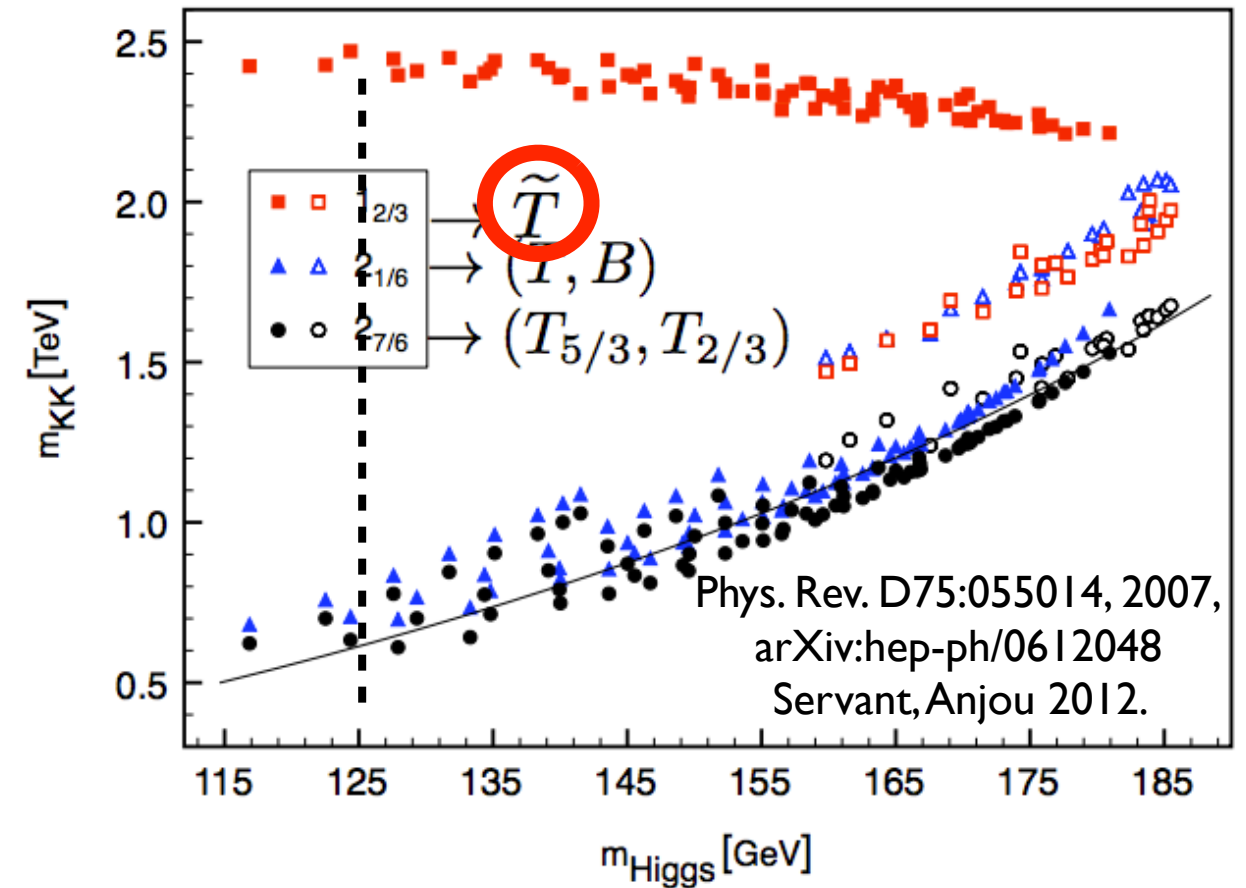
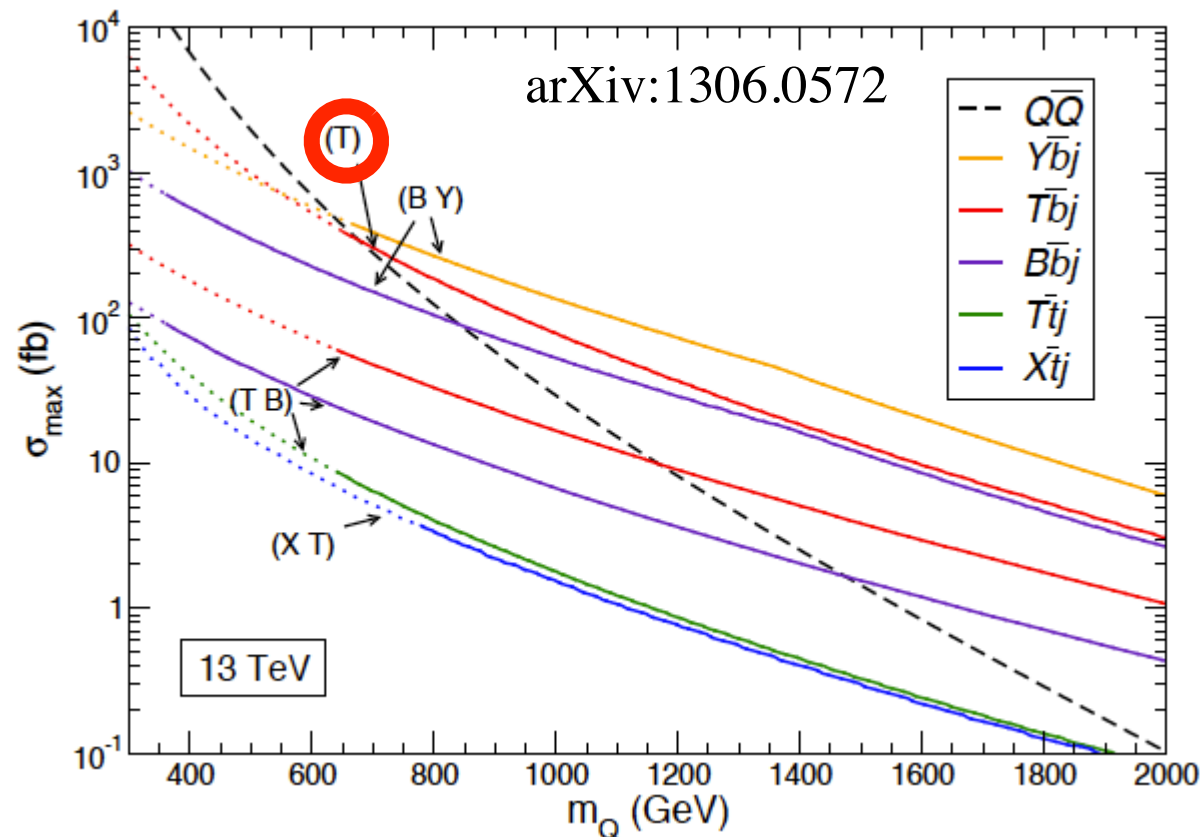


VLQ Top Partner Single Production

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Why VLQ (single production)?

Simplest new colored fermions allowed by experimental data.

Predominant mixing with third generation SM quarks.

