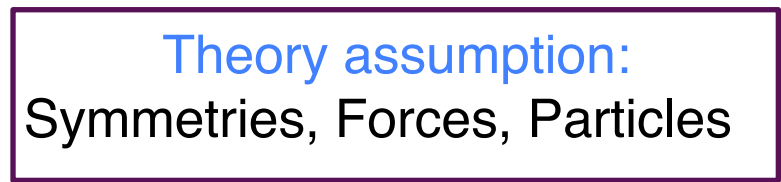
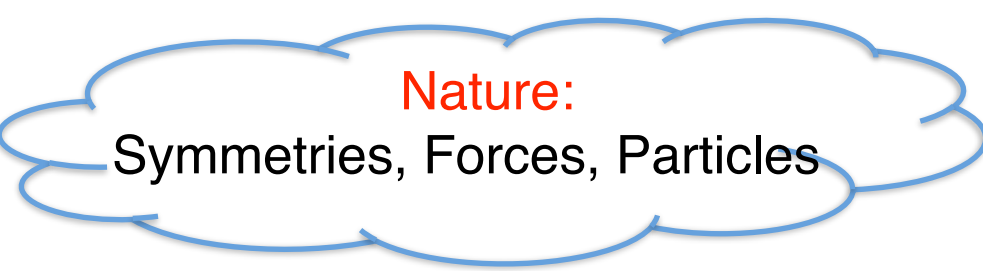




# Matrix Element Methods for particle and event identification

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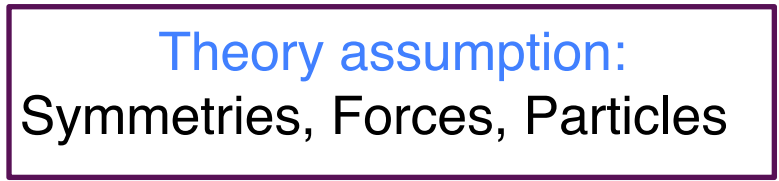
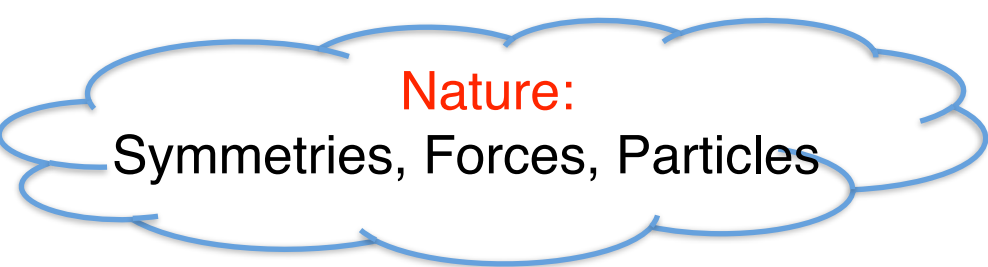
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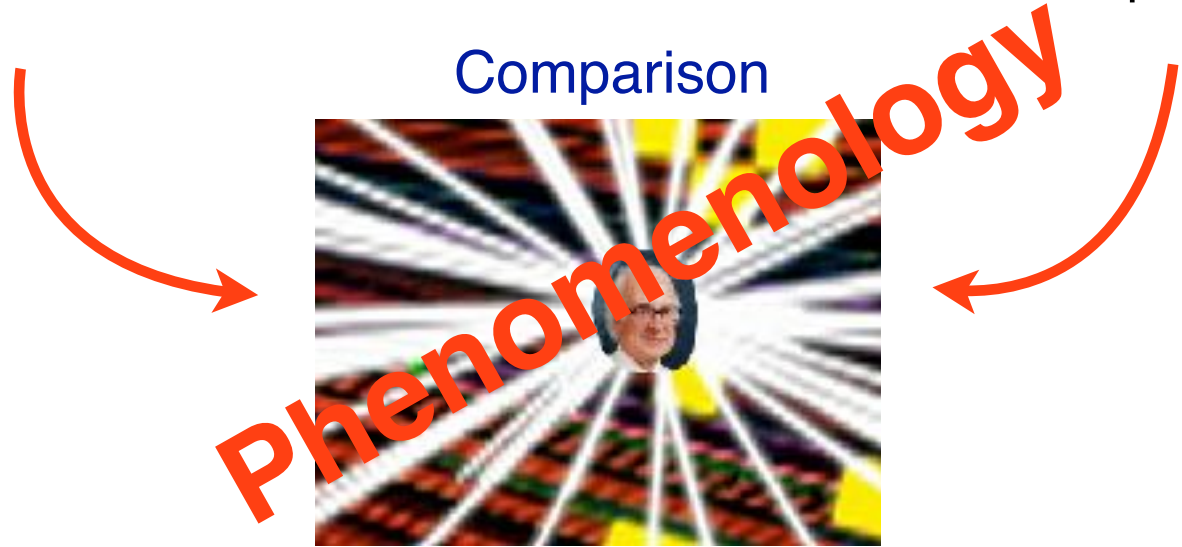
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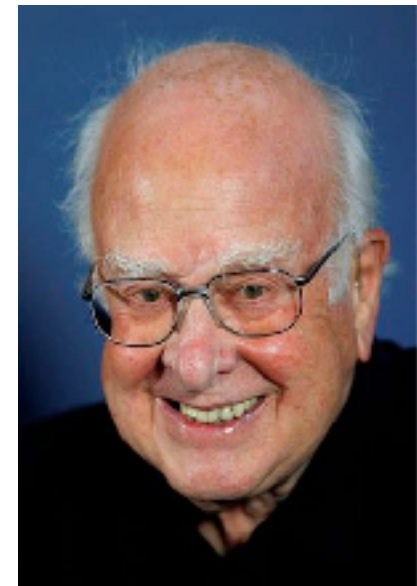
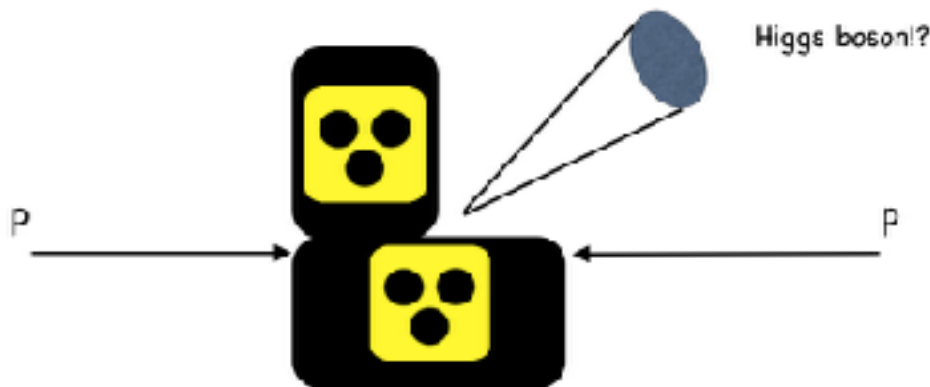
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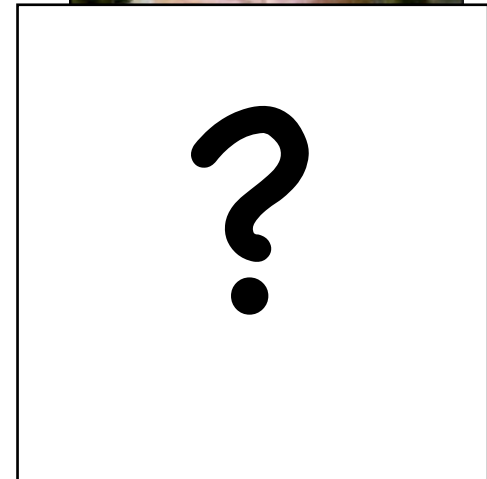
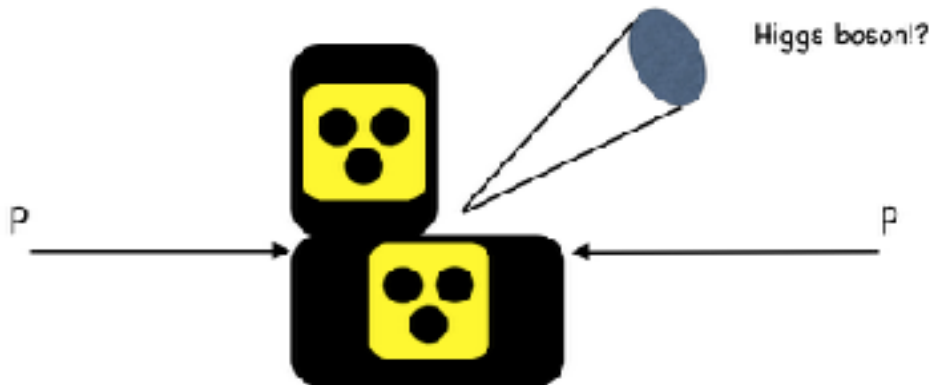
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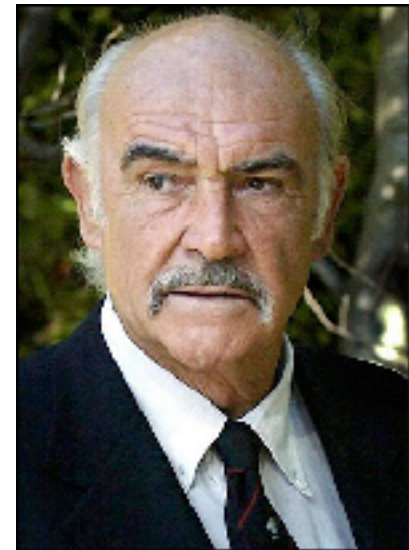
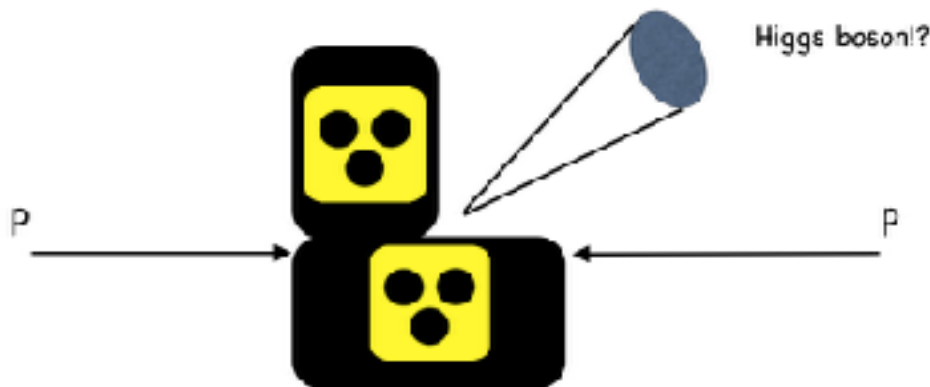
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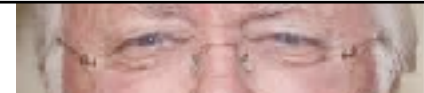
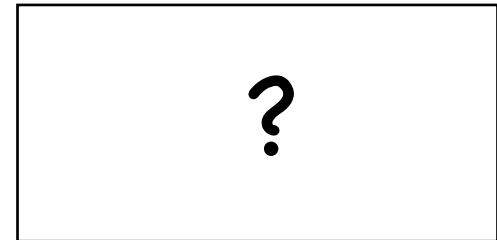
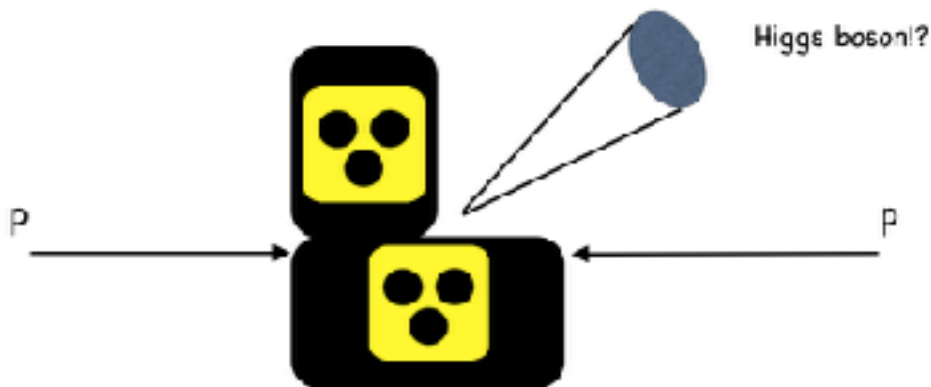
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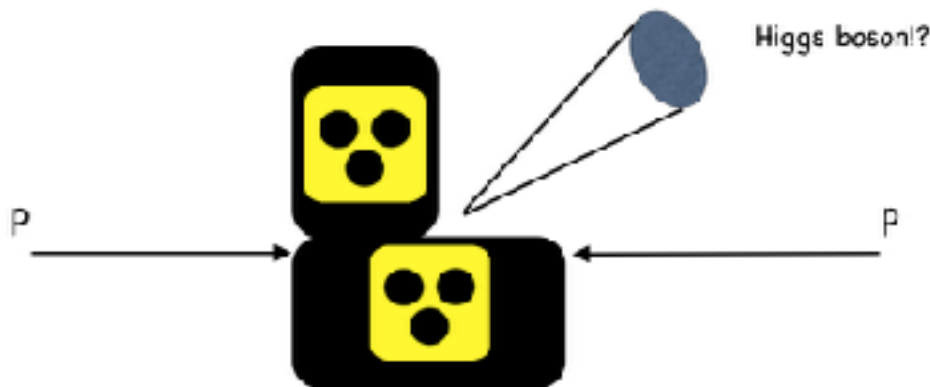
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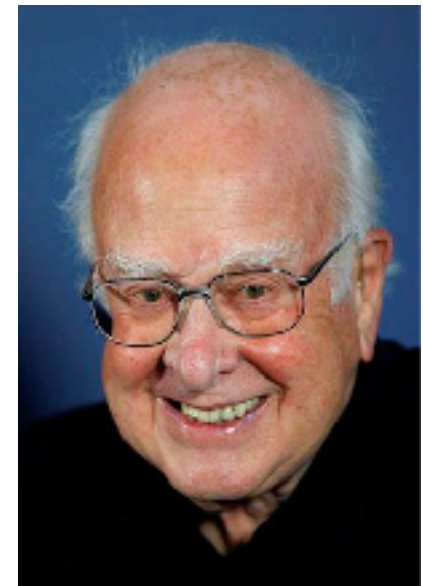


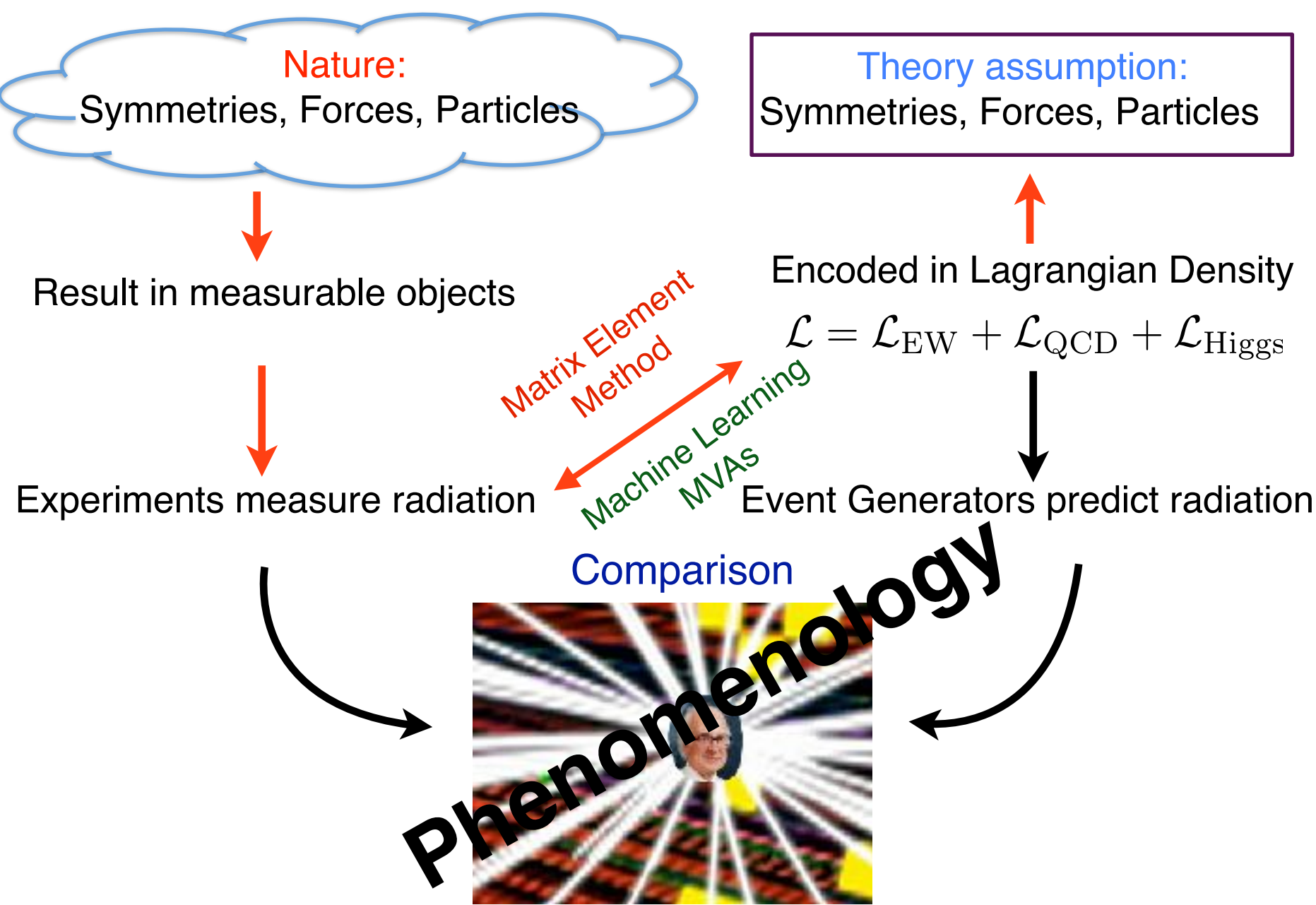
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Taking the full information simultaneously into account will give you the best chance to discriminate competing hypotheses



face recognition for object/event





# “The strange death of theory”



Frankfurter  
Allgemeine  
Zeitung

23.01.2017

or is it?

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to the machines



# Matrix Element Method vs Multi-variate Analysis

(= pQCD = QFT)

- MVA well motivated to extract correlations without existing theory, i.e. **stock trade**
- In particle physics we established gauge theories, thus, we have existing theory to predict connection of 'input with output'
- Current pheno approach:

We take first-principle QFT:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{EW} + \mathcal{L}_{QCD} + \mathcal{L}_{Higgs}$

Put it into an event generator to generate pseudo-data

Then a smart physicist or MVA comes up with way to access the Lagrangian we put in in the first place

—————> Seems like an unnecessary detour...

