

# TOWARDS HIGH PRECISION MEASUREMENTS OF HIGGS BOSON PROPERTIES IN THE DI-TAU DECAY WITH THE ATLAS DETECTOR

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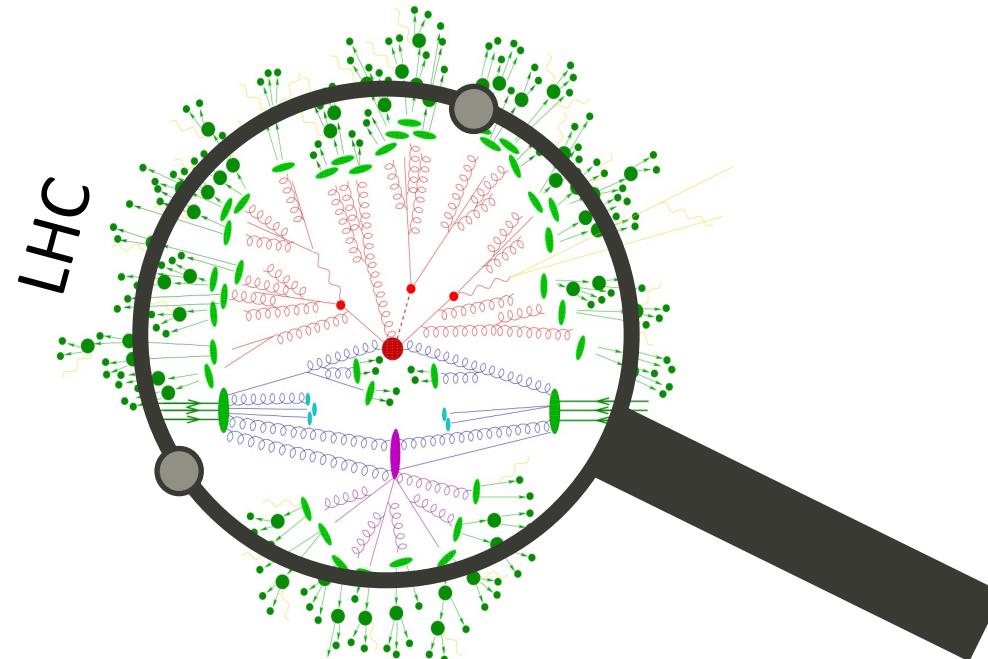


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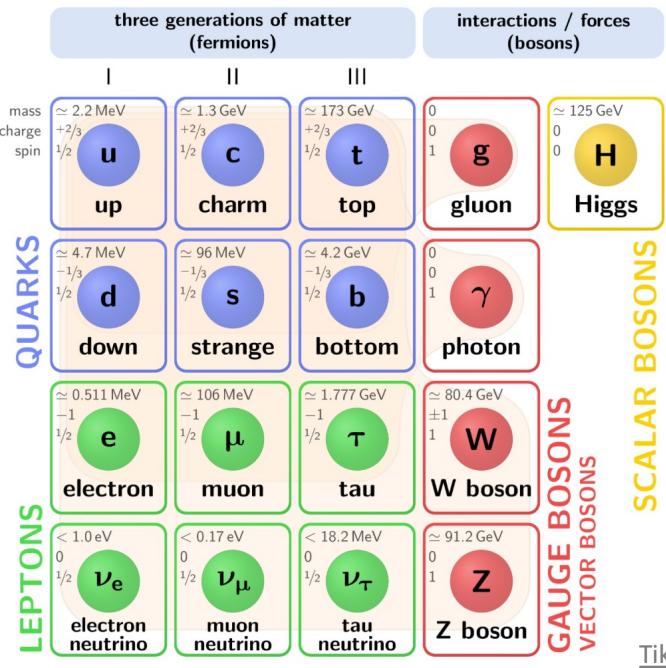
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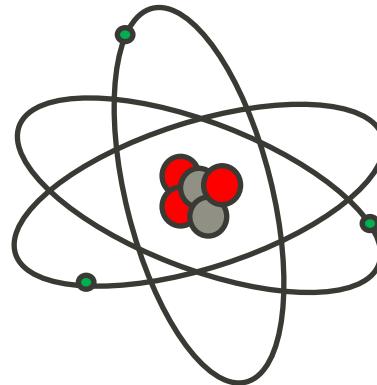
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three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / forces (bosons)	
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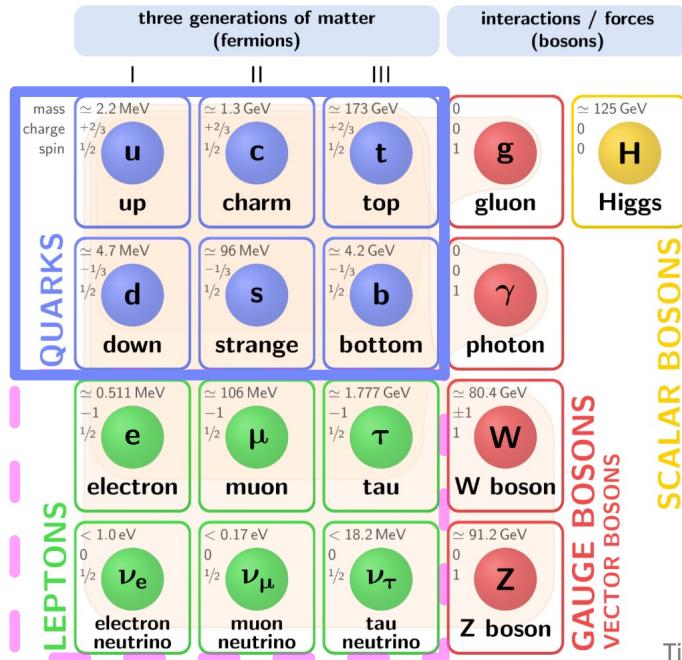
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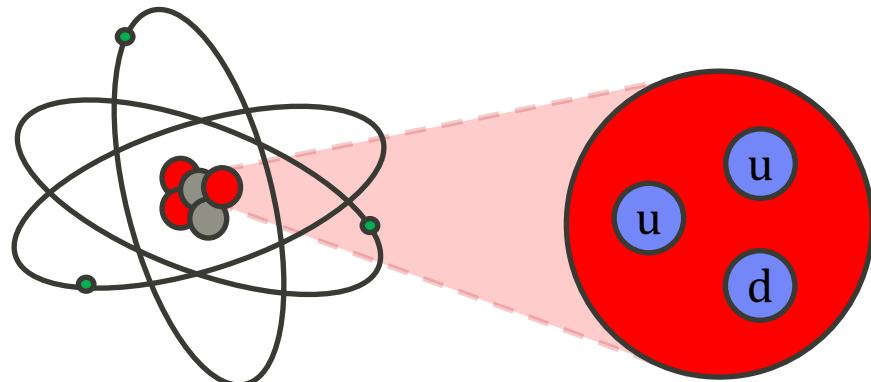
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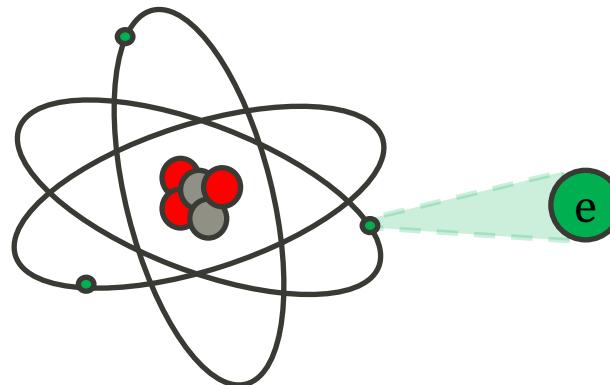
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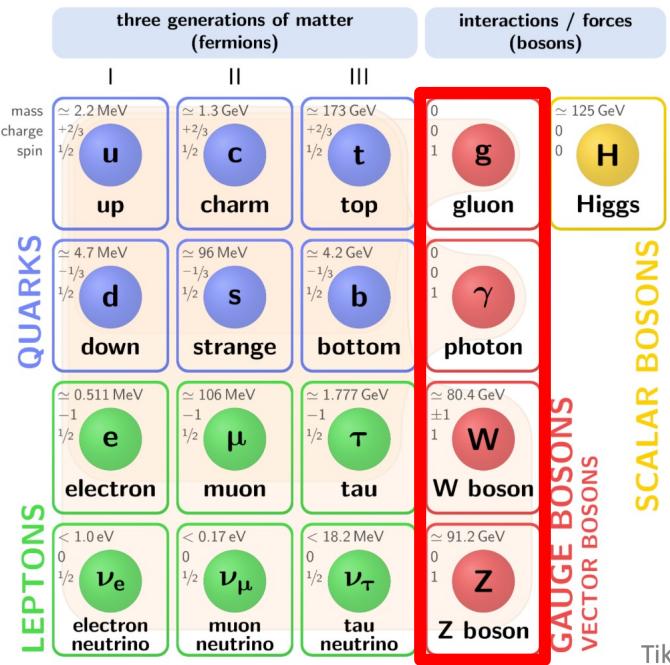
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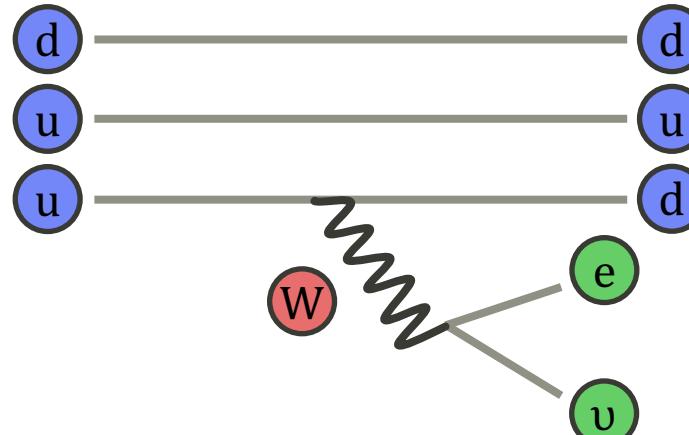
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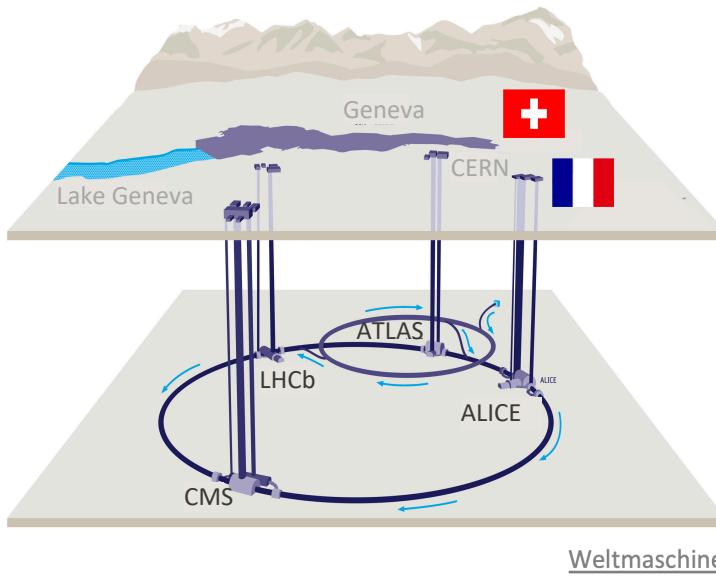
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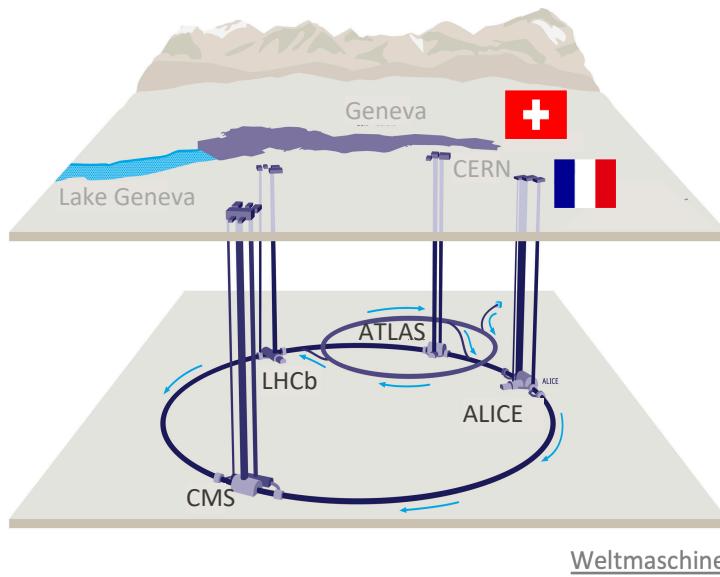
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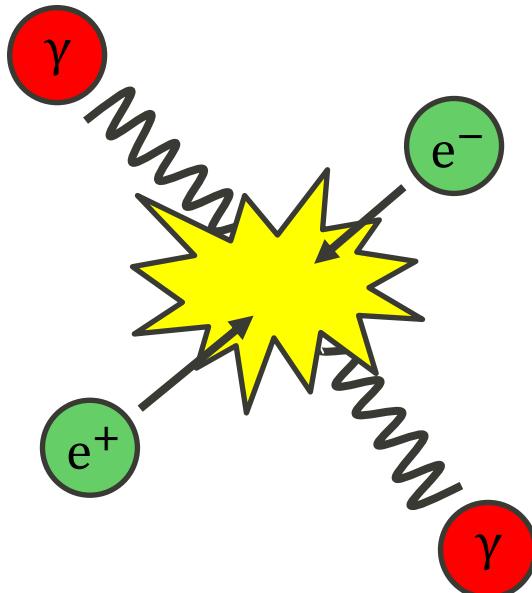
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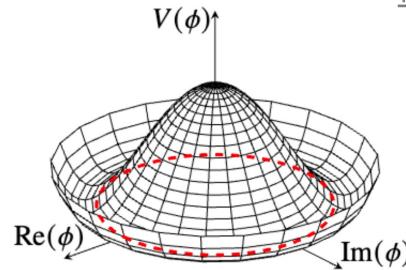
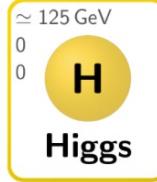
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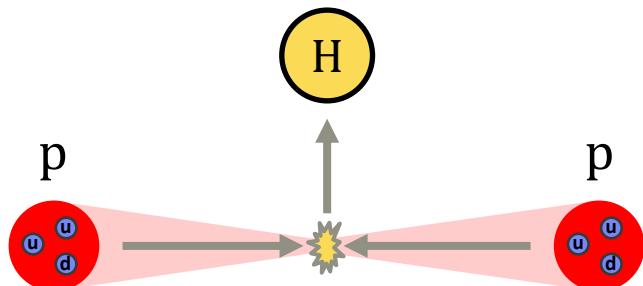
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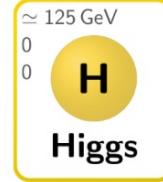
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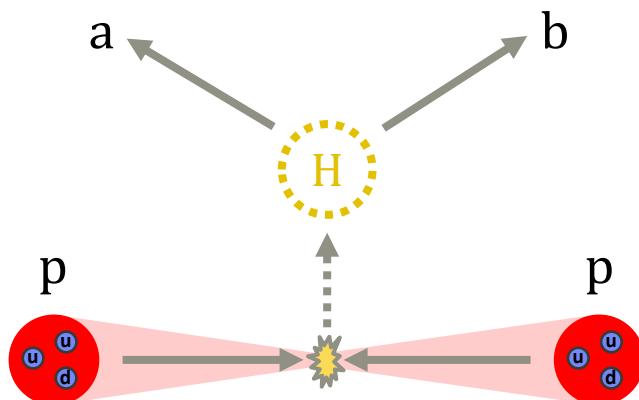
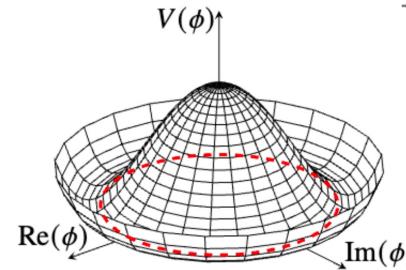
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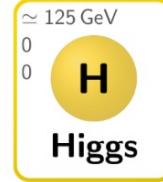




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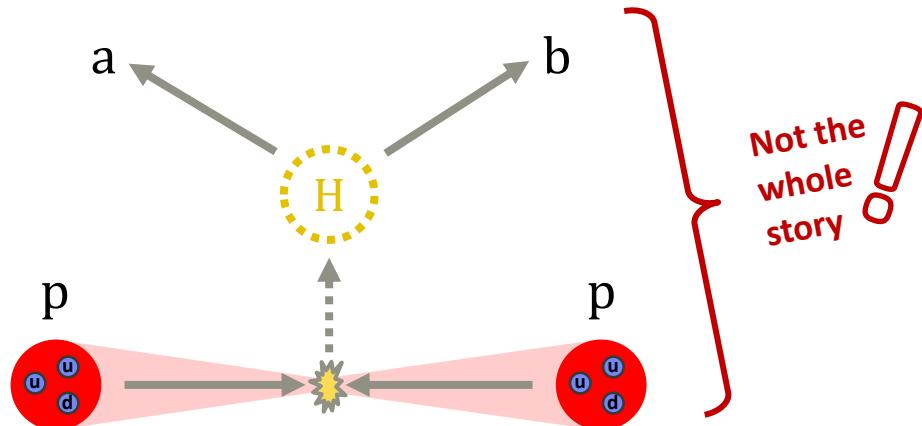
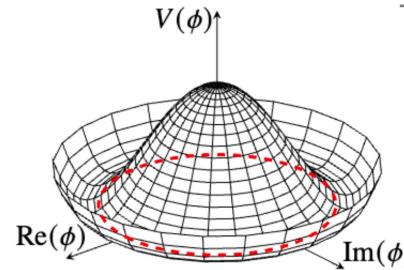
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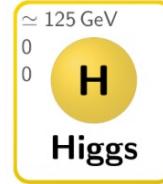




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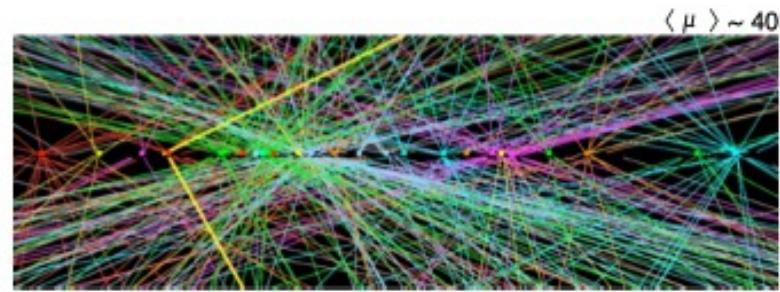
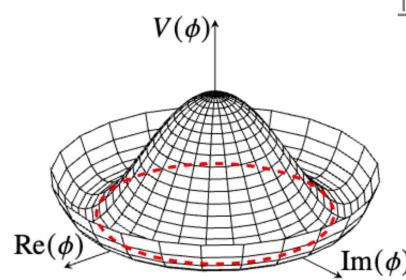
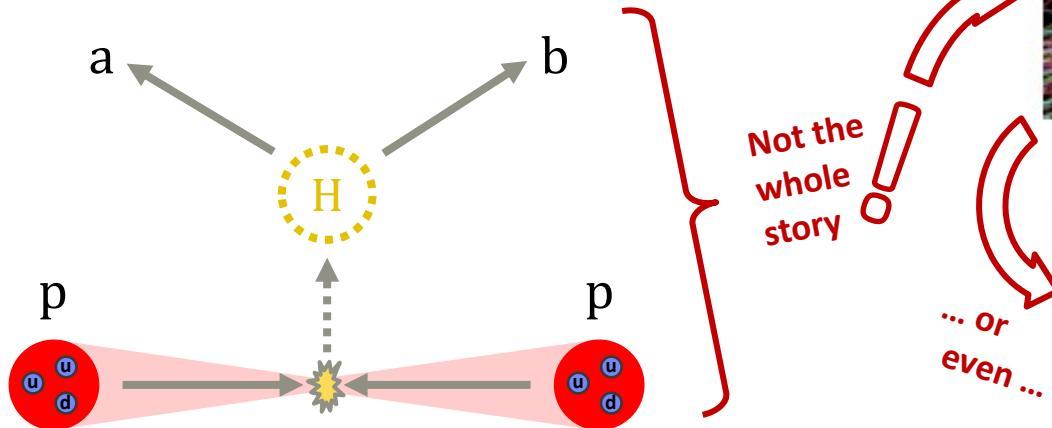
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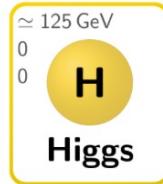
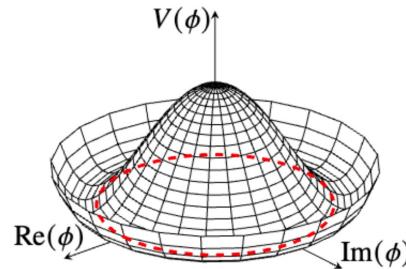
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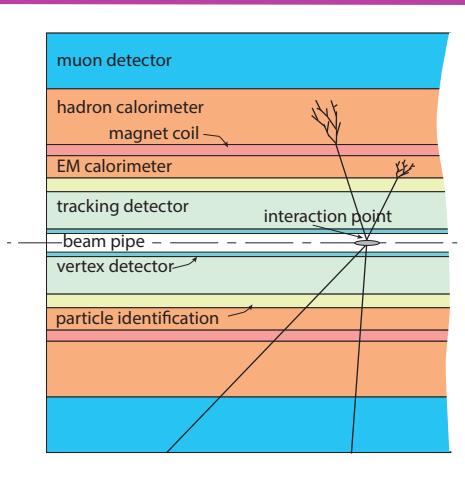


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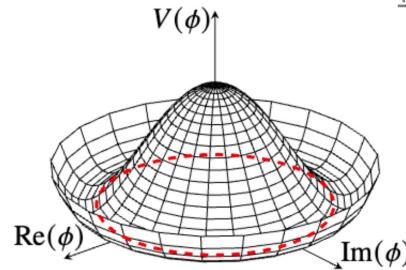
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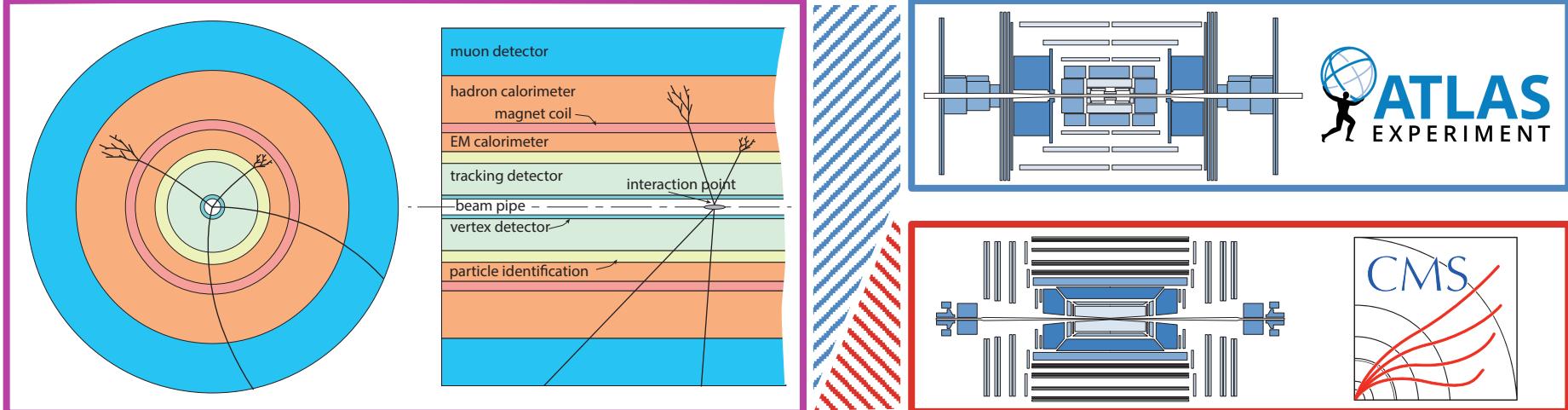


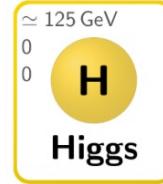
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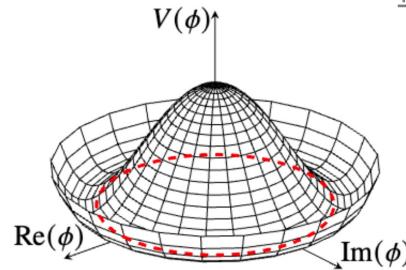
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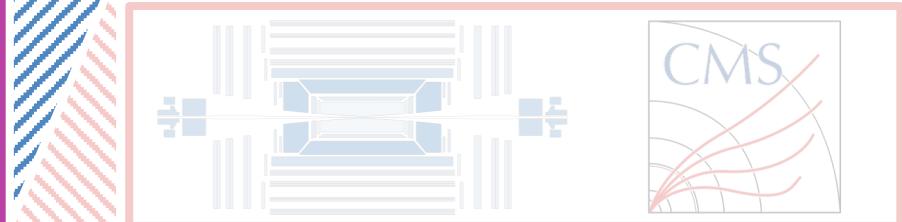
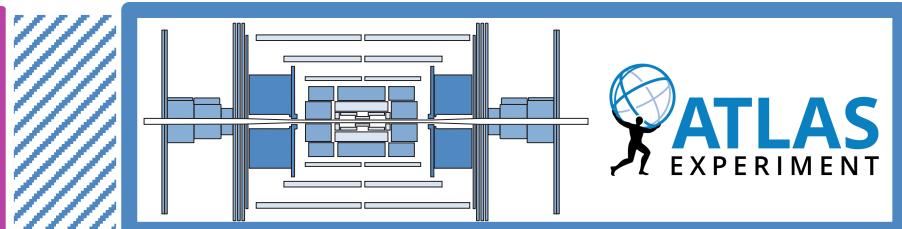
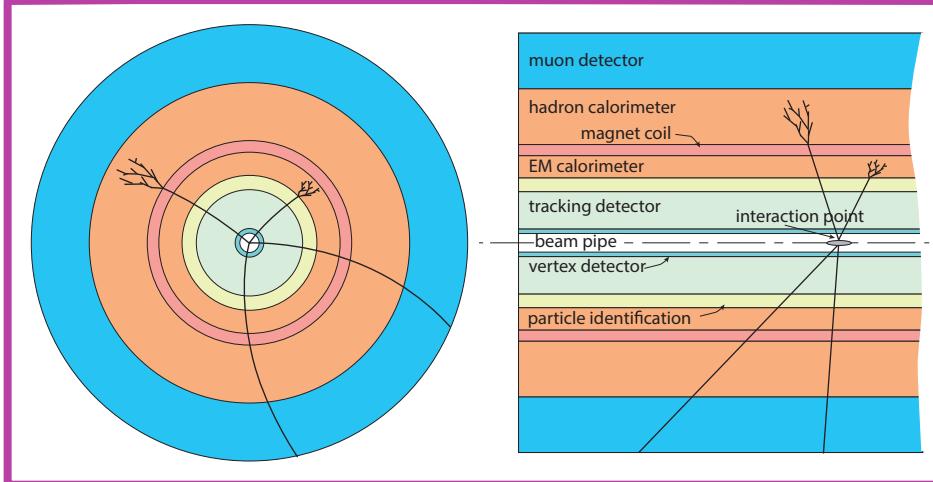