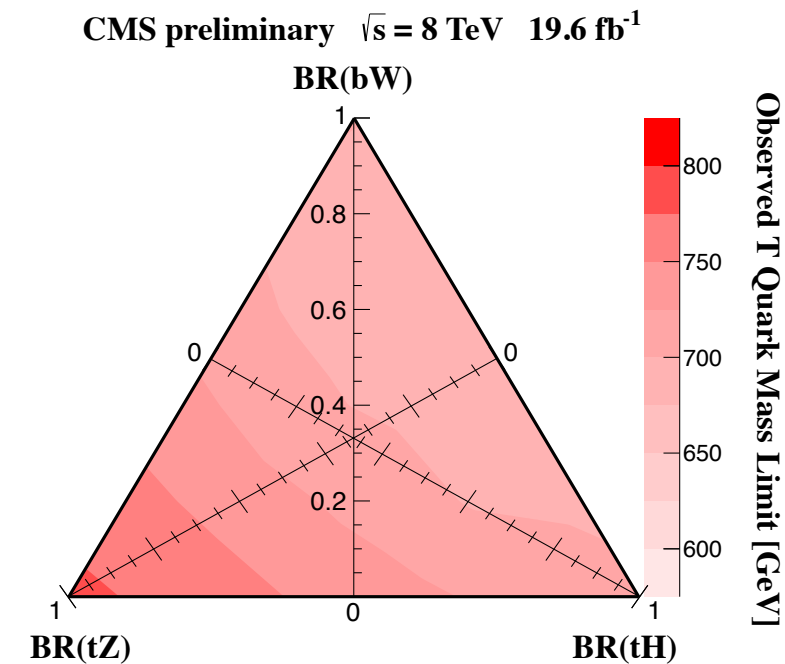
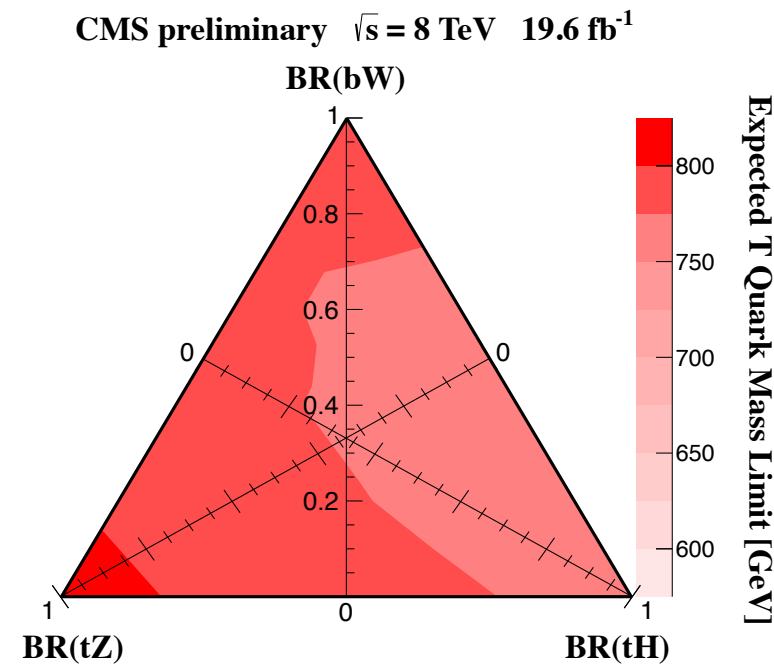
Theoretically motivated in composite Higgs and warped ED models.

Lightest resonances should be $\sim \text{TeV}$.

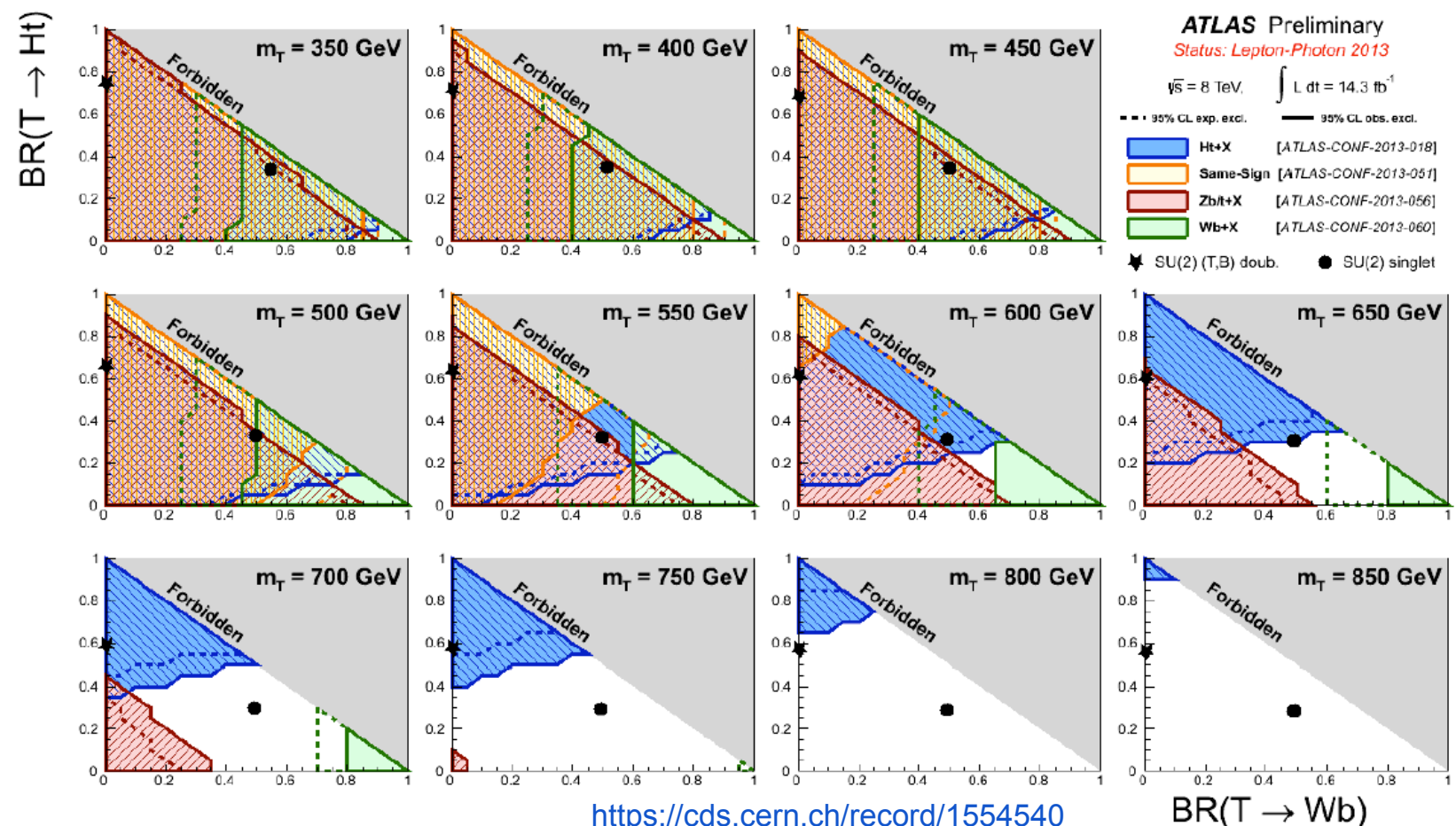
Existing Limits

ATLAS and CMS have both recently updated their 8 TeV searches.

