

# Invisible Higgs & trigger challenges on ATLAS

A discussion on    Dark sector,  
                         Higgs boson,  
                         Trigger, and  
                         ML on FPGA

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# Outline

## Motivation (10 min)

- Dark sector
- Higgs boson

## Analyses (20 min)

- $H_{125} \rightarrow$  Dark matter pair ATLAS Collab, ATLAS-CONF-2020-008 (2020)
- $H_{125} \rightarrow$  Dark photon +  $\gamma$  ATLAS Collab, ATLAS-CONF-2021-004 (2021)

## Trigger (30 min)

- $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , VBF ATLAS, JHEP 08 (2020) 080
- ML on FPGAs Hong et al., JINST 16 (2021) P08016



Higgs portal to DM? How to trigger?

# Motivation

Dark sector  
Higgs boson



# Many evidence of dark matter

Here: colliding galaxy clusters

3 Mly (MACSJ0025, 2008)



Inferred distribution  
of matter by lensing

$$\begin{aligned} & - \text{X-rays from known matter} \\ & = \text{Dark matter (Known unknown)} \end{aligned}$$

Source: <https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap080917.html>



## Can we create dark matter? Related to Higgs?

# Higgs boson couplings

Higgs couples to everything

*Table of elementary particles*

Quarks

$u$	$c$	$t$
$d$	$s$	$b$

Forces

$Z$	$\gamma$
$W$	$g$

$e$	$\mu$	$\tau$
$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$

Leptons

scalar

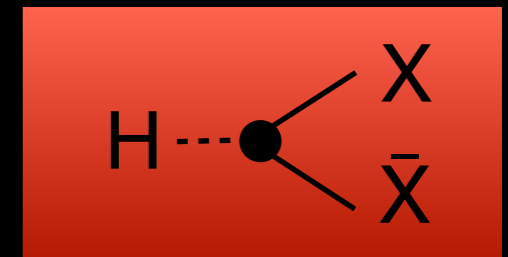
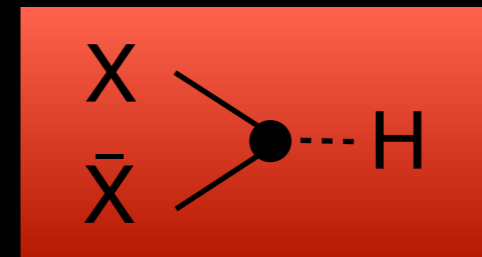
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fermions

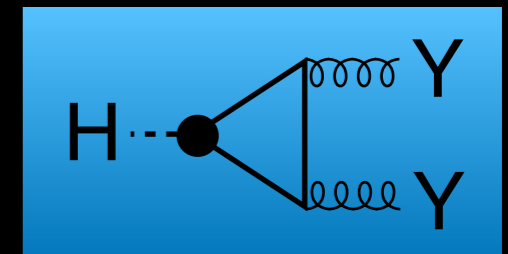
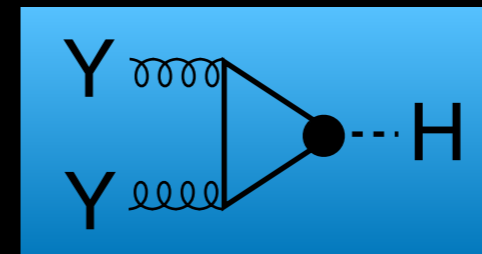
bosons

*Feynman diagrams*

Tree relation for massive  $X$



Loop relation for massless  $Y$



Source: Fermilab



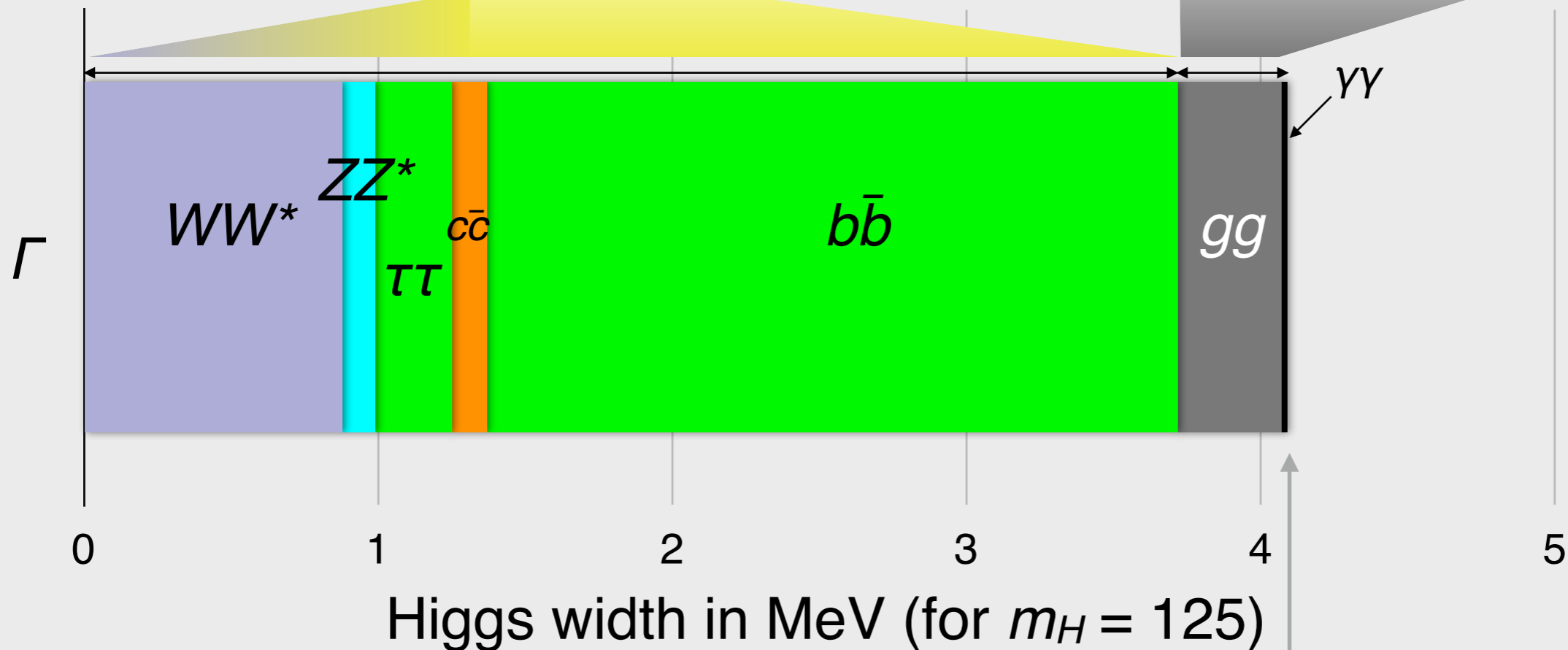
Higgs coupling to each particle is determined given  $m_H$

# Higgs is so narrow because 125 GeV

Tree relation for massive



Loop relation for massless



Source: CERN Yellow Report (2014)

Massive bosons

p.s. suppressed  
( $m_H \ll 2 \cdot m_{W,Z}$ )

Fermion  $m_F$

means tiny Yukawa couplings  
( $t\bar{t}$  large, but  $m_H \ll 2 \cdot m_{top}$ )

Massless

bosons

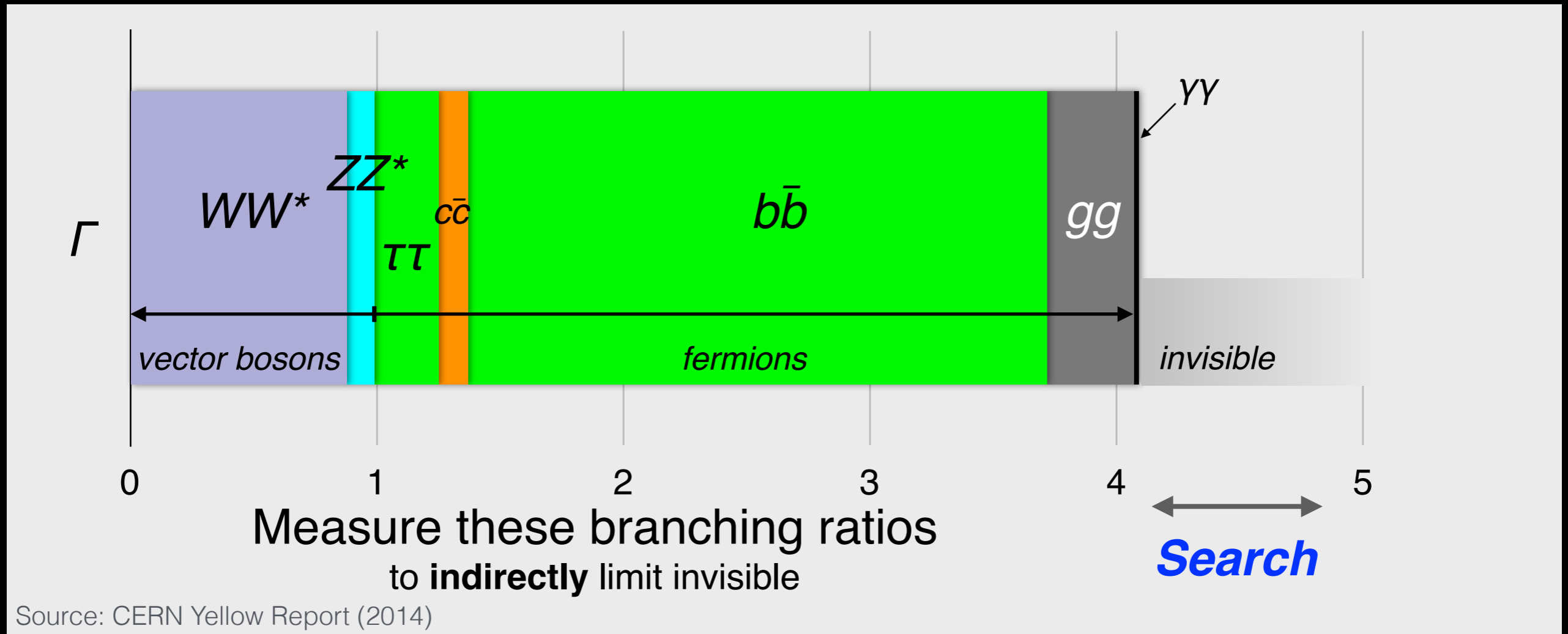
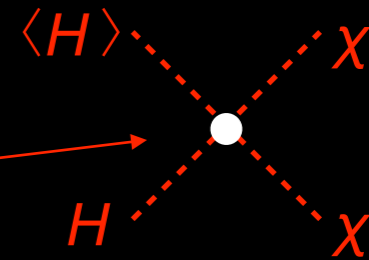
loop suppressed

Everything is suppressed



# $O(\text{MeV})$ is ~~not~~ unreasonable

Portals to NP can look like



## Theory

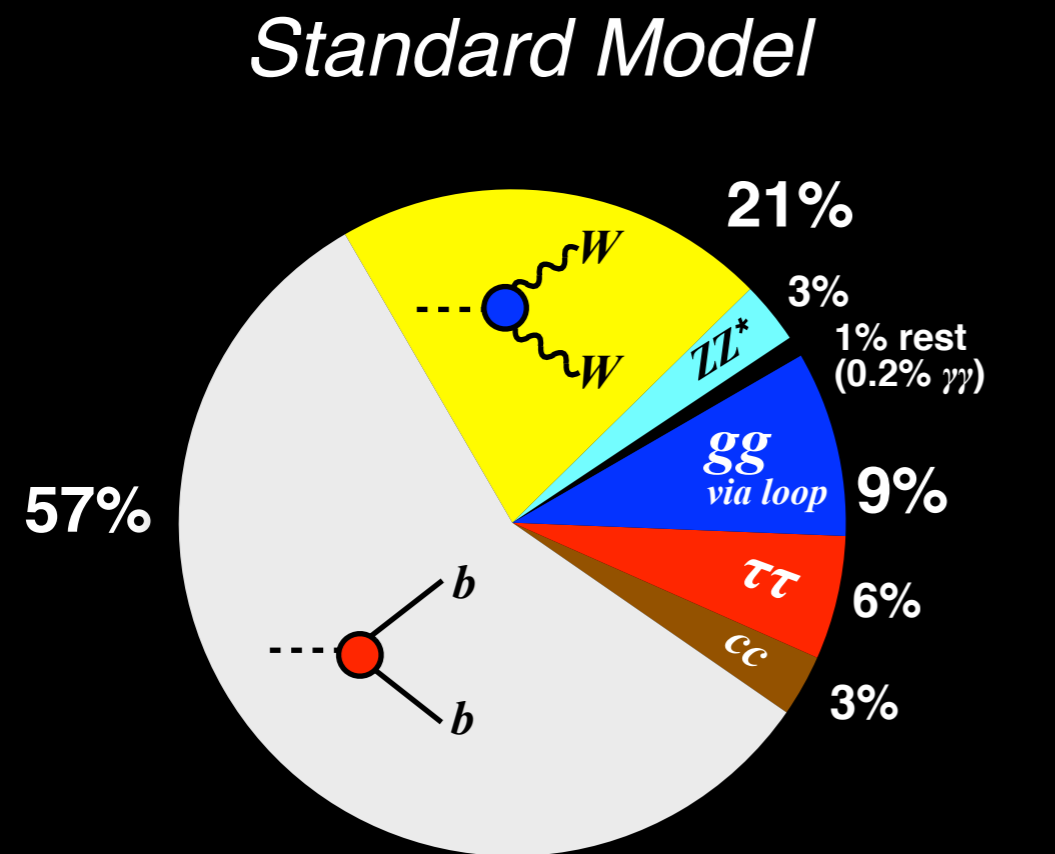
- SM singlet  $\sim g H^2 \chi^2$
- Fully renormalizable

Goncalves, Han, Mukhopadhyay, PRL 120, 11801 (2018)  
Curtin, Essig, Zhong, 1412.4779 (2015)  
Curtin +12 others, 1312.4992 (2014)  
Chang +3 others, 0801.4554 (2008)  
Silveira & Zee, PL B161,136 (1985)  
and many many more papers.

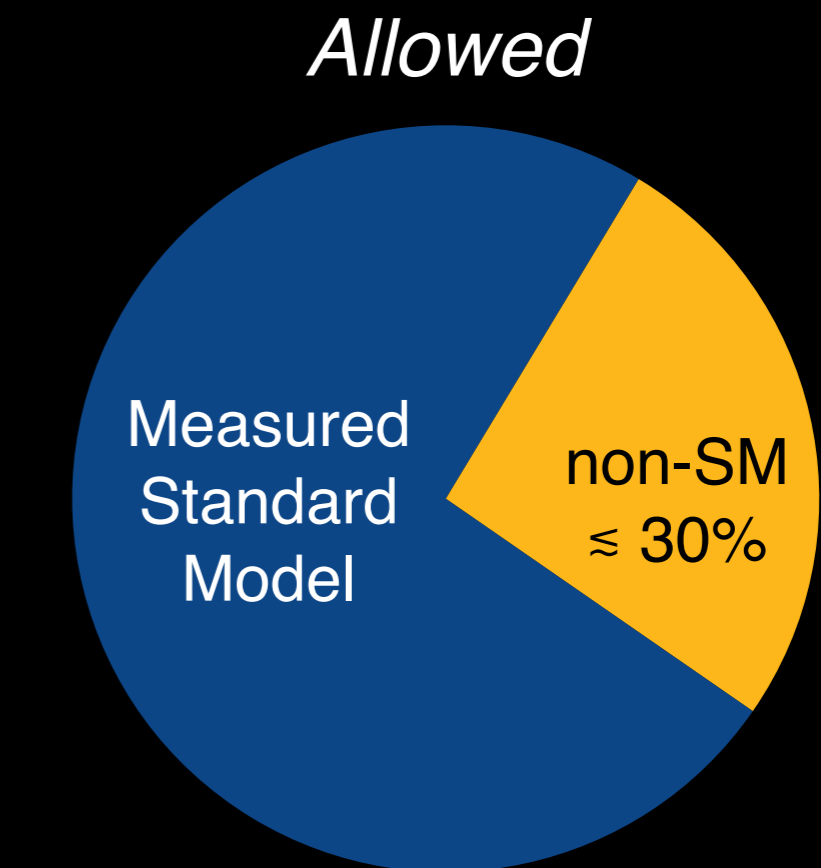
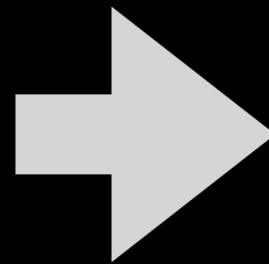


Coupling at 0.01  $\rightarrow$  MeV-level modification  $\rightarrow$  Large rate

# What's allowed by individual measurements?



Measure each predicted slice



Constrains non-Standard Model  
(with caveats)

Source: <http://cdsweb.cern.ch/record/2629412>

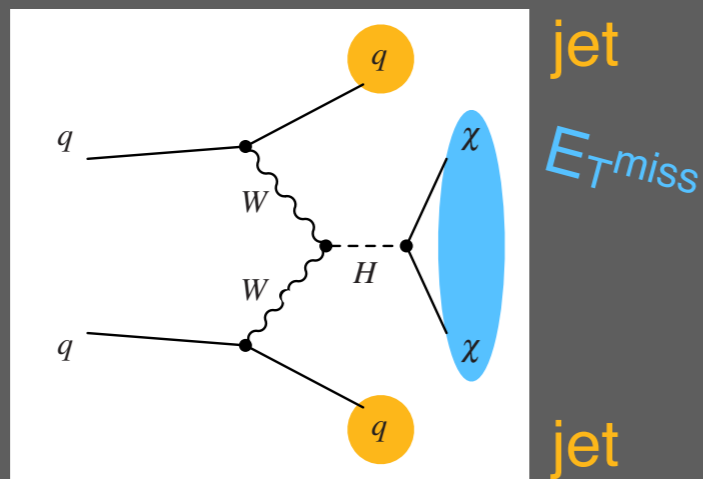


A fraction of Higgs decays could be related to our hypothesis

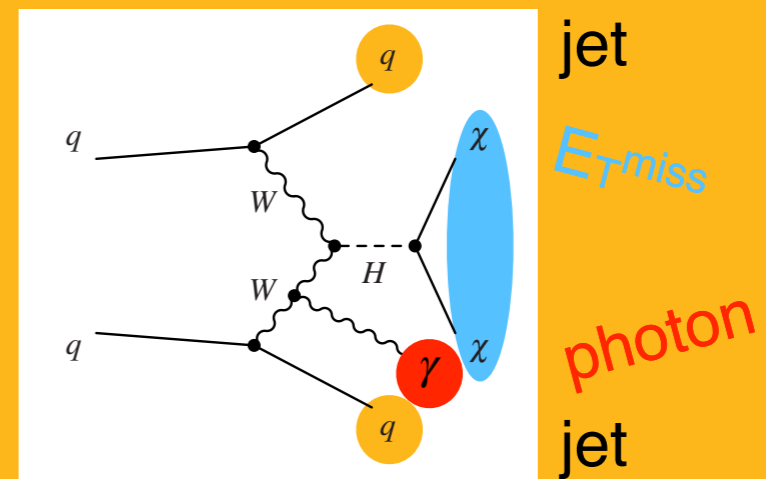
# Dark matter $(m > 0)$

Related production channels

## Dark matter



## Dark matter + $\gamma$



## Higgs production

- ggF No observable!
- ggF + 1 jet Overwhelming strong bkg'd
- VBF Depends on trigger threshold
- ZH Suppressed by  $\sigma \cdot B$
- WH " and neutrino / hadronic W

## Comparison to without $\gamma$

- Smaller signal size, but clean
- Adding  $\gamma$  reduces strong background
- Depends on trigger threshold
- Added bonus in interpretation (next slide)

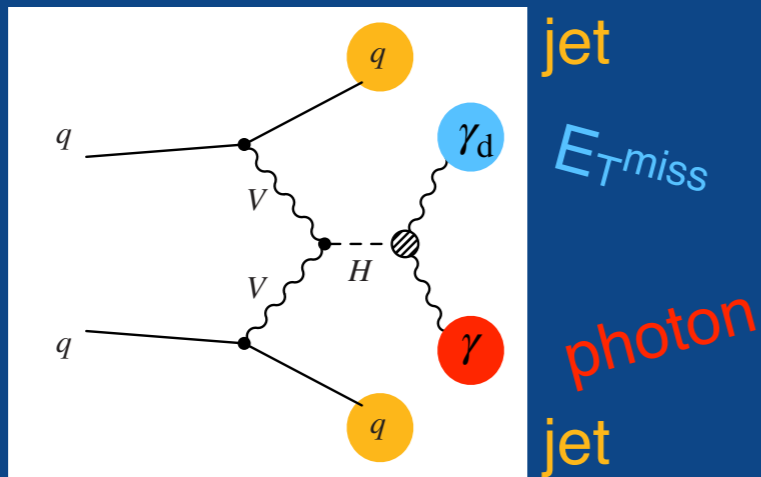


Trigger threshold is critical aspect of the study

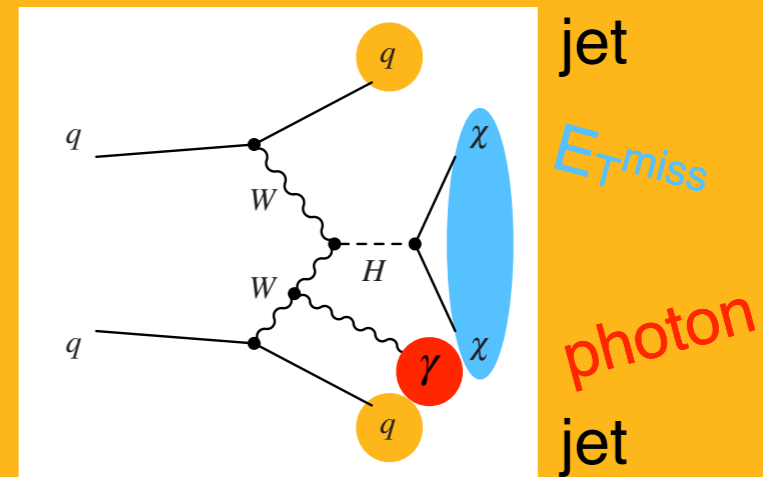
# Dark matter $(m>0)$ $\rightarrow$ Dark photon $(m=0)$

Maybe there is a Dark sector

## Dark photon



## Dark matter + $\gamma$

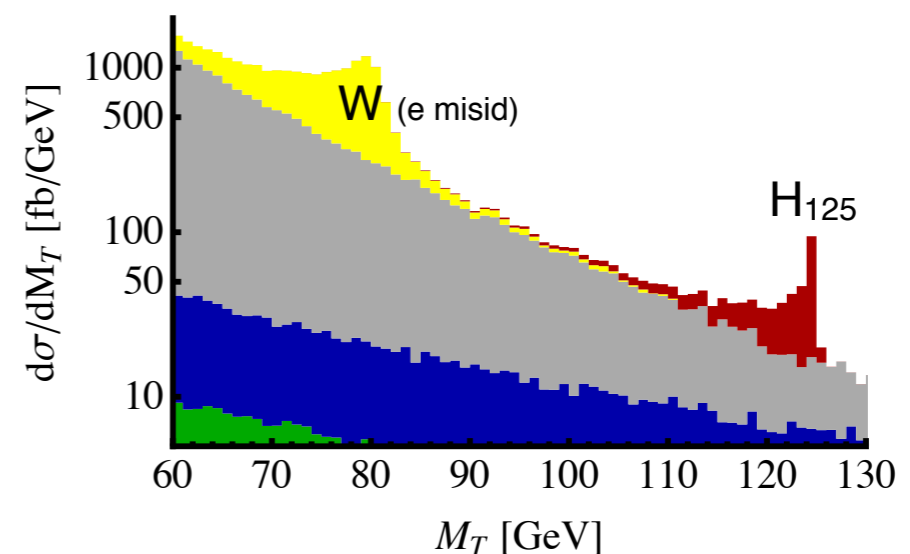


same  
final  
state

## Theory

- Unbroken  $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$  with enhanced  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma_{\text{dark}}$
- Signal peaks in the  $m_T$  of  $(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \gamma)$  system  $\rightarrow$

Gabrielli, Heikinheimo, Mele, Raidal, [PRD 90, 055032 \(2014\)](#)



Expand the scope of the search with alternate signal models

# Analyses

$H_{125} \rightarrow$  Dark matter pair

$H_{125} \rightarrow$  Dark photon +  $\gamma$



# Physics of VBF $H \rightarrow \text{invisible}$

VBF production of the Higgs is established

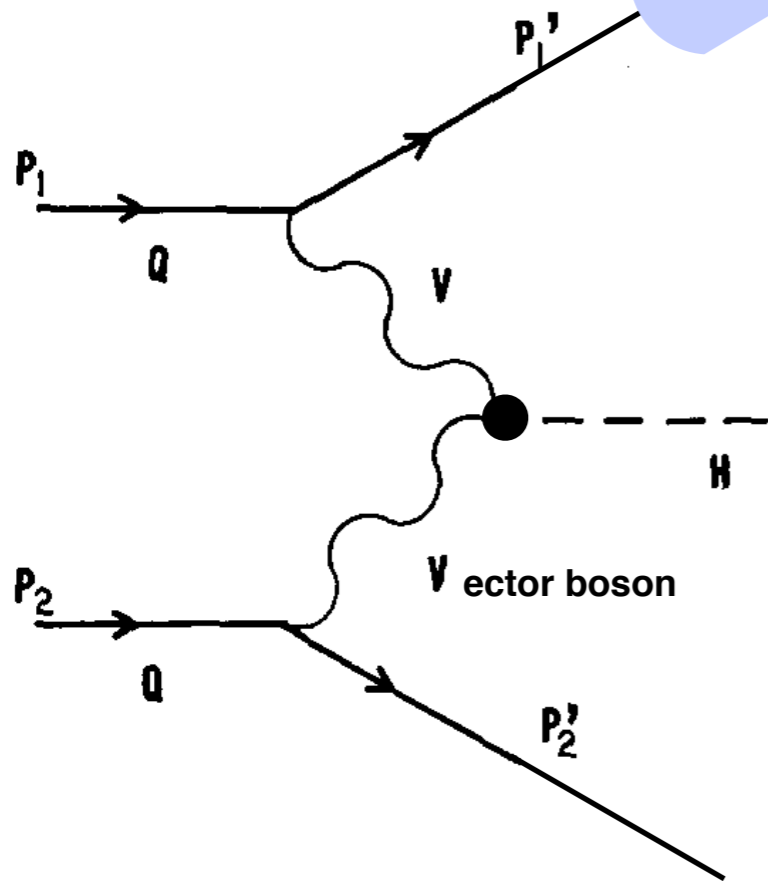
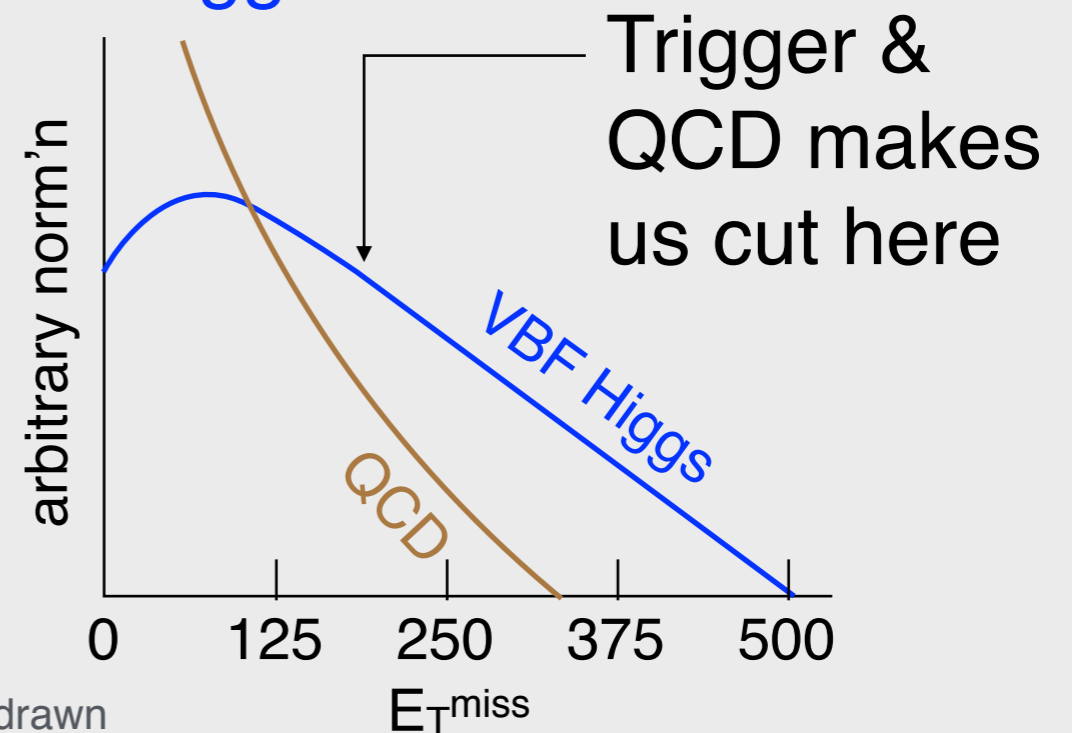


Fig. 1. Higgs boson production from virtual vector boson pairs ( $V = W$  or  $Z$ ).

