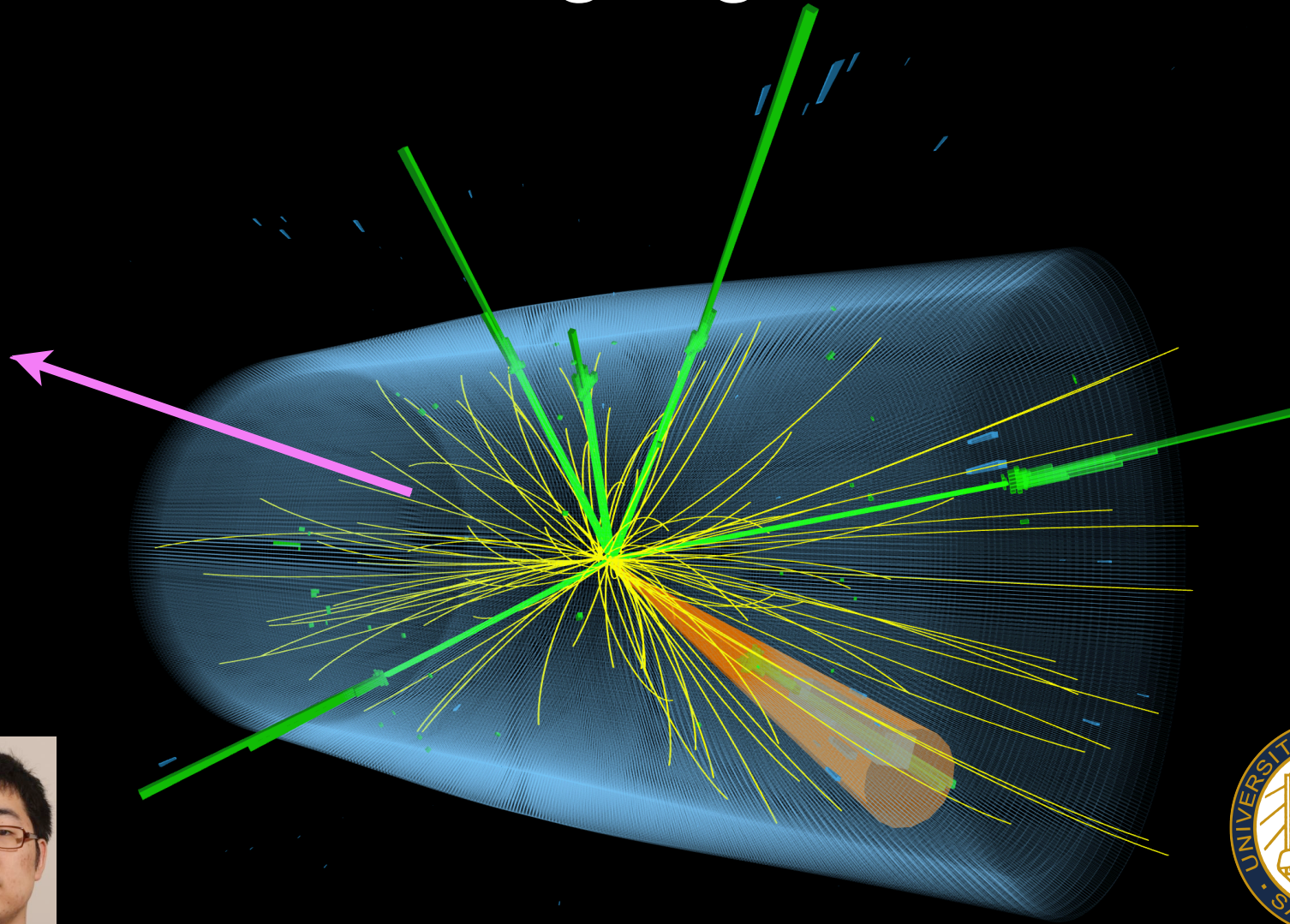


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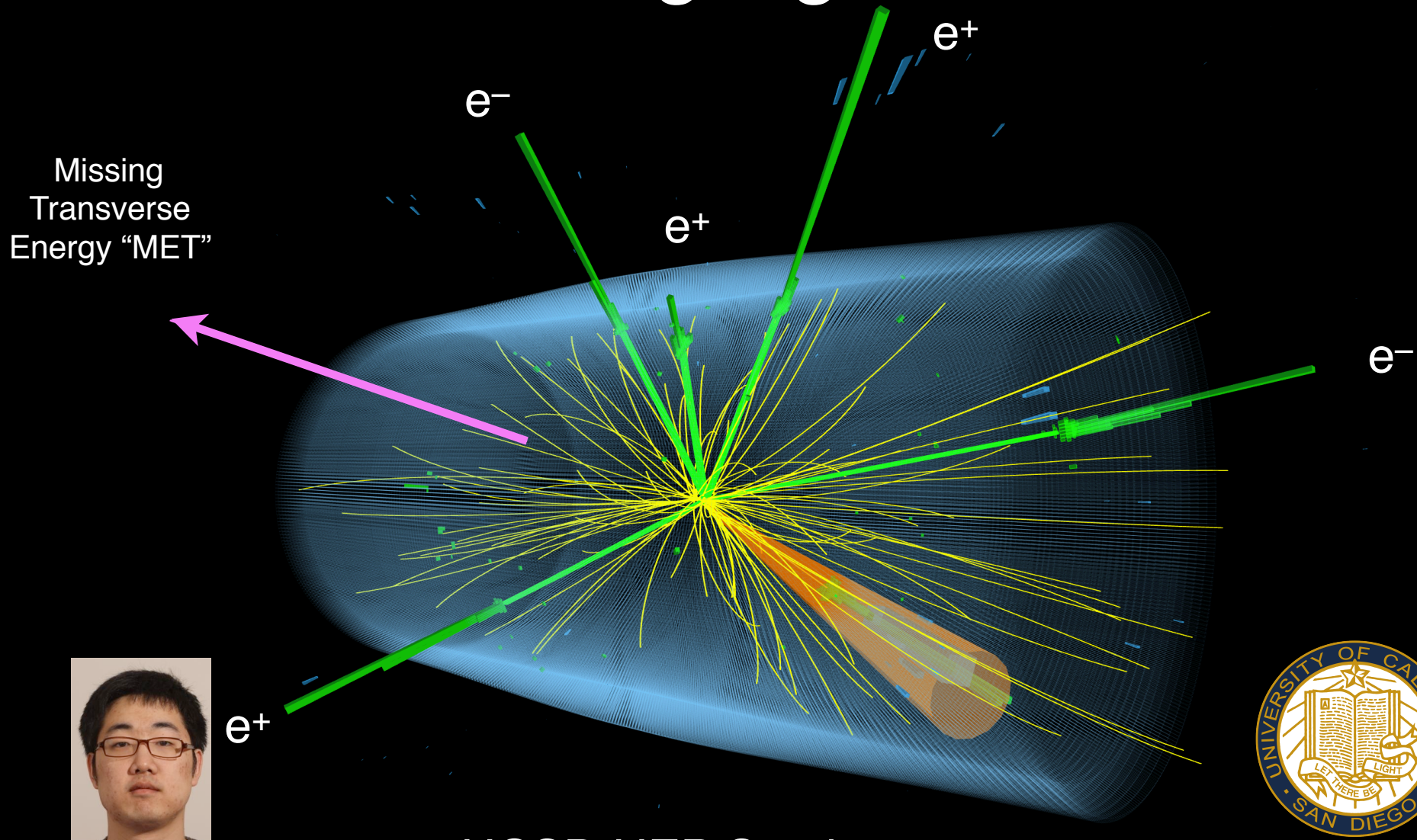
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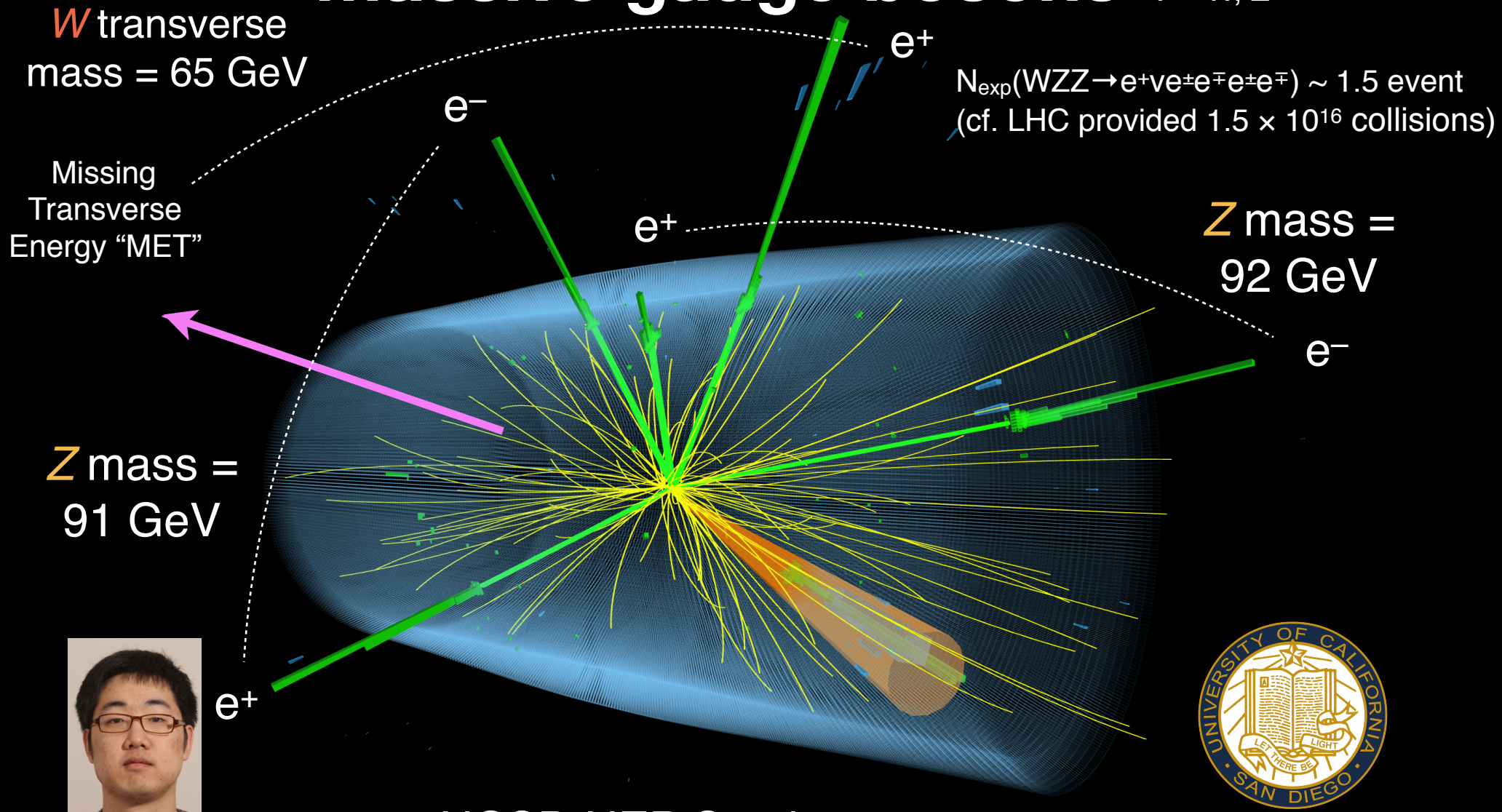
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# Discovery of Higgs boson

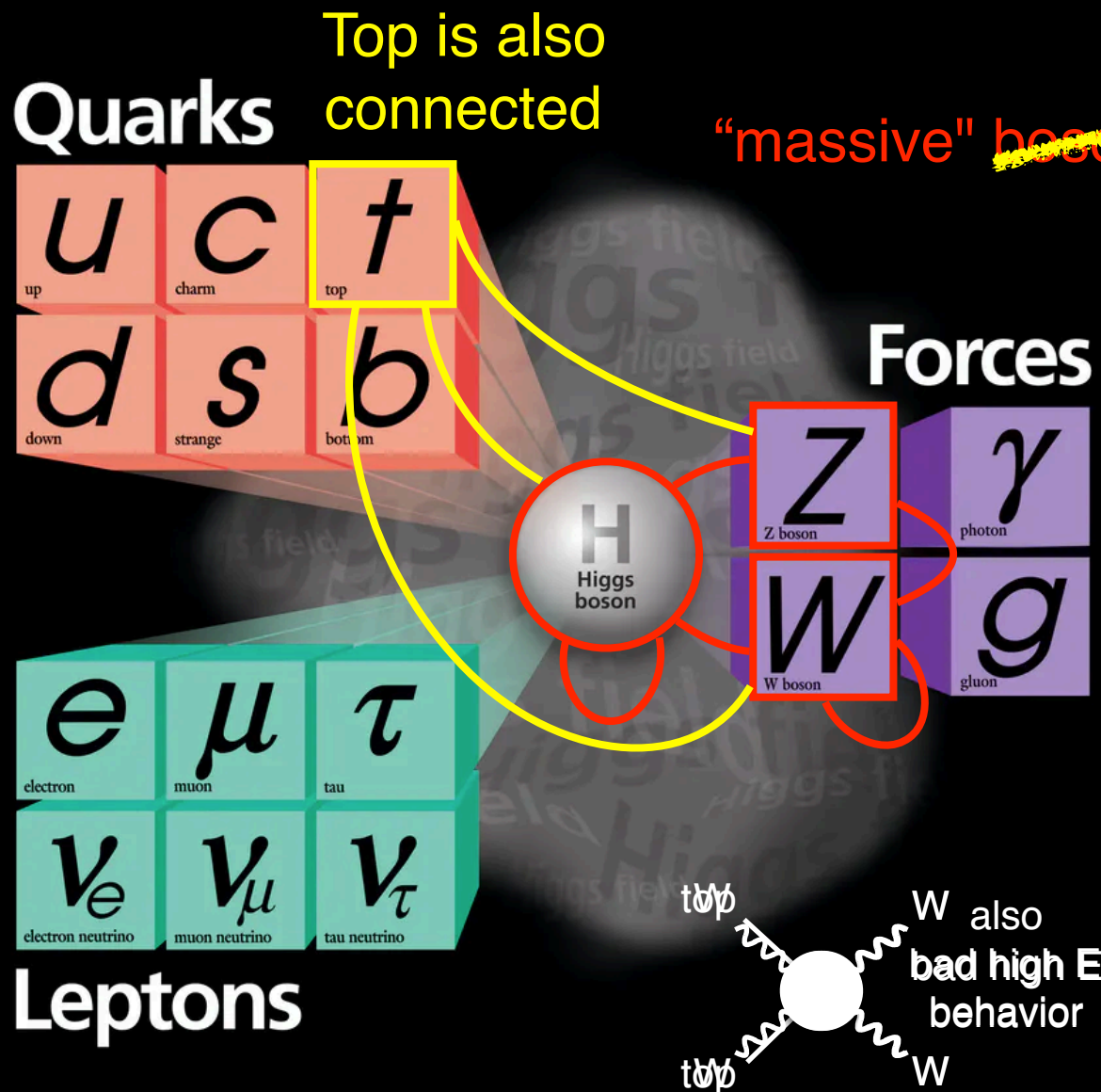
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Discovery advanced our knowledge of origin of mass in a major way



# More work to be done in electroweak sector



~~"massive" bosons~~ -X

- Is it the only Higgs boson? (or are there more?)
- Are there more states involved in electroweak symmetry breaking?
- Are multi-bosons interactions SM?
- Is the Higgs potential SM?

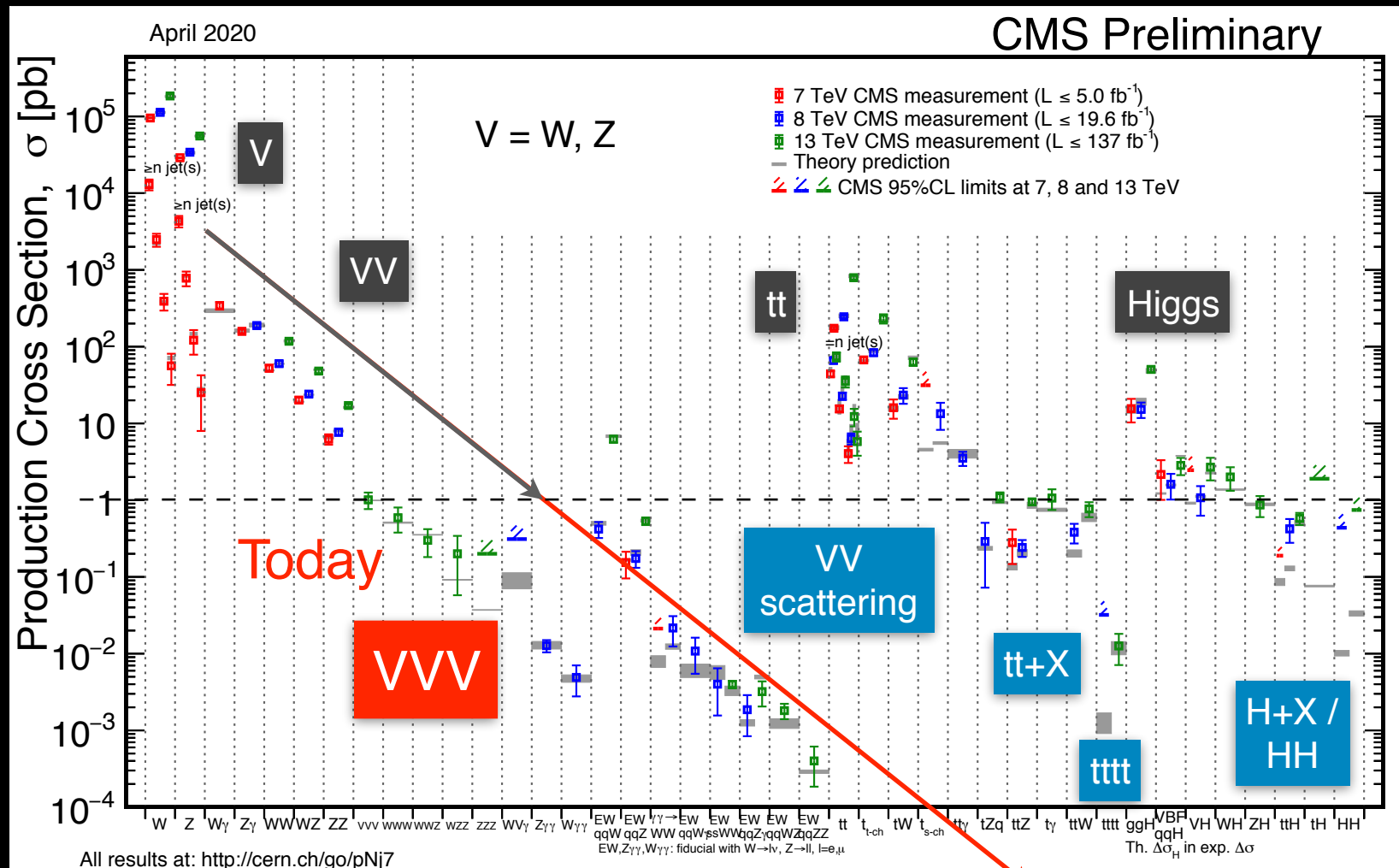
1978 (way) before top/W/Z/Higgs discovery  
Chanowitz, Furman, Hinchliffe

$F, W^\pm, Z$  and  $H$  become "sthenons" in the sense of Appelquist and Bjorken [4]: they couple strongly to one another<sup>±1</sup> but weakly to non-sthenons (i.e., the light particles in the theory).

Many more to be studied on electroweak sector at the LHC



# Multi-“X” processes are rare and “heavy”



Rarer (and  
“heavier”)  
events

Below picobarn most SM processes are electroweak multi-X production

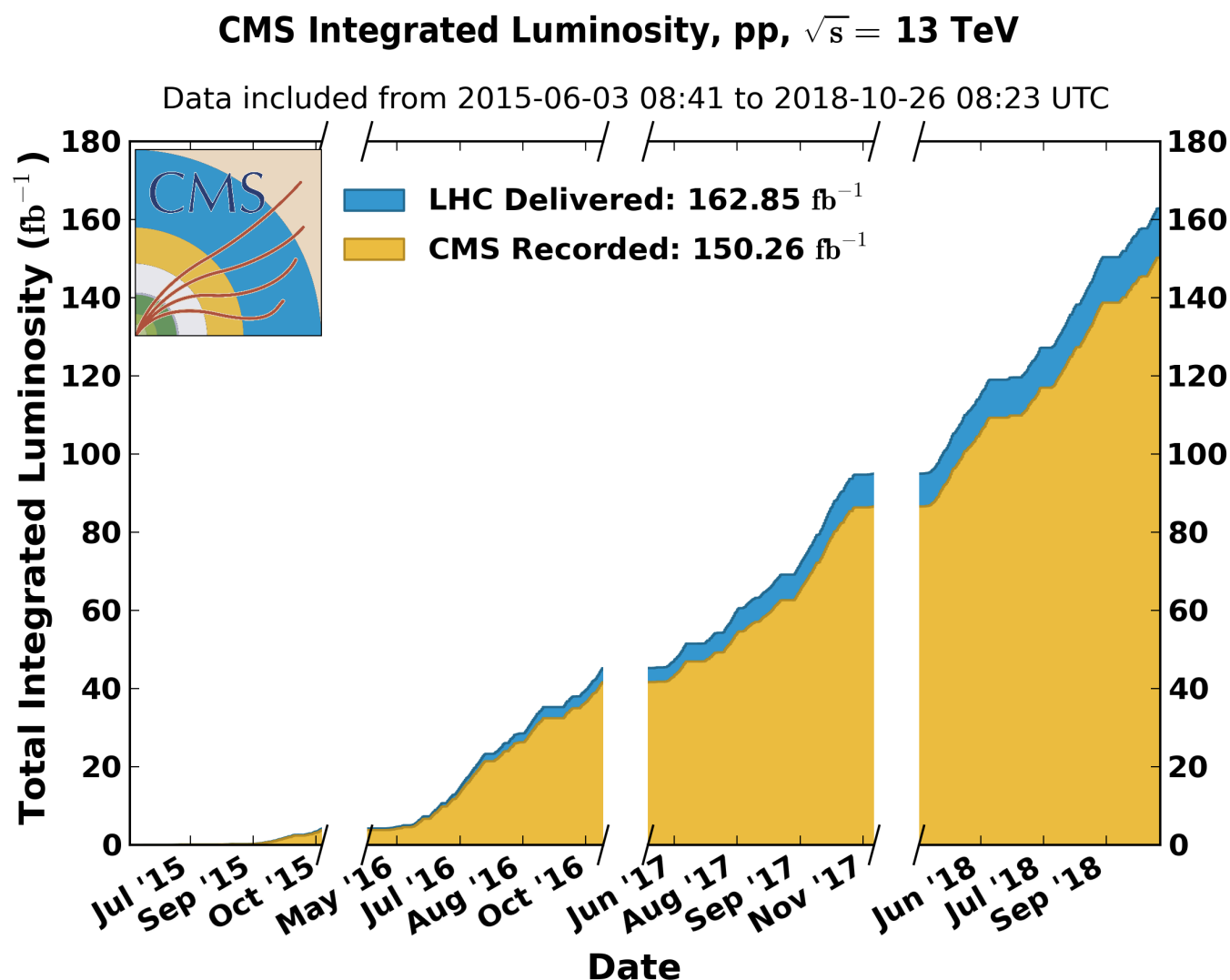


# We need LHC's large and energetic pp collision data

because rare

because "heavy"

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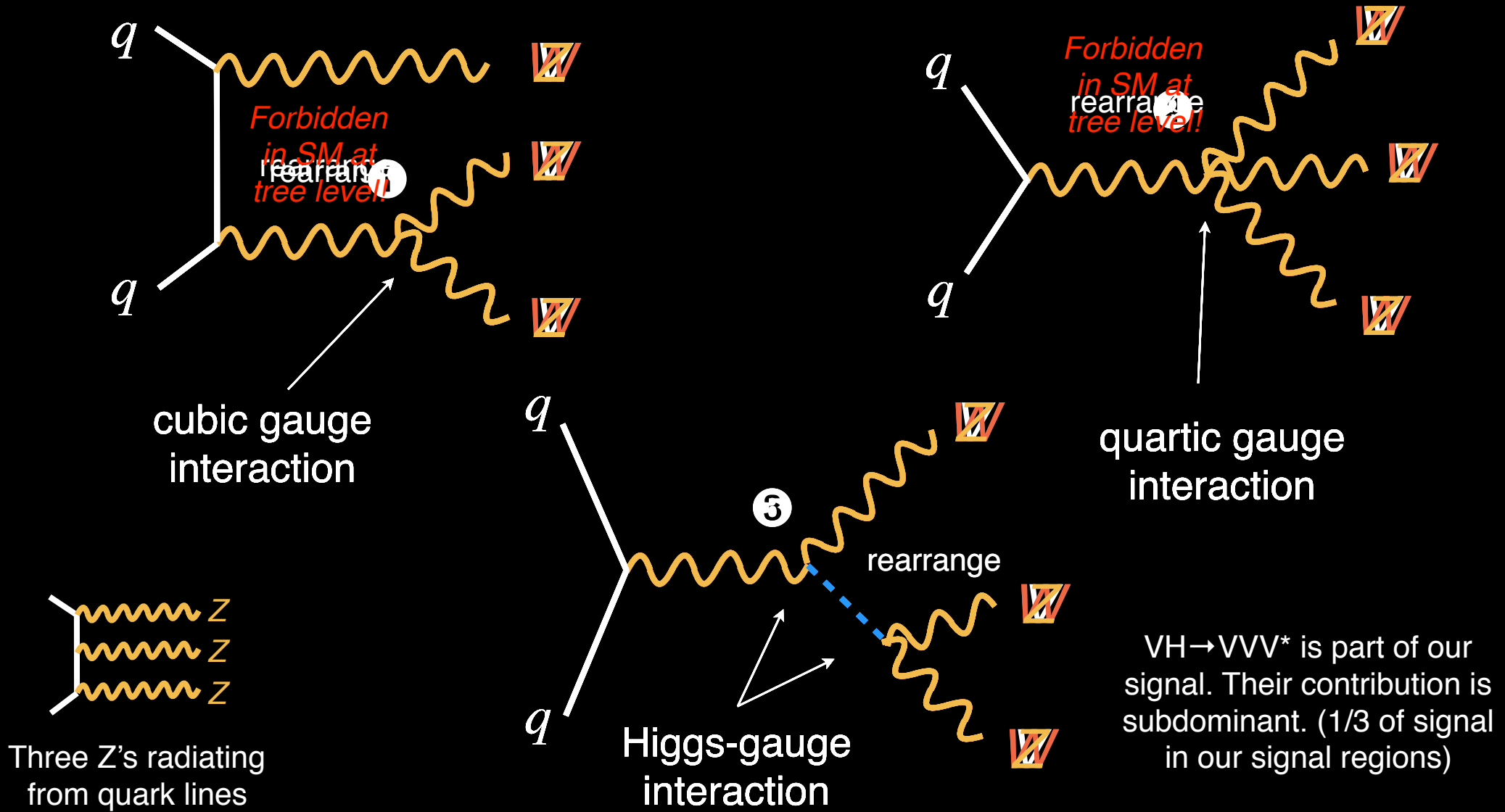
Multiply by 1000 to get the number of events produced for a picobarn process

