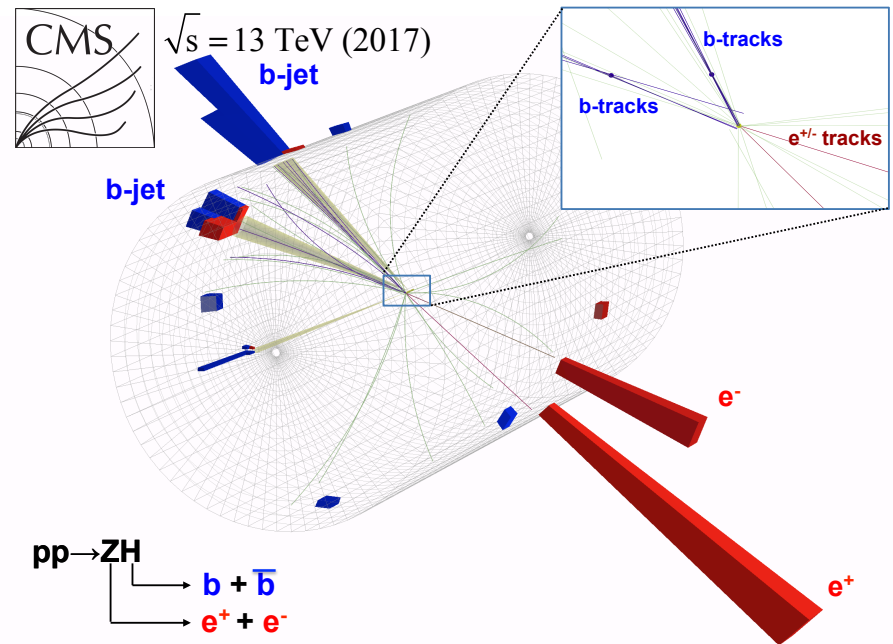


# Observation of Higgs boson decay to bottom quarks

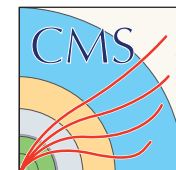
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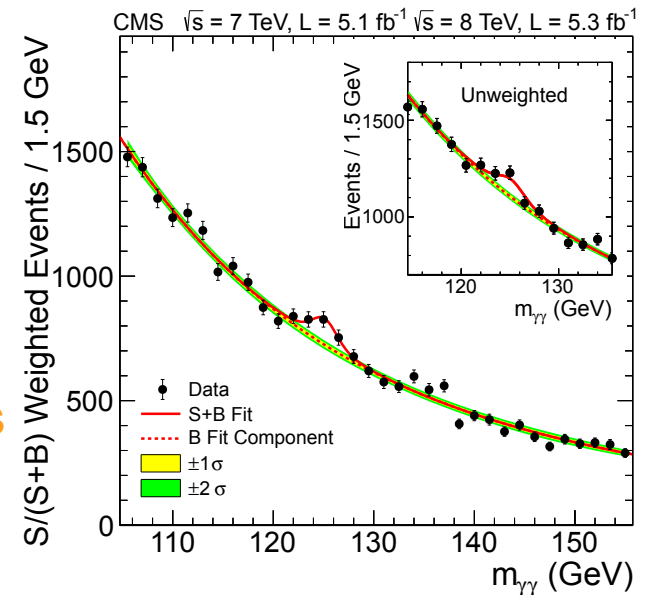


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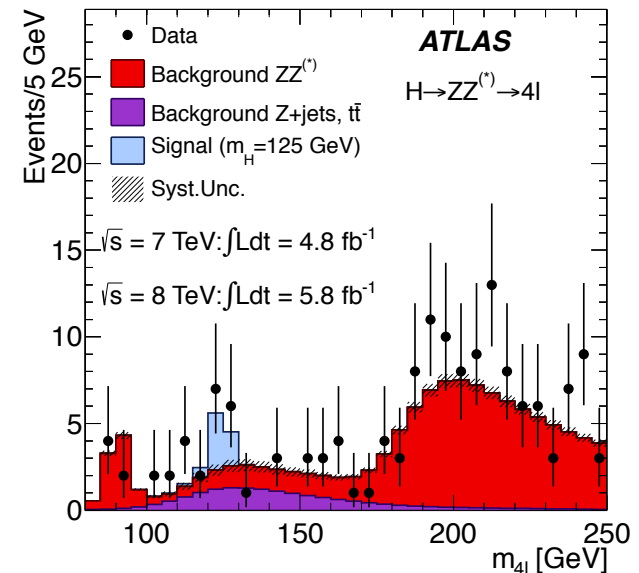
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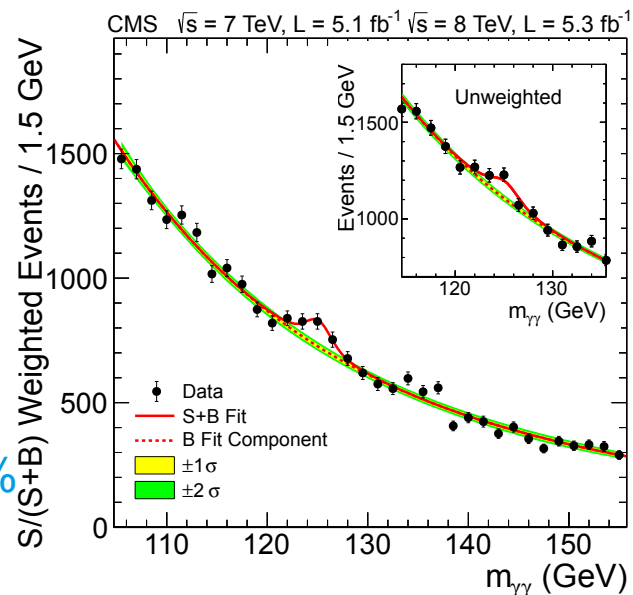


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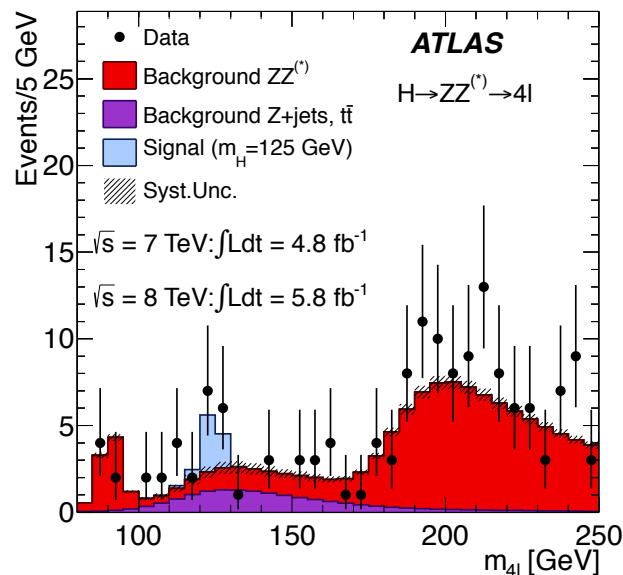
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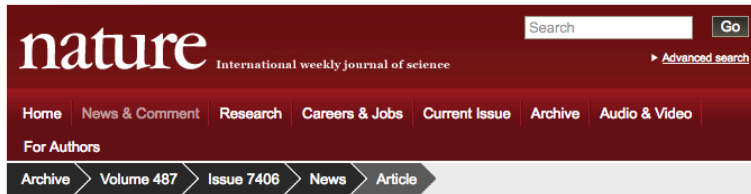
4 leptons  
BR: 0.03%



compare:

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$   
BR: 58.2%

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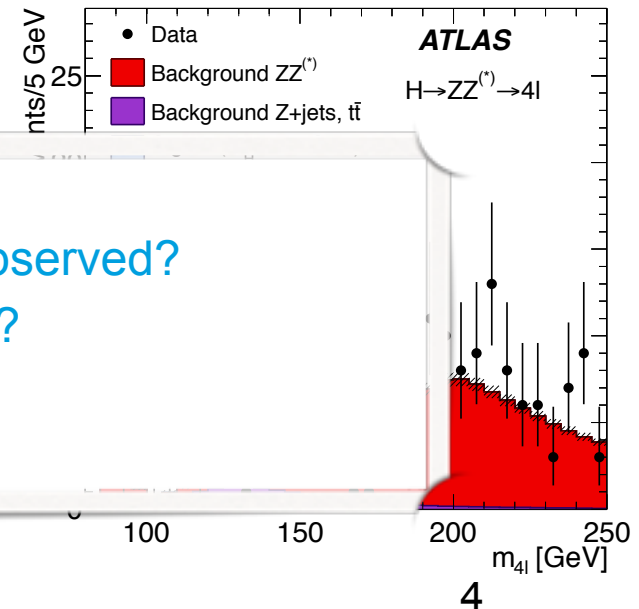
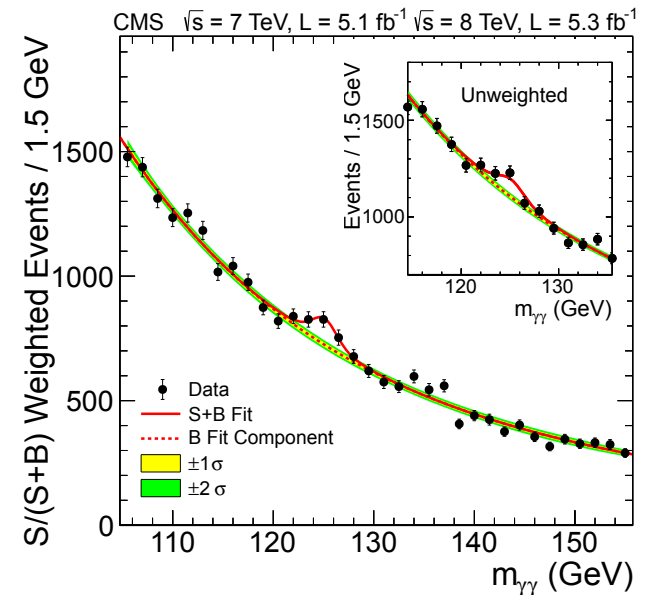
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A rapt crowd  
Incandela (f

Many physicist  
8:00 a.m., the  
few who made it in

Why did  $H(bb)$  take so long to be observed?  
What is special about  $H(bb)$ ?  
How did we observe it?

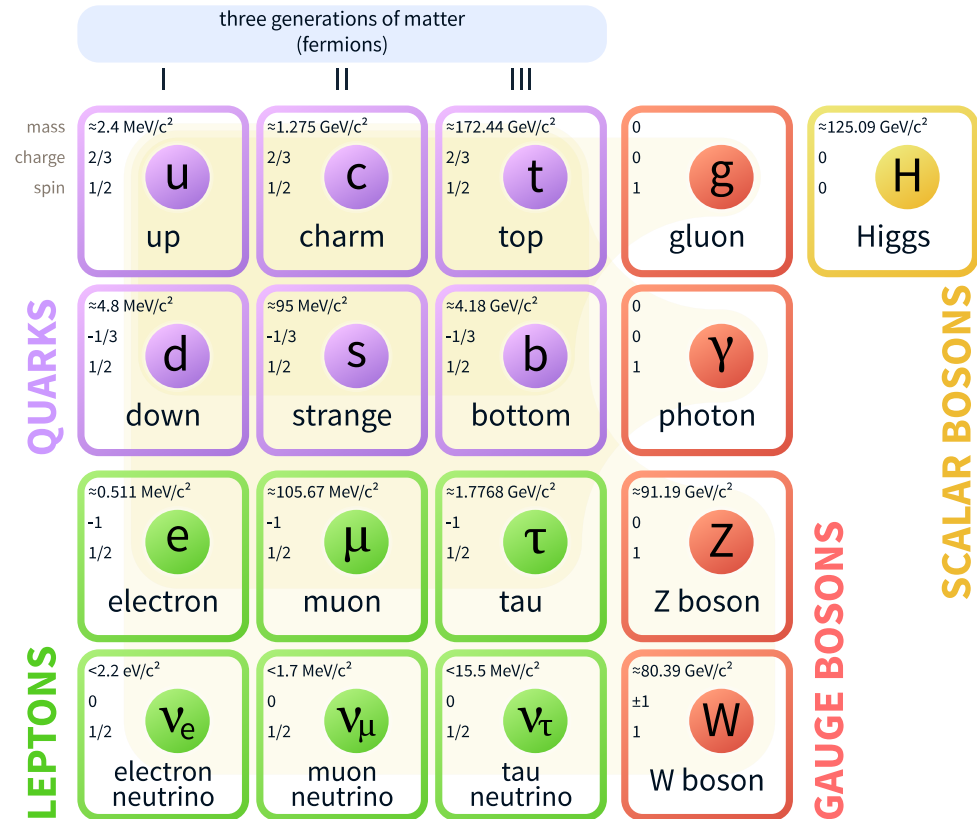




# outline

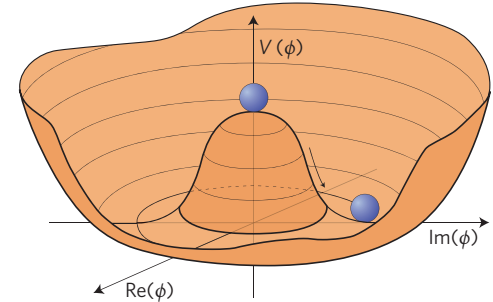
- the Higgs boson
  - standard model couplings
  - established properties
- experiment
- VH(bb) analysis
  - strategy
  - highlight of techniques
  - results
- summary & outlook

# the standard model of particle physics



# the BEH potential

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + \chi_i Y_{ij} \chi_j \phi + \text{h.c.} + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$$



Brout-Englert-Higgs potential:

$$-\mu^2\phi^2 + \lambda\phi^4$$

		three generations of matter (fermions)				
		I	II	III		
max charge spin	$\approx 2.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	2/3	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	2/3	0	$\approx 125.09 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
	1/2	u	2/3	t	0	0
		up	1/2	charm	1	g gluon
QUARKS	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	-1/3	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	-1/3	0	
	1/2	d	1/2	s	0	
		down	1/2	strange	1	$\gamma$ photon
LEPTONS	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	-1	$\approx 105.67 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	-1	0	
	1/2	e	1/2	$\mu$	0	
		electron	1/2	muon	1	Z Z boson
	$\approx 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 1.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	1/2	$\nu_e$	0	$\nu_\mu$	0	
		electron neutrino	1/2	muon neutrino	1	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
				$\nu_\tau$	$\pm 1$	W W boson
				tau neutrino		
						GAUGE BOSONS

- allows mass terms for  $Z^0$ ,  $W^\pm$
- $|D_\mu \phi|$ : interaction of H with  $Z^0$ ,  $W^\pm$ 
  - direct evidence seen in Higgs boson discovery

# Yukawa couplings

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi$$

$$+ \bar{\psi}_i Y_{ij} \psi_j \phi + \text{h.c.}$$

"gives mass to fermions"

$$+ |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$$

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$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ <b>d</b> down	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ <b>s</b> strange	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ <b>b</b> bottom	$0$ $0$ $1$ <b><math>\gamma</math></b> photon	
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- highly motivated **presumption** that fermion masses also generated by Higgs field
  - such couplings not seen before
  - not accessible through EW precision tests
- 
- seen **indirectly** in discovery channels
  - **direct** observation is difficult
    - coupling strength  $\sim m_f$
    - 3rd gen particles have complicated decay modes
    - seen 2014 in ATLAS+CMS combination in  $H(\tau\tau)$
  - many BSM theories predict Yukawa couplings different from the SM

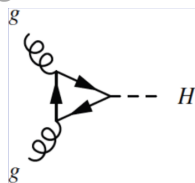
=> SM Yukawa couplings need dedicated confirmation

# Higgs boson properties (SM)

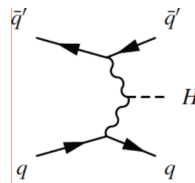
- mass: not predicted by SM
- width: 4.15 MeV ( $m_H=125$  GeV)
- spin<sub>parity</sub>:  $0^+$
- coupling strengths

## production at the LHC

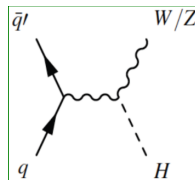
### gluon fusion



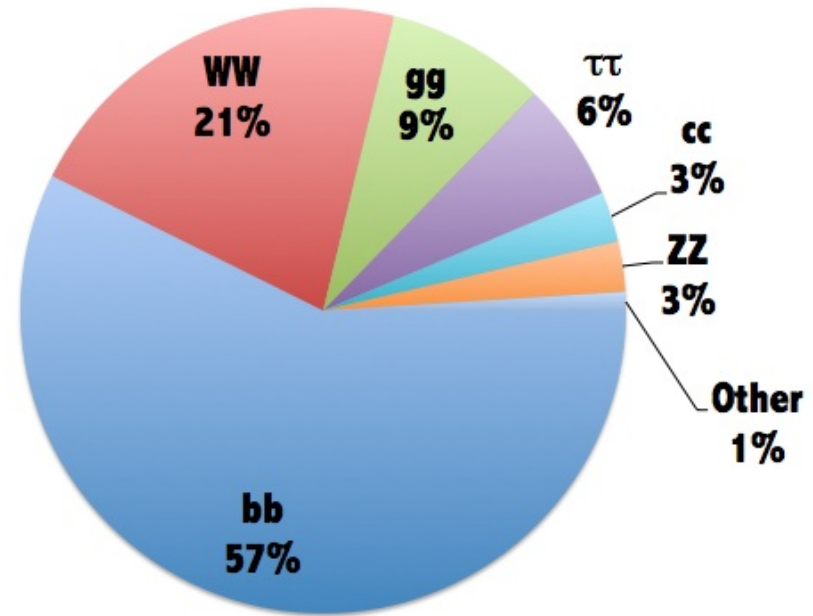
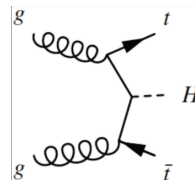
### vector-boson fusion



### Higgs-strahlung



### top-quark fusion ttH



H branching ratios  
( $m_H=125$  GeV)



# established properties

## PDG 2018 Review of Particle Physics

- mass: di-photon and 4 lepton channels most sensitive
- width:
  - from indirect measurement
  - direct:  $\Gamma_H < 1 \text{ GeV}$

$H^0$

$J = 0$

Mass  $m = 125.18 \pm 0.16 \text{ GeV}$   
Full width  $\Gamma < 0.013 \text{ GeV}$ , CL = 95%

**$H^0$  Signal Strengths in Different Channels**

See Listings for the latest unpublished results.

