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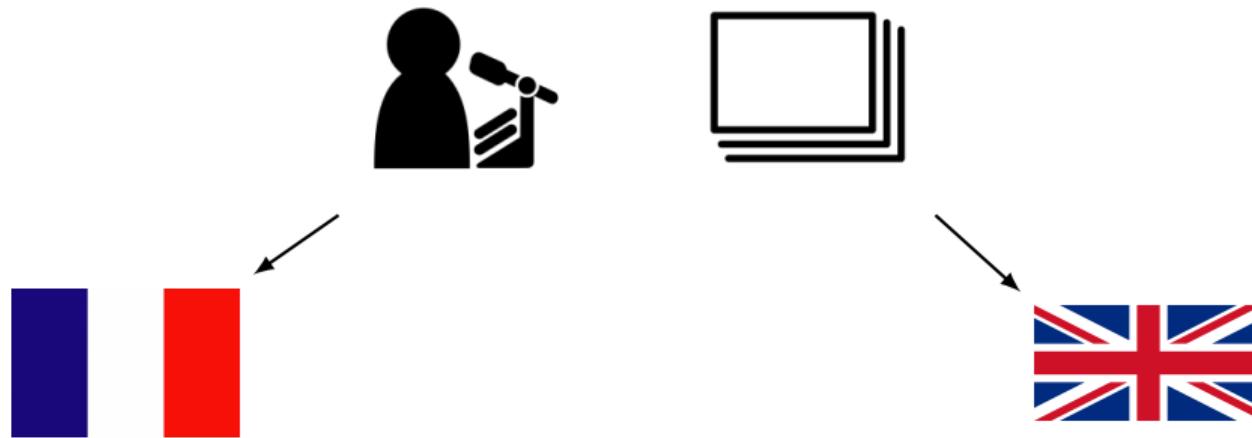
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# Search for additional heavy Higgs bosons decaying to tau lepton pair in the CMS experiment at LHC with Machine Learning techniques

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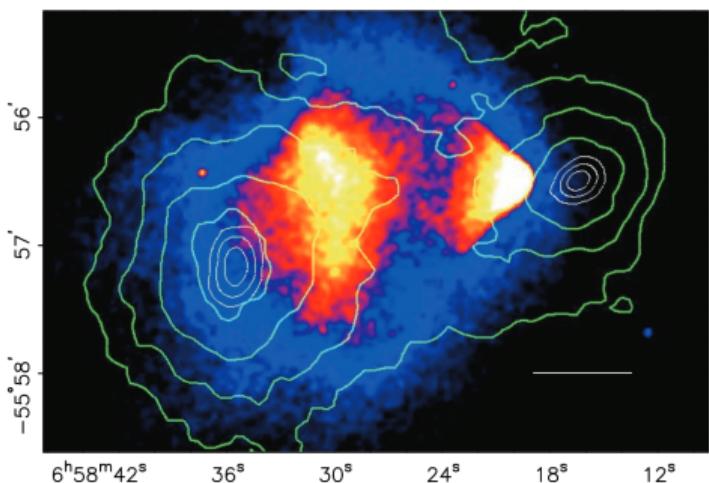
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## Why do we search for...?

### Current 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
  - ▶ ...
- Go beyond with a new model!
- Consequences of this new model? **Test it!**



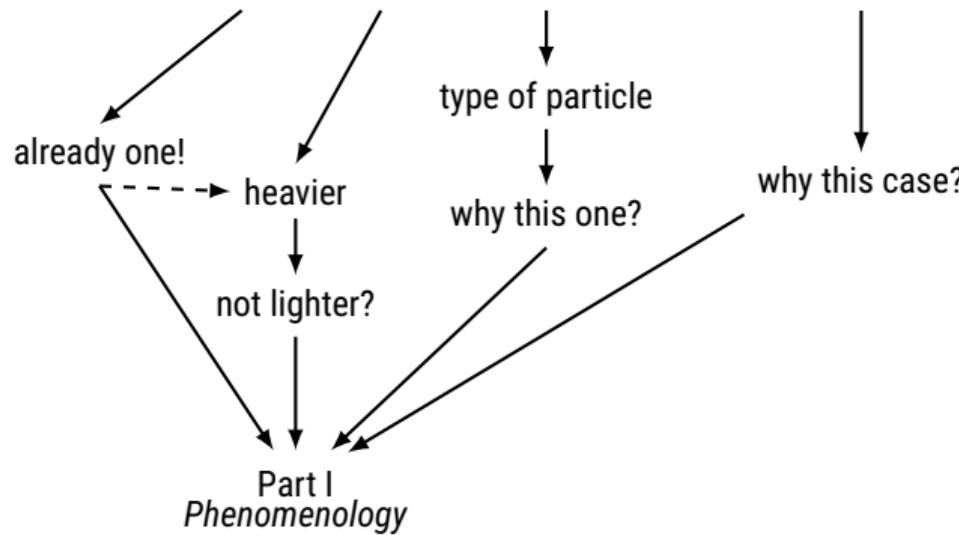
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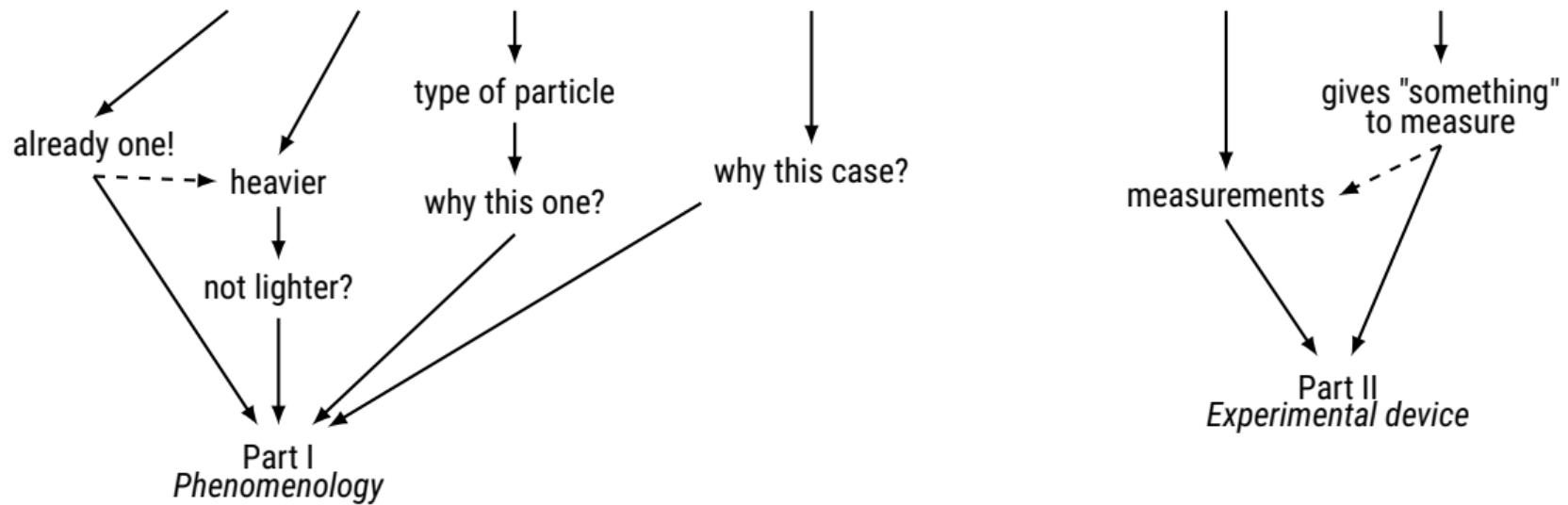
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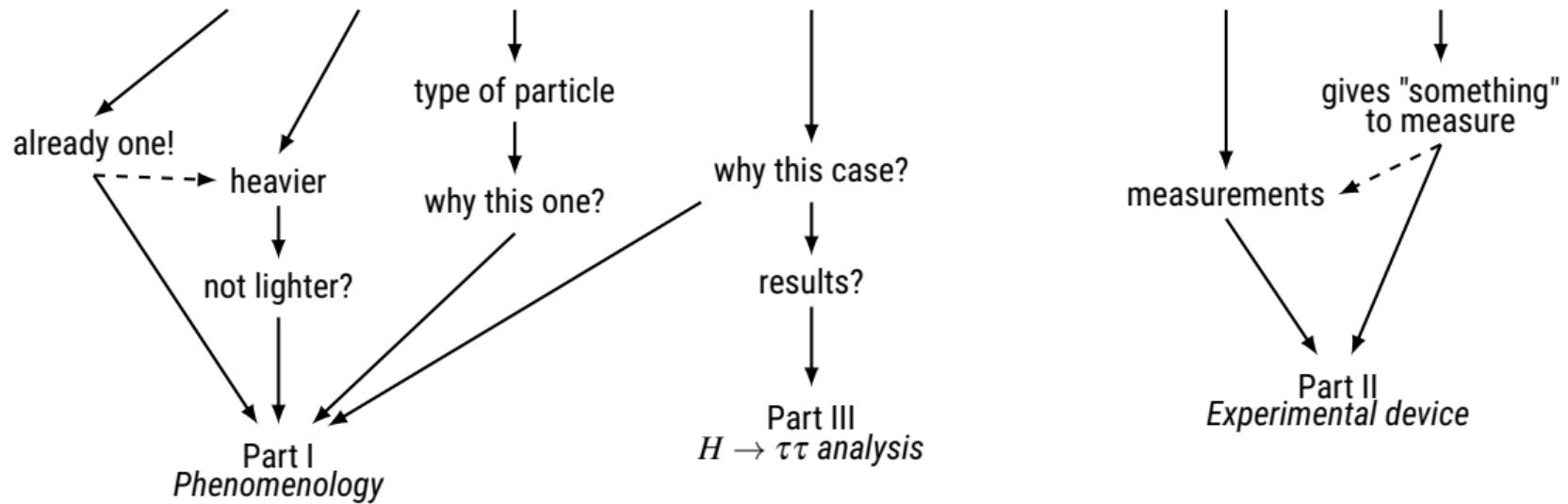
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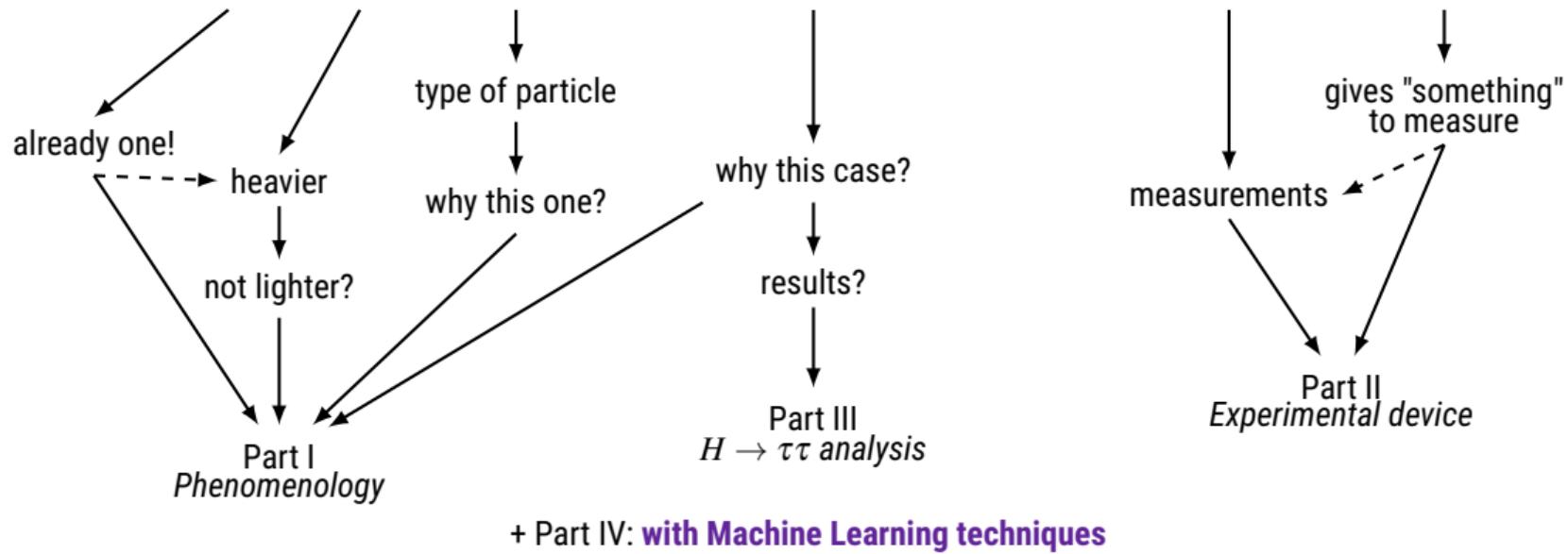
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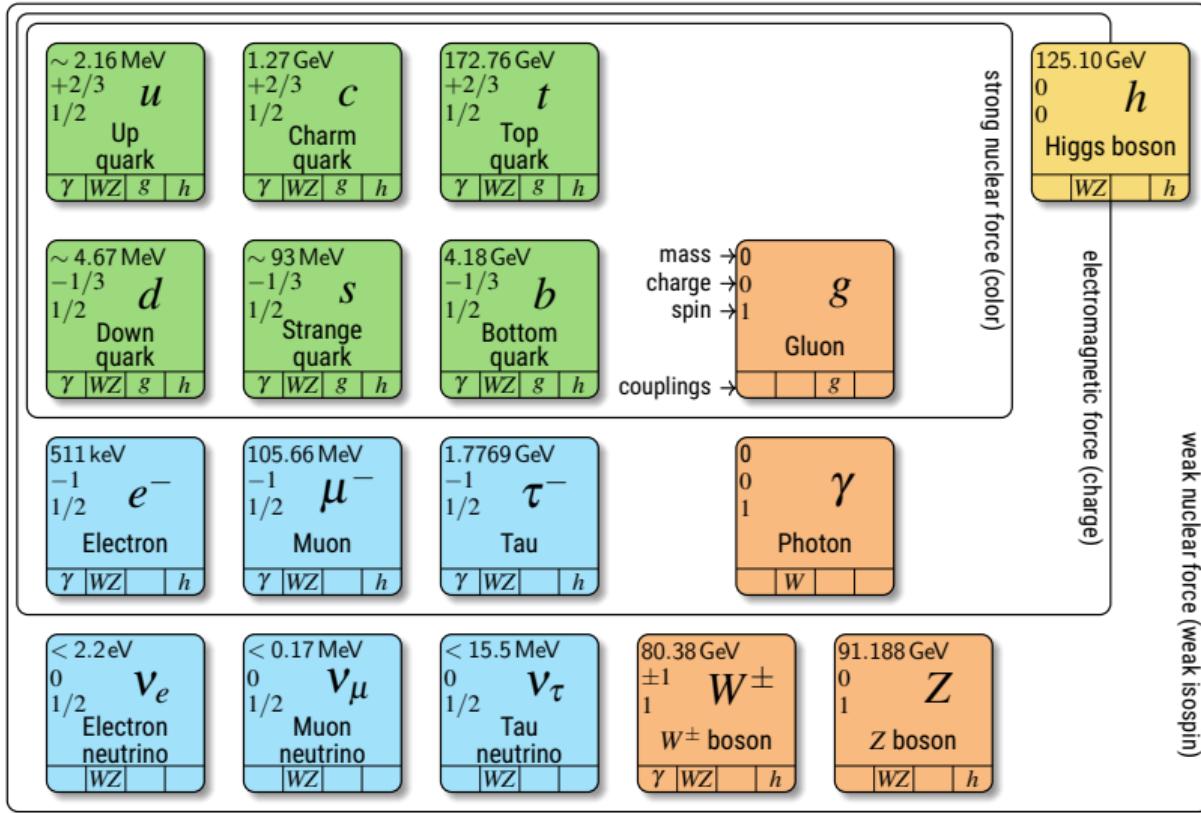
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# The Standard Model



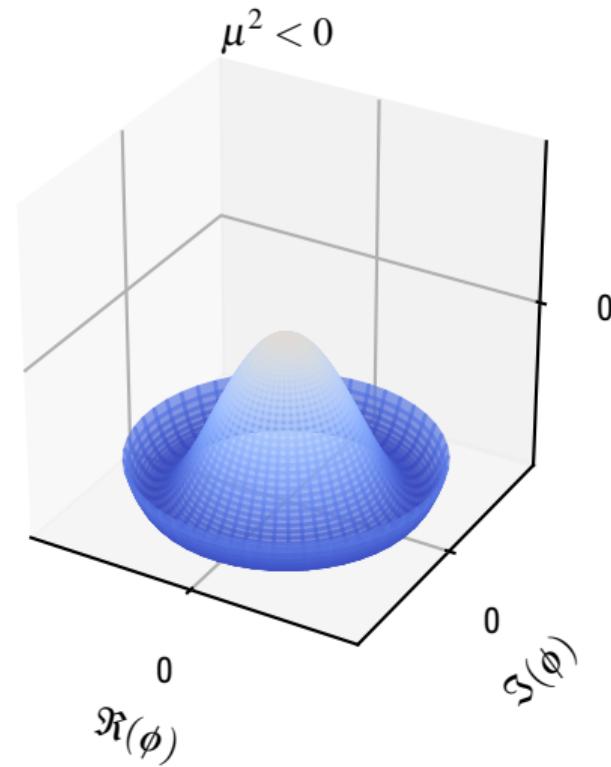
# Higgs boson in the Standard Model

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

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

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

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

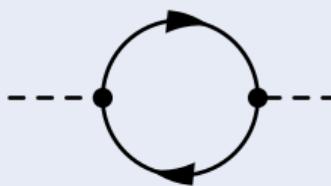


# The Standard Model and naturalness problem

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

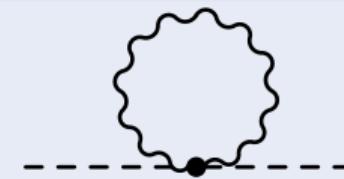
► Higgs mass derivation:  $m_h^2 = m_{h0}^2 - \frac{3}{8\pi^2} y_t^2 \Lambda^2 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} g^2 \Lambda^2 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \lambda^2 \Lambda^2 + \dots$

top quark



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

vector bosons



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

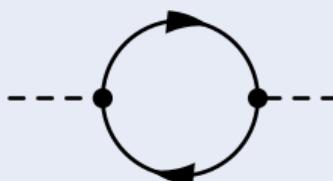
Higgs itself



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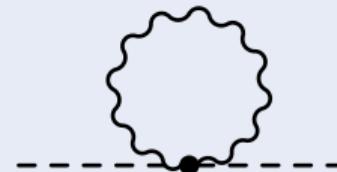
# Supersymmetry

top quark



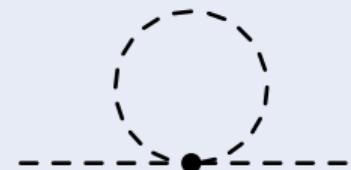
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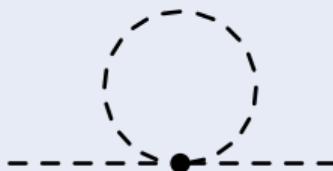
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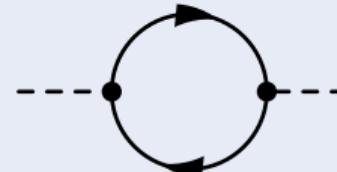
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stop quark



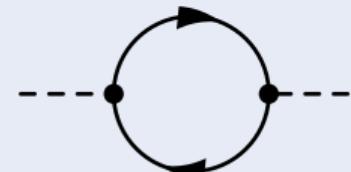
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## 2 Higgs doublets models for supersymmetry

$$\begin{aligned} V(\phi_1, \phi_2) = & \lambda_1 \left( \phi_1^\dagger \phi_1 - \frac{1}{2} v_1^2 \right)^2 + \lambda_2 \left( \phi_2^\dagger \phi_2 - \frac{1}{2} v_2^2 \right)^2 \\ & + \lambda_3 \left[ \left( \phi_1^\dagger \phi_1 - \frac{1}{2} v_1^2 \right) + \left( \phi_2^\dagger \phi_2 - \frac{1}{2} v_2^2 \right) \right]^2 + \lambda_4 \left[ (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_1)(\phi_2^\dagger \phi_2) - (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2)(\phi_2^\dagger \phi_1) \right] \\ & + \lambda_5 \left[ \Re(\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2) - \frac{1}{2} v_1 v_2 \cos \xi \right]^2 + \lambda_6 \left[ \Im(\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2) - \frac{1}{2} v_1 v_2 \sin \xi \right]^2 \\ & + \lambda_7 \left[ \Re(\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2) - \frac{1}{2} v_1 v_2 \cos \xi \right] \left[ \Im(\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2) - \frac{1}{2} v_1 v_2 \sin \xi \right] \end{aligned}$$

# 2 Higgs doublets models for supersymmetry

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

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

# Higgs bosons in the MSSM

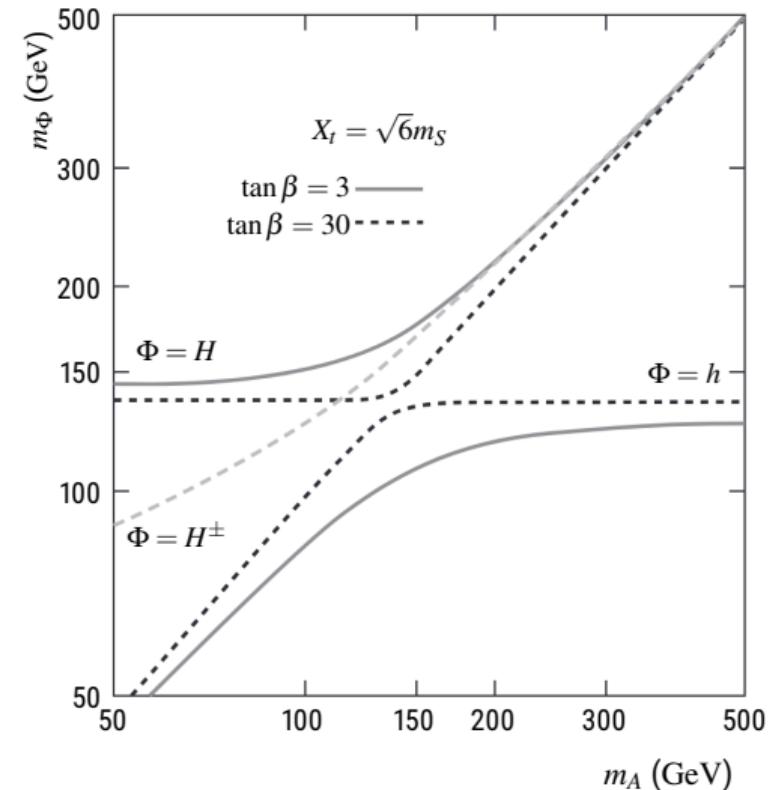
*Minimal Supersymmetric extension of Standard Model*

## 5 Higgs bosons

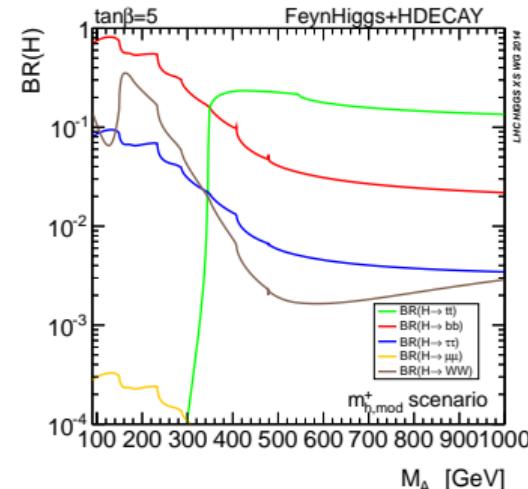
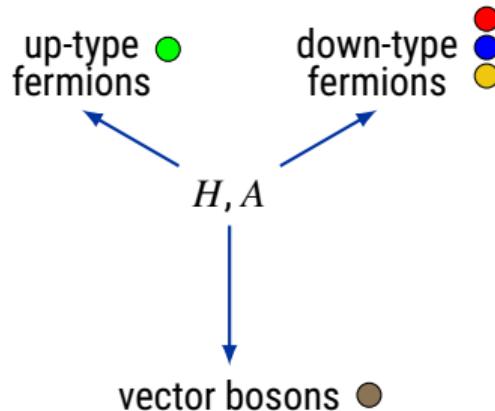
light scalar	$h$	SM or MSSM
heavy scalar	$H$	MSSM or SM
pseudo-scalar	$A$	MSSM
+ charged	$H^+$	MSSM
- charged	$H^-$	MSSM

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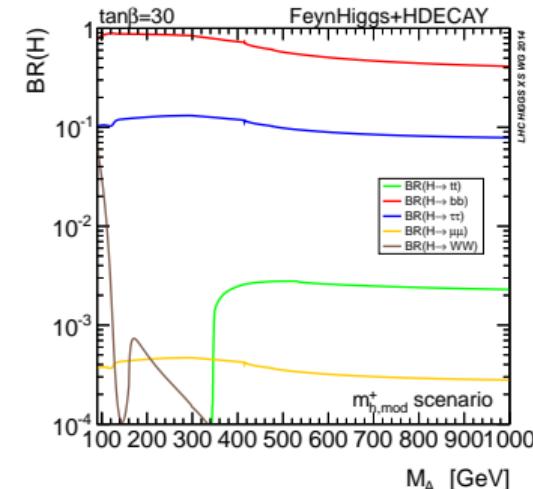
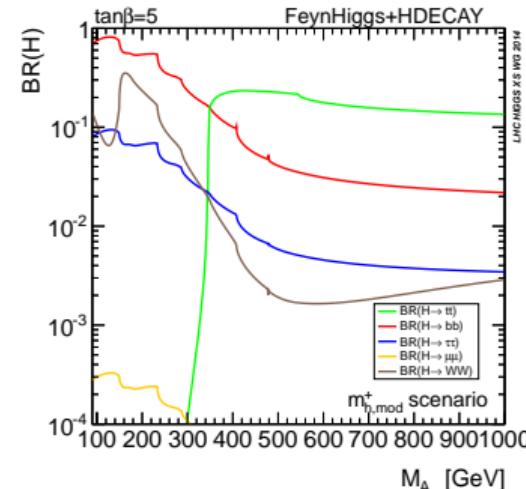
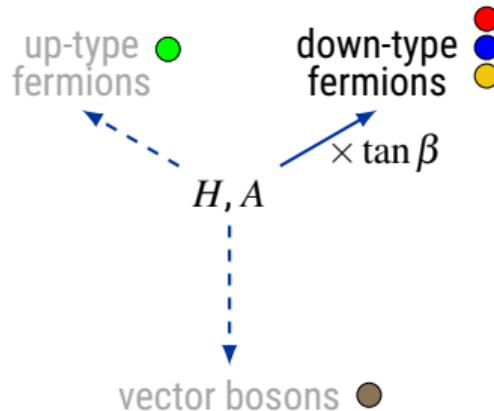


# $H \rightarrow \tau\tau?$



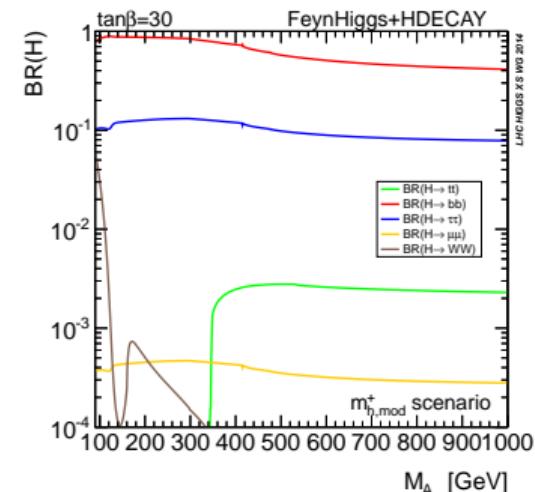
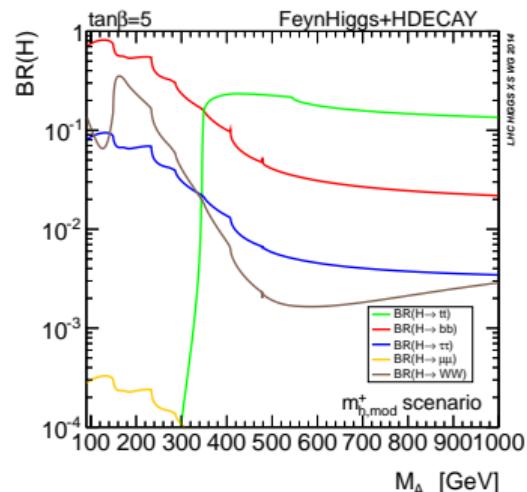
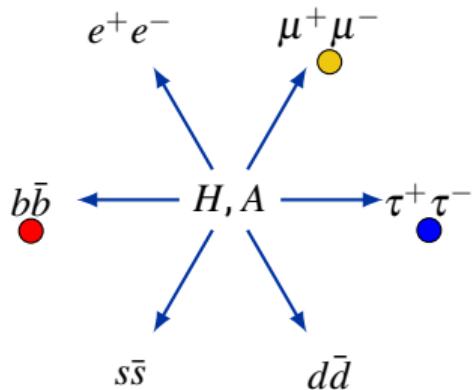
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# $H \rightarrow \tau\tau?$ – enhanced and suppressed couplings



