

# $|V_{tx}|$ mixing (at the LHC)

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# Overview

- Very brief overview of  $|V_{tx}|$  at the LHC.  
(where we stand)
- Measuring  $\sqrt{|V_{ts}|^2 + |V_{td}|^2}$  at HL/HE-LHC.

Light-quark-jet tagger!

Based on **D.F, Kamenik,**  
**Patra, Zupan 1807.xxxxxx**

- Improving limits for  $|V_{td}|$  at HL-LHC.

Based on **Alvarez, Da Rold,**  
**Estevez, Kamenik 1709.07887**

- Conclusions

Disclaimer: LHC = LHC as a top-factory (ATLAS/CMS)

# $|V_{tx}|$ mixing

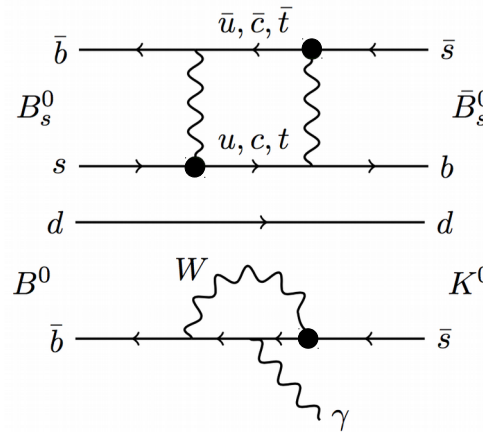
- Global CKM fit:

$$|V_{tb}| = 1 - 8.81_{-0.24}^{+0.12} \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{ts}| = 41.08_{-5.7}^{+3.0} \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{td}| = 8.575_{-0.098}^{+0.076} \times 10^{-3}$$

Charles et al. [1501.05013]



Assumptions:

- 3 x 3 CKM Unitarity
- No New Physics in loops!

- $|V_{tx}|$ : indirect determination (loop level) and model dependant!!
- Top-philic** New Physics could spoil unitarity in 3rd row of CKM.

Alwall et al.  
[0607115]

e.g. Vector-like top partner T (Q=2/3)

Aguilar-Saavedra et al.  
[1306.0572]

T mixes with SM right-handed top quark  $\sum_{x=d,s,b} |V_{tx}|^2 < 1$

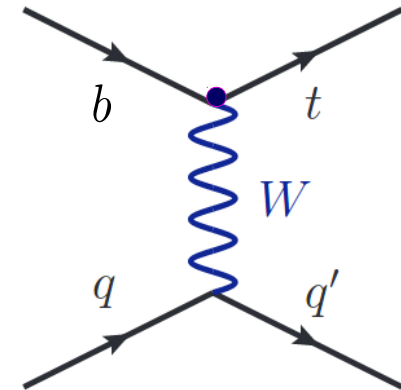
- Important to extract  $V_{tx}$  with a **direct measurement!** and confront unitarity hypothesis.

$$\sum_{x=d,s,b} |V_{tx}|^2 = 1 ?$$

# $|V_{tx}|$ at LHC

- t-channel Single-top production [Alwall et al. \[0607115\]](#)

$$pp \rightarrow tj \quad \sigma_{tj}^{\text{SM}} \propto |V_{tb}|^2$$



- A measurement on  $|V_{tb}|$  can be extracted from x-section [ATLAS 13 TeV \[1609.9920\]](#)

$$|V_{tb}| = 1.07 \pm 0.09$$

assuming  $|V_{tb}| \gg |V_{ts}|, |V_{td}|$

[See also Lacker et al. \[1202.4694\]](#)

- What can the LHC say about  $|V_{ts}|, |V_{td}|$  ?

- Measure top-decay branching ratios

$$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow bW^\pm) \sim 1$$

$$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow sW^\pm) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$$

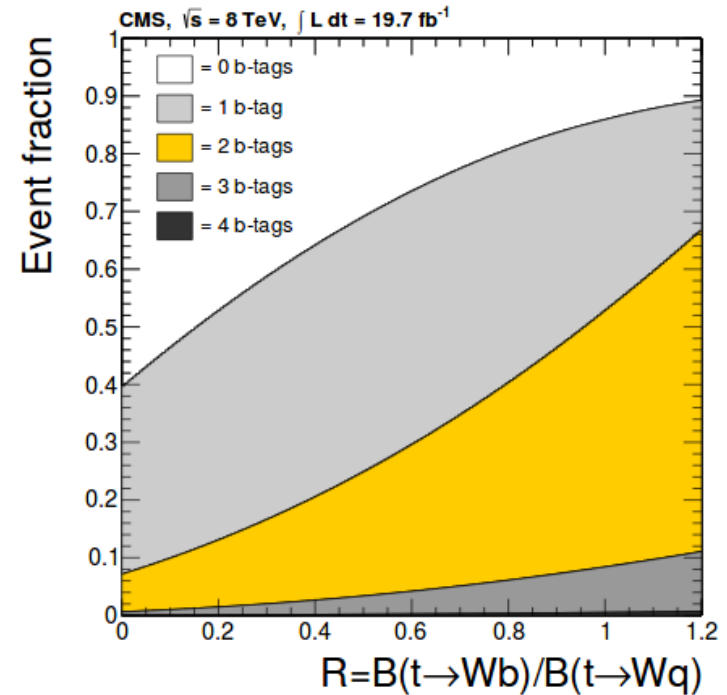
$$\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow dW^\pm) \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$$

- Count fraction of b-jets in top-decays:

8 TeV CMS [1404.2292]

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow bW)}{\sum_i \mathcal{B}(t \rightarrow d_i W)}$$

$$\mathcal{R} > 0.995 \quad \text{at 95\% CL}$$



- $\sqrt{|V_{ts}|^2 + |V_{td}|^2} < 0.217 |V_{tb}|$

No sign yet of large hierarchy in 3rd row of CKM matrix...

- Soon limited by systematics at the LHC..  
Not much gain from higher-lumi...

