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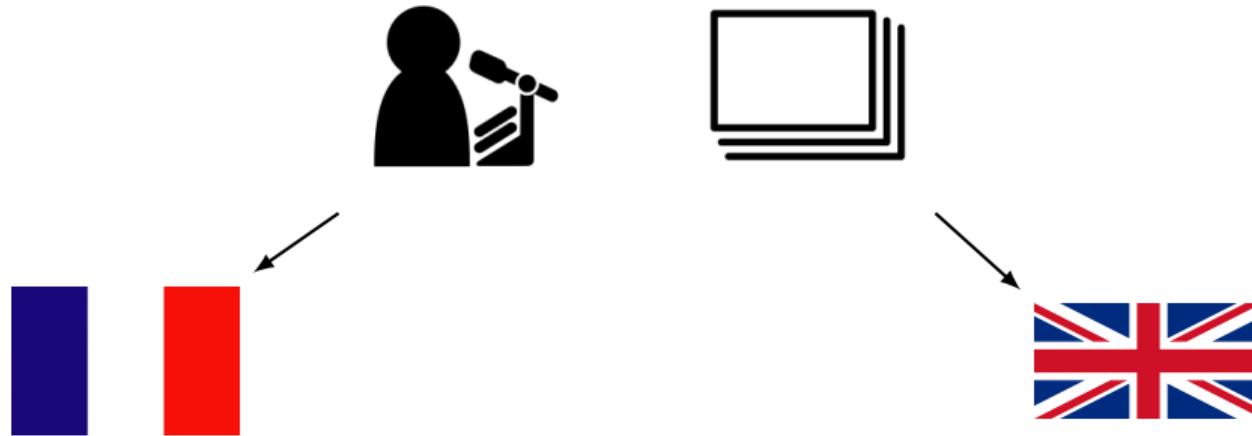
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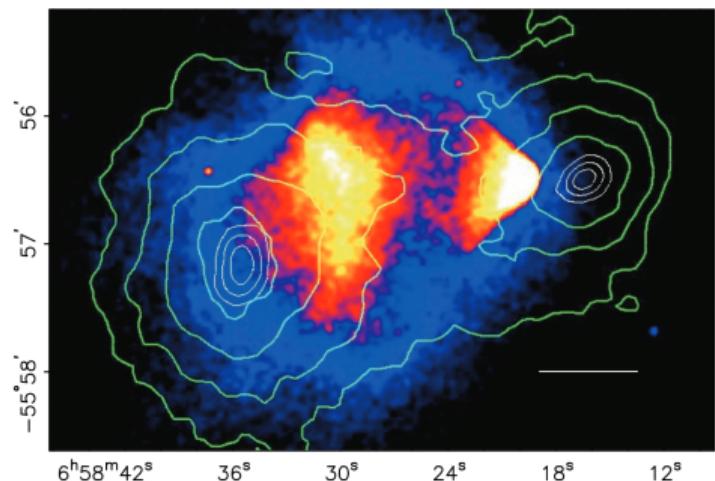
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## Why do we search for...?

### Current standard model status

- Robust and predictive (top quark,  $W$ ,  $Z$  and one Higgs boson...)
- Still not good enough, unable to explain some observations such as:
  - ▶ dark matter →
  - ▶ matter vs antimatter asymmetry
  - ▶ naturalness problem
  - ▶ ...
- Go beyond with a new model!
- Consequences of this new model? **Test it!**



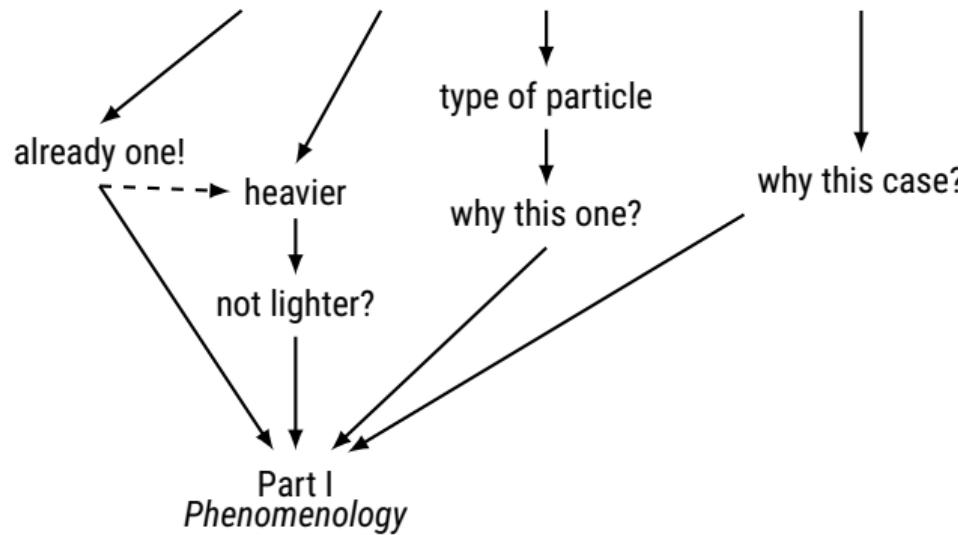
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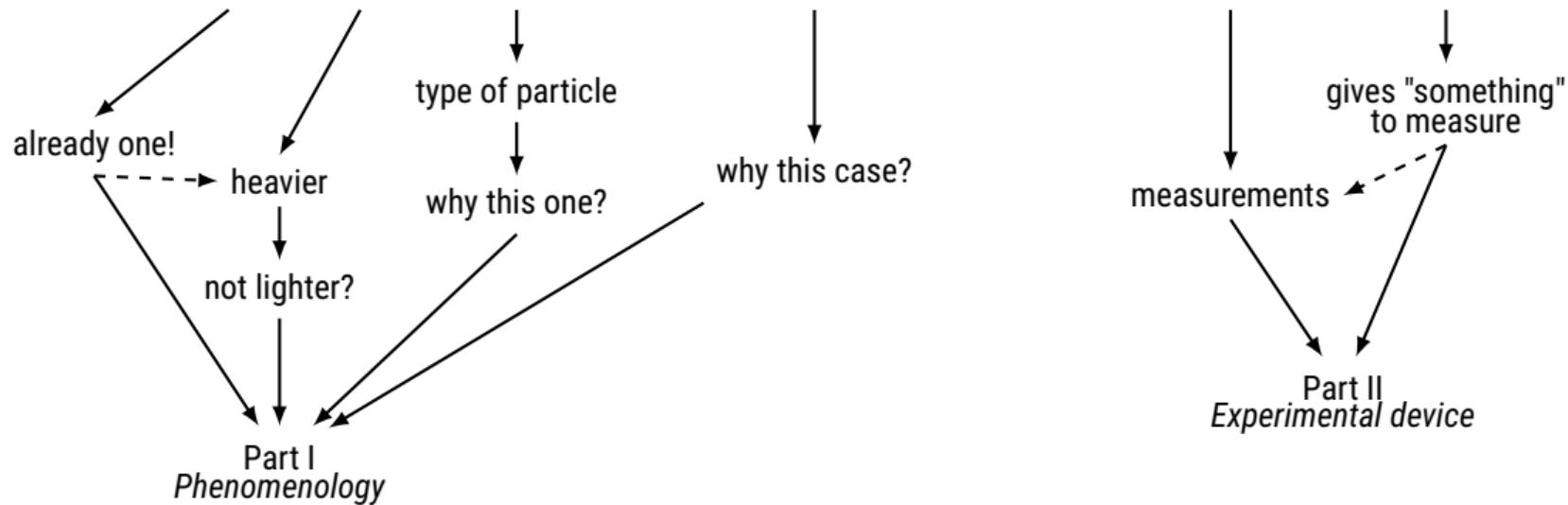
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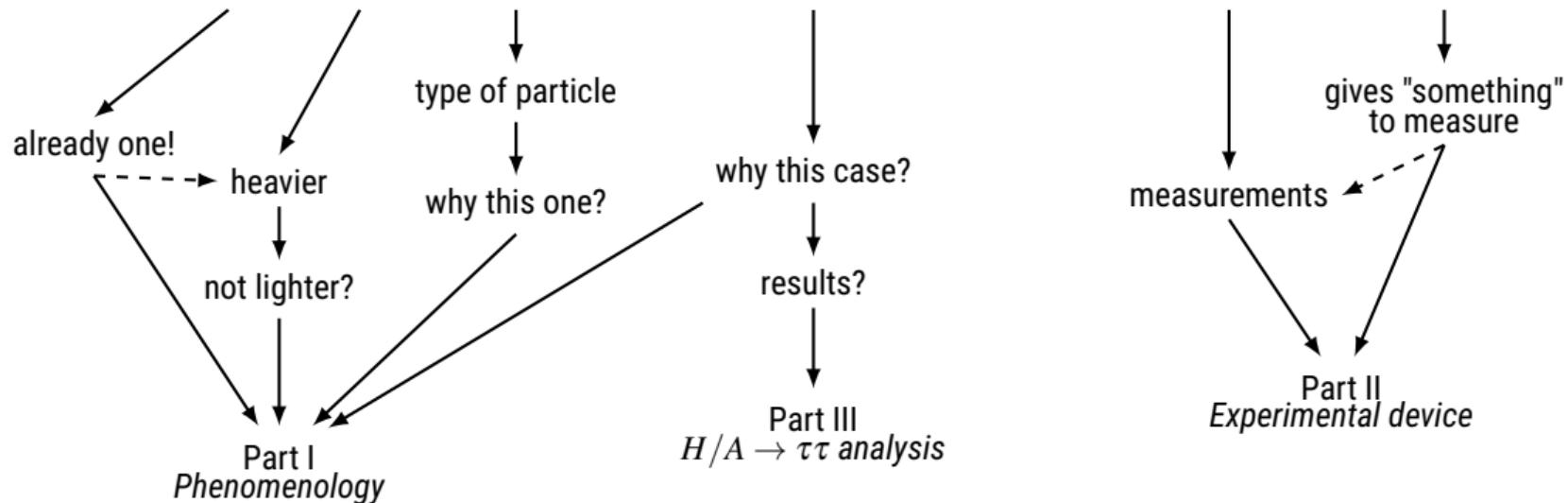
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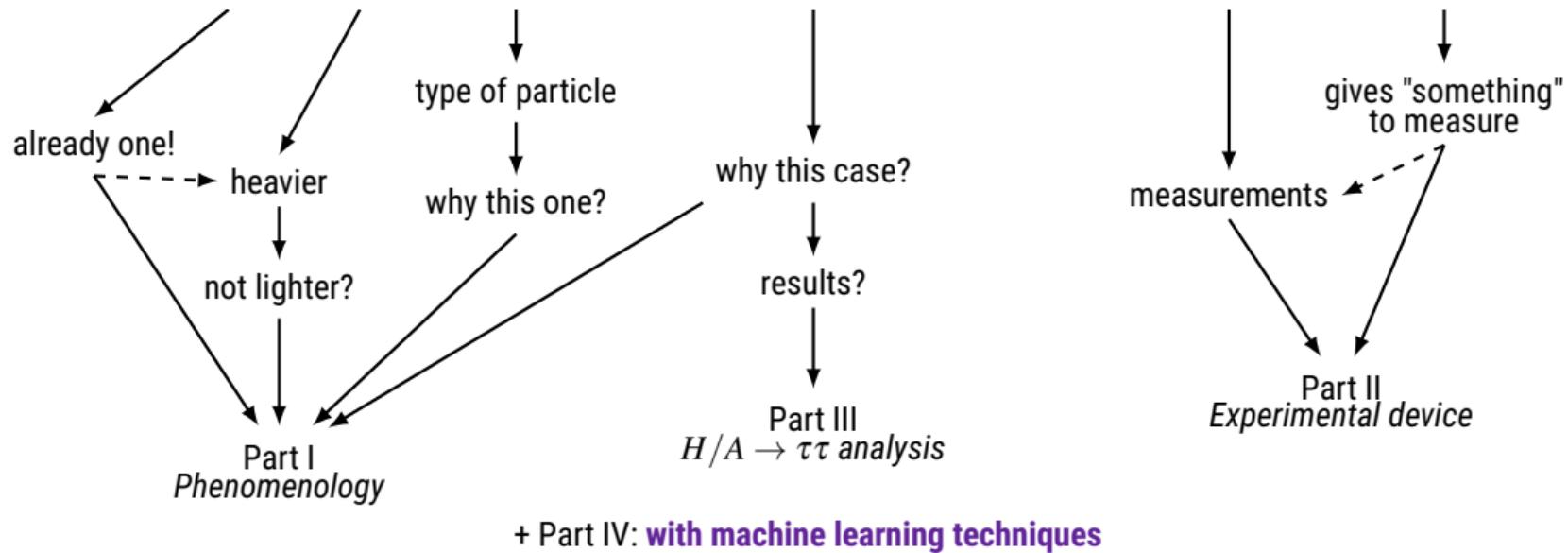
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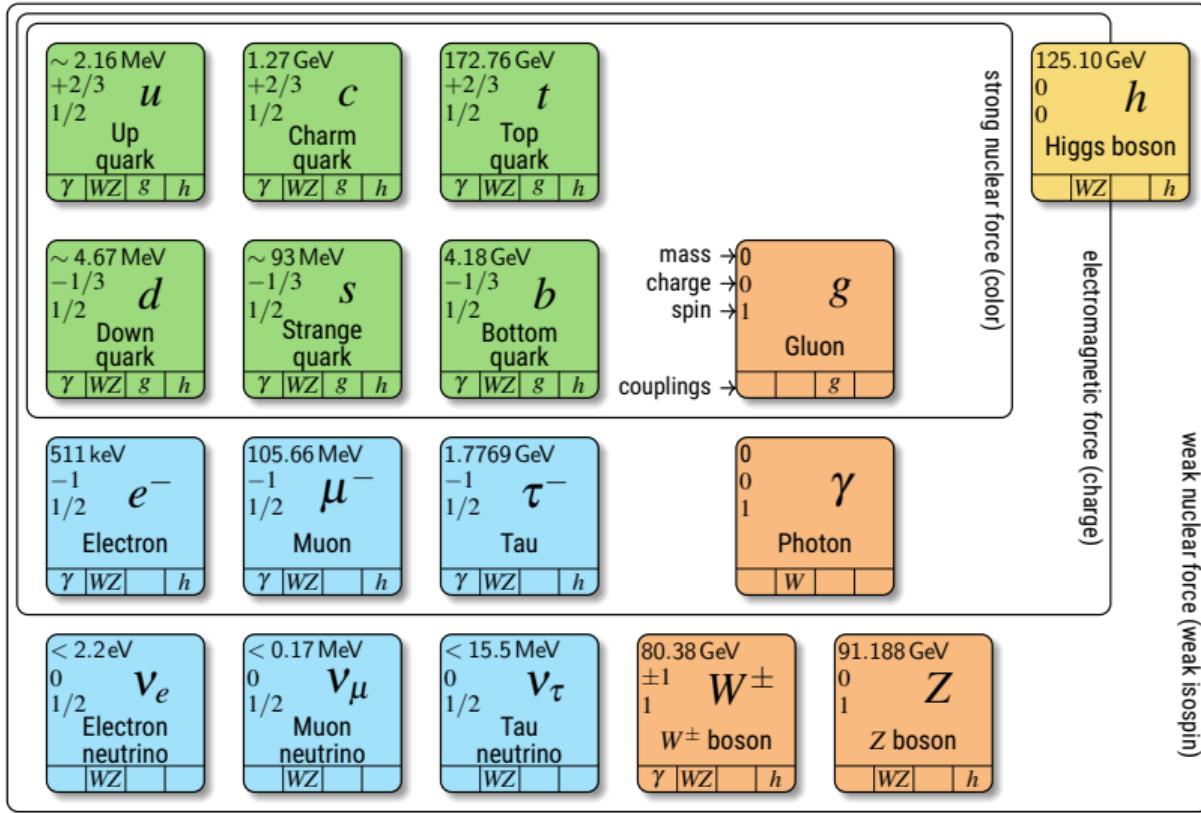
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# The Standard Model



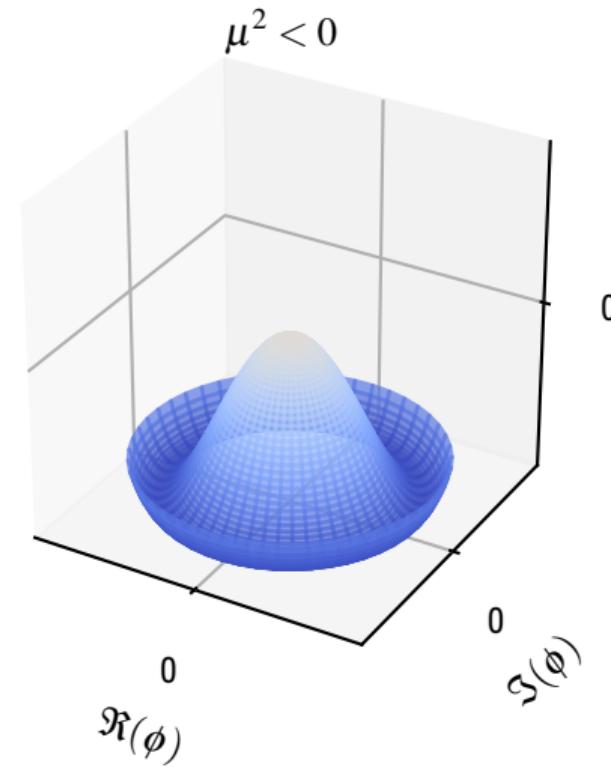
# Higgs boson in the Standard Model

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_3 + i\phi_4 \\ \phi_1 + i\phi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2, \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$\boxed{\langle \phi \rangle_0 = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^2}{2\lambda}} \neq 0}$$

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v + h(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

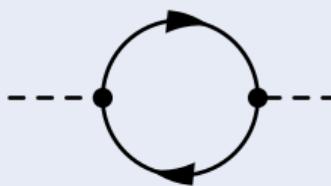


# The Standard Model and naturalness problem

► Higgs mass measured:  $m_h = 125.10 \pm 0.14 \text{ GeV}$

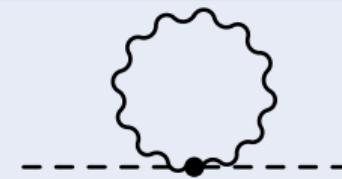
► Higgs mass derivation:  $m_h^2 = m_{h0}^2 - \frac{3}{8\pi^2} y_t^2 \Lambda^2 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} g^2 \Lambda^2 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \lambda^2 \Lambda^2 + \dots$

top quark



$$-\frac{3}{8\pi^2} y_t^2 \Lambda^2 \sim -(2 \text{ TeV})^2$$

vector bosons



$$+\frac{1}{16\pi^2} g^2 \Lambda^2 \sim +(0.7 \text{ TeV})^2$$

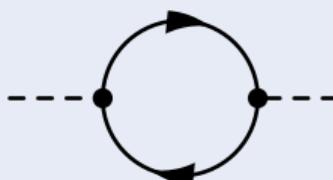
Higgs itself



$$+\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \lambda^2 \Lambda^2 \sim +(0.5 \text{ TeV})^2$$

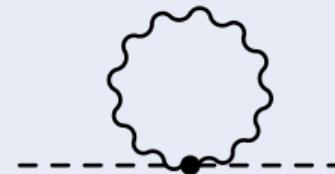
# Supersymmetry

top quark



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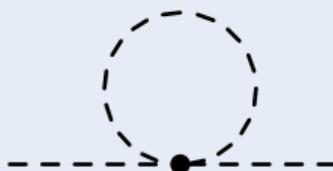
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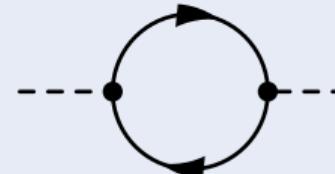
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stop quark



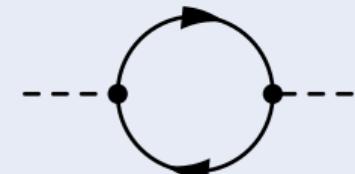
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# 2 Higgs doublets models for supersymmetry

$$\langle \phi_1 \rangle_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \phi_2 \rangle_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 e^{i\xi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{\langle \phi_2 \rangle_0}{\langle \phi_1 \rangle_0} = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$$

- ▷ J. F. Gunion et al. *The Higgs hunter's guide*. T. 80. Upton, NY: Brookhaven Nat. Lab., 1989. URL: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/425736>.

# Higgs bosons in the MSSM

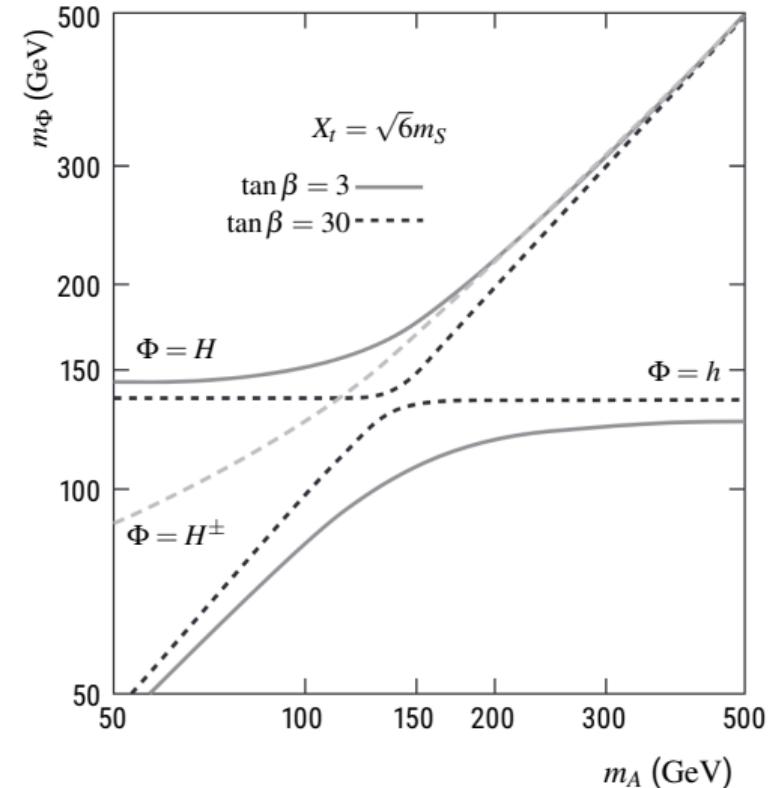
*Minimal Supersymmetric extension of Standard Model*

## 5 Higgs bosons

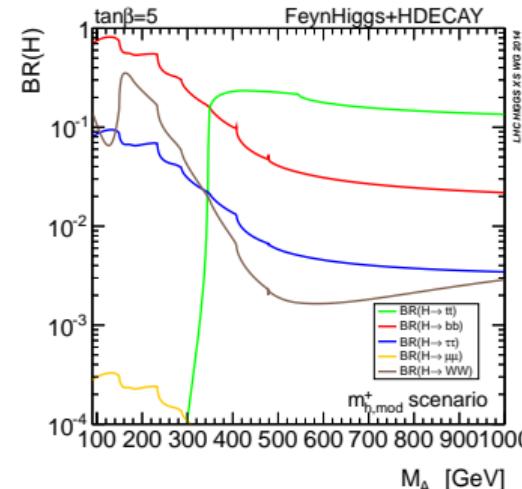
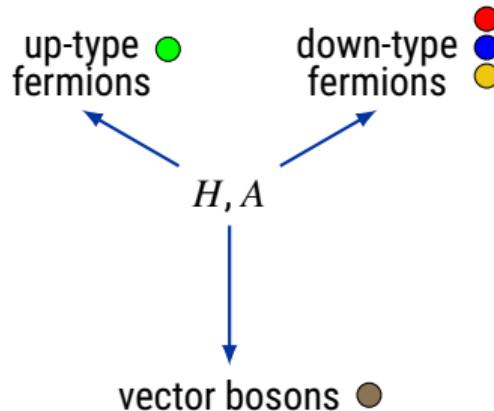
light scalar	$h$	SM or MSSM
heavy scalar	$H$	MSSM or SM
pseudo-scalar	$A$	MSSM
+ charged	$H^+$	MSSM
- charged	$H^-$	MSSM

▷ **The CMS Collaboration.** "Search for additional neutral MSSM Higgs bosons in the di-tau final state in  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{ TeV}$ ". *Journal of High Energy Physics* **09.007** (Sept. 2018). DOI: [10.1007/JHEP09\(2018\)007](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP09(2018)007).

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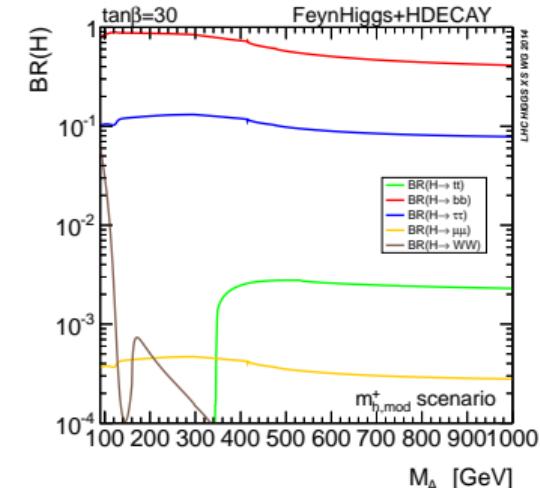
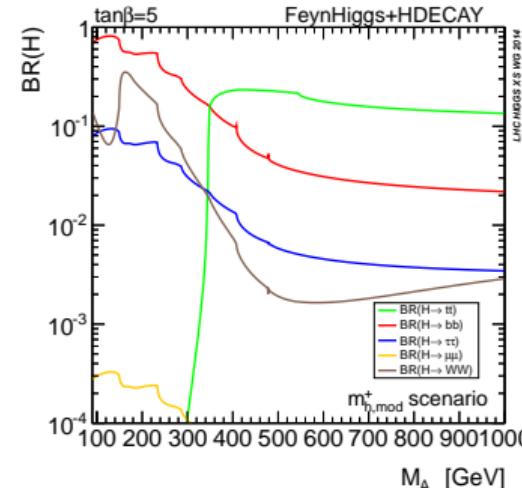
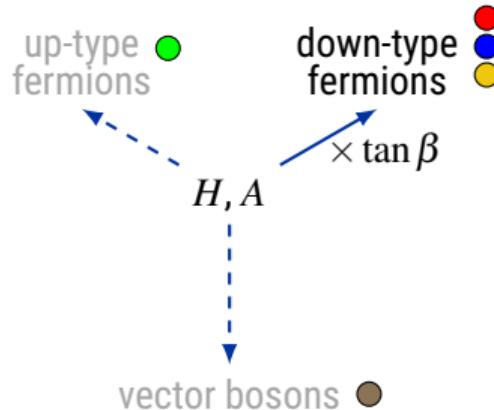


# $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau?$



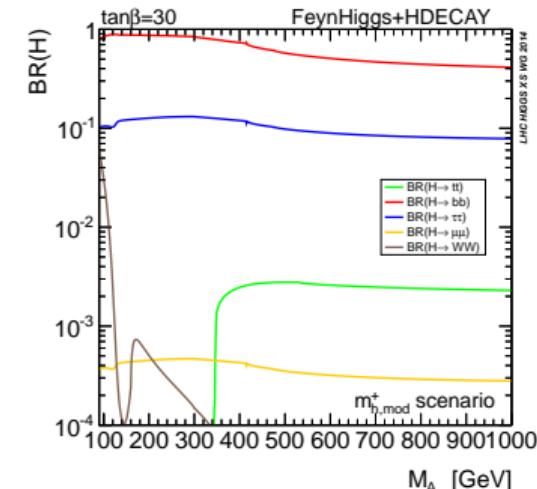
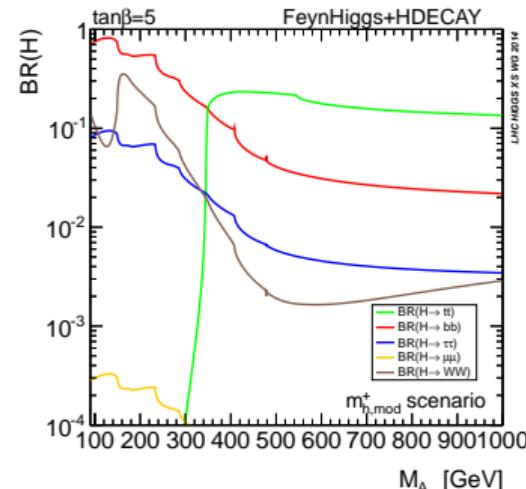
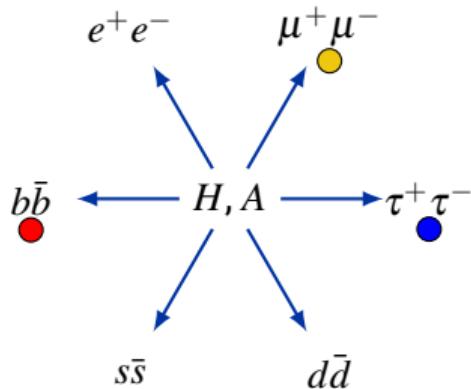
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# $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau?$ – enhanced and suppressed couplings



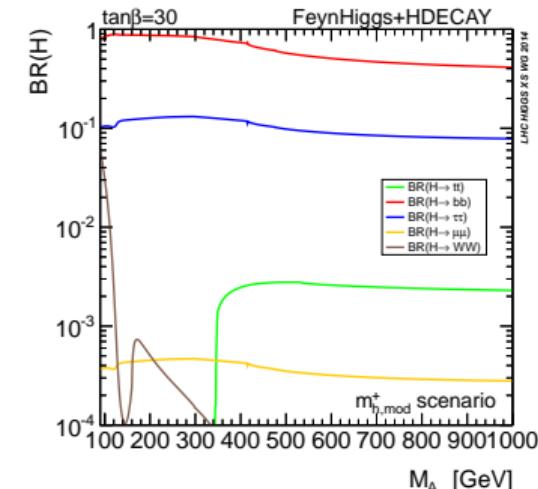
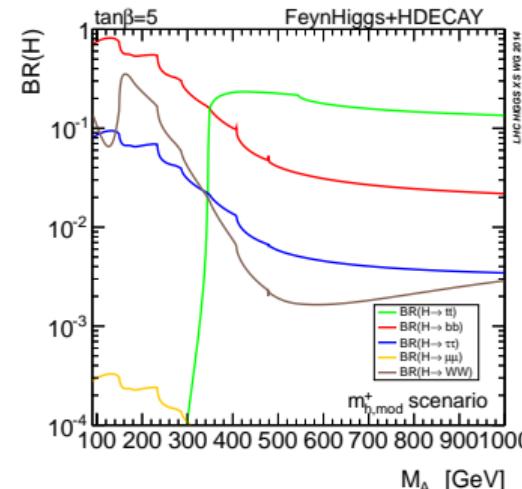
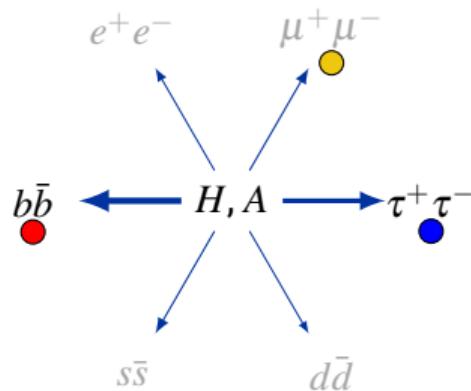
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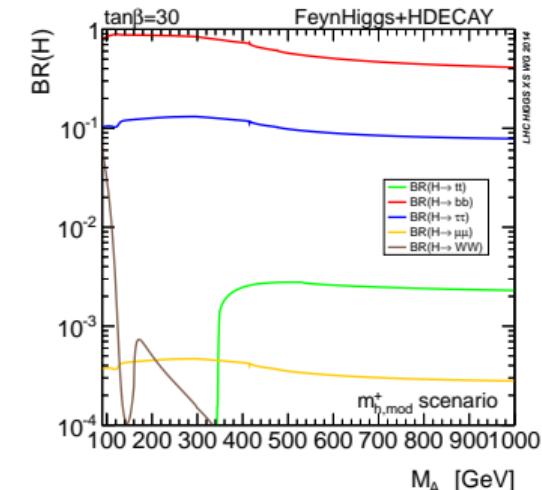
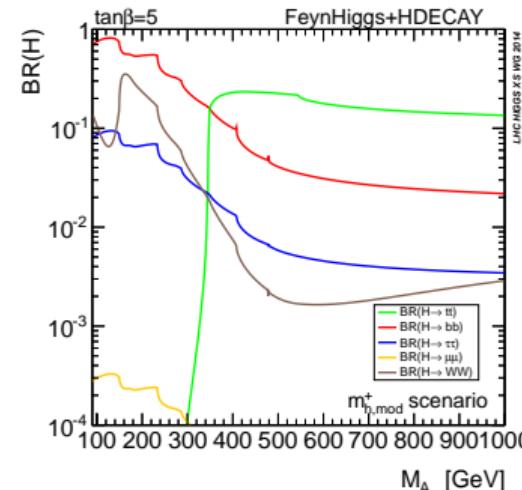
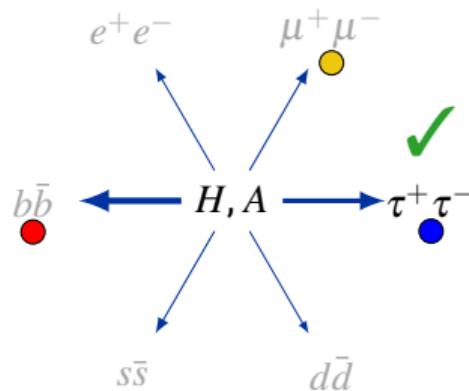
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# $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau?$ – Higgs couplings and particle masses



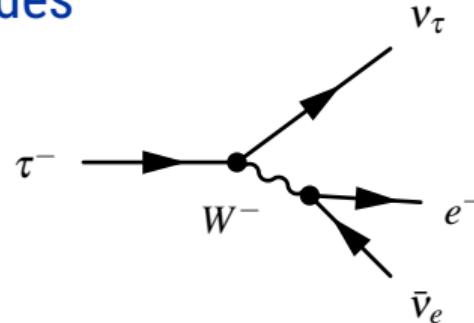
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# $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau?$ – avoid hadronic background

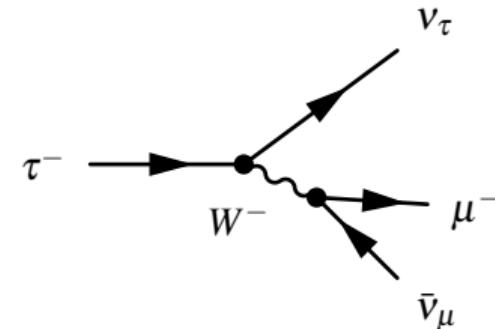
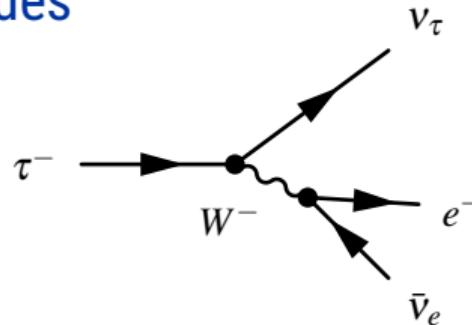


