

# The Accidental Boost

Searches for High Multiplicity  
New Physics

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## Still waiting for discovery

Signals could be just out of reach

or

Buried under background

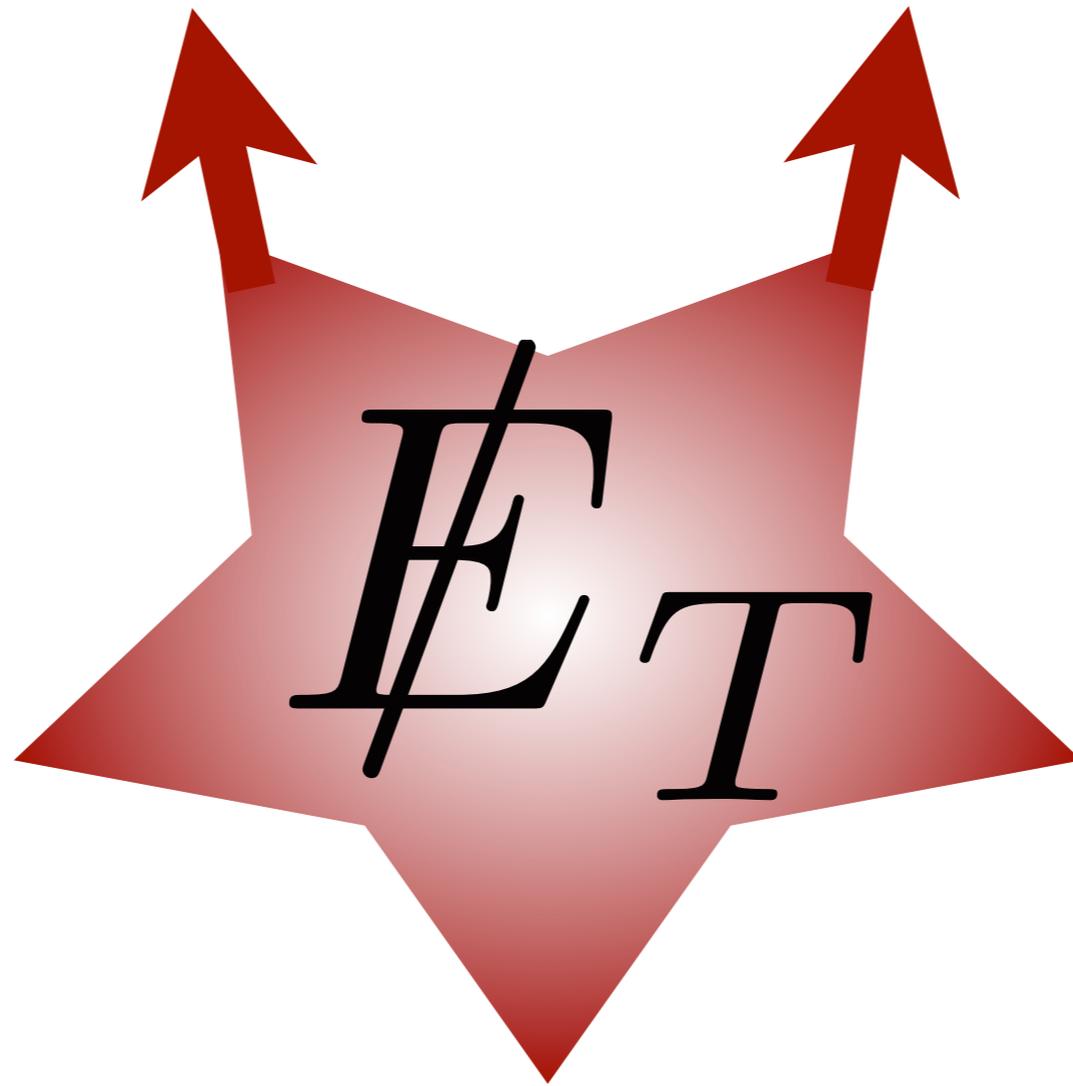
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Dramatically reduces  
QCD Multijet rate

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But if signal is not MET-rich

Large classes of signatures are invisible

Work today:

Progress towards low background  
MET-Less Searches

*Will reduce* the importance of MET

No single solution

Need to be tailored to signal

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Goal: Eliminate Background & Keep Signal  
*Not* to identify what a hypothetical signal is

# One Target: Natural Susy

$$m_h^2$$

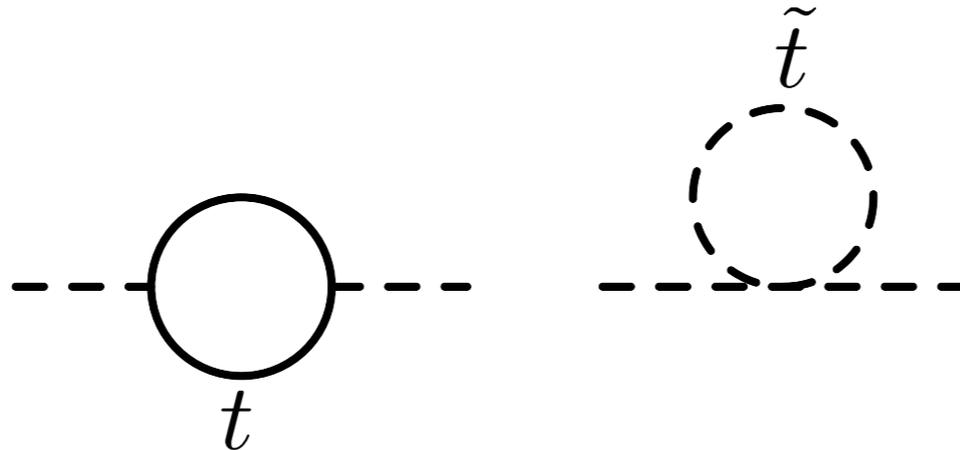
$$\sim (125 \text{ GeV})^2$$

Tree

$$\mu^2$$

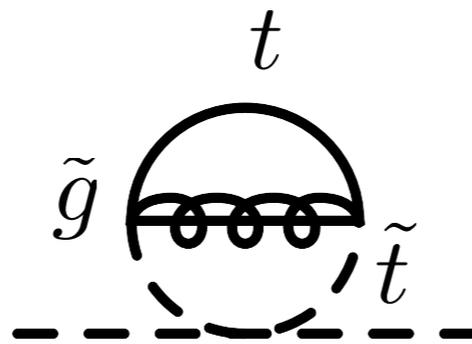
Higgsinos  
 $\sim 200 \text{ GeV}$

1 loop



Top Squarks  
 $\sim 500 \text{ GeV}$

2 loop



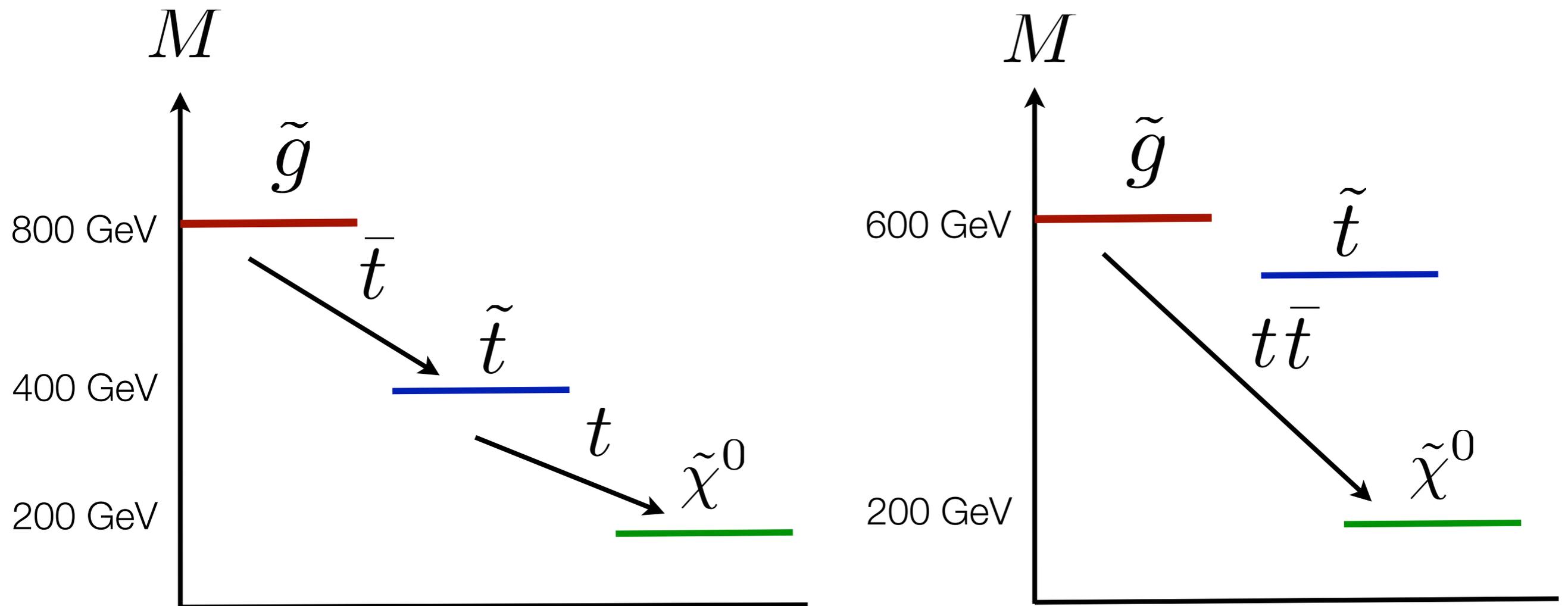
Gluinos  
 $\sim 1500 \text{ GeV}$

# Famous “Natural Susy”

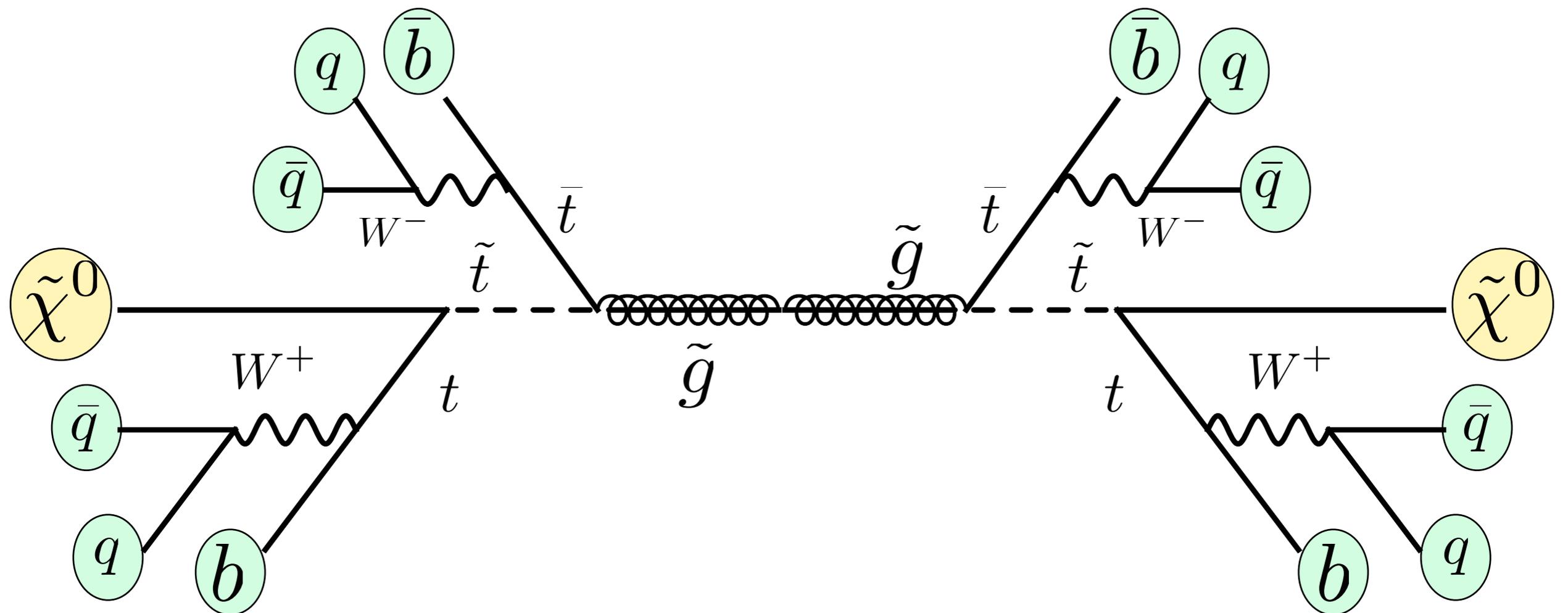
Moderately light gluinos

Light Stops

Light Higgsinos



# The Classic Signature



12<sup>+</sup> Jets

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## Heterogenous final states (+ b-tagging)

$$4W : (8j, 0\ell) \rightarrow (0j, 4\ell)$$

## Jets can be Merged Together

A variety of final state jet multiplicities

## Isolated Jet $P_T$ is Reduced

Easily fall beneath 50 GeV

# Baryonic R-Parity Violation

Eviscerates MET

$$\int d^2\theta \lambda''_{ijk} U_i^c D_j^c D_k^c$$

Makes LSP decay  
to 3 quarks (most LSPs)  
to 2 quarks (squark LSPs)

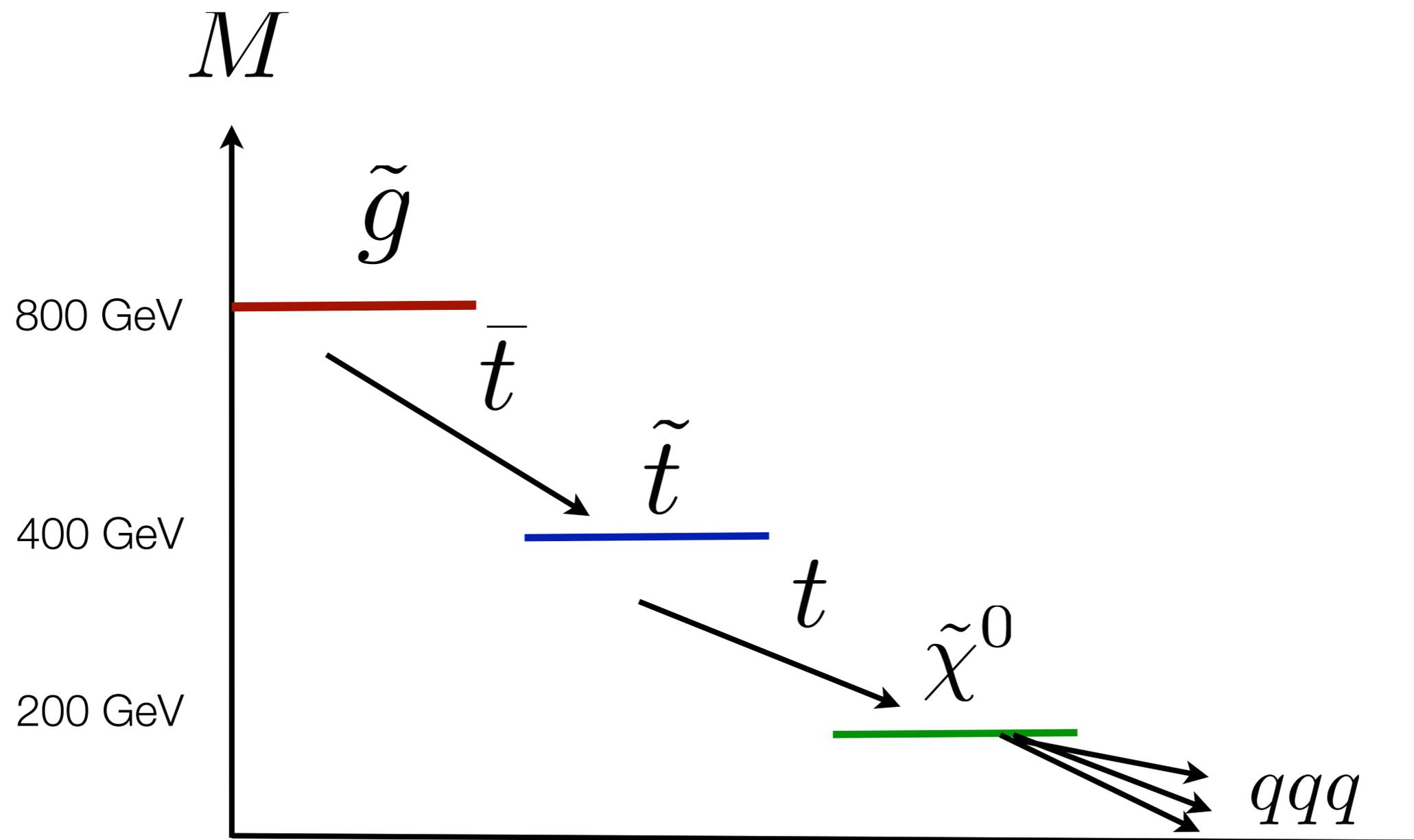
(one quark could be top  $\rightarrow +2j$ )

Increases multiplicity significantly

# Natural Susy

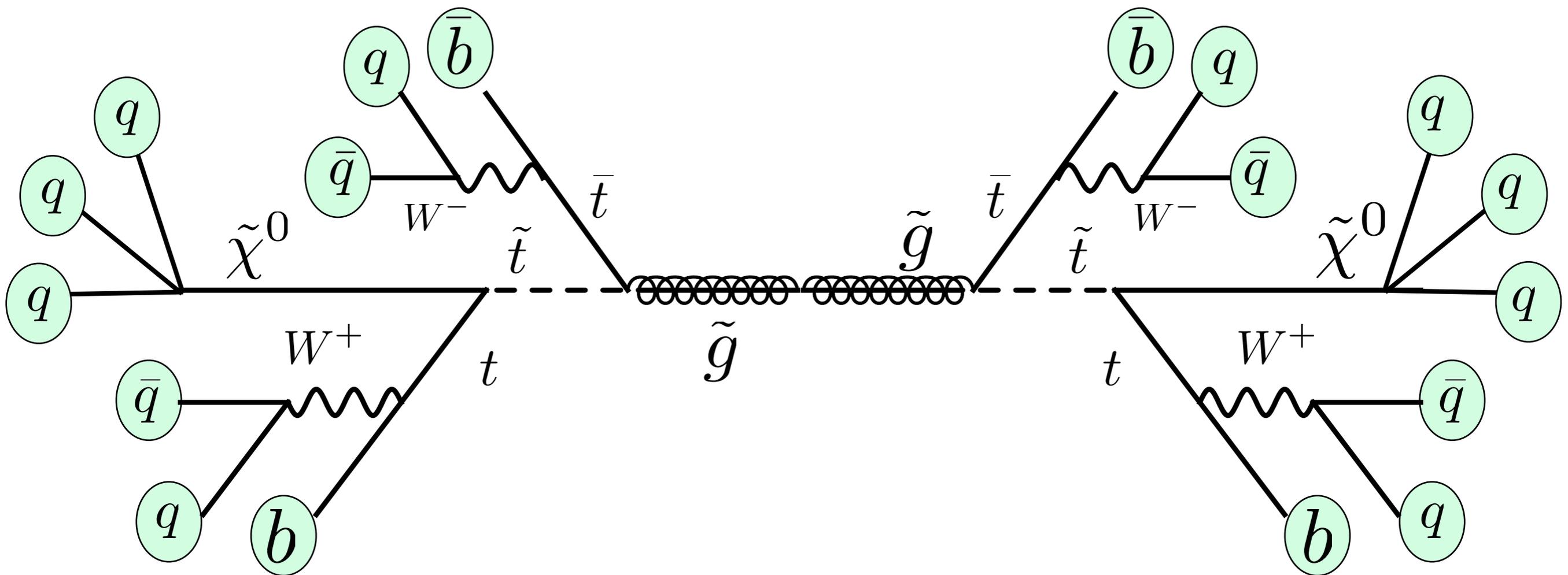
with RPV

## Multiplicity explodes



# The Less-Classic Natural Susy Signature

## 18<sup>+</sup> Jets

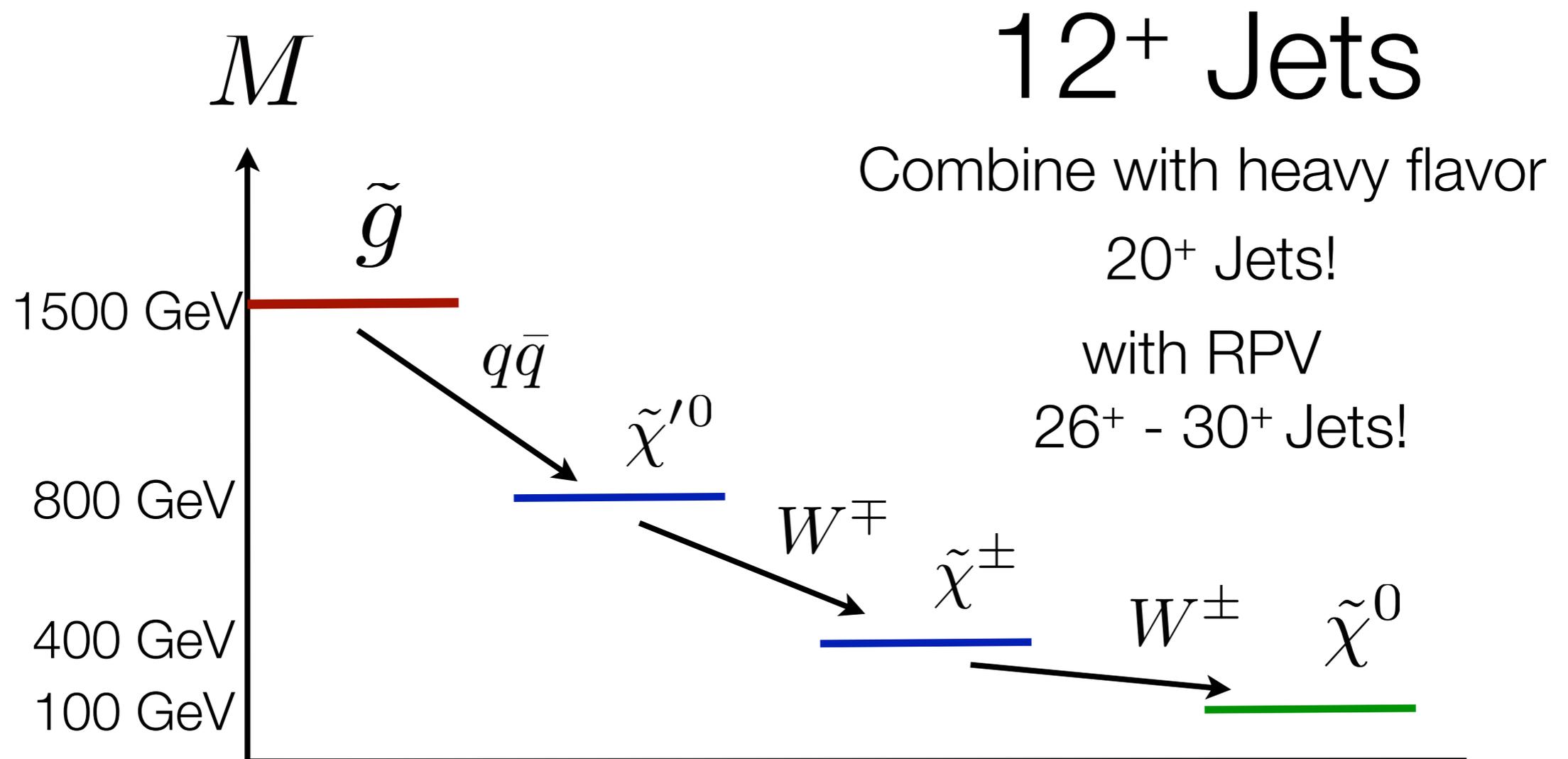


# Lots of similar examples in Susy

## 2 Step Cascade Decay

$$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{W} \rightarrow \tilde{H} \rightarrow \tilde{B} \quad (\text{light flavor})$$

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# Technicolor/Composite Higgs Theories

Frequently have colored vectors and pseudo-Goldstone bosons

Kilic, Okui, Sundrum (2008)

Evans, Luty (2009)

$$\text{If } \pi_T > 2m_t$$

$$\text{Br}(\pi_T \rightarrow t\bar{t}) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Frequently easiest to produce vector resonances

$$pp \rightarrow \rho_T \rightarrow \pi_T \pi_T \rightarrow (t\bar{t})(t\bar{t})$$

$$pp \rightarrow \omega_T \rightarrow \pi_T \pi_T \pi_T \rightarrow (t\bar{t})(t\bar{t})(t\bar{t})$$

$$pp \rightarrow \rho_T \rho_T \rightarrow (\pi_T \pi_T)(\pi_T \pi_T) \rightarrow ((t\bar{t})(t\bar{t}))((t\bar{t})(t\bar{t}))$$