Combined Final States =  $1.10 \pm 0.11$

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$b\bar{b} = 0.95 \pm 0.22$

$\mu^+ \mu^- = 0.0 \pm 1.3$

$\tau^+ \tau^- = 1.12 \pm 0.23$

$Z\gamma < 6.6$ , CL = 95%

$t\bar{t}H^0$  Production =  $2.3^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$

signal strength:  $\mu = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}}$

$b\bar{b}$ ,  $\tau\tau$  and  $t\bar{t}H$  are sensitive to  
3<sup>rd</sup> generation Yukawa couplings

# is this *the* SM $H^0$ ?

width, spin/parity and coupling  
measurements show SM-like  
properties

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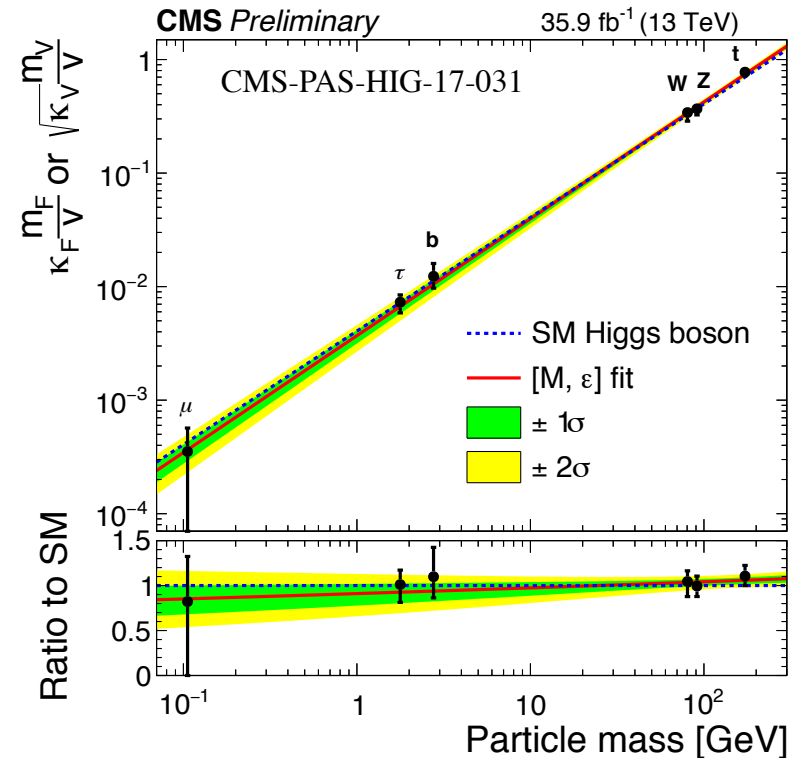
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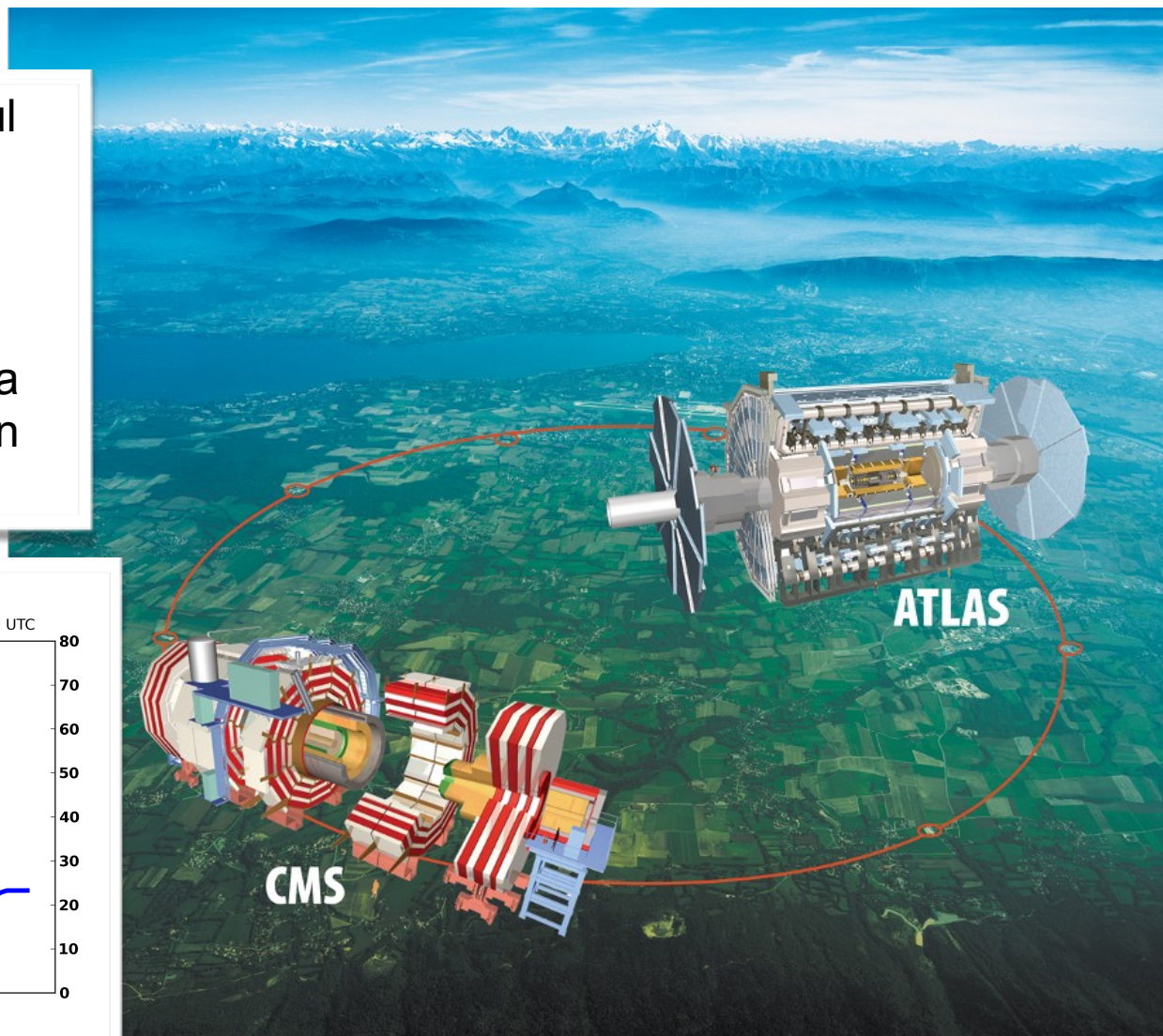
self-coupling?  
are there non-SM properties?

so far the data is in agreement  
with the standard model

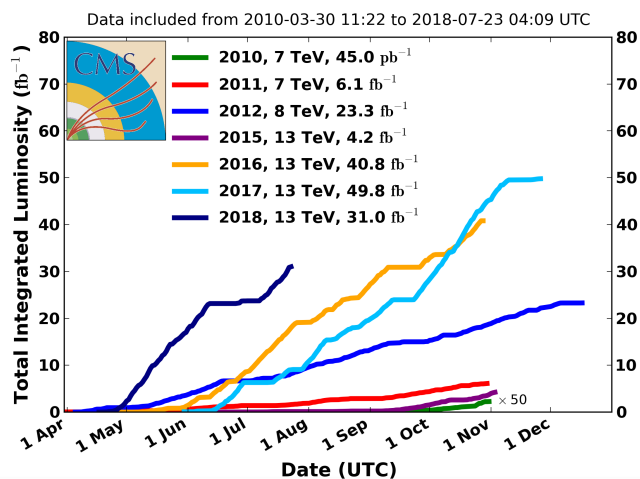
# experiment

# Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

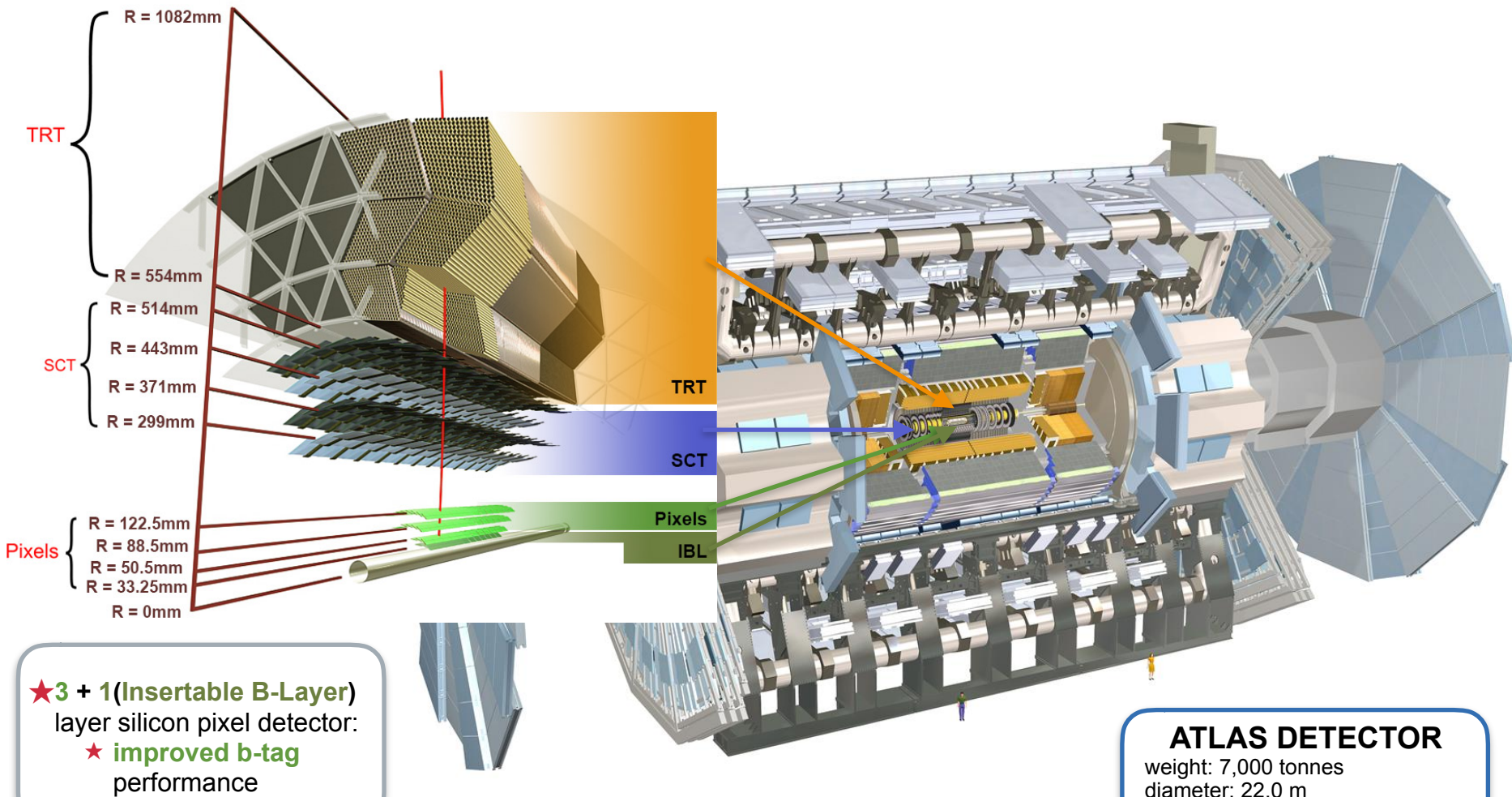
- many years of successful data taking
- two run periods
  - Run I: 7, 8 TeV
  - Run II: 13 TeV
- today 10 times more data than used in Higgs boson discovery



CMS Integrated Luminosity, pp



# ATLAS in run II

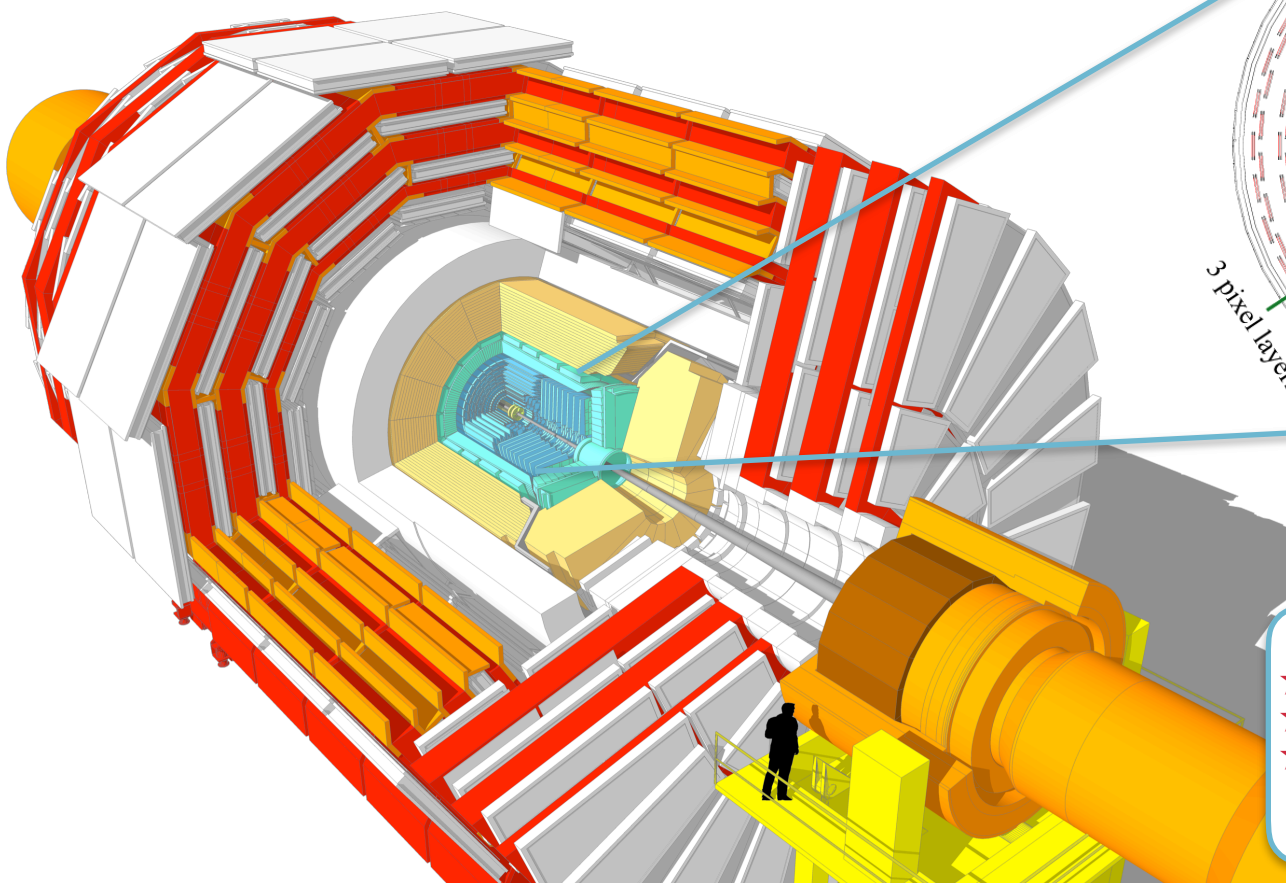




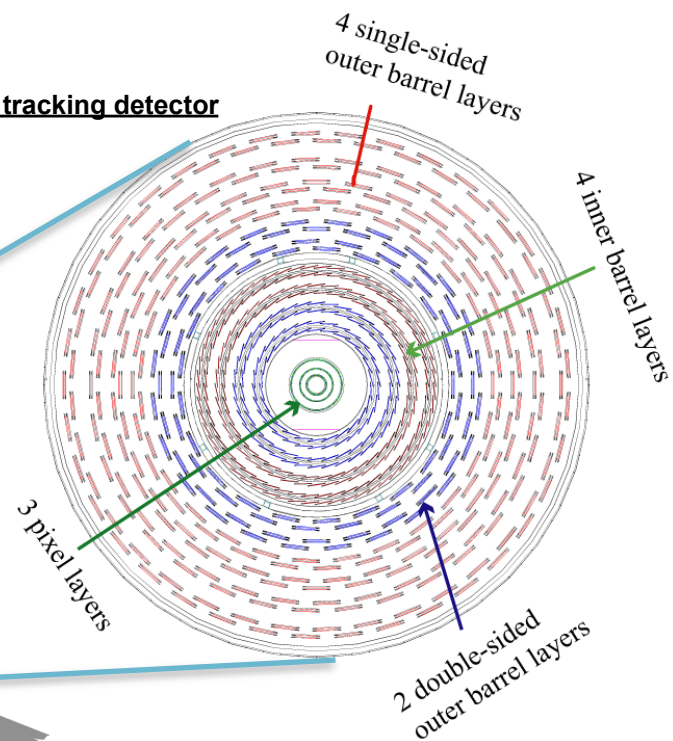
# CMS in run II

## CMS DETECTOR

weight: 14,000 tonnes  
diameter: 15.0 m  
length: 28.7 m  
magnetic field: 3.8 T



