

# SEARCHES FOR LEPTOQUARKS WITH THE ATLAS DETECTOR

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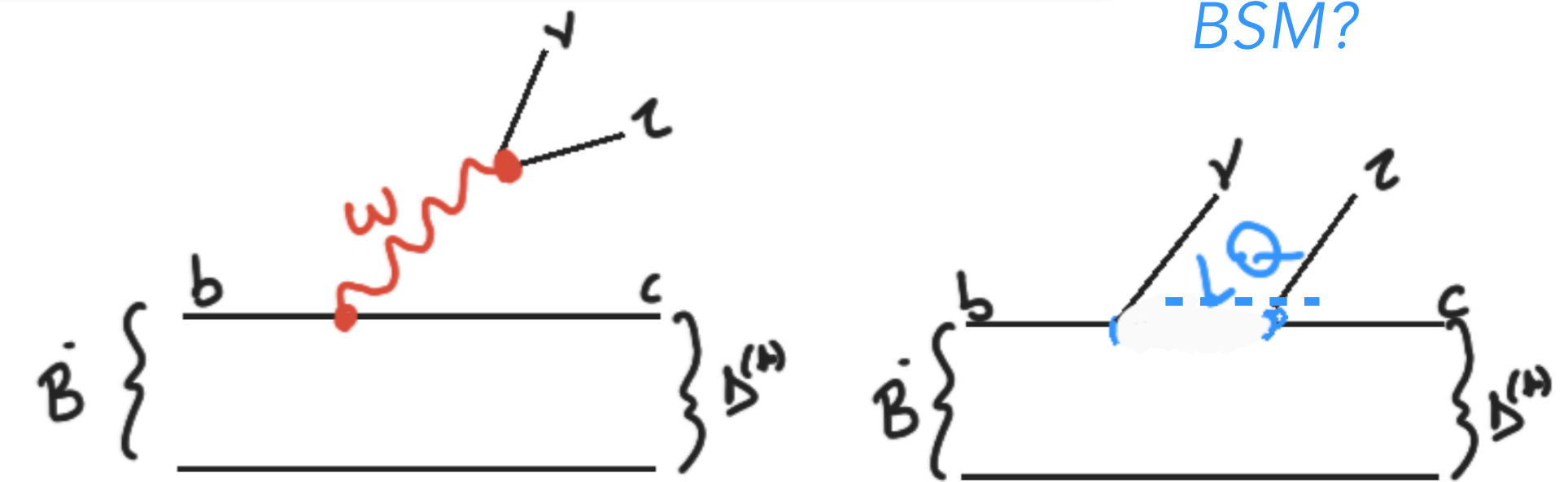
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# Introduction

- \* Despite all its phenomenological successes, the SM has some unsolved problems (hierarchy problem, **flavor problem...**)
  - Is SM only an EFT? Is there a UV theory whose low energy limit is SM?
- \* Searching for violation of **accidental symmetries** is a very powerful way to understand the **New Physics** properties
  - **Lepton Flavor Universality** - anomalies on **charged** and **neutral** current processes in B-physics
  - Anomalous magnetic dipole moment of muon possibly connected to LFU violation (chirality-changing observable)
- \* **Leptoquarks** are a good candidate as a BSM mediator to explain such anomalies
  - Predicted by many grand unified theories (GUT SU(5), Pati-Salam SU(4), RPV SUSY)
  - Connection between the quark and lepton sectors (coupling via a Yukawa interaction), carrying both lepton and baryon number
  - Can mediate flavour-changing-neutral-currents and enable violation of **LFU**
    - **Two scalar** or a single **vector** LQ -> the most optimal explanation for the B-anomalies

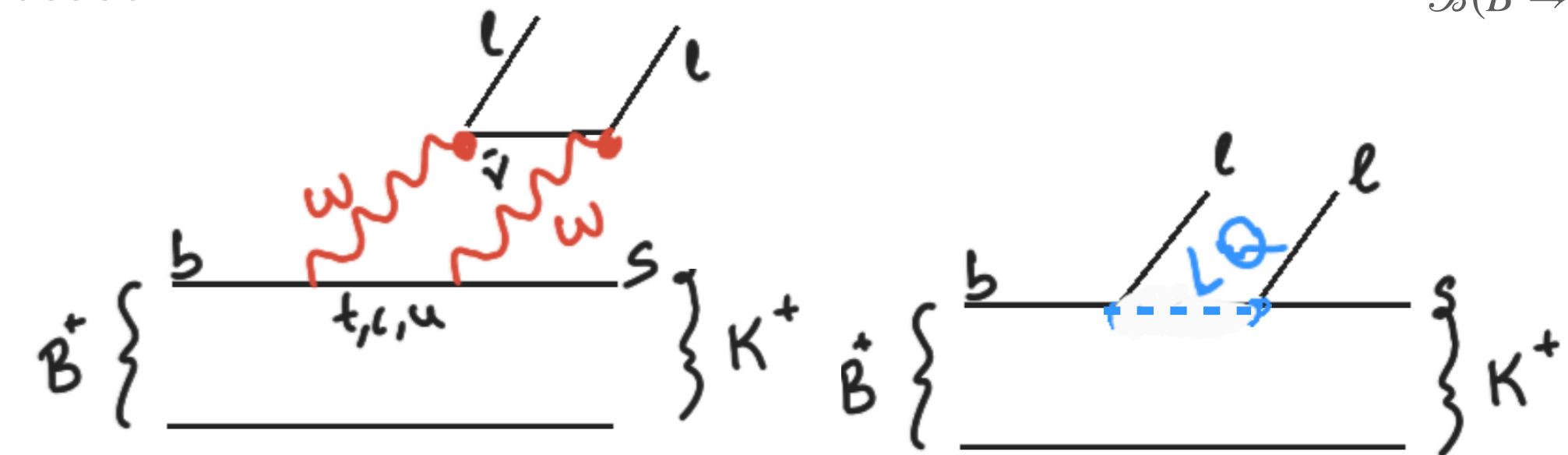


[arXiv:1909.12524](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.12524)

**3.1 $\sigma$  excess in  $R_D$  and  $R_{D^*}$  combination**

$$R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu_\ell)}$$

$\ell = e, \mu$

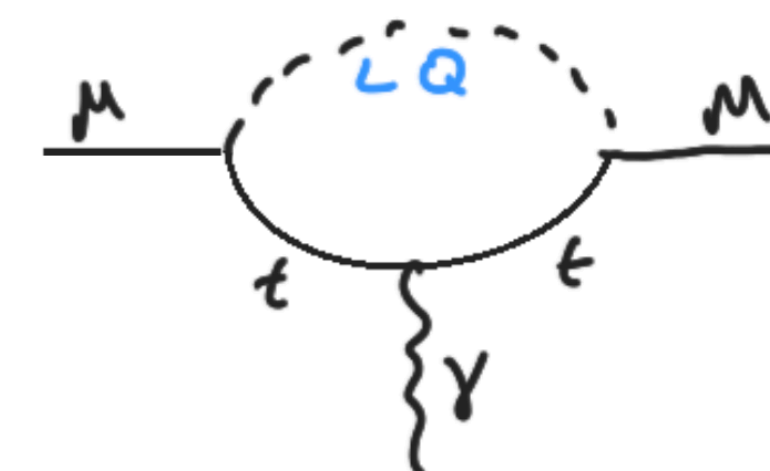


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**3.9 $\sigma$  global significance of NP in  $b \rightarrow s \mu \mu$**

$$R(K^{(*)}) = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-)}$$

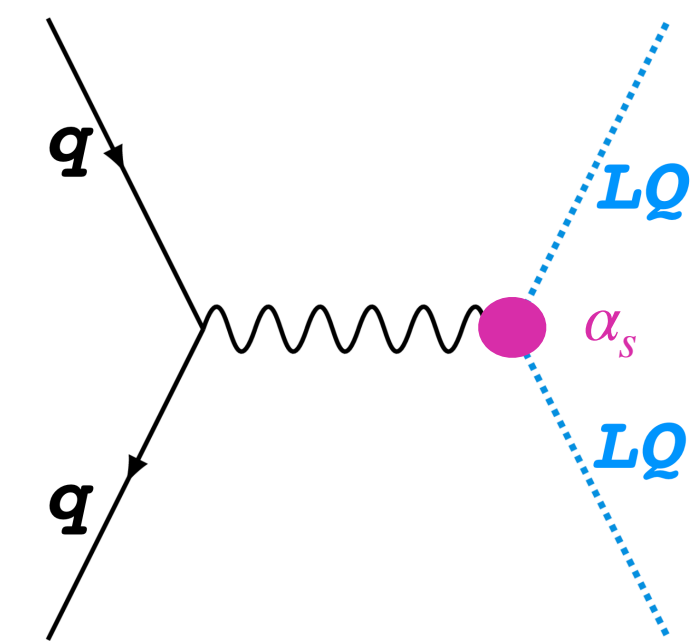
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**4.2 $\sigma$  deviation from SM**

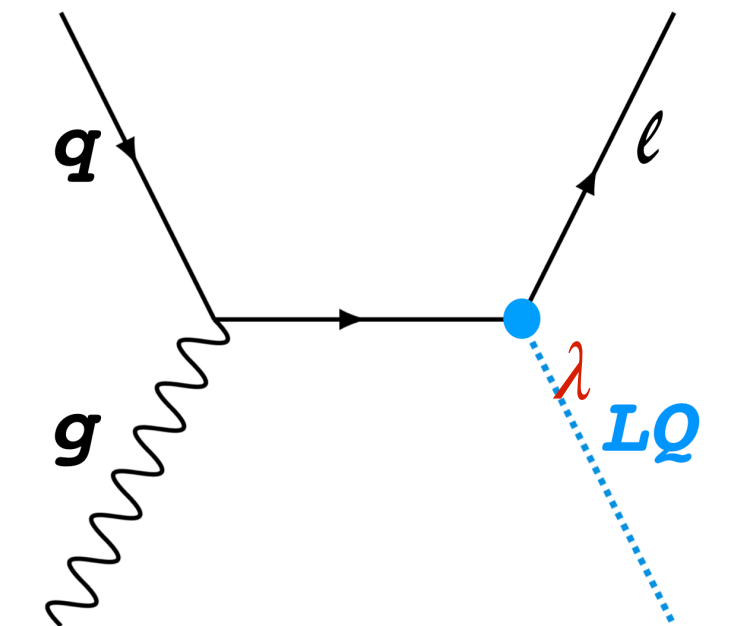
# Leptoquarks

- \* Many degrees of freedom
  - Mass, electrical charge, scalar/vector type, Yukawa couplings ( $\lambda$ )
  - Can be produced in pairs, singly, off-shell, s/t-channel ...
  - $\beta$  parameter: Determines the branching fraction of LQ into charge lepton ( $\beta=1$ ) or neutrino ( $\beta=0$ )
- \* In ATLAS, broad program of searches for **pair-production** and growing program of **single LQ** searches and interpretations in the context of **vector LQ**
  - Assume only one specific leptoquark
  - **Grid**: LQ mass vs  $\beta$  or  $\lambda$
  - **Scalar LQ**: up-type ( $2/3e$ ) and down-type ( $-1/3e$ ) charge
    - Decays into flavour-diagonal or cross-generational (a.k.a "mix")
  - **Vector LQ**
    - Stronger model dependence - needs UV completion
    - Nominal coupling to color ( $\kappa = 0$ ) Yang Mills (YM)
    - Minimal coupling ( $\kappa = 1$ ): coupling to gluon only via covariant derivative



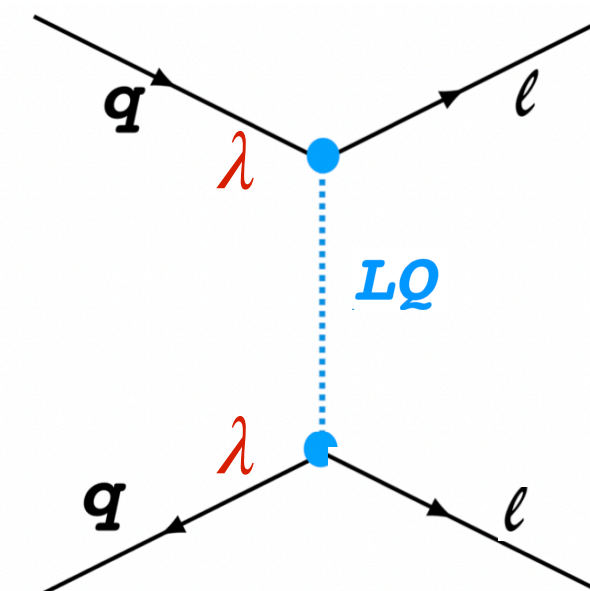
Pair production

QCD driven process  
cross section depends on the mass



Single production

cross section  $\propto \lambda^2$   
sensitive to higher  $m_{LQ}$  for  
sufficiently high  $\lambda$



Off-shell production

cross section  $\propto \lambda^4$   
non-resonant  
sensitive to very high masses  
possible interference with SM

## Today's presentation

1.  $\tau LQ_s \rightarrow b\tau_{had}\tau_{had}/b\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$  - **NEW**

2.  $LQ_{mix}^{d(u)} LQ_{mix}^{d(u)} \rightarrow \nu b\ell/t\ell b\nu$  - Mar 22

3.  $LQ_{mix}^d LQ_{mix}^d \rightarrow t\ell t\ell$  - multilepton **NEW**



- \* Singly-produced **scalar** LQ decays into a  $\tau$  lepton and a  $b$ -hadron in  $\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$  and  $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$  final states with **non-resonant** LQ production

- ▶  $\lambda = 0.5 - 2.5, \beta = 1, \tilde{S}_1$  scalar LQ
- ▶ Interpretation for  $LQ + LQLQ$

\* Event selection

- ▶ Single lepton (tau) trigger in  $\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$  ( $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$ )
- ▶ Opposite sign leptons
- ▶  $\geq 2$  jets,  $\geq 1$  b-jets,  $\Delta\phi(\ell, E_T^{miss}) < 1.5, m_{vis}^{\tau\tau} > 100 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ High  $p_{T,lead \text{ bjet}} > 200 \text{ GeV}$  to avoid SM interferences from non-resonance

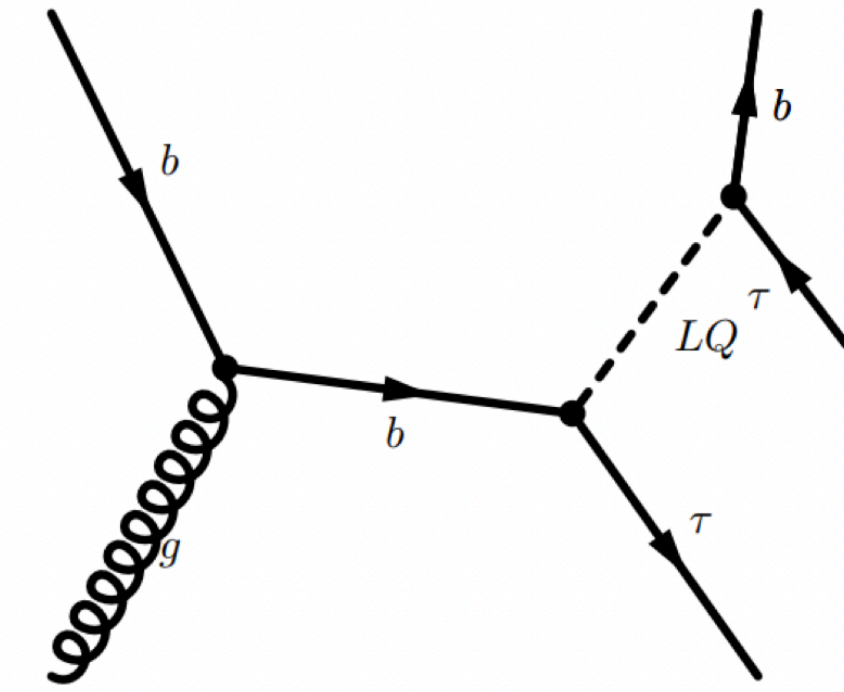
\* Main backgrounds

- ▶  $t\bar{t}$ , single top (**reweighting** as a function of  $S_T$ )
- ▶ Fake  $\tau$  (**scale factors** as a function of  $p_{T,\tau_{had}}$  and # of charged tracks)

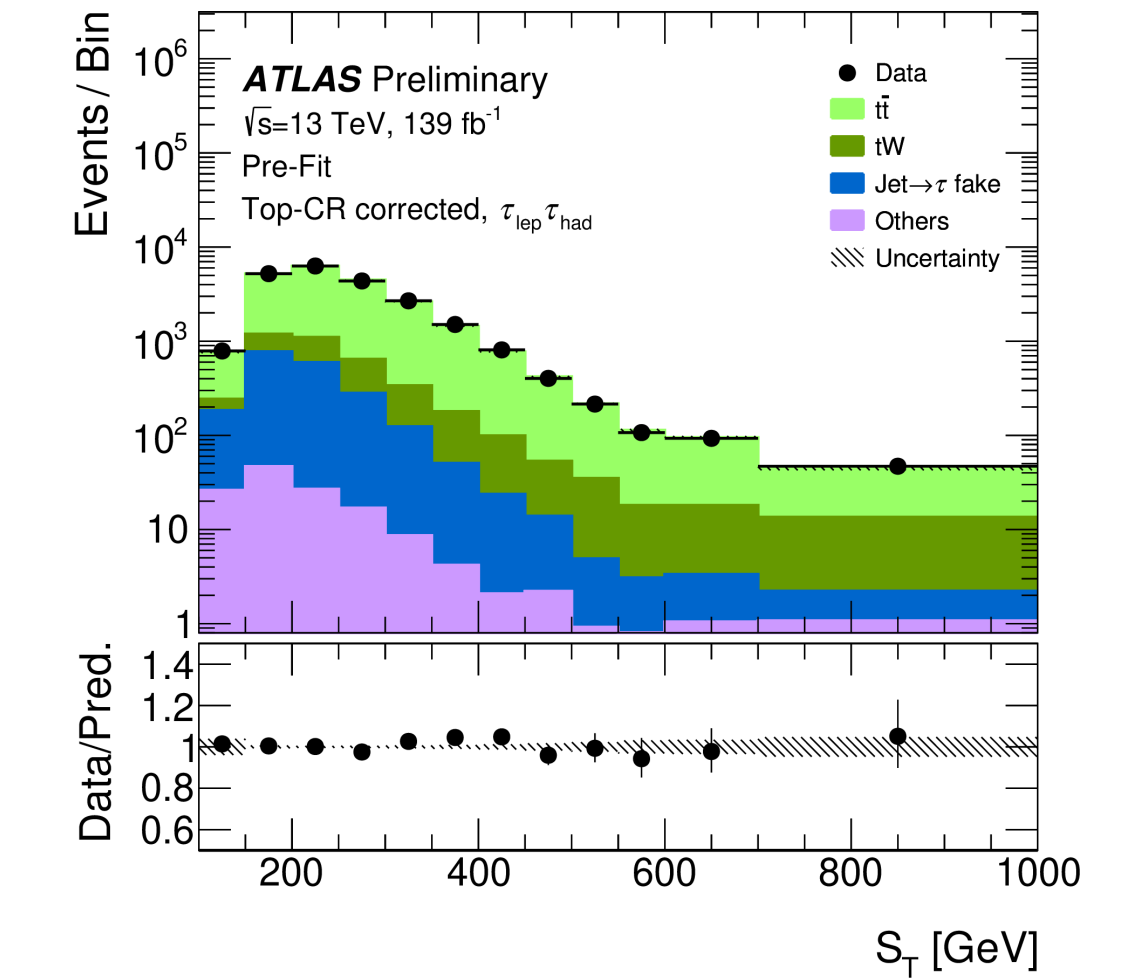
\* Fit to signal regions

- ▶  $S_T > 300 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶  $S_T$  as discriminating variable