During Run 2, CMS recorded 150  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  of which 137  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  have been validated as good quality data useable for physics analysis

LHC's large data enables us to study rare EW multi-X processes



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



Triboson process has access to studying many multi-*boson* interactions

$$W \rightarrow e/\mu (\sim 20\%)$$

$$Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu (\sim 7\%)$$

We select leptons w/  
transverse momentum  
( $P_T$ ) of  $> 25, 20, 10$

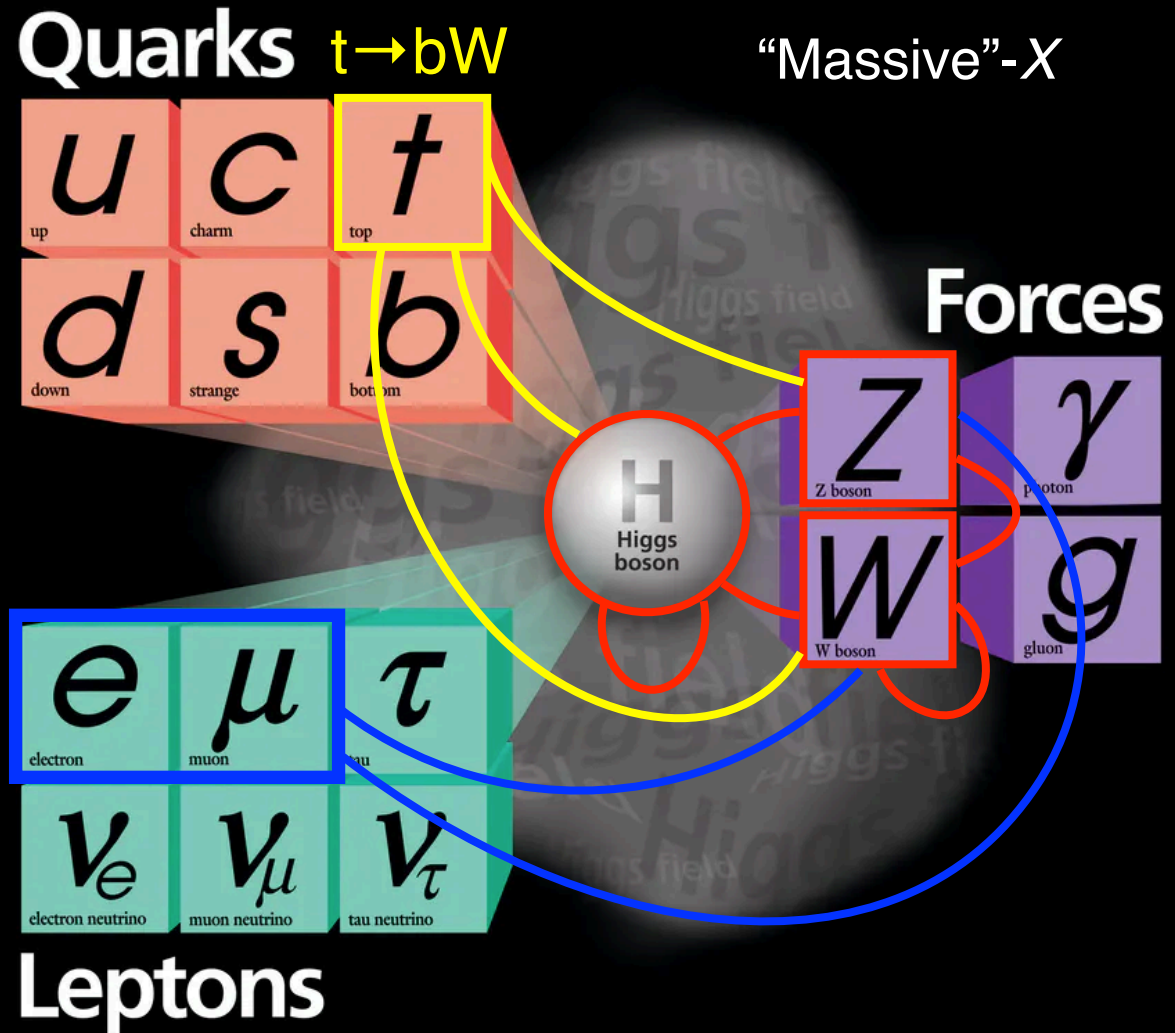
$\tau$  decays in the  
detector

$$\tau \rightarrow e, \mu + 2\nu$$

or

$$\tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons} + \nu$$

We include  $e, \mu$  from  $\tau$ 's from W/Z  
decays in the analysis  
But they have quite soft  $P_T$  and do  
not pass the  $P_T$  requirements



W's and Z's produced can be identified via electrons and muons



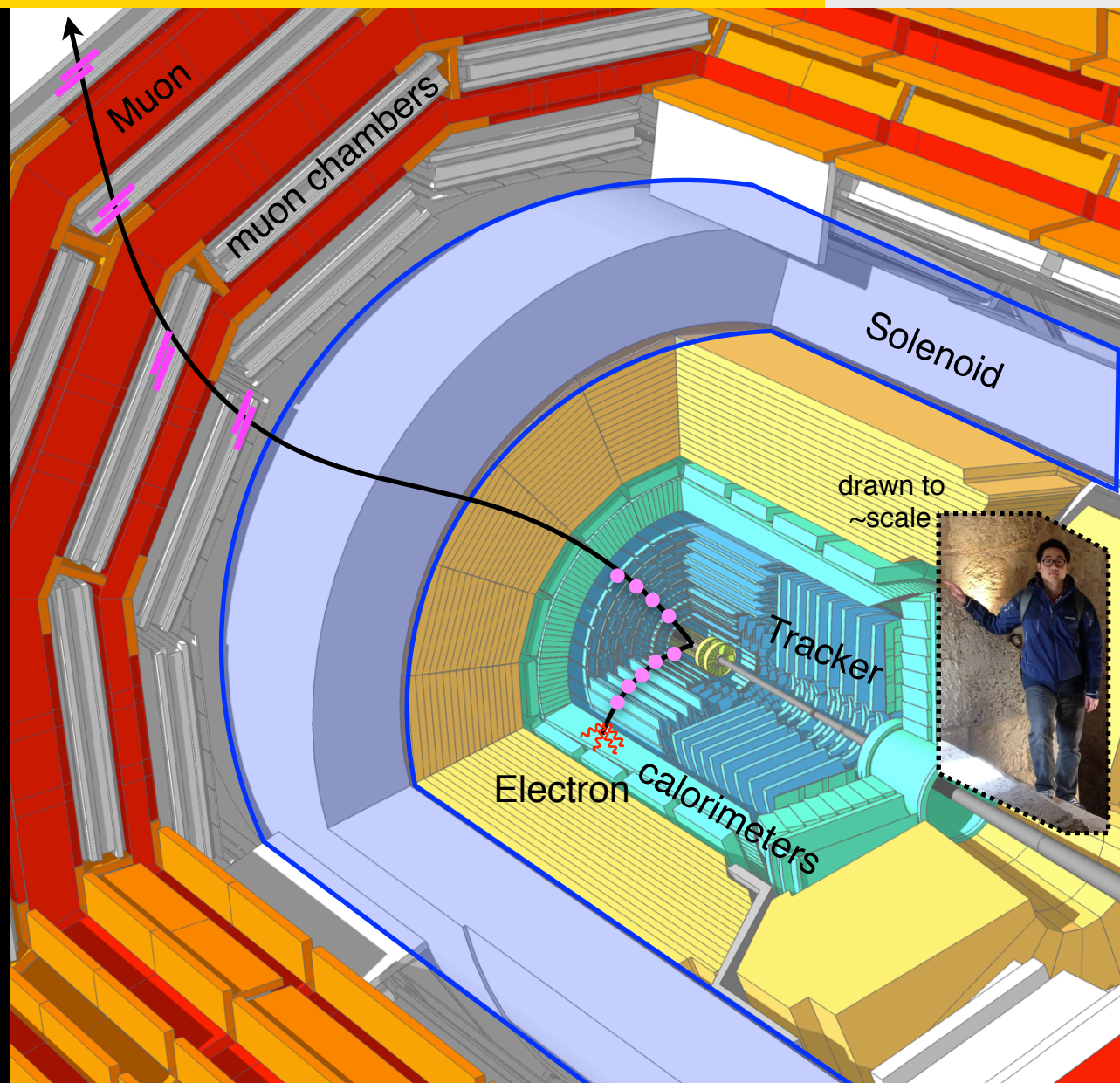
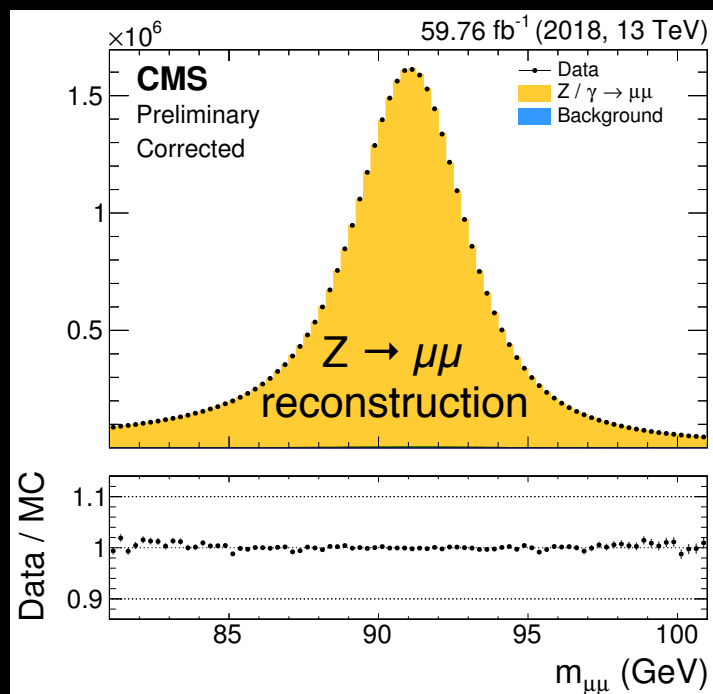
# CMS detector measures leptons very well

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

(1-2% resolution for well measured ones)



Excellent lepton reconstruction and simulation at CMS

Identifying leptons is  
not enough

We need to further  
classify the origin

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

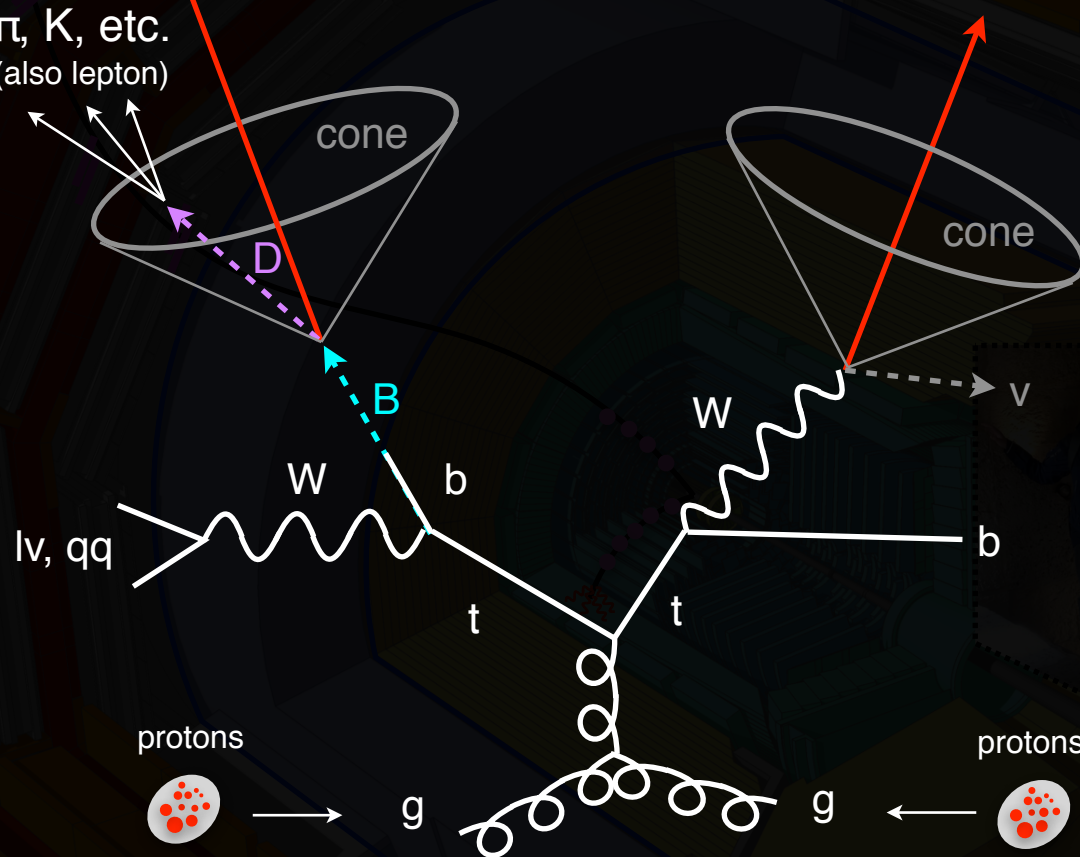
N.B. electrons and muons  
have different effects  
(muons are cleaner)

non-isolated lepton

$\pi$ , K, etc.  
(also lepton)



isolated lepton



$lv, qq$

protons



$g$



$W$

$W$

$b$

$t$

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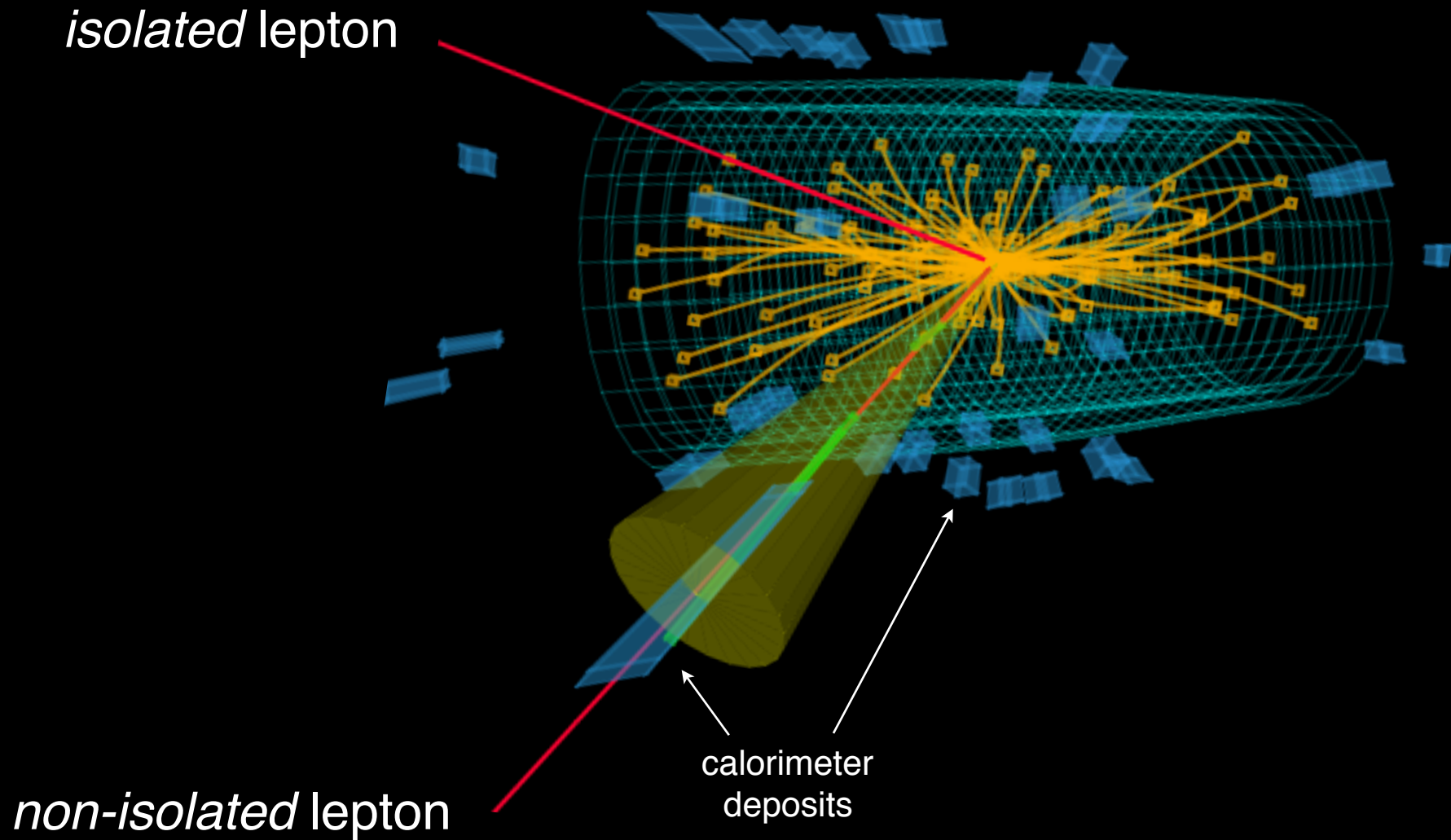
$g$

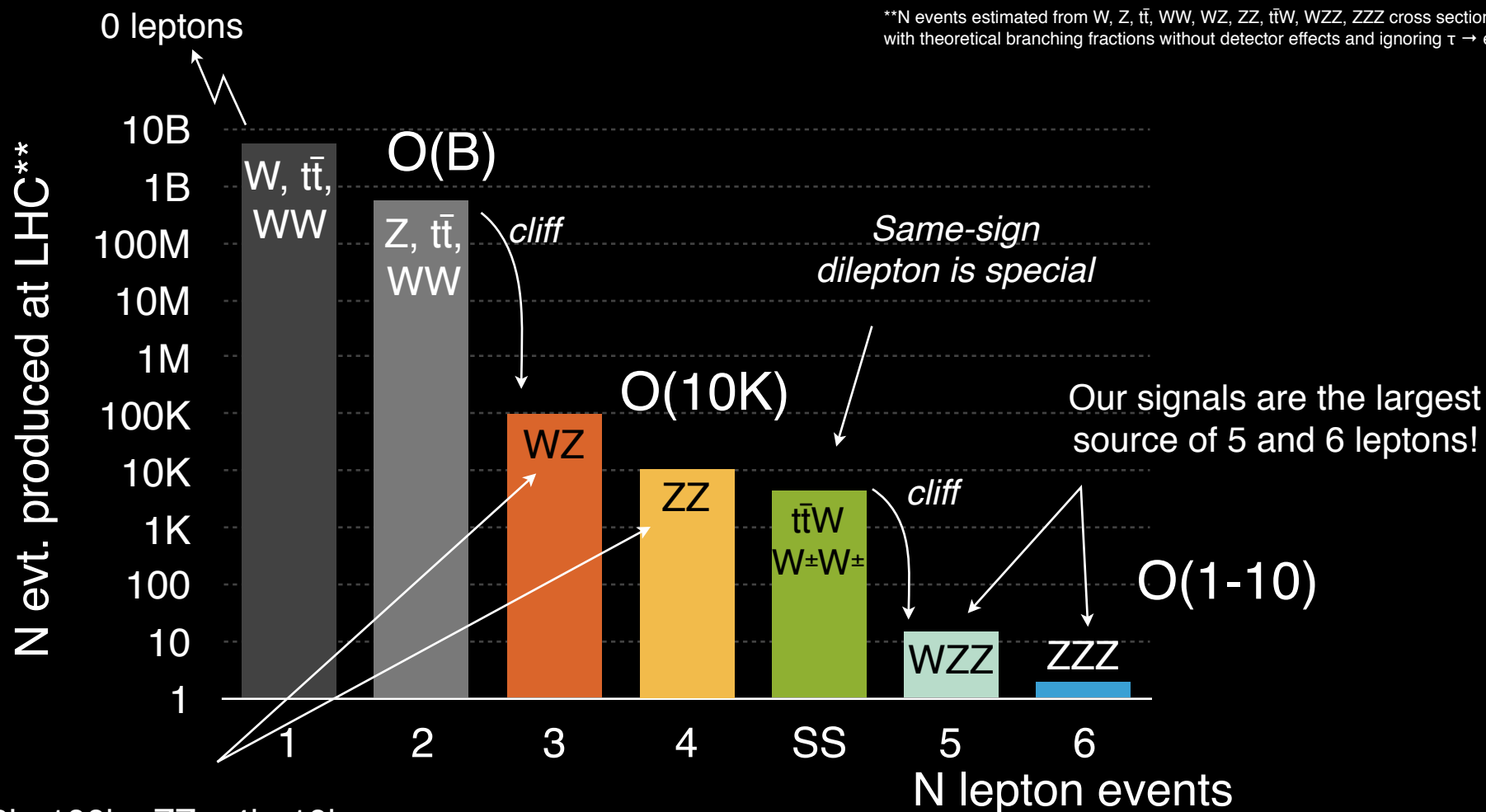
Use isolation to discriminate against leptons from heavy flavor decay

Dubbed “fake lepton”



# Example





N.B.  $WZ \rightarrow 3l \sim 100k$ ,  $ZZ \rightarrow 4l \sim 10k$


The more leptons produced the lower the rate (i.e. lower bkg.)

Useful to organize physics analyses by N leptons

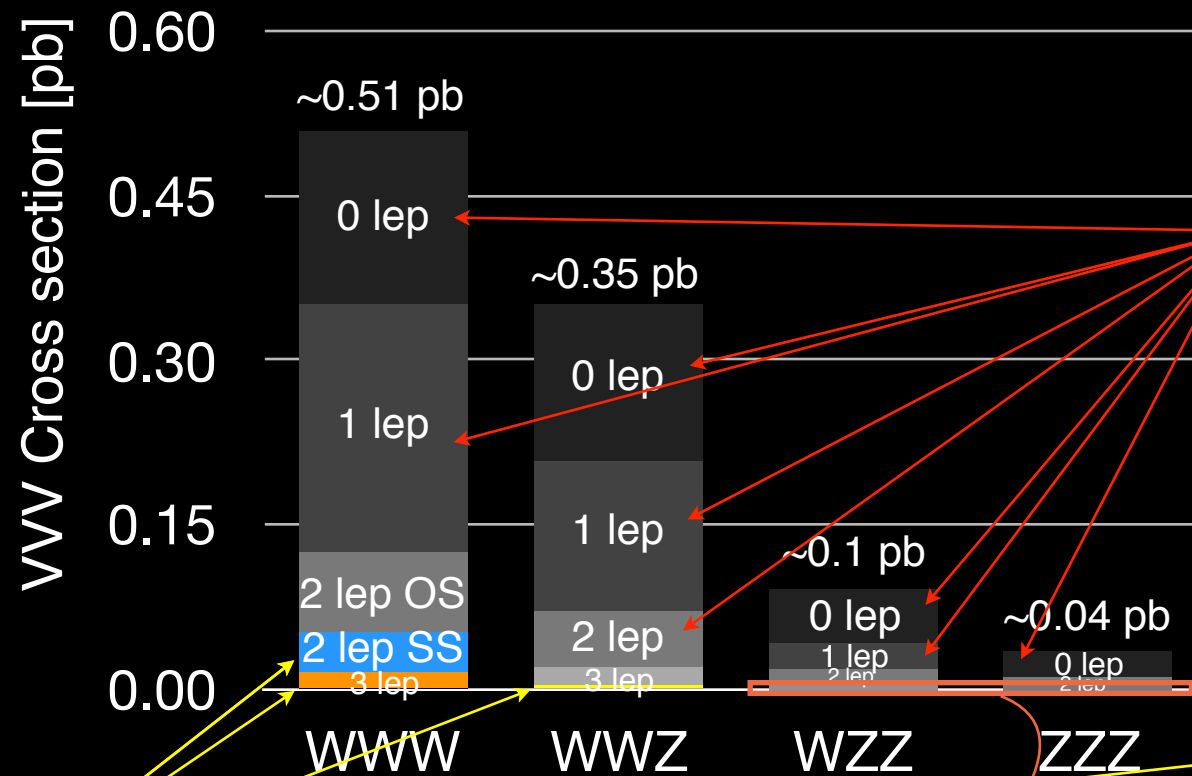


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smart machines  
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Production cross section decreases with more Z's



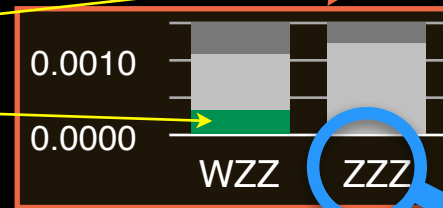
Difficult final states  
w/ bkg rate of  
several orders of  
magnitude larger

$ZZZ \rightarrow 6L$   
( $L = e, \mu$ )

**11 attobarn**

(~1.5 events produced  
at Run 2 of LHC)

Viable



Viable final states have O(fb) or less cross sections



Target “fully” leptonic final states to go after first observation

One exception

Same-sign

2 leptons

3 leptons

4 leptons

5 leptons

6 leptons

Signals

$W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$

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$W^\mp \rightarrow qq$

$W \rightarrow l \nu$

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$Z \rightarrow ll$

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~2.5k evt.

~700 evt.

~140 evt.

~15 evt.

~1.5 evt.

