

# Novel ways to Probe Dark Sector at Colliders

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# Prologue

Novel?

Unexplored signatures ignored so far ...

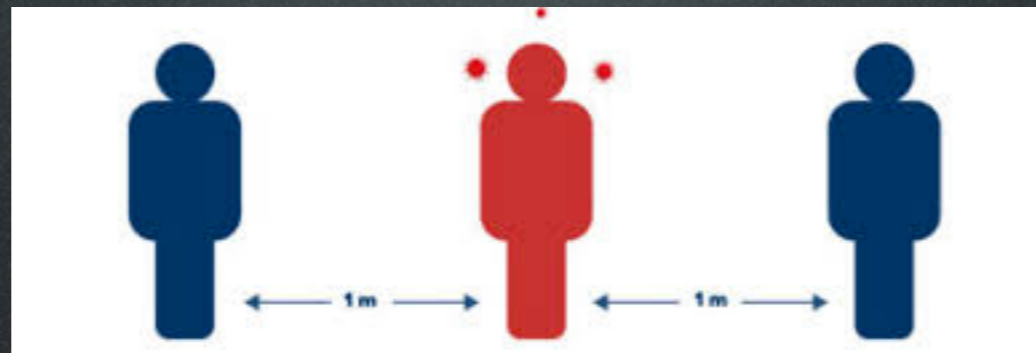


All we see is this



.... whereas this  
may be hiding!

# Principle of (social) distancing in object reconstruction!



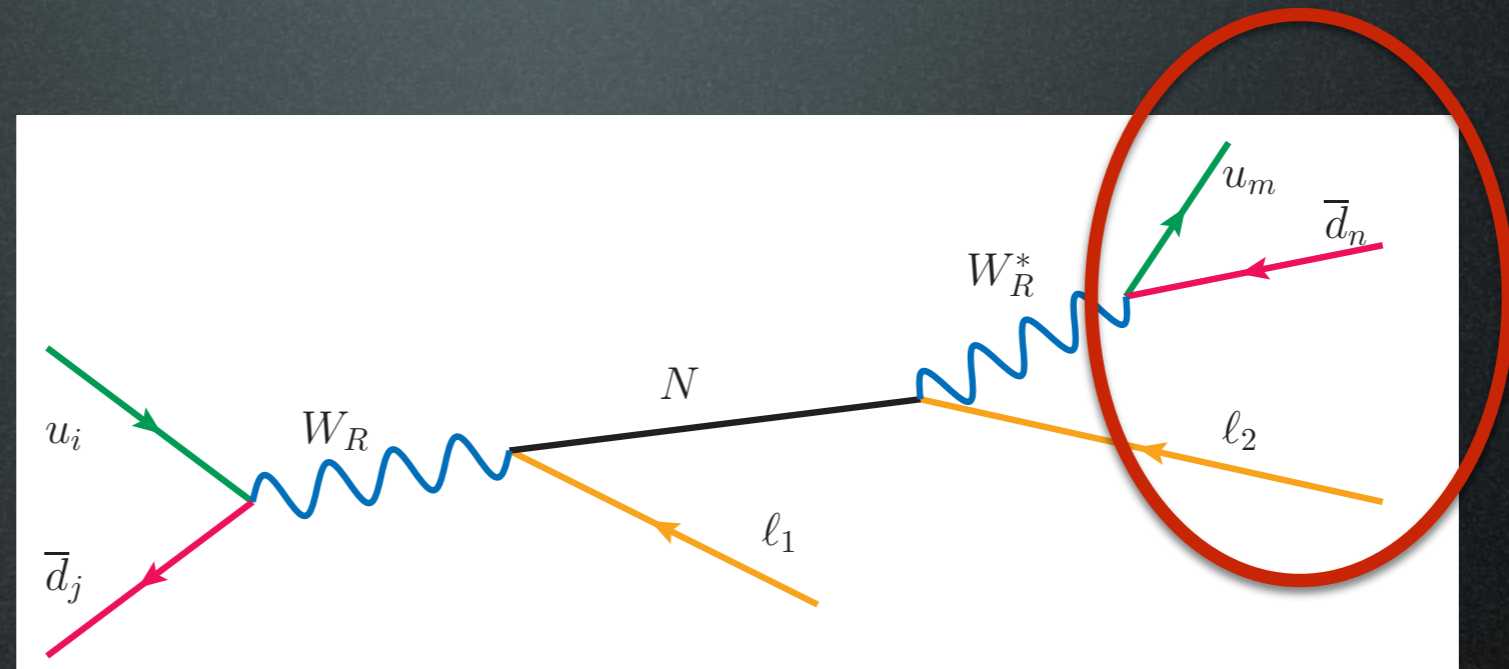
*we followed it before it was cool ...*

# Principle of (social) distancing in object reconstruction!

- Object reconstruction algorithms run independent of one another
- Same detector signature can result in multiple objects being reconstructed, results in fakes!
- Electrons as jets, and vice versa (jets contain neutral pions!)
- Overlap removal to address the double counting

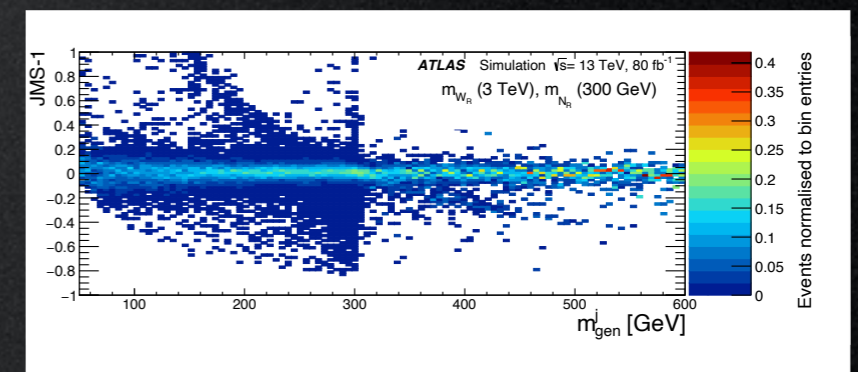
# But who ordered that?

Covered in the talk  
By Antonia Struebig  
on Monday



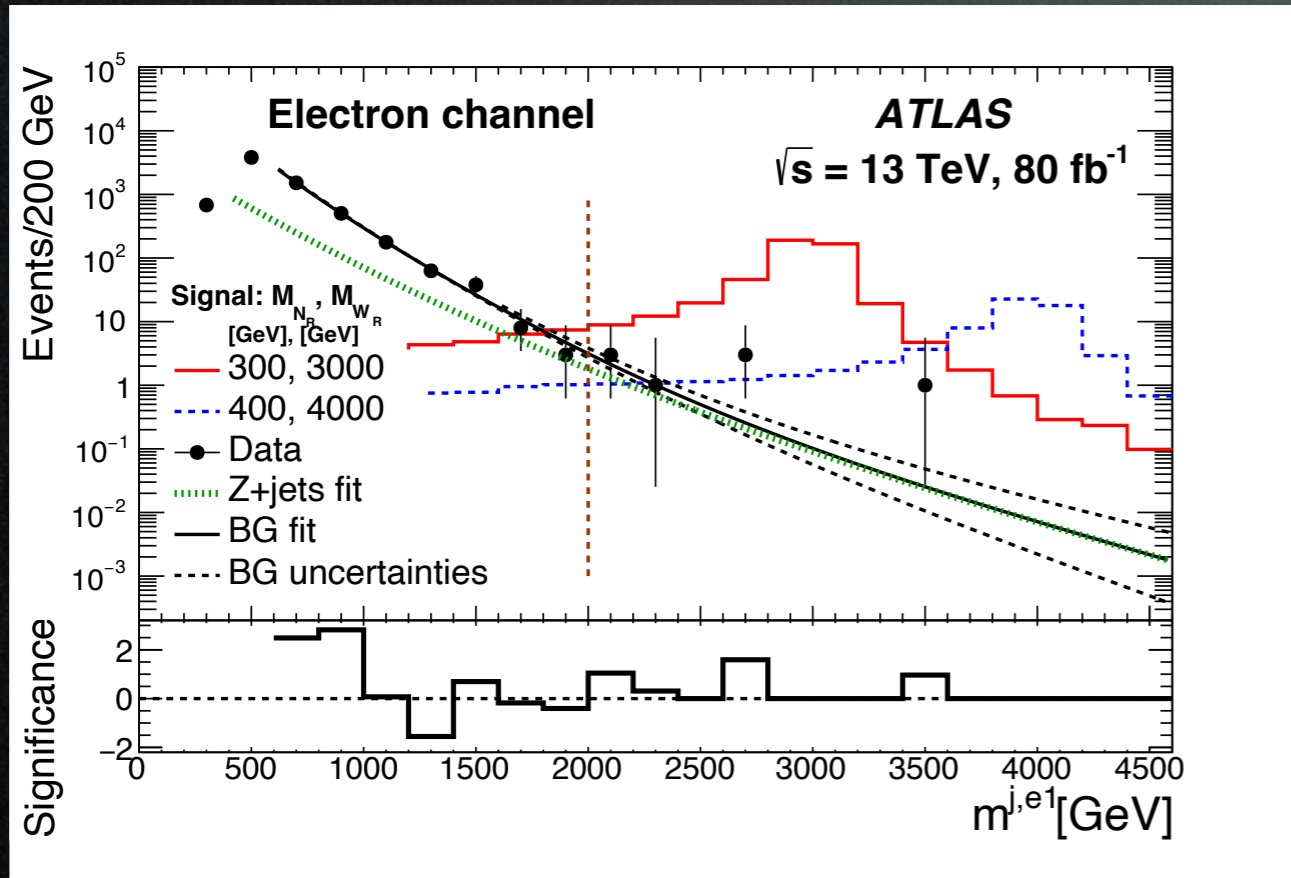
Boosted heavy neutrino search:  
electron in a large-radius jet

In ATLAS electron reconstruction  
assumed no nearby real jet, and applies  
implicit isolation requirement. That  
reduces signal efficiency, and the  
presence of such a jet affects the electron  
performance numbers

