

My Projects as an LPC Distinguished Researcher: Higgs Physics and L1 Trigger

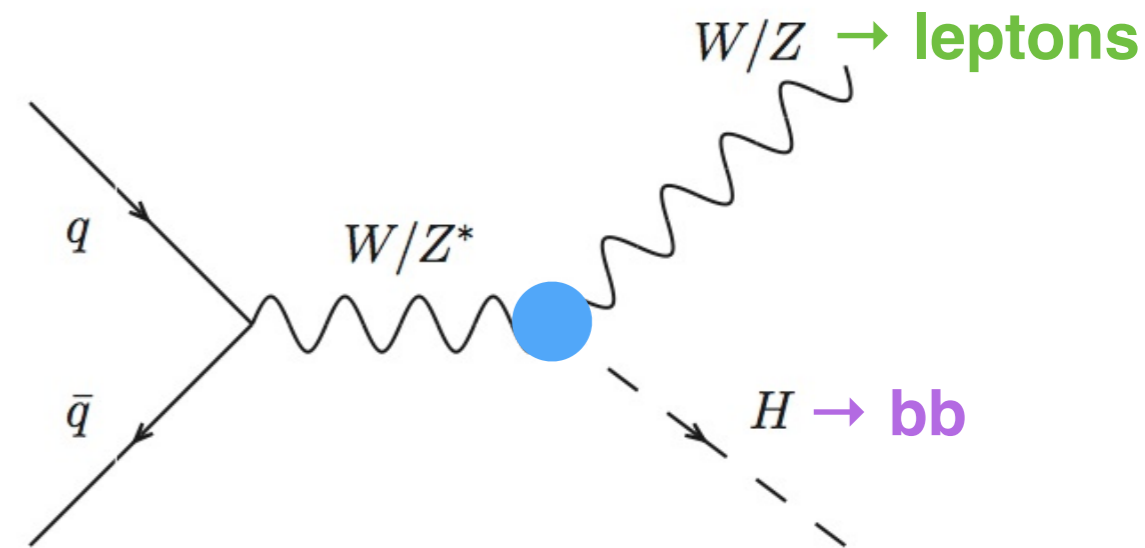
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VH(bb) and Some LPC History

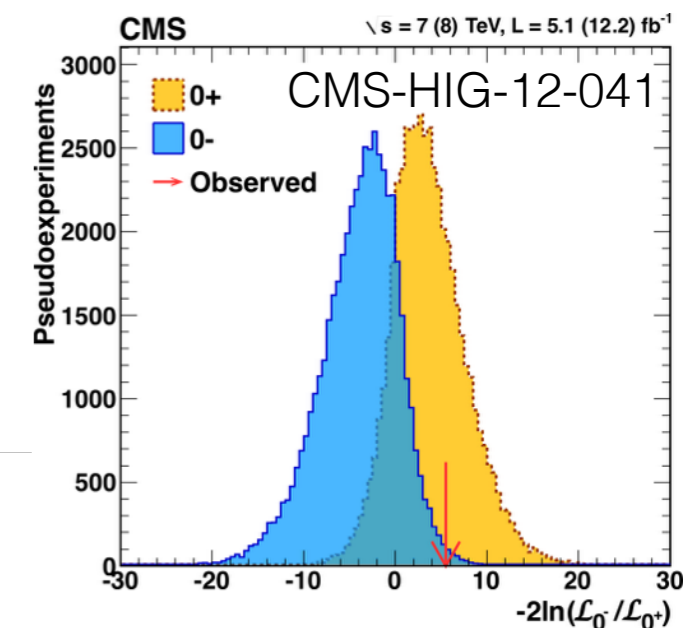
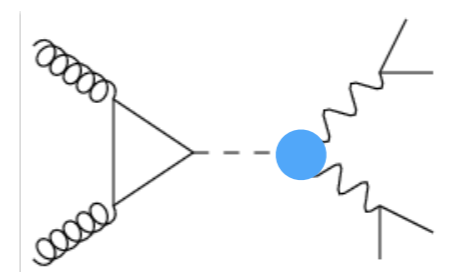
- Associated production (VH) with $H \rightarrow bb$
 - $H \rightarrow bb$
 - Largest branching fraction
 - Important for establishing Hff coupling
 - $V \rightarrow \text{leptons}$ for triggering



- The LPC has been a big player in the CMS search for standard model VH(bb) since the beginning
 - Reached 2σ in Run 1 ([arXiv:1310.3687](https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.3687))

- Three FNAL postdocs who worked on $H \rightarrow VV$ did Snowmass studies showing VH(bb) could be powerful probe of the **HVV coupling**