Evt. # based on direct W, Z to e,  $\mu$  decays  
Numbers are higher if you add  $\tau$ 's to e,  $\mu$

**Different modes populate different N lepton bins**

Some cross contamination between N lepton bins exist but is minimized after flavor selection (explained in following slides)

N.B.  $WZ \rightarrow 3l \sim 100k$ ,  $ZZ \rightarrow 4l \sim 10k$

We cover SS, 3, 4, 5, and 6 lepton final states

# Backgrounds in each N lepton region

	Same-sign 2 leptons	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
Signals	$W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$ $W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$ $W^\mp \rightarrow qq$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$ $W \rightarrow l \nu$ $W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$ $W \rightarrow l \nu$ $Z \rightarrow ll$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$ $Z \rightarrow ll$ $Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$ $Z \rightarrow ll$ $Z \rightarrow ll$
Dominant Bkgs.	$WZ \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\pm \bar{\nu}$ <sup>lost</sup> $t\bar{t} \rightarrow bb + l + X$ $\hookrightarrow$ fake $l$	$WZ \rightarrow l \nu ll$ $t\bar{t} \rightarrow bb + ll + X$ $\hookrightarrow$ fake $l$	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ $ttZ \rightarrow ll ll + bbX$	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ $+ \text{fake lep}$	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ $+ 2 \text{ fake lep}$

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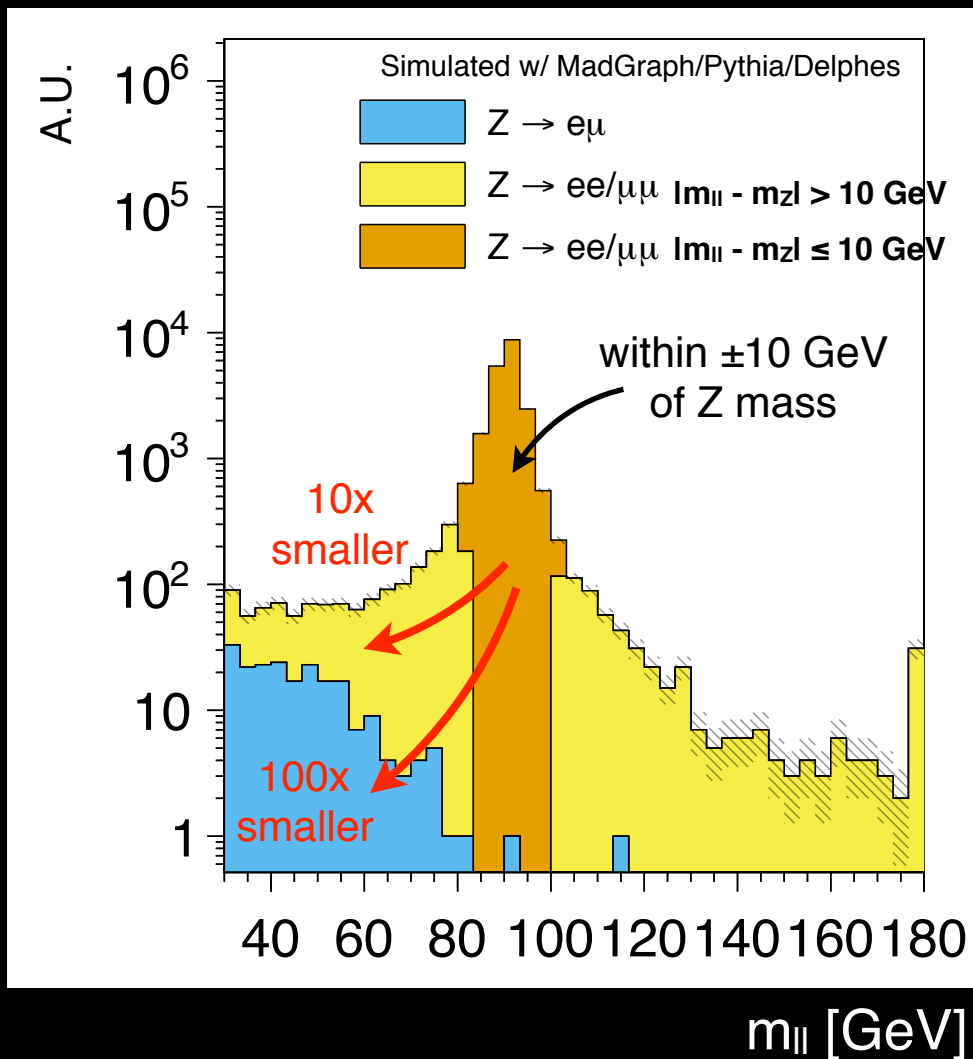
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Selection on flavor and b tag will further reduce bkgs.

Once separated by N leptons dominant bkg. source becomes apparent



dilepton invariant mass of  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  decay



If one selects  $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| > 10 \text{ GeV}$  of  $ee/\mu\mu$  final state  $Z$  is reduced by **an order** of magnitude

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

$\Rightarrow ZZ$  suppressed in  $WWZ \rightarrow e\mu + (ee/\mu\mu)$   
 $WZ$  suppressed in  $WWW \rightarrow e^\pm \mu^\mp e^\pm$

$\nearrow$   
0 "SFOS"  
(Zero same-flavor opposite sign pair)

$Z$  decays predominantly to  $ee/\mu\mu \Rightarrow$  select away from  $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$

# Splitting signal regions by lepton flavors



	Same-sign 2 leptons	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
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	$W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$
	$W^\mp \rightarrow qq$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$
Split by $ee/e\mu/\mu\mu$		Split by # of SFOS	tag $Z \rightarrow ll$ then split $WW \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$	Not enough statistics single bin	
N.B. $\mu$ is cleaner than e		e.g. 0: $e^\pm \mu^\mp e^\pm$ 1: $e^\pm e^\mp \mu^\pm$ 2: $e^\pm e^\mp e^\pm$	v. $WW \rightarrow e\mu$		
3 categories*		3 categories	2 categories*	1 category	1 category


\* marked ones will be further split

Each N lepton analyses are further split by flavors

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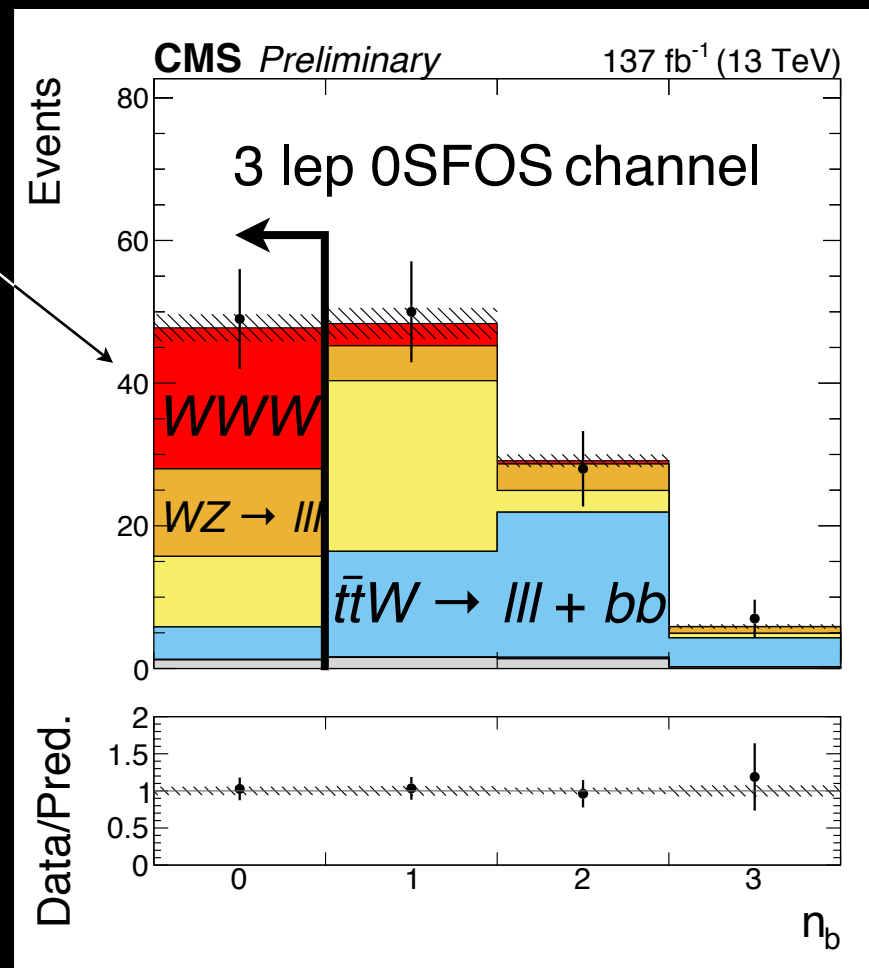
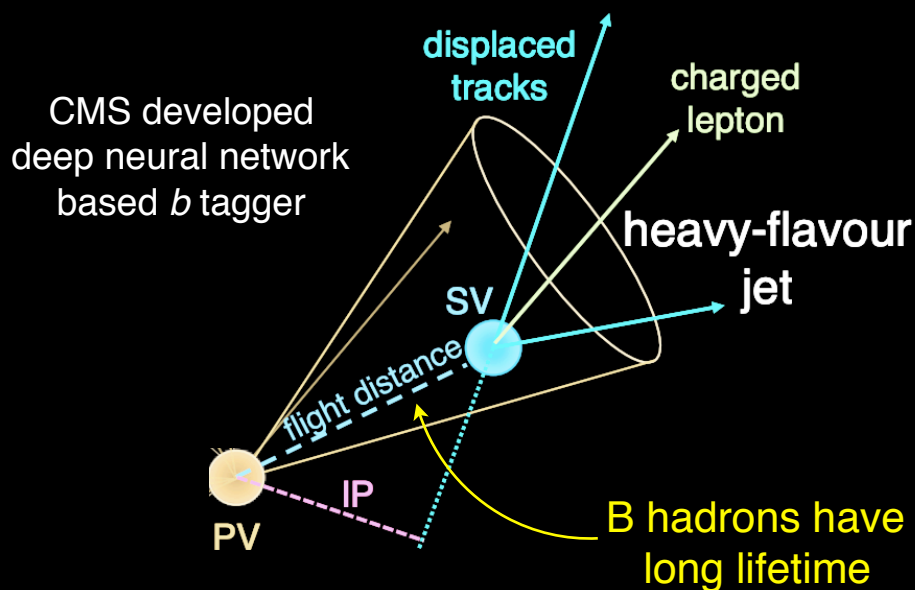
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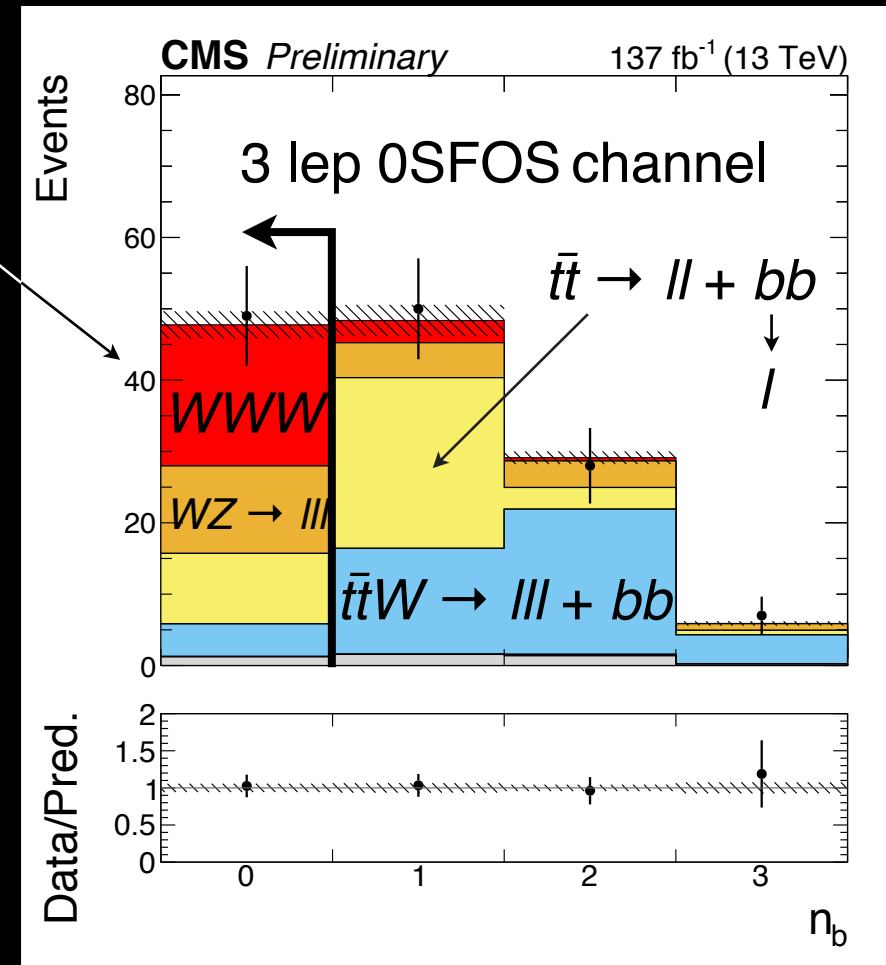
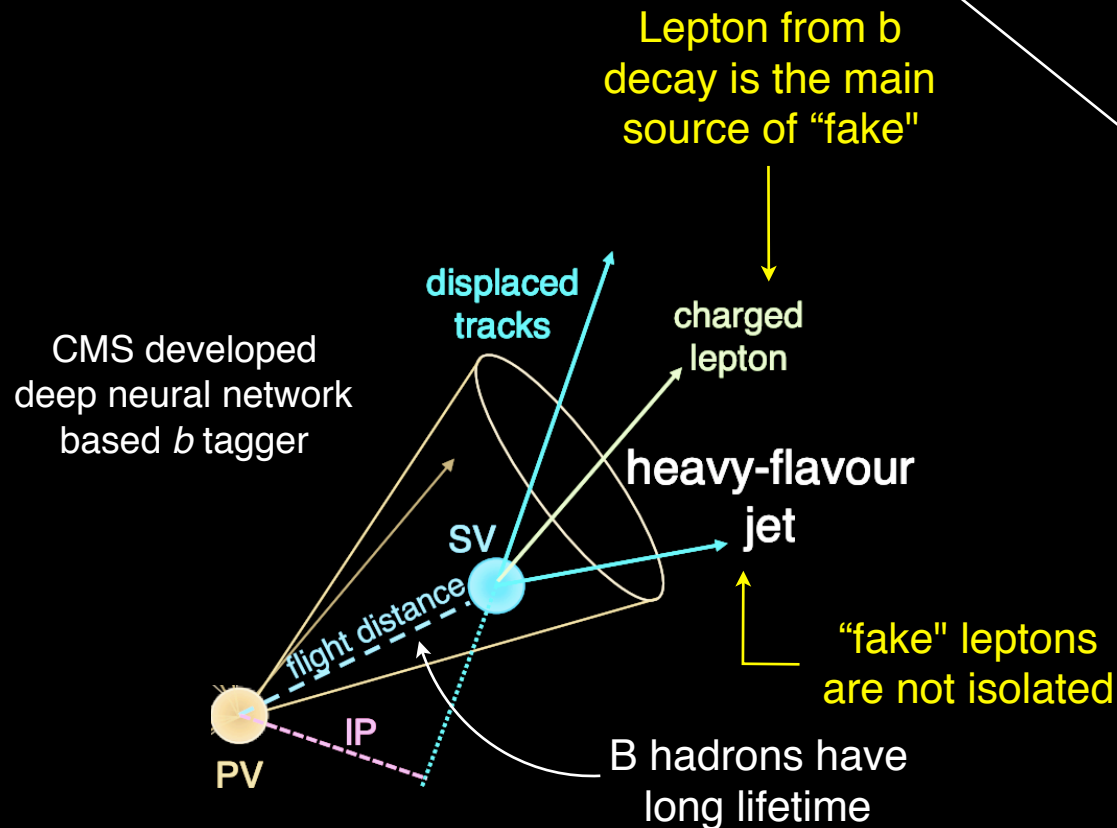
# Rejecting events with $b$ jets

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



Signals do not have  $b$  jets

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Signals do not have  $b$  jets


# ~~5~~ steps to VVV observation

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## same-sign selection

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

## Three leptons selection

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

## Four leptons selection

Variable	$e\mu$ category	$ee/\mu\mu$ category
Preselection	Selections in Table 20	
W candidate lepton flavors	$e\mu$	$ee/\mu\mu$
$m_{\ell\ell}$	Separated into 4 bins in (0, 40, 60, 100, $\infty$ )	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z  > 10$ GeV
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5/6L will be  
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This is the full selections but I will not go in details for every single one

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Split by N leptons  
and requiring “Tight” leptons

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Split by channels

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But already you can notice a few things

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- Jet bin splits
- Dijet invariant mass:  $m_{jj}$
- Transverse mass:  $m_T$
- “S”transverse mass:  $m_{T2}$
- Missing transverse energy

## Four leptons selection

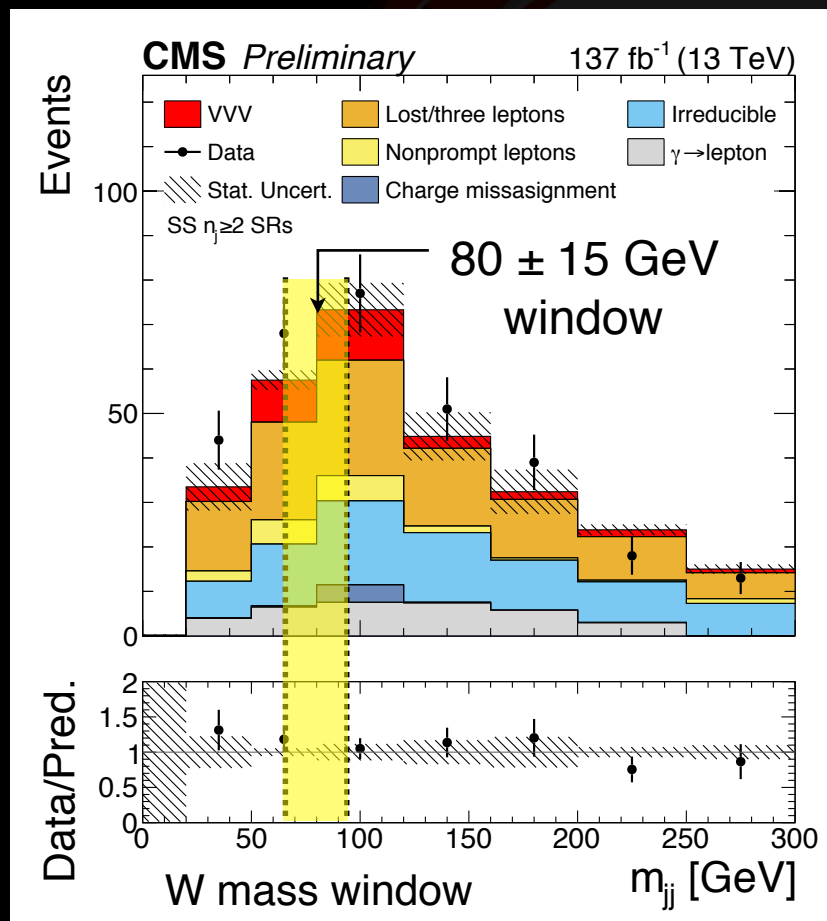
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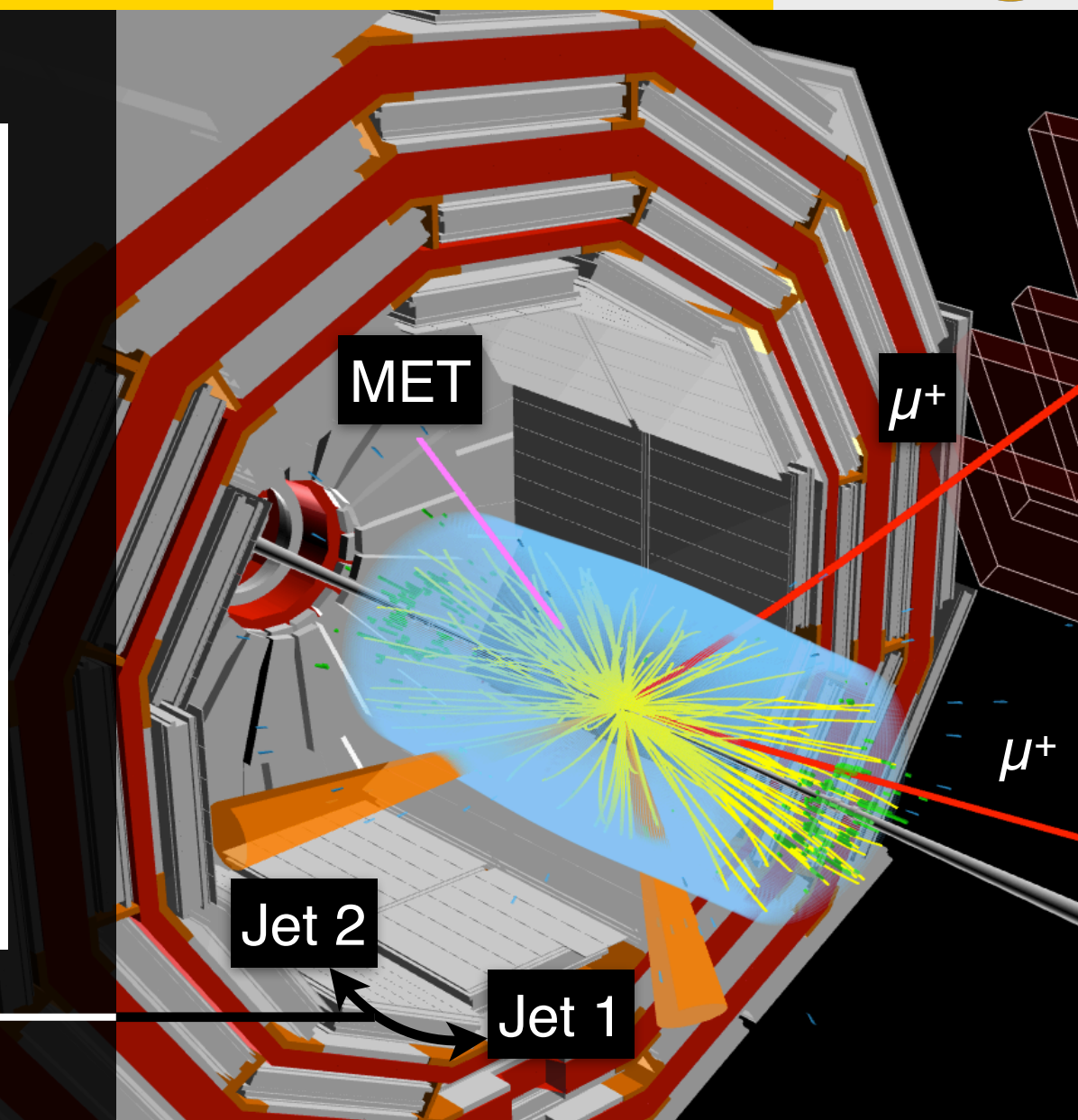
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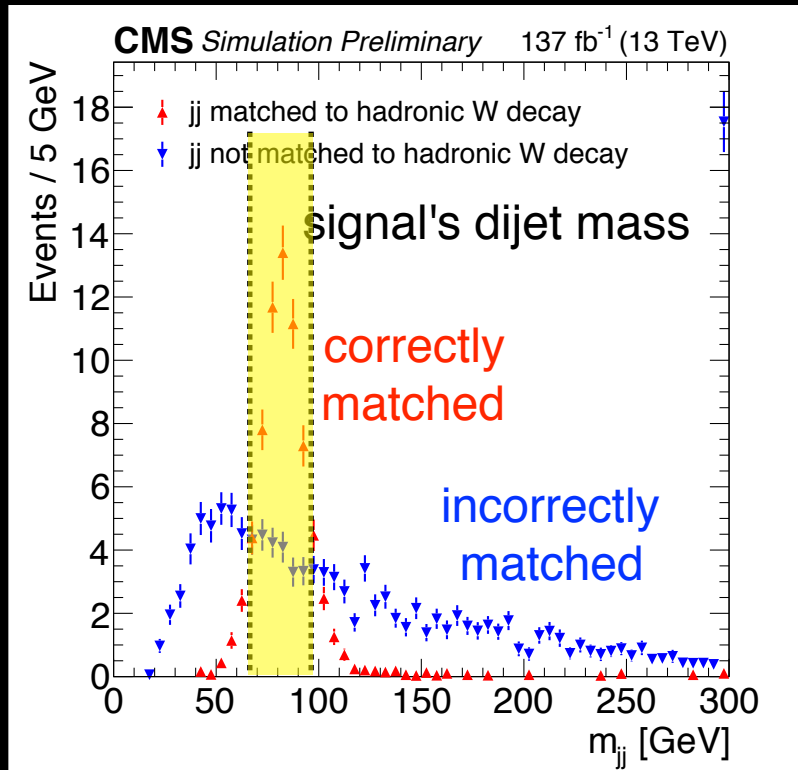
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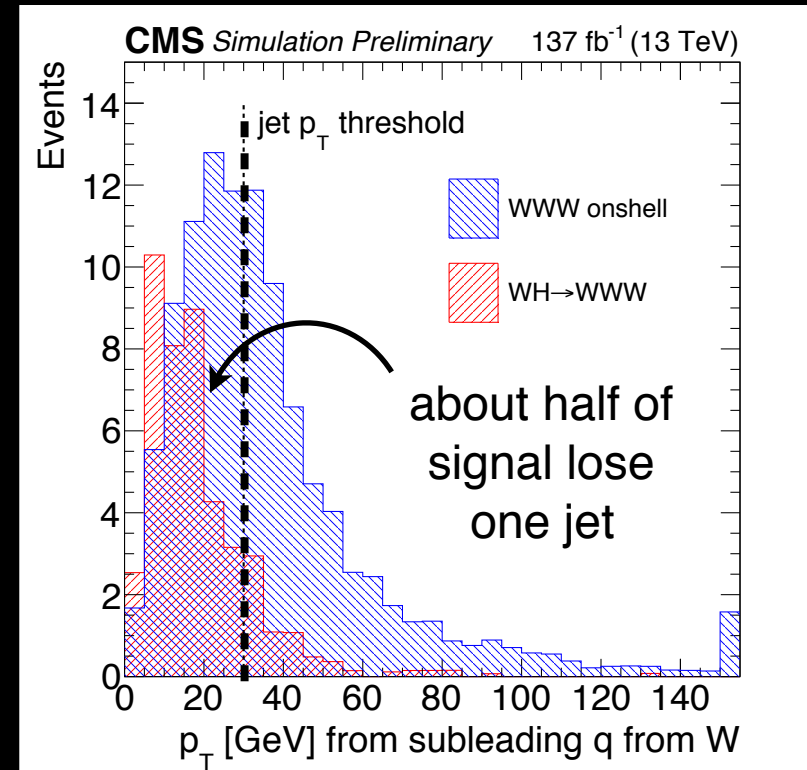
N.B. some signals are outside the window  
(See next slide)



dijet invariant mass for signal peaks around W mass



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



Difficult to reconstruct both jets  
⇒ Select 1 jet (1J) events

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

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

# Kinematic endpoints for 3 leptons

Separated by # of SFOS pairs:

