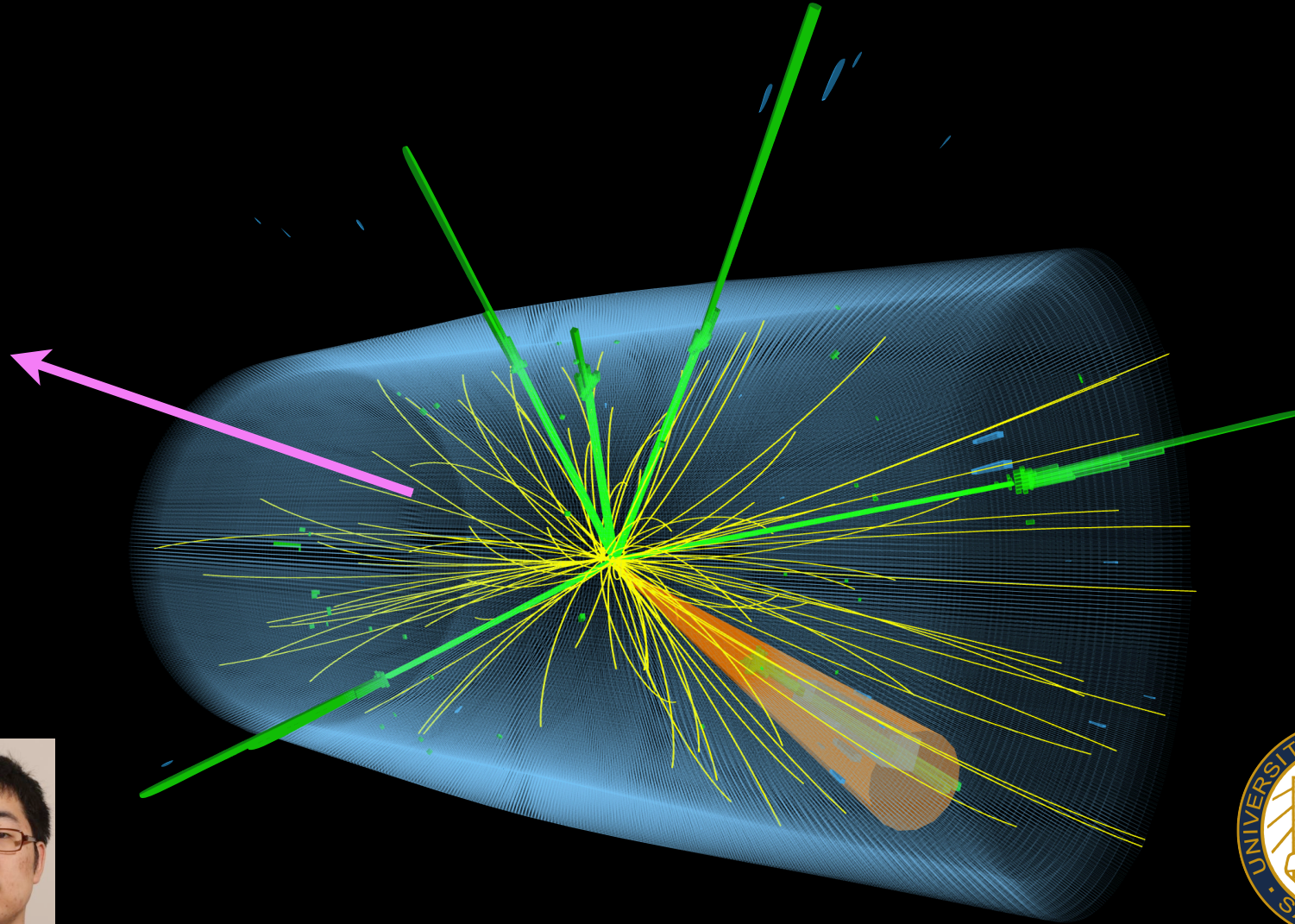


# First observation of the production of three massive gauge bosons at CMS



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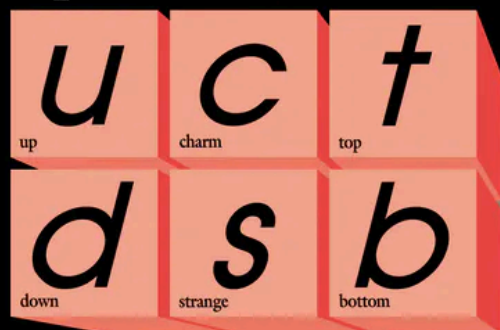


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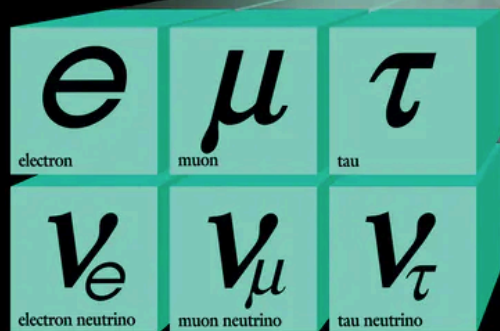
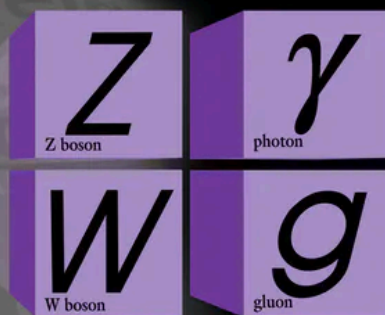


- Electroweak sector of SM
- Why study rare multi-boson productions?
- CMS's VVV analysis and results
- Future directions

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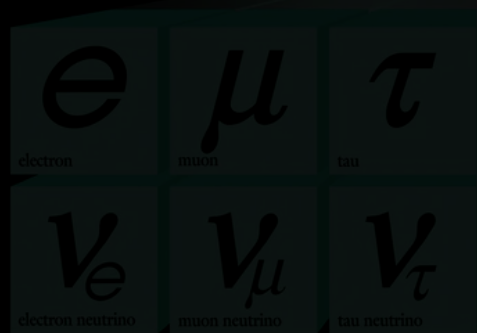
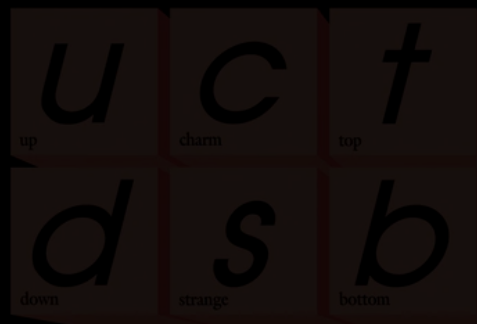
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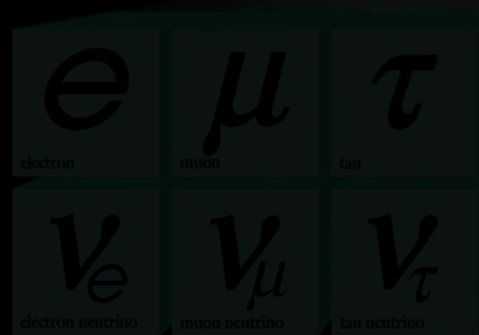
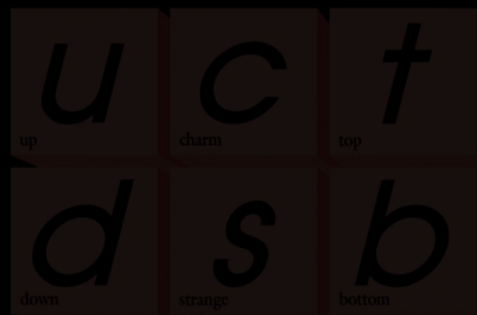
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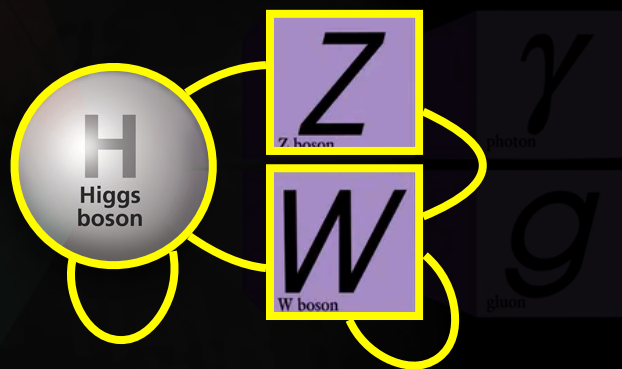
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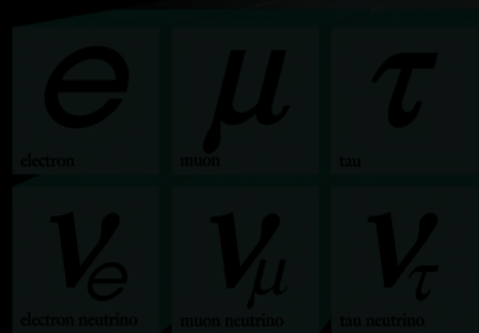
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- Agent of electroweak symmetry breaking
- Higgs discovery (2012)

$\Rightarrow$  **Completes the EW sector**

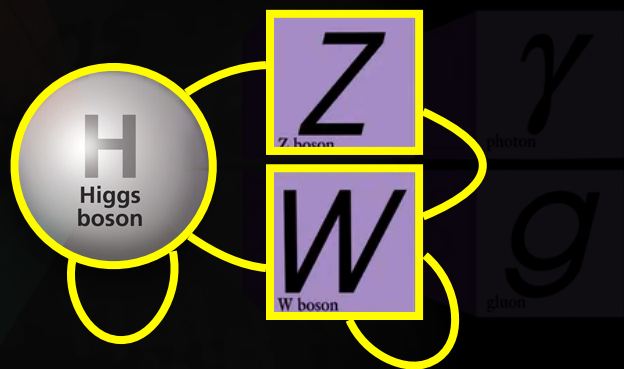
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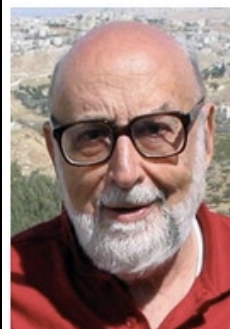


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Peter W. Higgs

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013 was awarded jointly to François Englert and Peter W. Higgs "for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider"

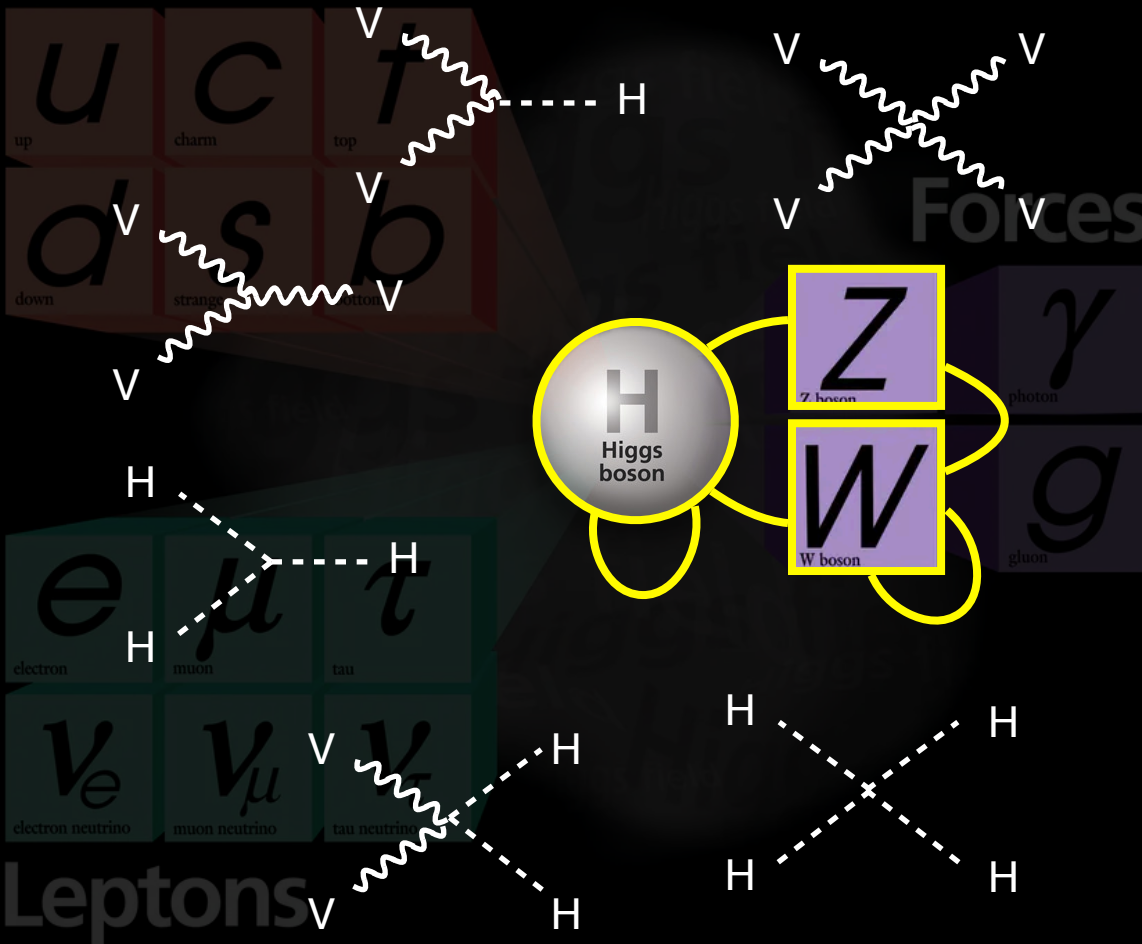
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*Completing* the electroweak sector

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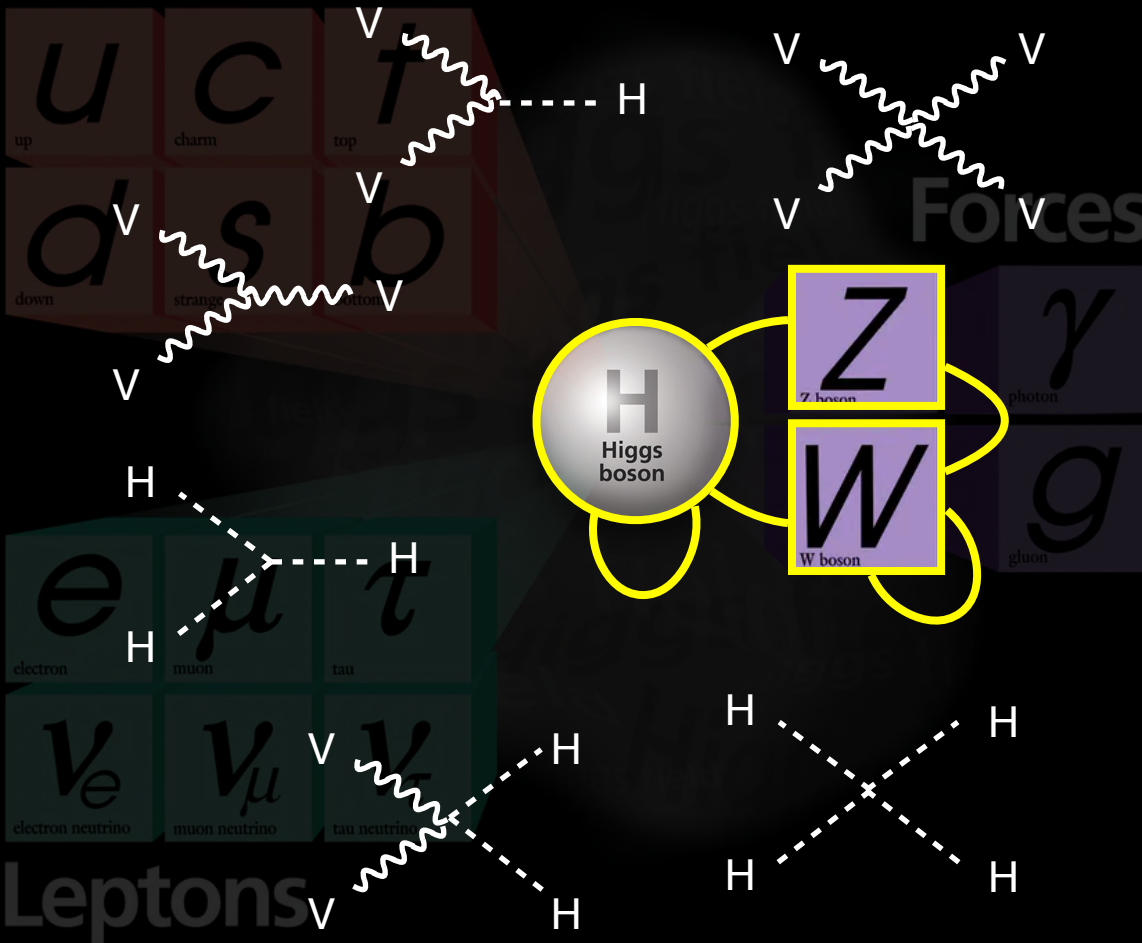


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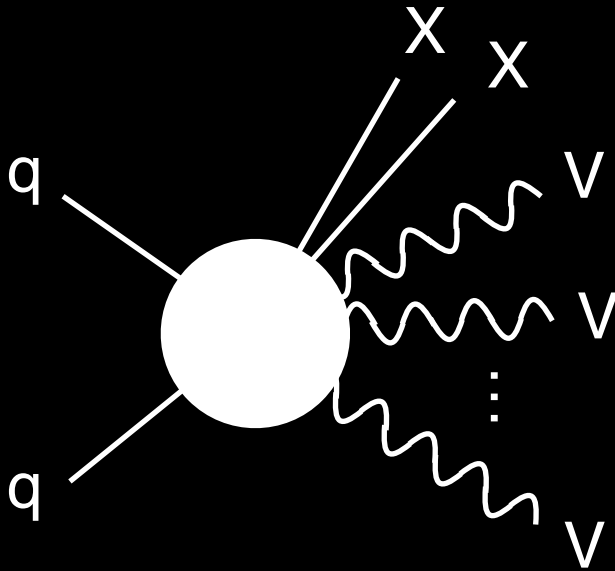


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- These Qs have deep implications
  - How/Why is EWSB broken?
  - Could EWPT be first order?
  - Baryogenesis?
  - Stability of the universe?

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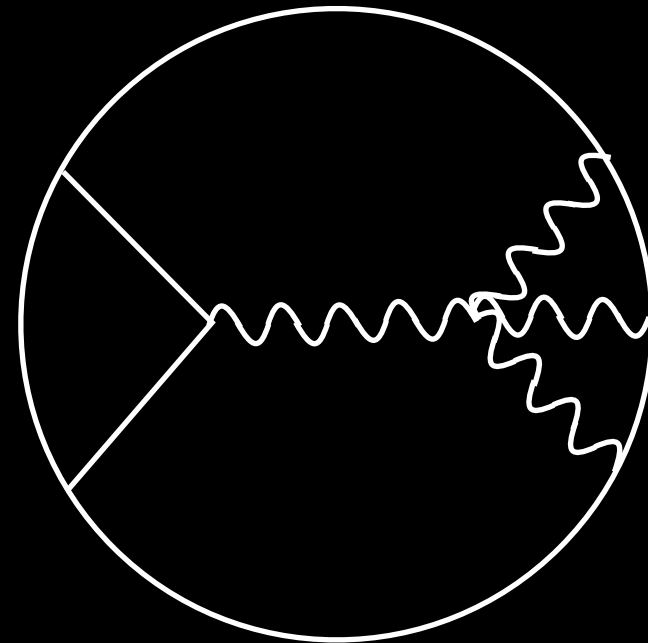
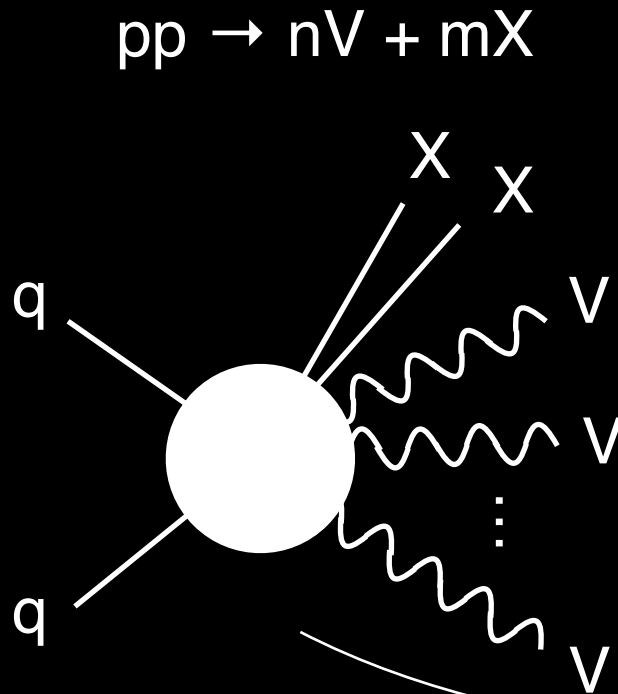
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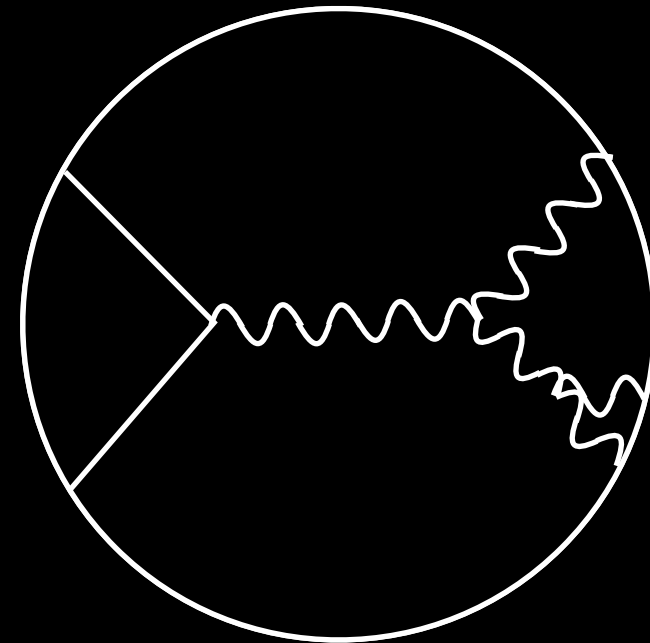
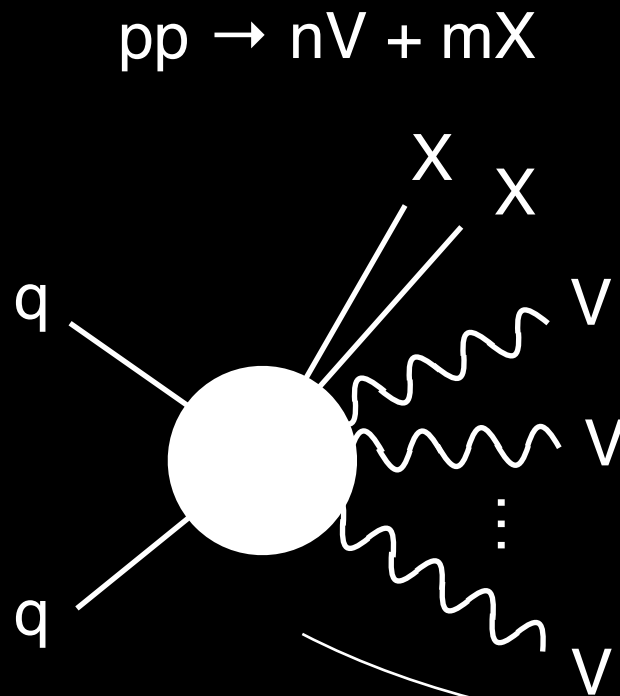


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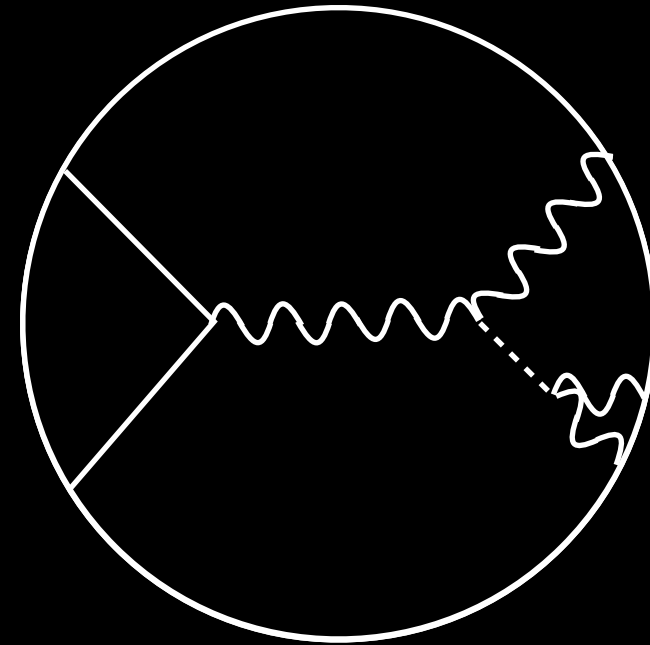
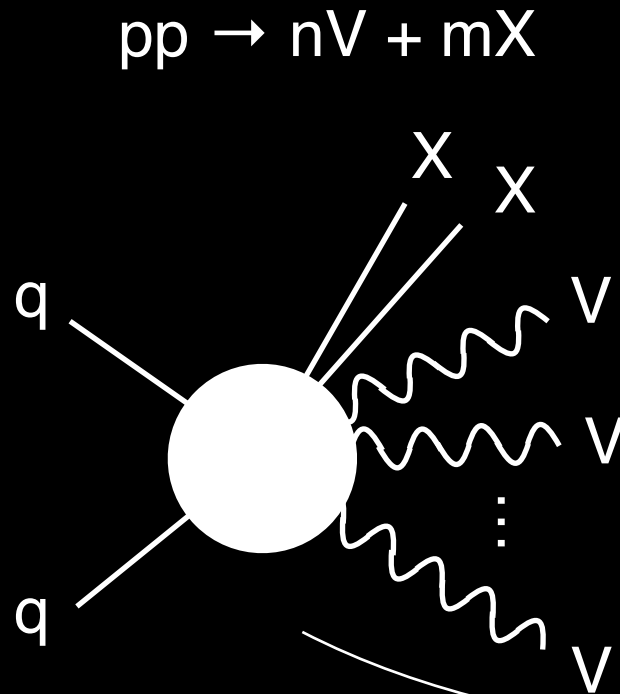


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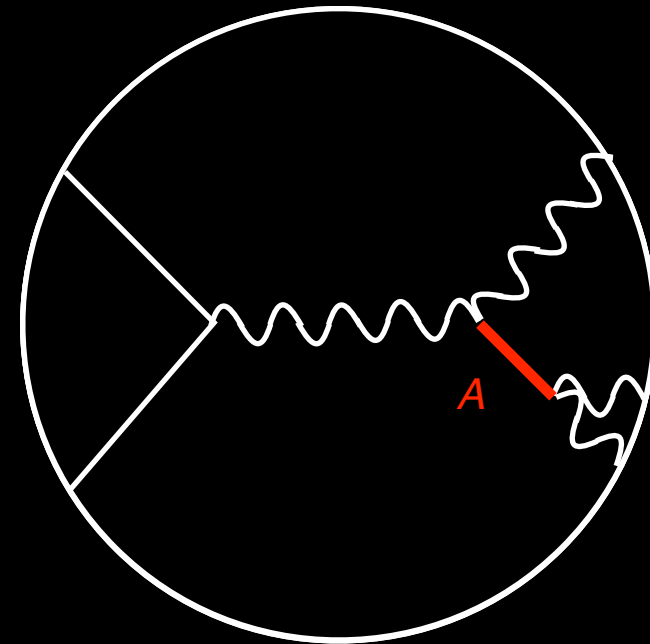
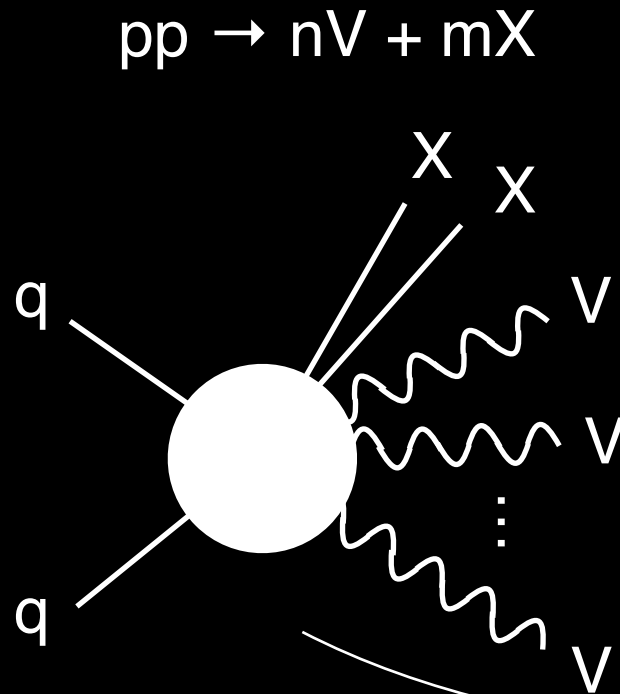


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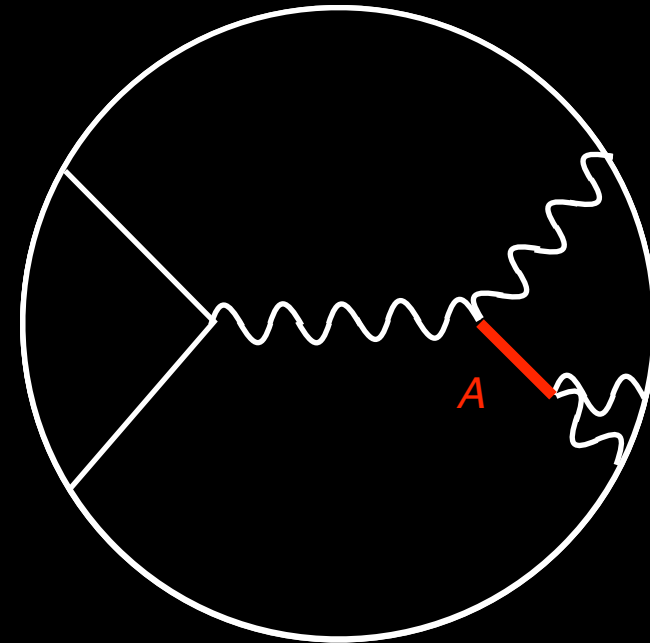
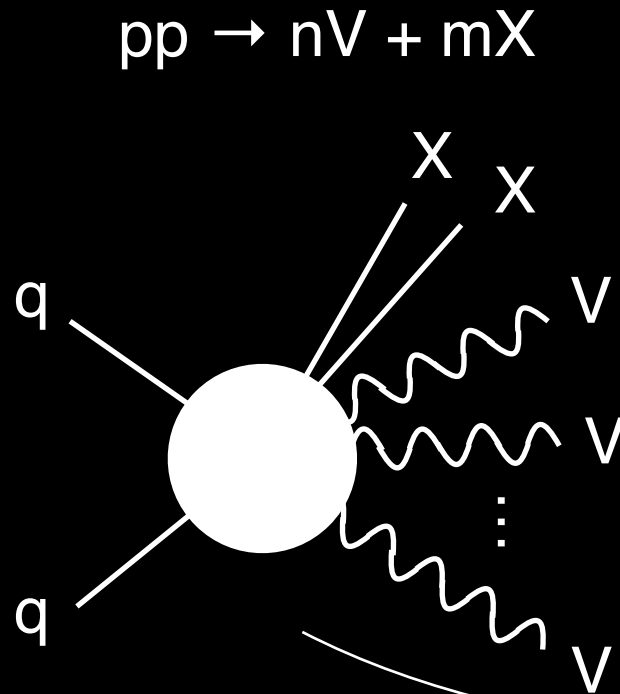


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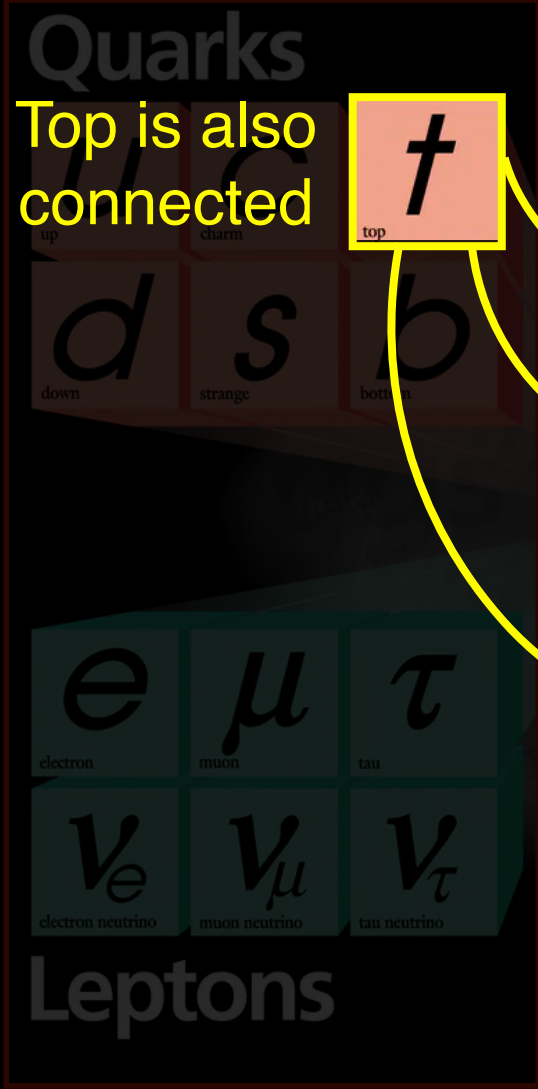
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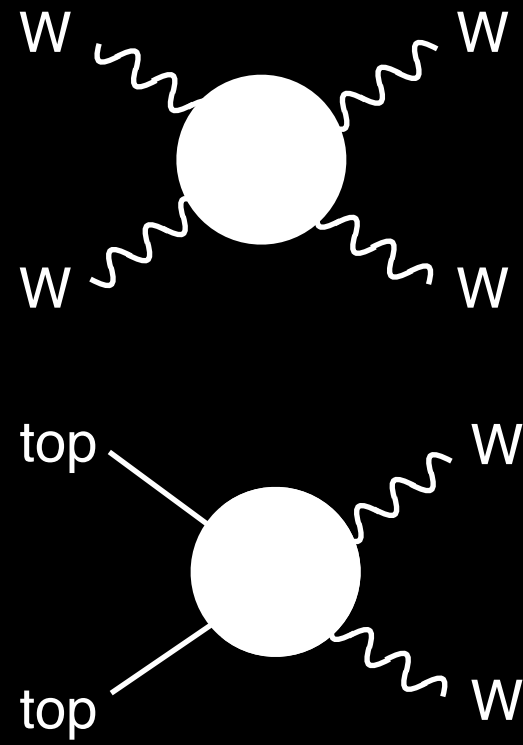
Study multi-boson production to study MBI

# Quick aside...

Building blocks of nature (fermions)



Top is also connected



Bad high energy behavior

Lee, Quigg, Thacker (1977)

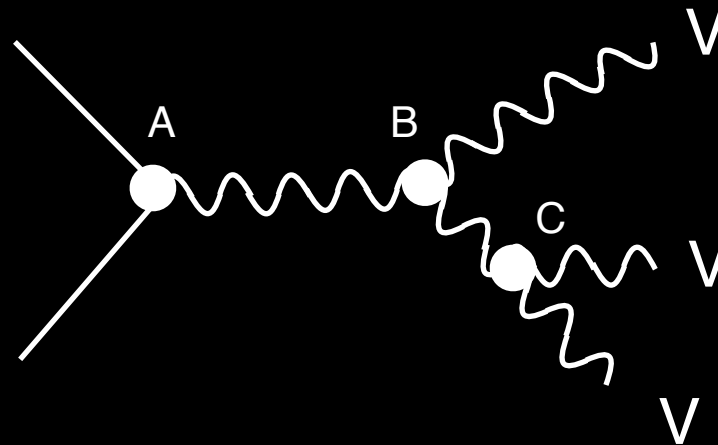
Also bad high energy behavior

top = F,  $W^\pm$ , Z and H become “sthenons” in the sense of Appelquist and Bjorken [4]: they couple strongly to one another<sup>#1</sup> but weakly to non-

1978 (way) before top/W/Z/Higgs discovery  
Chanowitz, Furman, Hinchliffe

Multi- $X$  ( $X = t, W, Z, H$ ) interactions must be studied





$$m_V \approx \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

Multi-boson productions (MBP) are *rare*

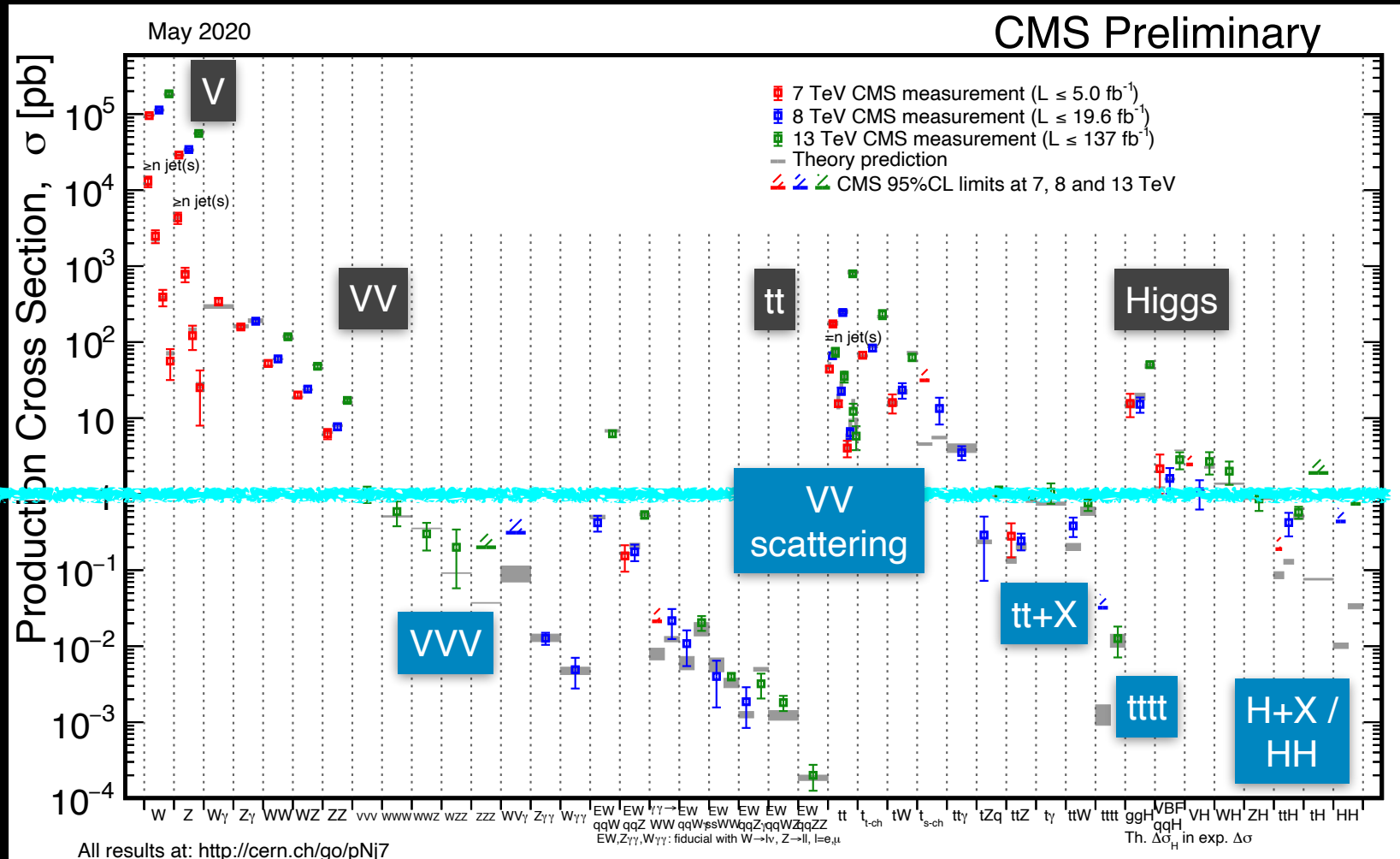
*rare* because need to produce multiple massive particles

*rare* because involves multiple electroweak vertices

*Three massive gauge boson rate  $\sim 10$  / Trillion pp collisions*

Probing MBP requires *large* data set

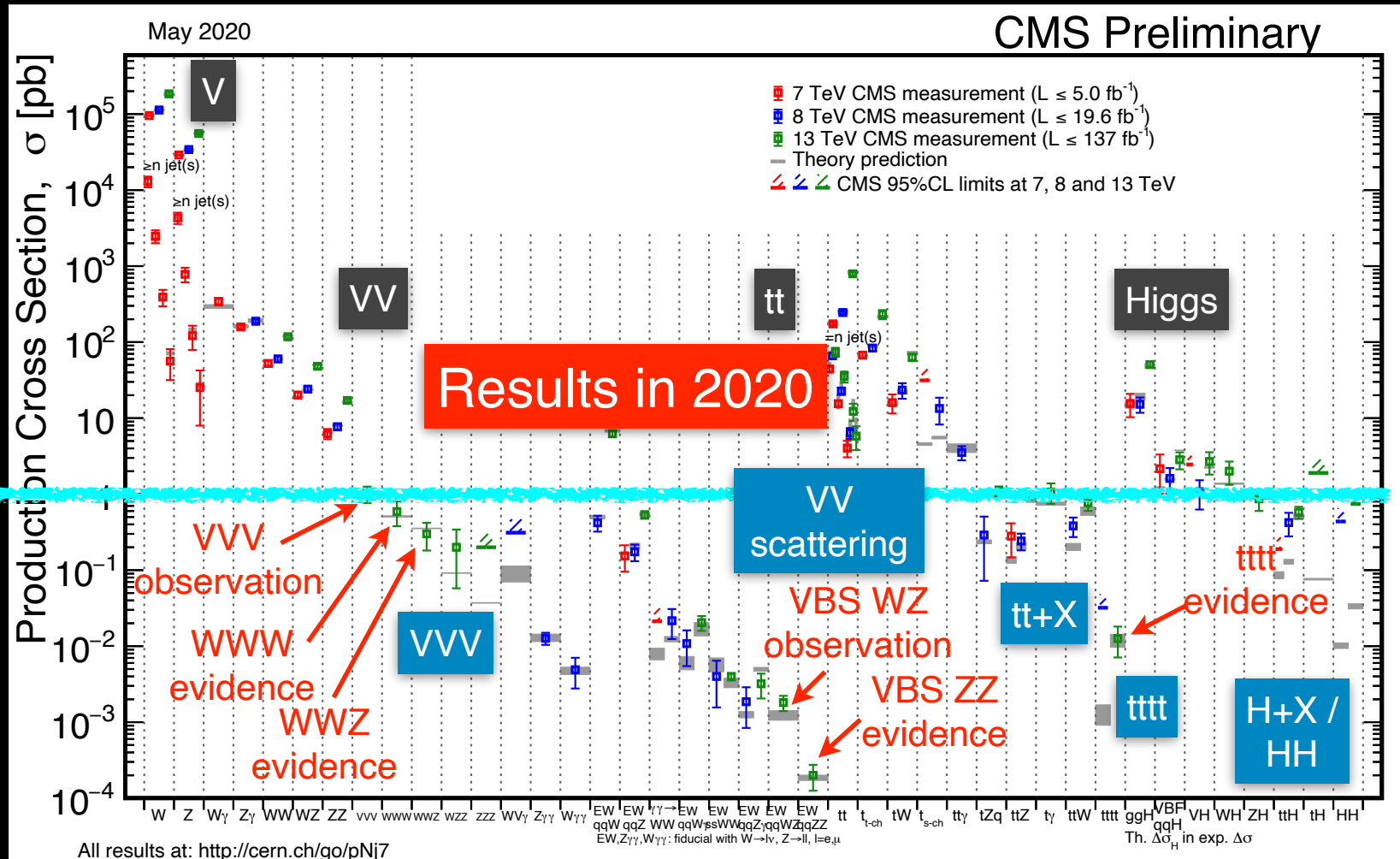




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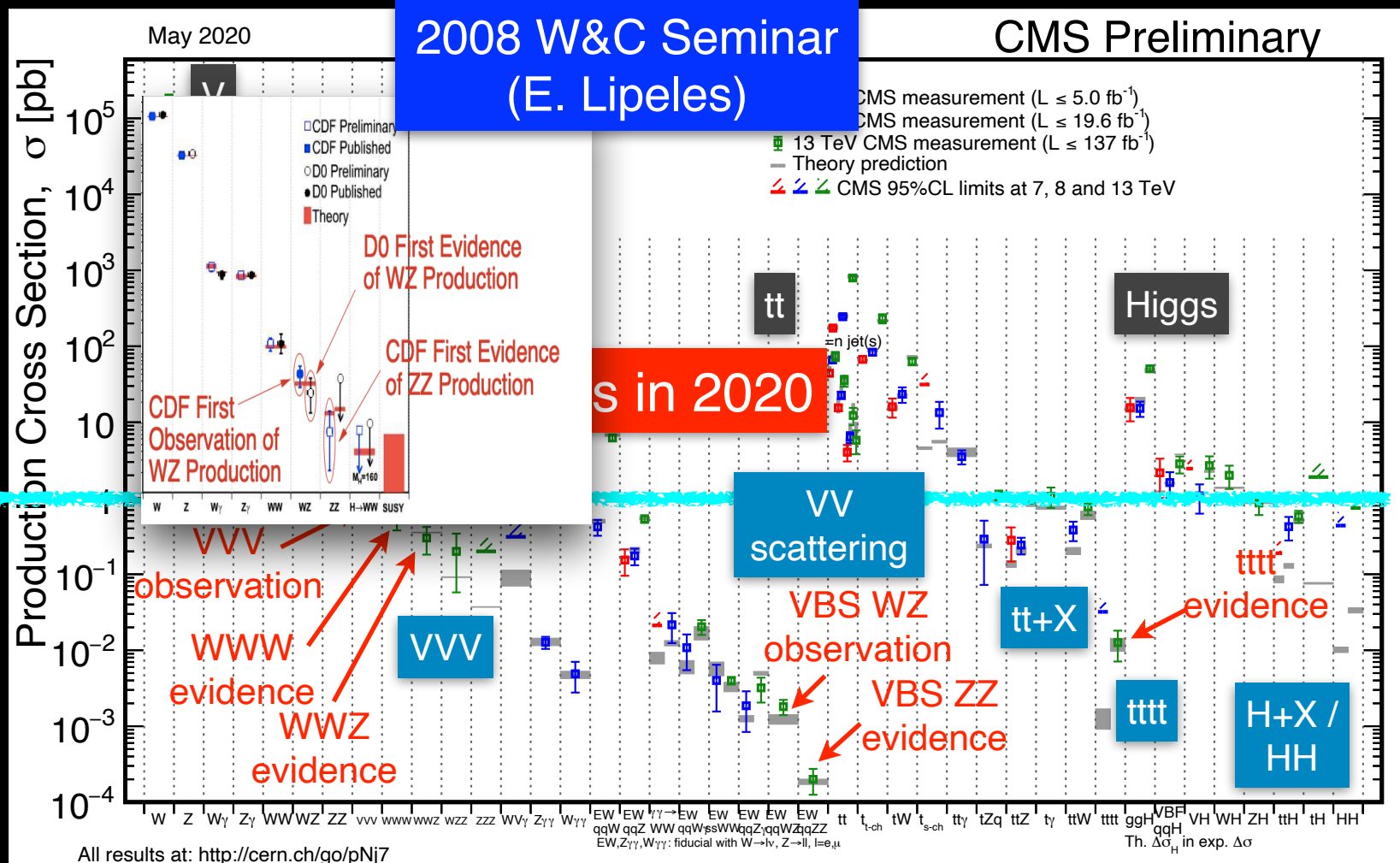
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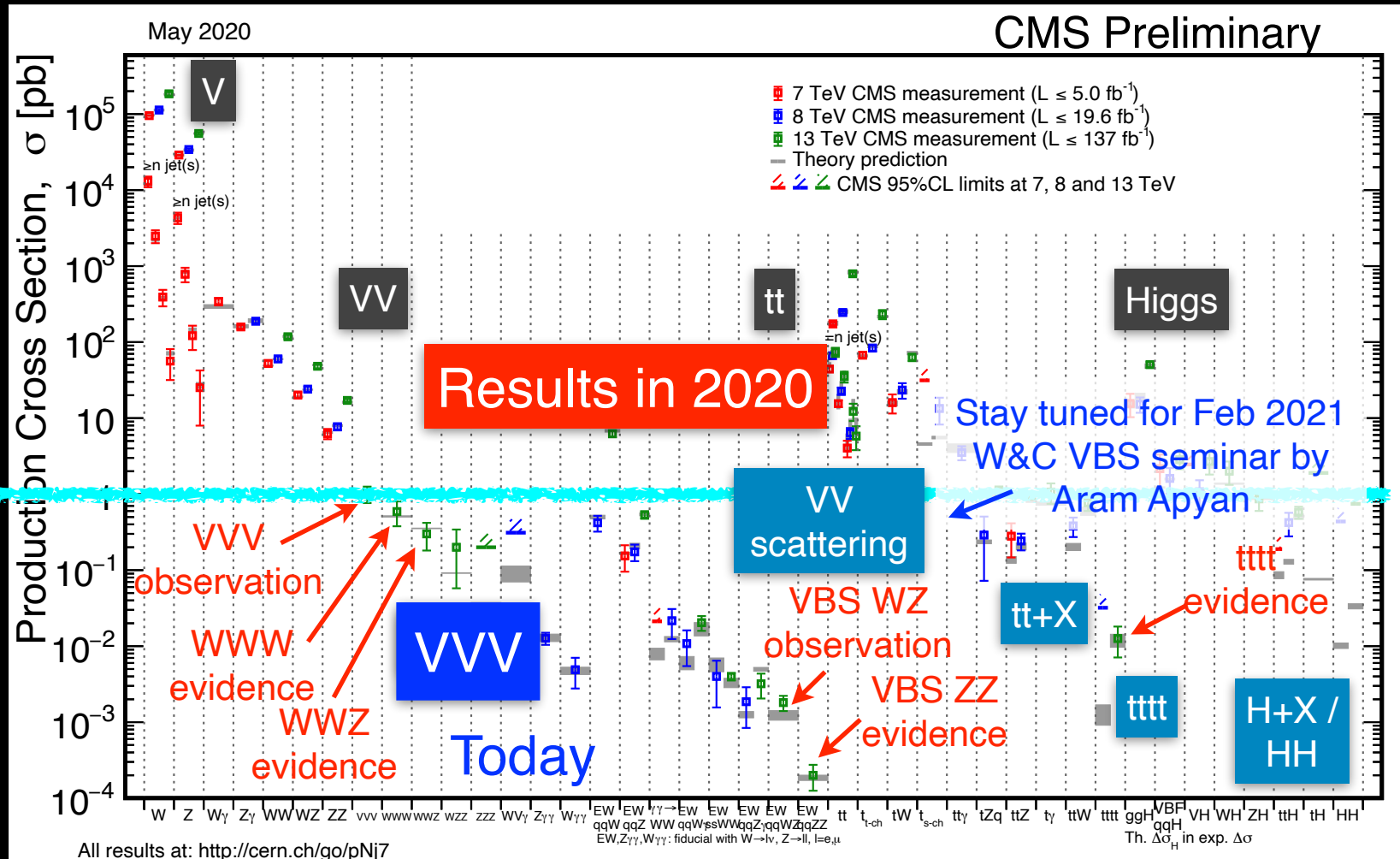
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# Cross sections at LHC



