

# Challenges of the LHC

(the hunt for the Higgs Boson)

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# Outline

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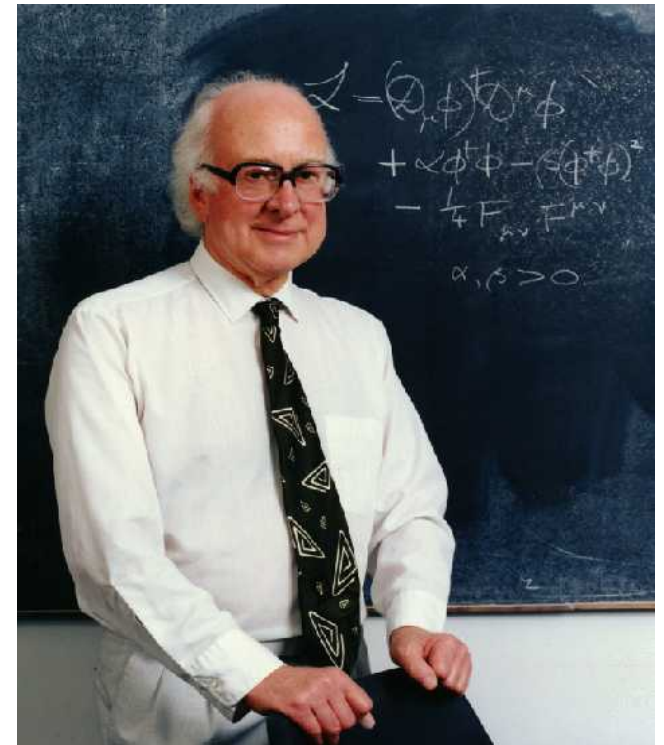
- Quest for the Higgs Boson

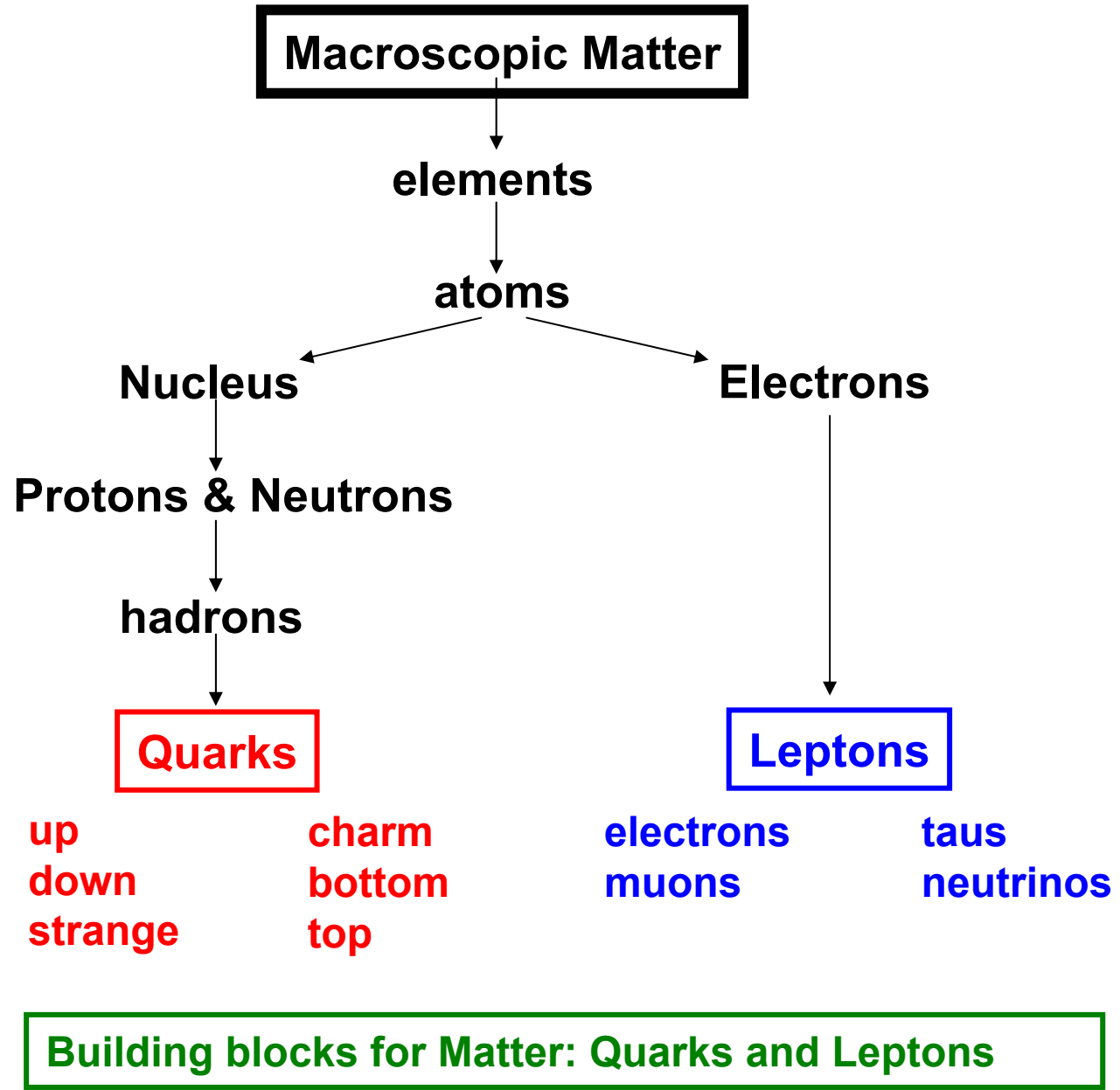
## + The challenges

- Accelerator
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# QUARKS

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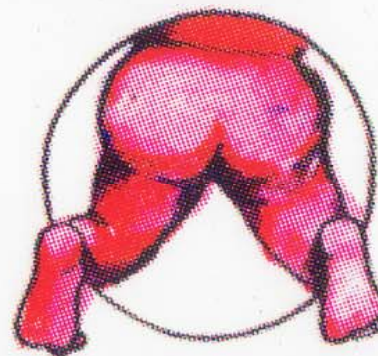
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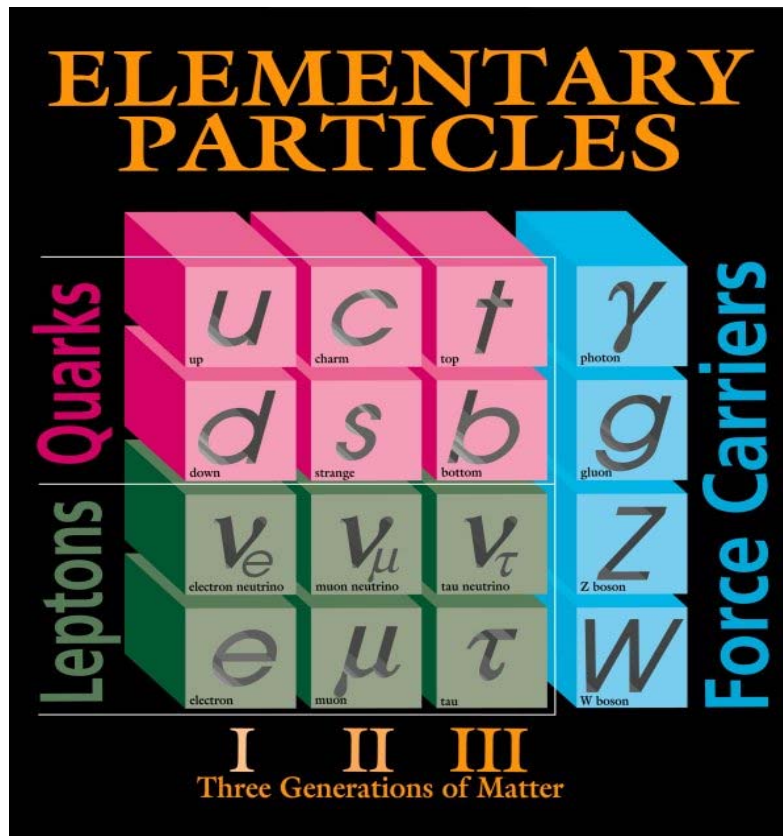
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What is the origin of the particle masses?

Why some particles are heavier than others?

The discovery of the Higgs boson should answer these questions

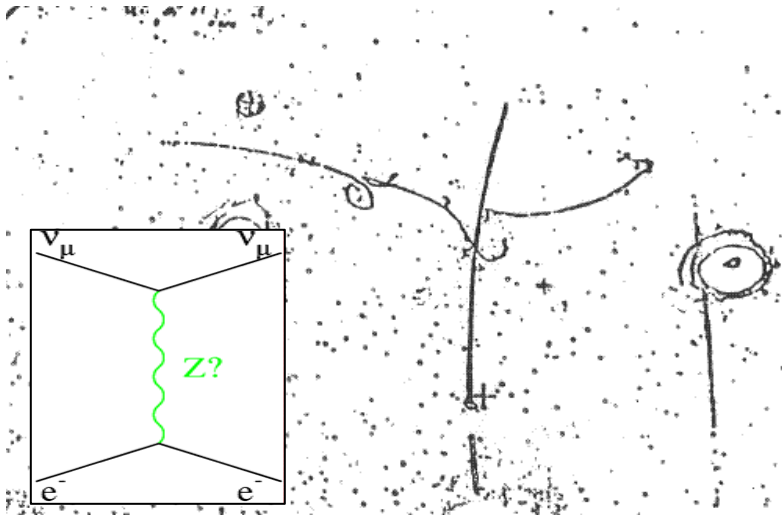


# Brief Historical Perspective

**1964:** First formulation of Higgs mechanism (P.W.Higgs)

**1967:** Electroweak unification, with W, Z and H (Glashow, Weinberg, Salam)

**1973:** Discovery of neutral currents in  $\nu_\mu e$  scattering (Gargamelle, CERN)



**1974:** Complete formulation of the standard model with  $SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$

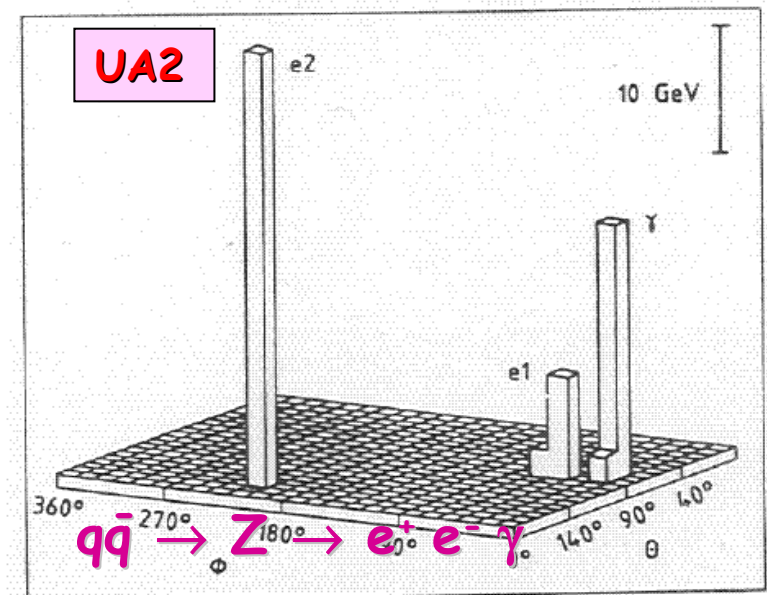
**1981:** The CERN SpS becomes a proton-antiproton collider

LEP and SLC are approved before W/Z boson discovery

**1983:** LEP and SLC construction starts

W and Z discovery (UA1, UA2)

One of the first Z-bosons detected in the world



**1984:** Glimmerings of LHC and SSC  
(pp collisions)

**1987:** First comparative studies of physics  
potential of hadron colliders (LHC/SSC)  
and  $e^+e^-$  linear colliders (CLIC)

**1989:** First collisions in LEP ( $e^+e^-$  collisions)

Precision tests of the SM and search  
for the Higgs boson begin in earnest

R&D for LHC detectors begins

**1993:** The SSC project is cancelled

**1994:** LHC machine is approved (start in 2005)

**1995:** Discovery of the top quark at Fermilab  
by CDF and D0

Precision tests of the SM and search  
for the Higgs boson continue at LEP2

Approval of ATLAS and CMS

**2000:** First possible hint of Higgs boson  
with Mass 115 GeV observed  
by the ALPEPH collaboration at  
LEP ( $e^+e^-$  collisions)

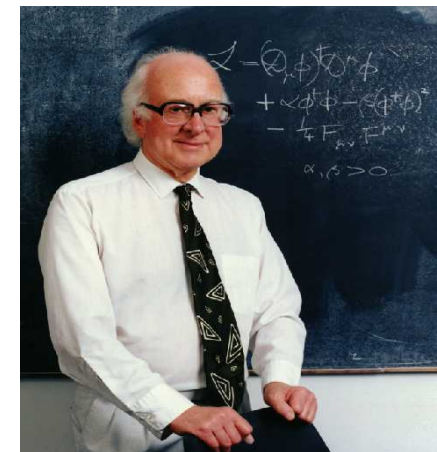
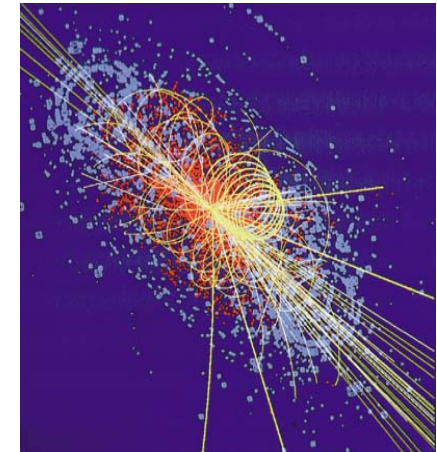
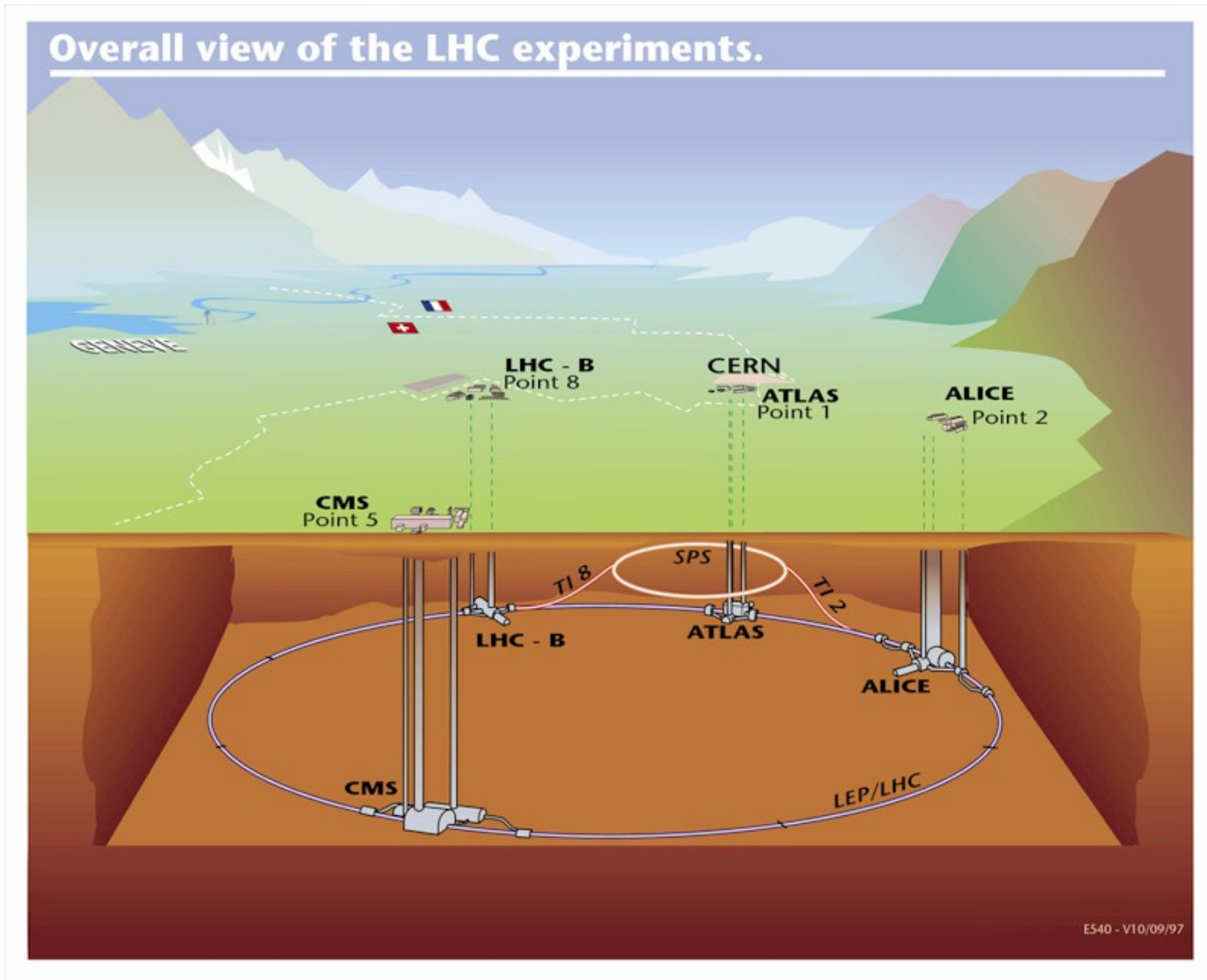
**2000:** Three other LEP experiments do  
not observe significant excess  
Higgs events. 95% Confidence  
Level limit is set to  $M_H > 114 \text{ GeV}$

**2000:** End of LEP running

**2001:** LHC schedule delayed by two more  
years (2007)

**2005:** CERN DG, R.Aymar confirms LHC  
start-up for summer 2007

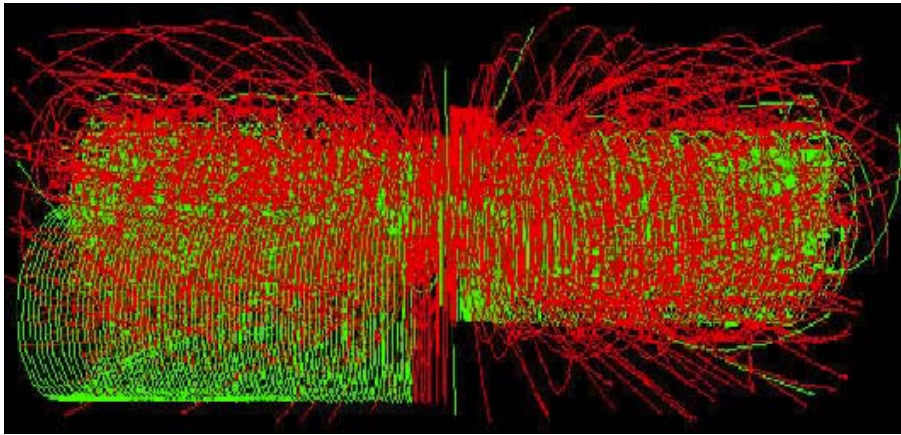
# Higgs Discovery at LHC



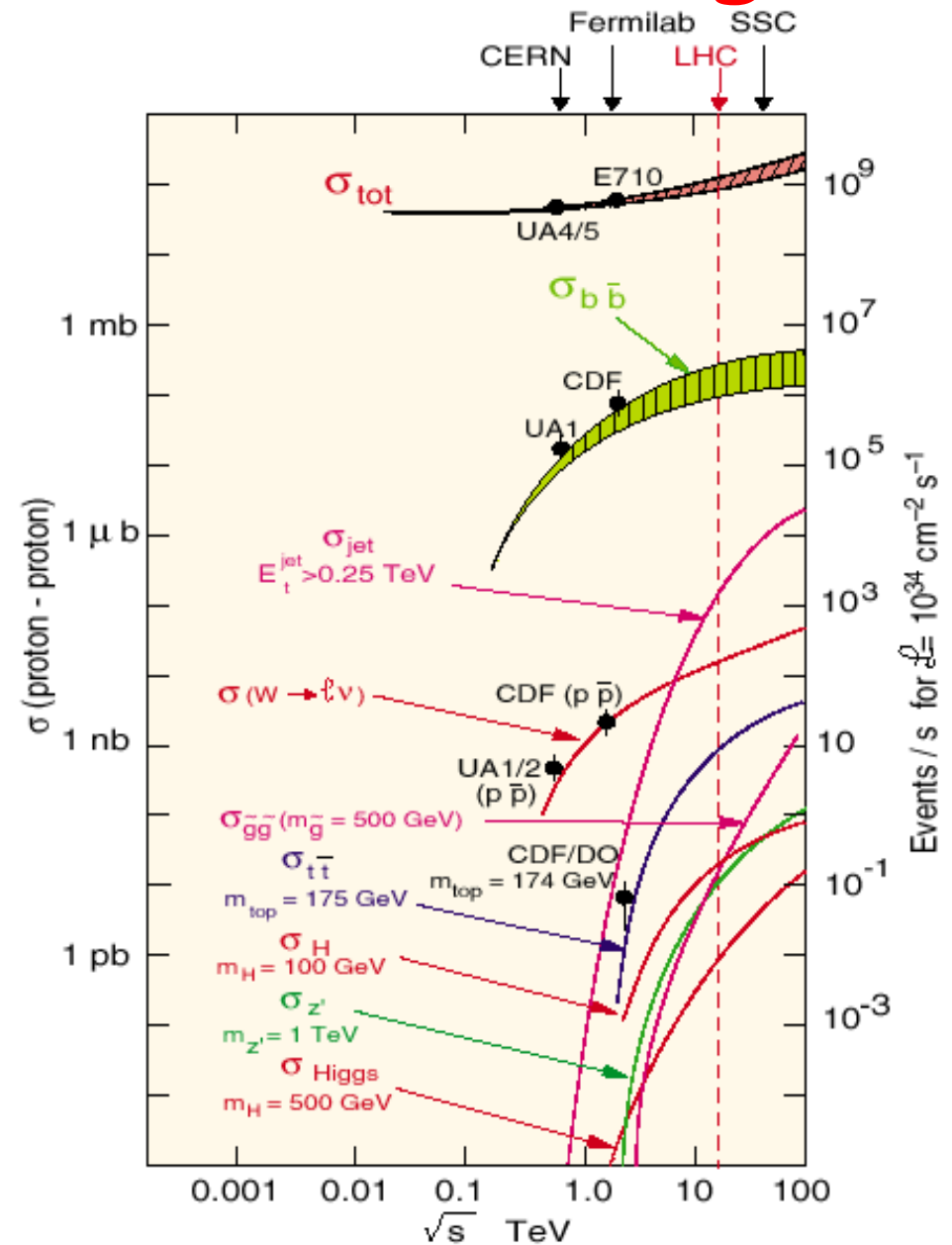
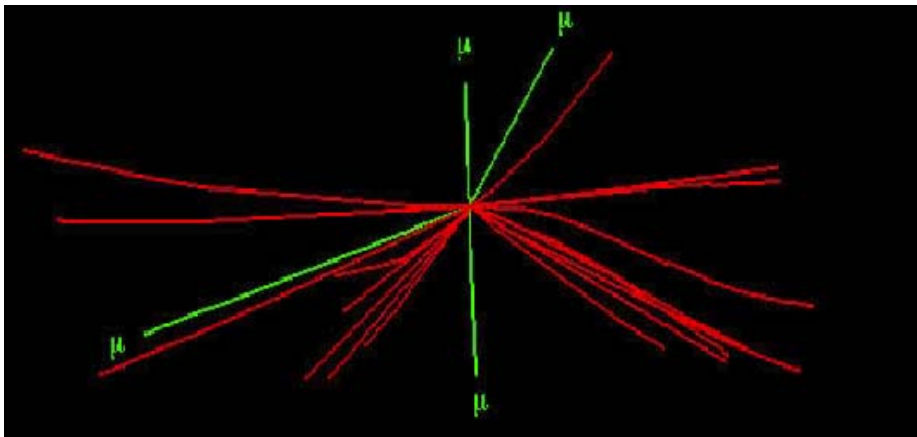


# Higgs at the LHC: the challenge

Knowing that there are  
10 thousand billions of:

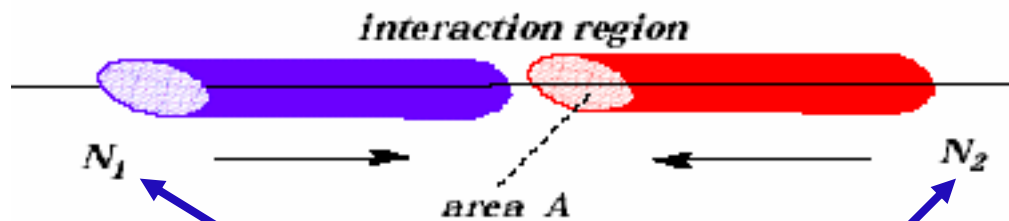


for ONE of:



# Collider Luminosity

$$N_{ev}/sec = \sigma \cdot L \quad [L] = cm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$$



Number of protons in bunches

$$L = \nu \frac{N_1 \cdot N_2}{A}$$

Frequency of bunch crossing

Colliding Area

Large luminosity is achieved by

- Increasing number of proton in bunches (beam current)
- Increasing frequency of bunch crossing
- Decreasing transverse size of interaction region