- 0 SFOS (low bkg.)
- 1 SFOS
- 2 SFOS

0SFOS is by far the cleanest

For 1SFOS it is clear which one is from W:

$$\frac{e^{\pm}e^{\mp}}{Z} \quad \frac{\mu^{\pm}}{W} \quad \frac{\mu^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}}{Z} \quad \frac{e^{\pm}}{W}$$

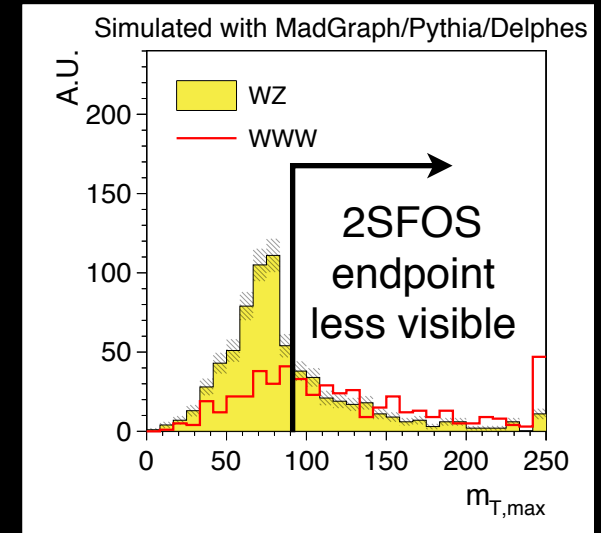
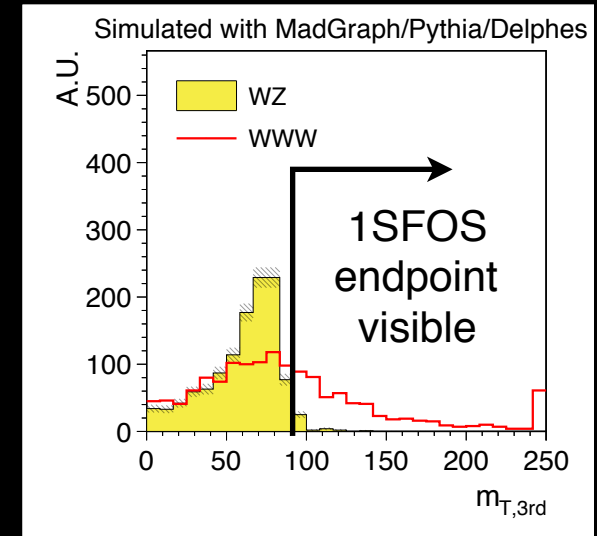
For 2SFOS it is less clear which one is from W:

$$\frac{e^{\pm}}{W?} \quad \frac{e^{\mp}}{W?} \quad \frac{e^{\pm}}{W?} \quad \frac{\mu^{\pm}}{W?} \quad \frac{\mu^{\mp}}{W?} \quad \frac{\mu^{\pm}}{W?}$$

Take max  $m_T$  computed from either leptons

⇒ 3 signal regions for 3 leptons

$$m_T^{3rd} (1 \text{ SFOS}) \text{ or } m_T^{\max} (2 \text{ SFOS}) > 90 \text{ GeV}$$



By flavor, W lepton can be identified and kinematic endpoints can be used

# Kinematic endpoints for 4 leptons

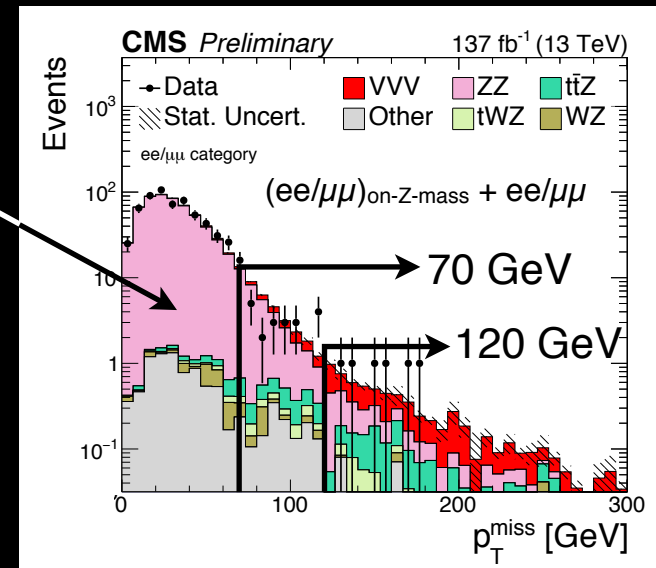
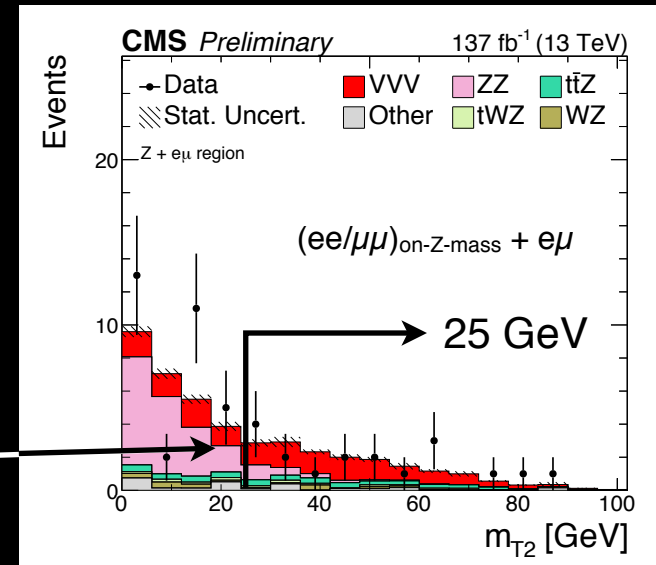
Events are separated into 2 categories by flavor:

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

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

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

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

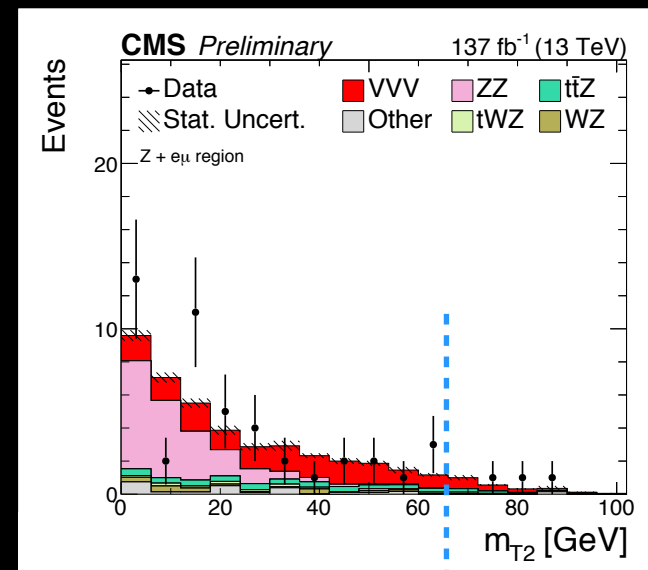
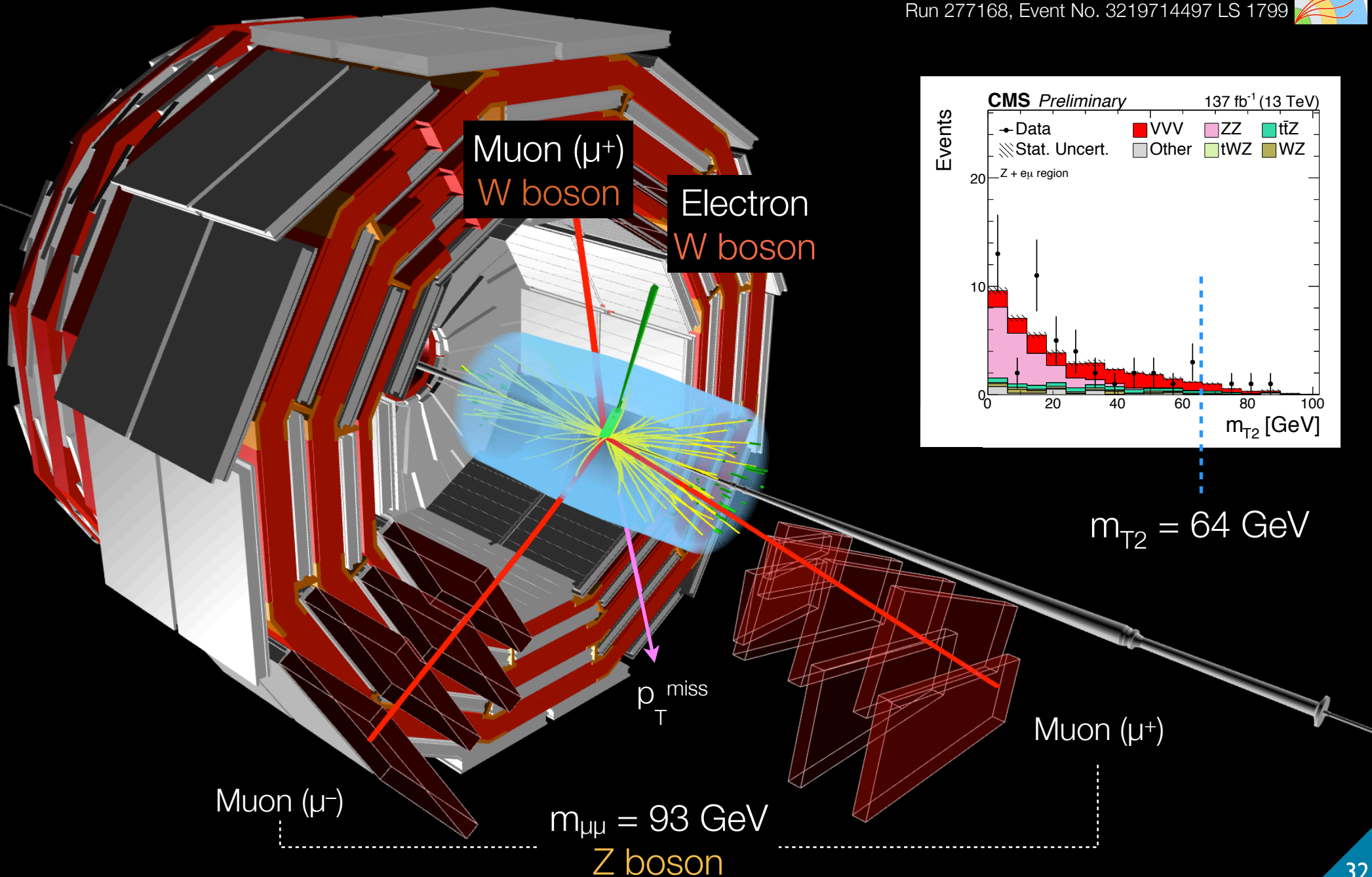


Exploit differences between  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  v.  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$



# 4 lepton event

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

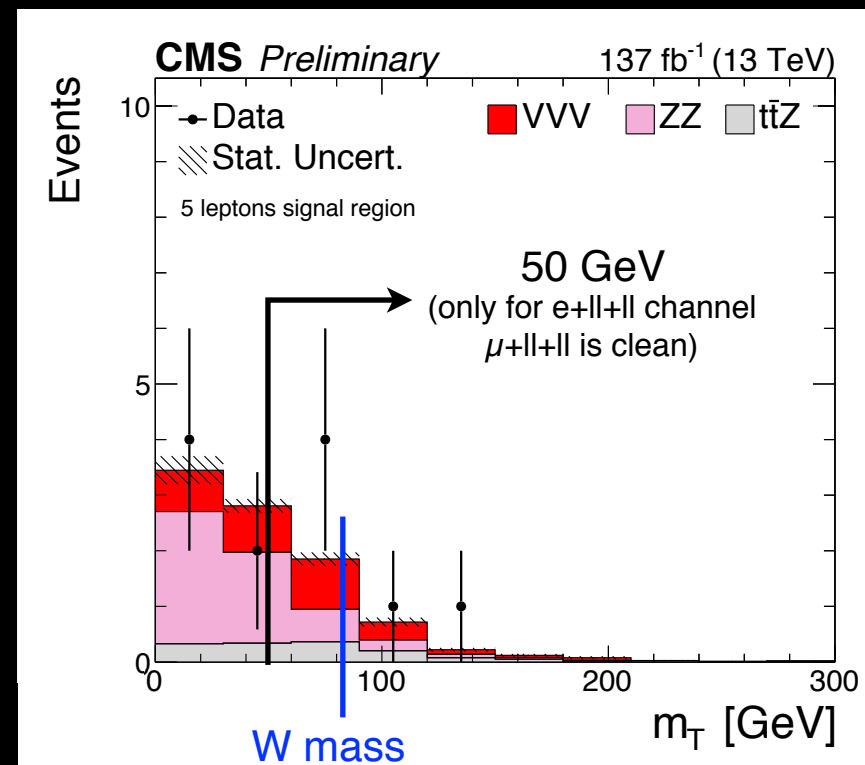


Require the 5 lepton events to contain two SFOS pair consistent with Z mass

The dominant background is  $ZZ \rightarrow \ell\ell\ell\ell$  plus a fake lepton

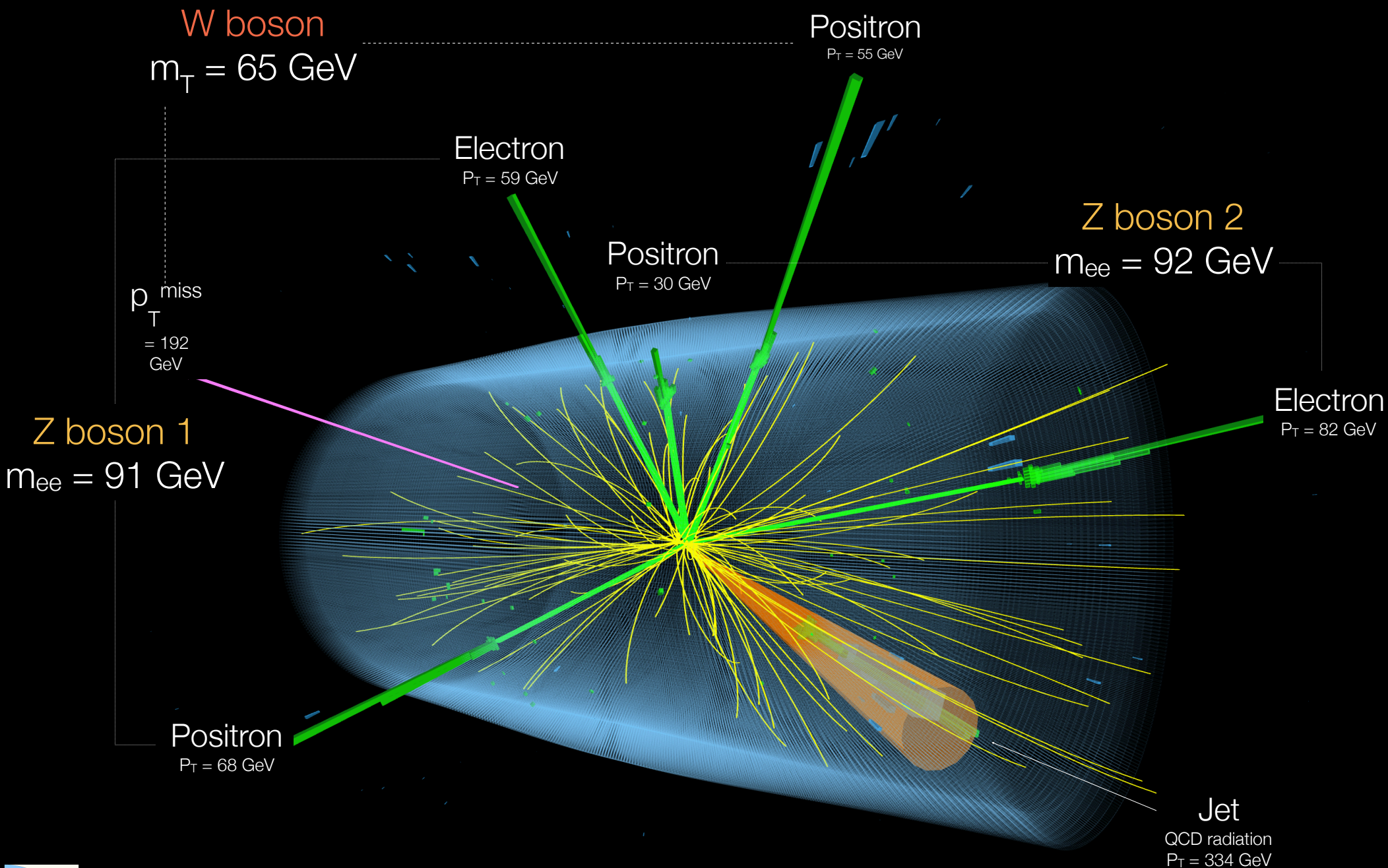
The fake lepton has low transverse mass while the signal's W has transverse mass peaking at W mass

Cut-and-count of one bin



Exploit the features of  $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$  decay

# 5 lepton event

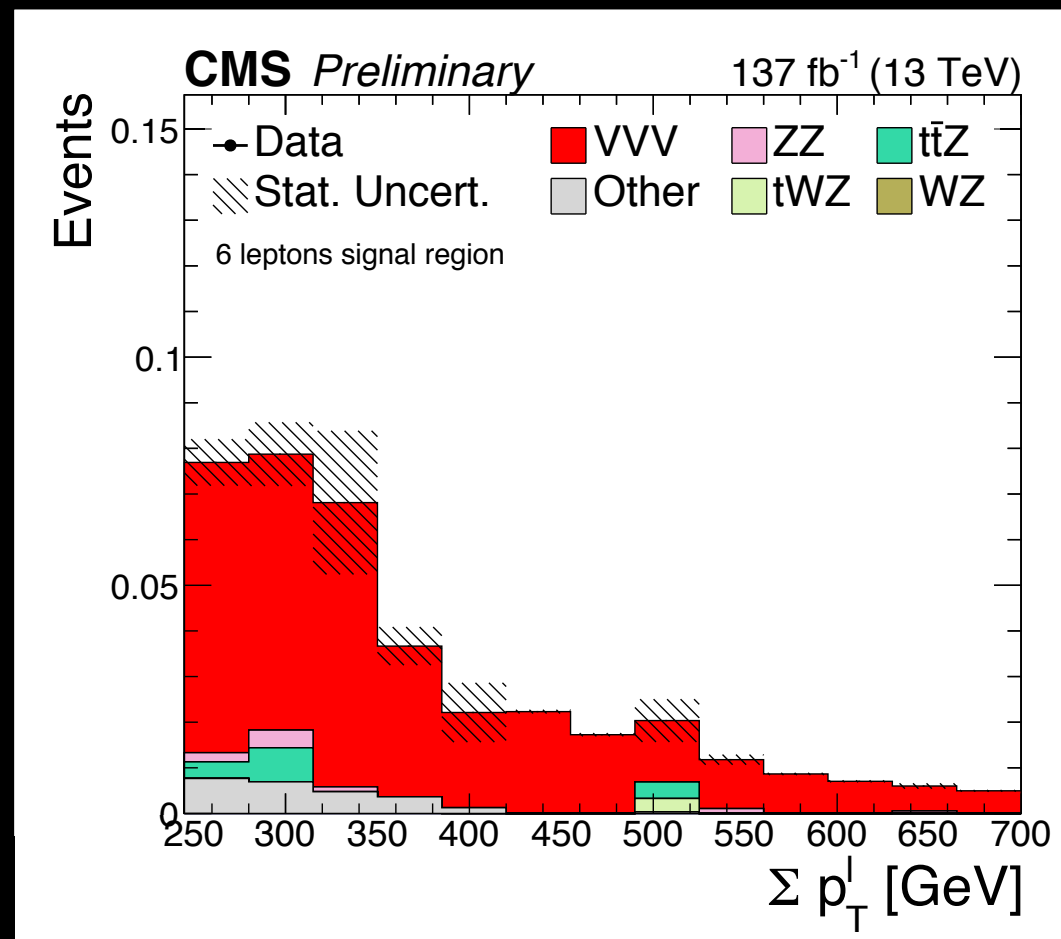


Select at least 6 leptons

Require  $\Sigma P_T \geq 250$  GeV

Less than 1 event expected

Very clean channel



Not enough stats, so search inclusively


# ~~5~~ steps to VVV observation

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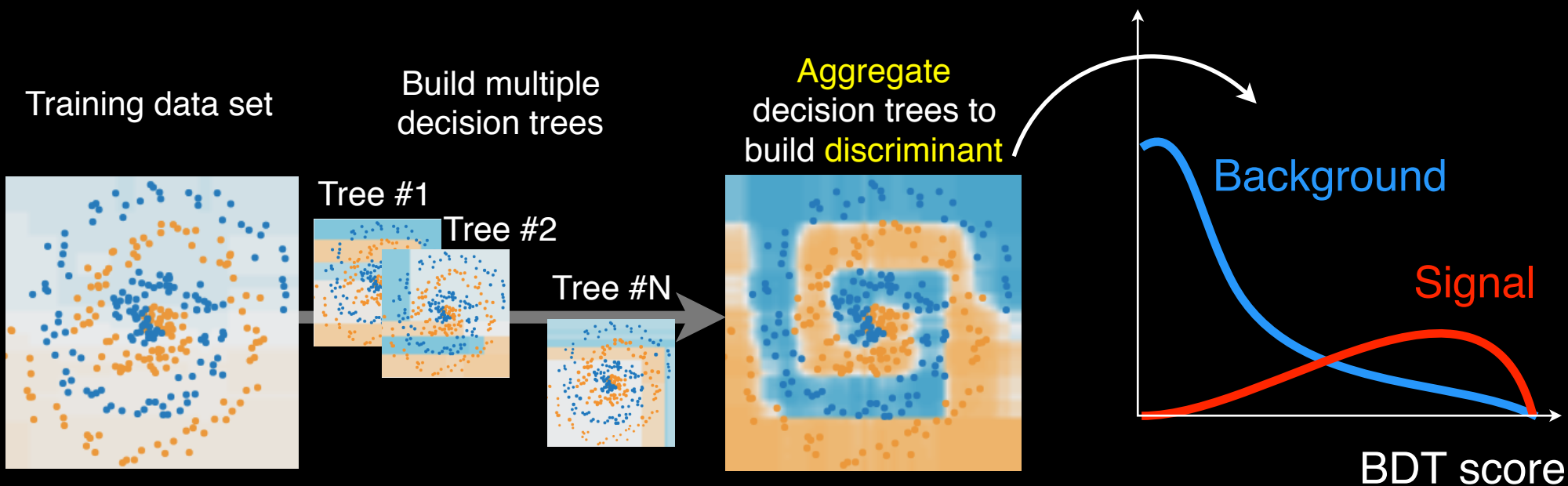
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Smart humans and  
**smart machines**  
(Both cut / **BDT**)





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

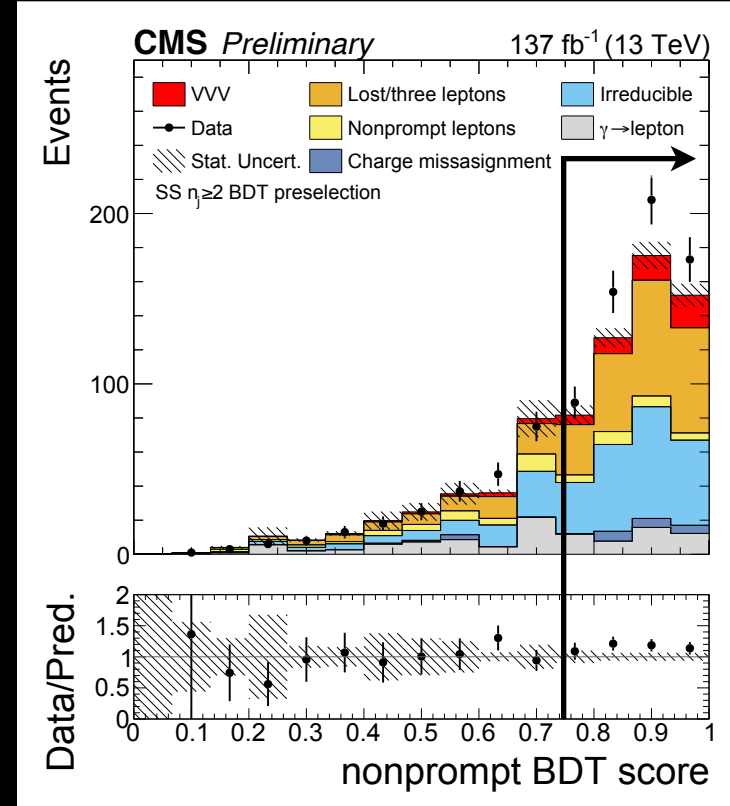
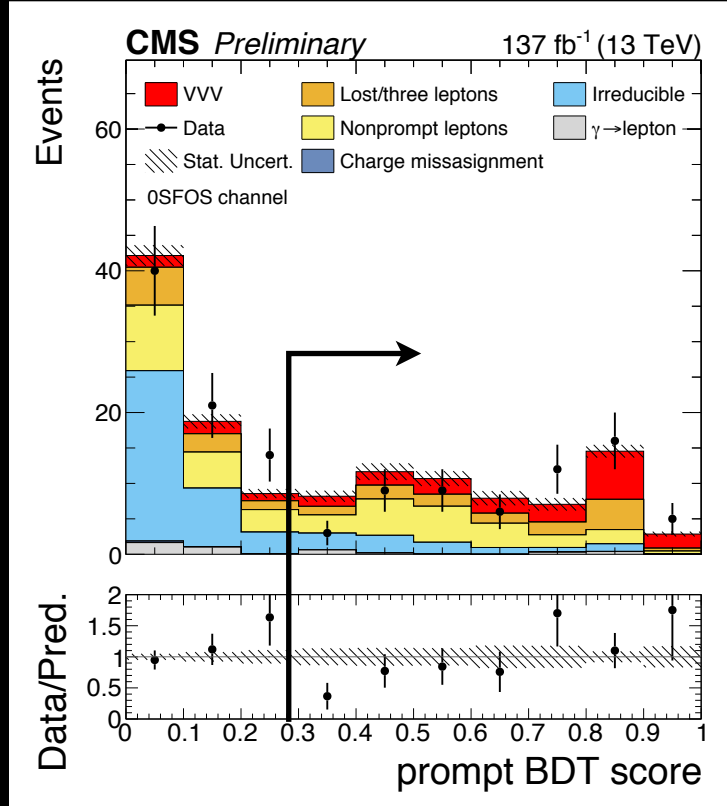