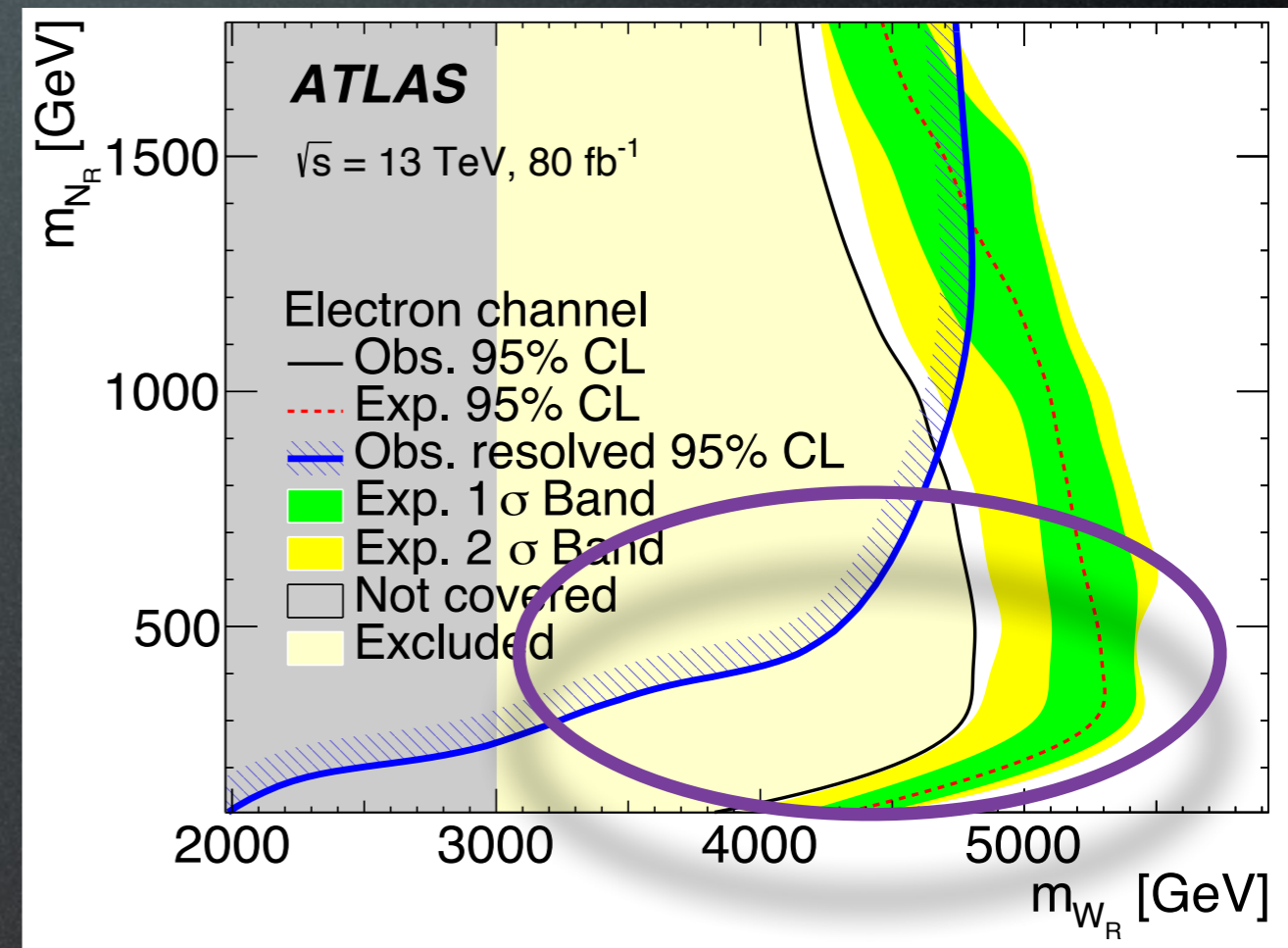


JMS well modelled

# Boosted Heavy Neutrino Search



Very small background  
 due to the extreme topology



Complementary strength  
 from resolved analysis



Why stop at electrons?



Here's a llama  
There's a llama  
And another little llama  
Fuzzy Llama  
Funny Llama  
Llama Llama duck

Half a llama  
Twice a llama  
Not a llama

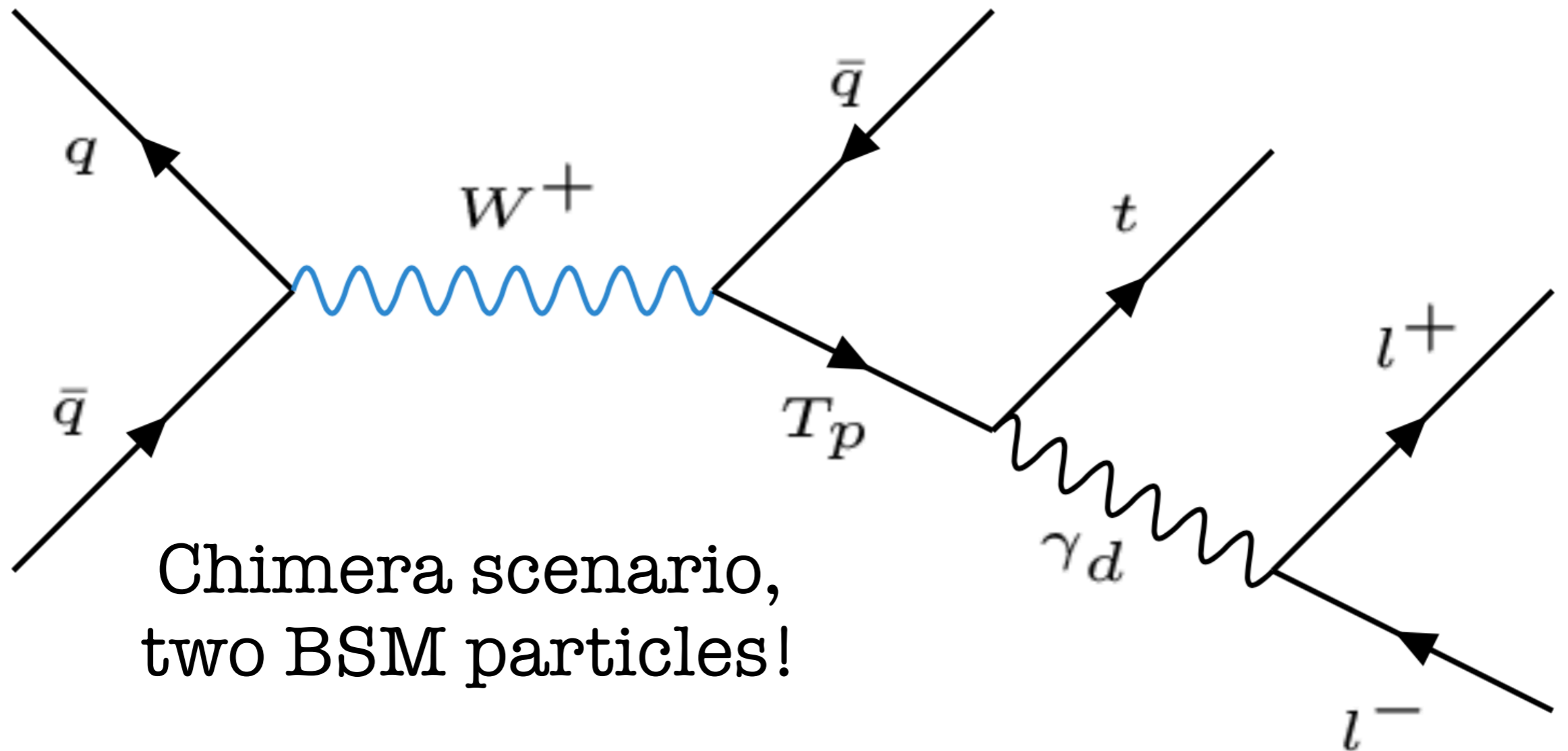


Here's a llama  
There's a llama *subj*  
And another little llama  
Fuzzy Llama *phonjet*  
Funny Llama *leppnjet*  
Llama Llama duck

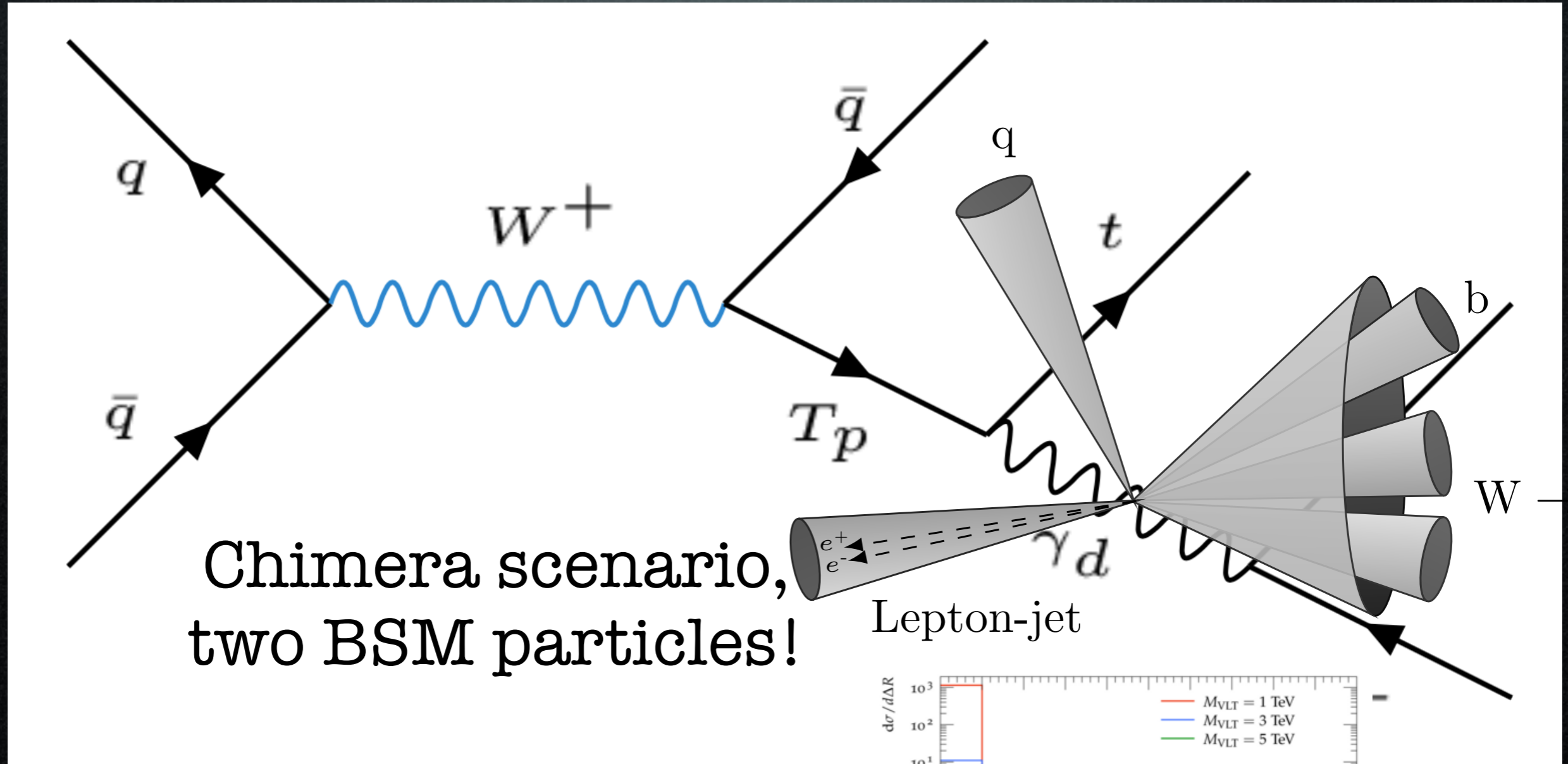
Half a llama *svj*  
Twice a llama *larger*  
Not a llama *dj jet*

