# IT'S OK TO BE SELFISH ...IF YOU'RE THE HIGGS BECAUSE WHY STOP AT ONE WHEN YOU CAN HAVE TWO?

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# Abstract

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- Motivation for HH
- Particulars about the 4b final state
- $\bullet$  Connection to ML
- Highlight my work on b-tagging
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#### Theoretical motivation

- 2.1 The Standard Model
- 2.2 The Higgs mechanism

I heard from Dale that the pdg is a v good ref for this!!

- 2.3 Effective Field Theories to search for new physics
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# LHC

# **ATLAS**

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# Analysis selection

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# Appendix B

# Further statistics fundamentals

# Appendix C

# Gaussian Processes

# Appendix D

ML for jet  $\rightarrow$  parton assignment

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