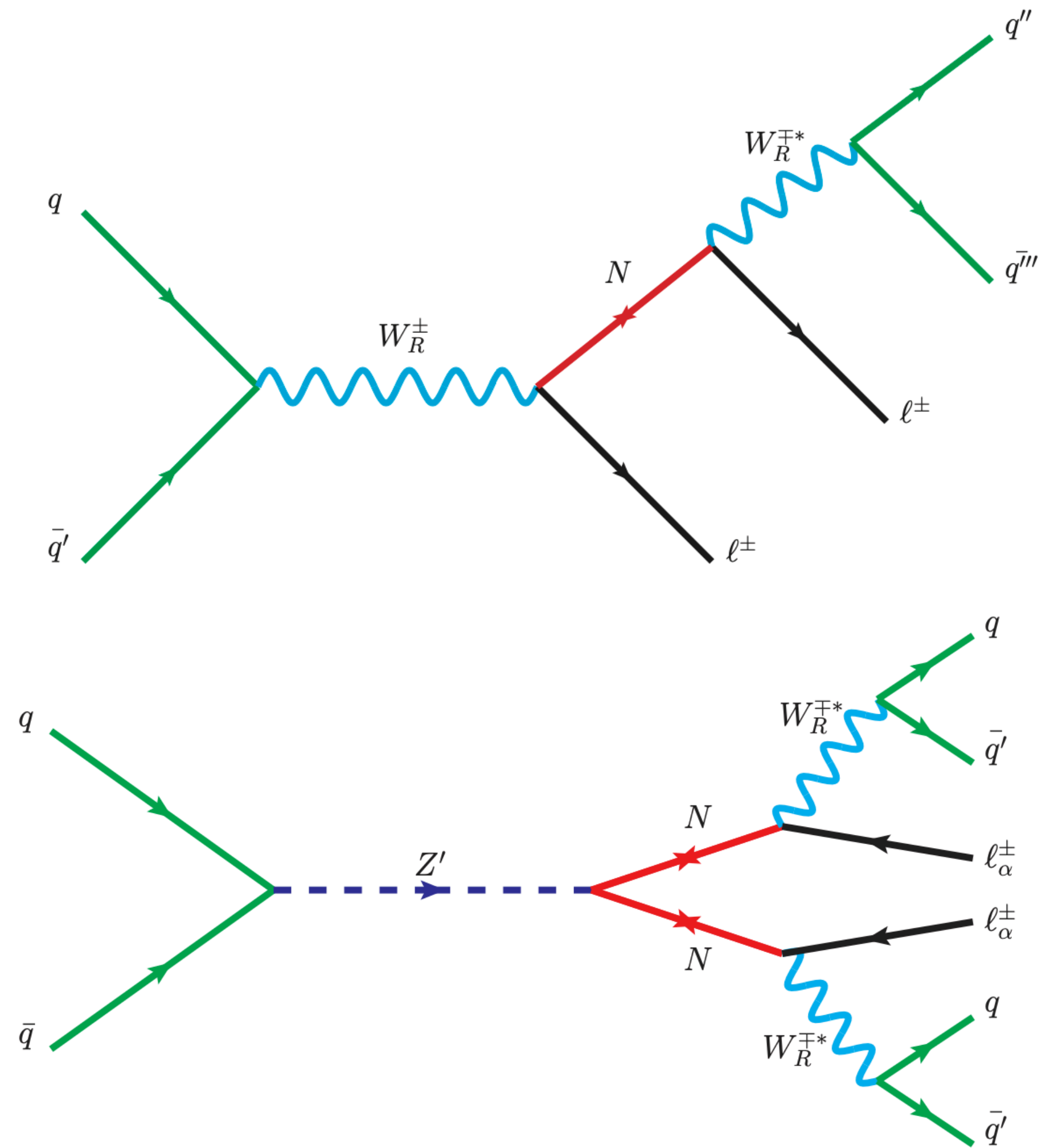
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# Introduction

## Motivation

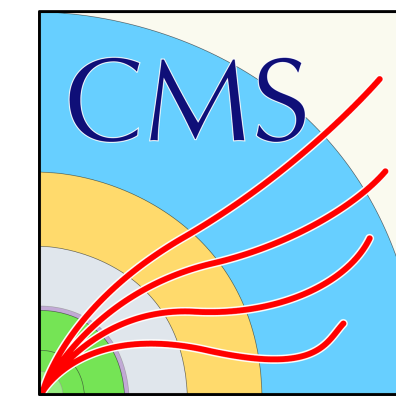


- Unsolved mysteries with neutrinos
  - Neutrino oscillation, mass problem...
  - Unexplainable in the bounds of the SM
- Left-Right Symmetric Model (LRSM)
  - Requires a new SU(2) symmetry between left handed and right handed particles
  - Such symmetry introduces new “right handed gauge bosons” ( $W_R, Z_R$ )
  - Predicts the existence of heavy right-handed neutrinos (N)
  - Explains the SM neutrino mass problem via the seesaw mechanism.



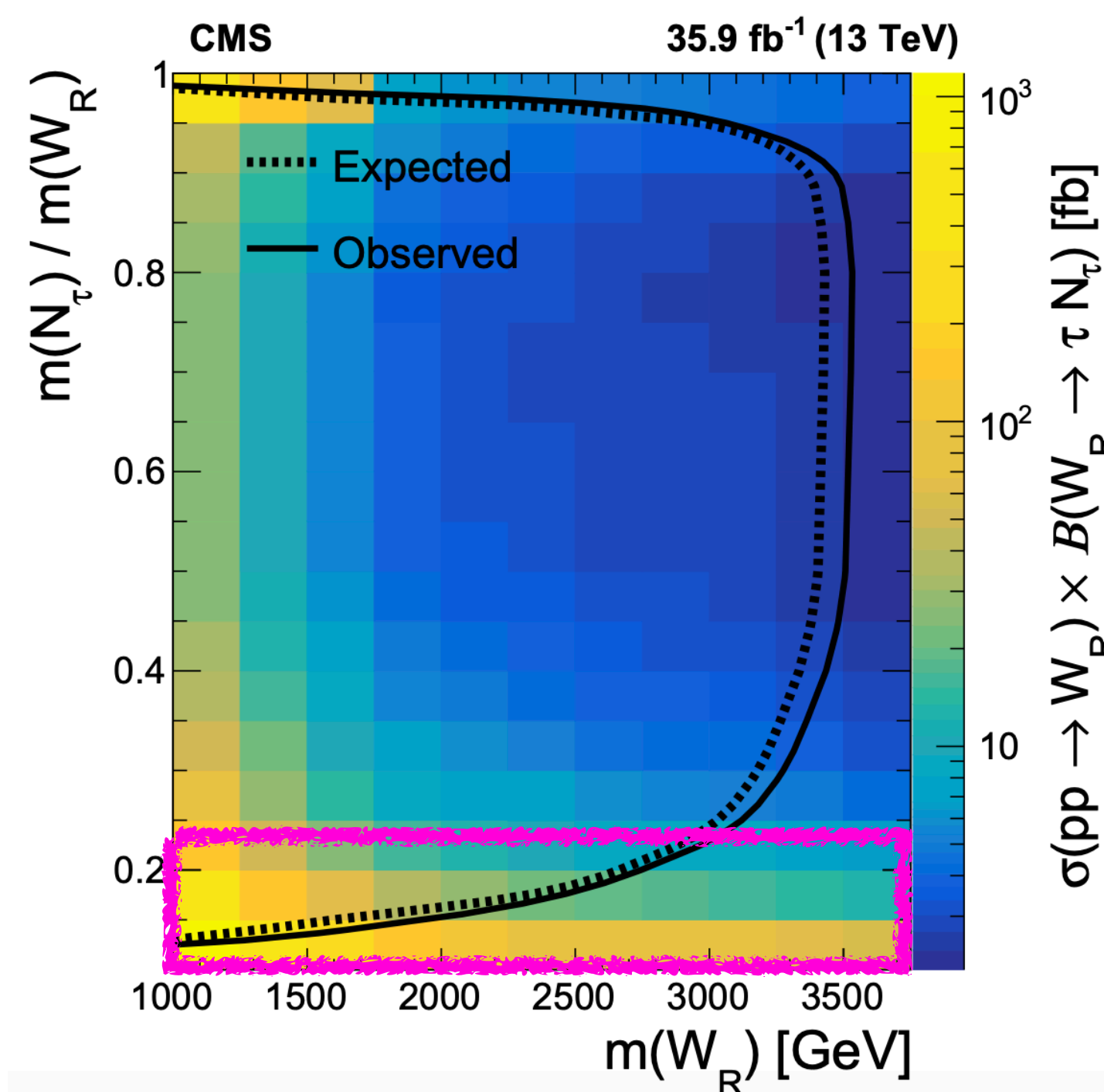
# Analysis Motivation

## Search Strategy



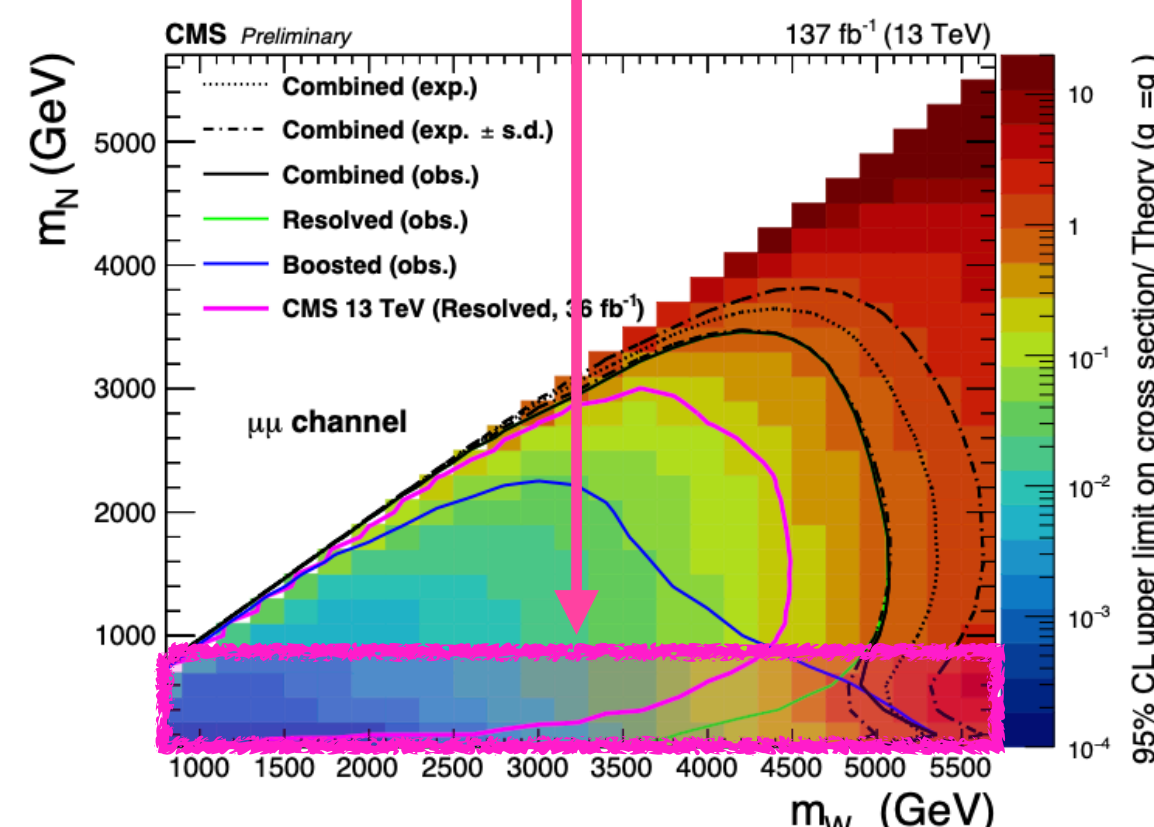
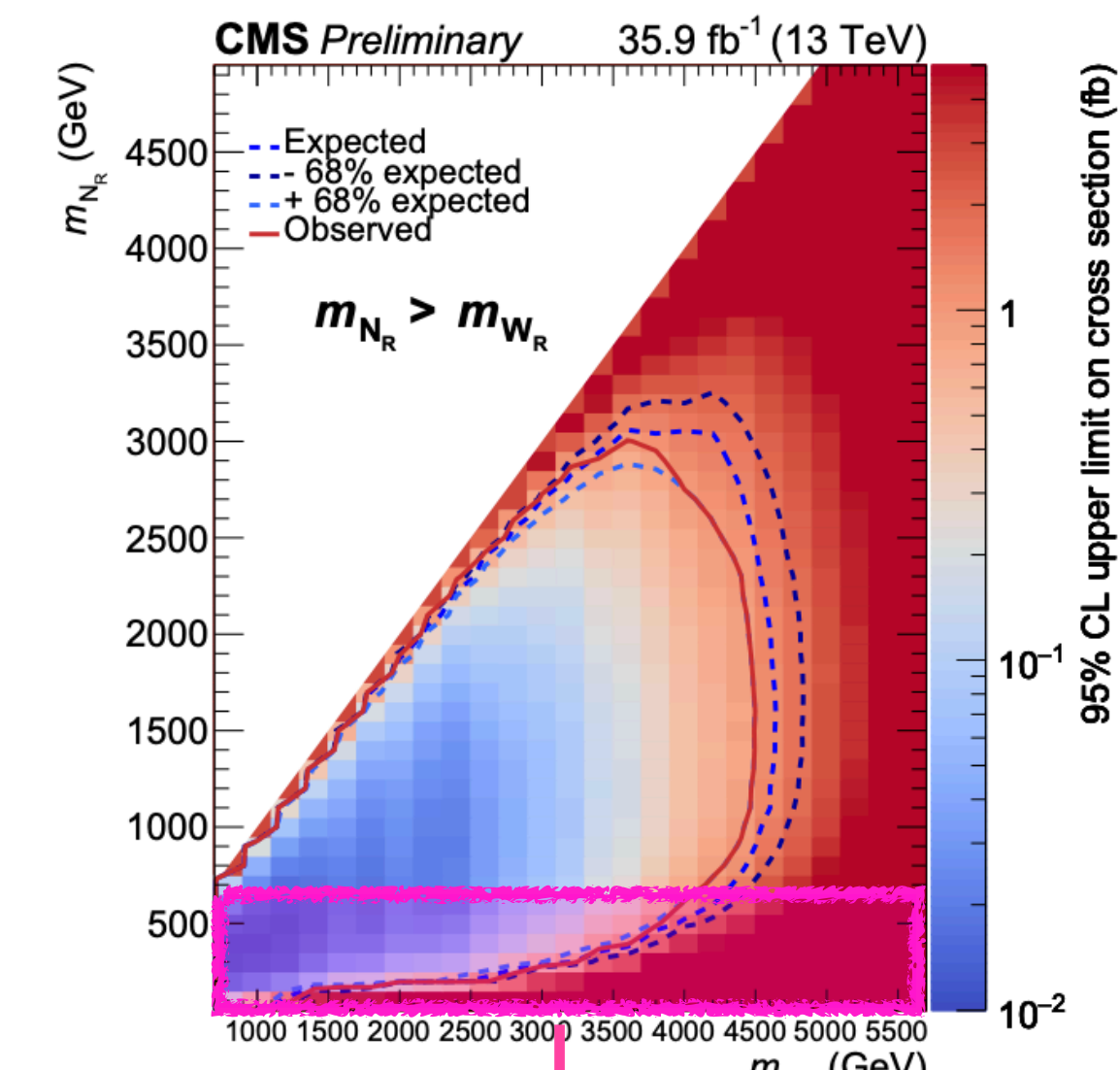
- Adding more sensitivity for  $W_R$  search in tau channels in the  $m_{WR} \gg m_N$  region.
- Trying to add sensitivity to boosted region with  $m_{WR} \gg m_N$  also for the tau channels.
- EXO-20-002 was able to scan a wider range of phase space, especially for the **boosted regions** which was not showing good sensitivity in similar studies before in ee/ $\mu\mu$  channel
- Applying lessons learned from EXO-20-002 by taking advantage from jet substructures with leptons merged inside a boosted fatjet, from especially using the **lepton subjet fraction ( $LSF_3$ ) algorithm** for the tau channel
- Aiming to set 2D limits on cross sections on the  $m_{WR}, m_N$  mass plane.

EXO-17-016 (35.9/fb)



Enhancing the boosted regions !  
(  $m_{WR} \gg m_N$  )

EXO-17-011 (35.9/fb)  $\mu\mu$

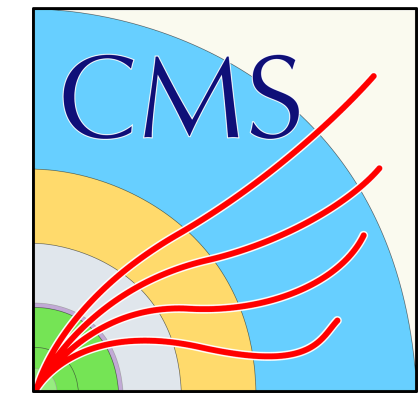


EXO-20-002 (137/fb)  $\mu\mu$

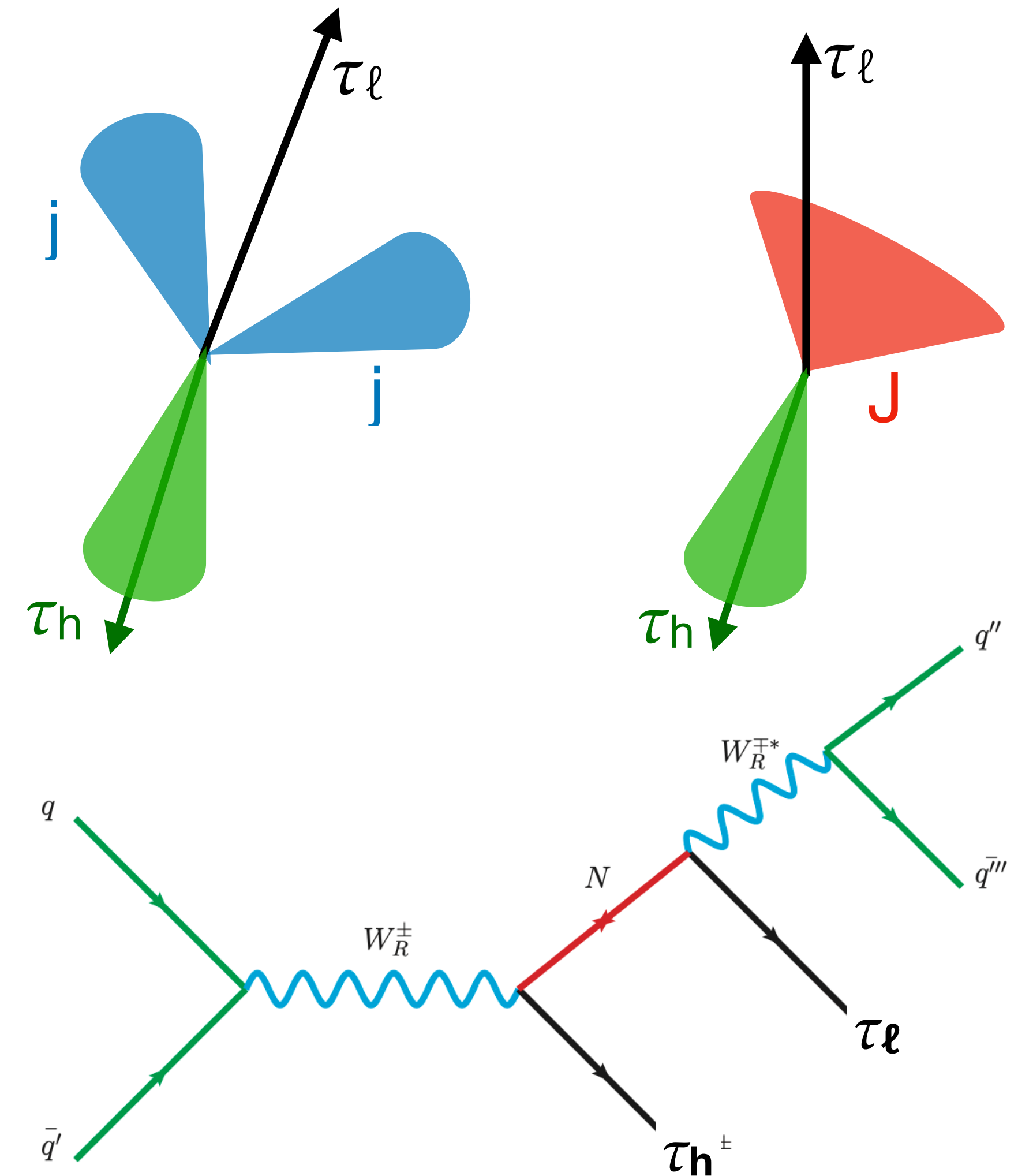


# Signals

## Final Objects

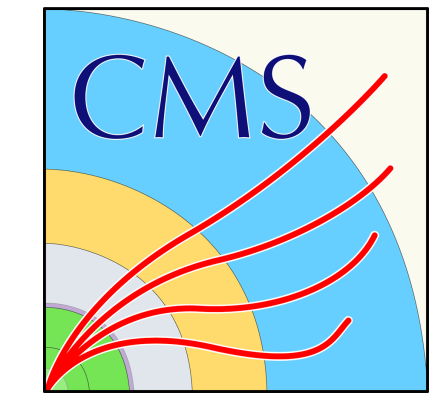


- Target channel
  - $p p > \tau_h N, N > \tau_\ell j j$  is targeted order to mimic the previous study utilizing LSF algorithms  
( $\tau_h$ : hadronic tau,  $\tau_\ell$ : leptonic tau)
- Final state objects
  - Isolated  $\tau_h$  & leptons + jets (back to back)
  - Kinematics of final state objects differ dramatically by the ratio of  $W_R$  and  $N$  mass
    - **Resolved**: leptonic tau near 2 AK4 jets ( $m_{WR} \sim m_N$ )
    - **Boosted**: leptonic tau inside AK8 jet with bad isolation ( $m_{WR} \gg m_N$ )



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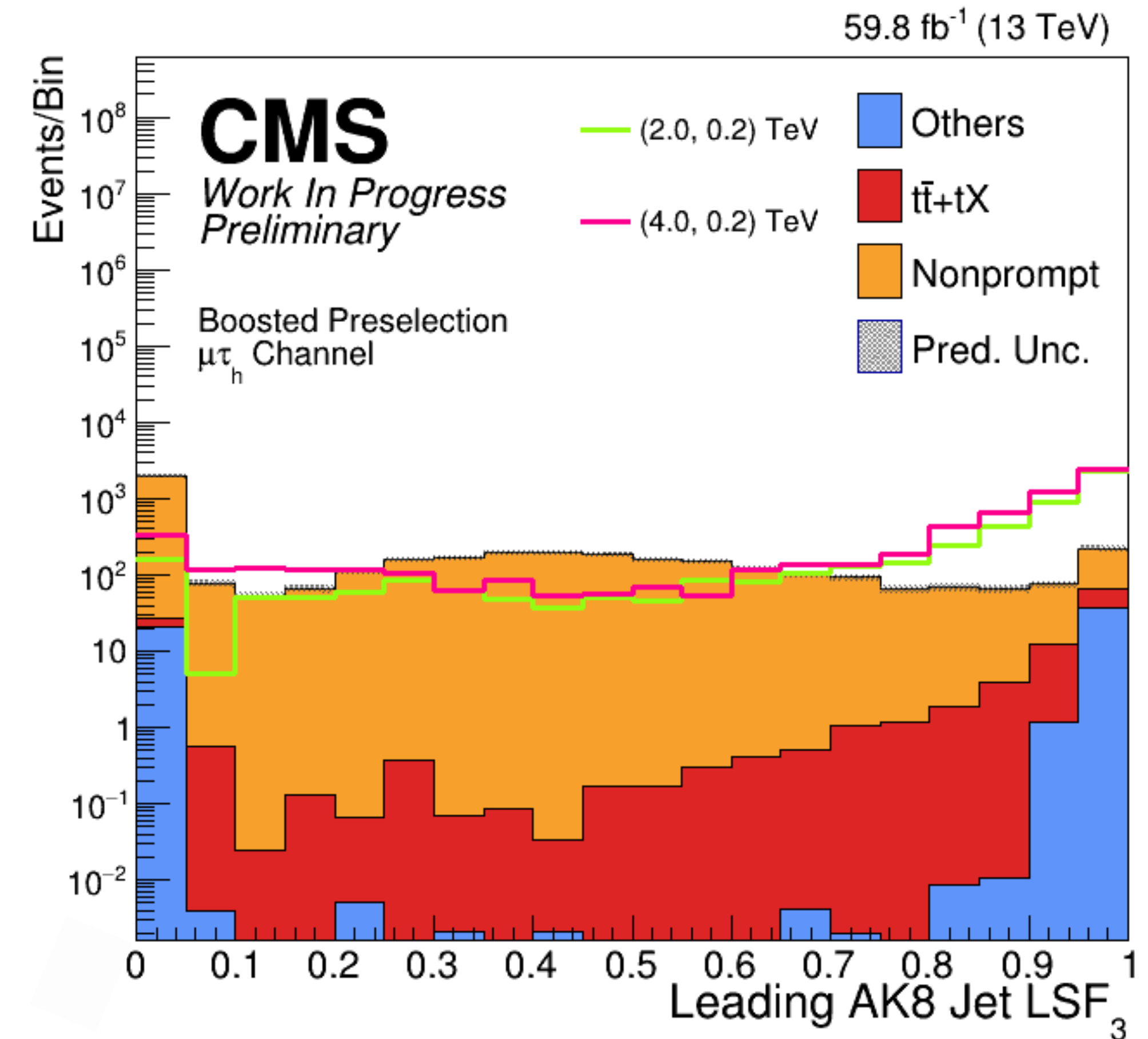
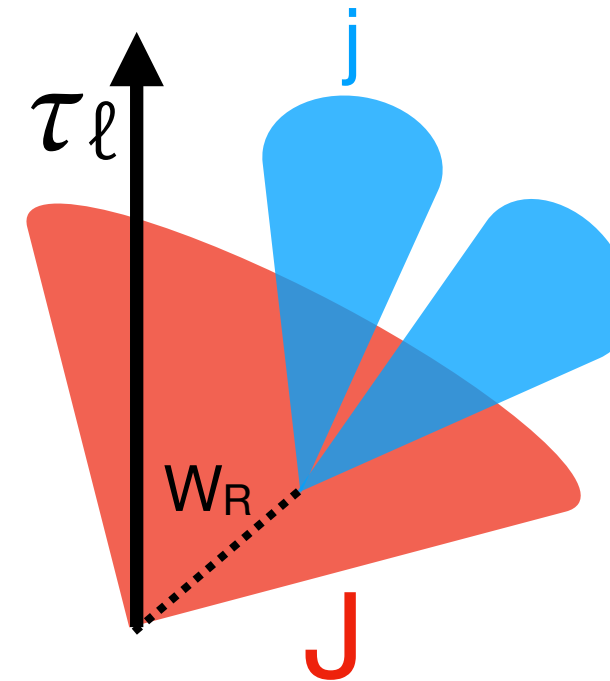
## Lepton Subjet Fraction