**New approach is necessary!**

# $|V_{ts}|^2 + |V_{td}|^2$ at LHC

DF, Kamenik, Patra, Zupan [1807.xxxx]

## 12.2.7. $|V_{td}|$ and $|V_{ts}|$ :

CKM section PDG 2016

The CKM elements  $|V_{td}|$  and  $|V_{ts}|$  are not likely to be precisely measurable in tree-level processes involving top quarks, so one has to rely on determinations from  $B-\bar{B}$  oscillations mediated by box diagrams with top quarks or loop-mediated rare  $K$  and  $B$

- Why not? Strange and Down quark jets are indistinguishable at ATLAS/CMS.

$$K^\pm \sim \pi^\pm \text{ since no particle ID}$$

- Can we measure  $\sqrt{|V_{ts}|^2 + |V_{td}|^2}$  at the LHC?

- $t \rightarrow s(d)W^\pm$  vs  $t \rightarrow bW^\pm$

**We need a light-quark jet tagger! (u,d,s)**

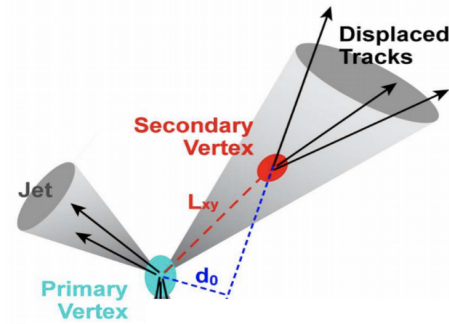
- **Jet-tagging technology:** b-jets, tau-jets, quark/gluon jets, jet substructure techniques, etc...

## Light-quark tagging

- Require all tracks in jet to be prompt.

All tracks in jets:  $d_0(\text{track}) < 30 \mu\text{m}$

$d_0$  : Transverse Impact Parameter



Rejects b-jets

- light-quark tagger should be a quark-tagger.

Many powerful discriminators in literature...

[Gallicchio, Schwartz \[1106.3076\]](#)

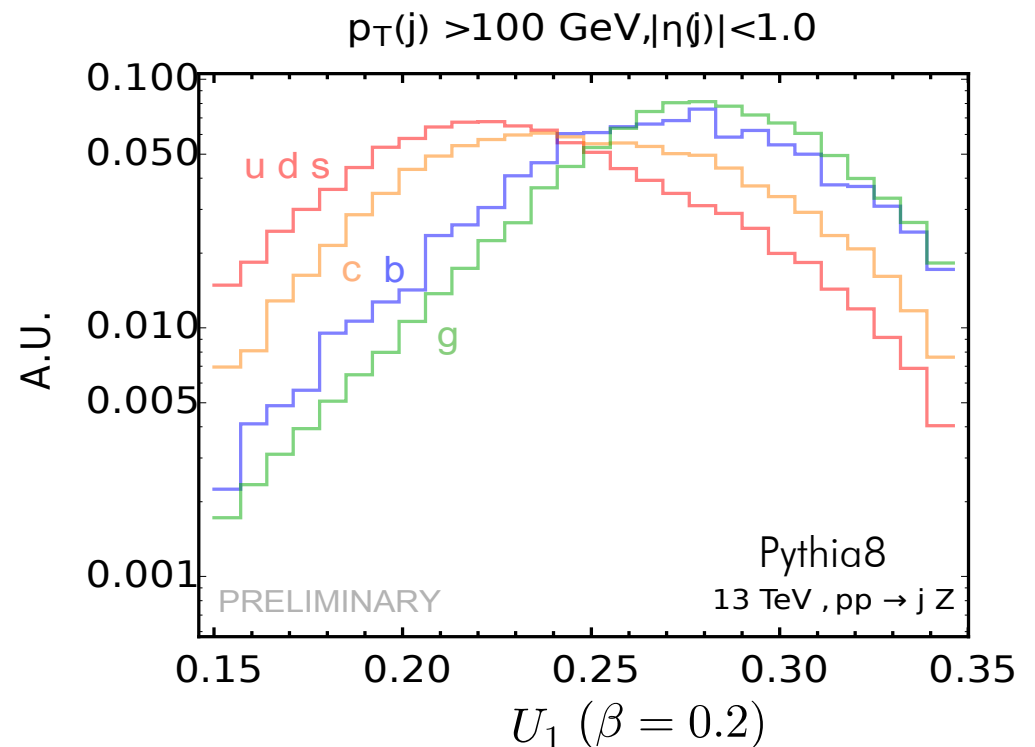
[Larkowski, Salam, Thaler \[1305.0007\]](#)

- Multiplicity of (charged) particles in jet.
- 2-point Energy Correlation Functions (ECF)

$$U_1 = \sum_{i,j \in \text{jet}} p_T^i p_T^j (R_{ij})^\beta$$

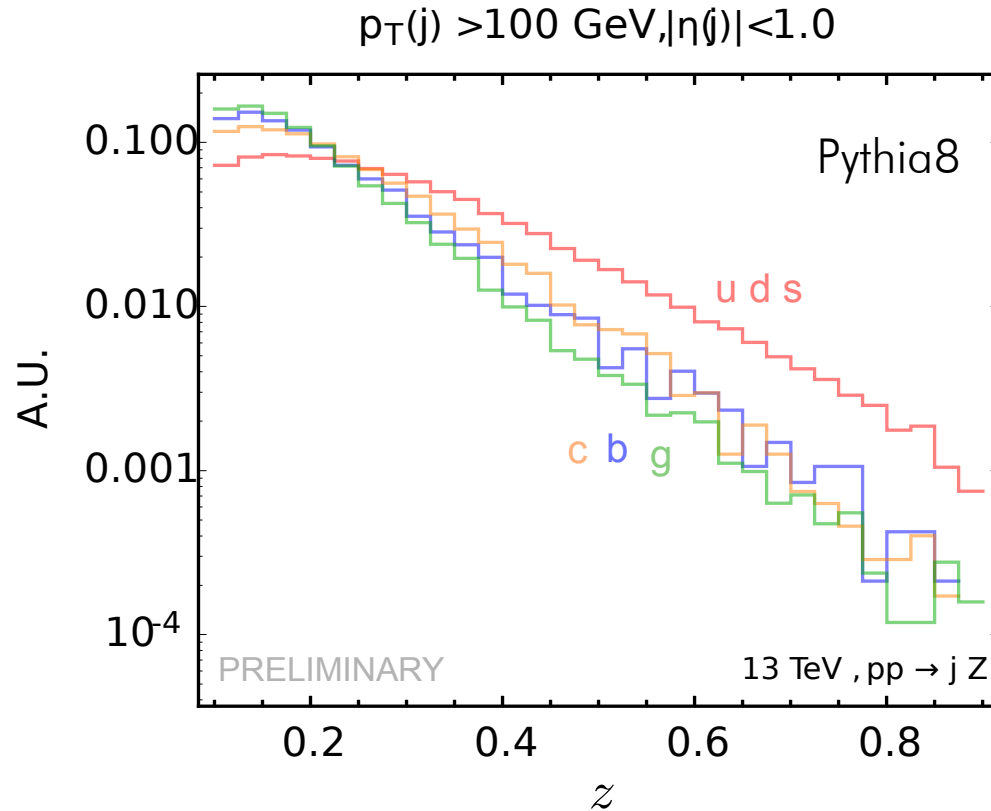
$$R_{ij}^2 = (y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2$$