Source: Cahn, Dawson, *PLB* 136 (1984) 196

- Energetic jets with large  $\eta$  gap
- No hadronic activity
- $m_{jj}$ ,  $\Delta\eta_{jj}$ ,  $N_{\text{central jets}}$

- $E_T^{\text{miss}} \sim \text{Higgs } P_T$



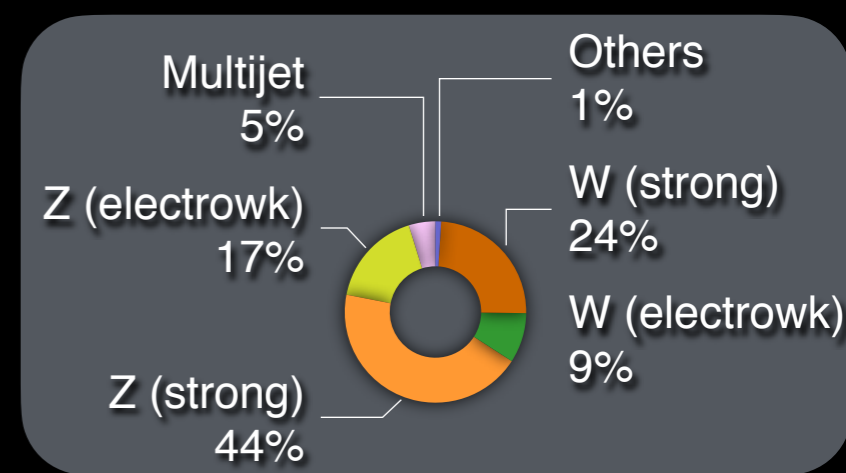
Source: handrawn



Not many handles, background estimation is crucial

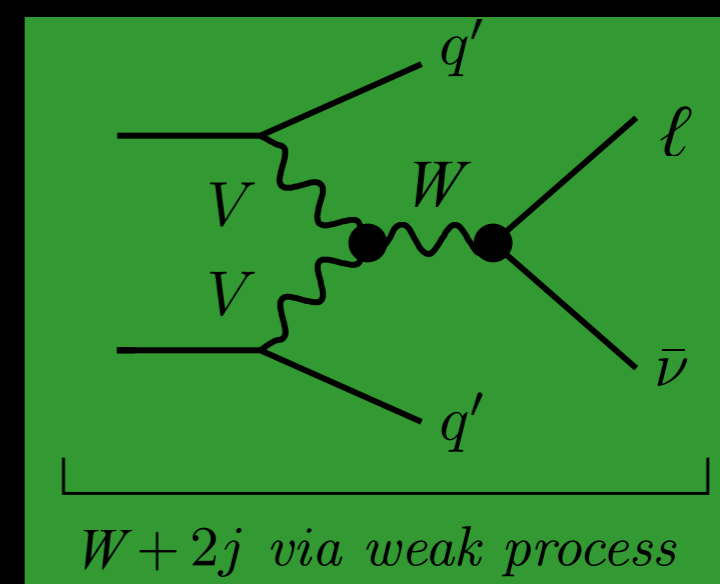
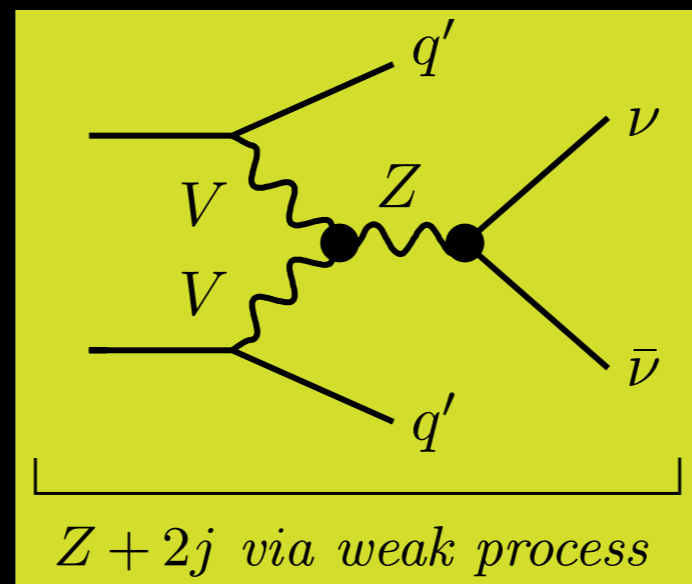
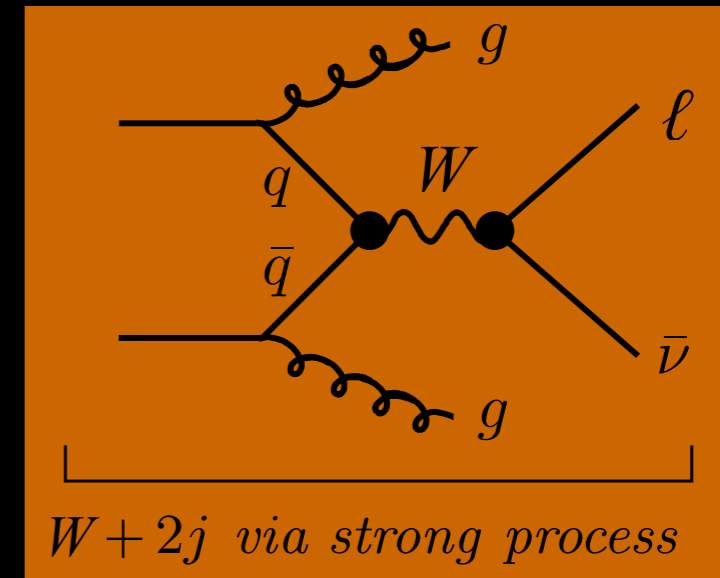
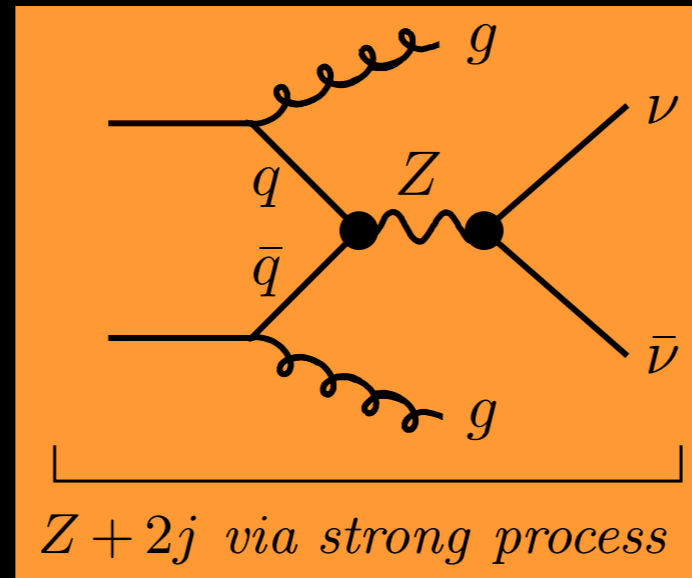
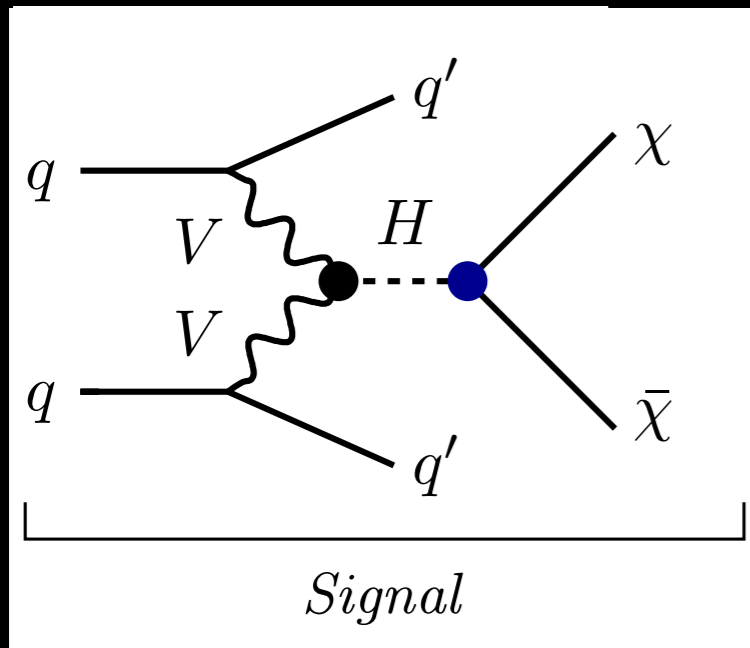
# Signal & background

Z & W are largest



*"Irreducible"*

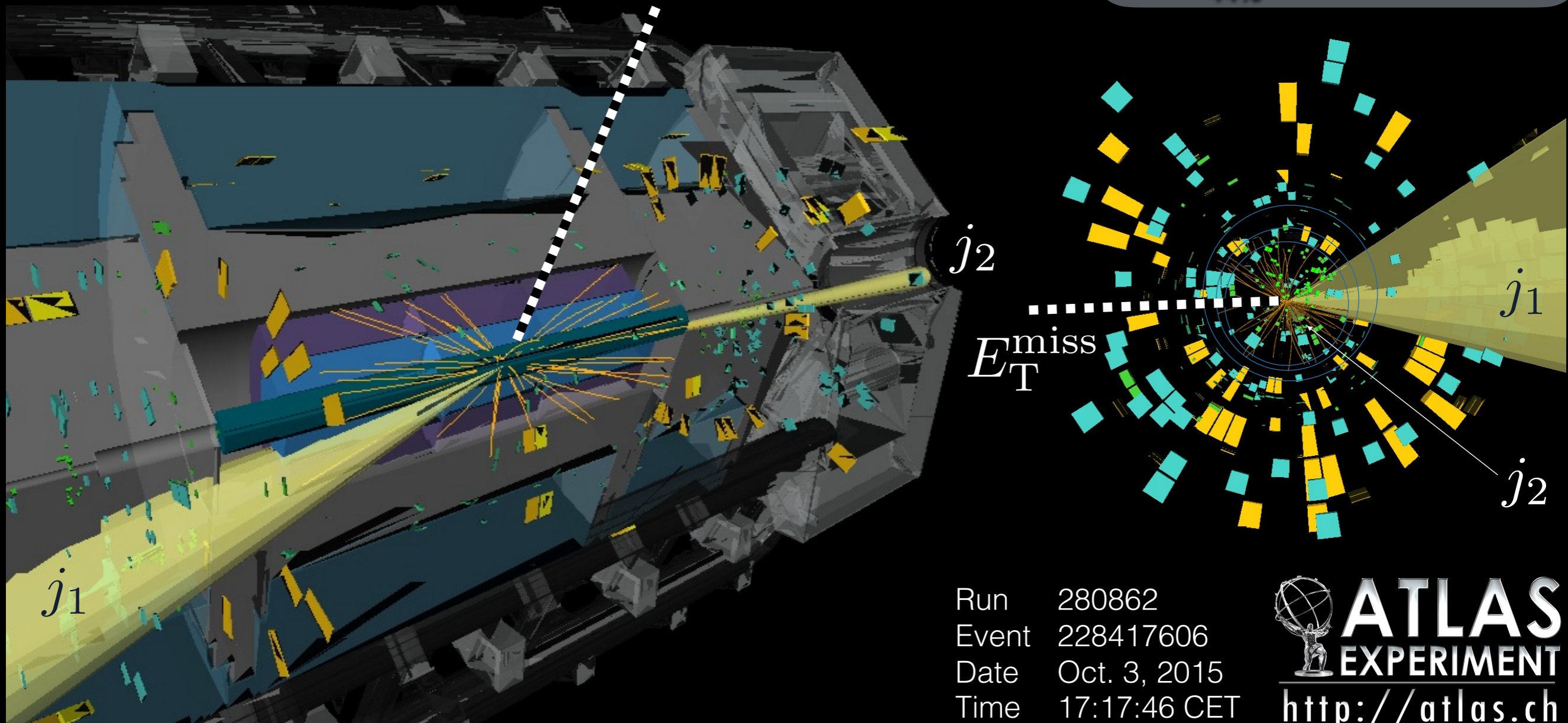
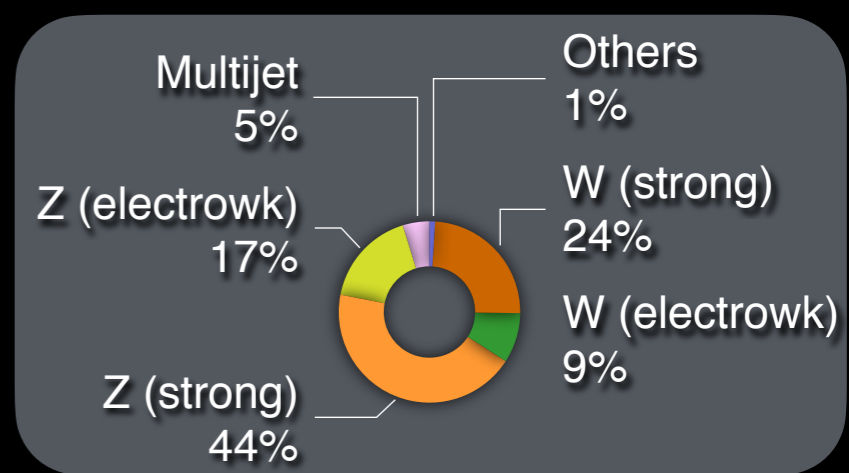
*Lost lepton*



Strong process is dominant, but weak process imp't at higher  $m_{jj}$

# Event display

High  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  (564 GeV) + High  $m_{jj}$  (3.6 TeV)



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Event 228417606  
Date Oct. 3, 2015  
Time 17:17:46 CET

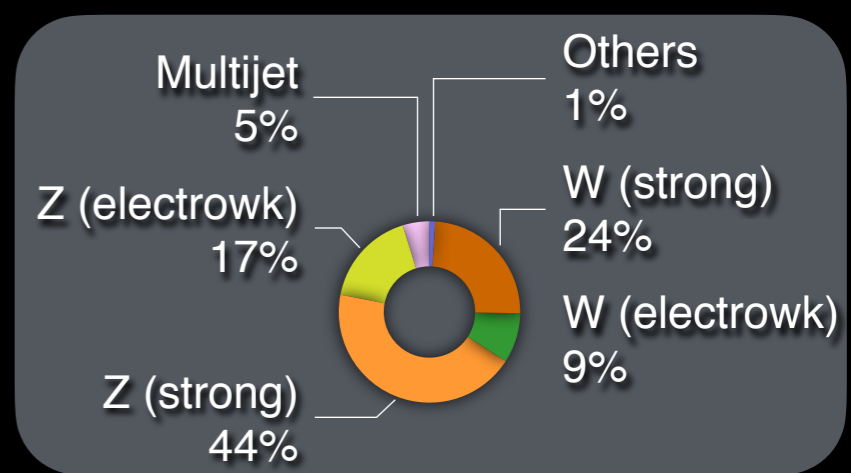
 **ATLAS**  
EXPERIMENT  
<http://atlas.ch>



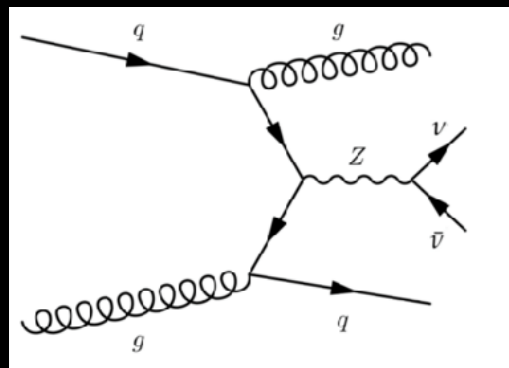
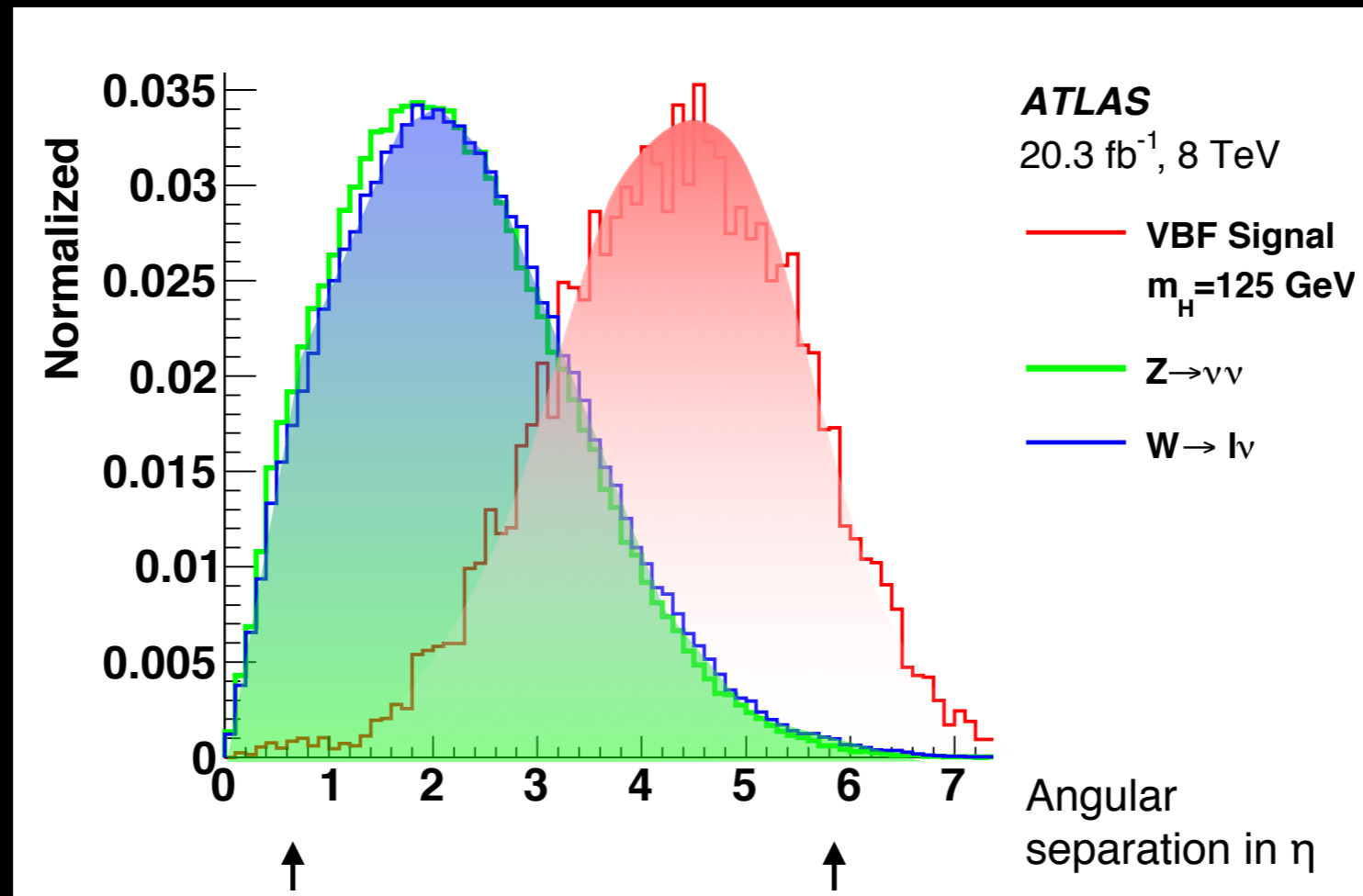
High  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  event + two energetic jets with large  $\Delta\eta$

# Angular characteristics

Data distribution of separation in  $\eta$

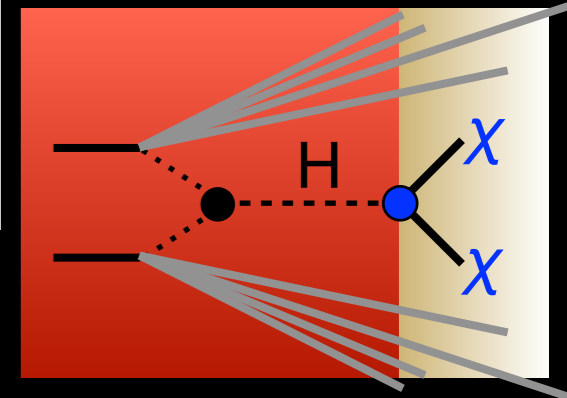


ATLAS, *J. High Energy Phys.* 01 (2016) 172



Known processes

Higgs signal process



Use kinematic properties to statistically separate samples

# Selection

Signal region, control regions

## Cuts

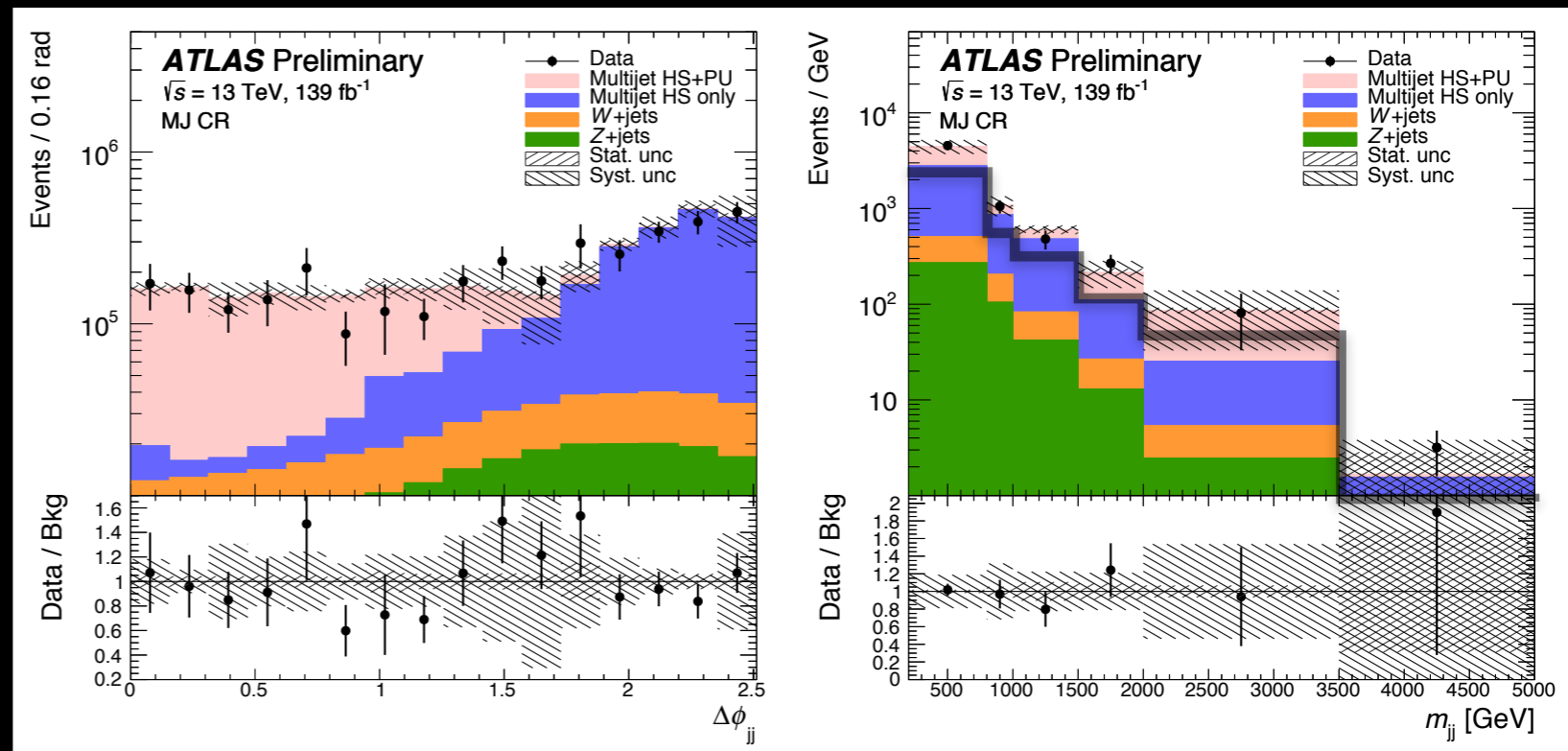
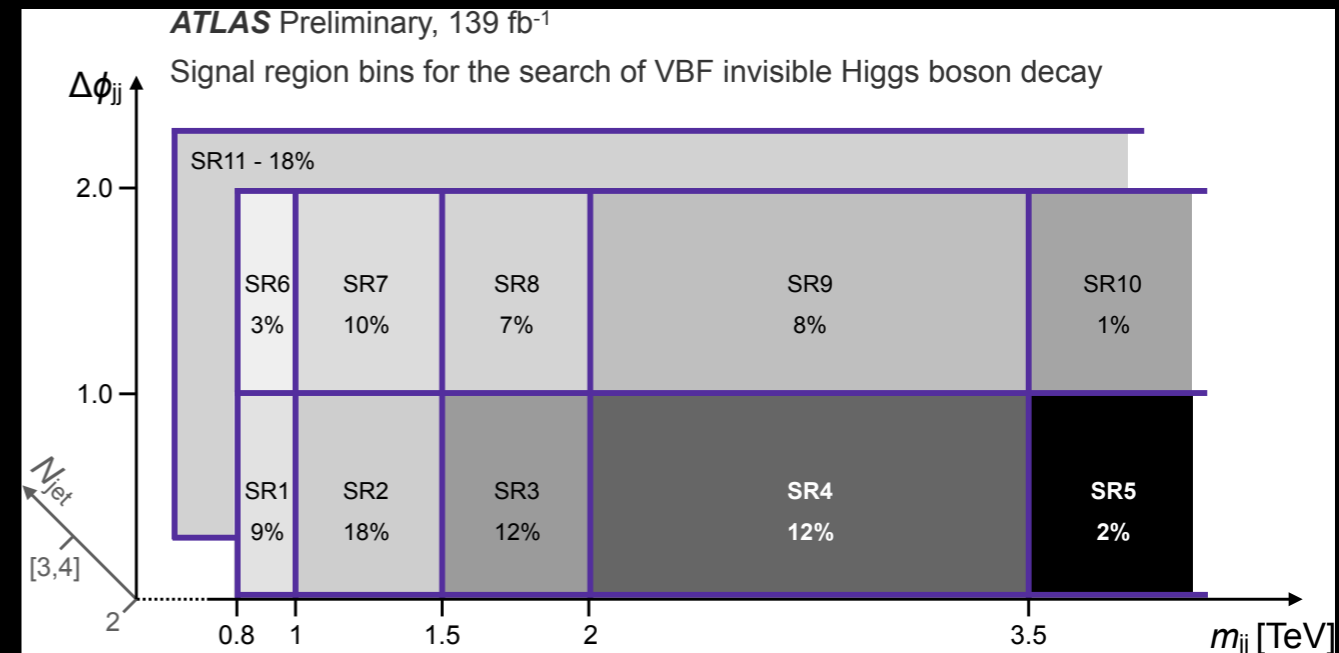
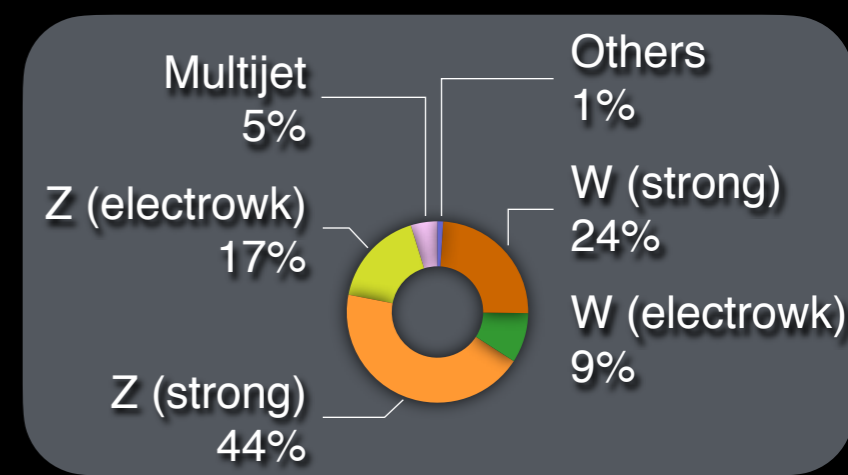
- Two jets  $> 80$  GeV, 50 GeV
- Centrality of additional jets
- $E_{T}^{\text{miss}} > 200$  GeV

## Signal region

- Bin in  $m_{jj} \otimes N_{jet} \otimes \Delta\phi_{jj} = 5 \otimes 2 \otimes 2$

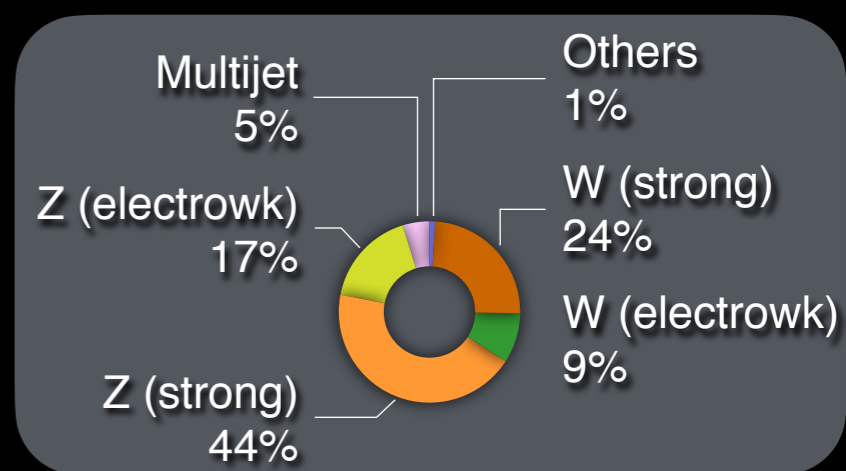
## Control region

- $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$
- $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$
- Multijet by rebalance & smear