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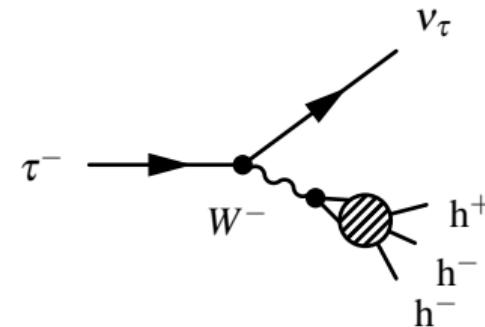
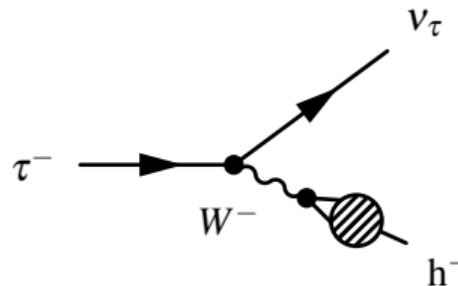
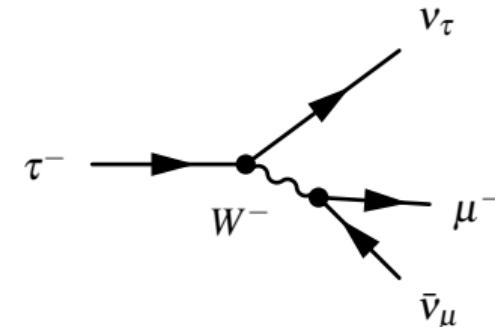
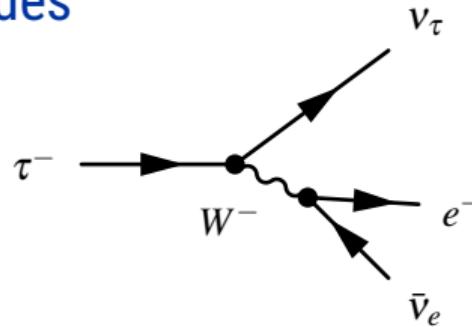
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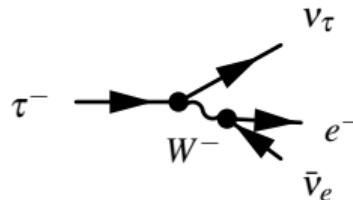
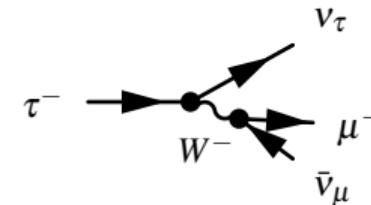
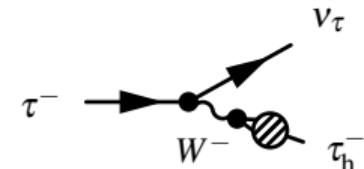


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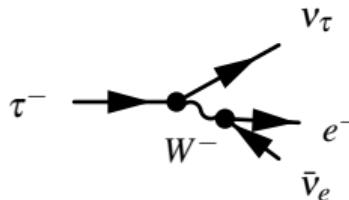
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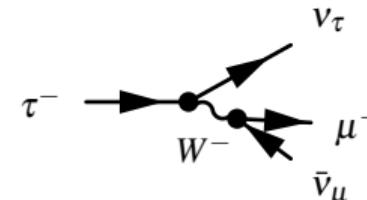
$H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow L_1 L_2$  $\tau \rightarrow e + v_e + \bar{v}_\tau \Rightarrow e$   
17.8 % $\tau \rightarrow \mu + v_\mu + \bar{v}_\mu \Rightarrow \mu$   
17.4 % $\tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons} + v_\tau \Rightarrow \tau_h$   
64.8 %

$$H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow L_1 L_2$$

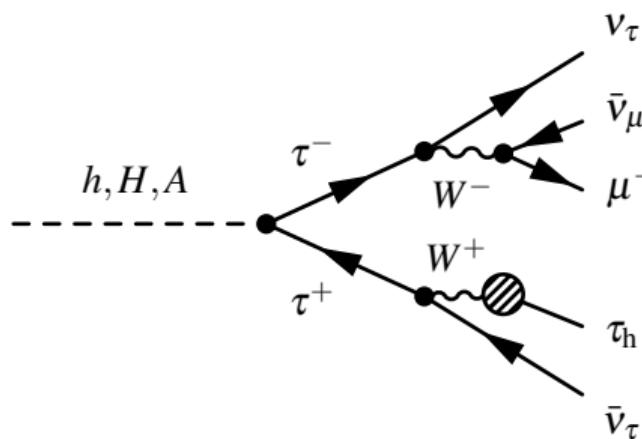
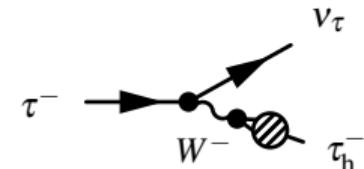
$$\tau \rightarrow e + v_e + \bar{v}_\tau \Rightarrow e \\ 17.8\%$$



$$\tau \rightarrow \mu + v_\mu + \bar{v}_\tau \Rightarrow \mu \\ 17.4\%$$



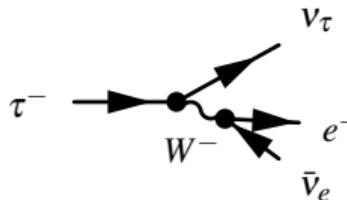
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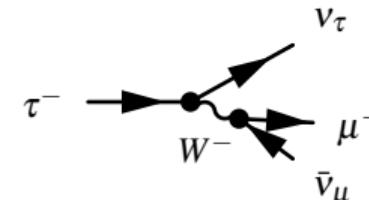
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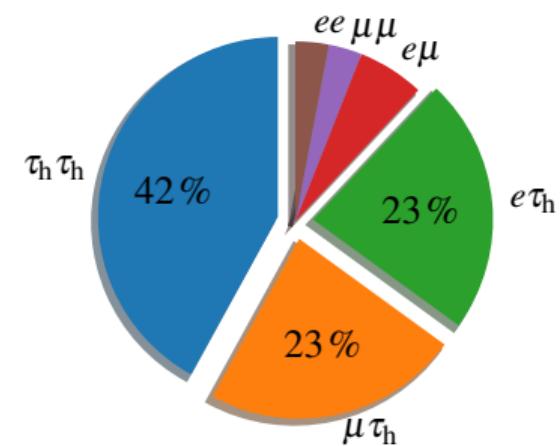
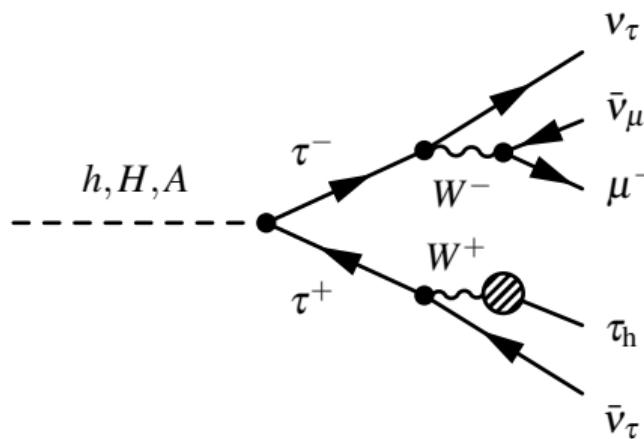
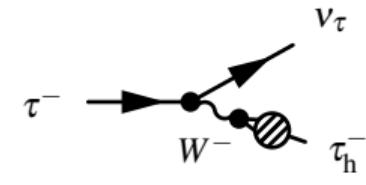
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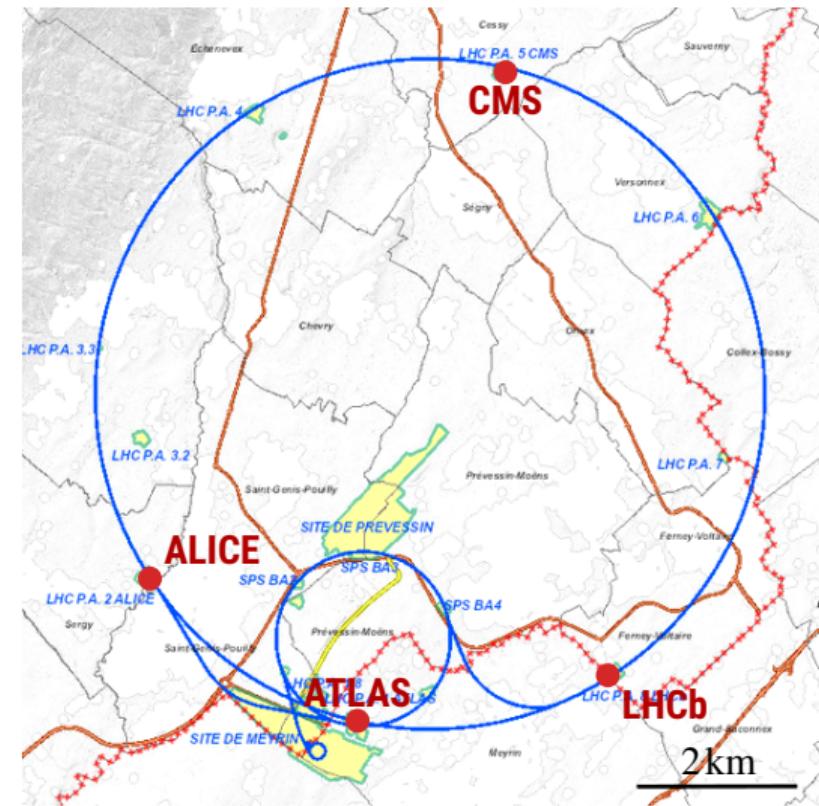
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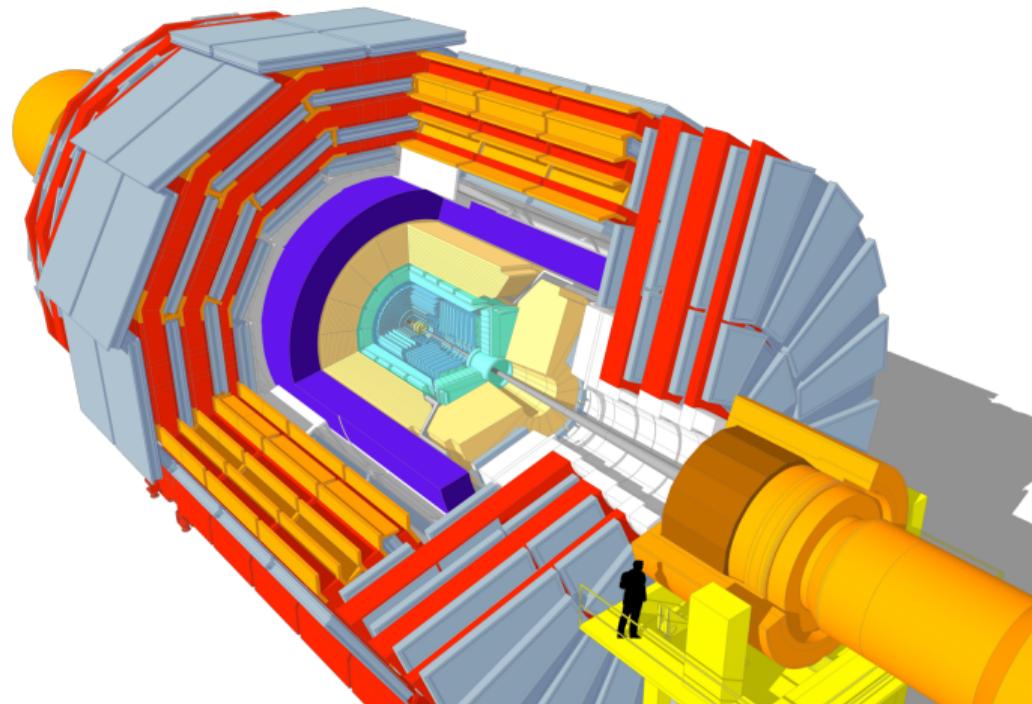
# Principle

$$E = mc^2$$

mass (new particles) from the collision energy

# CERN LHC

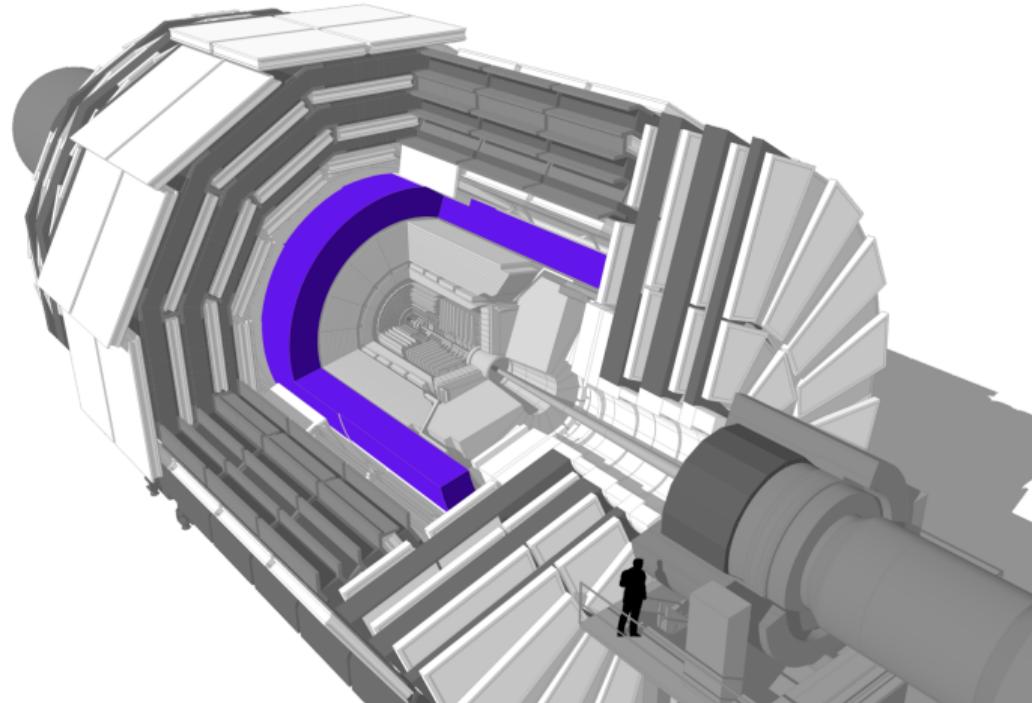




## CMS detector

- Mass:  $\sim 14,000\text{t}$
- Diameter: 15 m
- Length: 28.7 m

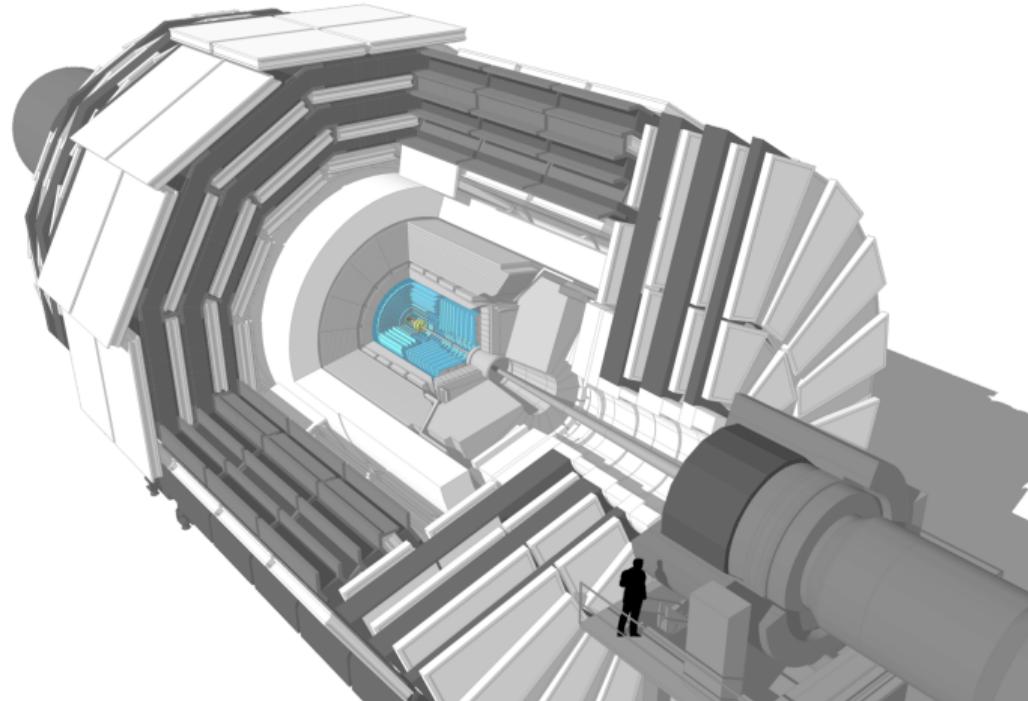
⇒ How to see the particles?



## Solenoid

- Niobium titanium coil
- Superconducting
- $\sim 18,000\text{ A}$
- 4 T in the inner volume

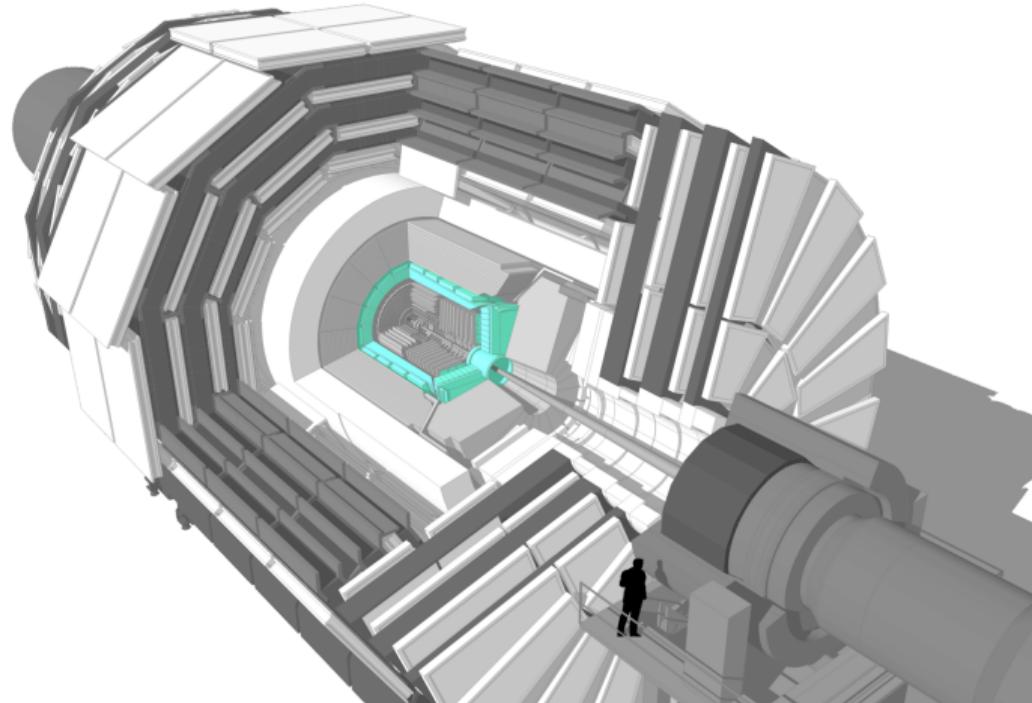
⇒ Bends charged particles trajectories  
in the transverse plane



## Tracker

- Made of Silicon
- Inner: pixels ( $100 \times 150 \mu\text{m}^2$ ,  
 $\sim 1.9 \text{ m}^2$ ,  $\sim 124 \text{ M}$  channels)
- Outer: microstrips ( $80 - 180 \mu\text{m}$ )  
 $\sim 200 \text{ m}^2 \sim 9.6 \text{ M}$  channels

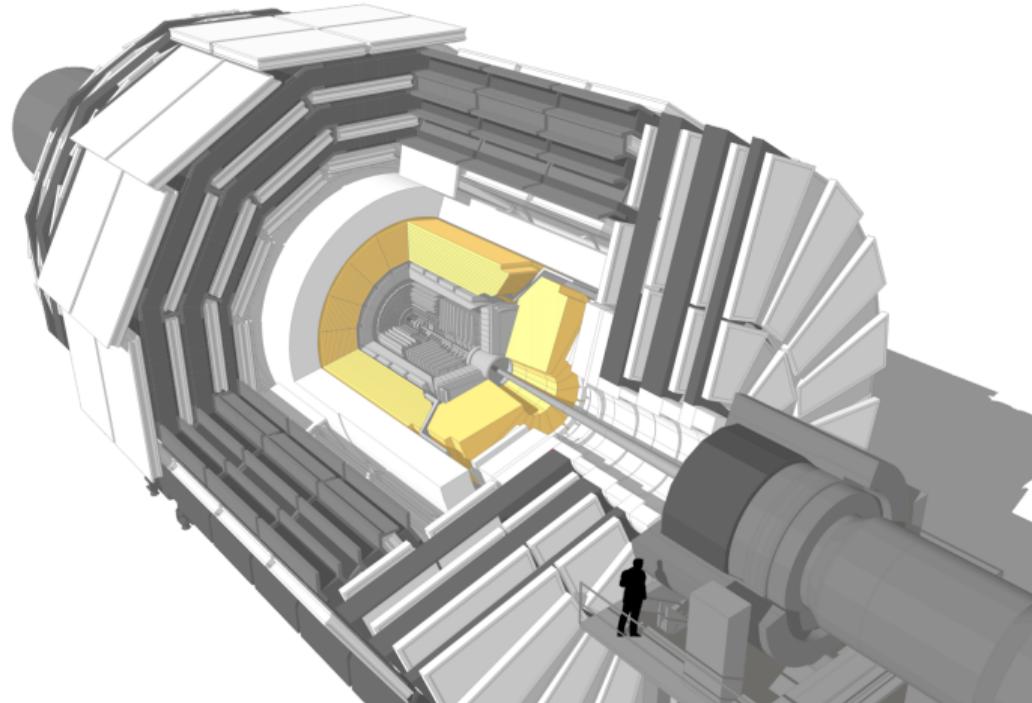
⇒ Charged particles leave hits when going through



## Electromagnetic CALorimeter

- $\sim 76,000$  scintillating PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals

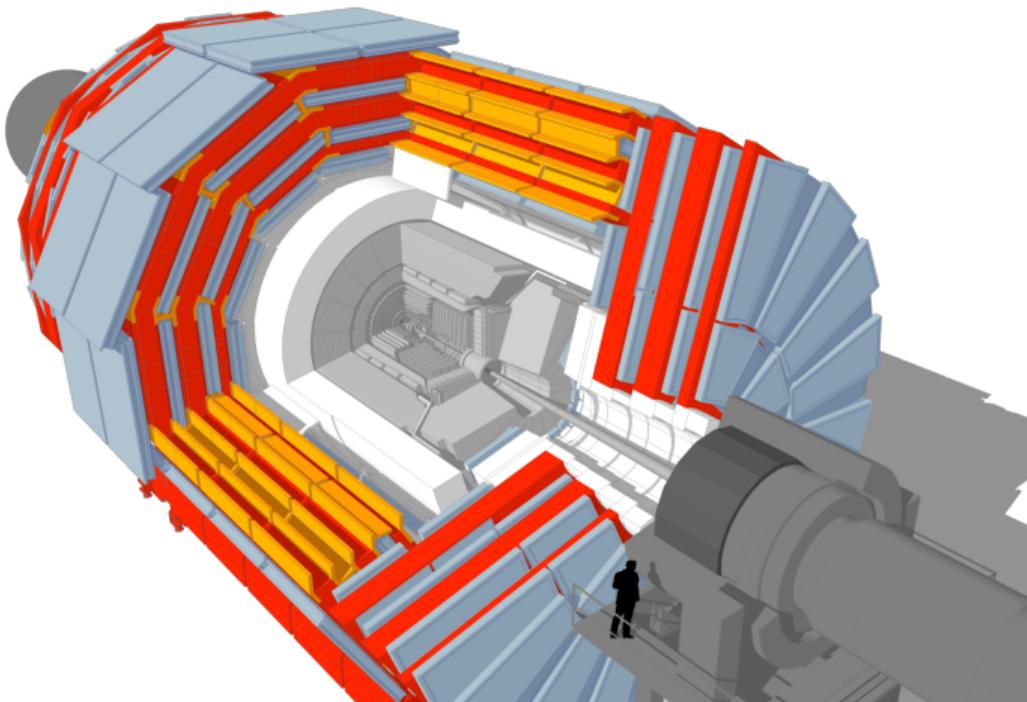
⇒ Electrons and photons are stopped,  
energy deposits



## Hadronic CALorimeter

- Brass + plastic scintillator,  
~ 7000 channels

⇒ Hadrons are stopped, energy deposits



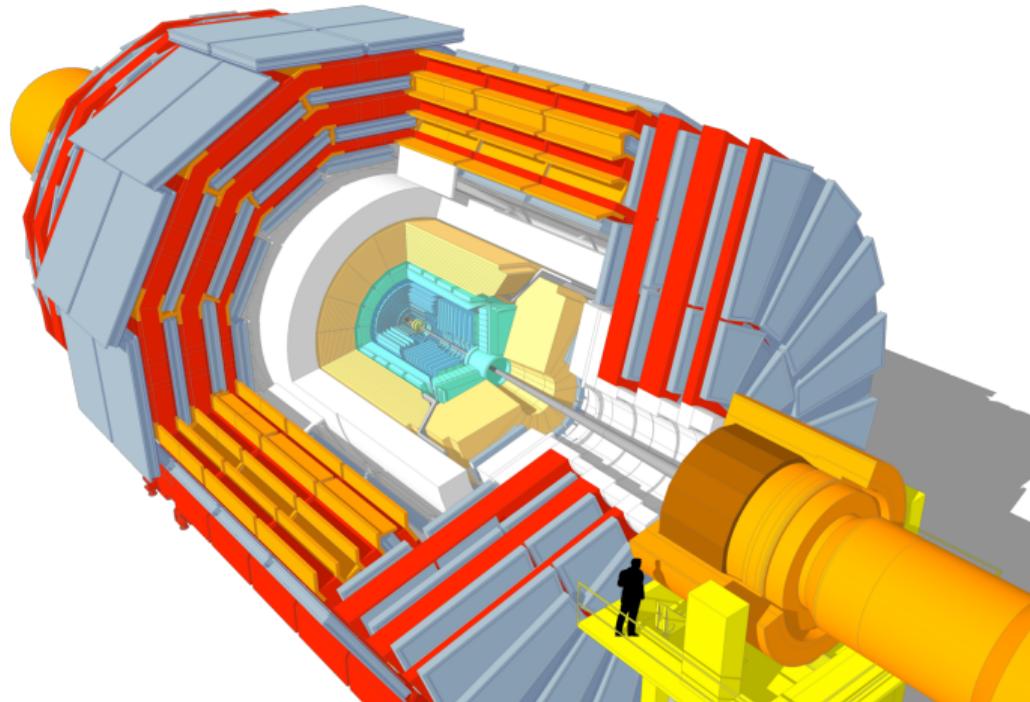
### Steel return yoke (red)

- Allows for 2 T magnetic field around the solenoid

### Muon chambers (blue-gray)

- Barrel: 250 drift tubes, 480 resistive plate chambers
- Endcaps: 540 cathode strips, 576 resistive plate chambers

⇒ Charged particles leave hits when going through (only muons do)

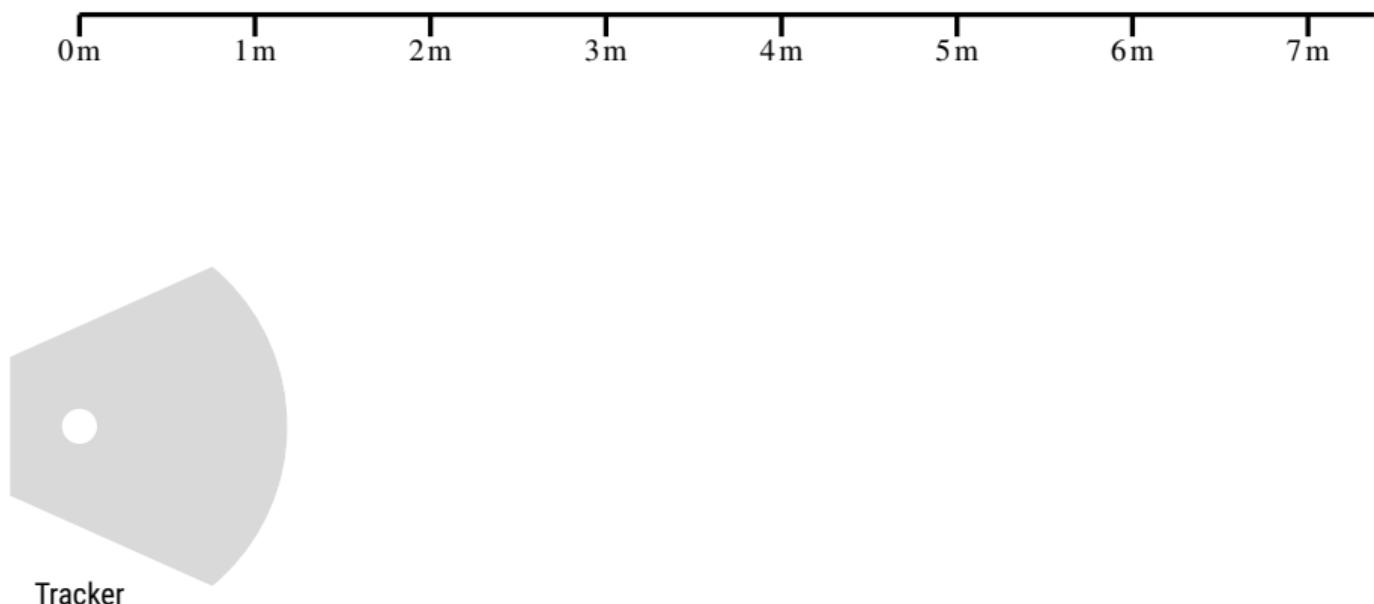


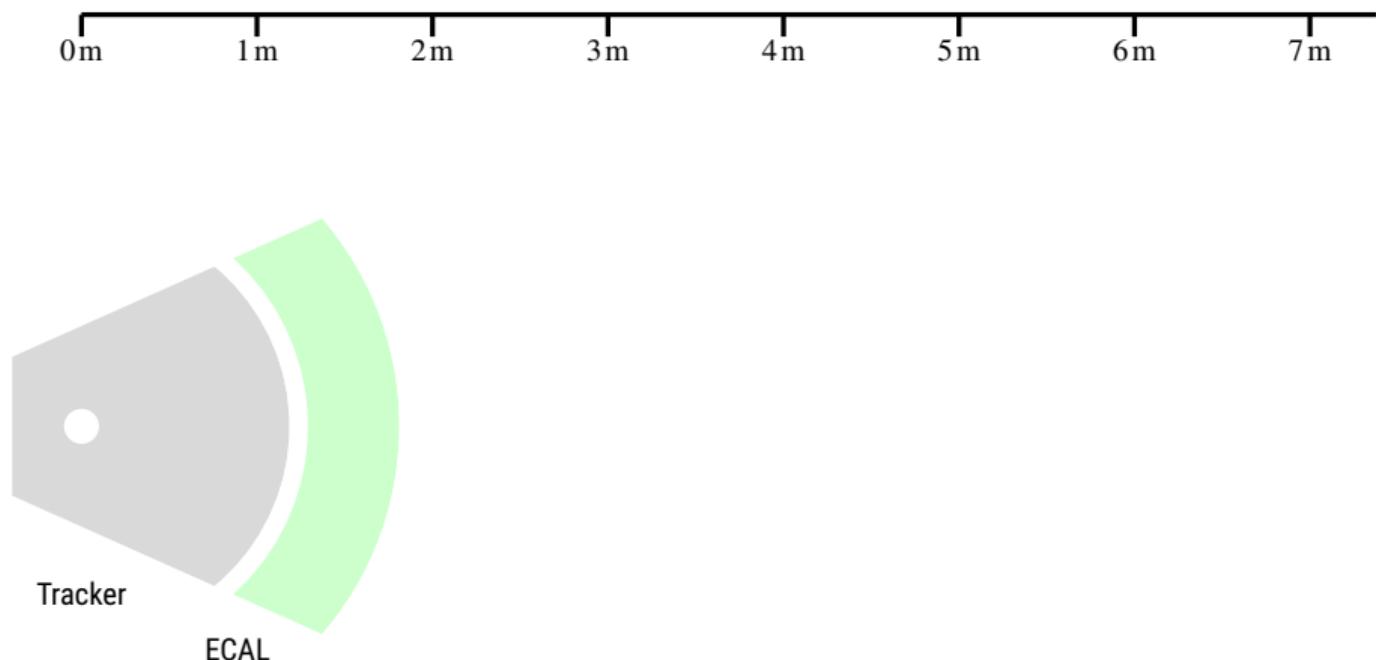
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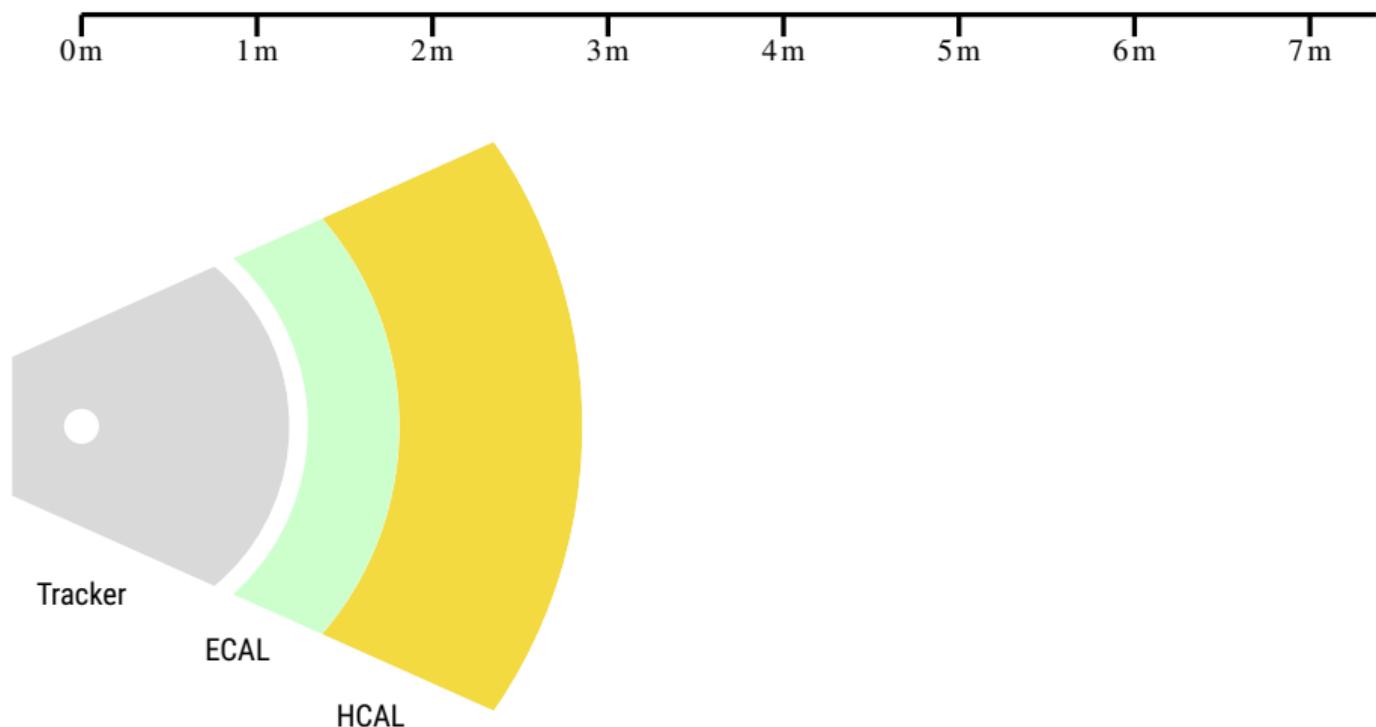
Combine sub-detectors signals to determine which particles were there!