[https://arogozhnikov.github.io/2016/07/05/gradient\\_boosting\\_playground.html](https://arogozhnikov.github.io/2016/07/05/gradient_boosting_playground.html)

Train dedicated boosted decision trees to maximize sensitivity

	Same-sign 2 leptons	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
Signals	$W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$ $W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \nu$ $W^\mp \rightarrow qq$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$ $W \rightarrow l \nu$ $W \rightarrow l \nu$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$ $W \rightarrow l \nu$ $Z \rightarrow ll$	$W \rightarrow l \nu$ $Z \rightarrow ll$ $Z \rightarrow ll$	$Z \rightarrow ll$ $Z \rightarrow ll$ $Z \rightarrow ll$
Dominant Bkgs.	<div> <math>WZ \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\pm \bar{\nu}</math> <p>lost <math>\nearrow</math></p> </div> <div> <math>t\bar{t} \rightarrow bb + l + X</math>  <math>\hookrightarrow</math> fake <math>l</math> </div>	<div> <math>WZ \rightarrow l \nu ll</math> </div> <div> <math>t\bar{t} \rightarrow bb + ll + X</math>  <math>\hookrightarrow</math> fake <math>l</math> </div>	<div> <math>ZZ \rightarrow ll ll</math> </div> <div> <math>t\bar{t}Z \rightarrow ll ll + bbX</math> </div>	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ + fake lep	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ + 2 fake lep
	“Prompt” bkgs.	“Fake” bkgs.	$t\bar{t}Z$ bkg. $ZZ$ bkg.	No BDT trained for 5/6 leptons (not enough stats)	

Train different BDTs against different backgrounds



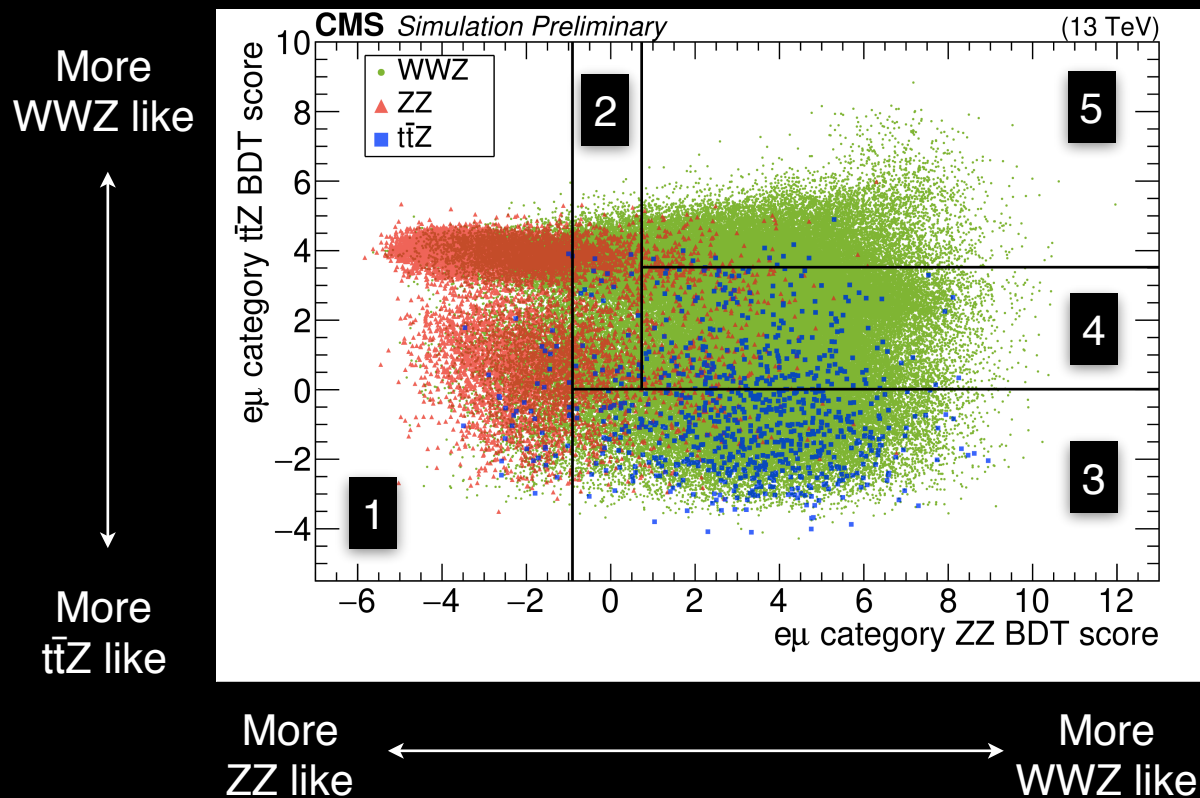
Maintained same categorizations but cut on BDT to maximize sensitivity

Total number of bins stayed same (9 for same-sign, 3 for 3 leptons)

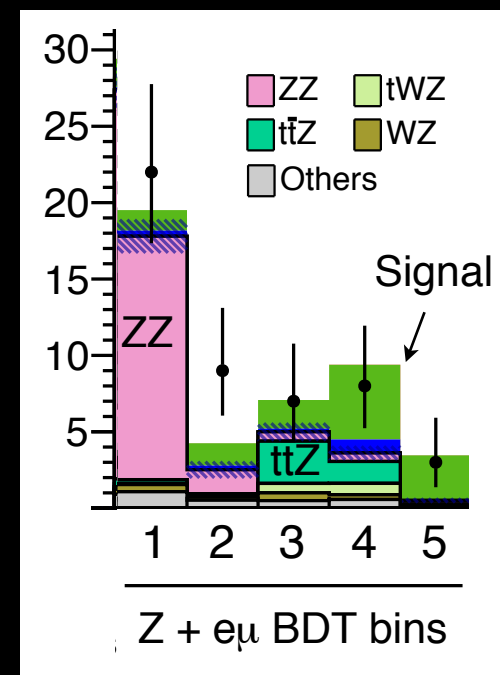
Cut on each BDT scores to create a high sensitivity bin

# 4 lepton BDTs for WWZ channel

2D plane in BDT scores for 4 lepton  
 $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell + e\mu$  event category



5 bins are created  
from 2D planes



\*\*For  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell + ee/\mu\mu$  event category, 2 bins are created (not shown)

Created multiple bins in BDTs to maximize sensitivity

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Now two steps left

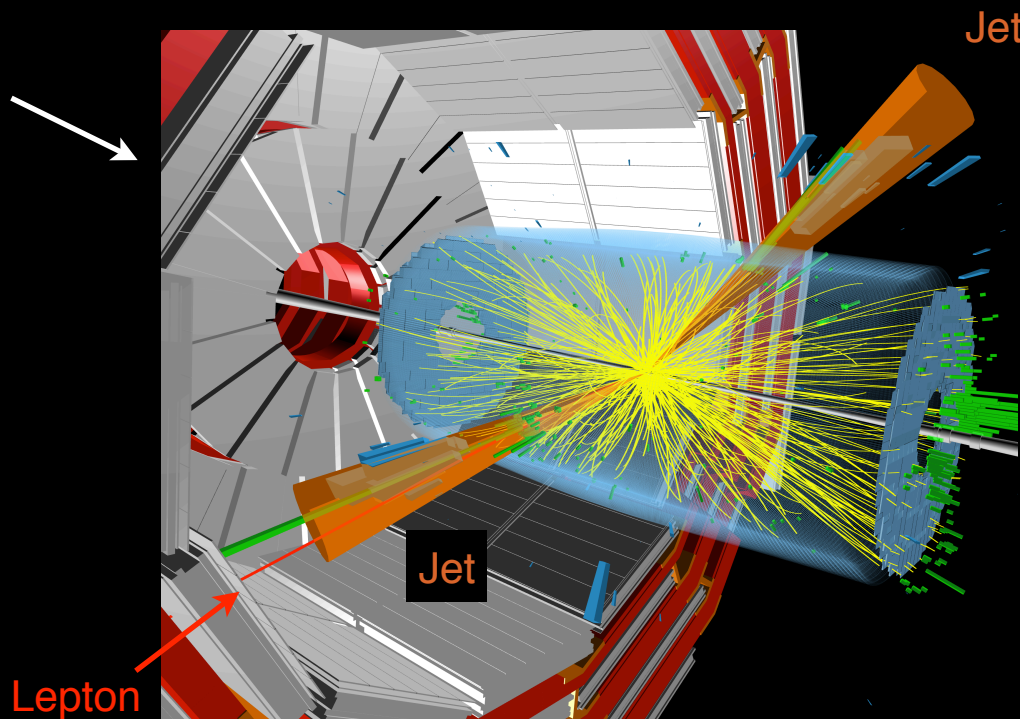
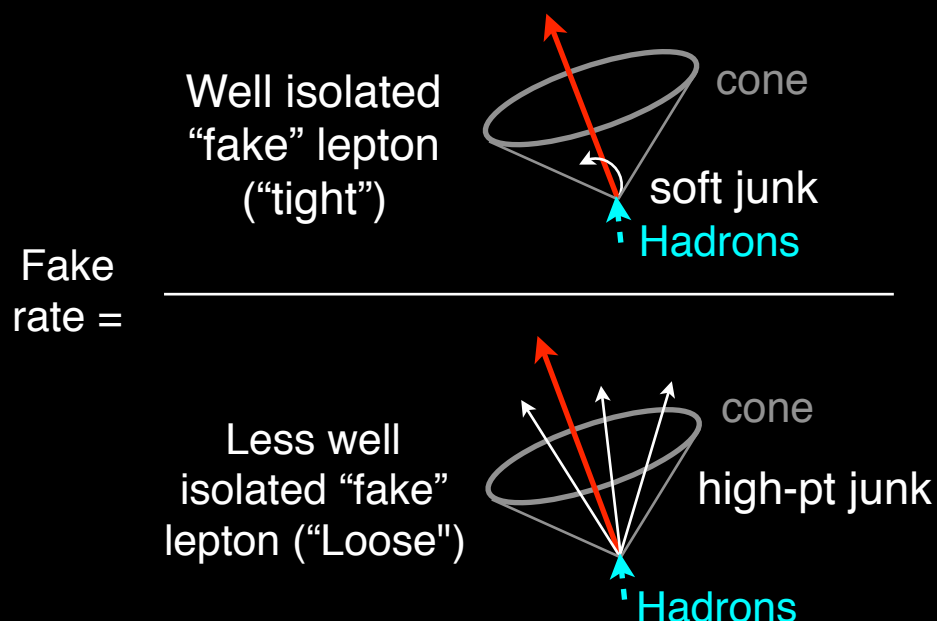


	Same-sign 2 leptons	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
Dominant Bkgs.	$WZ \rightarrow l^\pm \nu l^\pm \bar{\nu}$ <p>lost</p> $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b} + l + X$ $\hookrightarrow$ fake $l$	$WZ \rightarrow l\nu ll$ $t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b} + ll + X$ $\hookrightarrow$ fake $l$	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ $t\bar{t}Z \rightarrow ll ll + b\bar{b}X$	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ + fake lep	$ZZ \rightarrow ll ll$ + 2 fake lep

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

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

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



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

"Side band" in isolation

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

Estimate fake lepton by measuring fake rate from QCD events

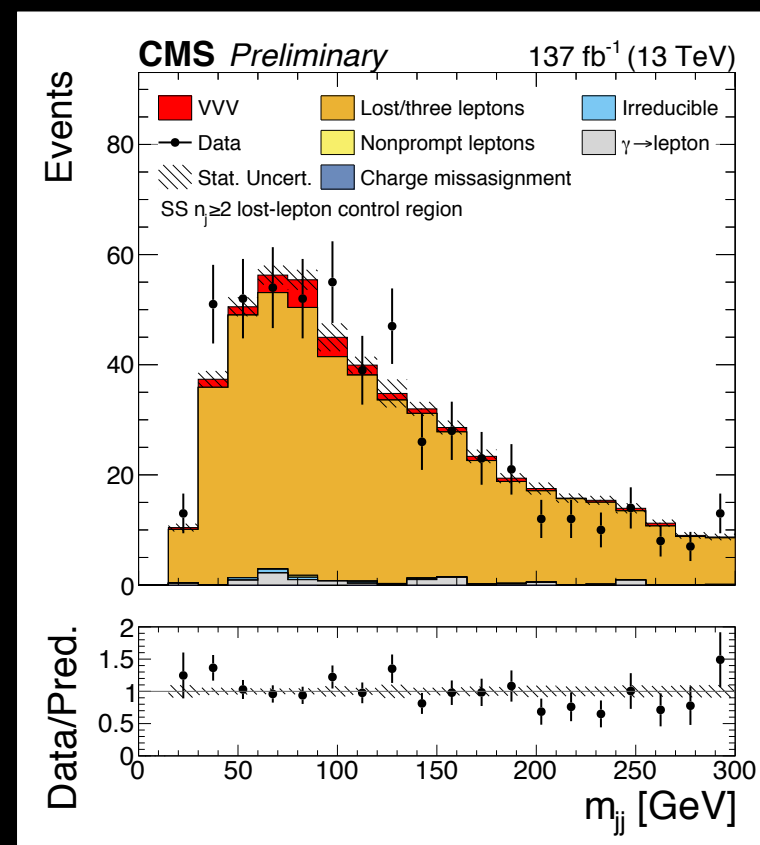
Lepton finding efficiency is well modeled by MC

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

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

Experimental systematics assigned

Control region data statistics dominates  
uncertainty (20%)

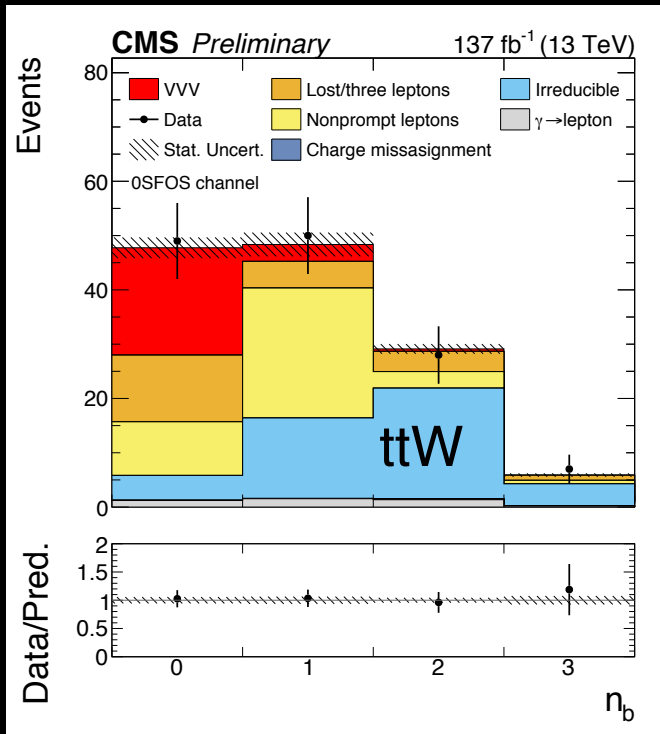


Estimate lost lepton background by extrapolating across # of leptons

# Backgrounds with $b$ jets / irreducible

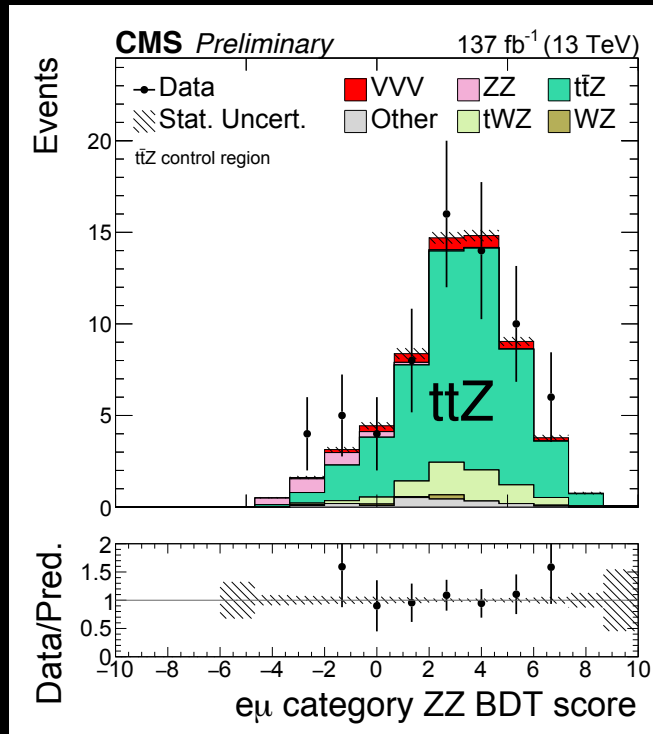
Devise control regions and extrapolate to signal region

$N_b$  in 3 lepton

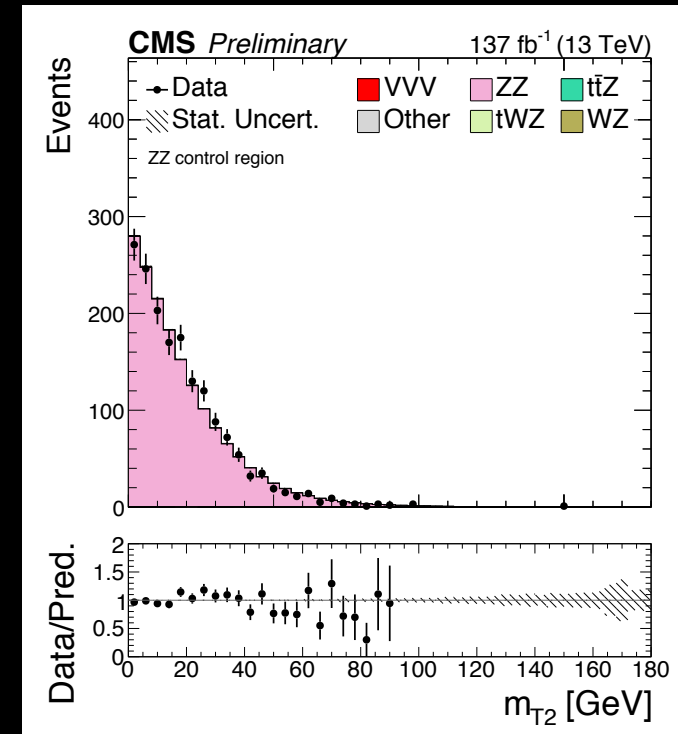


Extrapolate across  $N_b$  tag ( $\sim 10\%$ )

4 lepton BDT score  
 $Z \rightarrow ll + e\mu + b$  jets



4 lepton  $m_{T2}$   
 $Z \rightarrow ll + ee/\mu\mu$



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

Extrapolate from control region to estimate backgrounds

# Putting it all together



	Same-sign 2 leptons	3 leptons	4 leptons	5 leptons	6 leptons
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Split Flavor	3	3	2	1	1
Channel specific splits	mjj-in mjj-out 1J	-	Split in kinematics or BDT	-	-
Total	9 bins	3 bins	7 bins	1 bin	1 bin

Total of 21 bins



# ~~5~~ steps to VVV observation



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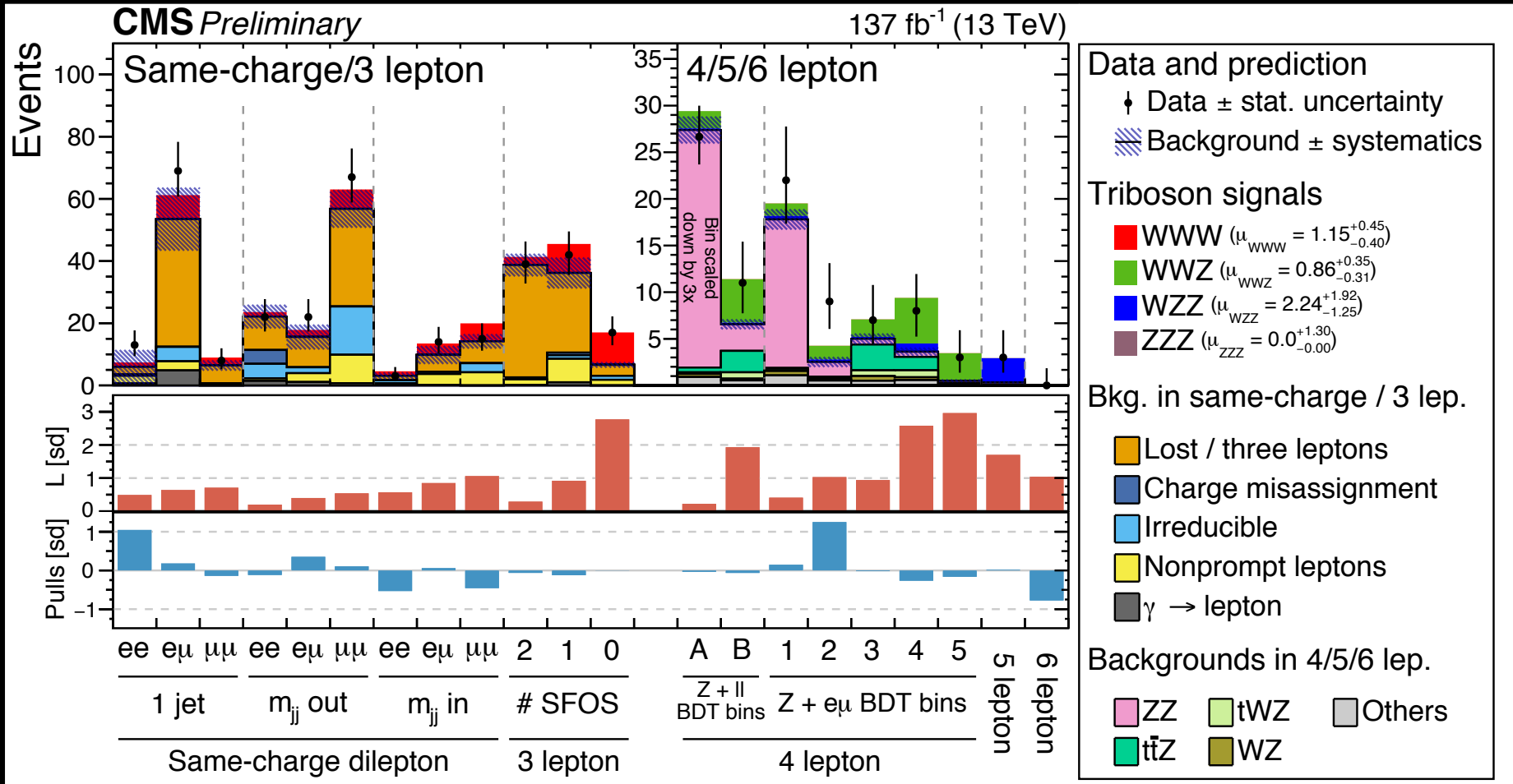
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Let's observe!

