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# Search for new heavy bosons with b-tagged jets in the boosted regime with the CMS detector

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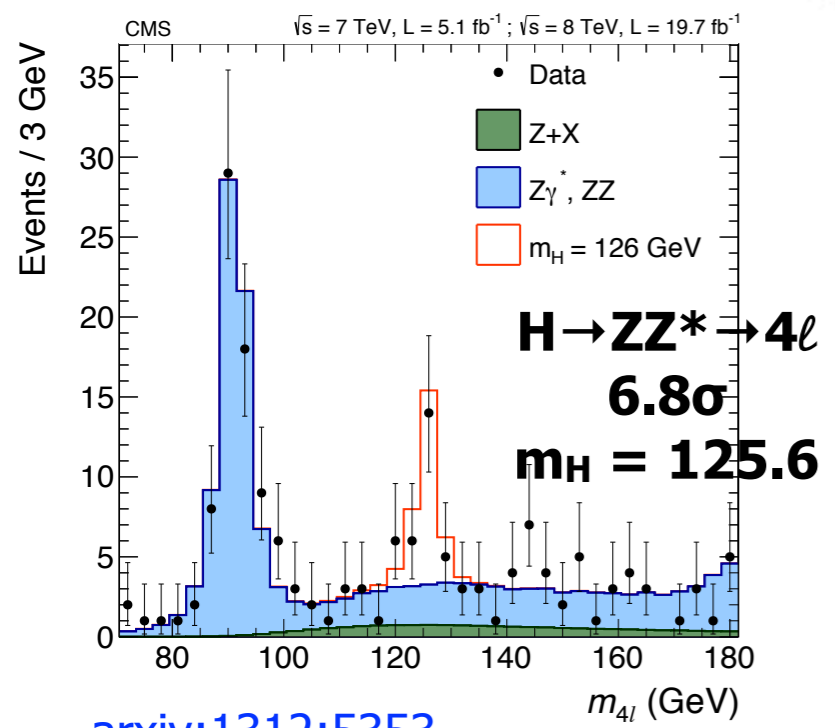
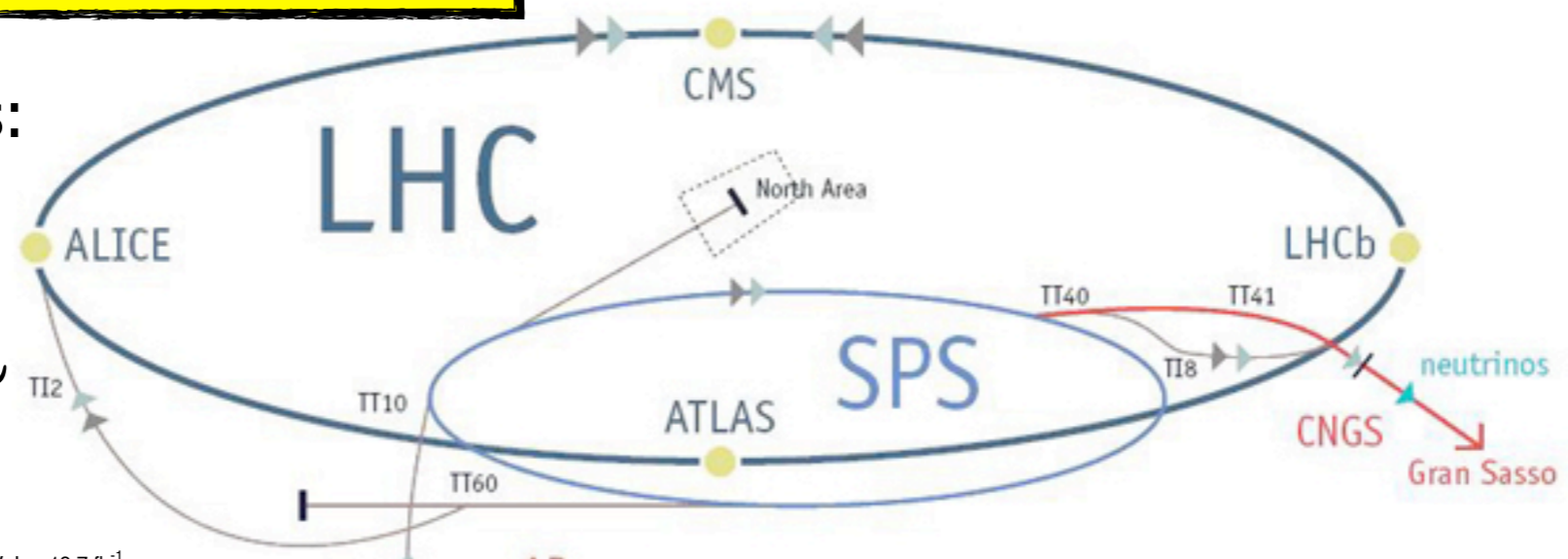
# Higgs at LHC

**Higgs boson discovered in proton-proton collision at  $\sqrt{s} = 7\text{-}8\text{ TeV}$  @ LHC!**

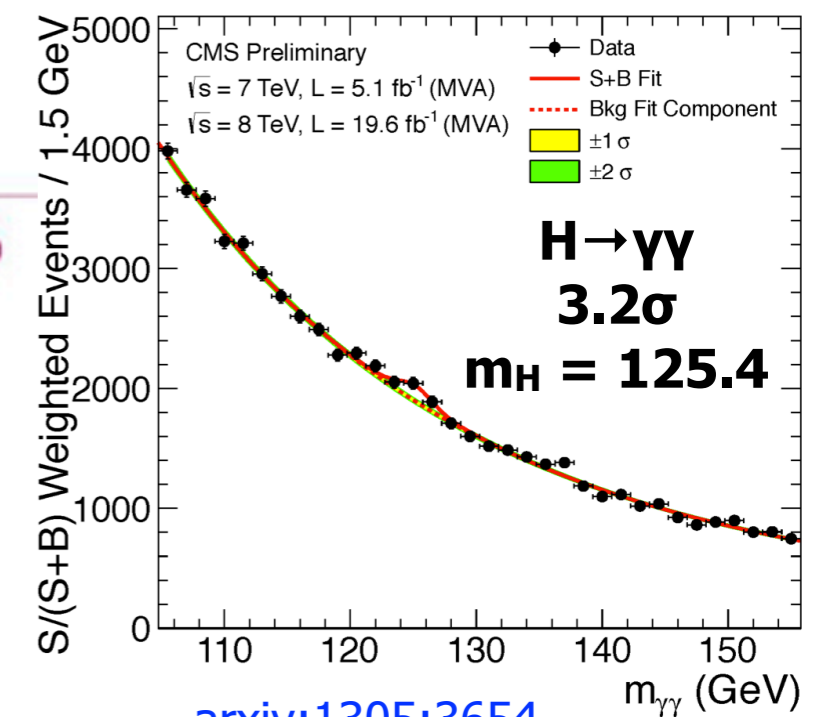
**LHC machine parameters:**  
 Design Luminosity:  $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$   
 Design center of mass energy:  $\sqrt{s} = 14\text{ TeV}$

Discovery channels:

- ★  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- ★  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4\ell$
- ★  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$



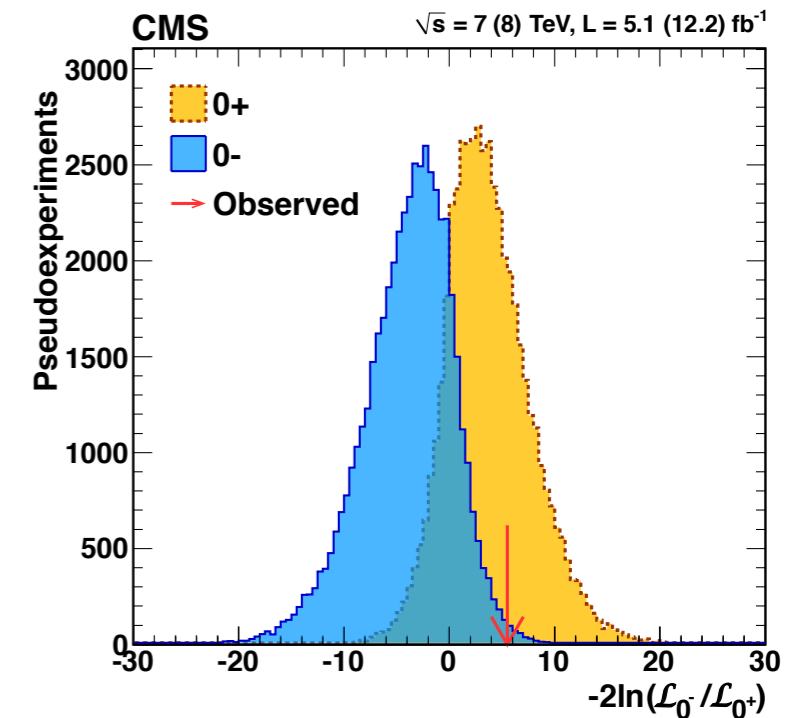
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# Is it SM-Higgs?

- Whether or not the new particle is a SM Higgs boson remains to be seen
- Two approaches:
  - study Higgs properties: coupling to fermions and bosons, spin and parity
  - search for new physics Beyond Standard Model
- The Higgs boson has already been measured to be compatible with the hypothesis of spin 0 and positive parity as predicted by the SM
- Nevertheless, the search for new physics is strongly motivated by the several limitations of the SM:
  - **higgs mass stability**
  - dark matter and dark energy
  - gravitational force
  - ...

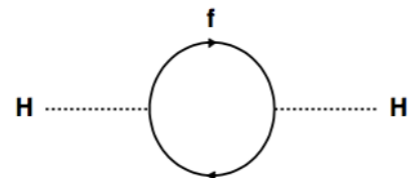


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# Beyond Standard Model

## ■ The Higgs mass stability problem (hierarchy)

- The Higgs mass gains quantum corrections from fermion loops

$$M_H^2 (125 \text{ GeV}) = M_0^2 + \delta M_H^2$$


$$\delta M_H^2 = -2 \frac{|\lambda_f|^2}{16\pi^2} \Lambda^2 + \dots$$

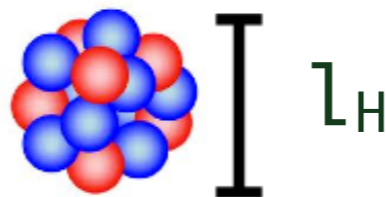
**fine tuning:**  $\Lambda \sim$  gravitational scale  $\sim M_{\text{Planck}} \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$

- If new physics at the TeV scale exists the cut-off  $\Lambda$  is set by the scale of the new dynamics ...  $\Lambda \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$



## The composite Higgs model

Higgs as a composite state of an enlarged global symmetry of a new strong dynamics



