

The Beauty and the Boost: A Higgs boson tale

Measuring boosted VH , $H \rightarrow bb$ with ATLAS

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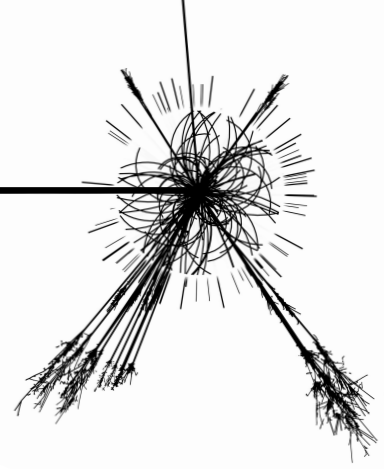
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The Standard Model of particle physics (SM)



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow \text{Gauge terms}$$

$$+ i\bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi \longrightarrow \text{Fermion kinematics and interactions with bosons}$$

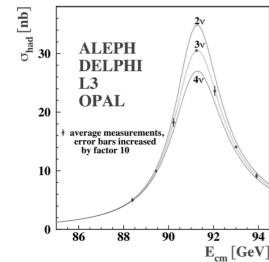
$$+ |D_\mu \phi|^2 - \mu^2 (\phi^\dagger \phi) - \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 \longrightarrow \text{B.E.H. mechanism}$$

$$+ y_{ij} \psi_i \phi \psi_j + \text{h.c.} \longrightarrow \text{Yukawa terms}$$

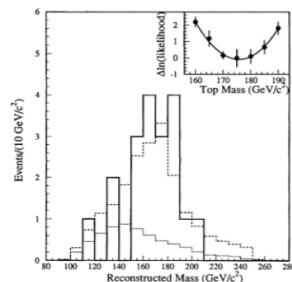
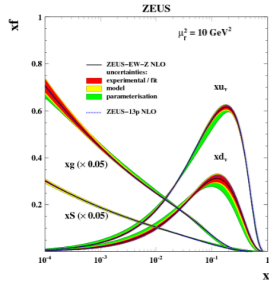
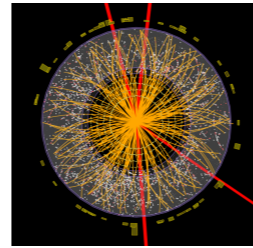
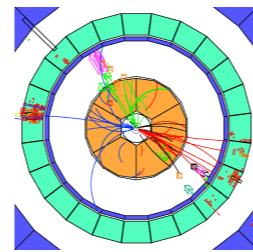
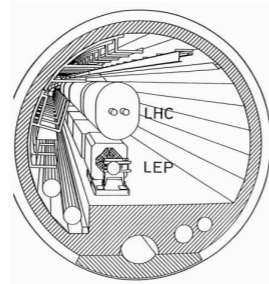


2012
Higgs interactions

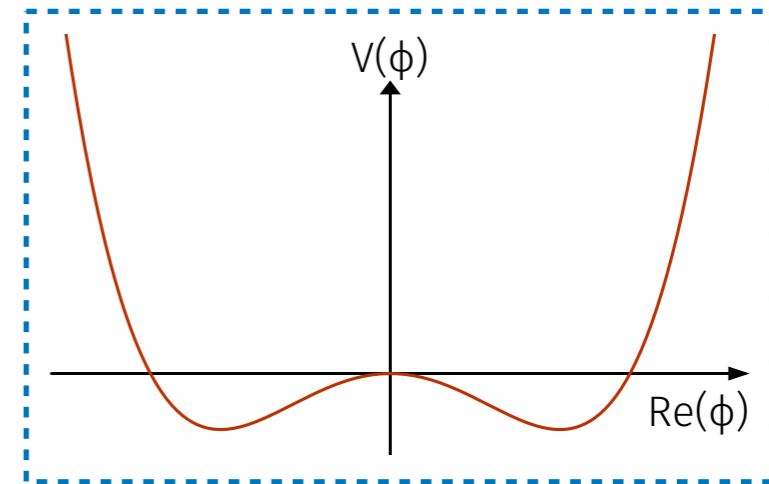
A long story of discoveries...



... precision measurements ...



... and more discoveries

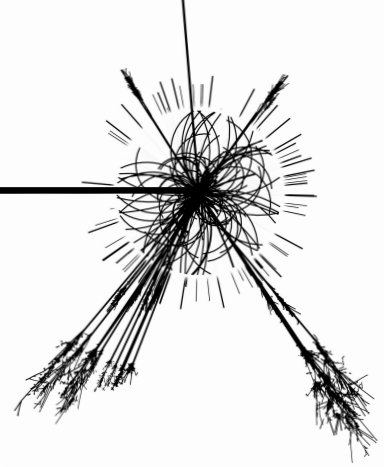


$m_H = 125.38 \text{ GeV}$
 $[\pm 0.14 \text{ GeV}]$

With the measurement of the Higgs mass,
the last free parameter of the SM has been measured!



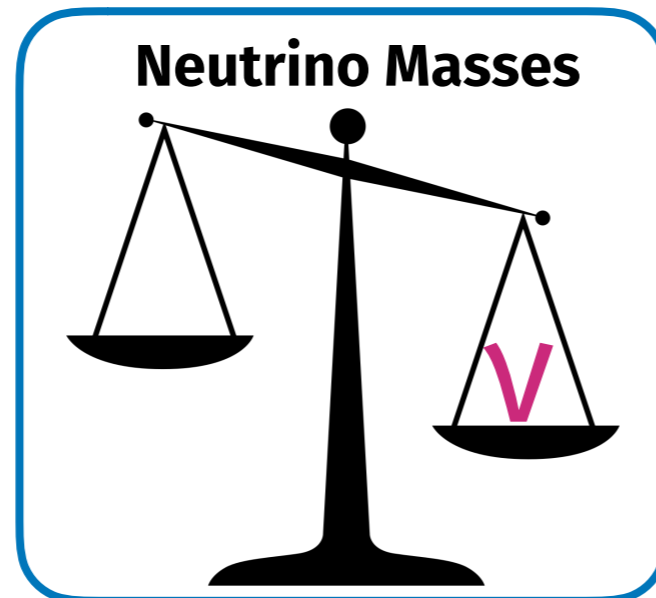
The need for physics beyond the SM



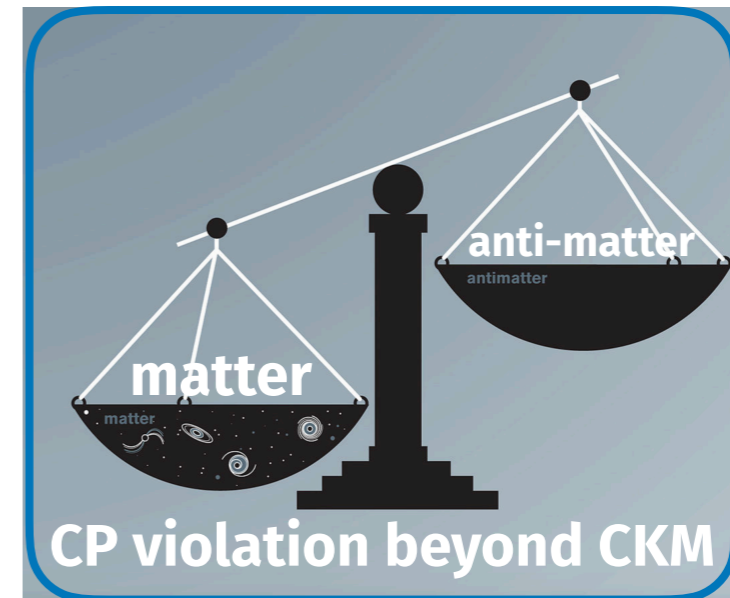
- ▶ Several experimental observations imply physics beyond what the SM can explain



- ▶ Galactic rotation curves
- ▶ Grav. lensing
- ▶ Bullet cluster
- ▶ Hot gas clusters



- ▶ Neutrino oscillations



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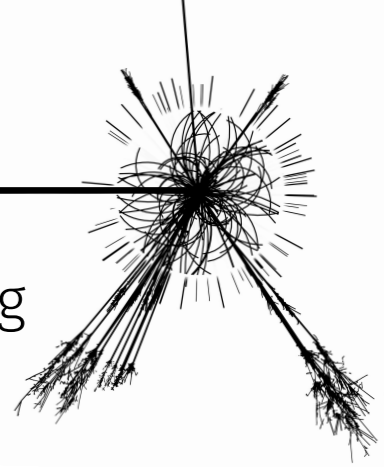
- ▶ Additionally, there are theoretical considerations such as the quantization of gravity, the hierarchy of mass scales, ...

Yet, in controlled collider environments things seem to point at the SM only*

* not interpreting tensions below the observation threshold as new physics

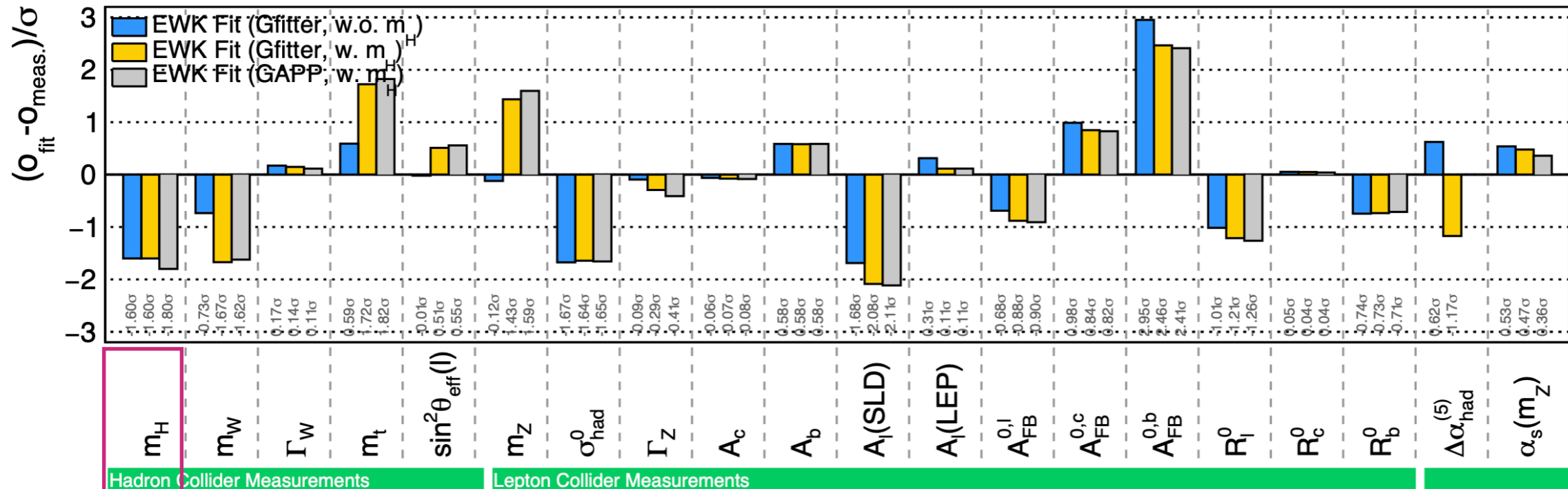


Where to look for new physics (at colliders)?



- ▶ Testing the self-consistency of the Standard Model yields some tensions but nothing above the statistical significant threshold

[arXiv:1902.05142]

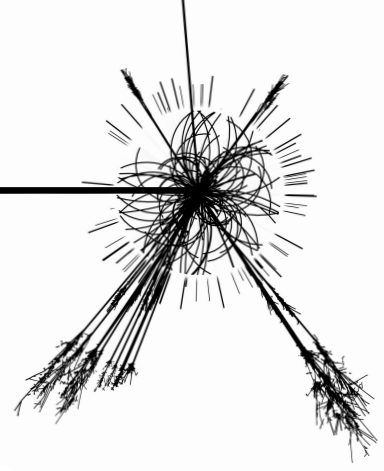


▶ Pragmatic approach:

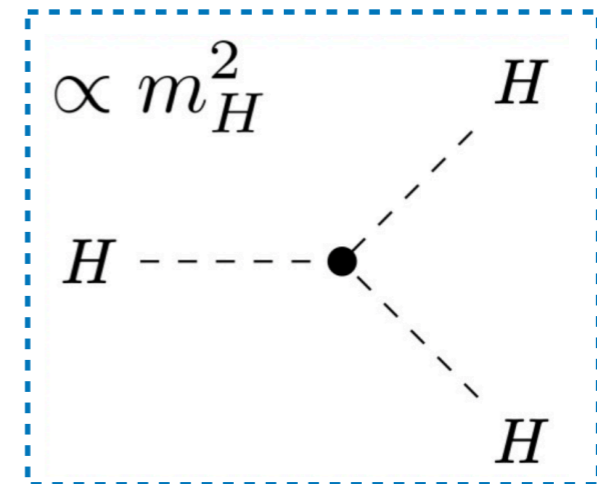
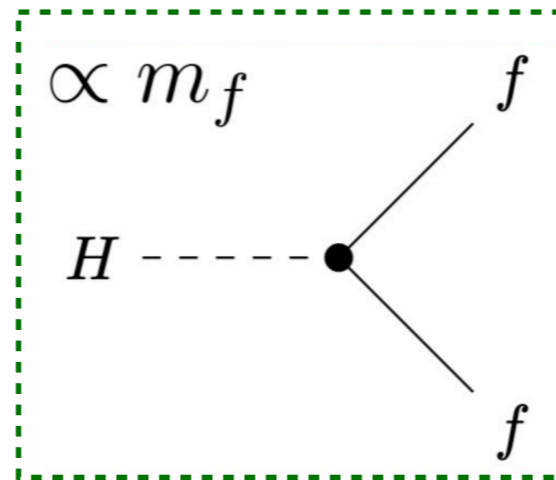
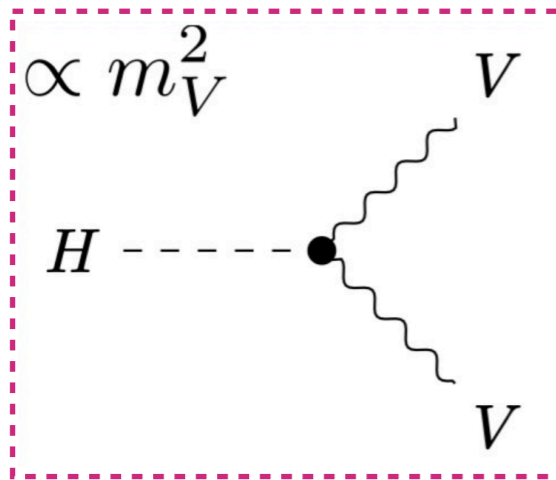
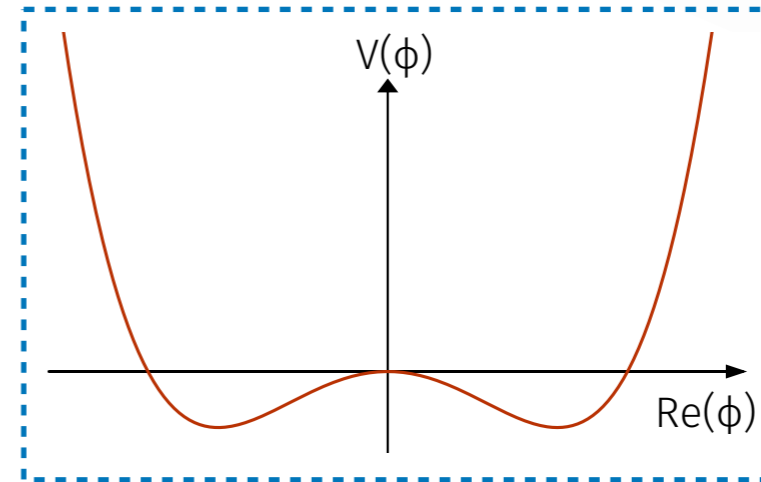
- ▶ This is the newest part of the SM, we have direct evidence of it since 2012
- ▶ What do we really know about it?
- ▶ Is there room for BSM physics?



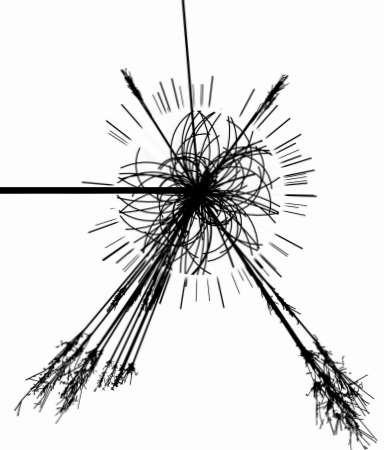
Deciphering the Higgs sector



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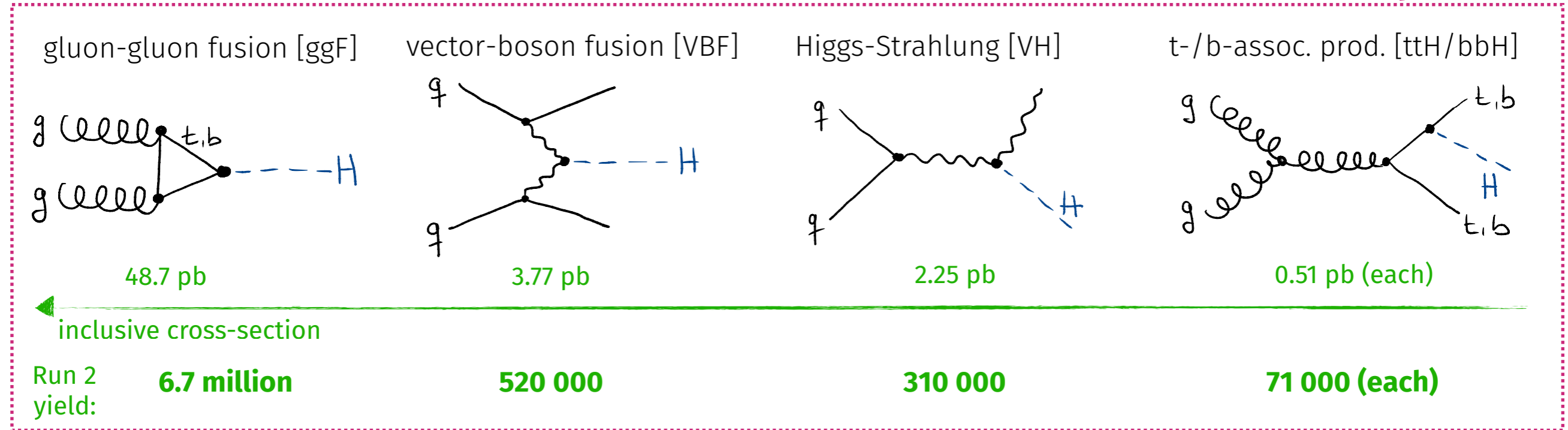
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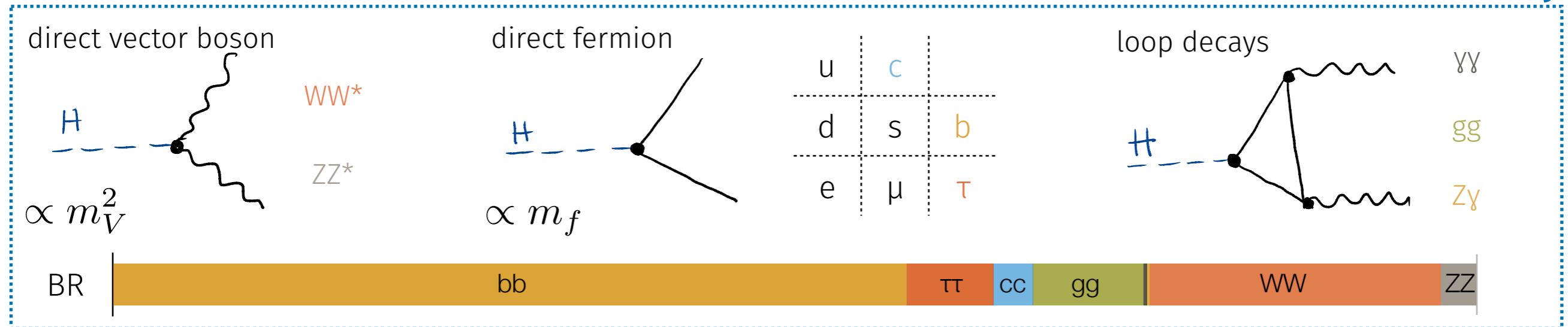
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production

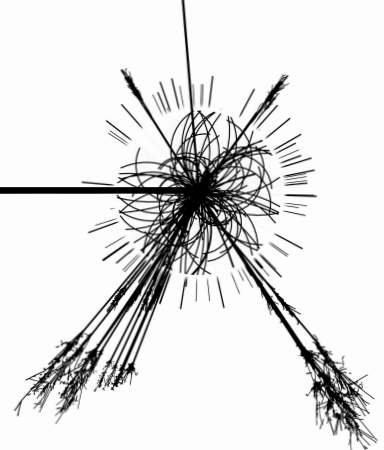


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decay

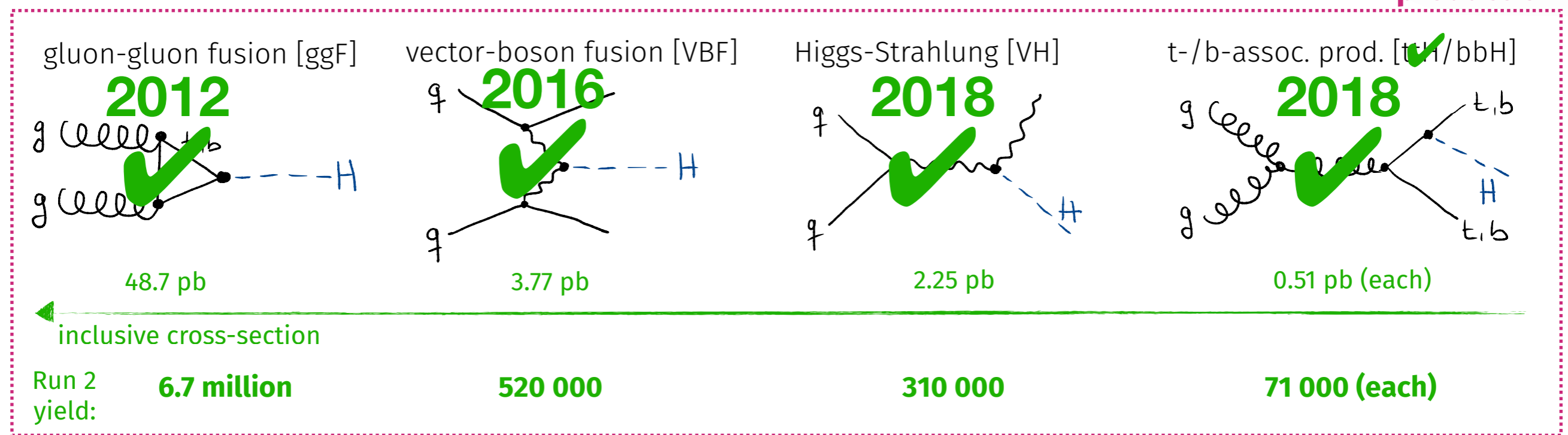


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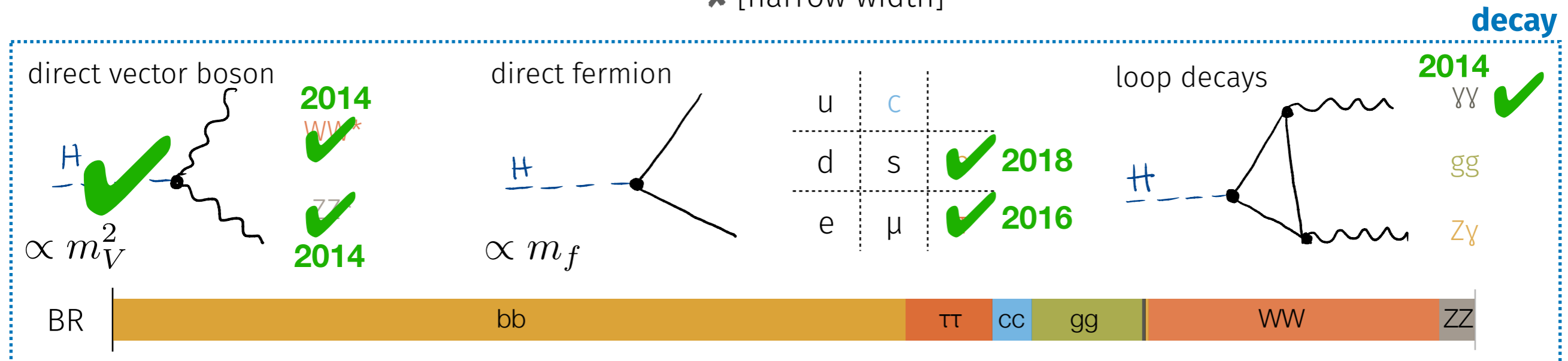


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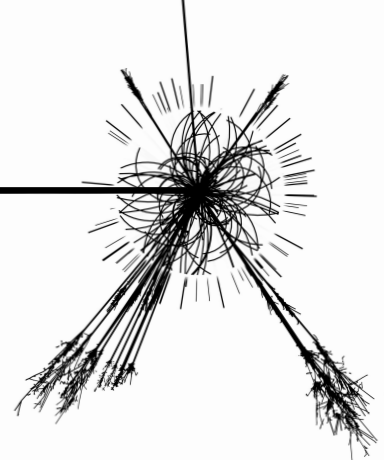
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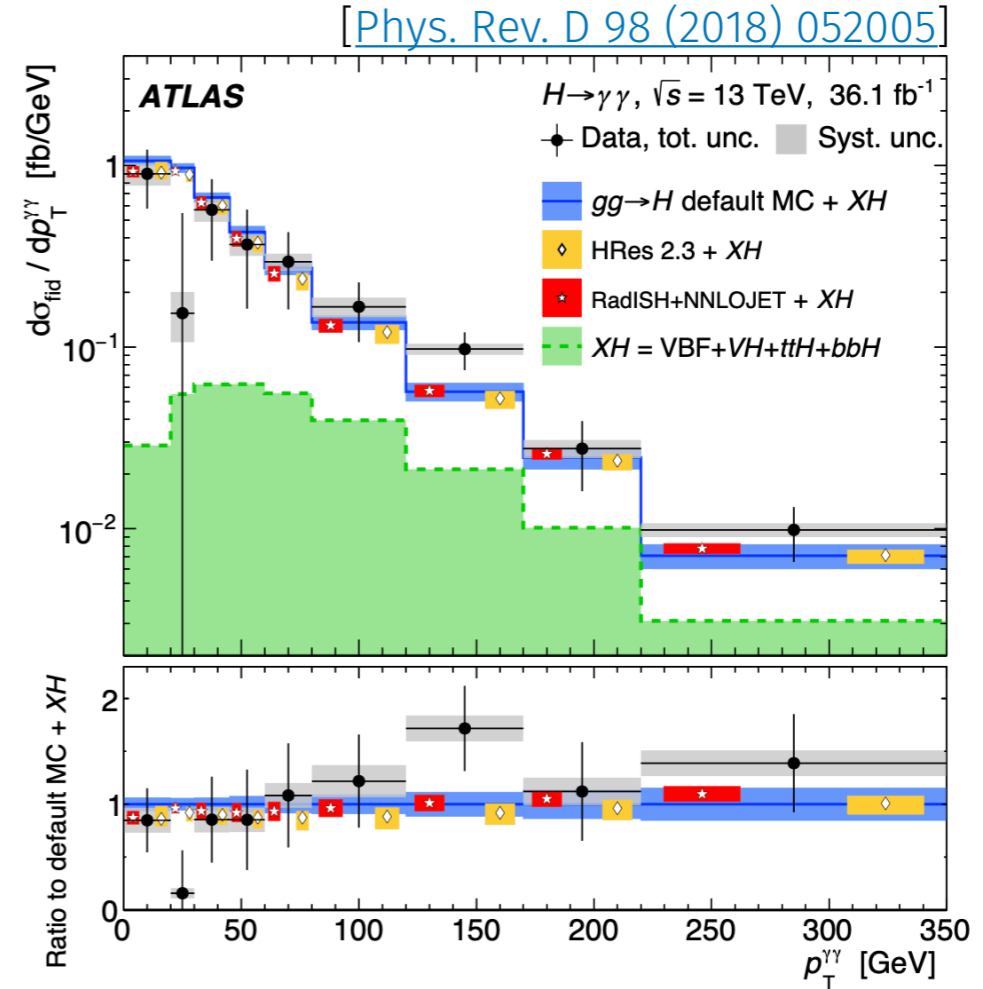
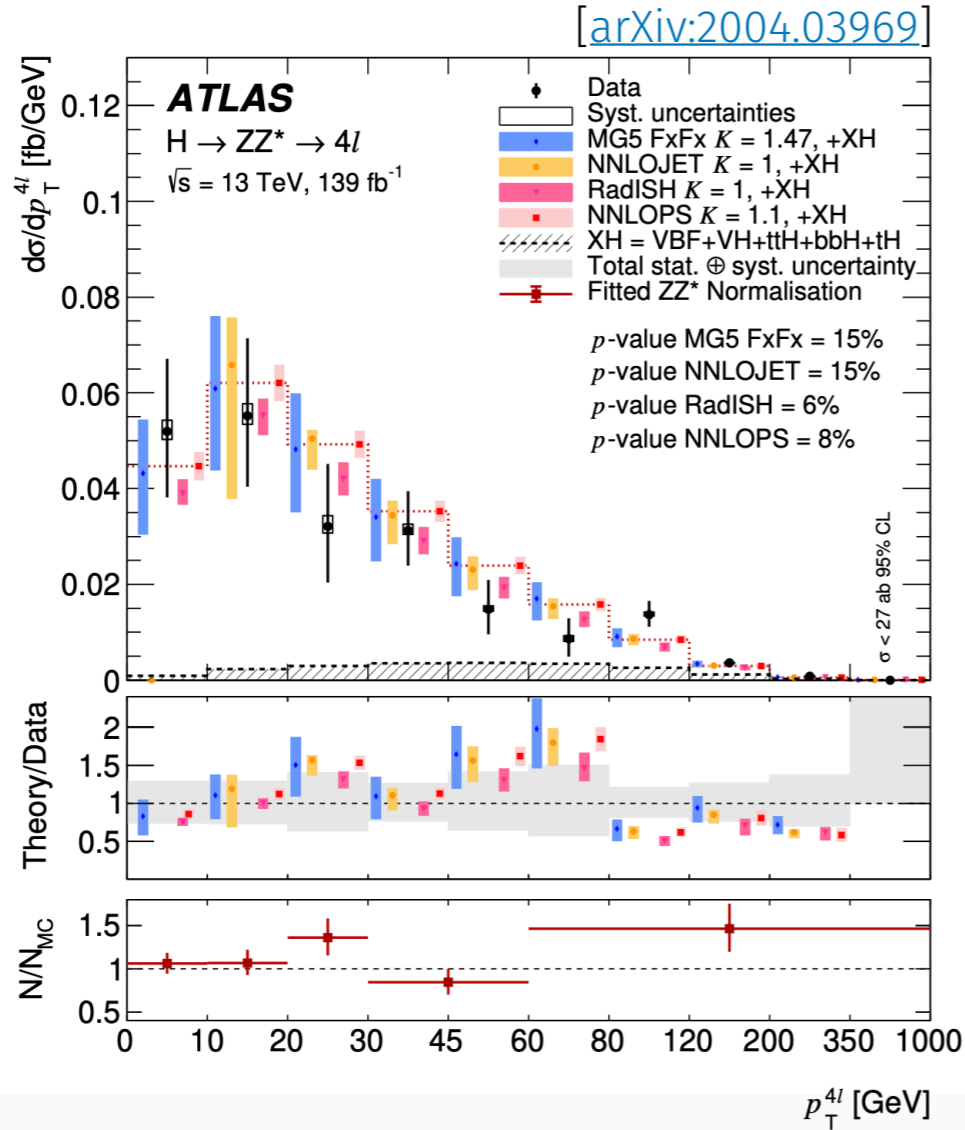
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What do we know beyond signal strengths?