# Lepton jet from dark photon

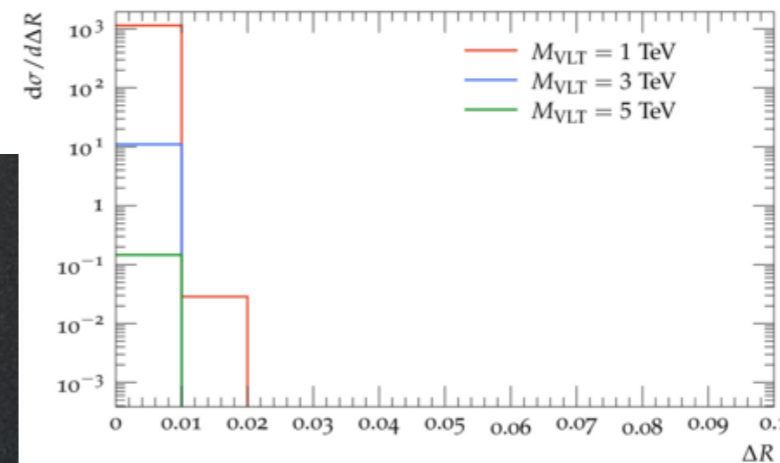
... with Karien du Plessis, M. Flores, S. Sinha, and H. van der Schyf, [SciPost Phys. 13, 018 \(2022\)](#)



# Lepton jet from dark photon



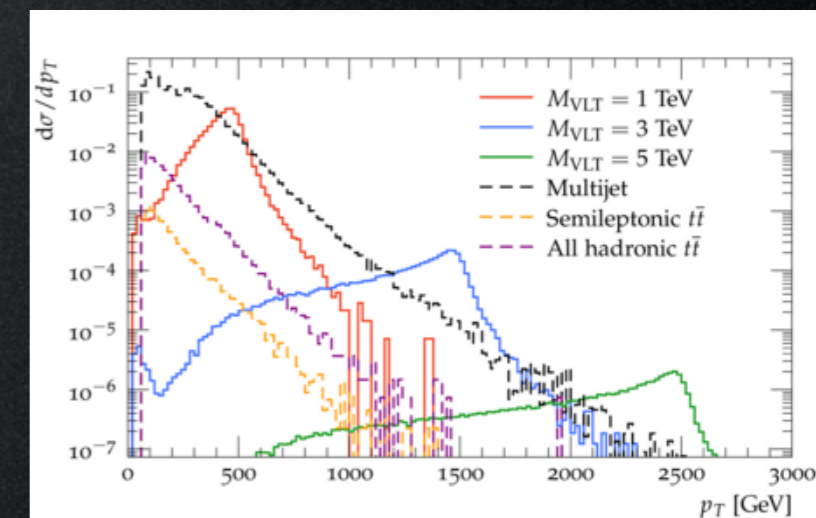
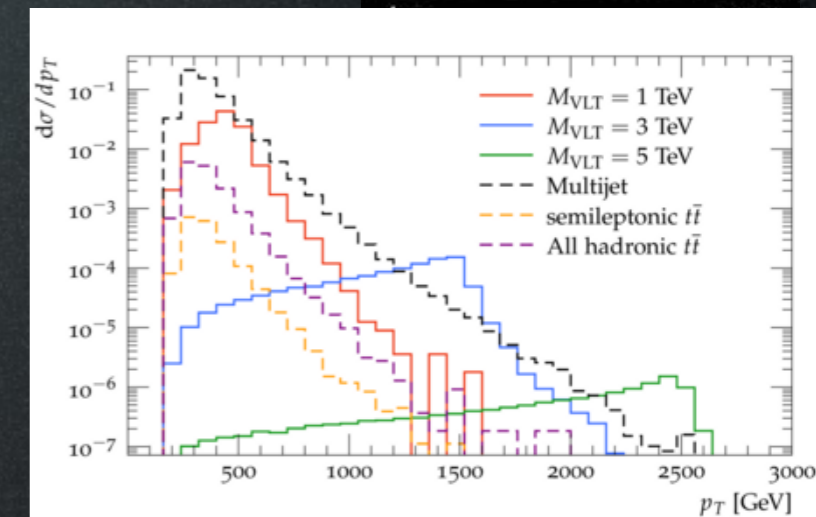
For dark photon masses  $< 200$  MeV



# Search Strategy (hadronic channel)



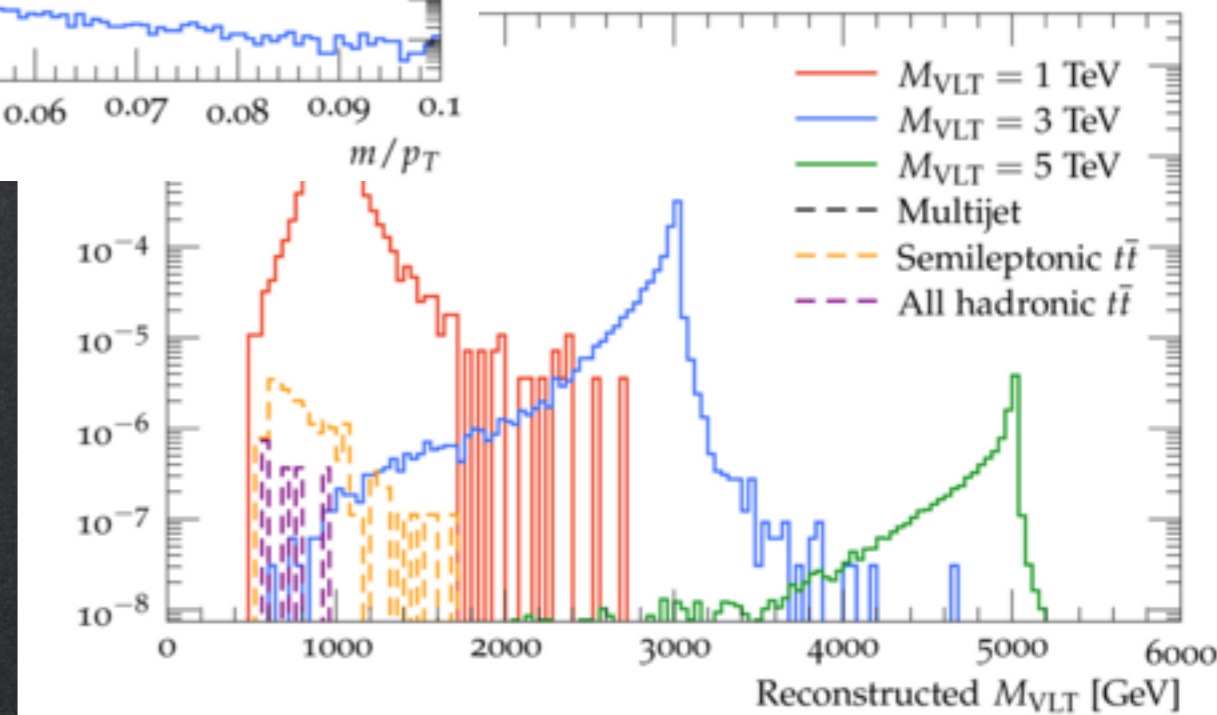
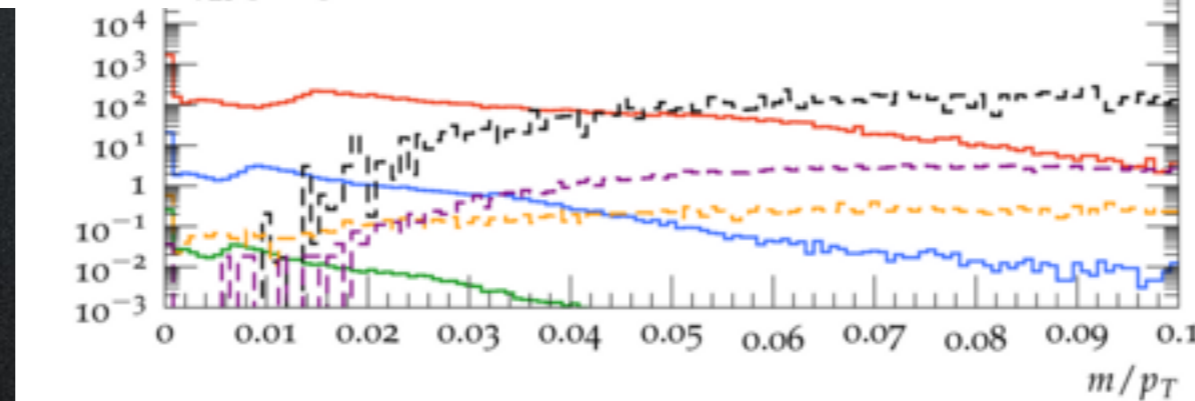
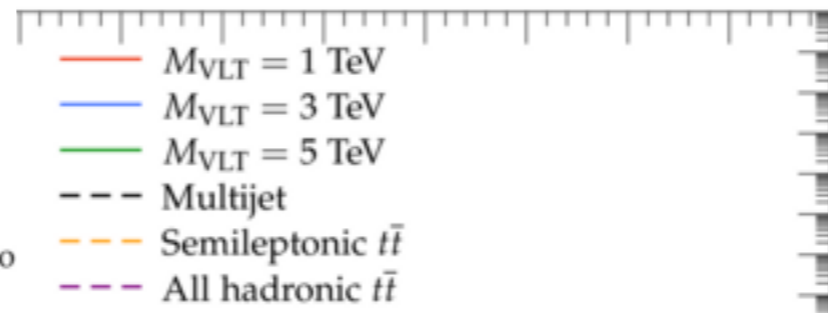
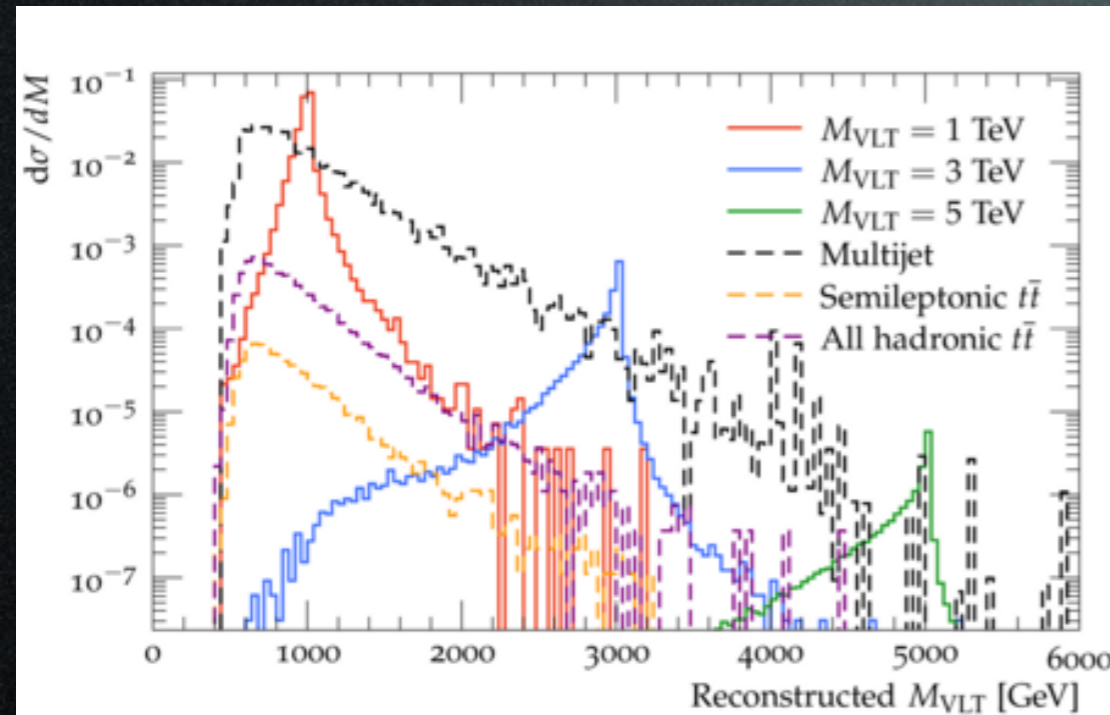
- Light lepton jet and heavy top jet, both boosted!
- Electron multiplicity  $\rightarrow$  misleading
- Cannot reconstruct the lepton jet mass
- Largest background: multijet