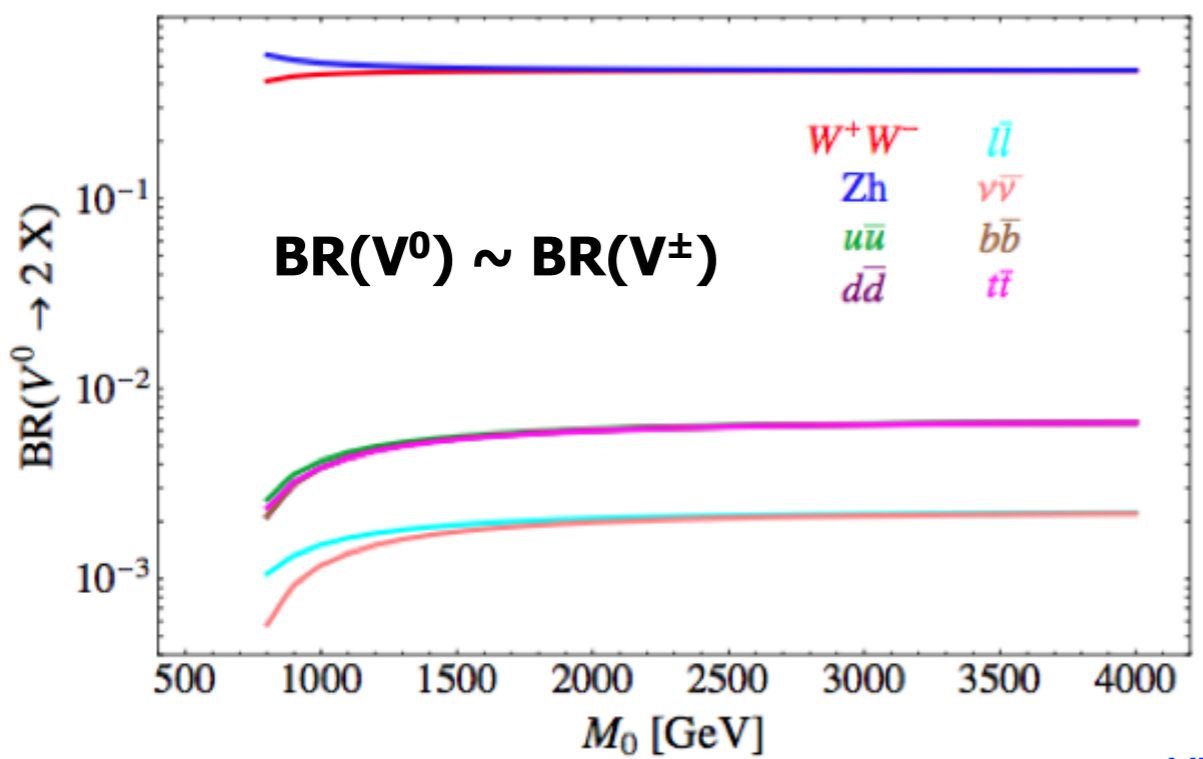
The hierarchy problem is solved:

- corrections to  $m_H$  screened at  $1/\Lambda_H$

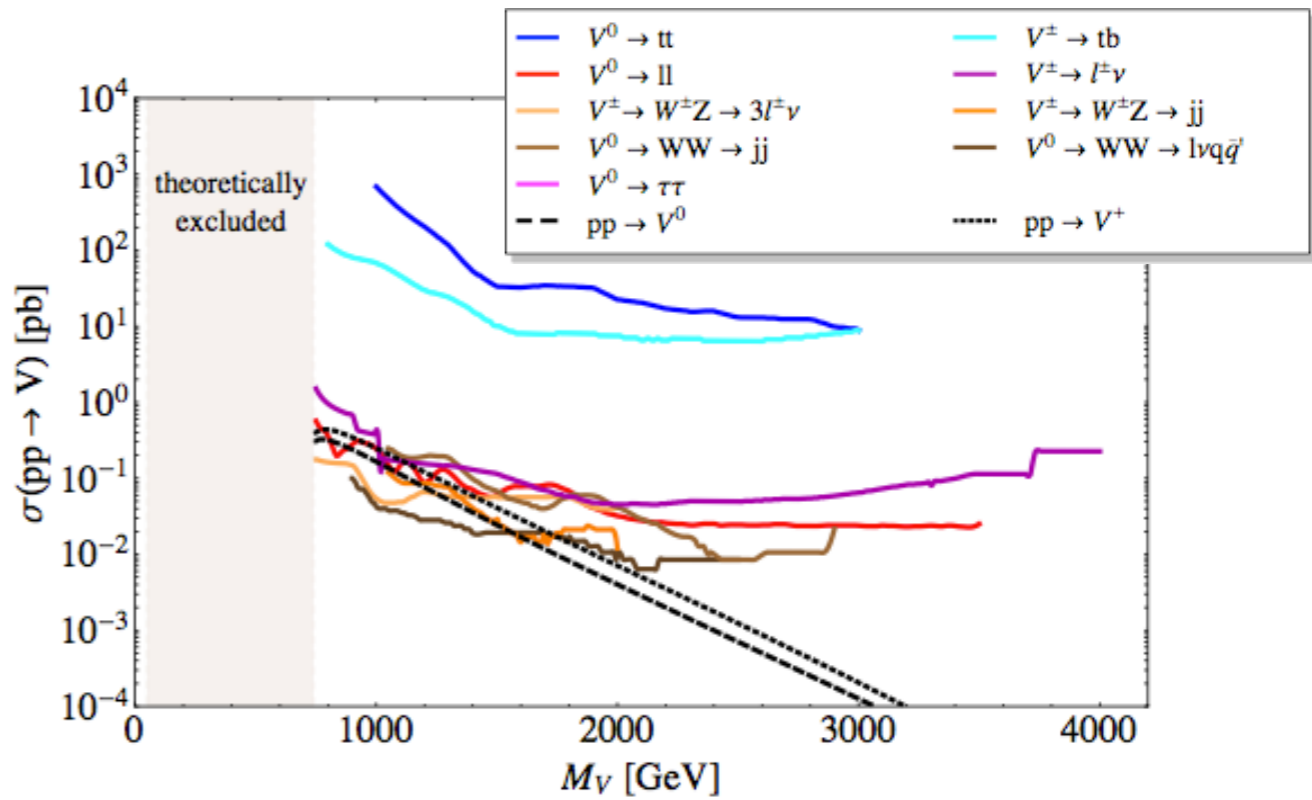
# Z' and W': data & bounds

- The composite Higgs boson couples to the SM particles and to new heavier gauge bosons, such as **Z'** and **W'**, with masses in the TeV region
  - in this scenario the neutral ( $V^0$ ) and the charged ( $V^\pm$ ) heavy resonances decay primarily to SM vector bosons or to the composite Higgs

**Branching Ratios for the two body decays of the neutral vector  $V^0$  (Z')**



**Bounds on the production cross sections in pp collisions @ 7-8 TeV**



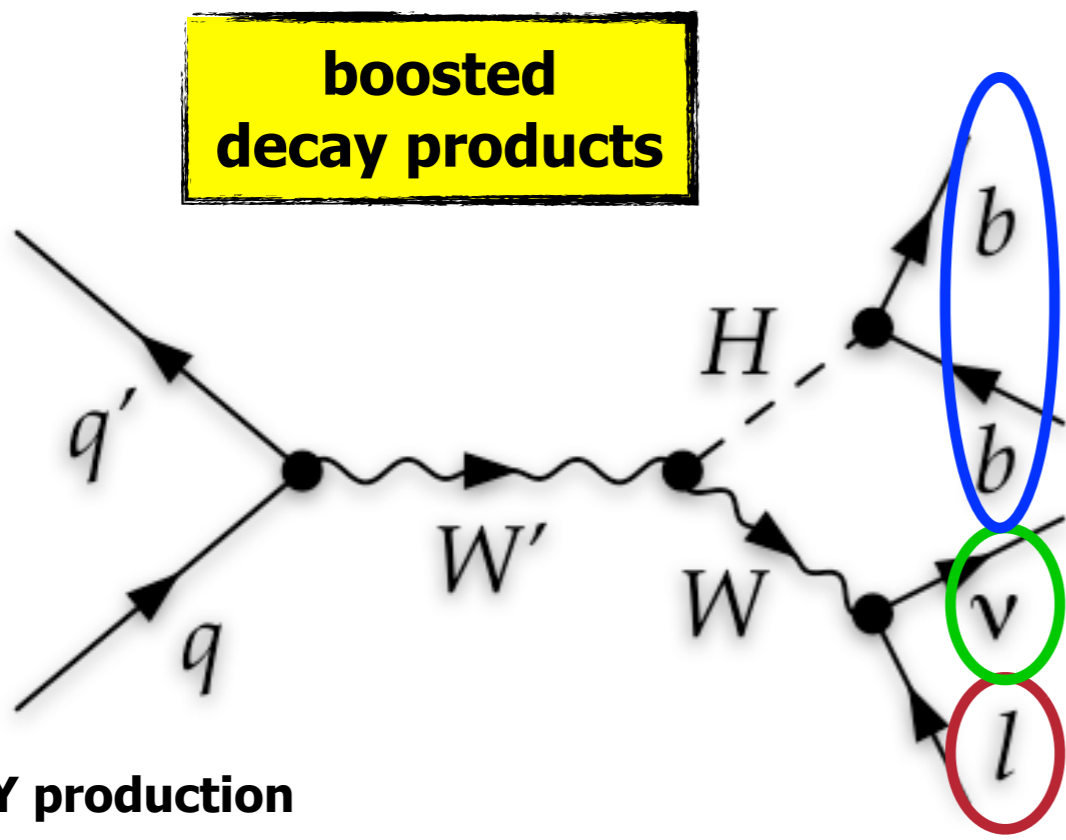
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# $W'$ signal: $W' \rightarrow WH \rightarrow \ell \nu b \bar{b}$

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  dominant Higgs decay mode :  $BR \sim 56\%$

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2}$$



one high  $p_T$  jet from the hadronization of two collimated b-quarks

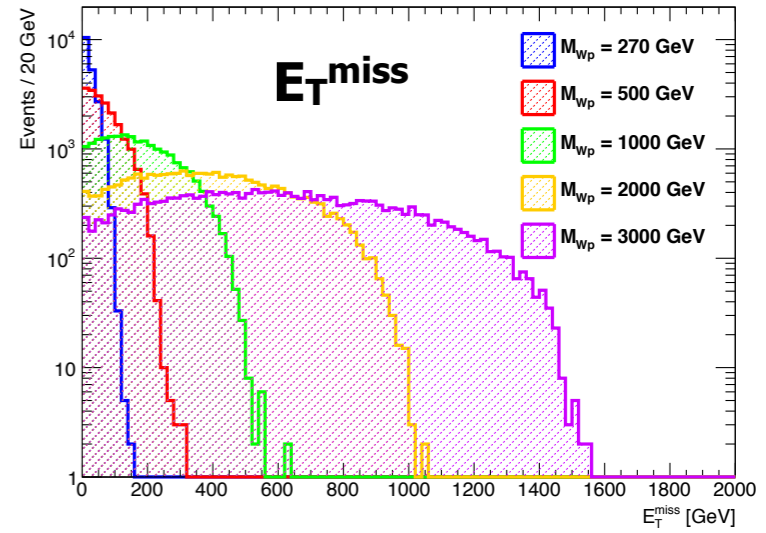
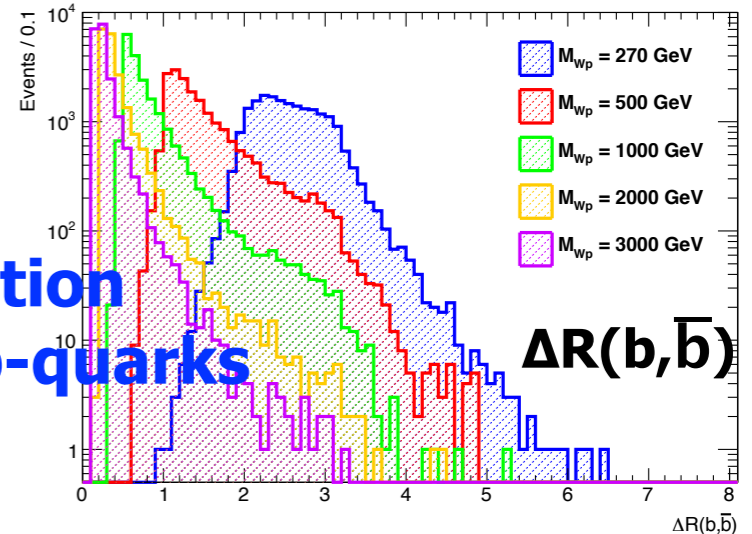
large missing transverse energy