► Slowly going beyond inclusive quantities ...

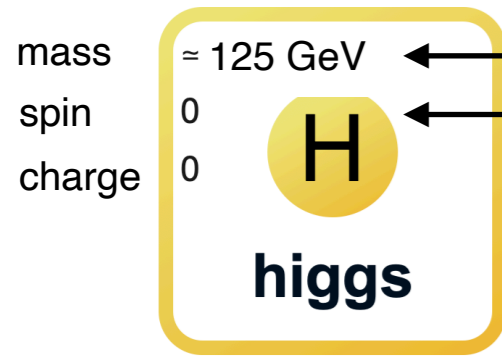
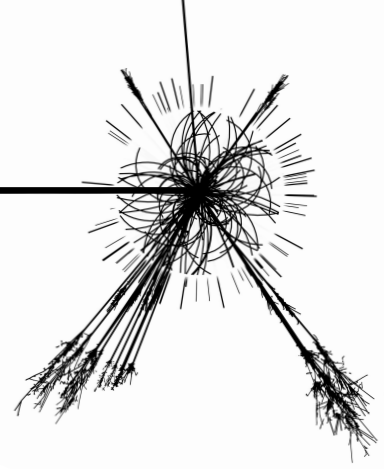


„Higgs boson“ transverse momentum

... but quite limited in energy reach with the golden channels



Puzzles in the Higgs sector



The (bare) Higgs mass is sensitive to higher mass scales

The Higgs boson is the only fundamental scalar particle

+ $|D_\mu \phi|^2$ Are the structure/values of the couplings with the vector bosons as predicted by the SM? \longrightarrow Within $\sim 10\%$ precision, yes

+ $y_{ij} \psi_i \phi \psi_j + \text{h.c.}$ Are the structure/values of the couplings with the fermions as predicted by the SM? \longrightarrow Within $\sim 20\%$ precision, yes for b and t

Does the Higgs boson also couple to second/first generation fermions?

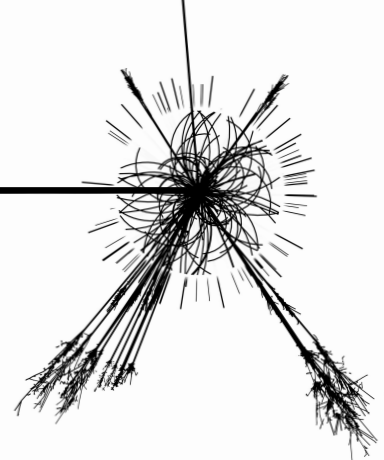
– $\mu^2 (\phi^\dagger \phi) - \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$ Is there a deeper reason for the shape of the Higgs potential?
 What is the exact shape?
 How stable is the electroweak vacuum?

Is there only one Higgs boson?

+ ...



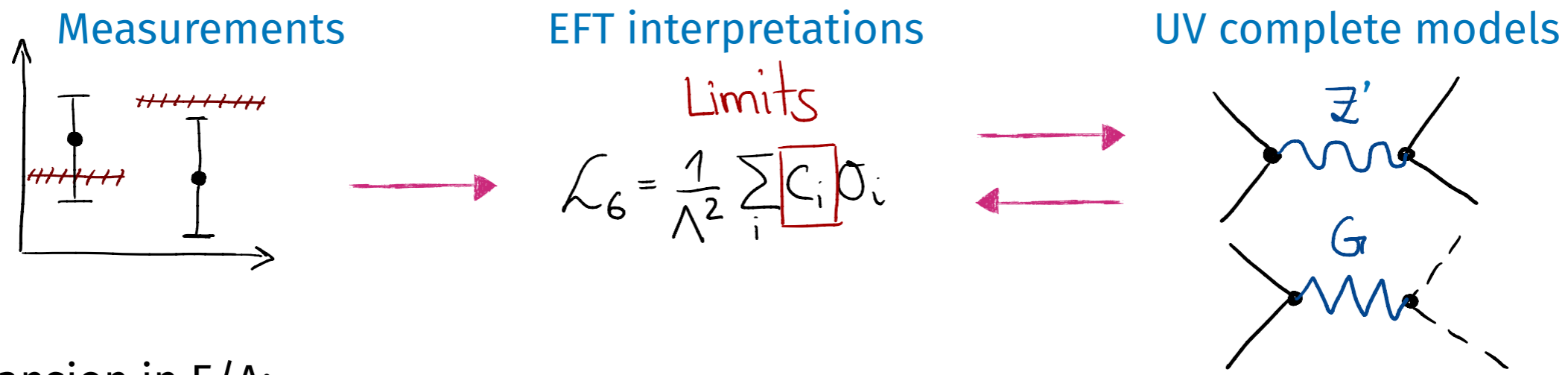
Generalized BSM searches with EFTs



► **Two fundamental assumptions:**

- Scale of new physics Λ enters is **nearly decoupled** w.r.t. what we probe a.t.m.
- At our accessible scale **only** the light d.o.f. (**SM fields + symmetries**) contribute

→ Allows a **systematic classification of BSM effects** without knowledge of the actual UV model



Taylor expansion in E/Λ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \mathcal{L}_5 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{L}_6 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \mathcal{L}_7 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{L}_8 + \dots$$

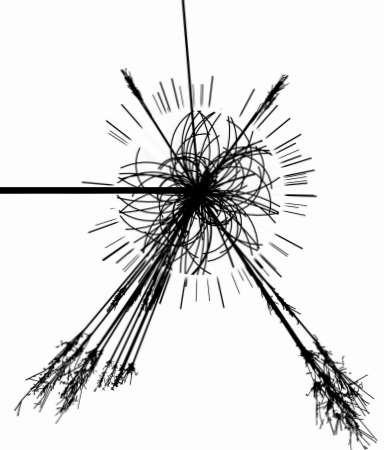
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| # operators: | 12 | 2499 | 948 | 36971 | [$N_f = 3$] |
| | (2) | (79) | (22) | (895) | [$N_f = 1$] |



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The case for higher energy reach

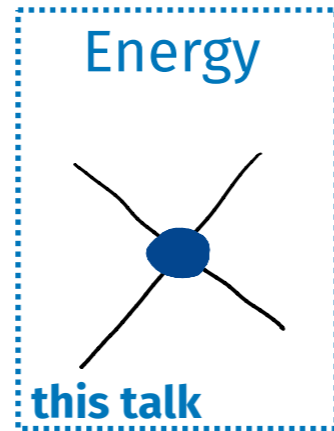
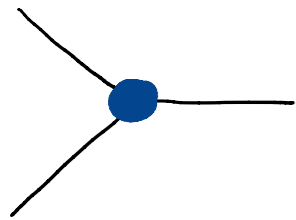


► Using the general SMEFT approach to look for BSM, two ingredients play a key role:

Precision

vs.

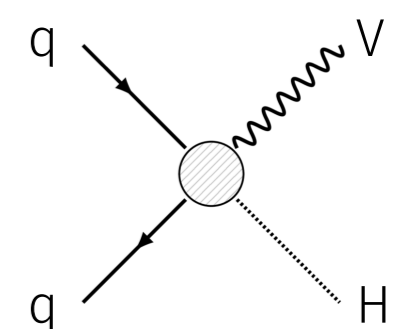
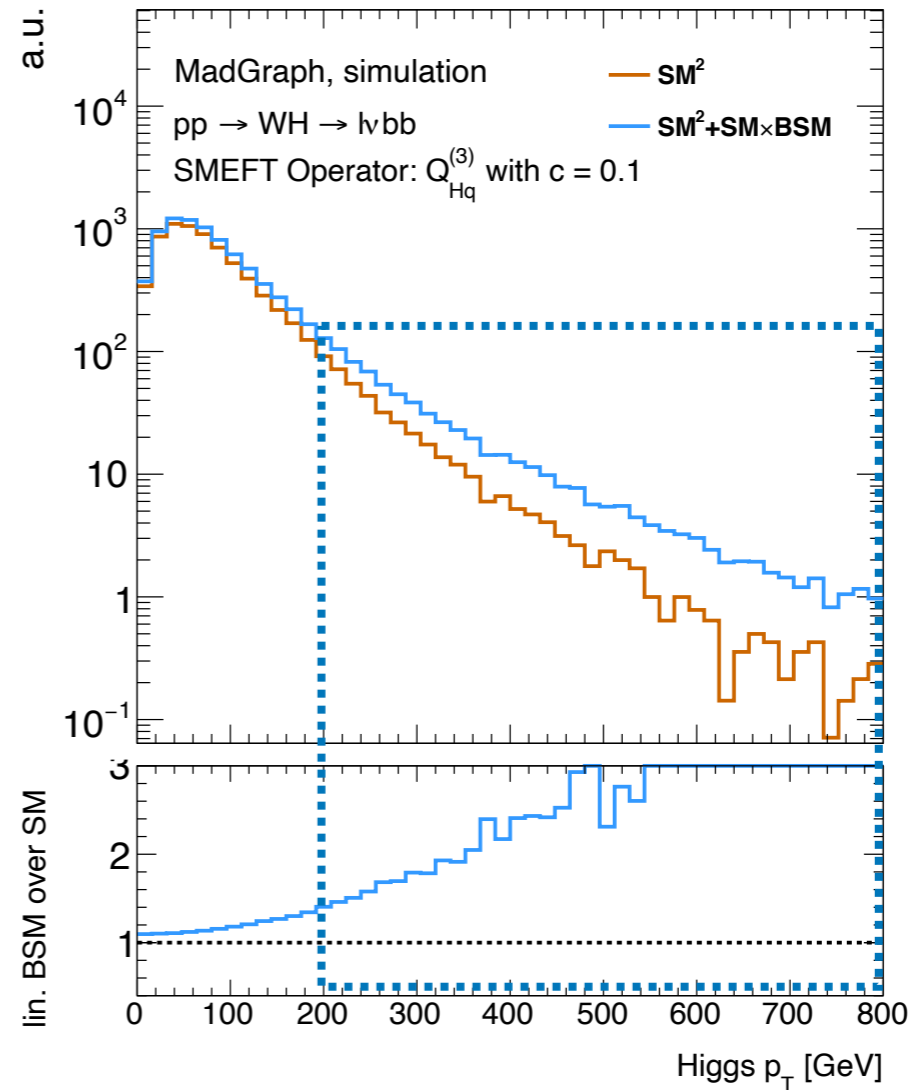
Energy



tight constraints in the electroweak sector from LEP

Consider a E^2 dependent deviation from SM

$$0.3\% \text{ @ } 100 \text{ GeV} \sim 30\% \text{ @ } 1 \text{ TeV}$$

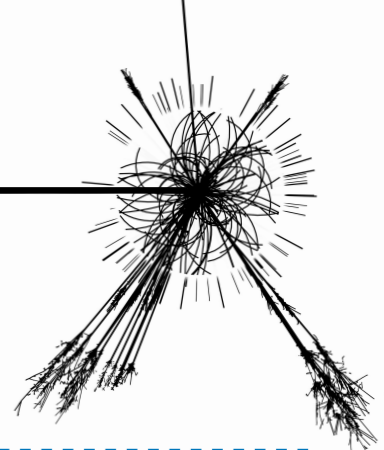


We can use the energy growth of BSM to probe regimes comparable to the ones accessible with precision machines

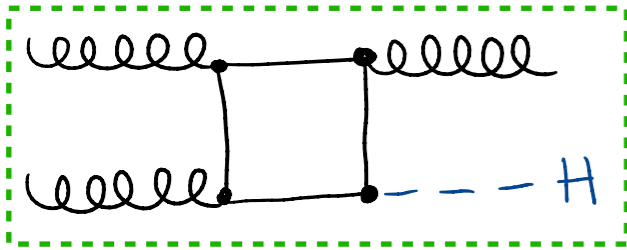
This talk: Focus on the Higgs sector, the least known part of the SM with a lot of puzzling (yet-to-be understood) features



How to reach high momentum Higgs bosons?



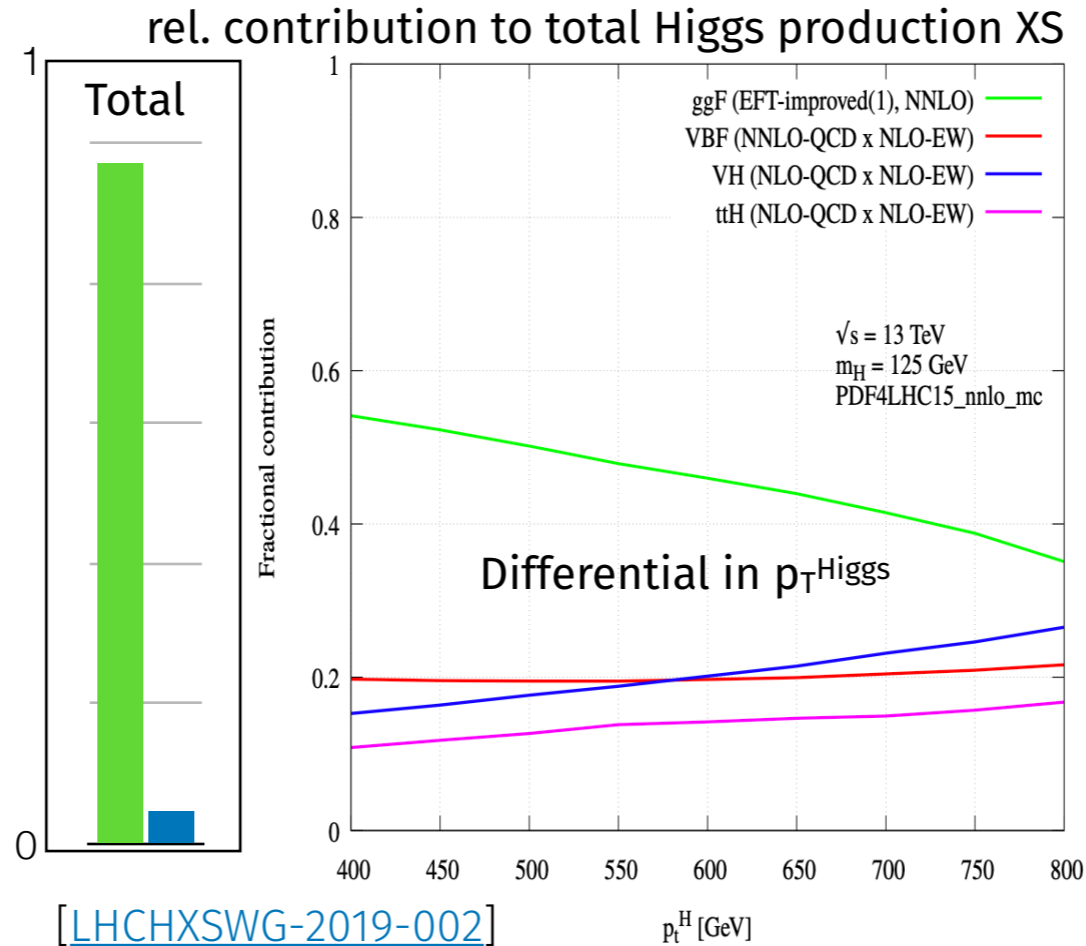
- ▶ Focus on $H \rightarrow bb$ decay as it has the largest BR of $\sim 58\%$
- ▶ Which production channel?



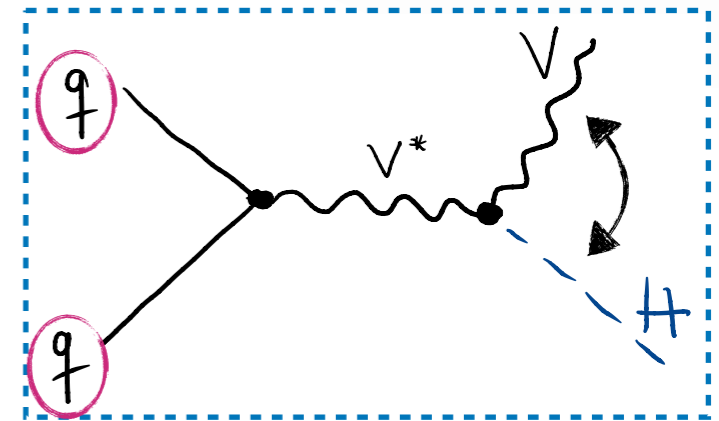
Gluon-Gluon Fusion:

- ▶ Huge cross-section
- ▶ Huge multi-jet background
- ▶ Triggering on high p_T jets possible
- ▶ Interesting full Run-2 result by CMS with 2.5σ sensitivity + excess at high jet p_T

[[CMS-PAS-HIG-19-003](#)]



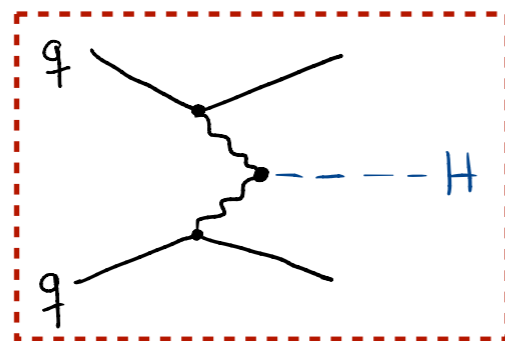
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Higgs Strahlung (VH):

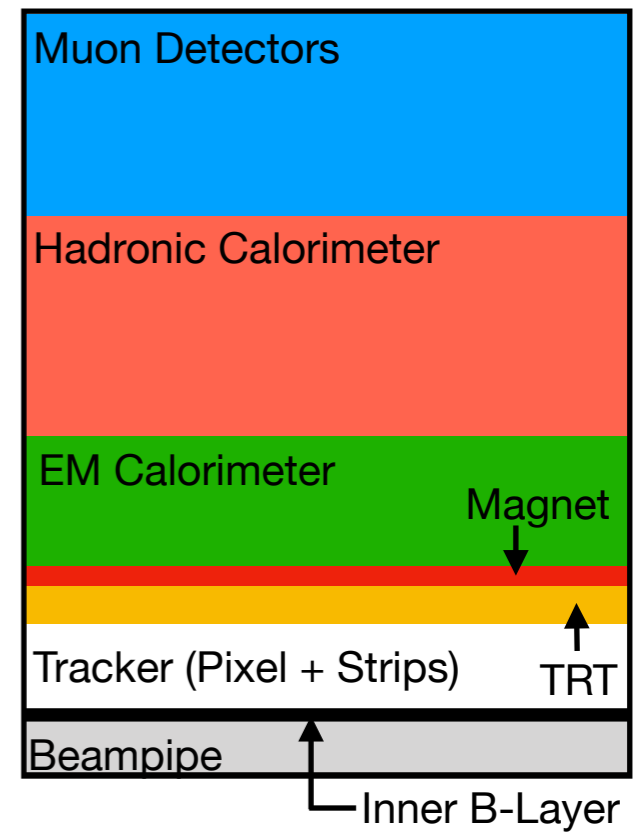
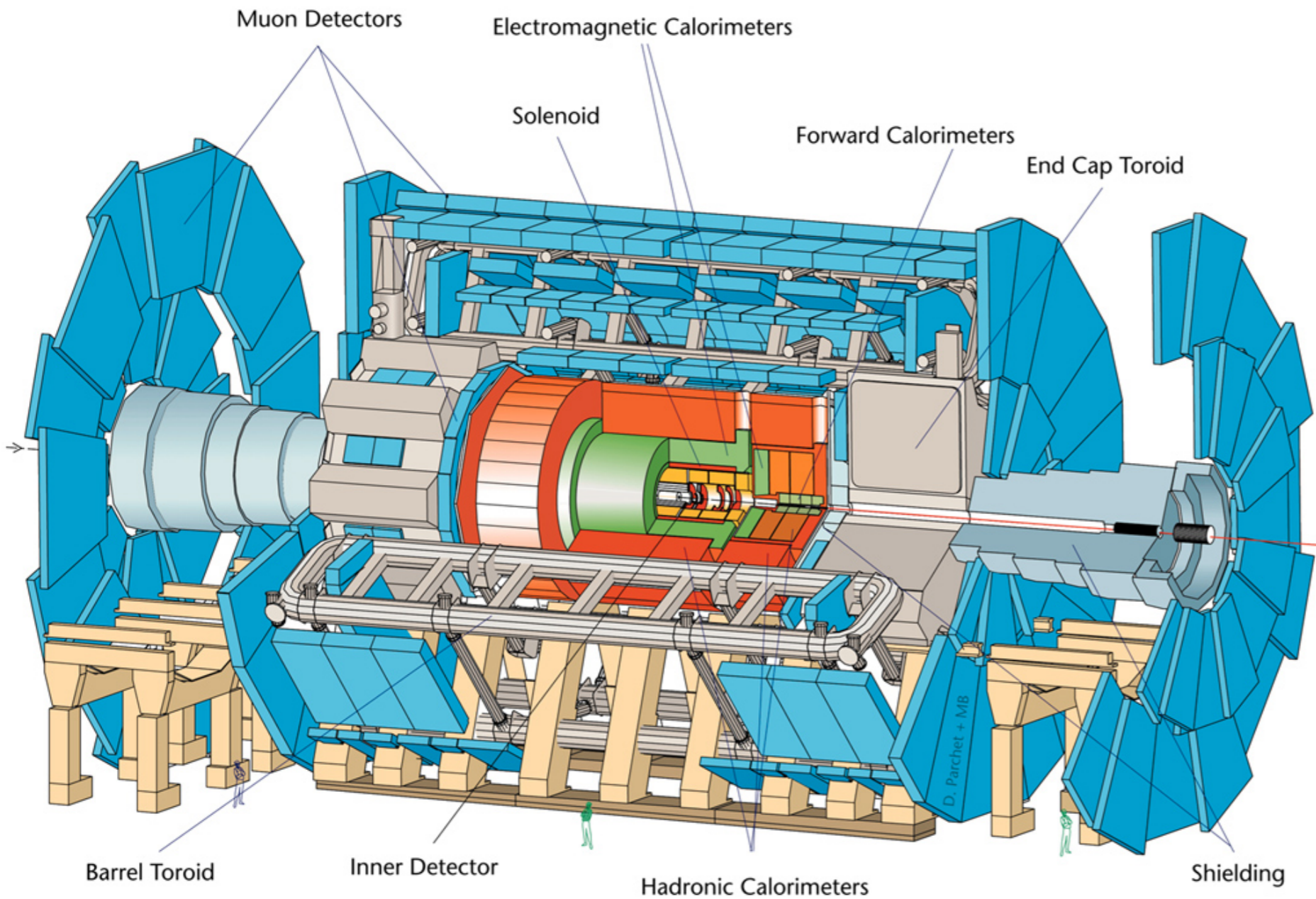
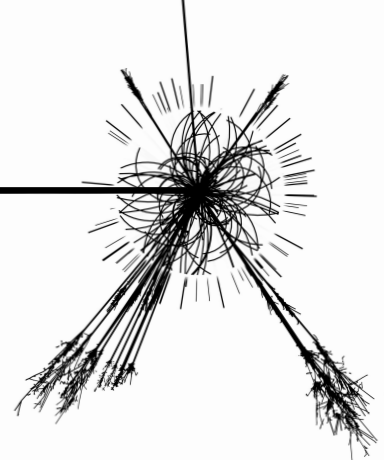
- ▶ Lower overall cross-section
- ▶ Exploit leptonic V decays to trigger and improve S/B
- ▶ The main Hbb search channel
- ▶ $p_T^H > 0$ at LO already, only limited by PDF suppression
- ▶ Harder p_T^H spectrum than Σ bkg

Vector Boson Fusion:

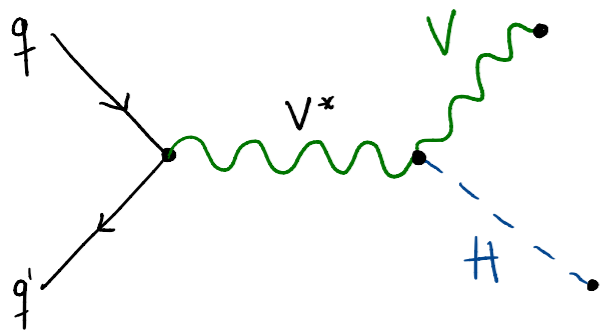


- ▶ Large cross-section
- ▶ Large multi-jet background
- ▶ Fully hadronic final state

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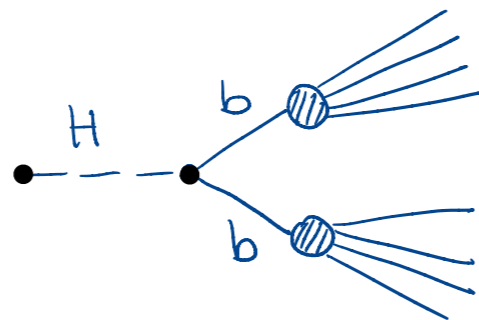


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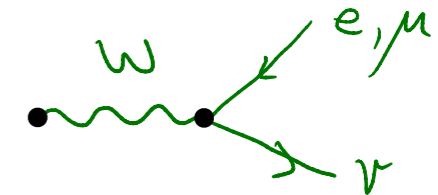
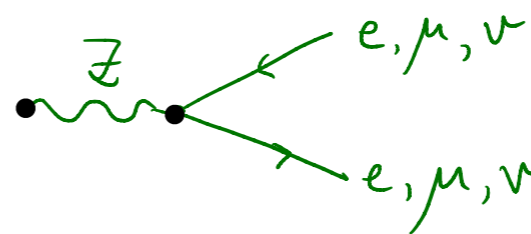
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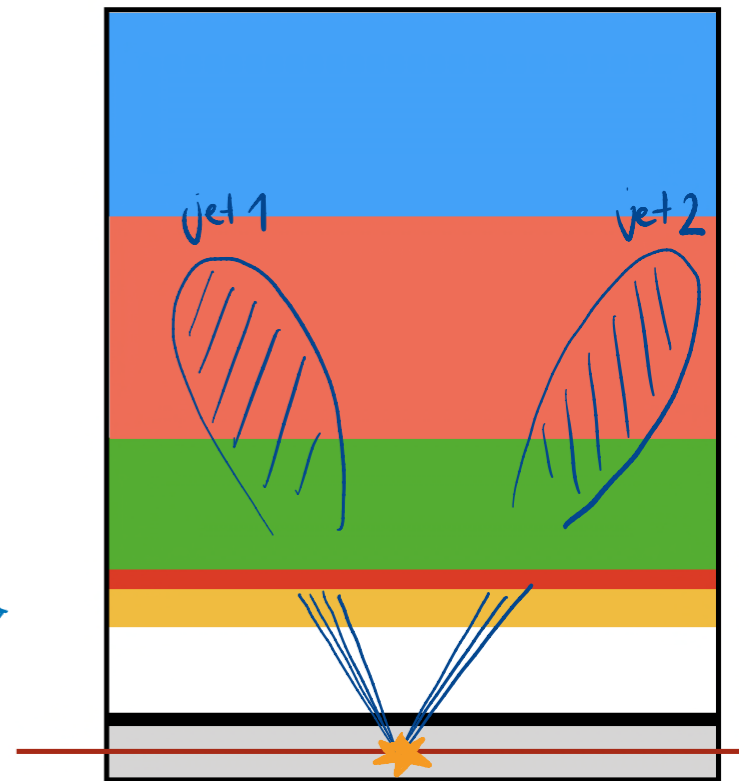
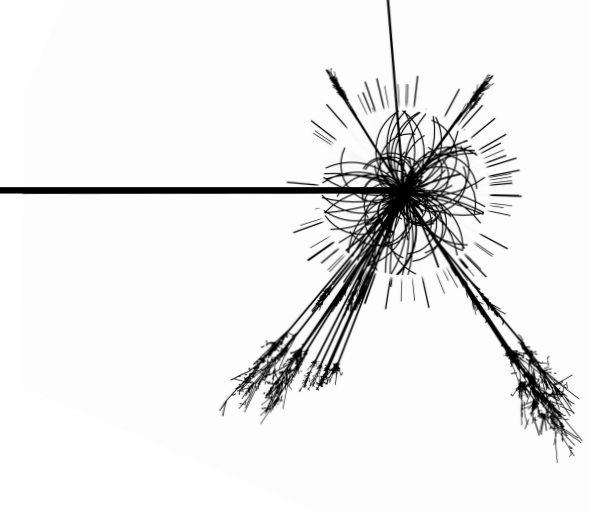
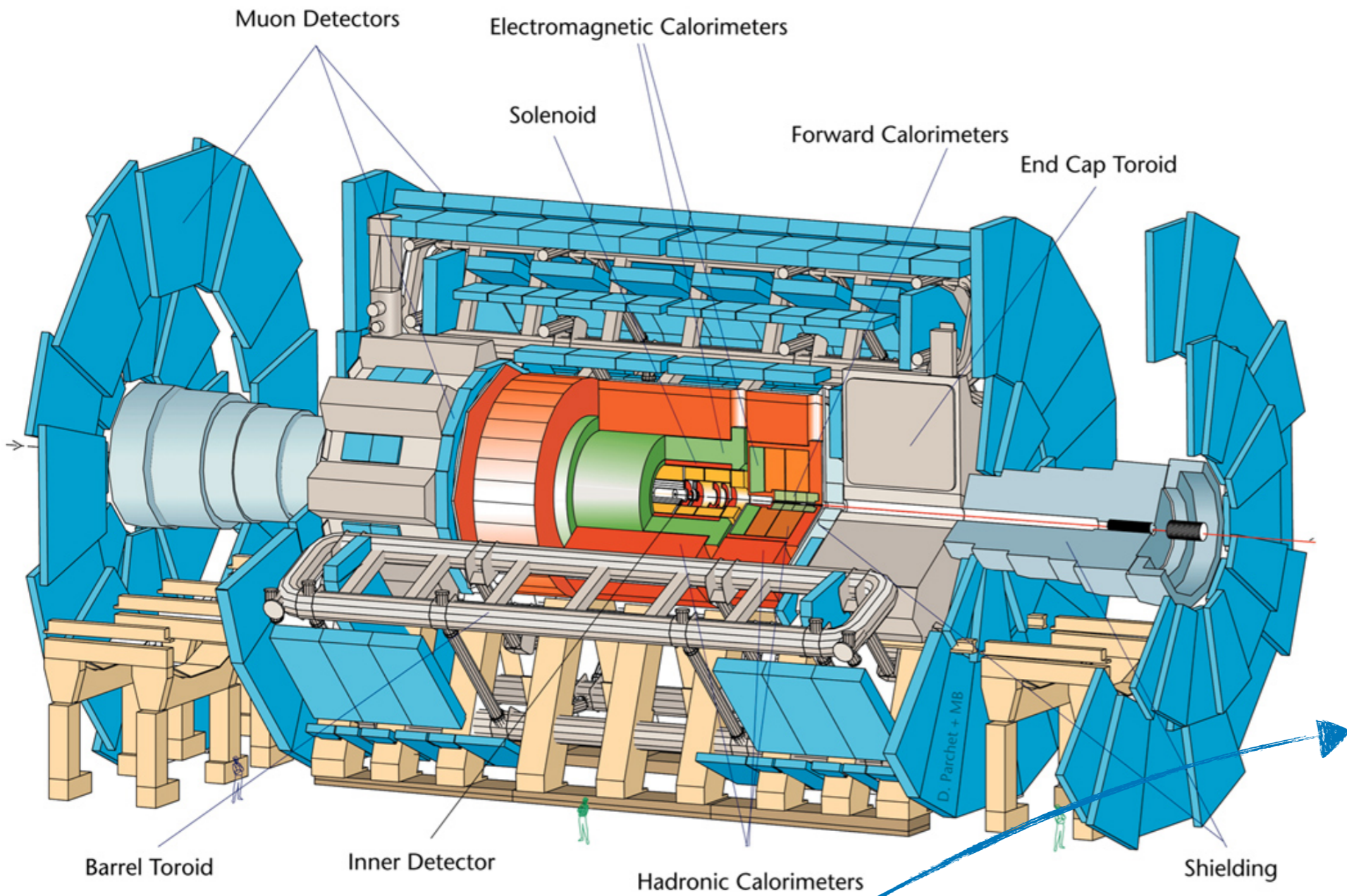
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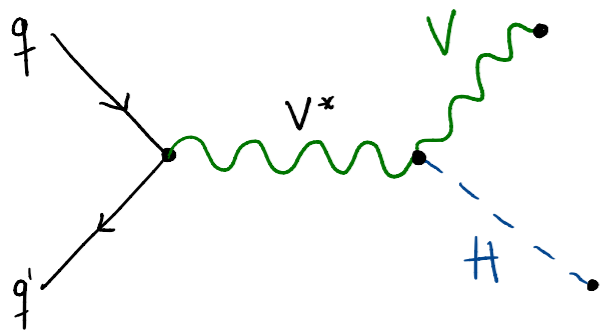
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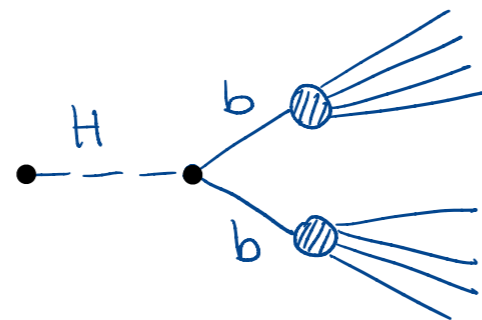