- Lepton Subjet Fraction ( $LSF_3$ )

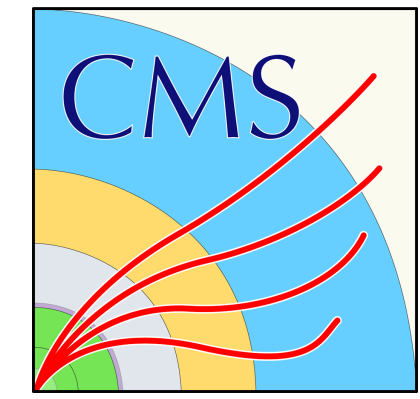
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- Variable devised to distinguish fat jets that are likely to contain a lepton :
- For a given fat jet, constituents are clustered into 3 subjets using the exclusive kT algorithm
- Between all pair of particles, cluster them with minimum distance  $d_{ij} = \min(p_{T,i}, p_{T,j}) R_{ij}$  into a single subjet until only 3 are left
- Doing so, all leptons in the event will be associated with a subjet
- LSF is then defined by the  $p_T$  ratio of the lepton to the associated subjet



# Objects

## Definitions & Corrections



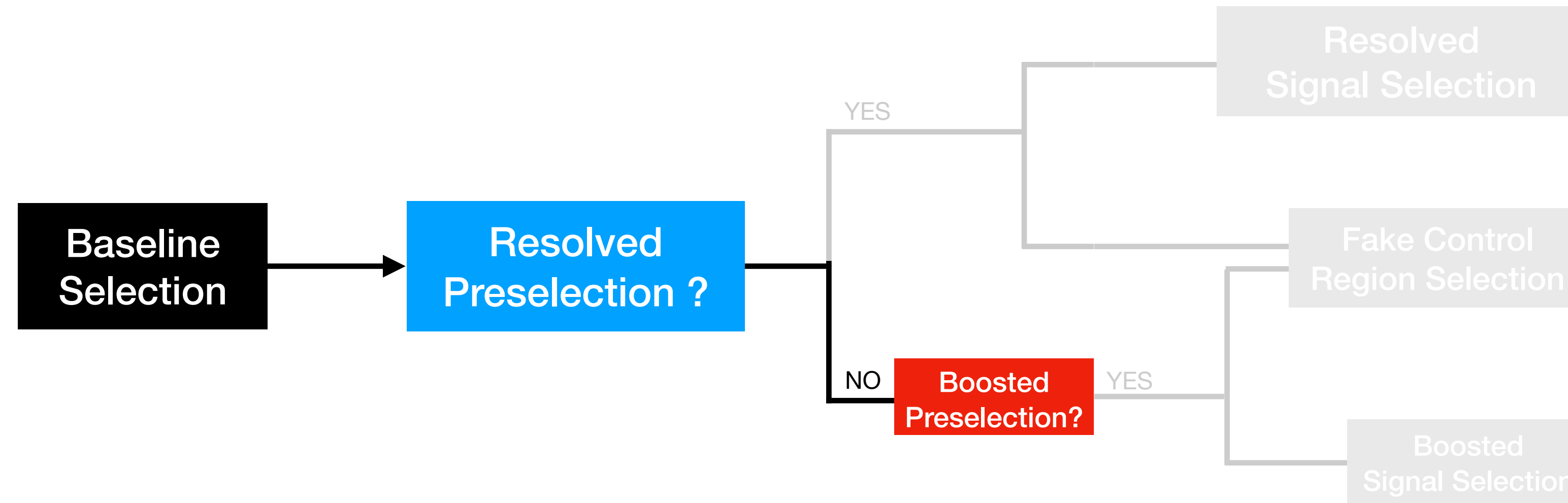
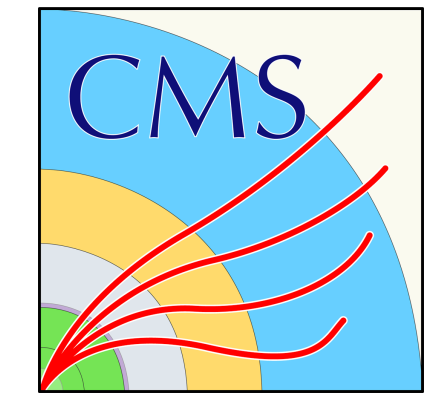
- Muon
  - $p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$  ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$
  - Tight ID : POG High  $p_T$  & Tracker isolation  $< 0.1$
  - Loose ID : POG High  $p_T$
- Electron
  - $p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$  ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - Tight ID : POG cut based loose w/o reIsoWithEA
  - Loose ID : POG HEEP ID
- Tau
  - $p_T > \text{Trigger safe cut}$  ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$
  - DecayModeNewDM &  $|dZ| < 0.2$
  - DeepTau v2.1 (vJet,vEl,vMu) = (Tight,Tight,Tight)

### ◆ Corrections

- Event
  - Pileup weight, Trigger SF, L1 Prefire weight
- Muon, Electron
  - Isolation SF , ID SF
  - High-pt muon resolution
- Tau
  - DeepTau ID SF
  - Energy scale
- Jet
  - Jet energy correction
  - Fatjet LSF SF

# Region Selection

## Definition



### Baseline Selection

- Pass single hadronic tau trigger
- Require at least 1 hadronic tau
- Require exactly 1 loose light lepton

### Resolved Preselection

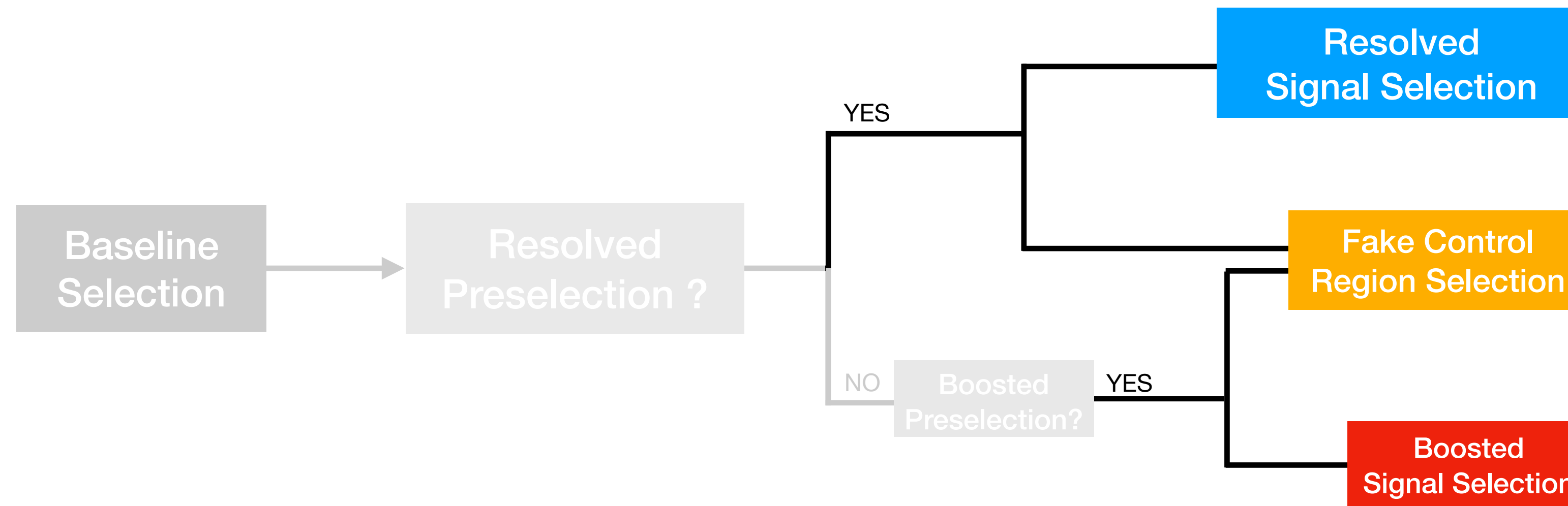
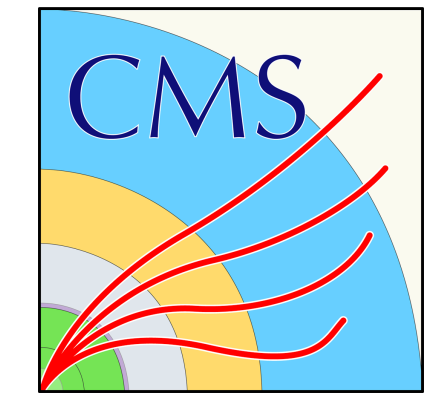
- Passing baseline selection
- Has at least 2 AK4 jets (j)
- Has at least 1 tight lepton

### Boosted Preselection

- Passing baseline selection
- Failing resolved preselection
- Has at least 1 AK8 jet (J)

# Region Selection

## Definition



### Resolved Signal Selection

- Passing resolved preselection
- $\Delta R(\text{lepton}, \text{jet}) > 0.4$
- $\text{MET} > 100 \text{ GeV}$  &  $m(\text{tau}, \text{lepton}, \text{jets}) > 900 \text{ GeV}$

### Fake Control Region Selection

- Passing preselection
- $\text{MET} < 100 \text{ GeV}$  &  $m(\text{tau}, \text{lepton}, \text{jets})$  or  $m(\text{tau}, \text{fatjet}) < 500 \text{ GeV}$

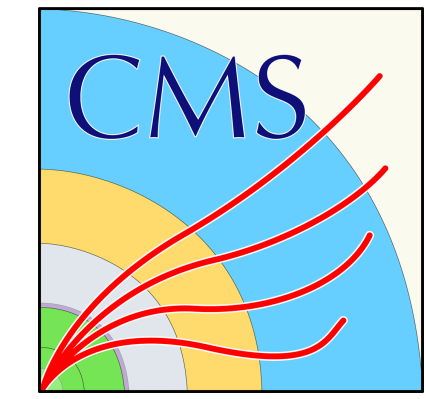
### Boosted Signal Selection

- Passing boosted preselection
- $\Delta R(\text{tau}, \text{J}) > 2.0$  with  $\text{LSF}(\text{J}) > 0.6$
- $\Delta R(\text{lepton}, \text{J}) < 0.8$
- $\text{MET} > 100 \text{ GeV}$  &  $m(\text{tau}, \text{fatjet}) > 900 \text{ GeV}$

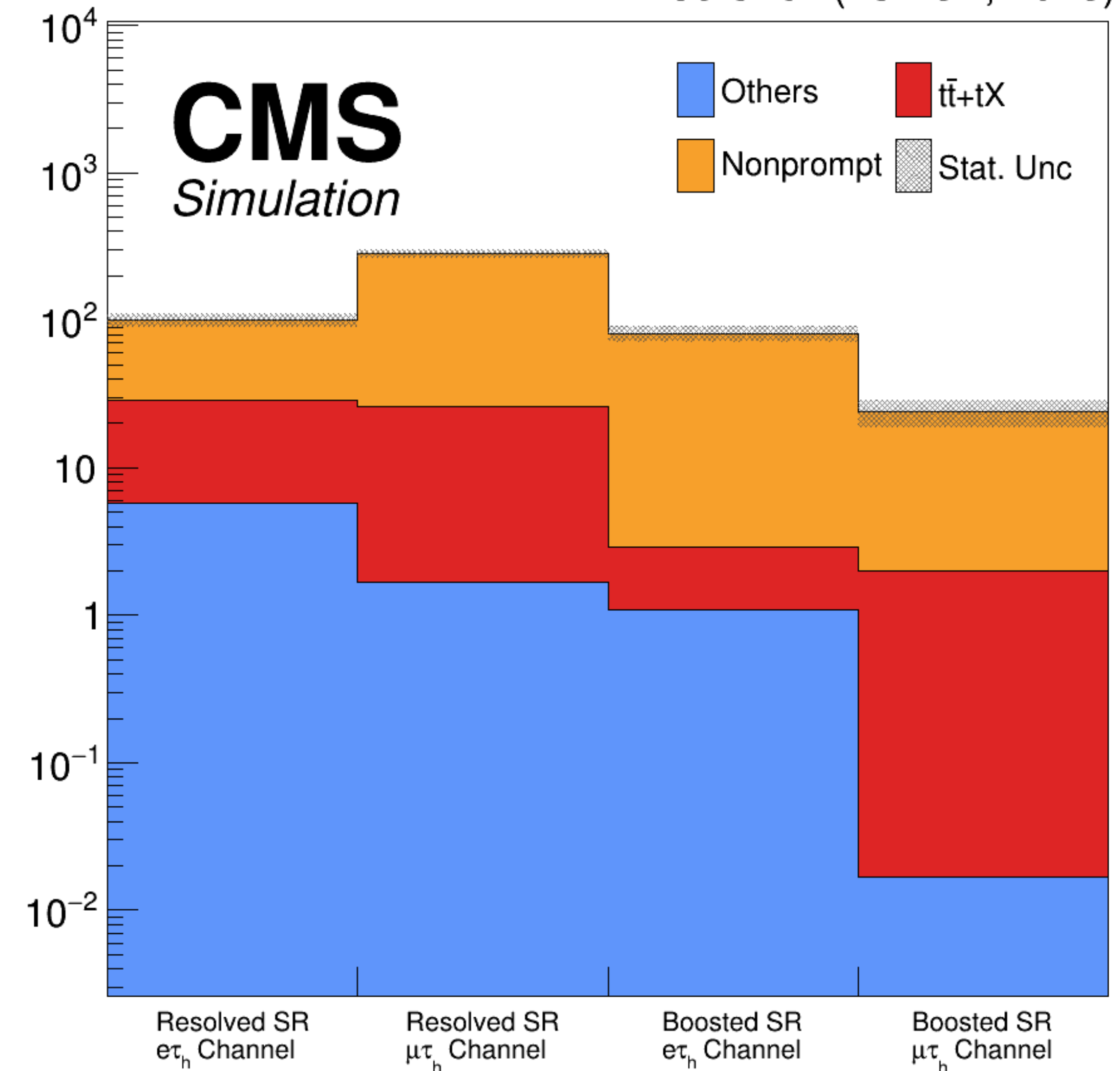


# Background Estimation Contributions

- Prompt contributions
  - Top pair, single top processes ( $t\bar{t}+tX$ )
  - V+jets, Multiboson(VV,VVV) processes (Others)
- Nonprompt contributions
  - Contributions from “faked” objects
  - Mostly from QCD and W,Z+jet processes
  - Both hadronic tau and light lepton have fake contributions, where hadronic taus have the biggest non-prompt contribution
    - Hadronic taus : Data-driven estimation
    - Light leptons : MC estimation



59.8 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV, 2018)



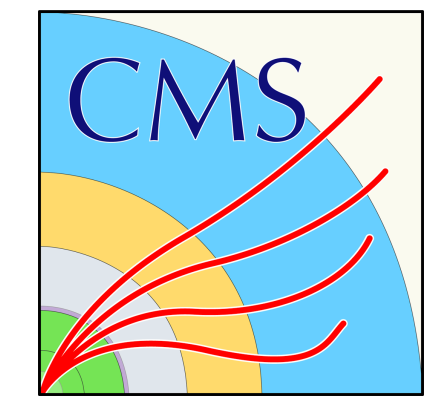
# Background Estimation

## Fake Factor Method

- Jets -> taus misid. has the biggest background contribution
- Inaccurate to estimate from MC simulations : **data-driven estimation** is used
- Fake factor (FF) is measured as a function of tau DM and pT or m\_eff

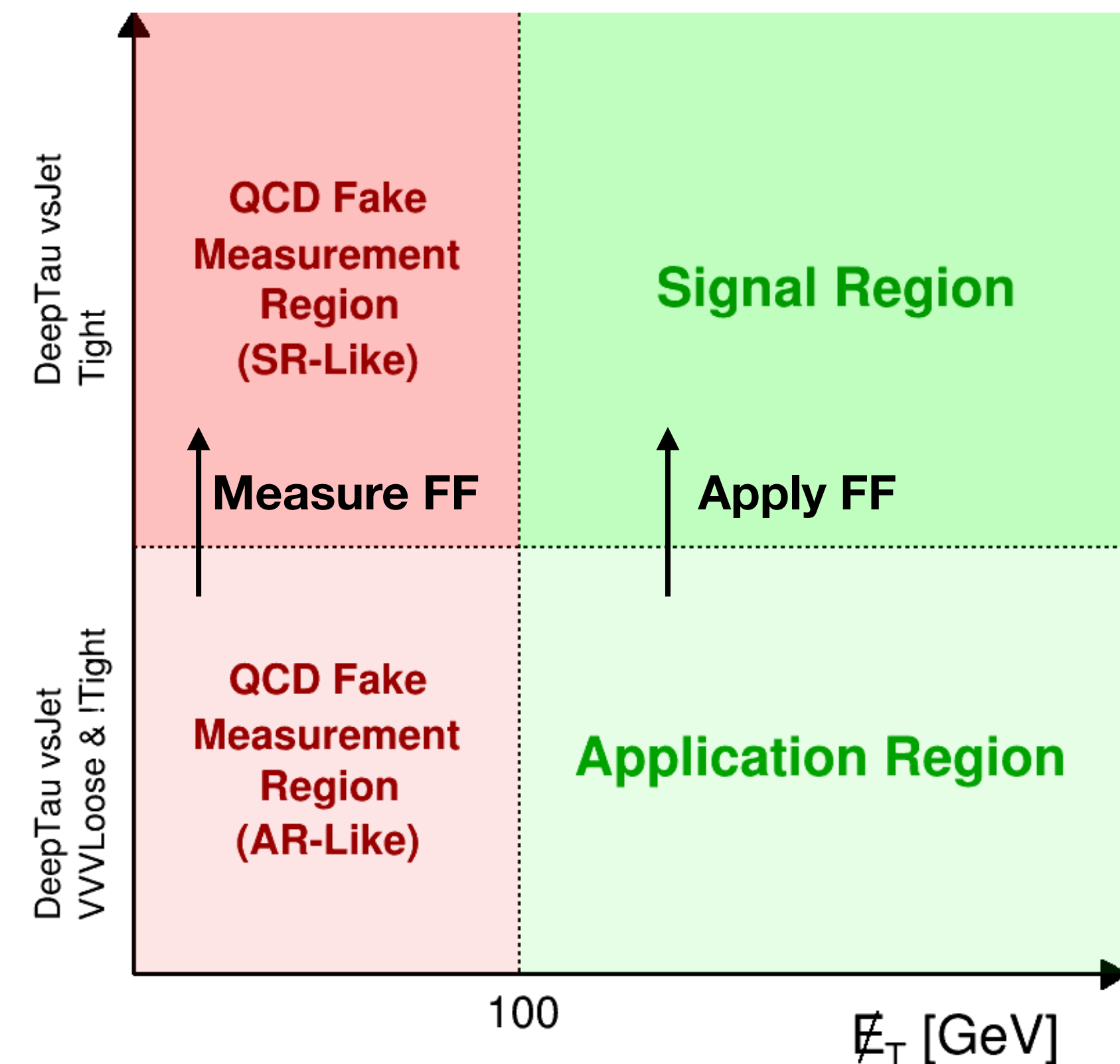
$$FF = \frac{N_{Data}^{SR-Like} - N_{Prompt}^{SR-Like}}{N_{Data}^{AR-Like} - N_{Prompt}^{AR-Like}}$$

- FFs are also measured with respect to different background contributions
  - QCD : measurement region (MR) set by inverting MET cut
    - Tau pT and DM ( 0+1 and 10+11; 0-prong and 1-prong respectively)
  - Top : no suitable MR constructed ; used MC
    - Tau pT and DM ( 0,1,10, and 11 individually )