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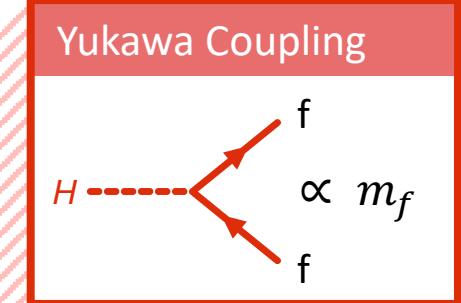
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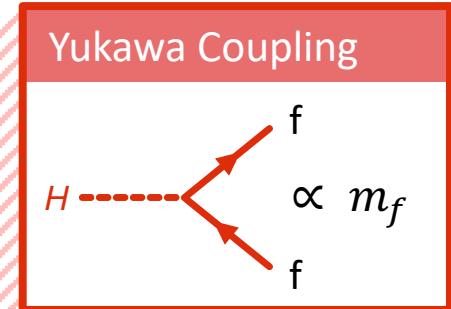
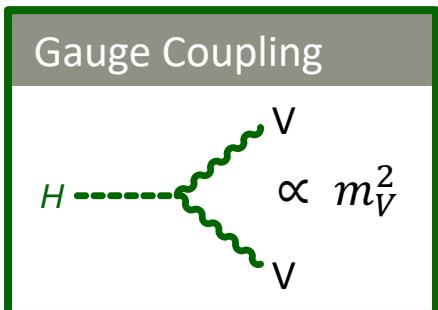
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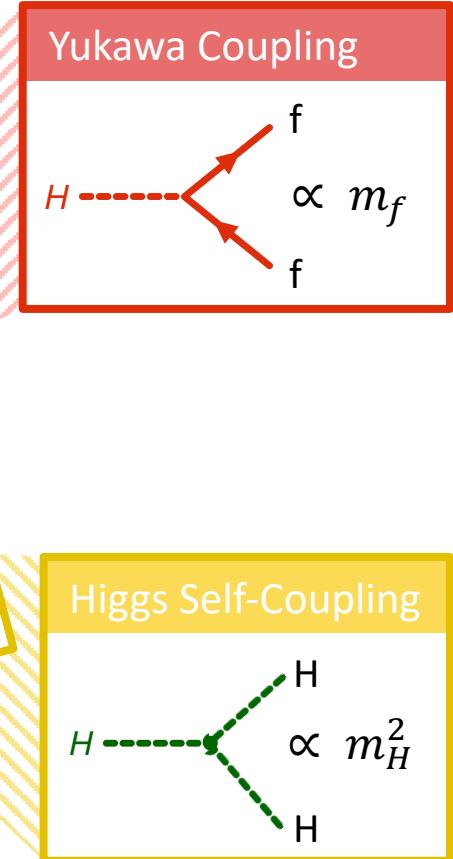
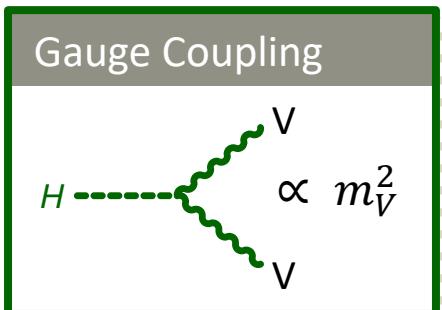
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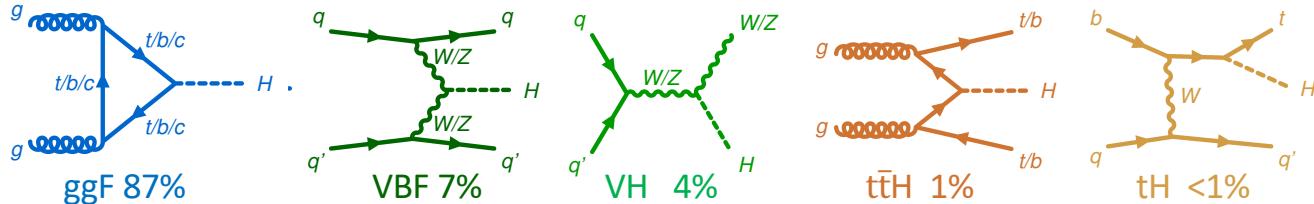
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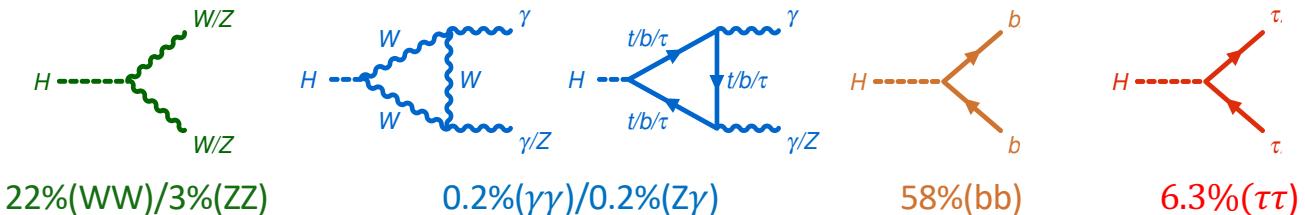
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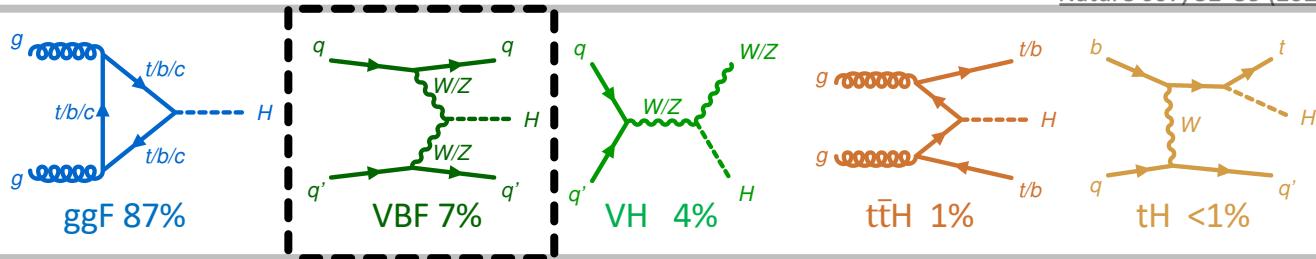
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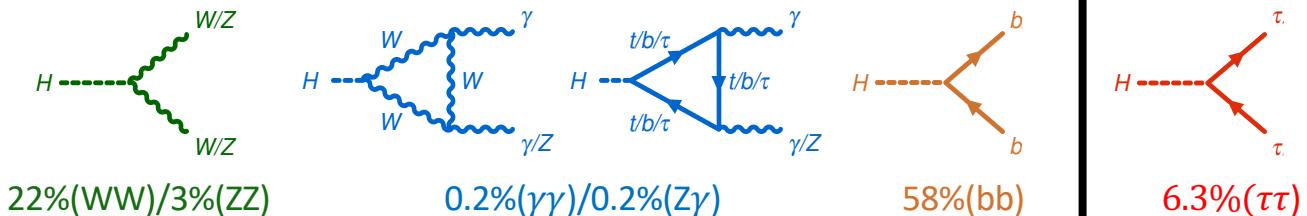
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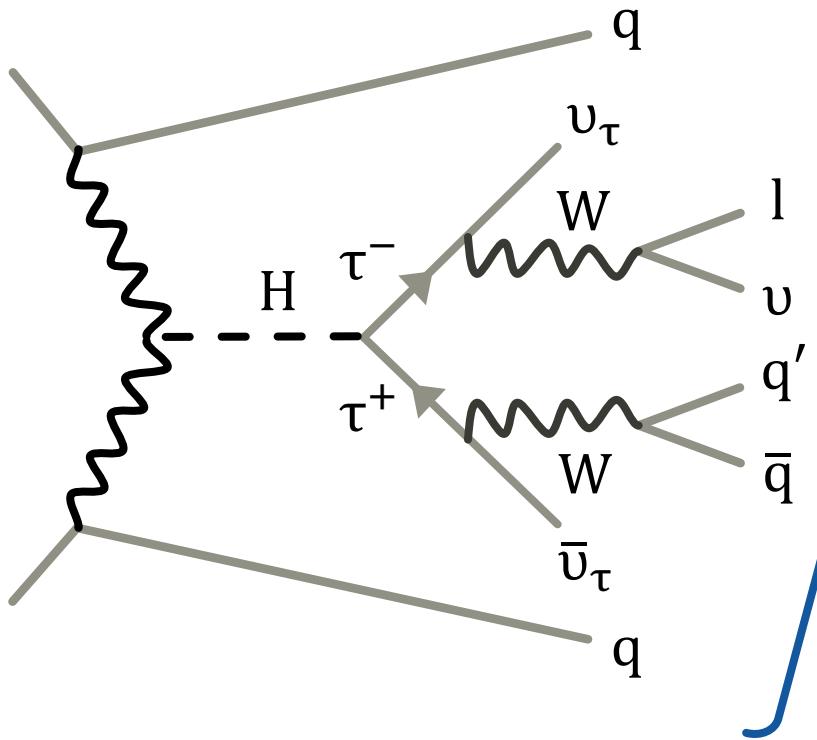


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## The $\tau\tau$ -Channel

- Best probe for lepton **Yukawa-coupling**
- **High branching ratio** of 6.3%
- Especially **sensitive to BSM** extensions
- Promising sensitivity in VBF production mode

$$N = \sigma \cdot L = 3.78 \text{ pb} \cdot 140 \text{ fb}^{-1} = 53000$$

$$\text{BR}(6.3\%) \rightarrow 33400$$

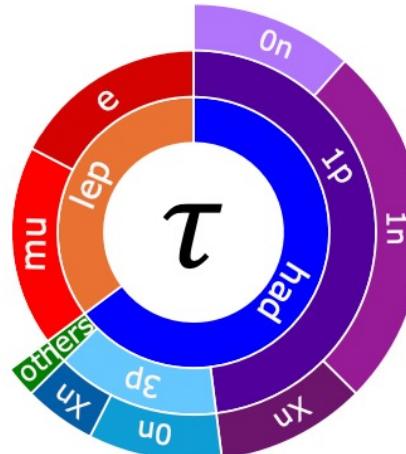
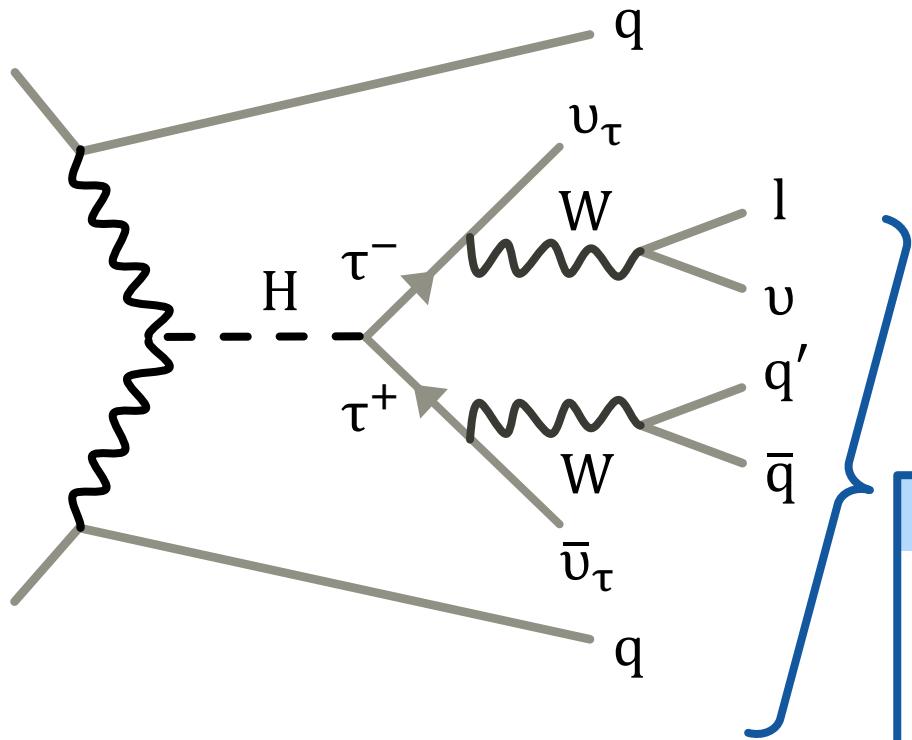
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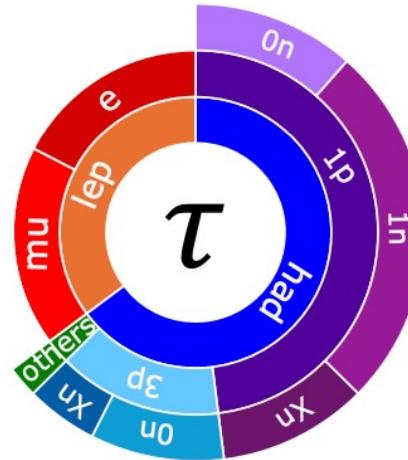
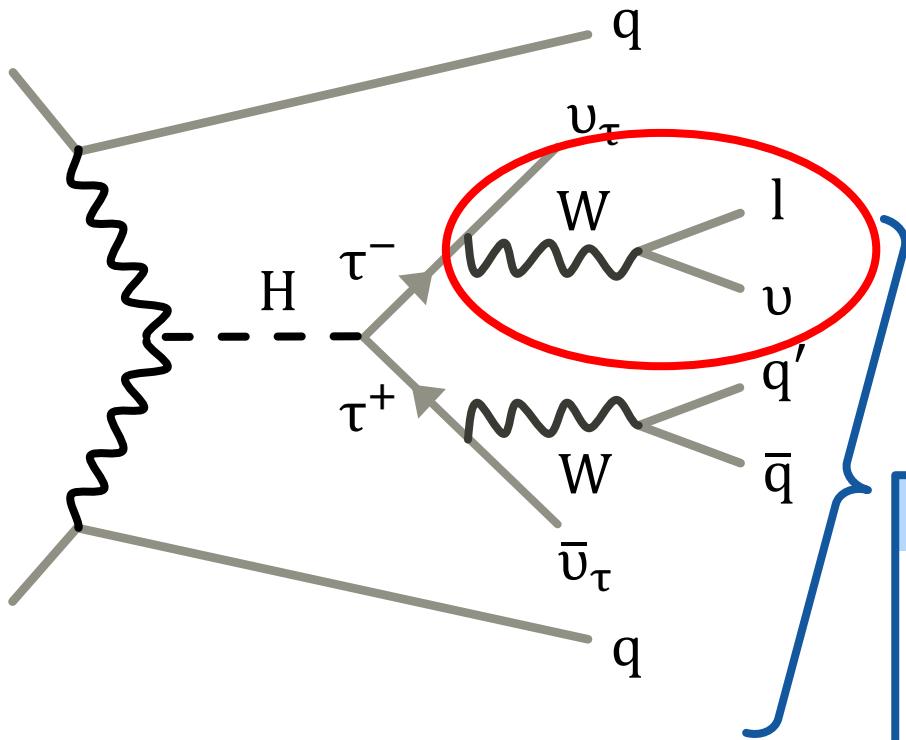
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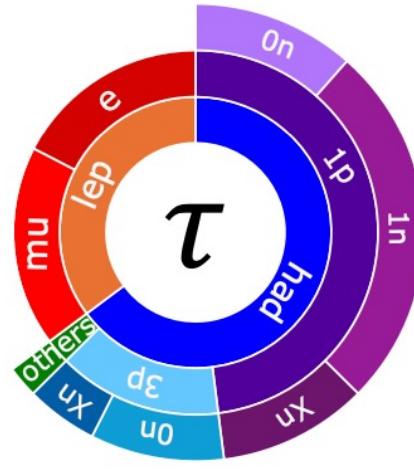
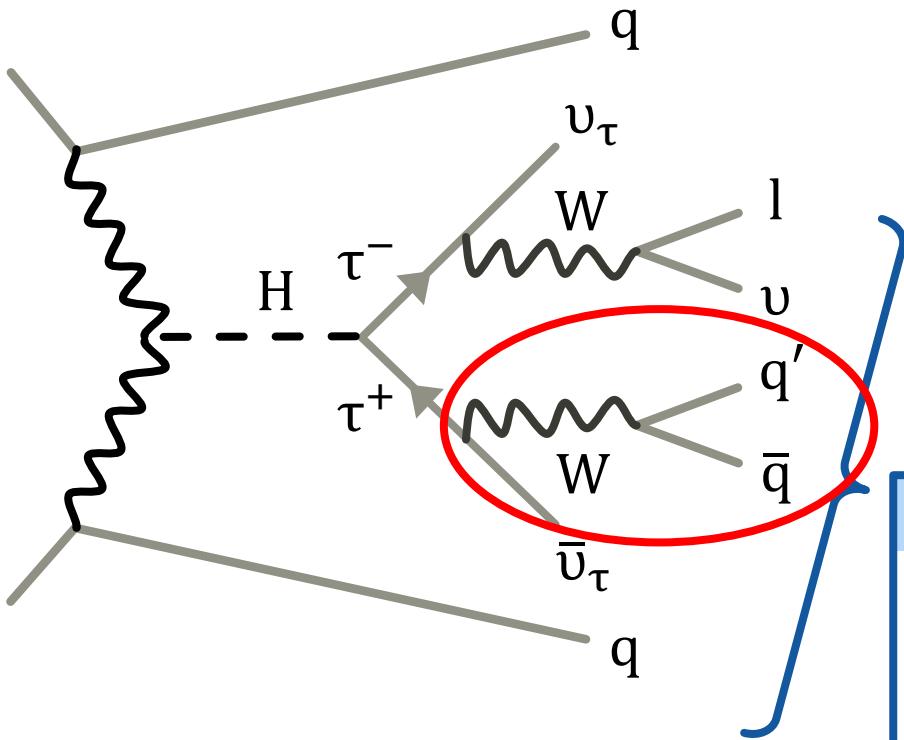


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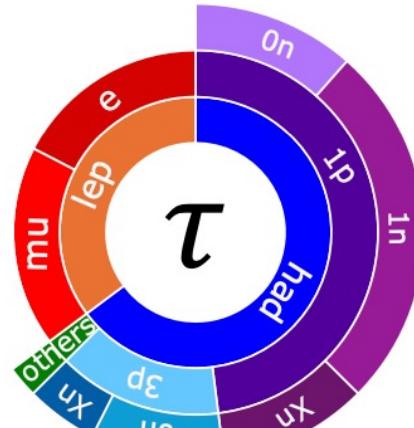
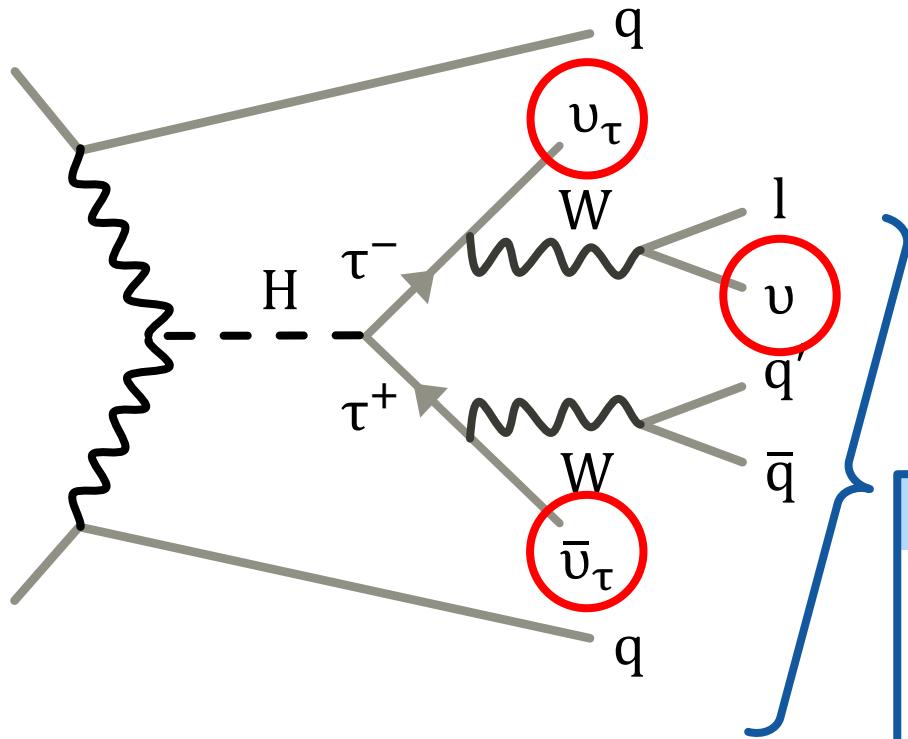
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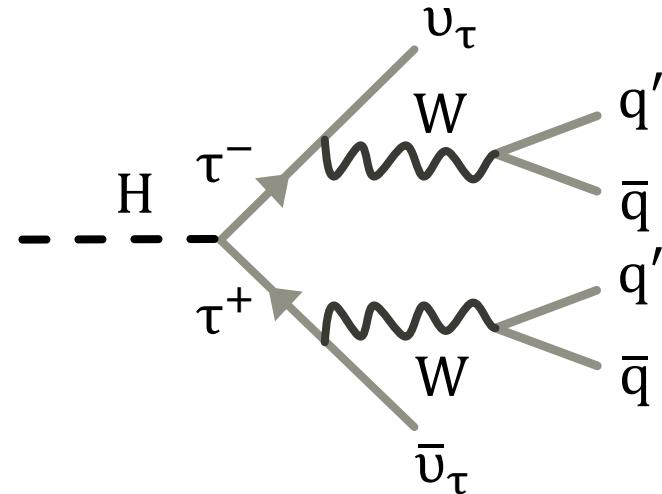
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3pXn	$\tau^\pm \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi^\pm \pi^\pm \pi^\mp > 0\pi^0$

**CHALLENGING RECONSTRUCTION**

# SELECTION

	$\tau_{\text{had}} \tau_{\text{had}}$
Object Counting	# e/ $\mu$ = 0, # $\tau_{\text{had}} = 2$
Charge product	opposite charge
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ID	$\tau_{\text{had}}: \text{RNN medium}$
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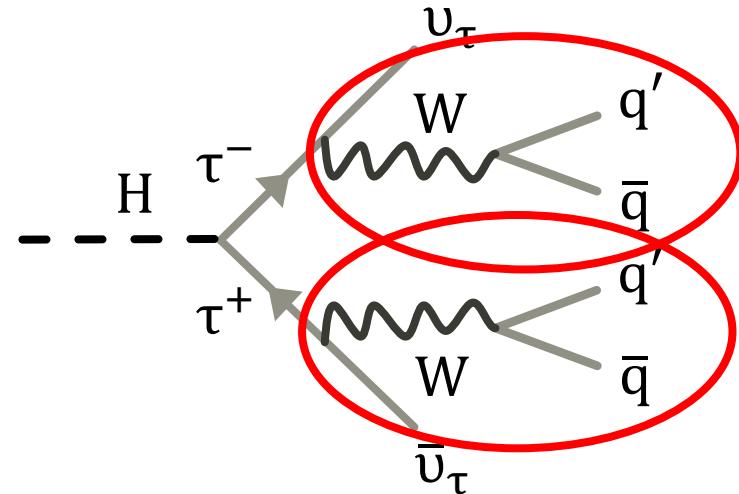
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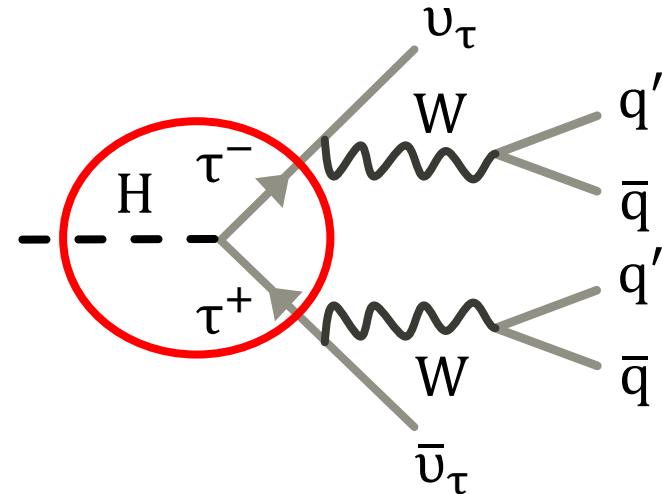
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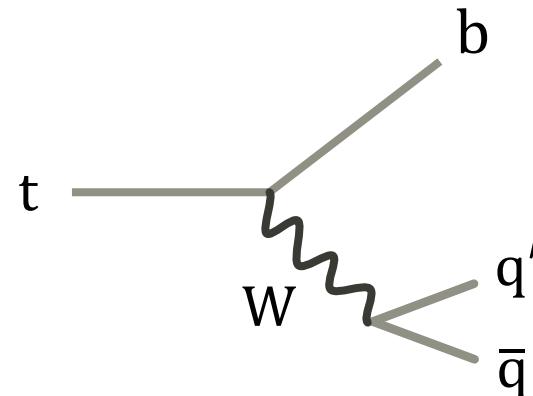
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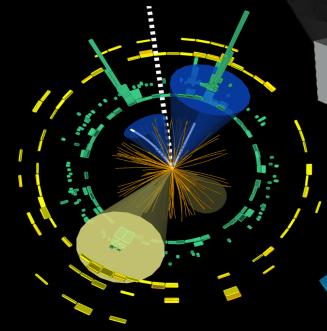
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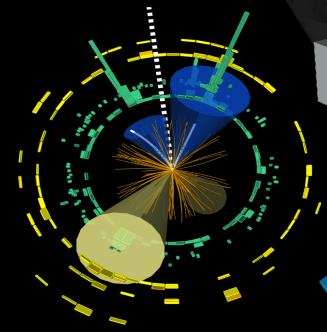
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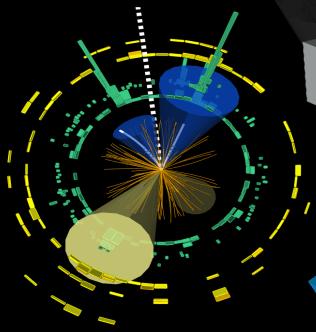
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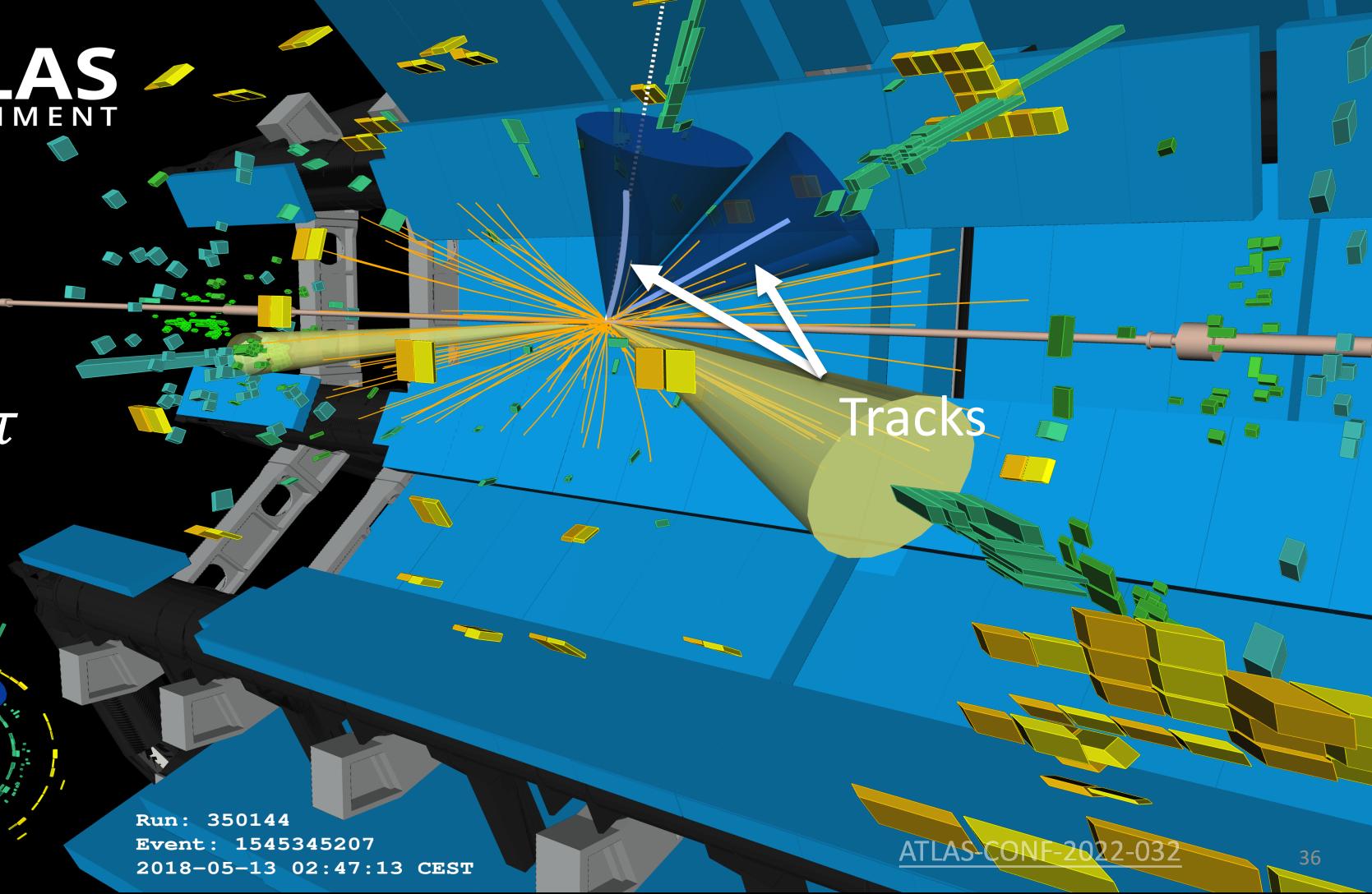
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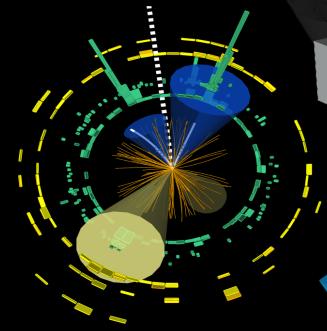
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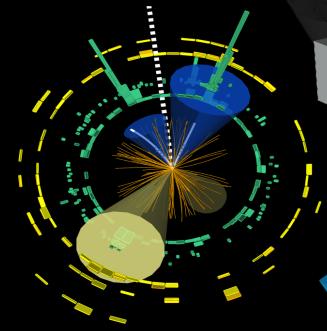
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$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

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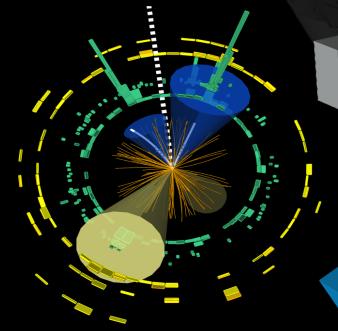
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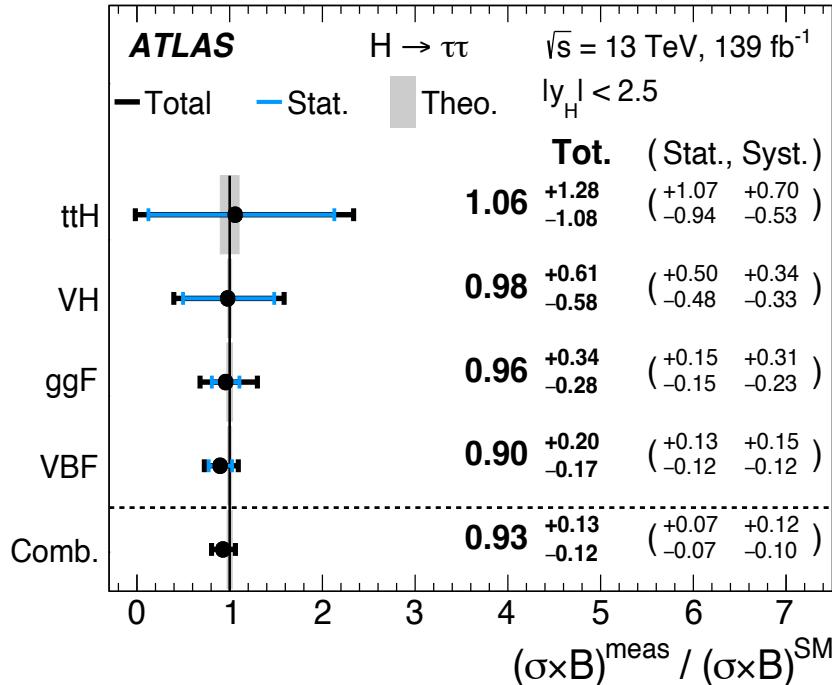