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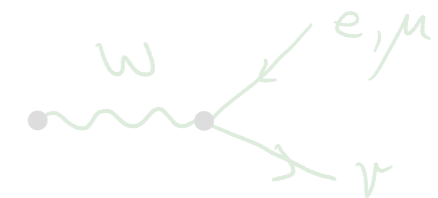
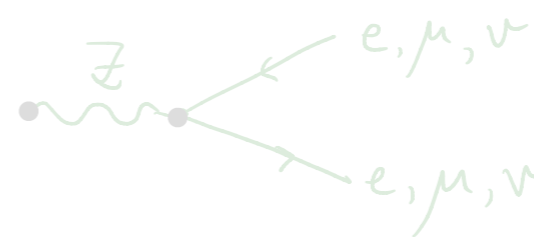
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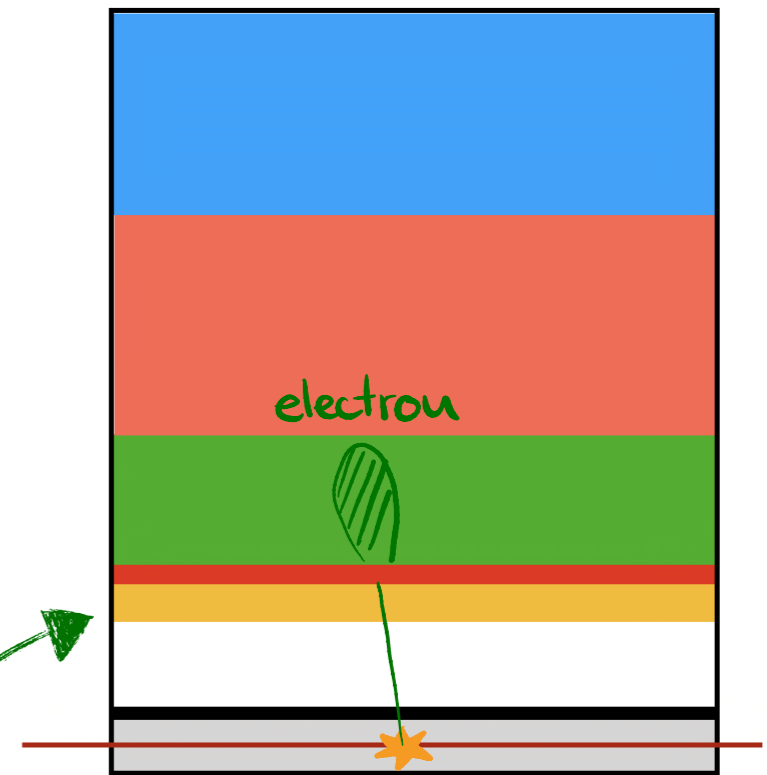
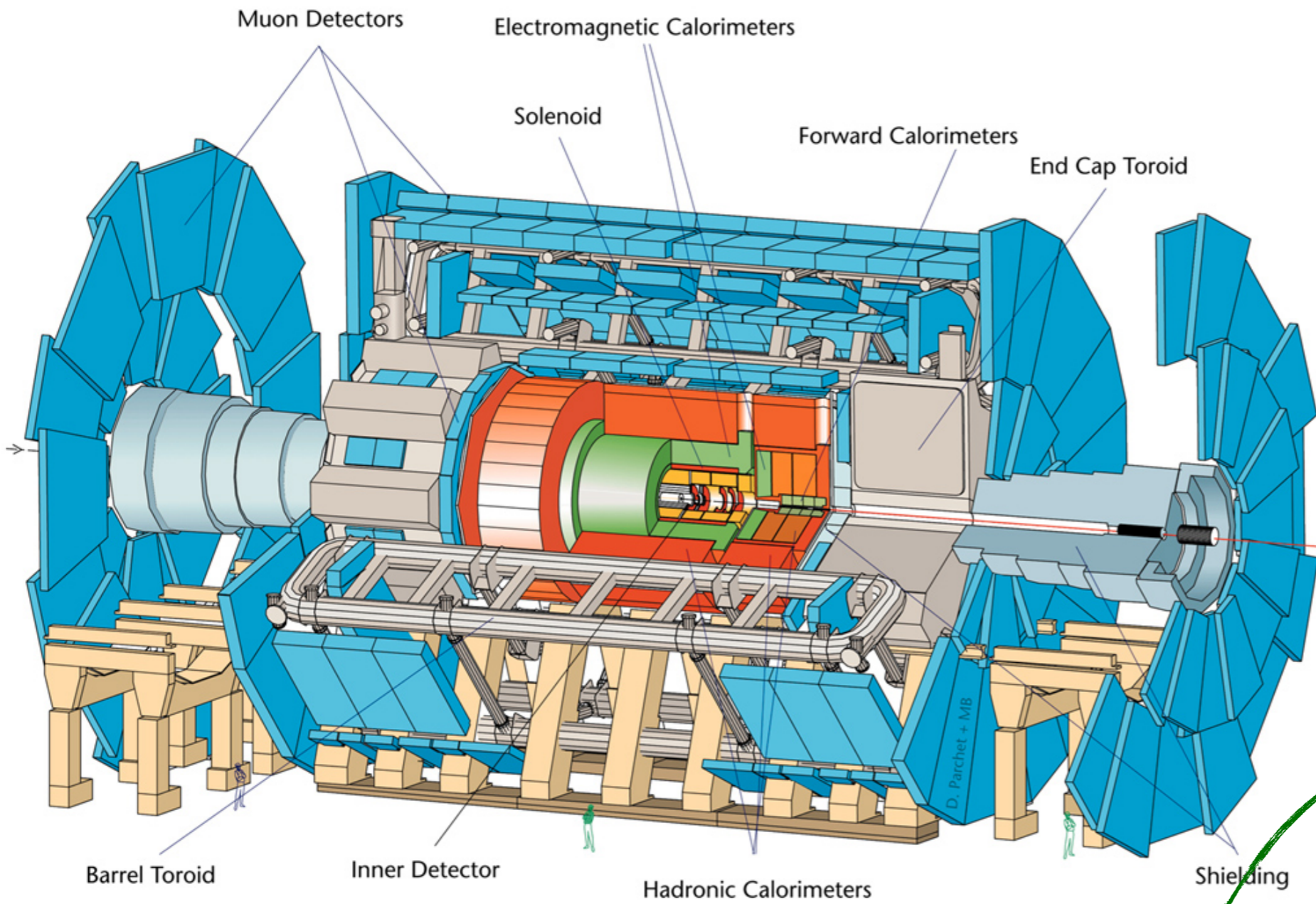
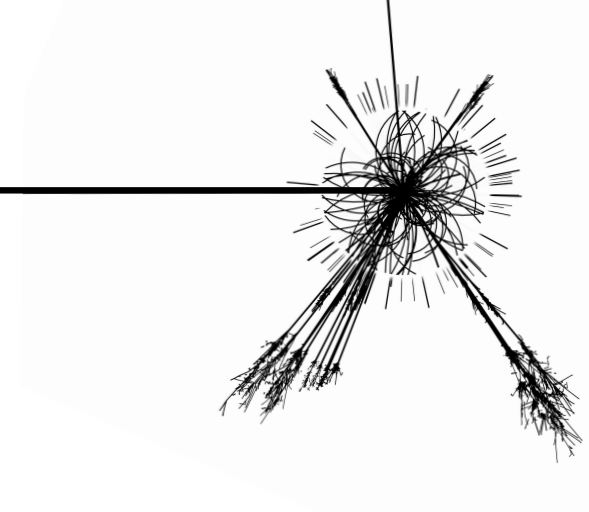
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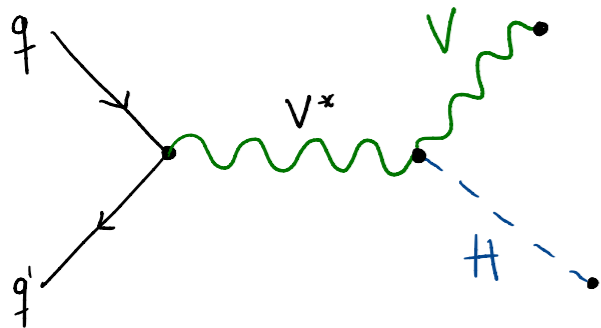
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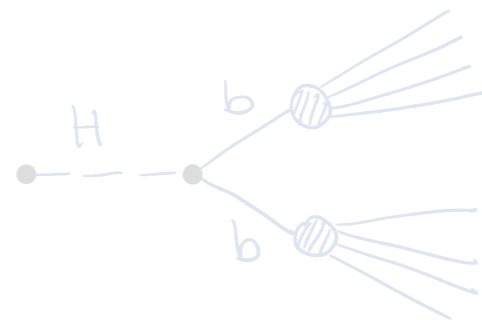


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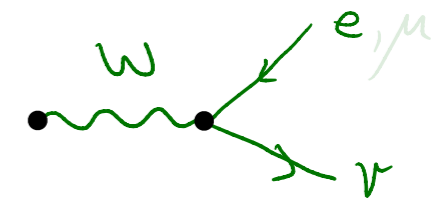
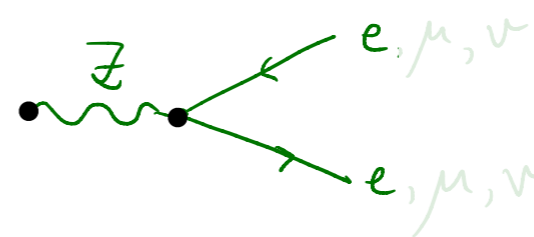
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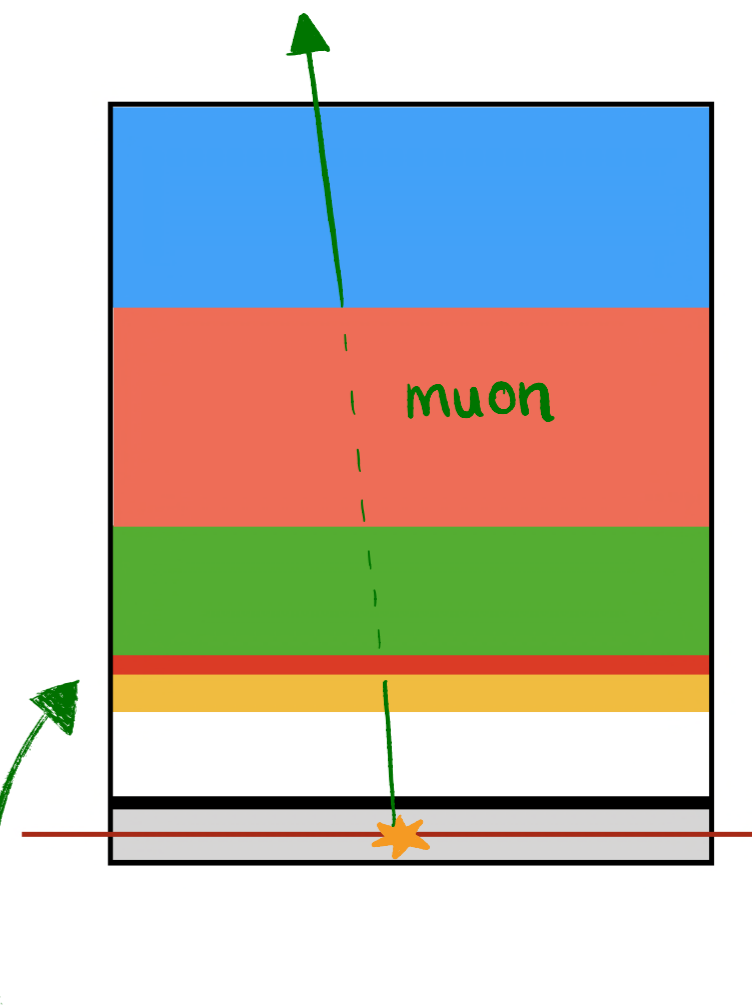
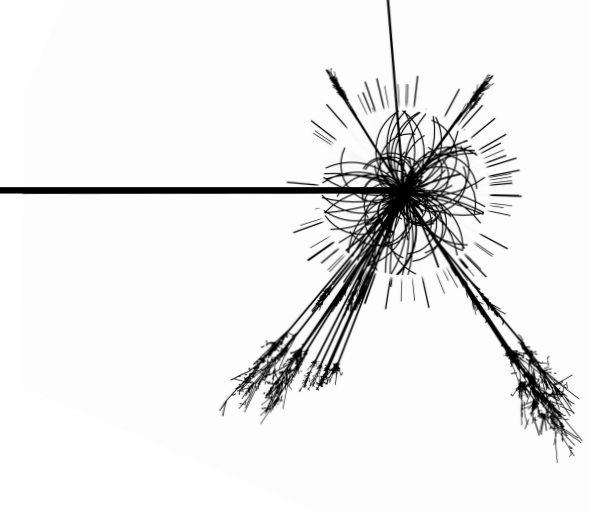
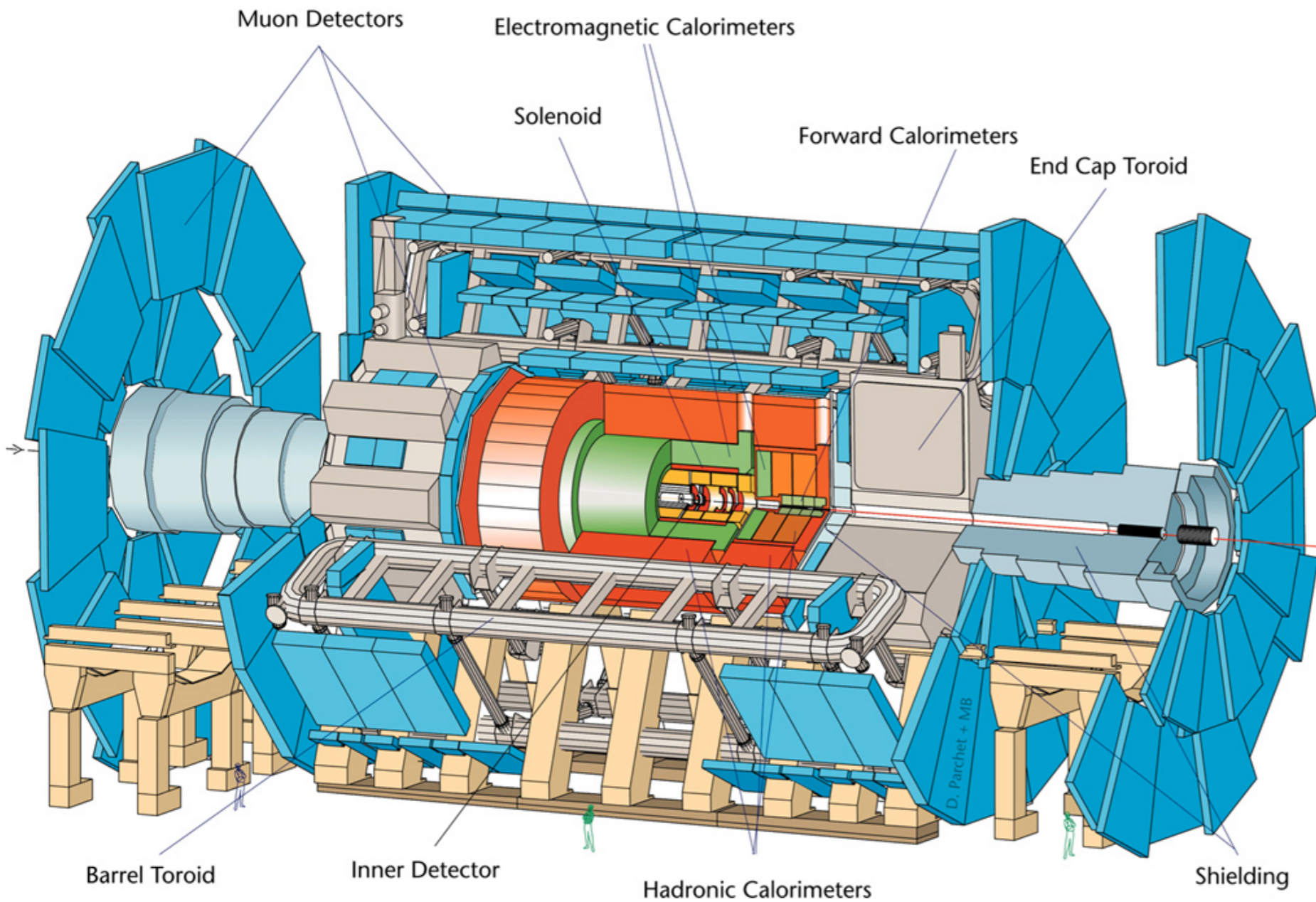
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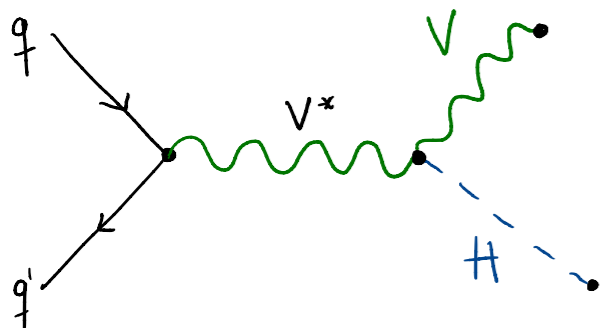
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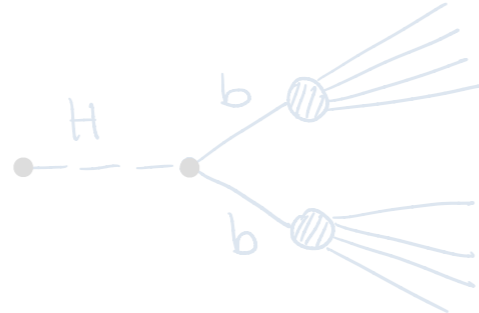


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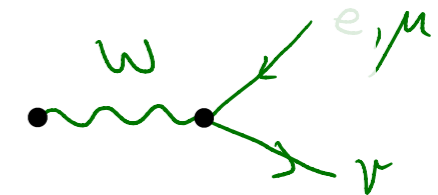
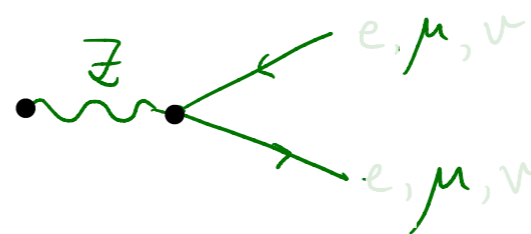
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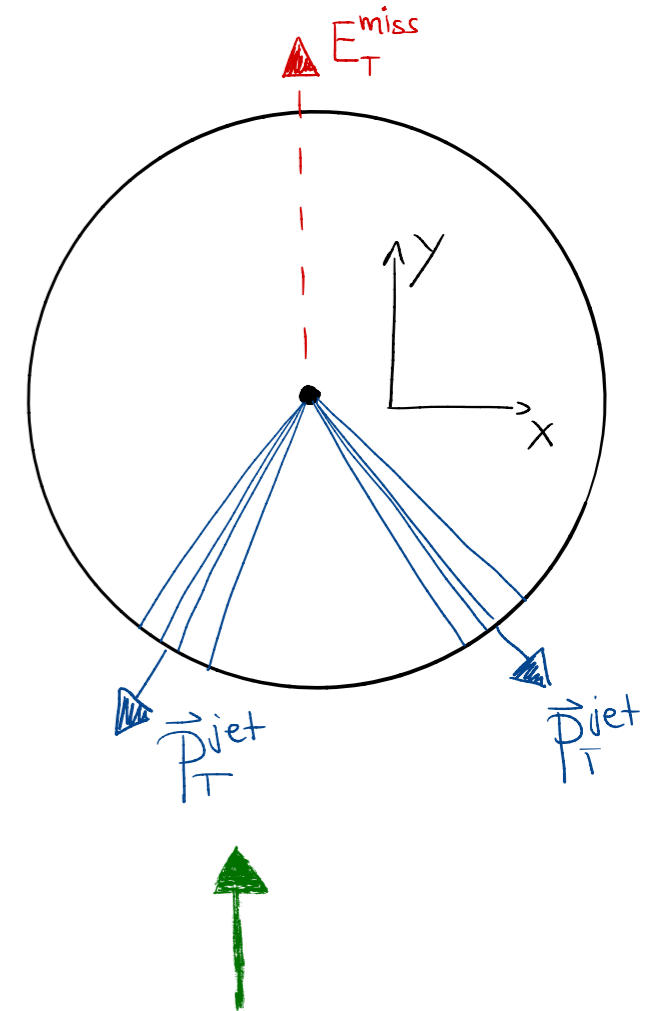
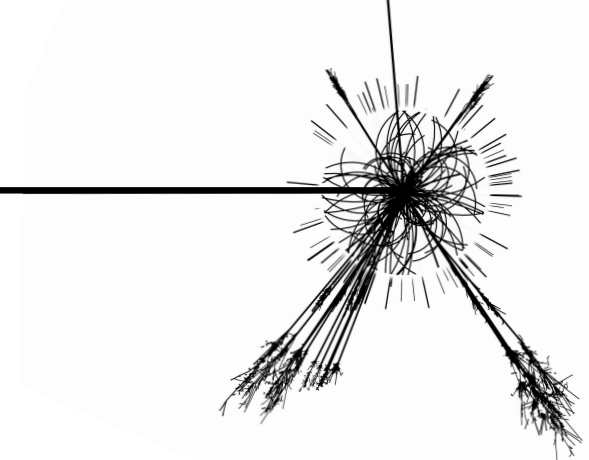
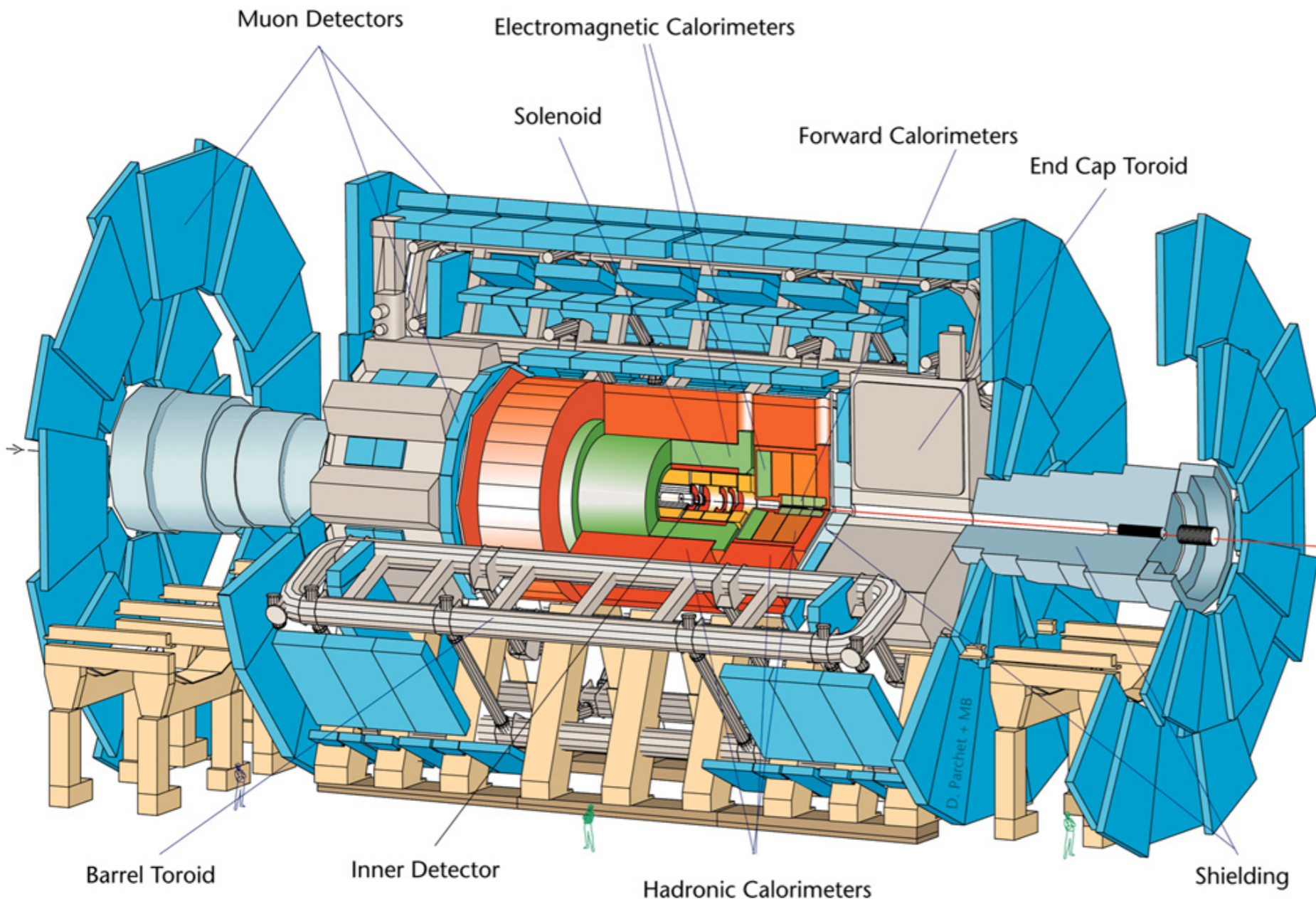
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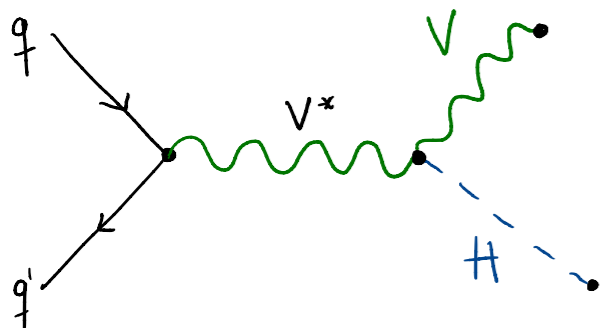
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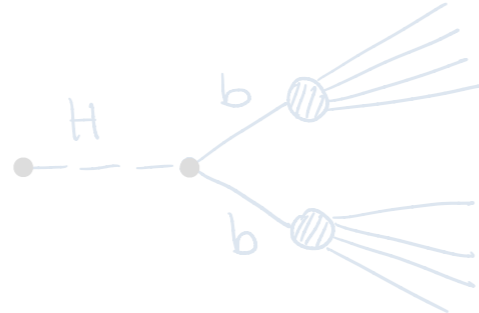


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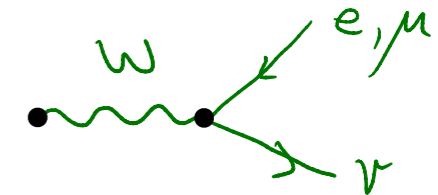
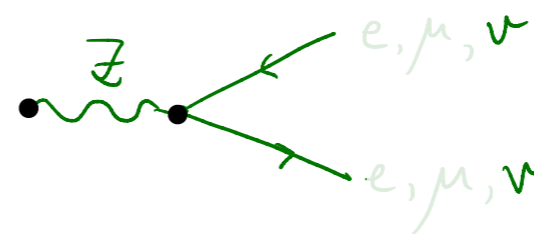
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jets