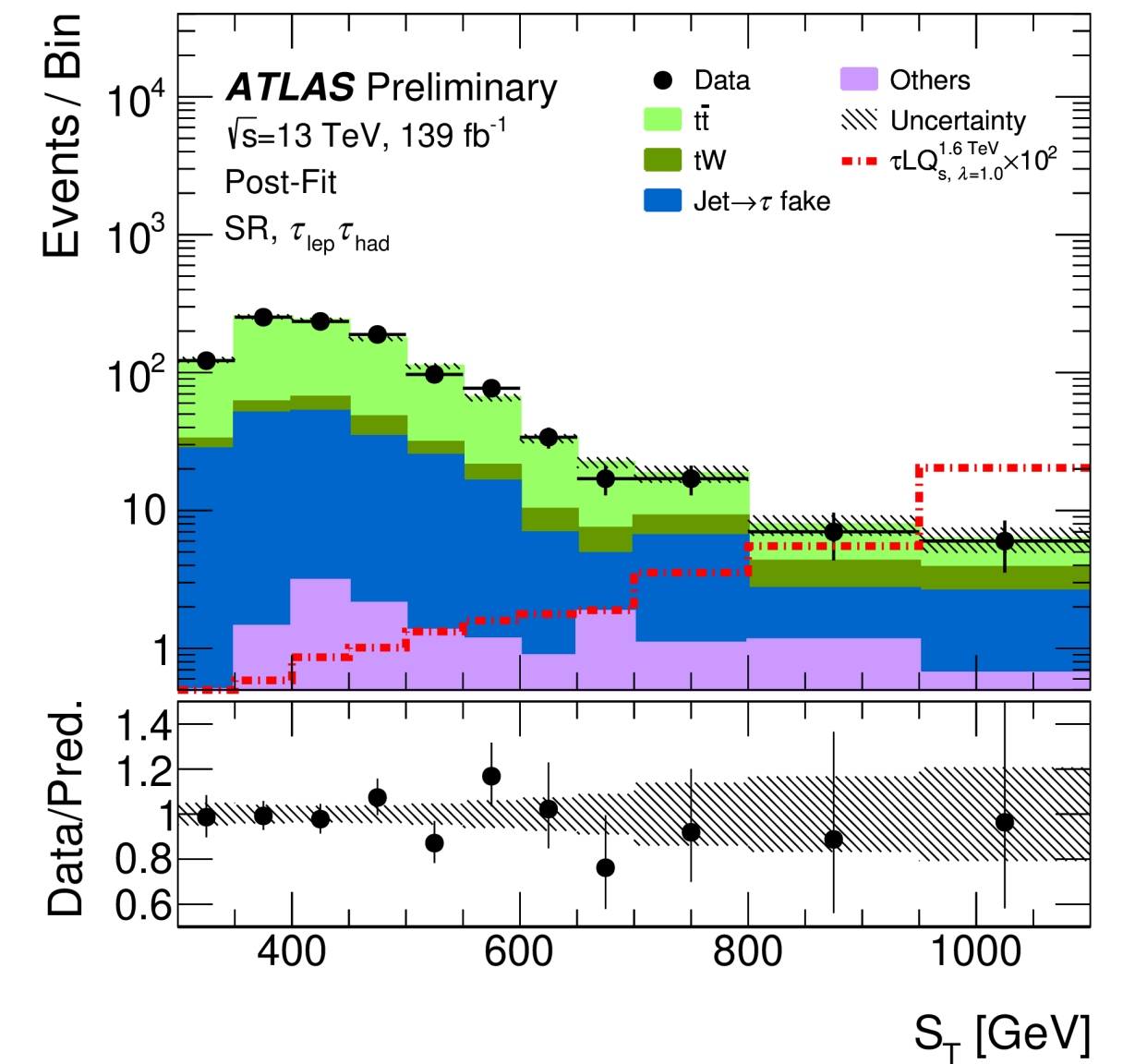
$$S_T = \sum_{bjet, \ell, \tau} p_T$$



Top control region after the correction scale factor



Signal populates the high  $S_T$  tails



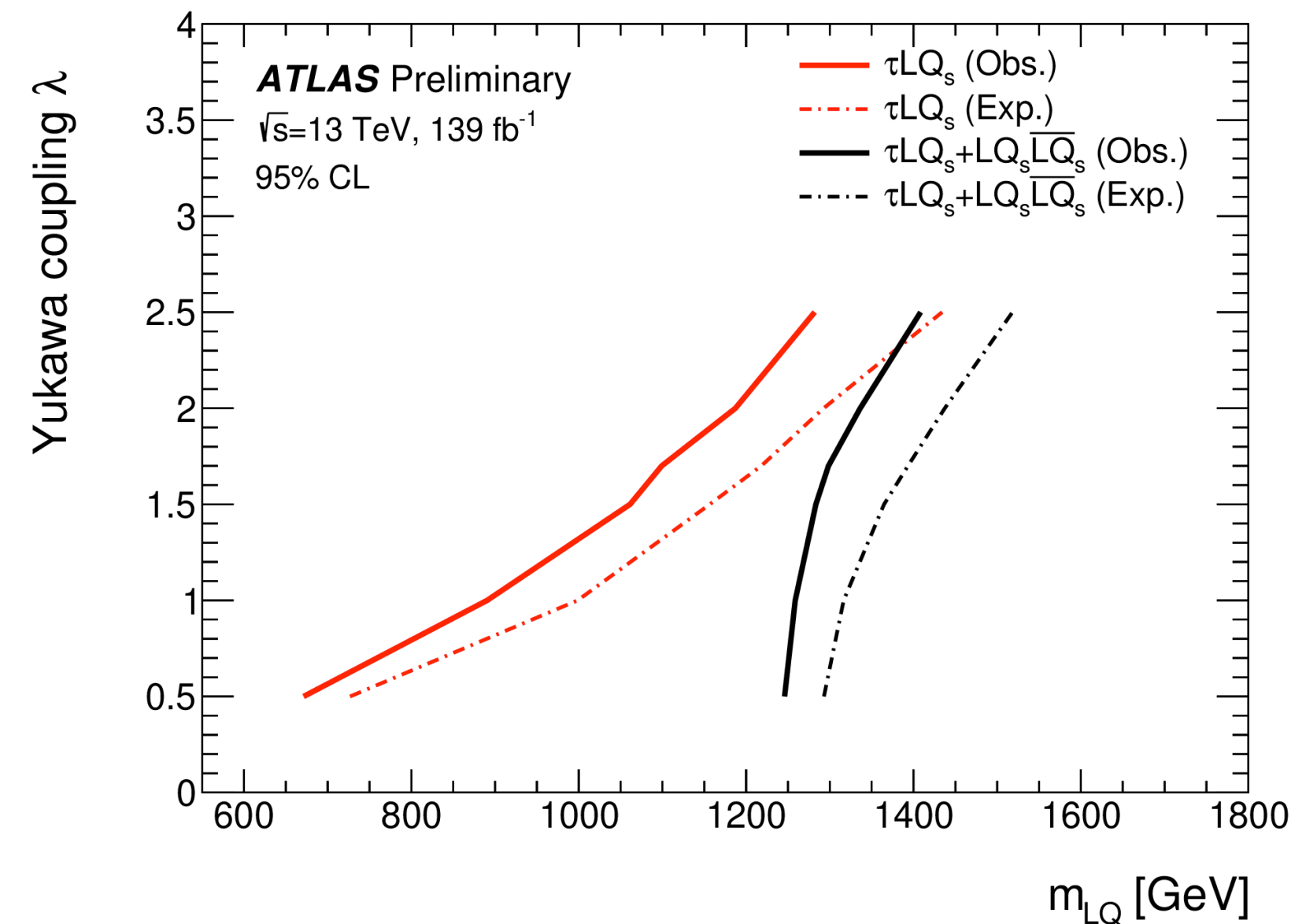
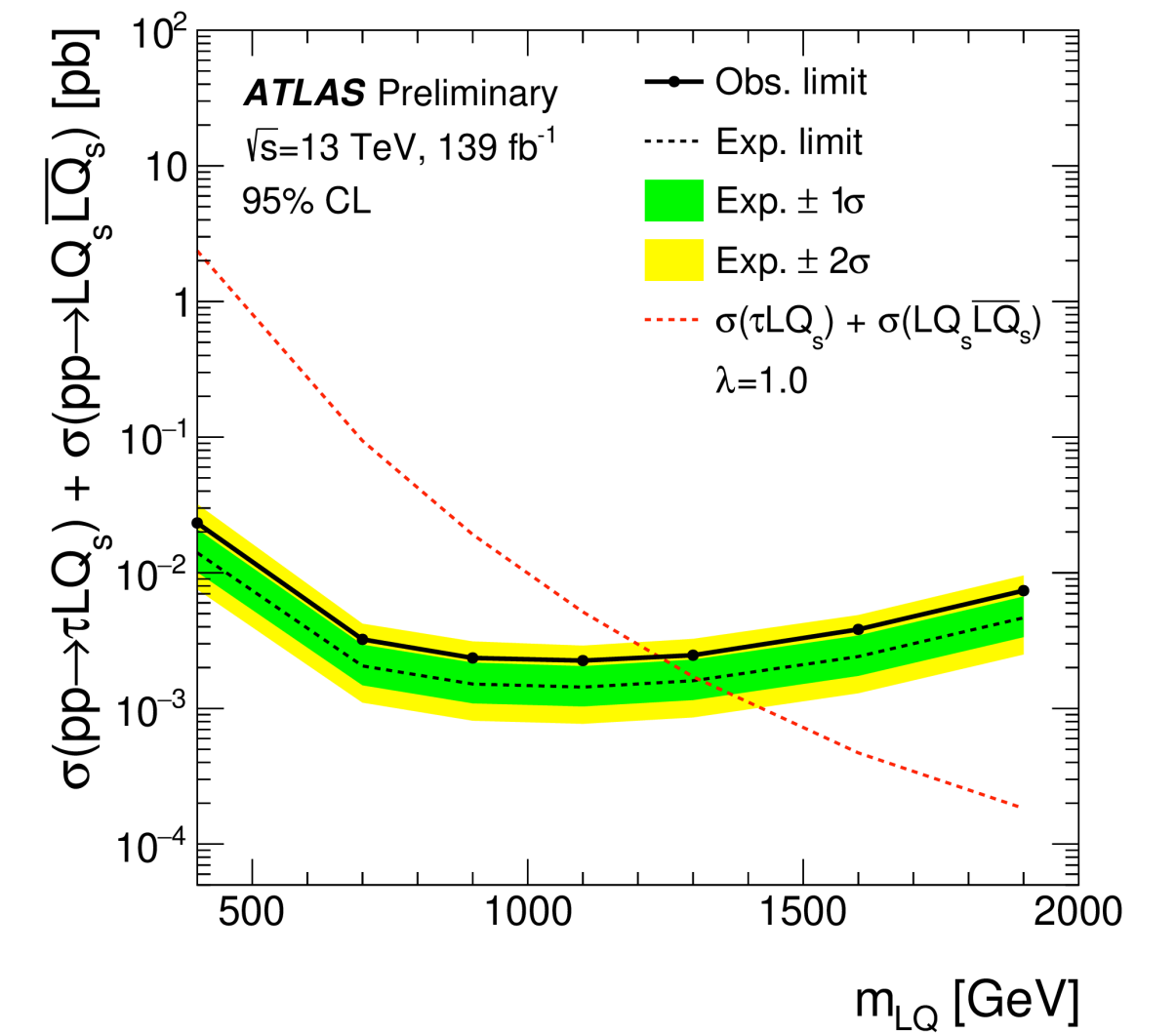
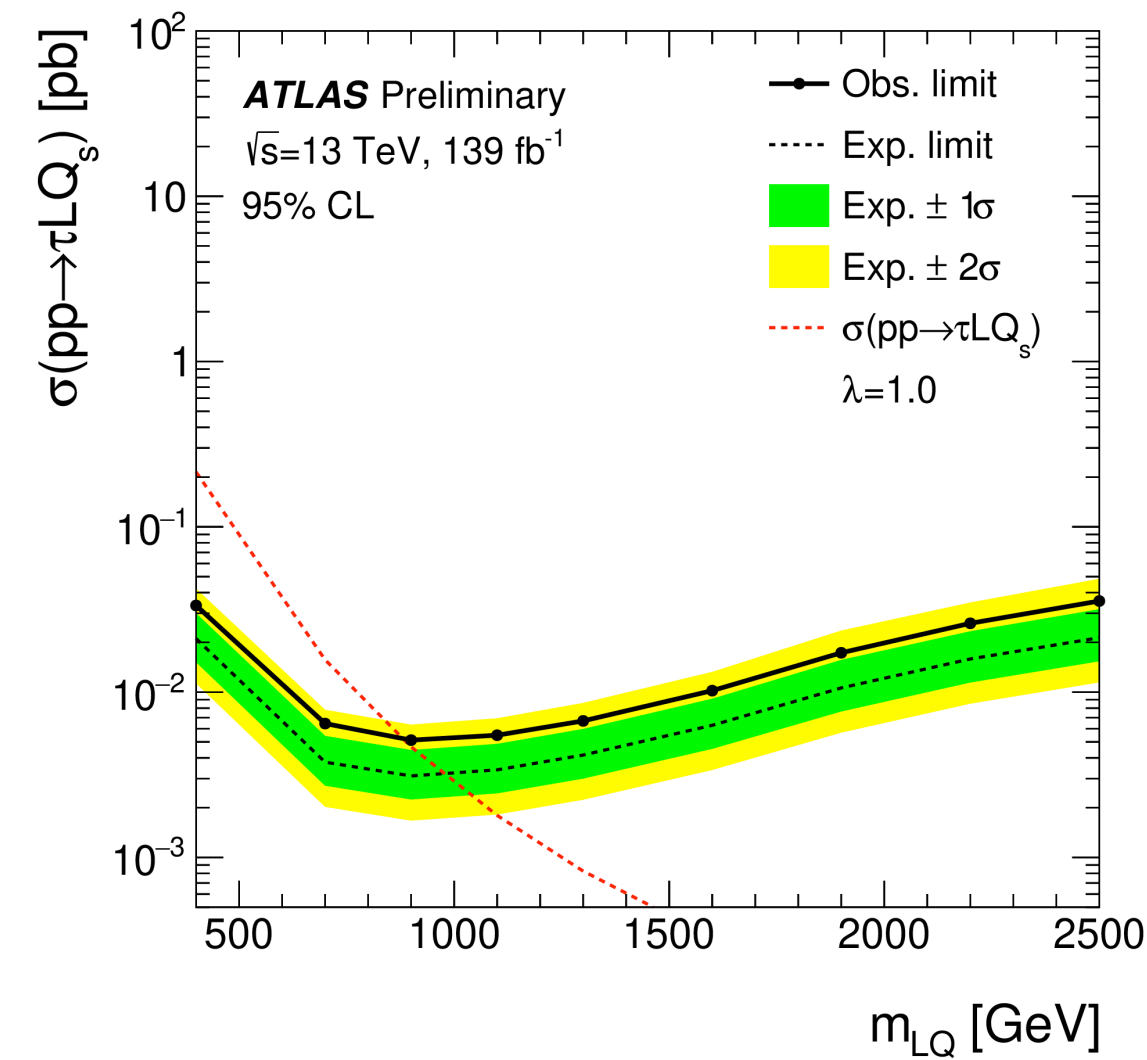