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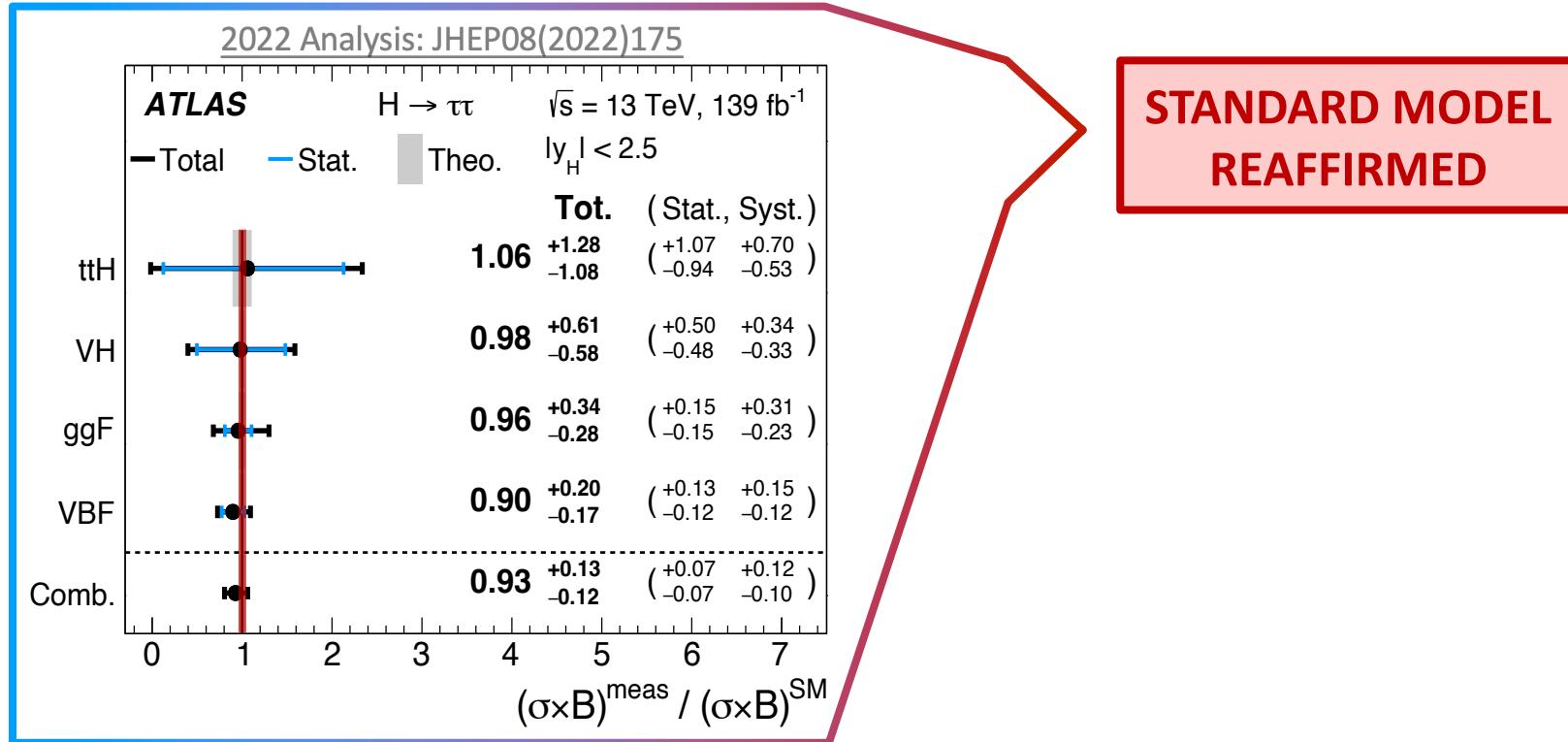
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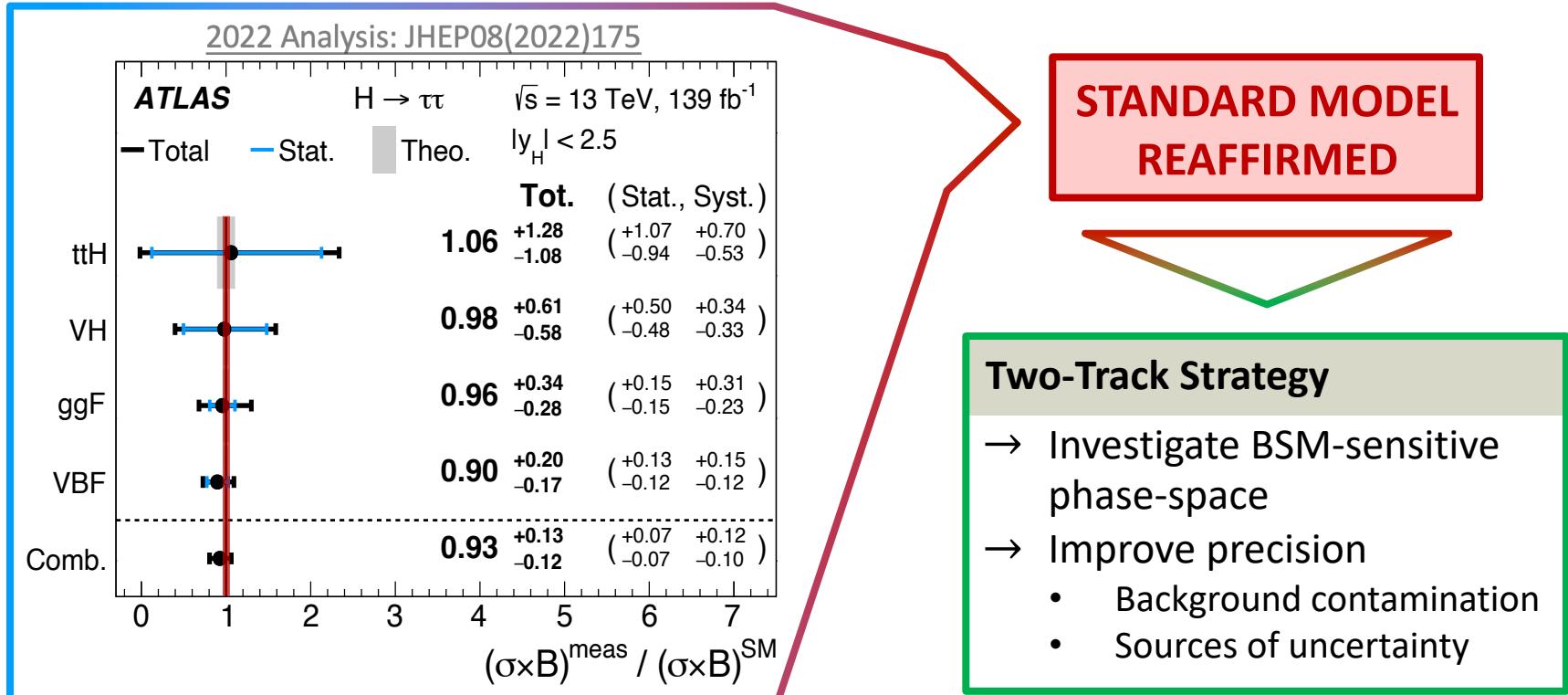
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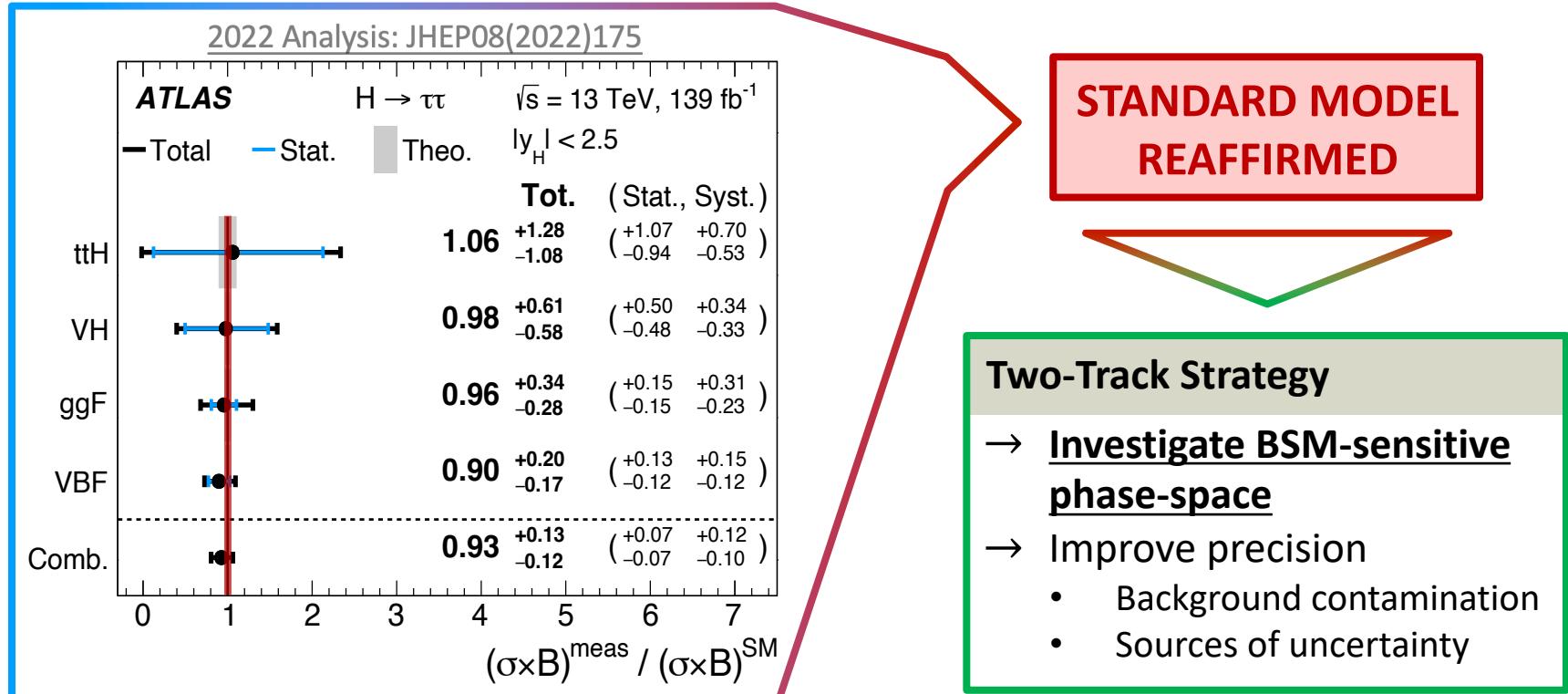
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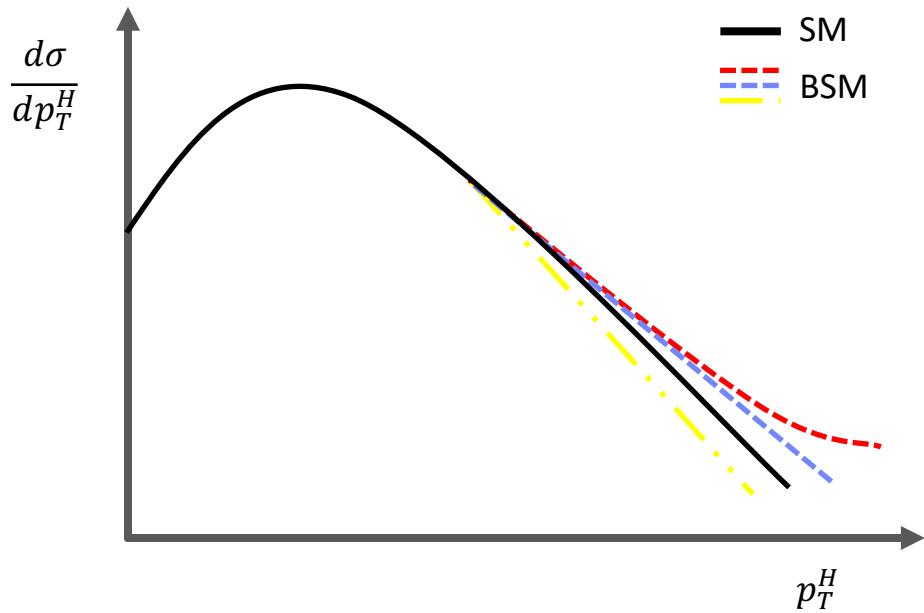
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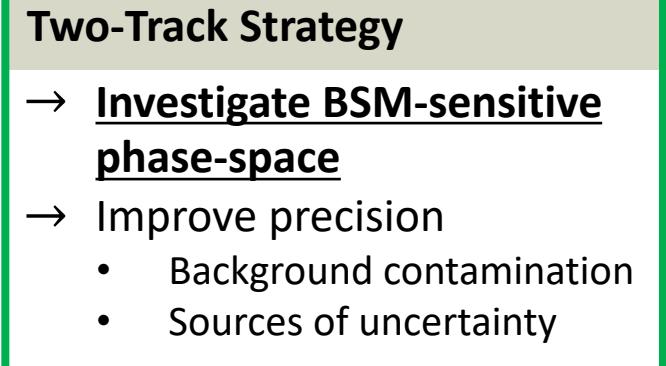
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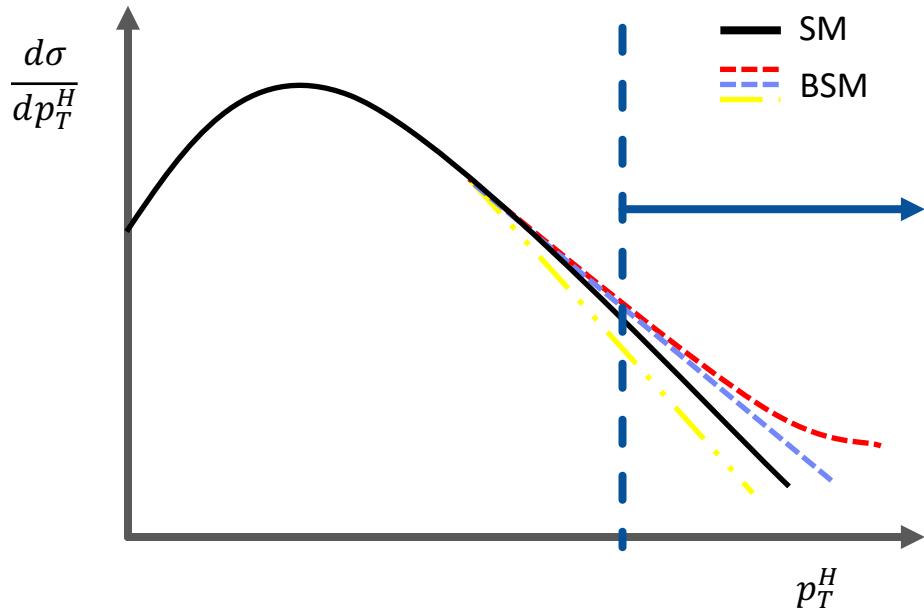
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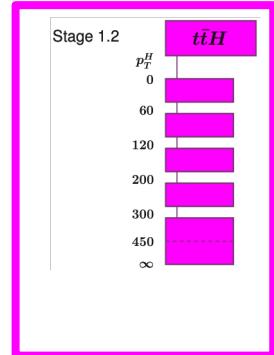
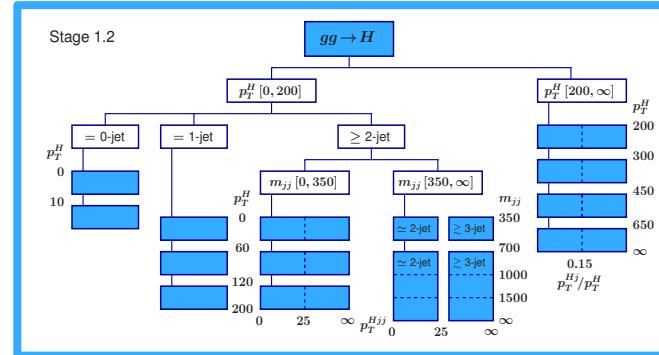
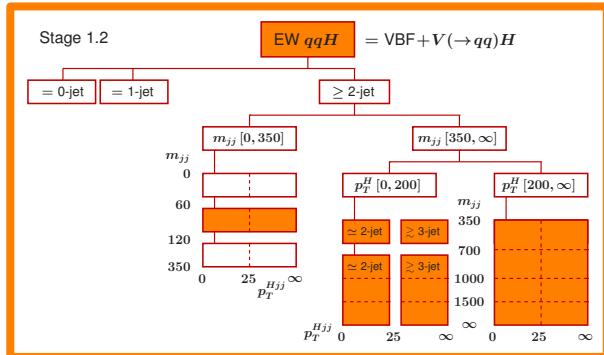


## Two-Track Strategy

- Investigate BSM-sensitive phase-space
- Improve precision
  - Background contamination
  - Sources of uncertainty

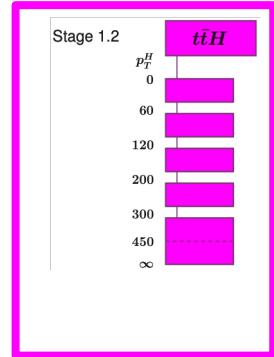
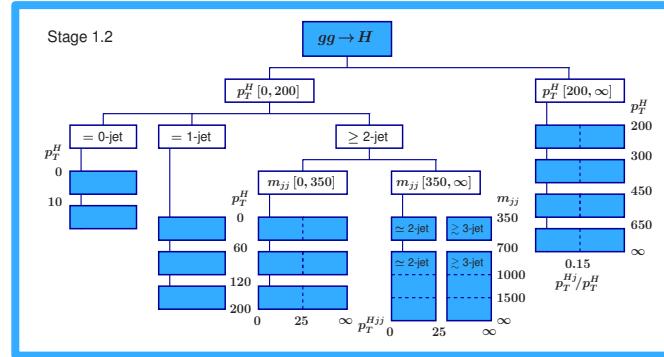
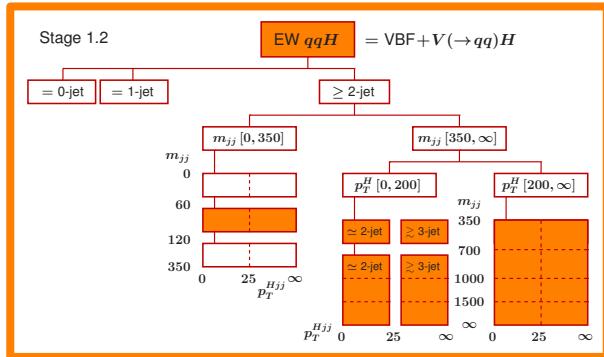
# STXS: SIMPLIFIED TEMPLATE CROSS-SECTION

- Phase-space regions split by true production modes/kinematics
  - reduction of theoretical uncertainties
  - emphasize prospective regions for BSM (high  $p_T^H / m_{jj}$ )
  - facilitate combination of regions



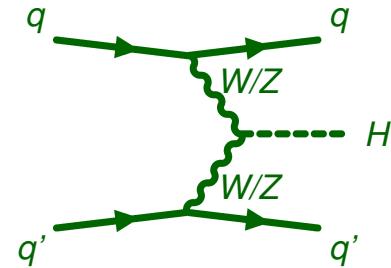
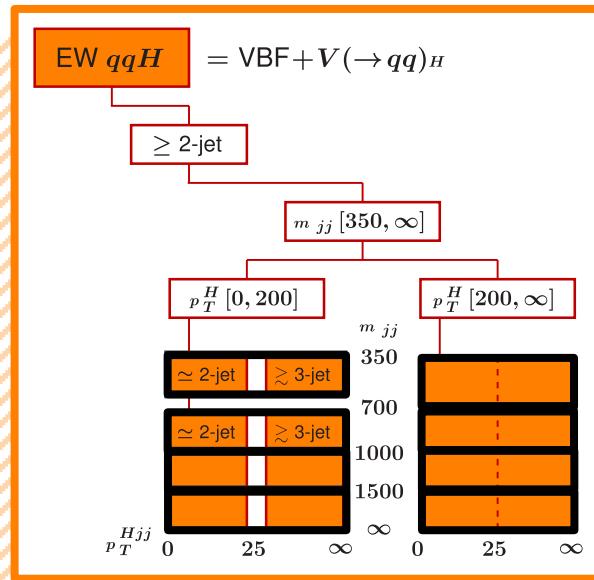
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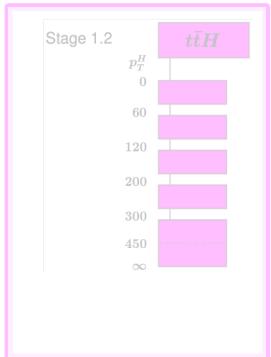
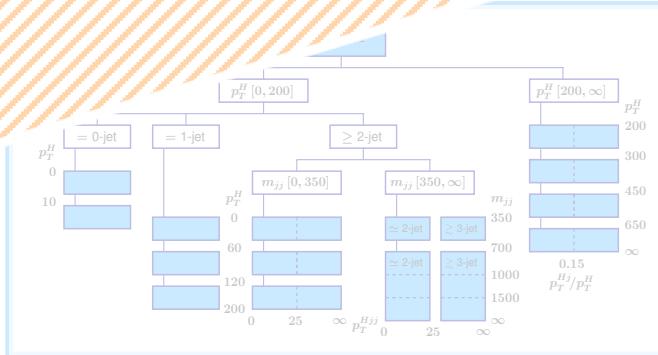
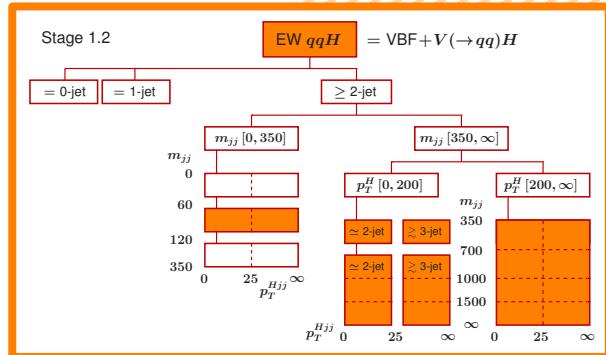


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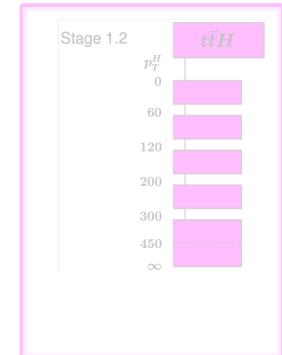
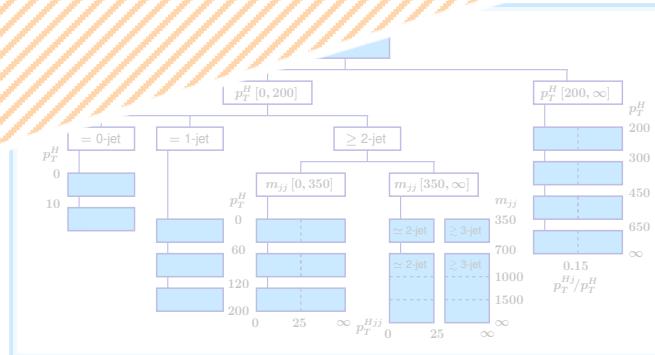
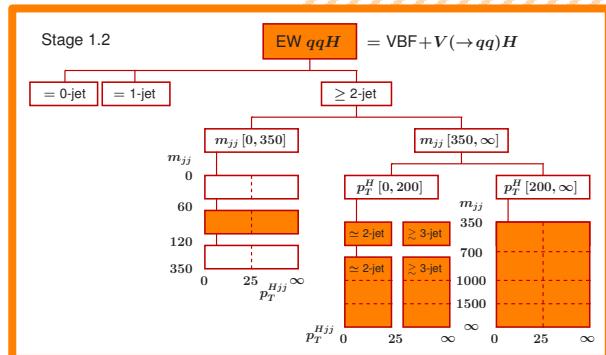
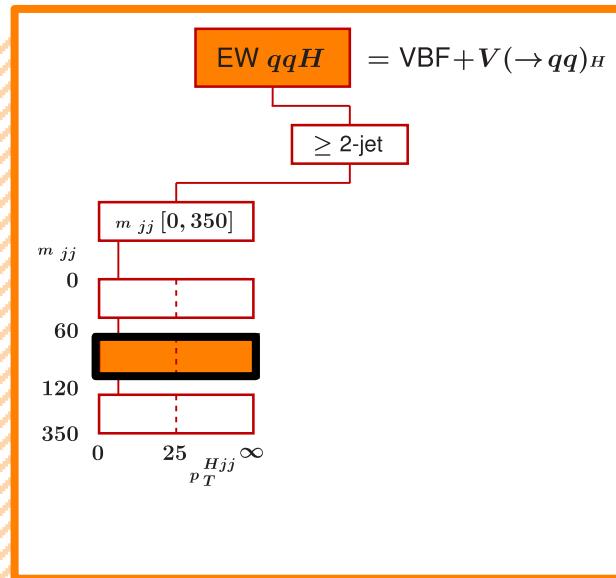


LHC HWG Fiducial And STXS



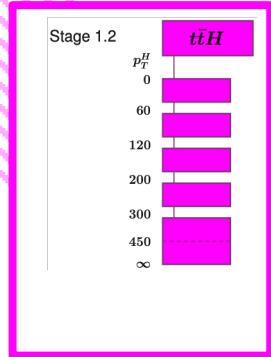
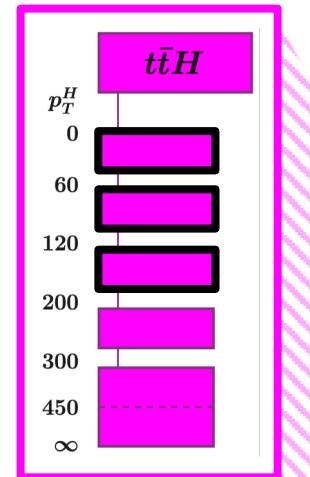
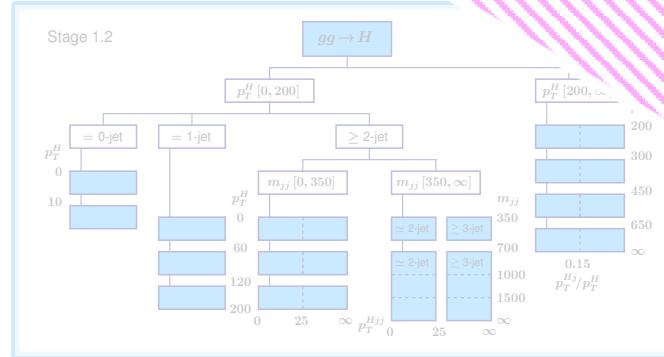
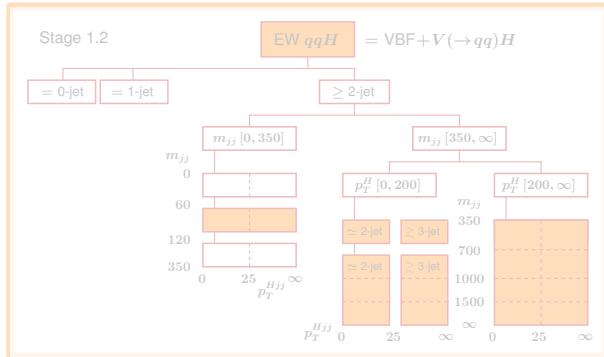
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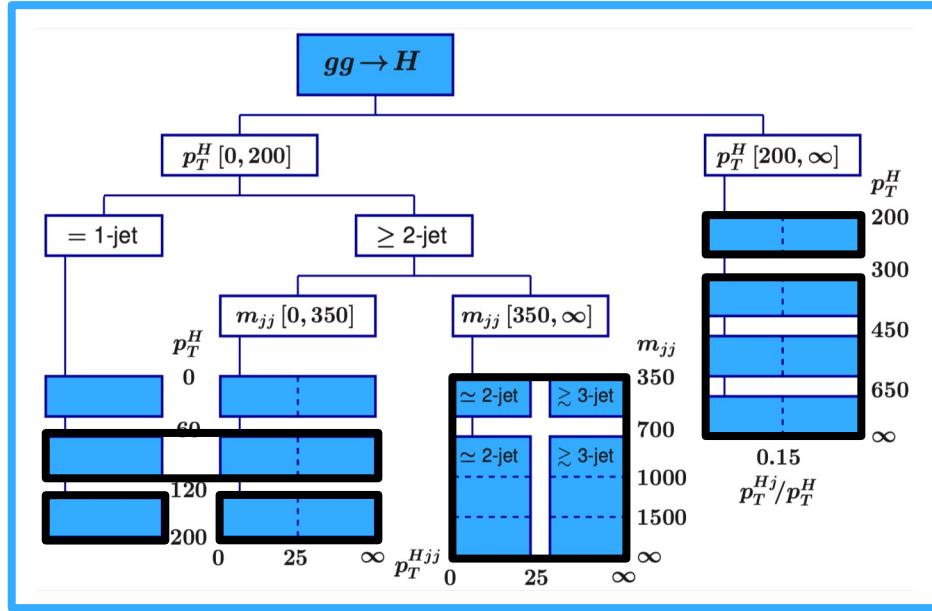
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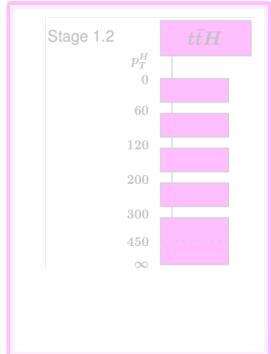
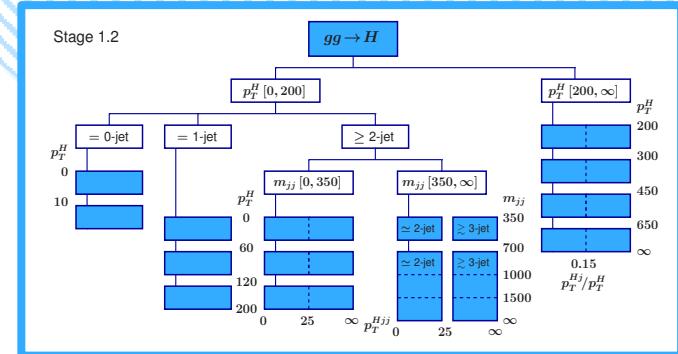
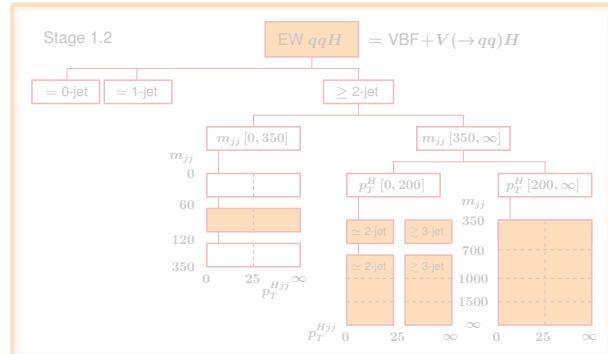