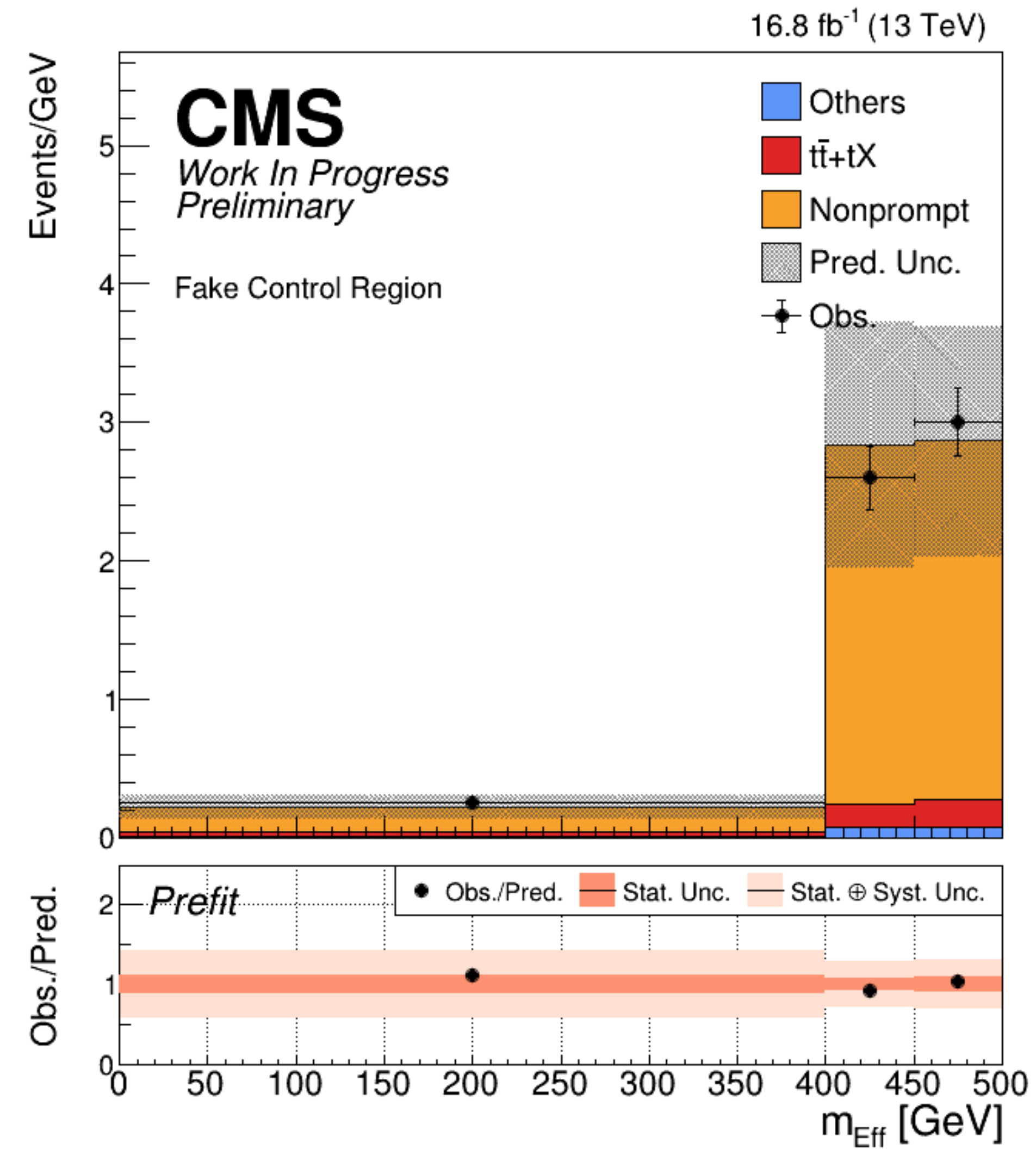
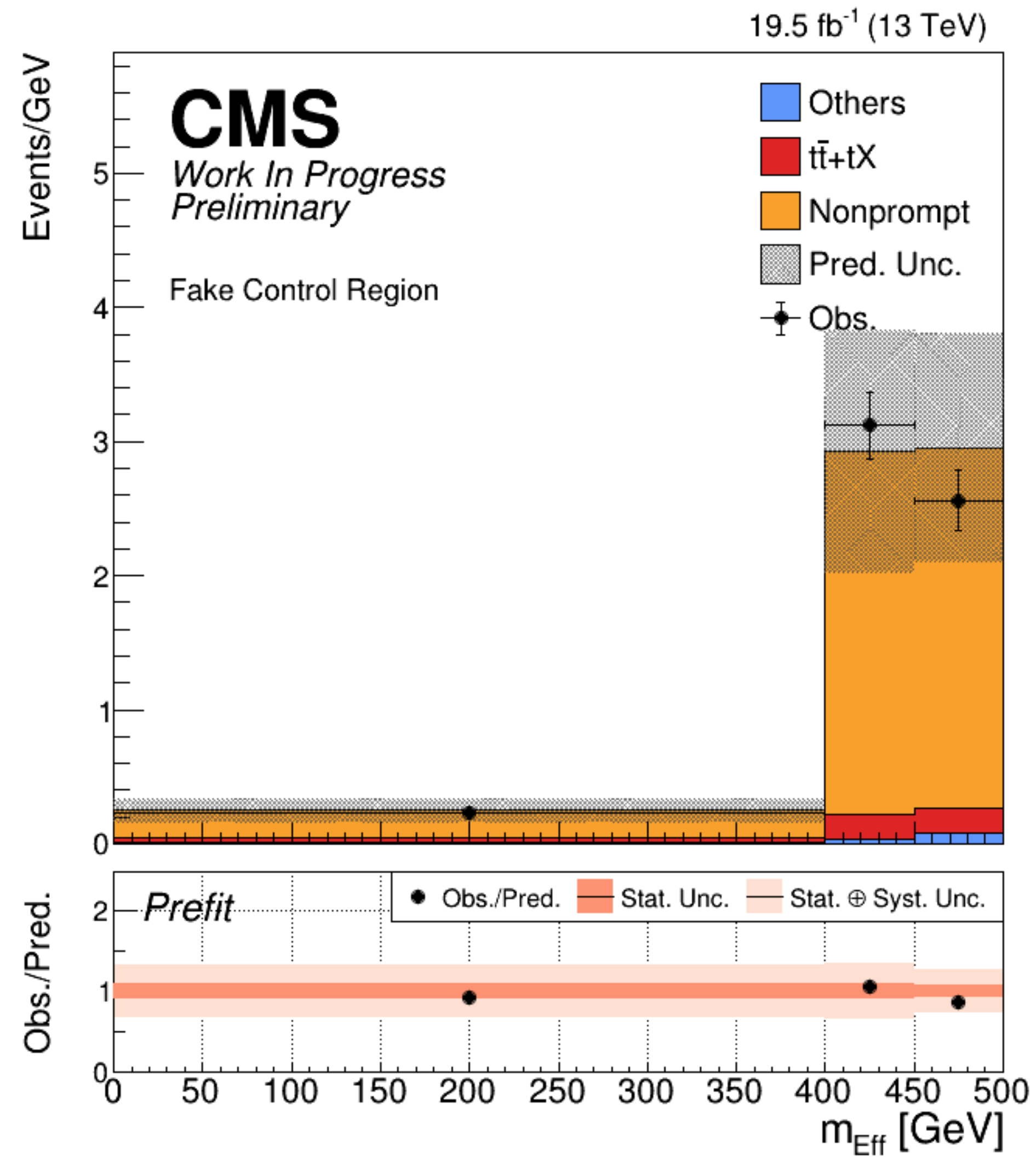
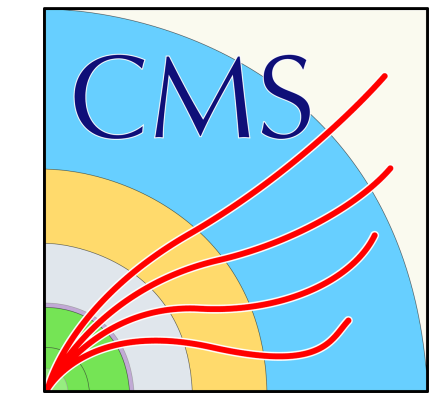
**Methodology borrowed  
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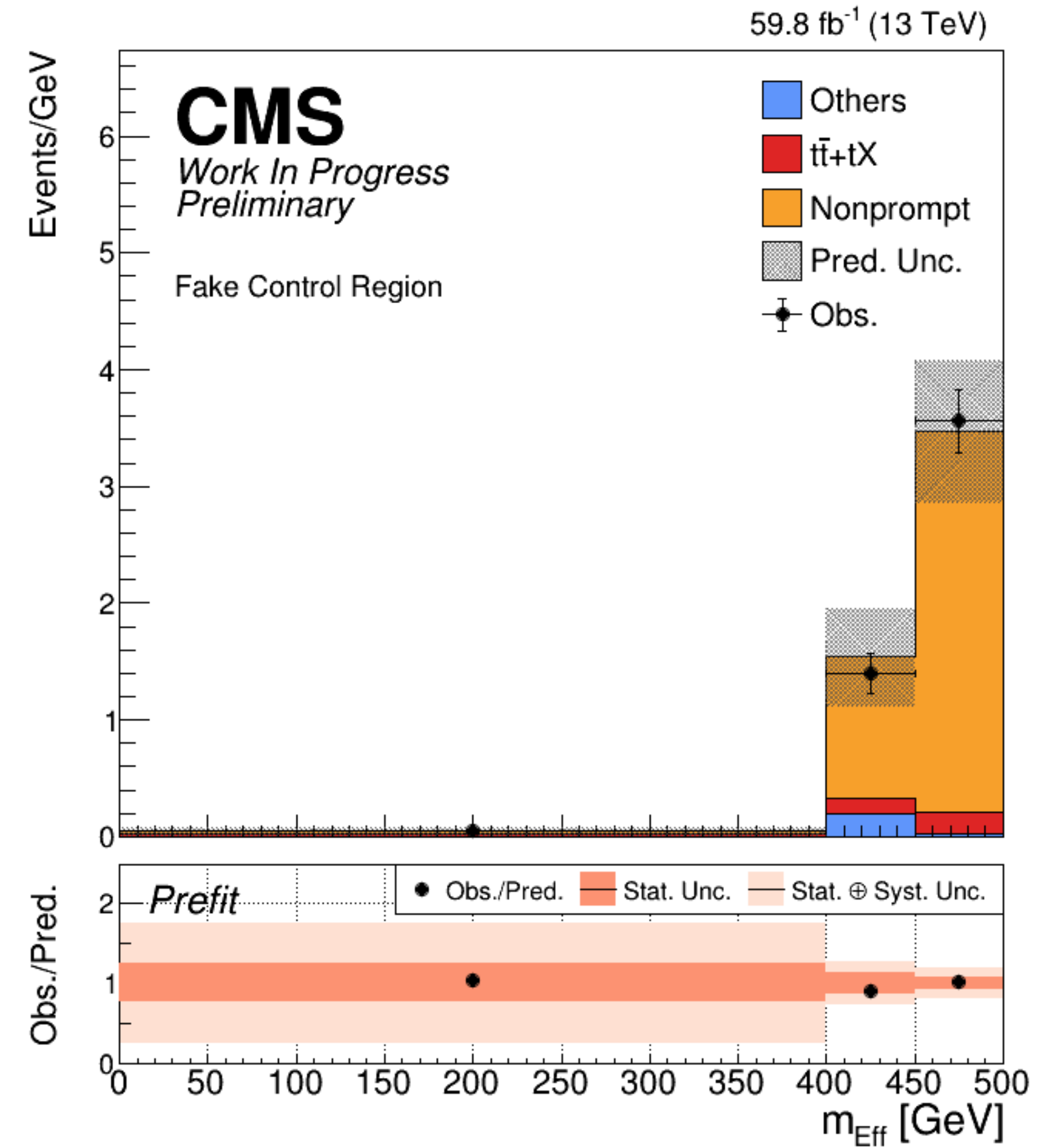
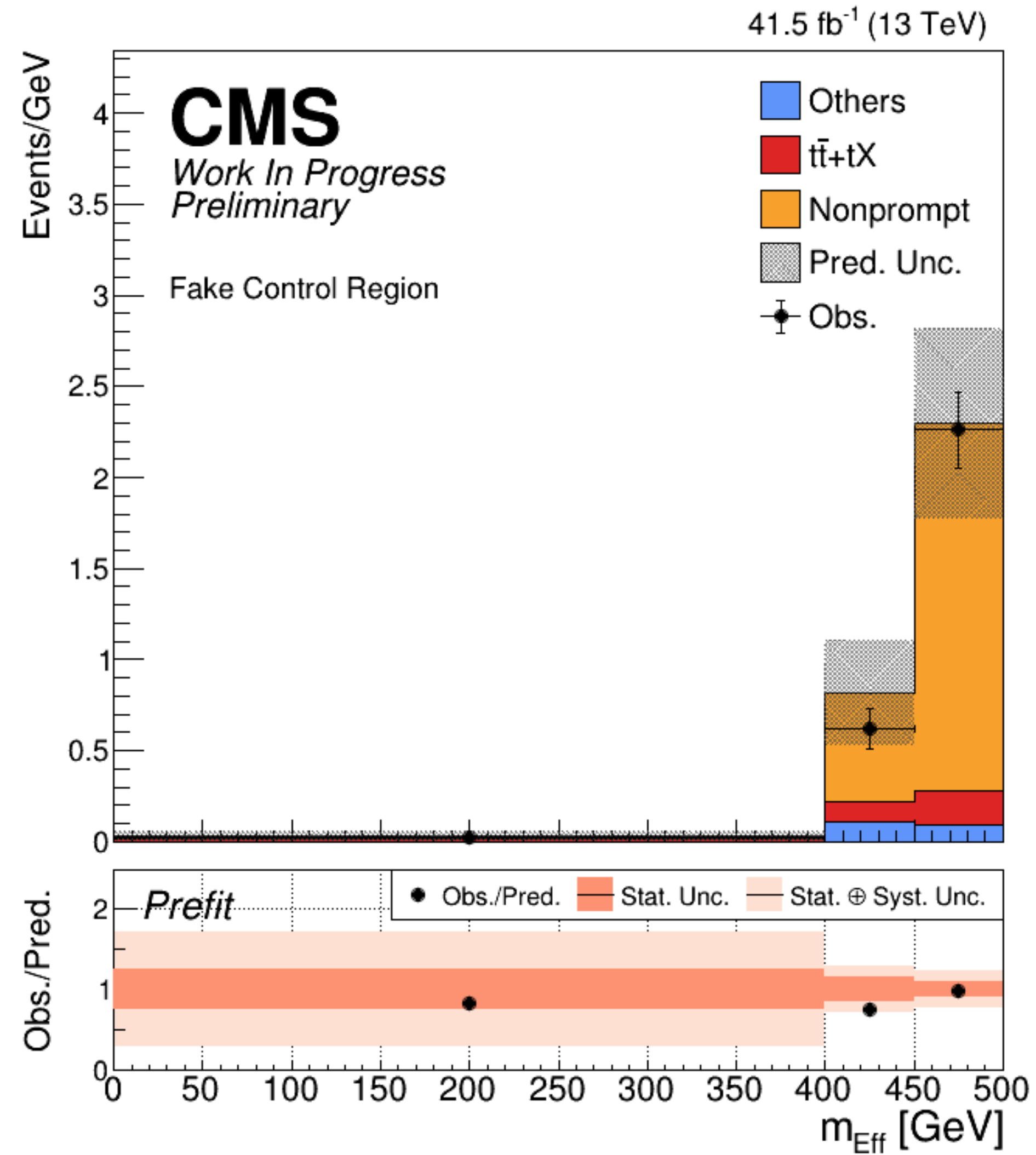
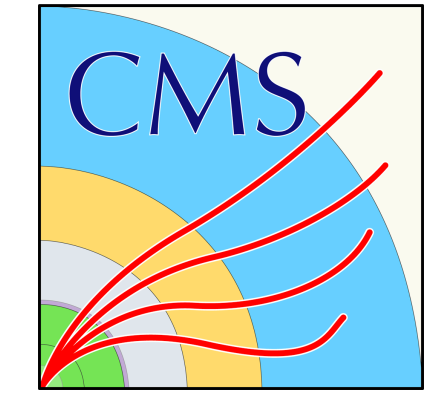
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## Plots



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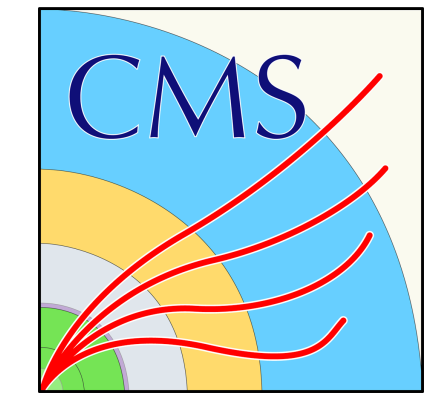
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# Systematics

## Overview

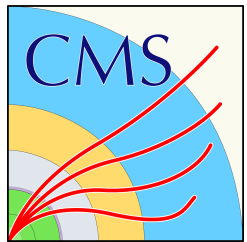
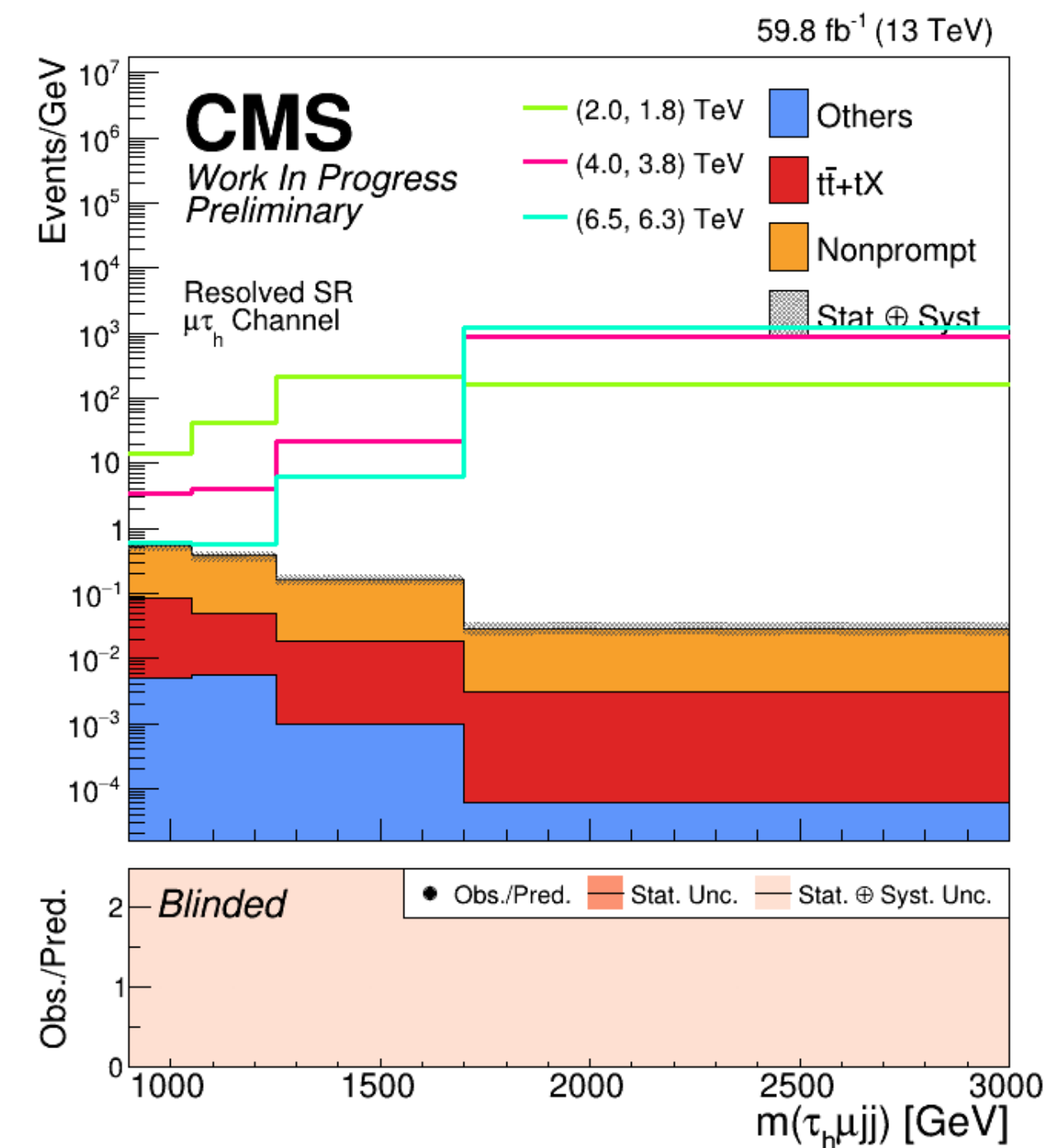
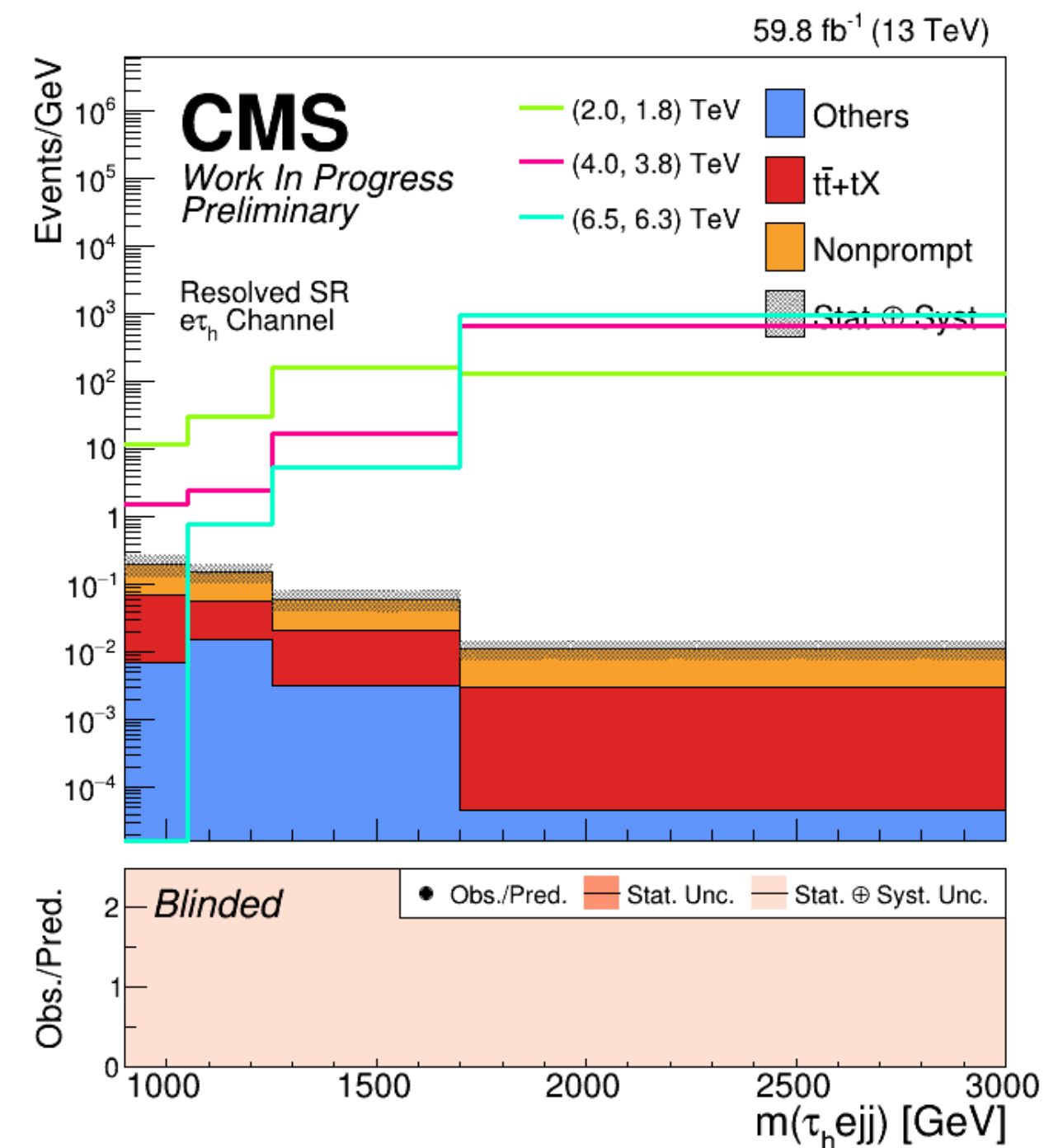
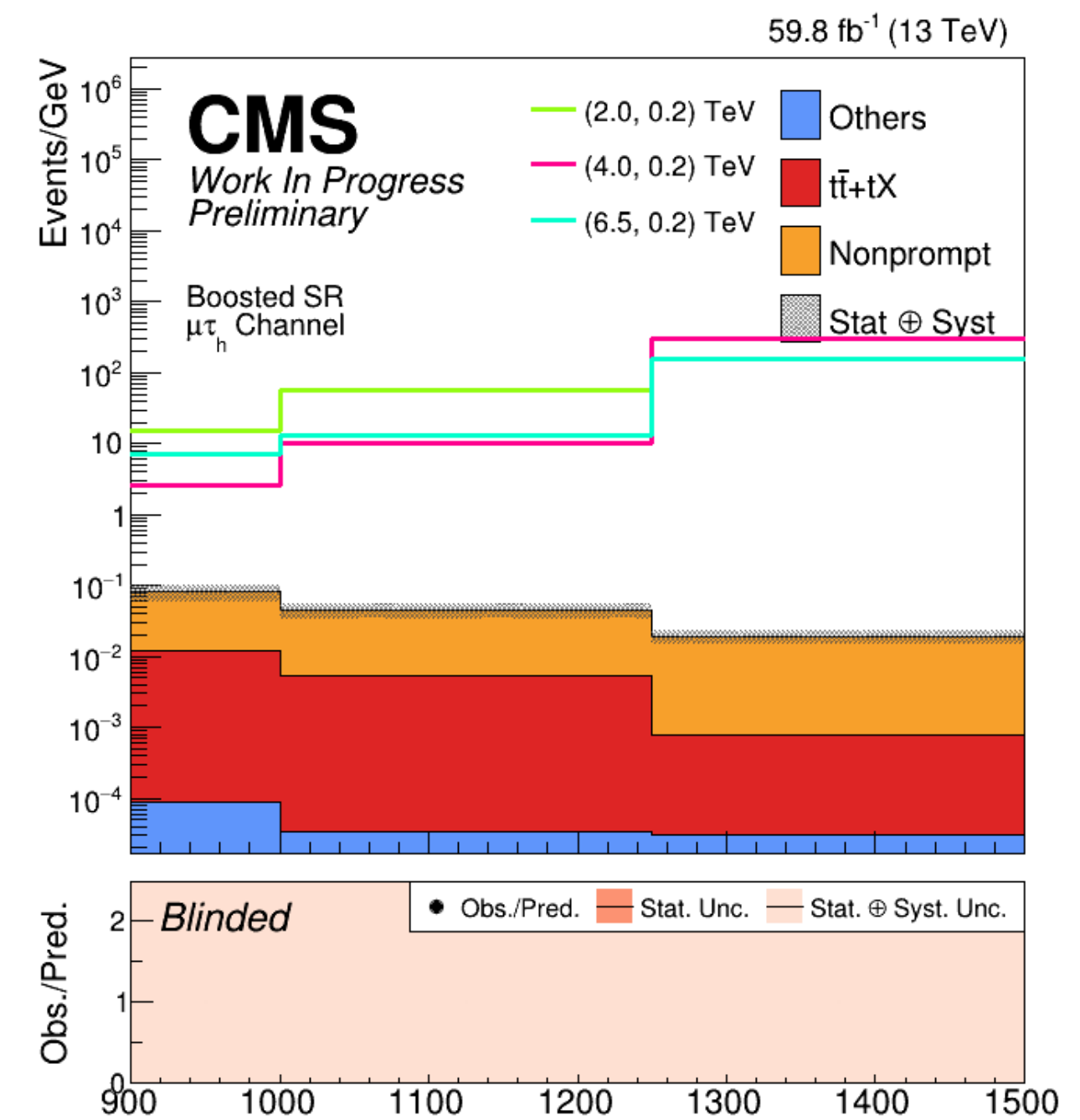
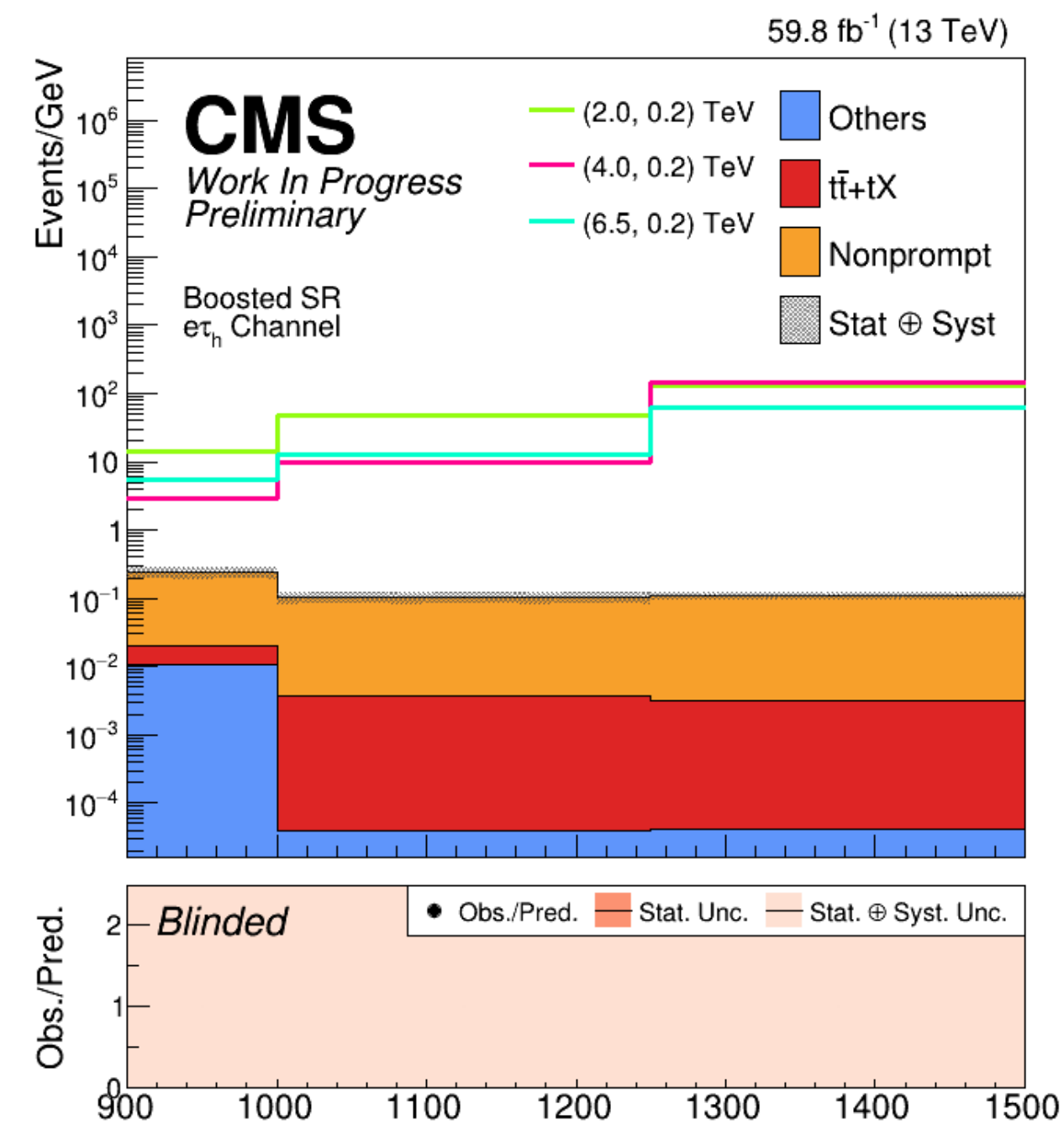


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	ID.	shape	–	All Simulations	Yes
	Resolution	shape	–	All Simulations	Yes
	Isolation	shape	–	All Simulations	Yes
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	Resolution	shape	–	All Simulations	No
Hadronic Tau	ID.	shape	–	All Simulations	Partial
	Trigger	norm.	8 – 11%	All Simulations	No
	Energy Scale	shape	–	All Simulations	No
	Fake Rate	shape	–	Fakes	No
	Fake Norm.	norm.	30%	Fakes	Yes
Jet	Energy Scale	shape	–	All Simulations	No
	Energy Resolution	shape	–	All Simulations	No
Fat Jet	LSF	shape	–	All Simulations	No
Theory	PDF	norm.	1 – 20%	Signals	Yes
	$\mu_R, \mu_F$	shape	–	Signals	Yes
Bin-by-bin Stat.		shape.	–	All Simulations	Yes

# Results

## Expected Limits

- Preliminary expected limits are extracted
- Fitting based on reconstructed  $W_R$  mass shape :  $m(\tau, \text{lepton}, \text{jets})$
- 2016preVFP and 2016postVFP is combined and lepton channels are combined
- Top and Others are combined as a single process
- Mentioned systematics are included