Challenges of accelerator physics

high bunch current

*beam-beam; collective effects*

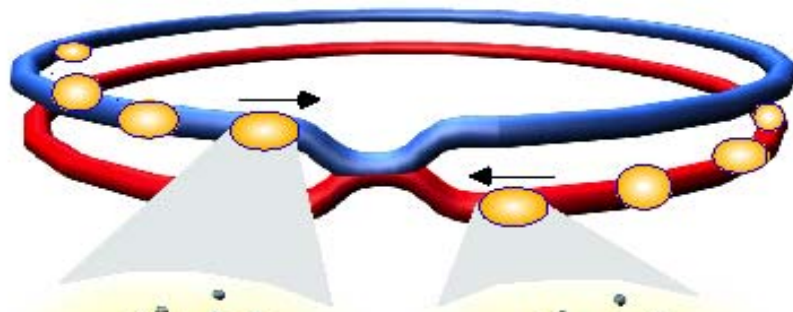
many bunches

*total current (RF); collective effects*

small beam size

*coupling; dispersion; hardware*

# Collisions at LHC



<b>Proton-Proton</b>	2835 bunch/beam
<b>Protons/bunch</b>	$10^{11}$
<b>Beam energy</b>	7 TeV ( $7 \times 10^{12}$ eV)
<b>Luminosity</b>	$10^{34}$ cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>

<b>Crossing rate</b>	40 MHz
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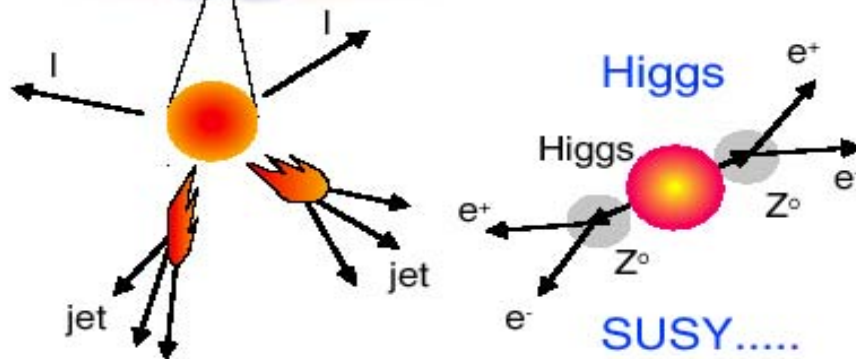
<b>Collisions</b> $\approx$	$10^7 - 10^9$ Hz
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**Bunch**

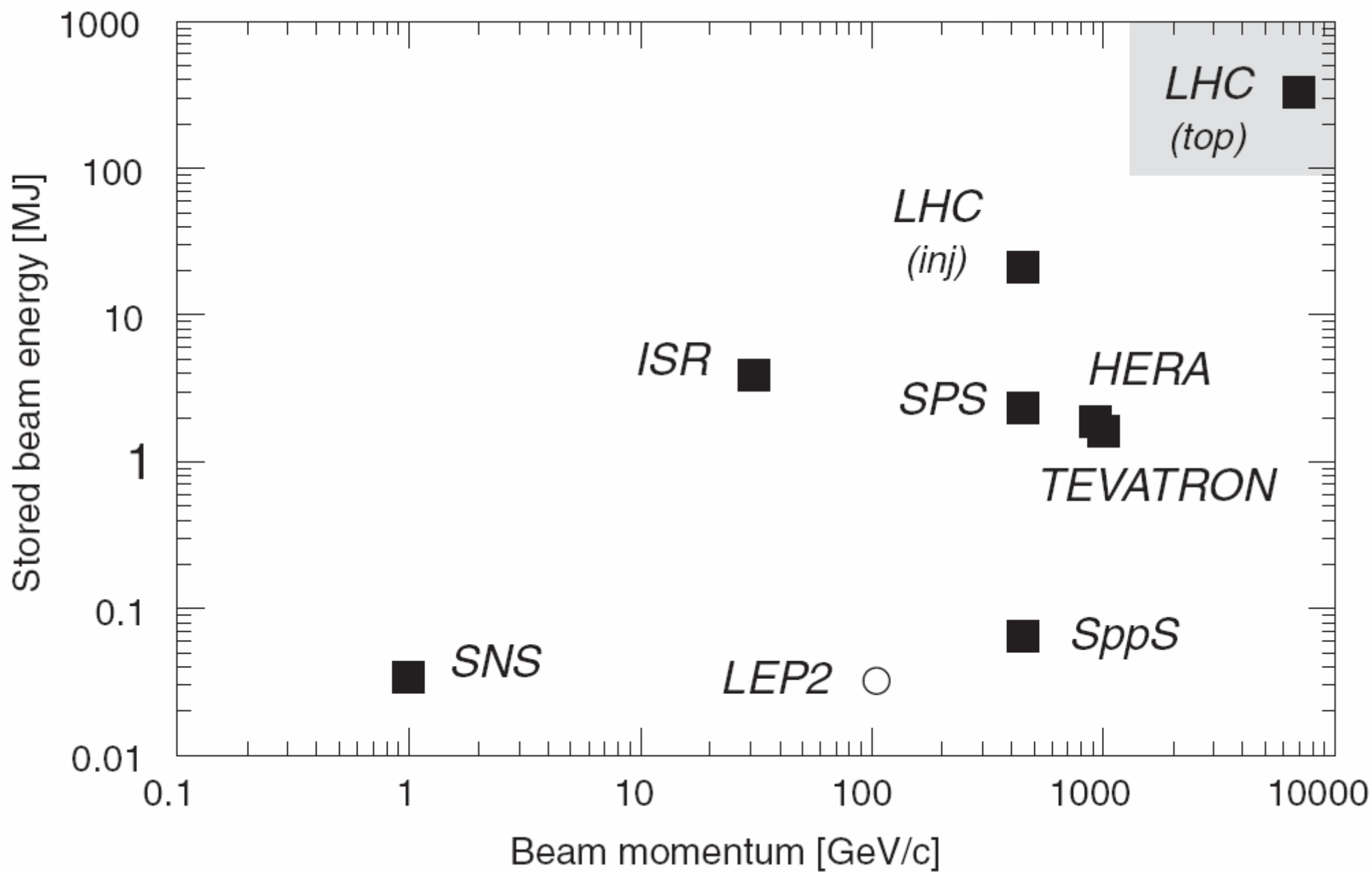
**Proton**

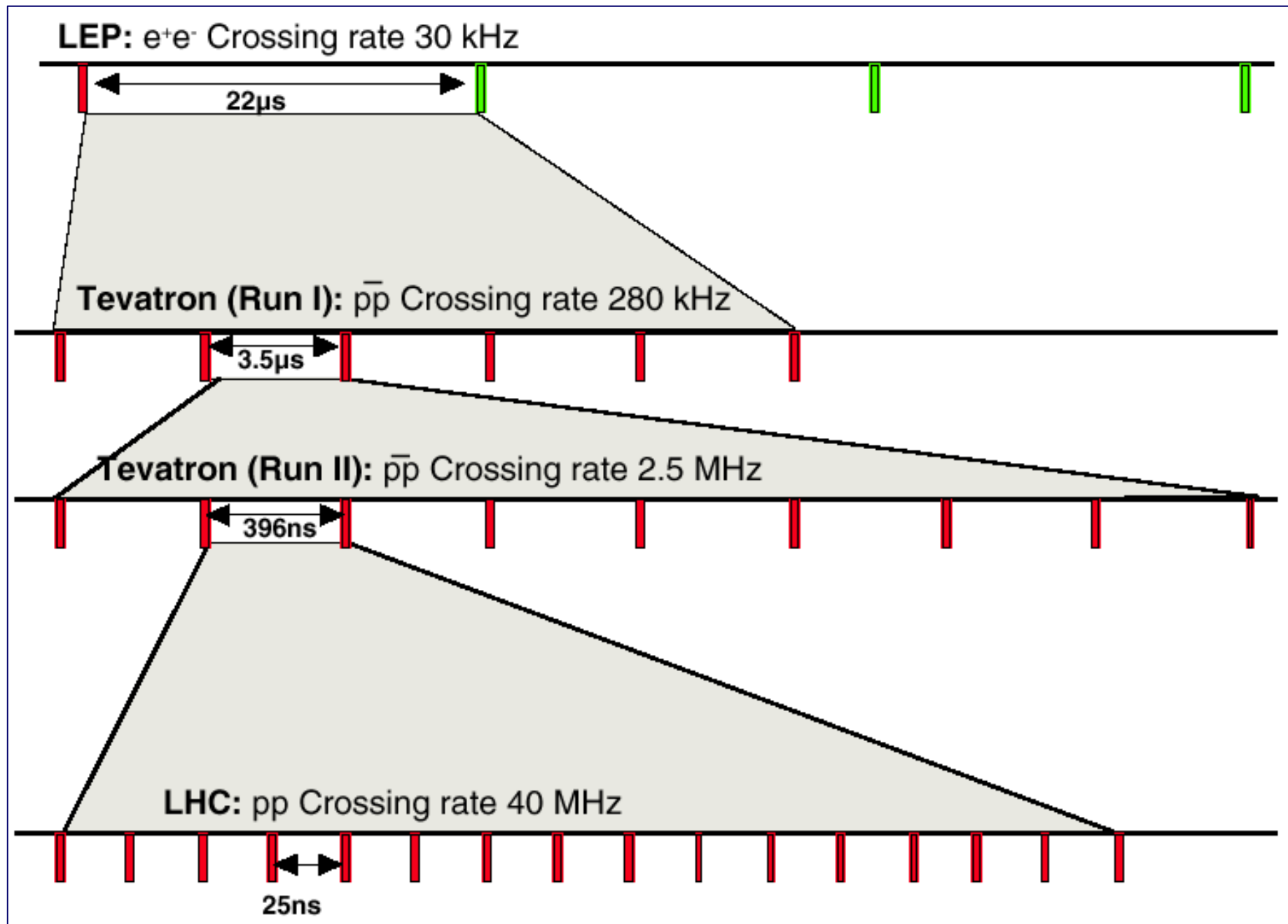
**Parton**  
(quark, gluon)

**Particle**



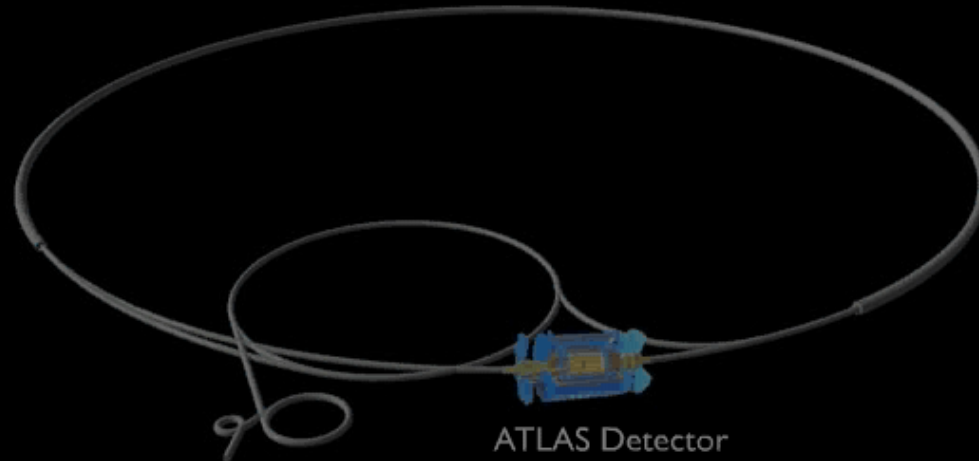
<b>Selection of 1 in</b> <b>10,000,000,000,000</b>
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Large Hadron Collider



ATLAS Detector



**SUPERCONDUCTING COIL**

**ECAL Scintillating  $PbWO_4$  Crystals**

**CALORIMETERS**

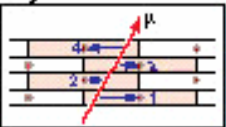
**HCAL** Plastic scintillator  
copper sandwich

**IRON YOKE**

**TRACKER**

Micro Strip Gas Chambers (**MSGC**)  
Silicon Microstrips  
Pixels

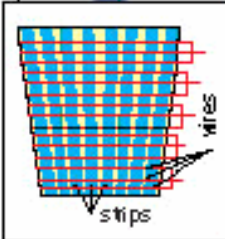
**MUON BARREL**



Drift Tube Chambers (**DT**)



Resistive Plate Chambers (**RPC**)



**MUON ENDCAPS**

Cathode Strip Chambers (**CSC**)  
Resistive Plate Chambers (**RPC**)

Total weight : 12,500 t  
Overall diameter : 15 m  
Overall length : 21.6 m  
Magnetic field : 4 Tesla