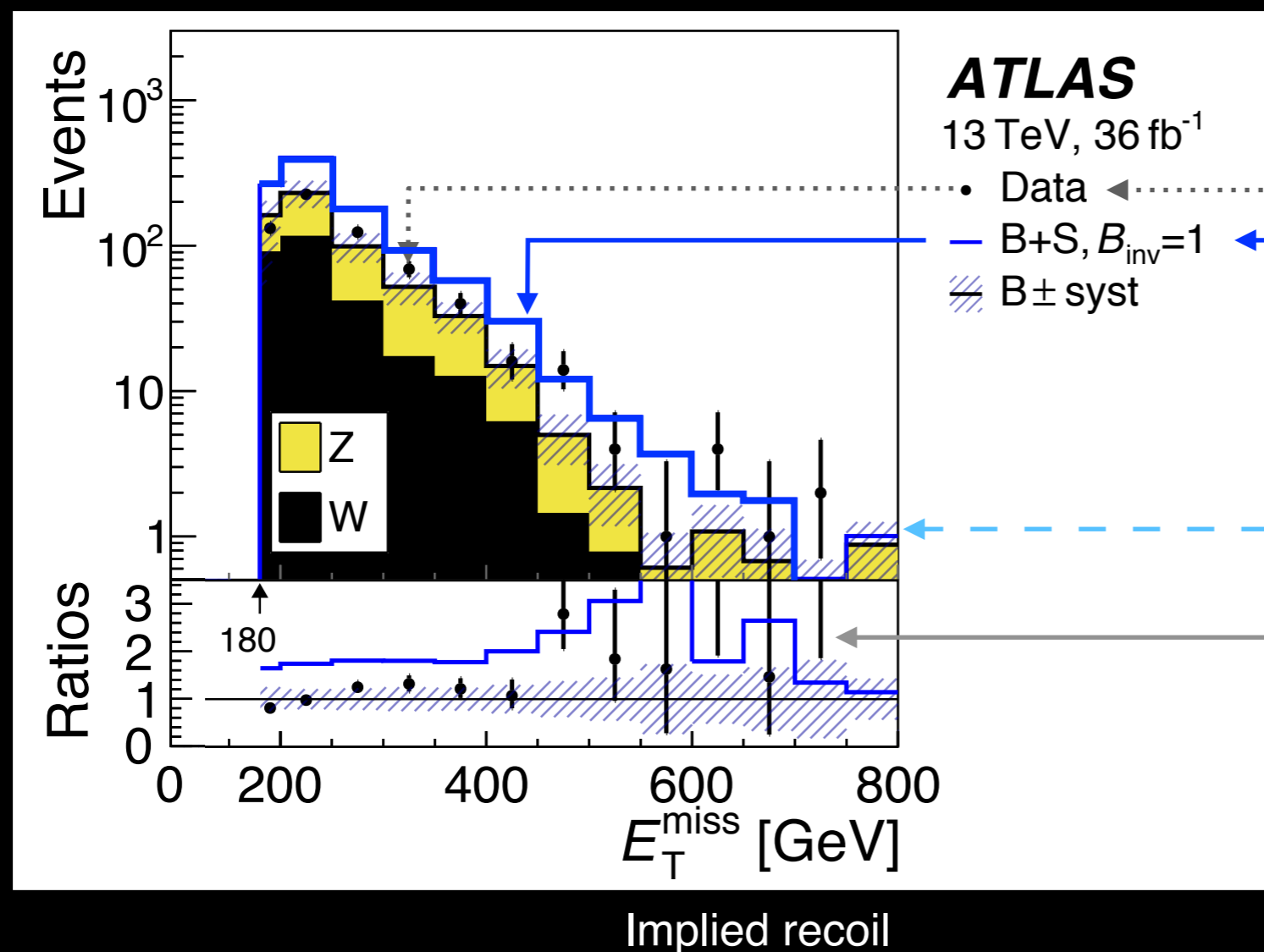


# Results (2019)

## Limits, systematics



ATLAS, Phys. Lett. B 793, 499 (2019)



Data is consistent with no signal

If 100% of the Higgs decayed invisibly

Systematic errors

- simulation samples
- hadronic jet energy

Statistical errors

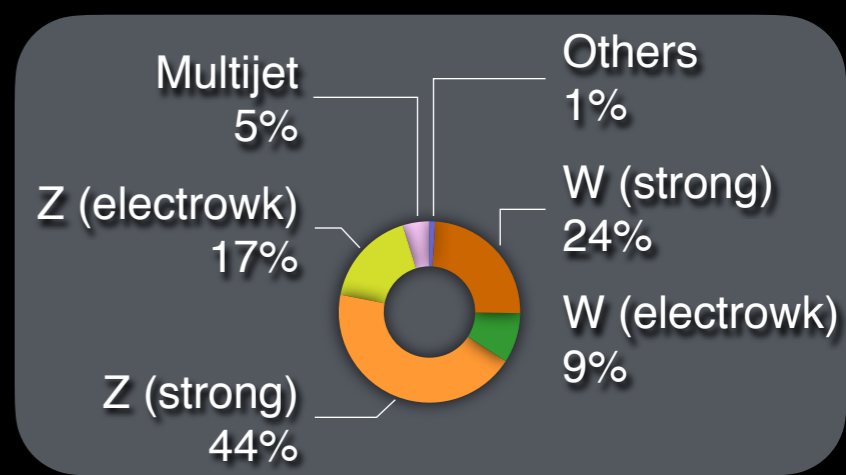
- large for sensitive bins
- need more data



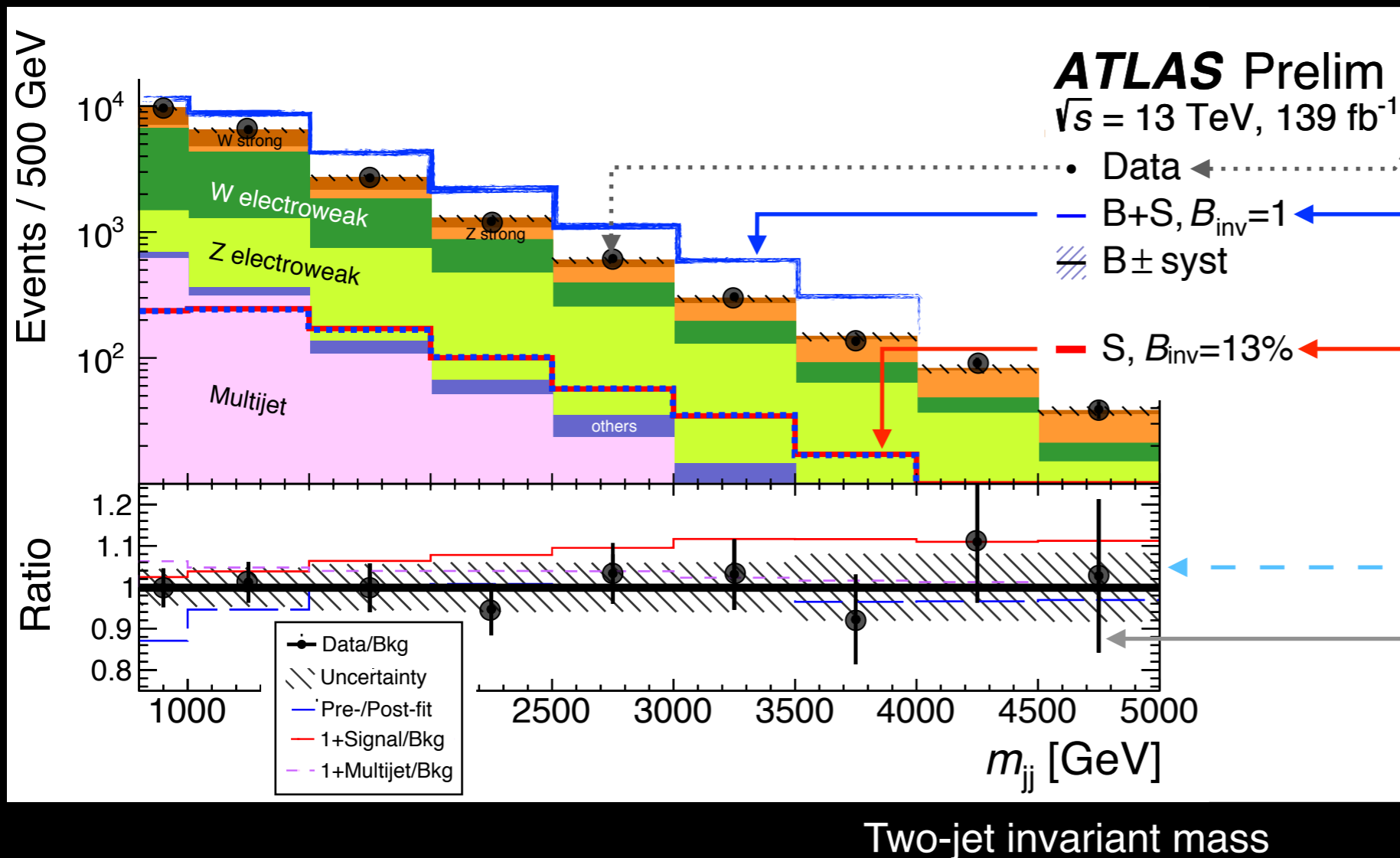
We can say that Higgs decays less than 37% to invisible final states

# Update (2020)

Add 4x more data & improve methods



ATLAS, ATLAS-CONF-2020-008 (2020)



Data is consistent with no signal

If 100% of the Higgs decayed invisibly

If 13% of the Higgs decayed invisibly

Systematic errors

- simulation samples 8%
- multijet estimation 7%
- jet energy 6%

Statistical errors

- large for sensitive bins
- need more data 17%

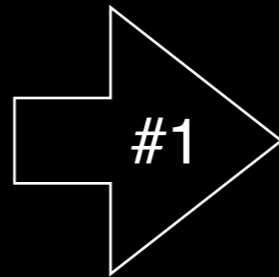
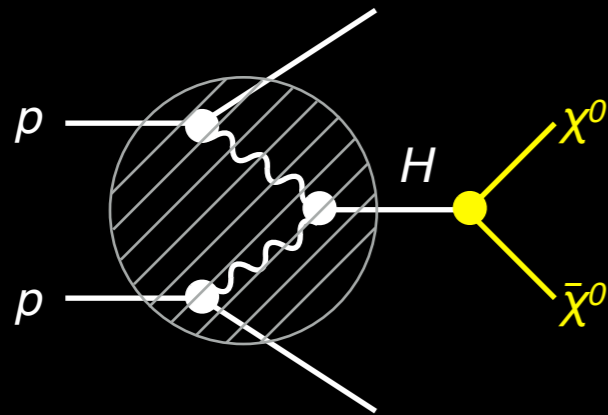


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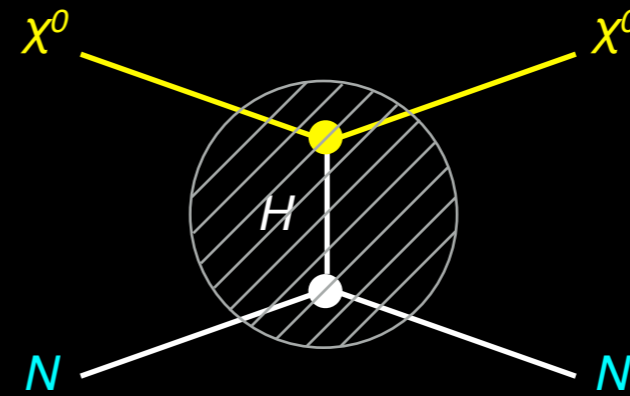
# Interpretations

ATLAS result interpreted in #1, #2

ATLAS result

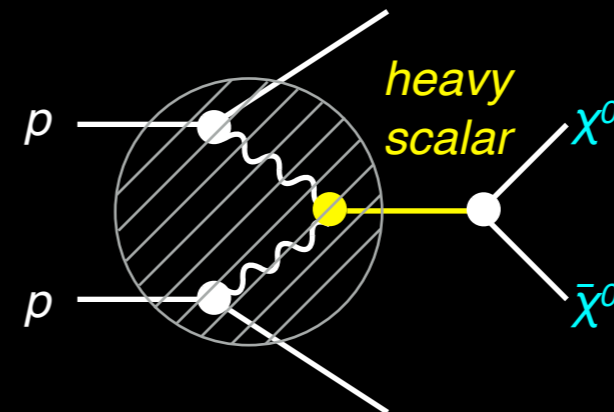


Interpretation



Quantity

$$= \sigma_{\text{WIMP}}$$



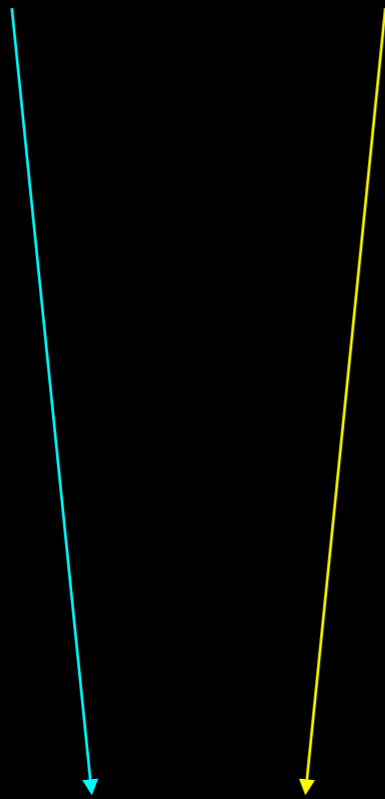
$$= \sigma_{\text{scalar}} \cdot B_{\text{inv}}$$

Connection to astrophysics & BSM sector



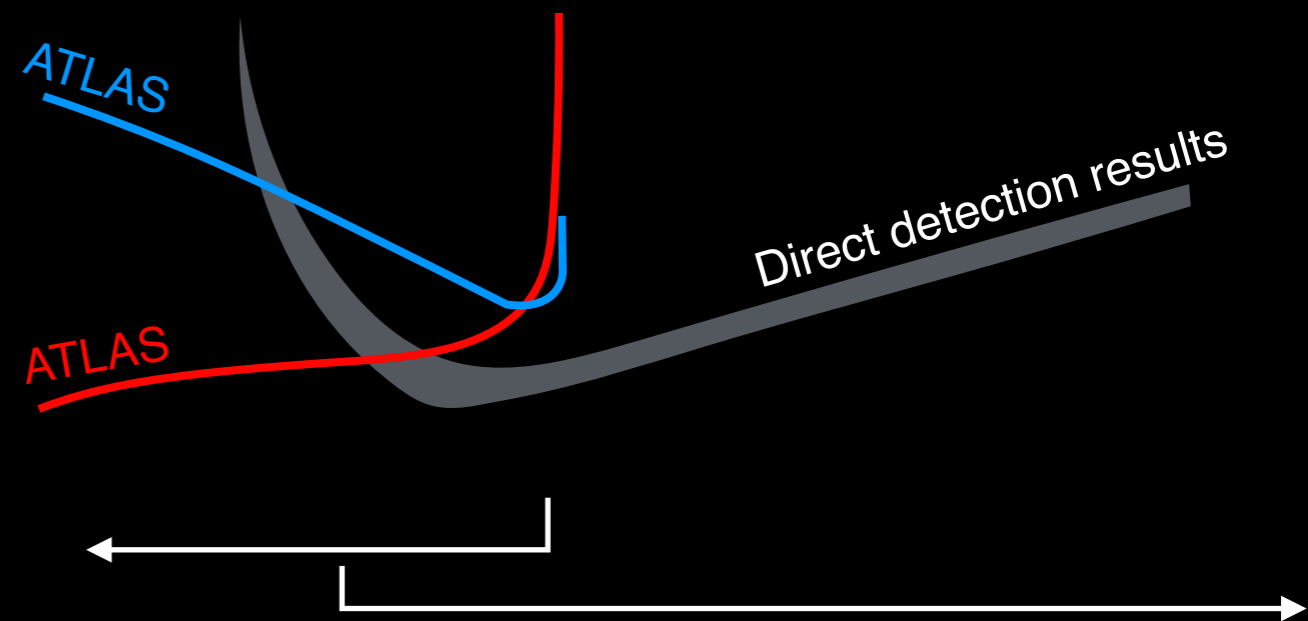
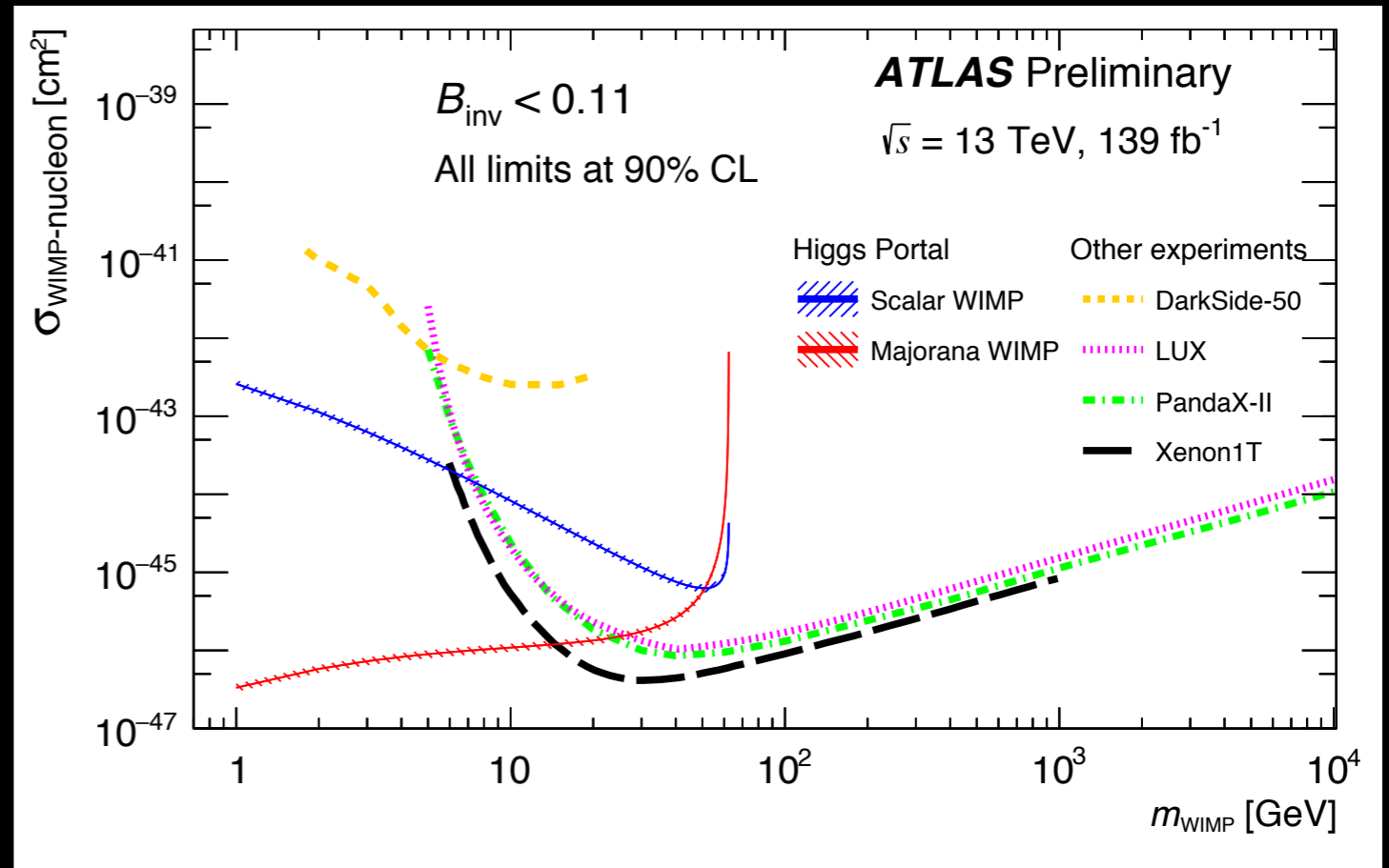
# Interpretation #1

ATLAS result + Higgs portal



scalar:  $\Gamma_{\text{inv}} \cdot (m_\chi)^{-2} \sim \sigma_{\text{WIMP}}$

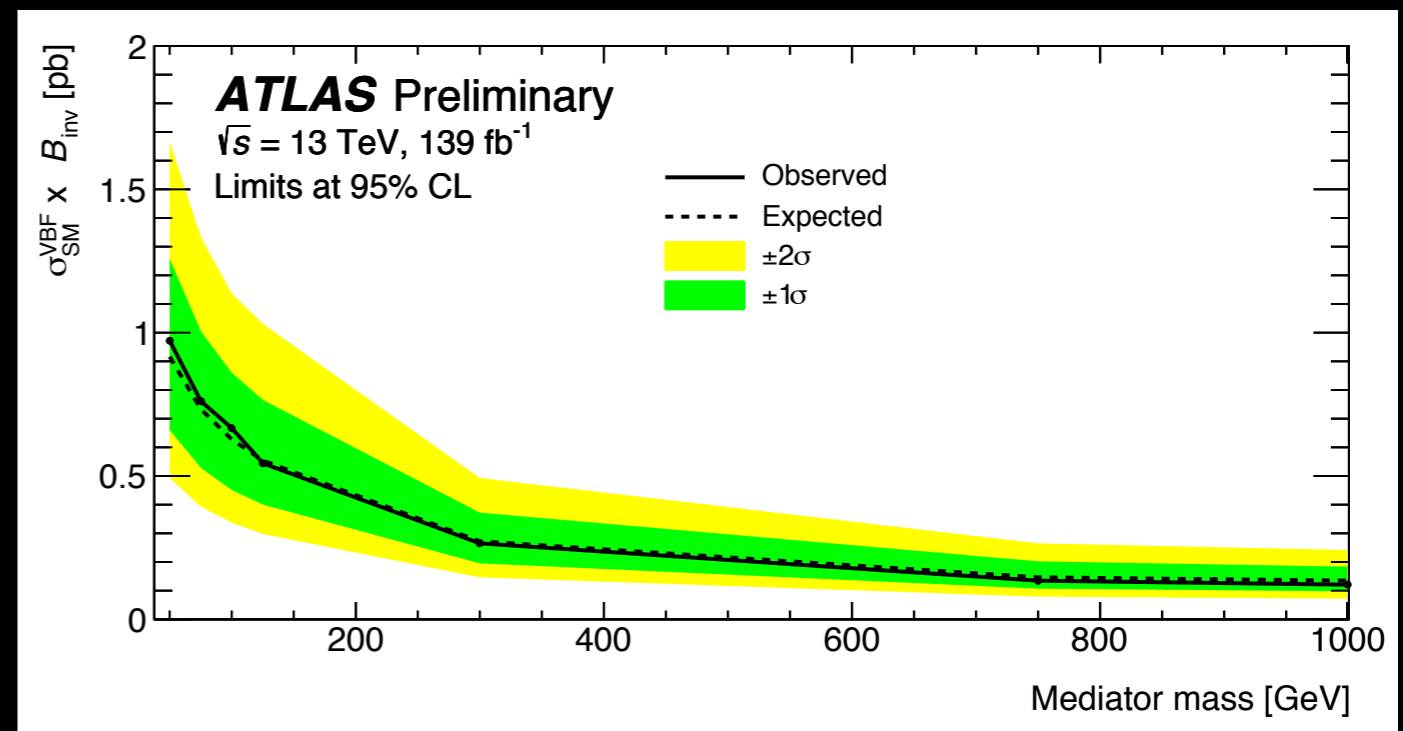
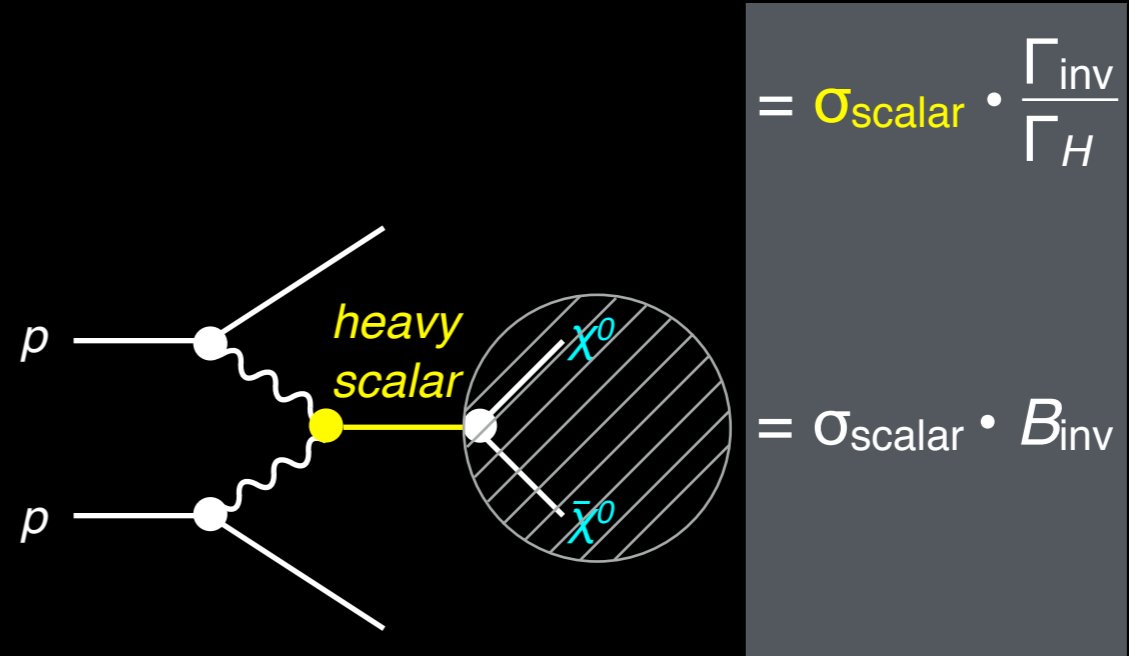
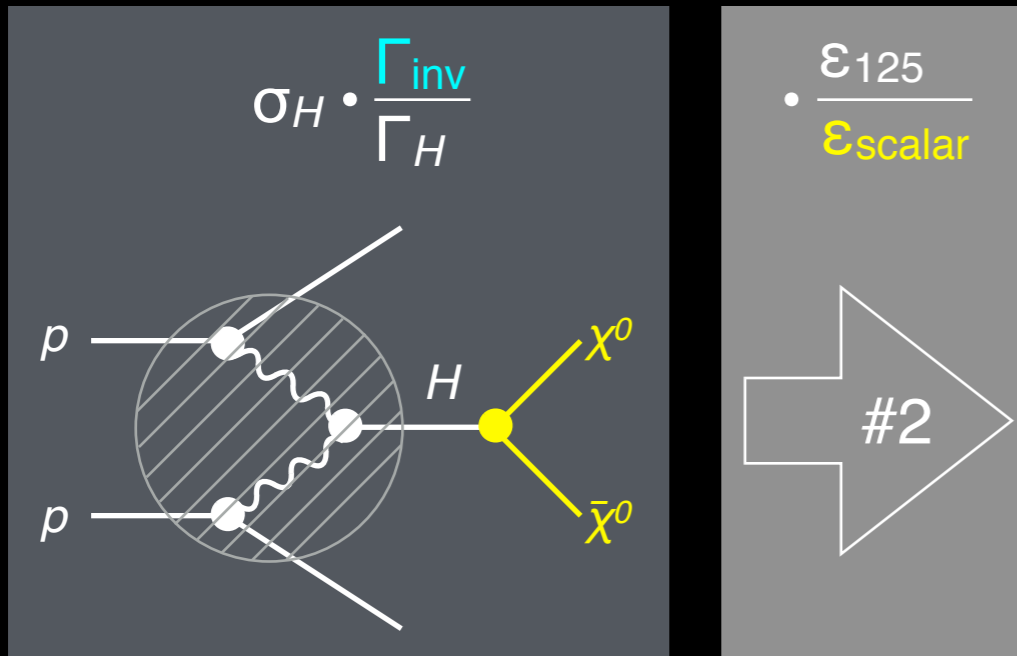
fermion:  $\Gamma_{\text{inv}} \cdot \text{const} \sim \sigma_{\text{WIMP}}$



DM interpretation is complementary to direct detection

# Interpretation #2

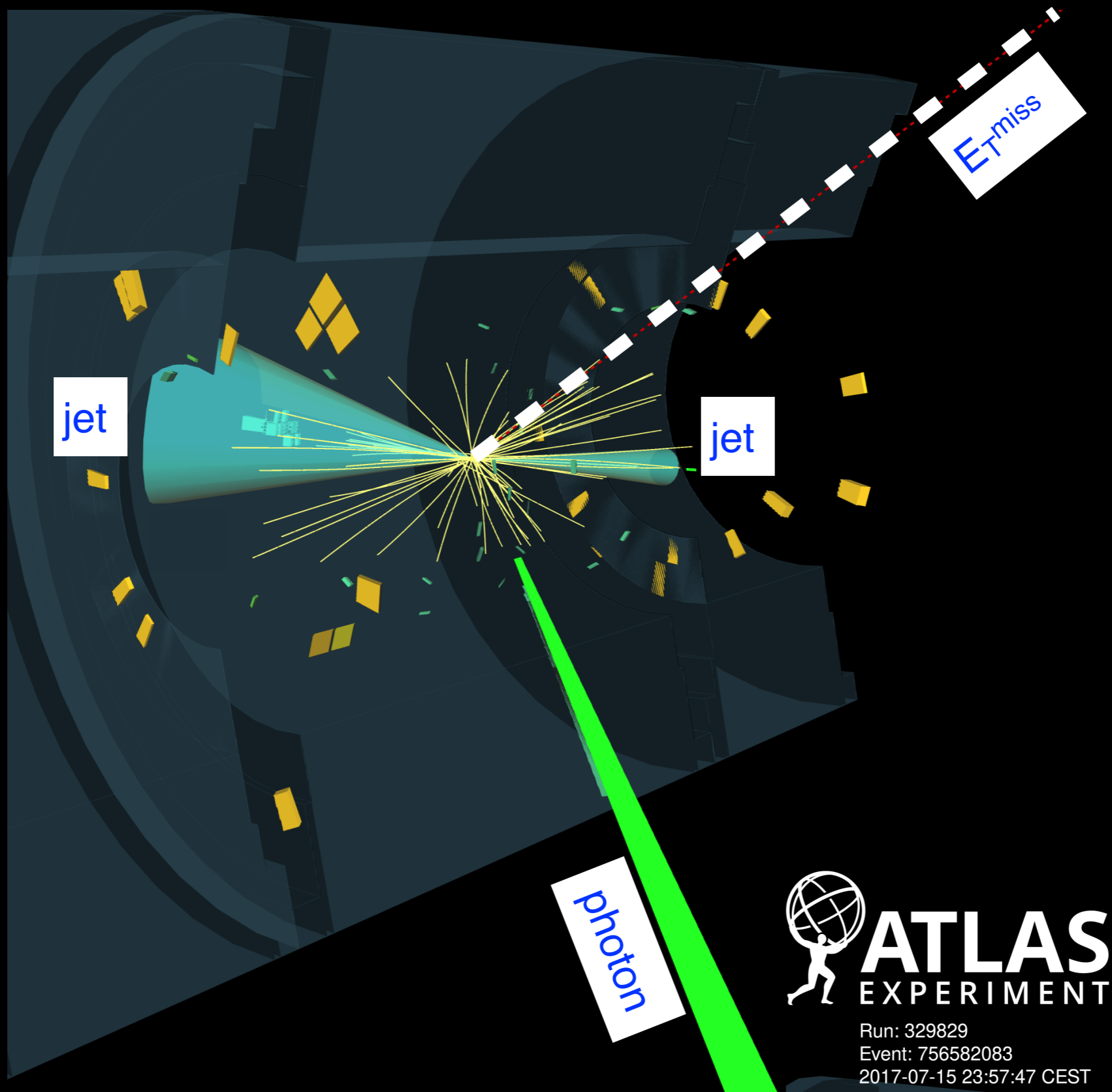
ATLAS result + "No model"



