

# Resonant Di-Higgs Production in the bbWW channel: Probing the Electroweak Phase Transition at the LHC

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# Standard Model and Beyond

## ❖ The Standard Model (SM) works very well

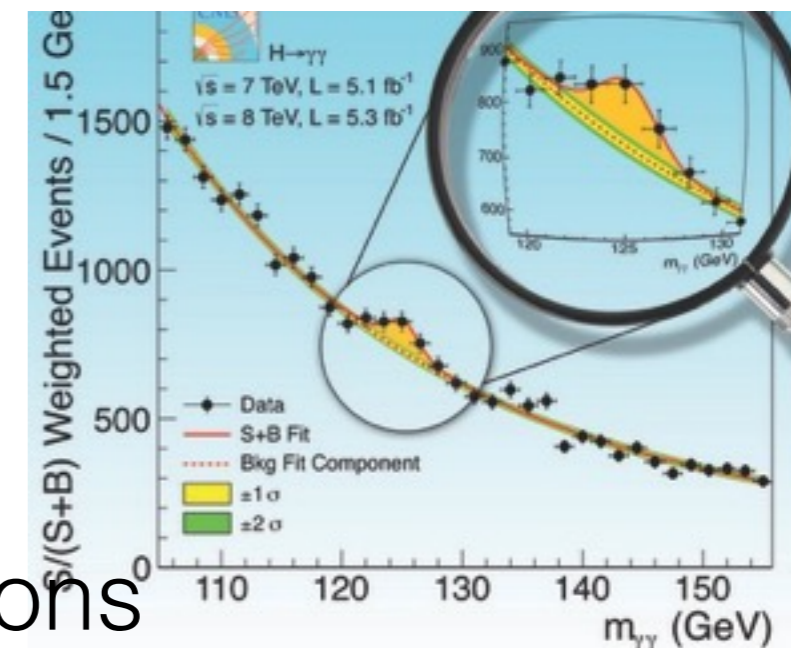
- ➔ It describes fundamental particles and interactions among them
- ➔ Higgs boson, predicted in Standard Model, was discovered in 2012 by ATLAS and CMS



## ❖ SM: Theory of Everything? **NO Way!**

- ⦿ Neutrino Masses: where do they originate from?
- ⦿ Dark Matter: what are they?
- ⦿ Hierarchy problem: a fine-tuned universe?
- ⦿ **Matter-antimatter asymmetry?**  
namely baryogenesis: anti-baryons missing during universe evolution?

No successful model to answer all questions  
we will focus on **extended Higgs sector**





# Extending the Higgs sector

❖ Higgs sector can be extended in more than one way!!

Model	Description	Higgs bosons
SM (one doublet of complex scalar fields)	3 d.o.f. give mass to $W^\pm$ and $Z$ , Yukawa couplings generate fermion mass	$h$
<b>focus on</b> SM + singlet (xSM)	<b><i>Used in the context of EWK baryogenesis, DM...</i></b>	$h, H$
2HDM (contains a second doublet)	Prerequisite for SUSY, natural in GUT, DM originating from 2HDM	$h, H, A, H^\pm$
2HDM + complex singlet (e.g. NMSSM)	Solve the mu-problem in MSSM (where $H(125)$ is unnaturally heavy)	$h_1, h_2, h_3, a_1, a_2, H^\pm$
SM + triplet	Natural explanation for small neutrino masses	$h, H, A, H^\pm, H^{\pm\pm}$



# Baryogenesis

Where are the anti-baryons ?????

- ✓ Around us: matter domains
- ✓ No anti-matter domain region in universe
  - ▶ Cosmic gamma ray and Cosmic microwave background(CMB) observations

$$\eta = \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{\gamma} = 6 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{excess baryons}}{\text{photon}}$$

## ❖ Sakharov conditions: resolving baryon asymmetry

### ✓ Baryon number violation

→ Sphaleron transition

### ⊙ C/CP violation

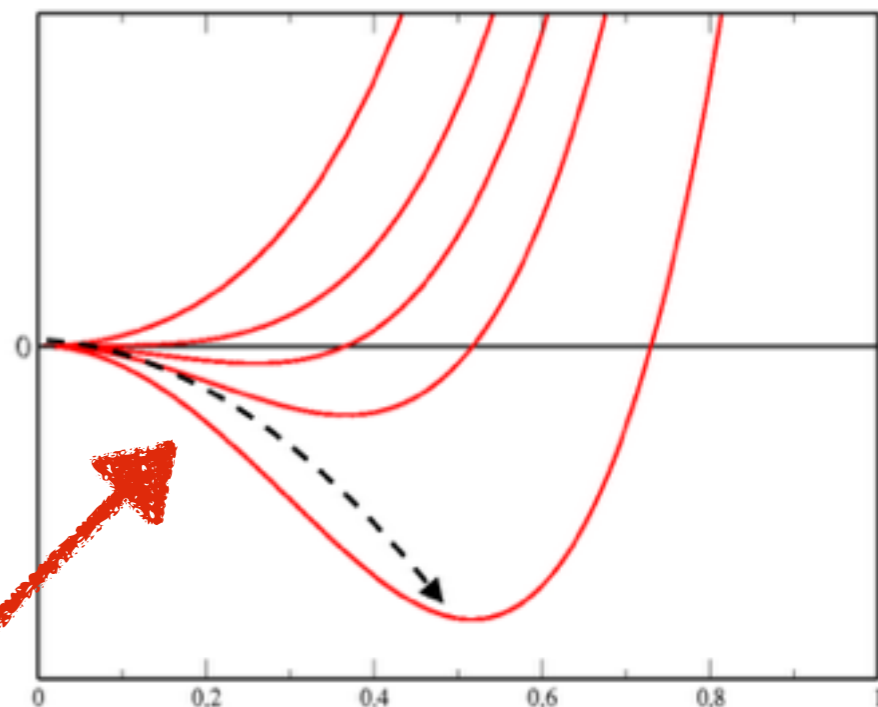
→ CKM mixing matrix in SM is too feeble, NOT enough

### ⊙ Departure from Thermal equilibrium or breakdown of CPT invariance

→ 125 GeV SM higgs only results in a smooth cross-over(or second order) ElectroWeak Phase Transition(EWPT)

2<sup>nd</sup> Order:

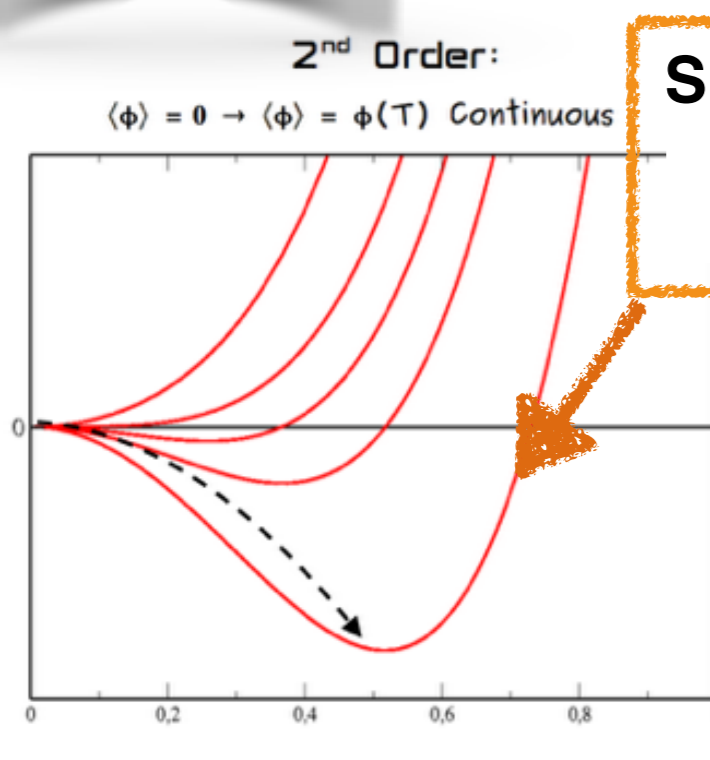
$\langle \phi \rangle = 0 \rightarrow \langle \phi \rangle = \phi(T)$  Continuous



smooth cross-over phase transition:  
early universe stays in equilibrium



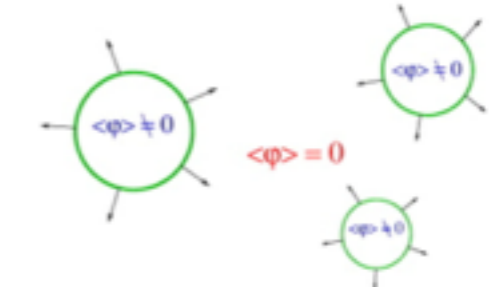
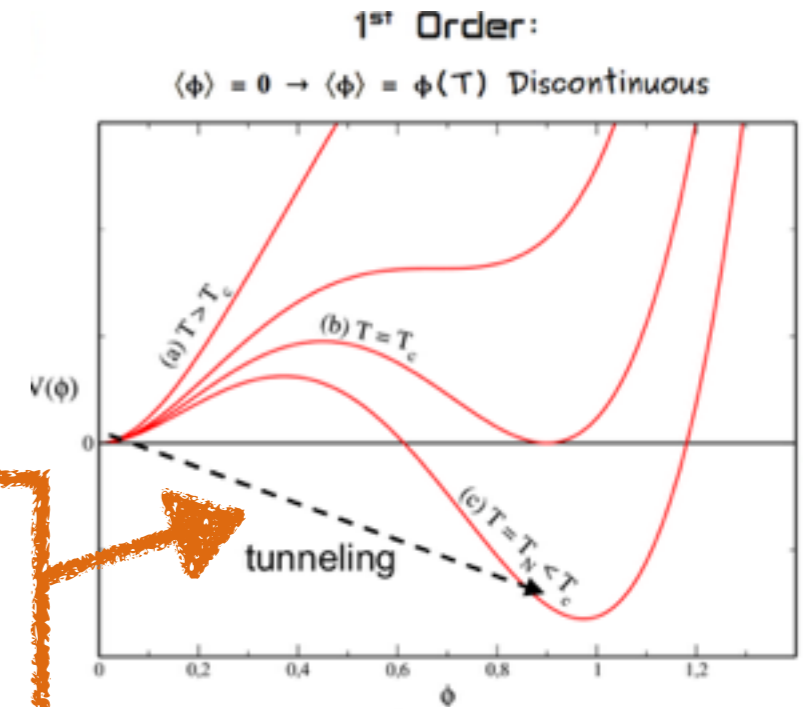
# Singlet extension of SM



**SM: smooth phase transition**  
 $V(h, T) = a(T^2 - T_c^2)h^2 + \lambda(T)h^4$

↓ Add a Singlet

**xSM: dramatic phase transition**  
 $V(h, T) = a(T^2 - T_c^2)h^2 - E(T)h^3 + \lambda(T)h^4$



- ❖ Extending Higgs sector with new Higgs singlet
  - ✓ Significantly changed the nature and properties of EWPT in early universe → a strong first order EWPT
  - ✓ Enhanced the sources of CP violation

	SM	xSM
Baryon violation (sphaleron)	✓	✓
C & CP violation	✓	✓
out of equilibrium or CPT violation	✗	✓



# Resonant DiHiggs Production at LHC

✦ **xSM: Singlet scalar extension of the SM**

○ Two flavor Higgs bosons mixing:

➔ Higher mass: Heavy Higgs

➔ Lower mass: SM-like Higgs

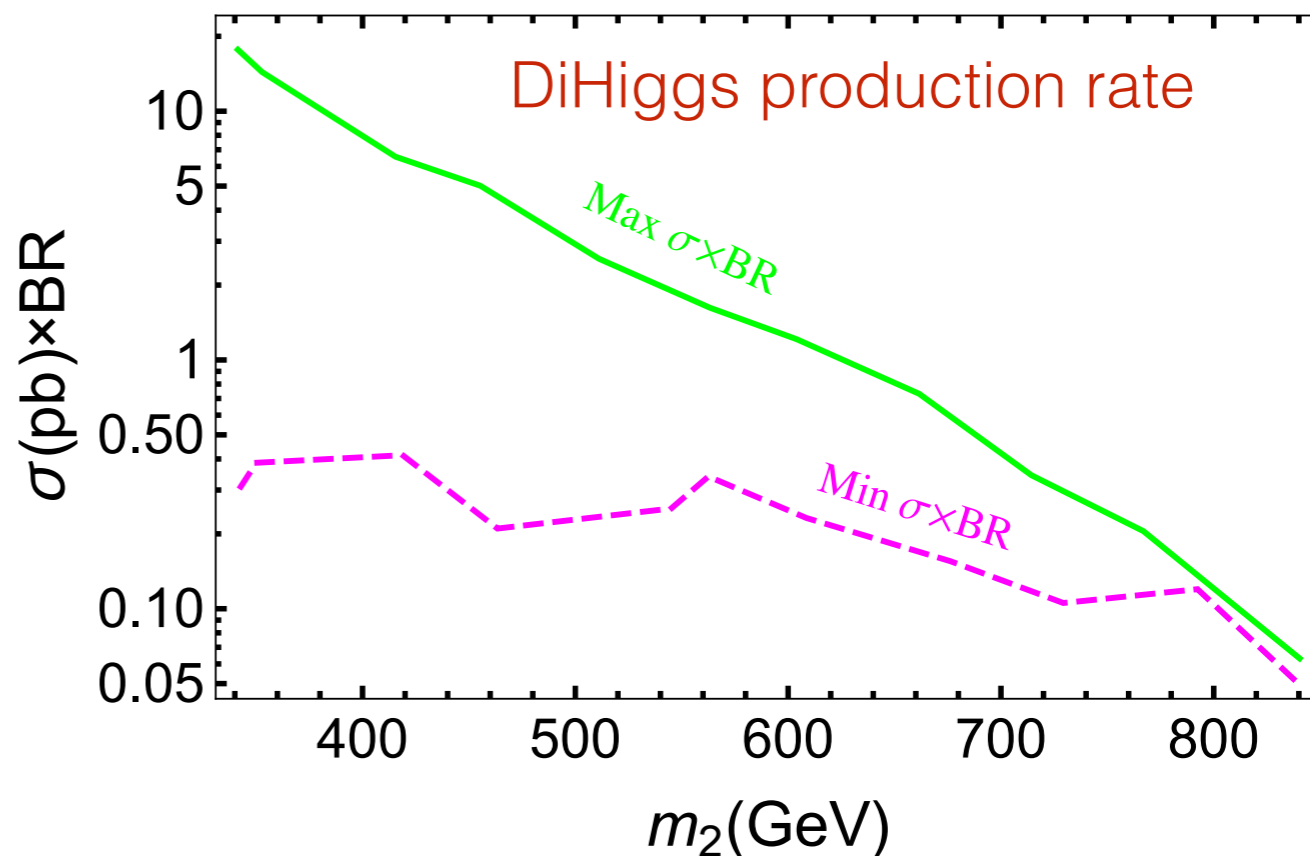
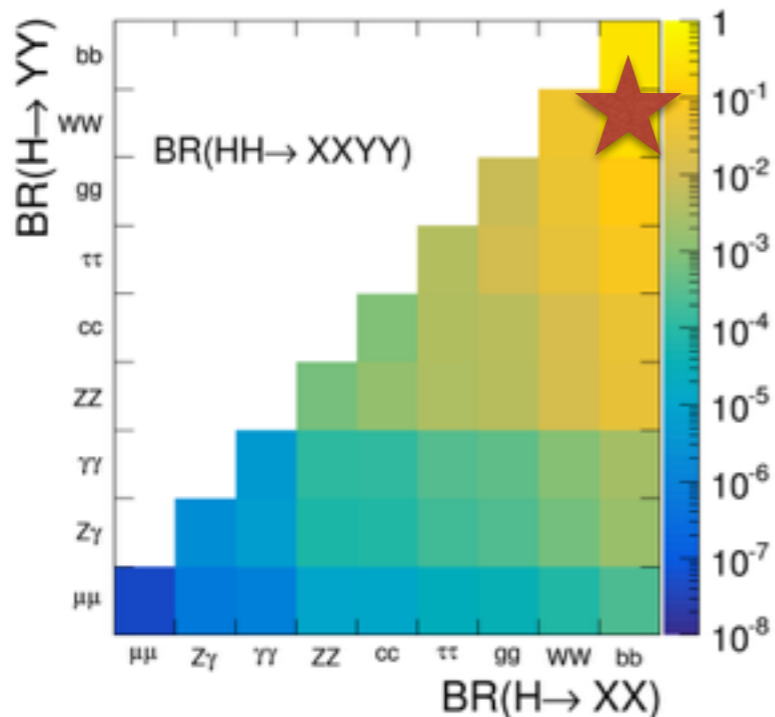
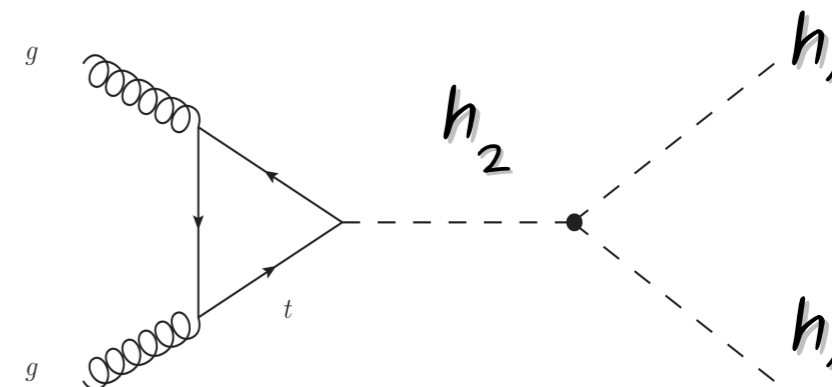
○  $M_H > 250$  GeV:  $H \rightarrow hh$ , resonant diHiggs production

○ Production rate: optimistic and pessimistic

✦ **Final states: two SM Higgs decays**

○  $bb\tau\tau$ ,  $bbWW$ ,  $bb\gamma\gamma$ ,  $bbbb...$

○ We focus on  $bbWW \rightarrow bb\mu\nu\mu\nu$





# More About xSM at LHC

## ❖ Signal from xSM:12 benchmarks

	$\cos \theta$	$m_2$ (GeV)	$\Gamma_{h_2}$ (GeV)	$x_0$ (GeV)	$\lambda$	$a_1$ (GeV)	$a_2$	$b_3$ (GeV)	$b_4$	$\lambda_{111}$ (GeV)	$\lambda_{211}$ (GeV)	$\sigma$ (pb)	BR
B1	0.961	258	0.68	307	0.52	-266	0.26	-138	0.26	3.43	-0.70	1.19	0.50
B2	0.976	341	2.42	257	0.92	-377	0.39	-403	0.77	204	-150	0.59	0.74
B3	0.982	353	2.17	265	0.99	-400	0.45	-378	0.69	226	-144	0.44	0.76
B4	0.983	415	1.59	54.6	0.17	-642	3.80	-214	0.16	44.9	82.5	0.36	0.33
B5	0.984	455	2.08	47.4	0.18	-707	4.63	-607	0.85	46.7	93.5	0.26	0.31
B6	0.986	511	2.44	40.7	0.18	-744	5.17	-618	0.82	46.6	91.9	0.15	0.24
B7	0.988	563	2.92	40.5	0.19	-844	5.85	-151	0.08	47.1	104	0.087	0.23
B8	0.992	604	2.82	36.4	0.18	-898	7.36	-424	0.28	45.6	119	0.045	0.30
B9	0.994	662	2.97	32.9	0.17	-976	8.98	-542	0.53	44.9	132	0.023	0.33
B10	0.993	714	3.27	29.2	0.18	-941	8.28	497	0.38	44.7	112	0.017	0.20
B11	0.996	767	2.83	24.5	0.17	-920	9.87	575	0.41	42.2	114	0.0082	0.22
B12	0.994	840	4.03	21.7	0.19	-988	9.22	356	0.83	43.9	83.8	0.0068	0.079

## ❖ How challenging the analysis is :

- Top pair production(tt) can have same final states
  - $\sigma(tt) \cdot \text{Br}(\mu\nu\mu\nu bb) \sim 9.53 \text{ pb}$  →  $N_{\text{ev}}(300 \text{ fb}^{-1}) \sim 3000,000 \text{ events}$
  - $\sigma(B1) \cdot \text{Br}(\mu\nu\mu\nu bb) \sim 0.002 \text{ pb}$  →  $N_{\text{ev}}(300 \text{ fb}^{-1}) \sim 600 \text{ events (0.02\% } N_{tt})$
  - $\sigma(B6) \cdot \text{Br}(\mu\nu\mu\nu bb) \sim 0.0001 \text{ pb}$  →  $N_{\text{ev}}(300 \text{ fb}^{-1}) \sim 30 \text{ events (0.001\% } N_{tt})$
  - $\sigma(B12) \cdot \text{Br}(\mu\nu\mu\nu bb) \sim 1.5e-6 \text{ pb}$  →  $N_{\text{ev}}(300 \text{ fb}^{-1}) \sim 0.5 \text{ events (0.00002\% } N_{tt})$





# Introduction to LHC and CMS

- ❖ LHC: Large Hadron Collider, can accelerate and collide protons at high energy and luminosity

- Run 2: 2015-2018

- ▶ Center of mass energy = **13TeV**
- ▶ integrated luminosity  **$\sim 40 \text{ fb}^{-1}$**
- ▶ Expected integrated luminosity  **$\sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$**

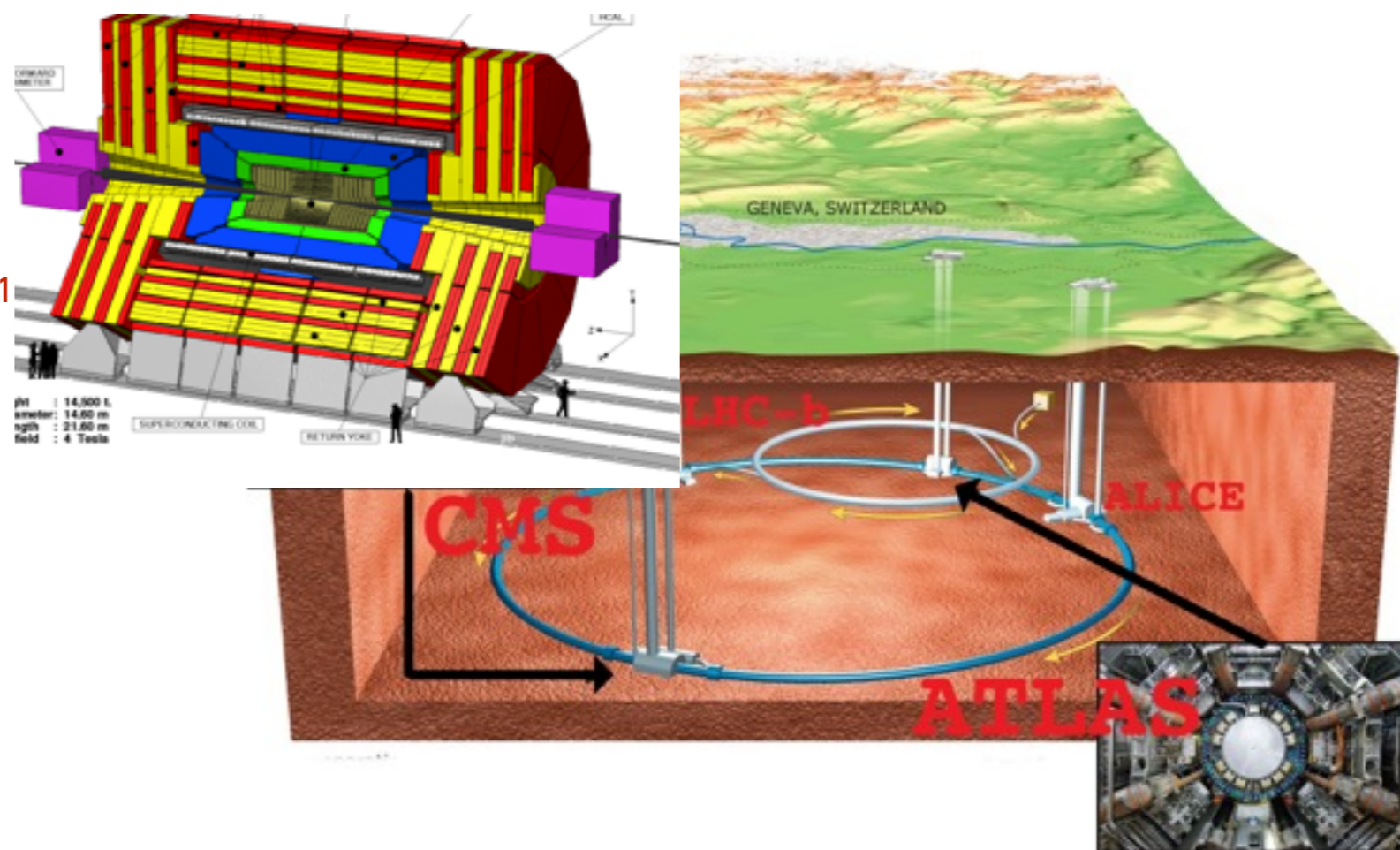
- After upgrade: HL-LHC, 2023-2028

- ▶ Instantaneous luminosity:  $\sim 5$  times nominal one
- ▶ Higher center of mass energy (**14TeV**)
- ▶ Expected integrated luminosity  **$\sim 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$**

- ❖ CMS, Compact Muon Solenoid, is a general purpose detector on LHC, able to reconstruct all SM particles except neutrinos, which are partially estimated by momentum imbalance in transverse plane

- ❖ Delphes is used to simulate CMS response in this study

## Large Hardon Collider

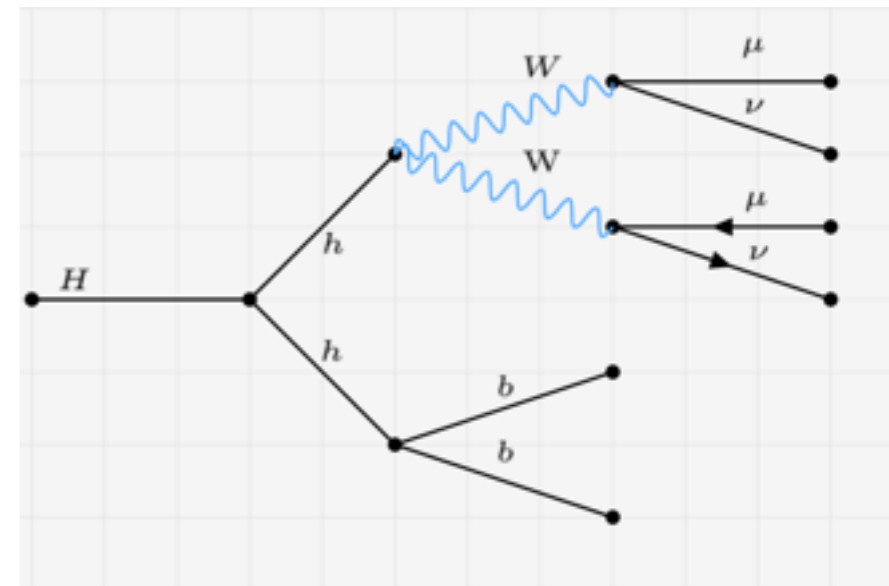




# Analysis strategy

## Event Preselection

- 2 isolated muons ( $p_T > 10$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ), opposite sign
- 2 jets ( $P_T > 30$  GeV and  $|\eta| < 2.5$ ), at least one medium+one loose b-tagging
  - medium b-tagging: Eff  $\sim 75\%$ , Mistag  $\sim 1.5\%$
  - loose b-tagging: Eff  $\sim 85\%$ , Mistag  $\sim 10\%$
- Missing Transverse Energy ( $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )  $> 20$  GeV