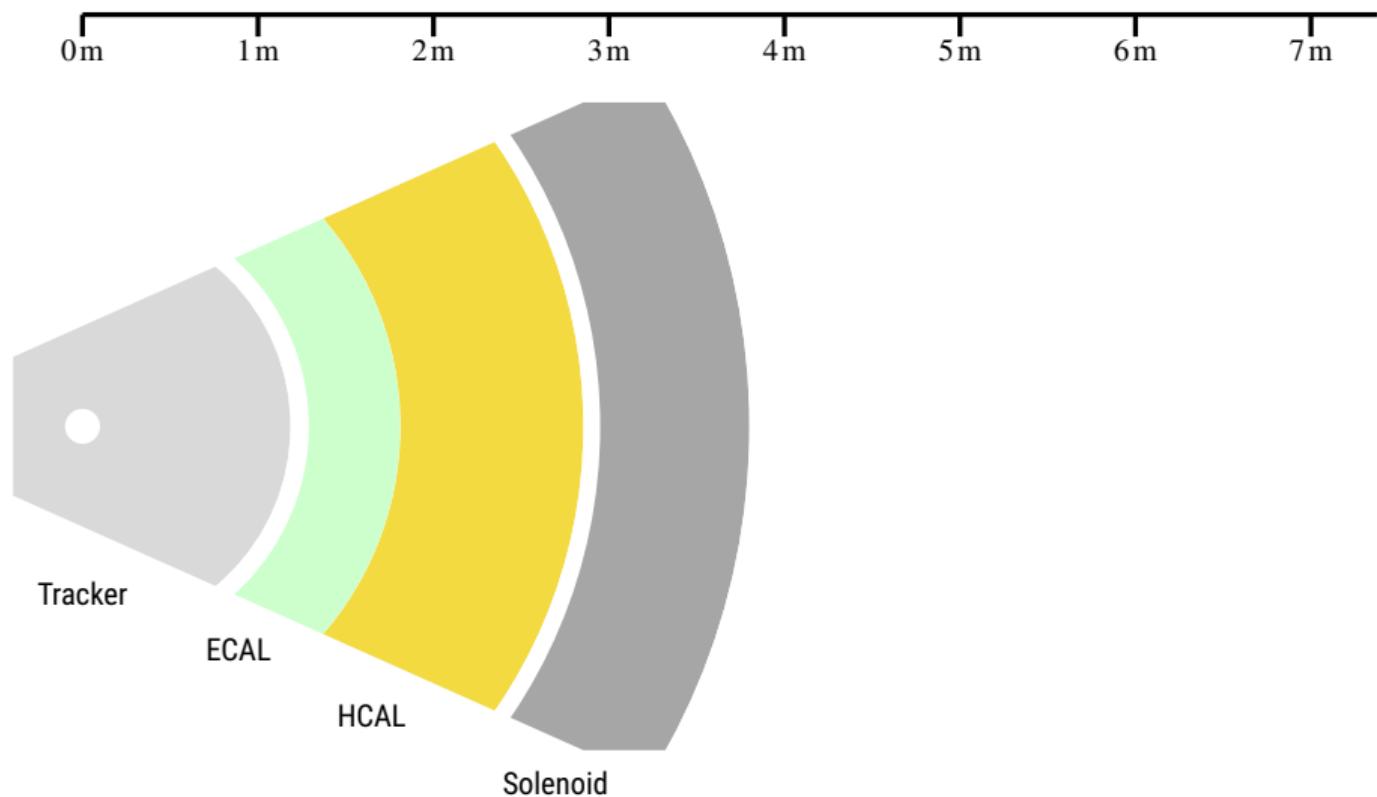


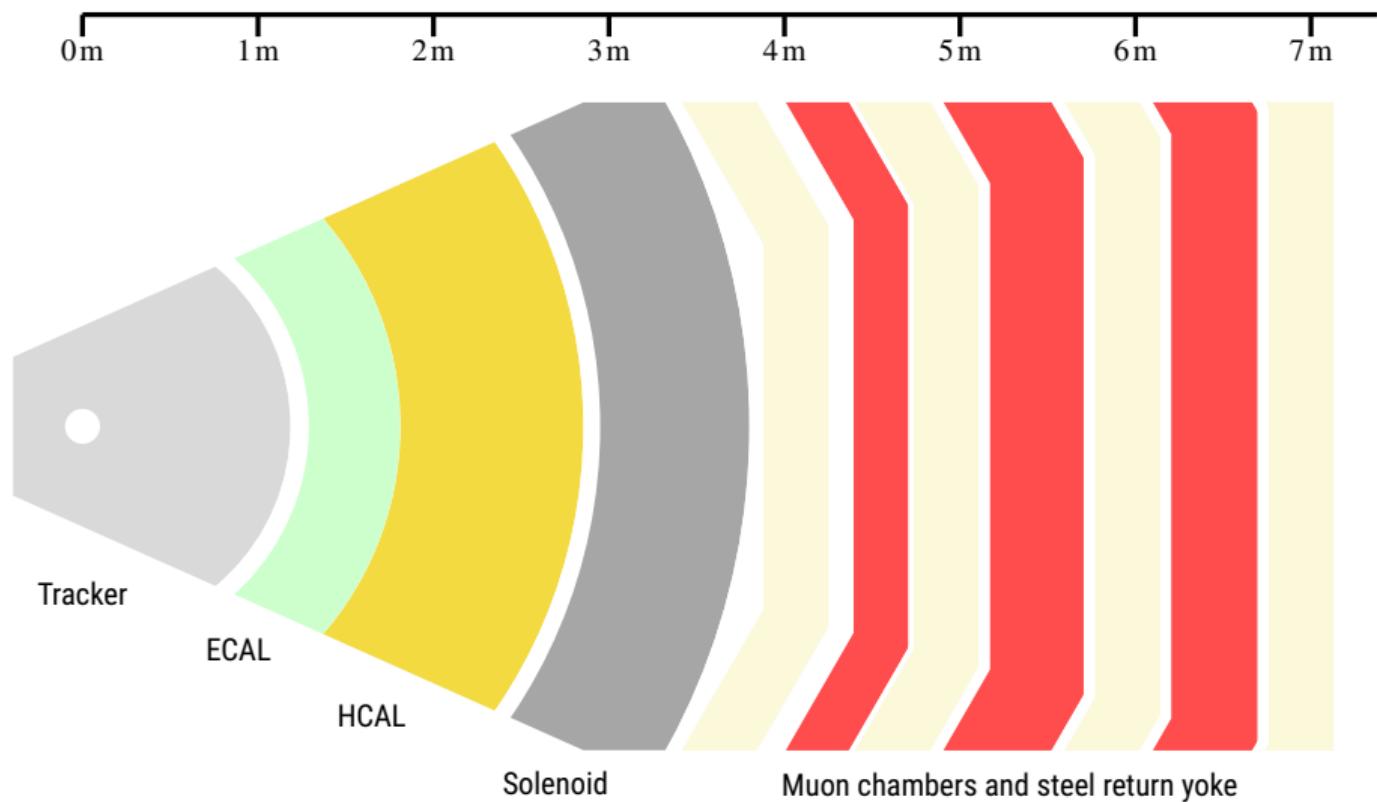


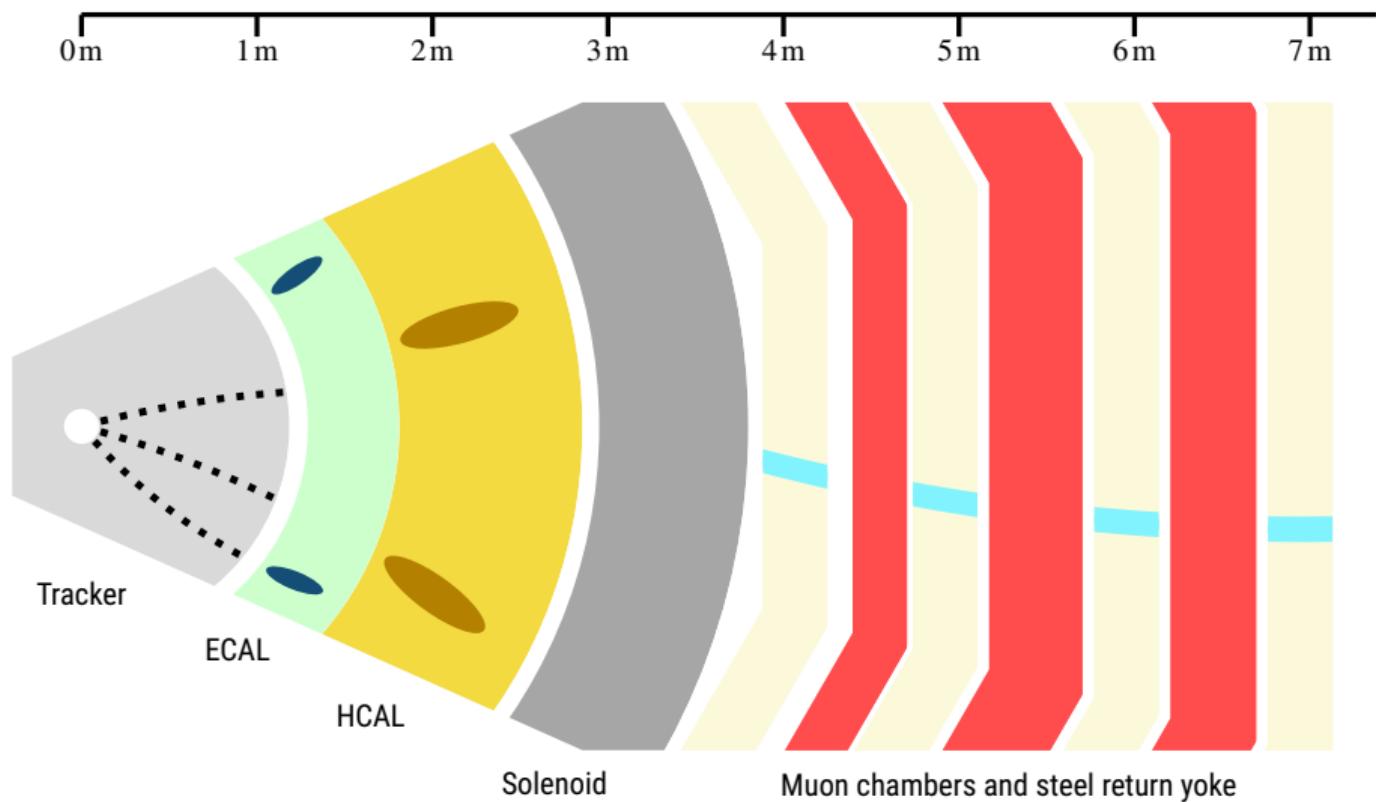


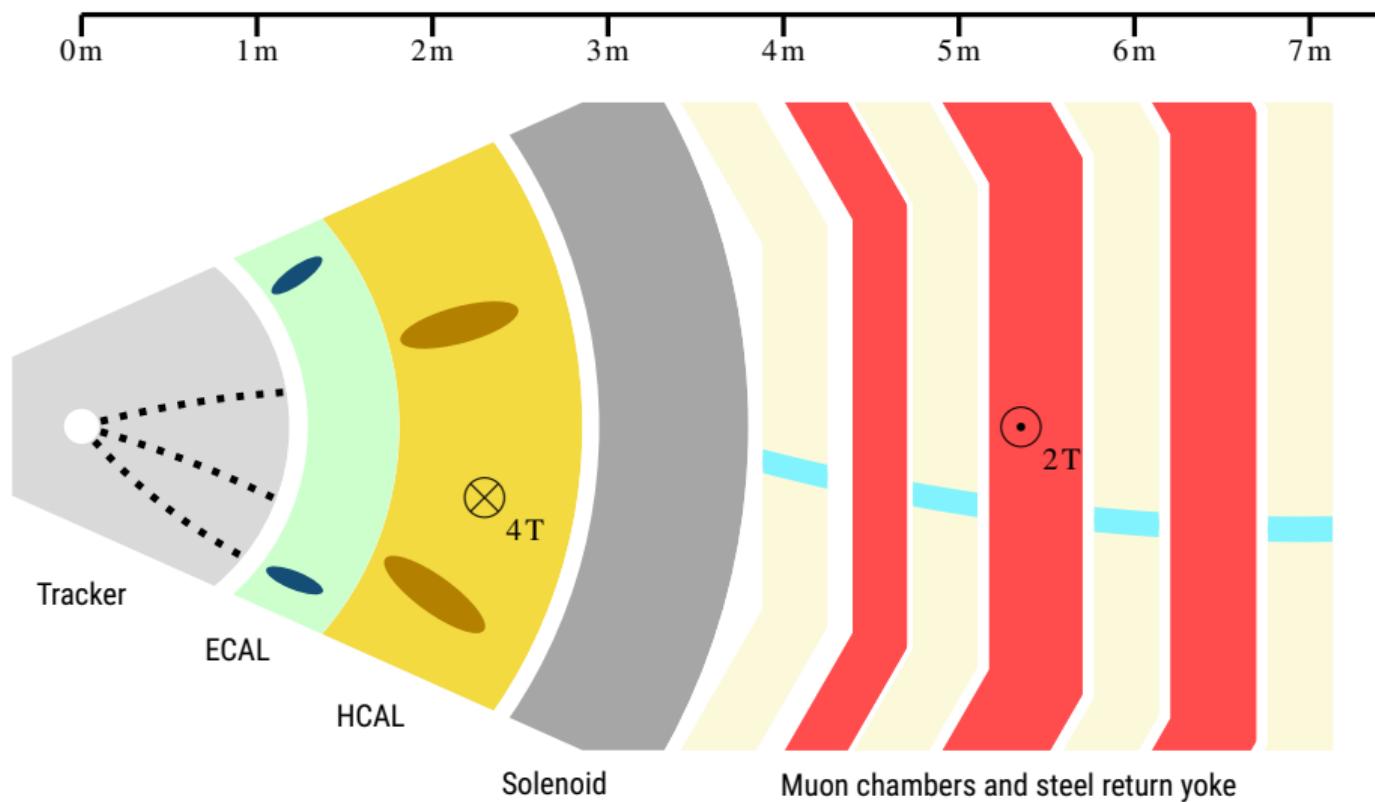


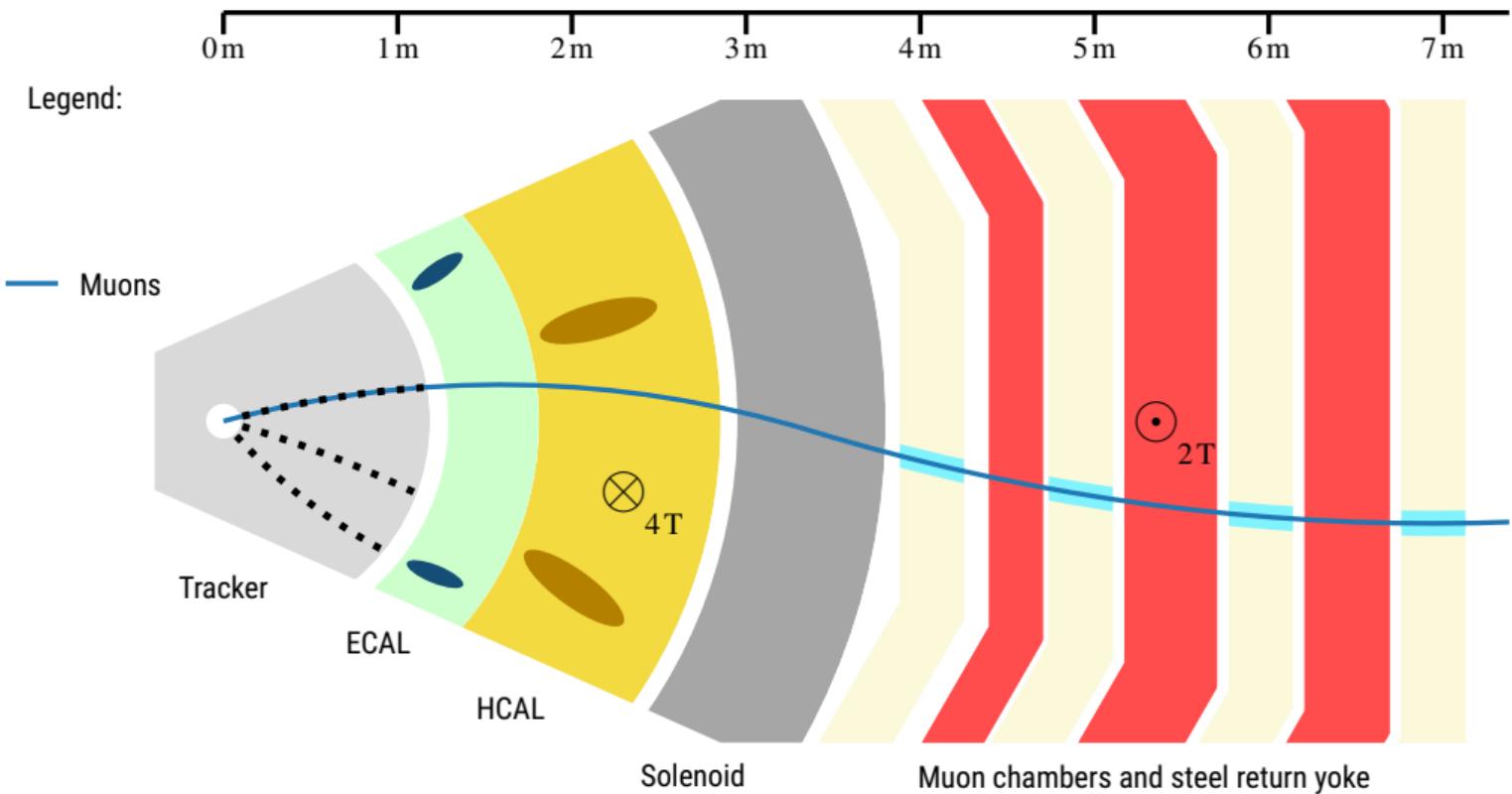


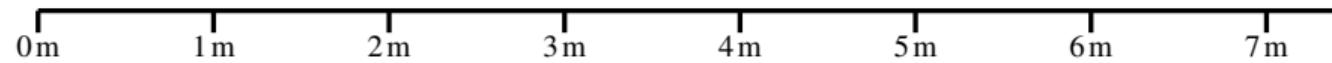




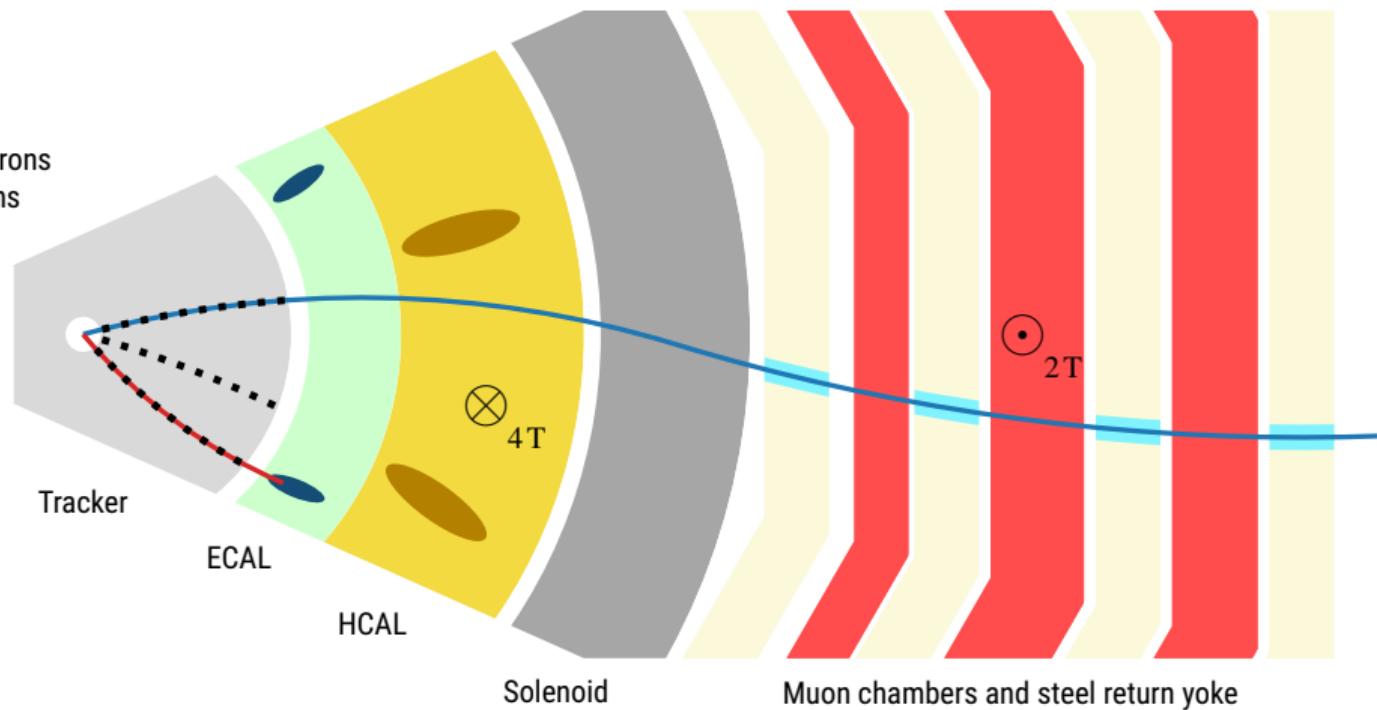


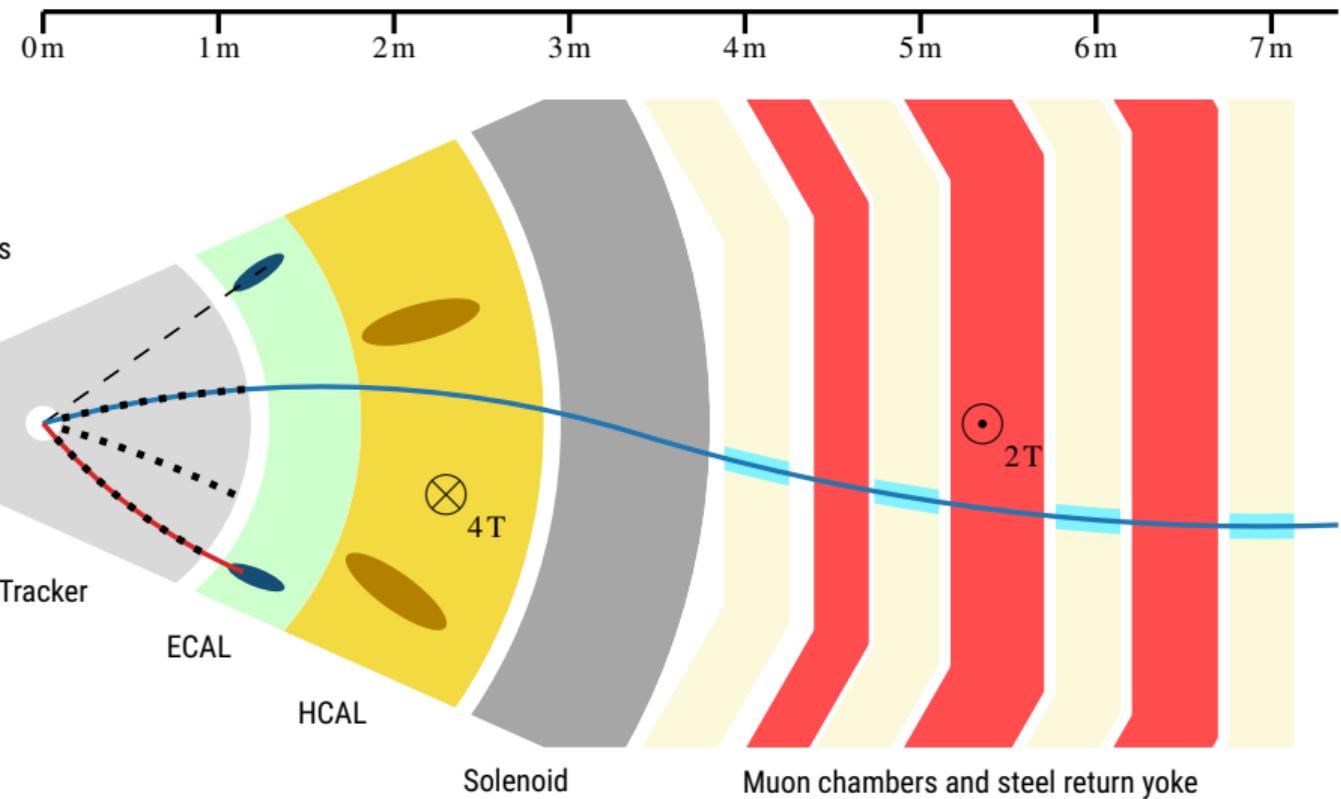


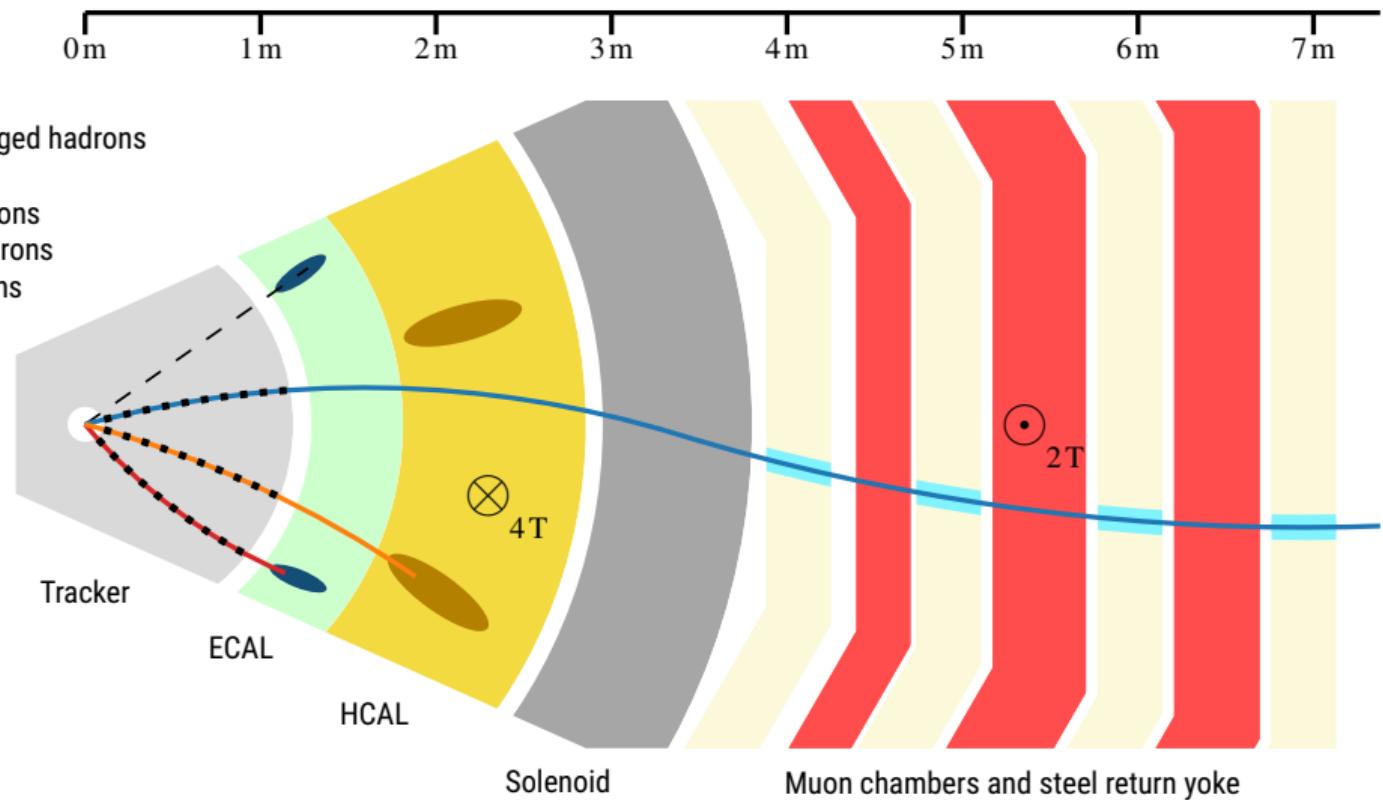


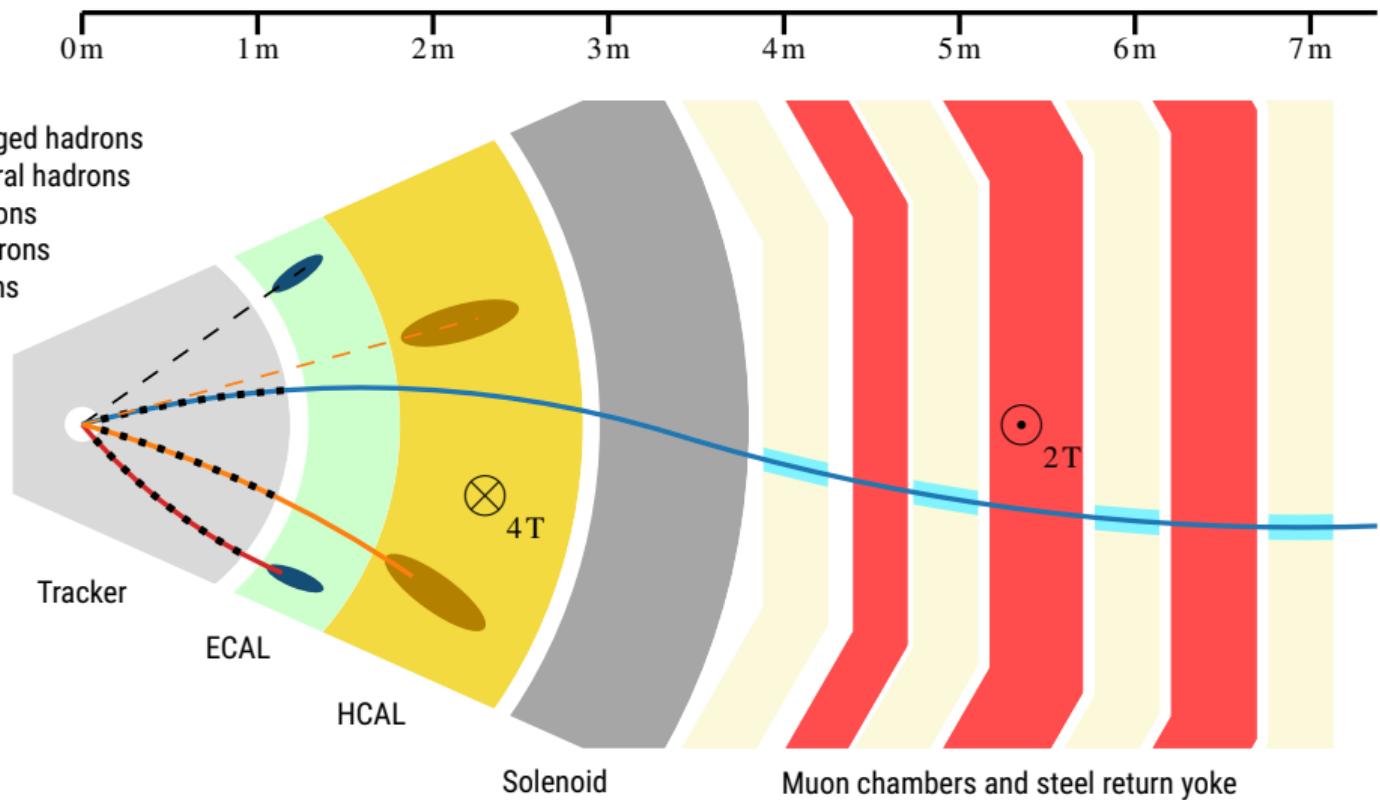
**Legend:**

- Electrons
- Muons



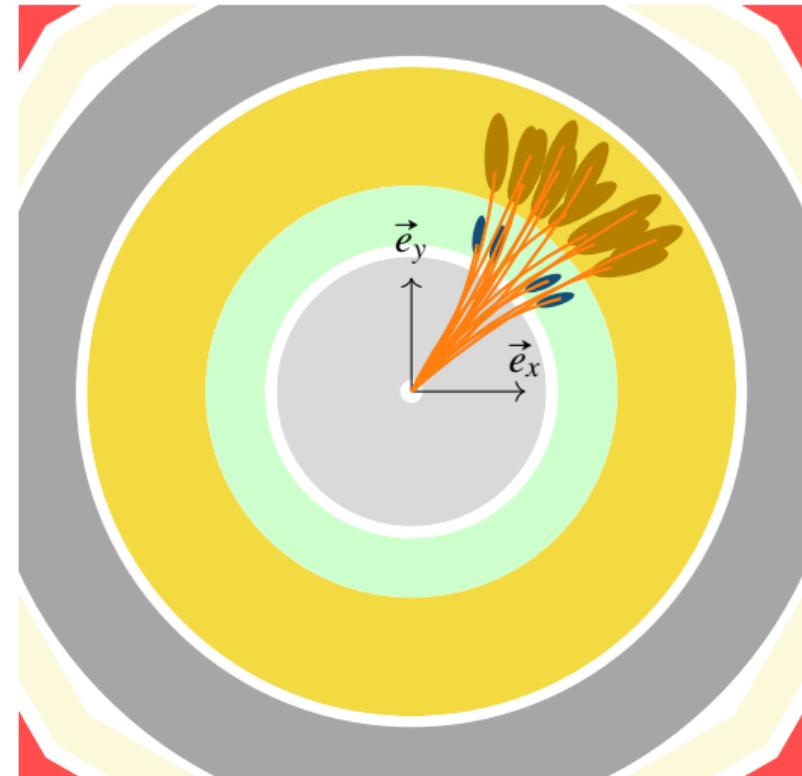
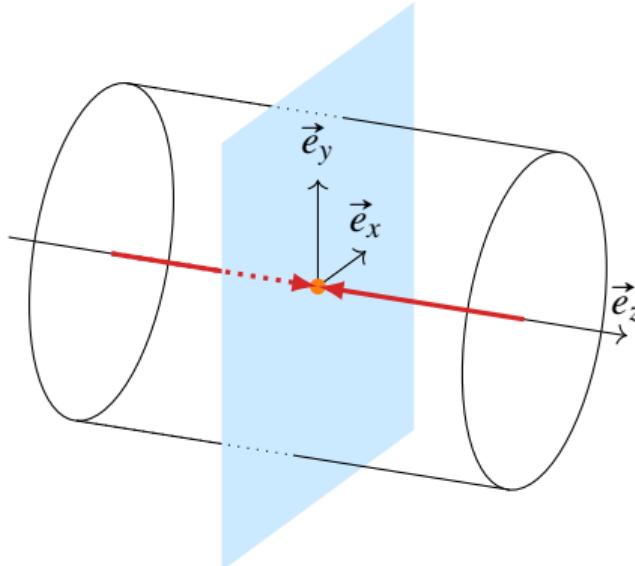