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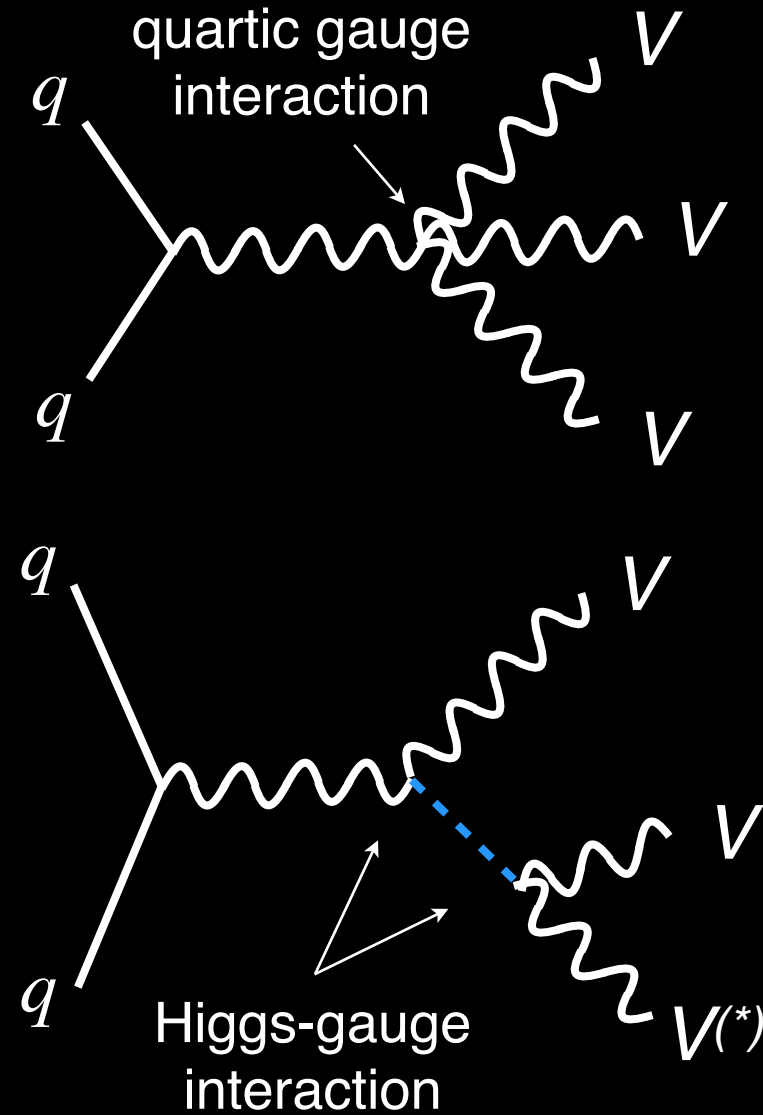
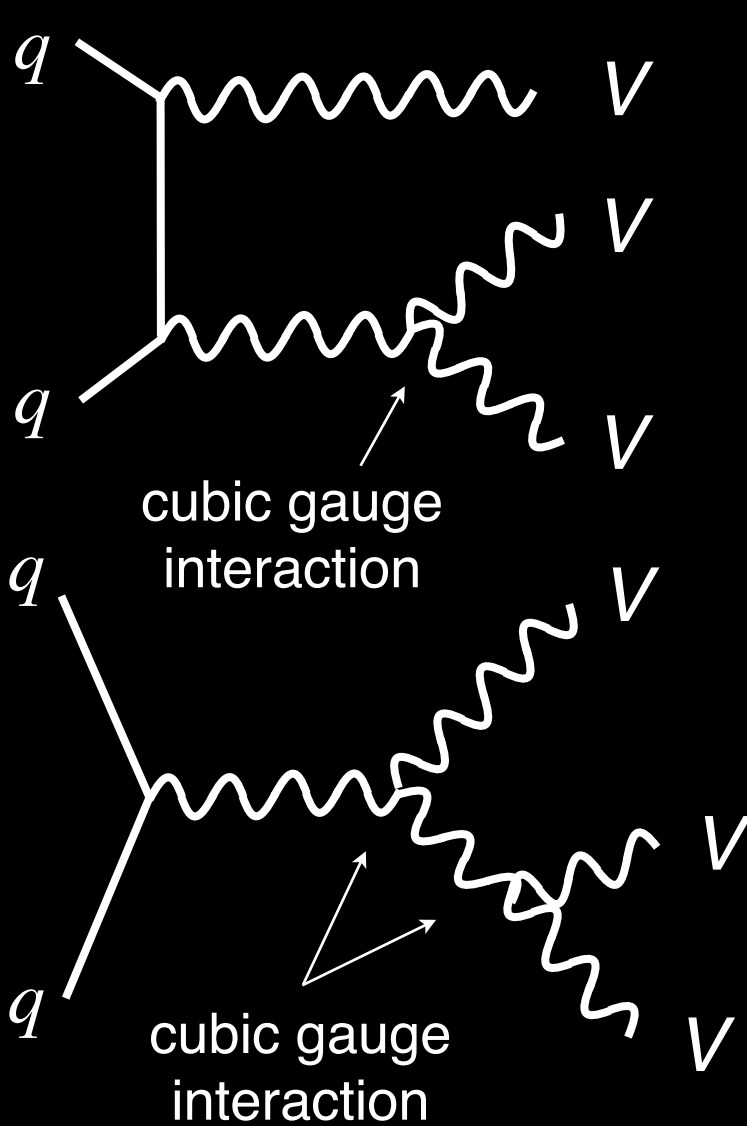
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# MBIs in VVV production ( $V = W, Z$ )



\*\*Non-exhaustive set of VVV diagrams



Triboson processes contain many interesting MBIs



Targeting all VVV productions:

- $pp \rightarrow WWW$
- $pp \rightarrow WWZ$
- $pp \rightarrow WZZ$
- $pp \rightarrow ZZZ$

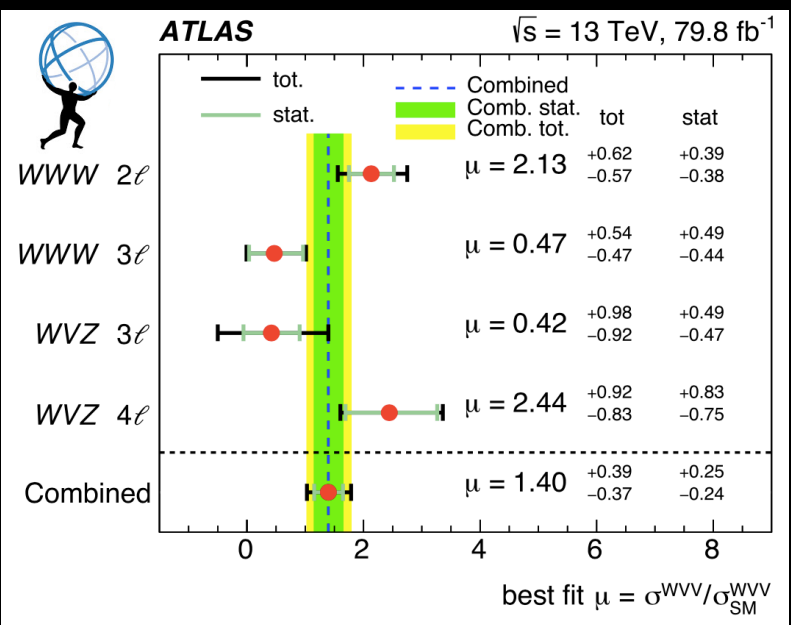
And the combined production of all  $pp \rightarrow VVV$

Today: Aim to establish VVV production with  $5\sigma$



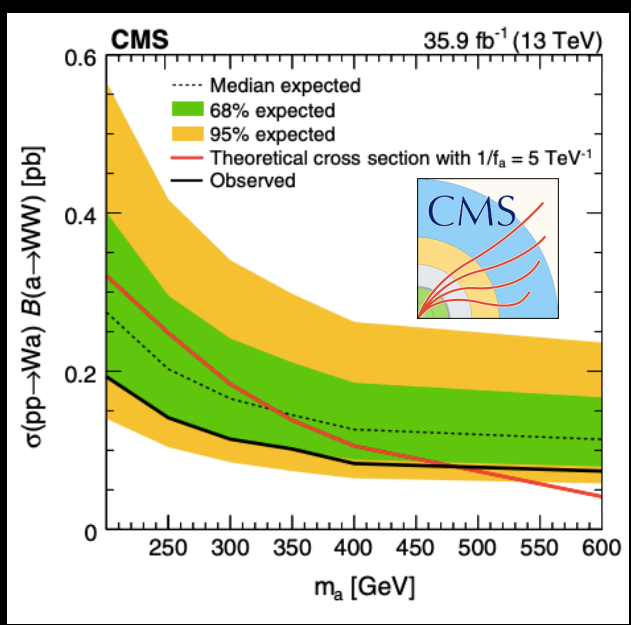
- ATLAS searched for WWW in 8 TeV:  $0.96\sigma$  ( $1.05\sigma$ ) arXiv:1610.05088
- CMS searched for WWW in 13 TeV  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :  $0.6\sigma$  ( $1.78\sigma$ ) arXiv:1905.04246
- ATLAS searched for VVV in 13 TeV  $80 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ :  $4.1\sigma$  ( $3.1\sigma$ ) arXiv:1903.10415

## VVV evidence



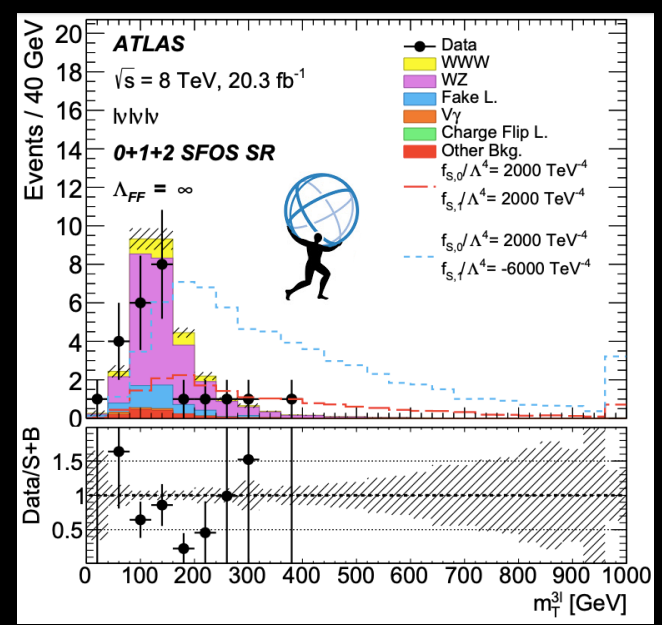
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## Axion-like-particle triboson signature limit



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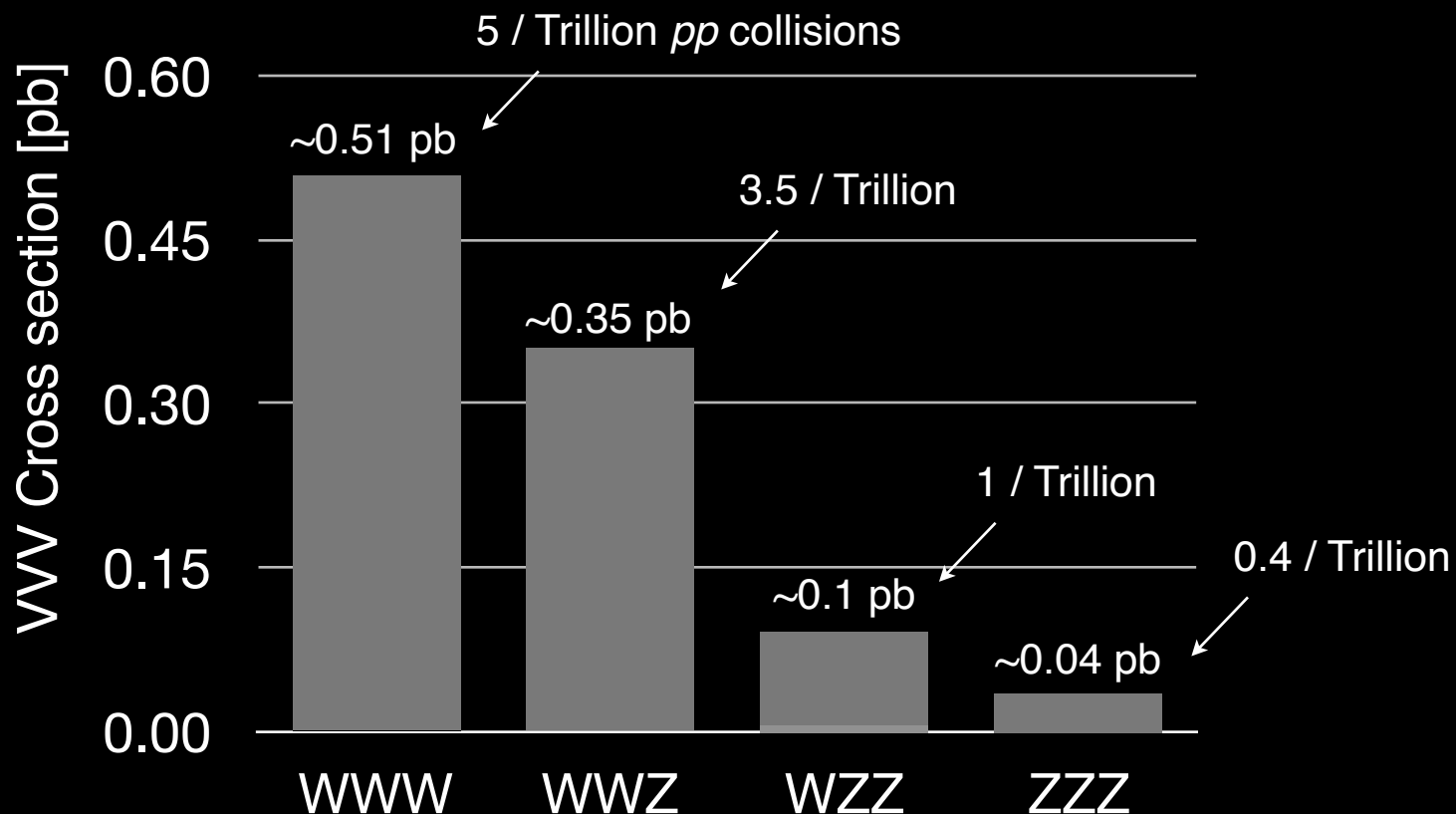
## SMEFT Dim8 operator limit



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ATLAS / CMS have studied VVV to test SM / BSM

Production cross section decreases with more Z's



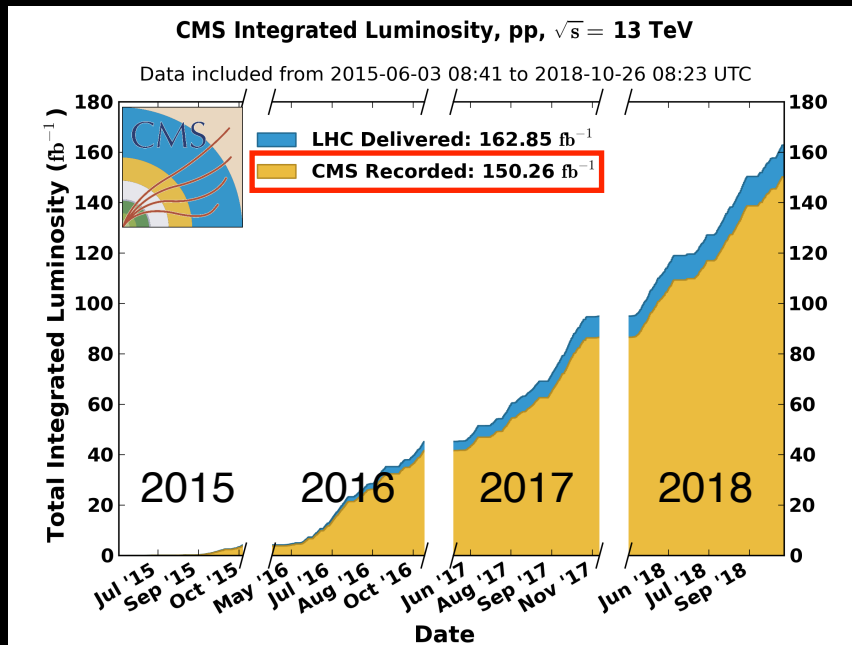
< 0.5 pb each VVV mode (rate @ LHC ~ few / Trillion)

From 2015 to 2018, CMS recorded  
15000 Trillion pp collisions  
of which ~13700 Trillions are  
marked *good for analysis*



Total of 135K VVV events  
(between from 5K to 70K per mode)

More pp collisions ↑



Time →

VVV	N / Trillion	N total
VVV	10	135K
WWW	5	70K
WWZ	3.5	48K
WZZ	1	13K
ZZZ	0.4	5K

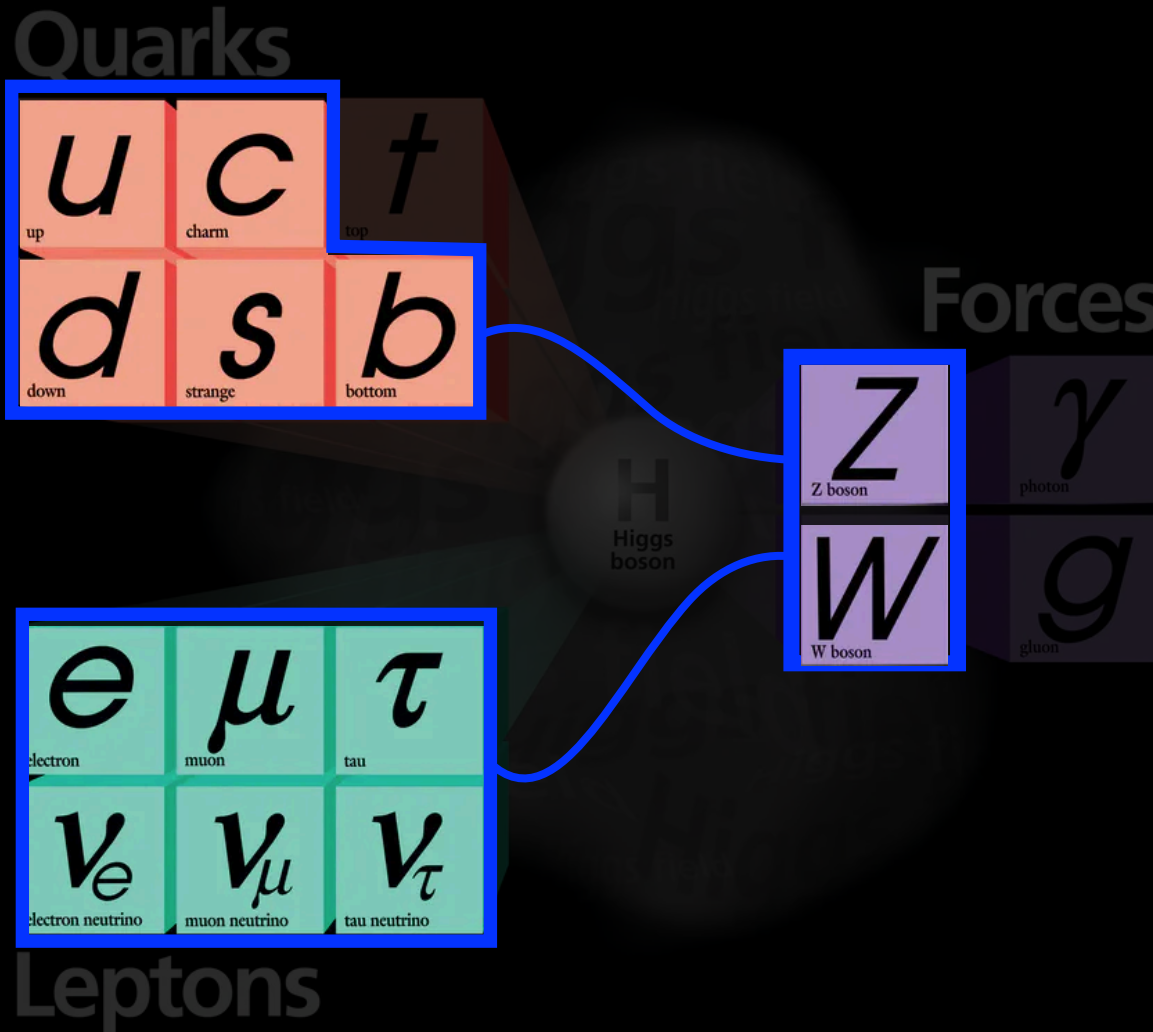
LHC's **large** data set provides ~135K VVV events



*But how do we select the interesting  $O(1k-10k)$  events out of  $10^{16}$  pp collision events?*

*⇒ Select events with specific features present in multi-boson but not in other background events*

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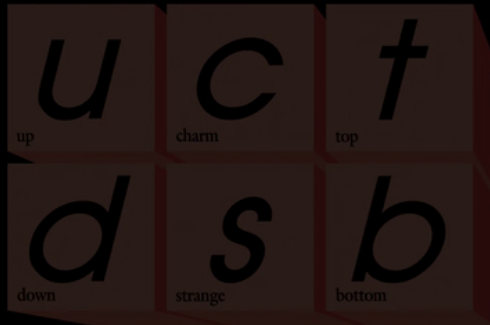


W's and Z's can decay to various quarks or lepton pairs

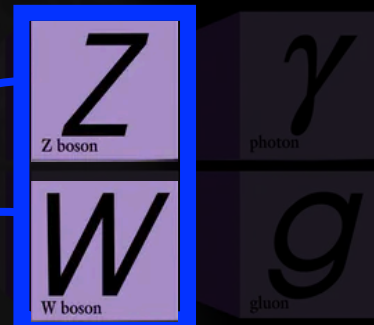
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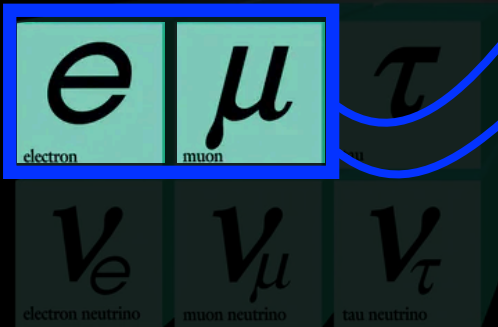
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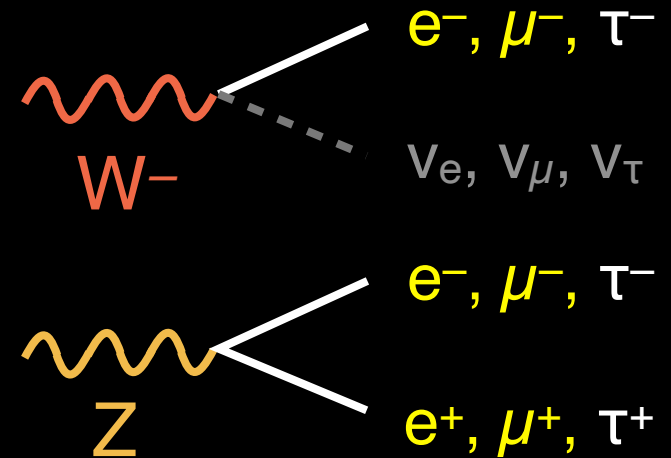
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Higgs boson



## Leptons



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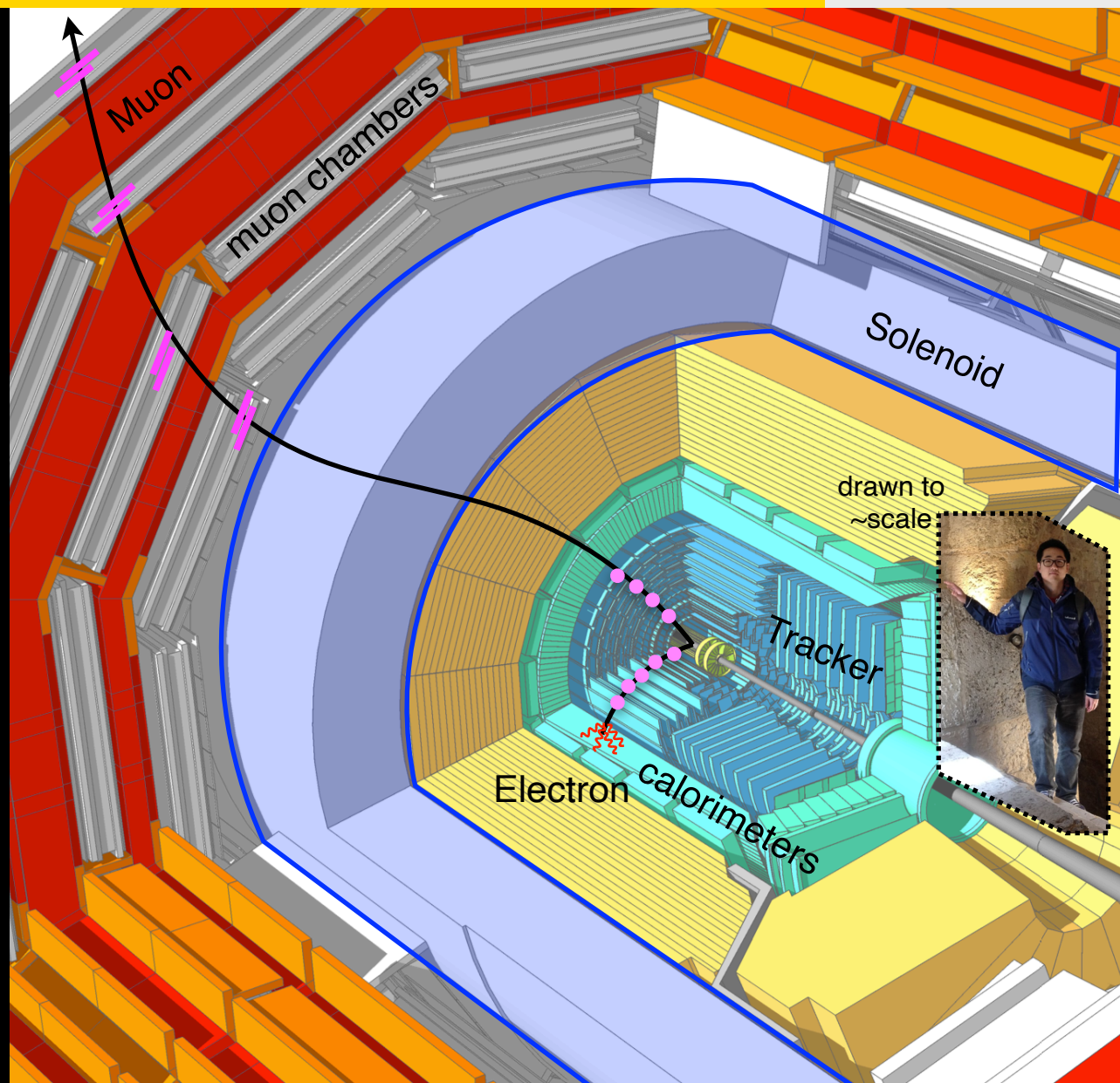
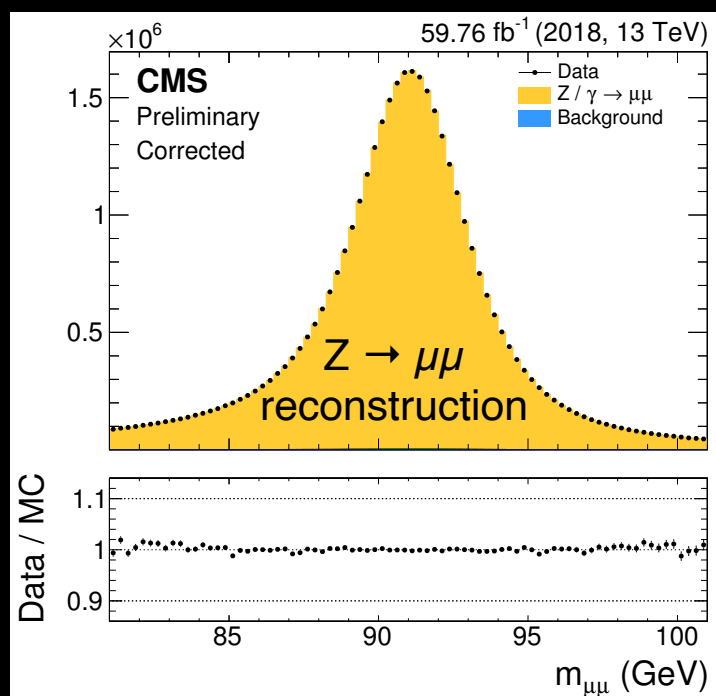
$\therefore$  Multiple W's and Z's  $\Rightarrow$  Multiple e's and  $\mu$ 's

W/Z's can be identified via **e and  $\mu$**

# CMS detector measures $e/\mu$ very well

$e/\mu$  among the **best** measured particles at CMS by combining tracker, calorimeter, and chambers measurements

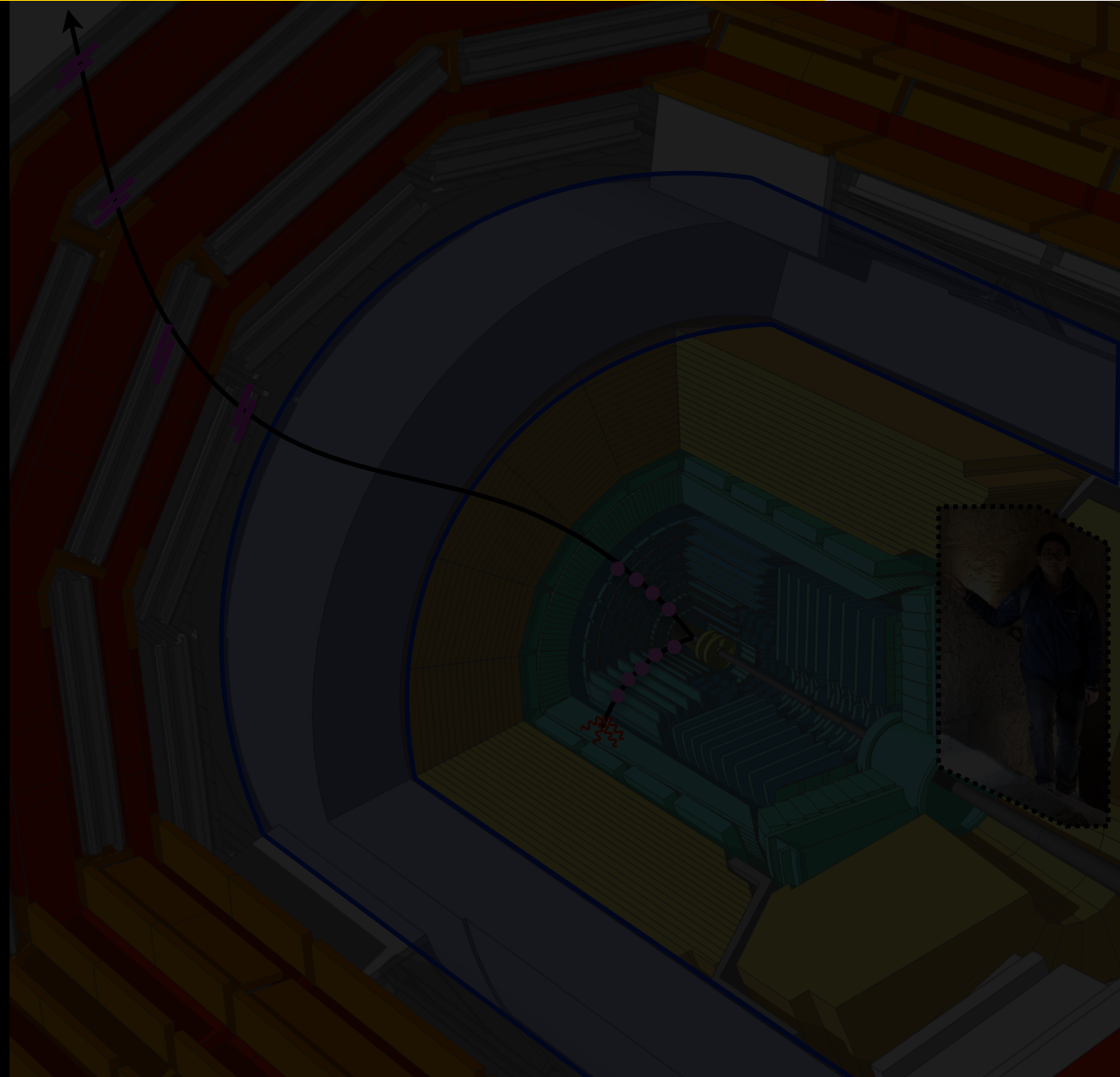
(1-2% resolution for well measured ones)



Excellent  $e/\mu$  reconstruction and simulation at CMS

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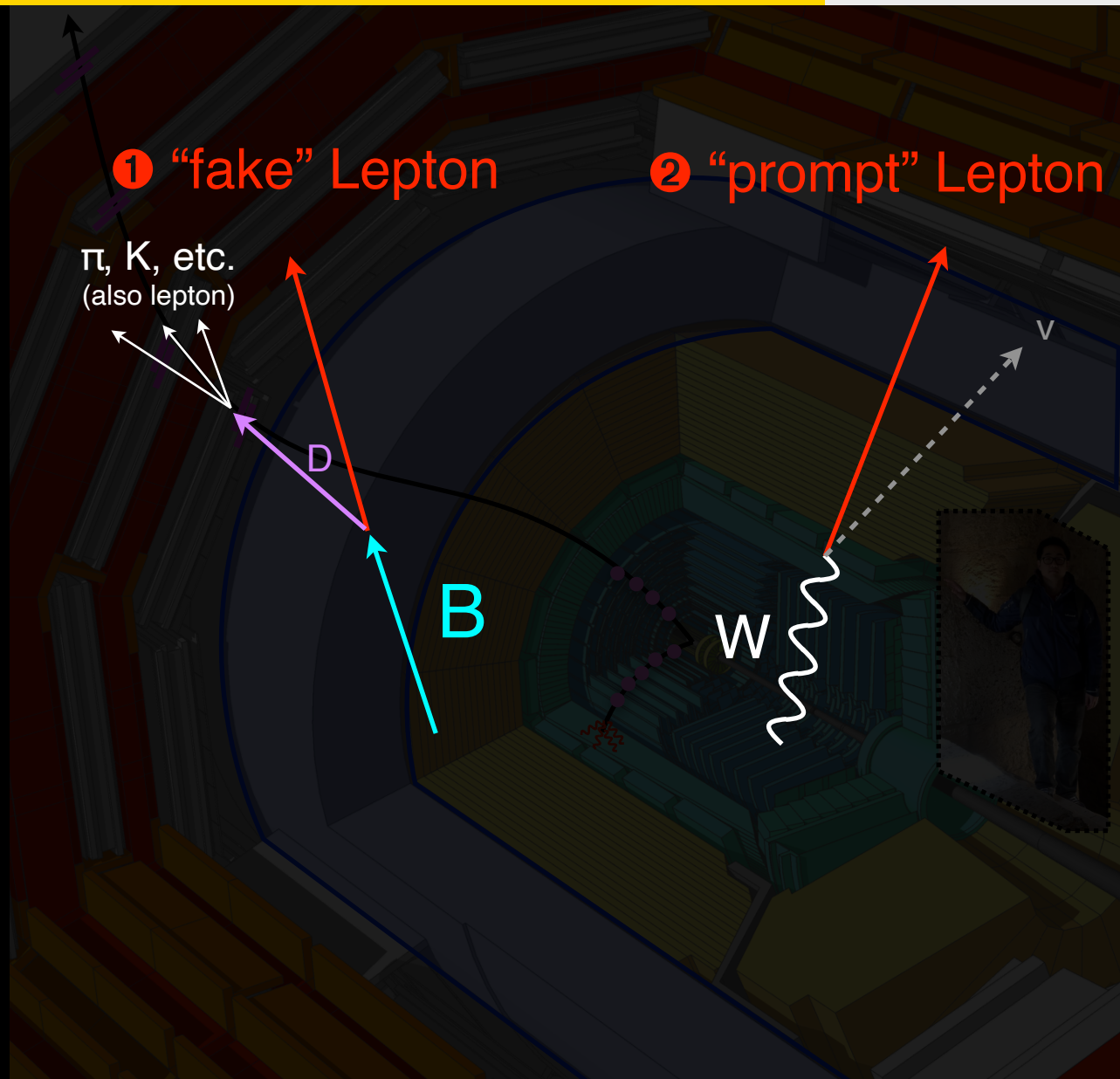
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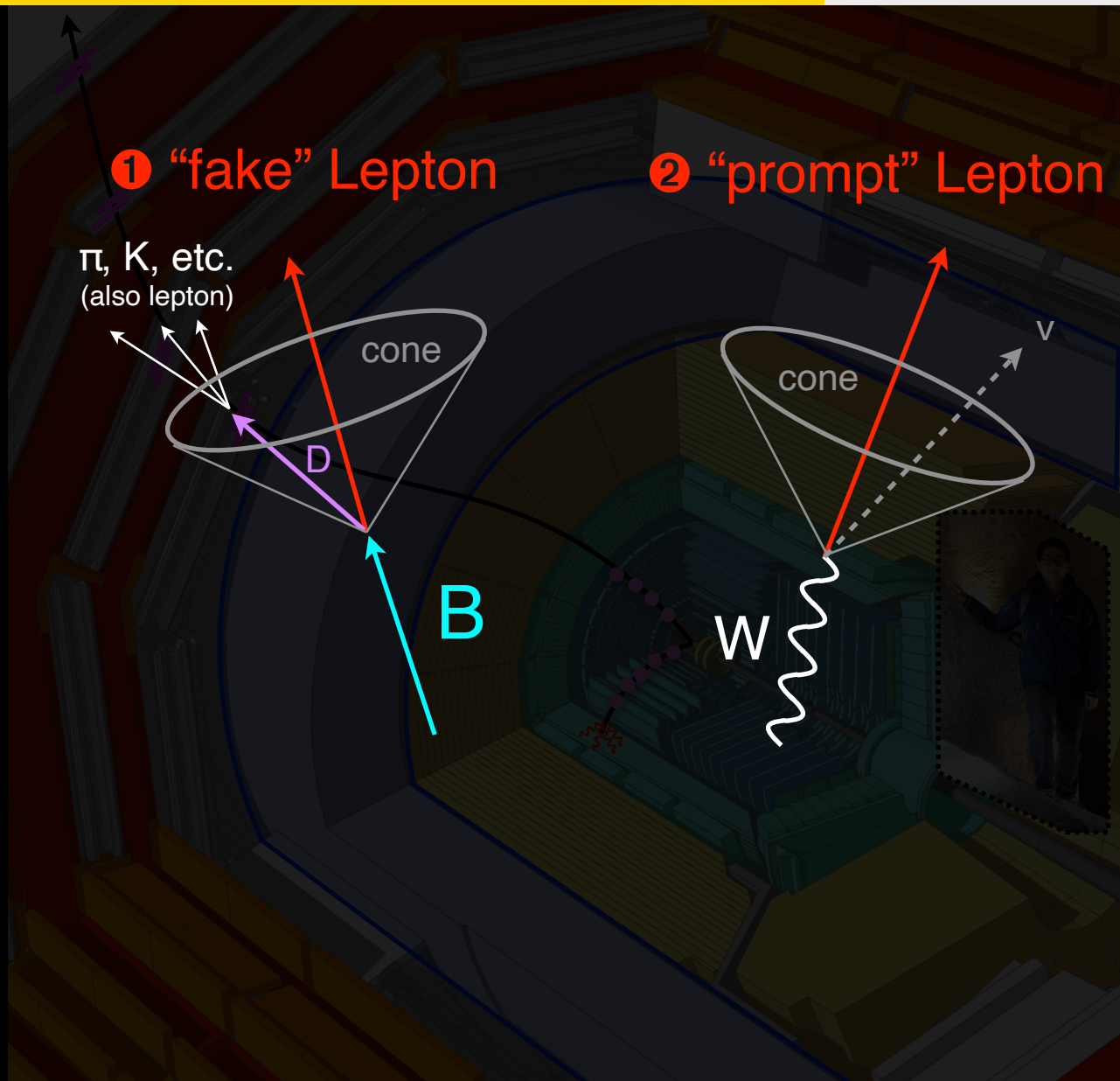
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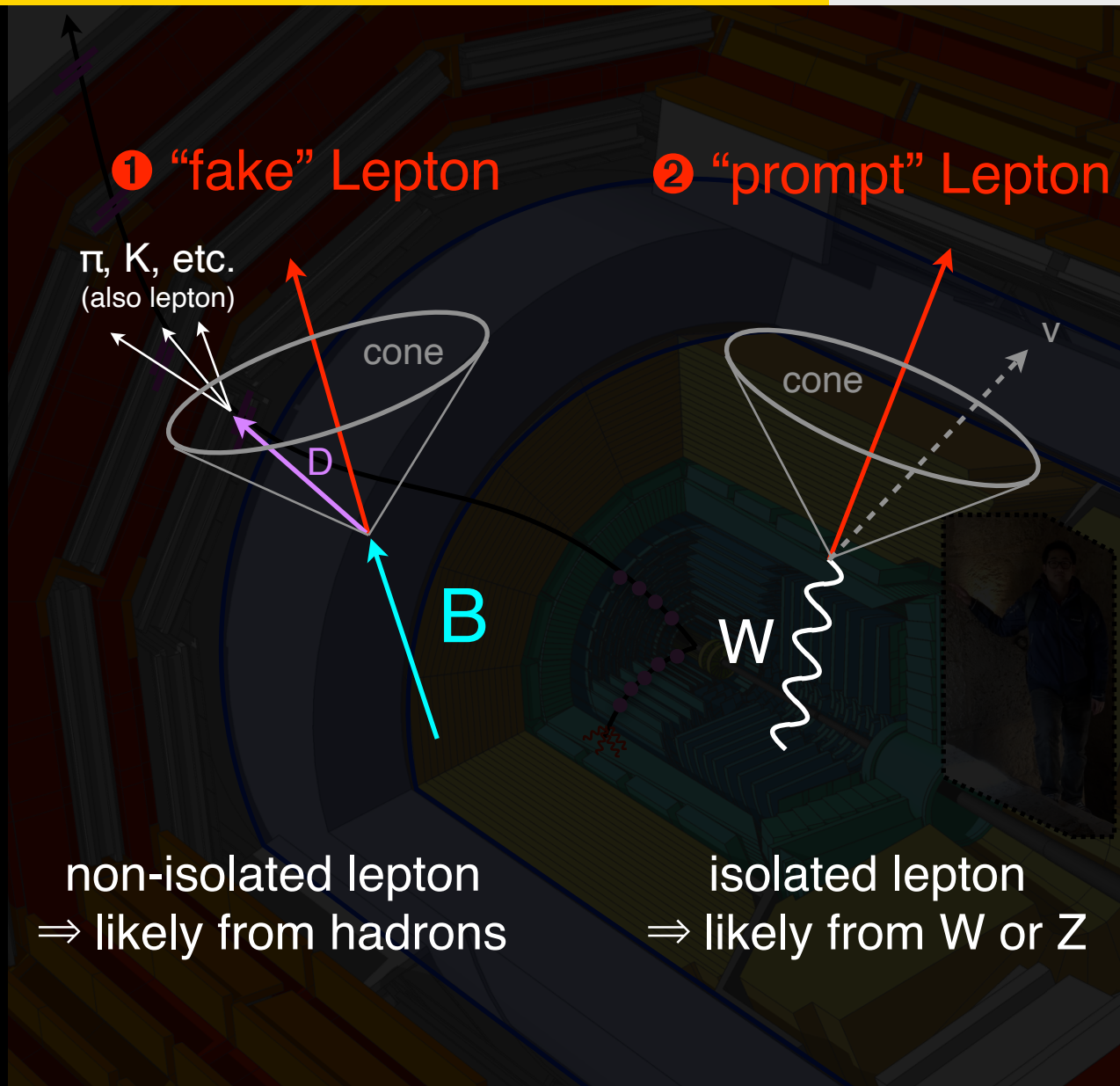
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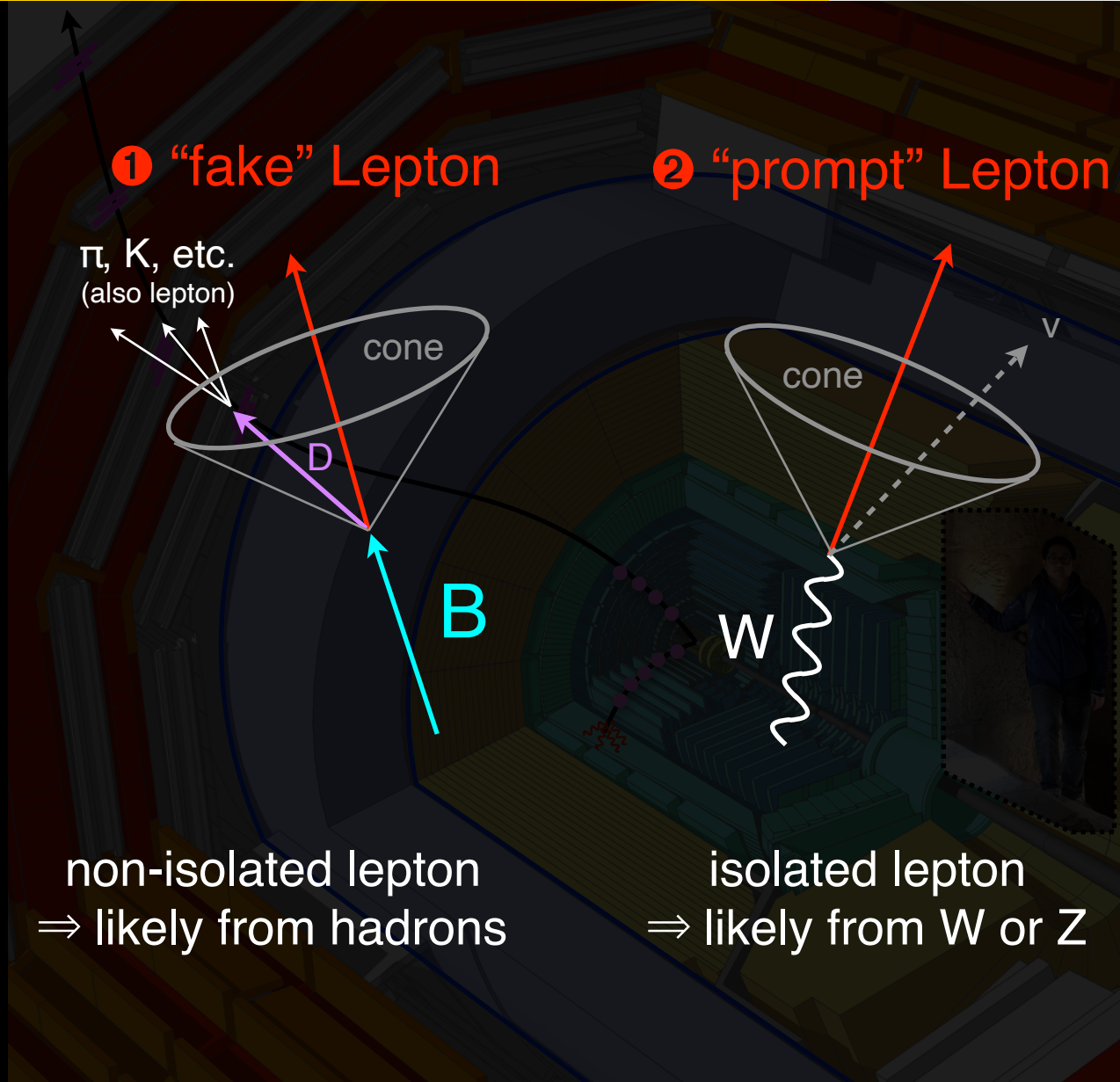
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Use isolation to suppress leptons from hadrons



1. Organize analyses by # of leptons (likely) from W / Z
2. Categorize by flavor of the leptons
3. Additional background suppression through smart choices
4. Reliably estimate the size of residual backgrounds
5. Observe VVV!