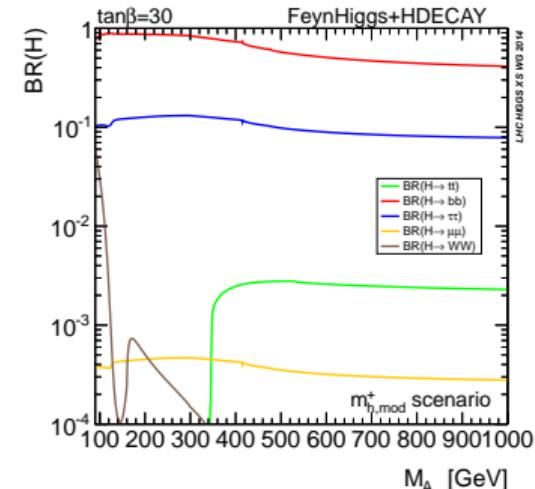
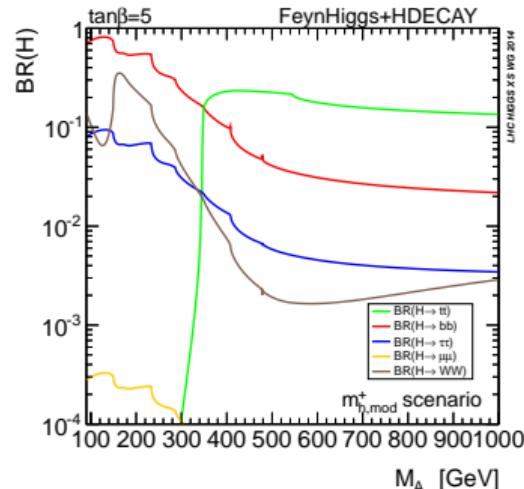
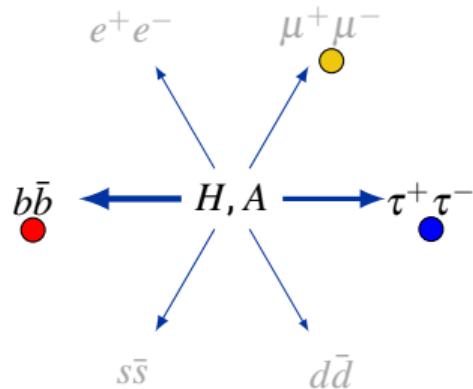
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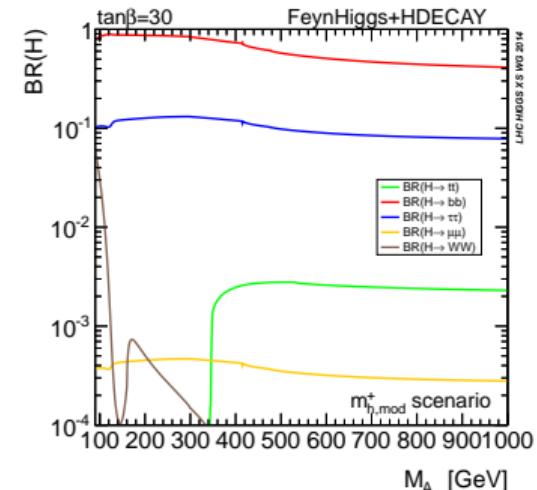
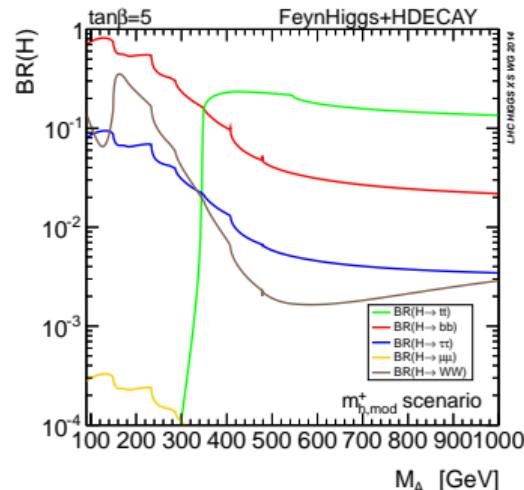
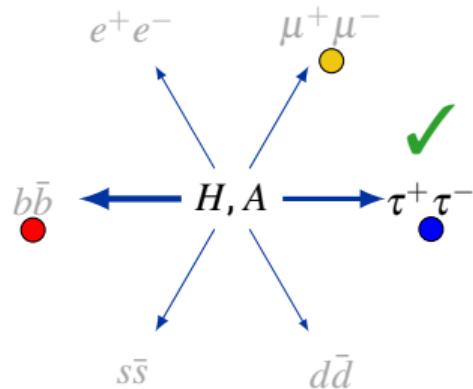
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# $H \rightarrow \tau\tau?$ – Higgs couplings and particles masses



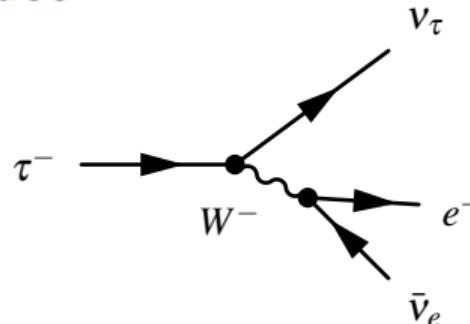
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# $H \rightarrow \tau\tau?$ – avoid hadronic background

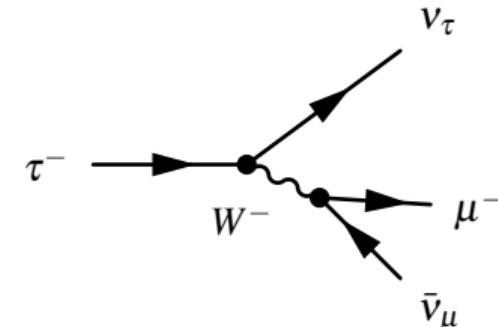
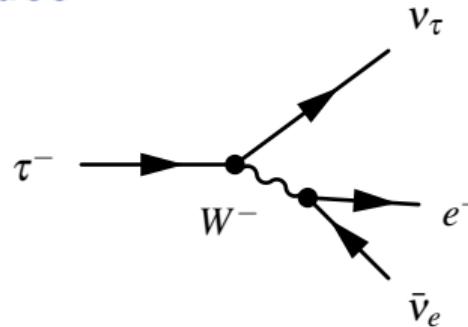


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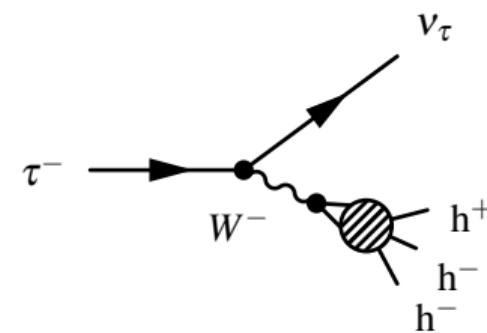
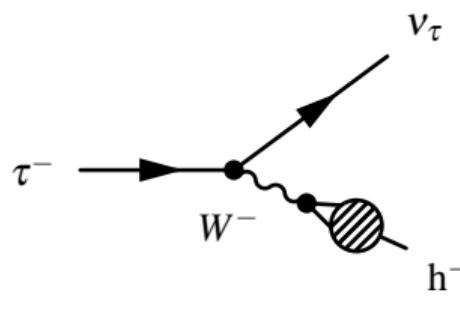
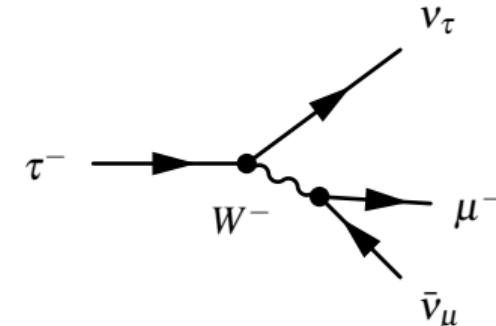
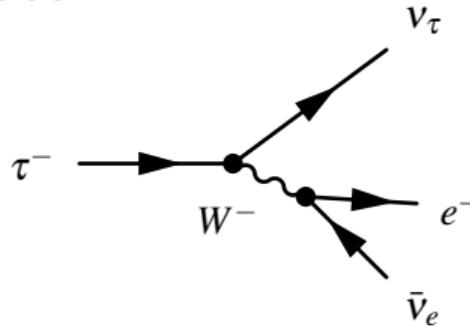
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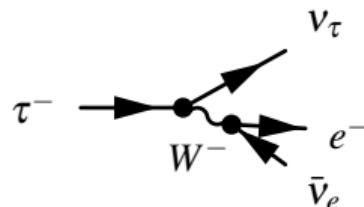
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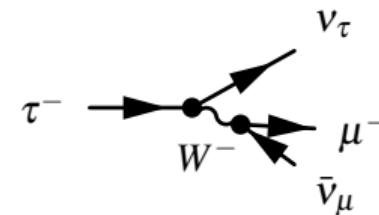
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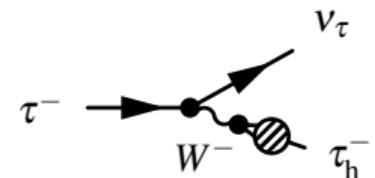
$$H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow L_1 L_2$$



$$\tau \rightarrow e + \nu_e + \nu_\tau \Rightarrow e \\ 17.8\%$$

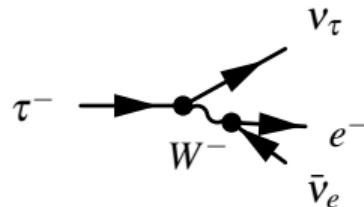


$$\tau \rightarrow \mu + \nu_\mu + \nu_\tau \Rightarrow \mu \\ 17.4\%$$

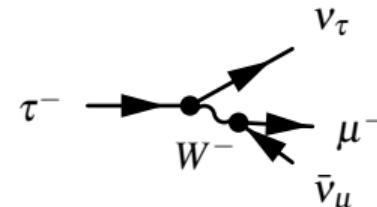


$$\tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons} + \nu_\tau \Rightarrow \tau_h \\ 64.8\%$$

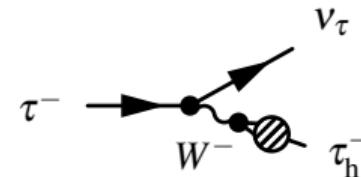
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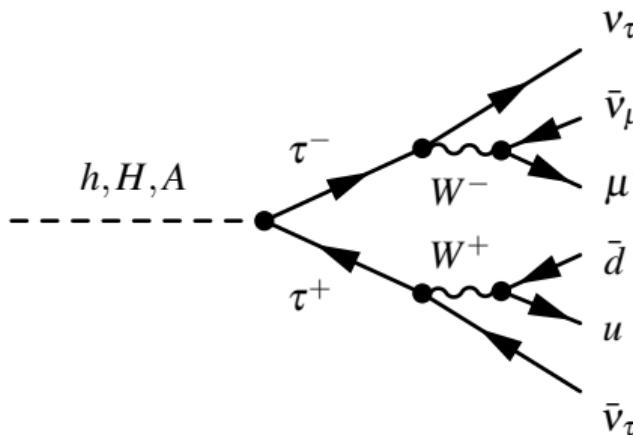
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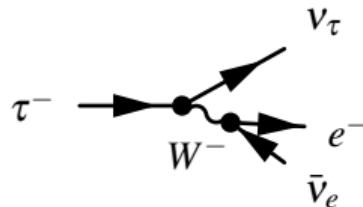
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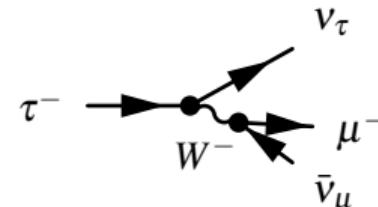
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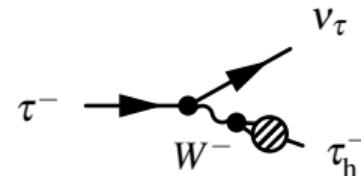
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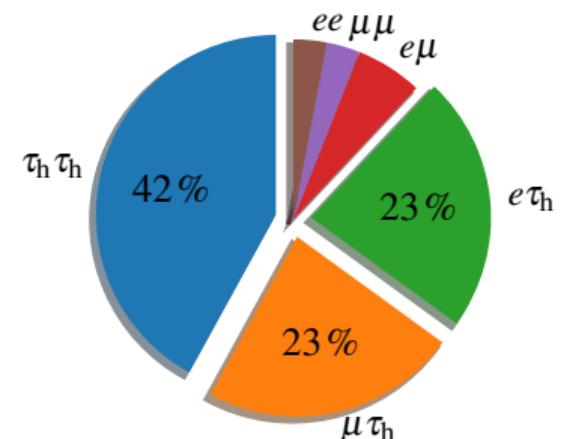
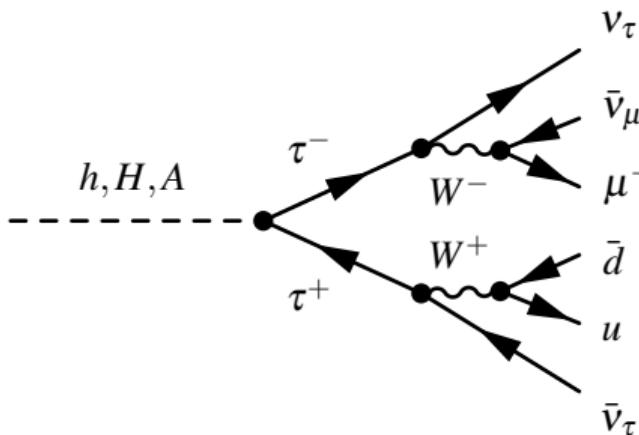
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# Principle

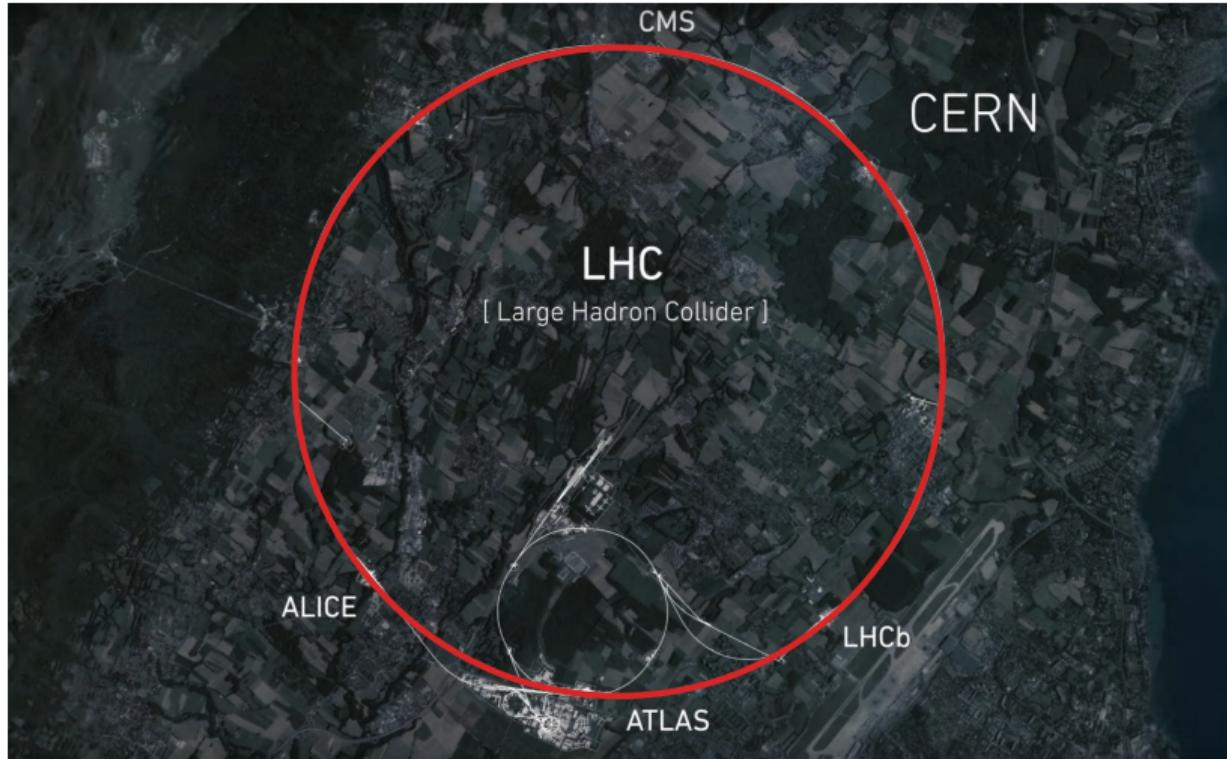
$$E = mc^2$$

mass (new particles) from the collision energy

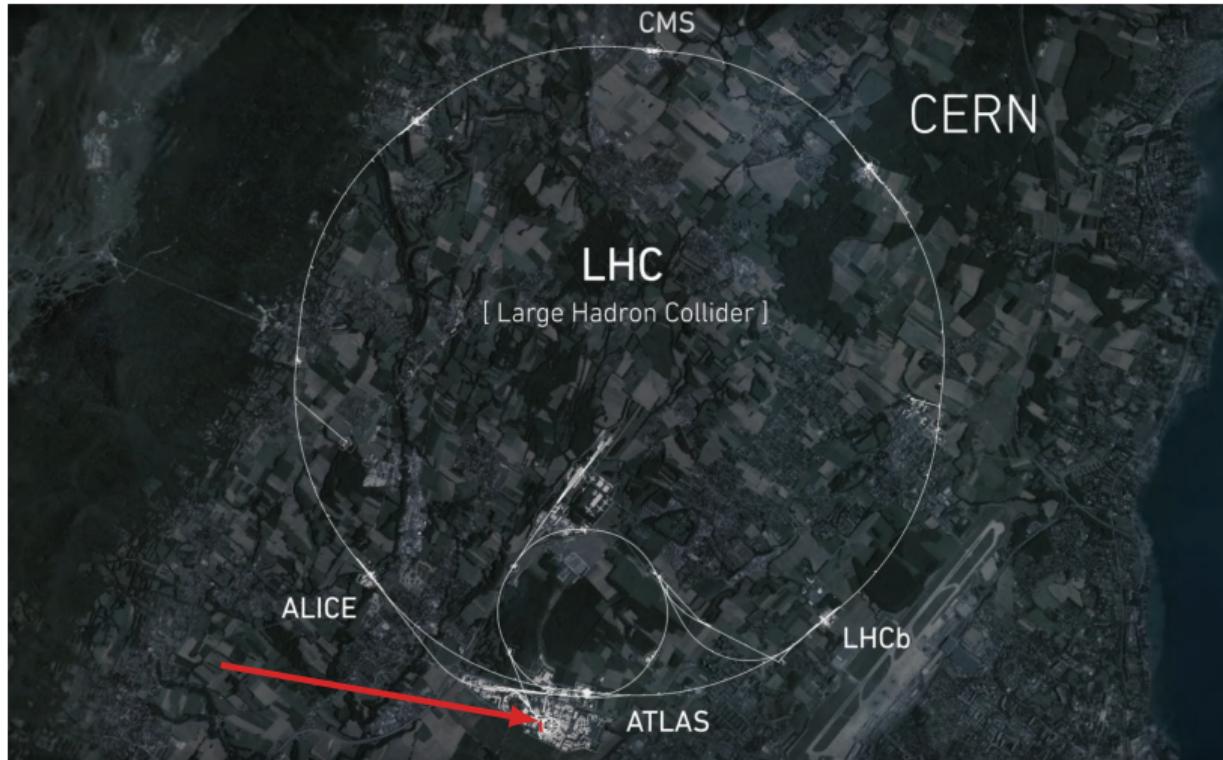
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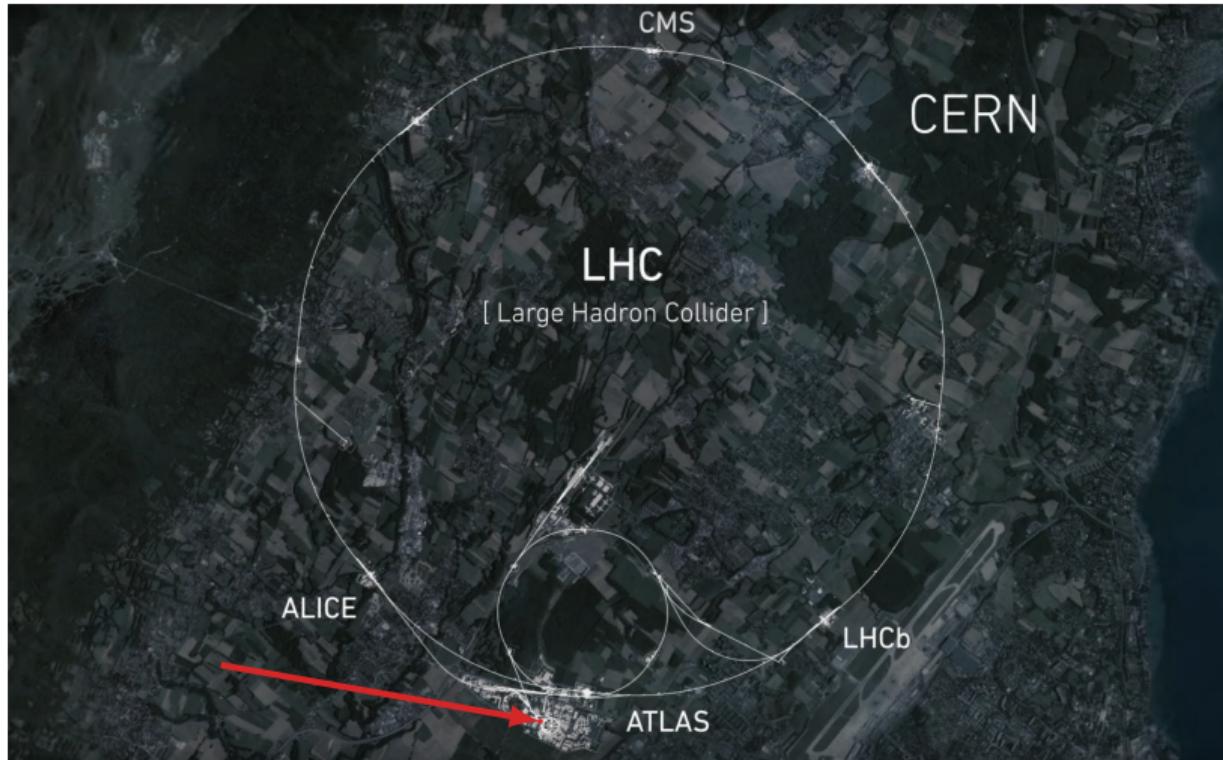
## LHC



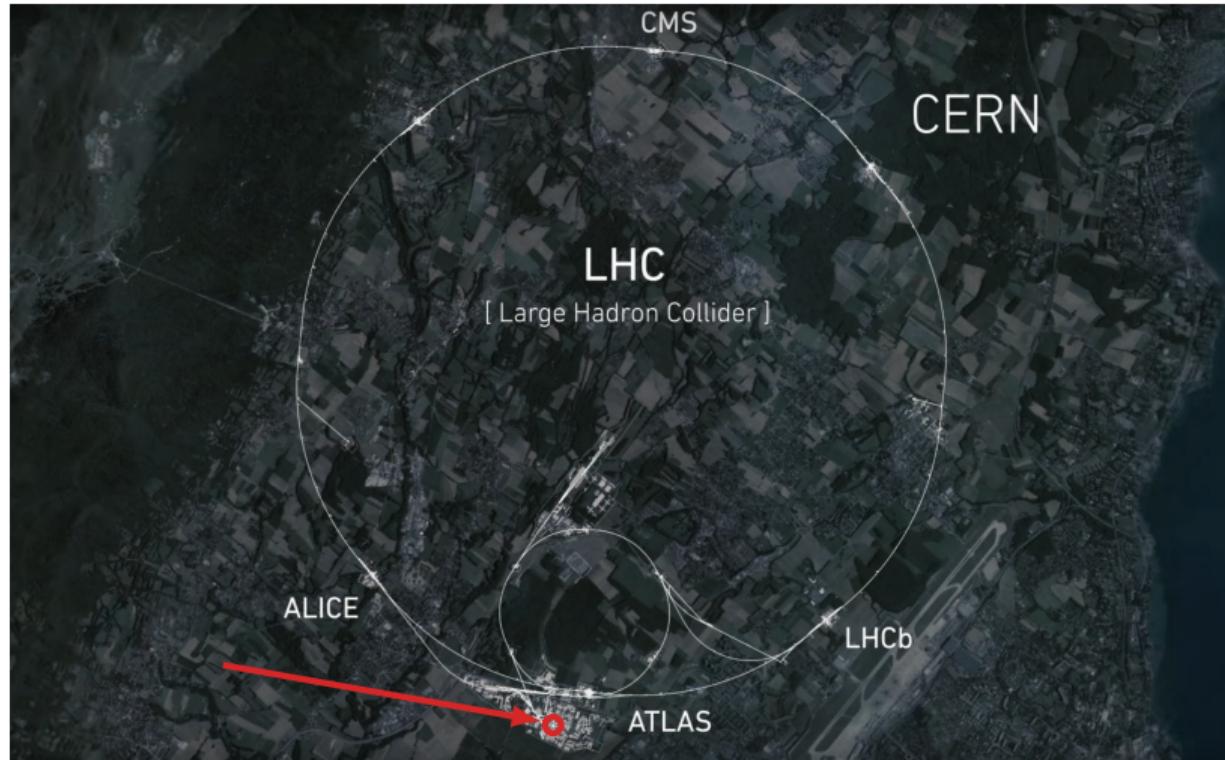
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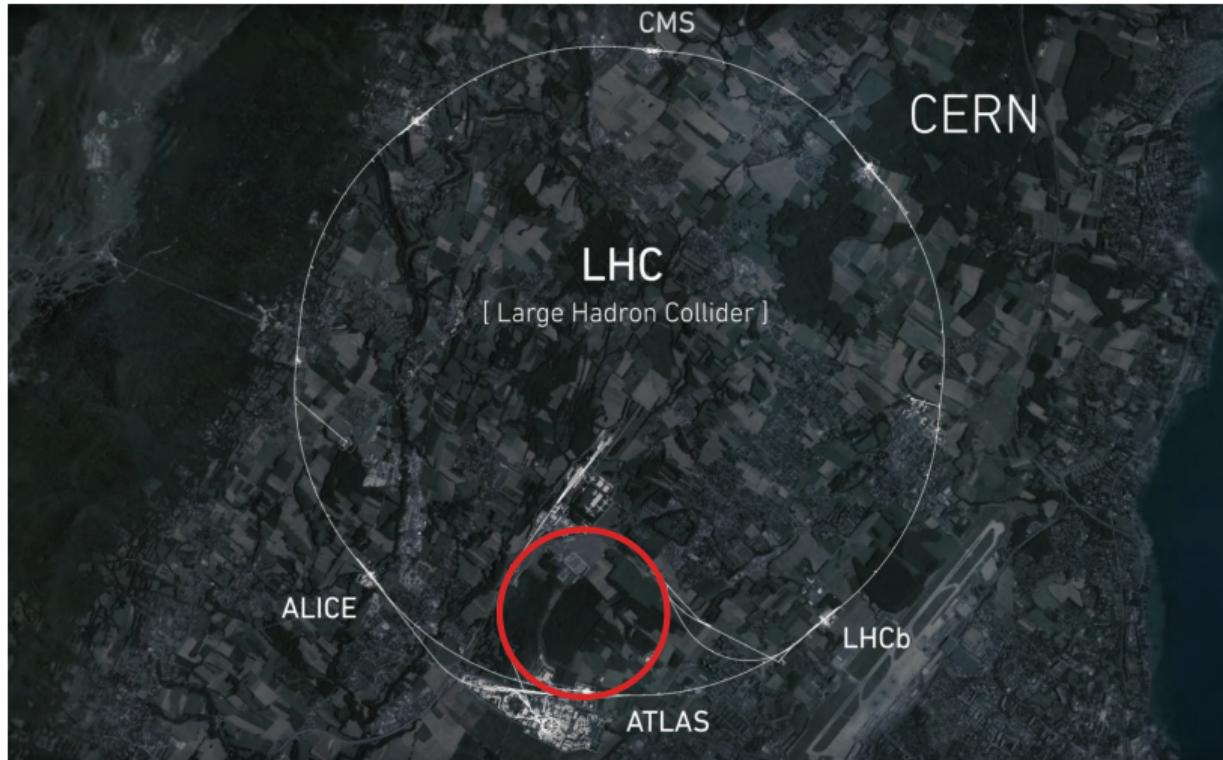
# Booster (1972, 157 m, 1.4 GeV)



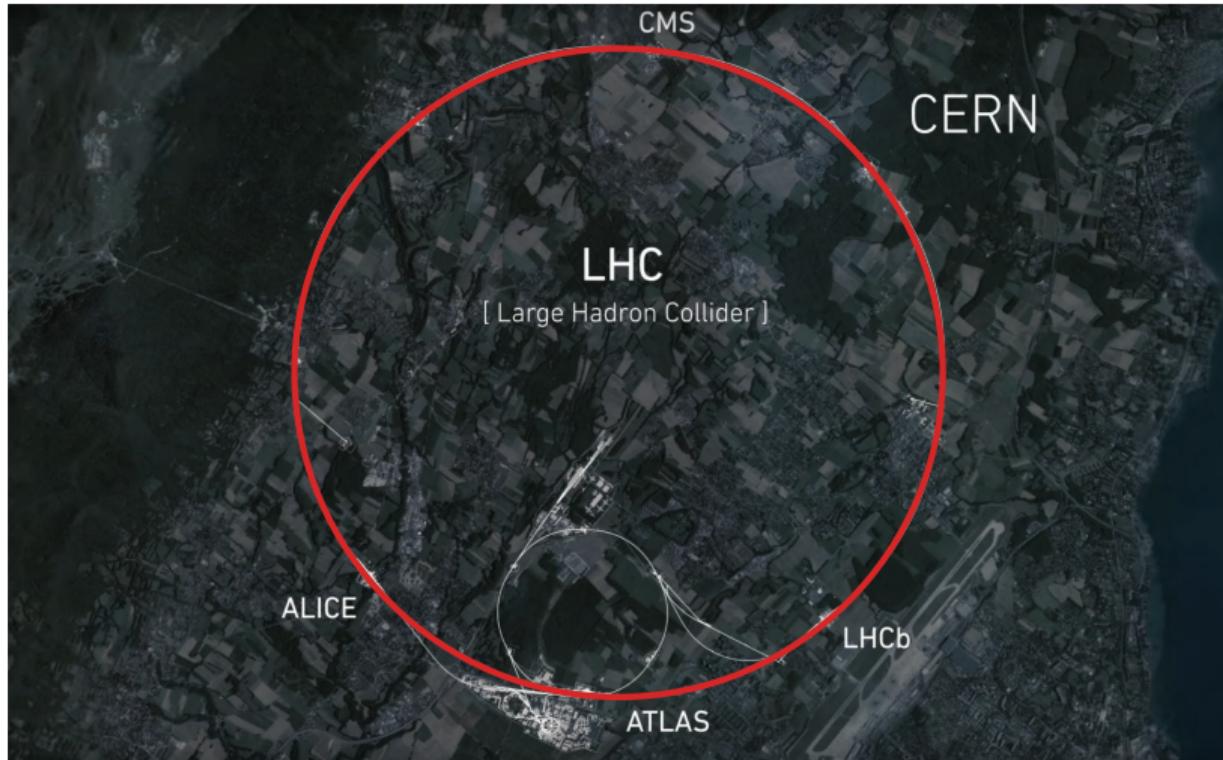
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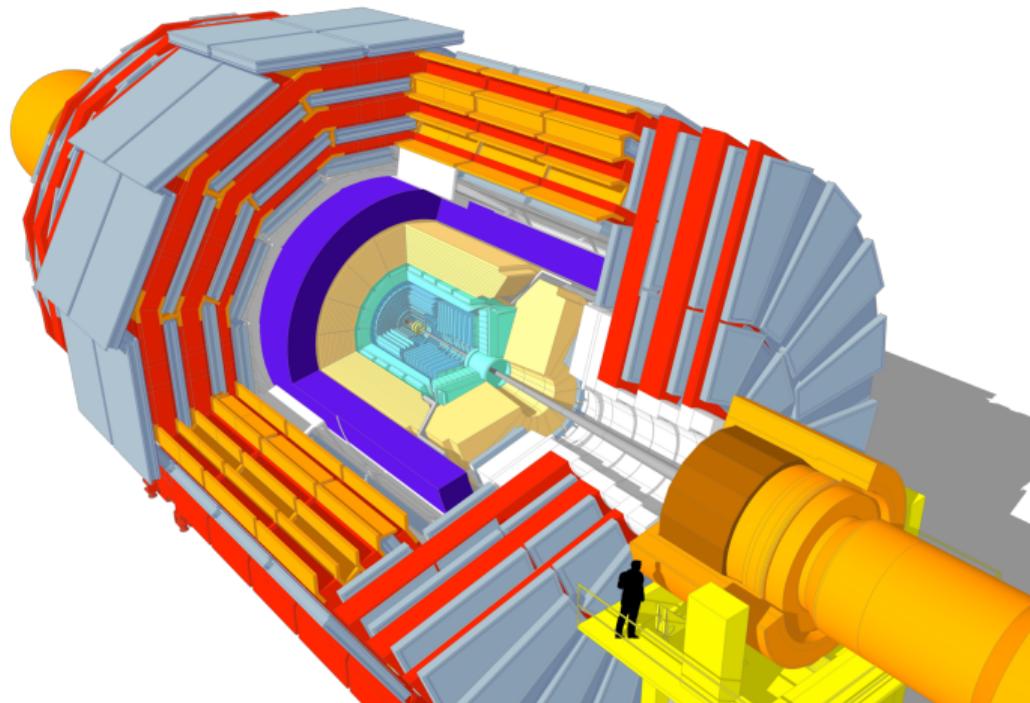