**NEW**

# $\tau LQ_s \rightarrow \tau_{had}\tau_{had}/\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$ : Results

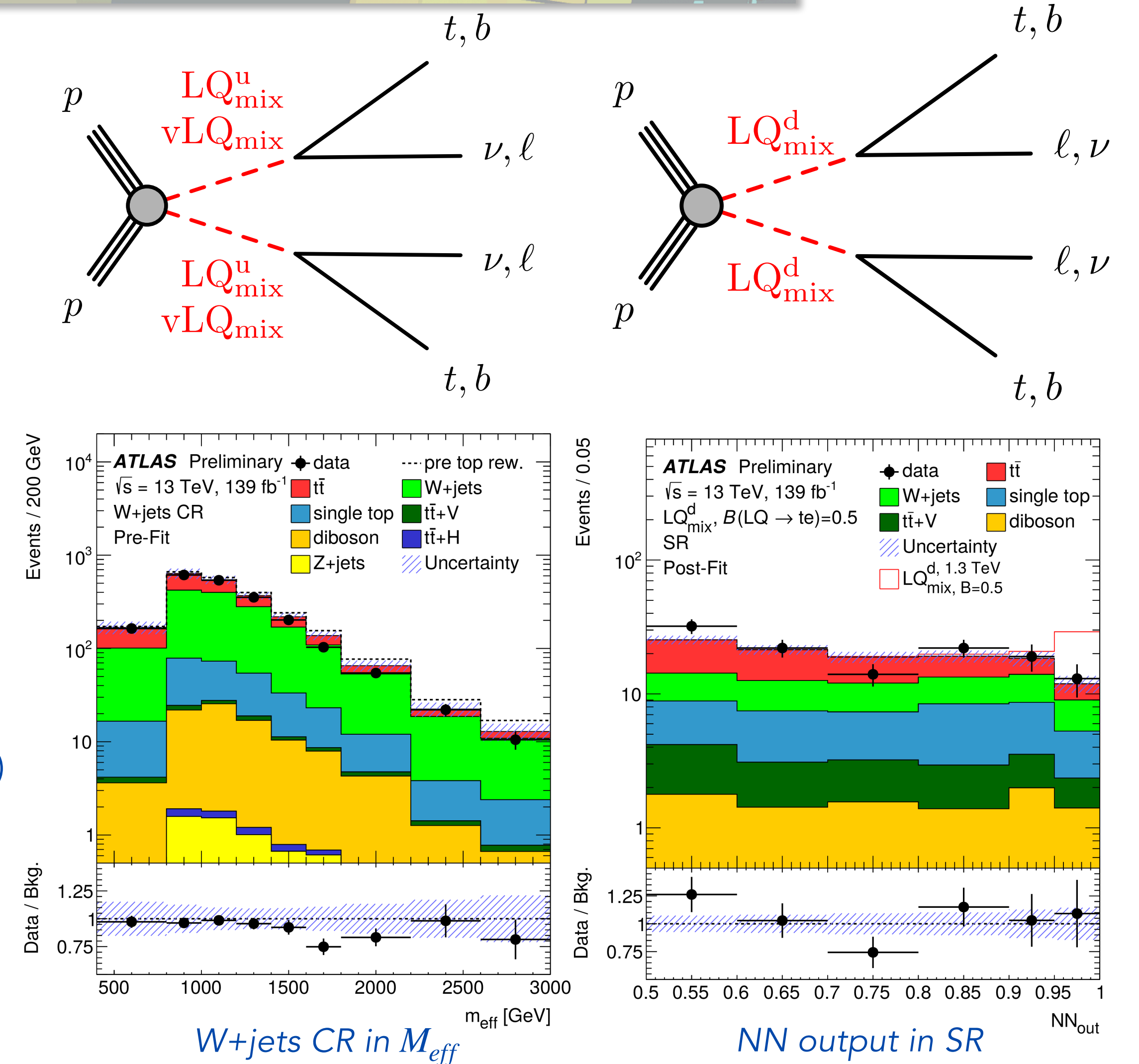
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- \* The first ATLAS result for LQ in the  $b\tau\tau$  final state!
- \* Dominating **systematic uncertainties**: top related background modelling but highly statistically dominated in high masses
- \* 95% C.L. upper limits set on **both scalar LQ and LQ+LQLQ production** scenarios
  - No significant deviations between the data and the expected SM background are observed
- \* Observed exclusions for **single LQ** production:
  - $m_{LQ} < 0.89 \text{ TeV}, \lambda = 1.0$
  - $m_{LQ} < 1.28 \text{ TeV}, \lambda = 2.5$
- \* The most stringent limits are obtained with **LQ+LQLQ** combination
  - $m_{LQ} < 1.25 \text{ TeV}, \lambda = 0.5$
  - $m_{LQ} < 1.41 \text{ TeV}, \lambda = 2.5$
- \* Updated limits wrt  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1} LQ LQ \rightarrow b\tau b\tau$  analysis



2D exclusion limits in  $m_{LQ} - \lambda$  plane

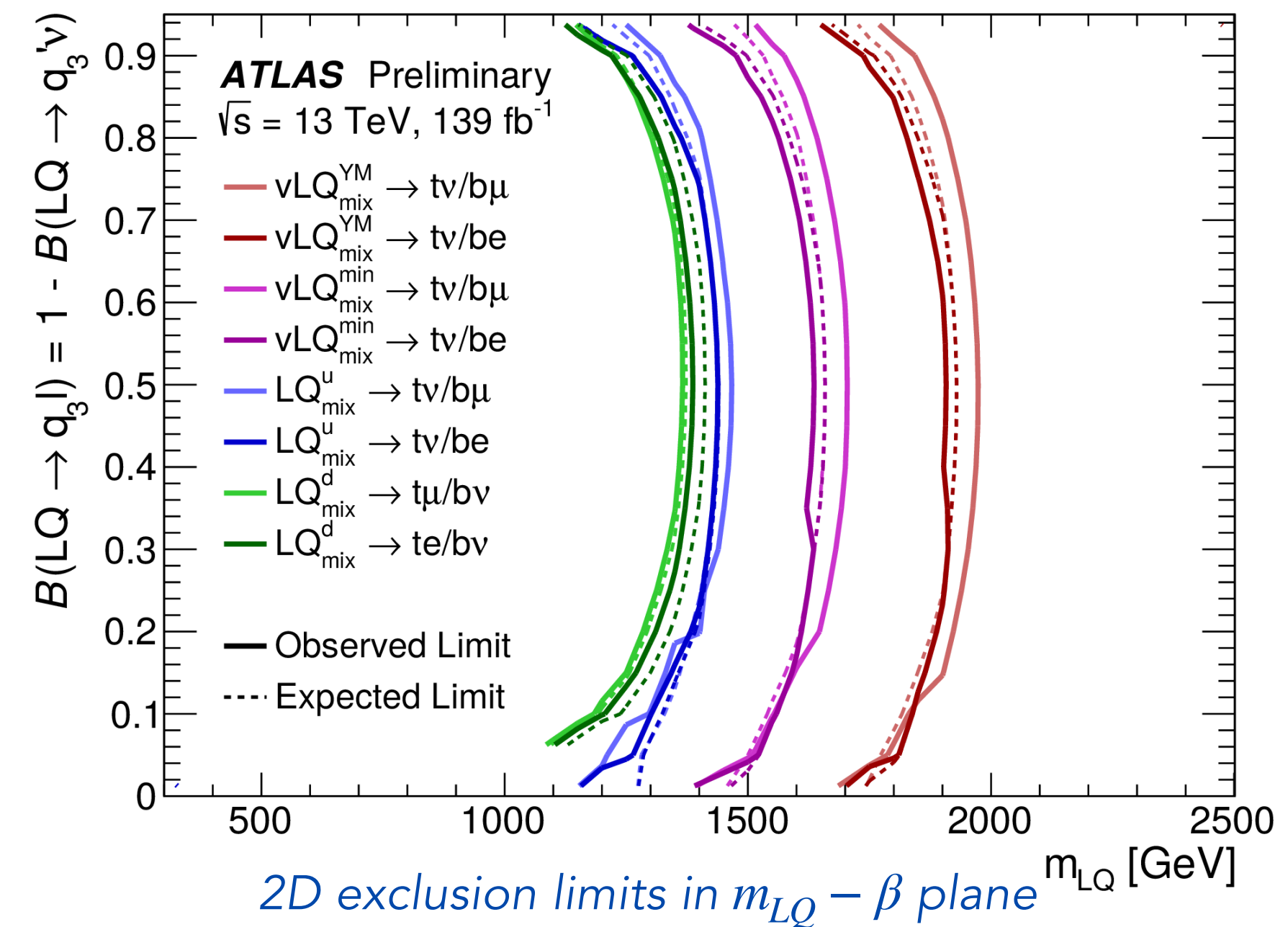
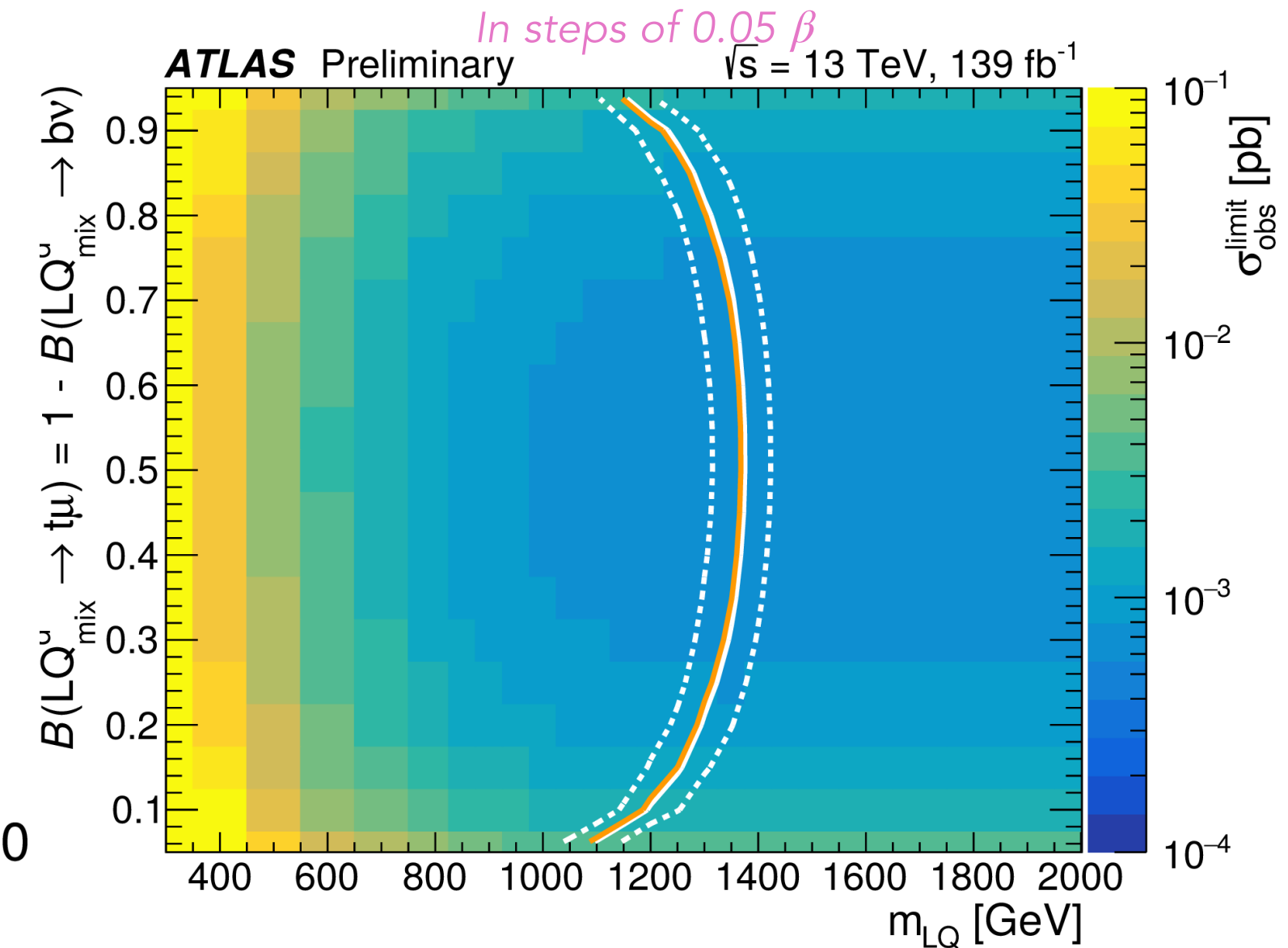
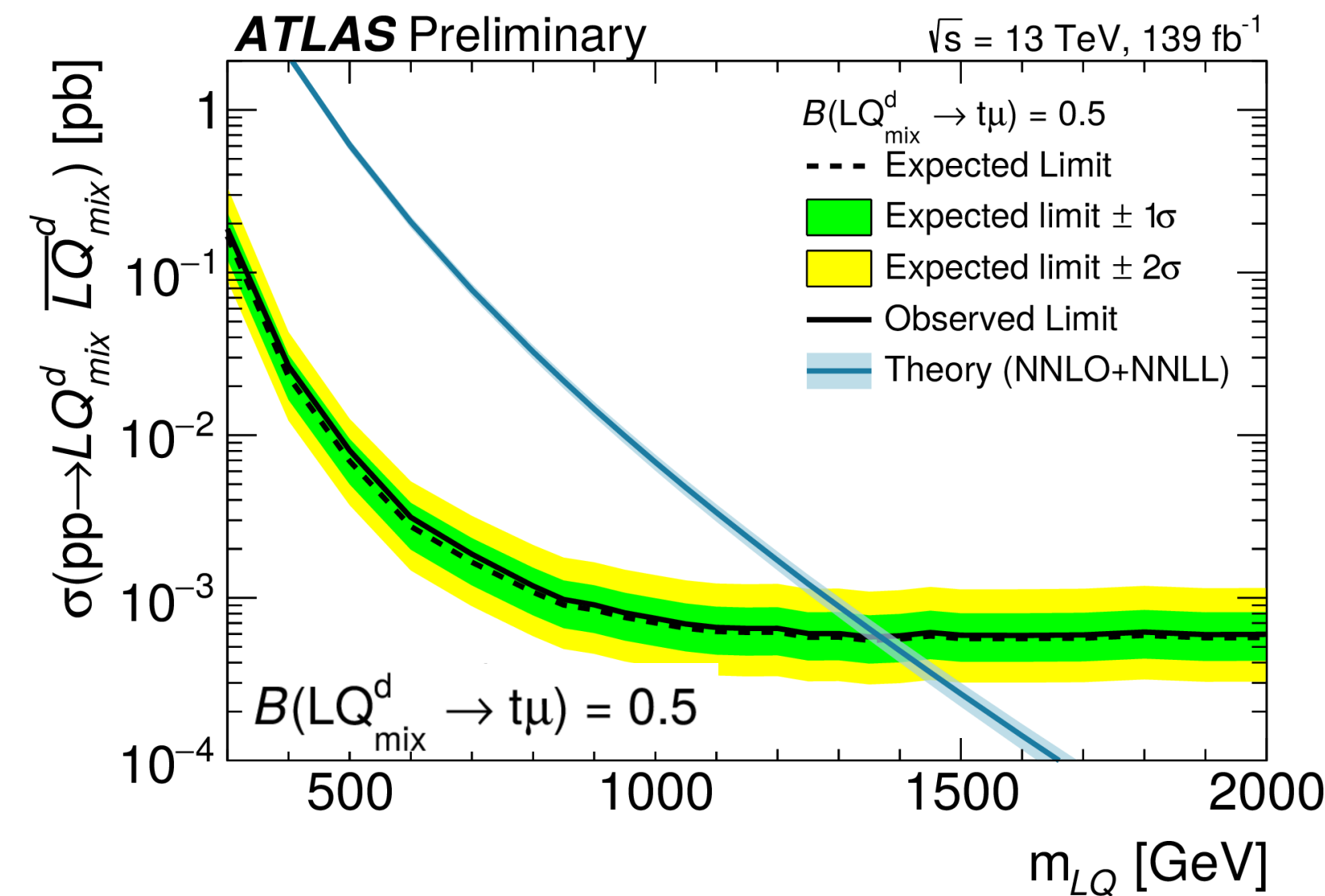
- \* Search for pair-produced scalar and vector LQs decaying into third-generation quarks and first- or second-generation leptons in **single lepton** final states
  - optimised for  $\beta = 0.5$
- \* Pair produced **scalar**  $LQ_{mix}^u \rightarrow t\nu, b\ell$  or  $LQ_{mix}^d \rightarrow t\ell, b\nu$
- \* Pair produced **vector**  $LQ \rightarrow t\nu, b\ell$  with minimal or Yang-Mills coupling
- \* Event selection
  - **MET trigger**,  $\geq 4\text{jets}, \geq 1\text{b-jet}$
- \* Main backgrounds
  - **W+jets, single top** (dedicated **CRs**),  $t\bar{t}$  (**rewighting** as a function of  $M_{eff}$ )
  - **Free-floated**  $t\bar{t}$ , single top and the W+jets normalisations
- \* Neural network (**NN**) is trained for different signal hypothesis
  - $NN_{out} < 0.5$  CR (single bin),  $NN_{out} > 0.5$  SR (multibin)
- \* Simultaneous fit to all signal and control regions



$$M_{eff} = \sum_{jet, e, \mu} p_T + MET$$



- \* Dominating **systematic uncertainties**: top related background modelling and Jet Energy Scale (JES) uncertainties but highly statistically dominated in high masses
- \* 95% C.L. upper limits set on **eight** LQ model
  - No significant deviations between the data and the expected SM background are observed
- \* Observed exclusions:
  - $m_{LQ_{mix}^u \rightarrow e(\mu)} < 1.44 \text{ TeV}$  (1.47 TeV) for  $\beta = 0.5$
  - $m_{LQ_{mix}^d \rightarrow e(\mu)} < 1.39 \text{ TeV}$  (1.37 TeV) for  $\beta = 0.5$