Boosted VH , $H \rightarrow bb$

electrons, muons, neutrinos



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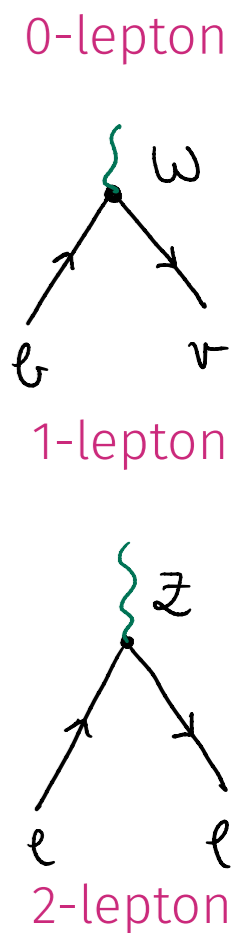
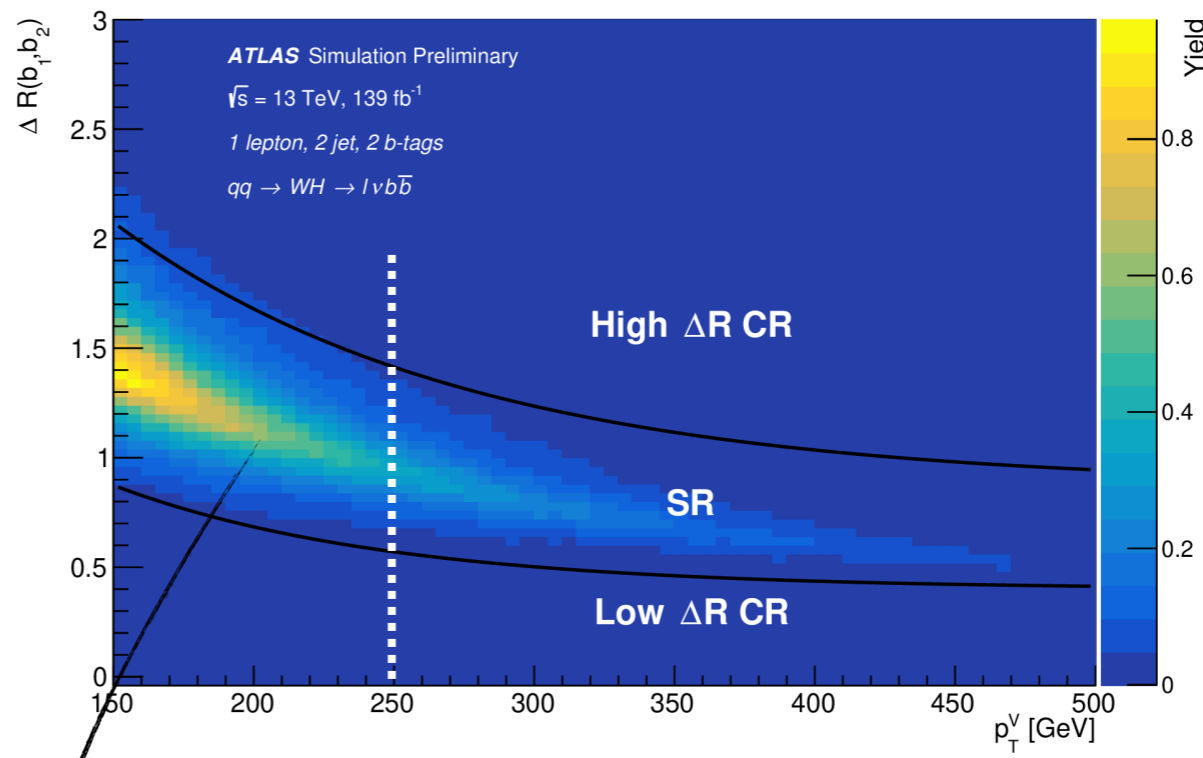
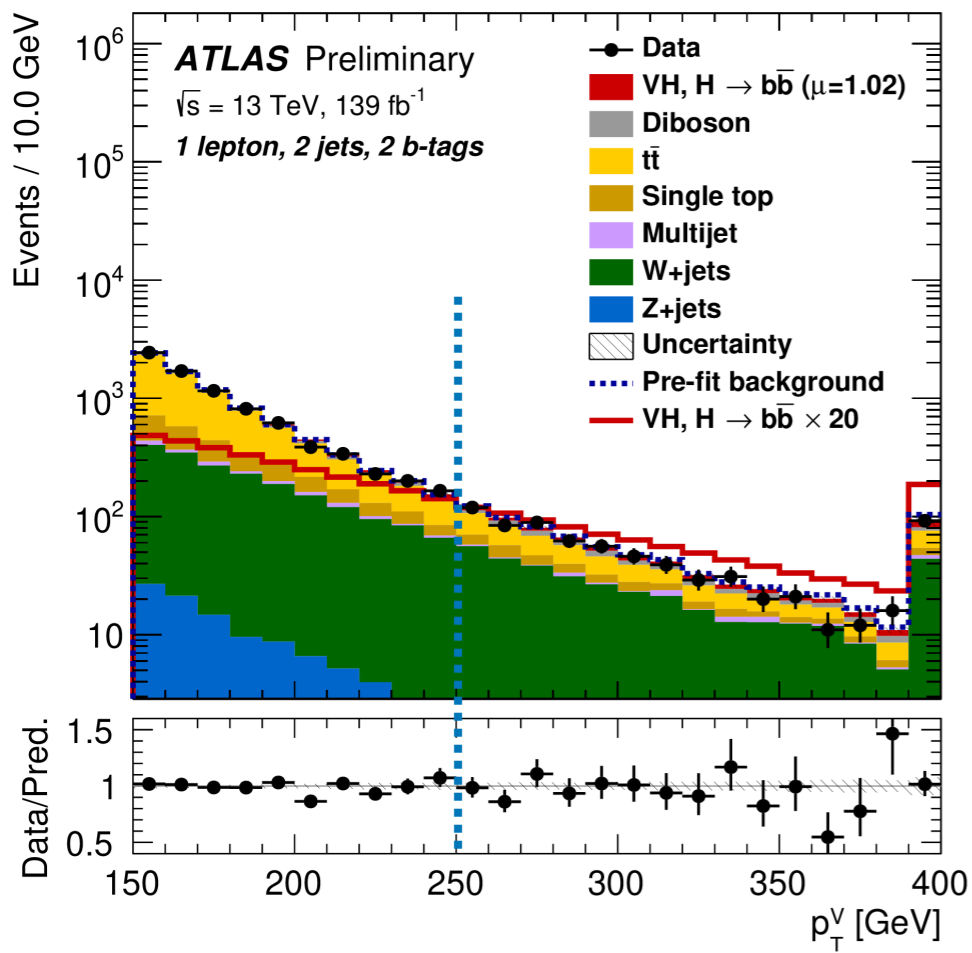
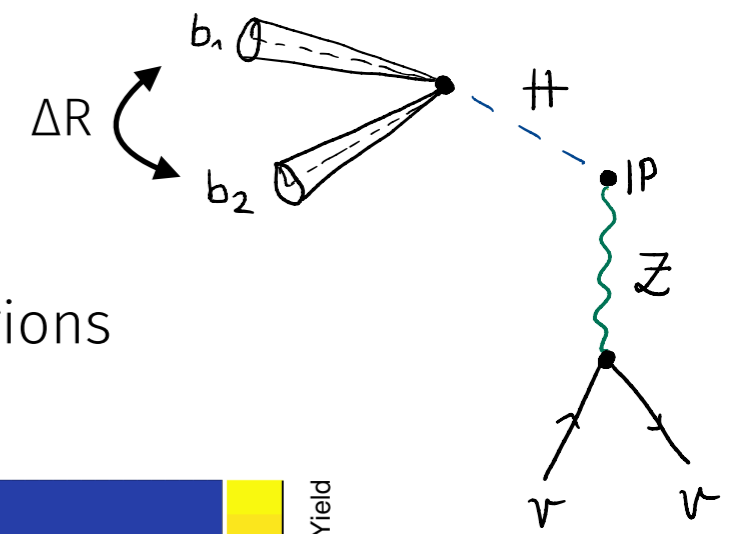


The „resolved“ VHbb analysis in a nutshell (1/2)



- ▶ Classify the events according to the **charged lepton multiplicity**
- ▶ Categorize in regions of p_T^V (signal harder than sum of all bkgs)

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------|
| (75-150 GeV) | 150-250 GeV | >250 GeV |
|--------------|-------------|----------|
- ▶ Use jet angular separation $\Delta R(b_1, b_2)$ to define signal and control regions



- ▶ High ΔR CR: enriched in $t\bar{t}$ background
 - ▶ Low ΔR CR: enriched in $V+bb$
- contains > 80-90% of the signal (1-lepton)

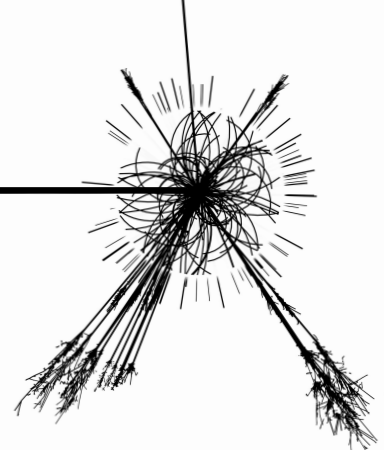
As expected, signal moves to lower ΔR with higher p_T^V

[additional split in jet multiplicity]

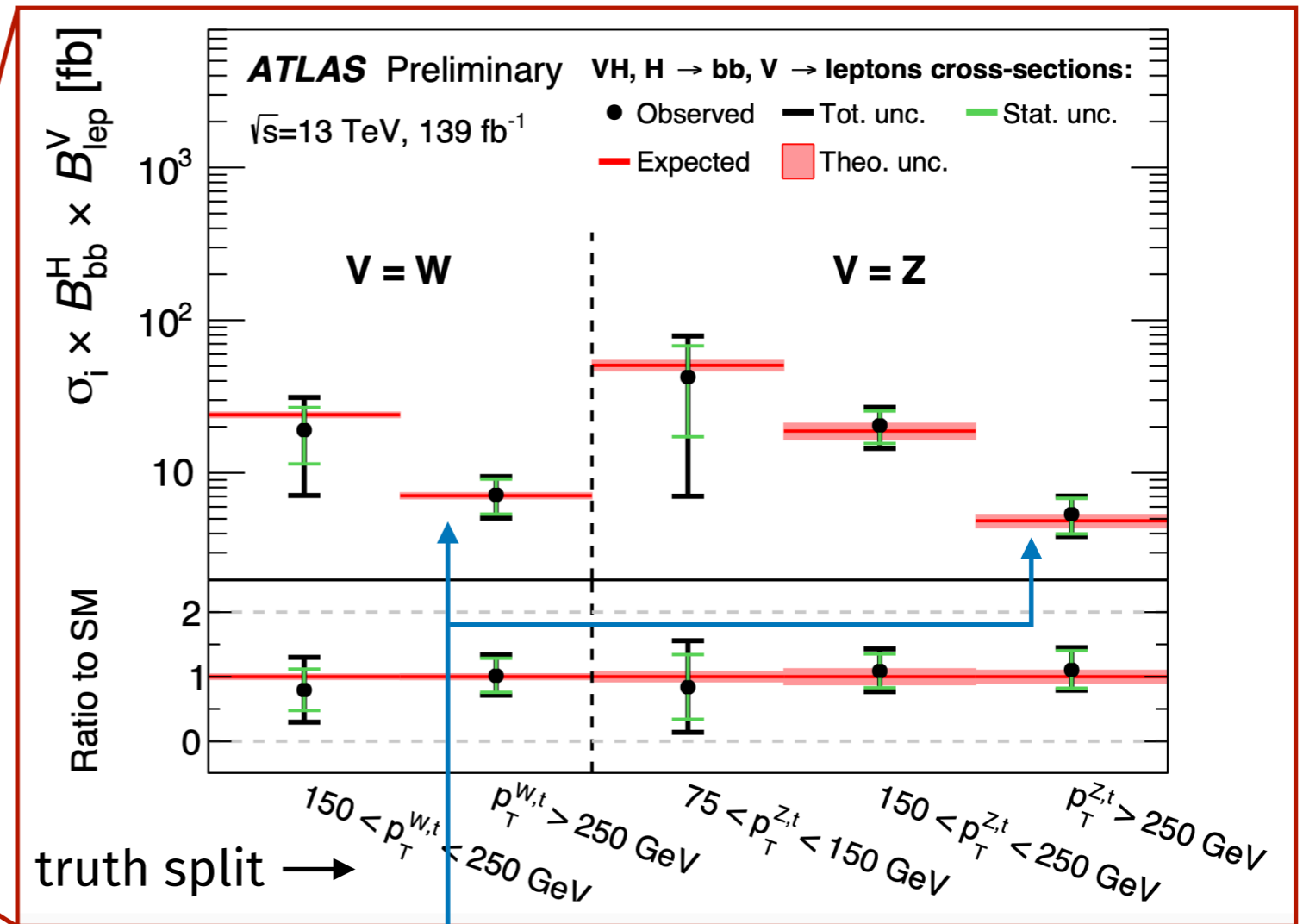
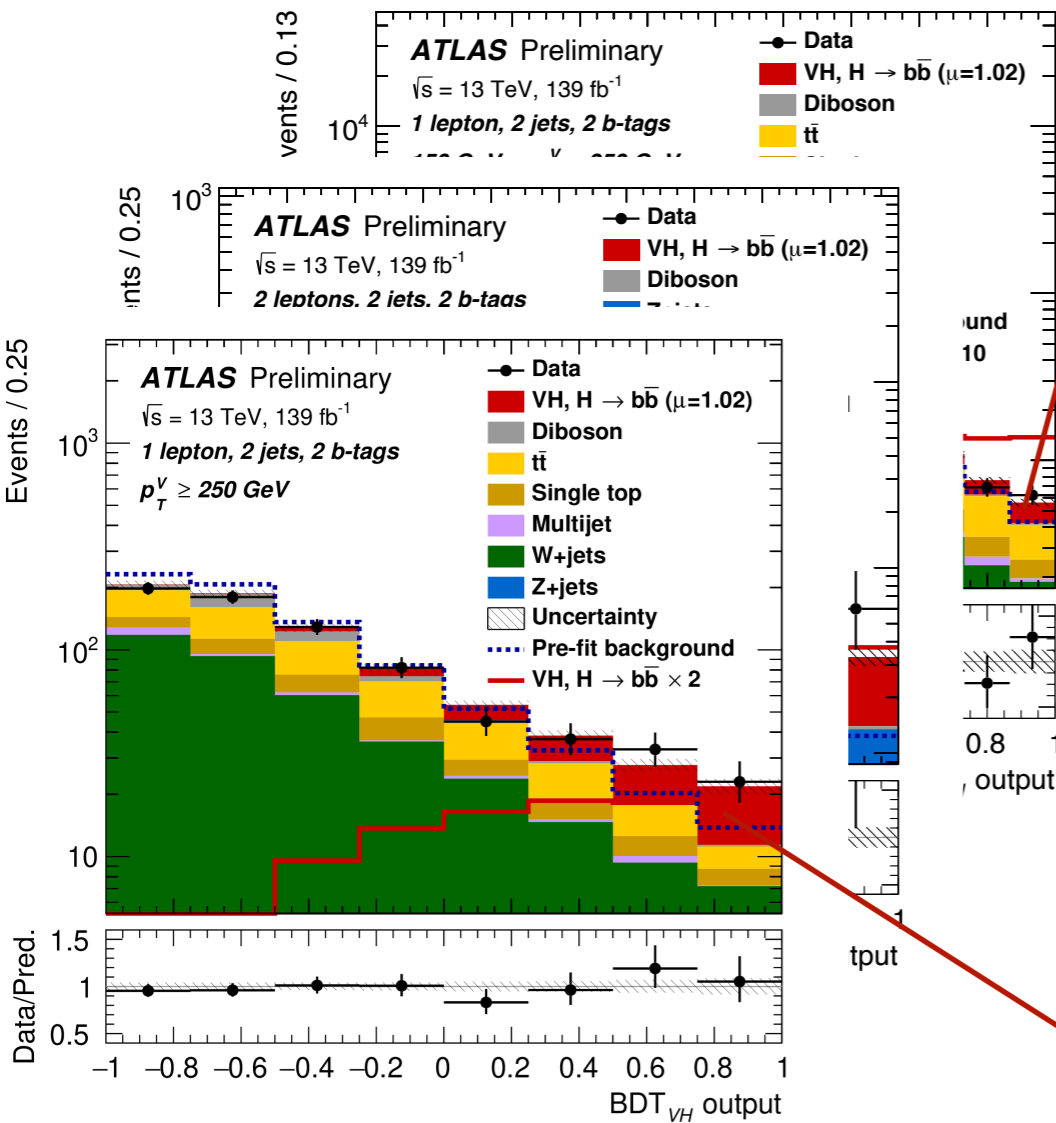
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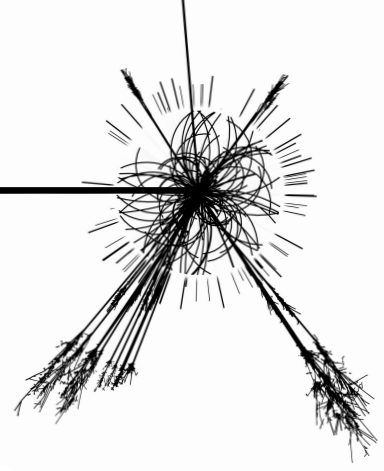


- ▶ A BDT is trained to discriminate signal from background, combining O(10) input variables
- ▶ The BDT score is fit simultaneously in each region to extract the signal



What is happening in the regime beyond?

p_T limitations and the need for new techniques

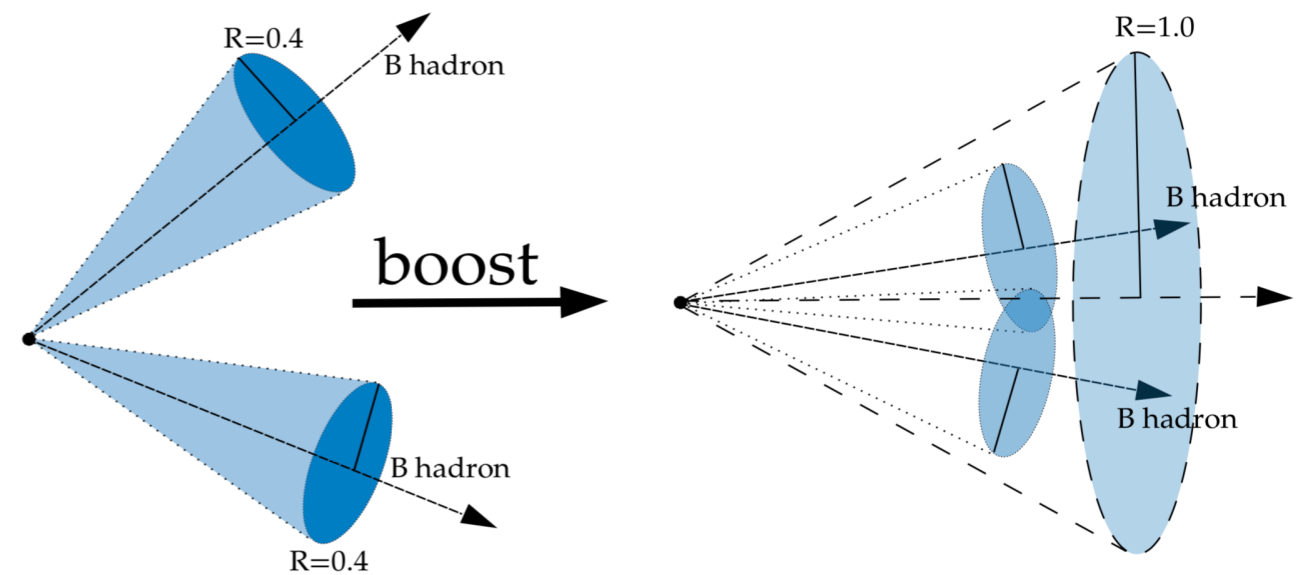
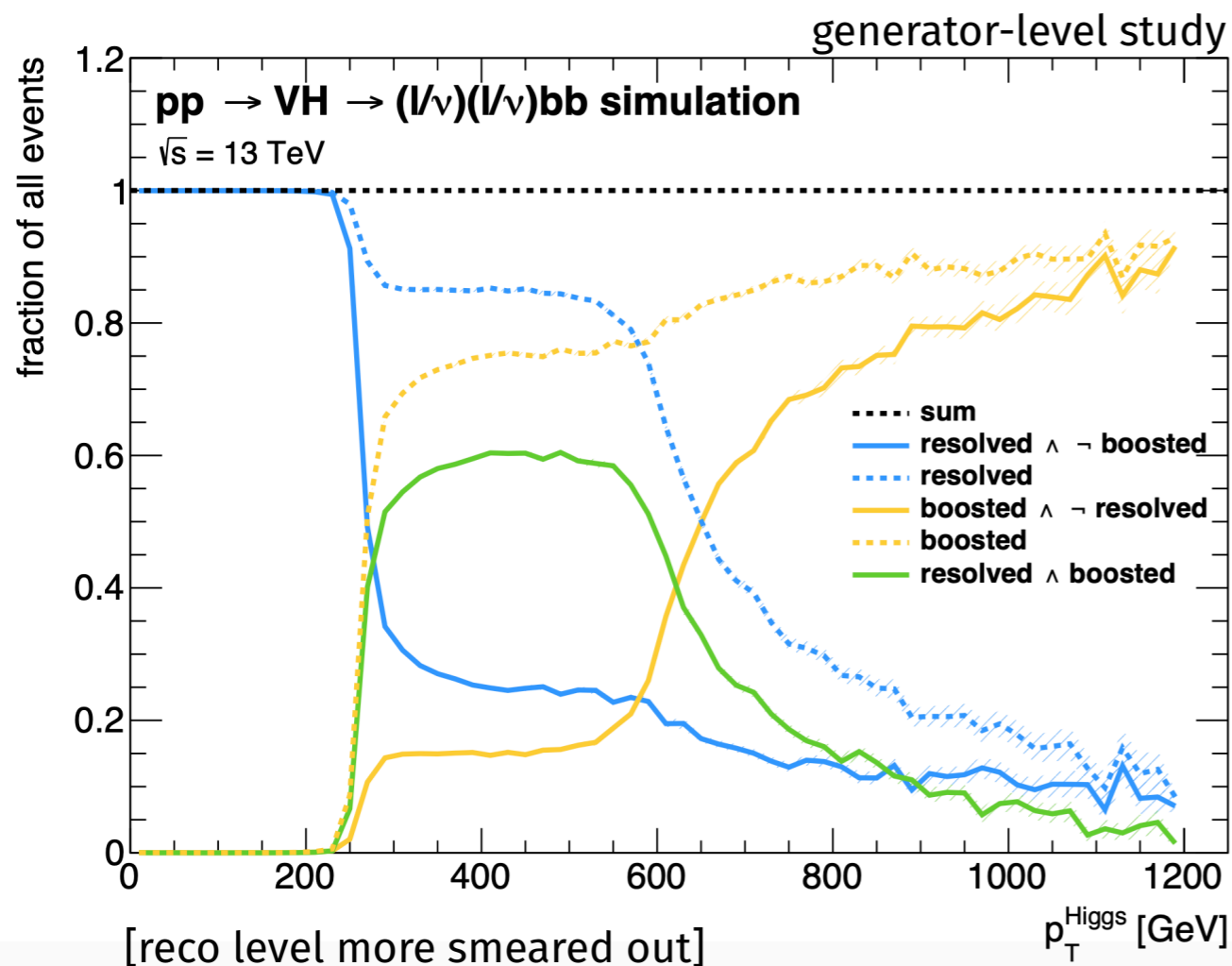


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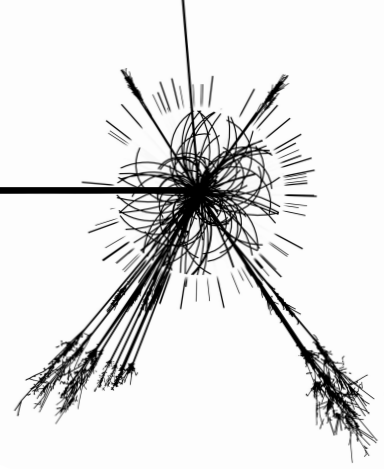


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This is where we test it **This is where we absolutely need it**

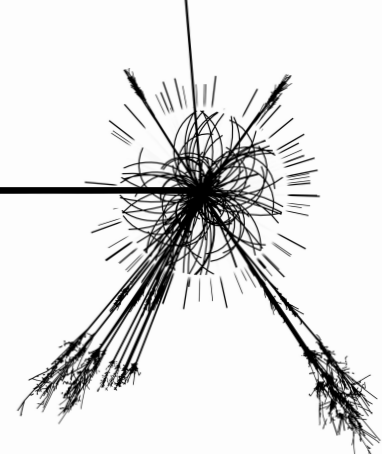


- ▶ Robust analysis, proof of principle: „we can do a Higgs measurement using boosted techniques“
- ▶ Do not remove the overlap with resolved VHbb analysis

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From first ideas to the first measurement



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It is widely considered that, for Higgs boson searches at the Large Hadron Collider, WH and ZH production where the Higgs boson decays to $b\bar{b}$ are poor search channels due to large backgrounds. We show that at high transverse momenta, employing state-of-the-art jet reconstruction and decomposition techniques, these processes can be recovered as promising search channels for the standard model Higgs boson around 120 GeV in mass.

[ATLAS-CONF-2020-007]



ATLAS CONF Note

ATLAS-CONF-2020-007

11th April 2020



Measurement of the associated production of a Higgs boson decaying to b quarks with a vector boson at high transverse momentum in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS Collaboration

The associated production of a Higgs boson with a W or Z boson decaying to leptons and where the Higgs boson decays to a $b\bar{b}$ pair is measured in the high vector boson transverse momentum regime, above 250 GeV, with the ATLAS detector. The analysed data, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 139 fb^{-1} , were collected in proton-proton collisions at the Large Hadron Collider between 2015 and 2018 at a centre-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV. The measured signal strength, defined as the ratio of the measured signal yield to that predicted by the Standard Model, is $0.72^{+0.39}_{-0.36}$ corresponding to an observed (expected) significance of 2.1 (2.7) standard deviations. Fiducial cross-sections are measured in two ranges of gauge boson transverse momentum, 250 – 400 GeV and above 400 GeV, according to region definitions of the simplified template cross-section framework.

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August 19, 2009

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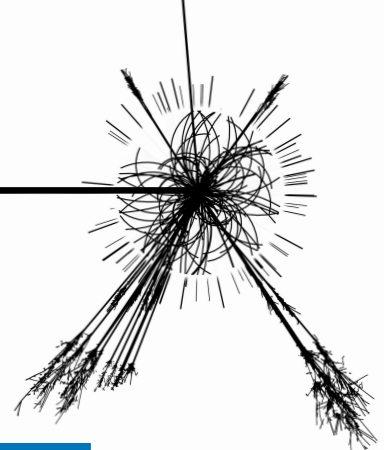
ATLAS Sensitivity to the Standard Model Higgs in the HW and HZ Channels at High Transverse Momenta

Boosted Higgs $\rightarrow b\bar{b}$ in vector-boson associated production at 14 TeV

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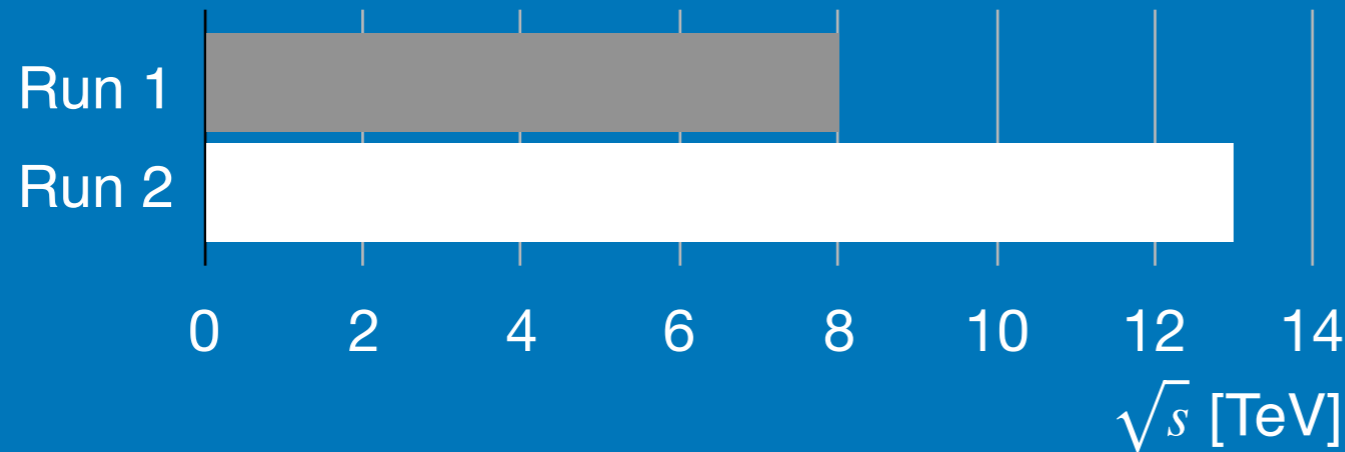
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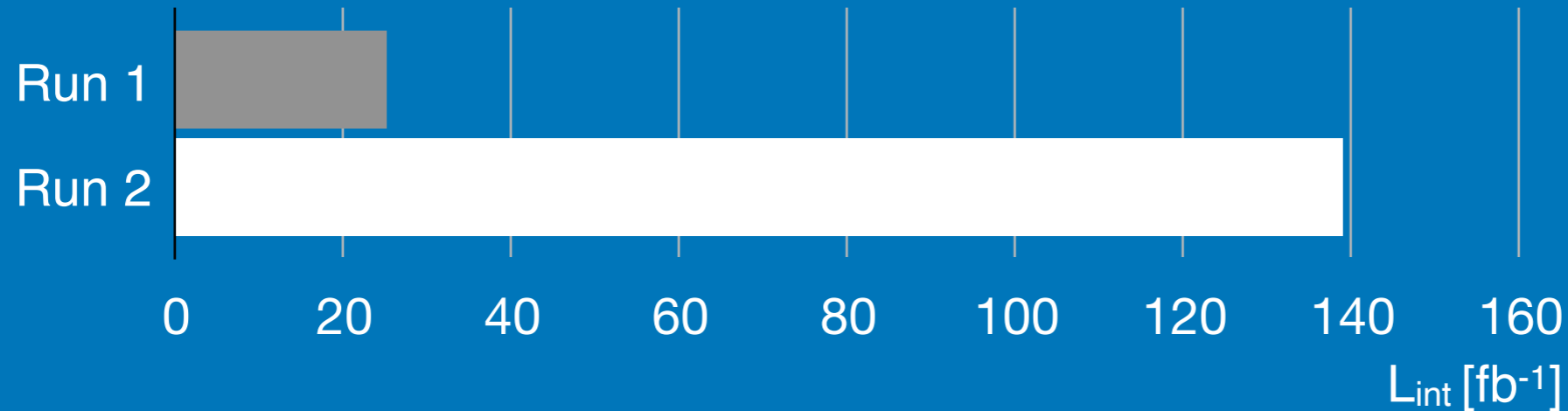
With the increasing LHC data set...

Higher energy!



Use the full Run 2 data set for this analysis!

More data!