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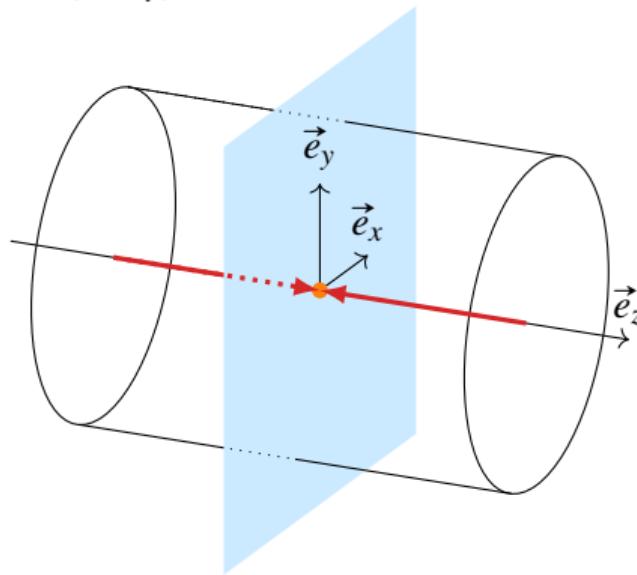
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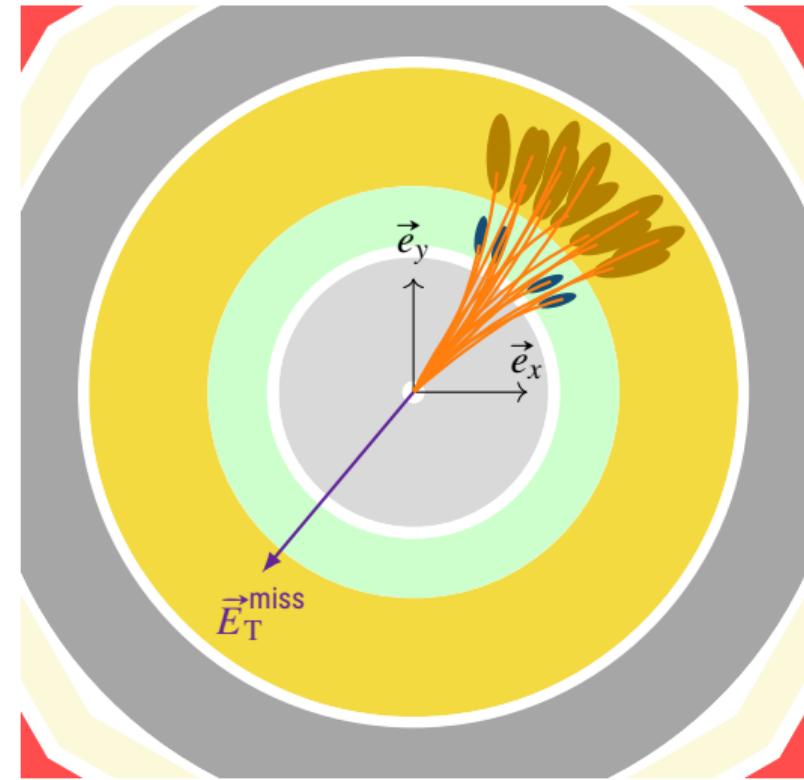
Conserved momentum:  $\sum_{\text{initial state}} \vec{p}_{\text{T}} = \sum_{\text{final state}} \vec{p}_{\text{T}} = \vec{0}$

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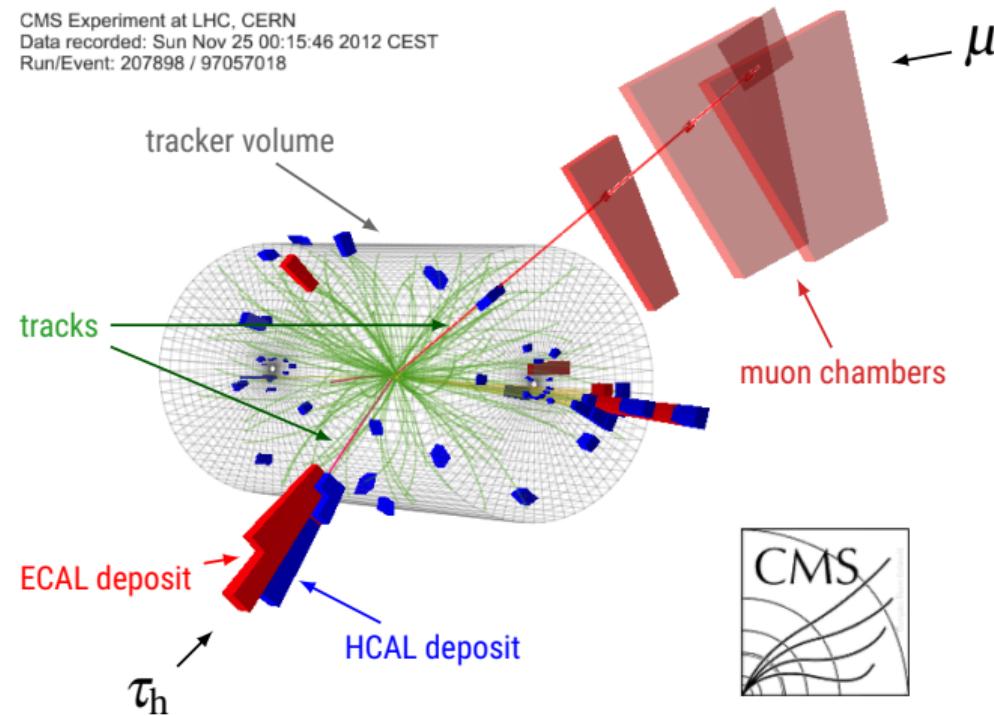


$$\sum_{\text{final state}} \vec{p}_T = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_{\text{visible particles}} \vec{p}_T$$



# Event display: $h \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$ candidate from real data

CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
Data recorded: Sun Nov 25 00:15:46 2012 CEST  
Run/Event: 207898 / 97057018



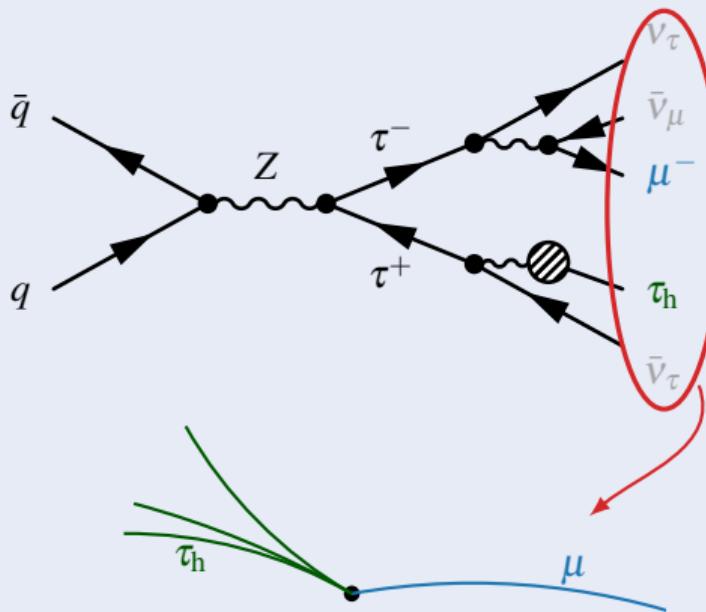
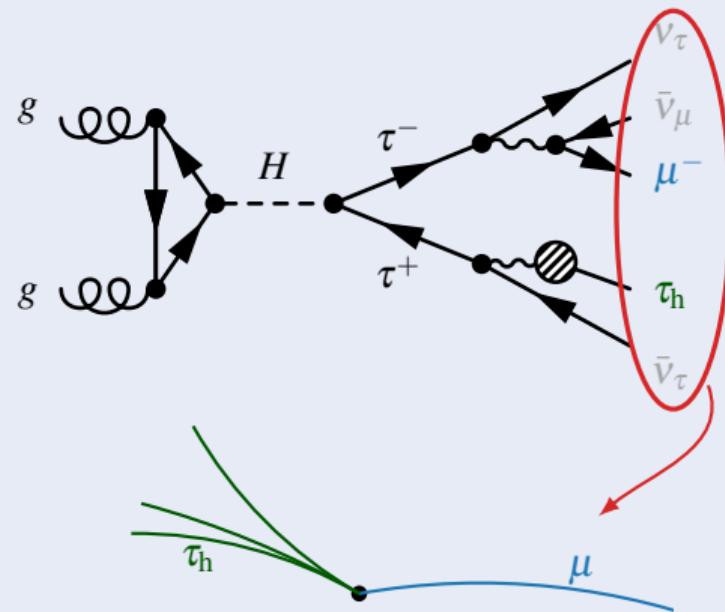
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## 2 Experimental device

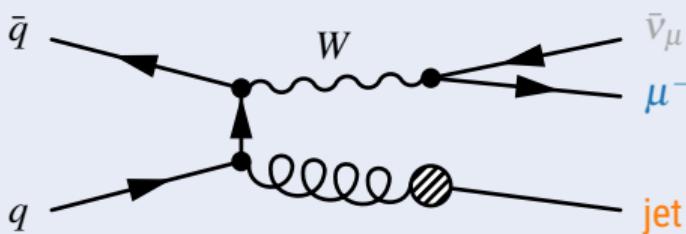
3  $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$  analysis

## 4 Machine learning

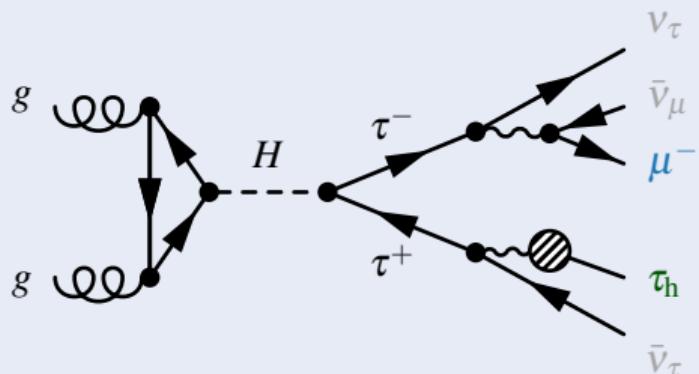
# Backgrounds?

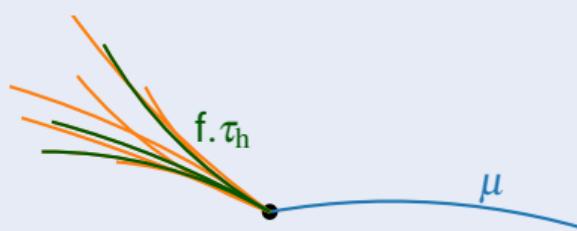
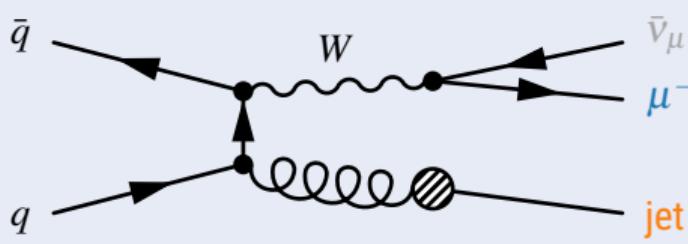
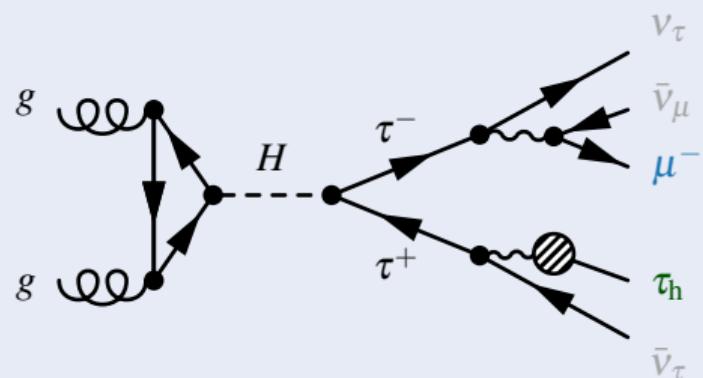
Drell-Yan (especially  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ) $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$ 

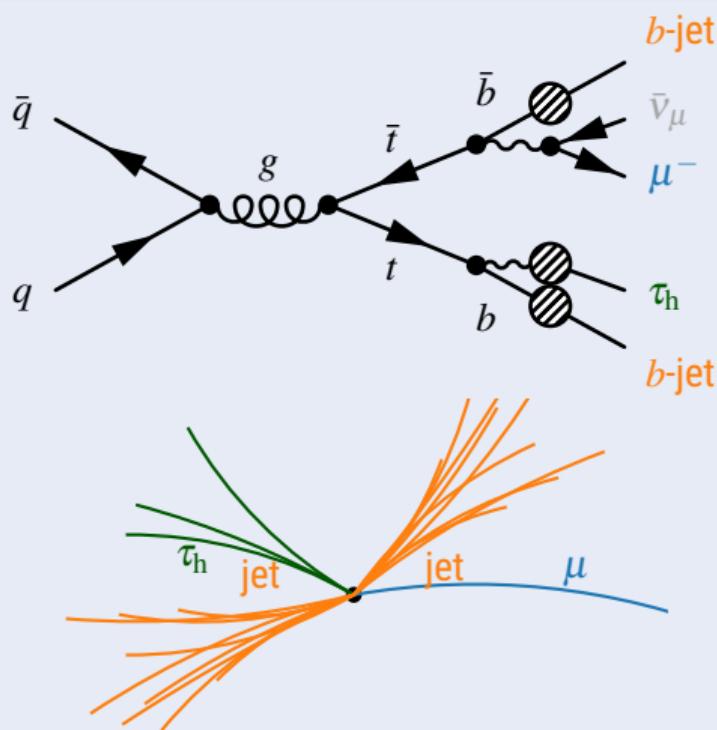
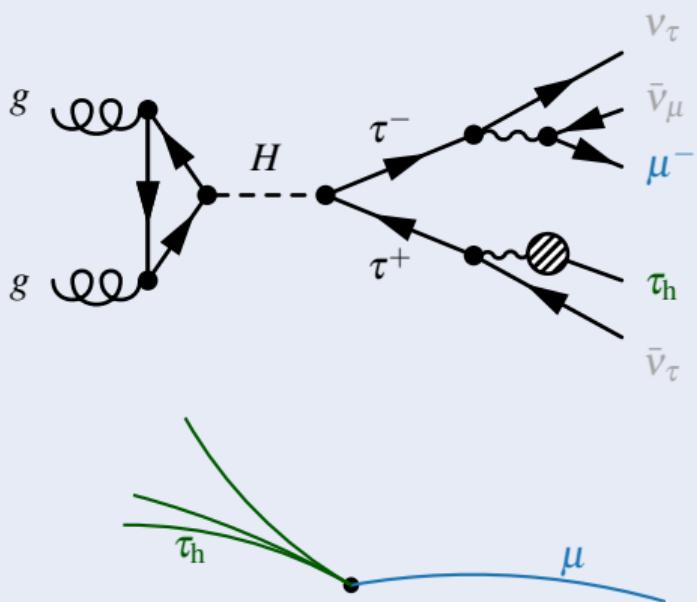
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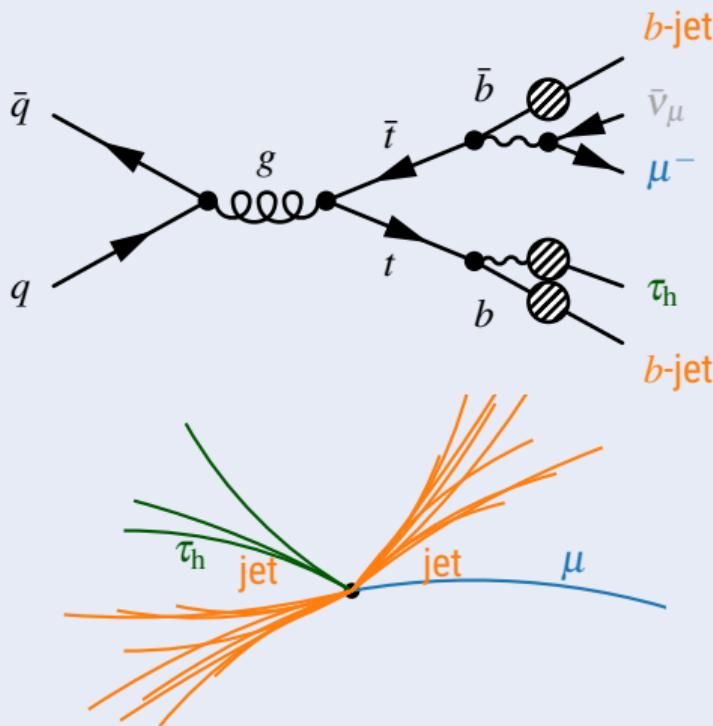


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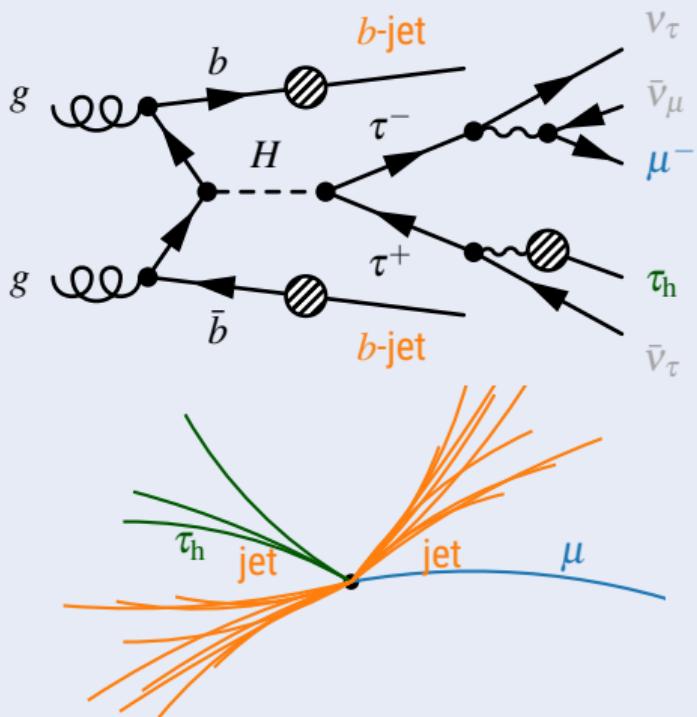


$W + \text{jets}, \text{jet} \rightarrow \text{fake } \tau_h$  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$ 

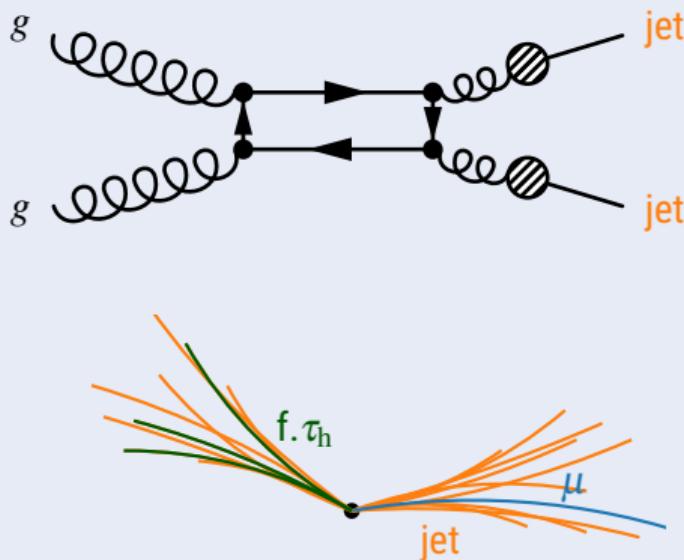
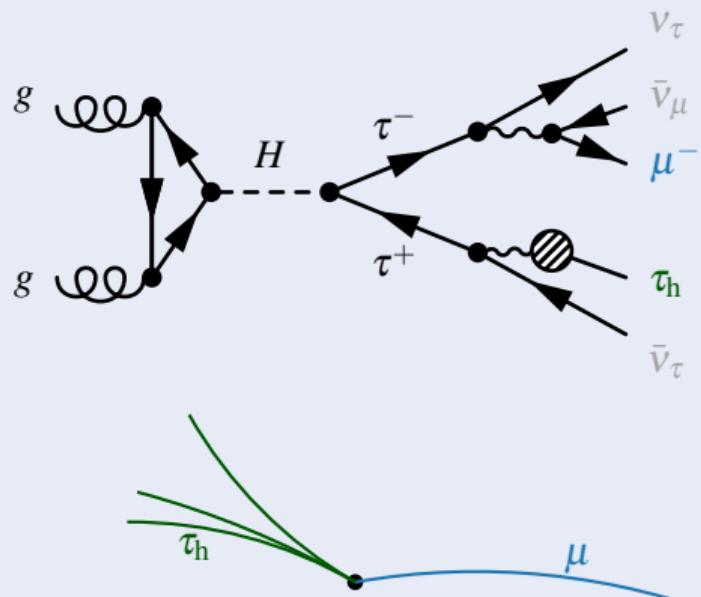
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$t\bar{t}$ 

## $H$ production with $b$ -jets

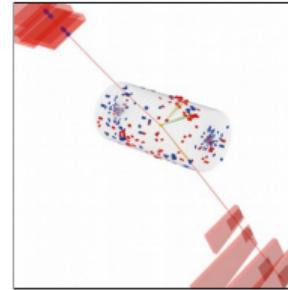


## QCD

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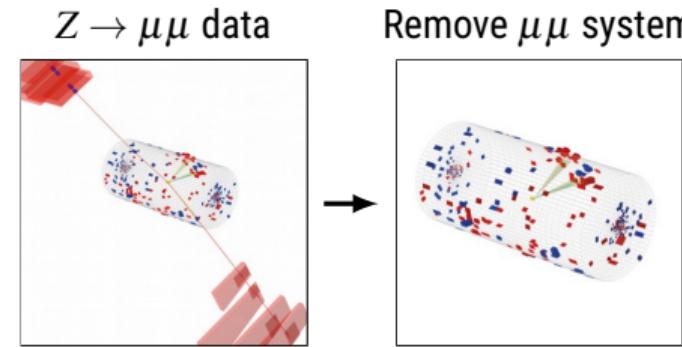
# Embedded events

$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  data



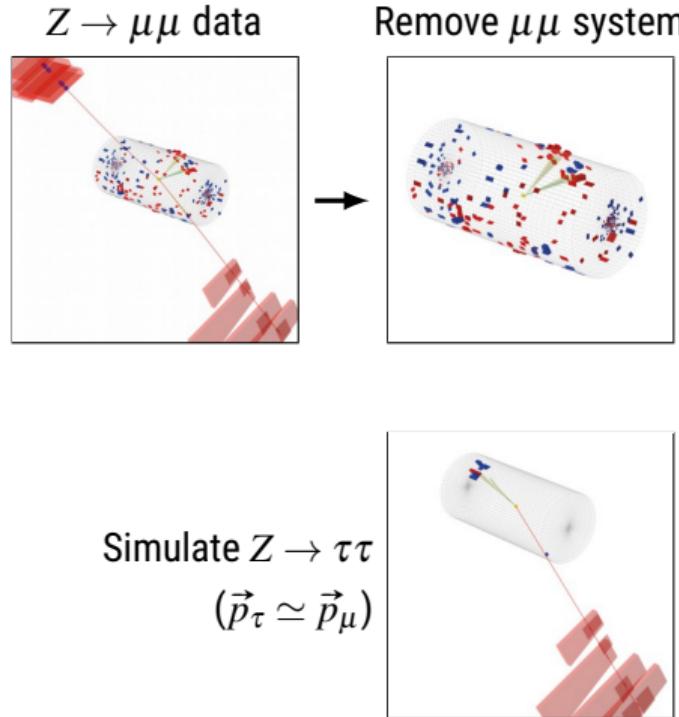
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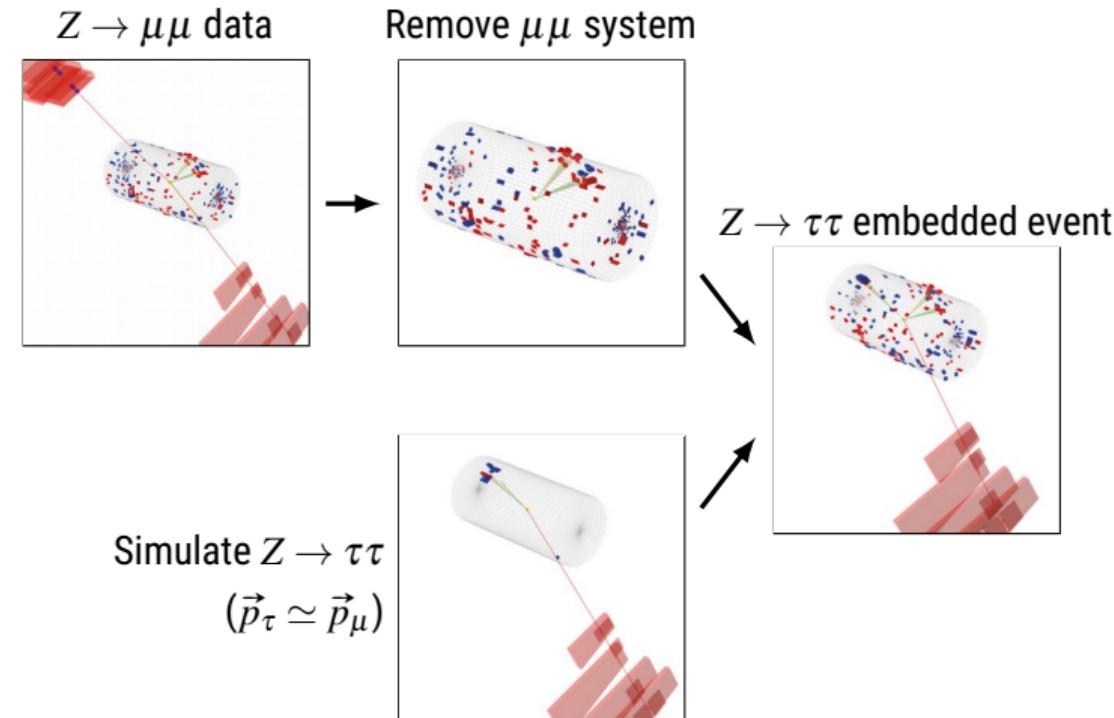
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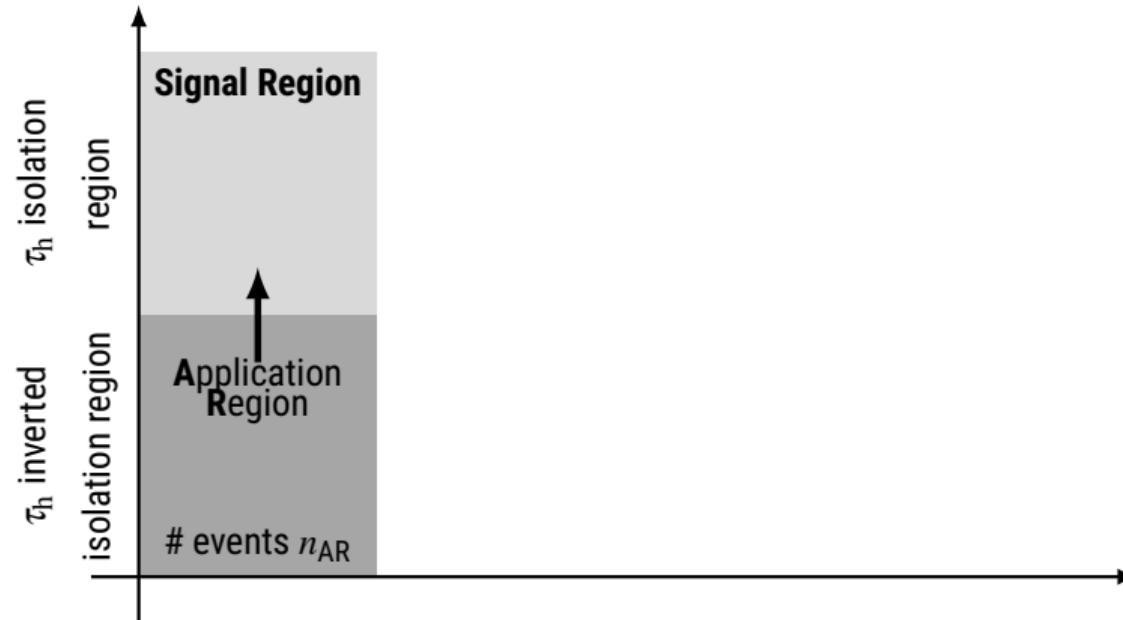
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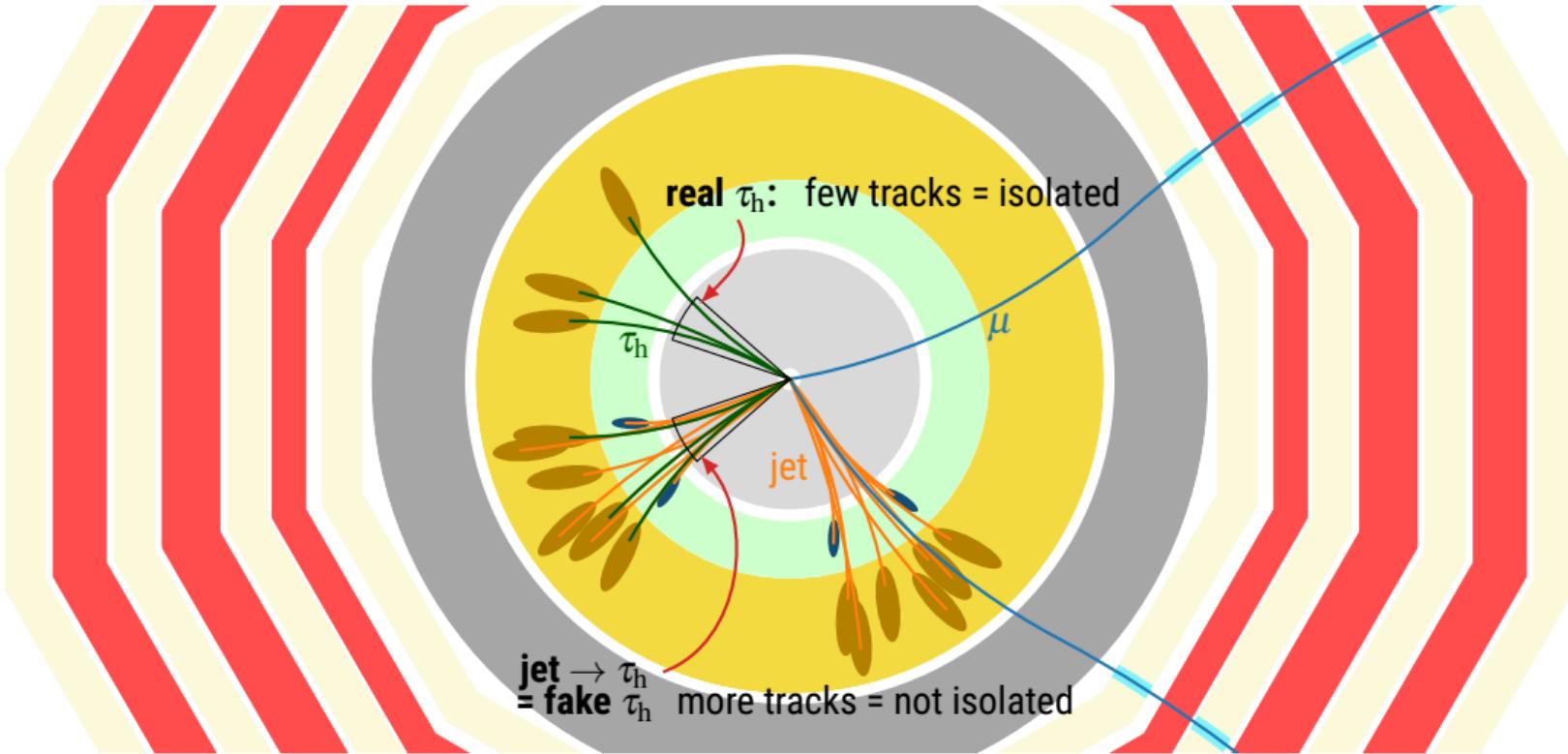
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## Particles isolation – qualitatively



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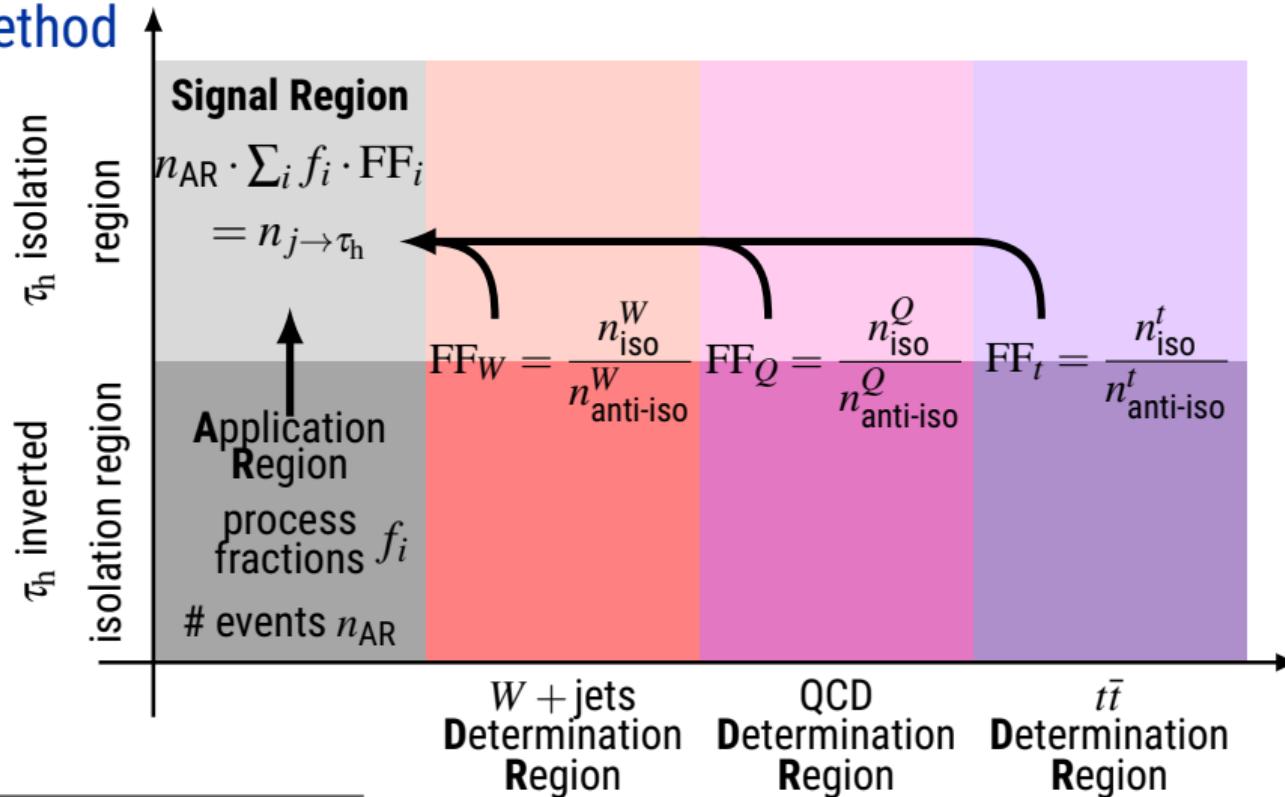
## QCD multijet

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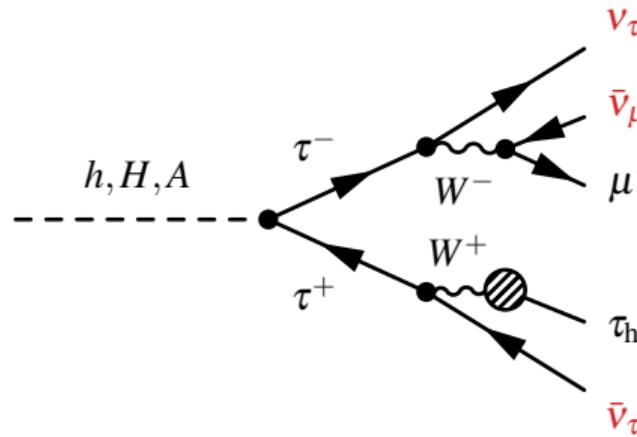
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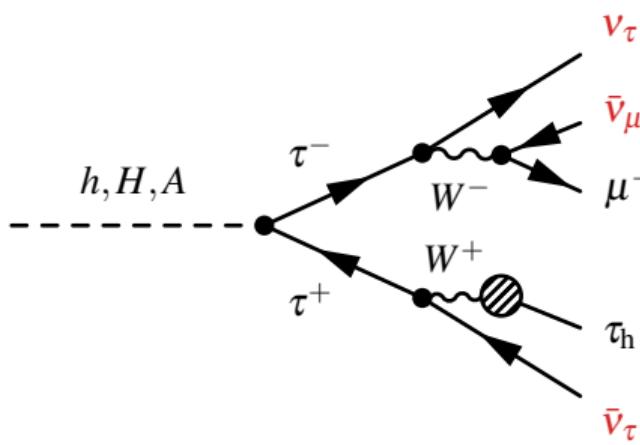
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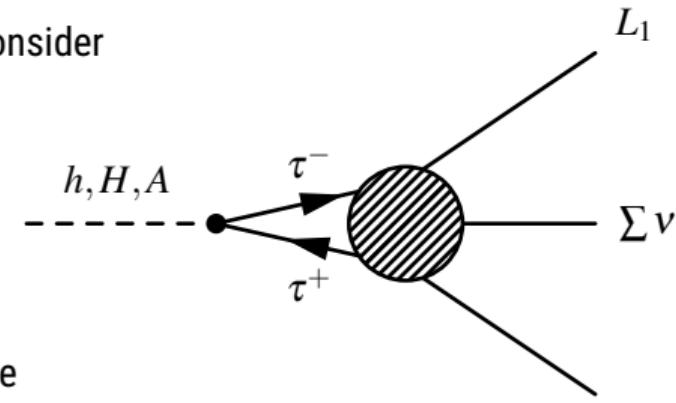


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where

- $L_1 = \mu$ ;
- $L_2 = \tau_h$ ;
- $\sum v \simeq E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ;

with respect to the left side.