# SPS (1976, 7 km, 450 GeV)



# LHC (2008, 27 km, $2 \times 7 \text{ TeV}$ )

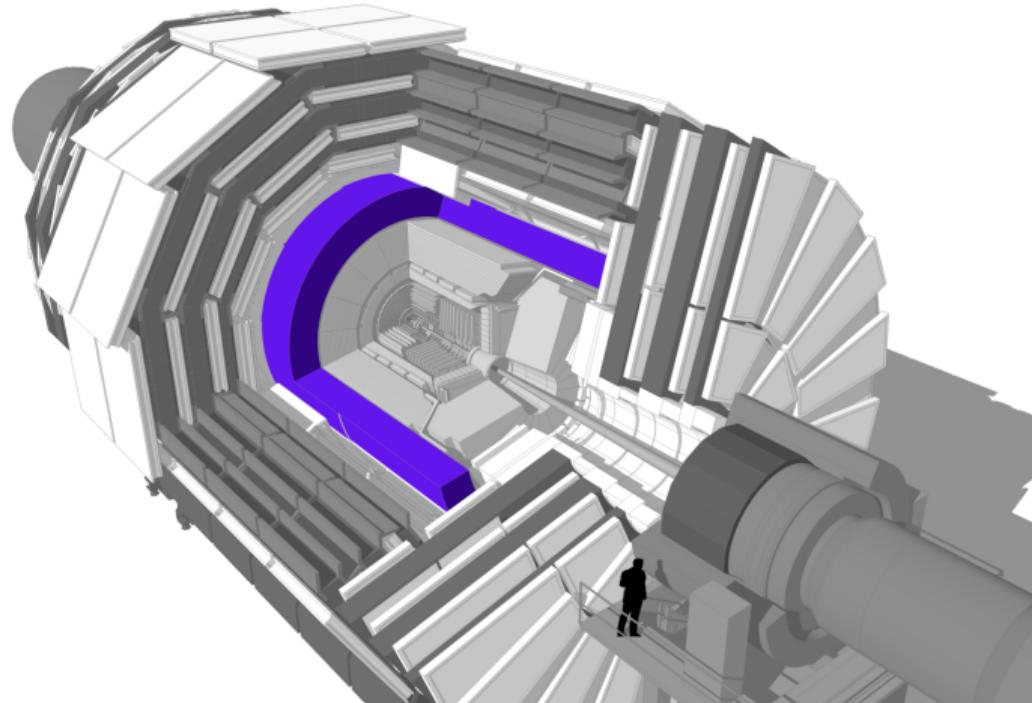




## CMS detector

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

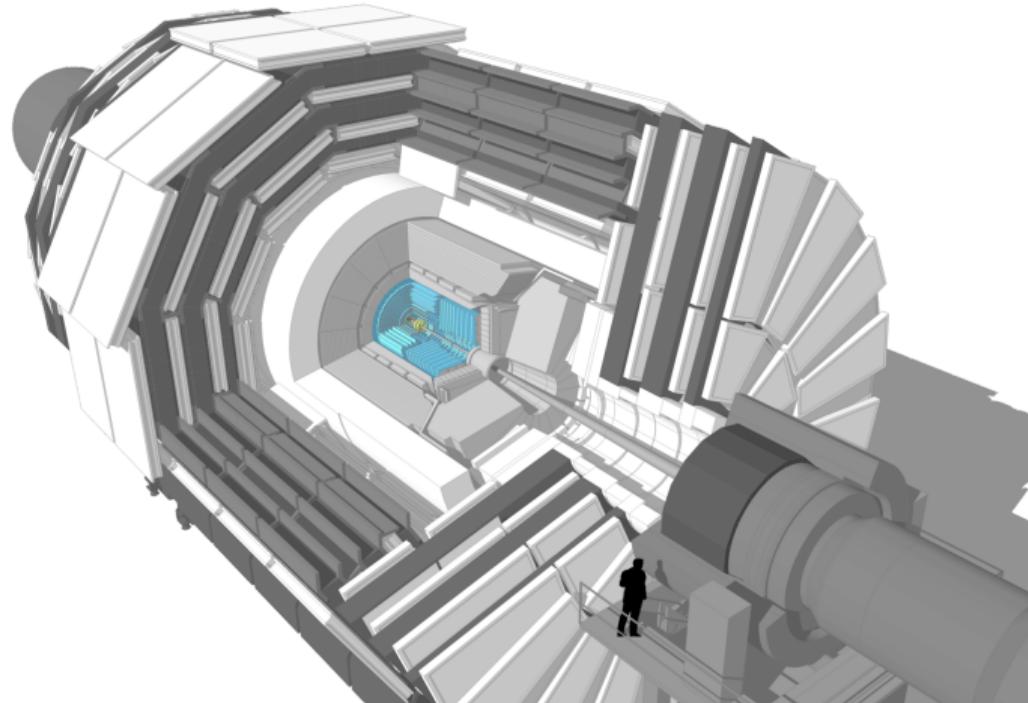
⇒ How to see the particles?



## Solenoid

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

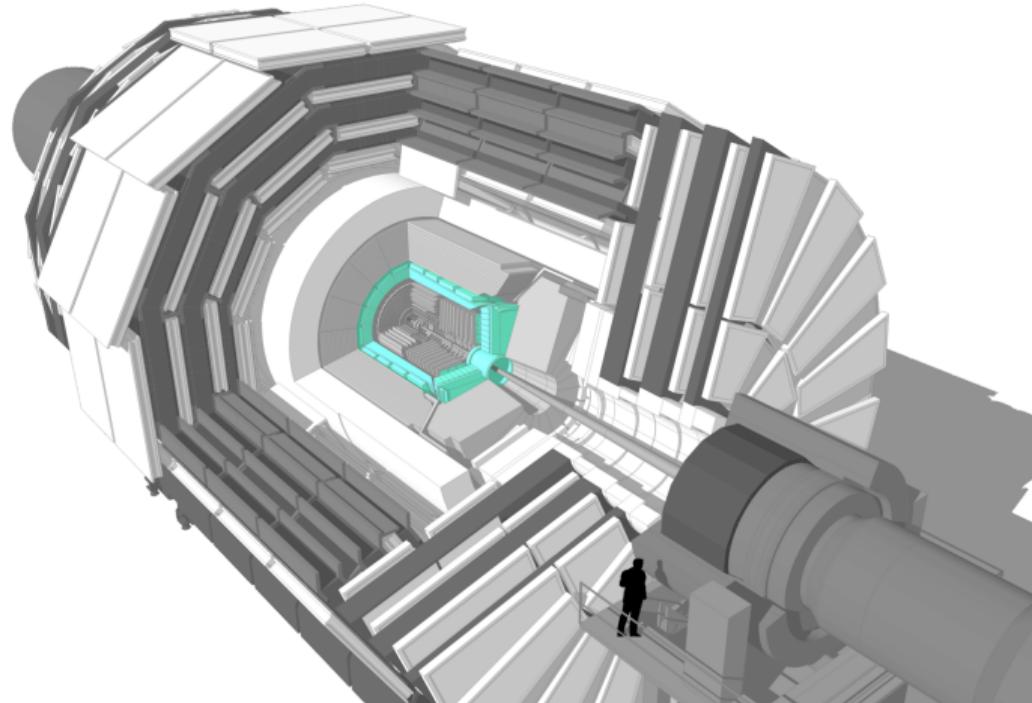
⇒ Bends charged particles trajectories  
in the transverse plane



## 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

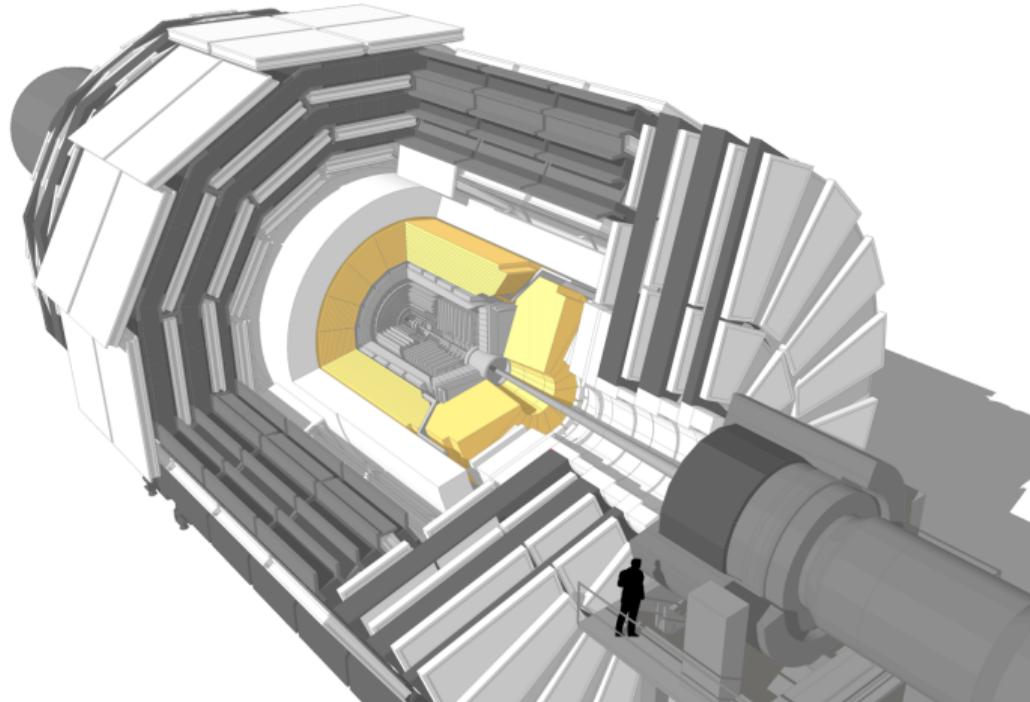
⇒ Charged particles leave hits when going through



## Electromagnetic CALorimeter

- $\sim 76,000$  scintillating  $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals

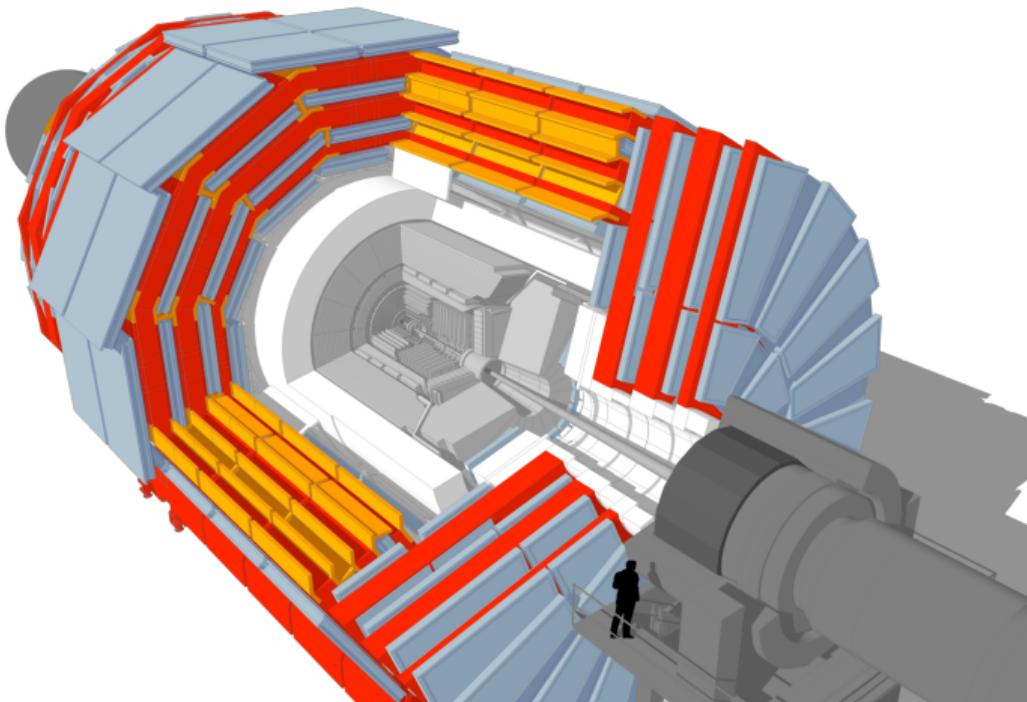
⇒ Electrons and photons are stopped,  
energy deposits



## Hadronic CALorimeter

- Brass + plastic scintillator,  
~ 7000 channels

⇒ Hadrons are stopped, energy deposits



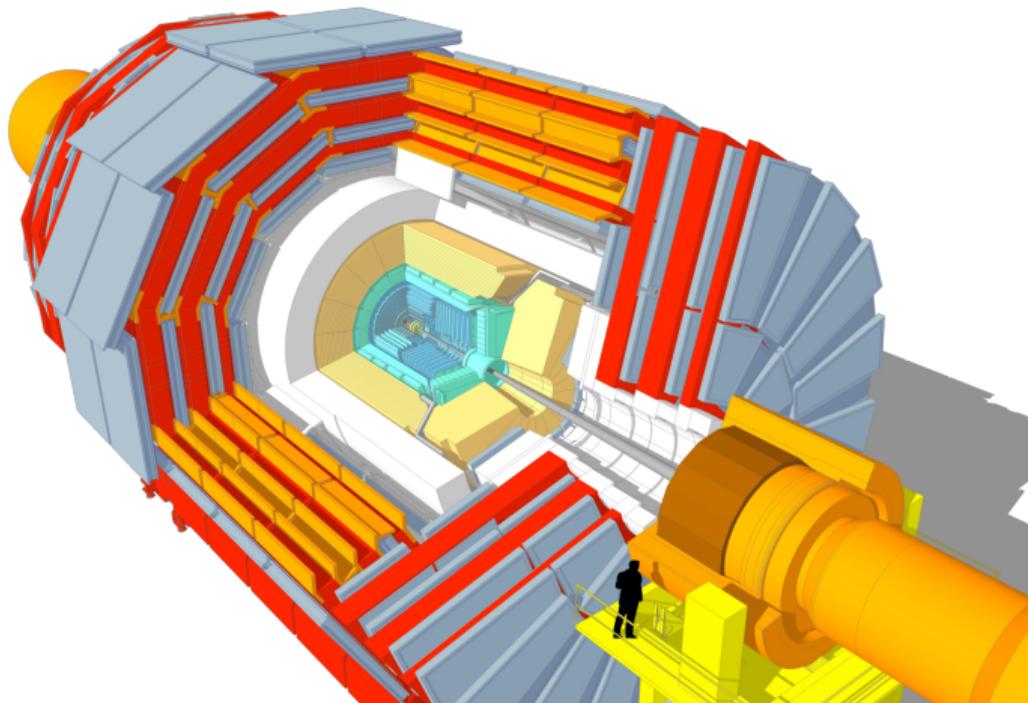
### Steel return yoke (red)

- 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)

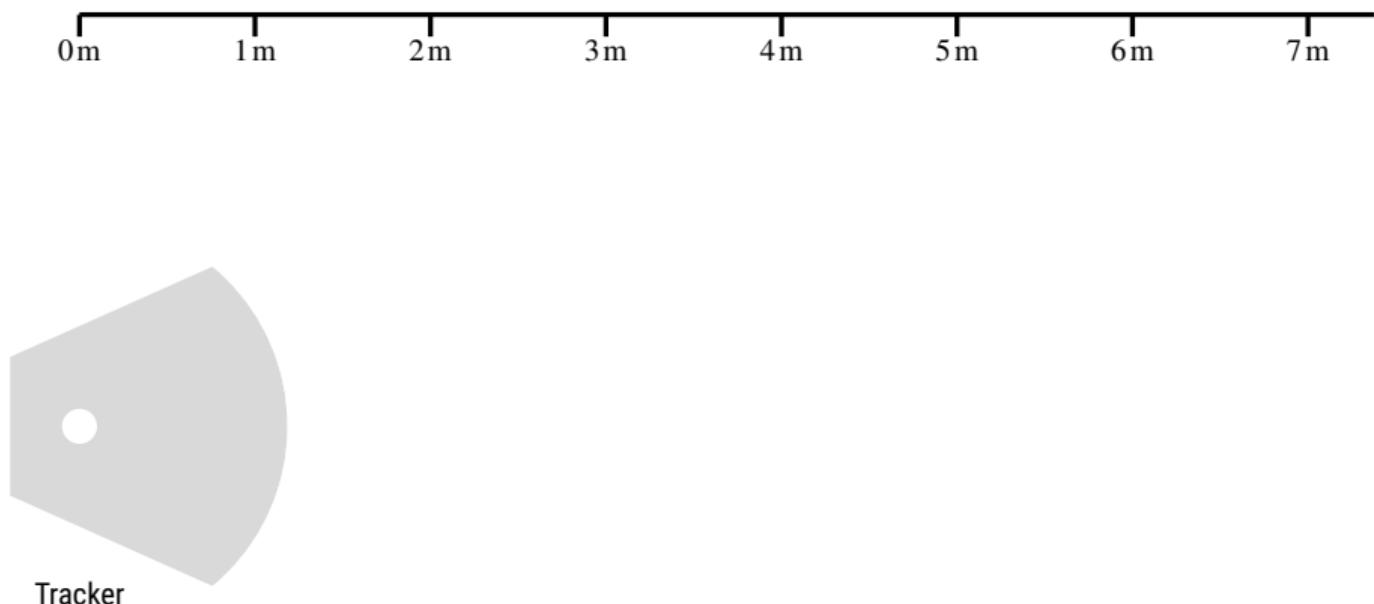


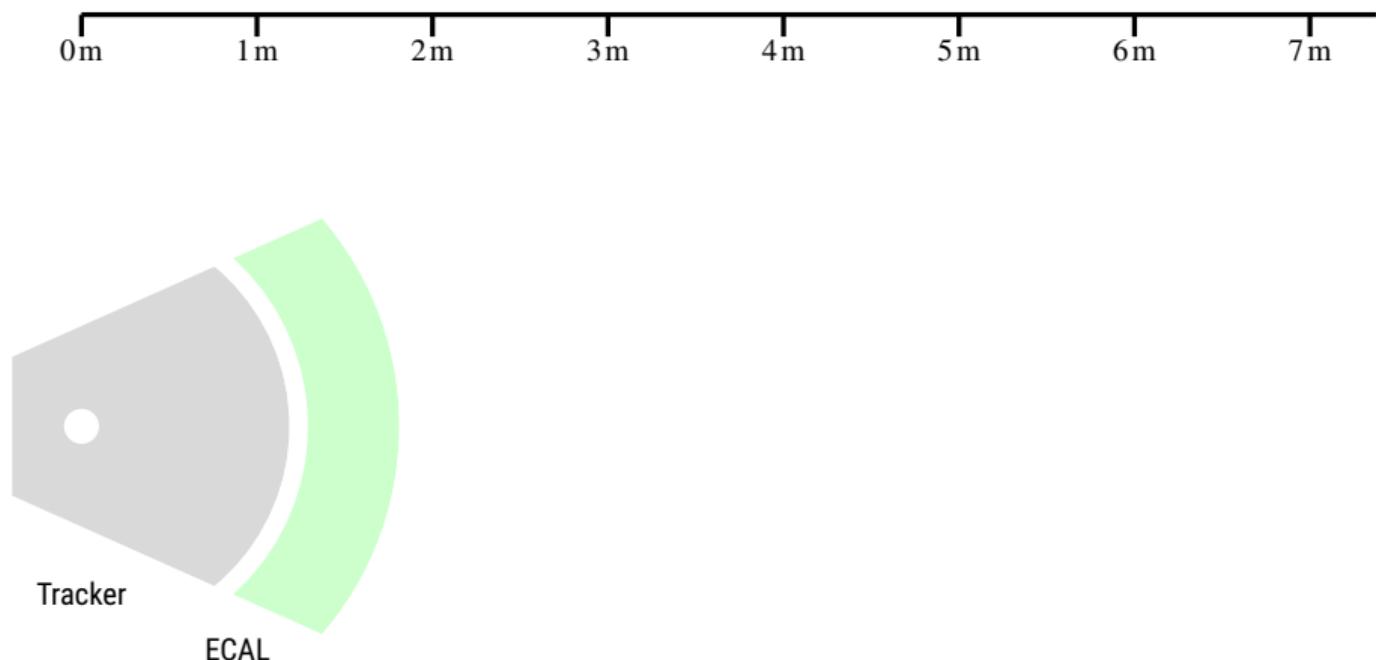
## Sensitive parts of CMS

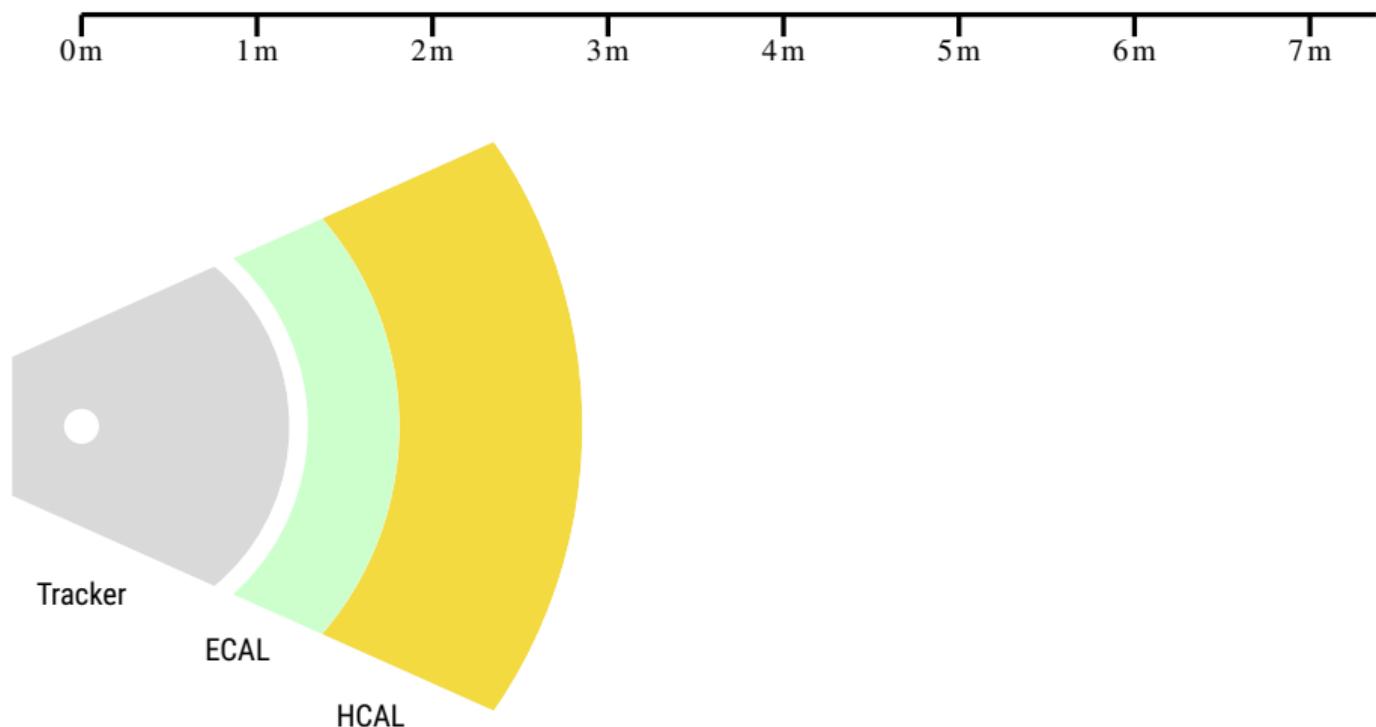
Combine sub-detectors signals to determine which particles were there!