One high  $p_T$  isolated lepton

$\ell$  = electron, muon

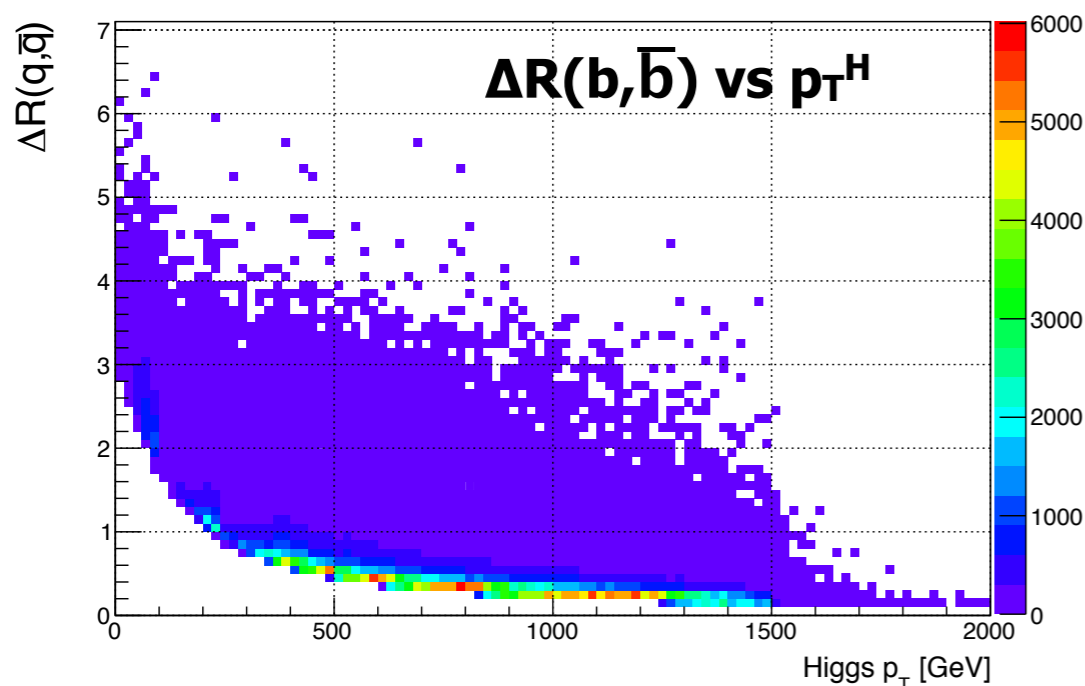
DY production

$E_T^{miss}$  measures the energy imbalance in the plane transverse to the colliding proton beams

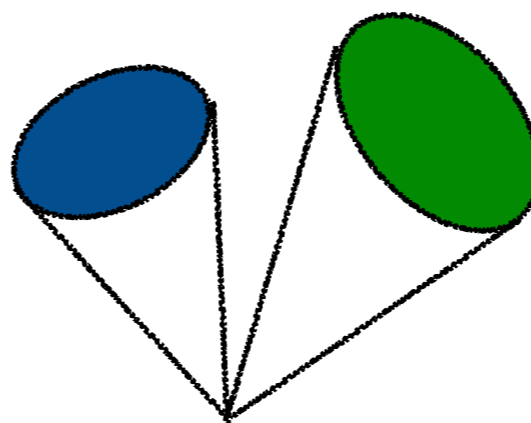


# Higgs-jet identification

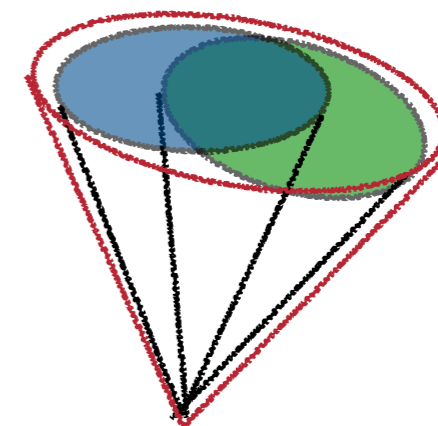
- In  $X \rightarrow WH$  events the Lorentz factor  $\gamma$  (boost factor) of the Higgs is  $\approx M_X/2M_H$
- For large  $\gamma$  the b-quarks from the Higgs will be predominantly emitted with small  $\Delta R \approx 2M_H/p_T^H$  :  $p_T^H \sim 350$  GeV for  $M_X = 0.8$  TeV  $\rightarrow \Delta R < 0.7$  in  $\sim 60\%$  of the events



low boost



high boost



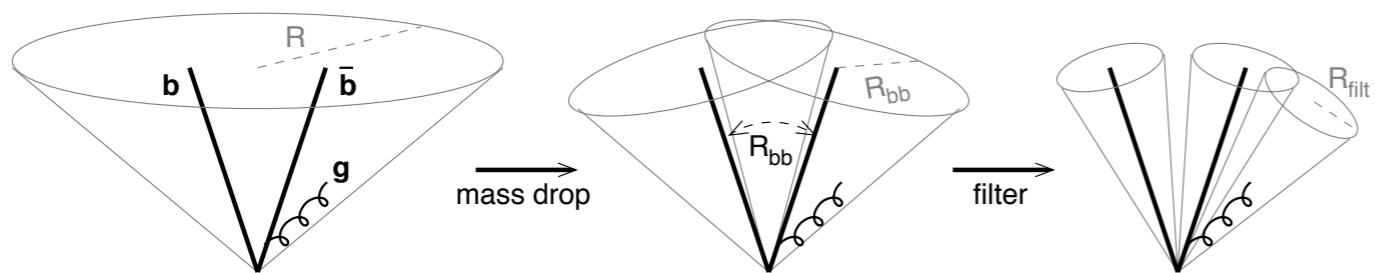
fat jet

$R=0.8$

- **Strategy:** it is very important for boosted Higgs-tagging to be able to identify the substructure of the merged jet

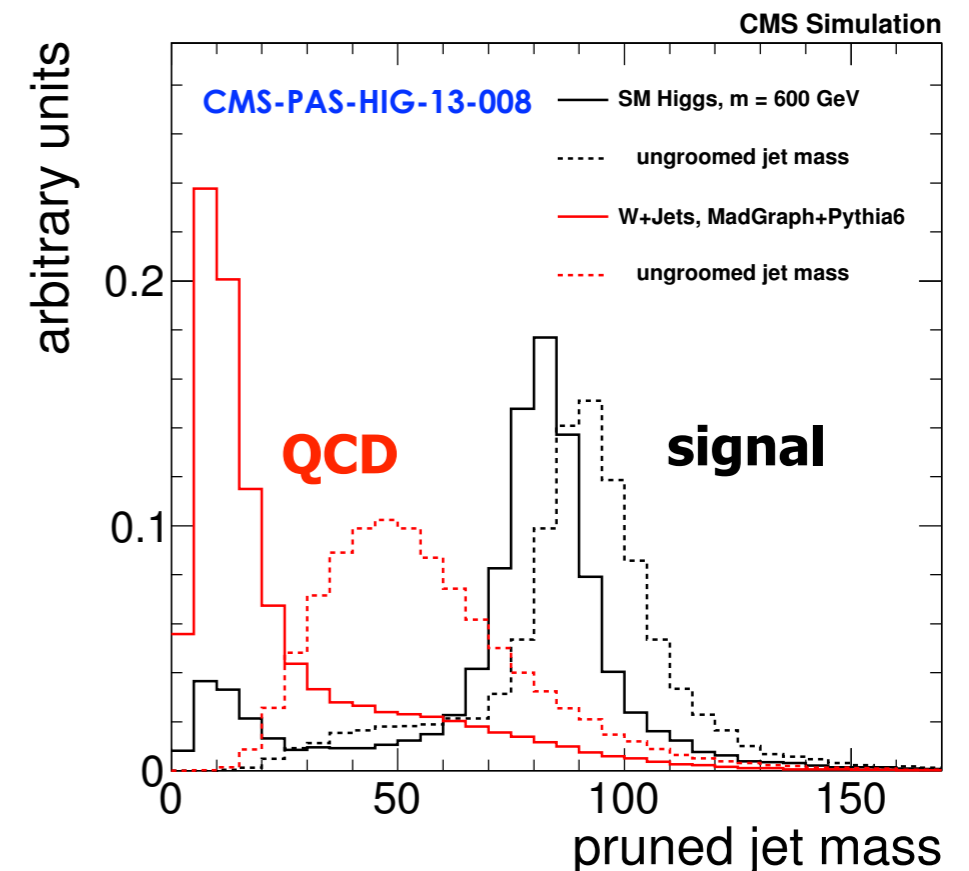
# Enhancing jet substructure

- Among the several algorithms proposed to identify jet substructure originating from heavy objects, the **jet pruning algorithm** has been shown to provide the best performance
- The algorithm removes particles with background-like QCD radiation while keeping the particles from the quarks originating in Higgs decay
- Pruning the jet mass gives improved discrimination power by suppressing background jet masses to zero while preserving the signal jet mass near the Higgs mass



single-jet mass distribution for a heavy resonant signal and for the background

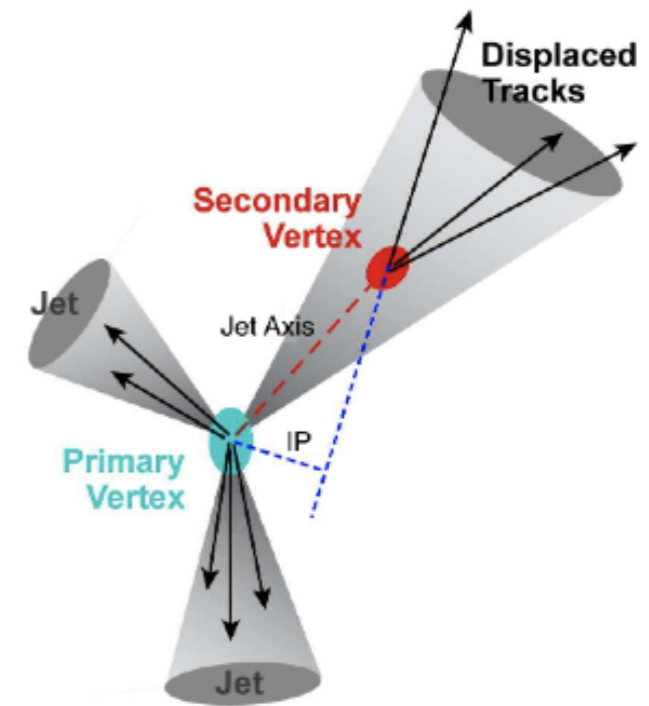
before pruning   
 after pruning





# Identifying b-jets

- Large lifetime of B-hadrons ( $\sim 1.5\text{ps}$ )
  - observable flight distance ( $\sim 450\ \mu\text{m}$ )
  - secondary vertex displaced from the primary vertex
- Large multiplicity of charged particles in the final state
- Large mass
  - charged particle tracks incompatible with the primary vertex
  - high impact parameter