Multivariate analysis (MVA)  
optimizing selection by boost decision tree

Heavy mass estimator (HME)  
event reconstruction by solving the kinematic

## SM backgrounds:

- Top-pair production ( $t\bar{t}$ ): large cross section ( $\sigma$ ) + same final states
- Drell-Yan (DY): very large  $\sigma$ , no jets at Leading Order, and no  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- $tW$ : small  $\sigma$  + same final state
- Non resonant  $hh$ : very small  $\sigma$  (negligible)

**Major Background: Top-pair production (our focus)**



# Analysis Optimization: MVA

## ❖ Kinematic selection: before MVA

- Loose cut
- the same for each signal benchmark point
- efficient for signal: **above 96%**
- tt efficiency: **~ 60%**

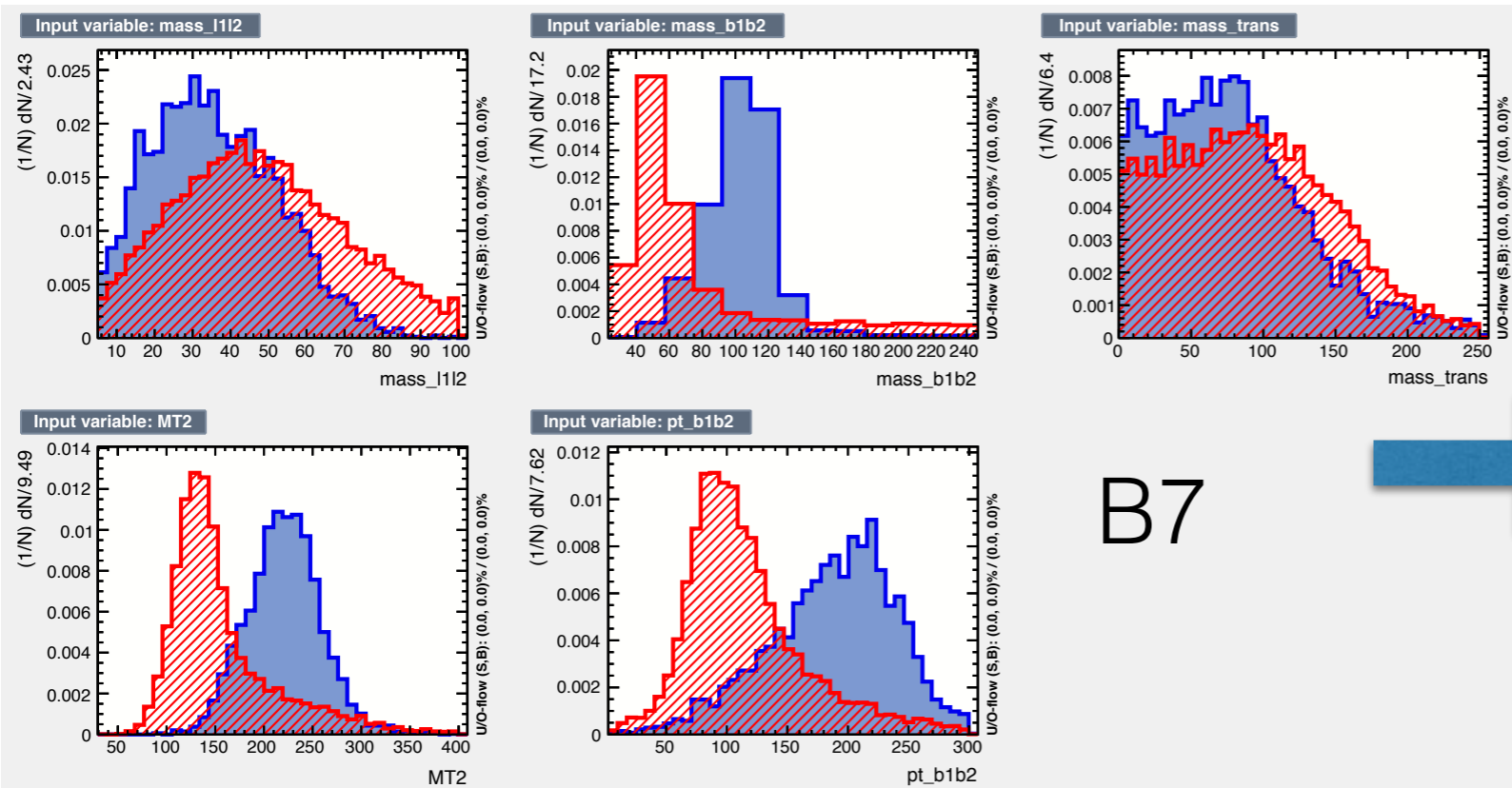
## ❖ 12 kinematic variables as inputs for MVA

## ❖ Some input variables (B7 shown):

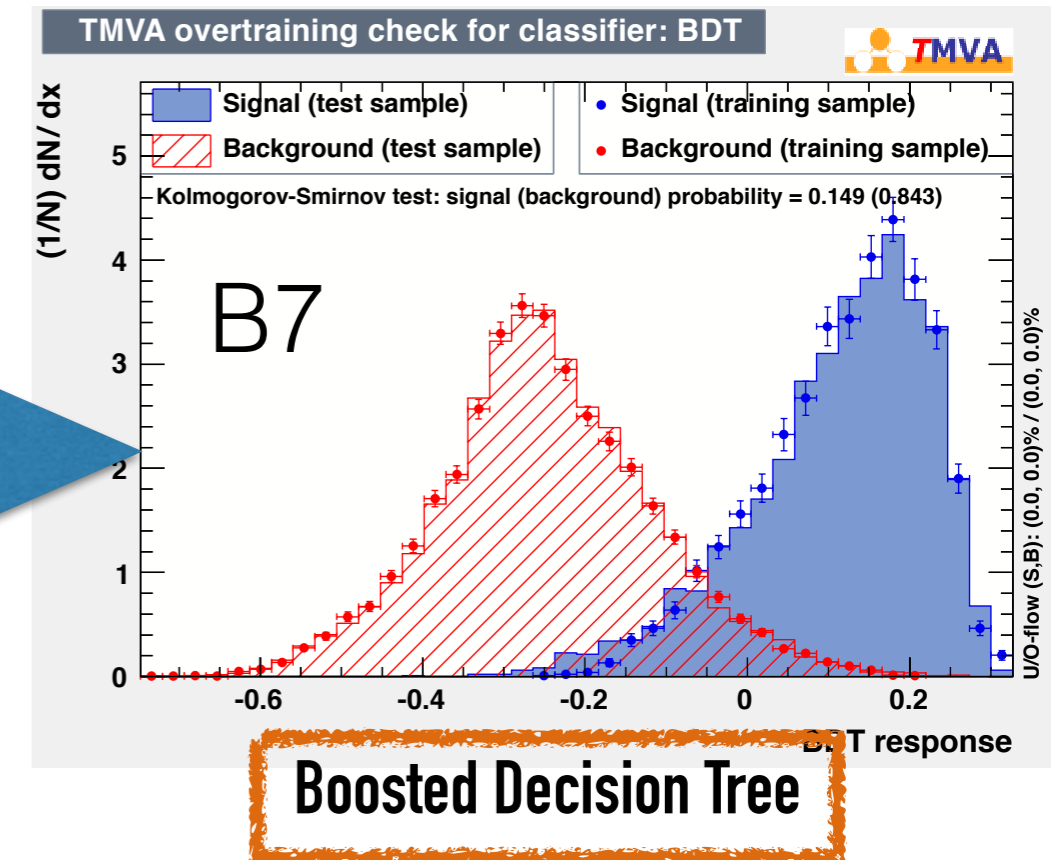
## kinematic selection

Variable	Cut
$\Delta R(l, l)$	$0.07 < \Delta R(l, l) < 3.3$
$\Delta R(j, j)$	$\Delta R(j, j) < 5.0$
$M(l, l)$	$5 < M(l, l) < 100$ GeV
$M(j, j)$	$M(j, j) > 22$ GeV

## MVA output: final discriminator



B7





# Heavy Mass Estimator(HME)

1. Mass reconstruction is not straightforward, due to the existence of two neutrinos
  - Two neutrinos contribute **6 unknown** parameters
2. This channel provides **4 constraints**
  - Reduce 6 unknowns to 2
3. We randomly **generate 2 unknowns**
  - $\eta$  and  $\varphi$  of one neutrino
4. If generated 2 unknowns are in kinematic allowed region, system is fully solved and we get one estimator of  $M_H$  value
  - Otherwise drop this generation
5. Repeat above procedure many times, and likelihood function is built in each single event according to the distribution of  $M_H$  estimator

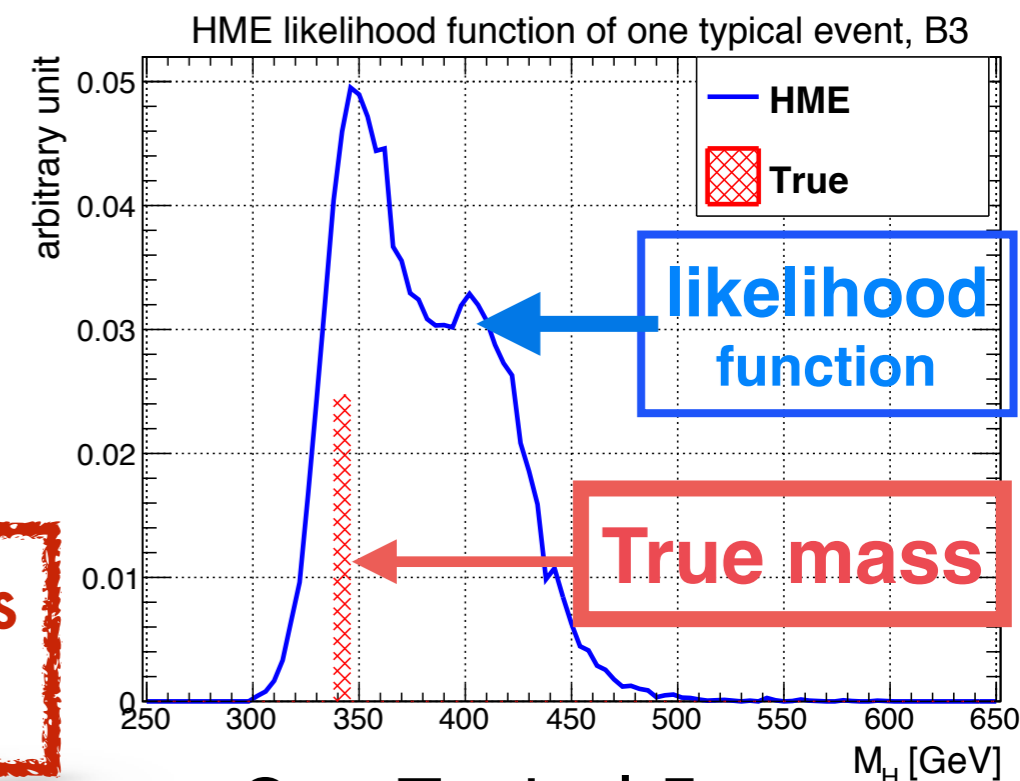
$$E_{Tx} = p_x(\nu_1) + p_x(\nu_2)$$

$$E_{Ty} = p_y(\nu_1) + p_y(\nu_2)$$

$$\sqrt{p_4^2(\ell_1, \nu_1)} = M_W, 20 < \sqrt{p_4^2(\ell_2, \nu_2)} < 45 \text{ GeV}$$