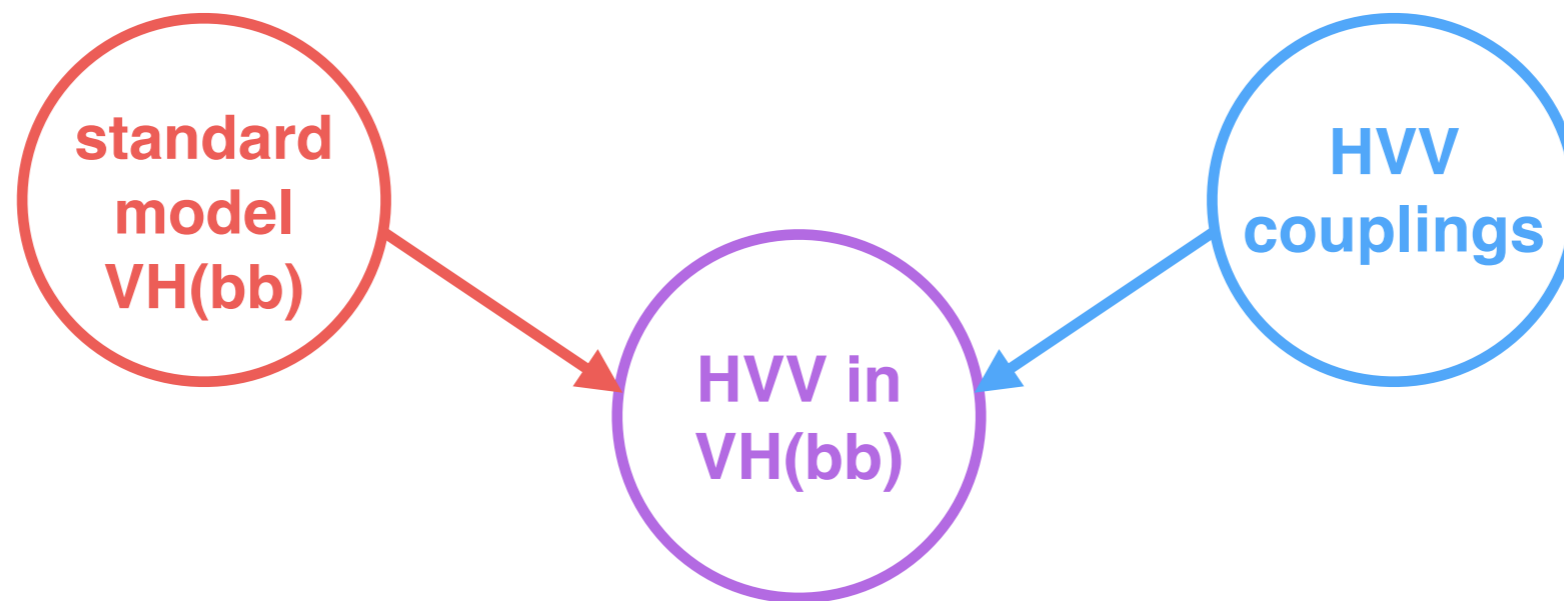
- Y. Gao, N. Tran, A. Whitbeck et al. ([arXiv:1309.4819](https://arxiv.org/abs/1309.4819))



The LPC Team

New team that drew on LPC experience in

1. The search for standard model $VH(bb)$
2. HVV coupling studies in $H \rightarrow VV$



J. Berryhill, BK, N. Tran, C. Vernieri, A. Whitbeck - FNAL
A. Garabedian, M. Narain, **S. Sagir** - Brown University
J. Li, Q. Li, Y. Mao, Q. Wang, Z. Xu - Peking University
J. Fu Low - University of Florida
N. Parashar, **J. Stupak III** - Purdue University Calumet
M. Xiao - Johns Hopkins University

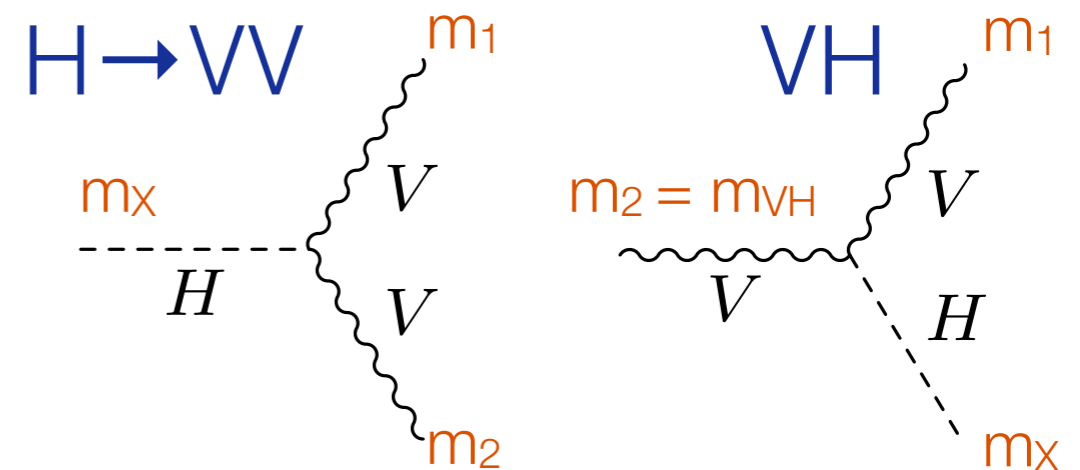
The HVV Coupling

- Generic HVV scattering amplitudes for spin 0 H:

$$A_{00} = -\frac{m_X^2}{v} \left(a_1 \sqrt{1+x} + a_2 \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_X^2} x \right),$$

$$A_{++} = \frac{m_X^2}{v} \left(a_1 + i a_3 \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_X^2} \sqrt{x} \right),$$

$$A_{--} = \frac{m_X^2}{v} \left(a_1 - i a_3 \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_X^2} \sqrt{x} \right),$$