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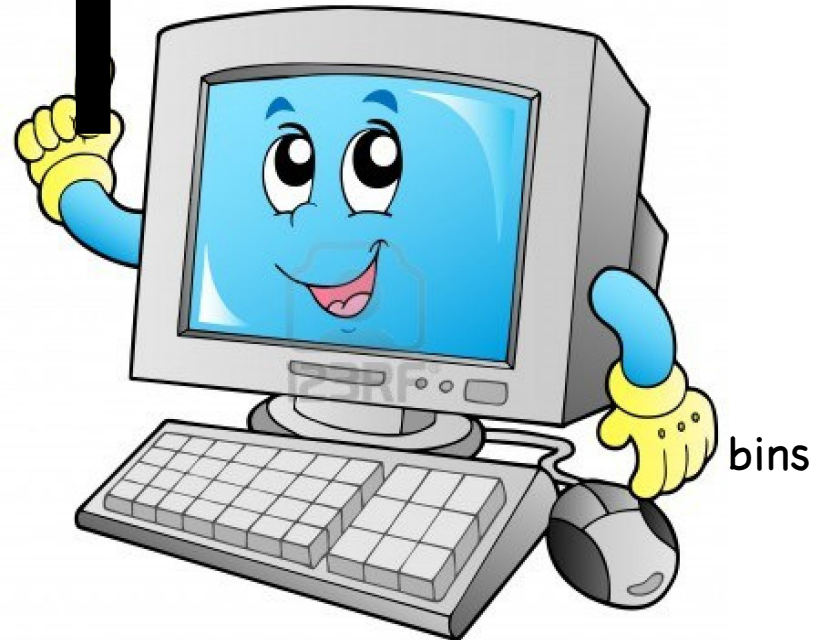
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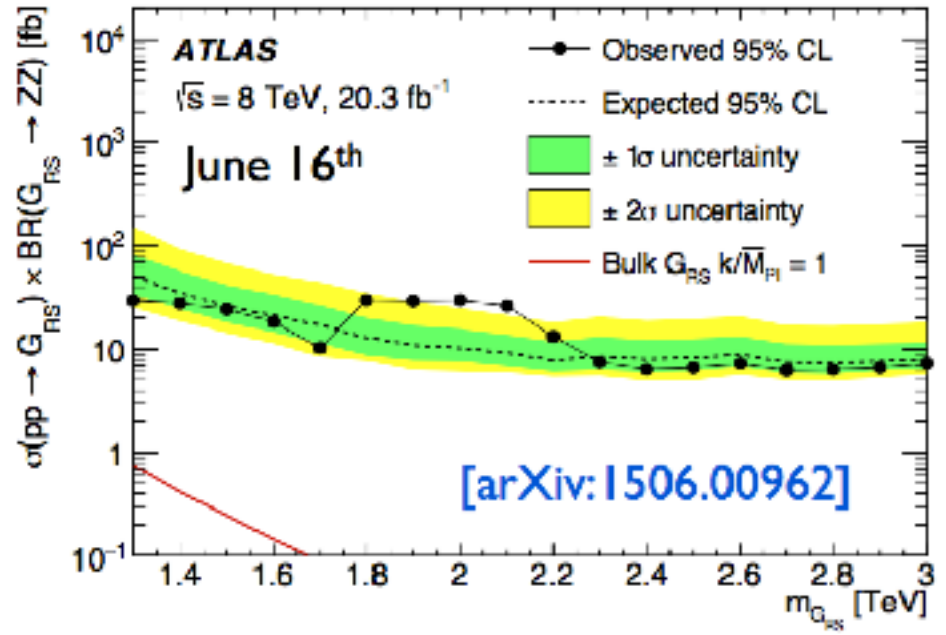
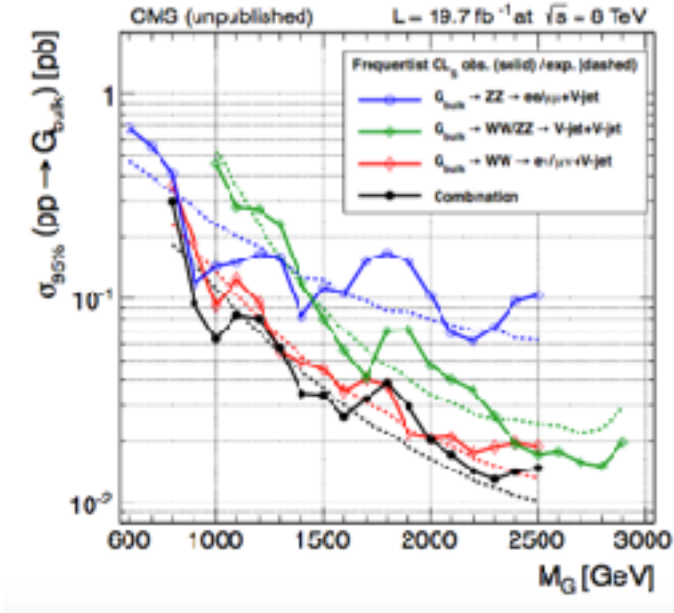


# Training MVAs on data only

- Less plagued by systematics
- But only possible if objects to reconstruct or events to measure already in data.  
→ oxymoron for discovery of anything new, e.g. gluino-tag, axion-tag,  $pp \rightarrow HH \rightarrow 4b, \dots$
- Everything done purely on data without theory cross-check has 0 safety margins...
- ➔ 2 TeV excess in ATLAS and CMS might be an example (though I am not saying that anything was done wrongly)

# Brief interlude for the 2 TeV di-boson excess

[CMS EXO-13-009]



- CMS sees small but consistently excesses in di-boson final states
- First excess in semileptonic final state using jet substructure from 2012

	CMS	ATLAS
$V_{jet} V_{jet}$	1.3 $\sigma$	3.4 $\sigma$ (2.5 $\sigma$ global)
$\ell\ell V_{jet}$	2 $\sigma$	-
$\ell\nu V_{jet}$	1.2 $\sigma$	-

- While masses seem consistent cross sections dont across channels

# ATLAS VV excess

Most significant. Lets focus on this analysis

[Talk by C. Delitzsch at BOOST 2015]

## Event Selection

- Compared to semileptonic analysis only boosted regime is considered
- Reject events with electron or muon candidate or  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 350$  GeV (orthogonal to other diboson resonance searches)
- Overlap between  $WW$ ,  $WZ$ ,  $ZZ$  selection due to chosen mass window
- Rapidity difference:  $|y_1 - y_2| < 1.2$
- $p_T$  asymmetry:  $|p_{T_1} - p_{T_2}| / (p_{T_1} + p_{T_2}) < 0.15$
- $m_{JJ} > 1.05$  TeV: trigger plateau of large- $R$  jet trigger



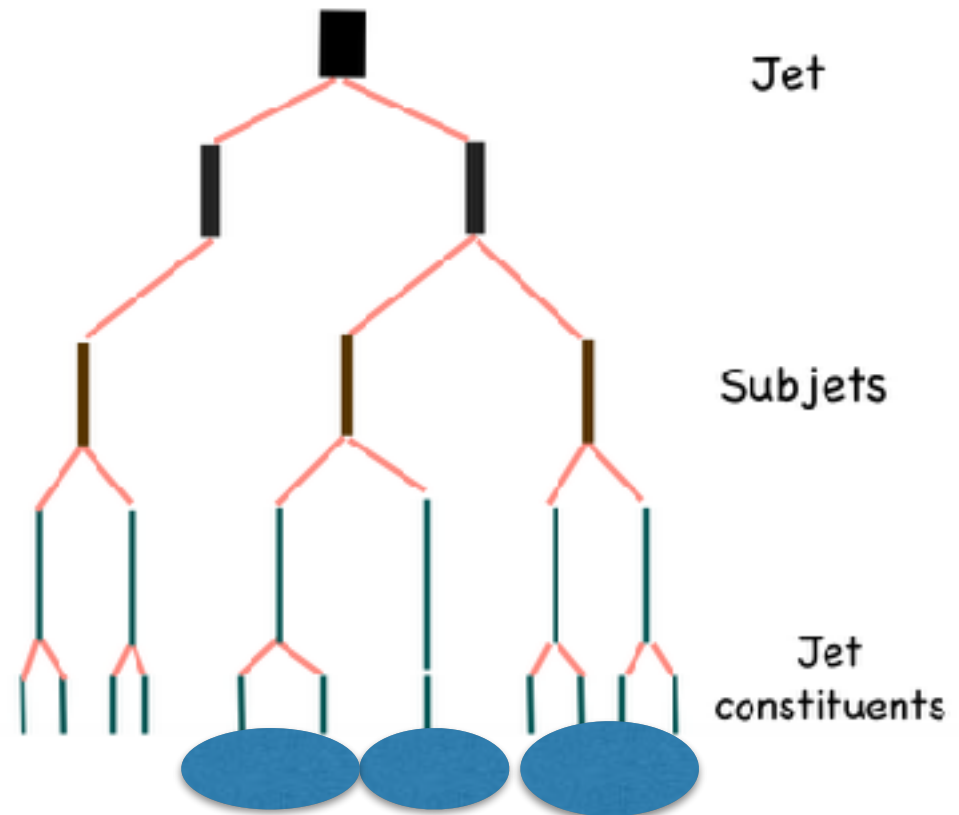
- For ungroomed fatjets  $p_{T,j} > 540$  GeV
- Reconstruction of VV final state follows same principles as discussed before

# Resonance reconstruction

## BDRS method

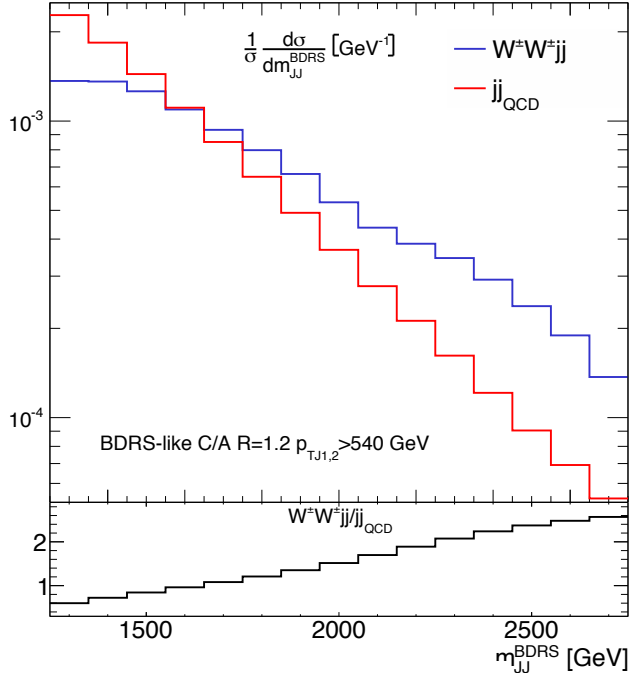
- Only  $y$ -cut applied when declustering
- $y$ -cut fires, stop declustering and filter while keeping 1-3 subjets

Filtering parameter	Value
$\sqrt{y_f}$	0.2
$\mu_f$	1
$R_r$	0.3
$n_r$	3



Without theory background irrelevant in the control region can be significant in the signal region

there ELW backgrounds that have not been checked, but are in this case fortunately small!



cuts	$W' \rightarrow WZ$	$jj_{QCD}$	$t\bar{t}$	$VV$	$Vj$	$Vjj_{EW}$	$jj_{EW}$	$W^\pm W^\pm jj$
	cross sections in fb							
BDRS 2J-tag, $p_{T1}^J > 540$ GeV	1.17	28302	45.6	5.34	370	50.8	119	0.50
$\sqrt{y} > 0.45$	0.59	4290	9.7	0.67	44	5.4	10	0.1
$ y_1 - y_2  < 1.2$	0.45	2791	8.0	0.52	24	3.2	5.8	0.06
$ p_{T1} - p_{T2}  / (p_{T1} + p_{T2}) < 0.15$	0.44	2776	7.8	0.51	24	3.2	5.74	0.054
$WZ$ selection	0.21	28.7	0.18	0.25	0.83	0.01	0.22	0.0005
$WZ$ selection, $1.9 < m_{JJ} < 2.1$ TeV	0.14	0.33	0.002	0.04	0.01	0.0002	0.002	0.00001

TABLE I: Cut-flow analysis for signal and SM background components. The selections follow the ATLAS publication and the cross-sections are given in fb.

## But reconstruction algorithm can also seize to work in signal region

- Why start with R=1.2 jets when searching for W/Z with 1-2 TeV p<sub>T</sub>?

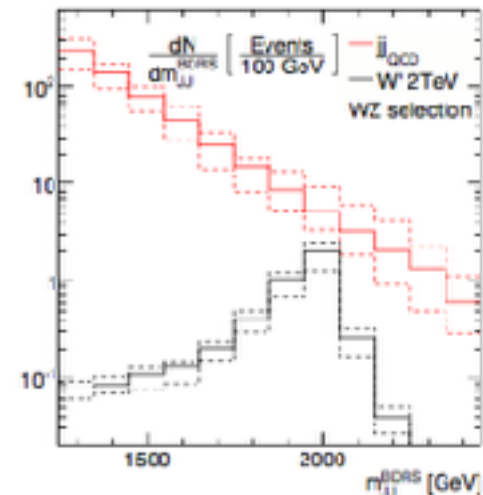
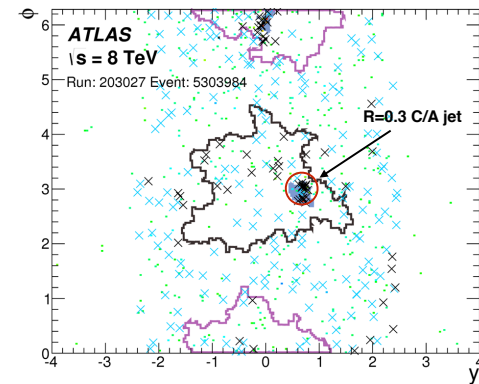
$$\Delta R_{q\bar{q}} \simeq \frac{2m_W}{p_T} \simeq 0.12 \dots 0.4$$

W/Z decay products in small area of detector

Jet absorbs lots of radiation from diff. sources

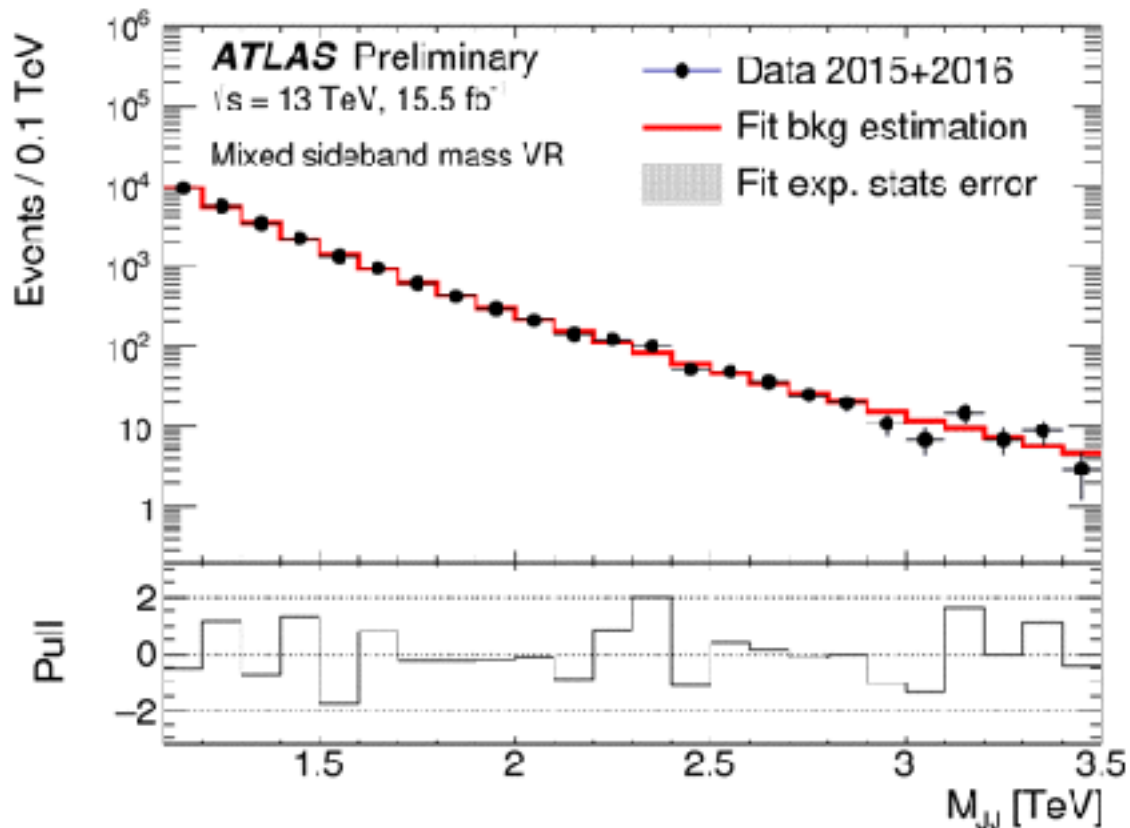
- Filtering step entirely ineffective for R=0.3 and n<sub>f</sub> = 1-3

- Mass-drop procedure compares varying number of topoclusters (energy uncertainties unknown)



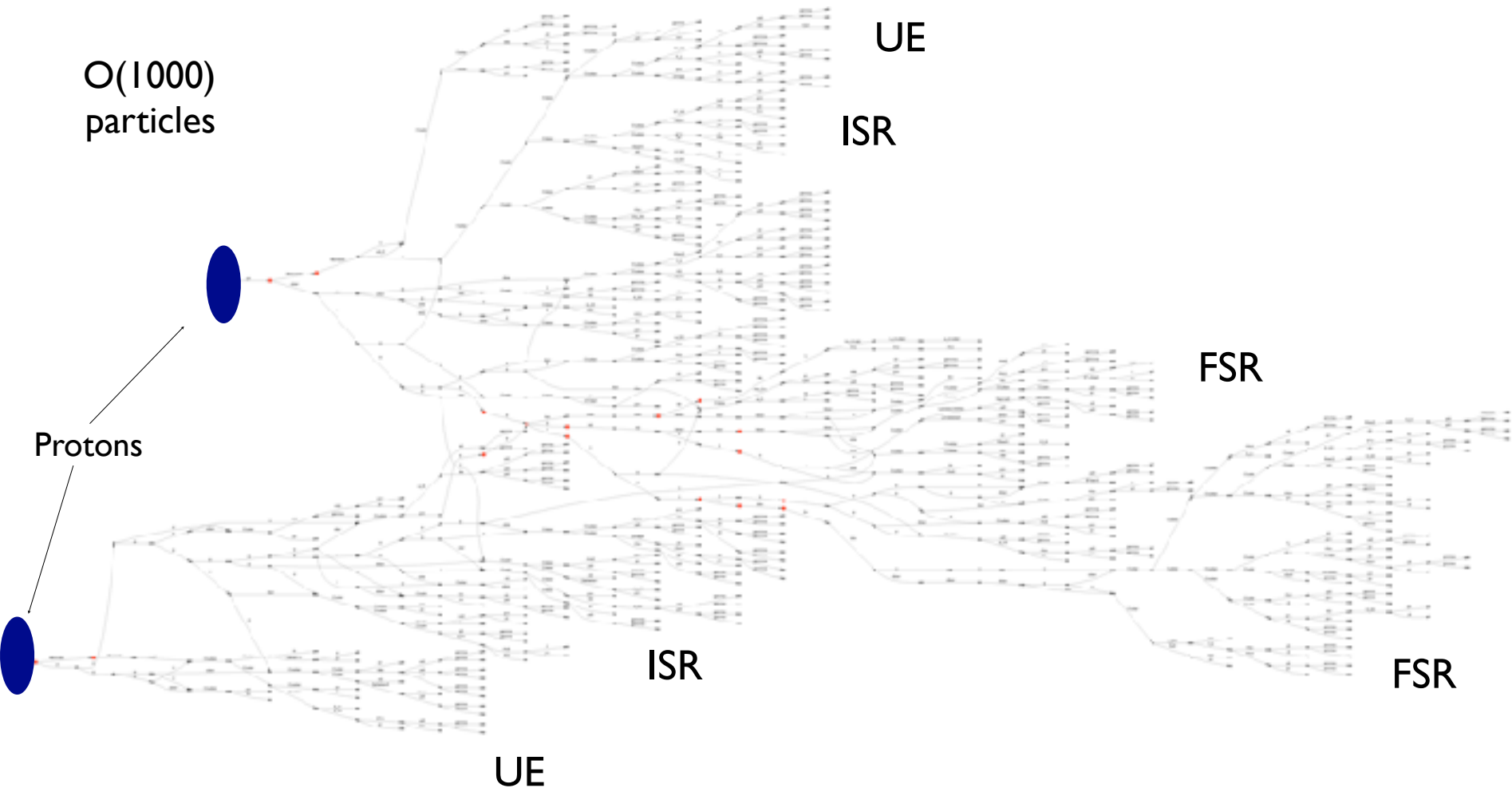
## End of the story:

- Tagging algorithm changed to D2 and resonance was not seen in 13 TeV runs...



