

Title: Boosting Higgs Discovery

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Abstract: An enormous effort is underway to search for the Higgs boson at the LHC. One new development of the past couple of years is to look into the kinematic region where the Higgs is boosted, which has led to the possibility to observe the dominant  $b\bar{b}$  decay mode as a single "fat jet" when the Higgs is light. I'll discuss how this technique has great promise not only within the Standard Model, but potentially has even greater promise to find a light Higgs in new physics models such as supersymmetry.

# Boosting Higgs Discovery

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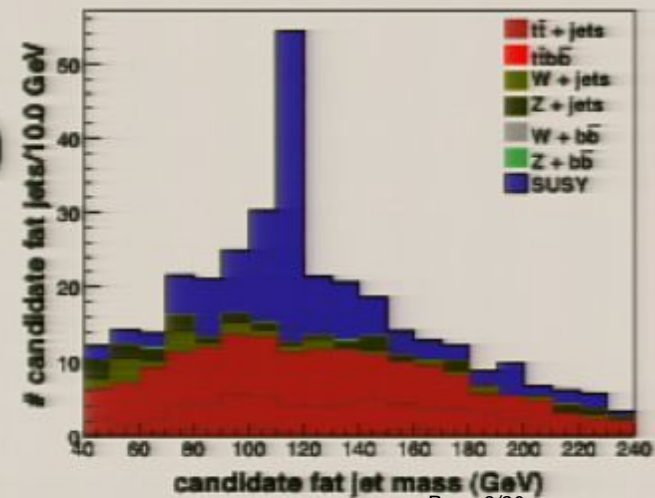
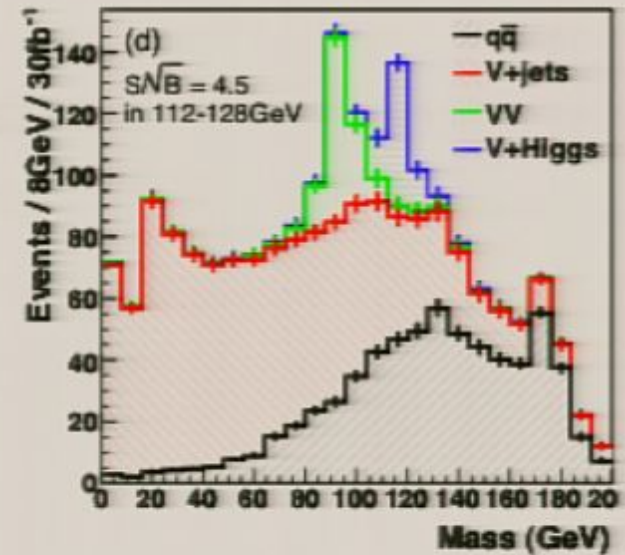
# Punchline

BDRS developed a qualitatively new method, using "jet substructure", to demonstrate discovery of  $h \rightarrow b, \bar{b}$  at the LHC for light Higgs masses with  $S \approx 4$  for  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

We find that light MSSM Higgses can also be discovered using BDRS technique but with a few additional tricks of our own) applied to the sparticle production and decay into  $h$  (&  $H, A$ ).

Could be first  $h$  discovery mode before

$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$



# "We"

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"Discovering the Higgs Boson in New Physics Events using Jet Substructure"  
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"Discovering the Higgs Bosons of the MSSM using Jet Substructure"  
[to appear very soon...]

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[work in progress]

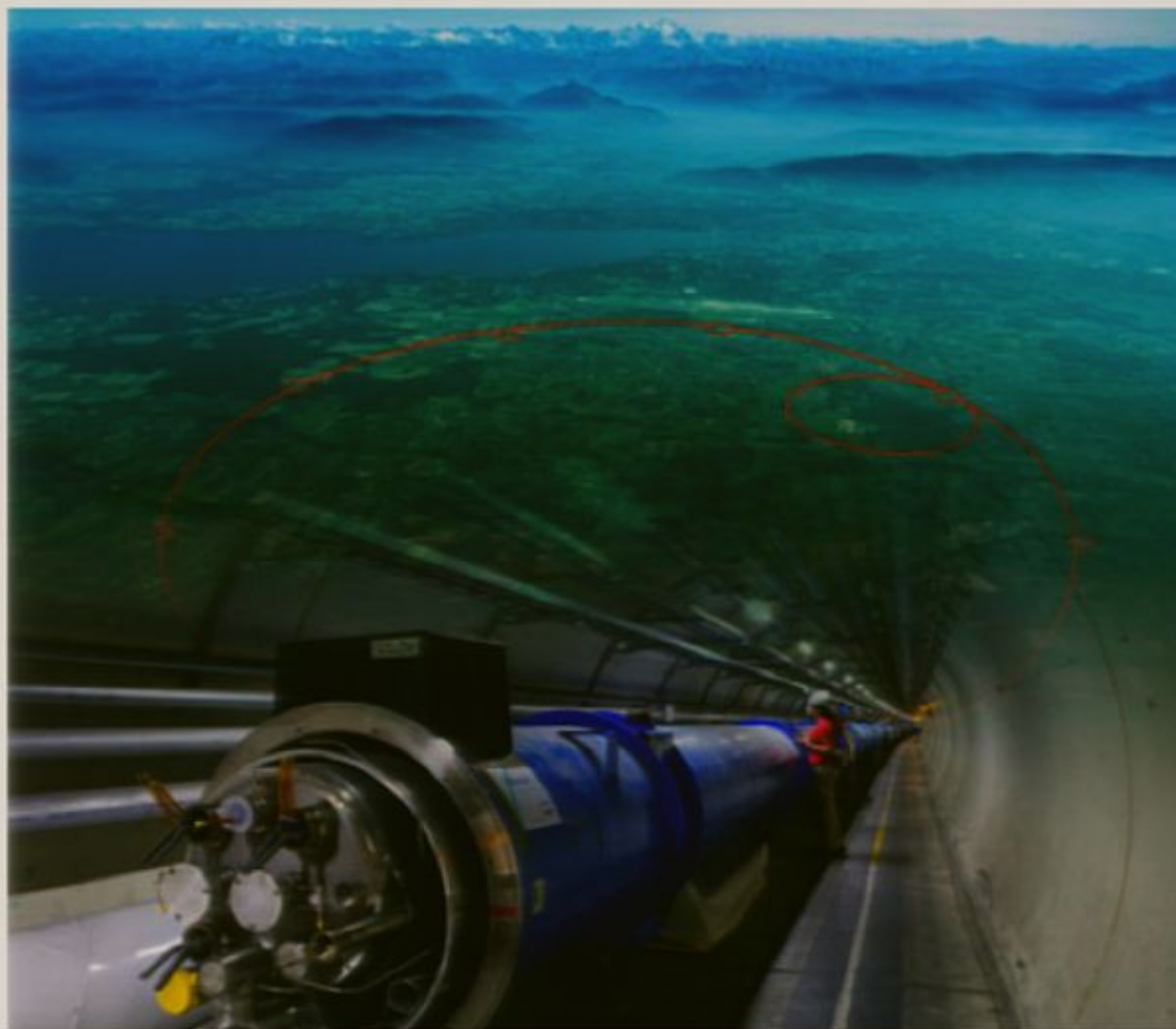
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# LHC finally colliding!



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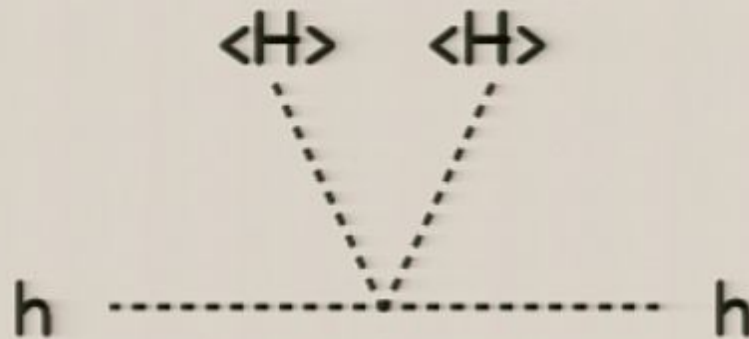
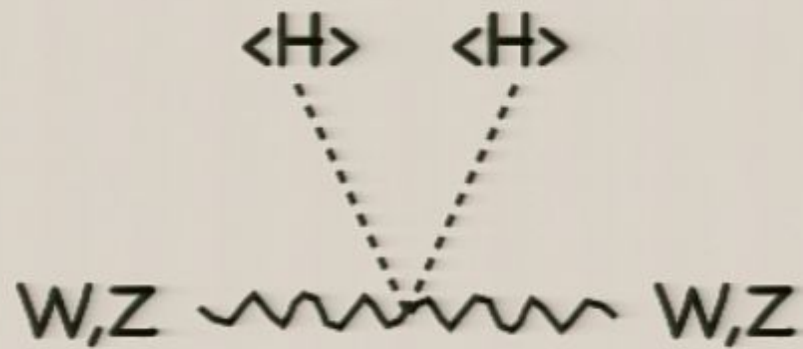
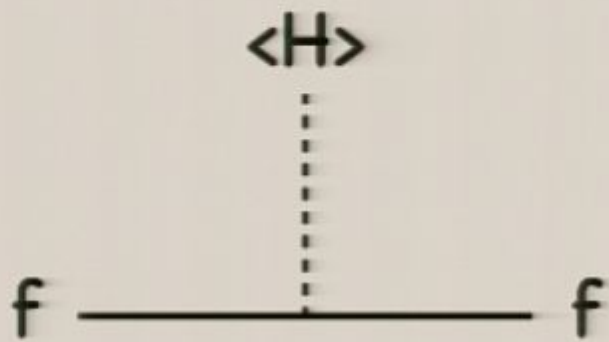


Back to theory.

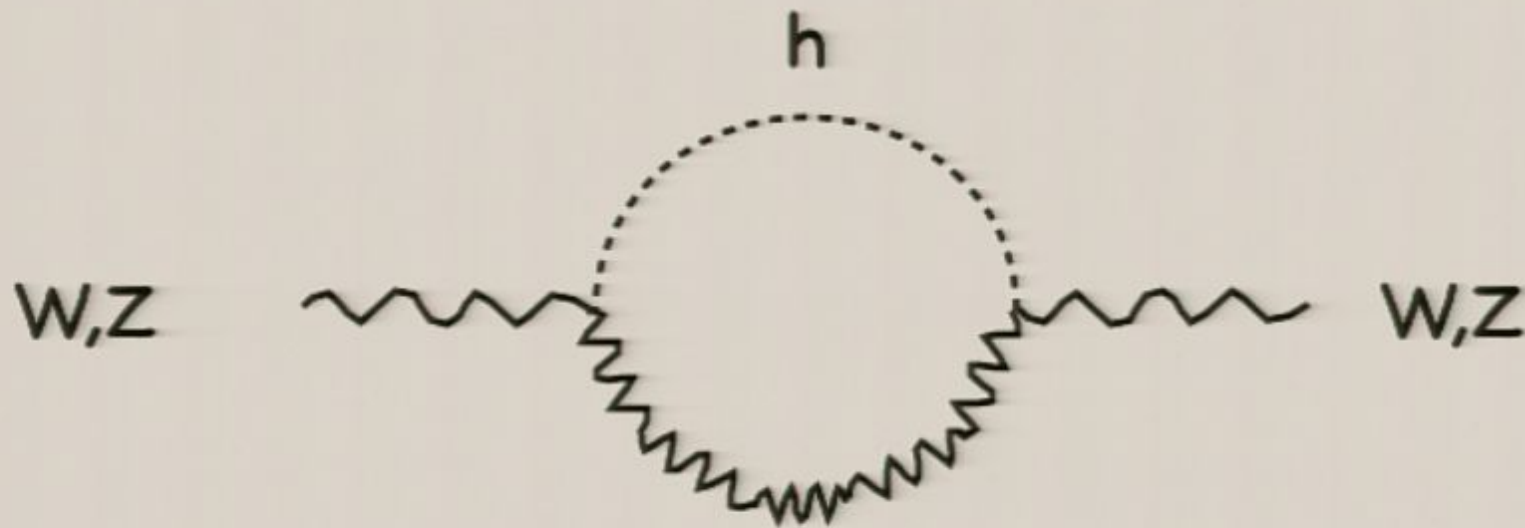
If Standard Model is right...

$$H = \left( \begin{array}{c} \omega^+ \\ \frac{h + v}{\sqrt{2}} + i z^0 \end{array} \right)$$

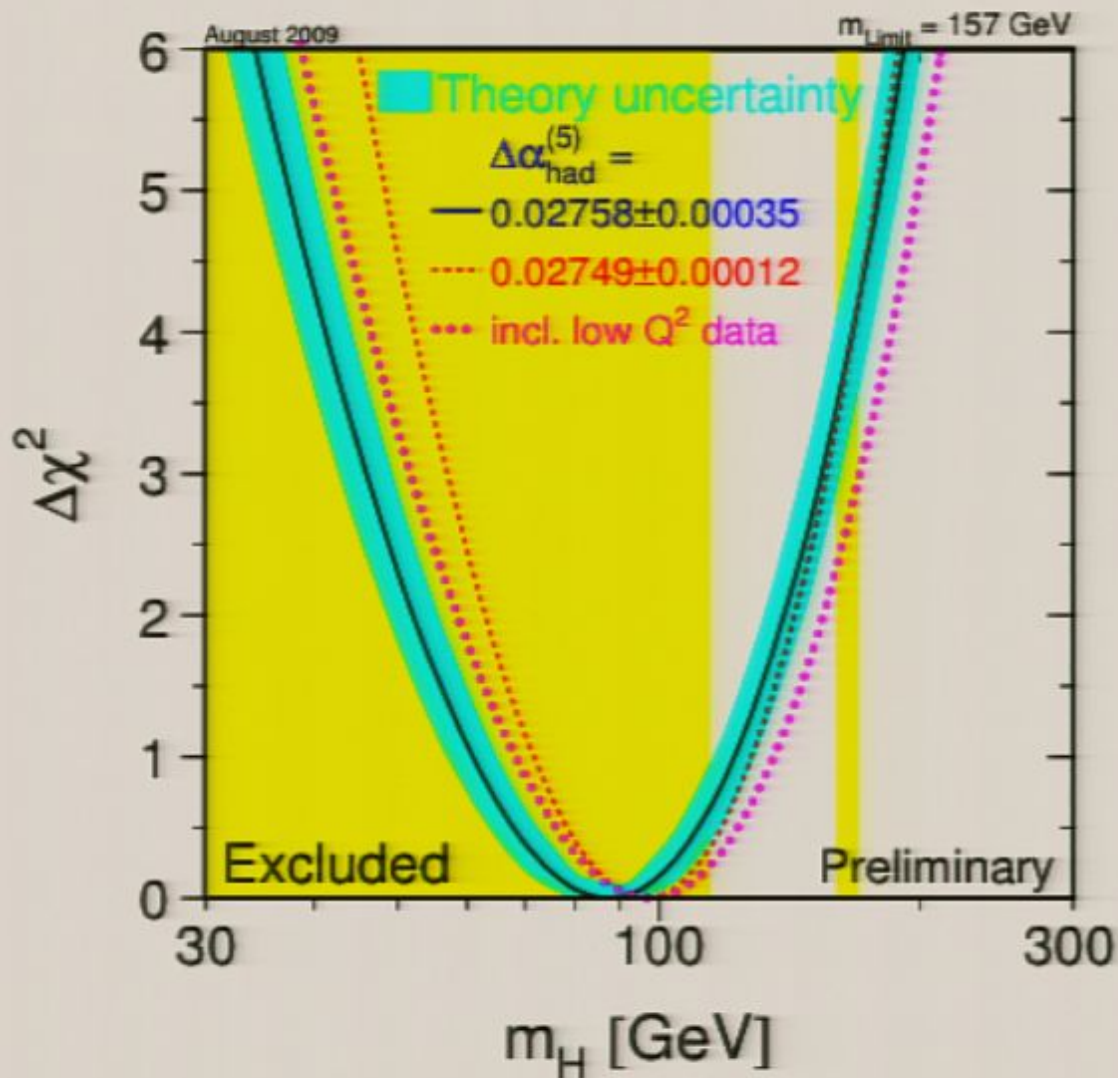
# Higgs VEV gives Mass



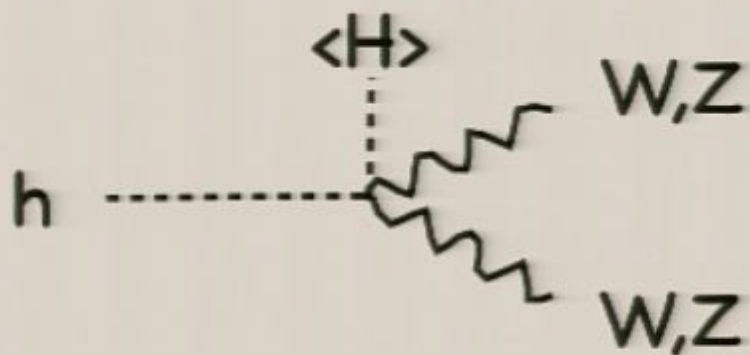
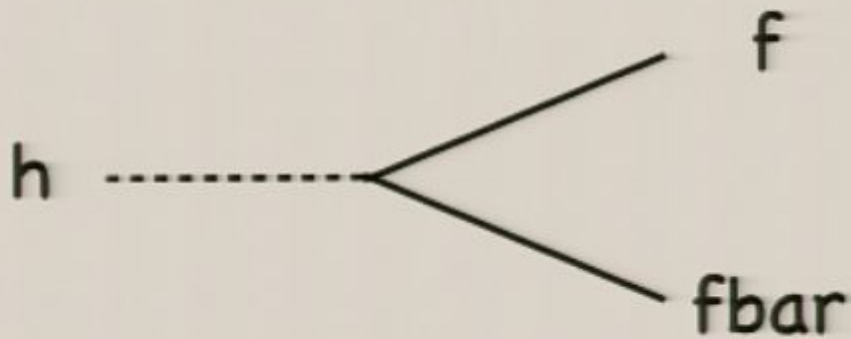
# Virtual Electroweak Effects