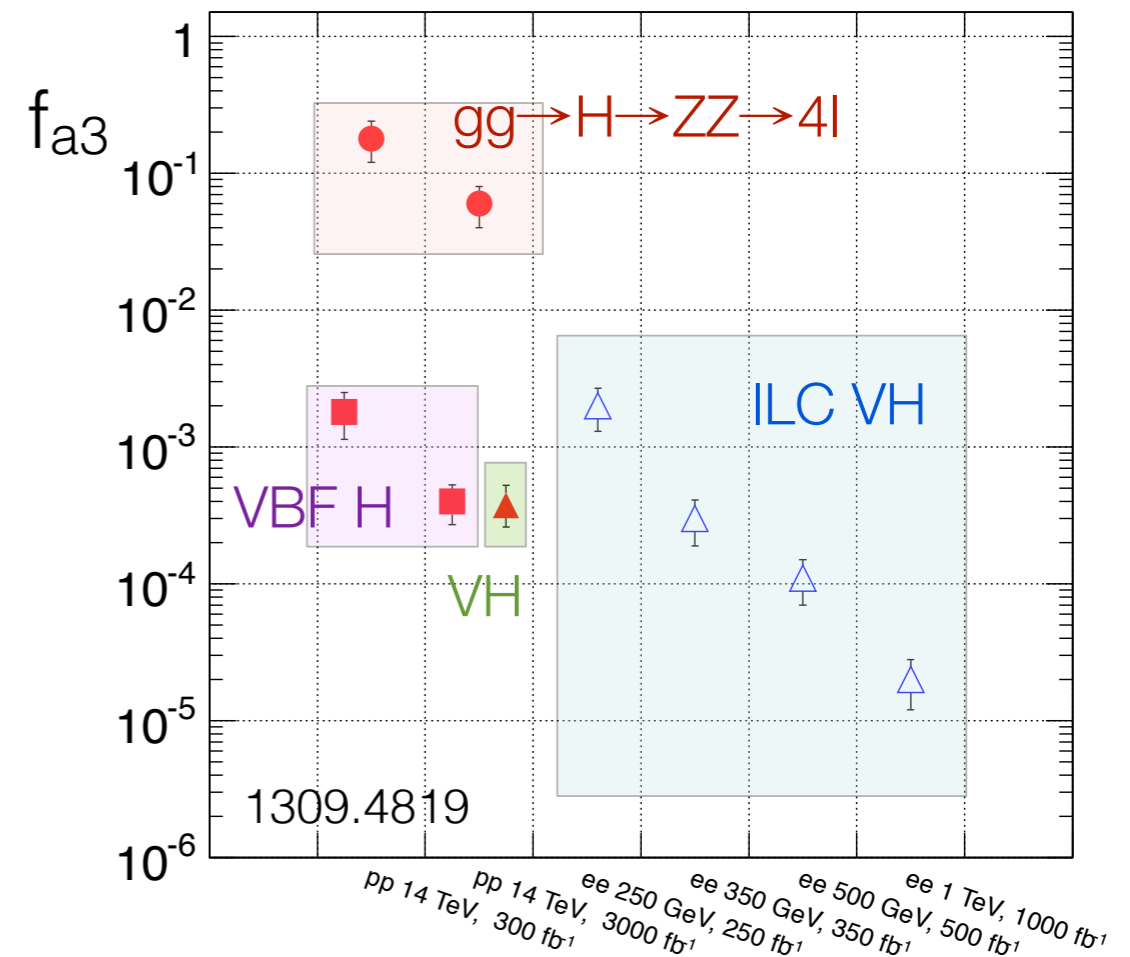


- VH sensitivity from order of magnitude larger $m_1 m_2 / m_X^2$
- Effective fractional cross section to parameterize presence of anomalous pseudoscalar component

$$f_{a3} = \frac{|a_3|^2 \sigma_3}{|a_1|^2 \sigma_1 + |a_3|^2 \sigma_3}$$

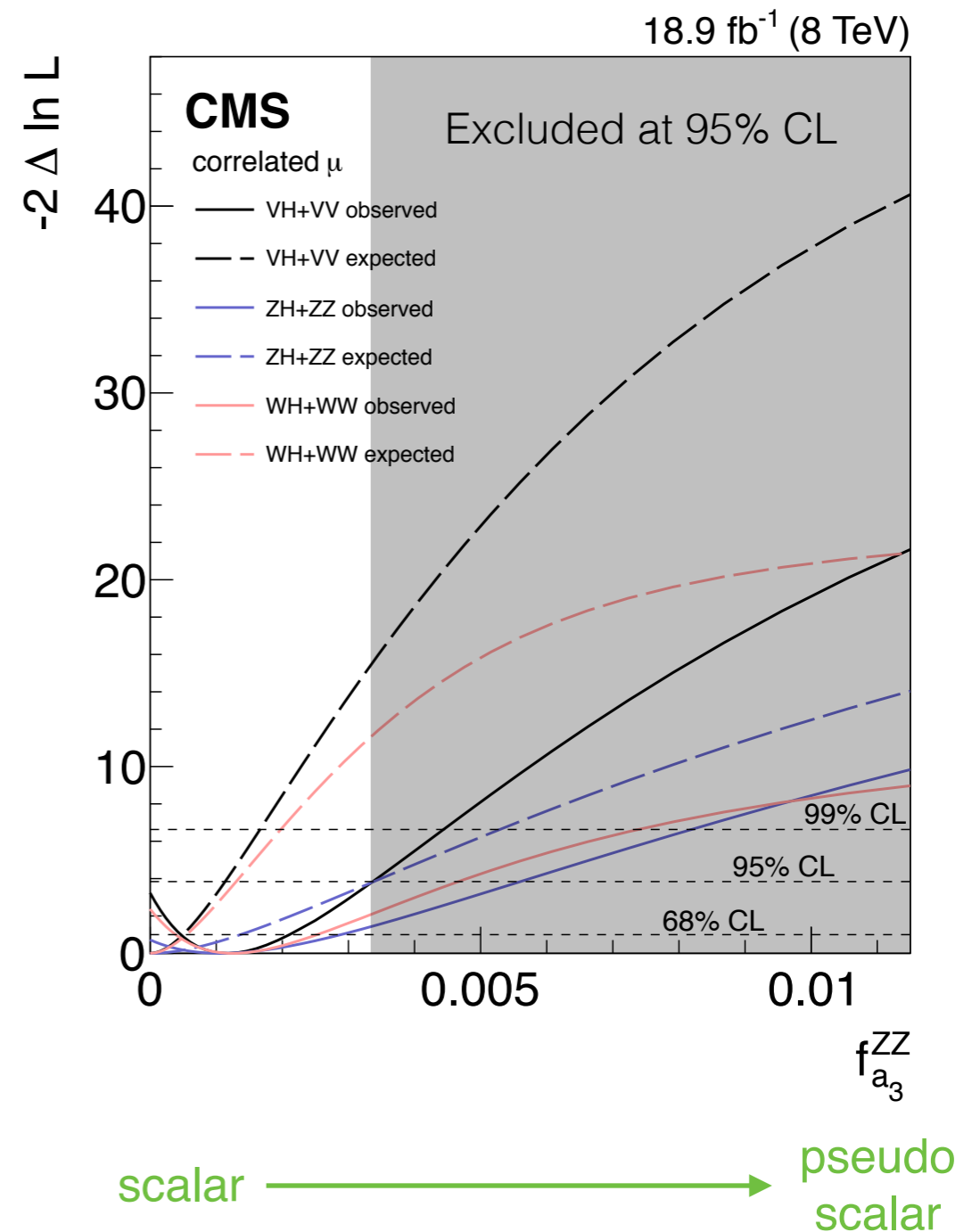
where σ_i is the cross section for $a_i=1$ and $a_{j \neq i}=0$