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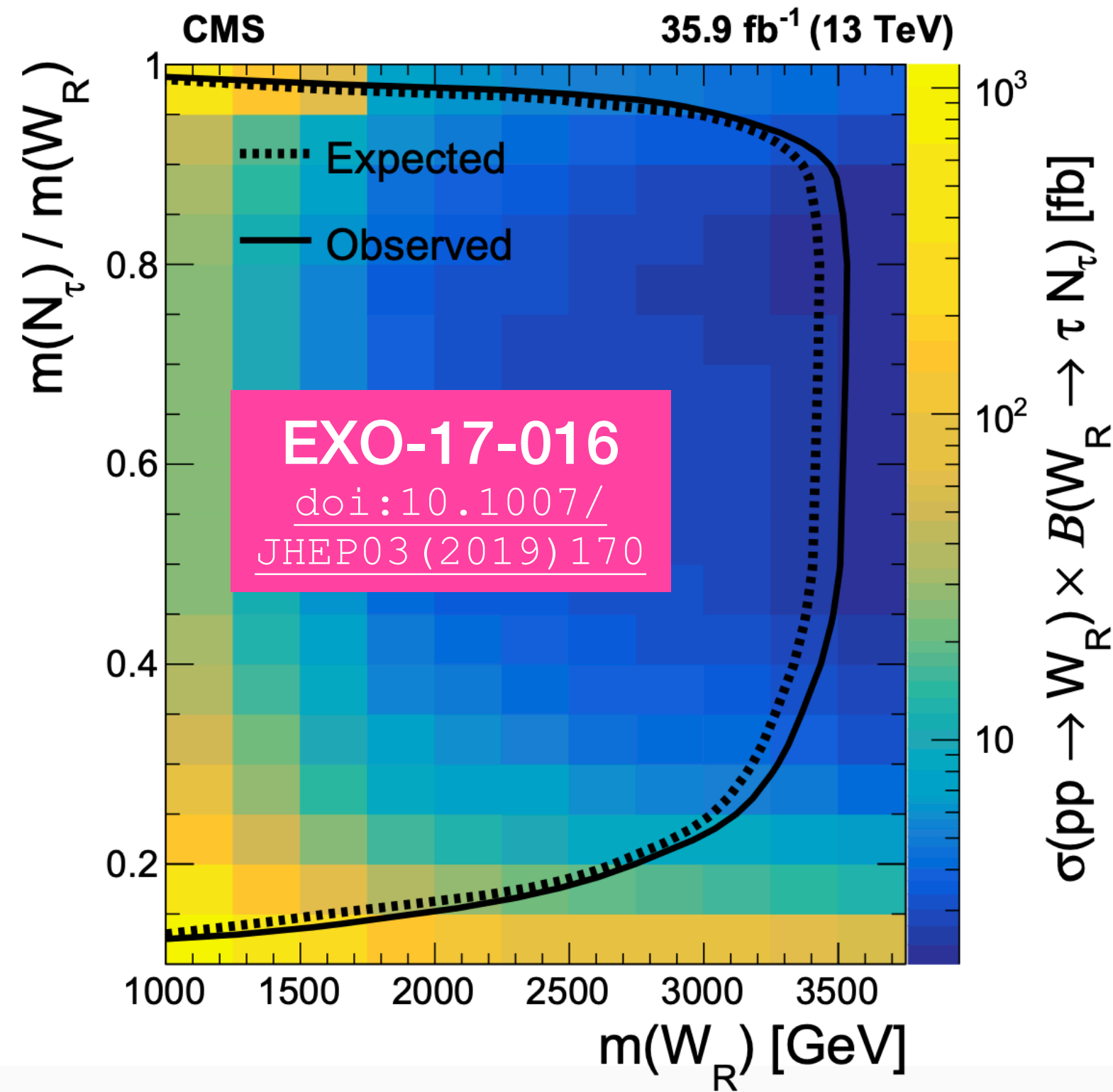
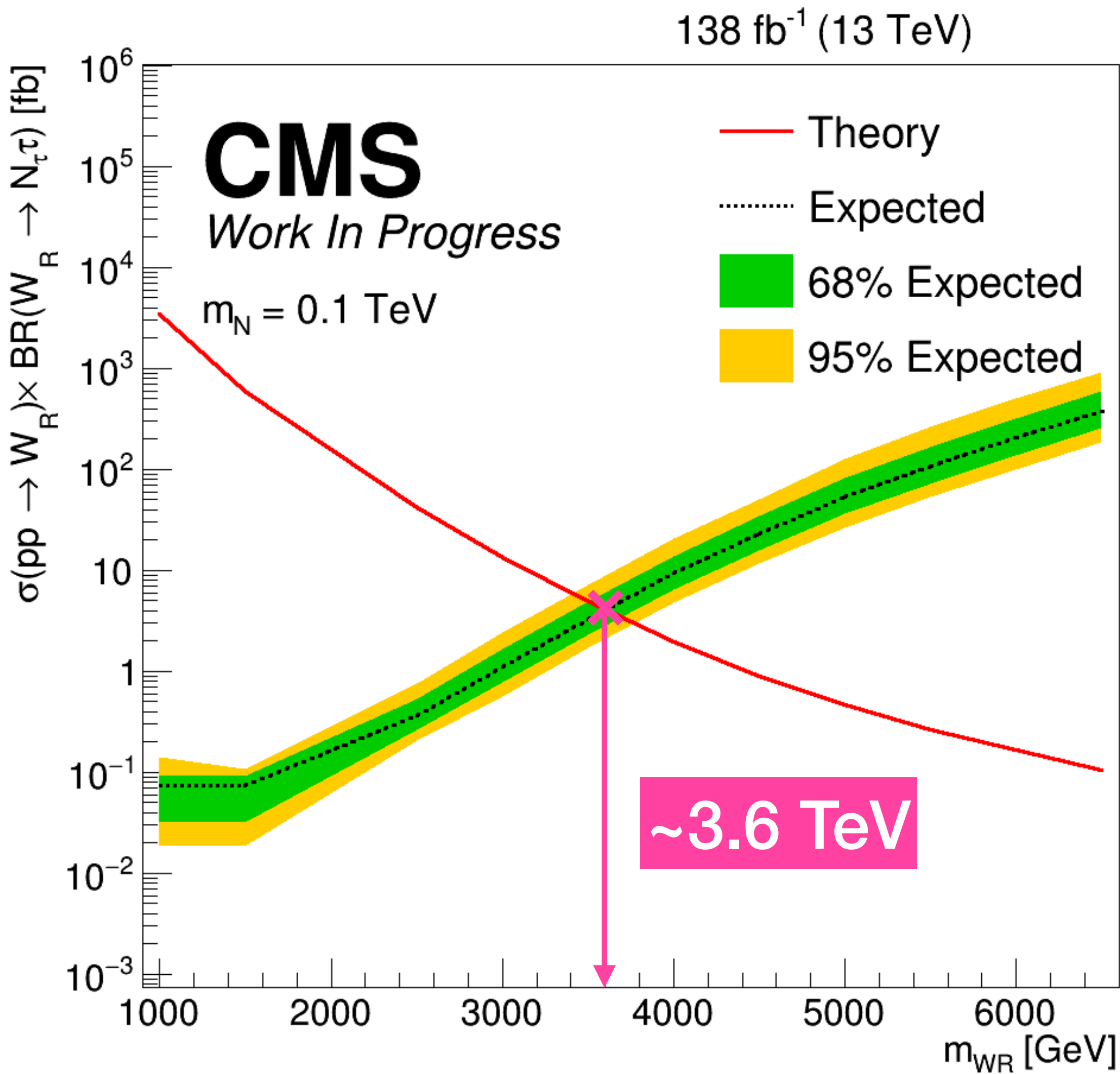
## Expected Limits

$m_N = 0.1 \text{ TeV}$  Scenario



Improved sensitivity compared to previous studies!

Unset to ~3.6 TeV





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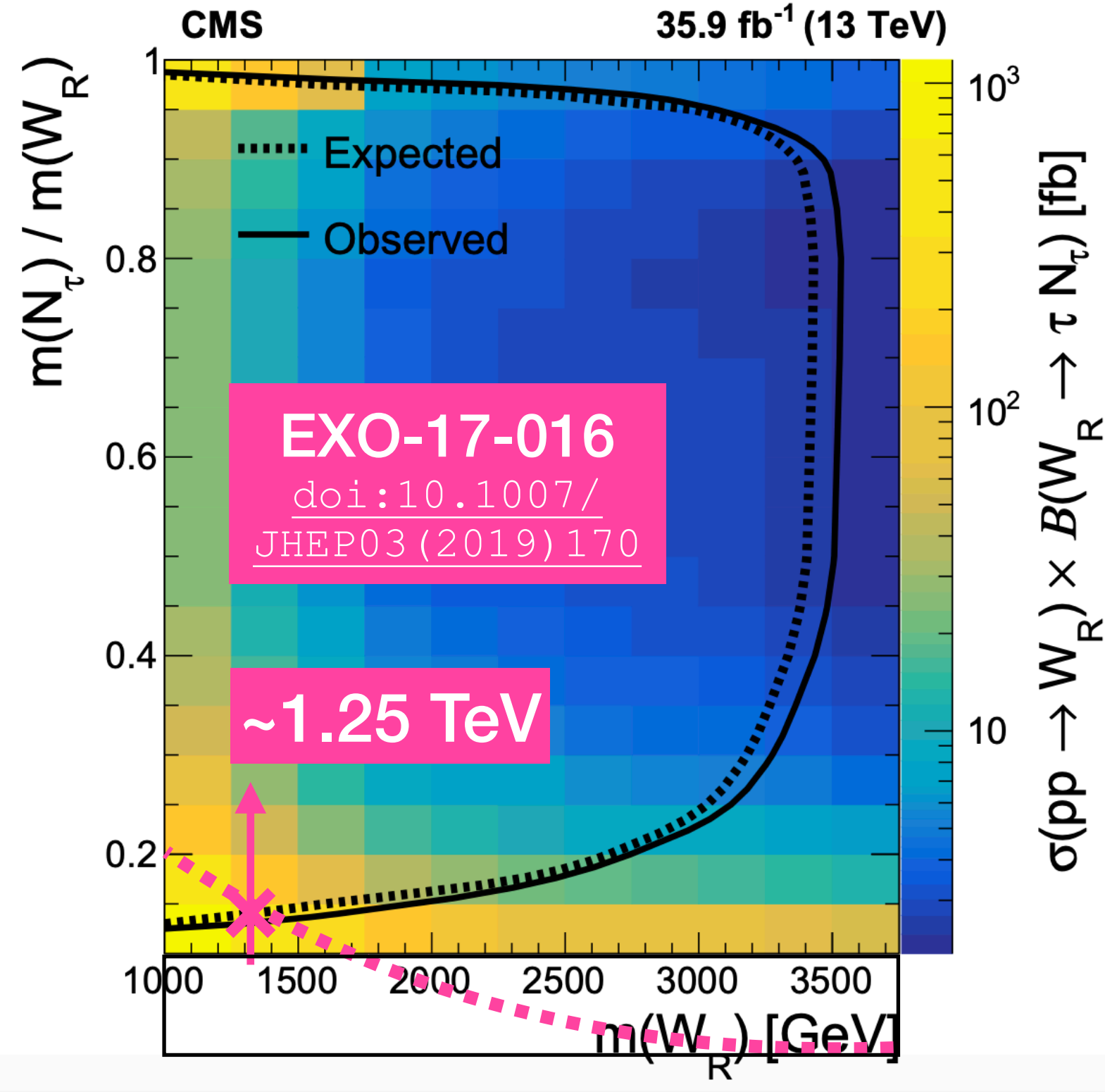
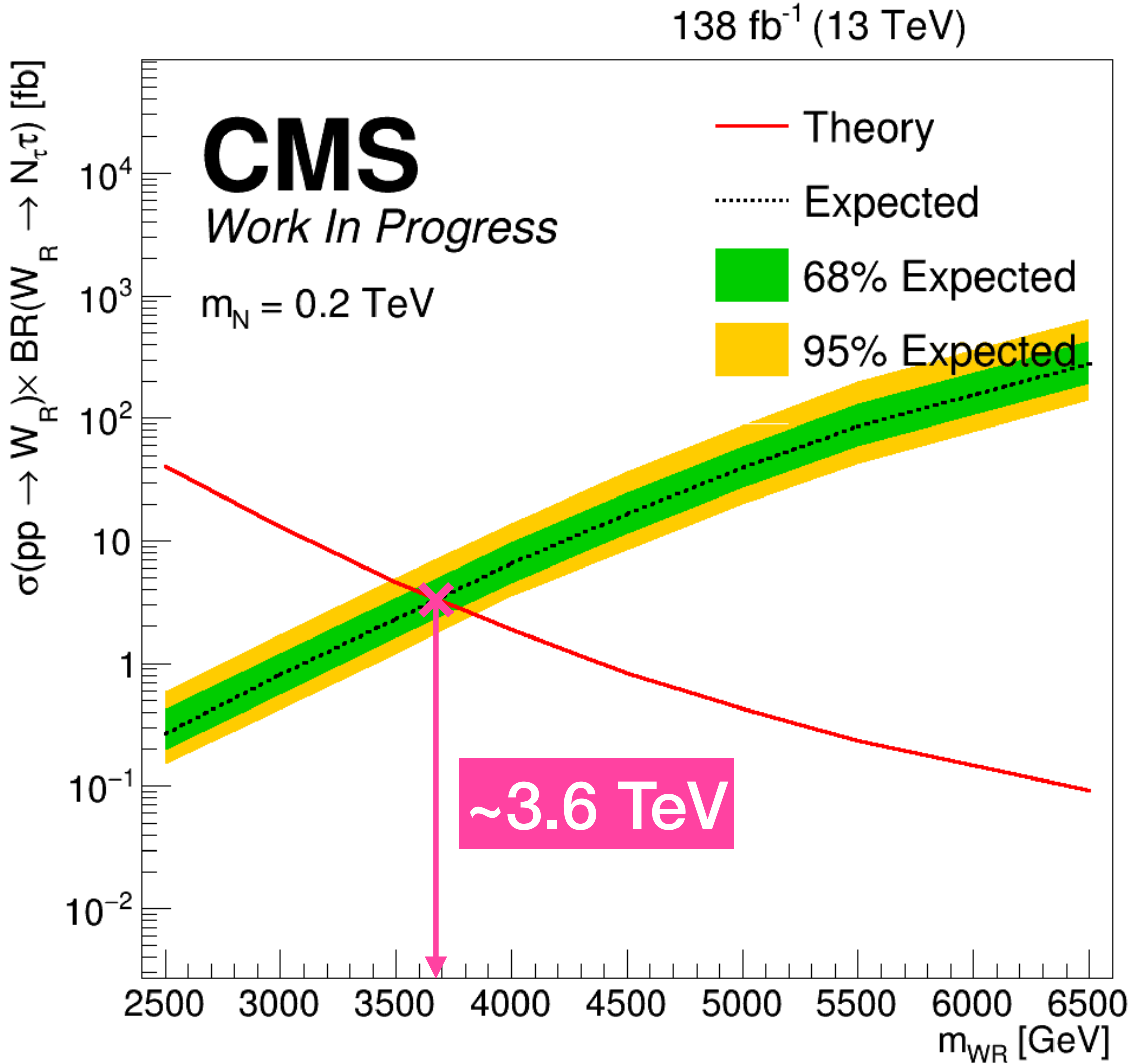
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$m_N = 0.2 \text{ TeV}$  Scenario



Improved sensitivity compared to previous studies!

~1.25 TeV to ~3.6 TeV

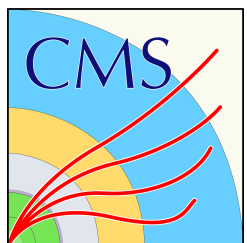
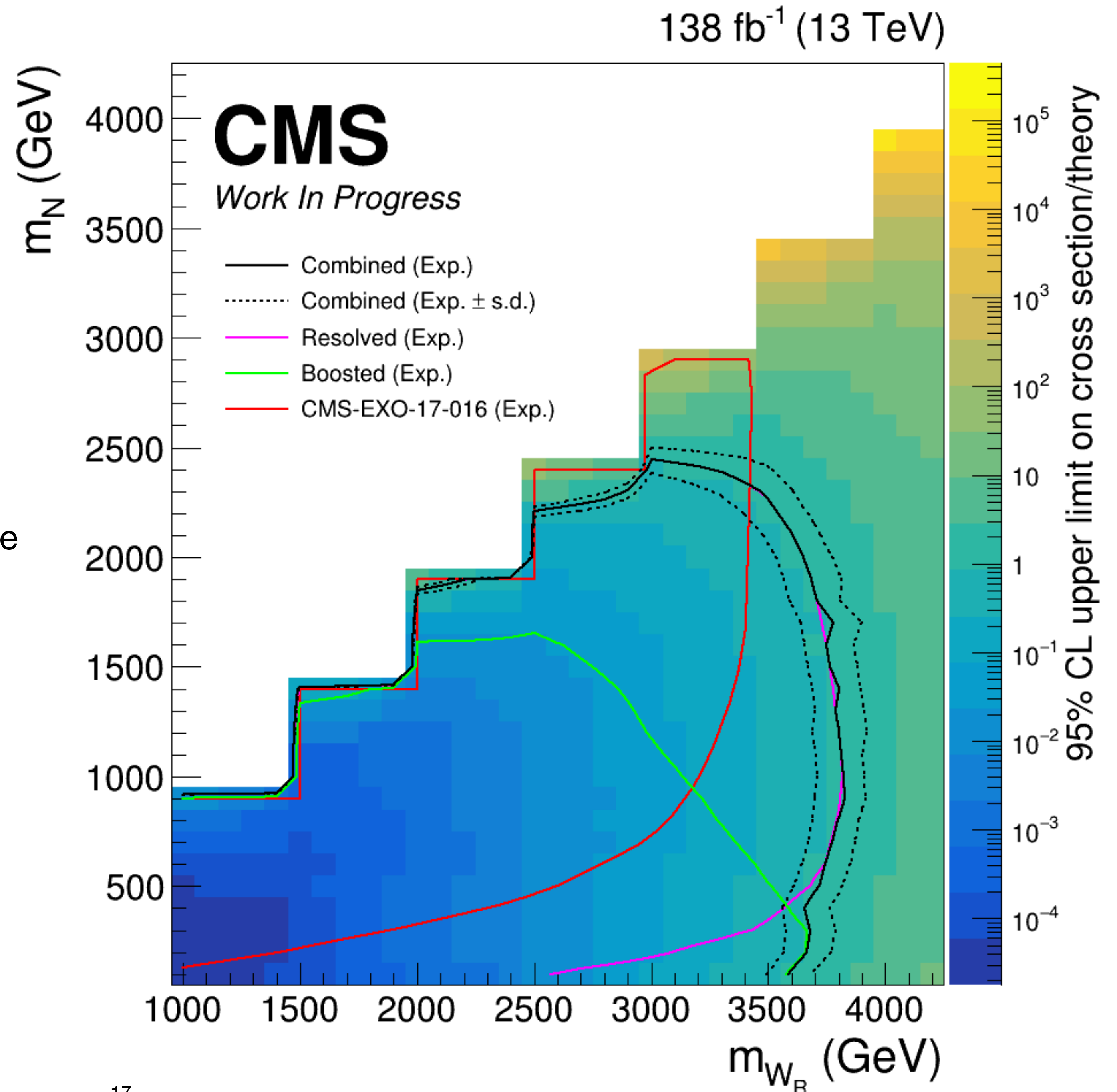




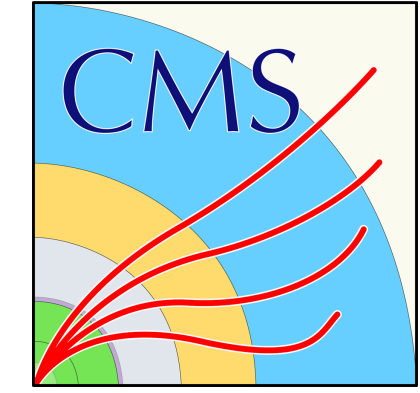
# Results

## Expected Limits

- 2D limits on the  $m_{WR}$ - $m_N$  plane
  - Showing “combined” (= boosted+resolved), **boosted** and **resolved** simultaneously
  - **Previous analysis** is also shown which contrasts the performance of our analysis in the boosted region
    - Actual limits were not available in Hepdata, thus a private PDF extractor was used
    - This might be removed later as it is a privately extracted limit
  - Due to the bad signal granularity, we are investigating on how to plot this in a better sense



# Conclusion



- Search for  $W_R$  and HNL in a  $\tau_h\tau_\ell + \text{jets}$  final state is being actively updated
  - **The analysis is in an advanced state, ready to follow the Moriond 2025 timeline.**
  - Preliminary expected limits extracted using full Run2, improved compared to previous studies
    - **$m_N = 0.1$  TeV scenario : previously unset to  $\sim 3.6$  TeV**
    - **$m_N = 0.2$  TeV scenario : improved from  $\sim 1.25$  TeV to  $\sim 3.6$  TeV**
  - **Object reviews awaiting & paper draft ongoing , getting in shape for PreApp**

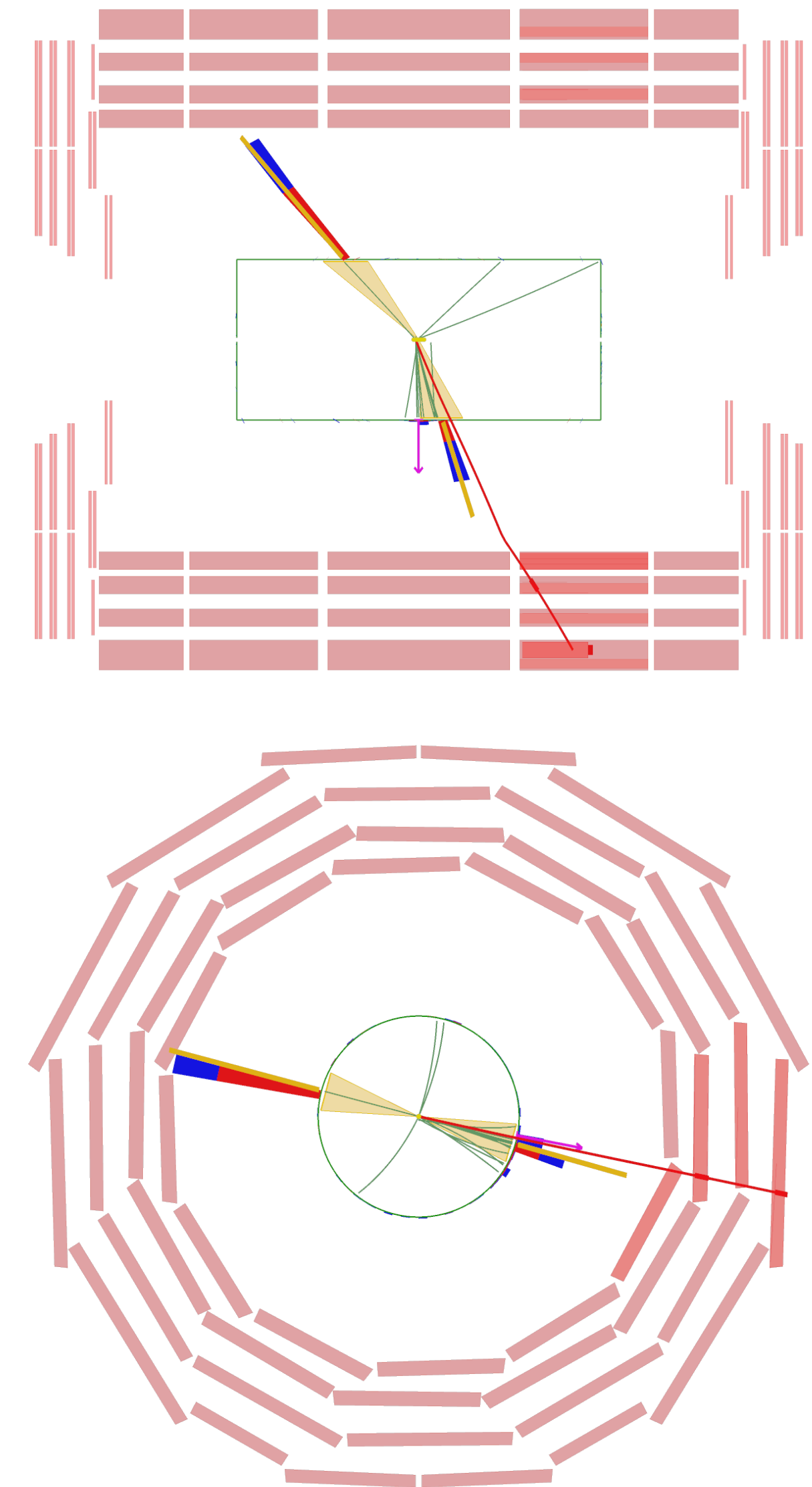
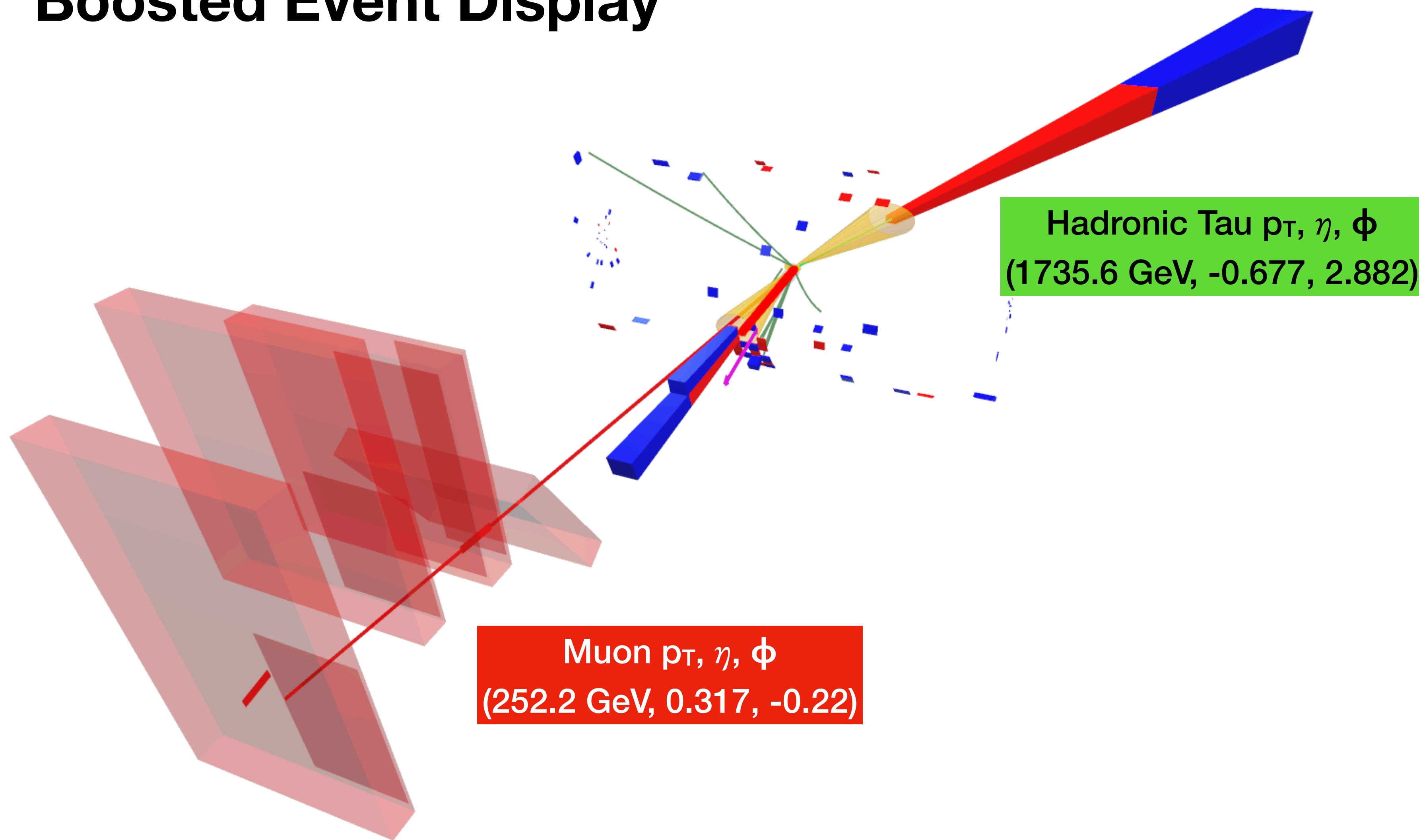
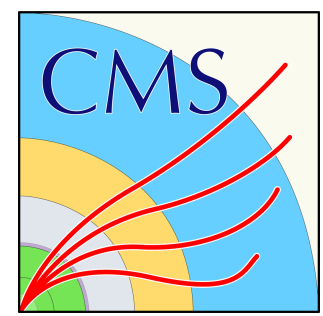
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# Backups