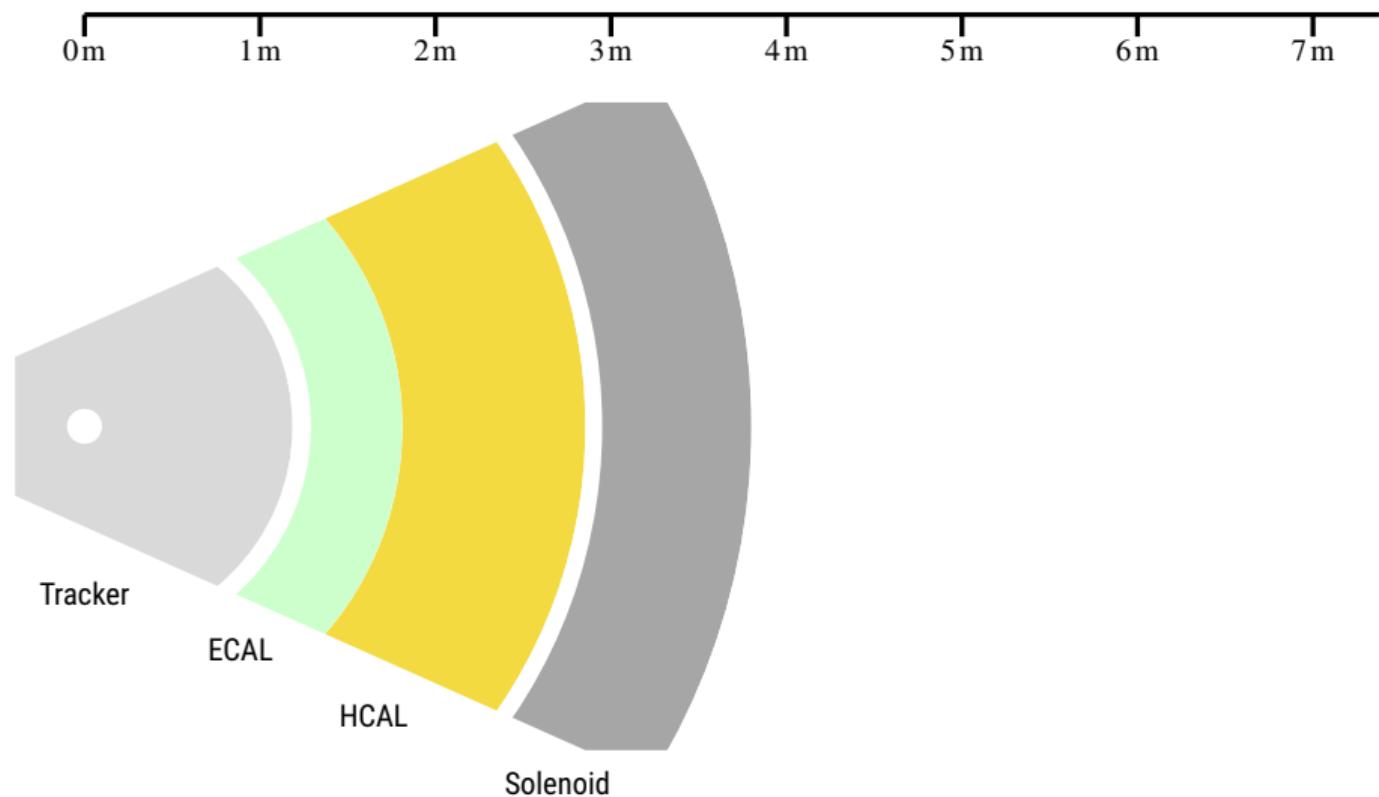


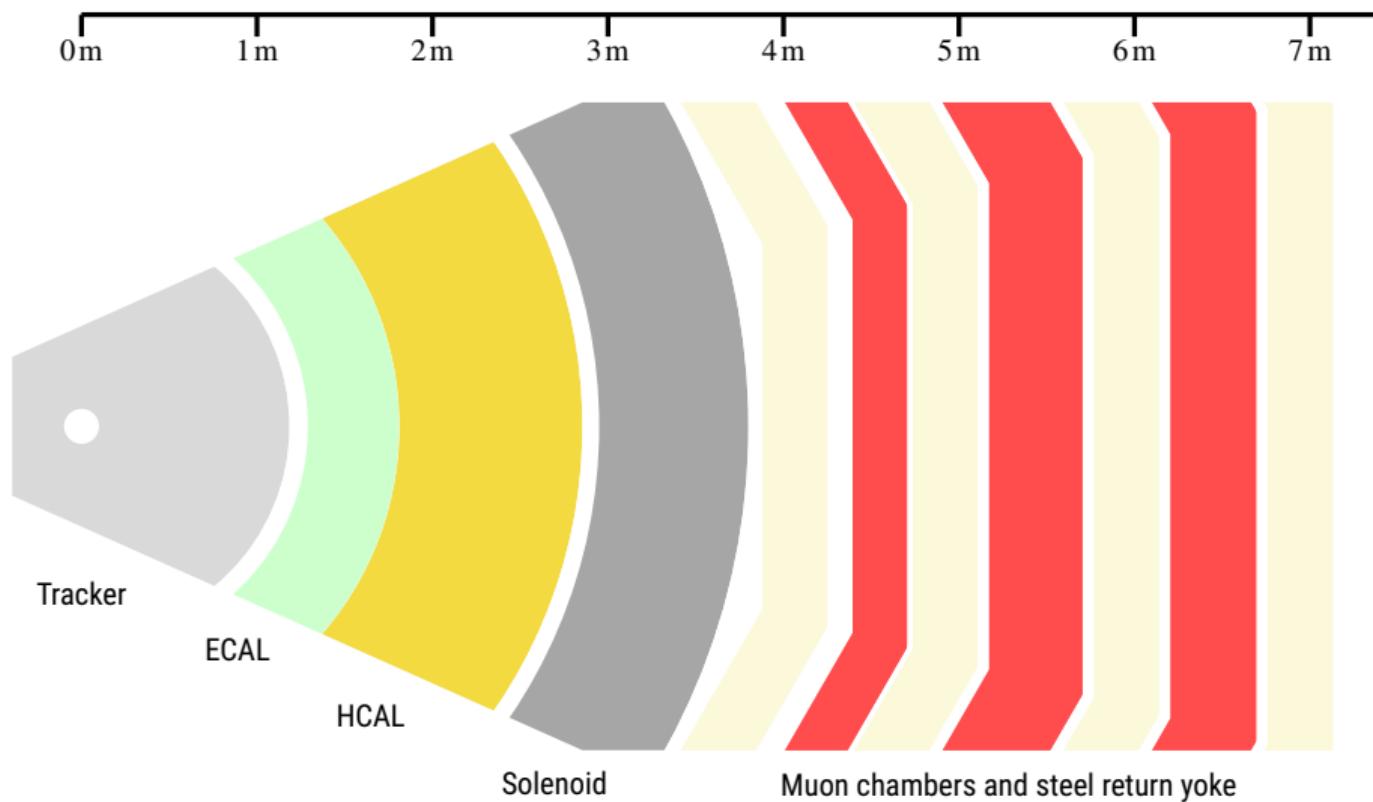


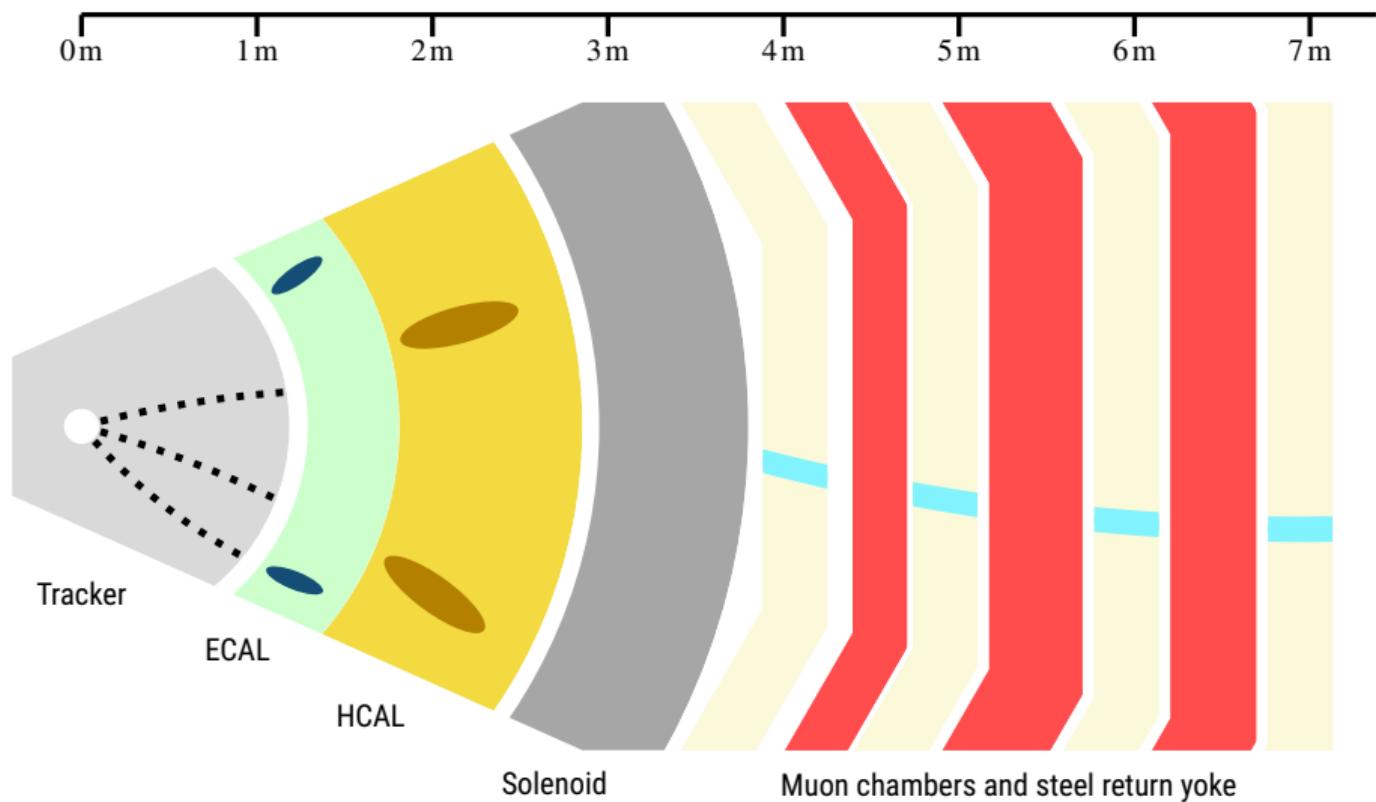


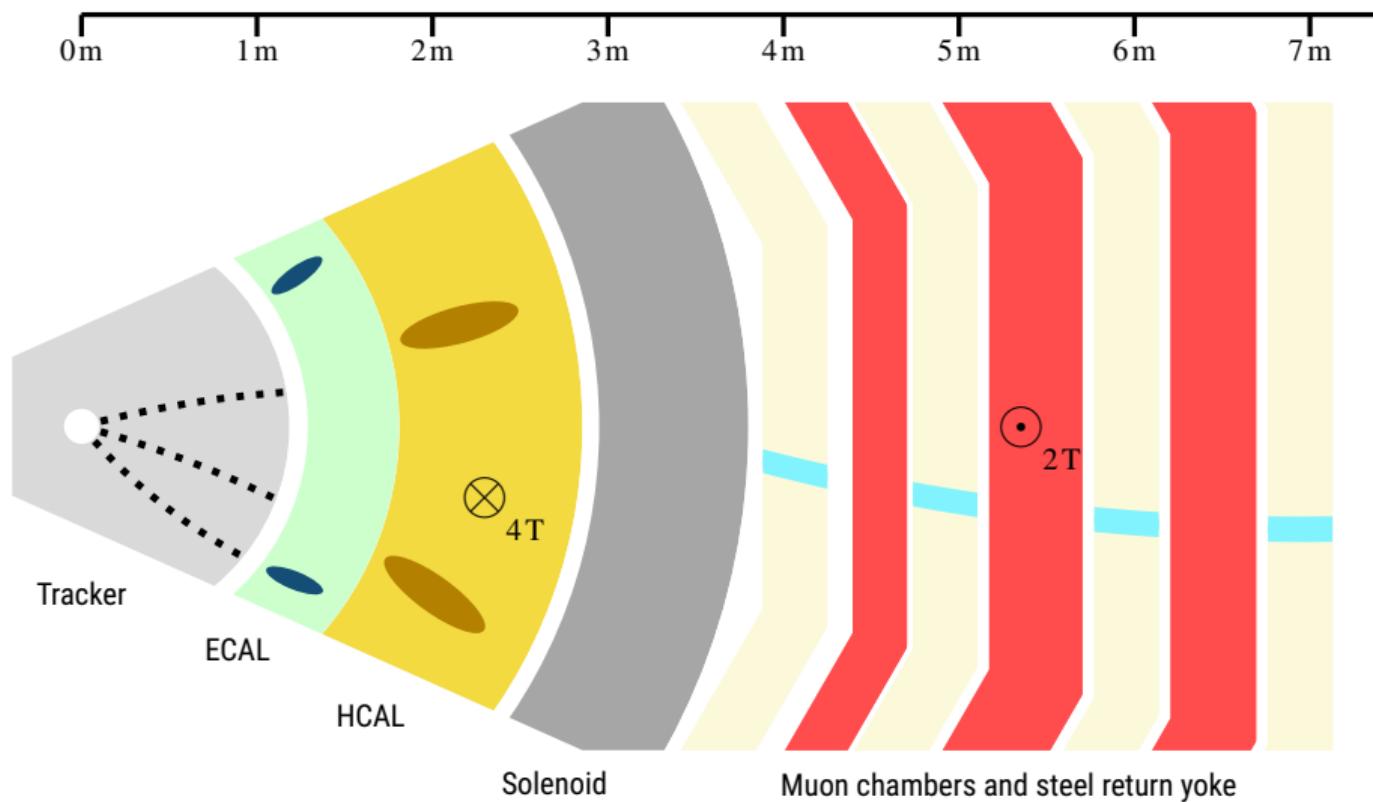


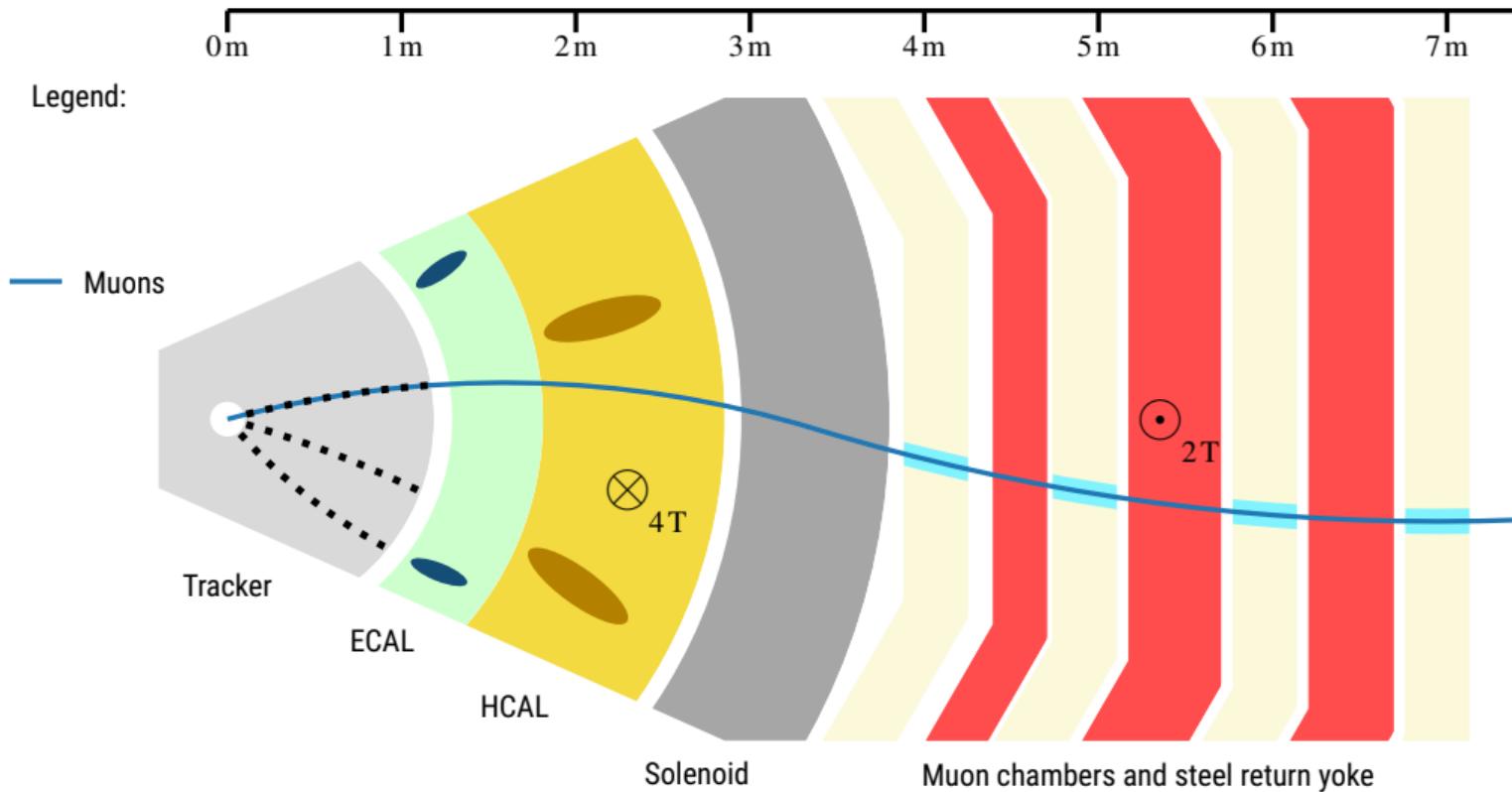






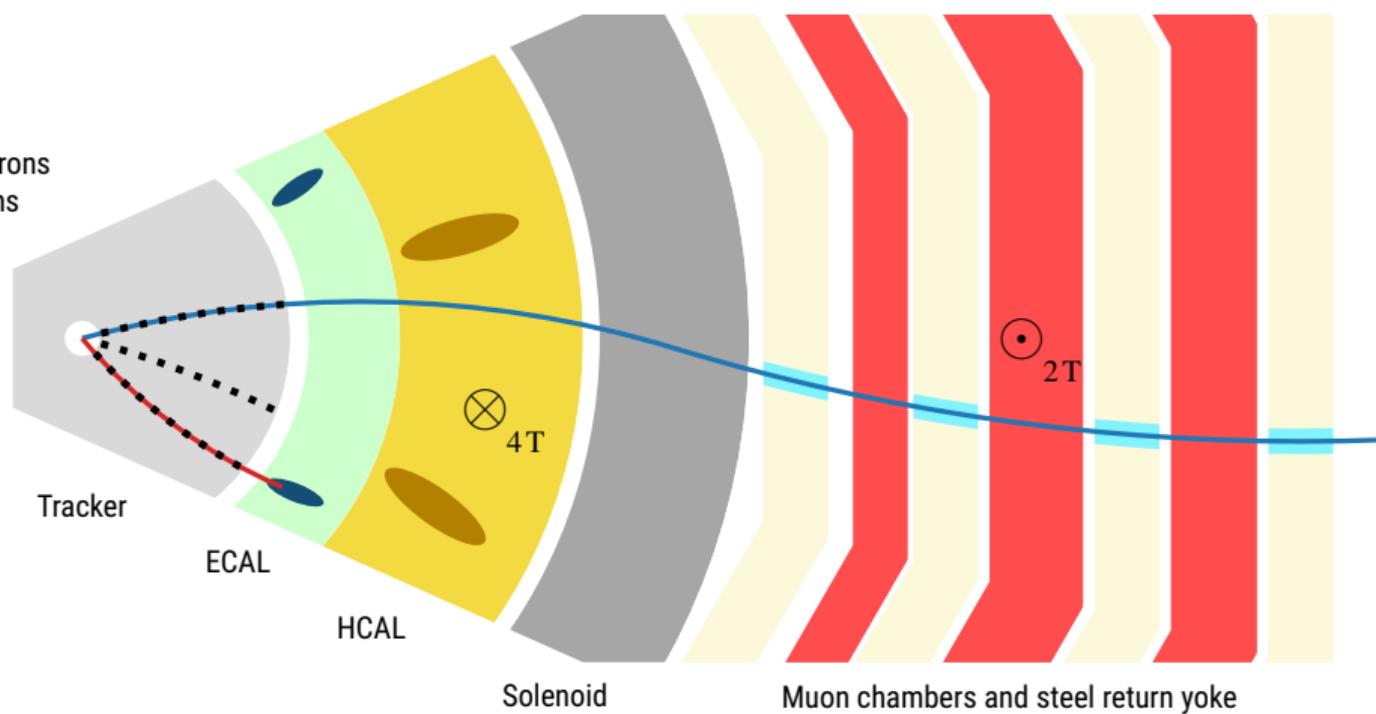


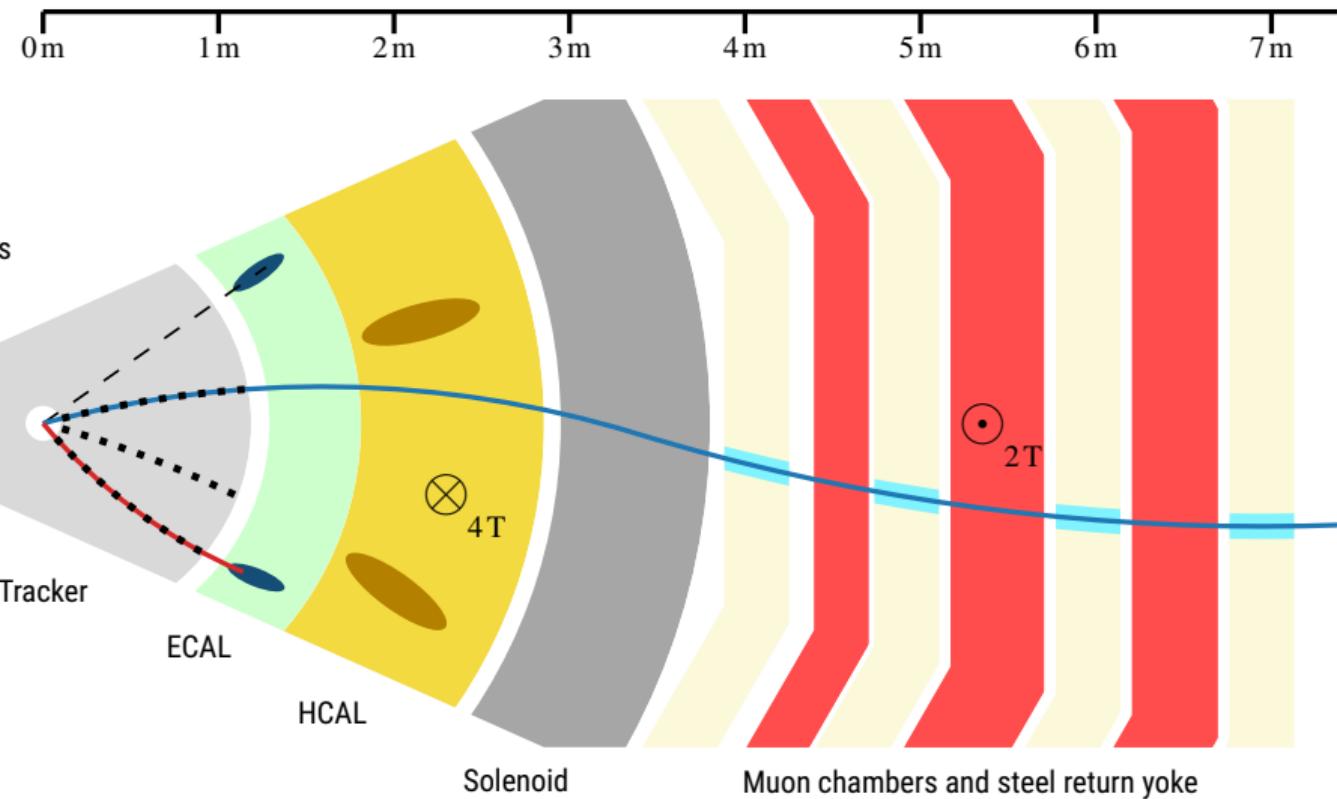


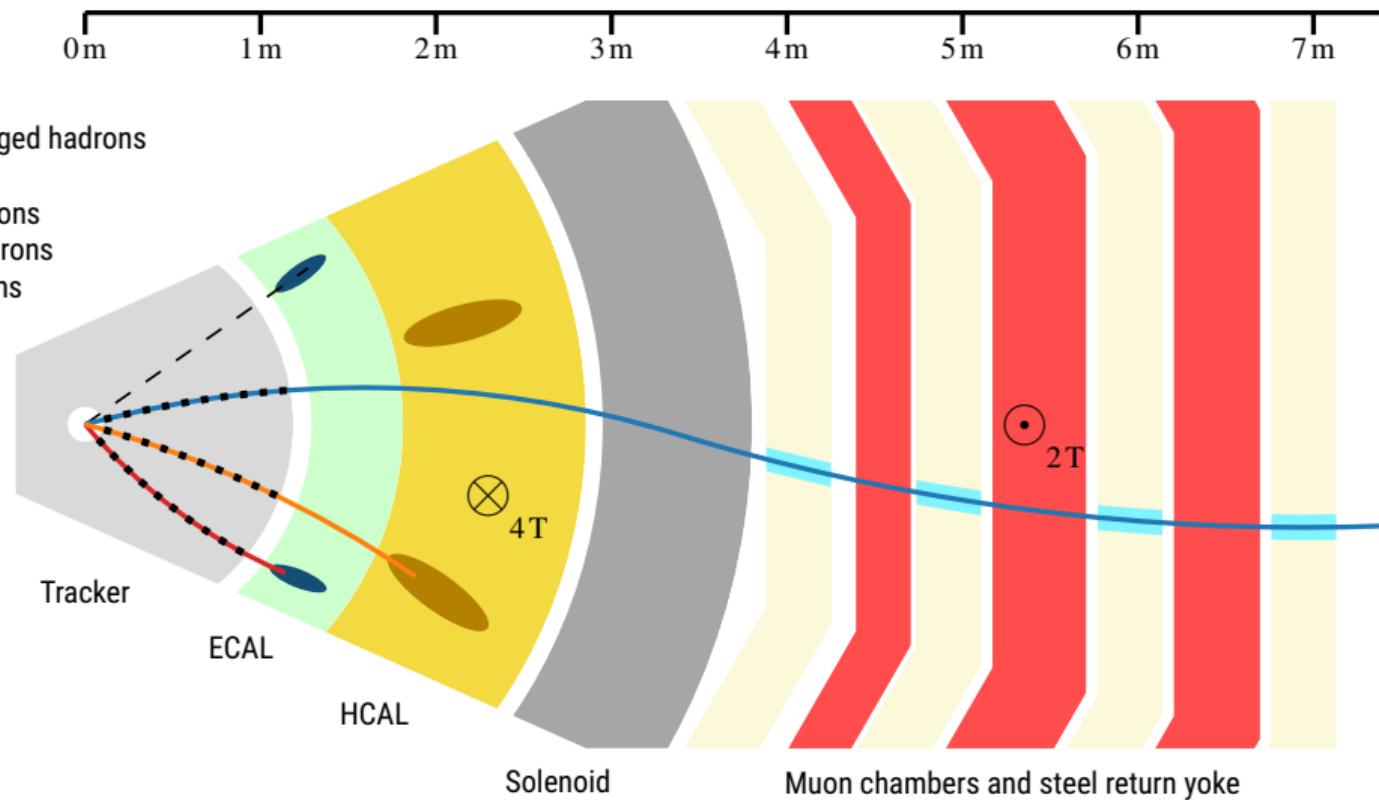


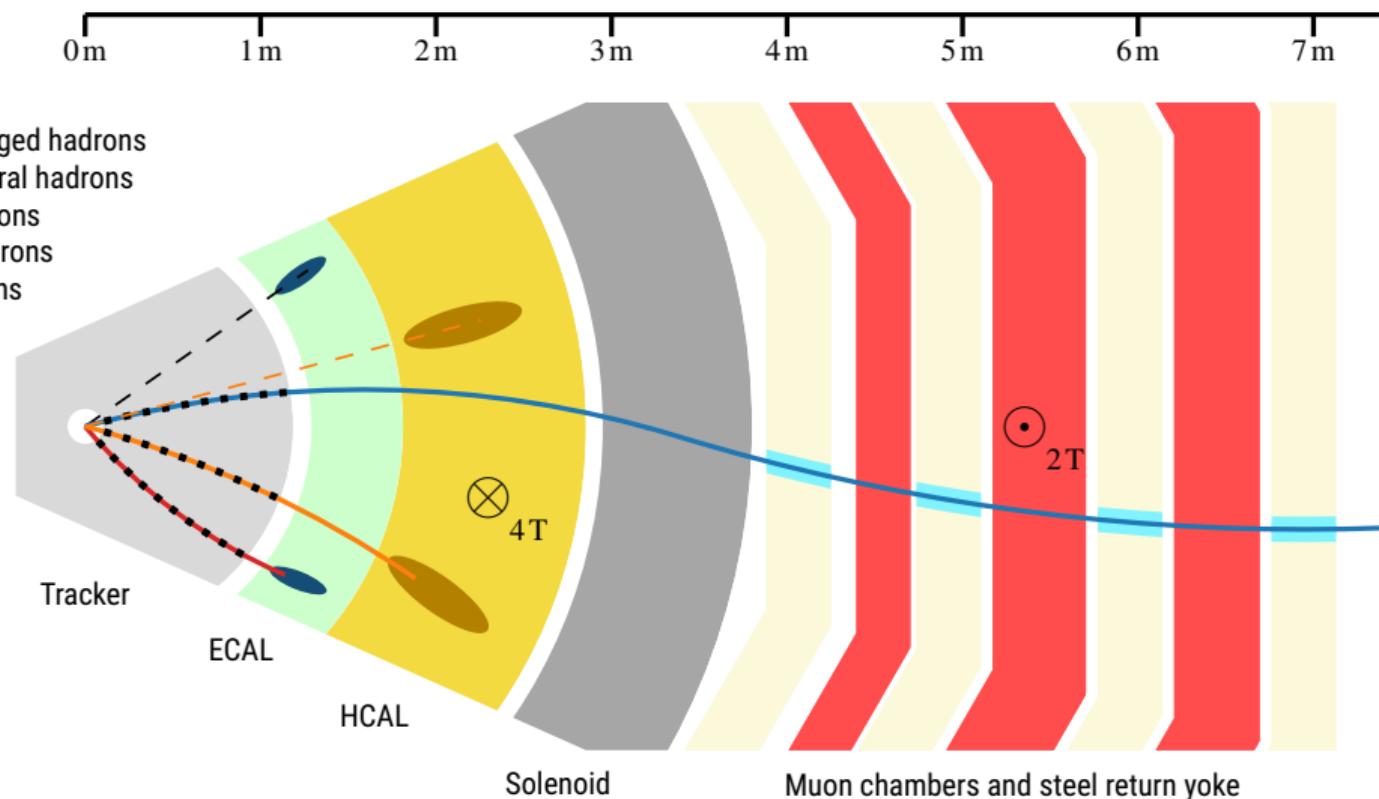
**Legend:**

- Electrons
- Muons



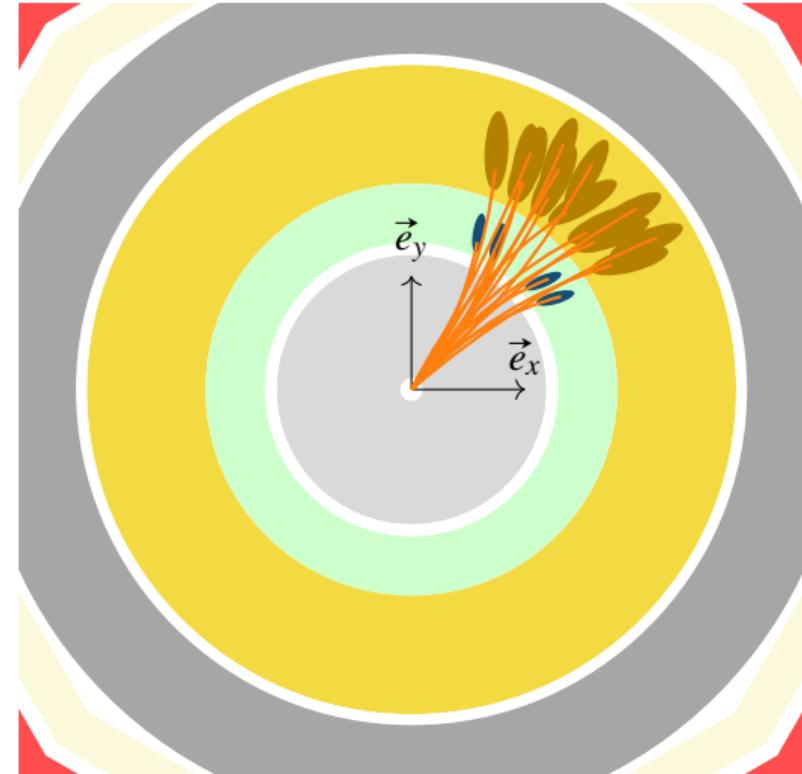
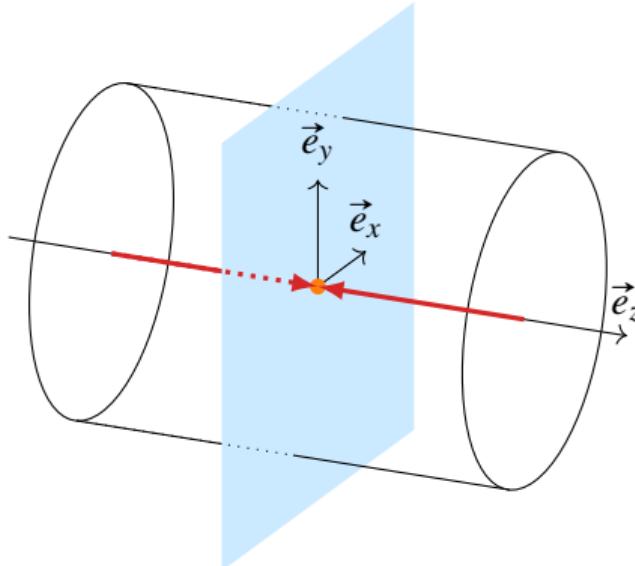






# Neutrinos and missing transverse energy (MET)

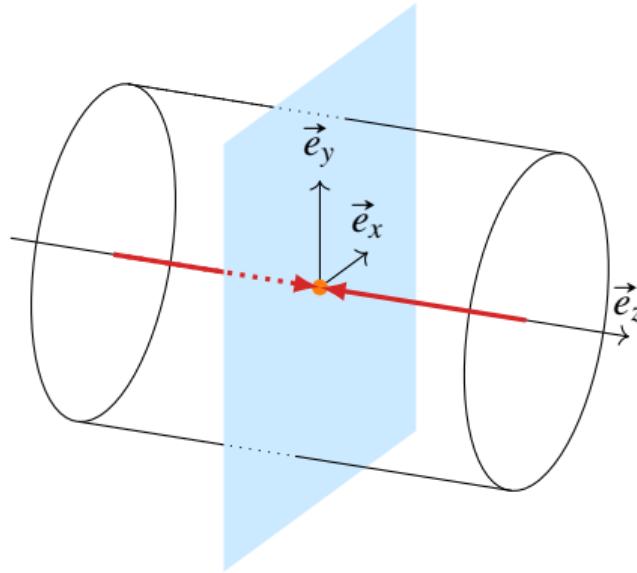
$(\vec{e}_x, \vec{e}_y)$  = transverse plane ( $\eta = 0$ )



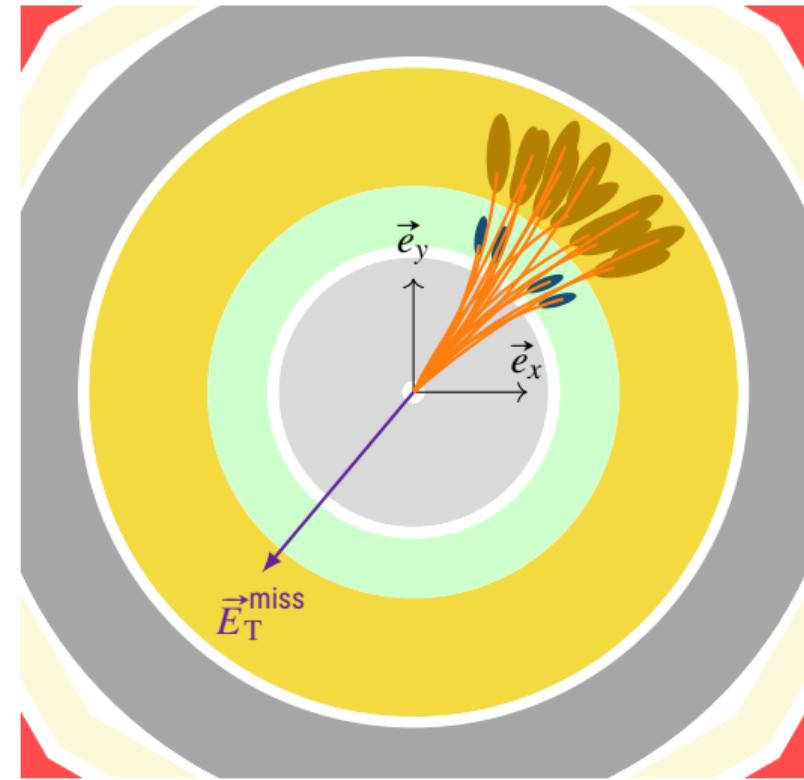
Conserved momentum:  $\sum_{\text{initial state}} \vec{p}_{\text{T}} = \sum_{\text{final state}} \vec{p}_{\text{T}} = \vec{0}$

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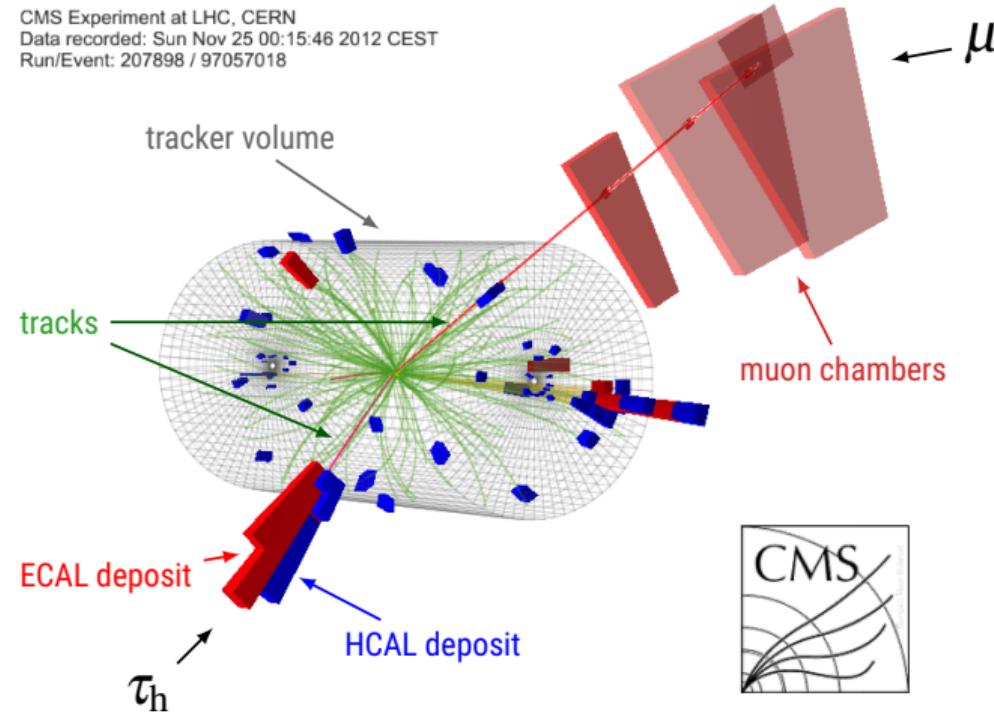
$(\vec{e}_x, \vec{e}_y)$  = transverse plane ( $\eta = 0$ )



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



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



## 1 Phenomenology

## 2 Experimental device

3  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  analysis

## 4 Machine Learning

# Using histograms

- ▶ Find a discriminating variable:
  - ▷ for uncorrelated  $\tau$  pairs, it's random
  - ▷ for  $\tau$  pairs coming from a particle (Higgs?), not random.
- ▶ For one  $\tau$  pair only, impossible to say!
- ▶ With many events, a difference may show up.