$f_{a3} = 0$ for pure a_1 (SM scalar)
 $f_{a3} = 1$ for pure a_3 (pseudoscalar)



Run 1 Results

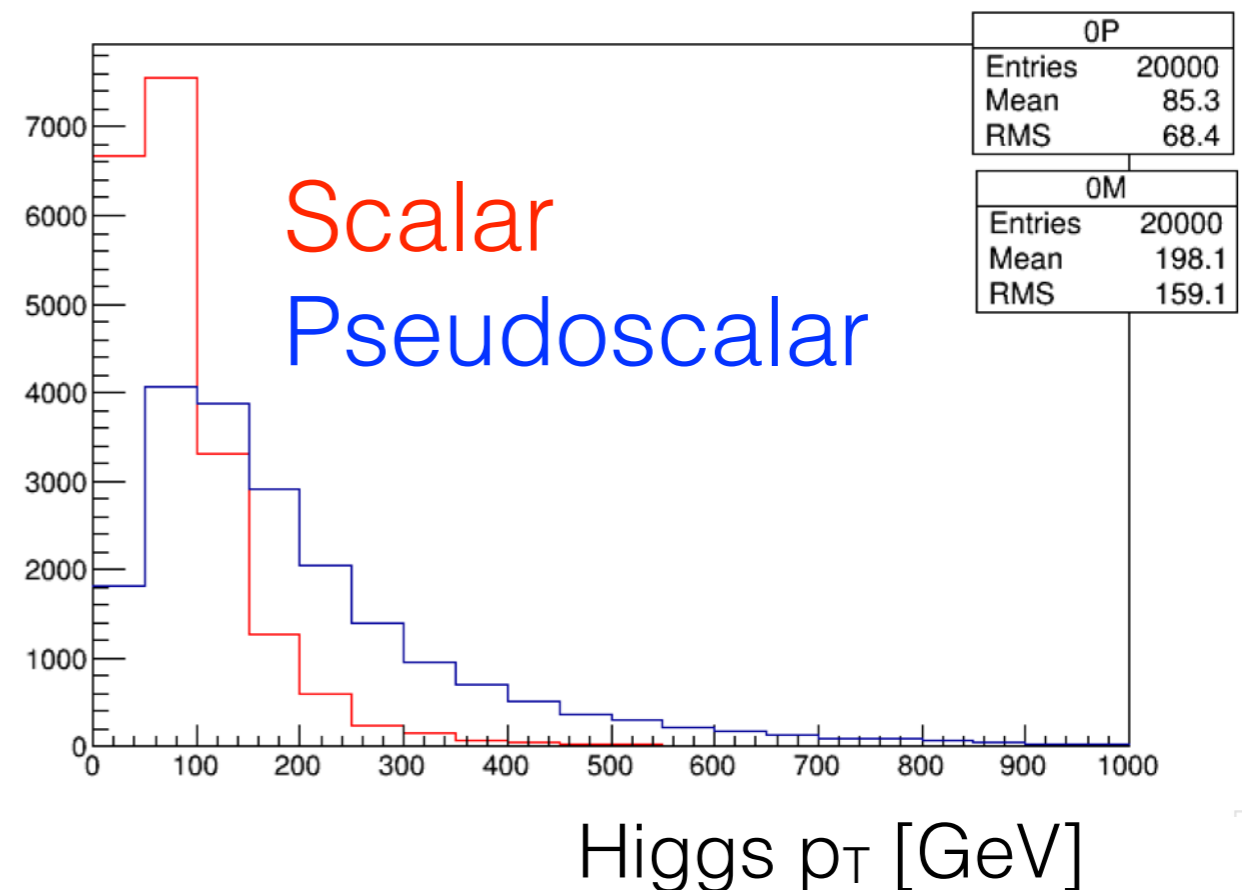
- Individual and combined
- Combine with $H \rightarrow VV$
 - Strongest assumption: $a_i^{HZZ} = a_i^{HWW}$ and no additional anomalous couplings, $f_{a_3}^{ZZ} > 0.0034$ excluded at 95% CL
 - Big improvement on $f_{a_3}^{ZZ} > 0.28$ exclusion from $H \rightarrow VV$ alone!