Smart humans and  
smart machines  
(Both cut / BDT)





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Fully leptonic channels ~ a few to hundreds of events



Percentage of semi-leptonic decay events  
(i.e. 0, 1, or 2 leptons)

VVV	Total	%	Example
WWW	70K	99.0	WWW $\rightarrow$ jj jj jj
WWZ	48K	99.7	WWZ $\rightarrow$ lv jj jj
WZZ	13K	99.9	WZZ $\rightarrow$ ll jj jj
ZZZ	5K	99.97	ZZZ $\rightarrow$ ll jj vv

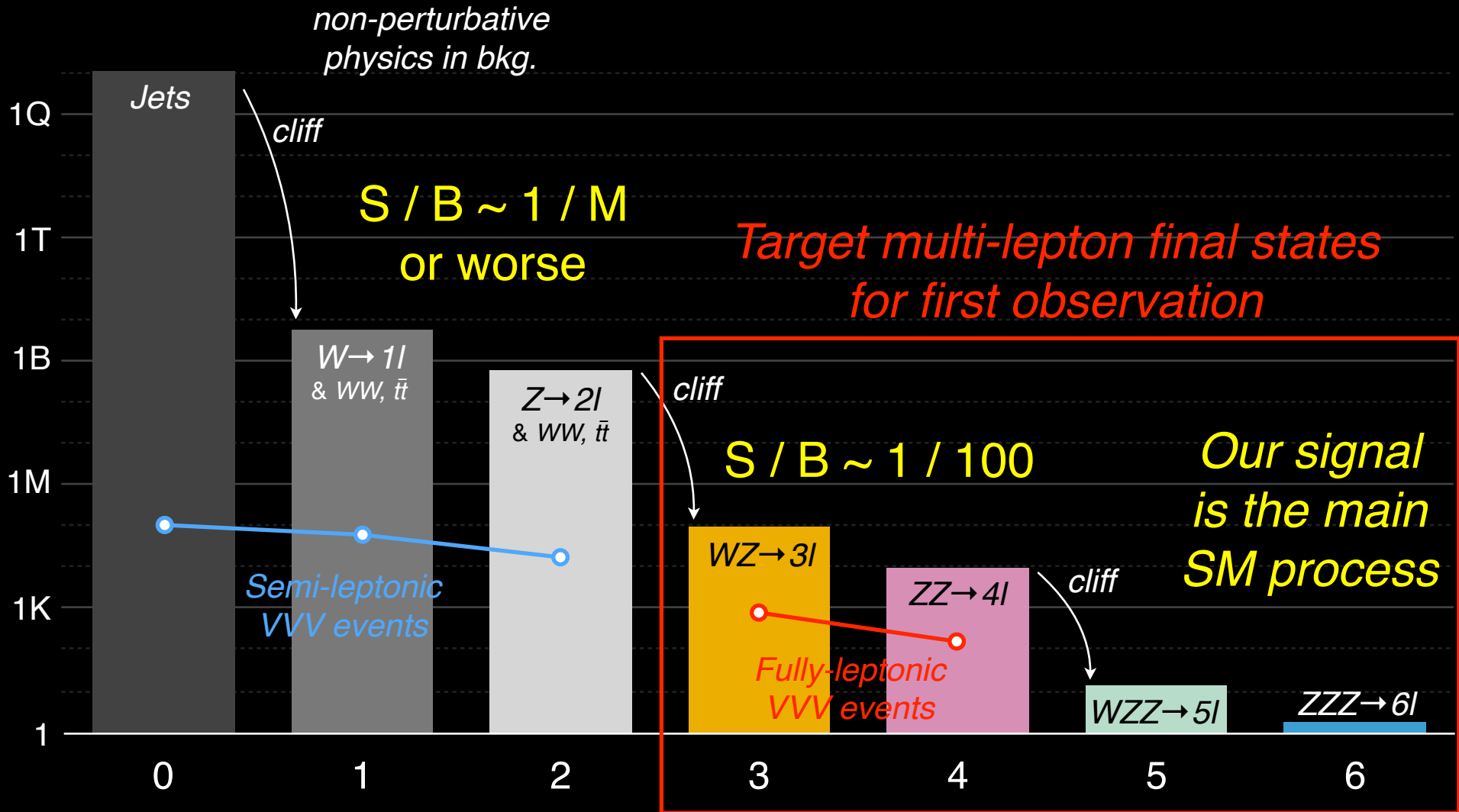
In contrast, majority of the events decay with  $\leq 2$  leptons

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Majority of the decays are semi-leptonic decays

# Choosing lepton channels to use

\*\*N events estimated from W, Z,  $t\bar{t}$ , WW, WZ, ZZ,  $t\bar{t}W$ , WZZ, ZZZ cross section with theoretical branching fractions without detector effects and ignoring  $\tau \rightarrow e, \mu$



Target multi-lepton final states for first observation

	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
Signals	$W \rightarrow l\nu$ $W \rightarrow l\nu$ $W \rightarrow l\nu$	$W \rightarrow l\nu$ $W \rightarrow l\nu$ $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$W \rightarrow l\nu$ $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$	$Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$
	~700 evt.	~140 evt.	~15 evt.	~1.5 evt.

\*\*\*Minor cross-contamination exists (but negligible) and are taken care of properly at the final statistics procedure

Signals get disentangled by # of lepton bins

	Same-sign	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
Signals	$W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$Z \rightarrow ll$
	$W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$
	$W^\mp \rightarrow qq$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$
	~2.5k evt.	~700 evt.	~140 evt.	~15 evt.	~1.5 evt.

Only hadronic decay

\*\*SM does not produce same-sign dilepton very often

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Signals get disentangled by # of lepton bins



*There are many channels in this analysis (21 channels)*

*I will highlight few categories with high sensitivity*

*3 leptons OSFOS channel*

*4 leptons  $Z + e\mu$  channel*



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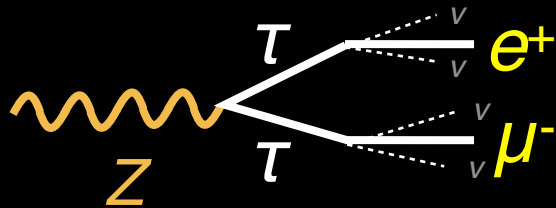
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Dominant Bkgs.	$WZ \rightarrow l\nu ll$ ~100K evt.	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ ~10K evt.	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ + fake lep “ $\times 10^{-3}$ ”	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ + 2 fake lep “ $\times 10^{-6}$ ”
S / B	~1 / 100	~1 / 100	~1 / 1**	$\gg 1^{**}$

How to improve S / B by ~100?

\*\*fake lepton is “~per mille” effect

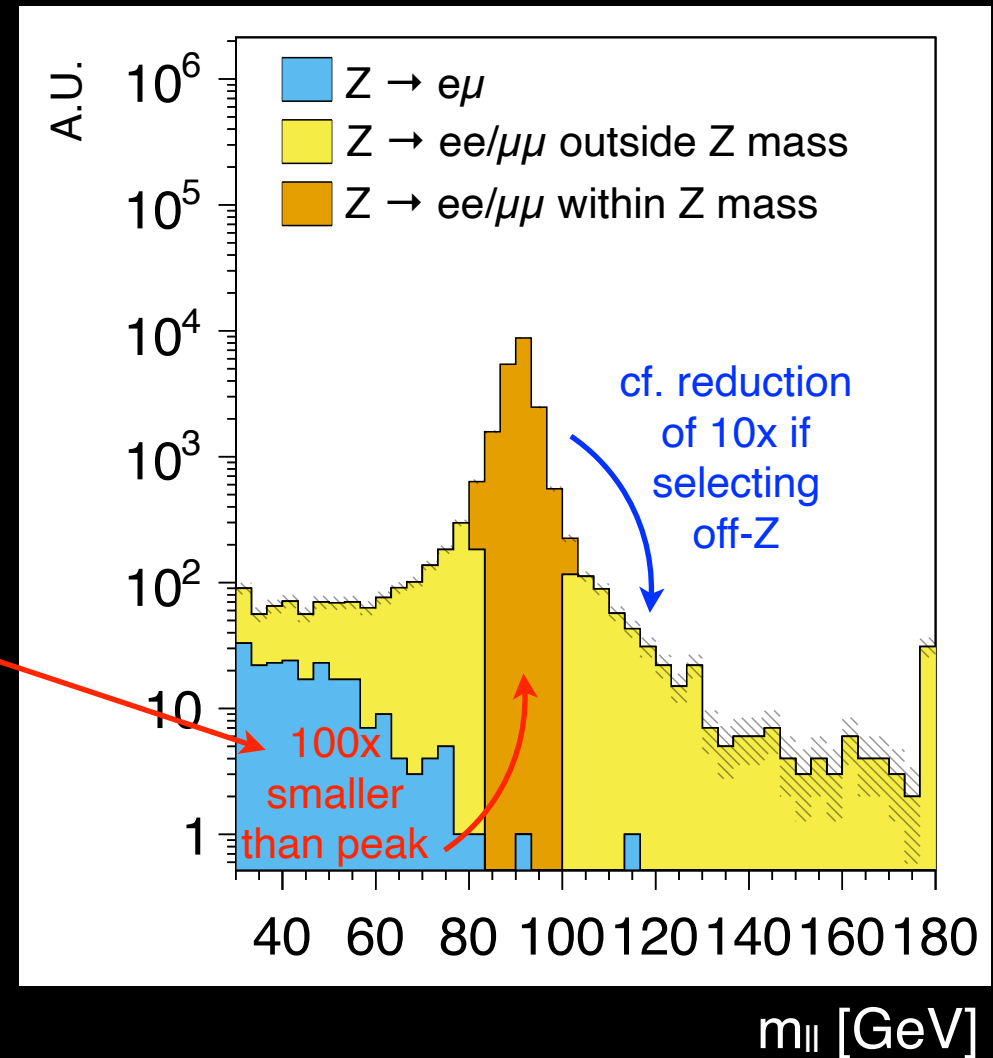
Dominant background is diboson process (WZ, ZZ)





If one selects  $e\mu$  final state,  $Z$  is reduced by **2 orders** of magnitude ( $e, \mu$  from  $\tau$  are soft)

## Plot of dilepton mass from $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ decay

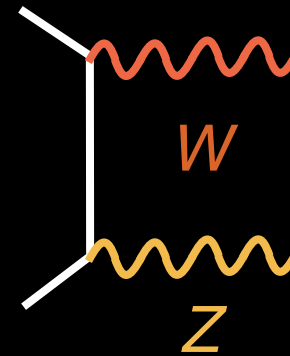
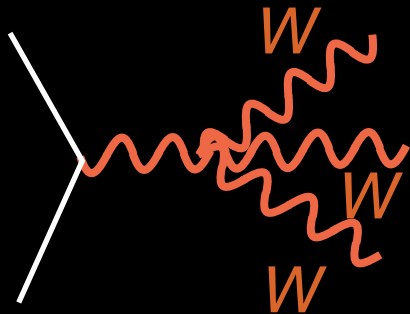


\*\*Simulated w/ MadGraph/Pythia/Delphes with 25/10 GeV  $P_T$  cuts

## $Z$ decays predominantly to $ee/\mu\mu$ on-shell

WWW signal

Background



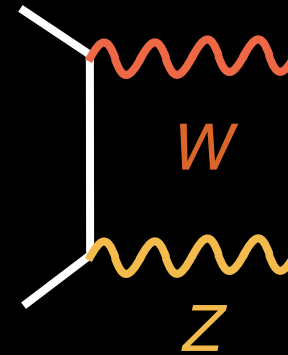
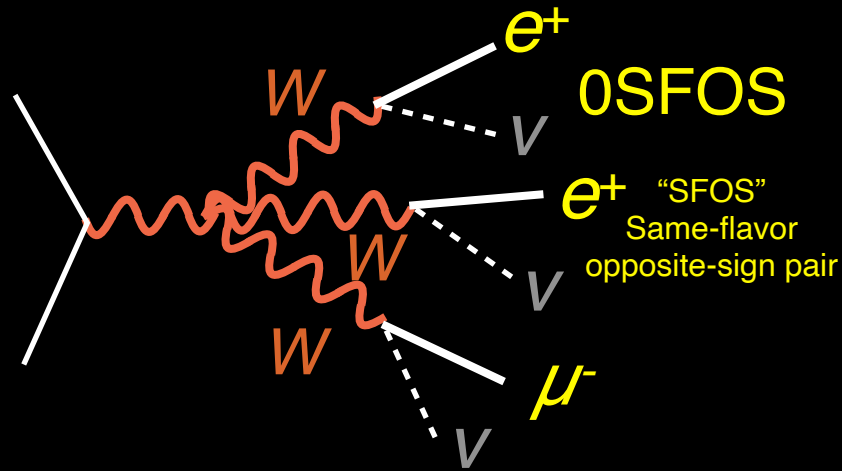
$pp \rightarrow WWW$

$pp \rightarrow WZ$

Flavor choice can suppress WZ by 100x

WWW signal

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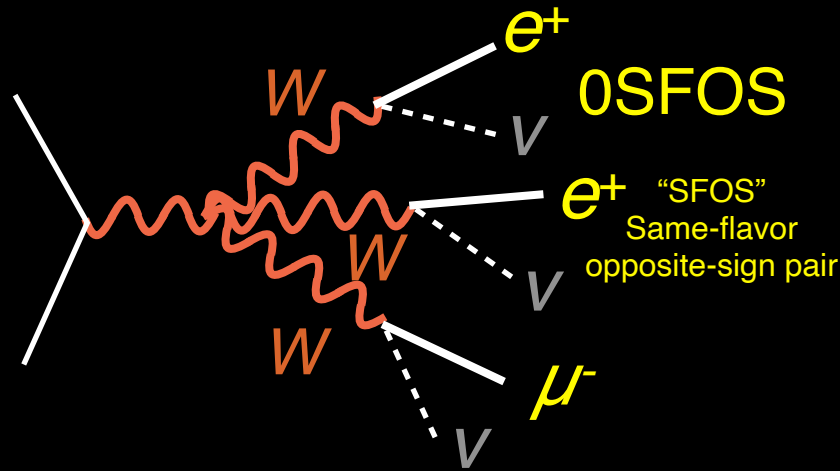
$$pp \rightarrow WWW \rightarrow e^+e^+\mu^-$$

$$pp \rightarrow WZ$$

Same for  
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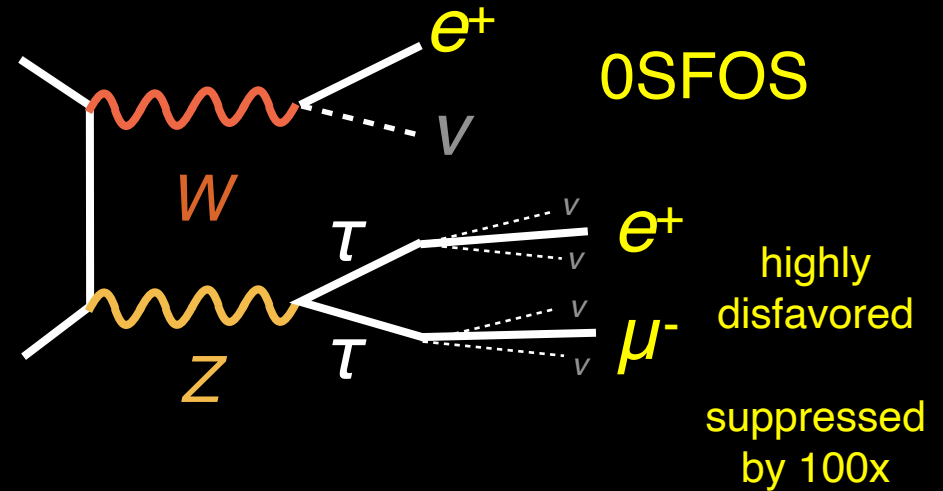
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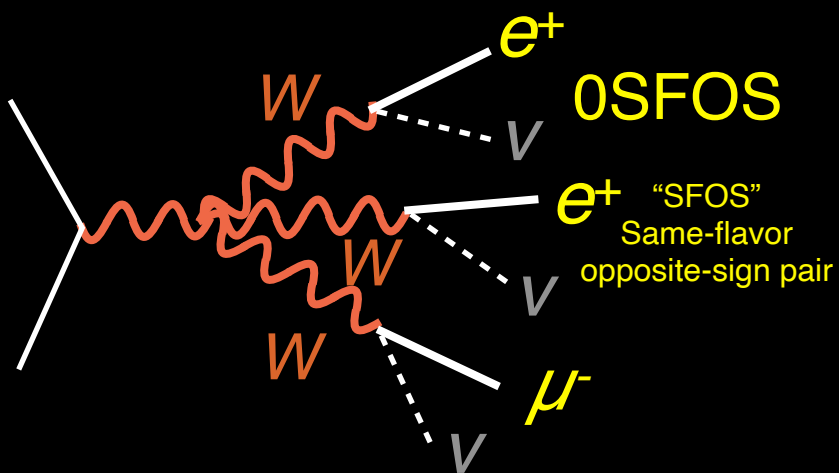
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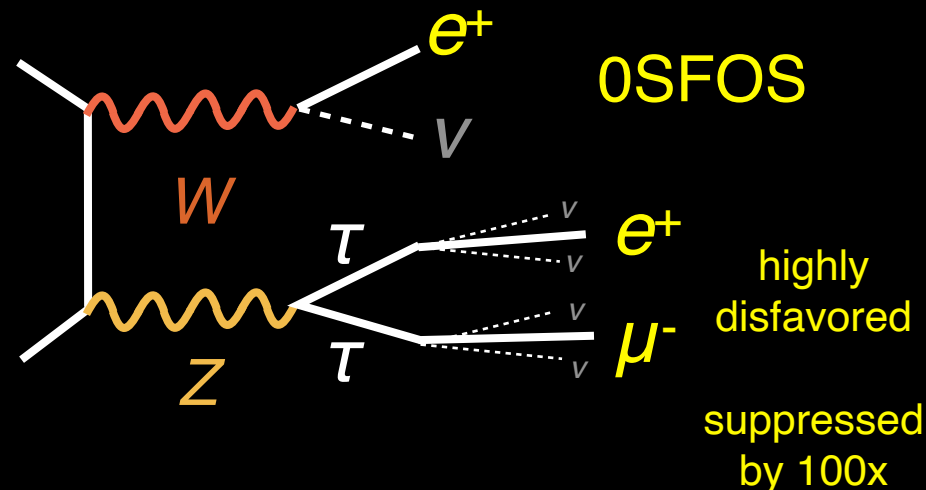
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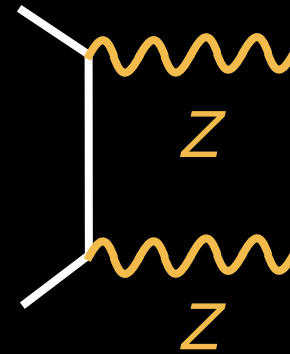
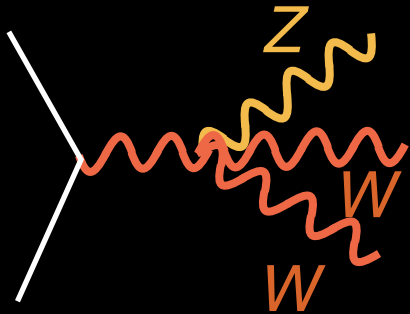
$$pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow e^+e^+\mu^-$$

$\Rightarrow$  0SFOS channel

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WWZ signal

Background



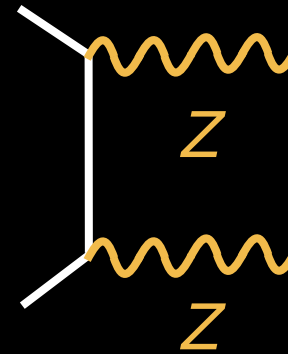
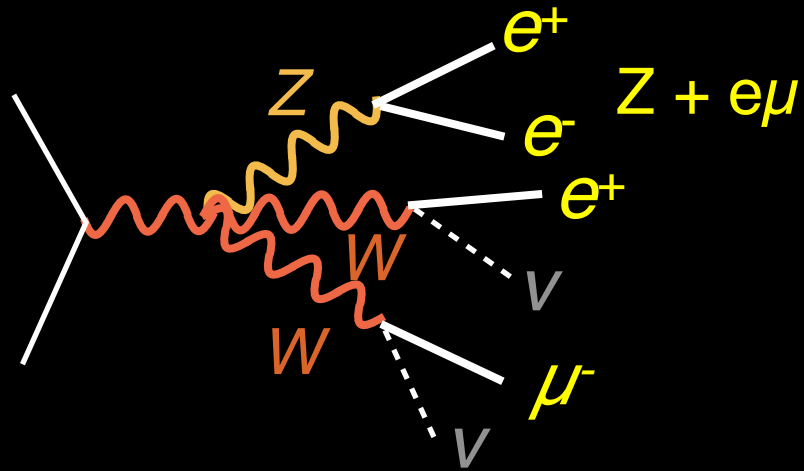
$pp \rightarrow ZWW$

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Flavor choice can suppress ZZ by 100x

WWZ signal

Background



$$pp \rightarrow ZWW \rightarrow (e^+e^-) e^+\mu^-$$

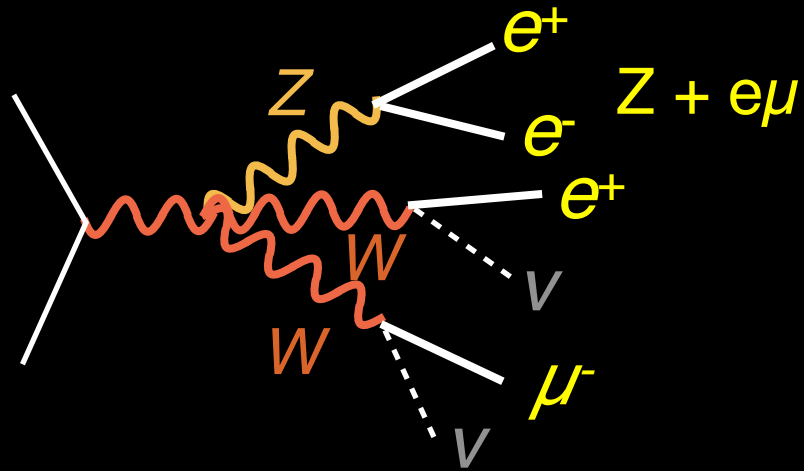
tagged-Z

$$pp \rightarrow ZZ$$

Same for  
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Flavor choice can suppress ZZ by 100x

## WWZ signal

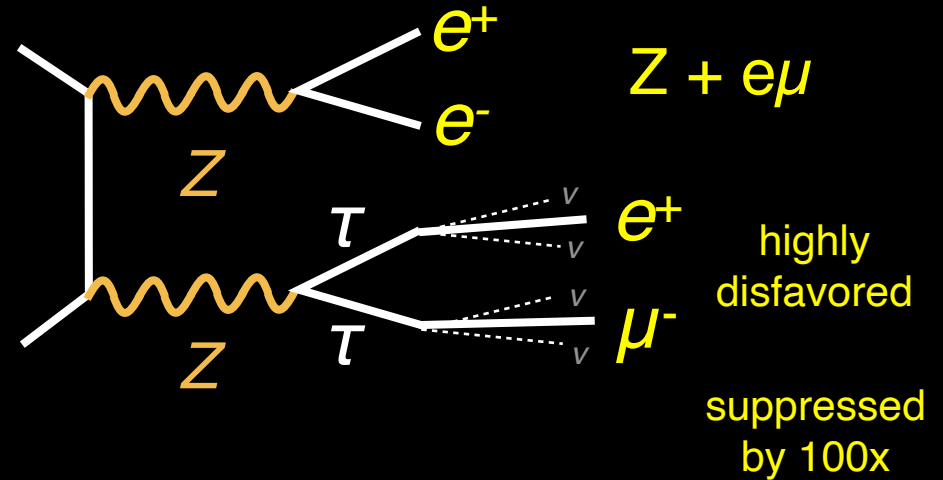


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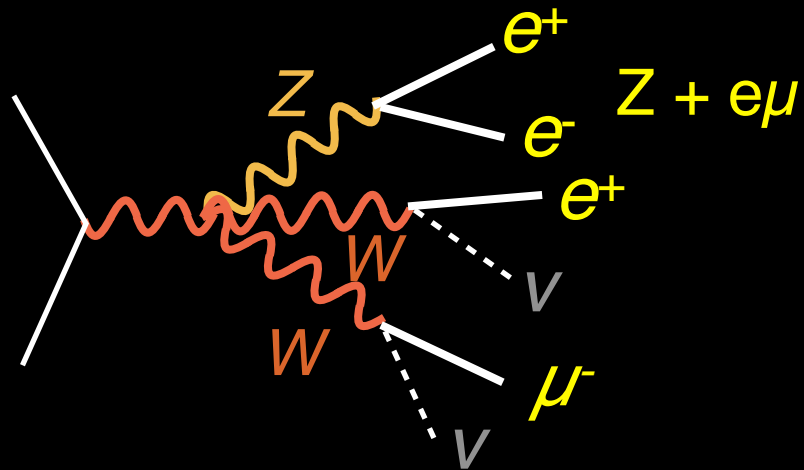
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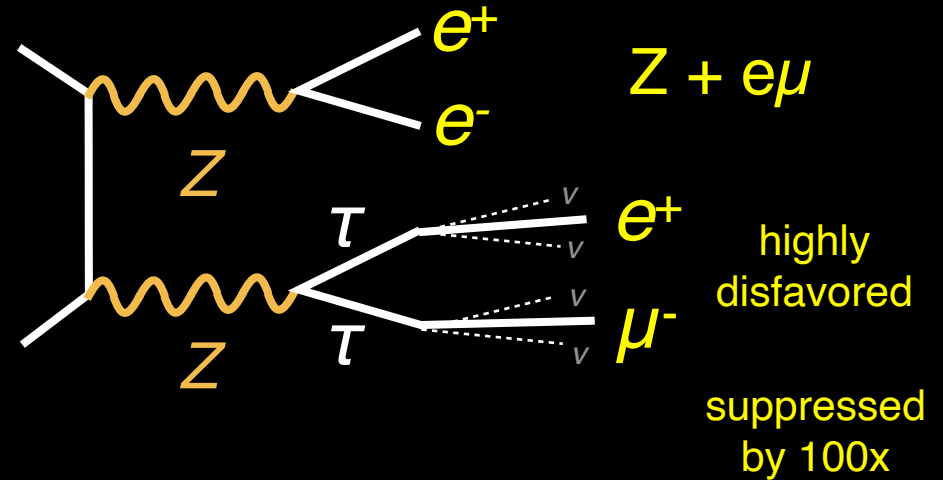


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tagged-Z

Same for  
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Background



$$pp \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow (e^+e^-) e^+\mu^-$$

tagged-Z

$\Rightarrow$  **Z +  $e\mu$  channel**

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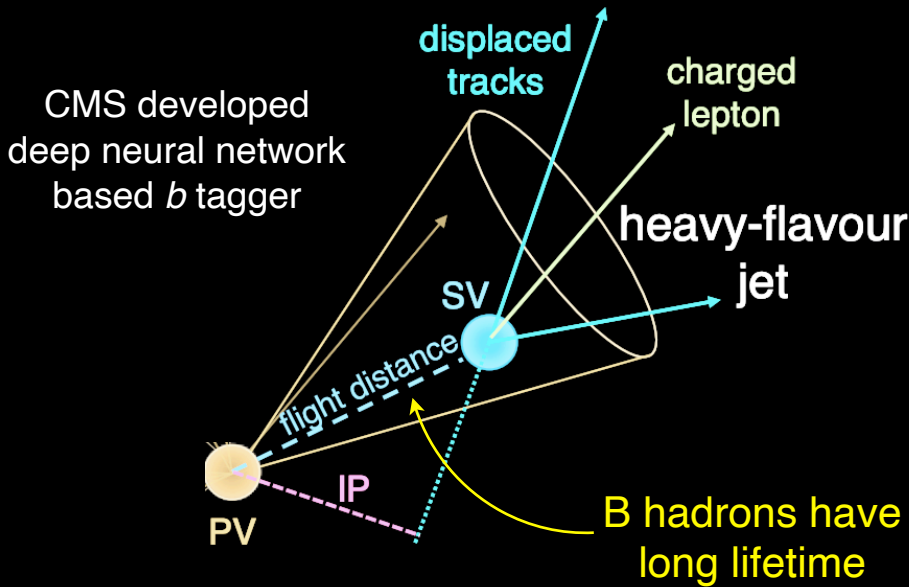


3. Additional background suppression through smart choices

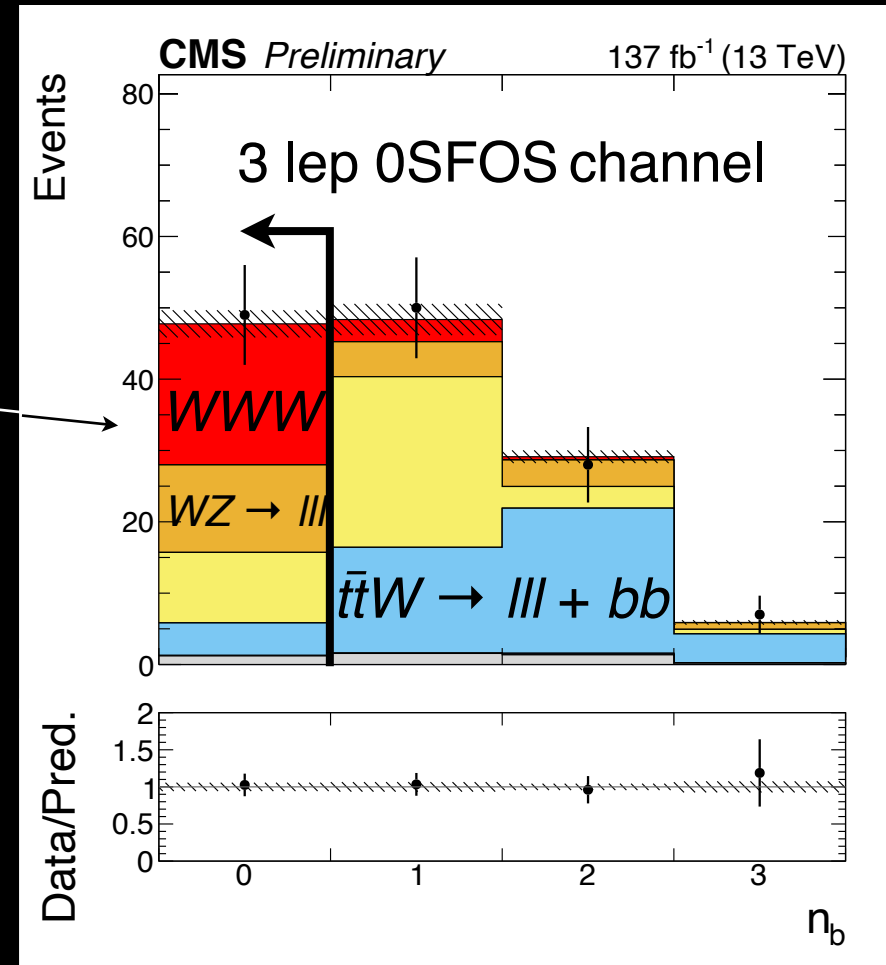
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- As expected,  $WW$  v.  $WZ \sim$  same order
- But additional backgrounds of “ $t\bar{t} + X$ ”
  - These bkg have  $b$  jets
- Signals (EW process) generally do not come with  $b$  jets
- $\Rightarrow$  **Require # of  $b = 0$**

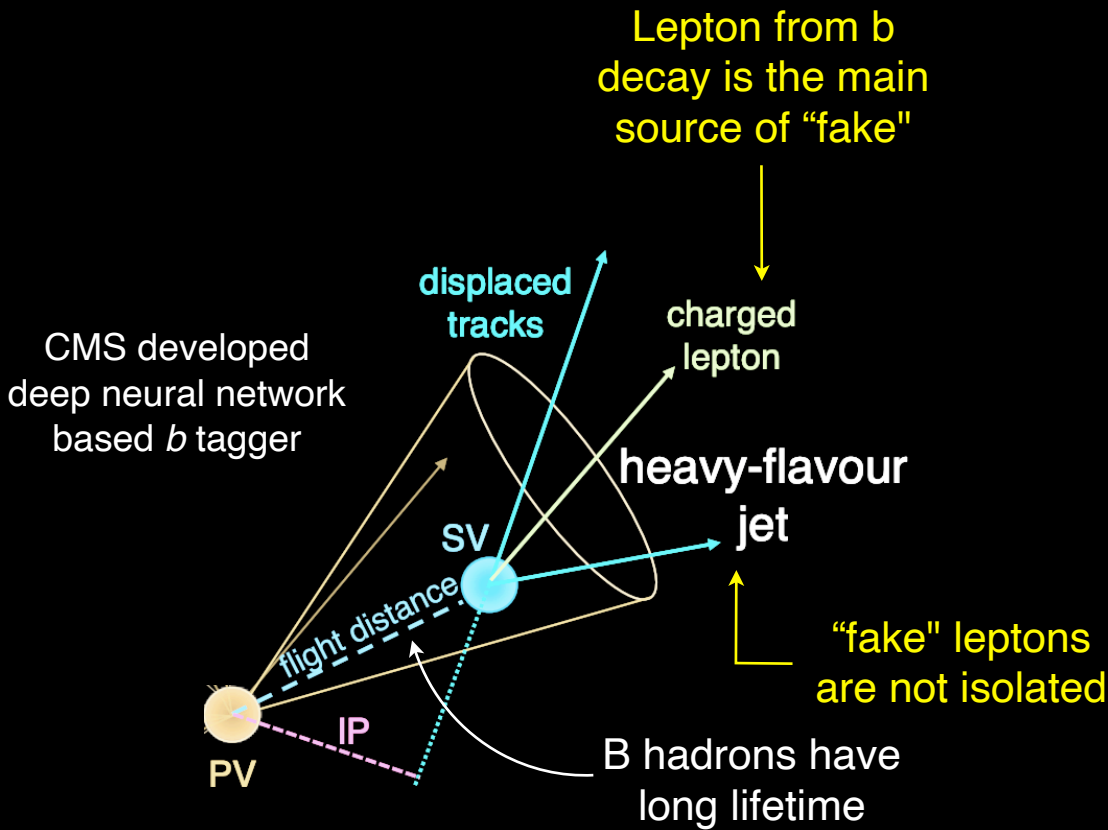


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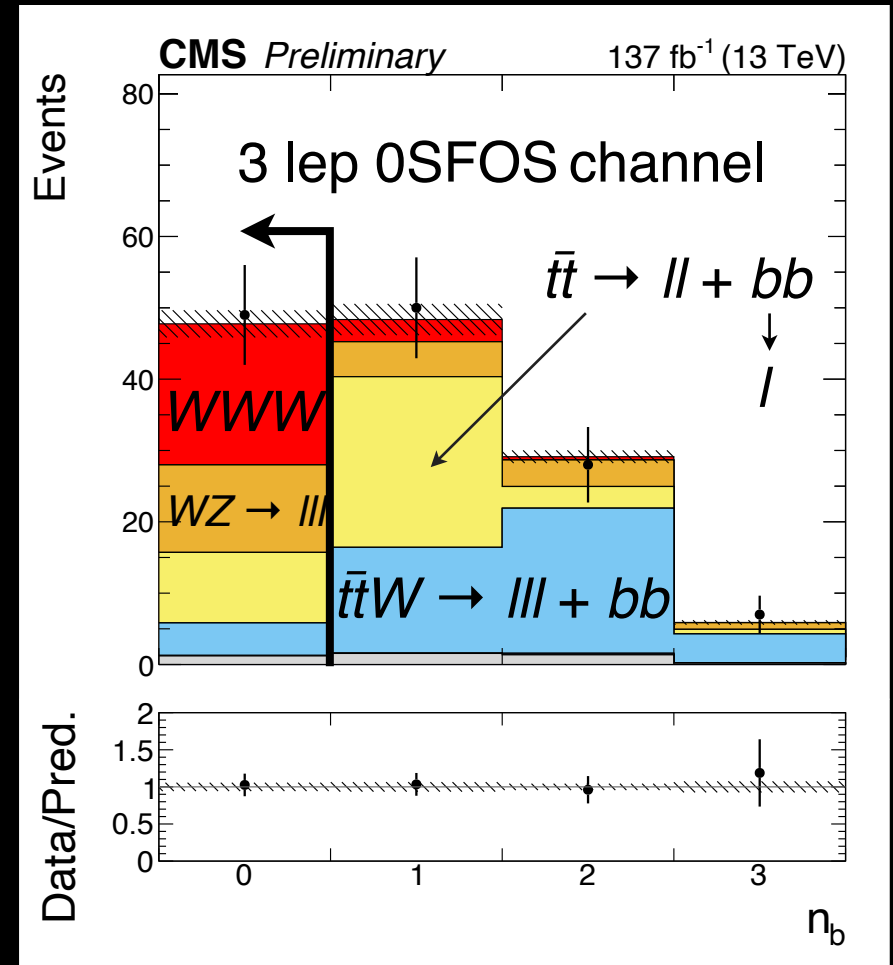


Reject  $N_b = 0$  events to reduce  $t\bar{t}+X$  backgrounds

- Fake leptons mainly come from  $b$  jets
- Major source of  $b$  jets is  $t\bar{t}$
- $\Rightarrow$  **Rejecting  $t\bar{t}$  reduces fake lepton**

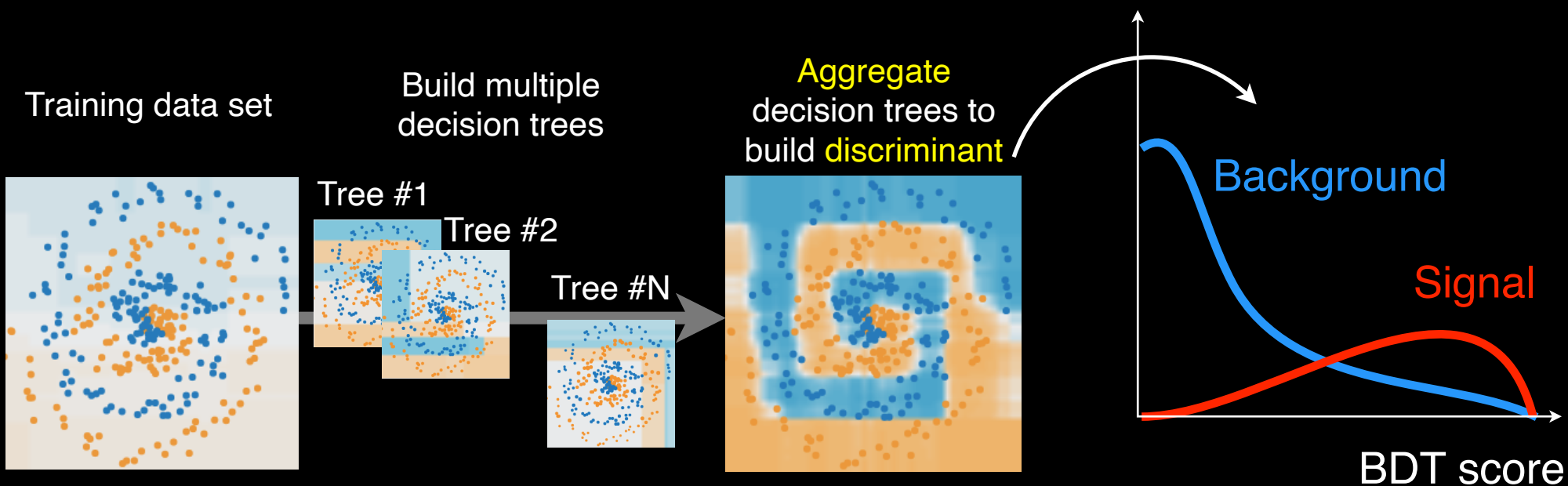


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Rejecting  $N_b = 0$  events also reduces fake lepton bkg.

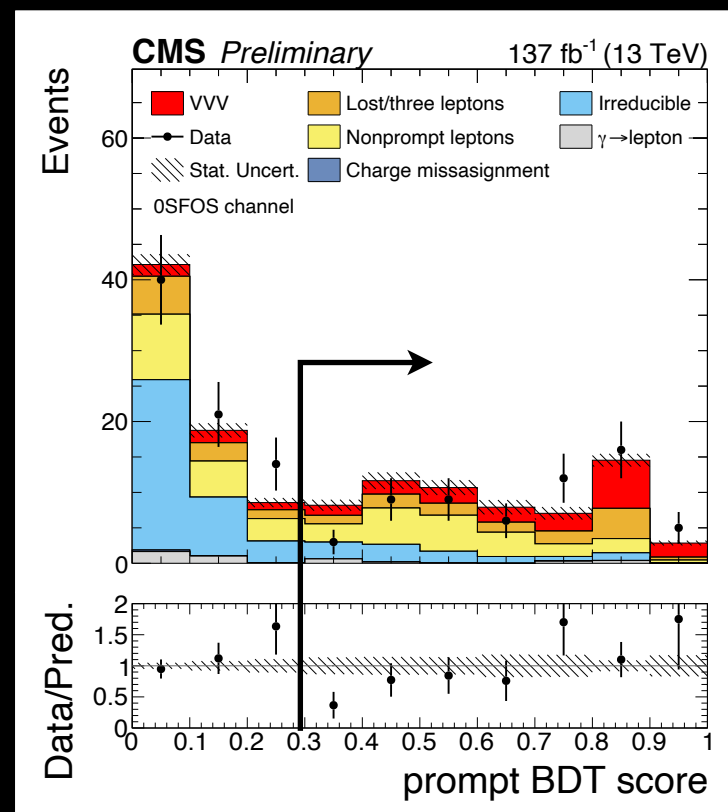
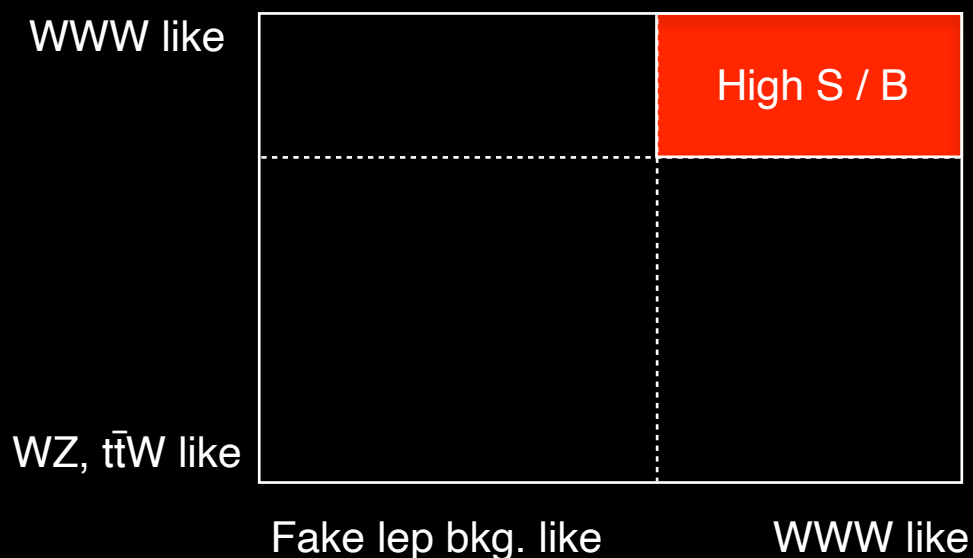
Boosted decision tree is widely used in many analyses at the LHC



[https://arogozhnikov.github.io/2016/07/05/gradient\\_boosting\\_playground.html](https://arogozhnikov.github.io/2016/07/05/gradient_boosting_playground.html)

Train dedicated BDTs to maximize sensitivity

- 10+ kinematics variables used to train BDT
- Two different bkg categories were targeted
  - Fake lepton backgrounds
  - “Prompt backgrounds” (e.g. WZ,  $t\bar{t}W$ )



2D BDT used to maximize sensitivity

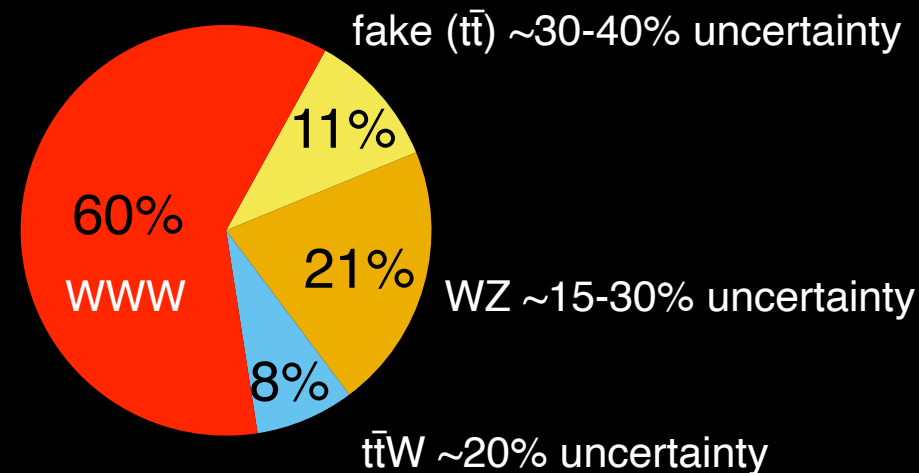


WWW	Fake	WZ	$t\bar{t}W$	Total B	S / B
10.1	1.8	3.5	1.3	6.6	1.5

cf. 700 total WWW  $\rightarrow$  3l

- 10 WWW events
- Statistics limited
- But systematics are becoming important
- 0SFOS sensitivity  $\sim 2.8 \sigma$
- WWW sensitivity  $3.1 \sigma$   
(combined with other channels)

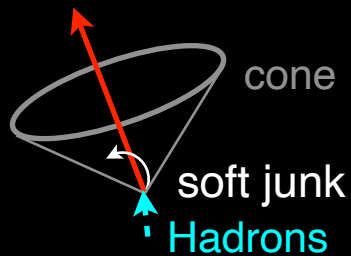
## 0SFOS composition



WWW expected sensitivity of  $3.1 \sigma$

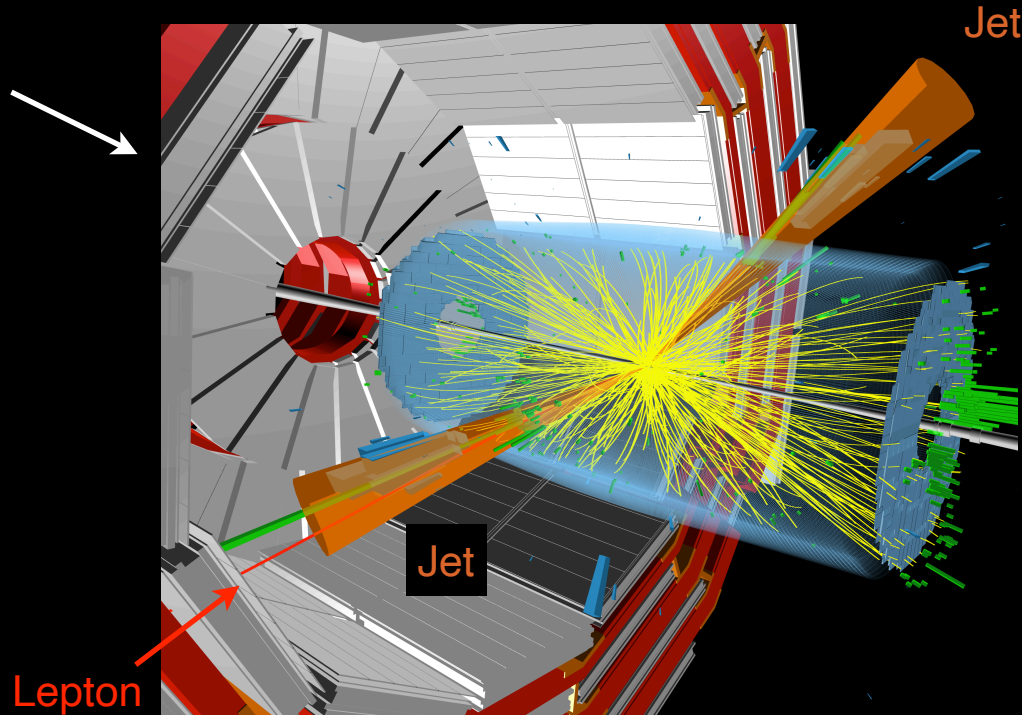
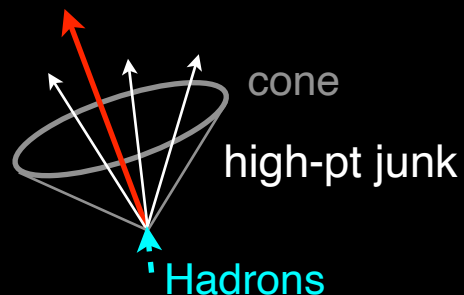
Pick one lepton events with phase space dominated by QCD (dijet) events

Well isolated  
"fake" lepton  
("tight")



Fake  
rate =

Less well  
isolated "fake"  
lepton ("Loose")



Fake rate is then applied to signal like region with "Loose"-ly identified leptons  
"Side band" in isolation

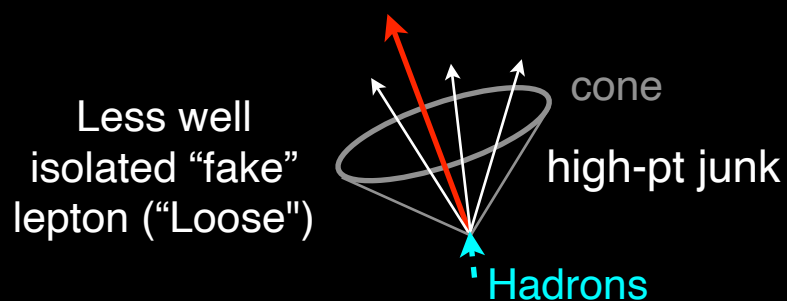
Underlying effects ( $P_T$  of quarks) that govern fake rate are not measurable  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Source of systematics (~30-40%)**

Estimate fake lep bkg. via fake rate from QCD events

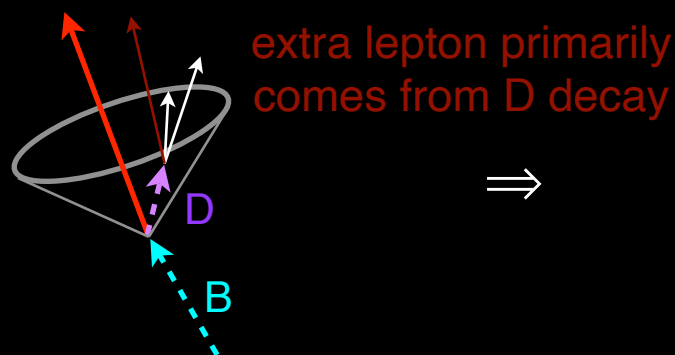
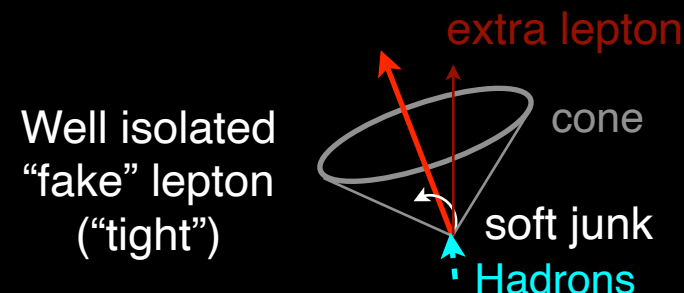


$$\text{Standard Isolation} = \frac{\sum \text{"stuff" in cone } P_T}{P_{T,\text{Lepton}}}$$

Neutral hadron, charged hadron, neutral EM components are included but **not** extra leptons