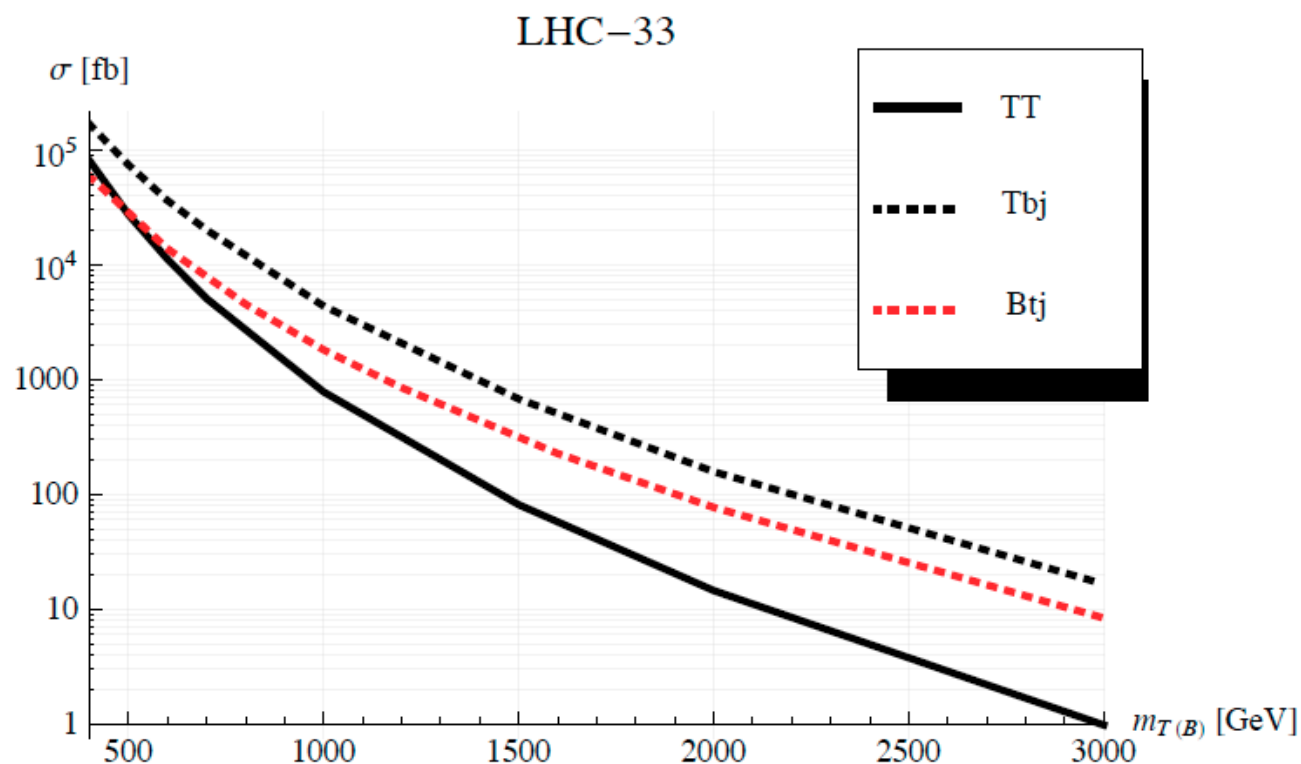
Single production has a favorable cross section and is sensitive to masses/BRs with the least stringent experimental limits.



<http://cds.cern.ch/record/1557571>



VLQ Top Partner Single-EW Production



Currently:

Model based on PRD 86, 075017 (2012), arXiv: 1207.0830 (NV) and implemented in MG5 processed through Snowmass detector simulation.

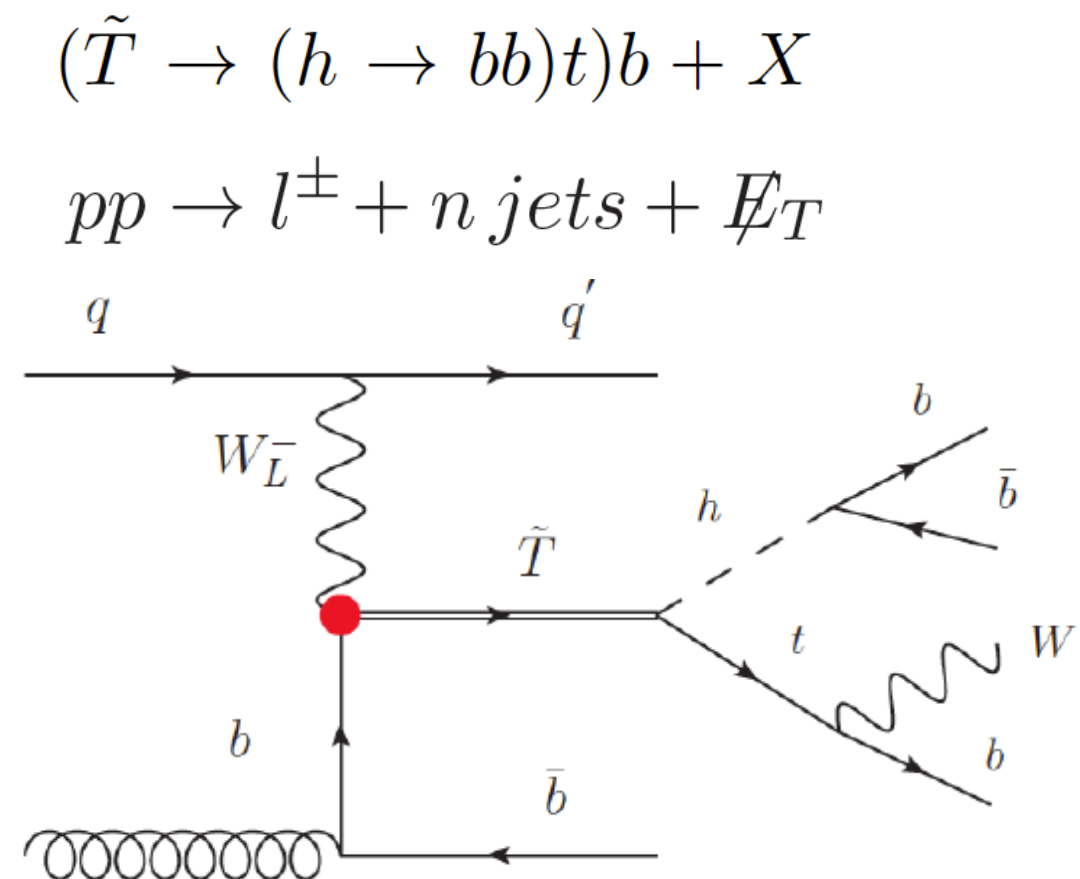
T_s masses 0.5 - 3.0 TeV. Using no pileup samples.

Background sample is generated at 14 TeV and rescaled to 33 TeV.

Samples are produced inclusively, decayed with Pythia 6.

Select for single lepton (e/μ) top final state, with h → bb.

Use jet mass to select higgs decay, study jet mass to veto additional tops.



Selections and Backgrounds

Object level selection:

Jets reconstructed with anti- k_T algorithm with $r=0.5$ requiring $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 5$, and isolated (overlapping jets removed with highest p_T jet kept).