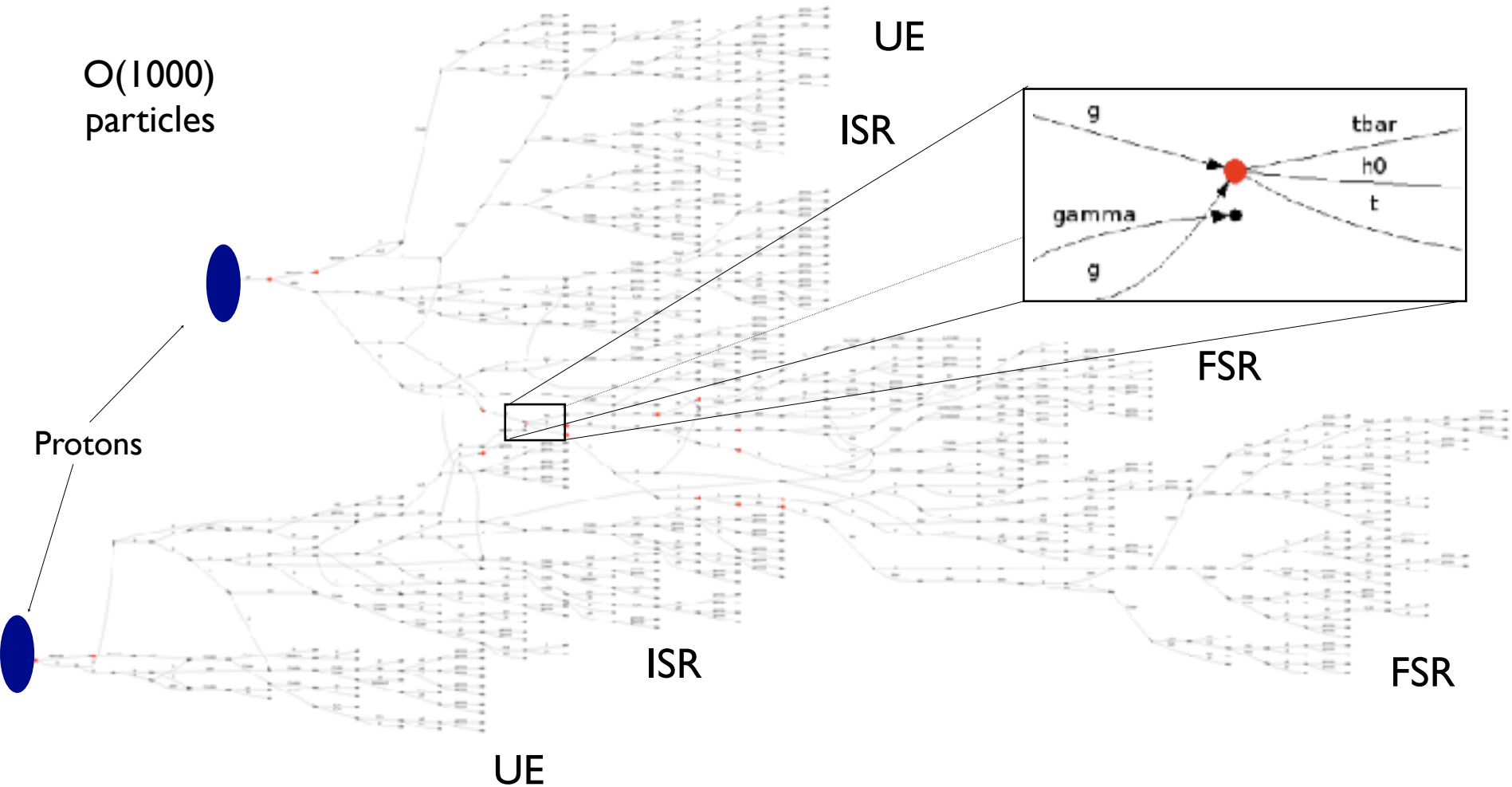


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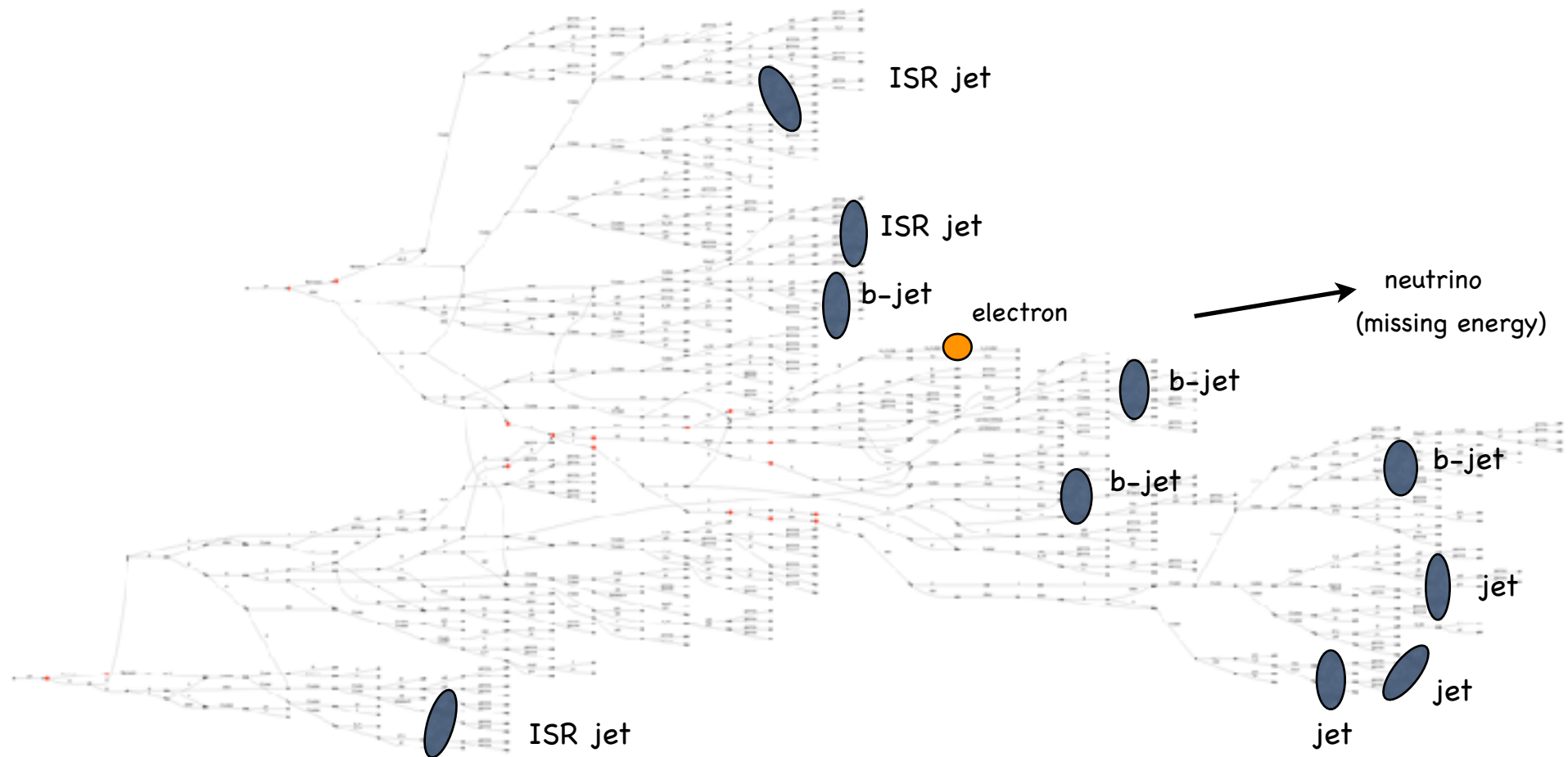
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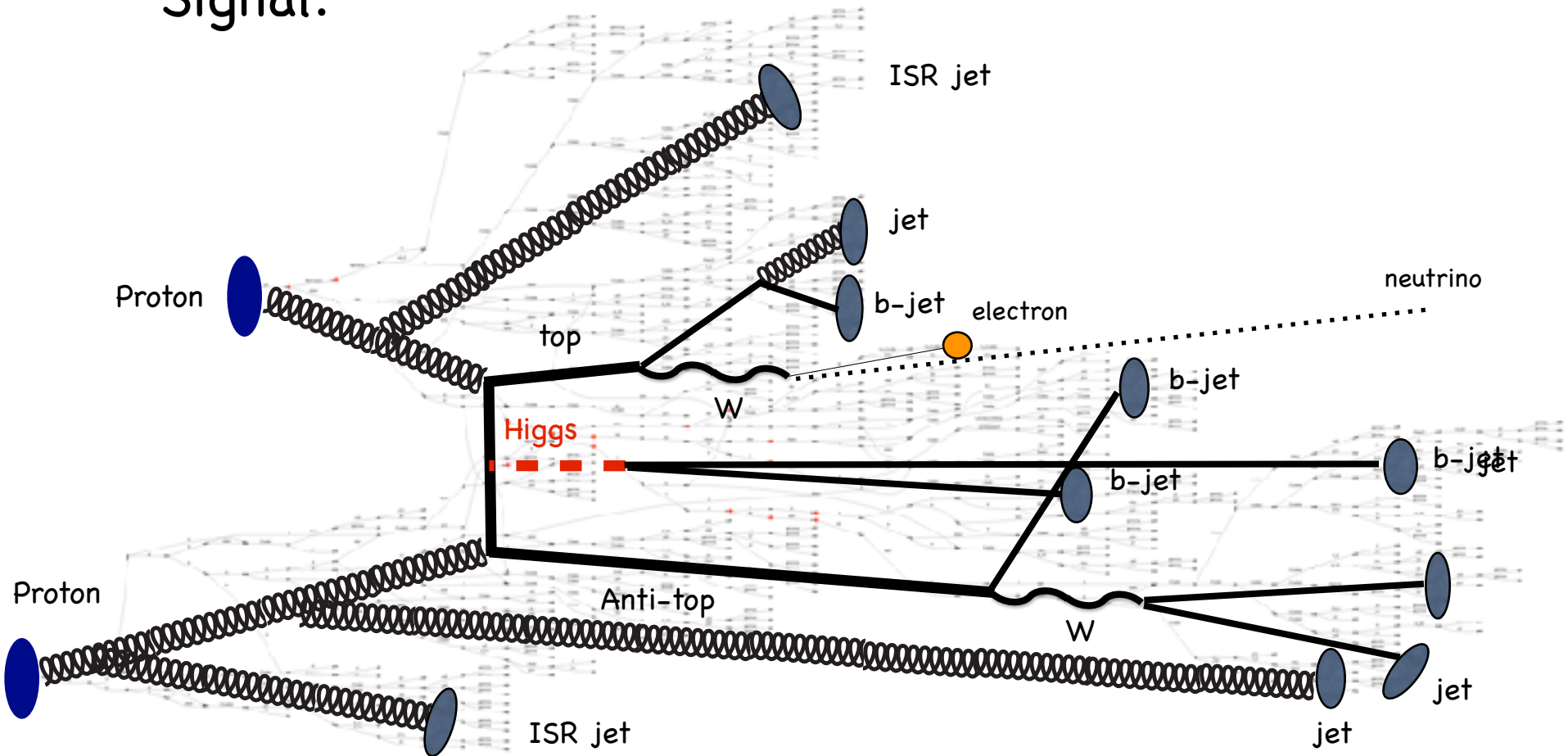
# Inverse Problem: Final state measured (`phase space point chosen`)





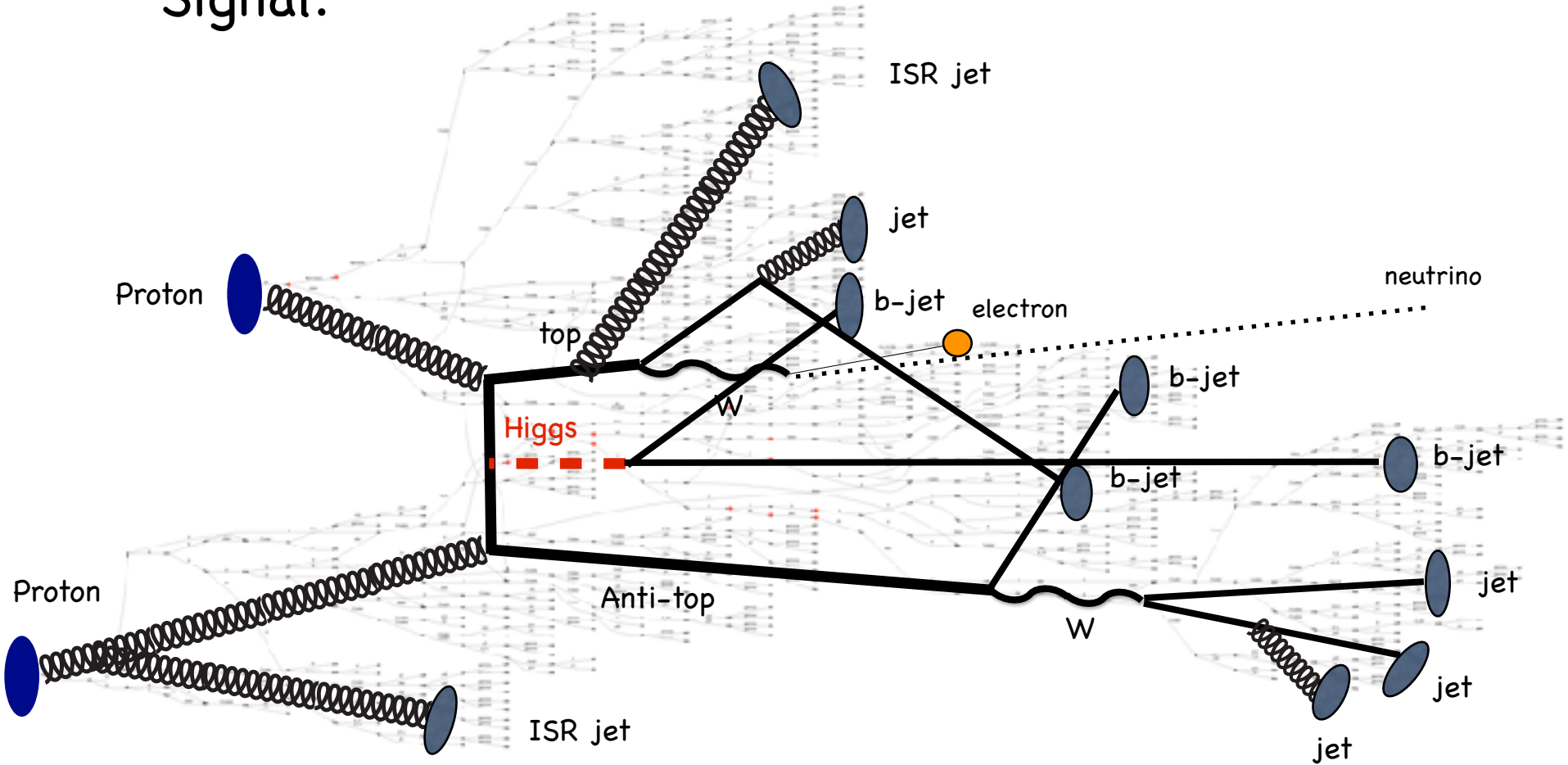
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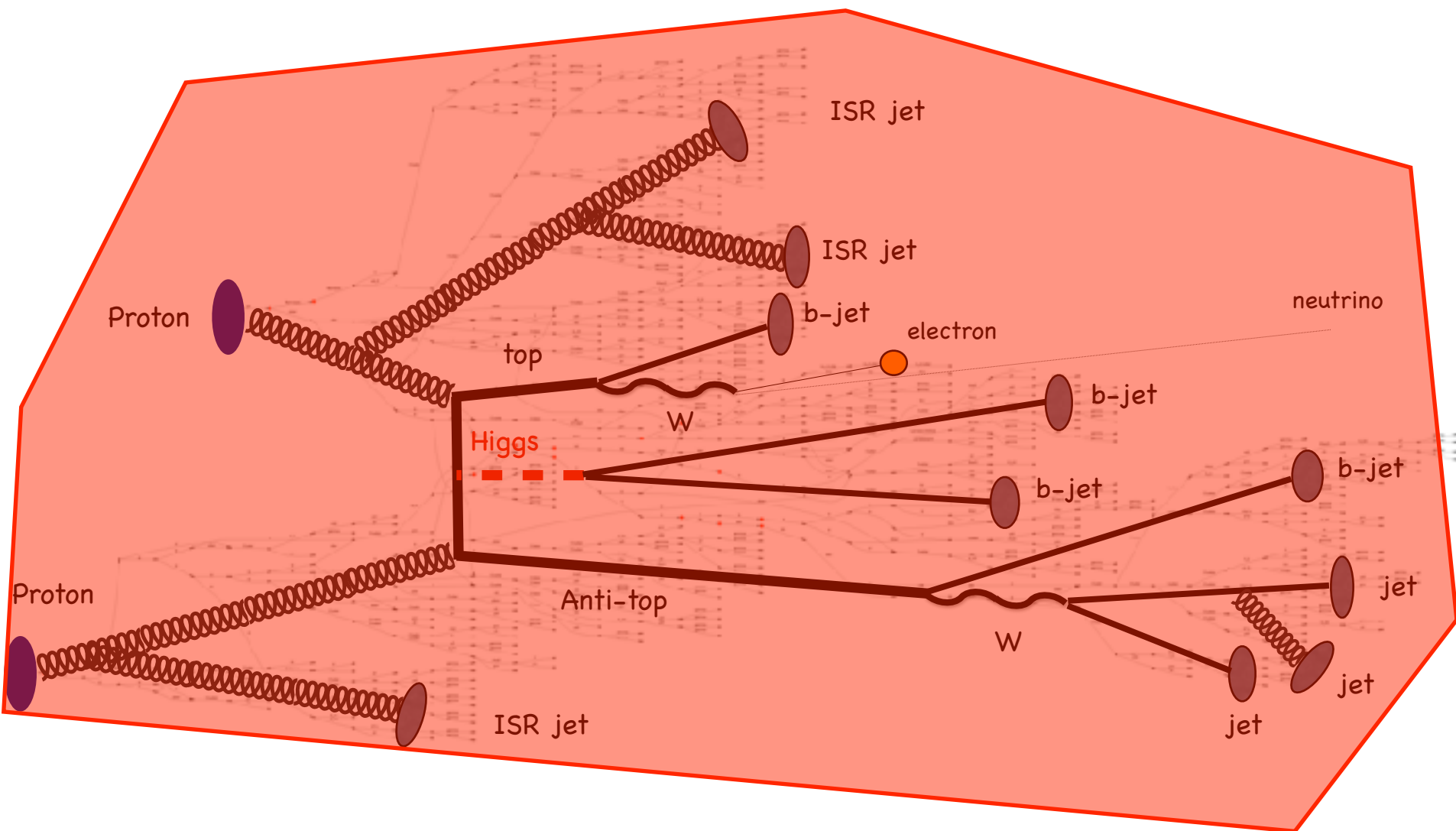
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Signal:





Ideally one would like to use all radiation related to hard process to discriminate signal from background





# Applications of Matrix Element Method:

- 1988 Rec. of events with MET [Kondo, J.Phys.Soc.Jap. (1988)]
- 1998 Anomalous gauge couplings [Diehl, Nachtmann Eur. Phys. J. C1 (1998)]
- 2005 top quark physics [Abazov et al., Nature (2004), D0 Collab.]  
[Abulencia et al., PRD 73 (2005), CDF Collab.]  
[Abazov et al., PLB 617 (2005), D0 Collab.]
- 2010 Automated implementation in MadWeight  
[Artoisenet et al, JHEP 1012 (2010)]

Plenty of recent applications in Higgs physics:

- $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  [Cranmer, Plehn EPJC 51 (2007)]
- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  [Soper, MS PRD 84 (2011)]
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  [Andersen, Englert, MS PRD 84 (2013)]
- $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$  [Artoisenet et al. PRL 111 (2013)]
- $H \rightarrow ZZ^*/WW^*/Z\gamma$  [Campbell et al JHEP 1211 (2012)]  
[Freitas et al PRD 88 (2013)] [Campbell et al PRD 87 (2013)]
- Spin/Parity [Avery, et al. PRD 87 (2013)] [Gao et al. PRD 81 (2010)]

## The matrix element method in a nutshell:

Given a theoretical assumption  $\alpha$ , attach a weight  $P(\mathbf{x}, \alpha)$  to each experimental event  $\mathbf{x}$  quantifying the validity of the theoretical assumption  $\alpha$  for this event.

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \alpha) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d\phi(\mathbf{y}) |M_\alpha|^2(\mathbf{y}) W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

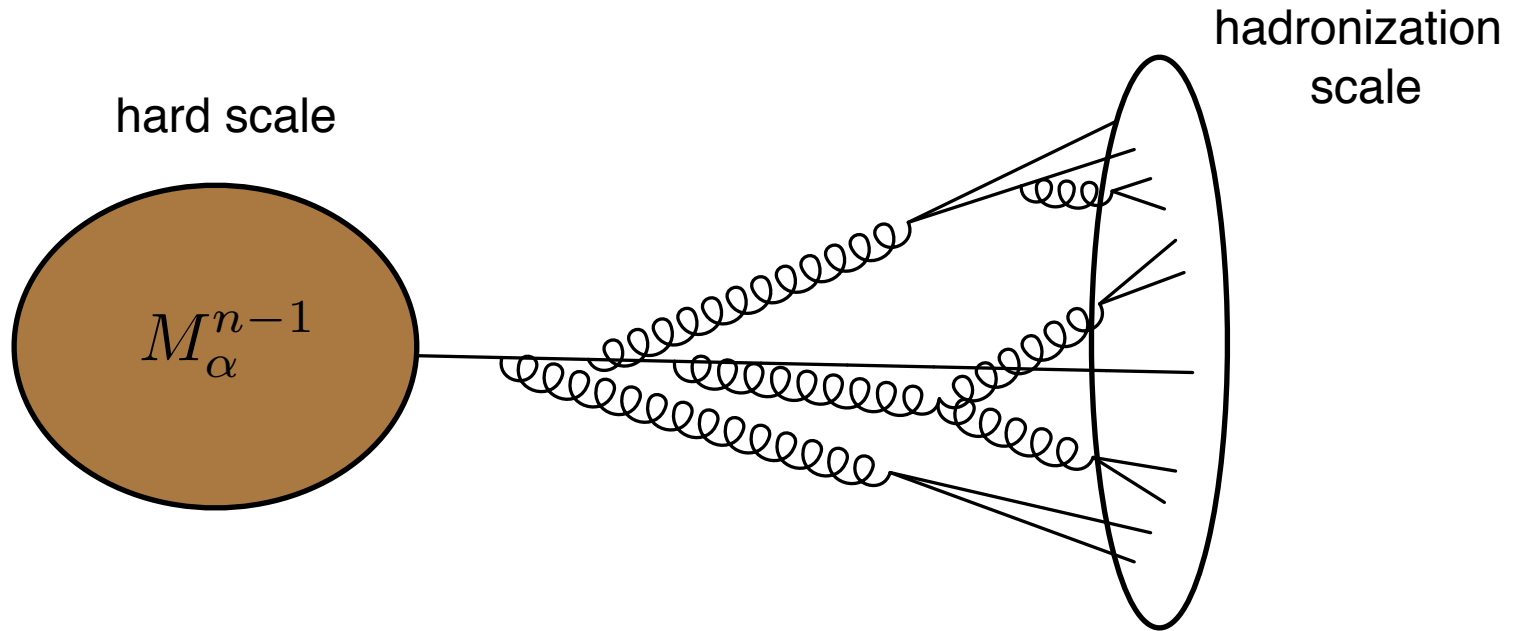
$|M_\alpha|^2$  is squared matrix element

$W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is the resolution or transfer function

$d\phi(\mathbf{y})$  is the parton-level phase-space measure

The value of the weight  $P(\mathbf{x}, \alpha)$  is the probability to observe the experimental event  $\mathbf{x}$  in the theoretical frame  $\alpha$

Purpose of the transfer function is to match jets to partons



Probability density function:  $\int d\mathbf{y} W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 1$

The form of the transfer function:

$$W(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \approx \prod_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{E,i}} e^{-\frac{(E_i^{rec} - E_i^{gen})^2}{2\sigma_{E,i}^2}}$$

resolution in

Energy

$$\times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\phi,i}} e^{-\frac{(\phi_i^{rec} - \phi_i^{gen})^2}{2\sigma_{\phi,i}^2}}$$

azimuthal angle

$$\times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{y,i}} e^{-\frac{(y_i^{rec} - y_i^{gen})^2}{2\sigma_{y,i}^2}}$$

rapidity

Complex, high-dimensional gaussian distribution!