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# Inclusive Approach

Gain sensitivity to high multiplicity final states

Requiring  $N$  jets requires  $O(N)$  cuts

Jets may have small  $p_T$  (accidentally forward)

Jets merge together

Get Lost

The more cuts, the less inclusive

Less likely to be the best discovery channel

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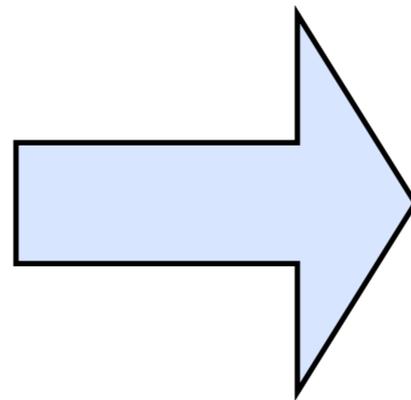
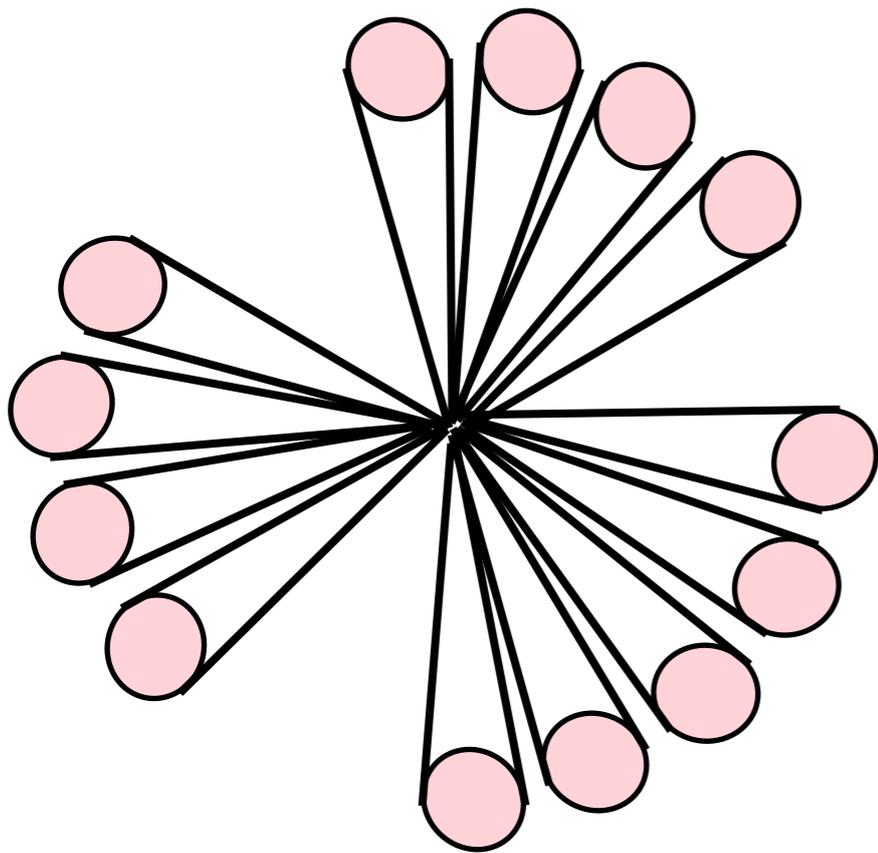
anti- $k_T$   $R = 1.2$

No room for isolated jets

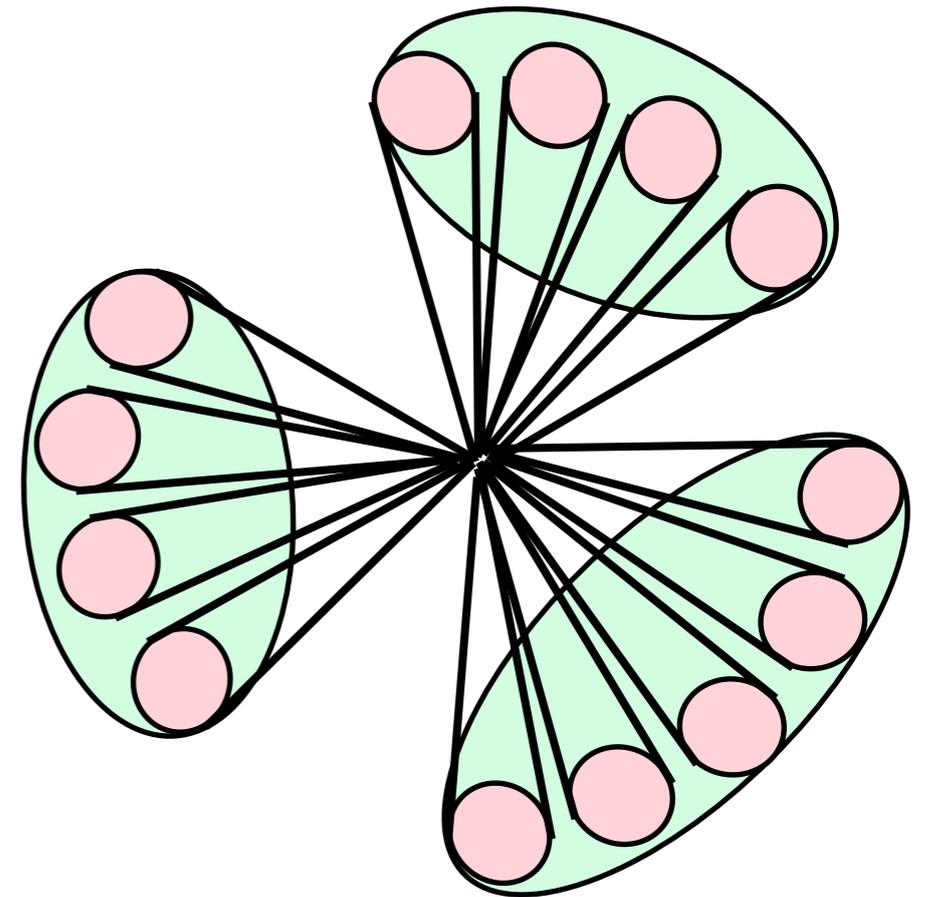
Only 4 to 6 jets possible

Seem to have lost  
the single feature that made  
these events special

13 Jet Event



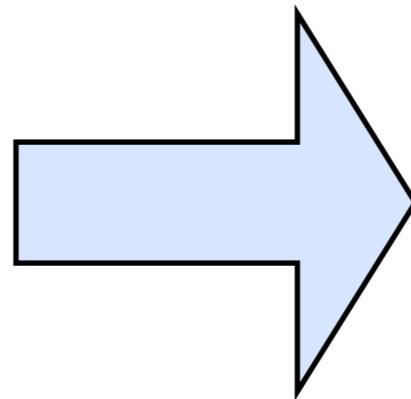
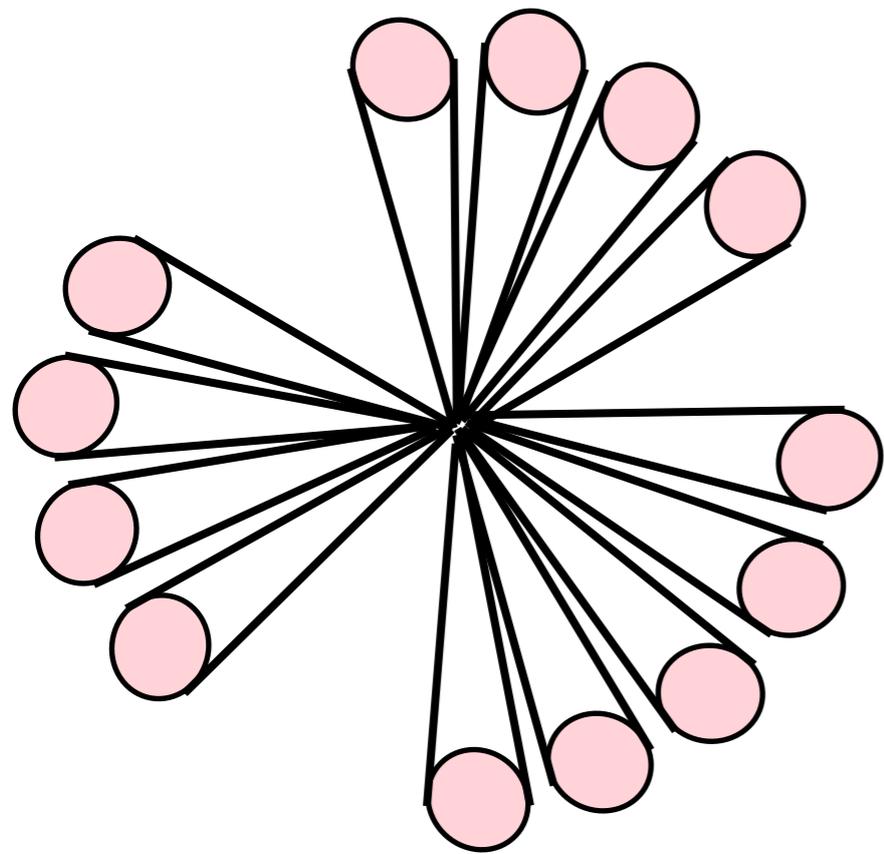
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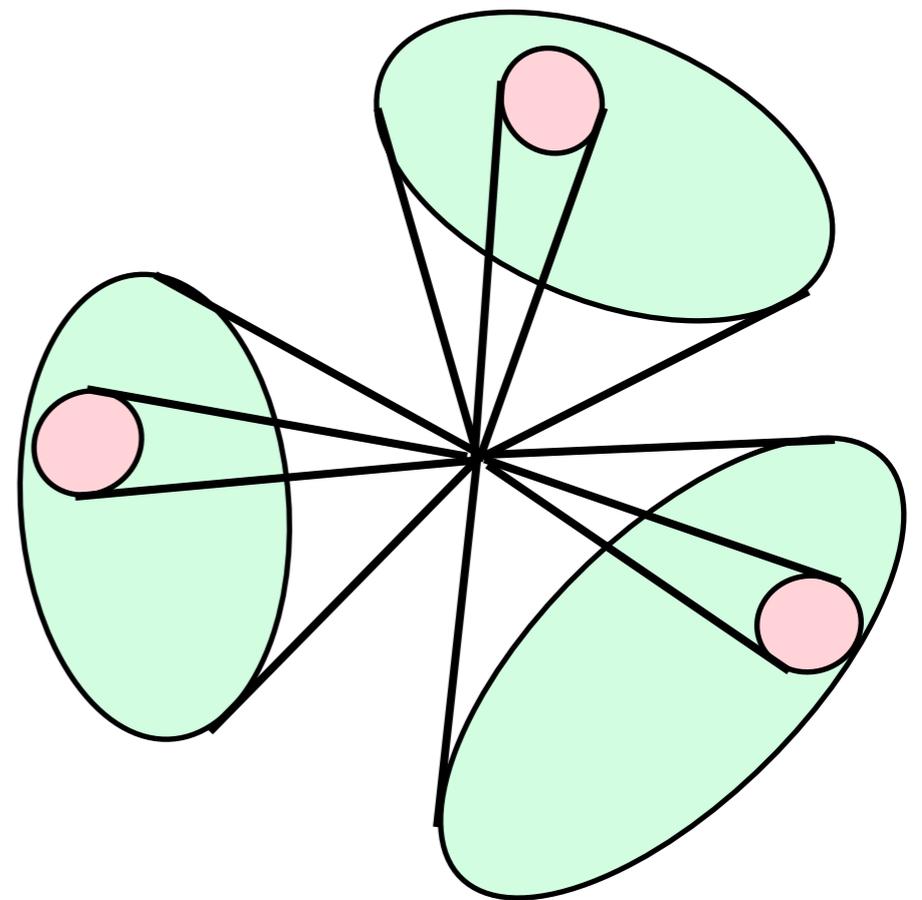
# Typical QCD Background

Background rate skyrockets

13 Jet

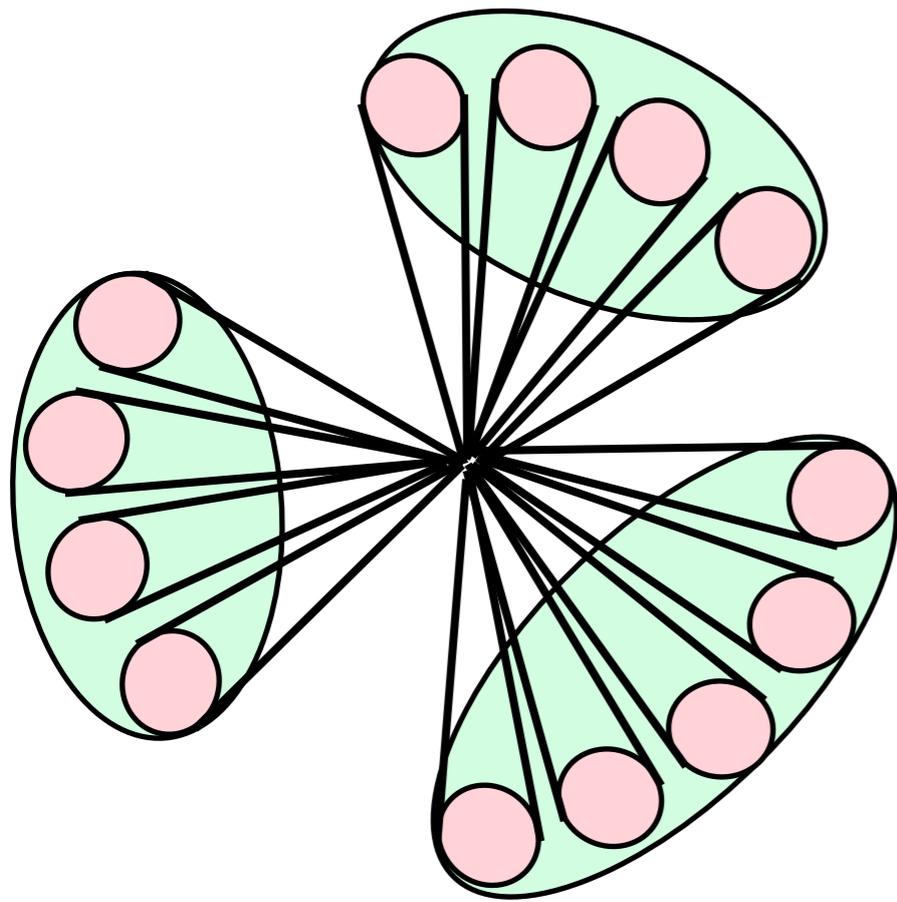


3 Jet

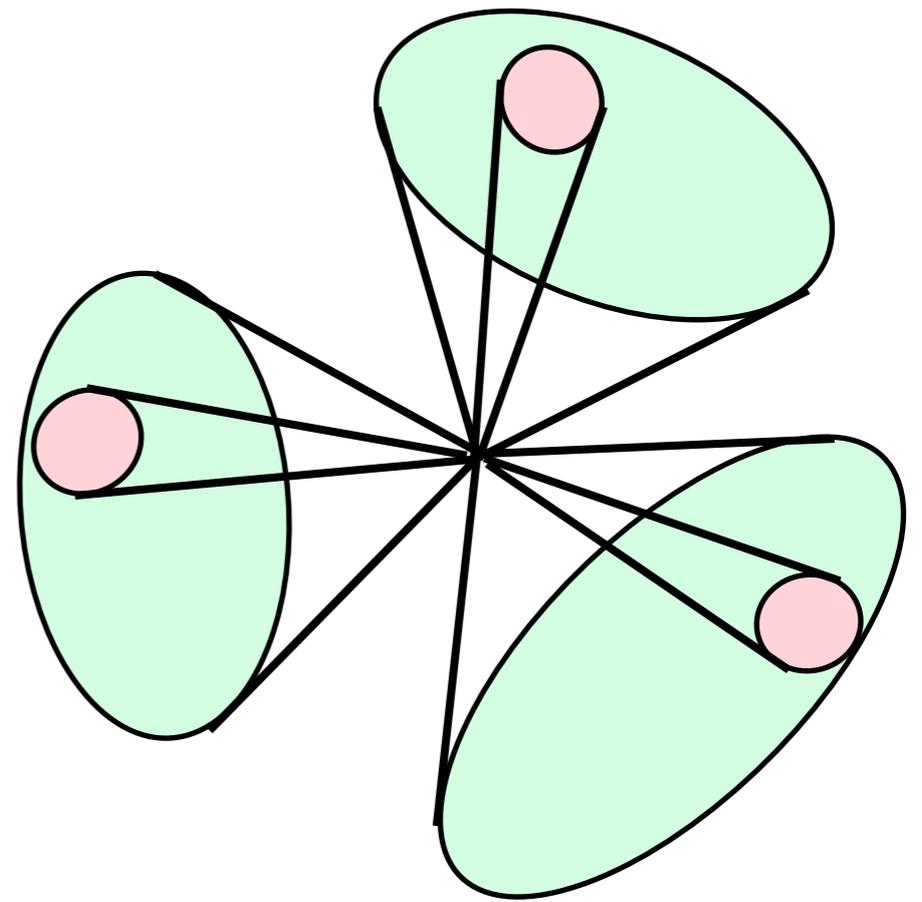


Now need to distinguish

Signal

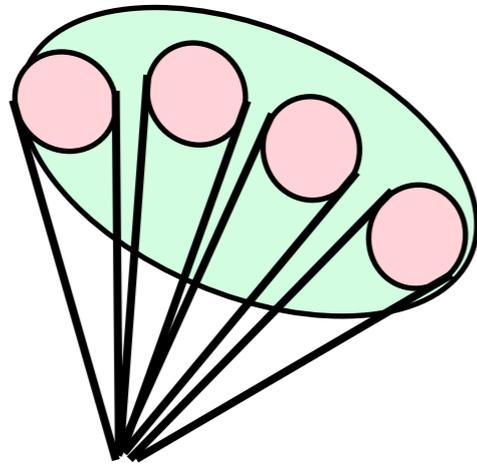


Background



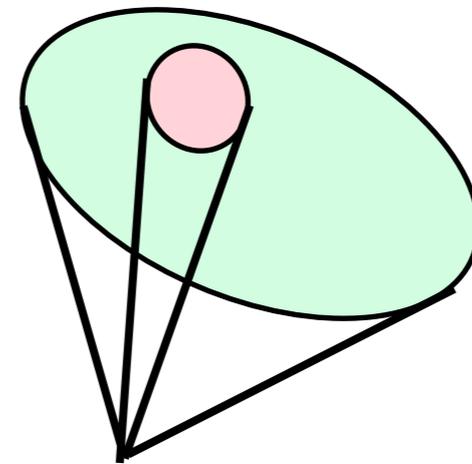
# The difference between them is clear

Large Jet Mass



$$\frac{m_j}{p_T} \sim 1$$

Small Jet Mass



$$\frac{m_j}{p_T} \sim 0.3$$

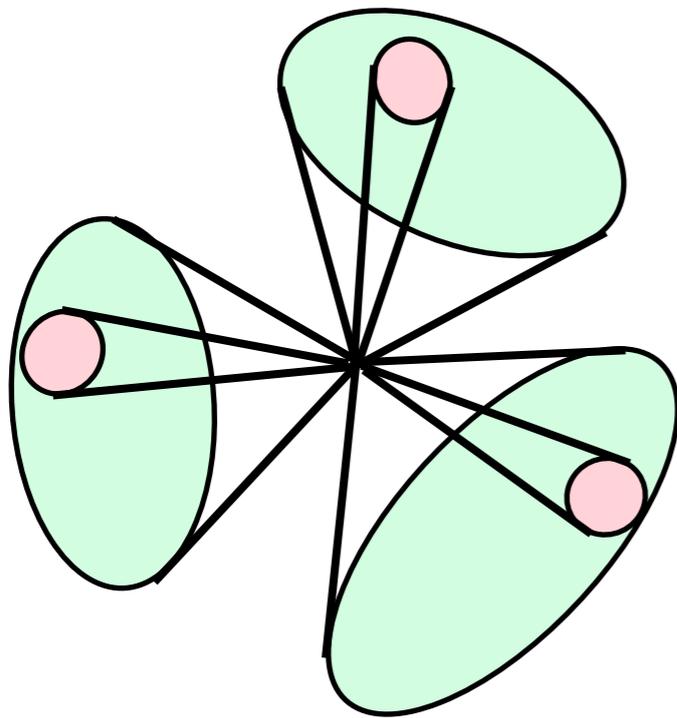
Each jet mass is *approximately* independent for QCD

Getting multiple massive jets rare

Jet mass correlations never studied before

# QCD jets only have small correlations

Data driven background predictions possible



$$P_3(x_1, x_2, x_3) \simeq P_1(x_1)P_1(x_2)P_1(x_3)$$



Measure in one sample and extrapolate  
Also can use other control regions (MET/leptons/bjets)

## Would like a calculation to understand correlations

Should measure in multiple settings (q vs g composition)

# Introduce 1 New Variable

Sum of Jet Masses

$$M_J = \sum_{n=1}^{N_J} m_{j_n}$$

QCD jets have most of their mass generated  
by the parton shower

Top events have their mass capped near 400 GeV

# $M_J$ as a replacement for $H_T$

Signal

$$m_{j_i}^2 \propto p_{T_i}^2$$

Background

$$m_{j_i}^2 \propto \alpha_s p_{T_i}^2$$

$$m_j \sim \kappa p_T$$

$$H_T = \sum_i E_{T_i}$$

$$H_T = \sum_i (p_{T_i}^2 + m_{j_i}^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

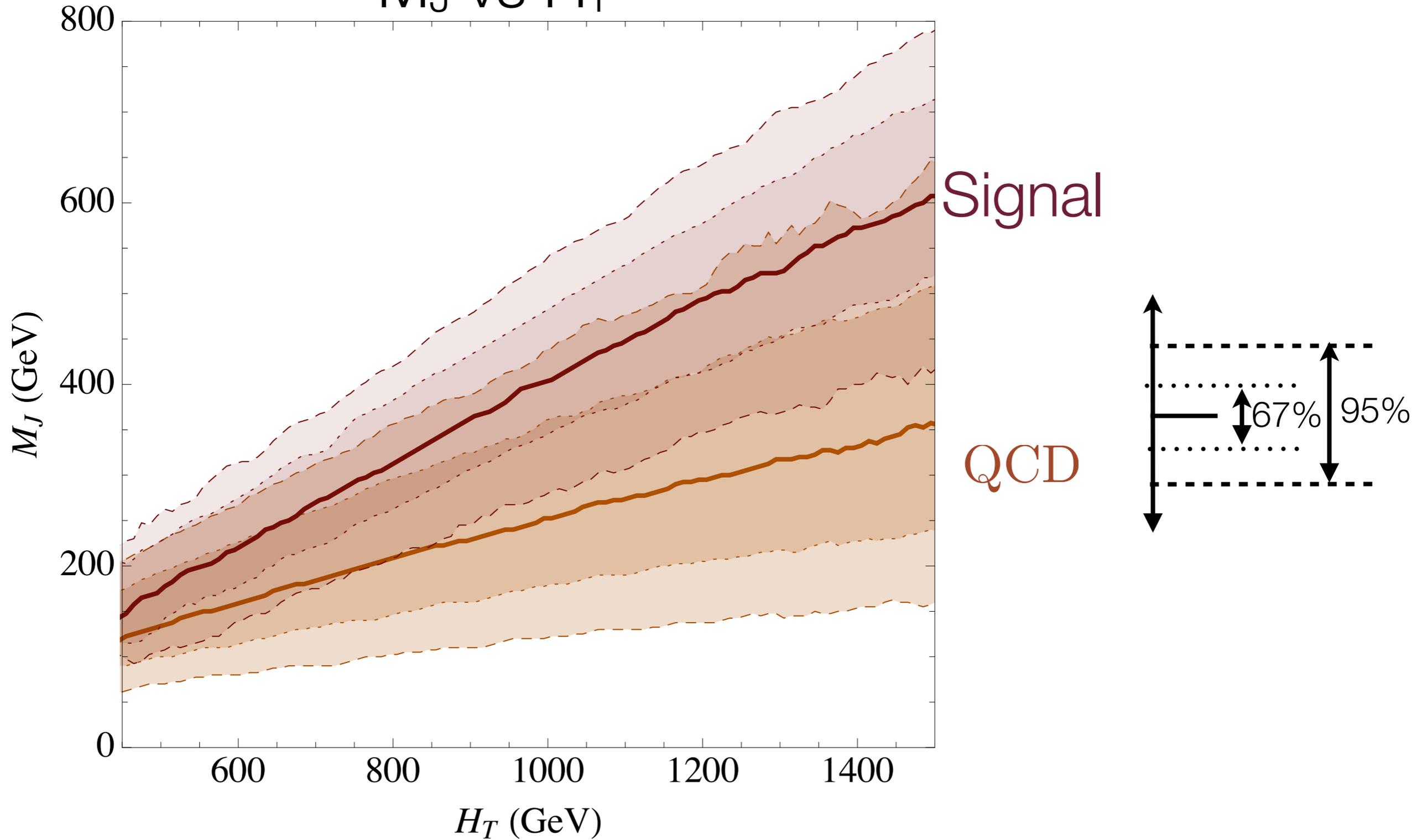
$$H_T \sim \sum_i m_{j_i} (\kappa^{-2} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = M_J (\kappa^{-2} + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Signal has higher  $M_J$  for fixed  $H_T$