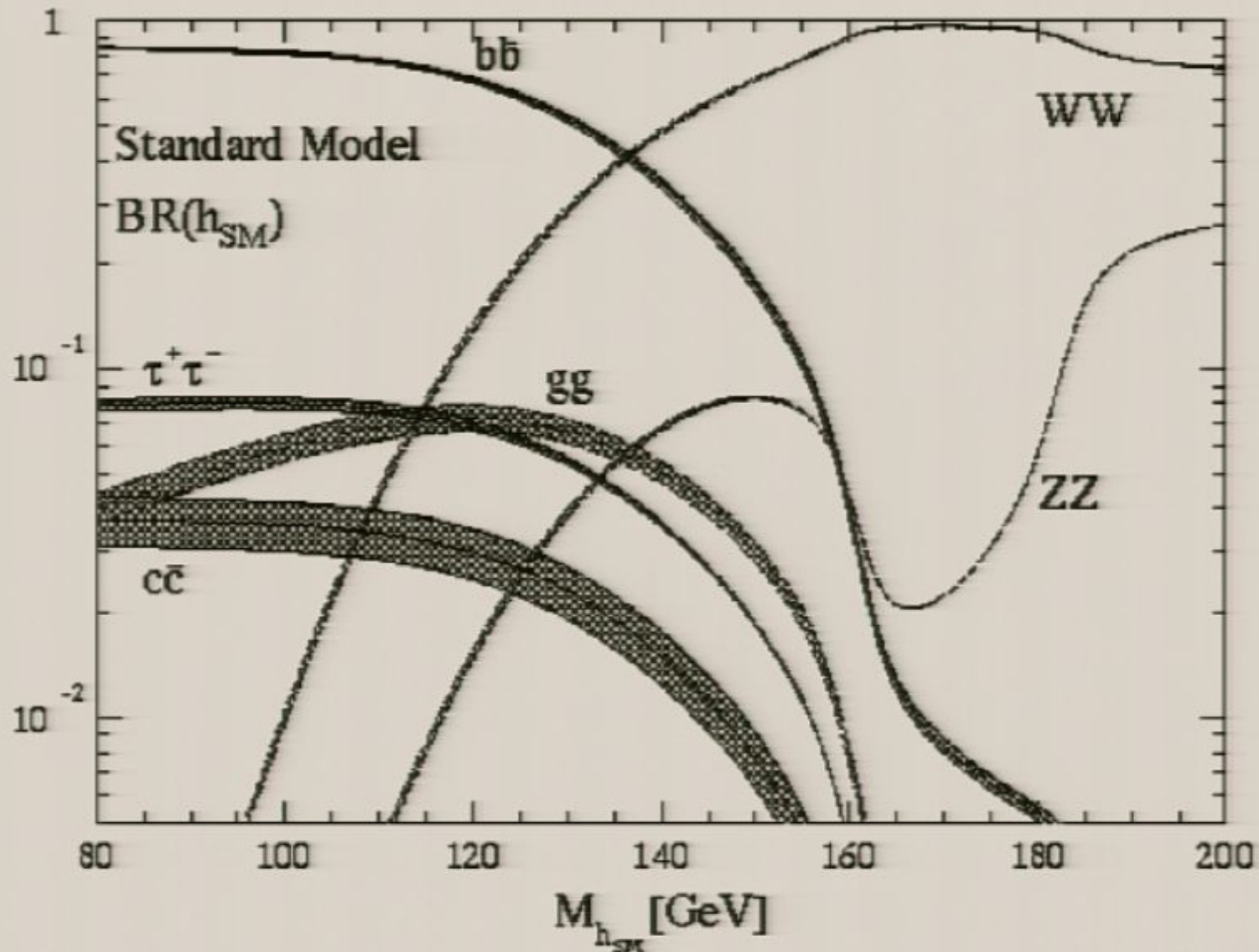
# Suggest SM Higgs is Light



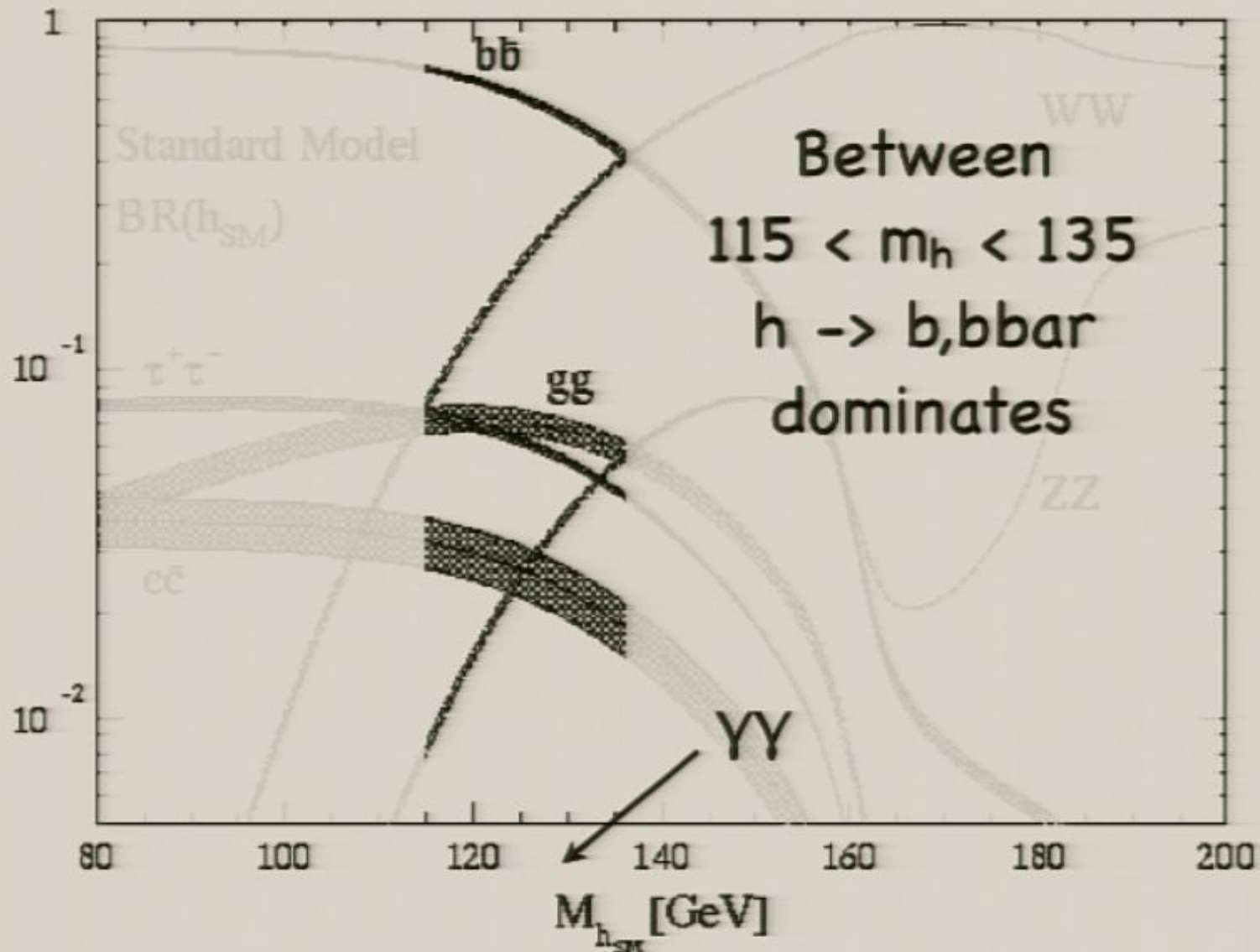
# h Decay



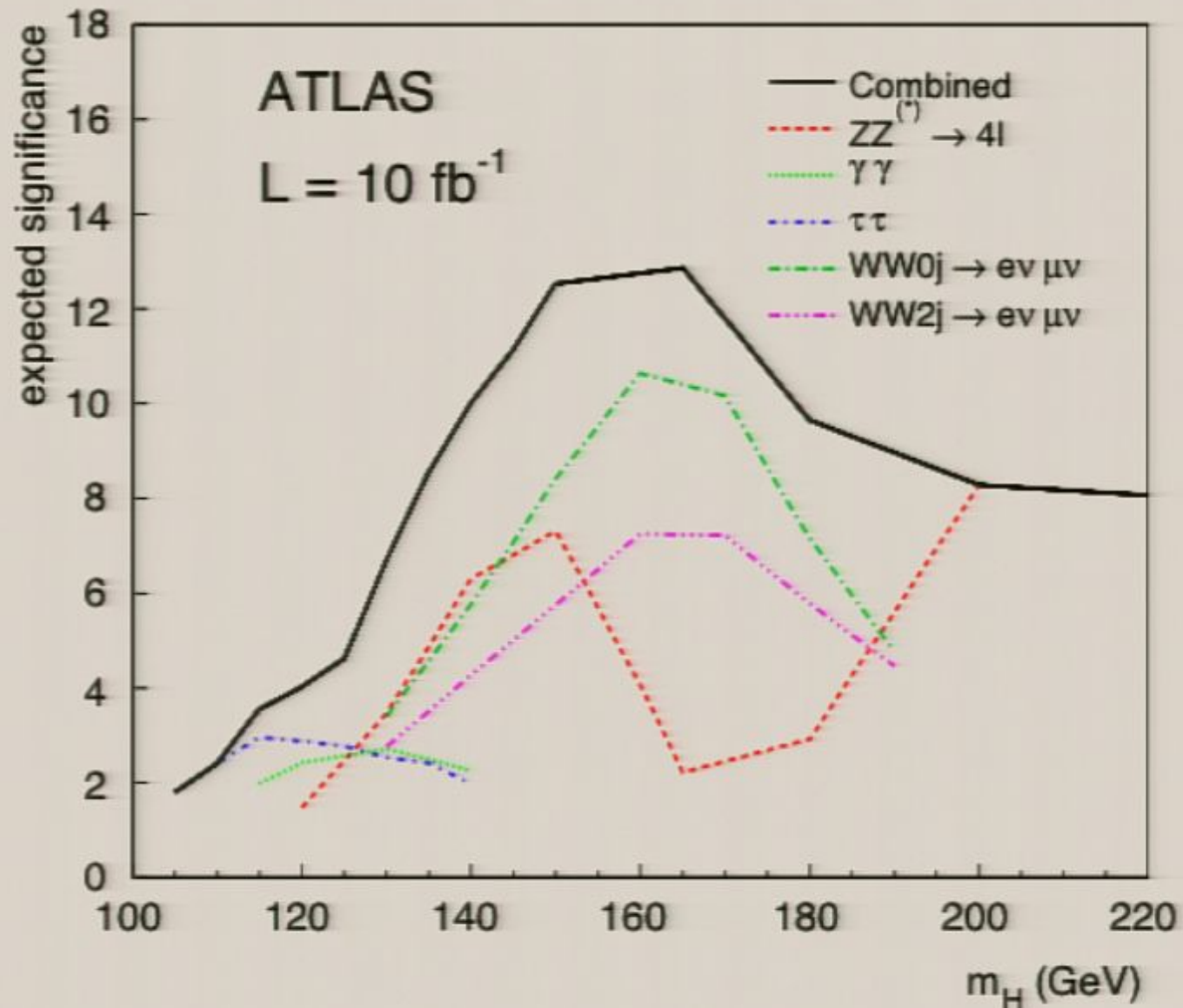
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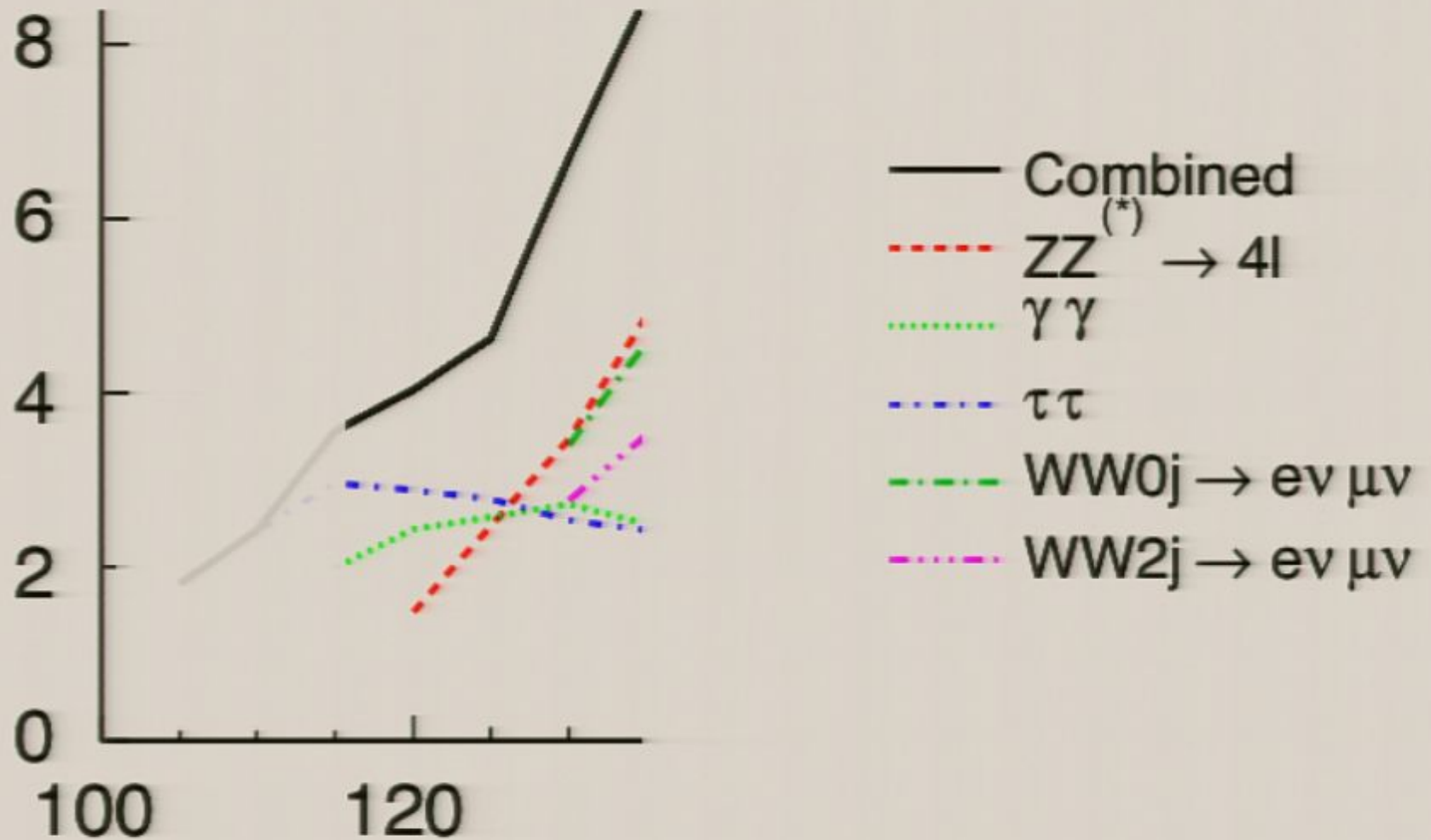


# ATLAS TDR 2009

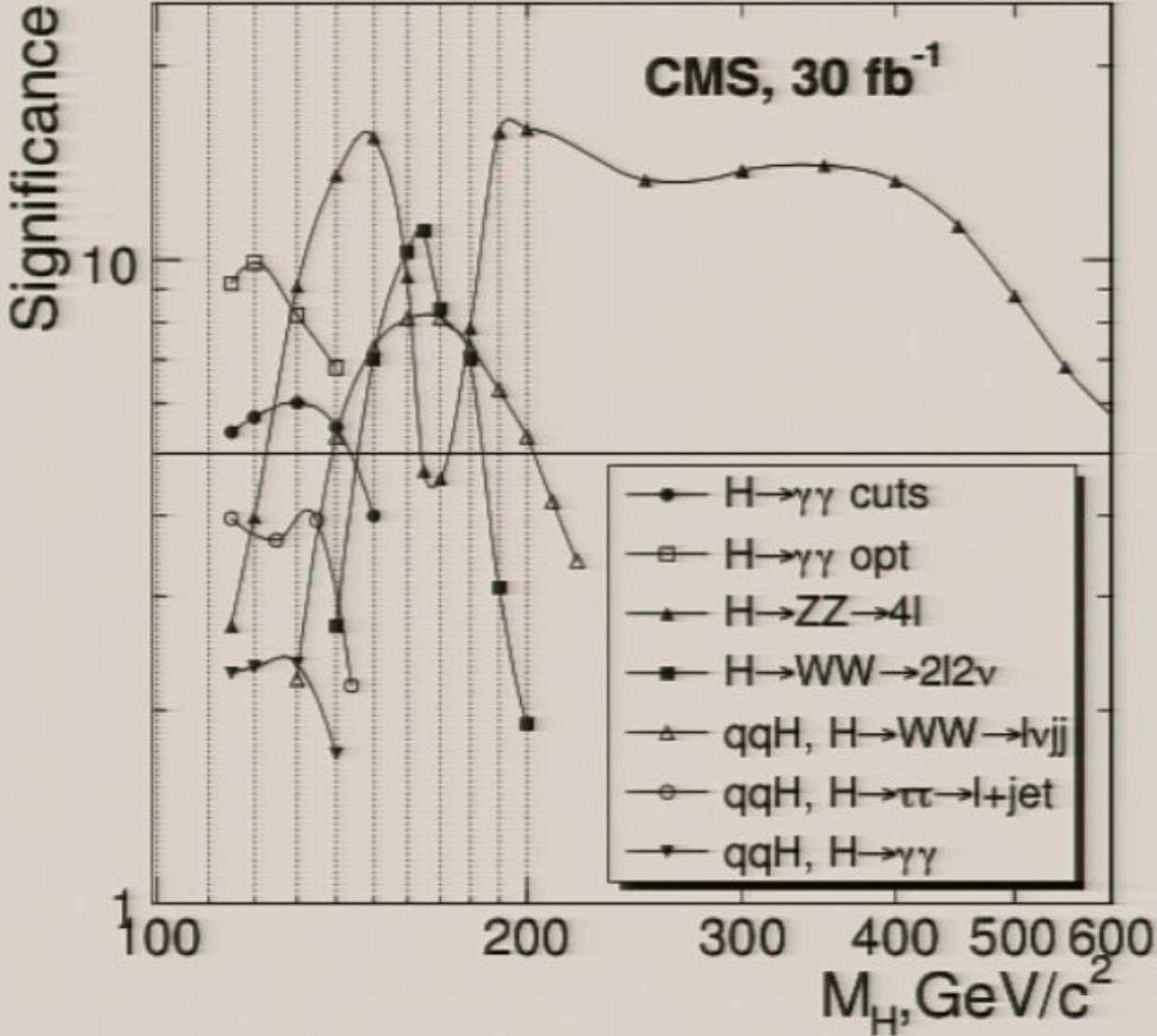




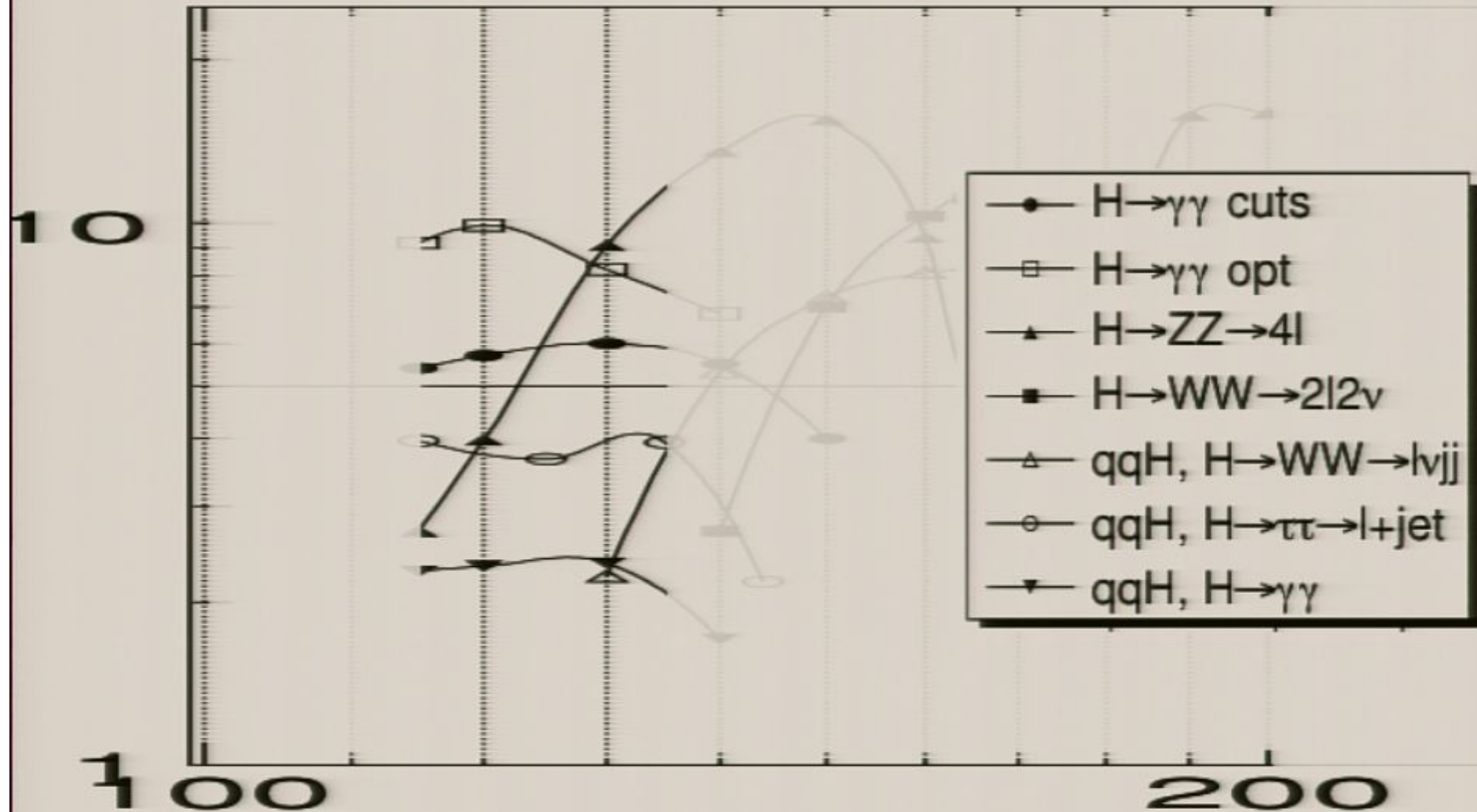
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# CMS TDR 2006



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## Viability Channels for $115 < m_h < 125$

$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \approx 1-2 \times 10^{-3}$$

$h \rightarrow \tau\tau$

$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \tau\tau) \approx 5-7 \times 10^{-2}$$

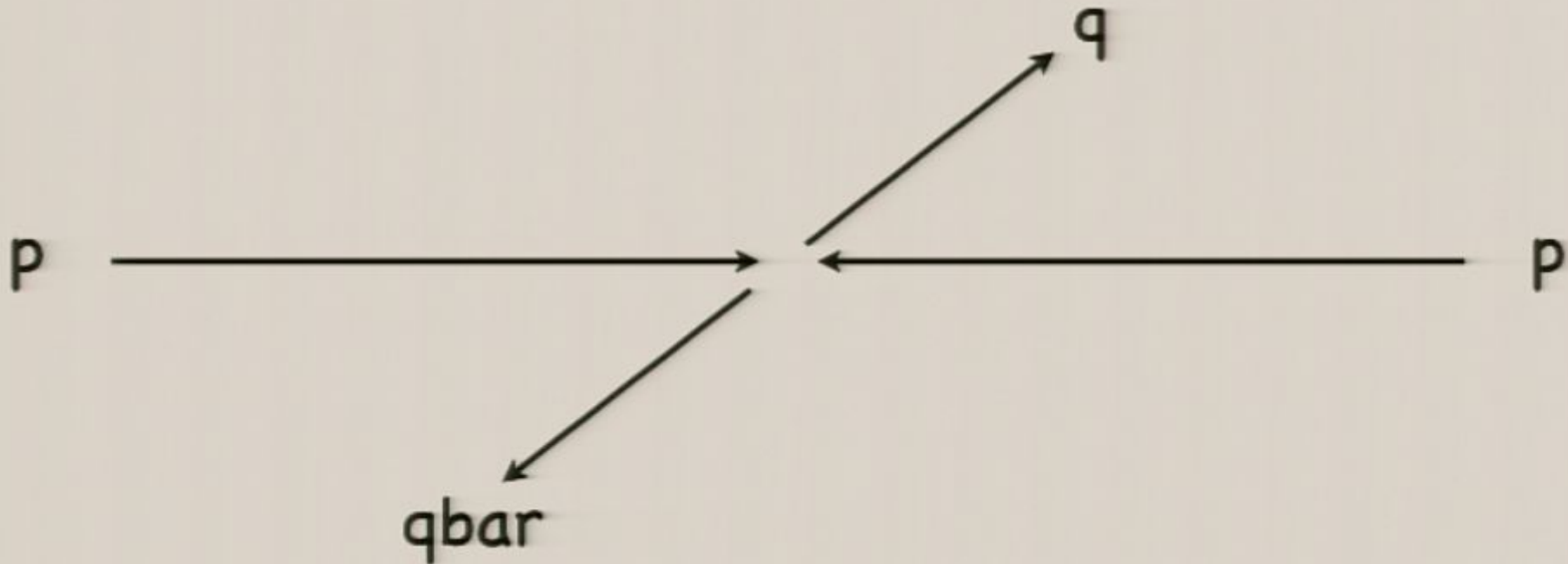
Until 2008, was thought that the largest one,  
 $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow b, \bar{b}) \approx 0.7-0.9$   
was lost in the QCD background.