TeV scale particle limit at  $\sim \frac{1}{4} \text{ pb}$



# Add a photon to it



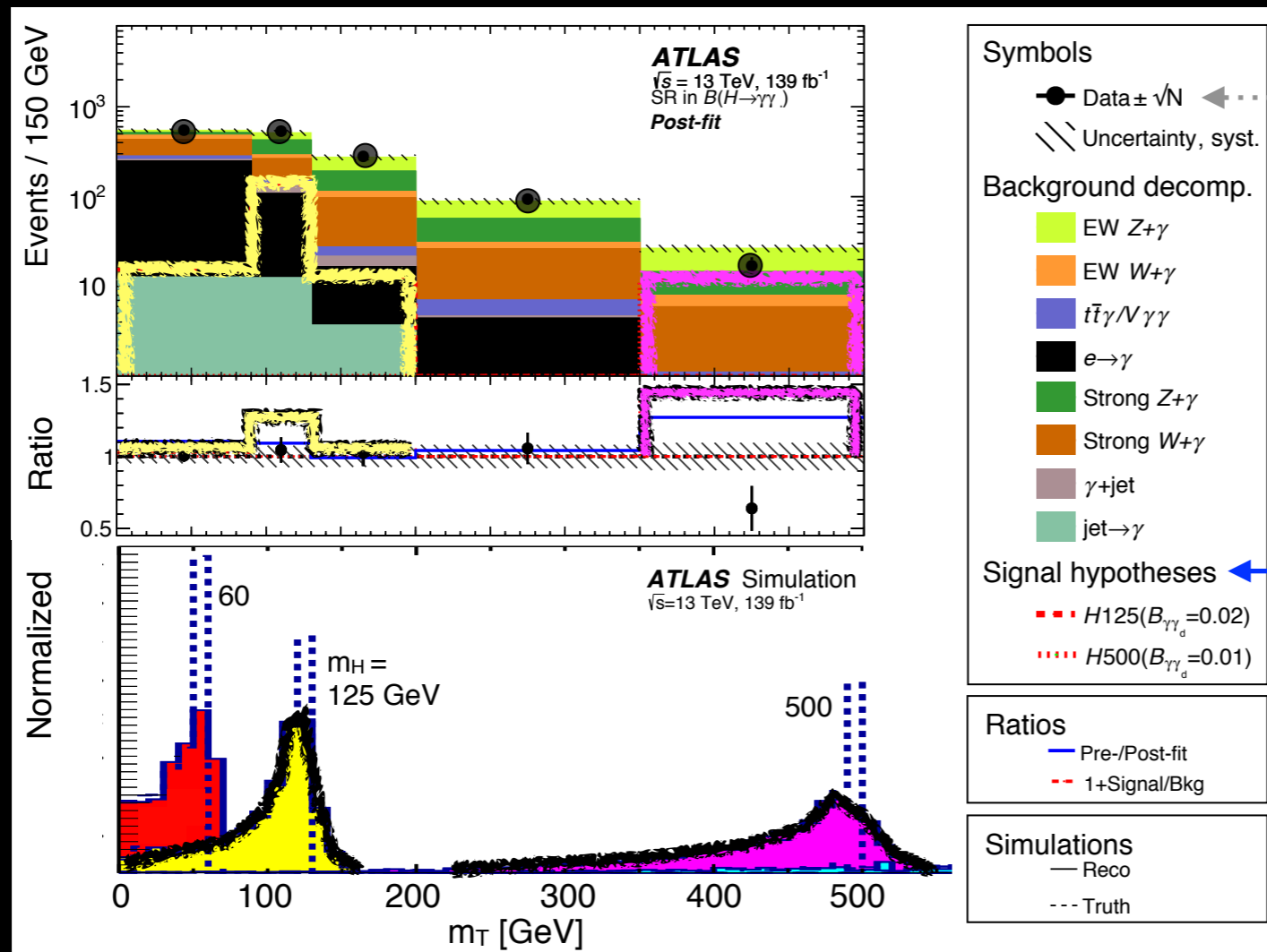
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[http://cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2021-004/fig\\_19.pdf](http://cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2021-004/fig_19.pdf)

# Interpretation

$H_{125}$  to  $\gamma\gamma_{\text{dark}}$

ATLAS, [arXiv:2109.00925], submitted to Eur. Phys. J. C



Data is consistent with no signal

- need more data

If Higgs decayed to dark photons



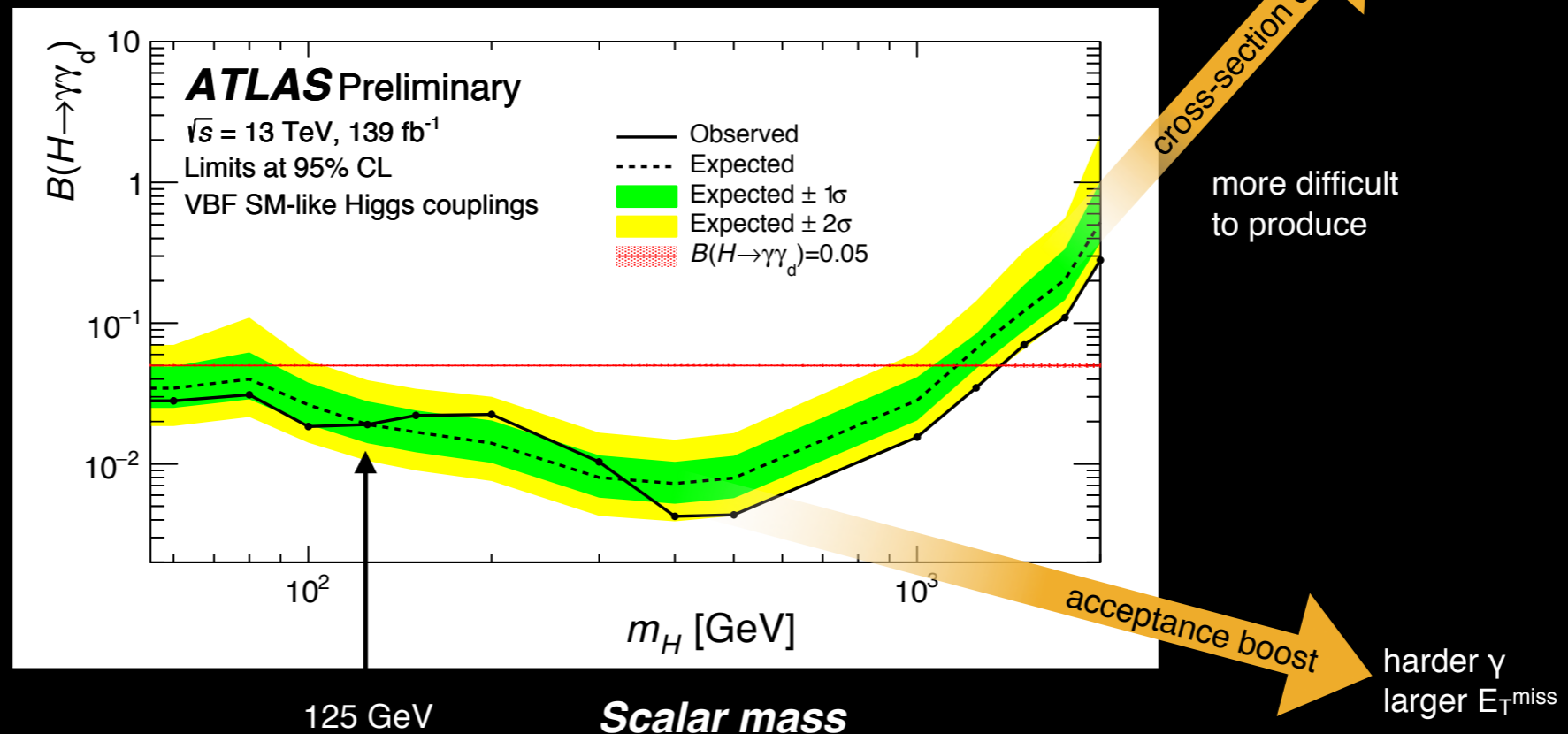
Observed limit  $B_{\text{dark}}$  of 0.014

Expected limit  $B_{\text{dark}}$  of  $0.017 \pm 0.006$

# Interpretation

Scalar particle to  $\gamma\gamma_{\text{dark}}$

[http://cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2021-004/fig\\_12.png](http://cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2021-004/fig_12.png)



Exclude at few percent up to a few TeV



# Trigger

$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , VBF  
ML on FPGA



# $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ trigger rate vs. $\langle\mu\rangle$

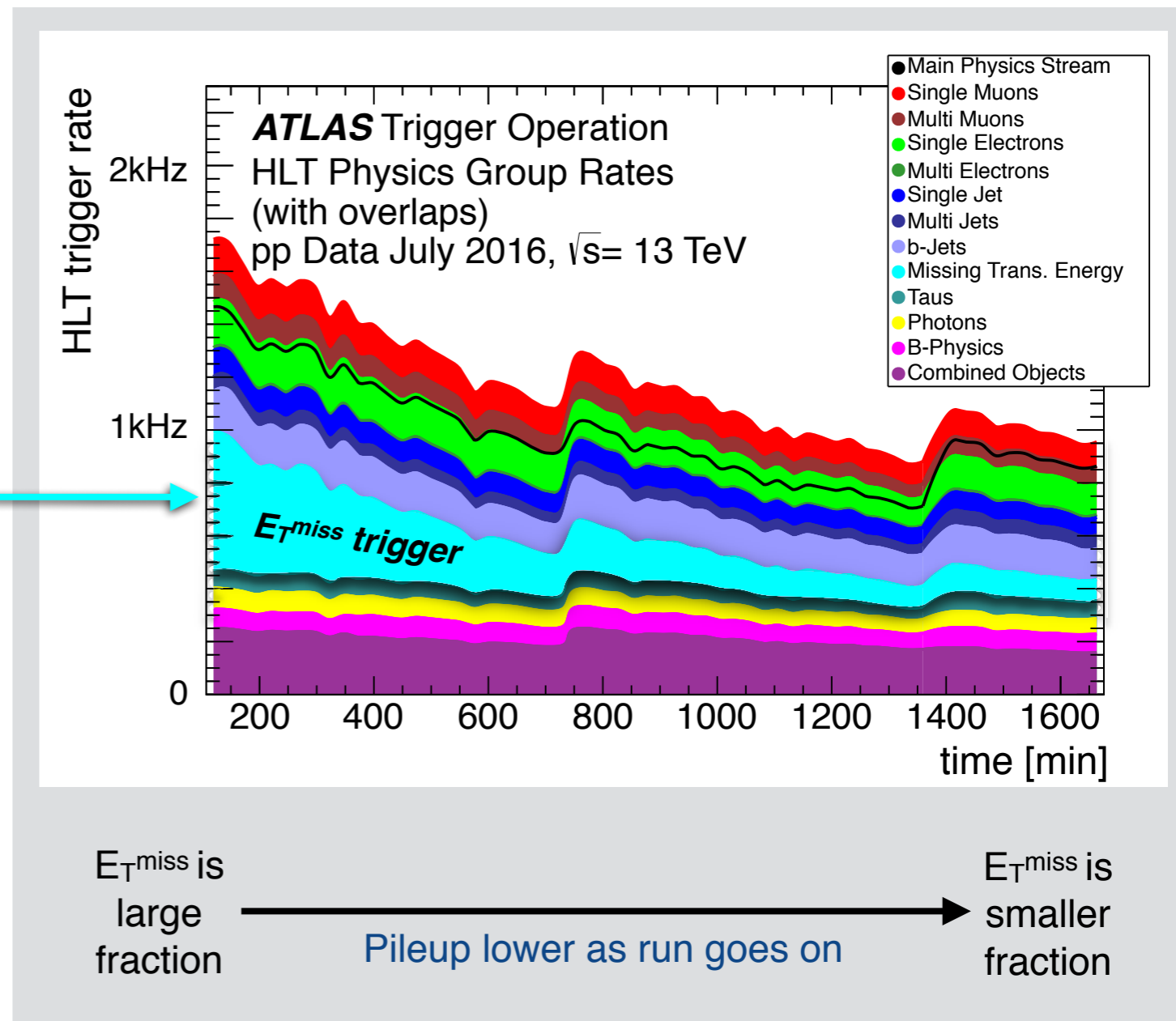
Rate blows-up with  $\langle\mu\rangle$ , so very large at the beginning of runs

## Physics

- Signal: Higgs  $p_T$  gives rise to  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Background: Combinatorics esp. vs.  $\langle\mu\rangle$

## Challenge

- Problem:  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  trigger is bandwidth limited
- Non-solution: Can't increase threshold to reduce the rate beyond  $\sim 150$  GeV bec. signal peaks at low values
- Solution: Be smarter about reducing background while maintaining signal (sounds like physics analysis!)



NB. 150 → 180 GeV reduces signal by  $\sim 30\%$

## Lots of trouble with pileup driving up MET rates

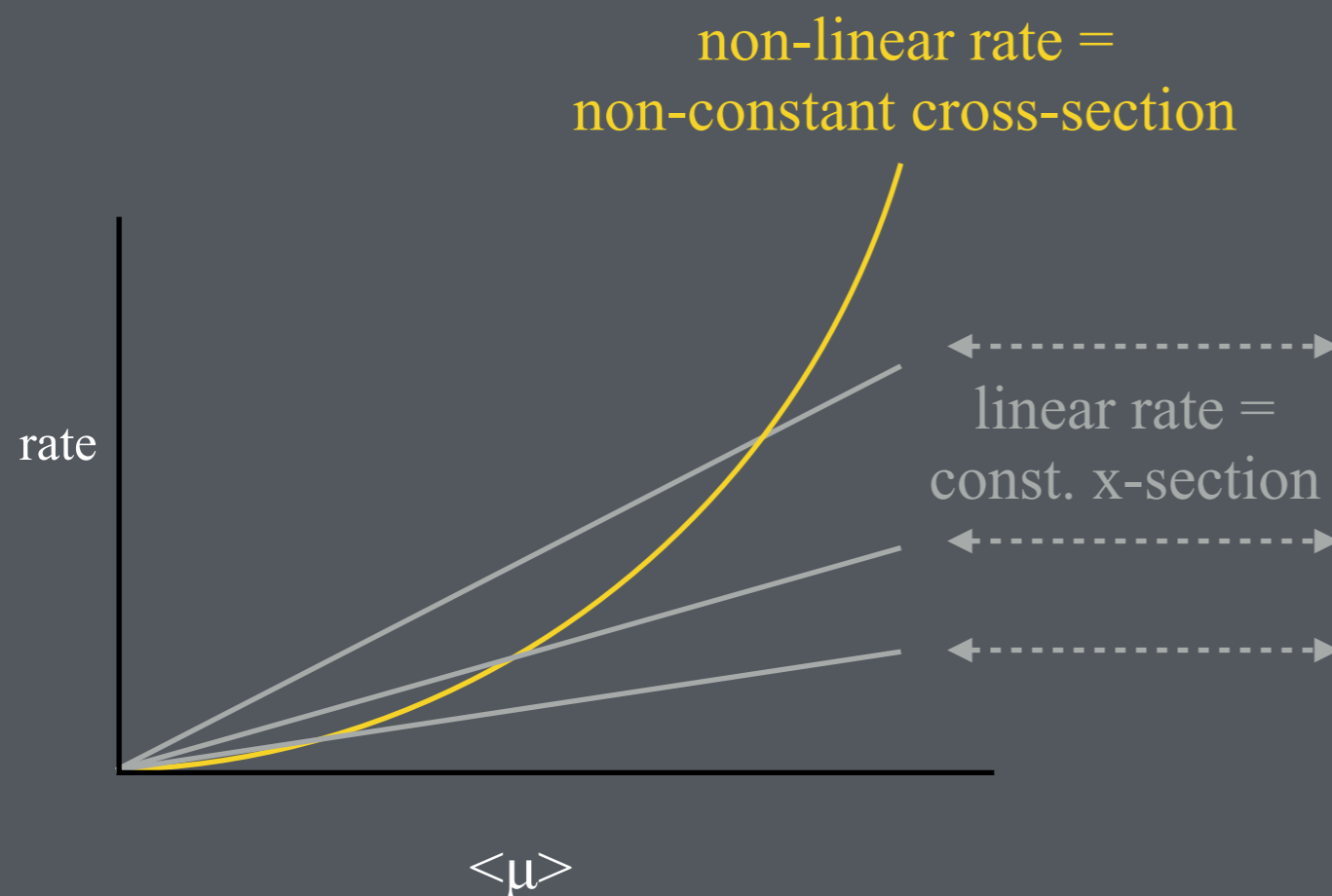
- Conceptually, linear rate v.  $\langle\mu\rangle$  means “no pileup dependence,” see left
- Rates show non-linear  $\langle\mu\rangle$  dependence, see right plot

Level-1 XE50  
blowing up

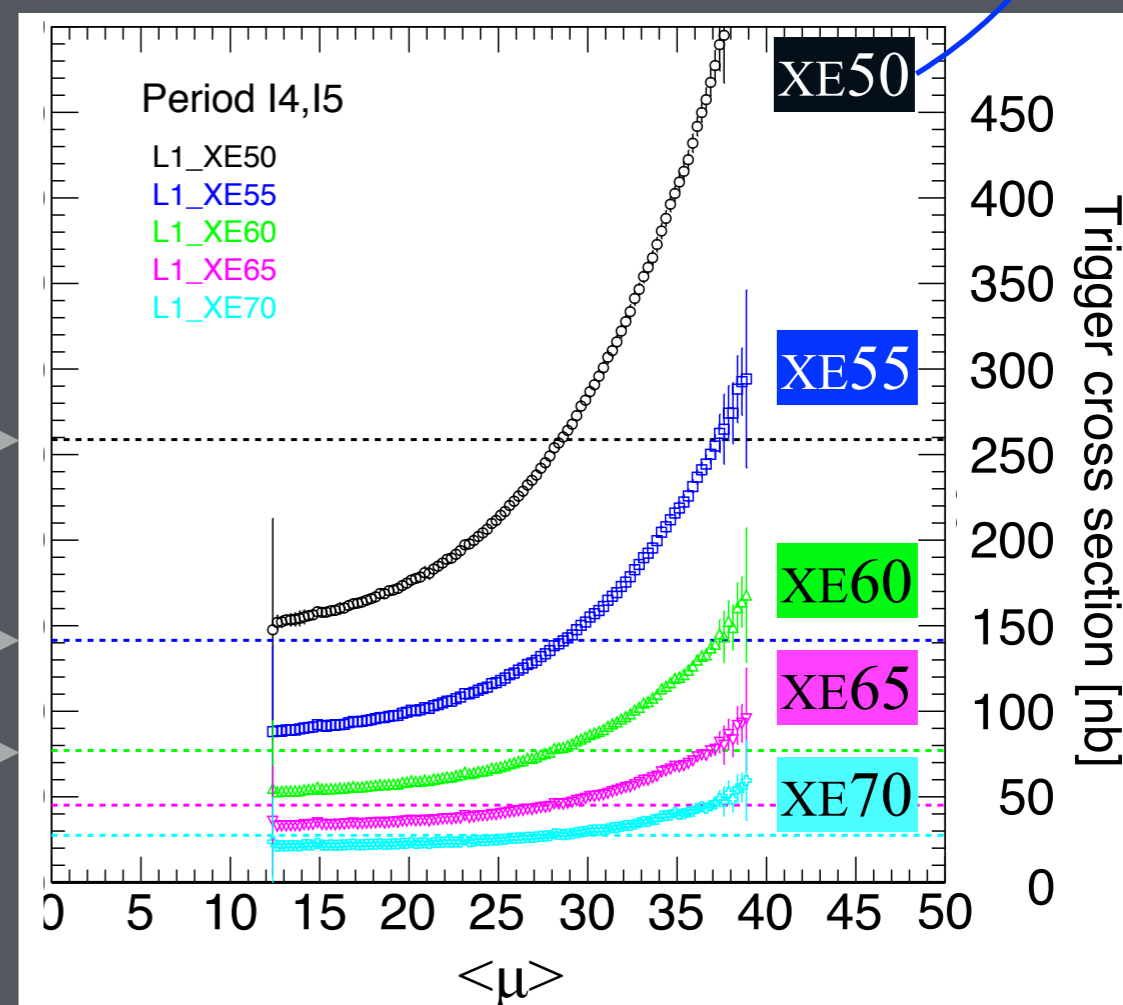
## Despite periods with very high L1 rates, we kept XE50

- The total rate did peak to almost 8 kHz a few times, but this was only at the start of

*Cartoon of rates*

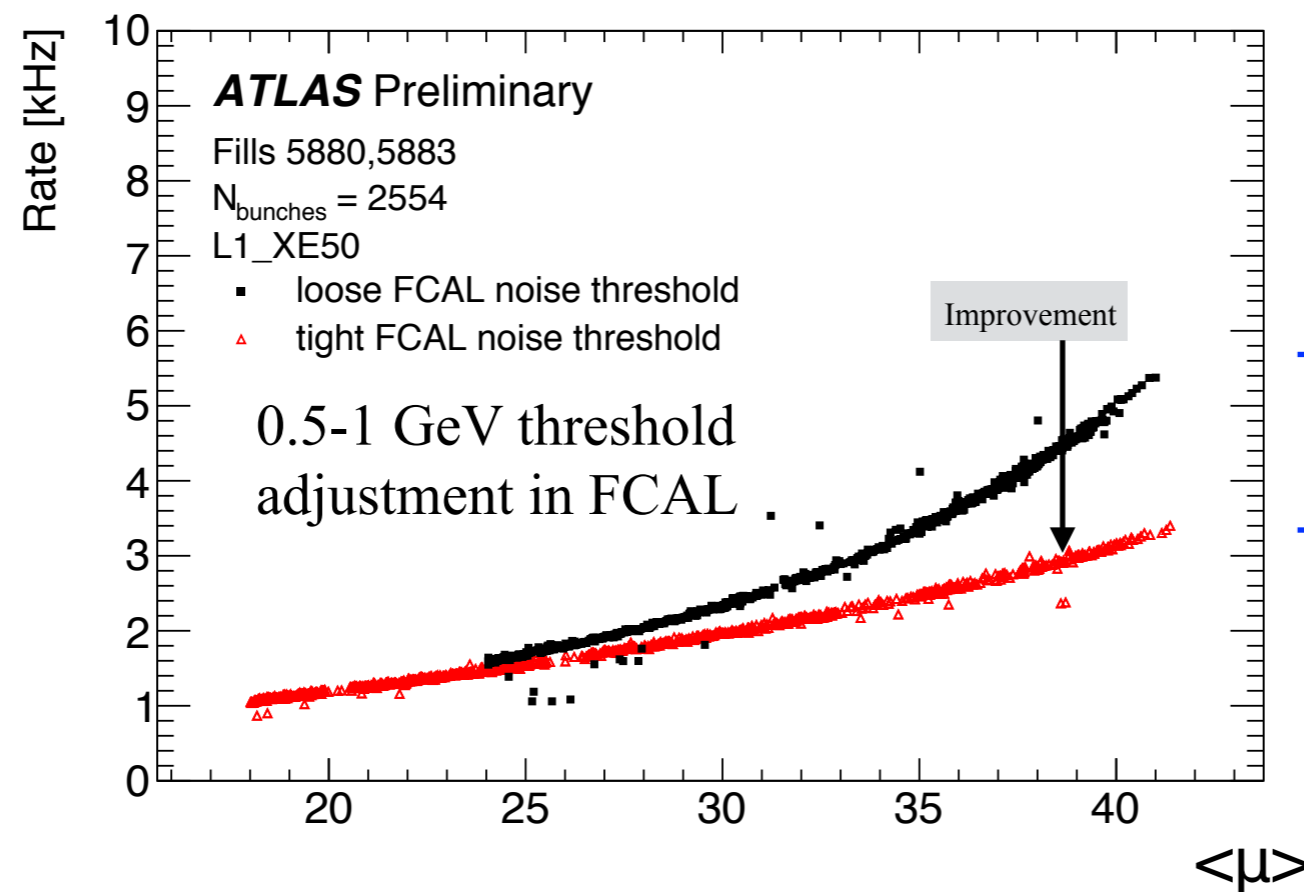


*L1 cross-section = rate / lumi*



## Frequent adjustments to noise cuts control the rate

- Adjusted as the pileup increases or the filling scheme changed (right)
- The noise cuts were adjusted three times in 2017 and once in 2018
- Plot on the left shows the impact of the first change



Noise cuts to reduce L1 rate

Signal efficiency similar (before / after noise update with lower rates)

## $mht110$ (default for post-CHEP 2016)

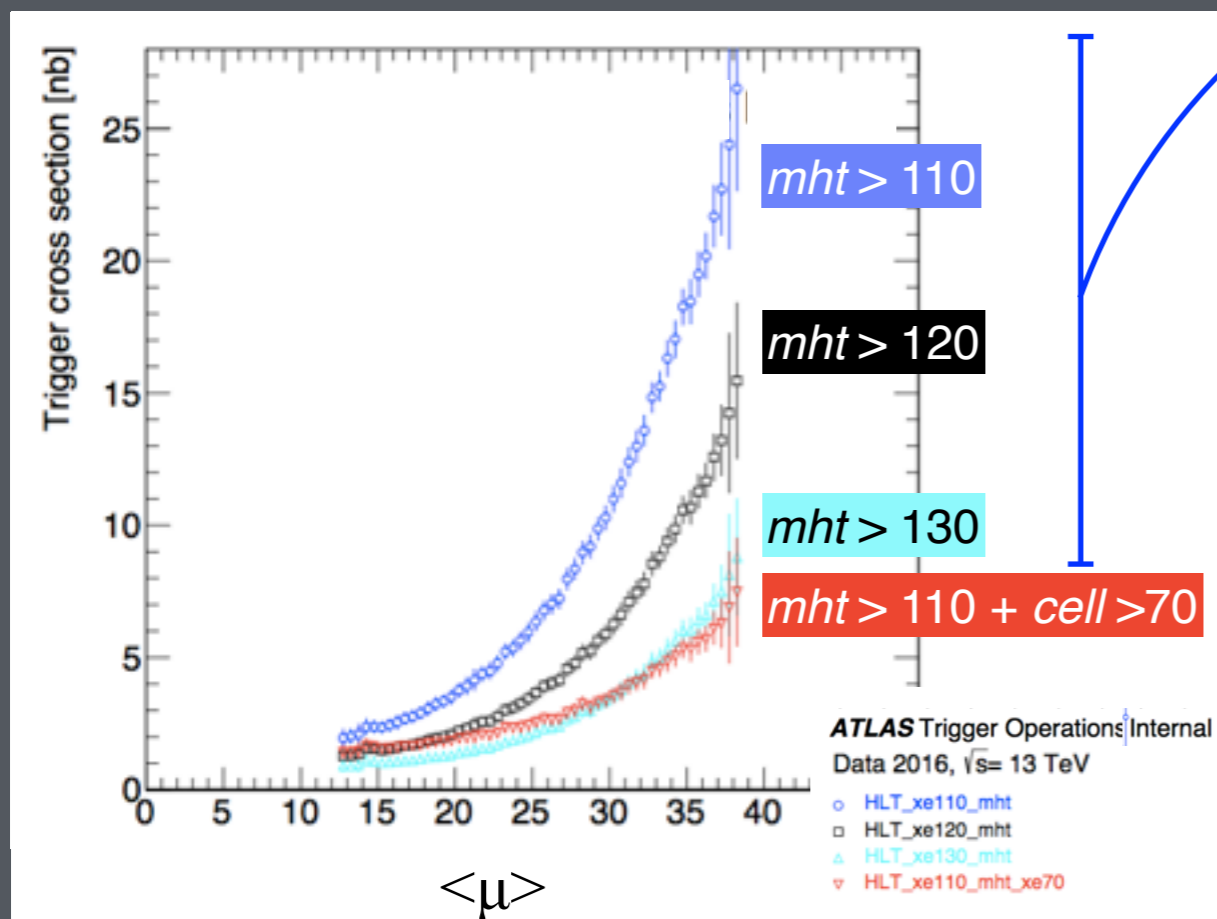
- Rate for  $\mu > 45-50$  too high, see left plot

We found backup:  $mht110 + cell70^*$ , but kept  **$mht110$**

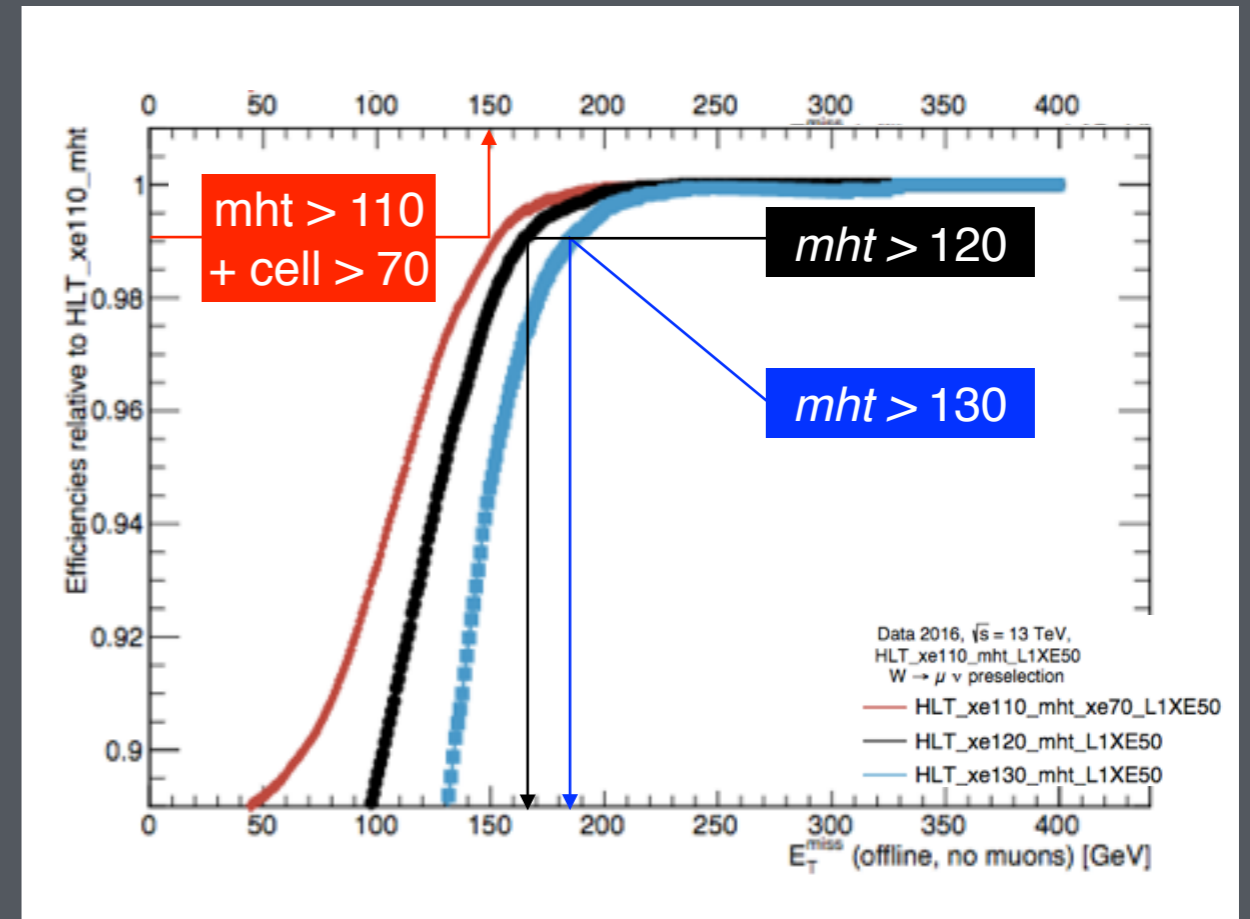
- The performance is much better when mht is combined with cell MET
- Efficiency is better compared to  $mht130$ , see right plot^