Never does parametrically worse

# Signal vs QCD: Steeper than Top

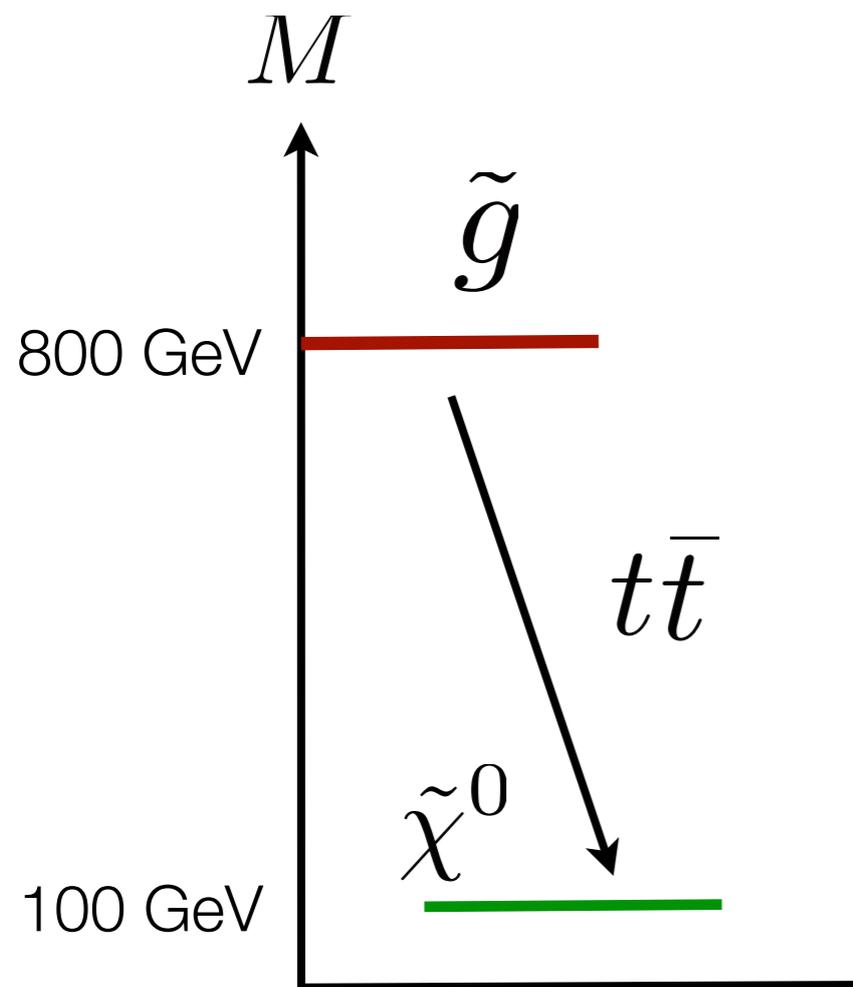
$M_J$  vs  $H_T$  Can catch lower  $H_T$  signal with  $M_J$



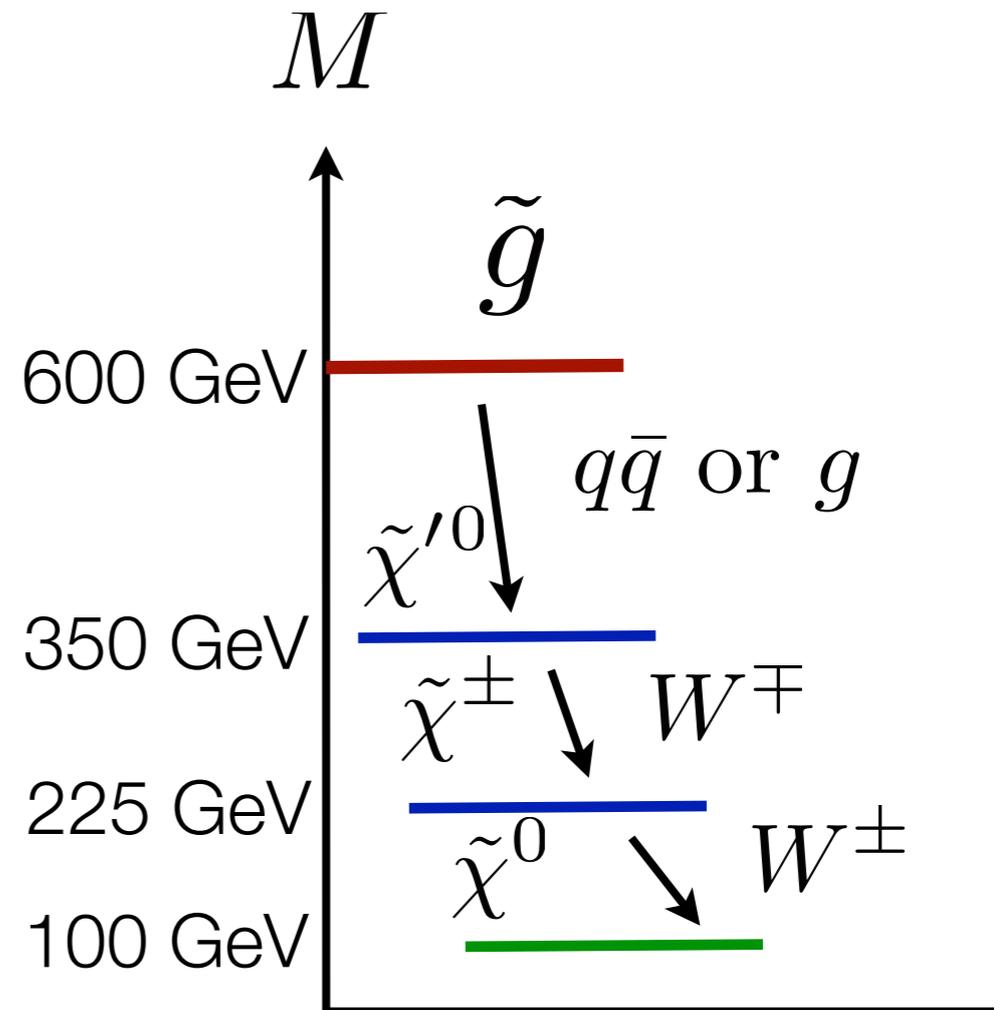
# Two Benchmark Models

(1 fb<sup>-1</sup> 7 TeV reference)

## 4 Top

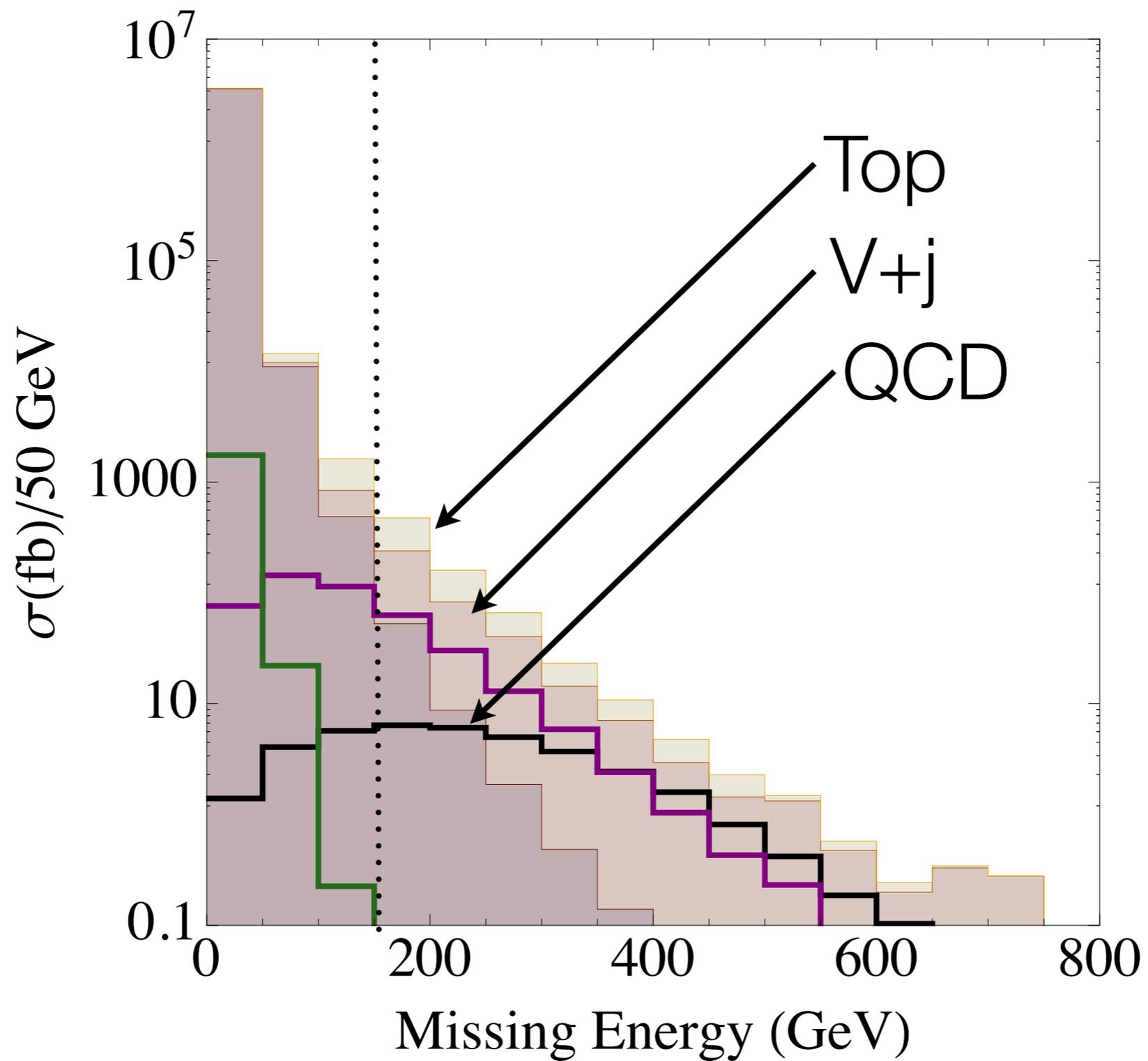


## 2 Step



# Missing Energy Distribution

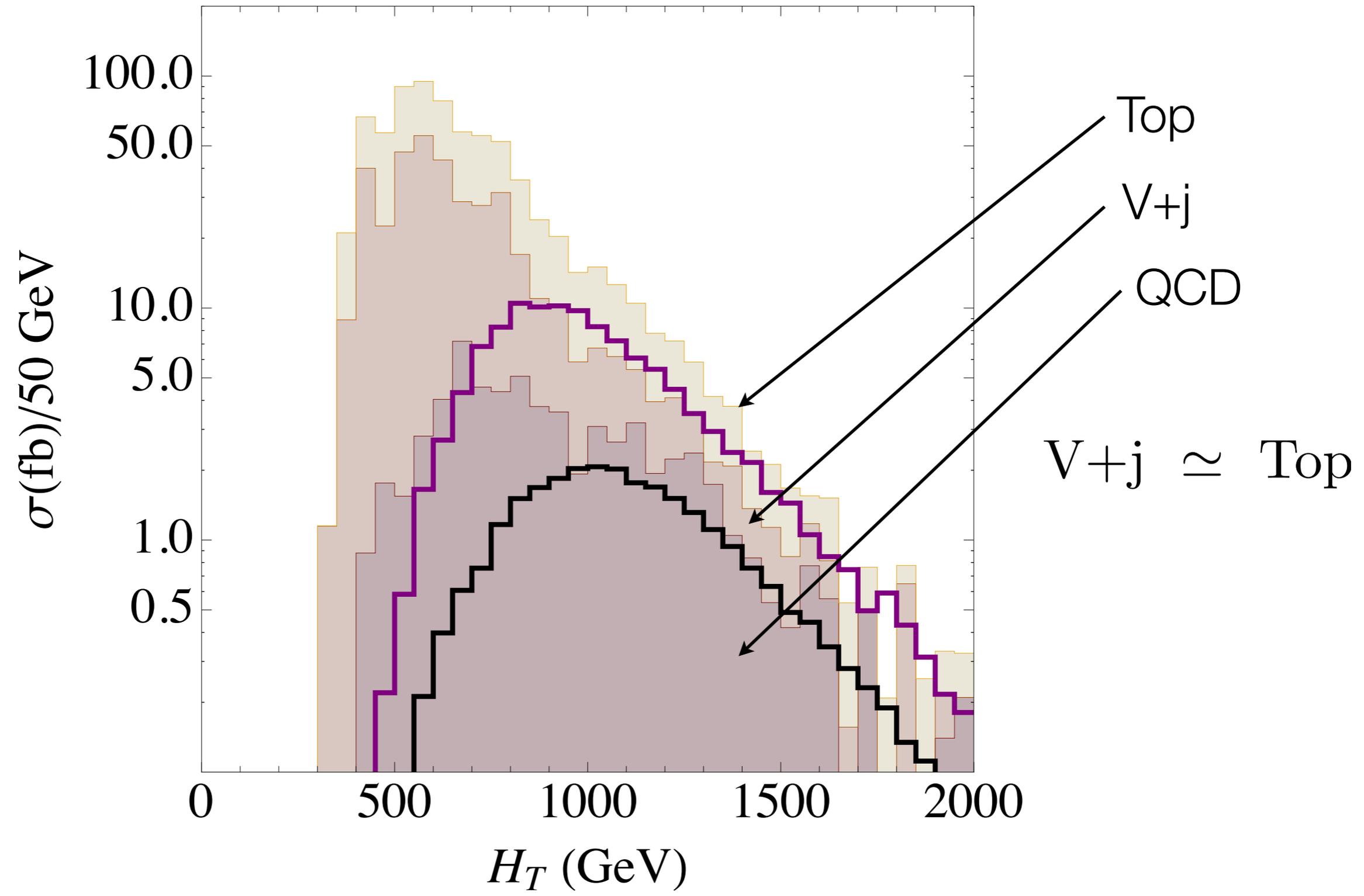
4j  $p_T > 150$  GeV



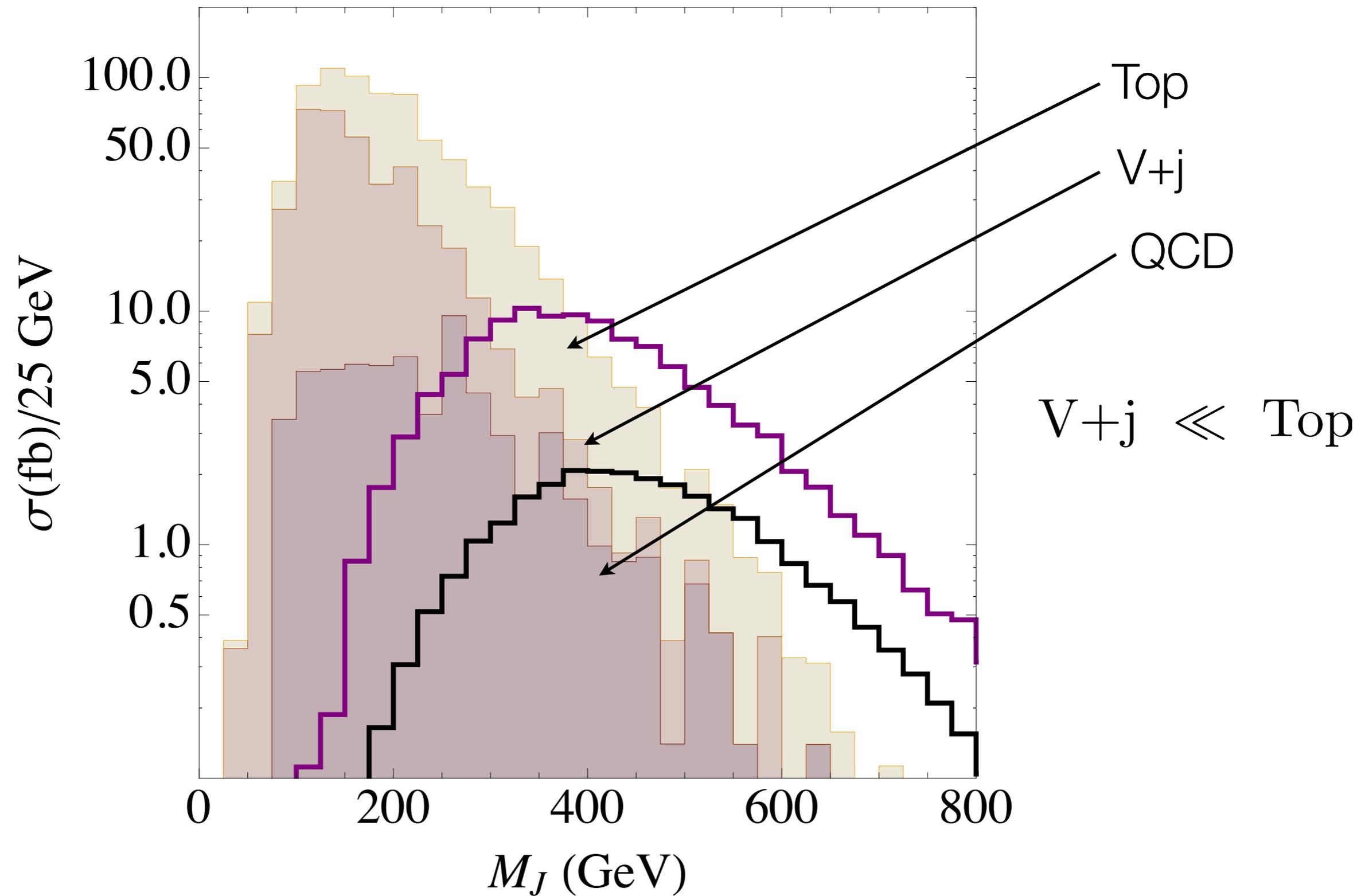


After cut of  $\cancel{E}_T > 150$  GeV

S/B < 1



# Gain at high $M_J$



# Final Search

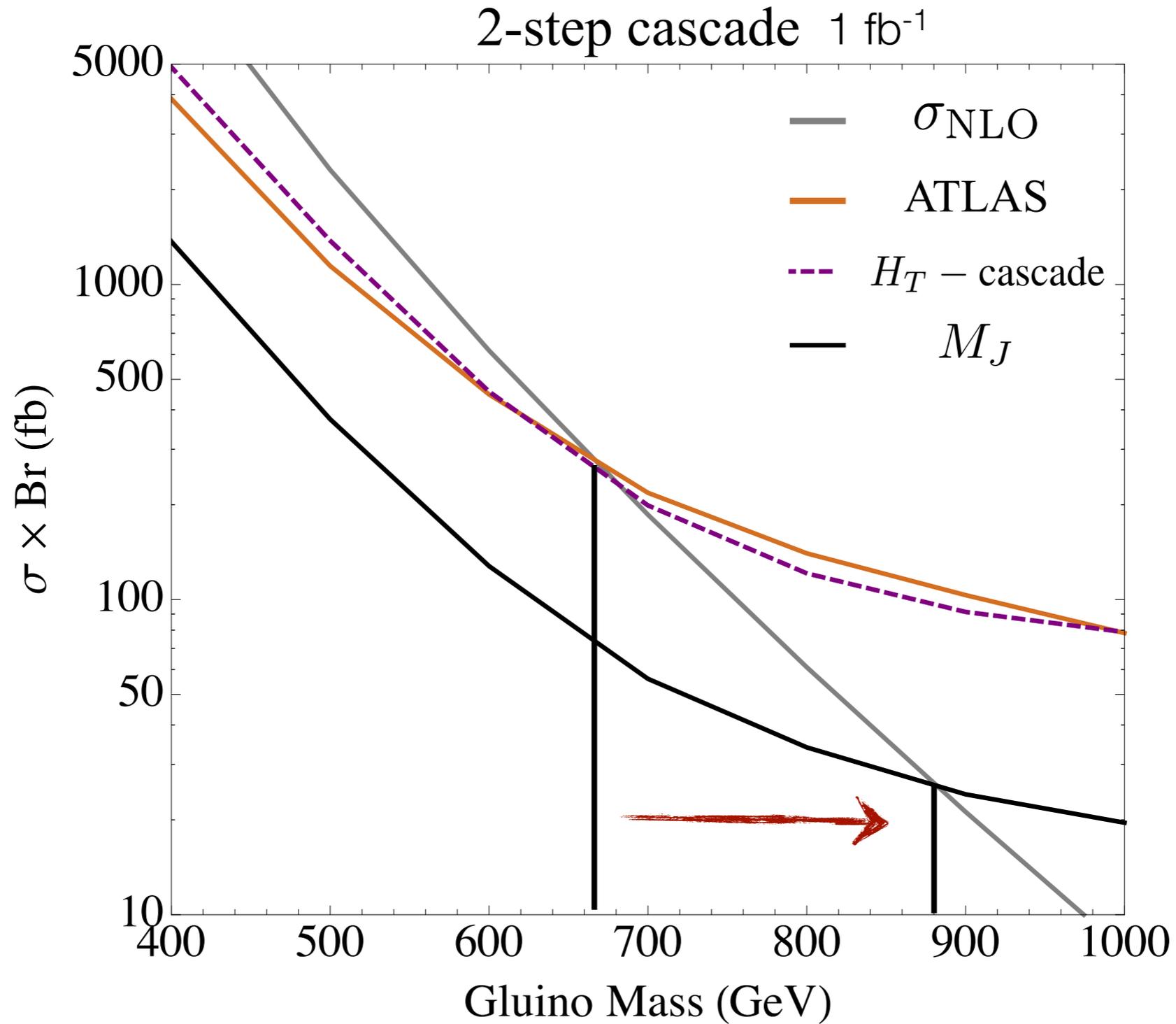
Compare to straw-men

Search	$N_j$	R	Leptons	$N_b$	$\cancel{E}_T$ [GeV]	$H_T$ [GeV]	$M_J$ [GeV]
ATLAS	6-8 <sup>+</sup>	0.4	0	0 <sup>+</sup>	3.5 $\sqrt{H_T}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$H_T$ +SSDL-top	3 <sup>+</sup>	1.2	SSDL	1 <sup>+</sup>	$\emptyset$	300	$\emptyset$
$H_T$ -top	4 <sup>+</sup>	1.2	0 <sup>+</sup>	1 <sup>+</sup>	250	800	$\emptyset$
$H_T$ -cascade	4 <sup>+</sup>	1.2	0 <sup>+</sup>	0 <sup>+</sup>	150	1000	$\emptyset$
$M_J$ search	4 <sup>+</sup>	1.2	0 <sup>+</sup>	0 <sup>+</sup>	150	$\emptyset$	450