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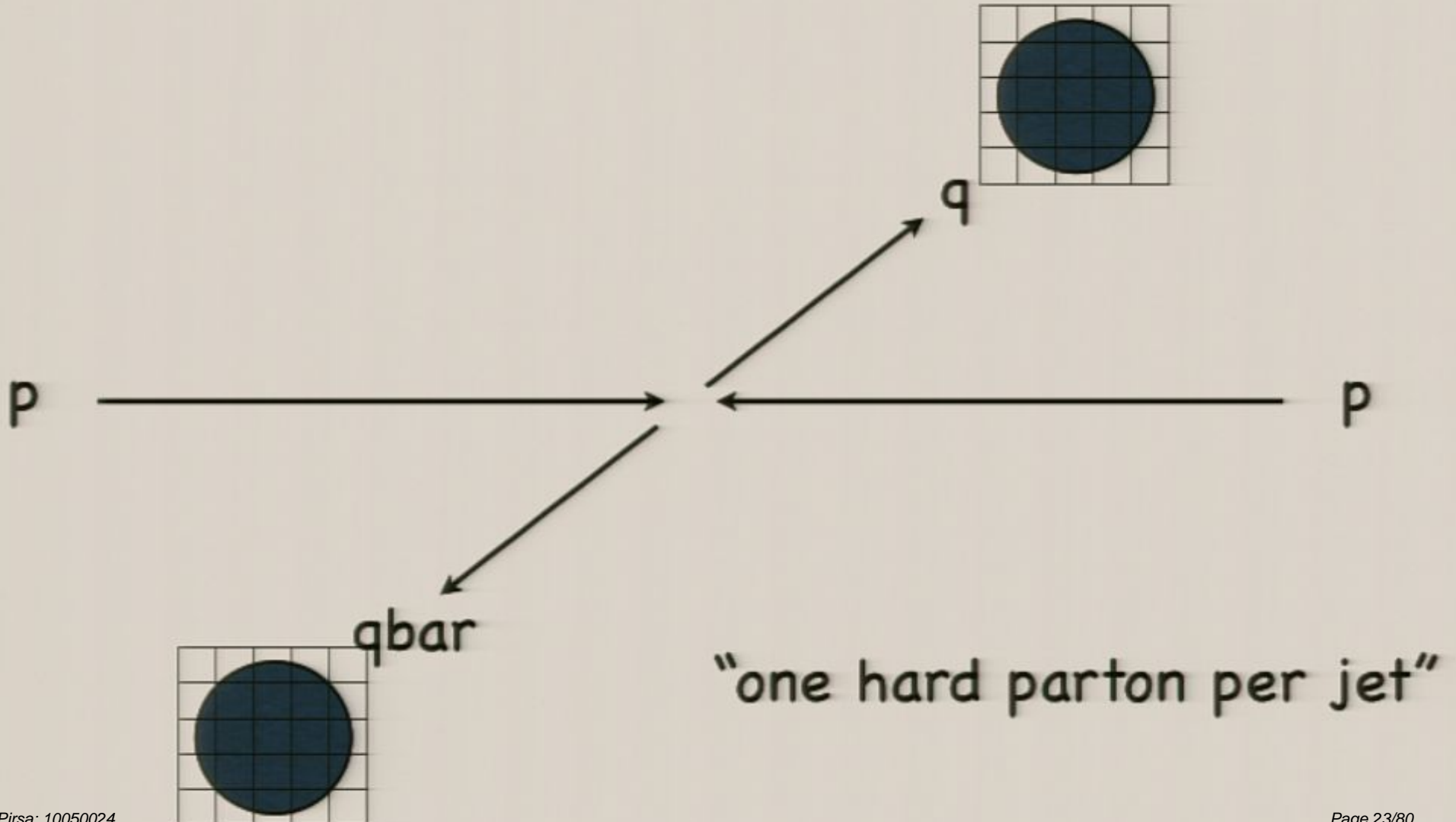
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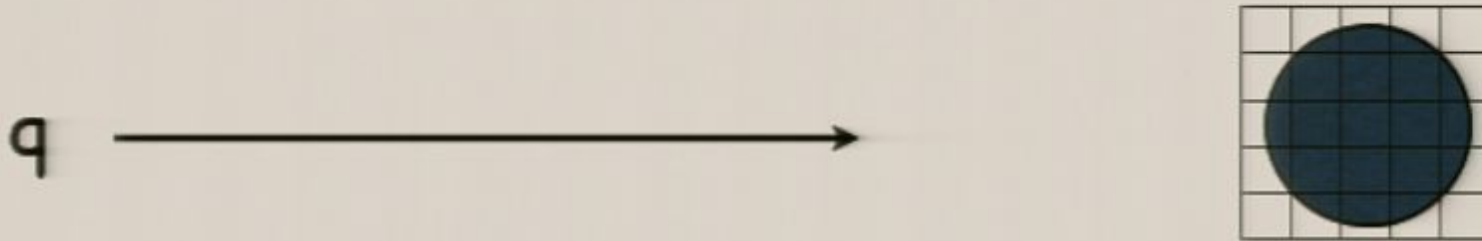
(for this theorist)



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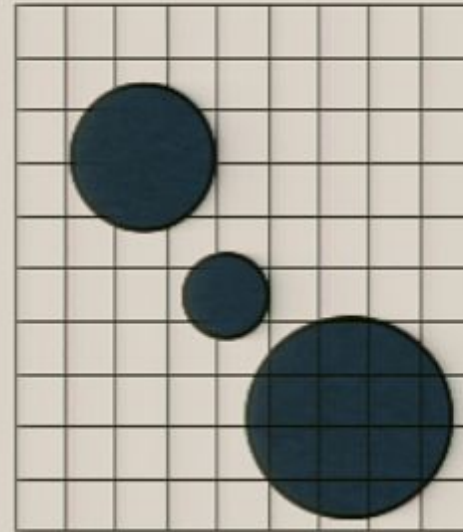
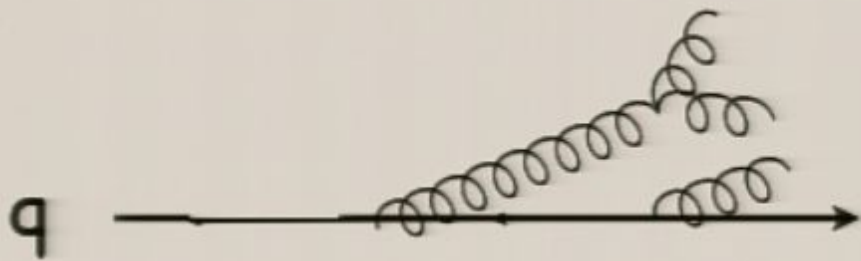


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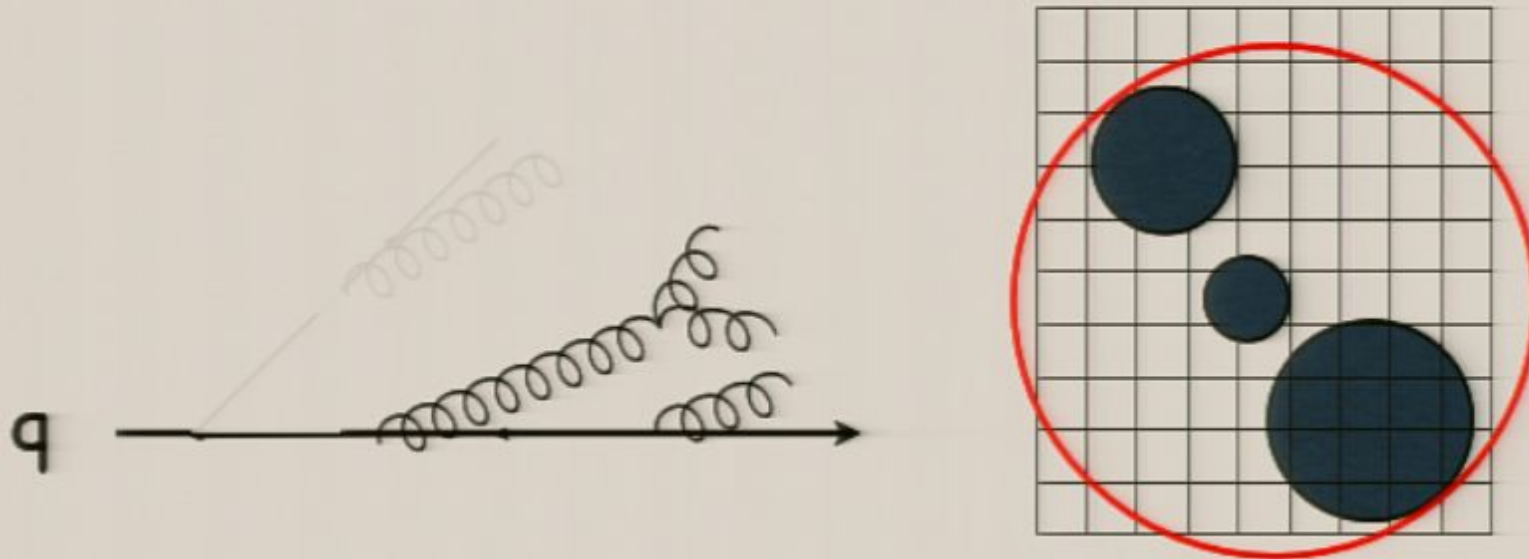


# More complicated...



Parton shower; hadronization/decay...

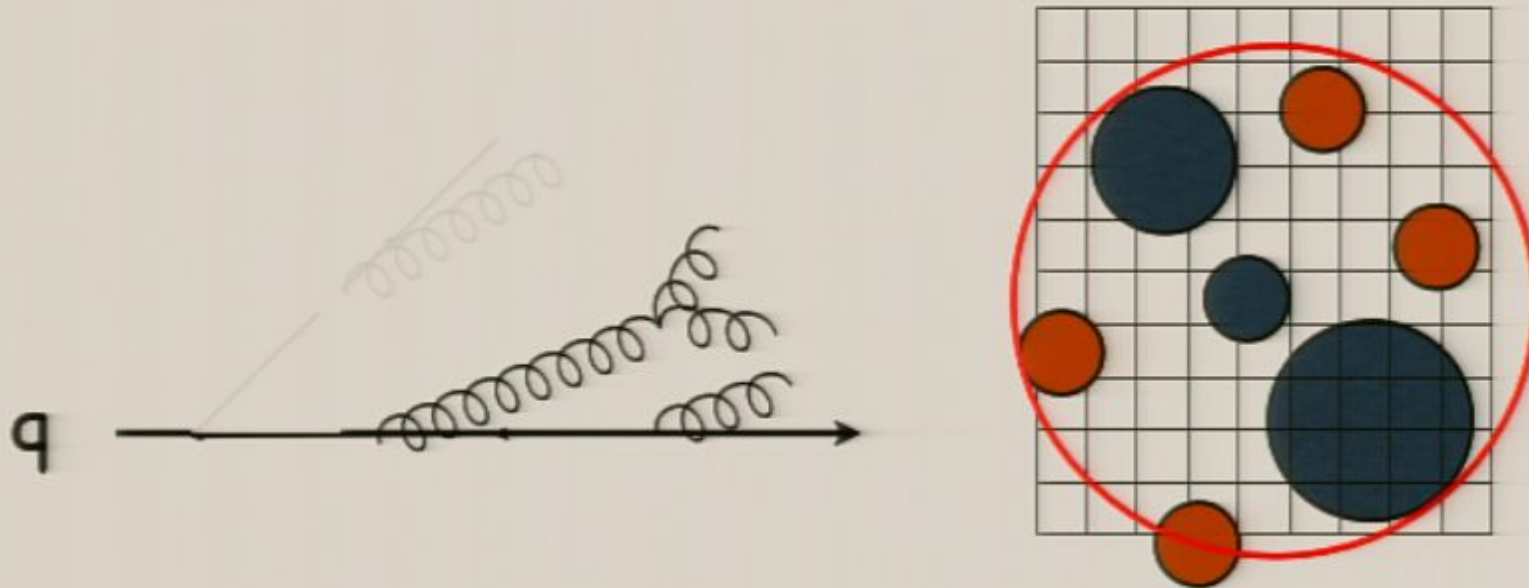
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Parton energy  $\rightarrow$  Jet energy

Need to capture radiation

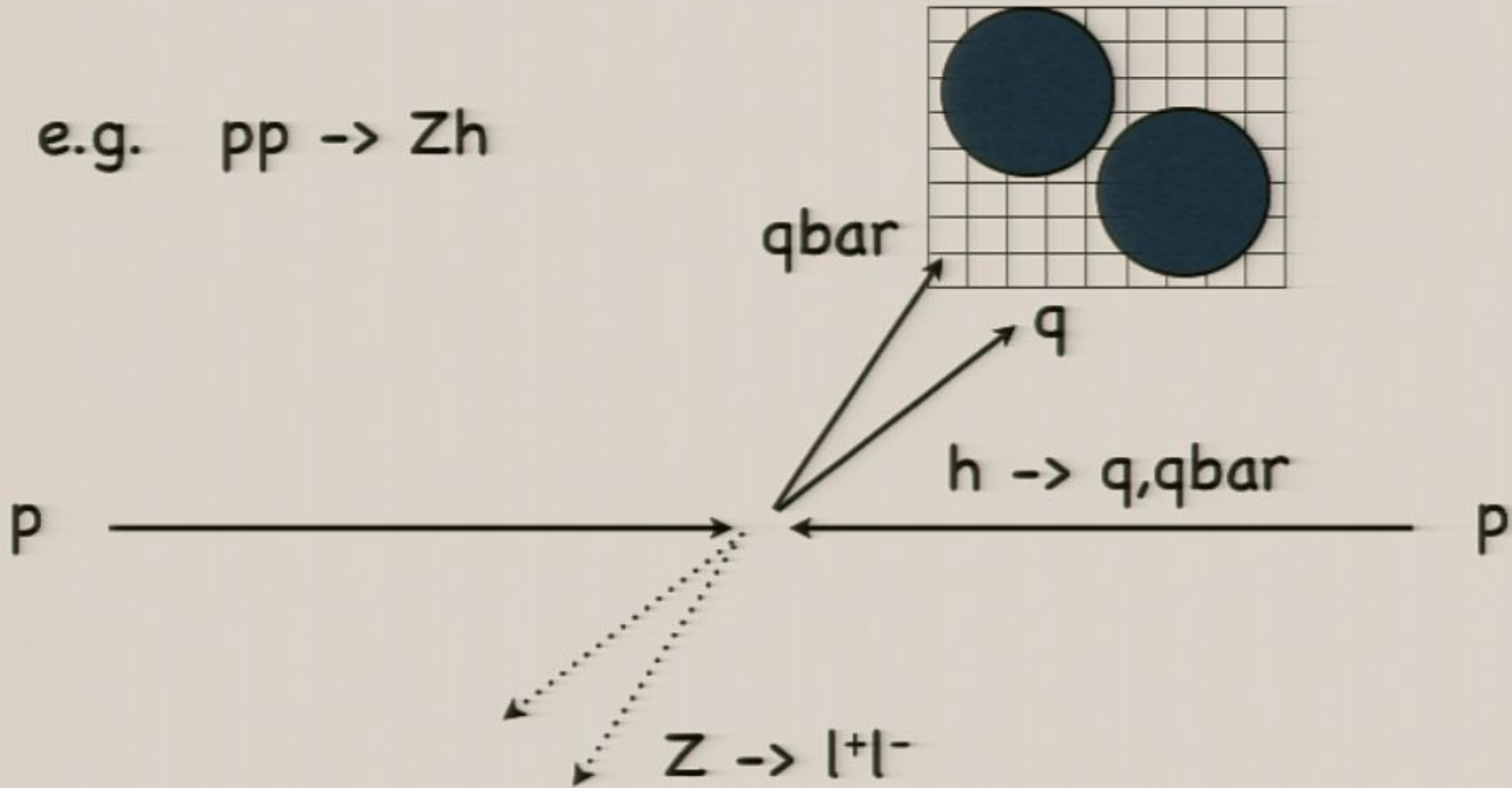
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Jet cone contains non-parton energy  
(underlying event)