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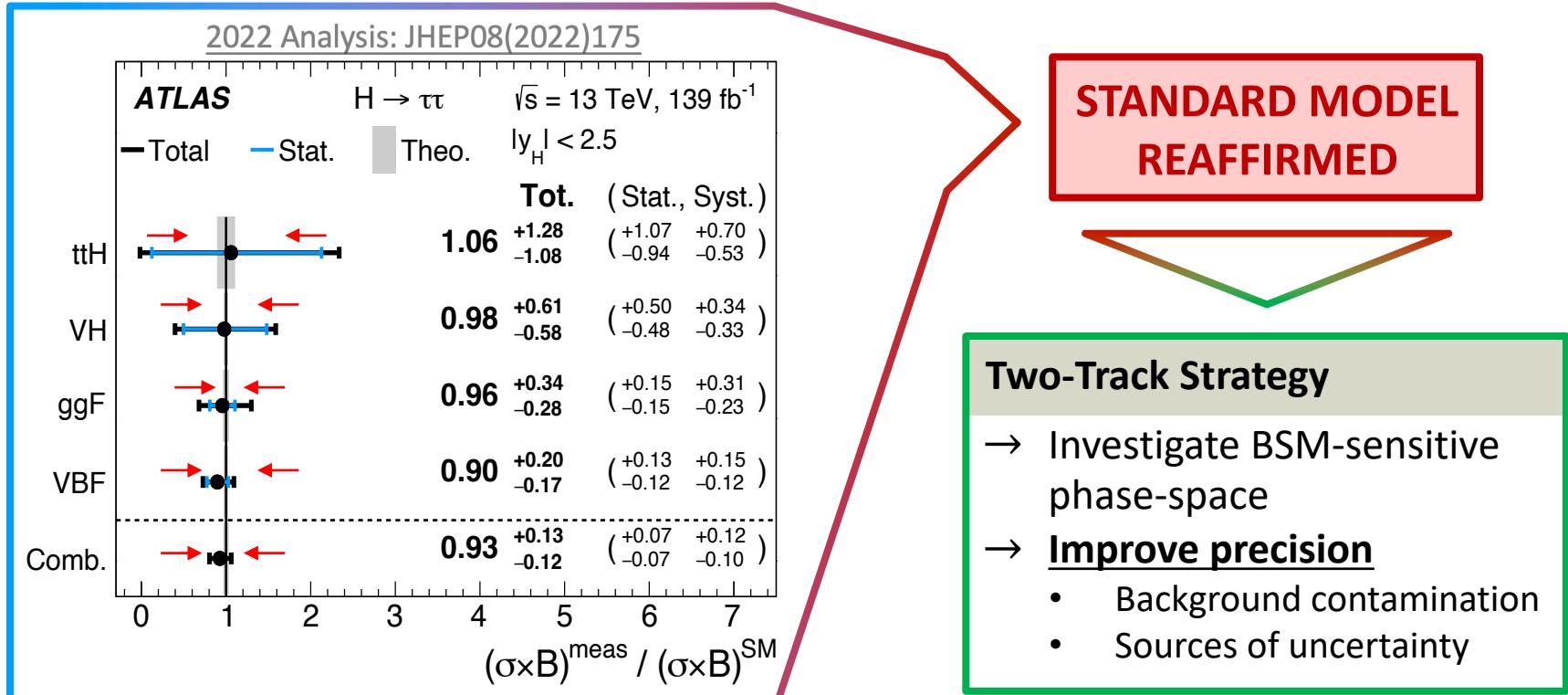
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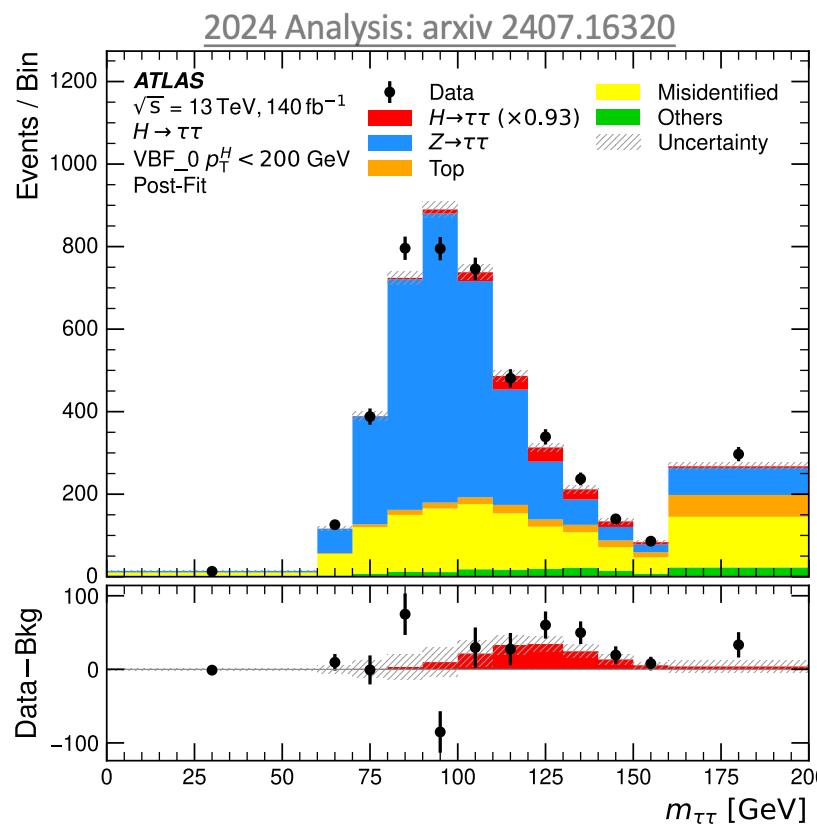
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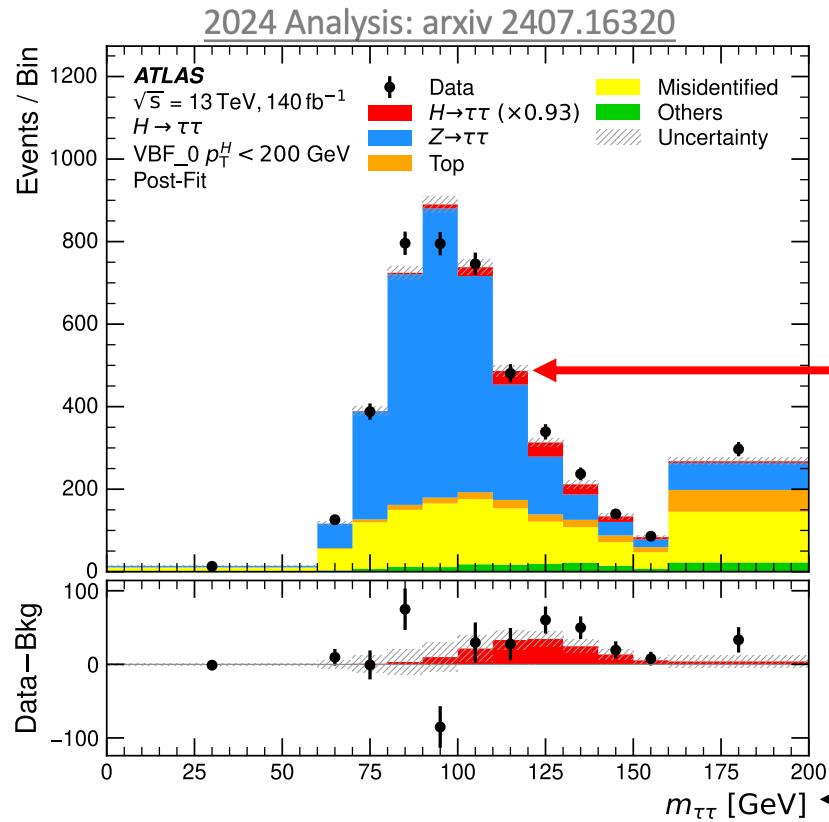
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Invariant Di-tau Mass

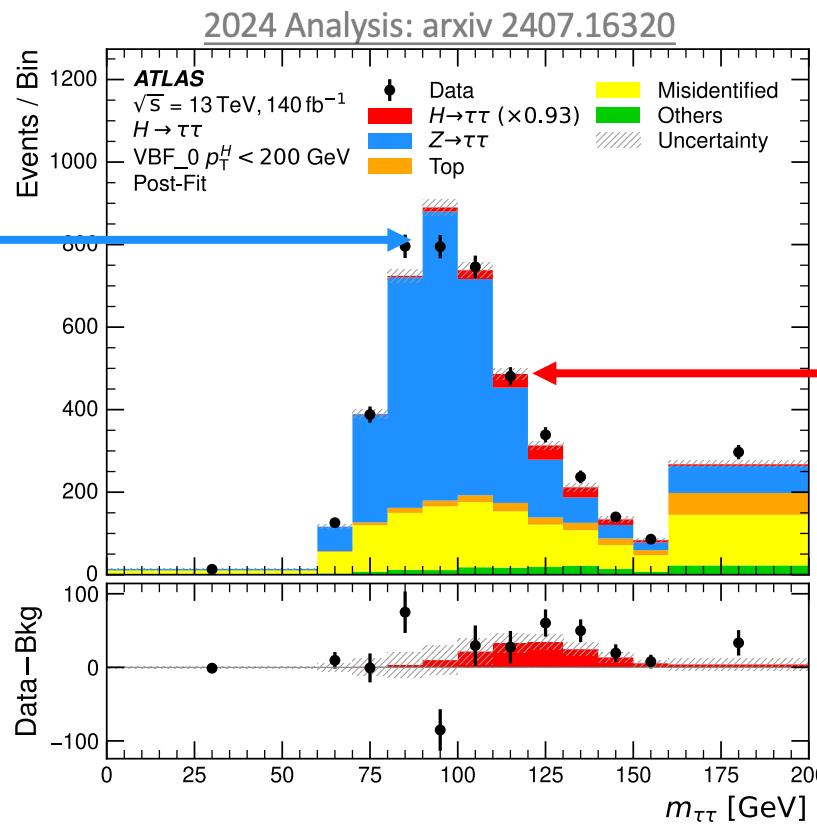
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$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$



$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  Signal

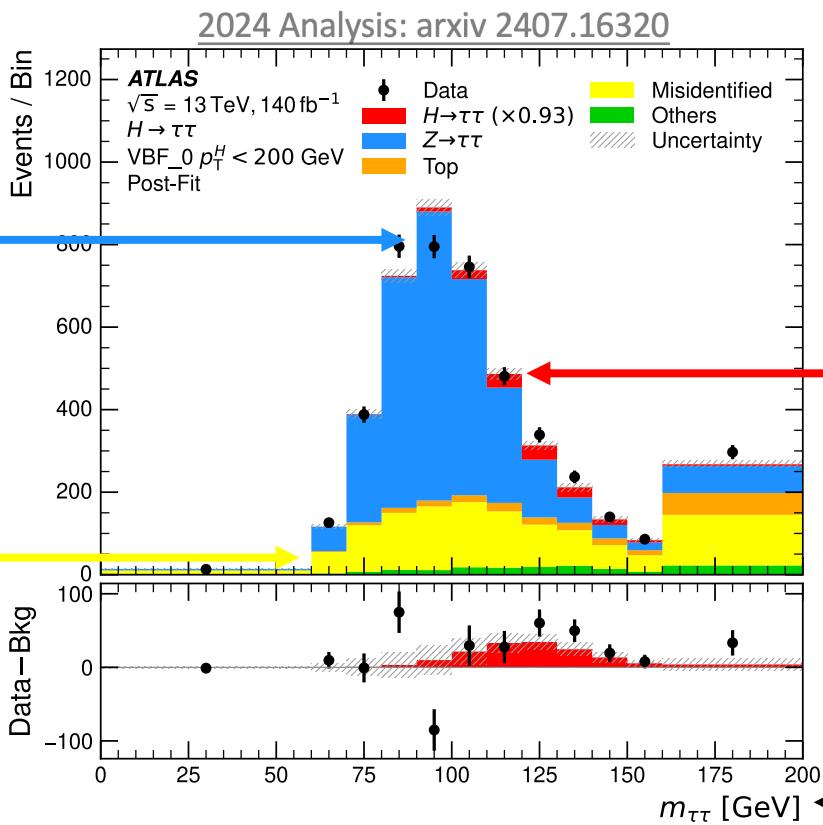
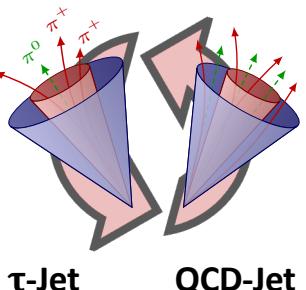
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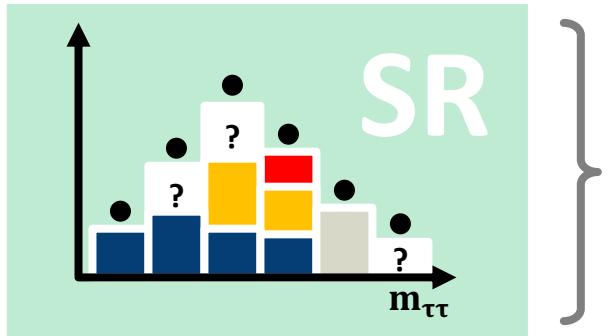


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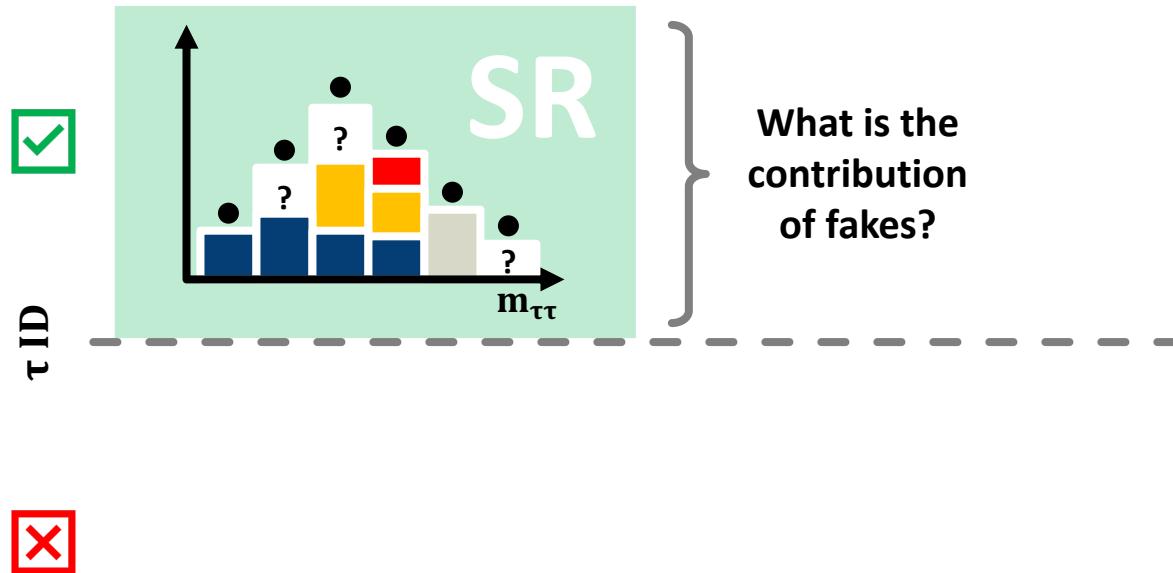


What is the contribution of fakes?

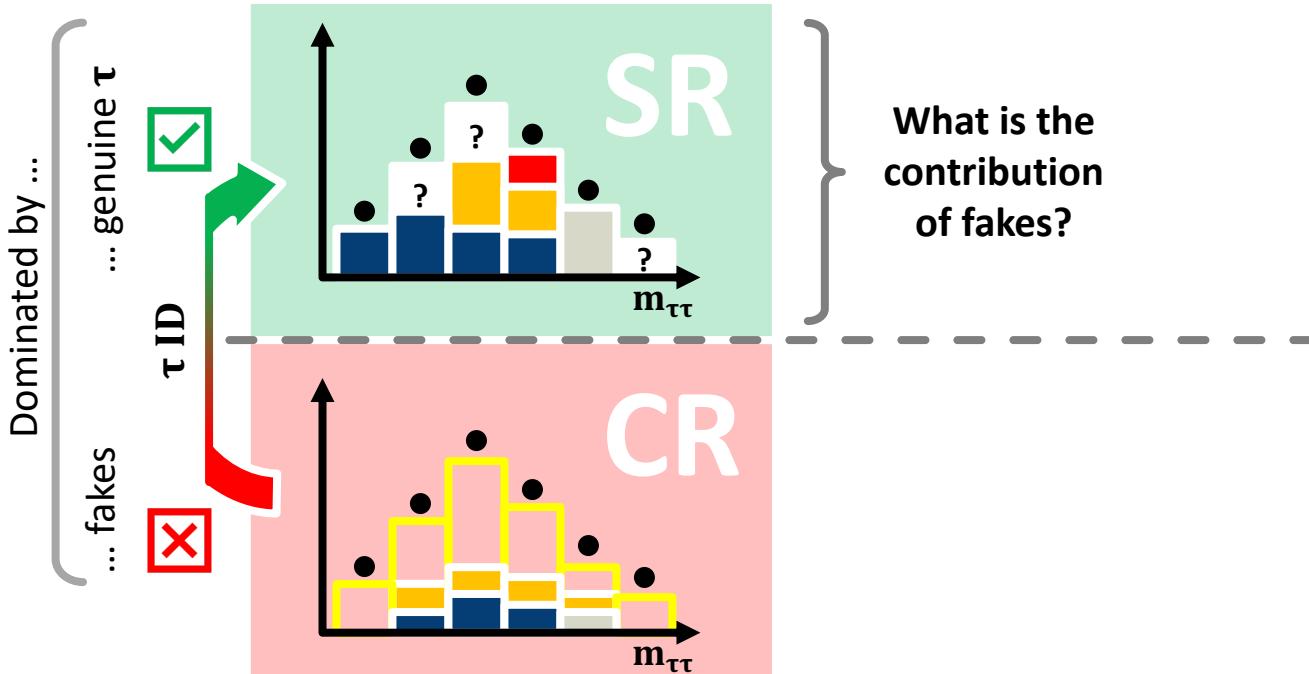
## Fake Background ...

- ... is suppressed in genuine  $\tau$  selection
- ... depends on kinematic variables
- ... estimation in SR biases measurement

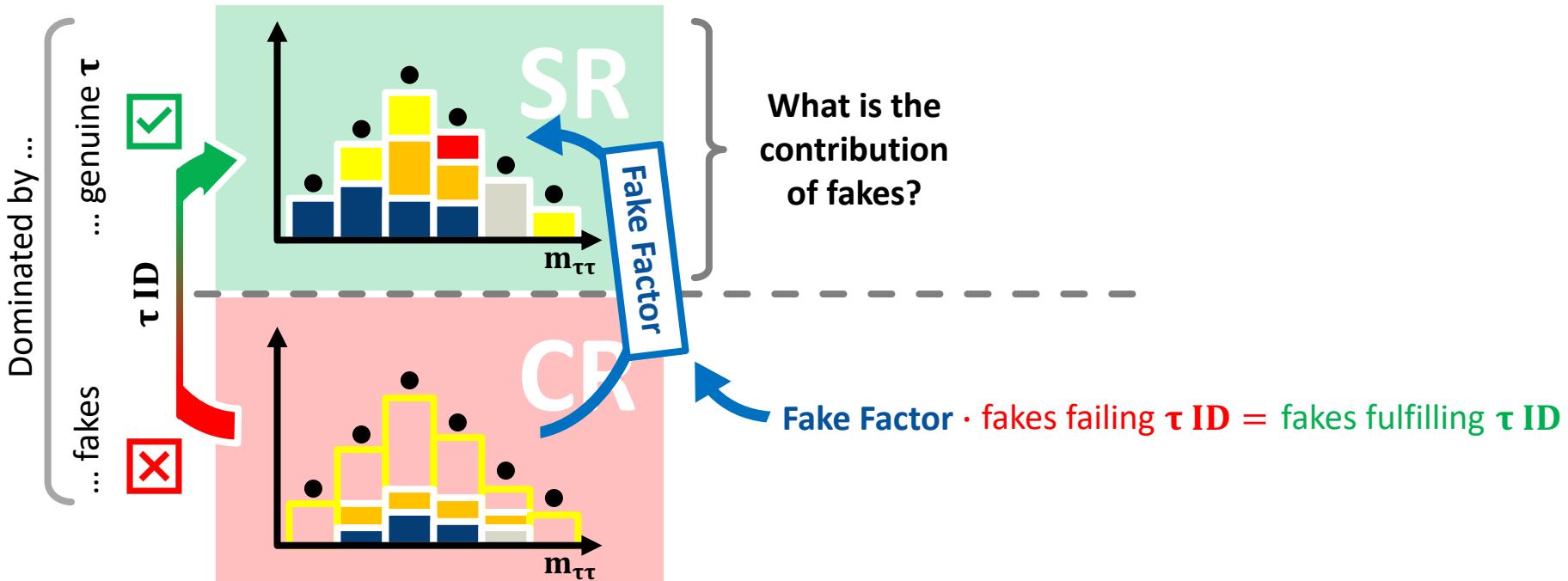
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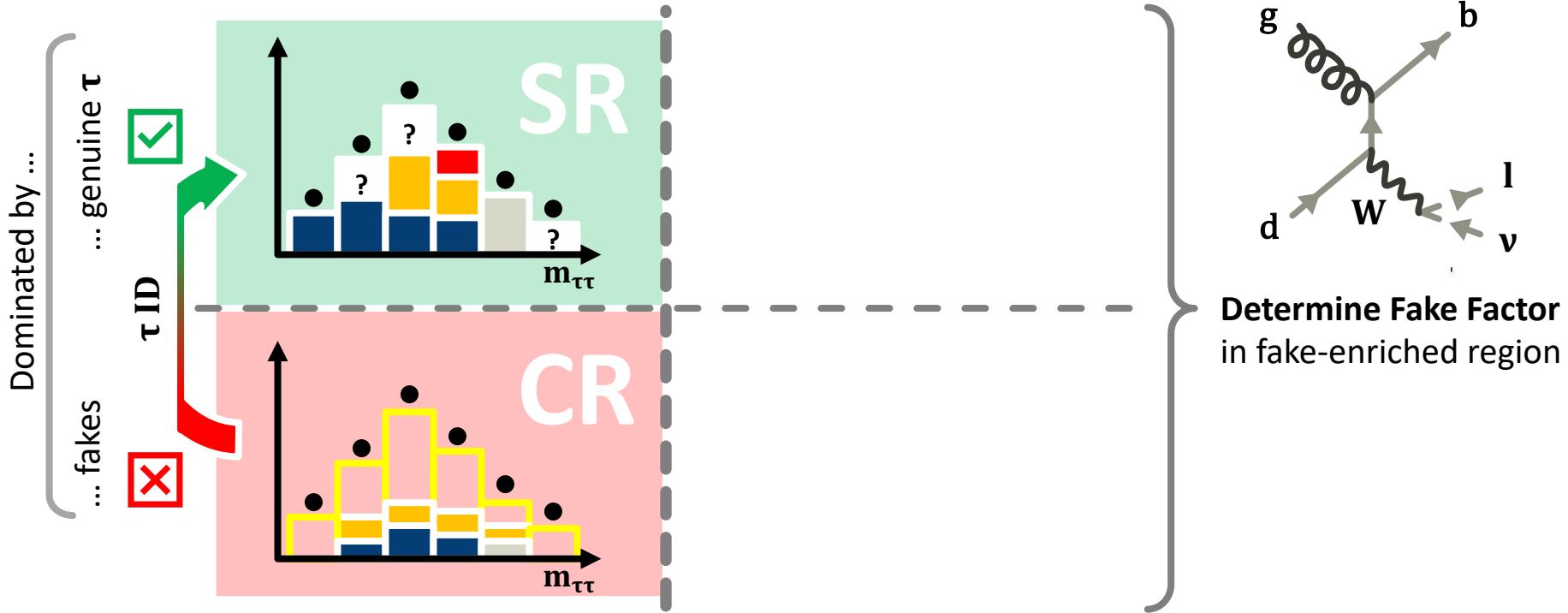


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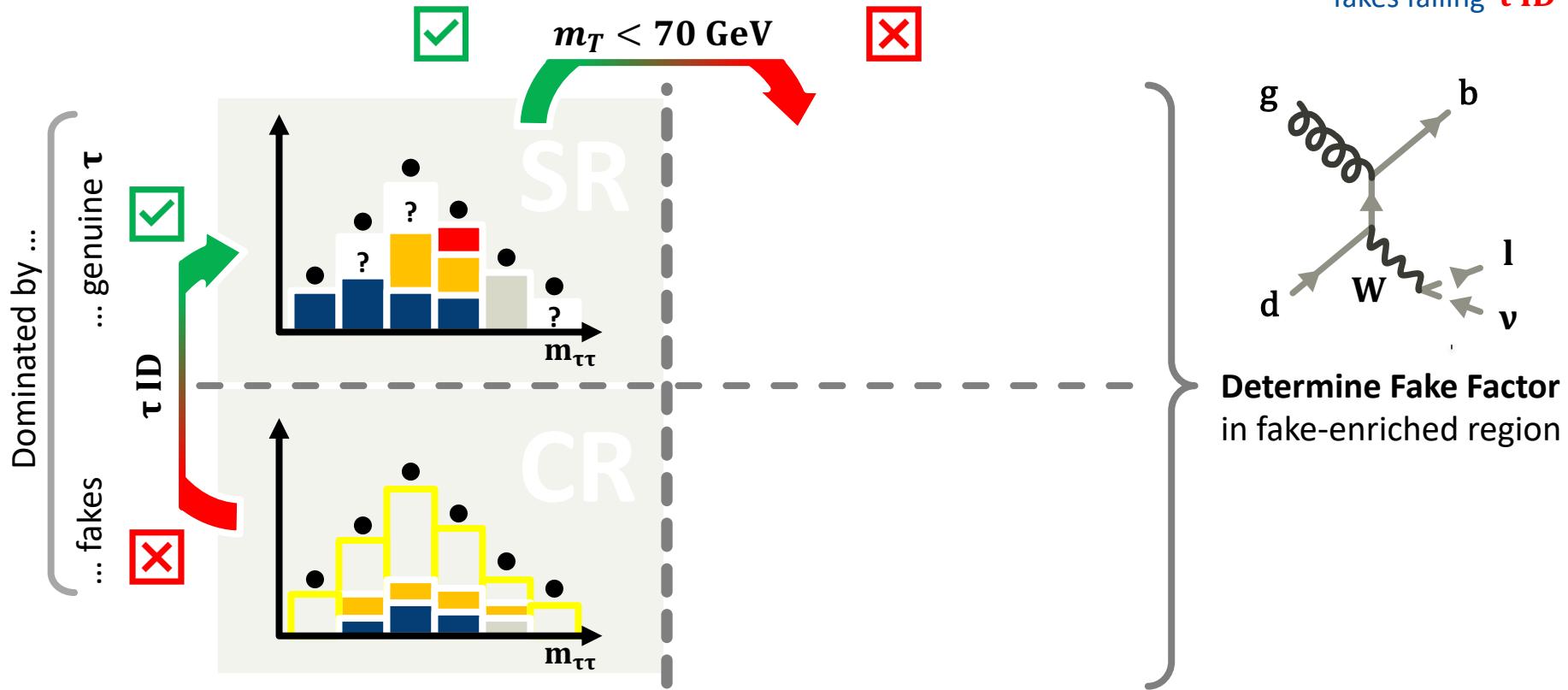


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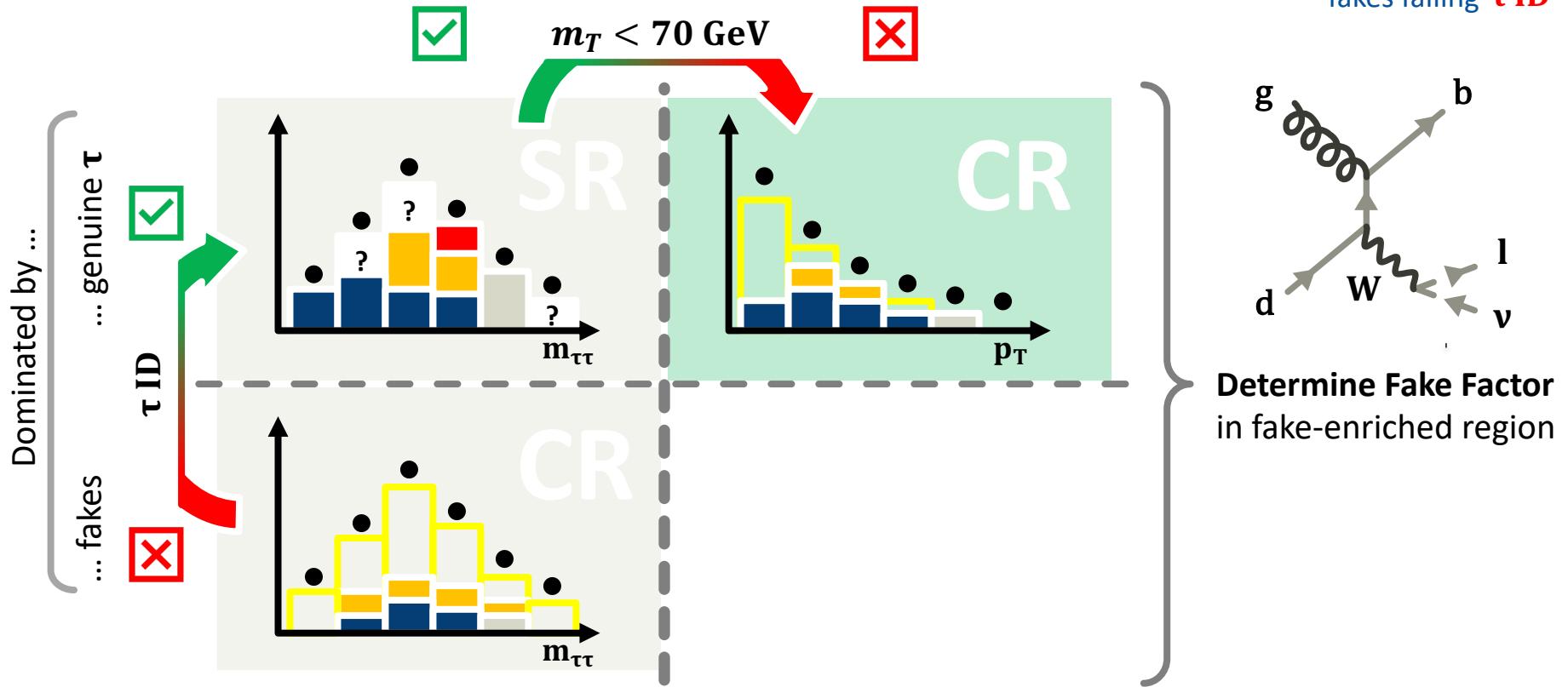
$$\text{Fake Factor} = \frac{\text{fakes fulfilling } \tau \text{ ID}}{\text{fakes failing } \tau \text{ ID}}$$