## Maximally Inclusive

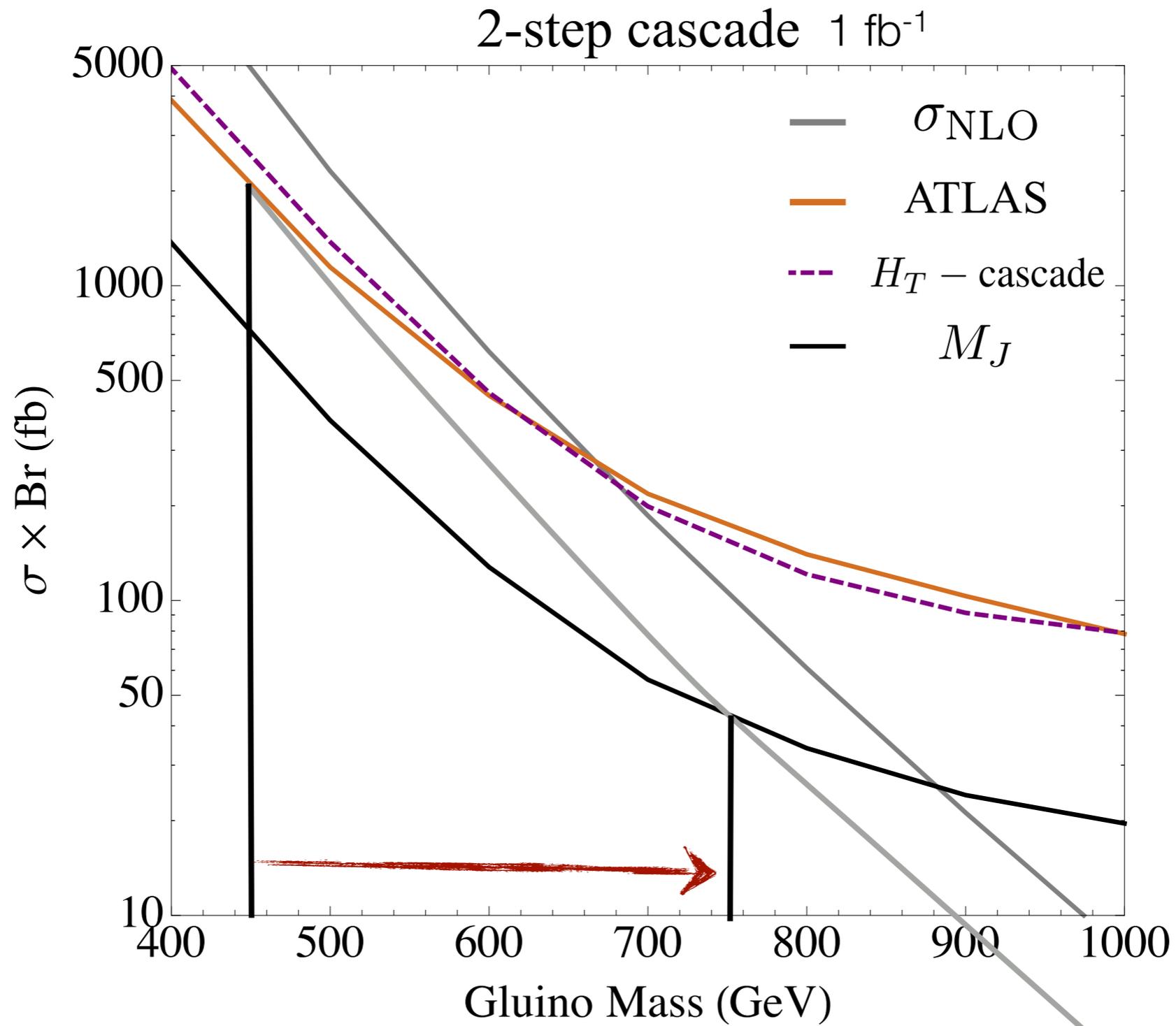
No b-tags, no lepton vetos, low MET

# 2 Step Expected Sensitivity



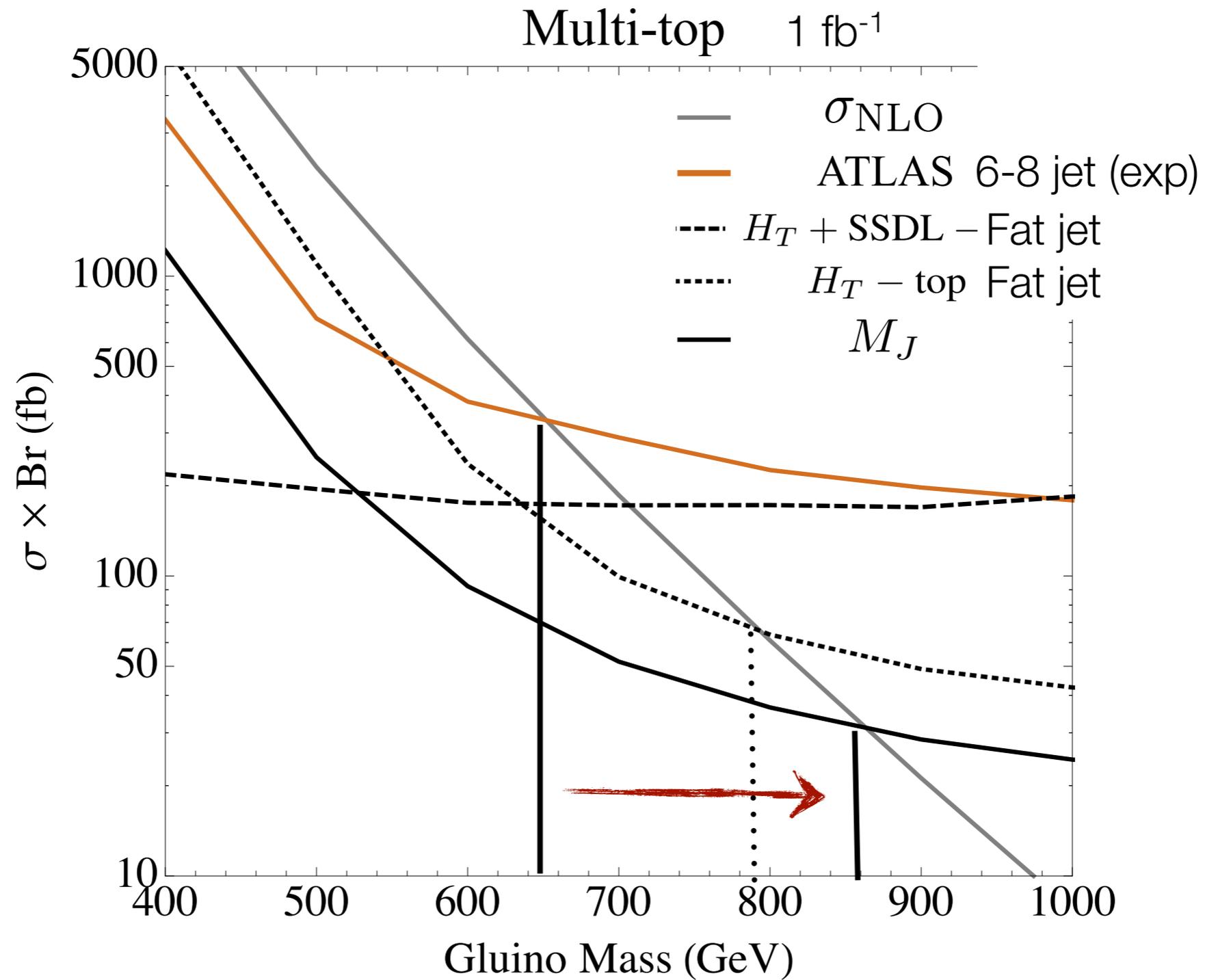
Gain from 660 GeV to 880 GeV

# 2 Step Expected Sensitivity



@Br=60% Gain from 450 GeV to 750 GeV

# 4 Top Expected Sensitivity



Gain from 650 GeV to 850 GeV

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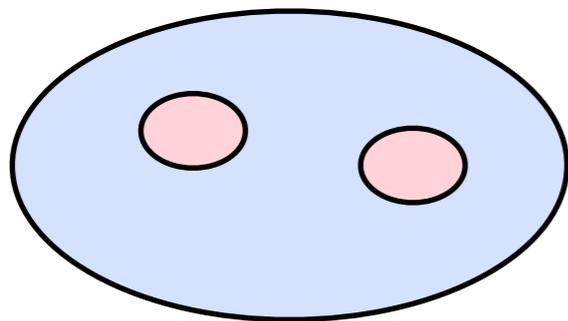
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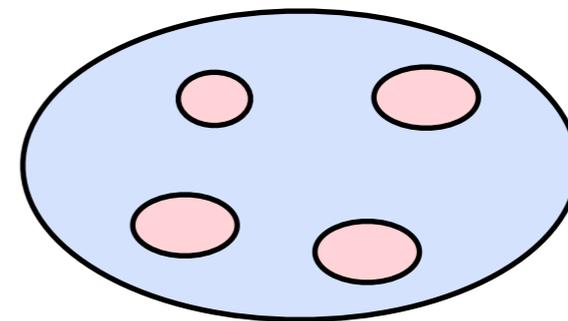
# Subjettiness

Jet mass is the coarsest measure of jet substructure

Equal  $p_T$  and mass jets



versus



Massive QCD jets mostly have 2 subjets

High multiplicity signals are many more subjets

# How to count the number of subjets?

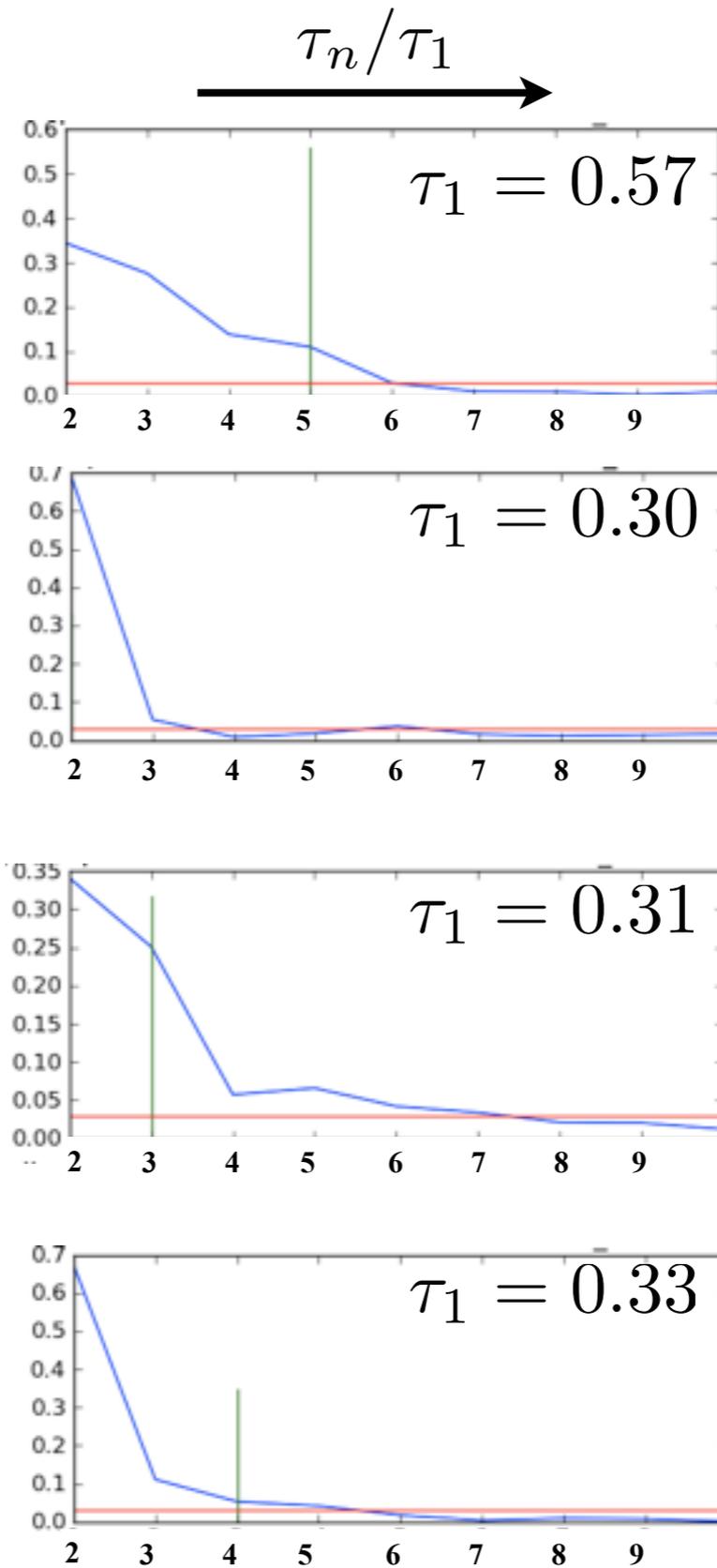
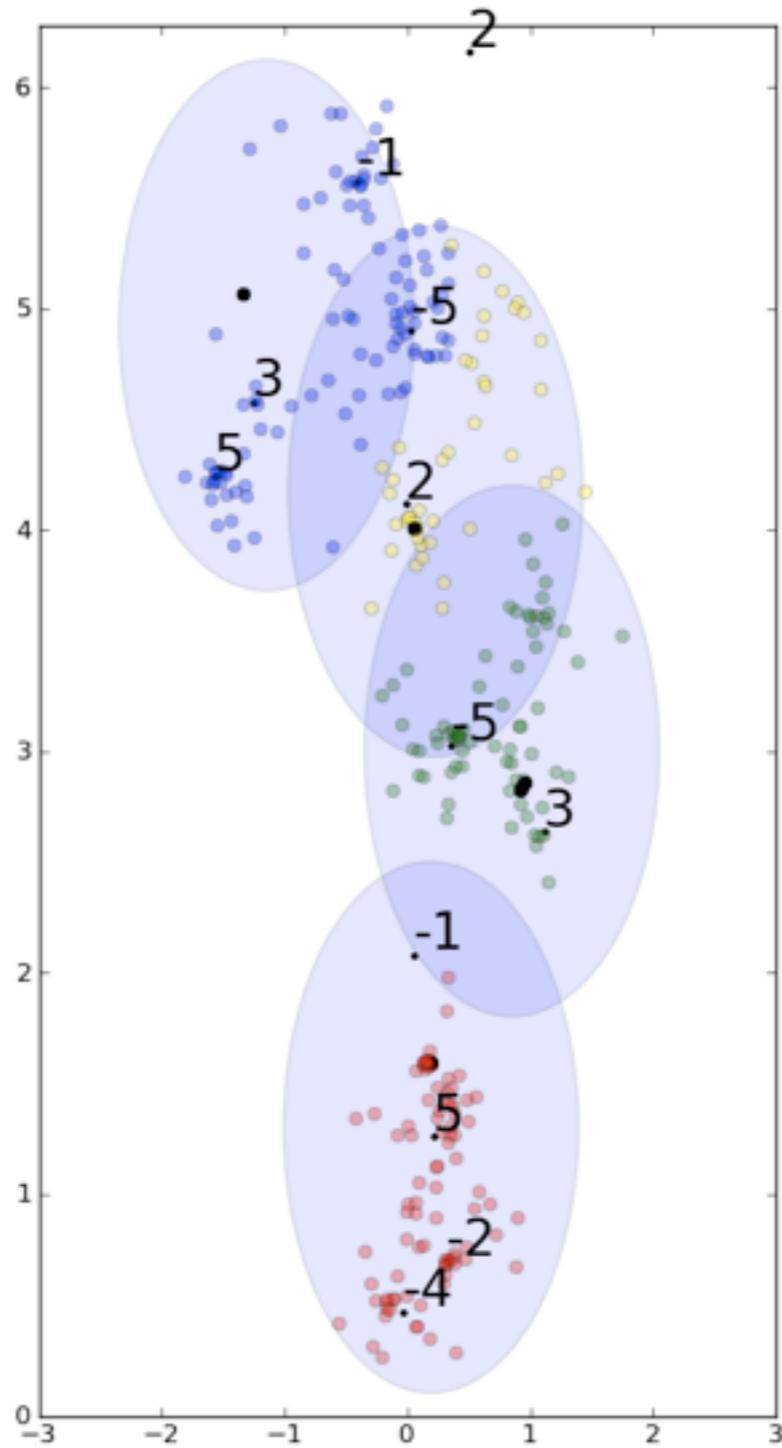
Not a solved problem

## Introduce 2 Techniques

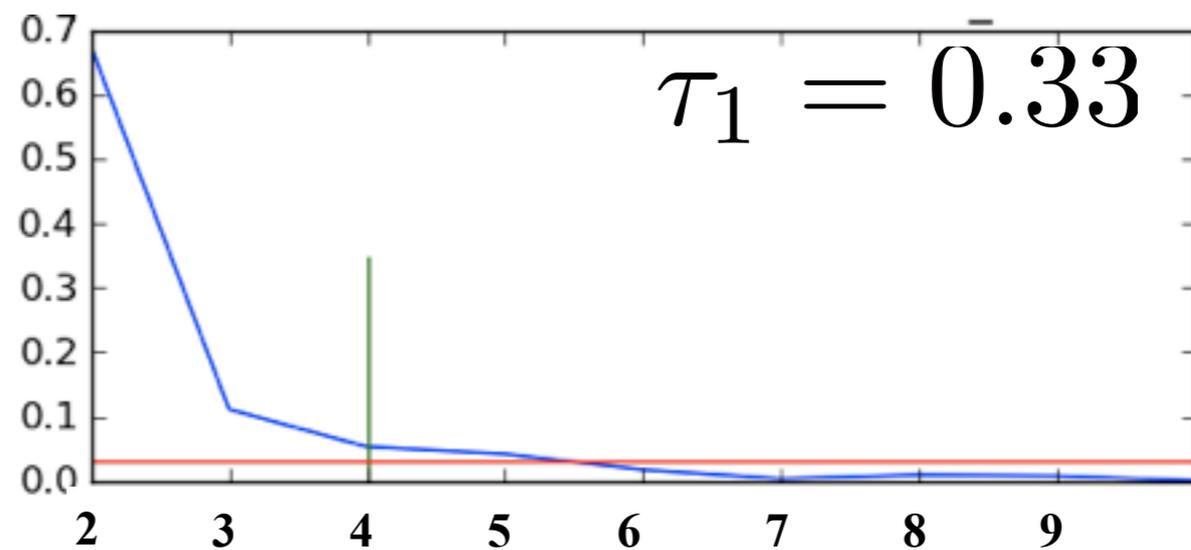
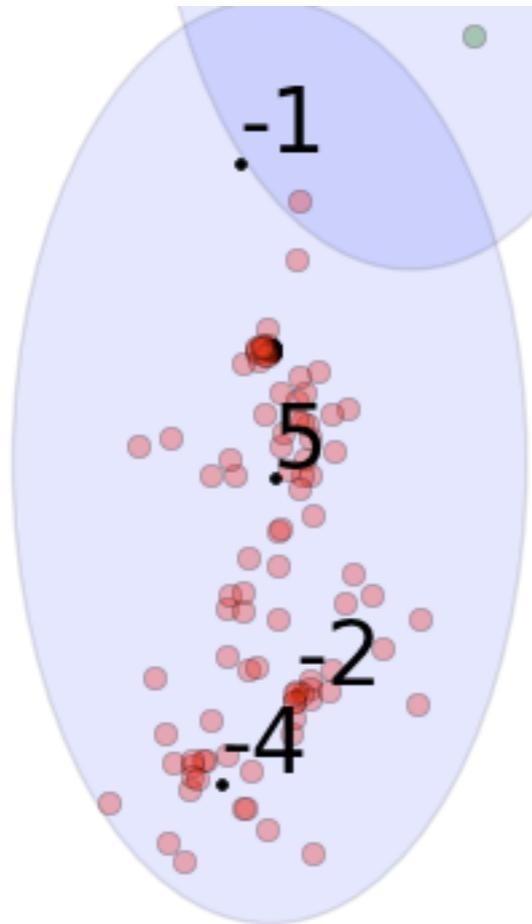
N-Subjettiness