# Boosted Jets

e.g.  $pp \rightarrow Zh$

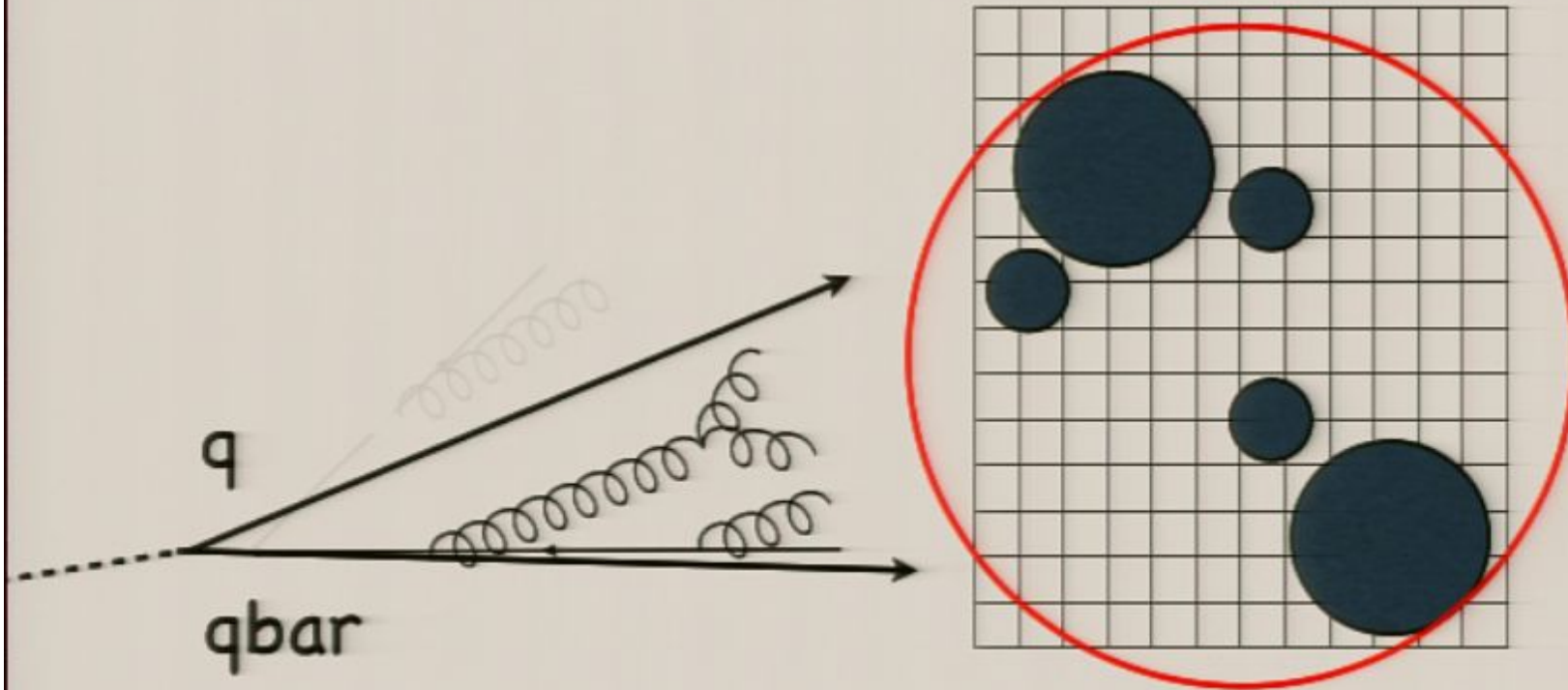


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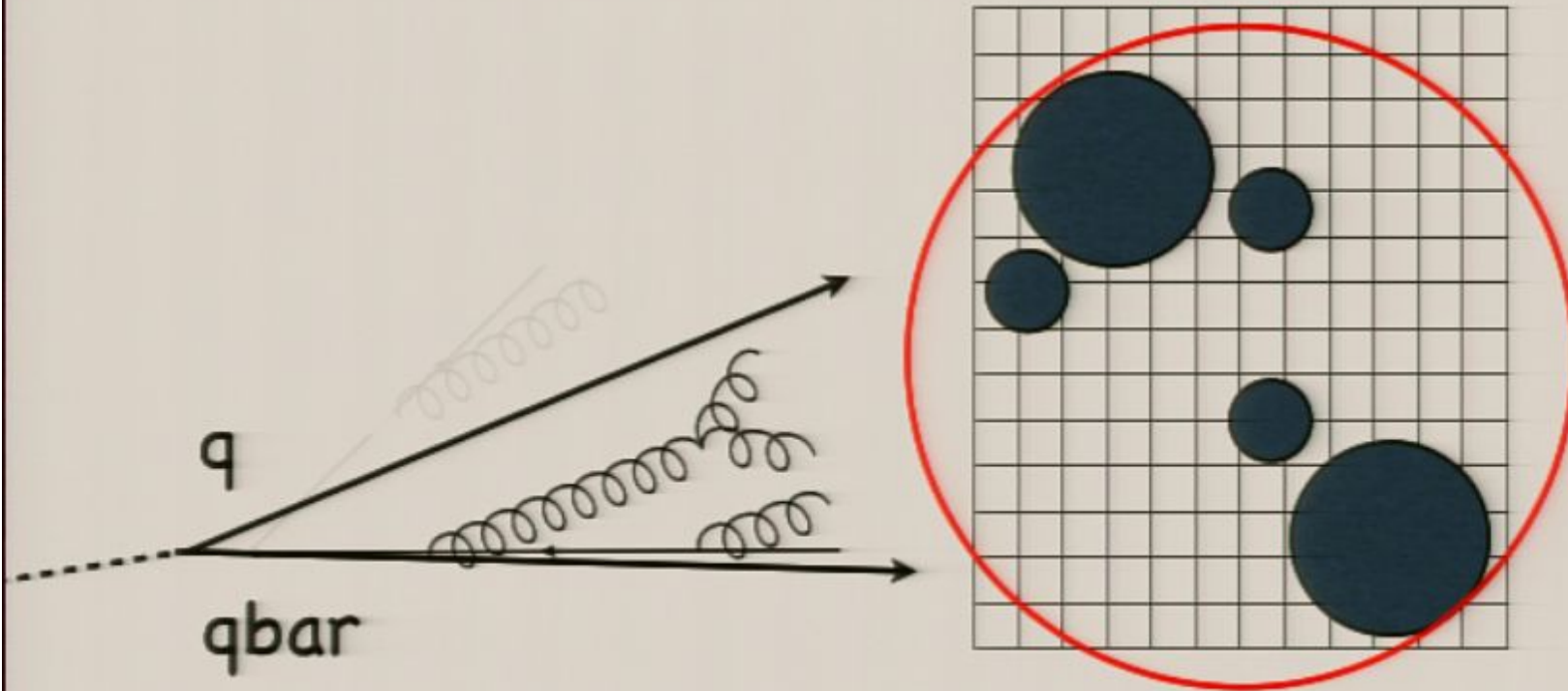
Jet cone has energy from two hard partons and their showers!

# Boosted Jets



Enlarge jet cone to capture  
hard partons and shower radiation

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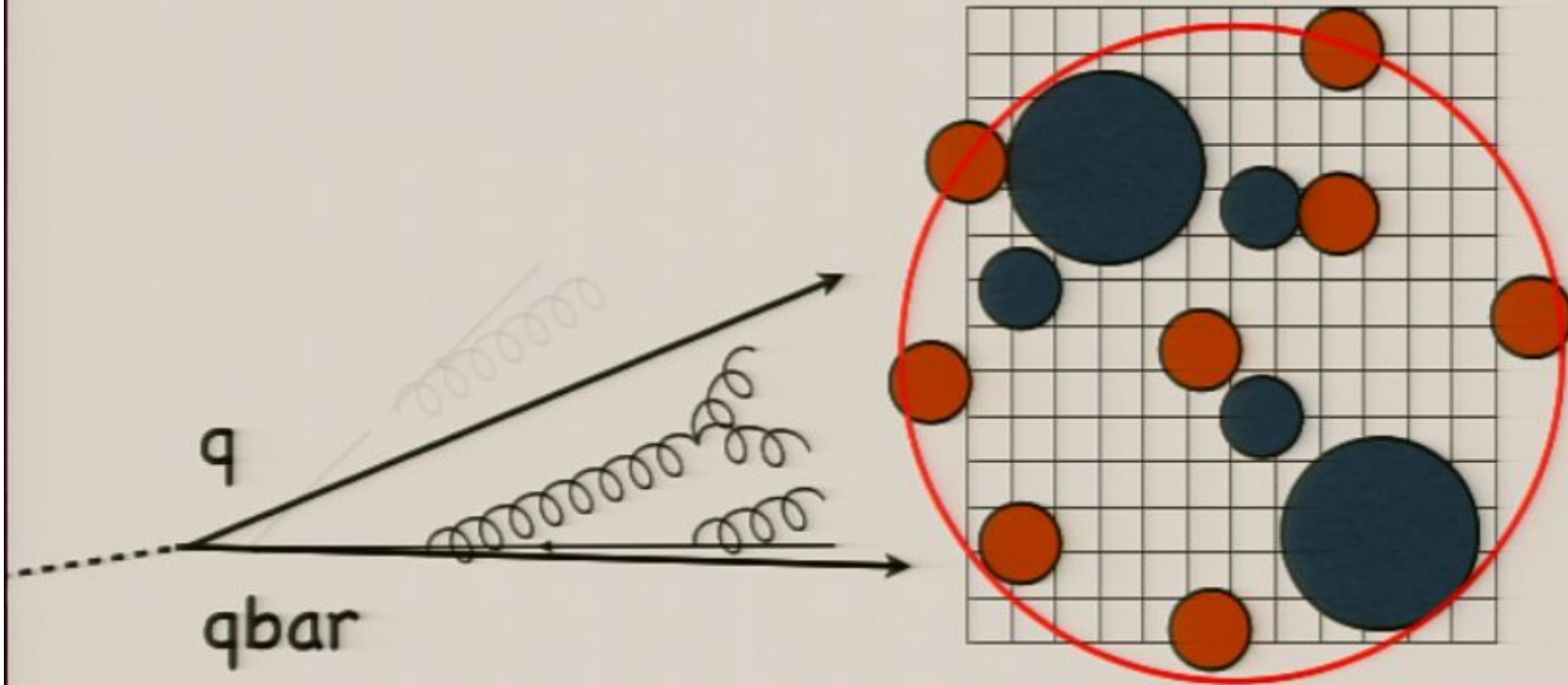


**Boosted Advantage:** Objects with high  $p_T$  have excellent jet energy resolution:

$$\left(\frac{\delta E}{E}\right)_{\text{jets}} \approx \frac{0.6}{\sqrt{E/\text{GeV}}} + 0.03$$

(ATLAS TDR,  
cone jets.)

# Boosted Jets



**Large Cone Disadvantage:** Underlying event significantly contaminates "fat jet" energy



# BDRS

(Butterworth, Davison, Rubin, Salam; 0802.2470)

Proposed a technique that involved  
“jet substructure” and “filtering”  
to discover

$h \rightarrow b, b\bar{b}$

for  $115 < m_h < 125$  GeV range.

## BDRS Basic Premise:

**Lose** cross section by requiring Higgs is boosted  
 $p_T(h) > 200 \text{ GeV}$   
(only 5% of Zh/Wh production at  
14 TeV LHC has this level of boost)

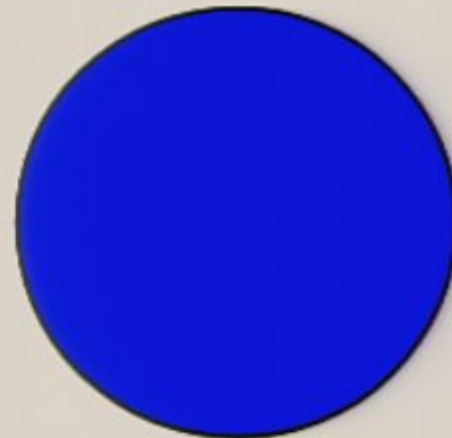
**Gain** on signal/background through the  
relative uniqueness and characteristics  
of the "fat jet" over QCD background

# BDRS Requirements

- trigger! Zh or Wh with leptonic Z/W decay
- $p_T(h) > 200 \text{ GeV}$
- several (standard) cuts to help reduce background
  
- cluster jets with inclusive Cambridge/Aachen  $R = 1.2$
- “fat jet” is b-tagged
- “mass drop” from jets to subjets
- “symmetric”  $p_T$  from jets to subjets
- two b-tags of two highest  $p_T$  subjets
- filter the subjets

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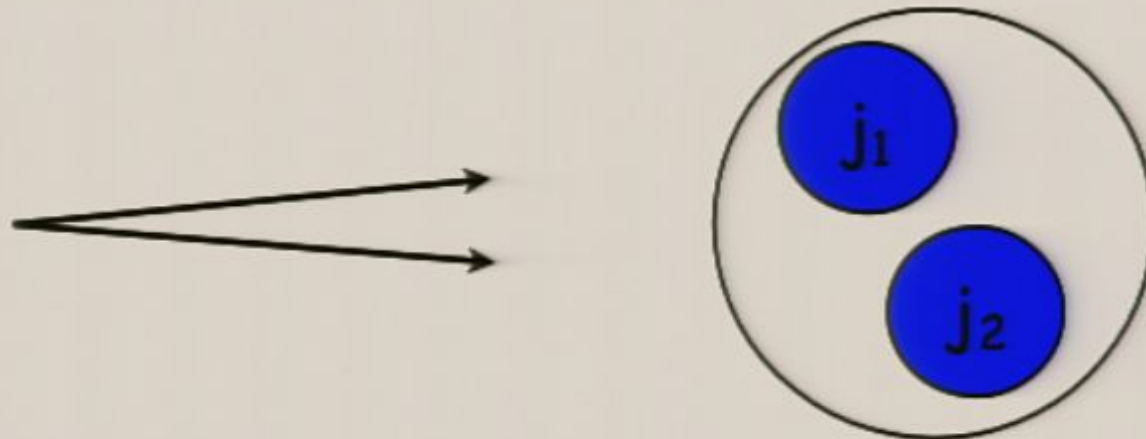
b-tagged jet



with jet mass:  $m_j$

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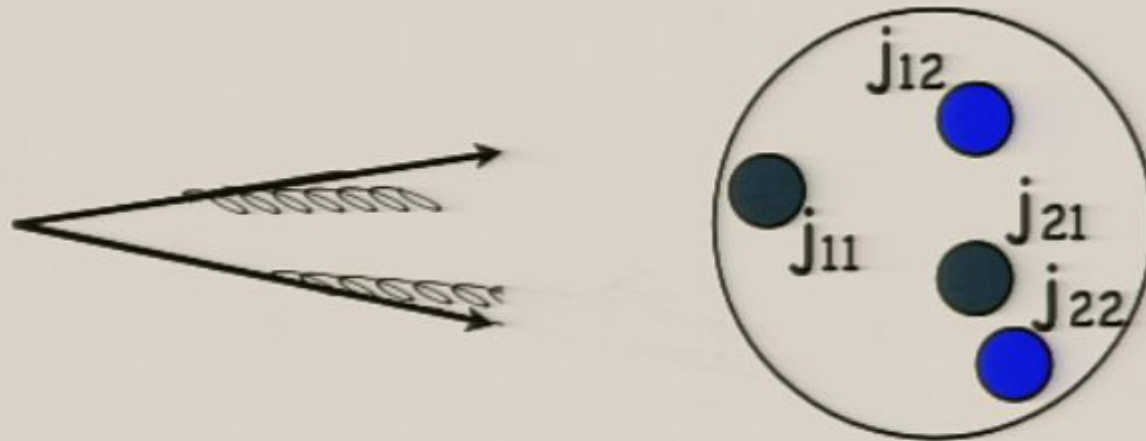
undo clustering



In C/A, this came from two jets with masses  
 $m_{j_1}$  ,  $m_{j_2}$

# Jet Decomposition

repeat unclustering:



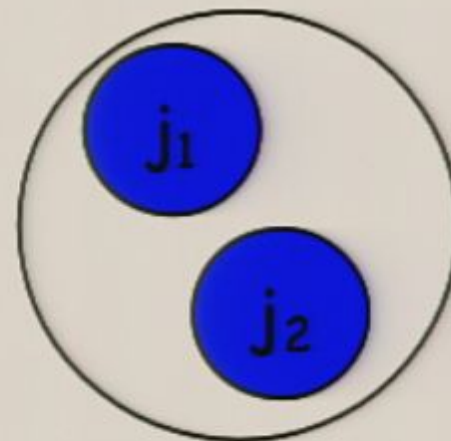
four jets with masses:  $m_{j_{11}}$   $m_{j_{12}}$   $m_{j_{21}}$   $m_{j_{22}}$

# Higgs Jet Identification

1) check for **mass drop**

$$m_{j1} < \mu m_j?$$

$0 < \mu < 1$  is a parameter



2) check "**asymmetry**"

$$y = \frac{\min(p_{t,j1}^2, p_{t,j2}^2)}{m_j^2} \Delta R_{j1,j2}^2 > y_{cut}$$

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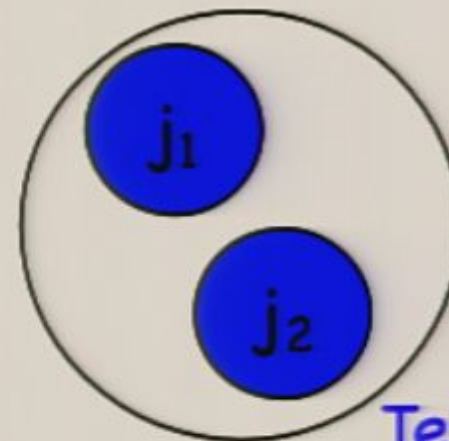
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Expect drop for heavy particle decay



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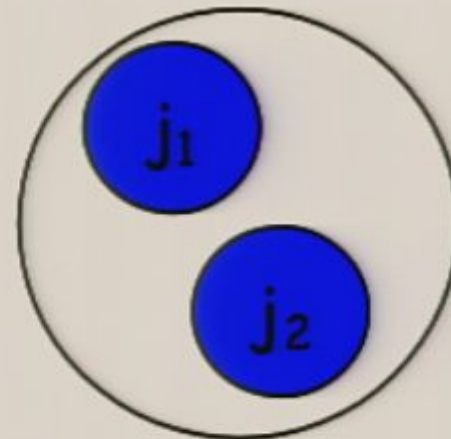


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3) are **both** subjets b-tagged?