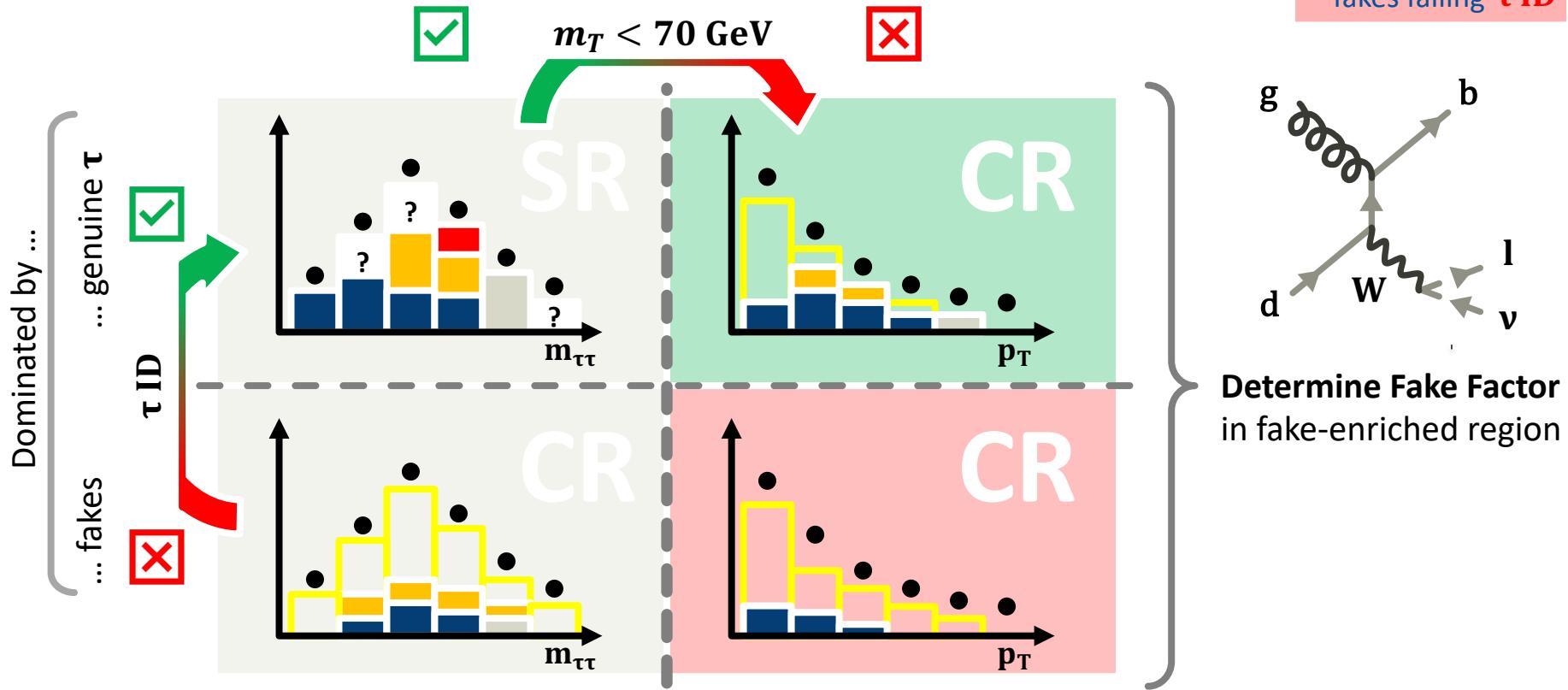
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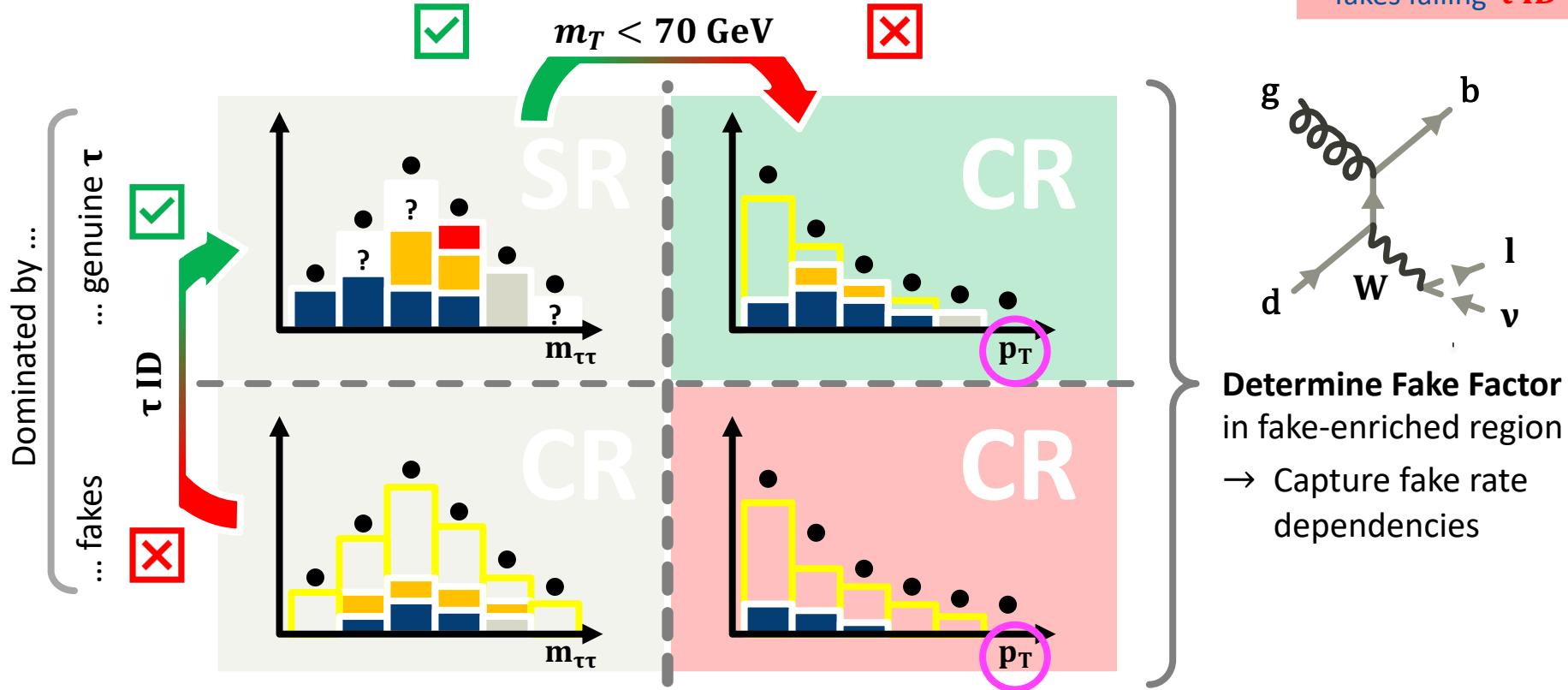
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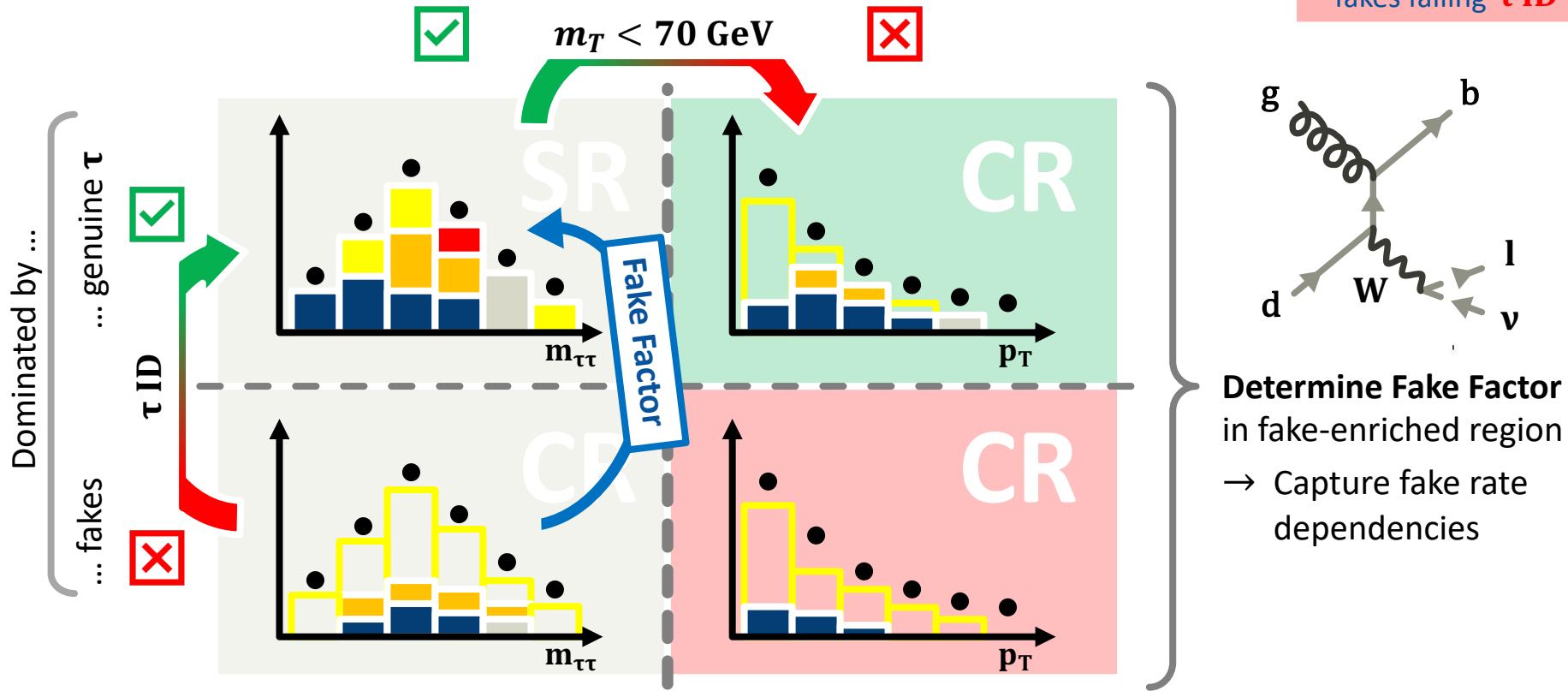
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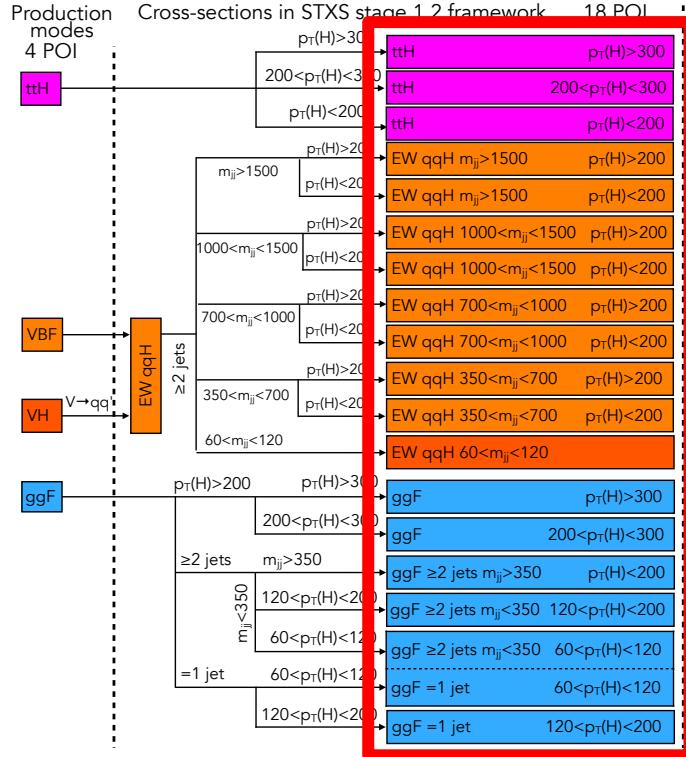


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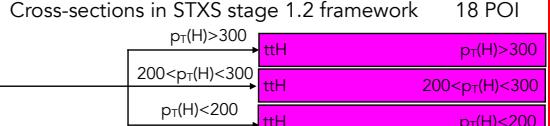
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**AIM: 18 parameters of interest**



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Production modes  
4 POI

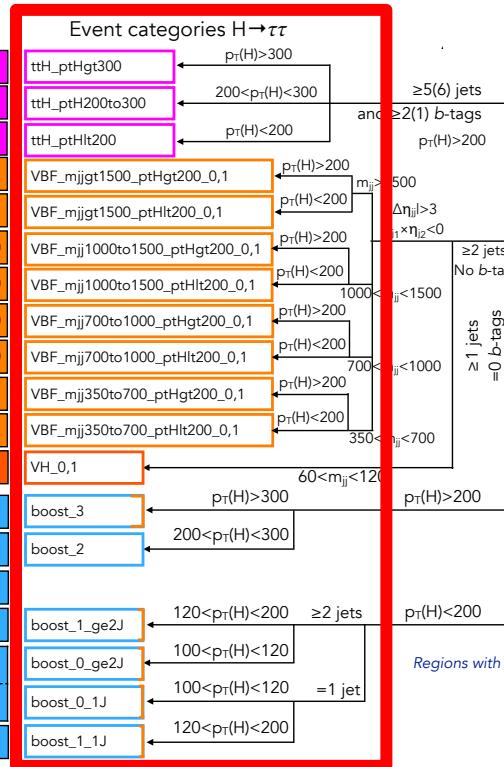


VBF

VH

ggF

**AIM: 18 parameters of interest**  
→ categorize events to match  
the phase-space



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Production modes

4 POI

ttH

Cross-sections in STXS stage 1.2 framework

18 POI

VBF

VH

ggF

$p_T(H) > 300$

$200 < p_T(H) < 300$

$p_T(H) < 200$

$m_{jj} > 1500$

$p_T(H) < 200$

$p_T(H) > 200$

$1000 < m_{jj} < 1500$

$p_T(H) < 200$

$p_T(H) > 200$

$700 < m_{jj} < 1000$

$p_T(H) < 200$

$p_T(H) > 200$

$350 < m_{jj} < 700$

$p_T(H) < 200$

$60 < m_{jj} < 120$

$p_T(H) < 200$

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$p_T(H) > 300$

$200 < p_T(H) < 300$

$\geq 2$  jets

$m_{jj} > 350$

$120 < p_T(H) < 200$

$60 < p_T(H) < 120$

$= 1$  jet

$60 < p_T(H) < 120$

$120 < p_T(H) < 200$

Event categories  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$

$p_T(H) > 300$

$200 < p_T(H) < 300$

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$m_{jj} > 1500$

$\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3$

$\tau_1 \times \tau_2 < 0$

$1000 < m_{jj} < 1500$

$p_T(H) < 200$

$p_T(H) > 200$

$700 < m_{jj} < 1000$

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$\tau_e\tau_\mu$

$\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$

**AIM: 18 parameters of interest**

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( $3 \cdot 6$  ggH,  $3 \cdot 16$  VBF,  $3 \cdot 2$  VH,  $3 \cdot 2$  ttH)

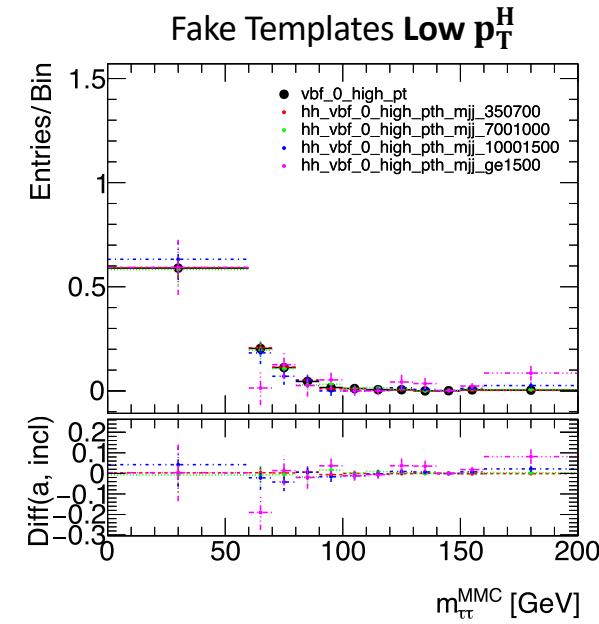
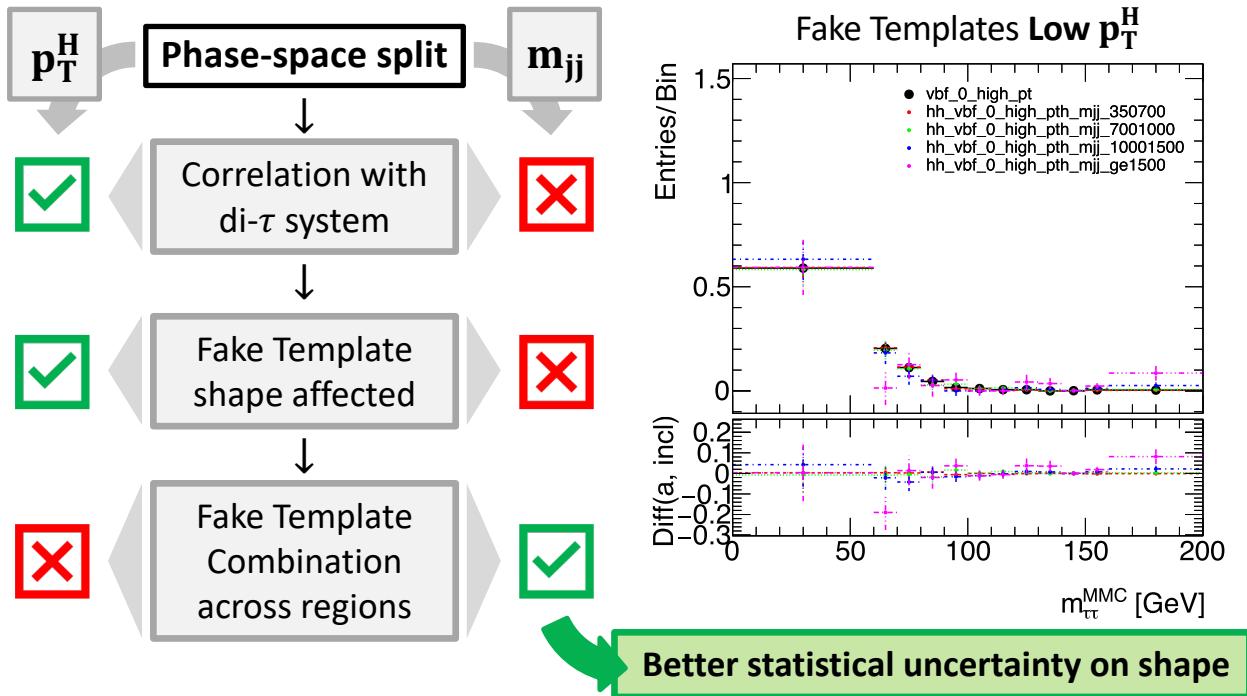
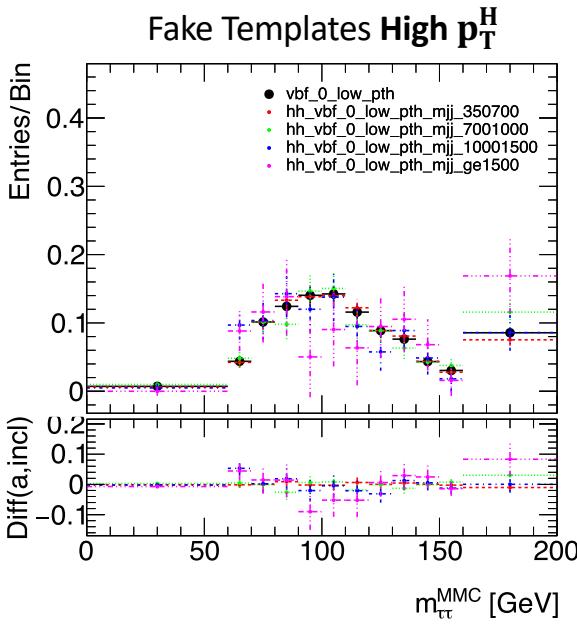
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Regions with \_0,1 are split with BDTs

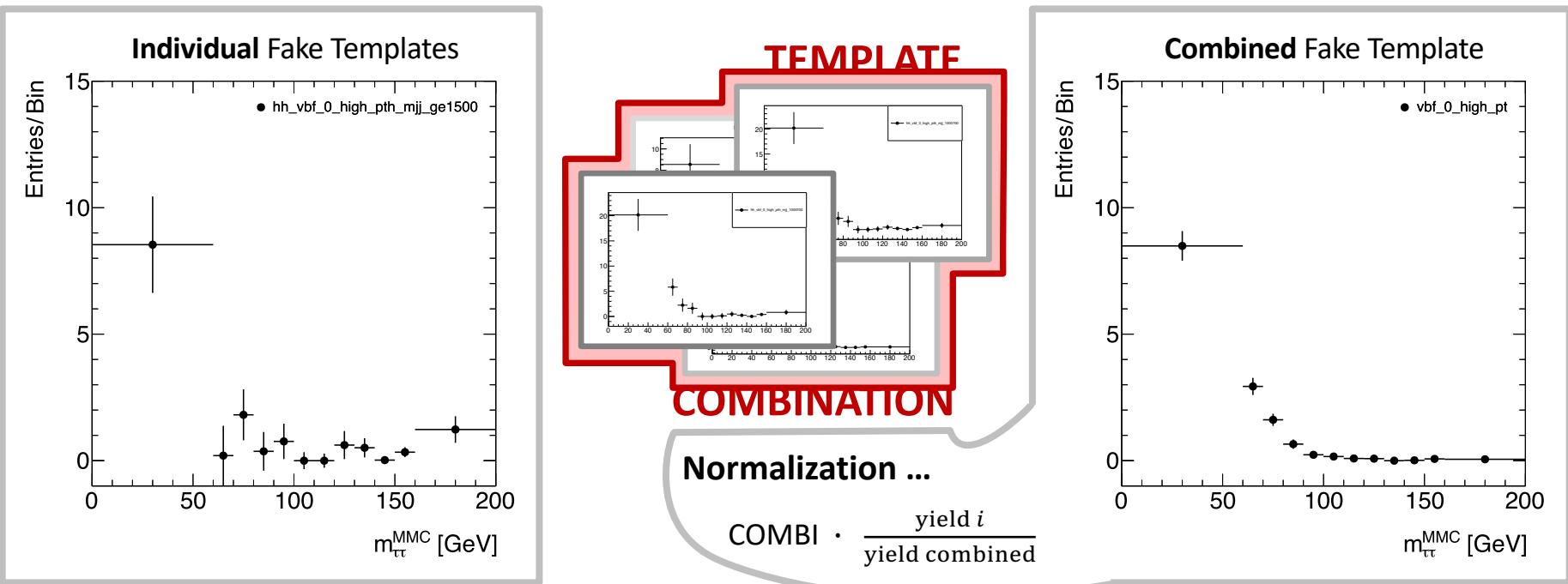
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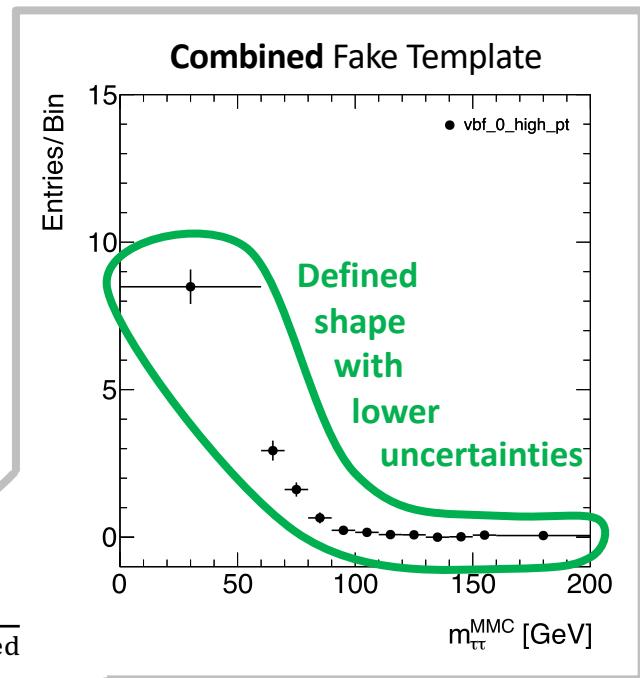
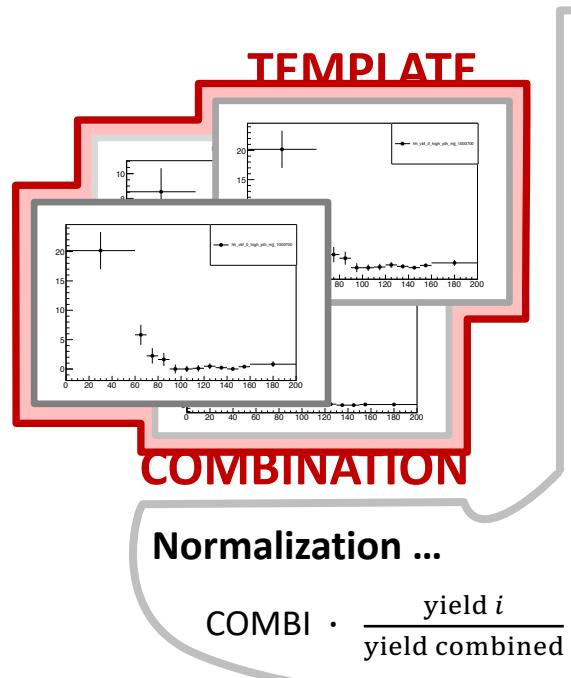
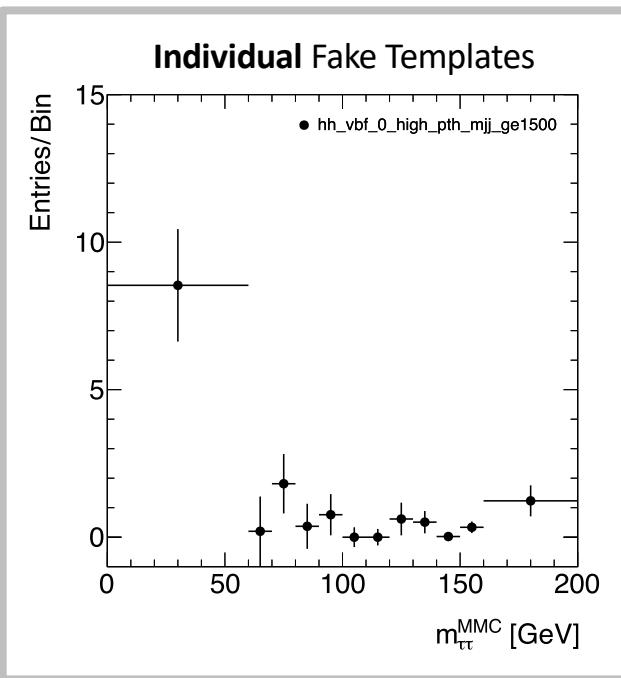
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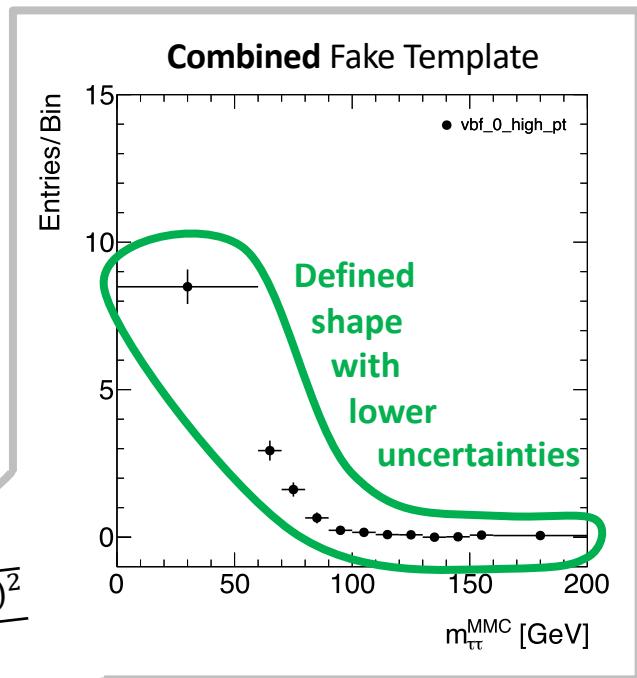
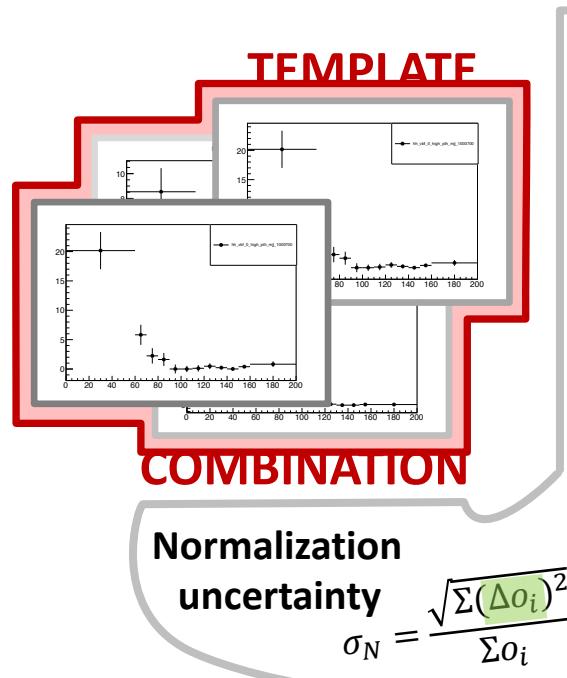
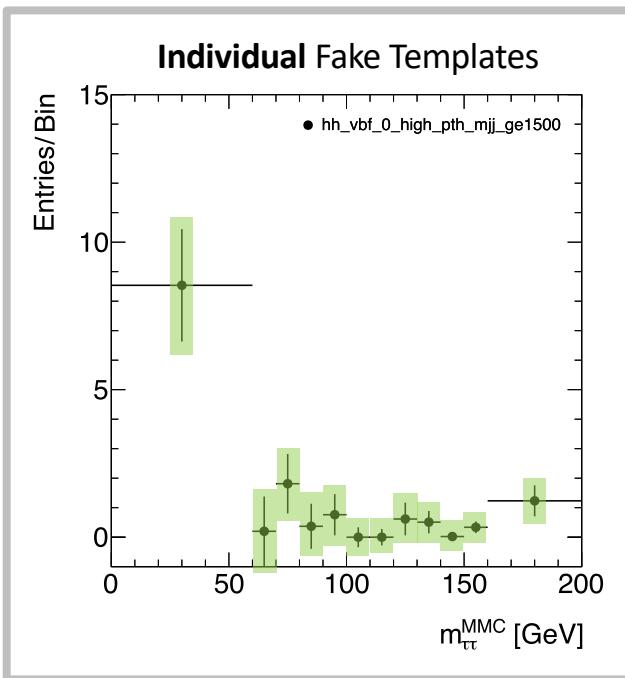
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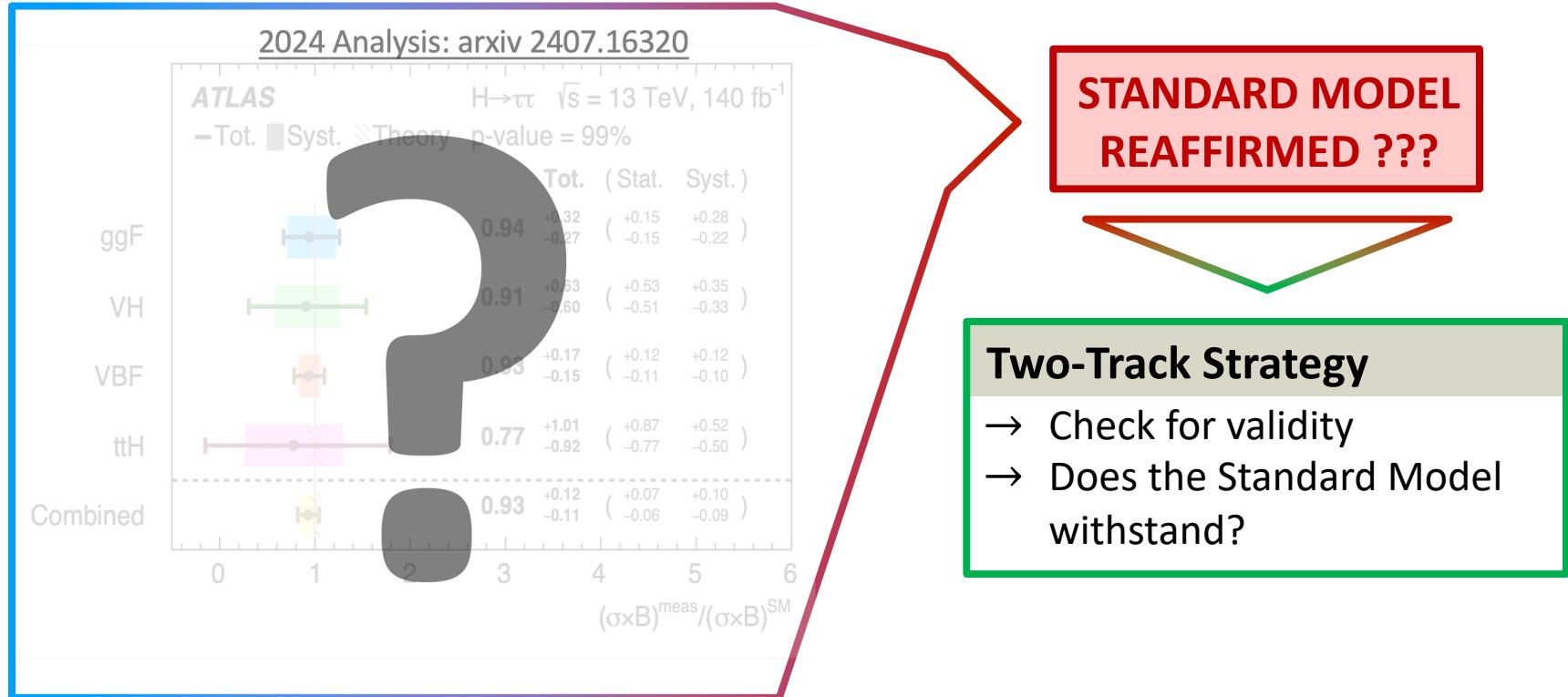