Jet Deconstruction

# Typical 4 Top event



Hard to pull out the number subjects

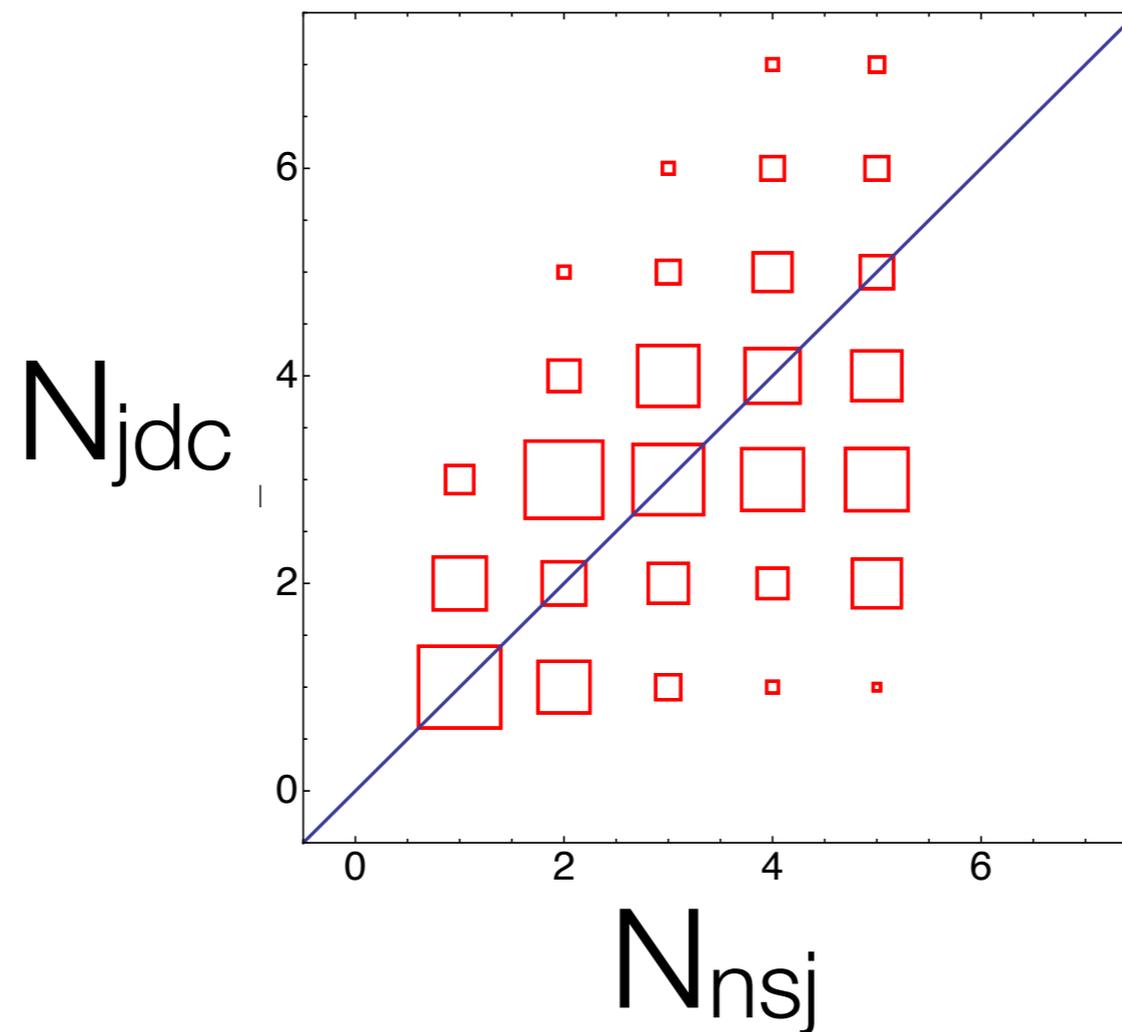


Nevertheless, the information is in the distributions

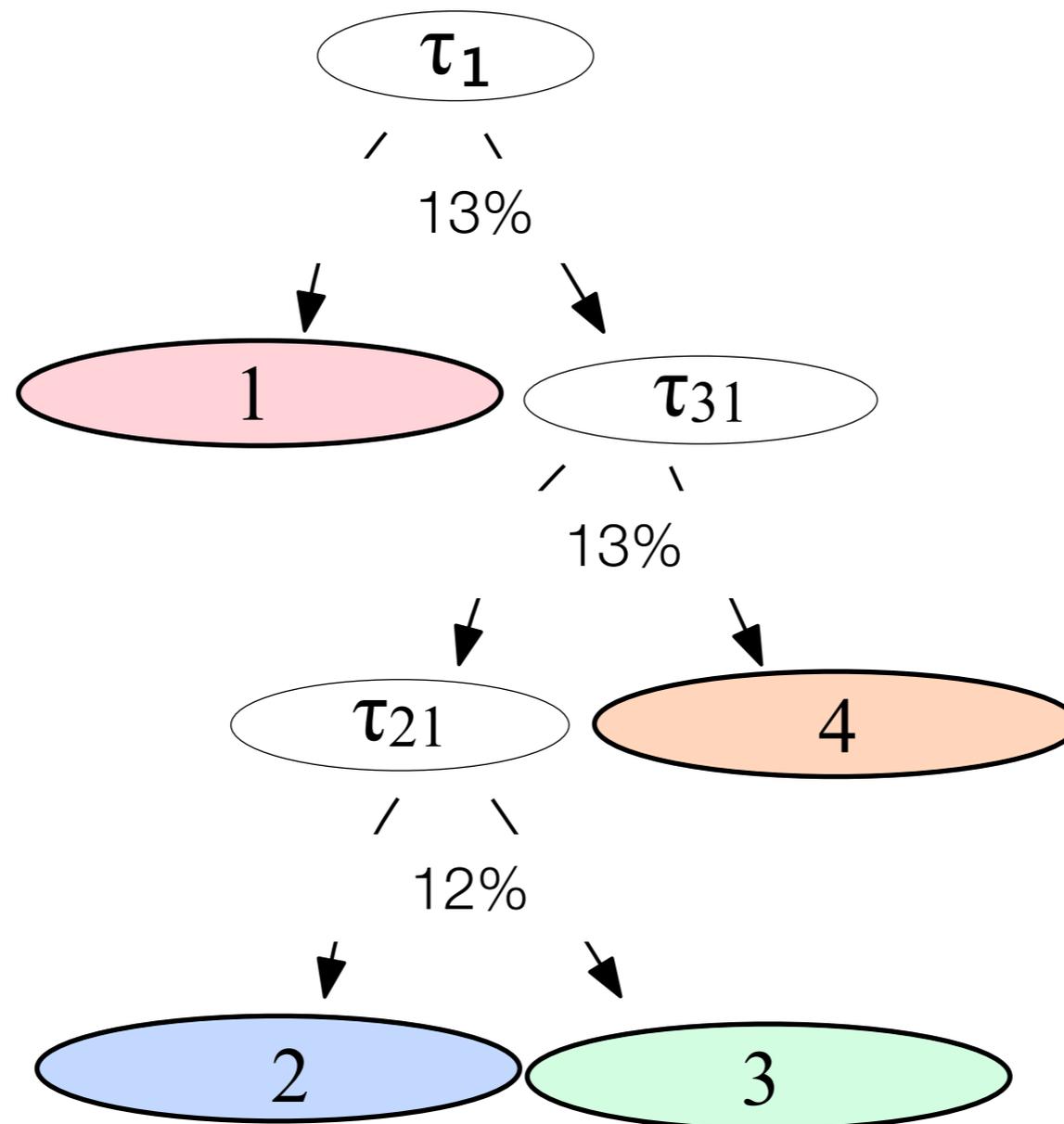
# Strong Correlation Between Techniques

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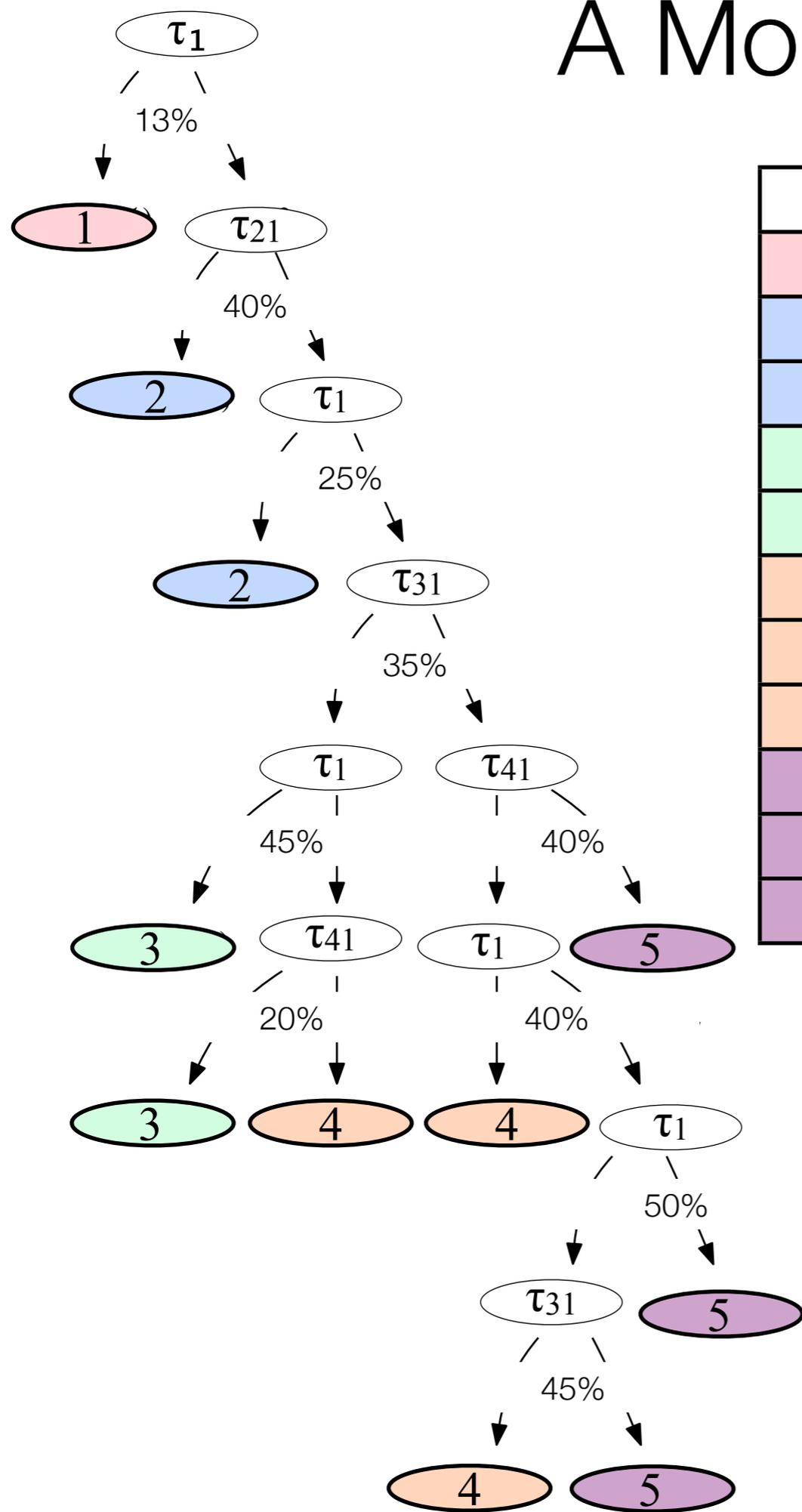


# A Sample Classifier



Relatively simple & works so-so

# A More Realistic Case



N	$\tau_1$	$\tau_{21}$	$\tau_{31}$	$\tau_{41}$
1	<13%			
2	13% - 25%			
2	>25%	<40%		
3	25% - 45%	>40%	<35%	
3	>45%	>40%	<35%	<20%
4	>45%	>40%	<35%	>20%
4	25% - 40%	>40%	>35%	<40%
4	25% - 50%	>40%	35%-45%	<40%
5	>25%	>40%	>35%	>40%
5	25% - 50%	>40%	>45%	<40%
5	>50%	>40%	35%-45%	>40%

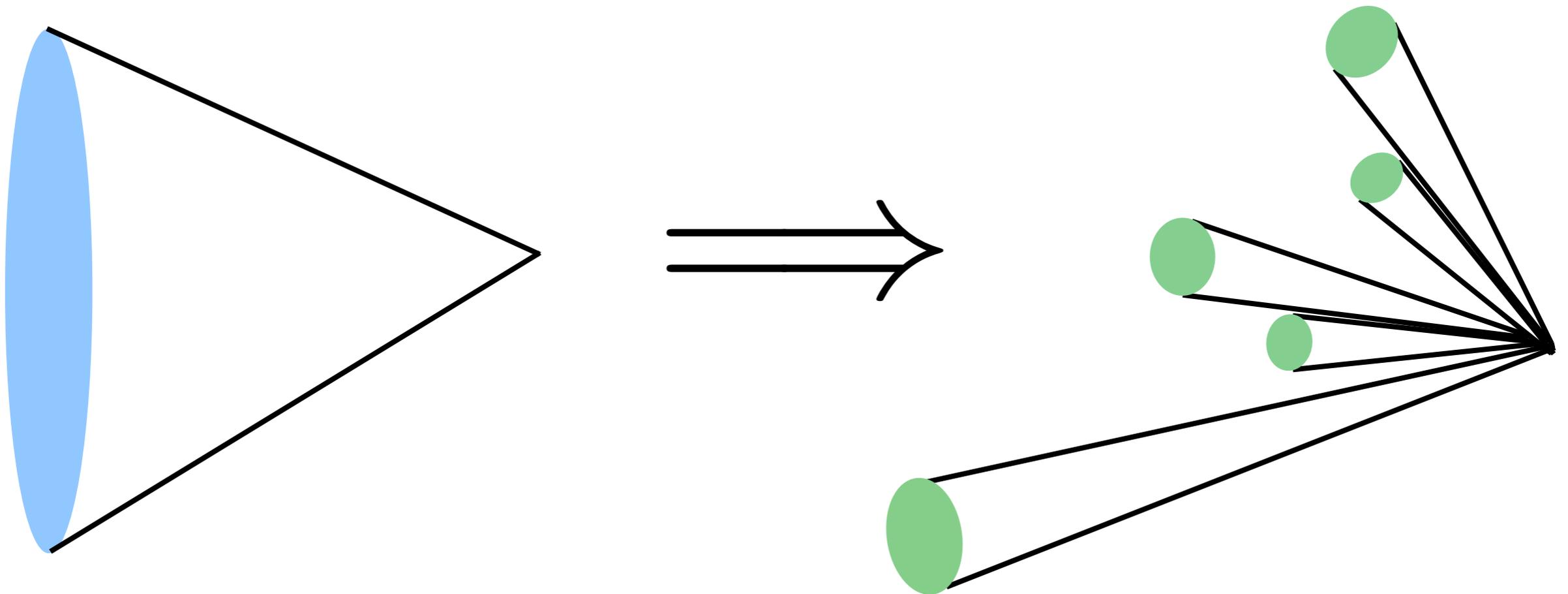
# Jet Deconstruction Algorithm

cluster using the CA algorithm

decluster recursively down to a mass scale  $m_{\text{cut}}$

(in the spirit of the HEPTopTagger)

the number of identified subjets is  $n_{\text{rec}}$



# Counting subjects recursively

pseudocode for recursive procedure:

uncluster  $j$  into  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  (with  $j_1$  harder)

if  $m_j < m_{\text{cut}}$  or  $dR(j_1, j_2) < R_{\text{min}}$

    consider  $j$  a subject and exit recursion

throw out  $j_2$  if  $p_{T2} < y_{\text{cut}} \cdot p_{T\text{tot}}$

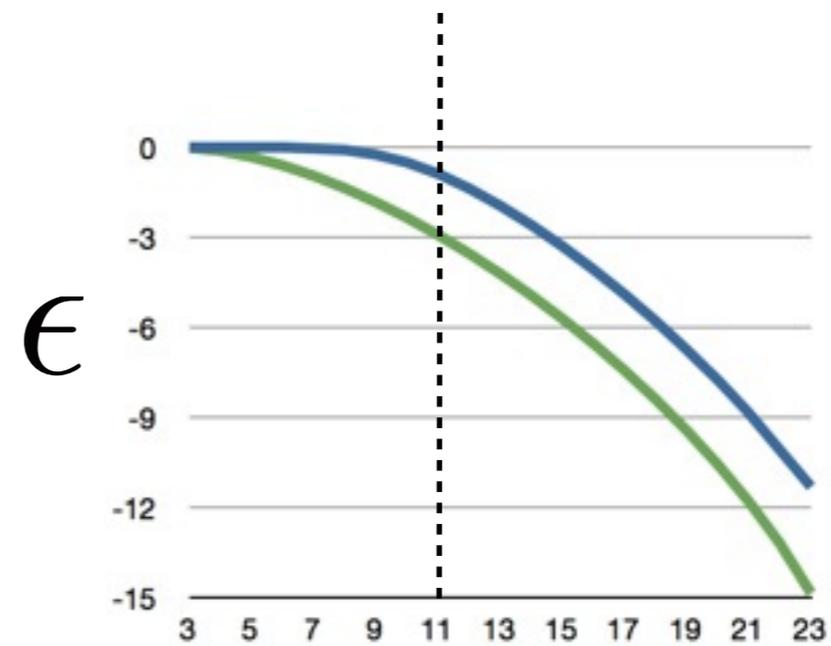
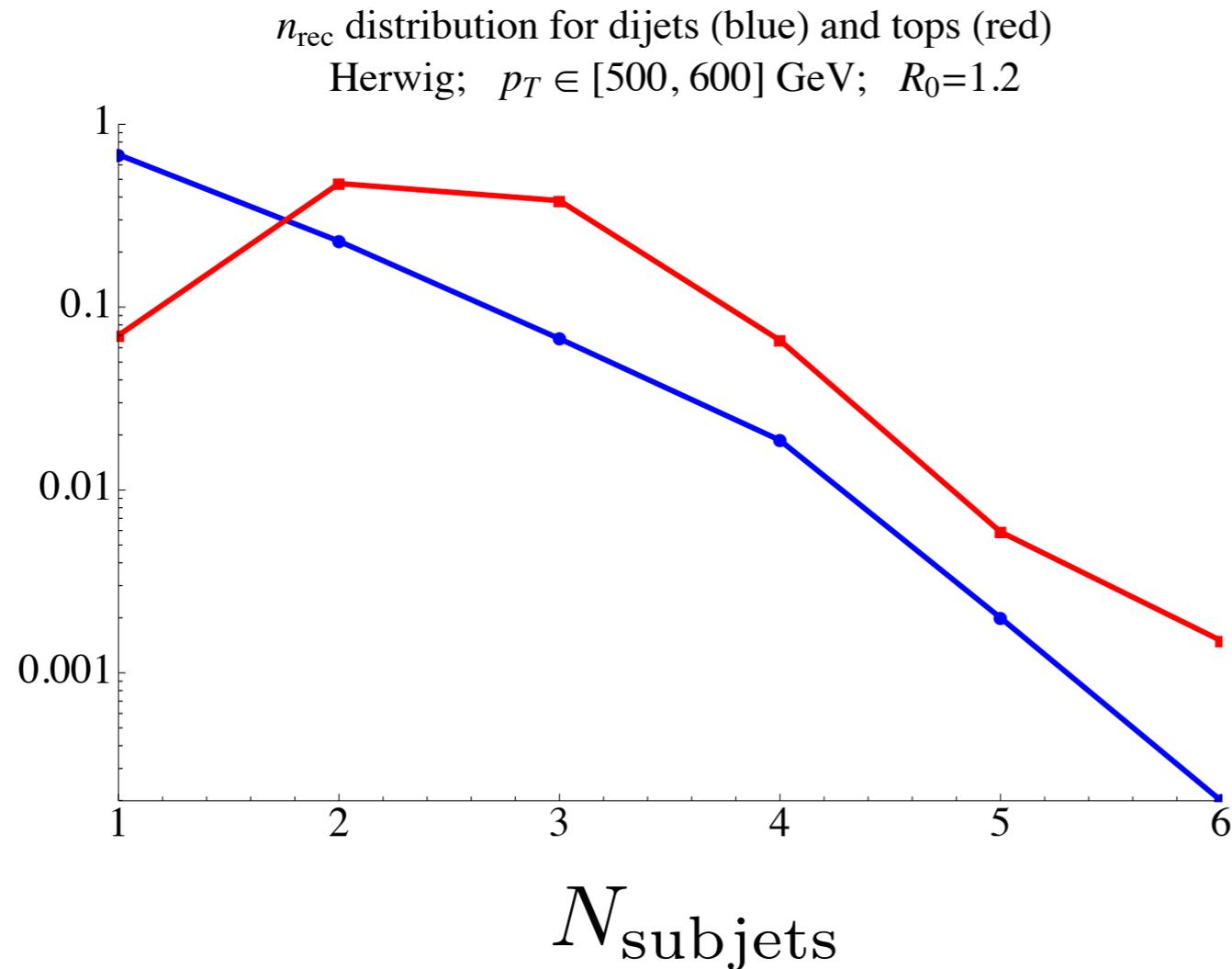
continue recursion on  $j_1$  and  $j_2$  (if retained)

count the number of identified subjects with  $p_T > p_{T\text{cut}}$ ;  
this is  $n_{\text{rec}}$

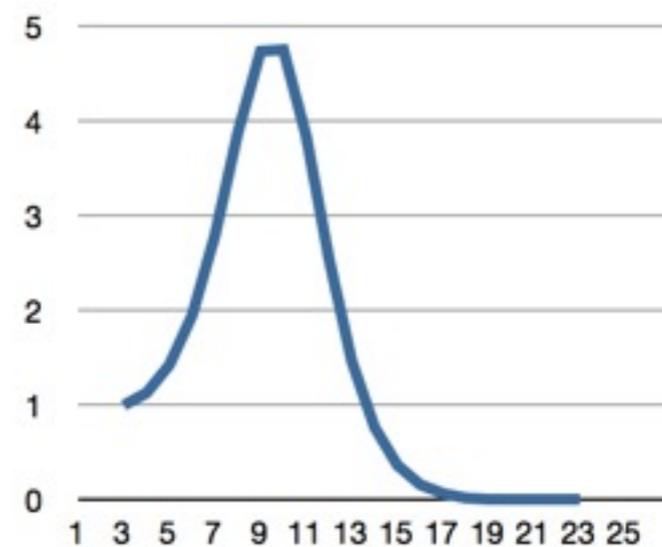
Parameters :  $m_{\text{cut}} = 30 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $y_{\text{cut}} = 0.15$

$p_{T\text{cut}} = 40 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $R_{\text{min}} = 0.20$

# Calibrating on Dijets can Extrapolate to Multijets



$$\epsilon_s / \sqrt{\epsilon_b}$$



Can beat down QCD by  $2^+$  orders of magnitude

# Preliminary results

on cutting on the number of subjects in entire event

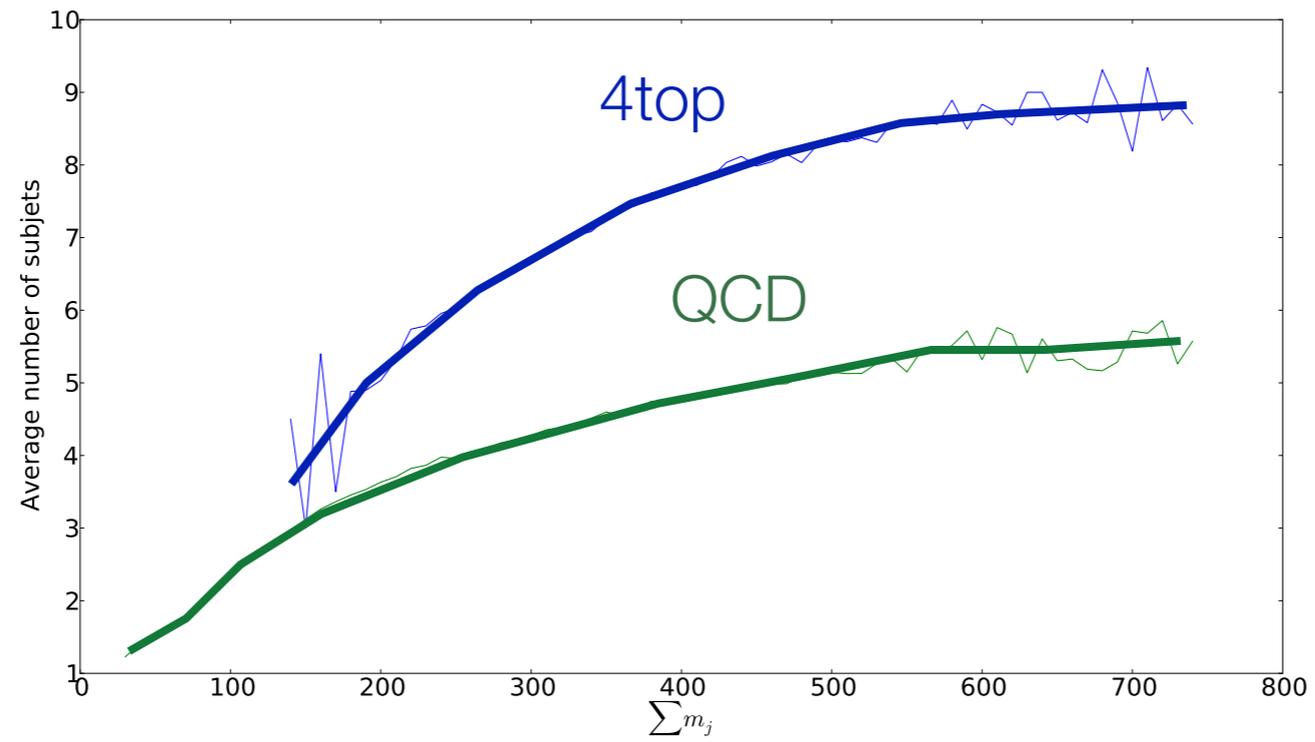
Can reduce reliance on MET further

Can use in conjunction with  $M_J$  or  $H_T$   
would like n-subjets independent of visible energy cut

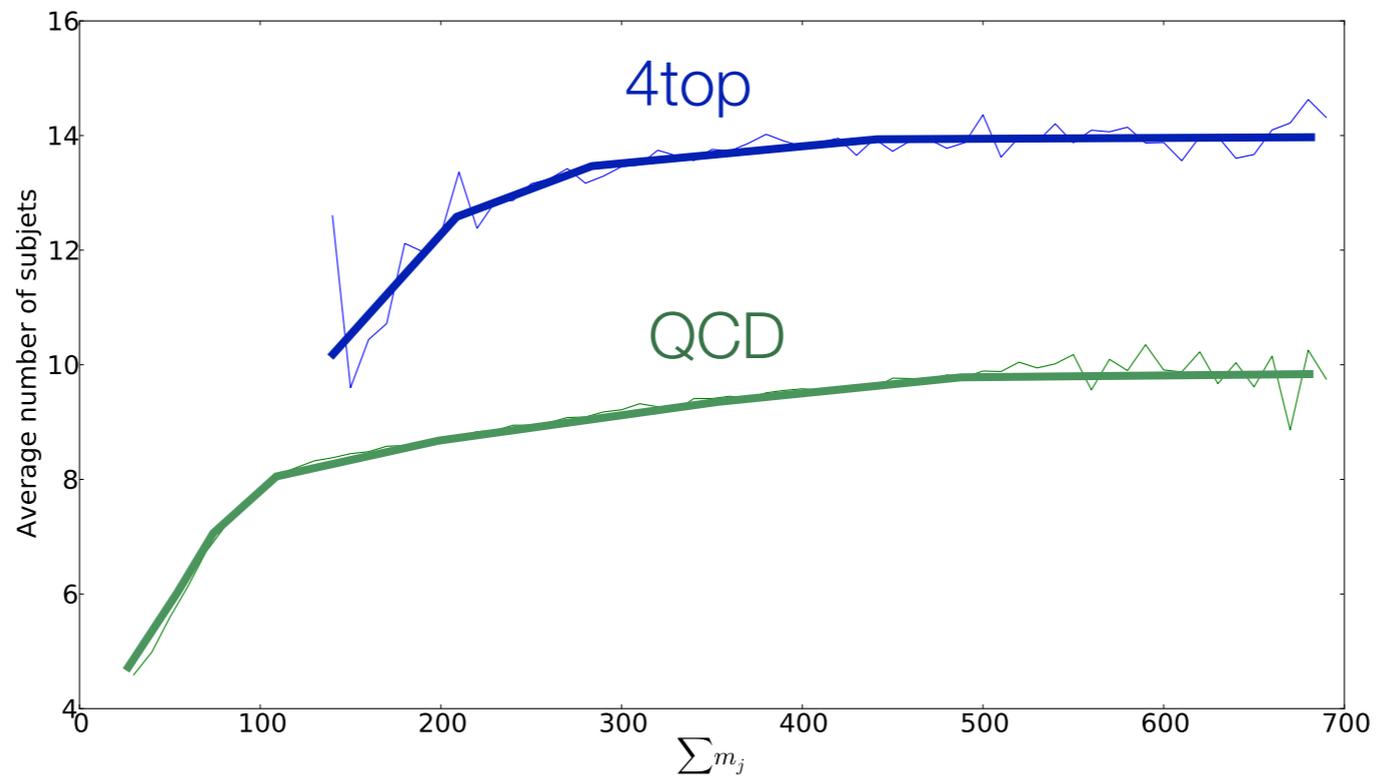
Contains more information about  
underlying details of the physics