# Discriminant variable: $m_T^{\text{tot}}$

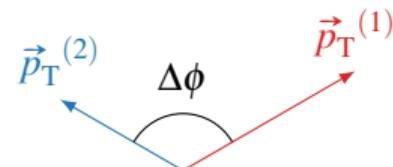
- ▶ For  $L_1, L_2$  and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  system,
  - ▷ in the transverse plane (use  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ),
  - ▷ for  $E_i \gg m_i$  (highly relativistic case),

deriving the "invariant" mass would then lead to

the **total transverse mass**,  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$

$$m_T^{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{m_T^2(L_1, E_T^{\text{miss}}) + m_T^2(L_2, E_T^{\text{miss}}) + m_T^2(L_1, L_2)}$$

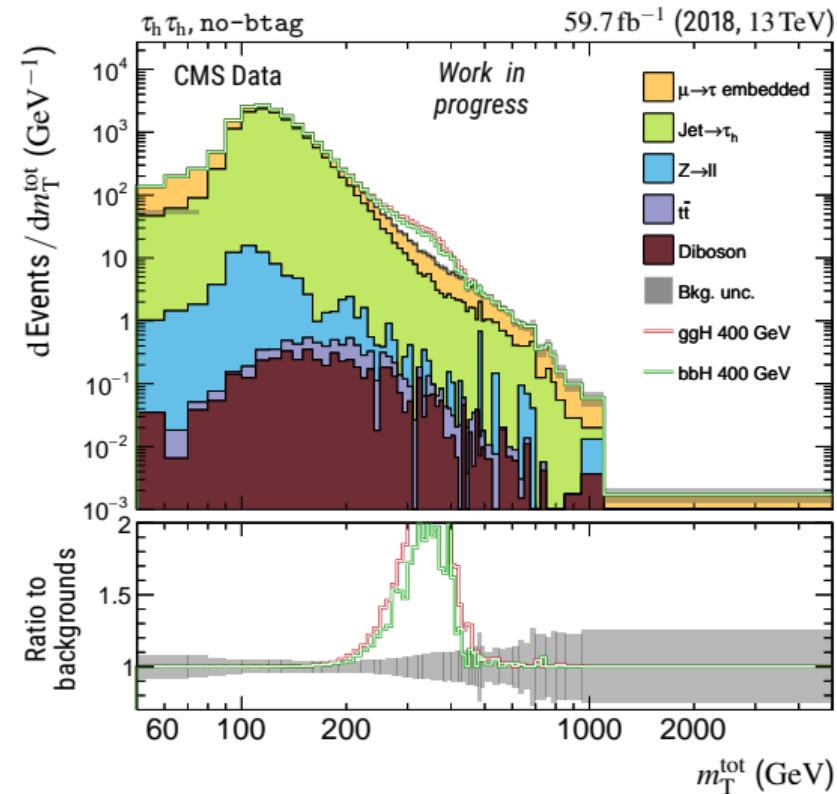
$$m_T(1,2) = \sqrt{2p_T^{(1)} p_T^{(2)} (1 - \cos \Delta\phi)}$$



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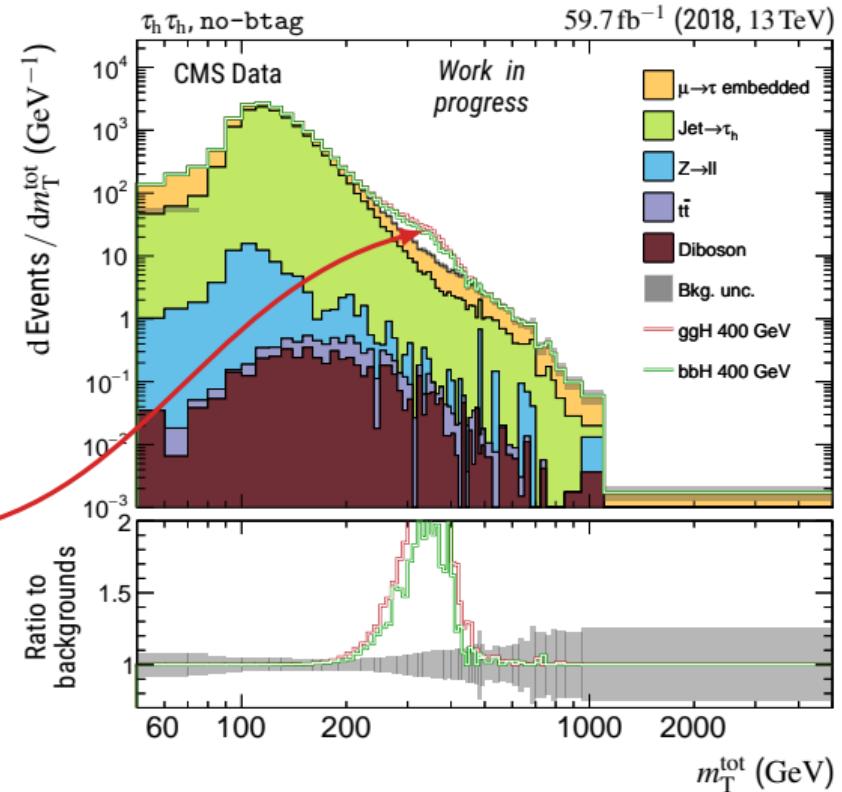


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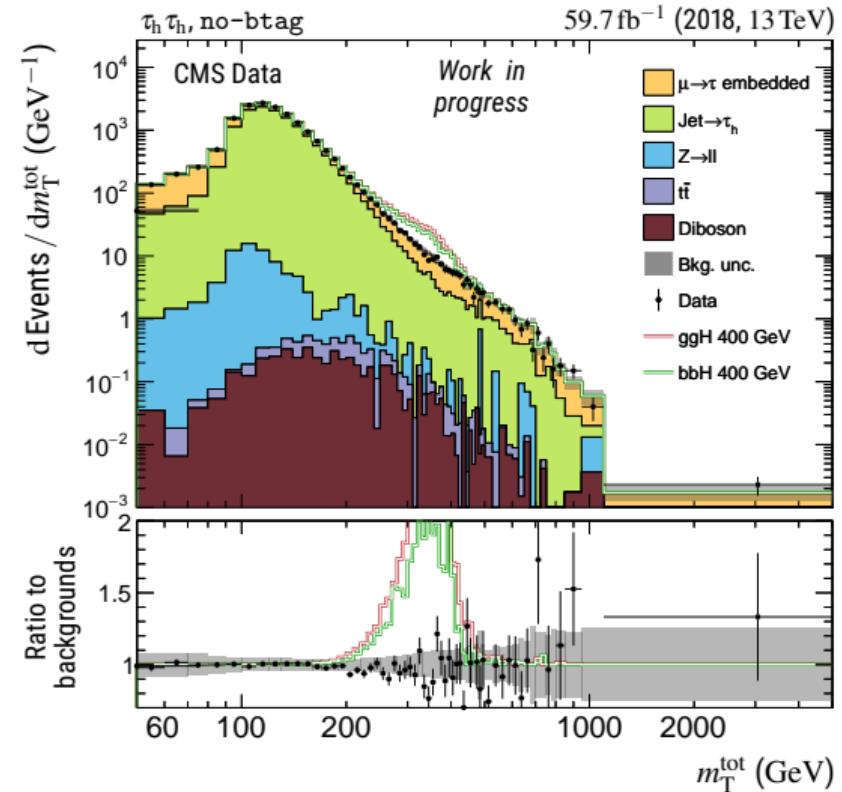
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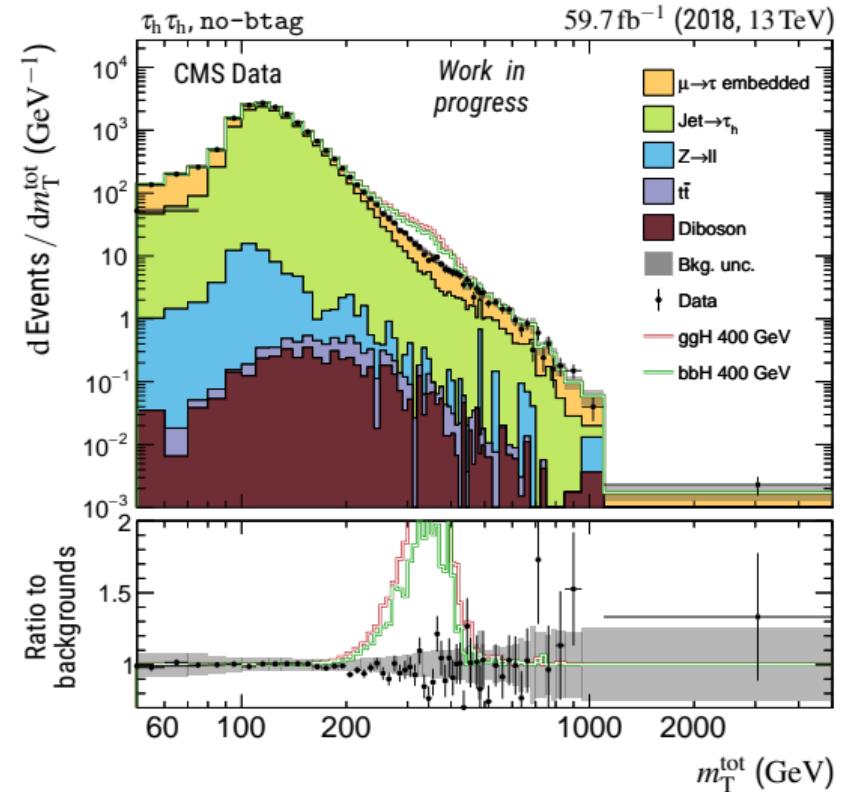
**Not just a plot!**

### ► Lot of hard work to obtain this: $\tau$ embedded

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- ▷ detector issues
- ▷  $Z \rightarrow ee + Z \rightarrow ll$
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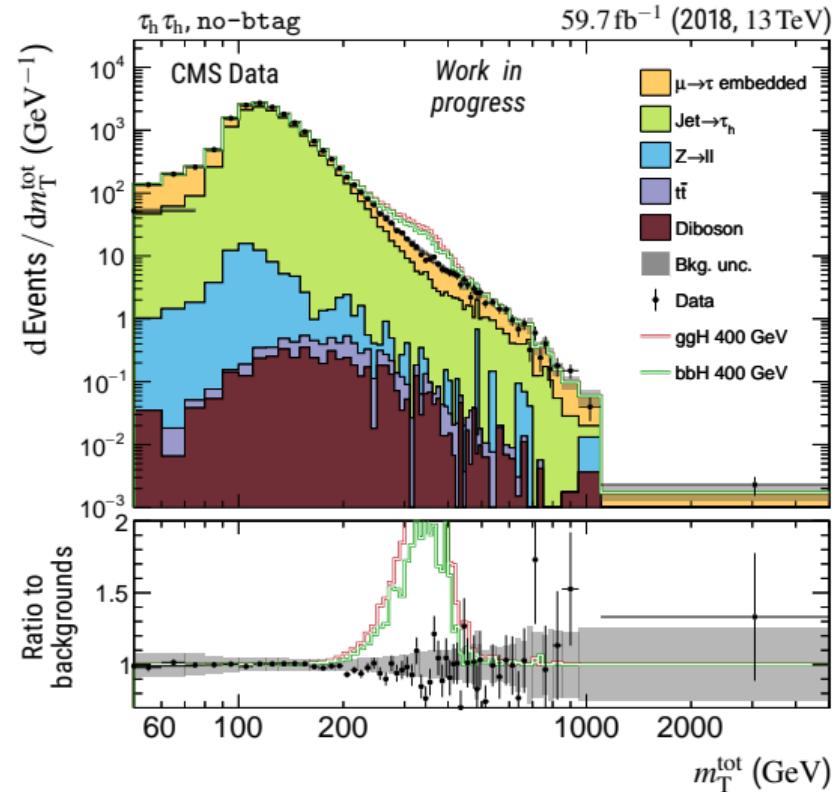
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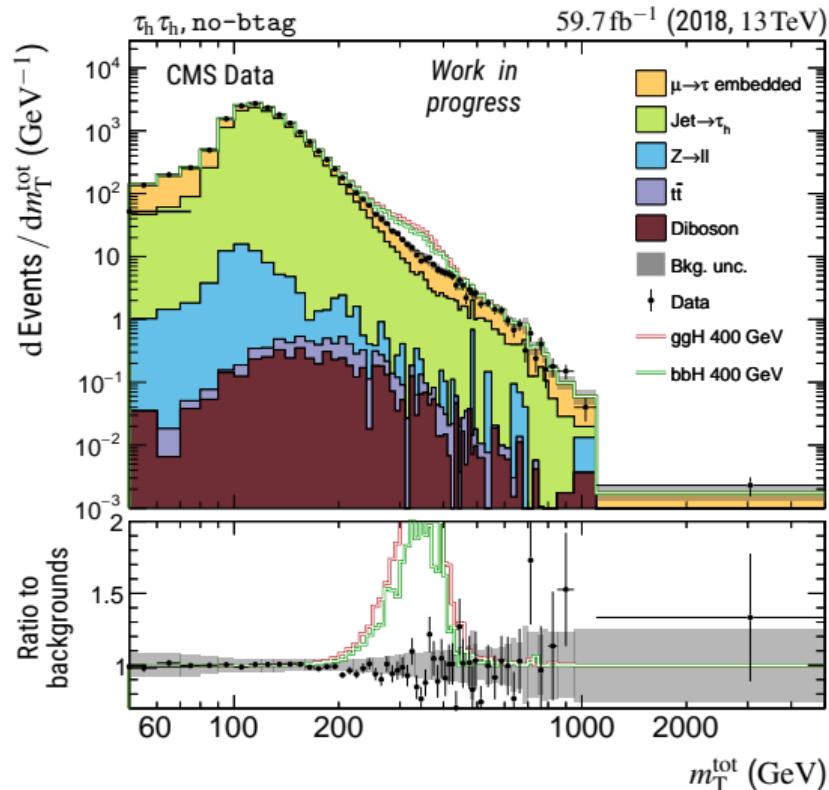
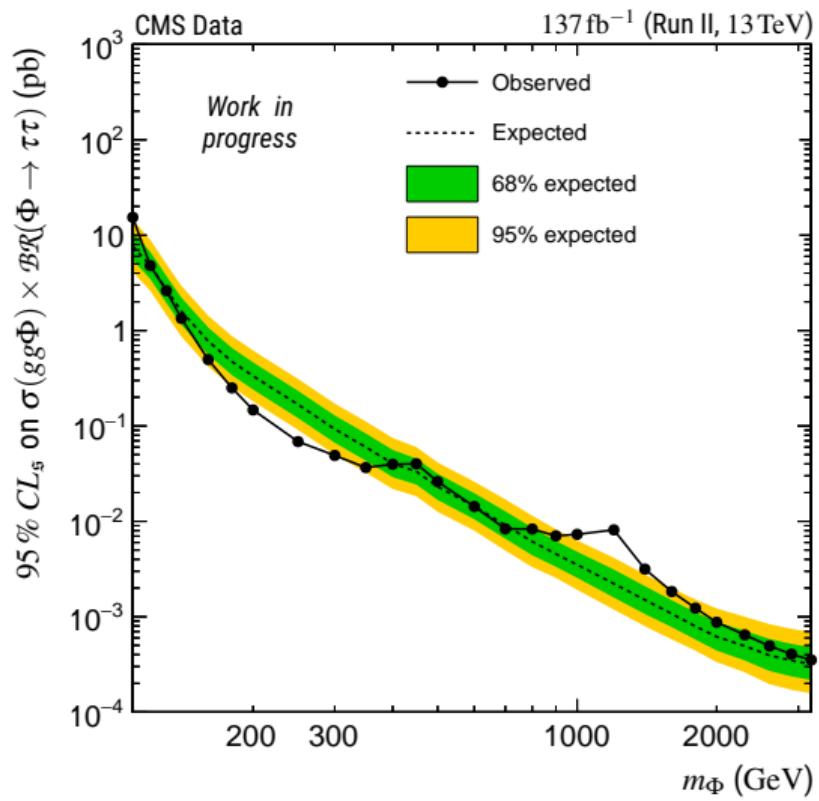
- ▷ Other collaboration
- ▷ Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (DE)
- ▷ Imperial College (UK)  $\mathcal{BR} = 1 \text{ pb}$  signal.
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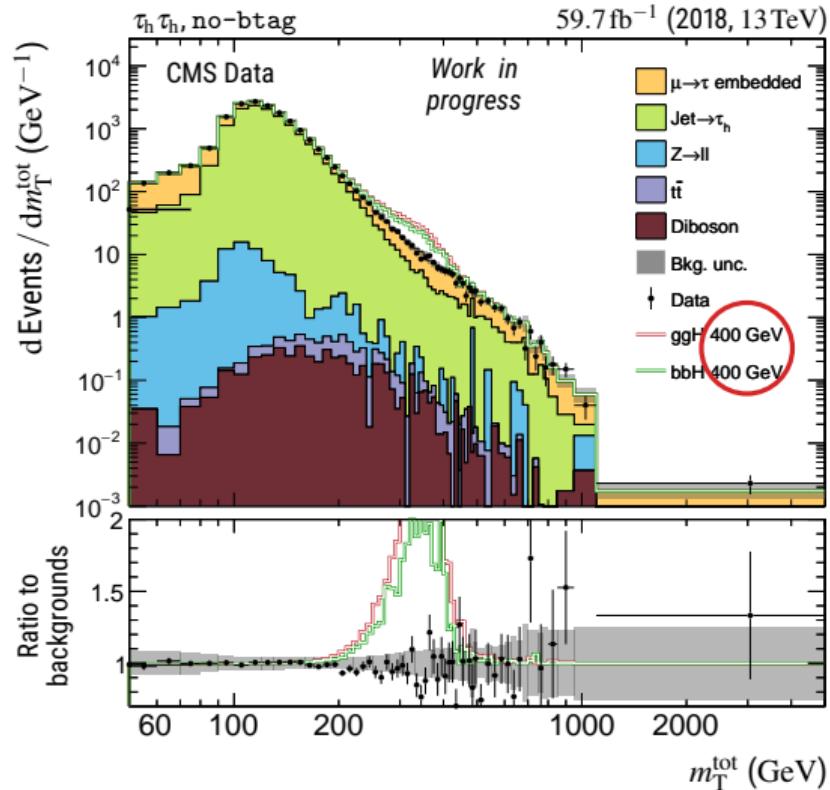
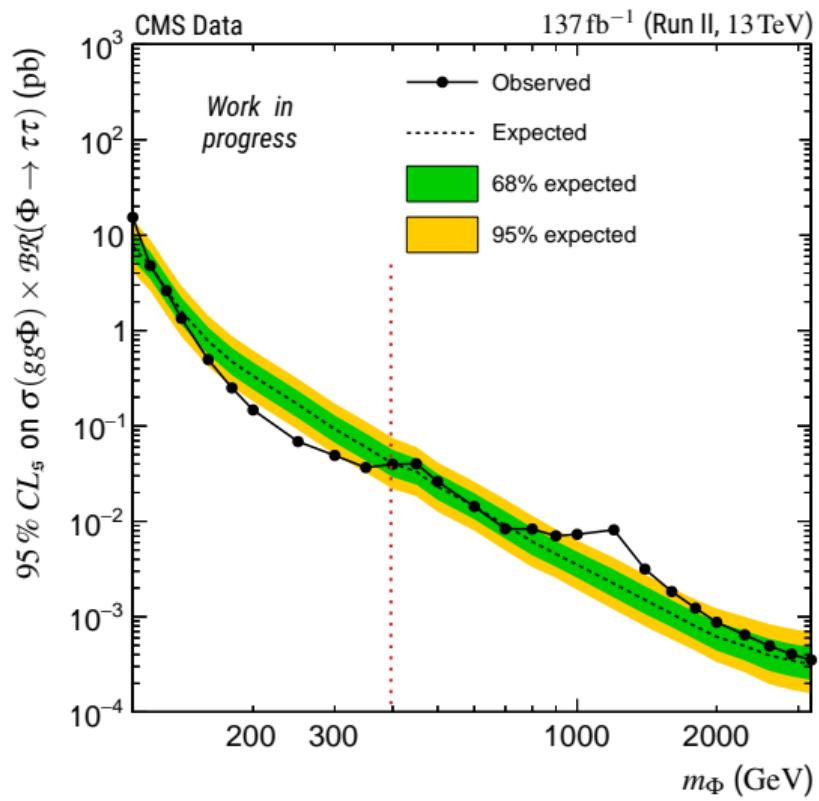
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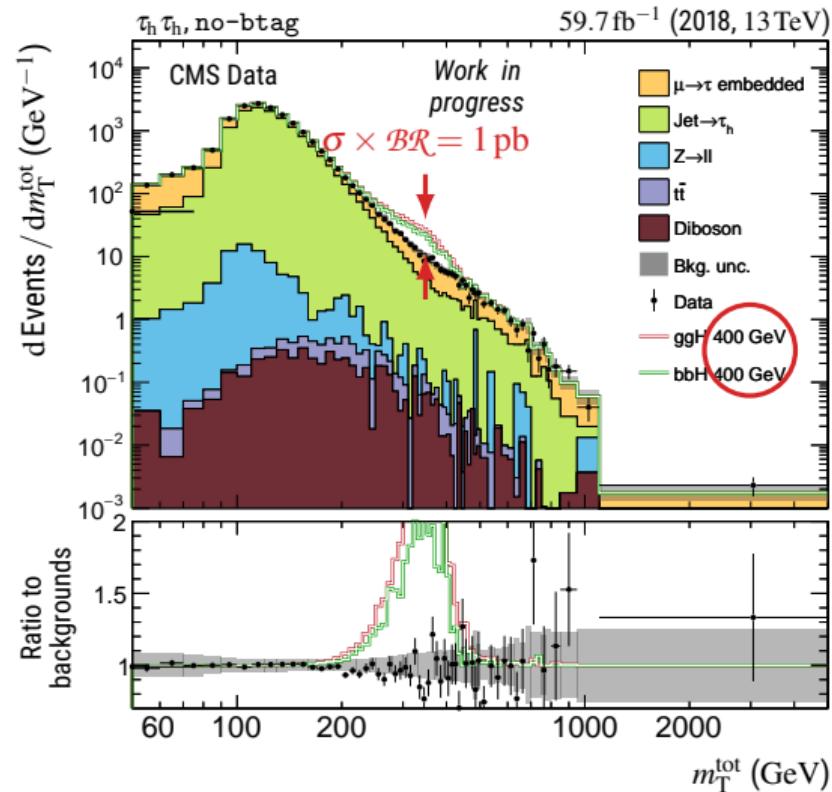
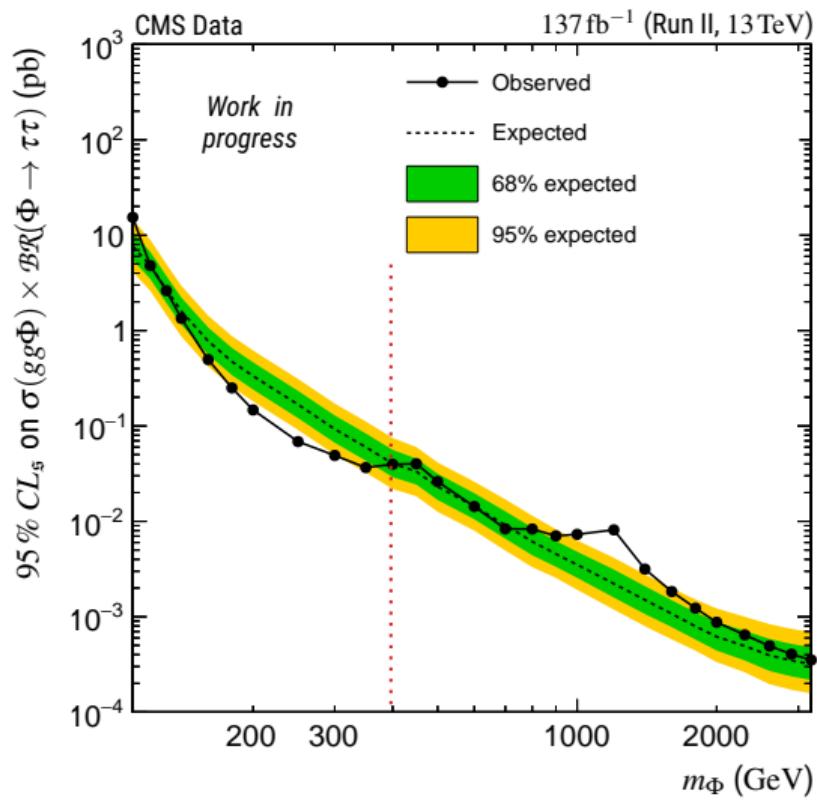