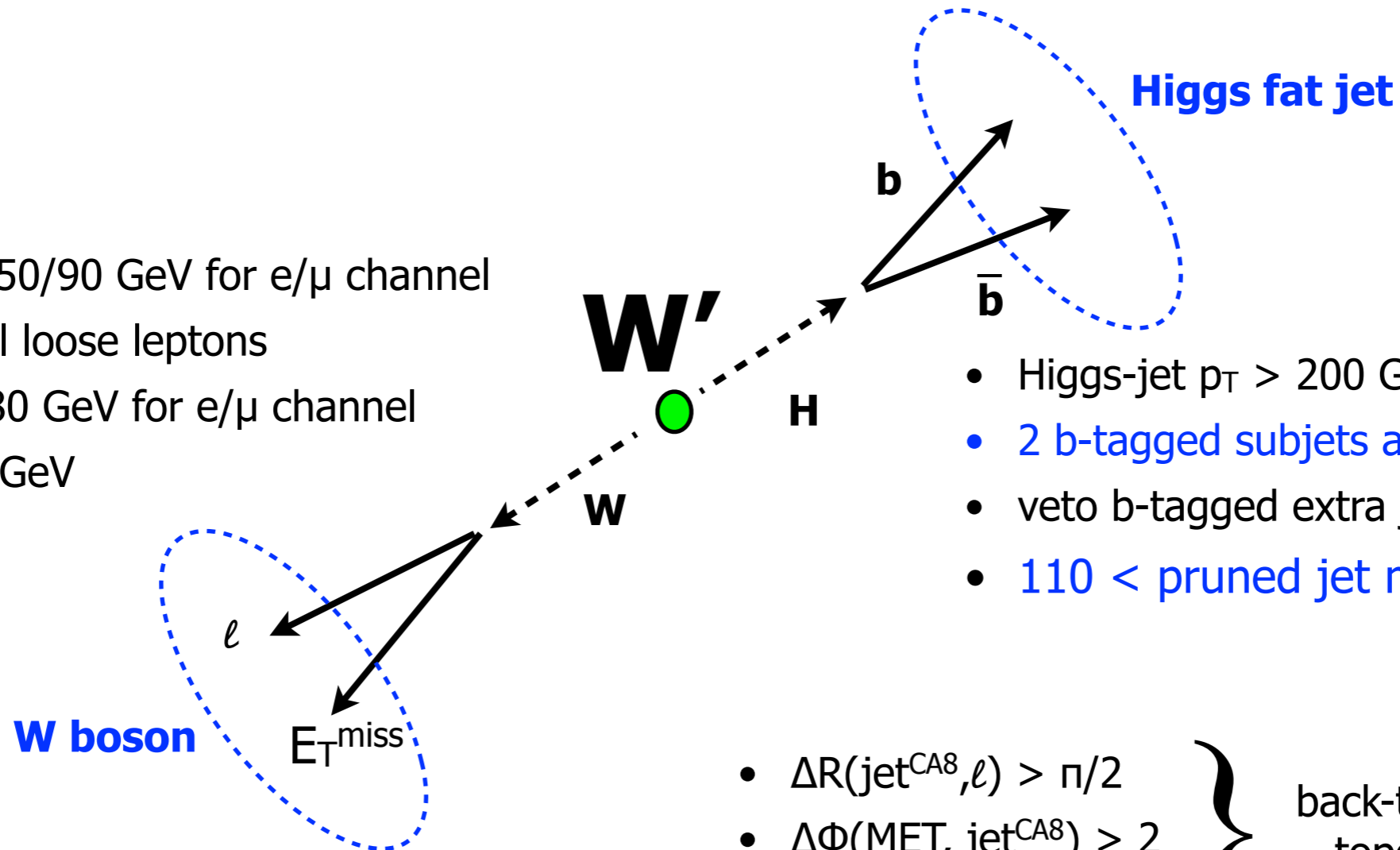
→ All these information are combined in the CMS default b-tagging algorithm to identify jets coming from b-quarks: **Combined Secondary Vertex**

- The algorithm is trained to discriminate light from heavy/b flavor
- The discriminant is used to apply a cut at different working points depending on the acceptance of light flavor jets:

Loose : 10% - Medium : 1% - Tight : 0.1%

# Event selections

- lepton  $p_T > 50/90$  GeV for e/ $\mu$  channel
- no additional loose leptons
- $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 50/80$  GeV for e/ $\mu$  channel
- $W$   $p_T > 200$  GeV



- Higgs-jet  $p_T > 200$  GeV
- 2 b-tagged subjets at CSVL
- veto b-tagged extra jets
- $110 < \text{pruned jet mass} < 135$  GeV

the lepton from the W decay provides an efficient trigger path

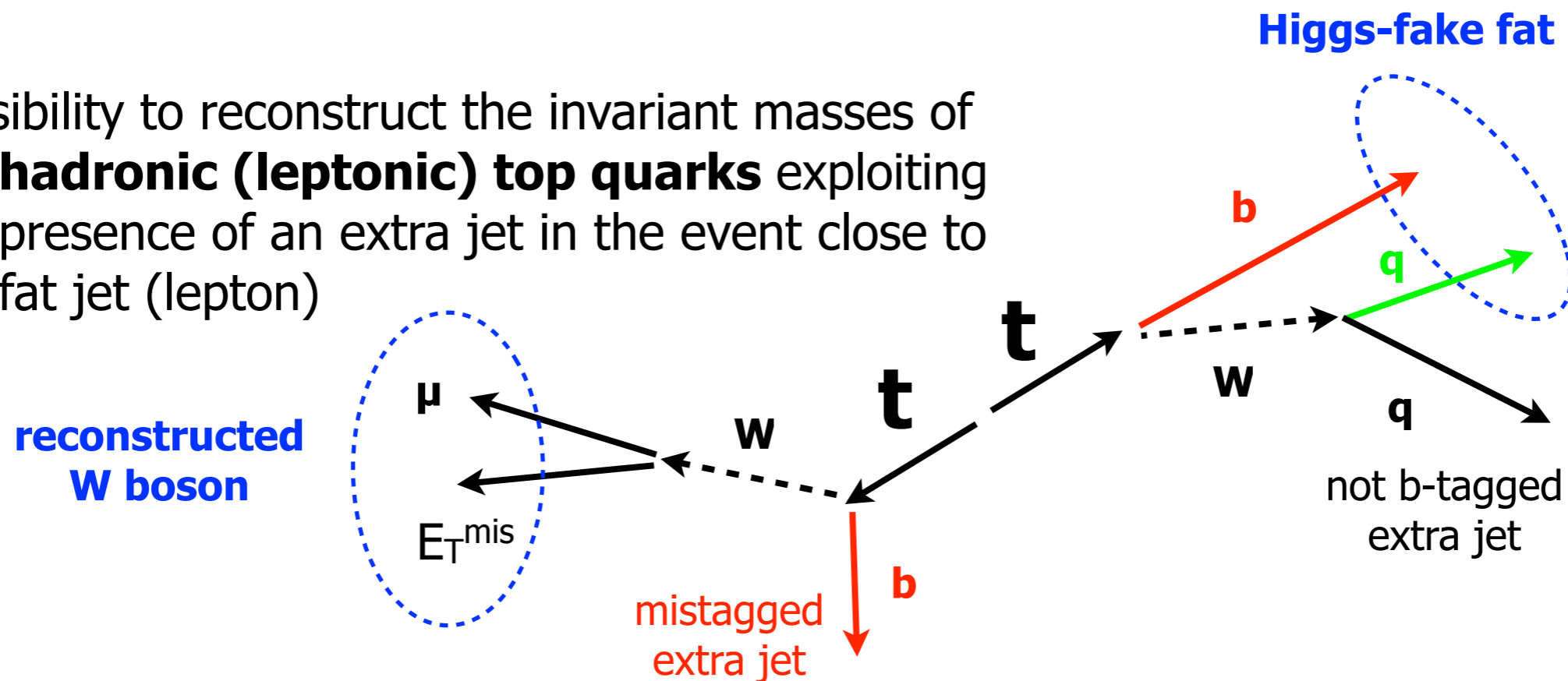
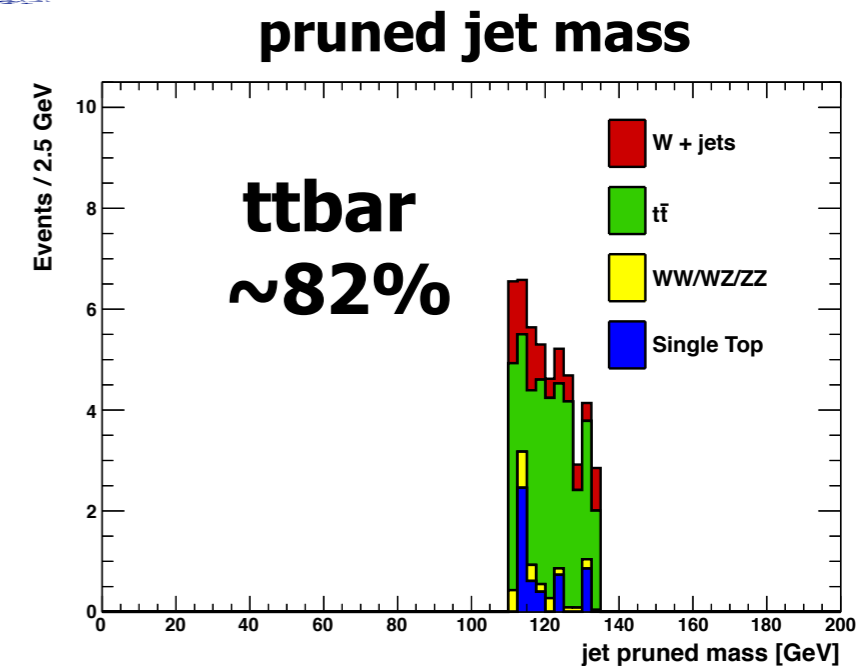
- $\Delta R(\text{jet}^{\text{CA8}}, \ell) > \pi/2$
  - $\Delta\Phi(\text{MET}, \text{jet}^{\text{CA8}}) > 2$
  - $\Delta\Phi(\text{jet}^{\text{CA8}}, W) > 2$
- } back-to-back topology

**Main backgrounds with signal-like signature  $\rightarrow$  lepton +  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  + jet**

$t\bar{t}$ , W+jets, single top, WW/WZ/ZZ

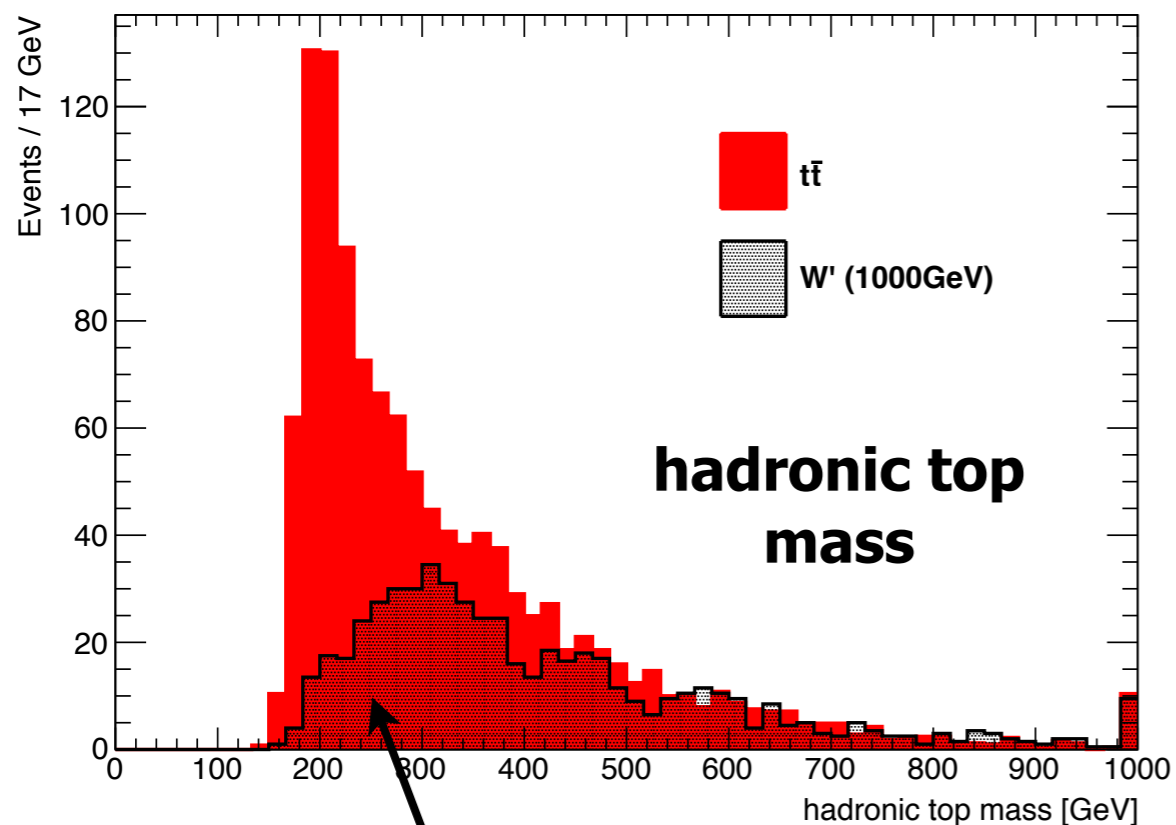
# $t\bar{t}$ background rejection

- The  $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$  process is the main source of background ( $\sim 82\%$  after full selection) in the pruned jet mass signal region [110-135] GeV
- Two real Ws: one decaying in leptons and the other in hadrons
- Two b-quarks  $\rightarrow$  veto on number of extra b-tagged jets
- Possibility to reconstruct the invariant masses of the **hadronic (leptonic) top quarks** exploiting the presence of an extra jet in the event close to the fat jet (lepton)