# $N_{\text{subject}}$ and $M_J$ Not Strongly Correlated

JDC



NSJ

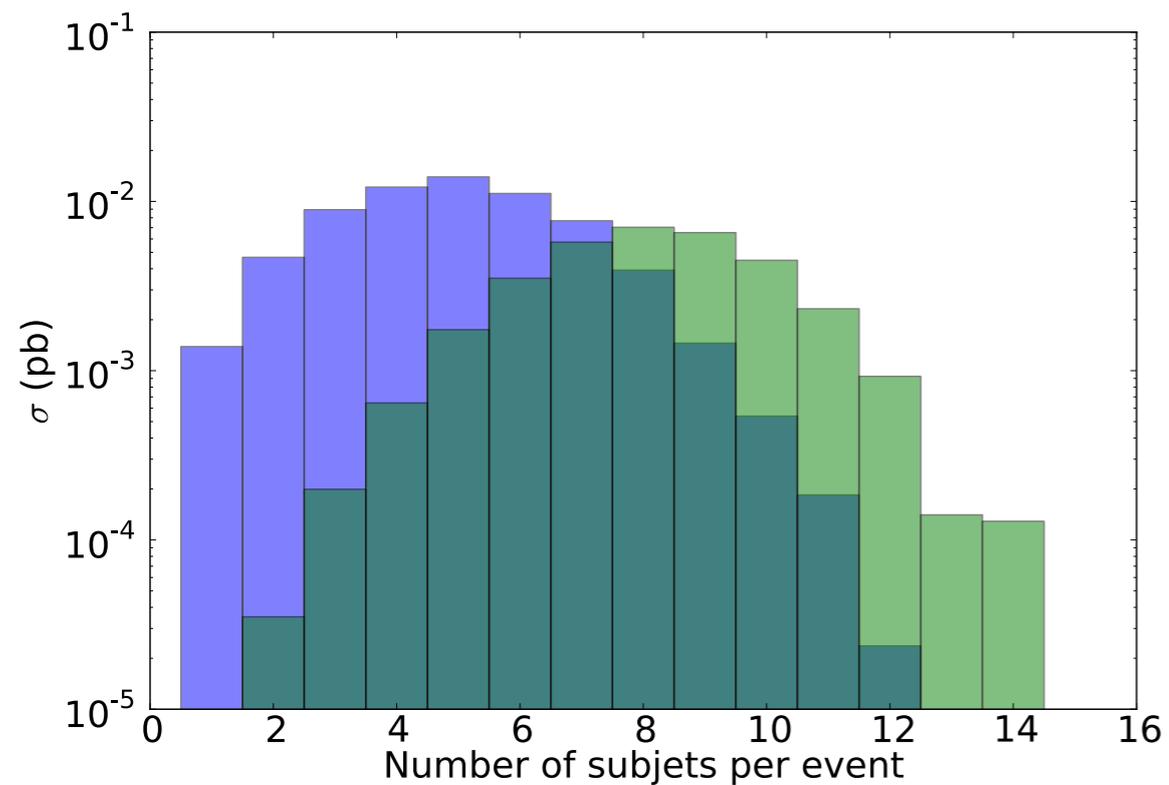


# Signal & Background Comparison

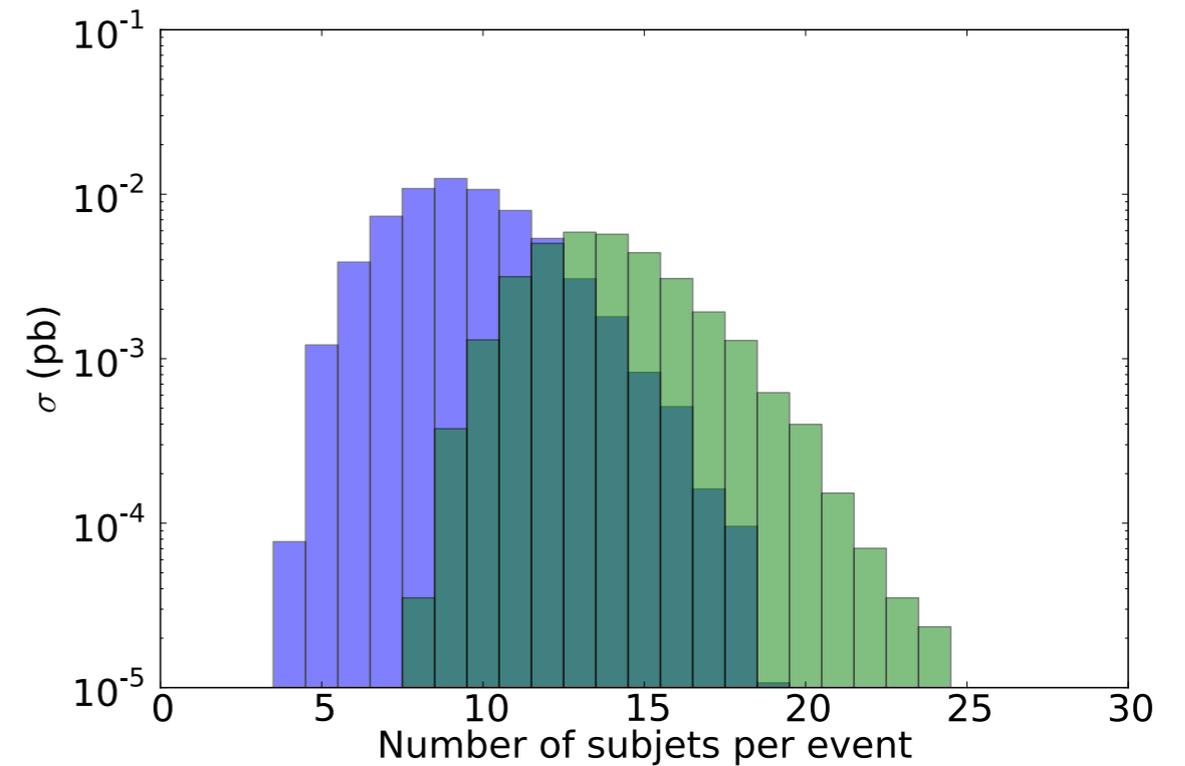
4 Top + MET

After  $M_J > 400$  GeV &  $MET > 100$  GeV

JDC



NSJ



# Improvement over MJ search

## 4 Top Decay

MET cut of 100 GeV

$$\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\chi^0$$

$m_{\tilde{g}}$	$m_{\chi^0}$	$\text{Sig}_{\text{subject}}/\text{Sig}_{\text{mass}}$
600	0	2.6
700	0	3.1
800	0	4.6
900	0	4.4
1000	0	4.4

Sliding MJ > 450 GeV - 650 GeV cut, Nsub > 8

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# Outlook

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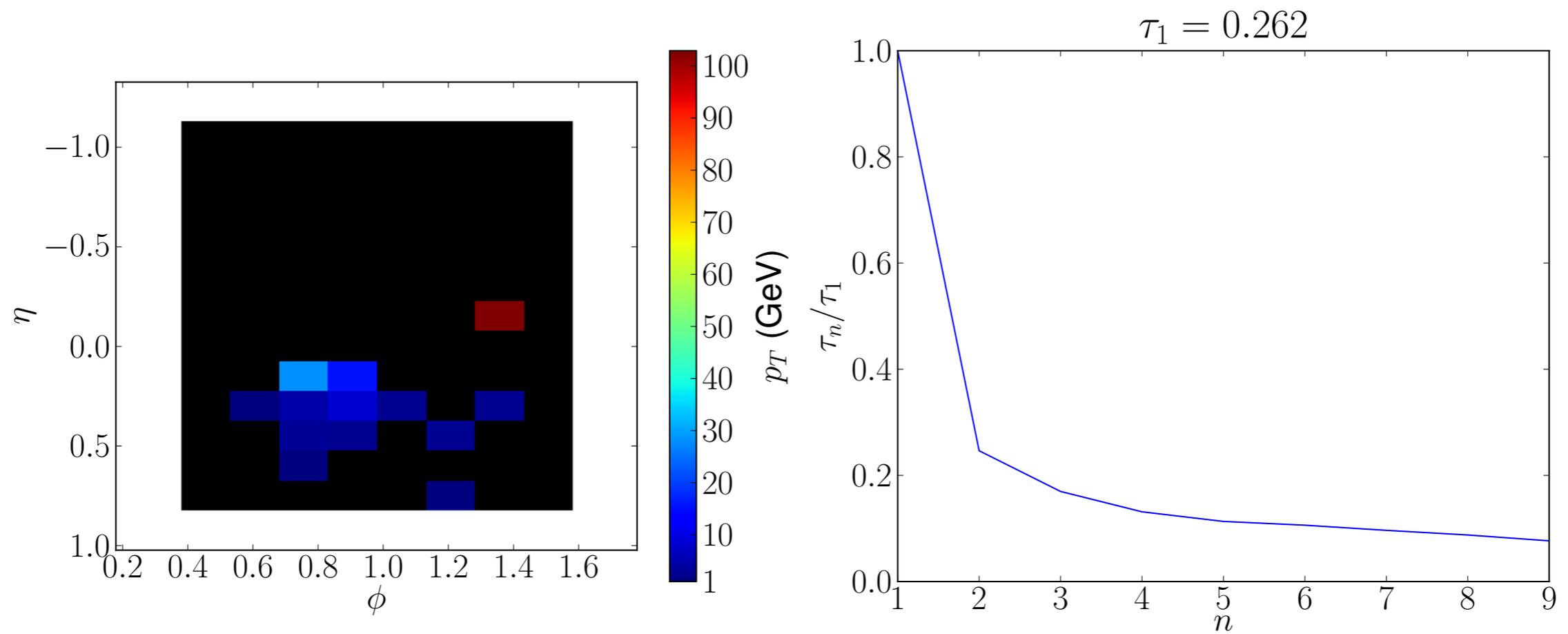
$M_J$  can be a powerful new tool

Counting the number of subjects is feasible  
and more powerful

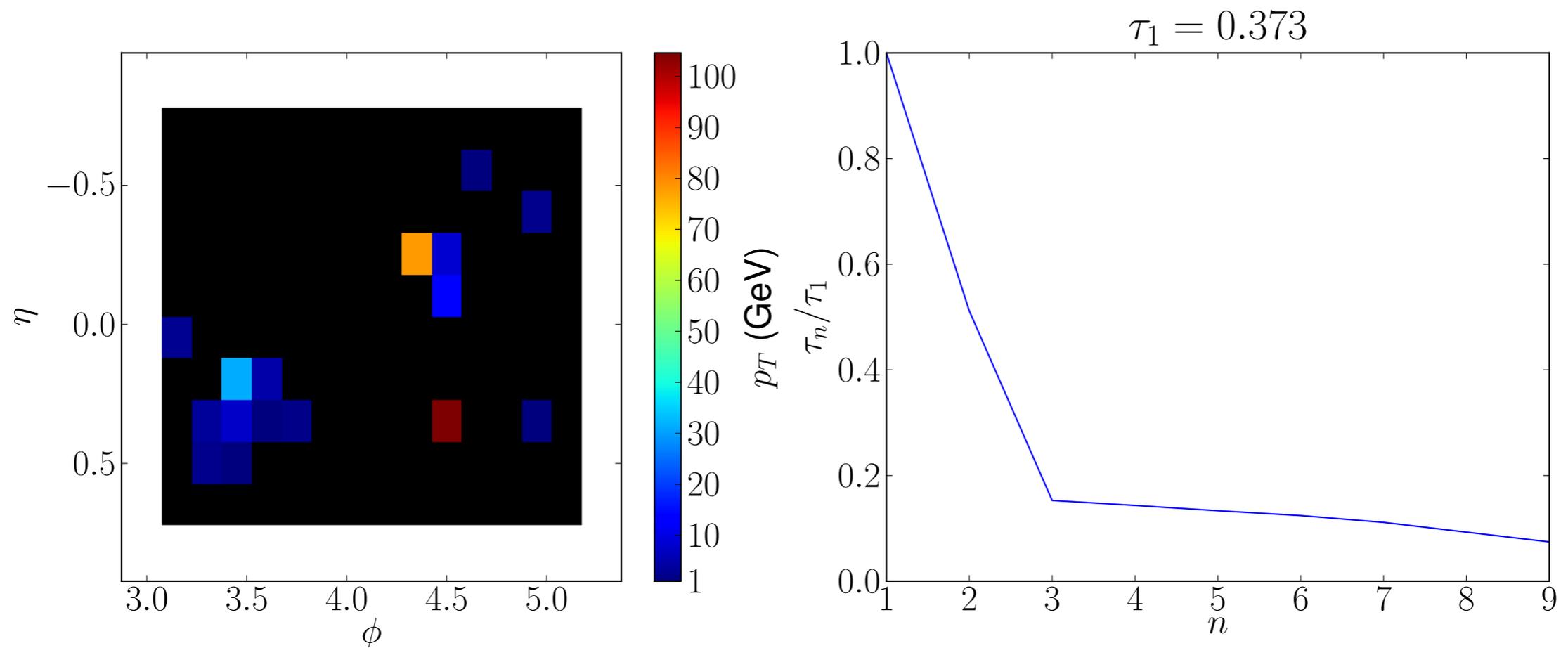
Soon may be able to have low background  
searches without MET



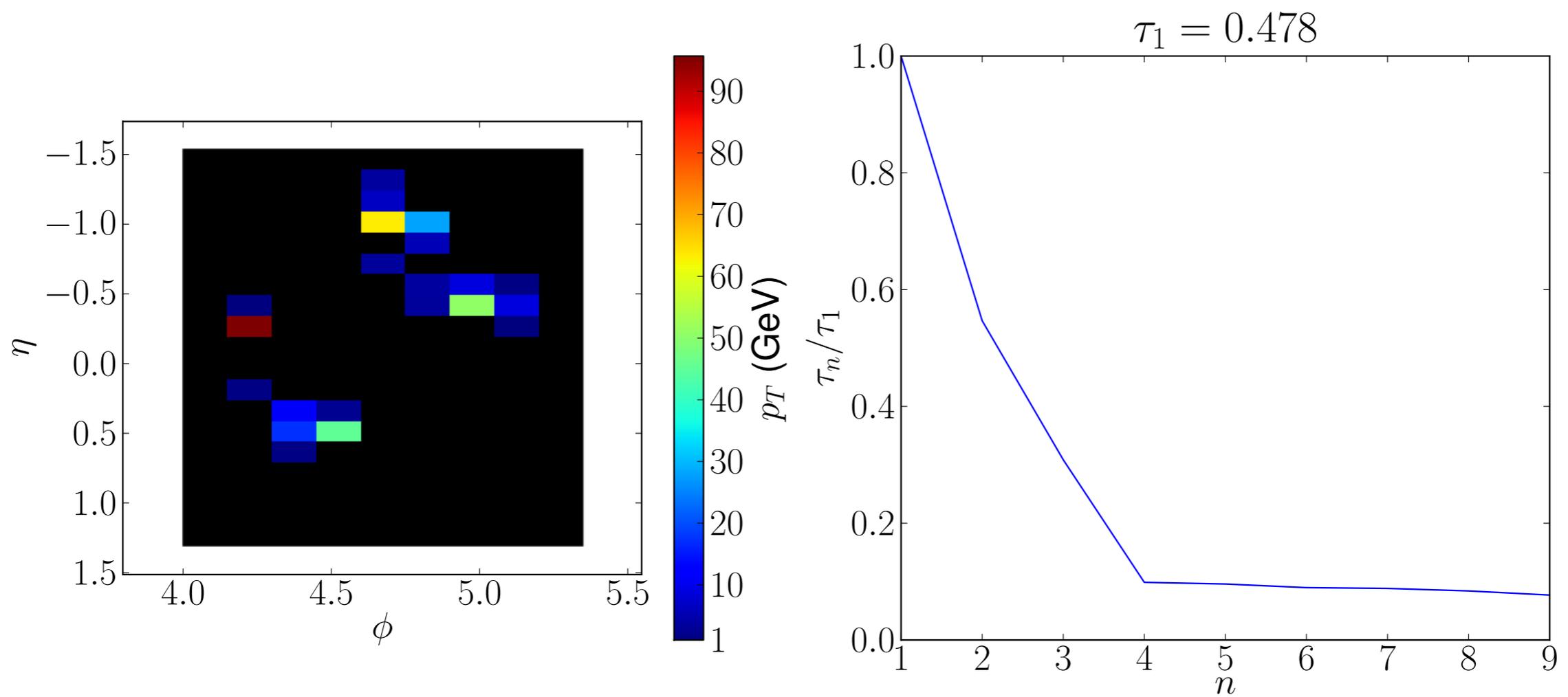
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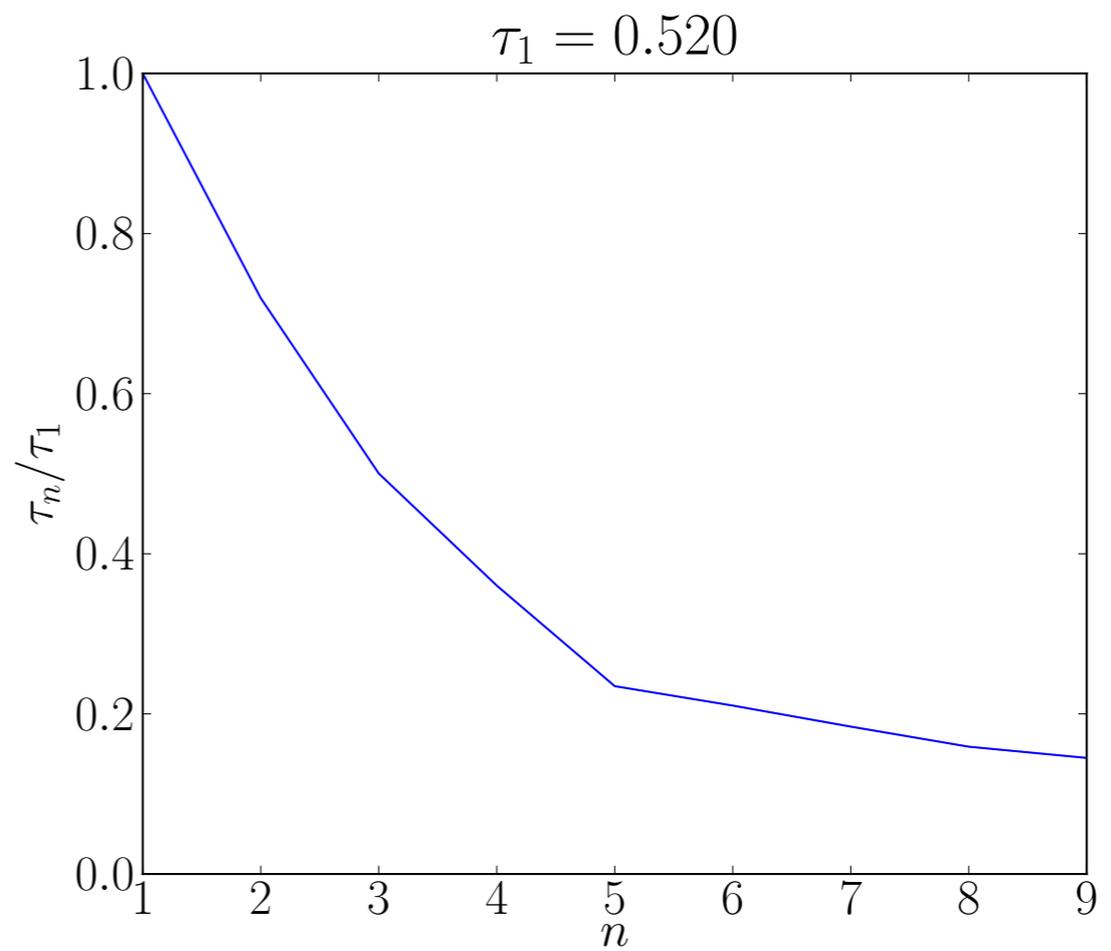
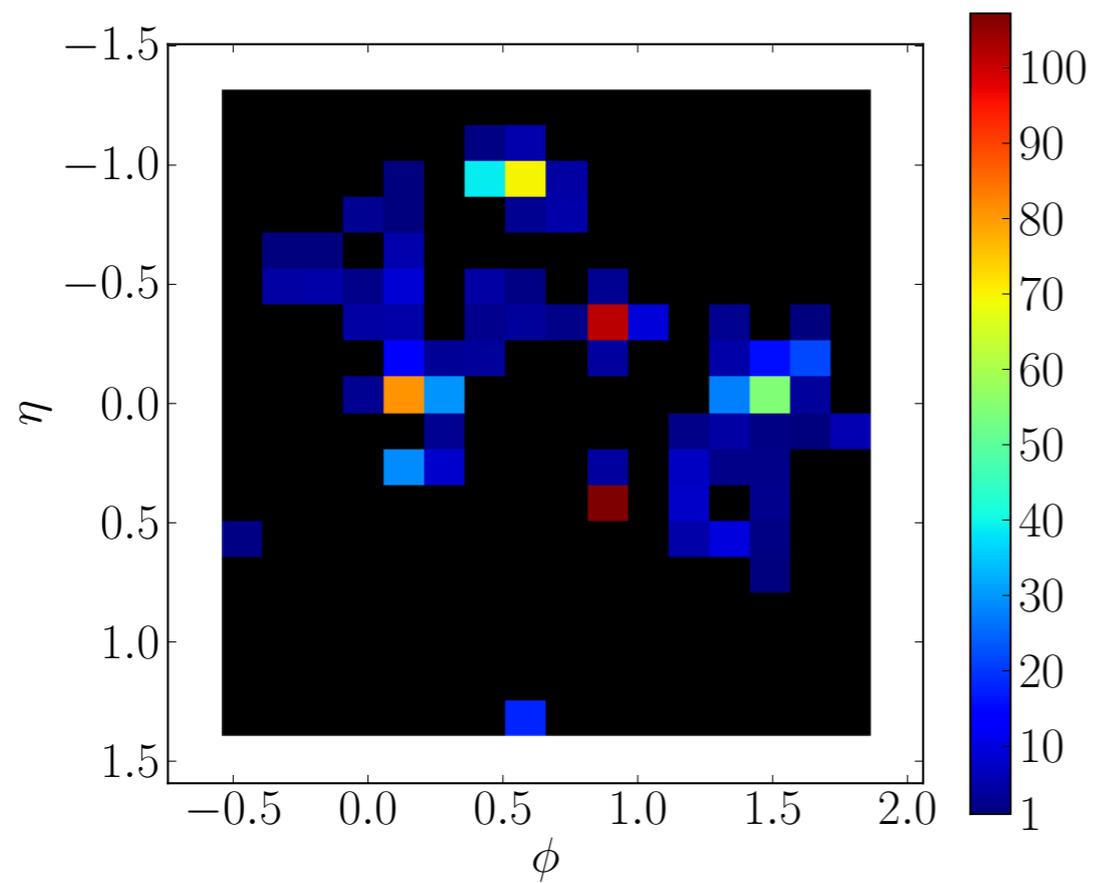
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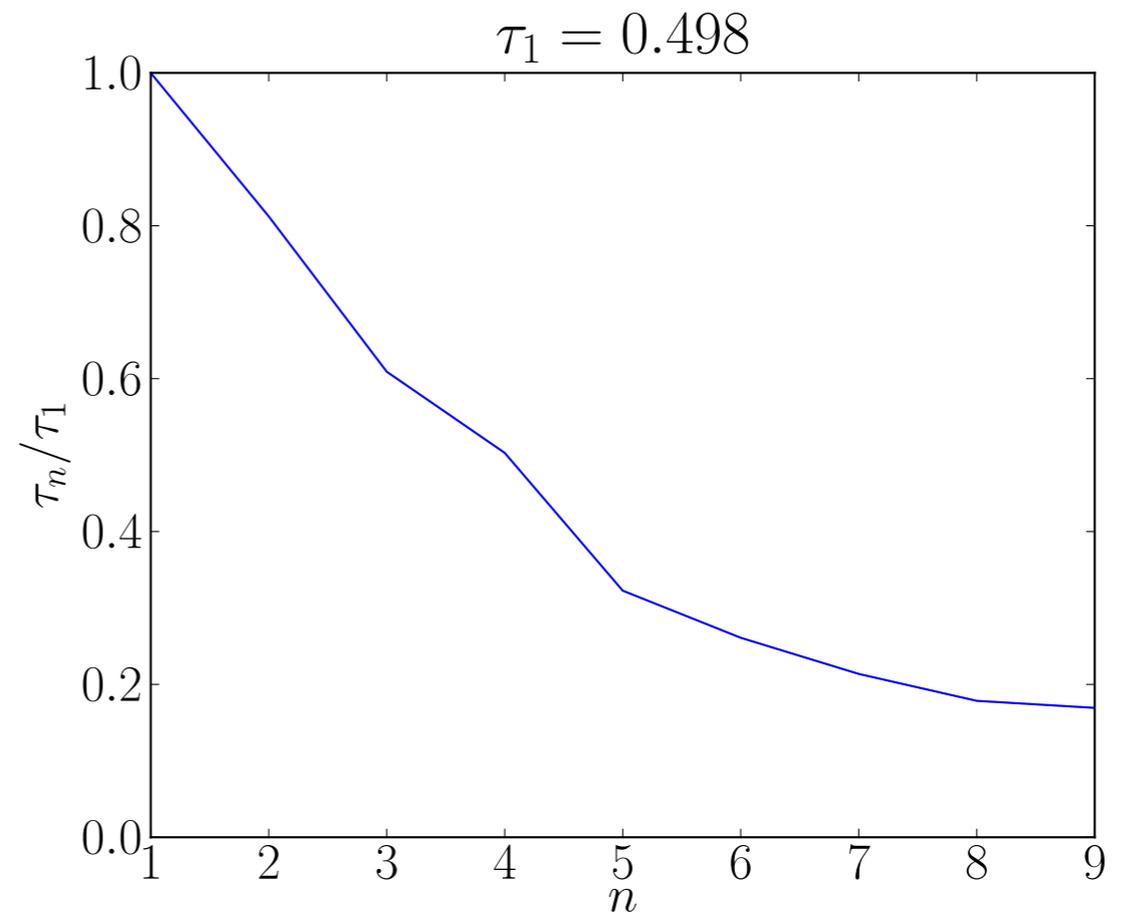
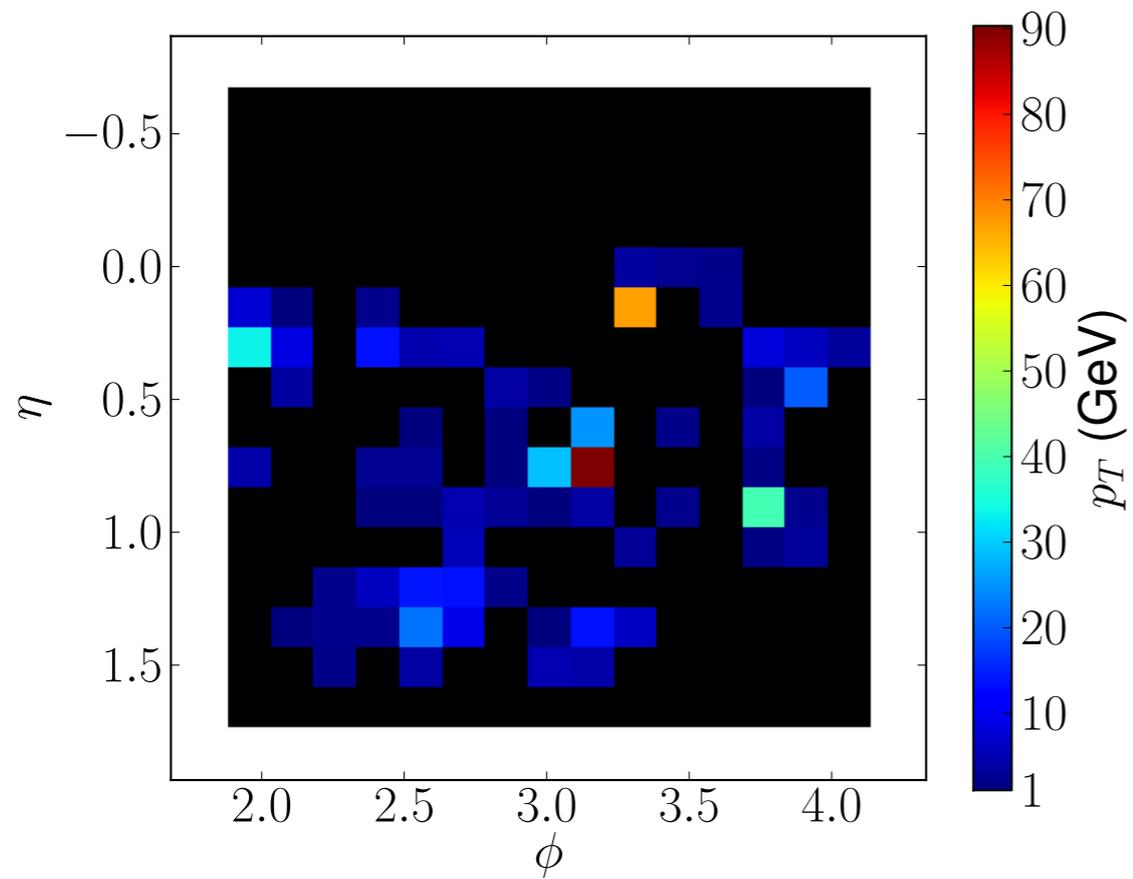
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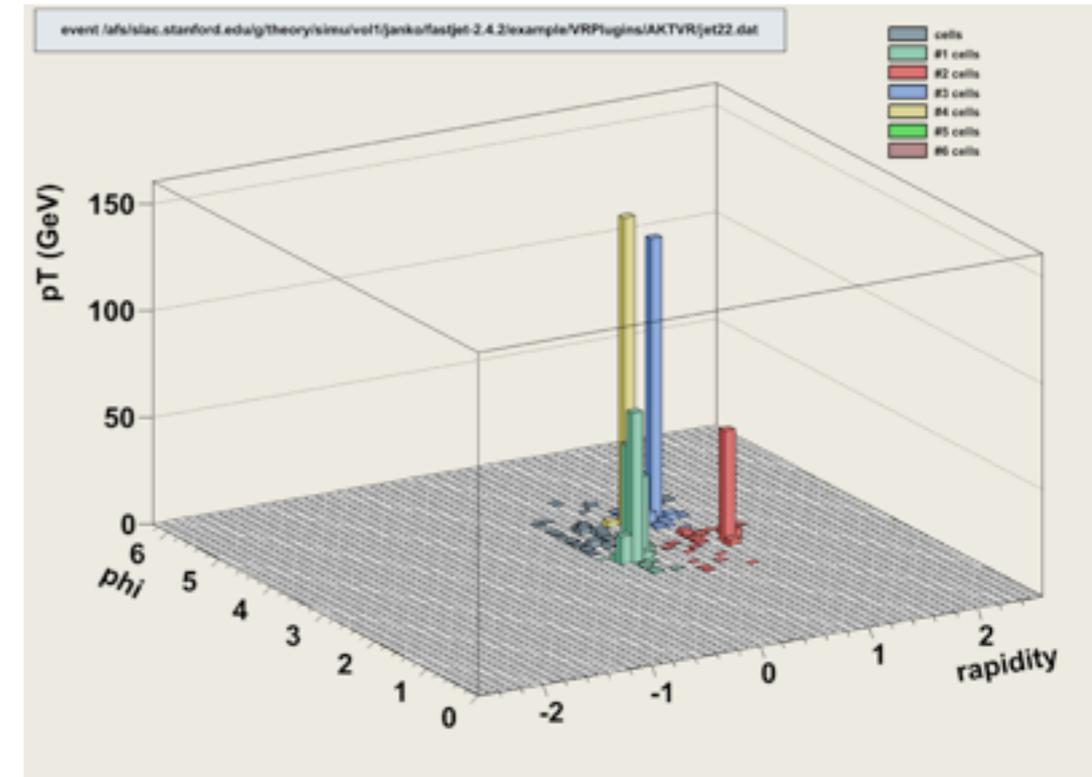
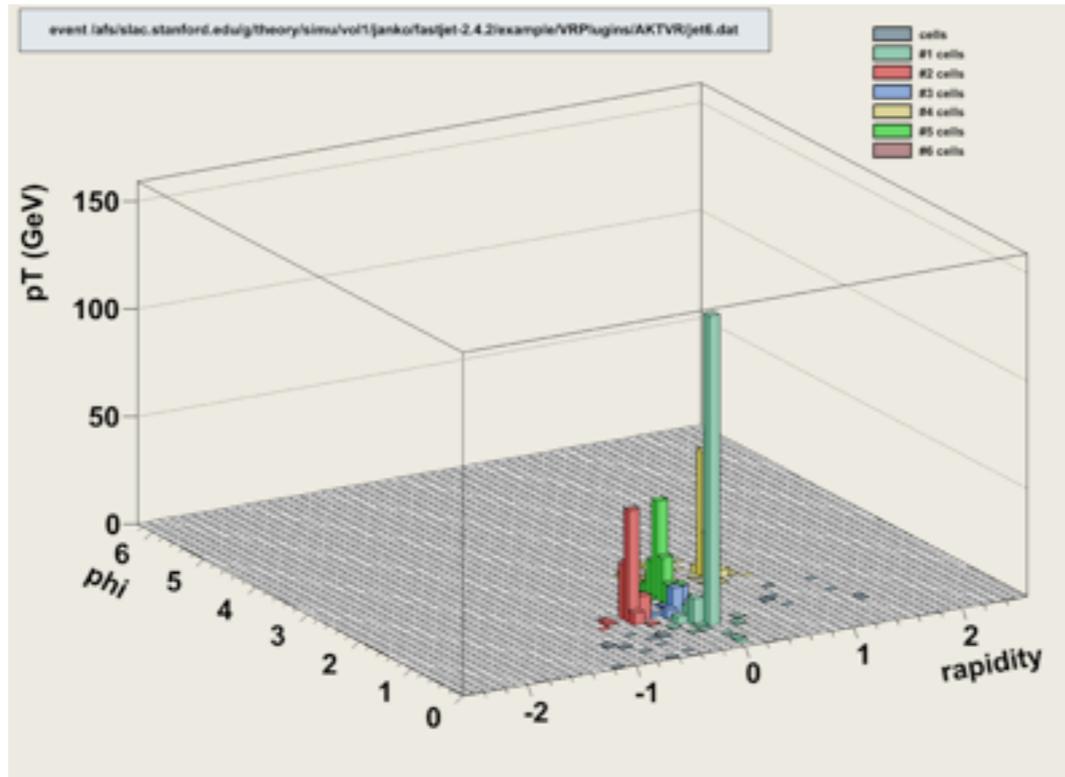