$$(p_4(\ell_1) + p_4(\ell_2) + p_4(\nu_1) + p_4(\nu_2))^2 = M_h^2$$

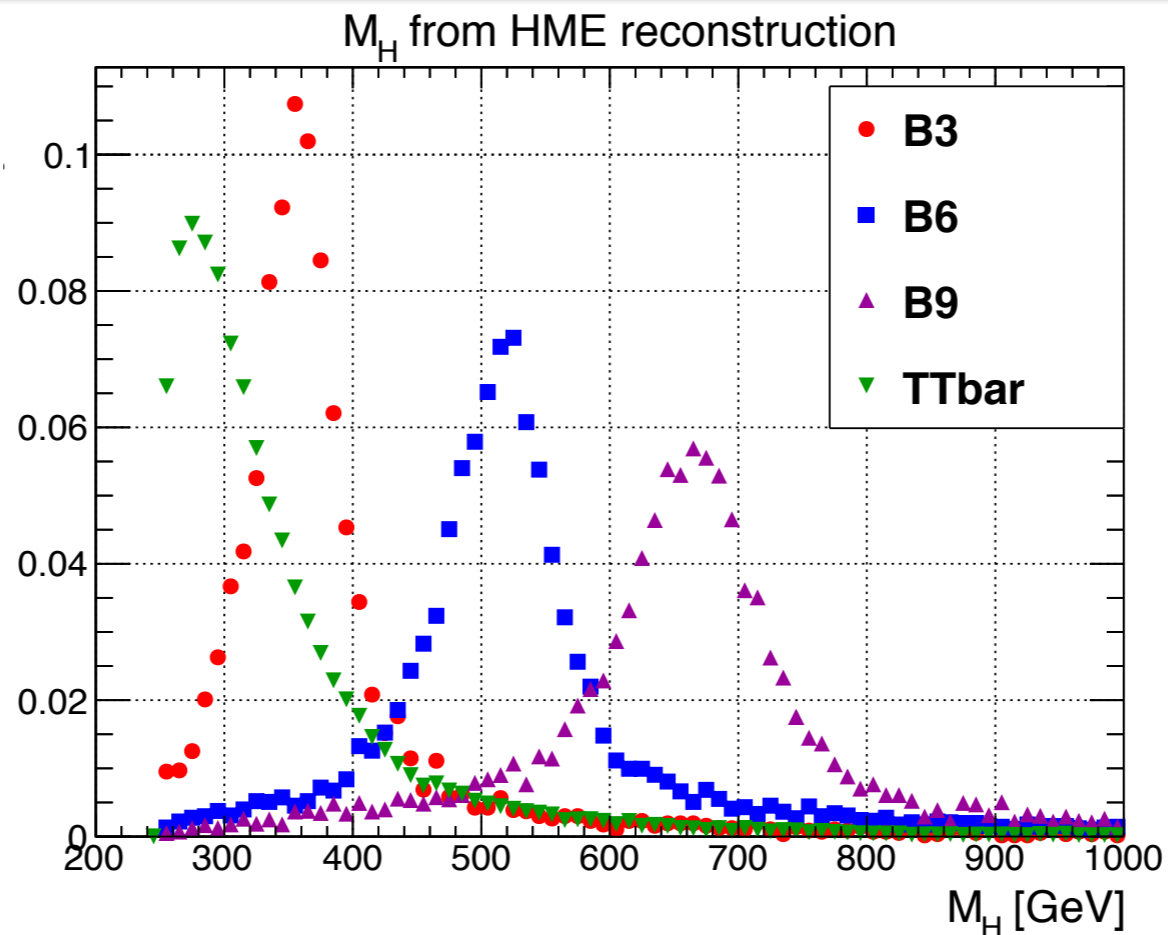
**Mass value with maximum likelihood is taken as the final  $M_H$  estimator in single event**



One Typical Event



# Heavy Mass Estimator (2)

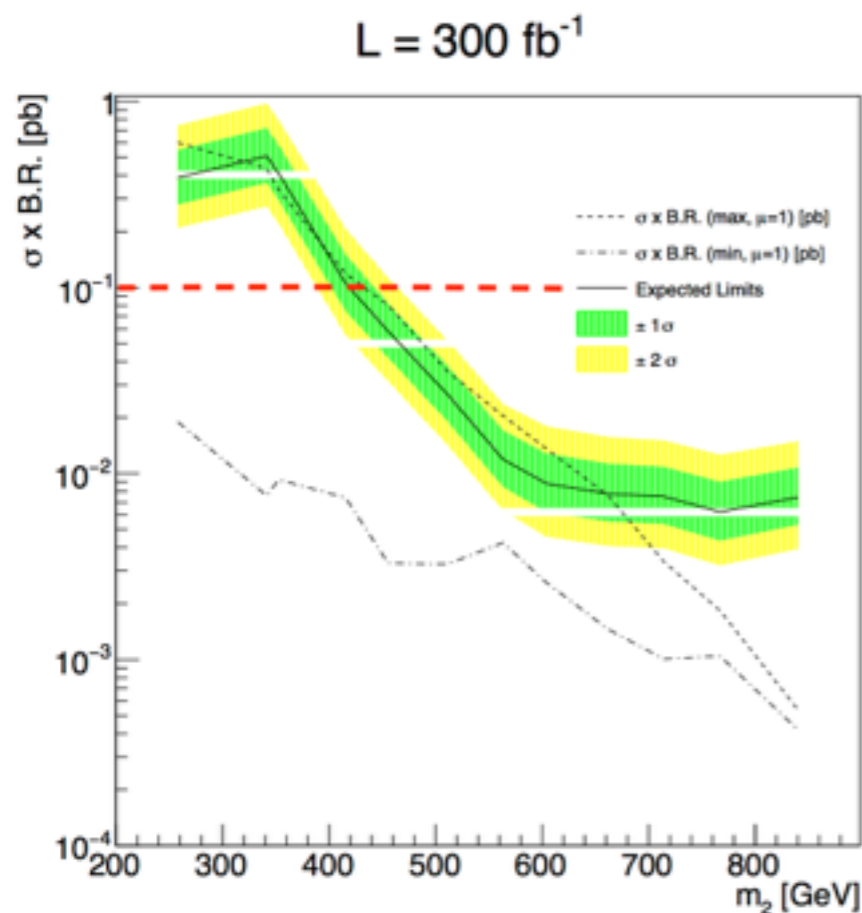


- After preselection + MVA selection, HME is used to reconstruct events
- Resolution of HME reconstruction depends on heavy Higgs mass
- Reconstructed mass shape can largely improve analysis sensitivity
  - ➔ Powerful discriminant against  $t\bar{t}$
  - ➔ Shape analysis, rather than simple cut and count analysis

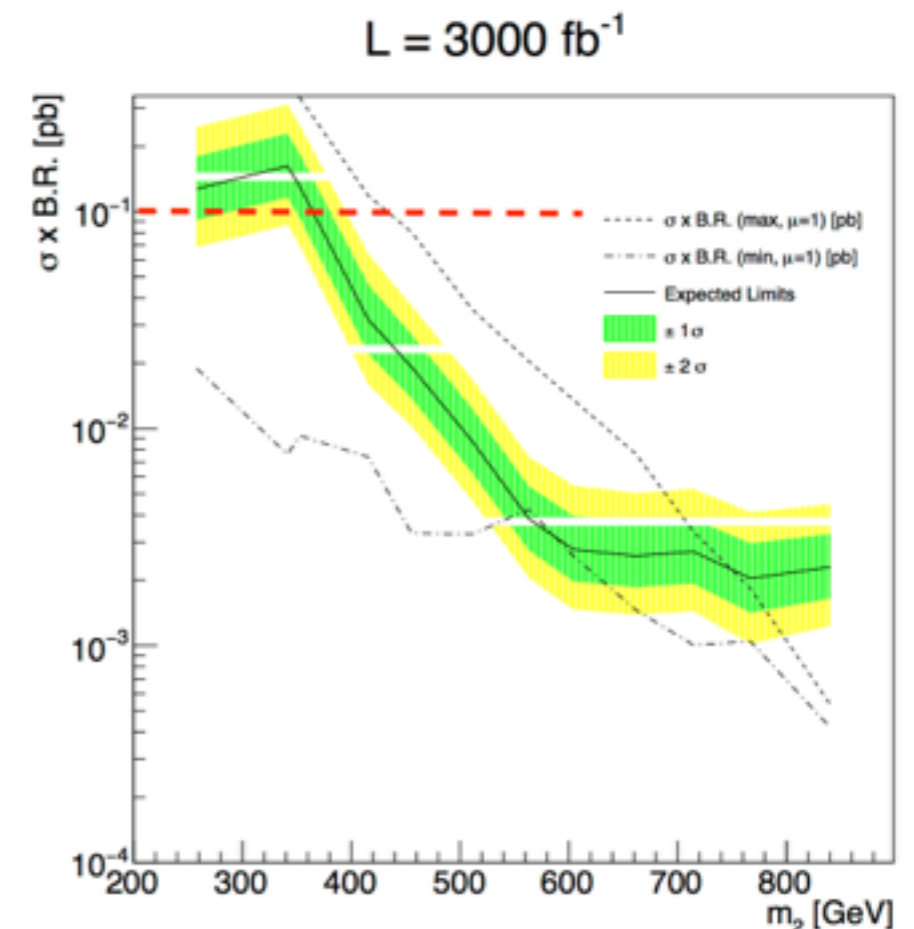


# Expected Upper Limits

- ❖ Expected limits are derived by asymptotic Confidence Level (CLs) method
  - Relies on an asymptotic approximation of the distributions of the LHC test-statistic, which is based on a profile likelihood ratio
- ❖ Almost full heavy Higgs mass range exclusion with  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - Considering CMS+ATLAS (including e+mu, e+e, mu+mu)
  - Limit is compared to the cross section from the optimistic and pessimistic predications

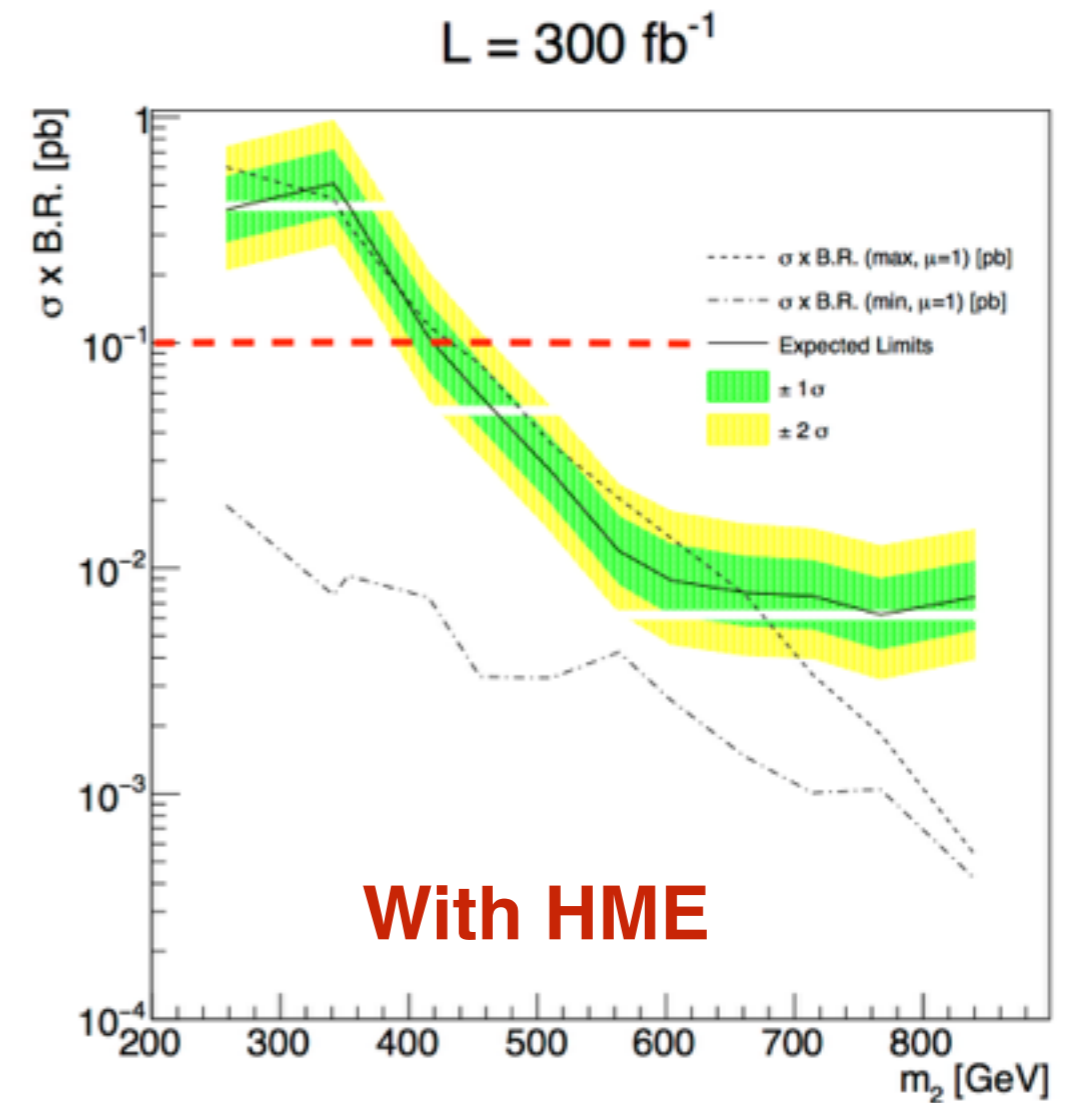
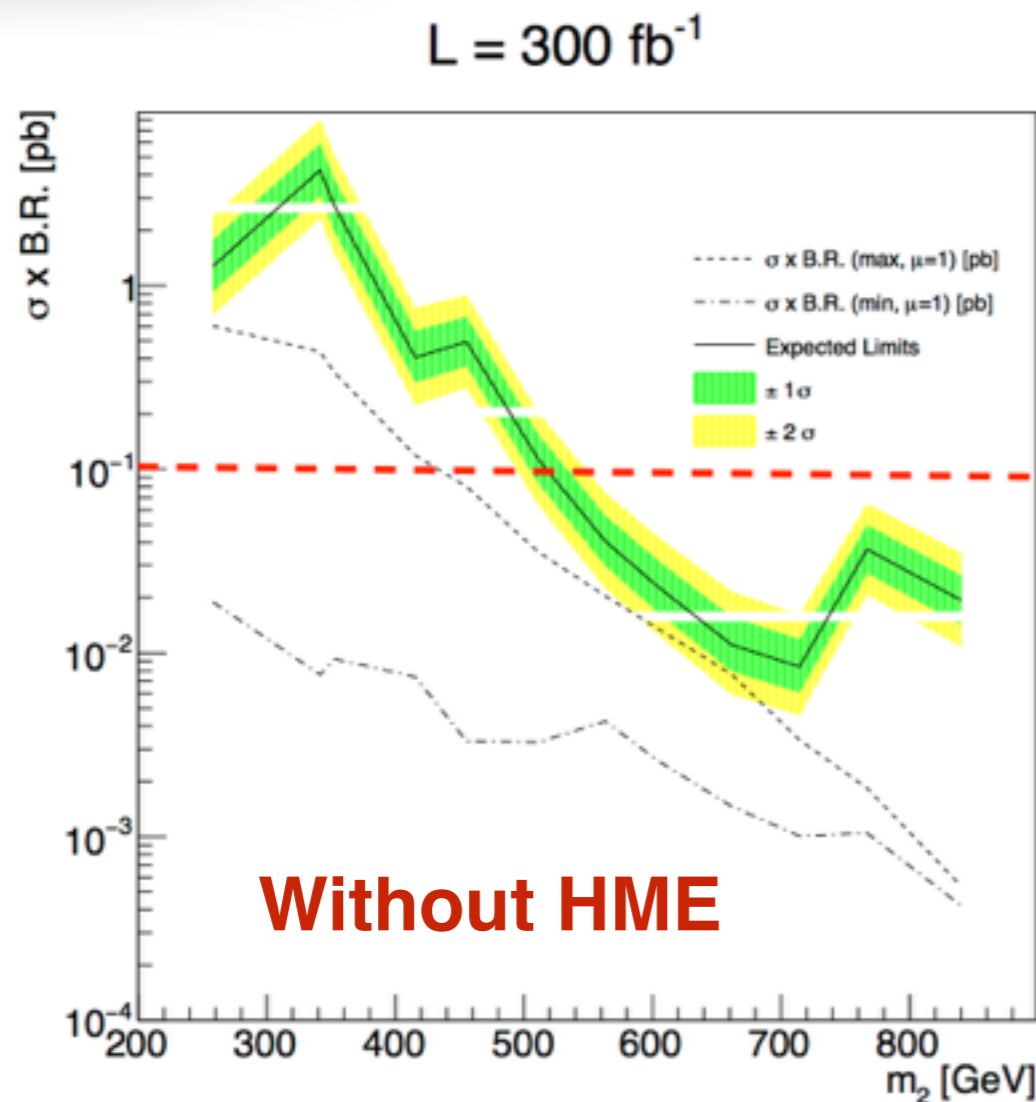