Rejects gluon jets from ISR/FSR



- Fraction of jet momentum carried by the hardest track.

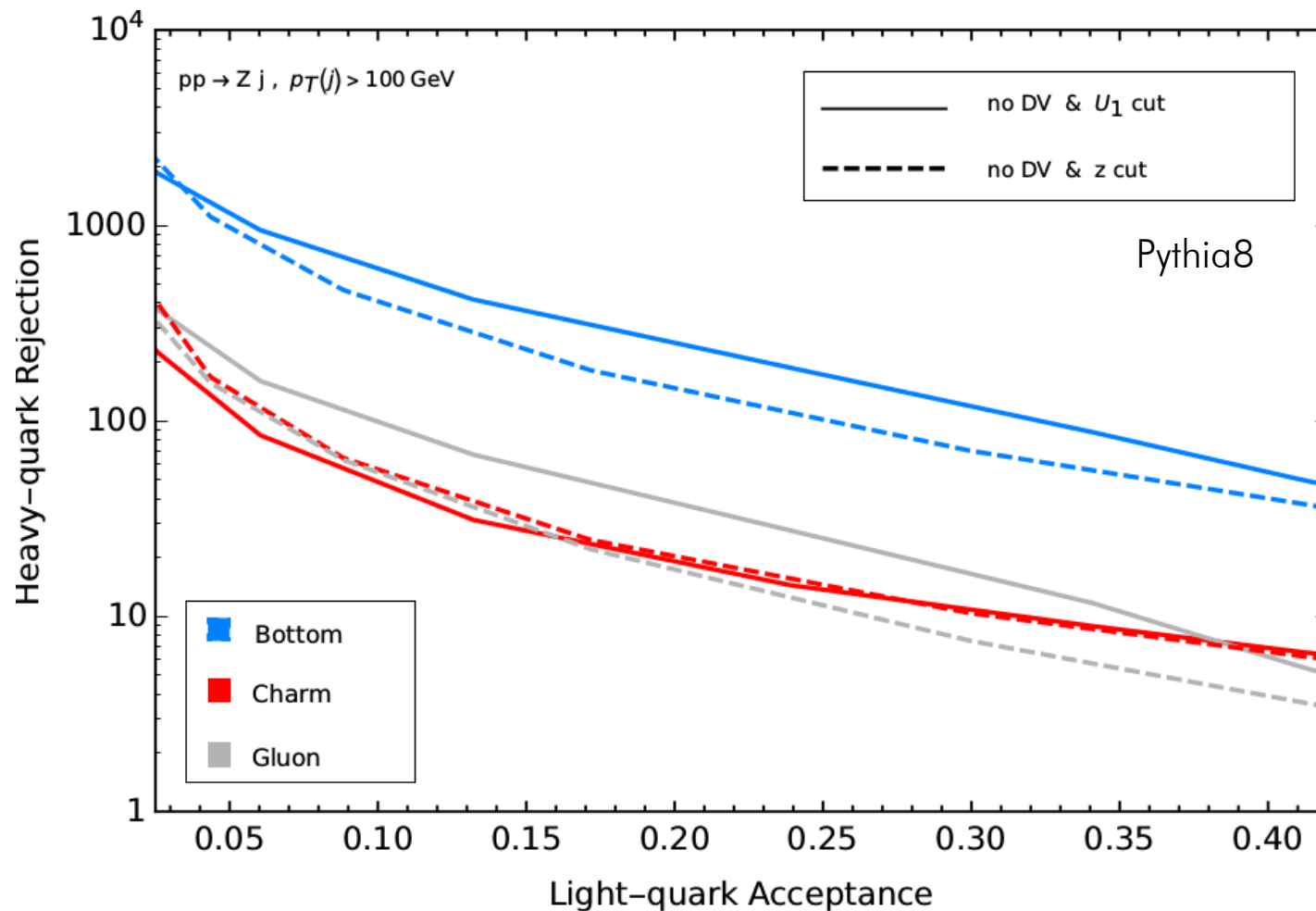
$$z \equiv \frac{\max_{i \in \text{jet}}(p_i)}{p_{\text{jet}}}$$



- $z$  is related to the fragmentation function of  $K^\pm, \pi^\pm$
- Observable has been studied at ATLAS and CMS. Good agreement with Pythia



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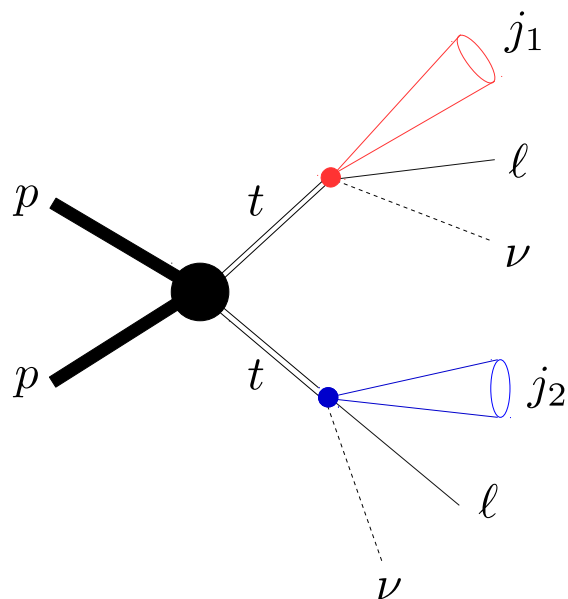
MC results: Excellent bottom rejection, good charm and gluon rejection!