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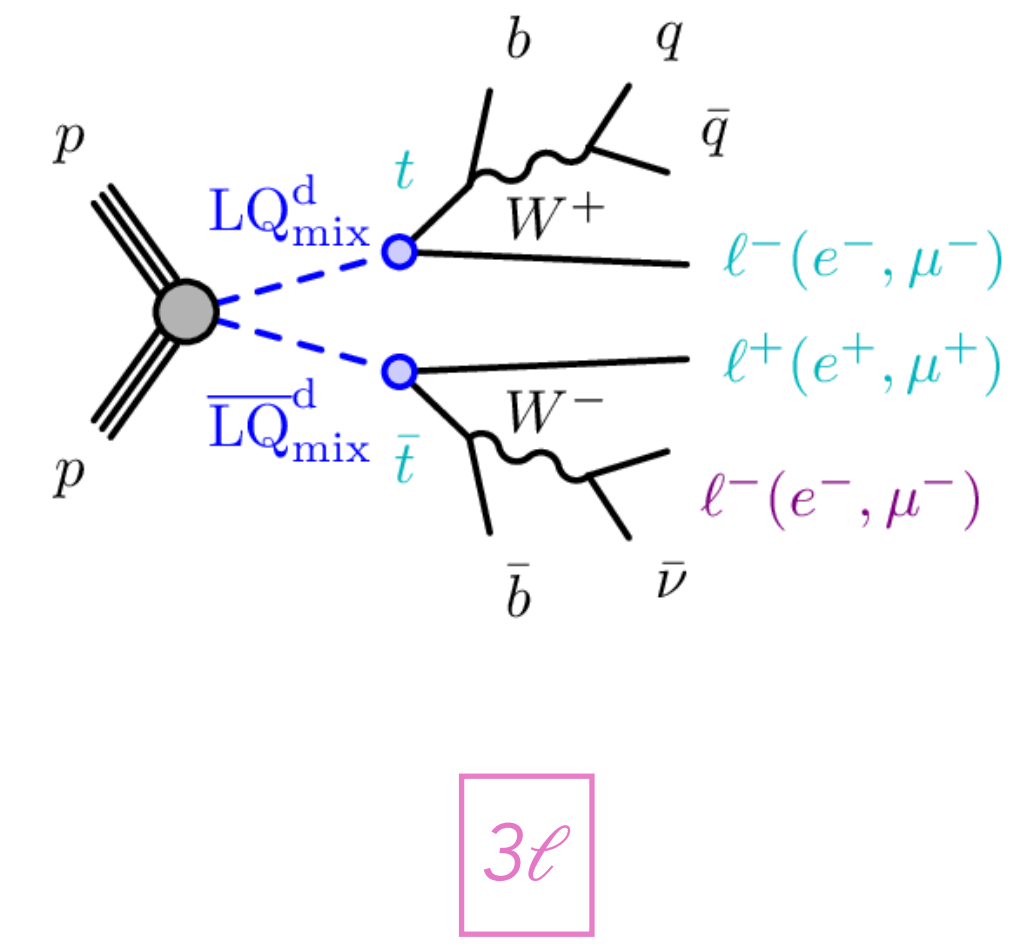
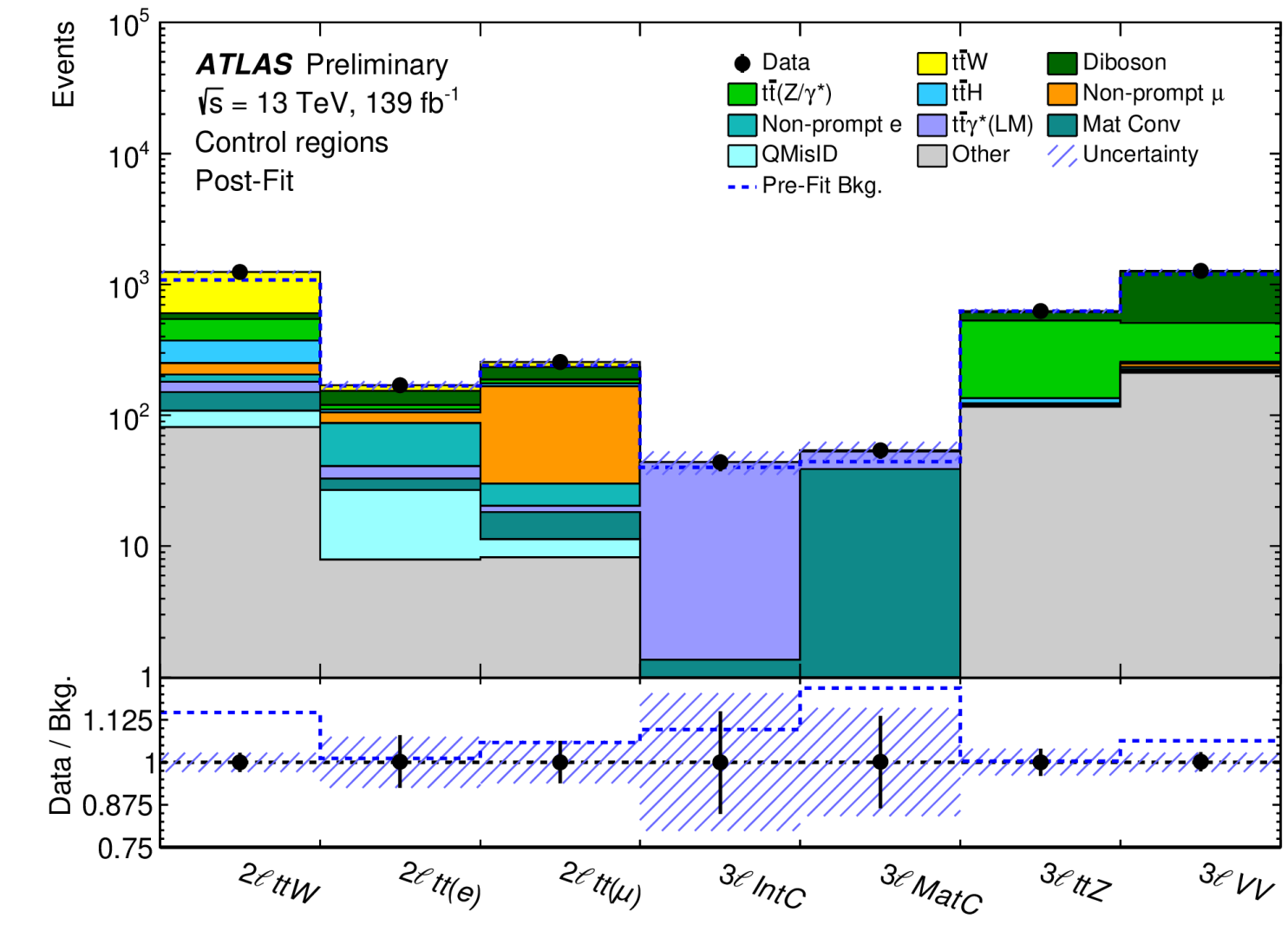
# $LQ_{mix}^d LQ_{mix}^d \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ : Analysis strategy

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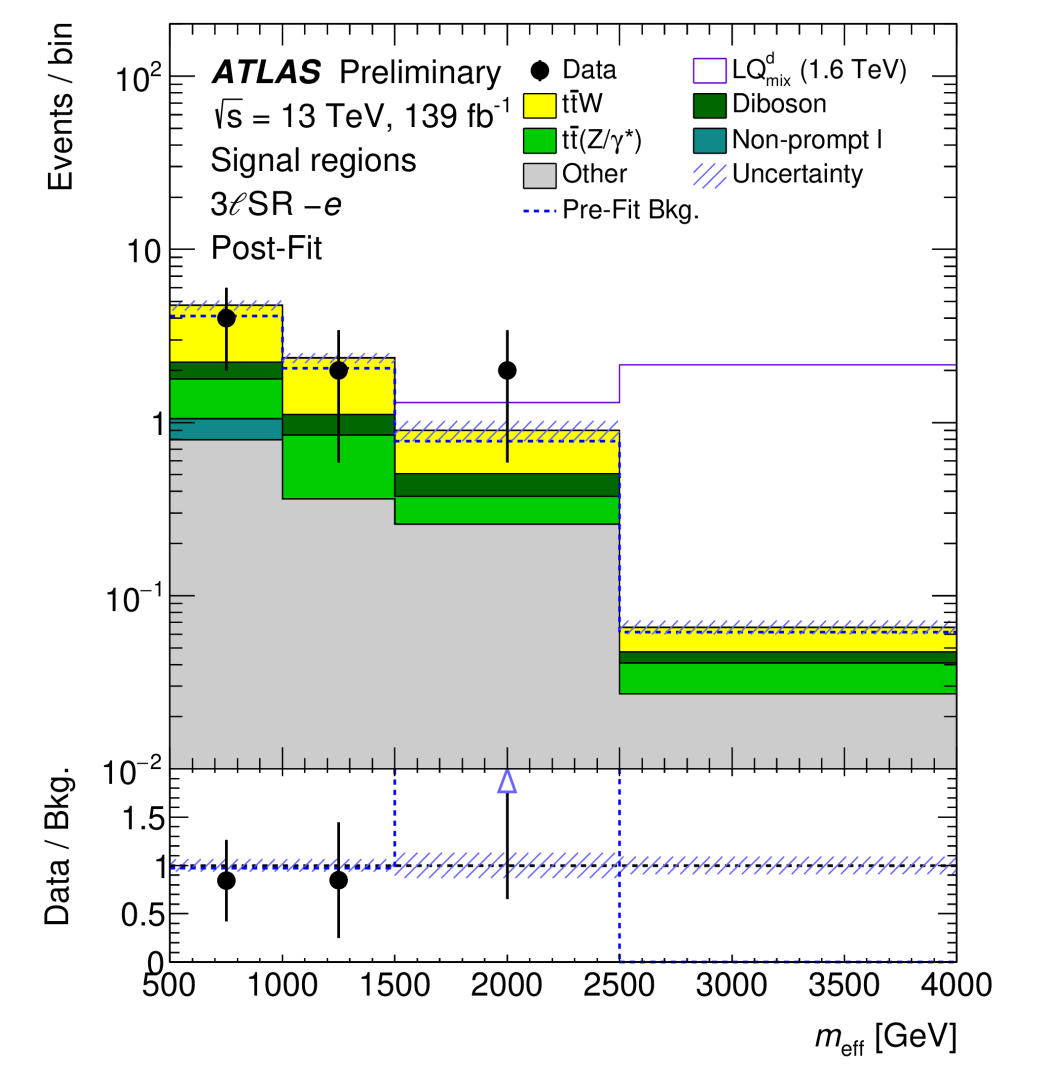
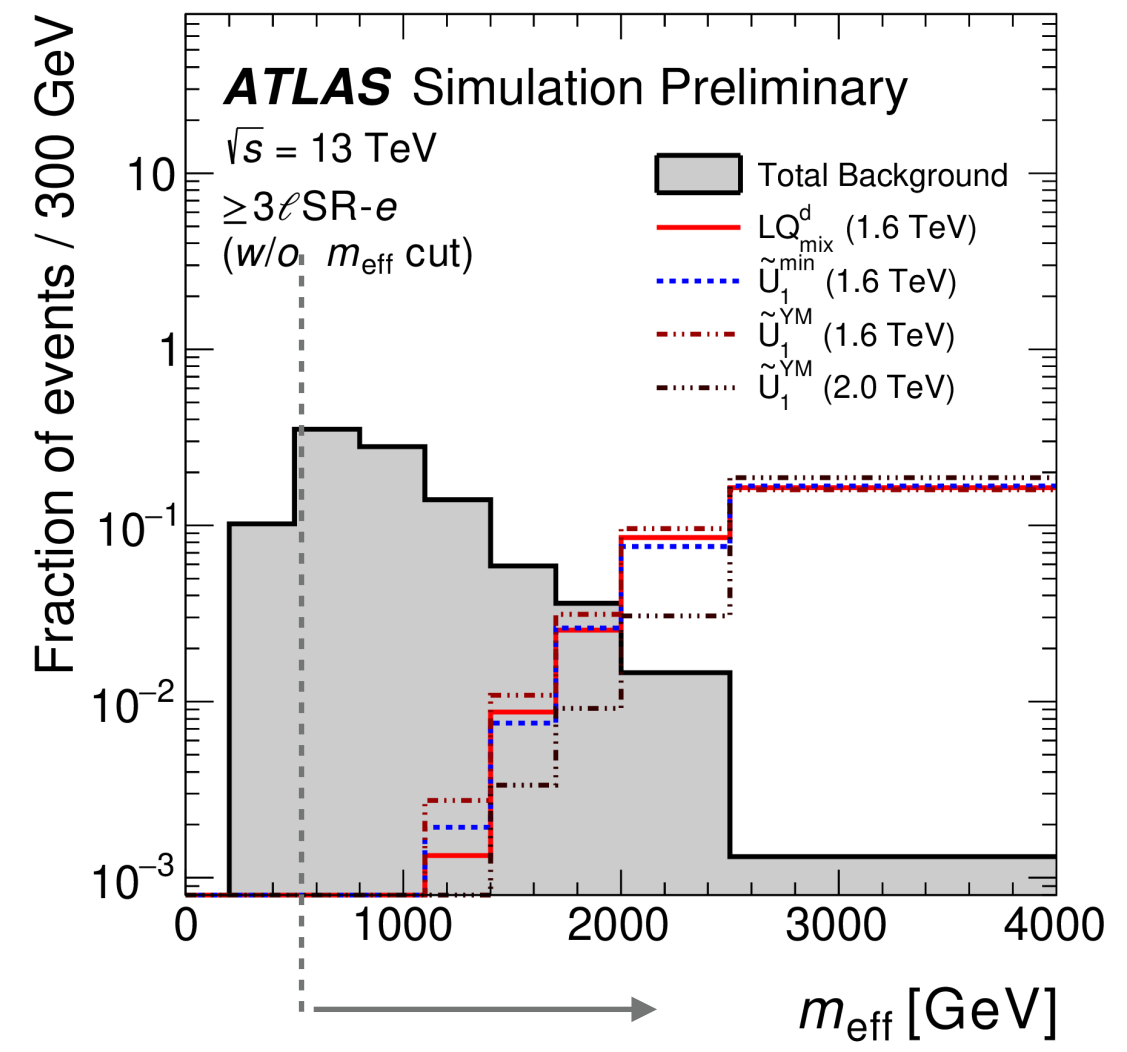
- \* Search for pair production of LQs decaying into a top quark pair and a pair of electrons or muons, in multi-lepton final states ( $2\ell SS$ ,  $3\ell$  and  $4\ell$ )
- \* Pair produced **scalar**  $LQ_{mix}^d LQ_{mix}^d \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ ,  $\ell (= e, \mu)$ ,  $\beta = 1.0$
- \* Pair produced **vector** LQ  $\tilde{U}_1$
- \* Event selection
  - ▶ Single and dilepton triggers,  $\geq 2$  jets,  $\geq 1$  b-jets
- \* Main backgrounds (dedicated CRs + free-floated)
  - ▶  $t\bar{t}W$ ,  $t\bar{t}Z$ ,  $VV$  ( $V = Z, W$ ), non-prompt  $\ell$
  - ▶ Additional VRs to validate the modelling
- \* Signal regions
  - ▶  $M_{eff} > 500 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{\ell\ell}^{min} > 200$  (100)  $\text{GeV}$  for  $3\ell$  ( $4\ell$ )
  - ▶  $M_{eff}$  as discriminating variable
- \* Simultaneous fit to all SRs and CRs