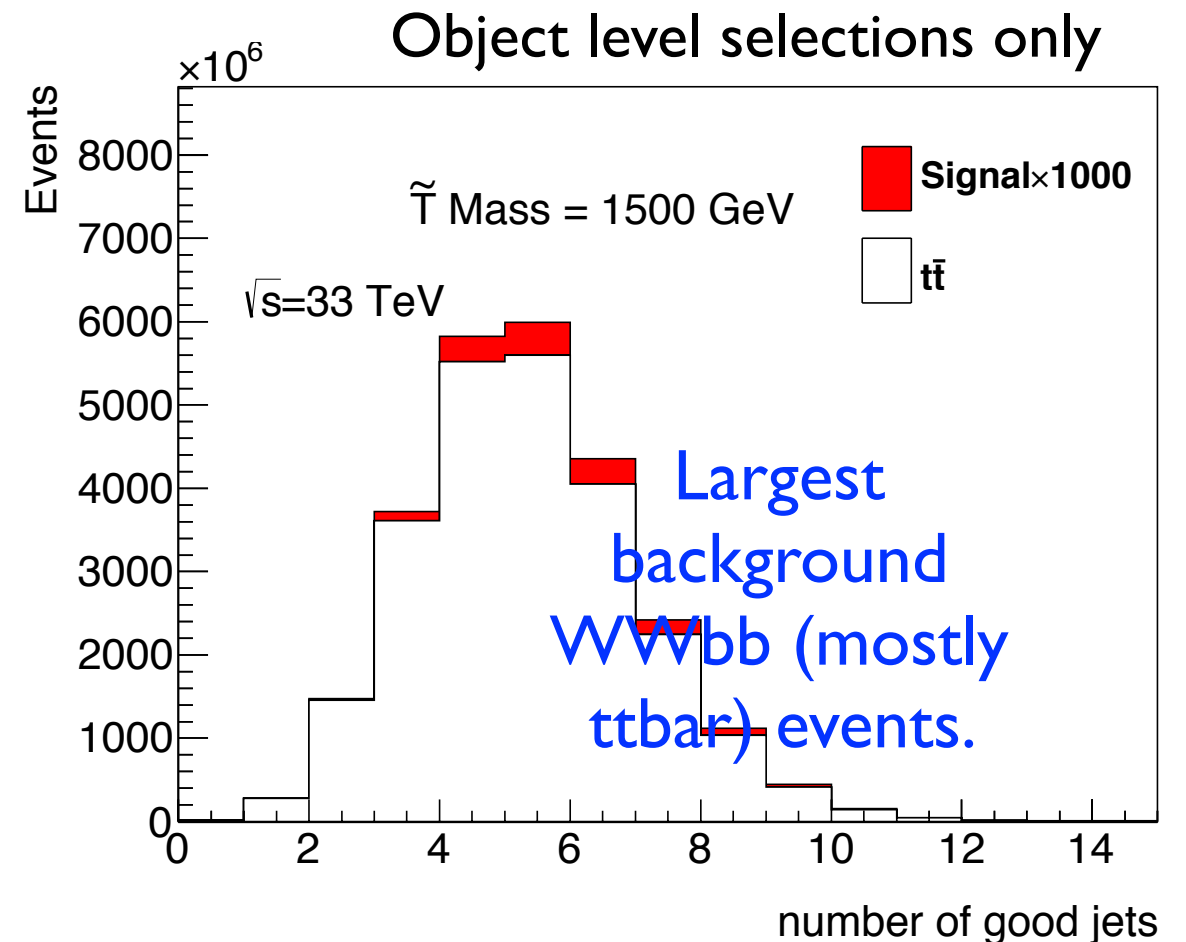
Electron or muon candidates required to have $p_T > 30$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$, isolated from jets with radius of 0.5.

Missing $E_T > 30$ GeV.

Event selection:

$N_{\text{jets}} > 3$, with > 1 tight b-tags.

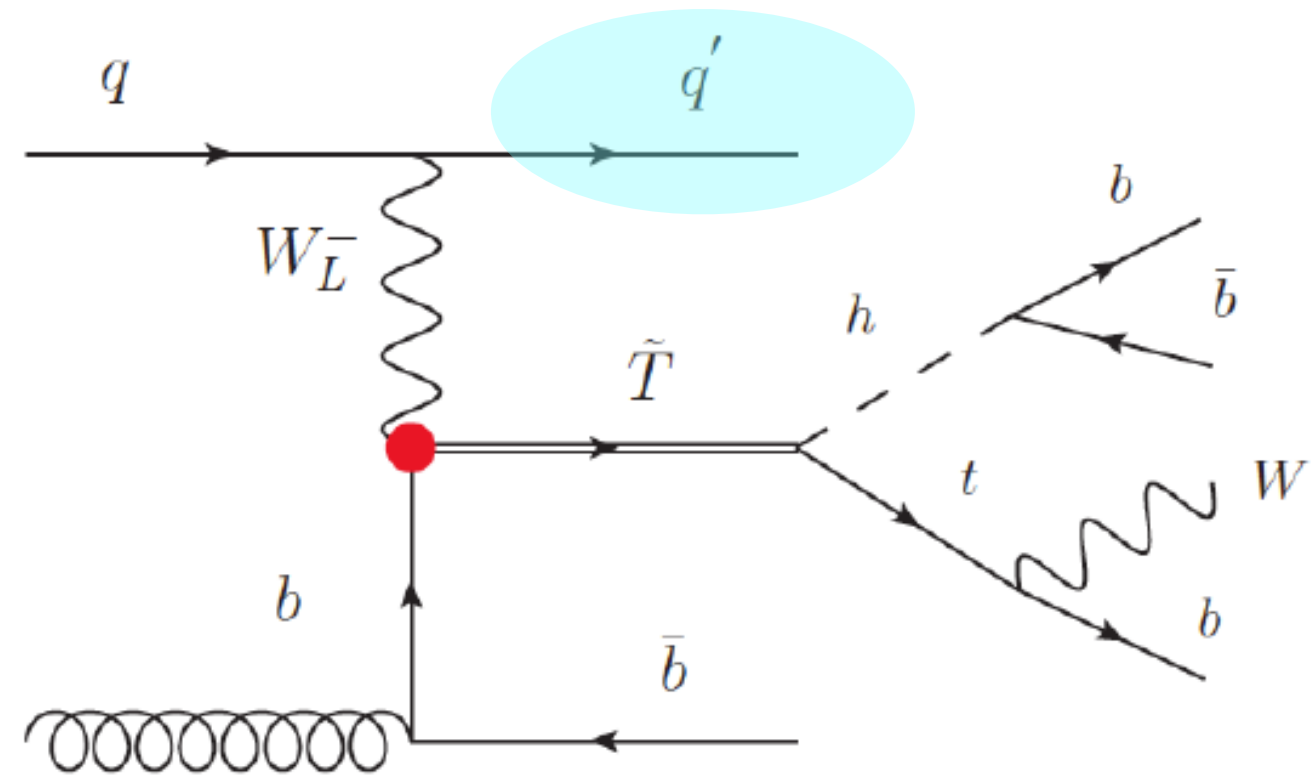
One and only one lepton in the event.