Not covering the lepton channel result, but mostly same considerations apply

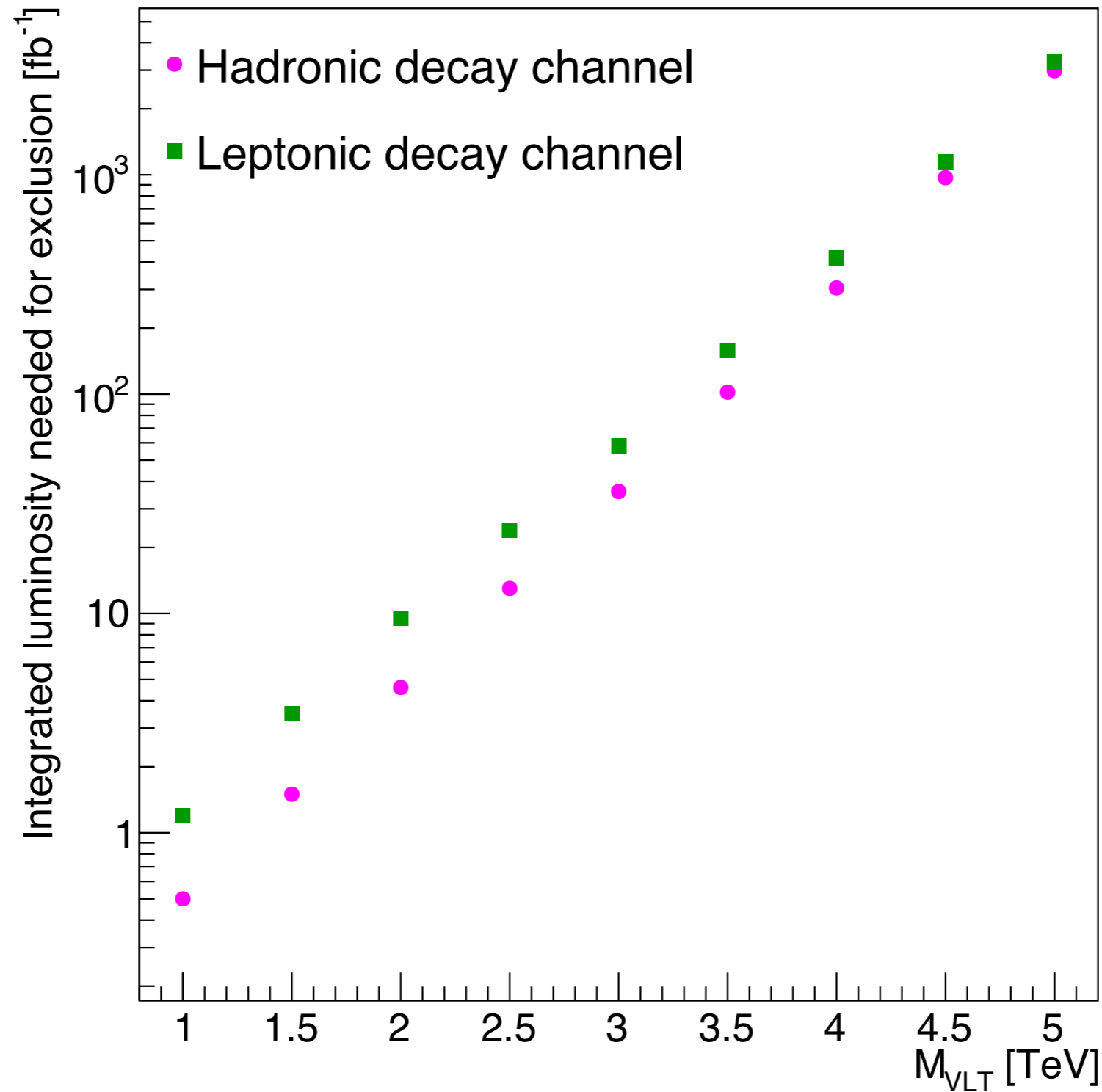
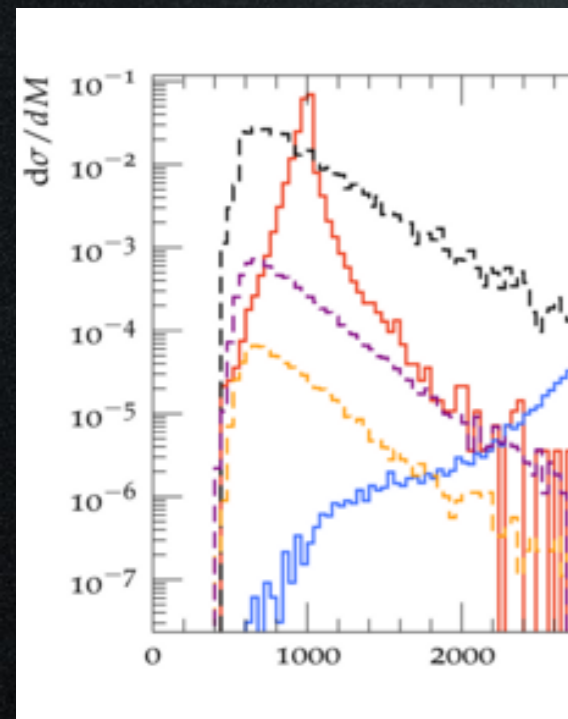
# Then what?

Lepton jet  $m/p_T$  ratio is a strong discriminant



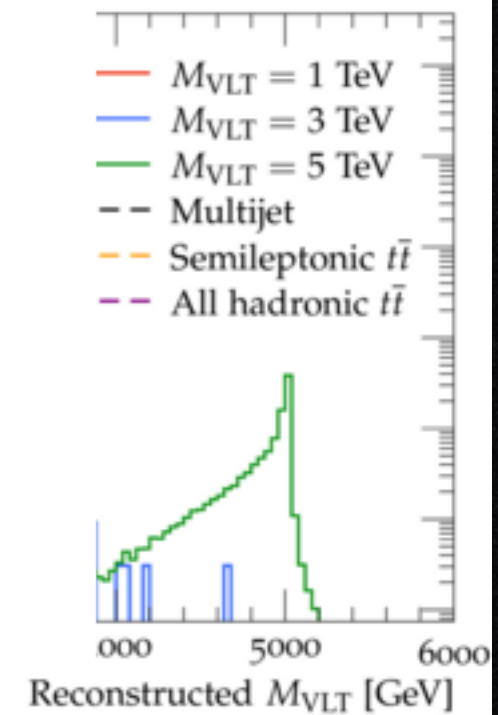
Results in an almost zero background search!