### CMS tracking detector



- ★ 200 m<sup>2</sup> active silicon
- ★ acceptance up to  $|\eta| < 2.5$
- ★ **pixel detector** - vital for b-tagging:
  - ★ b hadrons decay within few cm

# CMS in run II (cont'd)

## CMS DETECTOR

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## b-jet identification

b-tagging: look for displaced tracks and secondary vertices within jets

## CMS pixel detector

new pixel detector

pixel detector until 2016

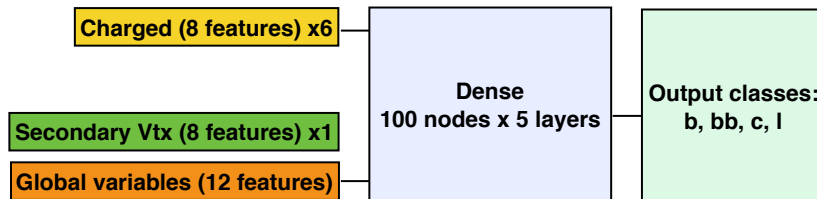
- ★ new pixel detector since Winter 2016/2017
- ★ 4 layers
- ★ innermost layer closer to interaction point

# b tagging: algorithms

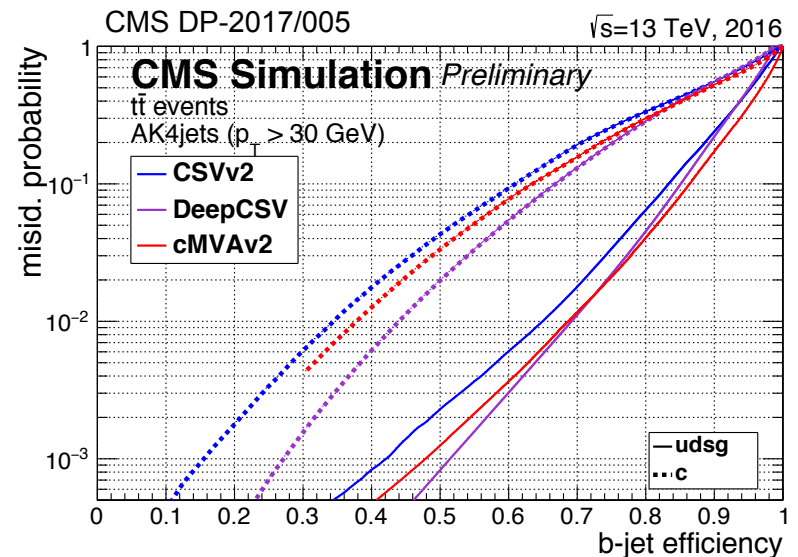
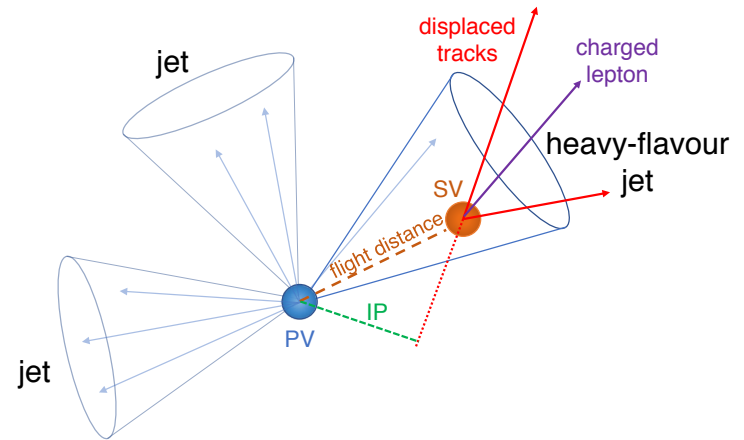
- many decay modes of b-flavoured hadrons
- even with tertiary c-flavoured hadron decay
- with or without soft electron or muon in jet

DeepCSV algorithm:

- deep neural network (DNN) architecture

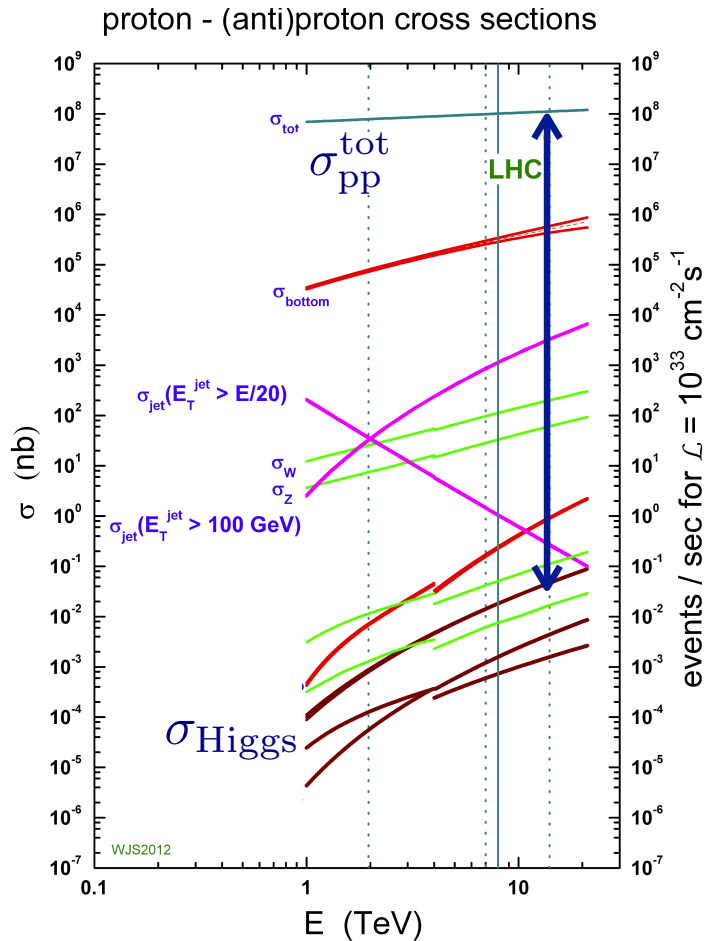


DNN and using low-level variables bring dramatic improvement in b-tagging wrt. previous methods



# analysis

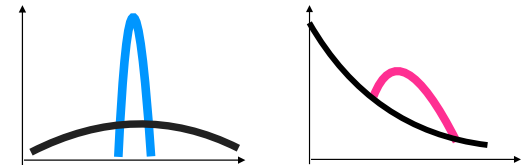
# what is the challenge with $H \rightarrow bb$ ?



- Higgs boson production is ...
  - 9 orders o.m. below total pp cross section
  - 7 orders o.m. below b quark production

## comparison with a discovery channel

	$H \rightarrow 4\ell$	$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
Branching Ratio	0.03%	58%
mass resolution	$\sim 1\%$	$\sim 10\%$
S/B	$\sim 2$	$\sim 0.05$

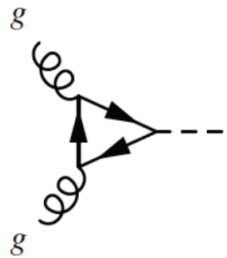


- compared to  $H \rightarrow bb$ , the discovery channels have a striking signature

- largest impact on S/B:
  - b jet identification
  - $m(jj)$  mass resolution

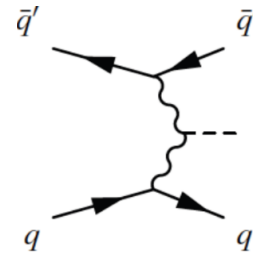


# H production at the LHC



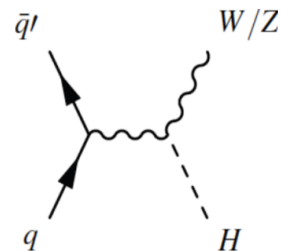
## gluon fusion (87%)

- largest production cross section
- $10^7$  times larger multijet background (still  $10^3$  in mass region of interest)



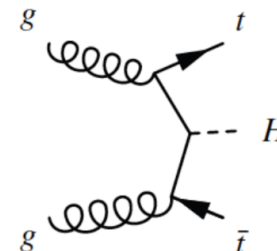
## vector-boson fusion (7%)

- slightly more distinctive than gluon fusion, but still very large multijet background



## Higgs-strahlung (4%)

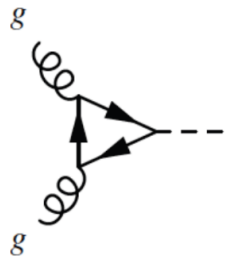
- features leptons and/or  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  for trigger and selection
- smaller production cross section



## top-quark fusion ttH (1%)

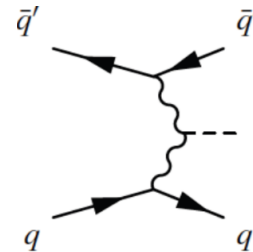
- small production cross section
- large top quark pair background

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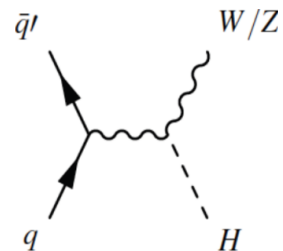
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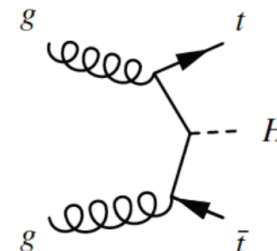
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# VH



## Higgs-strahlung (4%)

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- smaller production cross section



## top-quark fusion ttH (1%)

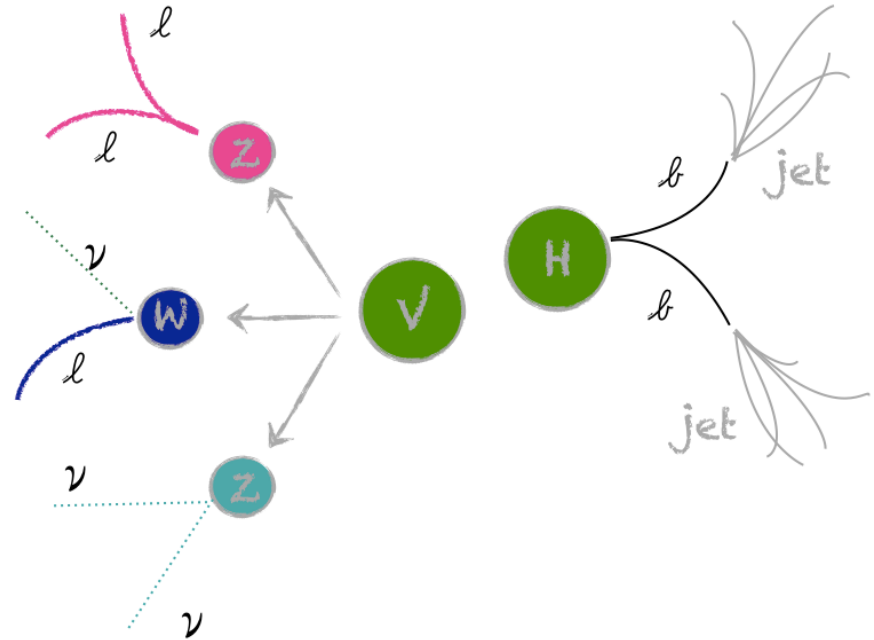
- small production cross section
- large top quark pair background

# signature

2 leptons

1 lepton +  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$

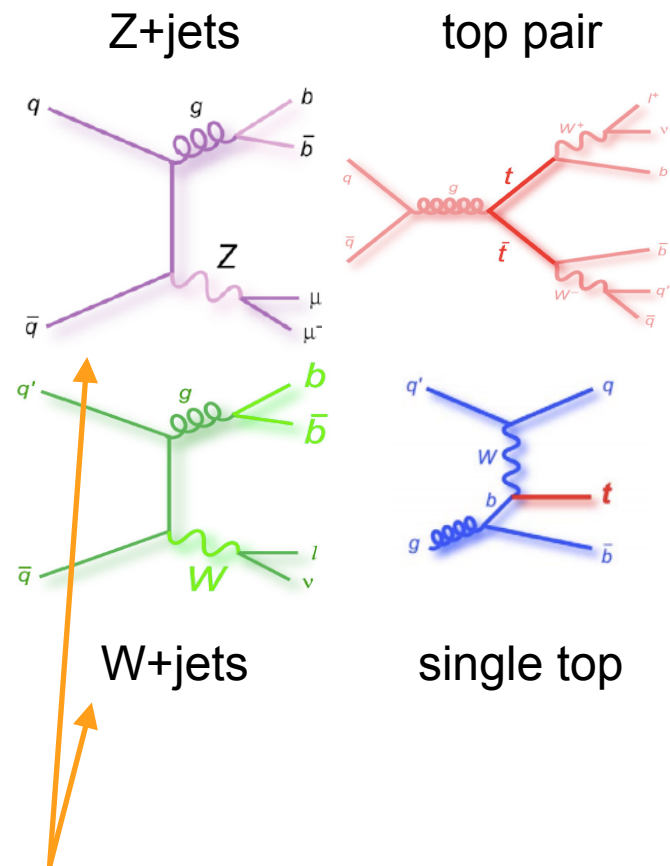
0 lepton ( $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ )



- channels:
  - 0-, 1- and 2-leptons
  - triggers:  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ , 1-, 2-lepton
- V and H are back-to-back
- most sensitivity at high  $p_{\text{T}}$  of V and H

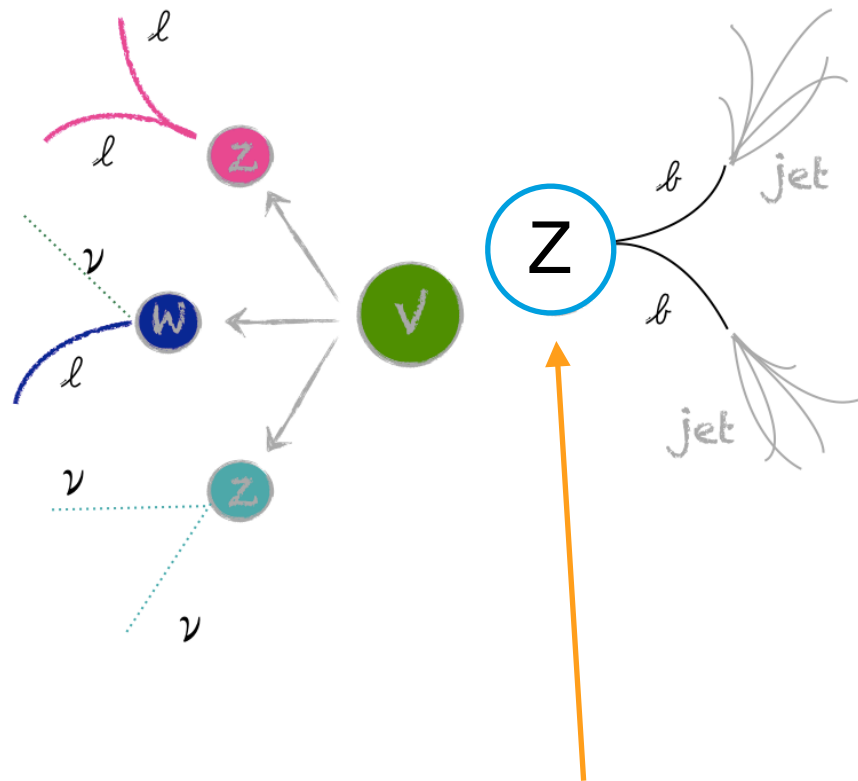
- reconstruction:
- H candidate
    - 2 jets with highest b-tag score
  - V candidate
    - 2 leptons
    - 1 lepton +  $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$
    - $E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$