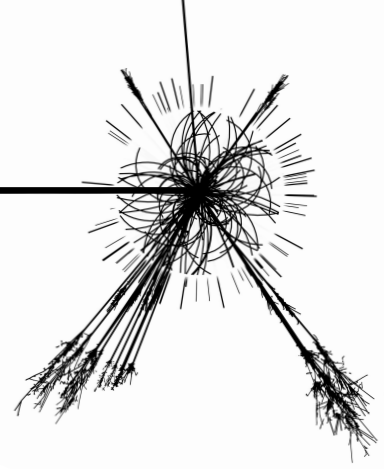


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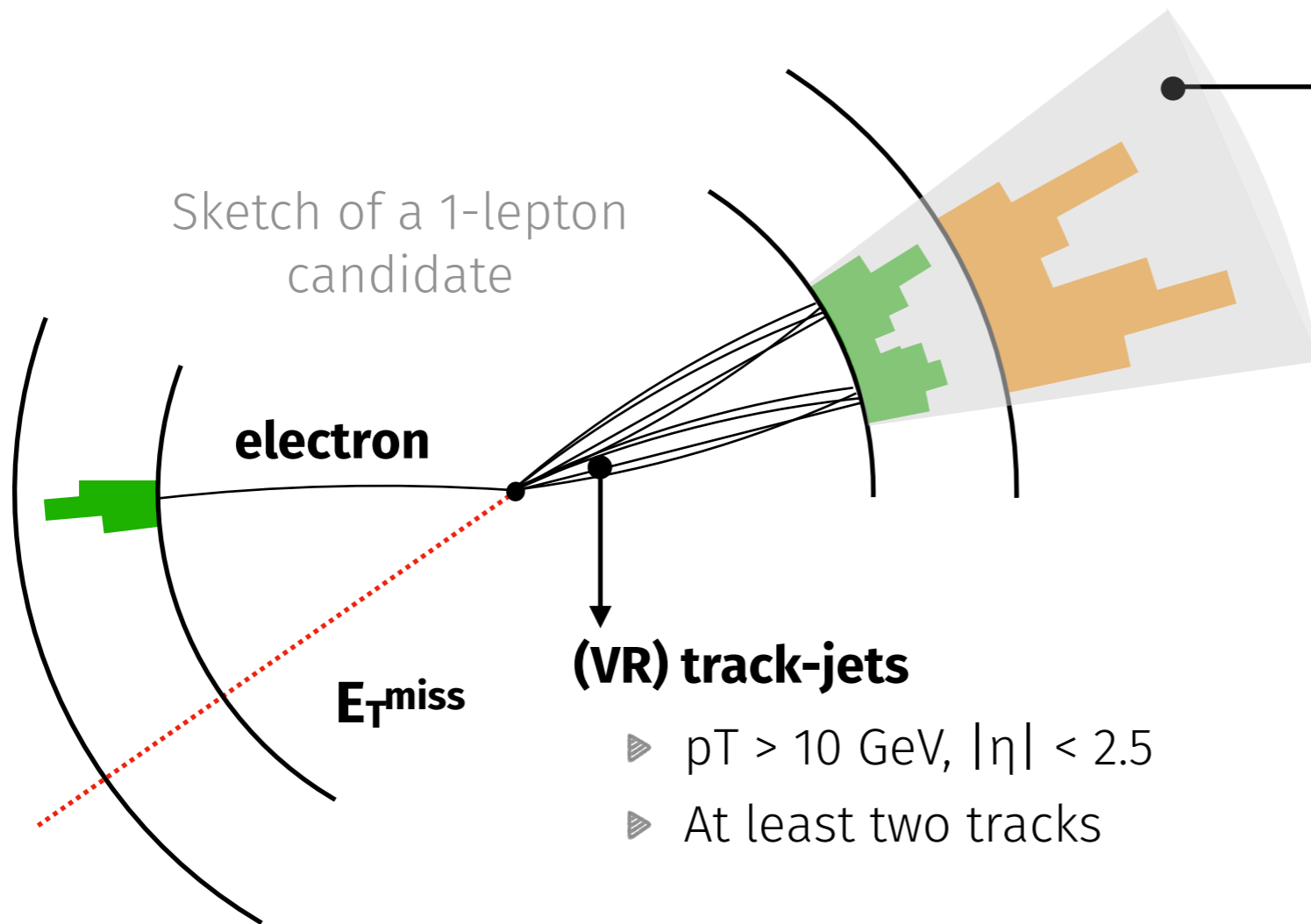
...these topologies finally start to become accessible



The targeted event topology: an overview



- ▶ Categorize according to the charged lepton multiplicity in the final state:
 $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$: 0-lepton $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$: 1-lepton $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$: 2-lepton ($\ell \in \{e, \mu\}$)
- ▶ Boosted Higgs candidate selection chosen commonly between all three channels
 - ▶ Higgs candidate: leading (highest p_T) large-R ($R=1.0$) calorimeter jet in the event
 - ▶ b-tagging done on the two leading variable-R track-jets ghost-associated to it



- ▶ $p_T > 250$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.0$ (central)
- ▶ m_j is final discriminant
- ▶ Dedicated energy corrections

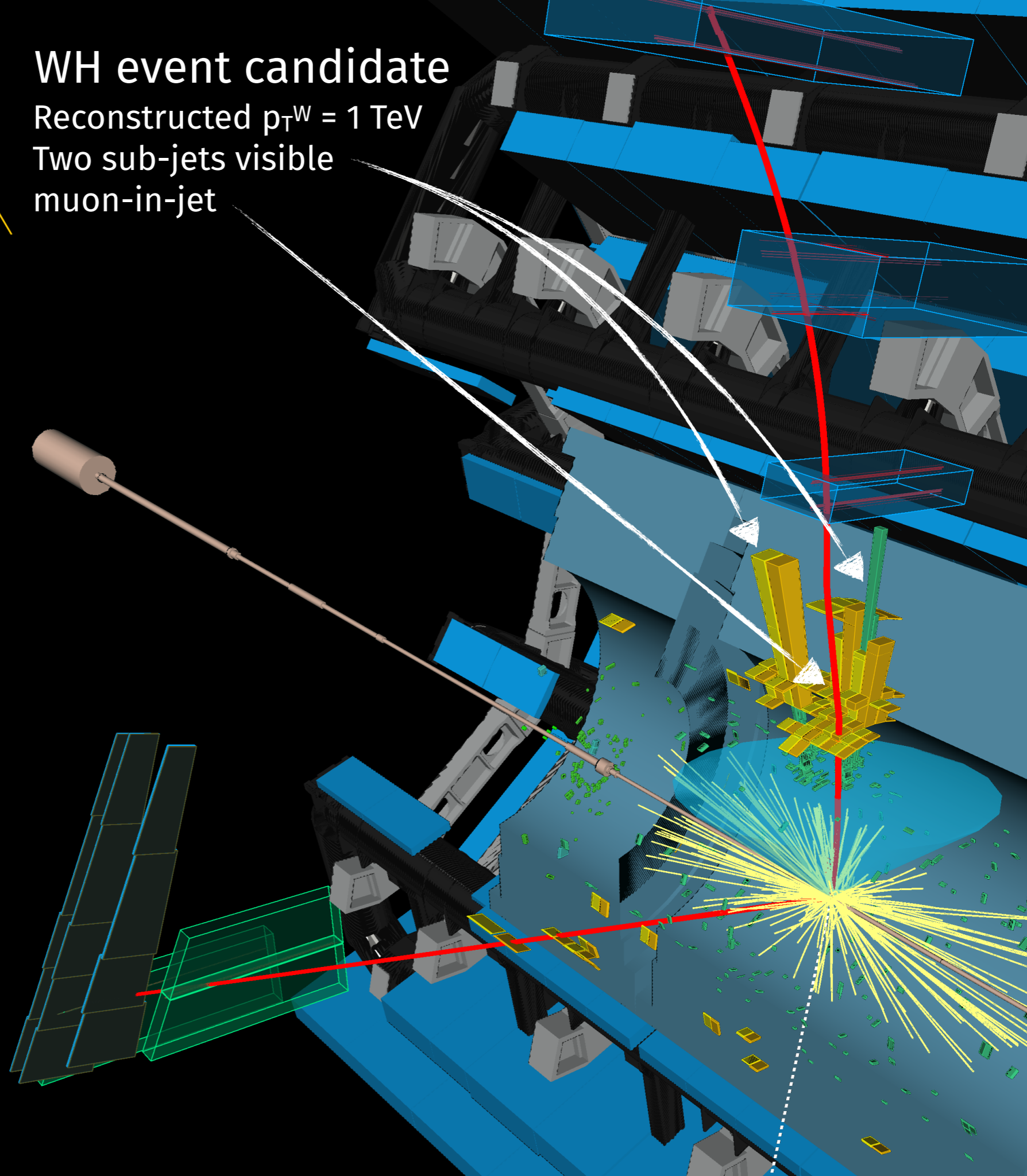
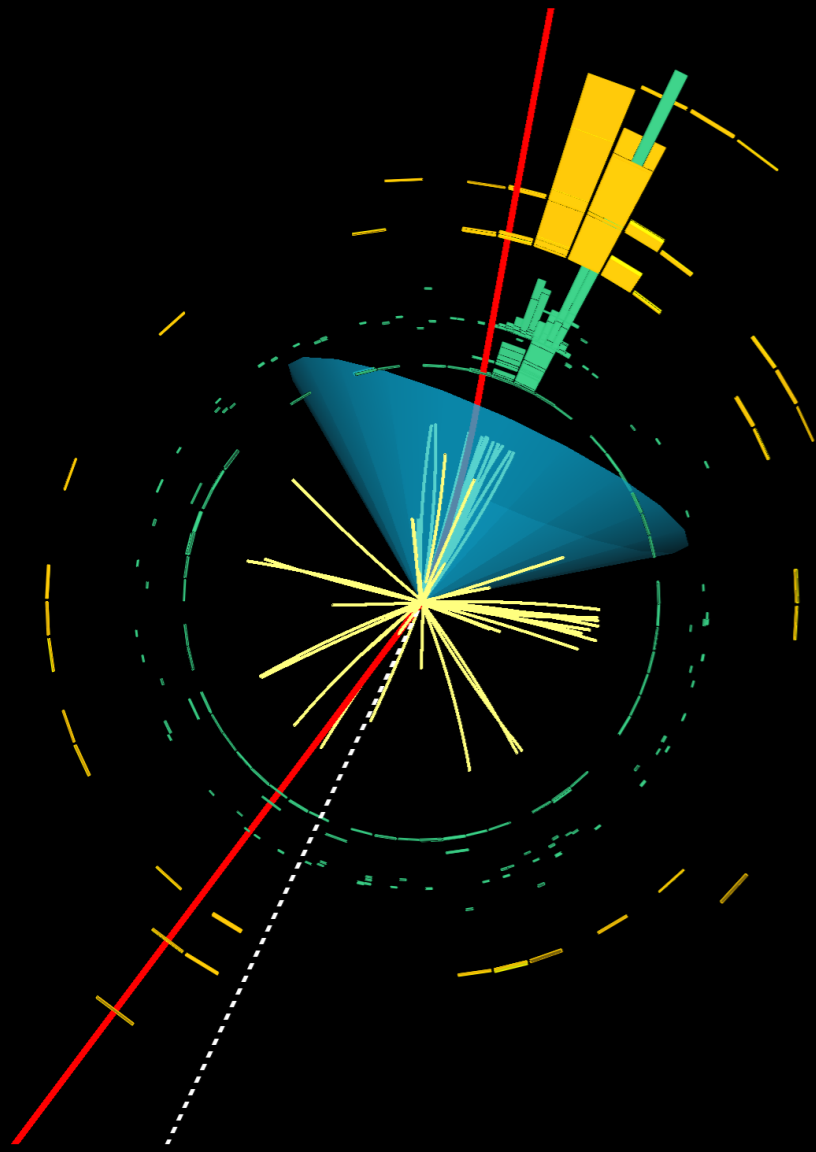
Require 2 b-tags
using a 70% single-tag
WP

+ small-R ($R=0.4$) calo jets for event categorization (later)

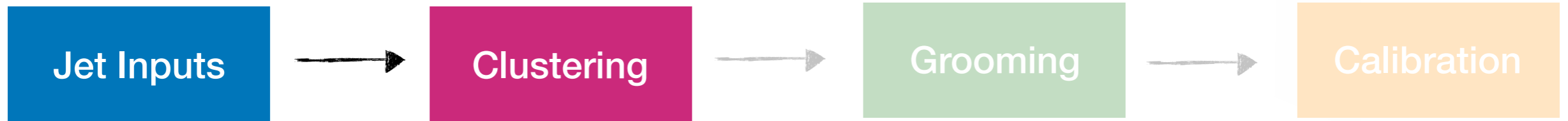
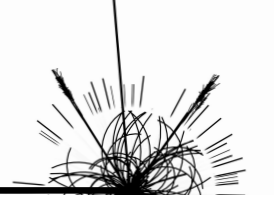
WH event candidate

Reconstructed $p_T^W = 1 \text{ TeV}$

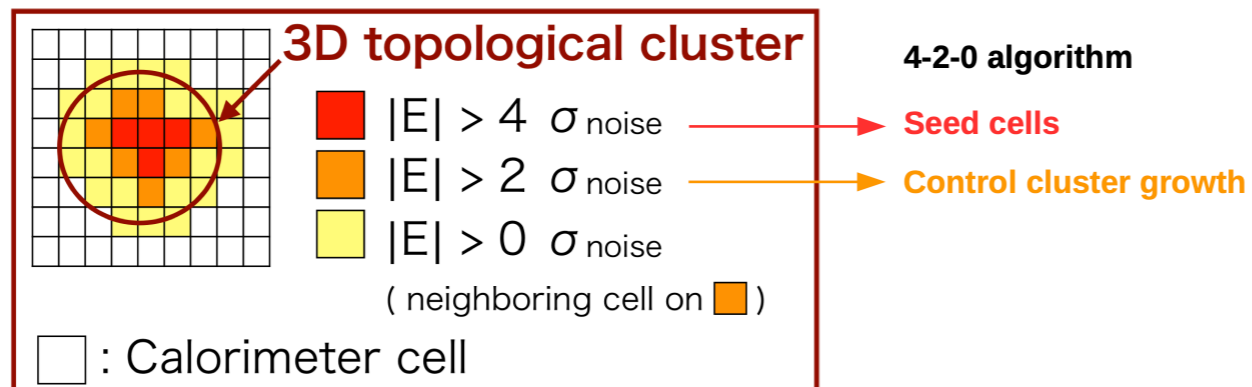
Two sub-jets visible
muon-in-jet



Boosted VHbb from bottom-up: Large-R jets (1)



1. Use 3-dim. **topological calorimeter clusters** as inputs using **Local Cell Weighting**



[[CERN-PH-EP-2015-304](#)]

use the cluster's properties to assign a probability to be originated from an EM or HAD interaction

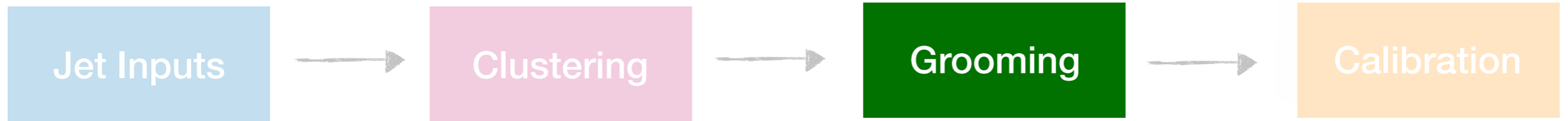
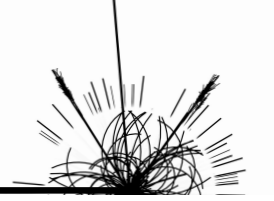
apply a weight to each cell

$$E_{\text{clus}}^{\text{LCW}} = \sum_{i \in \text{cluster}} w_{\text{cell},i}^{\text{LCW}} E_{\text{cell},i}^{\text{EM}}$$

apply pile-up suppression

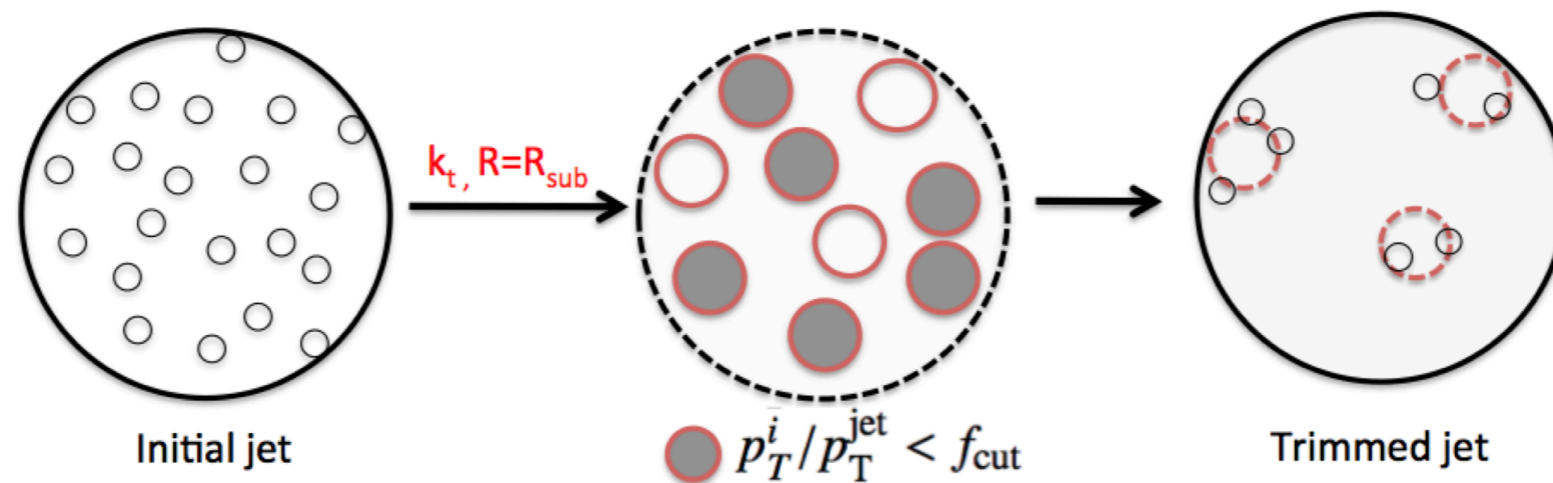
2. Cluster using **anti-kt with R=1.0**

Boosted VHbb from bottom-up: Large-R jets (2)



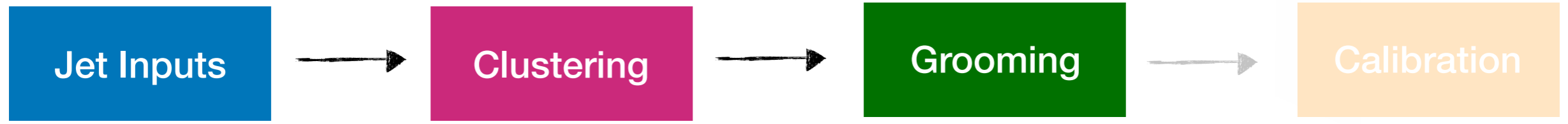
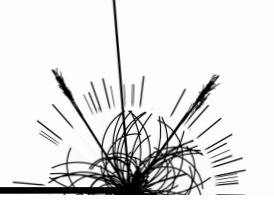
Trimming used as grooming procedure:

[[CERN-PH-EP-2013-069](#)]



- ▶ Contamination from pile-up, initial state radiation, multiple parton interactions often much softer than outgoing partons and their FSR
- 1. Create k_t sub-jets of size $R = 0.2$ from the large-R jet constituents
- 2. Remove them if their p_T fraction is less than 5% of the large-R jet

Boosted VHbb from bottom-up: Large-R jets (3)



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anti-kt $R = 1.0$

trimmed
 $R_{\text{sub}} = 0.2$
 $f = 5\%$

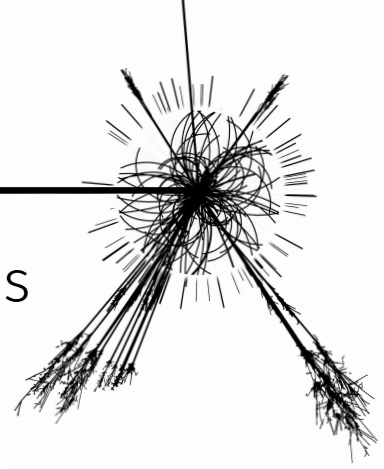
Optimized for performance on boosted W bosons in Run 1
[e.g. to minimize the QCD-jet rejection and
pile-up dependence of $\langle m_{\text{Jet}} \rangle$]

[[CERN-PH-EP-2015-204](#)]

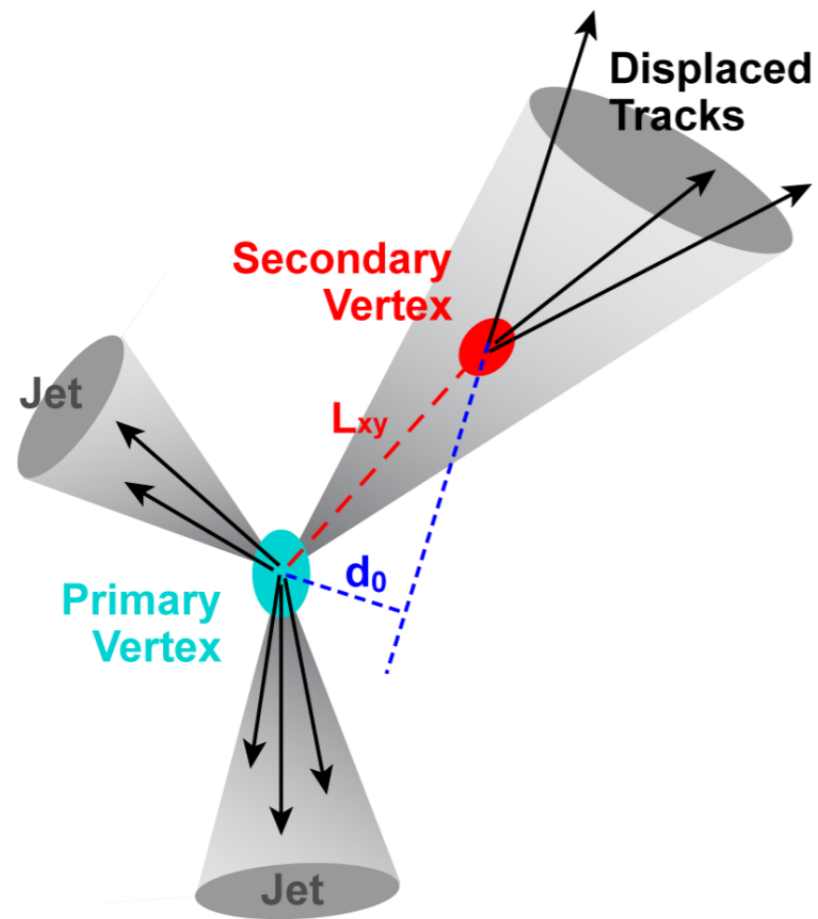
These choices are currently under re-optimization with
promising improvements

[[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-027](#)]

Boosted VHbb from bottom-up: b-tagging



- ▶ Identifying (sub-) jets originating from B-hadrons (b-tagging) crucial for this analysis
- ▶ Making use of physics properties of B-hadrons:



B-hadron carries most of the initial b-quark energy ($\sim 80\%$)

High mass of B-hadrons of ~ 5 GeV

CKM suppressed lifetime $\tau \sim 1.5$ ps ($c\tau \sim 450$ μm)

High decay multiplicity (~ 5 charged particles)

Weak decays mostly into C-hadrons

20% semi-leptonic decays with muons

3 classes of algorithms:

Impact parameter based

Secondary Vertex Finder

Decay Chain Fitter

→ MVA combining all information (trained on simulation, calibrated on data)



Higgs candidate tagging on VR track-jets



- ▶ Use the leading two **VR track-jets** that are ghost-associated to the leading large-R jet for (single) b-tagging

Pros of track-jets:

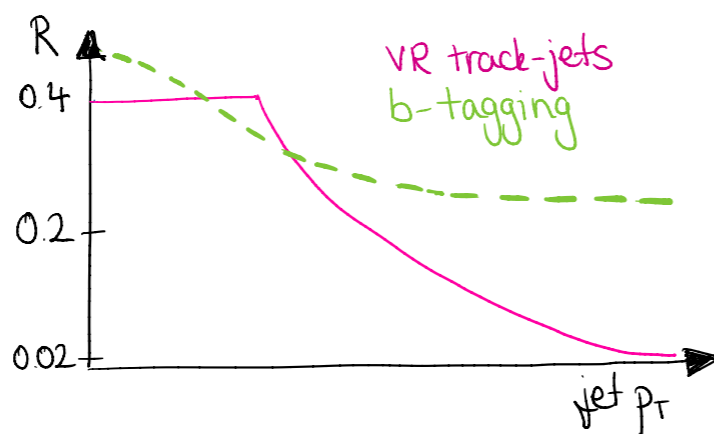
- ▶ High granularity
→ tiny R possible
- ▶ Pile-up insensitive
- ▶ Independent of large-R jet (no grooming, indep. calib.)

Cons of track-jets:

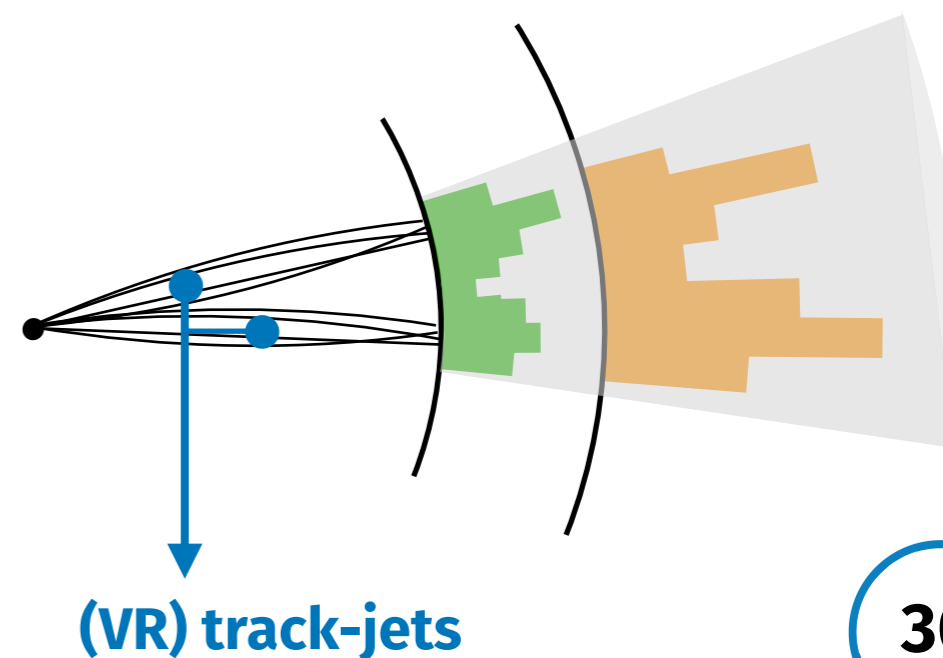
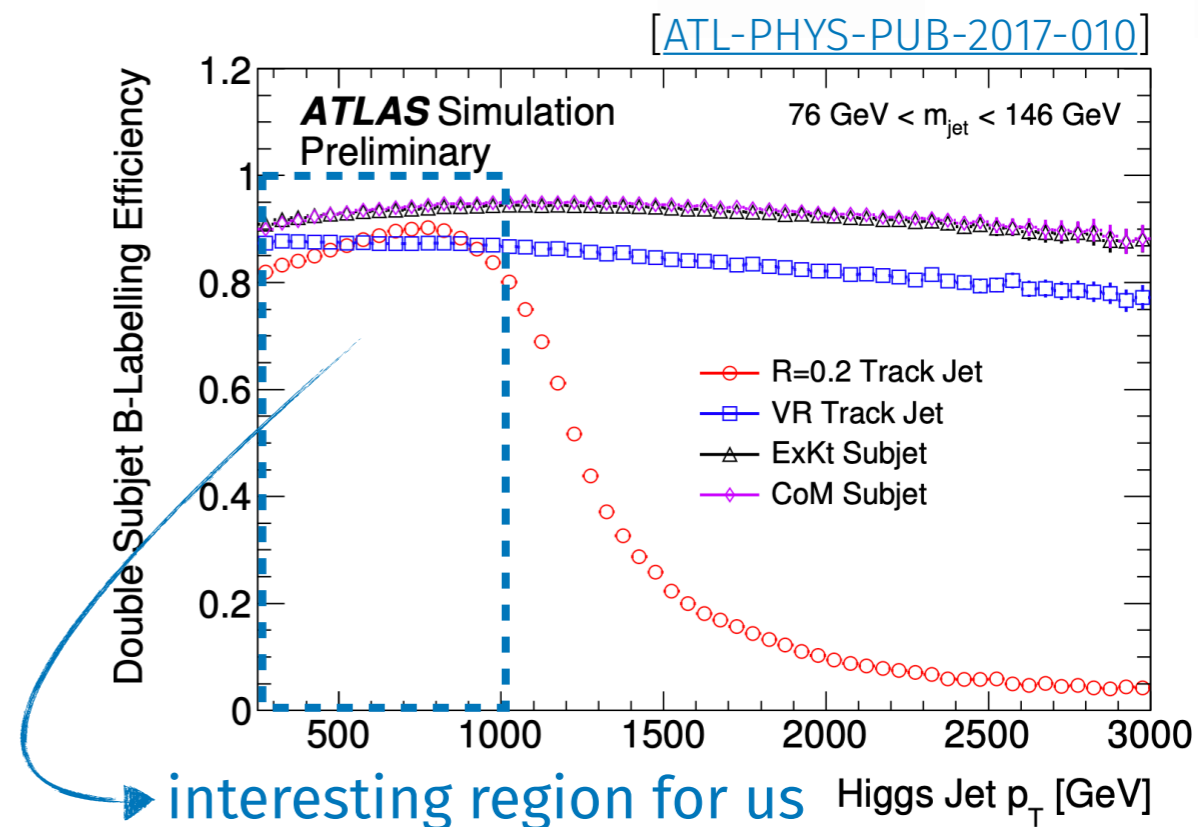
- ▶ Missing neutrals

Variable-R:

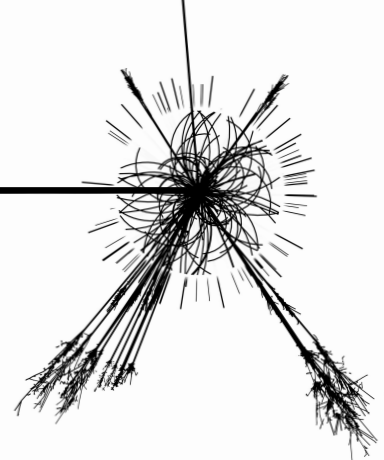
$$R_{\text{eff.}} = \frac{30 \text{ GeV}}{p_T}$$



- ▶ MV2c10 algorithm used at 70% single-tag efficiency
 - ▶ light-jet rejection: 304
 - ▶ c-jet rejection: 9



Large-R jet mass resolution



- Use the **combined mass*** (weighted sum of **calorimeter** and **tracker** mass)

$$m_{\text{comb}} = w_{\text{calo}} \times m_{\text{calo}} + w_{\text{TA}} \times m_{\text{tracker}} \frac{p_T^{\text{calo}}}{p_T}$$

- Mass resolution: ~ 15%

Improving the resolution:

1. Muon-in-jet correction

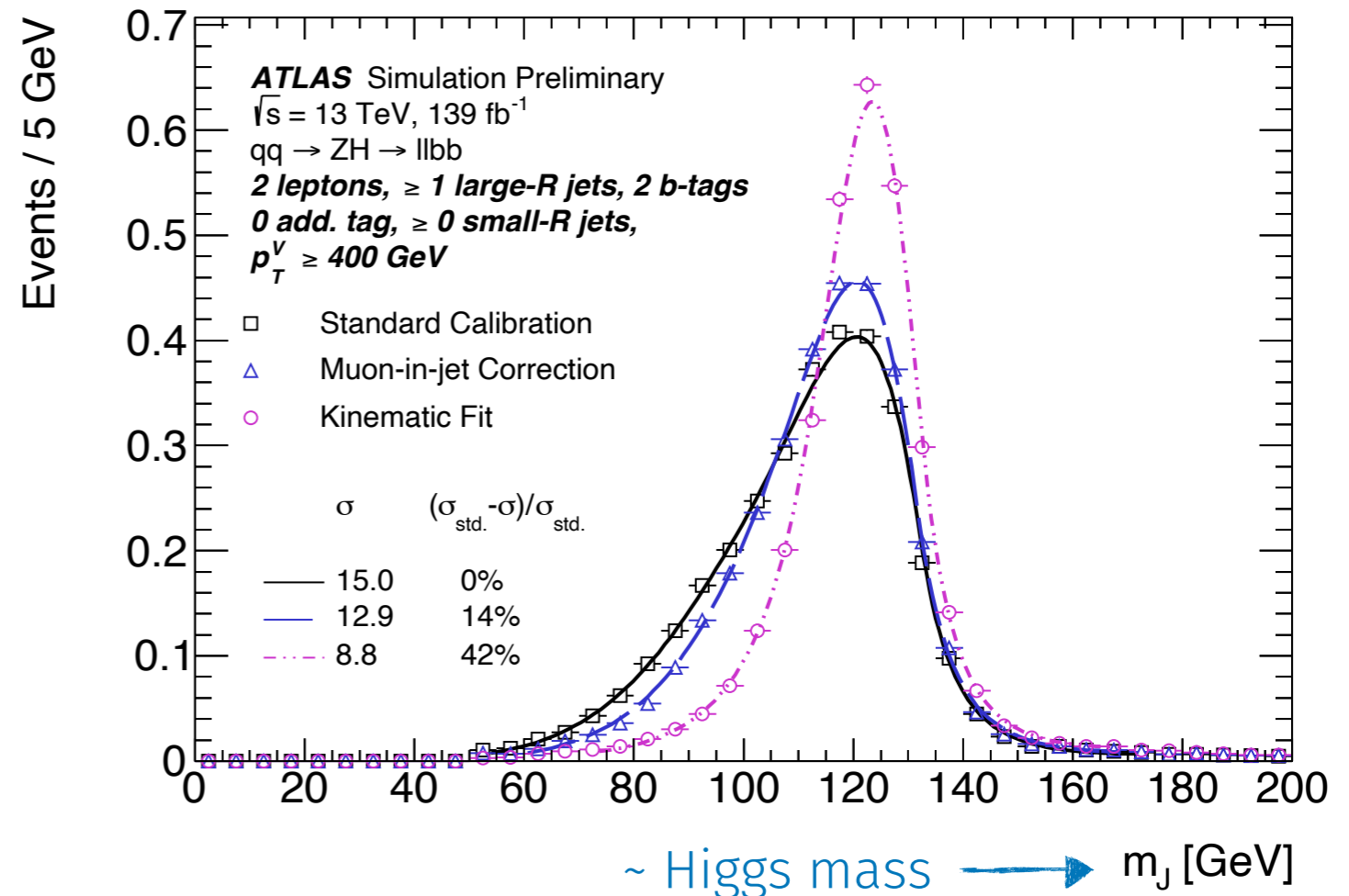
correcting for muons created in heavy hadron decays that exit the calorimeter