→  
Cutting hard on standard isolation biases fake leptons to have extra leptons

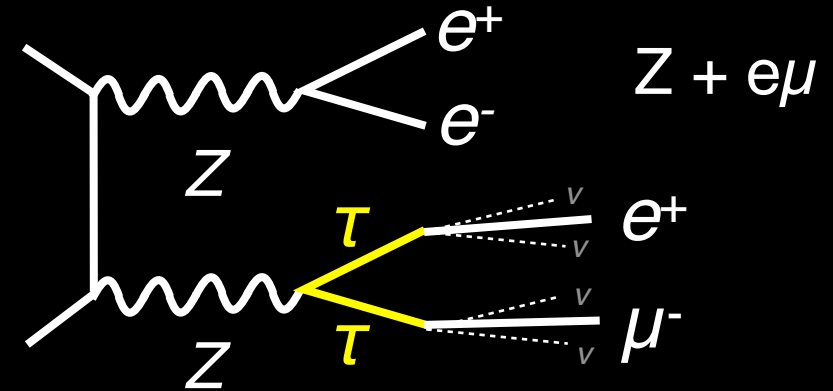
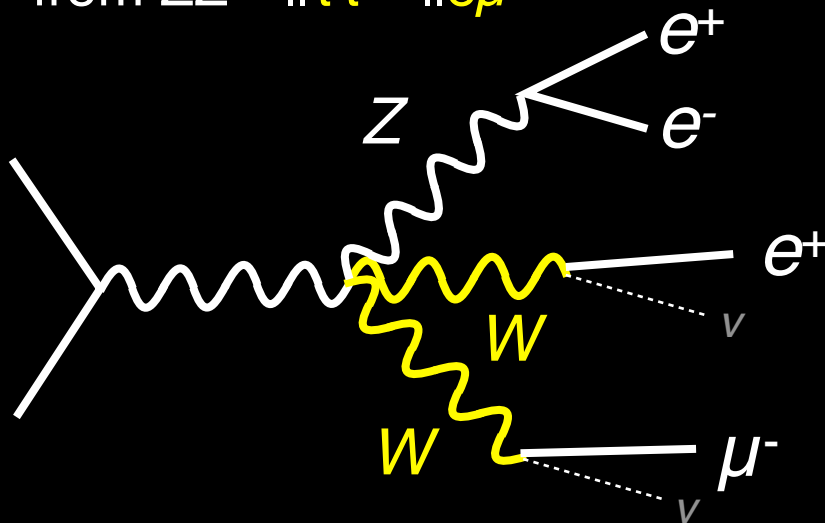
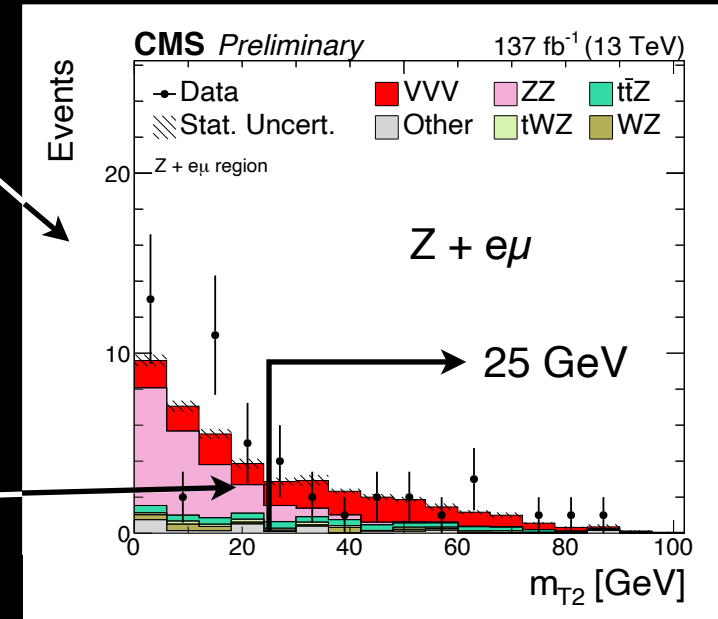


$$\text{Modified Isolation} = \frac{\sum \text{"stuff" + extra leptons in cone } P_T}{P_{T,\text{Lepton}}}$$

Developed custom isolation to further reject fake lepton

# Kinematic endpoints for $Z + e\mu$ (4 lepton)

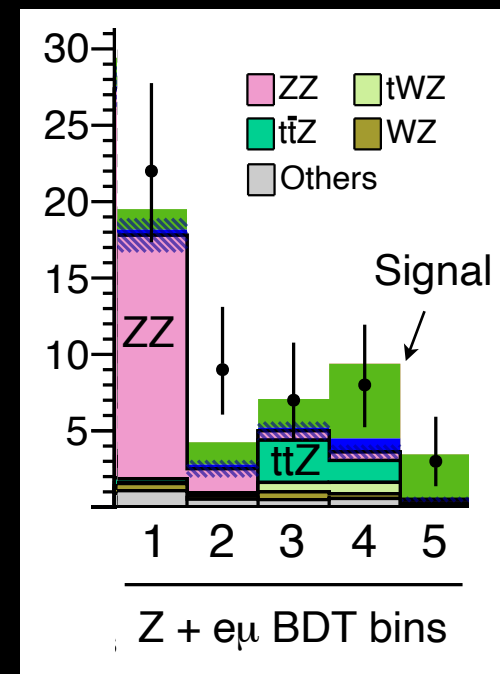
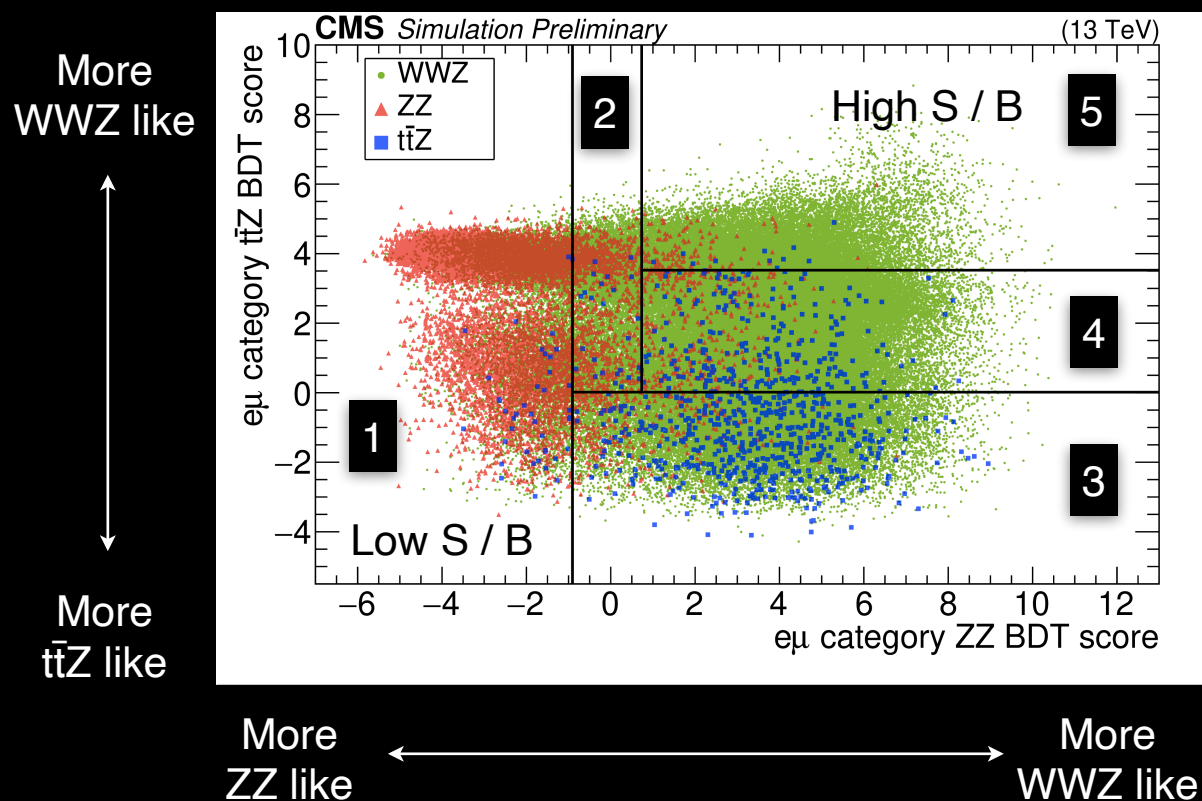
- As expected  $ZWW$  v.  $ZZ$   $\sim$  same order
- $t\bar{t}Z$  suppressed via  $b$  tagging
- Utilize  $m_{T2}$  variable
- $m_{T2}$  is sensitive to the end points of  $m_W$  from  $ZWW \rightarrow ll e\mu$
- $m_{T2}$  is sensitive to the end points of  $m_\tau$  from  $ZZ \rightarrow ll \tau\tau \rightarrow ll e\mu$



Exploit differences between  $Z \rightarrow ll$  v.  $WW \rightarrow ll\nu\nu$

Trained two BDTs: WWZ v. ZZ and WWZ v. ttZ  
Below shows the 2D plane in BDT scores

5 bins are created  
from 2D planes

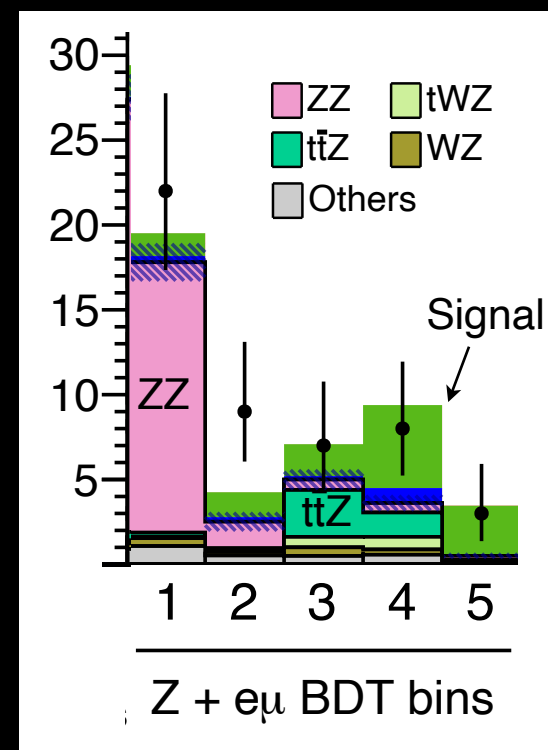


2D BDT used to maximize sensitivity

BDT #	WWZ	ZZ	ttZ	tWZ	WZ	Total B	S / B
5	2.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	5.8
4	4.9	0.6	1.4	0.7	0.3	3.6	1.4

cf. 700 total WWZ  $\rightarrow$  150

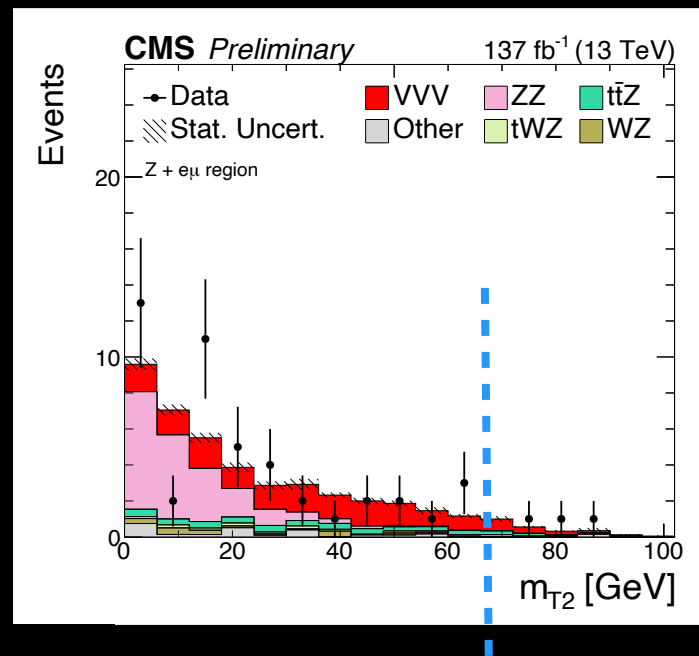
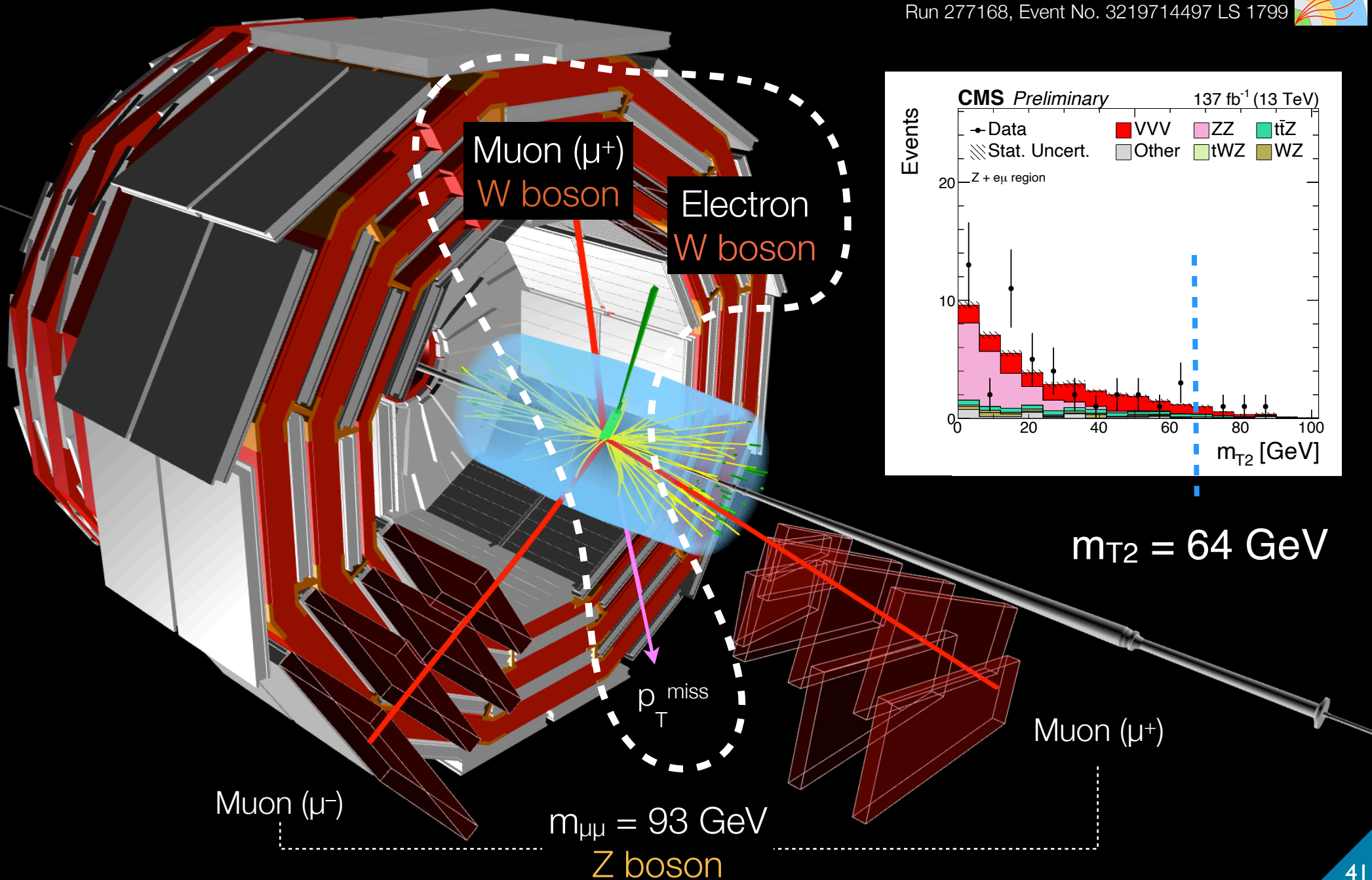
- Statistics limited
- Main backgrounds are ZZ and  $t\bar{t}Z$ 
  - ZZ  $\sim$ 5% uncertainty
  - $t\bar{t}Z$   $\sim$ 30% uncertainty
- $Z + e\mu$  sensitivity  $\sim$ 4  $\sigma$
- Combined WWZ sensitivity 4.1  $\sigma$



WWZ expected sensitivity of 4.1  $\sigma$

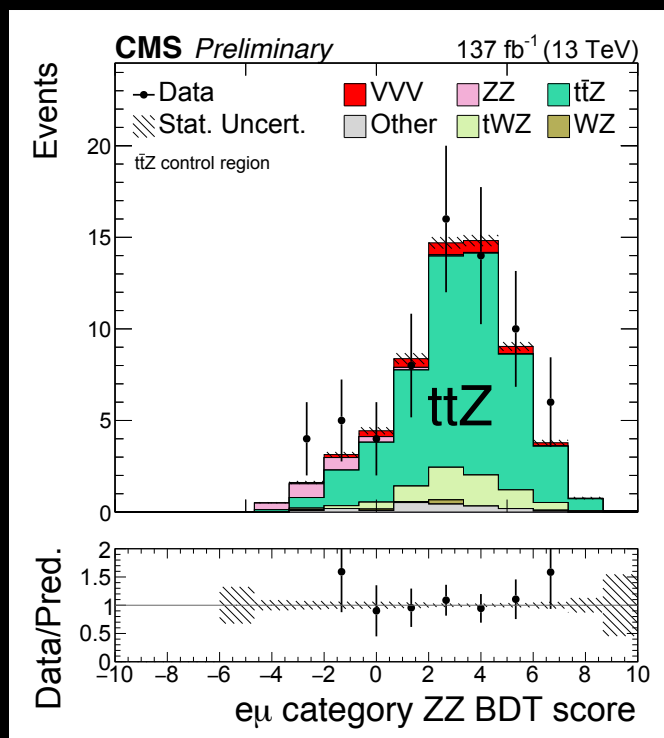
# WWZ event candidate (Z + eμ channel)

CMS experiment at the LHC, CERN  
Data recorded: 2016-Jul-23 08:13:27.898048 GMT  
Run 277168, Event No. 3219714497 LS 1799

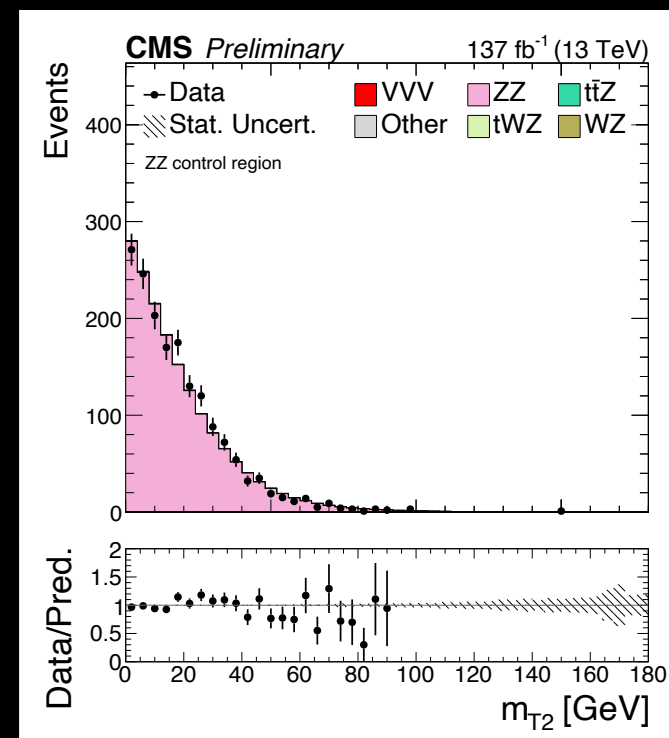


Devise control regions and extrapolate to signal region

$t\bar{t}Z$  CR (invert  $b$  jet veto requirement)



ZZ CR (invert “ $e\mu$  selection”)



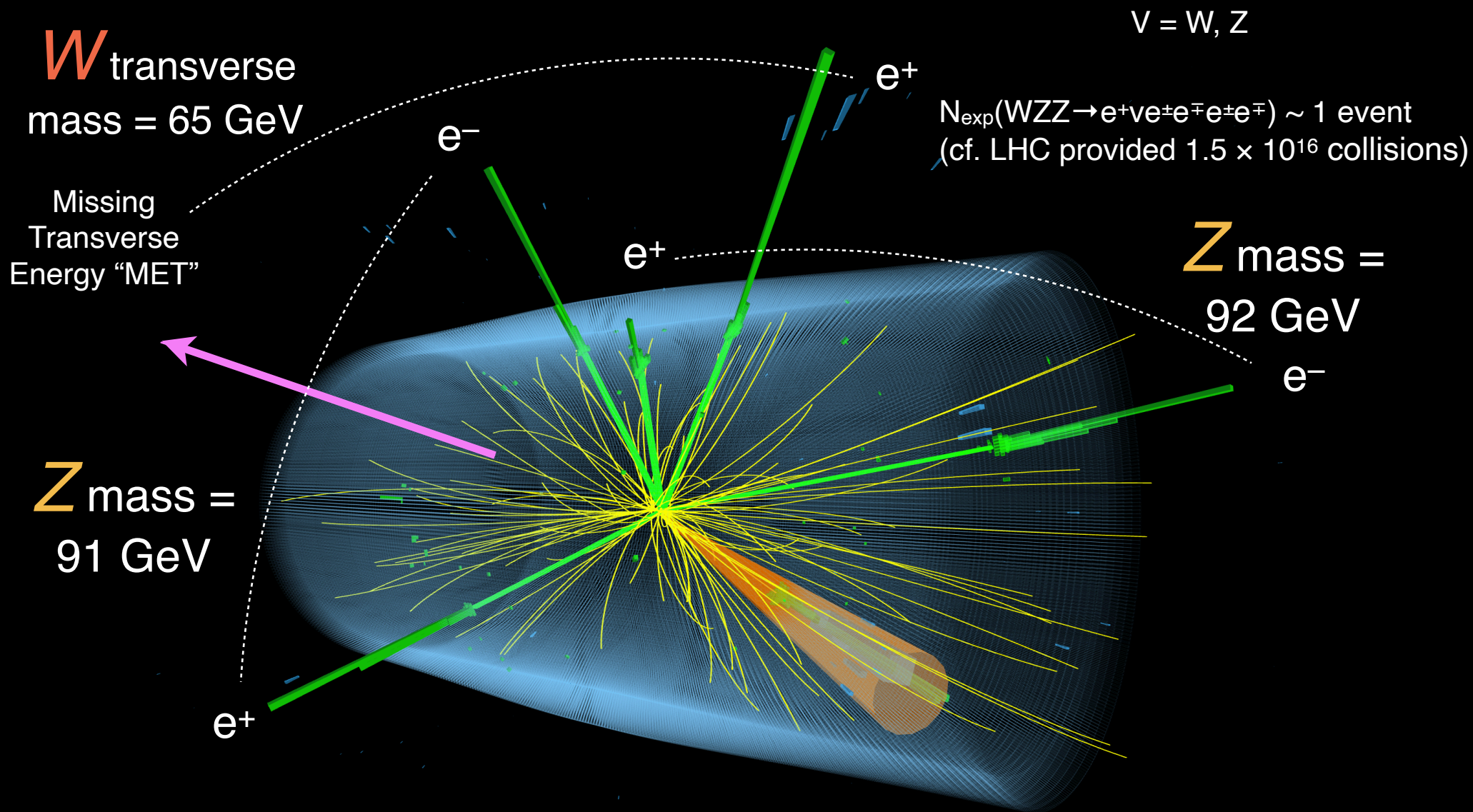
Extrapolate across  $N_b$  tag (unc.  $\sim 10\%$ )  
Data statistical unc. dominates (unc.  $\sim 30\%$ )

Extrapolate across flavor  
(uncertainty  $\sim 5\%$ )

Extrapolate from CR to estimate backgrounds

# 5 lepton event display

CMS experiment at the LHC, CERN  
Data recorded: 2016-Oct-09 21:24:05.010240 GMT  
Run 282735, Event No. 989682042 LS 491





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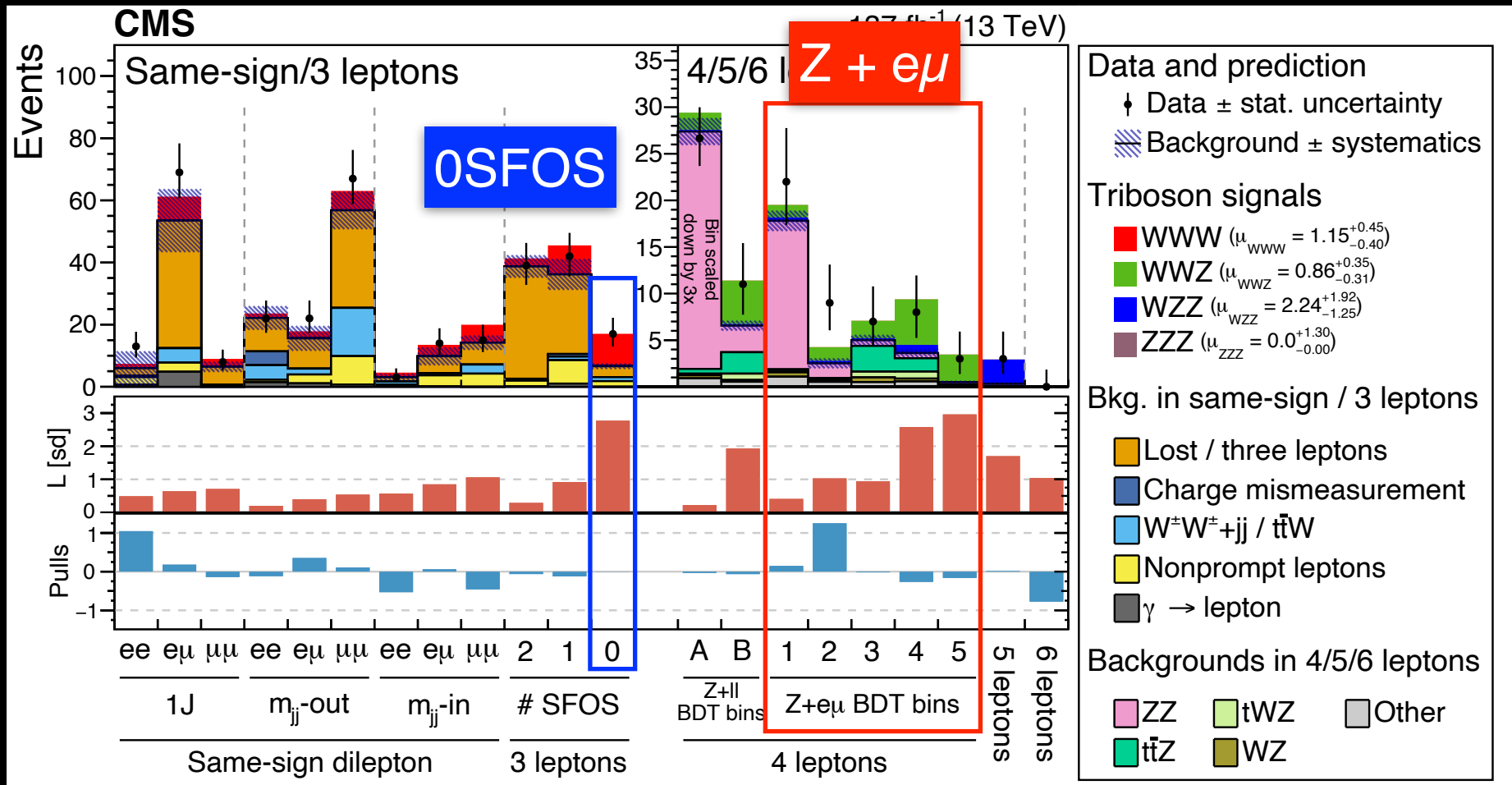
	Same-sign 2 leptons	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
Signals	$W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$Z \rightarrow ll$
	$W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$
	$W^\mp \rightarrow qq$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$
Total	9 bins	3 bins	7 bins	1 bin	1 bin
		0SFOS most sensitive	$Z + e\mu$ most sensitive		Single bin each

- 21-bin fit w/ following scenarios:
  - All VVV signal combined with single signal strength
  - WWW, WWZ, WZZ, ZZZ w/ 4 different signal strength
- In both cases, also consider VH as signal v. background

21-bin fit; 2 signal scenarios: VVV combined, separate

# Results (BDT-based analysis)

$$\text{Signal strength } \mu = \frac{\text{Measured cross section}}{\text{Theoretical cross section}}$$



9 bins

3 bins

7 bins

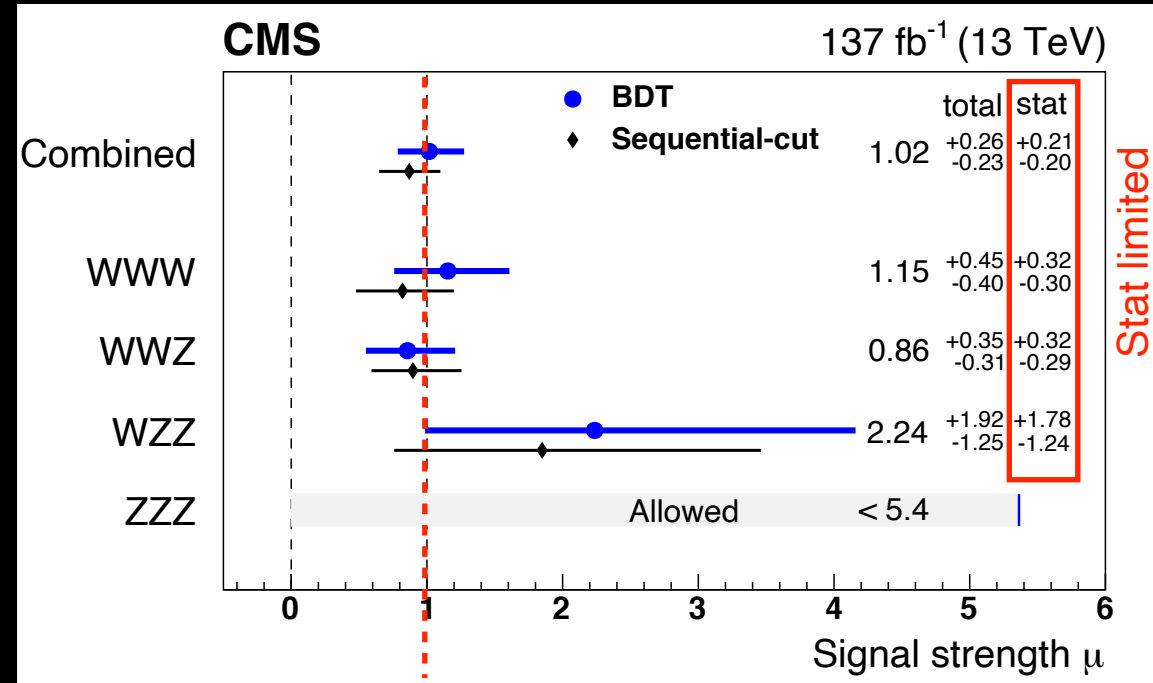
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More sensitive bins are generally to the right

BDT-based analysis final result (cut-based backup)

O(10) events only  
⇒ measure total cross section

VVV mode	Significance [ $\sigma$ ]
All VVV	<b>5.7</b> (5.9)
WWW	<b>3.3</b> (3.1)
WWZ	<b>3.4</b> (4.1)
WZZ	1.7 (0.7)
ZZZ	0 (0.9)

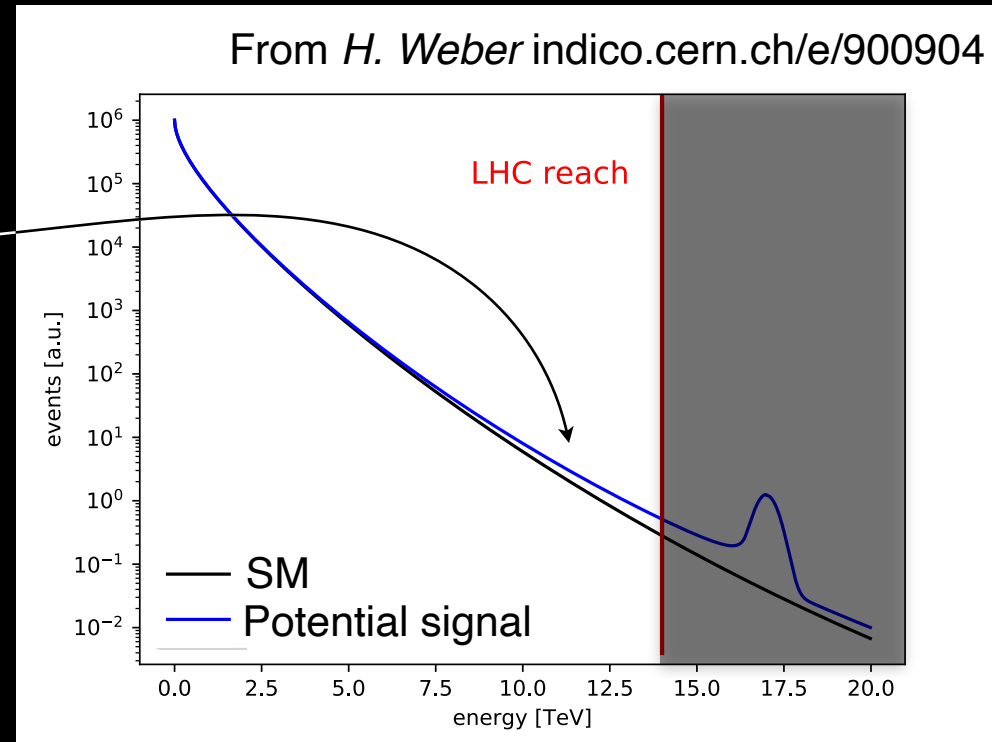
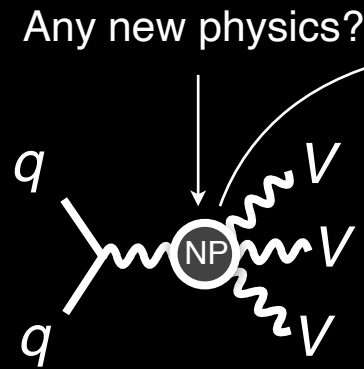
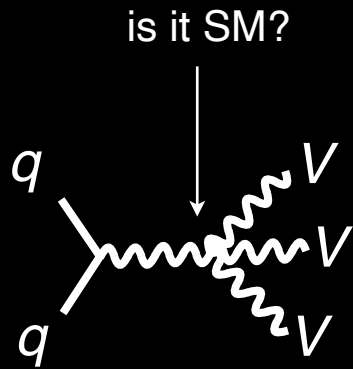


$$\text{Signal strength } \mu = \frac{\text{Measured cross section}}{\text{Theoretical cross section}}$$

- We have **observed** production of three massive gauge boson for the **first** time!
- We also found **evidences** separately for the WWW and WWZ production.
- The cross sections are compatible with the standard model expectation.

First VVV observation VVV and WWW, WWZ evidence

Now that we have established VVV production we can use it to test SM and also search new physics (cf. Four fermion interaction with Fermi constant)

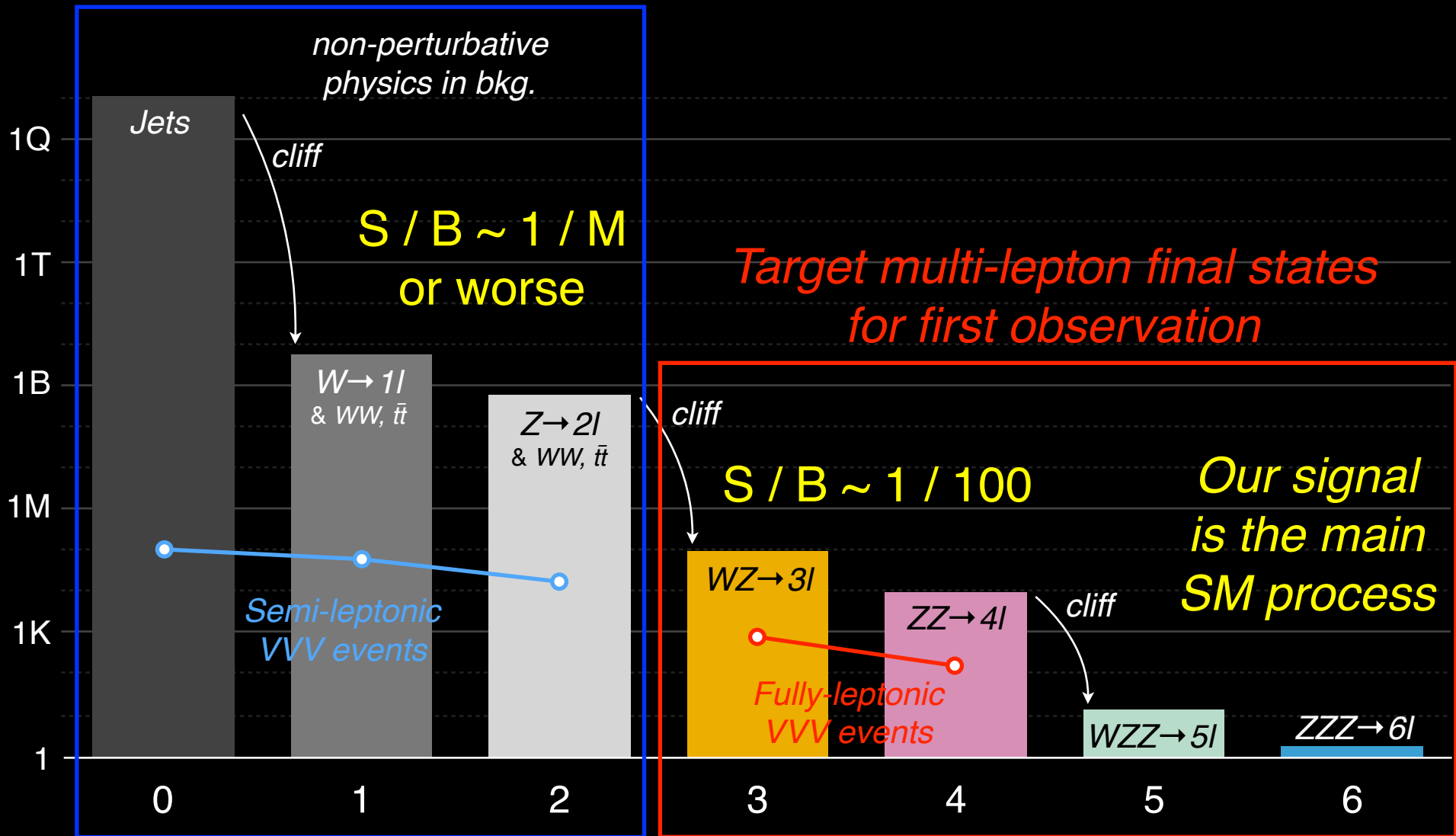


Establishment of VVV opens up a new physics program

# Uncovered semi-leptonic final states

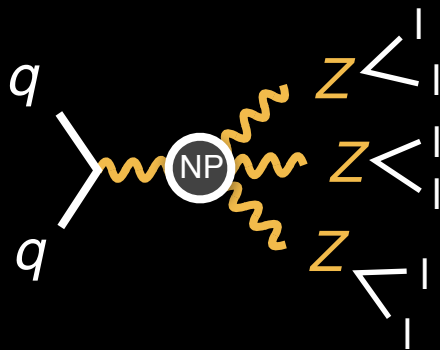
\*\*N events estimated from W, Z,  $t\bar{t}$ , WW, WZ, ZZ,  $t\bar{t}W$ , WZZ, ZZZ cross section with theoretical branching fractions without detector effects and ignoring  $\tau \rightarrow e, \mu$

## Search for deviations in tails

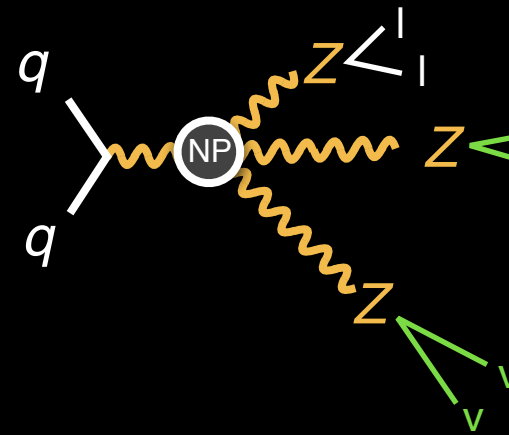
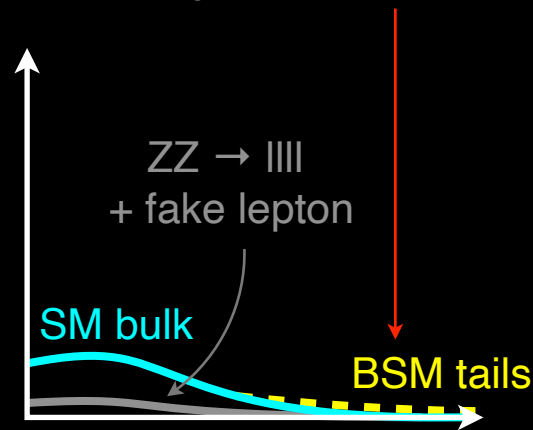


Target semi-leptonic final states for tail search

# Fully leptonic v. Semi leptonic channel



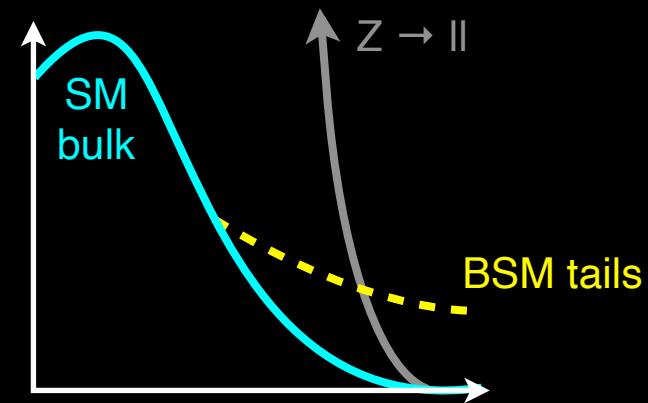
Clean channel for discovery but probing tail is **difficult**



Merged di-b-jet

High MET

Bkg is larger but distinct high  $P_T$  feature can **discriminate** bkg.



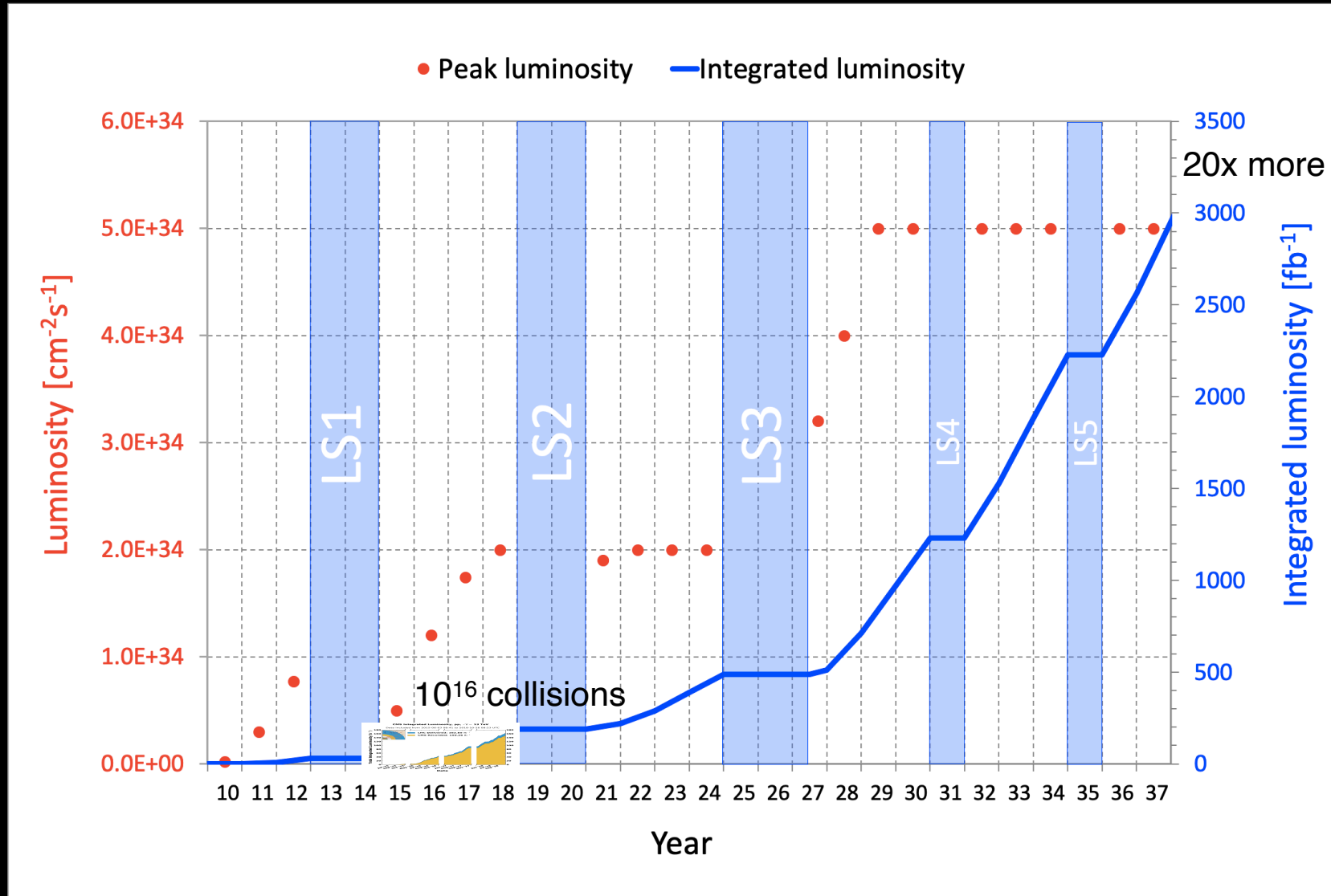
Signal Bkg. Small

Small

Large

Signal Bkg. Large

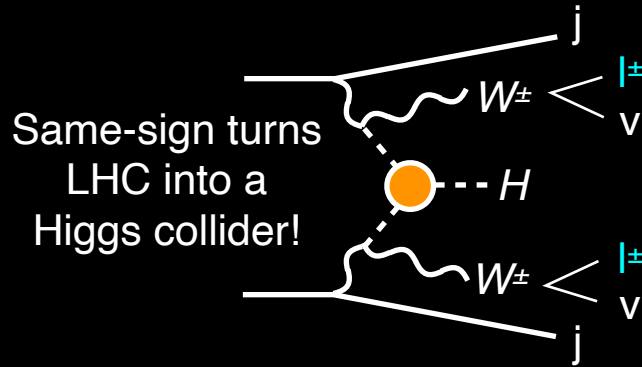
NP effects could be exploited in semi-leptonic channels



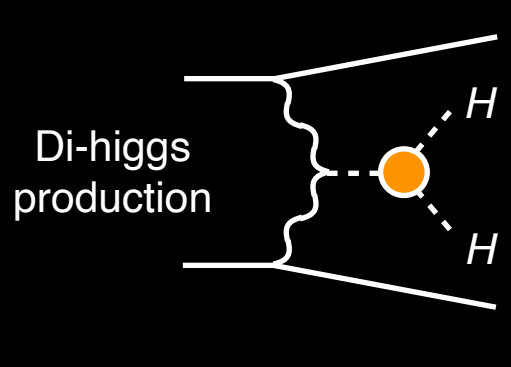
We've only seen ~5% of the total planned LHC data

listing a few additional rare multi-boson processes

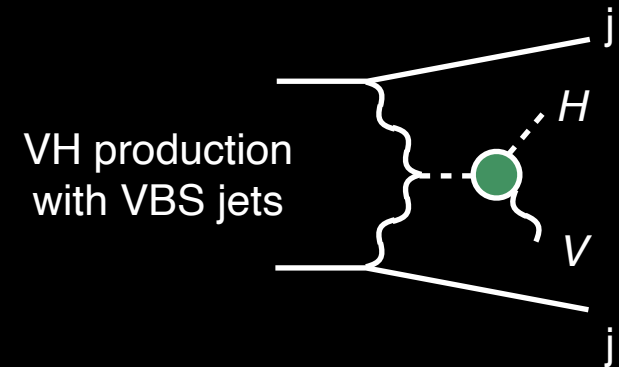
$$pp \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm H jj$$



$$pp \rightarrow HH jj$$



$$pp \rightarrow VH jj$$

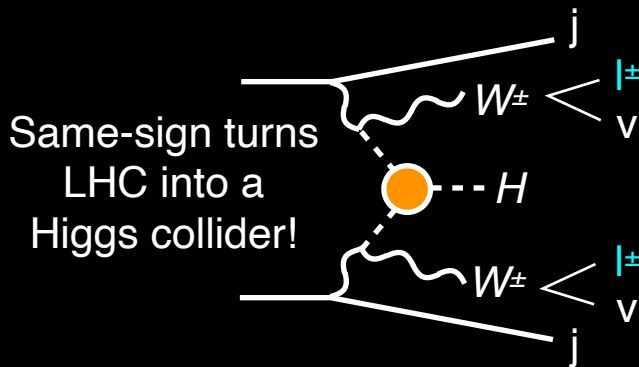


Rich set of final states to cover w/ LHC data set

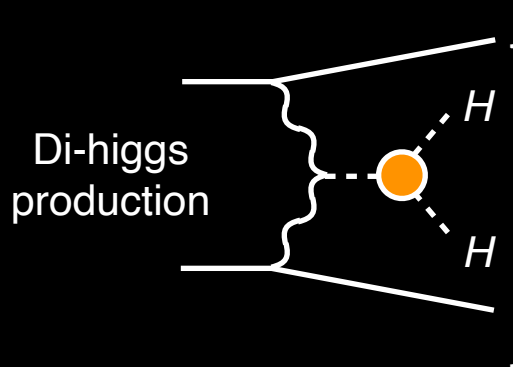


listing a few additional rare multi-boson processes ~~massive-X~~

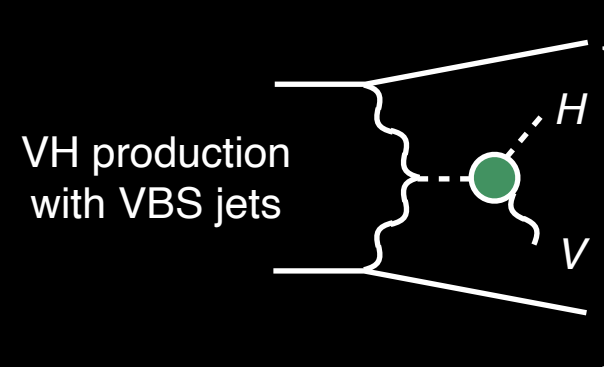
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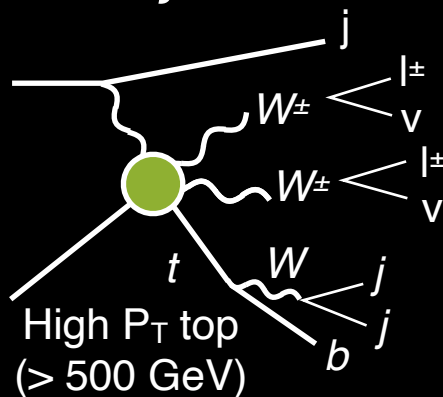
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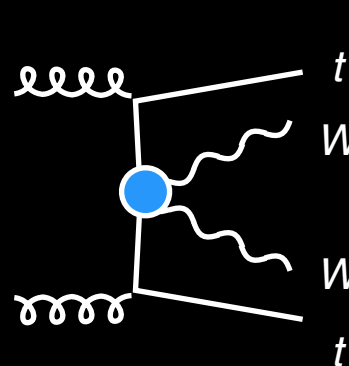
$$pp \rightarrow VH jj$$



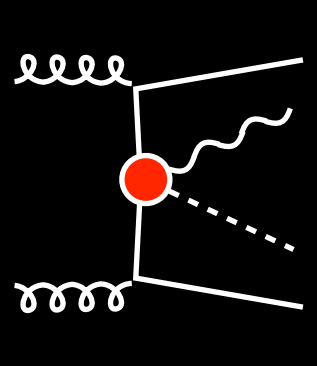
$$pp \rightarrow tW^\pm W^\pm j$$



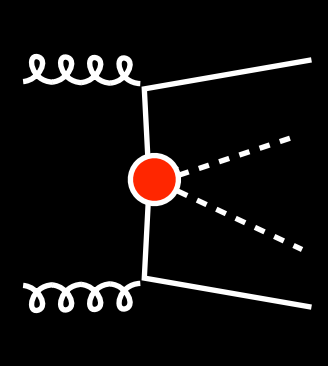
$$pp \rightarrow ttWW$$



$$pp \rightarrow ttZH$$



$$pp \rightarrow ttHH$$

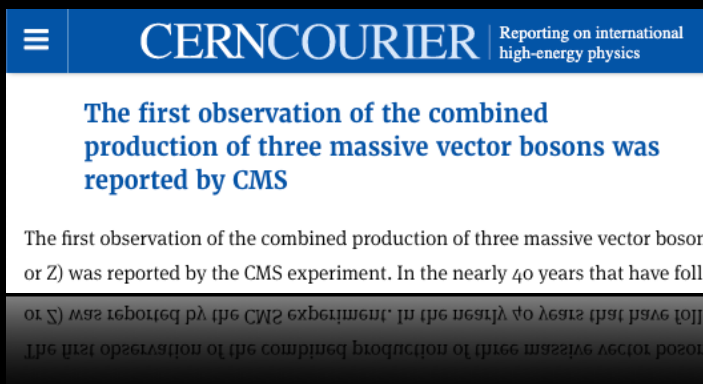


Rich set of final states to cover w/ LHC data set

- EW sector is complete, now we must understand EW sector
- To understand EW sector we study rare multi-boson production
- First observation of  $VVV$  productions was made by CMS collaboration
- Also found evidences for  $WWW$  and  $WWZ$
- The measured cross section is compatible with SM
- LHC experiments will continue to probe various  $VVV$  channel
- Also LHC experiments will continue to search for new final states of rare multi-massive-particle processes

This paper is 1000th paper submitted by CMS!  
Accepted as PRL editor's suggestions!