Transfer function introduces new peaks on top of propagators

## Subtleties of the convolution $|M(y)|^2 \times W(y, x)$

### 1) $|M(y)|^2$

- Can be calculated at different order in pert. series (LO, NLO)
- Final state multiplicity fixed (exclusive process)
- Some kinematic configurations induce large logs (need resummation)

### 2) $W(y, x)$

- Number of final state objects limited to exclusive process
- Integration very time consuming  $\rightarrow$  limits final state multiplicity
- Transfer function fit dependent (input from experiment)

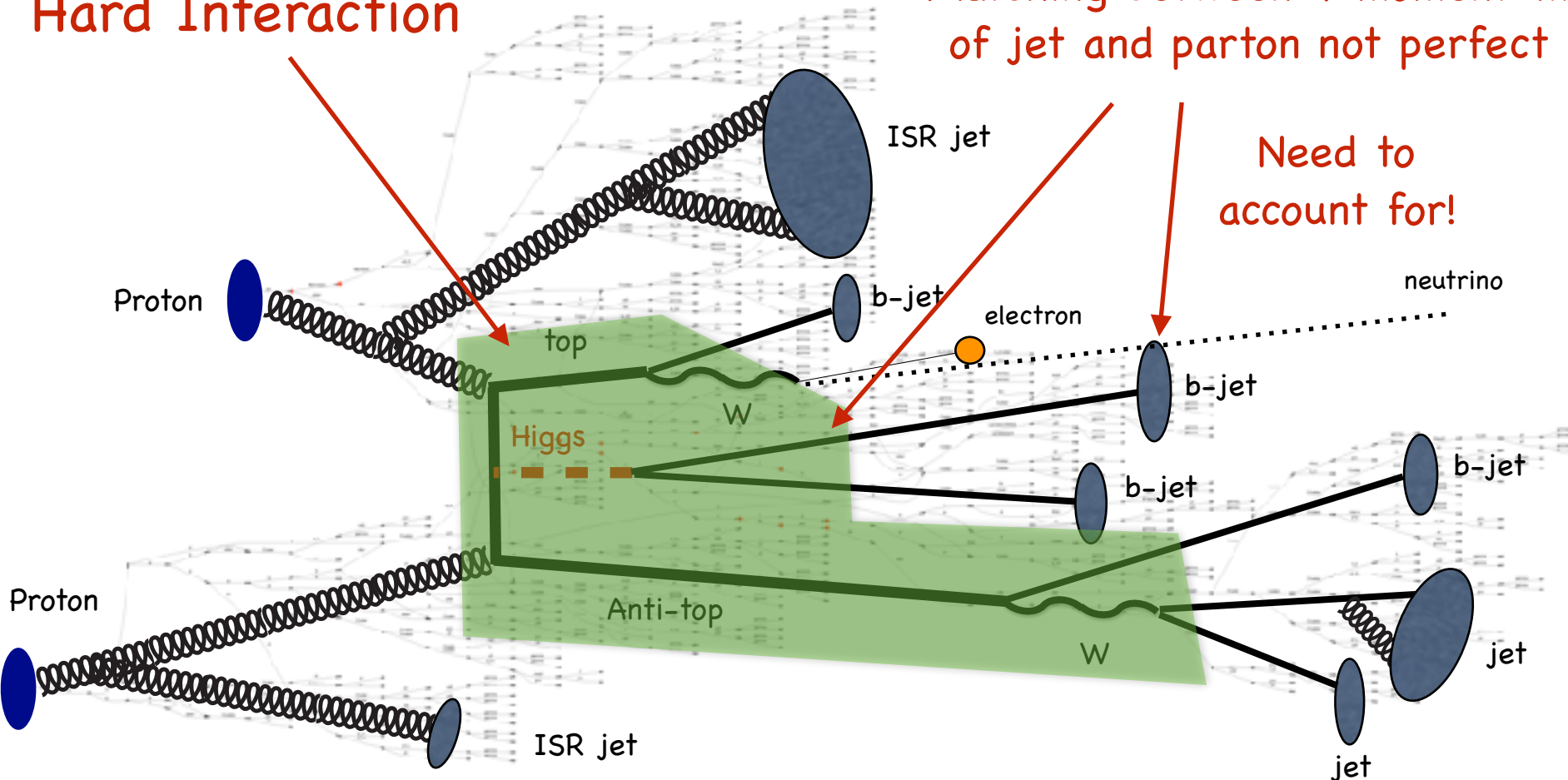
# tth: di-lepton vs semileptonic channel

[Artoisenet et al. PRL 111 (2013)]

Hard Interaction

Matching between 4-momentum of jet and parton not perfect

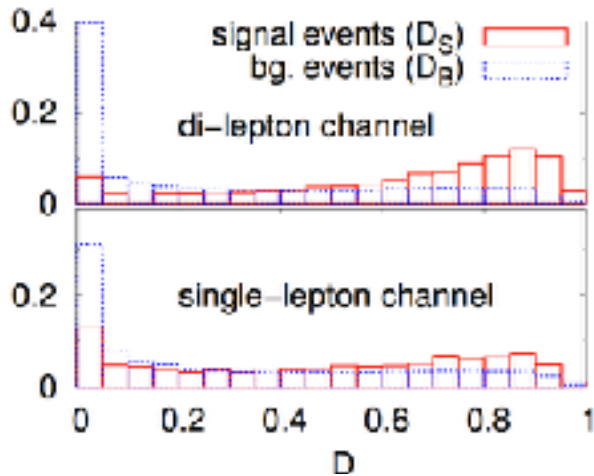
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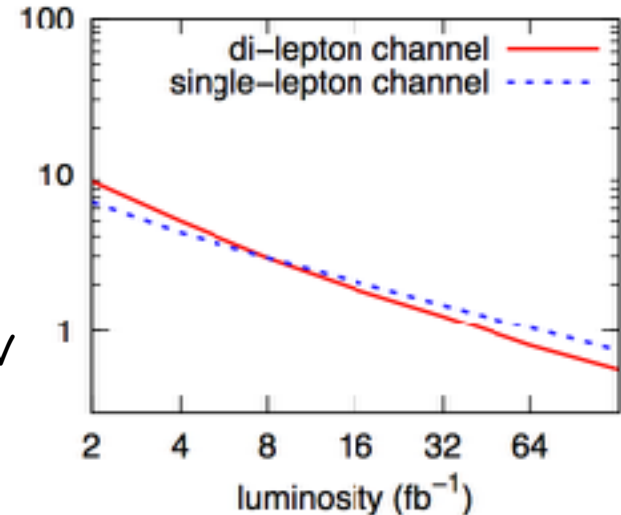
- Analysis with 4 b-jets and std reconstruction as input to MEM
- Full integration over invisible particles

process	incl. $\sigma$	efficiency	$\sigma^{\text{dec}}$
$t\bar{t}h$ , single-lepton	111 fb	0.0485	5.37 fb
$t\bar{t}h$ , di-lepton	17.7 fb	0.0359	0.634 fb
$t\bar{t}$ +jets, single-lepton	256 pb	$0.463 \times 10^{-3}$	119 fb
$t\bar{t}$ +jets, di-lepton	40.9 pb	$0.168 \times 10^{-3}$	6.89 fb



Projection at 14 TeV

$$D_i = \frac{P(x_i|S)}{P(x_i|S) + P(x_i|B)}$$



- Using Matrix Element Method di-lepton channel as sensitive than single-lepton channel

- However, single-lepton channel uses standard input, **boosted region not captured** [Plehn, Salam, MS PRL 104 (2009)]

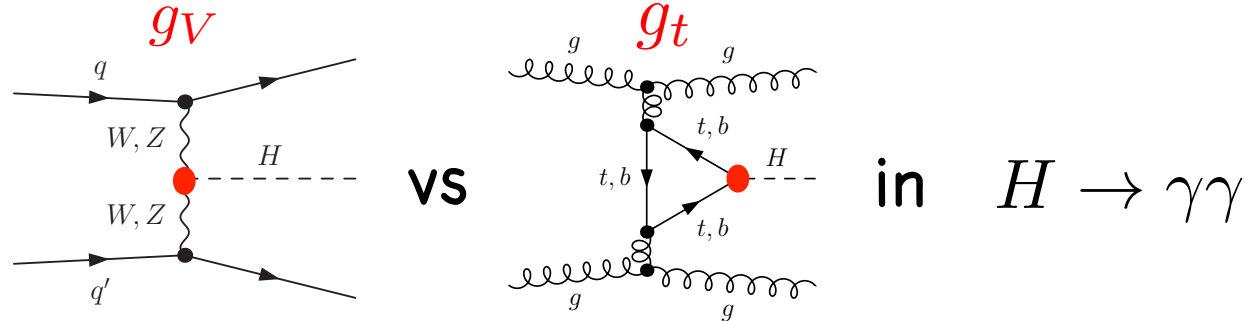
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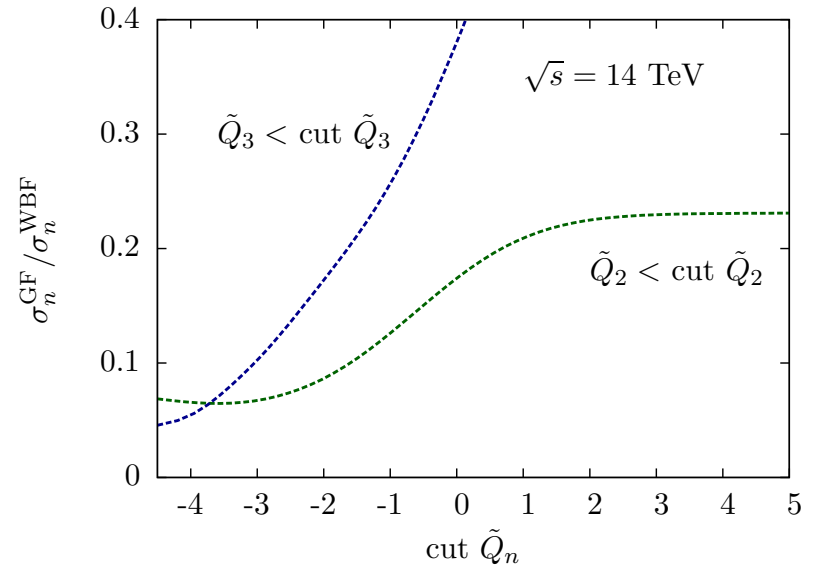
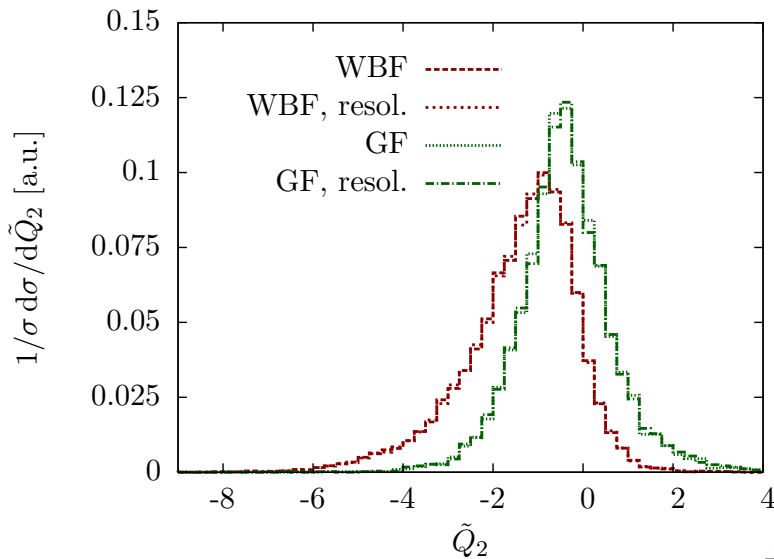
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Example

[Andersen, Englert,  
MS PRD 84 (2013)]



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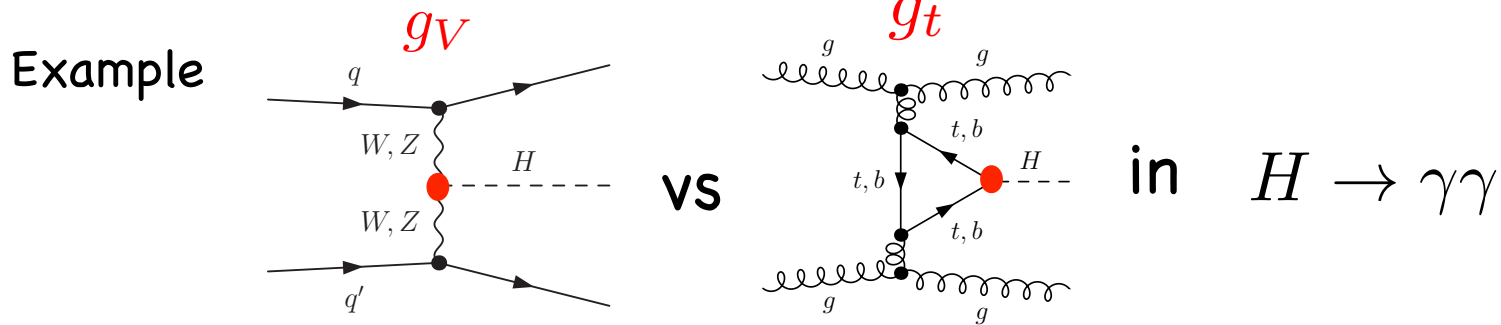
$$\tilde{Q}_n = -\log \left[ \frac{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{WBF}}(pp \rightarrow (h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)j^n)|^2}{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{GF}}(pp \rightarrow (h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)j^n)|^2} \right]$$



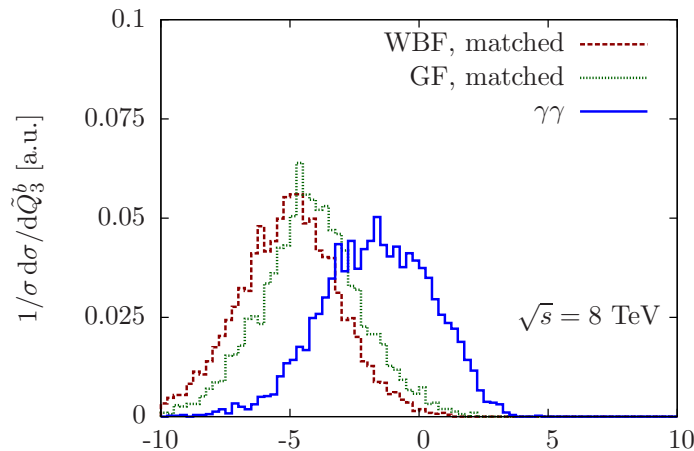
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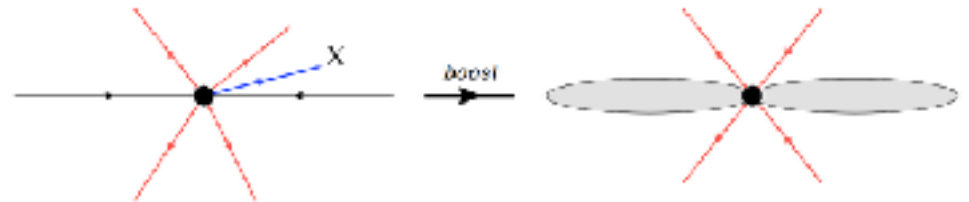
$S/B \nearrow 100\%$

$$\tilde{Q}_n^b(p_1^\gamma, p_2^\gamma, \{p_n^j\}) = -\log \left[ \frac{\{|\mathcal{M}^{\text{WBF}}(pp \rightarrow (h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)j^n)|^2 + |\mathcal{M}^{\text{GF}}(pp \rightarrow (h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)j^n)|^2\}}{|\mathcal{M}^{2\gamma}(pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma j^n)|^2} \right]$$

# After removing transfer function we can improve on precision of matrix element $|M(y)|^2$

Matrix element method at NLO: [Campbell, Giele, Williams JHEP 1211 (2012)]

Boost along transverse and longitudinal direction such that LO final state multiplicity momenta balance



↳ Born phase space, but long. boost not unique, need longitud. integration

$$\mathcal{P}_{NLO}^{MEM}(\{Q_n\}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{NLO}} \int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} dx_1 \mathcal{P}_{NLO}(\Phi_B)$$

↳ Calculate virtual for born topology  
real for jet function

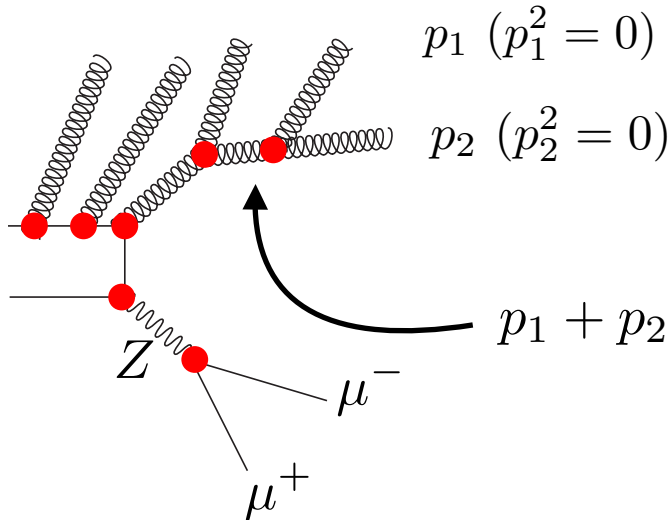
$$\eta_j^{lab,i} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{x_a^2 s_{ib}}{s_{ab} s_{ai}} \right)$$

↳ Application to H→4l  
(boost easier to identify)

sensitivity LO vs NLO improvement ~ 10%

## Parton shower in a nutshell

The parton shower bridges the gap from the hard interaction scale down to the hadronization scale  $O(1)$  GeV



partons from the hard interaction emit other partons (gluons and quarks)

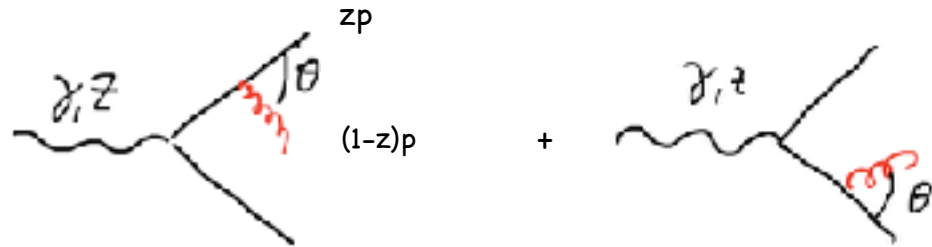
These emissions are enhanced if they are collinear and/or soft with respect to the emitting parton

Probability enhanced in soft and collinear region due to  $\sim 1/(p_1 + p_2)^2$

- If  $p_1 \rightarrow 0$ , then  $1/(p_1 + p_2)^2 \rightarrow \infty$
- If  $p_2 \rightarrow 0$ , then  $1/(p_1 + p_2)^2 \rightarrow \infty$
- If  $p_2 \rightarrow \lambda p_1$ , then  $1/(p_1 + p_2)^2 \rightarrow \infty$