end of HL-LHC  
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# Impact of HME On Expected Limits

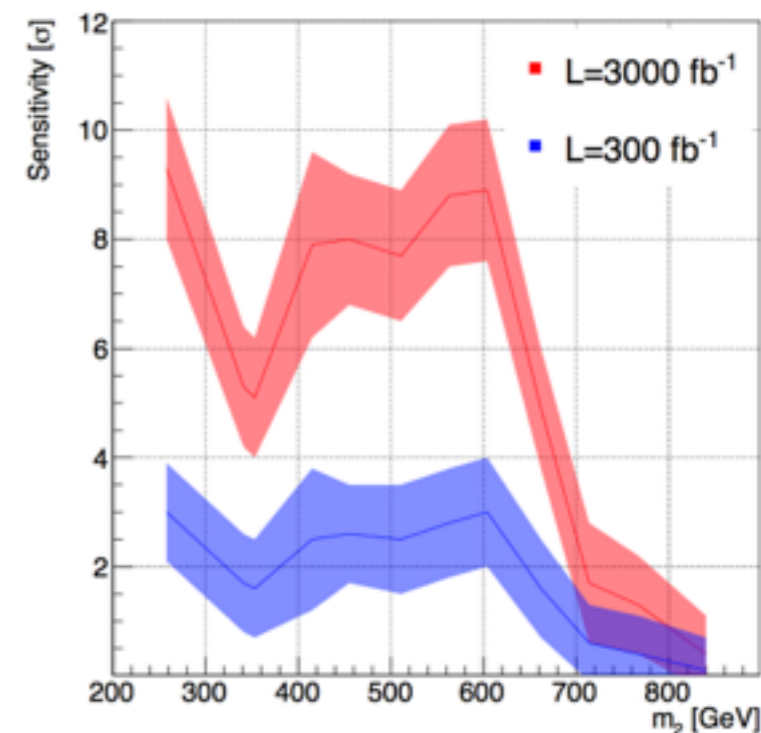


HME largely improves analysis sensitivity and analysis with HME gives a stronger constraint on xSM with same dataset

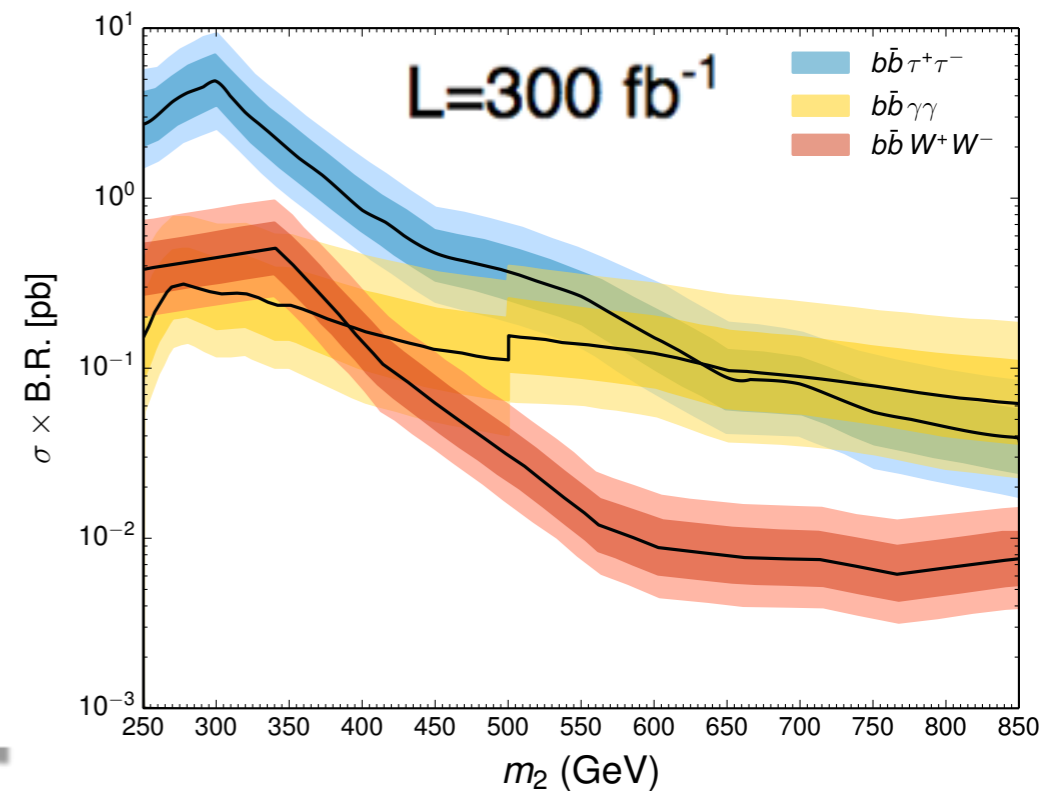


# Conclusions and Outlook

- ❖ Very challenging channel, but
  - ➔ Despite the huge background, the analysis can set upper limits up to 700 GeV
  - ➔  $5\sigma$  discovery of an eventual new resonance can be reached with  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data
- ❖ Competitive with other decay Channels



- ❖ Future improvements:
  - MVA could be further improved: advanced Neural Networks
  - Make full use of HME likelihood (rather than maximum)
  - Define several control regions to better estimate  $t\bar{t}$





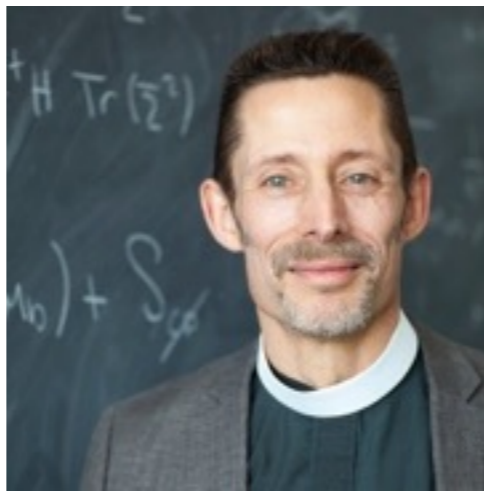


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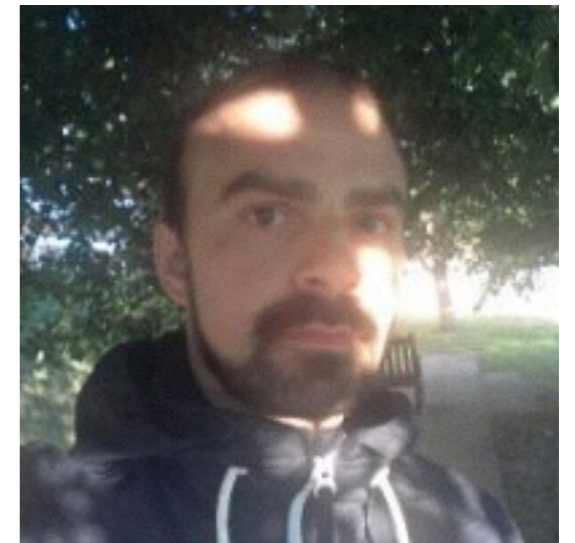
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Thanks!

BackUp



# Systematics

## ❖ Define a control region (CR) to estimate tt:

- only a very small fraction of tt are selected
- uncertainty on tt on QCD scale (~10-15%) affect drastically sensitivity
- better estimation is necessary

## ❖ Scale Factors will be extracted in the CR and applied to the SR

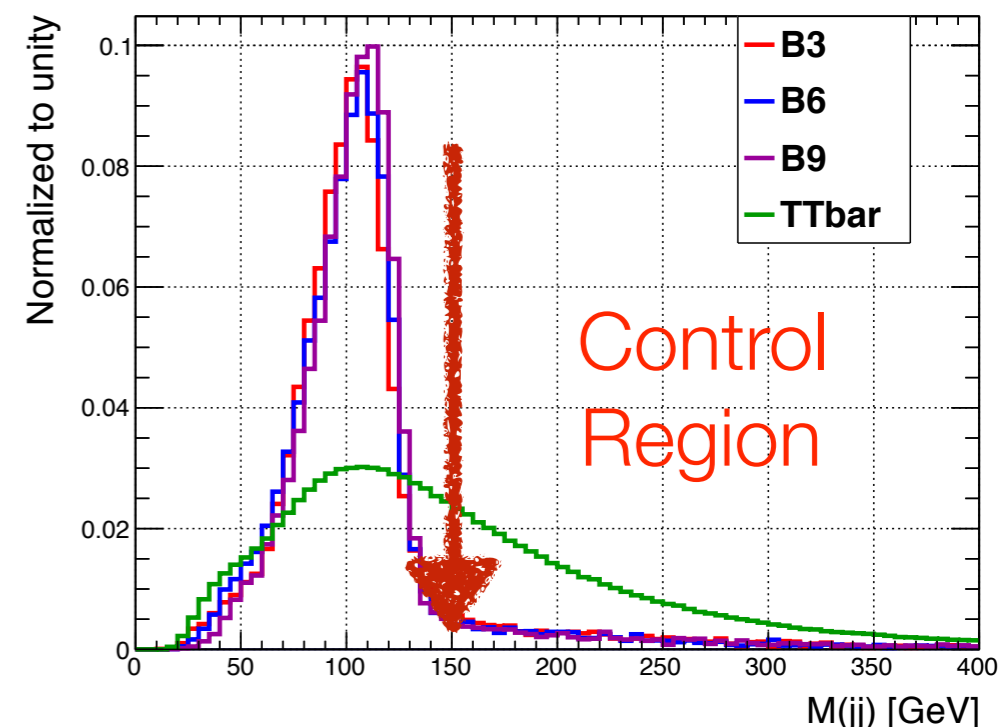
- uncertainty on the SF is driven by the statistic in the CR
- using more CR allows to cross check the SF
- better to be conservative, we assume:

B1-B2-B3: 3%    B4: 5%    B5: 10%  
 B6-B7-B8-B9: 12%    B10-B11-B12: 15%

## ❖ Signal uncertainty:

- this is just a feasibility study, No data to compute realistic systematics
- assuming general CMS systematics for Higgs searches: ~10%

Example: CMS collaboration. Phys. Lett B 752 (2016) 146,



Source of uncertainties	Error, %
Integrated luminosity	2.6%
Muon HLT	1.5%
Muon ID	$4 \times 1\%$
Muon tracking	$4 \times 0.2\%$
Overlapping in Tracker	$2 \times 1.2\%$
Overlapping in Muon System	$2 \times 1.3\%$
Dimuons mass consistency	1.5%
NNLO Higgs $p_T$ re-weighting	2.0%
PDF+ $\alpha_s$	3.0%
Total	7.3%