$$M_{eff} = \sum_{jet, e, \mu} p_T + MET$$

Summary of CRs



Signal populates the high tails of  $M_{eff}$



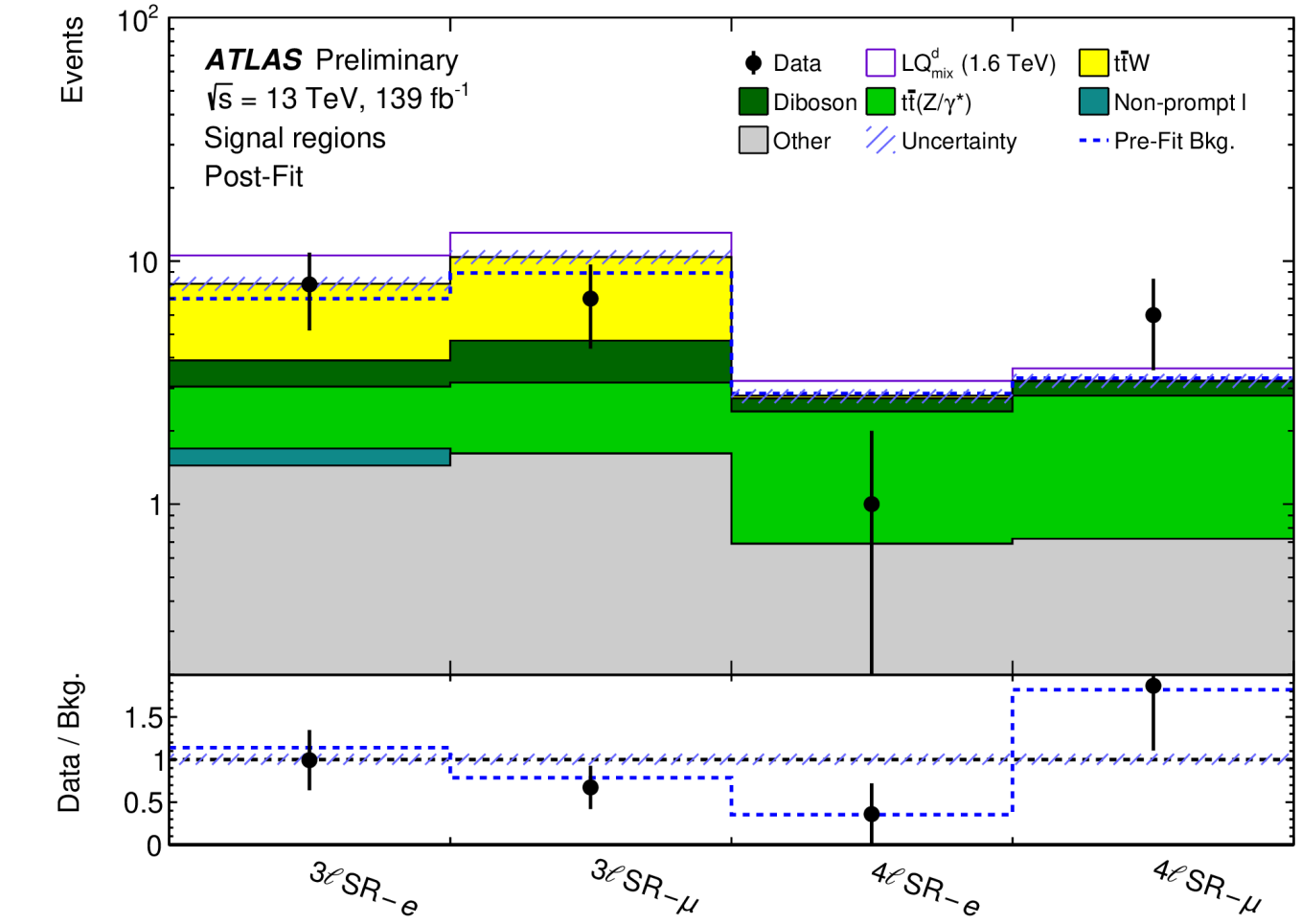
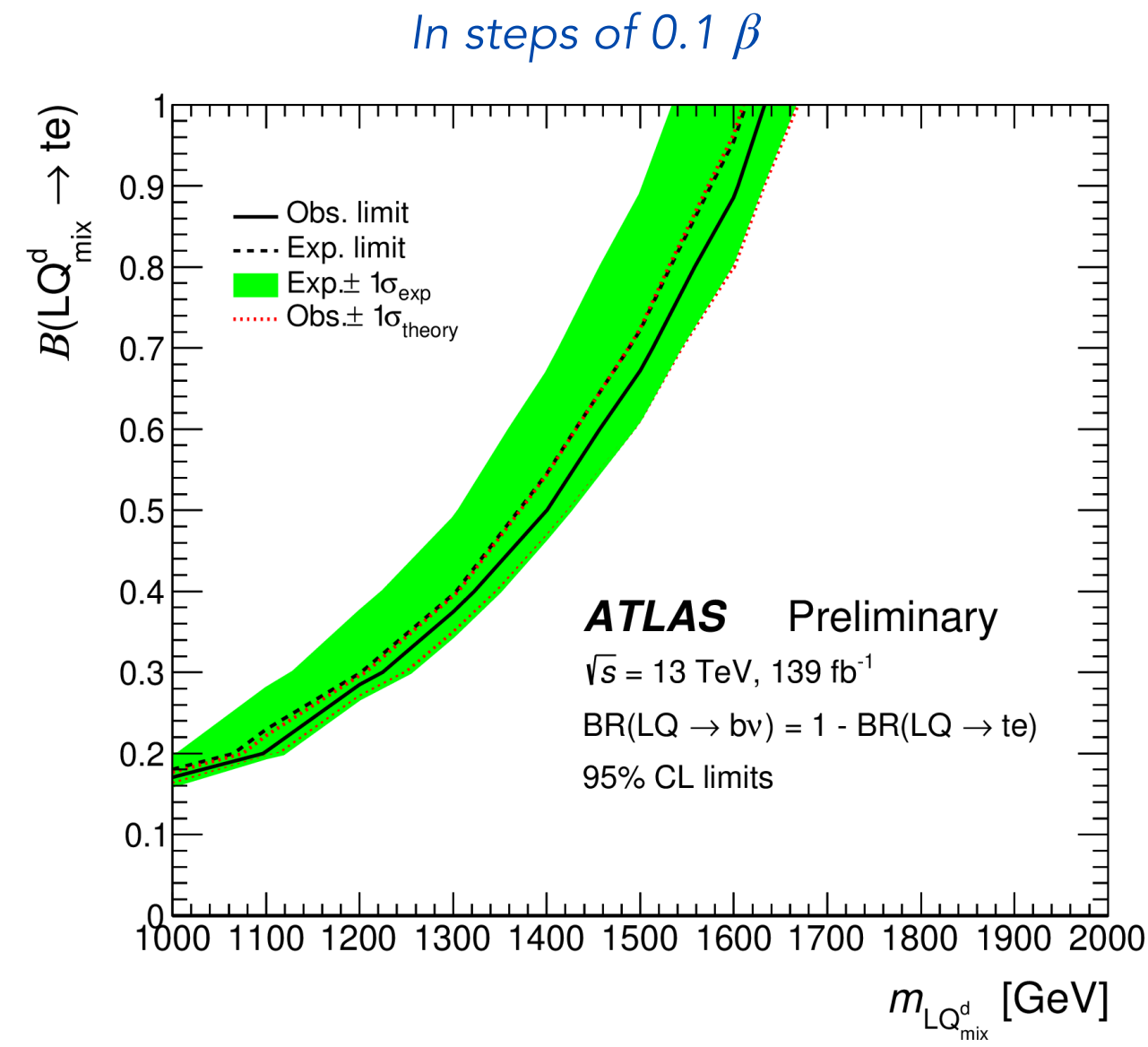
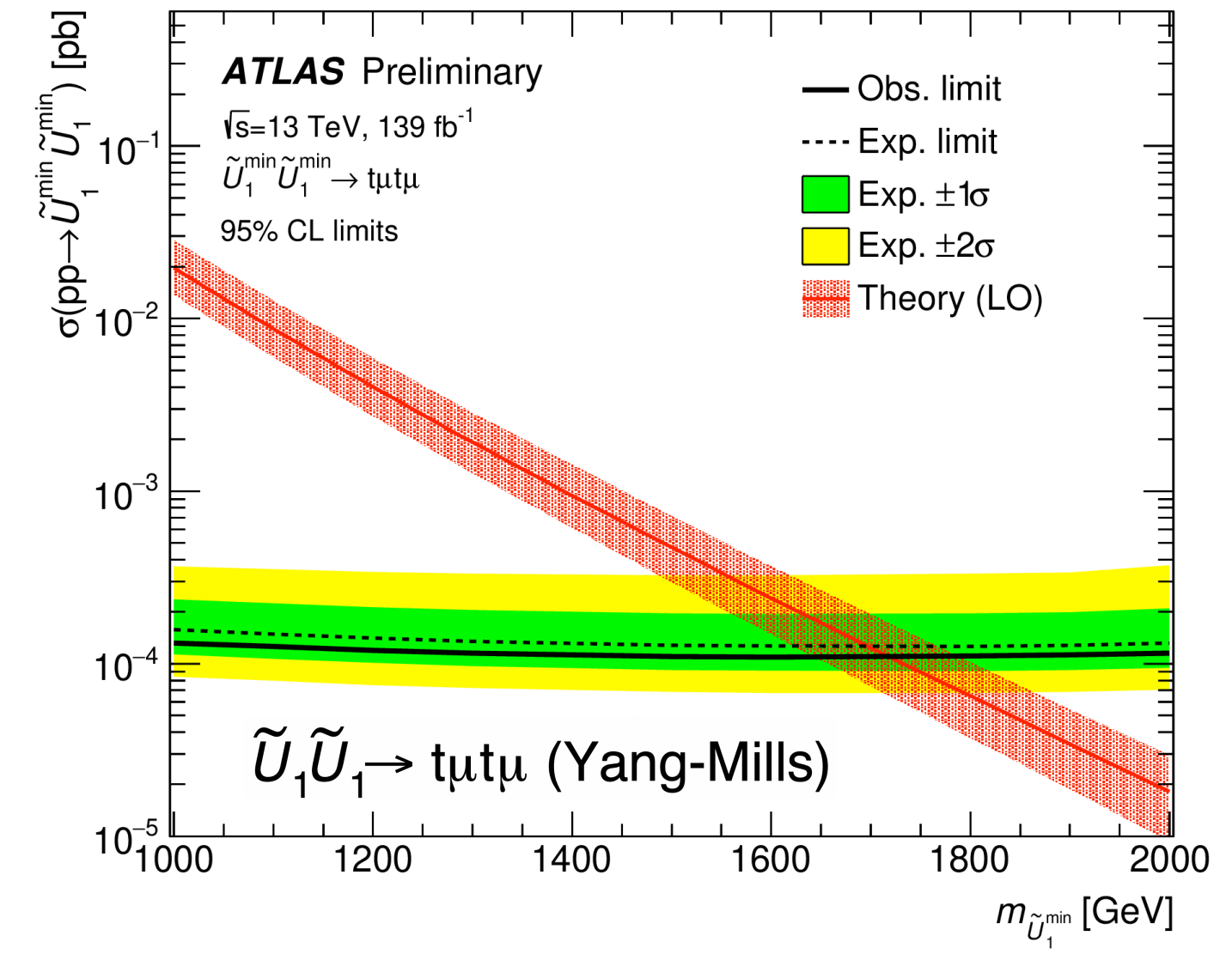
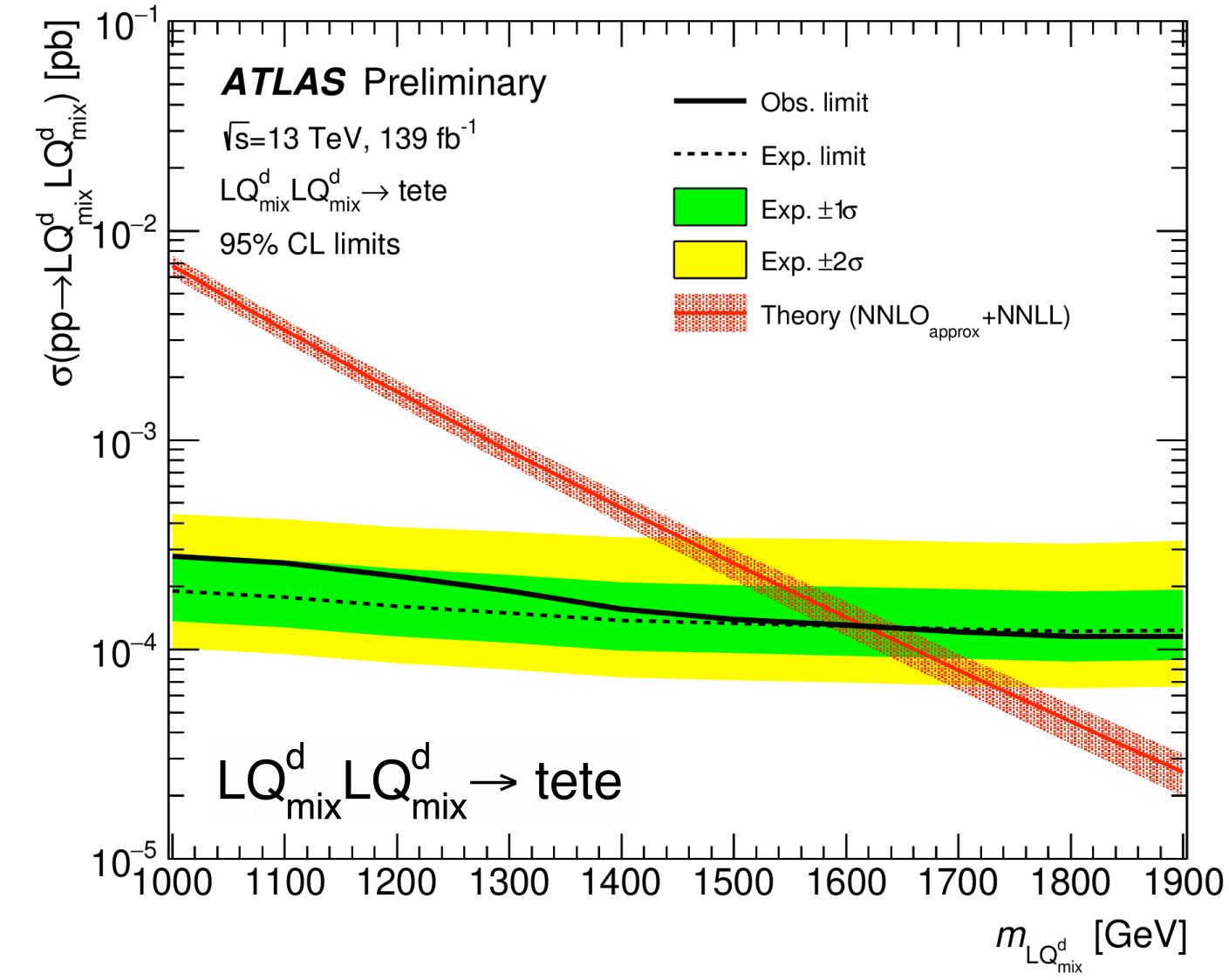


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# $LQ_{mix}^d LQ_{mix}^d \rightarrow t\ell t\ell$ : Results

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- \* Main systematic uncertainty from lepton identification, but analysis is statistically limited
- \* 95% C.L. upper limits set on **both scalar and vector** LQ model
  - No significant deviations between the data and the expected SM background are observed
- \* Observed exclusions ( $LQ \rightarrow t\ell$  ( $t\mu$ )):
  - Scalar  $m_{LQ_{mix}^d} < 1.64 \text{ TeV}$ , (1.61 TeV)
  - Yang-Mills vector  $m_{LQ_{\tilde{U}}} < 1.71 \text{ TeV}$ , (1.73 TeV)
  - Minimal coupling vector  $m_{LQ_{\tilde{U}}} < 2.0 \text{ TeV}$ , (2.0 TeV)
- \* The most stringent limits up-to-date!



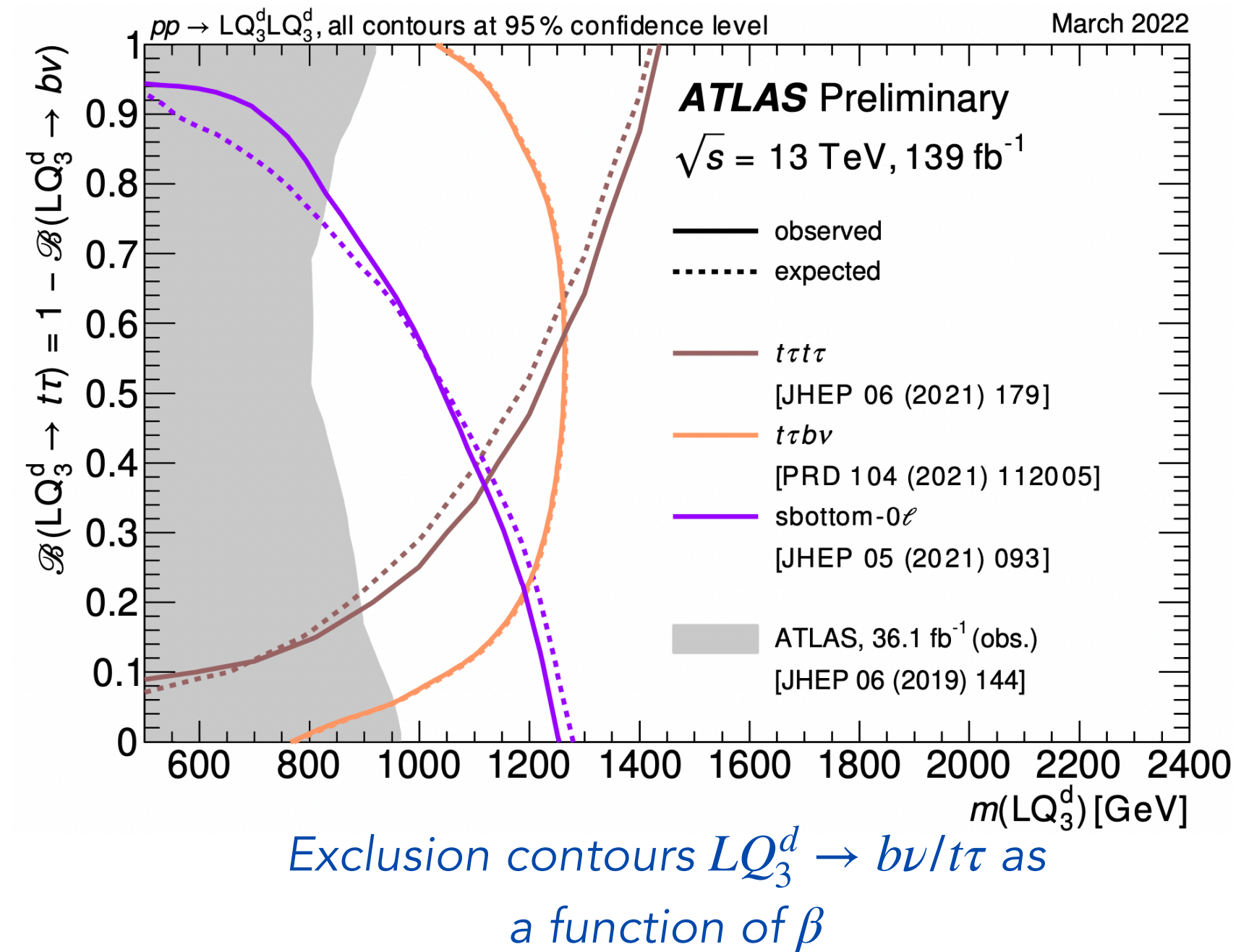
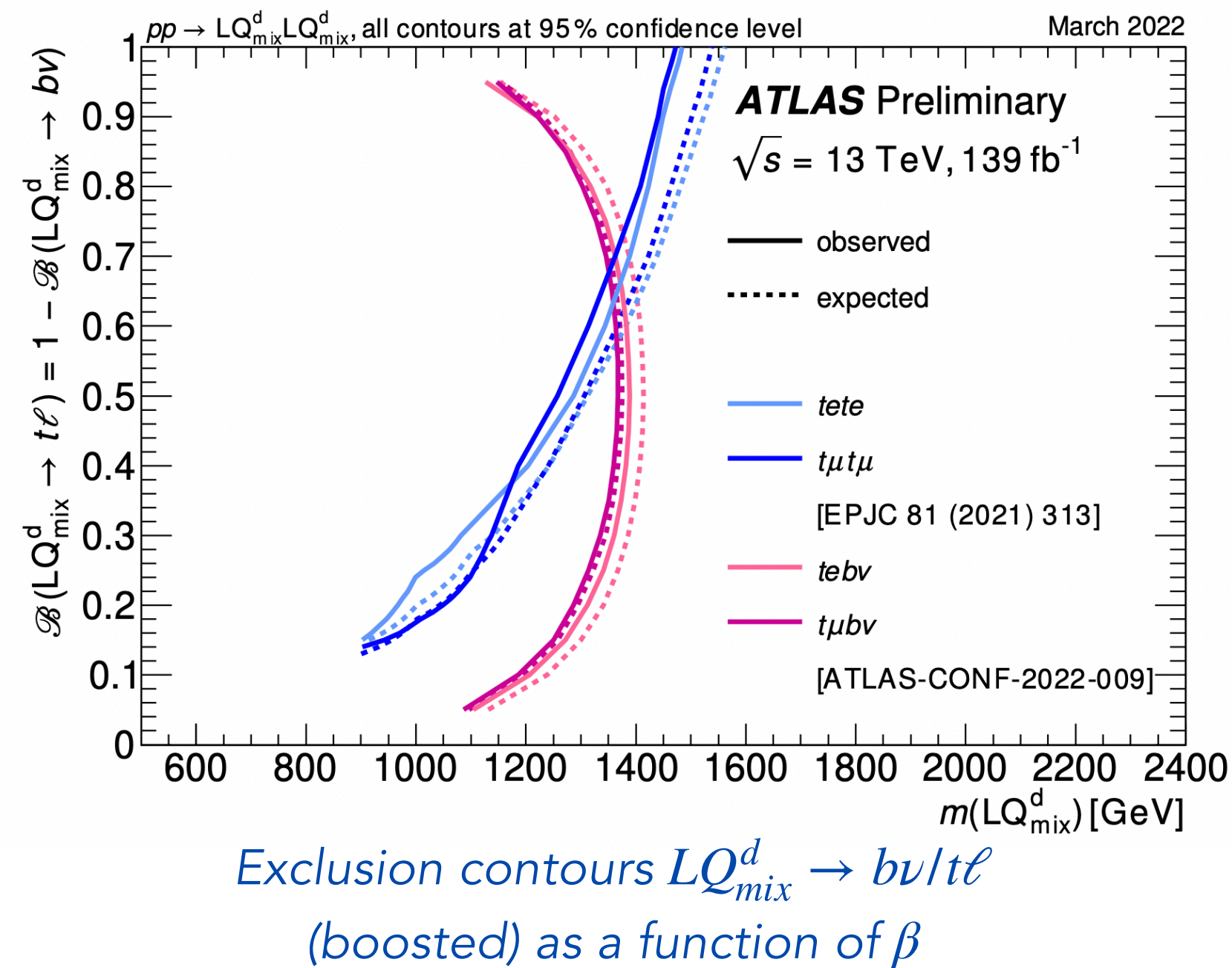
Summary of SRs

2D exclusion limits in  $m_{LQ} - \beta$  plane



\* **Overlays** of exclusion contours of pair produced scalar leptoquark models

- ▶ Third-Generation ( $LQ_3^u \rightarrow \nu b \tau$ ,  $LQ_3^u \rightarrow \nu \tau \nu$  and  $LQ_3^d \rightarrow t \tau t$ ,  $LQ_3^d \rightarrow b \nu b$  analyses)
- ▶ Mixed-Generation ( $LQ_{mix}^d \rightarrow b \nu / t \ell$ ,  $LQ_{mix}^u \rightarrow \nu / b \ell$ )
- ▶ More summary plots are available online!