# The rabbit analogy

- ▶ What the theorists say:
  - ▷ There is a white rabbit that once lived in a casino.
  - ▷ The rabbit loved watching people playing dices.
  - ▷ He was happy when the result of dice was 4.
  - ▷ So when he sees a dice, he turns it so that the result is 4.
  - ▷ But this rabbit is very shy and nobody has seen him since the casino closure.
- ▶ The only way to know if he's here is to throw a dice and come back to see the result.
  - ▷ If the rabbit has been here, the dice will show a 4!

# The rabbit analogy

- ▶ Dice results: 4

- ▶ CERN. *The Higgs Discovery Explained – Ep. 3/3.* URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-WFBGCvv-w>.

# The rabbit analogy

- ▶ Dice results: 4, 2

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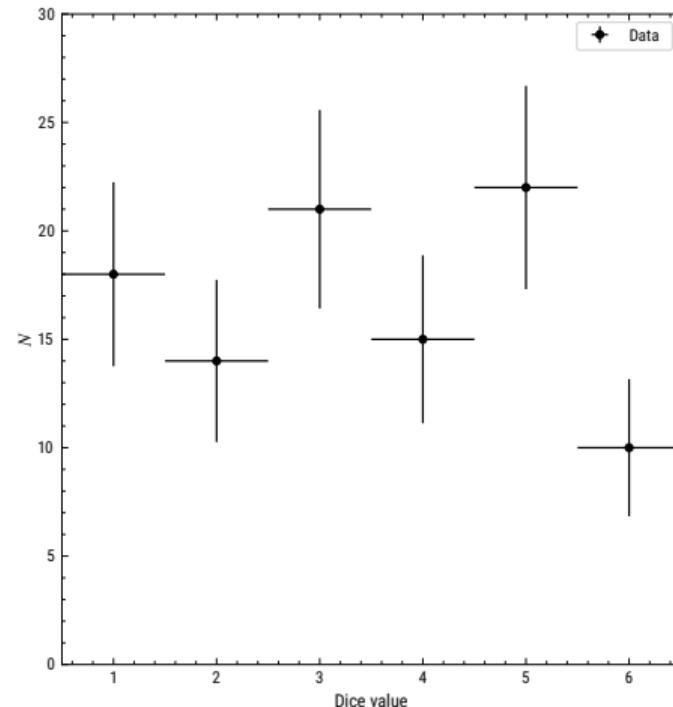
# The rabbit analogy

- ▶ Dice results: 4, 2, 4, 1, 3, 2, 5, 1, 1, 6...

- ▶ CERN. *The Higgs Discovery Explained – Ep. 3/3.* URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-WFBGCvv-w>.

# The rabbit analogy

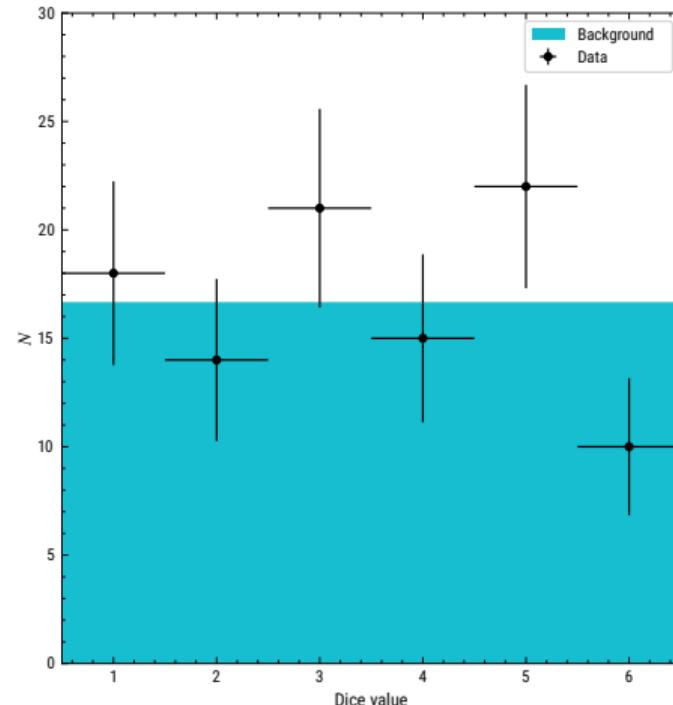
On 100 days →



Not really conclusive...

# The rabbit analogy

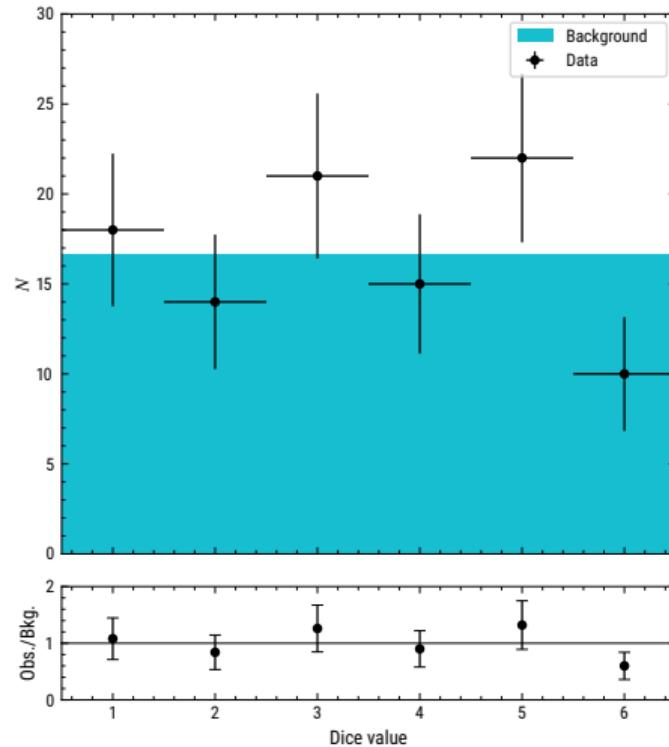
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Comparing with predictions!

# The rabbit analogy

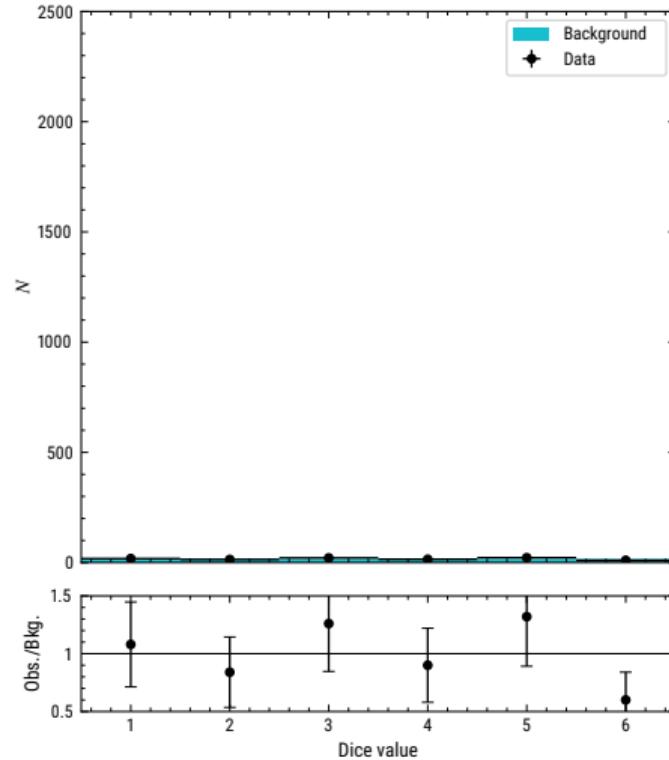
On 100 days →



Also add ratio plot:  
observed / predictions

# The rabbit analogy

On 100 days →

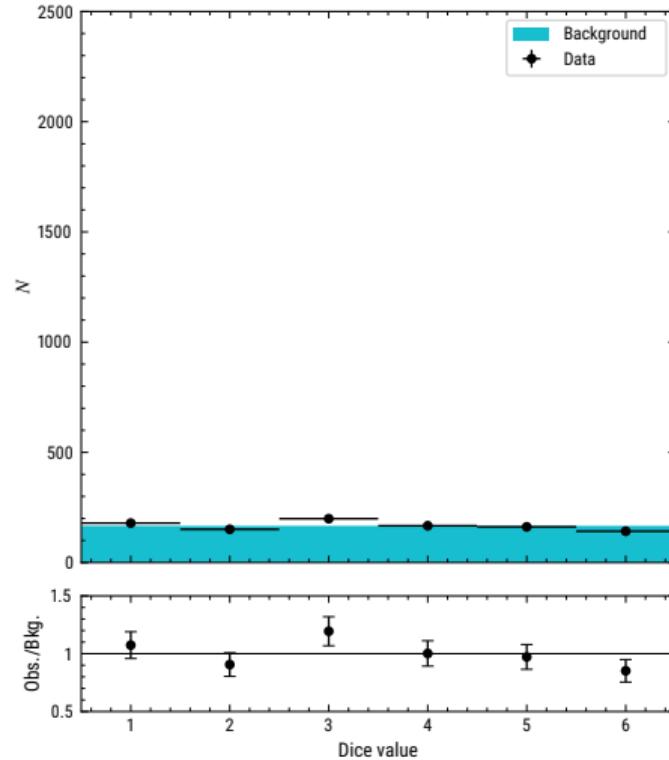


Fill up with more data!

# The rabbit analogy

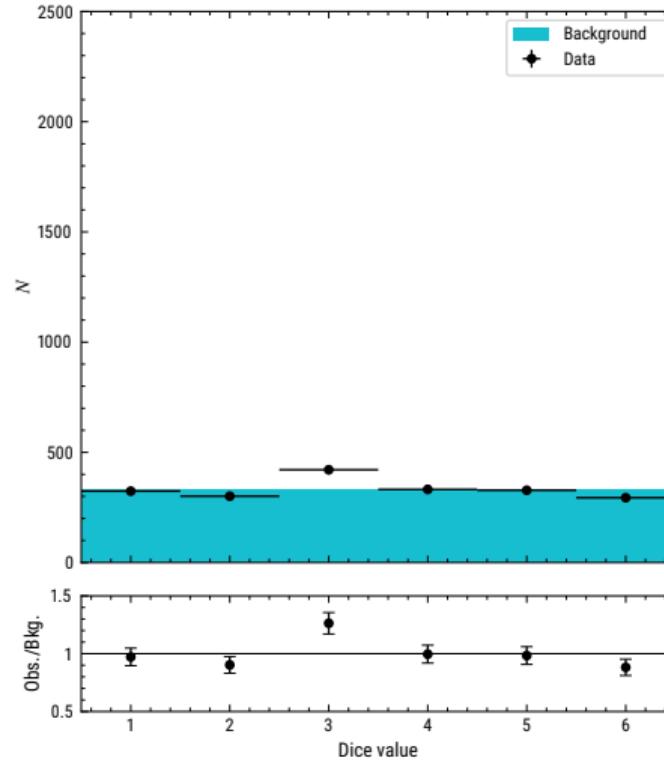
On 1000 days →

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# The rabbit analogy

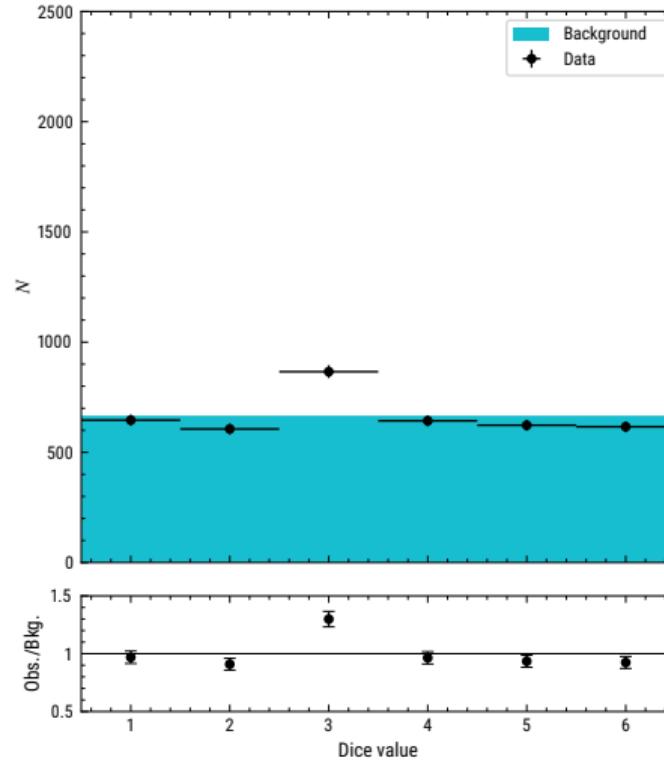
On 2000 days →



Fill up with more data!

# The rabbit analogy

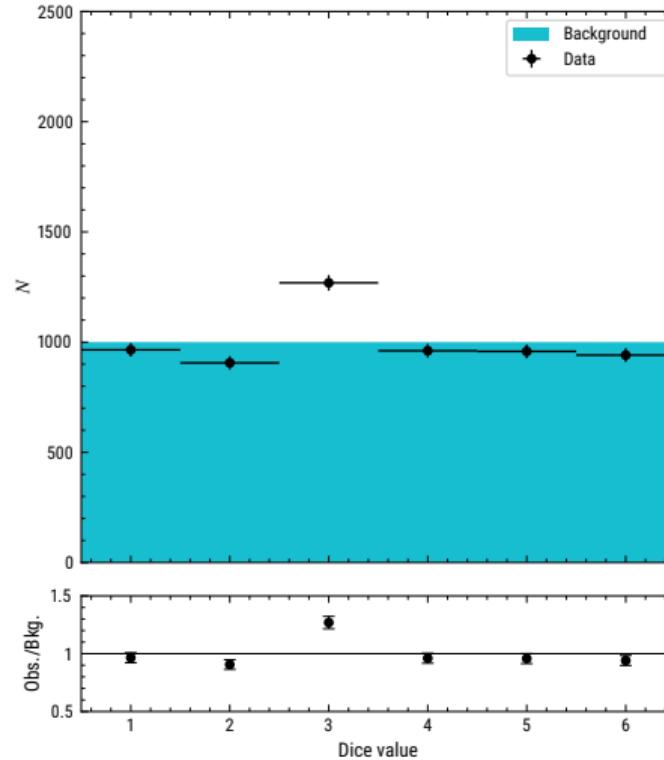
On 4000 days →



Fill up with more data!

# The rabbit analogy

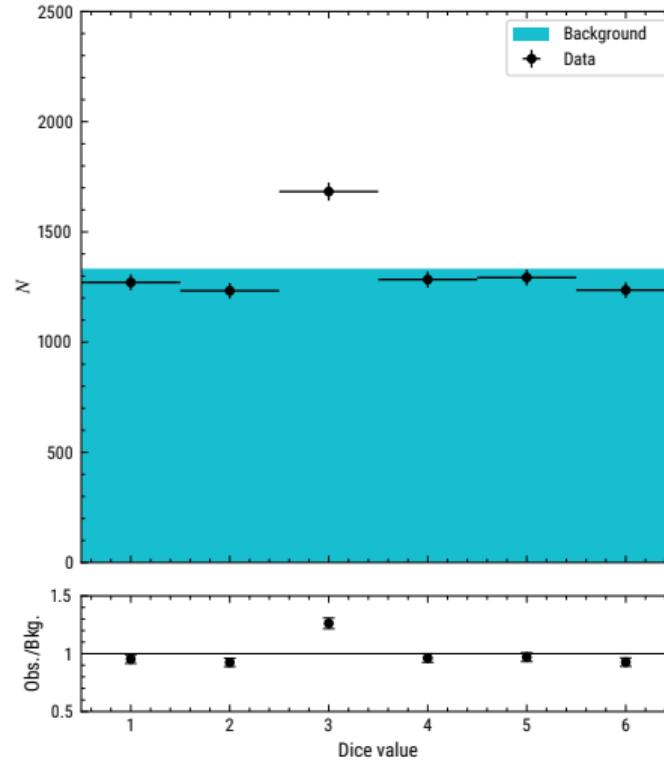
On 6000 days →



Fill up with more data!

# The rabbit analogy

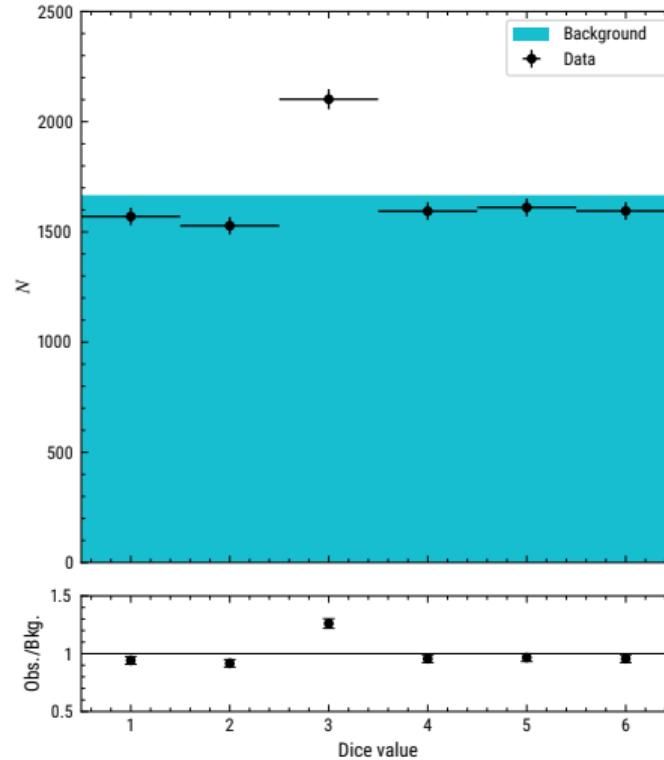
On 8000 days →



Fill up with more data!

# The rabbit analogy

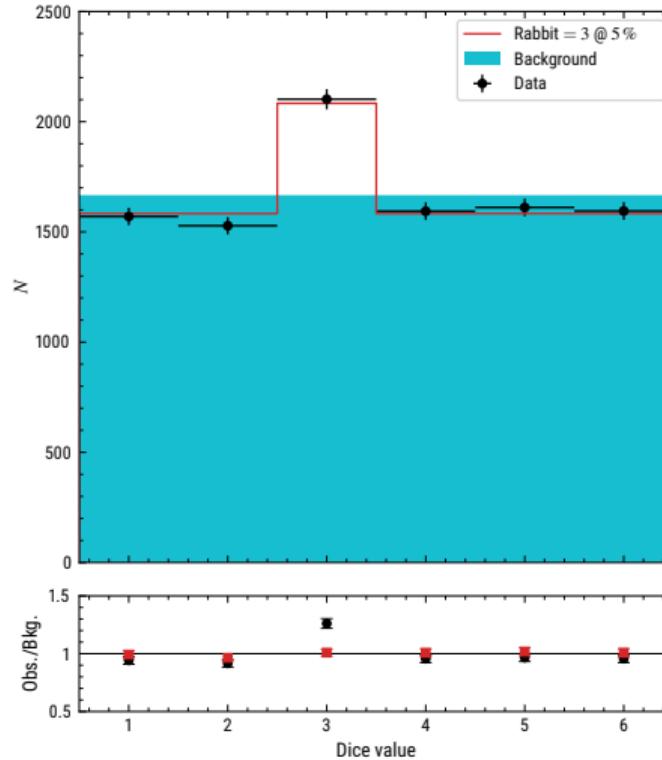
On 10,000 days →



Fill up with more data!

# The rabbit analogy

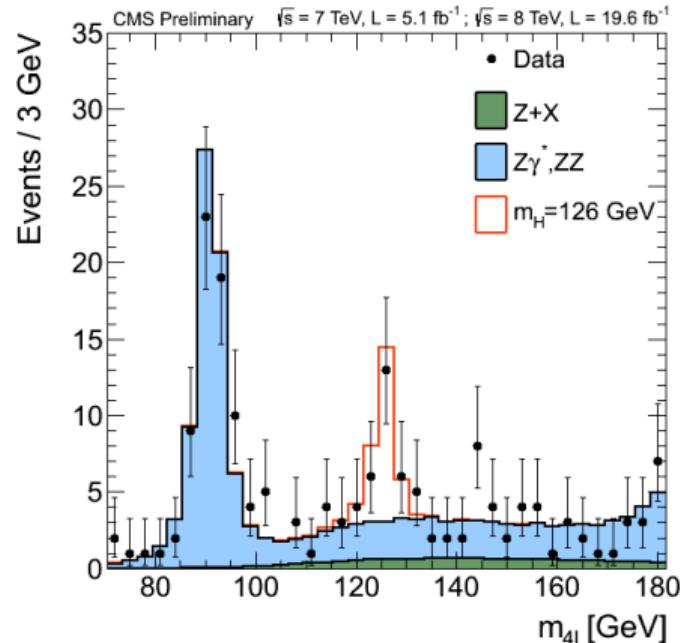
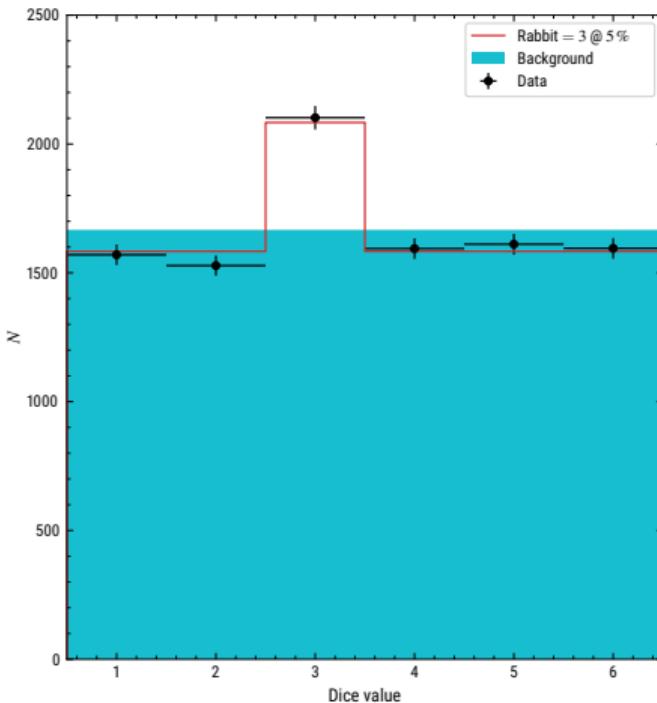
On 10,000 days →



In red, hypothesis of the rabbit with 3 as preferred result (instead of 4!), with a probability to show up of 5%.

# The rabbit analogy

Search for	the rabbit	the Higgs
Observed data	dice values	$pp$ collisions outgoing particles
Discriminating variable	dice value	invariant or transverse mass
Backgrounds predictions	random dice	Standard Model processes
Amount of data	number of days	luminosity
Signal probability	rabbit's shyness	process cross-section



- ▷ The CMS Collaboration. "Observation of a new boson at a mass of 125 GeV with the CMS experiment at the LHC". *Physics Letters B* **716.1** (2012), pp. 30–61. DOI: 10.1016/j.physletb.2012.08.021. URL: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0370269312008581>.
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# Datasets

## Observed data (MiniAOD)

- $\tau_h \tau_h$

- ▶ /Tau/Run2016 [B-H]
- ▶ /Tau/Run2017 [B-F]
- ▶ /Tau/Run2018 [A-D]

- $e \mu$

- ▶ /MuonEG/Run2016 [B-H]
- ▶ /MuonEG/Run2017 [B-F]
- ▶ /MuonEG/Run2018 [A-D]

- $\mu \tau_h$

- ▶ /SingleMuon/Run2016 [B-H]
- ▶ /SingleMuon/Run2017 [B-F]
- ▶ /SingleMuon/Run2018 [A-D]

- $e \tau_h$

- ▶ /SingleElectron/Run2016 [B-H]
- ▶ /SingleElectron/Run2017 [B-F]
- ▶ /EGamma/Run2018 [A-D]

\*. More precisions on the exact datasets (date, version) in the manuscript!

# Datasets

## Simulated signals (MiniAODSIM)

### • SM Higgs signals

- ▶ /GluGluHToTauTau\_M125\_13TeV\_powheg\_pythia8
- ▶ /VBFHToTauTau\_M125\_13TeV\_powheg\_pythia8
- ▶ /WplusHToTauTau\_M125\_13TeV\_powheg\_pythia8
- ▶ /WminusHToTauTau\_M125\_13TeV\_powheg\_pythia8
- ▶ /ggZH\_HToTauTau\_ZToLL\_M125\_13TeV\_powheg\_pythia8
- ▶ /ggZH\_HToTauTau\_ZToNuNu\_M125\_13TeV\_powheg\_pythia8
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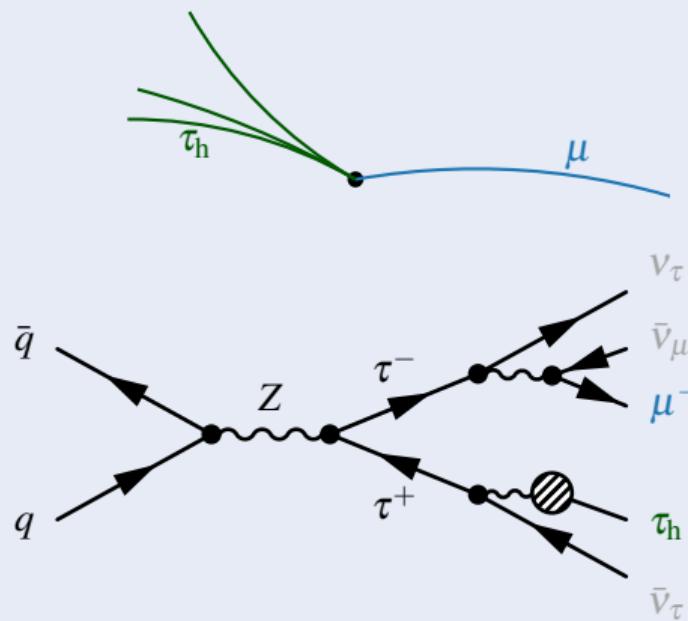
### • MSSM signals

- ▶ /SUSYGluGluToHToTauTau\_M-\*\_TuneCUETP8M1\_13TeV-pythia8
- ▶ /SUSYGluGluToBBHToTauTau\_M-\*\_TuneCUETP8M1\_13TeV-amcatnlo-pythia8

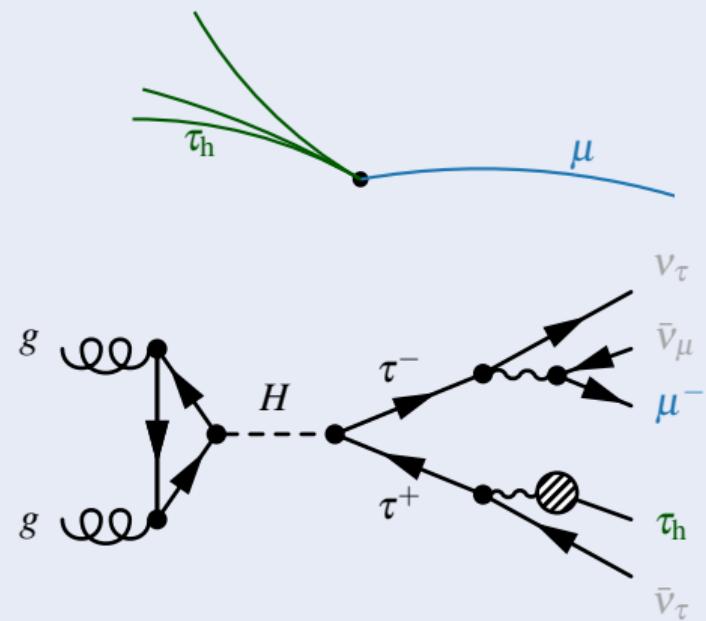
# Backgrounds?