# backgrounds



V+bb is most difficult background

## Di-boson



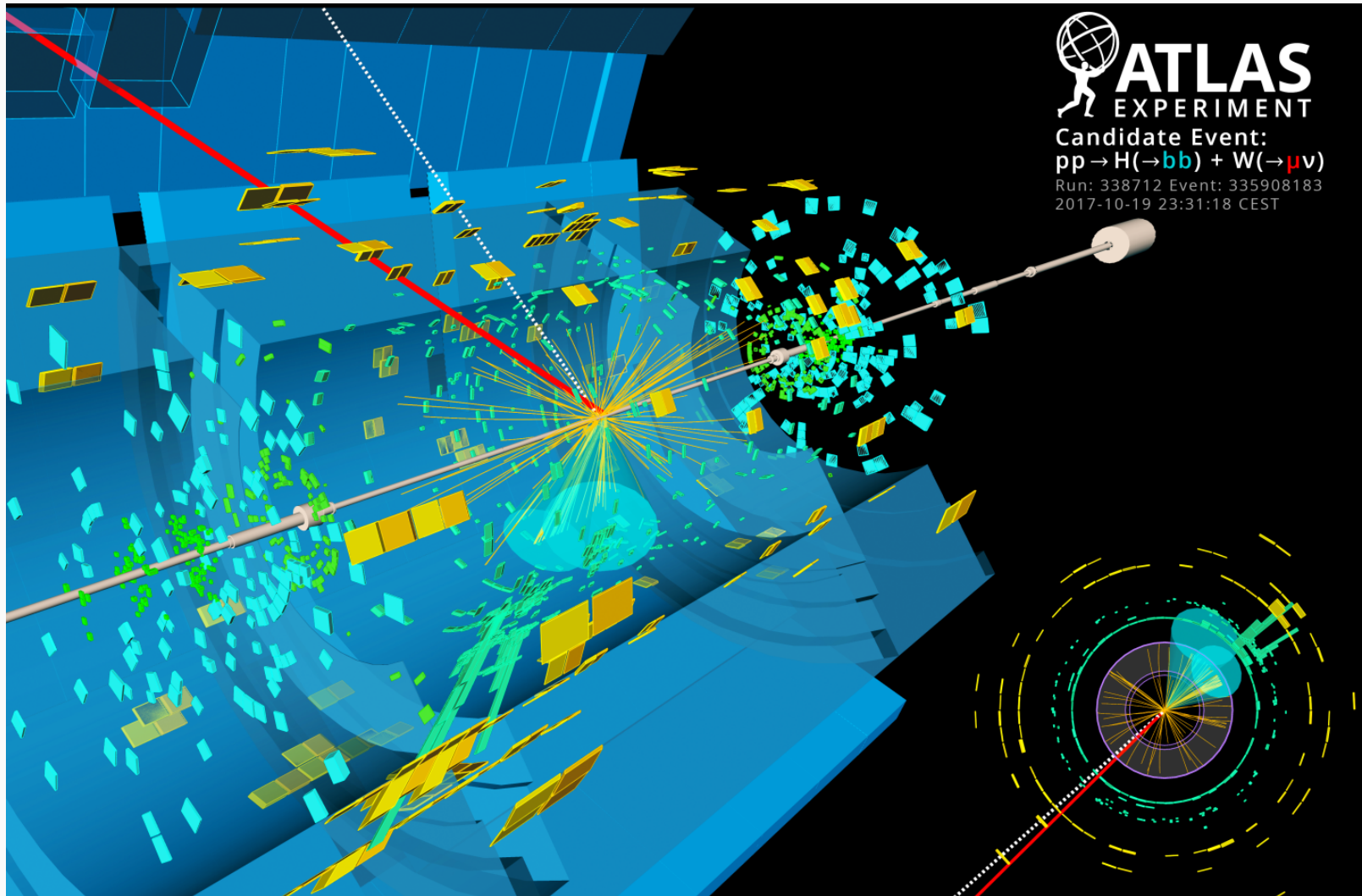
VZ is the background most similar to VH

- only differs in  $m(jj)$
- used for validation

# event display

$Z(\nu\nu)H(bb)$  candidate event

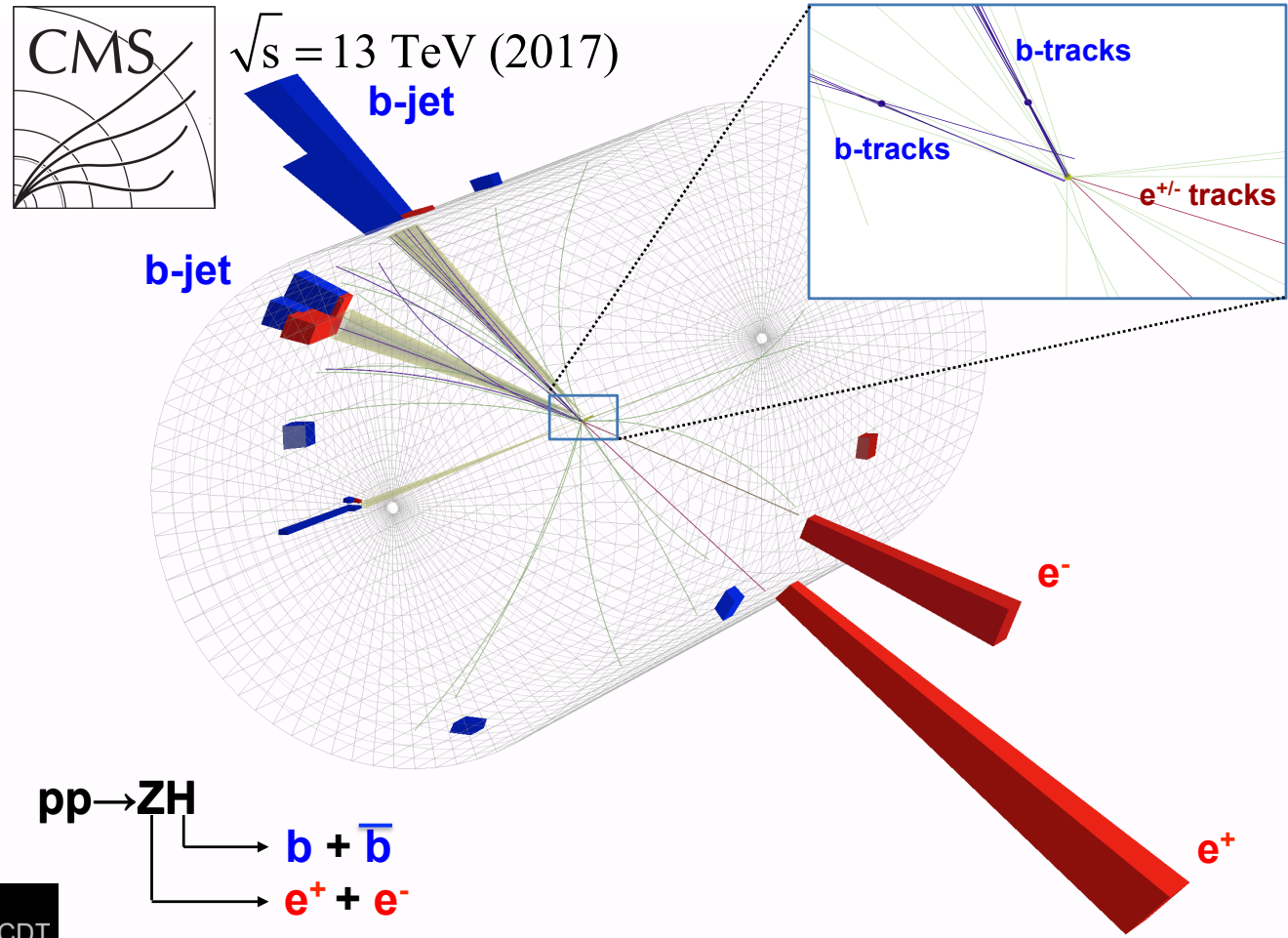
1-lepton channel





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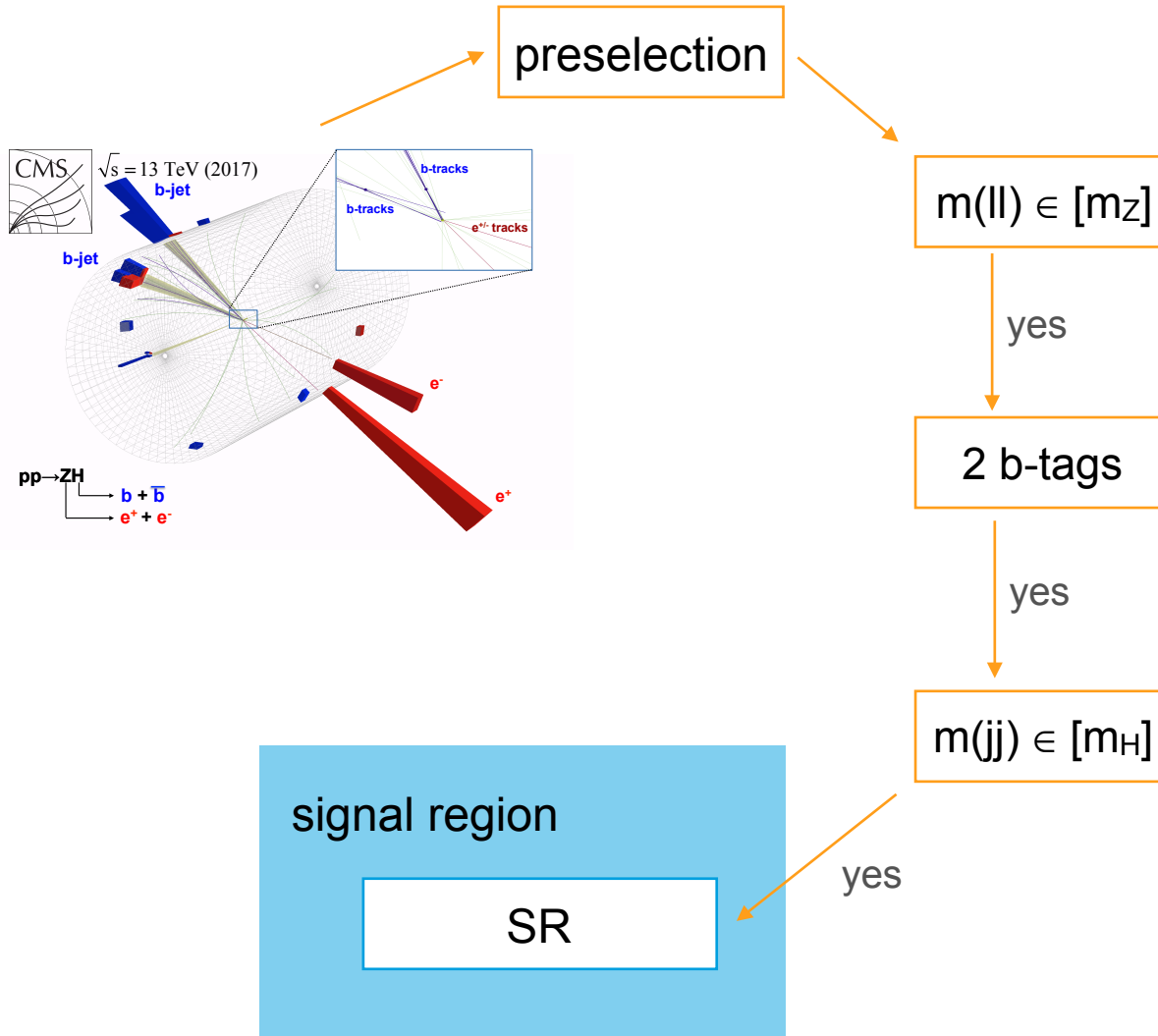
Z(ee)H(bb) candidate event



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
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# analysis strategy

simplified  
example  
2-lepton  
channel

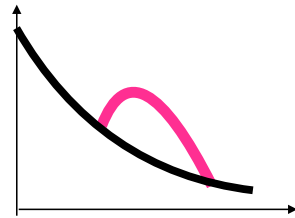
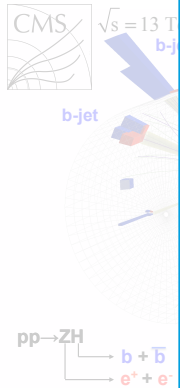


"loose" selection:

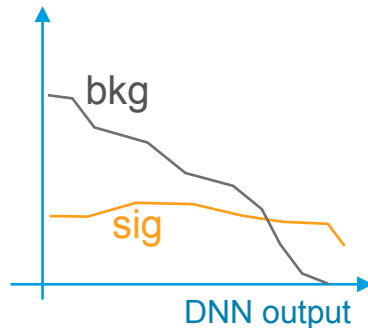
- high signal efficiency
- still high levels of background in SR

# analysis strategy

simplified  
example  
2-lepton  
channel



- option 1: fit  $m(jj)$  directly
  - **not** most sensitive
  - used as a cross check



- option 2: **use a DNN**
  - signal: VH(bb)
  - bkg: all SM bkg
  - fit DNN output distribution
  - shape from MC
  - bkg normalisation from data

signal region

SR

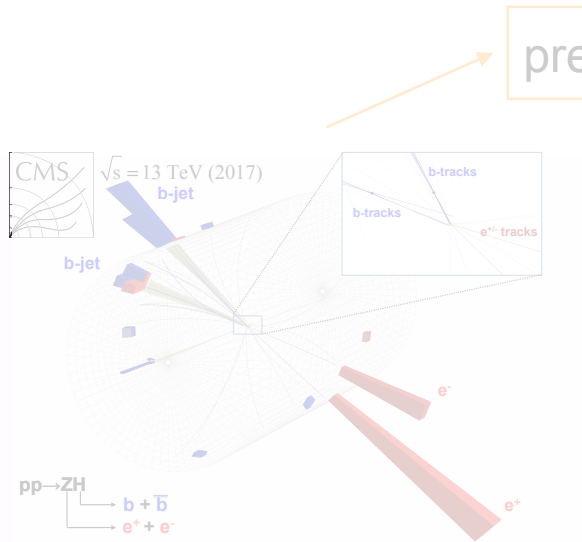
simplified  
example  
2-level

control regions



# analysis strategy

simplified  
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- enriched in primary backgrounds
- **scrutinize** MC simulation
- **extract** normalisation for
  - single top
  - top pair
  - Z+bb
  - Z+b
  - Z+light flavour

control regions

Top CR

Z+LF CR  
(light flavor)

Z+HF CR  
(heavy flavor)

are applied for  
purification)

# analysis strategy (cont'd)

- simultaneous fit in 0-, 1- and 2-lepton channels and across all control and signal regions
- next slides: techniques to obtain the needed sensitivity
  - improving jet energy resolution
  - bkg normalisation extraction
  - signal extraction
- analysis of data taken in 2017 by CMS

$$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{int}} = 41.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$



# techniques

# improving b jet energy resolution

particle-flow jets



DNN energy regression



2-lepton channel: kinematic fit

# improving b jet energy resolution

particle-flow jets



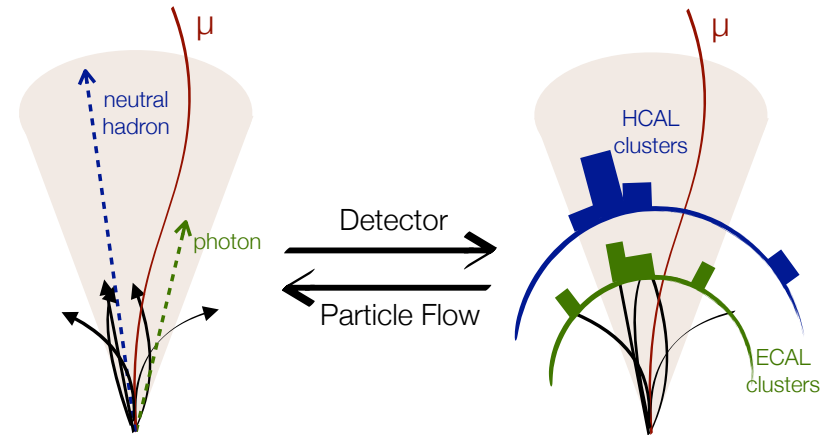
DNN energy regression



2-lepton channel: kinematic fit

- 90% of jet energy carried by:
- charged hadrons (65%)
  - photons (25%)

starting point: particle flow jets



particles in  
nature

single particle  
candidates

jets  
(initial particle)

tracks,  
calorimeter  
deposits

# improving b jet energy resolution

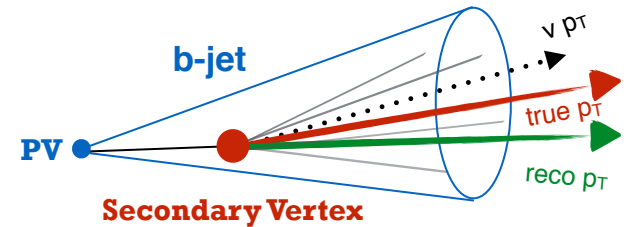
particle-flow jets



DNN energy regression



2-lepton channel: kinematic fit



DNN with 41 inputs:

- jet kinematics:  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ , etc.
- pileup information
- energy fractions and number of:
  - e.m., charged, neutral particles
- soft lepton track  
( $\Rightarrow$  neutrino in jet; missing energy)
- secondary vertex information

output:

- regressed  $p_T$
- resolution estimate

# improving b jet energy resolution

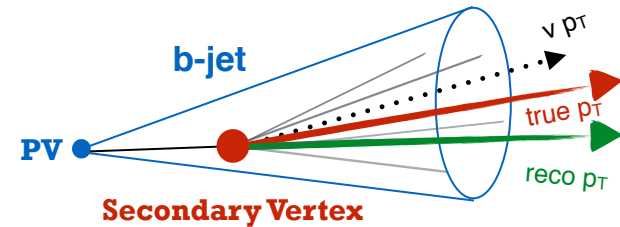
particle-flow jets



DNN energy regression

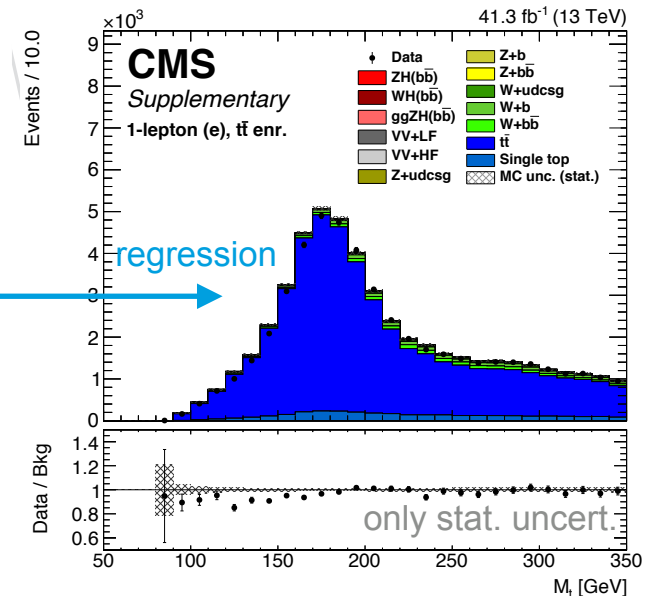
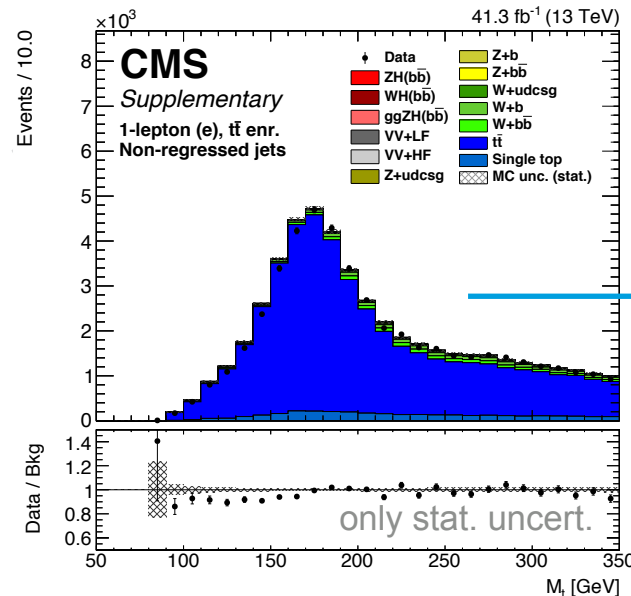


2-lepton channel: kinematic fit



no "sculpting" seen in  
top quark mass distribution

- 1-lepton channel
- reconstructed mass of top quark candidate
  - "combinatorial" background in tail



# improving b jet energy resolution

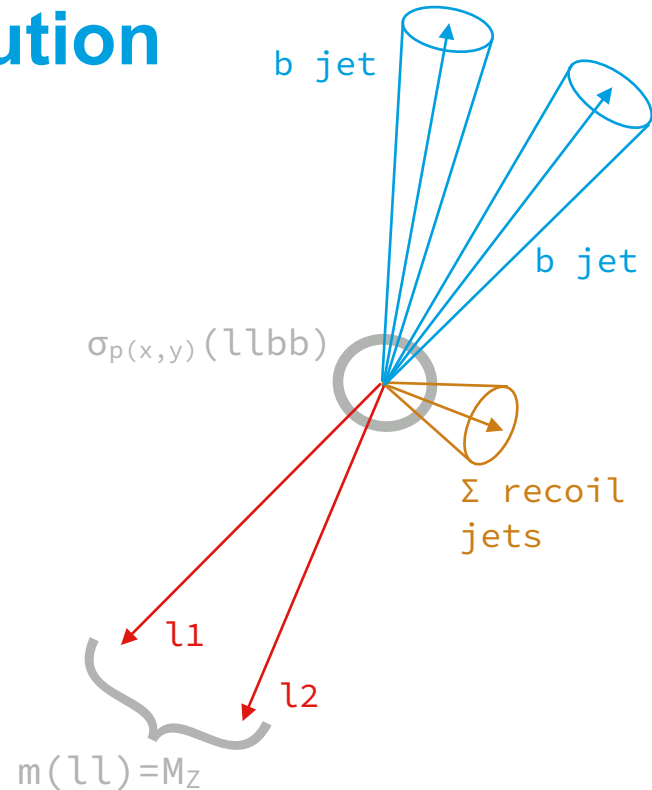
particle-flow jets



DNN energy regression



2-lepton channel: kinematic fit



- no intrinsic  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  in 2-lepton topology
- electrons/muons have better energy resolution than jets
- per event:
  - construct constraints between particles
  - fit jets and leptons within their uncertainty
- recoil jets:
  - best performance without add. jets

kinematic fit "transfers" good resolution from leptons to jets



# improving b jet energy resolution

particle-flow jets



DNN energy regression



2-lepton channel: kinematic fit

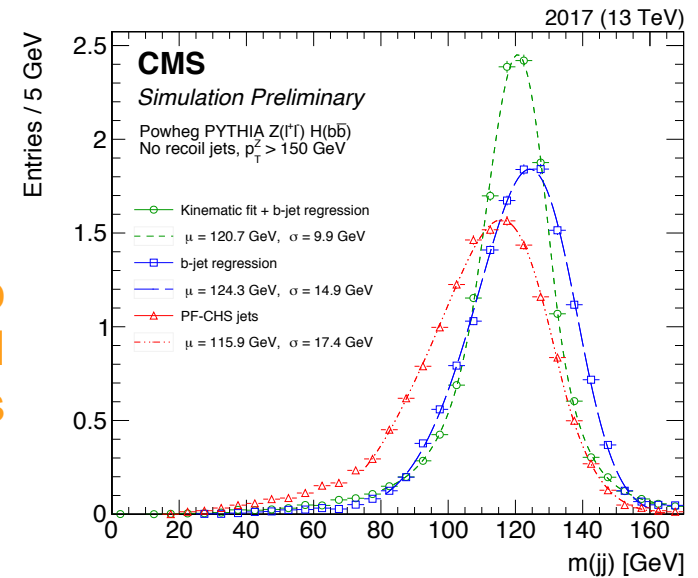
improvement of  $m(jj)$

energy regression: 14%

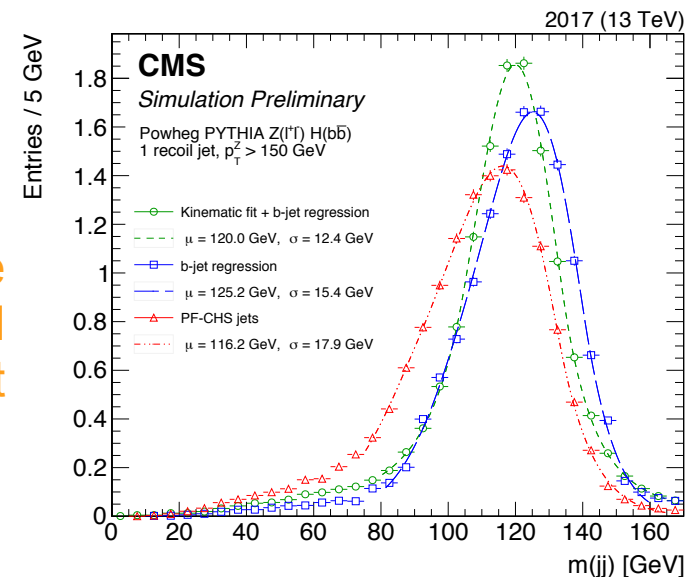
kinematic fit: up to 43%

resolution on  $m(jj)$ : 10-13%

no  
recoil  
jets



one  
recoil  
jet



# improving b jet energy resolution

particle-flow jets



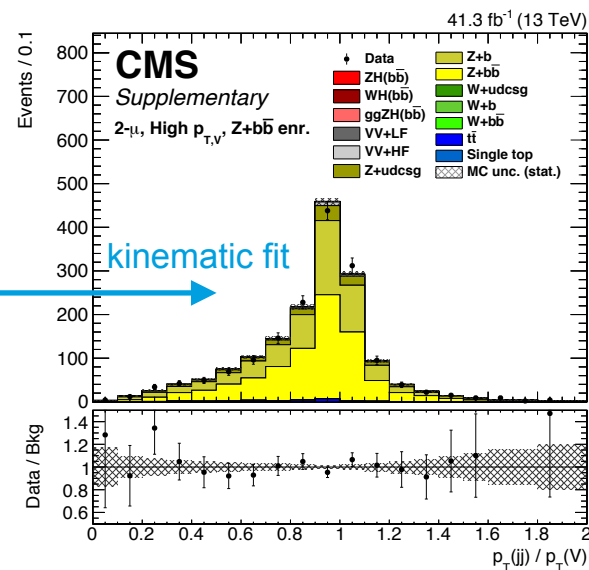
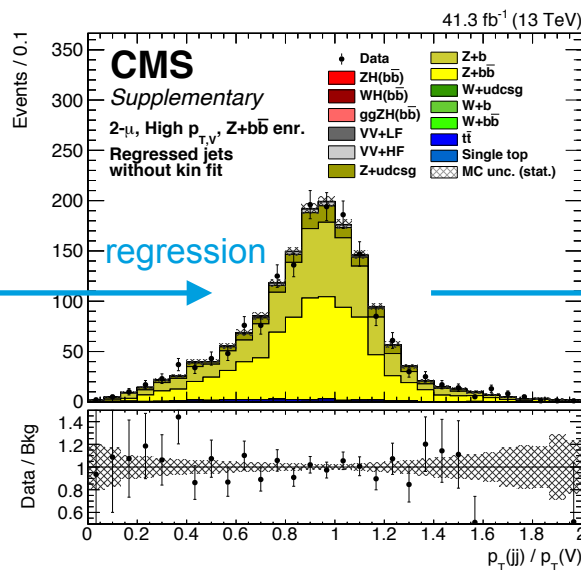
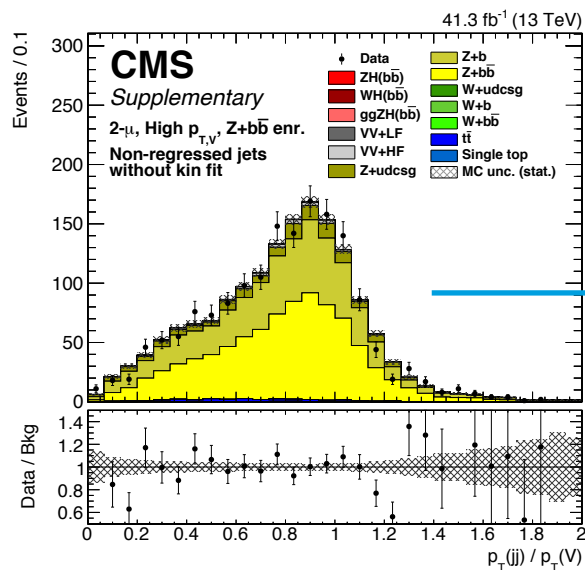
DNN energy regression



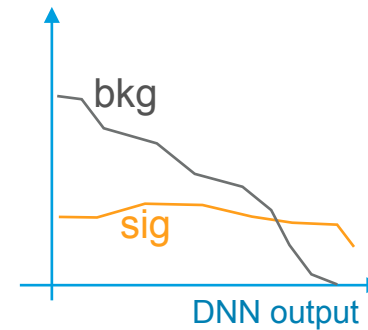
2-lepton channel: kinematic fit

$p_T$  balance of H and V candidates improves with both steps

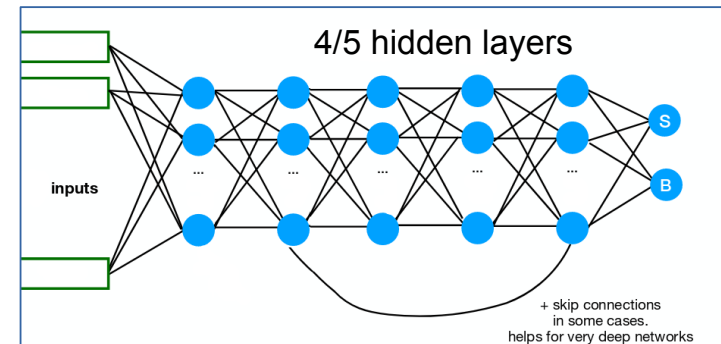
improvement well described by simulation



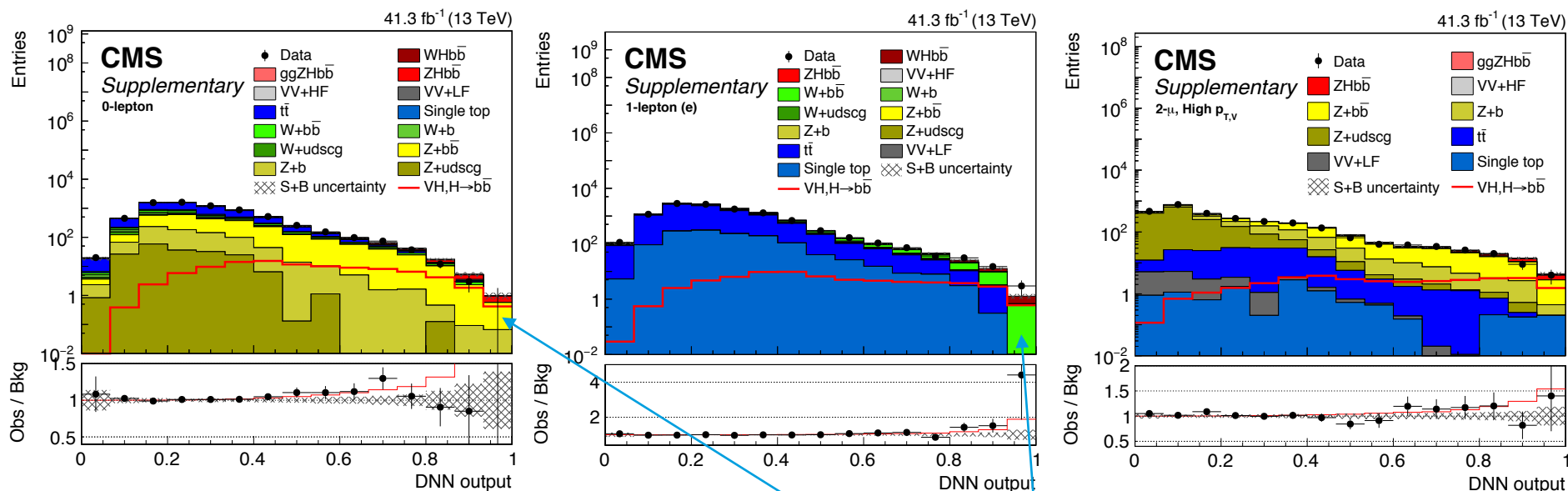
# signal region DNN



- DNN for separation of signal and background in SR
- DNN output is fitted to extract signal strength and significance
- trained on MC separately in 7 channels:
  - 0-lepton
  - 1-lepton mu / el
  - 2-lepton mu / el in low / high  $p_T(Z)$
- up to 16 variables, most discriminating:
  - $m(jj)$
  - $p_T(V)$
  - b-tag discriminator value
  - number of additional jets
  - $\Delta R(jj)$



## signal region DNN (cont'd)



- trained on MC separately in 7 channels:
  - 0-lepton
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- up to 16 variables, most discriminating:
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most difficult background:  $V+bb$

one of the largest uncertainties  
from background normalisation

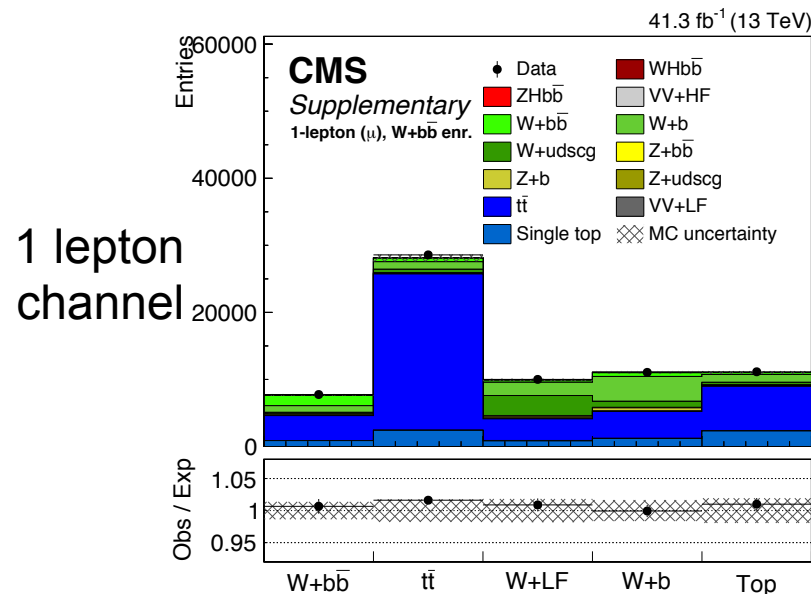
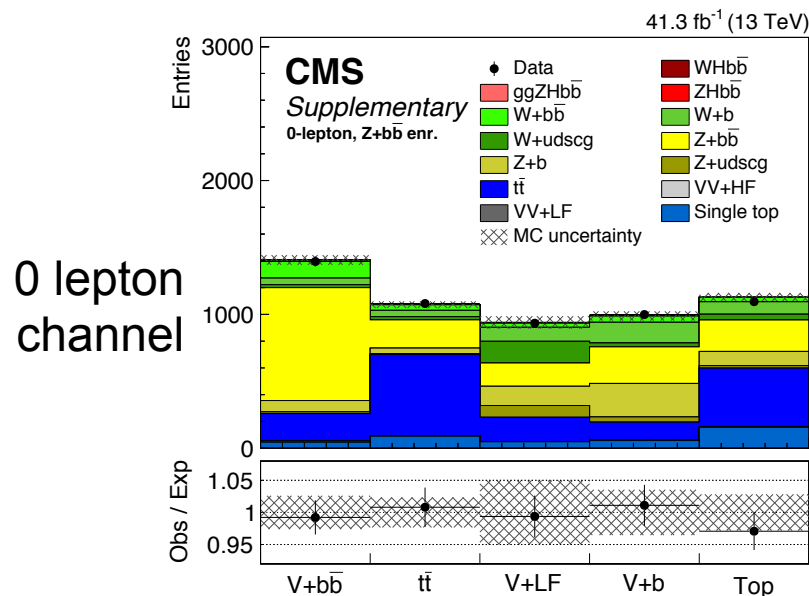
# background classification in V+HF CR

## 0- and 1-lepton channels V+HF CR's:

- large syst. impact from V+(b)b normalisation (difficult to separate from each other and from single top)
- no single variable provides good separation
- improve by using a DNN to distinguish the primary backgrounds
- trained separately in 3 control regions:
  - 0 lepton Z+HF
  - 1 lepton W(e+-, nu)+HF
  - 1 lepton W(mu+-, nu)+HF
- using up to 11 event variables
  - $m(jj)$
  - $p_T(V)$
  - b-tag discriminator value
  - number of additional jets
  - $\Delta R(jj)$
  - etc.