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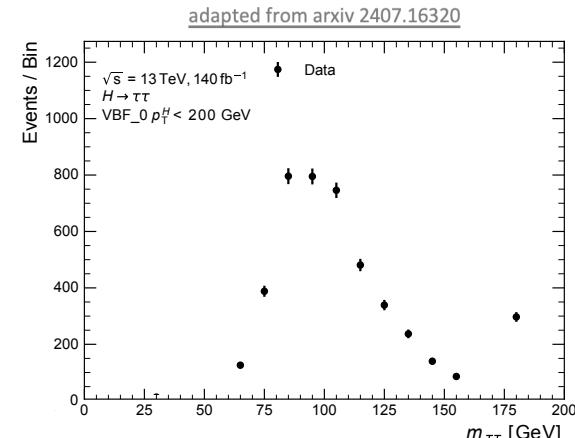
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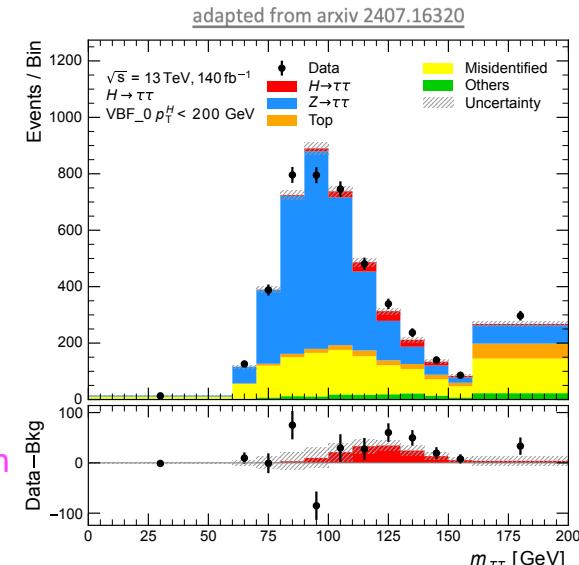
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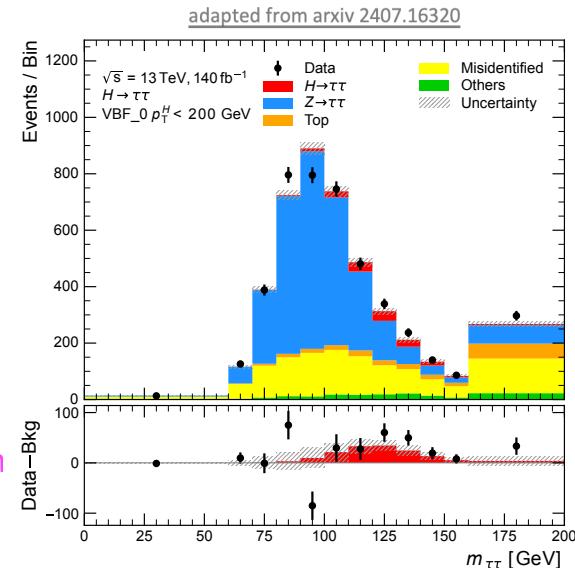
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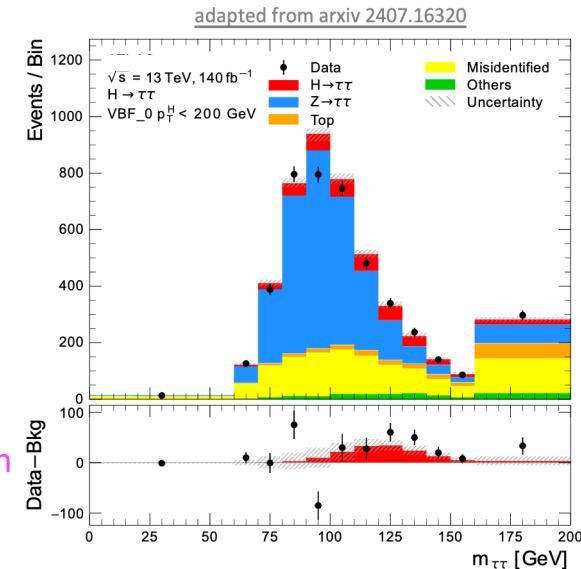
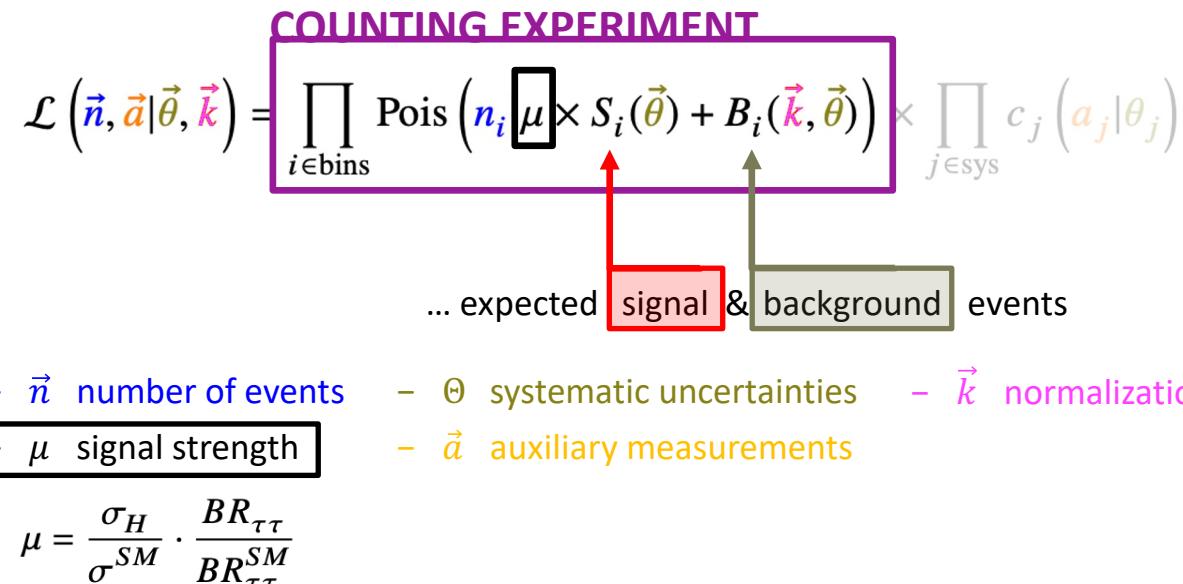
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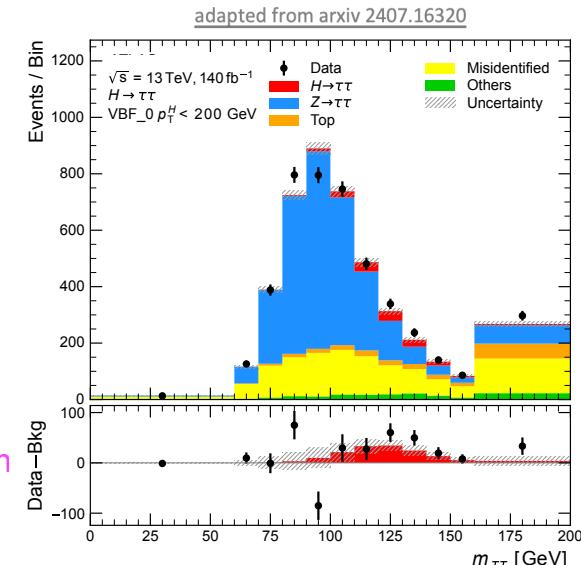
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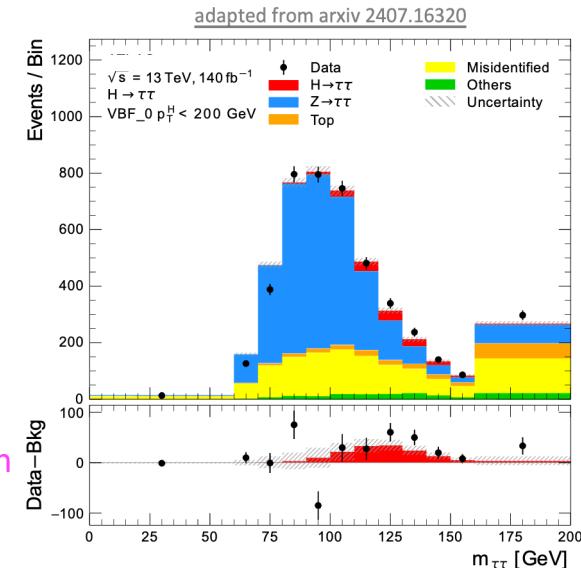
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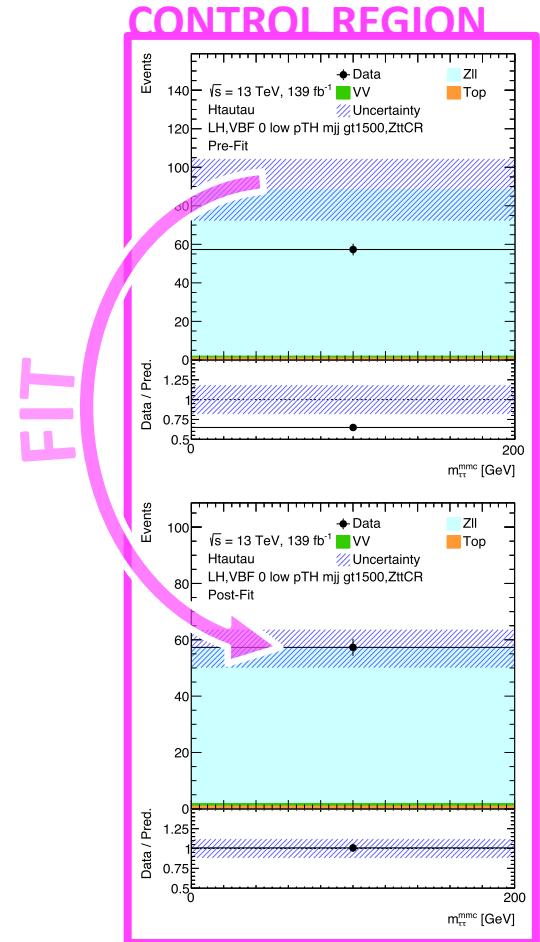
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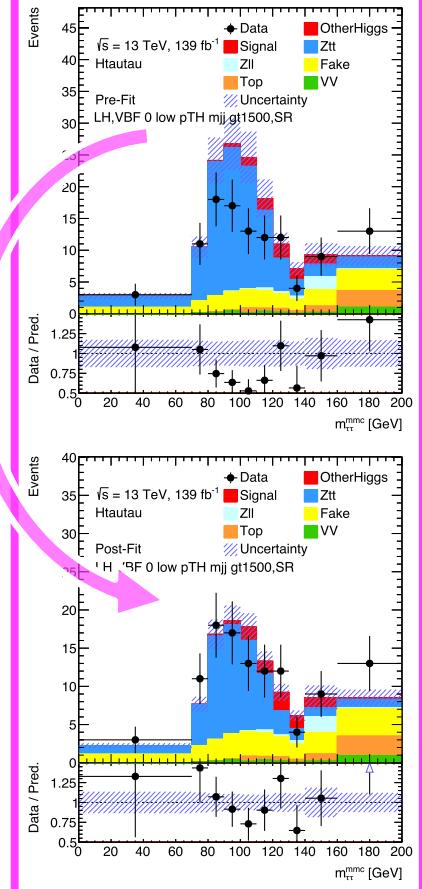
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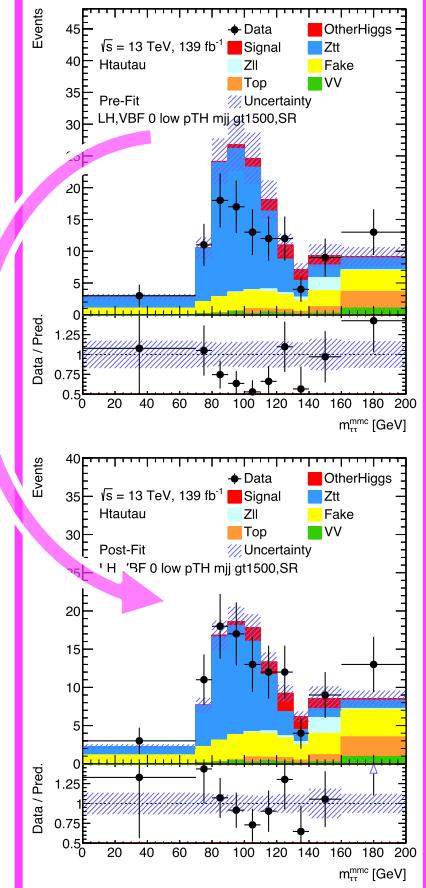
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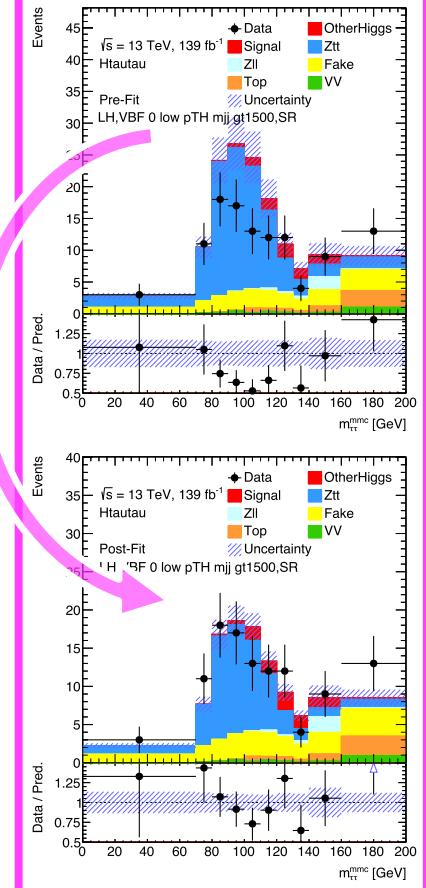
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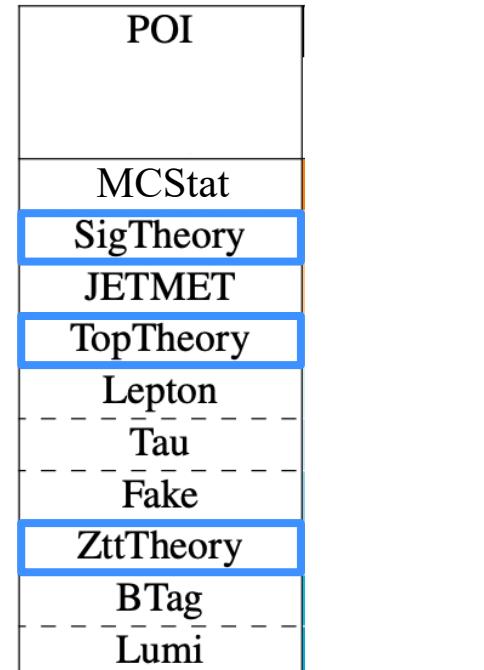
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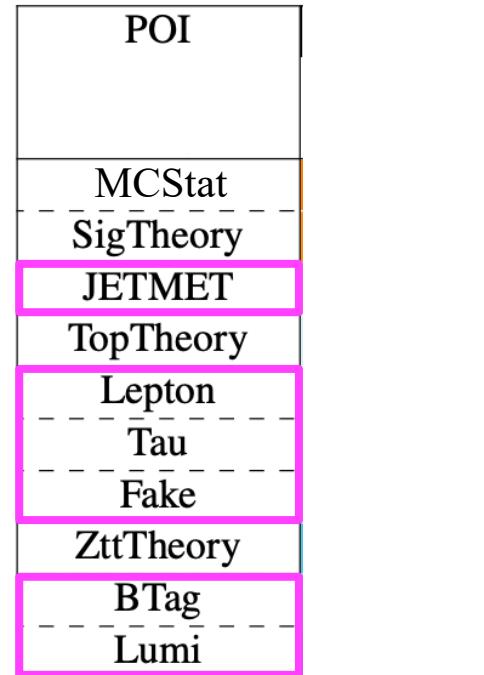
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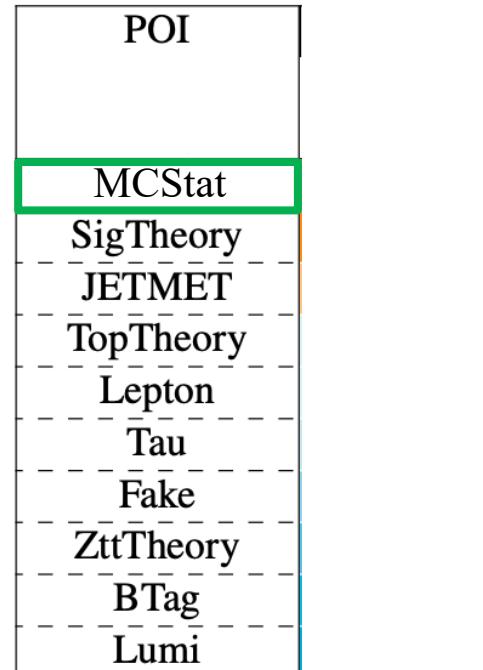
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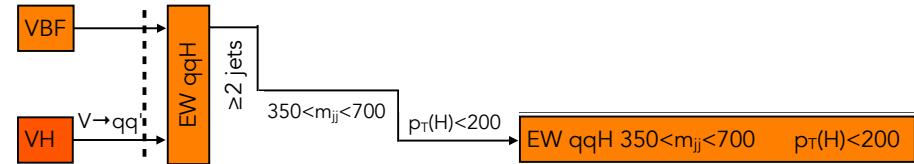
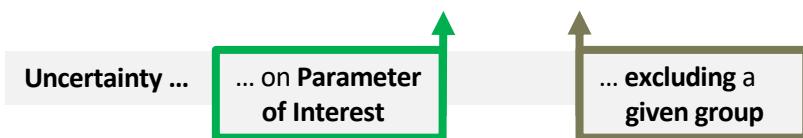


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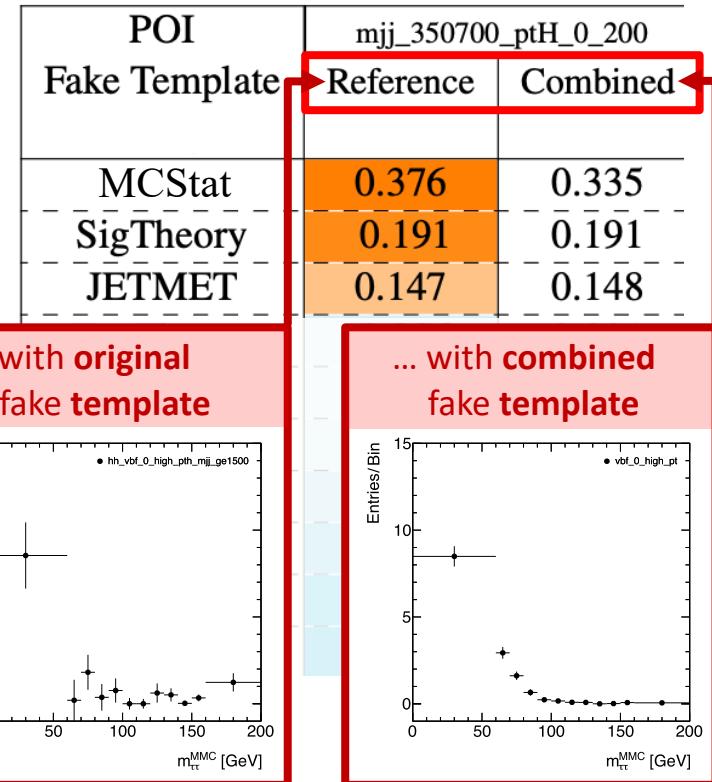
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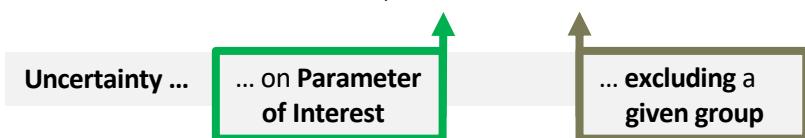
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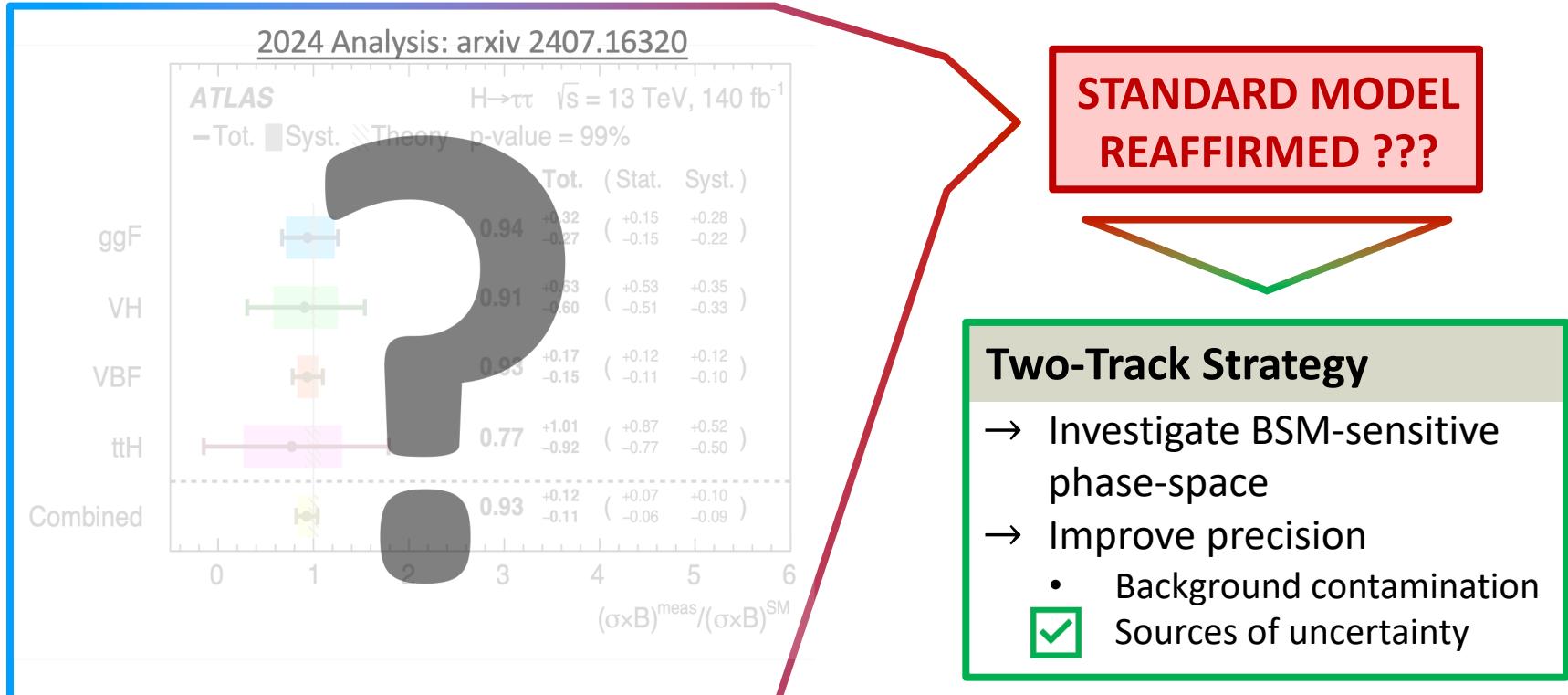