**CMS is assembled on the surface**



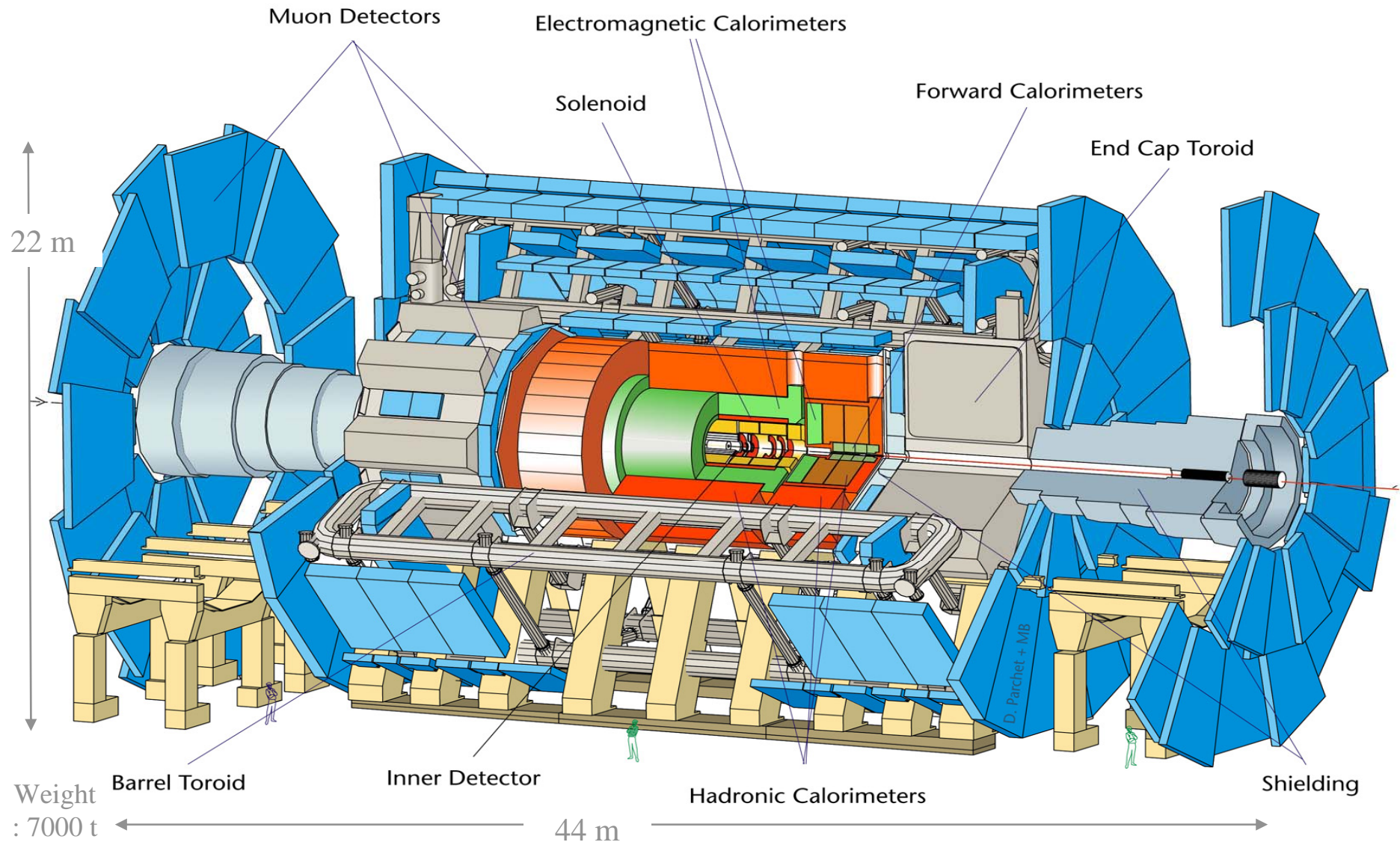
**Services installation in CMS cavern**

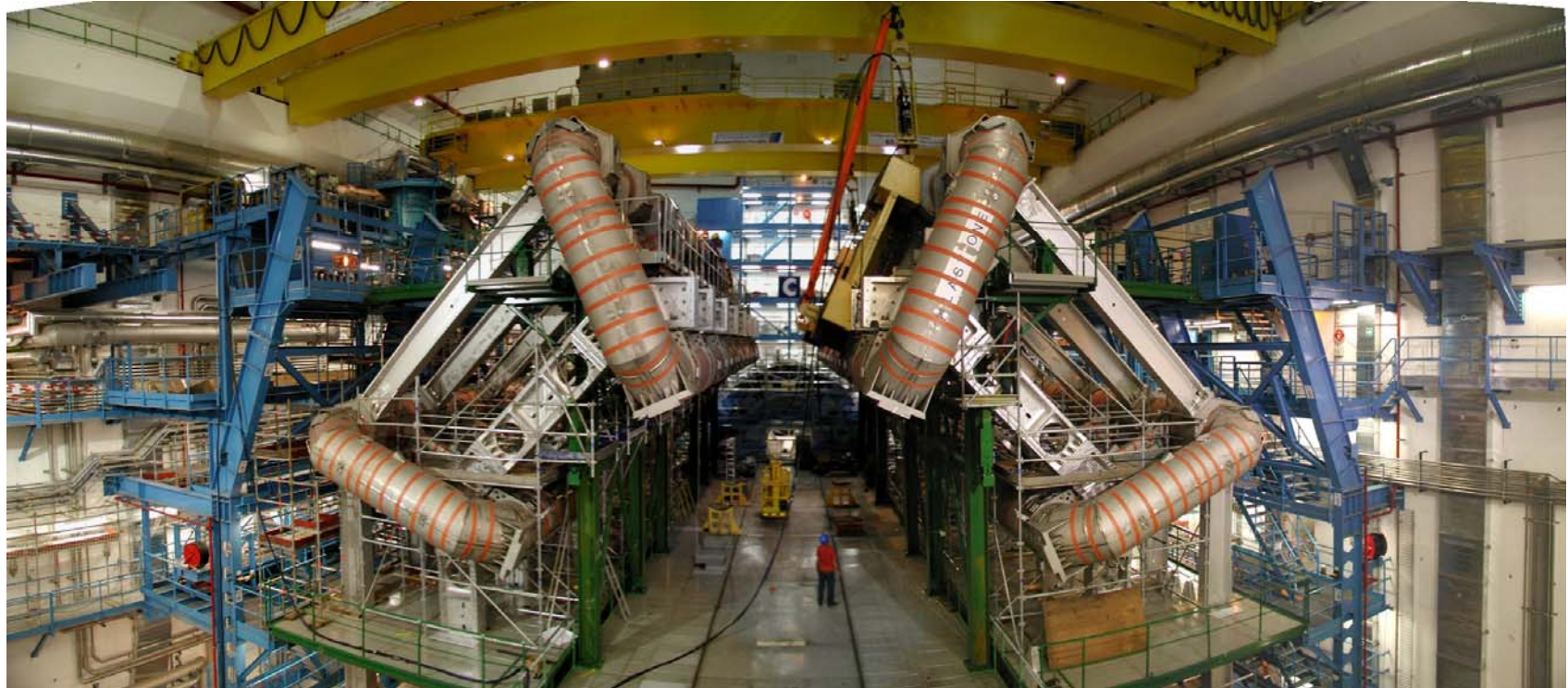


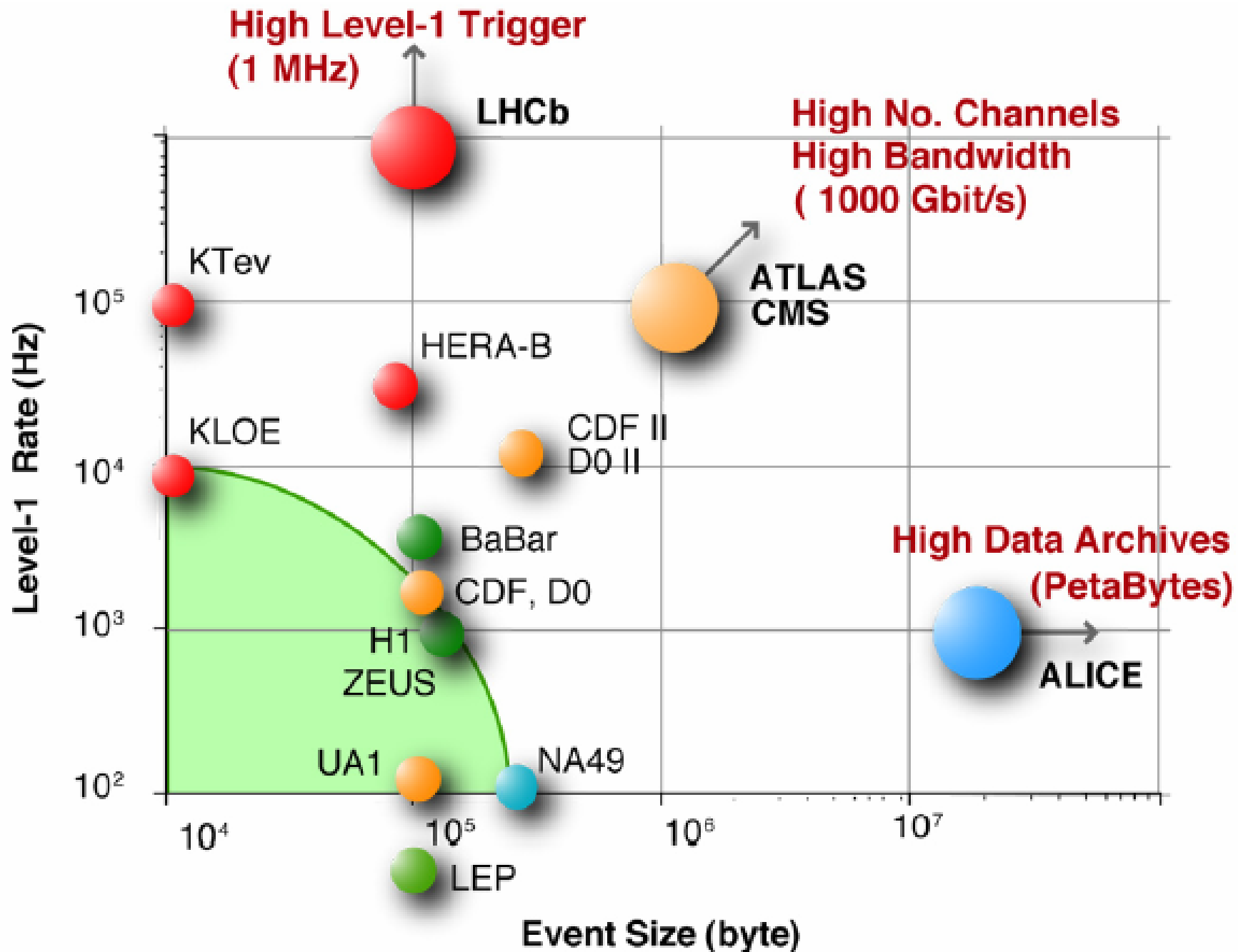


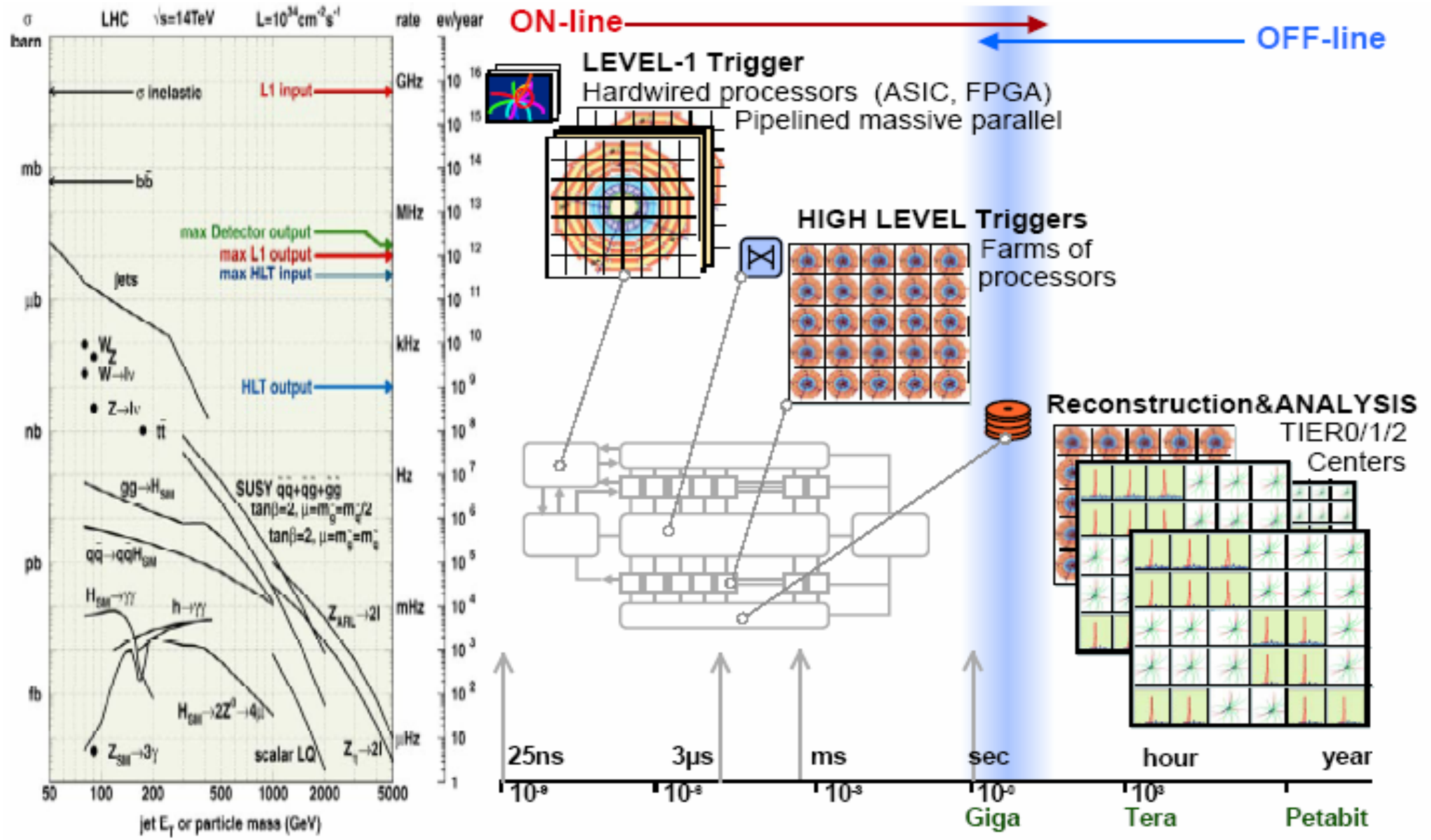
# ATLAS

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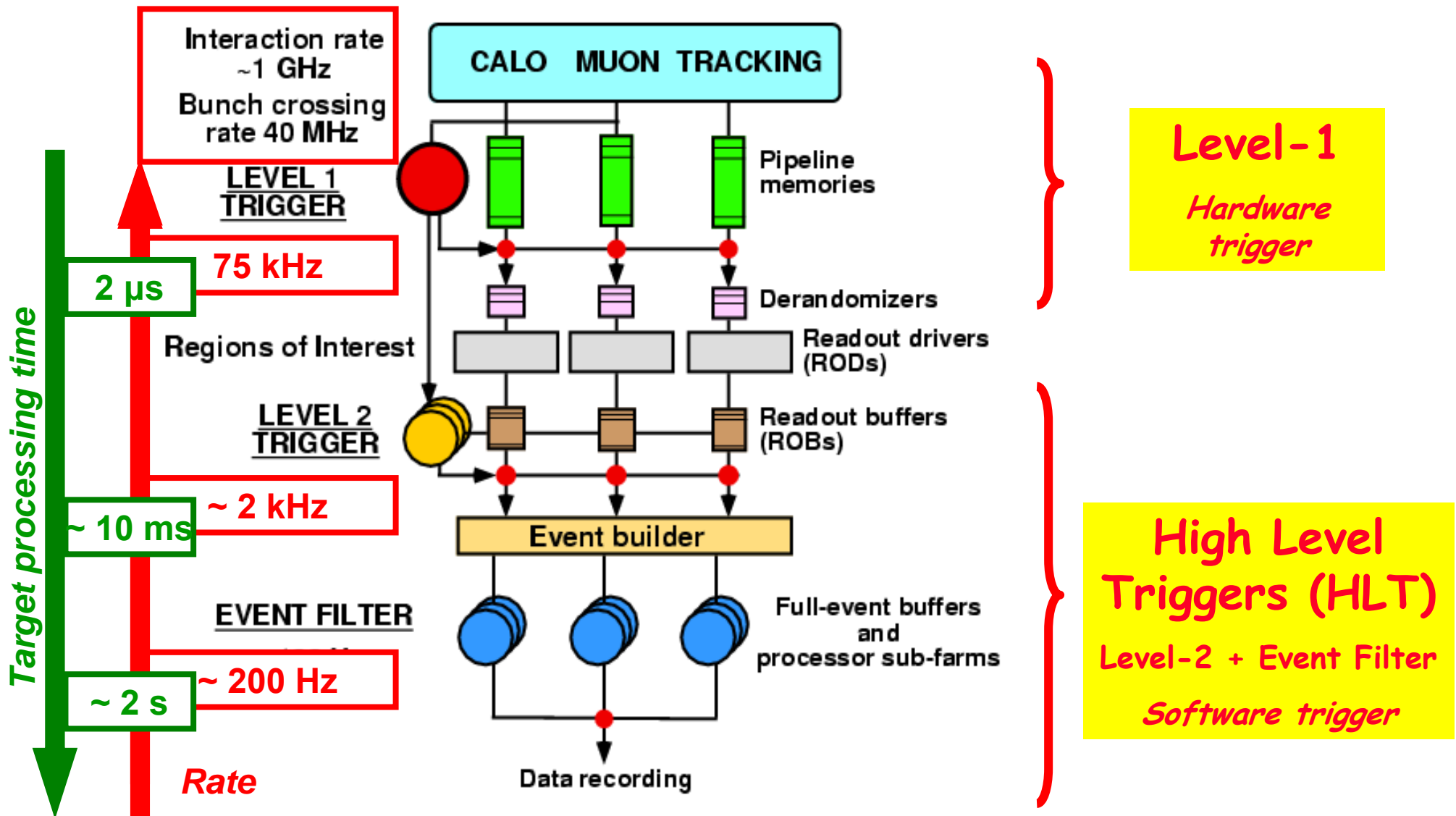








# The ATLAS Trigger System



# The Eventflow

	Rate	RAW	ESD rDST RECO	AOD	Monte Carlo
	[Hz]	[MB]	[MB]	[kB]	[MB/evt]
ALICE HI	100	12.5	2.5	250	300
ALICE pp	100	1	0.04	4	0.4
ATLAS	200	1.6	0.5	100	2
CMS	150	1.5	0.25	50	2
LHCb	2000	0.025	0.025		0.5

*50 days running in 2007*  
 *$10^7$  seconds/year pp from 2008 on  $\rightarrow$   $\sim 10^9$  events/experiment*  
 *$10^6$  seconds/year heavy ion*

WHERE THE  
**WEB**  
WAS BORN

In the offices of this corridor, all the fundamental technologies of the World Wide Web were developed.

Started in 1990 from a proposal made by Tim Berners-Lee in 1989, the effort was first divided between an office in building 31 of the Computing and Networking Division (CN) and one in building 2 of the Electronics and Computing for Physics Division (ECP).

In 1991 the team came together in these offices, then belonging to ECP. It was composed of two CERN staff members, Tim Berners-Lee (GB) and Robert Cailliau (BE), aided by a number of Fellows, Technical Students, a Coopérant and Summer Students.

At the end of 1994 Tim Berners-Lee left CERN to direct the WWW Consortium (W3C), a world-wide organization devoted to leading the Web to its full potential. The W3C was founded with the help of CERN, the European Commission, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Institut National pour la Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (IRRIA), and the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA).

In 1995 Tim Berners-Lee and Robert Cailliau received the ACM Software System Award for the World Wide Web. In 2004, Tim Berners-Lee was awarded the first Millennium Technology Prize by the Finnish Technology Award Foundation.

The CERN Library  
June 2004

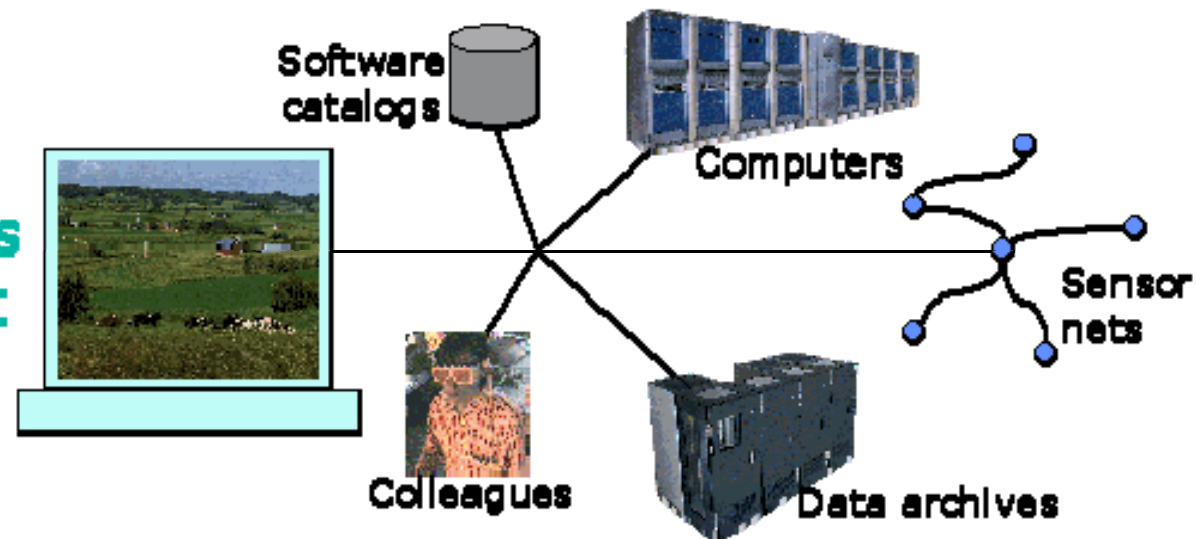
# The Grid

## The Grid: The Web on Steroids

**Web:** Uniform access to HTML documents



**Grid:** Flexible, high-perf access to all significant resources

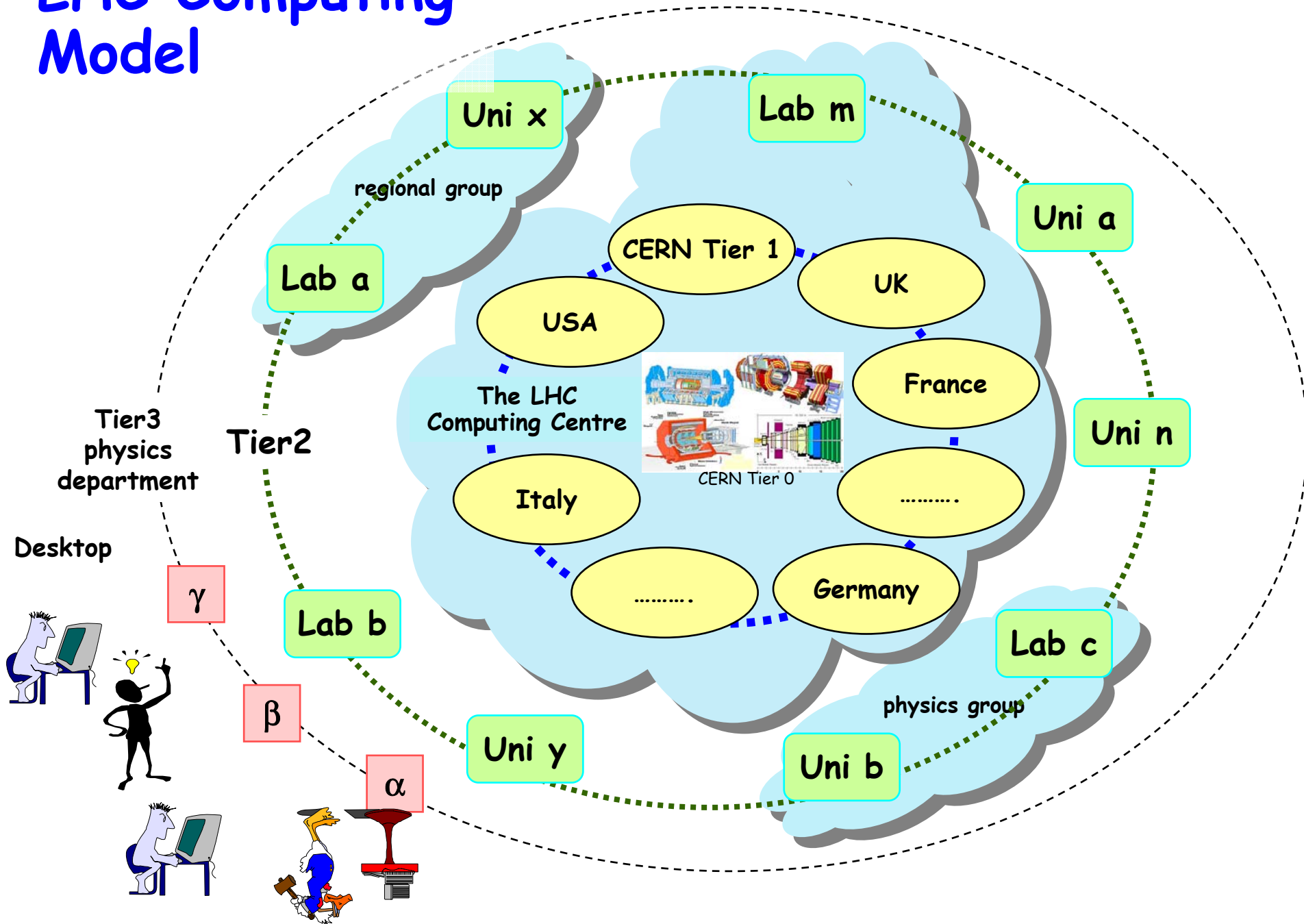


*On-demand creation of powerful virtual computing systems*

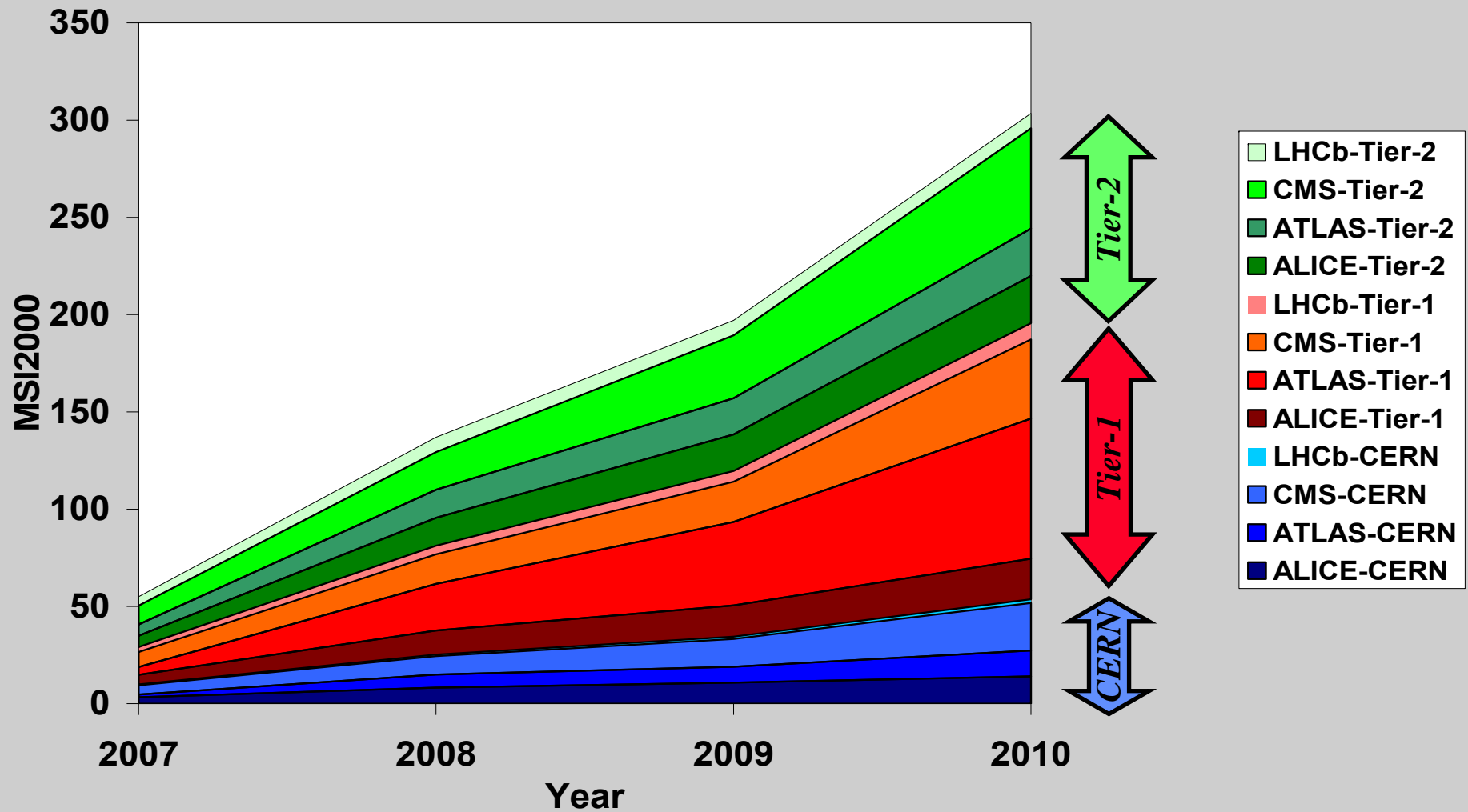
**Grid Forum**



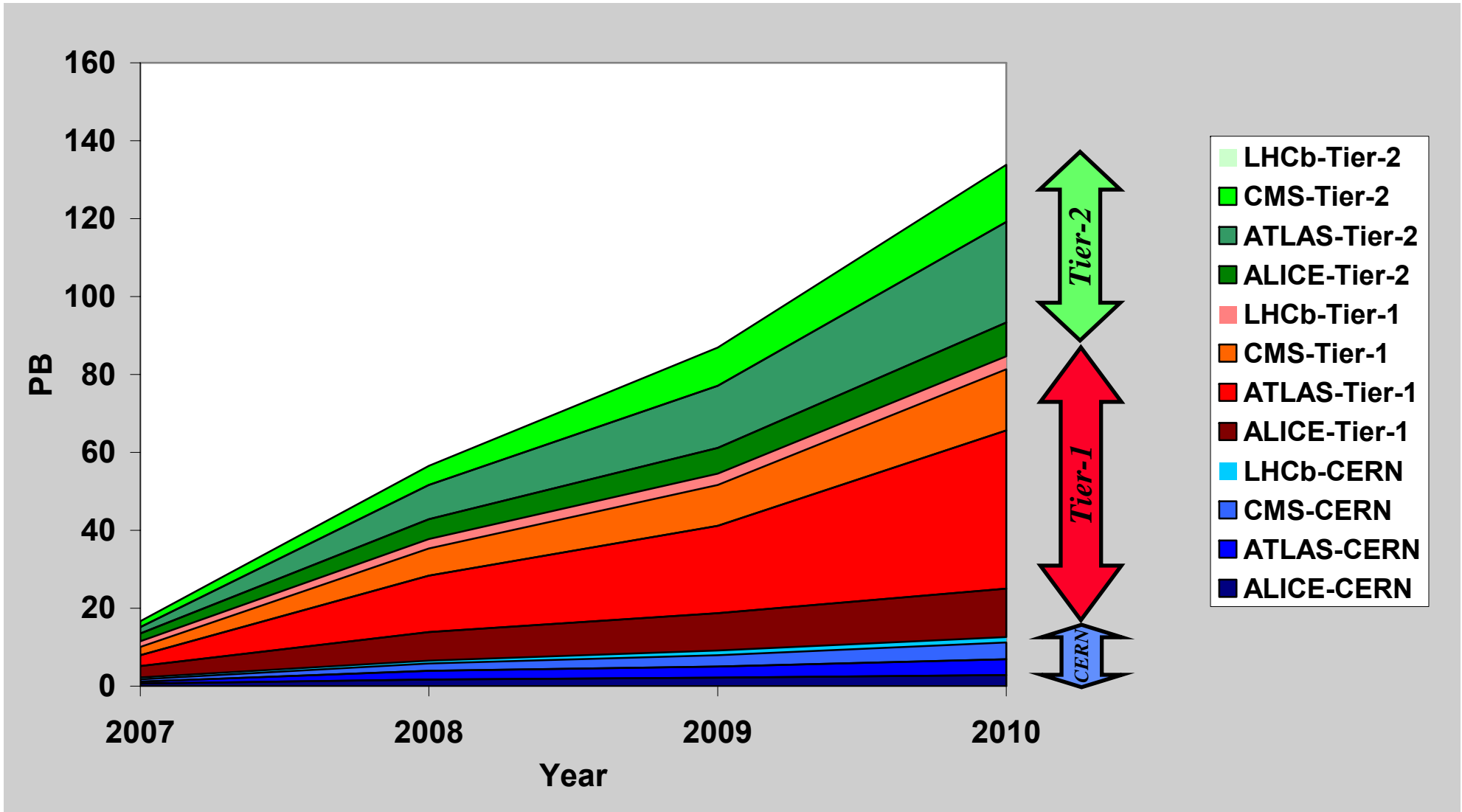
# LHC Computing Model



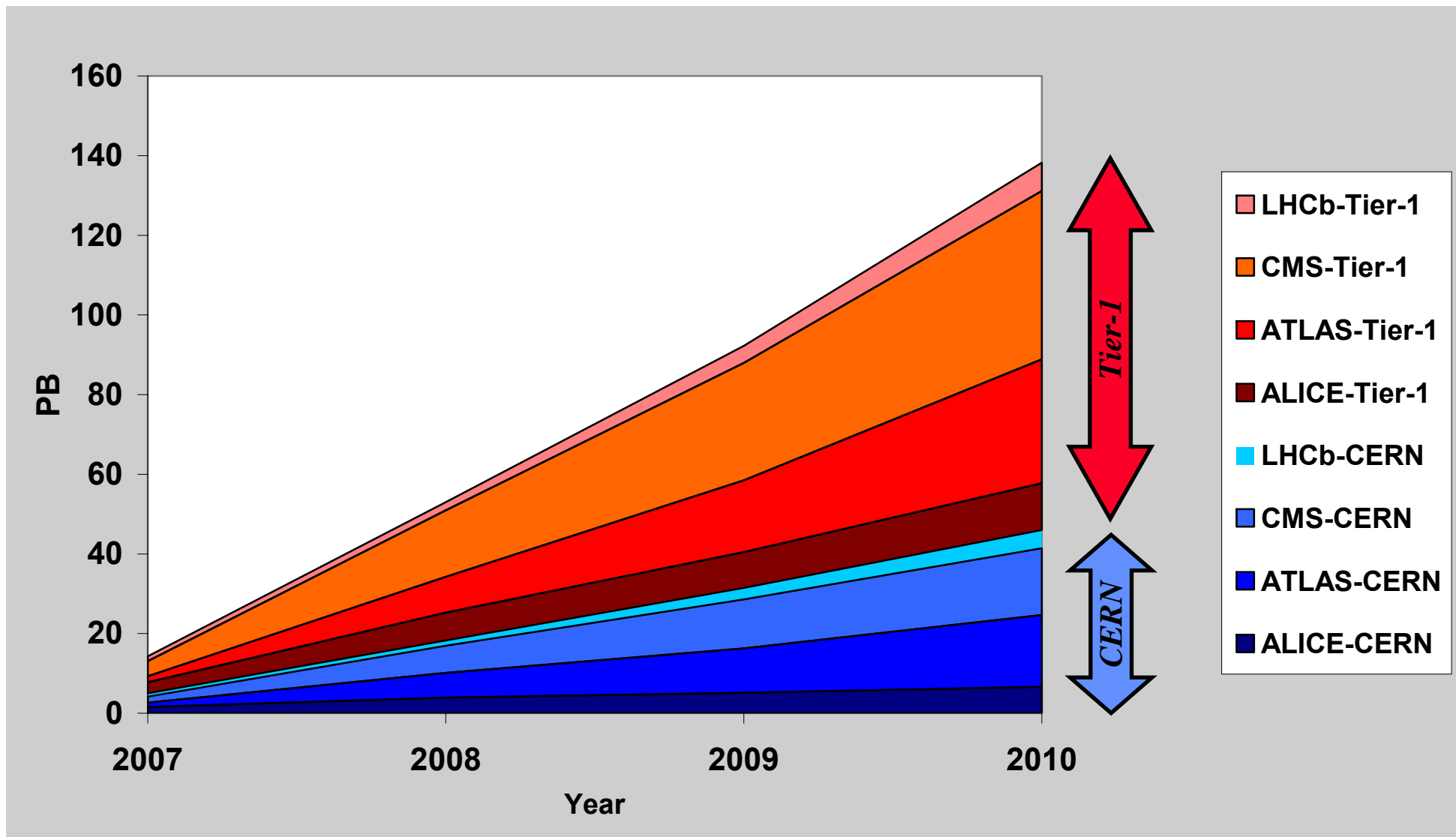
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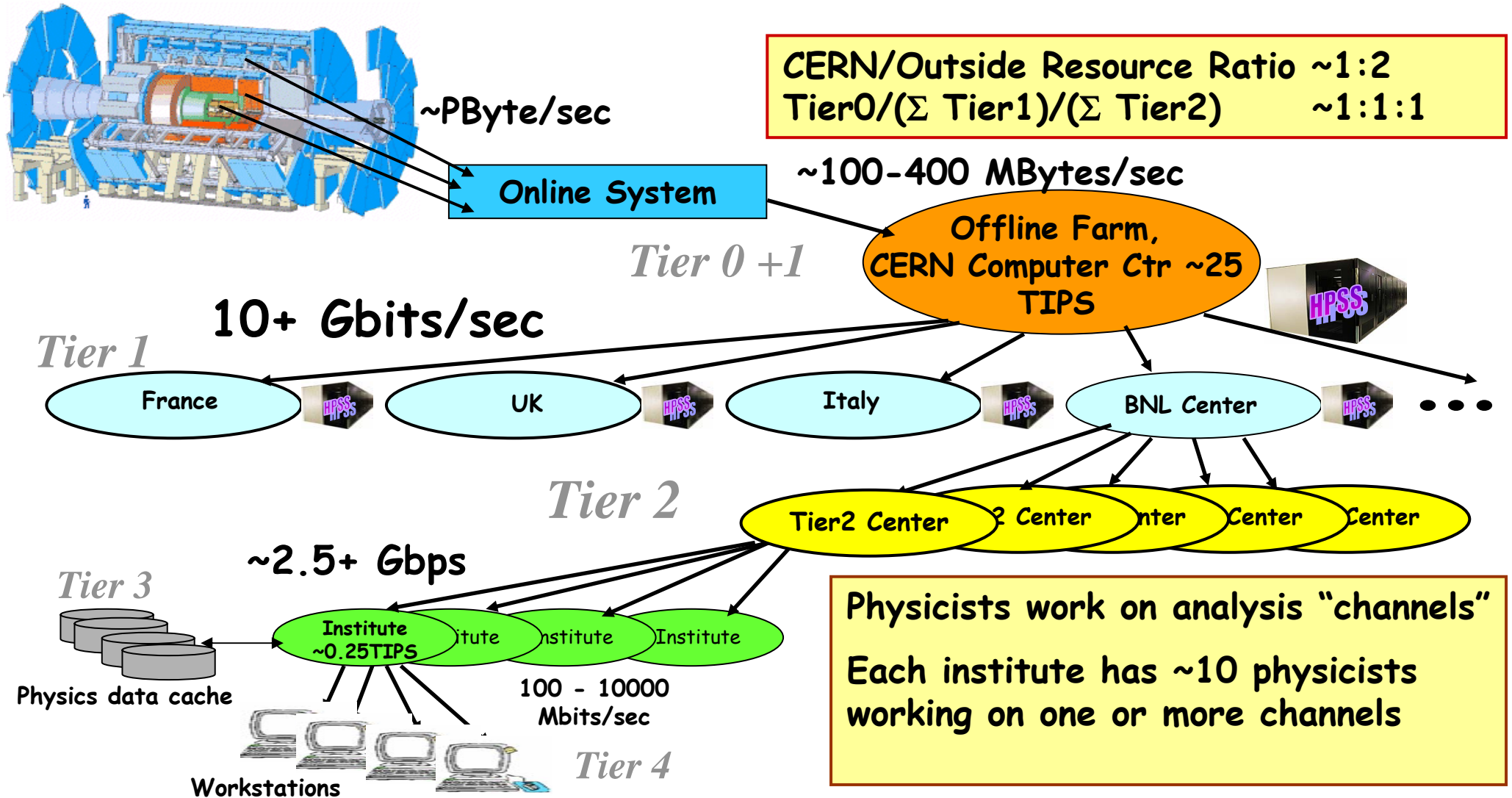
# Disk Requirements