Try combo to  
reduce rate  
in 2016

*HLT cross-section = rate / lumi*



*Efficiency relative to  $mht110$*



# At HLT: Smarter (2017)

$\chi^2$  based "pileup fit" algorithm

## Algorithm

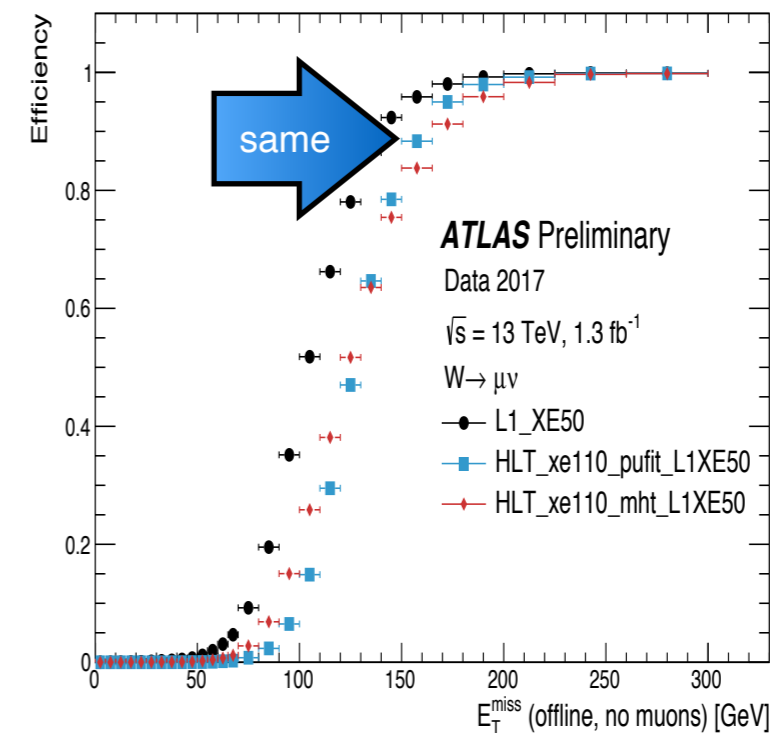
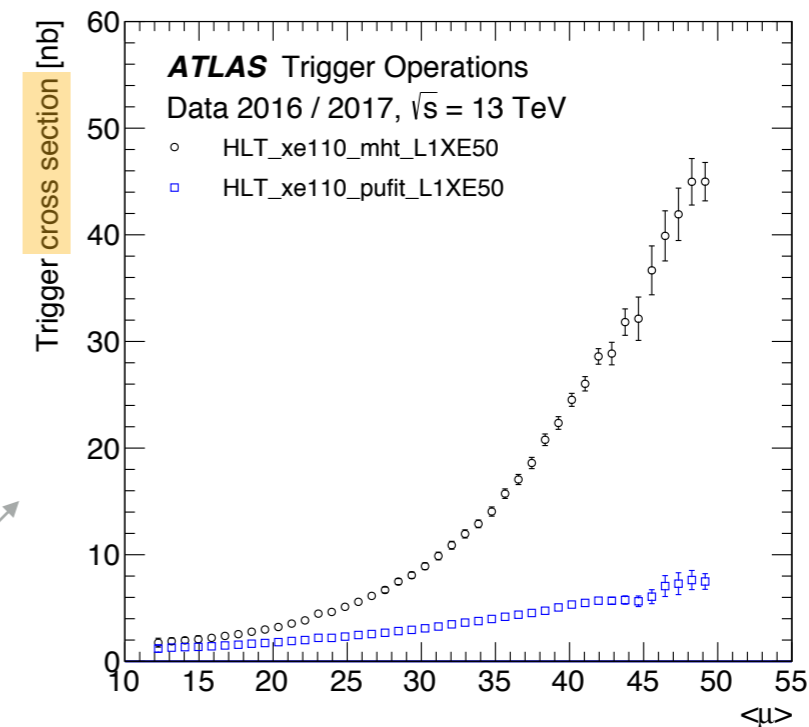
- Divide  $\eta$ - $\phi$  space in  $\sim 0.4^2$  grid
- Assume uniform underlying pileup energy in  $\eta$ - $\phi$ , float magnitude given momentum conservation in  $xy$

## Result

- Trigger rate drastically reduced
- Signal efficiency is similar

## Algorithm & threshold evolution

- Rapid development



Year	Trigger name	HLT algorithm [GeV]	L1 threshold [GeV]	HLT threshold [GeV]	$\int \mathcal{L} dt$ [fb $^{-1}$ ]
2015	HLT_xe70_mht_L1XE50	mht	50	70	3.5
2016	HLT_xe90_mht_L1XE50	mht	50	90	12.7
2016	HLT_xe110_mht_L1XE50	mht	50	110	30.0
2017	HLT_xe90_pufit_L1XE50	pufit, cell	50	90, 50	21.8



Rapid algorithm R&D to retain  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  threshold

# At HLT: Combo (2018)

Use combinations of algorithms

## Algorithm

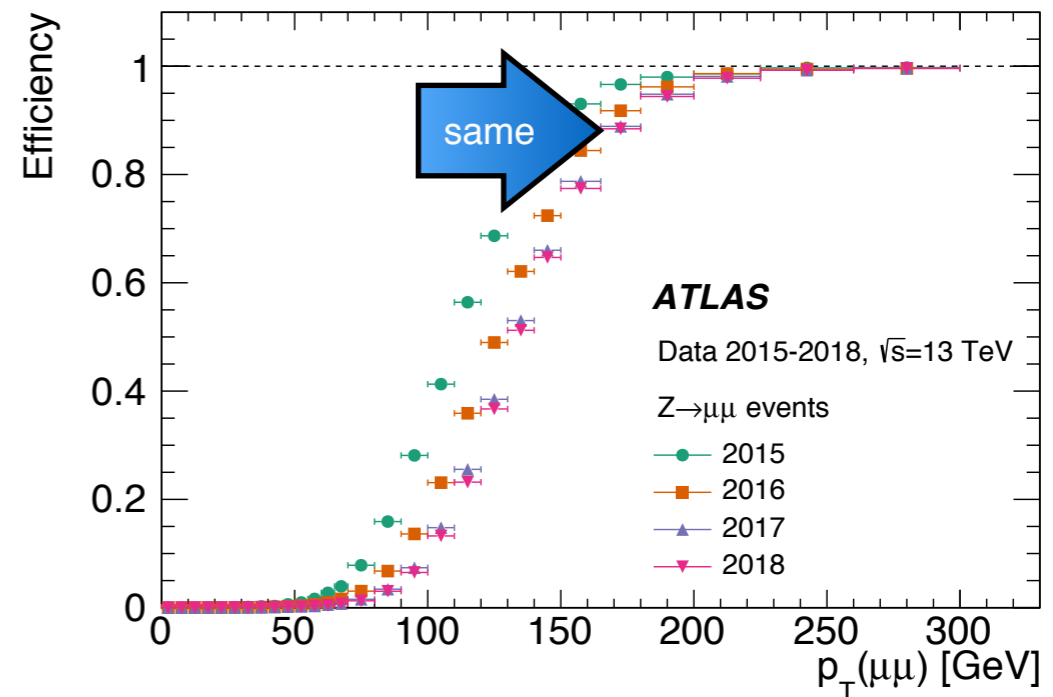
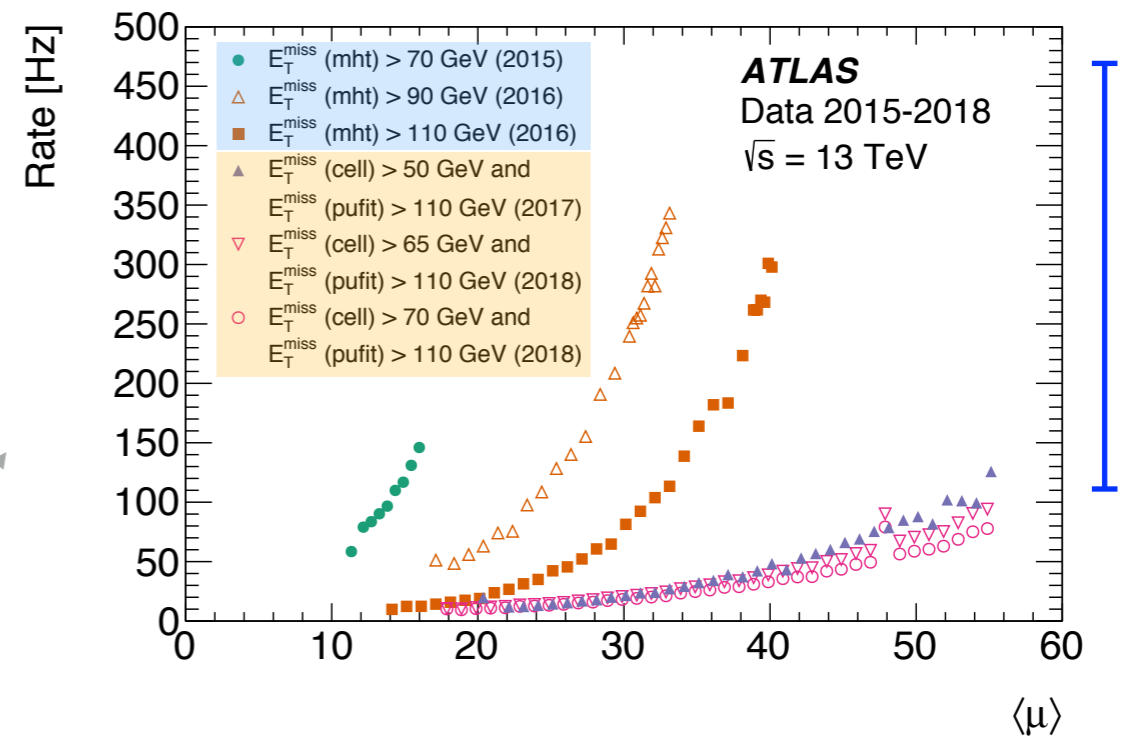
- $\chi^2$  based algorithm from prev. slide
- Cell-based algorithm using  $\sim 200\text{k}$  LAr cells
- Use both algorithms!

## Result

- Trigger rate drastically reduced
- Signal efficiency is similar

## Algorithm & threshold evolution

- Rapid development



Year	Trigger name	HLT algorithm [GeV]	L1 threshold [GeV]	HLT threshold [GeV]	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$
2017	HLT_xe100_pufit_L1XE50	pufit, cell	50	100, 50	33.0
2017	HLT_xe110_pufit_L1XE50(55)	pufit, cell	50 (55)	110, 50	47.7
2018	HLT_xe110_pufit_xe65_L1XE50	pufit, cell	50	110, 65	57.0
2018	HLT_xe110_pufit_xe70_L1XE50	pufit, cell	50	110, 70	62.6

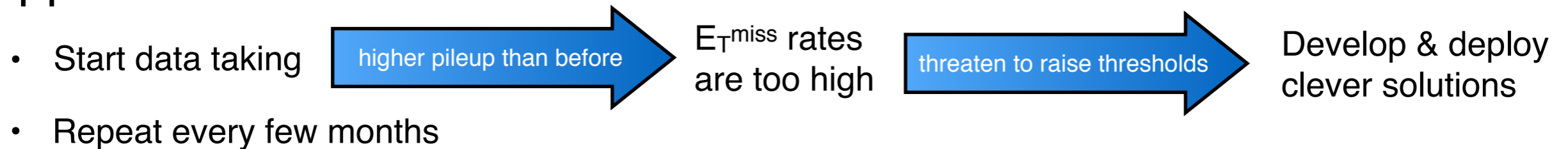


Rapid algorithm R&D to retain  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  threshold

# $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ trigger

Summary of the Run 2 history & my outlook on Run 3

## Approach



## Obvious question (& answer)

- Why not pre-develop in advance? Rates are notoriously difficult to simulate

## My view for Run 3

- Keep a similar theme of innovating on algorithms, combining algorithms as we did in HLT
- May want to use non- $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  triggers for the

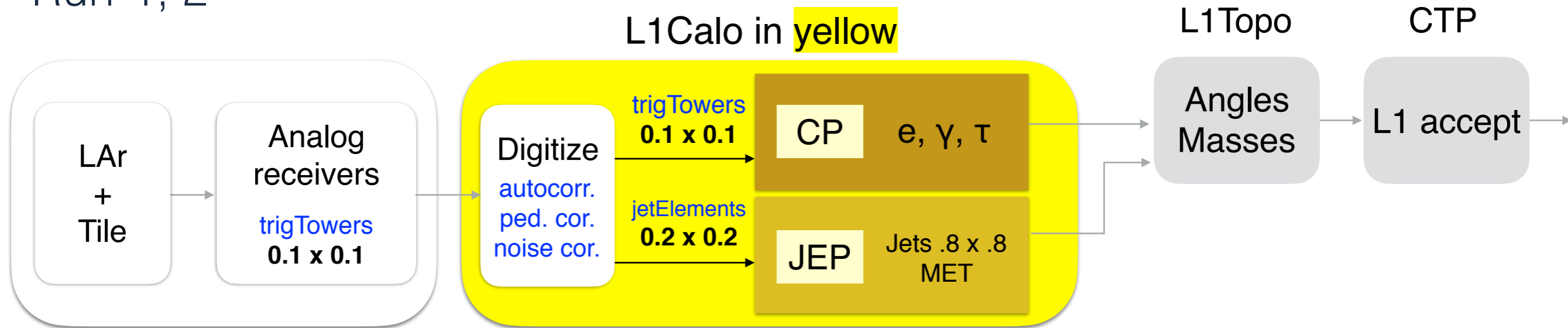
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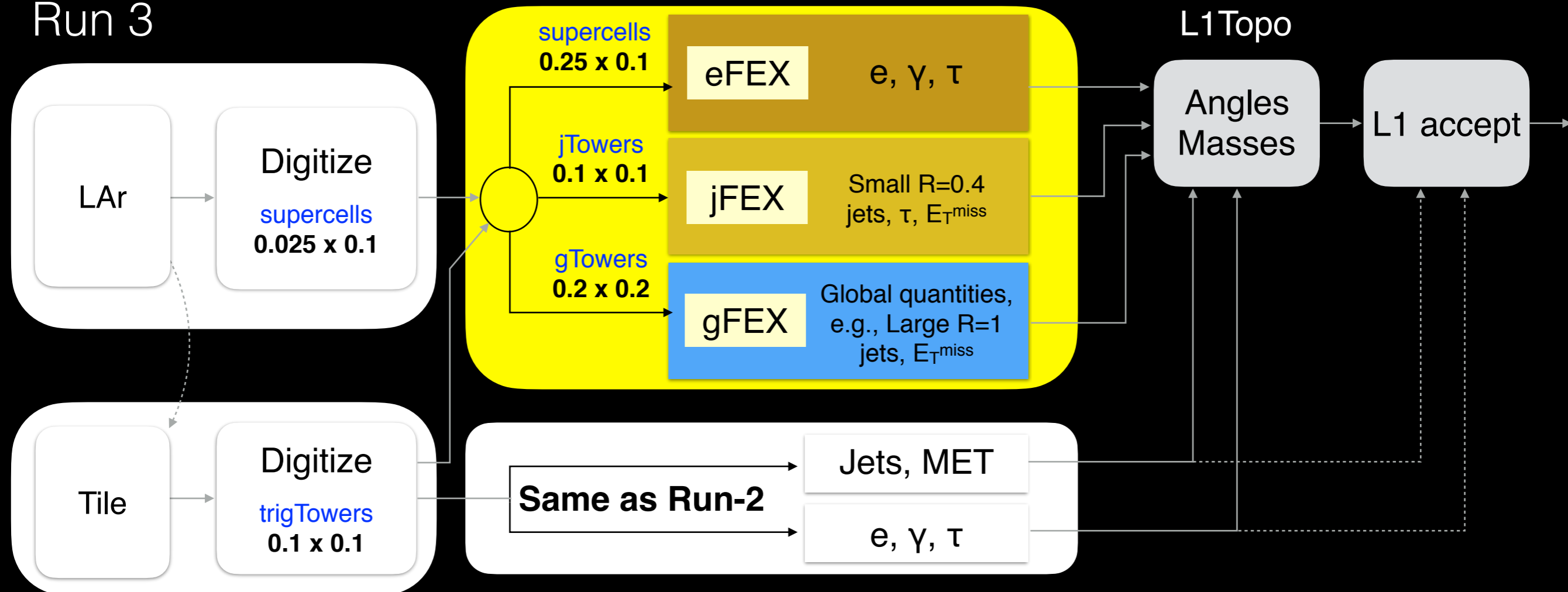
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# Upgrade of the level-1 architecture

Run-1, 2

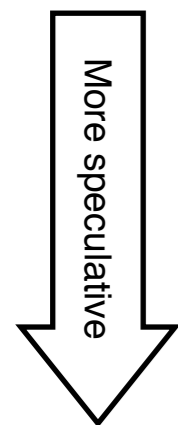


Run 3

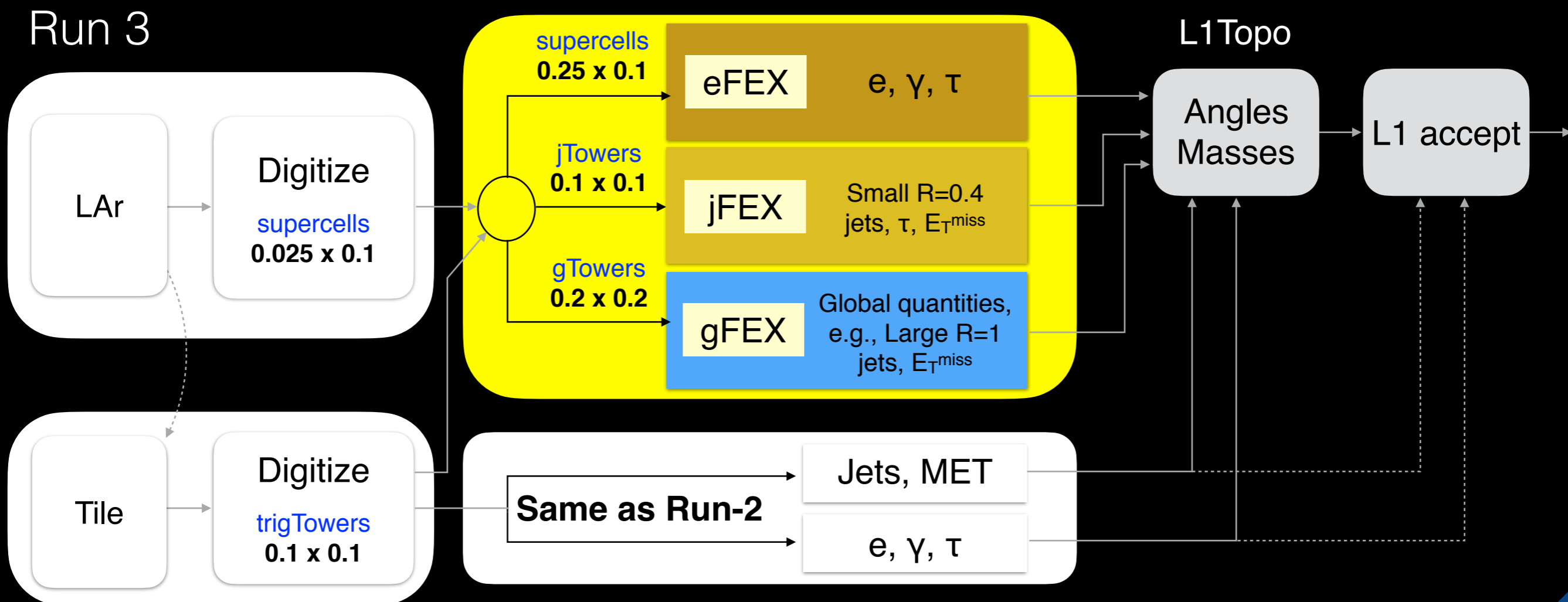


# Run 3 architecture

My guess



- We'll start with baseline  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  algorithms in jFEX-gFEX
- We'll take data and probably realize that we need to do better than baseline
- We'll probably improve & add jFEX-gFEX algorithms (like we did before in HLT)
- We'll combine jFEX-gFEX outputs (like we did before in HLT) → use ML?





# ML on FPGA

## Boosted decision trees



<http://fwx.pitt.edu>



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### Nanosecond machine learning event classification with boosted decision trees in FPGA for high energy physics

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**ABSTRACT:** We present a novel implementation of classification using the machine learning/artificial intelligence method called boosted decision trees (BDT) on field programmable gate arrays (FPGA). The firmware implementation of binary classification requiring 100 training trees with a maximum depth of 4 using four input variables gives a latency value of about 10 ns, independent of the clock speed from 100 to 320 MHz in our setup. The low timing values are achieved by restructuring the BDT layout and reconfiguring its parameters. The FPGA resource utilization is also kept low at a range from 0.01% to 0.2% in our setup. A software package called **FWXMACHINA** achieves this implementation. Our intended user is an expert in custom electronics-based trigger systems in high energy physics experiments or anyone that needs decisions at the lowest latency values for real-time event classification. Two problems from high energy physics are considered, in the separation of electrons vs. photons and in the selection of vector boson fusion-produced Higgs bosons vs. the rejection of the multijet processes.

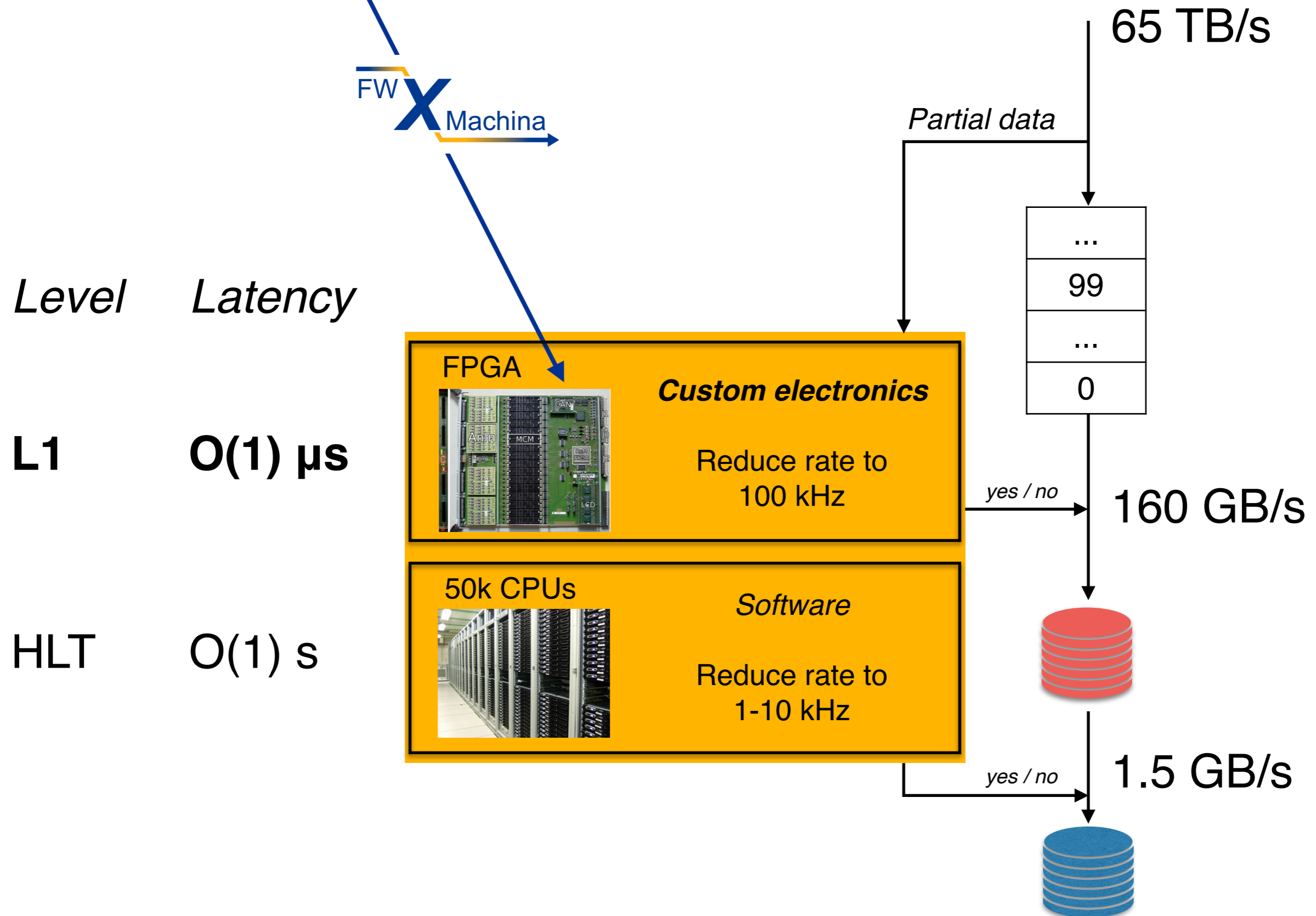
**KEYWORDS:** Digital electronic circuits; Trigger algorithms; Trigger concepts and systems (hardware and software); Data reduction methods

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# Machine learning at L1 trigger

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## Deep Neural Network

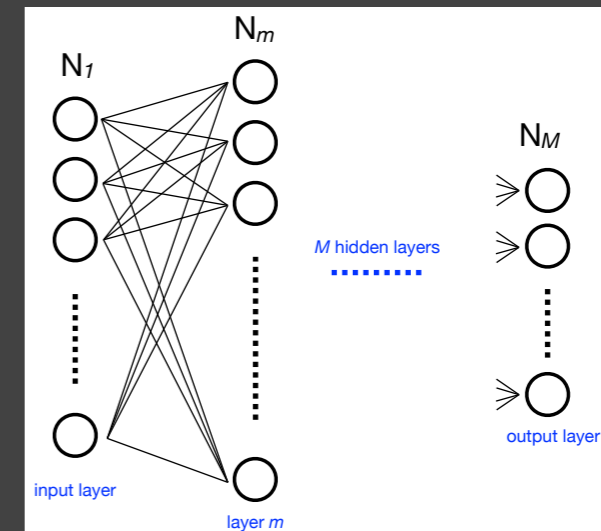
Duarte et al., J. Instrum. 13, P07027 (2018)

- Popular method for signal vs. background
- But can't be very deep for FPGA, so ~3 "deep" in paper

$$y = \Theta(M \cdot x + b)$$

Fancy  
activation

Multiplication  
(limited resource on FPGA)



## Standard Decision Tree

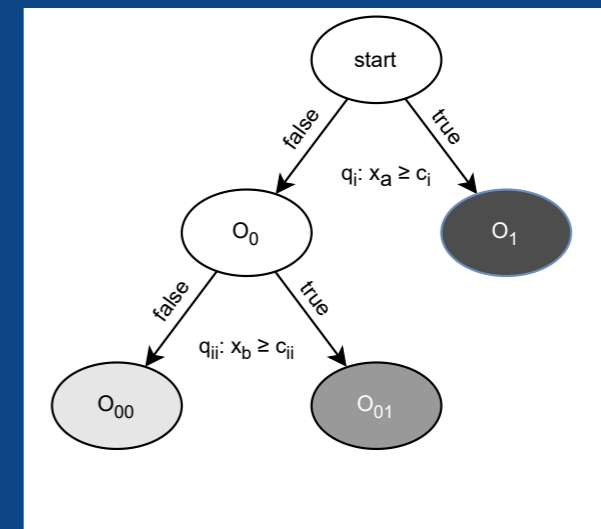
- Another popular classification

$$y = \Theta(x < \text{threshold})$$

Boolean

No multiplication  
(bin search problem)

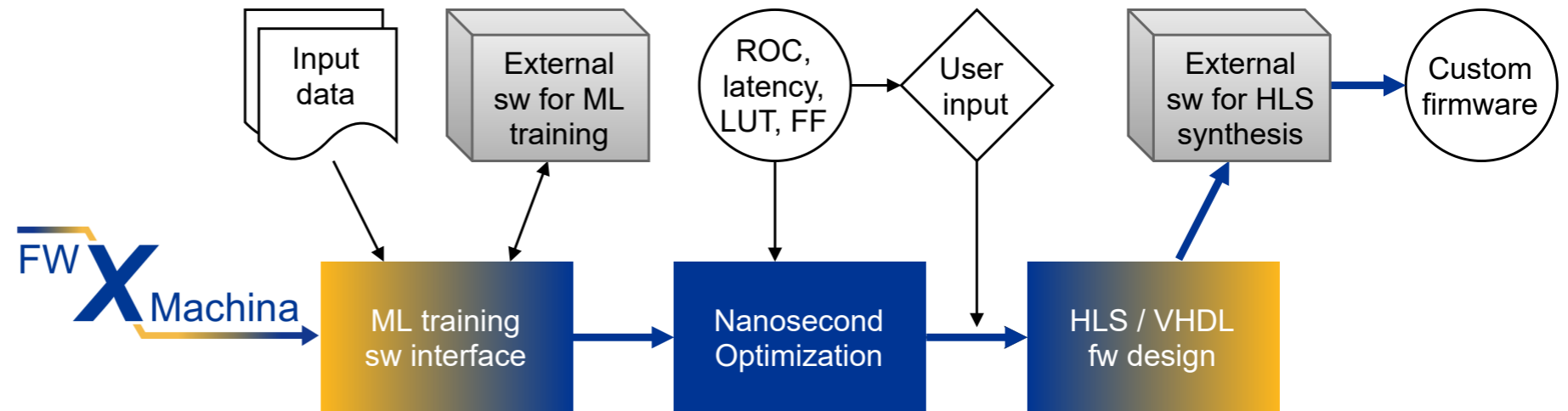
Hong et al., J. Instrum. 16, P08016 (2021)