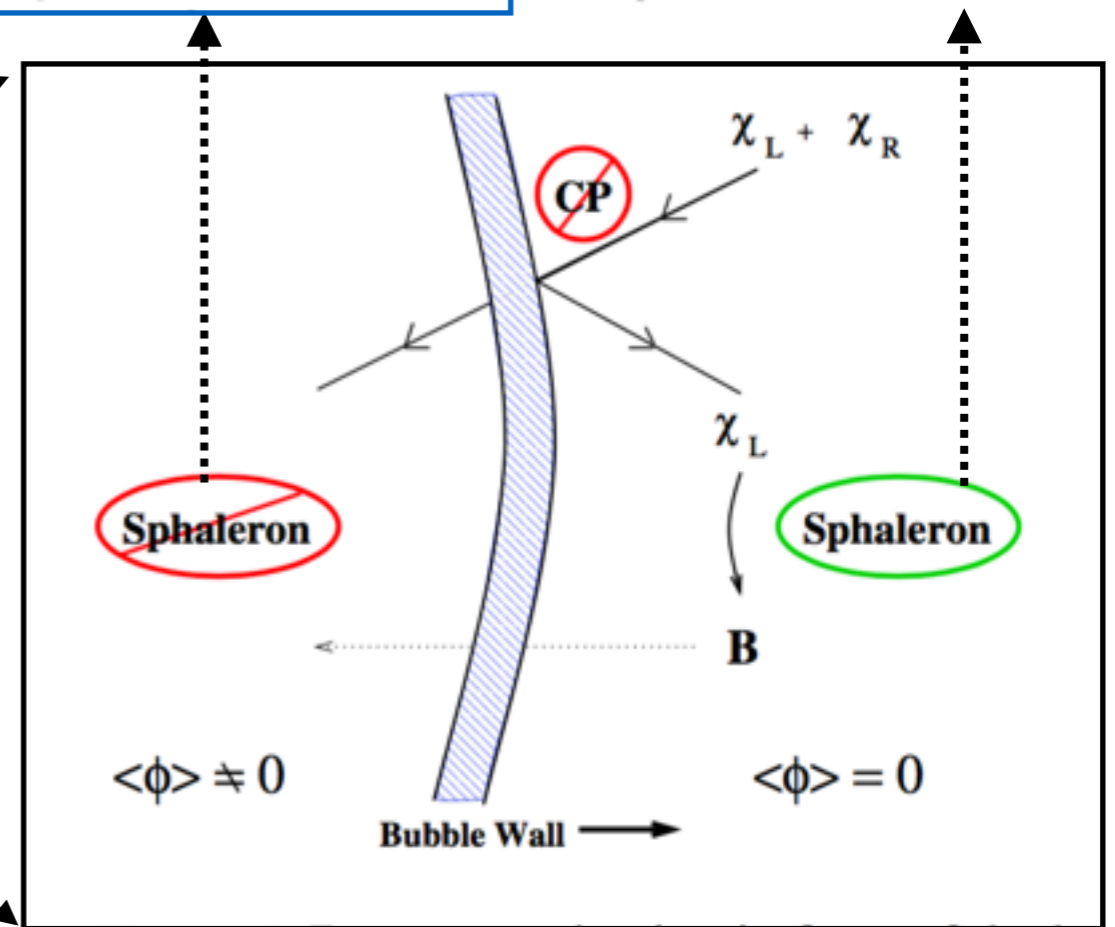
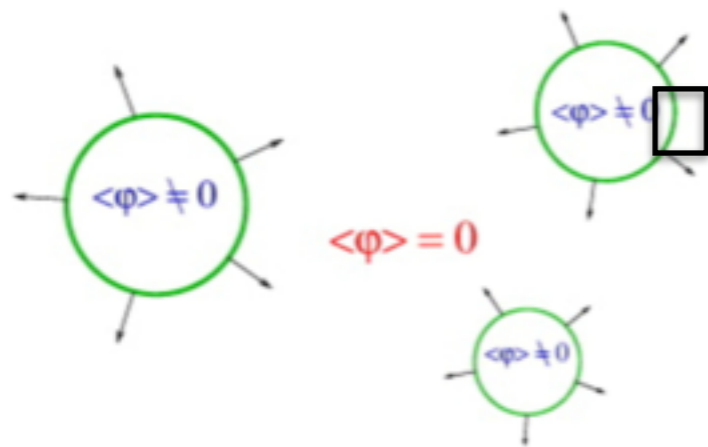


# ElectroWeak Phase Transition and Baryogenesis

$E_{\text{Sph}}/T_N > 1$ , sufficiently suppress sphaleron transition in broken phase  
->strong phase transition

$$\Gamma_{\text{Sph}}^b \sim \text{Exp}(-E_{\text{Sph}}/T_N) \sim \text{SUPPRESSED}$$

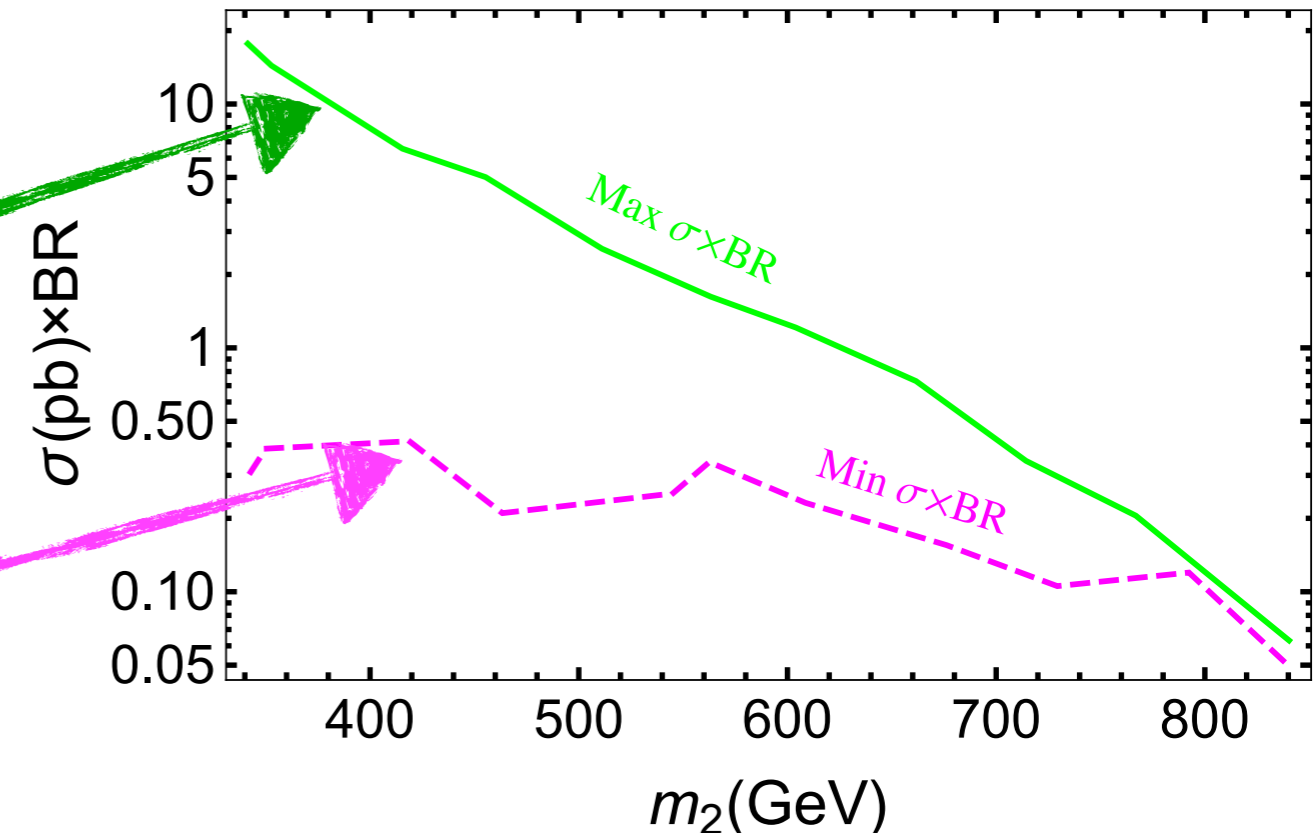
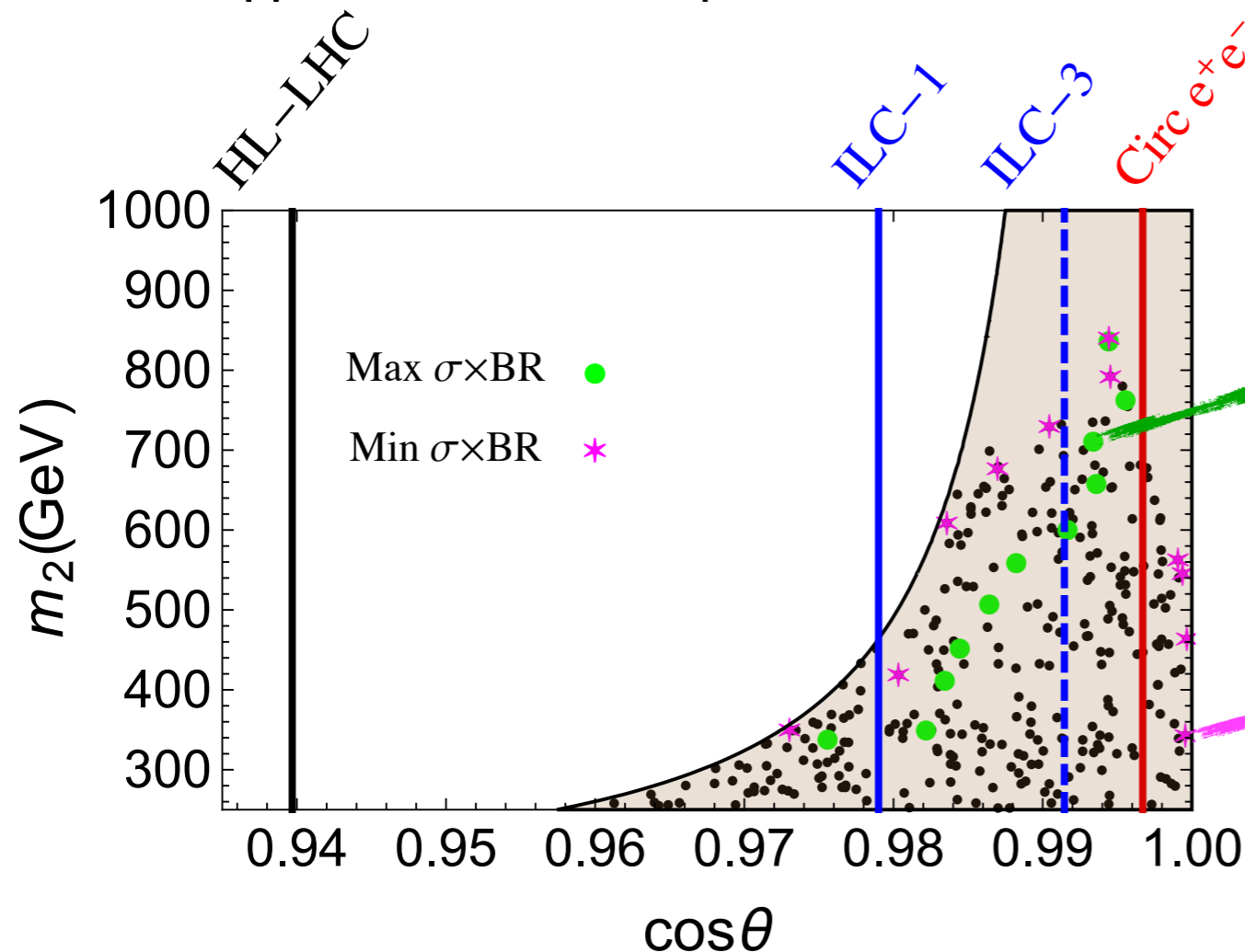
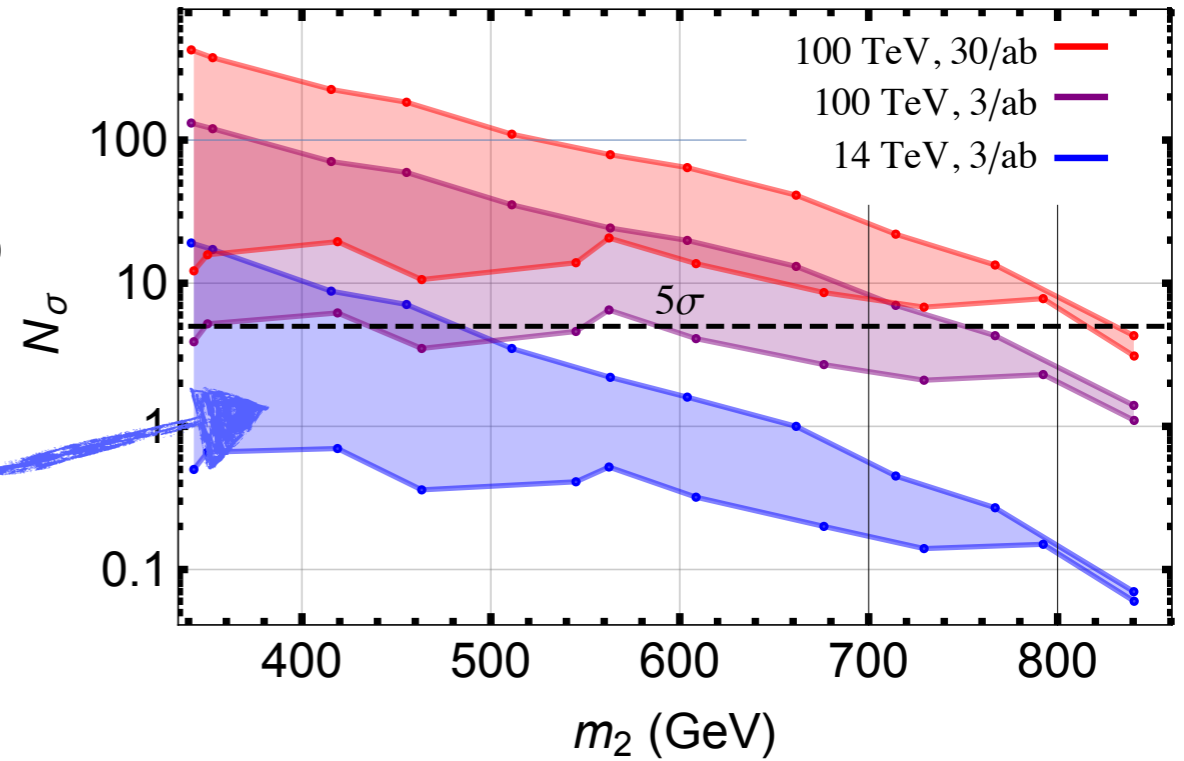
$$\Gamma_{\text{Sph}}^s \sim \alpha_w^5 T_N^4 \sim \text{UNSUPPRESSED}$$