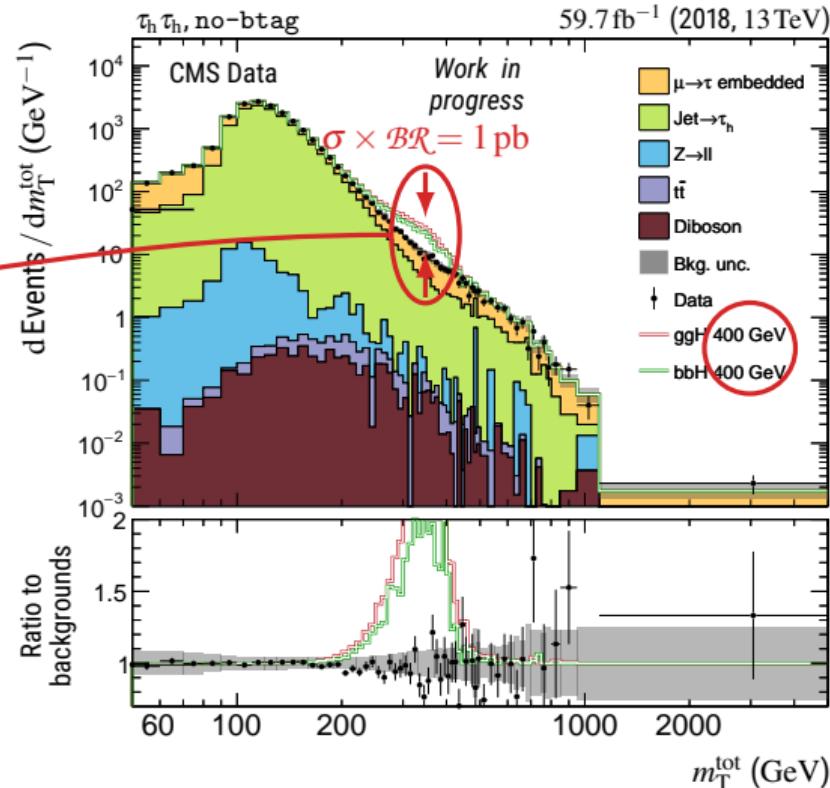
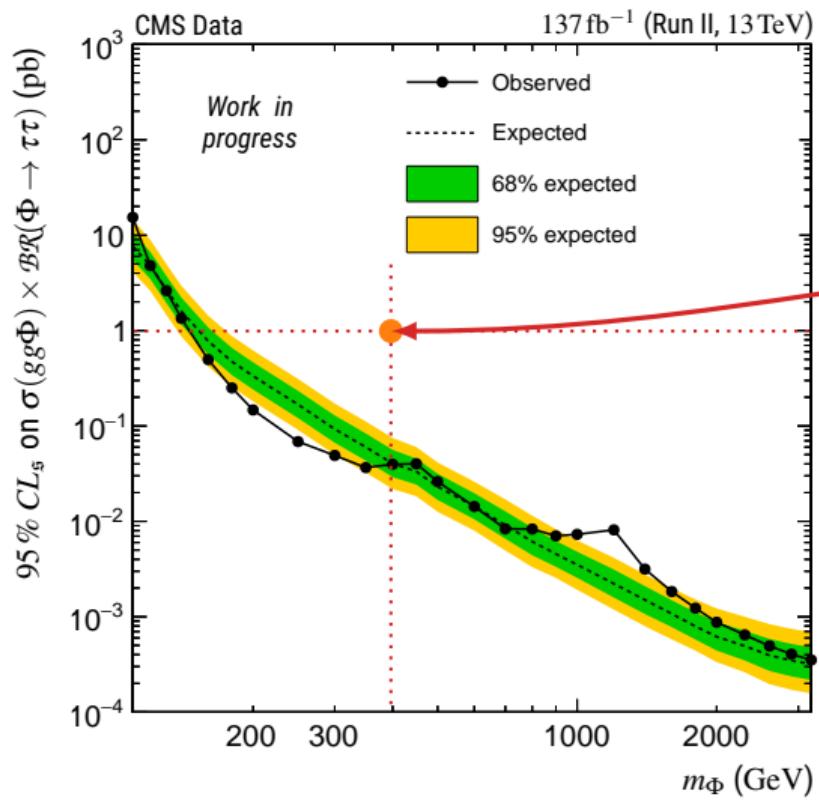
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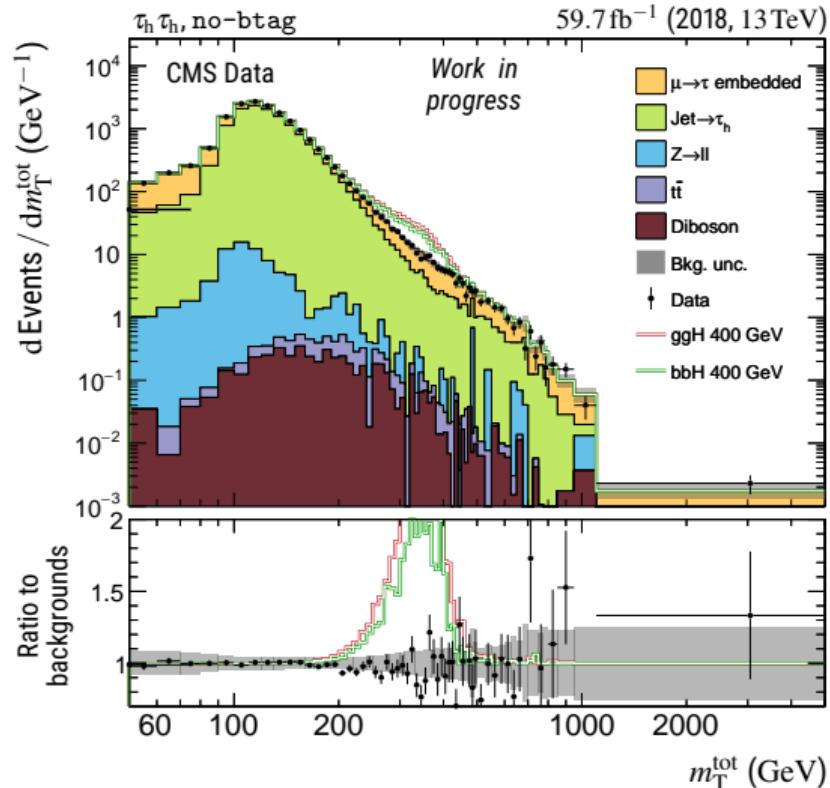
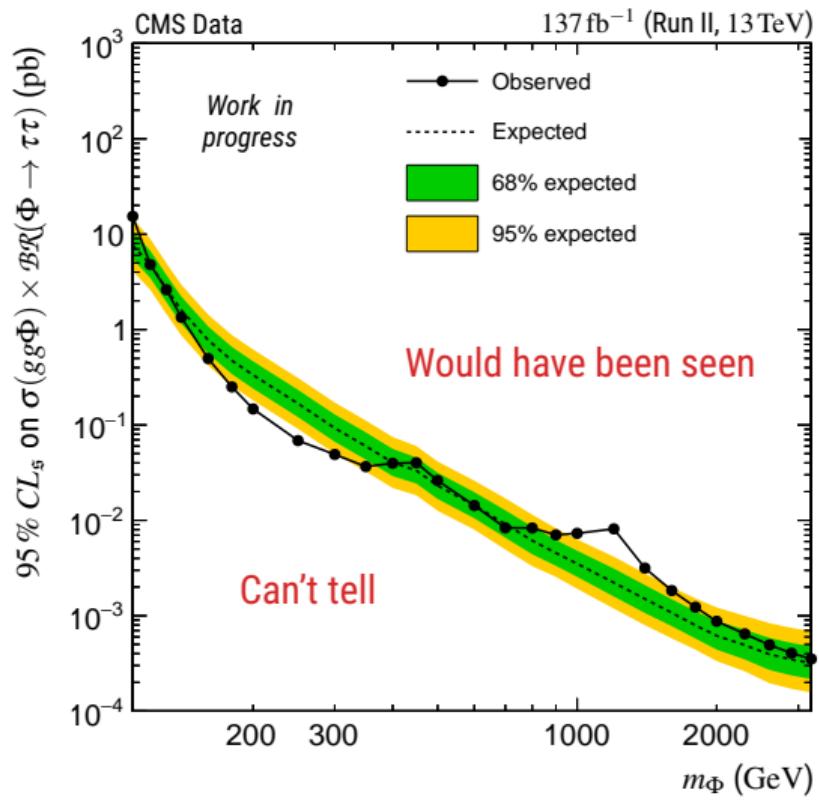
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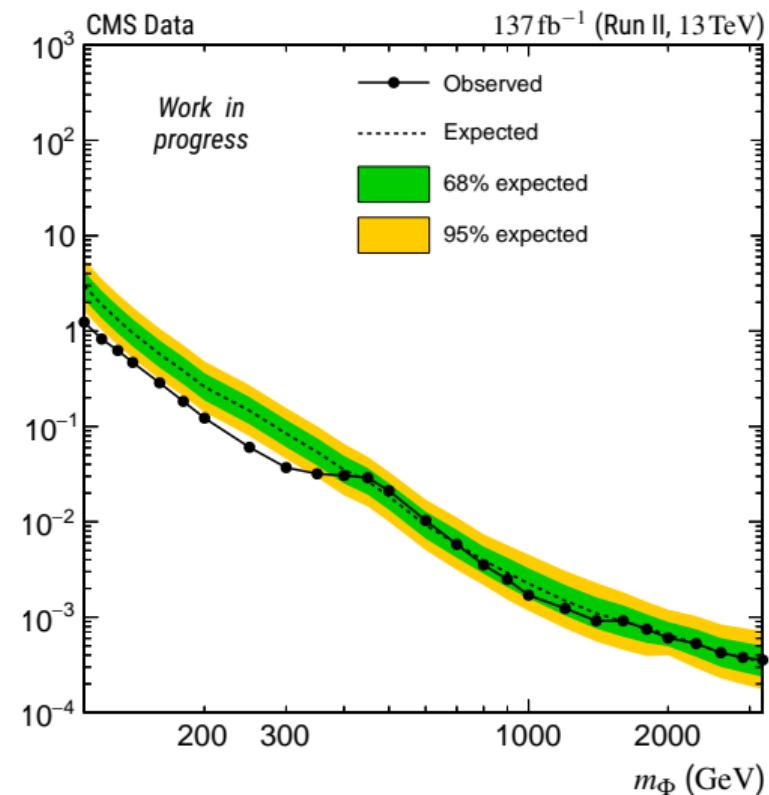
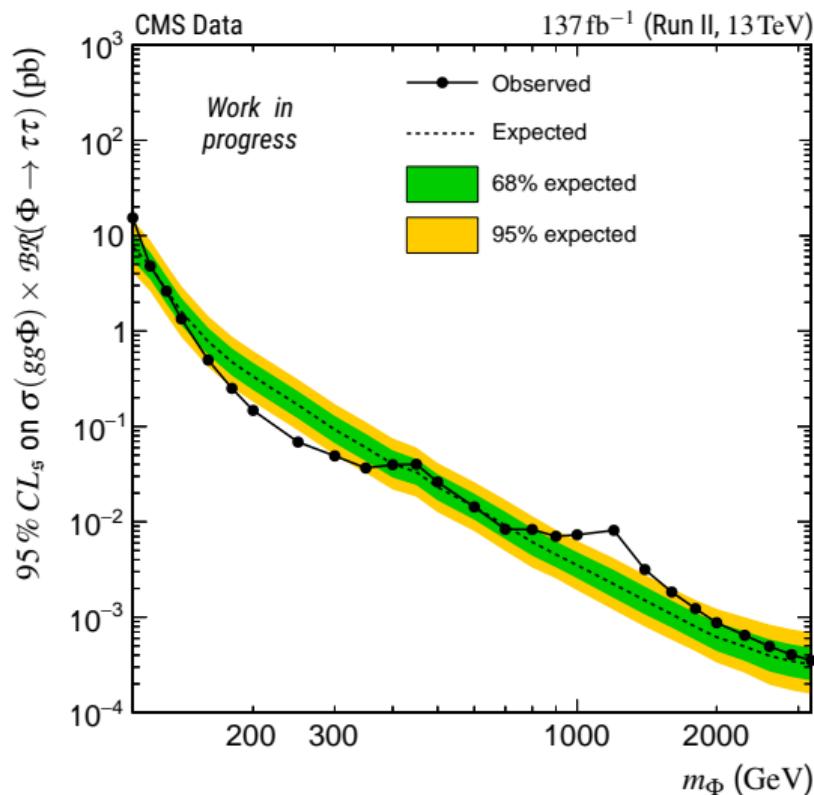
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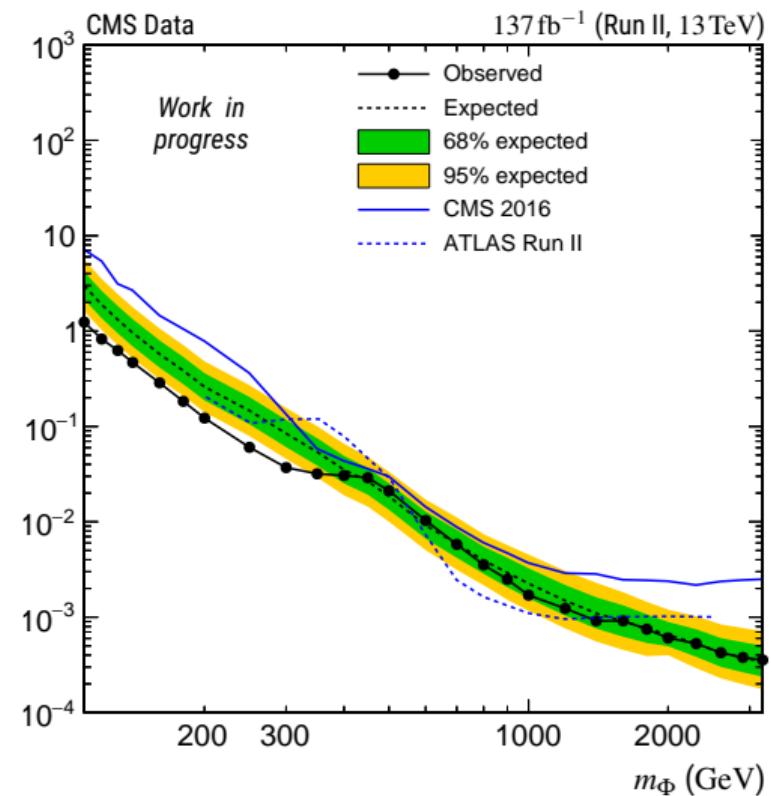
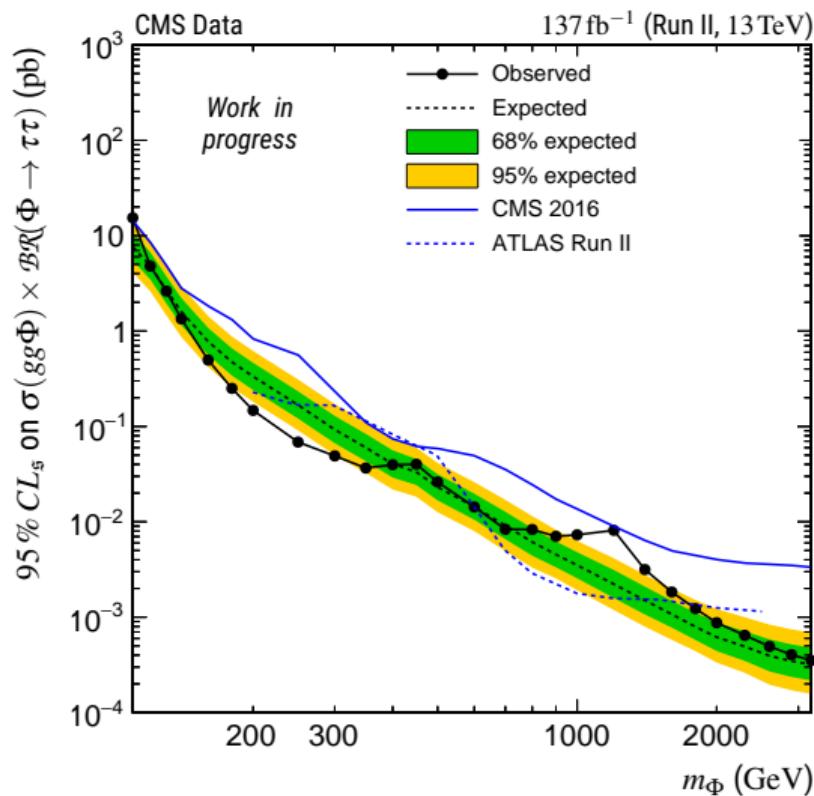
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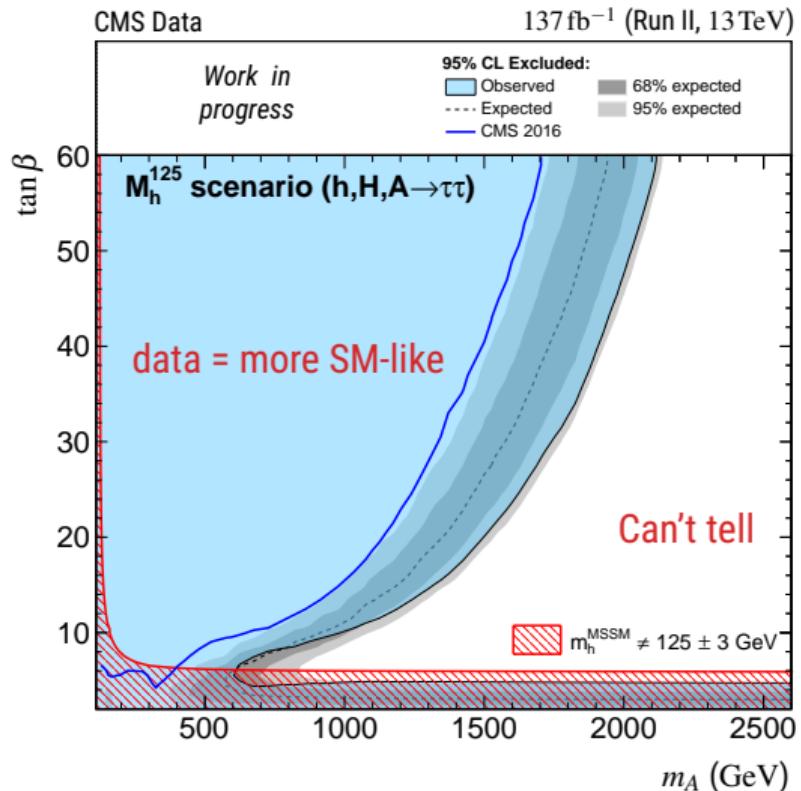


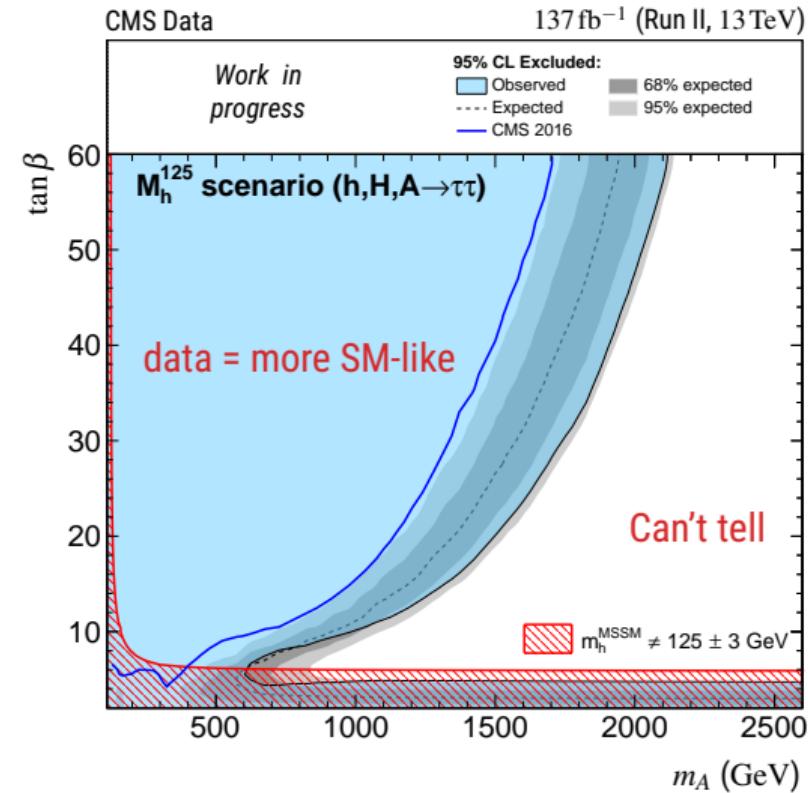
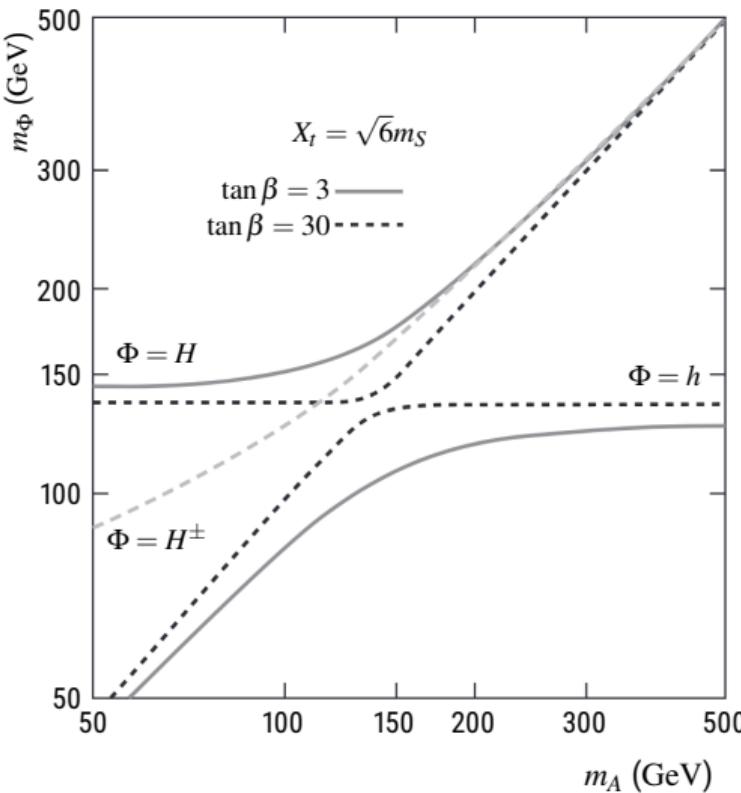
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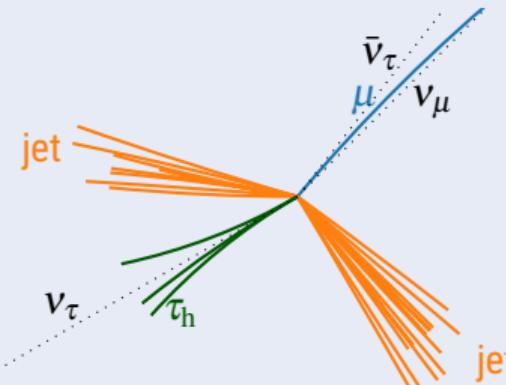


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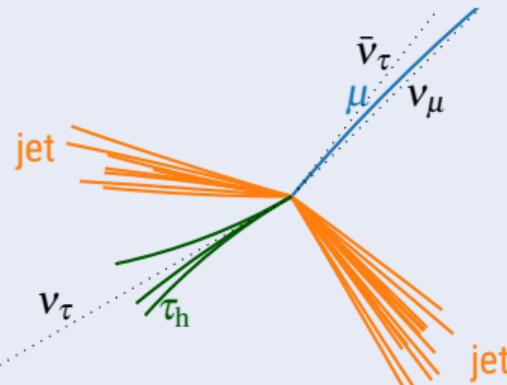
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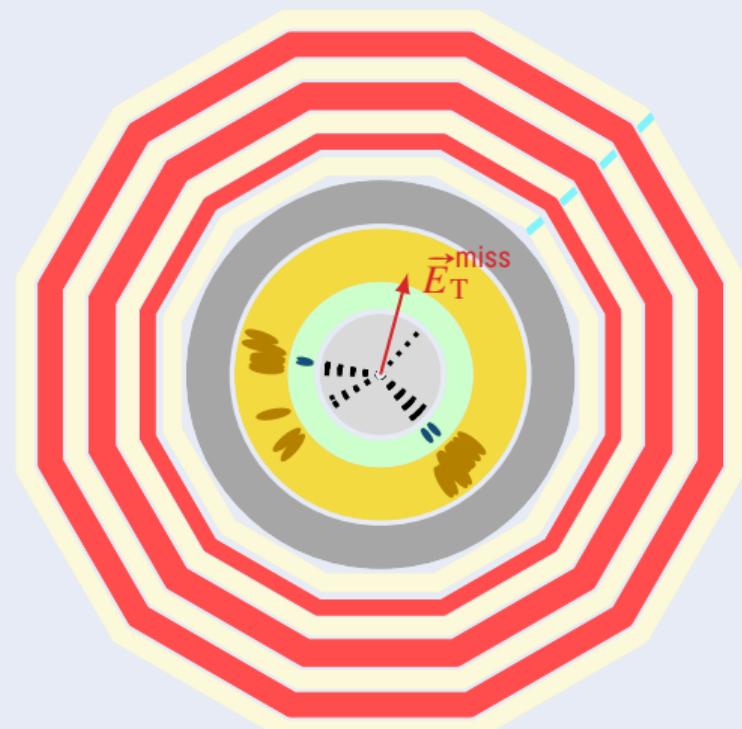
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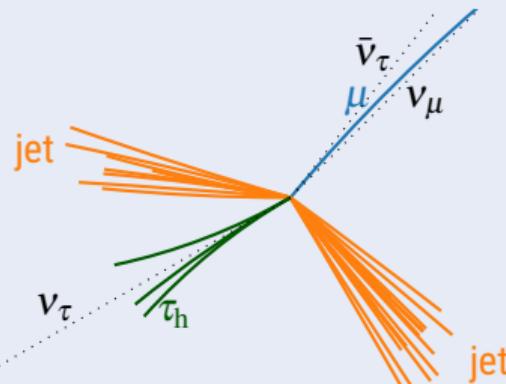
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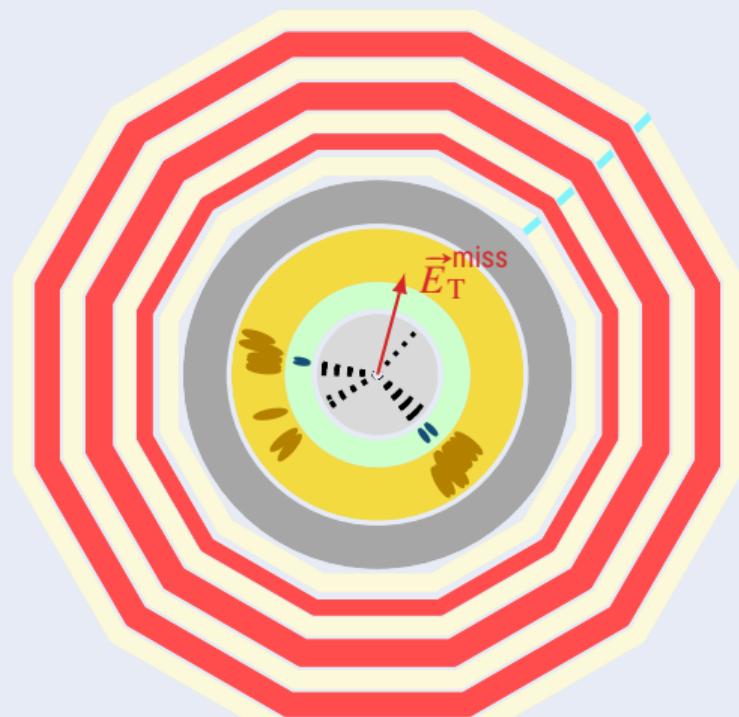
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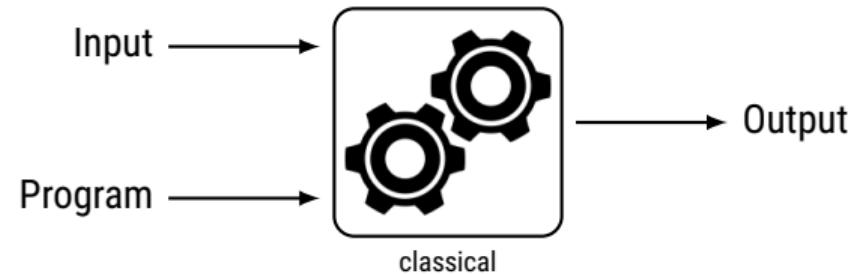
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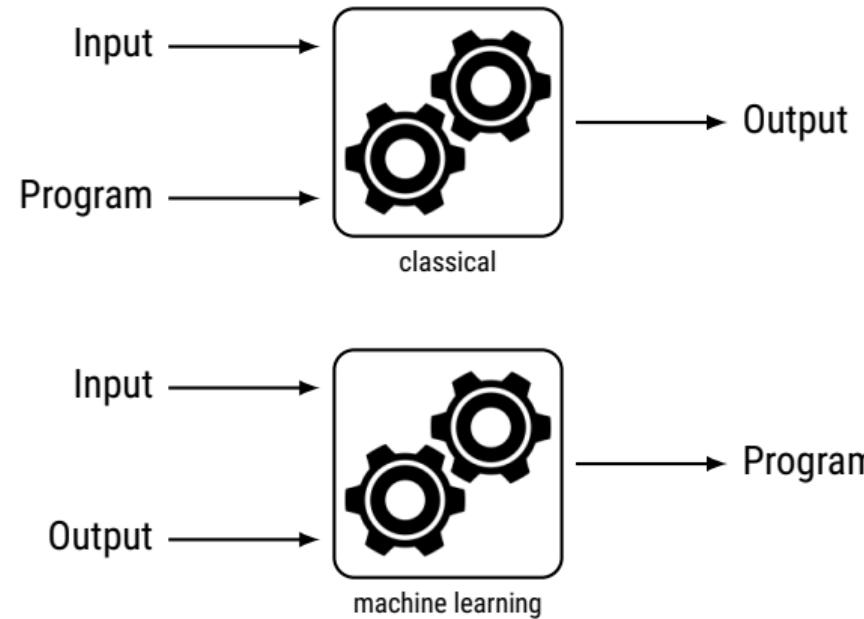
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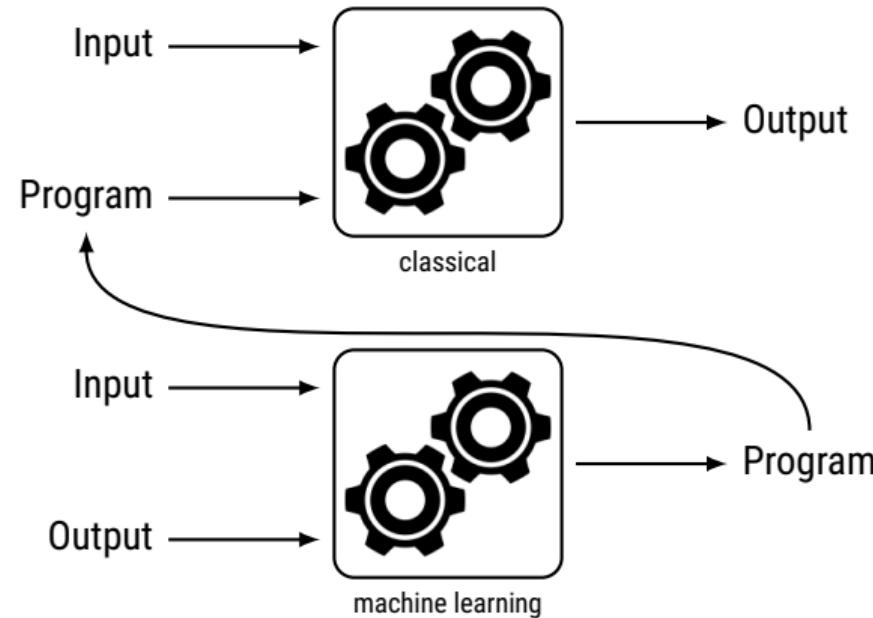
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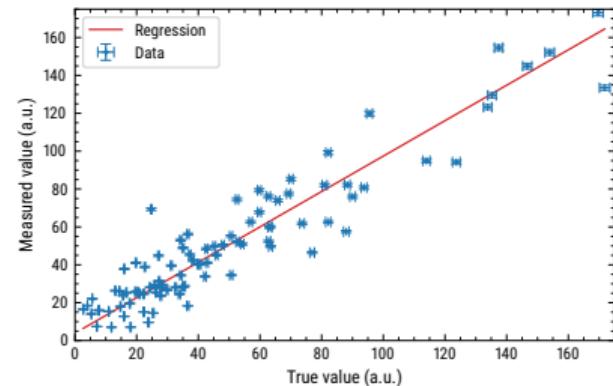
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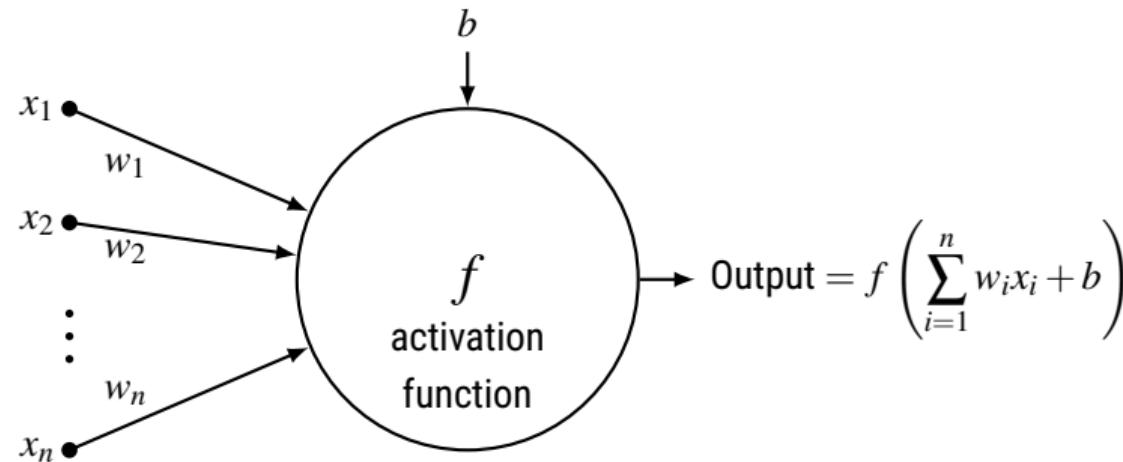
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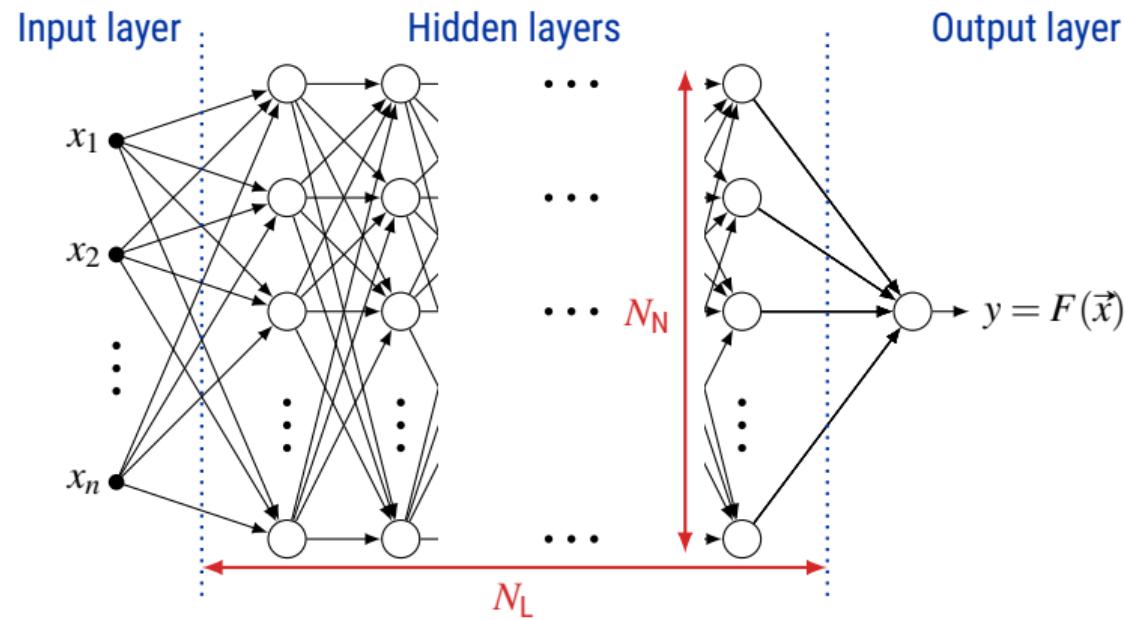
What if the target is not linear wrt. input?

# Neurons in ML



- ▶ Parameters:  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, b$
- ▶ Equivalent to linear regression for  $f = \mathbb{1} : x \mapsto x$

# (Deep) Neural Networks

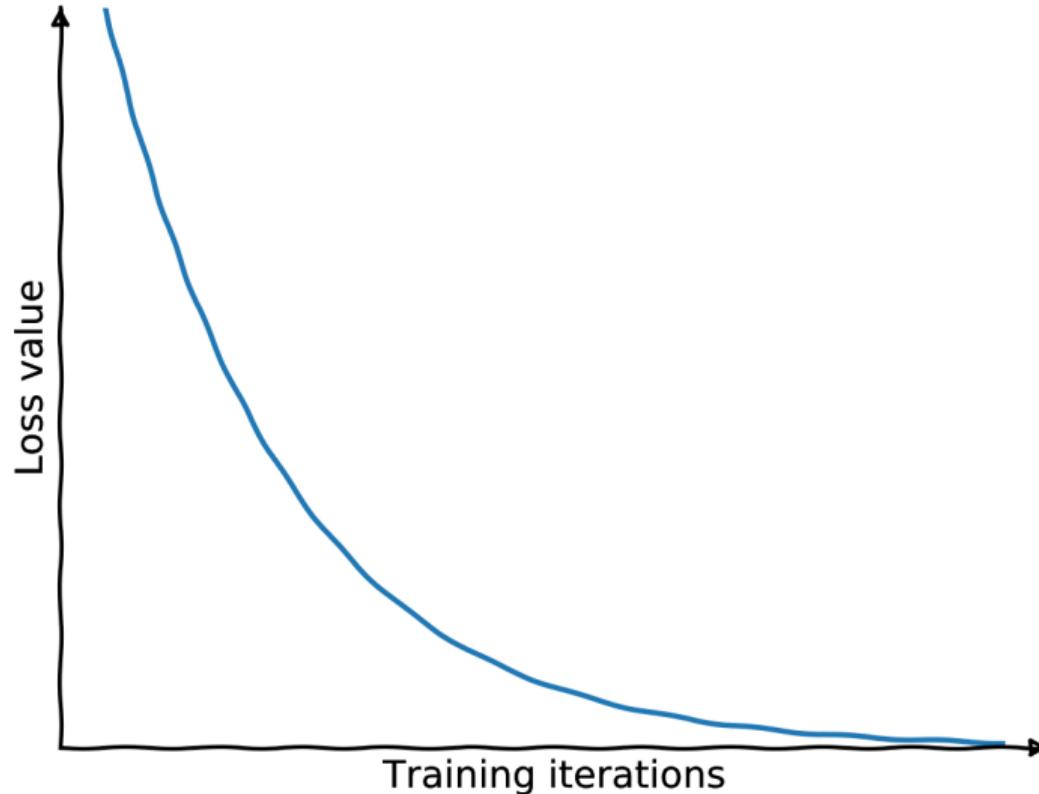


# How to train a neural network?

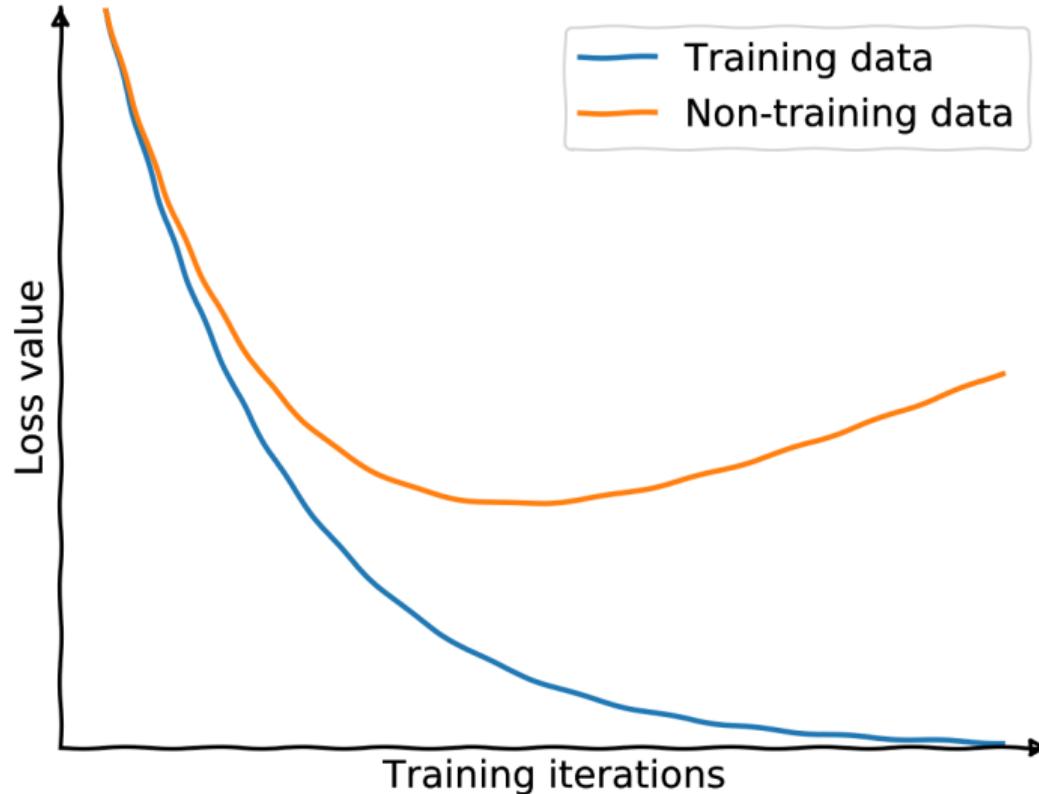
Train = optimize parameters  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, b)$  for each neuron.