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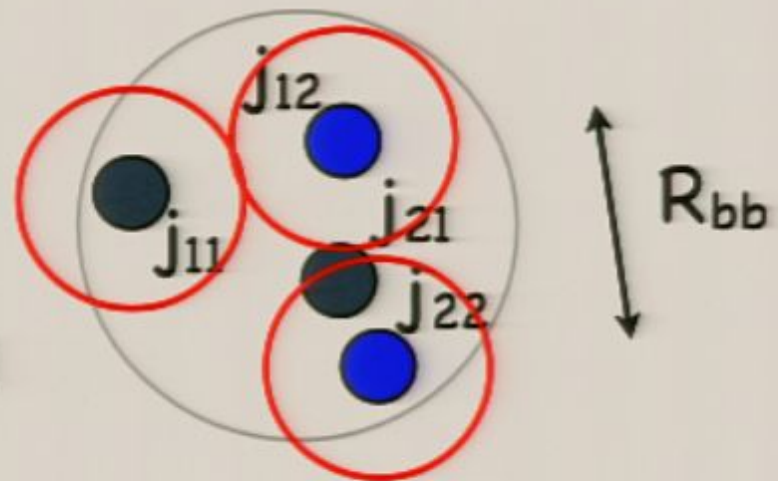
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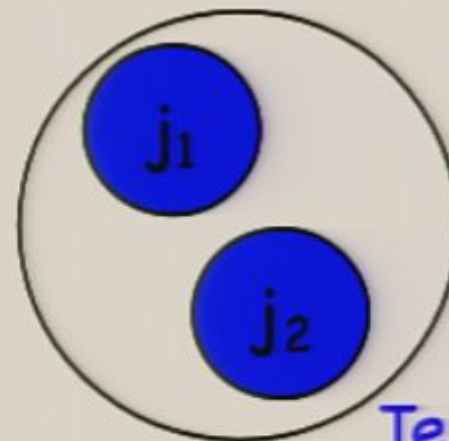
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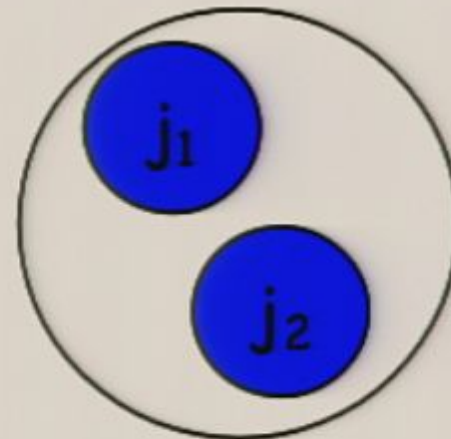
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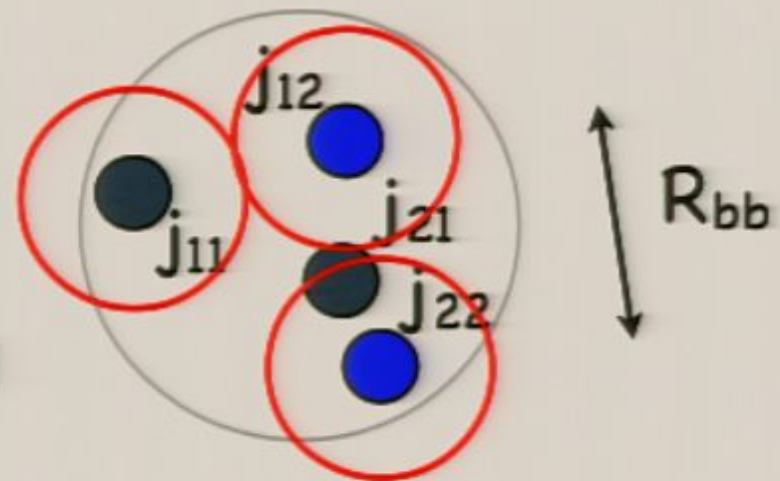
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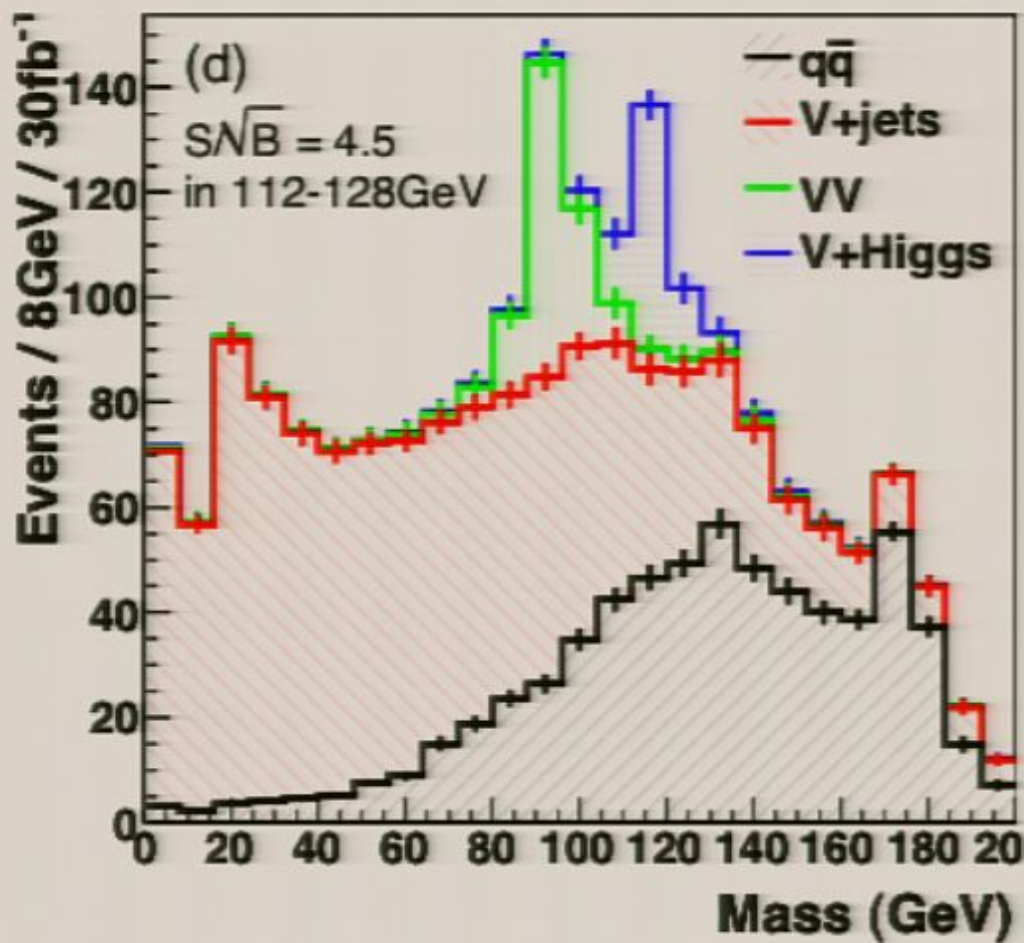
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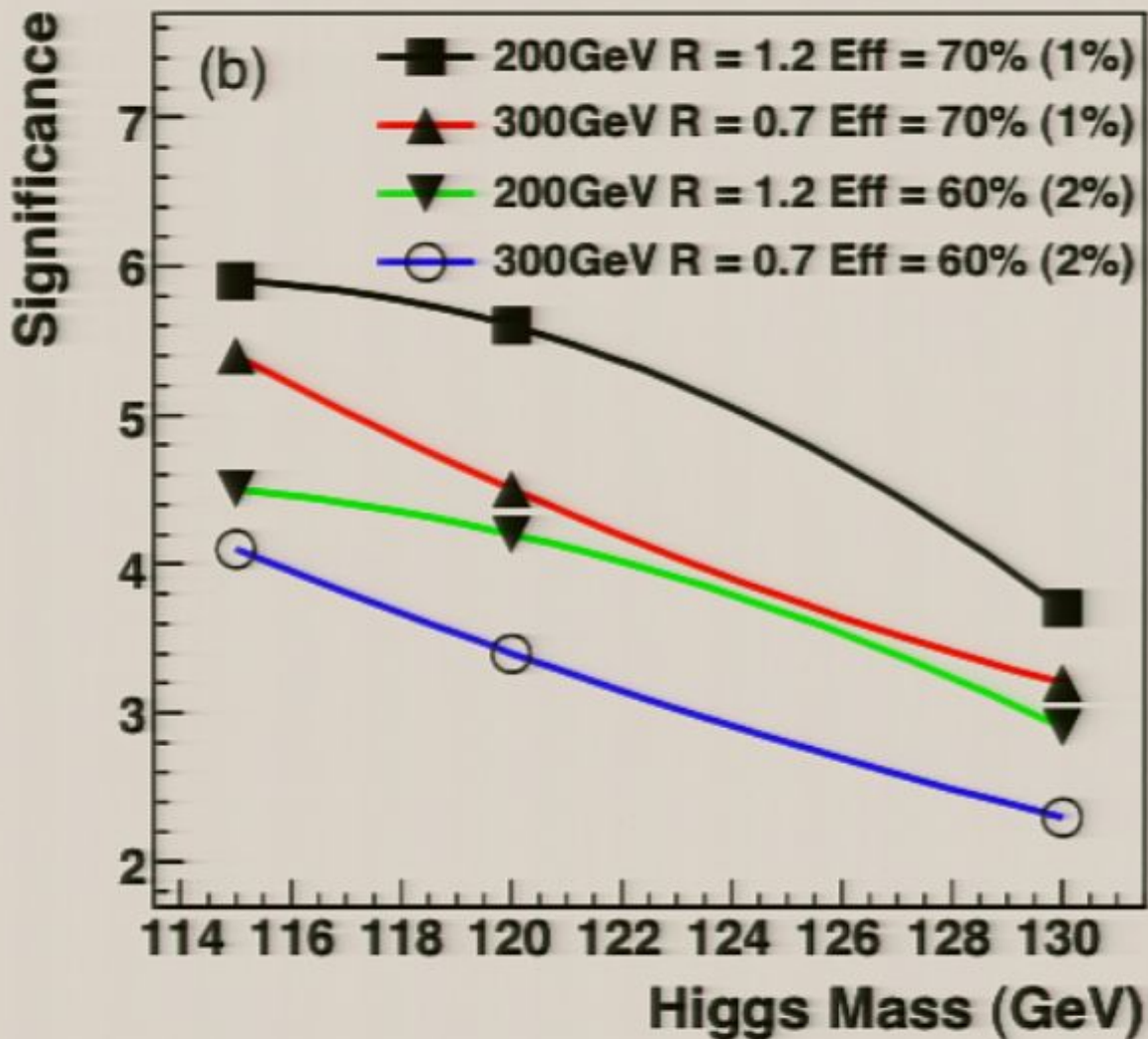
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# BDRS Result

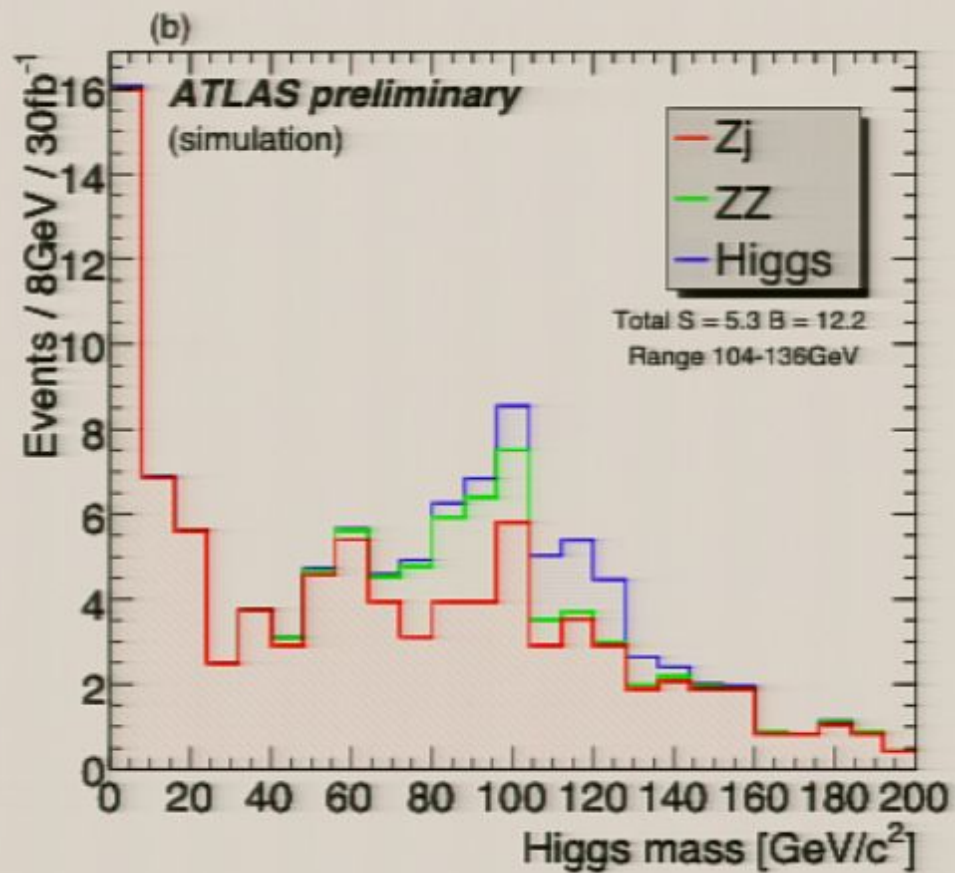
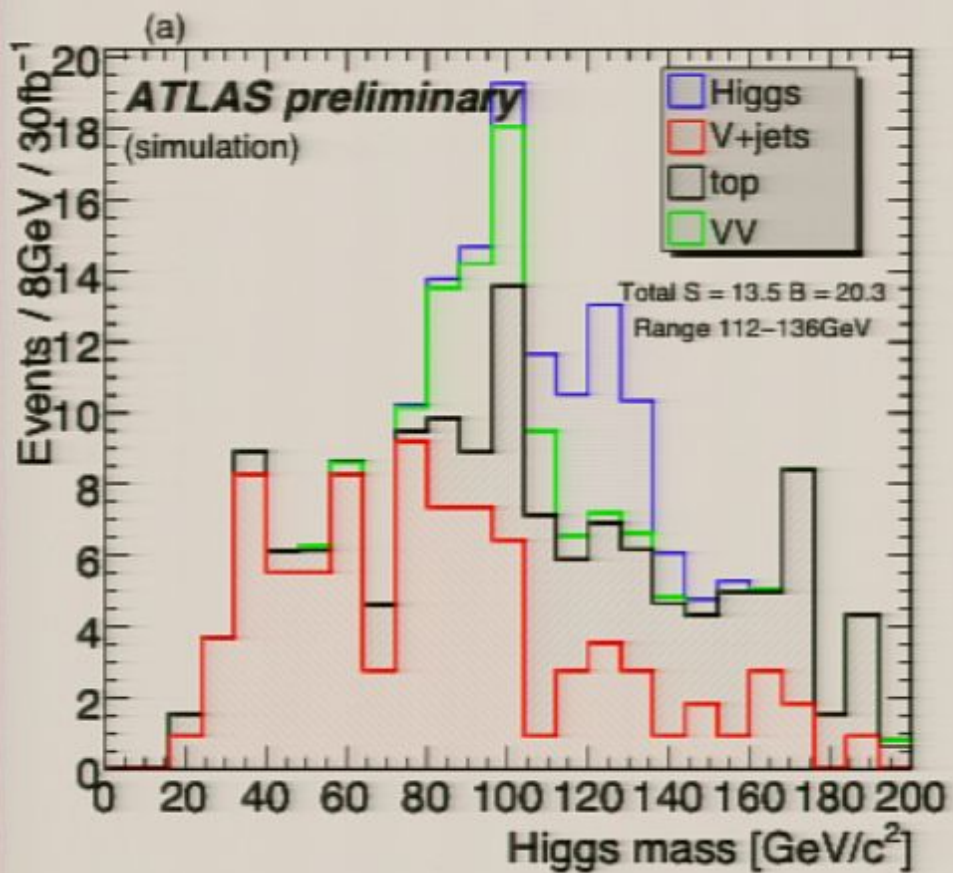


- LHC 14 TeV; 30 fb<sup>-1</sup>
- HERWIG/JIMMY  
cross-checked with PYTHIA  
with "ATLAS tune"
- 60% b-tag; 2% mistag
- no smearing

# BDRS Result



# ATLAS Simulation





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For the cut-based analysis presented here, the combined sensitivity of these channels after an integrated luminosity  $L = 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data, considering only statistical errors, is  $3.7\sigma$  for a Higgs-boson mass of 120 GeV. If the major backgrounds have a systematic uncertainty of around 15%, the significance drops to  $3.0\sigma$ , and if the systematic uncertainty is as high as 50% this sensitivity drops to around  $2.2\sigma$ . For  $L = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  we might expect sensitivity of up to  $2.1\sigma$ . This is very close to the ATLAS sensitivity in any other single channel [2] in this region. In addition, this channel would give the most direct information on the  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  coupling and will therefore be critical for determining the parameters of the Higgs sector [27].

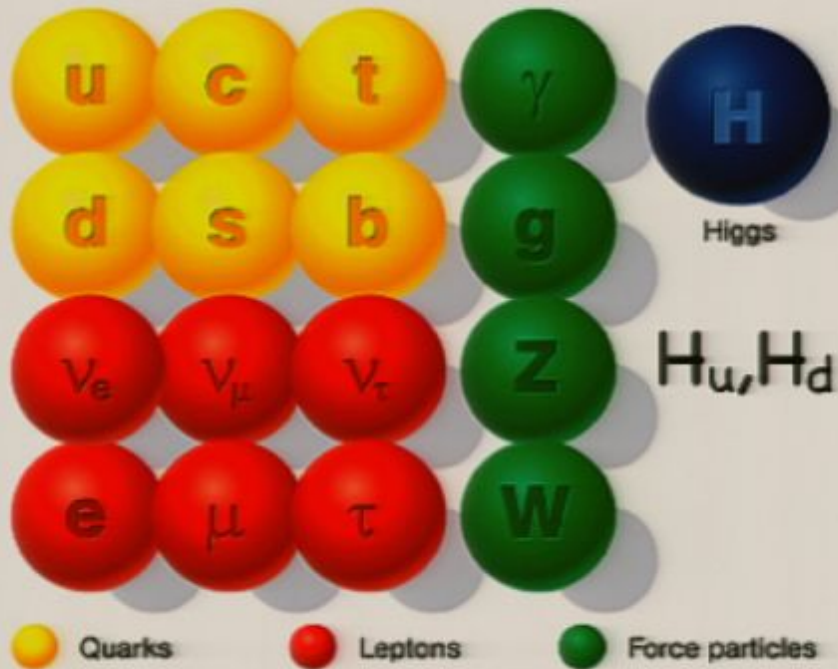
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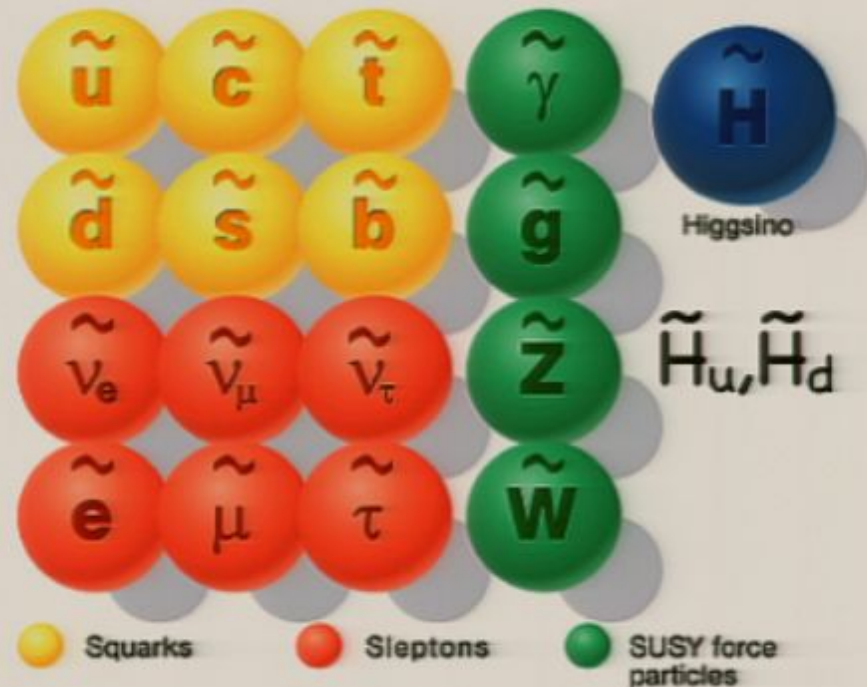
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# Weak Scale Supersymmetry

## Standard particles



## SUSY particles



“Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)”

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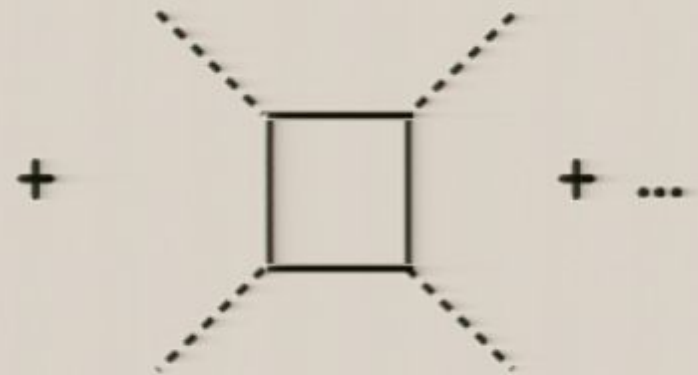
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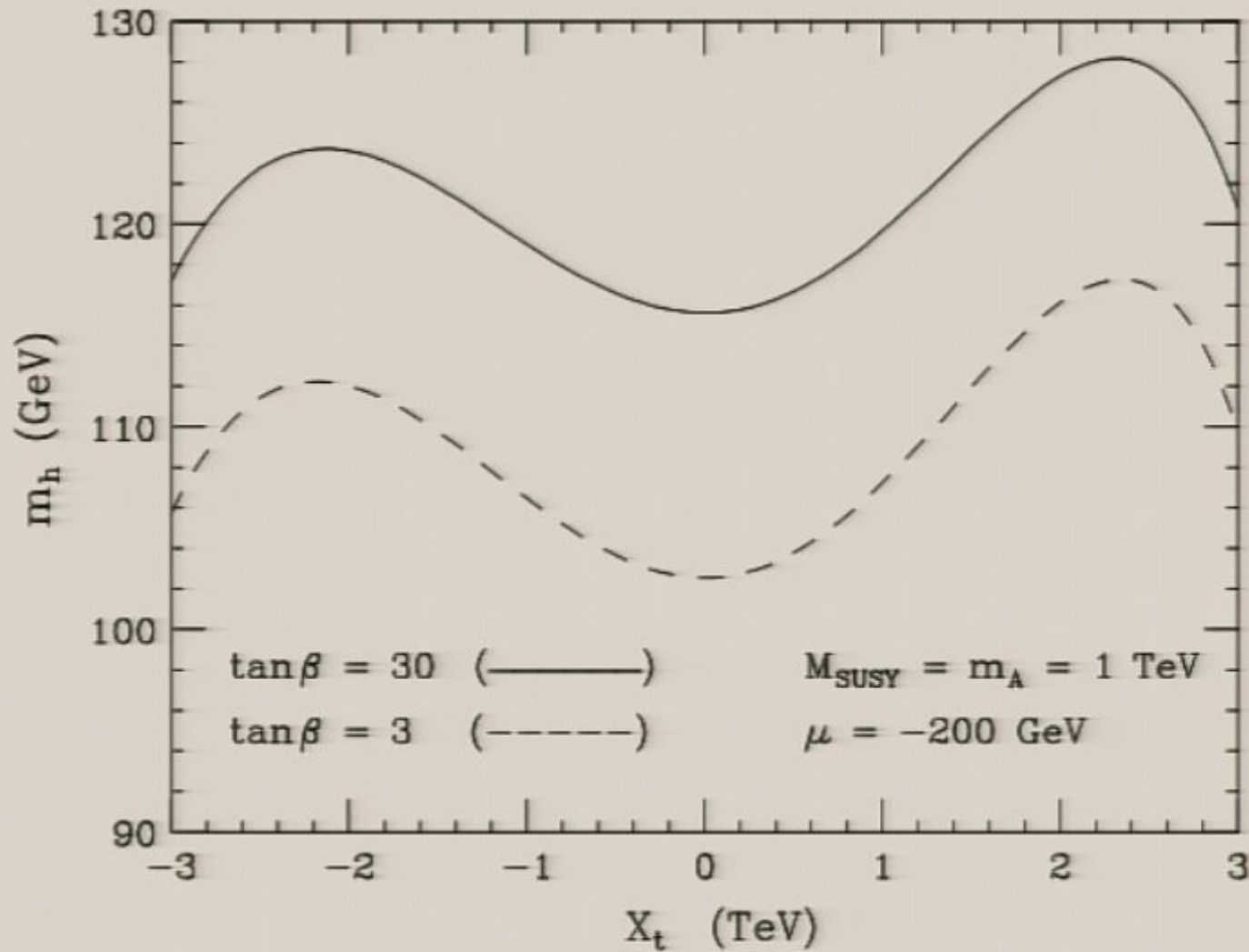
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(schematic)