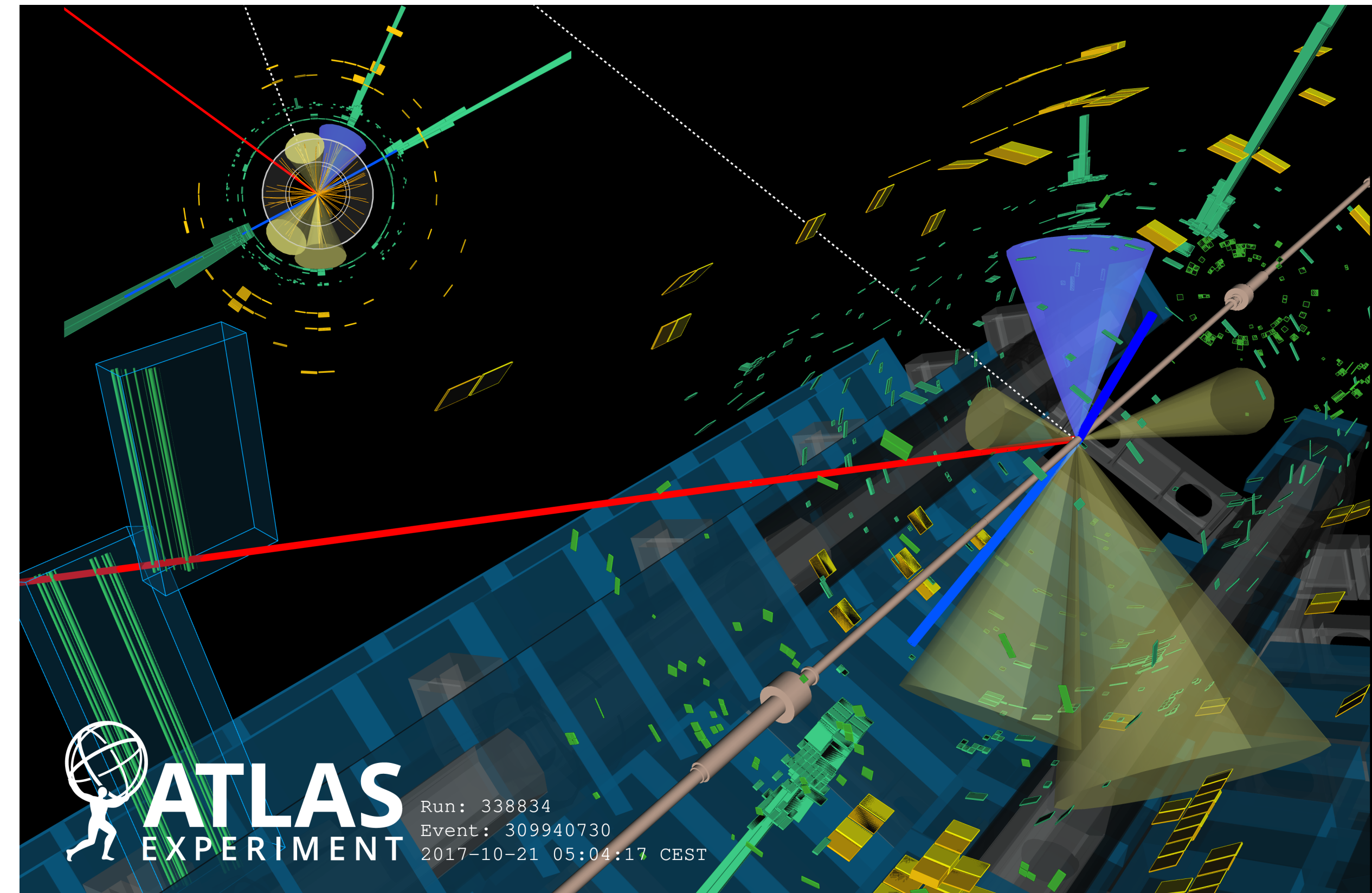


\* **Combination** is ongoing!



# Summary

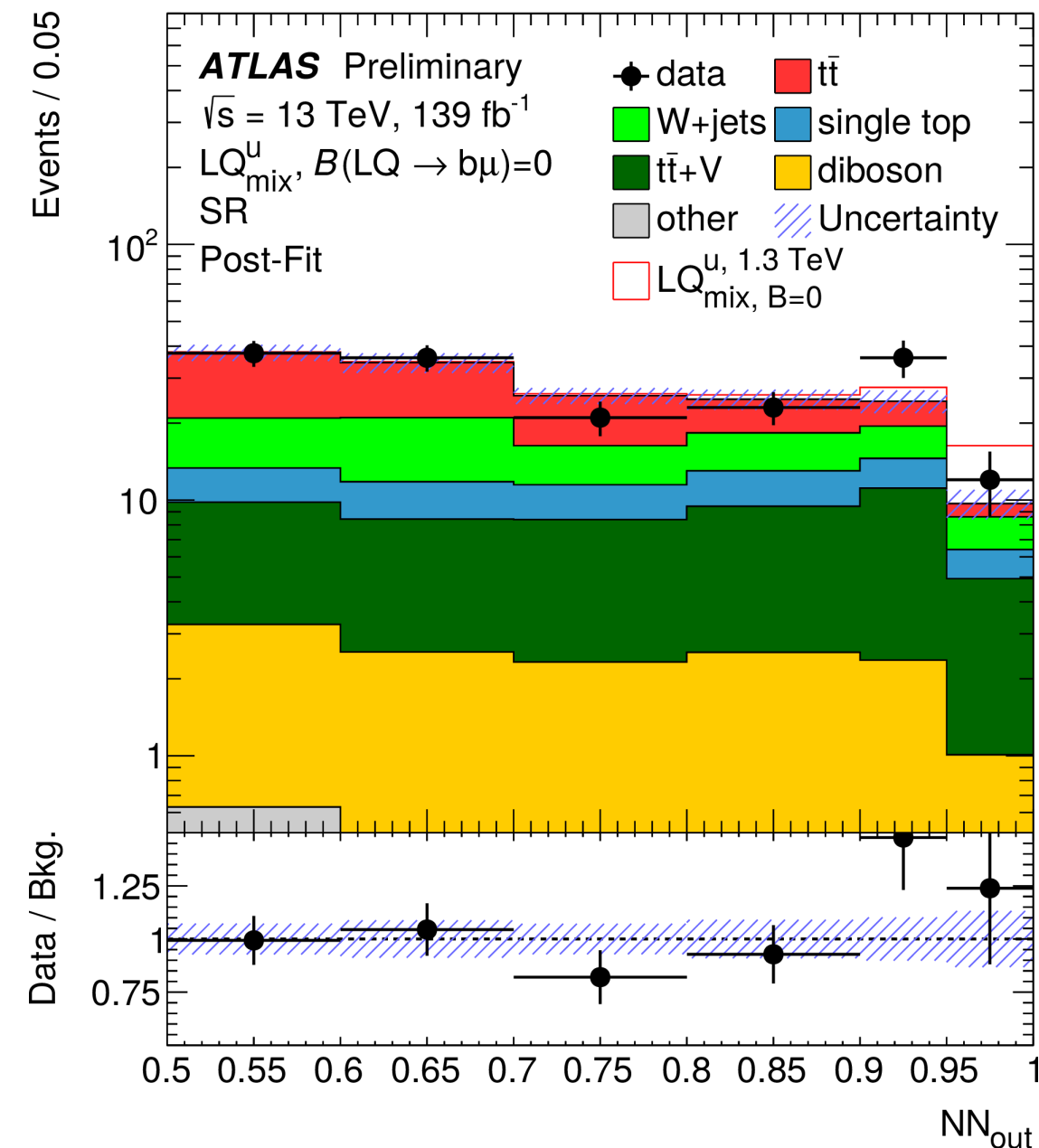
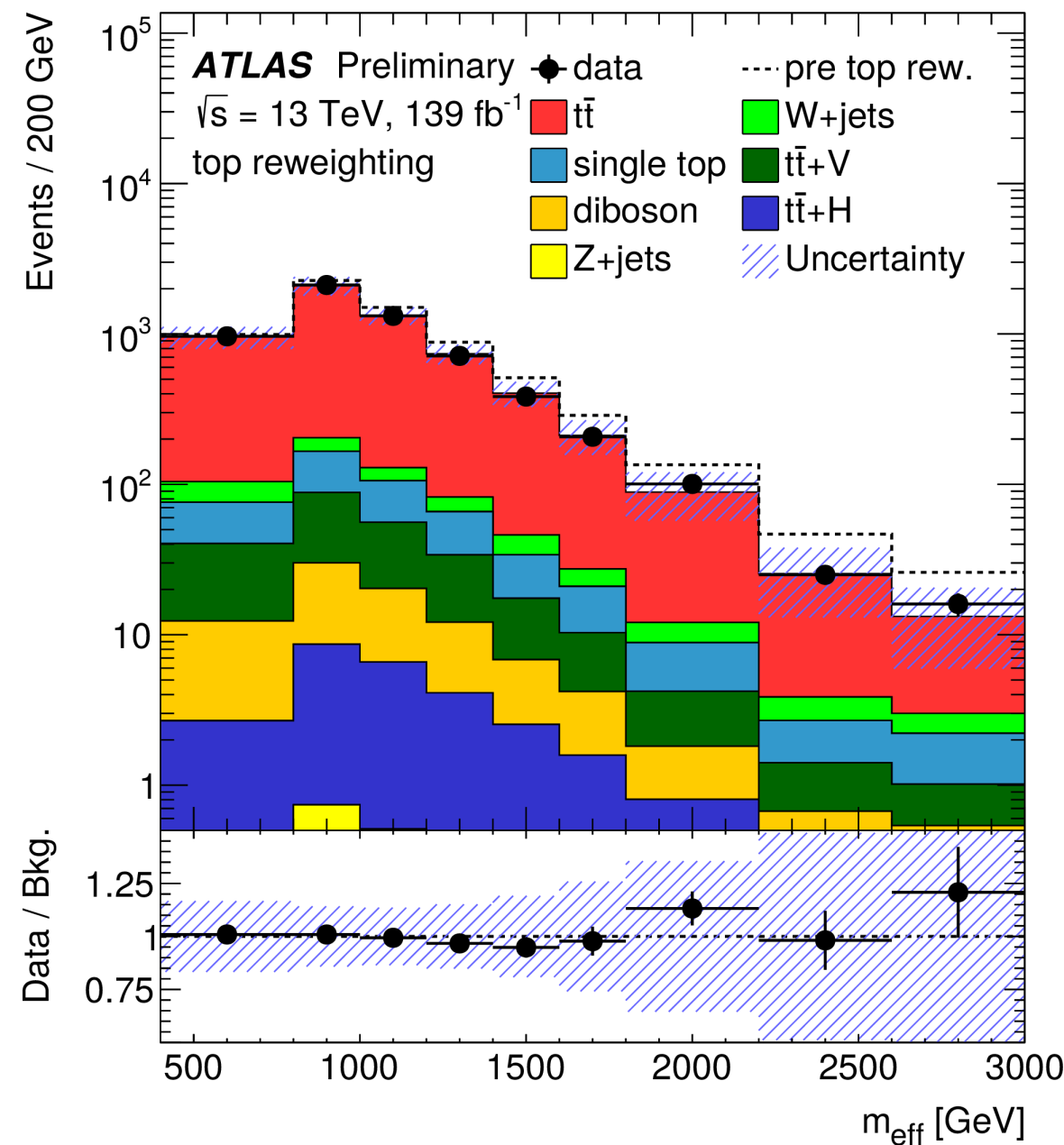
- \* ATLAS has a broad program of searches for **pair-production** and growing program of **single LQ** searches and interpretations in the context of **vector LQ**
- \* Presented the latest findings from searches for LQ with the ATLAS experiment
- \* Stringent limits set on scalar LQs with flavour-diagonal and cross-generational couplings
- \* More scenarios to cover
  - Vector LQ, single LQ, s-channel and off-shell production
- \* LHC expected to further improve sensitivity with increasing luminosity!



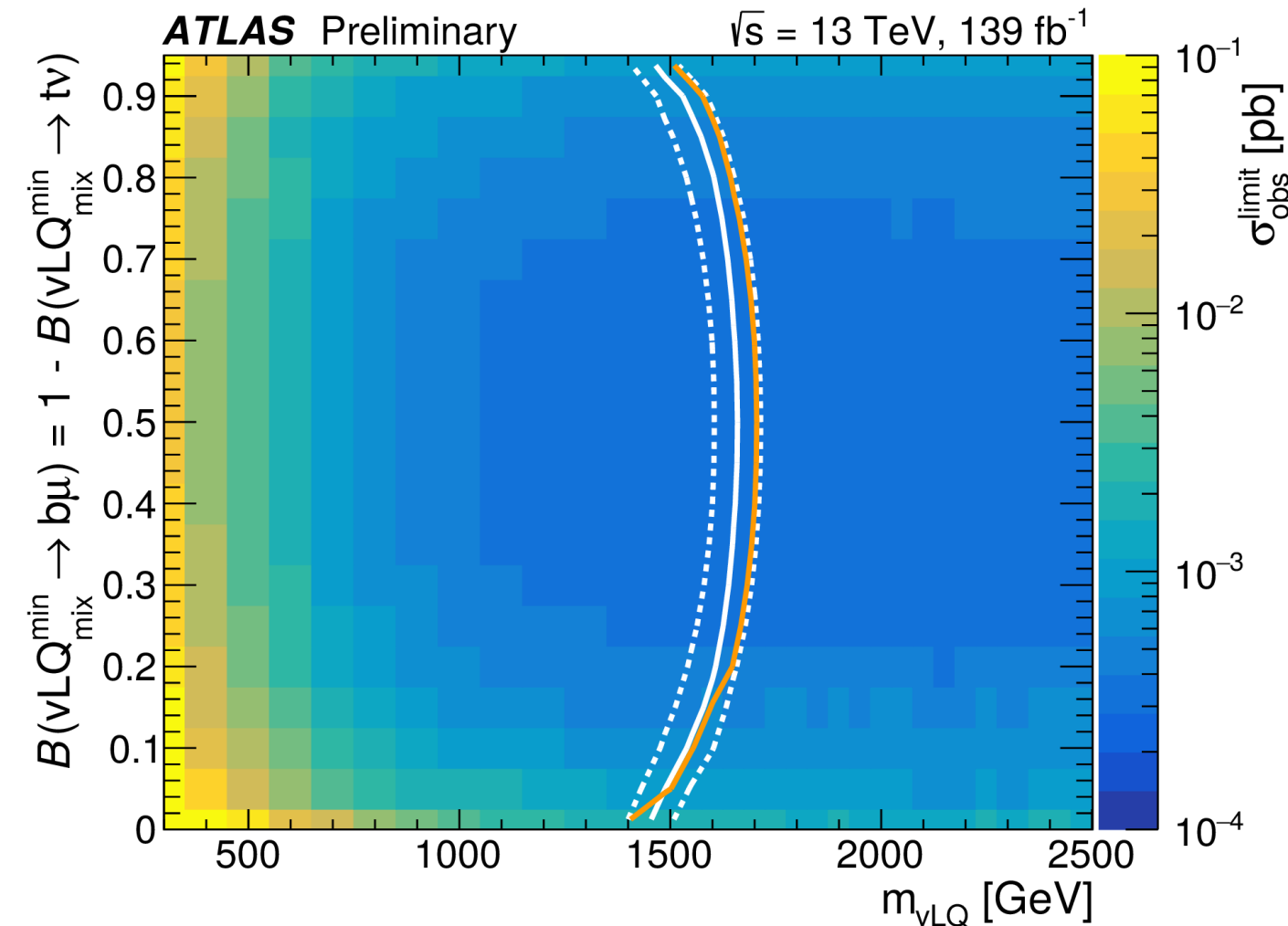
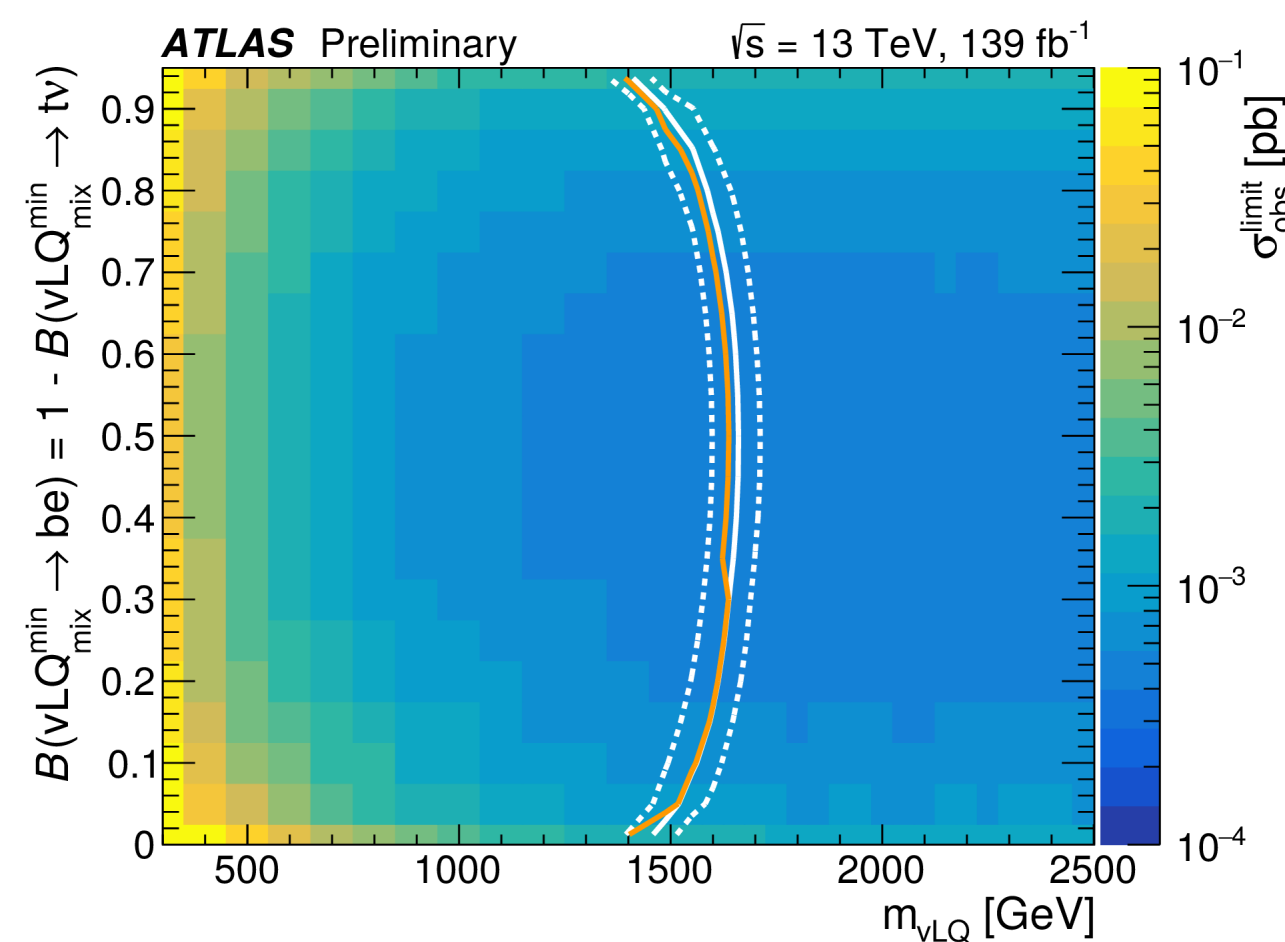
*Data event candidate for  $LQLQ \rightarrow t\bar{t}e\bar{e}\mu$  channel,  $M_{eff} = 2.1$  TeV*