# Tape Requirements



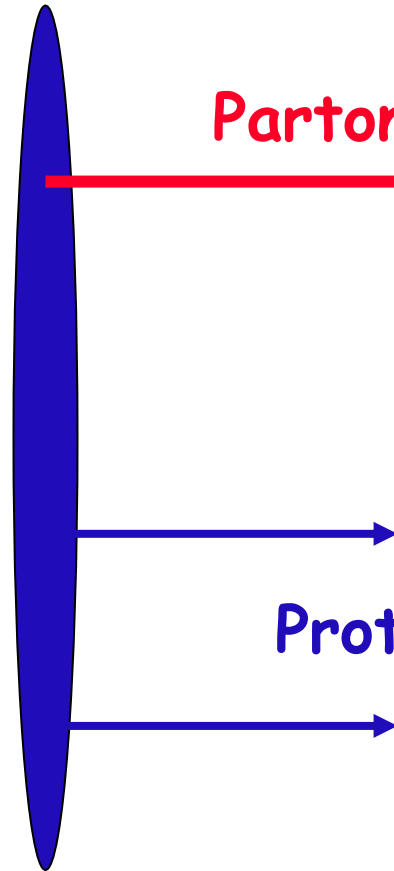
# ATLAS Physics/Computing



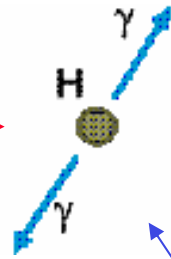
Partons (quark and gluons) in proton collide at high energies and produce heavy particles

$$E=mc^2$$

Proton



Parton



Proton Remnants



Proton

Parton



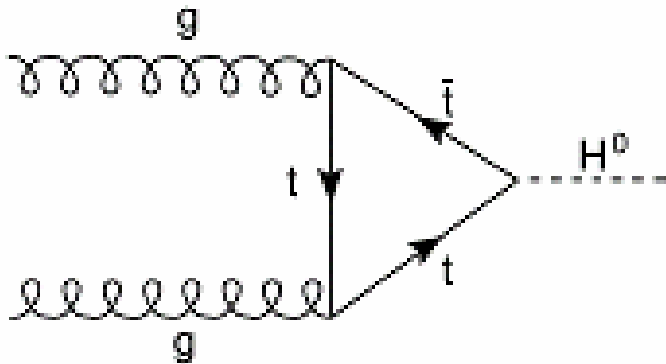
Parton-Parton Interaction

Proton Remnants

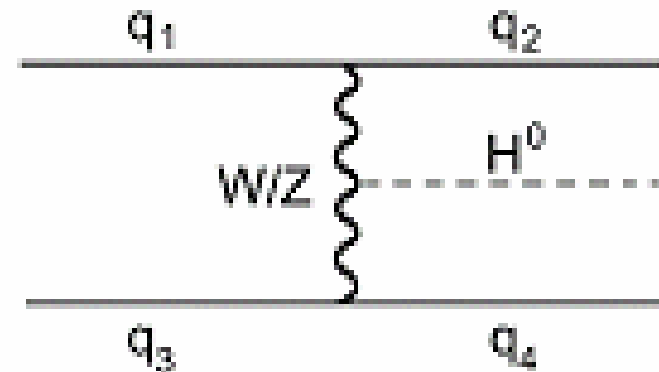
# Main Production Mechanisms

F. Wilczek PRL39 (1977)

H.M. Georgi, S.L. Glashow,  
M.E. Machacek and D.V. Nanopoulos  
PRL40 (1978)



R. Cahn and S. Dawson  
PL 136B 196 (1983)



NLO corrections: M. Spira et. al.  
Nucl. Phys. B453 (1995) 17-82

NNLO corrections: W. Kilgore &  
R. Harlander,

C. Anastasiou & K. Melnikov

V. Ravindran, J. Smith & W.L. van  
Neerven

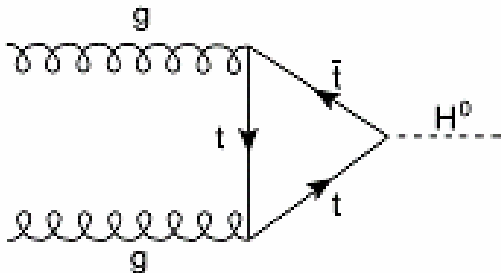
Residual 15-20% uncertainty  
in NNLO calculation

T. Han, G. Valencia, S. Willenbrock PRL69 (1991)  
T. Figy, C. Oleari, D. Zeppenfeld PRD68 (2003)

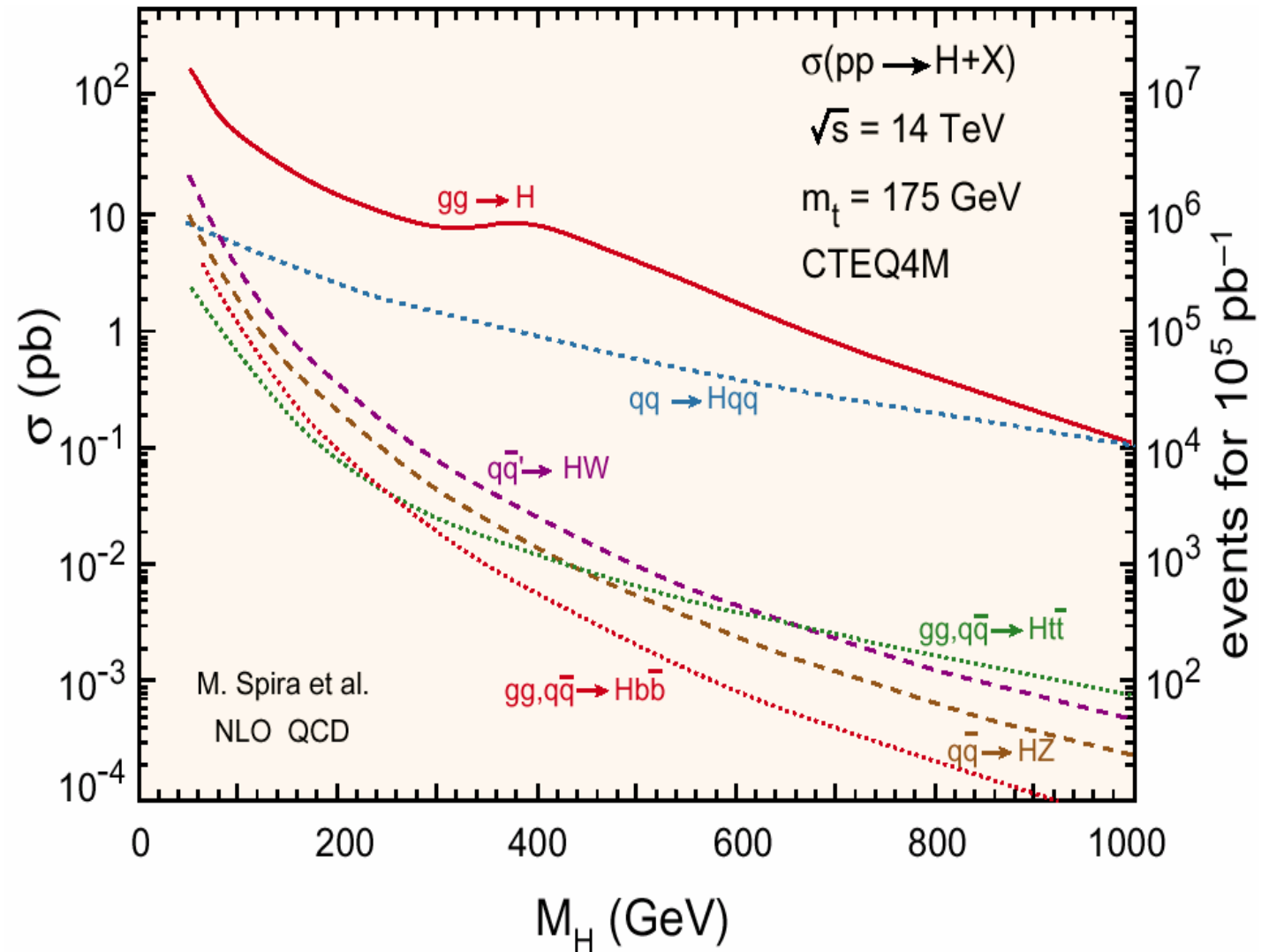
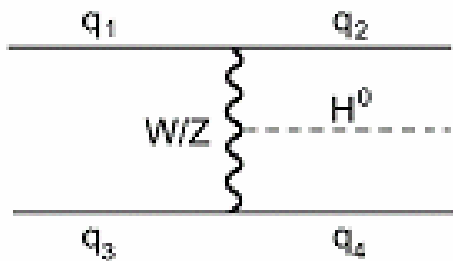
NLO K factor  $\sim 1.05 \div 1.1$ , small  
theoretical uncertainty  $< 5\%$

# Higgs Production at LHC

Leading Process  
( $gg$  fusion)



Sub-leading  
Process (VBF)





# Cross-sections at LHC

Search for Higgs and new physics hindered by huge background rates

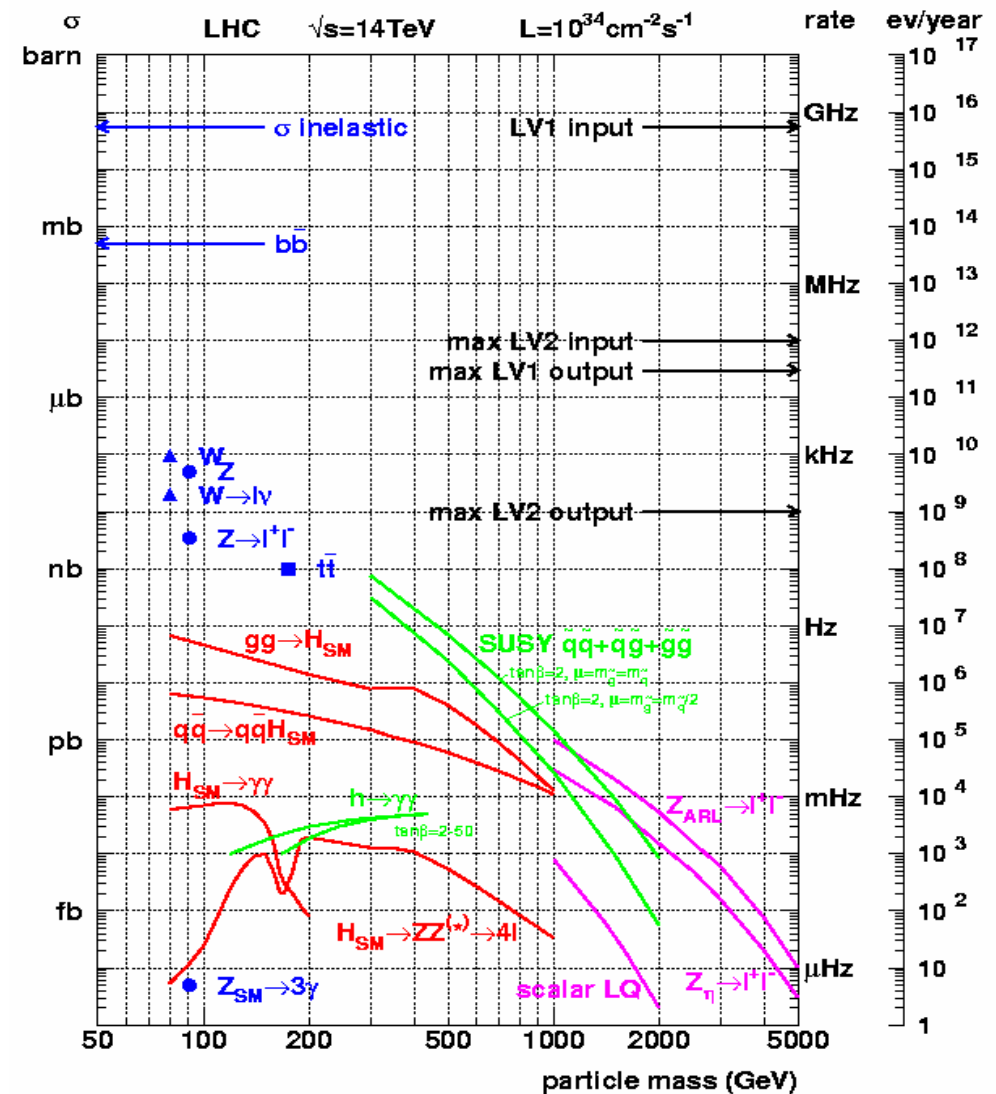
➤ Known SM particles produced much more copiously

This makes low mass Higgs especially challenging

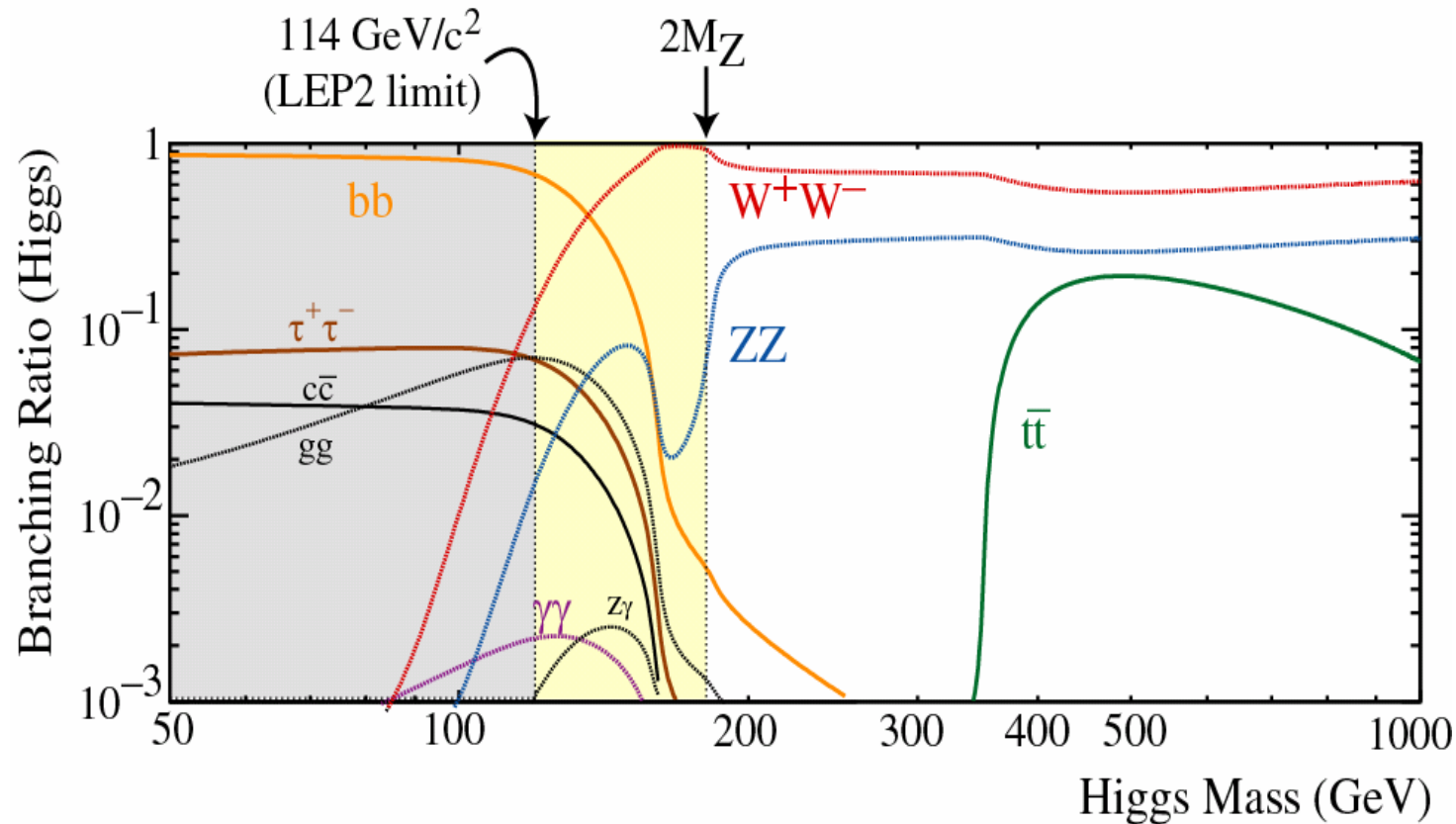
➤ Narrow resonances

➤ Complex signatures

❖ Higgs in association with tops and jets.



# Main Decay Modes

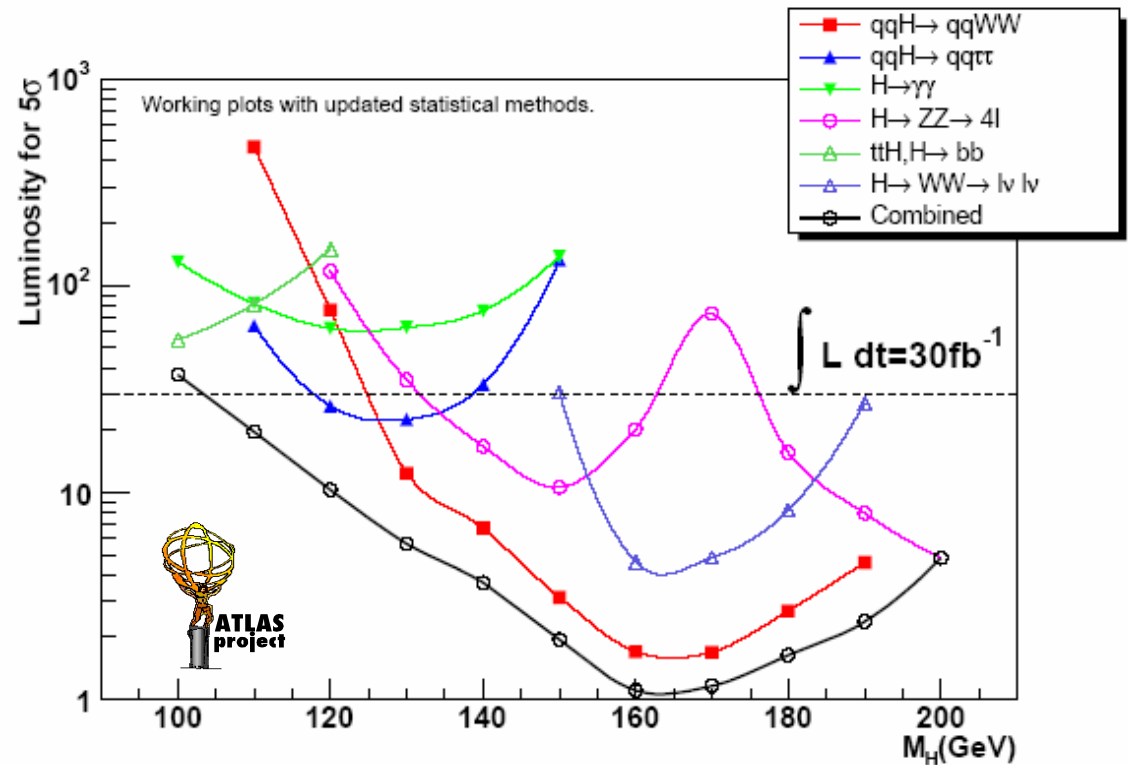
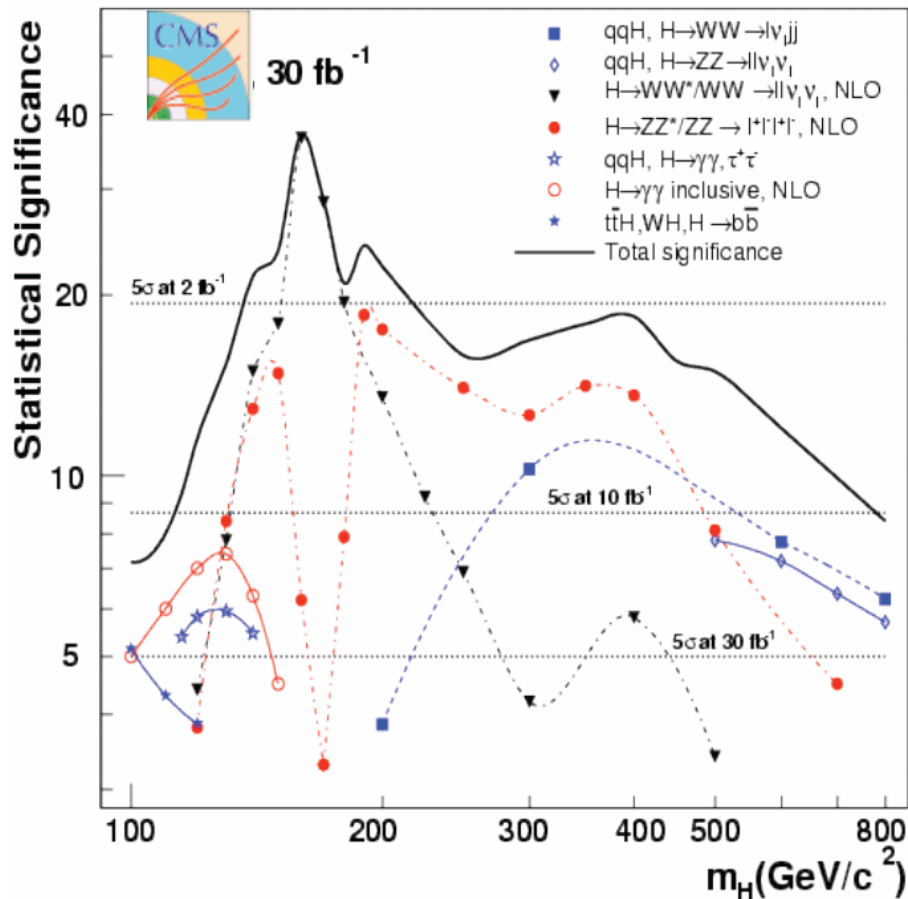


Close to LEP limit:  
 $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \tau\tau, bb$

For  $M_H > 140 \text{ GeV}$ :  
 $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}, ZZ^{(*)}$

5 $\sigma$  signal significance (criterion for particle discovery) may be achieved for SM  $M_H > 120$  GeV and in most of the MSSM for  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (understood data)

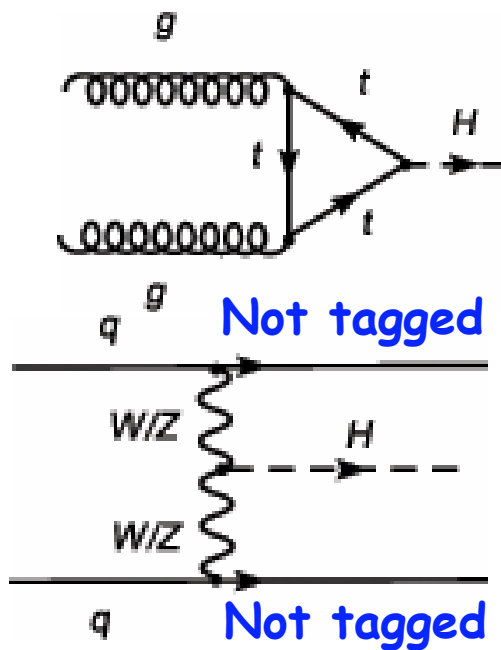
- Improvements and new final states with  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \tau\tau, WW(*)$  not included
- Caveat: Higgs feasibility assumes nominal detector performance and present understanding of cross-sections