# Then what?



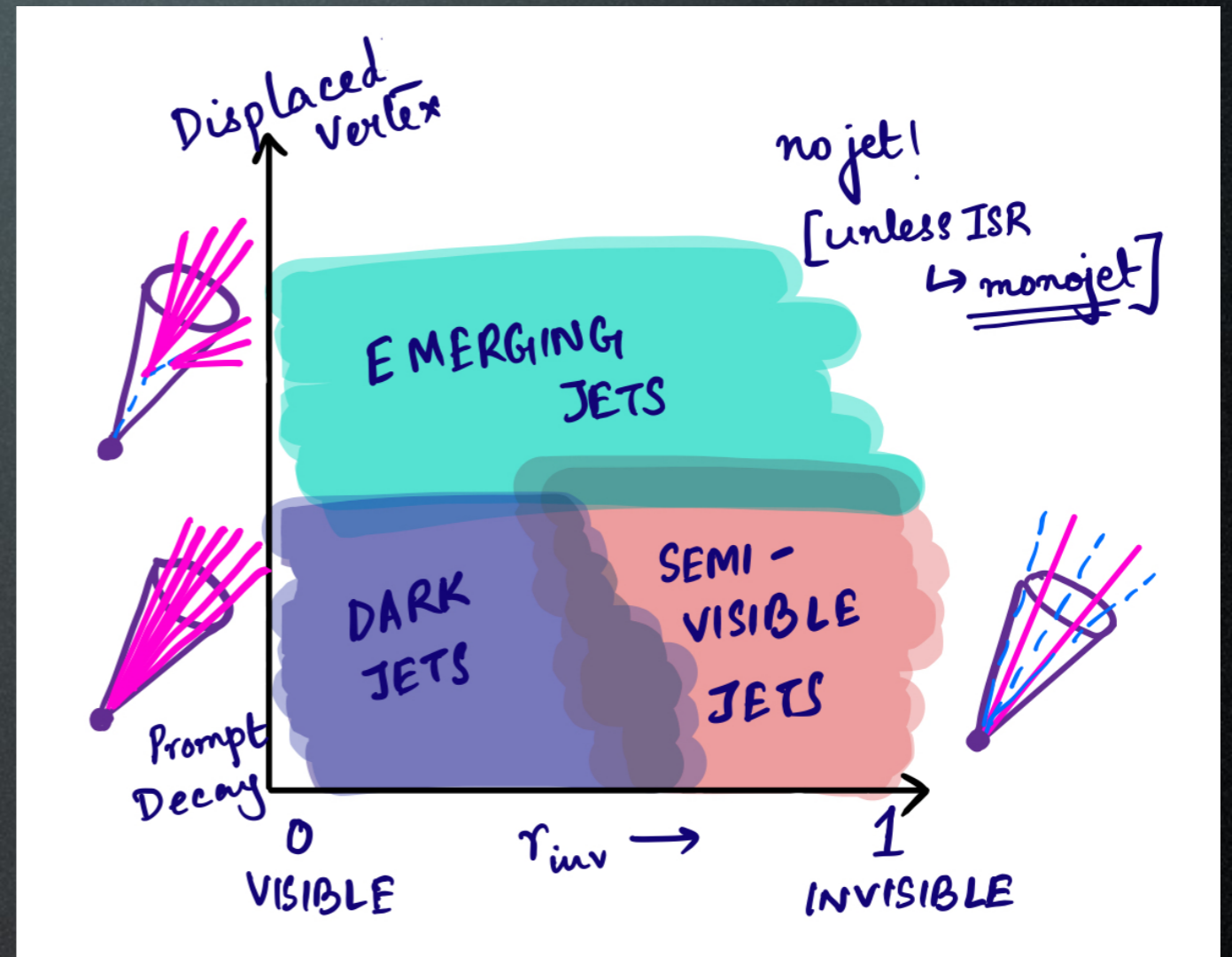
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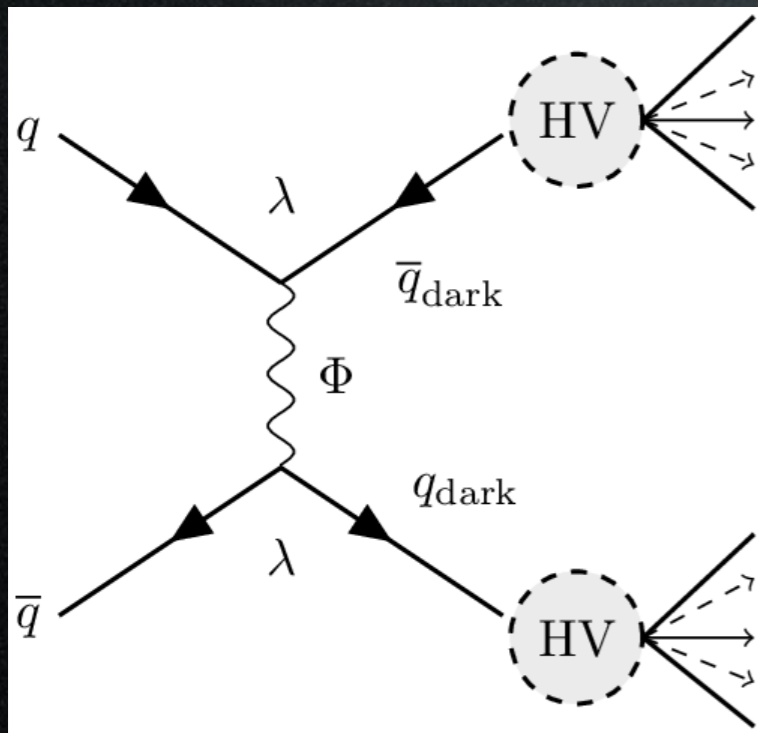
# Dark and semi-visible jets



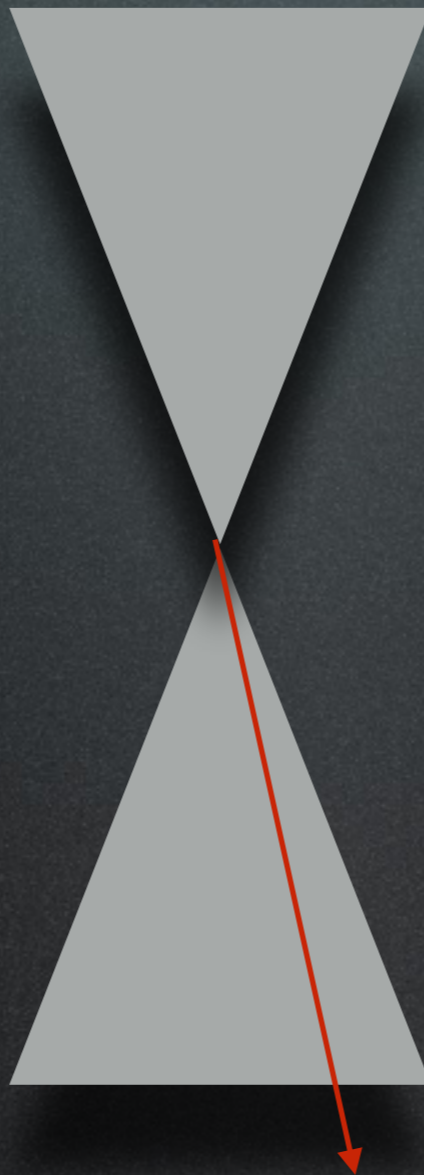
ATLAS result covered in the talk  
by Sukanya Sinha on Wednesday:  
ATLAS-CONF-2022-038

Dark hadrons decaying in a QCD-like fashion, fully (dark jets) or partially back to visible sector (semi-visible jets, based on Cohen et al)

# A quick detour: the topology and the challenges for SVJ



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Same fraction  
of dark hadrons  
In each jet

Why any **MET**?

# A quick detour: the topology and the challenges



A real event will look like this!

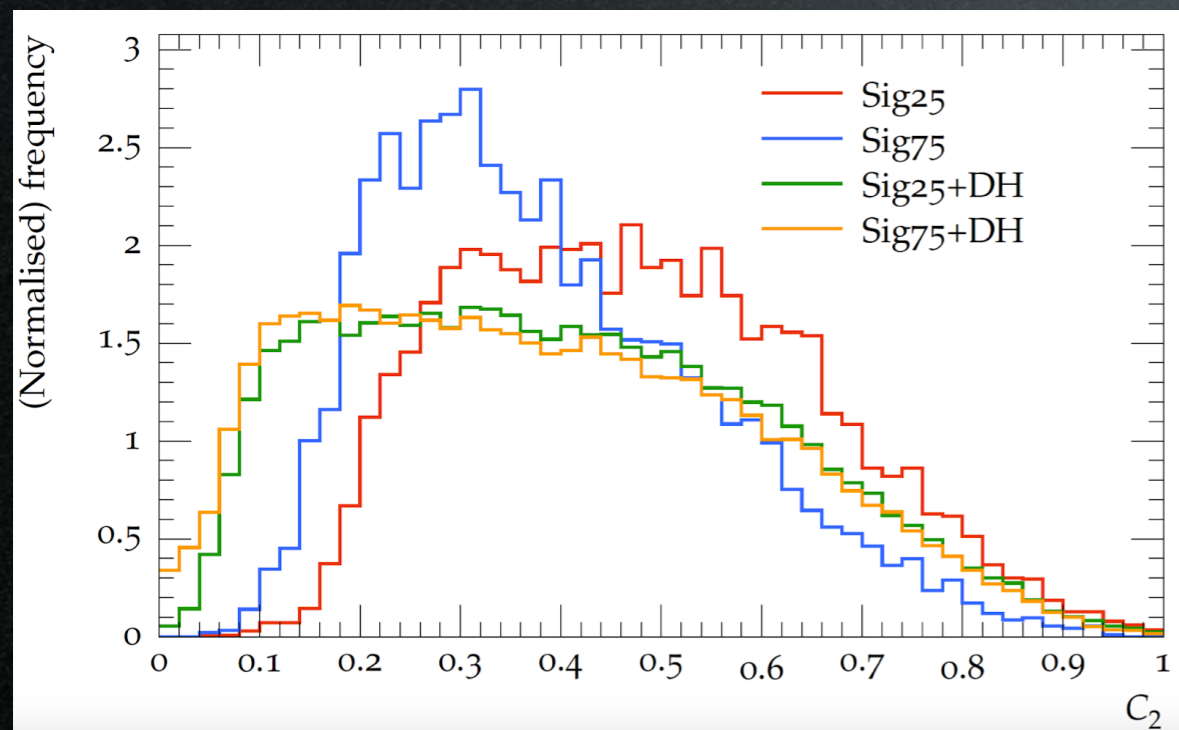
Quantum fluctuations, and boost by extra jets