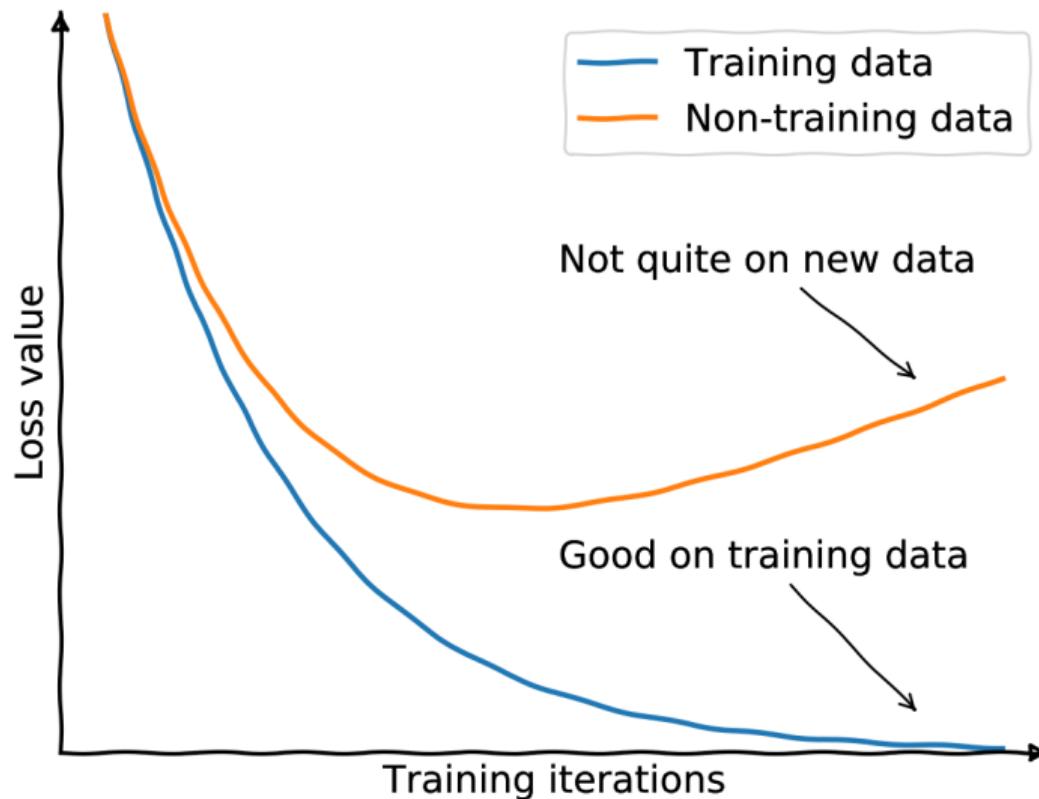
- ▶ Get a **training dataset** = examples of inputs  $\vec{x}_i$  with corresponding outputs  $y_i$
- ▶ Compare the model predictions  $F(\vec{x}_i)$  to the true values  $y_i$ 
  - ▷ Define a **loss function**  $\mathcal{L}$  such that its minimum is reached when  $F(\vec{x}_i) = y_i$
  - ▷ Change the parameters a bit, aiming at minimizing  $\mathcal{L}(F(\vec{x}_i), y_i)$
  - ▷ Repeat

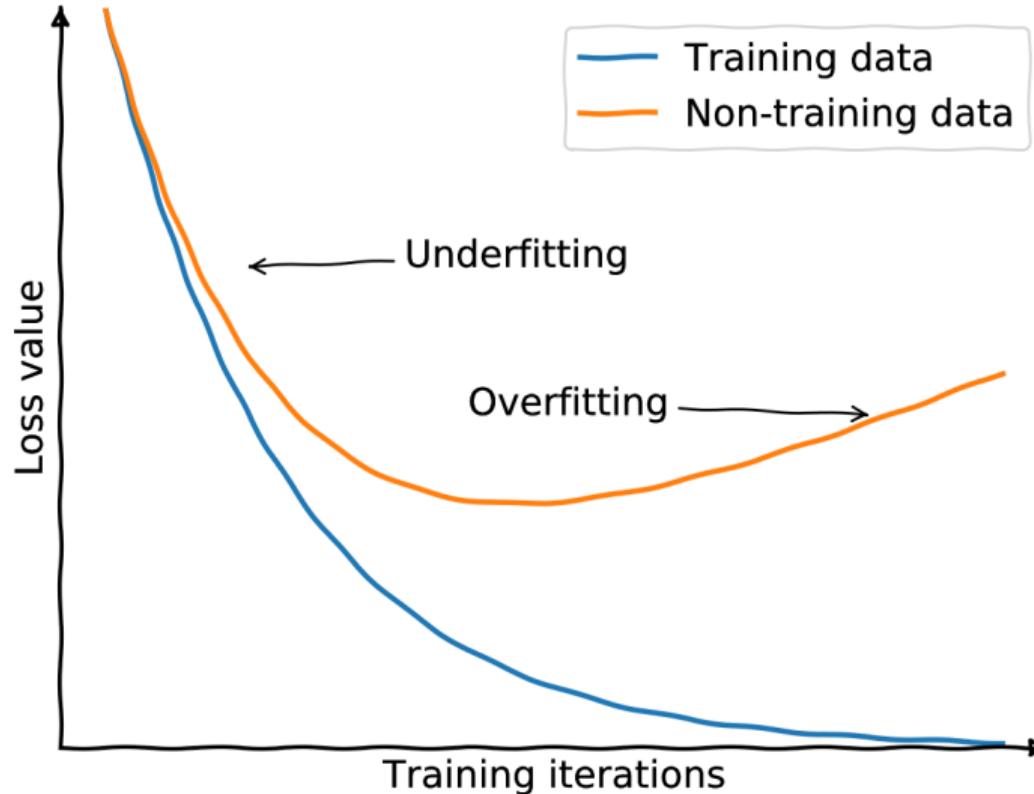
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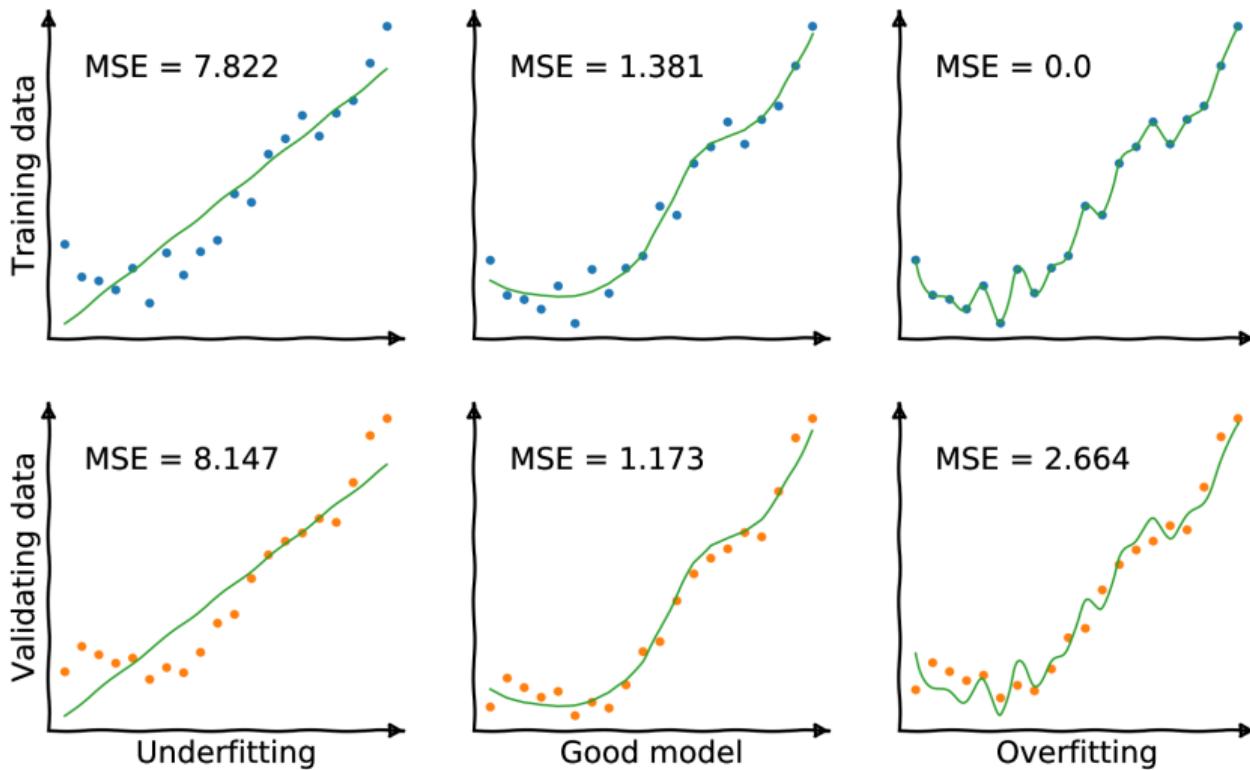


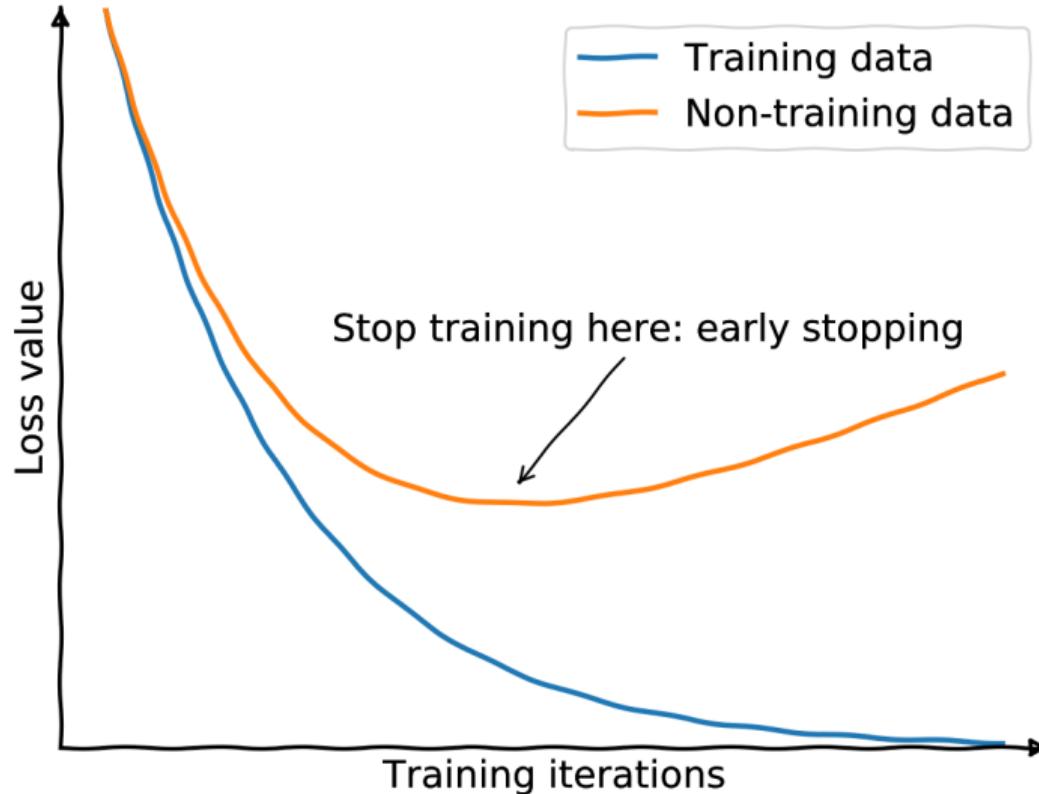


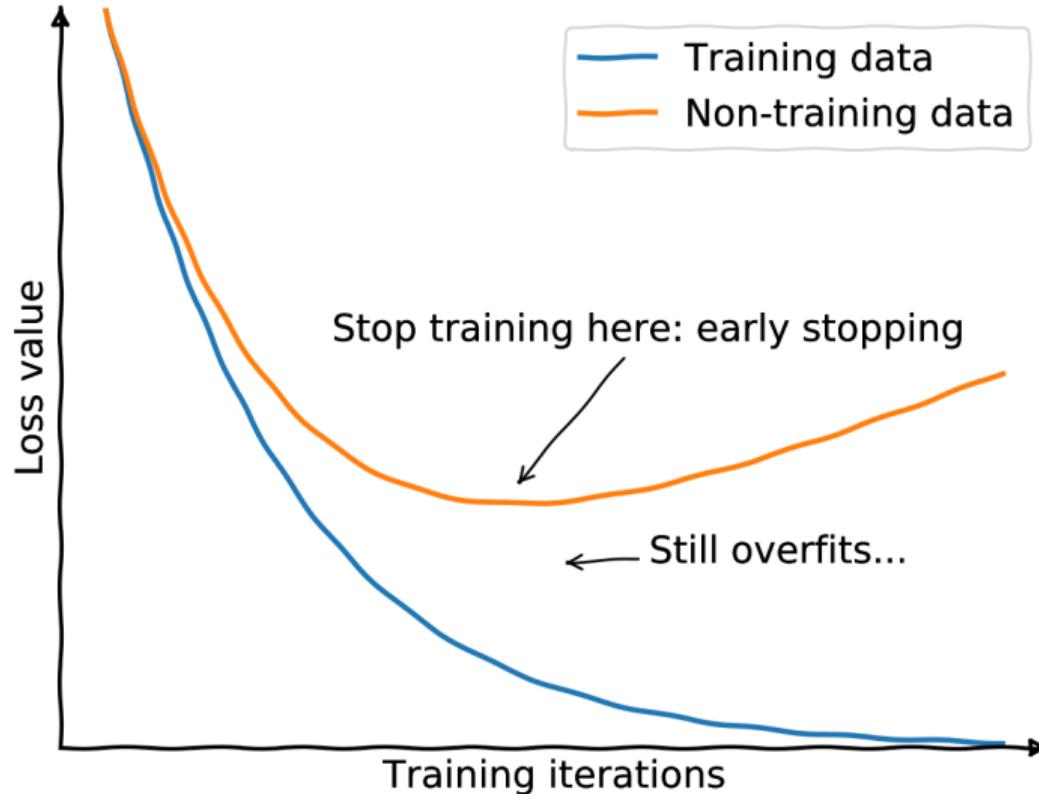


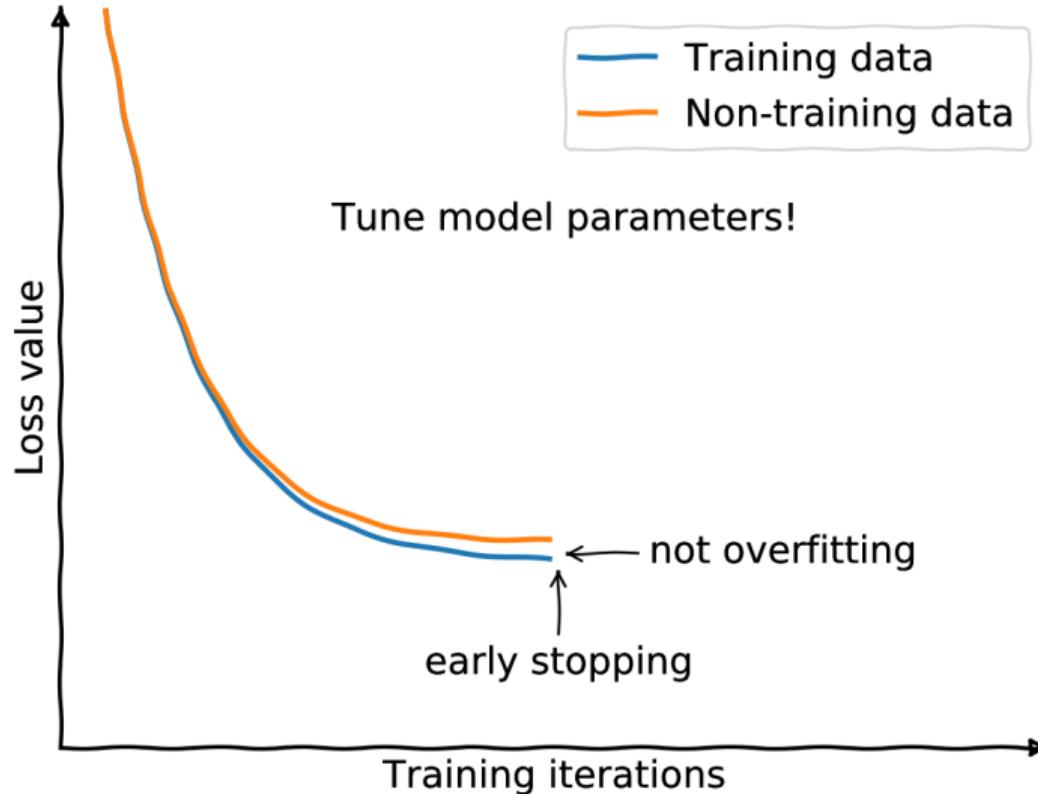




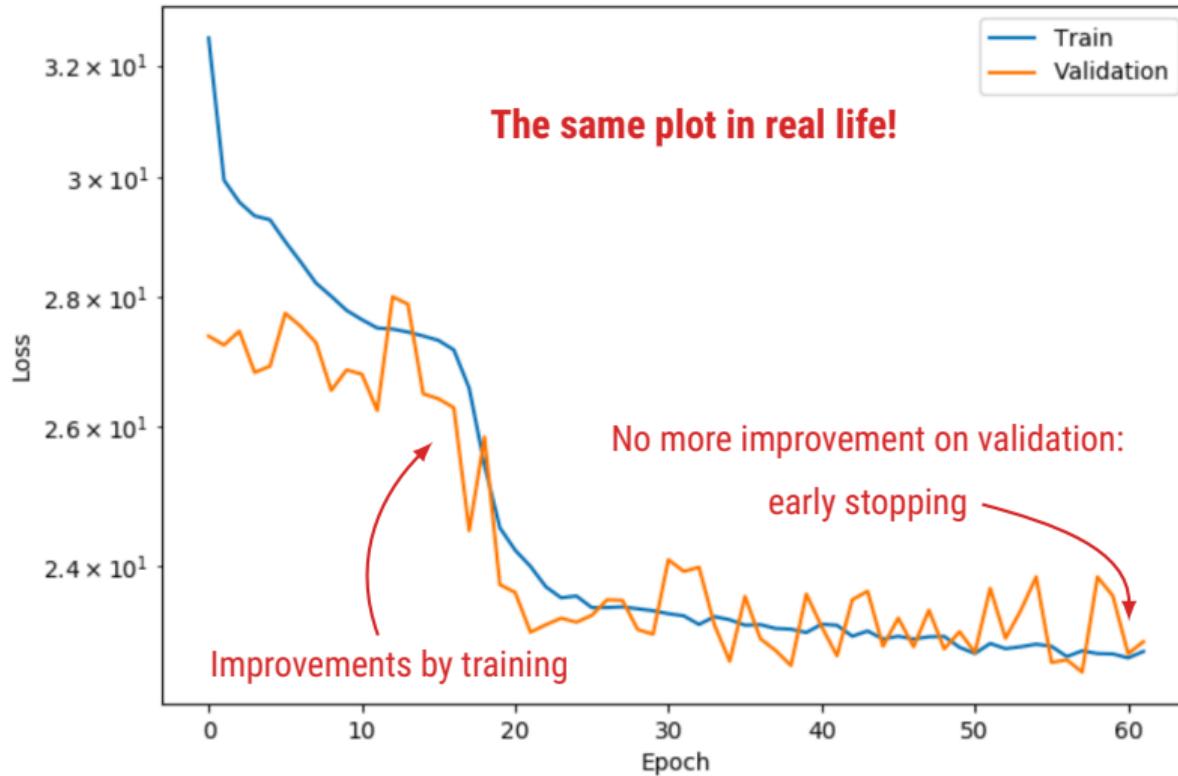








## Training vs Validation Loss



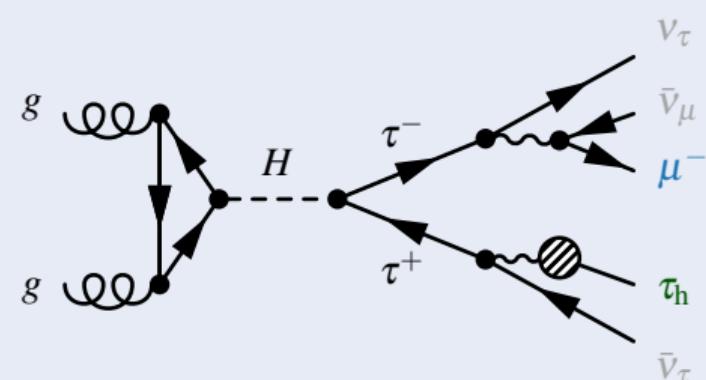
# Build a neural network: target and inputs?

- ▶ Model target: generated Higgs mass.

- ▶ Model inputs:

- ▶  $\tau_1$  (here =  $\mu^-$ ) and  $\tau_2$  (here =  $\tau_h$ )  $p_T, \eta, \phi$ ;
- ▶ PuppiMET  $p_T, \phi$ ;
- ▶ METcov xx, xy and yy;
- ▶ Number of neutrinos from reco tau decays;
- ▶  $m_T^{(1,MET)}, m_T^{(2,MET)}, m_T^{(1,2)}, m_T^{\text{tot}}$  (Puppi);
- ▶ jet 1, jet 2  $p_T, \eta, \phi$ ;
- ▶ Additionnal Hadronic Activity  $p_T, \eta, \phi, N_{\text{jets}}^{\text{AHA}}$ ;
- ▶ npvsGood  $\rightarrow$  how much PU.

$$gg \rightarrow H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$$



$$m_T^{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{m_T^2(\tau_1, E_T^{\text{miss}}) + m_T^2(\tau_2, E_T^{\text{miss}}) + m_T^2(\tau_1, \tau_2)} , \quad m_T(1,2) = \sqrt{2 p_T^{(1)} p_T^{(2)} (1 - \cos \Delta\phi)}$$

# Build a neural network: hyperparameters?

- ▶ NN hyperparameters (and other tested values):
  - ▷ **Adam** optimizer (Adadelta, SGD),
  - ▷ Weight initialized with **Glorot uniform** (Glorot normal, normal, uniform),
  - ▷ Custom  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{MA}\sqrt{\text{PE}} \times b}$  loss ( $\mathcal{L}_{\text{MAPE}}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{MAE}}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{MSE}}$ ),
  - ▷ **Softplus** activation function (ReLU, ELU, SELU, Exponential),

$$\text{softplus}(x) = \ln(1 + e^x)$$

- ▷ 3 hidden layers (2 to 5),
- ▷ 1000 neurons per hidden layer (200 to 2000 per steps of 100).

# Datasets?

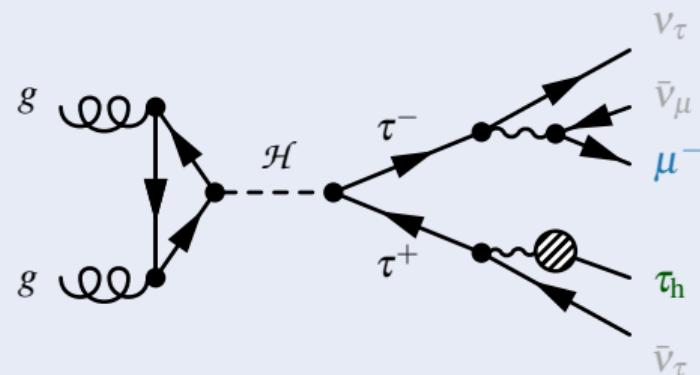
► Generate  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \tau\tau$  events:

- ▷  $\mathcal{H}$  is SM Higgs with a different mass,
- ▷  $\mathcal{H}$  produced by gluon fusion,
- ▷ set  $\mathcal{BR}(\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \tau\tau) = 1$  to avoid non di- $\tau$  events.

► All final states used simultaneously for training:

- ▷  $\tau_h\tau_h, \mu\tau_h, e\tau_h, \mu\mu, e\mu, ee$ .

$$gg \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$$



# Datasets: low mass boundary

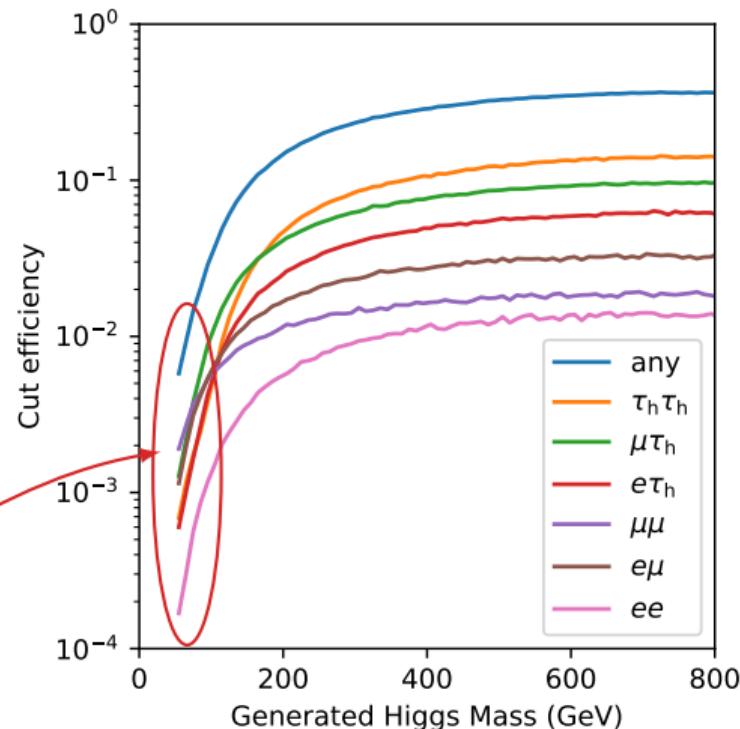
► Event selection:

- ▷ Same as in the MSSM  $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$  analysis,
- ▷ Add  $\mu\mu$  and  $ee$  channels.

► Events amount drops at low mass:

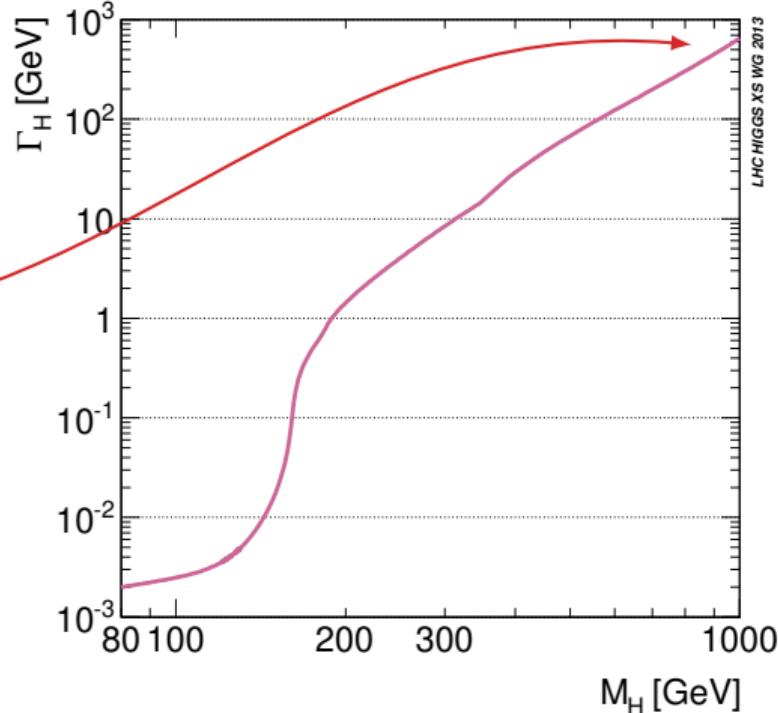
- ▷ due to  $p_T$  cuts,
- ▷ go down to 50 GeV for  $m_H$ .

Less than 1 % pass the selection



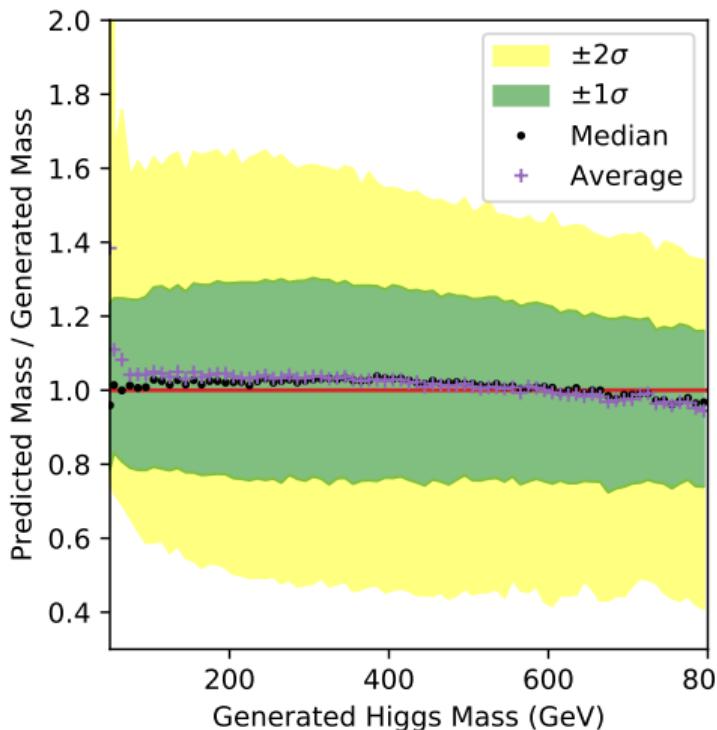
# Datasets: high mass boundary

- ▶ Higgs width  $\simeq$  Higgs mass around 1 TeV:
  - ▷ can't have coherent mass points,
  - ▷ go up to 800 GeV for  $m_H$ .



- ▷ LHC Higgs Cross Section Working Group. "Higgs Properties". *Handbook of LHC Higgs Cross Sections*. 3. CERN Yellow Reports: Monographs. Geneva: CERN, 2013. URL: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/1559921>.