# Low Mass Higgs Associated with Jets

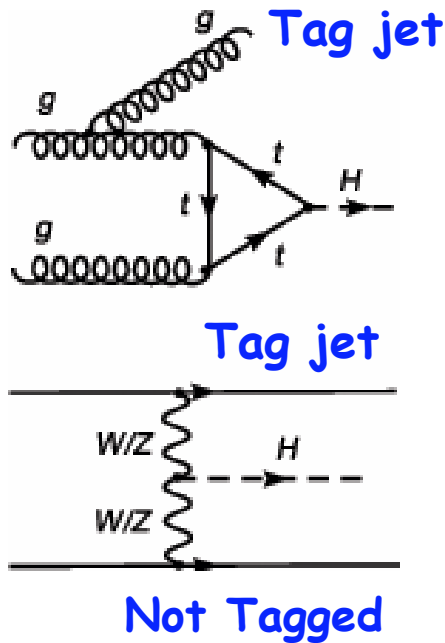
- Slicing phase space in regions with different S/B seems more optimal when inclusive analysis has little S/B

## Inclusive



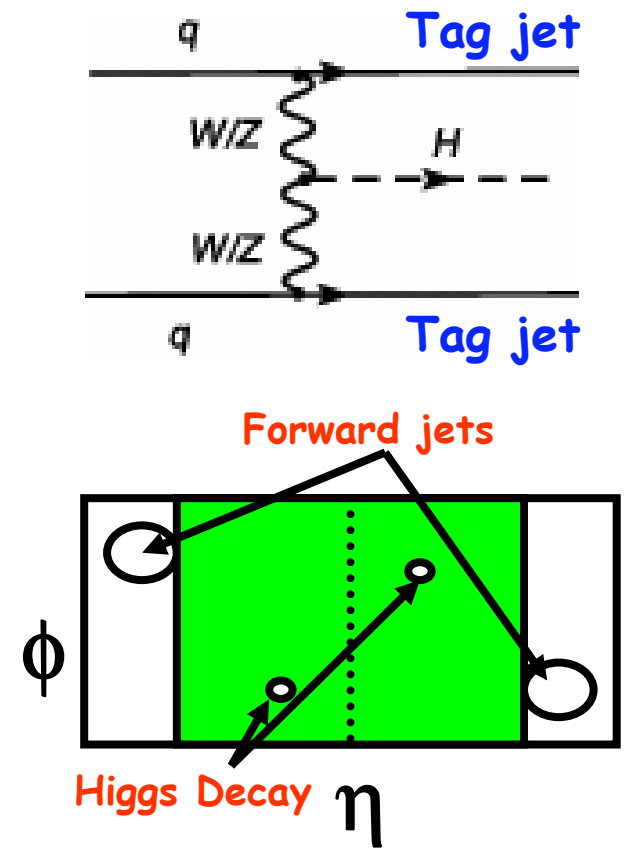
Analyses in TDR were mostly inclusive

## H+1jet



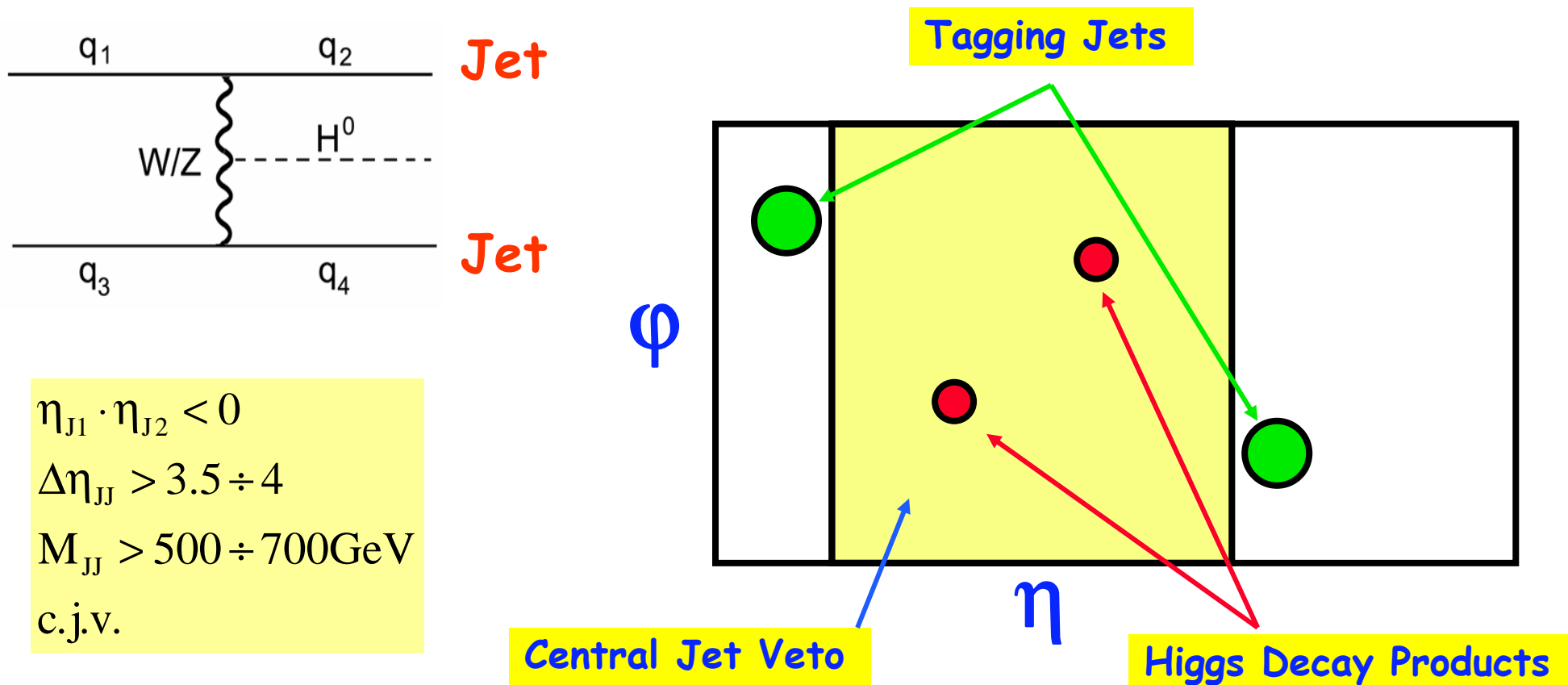
Applied to  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \tau\tau, WW^{(*)}$

## H+2jet



# SM Higgs + $\geq 2$ jets at the LHC

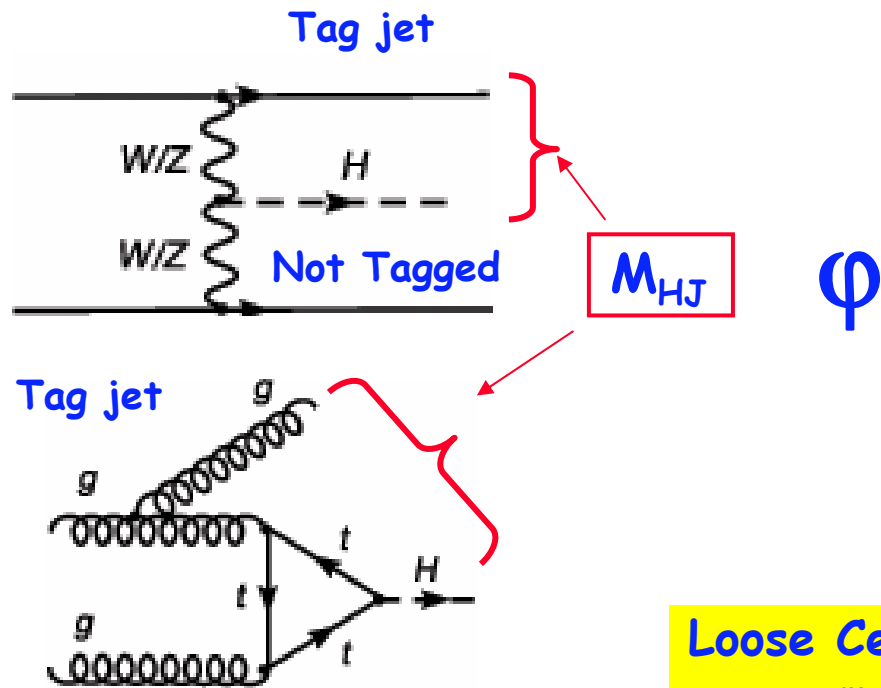
- + D. Zeppenfeld, D. Rainwater, et al. proposed to search for a Low Mass Higgs in association with two jets with jet veto
  - Central jet veto initially suggested in V. Barger, K. Cheung and T. Han in PRD 42 3052 (1990)



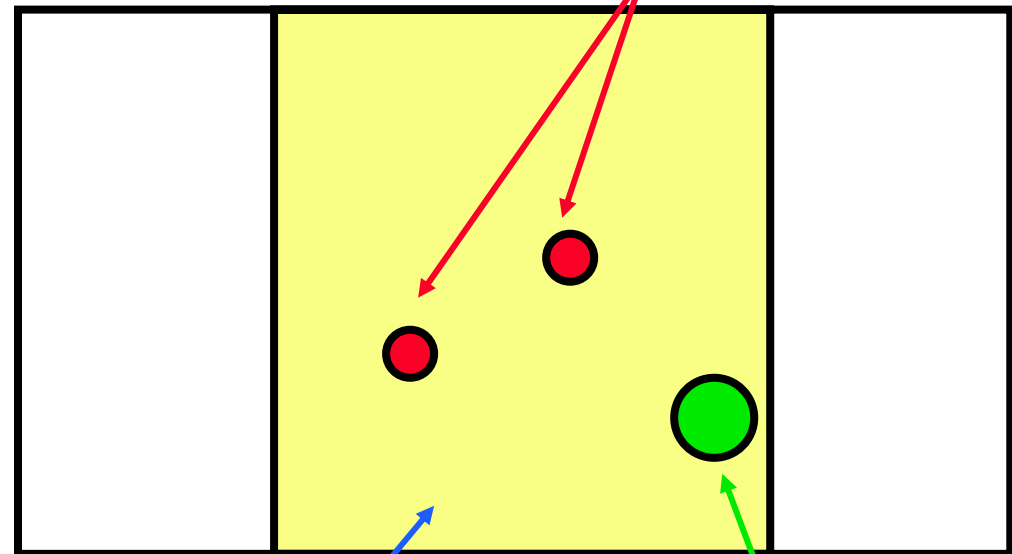
# SM Higgs + $\geq 1$ jet at the LHC

1. Large invariant mass of leading jet and Higgs candidate
2. Large  $P_T$  of Higgs candidate
3. Leading jet is more forward than in QCD background

S. Abdullin et al PL B431 (1998) for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$   
 B. Mellado, W. Quayle and Sau Lan Wu  
 Phys.Lett.B611:60-65,2005 for  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  and  
 $H \rightarrow WW(*)$



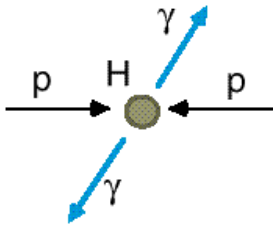
Higgs Decay Products



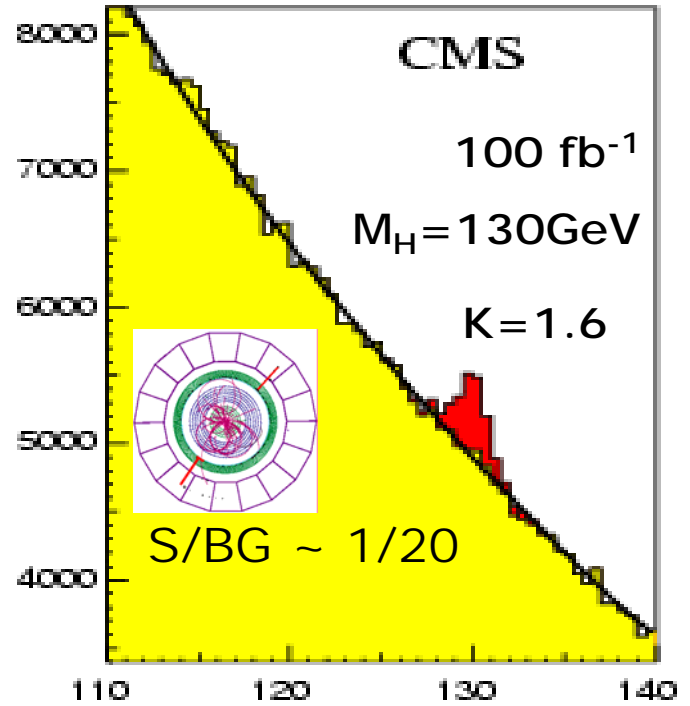
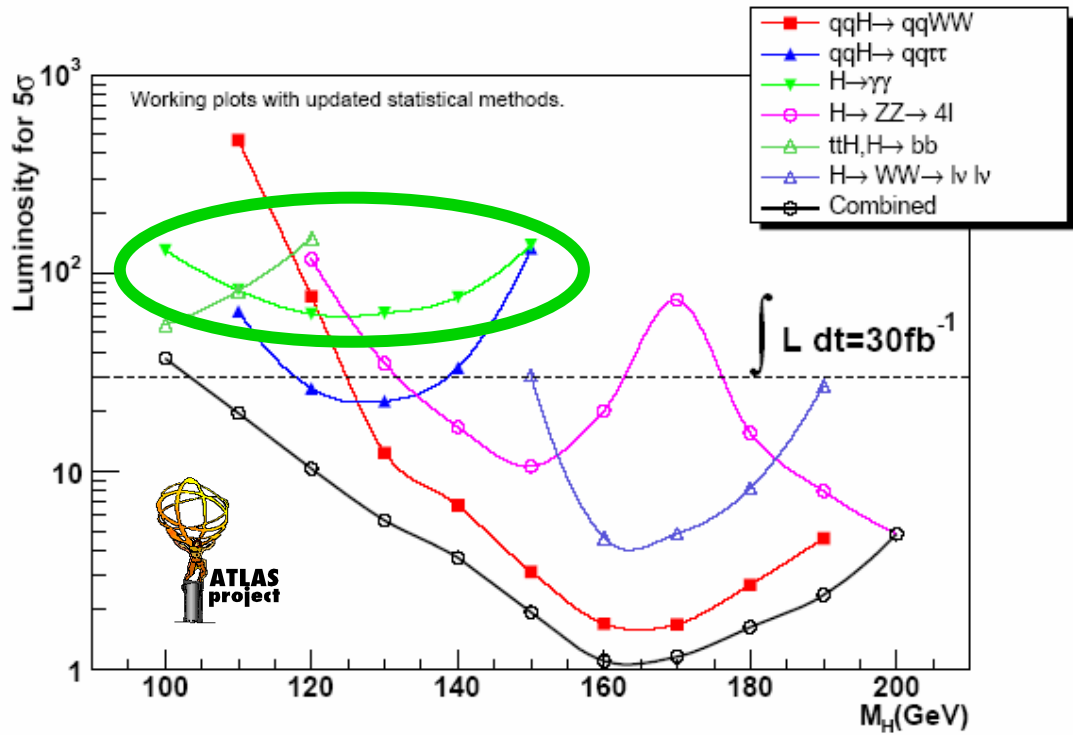
Loose Central Jet Veto  
 ("top killer")

$\eta$

Quasi-central  
 Tagging Jet



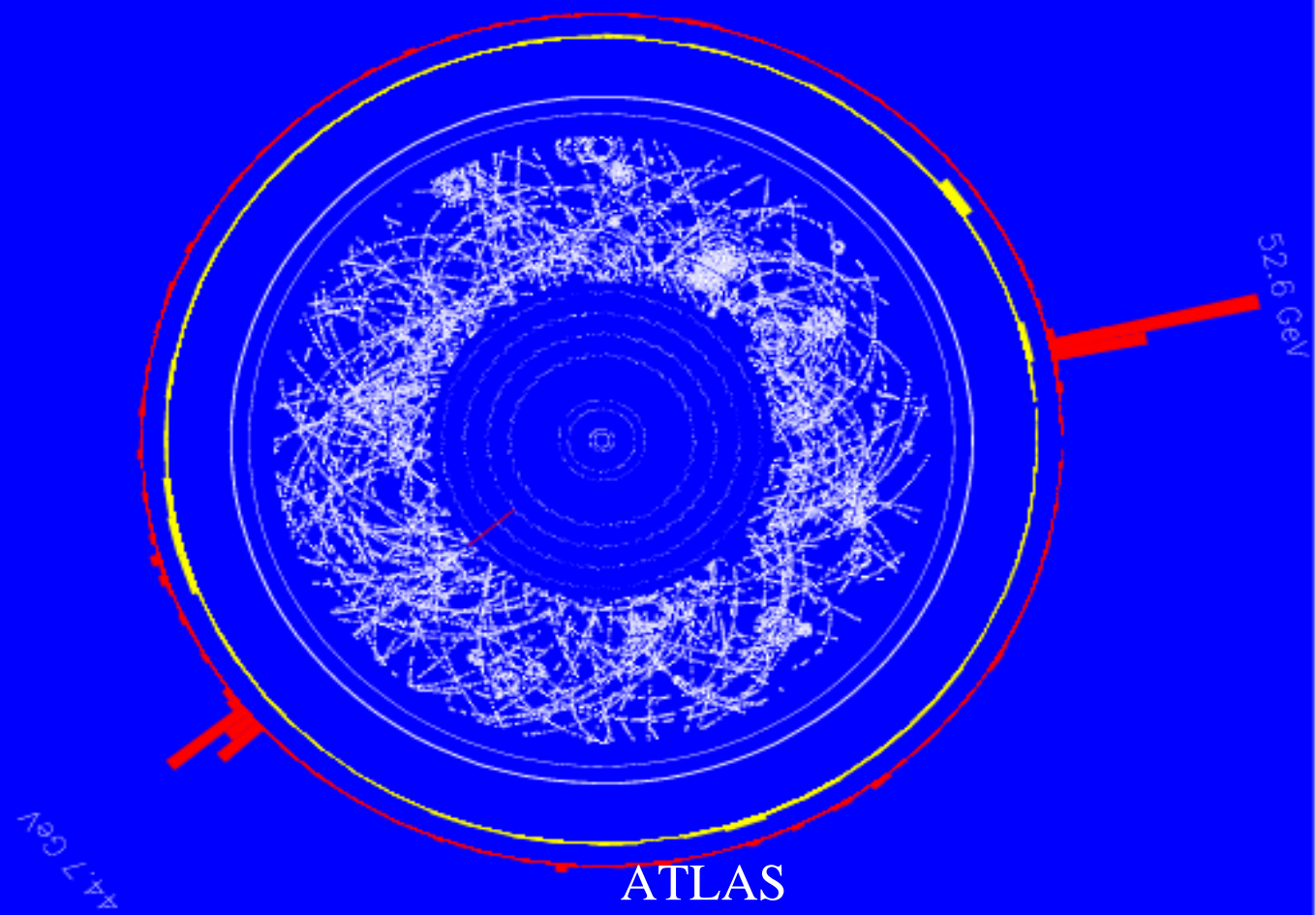
# Low Mass SM Higgs: $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



Event 77

ATLAS

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  ( $m_H = 100 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $L = 10^{34}$ )

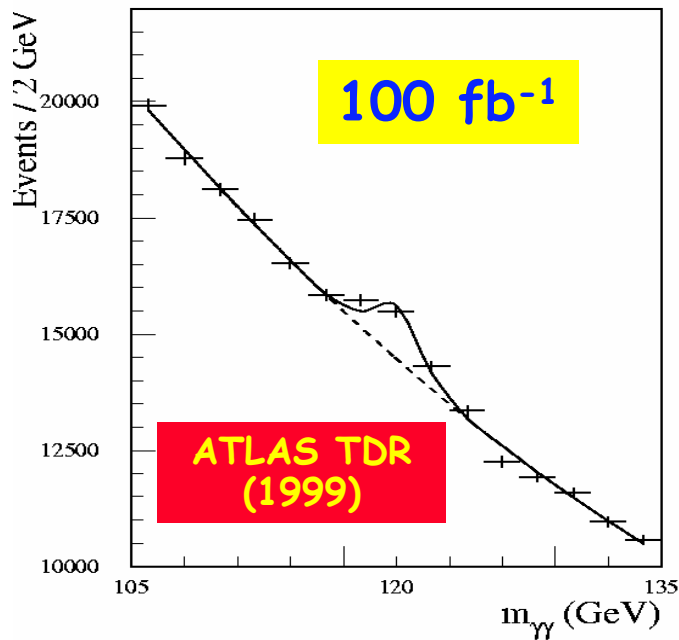




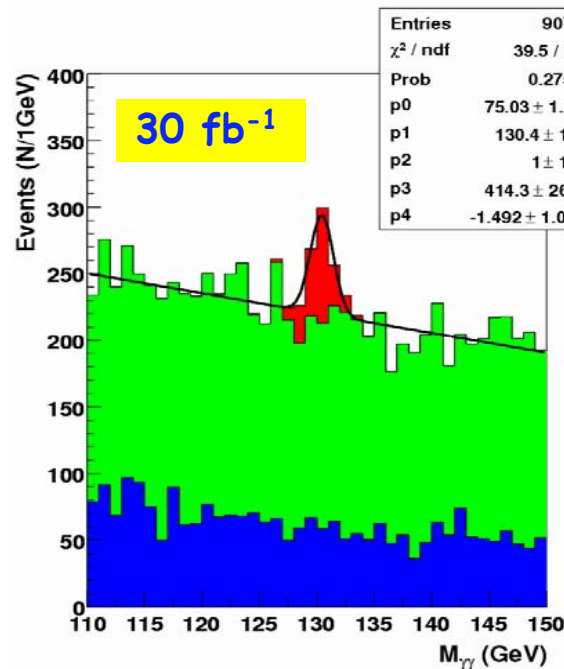
# SM Higgs $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ + 0,1,2 Jets

- ✚ Narrow peak on top of smooth background. Issues related  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay mode have been thoroughly addressed in CMS and ATLAS
  - Separation of events according to jet multiplicity maximizes sensitivity
  - But  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  + jets feasibility are subject to larger theoretical errors

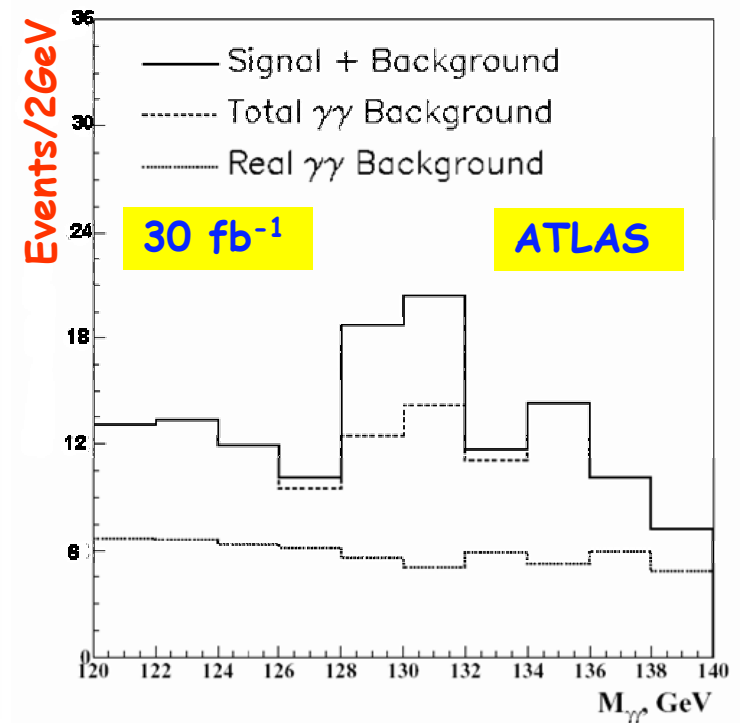
$H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  Inclusive



$H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  + 1 jet



$H(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  + 2 jets

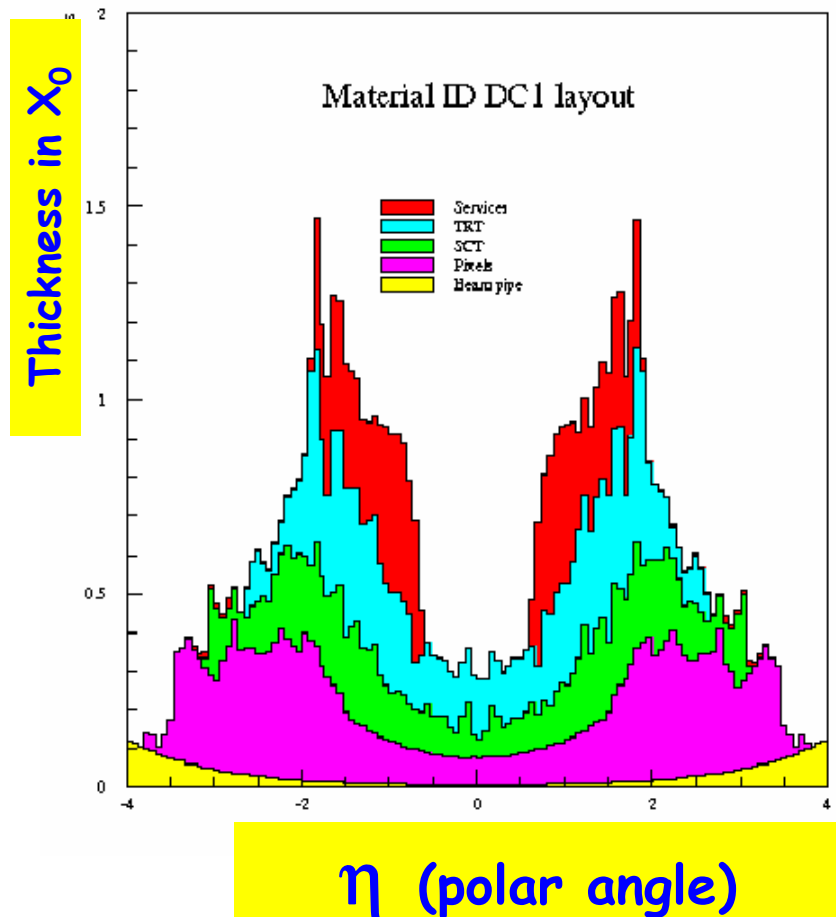


## Calorimeter energy resolution

$$\frac{\sigma E}{E} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{b}{E} \oplus c_{tot}$$