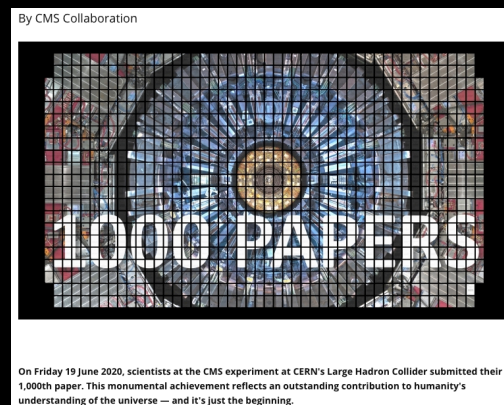
## CERN Courier



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The first observation of the combined production of three massive vector bosons (W or Z) was reported by the CMS experiment. In the nearly 40 years that have followed...



By CMS Collaboration

1000 PAPERS

On Friday 19 June 2020, scientists at the CMS experiment at CERN's Large Hadron Collider submitted their 1,000th paper. This monumental achievement reflects an outstanding contribution to humanity's understanding of the universe — and it's just the beginning.

*“CMS is the first experiment in the history of high energy physics to reach this outstanding total of papers and with only a fraction of the data that the LHC anticipates to produce in its lifetime. The LHC accelerator at CERN will operate for another two decades.”*



# Backup





Quantities	WWW	WWZ	WZZ	ZZZ
$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow VVV \text{ non-VH}} \text{ (fb)}$	216.0	165.1	55.7	14.0
$\sigma_{VH \rightarrow VVV} \text{ (fb)}$	293.4	188.9	36.0	23.1
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \text{ (fb)}$	509.4	354.0	91.6	37.1
$\mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow SS} \text{ (%)}$	7.16	-	-	-
$\mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 3\ell} \text{ (%)}$	3.46	4.82	6.37	-
$\mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 4\ell} \text{ (%)}$	-	1.16	0.81	3.22
$\mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 5\ell} \text{ (%)}$	-	-	0.39	-
$\mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 6\ell} \text{ (%)}$	-	-	-	0.13
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow SS} \text{ (fb)}$	36.4	-	-	-
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 3\ell} \text{ (fb)}$	17.6	17.1	5.83	-
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 4\ell} \text{ (fb)}$	-	4.12	0.74	1.19
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 5\ell} \text{ (fb)}$	-	-	0.36	-
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 6\ell} \text{ (fb)}$	-	-	-	0.05
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow SS} \times 137 \text{ fb}^{-1} (N_{\text{evts}})$	4987	-	-	-
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 3\ell} \times 137 \text{ fb}^{-1} (N_{\text{evts}})$	2411	2343	799	-
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 4\ell} \times 137 \text{ fb}^{-1} (N_{\text{evts}})$	-	564	101	163
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 5\ell} \times 137 \text{ fb}^{-1} (N_{\text{evts}})$	-	-	49.3	-
$\sigma_{\text{total}} \times \mathcal{B}_{VVV \rightarrow 6\ell} \times 137 \text{ fb}^{-1} (N_{\text{evts}})$	-	-	-	6.85

Features	Selections		
	SS + $\geq 2j$	SS + 1j	3 $\ell$
Triggers	Select events passing dilepton triggers		
Number of leptons	Select events with 2 (3) leptons passing SS-ID (3 $\ell$ -ID) for SS (3 $\ell$ ) final states		
Number of leptons	Select events with 2 (3) leptons passing veto-ID for SS (3 $\ell$ ) final states		
Isolated tracks	No additional isolated tracks		—
b-tagging	no b-tagged jets and soft b-tag objects		
Jets	$\geq 2$ jets	1 jet	$\leq 1$ jet
$m_{JJ}$ (leading jets)	$< 500$ GeV		—
$\Delta\eta_{JJ}$ (leading jets)	$< 2.5$		—
$m_{\ell\ell}$	$> 20$ GeV		—
$m_{\ell\ell}$	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 20$ GeV if $e^\pm e^\pm$		—
$m_{\text{SFOS}}$	—	—	$m_{\text{SFOS}} > 20$ GeV
$m_{\text{SFOS}}$	—	—	$ m_{\text{SFOS}} - m_Z  > 20$ GeV
$m_{\ell\ell\ell}$	—	—	$ m_{\ell\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 10$ GeV



Variable	$m_{jj}$ -in and $m_{jj}$ -out	1j
Trigger	Signal triggers, tab. 3.2	
Signal leptons	Exactly 2 tight SS leptons with $p_T > 25$ GeV	
Additional leptons	No additional very loose lepton	
Isolated tracks	No additional isolated tracks	
Jets	$\geq 2$ jets	1 jet
b-tagging	no b-tagged jets and soft b-tag objects	
$m_{\ell\ell}$	$> 20$ GeV	
$m_{\ell\ell}$	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 20$ GeV if $e^\pm e^\pm$	
$p_T^{\text{miss}}$	$> 45$ GeV	
$m_{JJ}$ (leading jets)	$< 500$ GeV	—
$\Delta\eta_{JJ}$ (leading jets)	$< 2.5$	—
$m_{jj}$ (closest $\Delta R$ )	$65 < m_{jj} < 95$ GeV or $ m_{jj} - 80 \text{ GeV}  \geq 15$ GeV	—
$\Delta R_{\ell j}^{\text{min}}$	—	$< 1.5$
$m_T^{\text{max}}$	$> 90$ GeV if not $\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$> 90$ GeV



Variable	0 SFOS	1 and 2 SFOS
Trigger	Signal triggers, tab. 3.2	
Signal leptons	3 tight leptons with charge sum = $\pm 1e$	
	$p_T > 25/25/25$ GeV	$p_T > 25/20/20$ GeV
Additional leptons	No additional very loose lepton	
$m_{\text{SFOS}}$	$m_{\text{SFOS}} > 20$ GeV and $ m_{\text{SFOS}} - m_Z  > 20$ GeV	
$m_{\ell\ell\ell}$	$ m_{\ell\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 10$ GeV	
SF lepton mass	$> 20$ GeV	—
Dielectron mass	$ m_{ee} - m_Z  > 20$ GeV	—
Jets	$\leq 1$ jet	0 jets
b-tagging	No b-tagged jets and soft b-tag objects	
$\Delta\phi(\vec{p}_T(\ell\ell\ell), \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$	—	$> 2.5$
$p_T(\ell\ell\ell)$	—	$> 50$ GeV
$m_T^{\text{3rd}}$ (1 SFOS) or $m_T^{\text{max}}$ (2 SFOS)	—	$> 90$ GeV



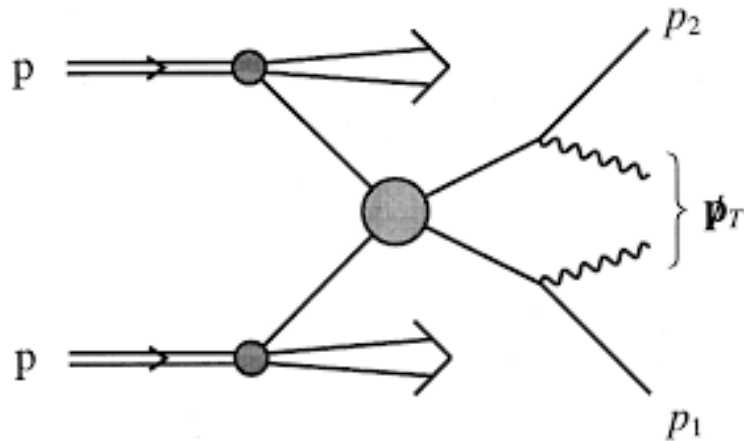


Features	Selections
Number of leptons	Select events with 4 leptons passing common veto-ID
Triggers	Select events passing dilepton triggers
Z lepton	Find opposite charge lepton pairs, passing ZID, closest to $m_Z$ Require Z leptons to have $p_T > 25, 15$ GeV
W lepton	Require that leftover leptons are opposite charge and pass WID Require W leptons to have $p_T > 25, 15$ GeV
Low mass resonances	Require any opposite charge pair invariant mass to be greater than 12 GeV
b-tagged jets	no b-tagged jet
Z mass window	Require invariant mass of the Z leptons to be within 10 GeV of Z boson mass



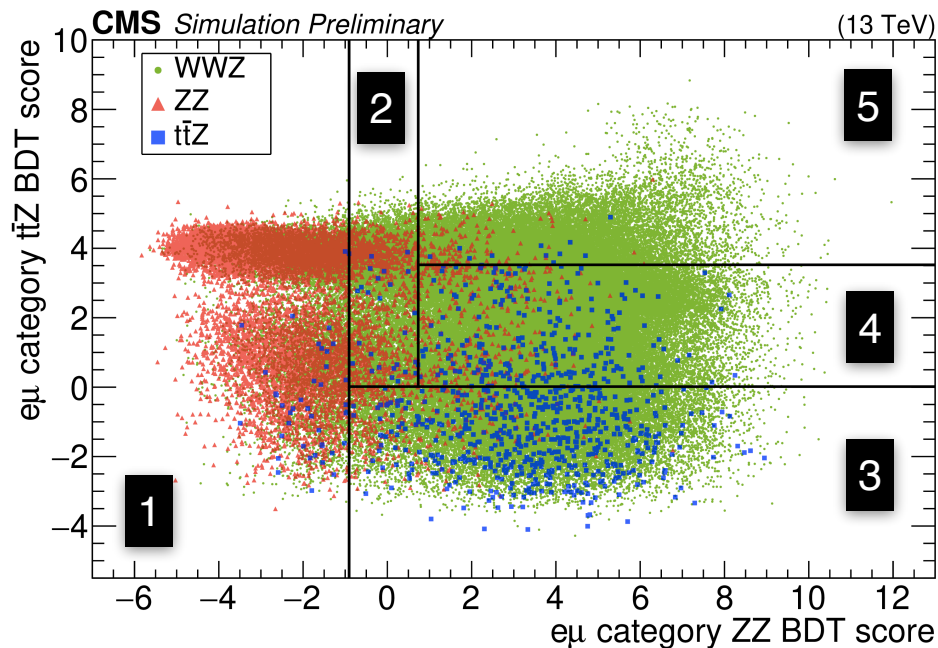
Variable	$e\mu$ category	$ee/\mu\mu$ category
Preselection		Selections in Table 20
W candidate lepton flavors	$e\mu$	$ee/\mu\mu$
$m_{\ell\ell}$	Separated into 4 bins in (0, 40, 60, 100, $\infty$ )	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 10$ GeV
$m_{T2}$	$m_{T2} > 25$ GeV (for $m_{\ell\ell} > 100$ GeV)	...
$p_{T,4\ell}$ and $p_T^{\text{miss}}$	...	No $p_{T,4\ell}$ cuts and $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 120$ GeV (Bin A) $p_{T,4\ell} > 70$ GeV and $70 < p_T^{\text{miss}} < 120$ GeV (Bin B) $40 < p_{T,4\ell} < 70$ GeV and $70 < p_T^{\text{miss}} < 120$ GeV (Bin C)

$$m_{T2} = \min_{\vec{p}_T^{\nu(1)} + \vec{p}_T^{\nu(2)} = \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \left[ \max \left( m_T^{(1)}(\vec{p}_T^{\nu(1)}, \vec{p}_T^e), m_T^{(2)}(\vec{p}_T^{\nu(2)}, \vec{p}_T^\mu) \right) \right]$$

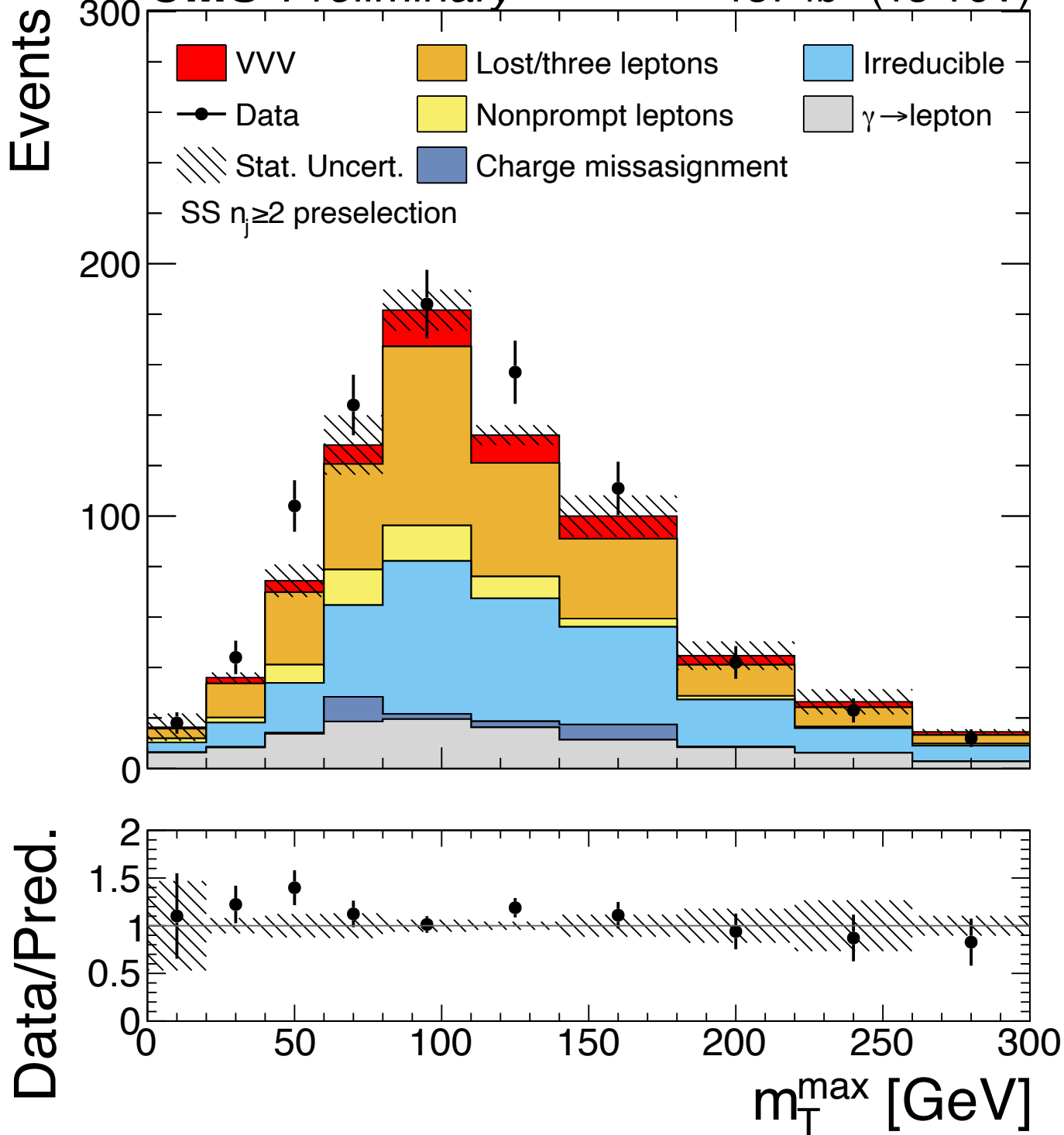


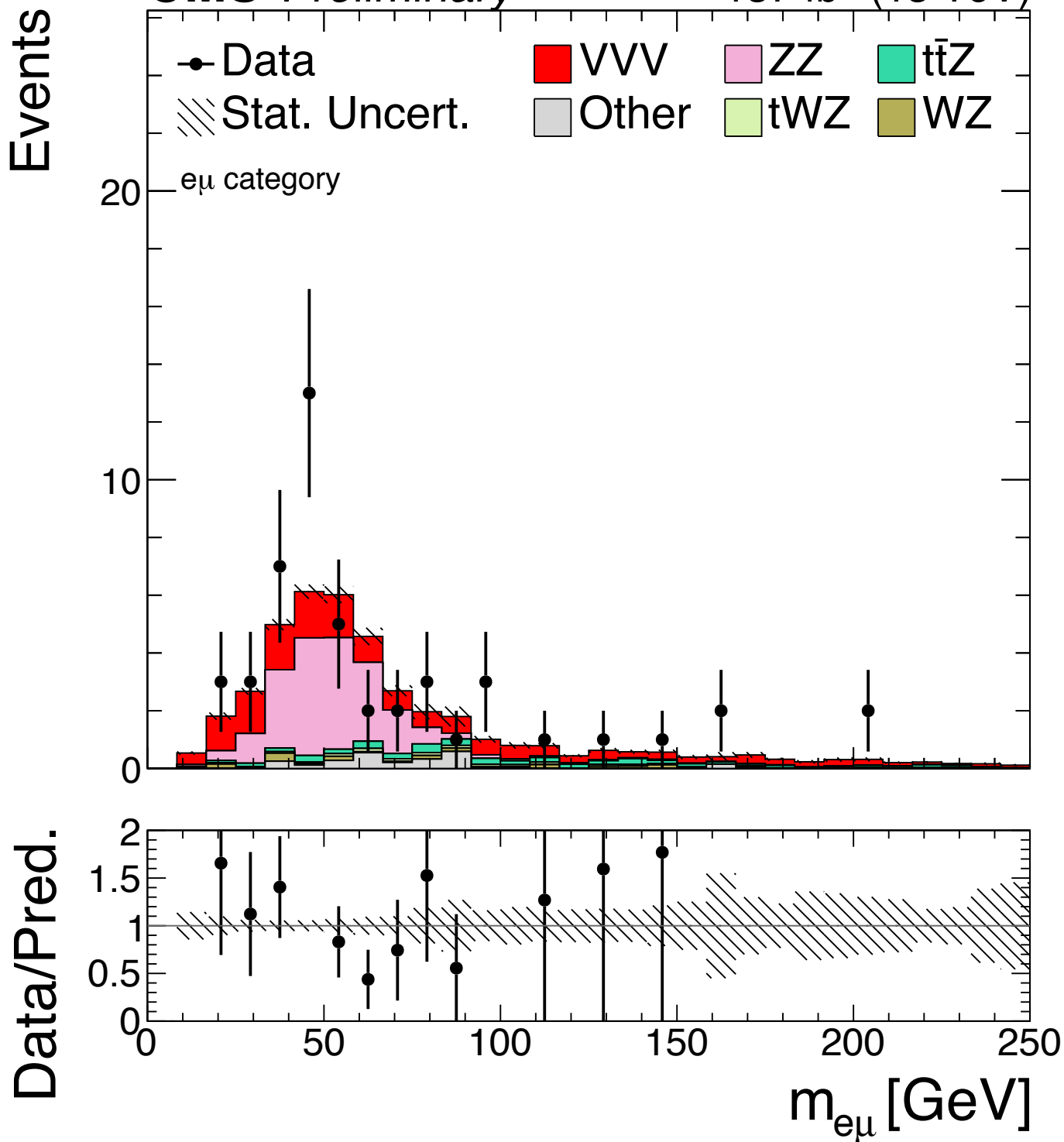
For  $WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$  sub-system of  $WWZ$ , endpoint is at  $m_W$

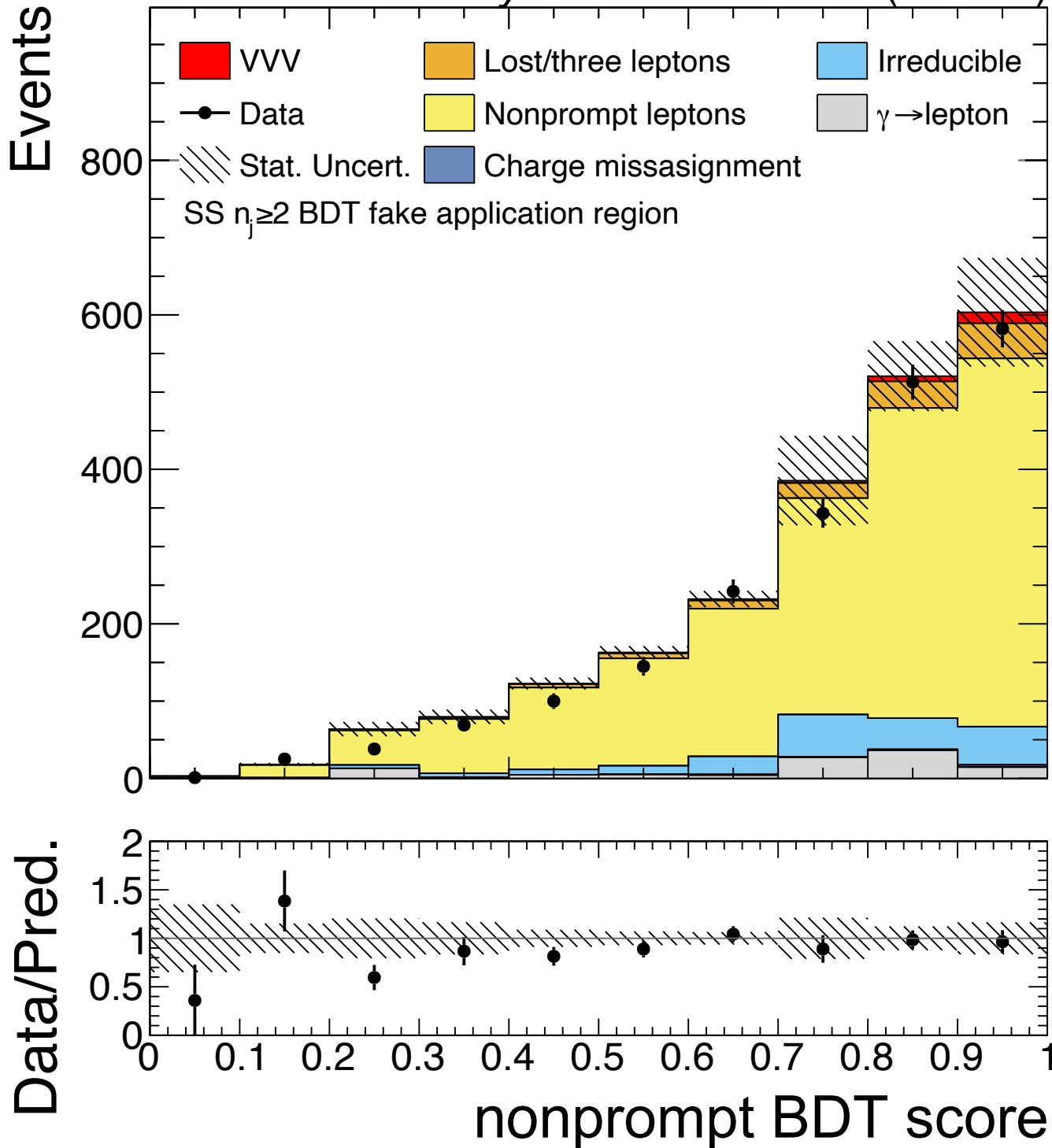
For  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ll\nu\nu\nu\nu$  sub-system of  $ZZ$ , endpoint is at  $m_\tau$

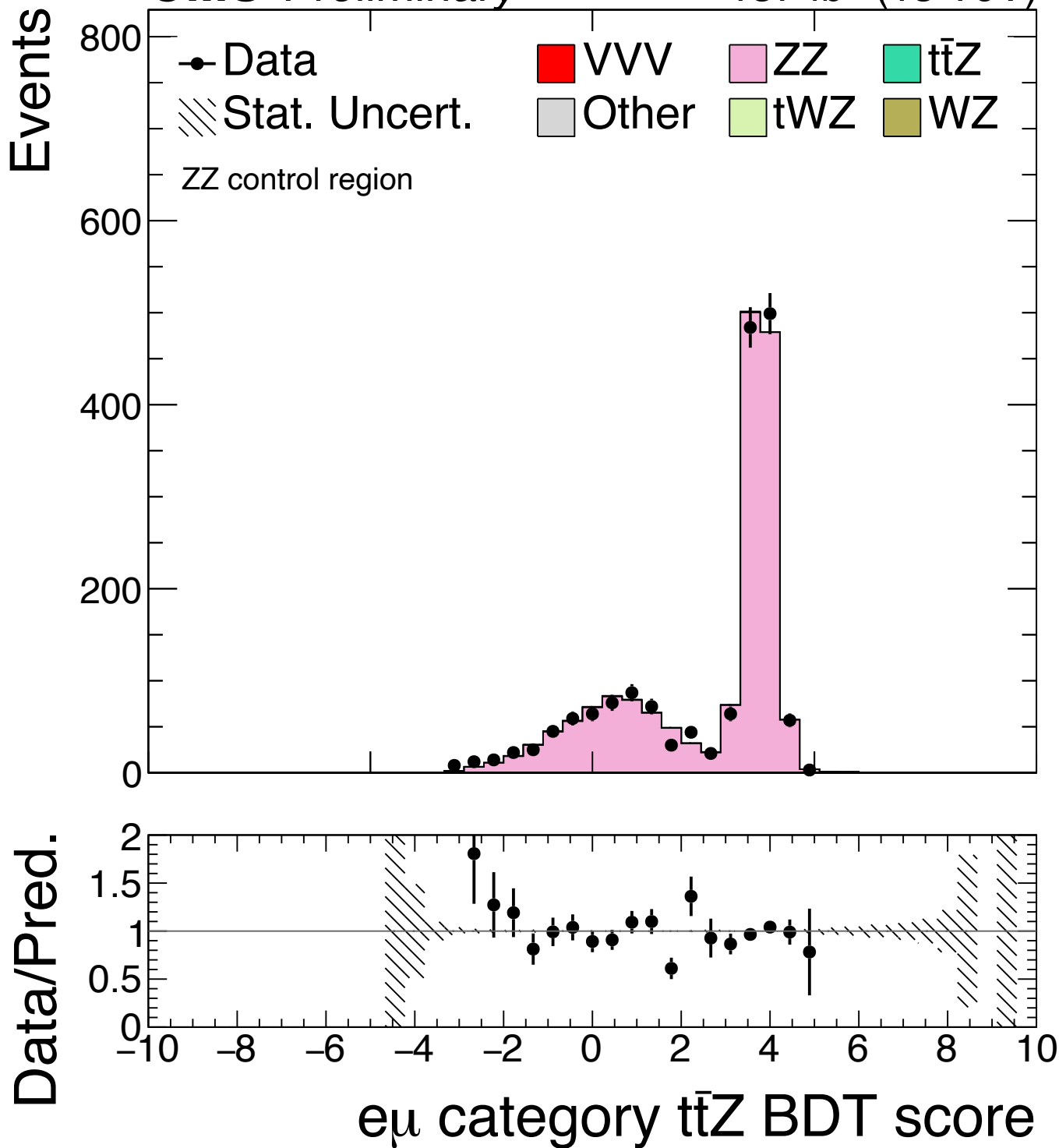


	ZZ BDT range	$t\bar{t}Z$ BDT range
$e\mu$ BDT bin 1	$(-\infty, -0.908)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$
$e\mu$ BDT bin 2	$(-0.908, \infty)$	$(-\infty, 0.015)$
$e\mu$ BDT bin 3	$(-0.908, 0.733)$	$(0.015, \infty)$
$e\mu$ BDT bin 4	$(0.733, \infty)$	$(0.015, 3.523)$
$e\mu$ BDT bin 5	$(0.733, \infty)$	$(3.523, \infty)$
$ee/\mu\mu$ BDT bin A	$(0, 3)$	-
$ee/\mu\mu$ BDT bin B	$(3, \infty)$	-

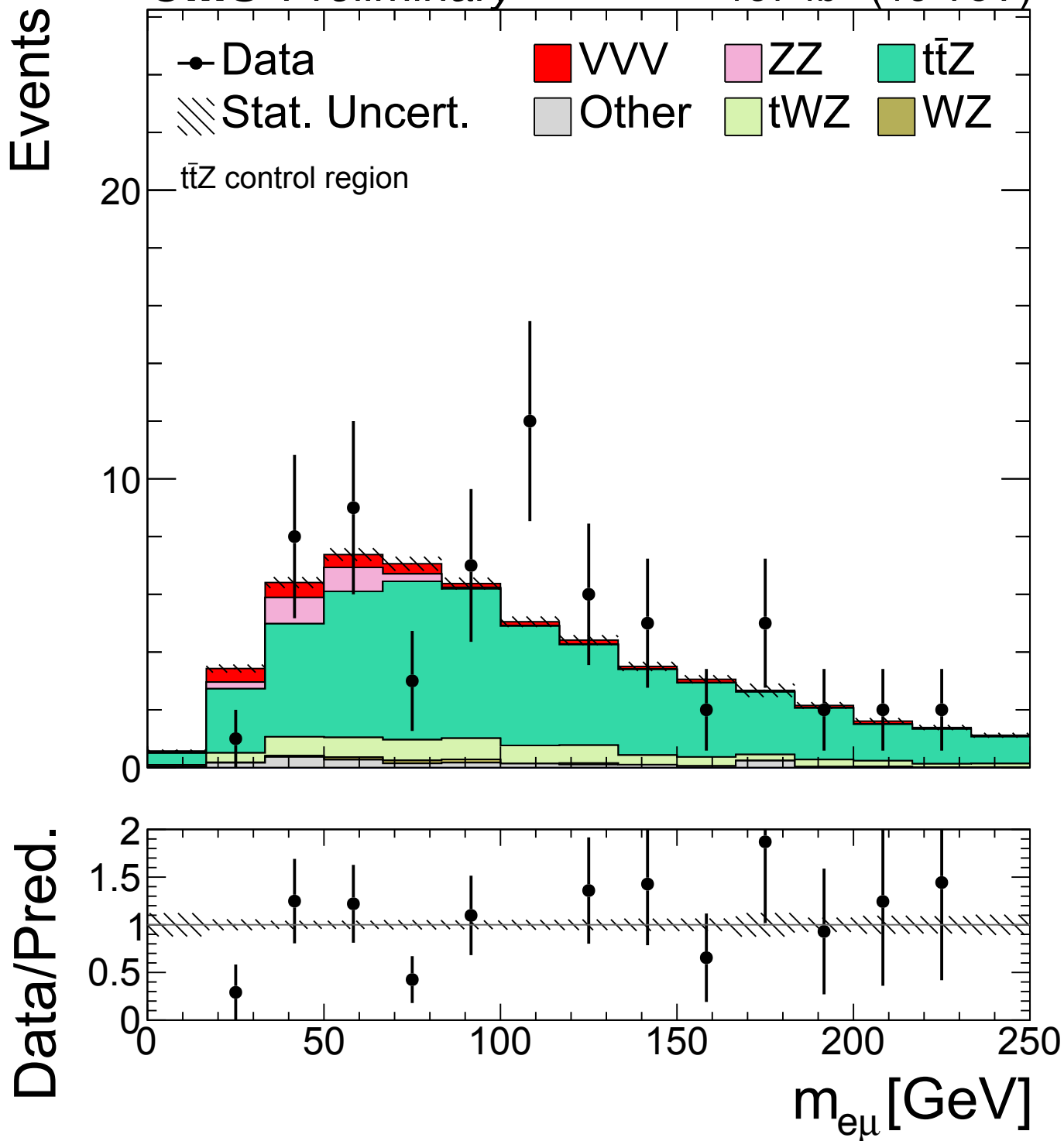














Process	Higgs boson contributions as signal		Higgs boson contributions as background	
	sequential-cut	BDT-based	sequential-cut	BDT-based
WWW	2.5 (2.9)	3.3 (3.1)	1.0 (1.8)	1.6 (1.9)
WWZ	3.5 (3.6)	3.4 (4.1)	0.9 (2.2)	1.3 (2.2)
WZZ	1.6 (0.7)	1.7 (0.7)	1.7 (0.8)	1.7 (0.8)
ZZZ	0.0 (0.9)	0.0 (0.9)	0.0 (0.9)	0.0 (0.9)
VVV	5.0 (5.4)	5.7 (5.9)	2.3 (3.5)	2.9 (3.5)



Process	Higgs boson contributions as signal		Higgs boson contributions as background	
	sequential-cut	BDT-based	sequential-cut	BDT-based
WZZ	5.2 ( $3.7^{+2.2}_{-1.3}$ )	6.1 ( $3.8^{+2.2}_{-1.3}$ )	5.8 ( $3.7^{+2.3}_{-1.3}$ )	5.8 ( $3.7^{+2.3}_{-1.3}$ )
ZZZ	5.4 ( $6.0^{+4.6}_{-2.6}$ )	5.4 ( $6.2^{+4.9}_{-2.7}$ )	5.6 ( $6.3^{+5.3}_{-2.8}$ )	5.7 ( $6.3^{+5.3}_{-2.8}$ )



Signal region	SS $m_{jj}$ -in			SS $m_{jj}$ -out			SS 1j			$3\ell$		
	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	0SFOS	1SFOS	2SFOS
Lost/three $\ell$	1.4±0.9	5.5±1.6	7.0±1.7	10.7±2.6	9.7±3.6	31.4±3.8	2.5±1.1	41.0±6.1	5.8±1.6	3.5±0.7	25.6±4.2	36.1±3.1
Irreducible	1.0±0.1	0.6±0.1	2.9±0.2	4.7±0.4	1.9±0.2	15.5±1.2	0.4±0.0	4.6±0.2	0.5±0.1	1.3±0.1	1.2±0.1	0.3±0.0
Nonprompt $\ell$	0.6±0.6	3.6±2.4	4.2±1.5	0.8±1.0	2.8±1.5	9.1±4.5	2.5±5.2	2.9±1.4	0.2±0.1	1.8±0.5	7.5±2.3	1.8±1.1
Charge flips	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	4.5±2.5	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1±0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.8±1.2	0.3±0.1
$\gamma \rightarrow$ nonprompt $\ell$	0.1±0.2	0.1±0.4	<0.1	1.4±0.5	1.1±0.4	0.7±0.4	0.6±1.2	4.8±8.0	<0.1	<0.1	1.0±0.4	0.1±1.5
Background sum	3.1±1.1	9.8±2.9	14.2±2.3	22.1±3.8	15.6±4.0	56.8±6.0	6.0±5.4	53.5±10.1	6.4±1.6	6.6±0.9	36.2±5.0	38.7±3.6
WWW onshell	0.9±0.4	2.3±0.9	4.6±1.7	0.9±0.4	1.0±0.6	3.3±1.3	0.3±0.2	1.2±0.4	0.4±0.2	6.7±2.4	4.3±1.6	1.8±0.7
WH $\rightarrow$ WWW	0.4±0.3	1.3±0.9	1.2±0.5	0.5±0.3	1.3±1.3	2.7±1.2	1.1±0.8	6.5±3.1	2.2±1.1	3.4±1.6	5.0±2.1	0.6±0.6
WWW total	1.3±0.5	3.7±1.3	5.8±1.7	1.5±0.5	2.3±1.4	6.0±1.7	1.4±0.8	7.7±3.1	2.5±1.1	10.1±2.9	9.3±2.6	2.4±0.9
WWZ onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.2±0.1	<0.1	<0.1
ZH $\rightarrow$ WWZ	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.1	<0.1
WWZ total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.3±0.1	0.1±0.1	<0.1
WZZ onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
WH $\rightarrow$ WZZ	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
WZZ total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
ZZZ onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
ZH $\rightarrow$ ZZZ	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
ZZZ total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
VVV onshell	0.9±0.4	2.3±0.9	4.6±1.7	0.9±0.4	1.0±0.6	3.3±1.3	0.3±0.2	1.2±0.4	0.4±0.2	6.9±2.4	4.3±1.6	1.8±0.7
VH $\rightarrow$ VVV	0.4±0.3	1.3±0.9	1.2±0.5	0.5±0.3	1.3±1.3	2.7±1.2	1.1±0.8	6.5±3.1	2.2±1.1	3.6±1.6	5.1±2.1	0.6±0.6
VVV total	1.3±0.5	3.7±1.3	5.8±1.7	1.5±0.5	2.3±1.4	6.0±1.7	1.4±0.8	7.7±3.1	2.5±1.1	10.4±2.9	9.3±2.6	2.4±0.9
Total	4.4±1.2	13.5±3.2	20.0±2.9	23.6±3.8	17.8±4.2	62.7±6.3	7.4±5.5	61.2±10.6	9.0±2.0	17.0±3.0	45.5±5.6	41.1±3.7
Observed	3	14	15	22	22	67	13	69	8	17	42	39



Signal region	$4\ell e\mu$					$4\ell ee/\mu\mu$		$5\ell$	$6\ell$
	bin 1	bin 2	bin 3	bin 4	bin 5	bin A	bin B		
ZZ	15.9±1.0	1.6±0.1	0.6±0.1	0.6±0.1	0.2±0.0	76.4±4.3	2.9±0.3	0.30±0.09	0.01±0.01
t $\bar{t}$ Z	0.2±0.1	0.1±0.1	2.8±0.5	1.4±0.2	0.1±0.1	1.5±0.3	2.3±0.3	<0.01	<0.01
tWZ	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.1	0.6±0.1	0.7±0.1	0.1±0.1	0.5±0.1	0.7±0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WZ	0.5±0.2	0.2±0.2	0.5±0.2	0.3±0.3	0.1±0.1	1.0±0.4	0.2±0.1	<0.01	<0.01
Other	1.1±0.4	0.5±0.5	0.5±0.2	0.6±0.2	<0.1	2.7±0.6	0.5±0.2	<0.01	<0.01
Background sum	17.8±1.1	2.5±0.5	5.0±0.6	3.6±0.4	0.5±0.1	82.2±4.3	6.6±0.5	0.30±0.09	0.01±0.01
WWW onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WH → WWW	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WWW total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WWZ onshell	0.3±0.1	0.4±0.2	1.4±0.7	3.6±1.5	1.0±0.5	2.7±1.2	3.2±1.4	<0.01	<0.01
ZH → WWZ	1.1±0.5	1.1±0.5	0.5±0.2	1.3±0.5	1.8±0.8	2.9±1.2	1.5±0.6	<0.01	<0.01
WWZ total	1.3±0.5	1.5±0.5	1.9±0.8	4.9±1.6	2.9±0.9	5.6±1.7	4.7±1.5	<0.01	<0.01
WZZ onshell	0.2±0.2	0.1±0.1	0.2±0.2	0.4±0.4	0.1±0.1	0.5±0.4	0.2±0.2	2.62±1.82	0.03±0.05
WH → WZZ	0.2±0.3	0.2±0.3	<0.1	0.5±0.5	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WZZ total	0.4±0.3	0.3±0.3	0.2±0.2	0.9±0.7	0.1±0.1	0.5±0.4	0.2±0.2	2.62±1.82	0.03±0.05
ZZZ onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
ZH → ZZZ	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
ZZZ total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
VVV onshell	0.5±0.2	0.4±0.2	1.6±0.8	4.0±1.5	1.1±0.5	3.2±1.3	3.4±1.4	2.62±1.82	0.03±0.05
VH → VVV	1.2±0.5	1.3±0.6	0.5±0.2	1.7±0.8	1.8±0.8	2.9±1.2	1.5±0.6	<0.01	<0.01
VVV total	1.7±0.6	1.7±0.6	2.1±0.8	5.8±1.7	3.0±0.9	6.1±1.8	4.8±1.5	2.62±1.82	0.03±0.05
Total	19.5±1.2	4.2±0.8	7.1±1.0	9.4±1.8	3.5±0.9	88.2±4.7	11.4±1.6	2.92±1.82	0.04±0.05
Observed	22	9	7	8	3	80	11	3	0

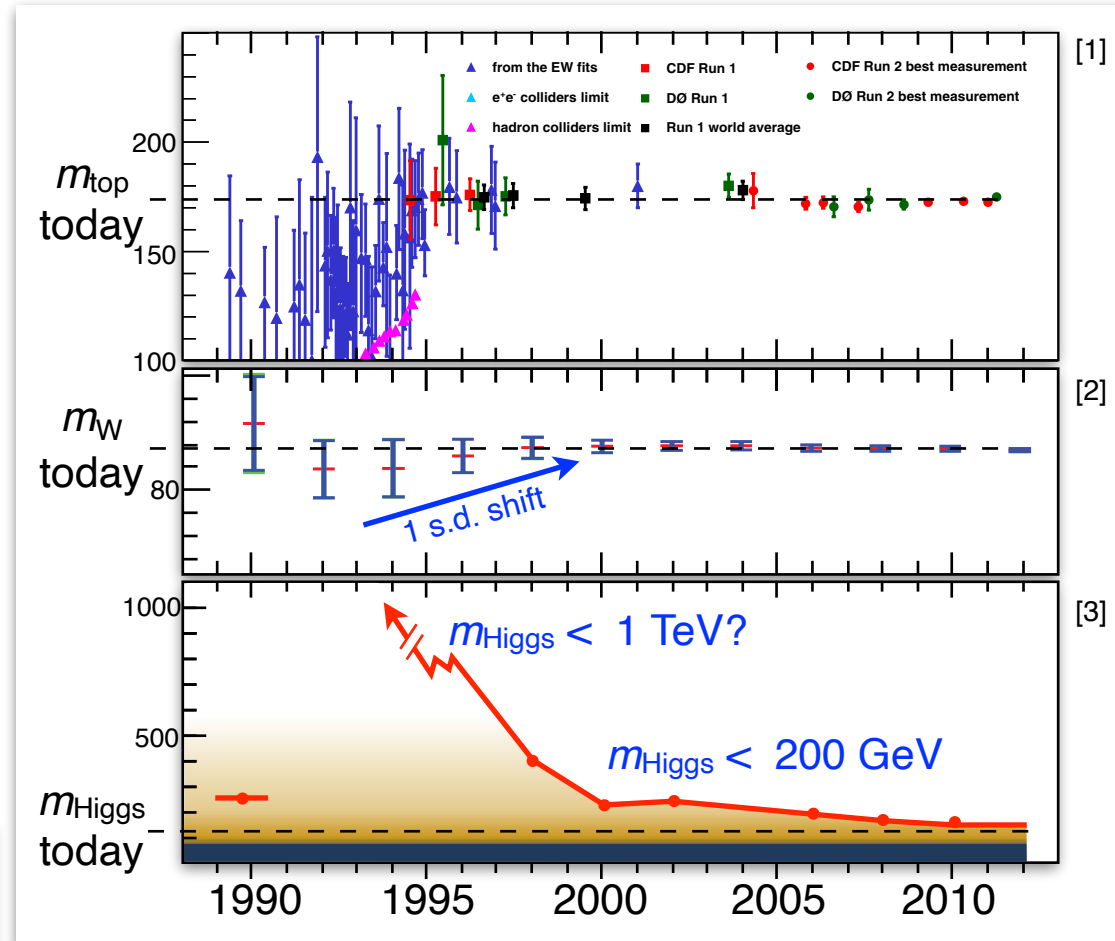
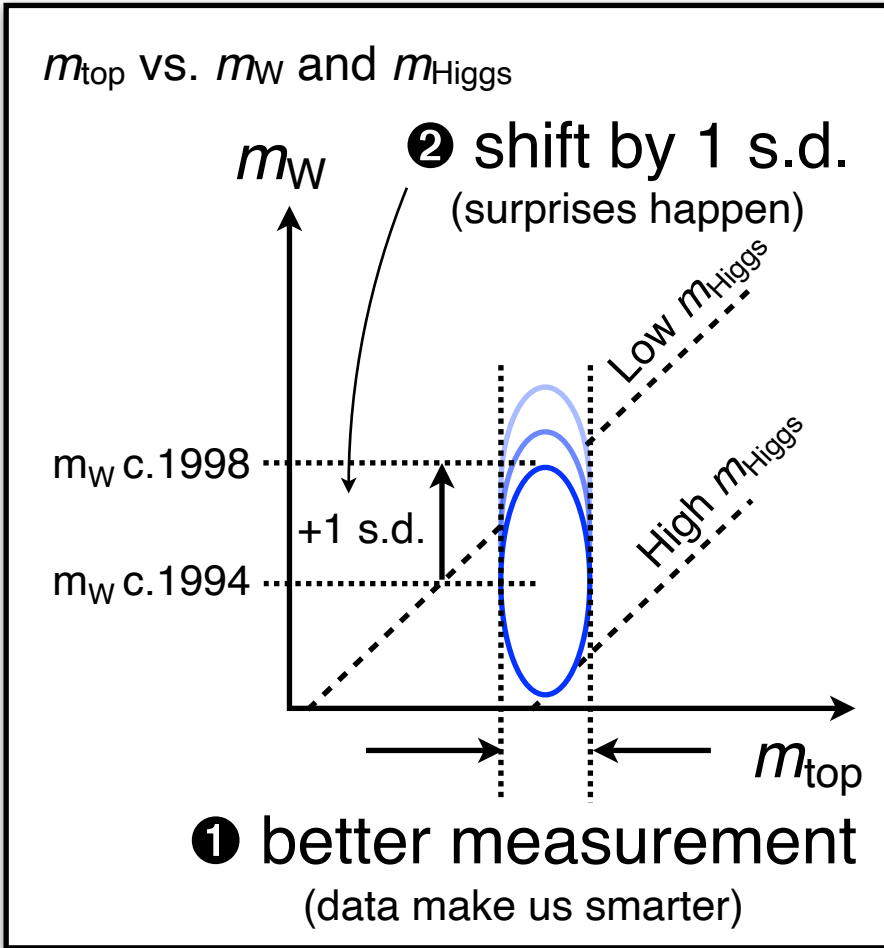


Signal region	SS $m_{jj}$ -in			SS $m_{jj}$ -out			SS 1j			$3\ell$		
	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	$e^\pm e^\pm$	$e^\pm \mu^\pm$	$\mu^\pm \mu^\pm$	0 SFOS	1 SFOS	2 SFOS
Lost/three $\ell$	1.8±0.4	10.9±2.0	8.7±1.0	8.8±1.7	46.0±6.2	44.8±4.4	8.4±1.3	43.5±4.4	34.5±2.7	4.6±0.8	15.1±1.5	58.3±2.4
Irreducible	2.1±0.4	13.0±3.6	8.4±1.4	9.8±1.4	41.1±4.5	42.8±4.7	2.6±0.6	22.8±8.6	13.2±1.9	2.5±0.9	2.2±1.2	2.5±0.8
Nonprompt $\ell$	1.3±0.9	5.8±2.4	6.8±2.2	2.3±1.3	12.0±6.1	11.2±3.8	1.8±2.9	2.4±1.3	2.8±1.1	3.0±0.9	5.7±1.6	5.9±1.6
Charge flips	<0.1	1.2±2.0	<0.1	2.6±1.6	1.0±0.5	<0.1	6.9±4.7	0.2±0.1	<0.1	<0.1	1.1±1.3	0.7±0.2
$\gamma \rightarrow$ nonprompt $\ell$	1.4±0.4	2.3±0.9	0.1±0.8	8.6±3.1	19.2±5.1	2.3±0.9	3.8±1.1	19.7±6.0	13.8±7.0	<0.1	0.6±0.7	0.2±0.3
Background sum	6.7±1.2	33.3±5.2	24.0±2.9	32.1±4.3	119±11	101±8	23.6±5.8	88.7±11.4	64.4±7.8	10.1±1.5	24.7±2.9	67.6±3.1
WWW onshell	1.0±0.5	3.3±1.5	3.5±1.6	0.9±0.5	3.9±1.8	4.1±1.9	0.5±0.3	1.8±0.8	1.7±0.9	5.9±2.6	3.8±1.7	2.5±1.2
WH $\rightarrow$ WWW	0.2±0.3	1.9±1.5	0.6±0.4	0.4±0.4	1.3±0.8	1.7±1.0	0.8±0.5	4.5±2.7	3.3±2.0	3.0±1.7	2.7±1.5	1.3±0.8
WWW total	1.2±0.6	5.1±2.2	4.1±1.6	1.3±0.6	5.3±2.0	5.7±2.1	1.4±0.6	6.3±2.8	5.0±2.2	8.8±3.1	6.6±2.3	3.8±1.4
WWZ onshell	0.1±0.1	0.3±0.2	0.2±0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.3±0.2	0.2±0.2	0.2±0.1
ZH $\rightarrow$ WWZ	0.1±0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.3±0.3	<0.1	<0.1	0.4±0.4	0.2±0.1	<0.1	<0.1
WWZ total	0.1±0.2	0.3±0.2	0.2±0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.4±0.3	0.1±0.1	<0.1	0.4±0.4	0.4±0.2	0.2±0.2	0.2±0.1
WZZ onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
WH $\rightarrow$ WZZ	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
WZZ total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
ZZZ onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
ZH $\rightarrow$ ZZZ	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
ZZZ total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
VVV onshell	1.0±0.5	3.5±1.5	3.7±1.6	0.9±0.5	3.9±1.8	4.2±1.9	0.6±0.3	1.8±0.8	1.7±0.9	6.1±2.6	4.0±1.8	2.7±1.2
VH $\rightarrow$ VVV	0.3±0.3	1.9±1.5	0.6±0.4	0.4±0.4	1.3±0.8	2.0±1.0	0.8±0.5	4.5±2.7	3.7±2.0	3.1±1.7	2.7±1.5	1.3±0.8
VVV total	1.3±0.6	5.4±2.2	4.2±1.6	1.3±0.6	5.3±2.0	6.1±2.1	1.4±0.6	6.3±2.8	5.4±2.2	9.3±3.1	6.8±2.3	3.9±1.4
Total	8.0±1.3	38.7±5.6	28.2±3.4	33.5±4.4	125±11	107±8	25.0±5.8	95.0±11.8	69.8±8.1	19.4±3.4	31.4±3.7	71.5±3.4
Observed	5	46	20	31	112	118	29	101	69	20	32	69