# Results (BDT-based analysis)

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



9 bins

3 bins

7 bins

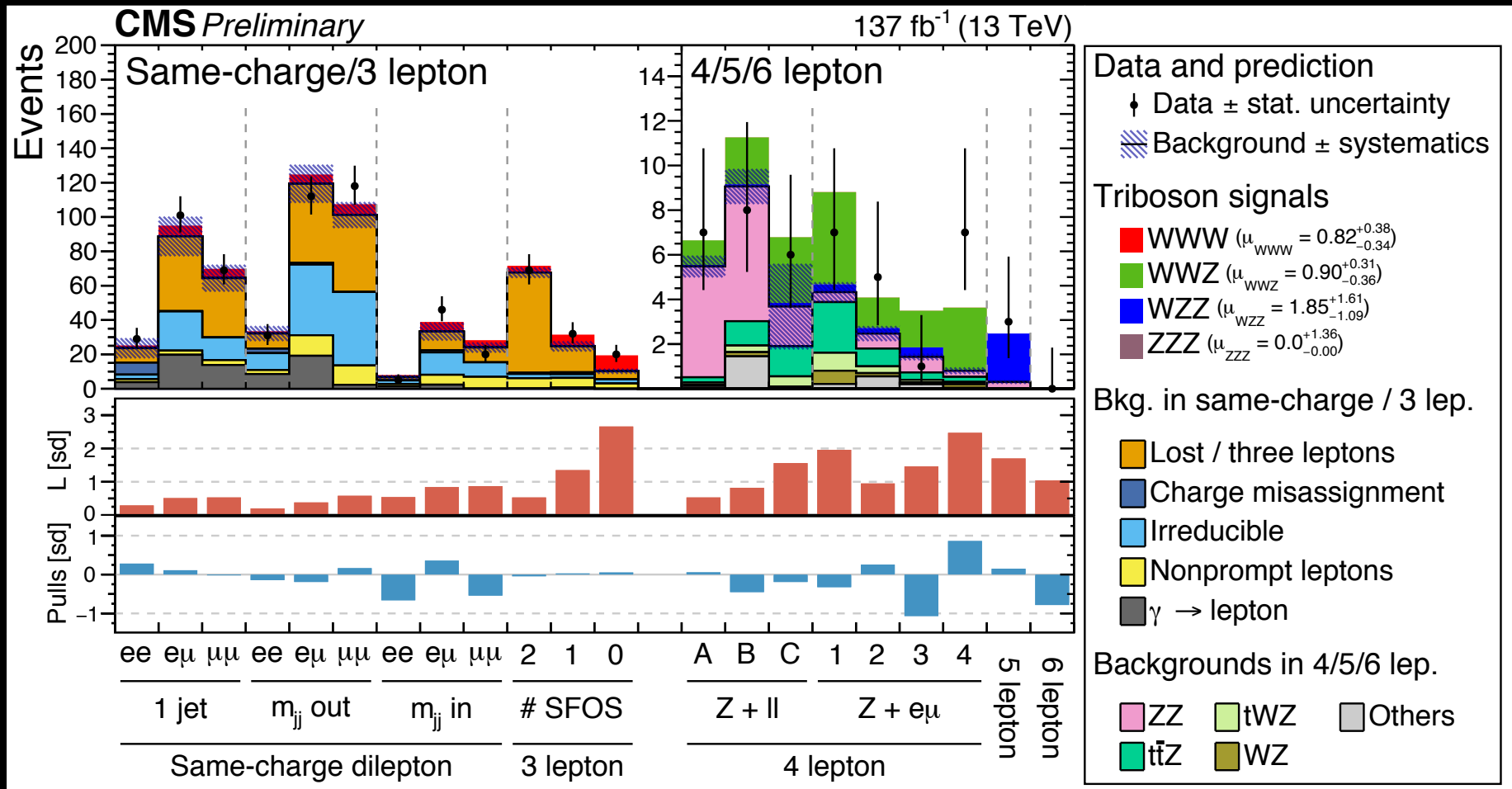
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More sensitive bins are generally to the right

BDT-based analysis is more sensitive so this is our main result

# Results (Cut-based analysis)

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



9 bins

3 bins

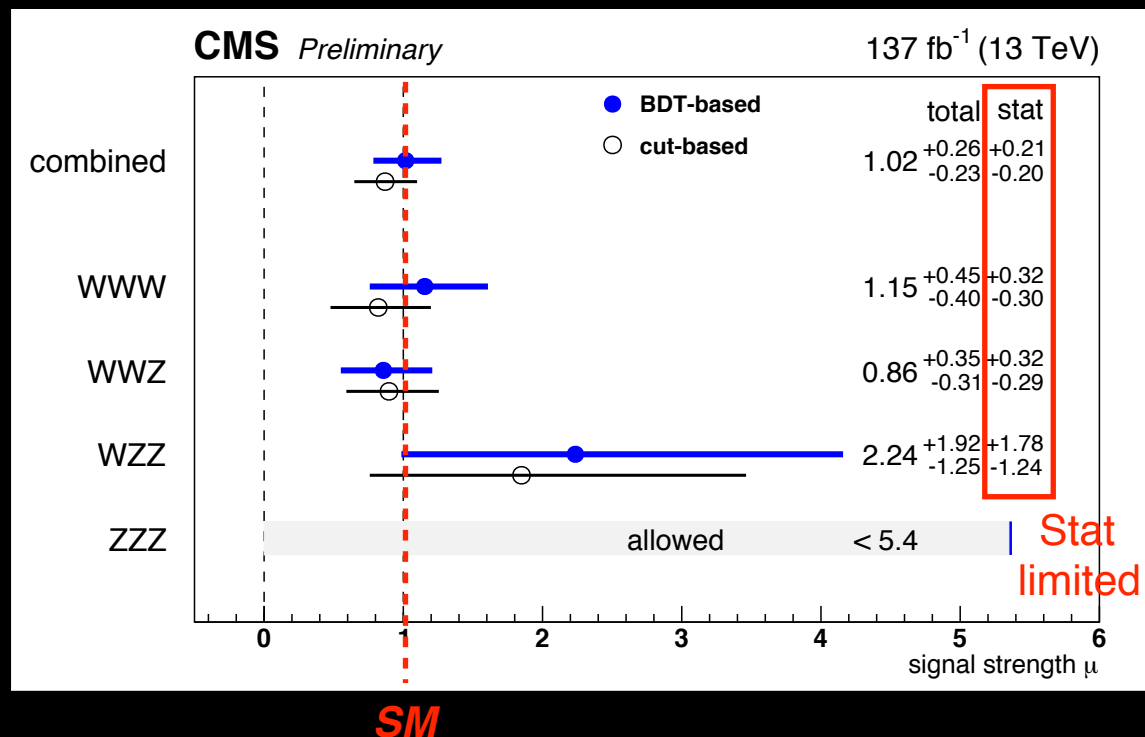
7 bins

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More sensitive bins are generally to the right

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

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

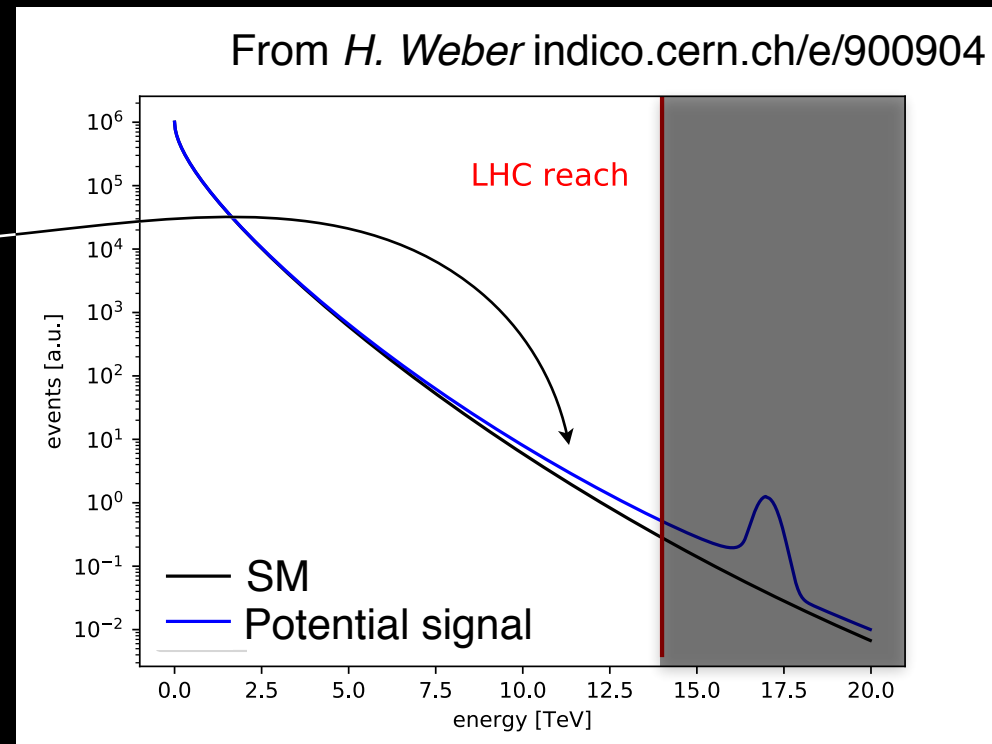
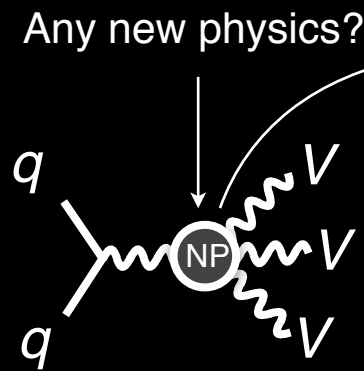
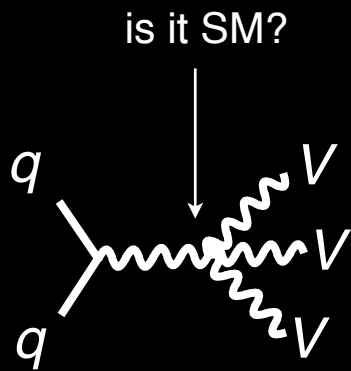


$$\text{Signal strength } \mu = \frac{\text{Measured cross section}}{\text{Theoretical cross section}}$$

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

First observation of VVV and evidences for  $WWW$  and  $WWZ$  productions

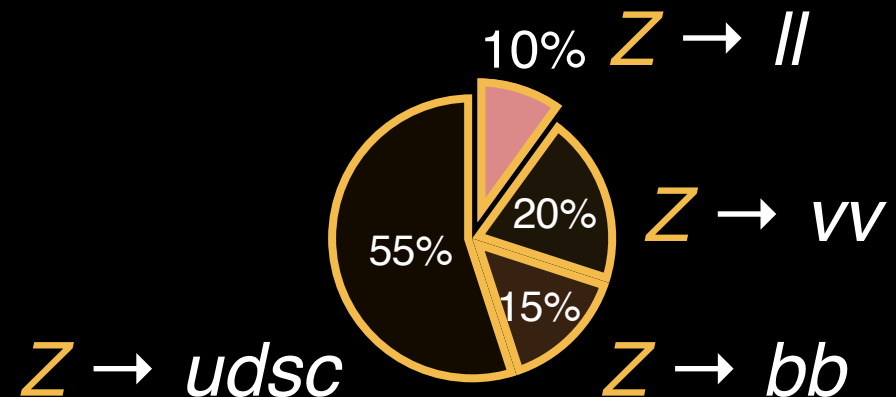
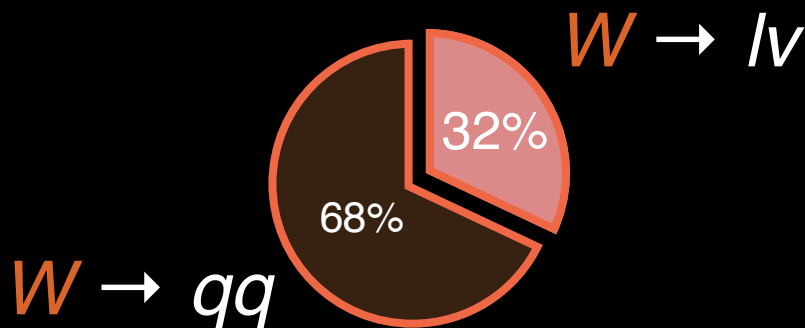
Now that we have established VVV production we can use it to test SM and also search new physics (cf. Four fermion interaction with Fermi constant)



Establishment of VVV production opens up a new physics program

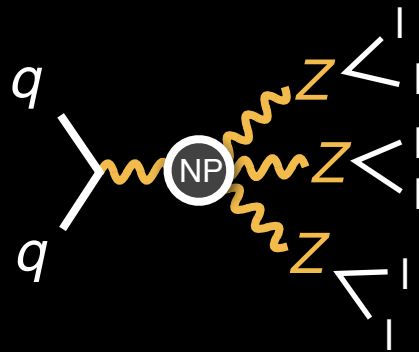


- We have now established  $pp \rightarrow VVV$  production in “fully” leptonic decay
- Physics of  $V \rightarrow ff$  is well understood
- $pp \rightarrow VVV \rightarrow$  fully v. semi-leptonic decays should exhibit same physics  
 $\Rightarrow$  If new physics alters  $pp \rightarrow VVV$ , it will alter both

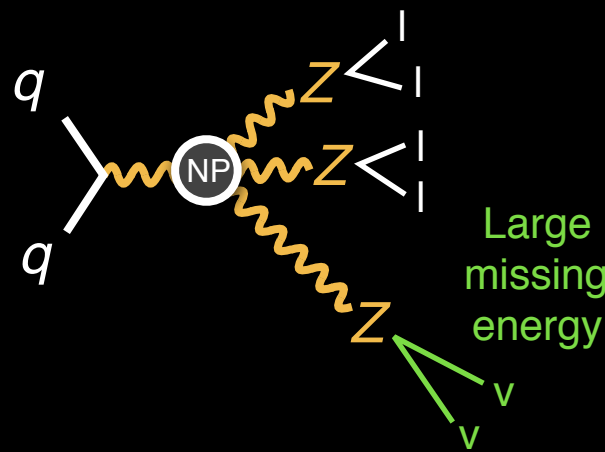
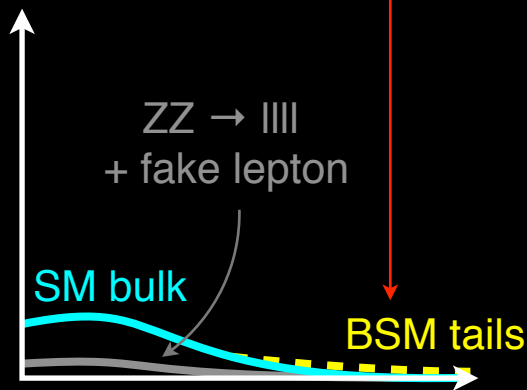


$VVV \rightarrow$  semi-leptonic ought to have same physics as  $VVV \rightarrow$  fully leptonic

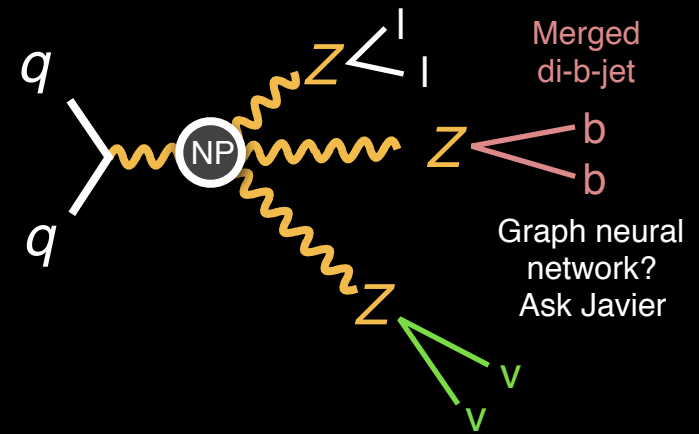
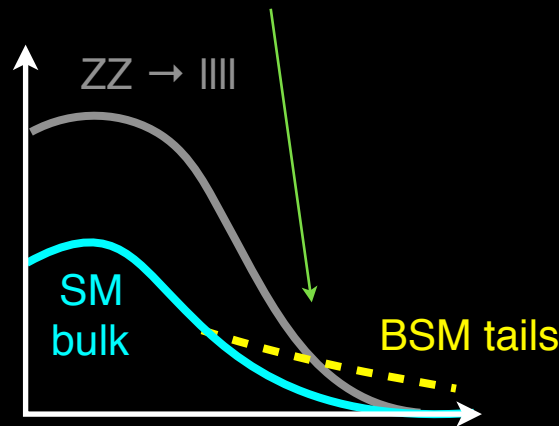
# Fully leptonic v. Semi leptonic channel



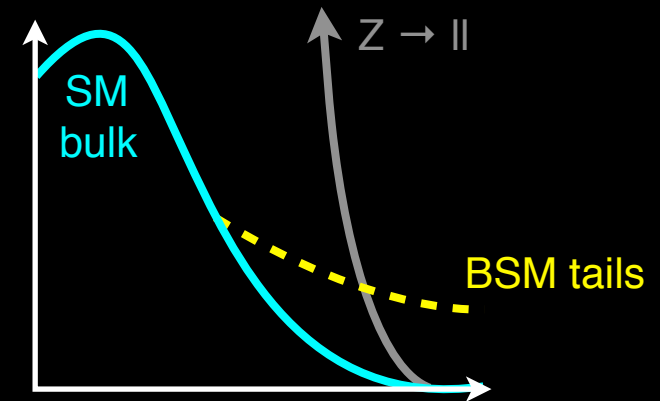
Clean channel for discovery but probing tail is **difficult**



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



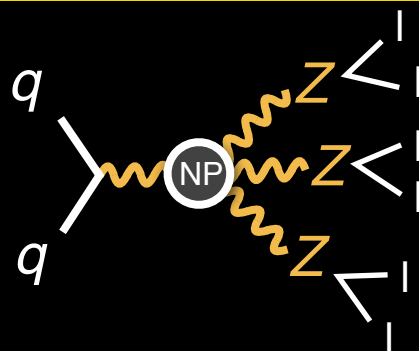
Bkg is even larger but **more** high  $P_T$  feature can be **further** exploited



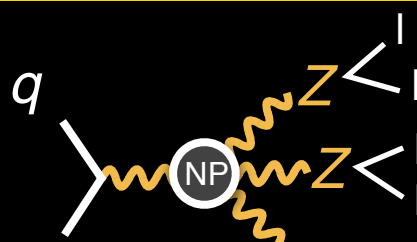
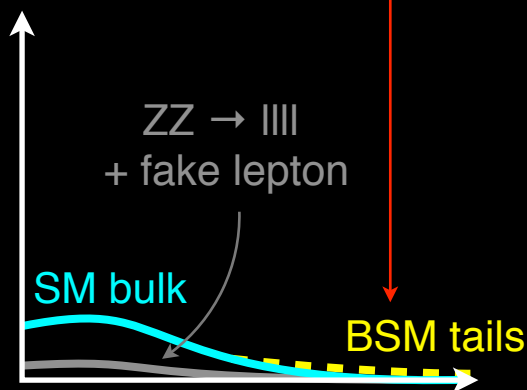
Signal Bkg. Small → Large Signal Bkg.

We can probe  $VVV \rightarrow$  semi-leptonic for new physics

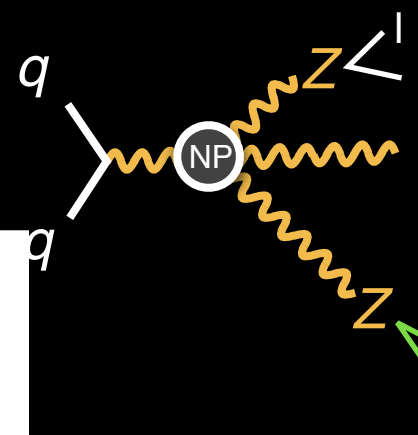
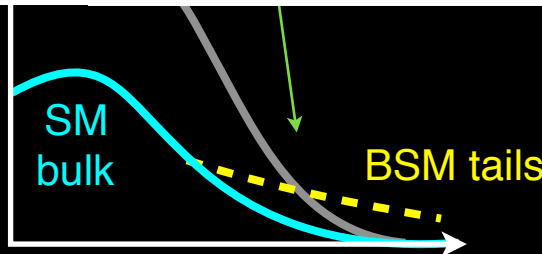
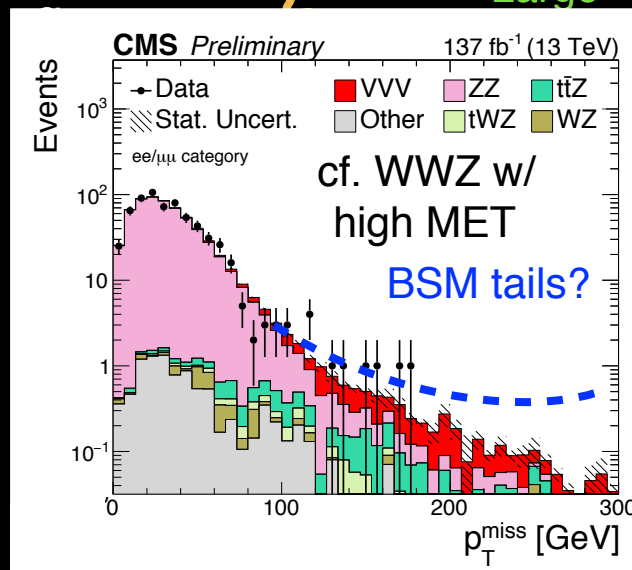
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Clean channel for discovery but probing tail is **difficult**



Large

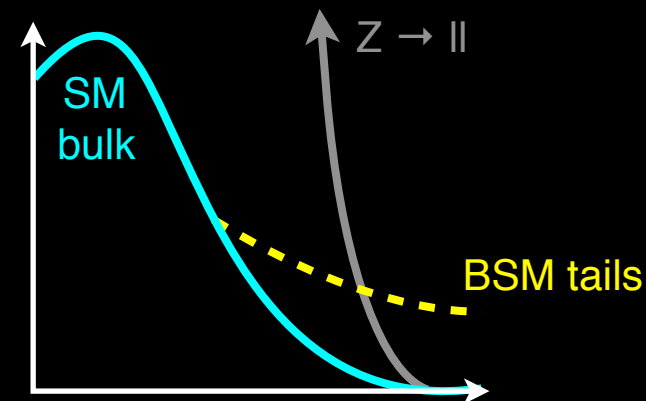


Merged di-b-jet

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Graph neural network?  
Ask Javier

Bkg is even larger but **more** high  $P_T$  feature can be **further** exploited



Signal  
Bkg.

Small

Large

Signal  
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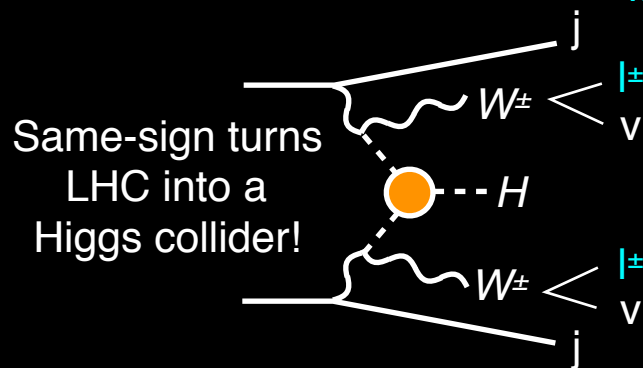
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# More multi-massive-X processes for future

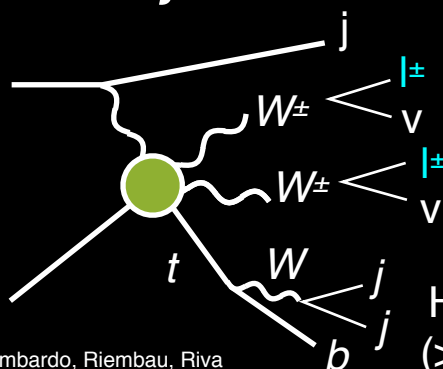
listing a few multi-massive-X processes with **same-sign**

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

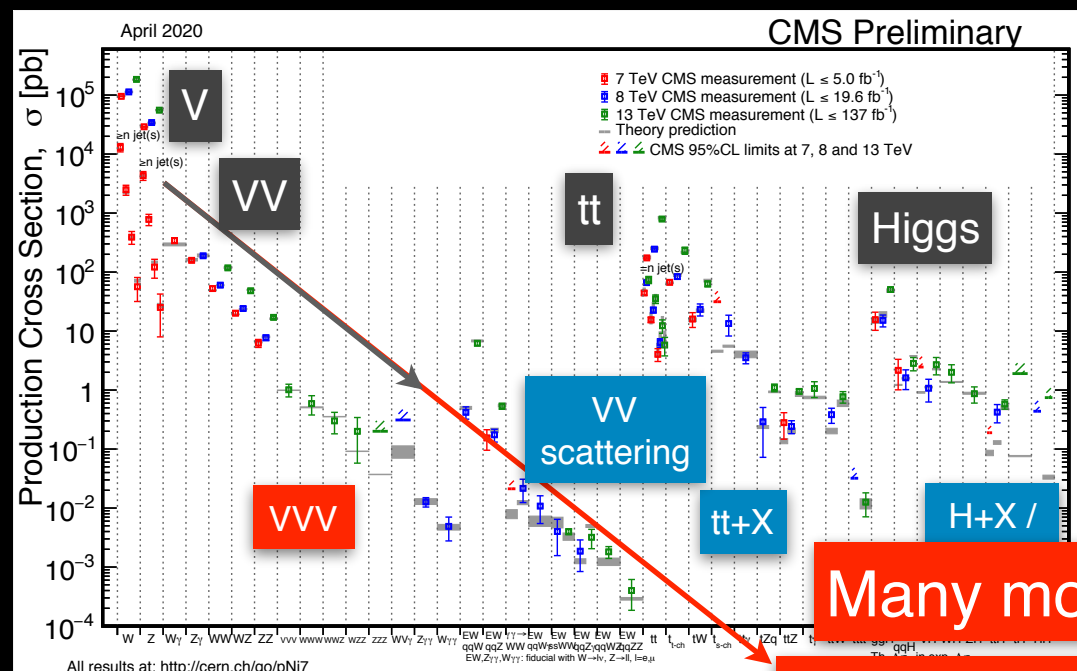
*Same-sign  
is special*



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



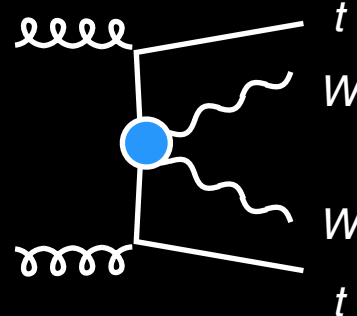
High  $P_T$  top  
( $> 500$  GeV)



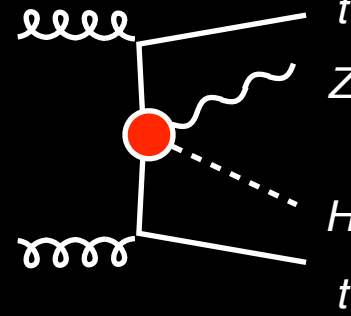
**Many more**

WWH, tWWj, ttWW, ttZH

$$pp \rightarrow ttWW$$

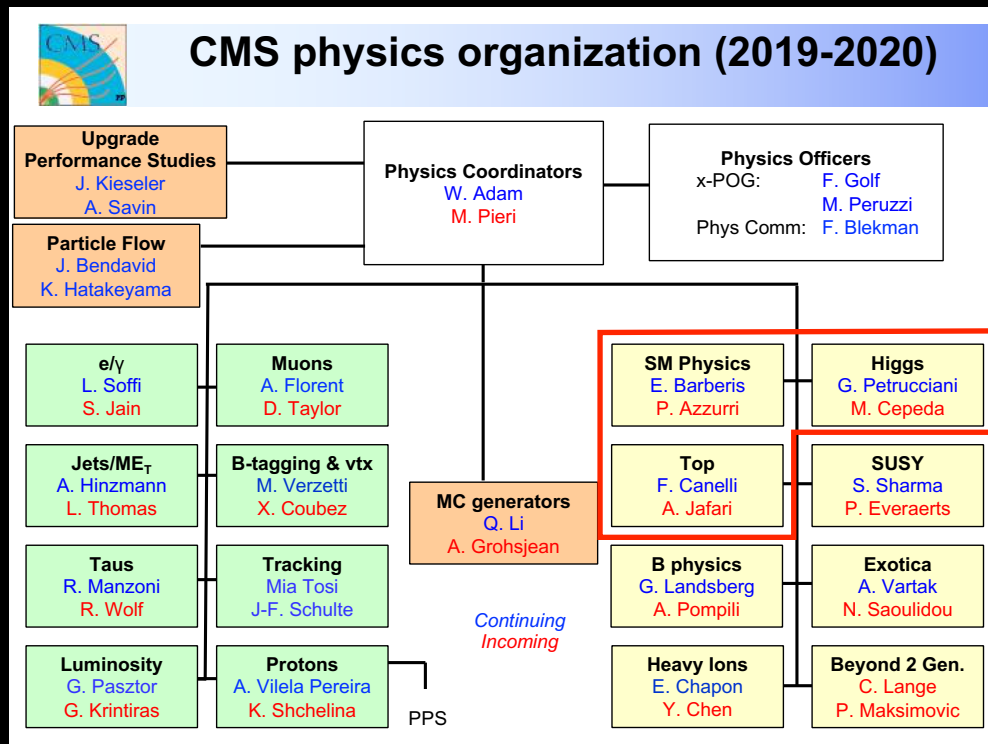


$$pp \rightarrow ttZH$$



There are many more multi-massive-X production to be explored at LHC

Current physics group organization assumed top, W, Z, and H are produced with low ( $\leq 2$ ) multiplicity



- VVV is in SM group, but a significant portion of our signal is  $VH \rightarrow VVV^*$
- Anything with  $W^\pm W^\pm$  is in SM group
- Anything with top would fall under Top
- Anything with H would fall under Higgs
- Where does  $VBS \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm H$  go?
- Where does  $tW^\pm W^\pm j$  go?
- Where does  $ttZH$  go?