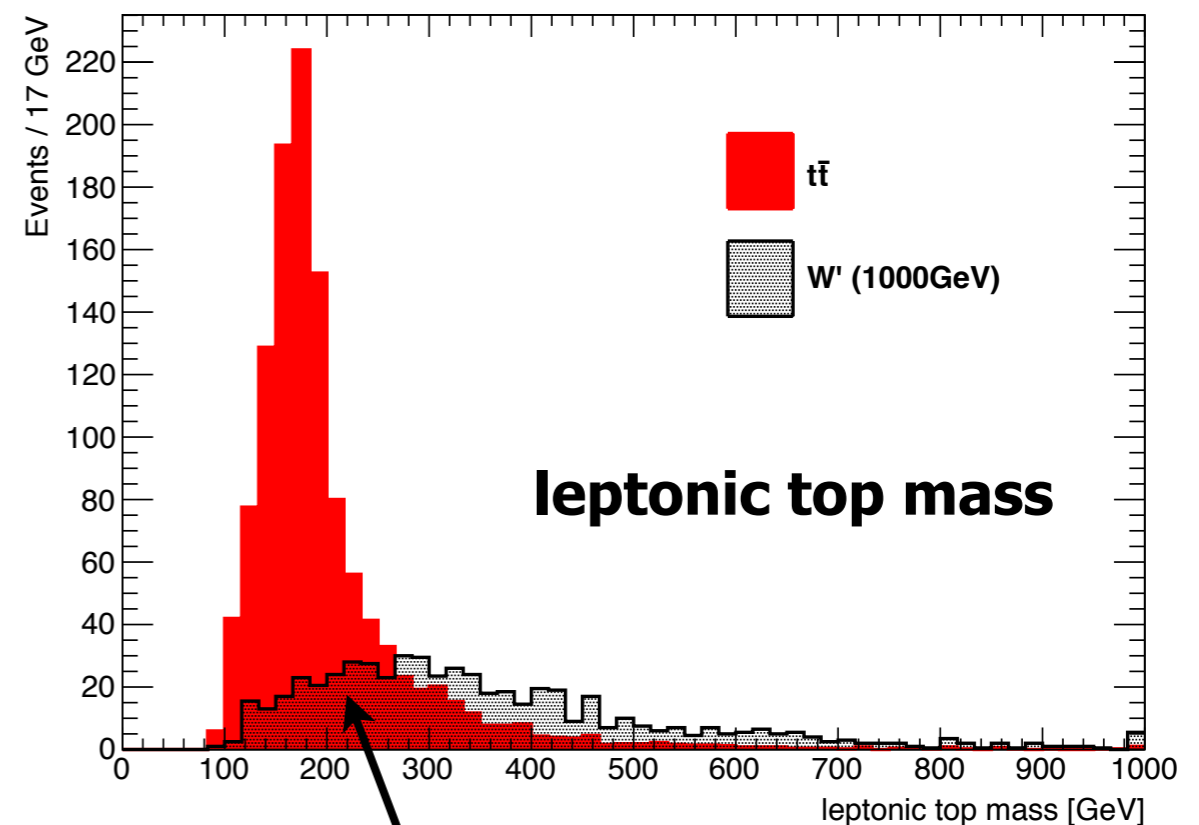


# $t\bar{t}$ background rejection

- Different shapes of the hadronic and leptonic top masses for signal and  $t\bar{t}$
- A veto on the top masses is introduced to further suppress  $t\bar{t}$  events
- Reject events with reconstructed leptonic or hadronic top mass compatible with top quark mass



reject events with  
hadronic top mass in [160-280] GeV



reject events with  
leptonic top mass in [120-240] GeV

# Reconstructing $W'$ candidate

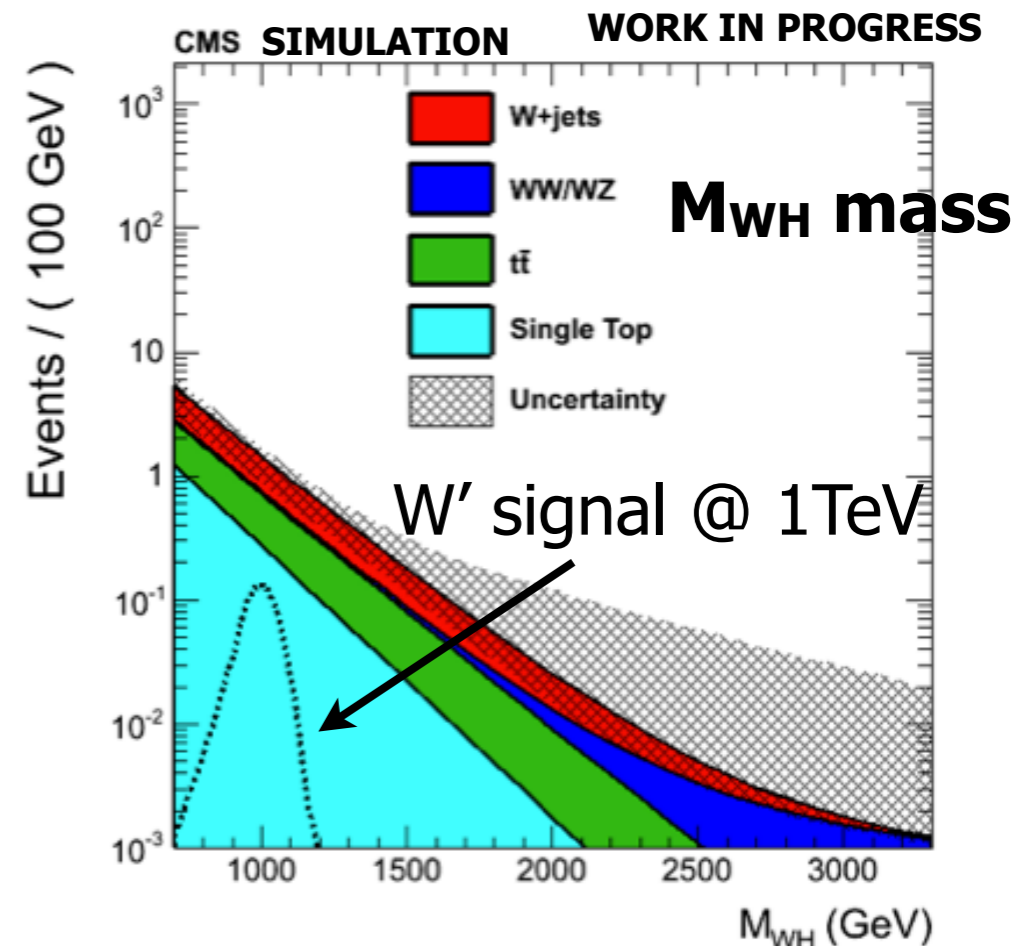
- **Reconstruct  $W \rightarrow l\nu$  candidates:** the longitudinal component of the neutrino momentum,  $p_{z,\nu}$ , is calculated solving the second-order equation that makes use of the known  $W$  mass

$$(E_\ell + \sqrt{\mathbf{E}_T^{miss^2} + p_{z,\nu}^2})^2 - (\mathbf{p}_{T,\ell} + \mathbf{E}_T^{miss})^2 - (p_{z,\ell} + p_{z,\nu})^2 = M_W^2 = (80.4)^2 \quad (1)$$

- Once the leptonic  $W$  is reconstructed, the invariant mass of the  $W$  plus Higgs-jet candidate is computed to give the resonance invariant mass

## Bump "hunt" in jet+lepton final state

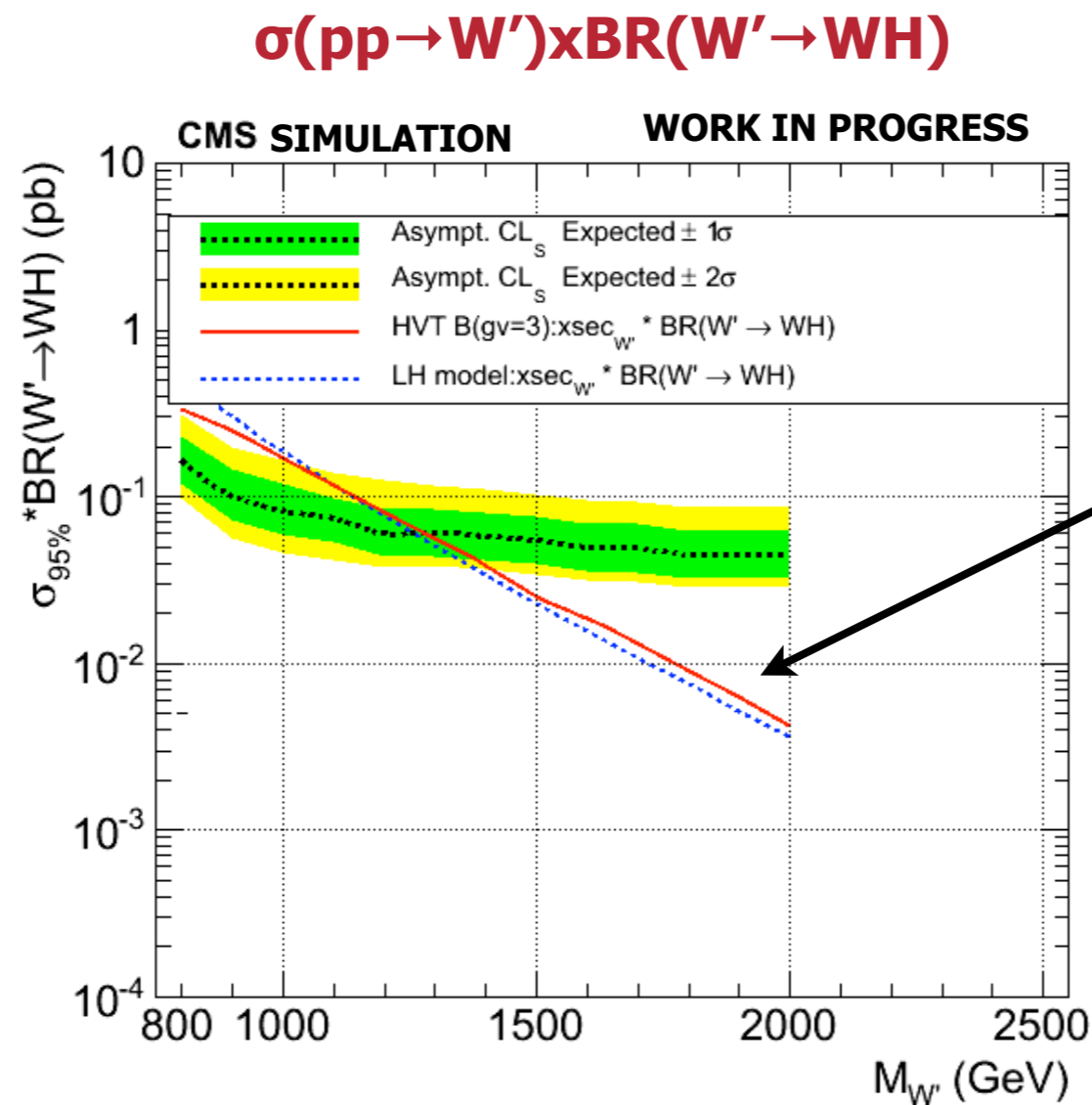
Search for resonances on top of a smoothly falling background