Therefore **MET**

Not detector noise? Not an easy answer, but check mismodelling in different multi jet VRs of lower  $H_T$  or MET thresholds

# Exploratory study using jet substructure observables

... with S. Sinha, [SciPost Phys. 10, 084 \(2021\)](#)



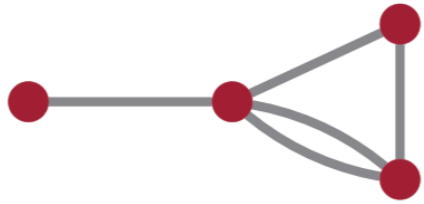
Substructure becomes less two-pronged with visible and dark hadrons in them, and the absence of the dark hadrons create the two-pronged structure → The substructure is created by the interspersing of visible hadrons with dark hadrons.

Can use ML algorithms, jet images ...

# Use of Energy Flow Polynomials

... with A. Buckley and S. Sinha, [arXiv:2209.14964](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.14964)

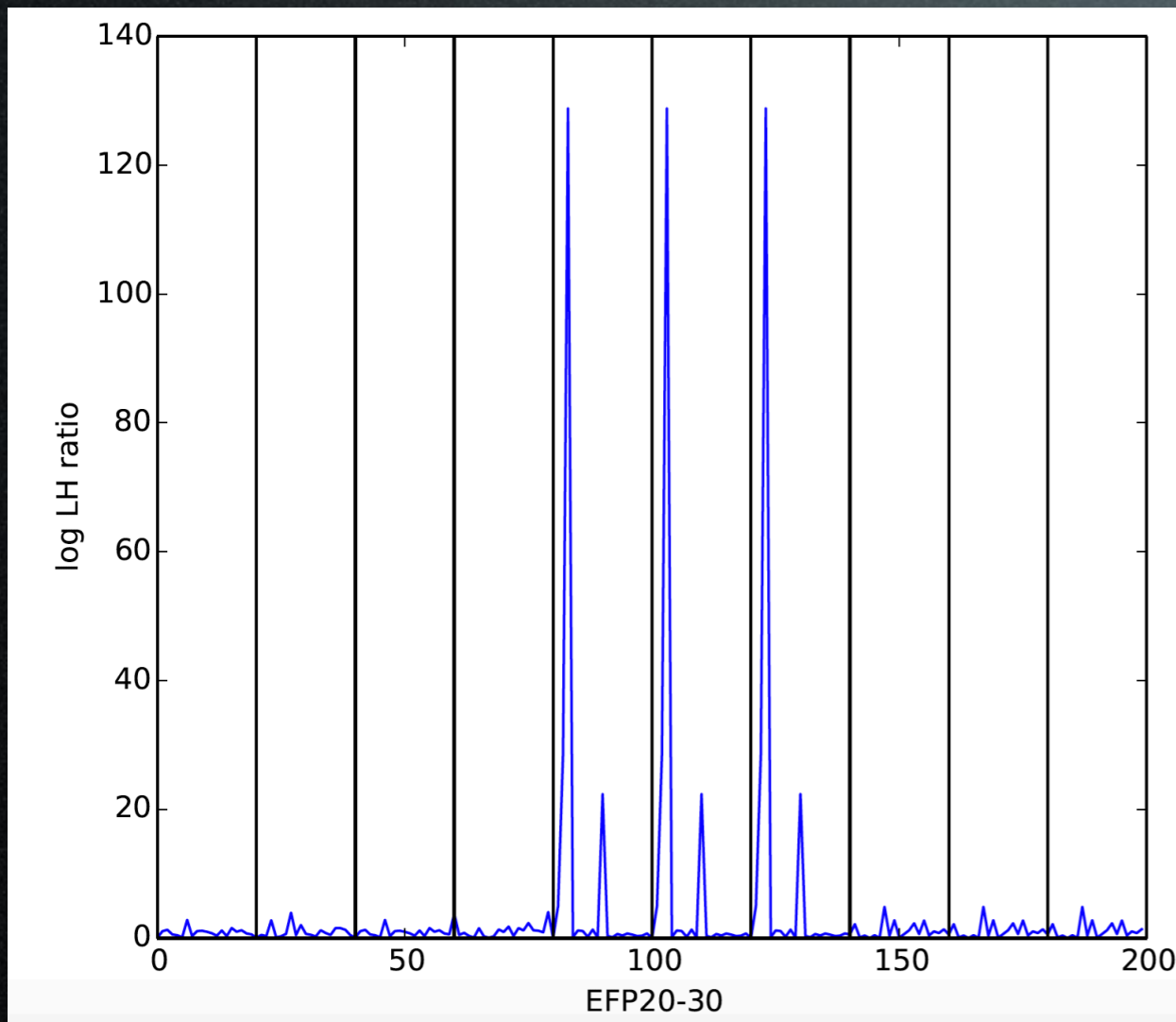
- A complete IRC-safe linear basis:


$$= \sum_{i_1=1}^M \sum_{i_2=1}^M \sum_{i_3=1}^M \sum_{i_4=1}^M z_{i_1} z_{i_2} z_{i_3} z_{i_4} \theta_{i_1 i_2} \theta_{i_2 i_3} \theta_{i_2 i_4}^2 \theta_{i_3 i_4}$$

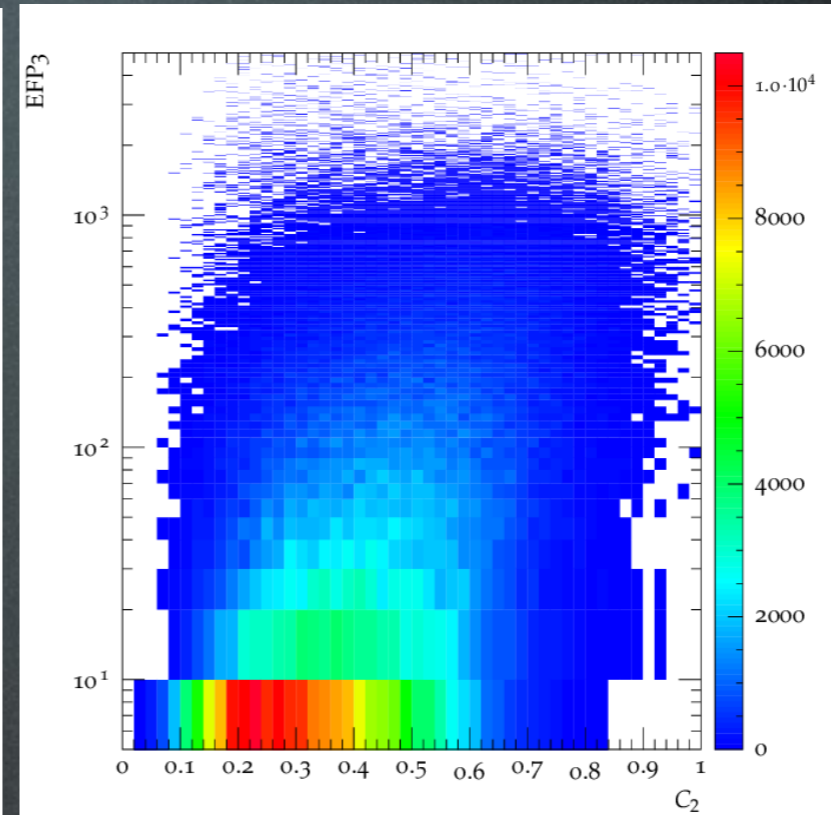
JHEP 04 (2018) 013

- Use some sensible truncation scheme
- Check if they offer any discriminating power (and compare to usual JSS observables)
- ... and possibly construct new (JSS-like) observables!

# Use of Energy Flow Polynomials



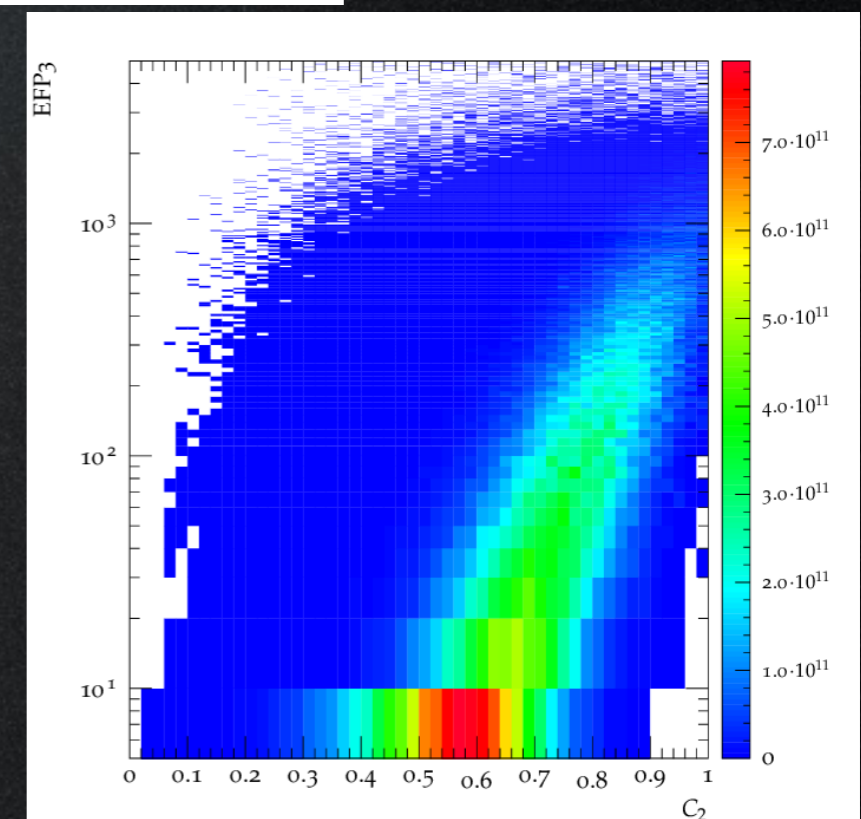
*Certain EFP diagrams seem to have some bins that multijet background does not populate at all, in which the SVJ signal dominates...*