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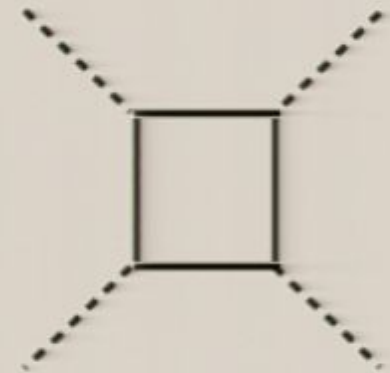
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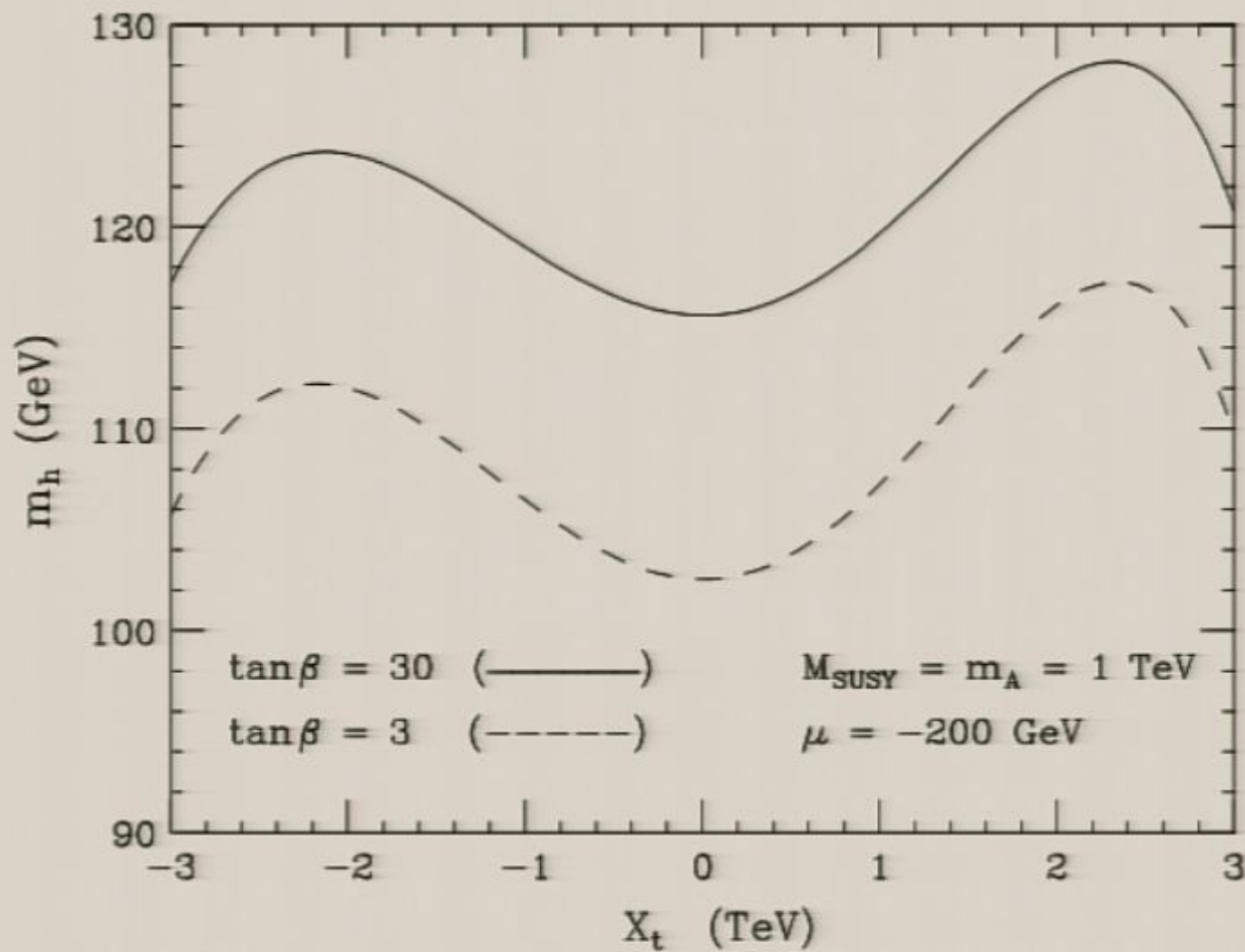


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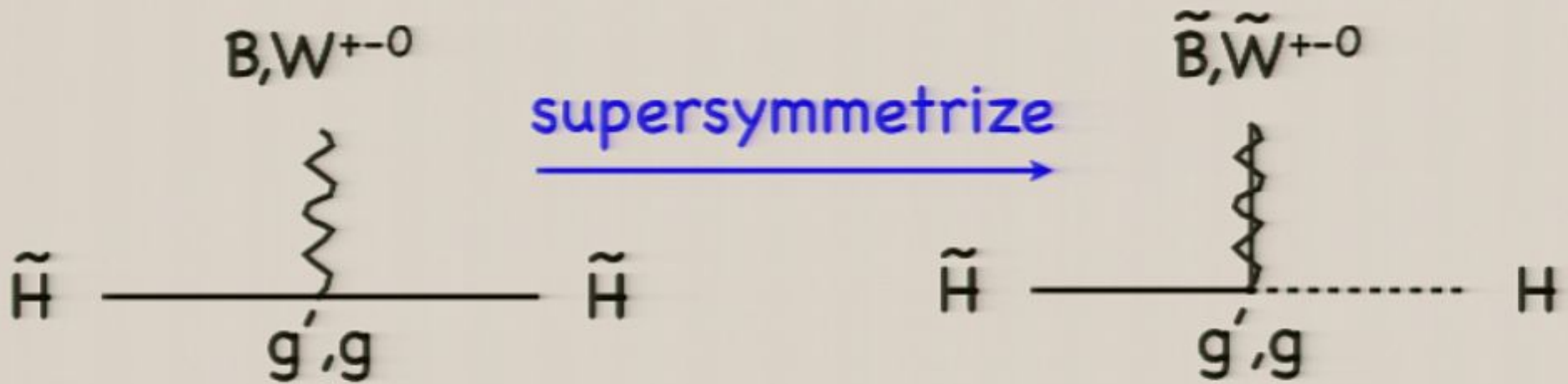
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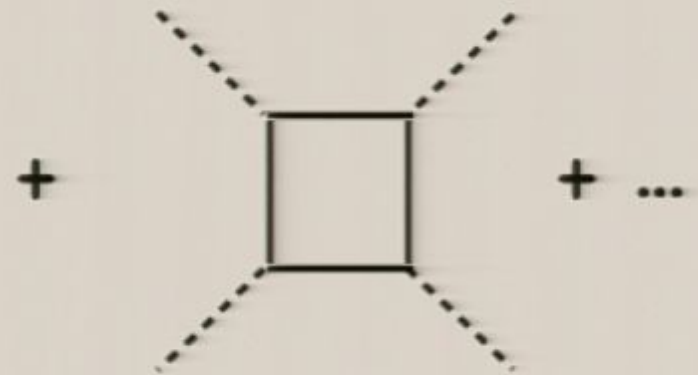
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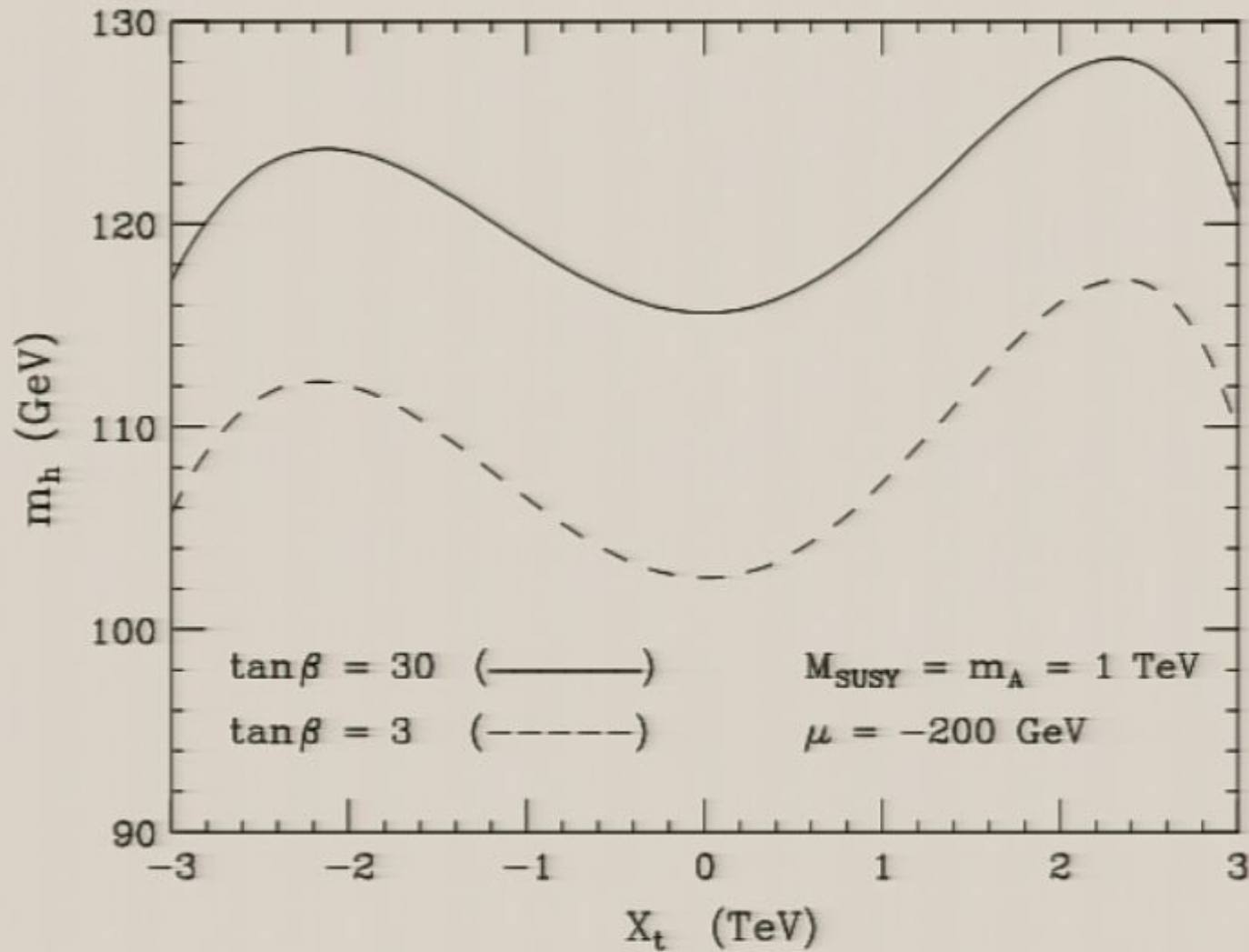
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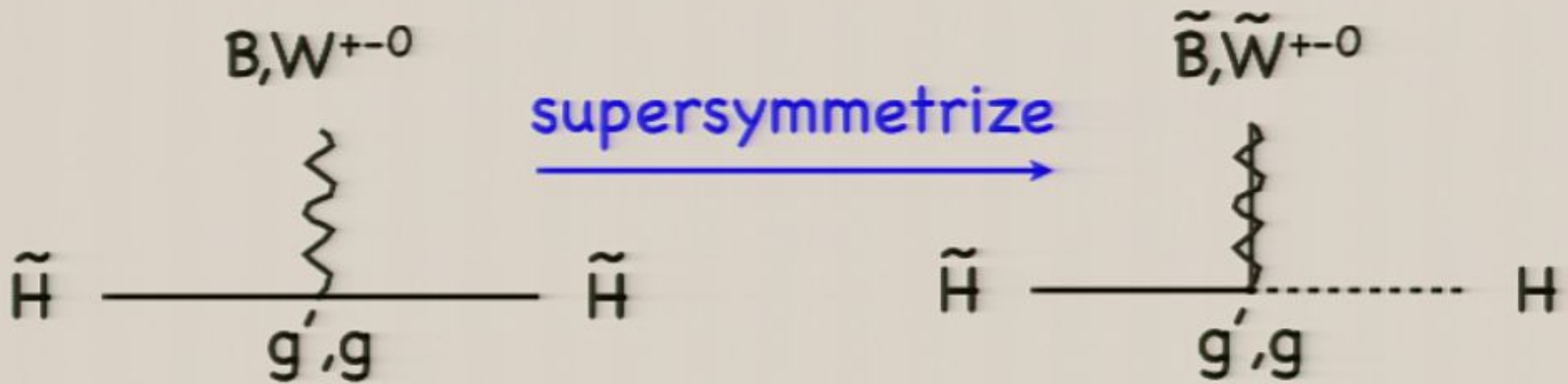
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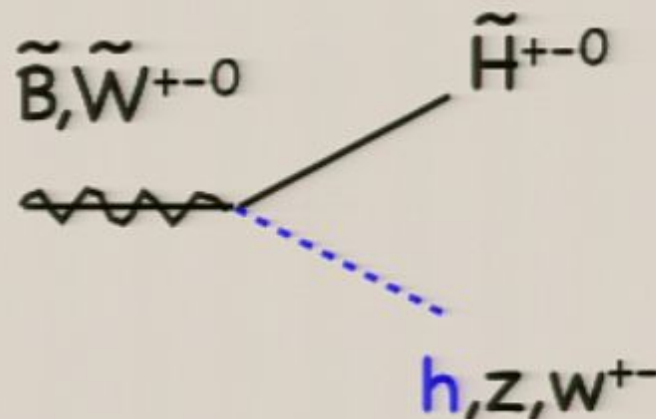


# Supersymmetrize Higgs Interactions



# Gauginos can decay to Higgs I

(if kinematically open)



“Goldstone region”

When  $m_A$  large,  
 $\approx 25\%$  of time  
decay to  $h$

$\approx 75\%$  of time to  
longitudinal  $W/Z$

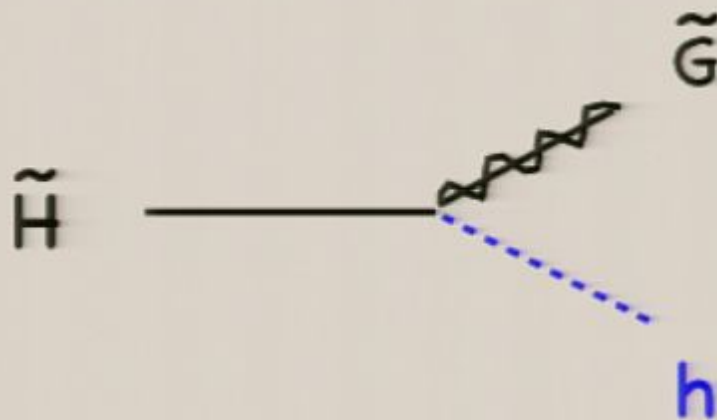
Kinematical requirement

$$m_W > \mu + m_h$$

$$> 100 + 120 = 220 \text{ GeV}$$

# Gauginos can decay to Higgs II

(Higgsino NLSP; Gravitino LSP)

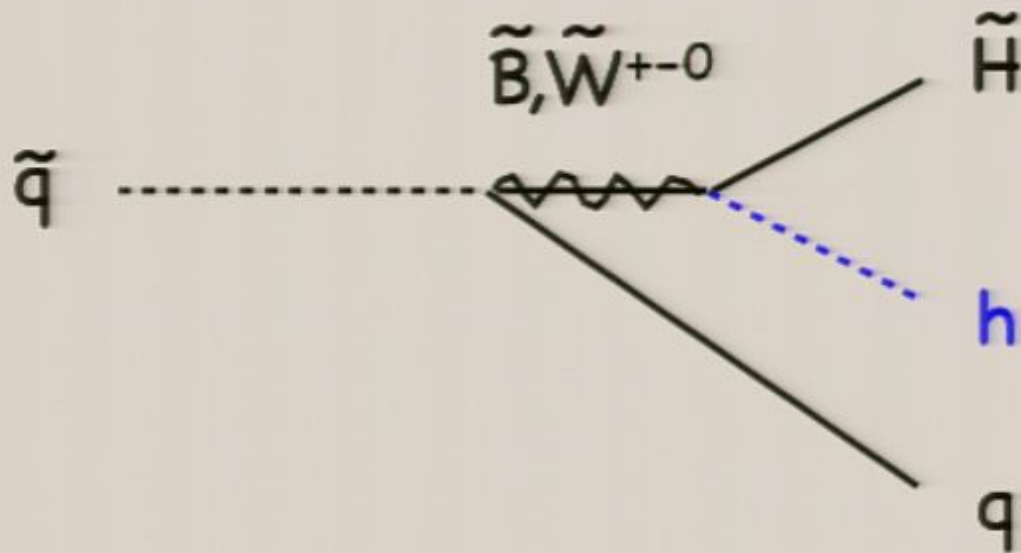


Kinematical requirement

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &> m_{\tilde{g}} + m_h \\ &> 120 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

# Squark Production to Gauginos

(which then decay to Higgs)



typical  $\sigma(\text{squarks})_{14 \text{ TeV}} \approx \text{several pb!!}$

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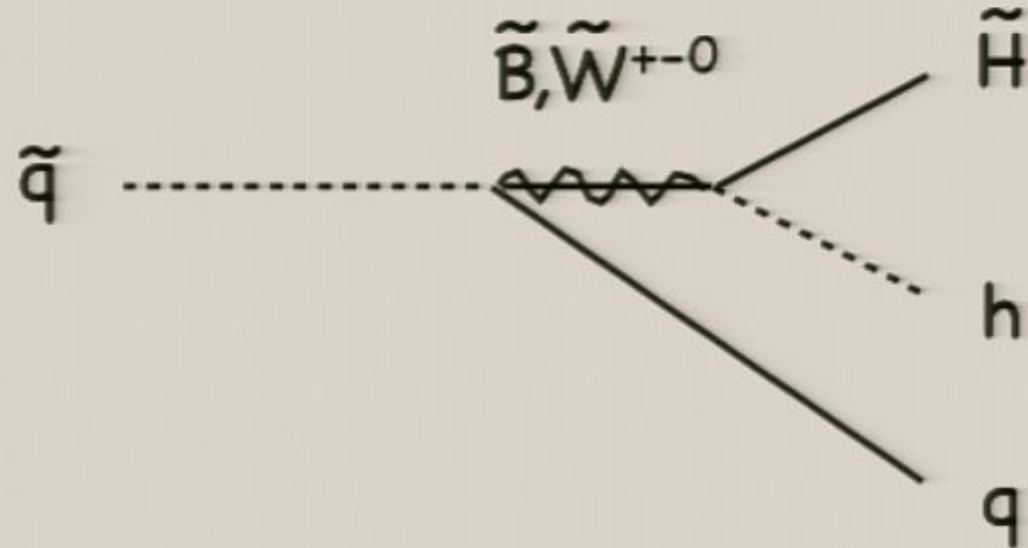
# MSSM Higgs

- Higgs is light;  $h \rightarrow b, \bar{b}$  always present!
- New production sources of Higgs from superpartner cascades can have large cross sections and large decay rates
- Heavy superpartners decaying to light Higgs implies **boost** is often large ( $\approx 50\%$ !)

**Ideal for Boosted Higgs Analysis!**



# Problem with SUSY production:



Supersymmetric events tend to be "busy" with a lot of hadronic activity from squarks/gluinos and associated parton showers.

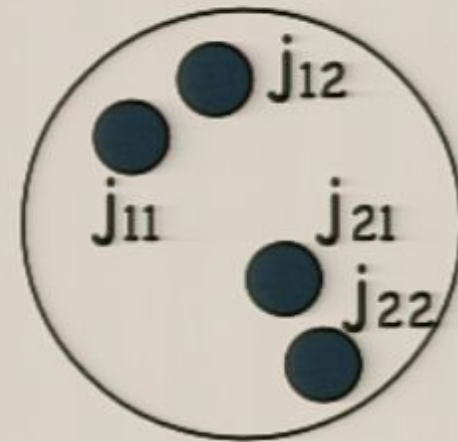
Can have extra hard b subjects in "fat jet" cone!

Similar problem also with  $t, t\bar{t}, h$ !