# Backgrounds: Drell-Yan

Drell-Yan (especially  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ )

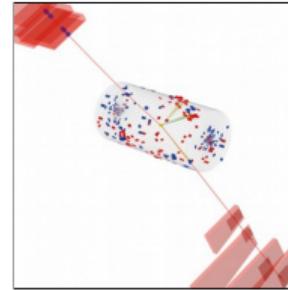


$H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$



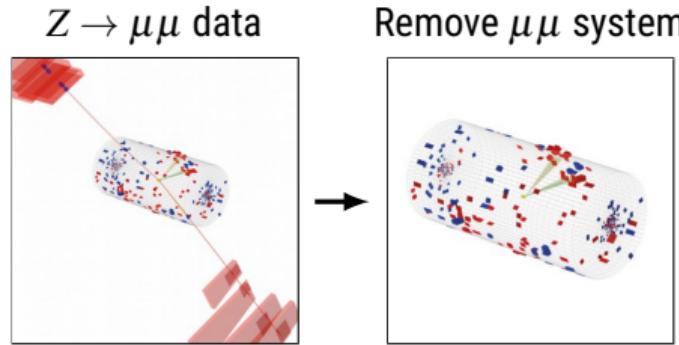
# Embedded events

$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  data



- ▷ The CMS Collaboration. "An embedding technique to determine  $\tau\tau$  backgrounds in proton-proton collision data". *Journal of Instrumentation* **14**.06 (June 2019). DOI: [10.1088/1748-0221/14/06/p06032](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/14/06/p06032).

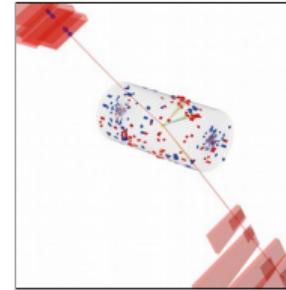
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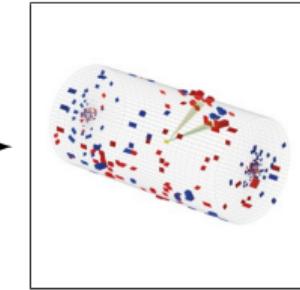
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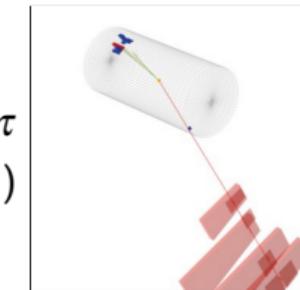
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$  data



Remove  $\mu\mu$  system

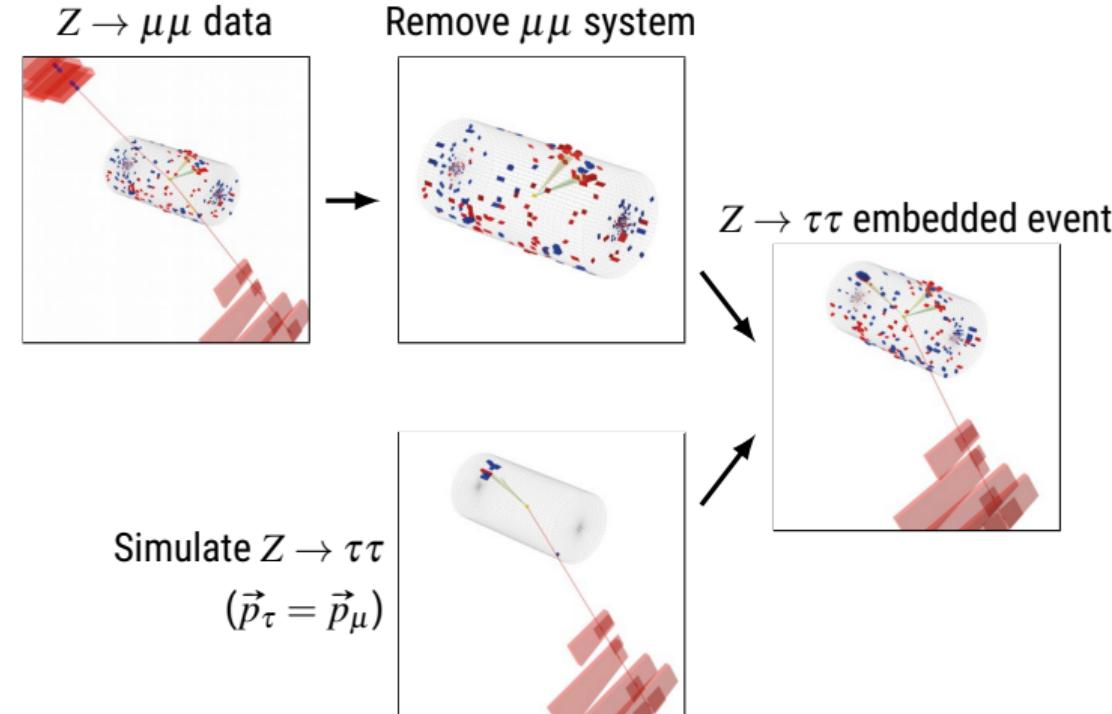


Simulate  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
 $(\vec{p}_\tau = \vec{p}_\mu)$

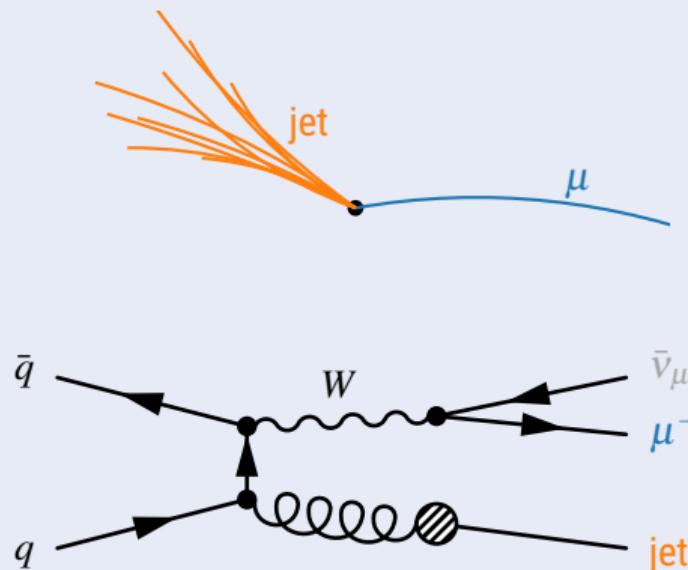
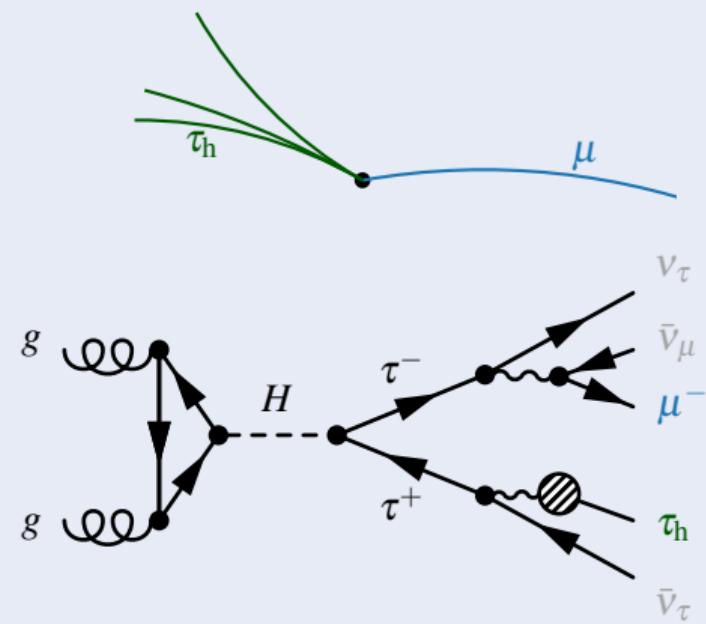


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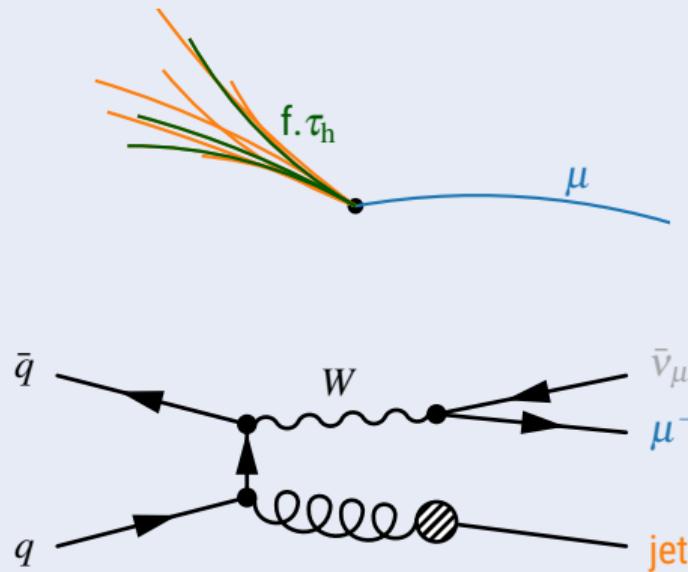


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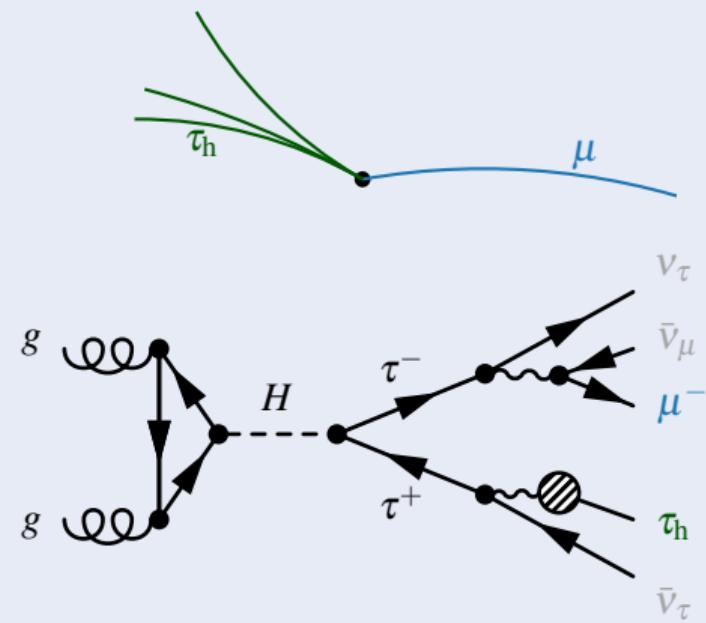
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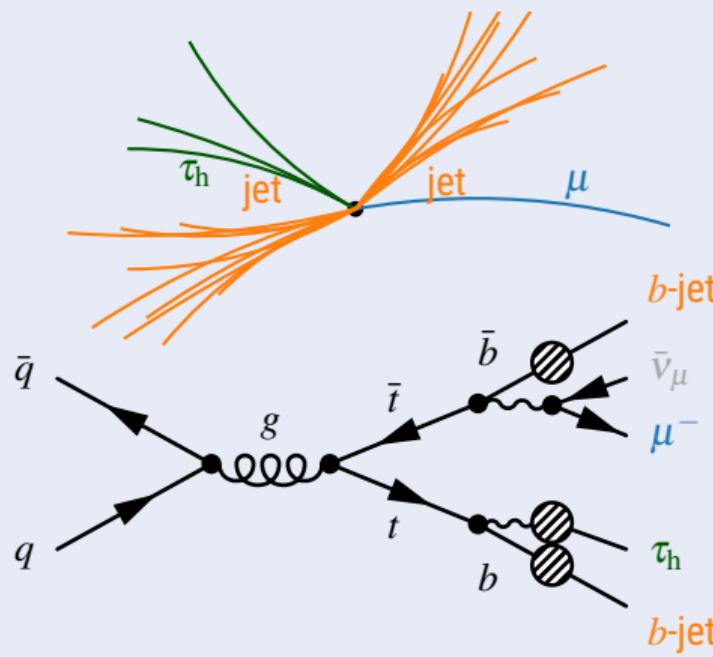
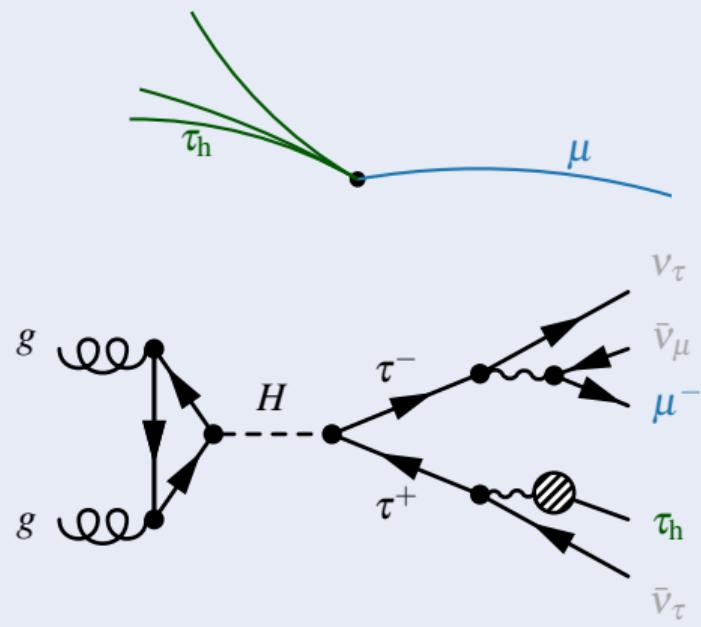
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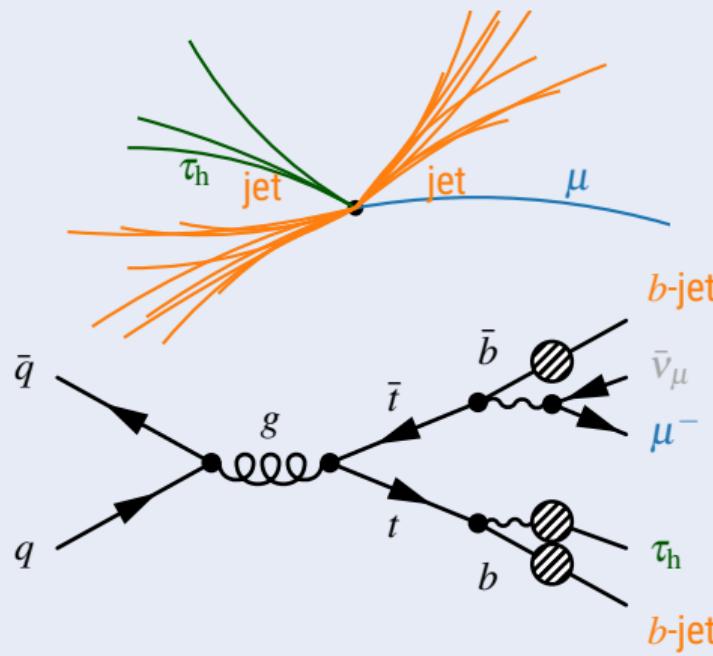
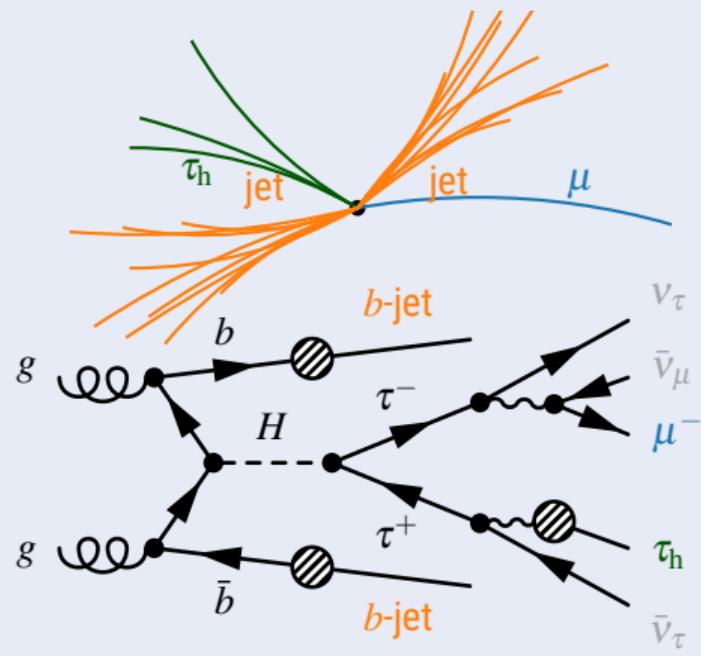
$W + \text{jets}$ , jet  $\rightarrow$  fake  $\tau_h$



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

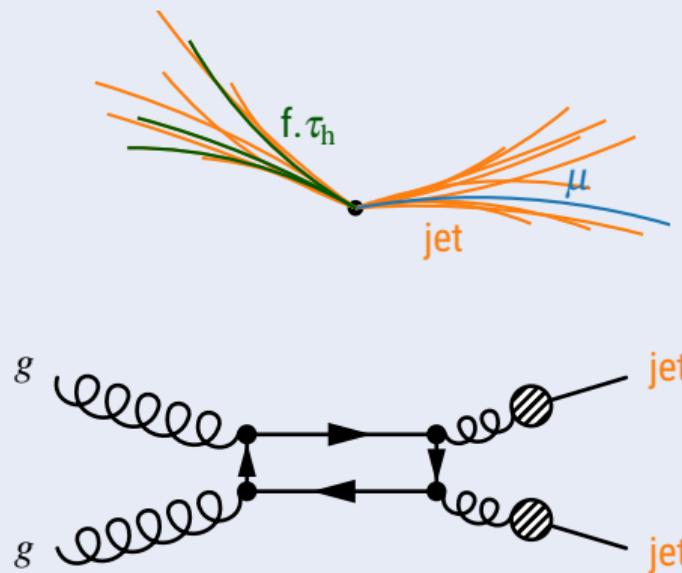


Backgrounds:  $t\bar{t}$  $t\bar{t}$  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu\tau_h$ 

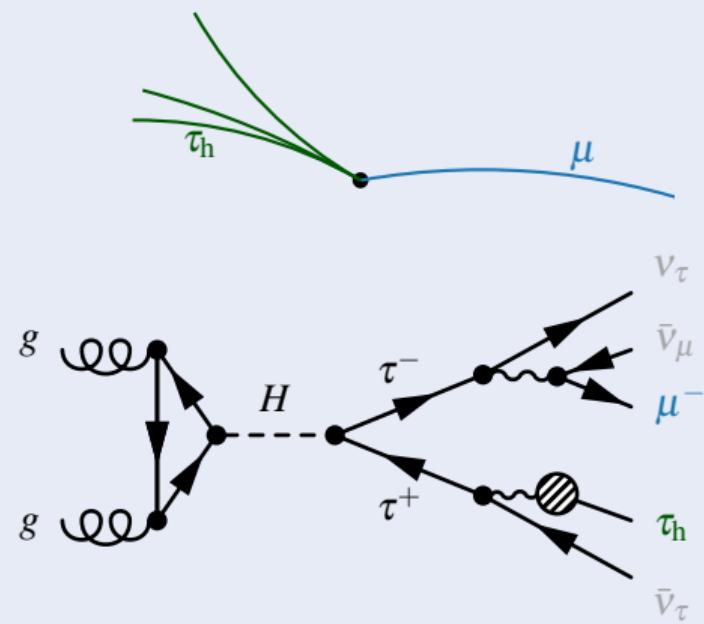
Backgrounds:  $t\bar{t}$  $t\bar{t}$  $H$  production with  $b$ -jets

# Backgrounds: QCD

QCD

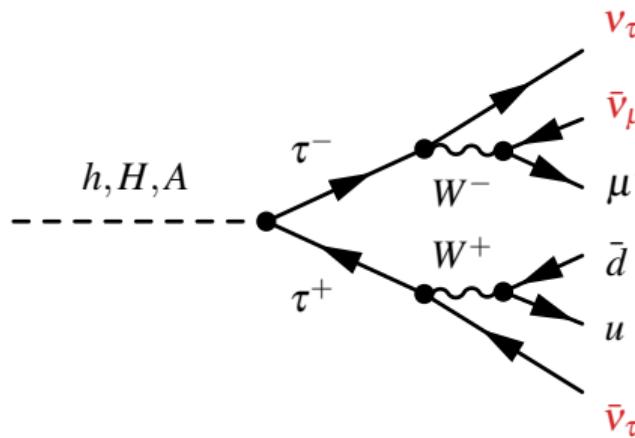


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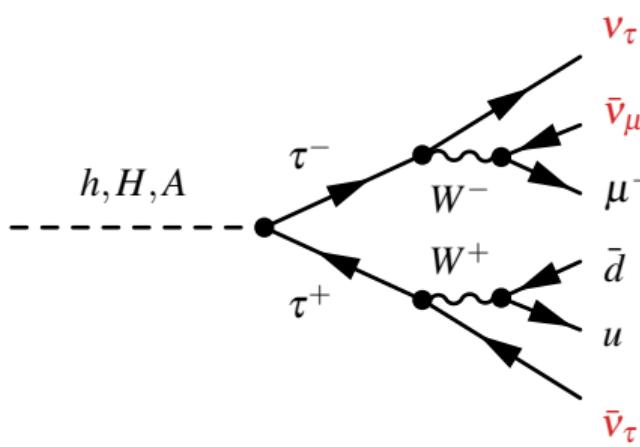
# Discriminant variable?

- ▶  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  due to neutrinos.
- ▷ No invariant mass!

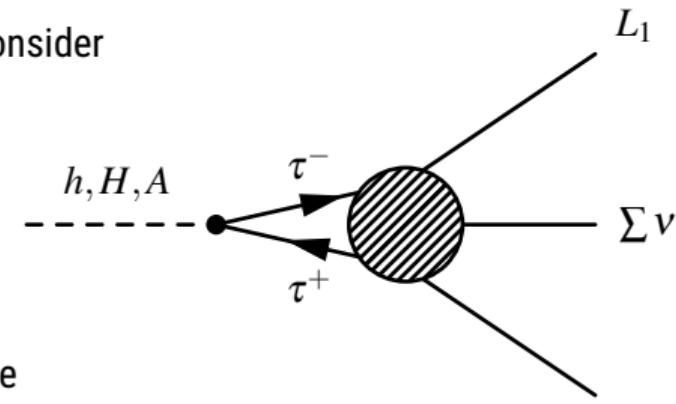


# Discriminant variable?

- ▶  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  due to neutrinos.
- ▷ No invariant mass!



- ▶ Consider



where

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

with respect to the left side.

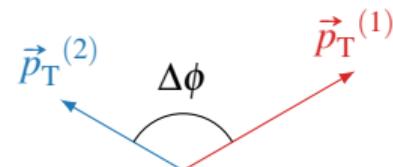
# Discriminant variable: $m_T^{\text{tot}}$

- ▶ 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**,  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$

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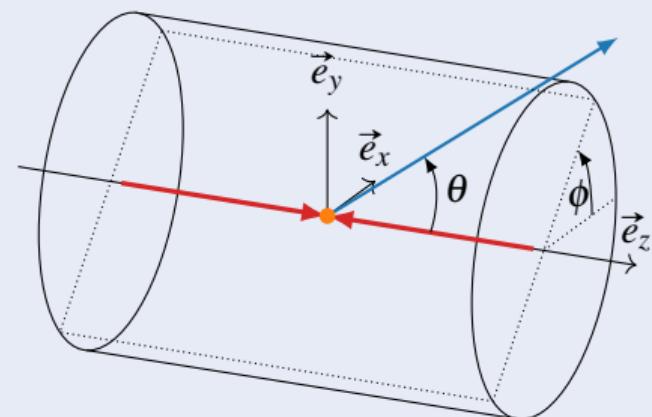
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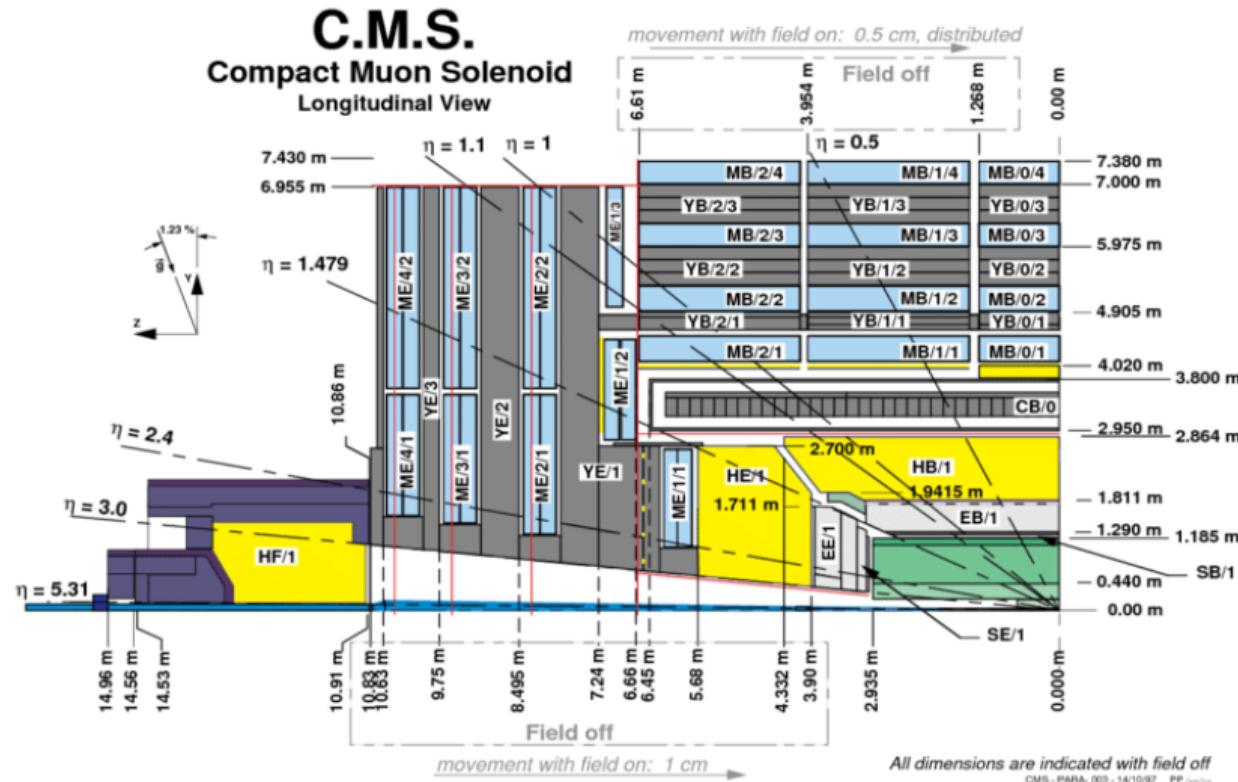
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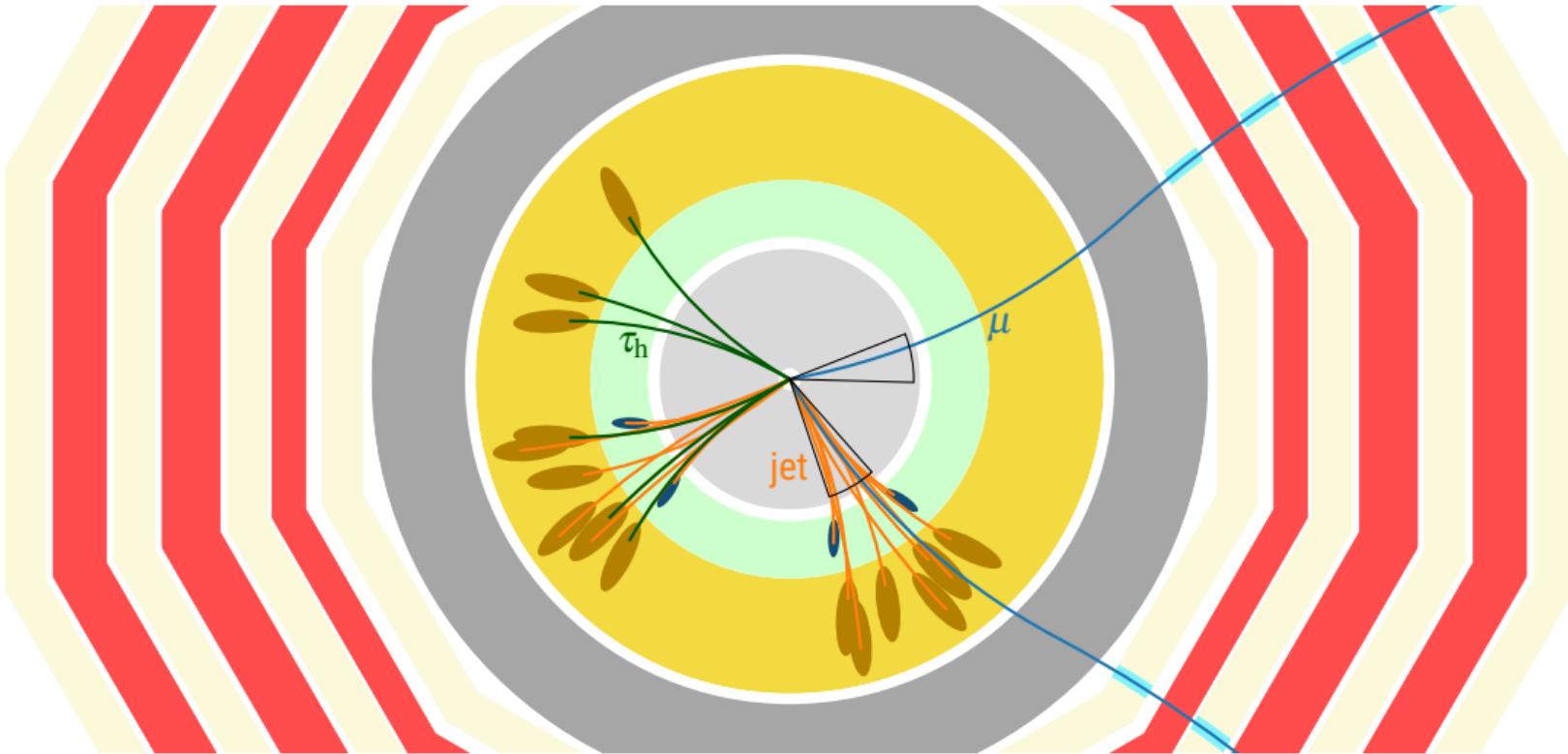


$$\eta = -\ln \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

# Values of $\eta$ and trajectories in CMS



# Particles isolation – qualitatively

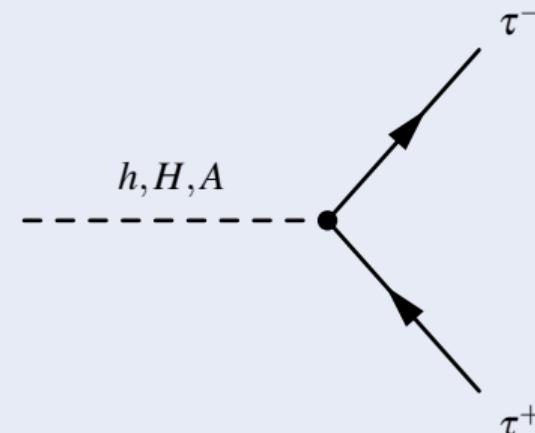


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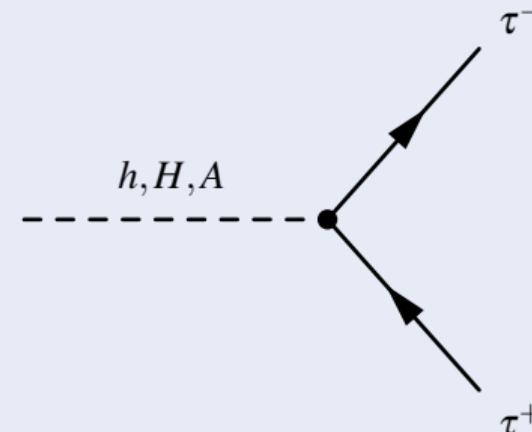