Selection

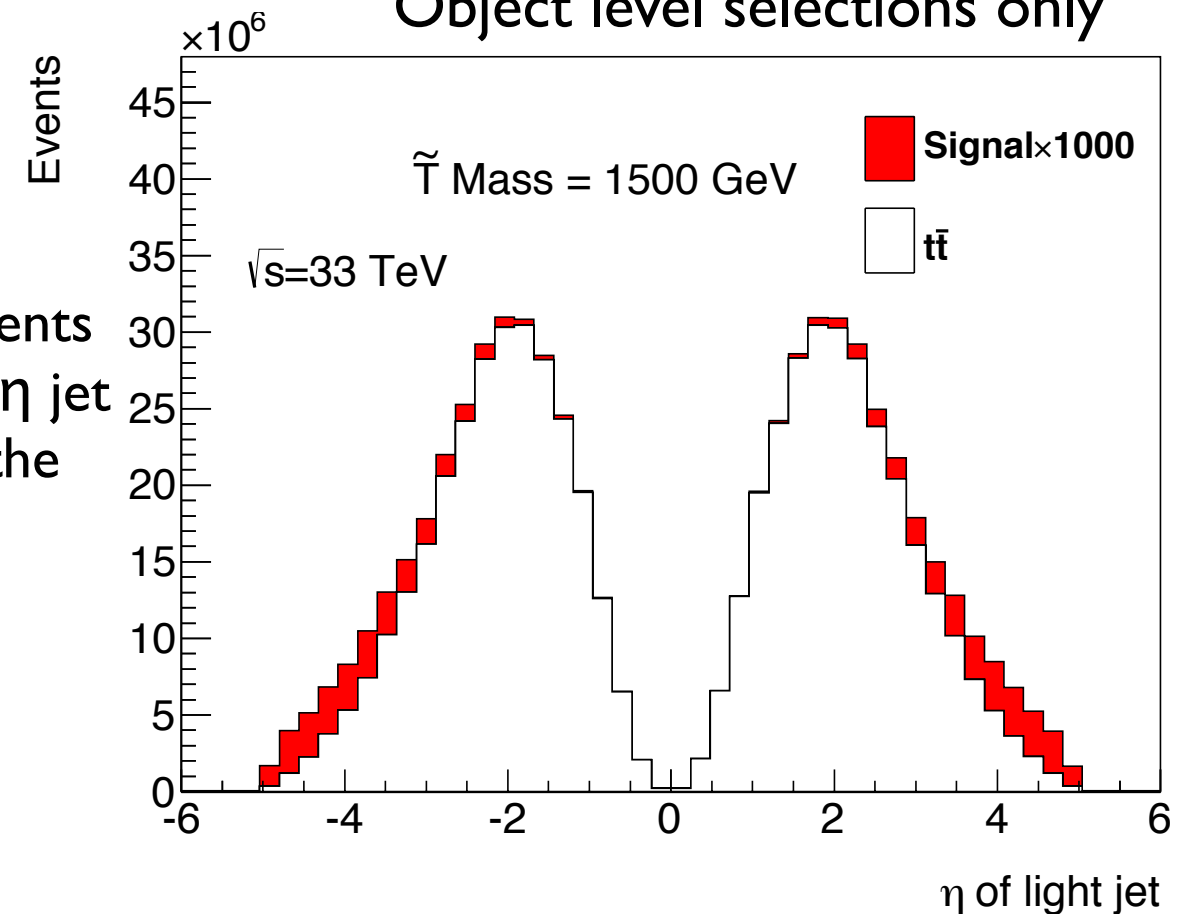
Event selection strategy:

- I) Tag highest η jet as **light jet**.
(and cut at $|\eta| > 2.5$)