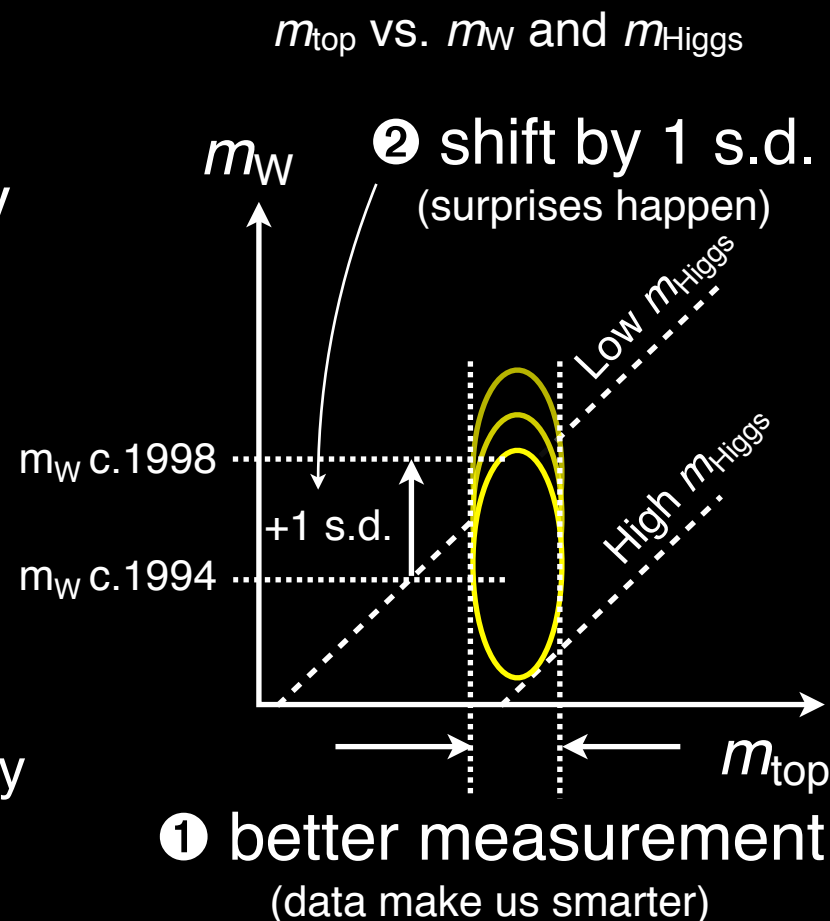
Going forward SM, H, and Top group needs to (also) couple “strongly”

Physics group organization may need some “basis change”

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

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

- Prior to 1994, upper bound of  $m_{\text{Higgs}} \leq \sim 1$  TeV
- $m_{\text{top}}$  was constrained better than projected
  - More data makes us smarter (Lesson 1)
- $m_W$  shifted by 1 s.d.
- Lowered upper bounds on  $m_{\text{Higgs}} \leq 200$  GeV
  - Surprises do happen (Lesson 2)
- LHC will collect >20x data and measure many more processes
- Surprises of our own may be waiting for us



We cannot expect to know what we do not know yet



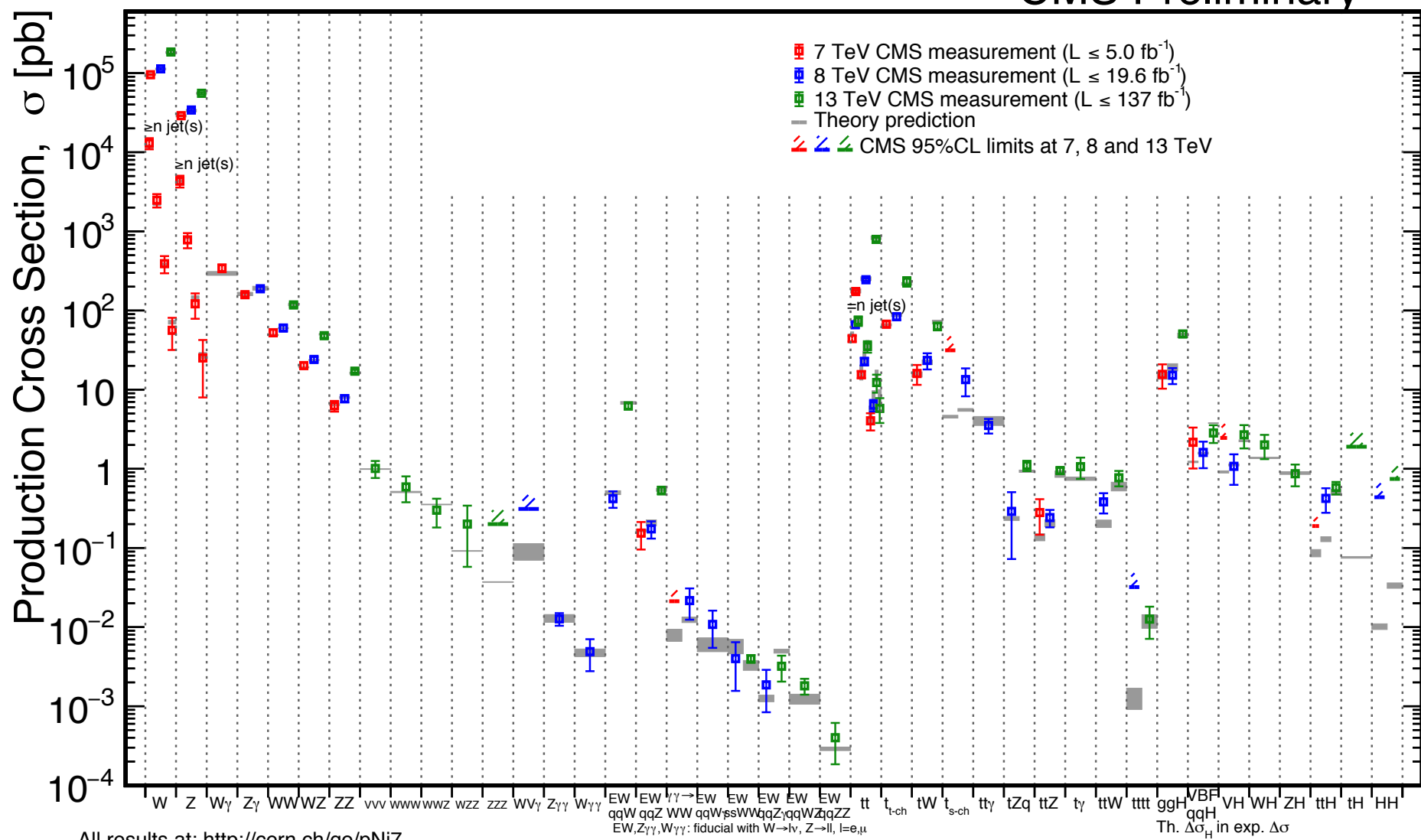
- First observation of  $VVV$  productions was made by CMS collaboration
- Also found evidences for  $WWW$  and  $WWZ$
- first hints for  $WZZ$  production and no hints for  $ZZZ$  yet
- The measured cross section is compatible with SM
- This establishes  $VVV$  process and opens a unique opportunity to test SM
- New physics can be also searched
- In the future, LHC will continue to probe electroweak interactions in various  $VVV$  channel
- Also, LHC will have to continue to probe unexplored electroweak productions of massive particles



# Backup

April 2020

CMS Preliminary



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

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



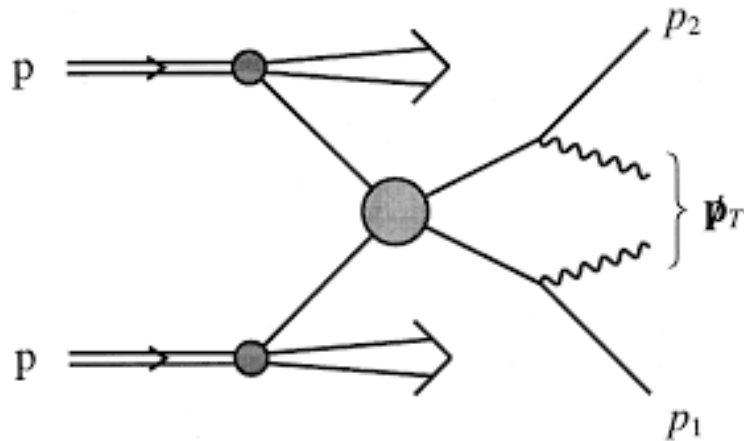
Variable	$m_{jj}$ -in and $m_{jj}$ -out	1j
Trigger	Signal triggers, tab. 3.2	
Signal leptons	Exactly 2 tight SS leptons with $p_T > 25$ GeV	
Additional leptons	No additional very loose lepton	
Isolated tracks	No additional isolated tracks	
Jets	$\geq 2$ jets	1 jet
b-tagging	no b-tagged jets and soft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

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

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

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

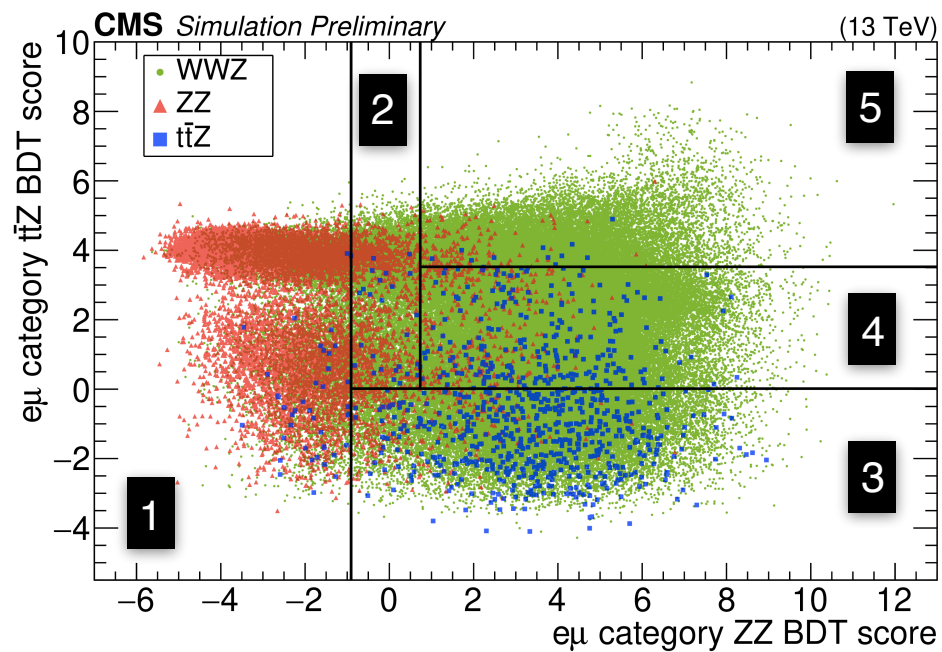
$$m_{T2} = \min_{\vec{p}_T^{\nu(1)} + \vec{p}_T^{\nu(2)} = \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \left[ \max \left( m_T^{(1)}(\vec{p}_T^{\nu(1)}, \vec{p}_T^e), m_T^{(2)}(\vec{p}_T^{\nu(2)}, \vec{p}_T^{\mu}) \right) \right]$$



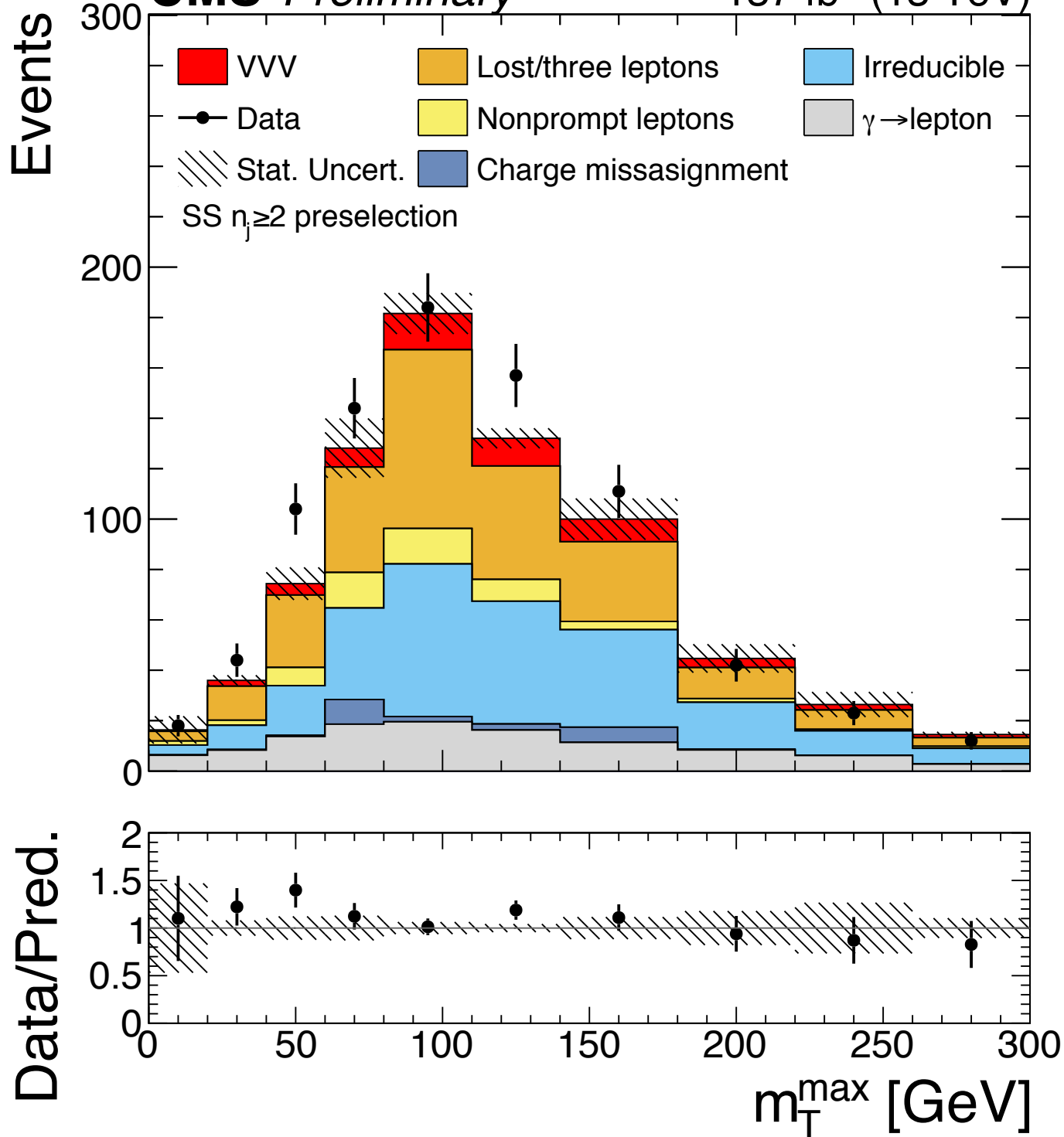
For  $WW \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$  sub-system of  $WWZ$ , endpoint is at  $m_W$

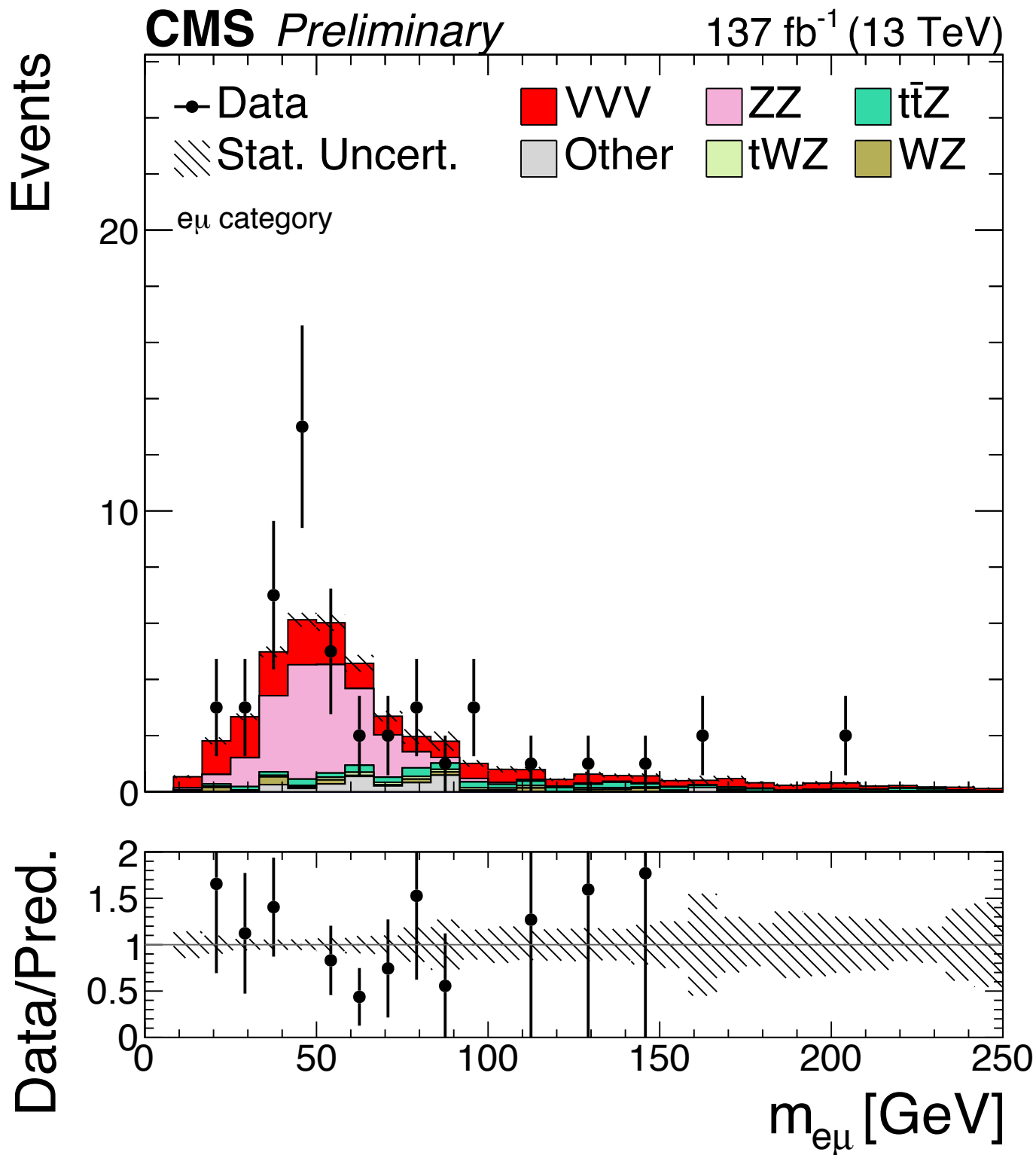
For  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ll\nu\nu\nu\nu$  sub-system of  $ZZ$ , endpoint is at  $m_\tau$

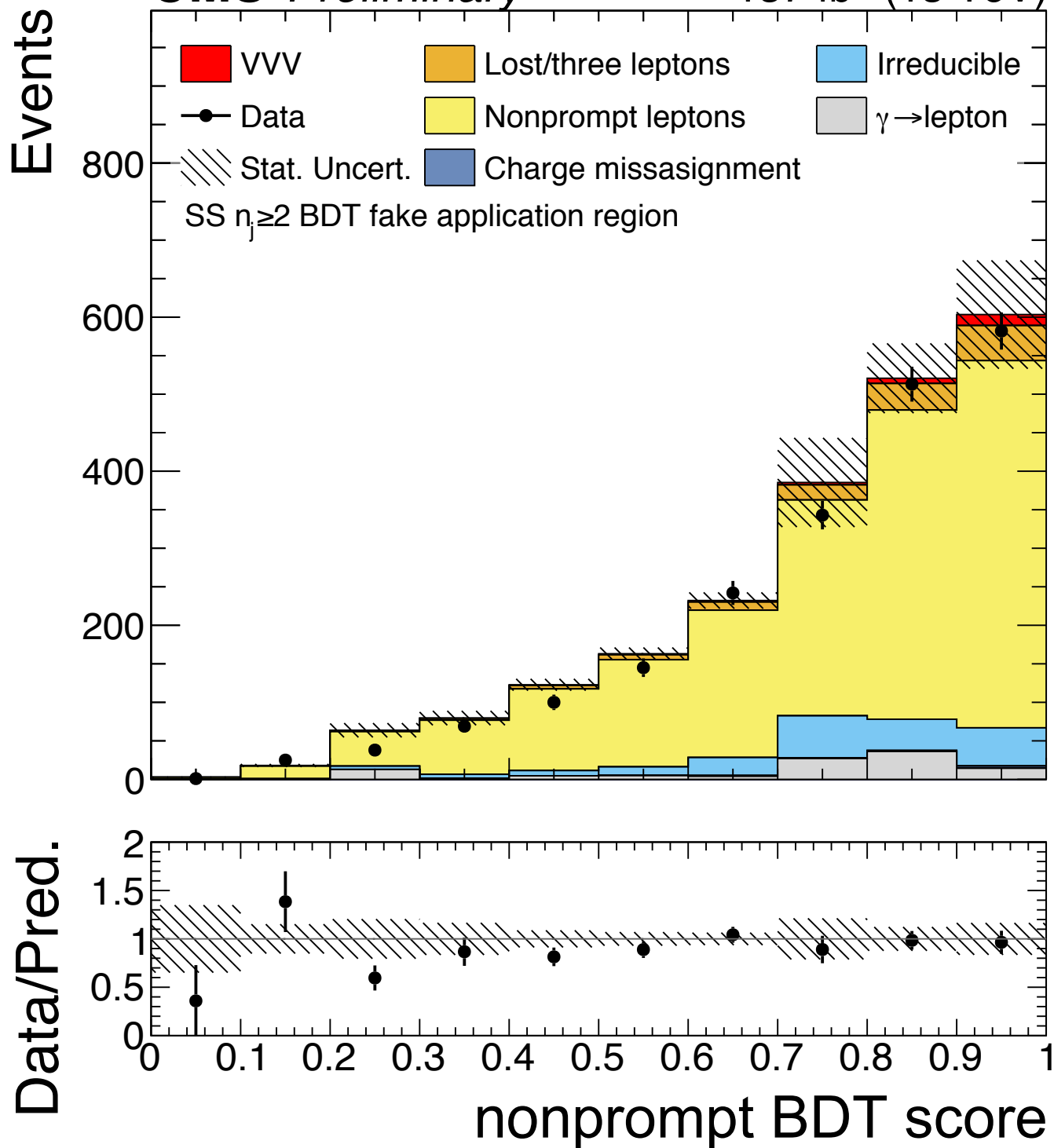


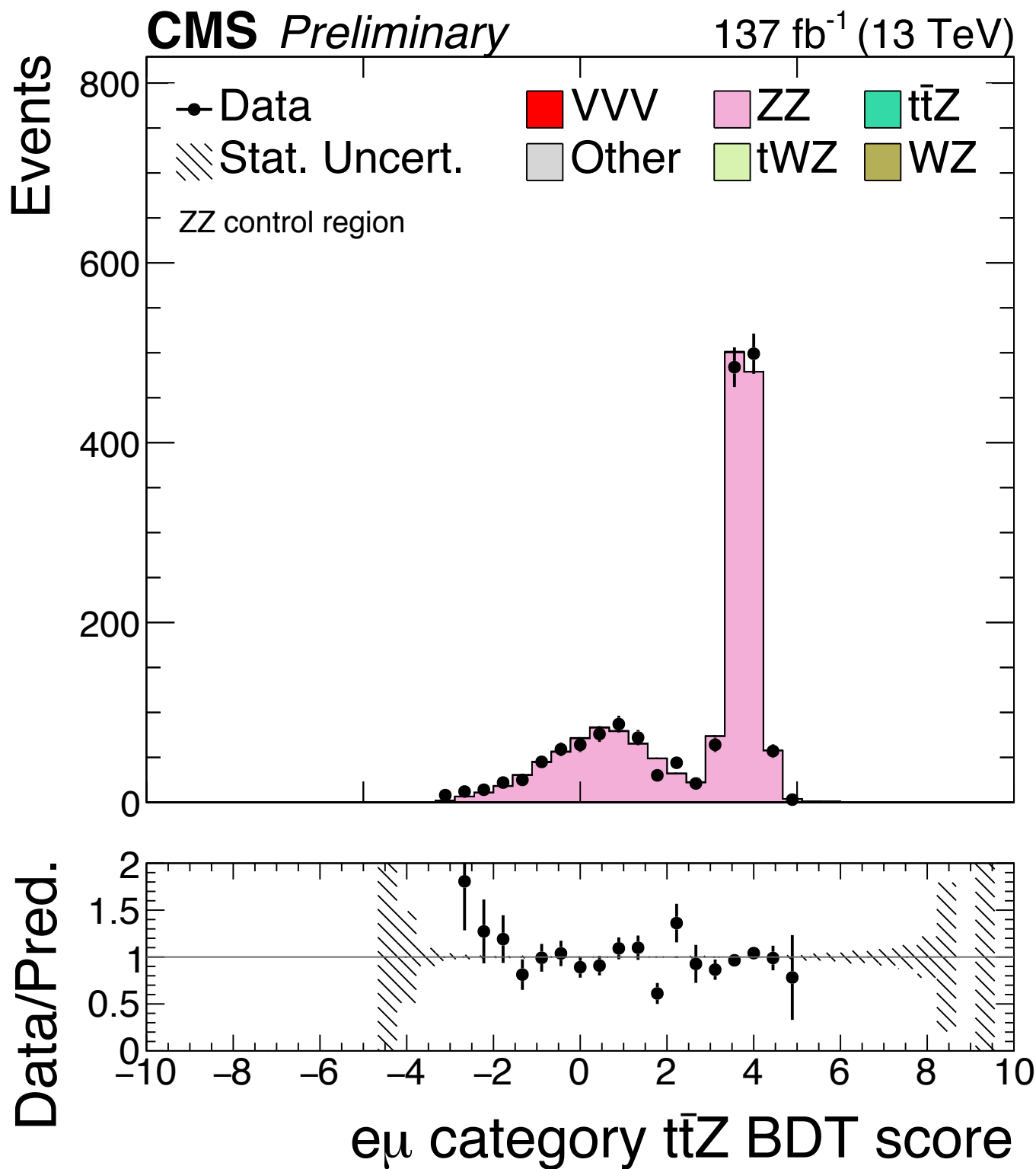


	ZZ BDT range	ttZ BDT range
eμ BDT bin 1	$(-\infty, -0.908)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$
eμ BDT bin 2	$(-0.908, \infty)$	$(-\infty, 0.015)$
eμ BDT bin 3	$(-0.908, 0.733)$	$(0.015, \infty)$
eμ BDT bin 4	$(0.733, \infty)$	$(0.015, 3.523)$
eμ BDT bin 5	$(0.733, \infty)$	$(3.523, \infty)$
ee/μμ BDT bin A	$(0, 3)$	-
ee/μμ BDT bin B	$(3, \infty)$	-