Plans for Run 2

- Expand interpretation
 - Construct variables sensitive to interference between scalar and pseudo scalar (CP violation in Higgs sector!)
 - Higher order scalar couplings
- Use case for jet substructure in VH?

$$A(\text{HVV}) \sim \left[\underbrace{a_1^{\text{VV}}}_{\text{tree level scalar}} + \frac{\kappa_1^{\text{VV}} q_{V1}^2 + \kappa_2^{\text{VV}} q_{V2}^2}{(\Lambda_1^{\text{VV}})^2} \right] m_{V1}^2 \epsilon_{V1}^* \epsilon_{V2}^* + a_2^{\text{VV}} f_{\mu\nu}^{*(1)} f^{*(2),\mu\nu} + \underbrace{a_3^{\text{VV}}}_{\text{pseudo-scalar}} f_{\mu\nu}^{*(1)} \tilde{f}^{*(2),\mu\nu}$$



Higgs → Long Lived Particles

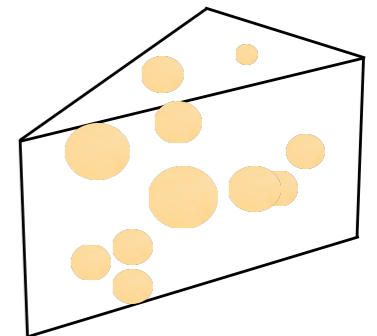
- Can we use associated VH production to access **exotic Higgs decays**?
- Theorists have suggested this for the search for decays to **long lived particles**.

Current searches according to D. Curtin:

not yet



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Matt Strassler @ LPC

Higgs → Long Lived Particles

- Twin Higgs model provides a solution to the hierarchy problem
 - Original: [arXiv:0506256](https://arxiv.org/abs/0506256) (2005)
 - Recent interest: [arXiv:1501.05310](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.05310), [arXiv:1506.06141](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.06141), [arXiv:1508.01522](https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.01522) (2015)
- Signature is VH with **H → displaced b jets**
 - After trigger, factor of ~10 more events than from gluon fusion
- A perfect opportunity for collaboration
 - LPC DRs
 - Long lived: J. Antonelli, M. Walker
 - VH, b jets: J. Stupak III, BK
 - J. Hardenbrook (Princeton)