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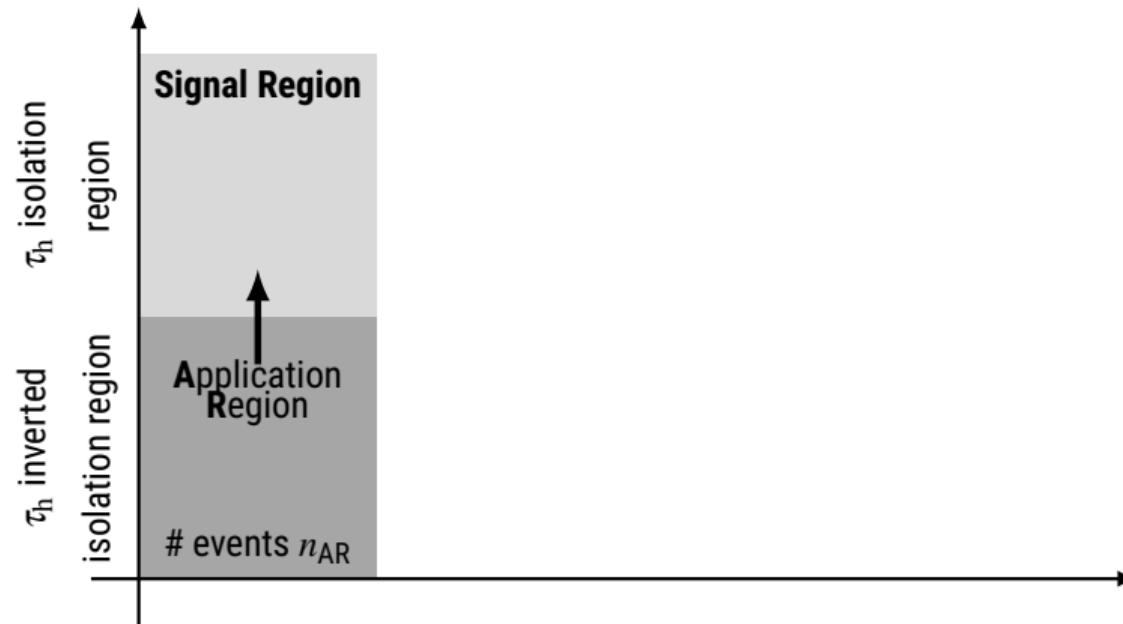
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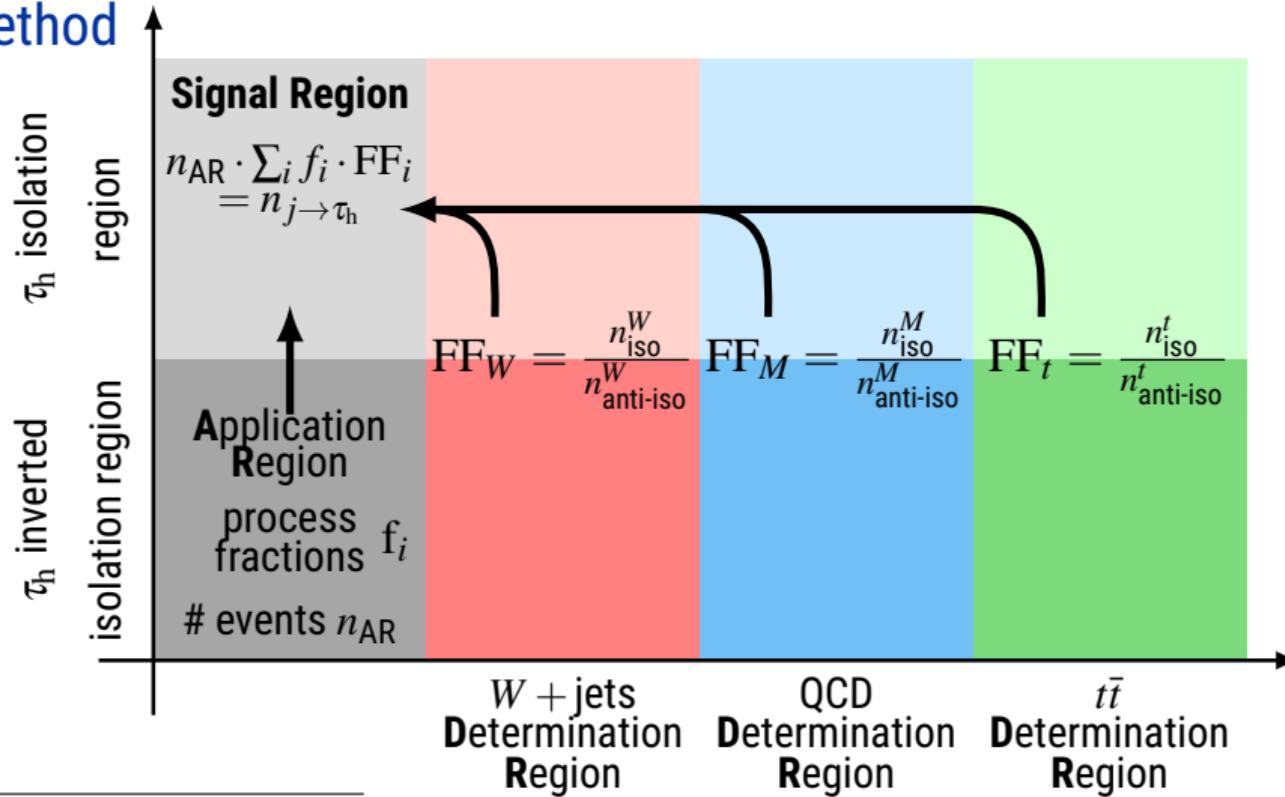
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# $m_T^{\text{tot}}$ distributions

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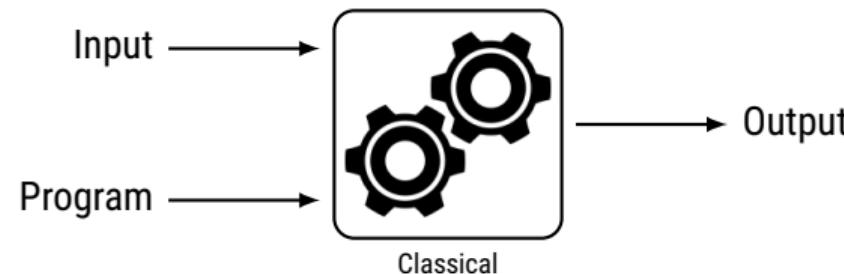
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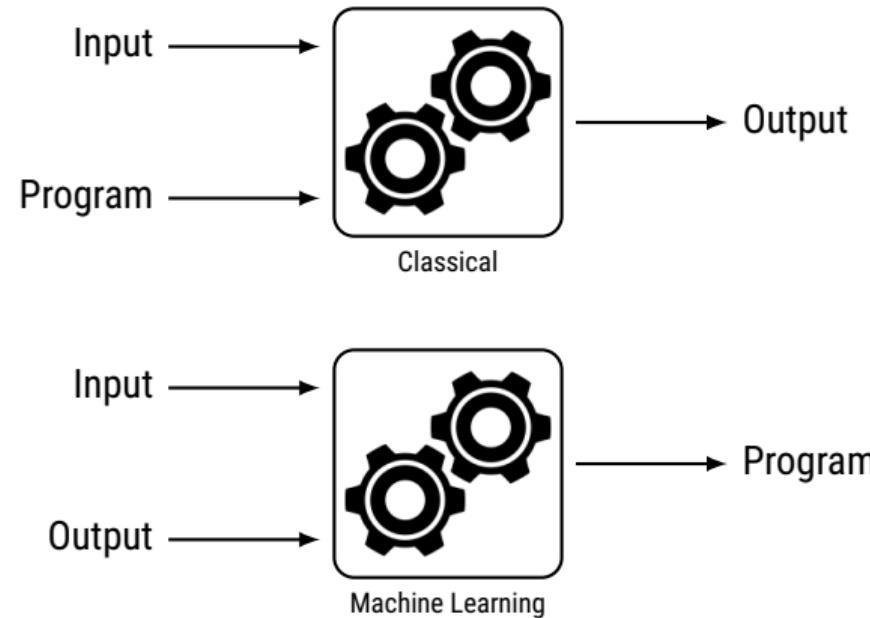
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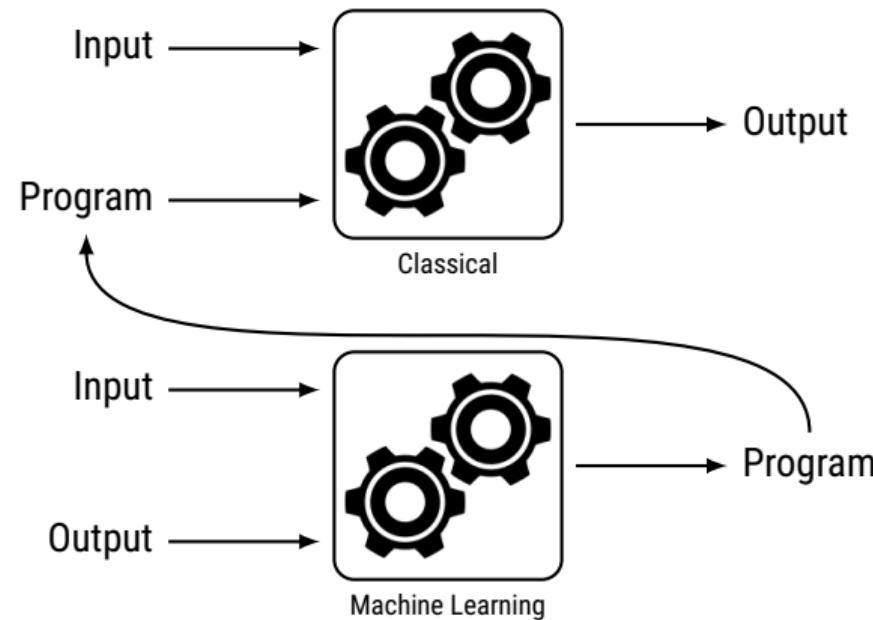
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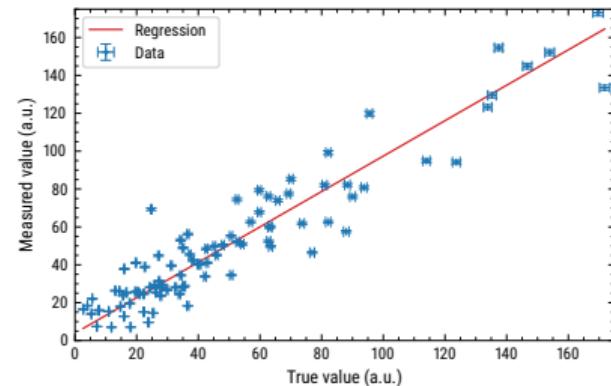
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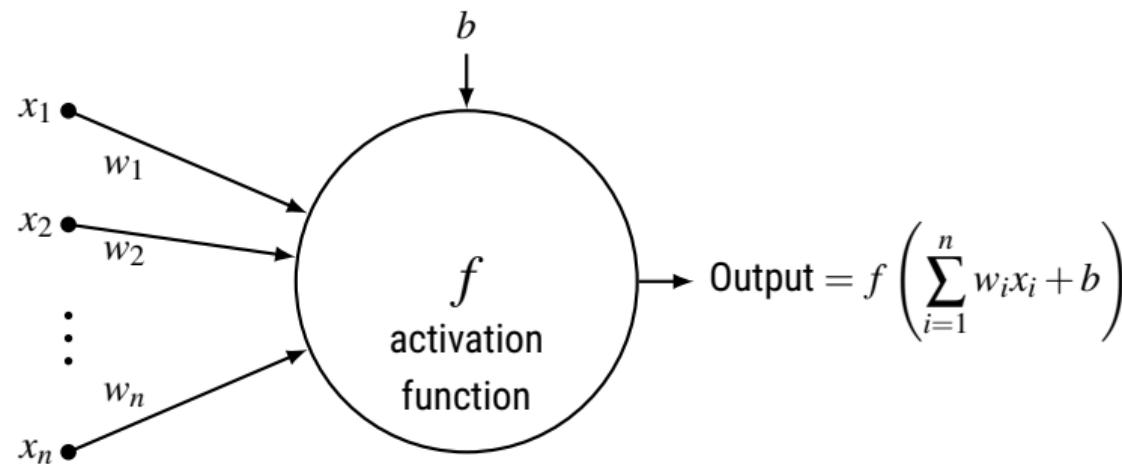
- ▶ Continuous target  $\Rightarrow$  Regression  
e.g. discriminating variable!  
Linear case:



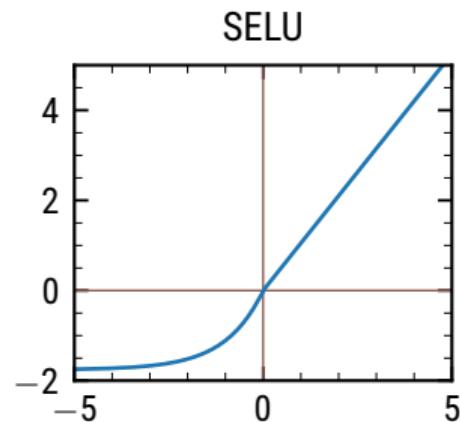
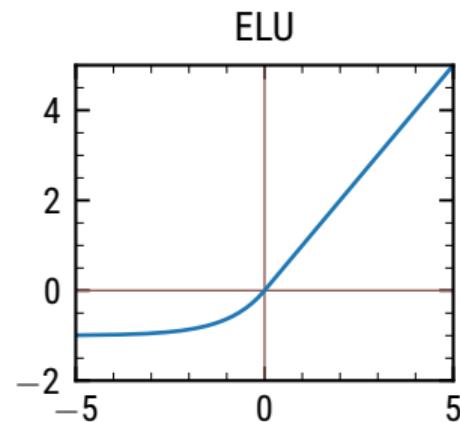
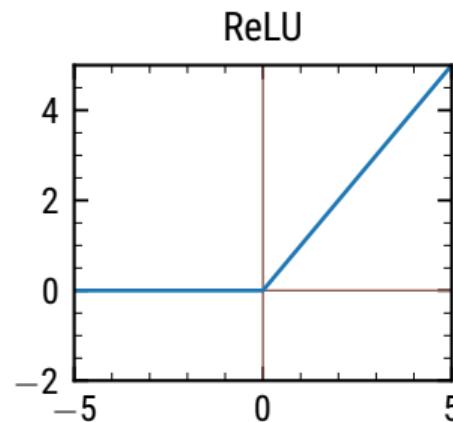
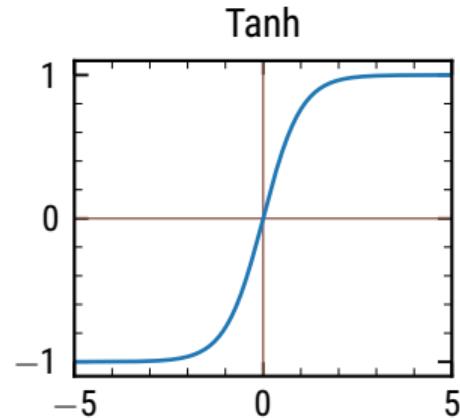
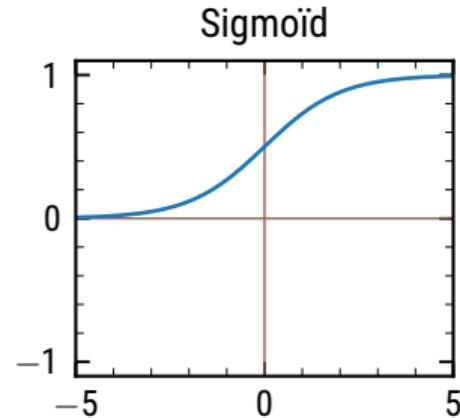
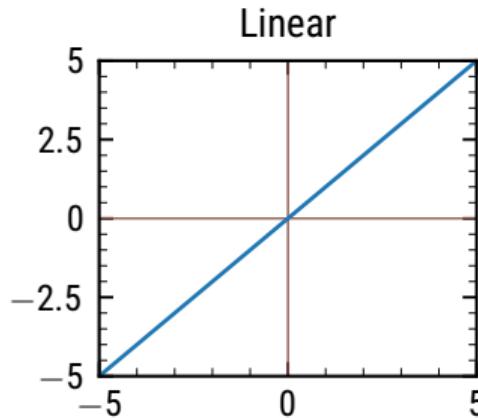
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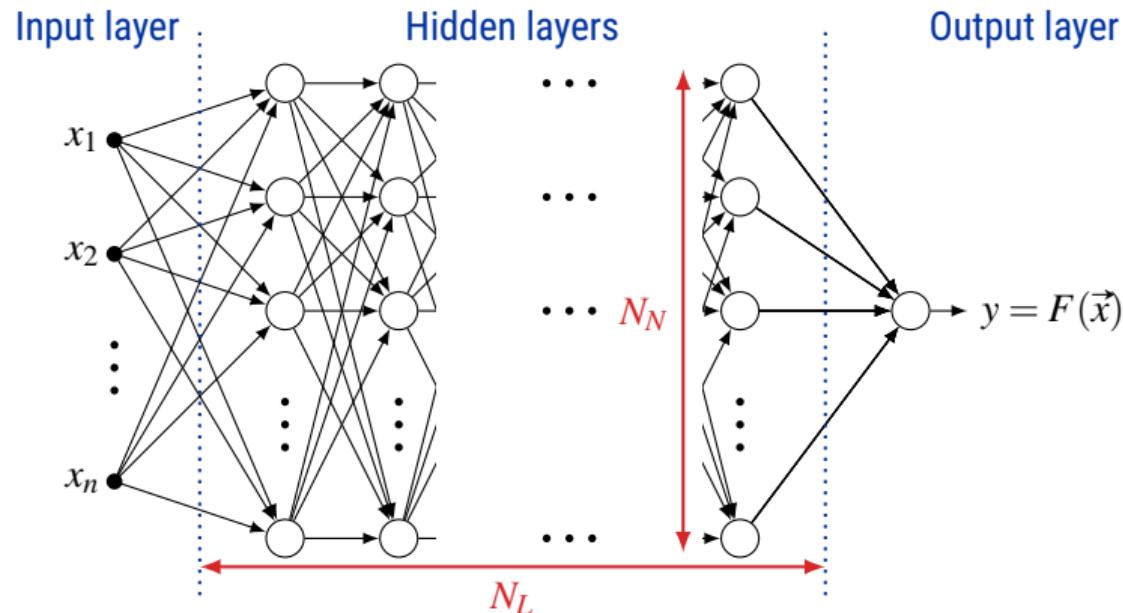
What if the target is not linear wrt. input?

# Neurons in ML



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





e.g.  $N_L = 3$  and  $N_N = 1000$

# Grid search: hyperparameters

Hyperparameter	Values
Hidden layers	from 2 to 5
Neurons per layers	from 500 to 2000 (per sets of 100)
Loss function	MAPE, MSE
Activation function	ReLU, ELU, SELU
Optimizer	Adam, Adadelta, SGD
Weights initialisation	uniform, normal

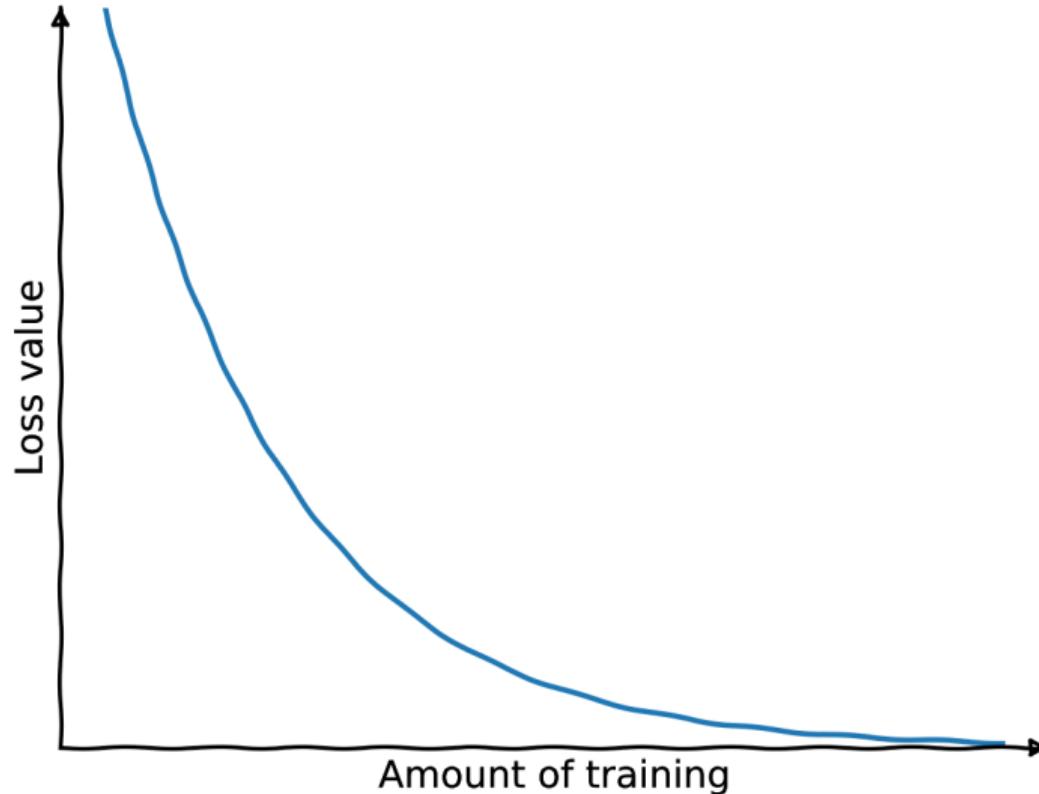
+ different sets of input variables

# How to train a neural network?

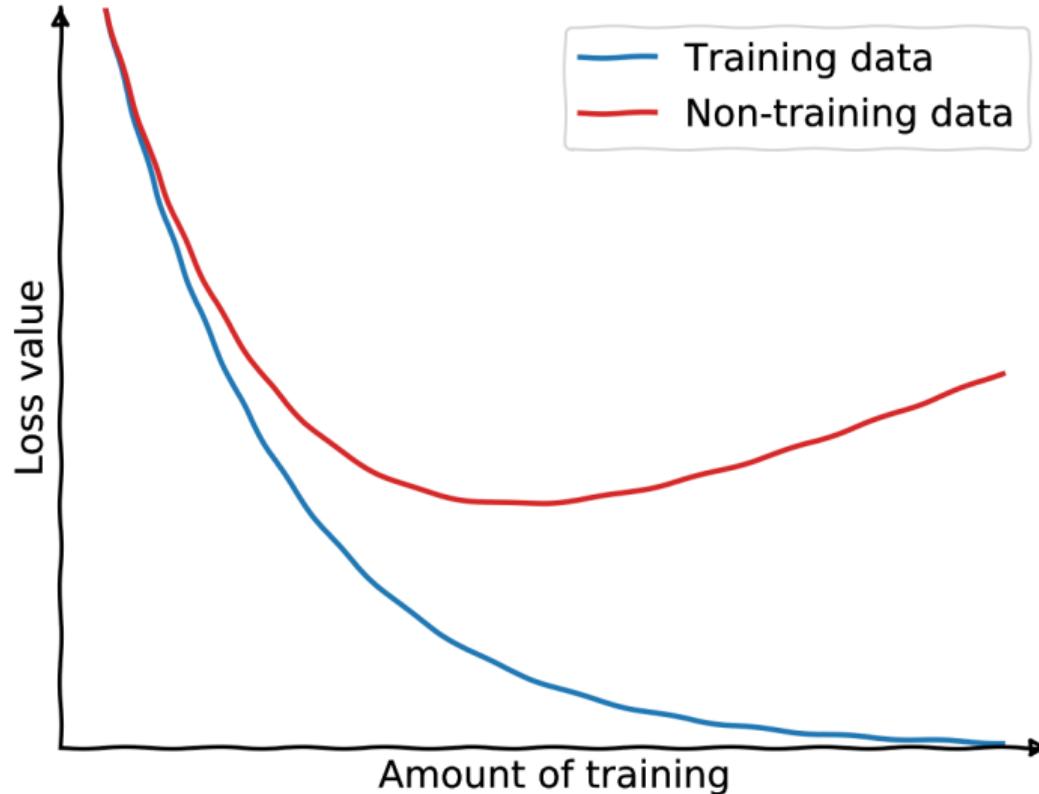
Train = optimize parameters  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, b)$  for each neuron.