→ 6%-14% improvement w.r.t. m_{comb}

2. Kinematic Fit in 2-lepton channel

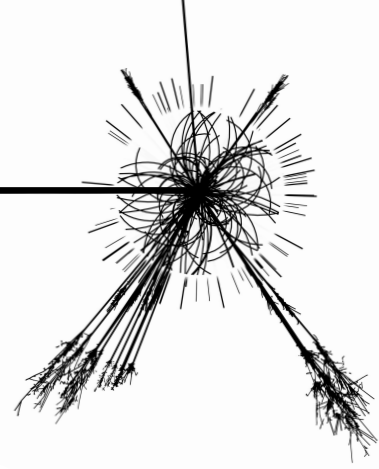
exploiting the kinematic balance of the di-lepton system (1% resolution) with the jet system

→ 30%-40% improvement w.r.t. m_{comb}



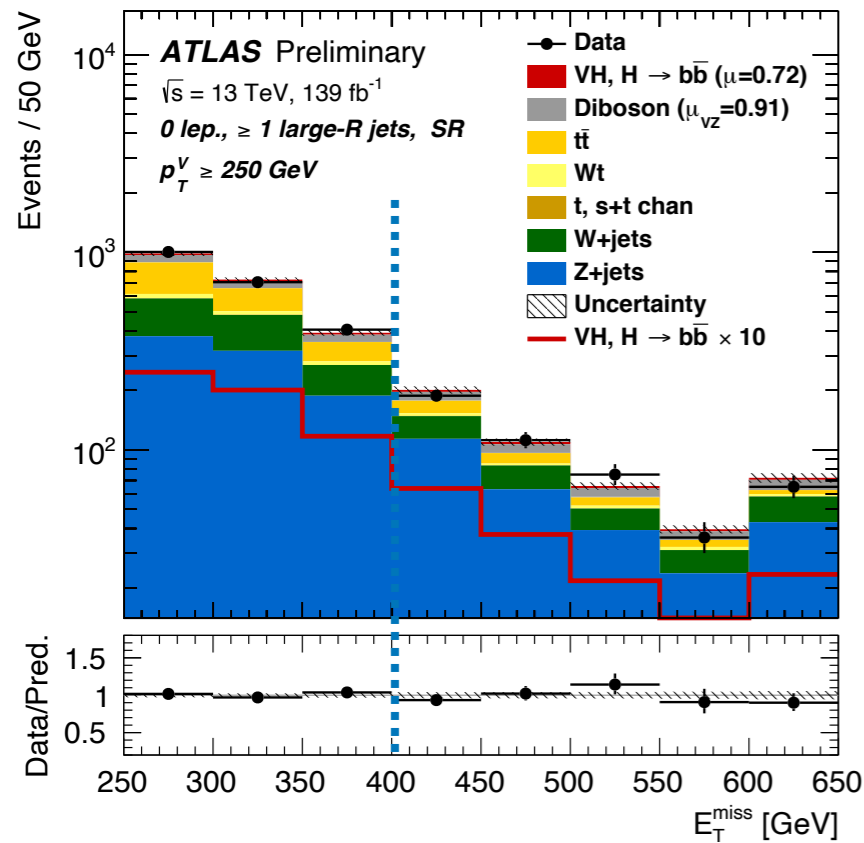
* outperforms pure calorimeter mass jet from $p_T \sim 500 \text{ GeV}$ upwards, see [[ATLAS-CONF-2016-035](#)]

Binning in vector boson p_T

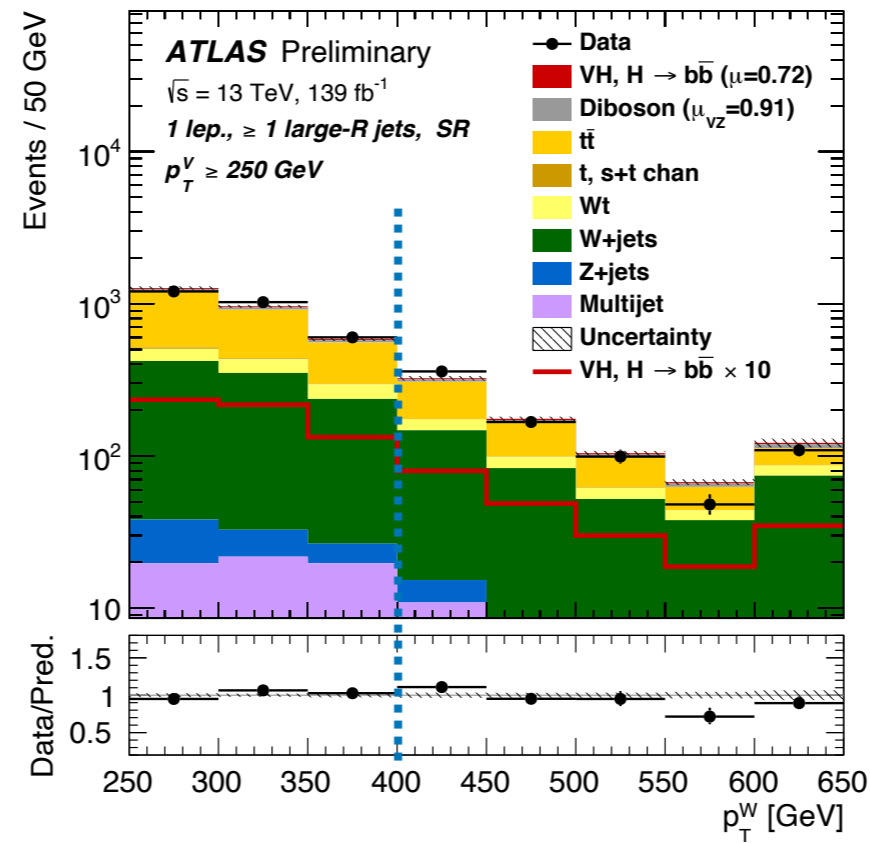


- ▶ Since $p_T^H \sim p_T^V$, require at least $p_T^V = 250$ GeV
- ▶ 2 regions exploited: $[250, 400[$ GeV and $[400, \infty[$ GeV
 - this matches per design the extended STXS stage 1++ binning

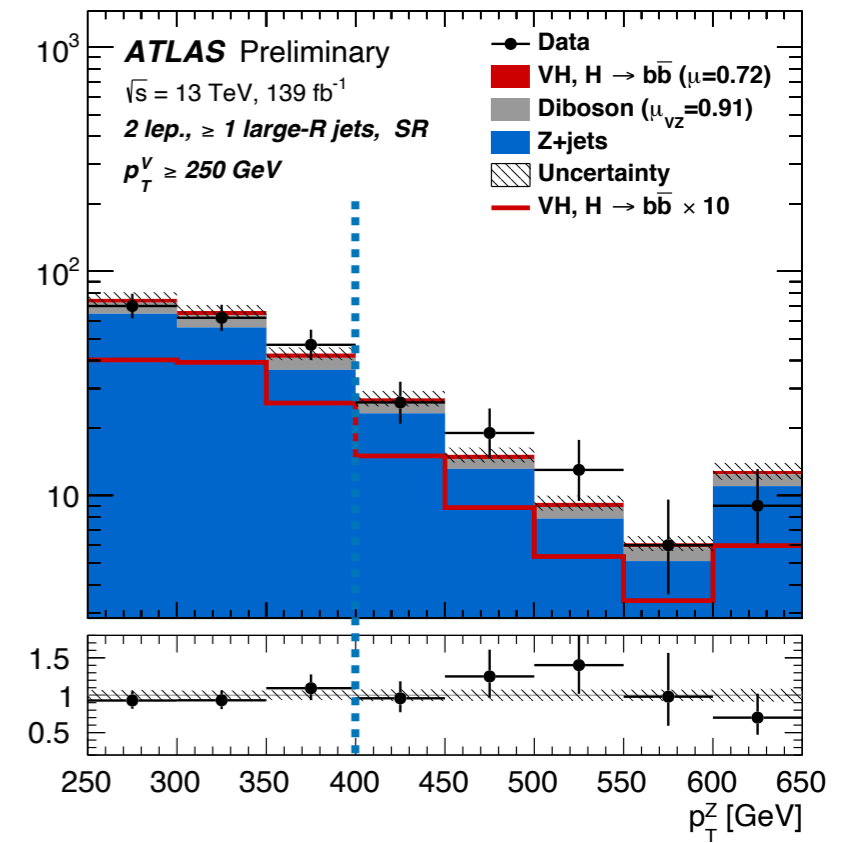
0-lepton



1-lepton



2-lepton

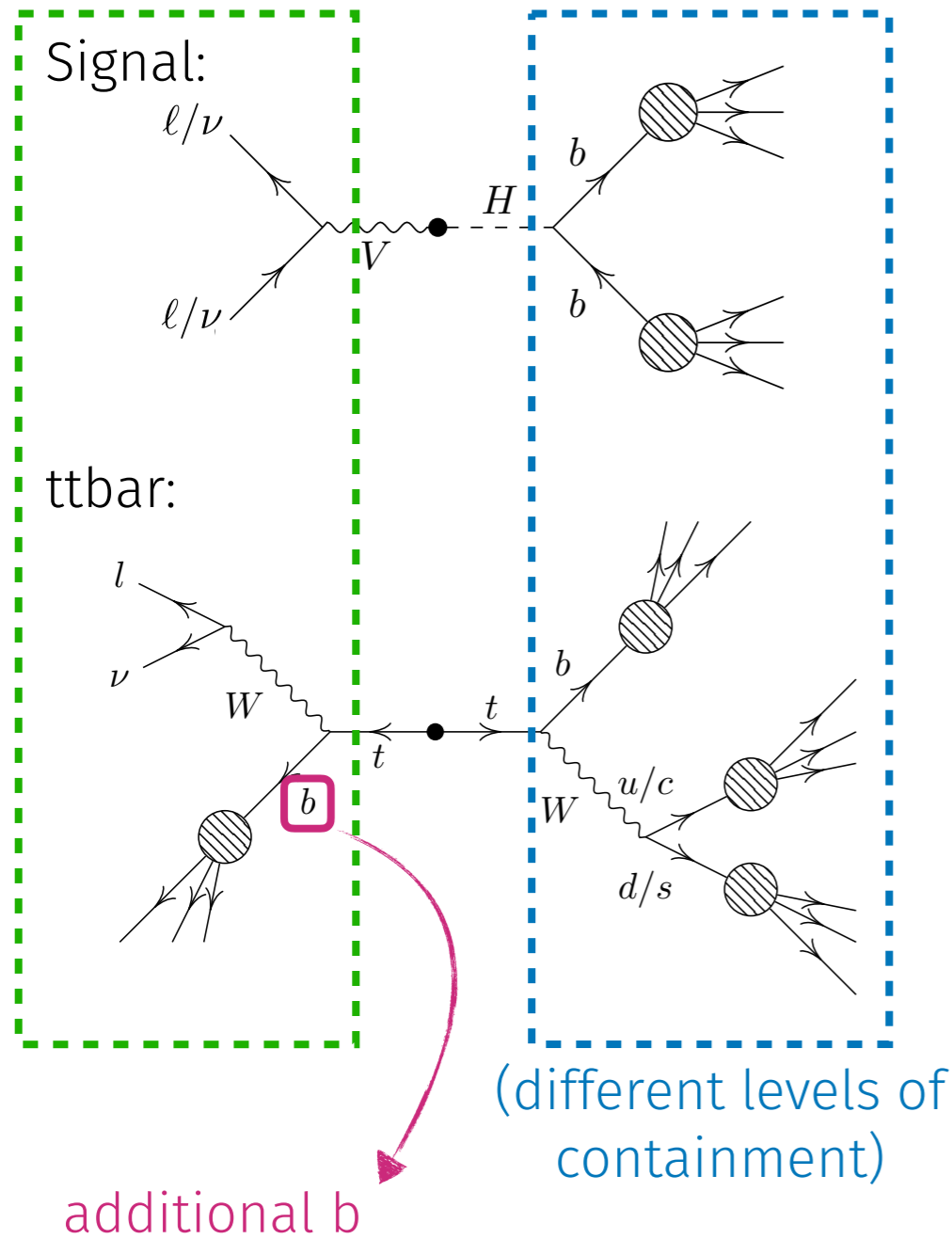
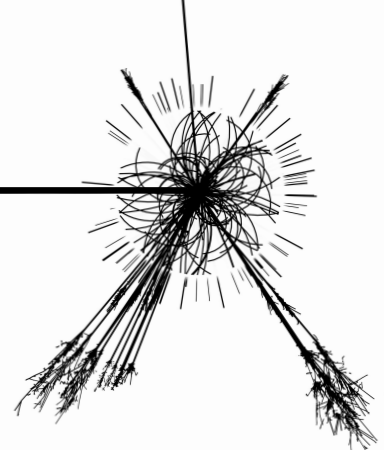


Main backgrounds:

- ▶ 0-lepton: **ttbar**, **W+jets**, **Z+jets**
- ▶ 2-lepton: **Z+jets**, **diboson**

- ▶ 1-lepton: **ttbar**, **W+jets**, **single top**

Signal- and Control Regions (SRs + CRs)

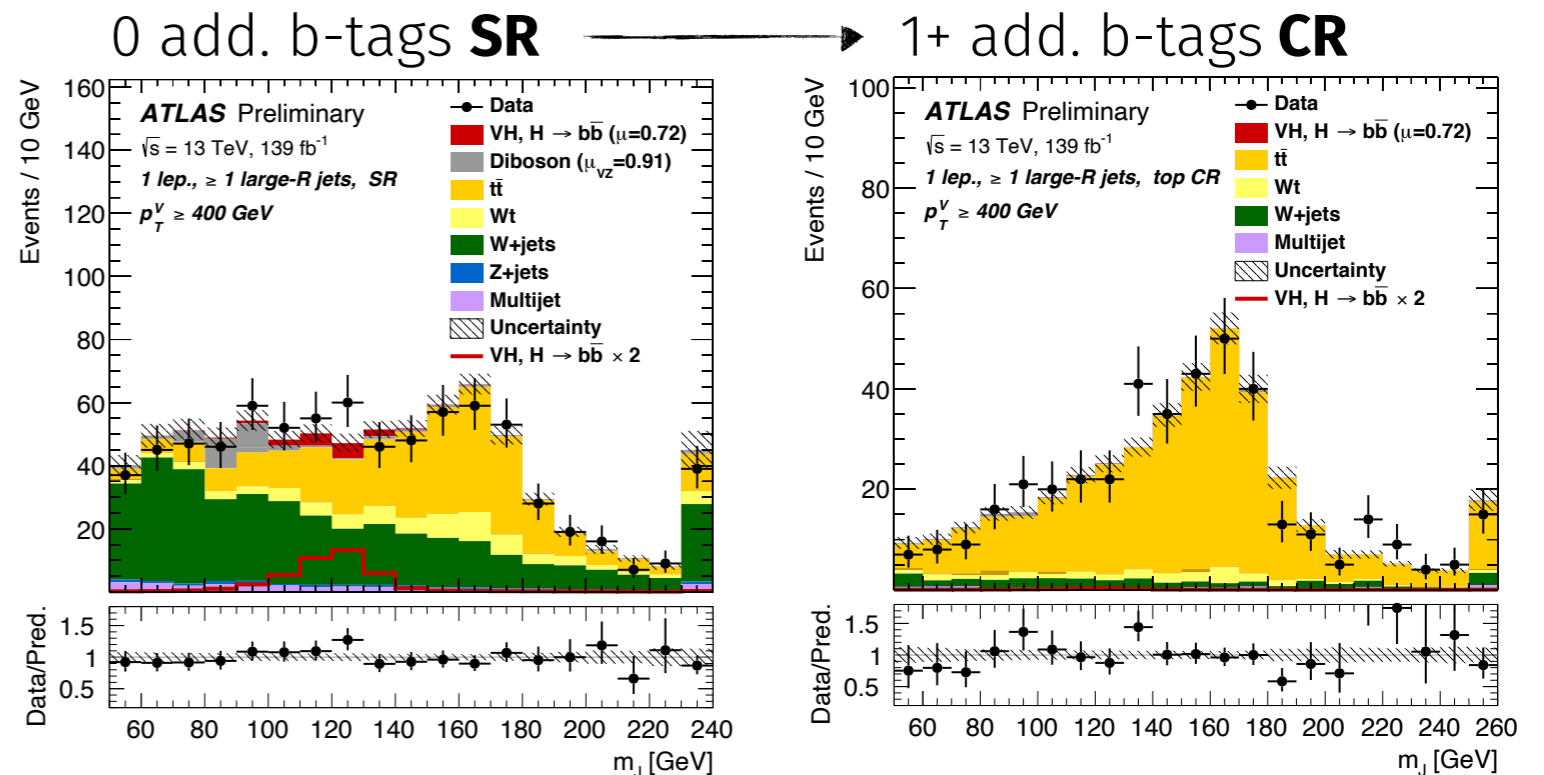


The signal region:

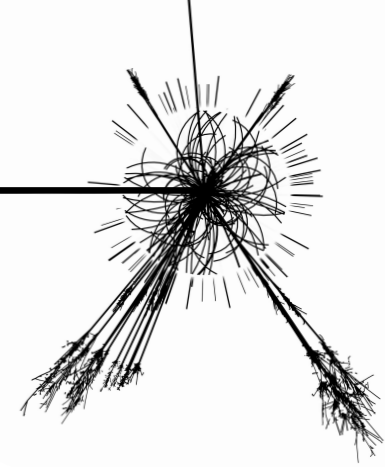
- ▶ In LO, no add. b-jet **outside** the **large-R jet**
- ▶ Veto on additional b-tags

The ttbar control region:

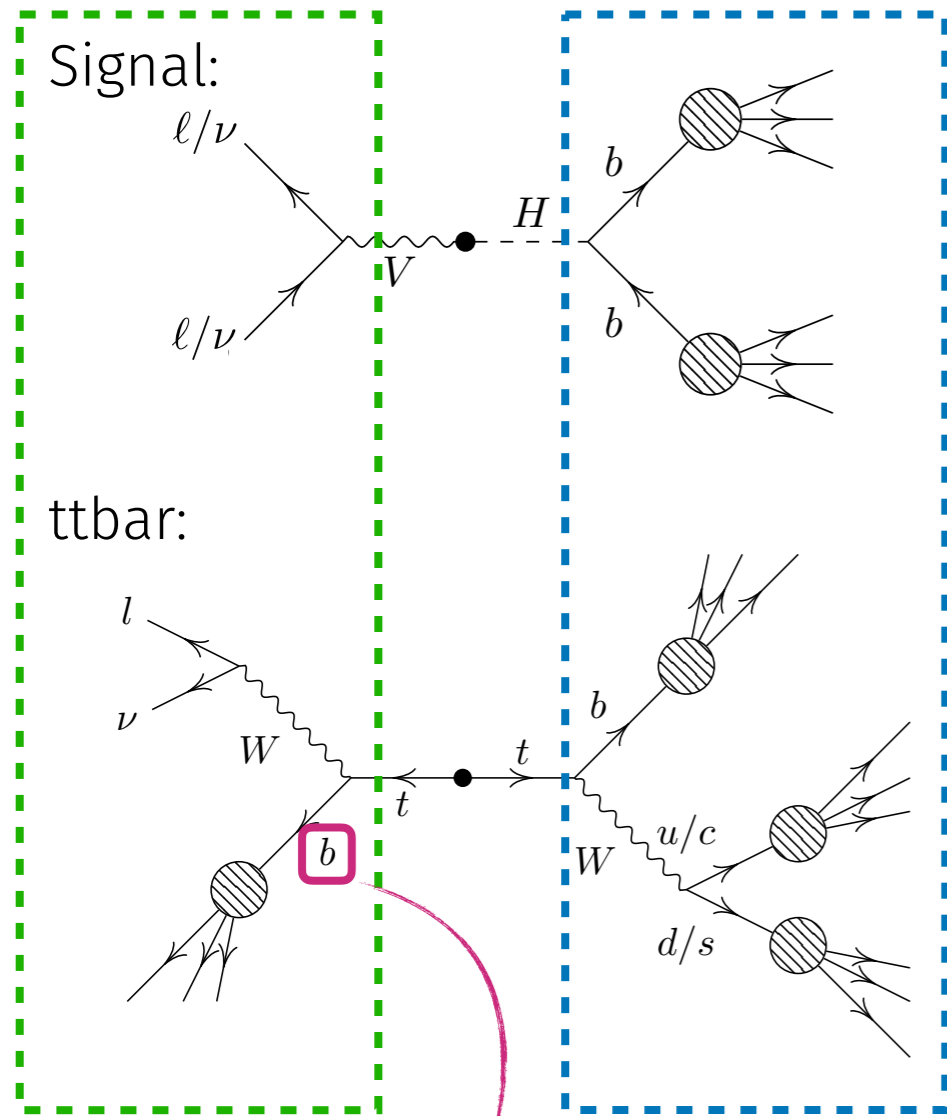
- ▶ Higgs candidate most-likely built from boosted (had.) top
- ▶ b-jet from the lept. top-quark decay still somewhere
- ▶ Obtain a ttbar CR in 0L and 1L by requiring **additional b-tags outside** the **large-R jet**



High purity (HP) and low purity (LP) SRs

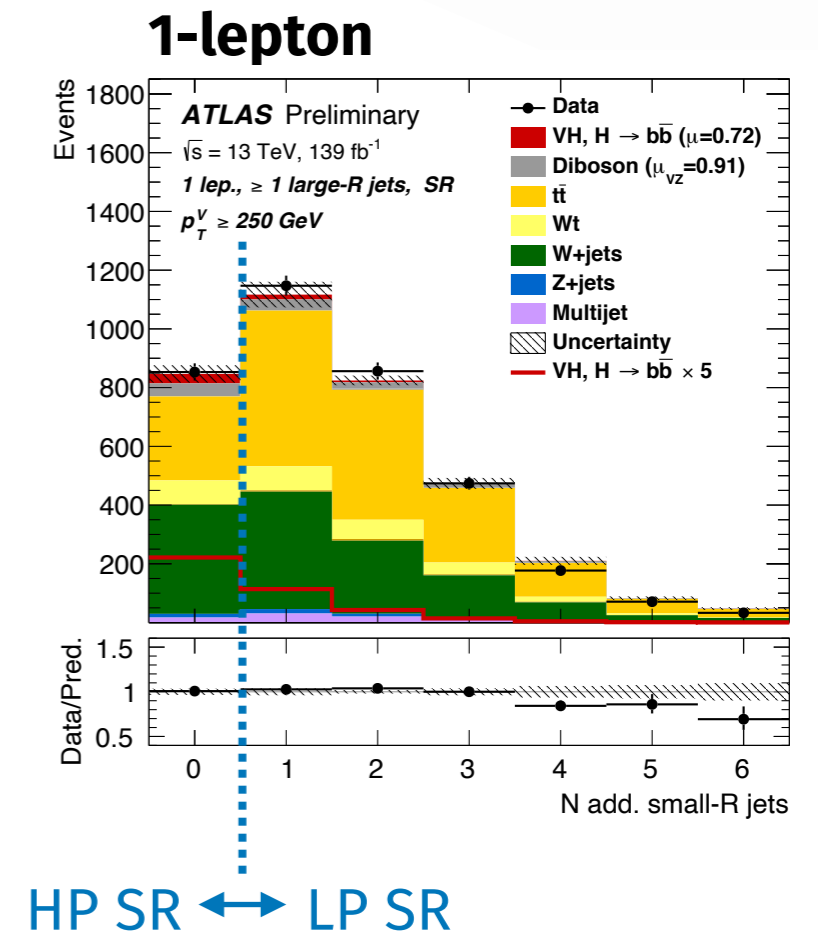
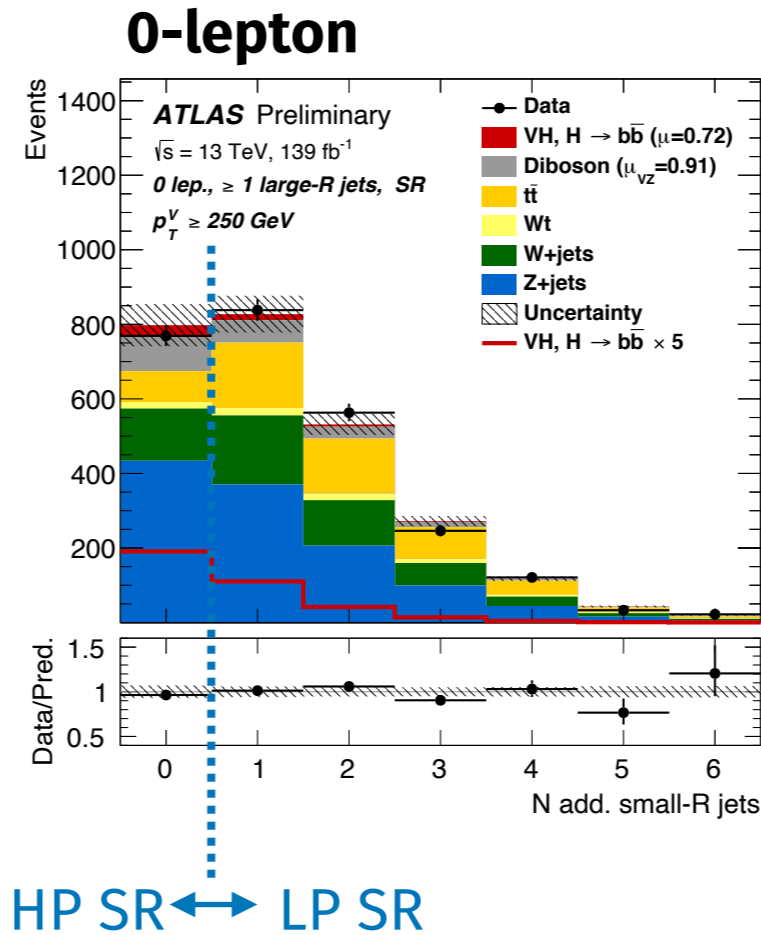


- ▶ In the 0-lepton and 1-lepton channels the signal region is further split into a high purity and low purity SR



(different levels of containment)

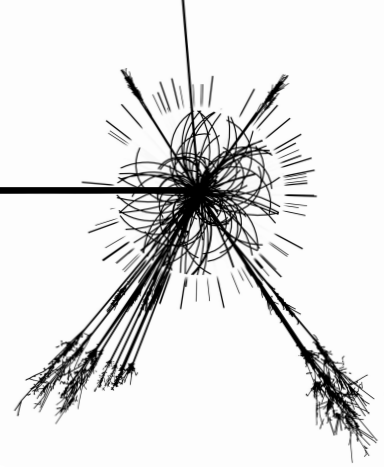
un-identified b
(and/or additional radiation)



Split according to small-R (calo) jet multiplicity:

- ▶ high: 0 small-R jets outside of the leading large-R jet
 - ▶ low: ≥ 1 small-R jet outside of the leading large-R jet
- [$p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 4.5$ as in STXS jet definition]

To summarize: the analysis regions and the fit



- ▶ 10 signal regions
 - ▶ 4 control regions
- } 14 regions distributed over 3 lepton channels

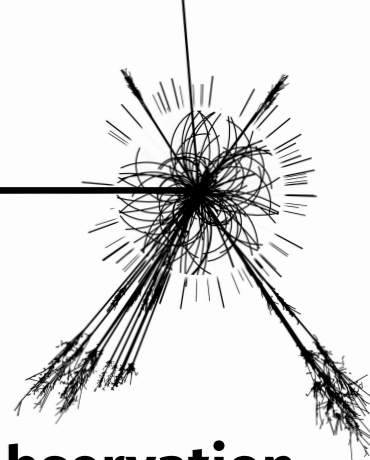
| Channel | Categories | | | | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | $250 < p_T^V < 400 \text{ GeV}$ | | | $p_T^V > 400 \text{ GeV}$ | | |
| | 0 add. b -track-jets | | ≥ 1 add. b -track-jets | 0 add. b -track-jets | | ≥ 1 add. b -track-jets |
| | 0 add. small- R jets | ≥ 1 add. small- R jets | | 0 add. small- R jets | ≥ 1 add. small- R jets | |
| 0-lepton | SR | SR | CR | SR | SR | CR |
| 1-lepton | SR | SR | CR | SR | SR | CR |
| 2-lepton | SR | | | SR | | |

- ▶ Perform a **binned profile likelihood fit** in m_{comb} to the 14 regions to **extract the signal strengths μ_{VH} and μ_{VZ} simultaneously**

Fit setup and systematics:

- ▶ Normalizations of „V+heavy flavor“ and „ttbar“ left unconstrained in the fit
- ▶ Systematic uncertainties included as nuisance parameters:
 - ▶ Experimental: **large-R jet JMS/JMR**, JES/JER; small-R jets, MET, leptons, b-tagging, ...
 - ▶ Modelling: Acceptance, containment and flavor uncertainties, sub-dom. norms, ...
 - ▶ MC statistics