# Signals

## Boosted Event Display

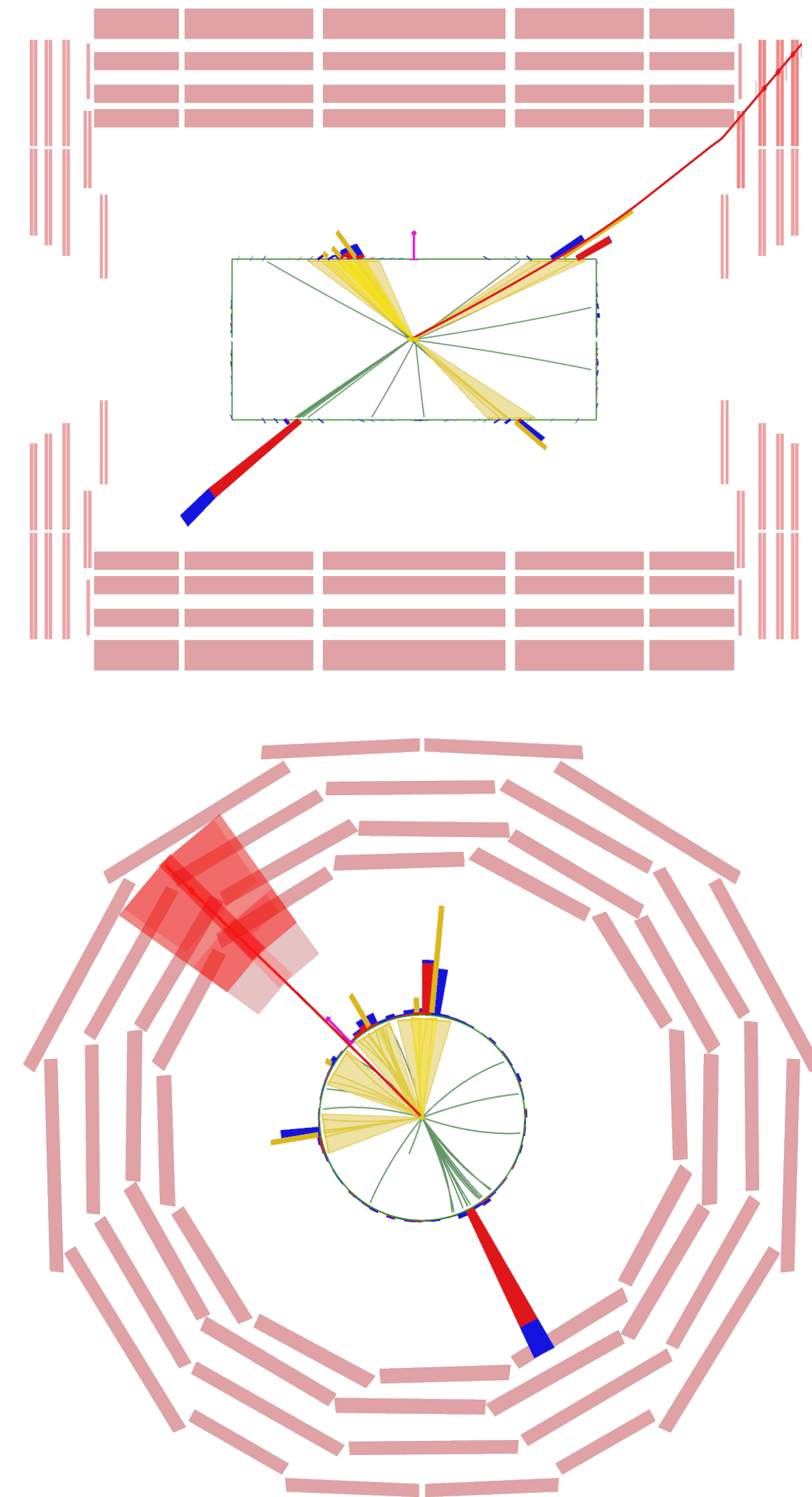
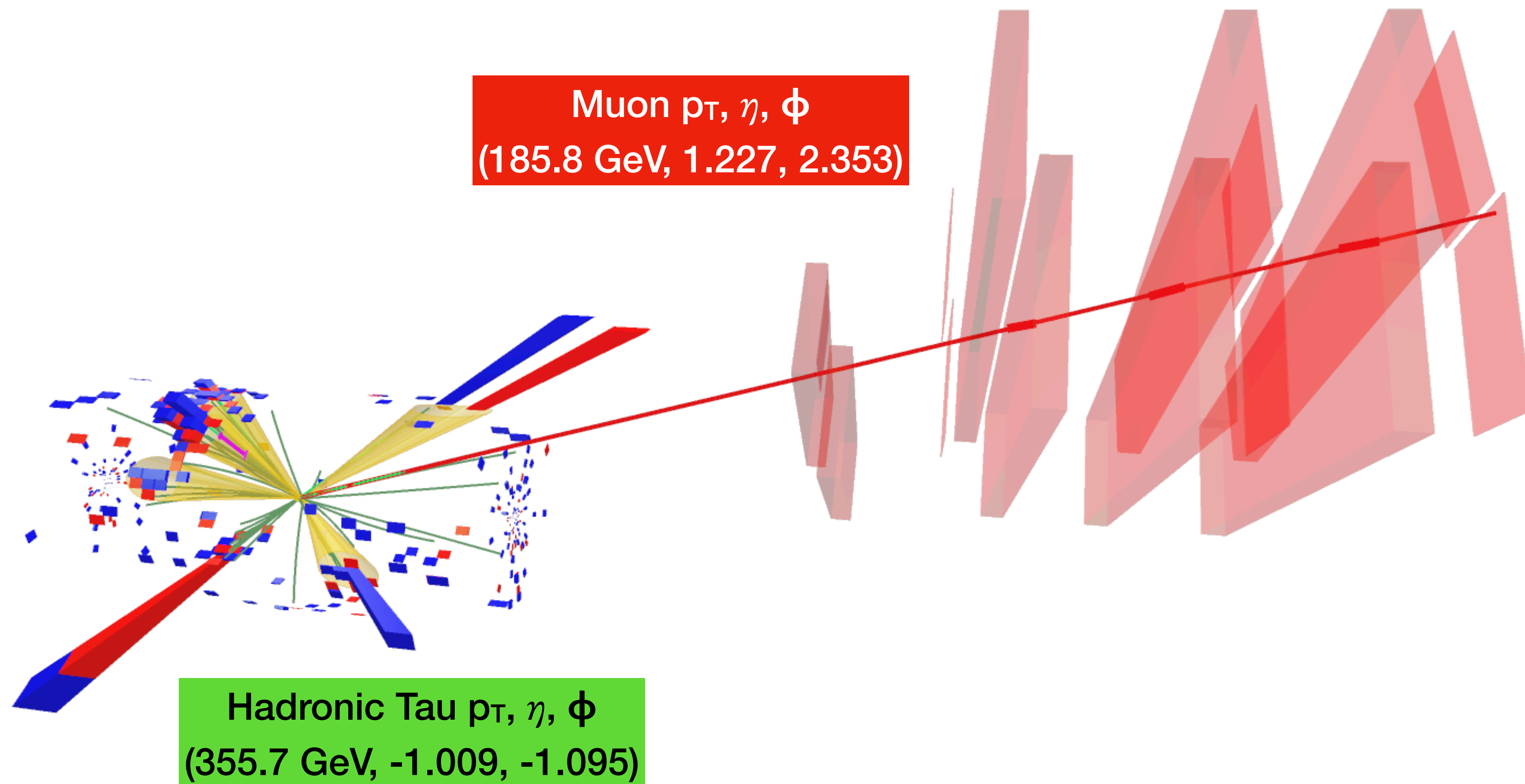
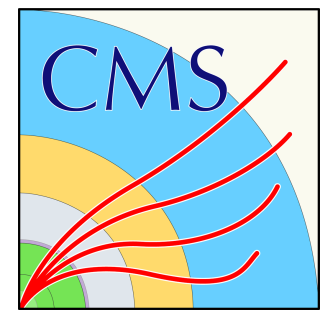


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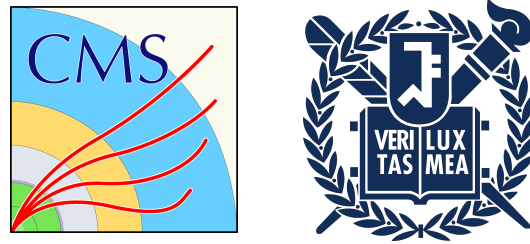
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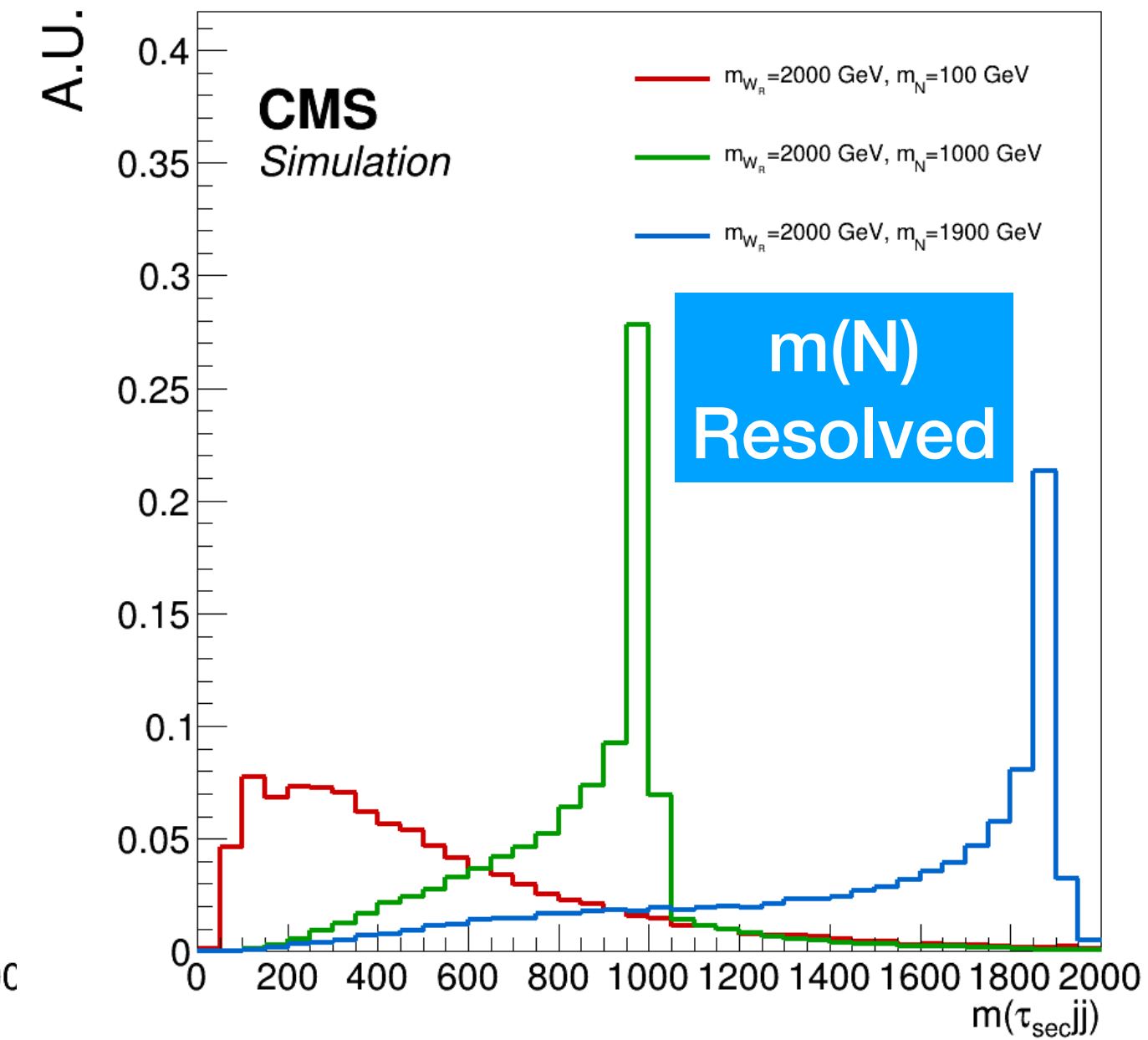
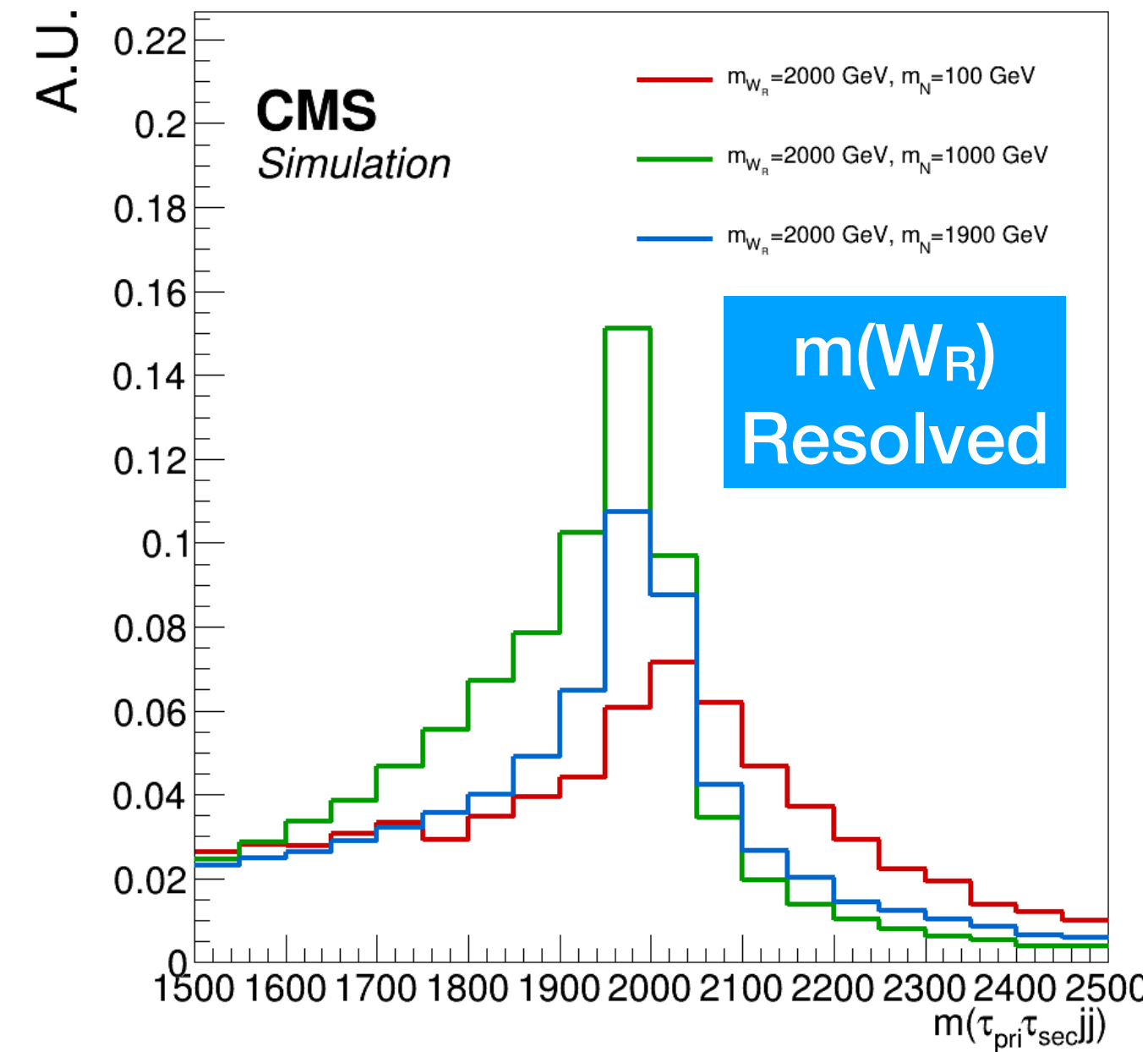
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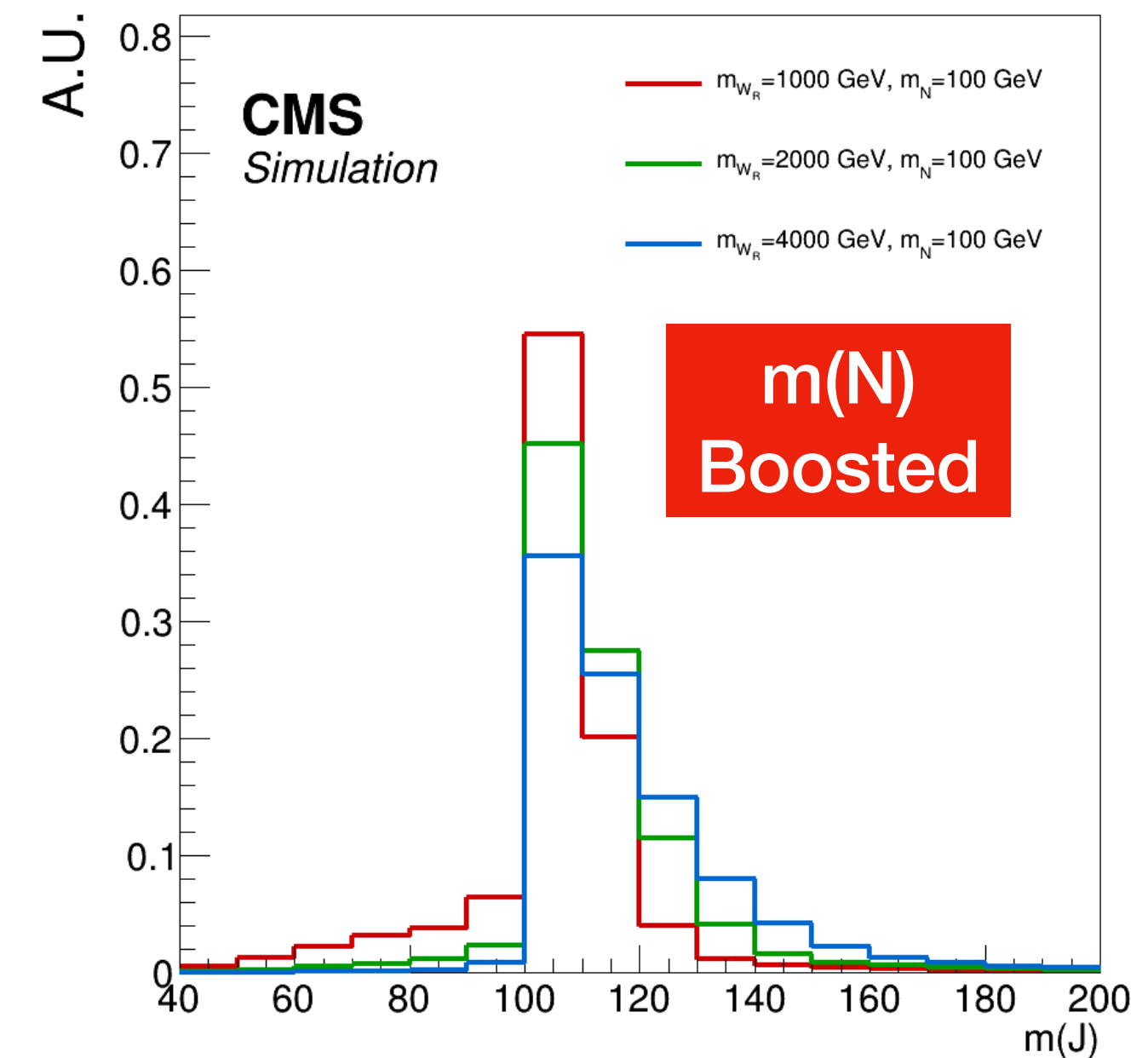
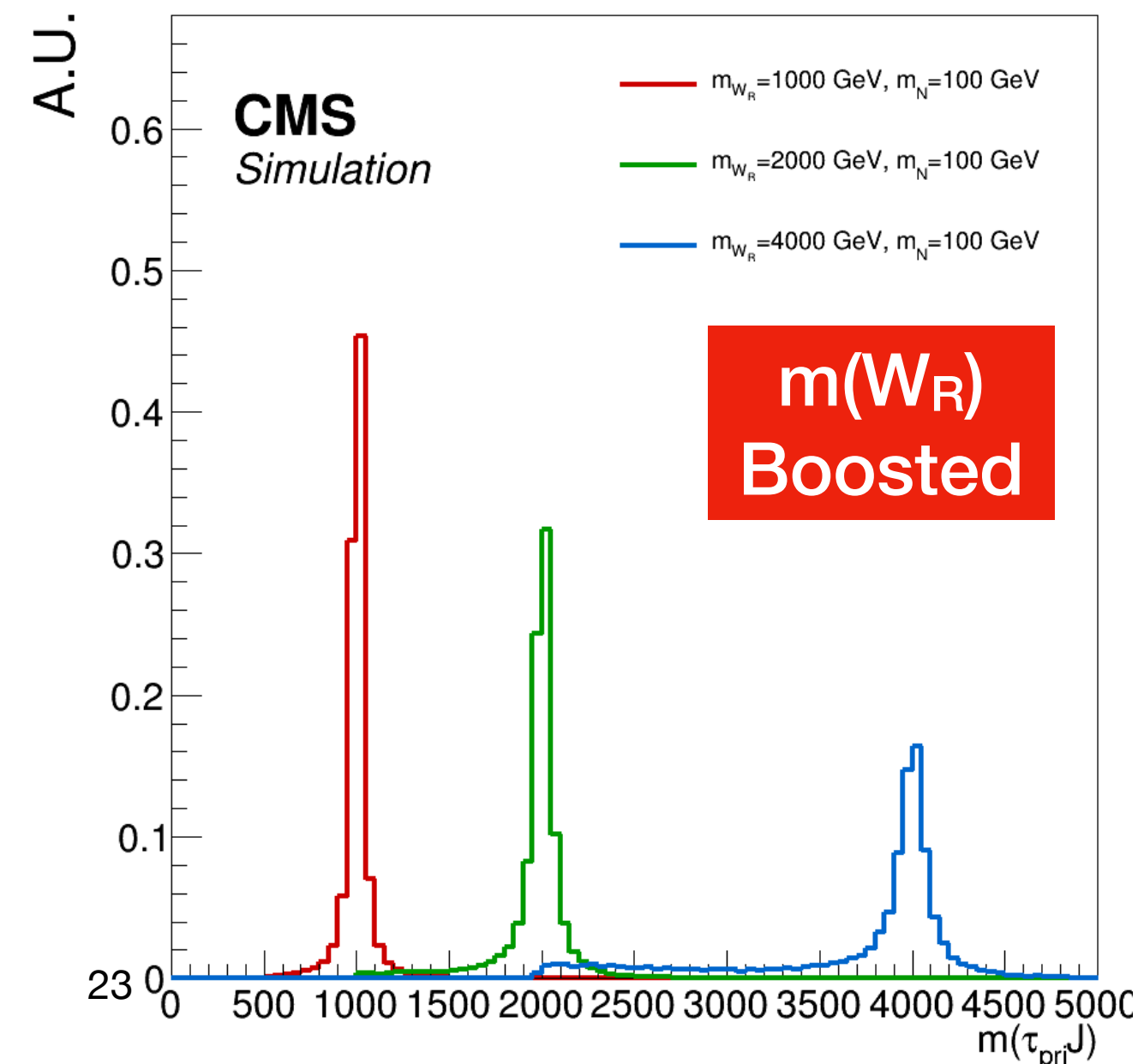


- **Resolved** region legend :
  - $m_{WR} = 2 \text{ TeV}$
  - $m_N = 100, 1000, 1900 \text{ GeV}$