1. Higgs portal to mirror QCD
2. Long lived mirror glueballs
3. Decay back to standard model via Higgs mixing

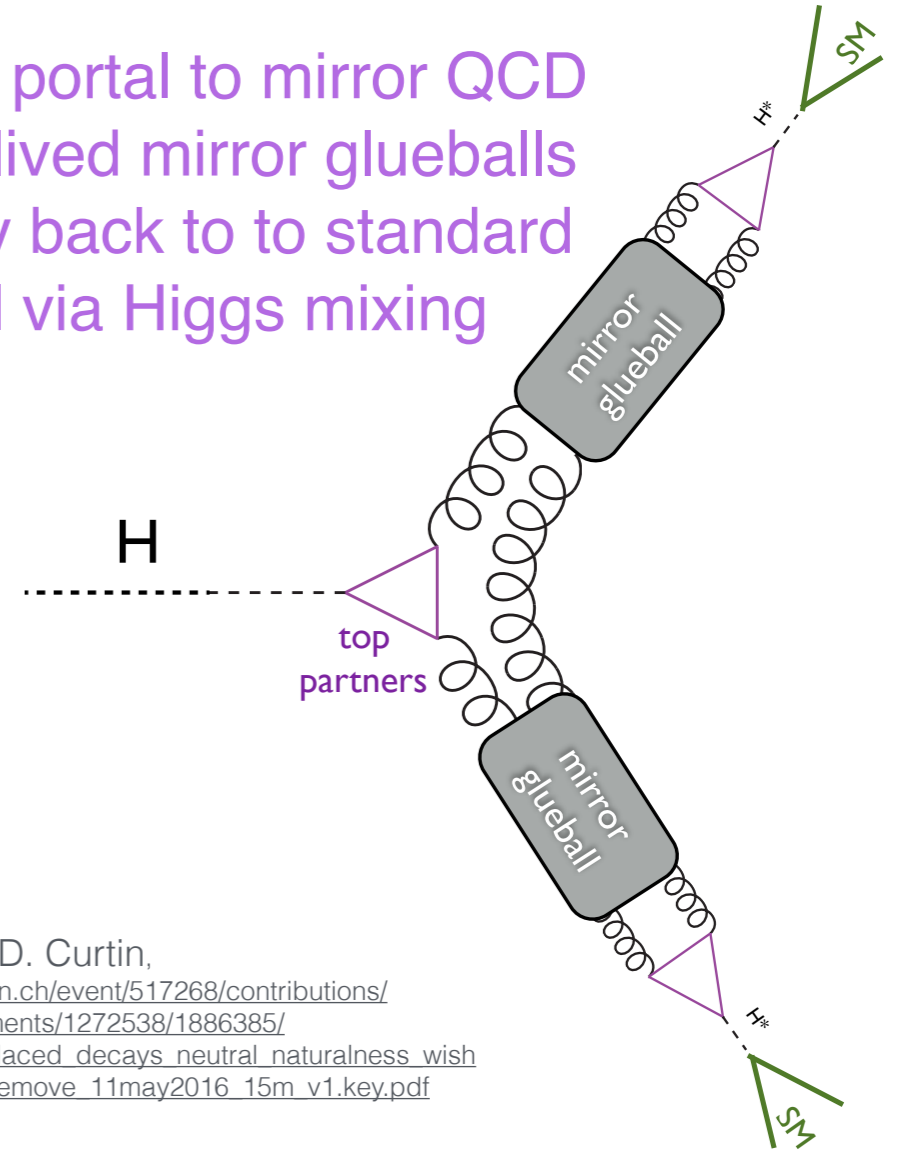
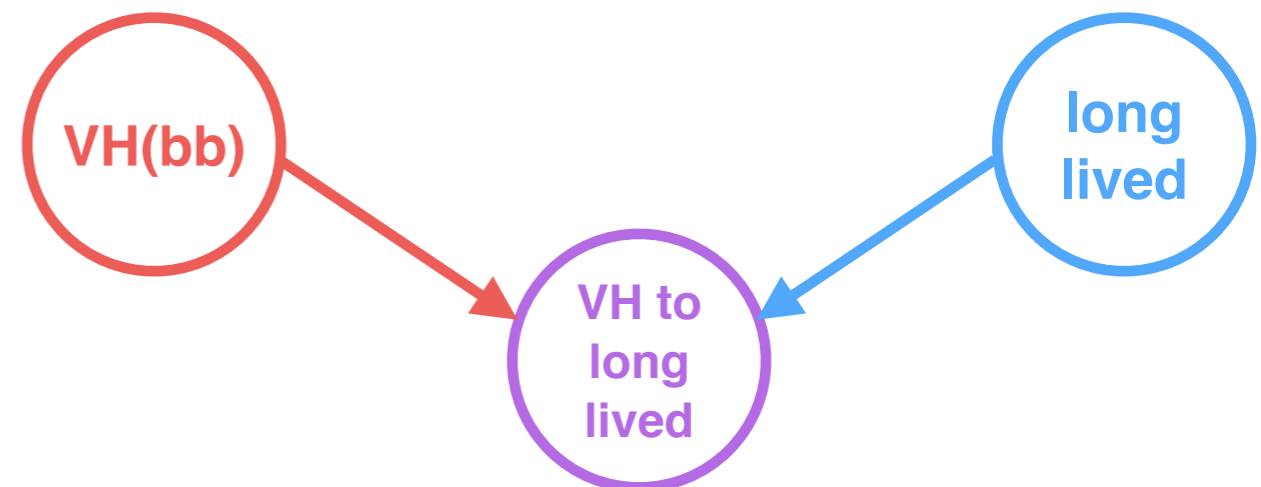
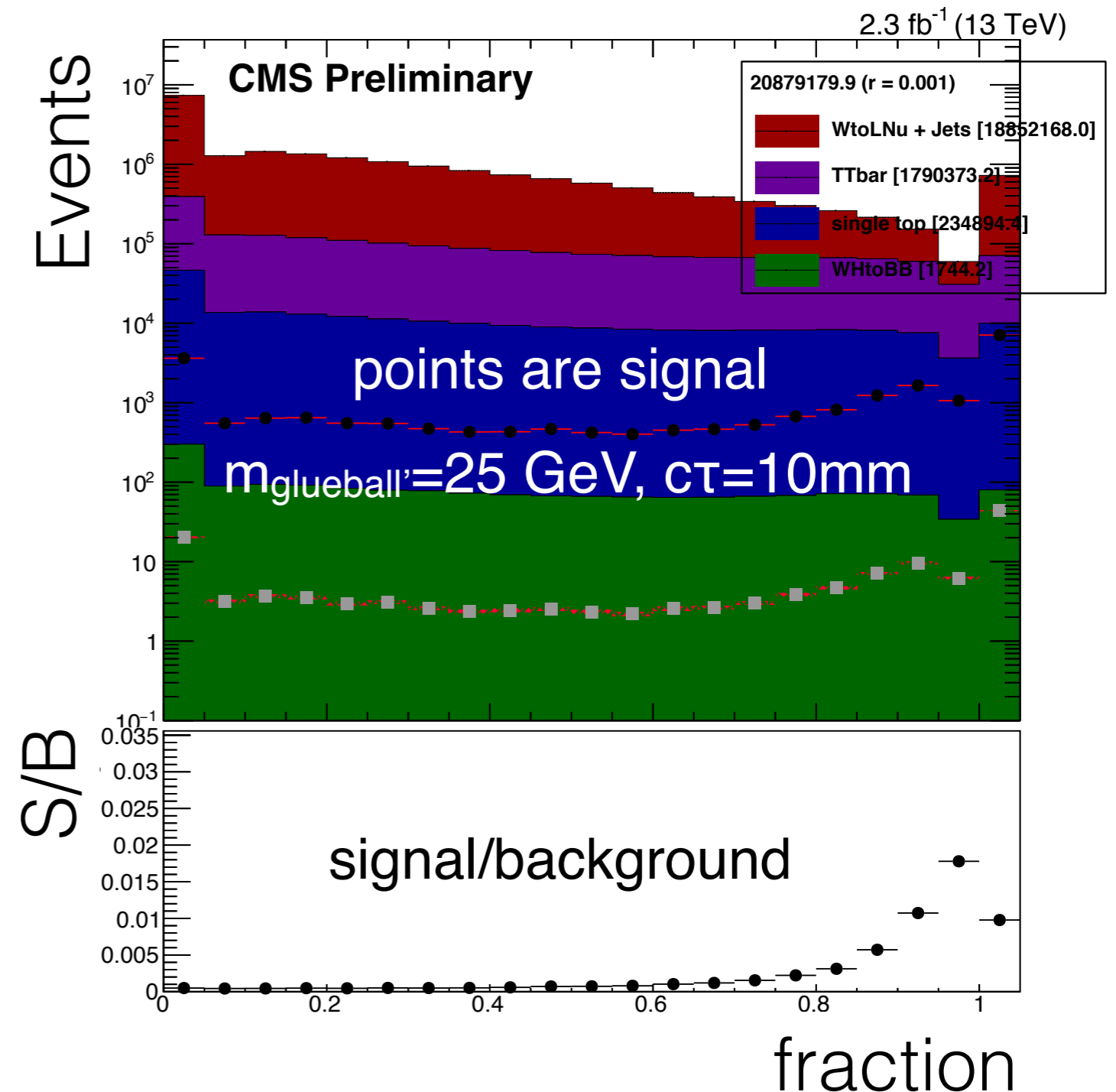