# Expected upper limits

- Set **model independent** limits on the production cross-section of a resonance decaying to WH as a function of the resonance mass using the predicted data in 19.7fb<sup>-1</sup> of integrated luminosity at 8 TeV



Predictions from composite Higgs models

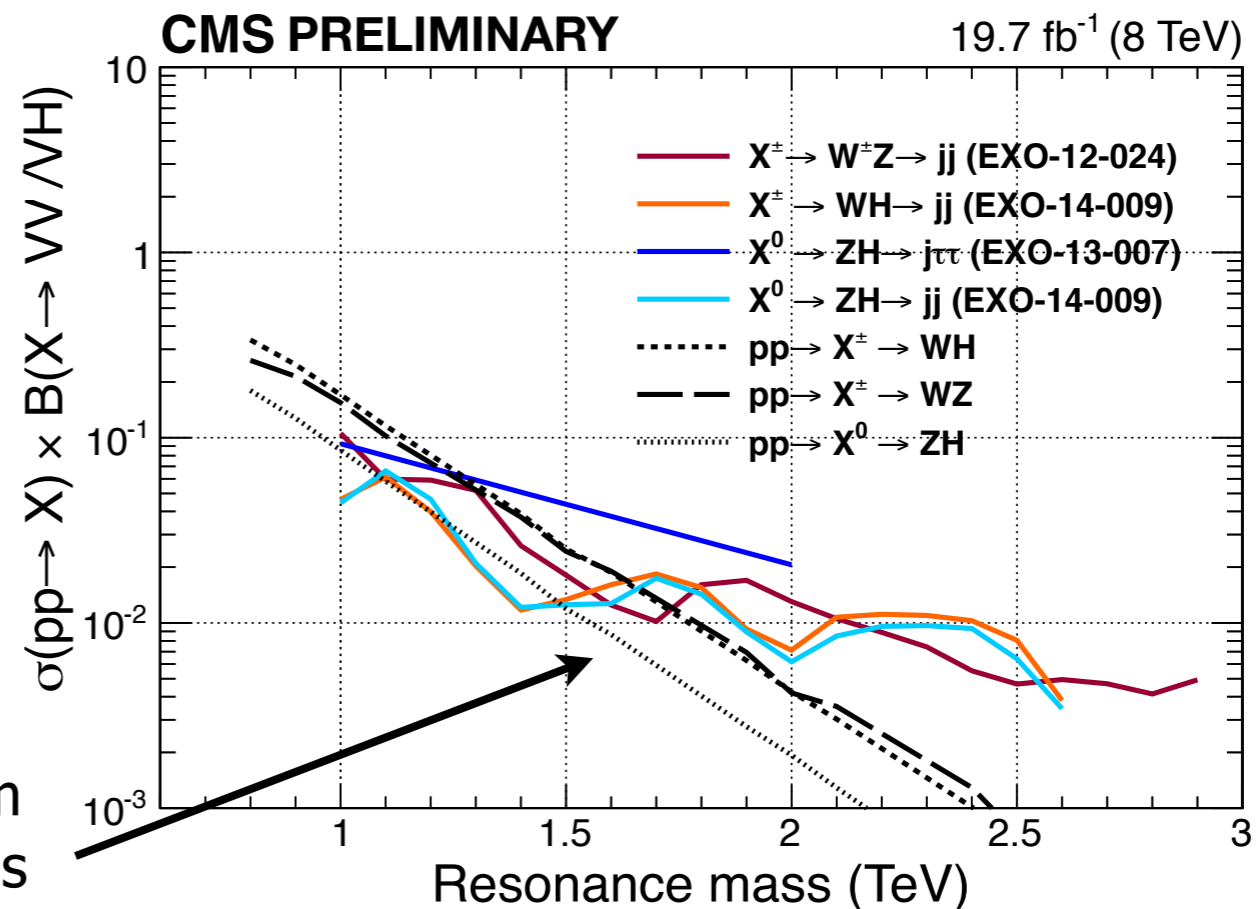
**Expected exclusion up to  $M_{W'} \sim 1.3$  TeV**

# Exotic searches

- Other CMS analyses have already performed model independent searches for narrow heavy spin-1 resonances  $X^{0/\pm}$  decaying into di-bosons (VV/VH) in different final states
- Efforts are currently spent to compare and combine the results in a common simplified benchmark model which reproduces a large class of explicit models
- In particular, a chosen set of parameters of the model reproduces the Composite Higgs model in which the searches into di-bosons final state can set more constraining limits

**Comparison of the observed limits set on  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow X) \times BR(X \rightarrow VV/VH)$  by di-bosons searches in CMS in  $19.7\text{fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity at 8 TeV in 2012**

Predictions from composite Higgs model



# Conclusions

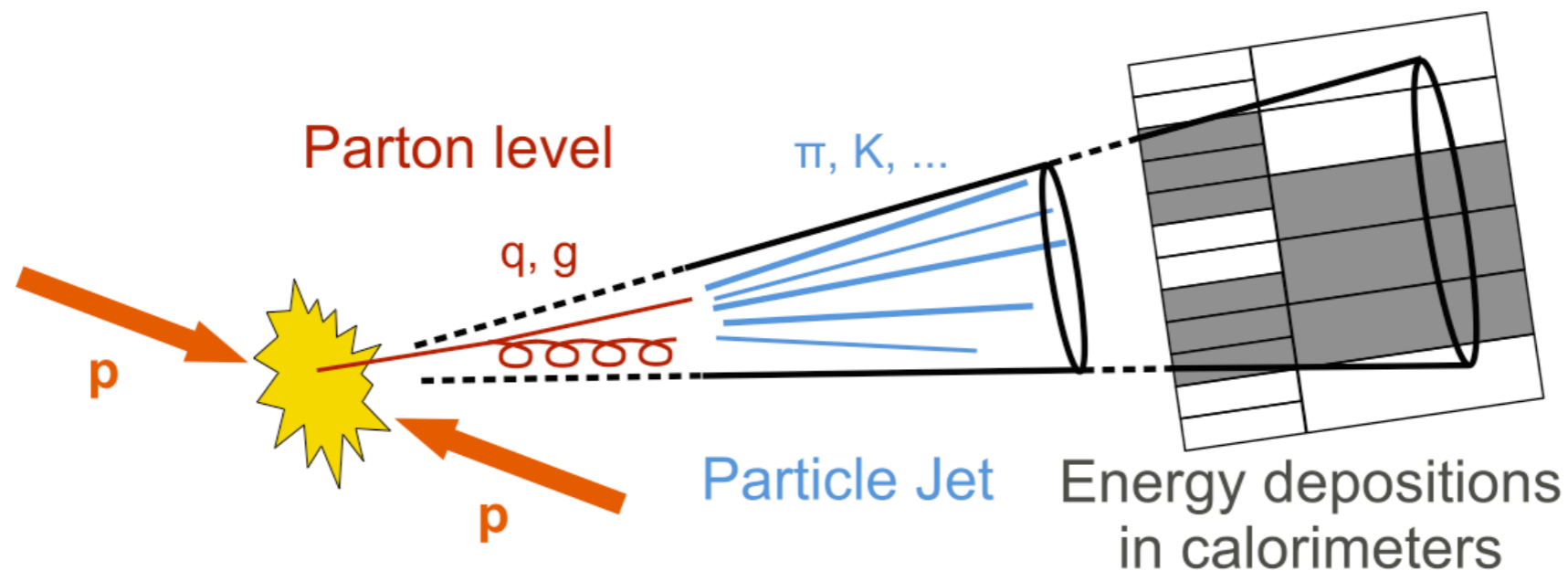


- Presented a strategy for a model independent search for a heavy resonance decaying into a  $W$  boson and a Higgs boson with boosted  $W \rightarrow l\nu$  and  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
- Higgs-jet identification against the SM background requires the use of jet substructure techniques
  - jet pruning
  - subjects b-tagging
- The procedures have already been validated in other CMS resonance searches with the 8 TeV data in 2012
  - no excess of events observed in the signal regions
  - upper limits interpreted in a common simplified model setting an exclusion up to  $\sim 1.7$  TeV
- The experience gained from this study will be crucial with the 13 TeV data in 2015 when techniques for resolving boosted objects become even more important and when higher luminosities and beam energies will extend the mass reach

Back up

# What are jets?

Collimated bunches of stable hadrons,  
originating from partons (quarks and gluons)  
after fragmentation and hadronization



- the jet energies are collected by the two CMS calorimeters, ECAL and HCAL, and then clustered in jets
- then, the **CMS particle flow algorithm** links the calorimetric deposition to the tracks reconstructed in the tracker detector to form the charged hadrons that constitutes the jet and to give a better measurement of the jet transverse momentum



# Jets clustering algorithms

- Construct the quantities:

$$d_{ij} = \min(k_{T,i}^n, k_{T,j}^n) \frac{\Delta R_{ij}^2}{R^2}, d_{iB} = k_{T,i}^n$$

$k_{Ti}$  = transverse momentum of the i-th particle

$\Delta R_{ij}$  = transverse distance between particle i and j in the (eta,phi) plane

$R$  = scaling factor that defines the jet cone radius

$d_{iB}$  = distance between particle i and the beam

- compute all distances  $d_{ij}$  and  $d_{iB}$ , find the smallest:

- if smallest is  $d_{ij}$ , combine (sum 4-momenta) the two particles i and j, update distances, proceed finding next smallest
- if smallest is  $d_{iB}$ , particle i is a final jet and is removed from the list

- The parameter  $n$  of the algorithm governs the power of the energy in respect to the geometrical scales

- $n=2$  - kT algorithm**
- $n=0$  - Cambridge-Aachen algorithm**
- $n=-2$  - anti-kT algorithm**

anti-kT with  $R=0.5$  default algorithm used in CMS for Higgs analysis (AK5 jets)

Starting from a Cambridge-Aachen jet and undoing the jet clustering step-by-step yields to its decomposition in intermediate clusters, defined as "**subjets**"