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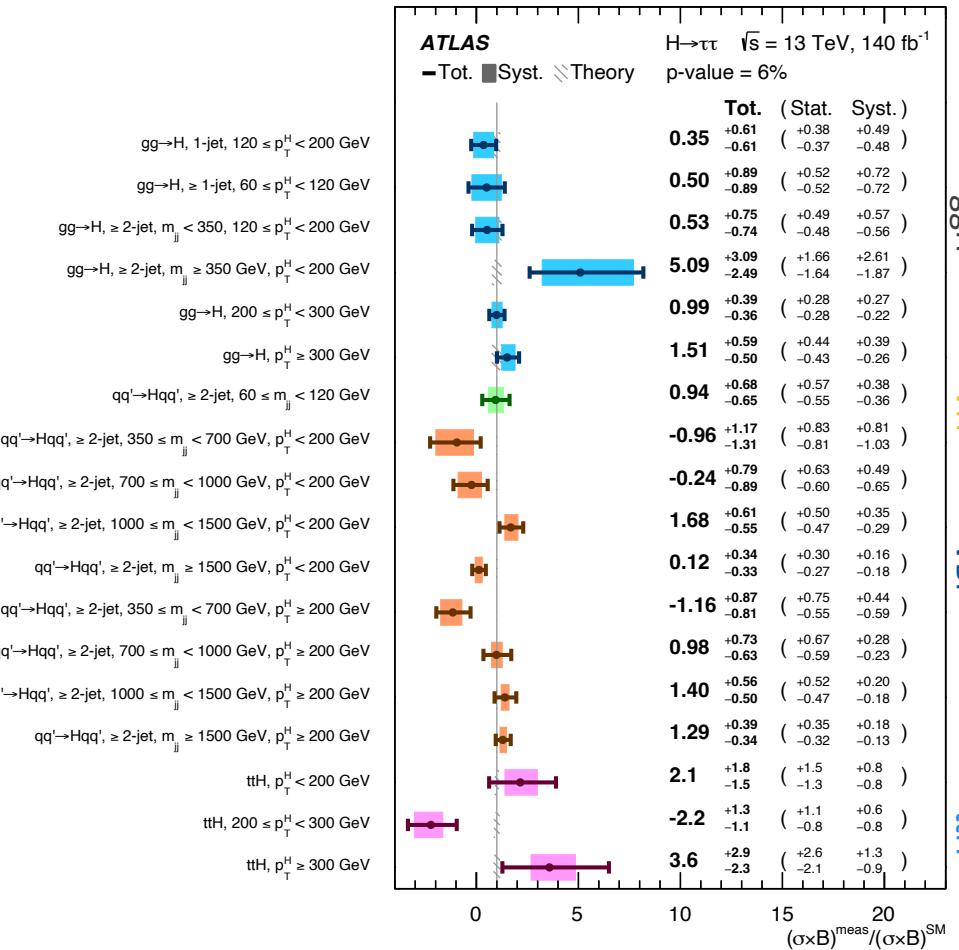
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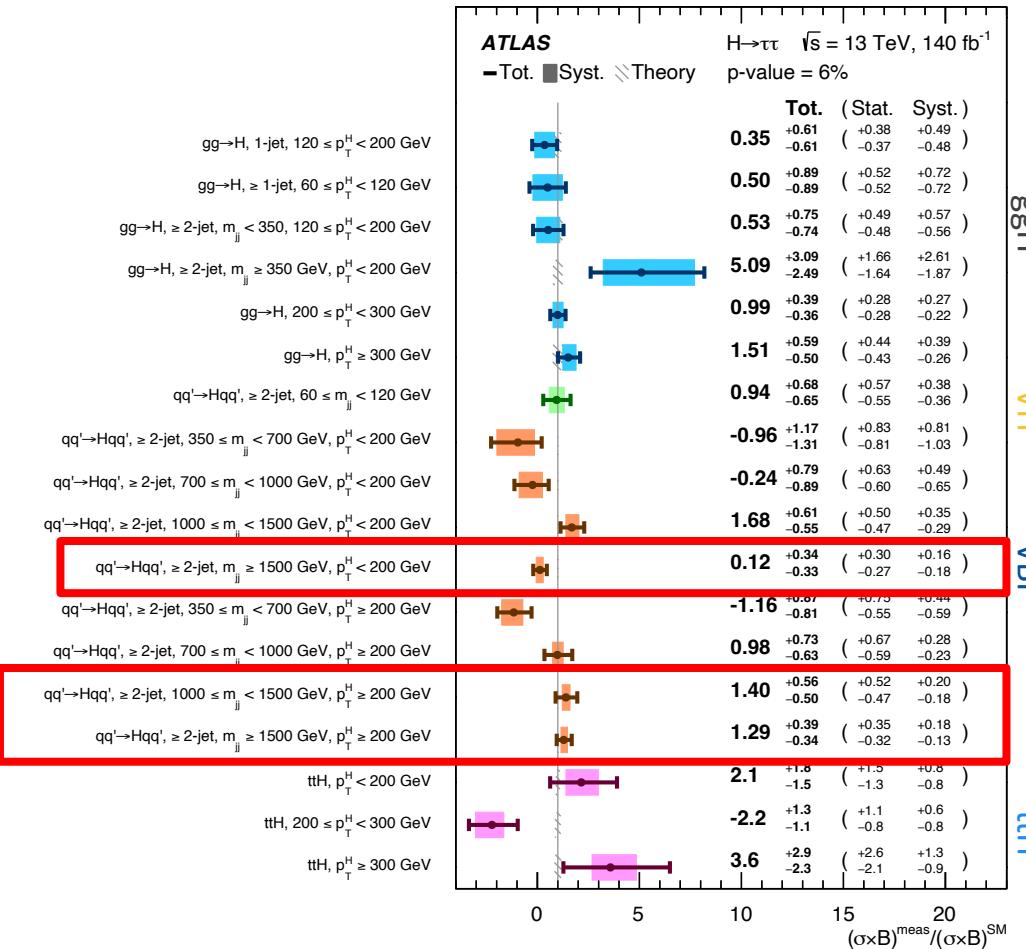
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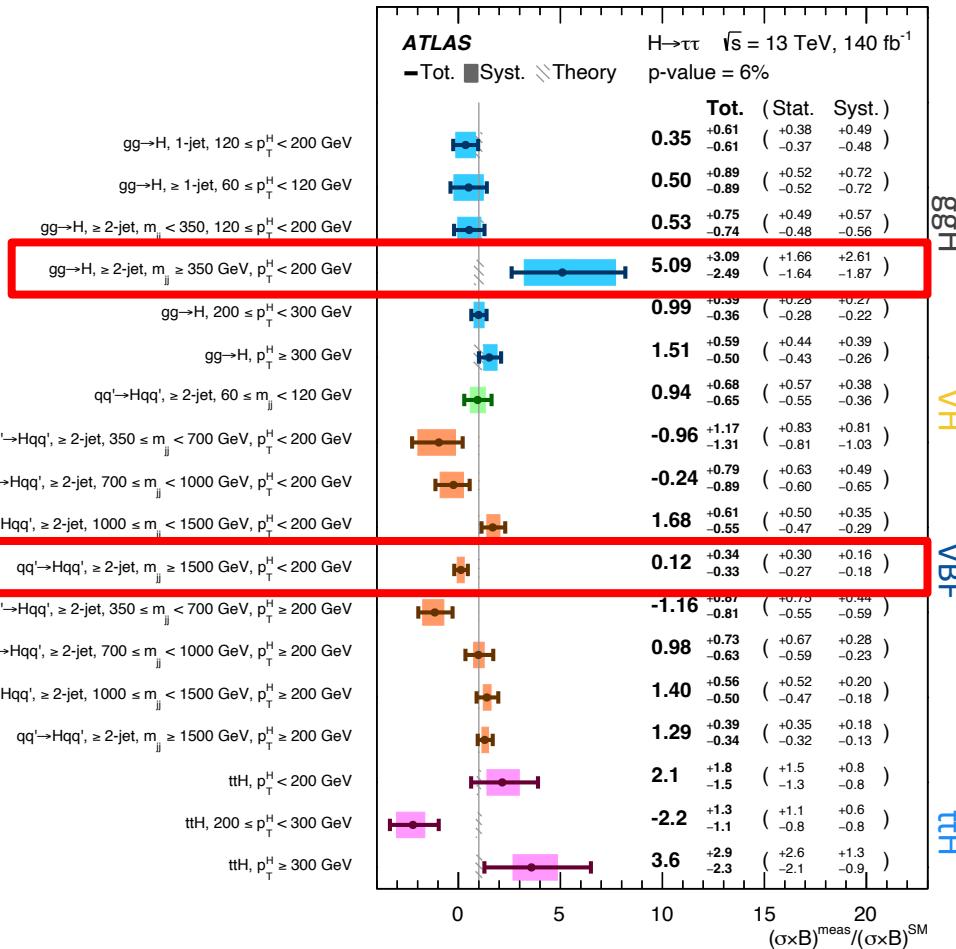
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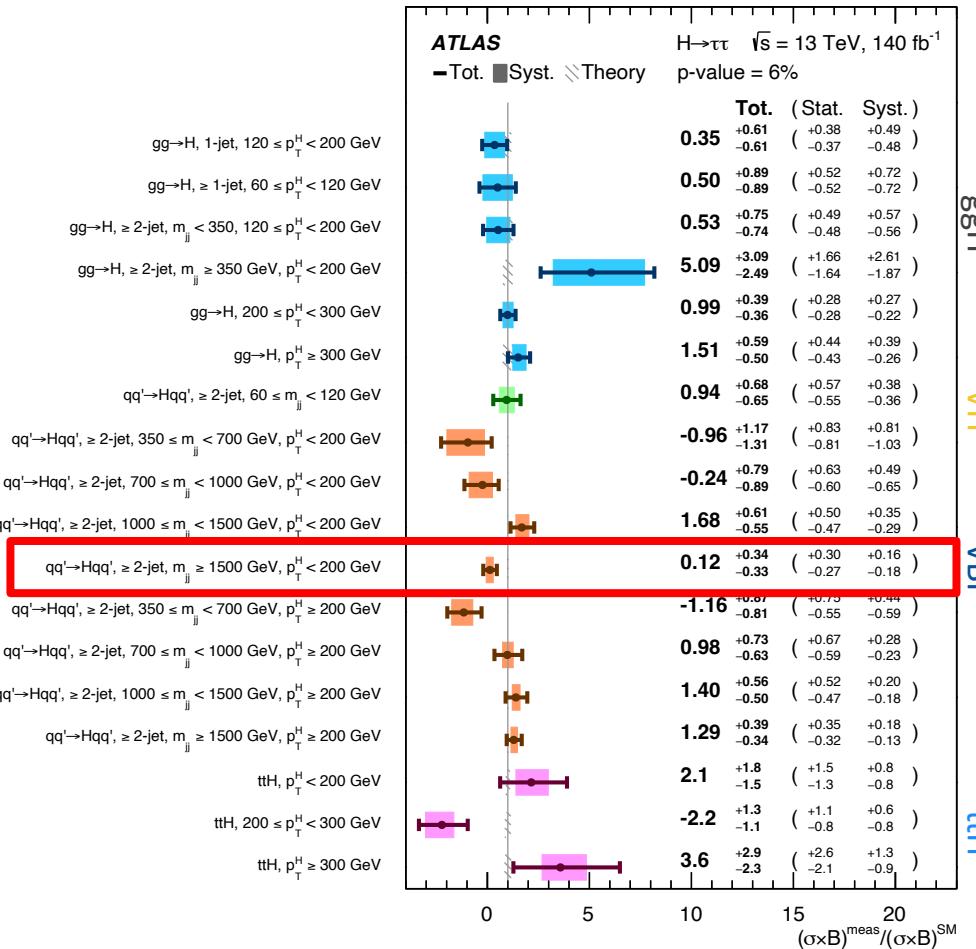
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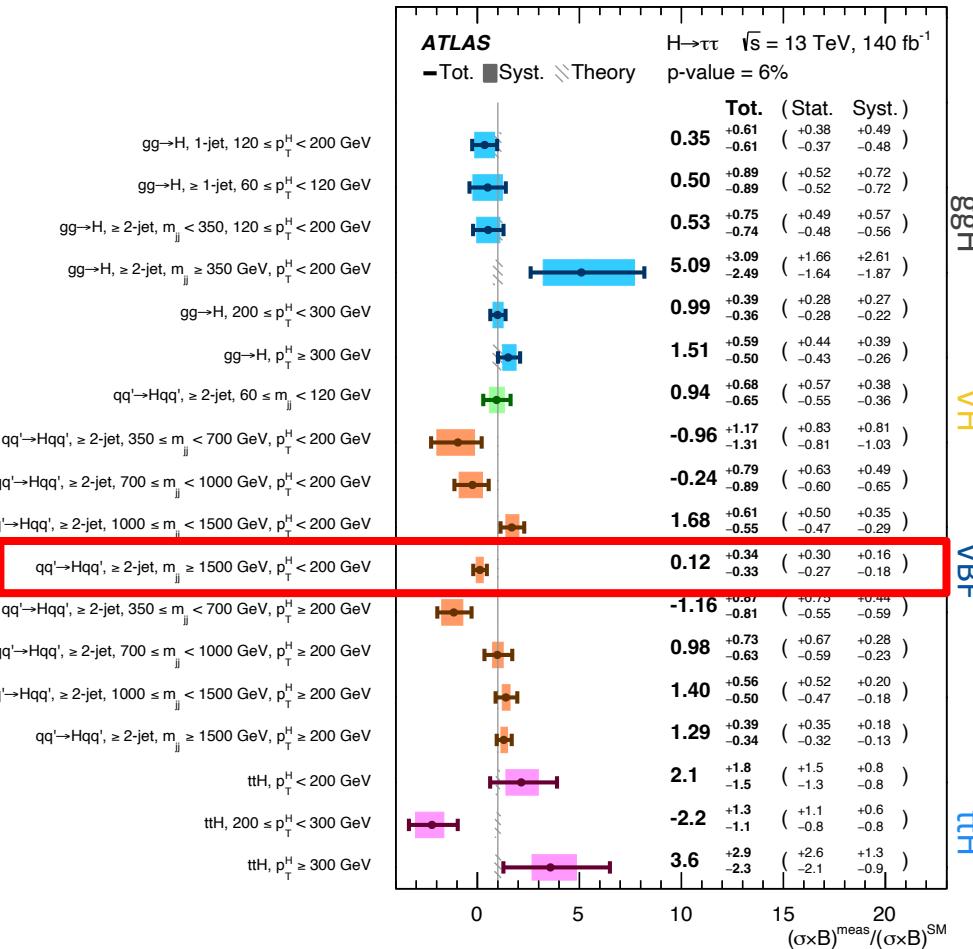
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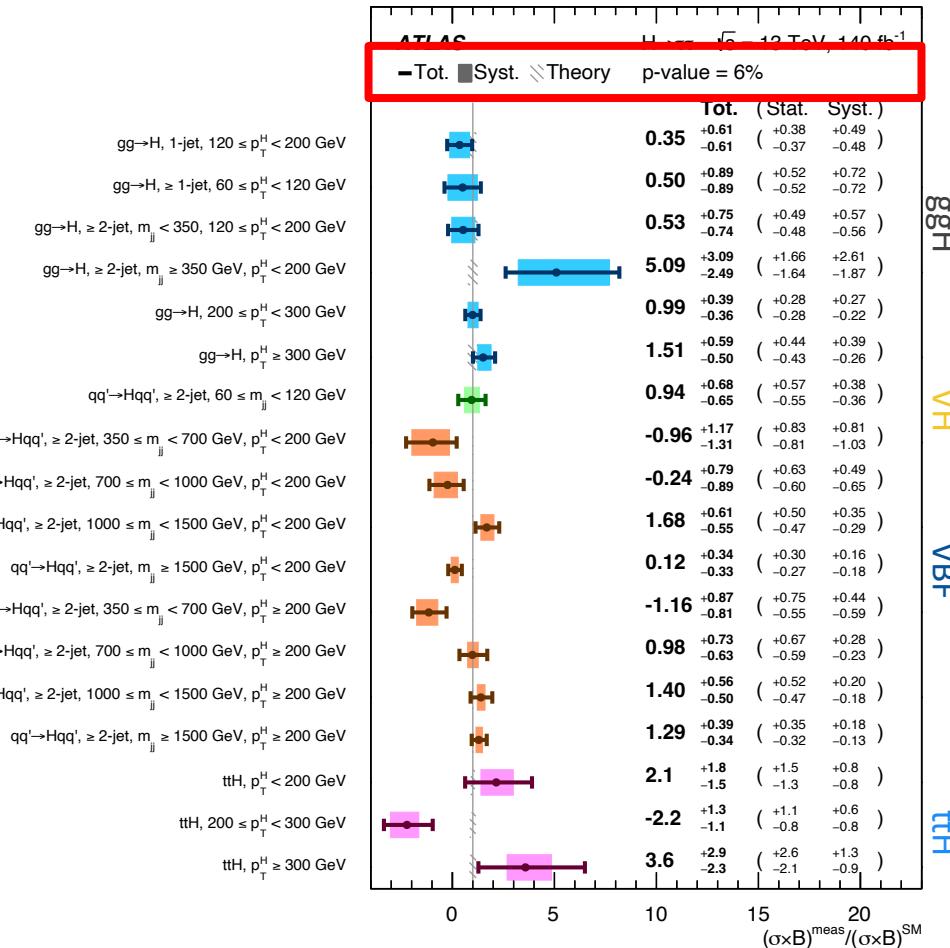
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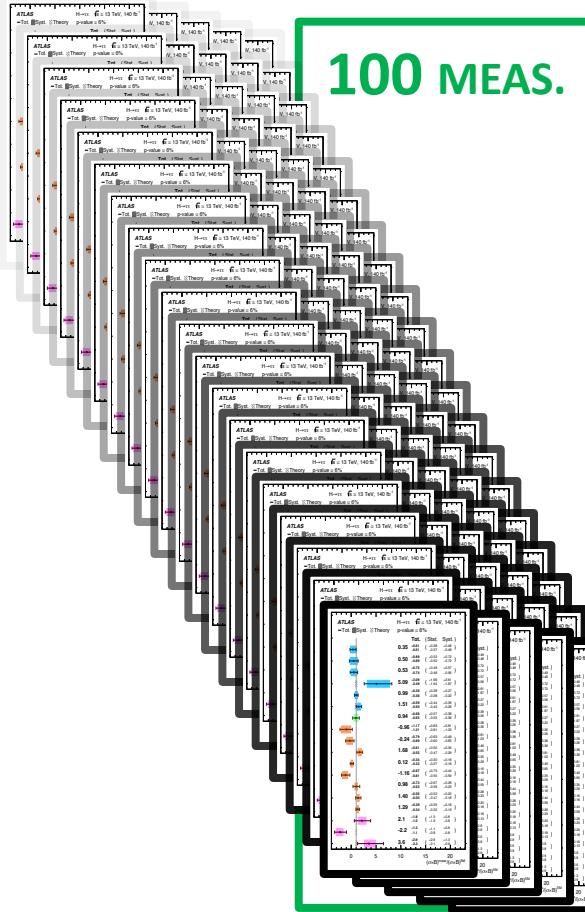
- Remarkable precision in high  $p_T^H/m_{jj}$
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**35% – 300%**
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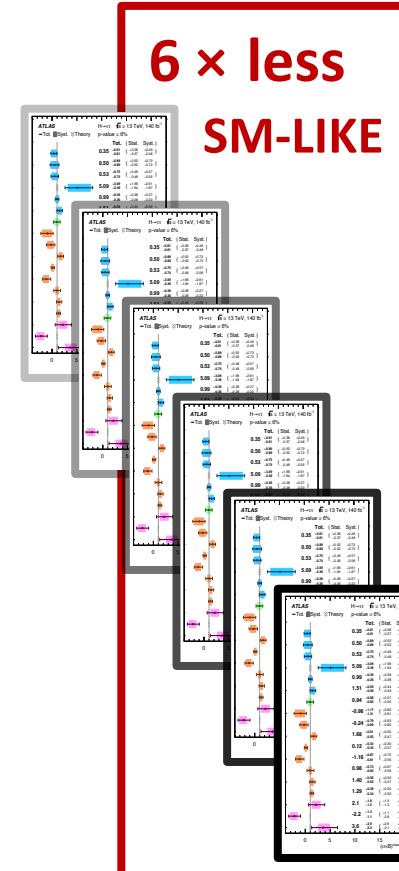
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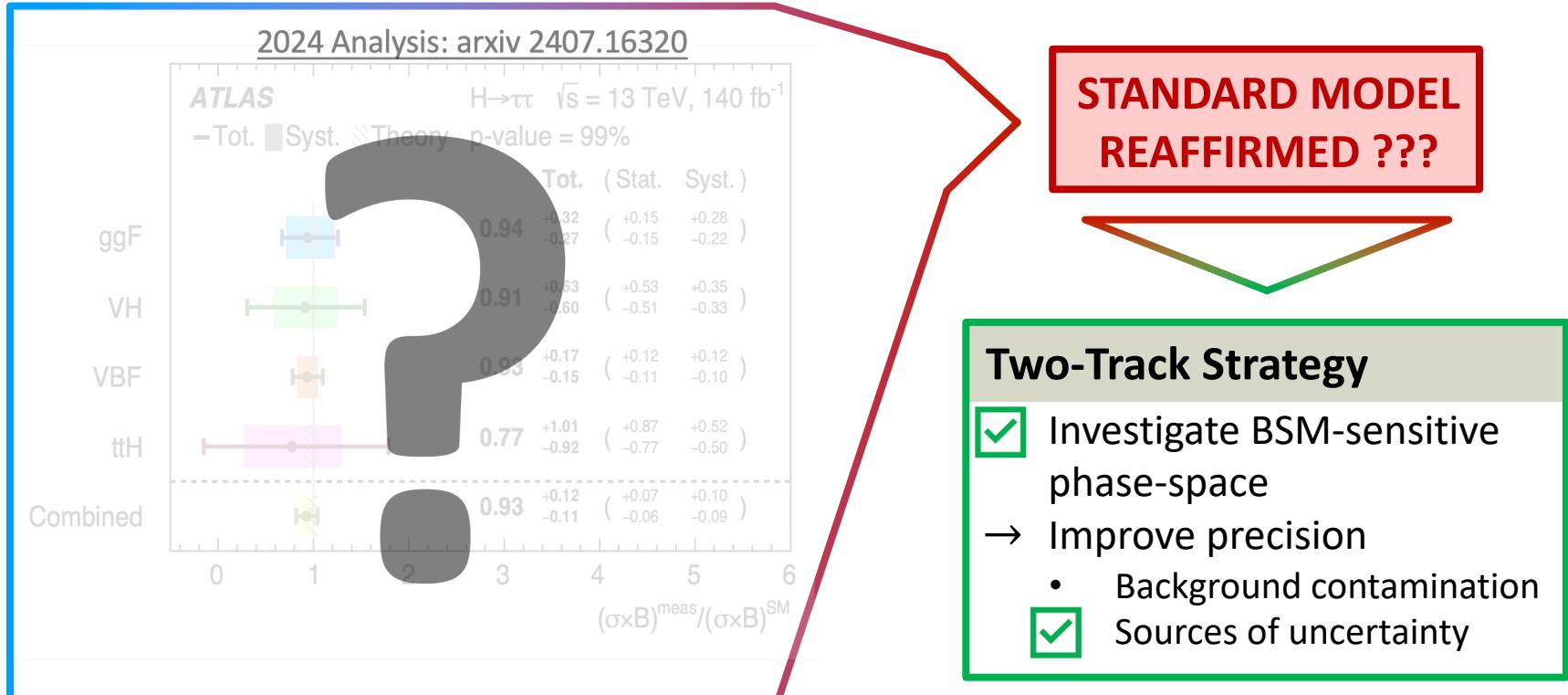


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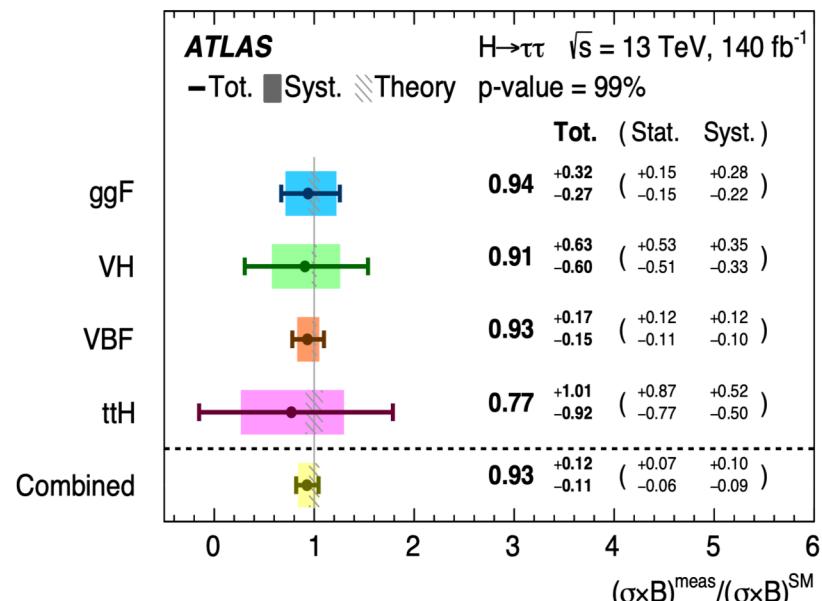
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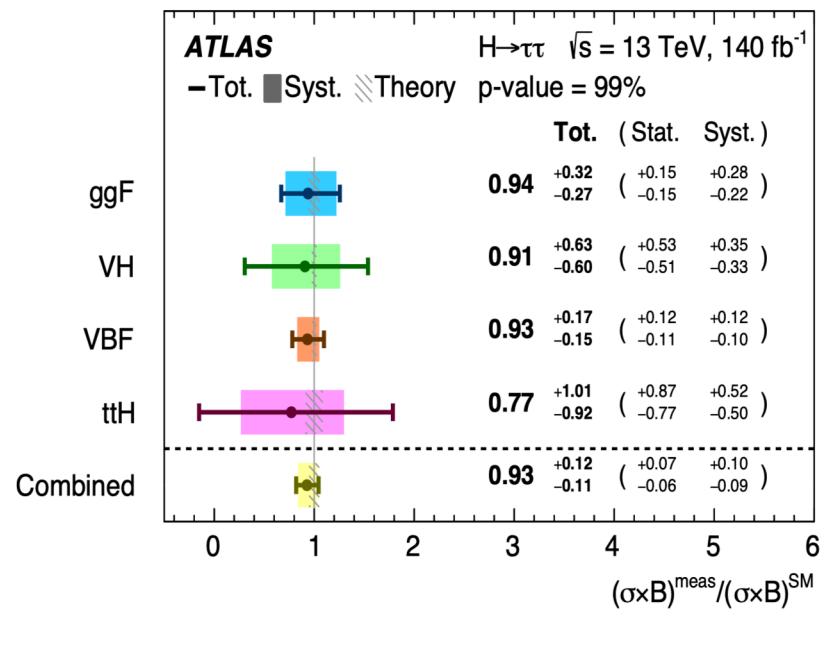
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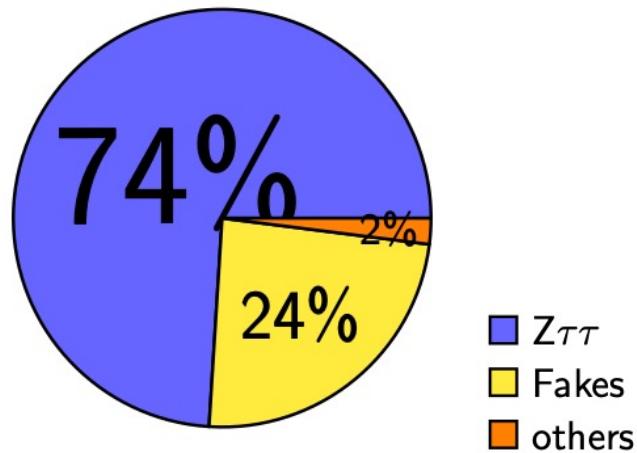
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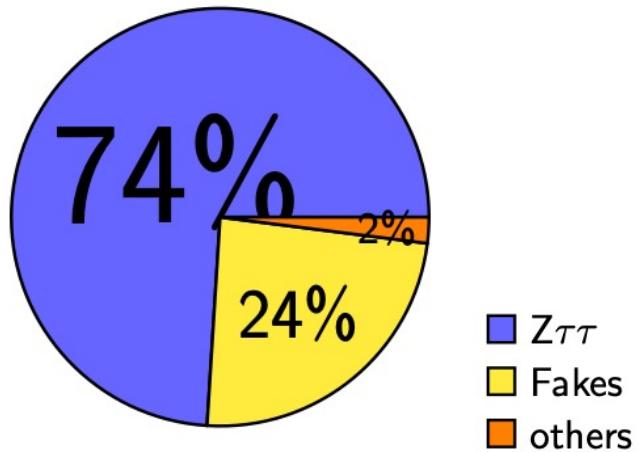
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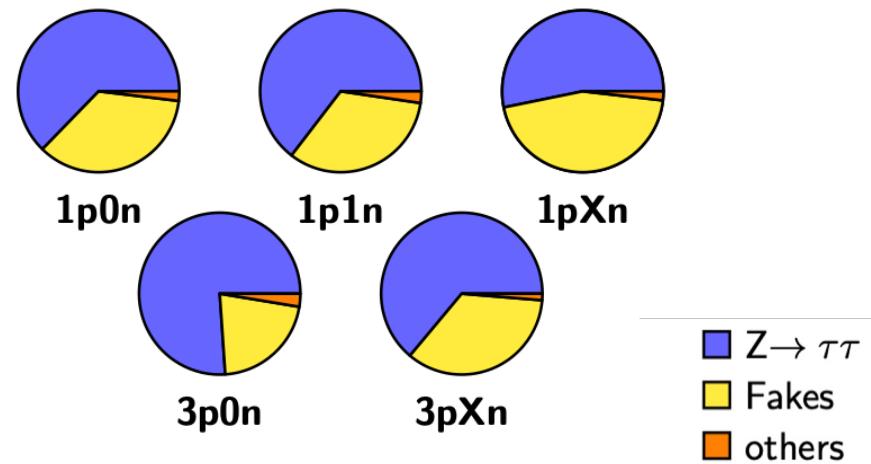


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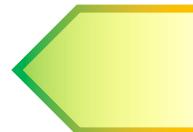


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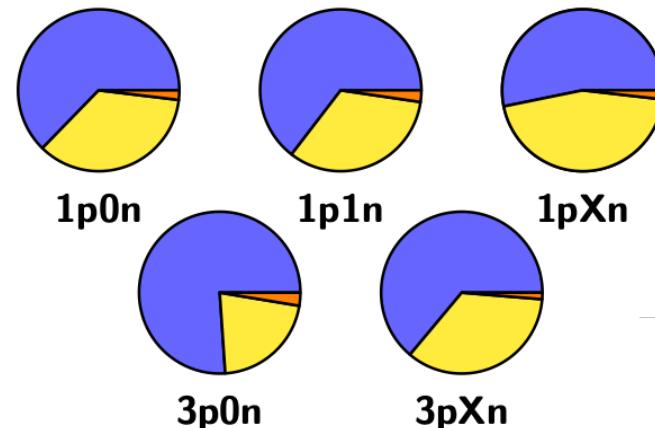
Incorporate the dependency in the  
Fake estimation



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- More-detailed description
- Identify signal regions with good signal to background ration  
→ Prospect to loosen  $\tau$ -ID working point

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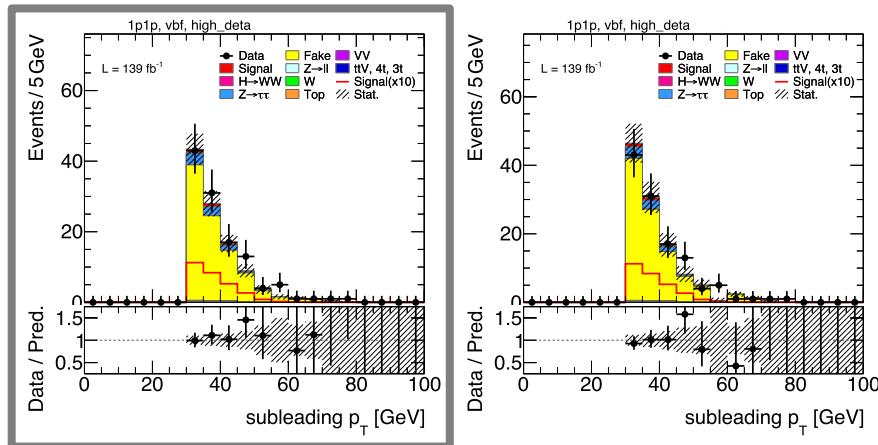
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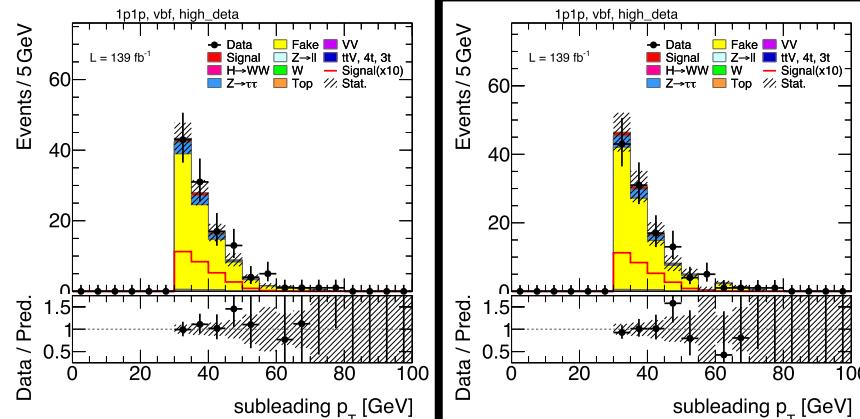


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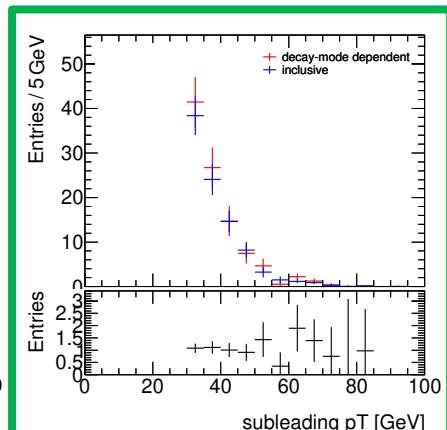
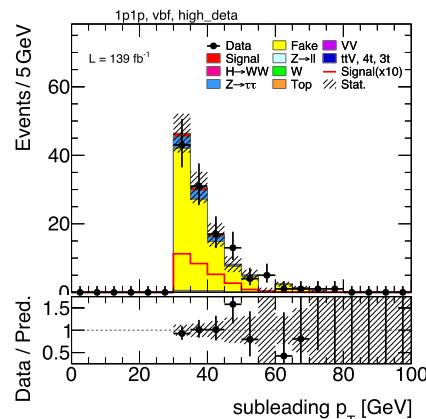
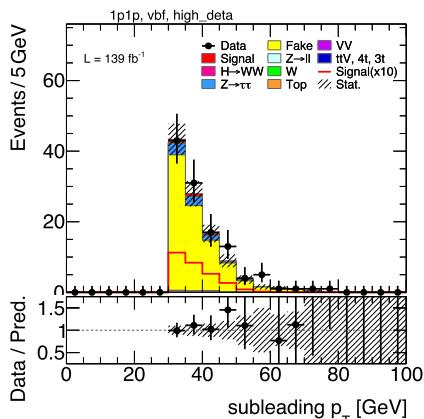


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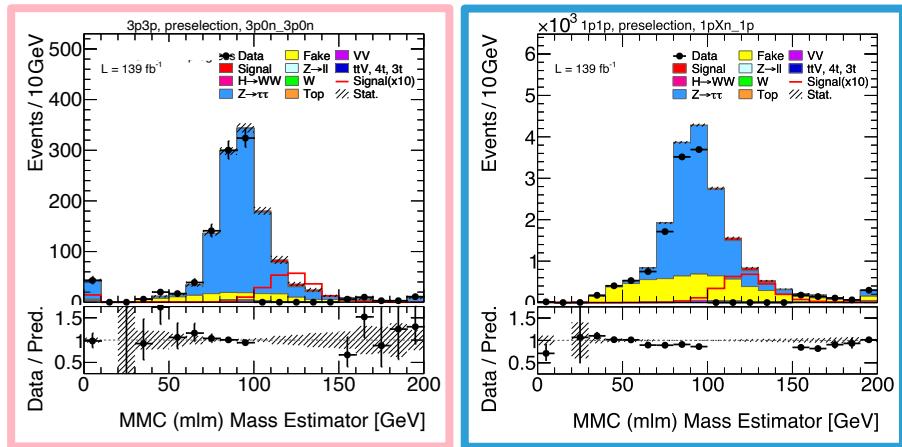
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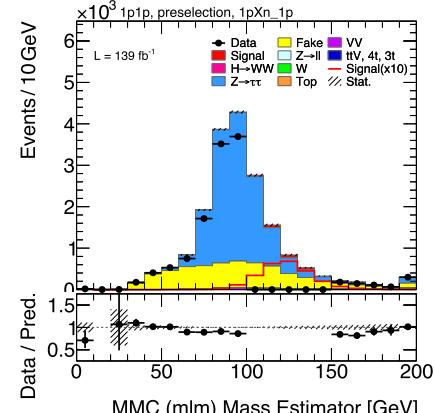
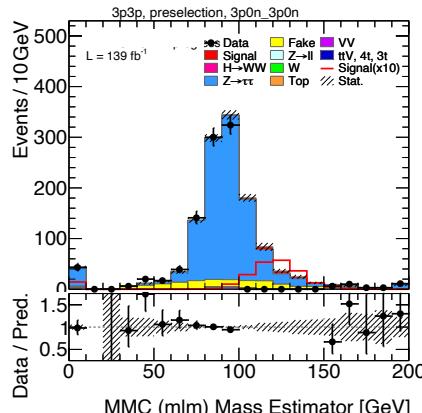
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**TO DO:** Study interplay of

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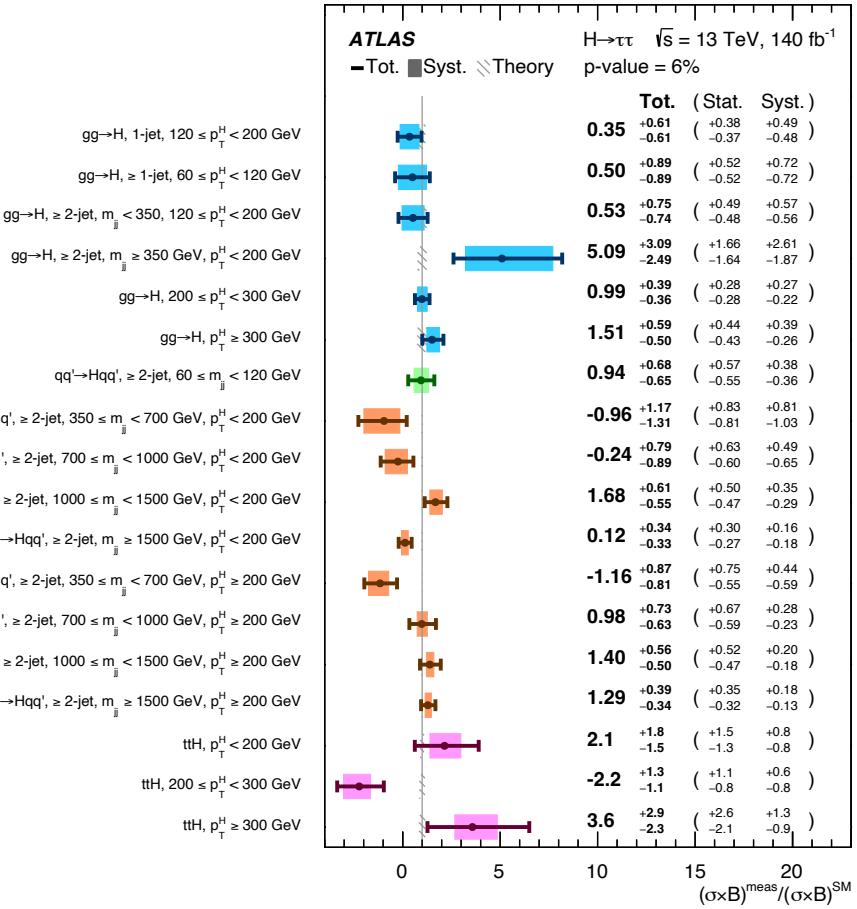


# CONCLUSION

- $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ : **Good agreement** with SM at current level of precision
- **STXS cross-section measurements yield increased level of detail**
- **Fake Background promises precision gain**

# OUTLOOK

- **Increase in statistics:**
  - **factor 2 in Run 3**
  - **factor 10 over the HL-LHC era**
- **Complex analysis strategies continuously refined**

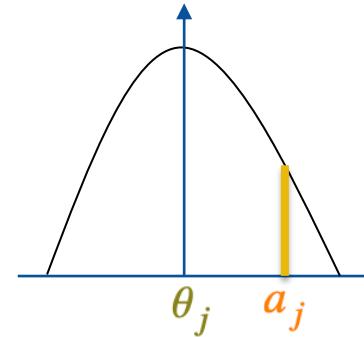




# THE ANALYSIS: BINNED PROFILE LIKELIHOOD FIT

- **Likelihood fit** → find parameter set that optimizes modeling of data
- **Validation** of model **crucial** → investigate parameter dependencies