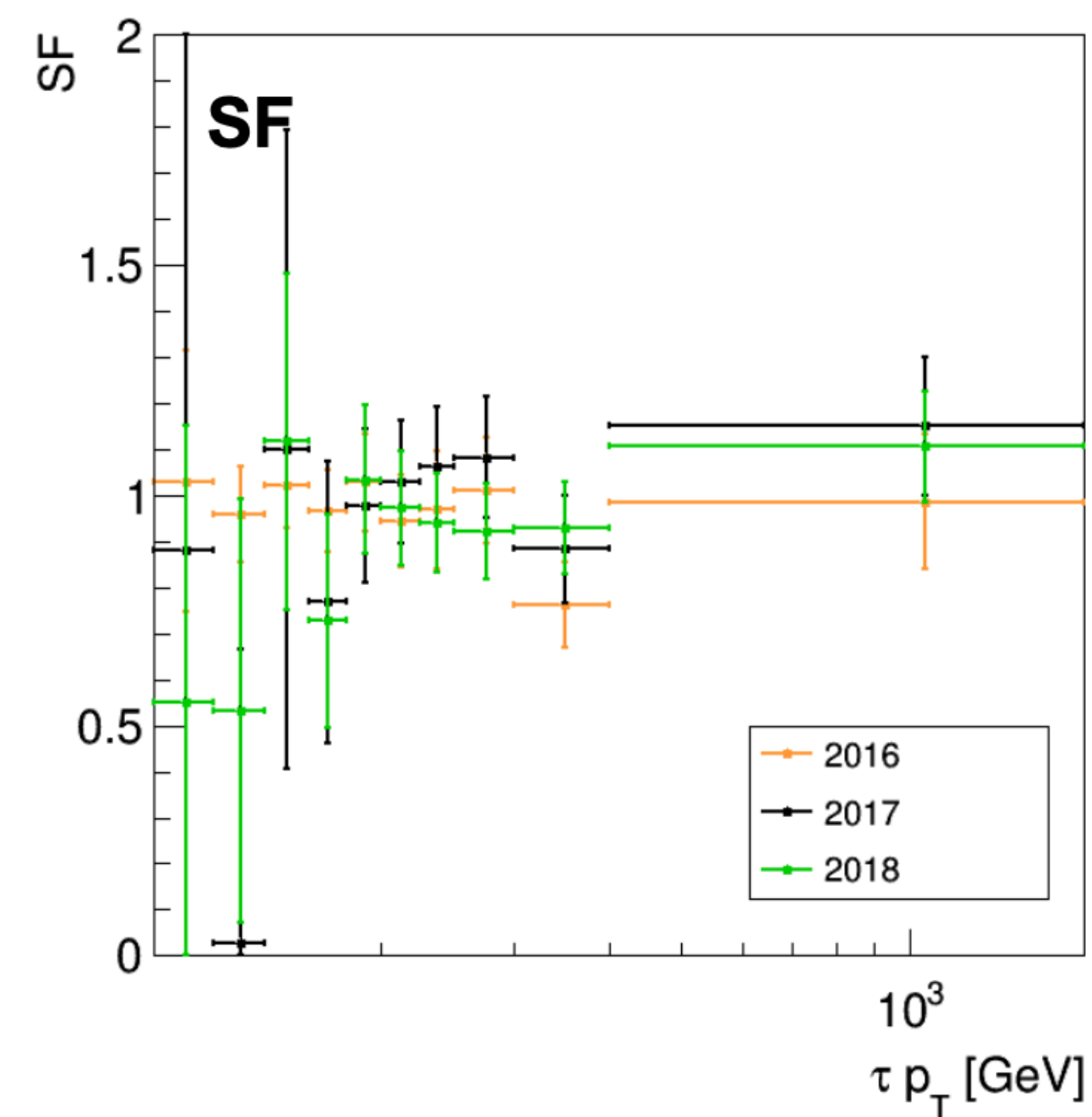
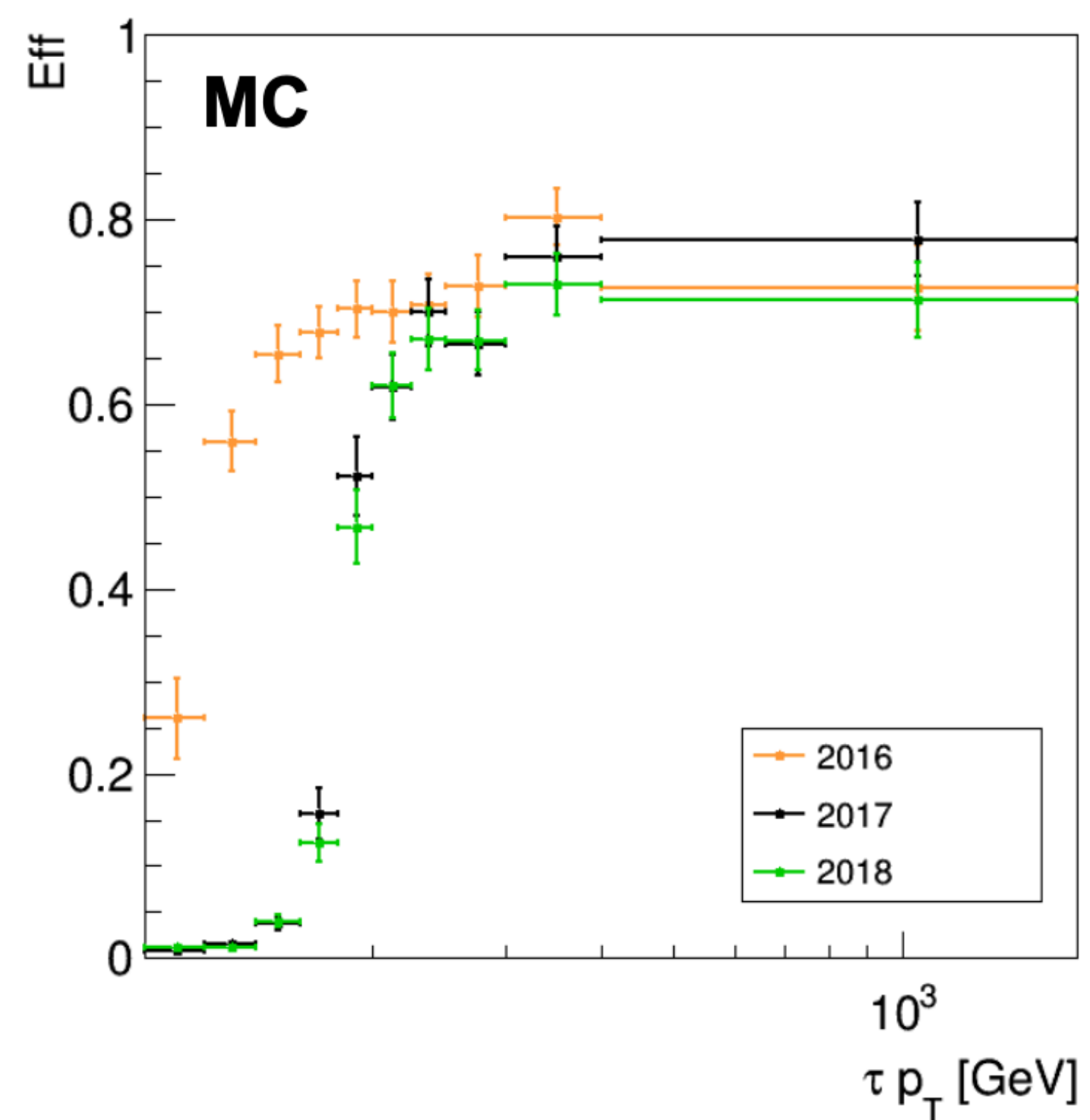
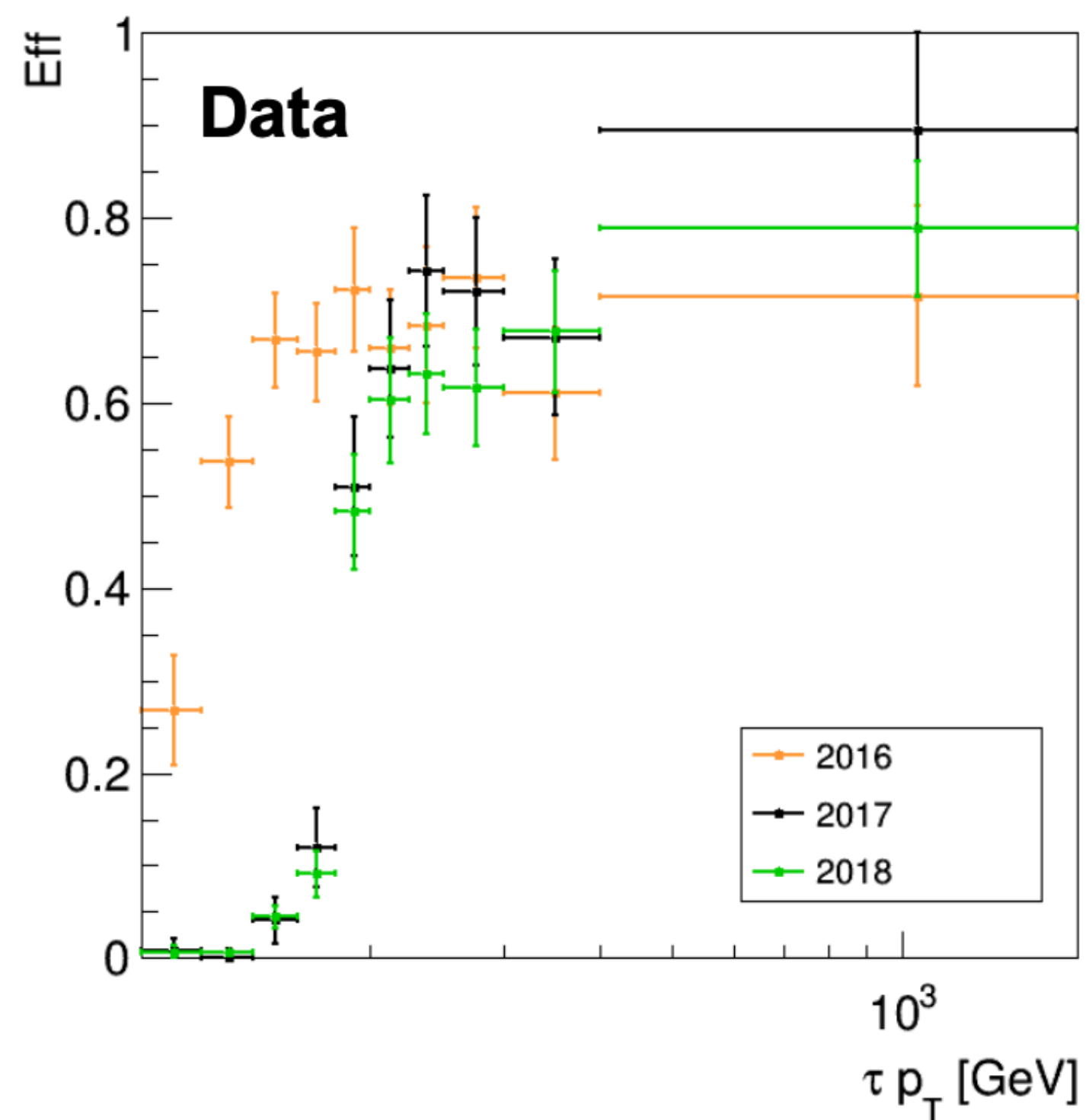
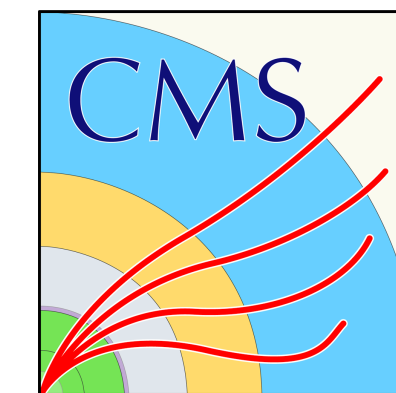
- **Boosted** region legend :
  - $m_{WR} = 1, 2, 4 \text{ TeV}$
  - $m_N = 100 \text{ GeV}$

(Using mass points having more sensitivity in the boosted selection ;  $m_{WR} \gg m_N$  )



# Trigger Efficiency

## Single Tau HLT



**Tau ID Meeting**  
(14th Dec. 2020)



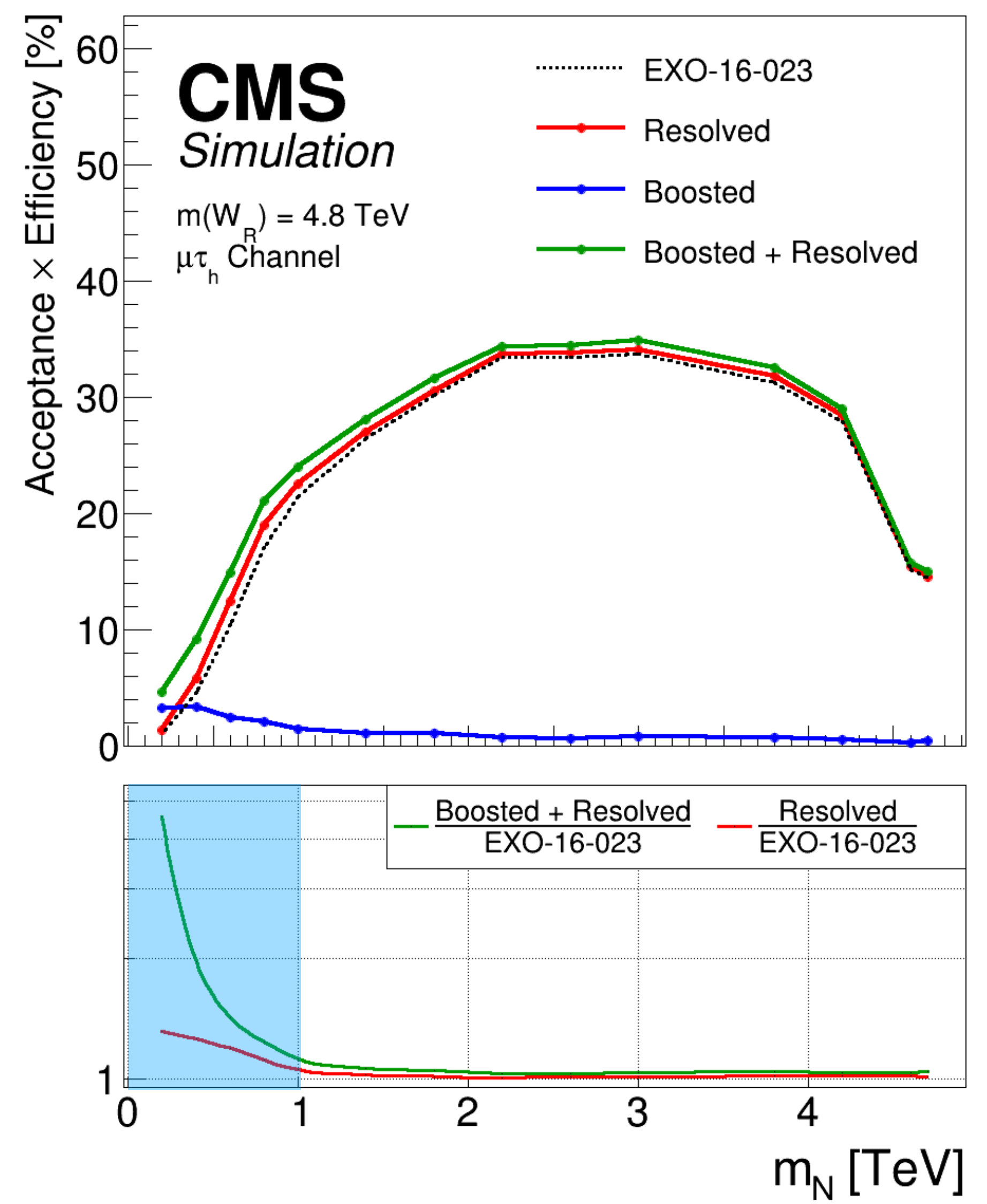
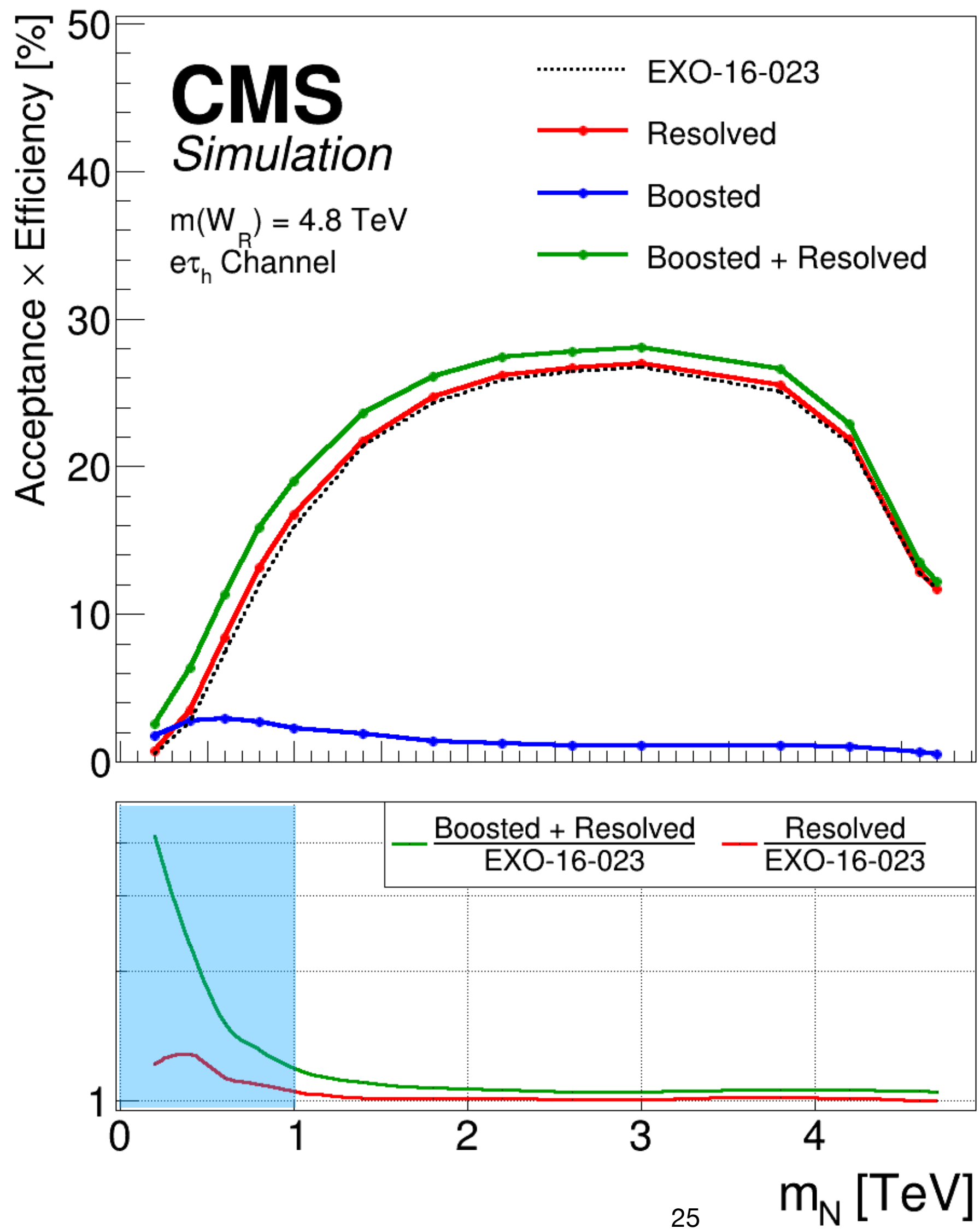
# Selection Efficiency

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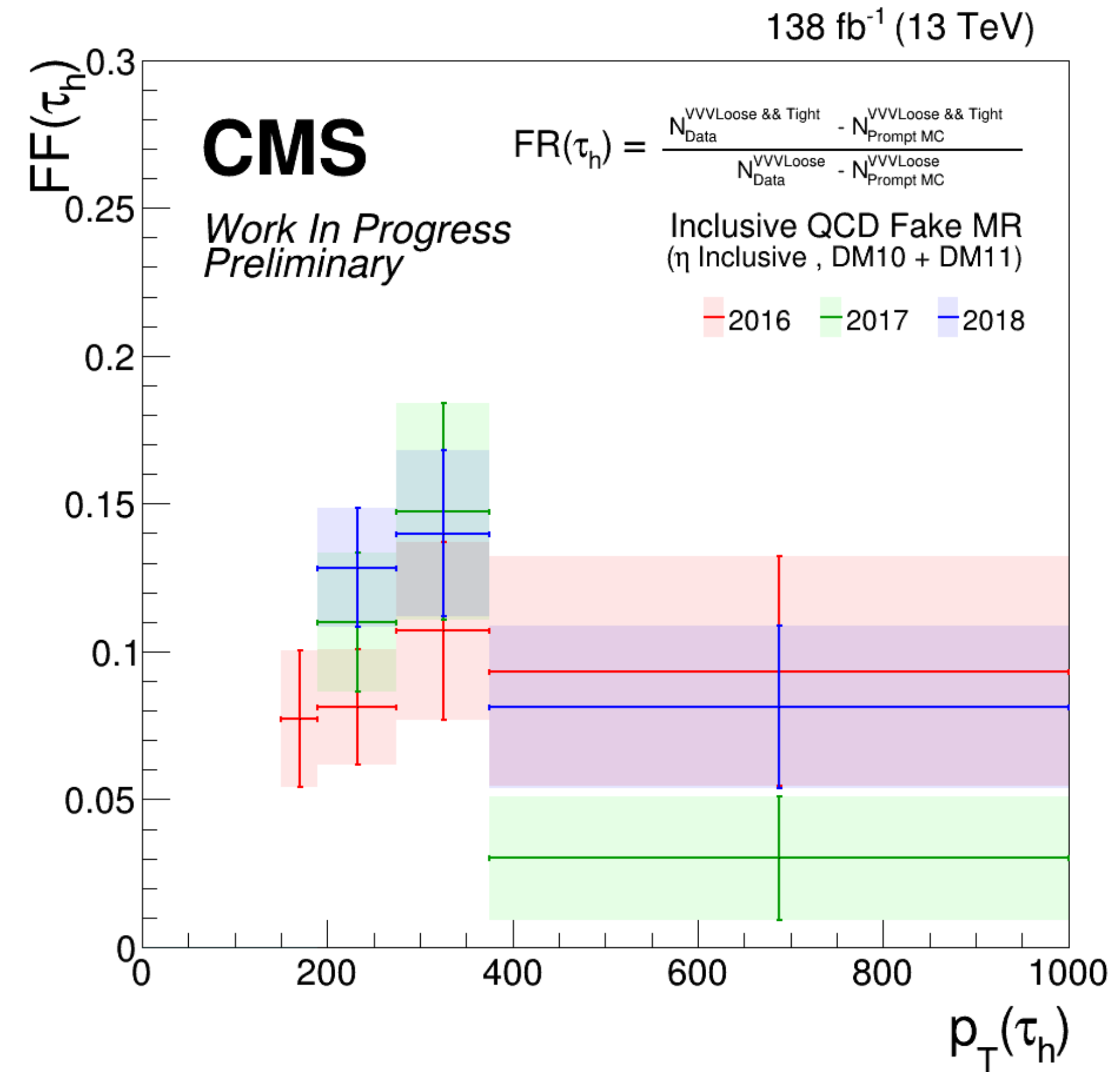
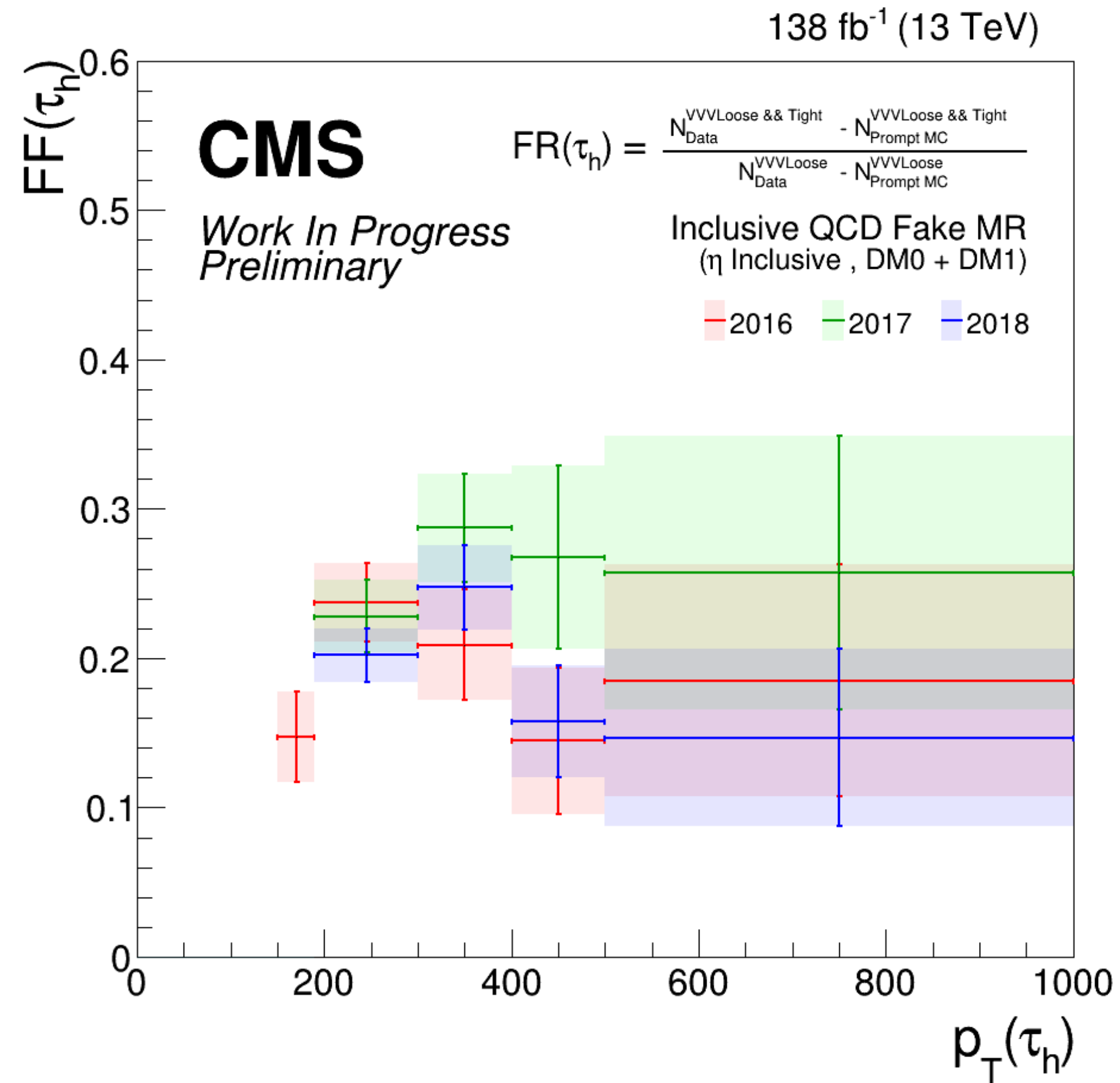
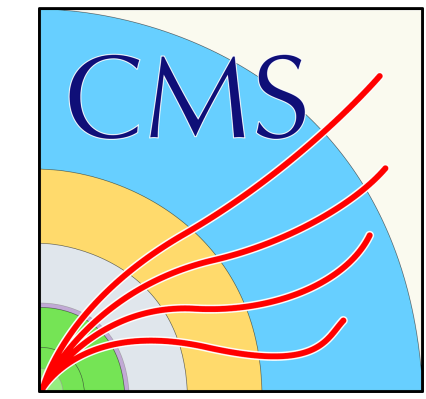
Efficiency calculated from  
corresponding  
Gen-matched channels