- Search strategy:

- 1) Select pair of candidate jets  $j_1 j_2$  from first stage top-decays.  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow j_1 j_2 W^+ W^-$
- 2) Tag pair with light-quark and bottom tagger.

Signal Region:  $j_1 j_2$  are  $sb$  – jets

- Resolved leptonic  $t\bar{t}$  category



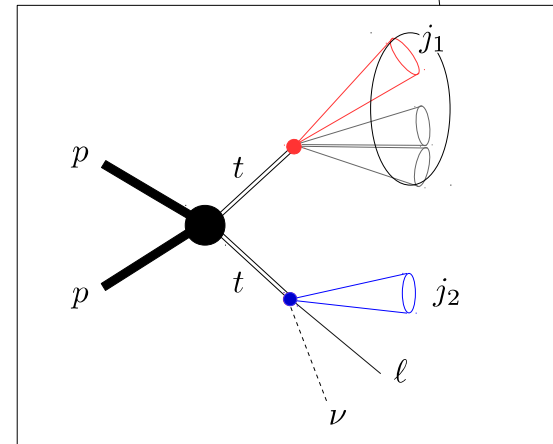
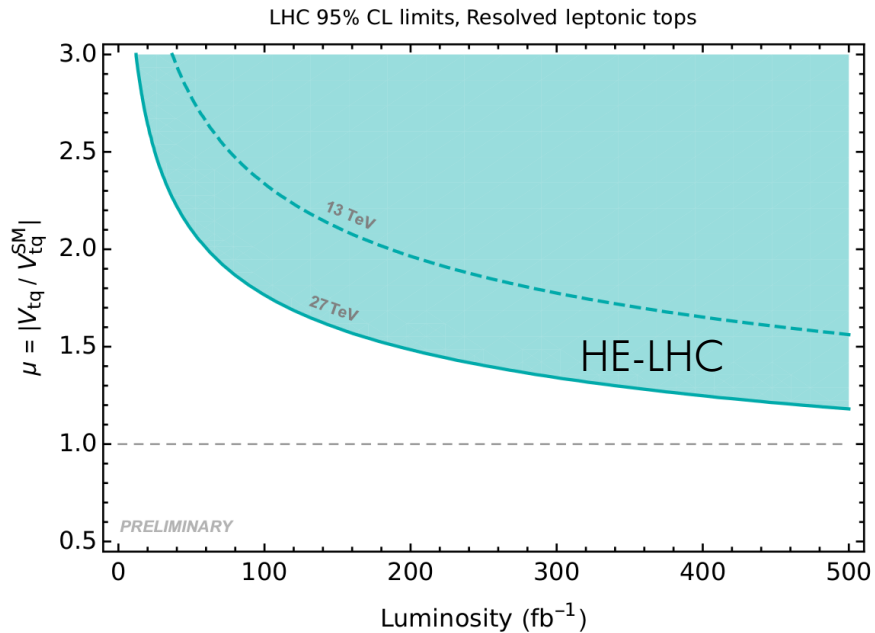
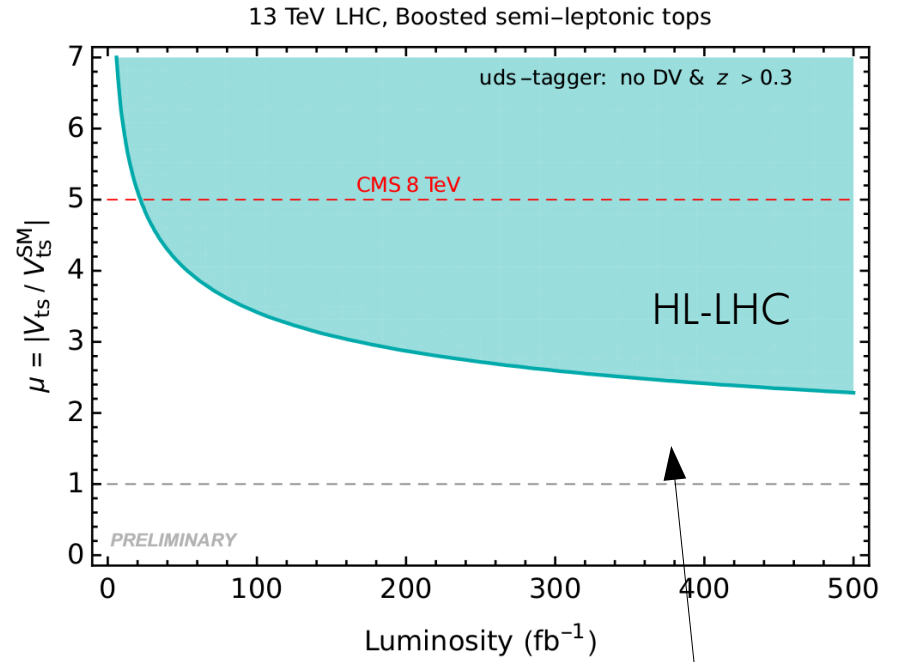
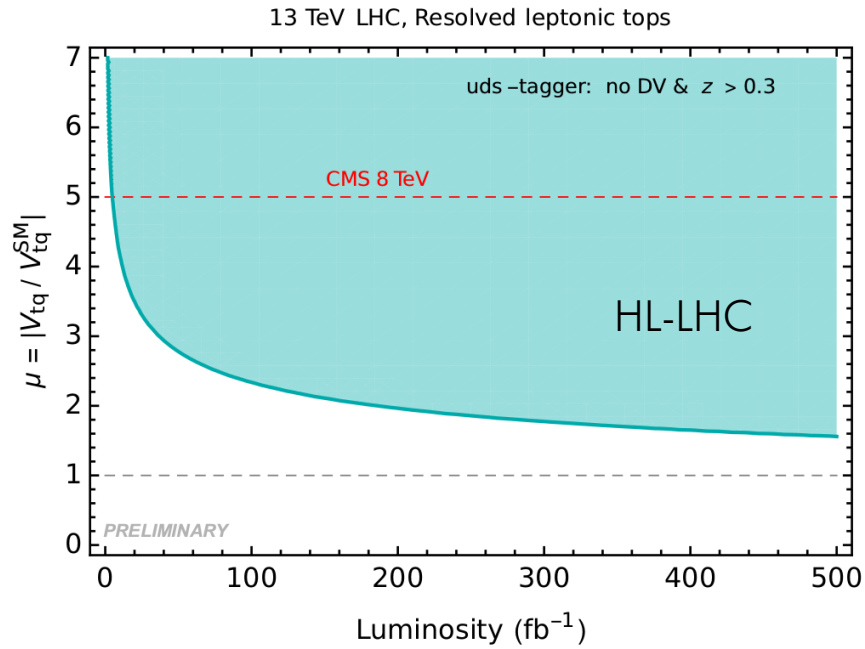
- Event-by-event Selections:

- 1) Select 2 isolated leptons.
- 2) Select  $j_1 j_2$  candidates:  
 leading & sub-leading jets  $p_T(j_1, j_2) > 100\text{GeV}$   
 $|\eta(j_1, j_2)| < 1$
- 3) Tag  $j_1 j_2$  as bottom or light-quark jets.

- Cleanest environment at LHC.

Irreducible background:  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} j$   $j=u,d$  valence quark ISR

■ Results from MC: MadGraph 5 @ LO + Pythia 8



Boosted Analysis! (in backup slide)

# $|V_{td}|$ at LHC

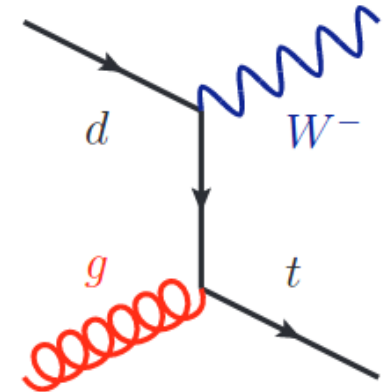
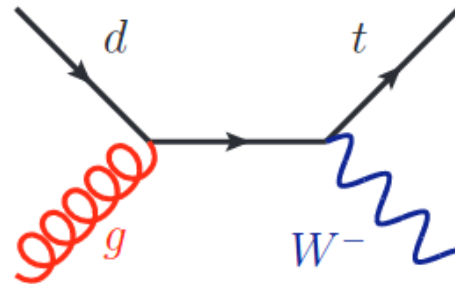
- Proposal:  $tW$  associated production at the LHC  $dg \rightarrow tW^-$ ,  $\bar{d}g \rightarrow \bar{t}W^+$   $\propto |V_{td}|^2$

Alvarez, Da Rold, Estevez, Kamenik [1709.07887]

- 13 TeV LHC:

$$\sigma(dg \rightarrow tW^-) \simeq 20 \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma(\bar{d}g \rightarrow \bar{t}W^+) \simeq 6 \text{ fb}$$



- Signal Features:

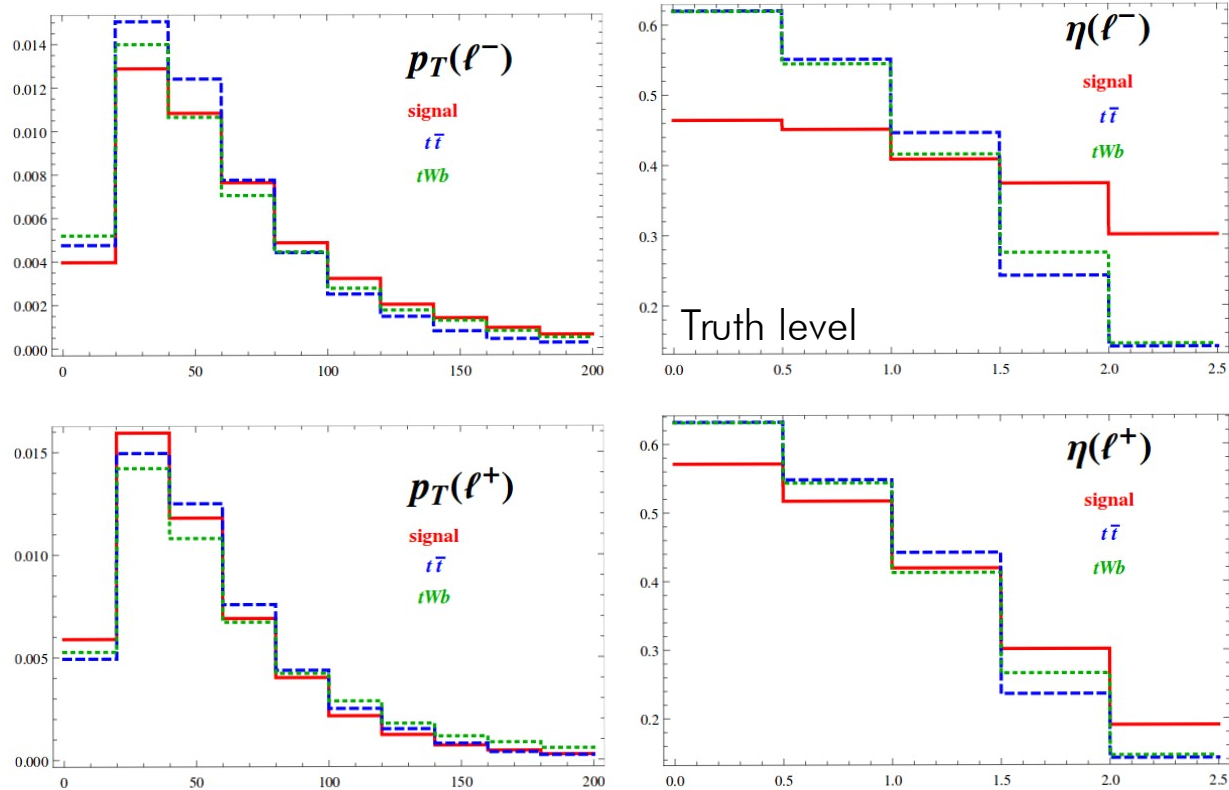
- Charge asymmetry from **(valence) d-quark** vs **(sea) anti-d-quark**.
- $W^-$  is more forward than  $W^+$