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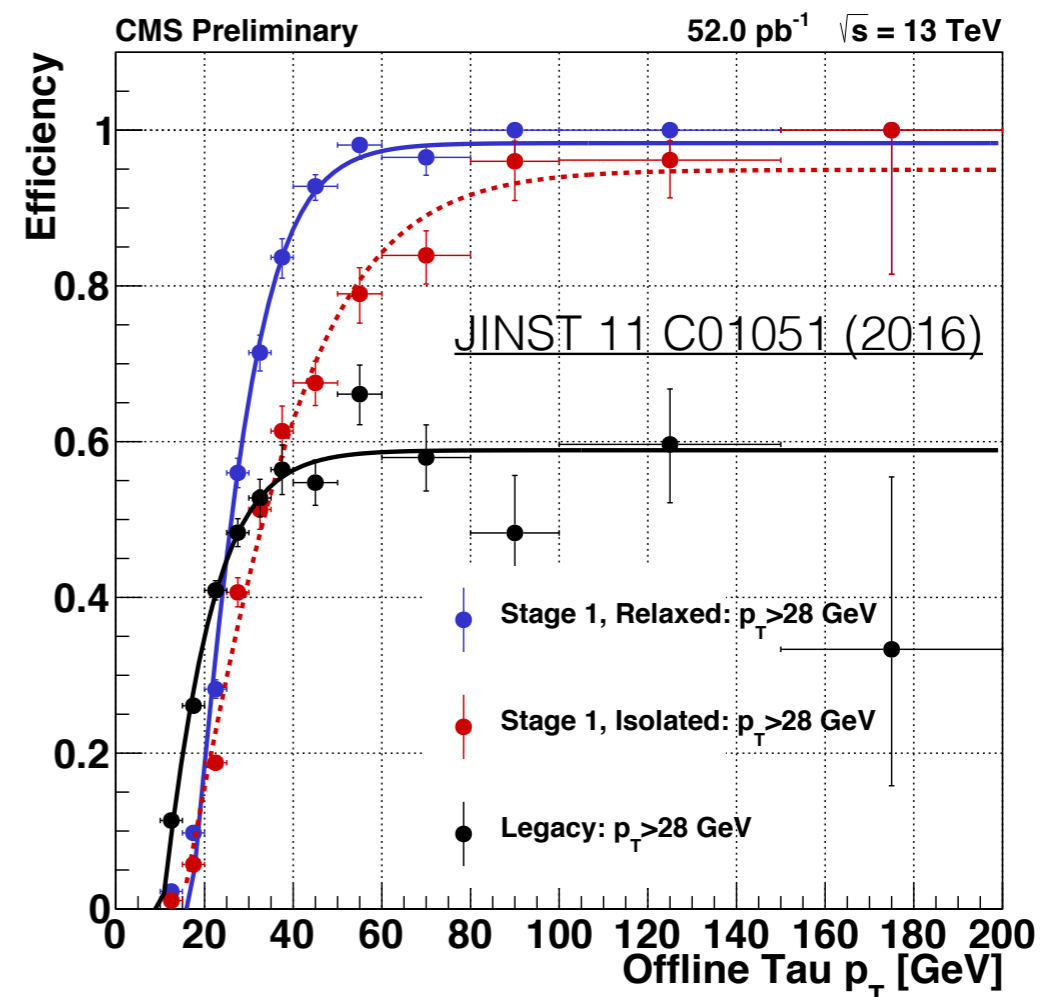
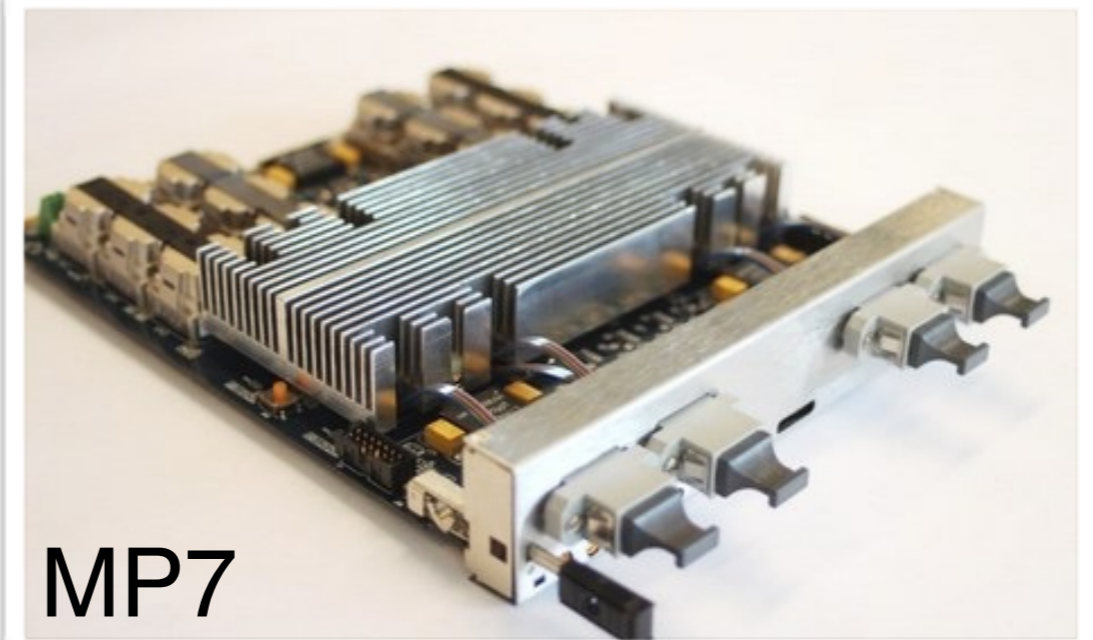
Higgs \rightarrow Long Lived Particles