## other regions:

- use event yield or b-tag discriminator shape



# uncertainties

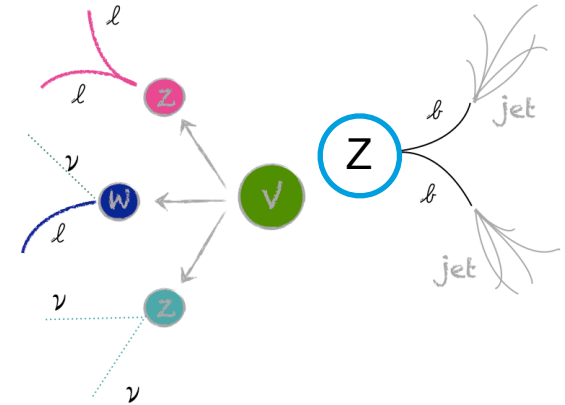
Uncertainty source	$\Delta\mu$	
Statistical	+0.26	−0.26
Normalization of backgrounds	+0.12	−0.12
Experimental	+0.16	−0.15
b-tagging efficiency and misid	+0.09	−0.08
V+jets modeling	+0.08	−0.07
Jet energy scale and resolution	+0.05	−0.05
Lepton identification	+0.02	−0.01
Luminosity	+0.03	−0.03
Other experimental uncertainties	+0.06	−0.05
MC sample size	+0.12	−0.12
Theory	+0.11	−0.09
Background modeling	+0.08	−0.08
Signal modeling	+0.07	−0.04
Total	+0.35	−0.33



# results

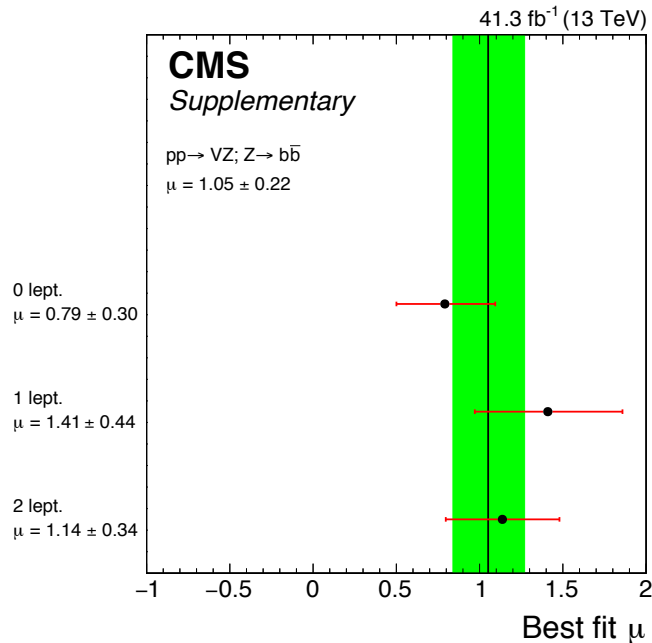
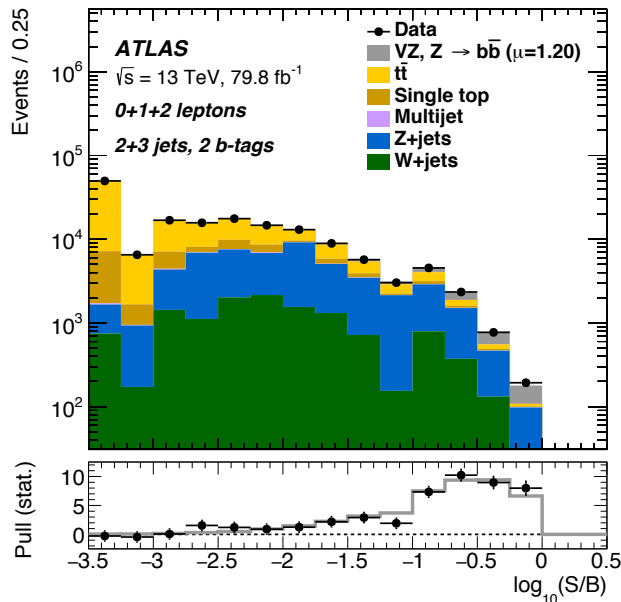
# VZ cross check

- reminder: VZ(bb) and VH(bb) have similar topology
- verify full analysis setup
- here, MVA in signal region trained with VZ(bb) as signal



ATLAS:  $\mu_{VZ}^{bb} = 1.20^{+0.20}_{-0.18}$   
(79.8 fb<sup>-1</sup>) 9.6σ (8.7σ exp.)

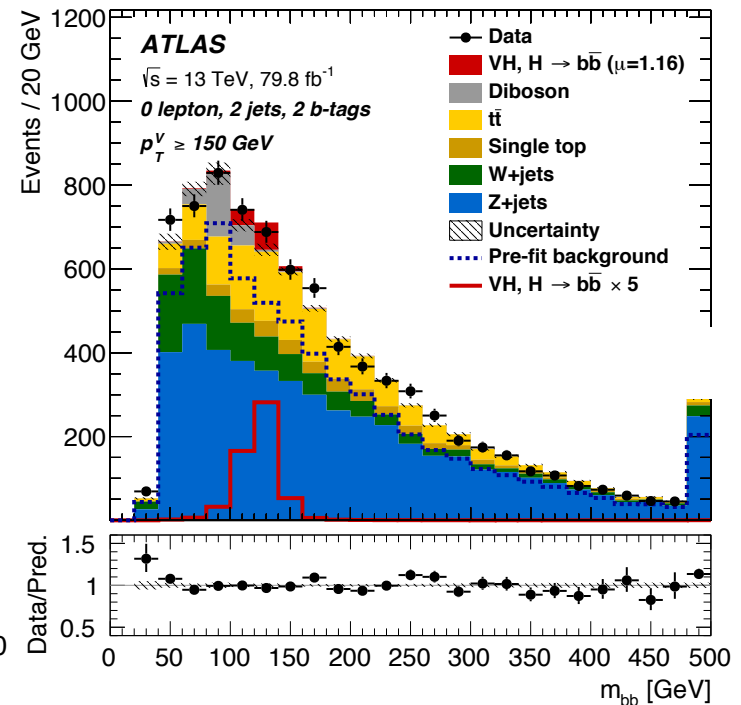
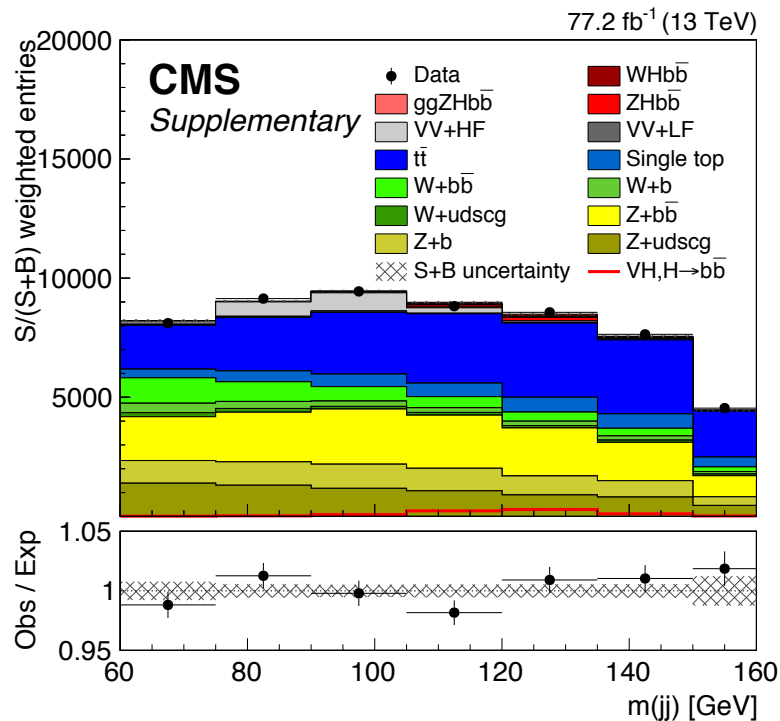
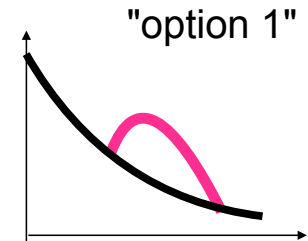
CMS:  $\mu = 1.05 \pm 0.22$   
(41.3 fb<sup>-1</sup>) 5.2σ (5.0σ exp.)



compatible with  
standard model

# VH(bb) mass analysis

- di-jet mass analysis
- MVA analysis without  $m(jj)$ -correlated variables
- events weighted by
  - $S/(S+B)$  (CMS)
- fit mass templates to data

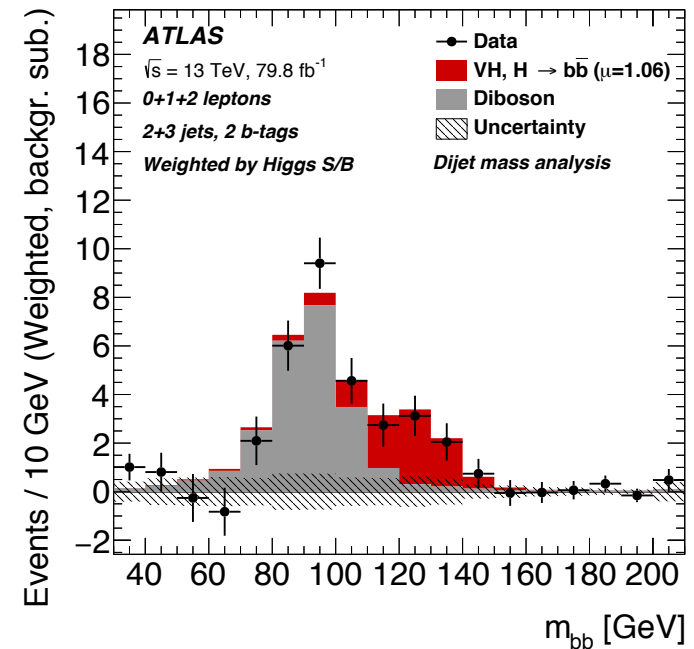
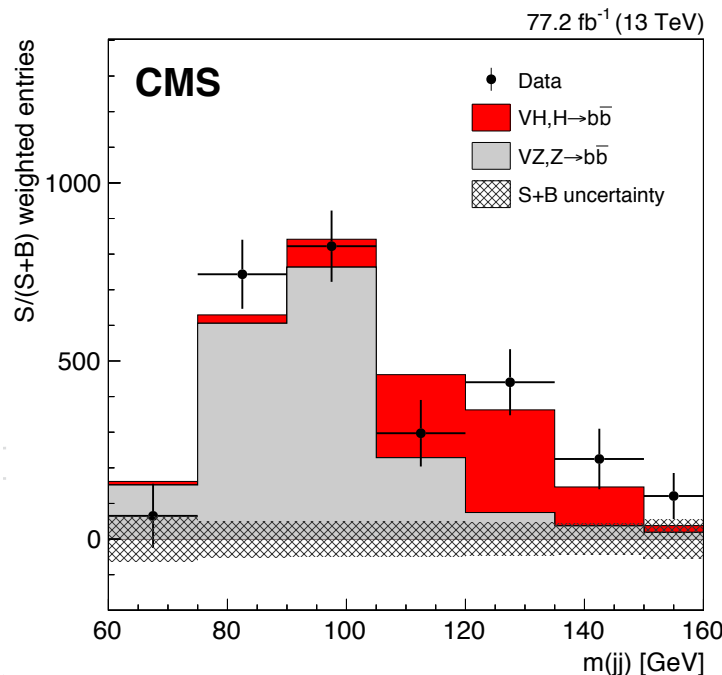


# VH(bb) mass analysis (cont'd)

- di-jet mass analysis
- MVA analysis without  $m(jj)$ -correlated variables
- events weighted by
  - $S/B$  (ATLAS)
  - $S/(S+B)$  (CMS)
- fit mass templates to data
- background subtracted

ATLAS significance:  $3.6\sigma$  ( $3.5\sigma$  exp.)

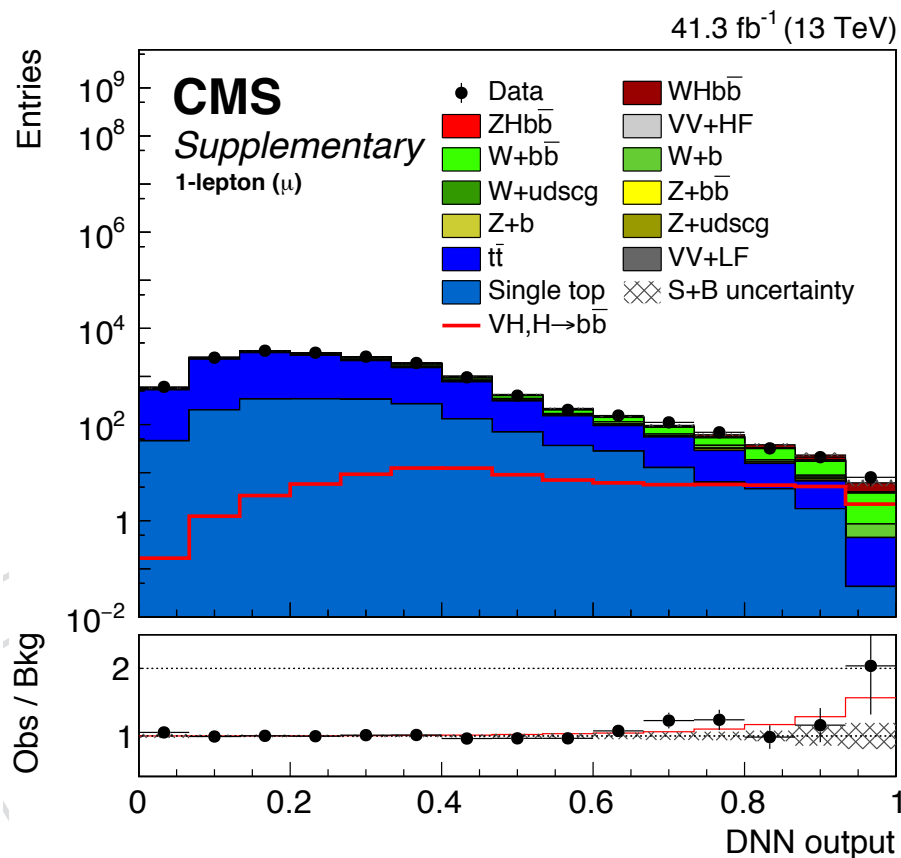
$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = 1.06^{+0.36}_{-0.33} = 1.06 \pm 0.20(\text{stat.})^{+0.30}_{-0.26}(\text{syst.})$$



good jet energy resolution is crucial to separate VH(bb) from VZ(bb)

# CMS VH(bb) result with 2017 data

1-lepton channel ( $\mu$ )



- reminder: new pixel detector since early 2017 => separate analysis of data taken in 2017

$$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$$

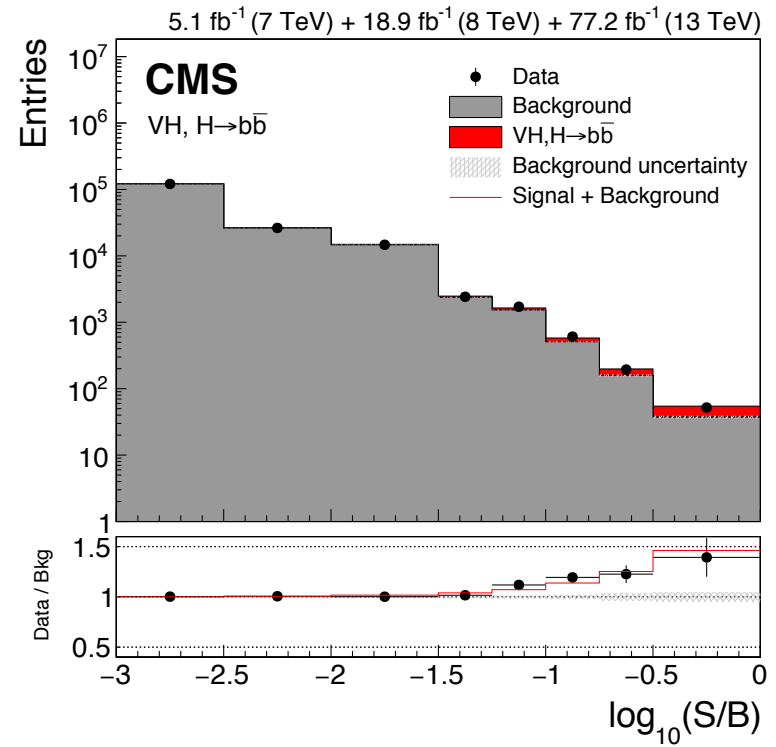
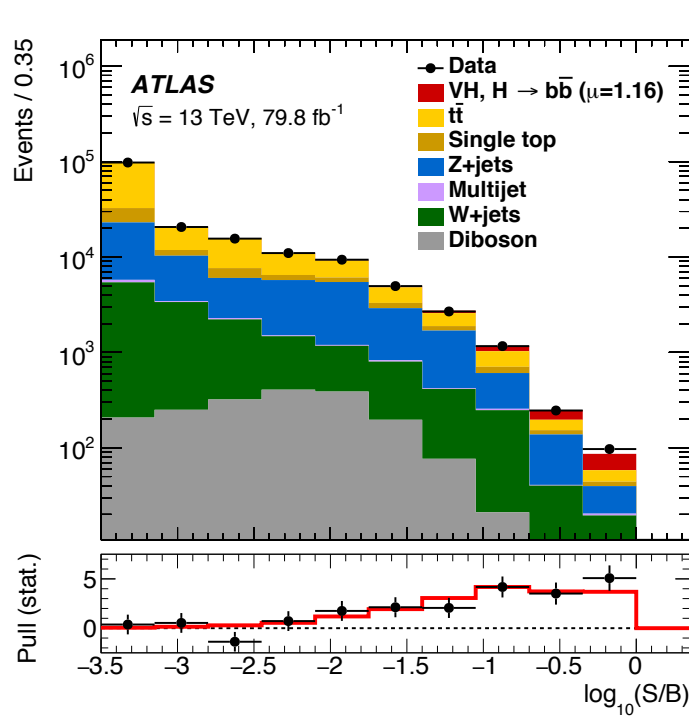
$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{int}} = 41.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

- signal strength  
 $\mu = 1.08 \pm 0.35$

- significance VH  
- 3.3 $\sigma$  (3.1 $\sigma$  exp.)