Preselection			
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ triggers = 1 signal lepton veto on additional baseline leptons $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$ $\geq 4$ small- $R$ jets $\Delta\Phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, j_{1,2}) > 0.4$			
top reweighting region	$W$ +jets CR	single top CR	training region
$n_b \geq 1$ $m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}) \geq 120 \text{ GeV}$ $am_{T2} < 200 \text{ GeV}$ - - -	$n_b = 1$ $50 \text{ GeV} \leq m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}) < 120 \text{ GeV}$ $am_{T2} > 200 \text{ GeV}$ $t_{\text{had}}$ candidate veto lepton charge = $+1e$ -	$n_b = 2$ $m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}) < 120 \text{ GeV}$ $am_{T2} > 200 \text{ GeV}$ large- $R$ jet veto - $\Delta R(b_1, b_2) > 1.2$	$n_b \geq 1$ $m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}) \geq 120 \text{ GeV}$ $am_{T2} > 200 \text{ GeV}$ - - -





Variable	Description
$m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}})$	transverse mass of lepton and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
$m_{\text{eff}}$	scalar sum of the transverse momenta of leptons, jets, and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
lepton flavour	flavour of the signal lepton
$p_T(\ell)$	transverse momentum of the lepton
$m_{\text{inv}}(b_1, \ell)$	invariant mass of leading- $p_T$ $b$ -jet and lepton
$n_{lj}$	reclustered large- $R$ jet multiplicity
$am_{T2}$	asymmetric transverse mass
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ significance	measure for the compatibility of the observed $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ with zero, taking resolutions of reconstructed objects into account
$m_T(b_1, E_T^{\text{miss}})$	transverse mass of leading- $p_T$ $b$ -jet and $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
$p_T(t_{\text{had}})$	transverse momentum of $t_{\text{had}}$
$\Delta\Phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, b_2)$	azimuthal angle separation between $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ and subleading- $p_T$ $b$ -jet
$m_{\text{inv}}(b_2, \ell)$	invariant mass of subleading- $p_T$ $b$ -jet and lepton
$\Delta\Phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, b_1)$	azimuthal angle separation between $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ and leading- $p_T$ $b$ -jet
$\Delta\Phi(t_{\text{had}}, \ell)$	azimuthal angle separation between $t_{\text{had}}$ and lepton
$p_T(b_1)$	transverse momentum of leading- $p_T$ $b$ -jet



	Exp. limit [GeV]	Obs. limit [GeV]
$LQ_{\text{mix}}^u \rightarrow tv/b\mu$	$1440^{+60}_{-60}$	1460
$LQ_{\text{mix}}^u \rightarrow tv/be$	$1440^{+60}_{-60}$	1440
$LQ_{\text{mix}}^d \rightarrow t\mu/b\nu$	$1380^{+50}_{-60}$	1370
$LQ_{\text{mix}}^d \rightarrow te/b\nu$	$1410^{+60}_{-60}$	1390
$vLQ_{\text{mix}}^{\text{YM}} \rightarrow tv/b\mu$	$1930^{+50}_{-60}$	1980
$vLQ_{\text{mix}}^{\text{YM}} \rightarrow tv/be$	$1930^{+50}_{-70}$	1900
$vLQ_{\text{mix}}^{\text{min}} \rightarrow tv/b\mu$	$1660^{+50}_{-50}$	1710
$vLQ_{\text{mix}}^{\text{min}} \rightarrow tv/be$	$1650^{+50}_{-60}$	1620



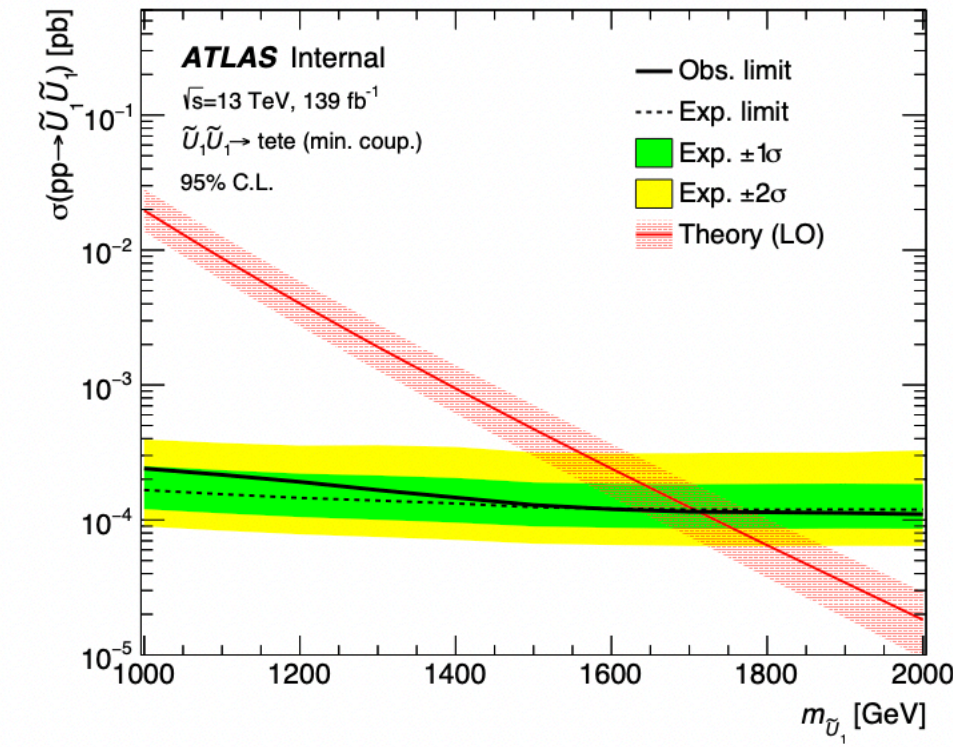
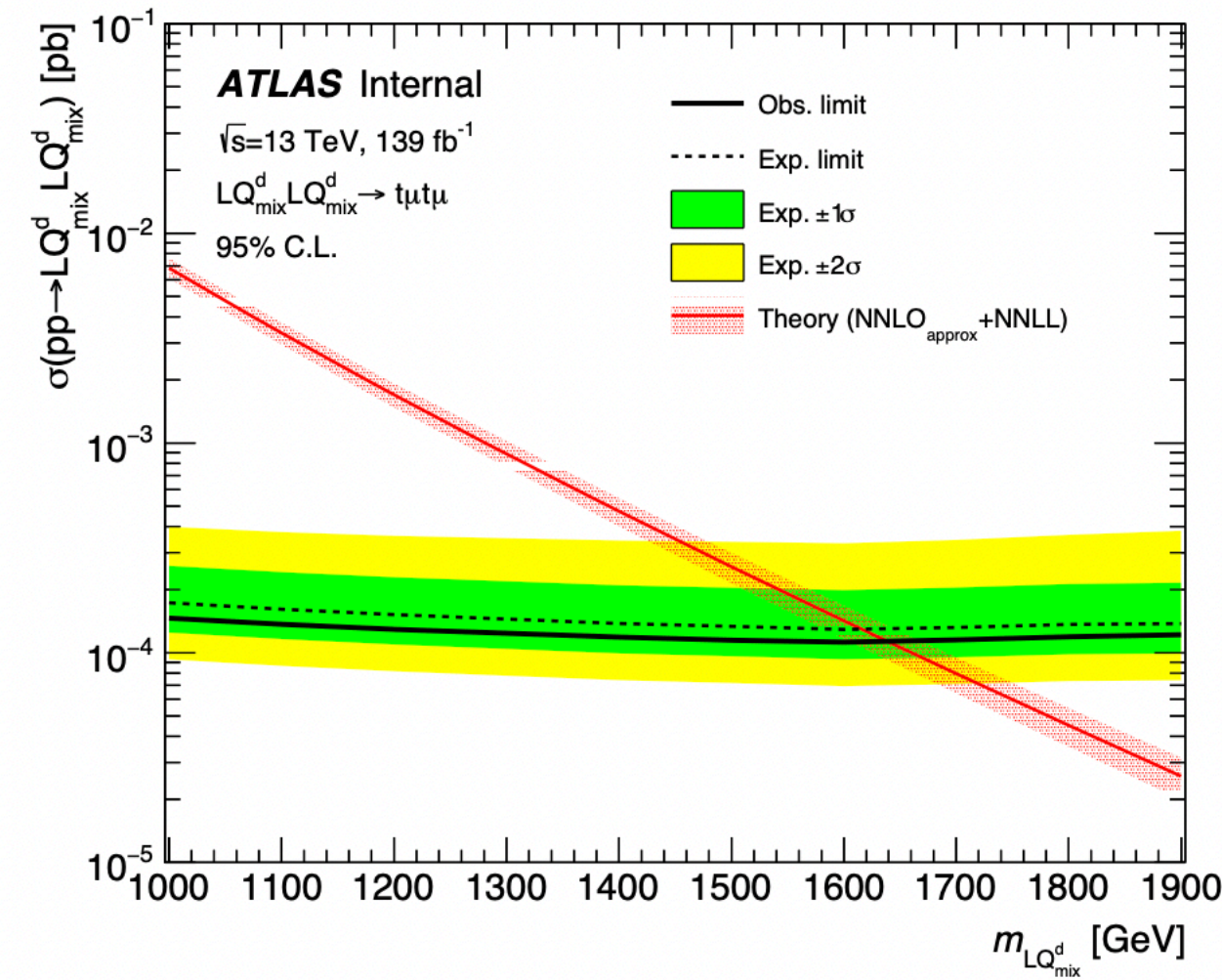
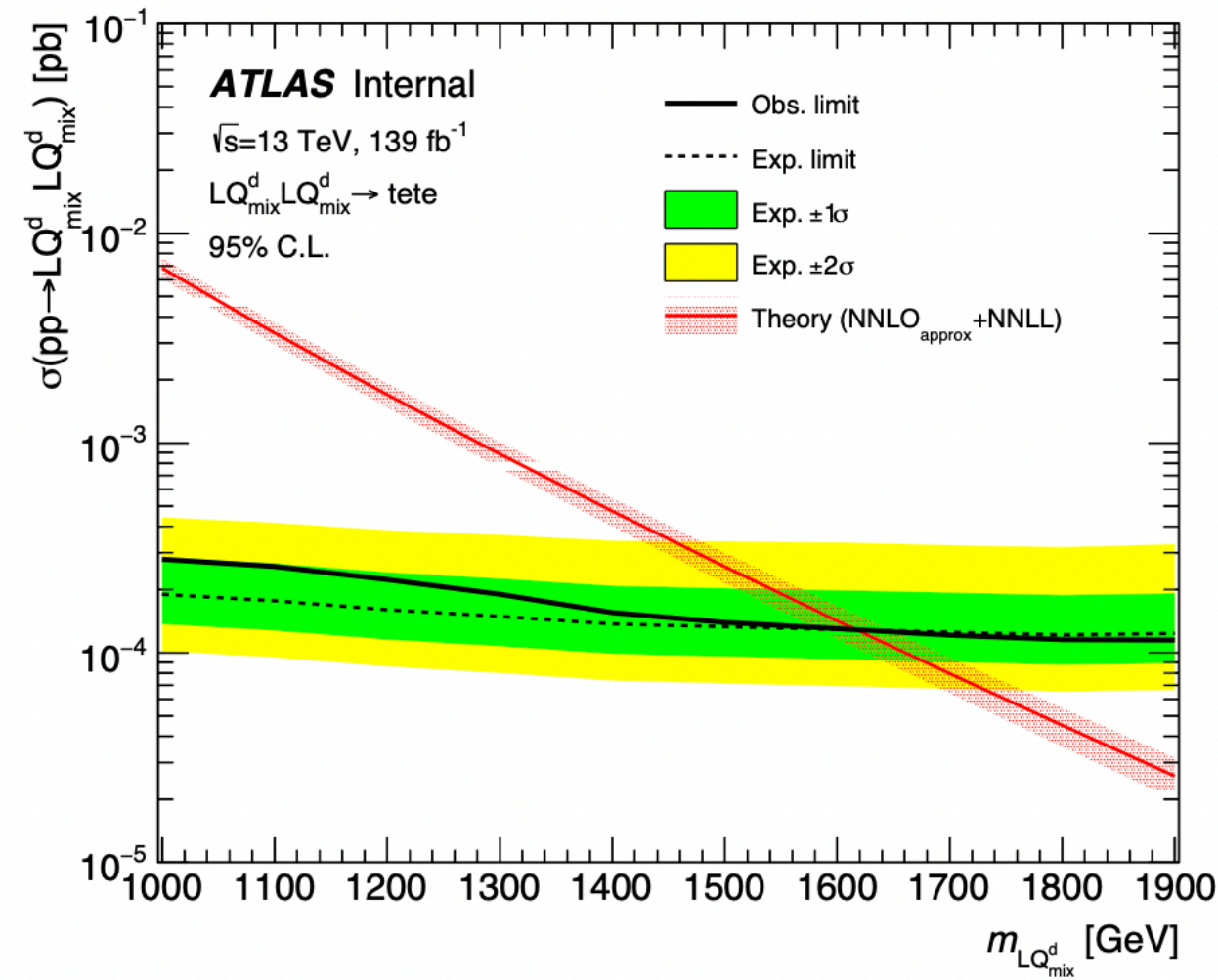
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<i>e</i> /μ selection	<i>M</i> (SS pair), <i>L</i> other						
<i>e</i> /μ combination	3 <i>e</i> / 2 <i>e</i> 1μ / 1 <i>e</i> 2μ / 3μ				3 <i>e</i> / 2 <i>e</i> 1μ / 1 <i>e</i> 2μ / 3μ	3 <i>e</i> / <i>ee</i> μ	3μ / μμ <i>e</i>
Total charge	±1	–			±1		
<i>e</i> internal conversion veto	Yes	Yes	Inverted (ℓ <sub>1</sub> or ℓ <sub>2</sub> )	Yes (ℓ <sub>1</sub> and ℓ <sub>2</sub> )	Yes		
<i>e</i> material conversion veto	Yes	Yes	Yes (ℓ <sub>1</sub> and ℓ <sub>2</sub> )	Inverted (ℓ <sub>1</sub> or ℓ <sub>2</sub> )	Yes		
Number of jets	≥ 2	≥ 0			≥ 2		
Number of b-jets	≥ 1	≥ 2	≥ 0			≥ 1	
<i>p</i> <sub>T</sub> <sup>ℓ</sup> [GeV]	> 20 (SS pair), > 10 other				> 20		
<i>m</i> <sub>ℓ<sup>+</sup>ℓ<sup>−</sup></sub> <sup><i>OS-SF</i></sup> [GeV]	> 12						
<i>m</i> <sub>ℓ<sup>+</sup>ℓ<sup>−</sup></sub> <sup><i>OS-SF</i></sup> − <i>m</i> <sub>Z</sub>   [GeV]	< 10	> 10			< 10		
<i>m</i> <sub>ℓℓℓ</sub> − <i>m</i> <sub>Z</sub>   [GeV]	–	< 10			–		
<i>m</i> <sub>ℓℓ</sub> <sup>min</sup> [GeV]	–				< 200	≥ 200	
<i>m</i> <sub>eff</sub> [GeV]	–				–	≥ 500	

	4ℓ		
	VR	SR	
	4ℓVR	4ℓSR- <i>e</i>	4ℓSR- <i>μ</i>
<i>e</i> /μ selection	<i>L</i>		
<i>e</i> /μ combination	4 <i>e</i> / 3 <i>e</i> 1μ / 2 <i>e</i> 2μ / 4μ	4 <i>e</i> / 3 <i>e</i> 1μ / 2 <i>e</i> 2μ (lead <i>e</i> )	4μ / 3μ1 <i>e</i> / 2μ2 <i>e</i> (lead μ)
Total charge	0		
Number of jets	≥ 2		
Number of b-jets	≥ 1		
<i>p</i> <sub>T</sub> <sup>ℓ</sup> [GeV]	> 10		
<i>m</i> <sub>ℓ+ℓ<sup>−</sup></sub> <sup><i>OS-SF</i></sup> [GeV]	> 12		
<i>m</i> <sub>ℓ+ℓ<sup>−</sup></sub> <sup><i>OS-SF</i></sup> − <i>m</i> <sub>Z</sub>   [GeV]	< 10		
<i>m</i> <sub>ℓℓ</sub> <sup>min</sup> [GeV]	< 100	≥ 100	
<i>m</i> <sub>eff</sub> [GeV]	–	≥ 500	