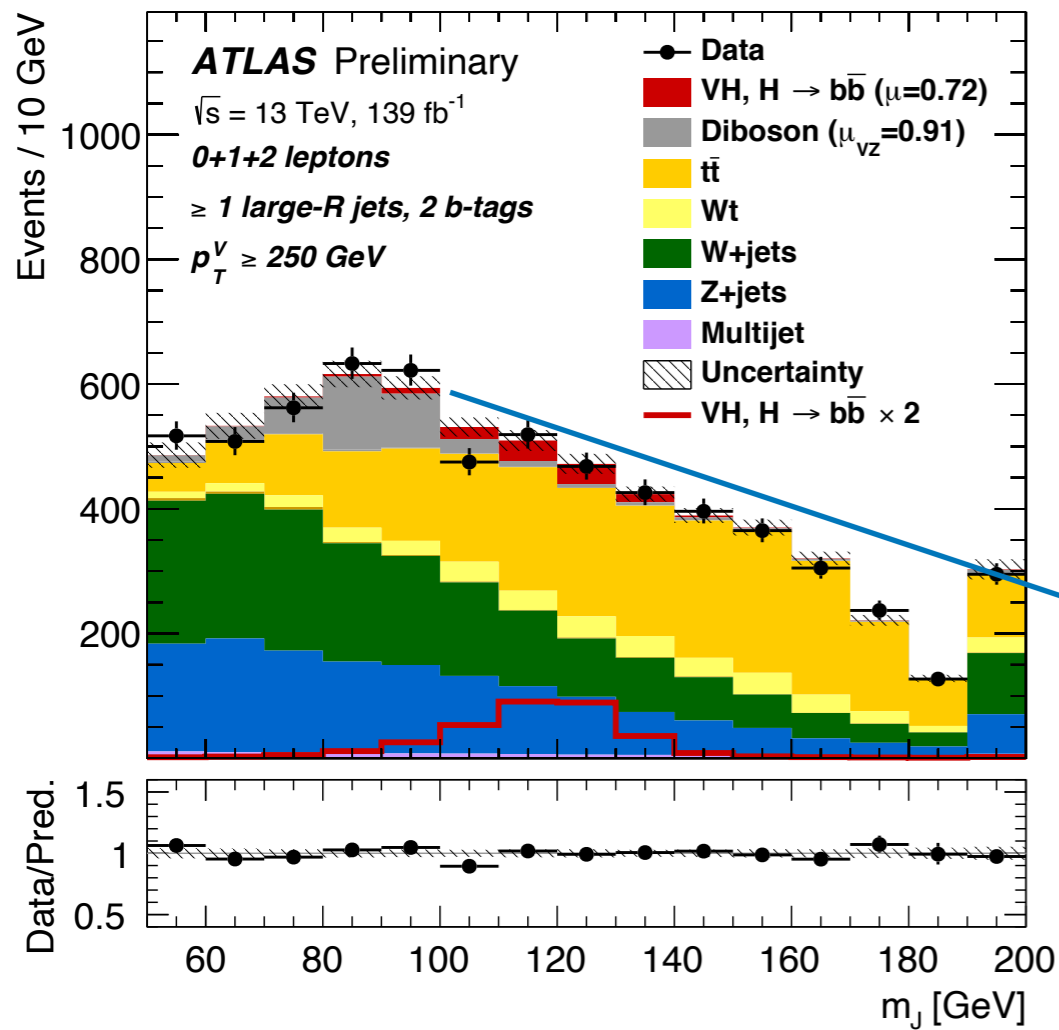
Unblinded results



▶ VH signal: Observed (expected) significance: $Z = 2.1$ (2.7) [σ]

▶ VZ signal: Observed (expected) significance: $Z = 5.2$ (5.7) [σ]

Boosted
V(->lep)Z(->bb) observation



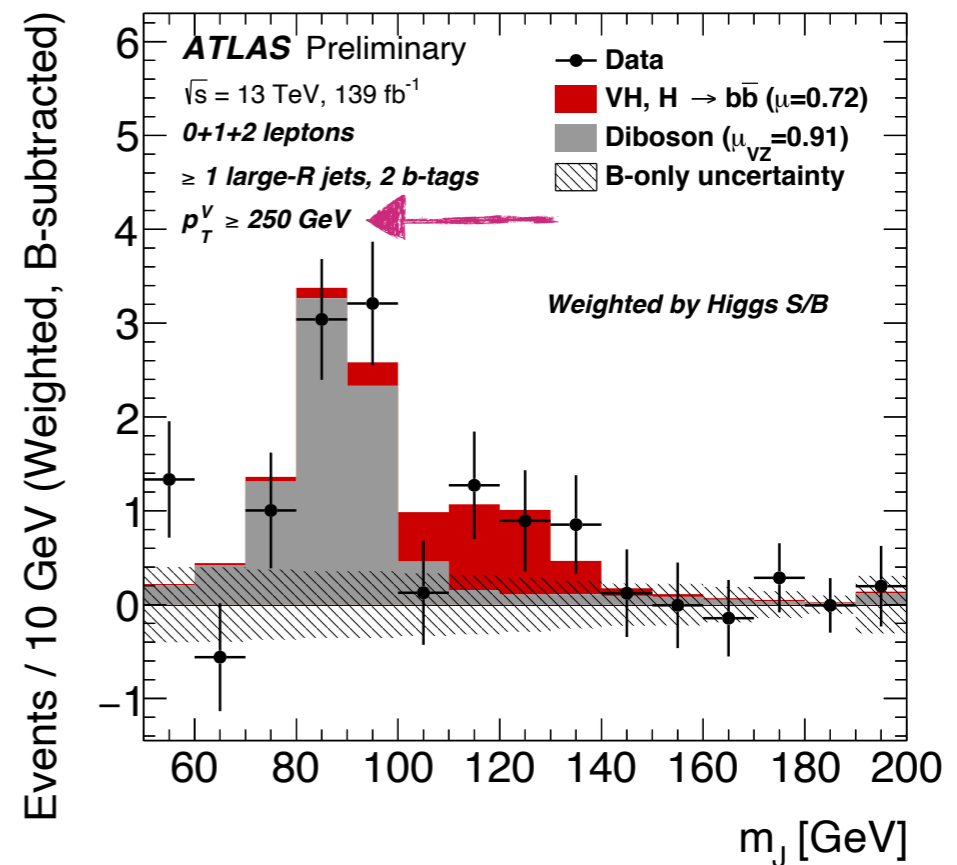
VH signal strength:

$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 0.72_{-0.36}^{+0.39} = 0.72_{-0.28}^{+0.29} (\text{stat.})_{-0.22}^{+0.26} (\text{syst.})$$

VZ signal strength:

$$\mu_{VZ}^{bb} = 0.91_{-0.23}^{+0.29} = 0.91 \pm 0.15 (\text{stat.})_{-0.17}^{+0.25} (\text{syst.})$$

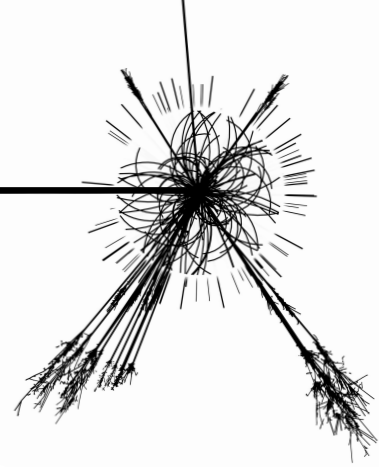
weighting regions by Higgs S/B before adding them; bkg subtracted



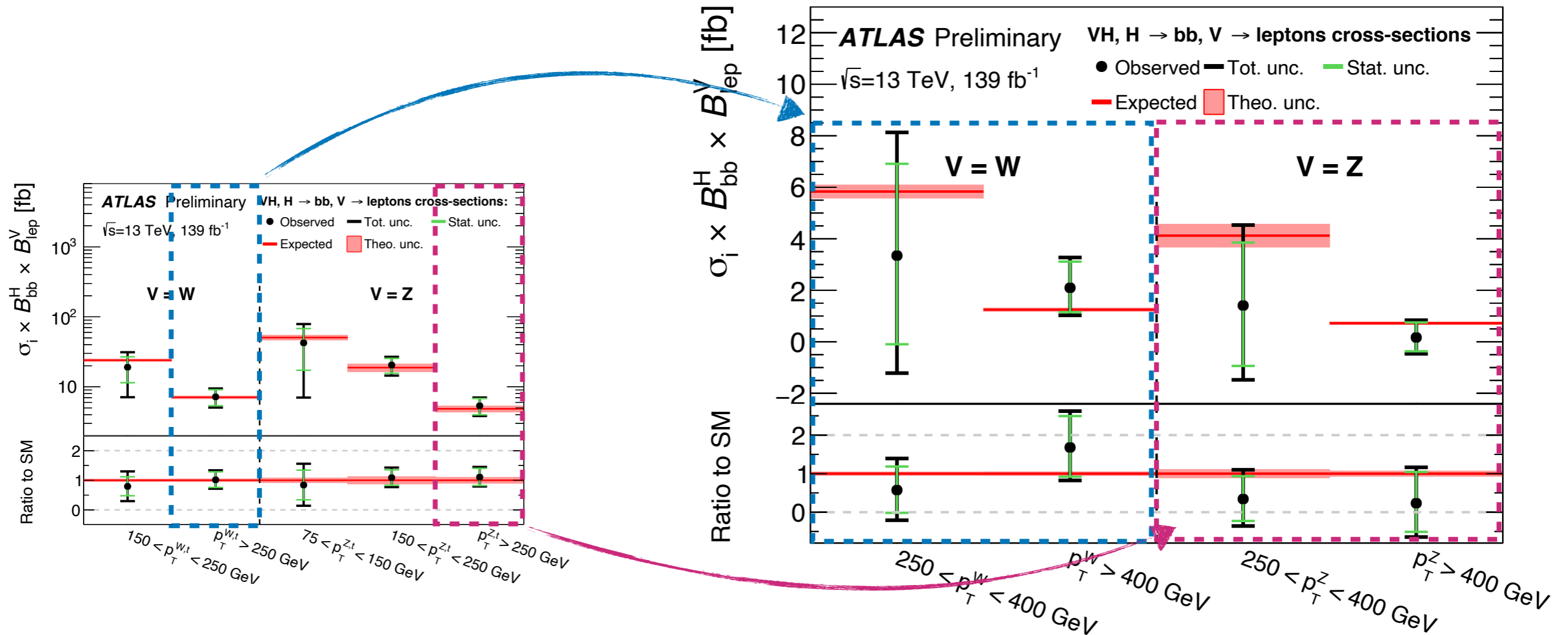
Limiting factors:

1. Data statistics
2. Large-R jet mass scale + resolution
3. Background modelling

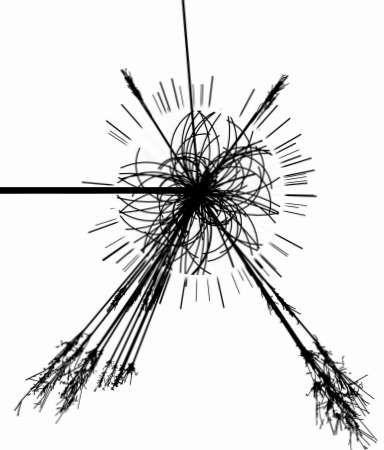
Increasing granularity: STXS results



- ▶ First measurement of Higgsstrahlung $\sigma \times \text{BR}$ for p_T^V (truth) > 400 GeV !
- ▶ Still rather larger uncertainties $\sim 70\text{-}90\%$ but more data will come...
- ▶ Results so far in good agreement with the SM



Conclusion



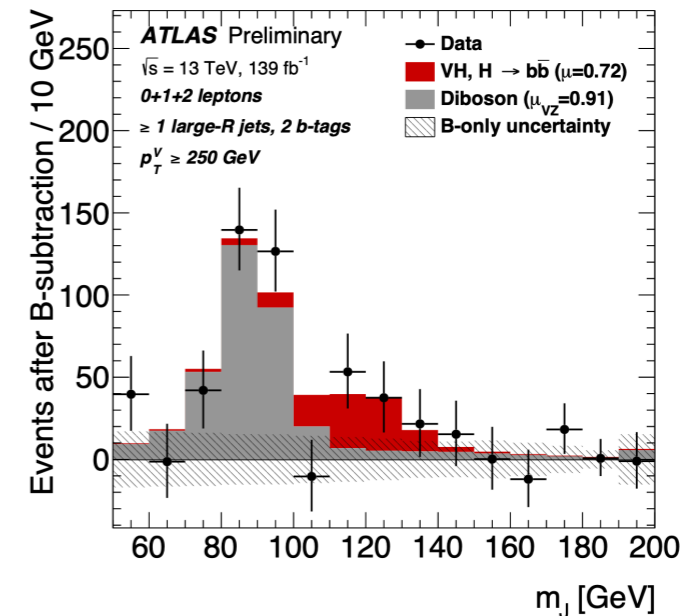
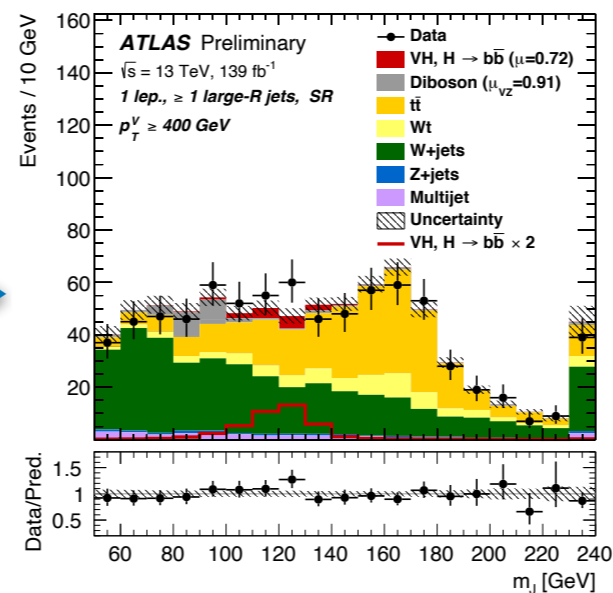
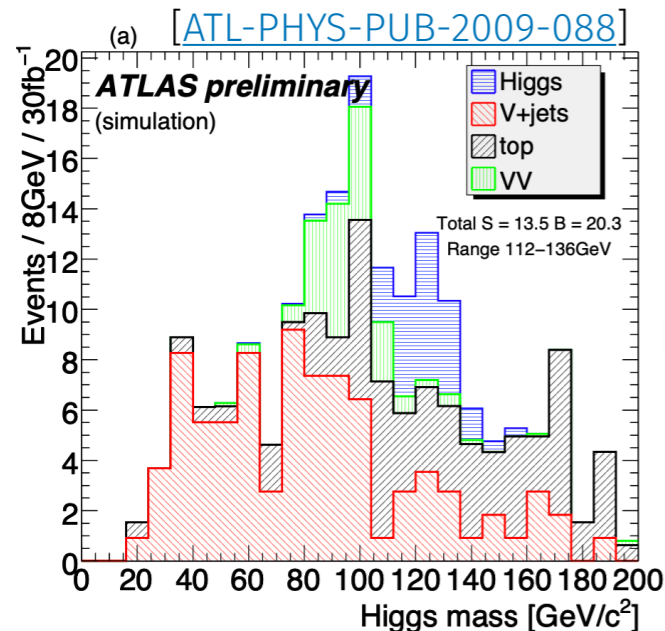
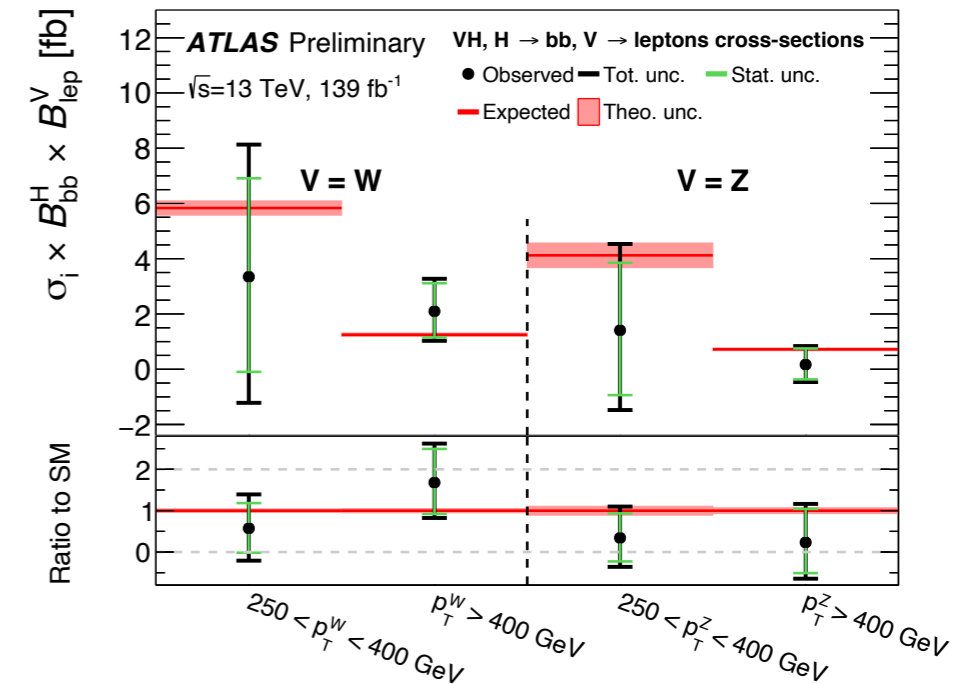
► Measurement of high-energetic VH production using **boosted jet techniques**

The analysis works well and we get nice sensitivity to high Higgs p_T !

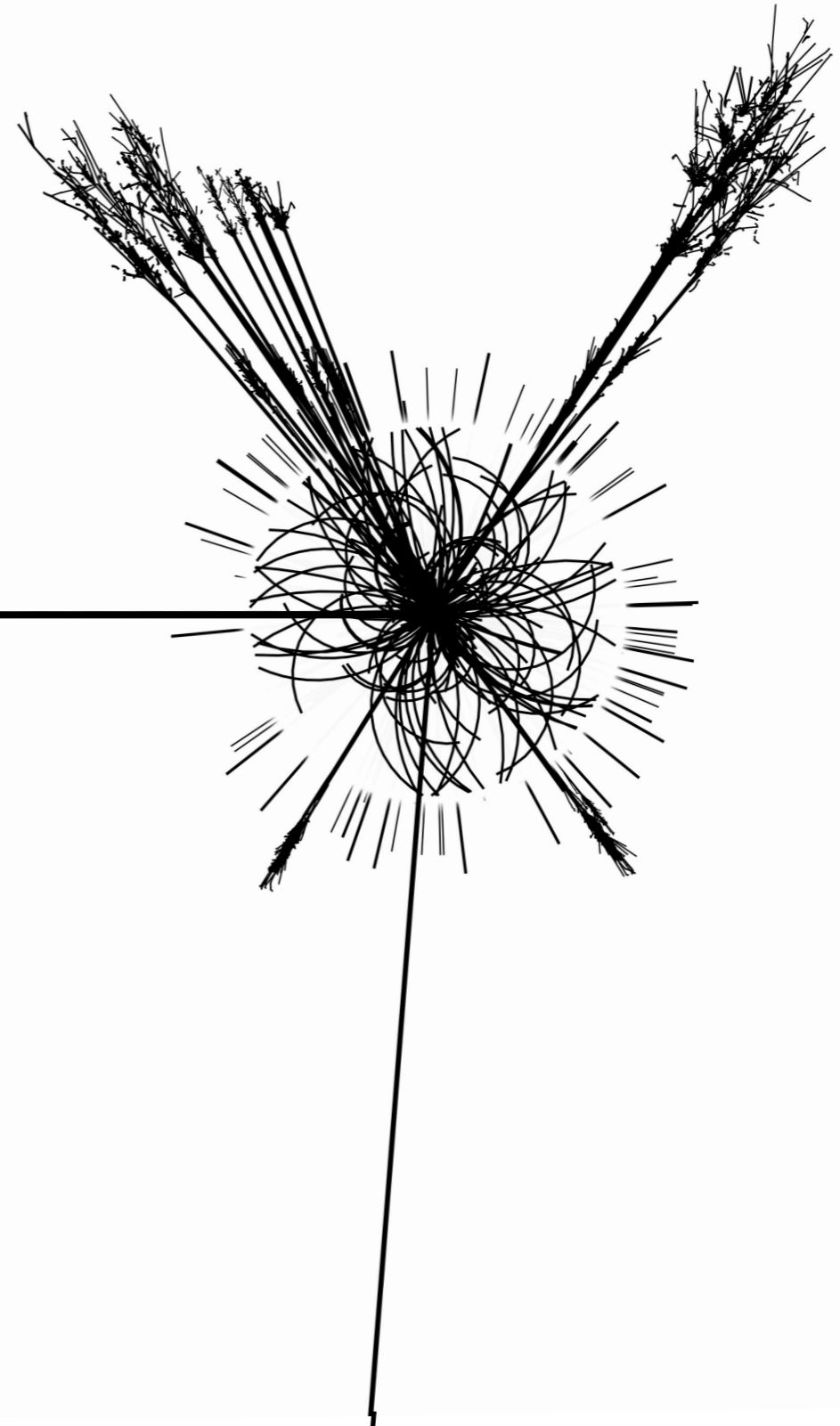
→ First direct measurement for $p_T^V > 400$ GeV

→ Boosted $V(->lep)Z(->bb)$ observation

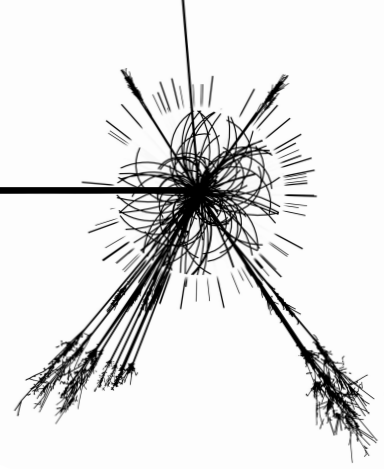
Boosted is **the** path to exploit the full energy reach of the LHC in a data rich future



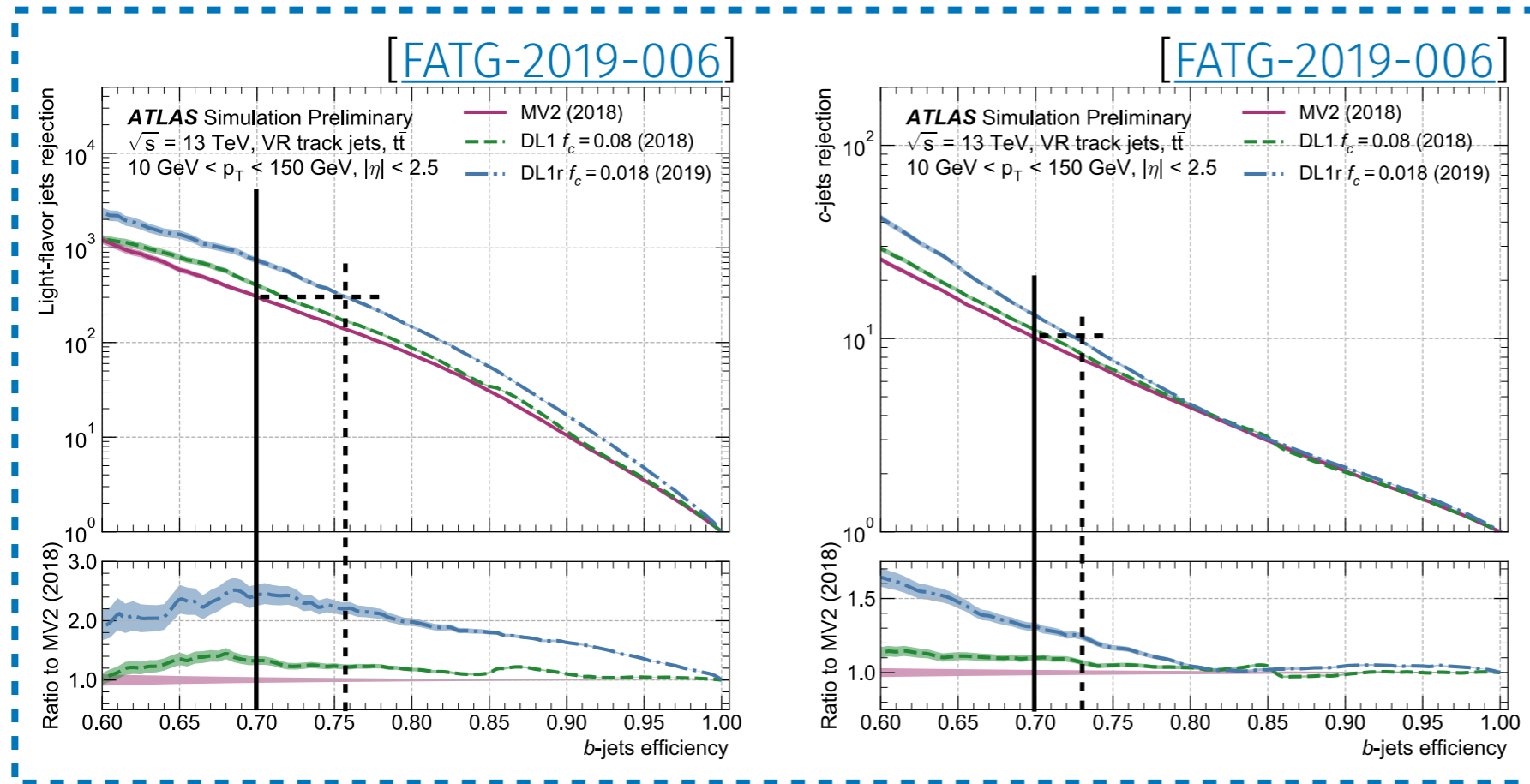
Backup.



Potential improvements



- ▶ Lots of refinements with promising potential ready to be tested



Single b-tagging algorithm improvements

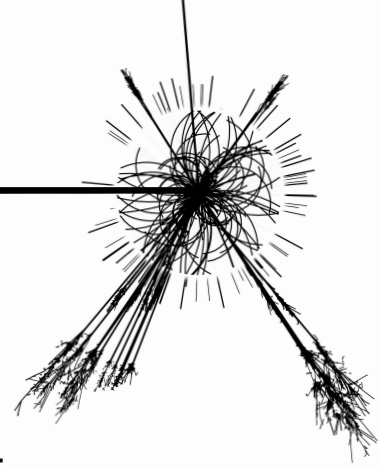
Revisiting the jet inputs, clustering algorithms, grooming procedures, ...

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together with refinements on the analysis itself!

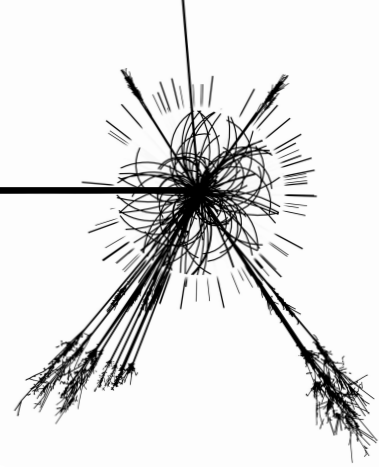


The used generators



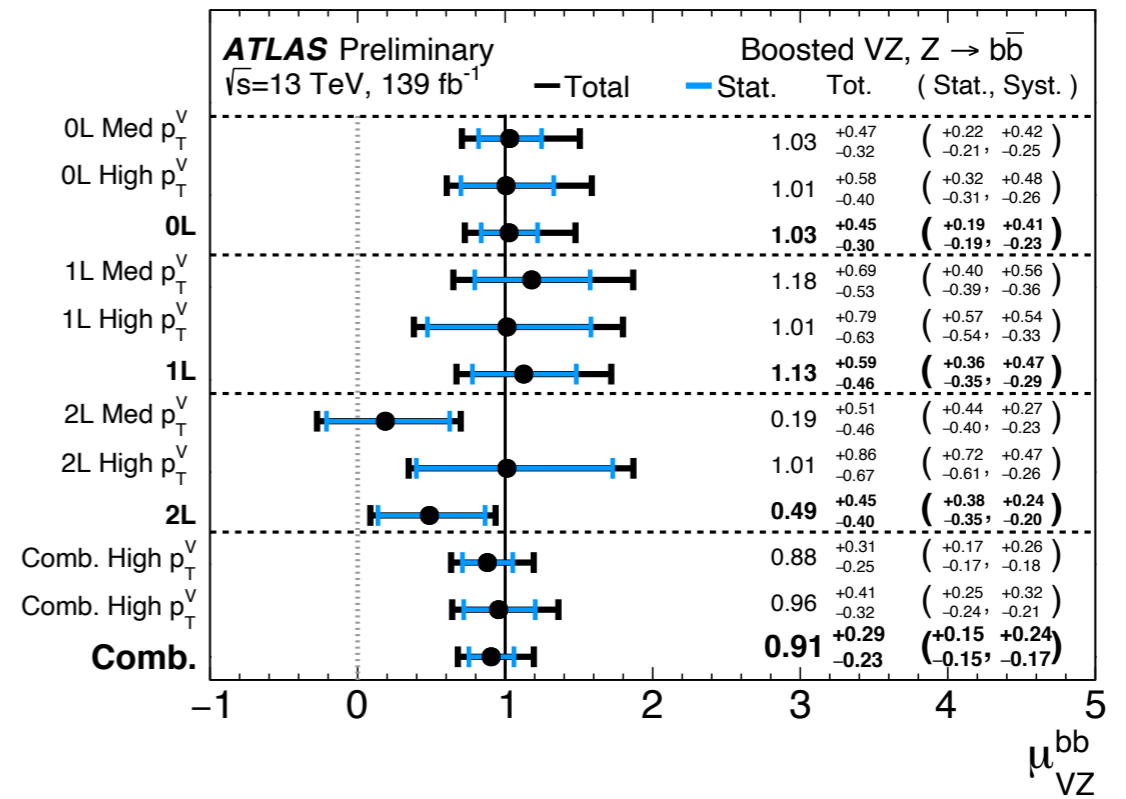
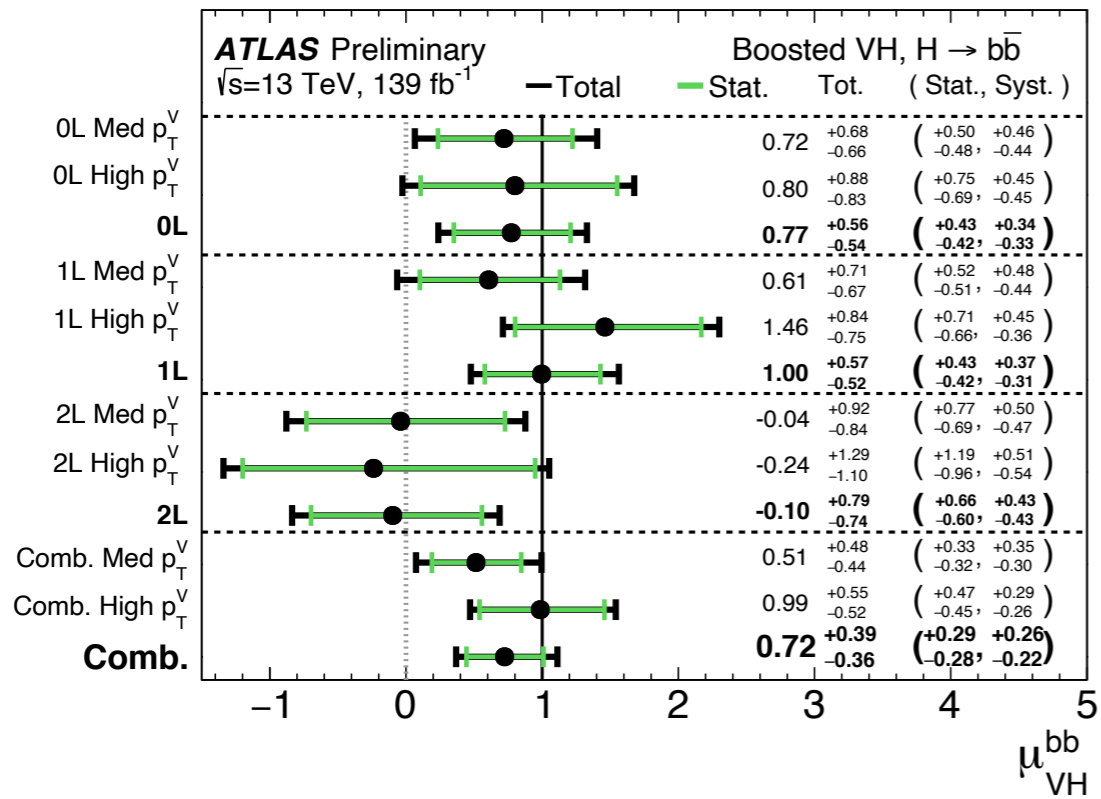
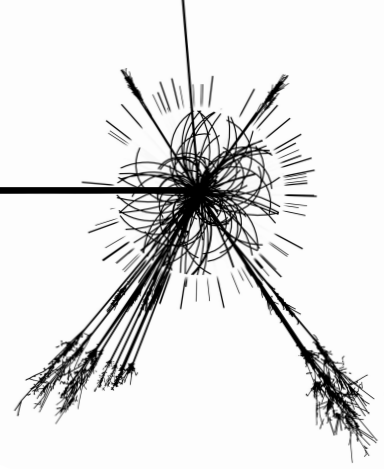
| Process | ME generator | ME PDF | PS and Hadronisation | UE model tune | Cross-section order |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Signal ($m_H = 125$ GeV and $b\bar{b}$ branching fraction set to 58%) | | | | | |
| $qq \rightarrow WH \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ | POWHEG-Box v2 + GoSAM + MINLO | NNPDF3.0NLO ^(*) | PYTHIA 8.212 | AZNLO | NNLO(QCD)+NLO(EW) |
| $qq \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}/\ell\ell b\bar{b}$ | POWHEG-Box v2 + GoSAM + MINLO | NNPDF3.0NLO ^(*) | PYTHIA 8.212 | AZNLO | NNLO(QCD) ^(†) +NLO(EW) |
| $gg \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}/\ell\ell b\bar{b}$ | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNPDF3.0NLO ^(*) | PYTHIA 8.212 | AZNLO | NLO+NLL |
| Top quark ($m_t = 172.5$ GeV) | | | | | |
| $t\bar{t}$ | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNPDF3.0NLO | PYTHIA 8.230 | A14 | NNLO+NNLL |
| s -channel | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNPDF3.0NLO | PYTHIA 8.230 | A14 | NLO |
| t -channel | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNPDF3.0NLO | PYTHIA 8.230 | A14 | NLO |
| Wt | POWHEG-Box v2 | NNPDF3.0NLO | PYTHIA 8.230 | A14 | Approximate NNLO |
| Vector boson + jets | | | | | |
| $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ | SHERPA 2.2.1 | NNPDF3.0NNLO | SHERPA 2.2.1 | Default | NNLO |
| $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow \ell\ell$ | SHERPA 2.2.1 | NNPDF3.0NNLO | SHERPA 2.2.1 | Default | NNLO |
| $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ | SHERPA 2.2.1 | NNPDF3.0NNLO | SHERPA 2.2.1 | Default | NNLO |
| Diboson | | | | | |
| $qq \rightarrow WW$ | SHERPA 2.2.1 | NNPDF3.0NNLO | SHERPA 2.2.1 | Default | NLO |
| $qq \rightarrow WZ$ | SHERPA 2.2.1 | NNPDF3.0NNLO | SHERPA 2.2.1 | Default | NLO |
| $qq \rightarrow ZZ$ | SHERPA 2.2.1 | NNPDF3.0NNLO | SHERPA 2.2.1 | Default | NLO |
| $gg \rightarrow VV$ | SHERPA 2.2.2 | NNPDF3.0NNLO | SHERPA 2.2.2 | Default | NLO |