Object level selections only

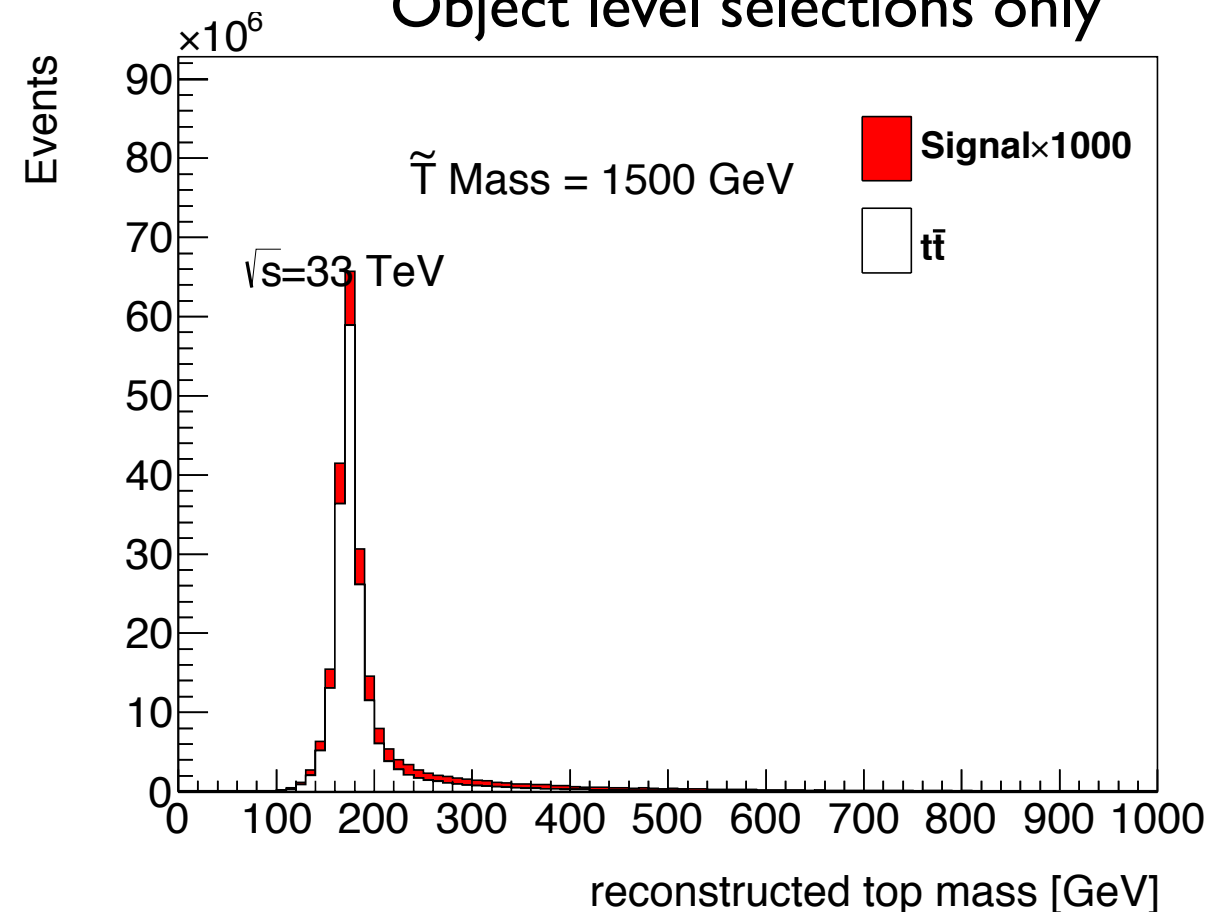
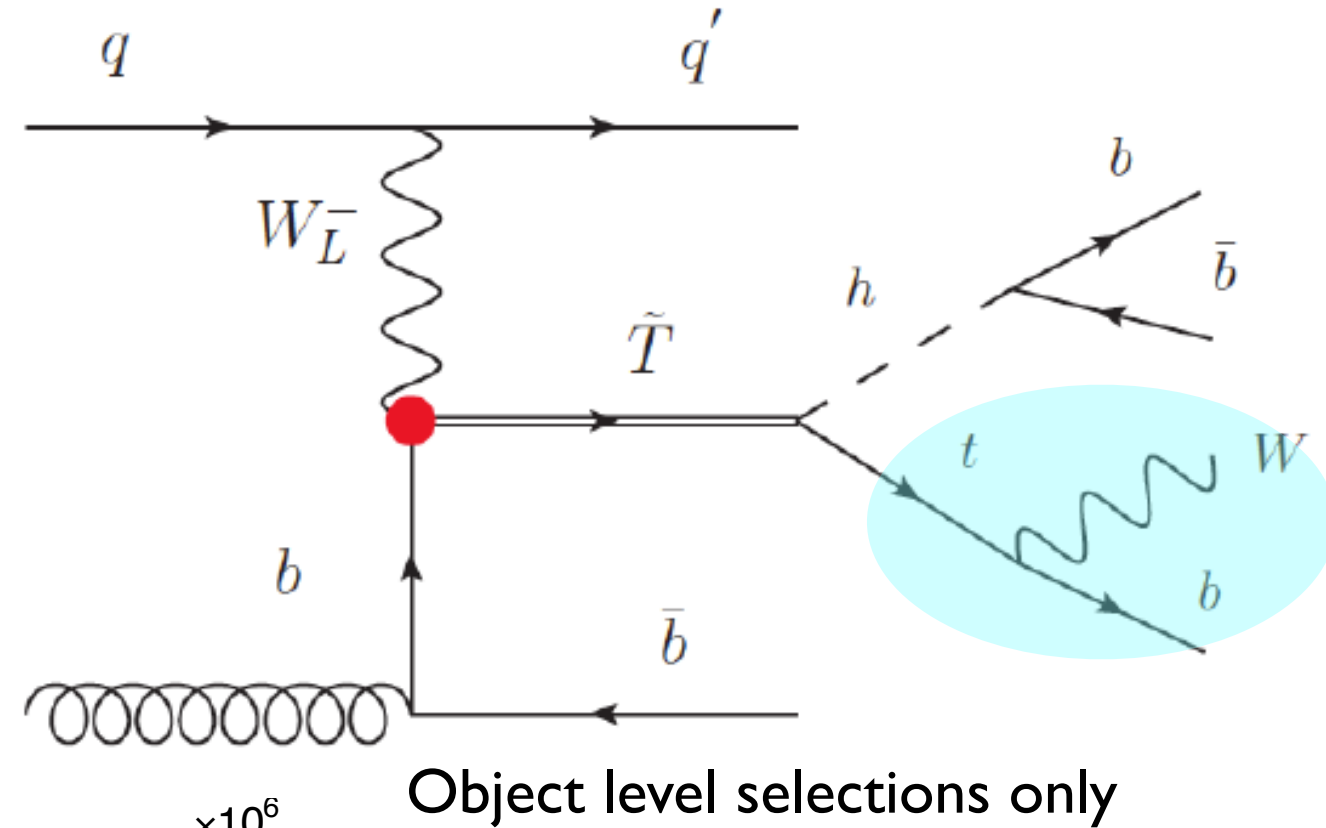
In signal events
the highest η jet
~70% of the
time.