EXO-16-023 here is not  
exactly identical with the  
original selection



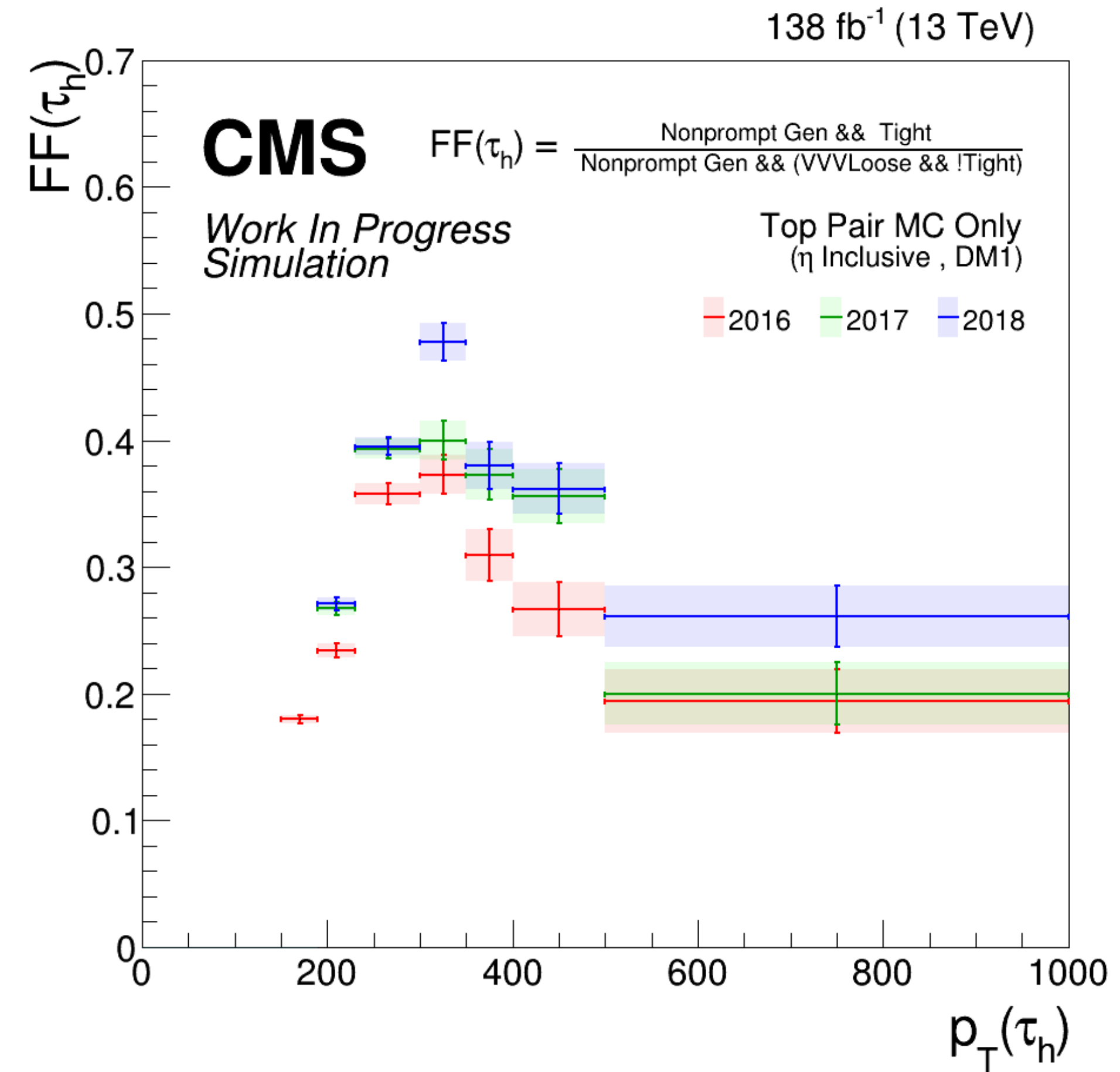
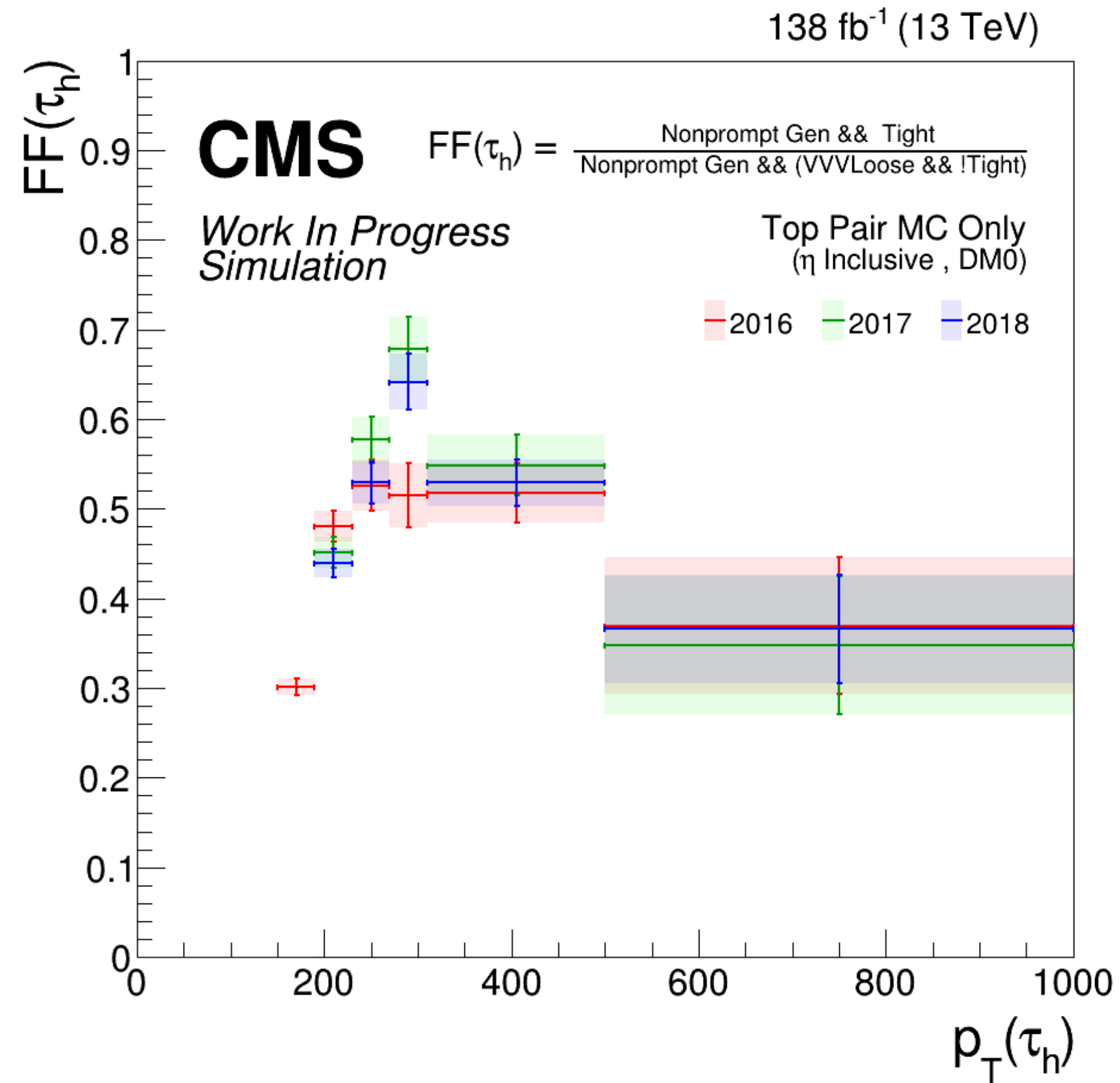
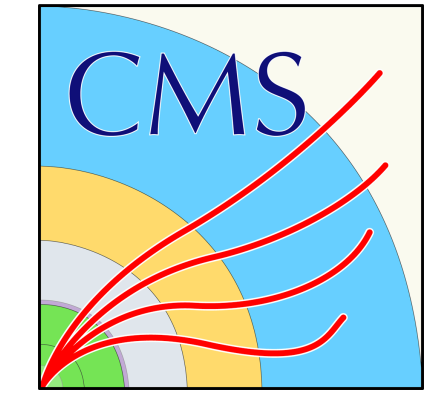
# Background Estimation

## QCD FF



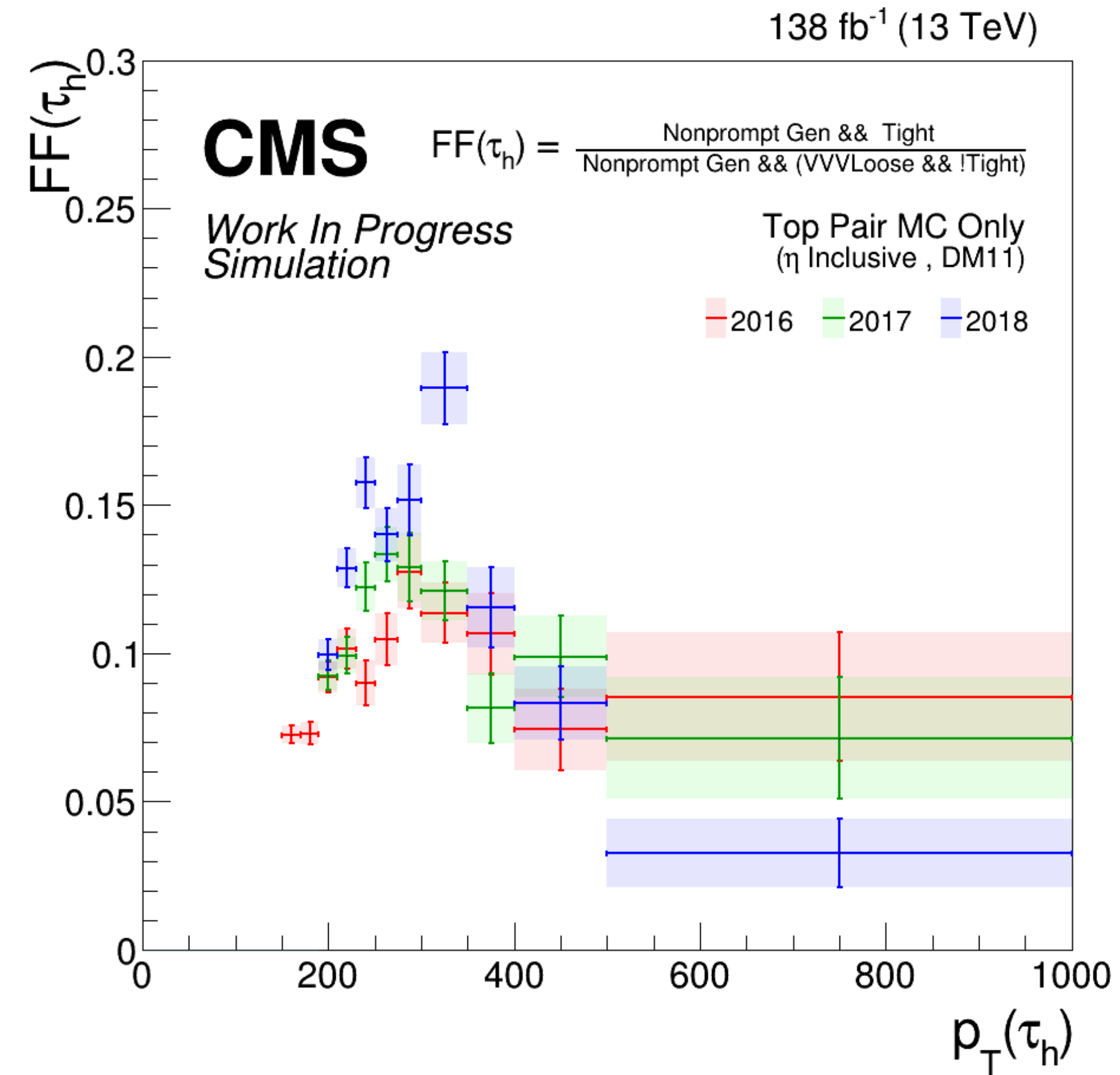
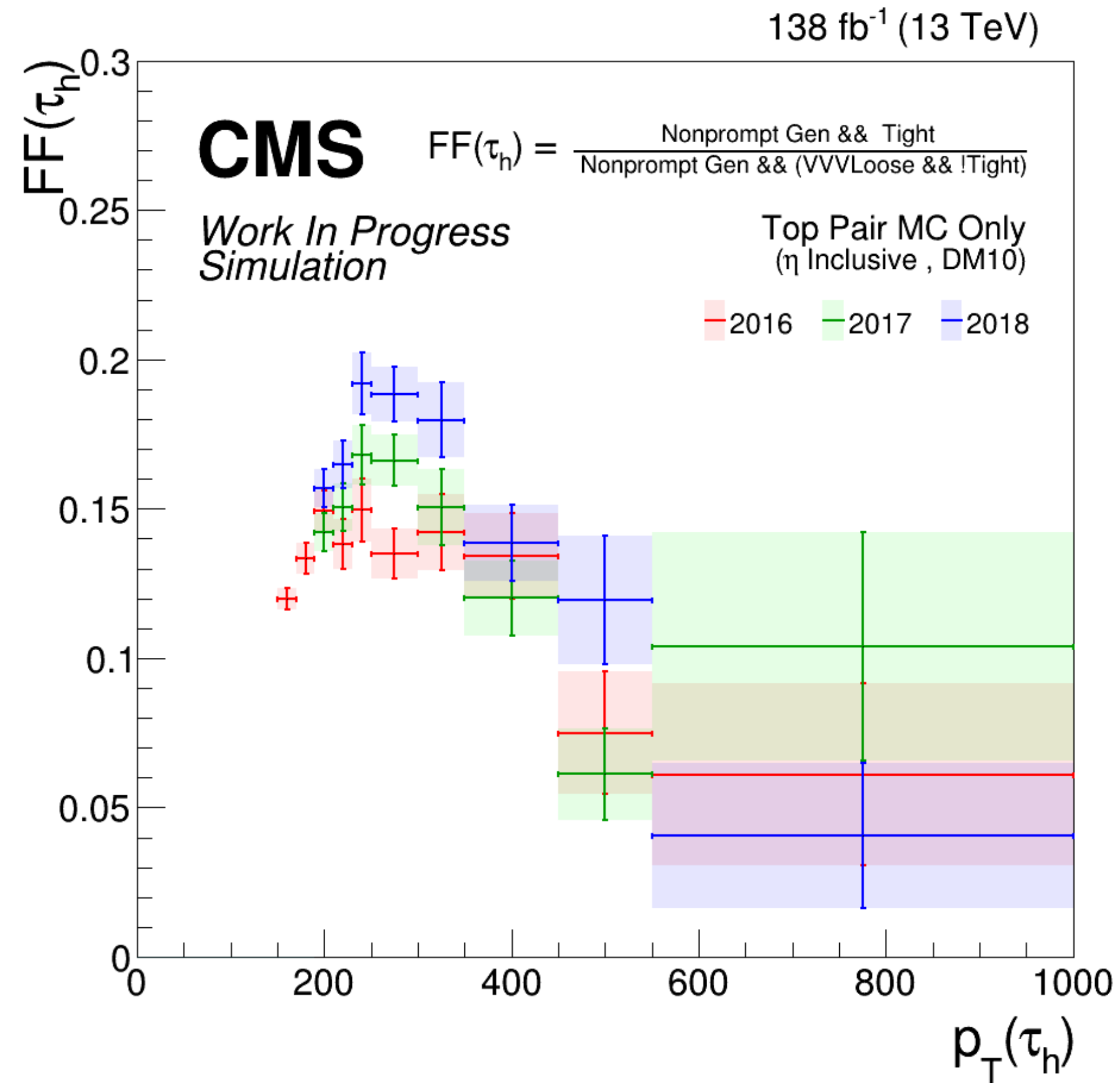
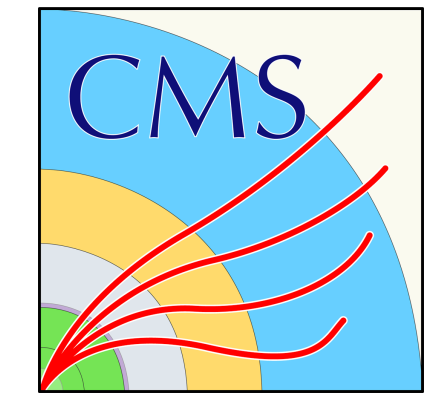
# Background Estimation

## Top FF



# Background Estimation

## Top FF

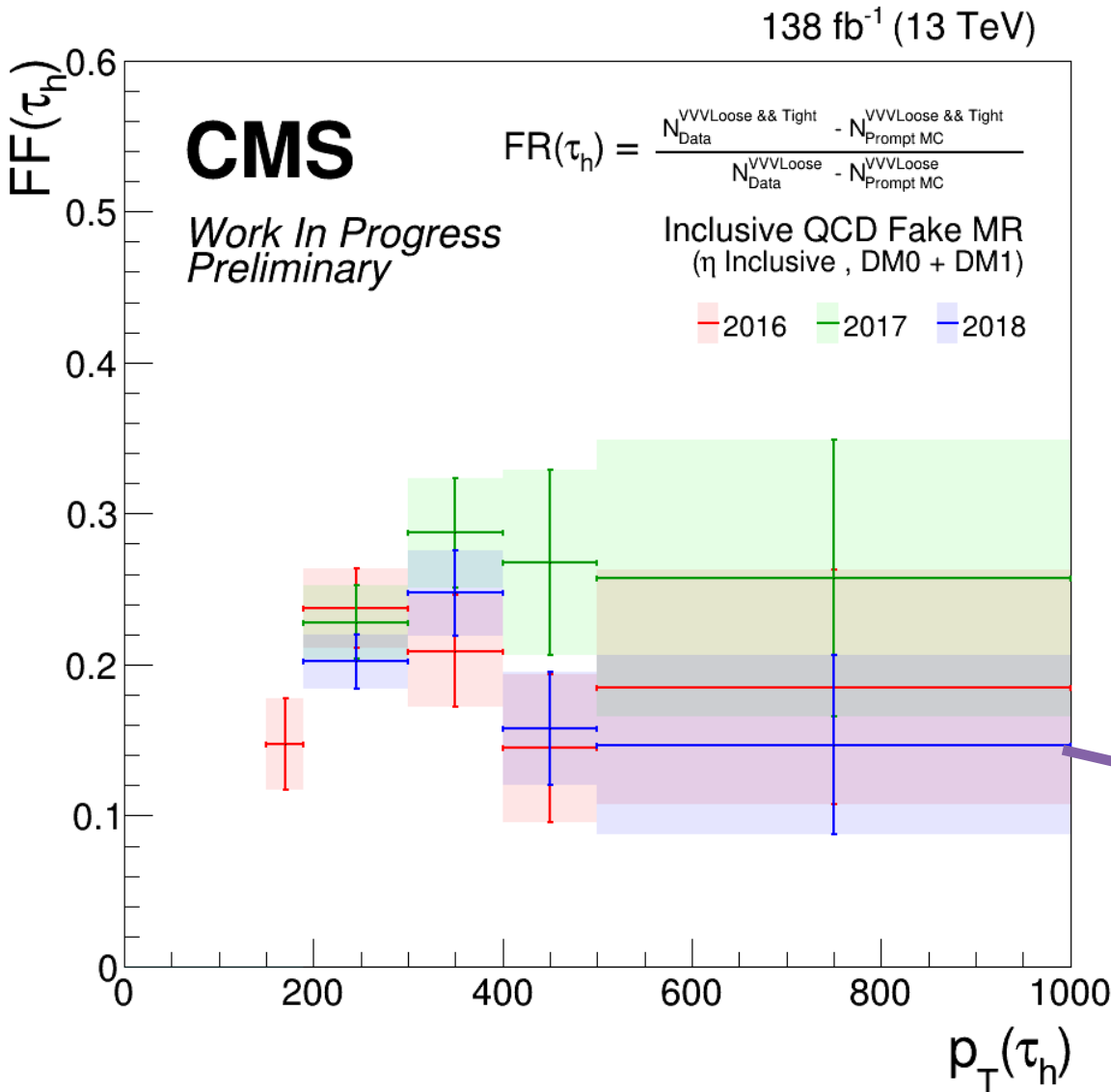


# Background Estimation

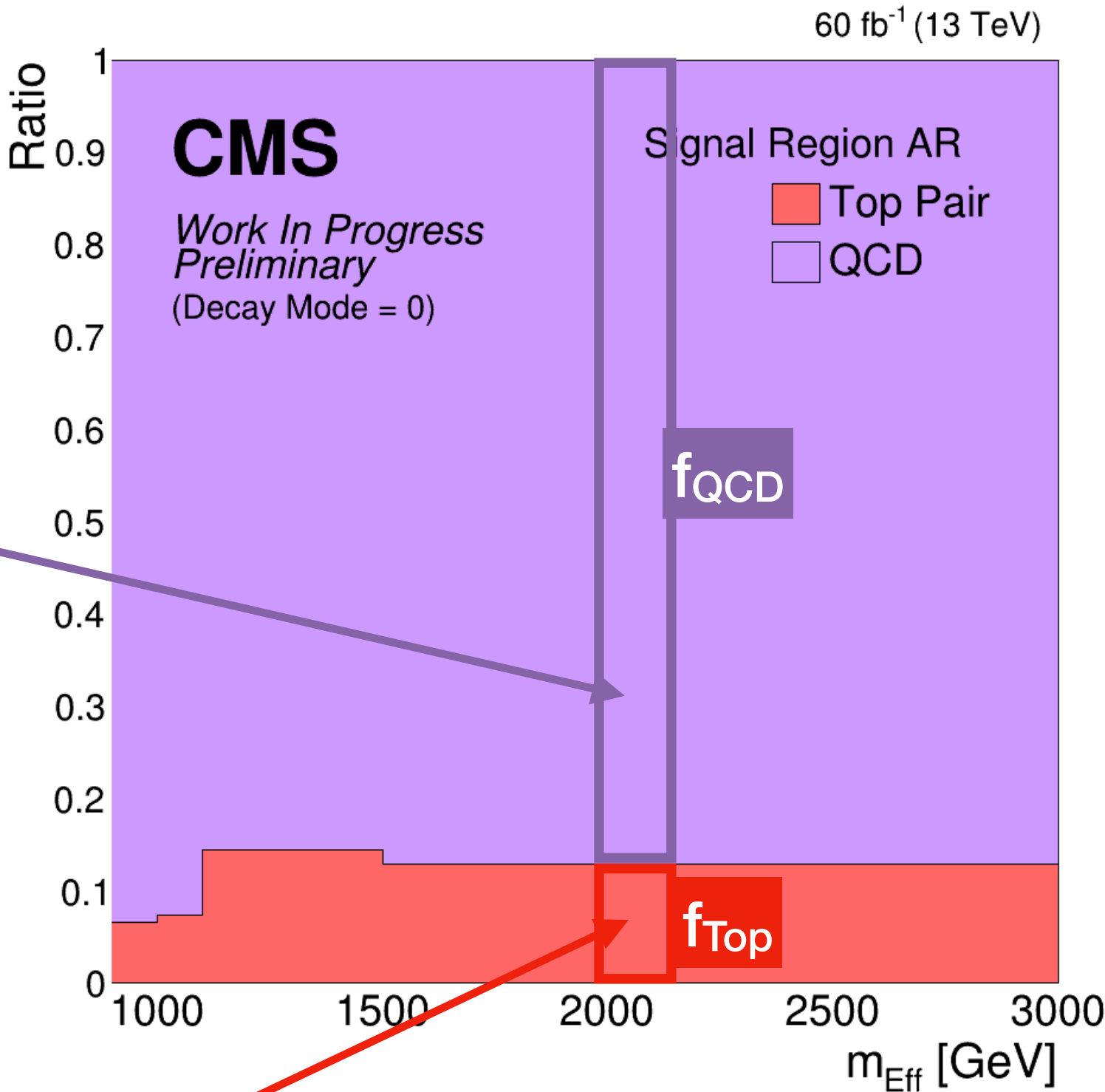
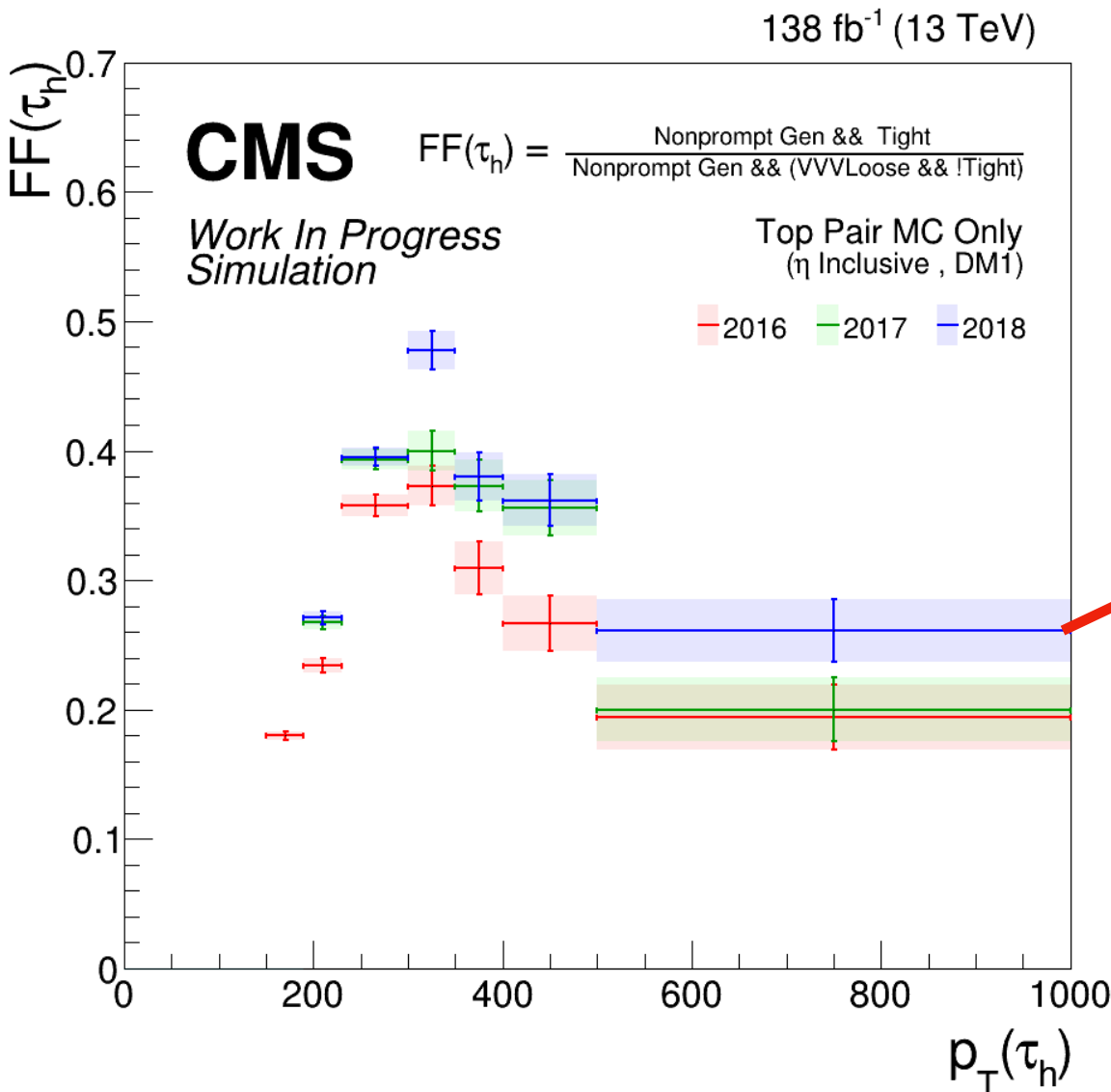
## Fake Factor Application