# run I and II combination of VH(bb)

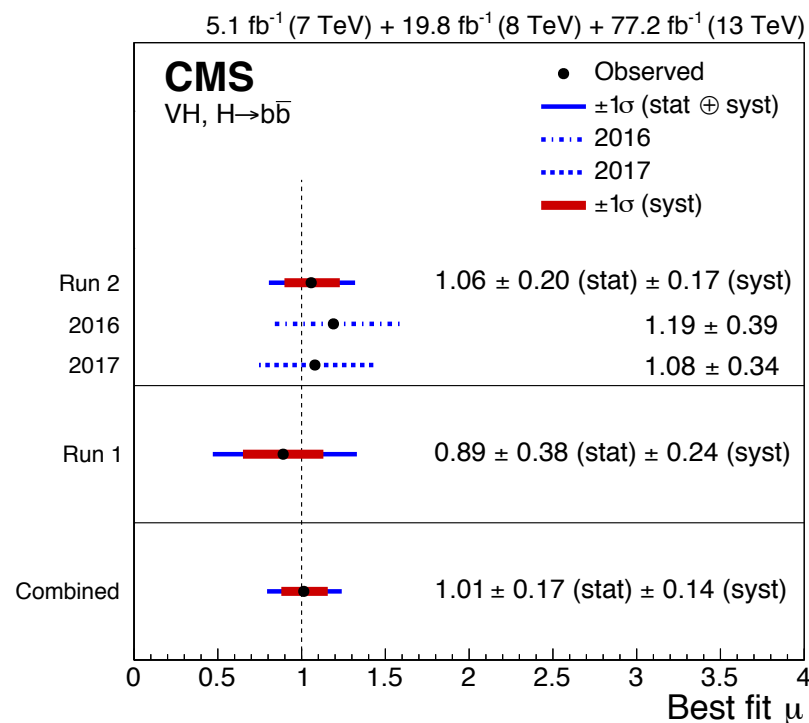
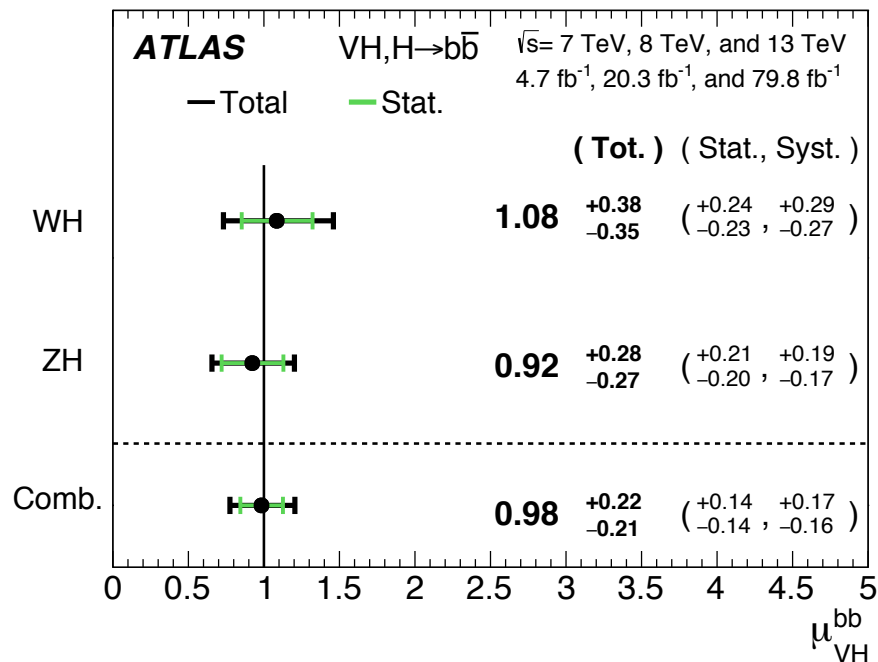
- post-fit S/B ordered distribution of final discriminant values
- Higgs boson signal scaled according to observed signal strength



large excesses of events visible in the distributions



# run I and II combination of VH(bb) (cont'd)



**CMS Run 1+2:  $4.8 \sigma$  ( $4.9 \sigma$  exp.)**  
**ATLAS Run 1+2:  $4.9 \sigma$  ( $5.1 \sigma$  exp.)**

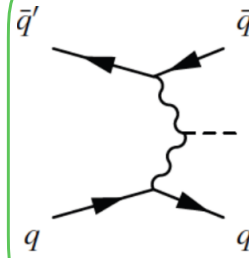
# combination with other production channels

## boosted $H \rightarrow bb$ analysis



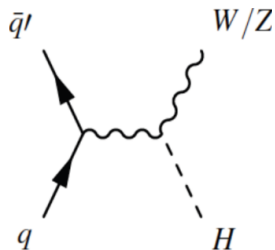
### gluon fusion (87%)

- largest production cross section
- $10^7$  times larger multijet background (still  $10^3$  in mass region of interest)



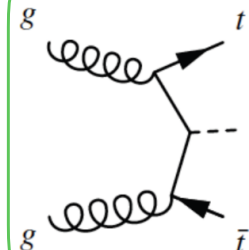
### vector-boson fusion (7%)

- slightly more distinctive than gluon fusion, but still very large multijet background



### Higgs-strahlung (4%)

- features leptons and/or  $E_{T}^{\text{miss}}$  for trigger and selection
- smaller production cross section



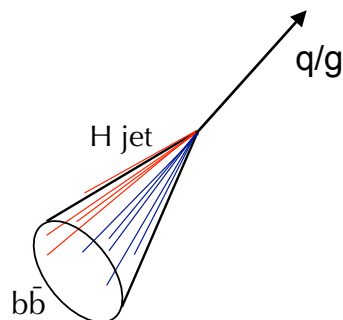
### top-quark fusion ttH (1%)

- small production cross section
- large top quark pair background

# boosted H(bb)

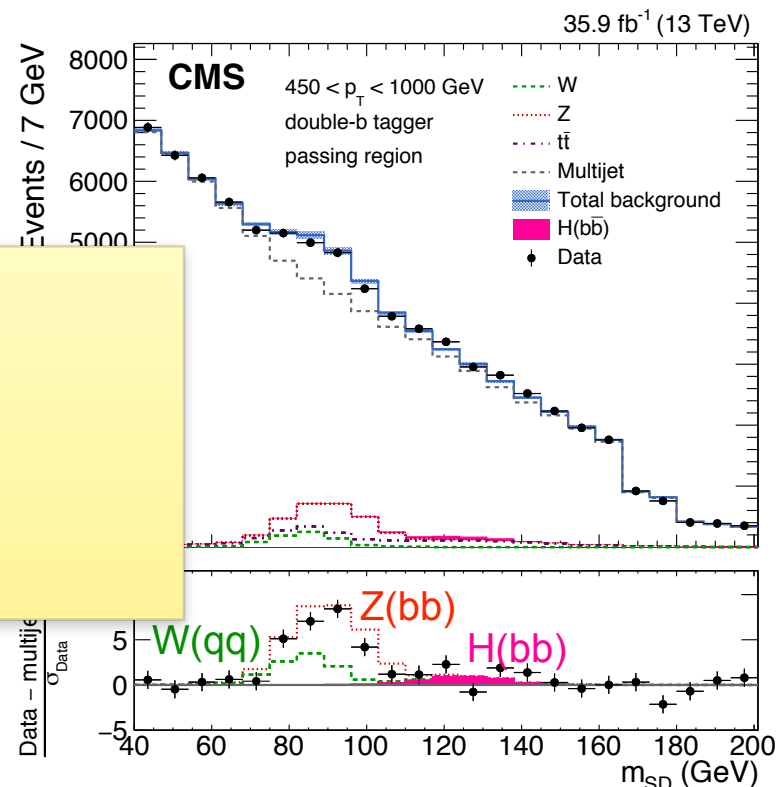
search for boosted H(bb) decays

- large-cone jet ( $R = 0.8$ )
- $\Delta R(bb) \sim 2m_H/p_T$ 
  - starting at  $p_T(H) = 450$  GeV
- dedicated double-b tagging algorithm

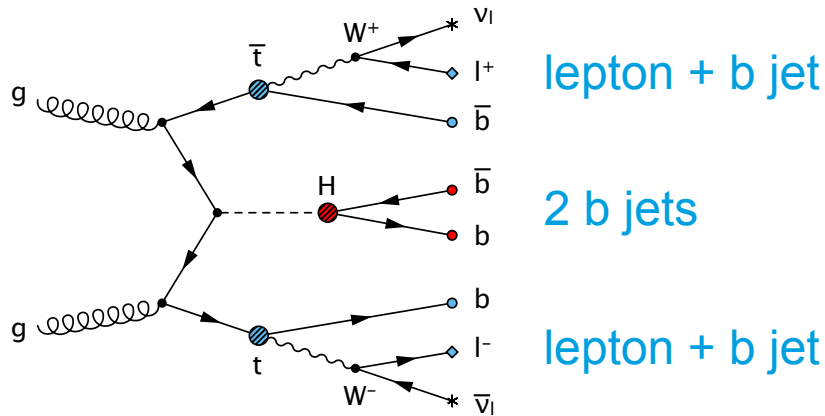


new Technique!

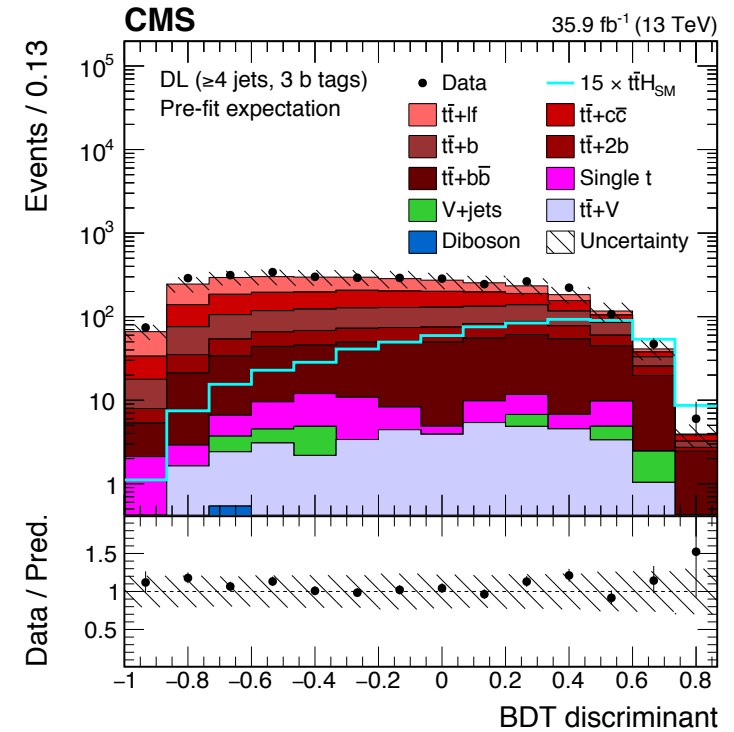
- first observation of  $Z \rightarrow bb$  in one-jet topology:  $5.1\sigma$  ( $5.8\sigma$  exp)
- $H \rightarrow bb$  significance:  $1.5\sigma$  ( $0.7\sigma$  exp)



# ttH with $H \rightarrow bb$



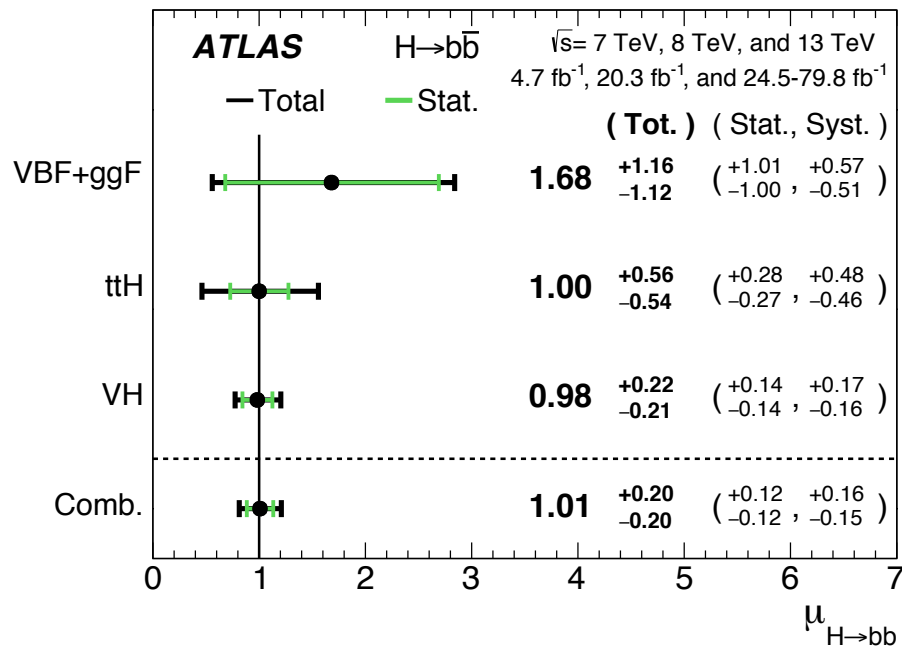
- large combinatorics in the event reconstruction
- dominant background is  $t\bar{t}+b\bar{b}$  with large theory uncertainty
- our combination uses all top-pair decay modes (only di-lepton shown here)



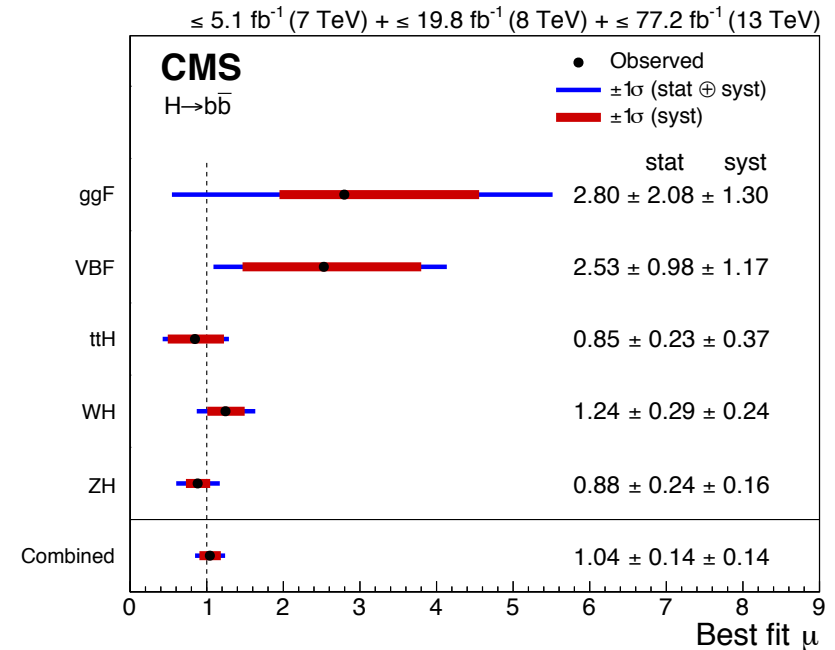
## ttH(bb)