Selection

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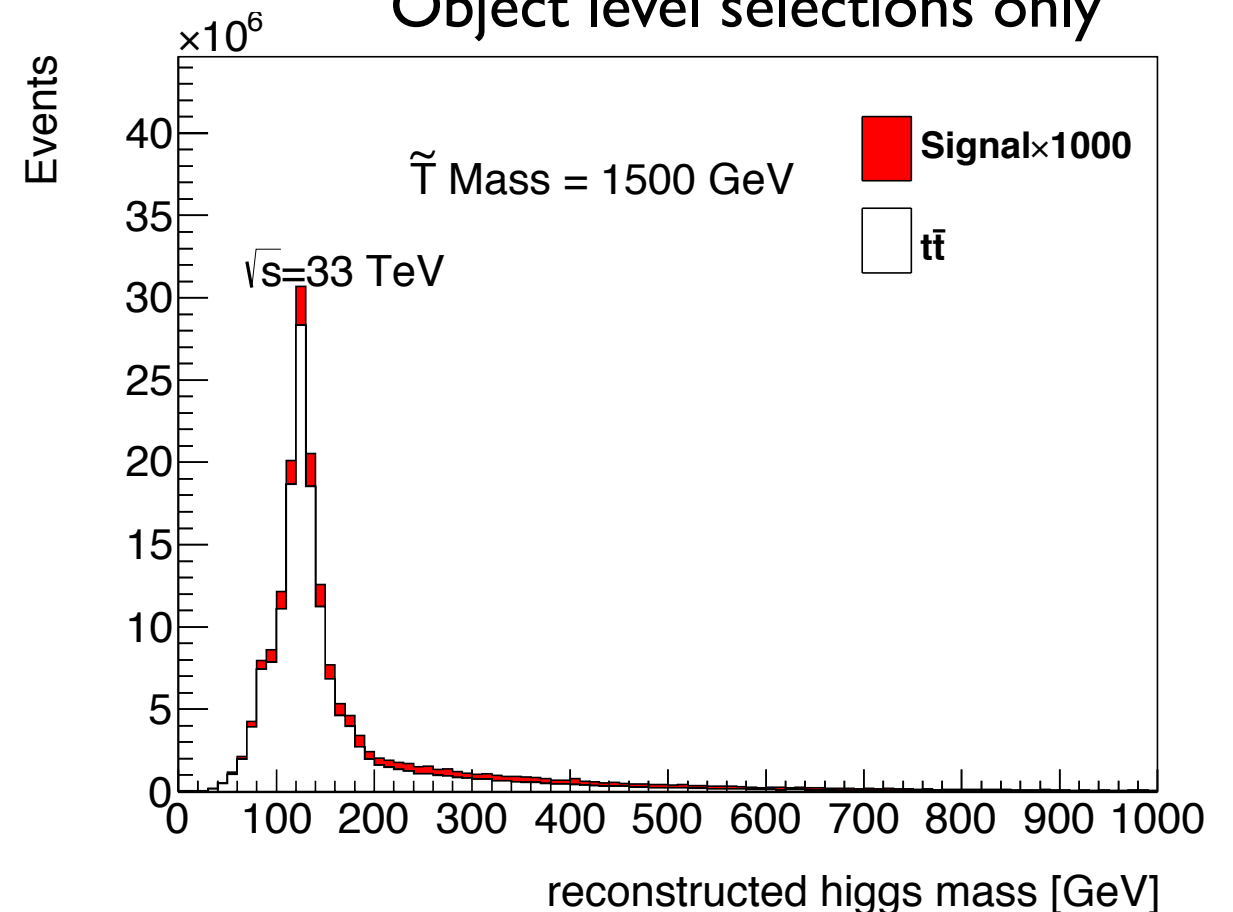
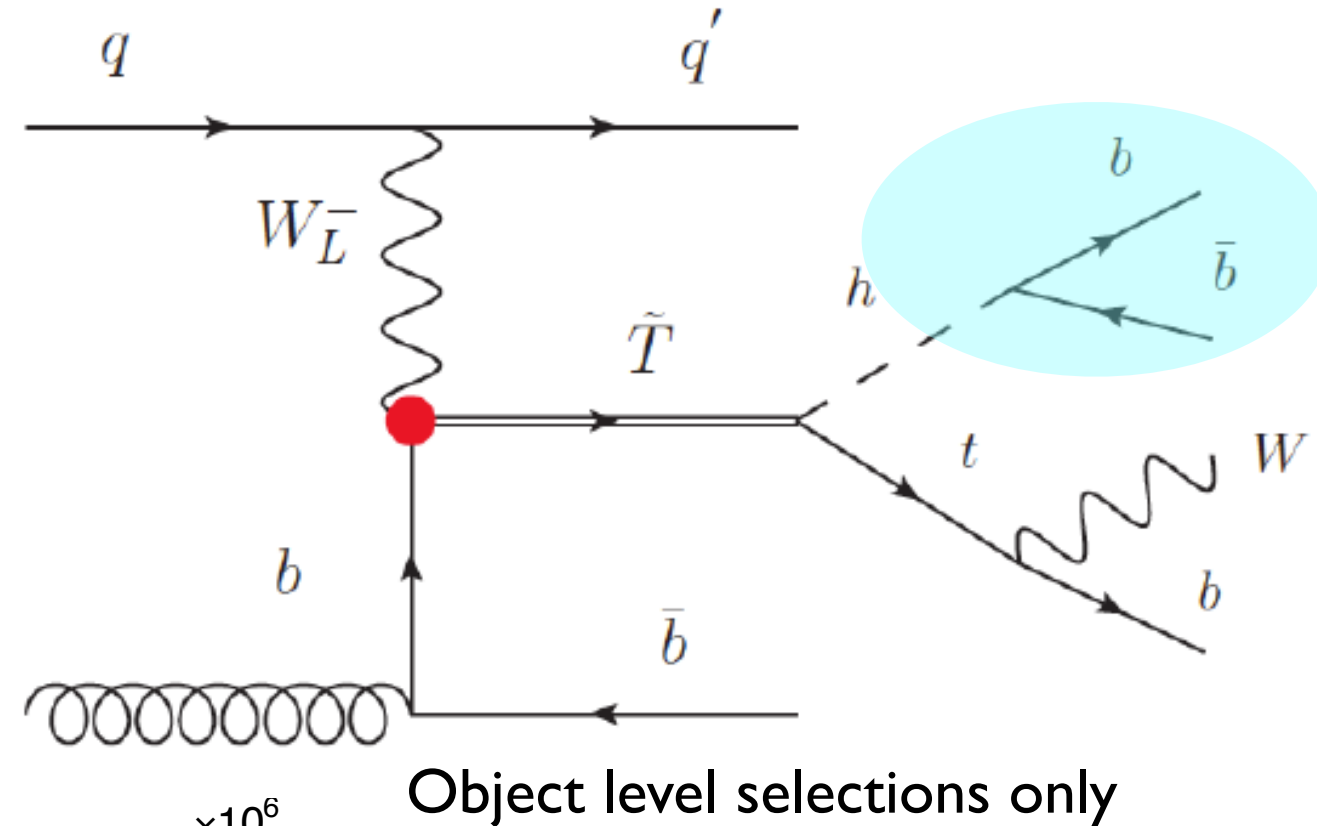
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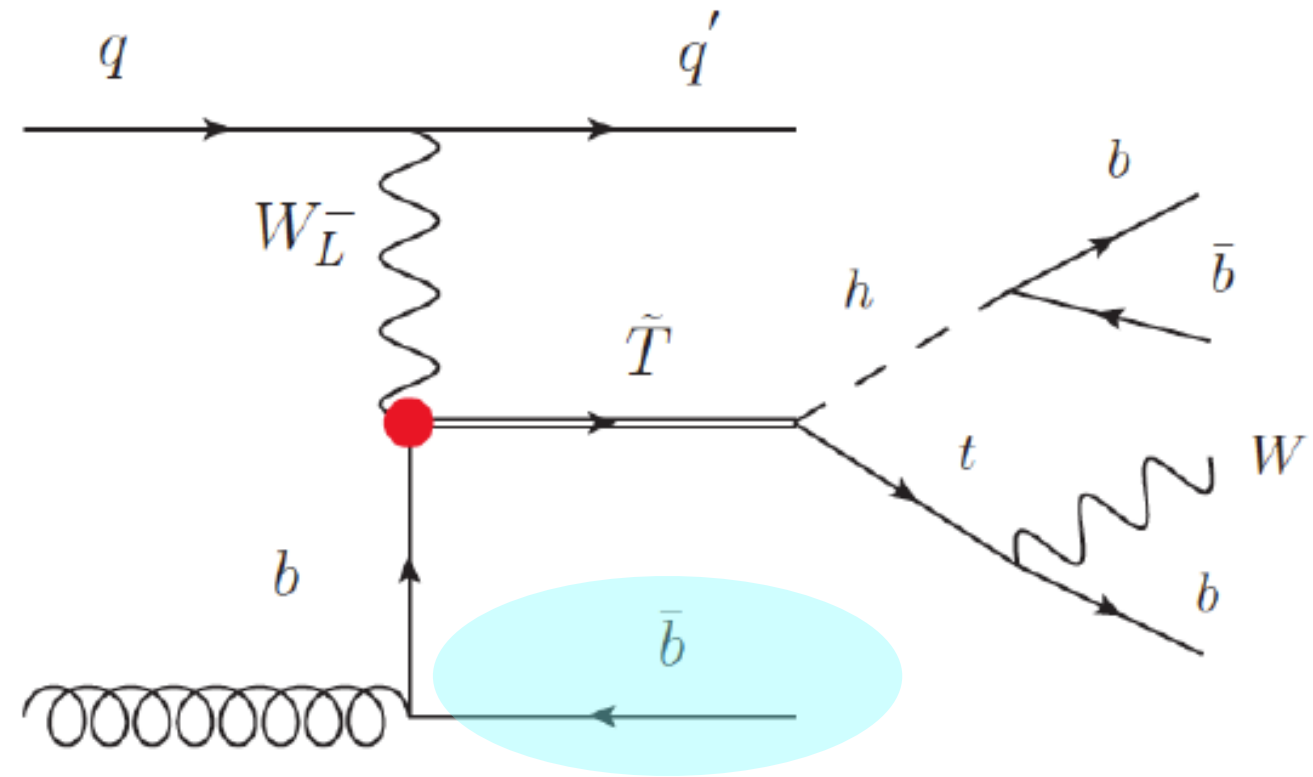
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- 4) Remaining, highest η jet selected as b jet from Tbj .
- 5) The **top partner** is reconstructed as the sum of the top and higgs four-vectors.