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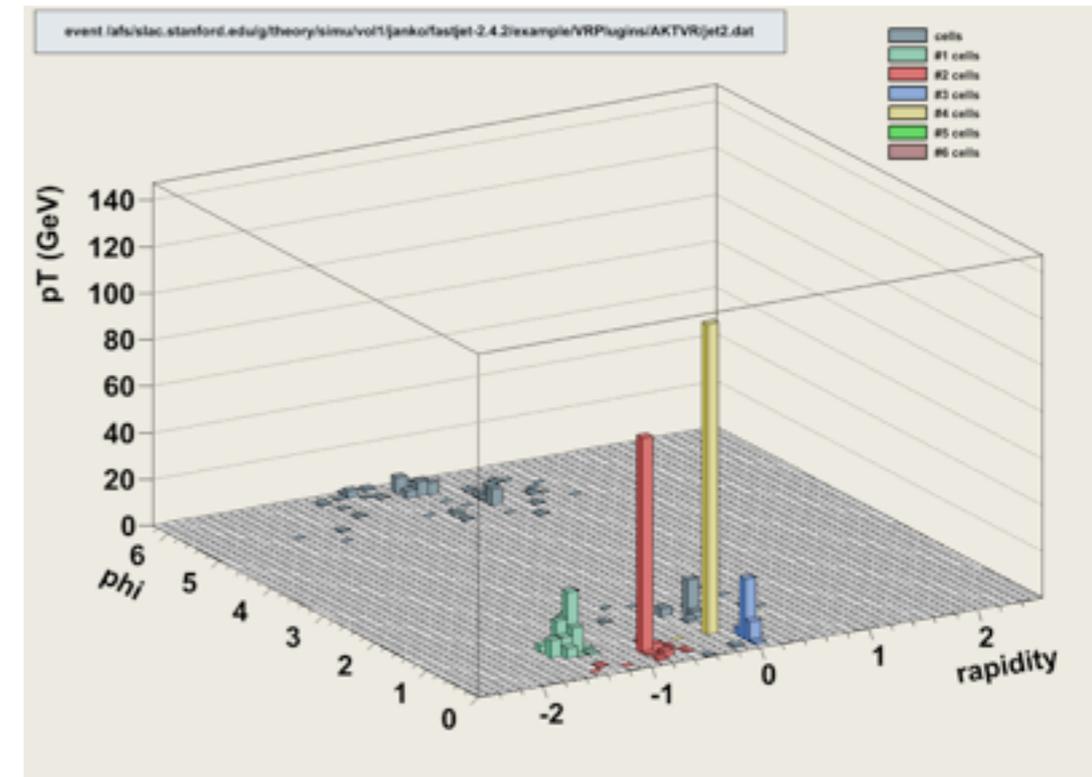
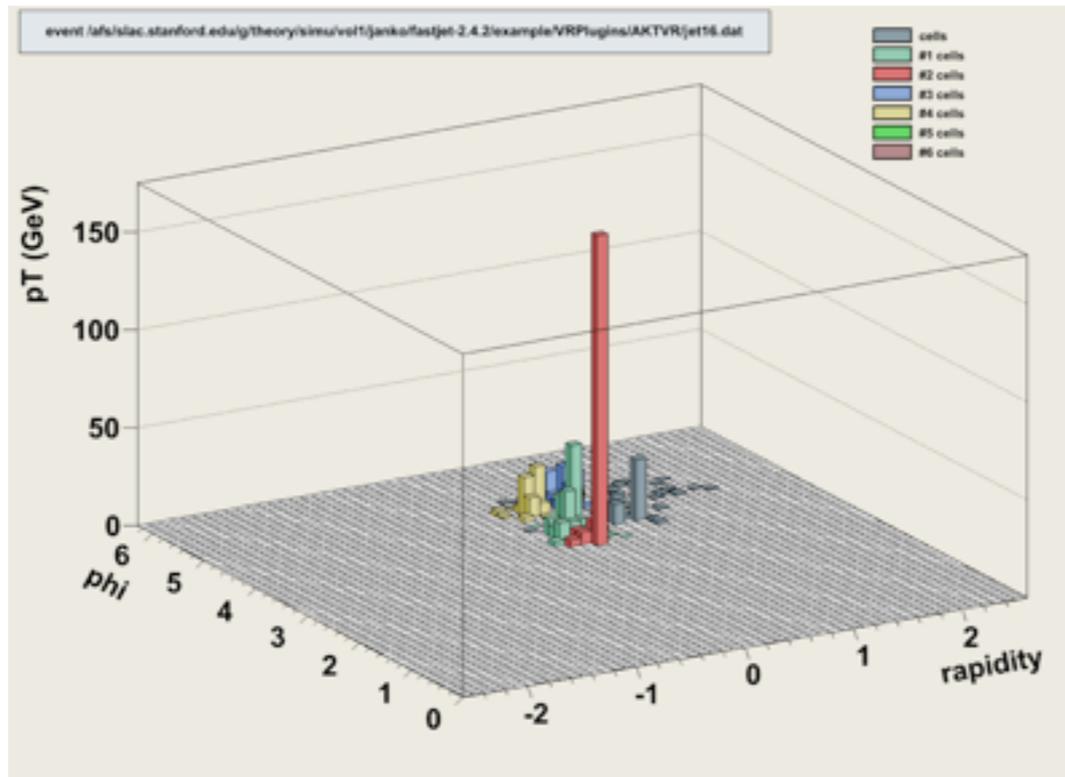


# Jet Deconstruction Counting

Signal



QCD

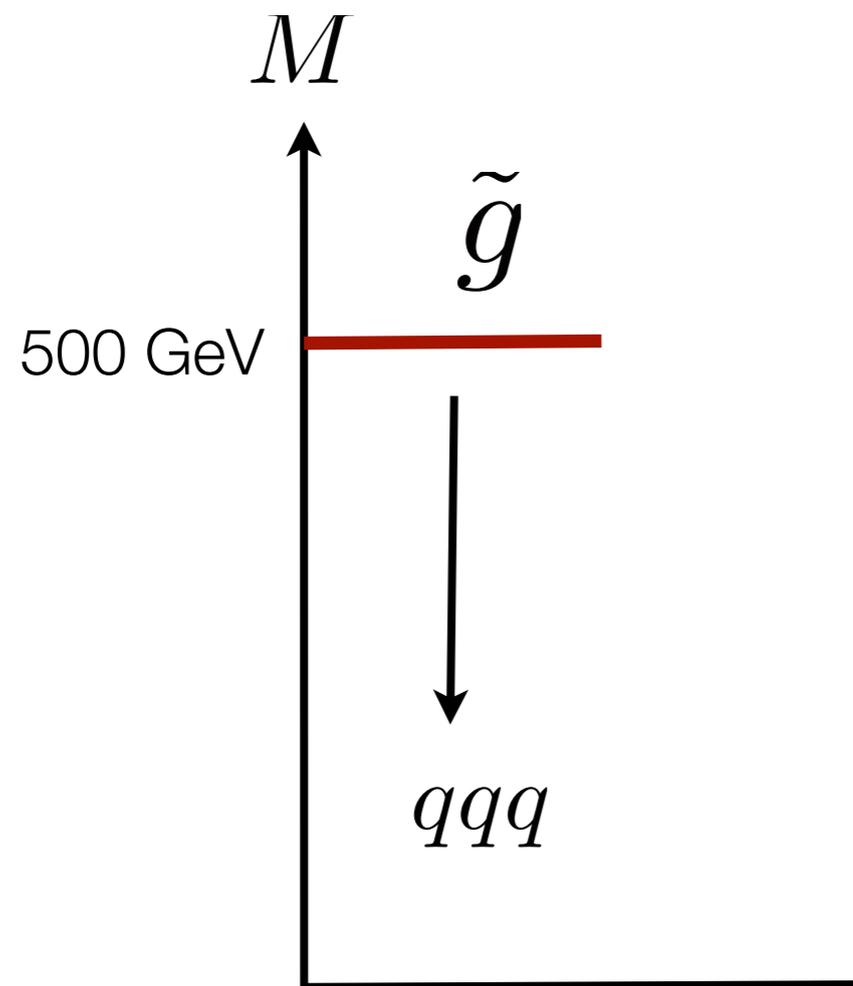


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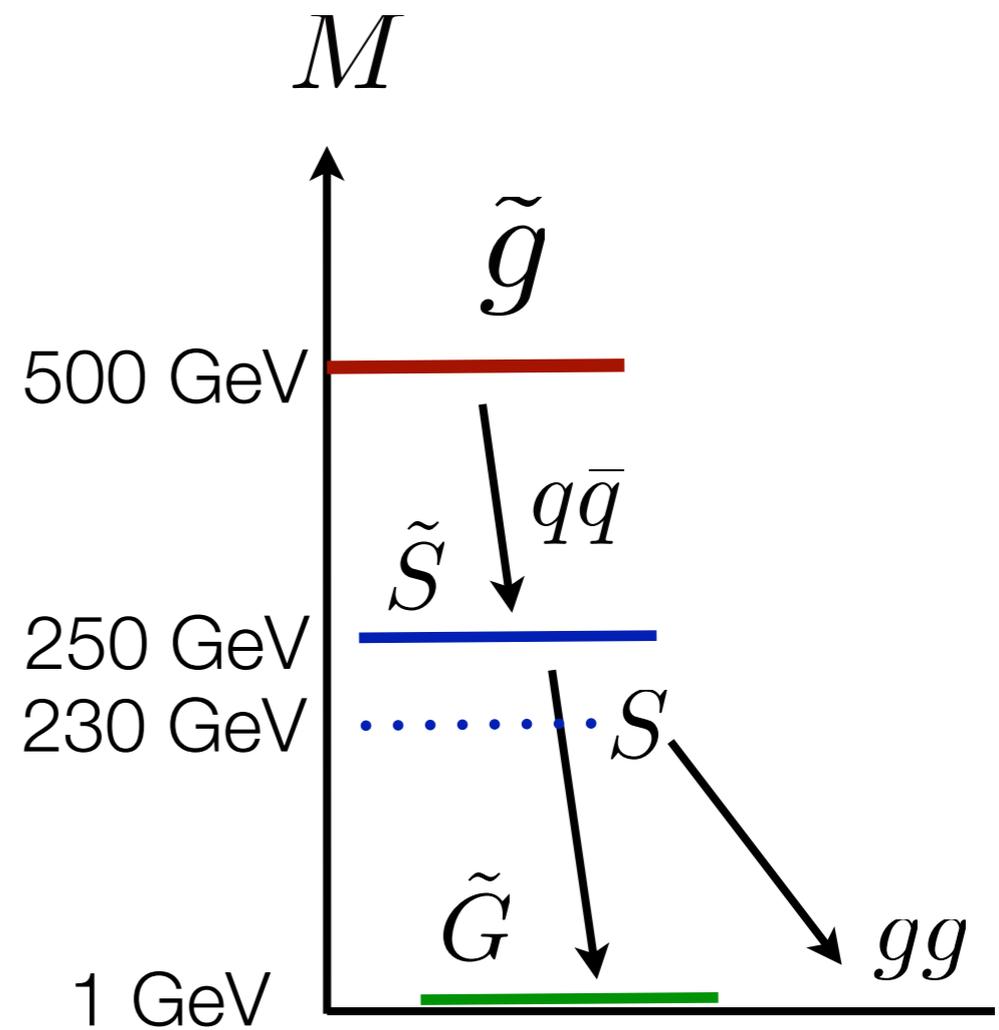
Not all theories have large MET