- Currently focused on displaced jet tagging
 - Starting with J. Hardenbrook's inclusive search
 - Also vertex-based variables
- E.g. fraction of track p_T in jet not assigned to a primary vertex



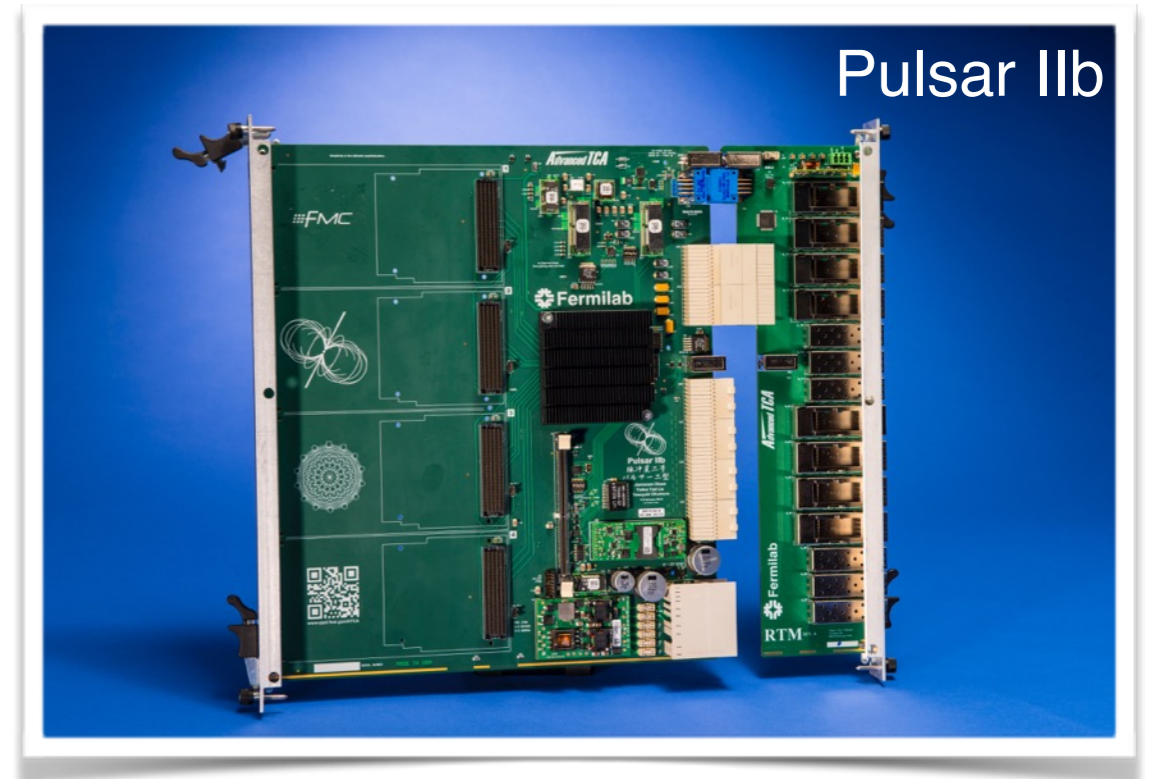
L1 Trigger Upgrades

- 2015 upgrade to Global Calorimeter Trigger
 - “Stage 1” Calorimeter Trigger
 - FNAL, MIT, Rice, Wisconsin, UIC + Europe
- FNAL/UIC responsible for pp algorithm firmware
 - Event-by-event pileup subtraction
 - New and improved tau algorithms
 - New heavy ion algorithms
- Triggered CMS for most of 2015 data taking
- Gained experience with triggers and FPGA firmware



Future L1 Trigger Projects

- I really enjoyed working on the Stage 1 upgrade
- Looking forward to contributing to future L1 trigger upgrade projects
- Associative memory Phase II track trigger
 - Florida, Northwestern, São Paulo, Texas A&M, ...
 - Pullsar IIb has the same FPGA as Stage 1 upgrade
- Particle flow at L1?



Summary

Being a Distinguished Researcher has connected me with a huge resource of experience and new collaborators, leading to new, interesting Higgs and trigger projects!

- LPC team benefited from experience with $VH(bb)$ and HVV couplings studies and set new constraints on anomalous HVV couplings using $VH(bb)$ channel in Run 1
 - Will continue the search in Run 2 with expanded interpretation
- New team of Distinguished Researches sharing experience to look for Higgs decays to displaced b jets
- Opportunity to get involved at the very beginning of Phase II L1 trigger upgrades

Backup

Run 1 Analysis Strategy

- Boosted Decision Tree discriminator (BDT)
 - Separates VH(bb) signal from backgrounds
 - Re-used from standard model search
- $m(\text{VH})$
 - Sensitive to HVV coupling (i.e. f_{a3})
- Signal template
 - Constructed for arbitrary f_{a3} from $f_{a3}=0$ and $f_{a3}=1$ simulation
 - Based on $\text{H} \rightarrow \text{VV}$ approach

W($\mu\nu$)H(bb) Channel