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{n}, \vec{a} | \vec{\theta}, \vec{k}) = \prod_{i \in \text{bins}} \text{Pois}\left(n_i | \mu \times S_i(\vec{\theta}) + B_i(\vec{k}, \vec{\theta})\right) \times \prod_{j \in \text{sys}} c_j(a_j | \theta_j)$$



- ATLAS performance groups determine auxiliary measurements

Gaussian constraint to deviate from prior knowledge

i.e.:  $L = (140 \pm 21)\text{fb}^{-1}$   
 $a \rightarrow 140$   
 $\theta \rightarrow 132$

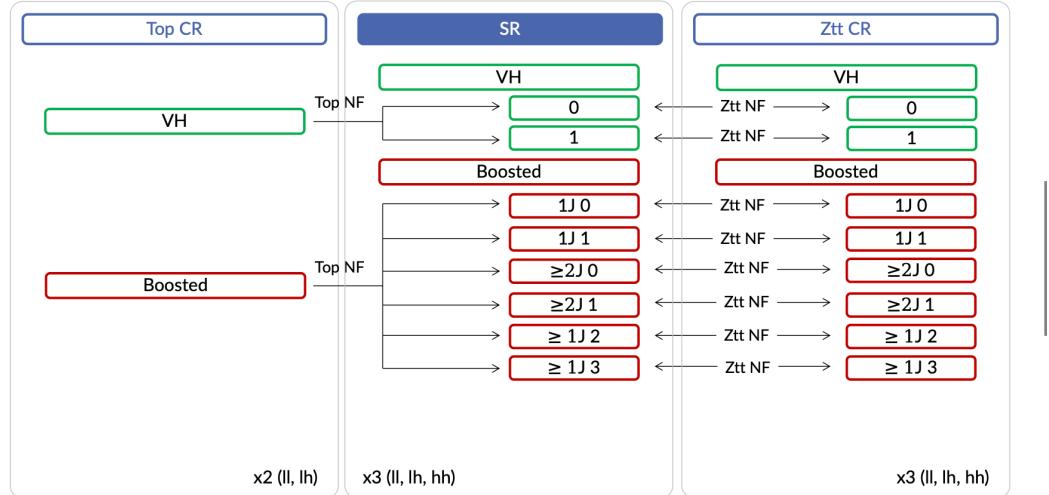
# SELECTION

	$\tau_e \tau_\mu$	$\begin{matrix} \tau_{lep} \tau_{had} \\ e \tau_{had} & \mu \tau_{had} \end{matrix}$	$\tau_{had} \tau_{had}$
<b>Preselection</b> Object counting	# of $e = 1$ , # of $\mu = 1$ , # of $\tau_{had,vis} = 0$	# of $e/\mu = 1$ , # of $\tau_{had,vis} = 1$	# of $e/\mu = 0$ , # of $\tau_{had,vis} = 2$
$p_T$ cut	$e/\mu : p_T$ cut 10 to 27.3 GeV	$e/\mu : p_T$ cut 21 to 27.3 GeV, $\tau_{had,vis} : p_T > 30$ GeV	$\tau_{had,vis} : p_T > 40, 30$ GeV
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Charge product	Opposite charge	Opposite charge	Opposite charge
Kinematics	$m_{\tau\tau}^{\text{coll}} > m_Z - 25$ GeV $30 < m_{e\mu} < 100$ GeV	$m_T < 70$ GeV	
b-veto	# of $b$ -jets = 0 wp: DL1r_FixedCutBEff_85	# of $b$ -jets = 0 wp: DL1r_FixedCutBEff_85	# of $b$ -jets = 0 wp: DL1r_FixedCutBEff_70 not applied in $t\bar{t}(0L)H \rightarrow \tau_{had}\tau_{had}$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV	$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$ GeV
Leading jet	$p_T > 40$ GeV	$p_T > 40$ GeV	$p_T > 70$ GeV, $ \eta  < 3.2$
Angular	$\Delta R_{e\mu} < 2.0$ , $ \Delta\eta_{e\mu}  < 1.5$	$\Delta R_{\tau_{had,vis}} < 2.5$ , $ \Delta\eta_{\tau_{had,vis}}  < 1.5$	$0.6 < \Delta R_{\tau_{had,vis}\tau_{had,vis}} < 2.5$ $ \Delta\eta_{\tau_{had,vis}\tau_{had,vis}}  < 1.5$
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<b>VBF inclusive</b>	sub-leading jet $p_T > 30$ GeV $m_{jj} > 350$ GeV, $ \Delta\eta_{jj}  > 3$ $\eta(j_0) \times \eta(j_1) < 0$ lepton centrality: visible decay products of the $\tau$ leptons between VBF jets
<b>VH inclusive</b>	$60 \text{ GeV} < m_{jj} < 120 \text{ GeV}$ sub-leading jet $p_T > 30$ GeV
<b><math>t\bar{t}(0L)H \rightarrow \tau_{had}\tau_{had}</math></b>	# of jets $\geq 6$ and # of $b$ -jets $\geq 1$ or # of jets $\geq 5$ and # of $b$ -jets $\geq 2$
<b>Boost inclusive</b>	Not VBF inclusive Not VH inclusive $p_T(H) > 100$ GeV

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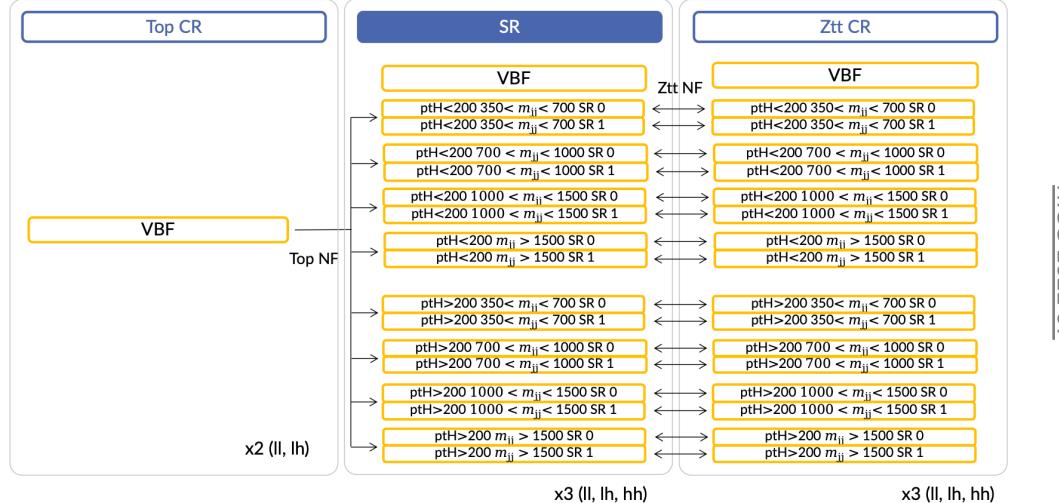


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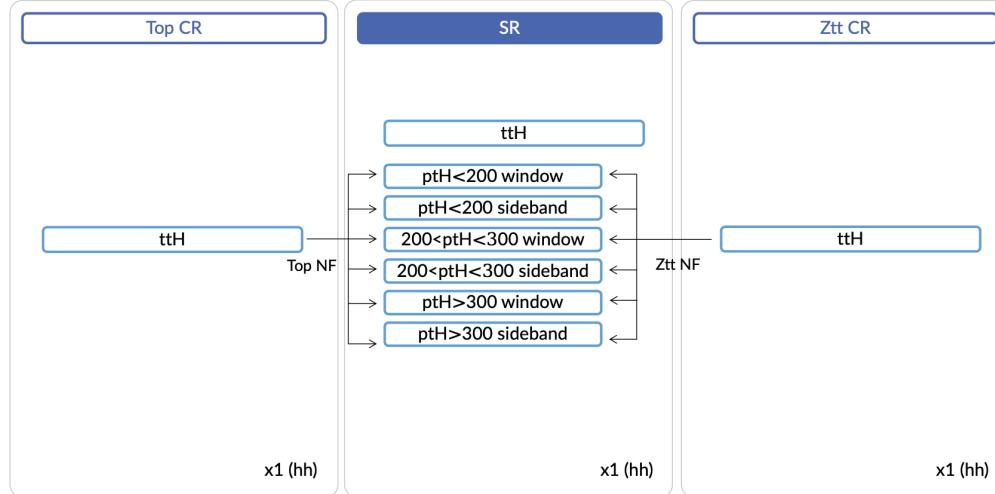
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# TAGGER

- **VBF tagger:** differentiate ggH and  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ 
  - VBF 0 enhanced in bkg, VBF 1 in signal
  - Per region choose threshold to maximize

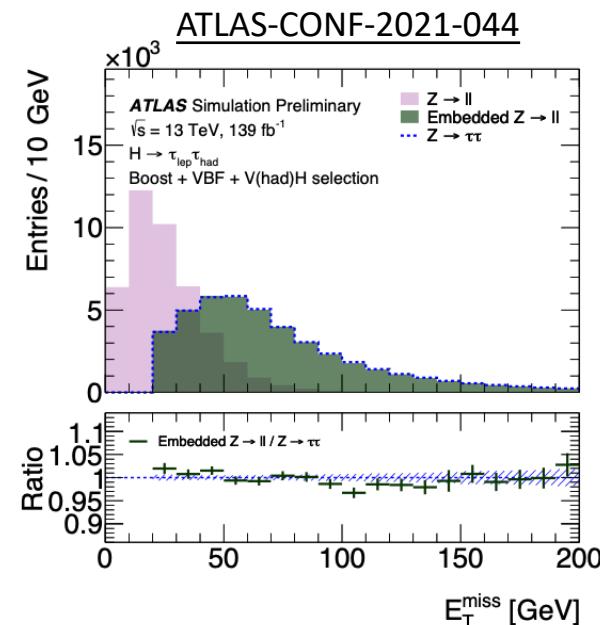
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{S_0^2}{S_0 + B_0} + \frac{S_1^2}{S_1 + B_1}}$$

- **ttH:** multiclass BDT with 3 output nodes:  
differentiate signal  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau, t\bar{t}$ 
  - Separate training for low, high  $p_T^H$
  - Score used to define regions

	Variable	VBF	ttH	multiclass
Jet properties	Invariant mass of the two leading jets	•		
	$p_T(jj)$	•		
	Product of $\eta$ of the two leading jets	•		
	Sub-leading jet $p_T$	•		
	$\eta$ of the 5 leading jets		•	
	Scalar sum of all jets $p_T$		•	
	Scalar sum of all $b$ -tagged jets $p_T$		•	
	Best $W$ -candidate dijet invariant mass		•	
Angular distances	Best $t$ -quark-candidate three-jet invariant mass		•	
	$\Delta\phi$ between the two leading jets	•		
	$\Delta\eta$ between the two leading jets	•		
	Minimum $\Delta R$ between two jets		•	
	Minimum $\Delta R$ between a $b$ -tagged and a $\tau$		•	
	$ \Delta\eta(\tau, \tau) $		•	
$\tau$ prop.	$\Delta R(\tau, \tau)$		•	
	$p_T(\tau\tau)$		•	
	Sub-leading $\tau$ $p_T$		•	
$H$ cand.	Leading $\tau$ $\eta$		•	
	$p_T(Hjj)$	•		
$\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$	Missing transverse momentum $E_T^{\text{miss}}$		•	
	Smallest $\Delta\phi(\tau, \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}})$		•	

# $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$

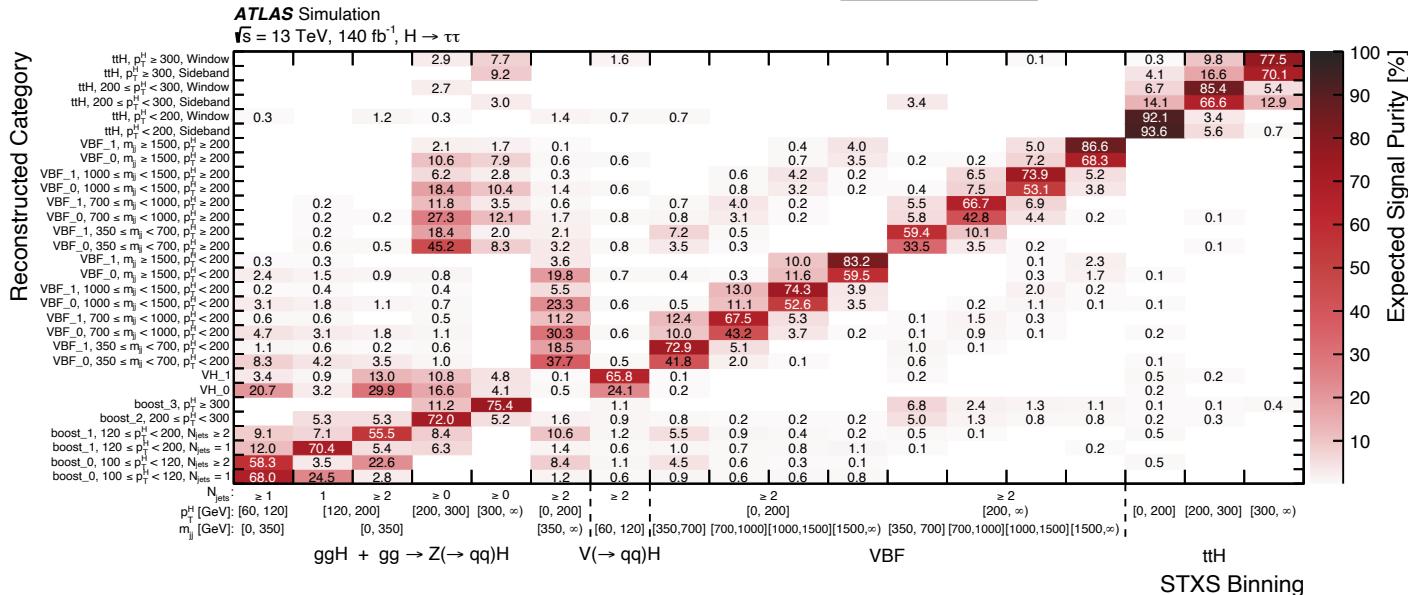
- Shortcomings in modelling of  $Z + \text{jets}$  events
  - uncertainties folded with uncertainties from tau decay
- Can not study background in SR
- Determine normalization for MC from embedded  $Z \rightarrow ll$  in control regions
- Embedding :
  1. Select  $Z \rightarrow ll$
  2. Unfold effects from lepton reconstruction, isolation, identification
  3. Parametrize tau decay from visible  $p_T$  and total truth  $p_T$
  4. Scale lepton  $p_T$  accordingly
  5. Consider efficiencies by reweighting
  6. Apply  $\tau$  SR selection



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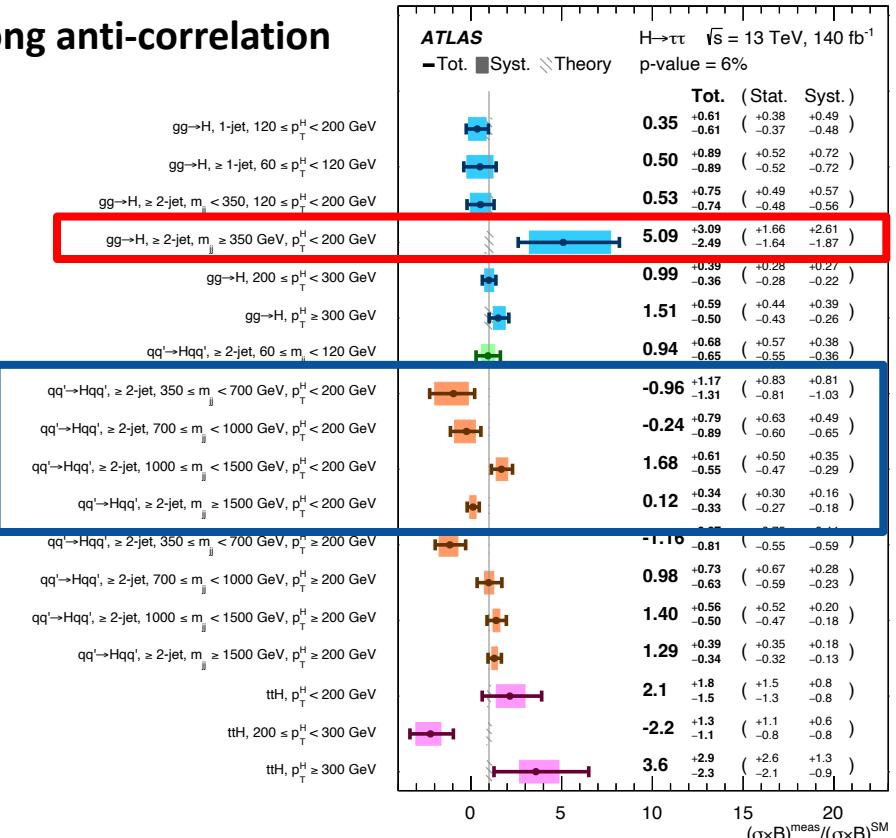
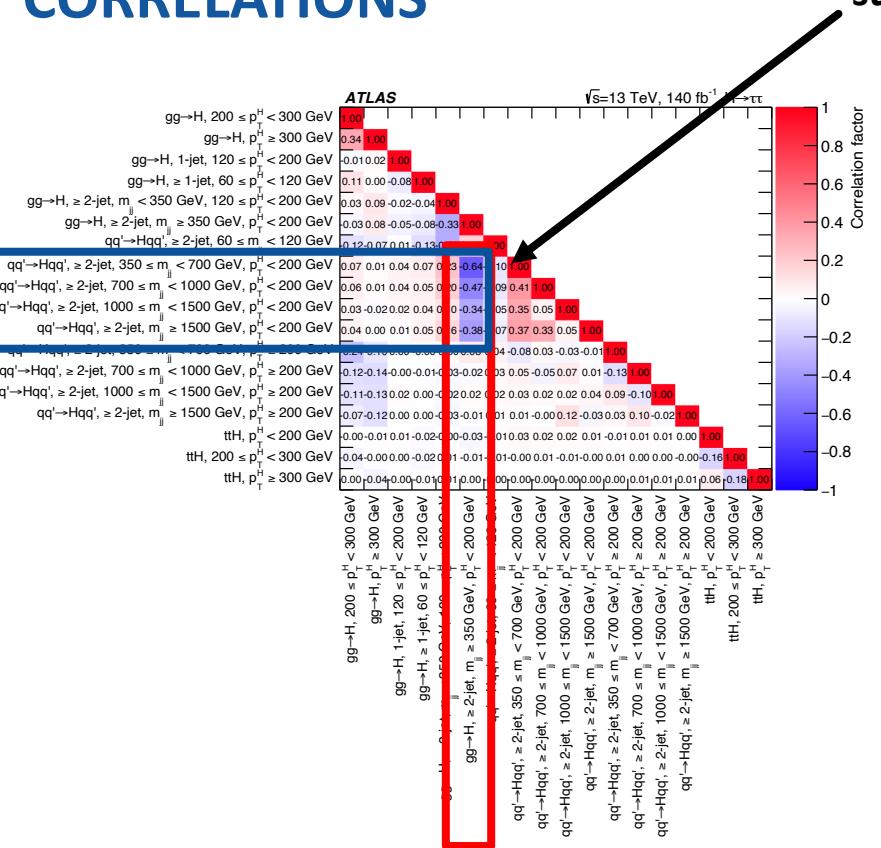
- VBF 0: background enriched, VBF 1: signal enriched
- VBF-like ggH events contribute strongly in VBF 0

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# CORRELATIONS

strong anti-correlation



# CONSEQUENCES FOR FUTURE MEASUREMENTS

## Signal separation:

- Profit from MVA techniques to ensure better separation (VBF vs ggH)
- Neural network observable instead of MMC to differentiate higgs processes
- Optimize STXS binning

## Fakes:

- Signal region split in decay-mode dependent reconstruction

## Tau reconstruction:

- End-to-end in particle flow

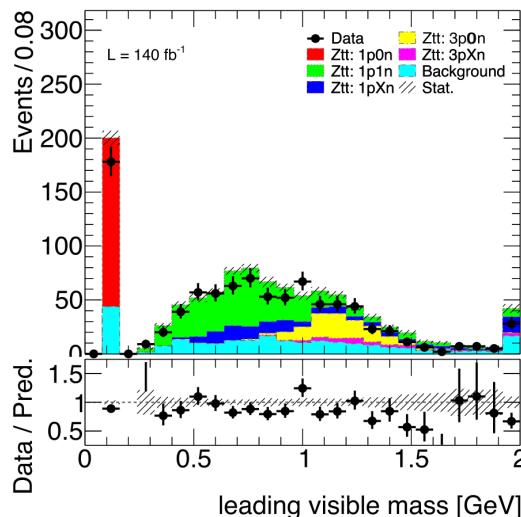
## $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ :

- Modelling in extreme phase-space not satisfactory
- Can also extract shape from embedding
- Binned normalization factors

# DECAY-MODE EFFICIENCY CORRECTION FACTORS

**APPROACH:** Account for decreasing classification efficiency by correction factors in the fit

$$m(\tau_{\text{had-vis},0}) = \sqrt{(E_{0,c} + E_{0,n})^2 - (Px_{0,c} + Px_{0,n})^2 - (Py_{0,c} + Py_{0,n})^2 - (Pz_{0,c} + Pz_{0,n})^2}$$



→ Define new CR

region	general	additionally
tau_m_vis_CR	pre-selection	$30 \text{ GeV} < pT(j_1) < 40 \text{ GeV} \& 60 \text{ GeV} < \text{MMC(mlm)} < 95 \text{ GeV}$
tau_m_vis_VAL	pre-selection	$pT(j_1) < 40 \text{ GeV} \& \text{MMC(mlm)} < 60 \text{ GeV}$
vbf_new	VBF	$pT(j_1) > 40 \text{ GeV} \text{ or } (pT(j_1) < 40 \text{ GeV} \& \text{MMC(mlm)} > 95 \text{ GeV})$

# MATRIX METHOD FOR LEP FAKES

- Applied in leplep channel

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_{TT} \\ N_{TL} \\ N_{LT} \\ N_{LL} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_r \epsilon_r & \epsilon_r \epsilon_f & \epsilon_f \epsilon_r & \epsilon_f \epsilon_f \\ \epsilon_r (1 - \epsilon_r) & \epsilon_r (1 - \epsilon_f) & (1 - \epsilon_f) \epsilon_r & \epsilon_f (1 - \epsilon_f) \\ (1 - \epsilon_r) \epsilon_r & (1 - \epsilon_r) \epsilon_f & (1 - \epsilon_f) \epsilon_r & (1 - \epsilon_f) \epsilon_f \\ (1 - \epsilon_r) (1 - \epsilon_r) & (1 - \epsilon_r) (1 - \epsilon_f) & (1 - \epsilon_f) (1 - \epsilon_r) & (1 - \epsilon_f) (1 - \epsilon_f) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} N_{rr} \\ N_{rf} \\ N_{fr} \\ N_{ff} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Differentiate real and fake leptons
- Determine efficiencies of real or fake leptons passing tight selection
- Determine number of tight and loose leptons

# FAKE ESTIMATION HADHAD CHANNEL

- Both  $\tau$ s failing loose excluded in n-tuples
- W+jet CR of the lephad selection includes failing loose
- If both  $\tau$ s fake, need additional FF

$$FF_{nm} = \frac{\left( N_{\text{Data}}^{\tau} - N_{\text{MC, genuine } \tau}^{\tau} \right)_{\text{medium } \tau}^{\text{WCR}}}{\left( N_{\text{Data}}^{\text{anti-}\tau} - N_{\text{MC, genuine } \tau}^{\text{anti-}\tau} \right)_{\text{not medium } \tau}^{\text{WCR}}}$$

$$FF_{lnm} = \frac{\left( N_{\text{Data}}^{\tau} - N_{\text{MC, genuine } \tau}^{\tau} \right)_{\text{medium } \tau}^{\text{WCR}}}{\left( N_{\text{Data}}^{\text{anti-}\tau} - N_{\text{MC, genuine } \tau}^{\text{anti-}\tau} \right)_{\text{loose not medium } \tau}^{\text{WCR}}}$$

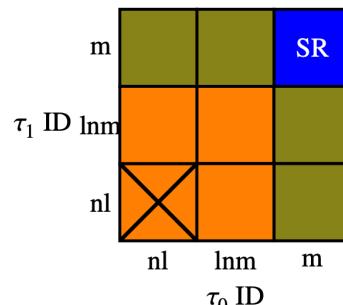
- $\tau$ s selected in the SR:

$$\tau_0^P \tau_1^P = \tau_0^T \tau_1^T + FF^0 \tau_0^A \tau_1^P + FF^1 \tau_0^P \tau_1^A - FF^0 FF^1 \tau_0^A \tau_1^A.$$

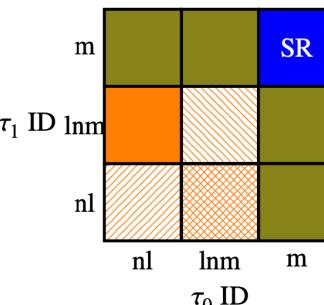
## Application:

- Single-fake  $\rightarrow$  exclusively nm FF
- Double-fake  $\rightarrow$  ...

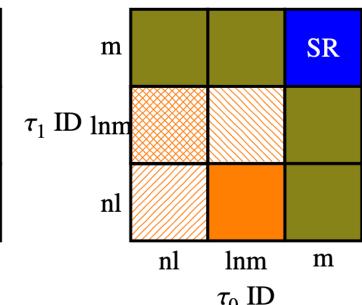
1.  $\tau_0$ -ID: lnm,  $\tau_1$ -ID: nl:  $w = -\frac{1}{2} (FF_{lnm}(\tau_0) \cdot FF_{nm}(\tau_1))$
3.  $\tau_1$ -ID: lnm,  $\tau_0$ -ID: lnm:  $w = -\frac{1}{2} (FF_{lnm}(\tau_0) \cdot FF_{nm}(\tau_1) + FF_{nm}(\tau_0) \cdot FF_{lnm}(\tau_1))$



(a)  $\tau$ -ID combinations



(b)  $\tau_0$ -ID: lnm,  $\tau_1$ -ID: nm



(c)  $\tau_1$ -ID: lnm,  $\tau_0$ -ID: nm

# FAKE UNCERTAINTIES

## 1. Statistical:

Cause: W+jet CR with limited statistics

→ Vary FF by  $1\sigma$  of statistical uncertainty originating from CR

## 2. Parametrization:

Cause: closure of method not guaranteed

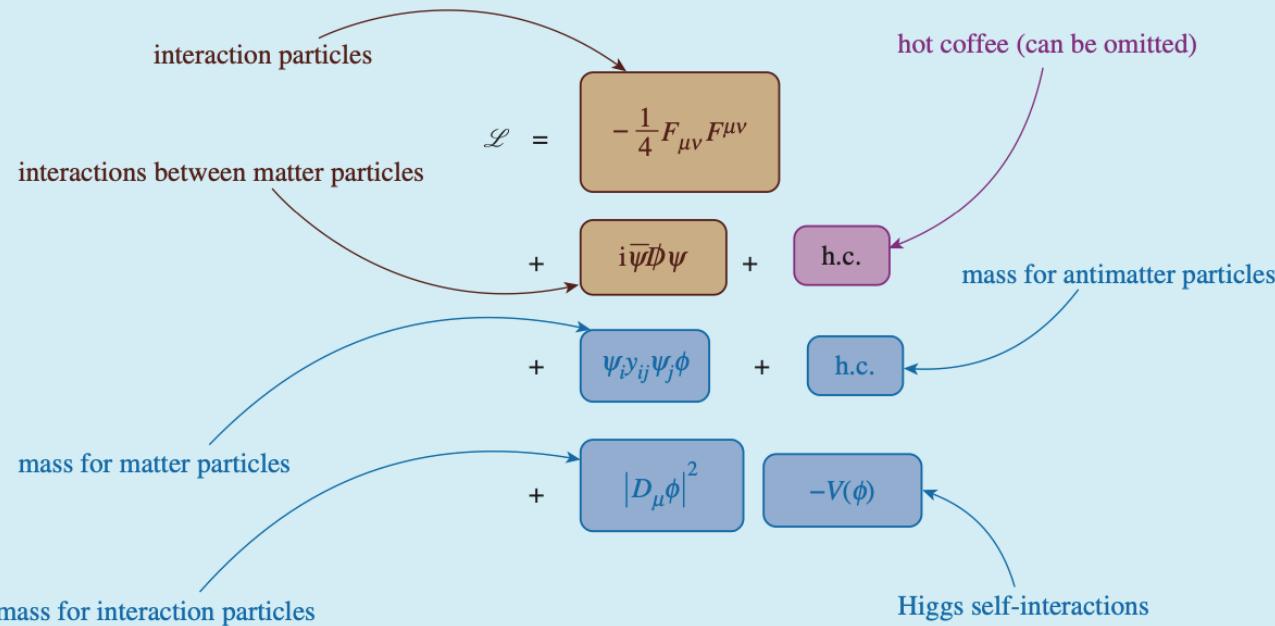
→ Derive FF for a SS region + determine deviation between data and background as measure of non-closure (test application strategy)

## 3. Background composition

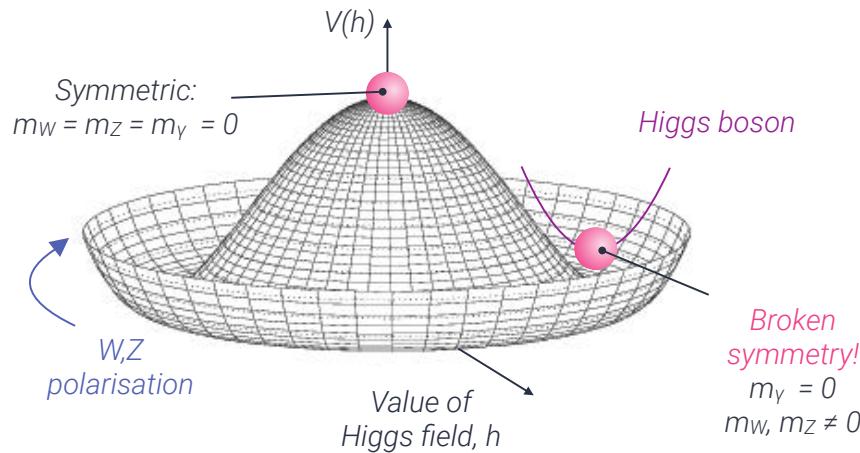
Cause: different background composition in SR and CR

→ Determine FFs in different fake enriched regions + consider deviations

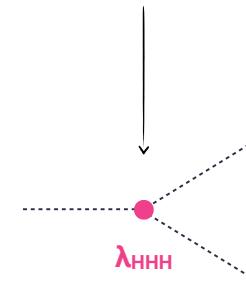
# THE STANDARD MODEL LAGRANGIAN



# ELECTROWEAK SYMMETRY BREAKING



$$V(h) \simeq \frac{1}{2}m_H^2 h^2 + \lambda v h^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda h^4 + \dots$$



Directly measure  $\lambda_{HHH}$  via  $HH$  production

Strength of  $\lambda_{HHH}$  relative to SM prediction ( $\lambda_{HHH}/\lambda_{SM}$ ) =  $\kappa_\lambda$

# P-VALUE FOR STXS

- Describe compatibility with SM
- Test statistic:

$$D = 2 \cdot \|NLL - NLL_{SM}\|$$

$NLL_{SM} \rightarrow$  negative log-likelihood value for setting “all POIs = 1”

- $D$  follows  $\chi^2$  with  $\#dof - \#POI$
- P-value =  $1 - CDF$