- leptonic: Best-fit  $\mu = 0.72^{+0.45}_{-0.45}$ , at 1.6 (2.2)  $\sigma$  obs. (exp.) significance
- hadronic: Best-fit  $\mu = 0.9^{+1.5}_{-1.5}$ , upper 95% C.L. limit 3.8 (3.1) obs. (exp.)  $\times$  SM

# $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ observation



excellent agreement  
between experiments  
and SM



**CMS Run 1+2:  $5.6 \sigma$  ( $5.5 \sigma$  exp.)**  
**ATLAS Run 1+2:  $5.4 \sigma$  ( $5.5 \sigma$  exp.)**  
 first observation of  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decay

# summary & outlook

# summary

- $H(bb)$  observed individually by ATLAS and CMS
  - VH production most significant
  - intensive use of machine learning techniques
- LHC Run II allows us to investigate Higgs Yukawa couplings in depth
- key contributions to the results coming from DESY
  - $VH(bb)$ ,  $H(\tau\tau)$ ,  $ttH$
- direct confirmation of Higgs couplings to third generation fermions:  $\tau$ ,  $t$ ,  $b$
- six years after its discovery, fundamental progress in measuring Higgs boson properties
- fully consistent with the SM Higgs boson.

arXiv:1808.08238 (ATLAS)  
submitted to PLB

arXiv:1808.08242 (CMS)  
submitted to PRL

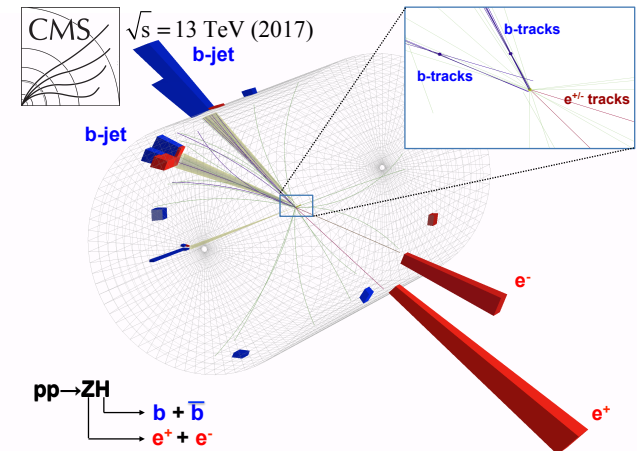
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$$\mu = 1.04^{+0.20}_{-0.19} \left( \begin{matrix} +0.14 & +0.14 \\ -0.14 & -0.13 \end{matrix} \right)$$

**ATLAS Run 1+2:  $5.4 \sigma$  ( $5.5 \sigma$  exp.)**

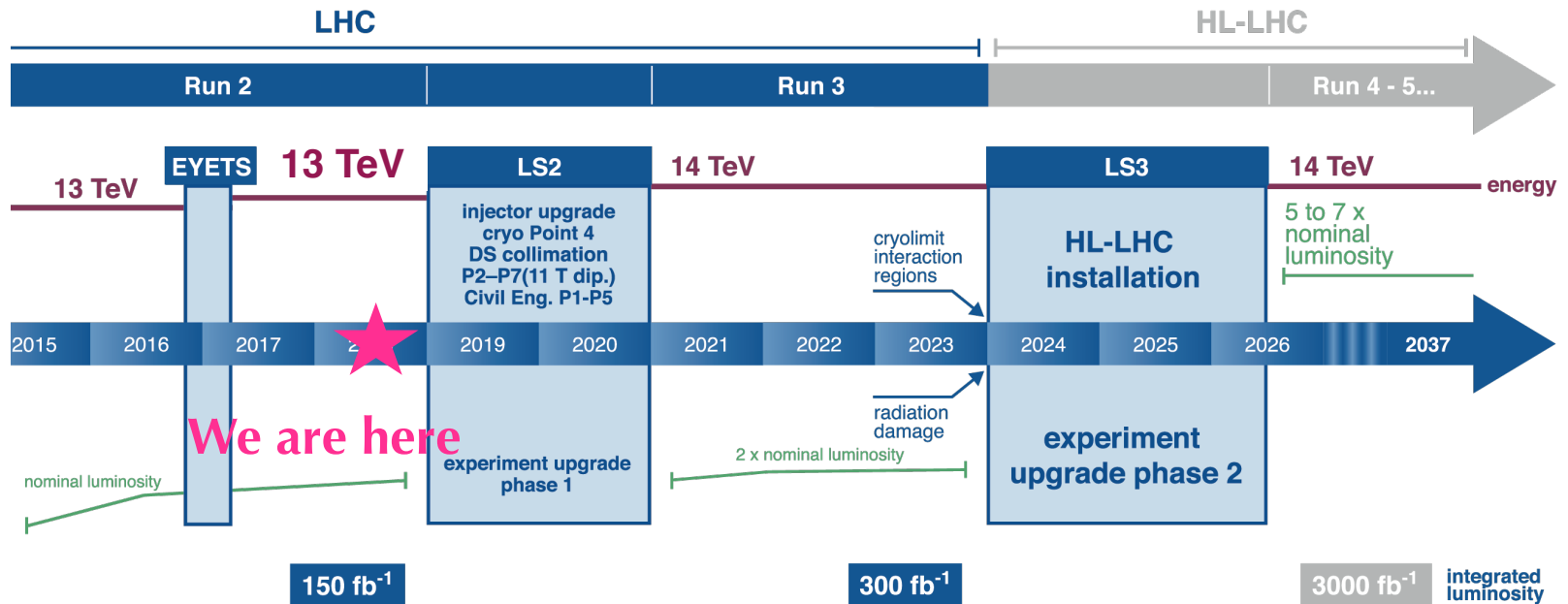
$$\mu = 1.01^{+0.20}_{-0.20} \left( \begin{matrix} +0.12 & +0.16 \\ -0.12 & -0.15 \end{matrix} \right)$$

first observation of  $H(bb)$  decay





# outlook



Run 3 and ultimately HL-LHC will allow for precision measurements of Higgs boson (self-)couplings and to probe the existence of very rare new physics processes

**thank you for your  
attention!**

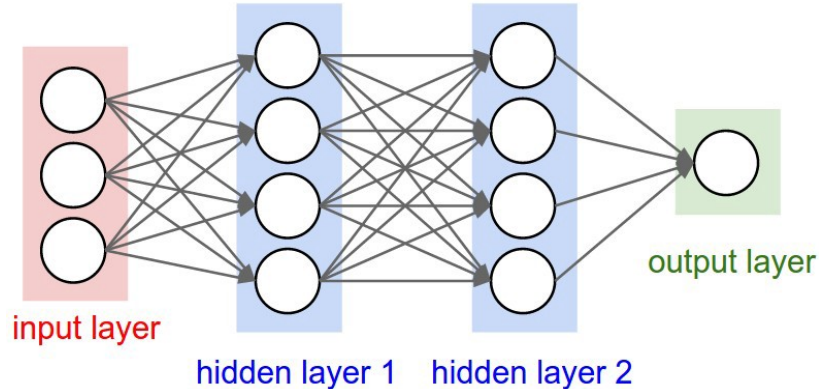
# additional material

# background classification: scale factors

Table 2: Data/MC scale factors for the 2017 analysis in the 0-, 1- and 2-lepton channels from SR+CRs fit. The errors include both statistical and systematic uncertainties. Compatible fitted values are obtained from the CR-only fit.

Process	$Z(\nu\nu)H$	$W(\ell\nu)H$	$Z(\ell\ell)H$ low- $p_T$	$Z(\ell\ell)H$ high- $p_T$
$W + \text{udscg}$	$1.04 \pm 0.07$	$1.04 \pm 0.07$	–	–
$W + b$	$2.09 \pm 0.16$	$2.09 \pm 0.16$	–	–
$W + b\bar{b}$	$1.74 \pm 0.21$	$1.74 \pm 0.21$	–	–
$Z + \text{udscg}$	$0.95 \pm 0.09$	–	$0.89 \pm 0.06$	$0.81 \pm 0.05$
$Z + b$	$1.02 \pm 0.17$	–	$0.94 \pm 0.12$	$1.17 \pm 0.10$
$Z + b\bar{b}$	$1.20 \pm 0.11$	–	$0.81 \pm 0.07$	$0.88 \pm 0.08$
$t\bar{t}$	$0.99 \pm 0.07$	$0.93 \pm 0.07$	$0.89 \pm 0.07$	$0.91 \pm 0.07$

# Deep Learning in a Nutshell



- Each node is the weighted sum of inputs mapped to an activation function

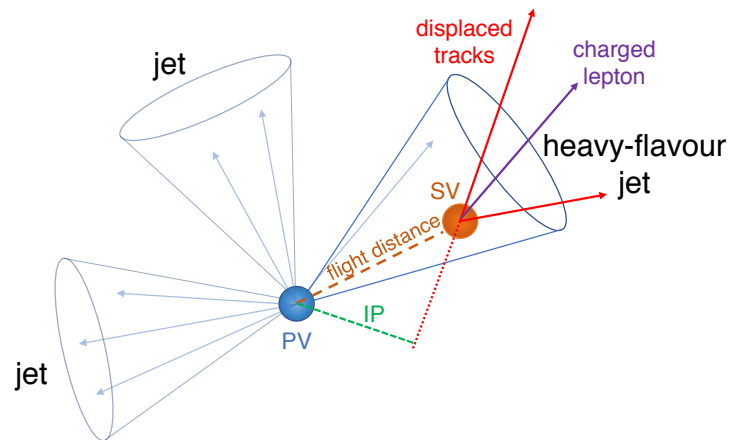
$$y = f\left(b + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right)$$

- Deep means many layers
- Can approximate any function

- Different architectures
  - Classification/regression
    - DNN: Dense NN
    - cDNN convolutional DNN
    - RNN: Recurrent NN
  - Generative
    - GAN: Generative Adversarial Networks
    - VAE: Variational Autoencoder
- Training by backpropagation, i.e. iterative updating of weights by e.g. stochastic gradient descent

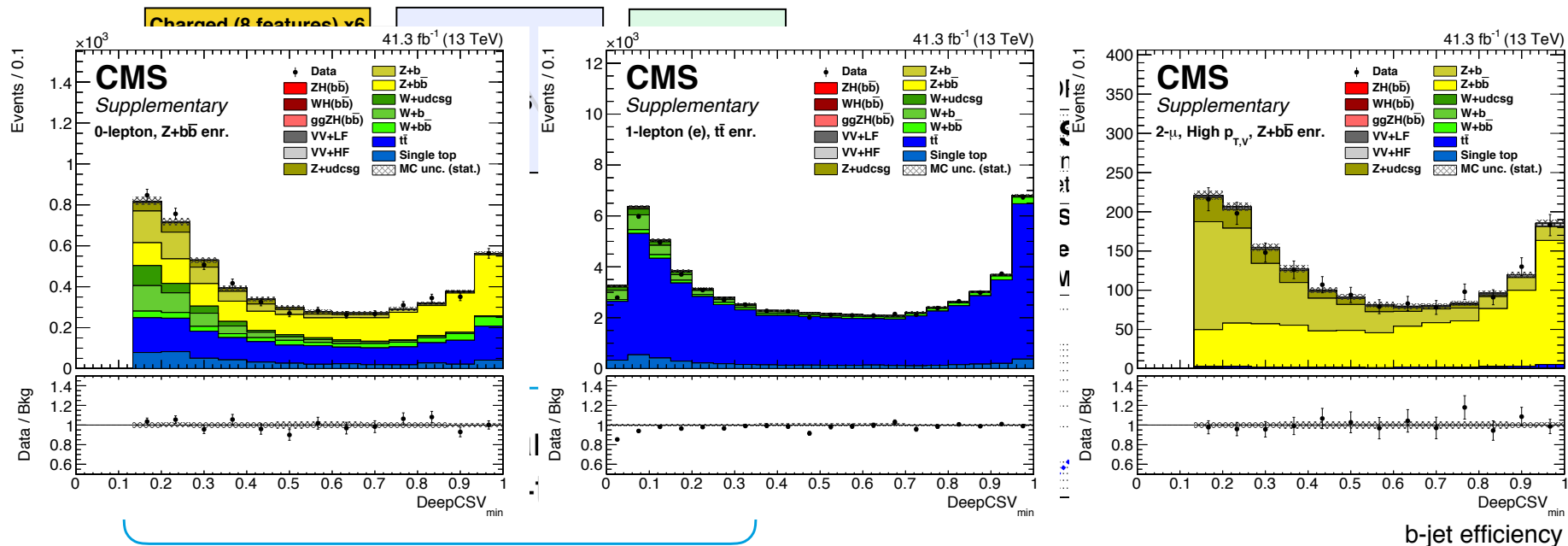
## b tagging: algorithm development

- many decay modes of b-flavoured hadrons
- even with tertiary c-flavoured hadron decay
- with or without soft electron or muon in jet



## DeepCSV:

- DNN architecture



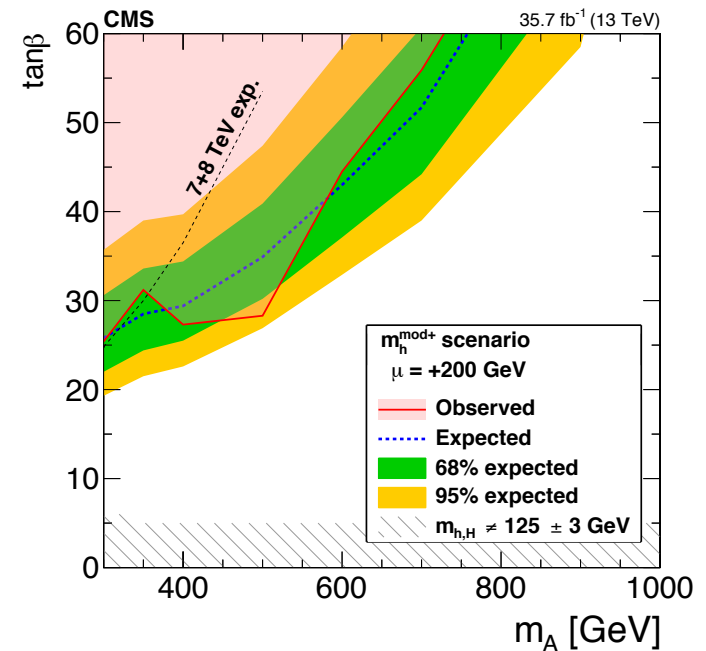
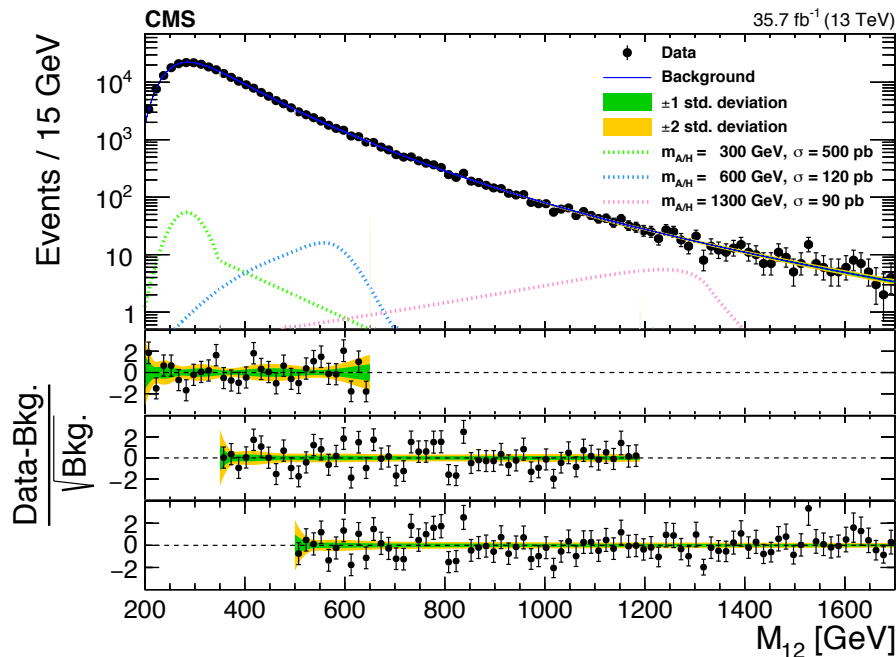
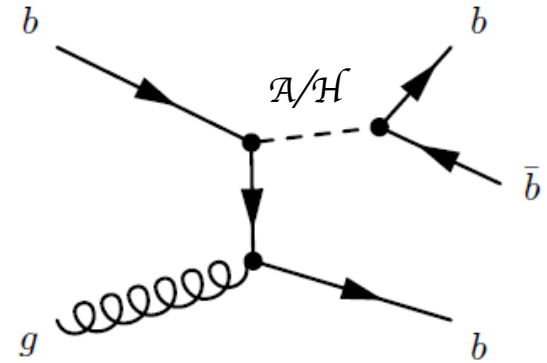
# H(bb) high mass search (BSM)

Search for the b-associated production of degenerate  $H/A \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

- Cross-section enhanced up to factor  $\sim 2\tan^2\beta$
- Largest BR in many MSSM and 2HDM scenarios

Main challenge: huge QCD multi jet production

- dedicated b-tag trigger developed



model-independent exclusion  
limits translated to **onto MSSM**  
parameters -  **$\tan\beta$**  and  **$M_A$**