# Example

$e^+ e^- \rightarrow 3 \text{ jets}$



Collinear limit:

$$d\sigma_{ee \rightarrow 3j} \approx \sigma_{ee \rightarrow 2j} \sum_{j \in \{q, \bar{q}\}} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_{jg}^2}{\theta_{jg}^2} P(z)$$

$$P_{q \rightarrow qg} = C_F \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \quad P_{g \rightarrow gg} = C_A \frac{(1-z(1-z))^2}{z(1-z)} \quad P_{g \rightarrow q\bar{q}} = T_R n_f (z^2 + (1-z)^2)$$

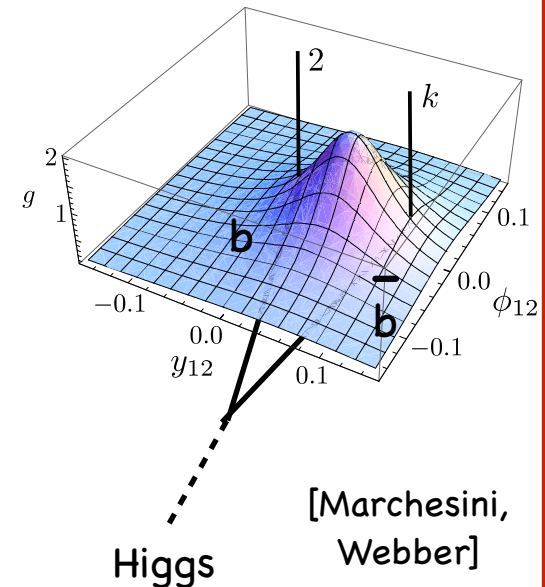
Soft limit:  $E_g \rightarrow 0$   $k^\mu \ll p_i^\mu$  the matrix element for

$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \bar{q} q g$  factorizes (Eikonal Current)

↓ dipole

$$|\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}}|^2 g_s^2 C_F \frac{2p_1 \cdot p_2}{p_1 \cdot k p_2 \cdot k}$$

In the large  $N_c$  limit most radiation occurs in a cone between colour partners



Factorization of emissions and Sudakov factors allow semiclassical approximation of quantum process:

Sudakov form factor:

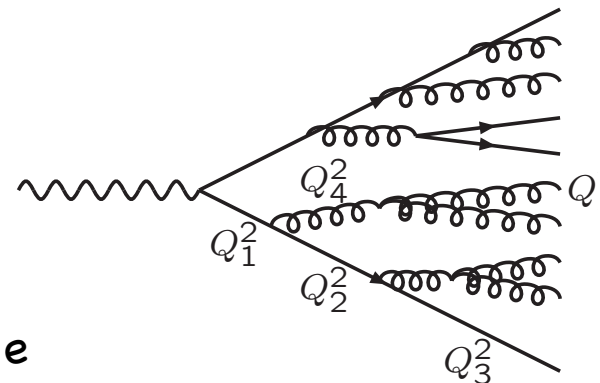
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\text{nothing}}(0 < t \leq T) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_{\text{nothing}}(T_i < t \leq T_{i+1}) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 - \mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(T_i < t \leq T_{i+1})) \\ &= \exp\left(-\int_0^T \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(t)}{dt} dt\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow d\mathcal{P}_{\text{first}}(T) = d\mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(T) \exp\left(-\int_0^T \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\text{something}}(t)}{dt} dt\right)$$

Sudakov form factor provides “time” ordering of shower:

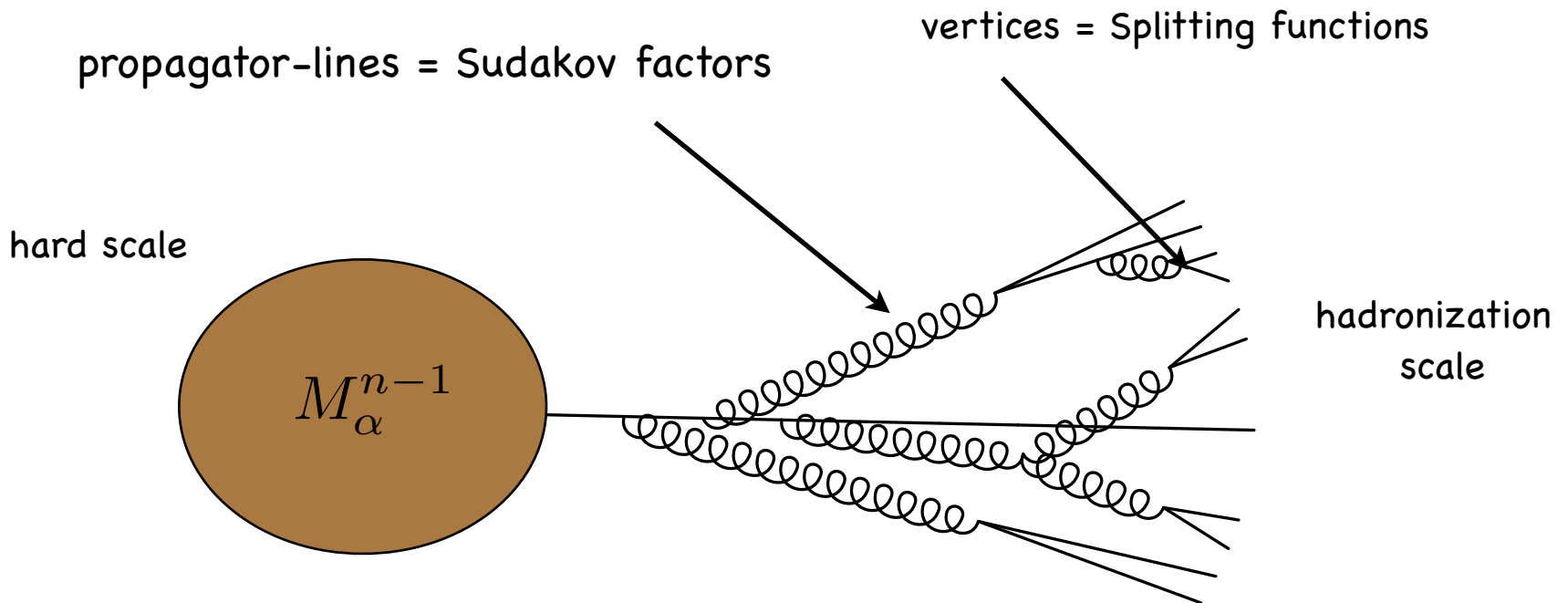
$$Q_1^2 > Q_2^2 > Q_3^2$$

low  $Q^2 \longleftrightarrow$  longer time



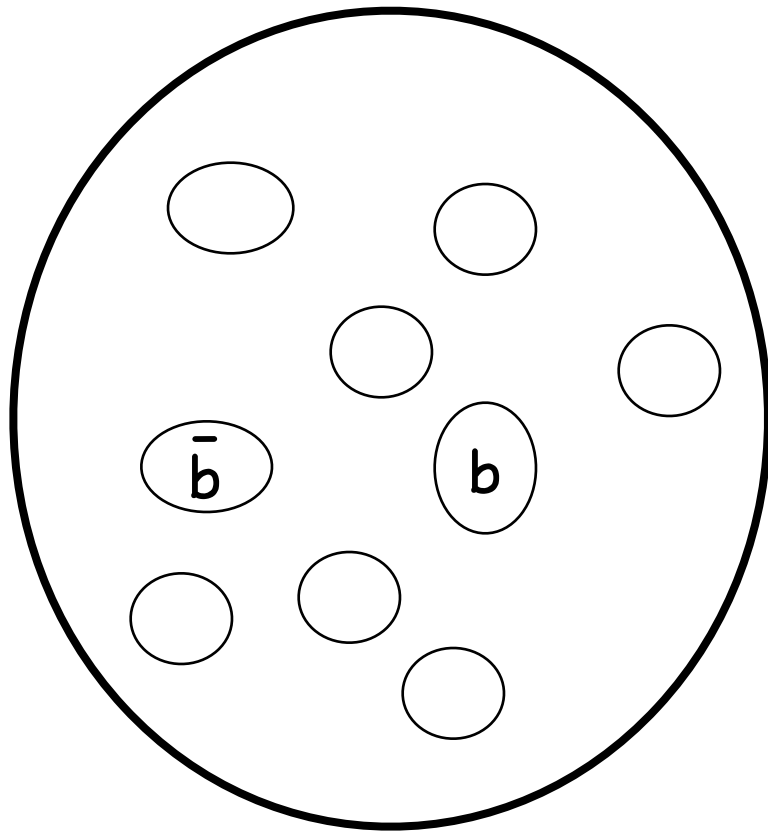
## In summary:

The probability weights in the evolution from the hard interaction scale to the hadronization scale are given by Sudakov factors and splitting functions.



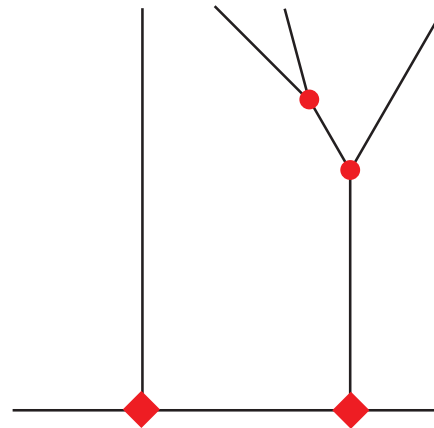
# Shower deconstruction = first-principal calculation for resummed MEM

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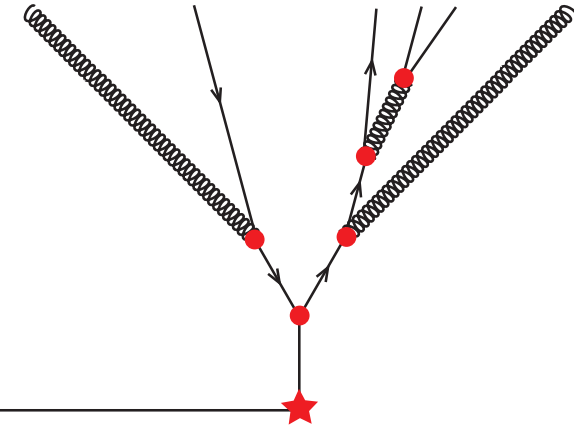


microjets

ISR/UE



hard interaction

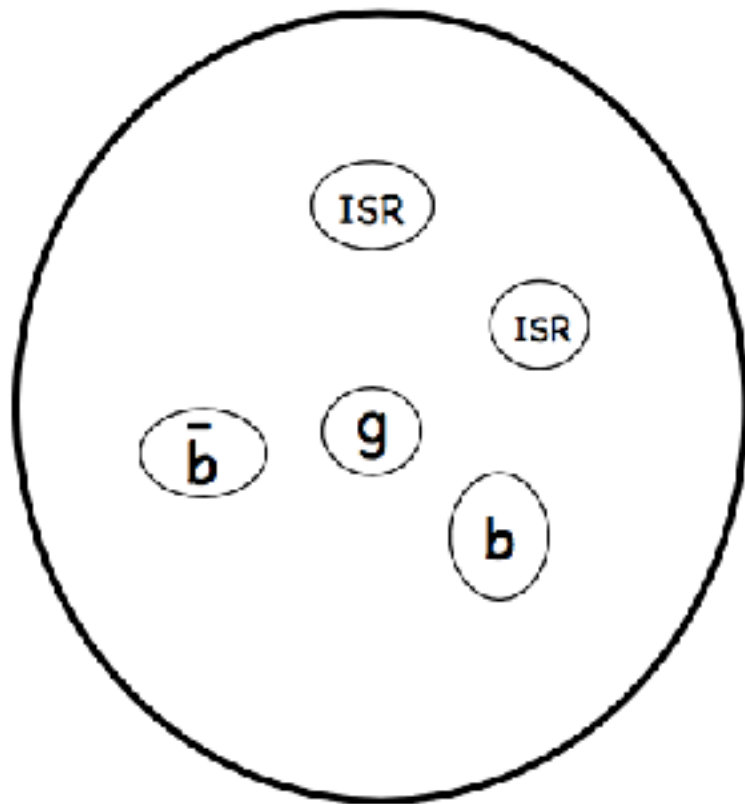


Build all possible shower histories

signal vs background hypothesis based on:

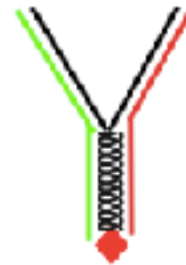
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- ▶ Kinematic requirements
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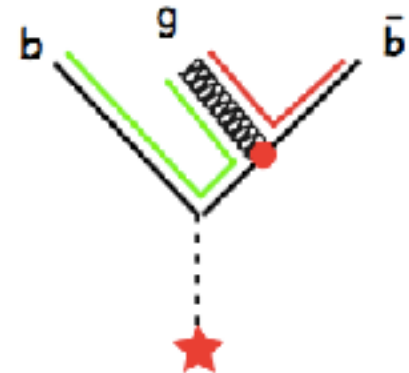


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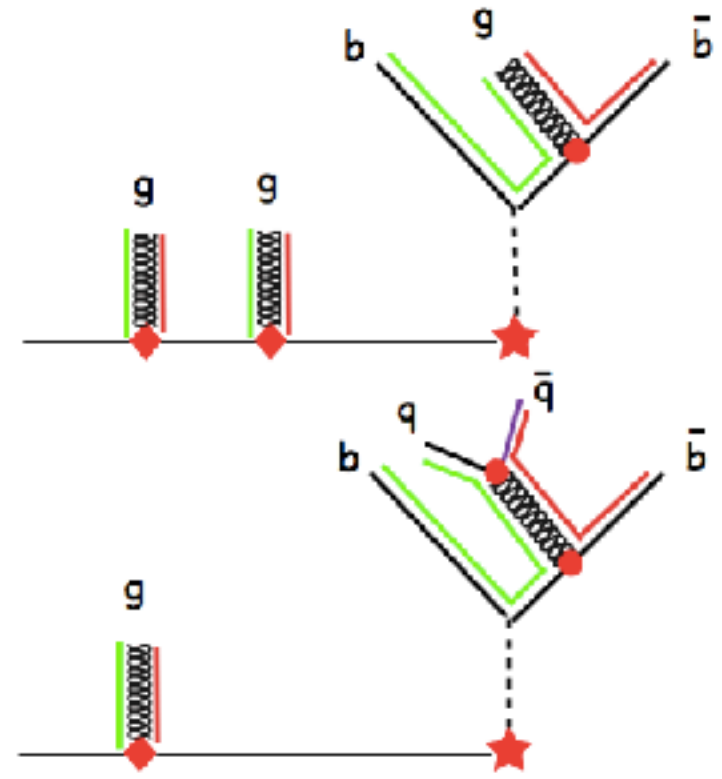
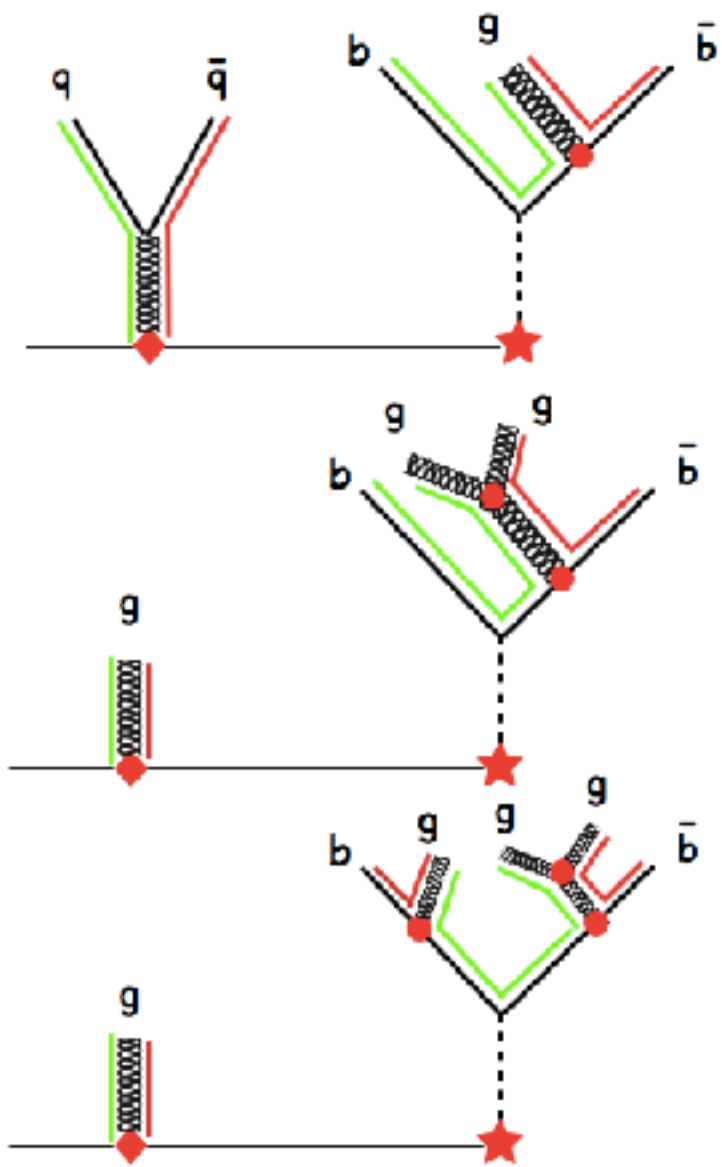
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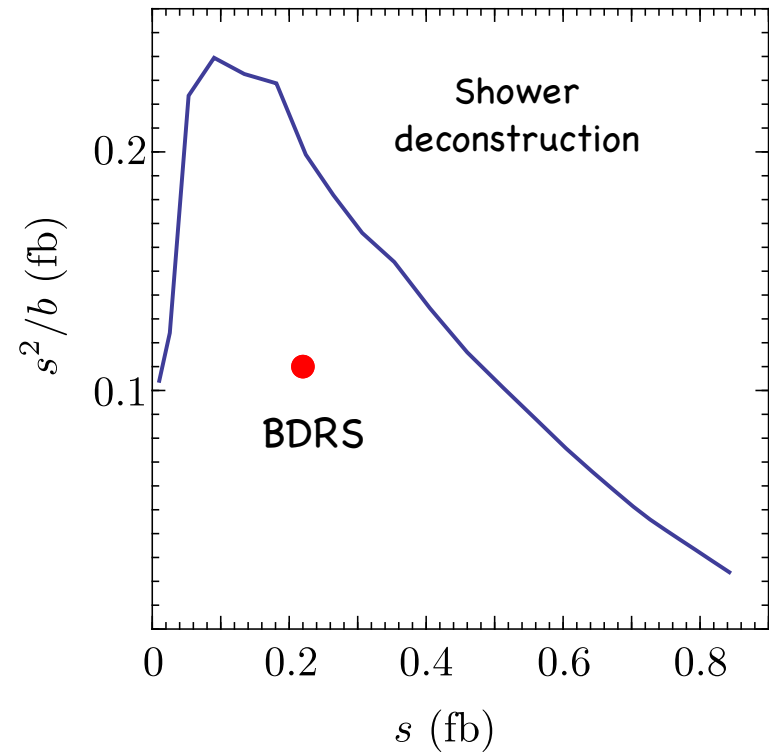
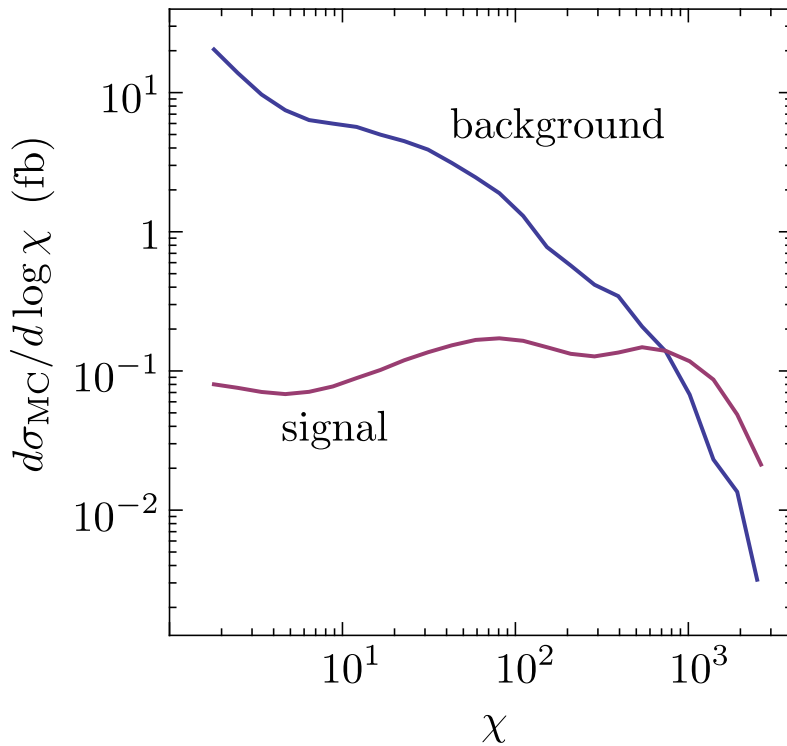




- And many more...
- And for all backgrounds...