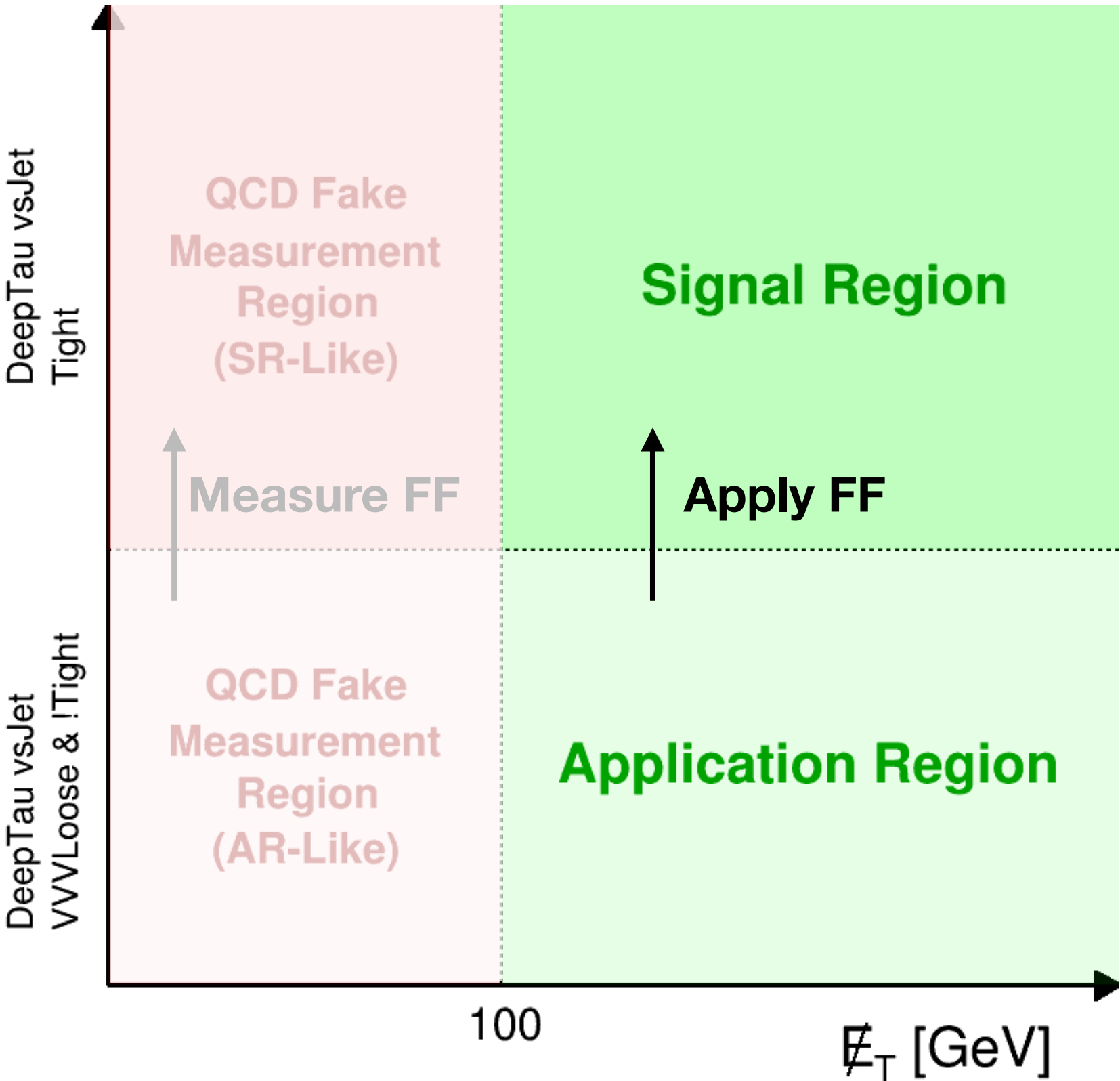
QCD FF



Top FF



Total FF to be applied :  
 $FF = f_{QCD} FF_{QCD} + f_{Top} FF_{Top}$

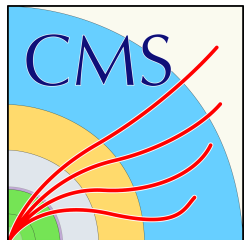
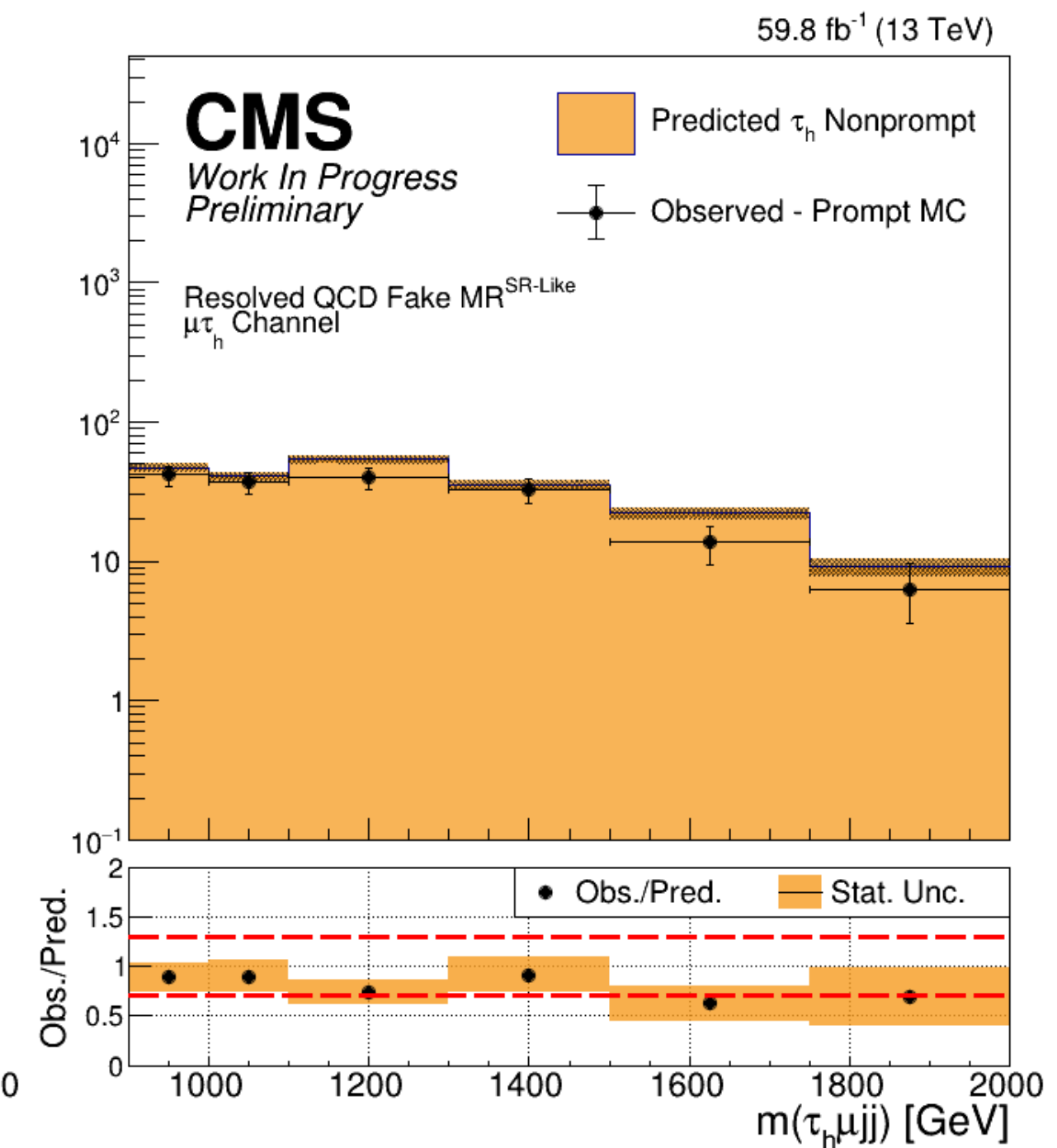
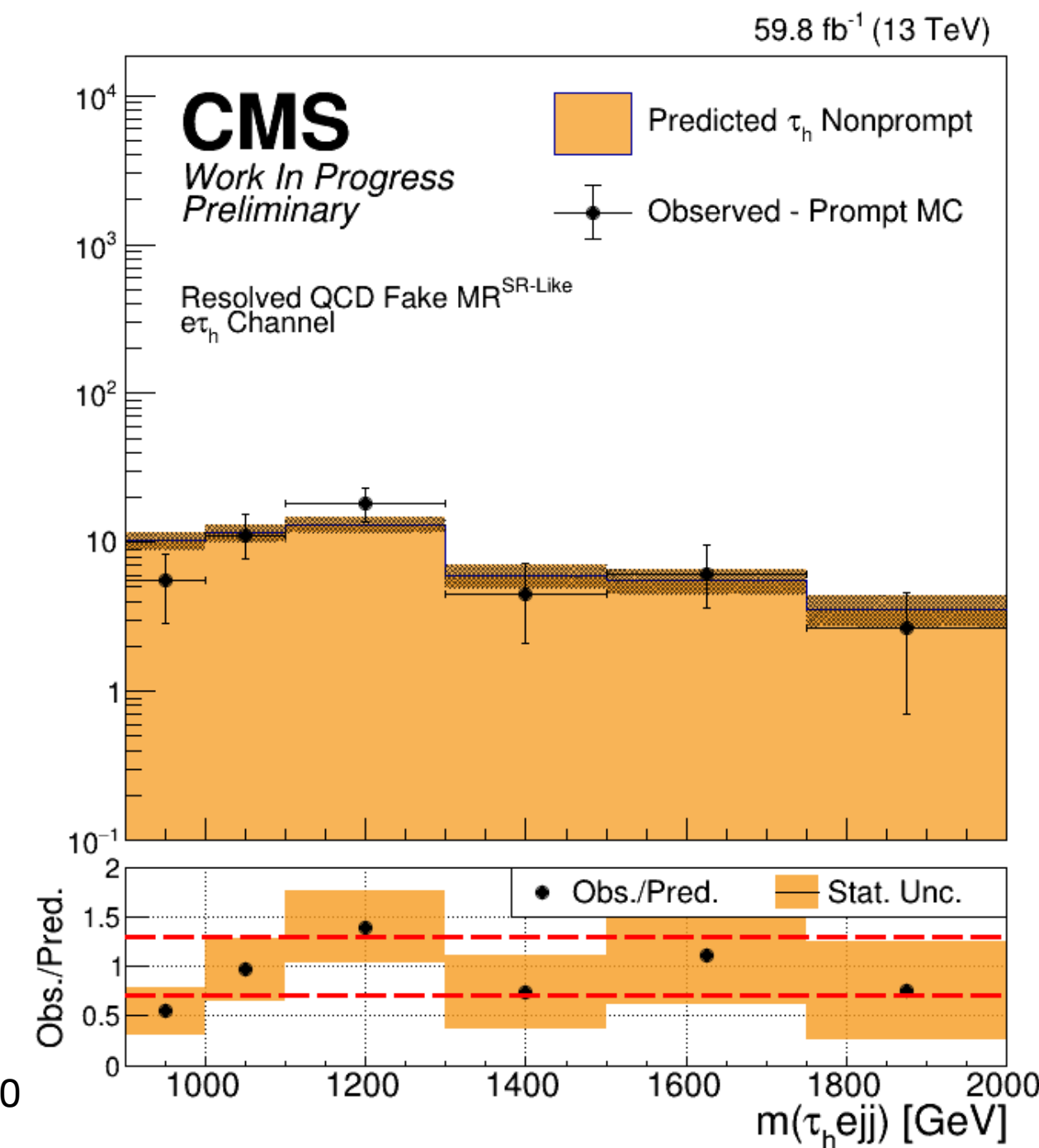
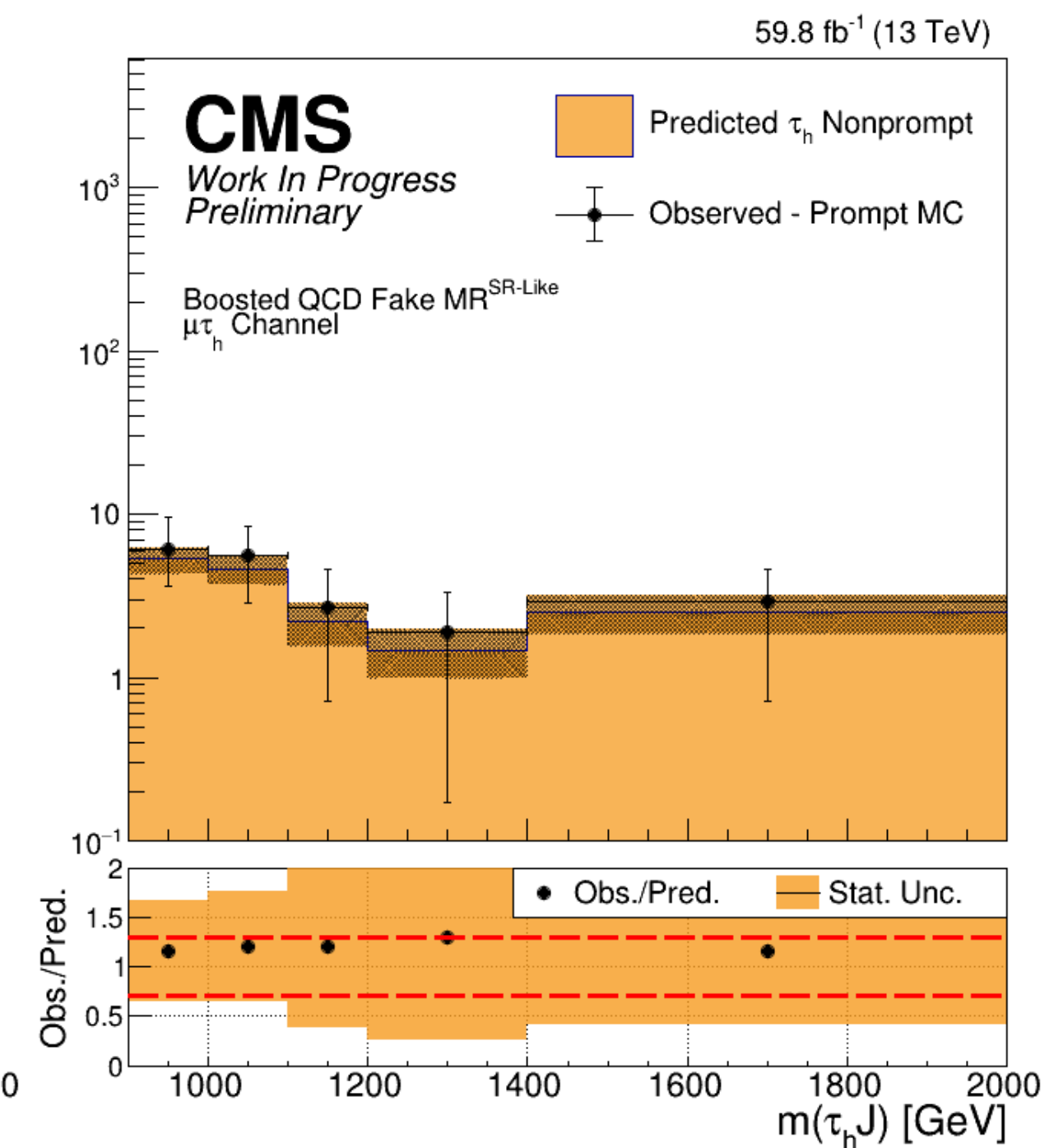
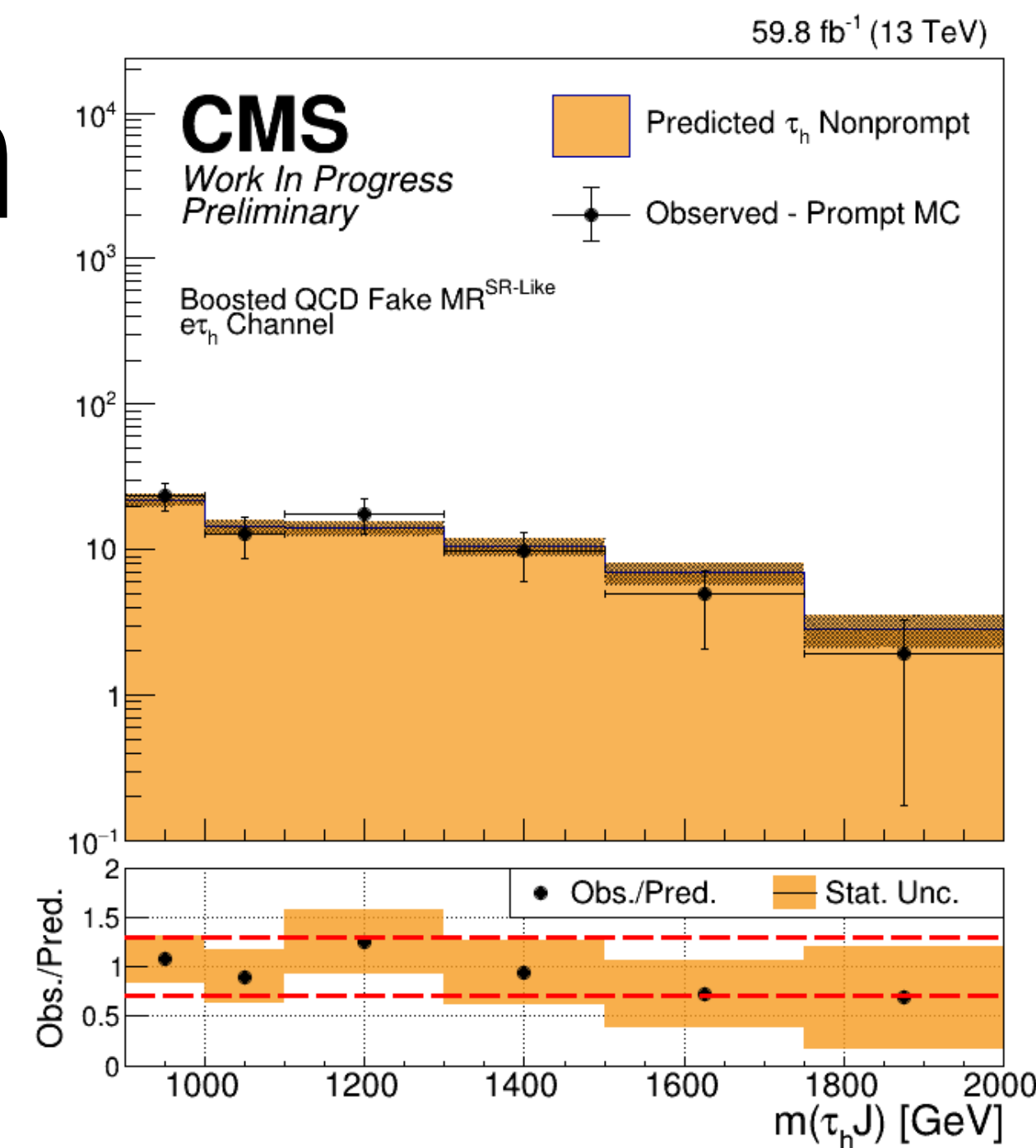




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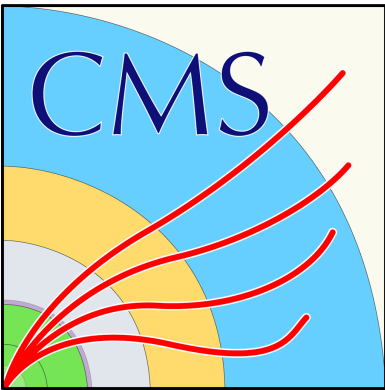
## Hadronic Tau Fake

- After applying fake factors and compare with data, closure seems to agree well within overall 30% normalization uncertainty
- 30% flat uncertainty applied as systematics to nonprompt contributions

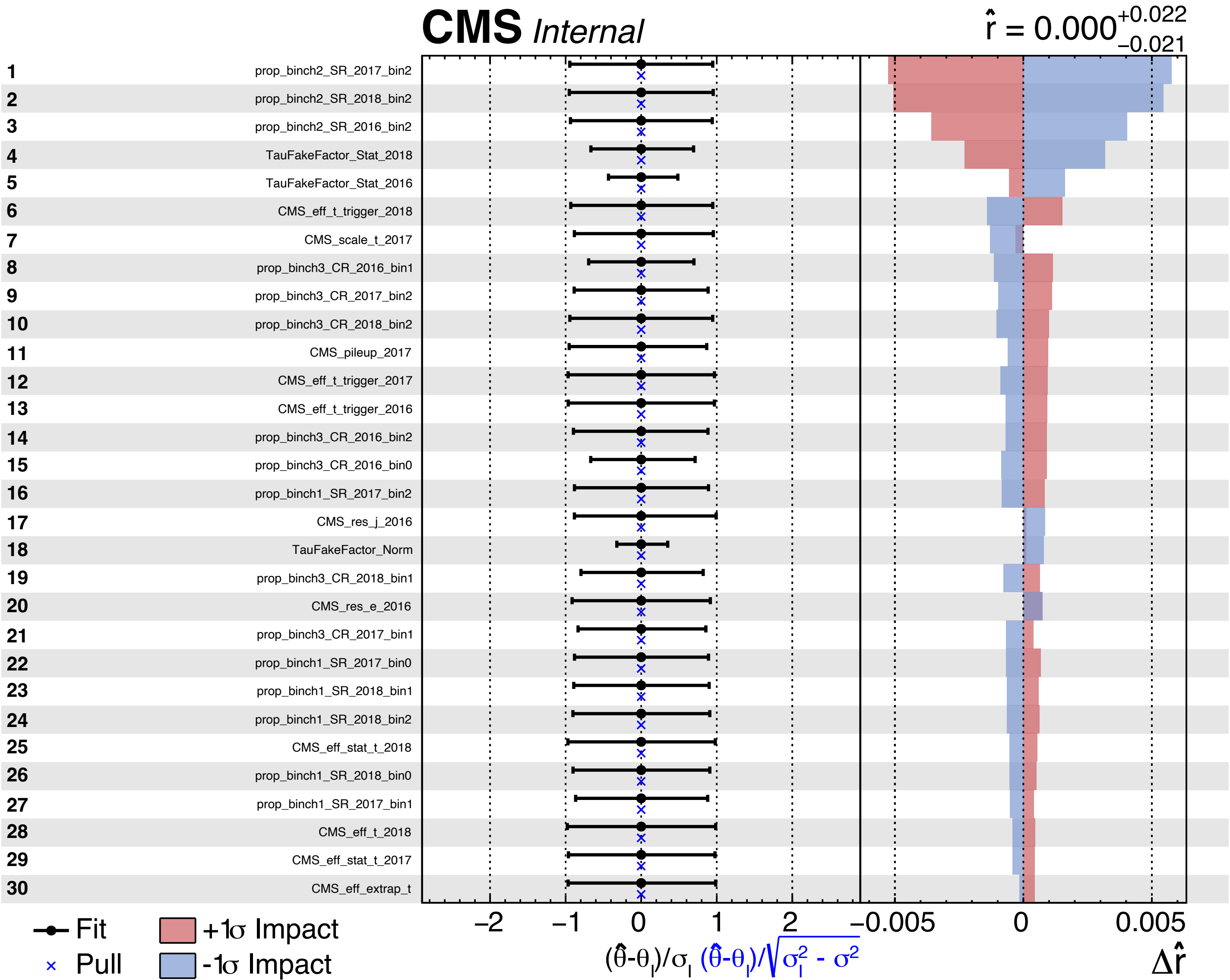


# Systematics Impacts

Updated



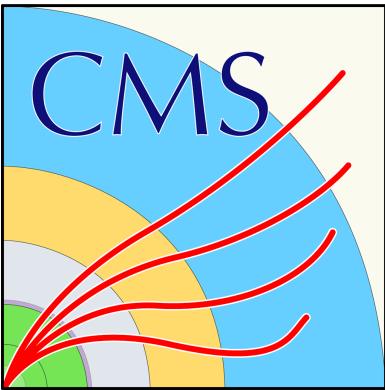
Background only  
Asimov



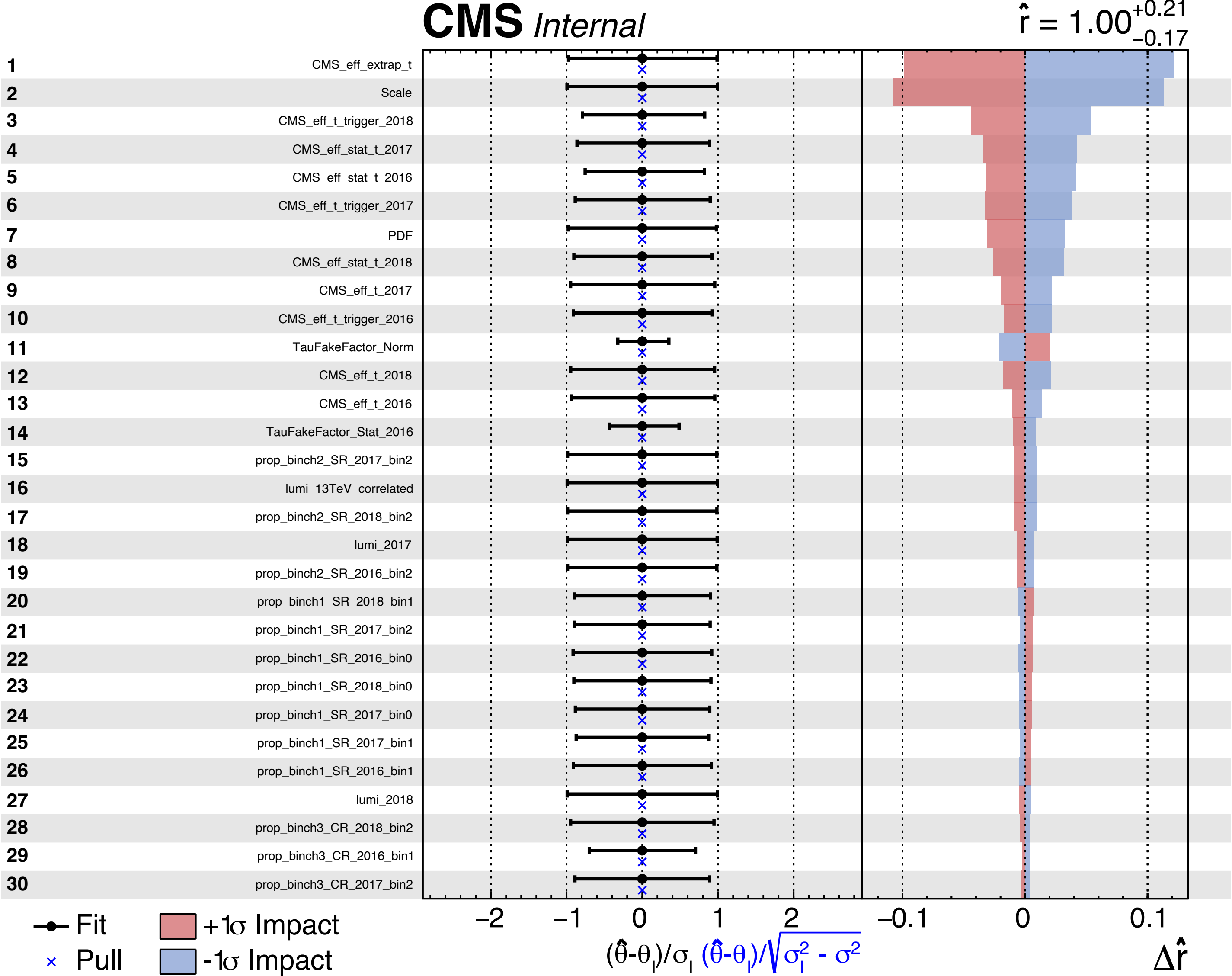
# Systematics

## Impacts

Updated



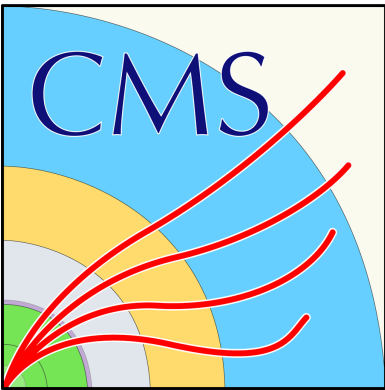
r=1 injected for  
Signal (3.5,1.0) TeV



# Systematics

## Impacts

Updated



r=1 injected for  
Signal (3.5,0.2) TeV