# Our New Step: Maximize "Similarity"

- 1) Do BDRS procedure.
- 2) At each stage of unclustering, calculate "S":

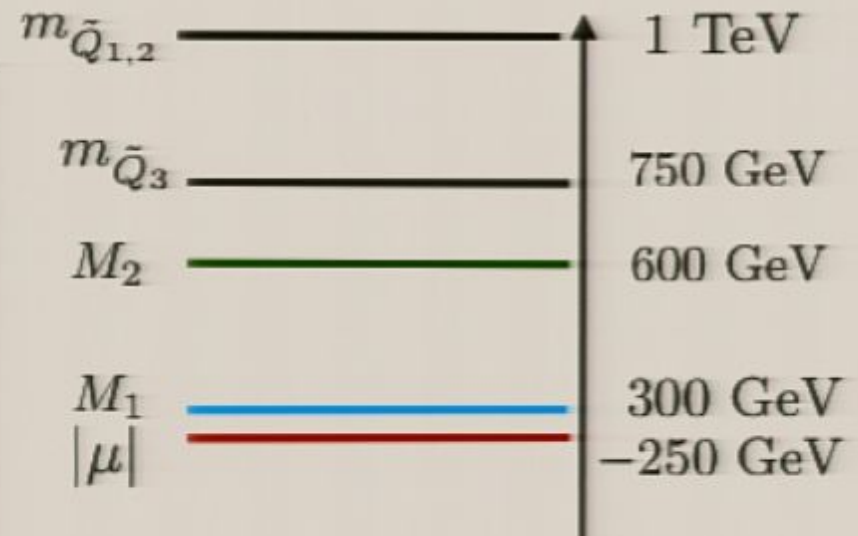
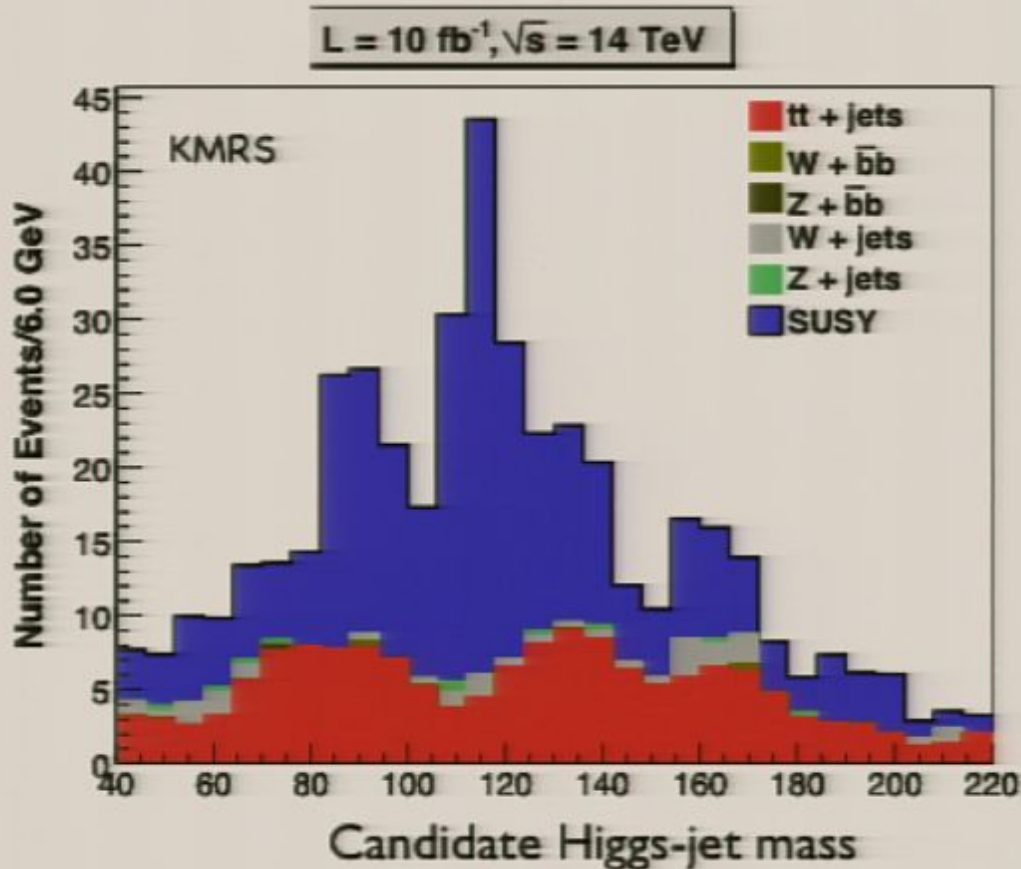
$$S_i = \frac{\min(p_{t_{j_1}}^2, p_{t_{j_2}}^2)}{(p_{t_{j_1}} + p_{t_{j_2}})^2} \Delta R_{j_1 j_2}$$



- 3) Choose 3 highest pT jets (2 highest b-tagged) from stage which maximizes "S"

This helps reject SUSY backgrounds with extra hard b's not from Higgs decay.

# Higgsino NLSP $\rightarrow$ h Gravitino LSP



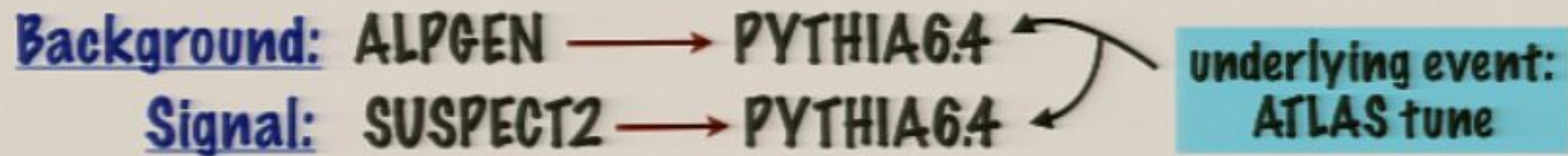
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# Simulations details...



- All final-state hadrons grouped into cells of size  $(\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi) = (0.1 \times 0.1)$
- Each cell is rescaled to be massless  
this models detector response (Thaler, Wang '08)

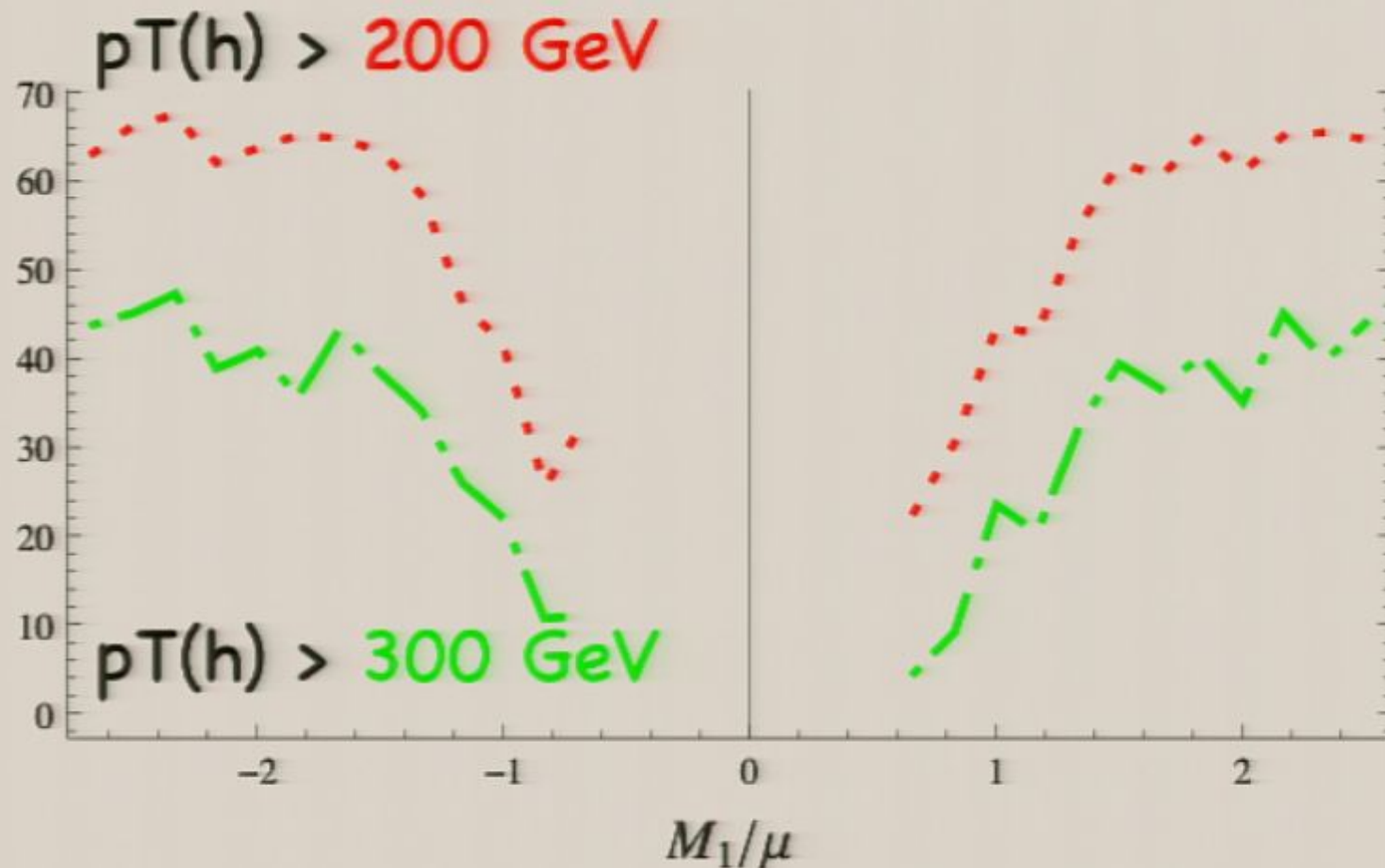
jet gymnastics performed using [FastJet](#) (hep-ph/0512210)

b-tagging: 60% efficiency, 2% fake rate

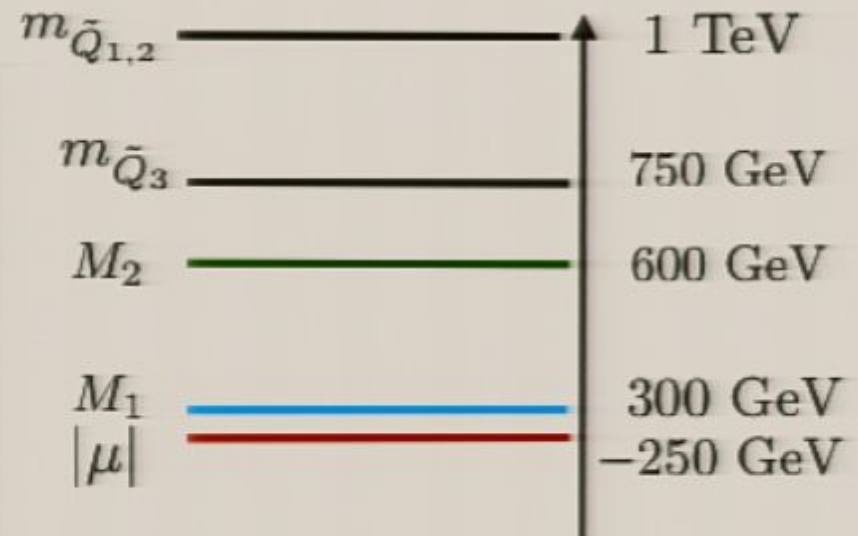
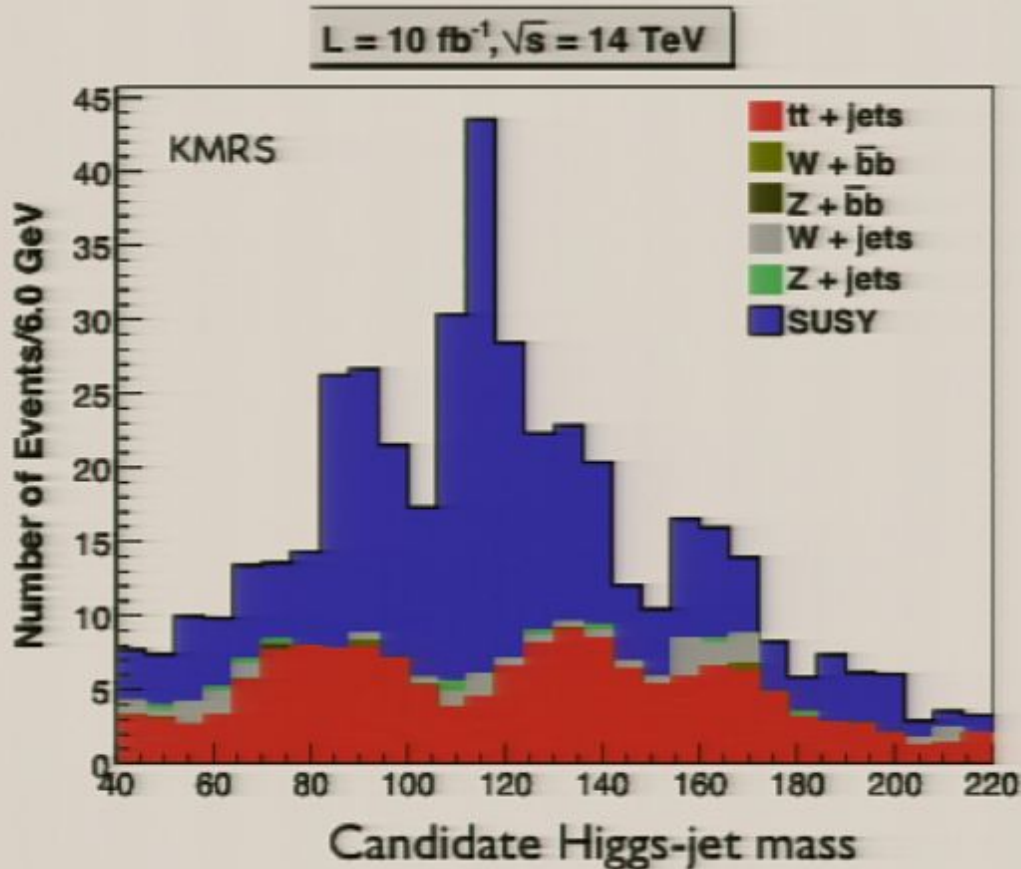
jet-photon fake rate: .1%