Signal region	$4\ell e\mu$				$4\ell ee/\mu\mu$			$5\ell$	$6\ell$
	bin 4	bin 3	bin 2	bin 1	bin A	bin B	bin C		
ZZ	0.3±0.0	0.7±0.0	0.7±0.0	0.4±0.0	1.8±0.2	6.0±0.6	5.0±0.5	0.30±0.08	0.01±0.01
t $\bar{t}$ Z	0.2±0.0	0.3±0.1	0.8±0.1	2.3±0.4	1.4±0.2	1.1±0.2	0.2±0.0	<0.01	<0.01
tWZ	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.1	0.3±0.0	0.8±0.1	0.5±0.1	0.3±0.1	0.1±0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WZ	0.2±0.1	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.2	0.6±0.2	<0.1	0.2±0.1	0.1±0.1	<0.01	<0.01
Other	<0.1	0.2±0.1	0.6±0.3	0.2±0.1	<0.1	1.4±0.5	0.1±0.1	<0.01	<0.01
Background sum	0.8±0.1	1.4±0.1	2.5±0.3	4.3±0.4	3.7±1.9	9.1±0.8	5.5±0.5	0.30±0.08	0.01±0.01
WWW onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WH → WWW	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WWW total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WWZ onshell	0.5±0.2	0.5±0.2	1.1±0.4	4.0±1.6	2.1±0.9	1.2±0.4	0.6±0.2	<0.01	<0.01
ZH → WWZ	2.3±0.9	1.1±0.4	0.3±0.1	0.1±0.1	0.8±0.3	0.9±0.4	0.5±0.2	<0.01	<0.01
WWZ total	2.8±0.9	1.6±0.5	1.4±0.4	4.1±1.6	2.9±1.0	2.1±0.6	1.1±0.3	<0.01	<0.01
WZZ onshell	<0.1	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.1	0.4±0.3	0.2±0.2	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.1	2.17±1.46	0.03±0.04
WH → WZZ	<0.1	0.4±0.3	0.1±0.2	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
WZZ total	<0.1	0.4±0.4	0.2±0.2	0.4±0.3	0.2±0.2	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.1	2.17±1.46	0.03±0.04
ZZZ onshell	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
ZH → ZZZ	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
ZZZ total	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.01	<0.01
VVV onshell	0.5±0.2	0.6±0.2	1.2±0.4	4.4±1.6	2.3±0.9	1.3±0.5	0.7±0.2	2.17±1.46	0.03±0.04
VH → VVV	2.3±0.9	1.5±0.5	0.4±0.3	0.1±0.1	0.8±0.3	0.9±0.4	0.5±0.2	<0.01	<0.01
VVV total	2.8±0.9	2.1±0.6	1.6±0.5	4.5±1.6	3.1±1.0	2.2±0.6	1.2±0.3	2.17±1.46	0.03±0.04
Total	3.6±0.9	3.5±0.6	4.1±0.6	8.8±1.7	6.8±2.1	11.3±1.0	6.6±0.6	2.47±1.46	0.04±0.04
Observed	7	1	5	7	6	8	7	3	0

# History lesson

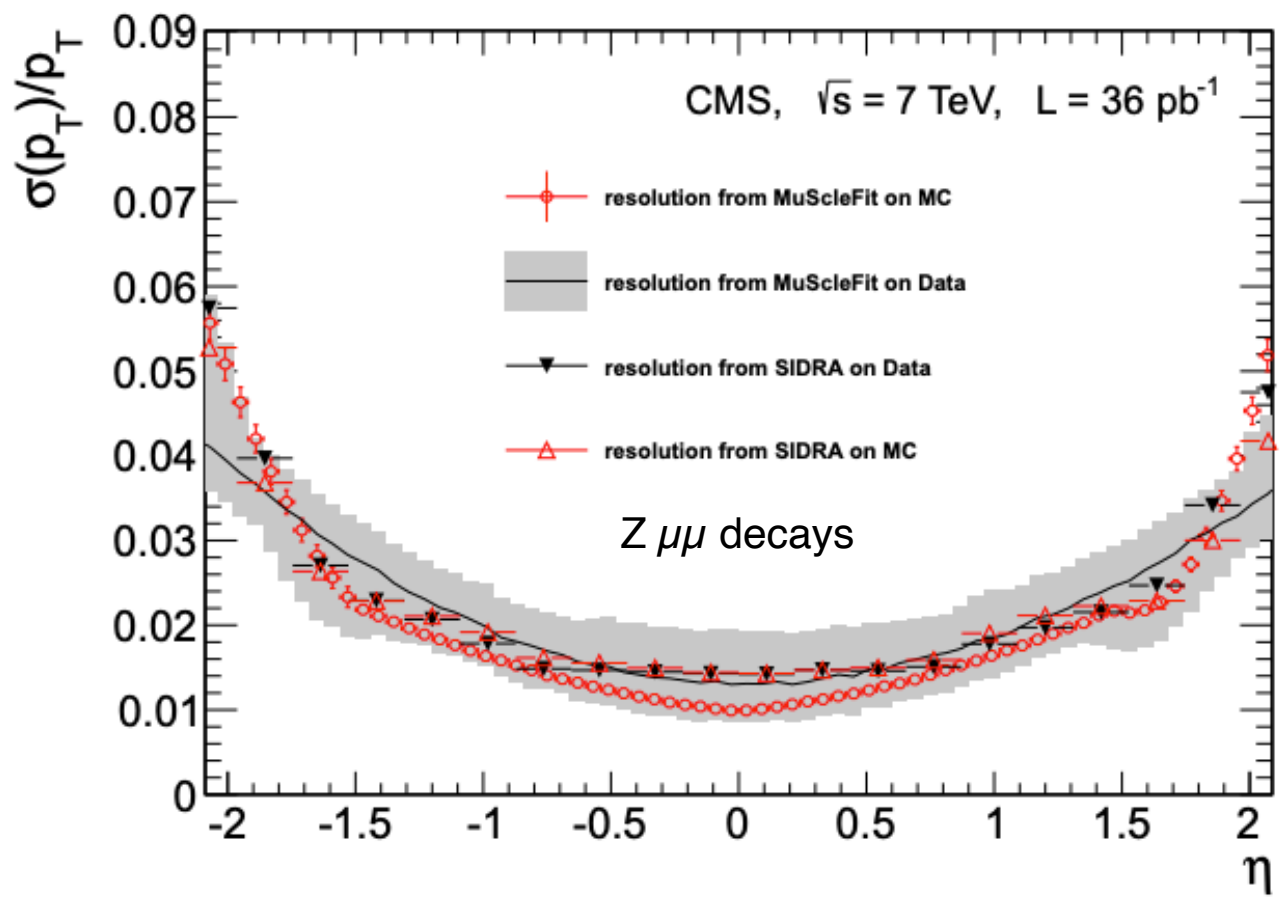


...after analysis of Run I data, ... **2**  $m_W$  shifted a full s.d. ... the  $m_{Higgs}$  must be **3** much lower than anyone had anticipated. ... Surprises happen.

– D. Amidei, R. Brock Fermi news 1/17/2003

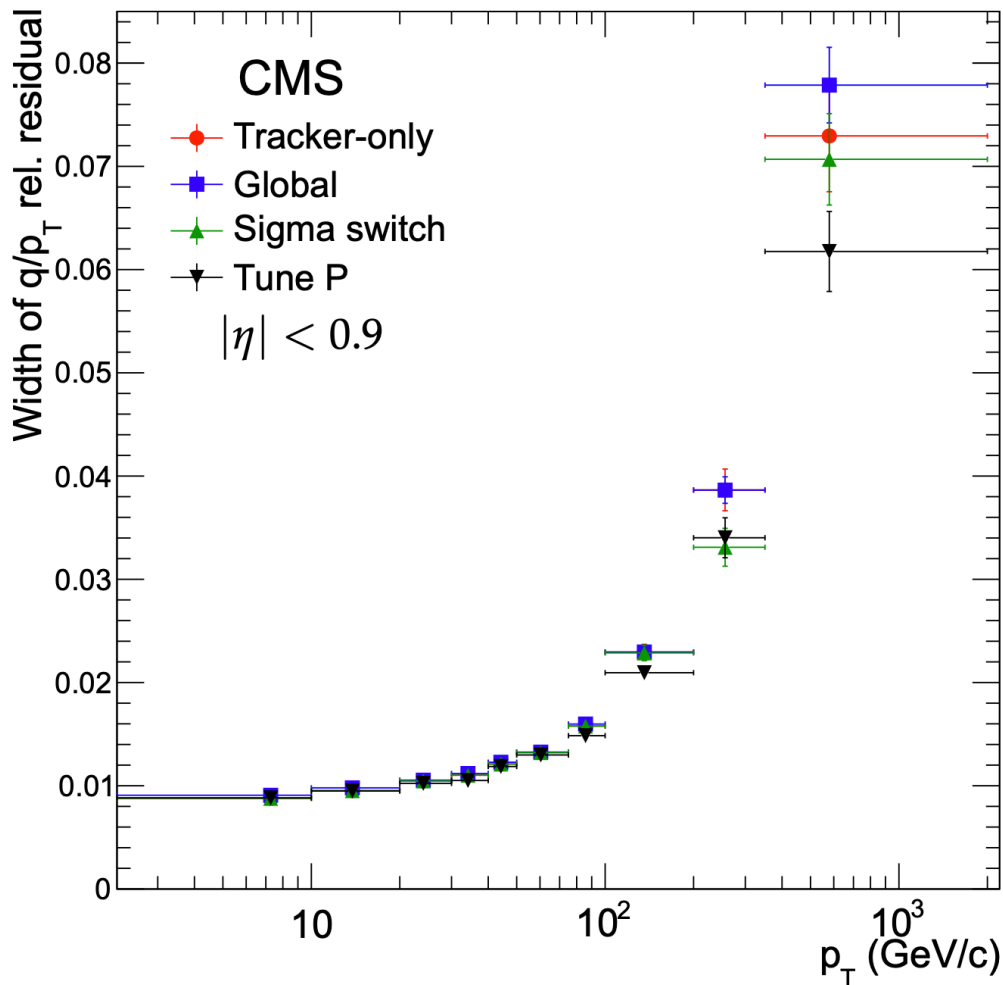
History tells us with more data we get smarter; also surprises happen



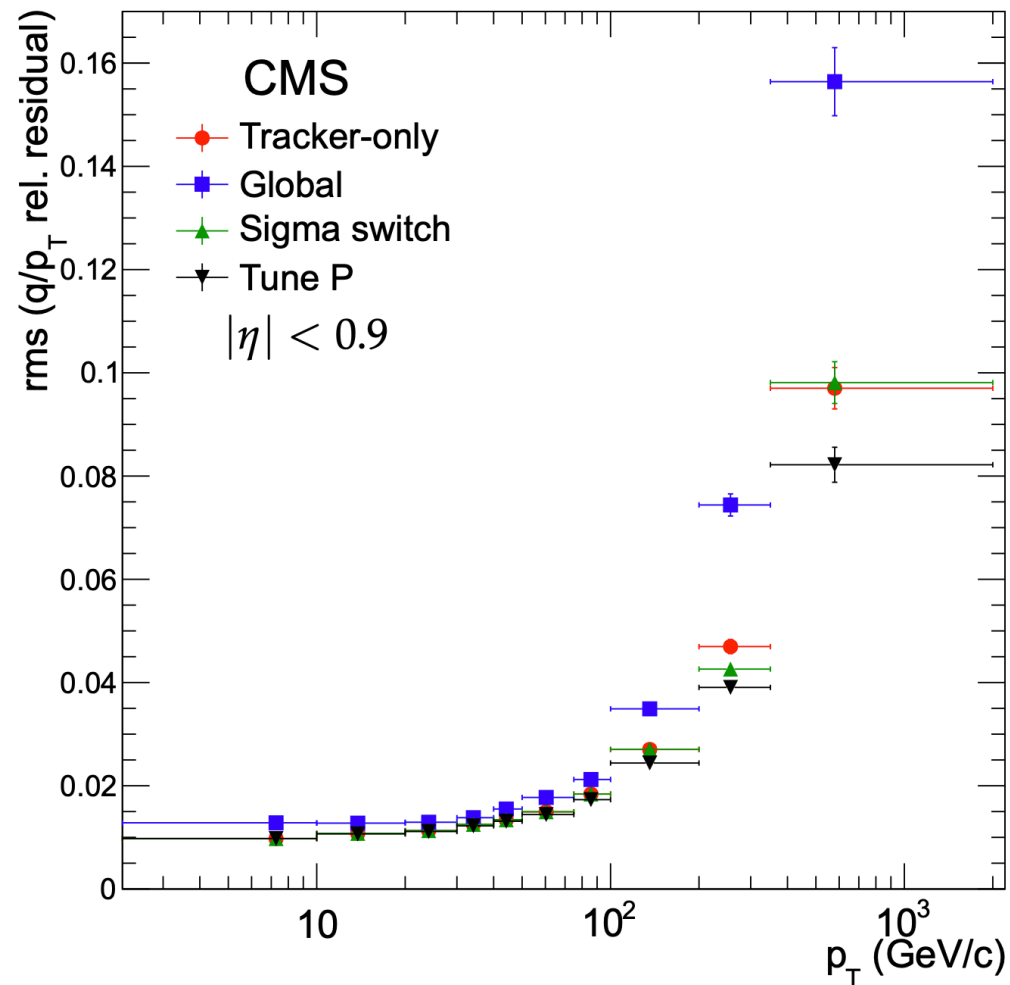


ment with the results obtained from simulation. The  $\sigma(p_T)/p_T$  averaged over  $\phi$  and  $\eta$  varies in  $p_T$  from  $(1.8 \pm 0.3(\text{stat.}))\%$  at  $p_T = 30 \text{ GeV}/c$  to  $(2.3 \pm 0.3(\text{stat.}))\%$  at  $p_T = 50 \text{ GeV}/c$ , again in good agreement with the expectations from simulation.

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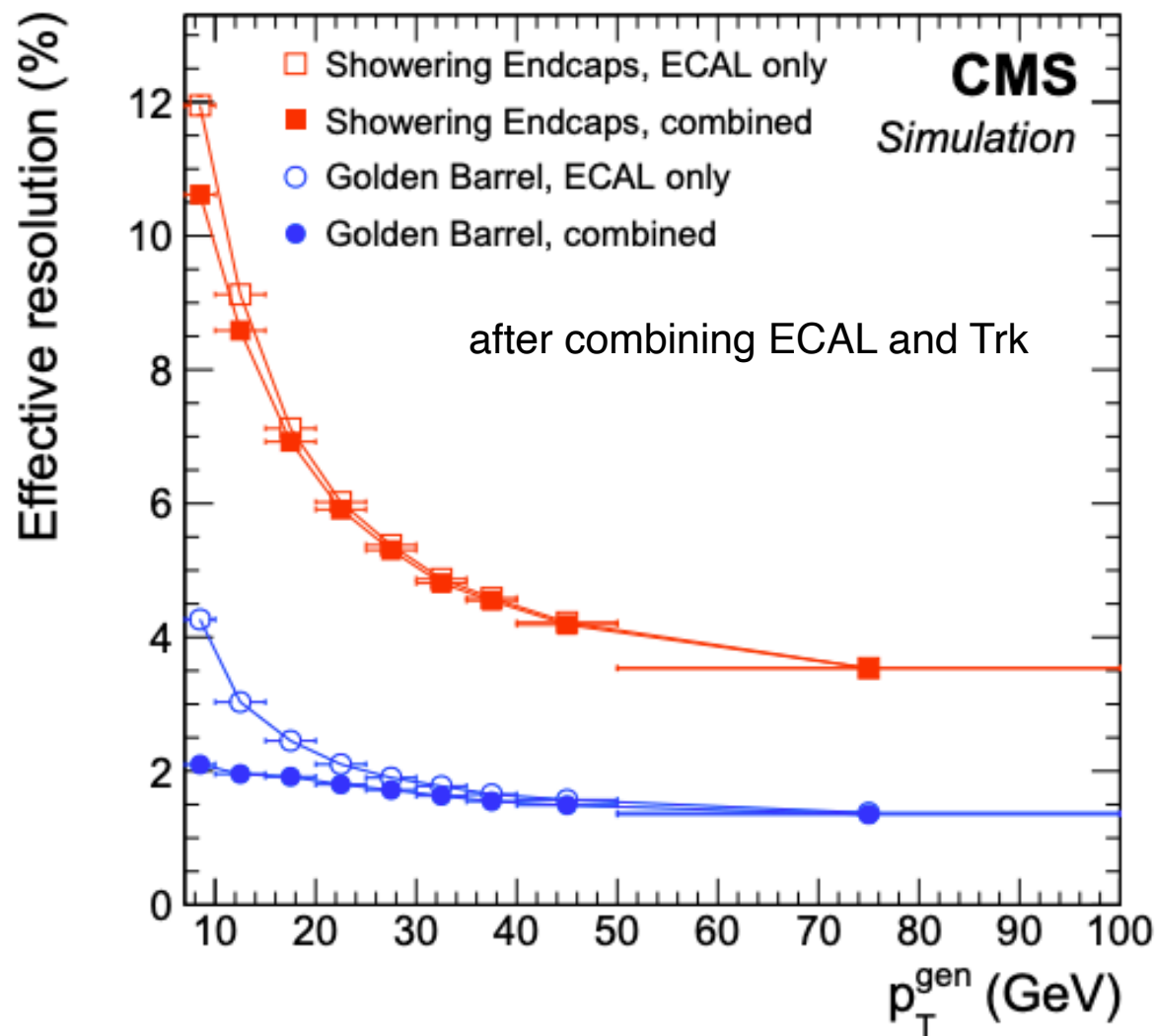
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## Performance of electron reconstruction and selection with the CMS detector in proton–proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

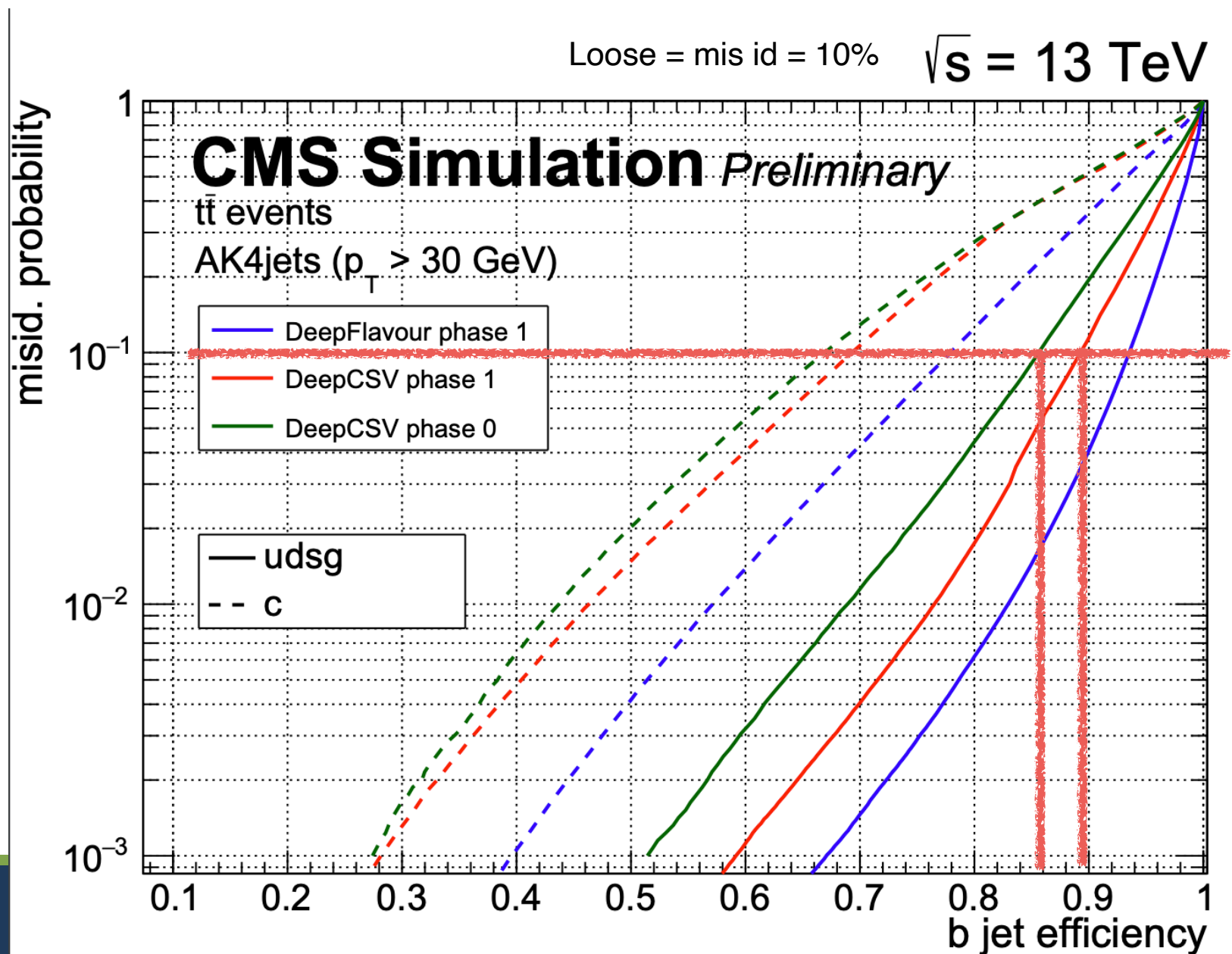
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The performance and strategies used in electron reconstruction and selection at CMS are presented based on data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 19.7 inverse femtobarns, collected in proton–proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV at the CERN LHC. The paper focuses on prompt isolated electrons with transverse momenta ranging from about 5 to a few 100 GeV. A detailed description is given of the algorithms used to cluster energy in the electromagnetic calorimeter and to reconstruct electron trajectories in the tracker. The electron momentum is estimated by combining the energy measurement in the calorimeter with the momentum measurement in the tracker. Benchmark selection criteria are presented, and their performances assessed using Z, Upsilon, and J/psi decays into electron–positron pairs. The spectra of the observables relevant to electron reconstruction and selection as well as their global efficiencies are well reproduced by Monte Carlo simulations. The momentum scale is calibrated with an uncertainty smaller than 0.3%. The momentum resolution for electrons produced in Z boson decays ranges from 1.7 to 4.5%, depending on electron pseudorapidity and energy loss through bremsstrahlung in the detector material.





<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/pub/CMSPublic/BTV13TeV2017FIRST2018/PT30GeV.pdf>





$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = D_\mu \phi^\dagger D_\mu \phi + \mu^2 (\phi \phi^\dagger) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\phi \phi^\dagger)^2 - \frac{1}{4} W^{i\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^i - \frac{1}{4} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v+H(x)}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + i\frac{g}{2}\sigma_j W_\mu^j + 2ig'Y B_\mu$$

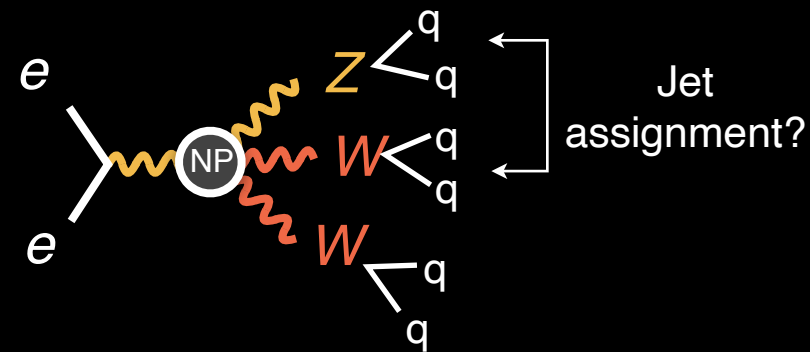
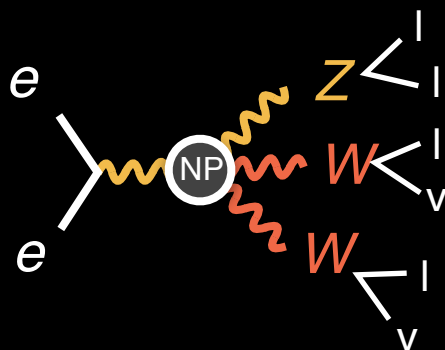
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\phi = & \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu H \partial^\mu H) - \mu^2 H^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{4}(\partial_\mu W_{i\nu} - \partial_\nu W_{i\mu})(\partial^\mu W_i^\nu - \partial^\nu W_i^\mu) \\ & + \frac{1}{8}g^2v^2(W_{1\mu}W^{1\mu} + W_{2\mu}W^{2\mu}) \\ & + \frac{1}{8}v^2(gW_{3\mu} - g'B_\mu)(gW_3^\mu - g'B^\mu) - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$



- Lepton ID for many lepton final states
  - Custom isolation only useful for same-sign / 3 lepton final states
  - Less than ideal for 5 / 6 lepton, which will be more important in Run 3
- Split interpretation by channels and vertex
  - Split  $WWW$  /  $WWZ$  /  $WZZ$  /  $ZZZ$
  - Further split by  $VH$  v.  $VVV$ 
    - $WWW$  v.  $WH \rightarrow WWW$
    - $WWZ$  v.  $ZH \rightarrow ZWW$
    - $WZZ$  v.  $WH \rightarrow WZZ$
    - $ZZZ$  v.  $ZH \rightarrow ZZZ$
- Work towards combination with other VBS channel
  - e.g. In theory,  $WWW$  and VBS same-sign  $WW$  cannot be separated
    - Breaks gauge invariance if remove diagram by hand





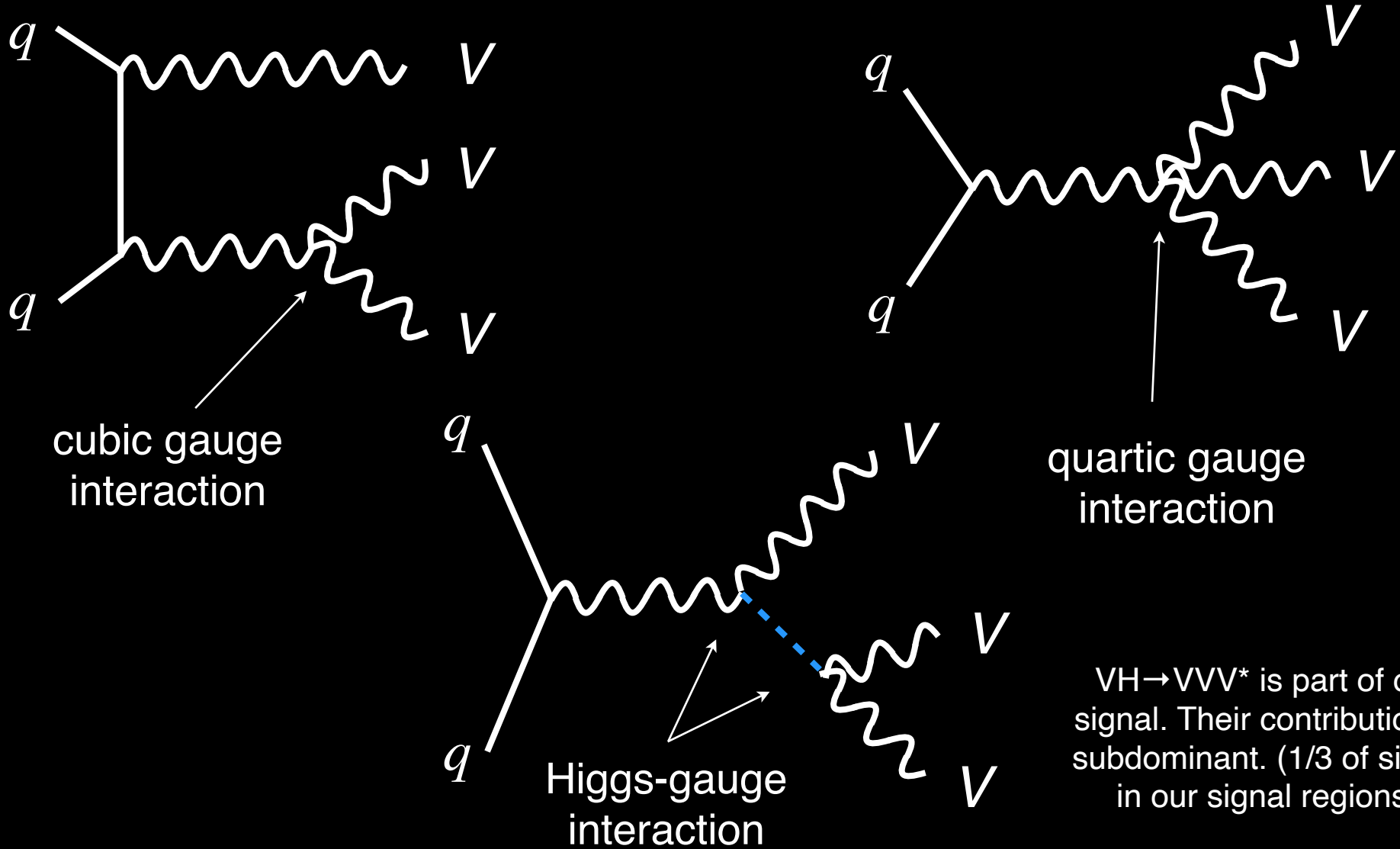


Multi-lepton  $\rightarrow$  Multi-jet final states

$\Rightarrow$  W / Z  $\rightarrow$  qq separation important

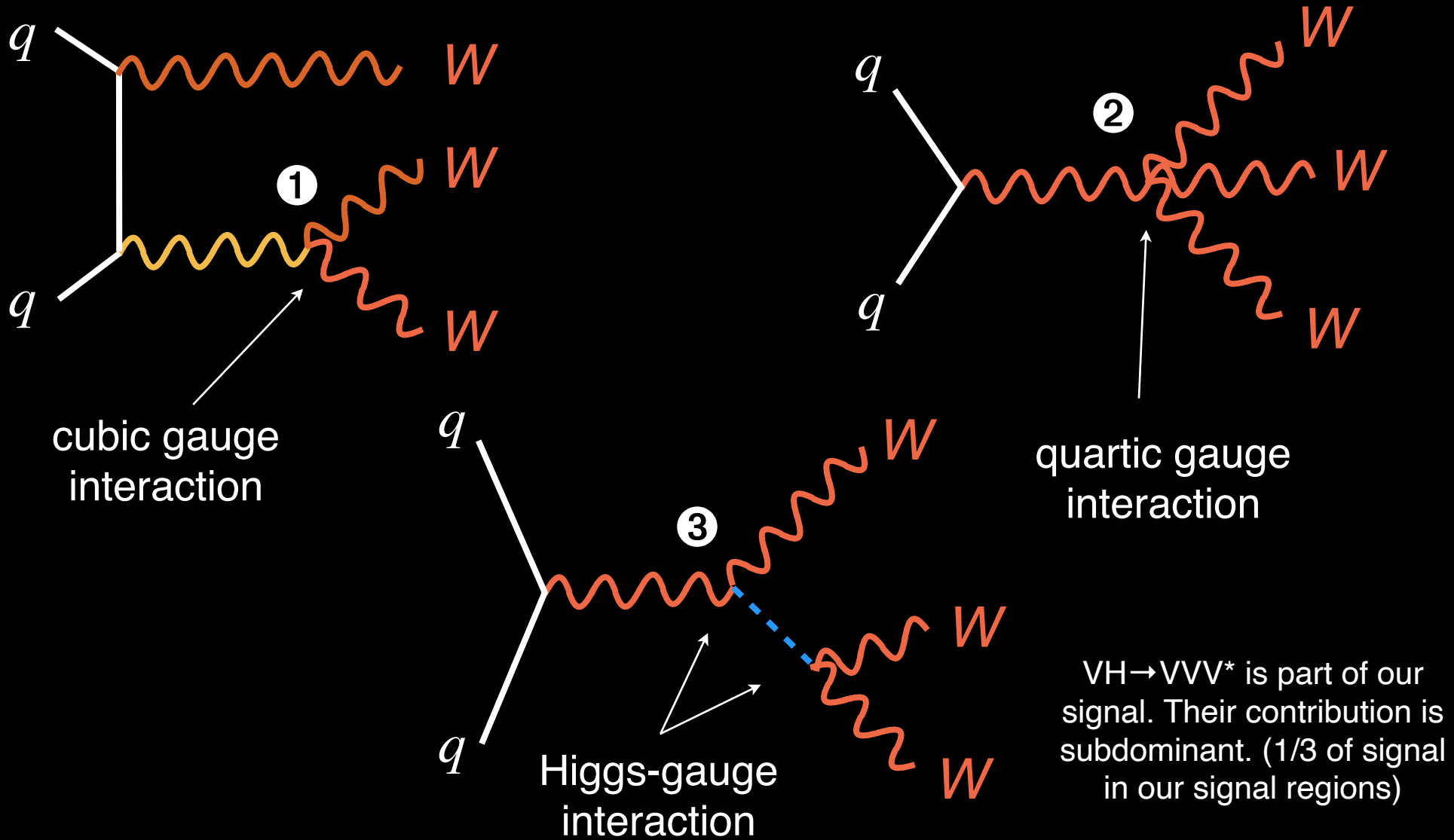
$\Rightarrow$  Hadronic calorimeter important (resolution)

\*\*SM process will likely proceed via ZH

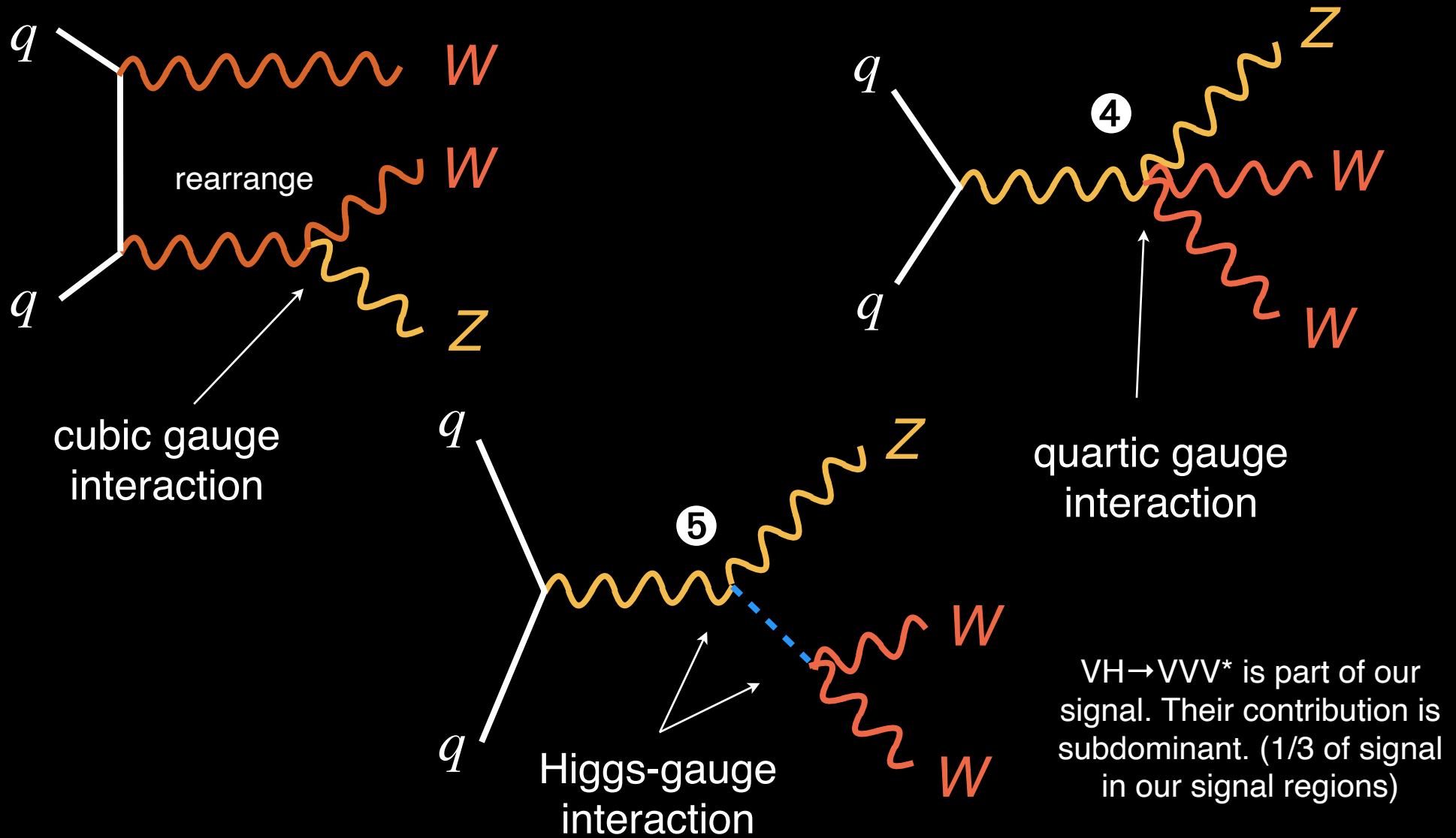


$VH \rightarrow VVV^*$  is part of our signal. Their contribution is subdominant. (1/3 of signal in our signal regions)

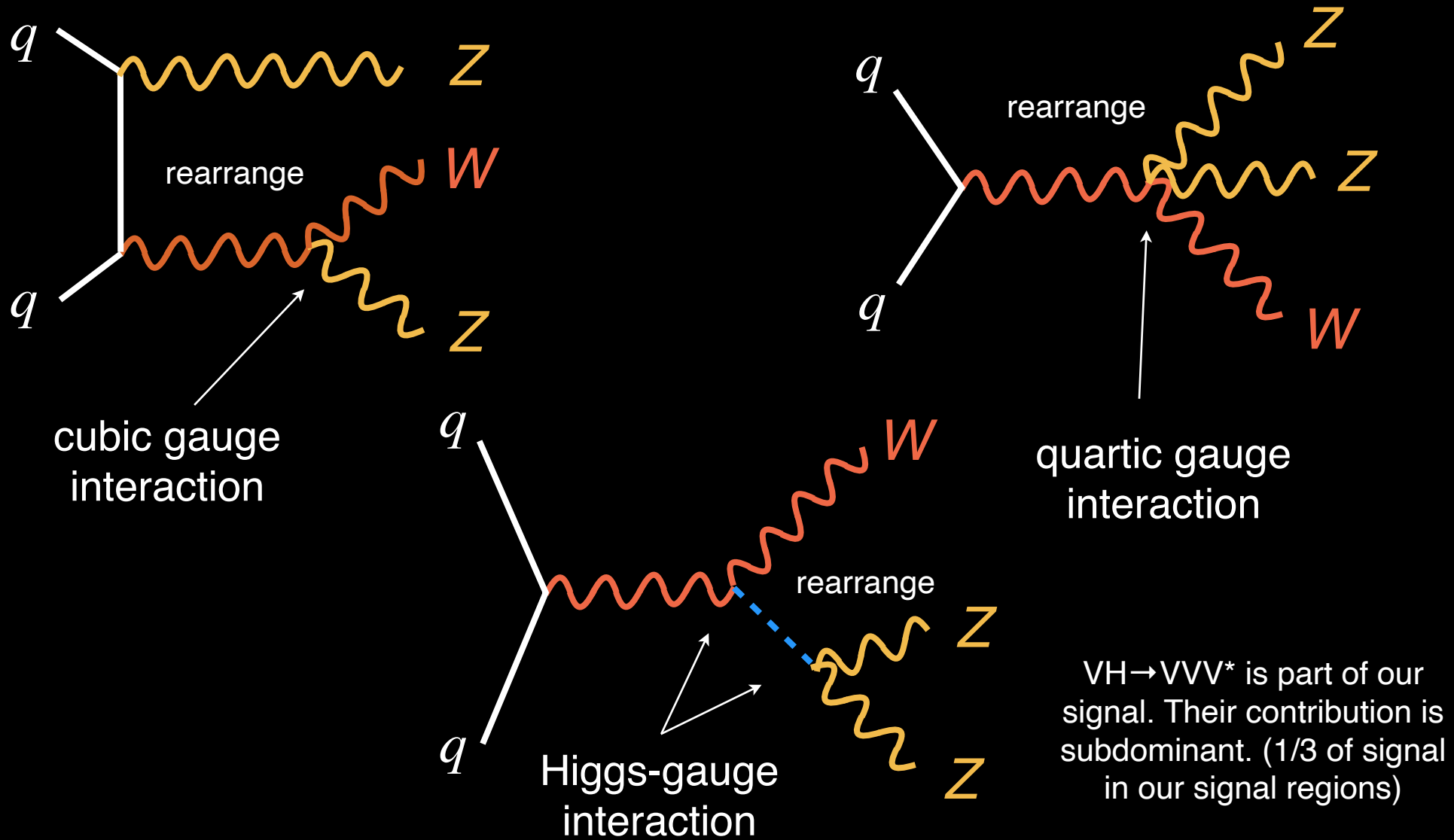
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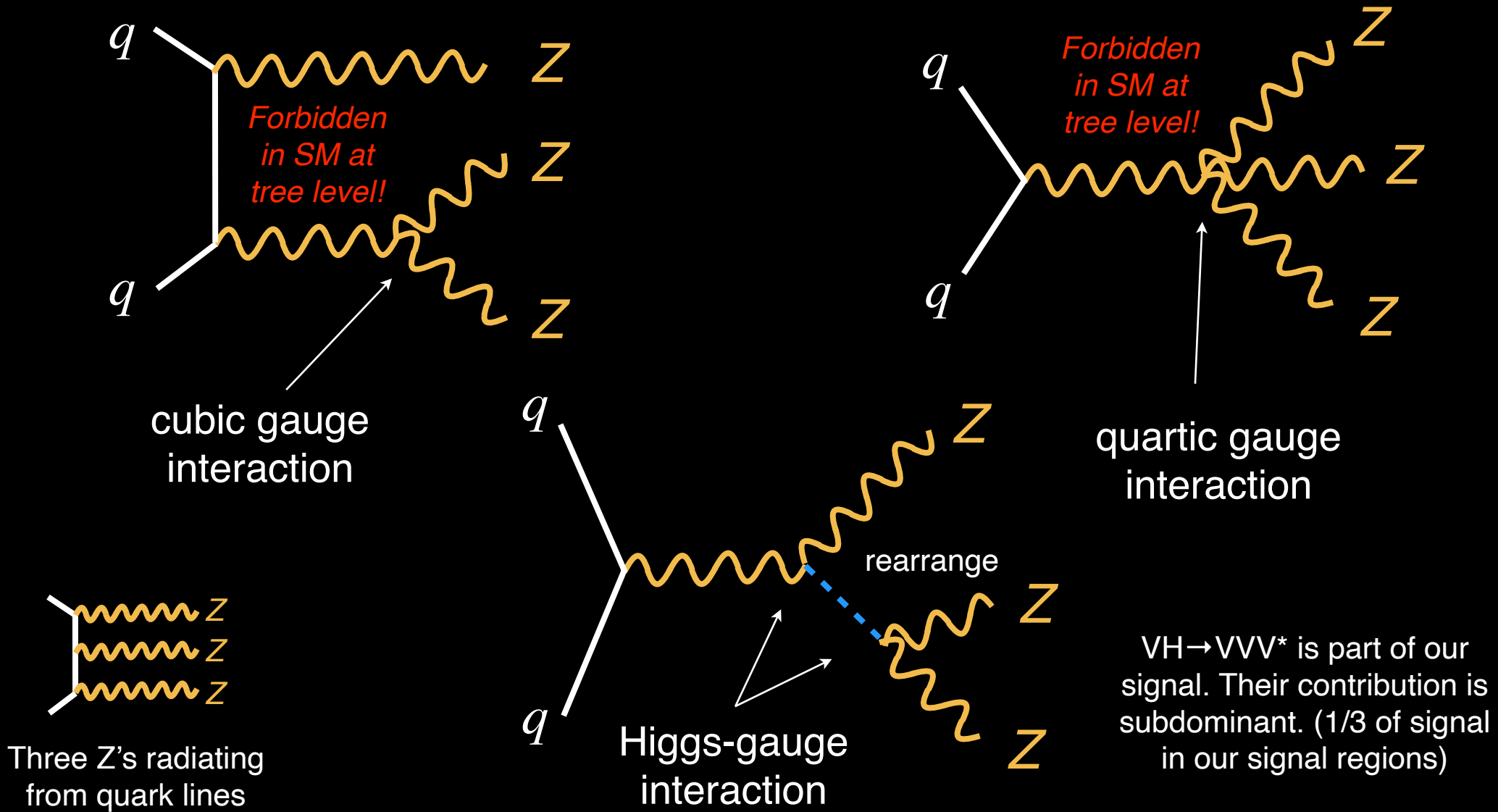


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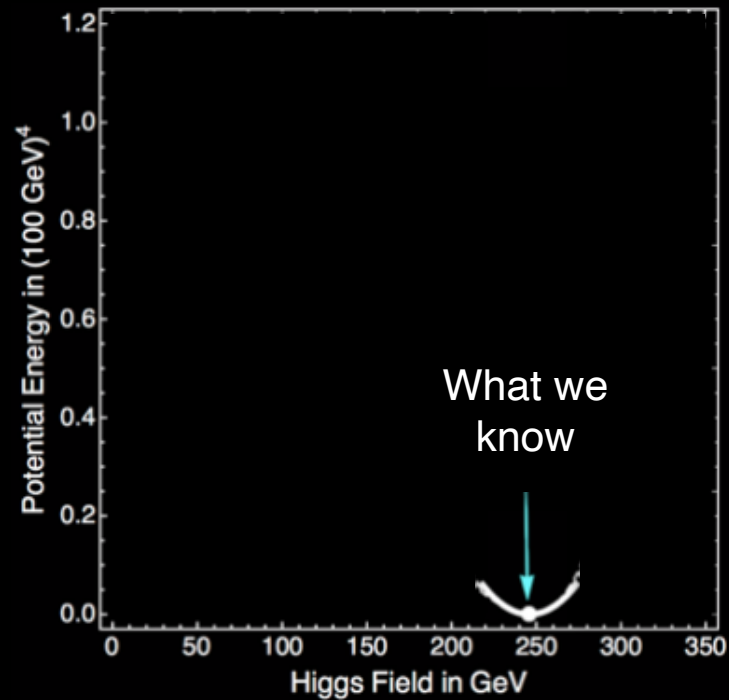


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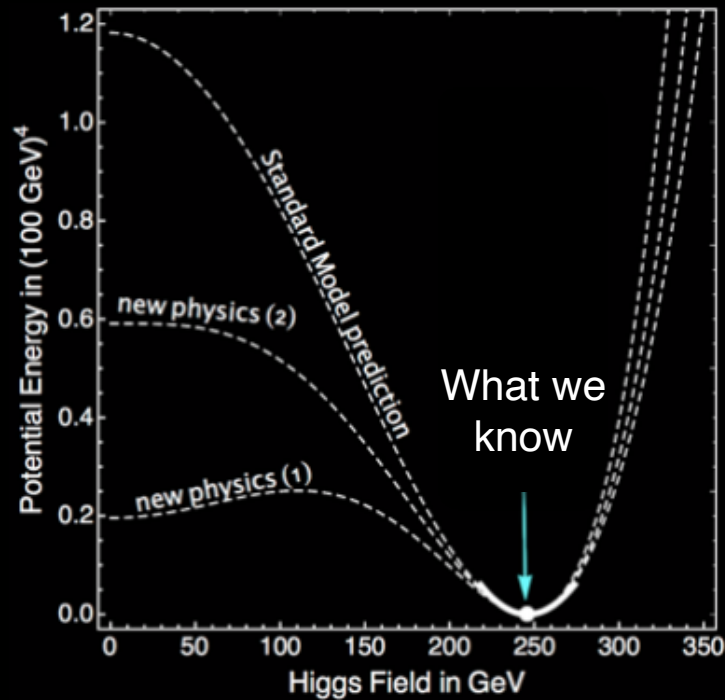
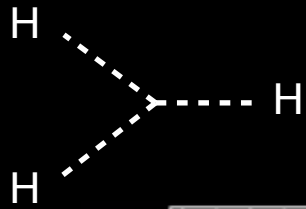
# Physics of VVV production ( $V = W, Z$ )



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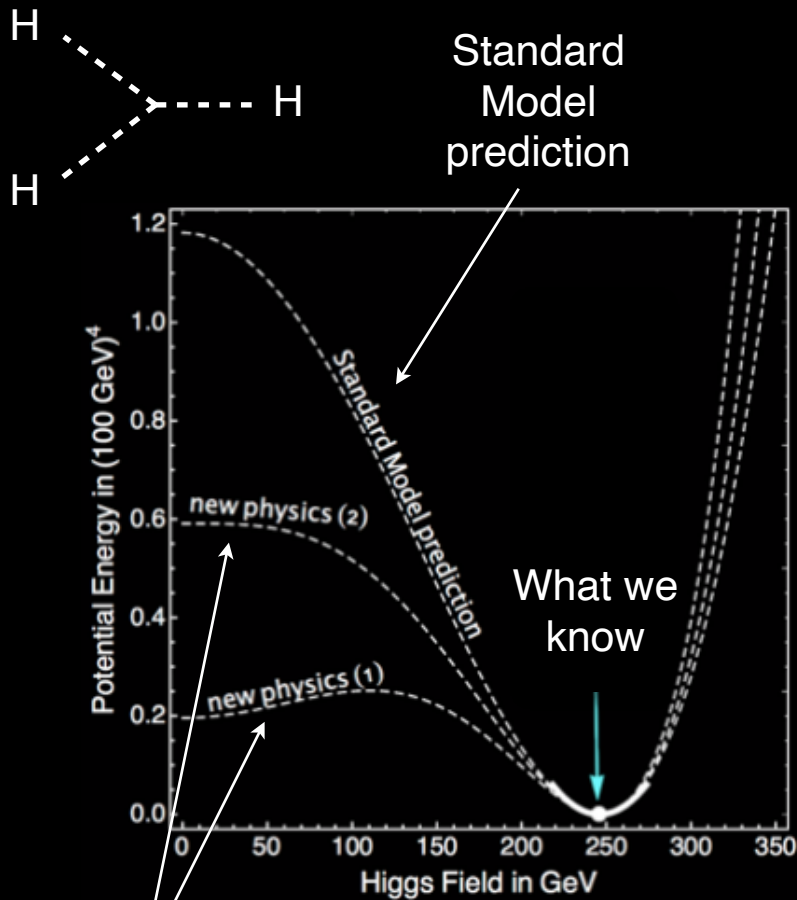
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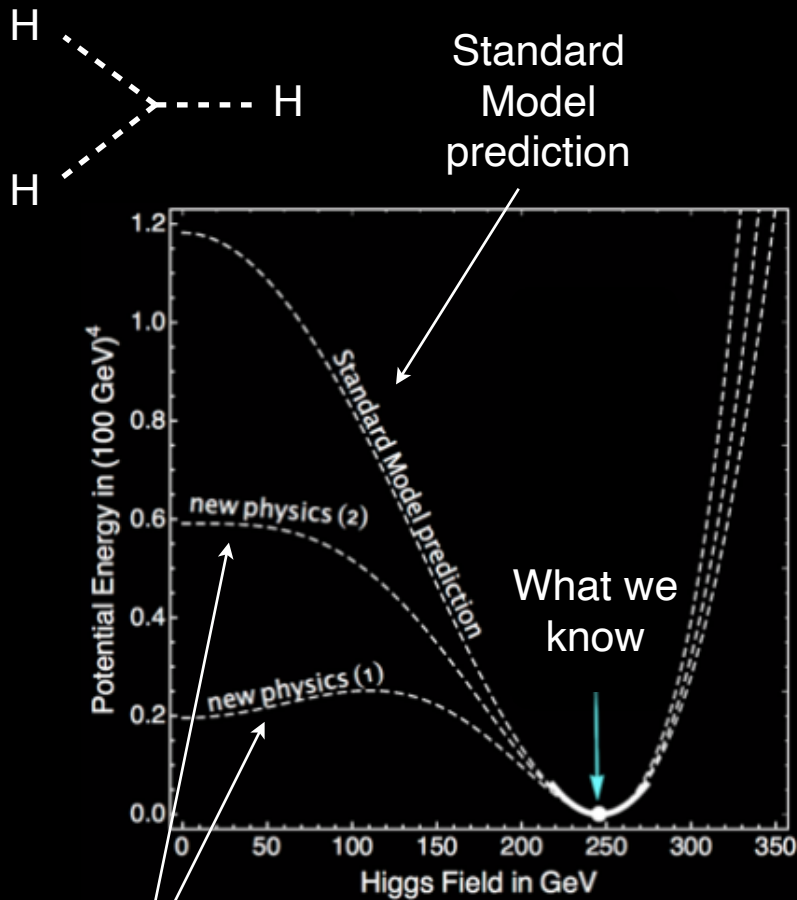
# Higgs potential



New physics?