# Enhancing jet substructure

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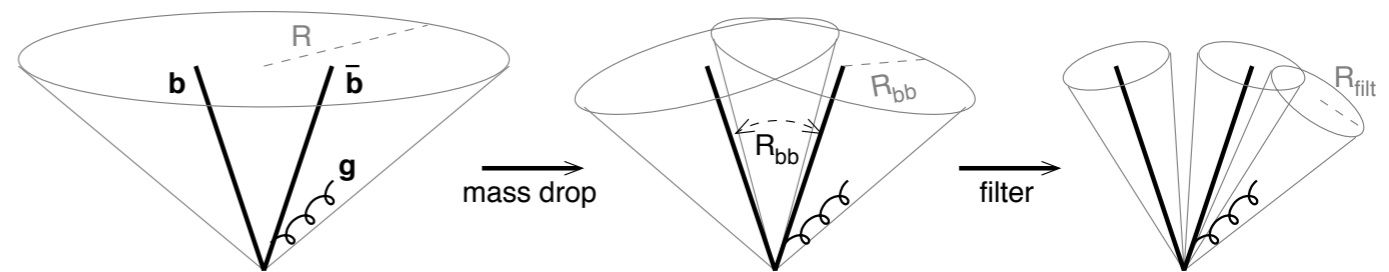
- start from a large-radius jet (Cambridge Aachen with  $R=0.8$ )
- recluster the jet constituents and evaluate the hardness and angular separation of the last recombination

**hardness**

$$z = \frac{\min(p_{T,i}, p_{T,j})}{p_{T,JET}} > 0.1$$

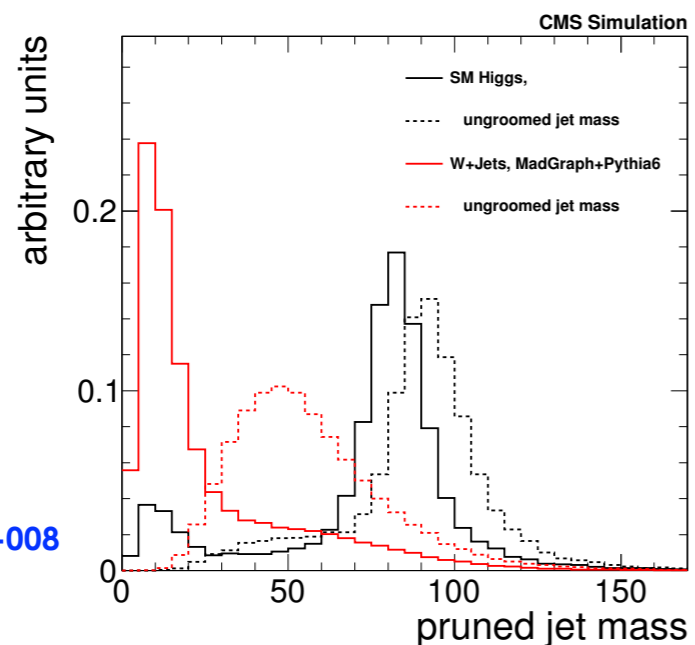
**angular separation**

$$\Delta R < 0.5 \frac{M_{JET}}{p_{T,JET}}$$



- remove the softest subjet if conditions are not satisfied

- The procedure removes soft and large-angle radiation from QCD jets produced with W



Pruning the jet mass gives improved discrimination power by suppressing background jet masses to zero while preserving the signal jet mass near the Higgs mass

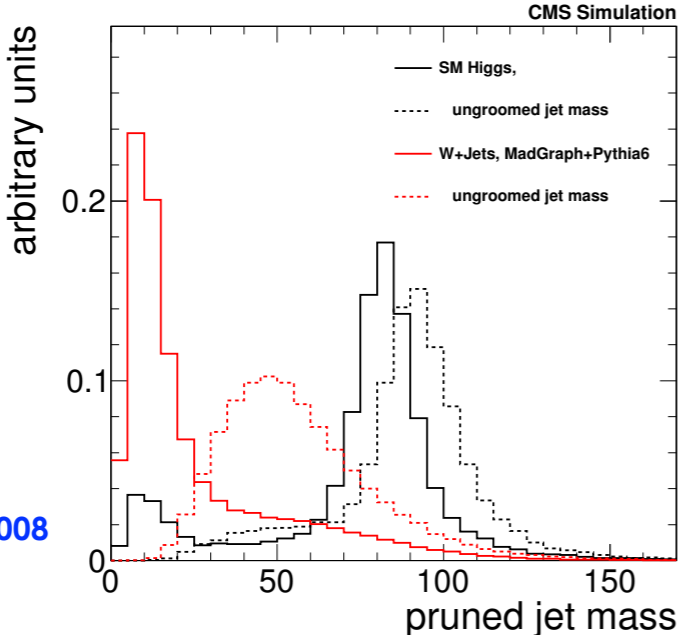
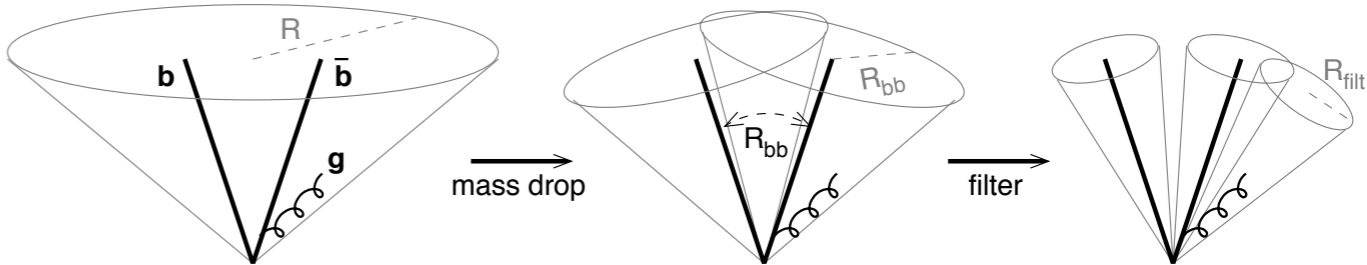
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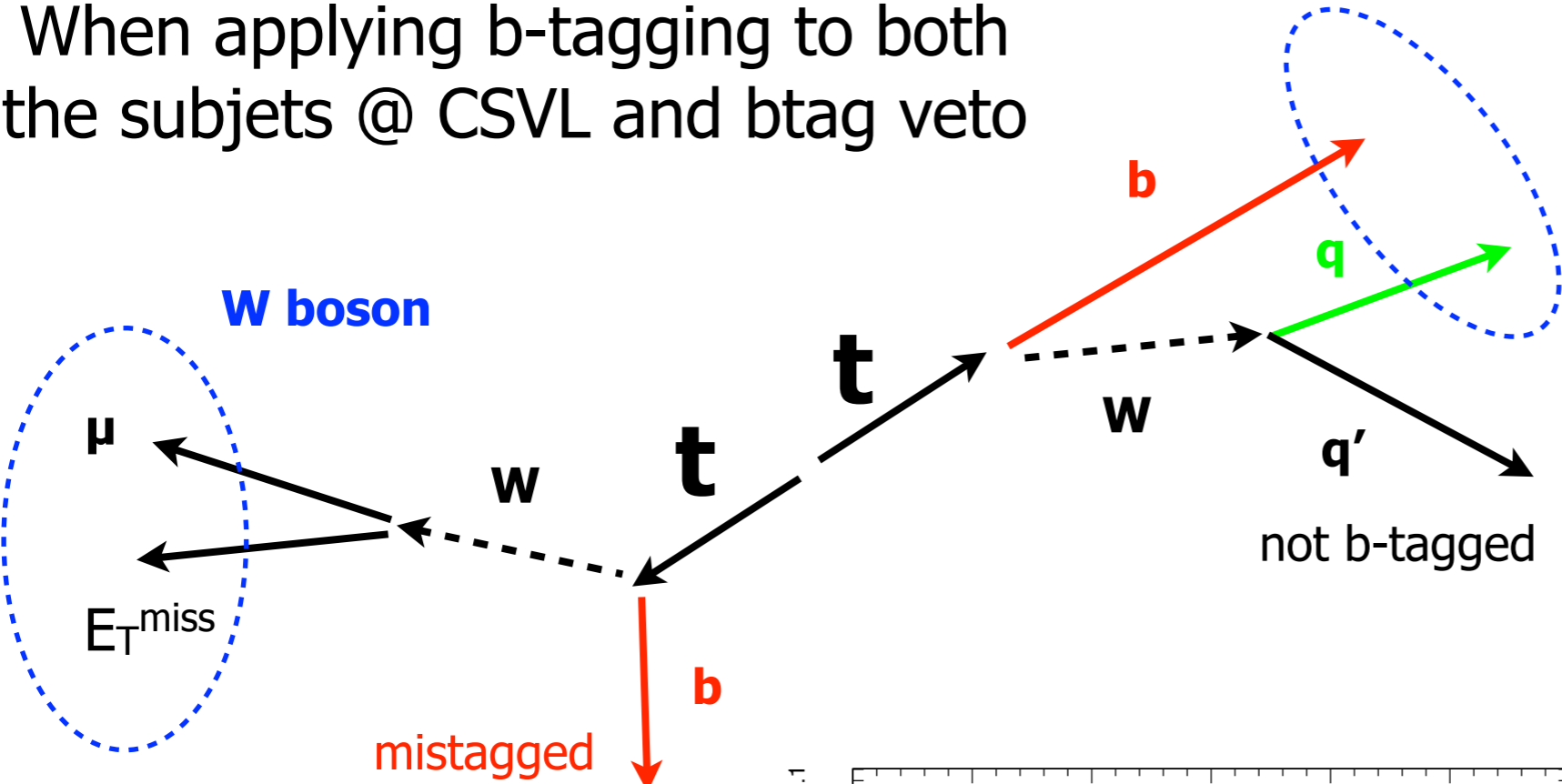
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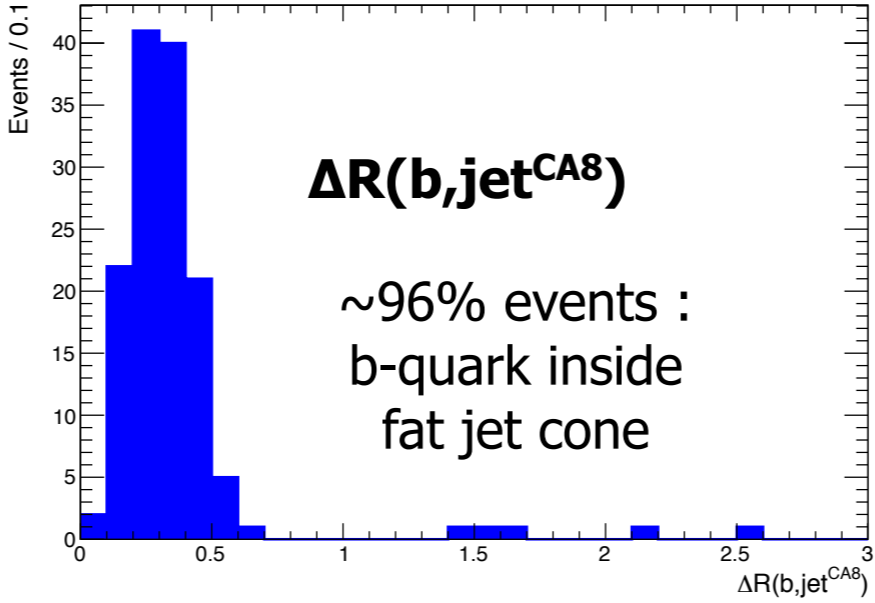
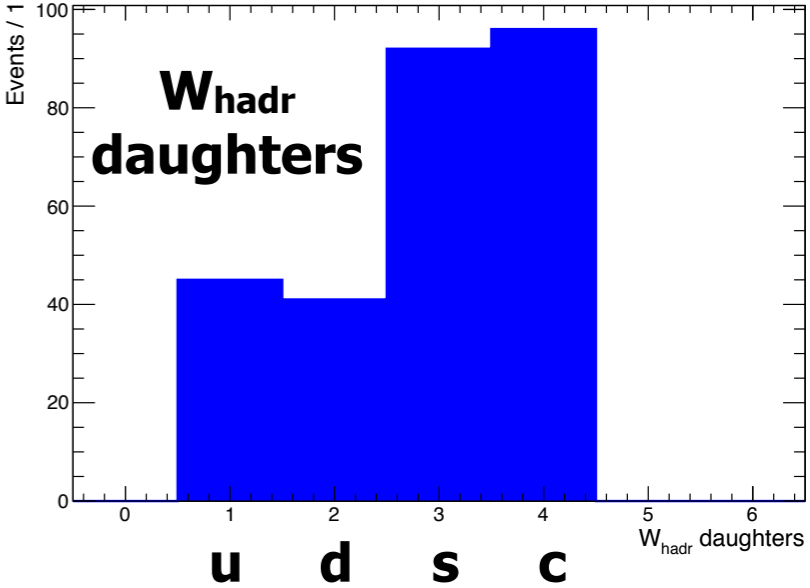
# Comparing $W'$ and $t\bar{t}$