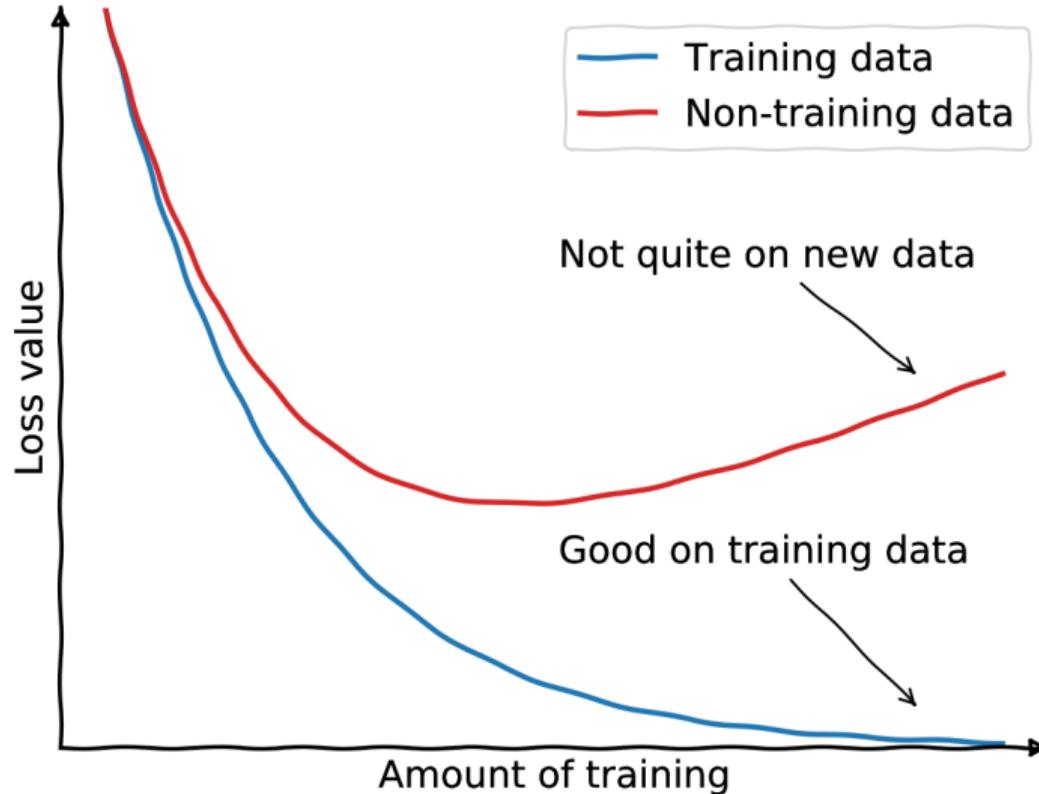
- ▶ Get a **training dataset** = examples of inputs  $\vec{x}_i$  with corresponding outputs  $y_i$
- ▶ Compare the model predictions  $F(\vec{x}_i)$  to the true values  $y_i$ 
  - ▷ Define a **loss function**  $L$  such that its minimum is reached when  $F(\vec{x}_i) = y_i$
  - ▷ Change the parameters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

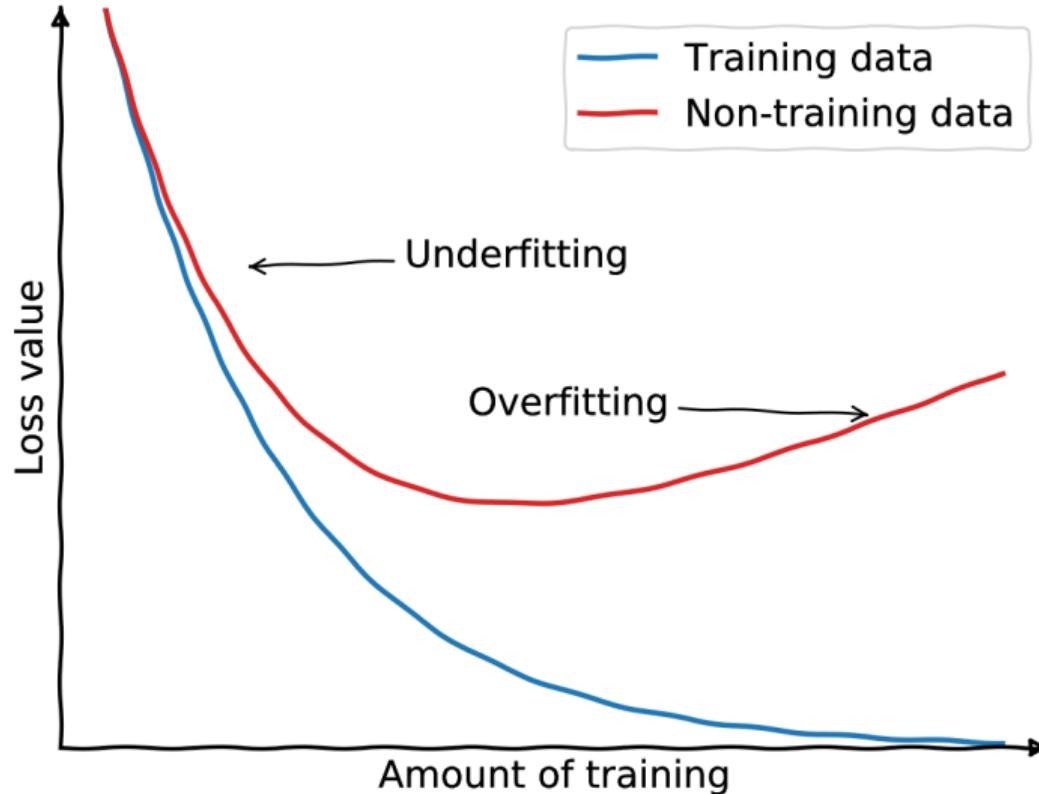
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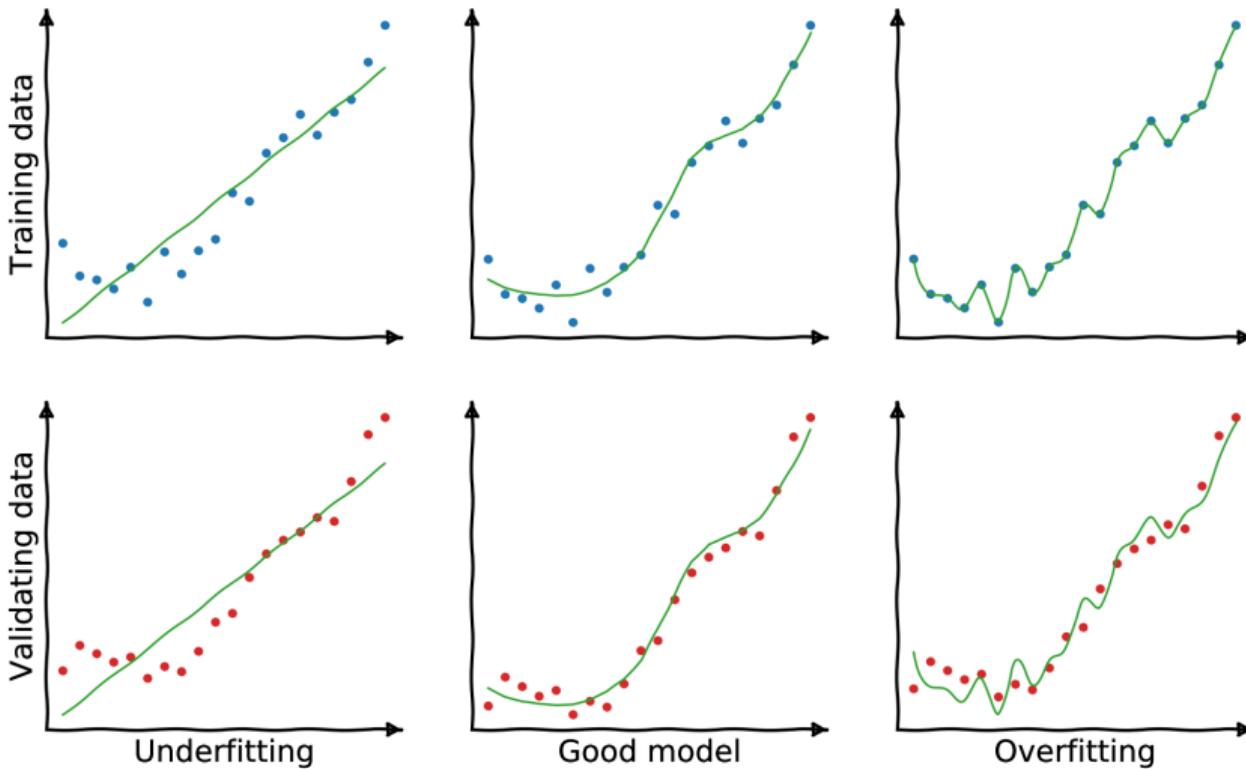


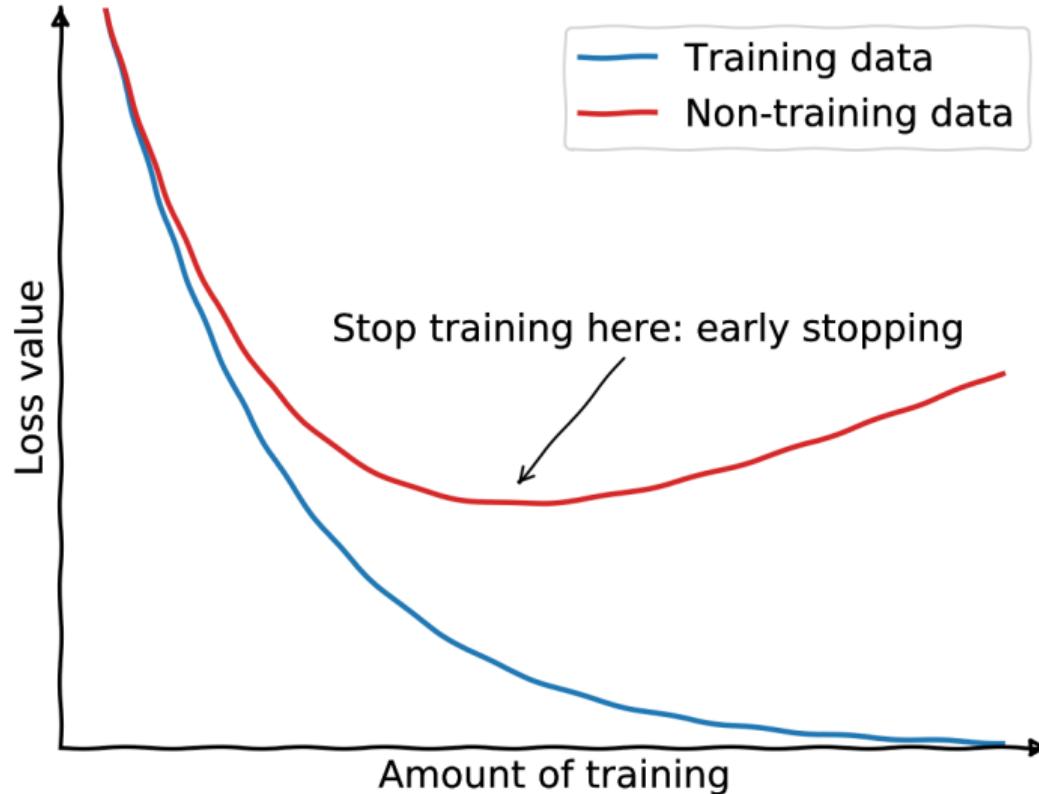


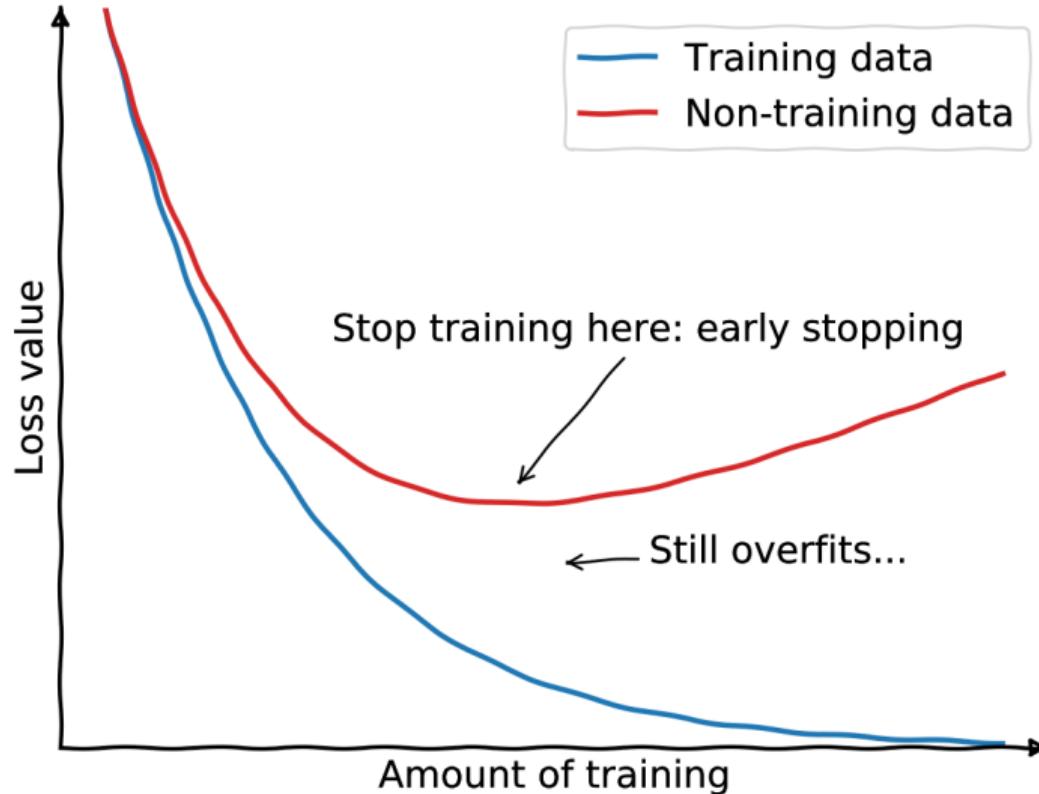


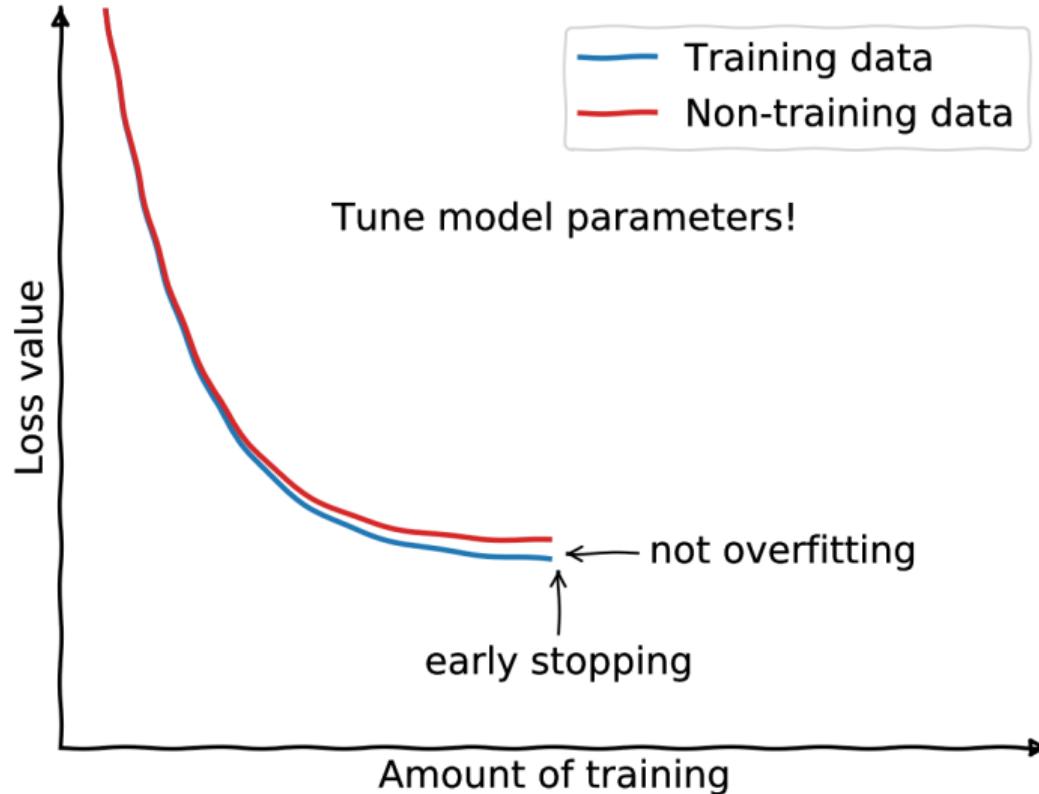










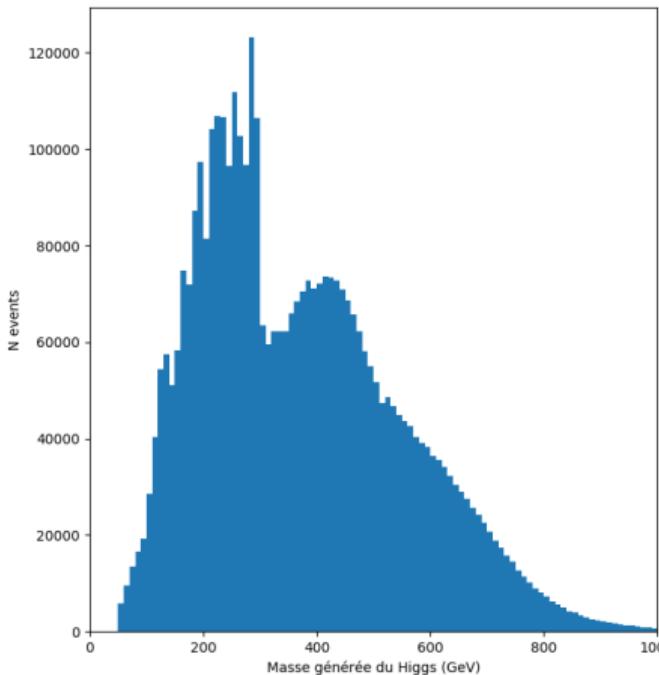


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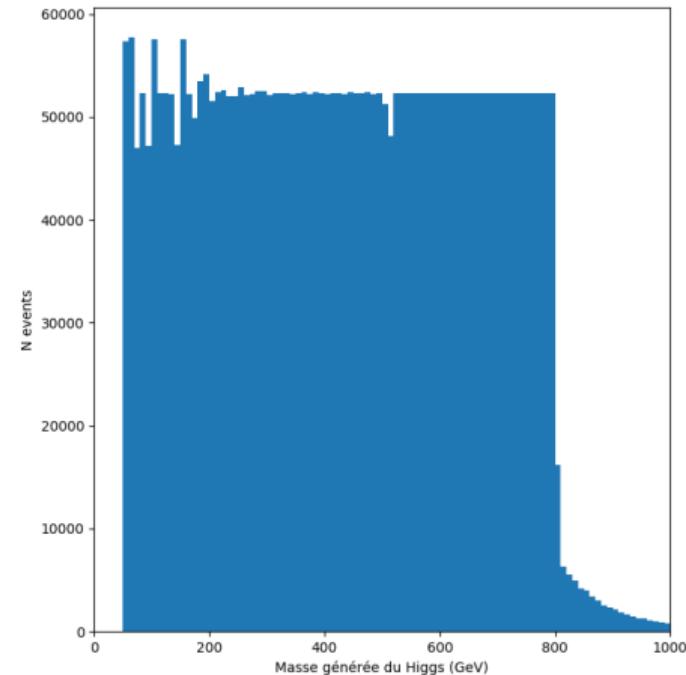
# Datasets

- ▶ We generated  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  with FastSim, only changing  $m_H \in [50, 800]$  GeV:
  - ▷ 60,000 events for  $m_H < 300$  GeV,
  - ▷ 20,000 events for  $300 \text{ GeV} \leq m_H < 500 \text{ GeV}$ ,
  - ▷ 10,000 events for  $m_H \geq 500 \text{ GeV}$ .
- ▶ Split into 3 subsamples:
  - ▷ 70 % for training,
  - ▷ 20 % for validation,
  - ▷ remaining 10 % for tests.

# Target: $m_H$

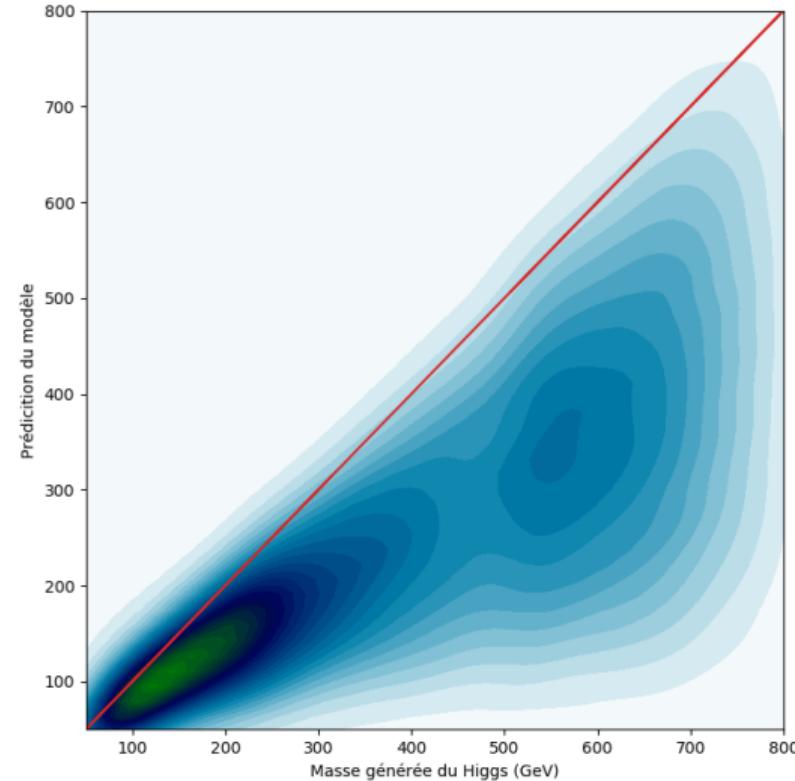


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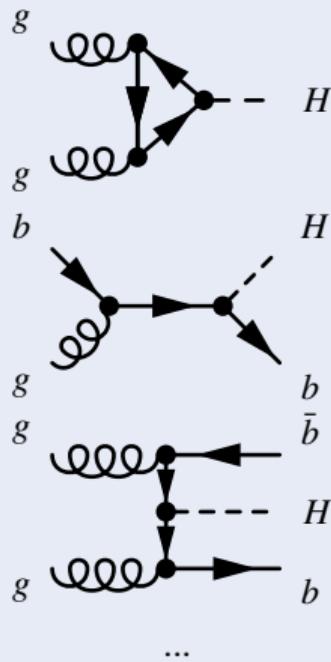
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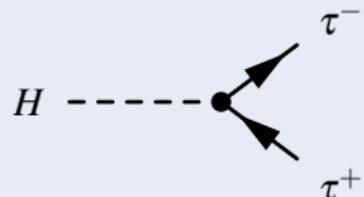
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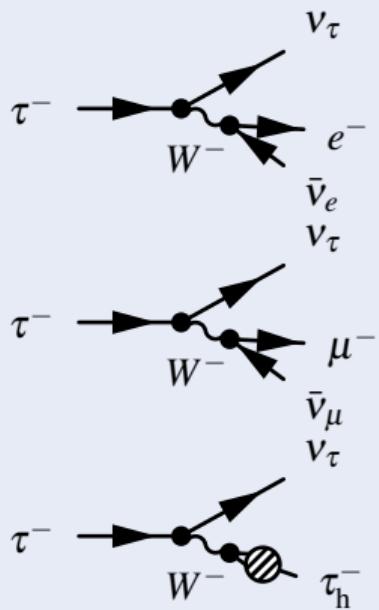
eventual jets

## $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$



2 taus

## $\tau$ decays



$\{1, 2\}$  neutrinos per tau  
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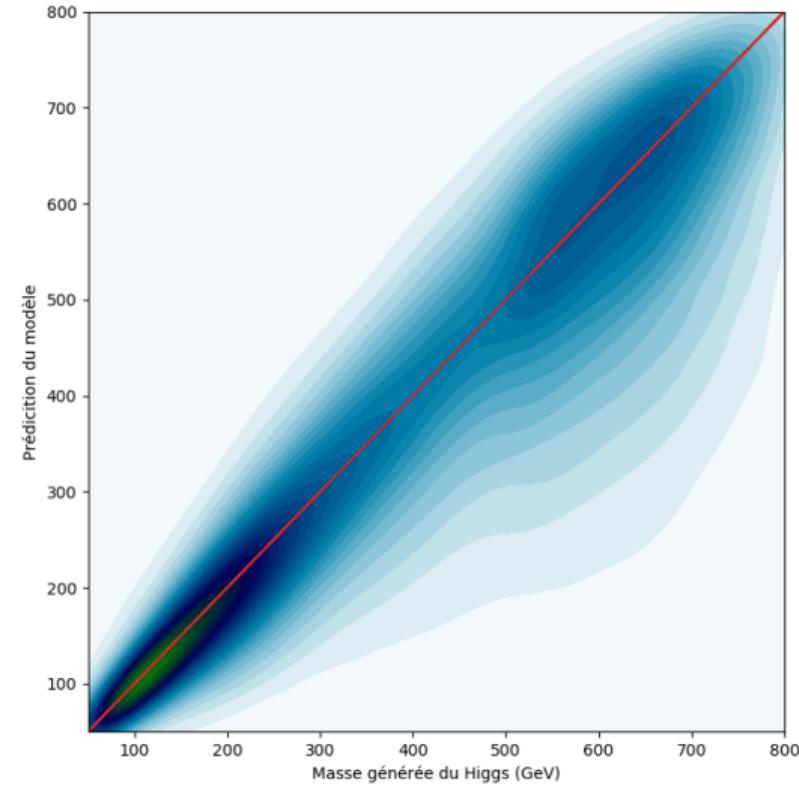
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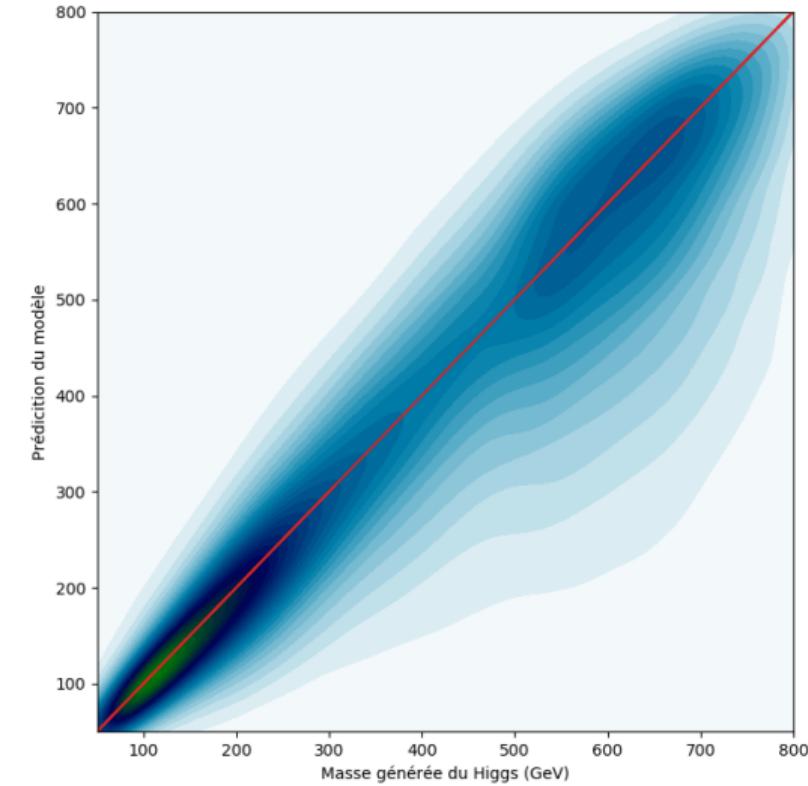
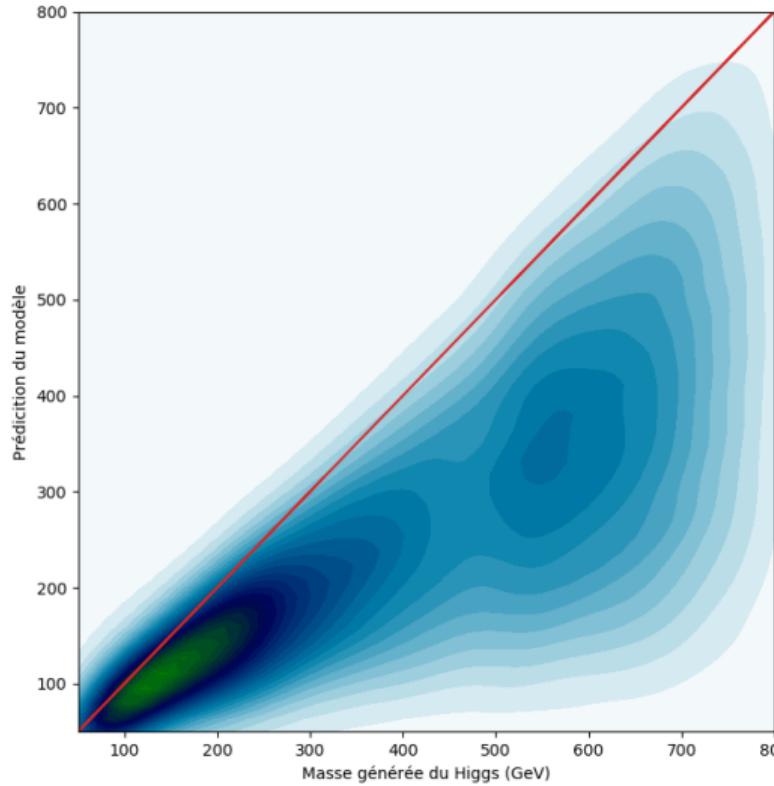
# Best model obtained

## Model properties

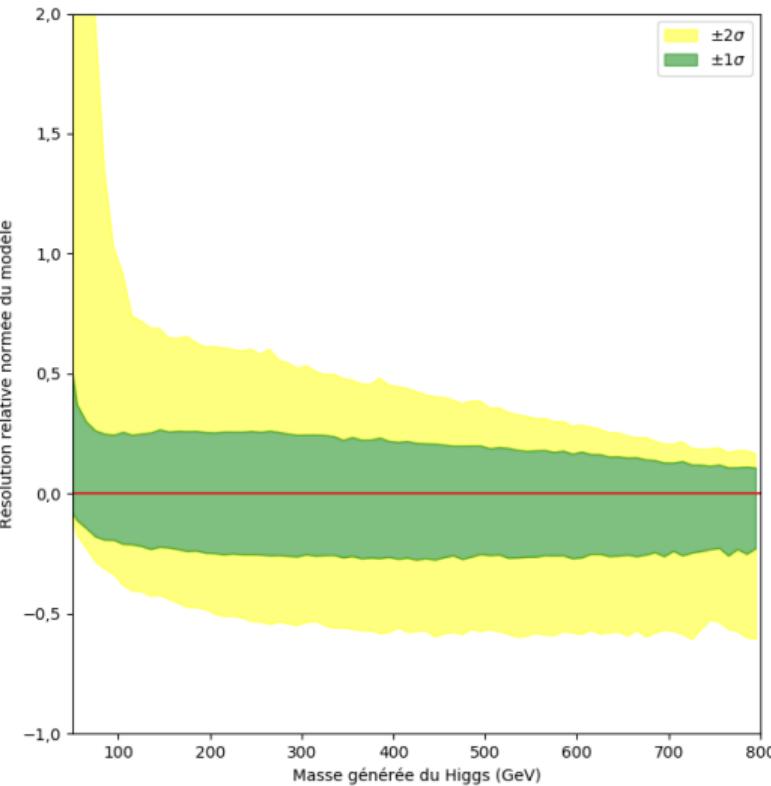
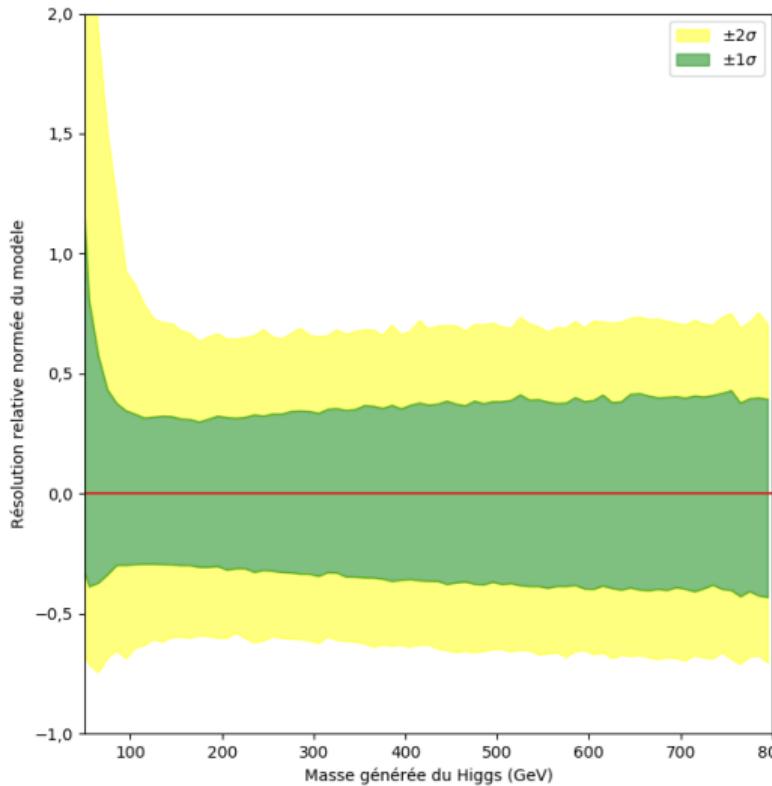
Activation function	SELU
Loss function	MAPE
Optimizer	Adam
Hidden layers	3
Neurons per hidden layer	1000



## ► Compare with $m_T^{\text{tot}}$



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# Next step?

- ▶ Switch from  $m_T^{\text{tot}}$  to a ML-based output
- ▶ Improvement on exclusion limits?
- ▶ Computing on its way!

Thank you for your attention!