# Model's performances

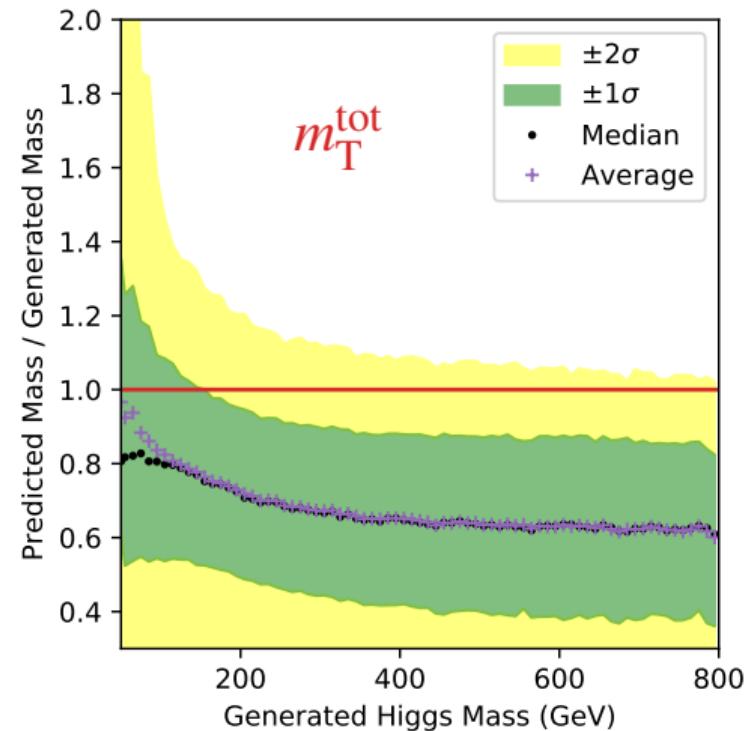
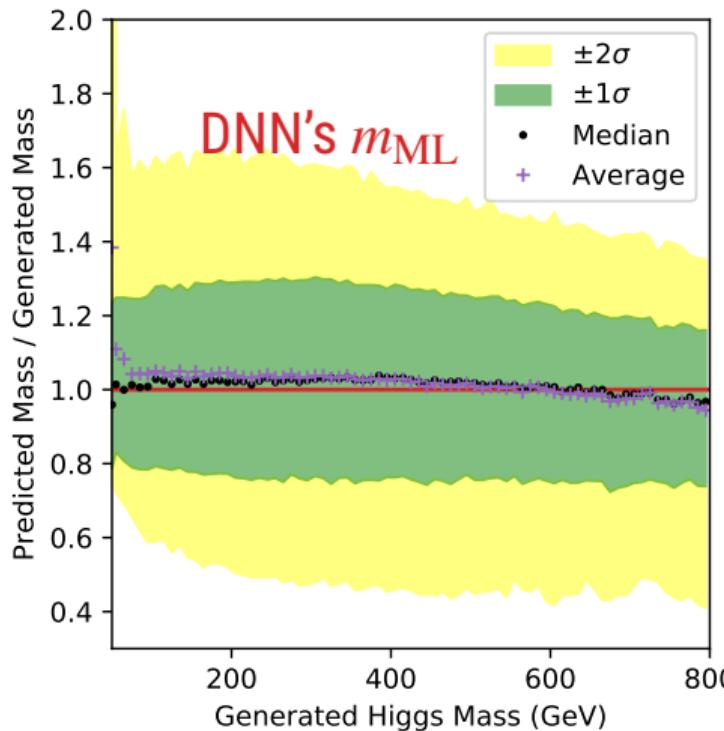


► Model's response:

$$r = \frac{\text{prediction}}{\text{true value}} = \frac{m_{\text{ML}}}{m_{\mathcal{H}}}$$

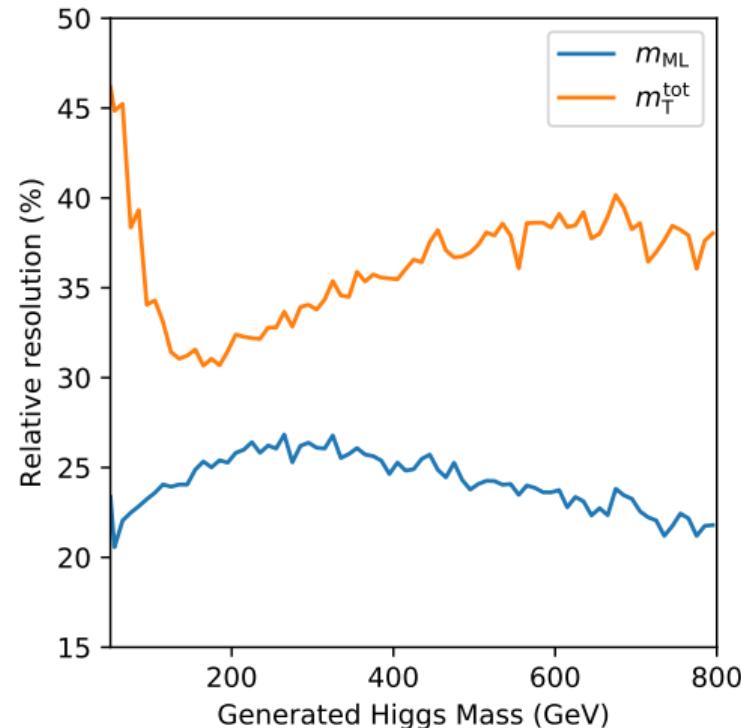
- ▷ Closer to 1 is better.
- ▷  $r = 1.00 \pm 0.05$  from 80 to 800 GeV
- ▷  $\mathcal{H}$  mass reconstruction **achieved ✓**

## DNN's $m_{\text{ML}}$ predictions vs $m_T^{\text{tot}}$

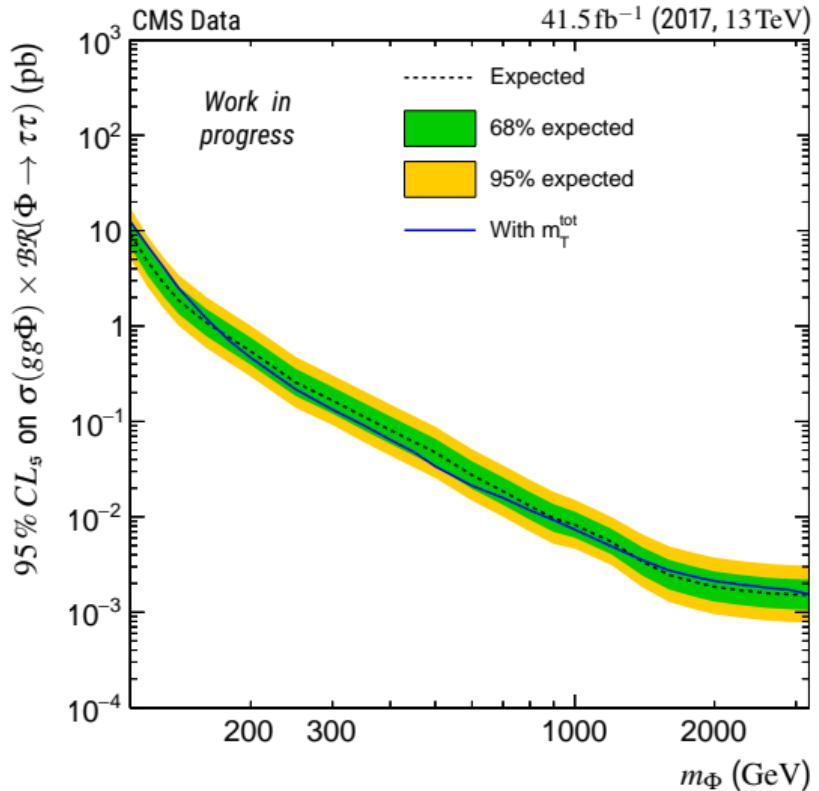


# Using the model to get a discriminating variable

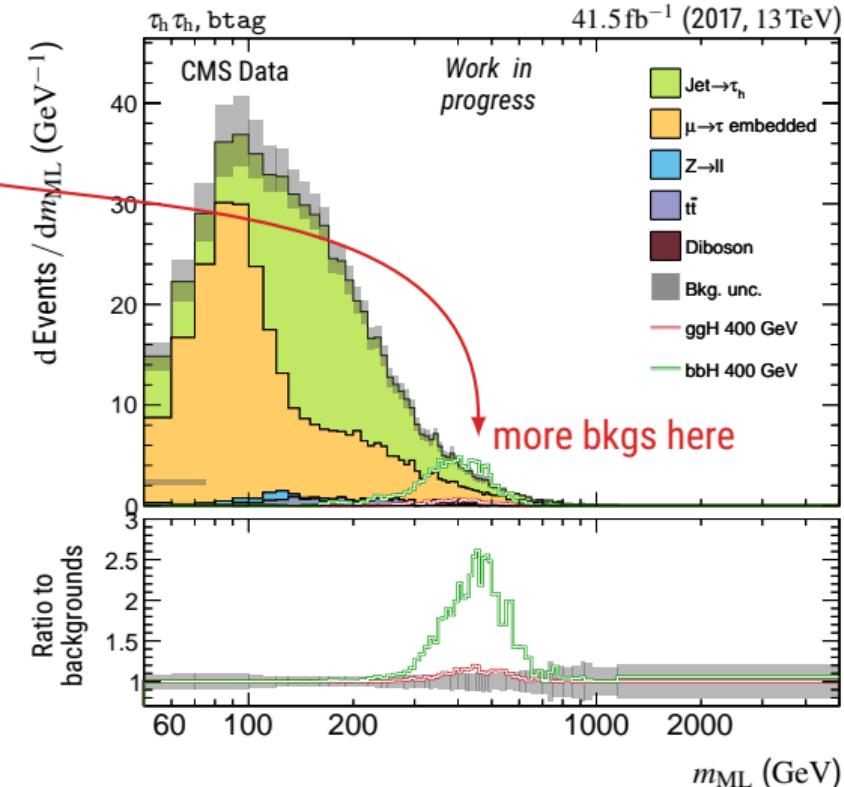
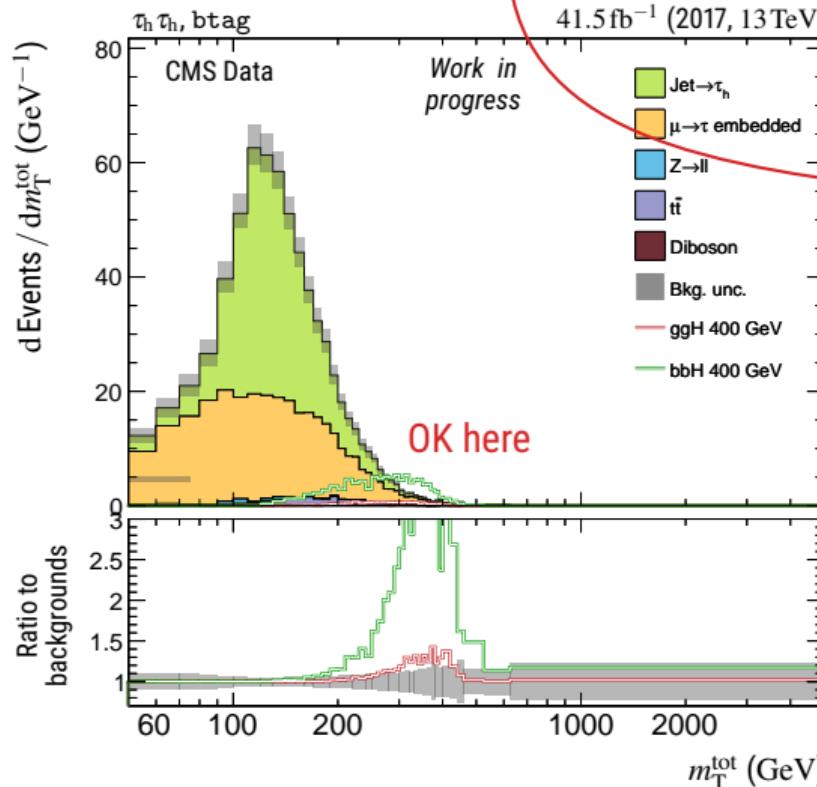
- ▶ In the  $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$  analysis, discriminating variable =  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$ .
- ▶  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$  is equal to the invariant mass assuming:
  - ▷ all neutrinos are a single particle with  $\vec{p}_T = \vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$ ,
  - ▷ all is going on in the transverse plane (any  $p_z = 0$ ).
- ▶ Our model has a better resolution on  $m_H$  than  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$ .



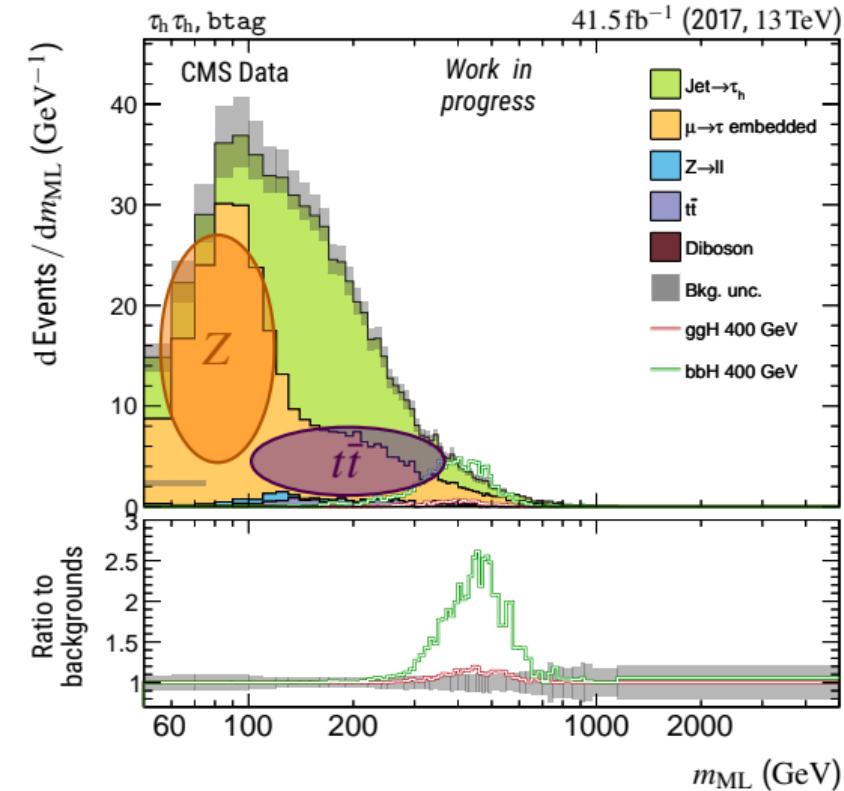
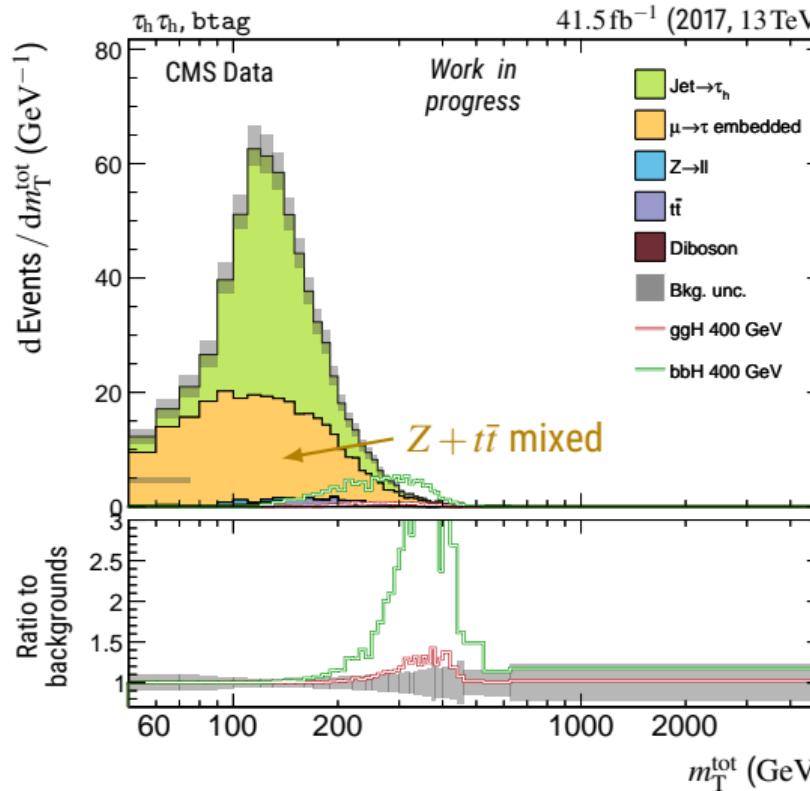
- ▶ Proceed to the search for massive Higgs boson  $\Phi$  with di- $\tau$  events on the 2017 era.
- ▶ Use  $m_{\text{ML}}$  as discriminating variable.
- ▶ Not really better than with  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$ ... Why?



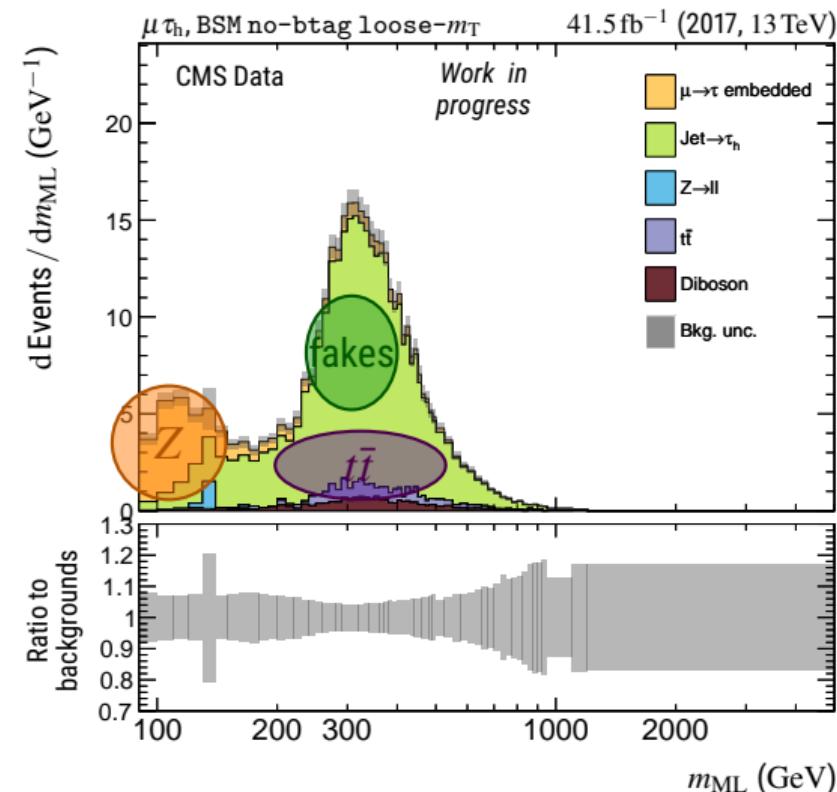
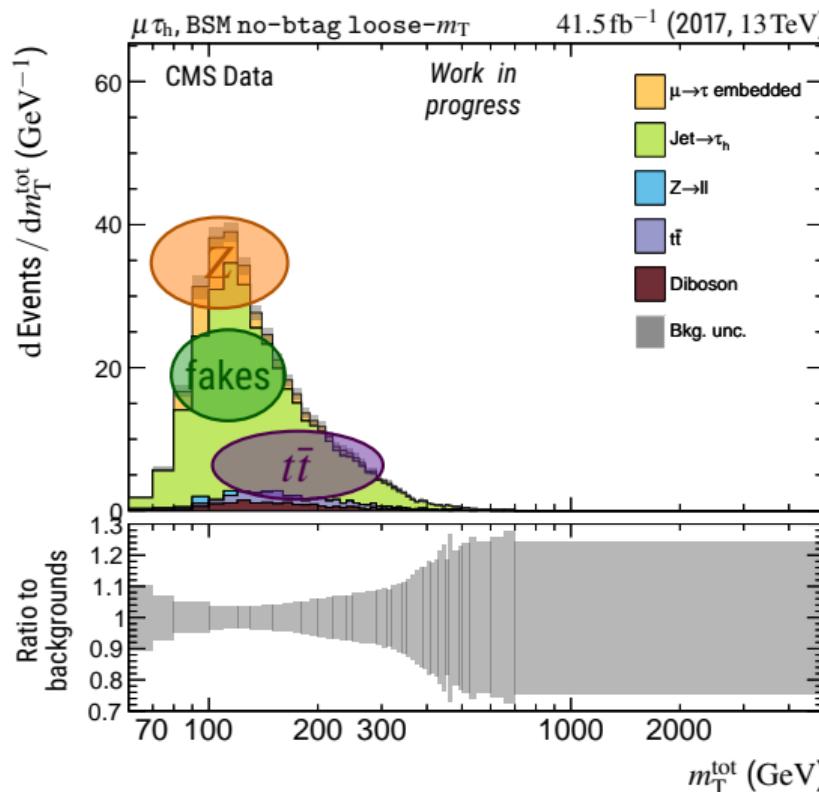
► Large fakes  $\tau_h$  high mass tails falling into the signal region  $\Rightarrow$  lowered signal to background ratio.



► BUT  $Z / t\bar{t}$  separation! See the two  $m_{ML}$  embedded components, not present with  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$ .

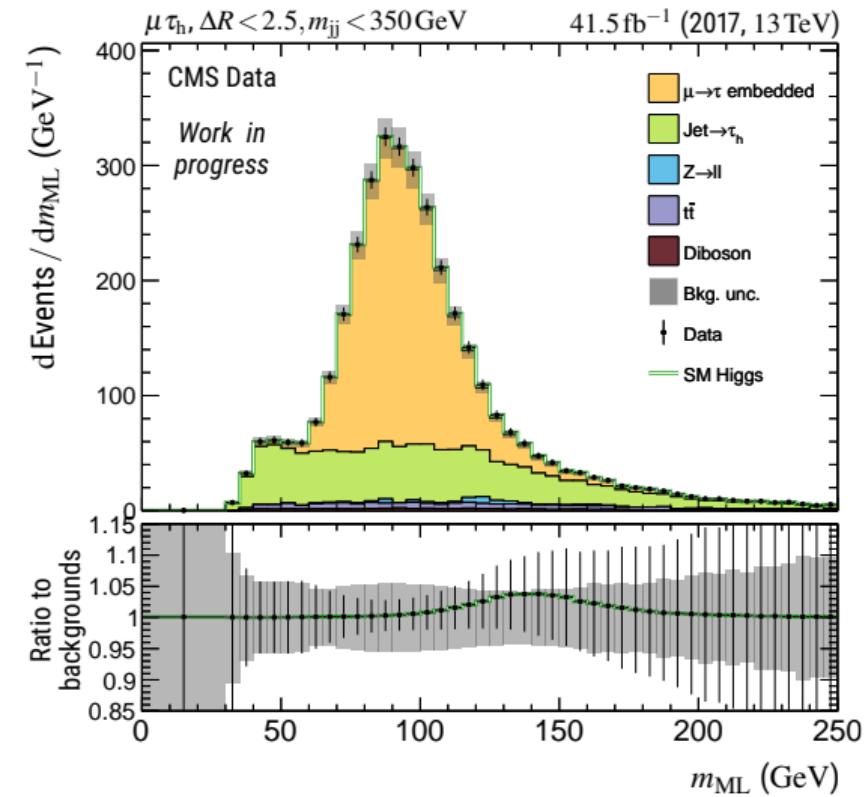
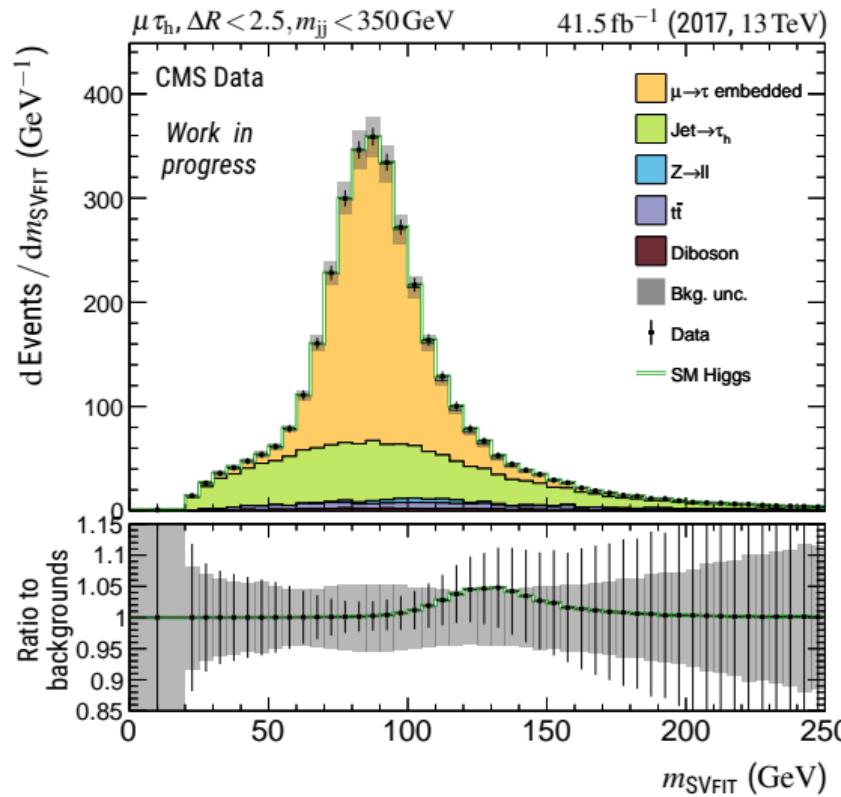


► Visible in other categories too. But here, the SVFIT mass is above 250 GeV and our model sees a  $Z$  signal!

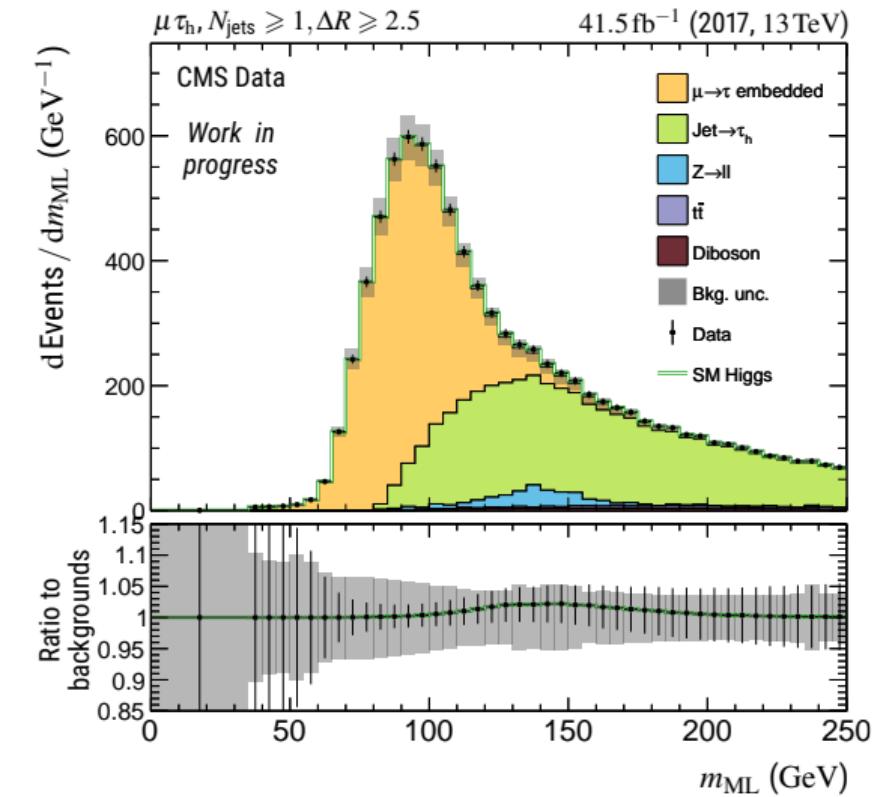
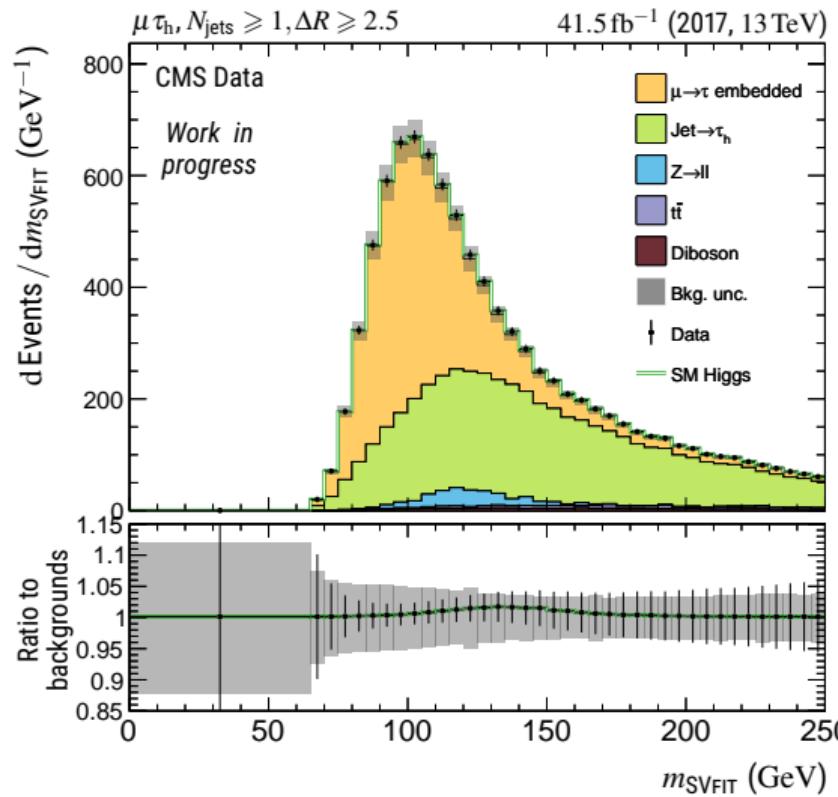


Let's compare the SVFit predictions  $m_{\text{SVFit}}$  to our model's ones  $m_{\text{ML}}$ .

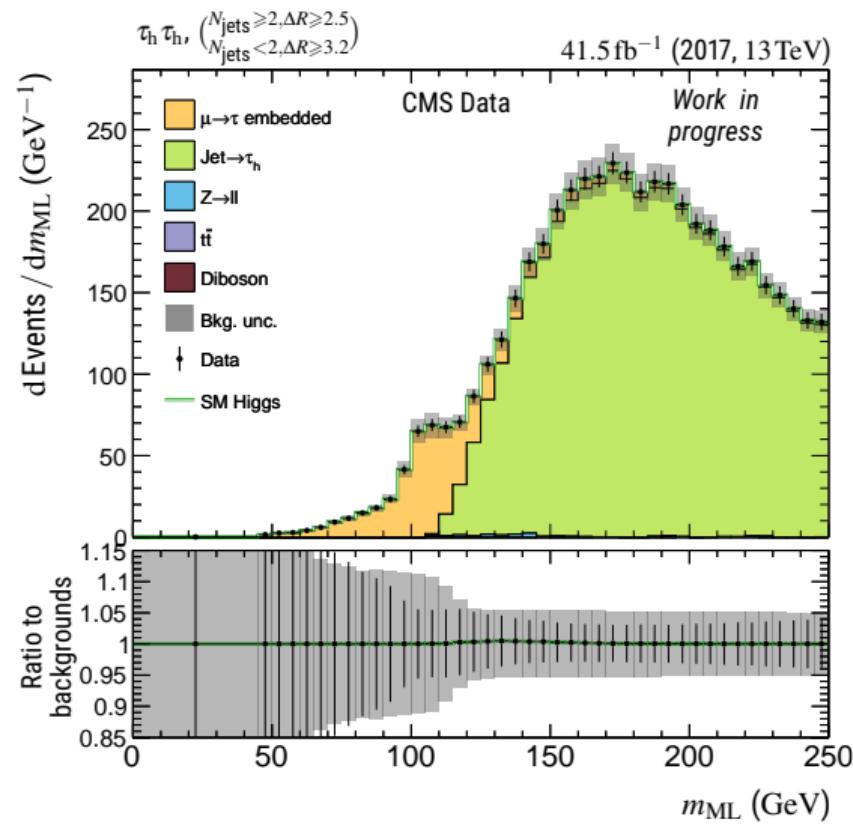
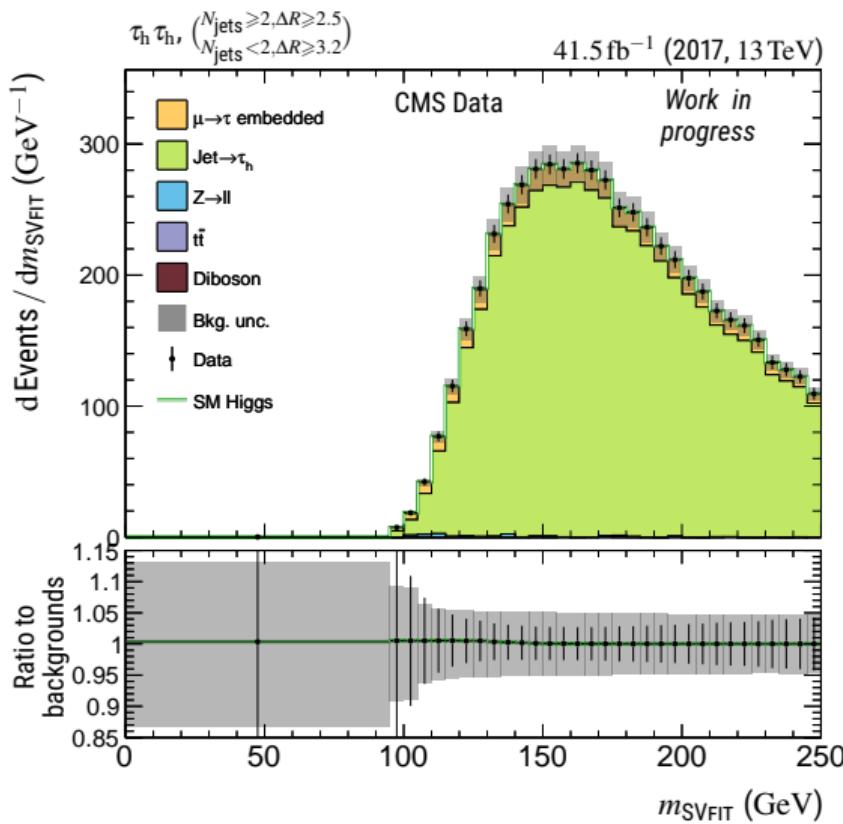
► Similar SM Higgs signal sensitivity, small (expected) overestimation from our model.



► Better DY estimations (peak at 100 GeV for  $m_{SV\text{FIT}}$ , 92 GeV for  $m_{\text{ML}}$ ) and fakes at higher masses!

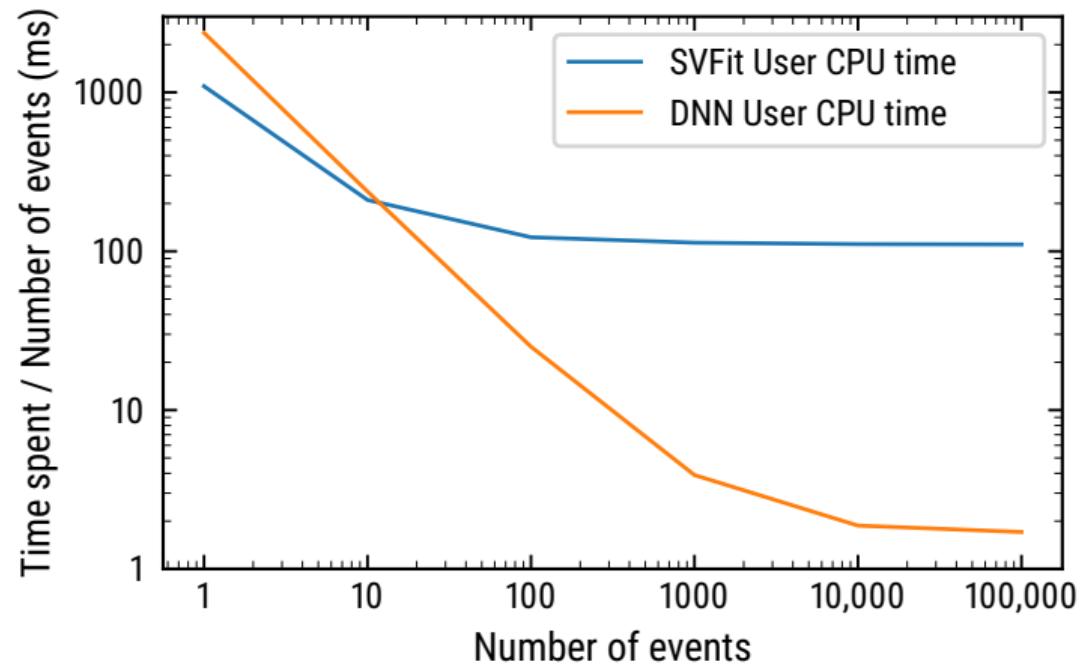


► Our model finds  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$  events when SVFIT does not!



- ▶ Computing time: DNN (Python) is  $\sim 60\times$  faster than SVFIT (C++)!

- ▶ SVFIT:
  - ▷ fit to find the best mass
  - ▷ for each event
- ▶ DNN:
  - ▷ fit done once (training)
  - ▷ apply the DNN formula



# Conclusion & prospects: $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$

TODO

# Conclusion & prospects: ML project

- ▶ Successful  $m_{\mathcal{H}}$  reconstruction in di- $\tau$  events.
  - ▷ Not only MSSM  $H/A \rightarrow \tau\tau$  but any  $X \rightarrow \tau\tau$  analysis could benefit.
- ▶  $m_{\text{ML}}$  vs  $m_{\text{T}}^{\text{tot}}$ :
  - ▷ A good mass estimator is not equivalent to a good discriminating variable.
  - ▷ Still, we already have the same performances at this point.
- ▶  $m_{\text{ML}}$  vs  $m_{\text{SVFIT}}$ :
  - ▷ Similar Higgs sensitivity for some event topologies.
  - ▷ Better  $Z$  estimation observed (the model has been trained on  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \tau\tau$  with various masses only).
  - ▷ Faster (about 60 times!).
  - ▷ Could be improved by updating the training datasets (other kinds of events).
  - ▷ Very promising as a SVFIT successor.

# Merci!

Thank you for your attention!

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