## Decision Tree for FPGA

- Smart bit integer precision, bit shifting
- Flattened (also "deep")
- All variables processed in parallel
- One step algorithm, ns fast, tiny footprint

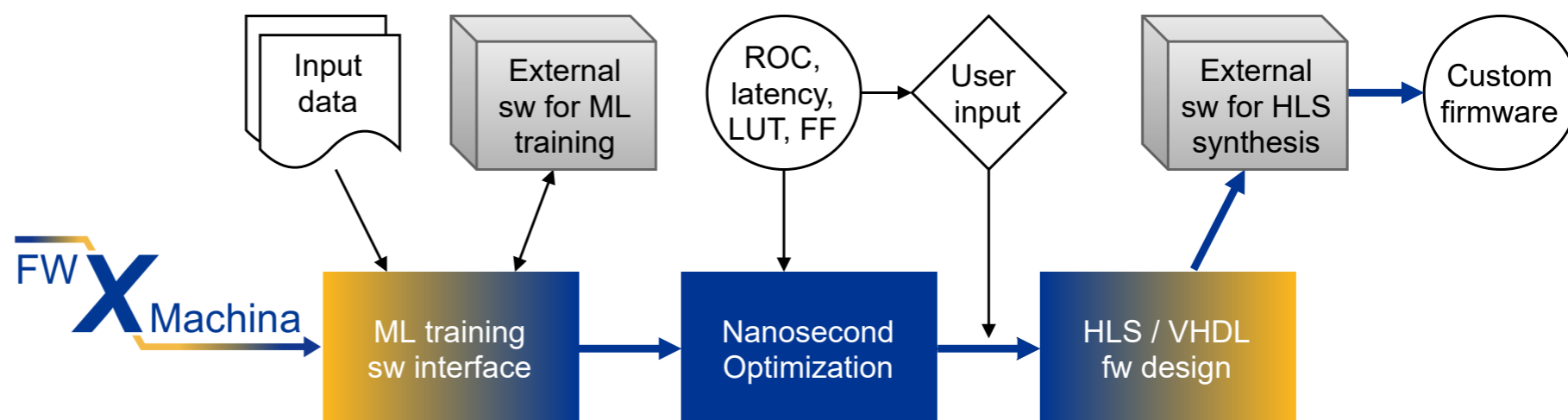
- **Workflow**



- Optimization

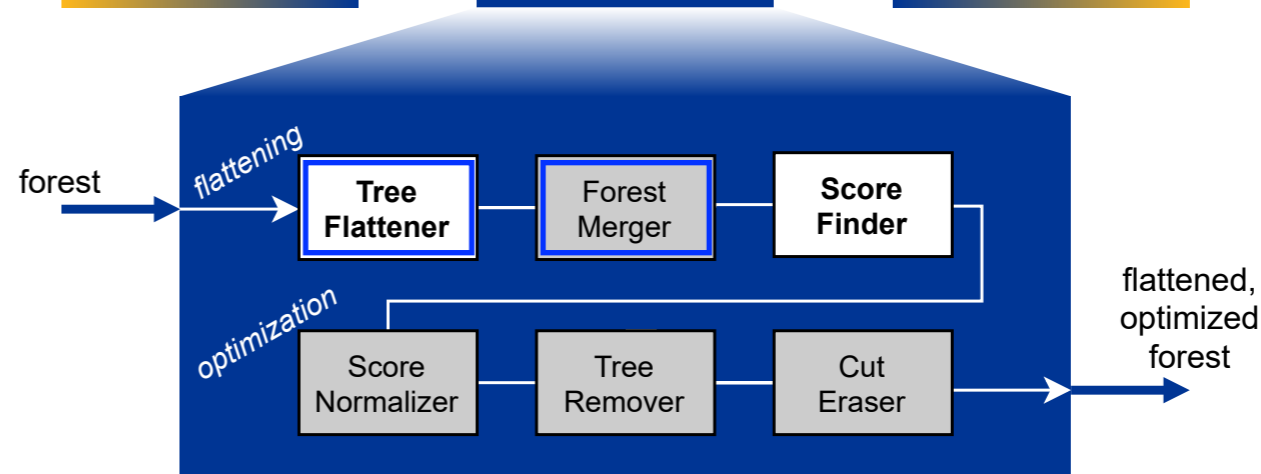
- Use bit integer precision

- Workflow



- Optimization

- Use bit integer precision

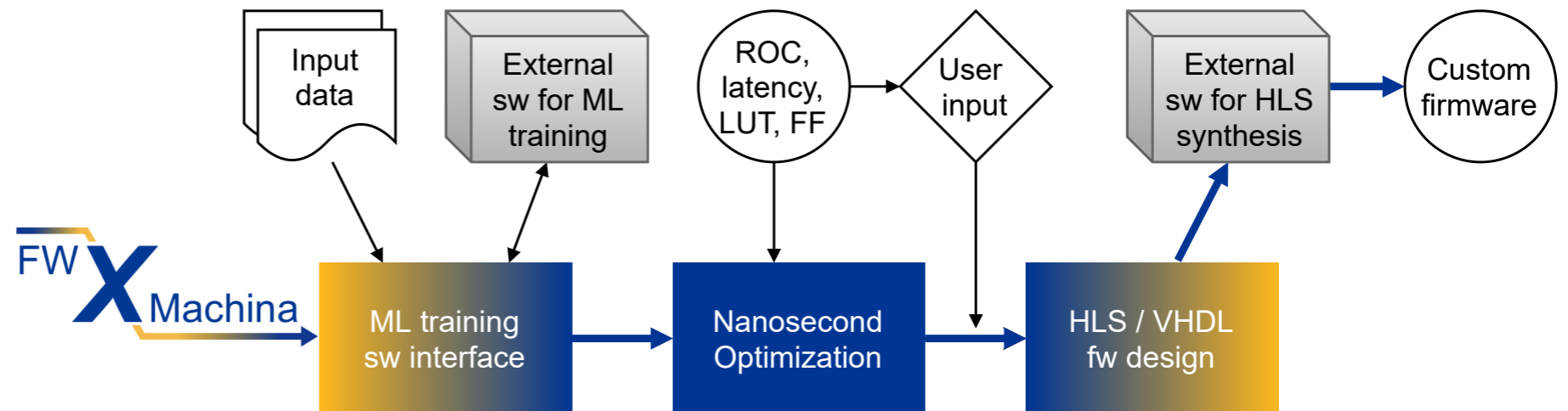


- Will discuss next:

Tree Flattener

Forest Merger

- Workflow



- Optimization

- Use bit integer precision

E.g., `ap_int<8>` means the variable is represented by a range from 0 to 255.

**Transformation**  $c_{\text{int}} = f(c_{\text{float}}) = \left\lfloor \frac{c_{\text{float}} - c_{\text{min}}}{c_{\text{max}} - c_{\text{min}}} \cdot (2^N - 1) \right\rfloor$

*Floor operation*

- Advantages & subtleties

Bit integers represents a wide range without sacrificing float precision

*Pre-evaluate f*      *Firmware only adds*

$$f(x_1 + x_2) = f(x_1) + f(x_2)$$

*Equal up to one bit because of floor*

# Decision tree, 2 var example

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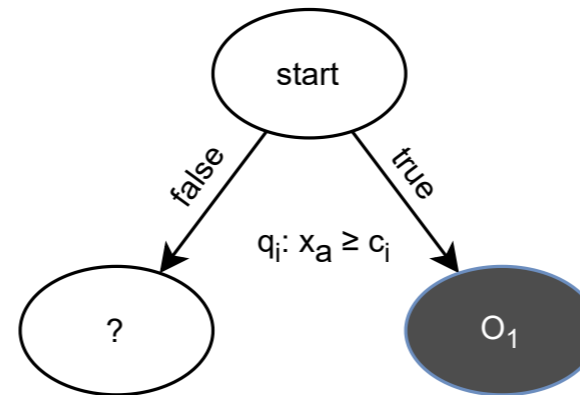


First  
step

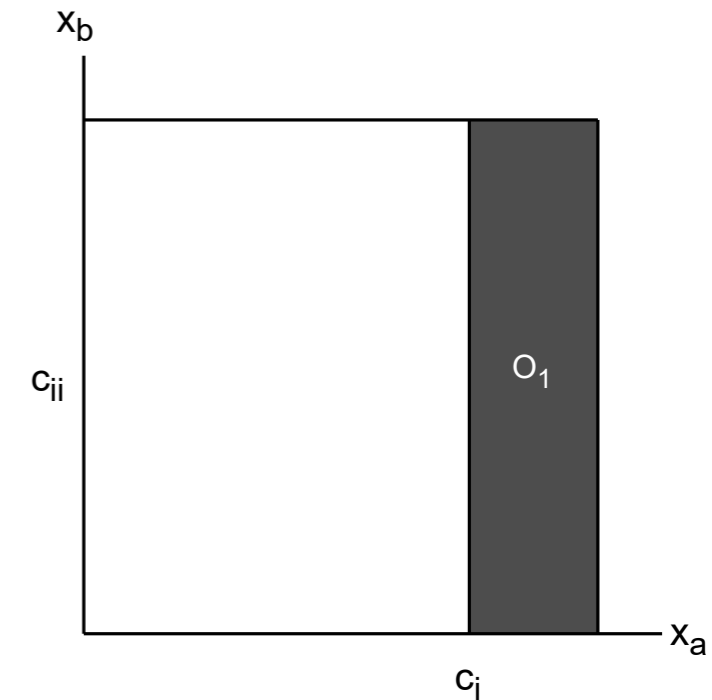
Root node

Depth i

Conventional tree structure



2d plane:  $x_a$  vs.  $x_b$



- **Advantages & subtleties**
  - Cut thresholds & weights determined during training
  - Danger of "memorizing" boundaries (overtraining), so must consider a forest

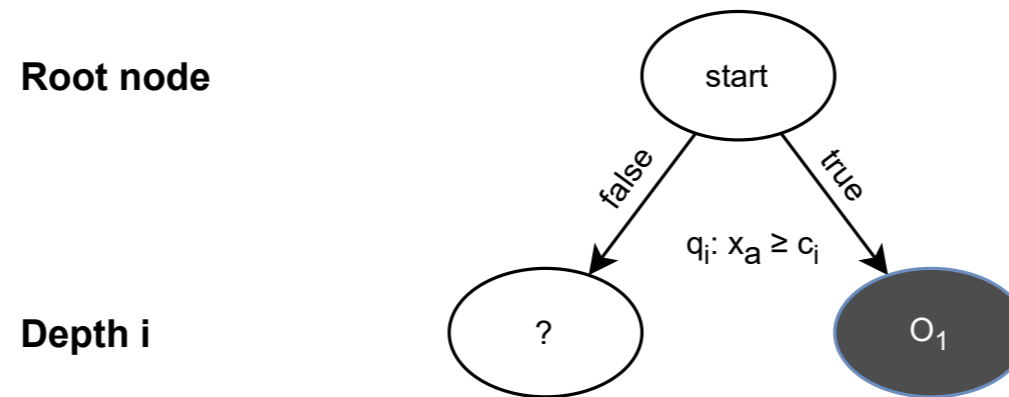
# Decision tree, 2 var example (2)

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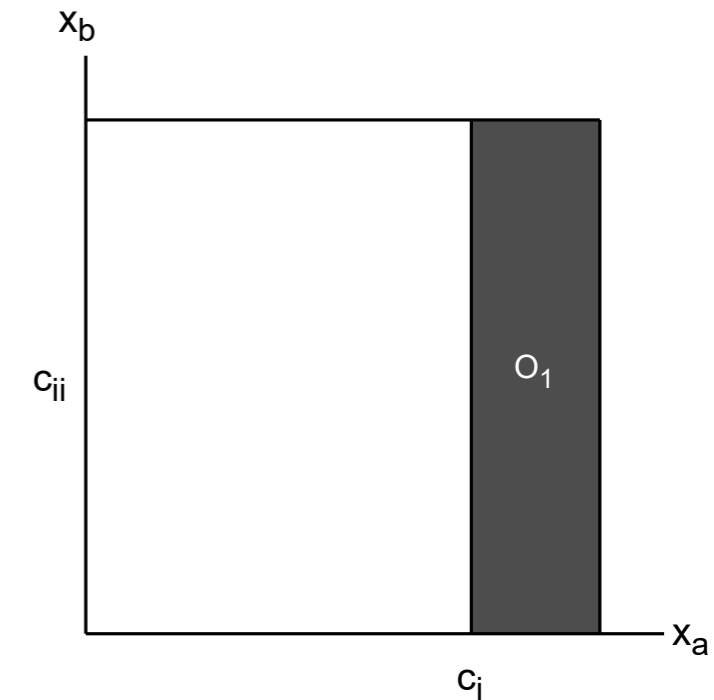


First  
step

Conventional tree structure

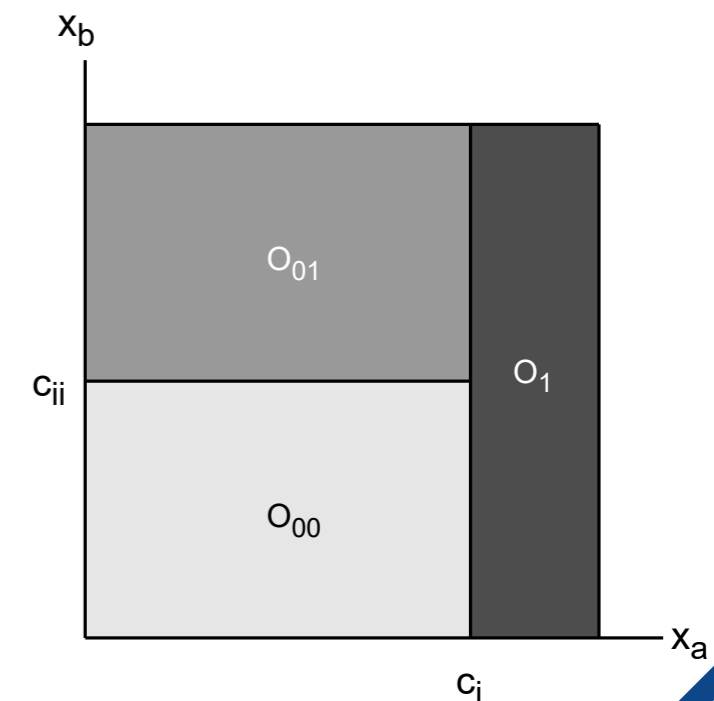
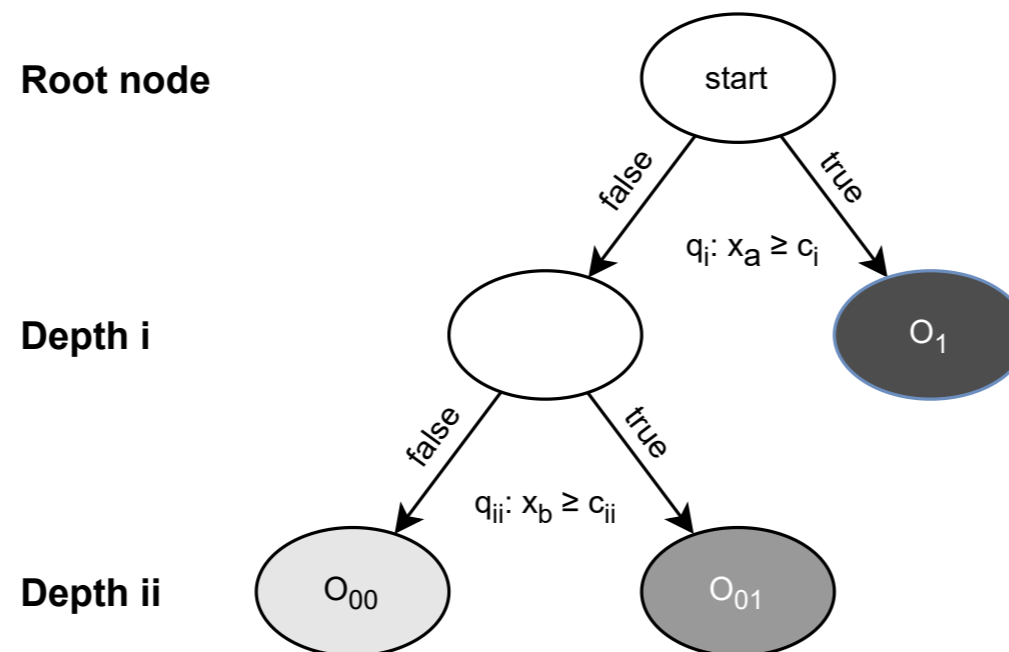


2d plane:  $x_a$  vs.  $x_b$



- **Advantages & subtleties**
  - Deterministic, conventional style
  - Cuts in each axis is not independent of each other, so recursive

Full  
tree

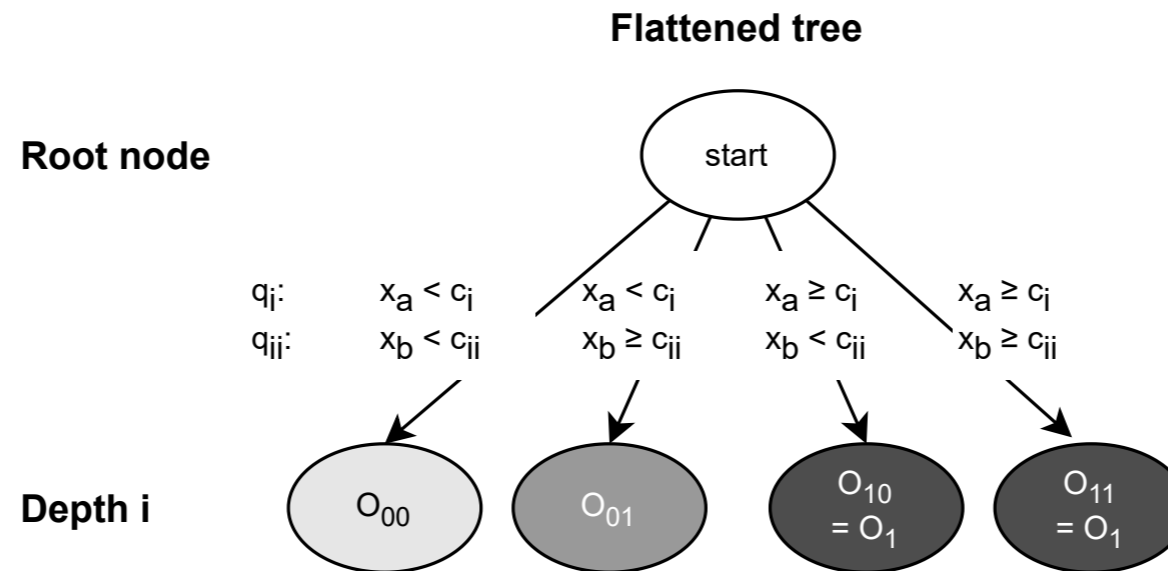


# Decision tree, 2 var example (3)

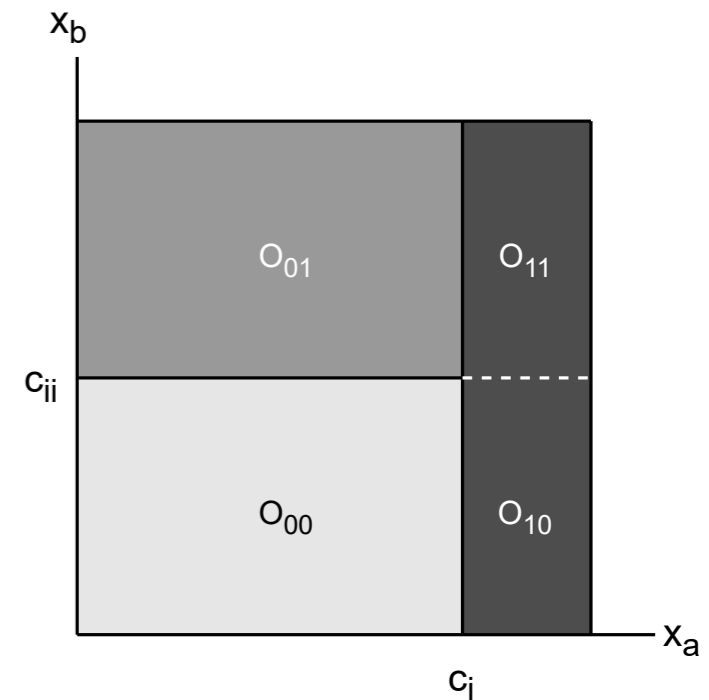
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Our approach



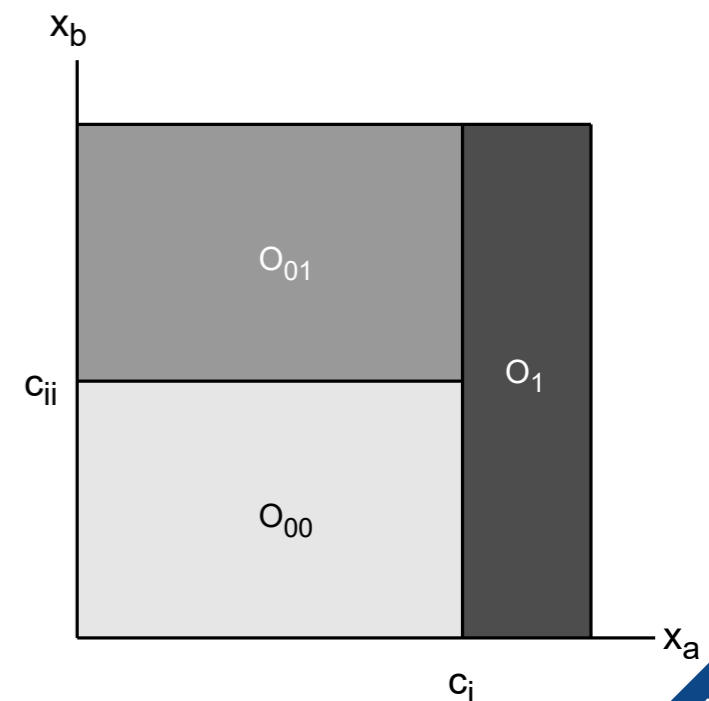
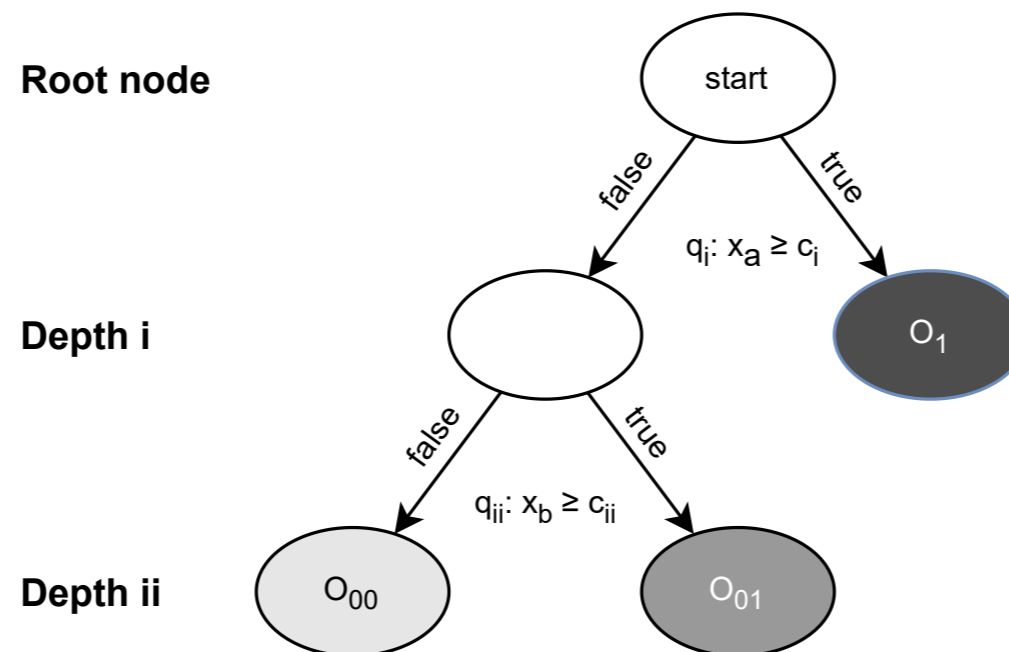
2d plane:  $x_a$  vs.  $x_b$



## Advantages & subtleties

- Each axis is independent of each other  $\rightarrow$  Bin search problem on a grid
- Does not scale well for very deep trees (but do you really need it at L1?)

Full tree



# Forest of boosted decision trees

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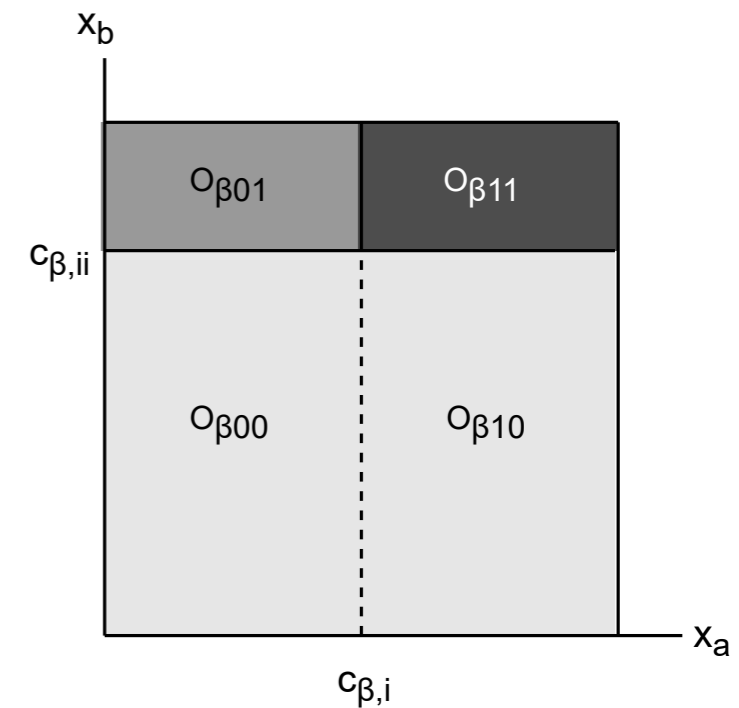
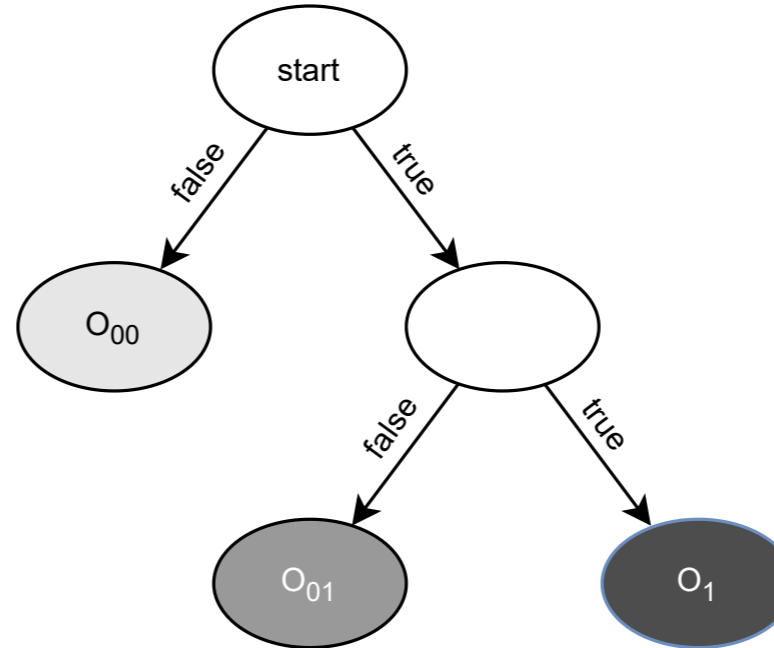


- **Advantages & subtleties**
  - Use TMVA software to train the BDT (support for other sw coming)

Our approach

2nd tree

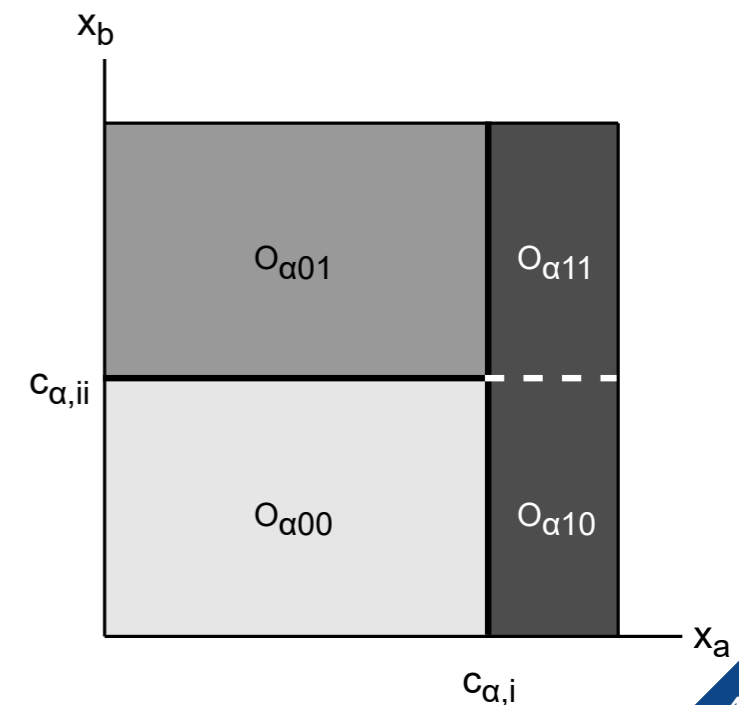
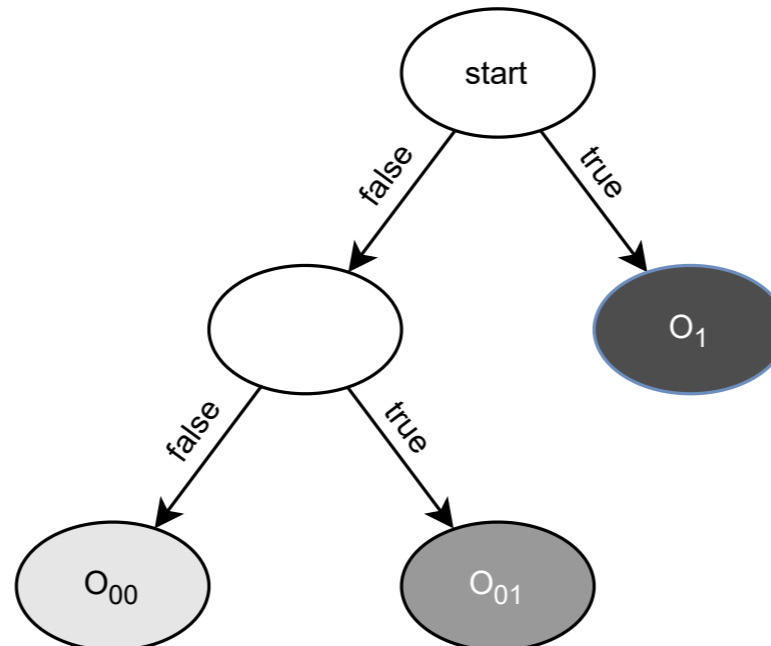
Decision tree  $\tau_\beta$  with boost weight  $w_\beta$

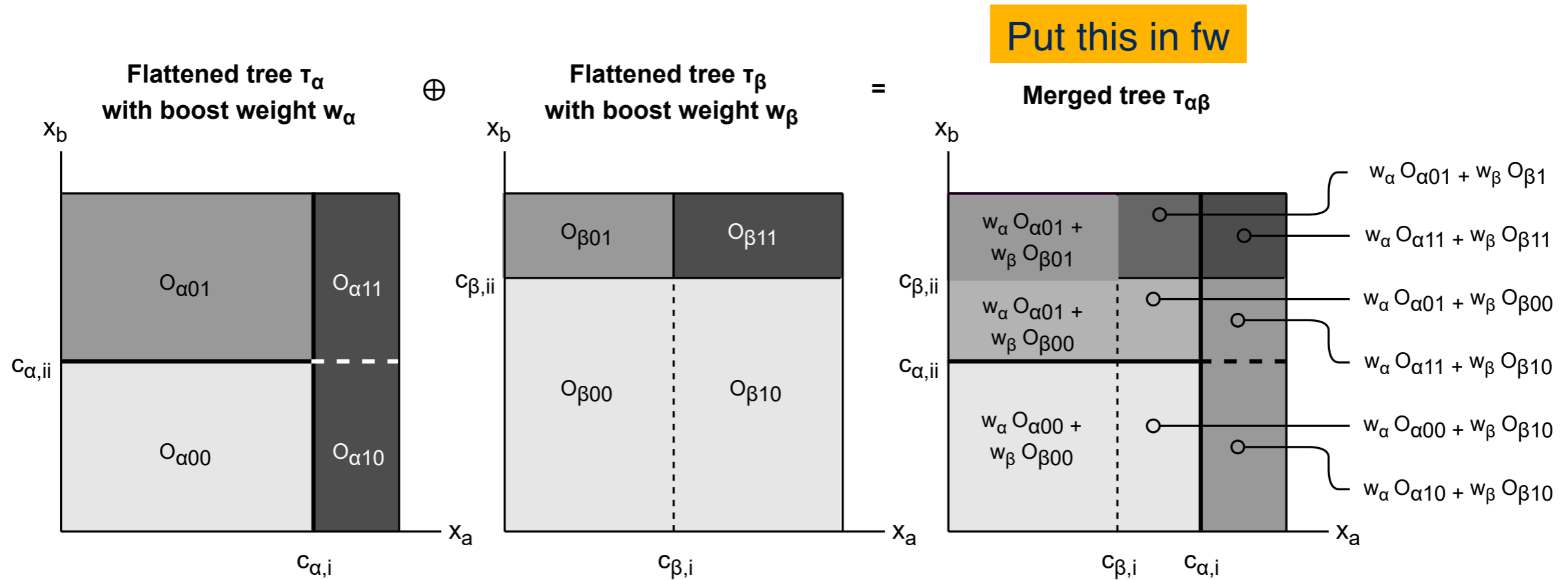


- Can we pre-merge the trees for firmware? Yes, next slide.