# Signal cross section:

## From Luca

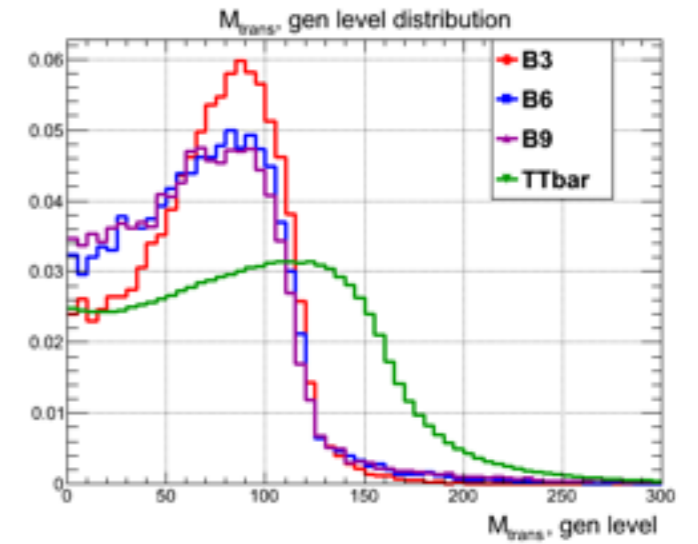
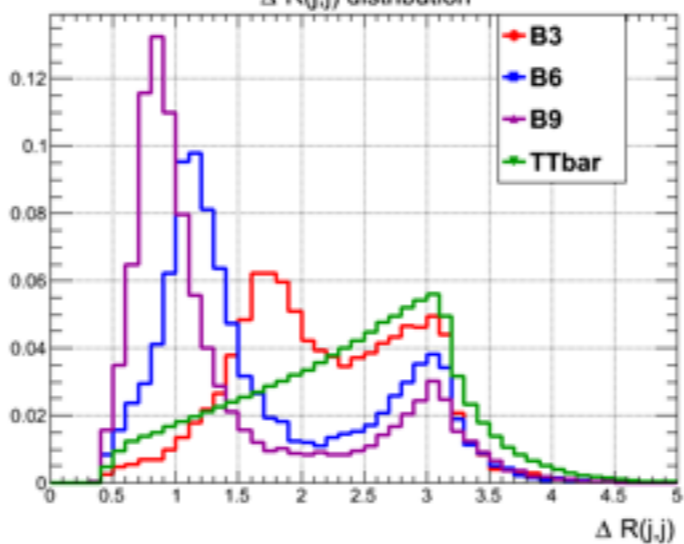
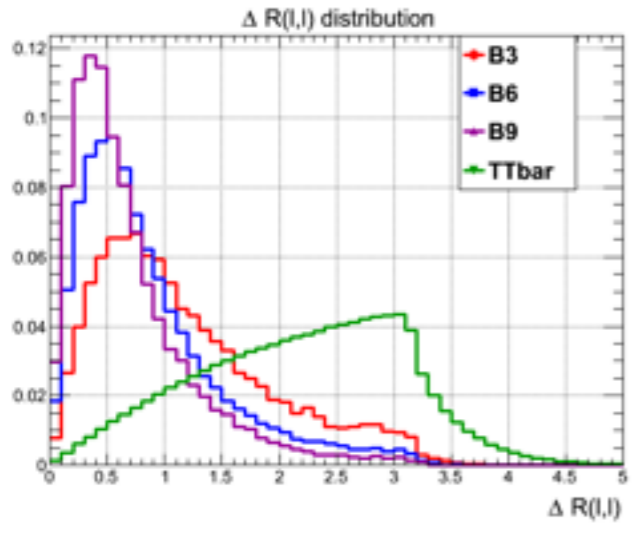
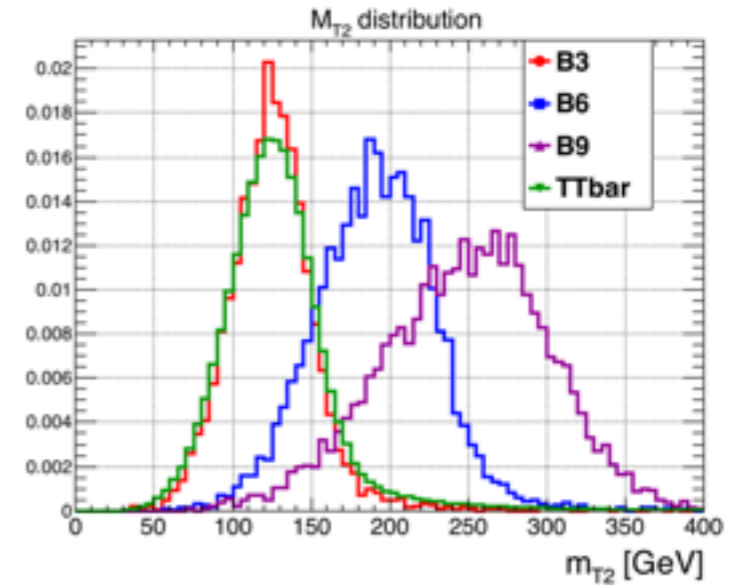
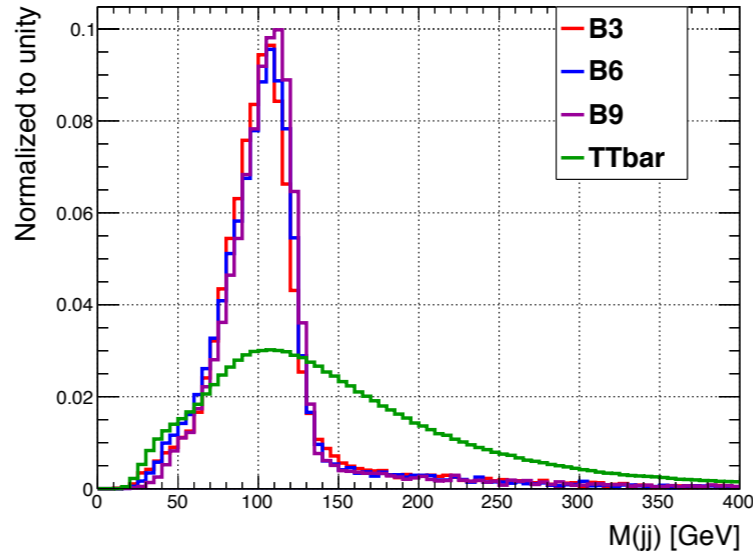
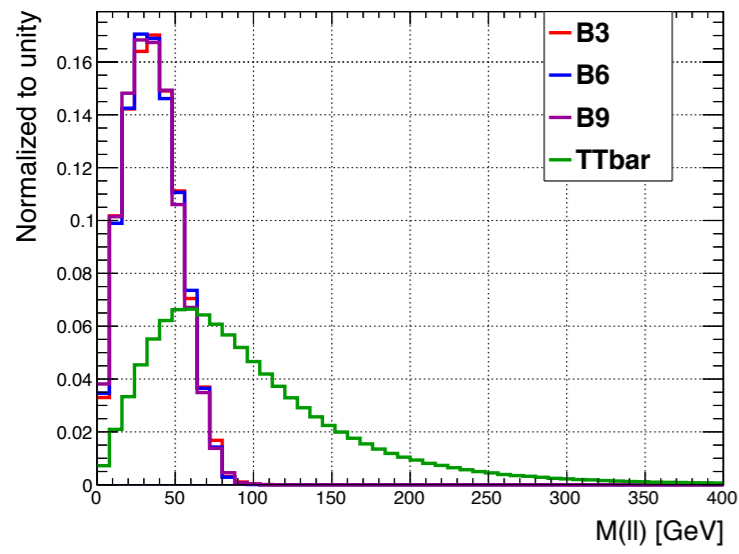
- Among all strong first order EWPT points, two different benchmark models have been selected: **Optimistic** and **Pessimistic** scenario
- LHC is sensitive only at medium-low masses in  $bb\gamma\gamma$ . We want to improve it with  $bbWW$





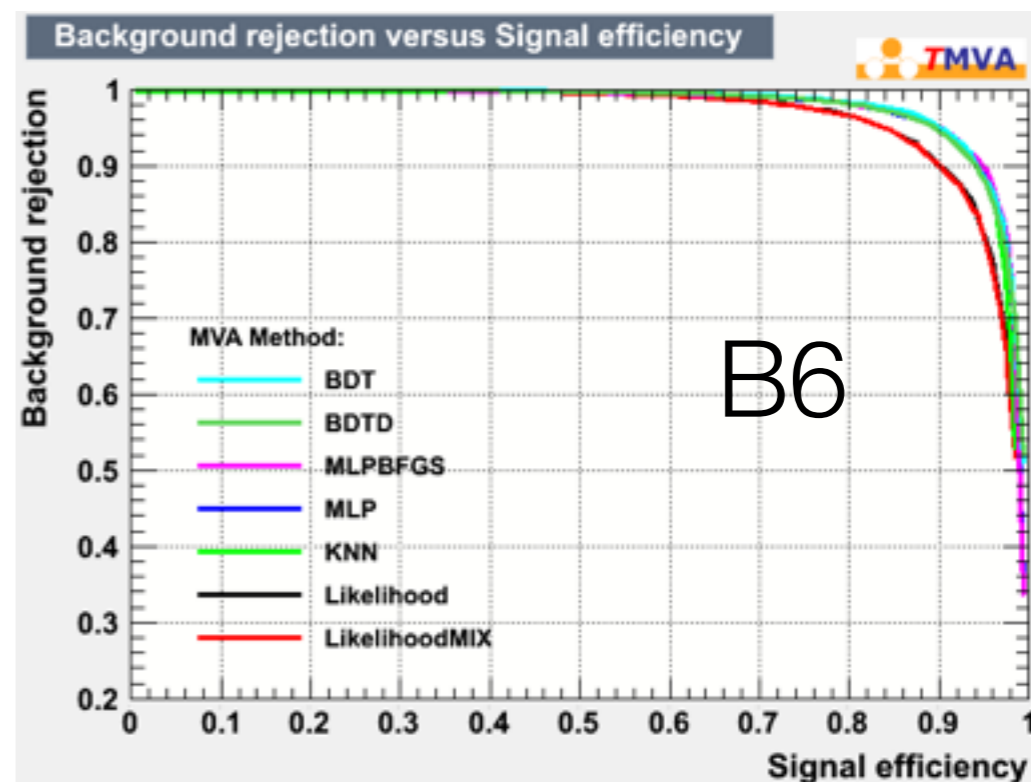
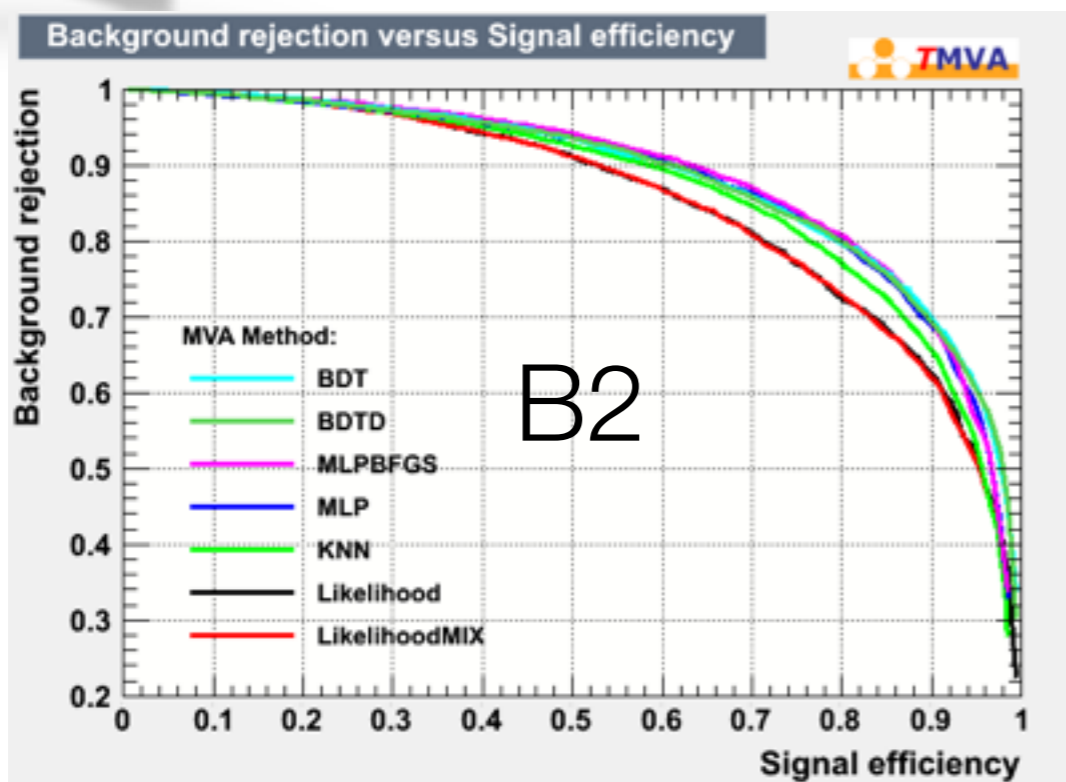
# Kinematic Distributions