- ✚ Signal to background for inclusive  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  is 3-4% need excellent Higgs mass resolution of about 1%
- ✚ Constant term in EM resolution needs to be understood to  $c_{tot} < 0.7\%$ 
  - Use cosmics, minimum-bias for first crude look at cell inter-calibration
  - Use  $Z \rightarrow ee$  for absolute EM scale and refined cell inter-calibration
    - ❖ Need  $O(10^5)$  events or  $< 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
  - Use  $Z \rightarrow ee\gamma, \mu\mu\gamma$  to study detector response to photons

Passive material in front of the ATLAS calorimeters  
(in radiation lengths)



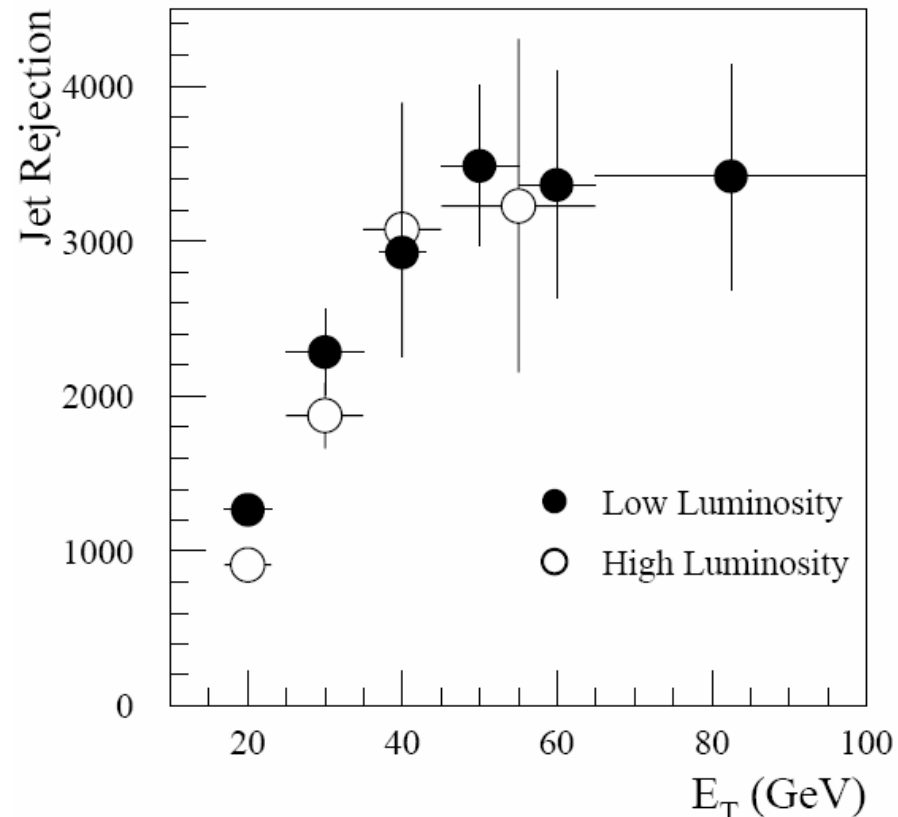
# Photon Identification

- ✚ To separate jets from photons is crucial for Higgs discovery
  - Need rejection of  $> 1000$  against quark-initiated jets for  $\varepsilon_\gamma=80\%$  to keep fake background about 20% of total background
  - Expect rejection against gluon-jets to be 4-5 times greater

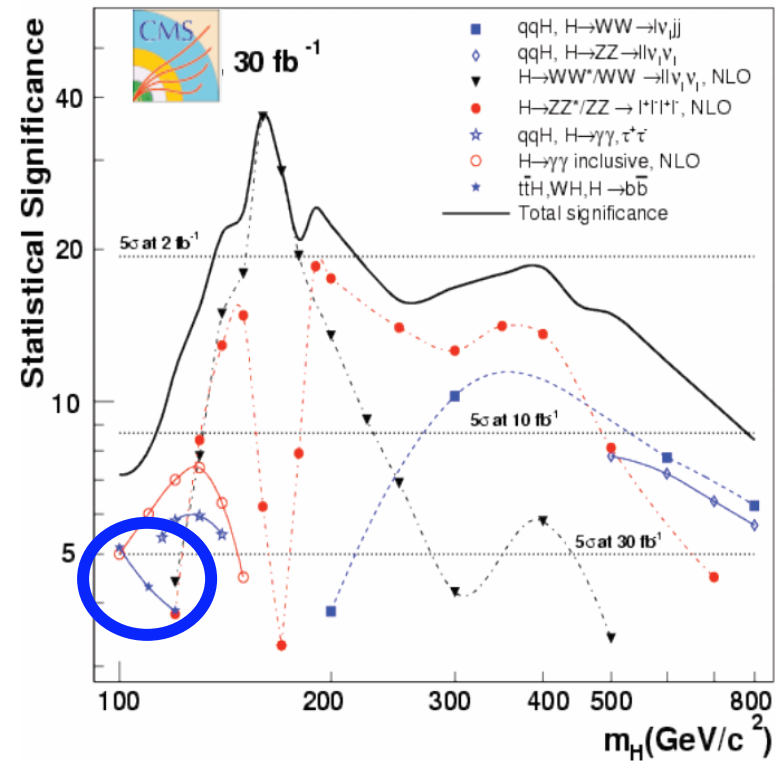
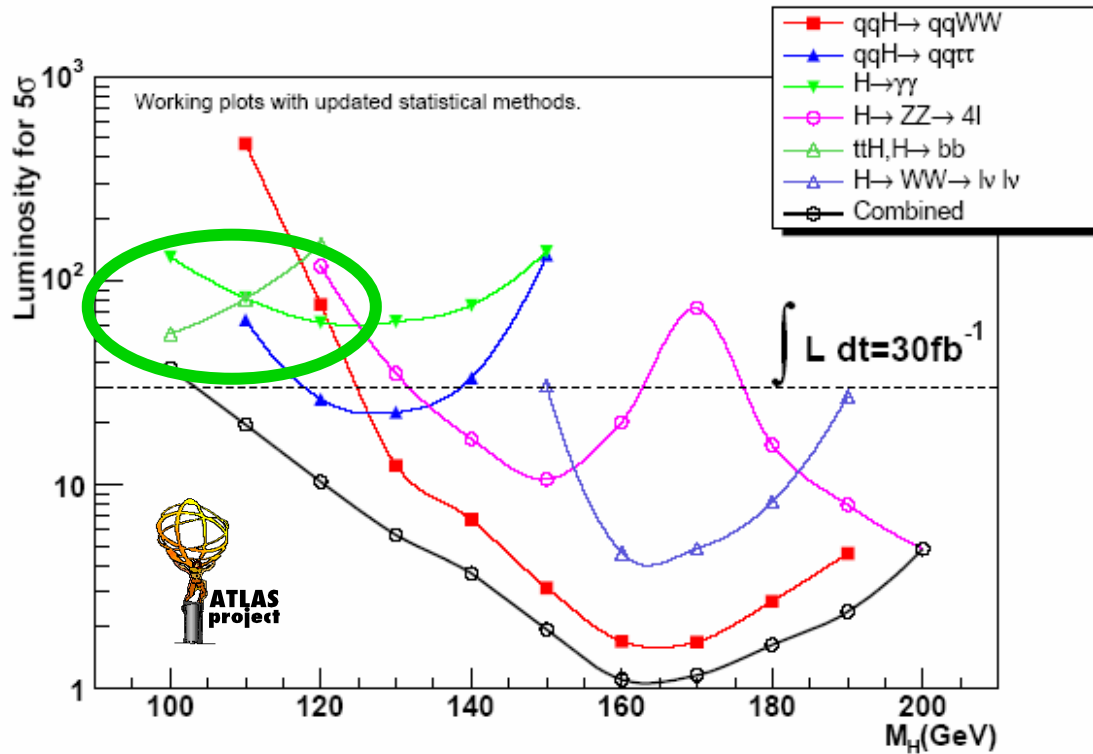
- ✚ Jet rejection will be evaluated with data

- Look into sub-leading jets in multi-jet final states with different  $P_T$  thresholds

- ❖ Avoid trigger bias
- ❖ Apply trigger pre-scaling if needed
- ❖ Correct for contribution from prompt photons

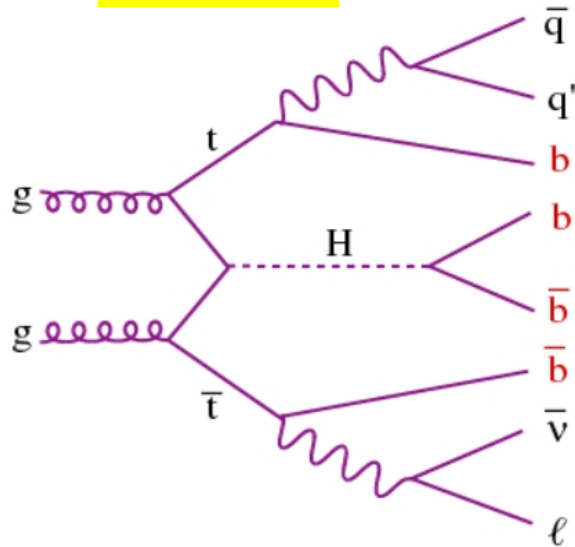


# Low Mass SM Higgs: $ttH \rightarrow bb$



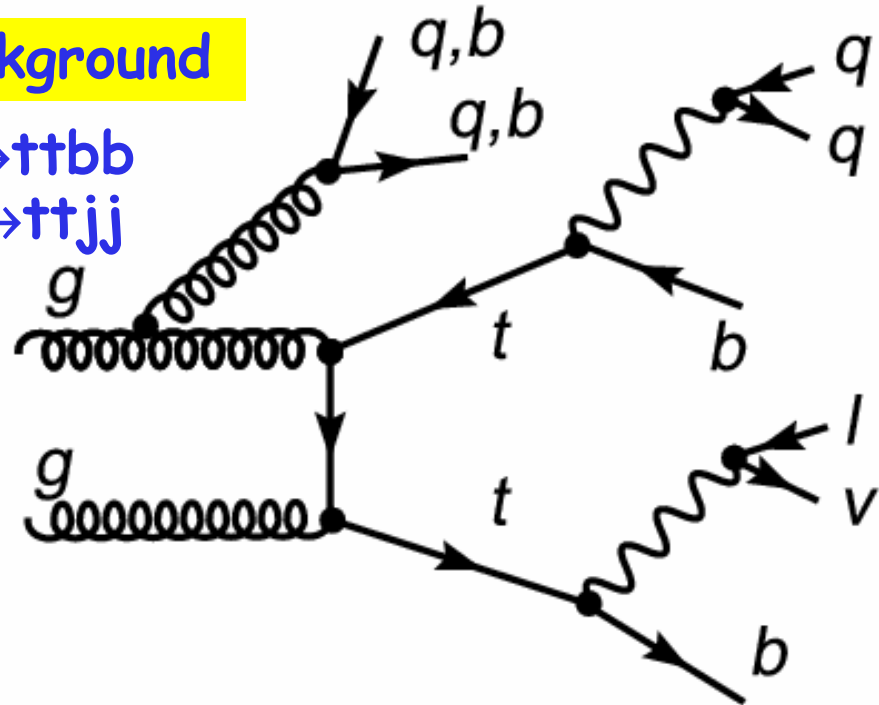
# Complex final state: $ttH(\rightarrow bb)\rightarrow\text{lepton}+\nu+bbbb+jj$

Signal



Background

$pp\rightarrow ttbb$   
 $pp\rightarrow ttjj$



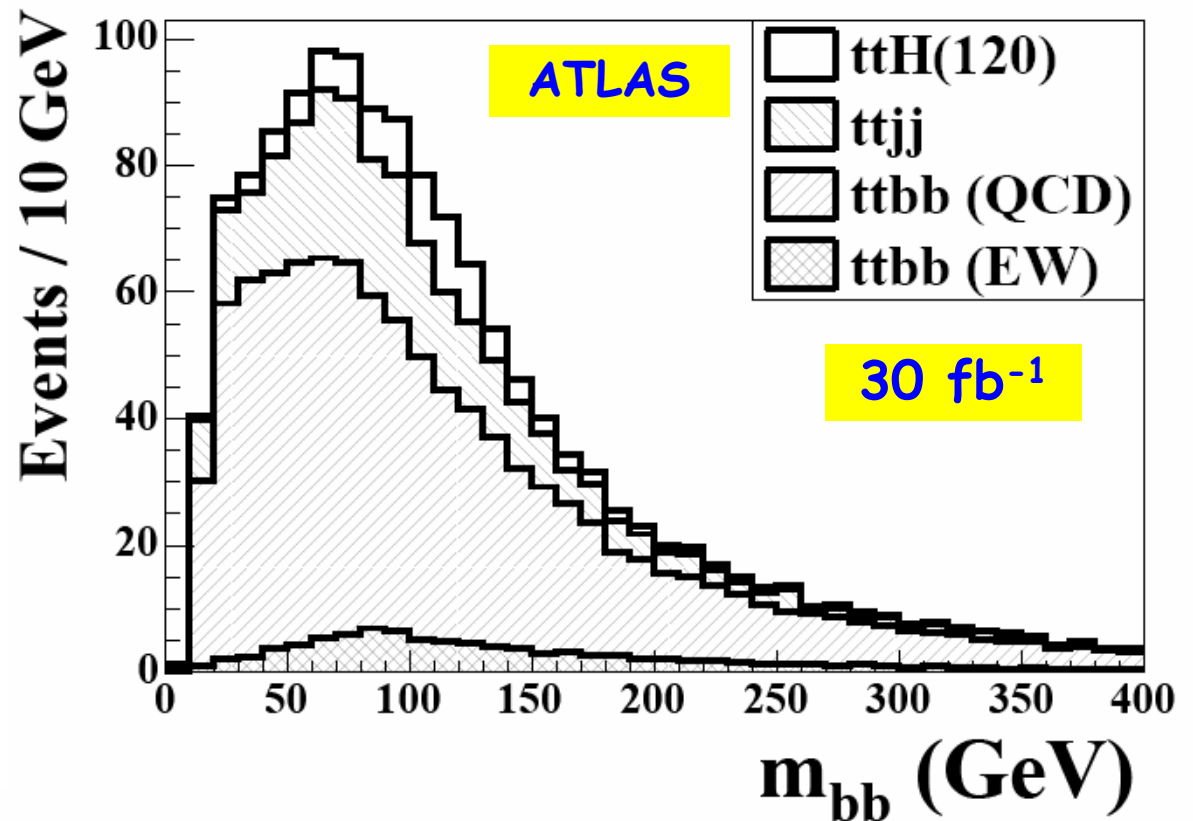
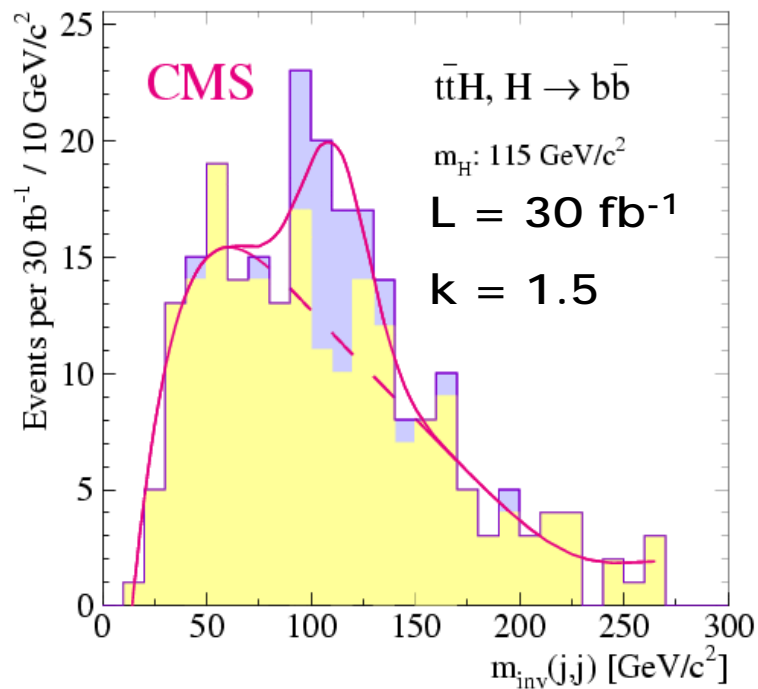
- Analysis very sensitive to b-tagging efficiency ( $\epsilon_b^4$ )
  - Parton/Hadron level studies  $\rightarrow \epsilon_b \geq 60\%$  needed
- Need  $\sim 100$  times rejection against light jets and  $\sim 10$  times against charm to suppress  $ttjj$

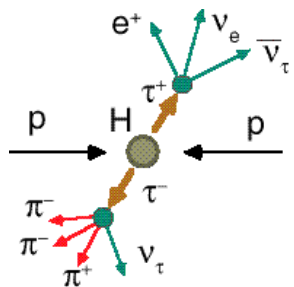
✚ **May achieve 3-5 $\sigma$  effect for  $M_H=120$  GeV and 30 fb $^{-1}$**

- Need to address issues related to background shapes and differences in hadronic scales for light and b-jets
- CMS and ATLAS have some differences in analysis

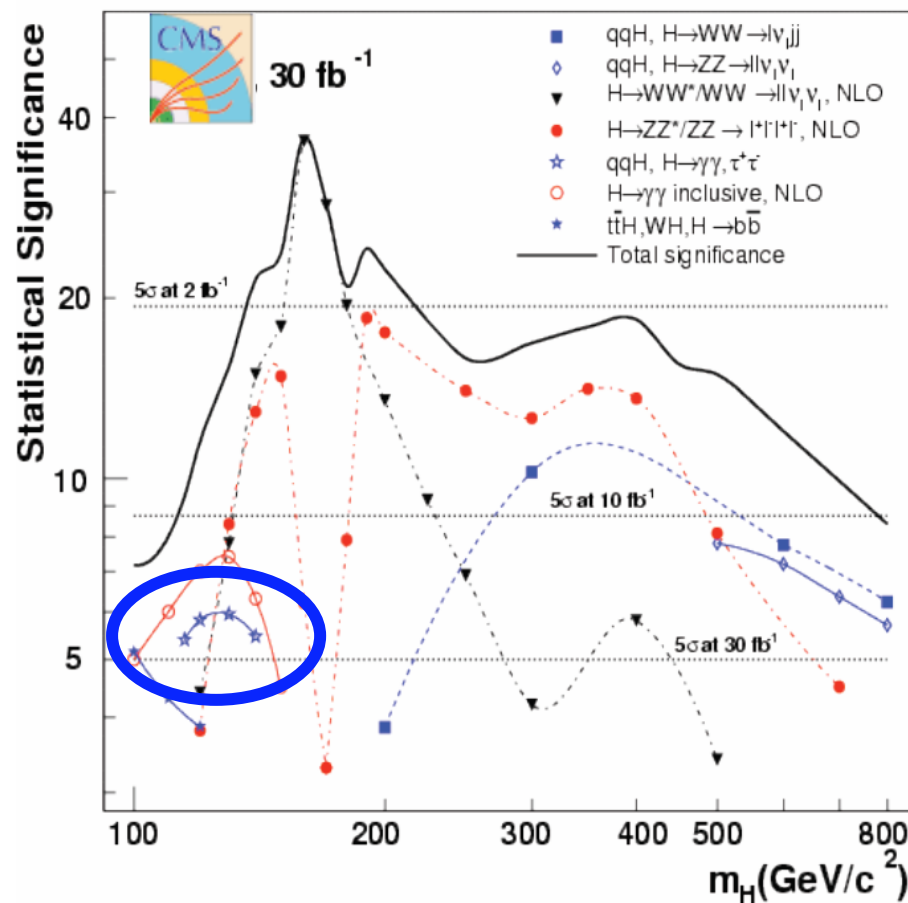
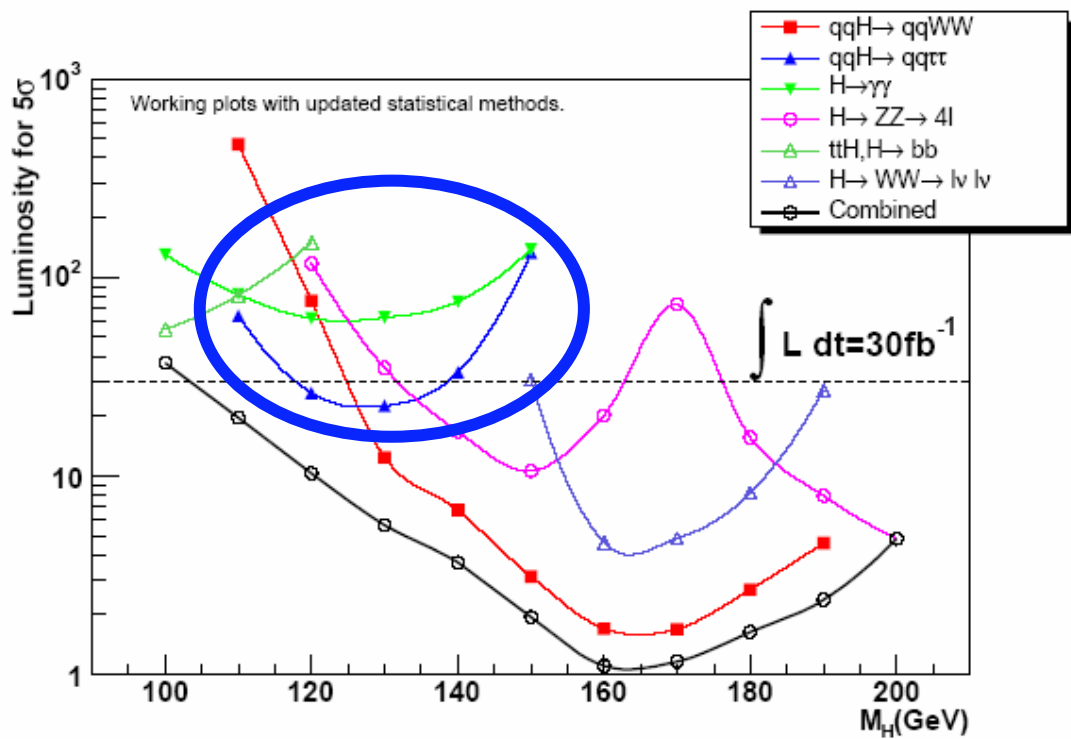
❖ **ATLAS LO for signal and ME for ttbb**

$$\sigma_M \sim 15 \text{ GeV}$$



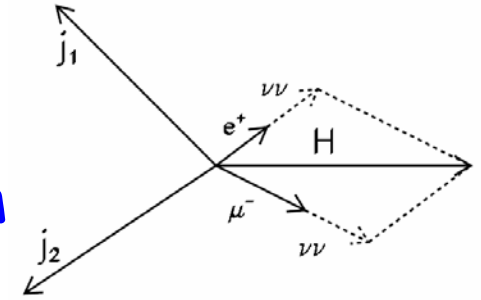


# SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$



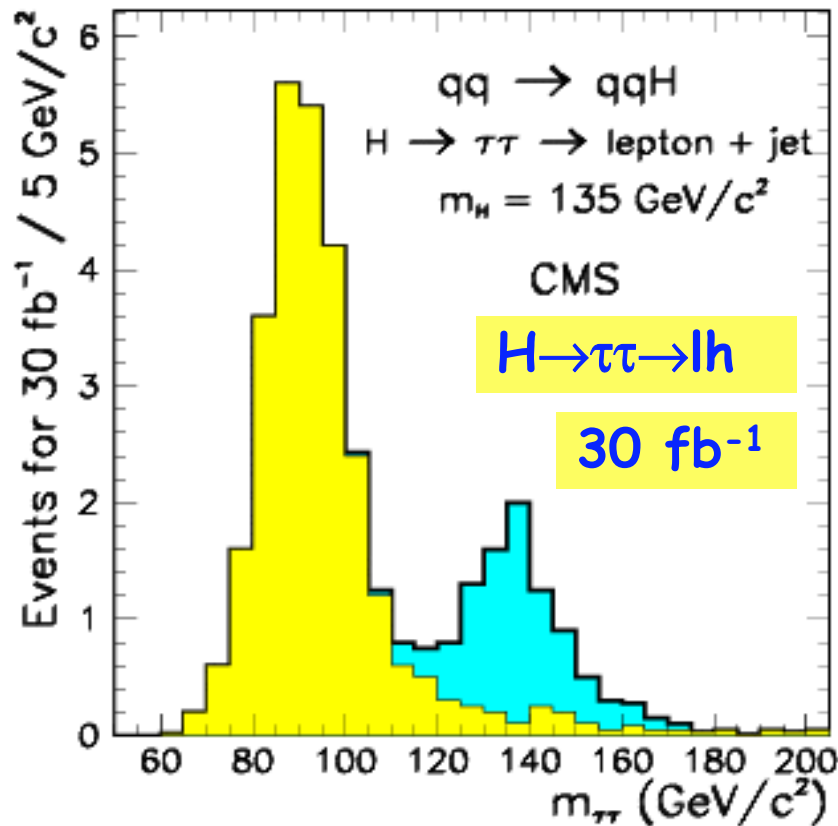
# Low Mass SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau + \text{jets}$