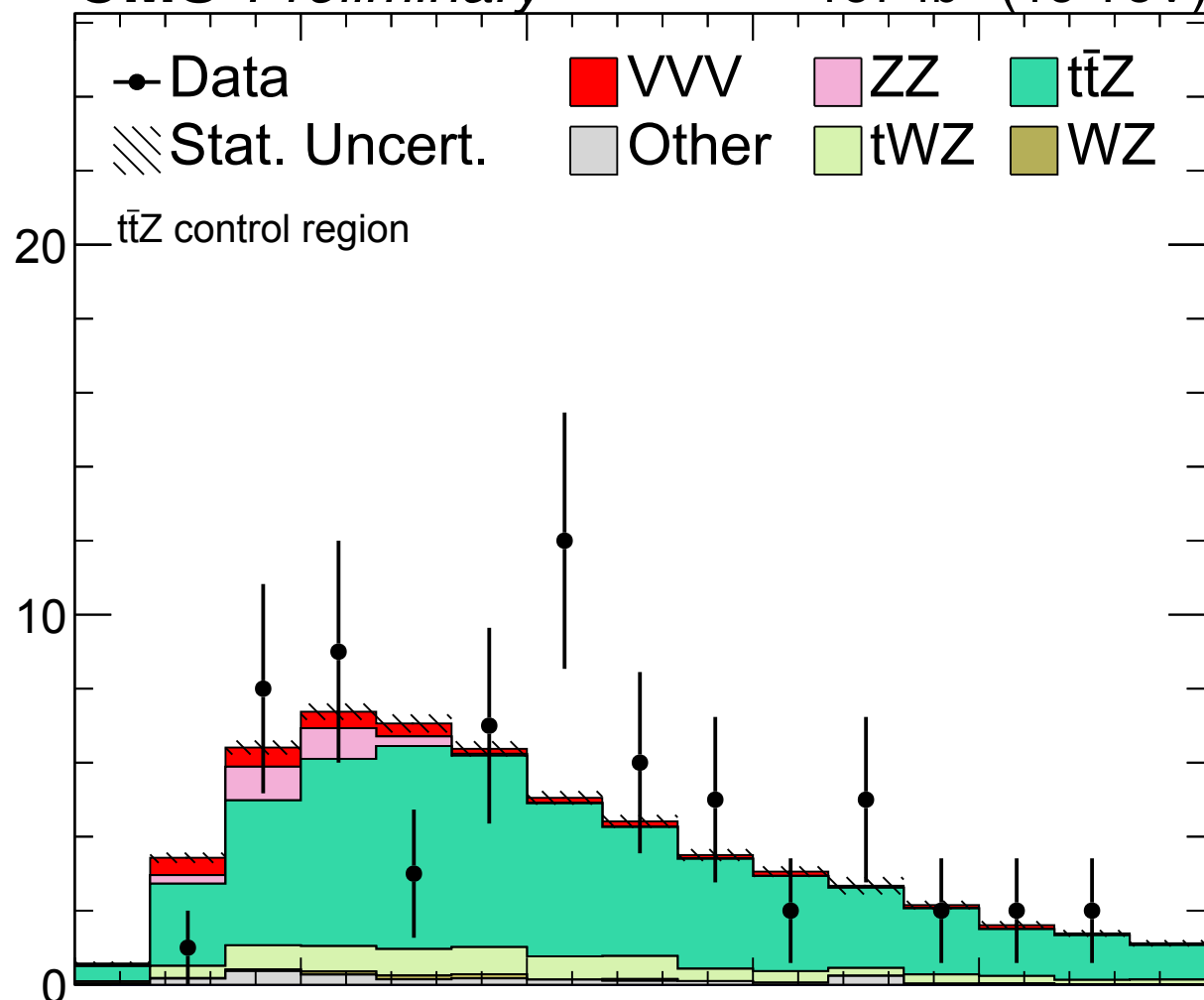




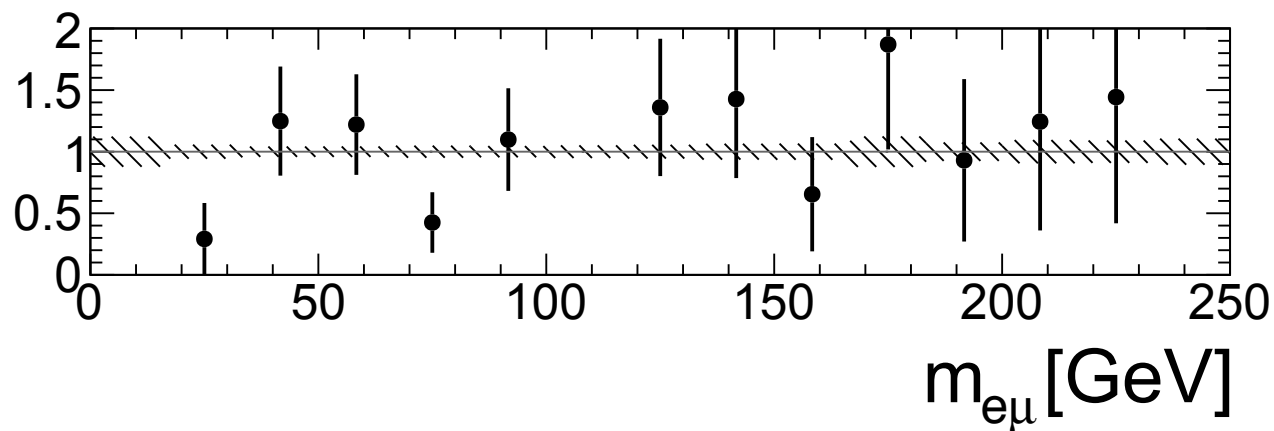




Events



Data/Pred.





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

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

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

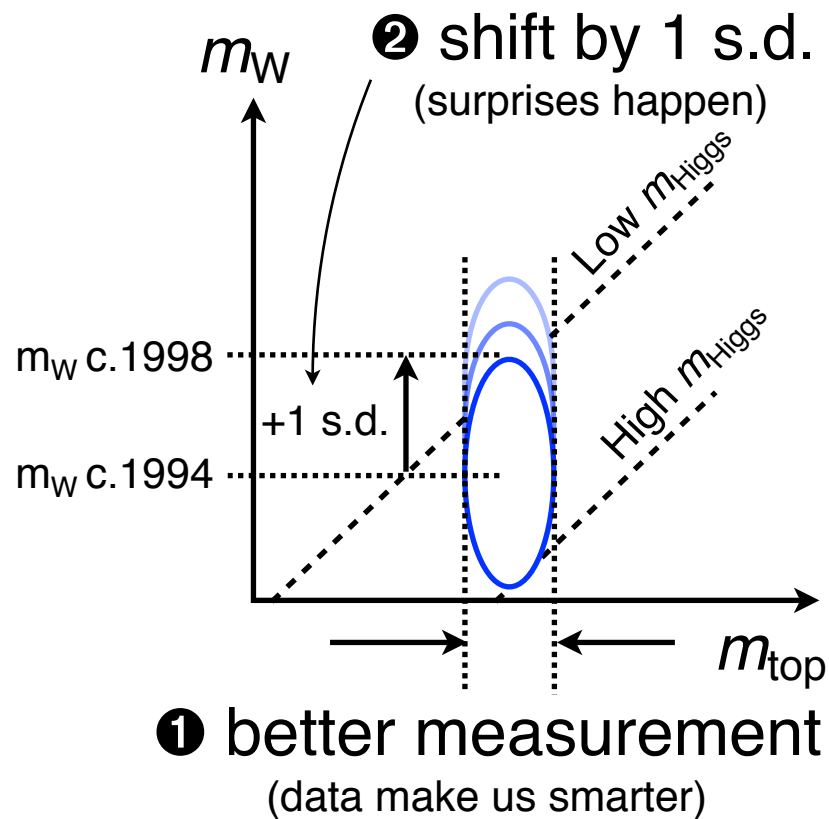
Signal region	$4\ell e\mu$					$4\ell ee/\mu\mu$		$5\ell$	$6\ell$
	bin 1	bin 2	bin 3	bin 4	bin 5	bin A	bin B		
ZZ	15.9±1.0	1.6±0.1	0.6±0.1	0.6±0.1	0.2±0.0	76.4±4.3	2.9±0.3	0.30±0.09	0.01±0.01
t $\bar{t}$ Z	0.2±0.1	0.1±0.1	2.8±0.5	1.4±0.2	0.1±0.1	1.5±0.3	2.3±0.3	<0.01	<0.01
tWZ	0.1±0.1	0.1±0.1	0.6±0.1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

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

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

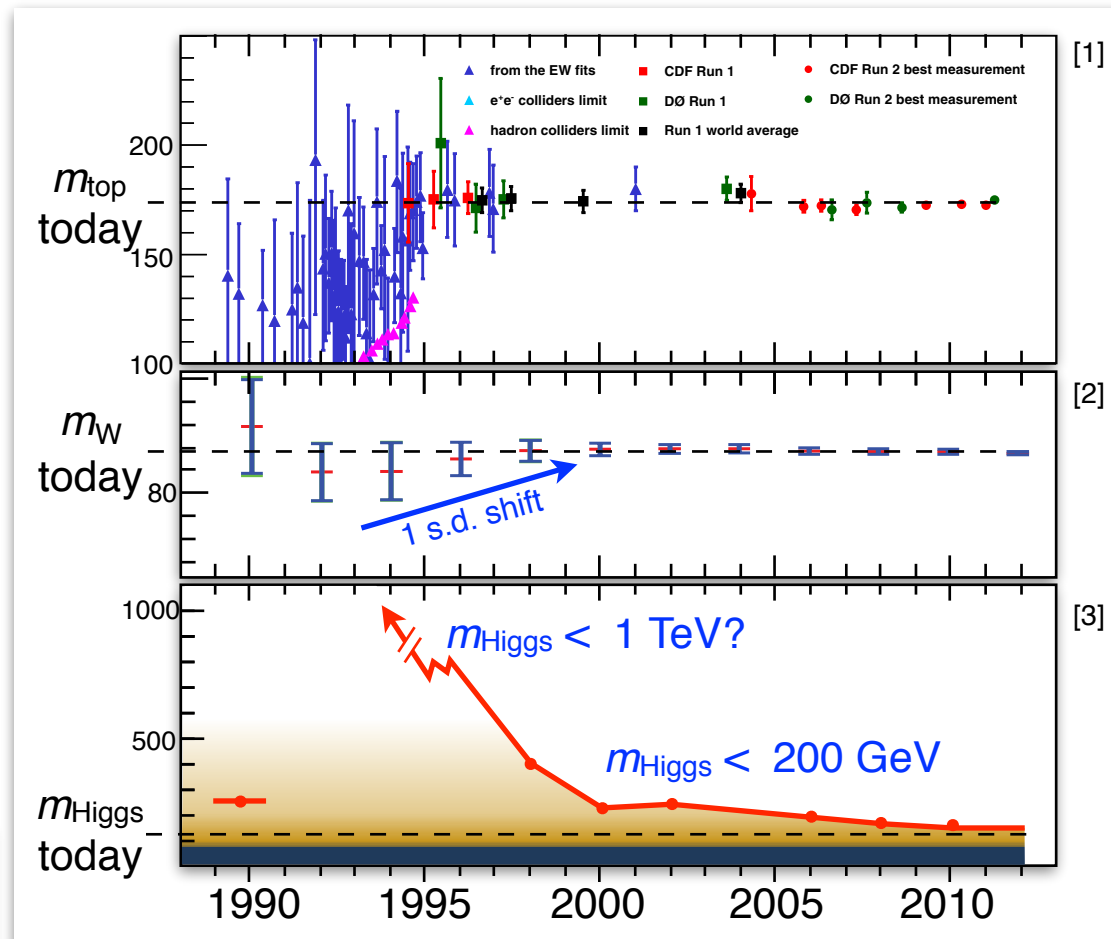


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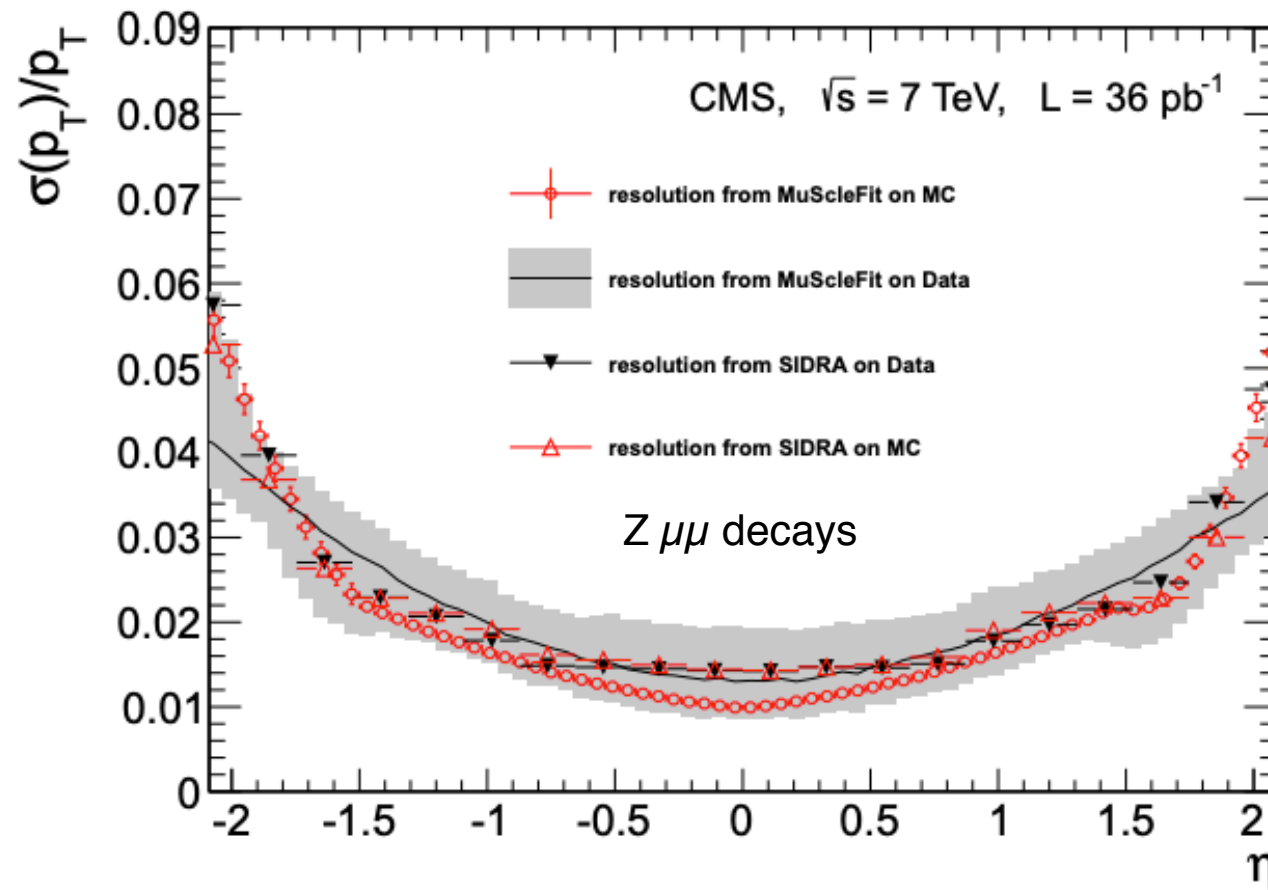


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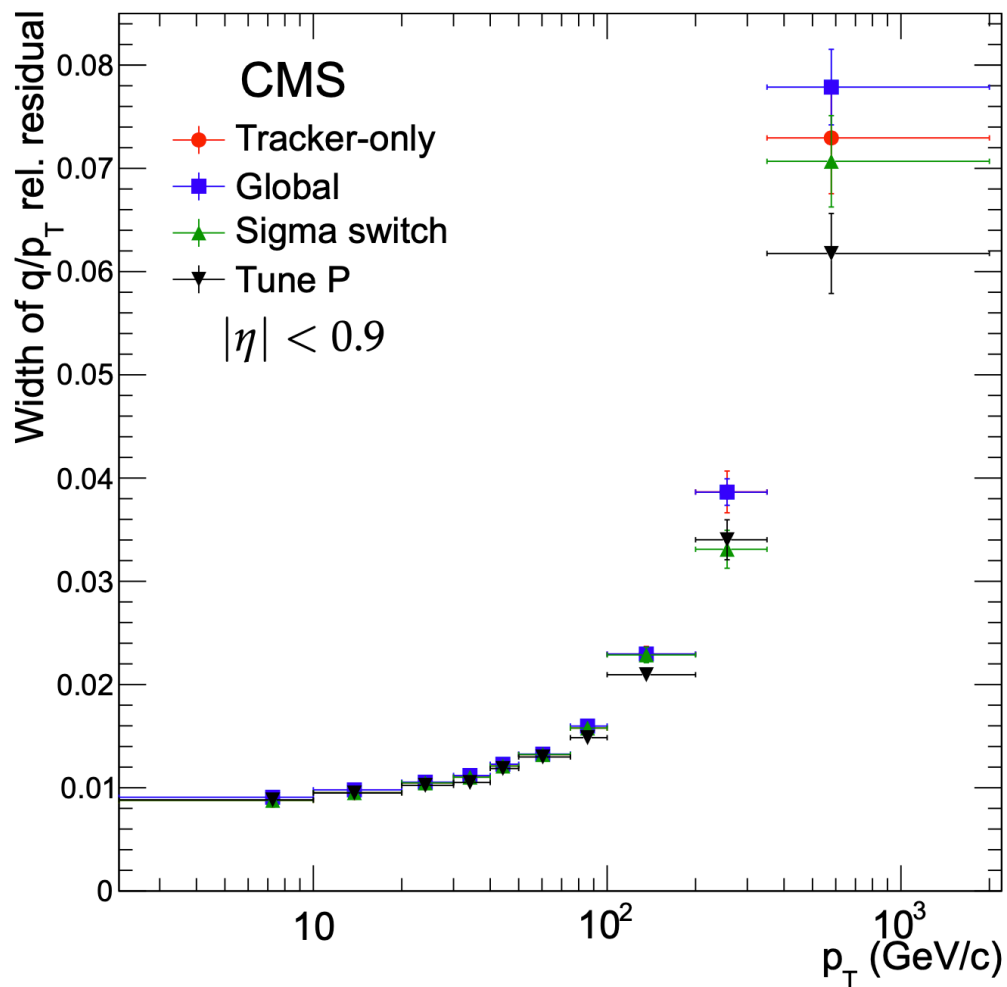


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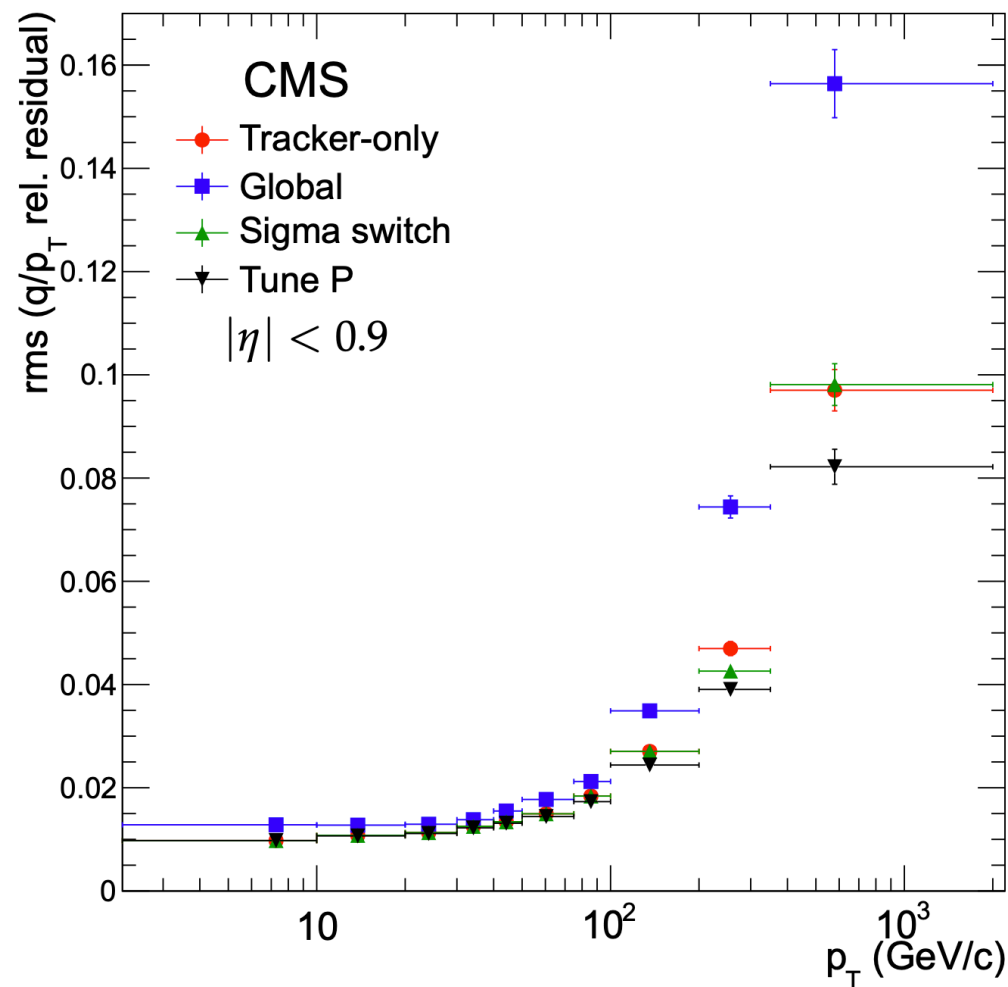


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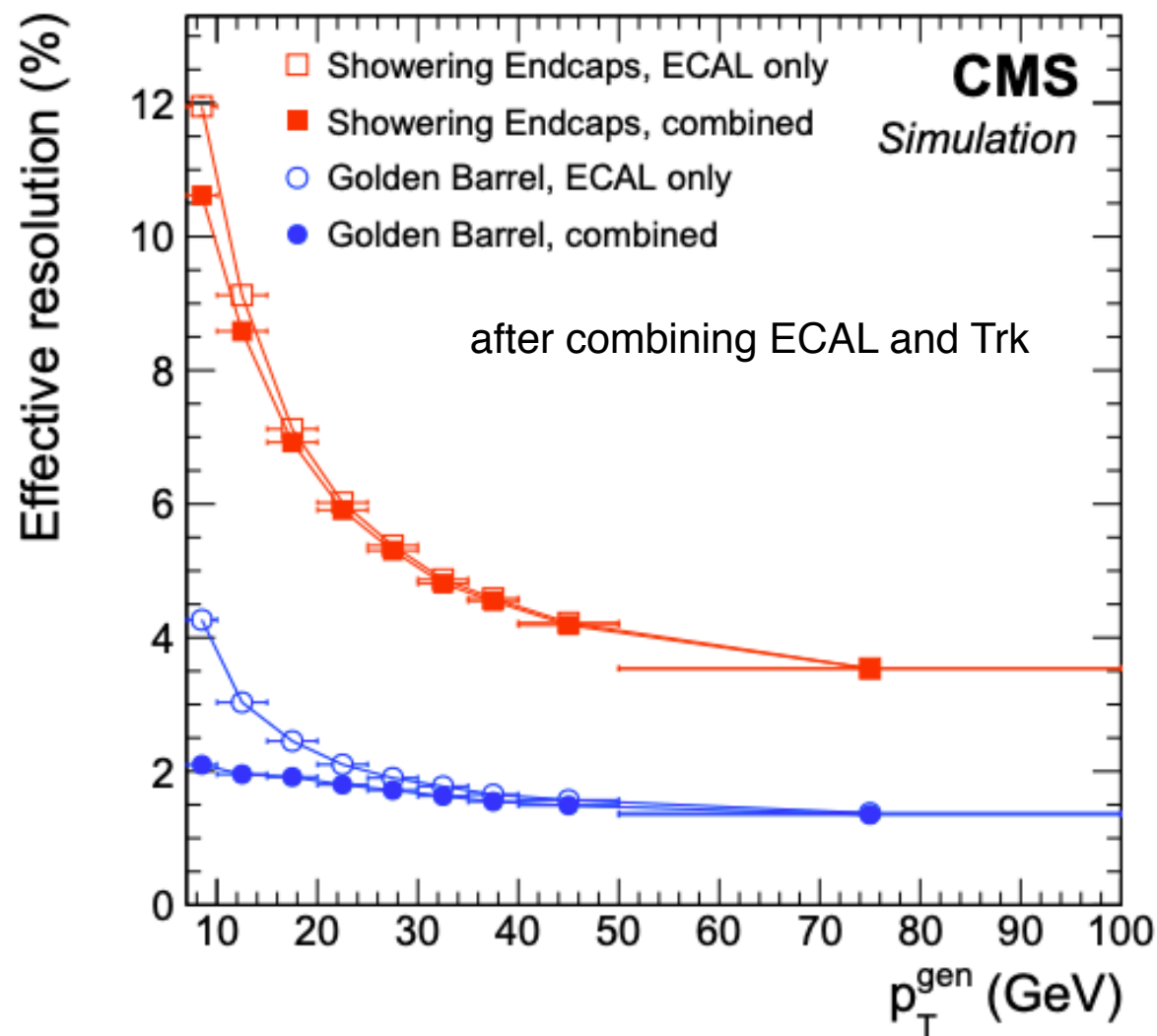
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## Performance of electron reconstruction and selection with the CMS detector in proton–proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

CMS Collaboration

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



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