- ✿ Signal and background have different kinematic!!!
  - e.g. Di-lepton and Di-jet invariant mass
- ✿ Make full use of kinematic distributions: Multi-variate Analysis(MVA)

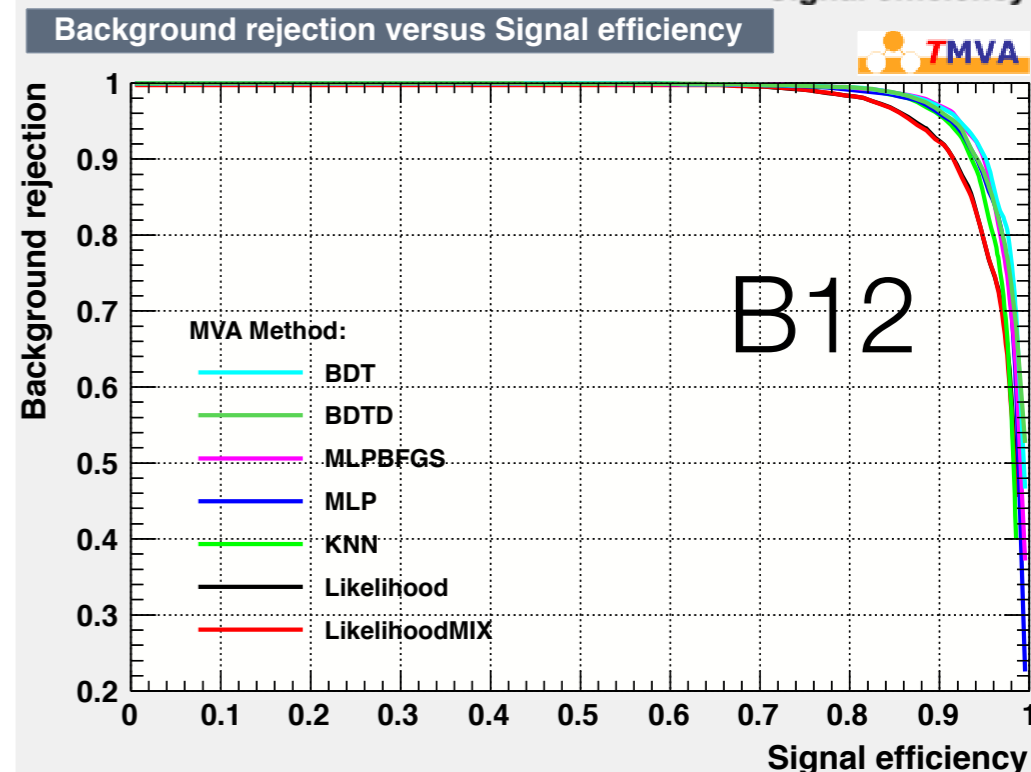




# MVA Performance



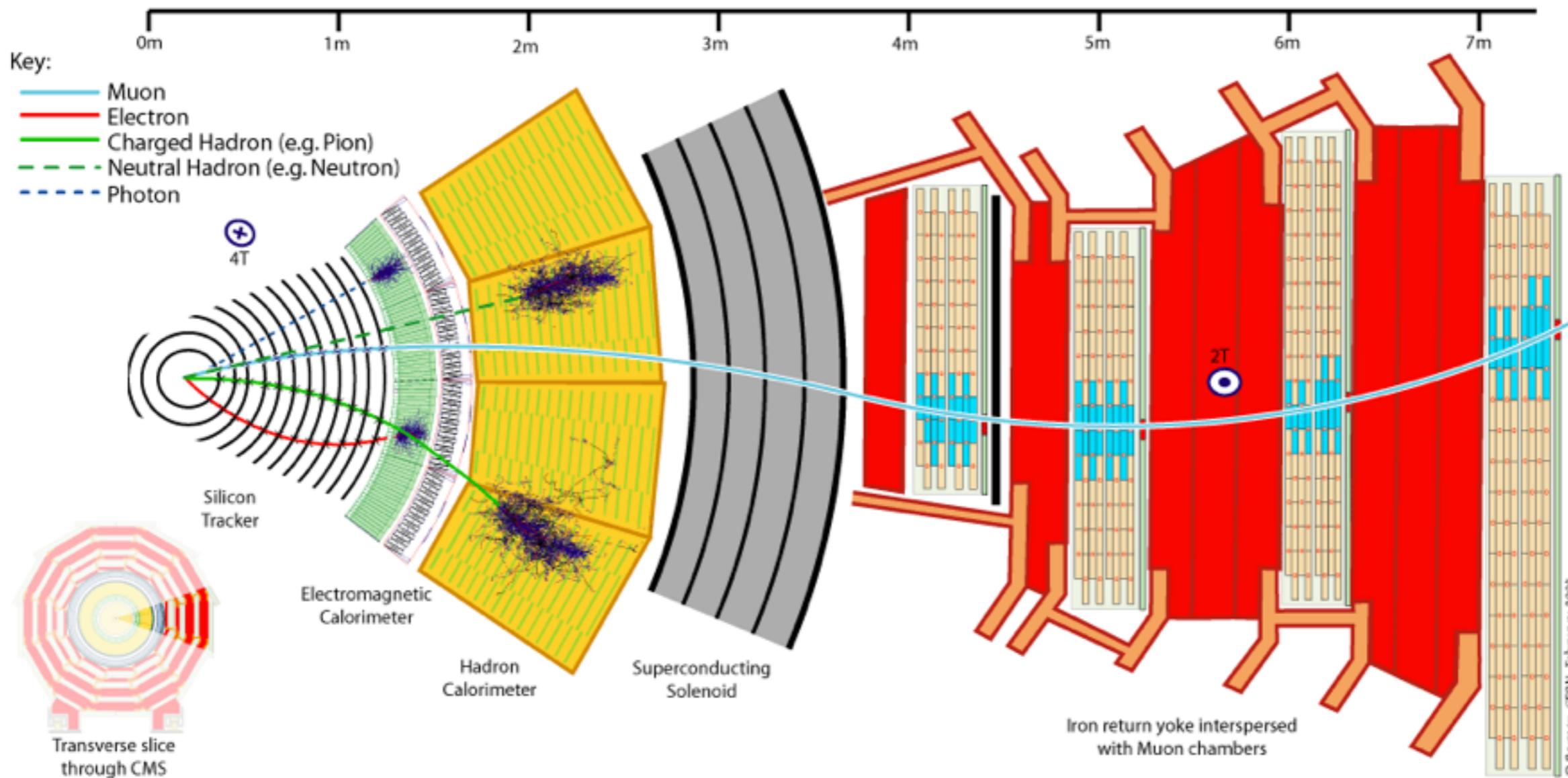
- ❖ MVA performs better at high mass point
- however higher mass point has smaller production rate
- ❖ High Mass Estimator is designed to reconstruct mass shape
- improves sensitivity of this analysis





# Compact Muon Solenoid

- ❖ CMS: general purpose detector on LHC: able to reconstruct all SM particles except neutrinos, which are estimated by momentum unbalance



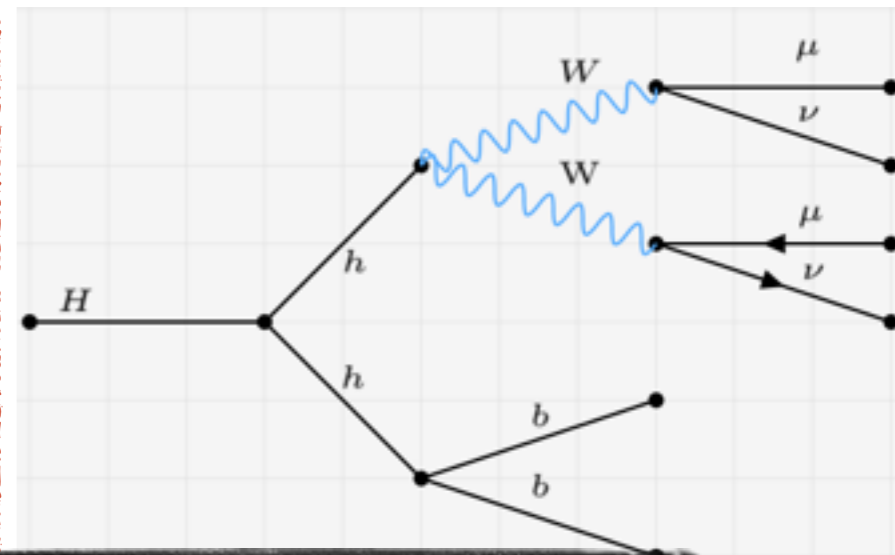




# Event Preselection

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  - 1 b-tagged jet (medium working point, WP)
  - 1 b-tagged jet (medium or loose working point)
- Missing Transverse Energy ( $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 20$  GeV)



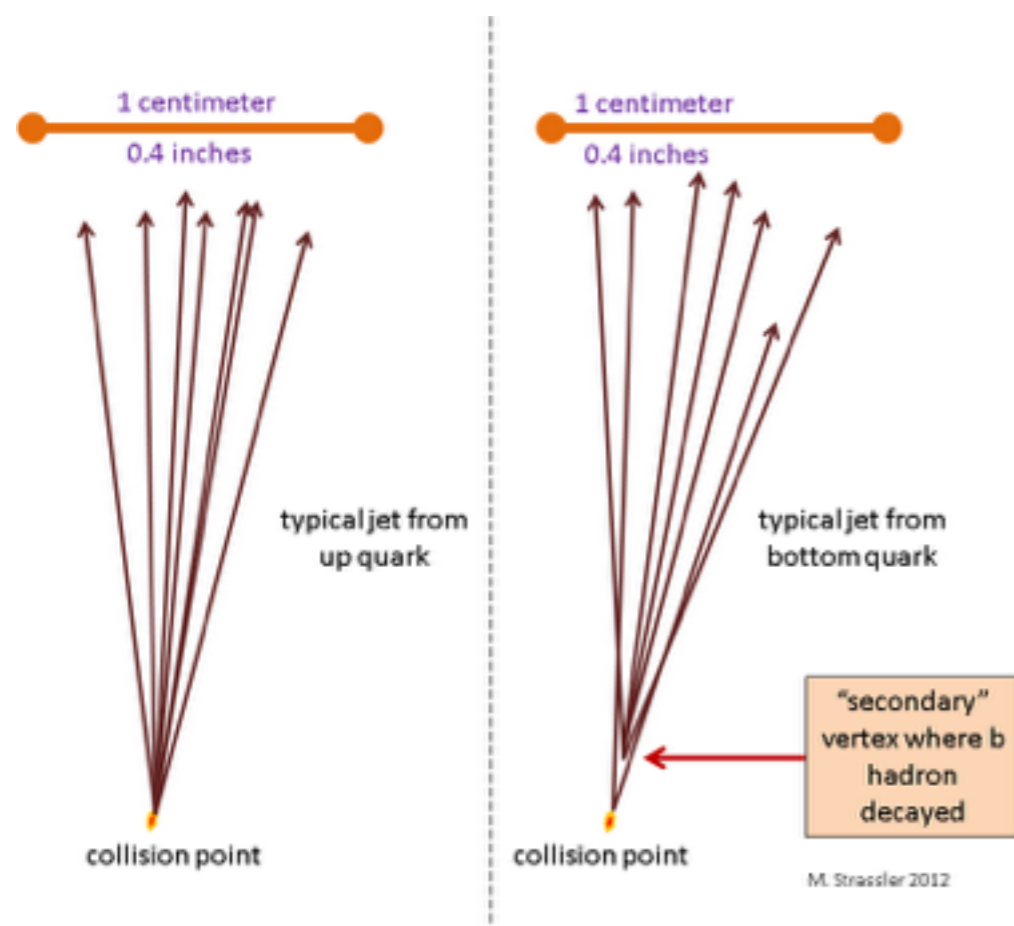
## ❖ b-tagging algorithm:

- In delphes eff. and mistag are parametrized (vs  $p_T$  and  $\eta$ )
- Medium WP: eff.~70%, mistag~1.5%
- Loose WP: eff.~85%, mistag~10%

## SM backgrounds:

- Top-pair production ( $t\bar{t}$ ): large cross section ( $\sigma$ )
- Drell-Yan (DY): very large  $\sigma$ , no jets at Leading Order, and no  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- $tW$ : small  $\sigma$ , could produce the same final state
- Non resonant  $hh$ : very small  $\sigma$  (negligible)

**Major Background: Top-pair production (our focus)**



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	SM	xSM
Baryon violation (sphaleron)	✓	✓
C & CP violation	✓ <del>x</del>	✓
out of equilibrium or CPT violation	✗	✓