When applying b-tagging to both the subjects @ CSVL and btag veto

## Higgs-fake fat jet



~70% events  
**q = c-quark**  
 higher mistagging probability



## ● Simplified Model for heavy vector triplets (HVT)

- <https://indico.cern.ch/event/309326/contribution/0/material/slides/0.pdf>
- model tested in [ATLAS-PH-EP-2014-094](#) for WZ in the leptonic channel
- the couplings to fermions and gauge bosons are defined in terms of the 3 parameters  $g_V$ ,  $c_F$  and  $c_H$ :

$g$  :  $SU(2)_L$  gauge coupling

- coupling to fermions  $\rightarrow g^2 c_F / g_V$
- coupling to Higgs and to vector bosons  $\rightarrow g_V c_H$
- Depending on the parameter  $g_V$ :
  - Model A: weakly coupled vector resonances arise from an extension of the SM gauge group  $\rightarrow g_V \approx 3$
  - **Model B:** the heavy vector triplet is produced in a strongly coupled scenario, for example in a Composite Higgs model  $\rightarrow g_V \approx 3$

**dominant BRs into di-bosons**

**fermionic decays suppressed**





## ● Little Higgs

- <https://indico.cern.ch/event/322109/contribution/5/material/slides/0.pdf> (Qiang)
- model tested in [ATLAS-PHYS-2004-001](#) for WH and ZH
- the couplings of W' depend on a single parameter: **the  $\theta$  angle**
  - coupling to fermions  $\rightarrow$   **$-\cot\theta$**
  - coupling to vector bosons  $\rightarrow$   **$-\cot2\theta$**
- is a composite Higgs model which can be easily interpreted in the Model B of the HVT

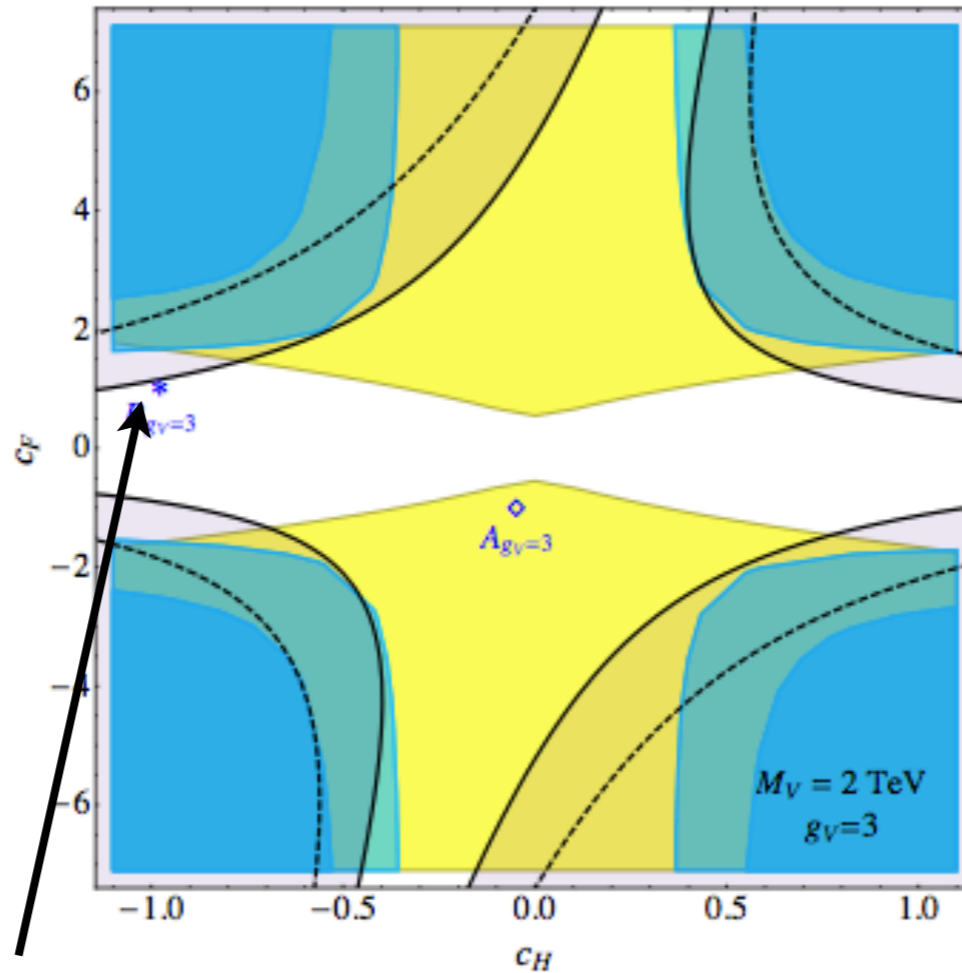
$$\begin{array}{l}
 WWH: \frac{i}{2} g^2 v g_{\mu\nu} \\
 Wu_L d_L: \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} g \gamma_\mu V_{ud}
 \end{array}
 \longrightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 WW'H: x * \frac{i}{2} g^2 v g_{\mu\nu} + O(v^2/f^2) \\
 W'u_L d_L: y * \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} g \gamma_\mu V_{ud} + O(v^2/f^2)
 \end{array}$$

Model	x	y
LH	$-\cot2\theta$	$-\cot\theta$
HVT	$c_H g_v/g$	$c_q g/g_v$

# W' models

allowed and excluded regions in the  $(c_F, c_H)$  plane for  $M_V = 2$  TeV and  $g_V = 3$

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**blue:** exclusion from the CMS  $WZ \rightarrow 3l\nu$  and  $WZ \rightarrow jj$  analysis

**yellow:** exclusion from the CMS  $l^+\nu$  analysis

**black:** constraints coming from EWPT

- solid: strict 95% CL bound
- dashed: obtained enlarging the bound by a factor of two

**Model B**

$$g_V = 3$$

$$c_F = 0.5$$

$$c_H = -1$$



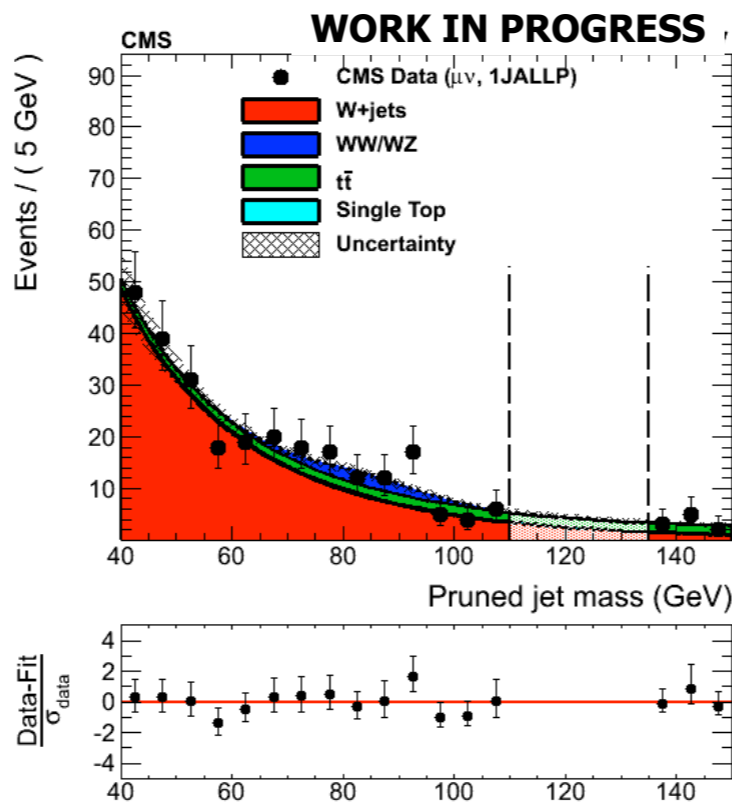
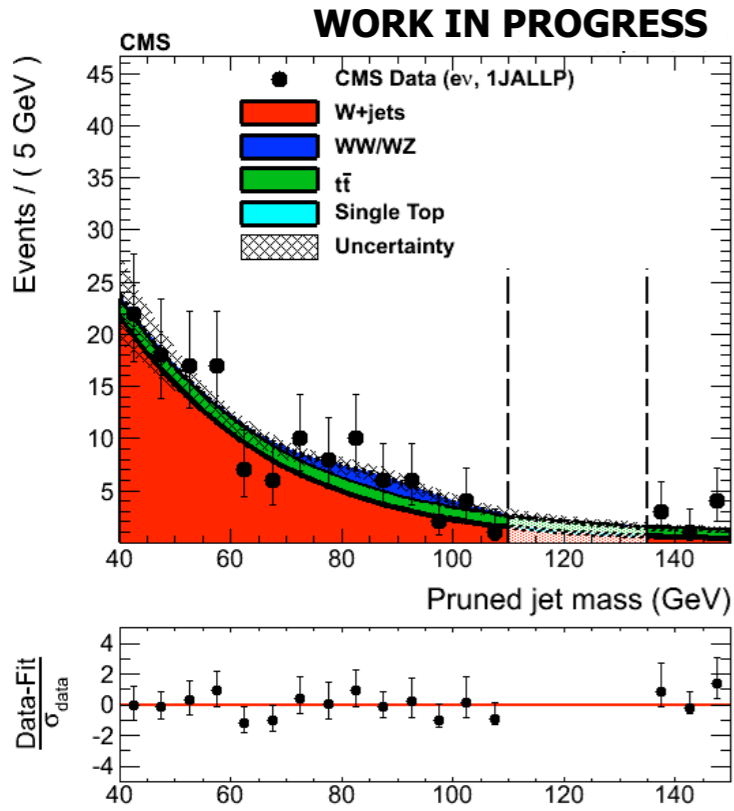
**Little Higgs**

$$\cot\theta = -0.1$$

$$\cot 2\theta = 4.6$$

# Expected yields

- Analyzed LHC 2012 data corresponding to  $19.7\text{fb}^{-1}$  of integrated luminosity
- W+jets background estimated in pruned jet mass signal region fitting the data in sidebands region
  - low sideband : [40-110] GeV - high sideband : [135-150] GeV
- Other background : normalization from the MC



process	electron channel	muon channel
ttbar	$3.51 \pm 0.46$	$7.96 \pm 0.60$
W+jets	$5.54 \pm 0.20$	$10.40 \pm 0.24$
WW	$3.01 \pm 0.33$	$0.68 \pm 0.05$
Single Top	$0.35 \pm 0.11$	$0.22 \pm 0.05$
Tot expected data	$12.41 \pm 0.61$	$19.26 \pm 0.65$