Reconstruct Higgs mass with collinear approximation

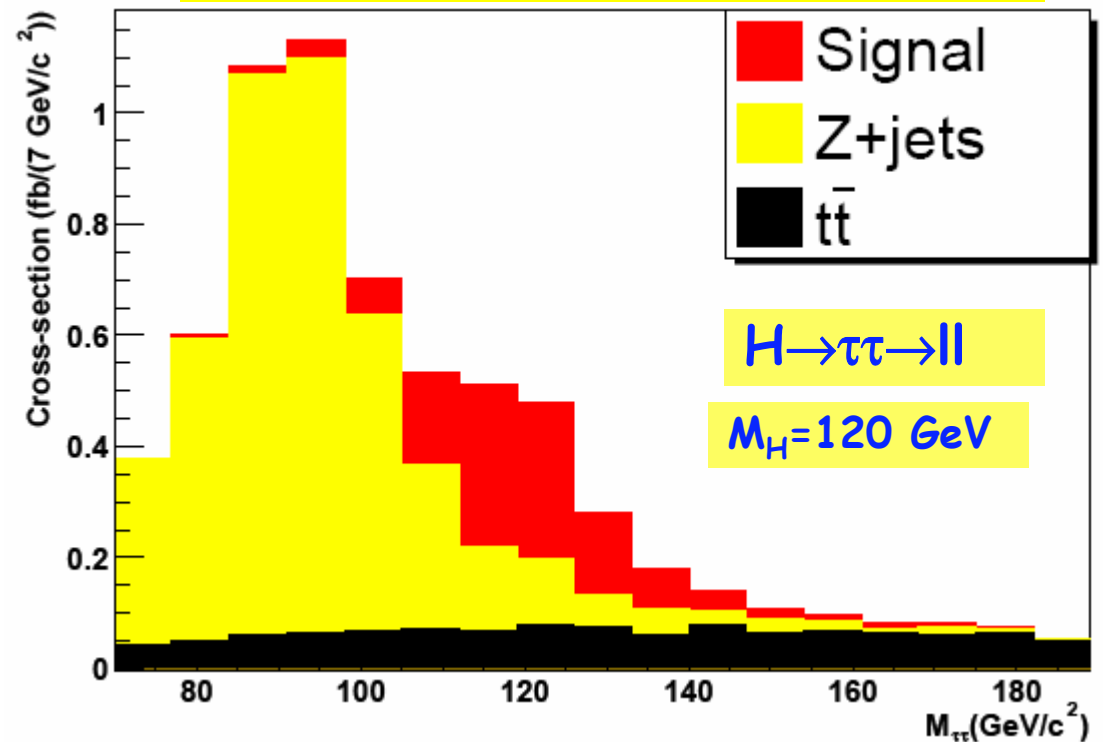


$H(\rightarrow\tau\tau\rightarrow lh) + \geq 2\text{jets (VBF)}$

$H(\rightarrow\tau\tau\rightarrow 2l) + \geq 1\text{jet}$



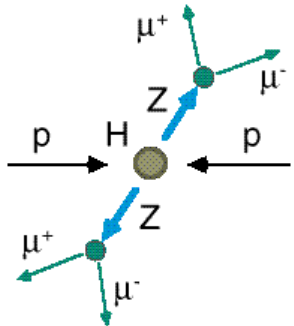
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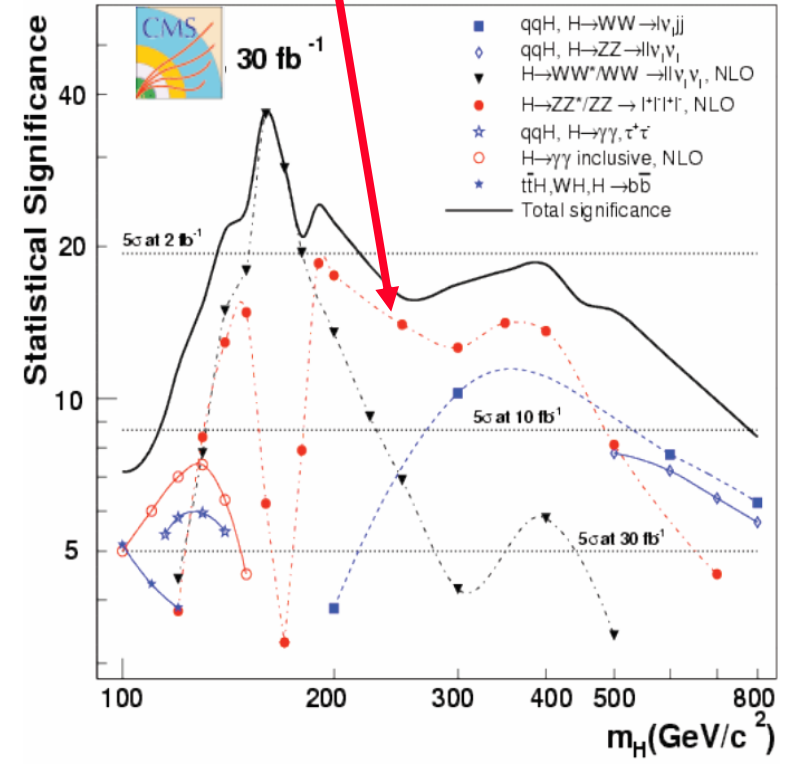
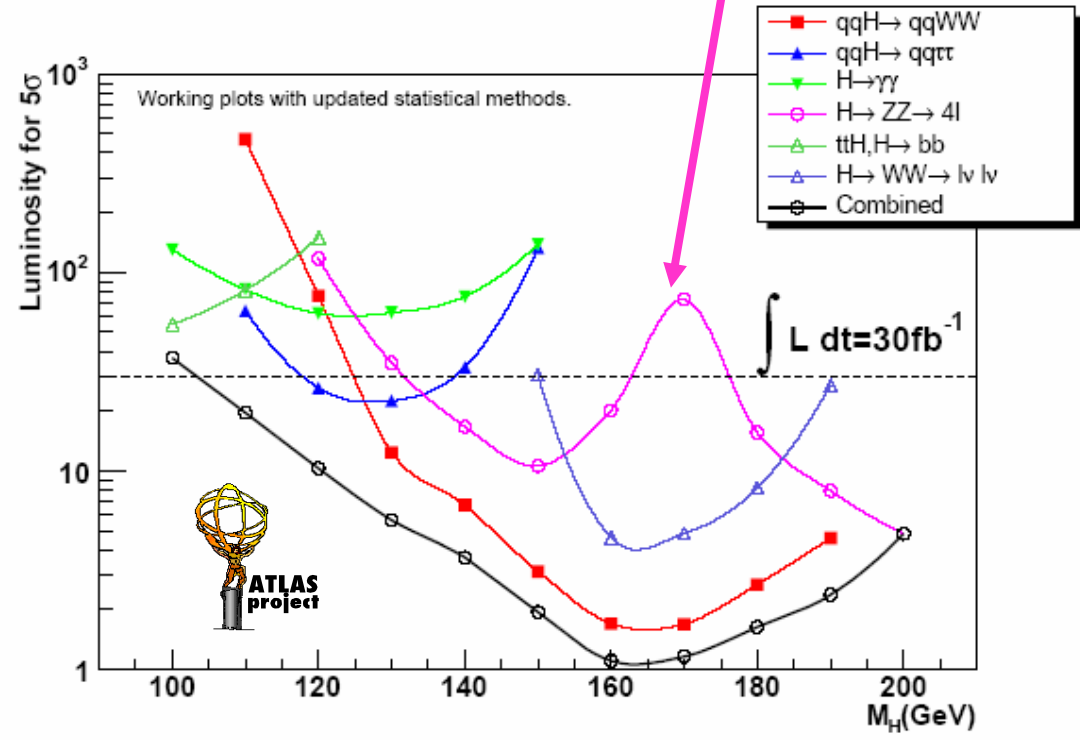
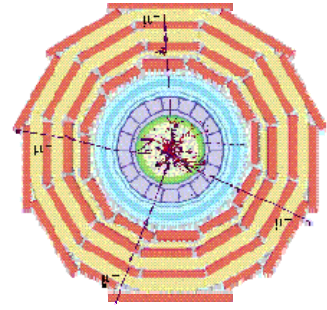


# Main Detector Requirements (ATLAS)

- ✚ Missing  $E_T$  reconstruction is a challenge (even with MC!)
- ✚ Missing  $E_T$  is crucial to reconstruct Higgs mass
  - Require mass resolution of  $<10\%$
  - Hadronic calibration with data: combination of
    - ❖ Minimum bias (low  $P_T$  depositions)
    - ❖ di-jets,  $Z \rightarrow ll + \text{jets}$  ( $\gamma$ -jet) events,  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$  for high  $P_T$  depositions.
    - ❖ Enough data with  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  to cover necessary phase space to calibrate detector for Higgs discovery
- ✚ In order to suppress fake leptons (QCD background) to a level  $<10\%$  of the irreducible background we need to achieve combined  $10^7$  rejection with lepton ID
  - May be achieved for  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ll$  ( $l=e, \mu$ )
    - ❖ May achieve  $>10^4$  per lepton
  - Checking TDR QCD rejection estimates for  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow lh$

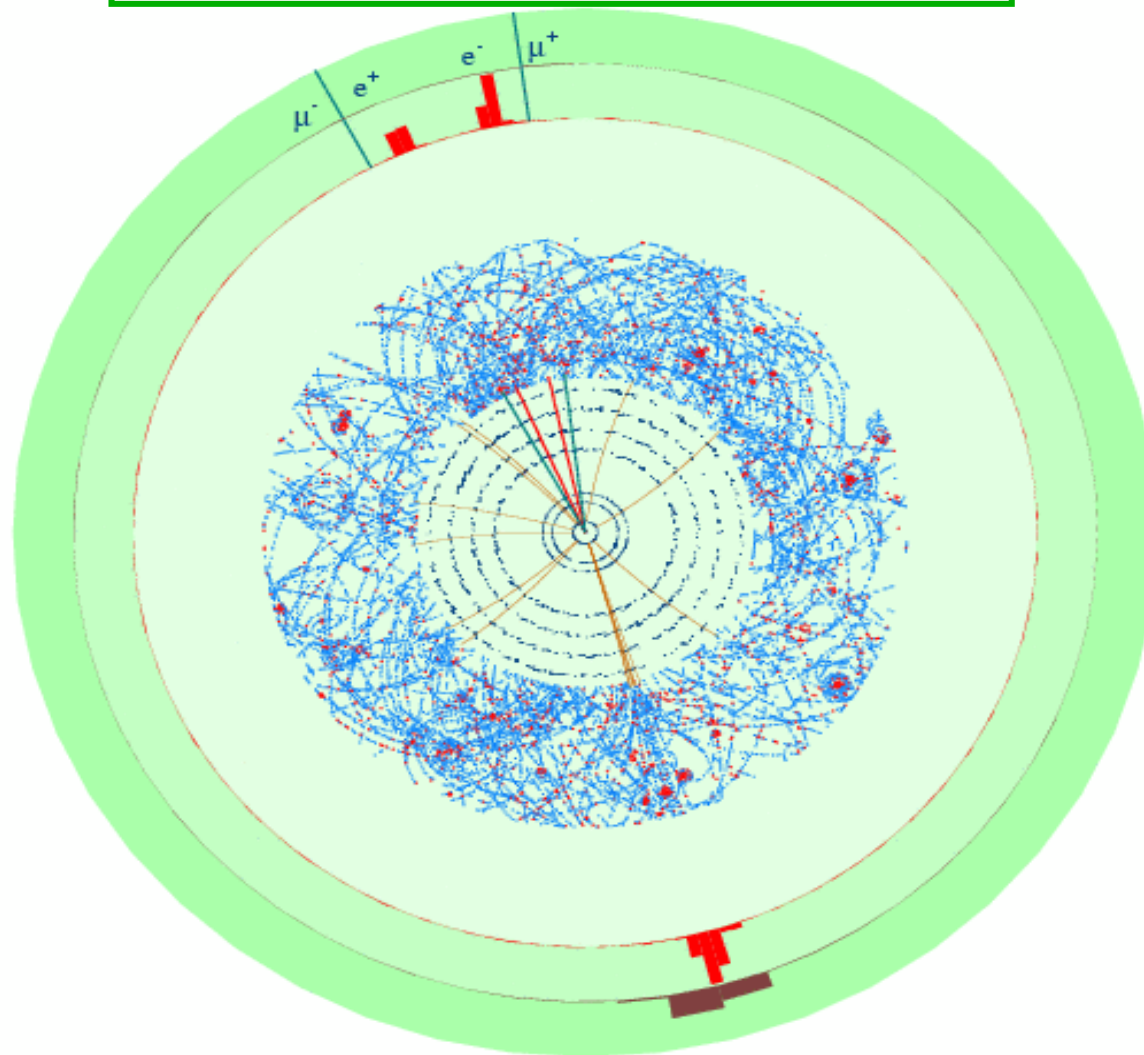


# SM Higgs: $H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$



# ATLAS barrel

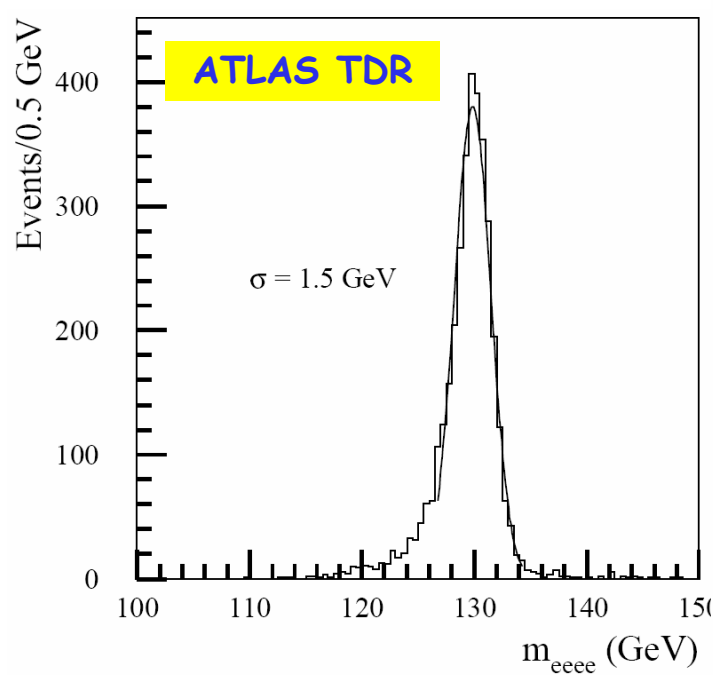
$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow ee\mu\mu$  ( $m_H = 130$  GeV)



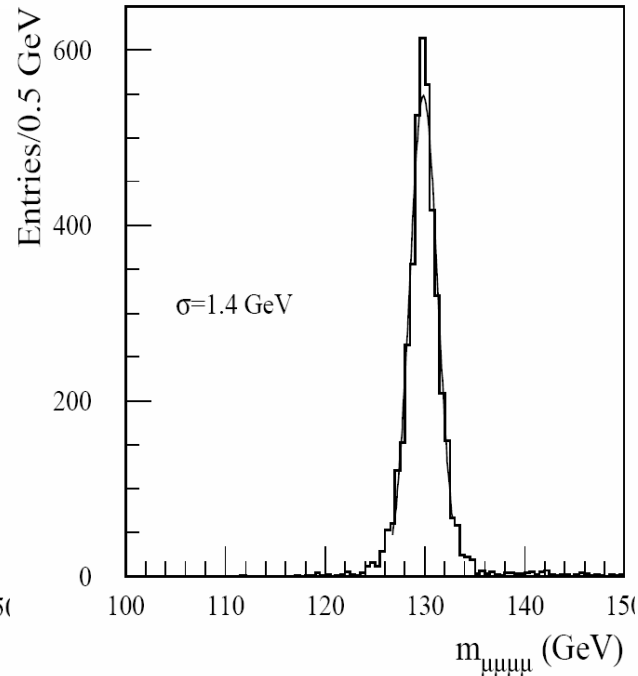
# SM Higgs $\rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4l$

- Able to reconstruct a narrow resonance, with mass resolution close to 1%. Can achieve excellent signal-to-background  $> 1$
- Major issue: Lepton ID and rejection of semi-leptonic decays of B decays. Suppress reducible background  $Zbb, tt \rightarrow 4l$

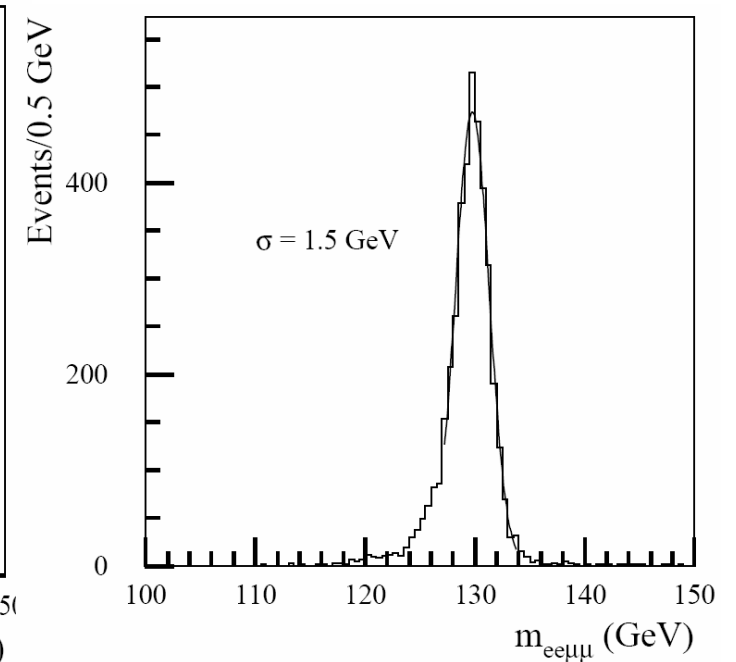
H[130 GeV]  $\rightarrow 4e$

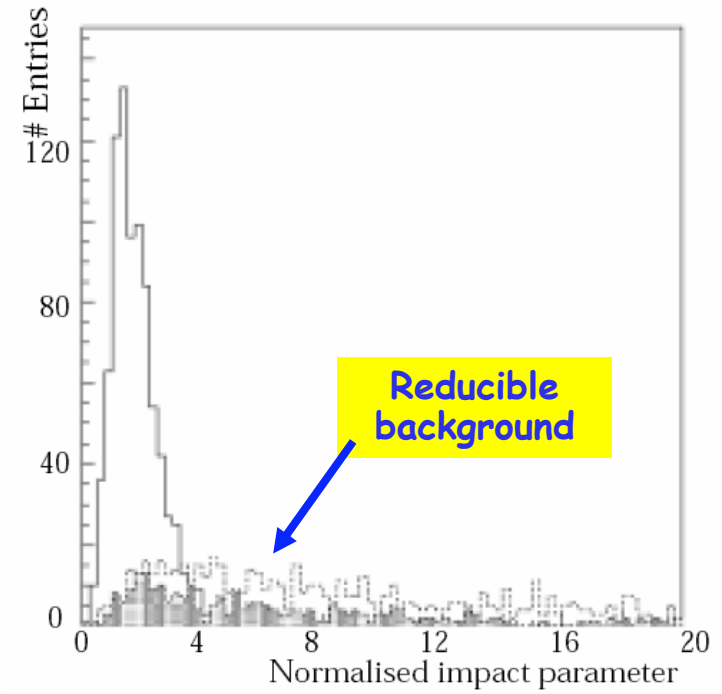
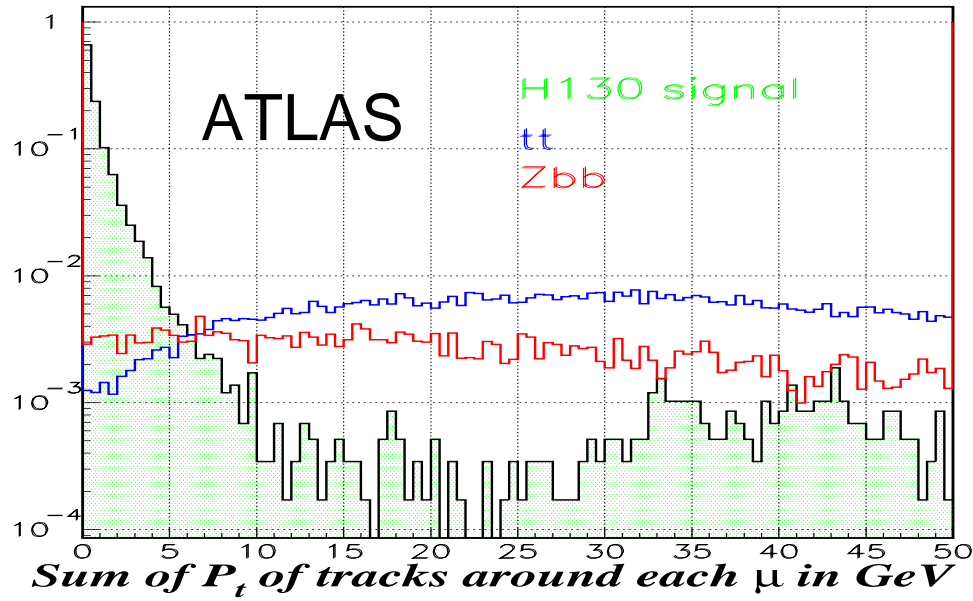


H[130 GeV]  $\rightarrow 4\mu$

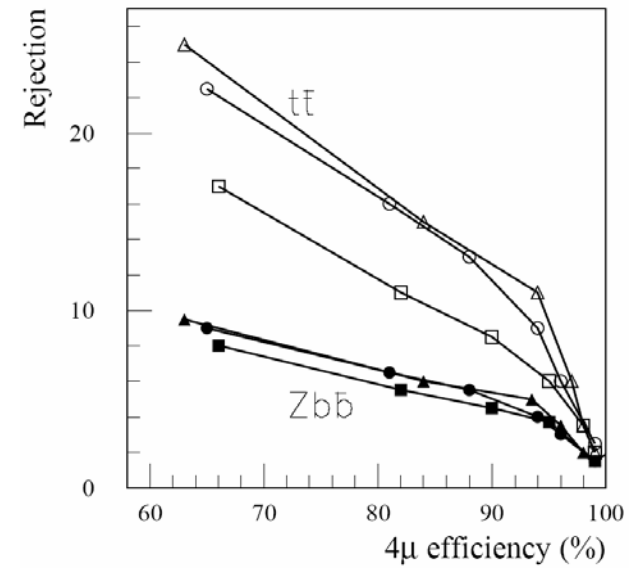
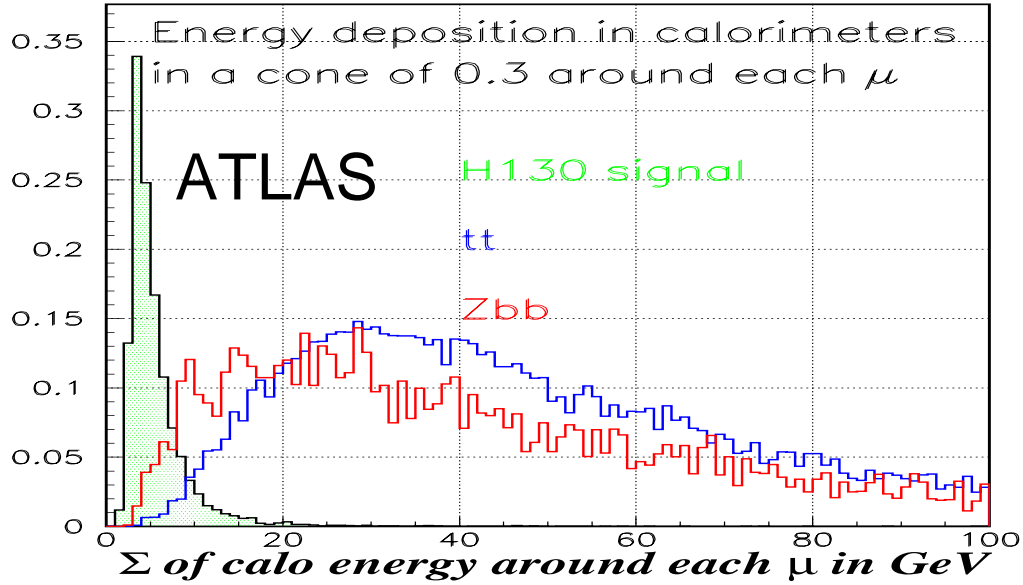