1st tree

Decision tree  $\tau_\alpha$  with boost weight  $w_\alpha$





- **Advantages & subtleties**
  - Merging is pre-processed before implementation in firmware
  - This is using adaptive boosting. Gradient boosting cannot pre-merge, but we have approximations for that method to improve performance.
- **Physics impact of flattening & merging**
  - None, bec. encodes the entirety of conventional approach
  - Firmware is a giant look-up table problem



## VBF Higgs vs. Multijet background

- $\sigma_{\text{Higgs}} = 4 \text{ pb}$ , two widely separated high- $p_T$  jets
- $\sigma_{pp} = 80 \text{ mb}$ , dominant process at LHC
- Distributions given on the right

## We consider two decays of the Higgs

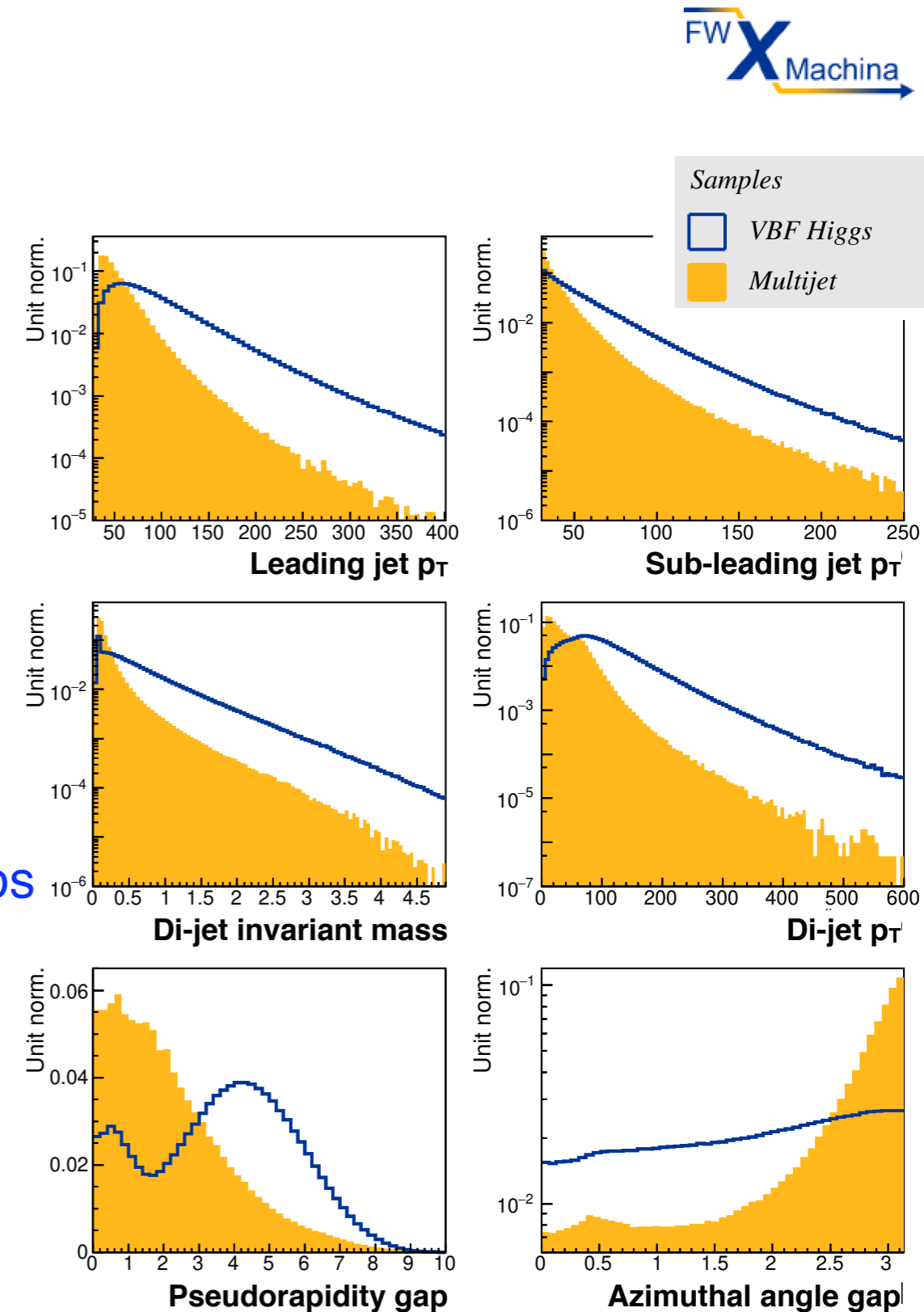
- $H \rightarrow \text{neutrinos}$ , "invisible"
- $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ , thru pseudoscalar decays

## Strategy

- Train BDT to identify VBF jet pair, i.e., train BDT on **Multijet** vs. **VBF  $H \rightarrow \text{neutrinos}$**
- Apply that BDT to **Multijet** vs. **VBF  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$**

## Why

- If it works for VBF  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ , then it can be a **trigger for VBF independent of the Higgs decay**
- **Does it work?** Next slide





## It works!

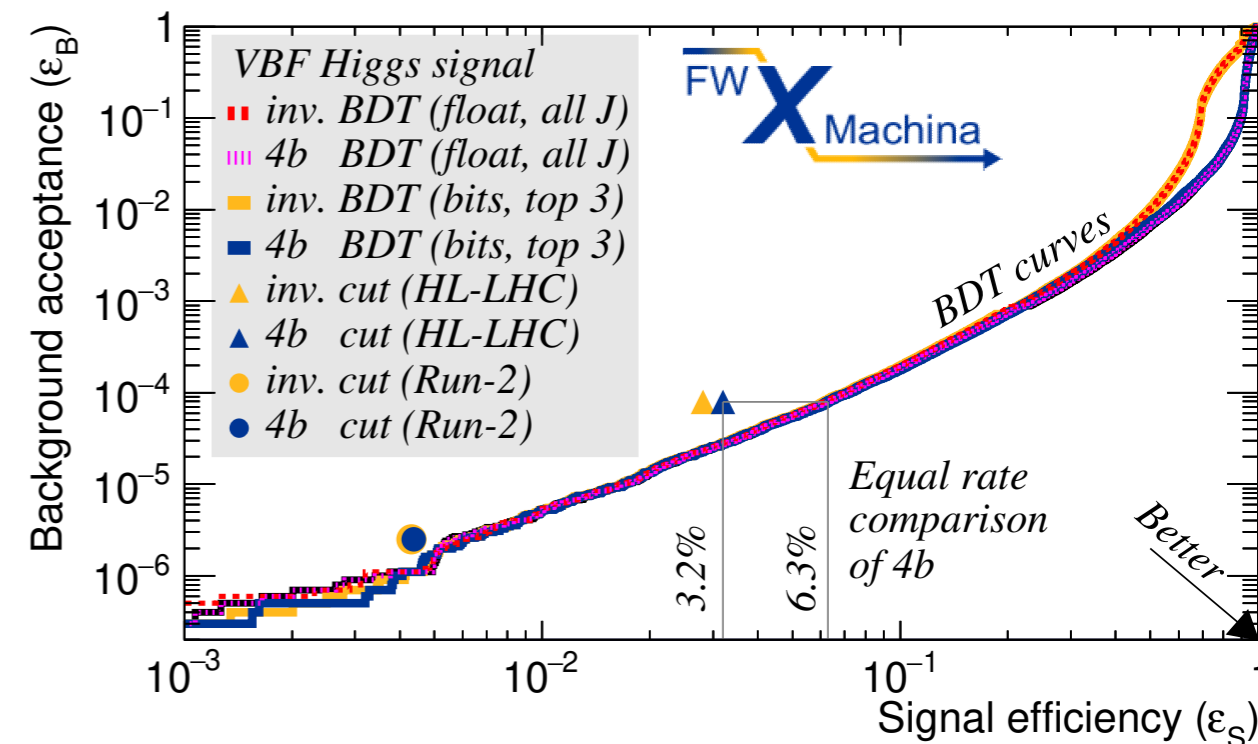
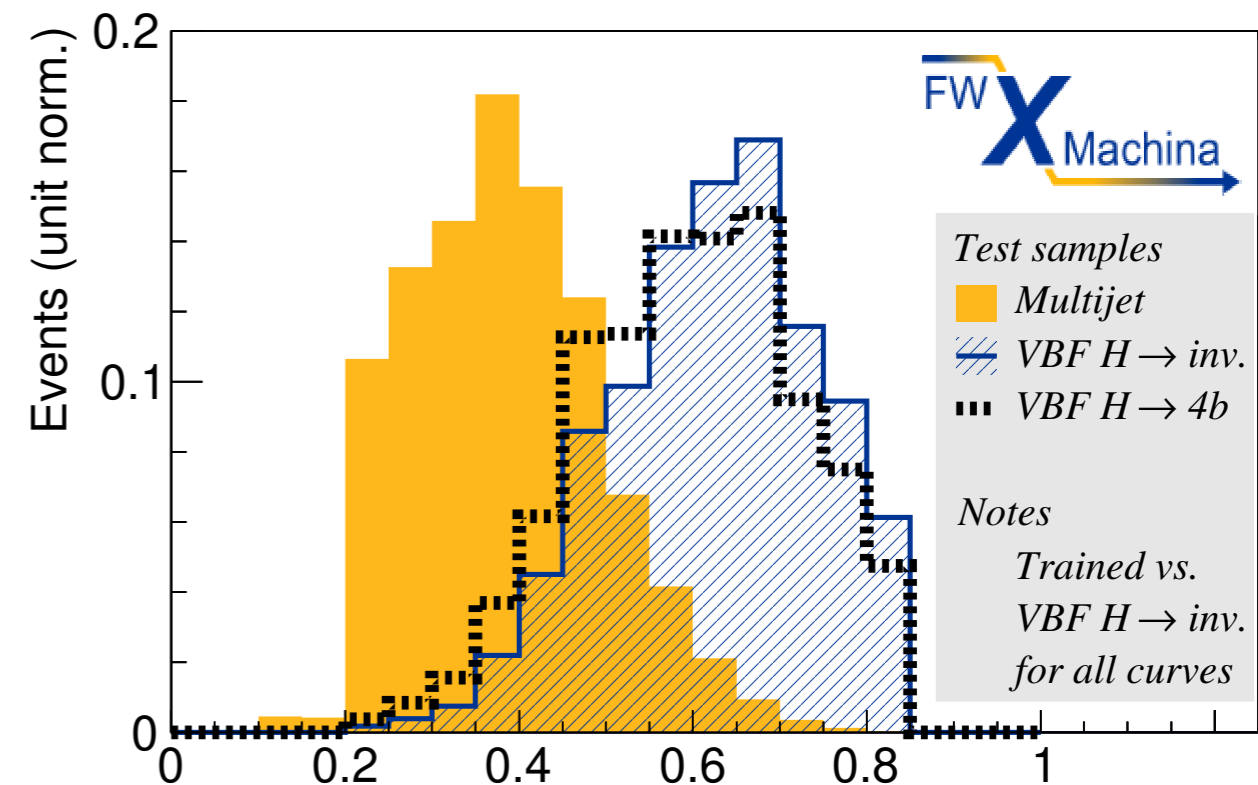
- Reminder. Did *not* train on VBF  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$
- Subtlety re: jet selection (see paper)
- Distributions given on the right

## Performance comparison

- Try to mimic ATLAS HL-LHC cuts as best we can using Madgraph + Delphes
- Two-fold signal efficiency improvement from ATLAS-inspired  $\rightarrow$  fwX results

## Details

- We validated our setup to reproduce the signal efficiency in the ATLAS Run-2 paper
- Comparison using bit integers, not floats





## Ran two configurations

- Optimized version
- Non-optimized version (for comparison)
- Both using 100 trees, max depth of 4
- Results given on the right

## Performance

- 5 clock ticks = 16 ns
- Negligible resource usage

## Benchmark using $e^+$ vs. $\gamma$

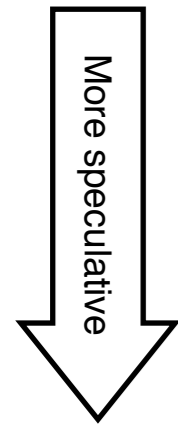
- In the paper, we also define one set of parameters to scale up one param. at a time
- Uses 4 variables, 8 bits & same as above
- 3 clock ticks = 10 ns
- Negligible resource usage

	VBF H Optimized	VBF H Non-opt
$N_{\text{var}}$	5	7
$N_{\text{bit-var}}$	8	12
$N_{\text{bit-score}}$	16	16
$N_{\text{bin}}$	40k	1M
Latency	5 ticks	6 ticks
LUT	1%	1.5%
Flip Flops	~0	~0
BRAM	2%	30%
DSP	0	~0

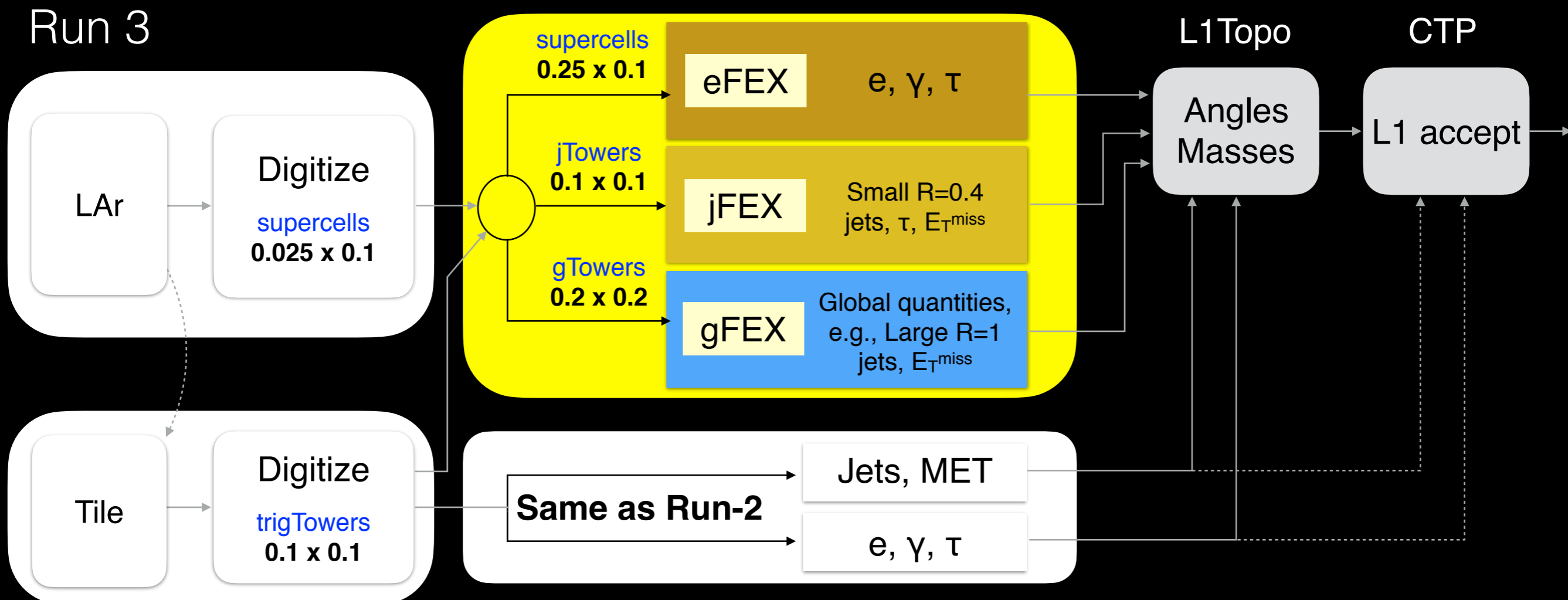
# Where can we put fwX?



My guess



- L1Topo to do combo algorithms
- gFEX to develop new algorithms
- jFEX to develop new algorithms
- eFEX to develop new algorithms



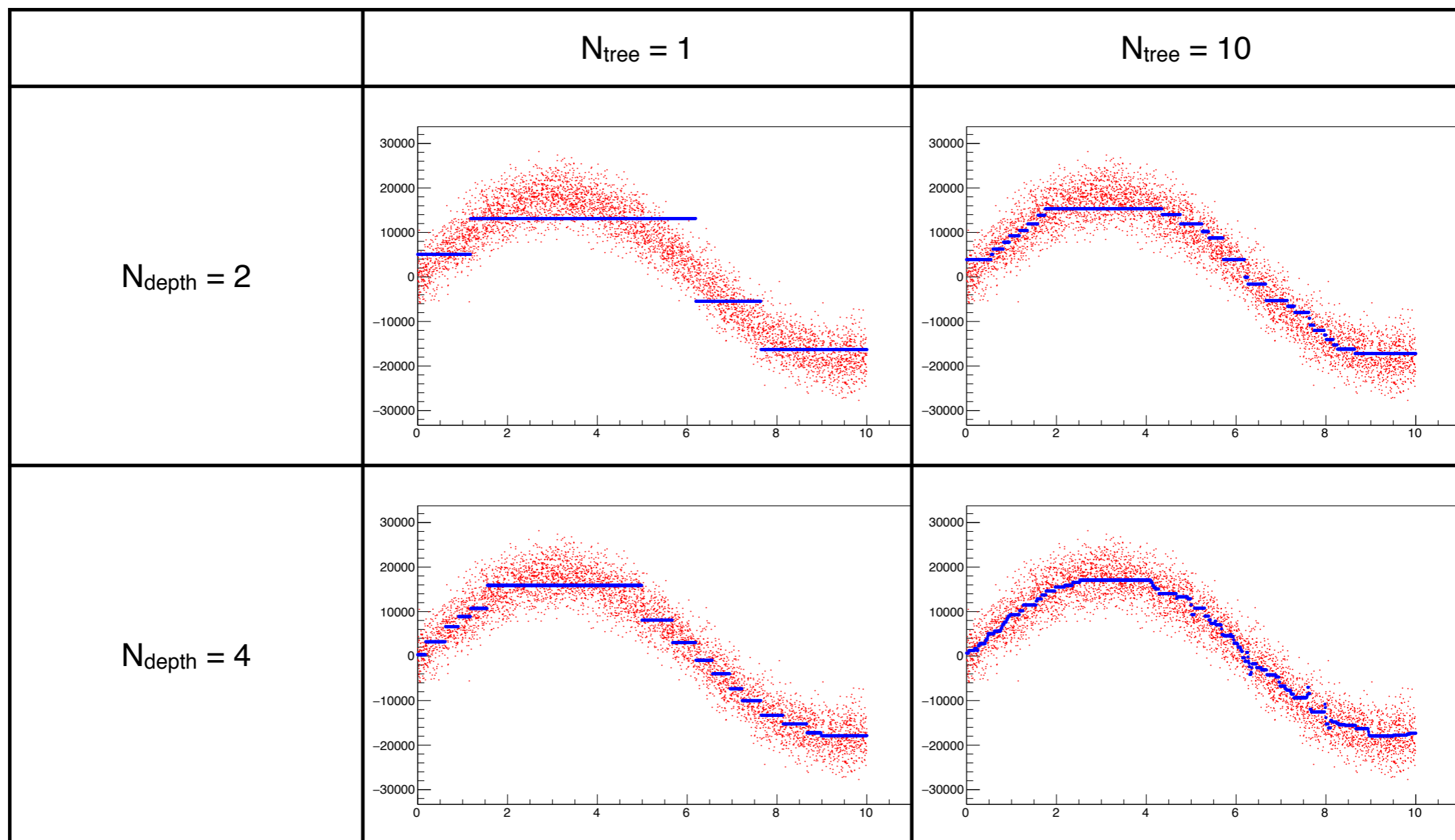
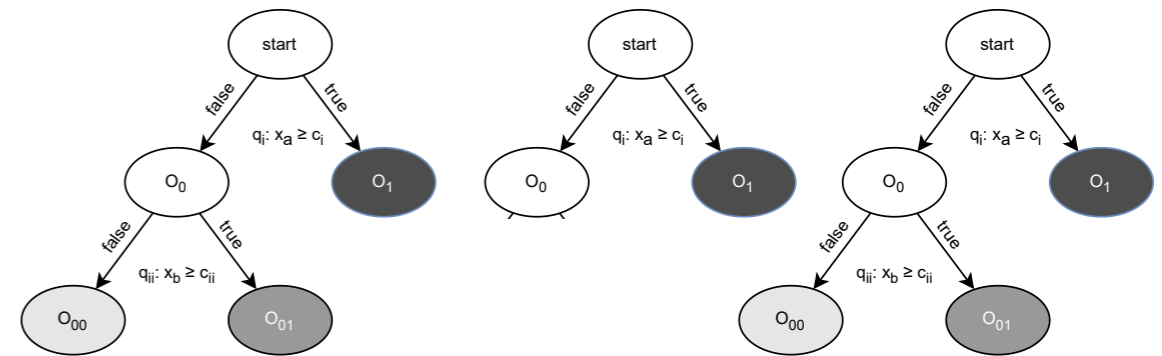
# What about other ML? (we're working on it)

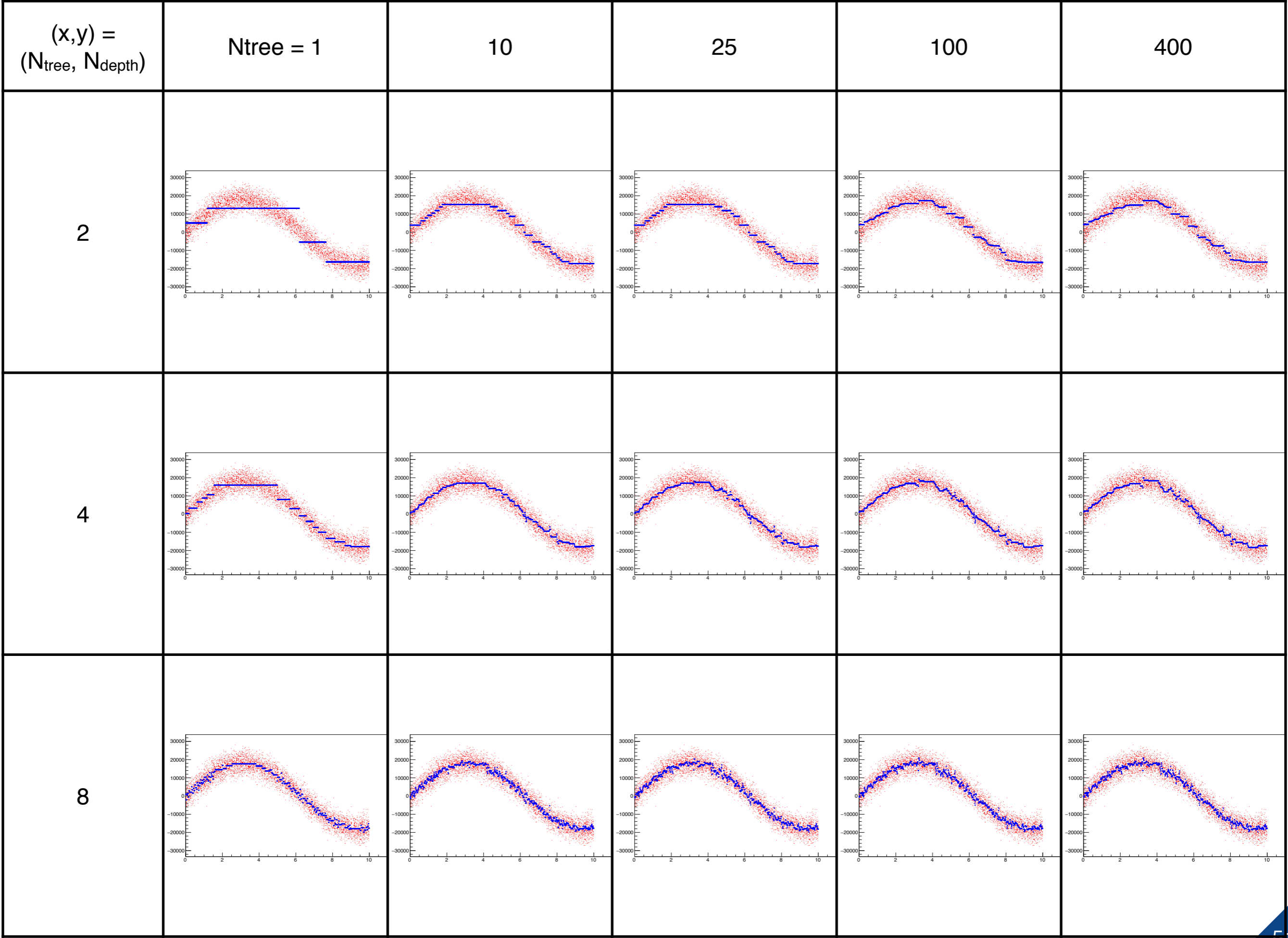
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## Regression (using BDT)

- Toy problem in 1-d
- Train / test on  $f(x) = \sin(x) + \text{Gaussian}(x)$
- For sample of  $x$ :  $y = f(x)$  in 16 bits





# Summary

## Why (10 min)

- Higgs boson
- Dark sector

## Method (20 min)

- $H_{125} \rightarrow$  Dark matter pair  $B_{\text{invisible}} < 0.13$
- $H_{125} \rightarrow$  Dark photon +  $\gamma$   $B_{\text{dark photon}} < 0.014$

## Trigger (30 min)

- $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ , VBF
- ML on FPGA <http://fwx.pitt.edu>



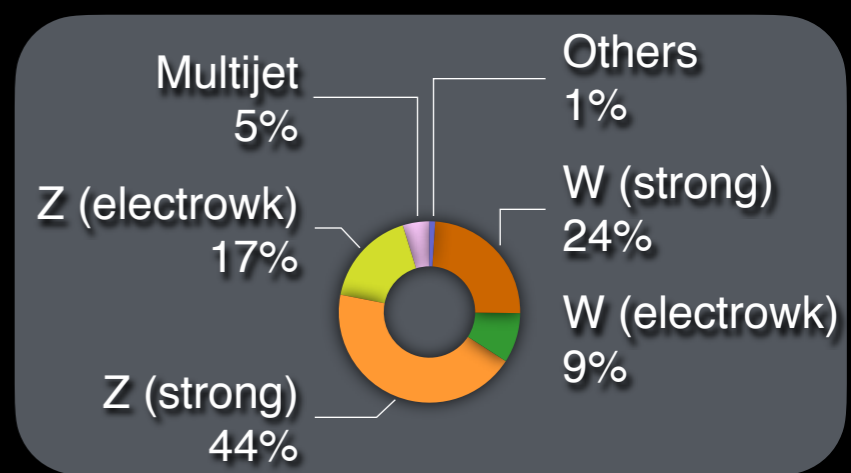
Higgs portal to DM? How to trigger?