The event selection

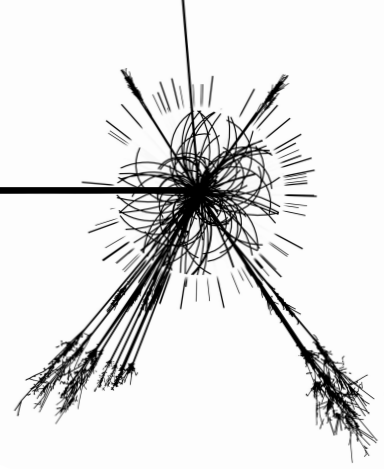


| Selection | 0 lepton channel | 1 lepton channel | | 2 leptons channel | |
|--|--|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| | | e sub-channel | μ sub-channel | e sub-channel | μ sub-channel |
| Trigger | E_T^{miss} | Single electron | E_T^{miss} | Single electron | E_T^{miss} |
| Leptons | 0 <i>baseline</i> leptons | 1 <i>signal</i> lepton $p_T > 27$ GeV $p_T > 25$ GeV no second <i>baseline</i> lepton | | 2 <i>baseline</i> leptons among which ≥ 1 <i>signal</i> lepton, $p_T > 27$ GeV both leptons of the same flavour - opposite sign muons | |
| E_T^{miss} | > 250 GeV | > 50 GeV | - | - | |
| p_T^V | $p_T^V > 250$ GeV | | | | |
| Large- R jets | at least one large- R jet, $p_T > 250$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.0$ | | | | |
| Track-jets | at least two track-jets, $p_T > 10$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.5$, associated to the leading large- R jet | | | | |
| b -jets | leading two track-jets associated to the leading large- R must be b -tagged (MV2c10, 70%) | | | | |
| m_J | > 50 GeV | | | | |
| $\min[\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, \text{small-}R \text{ jets})]$ | $> 30^\circ$ | - | | | |
| $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, H_{\text{cand}})$ | $> 120^\circ$ | - | | | |
| $\Delta\phi(\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}, E_{T, \text{trk}}^{\text{miss}})$ | $< 90^\circ$ | - | | | |
| $\Delta y(V, H_{\text{cand}})$ | - | $ \Delta y(V, H_{\text{cand}}) < 1.4$ | | | |
| $m_{\ell\ell}$ | - | $66 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell\ell} < 116 \text{ GeV}$ | | | |
| Lepton p_T imbalance | - | $(p_T^{\ell_1} - p_T^{\ell_2})/p_T^Z < 0.8$ | | | |

Compatibility tests



Measured STXS cross-sections



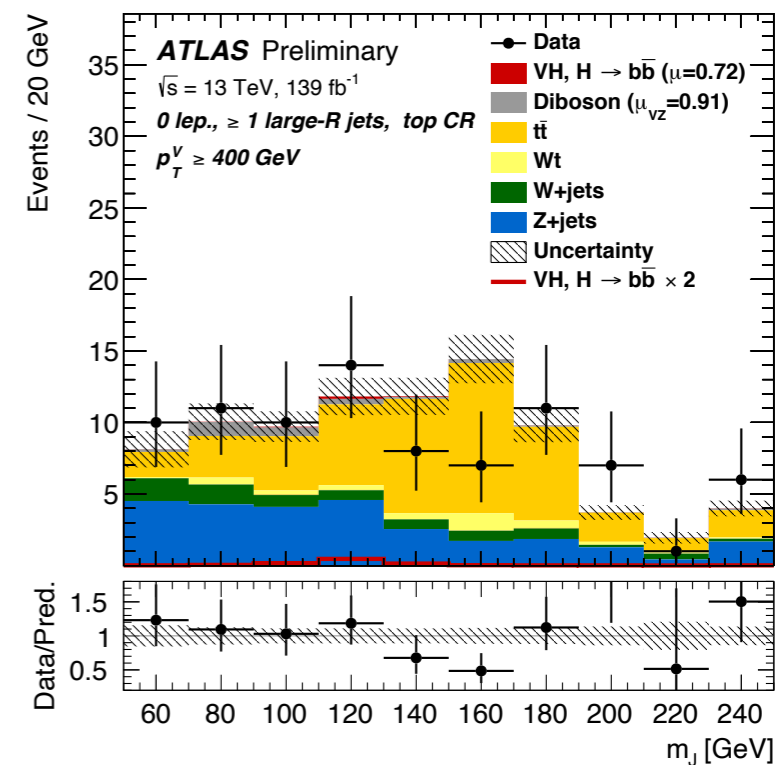
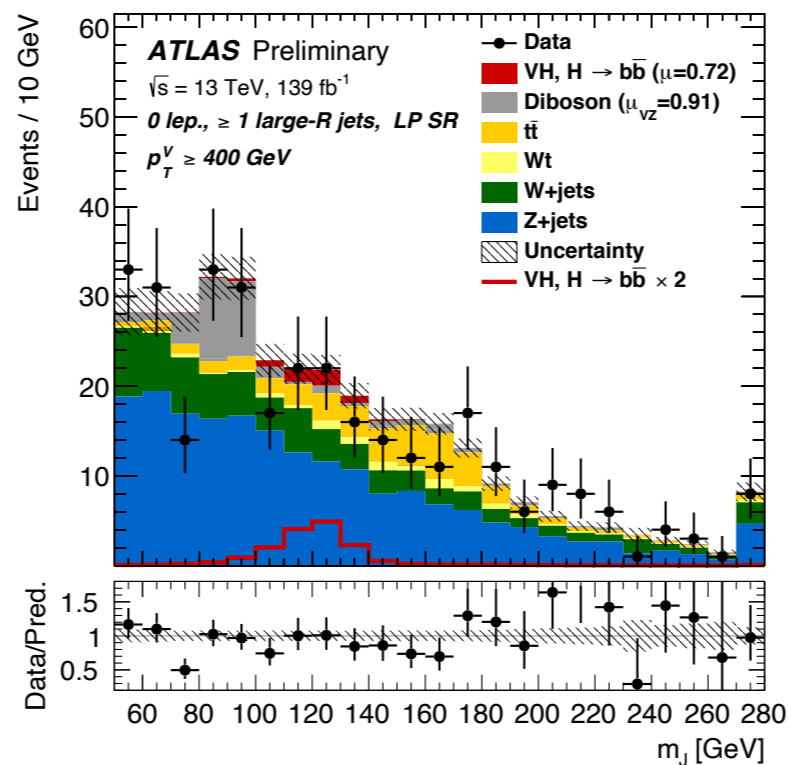
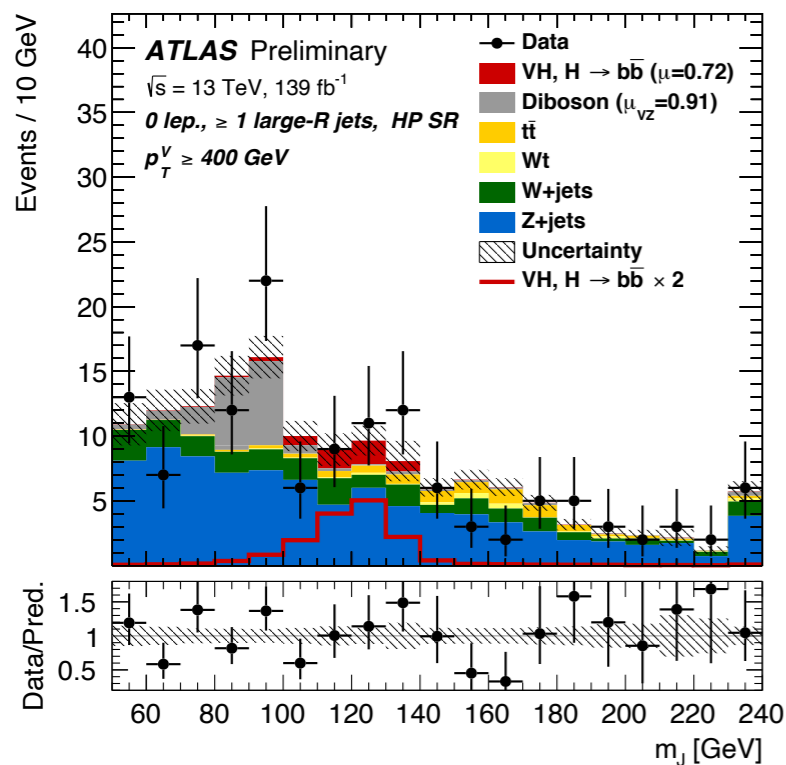
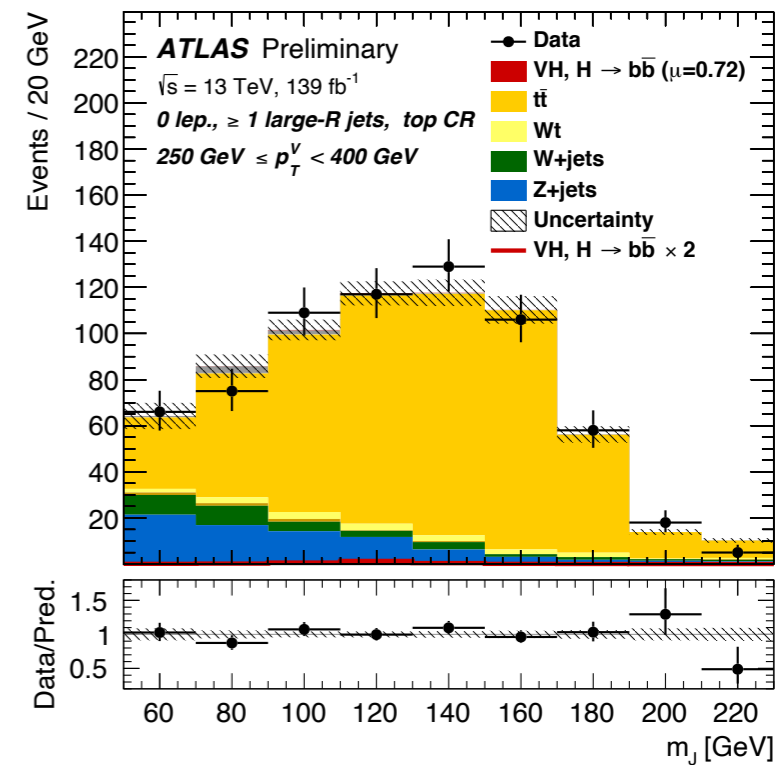
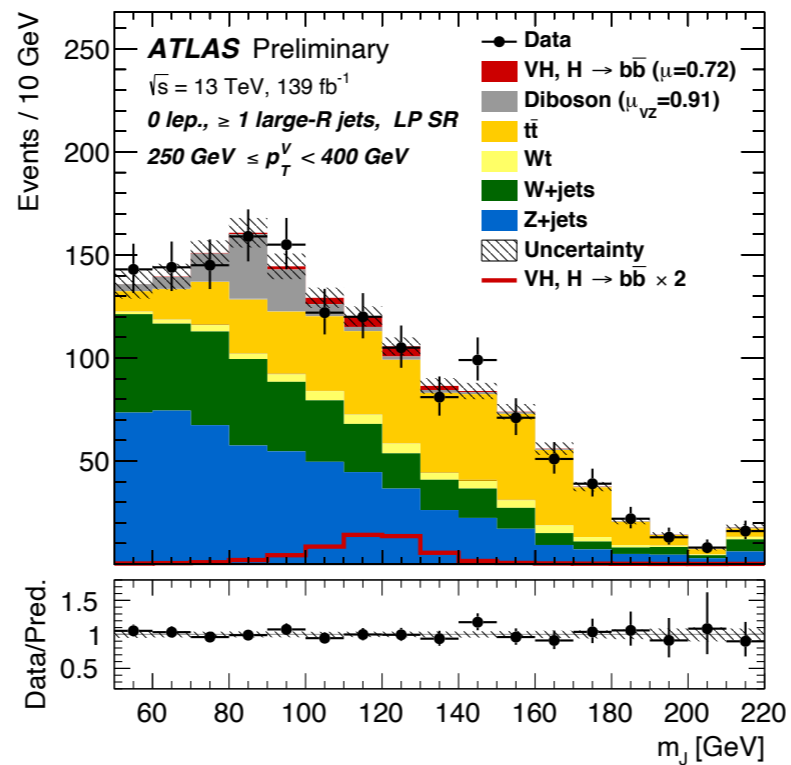
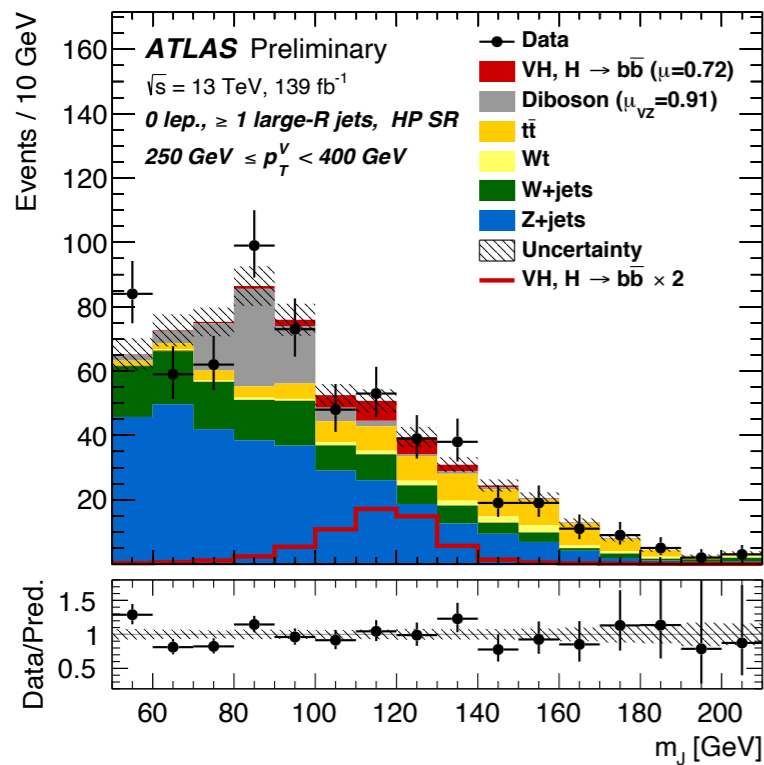
| Measurement region ($ y_H < 2.5, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$) | SM prediction [fb] | Result [fb] | Stat. unc. [fb] | Syst. unc. [fb] |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| $W \rightarrow \ell\nu; p_T^W \in [250, 400[\text{ GeV}$ | 5.83 ± 0.26 | $3.3^{+4.8}_{-4.6}$ | $^{+3.6}_{-3.4}$ | $^{+3.2}_{-3.0}$ |
| $W \rightarrow \ell\nu; p_T^W \in [400, \infty[\text{ GeV}$ | 1.25 ± 0.06 | $2.1^{+1.2}_{-1.1}$ | $^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$ | $^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$ |
| $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell, \nu\nu; p_T^Z \in [250, 400[\text{ GeV}$ | 4.12 ± 0.45 | $1.4^{+3.1}_{-2.9}$ | $^{+2.4}_{-2.3}$ | $^{+1.9}_{-1.7}$ |
| $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell, \nu\nu; p_T^Z \in [400, \infty[\text{ GeV}$ | 0.72 ± 0.05 | $0.2^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$ | $^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$ | $^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$ |

Uncertainty breakdown

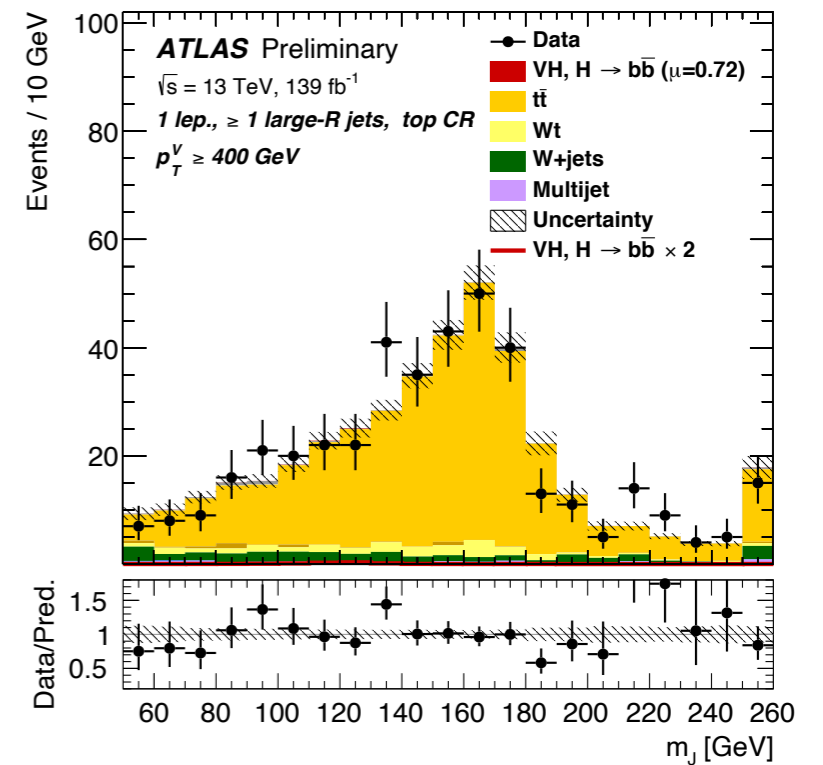
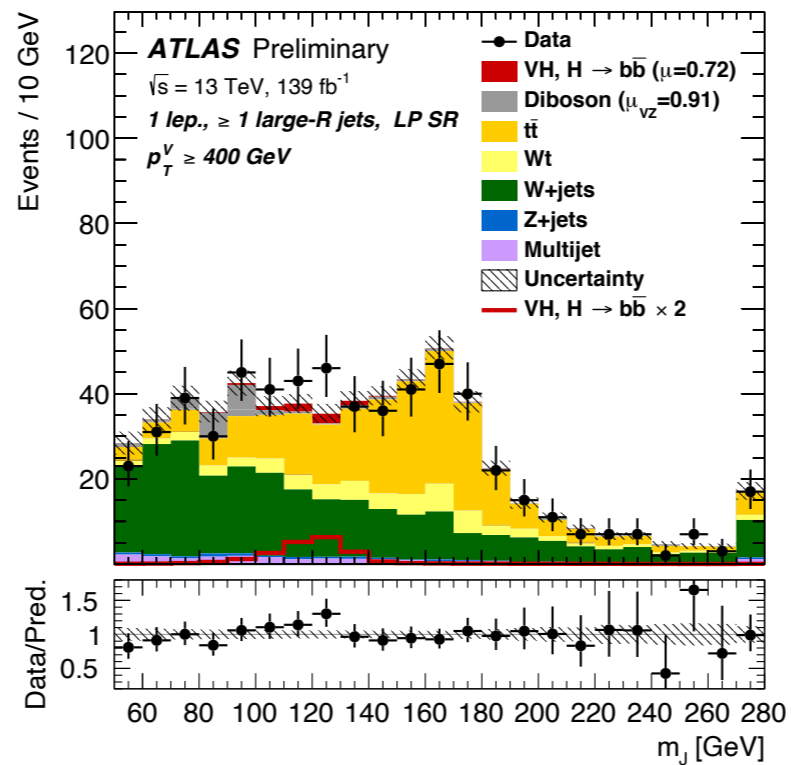
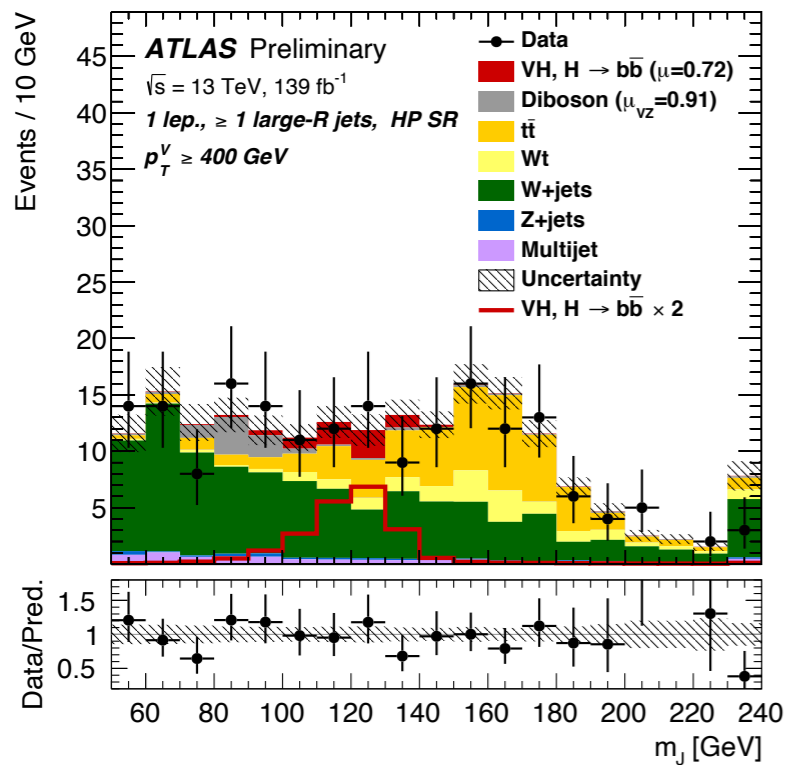
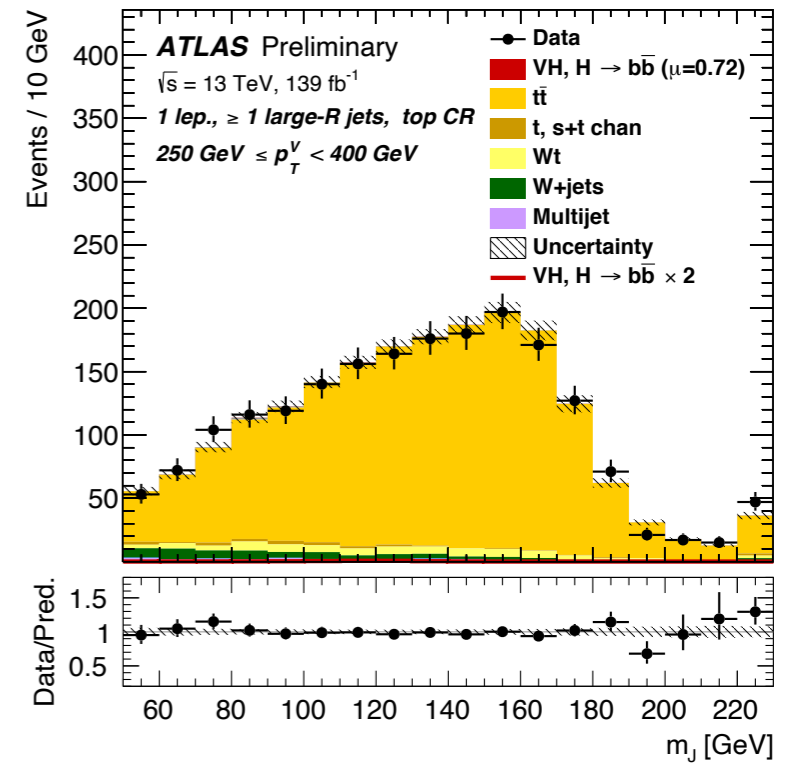
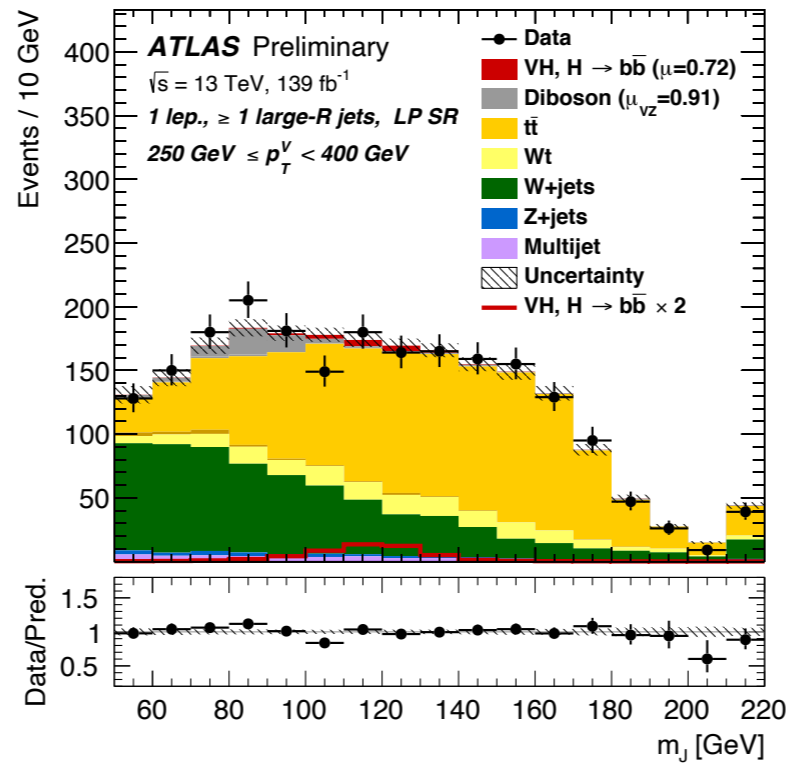
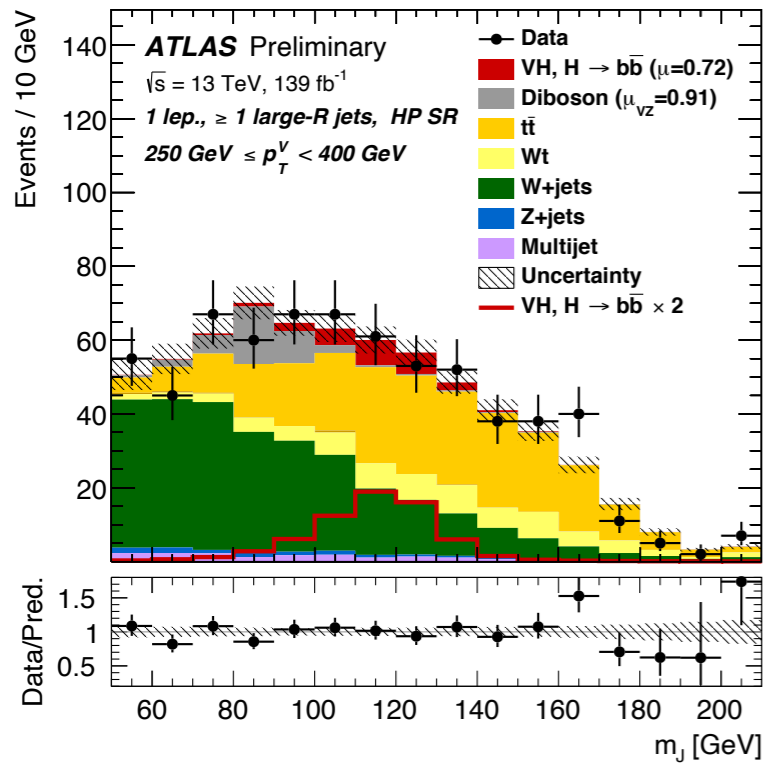


| Source of uncertainty | Avg. impact | |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| Total | 0.372 | |
| Statistical | 0.283 | |
| Systematic | 0.240 | |
| Experimental uncertainties | | |
| small-R jets | 0.038 | |
| large-R jets | 0.133 | |
| E_T^{miss} | 0.007 | |
| Leptons | 0.010 | |
| b -tagging | b -jets | 0.016 |
| | c -jets | 0.011 |
| | light-flavour jets | 0.008 |
| | extrapolation | 0.004 |
| Pile-up | 0.001 | |
| Luminosity | 0.013 | |
| Theoretical and modelling uncertainties | | |
| Signal | 0.038 | |
| Backgrounds | 0.100 | |
| $\hookrightarrow Z + \text{jets}$ | 0.048 | |
| $\hookrightarrow W + \text{jets}$ | 0.058 | |
| $\hookrightarrow t\bar{t}$ | 0.035 | |
| \hookrightarrow Single top quark | 0.027 | |
| \hookrightarrow Diboson | 0.032 | |
| \hookrightarrow Multijet | 0.009 | |
| MC statistical | 0.092 | |

Post-fit plots: 0-lepton



Post-fit plots: 1-lepton



Post-fit plots: 2-lepton