H[130 GeV]  $\rightarrow 2e2\mu$

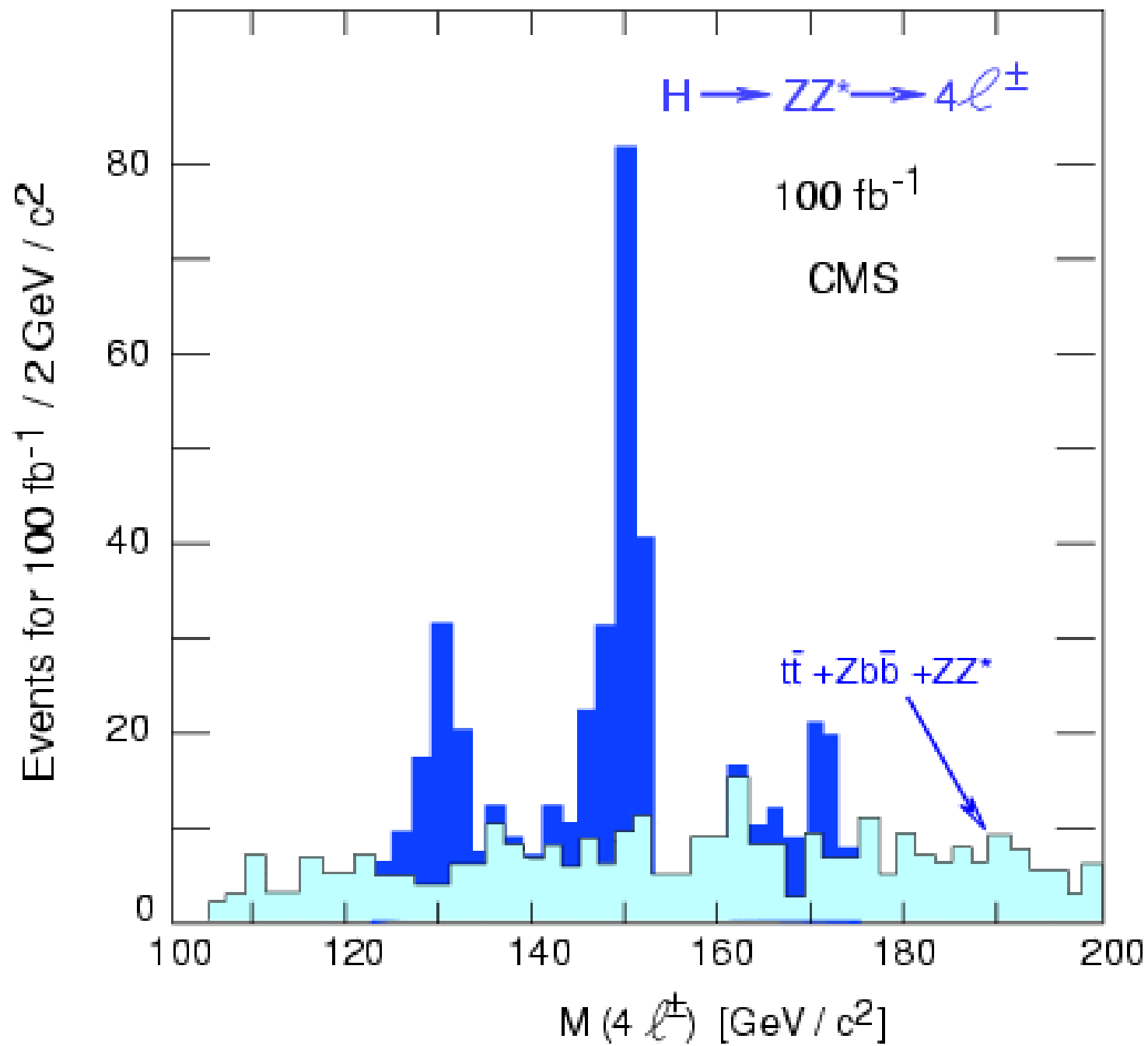




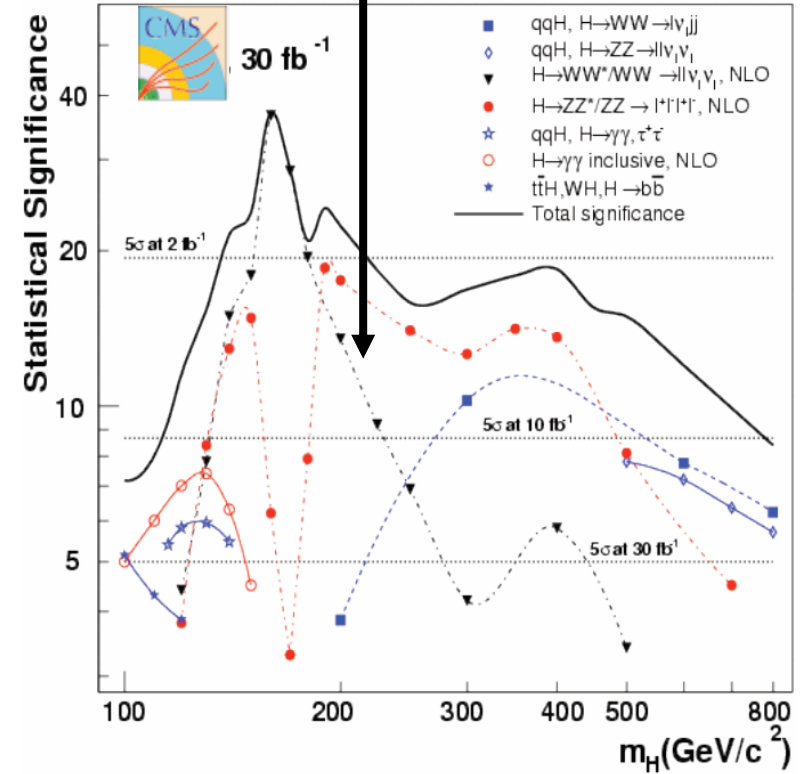
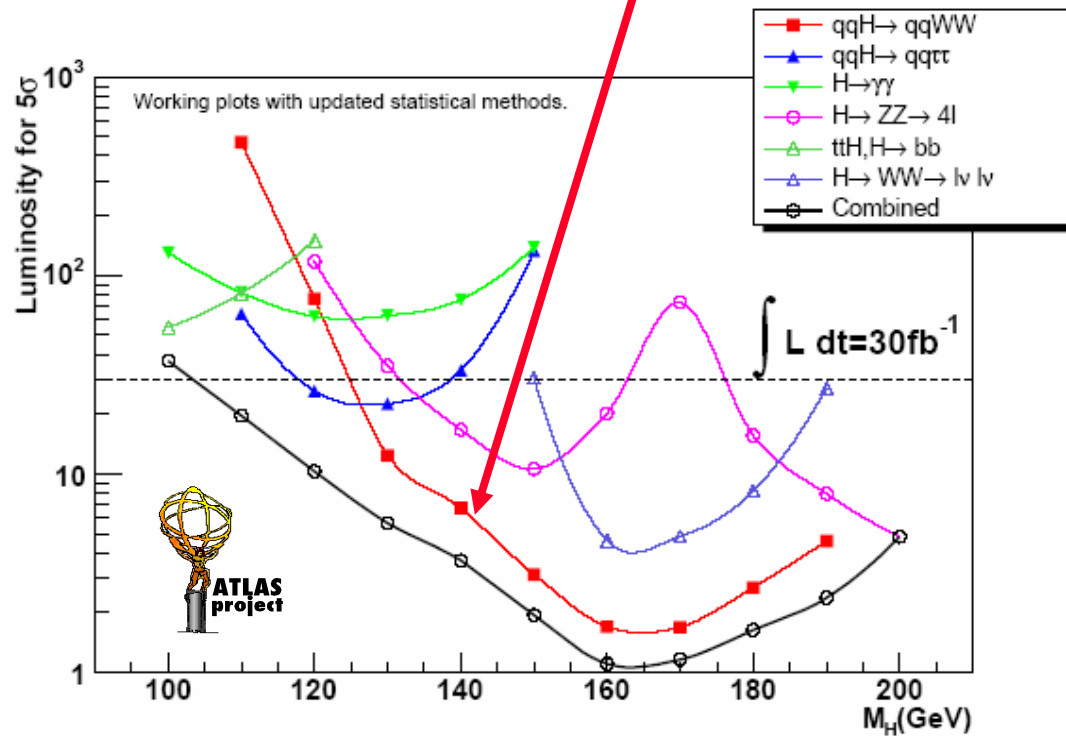
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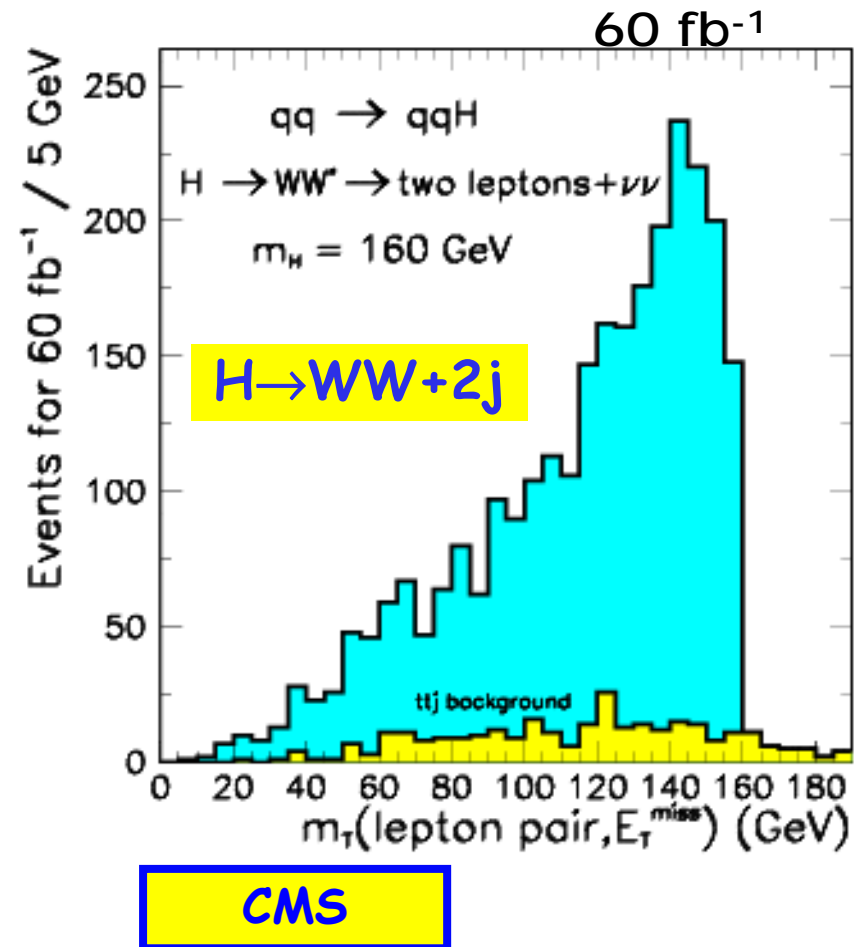
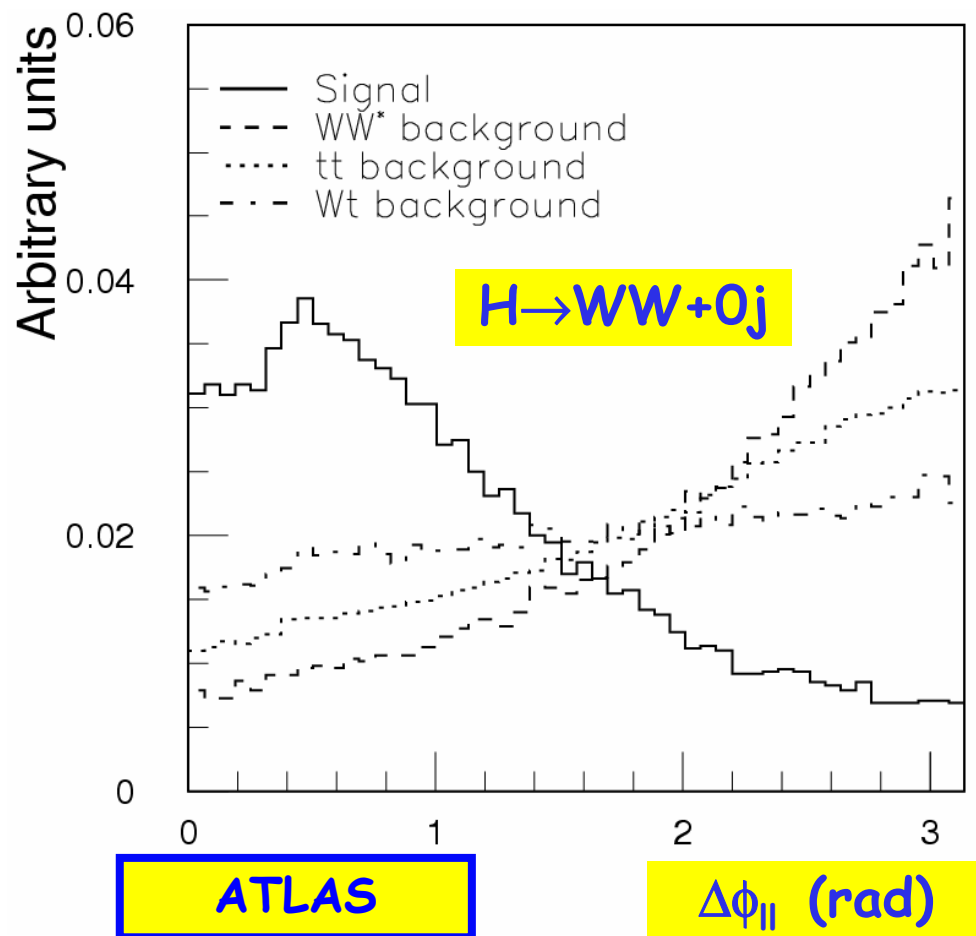


# SM Higgs: $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow 2l2\nu$



# SM Higgs $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} \rightarrow 2l2\nu$

- Strong potential due to large signal yield, but no narrow resonance. Left basically with event counting experiment

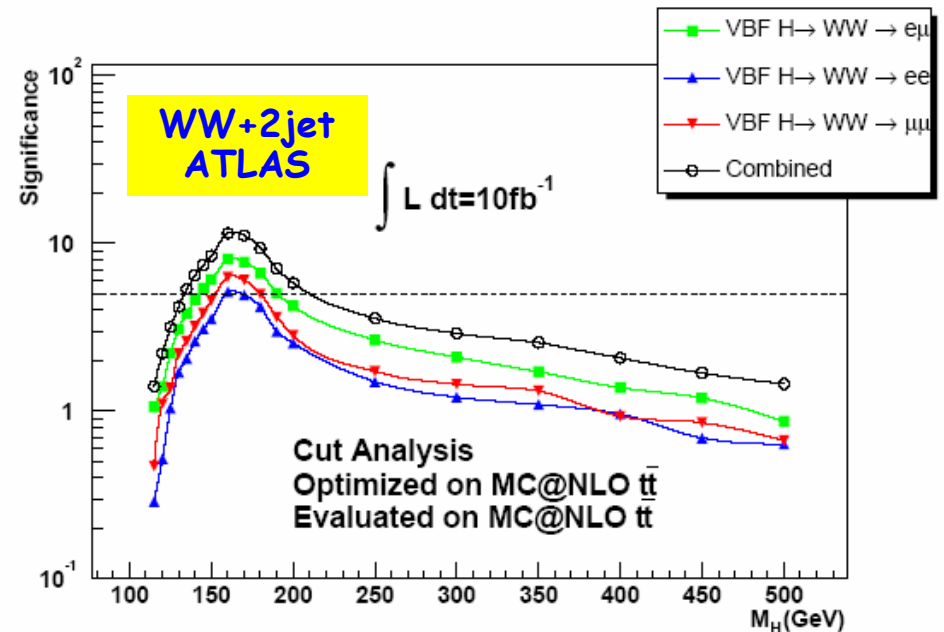
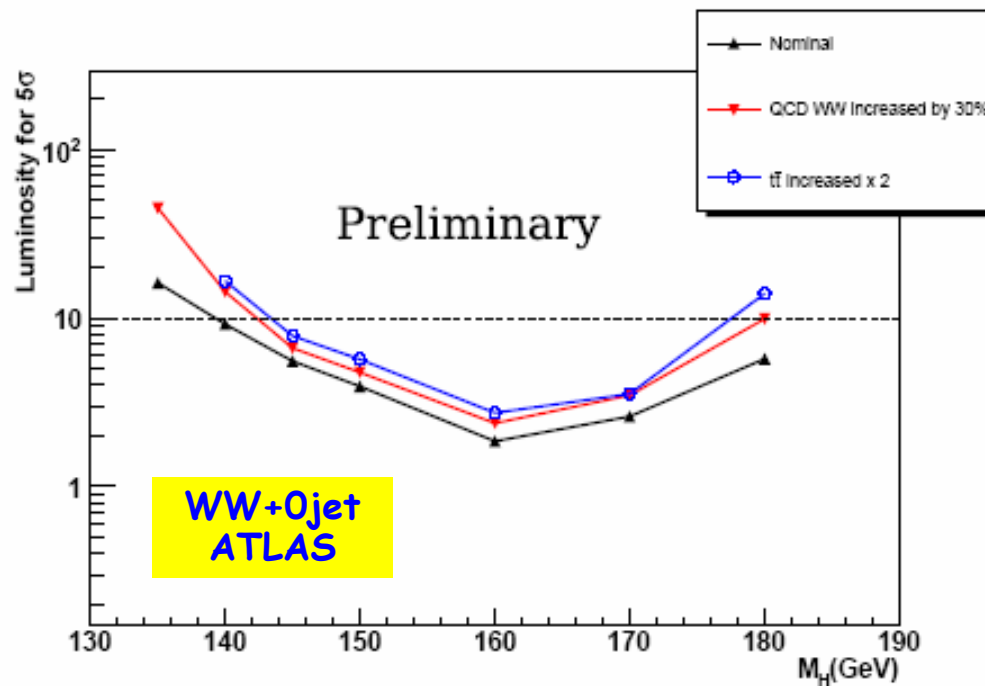
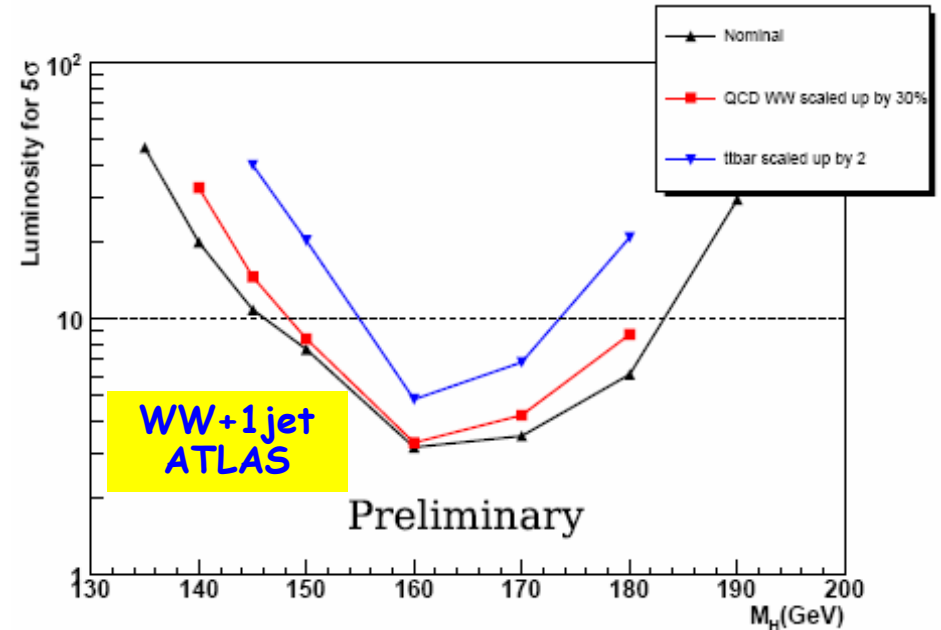




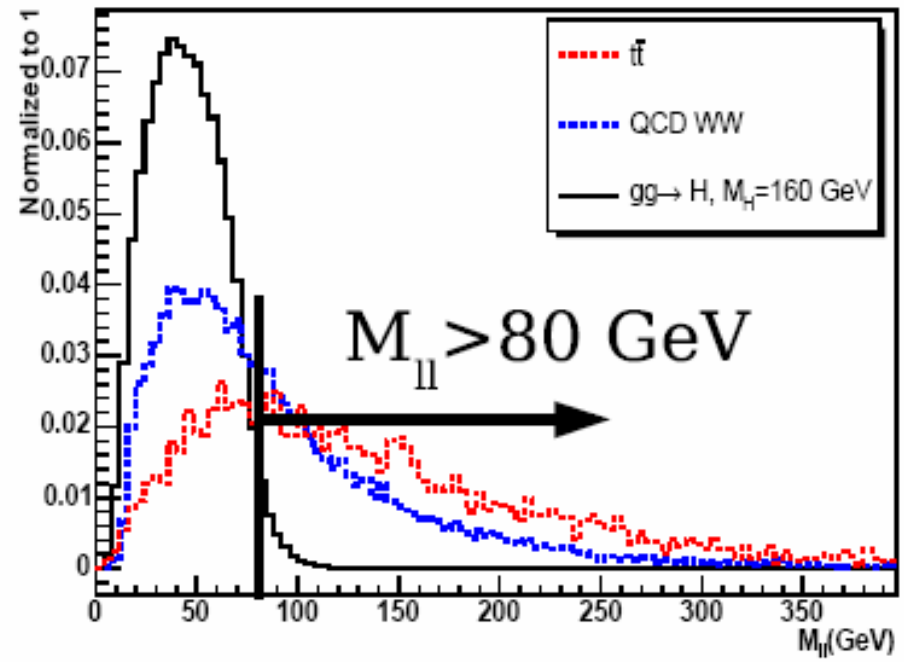
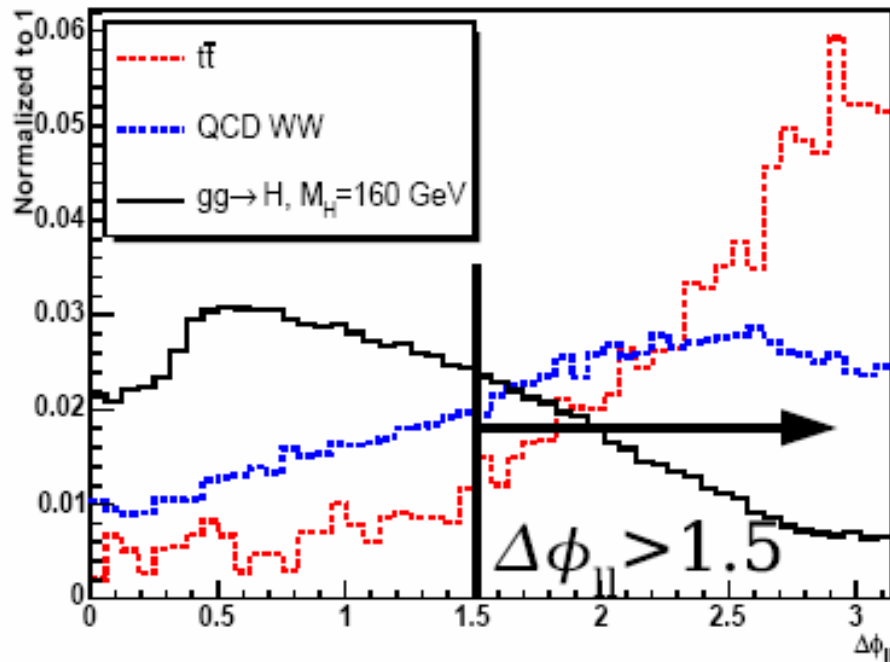
# SM $H \rightarrow WW + 0,1,2$ jets

Defined three independent analysis, depending on the number of tagged jets

➤ Systematic errors added in significance calculation



# Control Samples for $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$



ATLAS Preliminary

- Main control sample is defined with two cuts
  - $\Delta\phi_{||} > 1.5 \text{ rad.}$  and  $M_{||} > 80 \text{ GeV}$
- Because of  $t\bar{t}$  contamination in main control sample, need b-tagged sample ( $M_{||}$  cut is removed)

# Control Samples for $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}$

Signal-like region  
(Low  $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ )

$$\sigma_{tt} = ?$$

$$\sigma_{WW} = ?$$

Control Samples  
(High  $\Delta\phi_{ll}$ )

$$\sigma_{tt}^{tt}$$

$$\sigma_{WW}^{\text{control}} + \sigma_{tt}^{WW}$$

ttbar  
(b-tagged)

QCD WW

$\alpha_{tt}$

$\alpha_{tt}^{WW}$

$\alpha_{WW}$

## Define:

- $\alpha_{WW} = (\text{QCD WW bg}) / (\text{QCD WW in control samp.})$
- $\alpha_{tt} = (\text{tt bg}) / (\text{tt in b-tagged control sample})$
- $\alpha_{tt}^{WW} = (\text{tt in WW sample}) / (\text{tt in b-tagged sample})$

# Systematic Errors (ATLAS preliminary)

✚ Error (in %) on extrapolation for  $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} + 0\text{jets}$

	Jet E Scale uncertainty	Smearing of $E_T$ miss resolution	PDF
$\Delta\alpha_{WW}$	1	2	5
$\Delta\alpha_{\tau\tau}$	7	1	-
$\Delta\alpha_{\tau\tau}^{WW}$	9	1	-

✚ Error (in %) on extrapolation for  $H \rightarrow WW^{(*)} + 1\text{jets}$

	Jet E Scale uncertainty	Smearing of $E_T$ miss resolution	PDF
$\Delta\alpha_{WW}$	3	2	7
$\Delta\alpha_{\tau\tau}$	9	2	-
$\Delta\alpha_{\tau\tau}^{WW}$	9	1.5	-

# Summary of Detector Performance Requirements (ATLAS)

- Combination of multiple channels will require a certain understanding of all signatures and sub-detectors
  - One  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  of usable data (or less) will be needed for calibration

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (+0,1,2 jets)	$100 < M_H < 150$	$\gamma$ calibration ( $c_{\text{tot}} < 0.7\%$ ) $\gamma$ /jet separation (>1000 rejection for quark jets for $\epsilon_\gamma = 80\%$ )
$t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$80 < M_H < 130$	b-tagging ( $\epsilon_b = 60\%$ , 100/10 rejection against light/c jets) extraction of background shape

# Summary of Detector Performance Requirements (ATLAS)

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau, \tau \rightarrow l, h$ (+0, 1, 2 jets)	$110 < M_H < 150$	Missing $E_T$ (<10% Higgs mass resolution), lepton ID (> $10^7$ fake suppression with ID), jet tagging (5%/10% energy scale uncertainty for central/forward jets), central jet veto (need to address low $E_T$ jet resolution requirements)
$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)}, Z \rightarrow 4l$	$120 < M_H < 600$	Lepton isolation/efficiency (achieve ~100/1000 rejection against $Zbb/tbb$ for $\epsilon_{\text{lepton}} \sim 90\%$ )
$H \rightarrow WW^{(*)}, W \rightarrow lv$ (+0, 1, 2 jets)	$120 < M_H < 200$	"top killer" (>10 rejection), jet tagging (5%/10% energy scale uncertainty for central/forward jets), jet veto