Signal

... but strong correlation with standard JSS observables

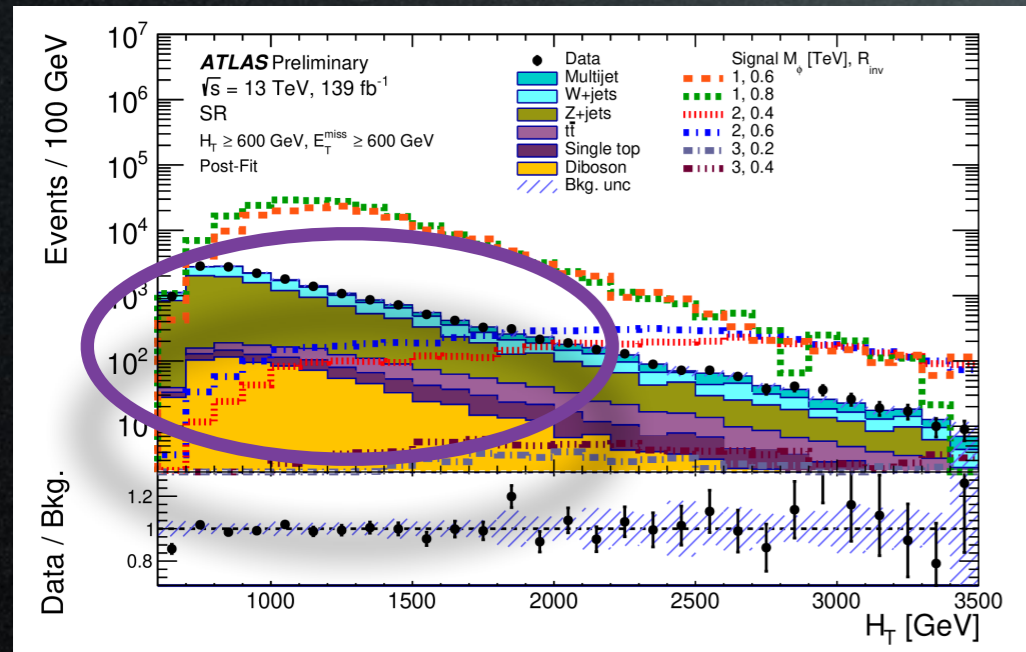
BG



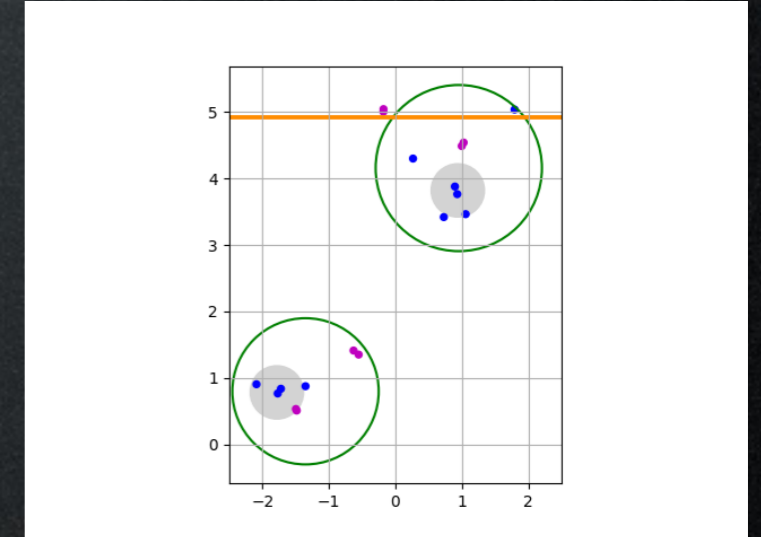
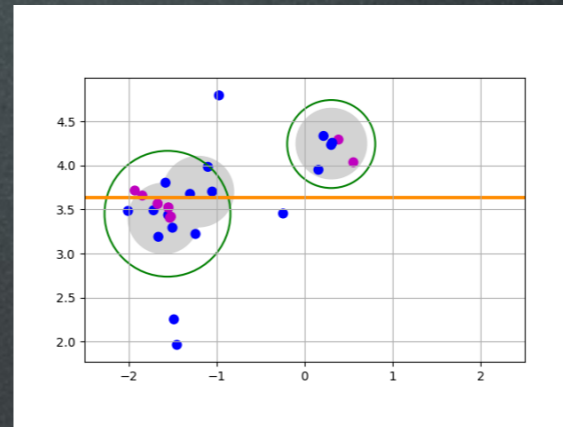
# SVJ with Heavy Flavour

... with S. Sinha, arXiv:2207.01885

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Better handle on identifying/  
reconstructing the SVJ!

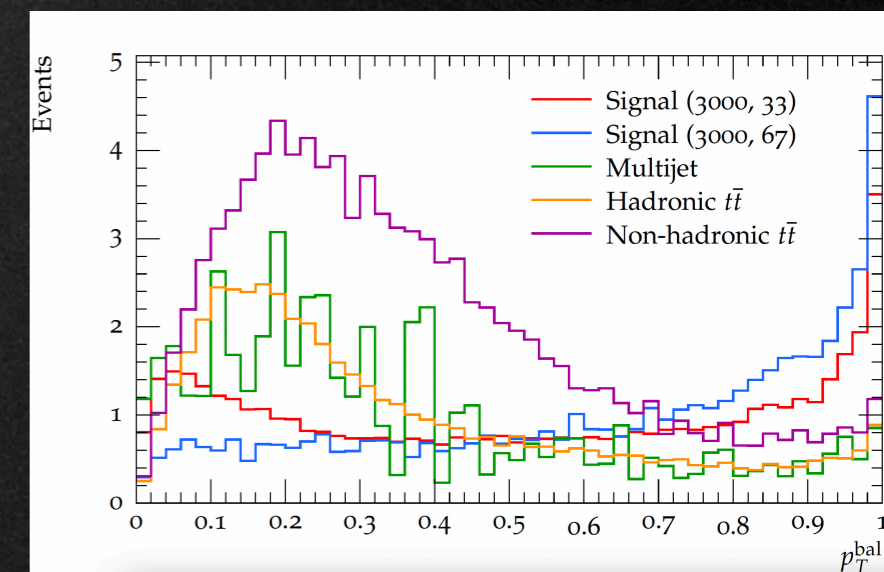


Can we reduce non dominant  
backgrounds?

What if SVJ is produced  
exclusively with b-jets?

Turns out it is a theoretically  
well motivated scenario!

-> Better  
reconstruction  
with Variable  
Radius jets  
(JHEP 0906:059,2009)



# Summary

We have this beautiful LHC dataset, with potential doubling of integrated luminosity in a few years.

Let us explore the unexplored, the dark stuff hidden in plain day light!



# Supporting Material

# ECF

Over all constituents (beta: angular exponent):

$$\text{ECF}(1, \beta) = \sum_i p_{Ti}$$

$$\text{ECF}(2, \beta) = \sum_{i < j} p_{Ti} p_{Tj} (R_{ij})^\beta \leftarrow \text{[see Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi; Jankowiak, Larkoski]}$$

$$\text{ECF}(3, \beta) = \sum_{i < j < k} p_{Ti} p_{Tj} p_{Tk} (R_{ij} R_{jk} R_{ki})^\beta$$

$$\text{ECF}(N, \beta) = \sum_{\text{sets of } N} (N \text{ energies}) \times \left( \binom{N}{2} \text{ angles} \right)^\beta$$

**$\text{ECF}(N+1) \ll \text{ECF}(N)$   
for N subjects**

Define (double) ratio =  $[\text{ECF}(N+1)/\text{ECF}(N)]/[\text{ECF}(N)/\text{ECF}(N-1)]$