Final selections

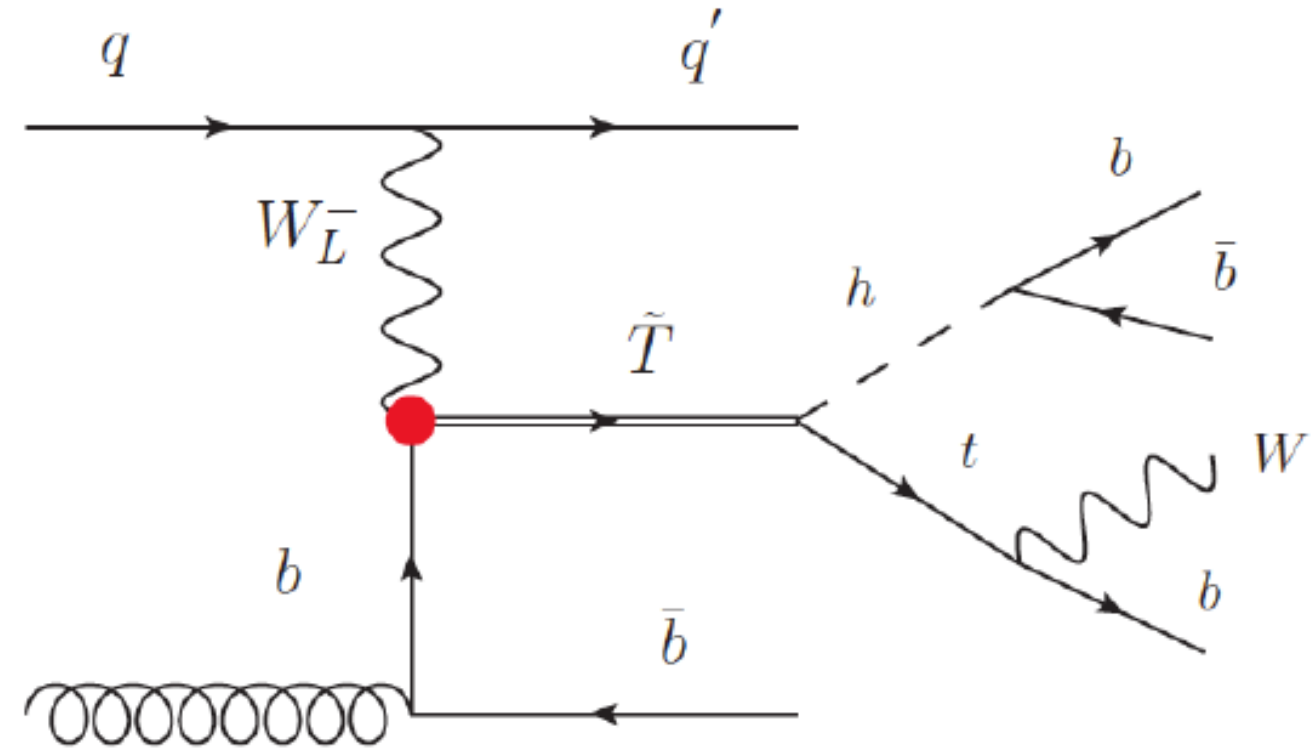
Reconstructed object selections (in progress):

Select events with pT of higgs candidates (>300 GeV) and top candidates (>500 GeV).

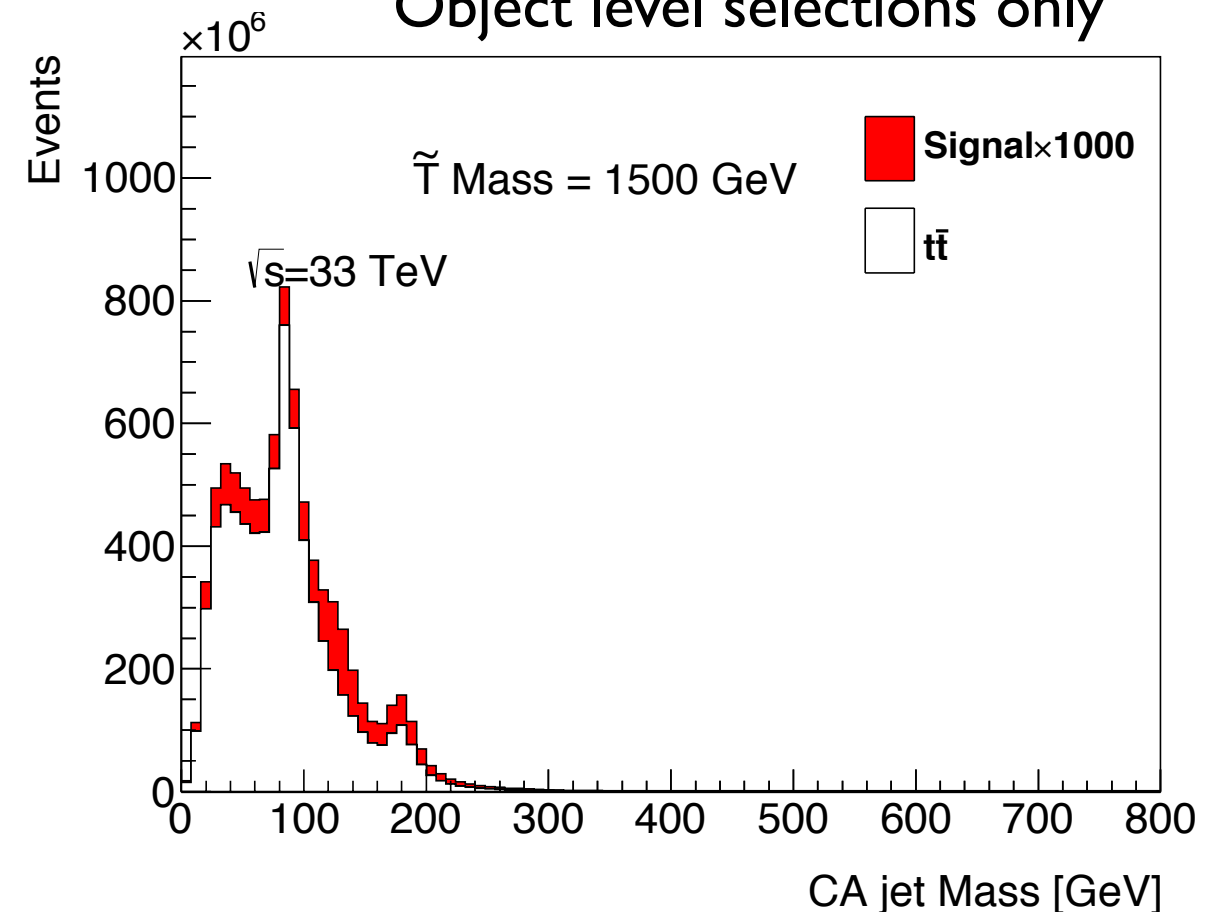
Veto on events with large-R jets with jet mass near top mass (removes hadronic tops from ttbar background).

Require $\Delta(R)$ between light jet and b jet and $\Delta(R)$ between higgs candidate and b jet to be large (>3.0 and >5.0).

Minimum HT selection tuned for specific top partner masses.



Object level selections only



Overview

Currently:

Single top partner production searches investigate a well motivated and experimentally interesting region.

Procedure appears viable. Fine tuning for the selection and statistical machinery for significance/limit setting are in progress.

To come:

Anticipating HT-binned 33 TeV sample for additional tuning and limit setting (this week).

Generate signal samples at 14 TeV, for HL-LHC analysis.