# Abstract

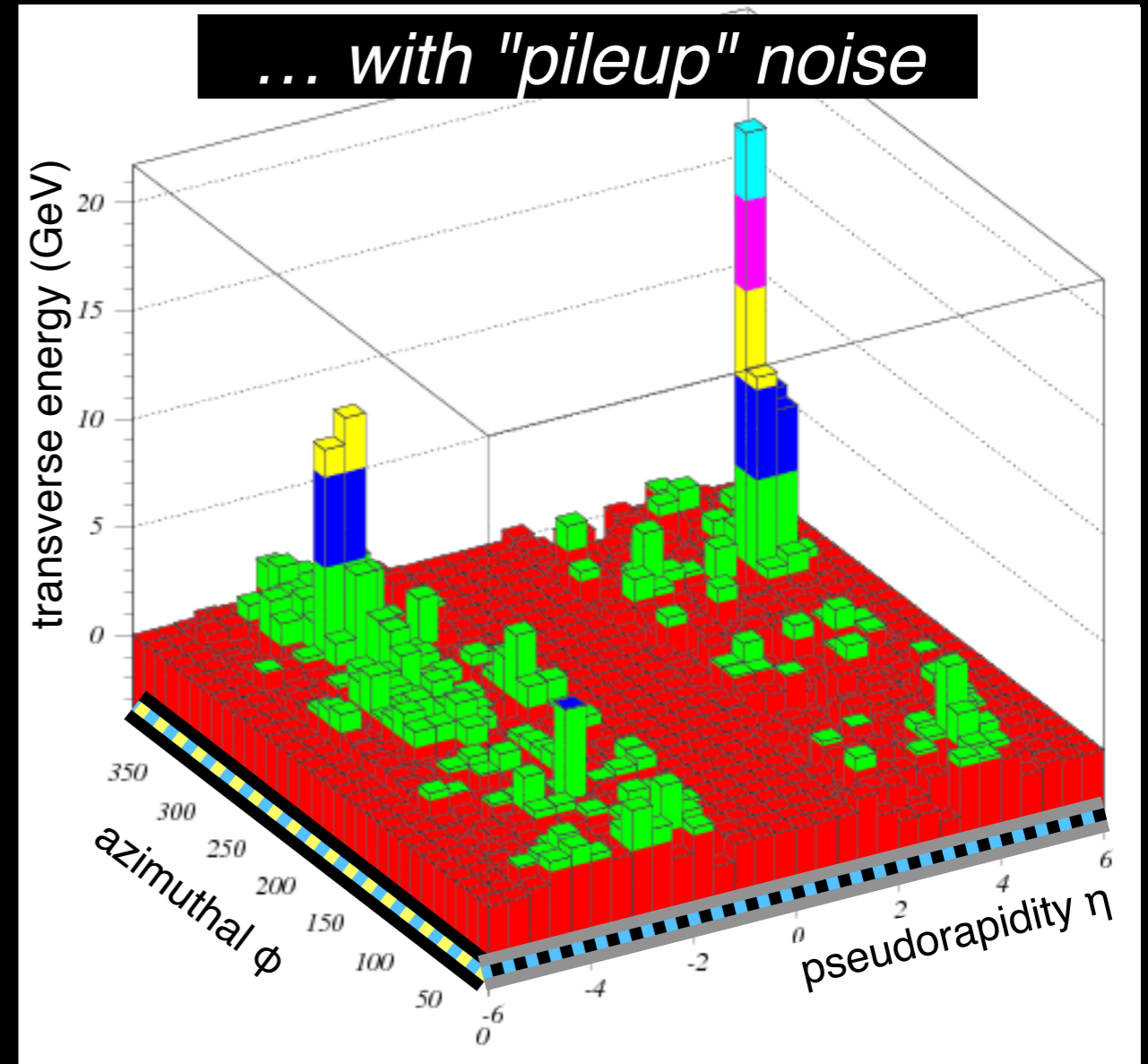
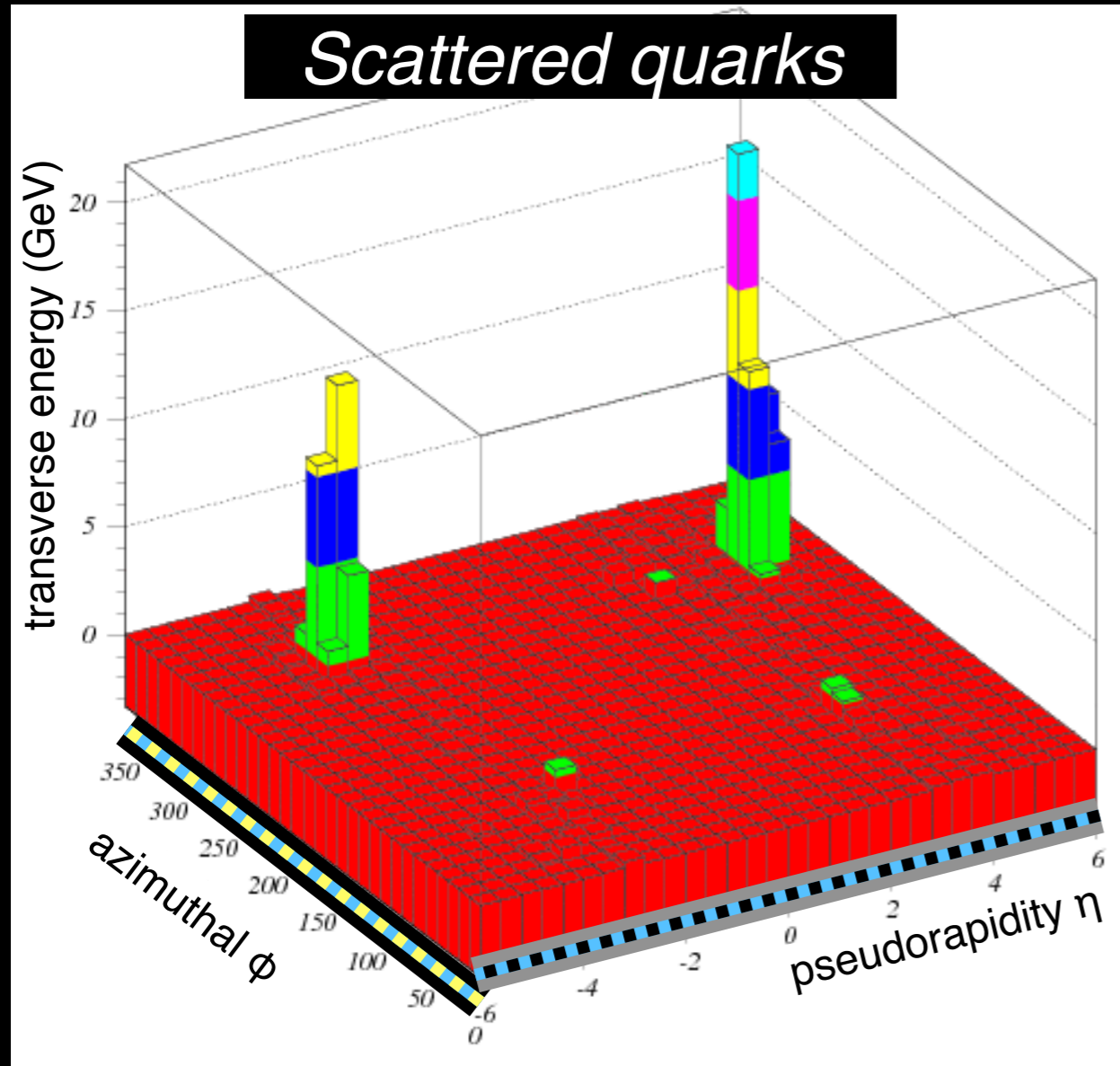
With more data coming from LHC collisions, detailed measurements of Higgs boson properties allow us to probe whether it communicates with the unknown and/or undiscovered sector beyond the Standard Model. One motivation is weakly interacting dark matter, which are invisible to the detecting apparatus, through a Higgs portal. I will discuss the latest ATLAS results of the search for Higgs bosons decaying to invisible particles. I will also describe the technical challenges of triggering on such events using missing energy from the Higgs boson decay and/or hadronic jets from the Higgs boson production, including the potential use of machine learning methods on FPGA boards in real-time level-1 trigger systems. I will discuss how such interactions produce the recently discovered Higgs boson, and how it may serve as a portal to unknown sectors of elementary particles, such as dark matter. I will also describe the technical challenges of saving such minuscule fractions of weak force collisions, including the use of artificial intelligence in real-time trigger systems.

# Distribution of energy

Simulation of the polar angle for one collision



Ellis, Huston, Hatakeyama, Loch, Tönnemann, *Prog. in Part. & Nucl. Phys.* 60 (2008) 484



Large  $\Delta\eta$  between the scattered quark jets

- ATLAS geometry

- $\eta$  along the beam direction
- $\phi$  azimuthal angle

- VBF jet pair

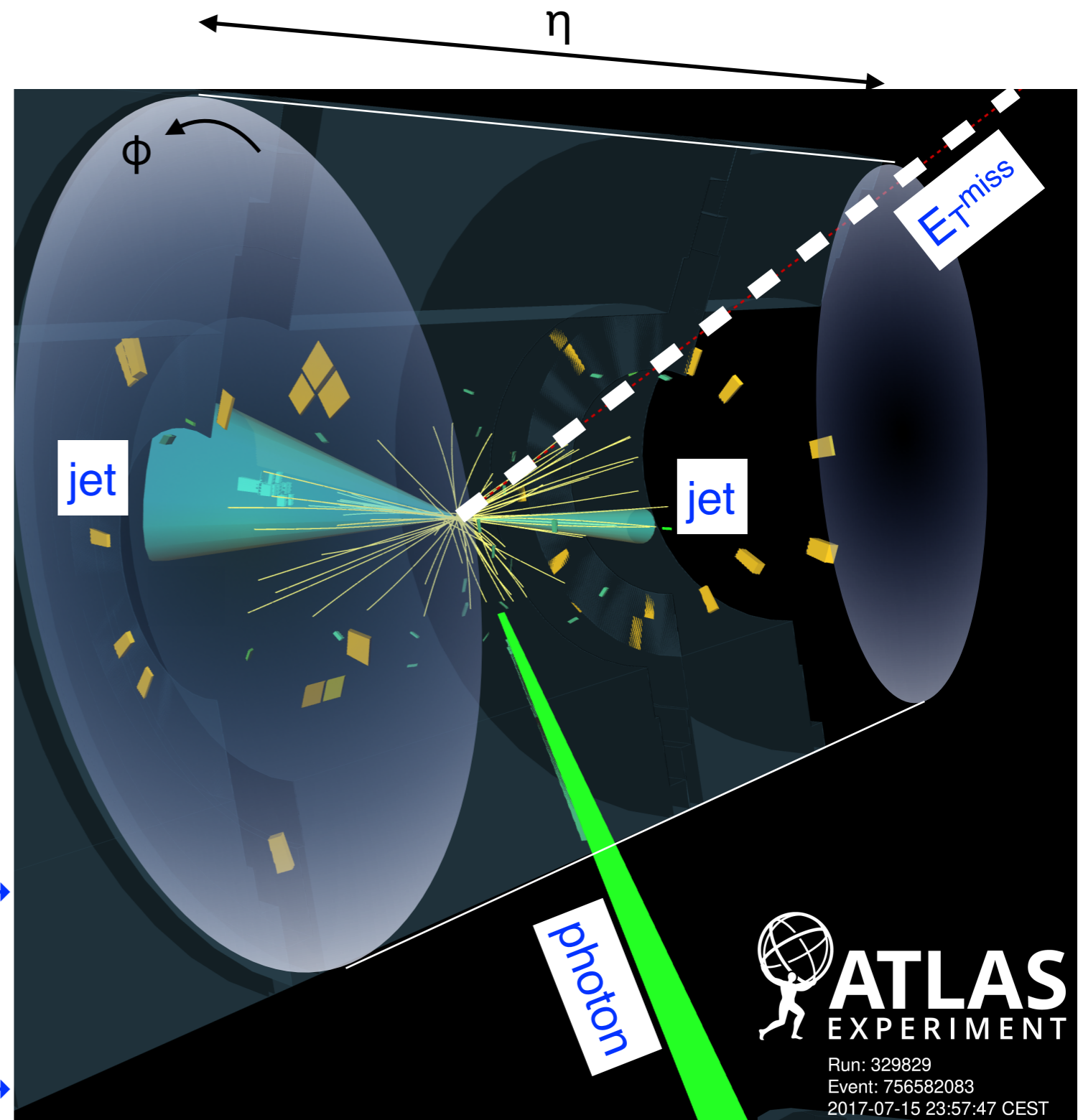
- High  $p_T$
- Wide gap in  $\eta$
- Not back-to-back in  $\phi$
- Large  $m_{\text{jet-jet}}$
- Low hadronic activity in between

- $E_T^{\text{miss}}$

- $p_T$  imbalance

- For  $+\gamma$

- High- $p_T$  photon
- $m_T(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \gamma)$
- Its  $\eta$  in between jets

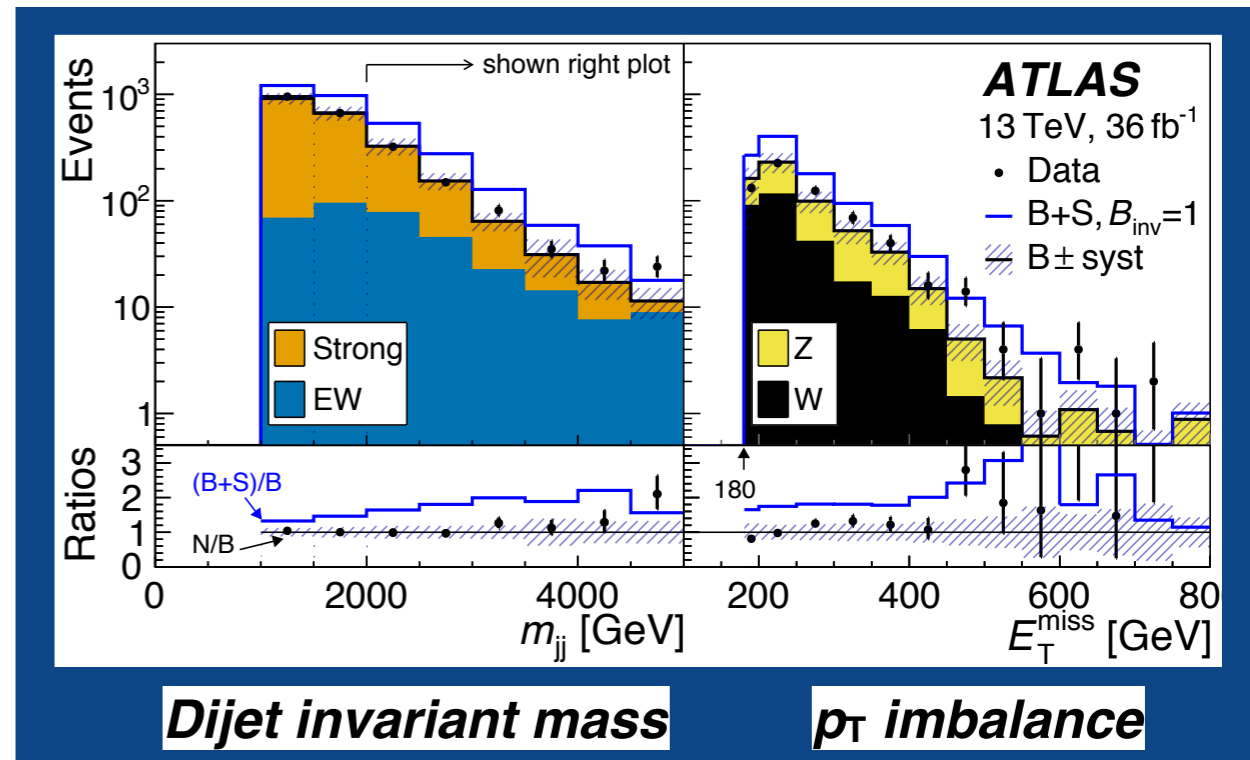


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## • H portal to $\chi$

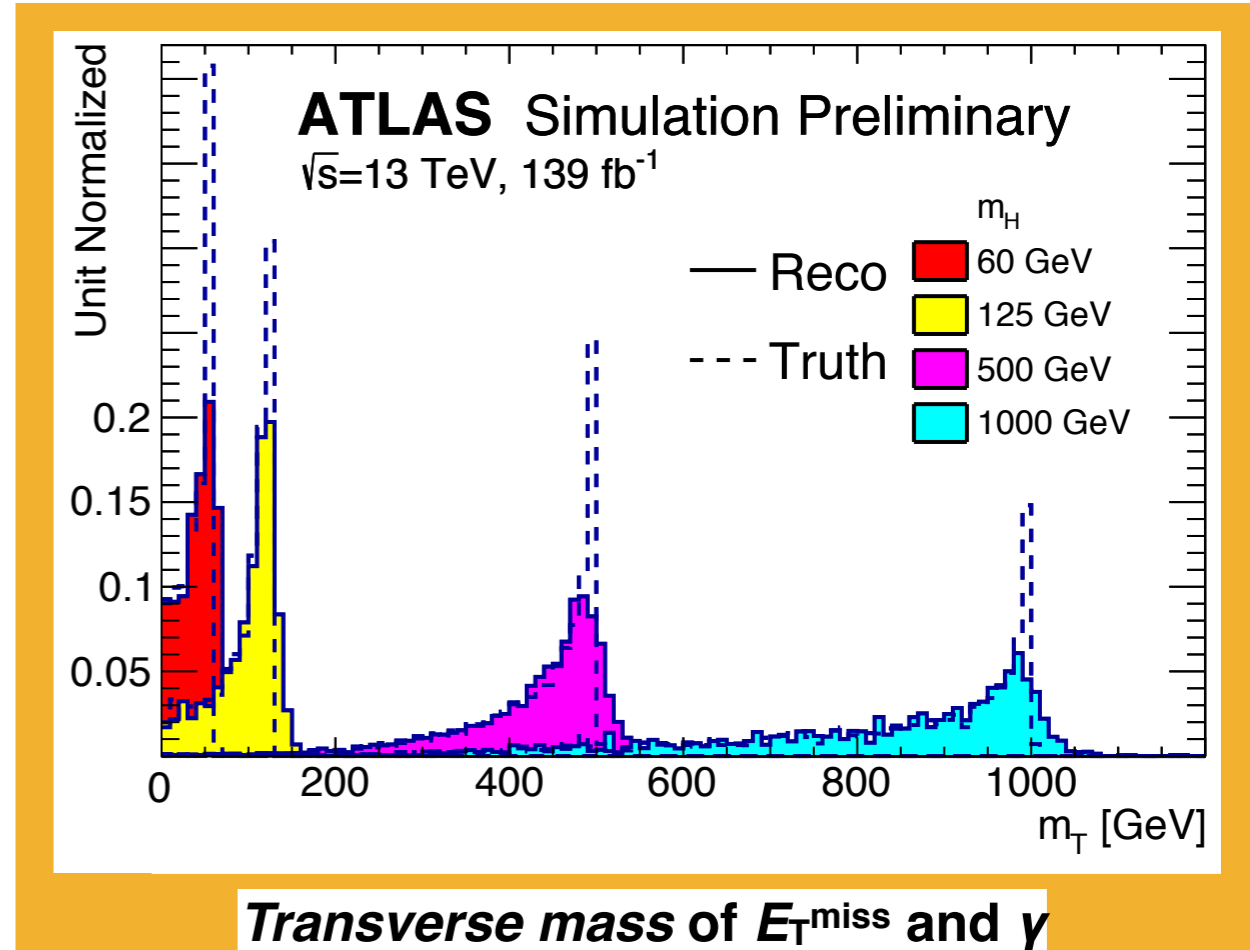
- VBF  $H_{125}$  w/ POWHEG NLO
- VBF  $H_{125} + \gamma_{ISR}$  w/ MG5\_aMC@NLO
- S-to-B is higher with  $m_{jj}$ ,  $E_T^{miss}$ , see  $\rightarrow$



[http://cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PAPERS/EXOT-2016-37/fig\\_05.pdf](http://cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PAPERS/EXOT-2016-37/fig_05.pdf)

## • H portal to $\gamma_d$

- VBF  $H_{125} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_{dark}$  w/ POWHEG v2
- $m_T(E_T^{miss}, \gamma)$  as proxy for  $m_H$ , see  $\rightarrow$



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## • Weak boson bkg'd

- $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$  No leptons
- $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  Loses a lepton

## • Signal Region

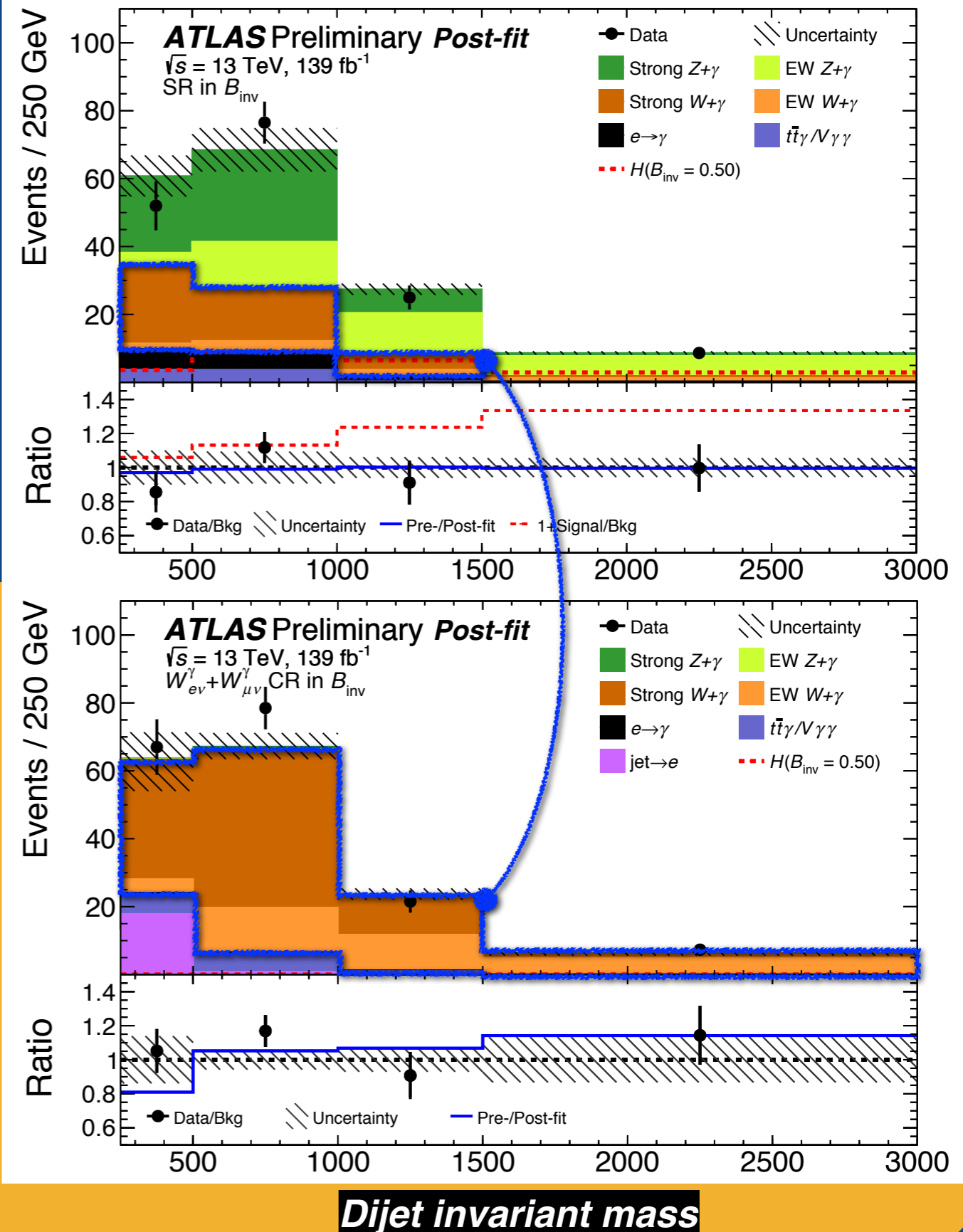
- $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  trigger,  $> 150$  GeV
- "Centrality" of  $\gamma$ , 3<sup>rd</sup> jet
- For  $+ \gamma_{\text{ISR}}$ ,  $15 < p_T^\gamma < 110$  GeV
- For  $+ \gamma_{\text{dark}}$ ,  $\max(110, 0.7 m_T)$

## • Control Region

- For  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ , Require a lepton
- Lepton trigger,  $> 30$  GeV
- Reverse  $\gamma$  centrality cut

SR

CR





## • Statistical

•  $\sqrt{N}$

• MC

## • Theoretical

•  $W\gamma, Z\gamma$  theory

## • Experimental

• JES, JER

$1\sigma$  Uncertainty on  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{inv}}$   
on  $\mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d)$

Data stats.	0.106	0.0051
$V\gamma$ + jets theory	0.056	0.0028
MC stats.	0.045	0.0026
Jet Scale and Resolution	0.045	0.0011
Photon	0.032	0.0011
$e \rightarrow \gamma, \text{jet} \rightarrow e, \gamma$ Bkg.	0.026	0.0024
Pileup	0.025	0.0004
$W\gamma$ + jets/ $Z\gamma$ + jets Norm.	0.021	0.0005
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	0.012	0.0003
Signal theory	0.004	0.0010
Lepton	0.002	0.0008
Total	0.148	0.0071

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Evaluated by fixing parameters to their best-fit values and quadratically subtracting from the total nominal systematic uncertainty

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Table 1: Summary of generators used for simulation. The details and the corresponding references are provided in the body of the text. The  $V$  in  $V$ +jets represents either a  $W$  or a  $Z$  boson.

Process	Generator	ME Order	PDF	Parton Shower	Tune
Signal Samples					
ggF Higgs	POWHEG v2 NNLOPS	NNLO	PDF4LHC15	PYTHIA8.230	AZNLO
VBF Higgs+ $\gamma$	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO 2.6.2	NLO	PDF4LHC15	HERWIG 7.1.3p1	A14
ggF Higgs $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$	POWHEG v2 NNLOPS	NNLO	PDF4LHC15	PYTHIA8.244p3	AZNLO
VBF Higgs $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$	POWHEG v2	NLO	CTEQ6L1	PYTHIA8.244p3	AZNLO
Background Samples					
Strong $V\gamma$ +jets	SHERPA v2.2.8	NLO (up to 1-jets), LO (up to 3-jets)	NNPDF3.0nnlo	SHERPA MEPS@NLO	SHERPA
EW $V\gamma$ +jets	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO 2.6.5	LO	NNPDF3.1lo	PYTHIA8.240	A14
EW $VV$ +jets	SHERPA v2.2.1 or SHERPA v2.2.2	LO	NNPDF3.0nnlo	SHERPA MEPS@LO	SHERPA
$VV$ +jets	SHERPA v2.2.1 or SHERPA v2.2.2	NLO (up to 1-jet), LO (up to 3-jets)	NNPDF3.0nnlo	SHERPA MEPS@NLO	SHERPA
EW $V$ +jets	HERWIG 7.1.3 or HERWIG 7.2.0	NLO	MMHT2014nlo68cl	HERWIG 7.1.3	HERWIG 7
Strong $W(\rightarrow \mu\nu)$ + jets/ $W(\rightarrow \tau\nu)$ + jets	SHERPA v2.2.8	NLO (up to 2-jets), LO (up to 4-jets)	NNPDF3.0nnlo	SHERPA MEPS@NLO	SHERPA
$t\bar{t}\gamma$	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO 2.2.3	NLO	NNPDF2.3lo	PYTHIA8.186	A14
$t\bar{t}$	POWHEGBox v2	NLO	NNPDF3.0nlo	PYTHIA8.230	A14
$\gamma$ + jet	SHERPA v2.2.2	NLO (up to 2-jets), LO (up to 4-jets)	NNPDF3.0nnlo	SHERPA MEPS@NLO	SHERPA
Systematic Samples					
$V\gamma$ +jets $\alpha^4$ interference	MADGRAPH5_aMC@NLO 2.6.2	LO	NNPDF3.1lo	PYTHIA8.240	AZNLO



Table 3: Summary of the requirements defining the different regions considered in this analysis. Where present, the values in squared brackets are referring to the regions defined in the search for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma_d$  signal. The leading and subleading jets must satisfying the fJVT requirements mentioned in Sec. 5. In the SR and  $Z_{\text{Rev.Cen.}}^\gamma$  CR definitions  $E_T^{\text{miss,lep-rm}} \equiv E_T^{\text{miss}}$  since no lepton is present.

Variable	SR	$W_{\mu\nu}^\gamma$ CR	$W_{e\nu}^\gamma$ CR	$Z_{\text{Rev.Cen.}}^\gamma$ CR	Fake- $e$ CR
$\rightarrow p_T(j_1)$ [GeV]				$> 60$	
$\rightarrow p_T(j_2)$ [GeV]				$> 50$	
$N_{\text{jet}}$				2,3	
$N_{\text{b-jet}}$				$< 2$	
$\rightarrow \Delta\phi_{jj}$				$< 2.5 [2.0]$	
$\rightarrow  \Delta\eta_{jj} $				$> 3.0$	
$\eta(j_1) \times \eta(j_2)$				$< 0$	
$C_3$				$< 0.7$	
$\rightarrow m_{jj}$ [TeV]				$> 0.25$	
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]	$> 150$	–	$> 80$	$> 150$	$< 80$
$\rightarrow E_T^{\text{miss,lep-rm}}$ [GeV]	–	$> 150$	$> 150$	–	$> 150$
$E_T^{\text{jets,no-jvt}}$ [GeV]				$> 130$	
$\Delta\phi(j_i, E_T^{\text{miss,lep-rm}})$				$> 1.0$	
$N_\gamma$				1	
$p_T(\gamma)$ [GeV]		$> 15, < 110$	$> 15, < \max(110, 0.733 \times m_T)$		
$C_\gamma$	$> 0.4$	$> 0.4$	$> 0.4$	$< 0.4$	$> 0.4$
$\Delta\phi(\gamma, E_T^{\text{miss,lep-rm}})$				$> 1.8 [-]$	
$N_\ell$	0	1 $\mu$	1 $e$	0	1 $e$
$p_T(\ell)$ [GeV]				$> 30$	

$\Rightarrow \eta_\gamma, \eta_{j2}$

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centrality  $C_\gamma$  [102] is defined as

$$C_\gamma = \exp\left(-\frac{4}{(\eta_1 - \eta_2)^2}(\eta_\gamma - \frac{\eta_1 + \eta_2}{2})^2\right), \quad (1)$$

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