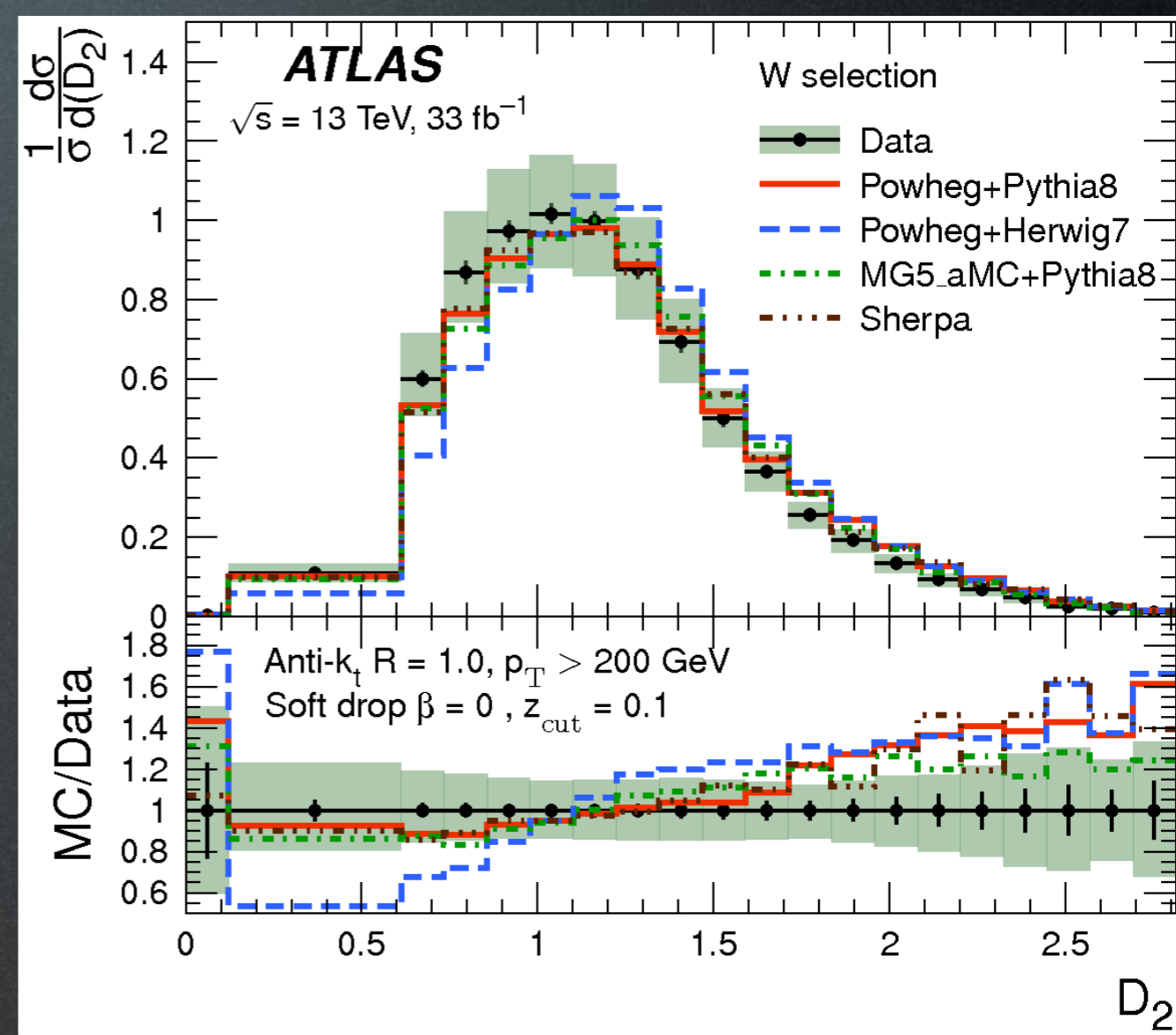
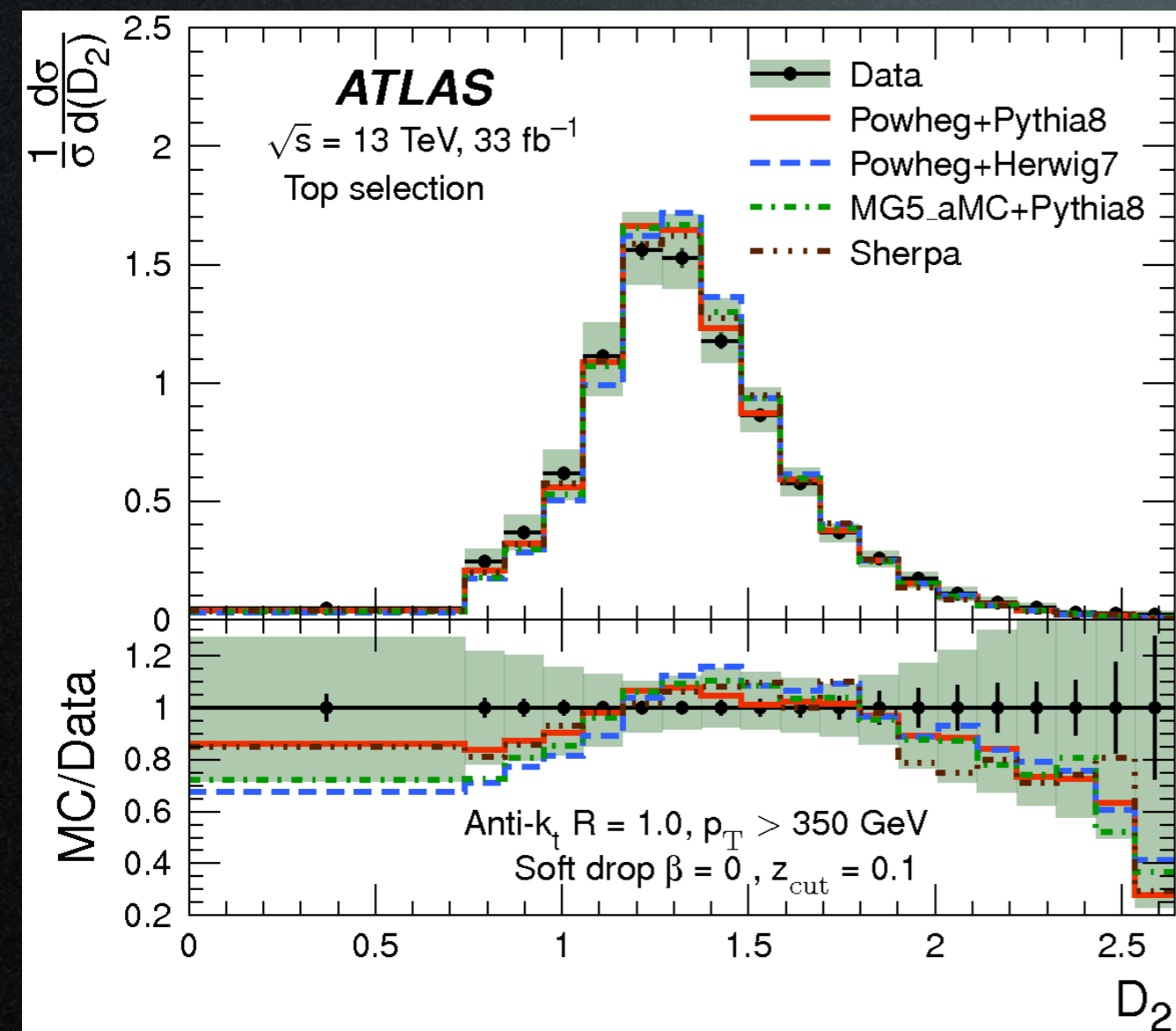
$$C_N^{(\beta)} = \frac{\text{ECF}(N+1, \beta) \text{ECF}(N-1, \beta)}{\text{ECF}(N, \beta)^2}$$

Analogous to Nsubjettiness ratio

Large  $C_N$ : more than N subjects, extra radiation is not correlated with leading order N subjects.

For small  $C_N$ : the additional radiation is soft/collinear

# D2



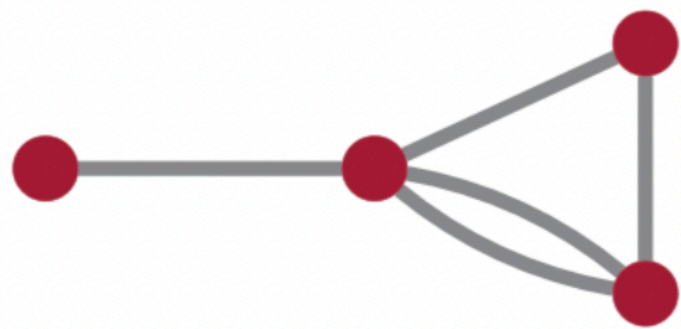
Again shifted peak in W, models overestimating gluon radiation

# How to compute EFPs?

$$\bullet_j \iff \sum_{i_j=1}^M z_{i_j} \quad k \text{ --- } l \iff \theta_{i_k i_l}$$

Each edge (k,l) in a multigraph is in one-to-one correspondence with a term  $\theta$  in an angular monomial

Each vertex  $j$  in the multigraph corresponds to a factor of  $z$  and summation over  $i_j$  in the EFP



$$= \sum_{i_1=1}^M \sum_{i_2=1}^M \sum_{i_3=1}^M \sum_{i_4=1}^M z_{i_1} z_{i_2} z_{i_3} z_{i_4} \theta_{i_1 i_2} \theta_{i_2 i_3} \theta_{i_2 i_4}^2 \theta_{i_3 i_4}$$

4 particles/constituents in a jet ---> 4 energy fractions, 5 angularity values ----> degree 5 polynomial

Because the EFP basis is infinite, a suitable organization and truncation scheme is necessary to use the basis in practice.

# How to compute EFPs?

$d$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>3</b>		1	2	3	4	6	7	9	11	13
<b>4</b>			2	5	11	22	37	61	95	141
<b>5</b>				3	11	34	85	193	396	771
<b>6</b>					6	29	110	348	969	2445
<b>7</b>						11	70	339	1318	4457
<b>8</b>							23	185	1067	4940
<b>9</b>								47	479	3294
<b>10</b>									106	1279
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$N$

Several combinations for diagrams possible

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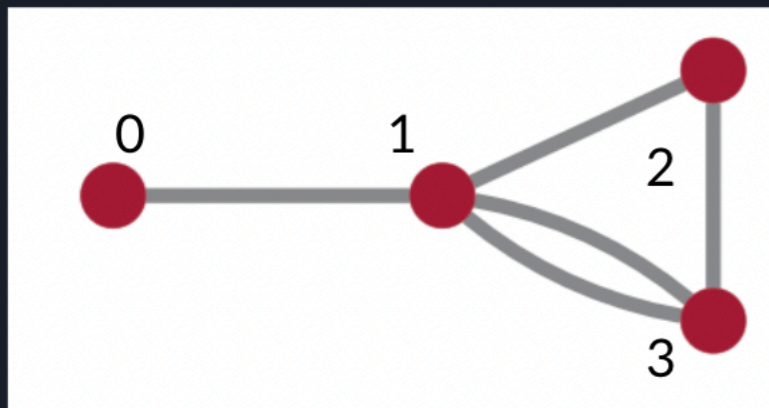
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Restricting ourselves to this regime...

The linked paper discusses in great detail how different EFP combinations lead to well-known jss observables

# What we ideally want to achieve with EFPs?

- Implement EFPs in Rivet and see if any particular combination of EFPs helps to distinguish between standard q/g jets and more unconventional jets
  - Might lead to a new jet-substructure observable for dark shower discrimination
- Setup working ( computing EFP multigraphs till  $N = 7, d = N - 1, N, N + 1$  ) → python code taking into account the different possible orientations of the input “particles” and designing an array of possible EFP diagrams as a grid



EFP diagram to “particle” pair translation

$\{\{0, 1\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 3\}\}$

$N=4, d = N - 2$	0	1	2	3
0	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	1	2
2	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	1	-