Two Benchmark Models

## Baryonic RPV

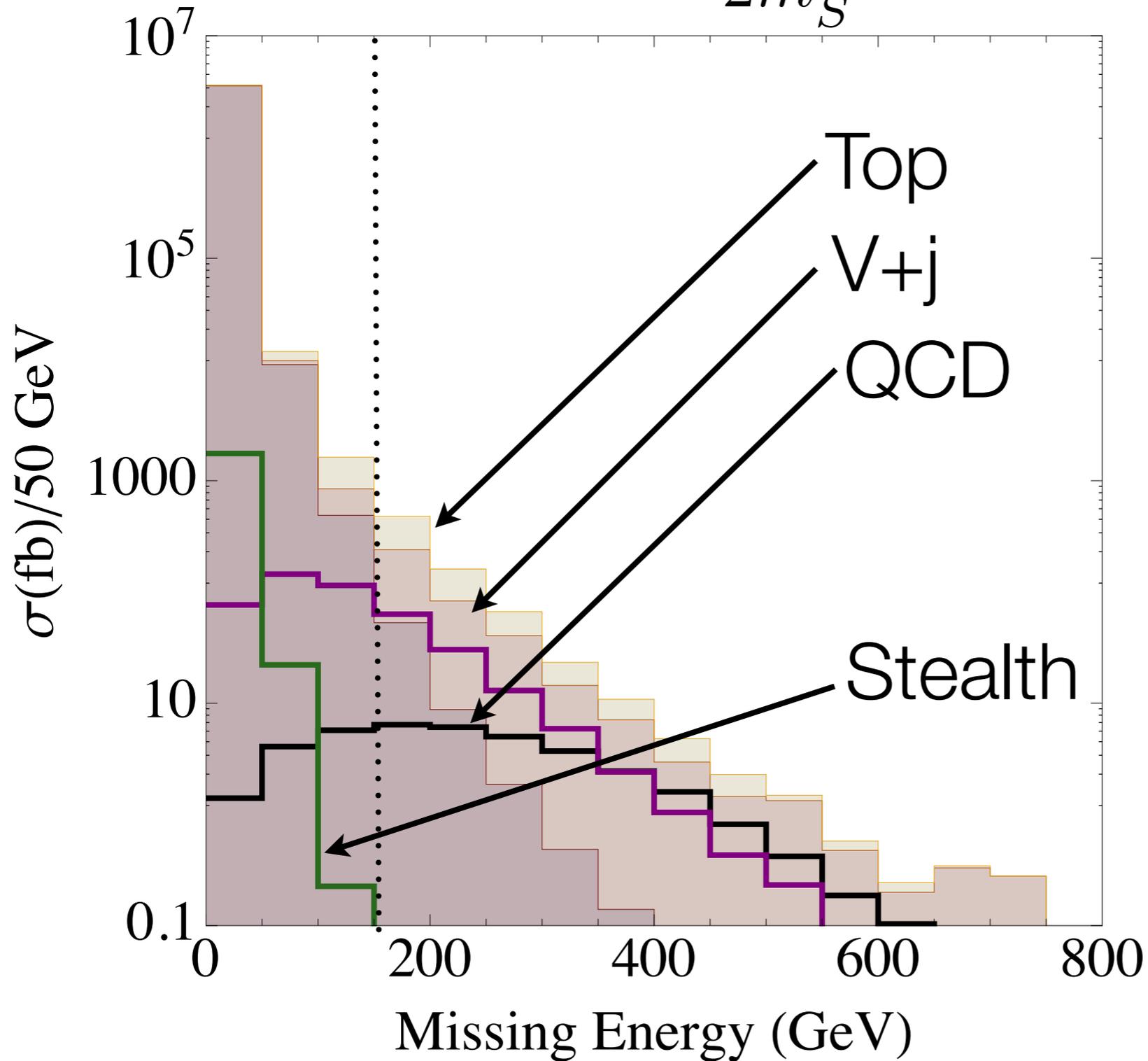


## Stealth Susy



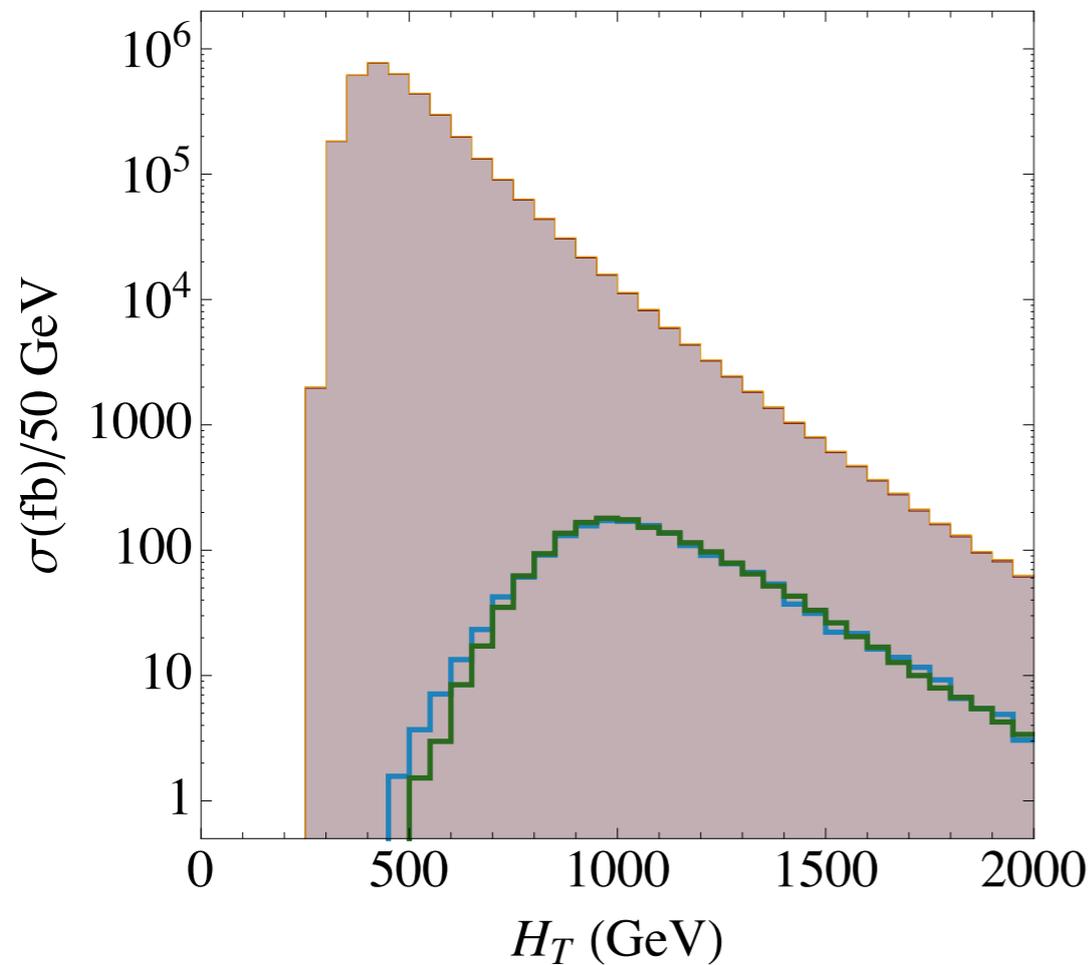
# Stealth Susy MET

$$\cancel{E}_T \sim \frac{m_{\tilde{g}}}{2m_{\tilde{S}}} (m_{\tilde{G}} \oplus \delta m_{S\tilde{S}}) \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$$

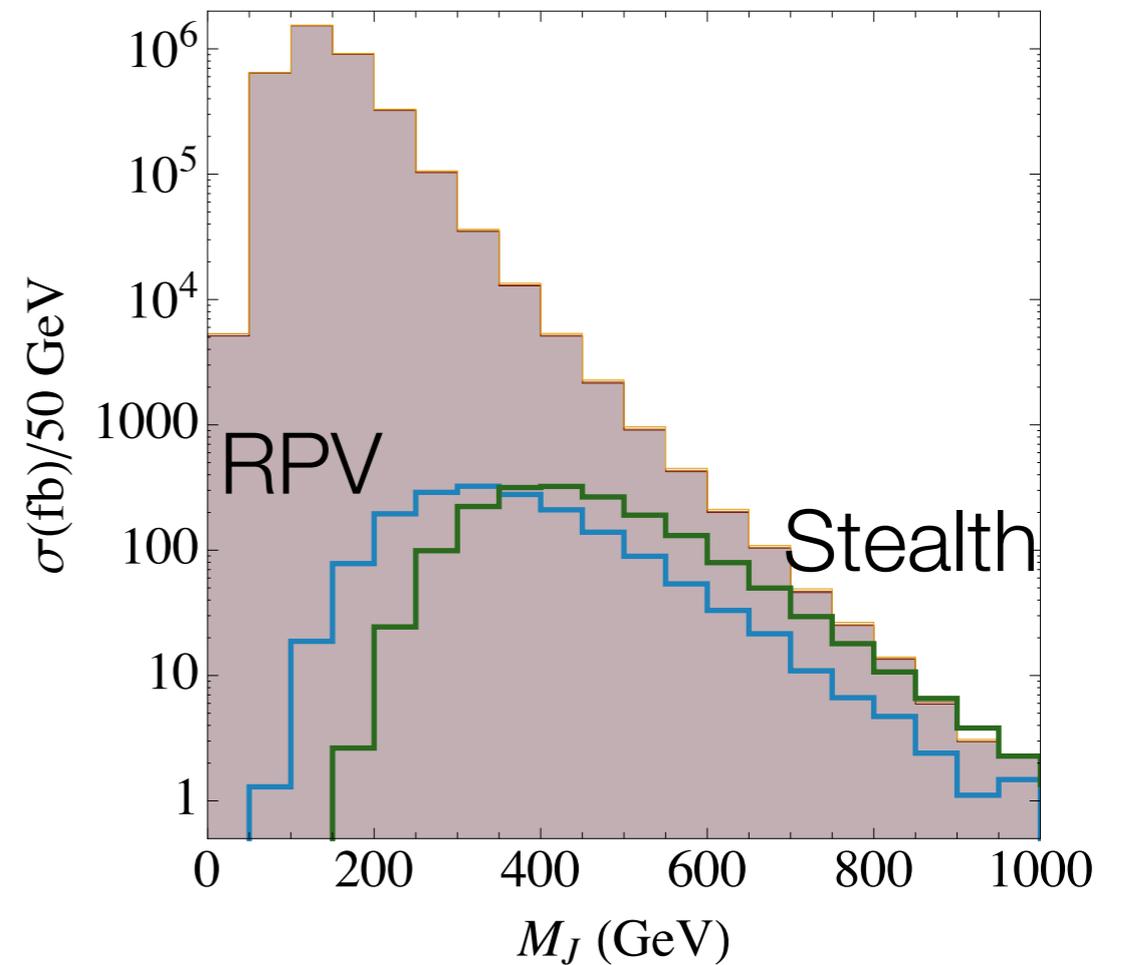


# $M_J$ vs $H_T$

## Hopeless



## Possible



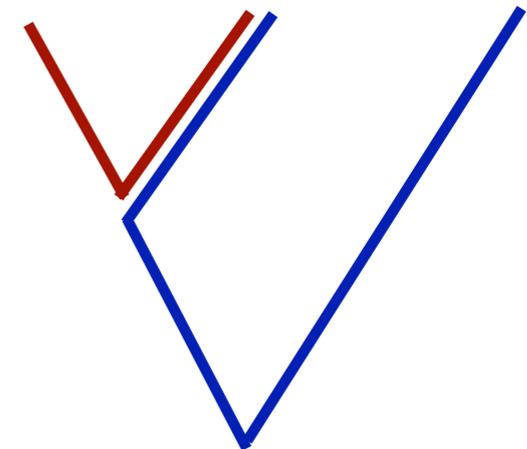
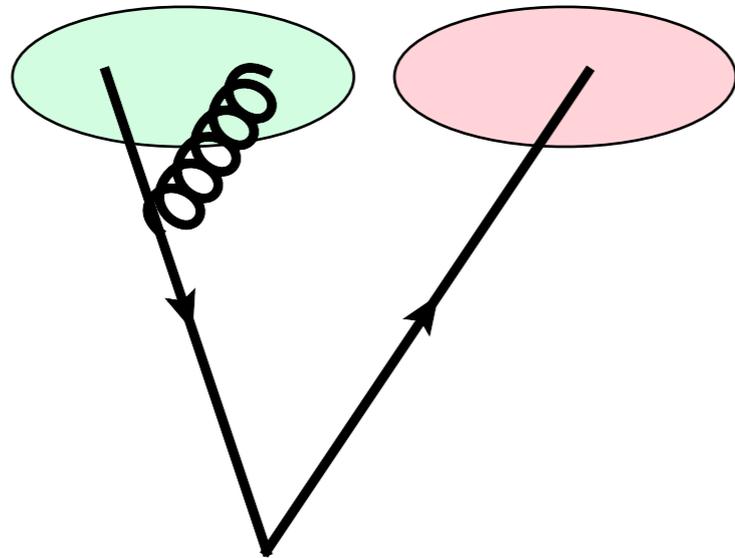
Reach for Stealth  $\sim 700$  GeV

Reach for RPV  $\sim 400$  GeV

Can do better by looking for resonant structures

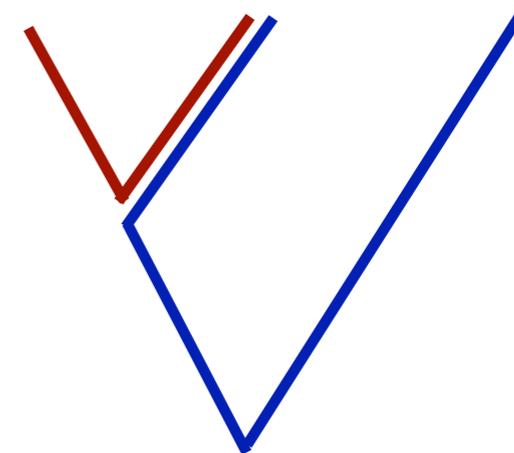
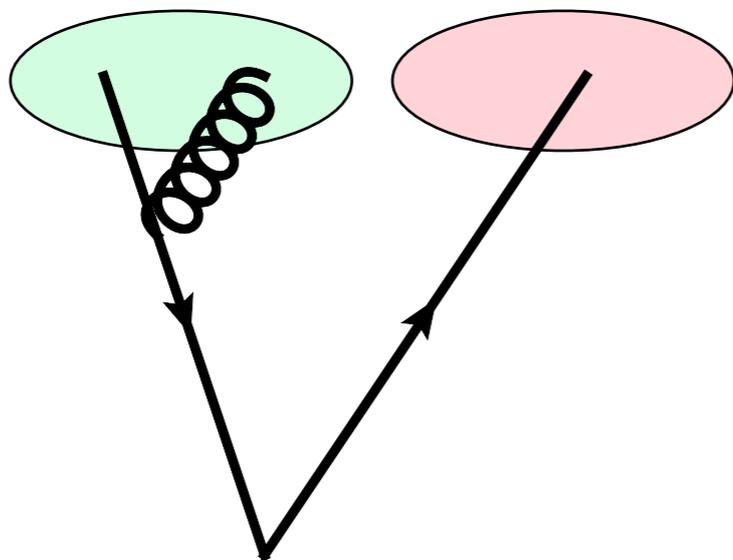
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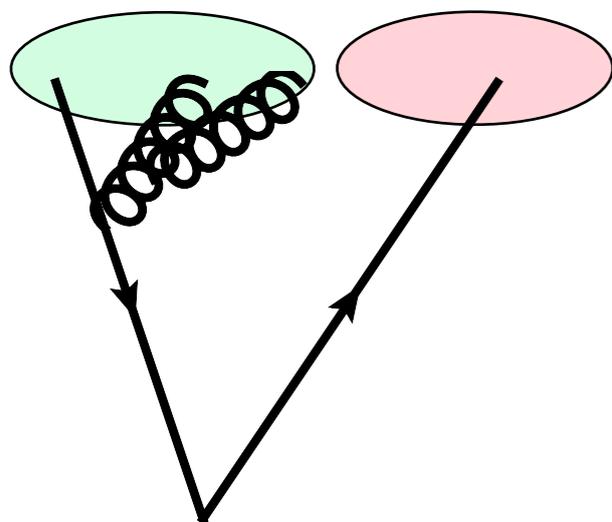
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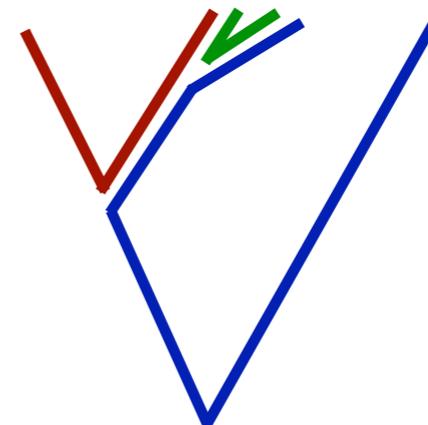
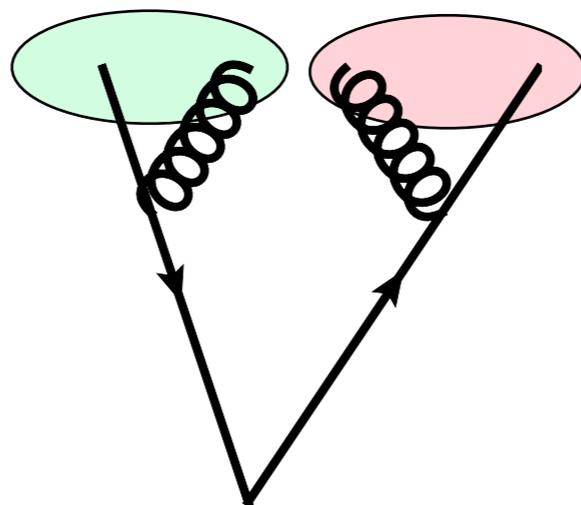


Color Connection Causes Pull on Second Jet

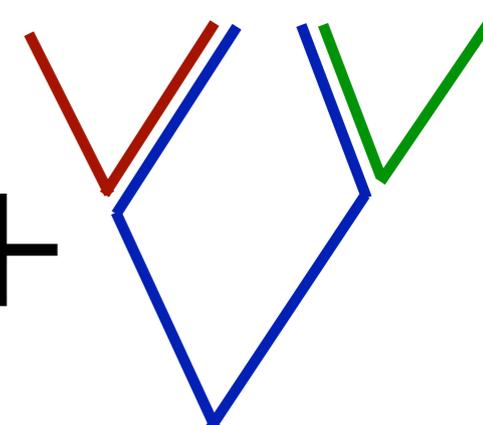
Second order effect



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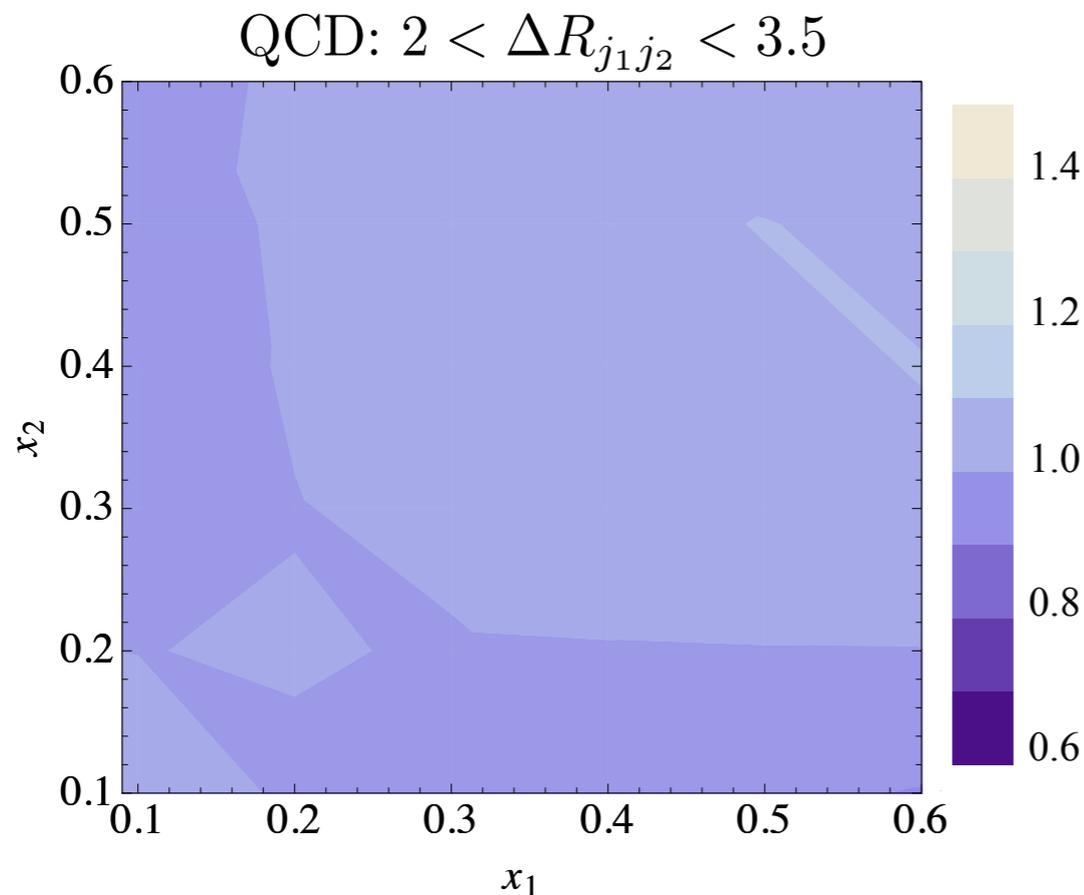
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$Z^0 + 2^+ j$  with MG4 + Pythia 6.4

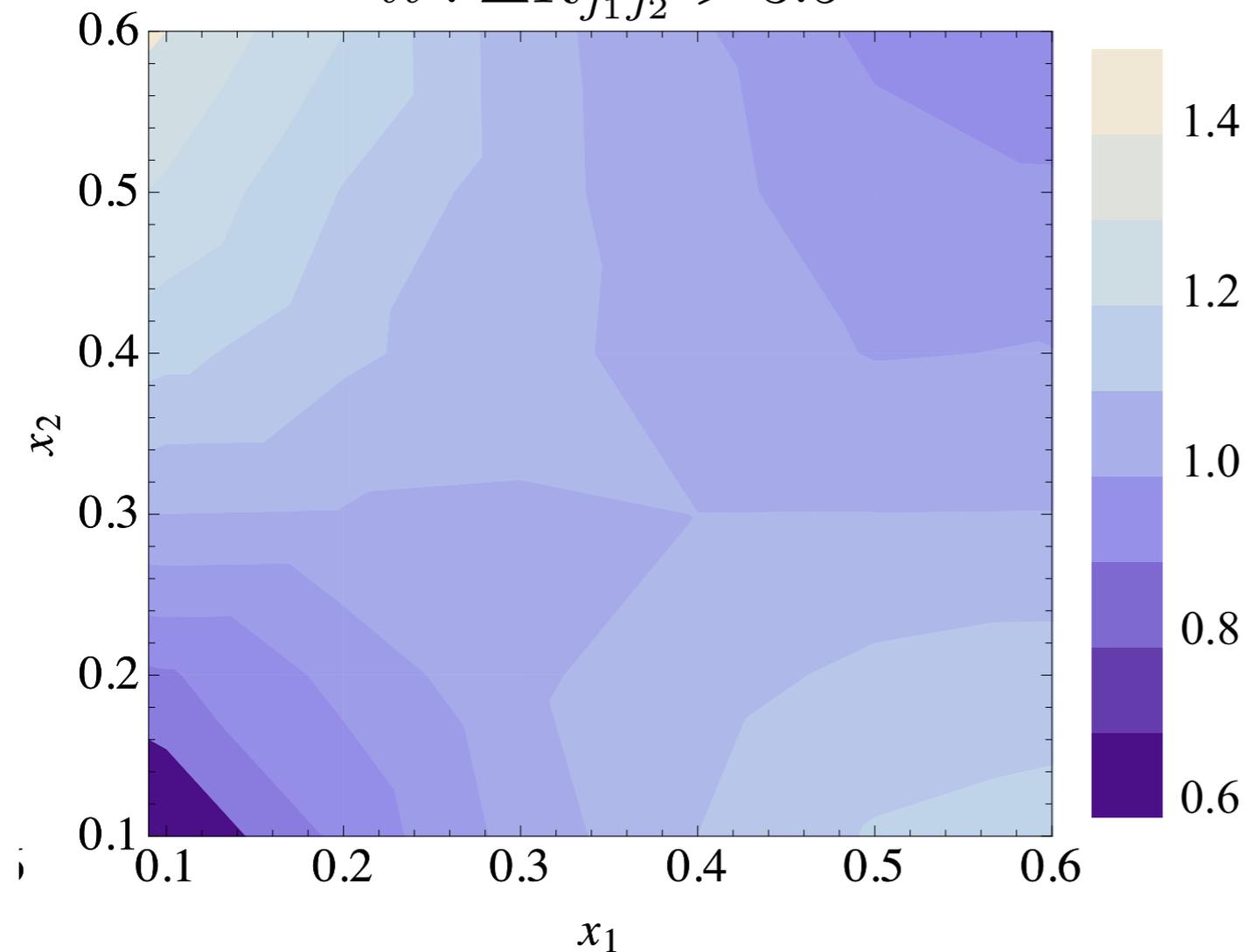
~5% correlations

*Slightly* positive correlation

No calculation to compare to  
5% requires 10k events per bin

# Contrast to top events

$$t\bar{t} : \Delta R_{j_1 j_2} > 3.5$$

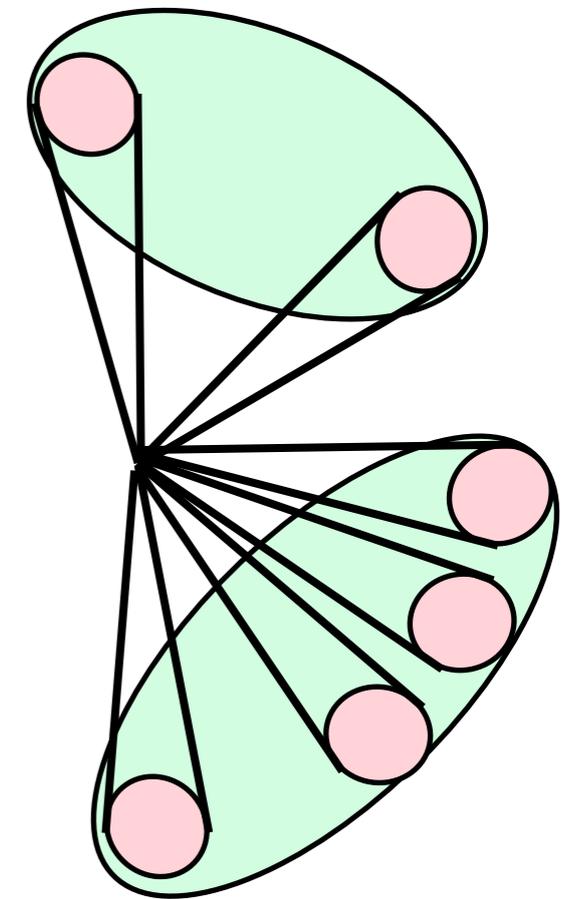


30% Correlations

Negative correlation

If one is massive,  
the second is *less* likely to be massive

Small Mass



Large Mass

# Fat Jet Masses at ATLAS

Fat jets are calibrated and available for use