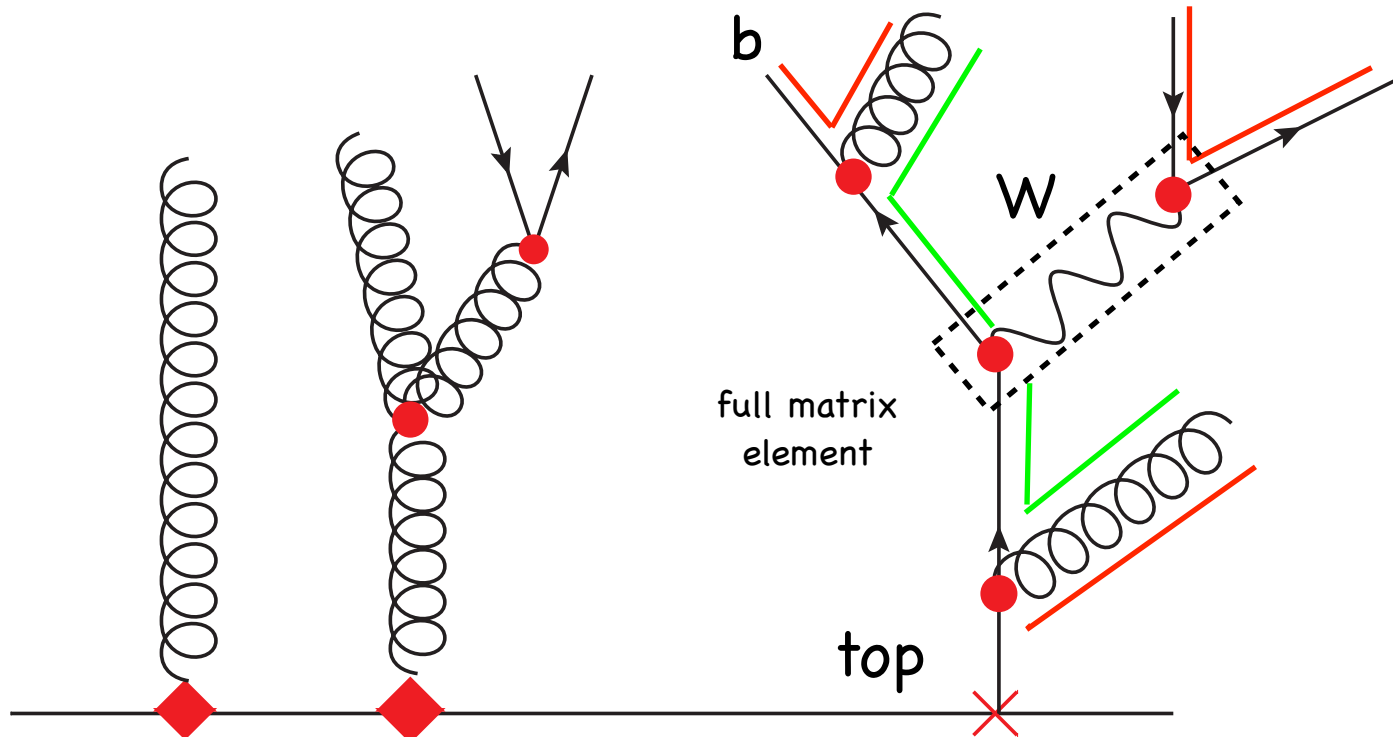
# Results for Higgs boson:

$$\chi(\{p, t\}_N) = \frac{P(\{p, t\}_N|S)}{P(\{p, t\}_N|B)}$$



imperfect b-tagging (60%,2%) no b-tag required

Analogously for the top decay (more involved as top colored)



Conceptual difference compared to Higgs from last year:

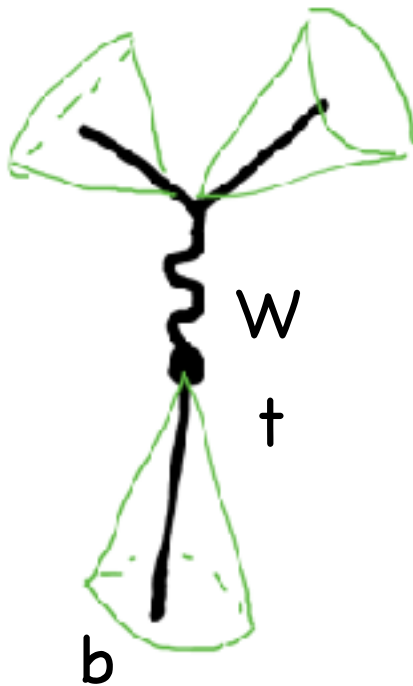
- Splitting functions for massive emitter and spectator
- Full matrix element for top decay

$$\chi(\{p, t\}_N) = \frac{P(\{p, t\}_N | S)}{P(\{p, t\}_N | B)} = \frac{\sum_{\text{histories}} H_{ISR} \cdots \sum_{\text{histories}} |\mathcal{M}|^2 H_{\text{top}} e^{-S_{t_1}} H_{t_g}^s e^{-S_g} \cdots}{\sum_{\text{histories}} H_{ISR} \cdots \sum_{\text{histories}} H_g^b e^{S_g} H_{ggg} \cdots}$$

# Different scenarios based on pT vs mass

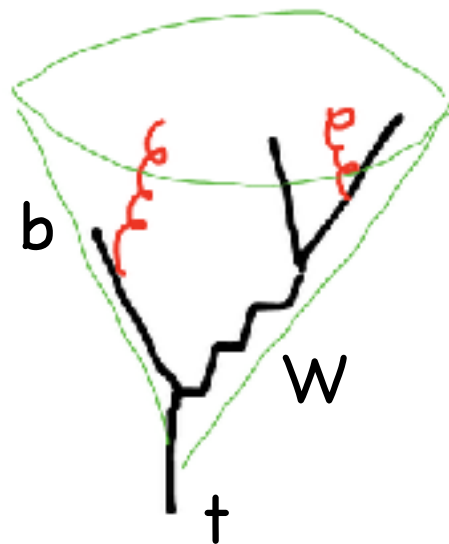
Scenario 1

$$m_{t\bar{t}} \simeq 2 m_t$$



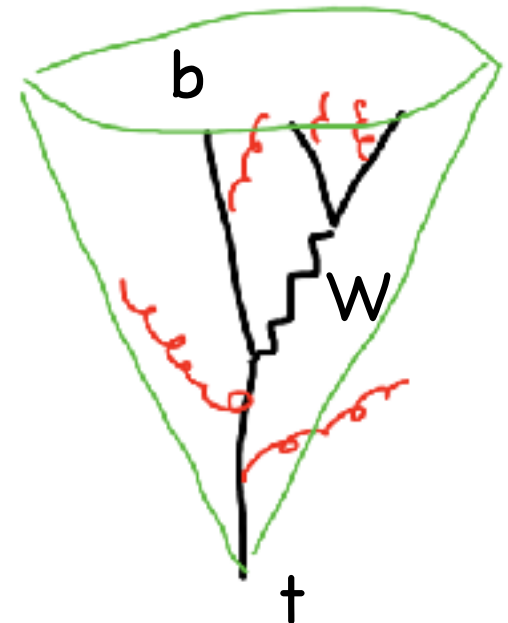
Scenario 2

$$m_{t\bar{t}} > 2 m_t$$



Scenario 3

$$m_{t\bar{t}} \gg 2 m_t$$

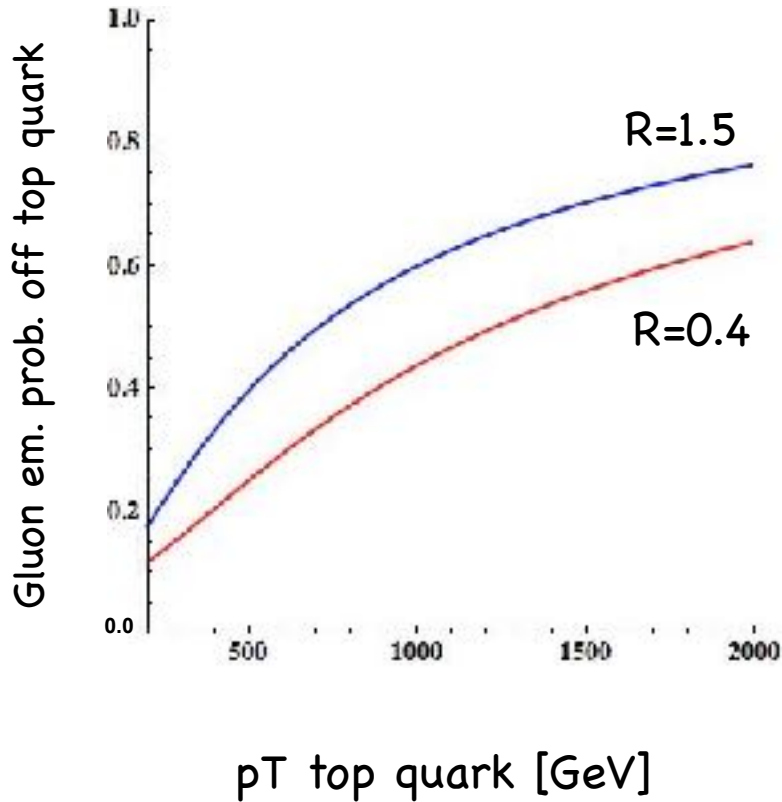


Standard (resolved) reconstruction focuses on Scenario 1

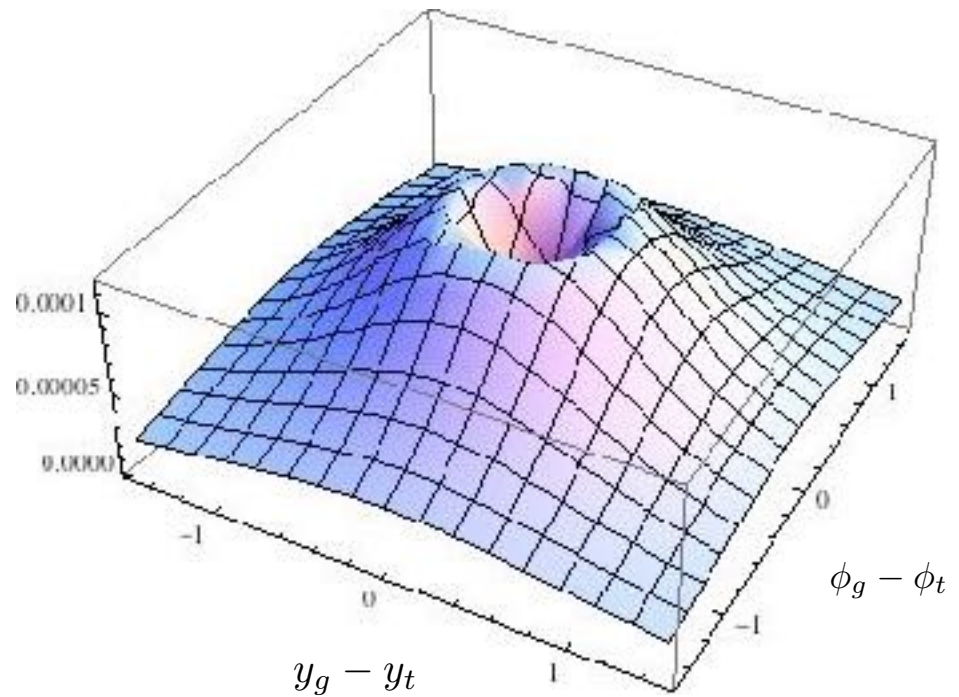
Physics cases require Scenarios 2 and 3 -> tagging for accelerated charges