# MSSM (Neutralino LSP)

## Boosted Fraction



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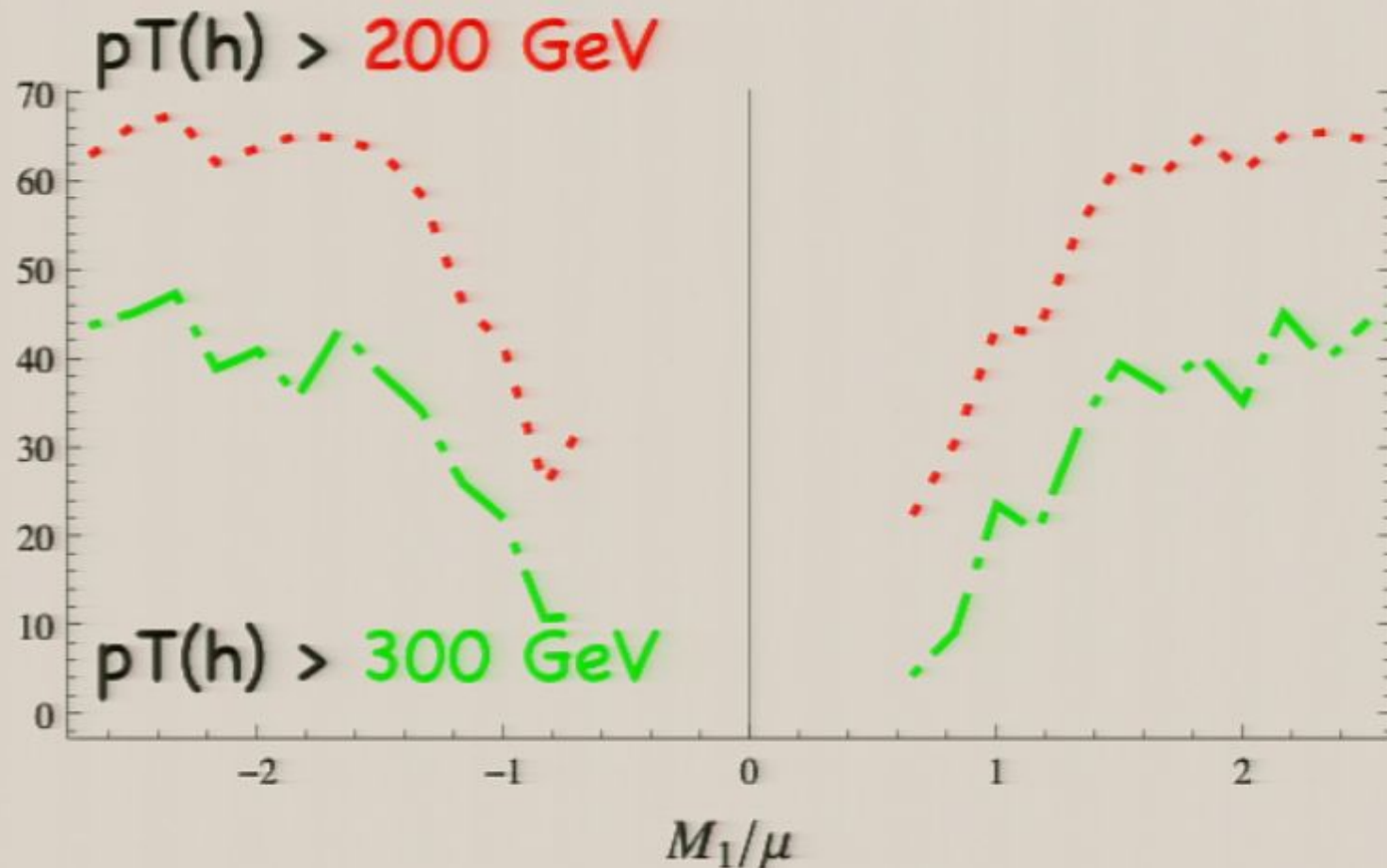
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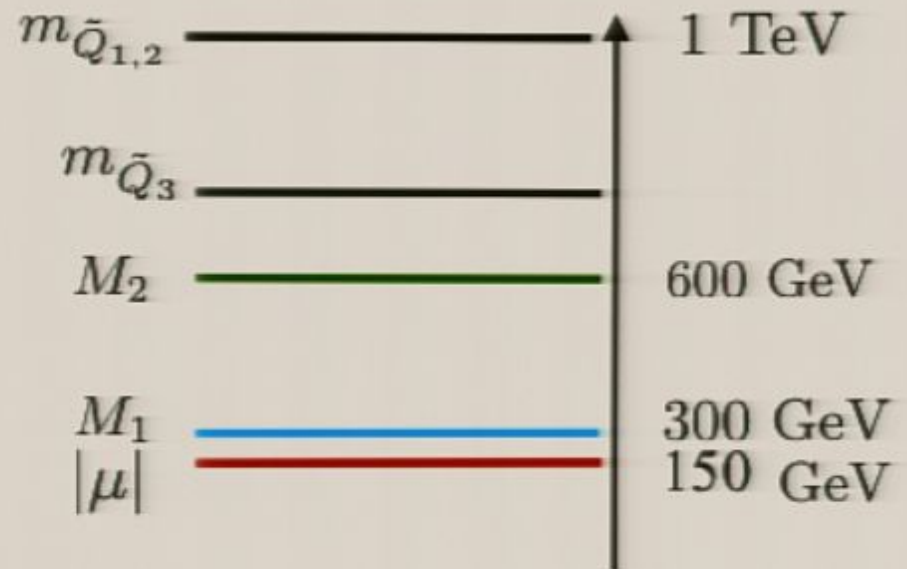
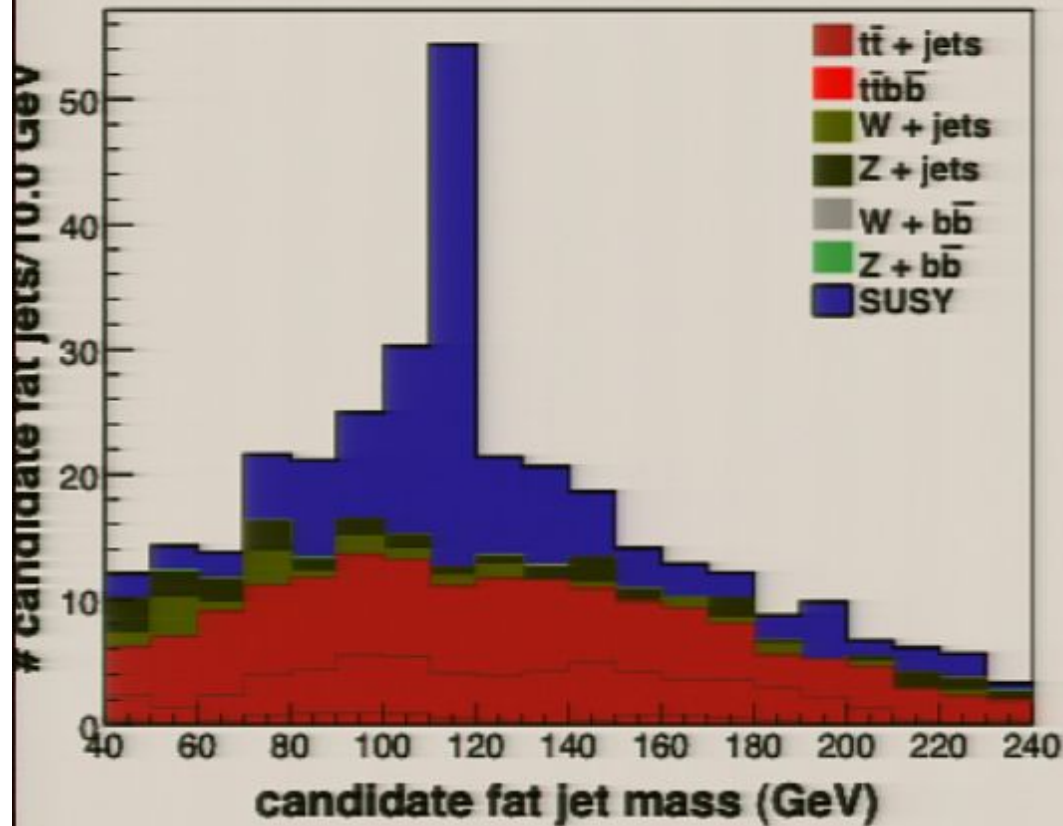
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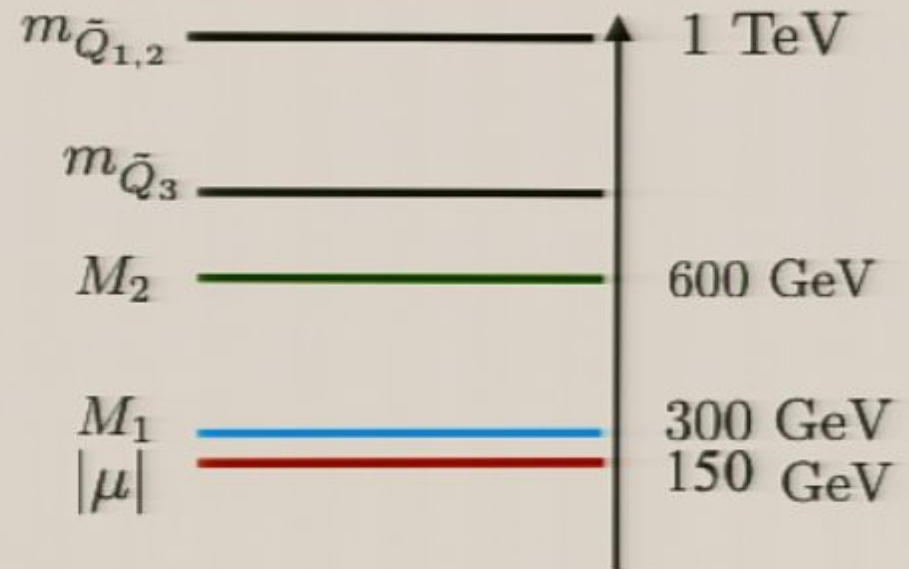
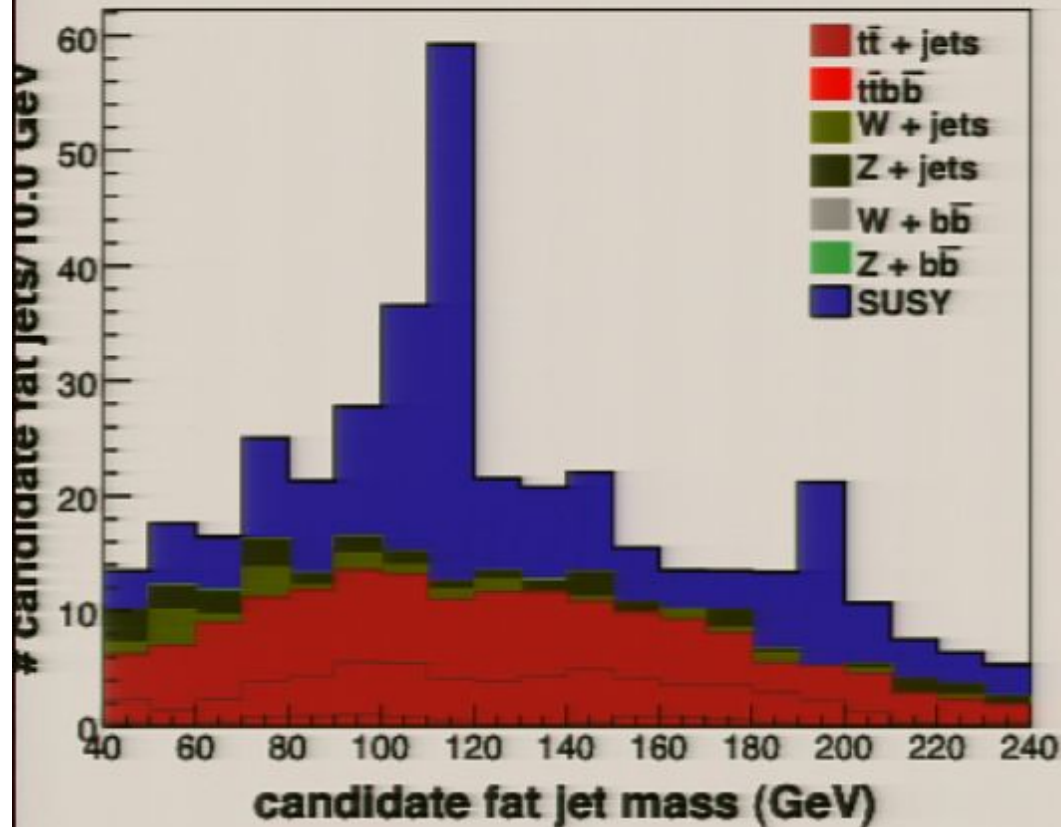
$E_T > 300$  GeV,  $H_T > 1.0$  TeV

+ lepton veto



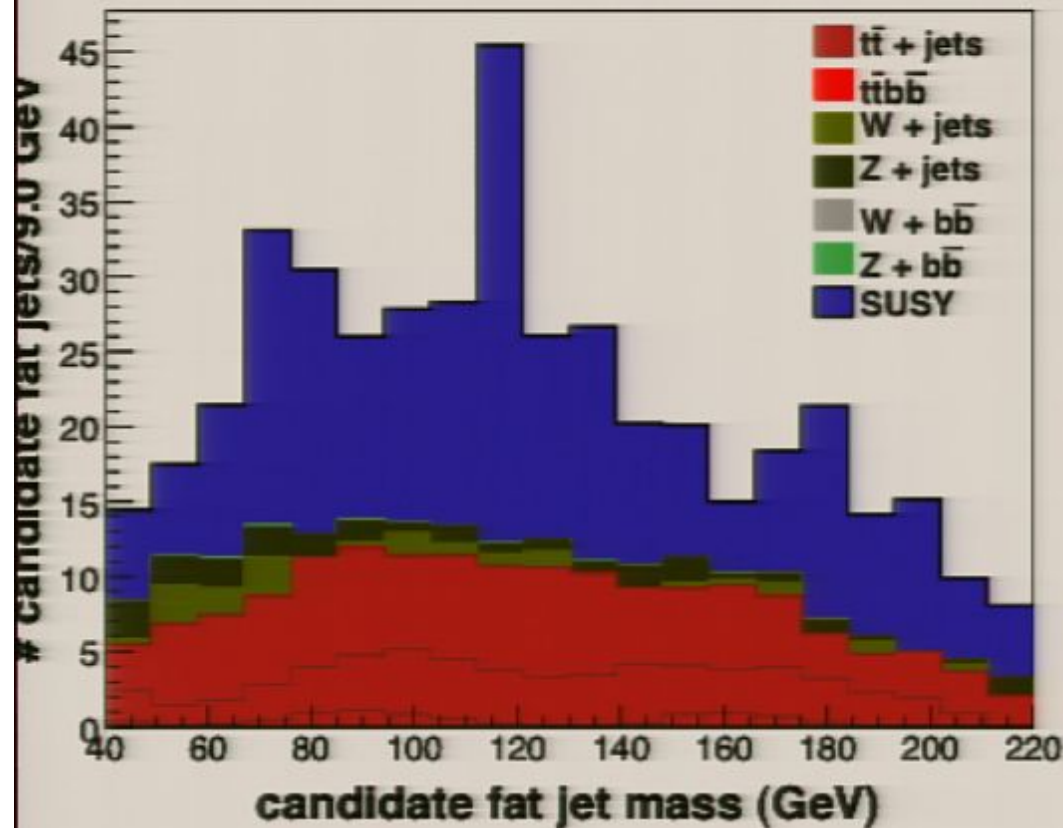
# MSSM Point 1C

now,  $m_A = 200$  GeV



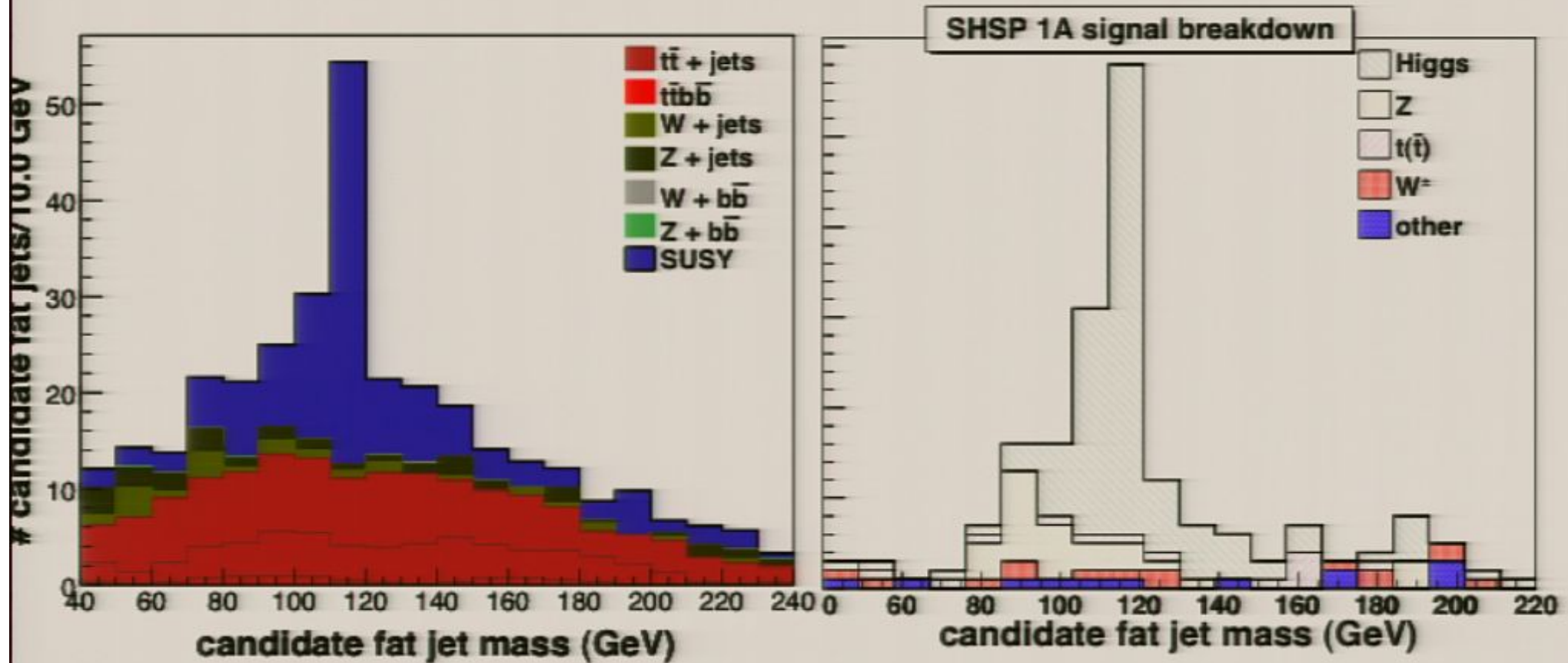
Can even discover heavier A,H states!

# MSSM (light bino) Point 3



(Density of LSP gives right thermal relic abundance)

# Monte Carlo Truth...



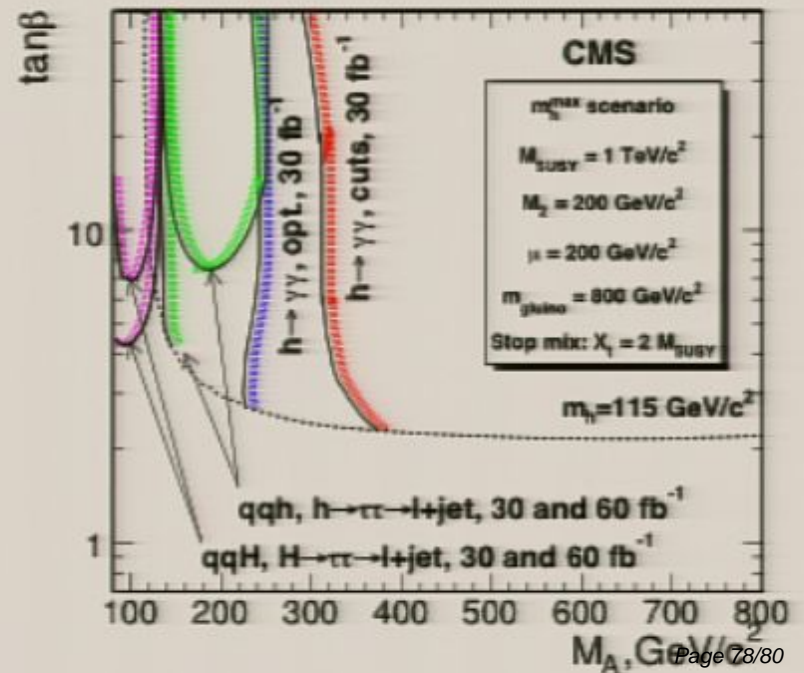
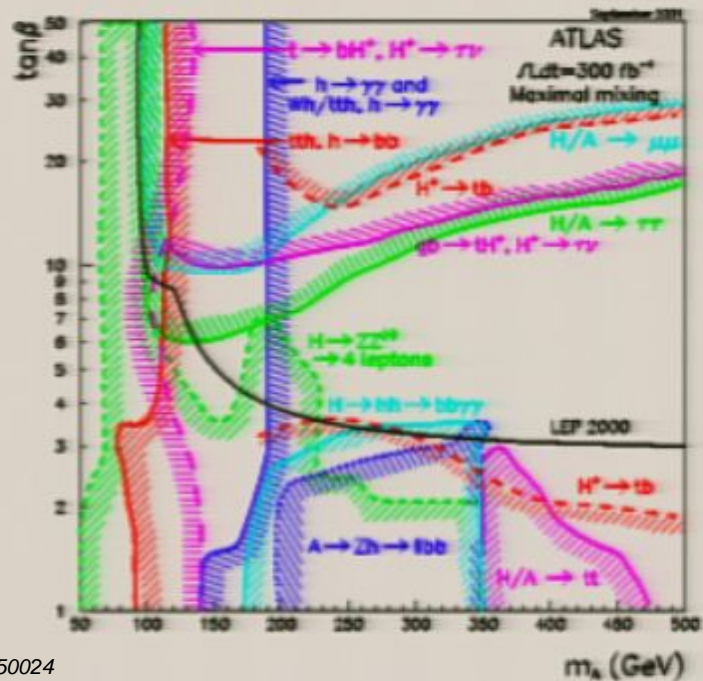
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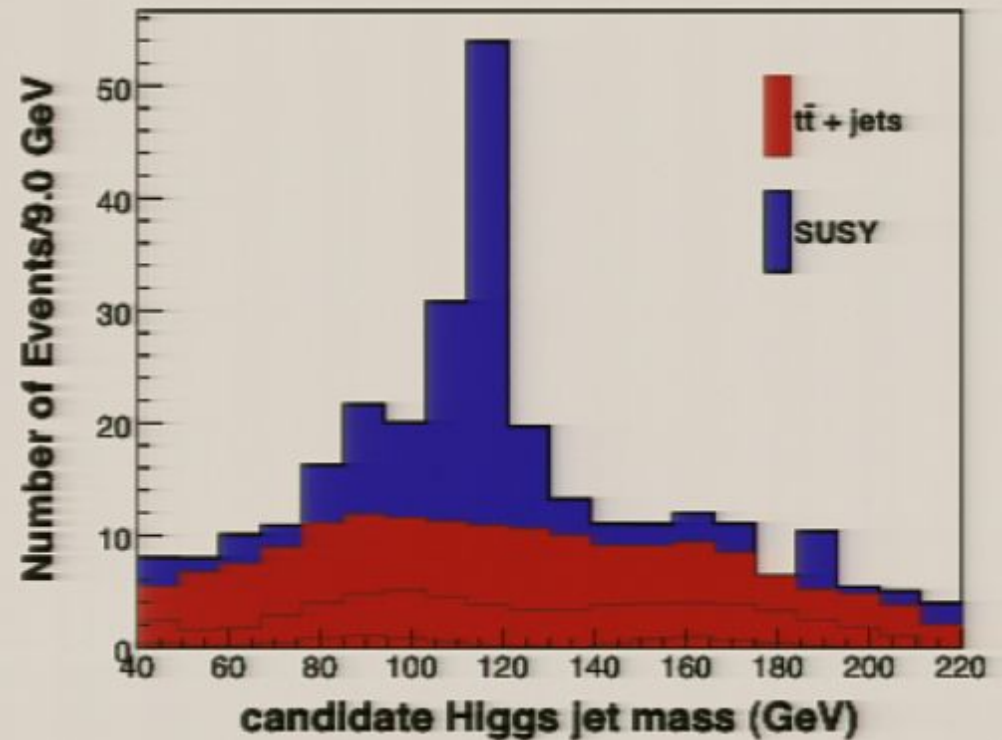
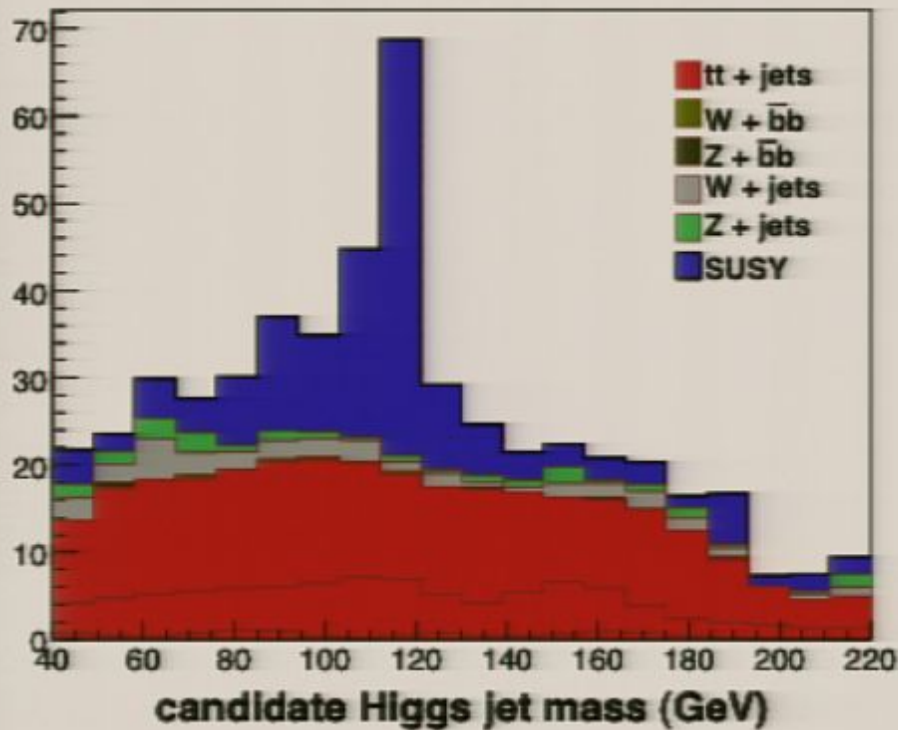
Extra

# Can we help get a full detector simulation of this?



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