*How is electroweak symmetry broken?*

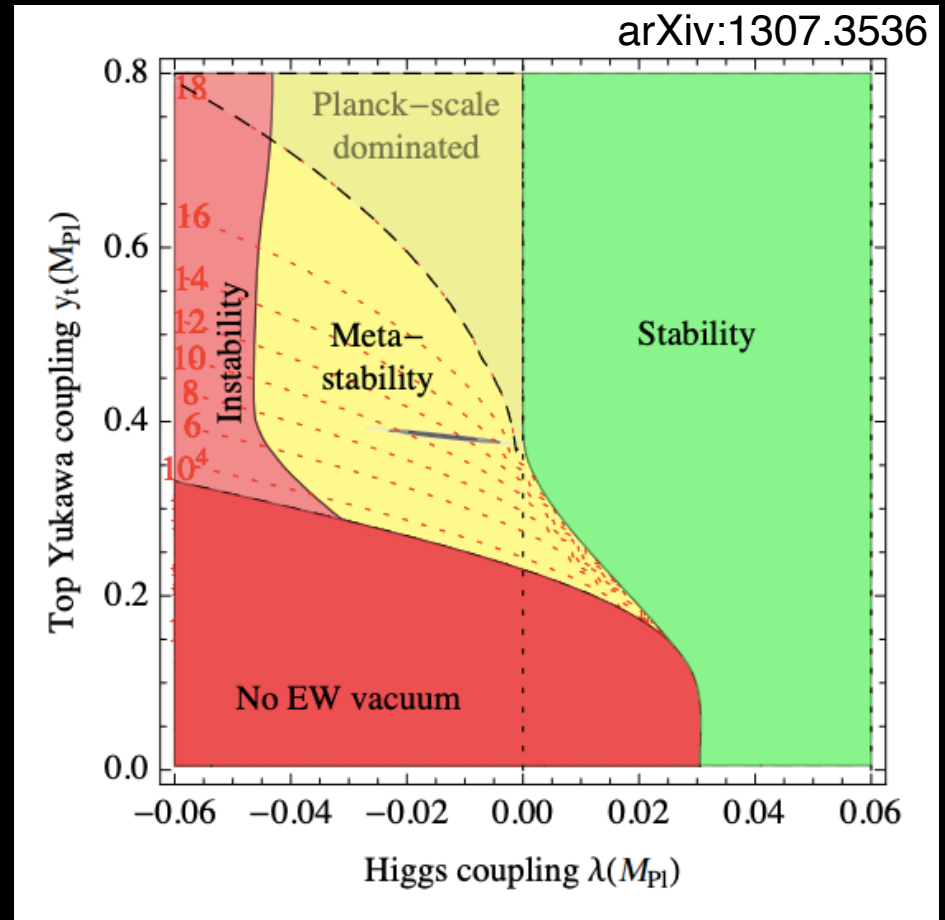
# Higgs potential



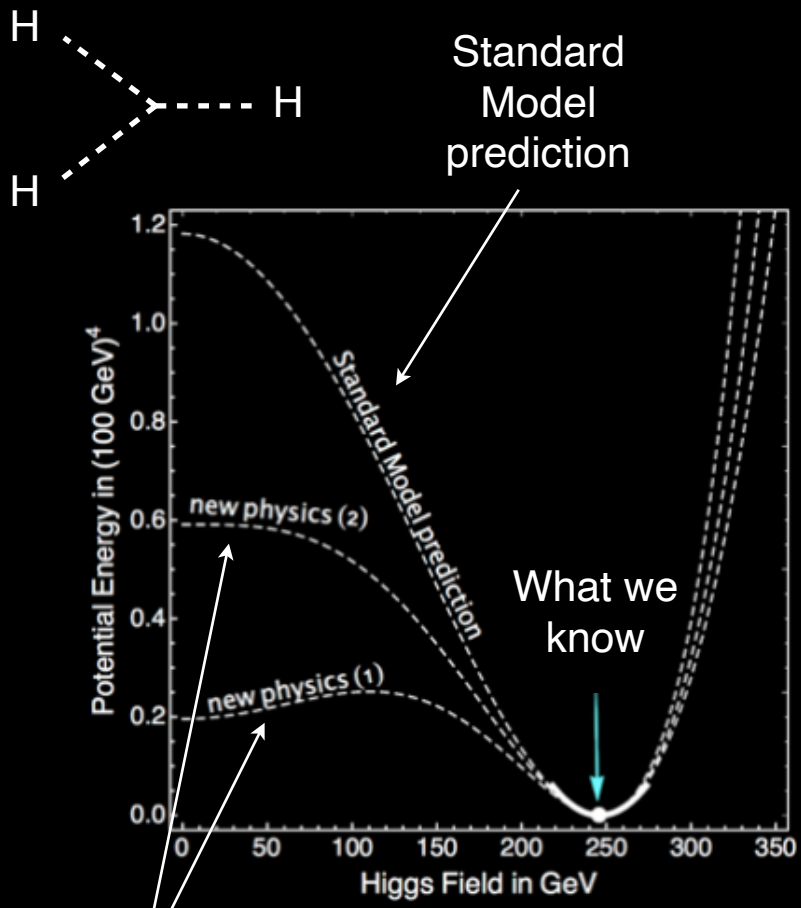
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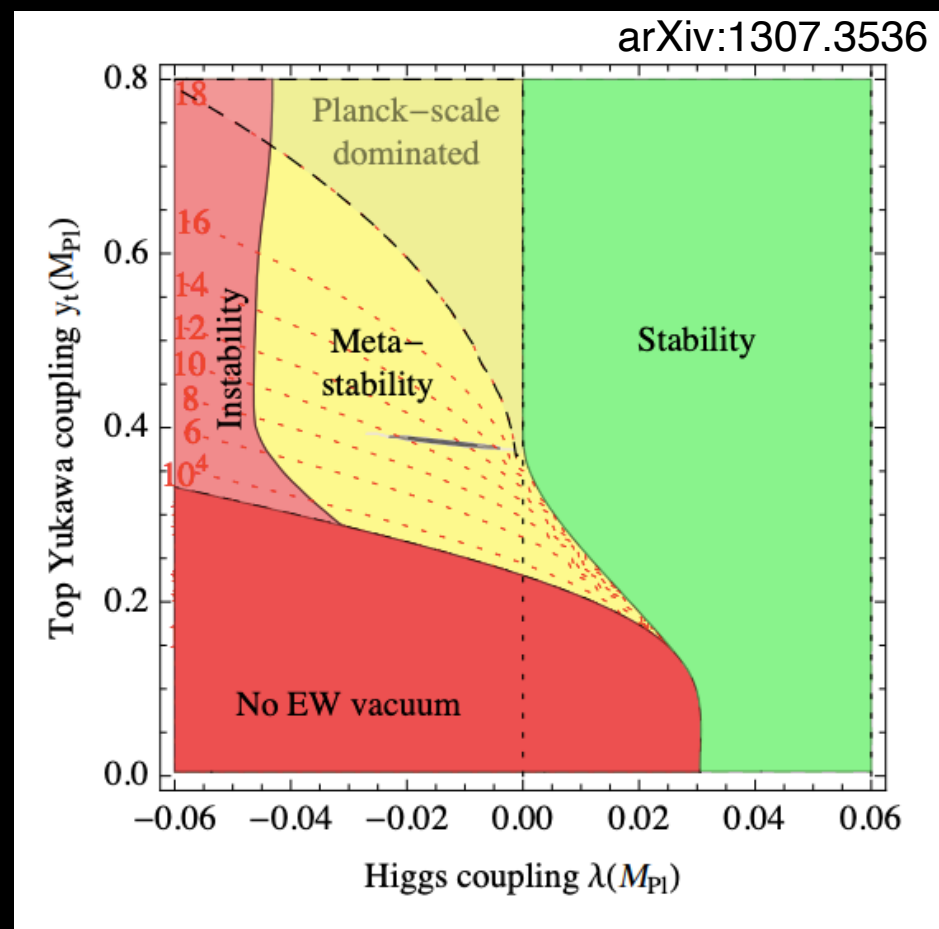
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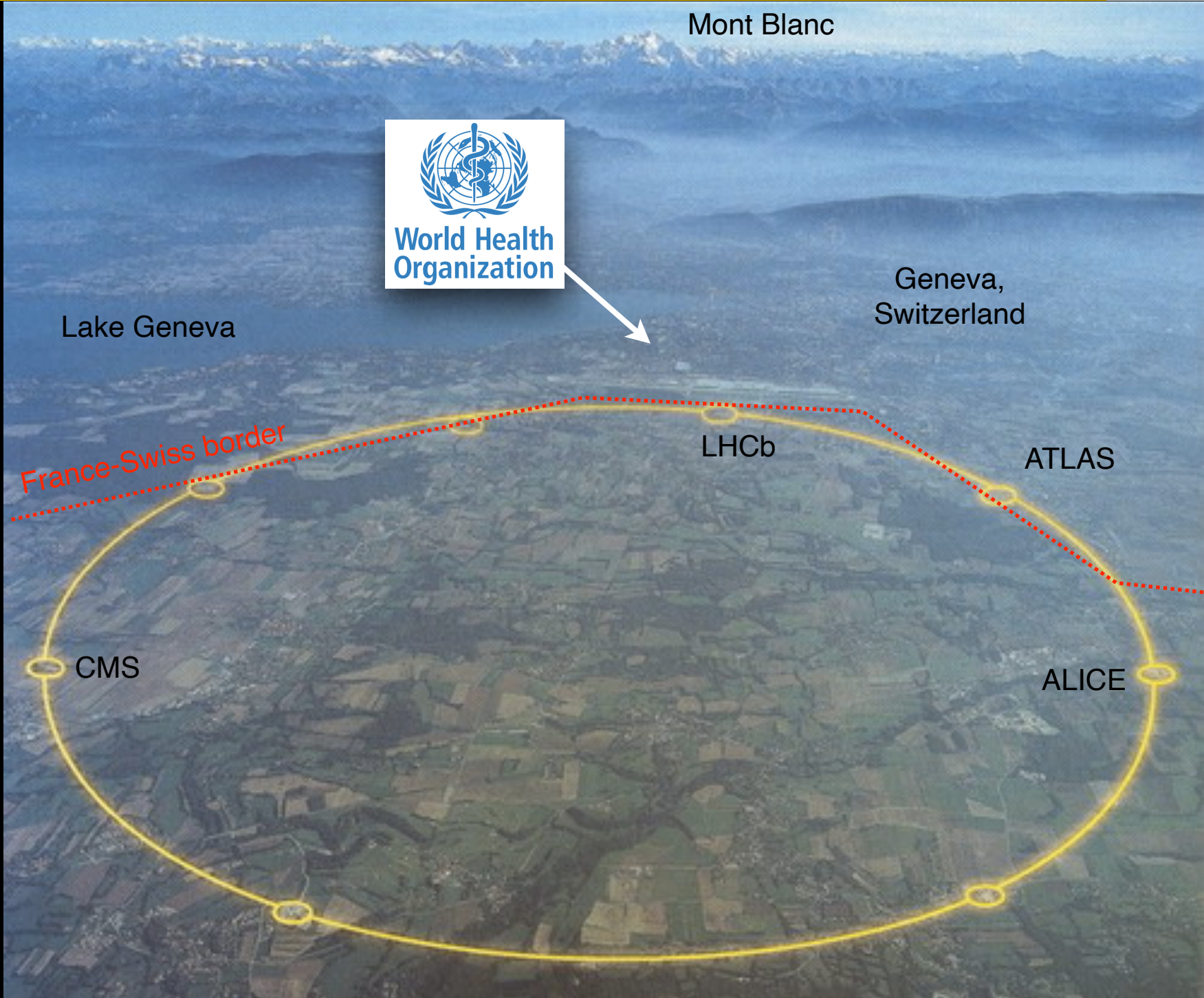
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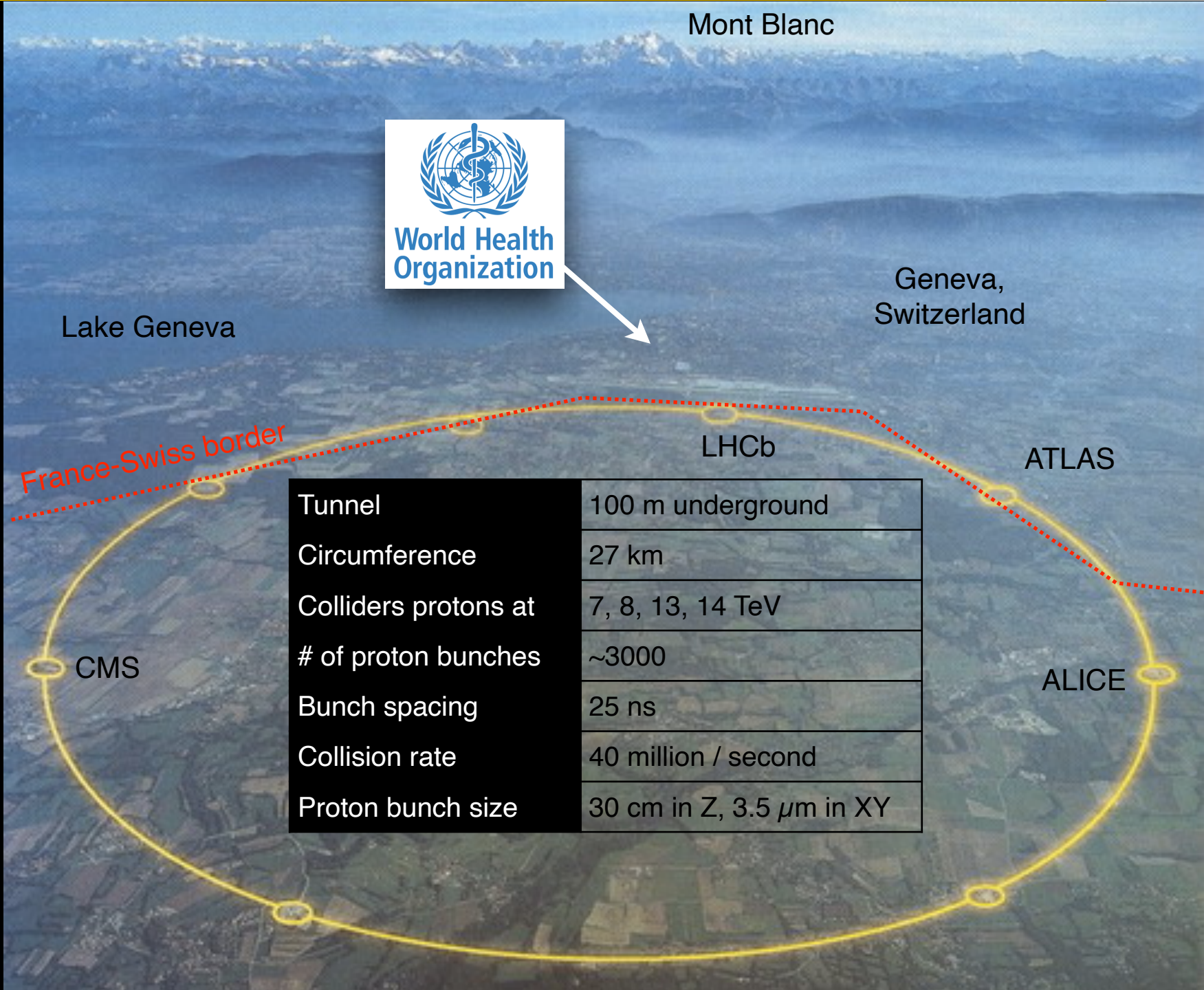
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Understanding Higgs potential have deep implications to cosmology

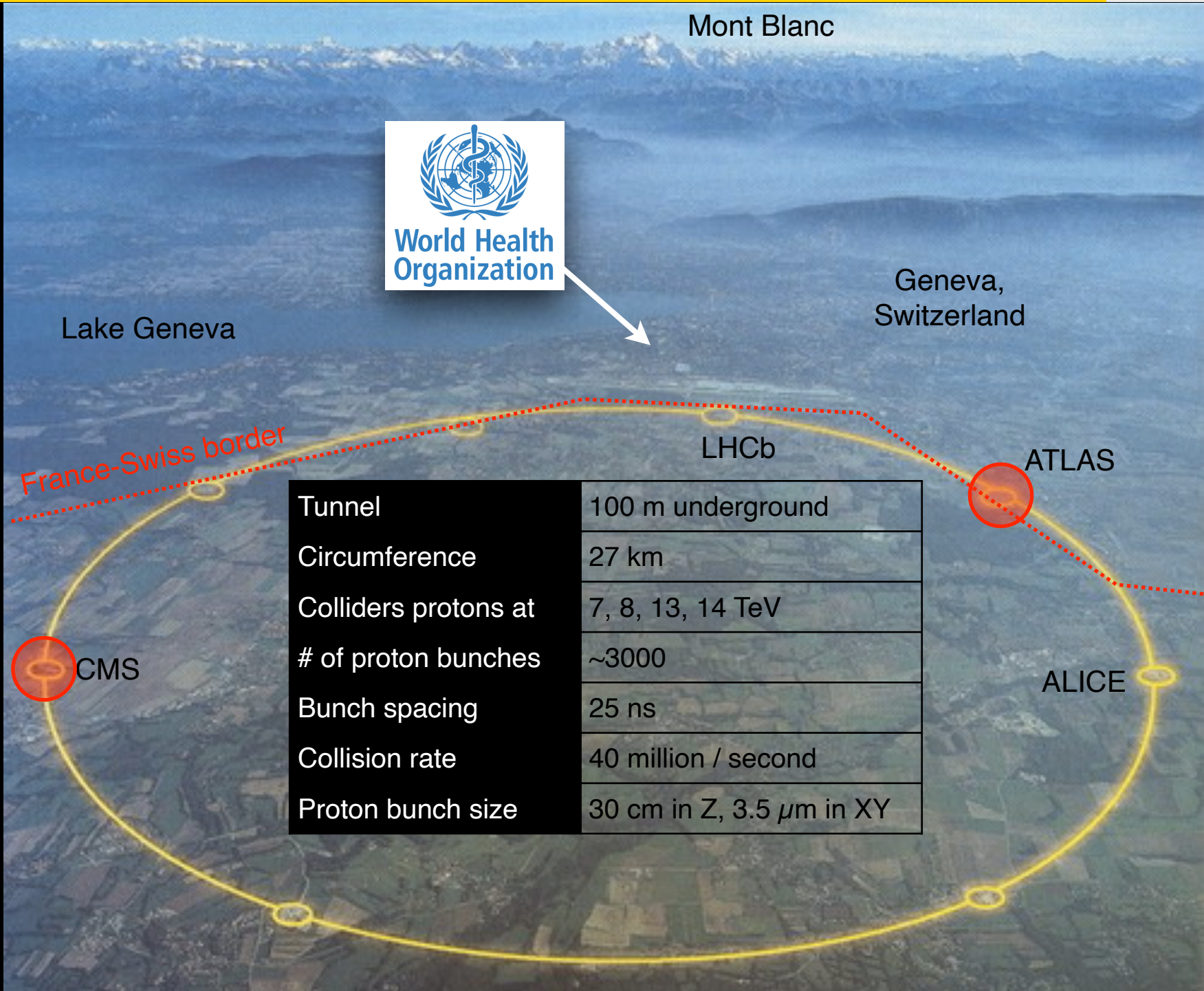
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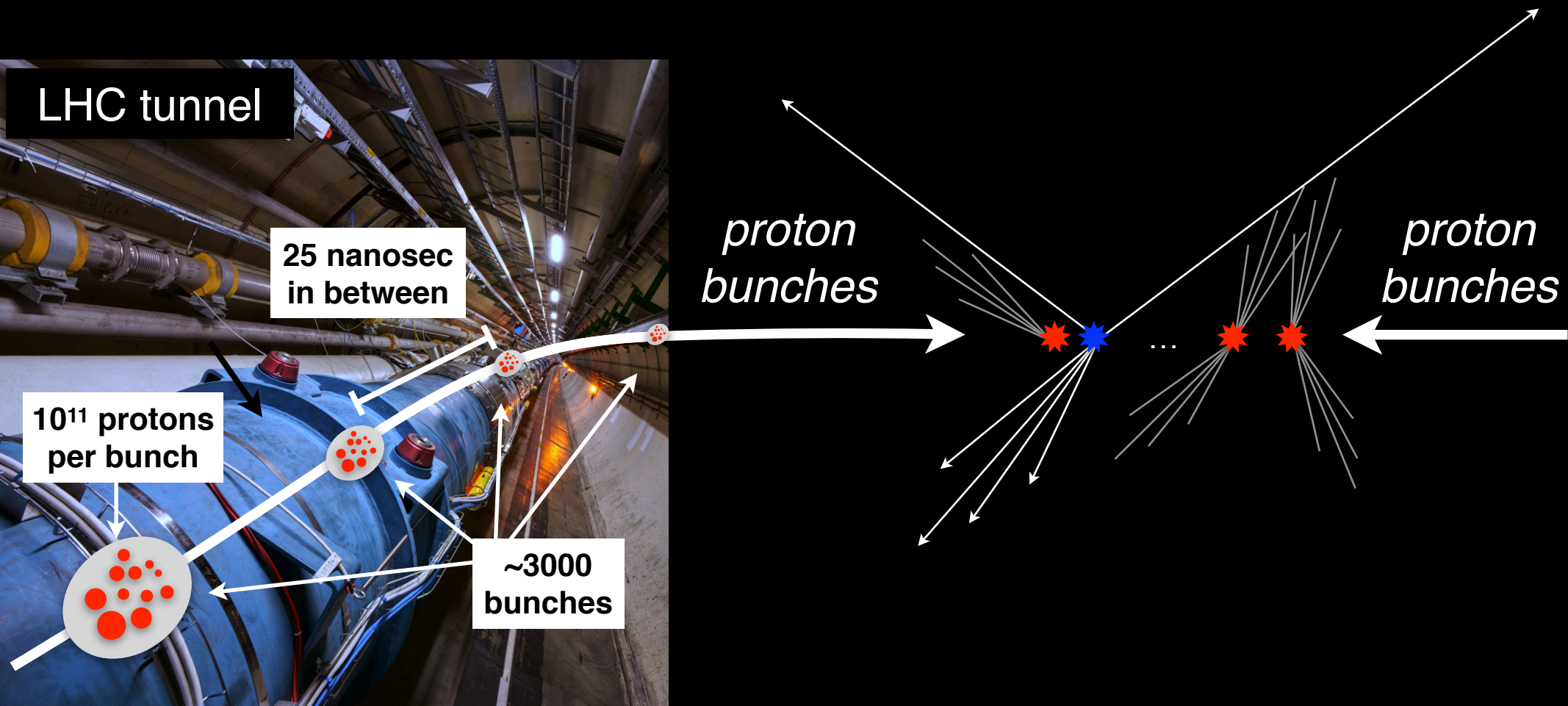
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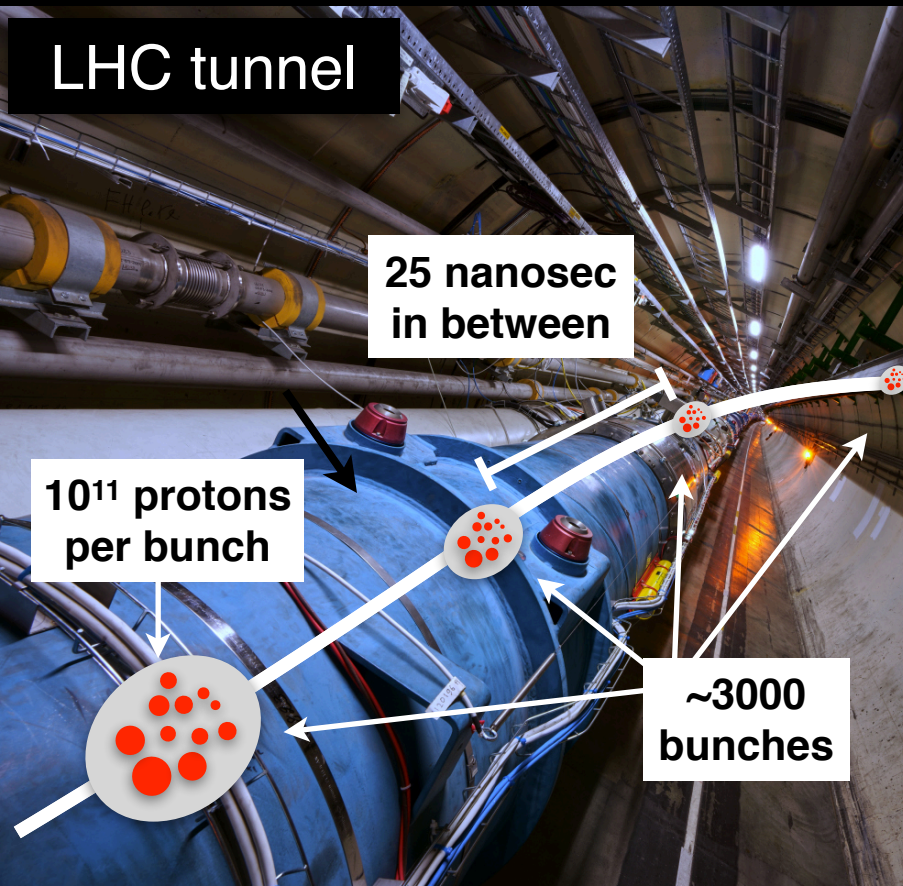


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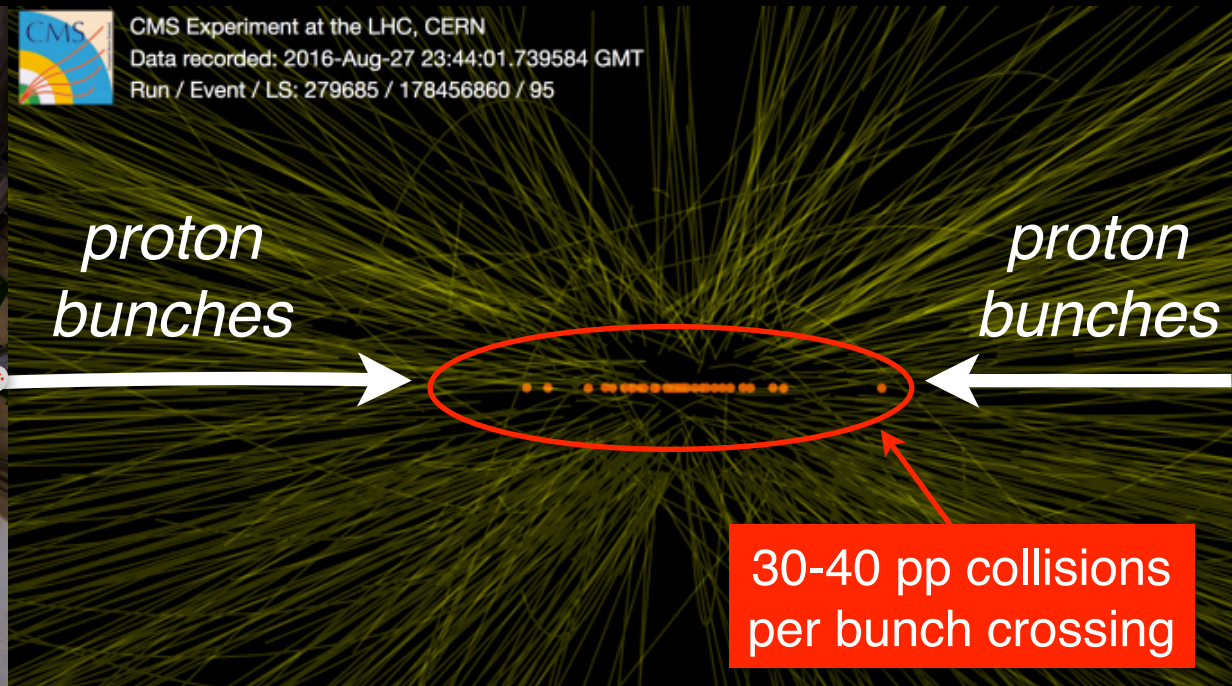


LHC provides highest energy  $pp$  collisions ever recorded

# Proton beam collision at the LHC



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN  
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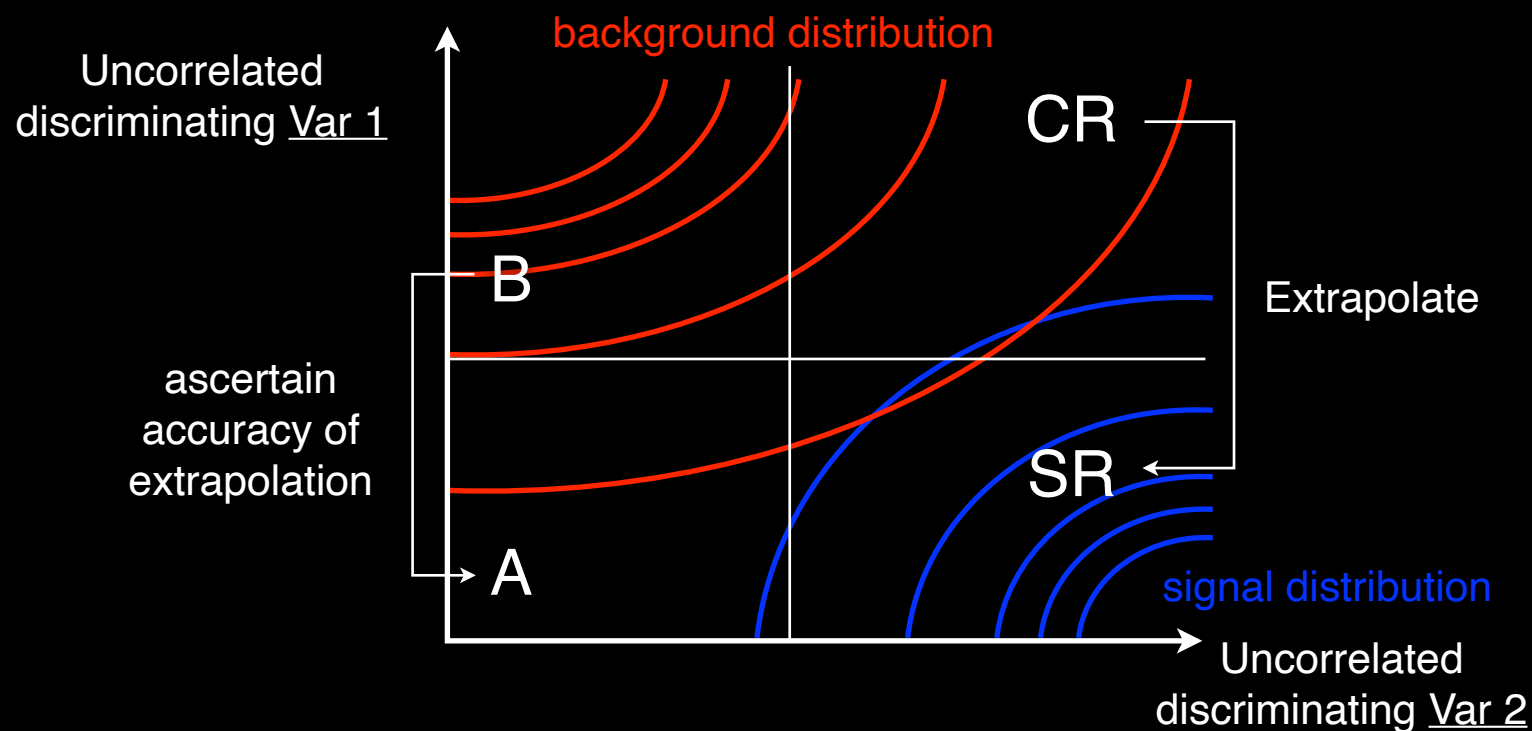
$(35 \text{ pp collisions}) \times (40 \text{ MHz}) =$   
 $\sim 1.5 \text{ billions } pp \text{ collisions per second}$

Large dataset of

LHC provides highest energy  $pp$  collisions ever recorded



1. Define low background signal regions (SRs)
2. Estimate background yields by extrapolating from bkg. enriched control region (CR)
3. Ascertain accuracy of the extrapolation from a different sample



Make smart choices (brains) then execute to deliver (brawns)

# Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (Brawns)

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UCSD



11/22/2013 5:55:18 p.m.

Running jobs: 244151  
Transfer rate: 40.08 GiB/sec

Global collaboration  
of around 170  
computing centers  
in more than 40  
countries



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Detectors have  $\sim 70\text{M}$  channels  
 $\times$  few bytes per channel  
 $\times$  40 MHz event rate  
 $\times$  1/1000 zero-suppression  
 $\Rightarrow O(10)$  TB / s  
 $\times$  “one” year ( $4 \times 10^6$  secs)  
 $\Rightarrow O(100)$  Exabyte / year  
 $\times$  1/100,000 event filtering  
 $\Rightarrow \sim 5$  PB / year

After some processing e.g. CMS provides  
 $\sim 10$  PB of data and simulation for analysis  
This is reprocessed twice a year

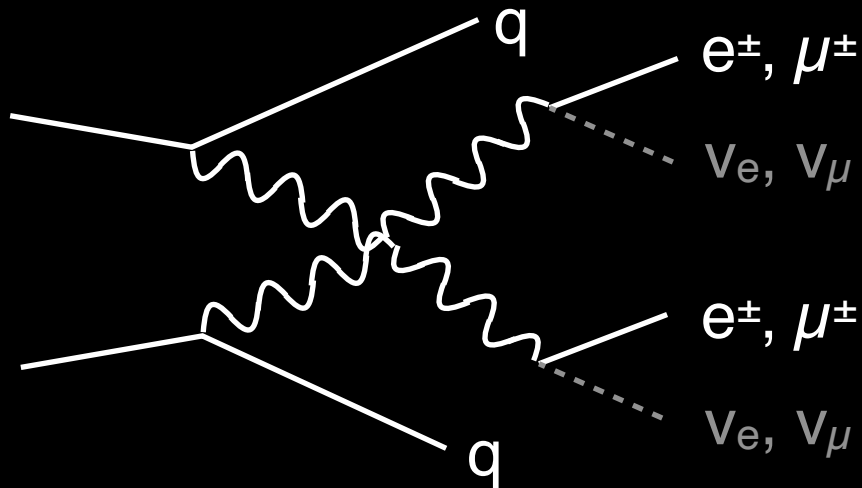
Then this is further reduced by  $\times 10$  and is  
processed monthly

Then we further reduce it  $\times 5$  and can be  
done in a  $\sim$ week

And then we further reduce it  $\sim$ few TB that  
can be processed daily

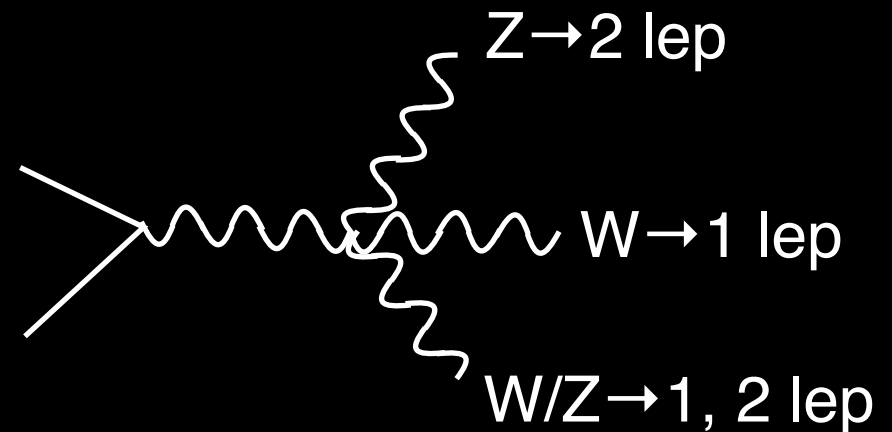
- Several important results have come out recently from both ATLAS and CMS
- I will highlight a few (from CMS)
- (Disclaimer: Rest of the talk from here on will focus mostly on CMS)

## WW scattering



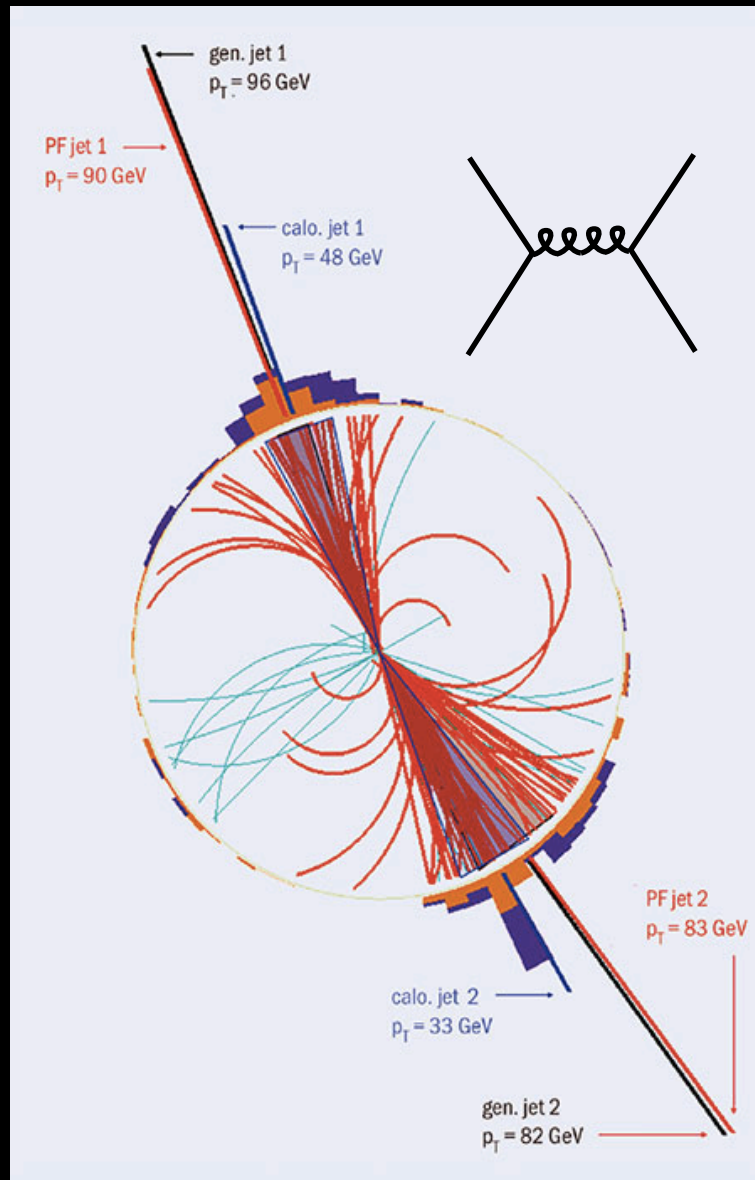
Same-sign dilepton + 2 quarks

## Tri-boson process

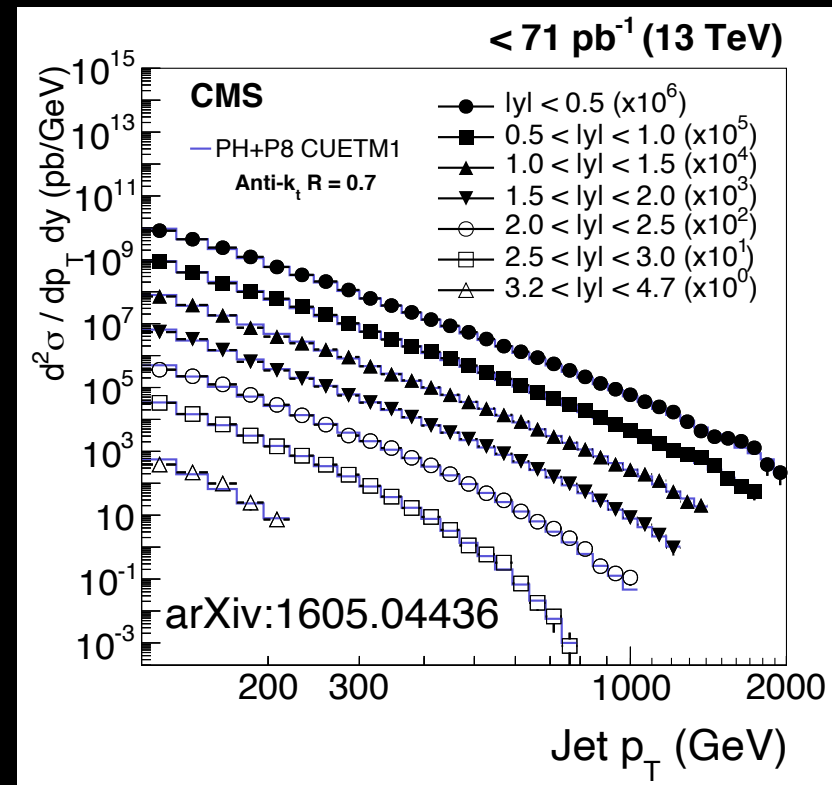


4 or 5 leptons

⇒ electrons, muons, and jets reconstructions are crucial

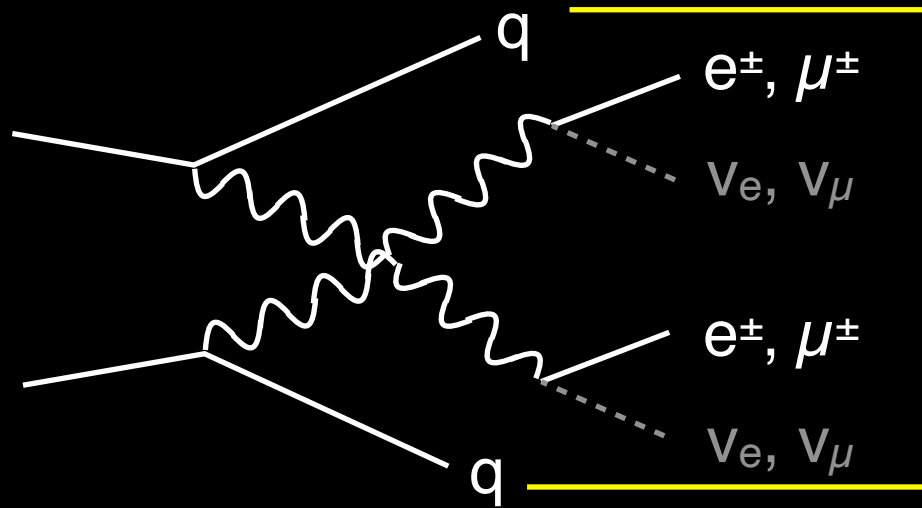


Quarks and gluons produced from pp collisions manifest as a “jet” of particles

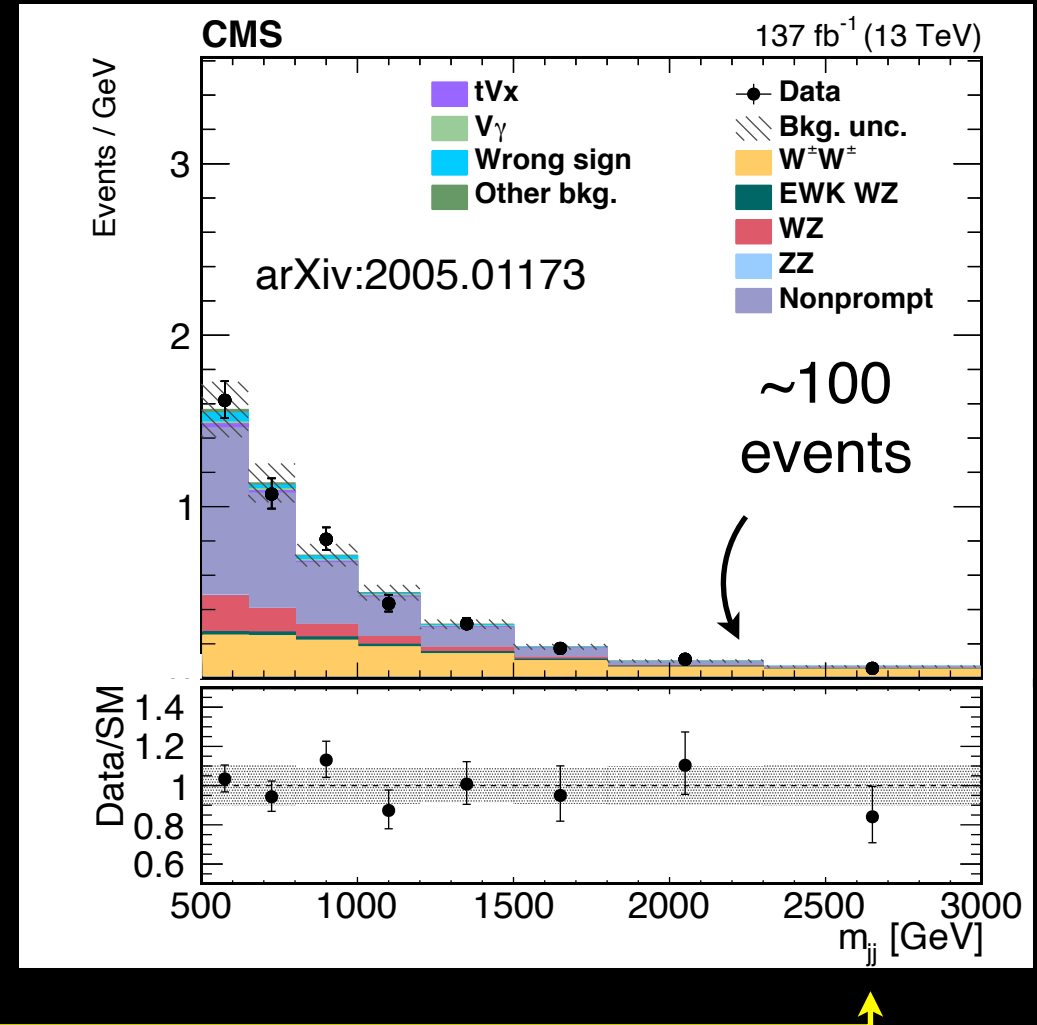


Excellent jet reconstruction and simulation

## WW scattering

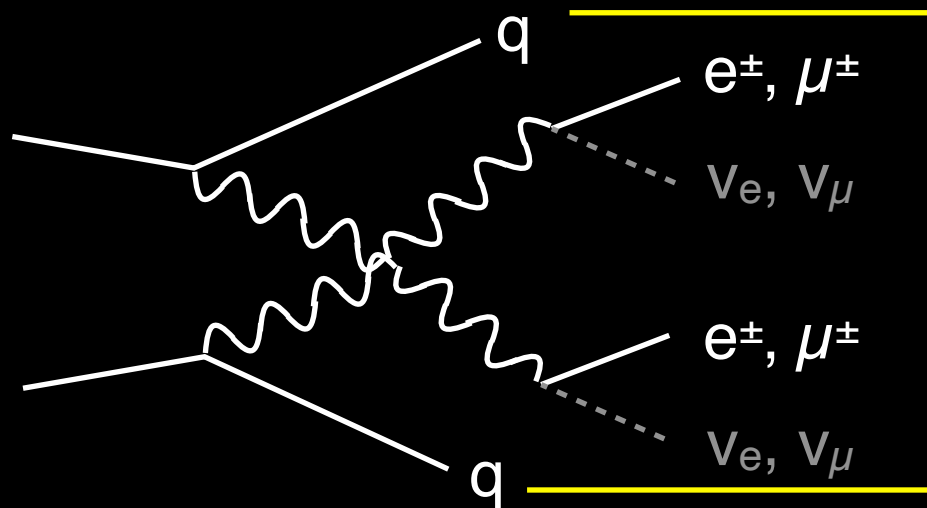


Same-sign dilepton + 2 quarks

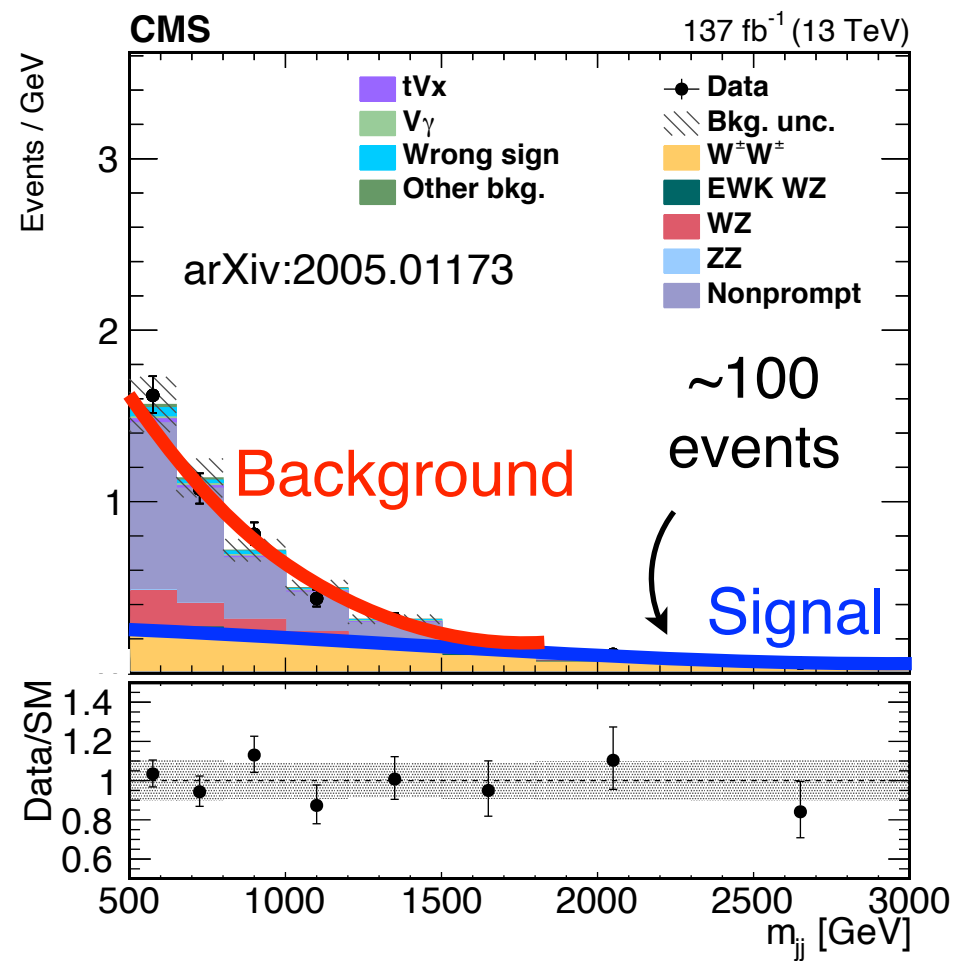


Two jets from VBS process tend to have relatively high invariant mass

WW scattering



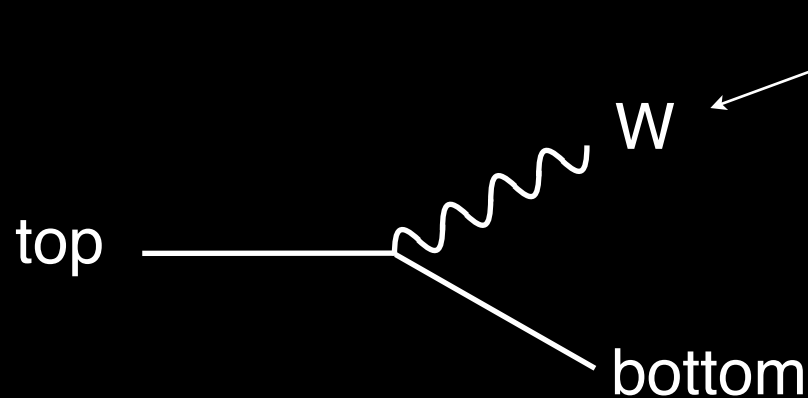
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Two jets from VBS process tend to have relatively high invariant mass