# Characteristic radiation profiles for gluon emissions from tops

$$\mathcal{P} = 1 - e^{-S_{ttg}}$$



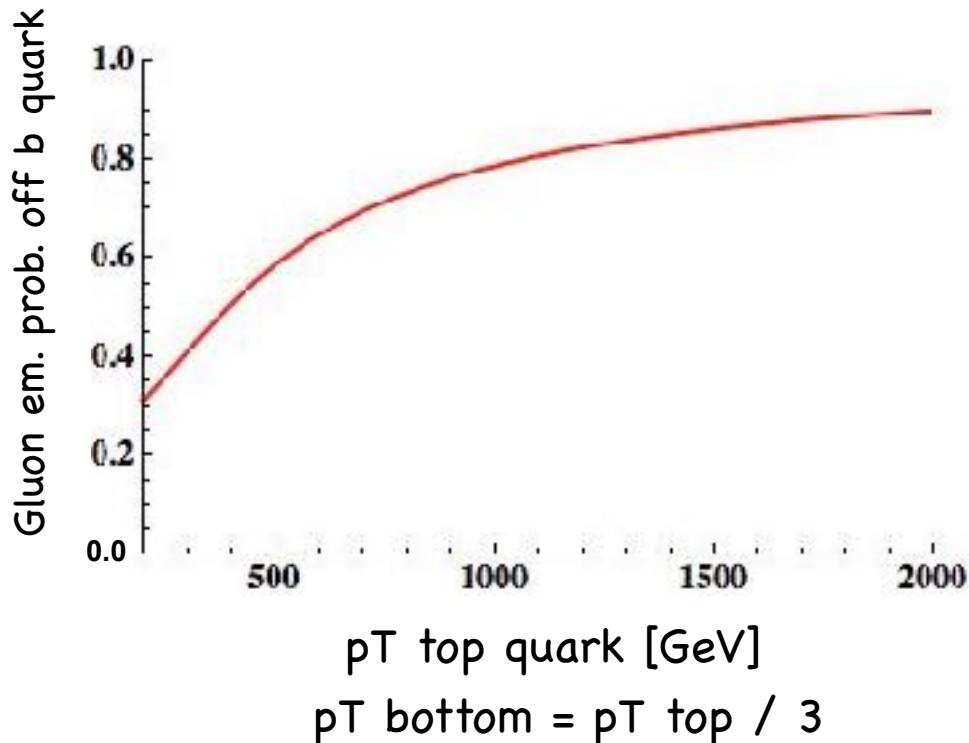
Dead region around top



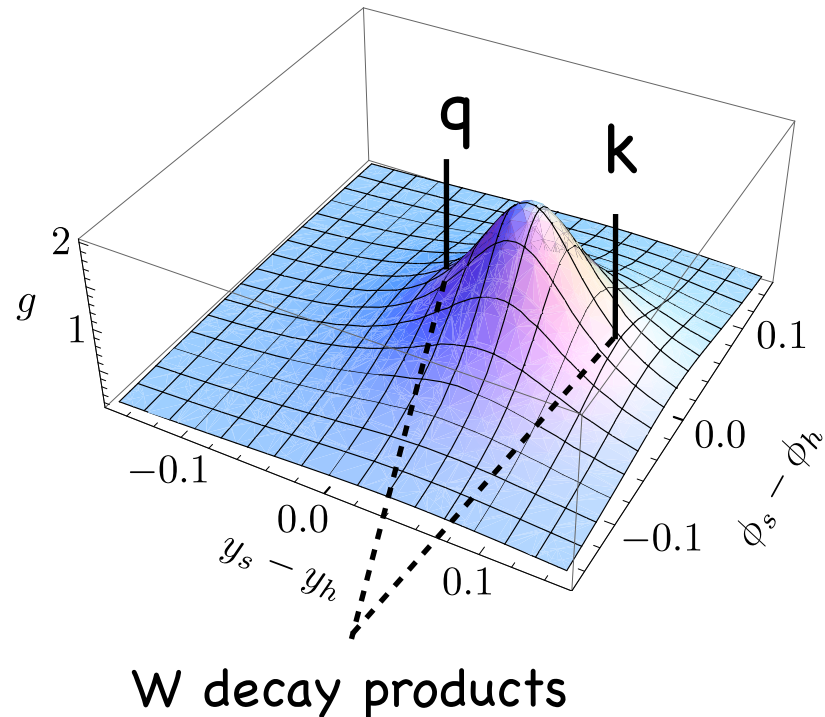
pT top 500 GeV, pT gluon 20 GeV

Radiation off bottom quark down to hadronization scale

$$\mathcal{P} = 1 - e^{-S_{bbg}}$$

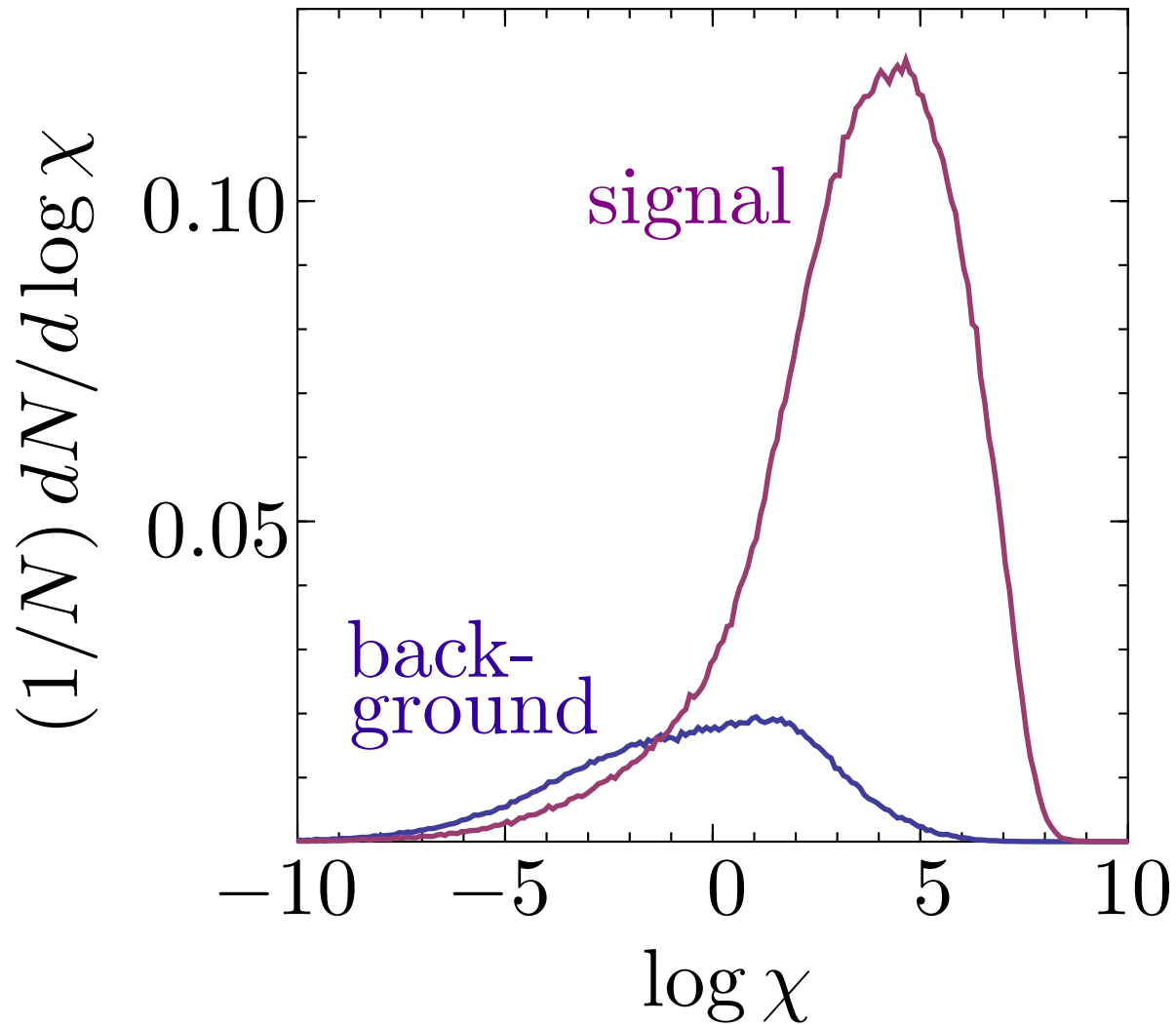


angular distribution for radiation off W decay products



**All calculated and build-in into shower/event deconstruction**

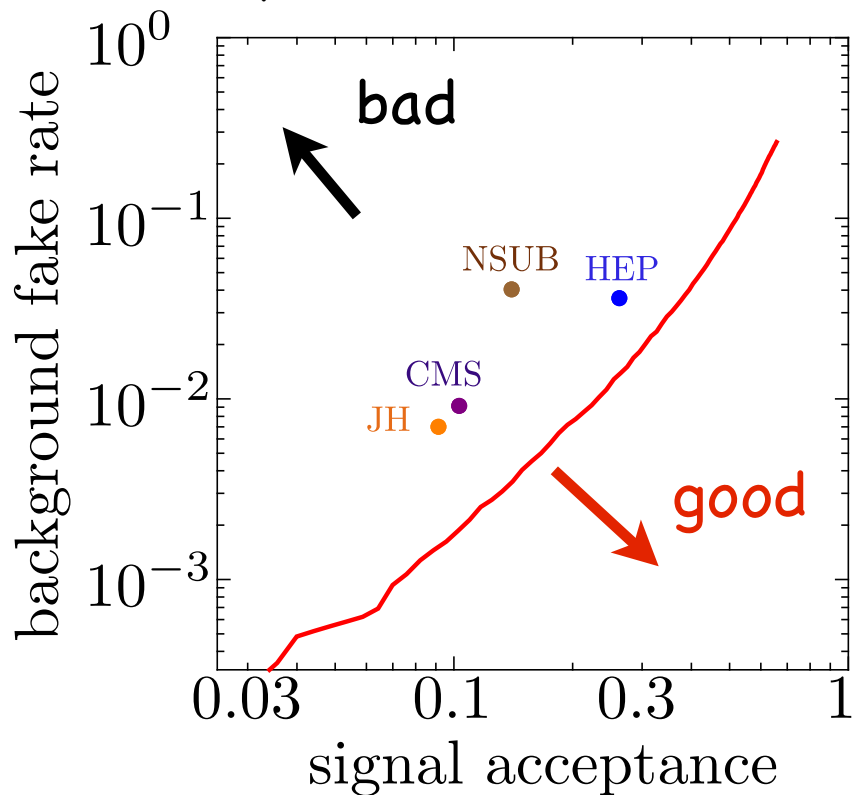
# chi distribution for top vs QCD



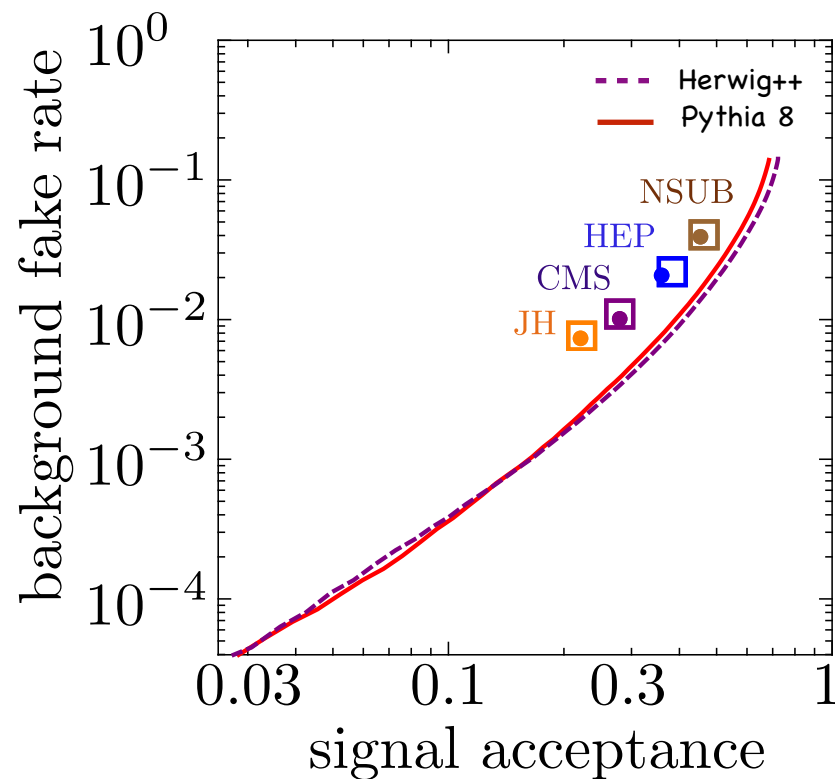


# Results for top quark tagging:

$p_{Tj} > 200 \text{ GeV}, R=1.5 \text{ CA}$

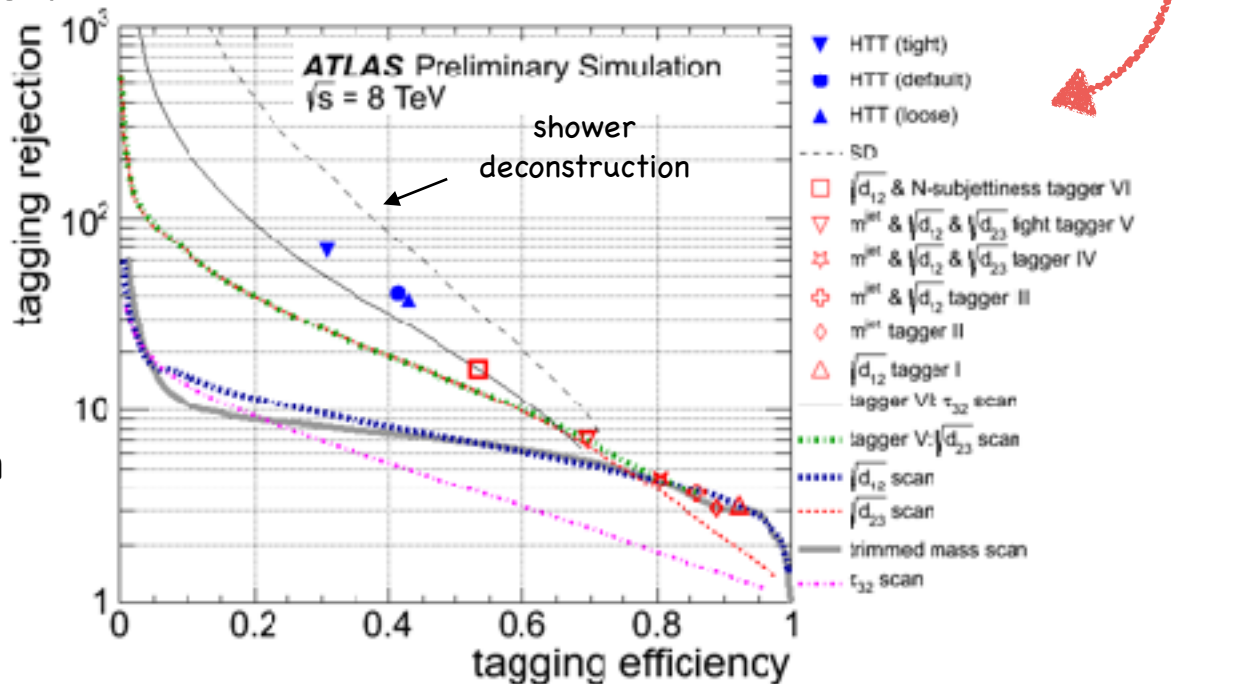
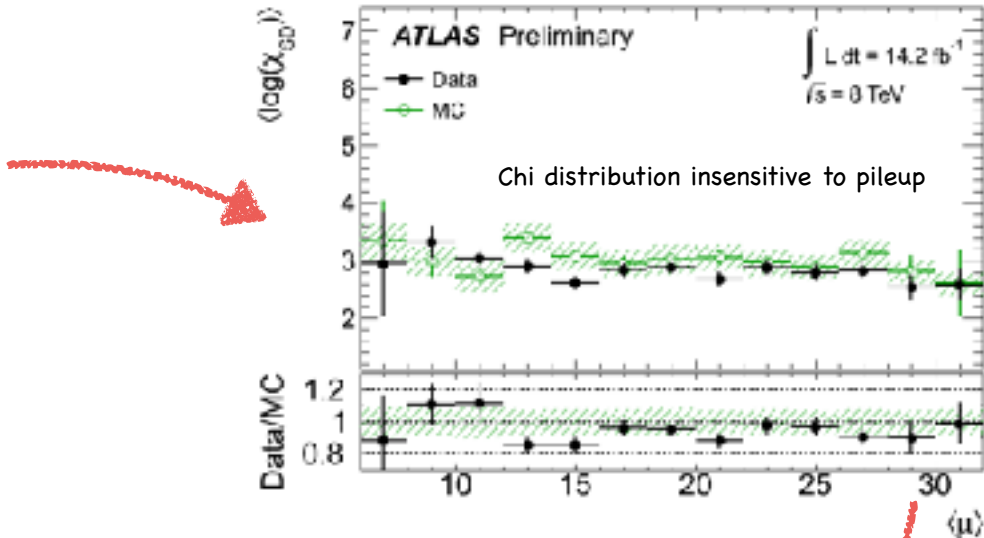
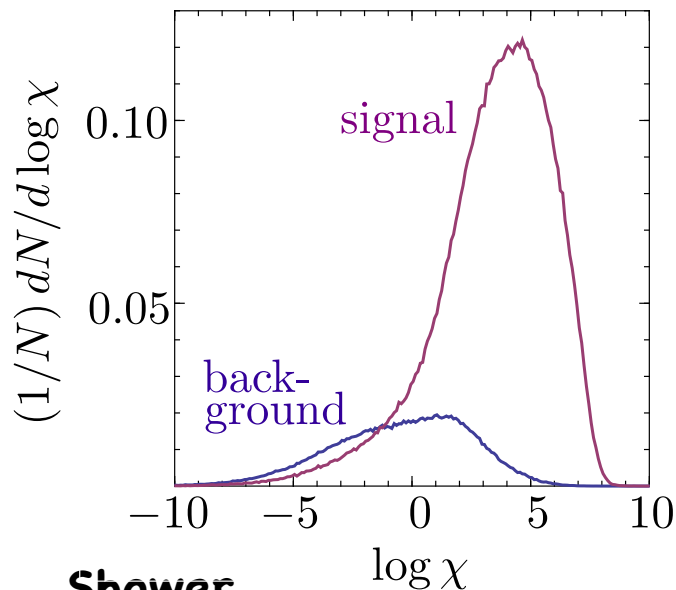


$p_{Tj} > 500 \text{ GeV}, R=1.2 \text{ CA}$



microjets: kT,  $R=0.2, p_{T>5} \text{ GeV}$

# ATLAS results



Shower  
deconstruction  
improves on best  
taggers by factor  
2-4 in S/B

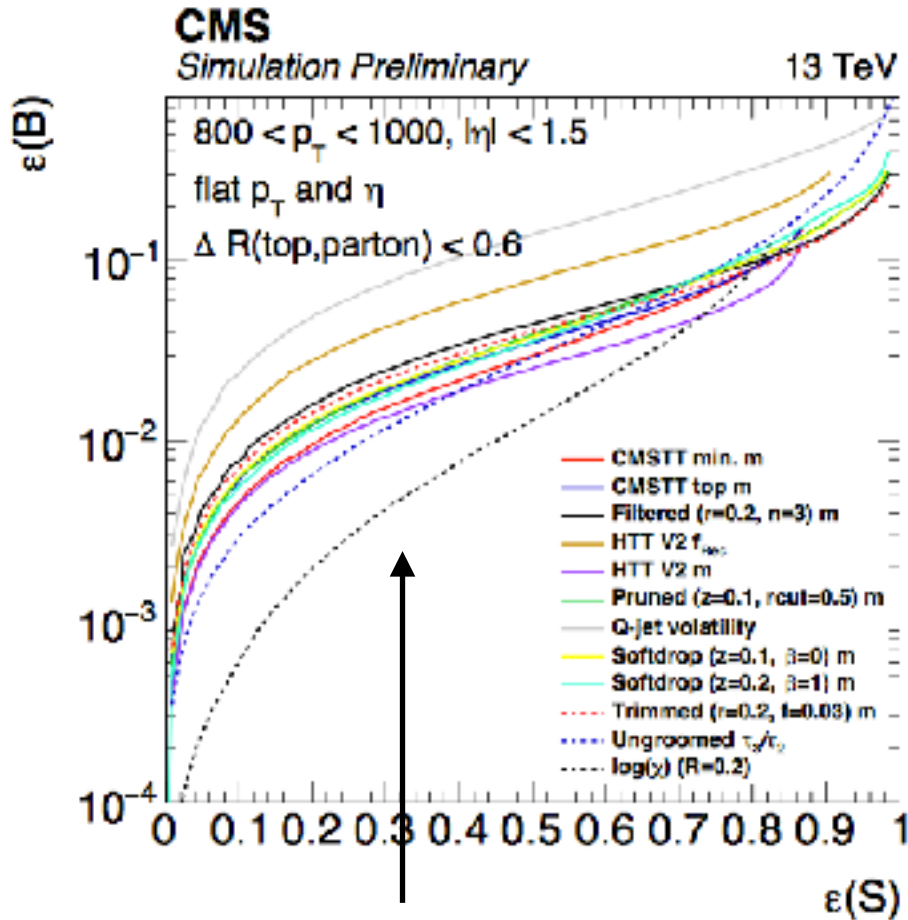
[1603.03127 ATLAS & MS]

See talk by Deepak Kar

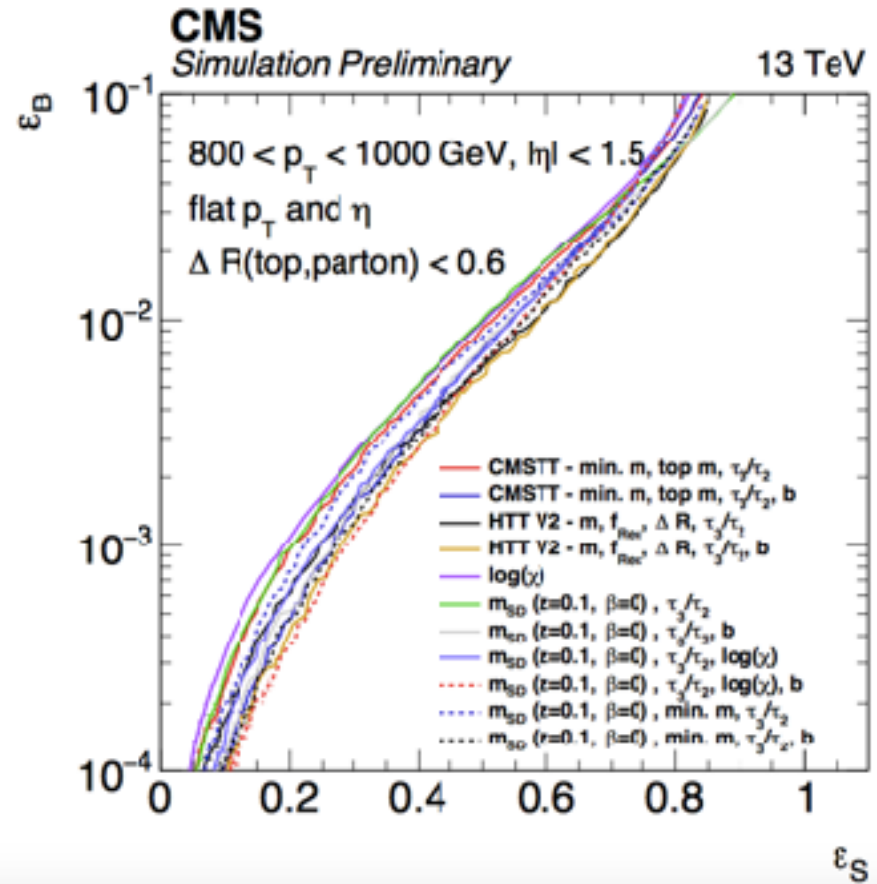
Shower Deconstruction  
and

HEPTopTagger  
from same author

# Results by CMS



- Shower deconstruction  
best single variable

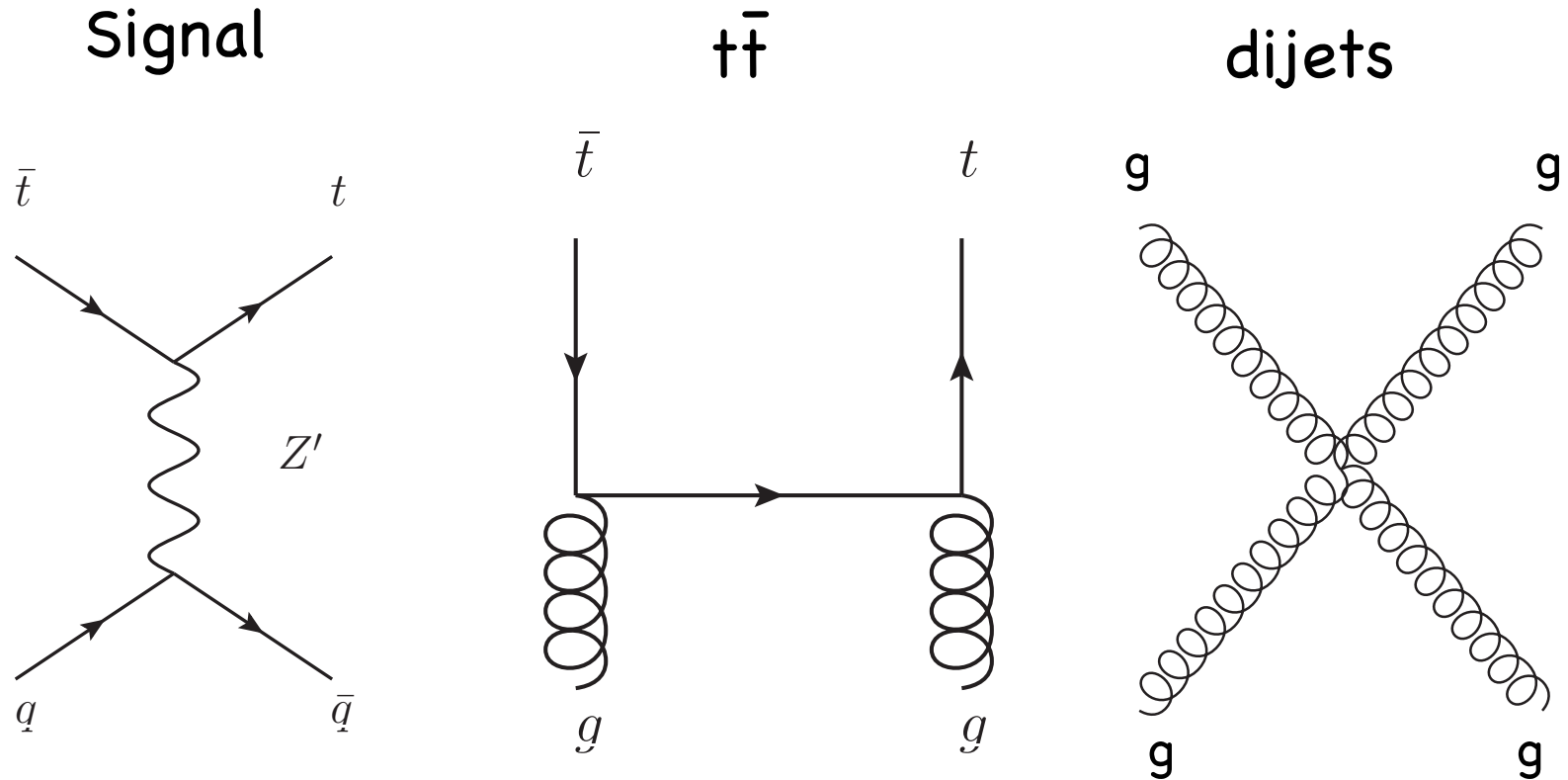


- Efficiencies matched if  
taggers combined

# First application of Event Deconstruction = full event MEM + parton shower resummation

fully hadronic  $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

[Soper, MS '14]



Model: mass  $Z' = 1500$  GeV with width = 65 GeV

Event selection:

2 fat jets with  $p_T > 400$  GeV

jet algorithm CA  $R=1.5$

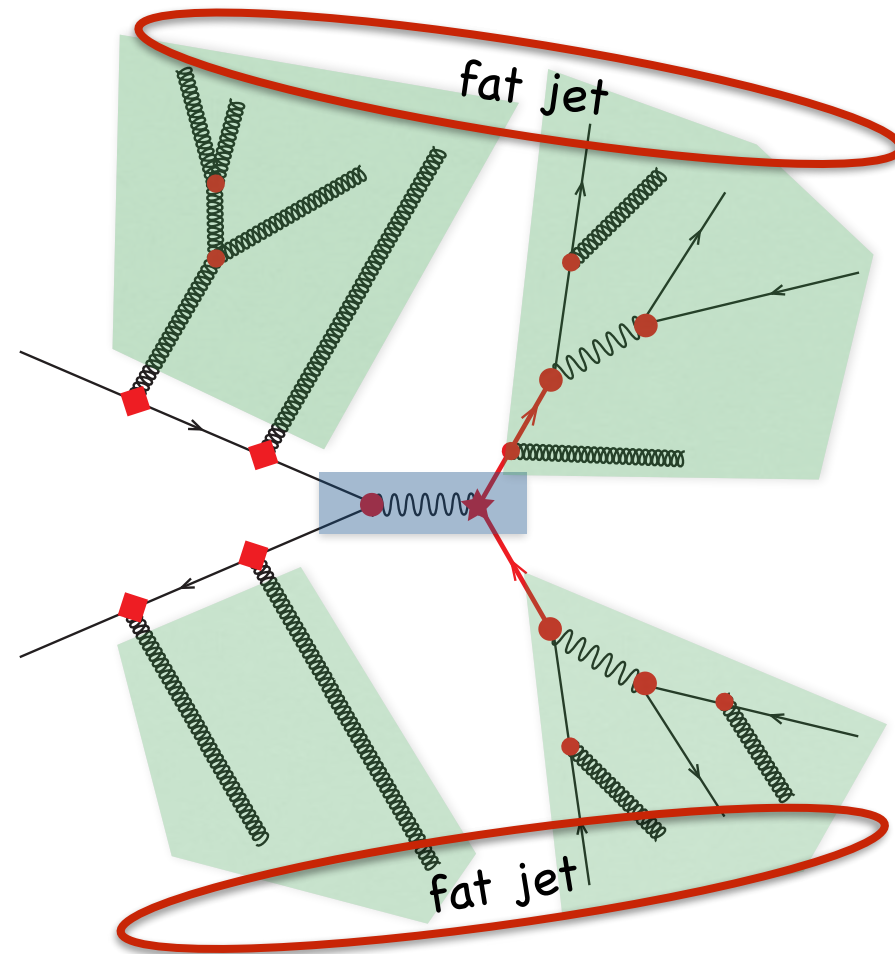
Cross section after ES:

dijets 1.73 nb

$t\bar{t}$  2.27 pb

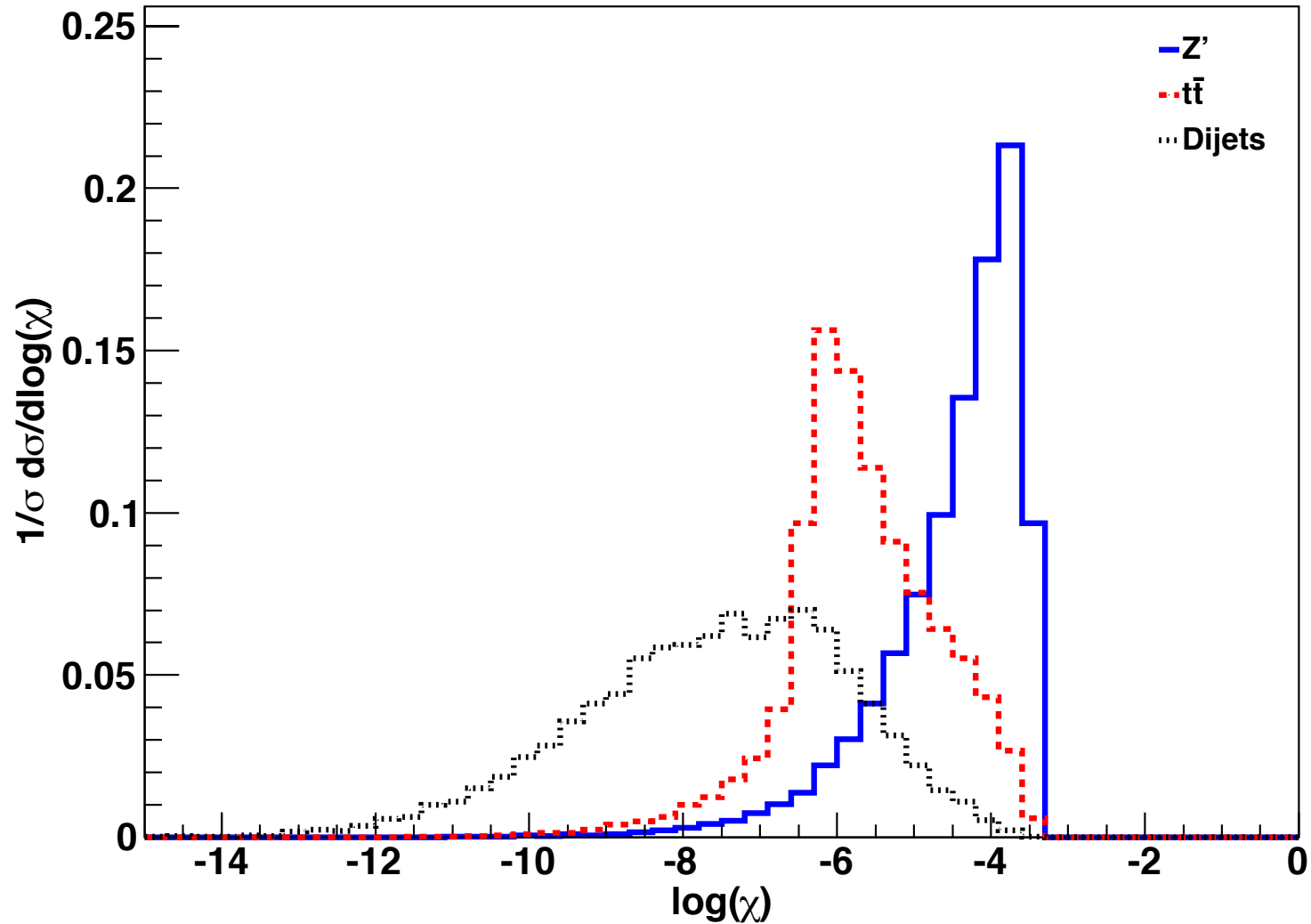
Recluster fatjet constituents using  
microjets KT  $R=0.2$   $p_T > 10$  GeV

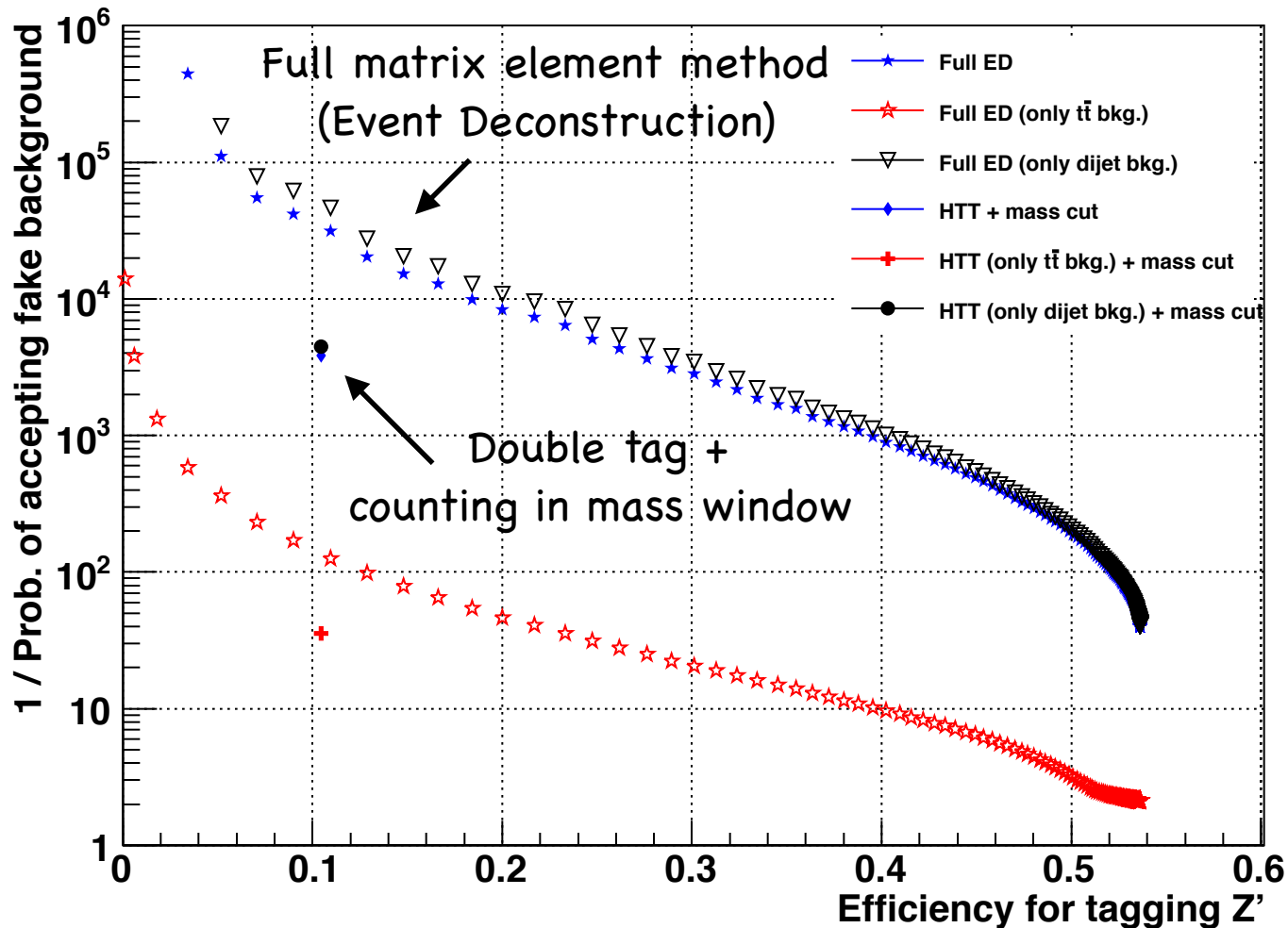
$Z'$  width in Event Dec. 130 GeV



Hard matrix element generated  
with MadGraph5

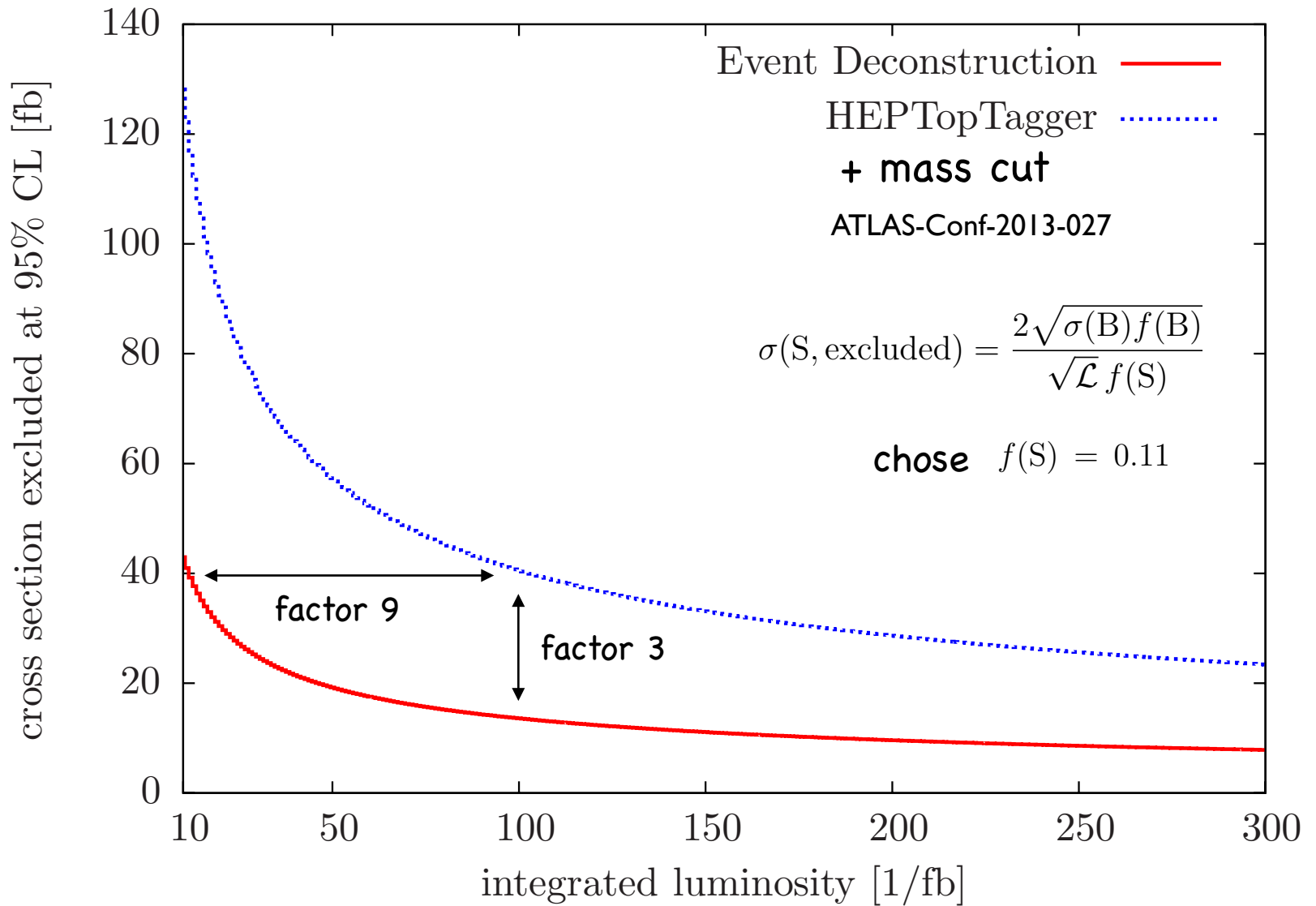
$$\chi = \frac{P(X|Z')}{P(X|t\bar{t} + \text{dijets})}$$





Event Dec: eff : 0.109538  
 fkr : 3.20063e-05  
 1/fkr : 31243.8

HTT: eff: 0.104659  
 fkr: 0.000259946  
 1/fkr: 3846.95





# Brief comment on Tilman's 'challenge'

3 theorists and 2 CMS postdocs worked for 1 year

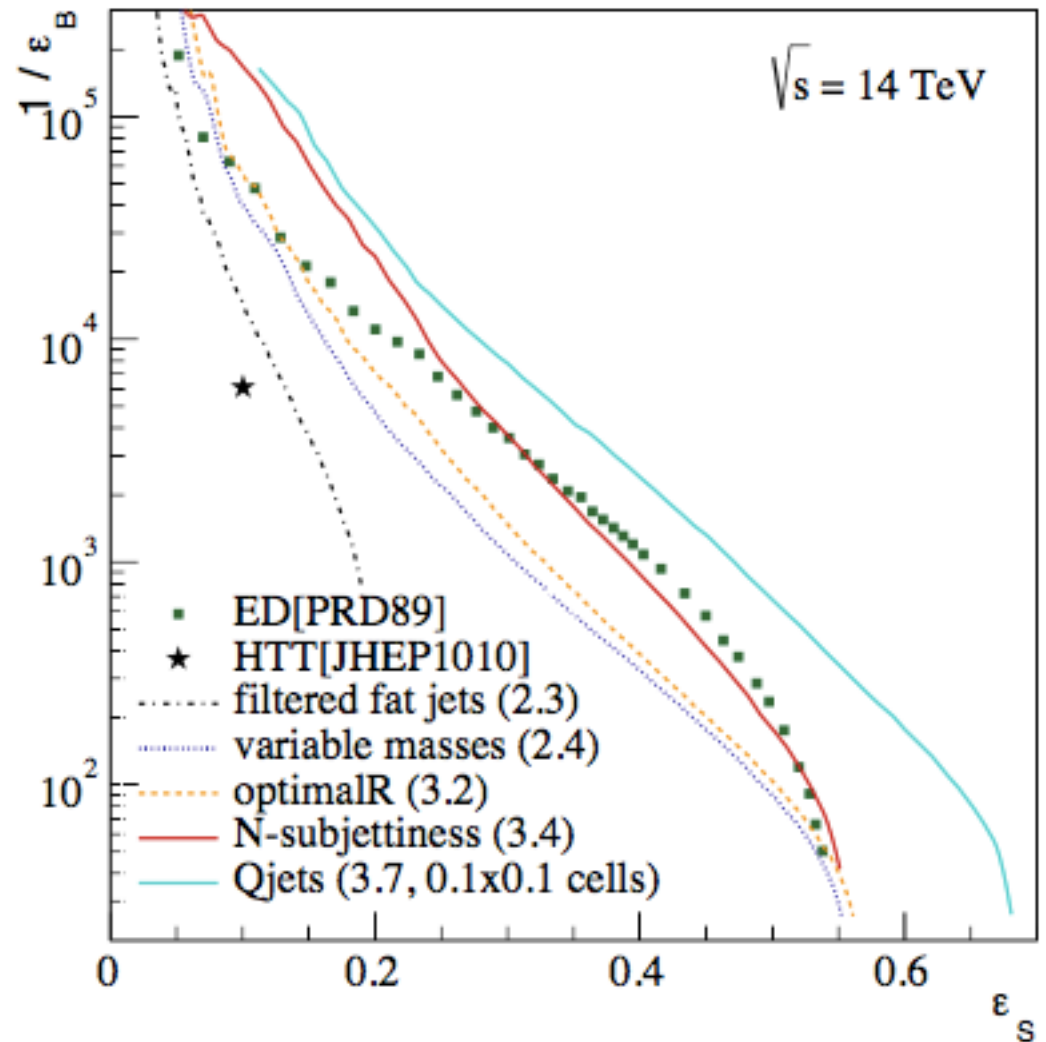
vs

1 week unoptimised implementation of Event Deconstruction by 1 person

ED includes mimic of detector response using imperfect width measurement in matrix element

huge improvement due to QJets rather peculiar...

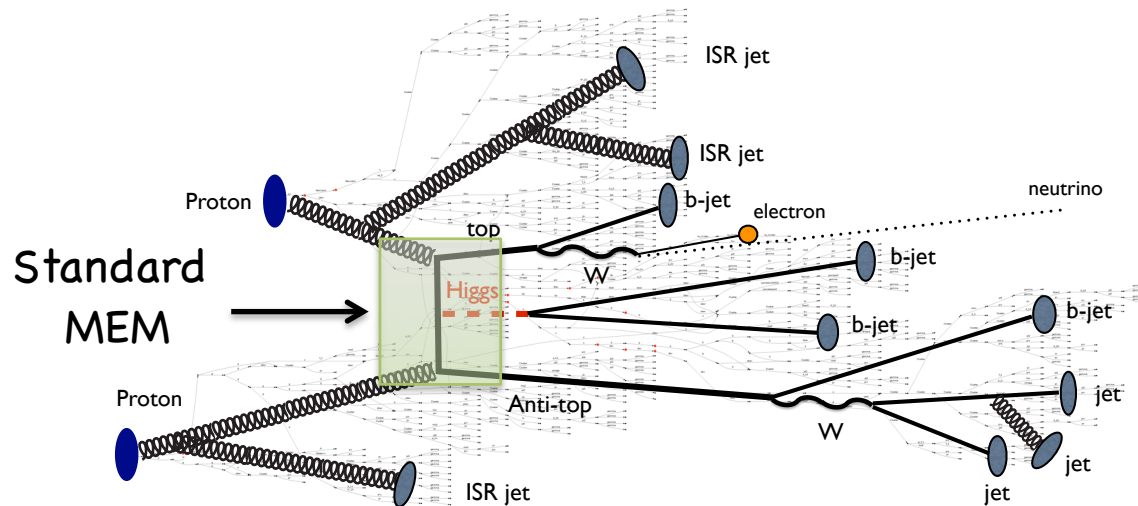
[Kasieczka, Plehn, Schell, Strebler, Salam '15]



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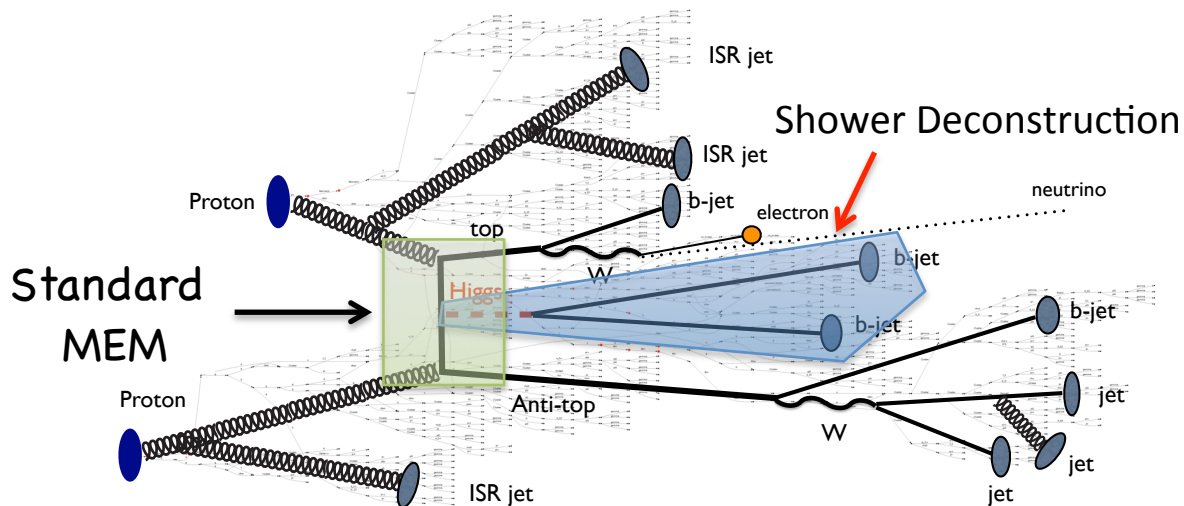
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Future MEM