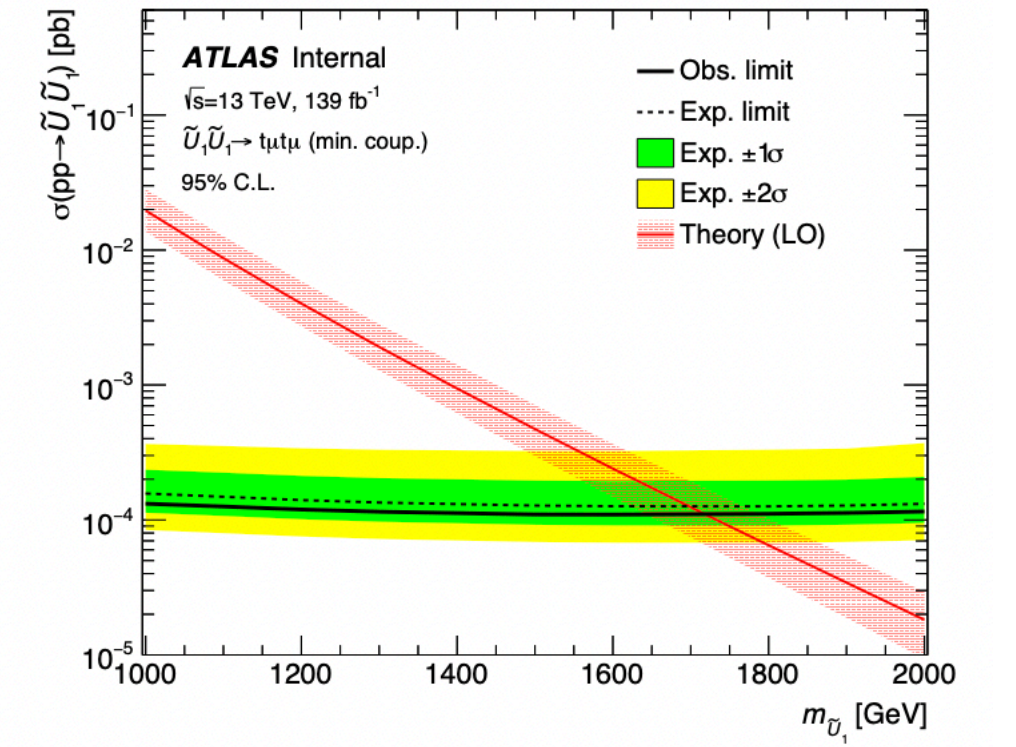
	2ℓSS CRs		
	2ℓtt(e)	2ℓtt(μ)	2ℓttW
$e/\mu$ selection	$TM_{ex} \parallel M_{ex}T \parallel M_{ex}M_{ex}$		$TT$
$e/\mu$ combination	$ee/\mu e$	$\mu\mu/e\mu$	$ee/\mu\mu/e\mu/\mu e$
$\ell\ell$ charge	++ or --		
$e$ internal conversion veto	Yes		
$e$ material conversion veto	Yes		
Number of jets	$\geq 2$		
Number of b-jets	$\geq 1$	$\geq 2$	
$p_{\text{T}}^{\ell}$ [GeV]	$> 20$		
$m_{\text{T}}(\ell_0, E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}})$ [GeV]	$< 250$	–	



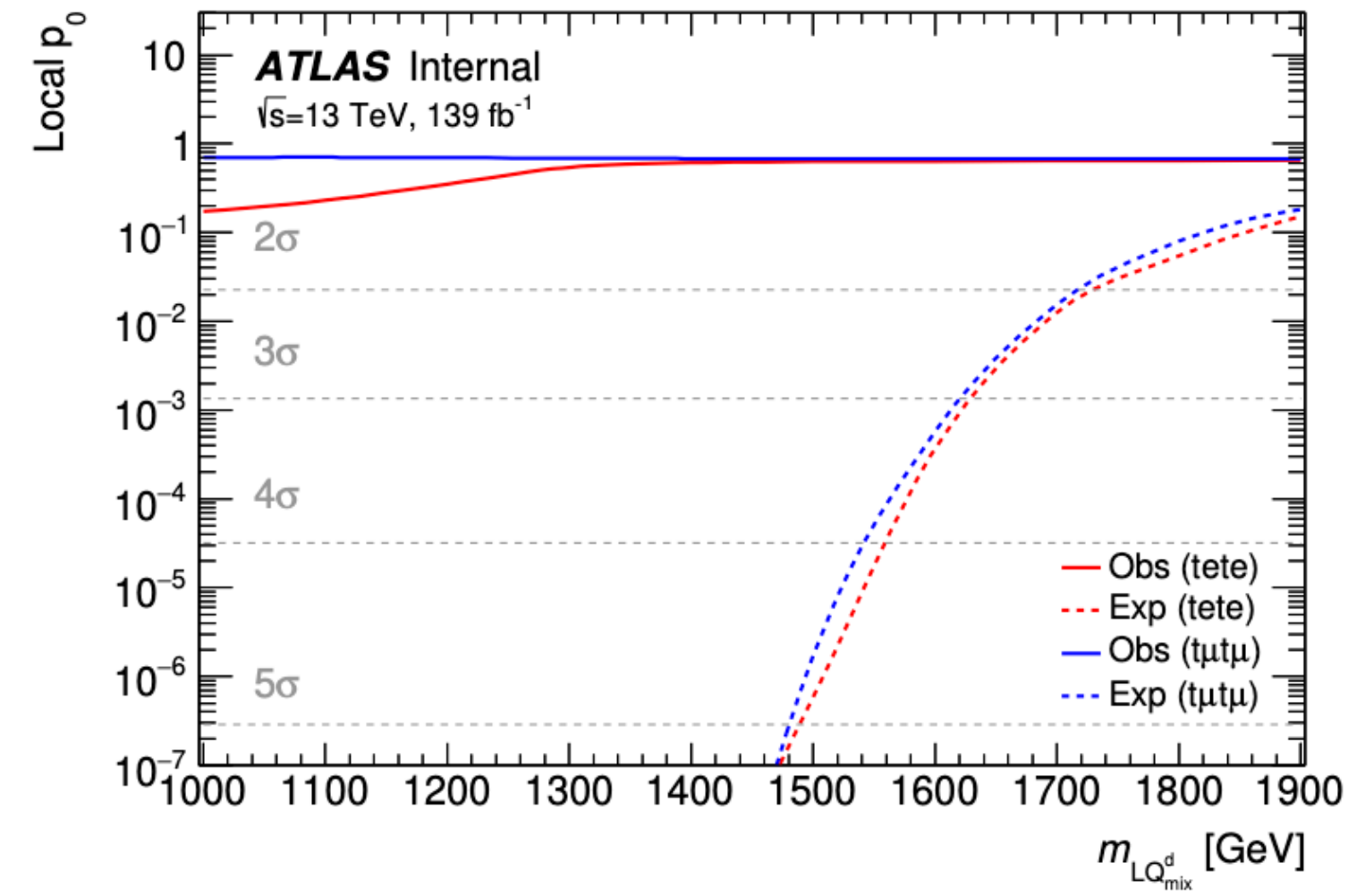
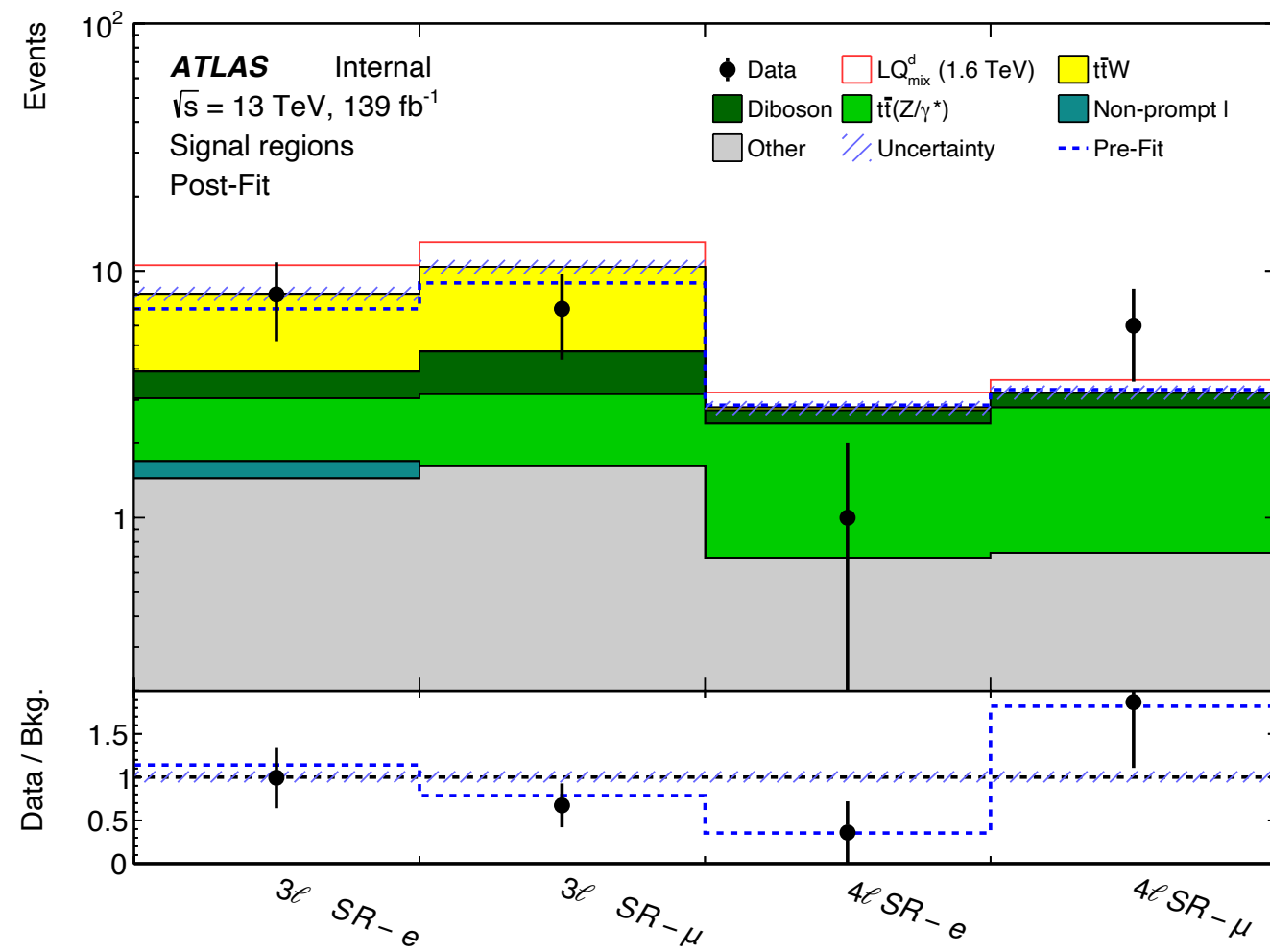
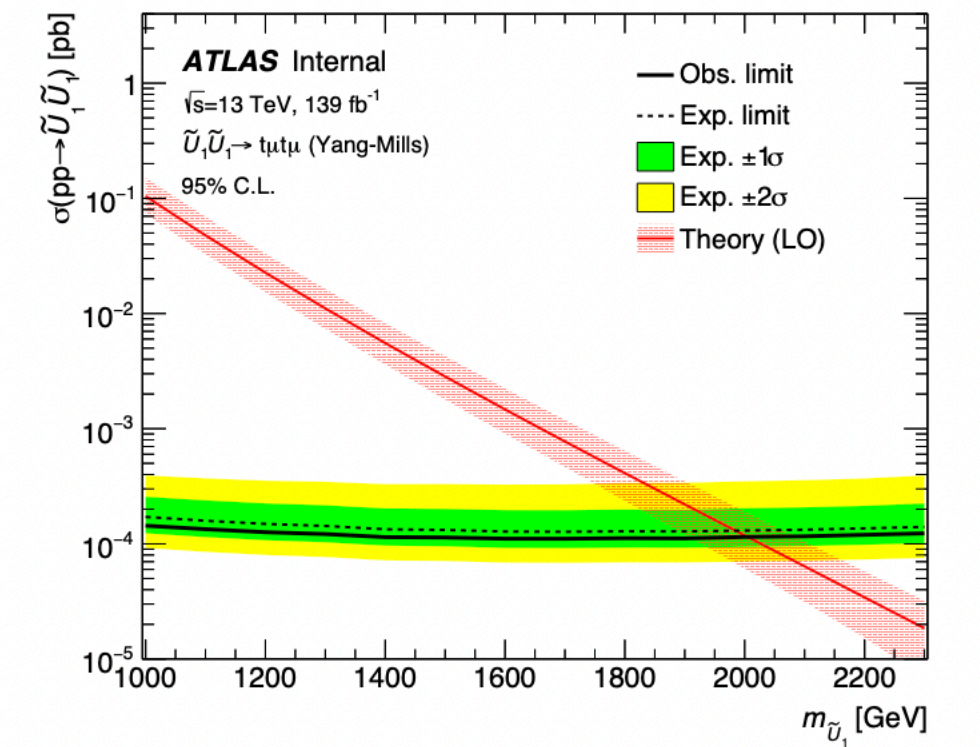
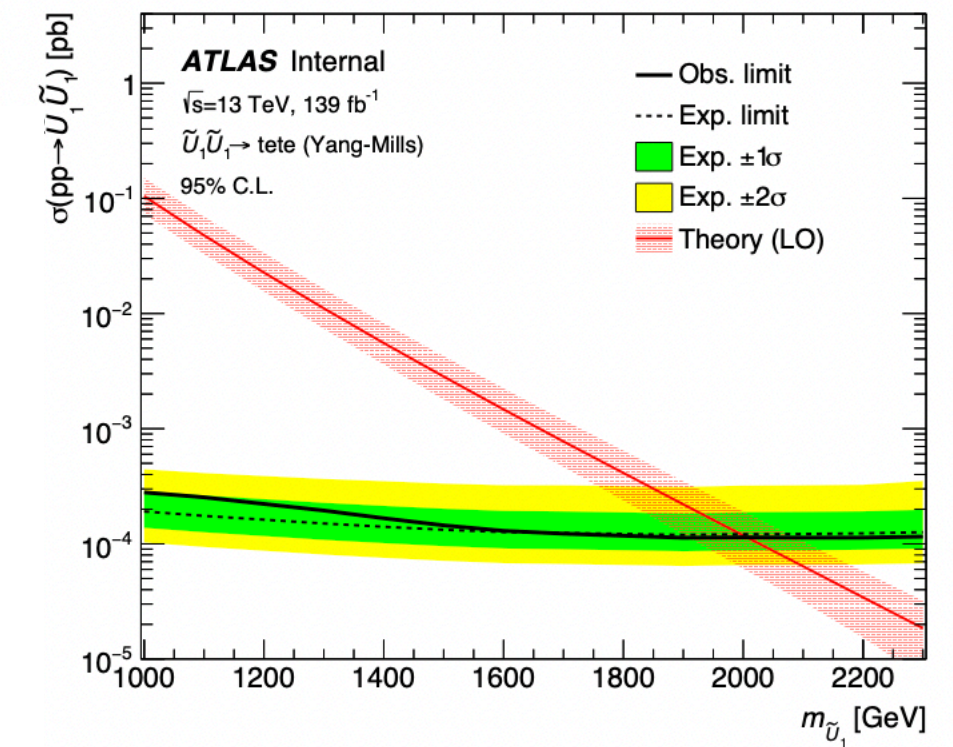
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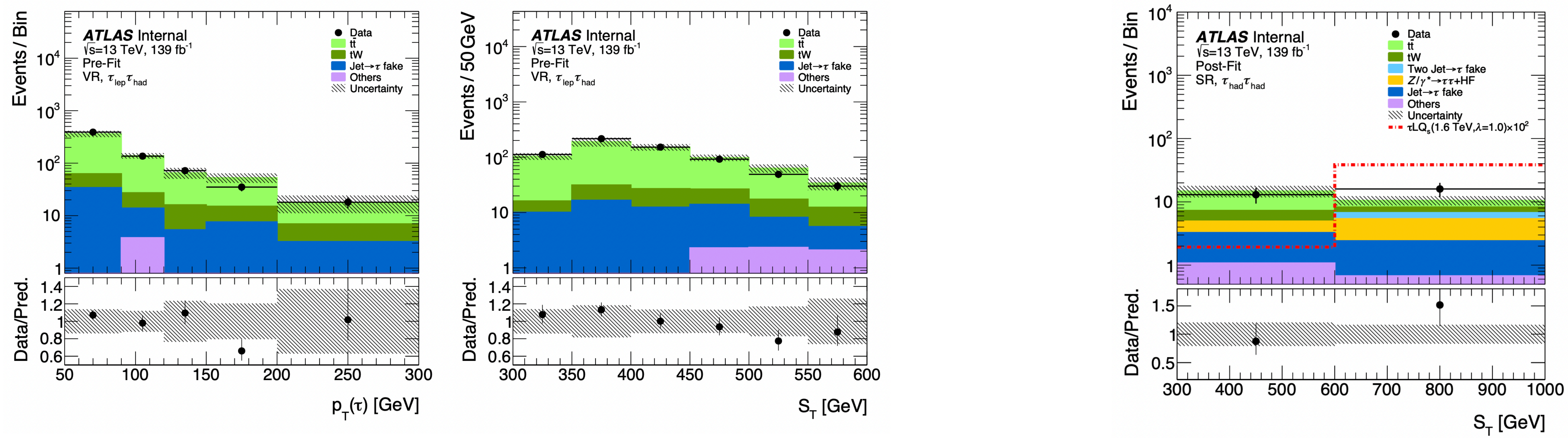
(a)



(b)







Source	/	$m_{LQ}$	$\lambda = 1.0$		$\lambda = 1.7$		$\lambda = 2.5$	
			0.9 TeV	1.6 TeV	0.9 TeV	1.6 TeV	0.9 TeV	1.6 TeV
Top background modeling			0.11	0.05	0.12	0.08	0.13	0.12
Tau reconstruction/identification			0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06
Tau energy scale			0.05	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05
Flavor tagging			0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03
Signal acceptance			0.01	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.04
Others			0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04
Total			0.16	0.11	0.17	0.15	0.22	0.21