Top quark is produced more abundantly than multi-bosons (see slide 9 for typical rates)

Produces W bosons that are not of our interest



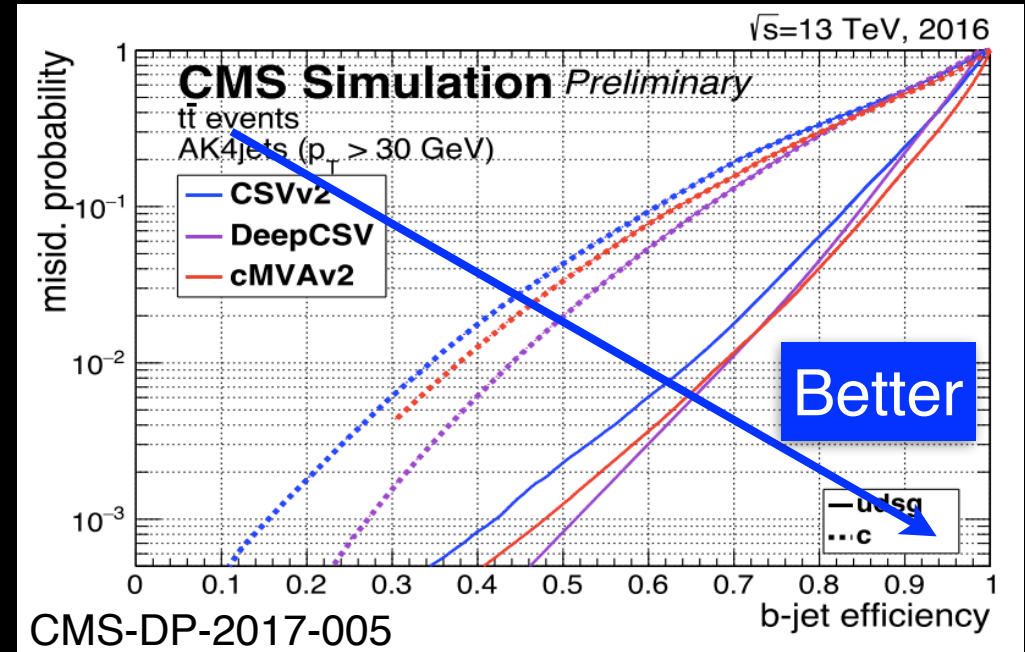
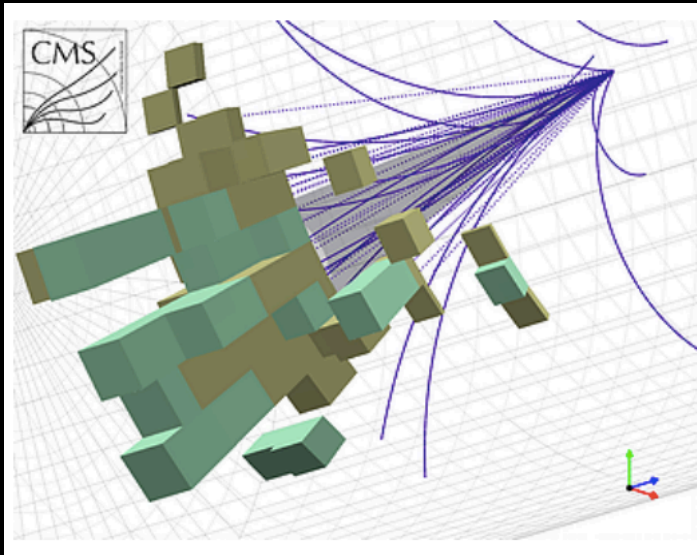
When produced top quark decays  $\sim 100\%$  of the time to b quark and a W boson

bottom quark has a long-lifetime (flight distance  $\sim 100$ s of  $\mu\text{m}$ )

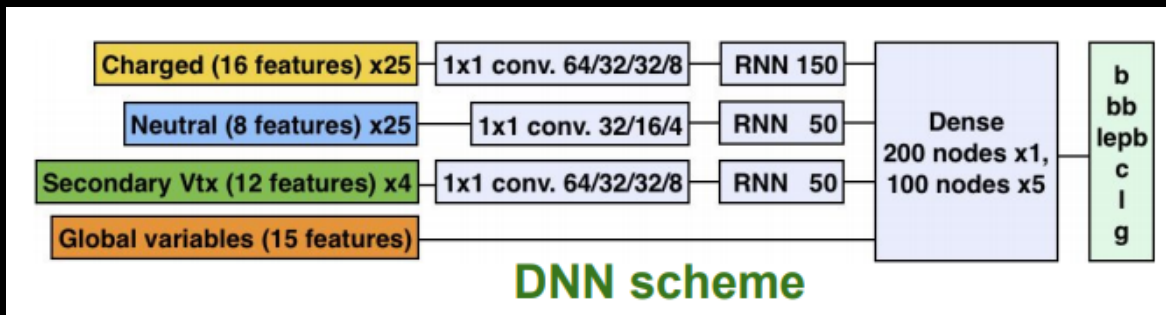
$\Rightarrow$  Tag bottom quark and reject events with bottom quarks



*Was this from bottom quark?*

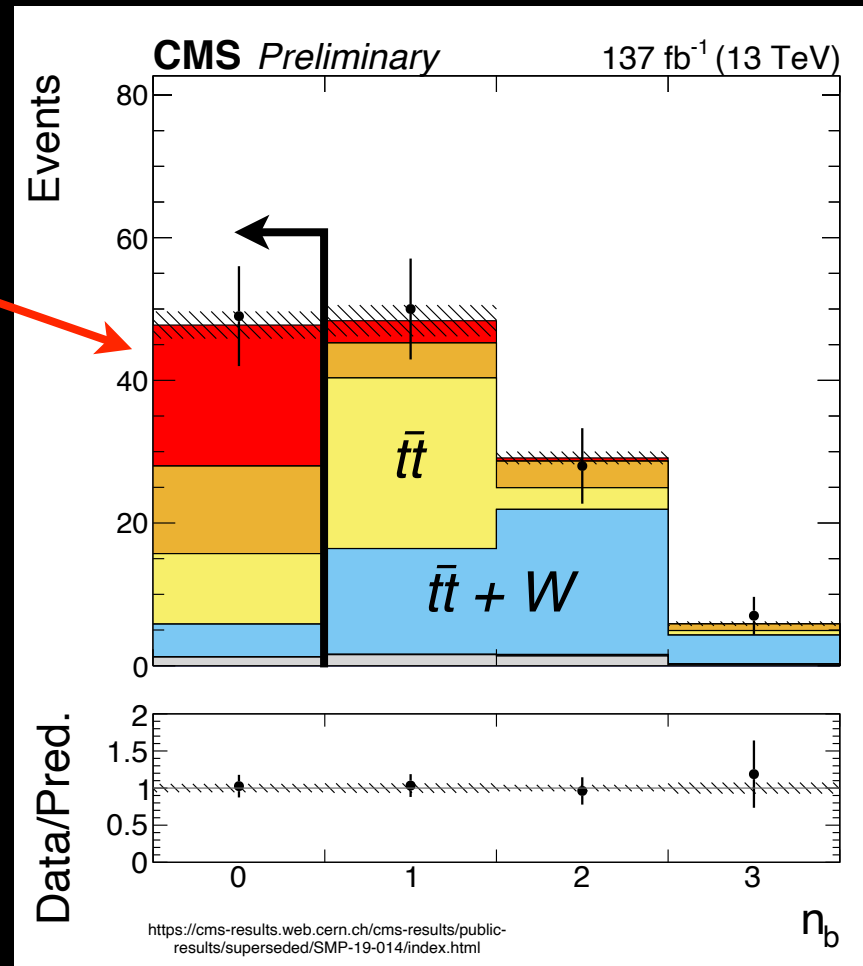


*Train deep neural network*



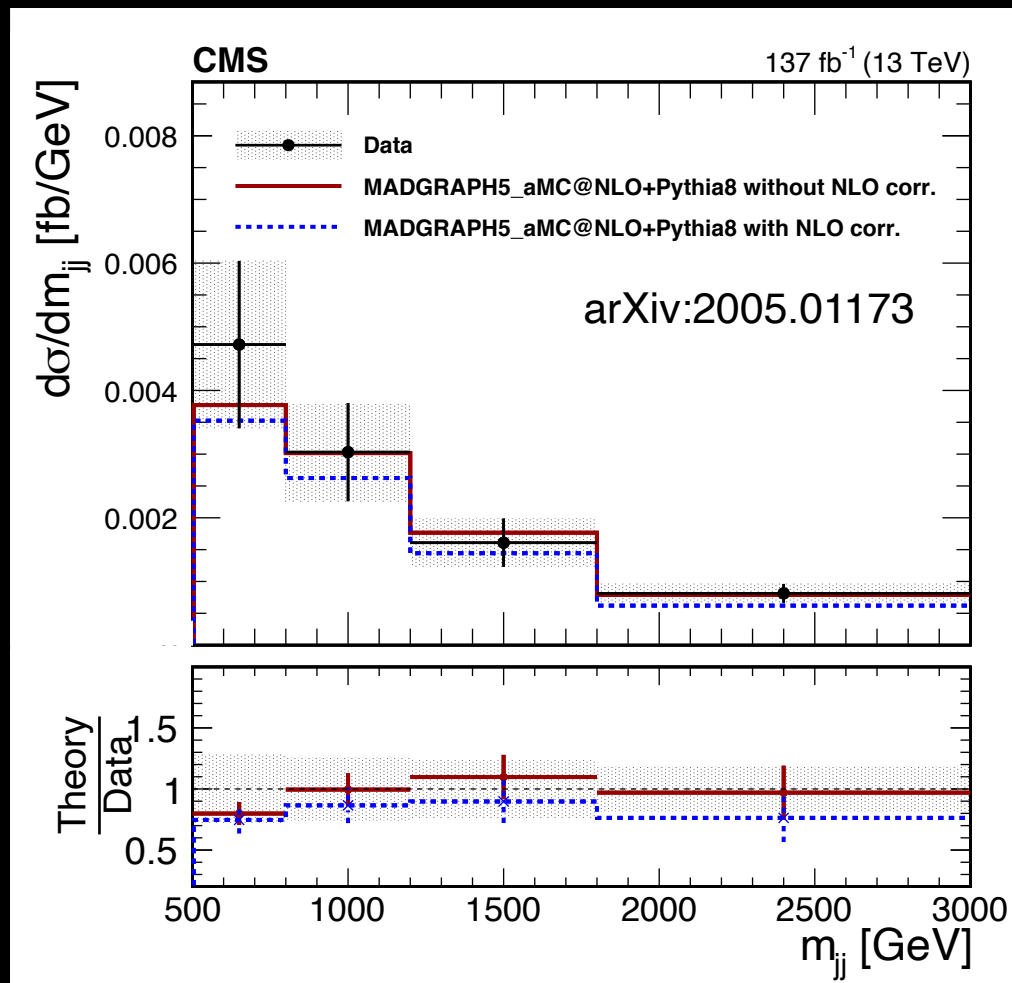
b-tagging via machine learning is one of many successful application of ML that is continually growing in particle physics

Tri-boson



Number of b-tagged jets in the event

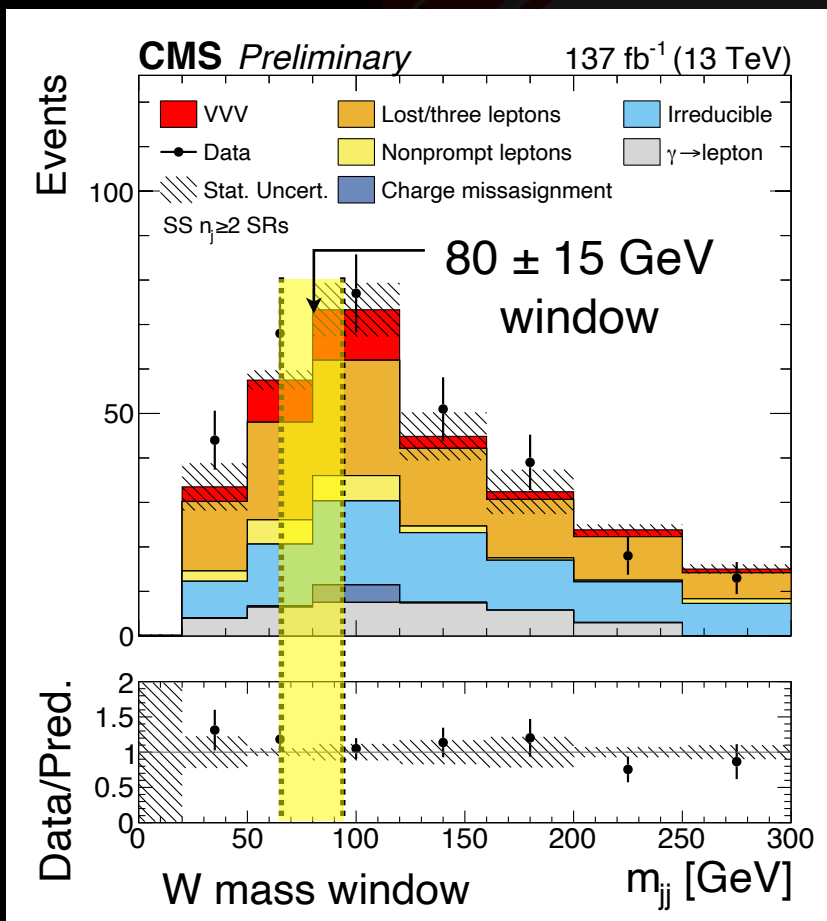
Reject events with bottom quark to reduced backgrounds from top quark



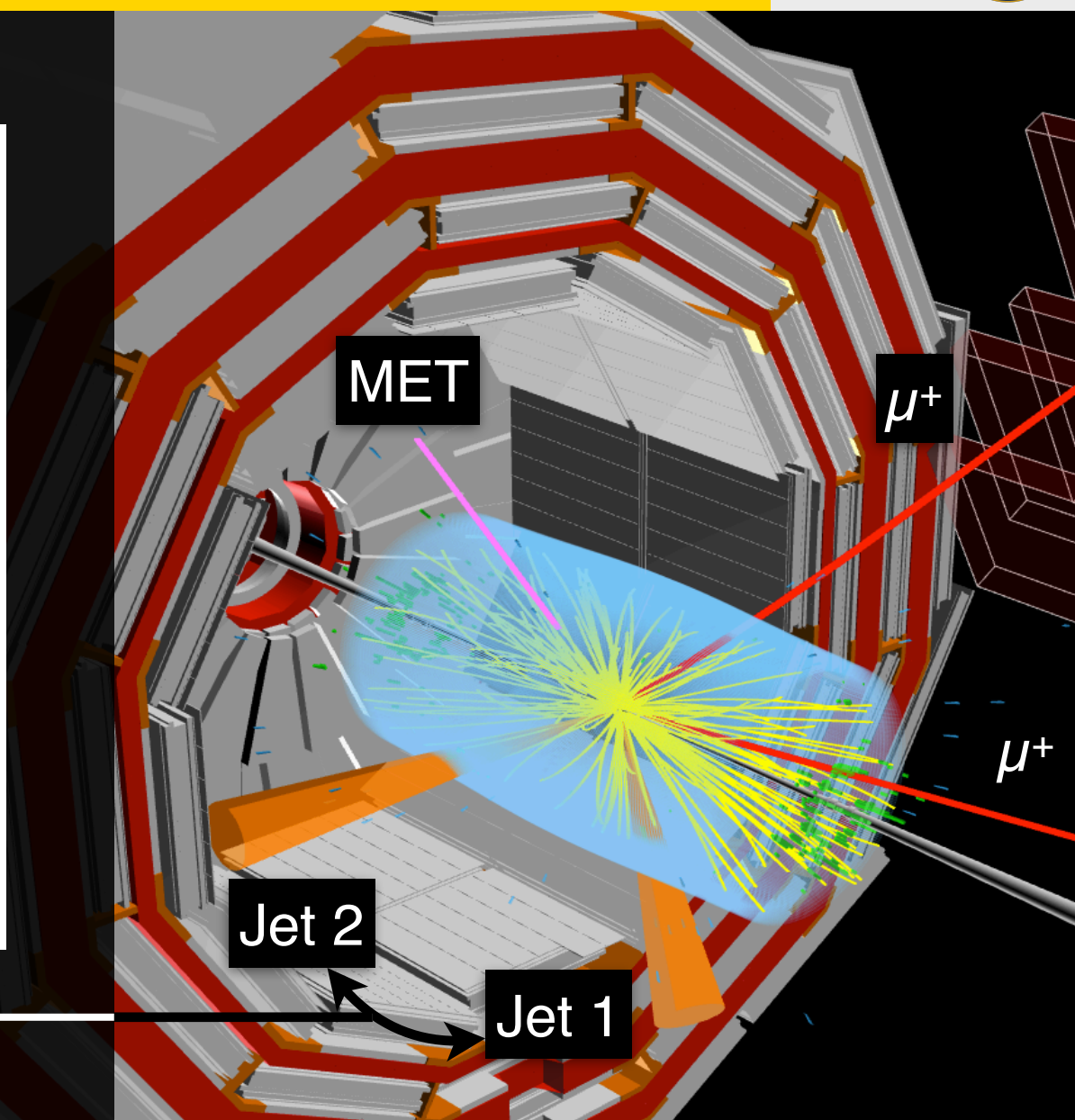
- O(100) events observed
- Measure the production rates as a function of important variables
- The measured cross section is compatible with the SM

WW scattering cross section has been measured and found to be consistent with SM

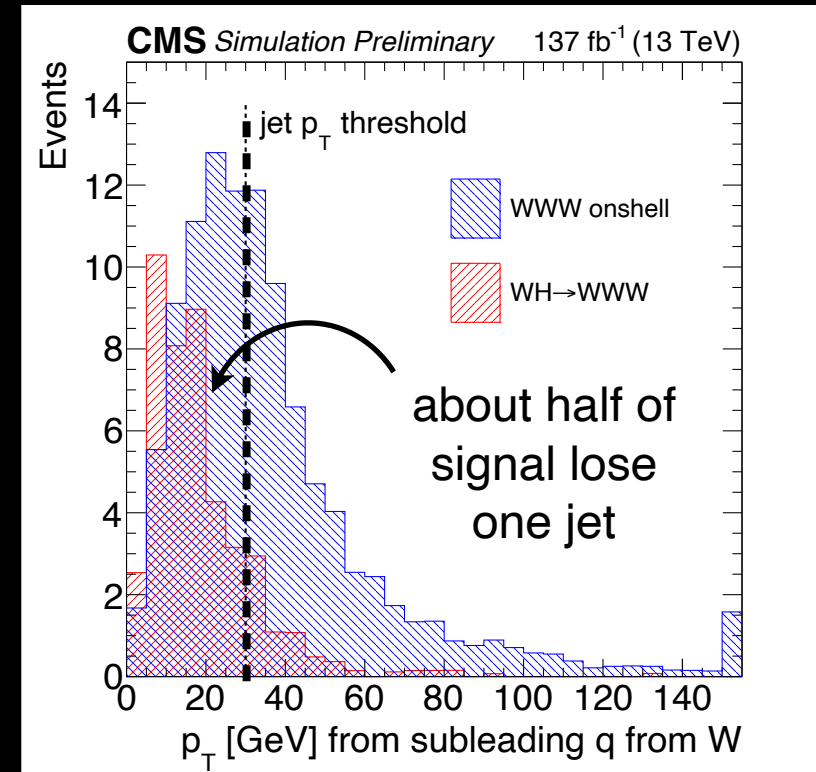
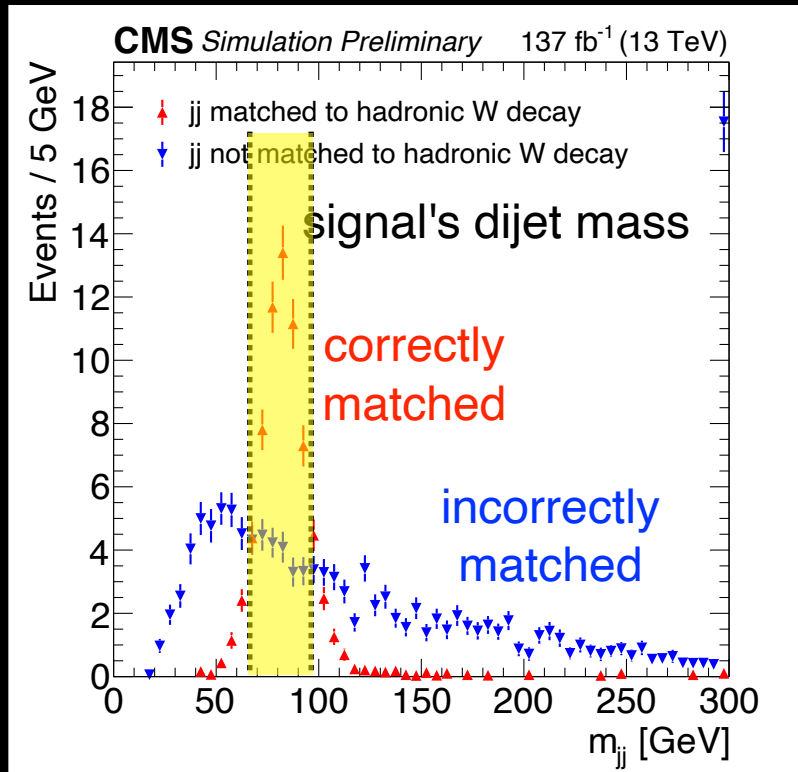
# Reconstruct $W \rightarrow qq$ in $WWW \rightarrow l\bar{l}qq$



N.B. some signals are outside the window  
(See next slide)



dijet invariant mass for signal peaks around W mass



Difficult to match  $W \rightarrow qq$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Select off-W-mass peak region

Difficult to reconstruct both jets  
 $\Rightarrow$  Select 1 jet (1J) events

2 additional categories ( $m_{jj}$ -in,  $m_{jj}$ -out, 1J) each split by  $ee/e\mu/\mu\mu$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Total of 9 signal regions for same-sign analysis

We cover wide range of possible jet final states to maximize sensitivity

# Kinematic endpoints for 4 leptons



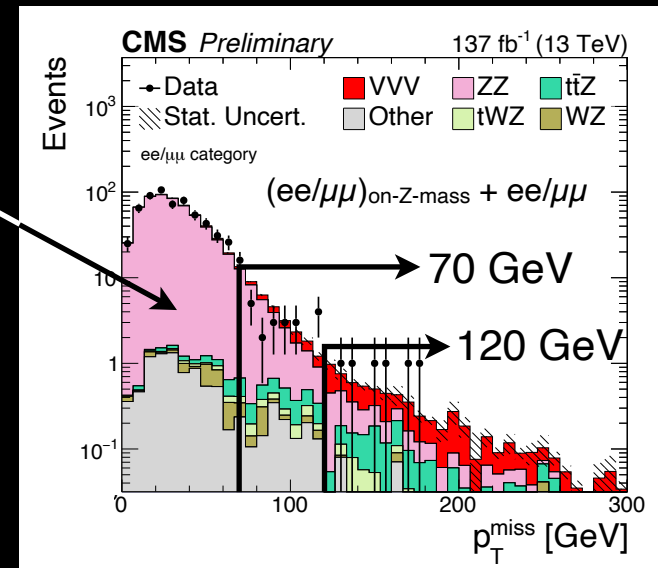
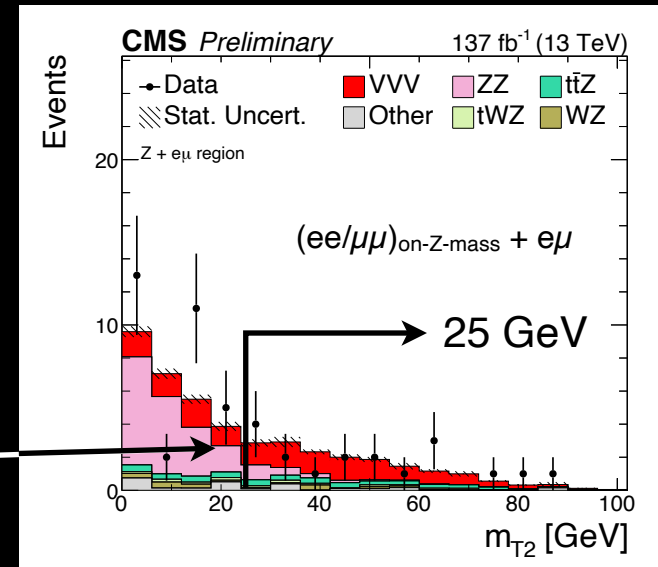
Events are separated into 2 categories by flavor:

- “ $e\mu$  channel”:  $(ee/\mu\mu)_{\text{on-Z-mass}} + e\mu$  (low bkg.)
- “ $ee/\mu\mu$  channel”:  $(ee/\mu\mu)_{\text{on-Z-mass}} + ee/\mu\mu$

$e\mu$  channel utilizes  $m_{T2}$  variable, which is a generalization of  $m_T$  for multiple missing particles.  $m_{T2}$  is sensitive to the end points of  $m_\tau$  from  $ZZ \rightarrow ll\tau\tau$

$ZZ$  bkg in  $ee/\mu\mu$  have low missing energy

Combine these and a few more kinematic variables to form **total of 7 signal regions** for 4 lepton analysis



Exploit differences between  $Z \rightarrow ll \nu$ .  $WW \rightarrow ll\nu$

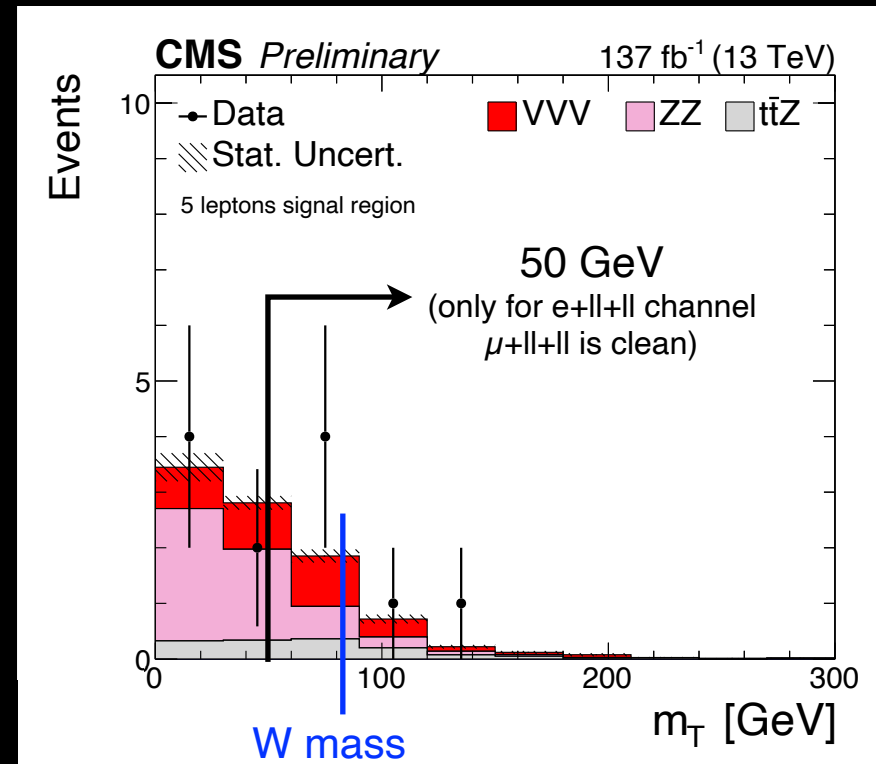
5 leptons target  $W$   $\underline{ZZ}$  signal

Require the 5 lepton events to contain two SFOS pair consistent with  $Z$  mass

The dominant background is  $ZZ \rightarrow \text{llll}$  plus a fake lepton

The fake lepton has low transverse mass while the signal's  $W$  has transverse mass peaking at  $W$  mass

Cut-and-count of one bin



Exploit the features of  $W \rightarrow \text{lv}$  decay



	Same-sign 2 leptons	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
Dominant Bkgs.	$WZ \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\pm \bar{\nu}$ <small>lost</small> $t\bar{t} \rightarrow bb + l + X$ <small>↳ fake l</small>	$WZ \rightarrow l\nu ll$ $t\bar{t} \rightarrow bb + ll + X$ <small>↳ fake l</small>	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ $ttZ \rightarrow ll ll + bbX$	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ + fake lep	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ + 2 fake lep

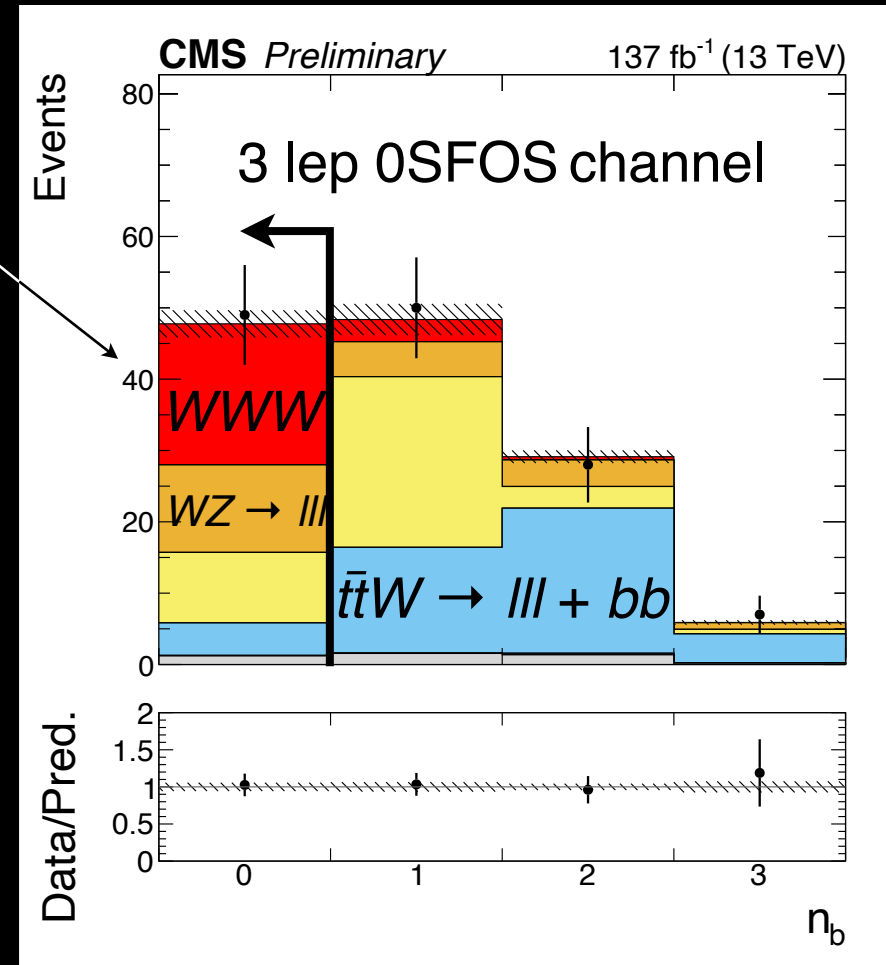
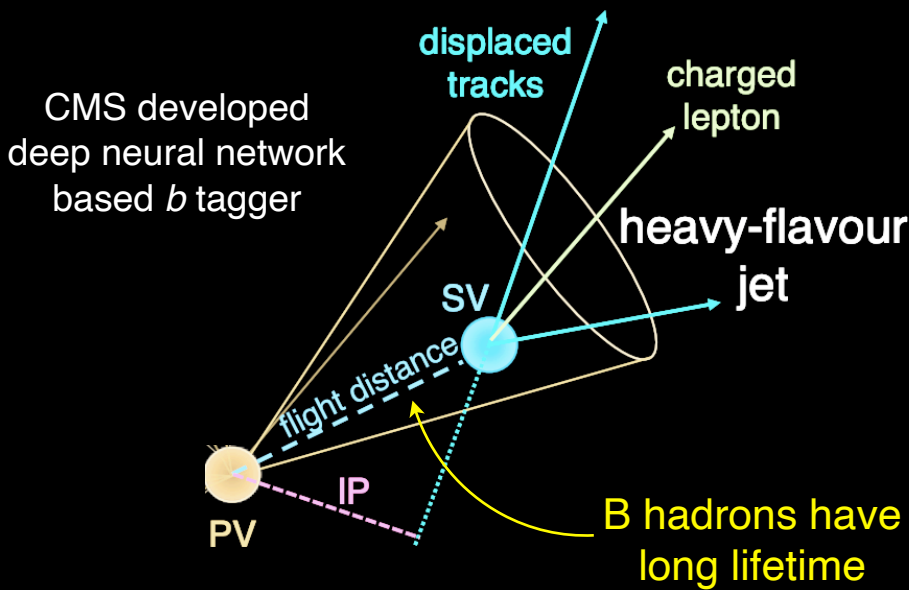
Types of backgrounds	Suppressed via	Bkg. estimation
Fake leptons	Isolation	Reliably extrapolate across isolation
Backgrounds with $b$ jets	$b$ tagging	Reliably extrapolate across $b$ tagging
Lost leptons	Removing events with 3rd lepton	Reliably extrapolate across N leptons
Irreducible	Smart flavor choices	Reliably extrapolate across flavor

Reliably extrapolate across the method used to suppress background to estimate the size of residual backgrounds in signal region



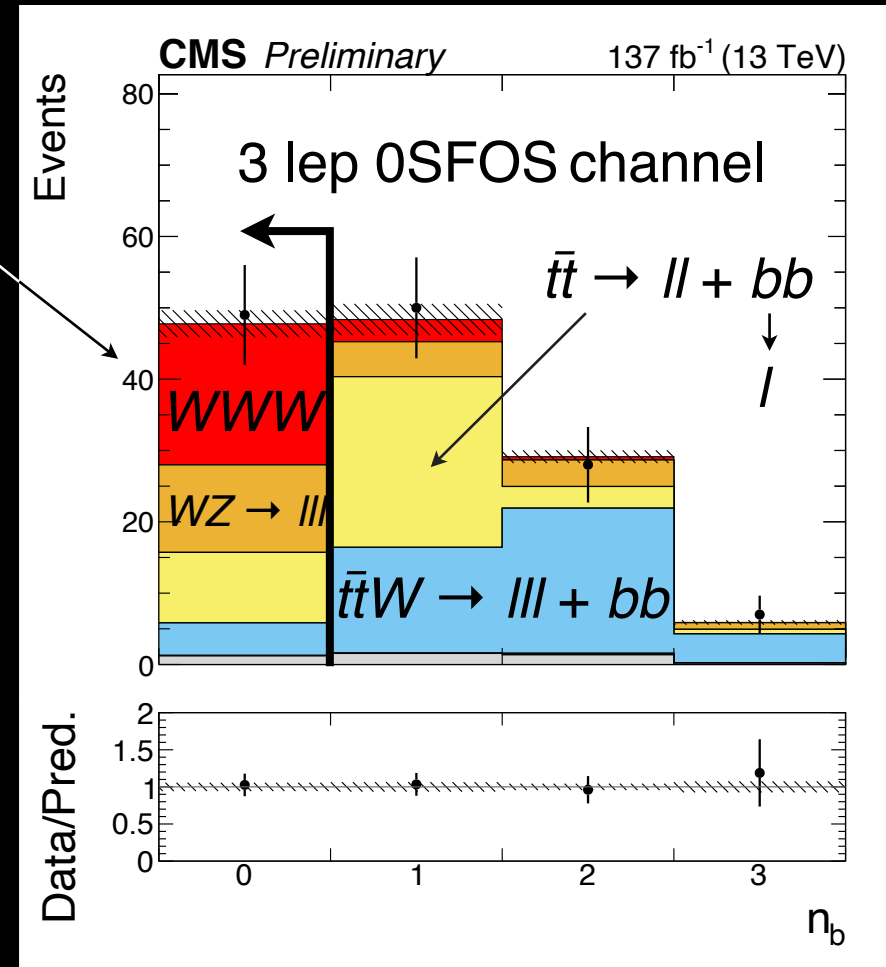
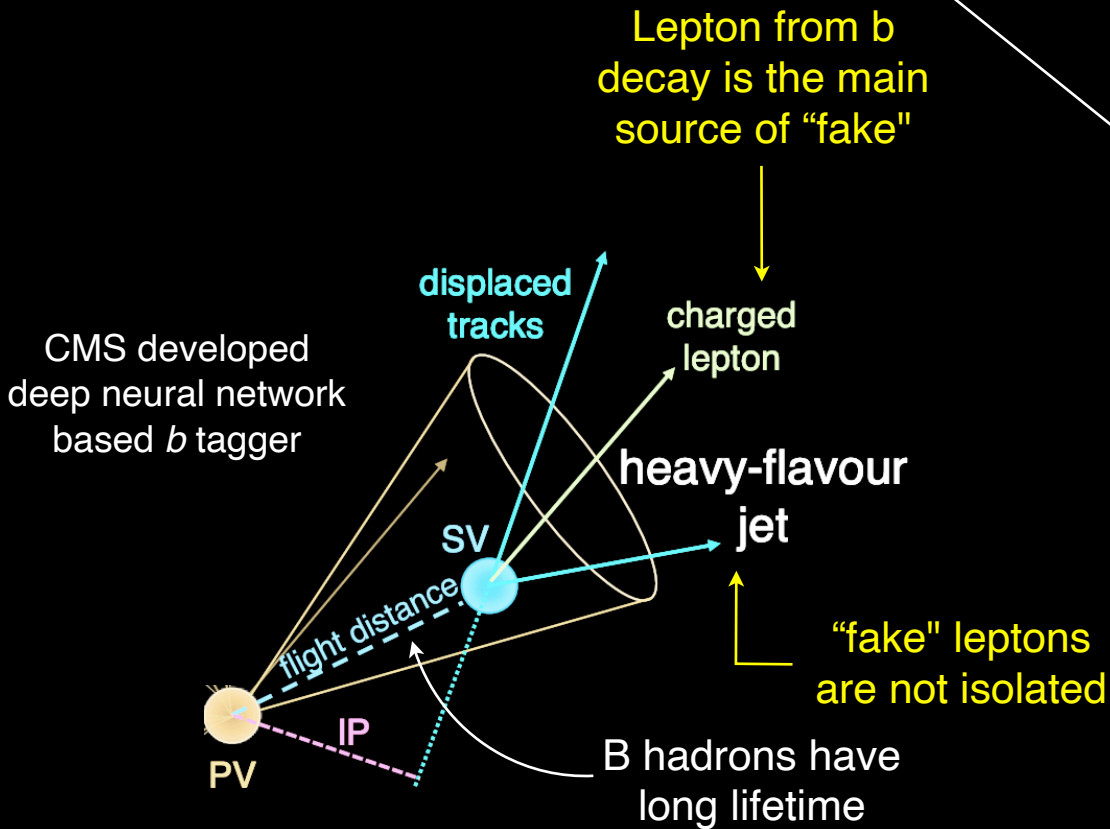
# Rejecting events with $b$ jets

EW processes generally do not come with  $b$  jets  $\Rightarrow$  Require # of  $b = 0$

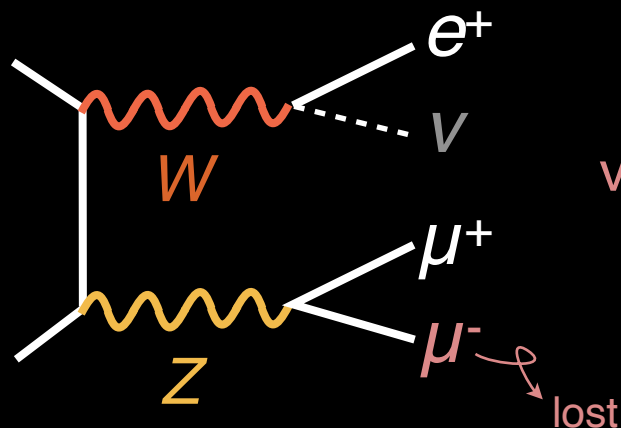


Signals do not have  $b$  jets

EW processes generally do not come with b jets  $\Rightarrow$  Require # of b = 0



Signals do not have *b* jets



enters signal region  
via lost lepton  $\Rightarrow$  Need  
to understand lepton  
finding efficiency

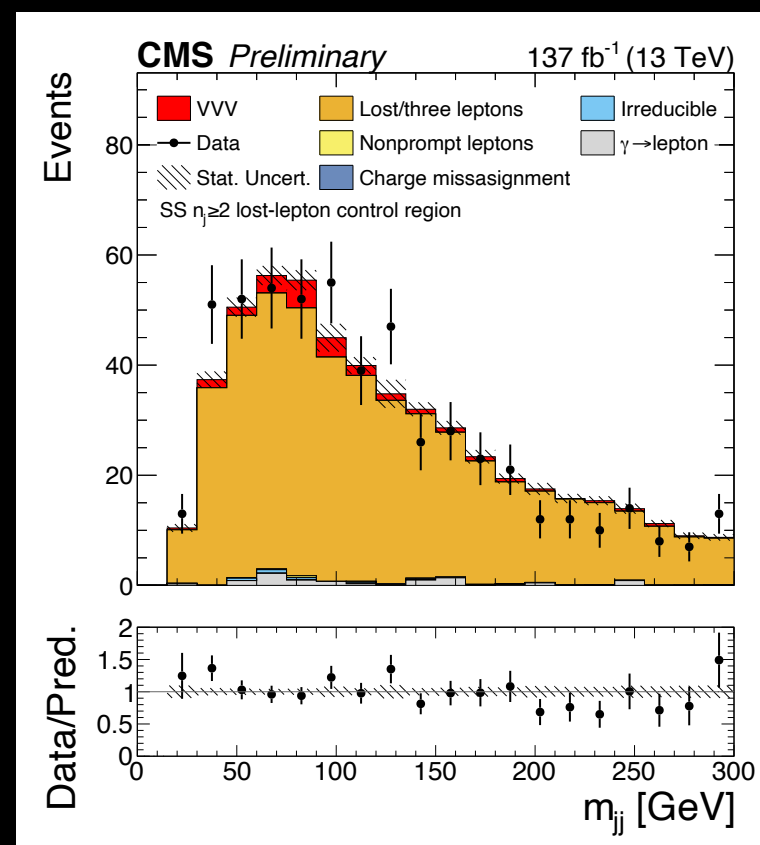
Lepton finding efficiency is well modeled by MC

(factors:  $P_T$ ,  $\eta$ , lepton ID)

Construct a control region with 3 leptons and  
extrapolate across 3 lepton  $\rightarrow$  2 leptons

Experimental systematics assigned

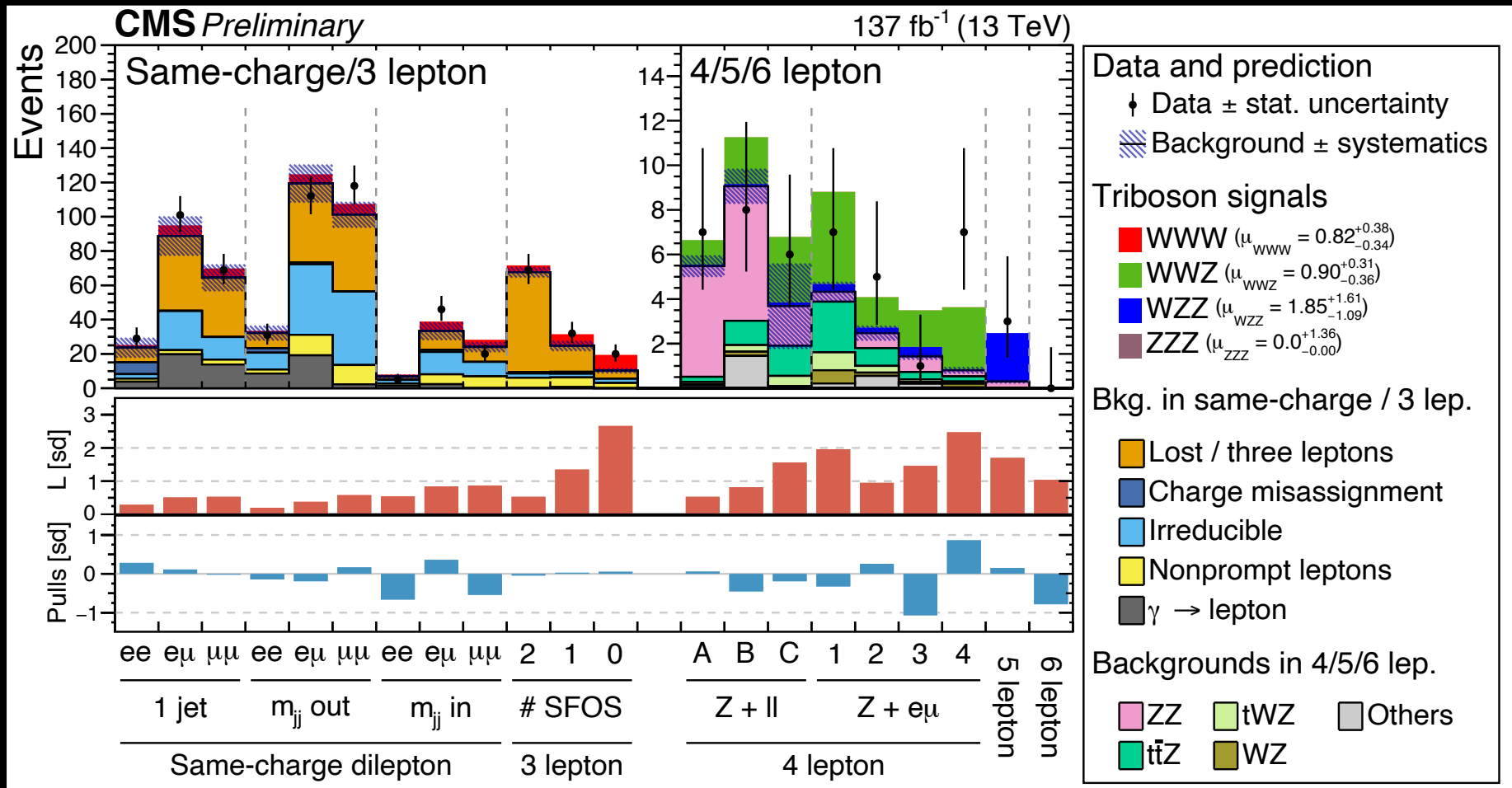
Control region data statistics dominates  
uncertainty (20%)



Estimate lost lepton background by extrapolating across # of leptons

# Results (Cut-based analysis)

$$\text{Signal strength } \mu = \frac{\text{Measured cross section}}{\text{Theoretical cross section}}$$



9 bins

3 bins

7 bins

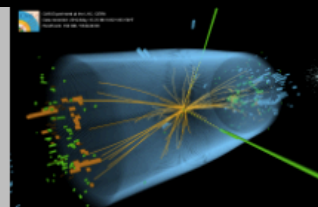
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More sensitive bins are generally to the right

Cut-based analysis is also reported for cross check and completeness  
(also easier to understand by theorists if re-interpreted)



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