- Most backgrounds are charge-symmetric  $bg \rightarrow tW^-$ ,  $\bar{b}g \rightarrow \bar{t}W^+$

Total x-section  $\sigma_{tW}^{\text{SM}} \simeq 28 \text{ pb}$

- Top-pairs have a small charge-asymmetry at NLO  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{\text{SM}} \simeq 680 \text{ pb}$

- Purely Leptonic channel  $pp \rightarrow tW \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- b \nu$



Alvarez, Da Rold, Estevez, Kamenik [1709.07887]

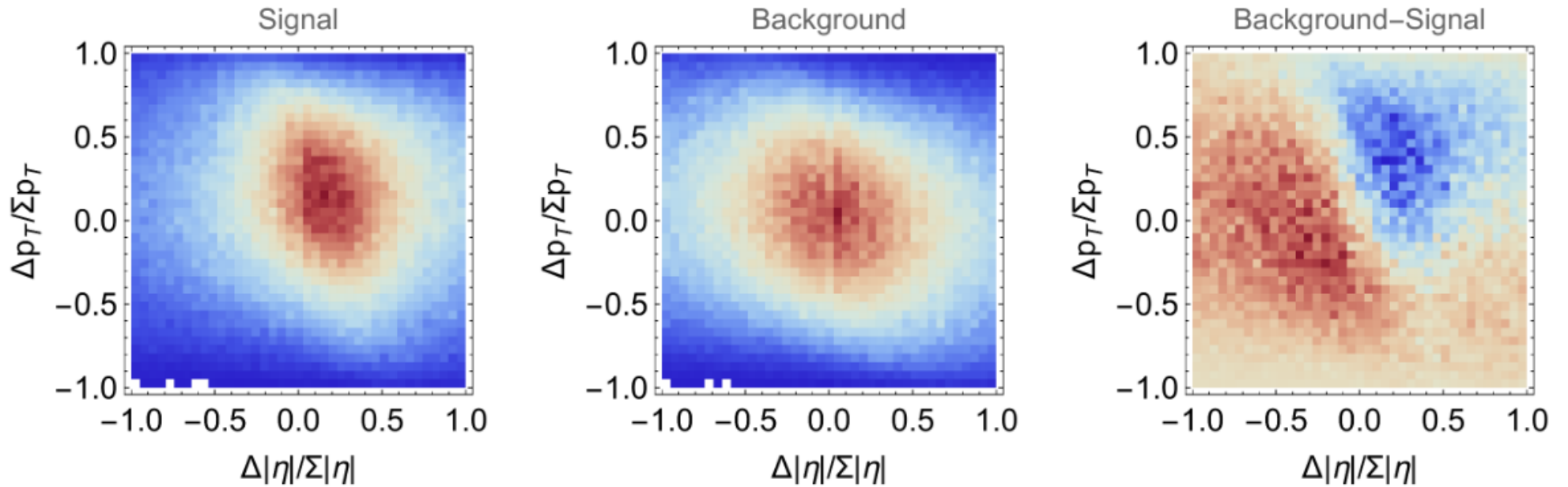
- Motivates the kinematical variables:

$$\Delta|\eta(\ell)| = |\eta(\ell^+)| - |\eta(\ell^-)|$$

$$\Delta p_T(\ell) = p_T(\ell^+) - p_T(\ell^-)$$

$$\Sigma|\eta(\ell)| = |\eta(\ell^+)| + |\eta(\ell^-)|$$

$$\Sigma p_T(\ell) = p_T(\ell^+) + p_T(\ell^-)$$



- Signal Region: **1st quadrant.**  
Background Region: **symmetric.**

- Construct the **dilepton charge-asymmetry observable:**

$$A(\eta, p_T) = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$

Event count in 1st and 3rd quadrants:

$$N^\pm = N(\Delta |\eta(\ell)| \gtrless 0 \ \& \ \Delta p_T(\ell) \gtrless 0)$$

■ Analysis performed on MC samples with detector effects included (Delphes)

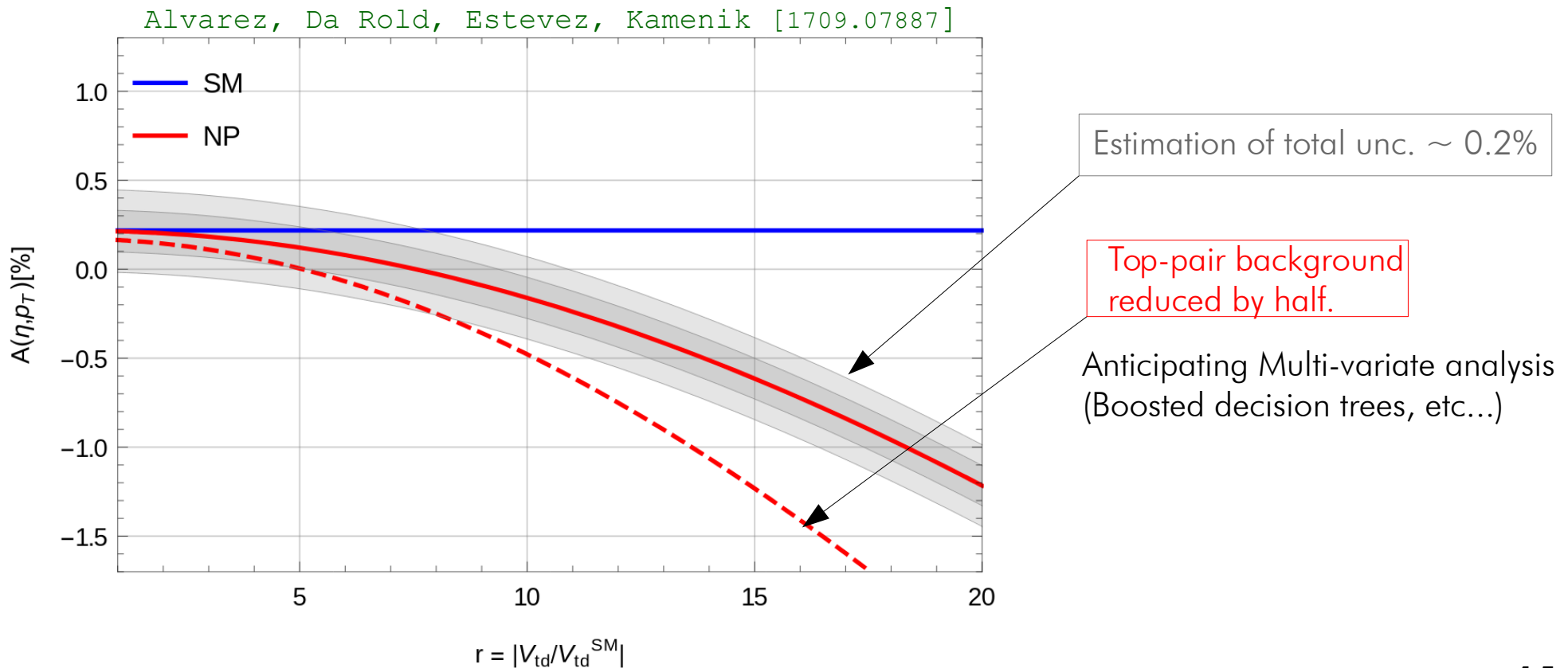
■ Search Strategy:

- Select events with  $\ell^+ \ell^- b$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.5$  &  $p_T > 20$  GeV

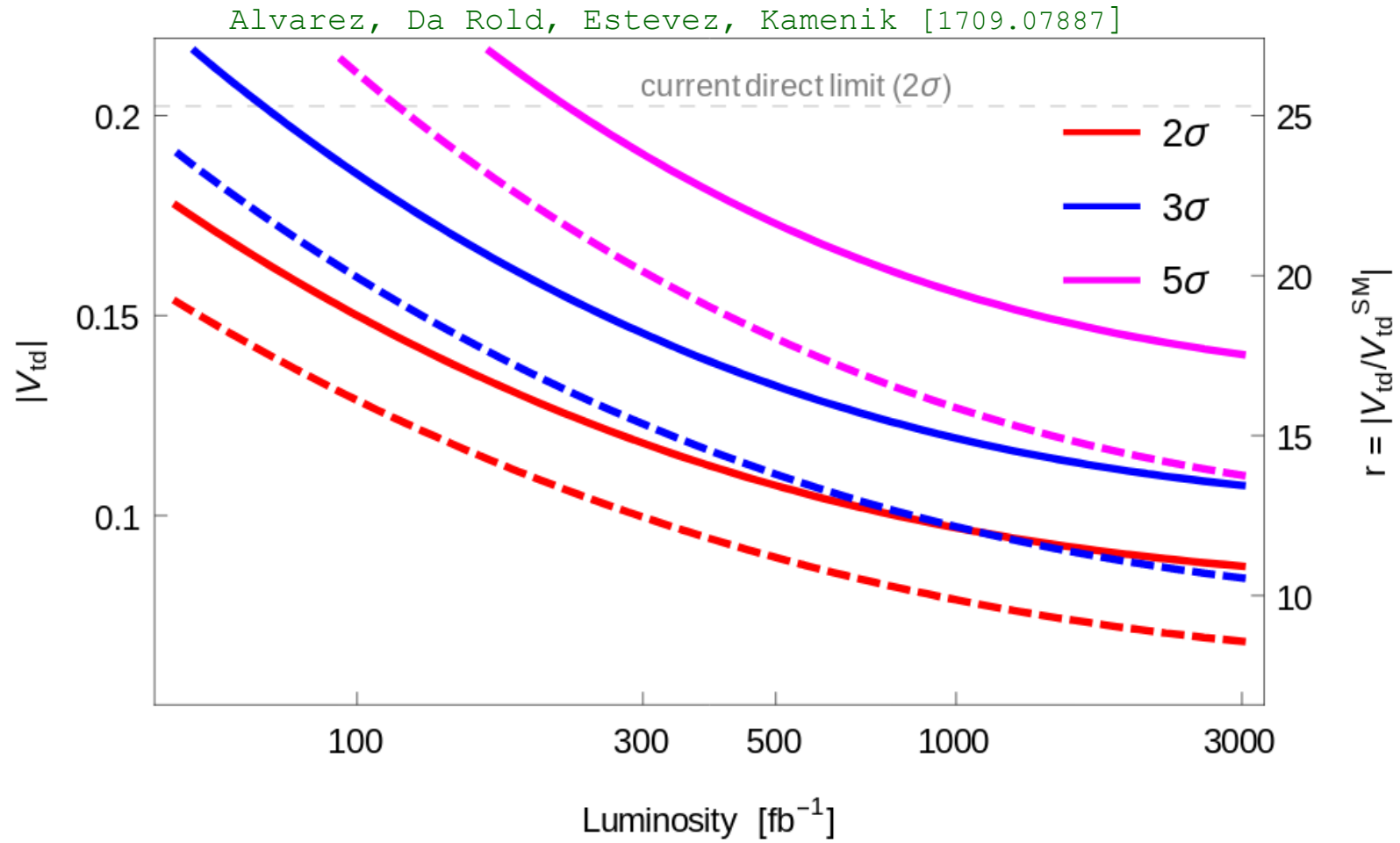
- Veto events with extra jets within  $|\eta| < 5$

- Z-mass veto  $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 15$  GeV and  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30$  GeV

■ Sensitivity at the HL-LHC  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



■ HL-LHC reach





# Conclusions

- We discussed the HL-HE LHC prospects of measuring directly  $|V_{tx}|$  mixing elements
- Current measurements of single-top and top-decays provide  $|V_{tb}| \approx 1$   $|V_{td}|, |V_{ts}| < 0.2$   
These will soon be limited by systematics.
- We showed that with help of a light-quark tagger the HL/HE - LHC can potentially measure directly in top-decays the quantity:

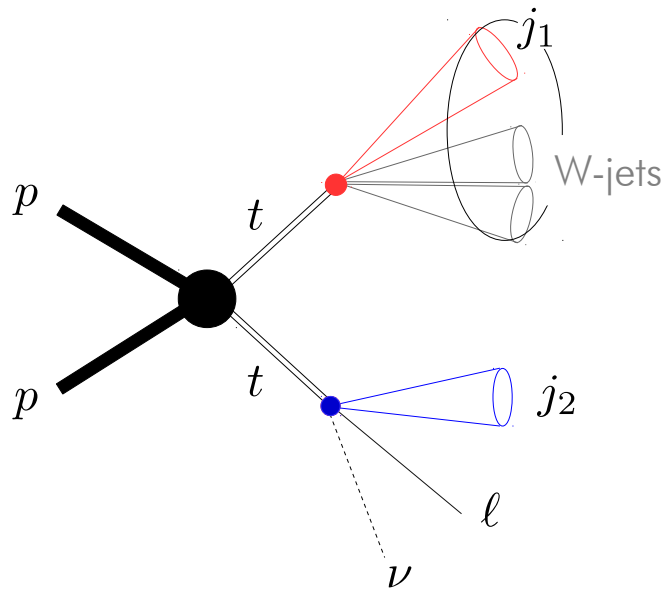
$$\sqrt{|V_{ts}|^2 + |V_{td}|^2}$$

This would confirm the large hierarchy in the 3rd row of the CKM matrix obtained indirectly from low-energy experiments.

- We showed that  $|V_{td}|$  can be constrained using W-associated single-top production. Dilepton charge asymmetry is in particular sensitive to this CKM element. HL-LHC could establish that:  $|V_{td}| < |V_{ts}|$

Thank you for your attention!

■ Boosted semi-leptonic  $t\bar{t}$  category



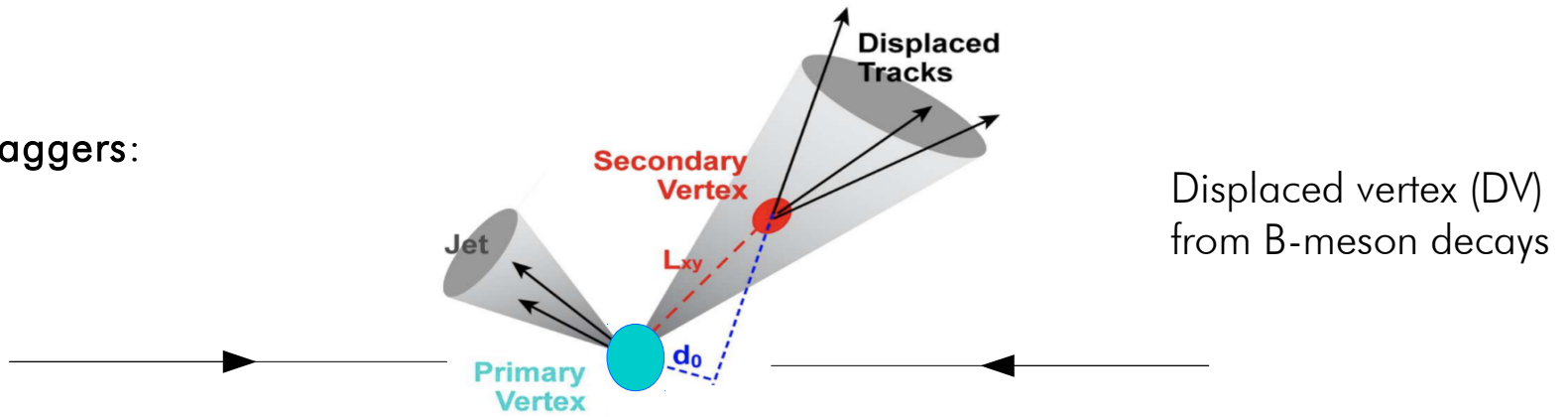
- 1) Selection:
  - 1 isolated lepton.
  - 1 Fat-Jet with  $R = 1.5$ ,  $p_T > 250 \text{ GeV}$
  - Tag the **top-jet** (John Hopkins Top tagger).
- 2) Select  $j_1$  as top subjet.
- 3) Tag  $j_1$  as bottom or light-quark jet.

- 4) Remove top-jet from event and Re-cluster jets with  $R = 0.4$   $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$
- 5) Select  $j_2$  best reconstructs leptonic top
- 6) Tag  $j_2$  as bottom or light-quark jet.

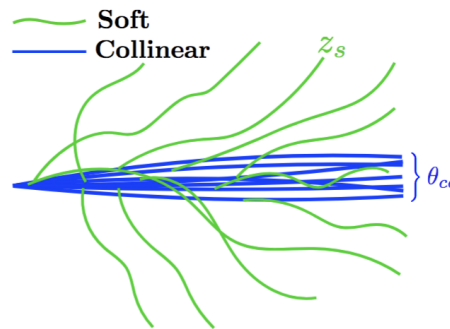
■ This category provides a *tag and probe* environment.

■ The Jet tagging industry is currently booming!

■ Bottom-taggers:

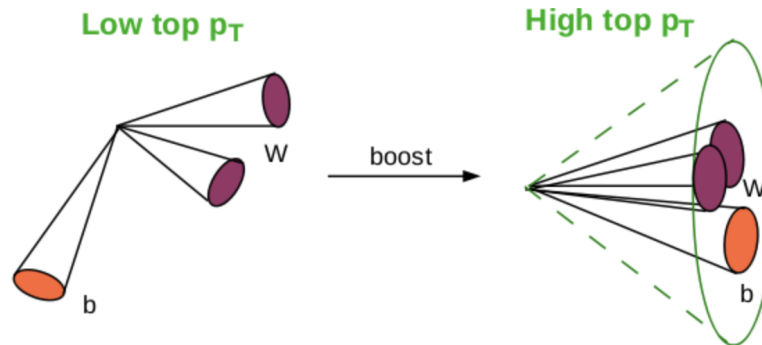


■ Quark/gluon taggers:



Exploits observables sensitive to difference in QCD radiation pattern of parton (jet shape, angularities...)

■ Fat-jet-taggers:



$$R \sim 2m_t/p_t \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Jet-substructure:

3-prong: Tops

2-prongs: W, Z, Higgs