

# Tagging Jets in Invisible Higgs Searches

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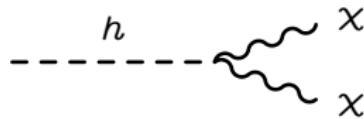
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# Motivation

- Higgs decays to invisible particles
  - [Shrock, Suzuki, 1982]
- Higgs portal models
  - [Silveira, Zee, 1985]
  - [Burgess, Pospelov, Veldhuis, 2001]
  - [Patt, Wilczek, 2006]
  - [Englert, Plehn, Zerwas, Zerwas, 2011]
- Dark matter candidates
  - Scalar (minimal/extended Higgs sector)
  - Fermion (**MSSM**) [Butter, Murgia, Plehn, Tait, 2016]
  - ...



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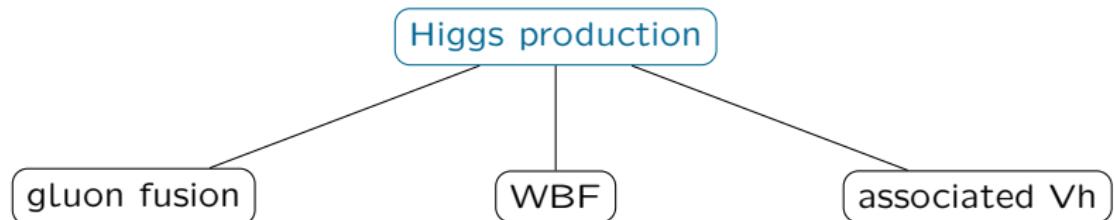
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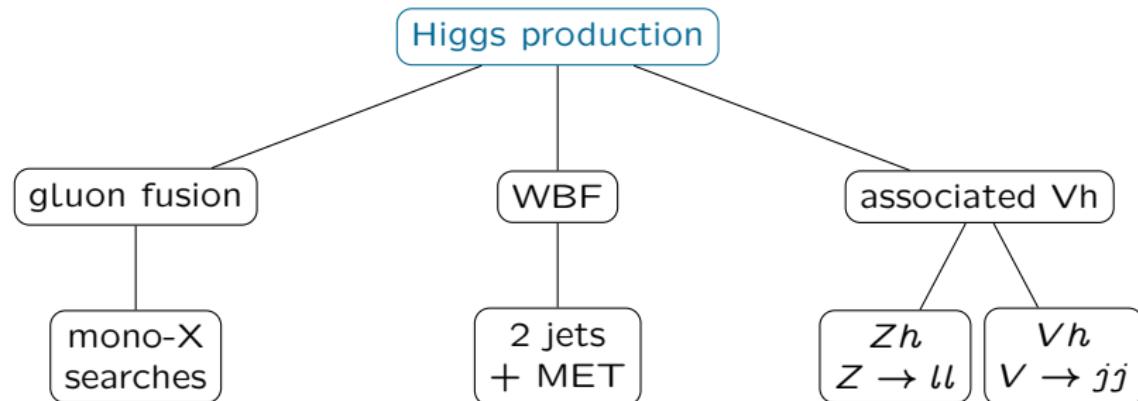
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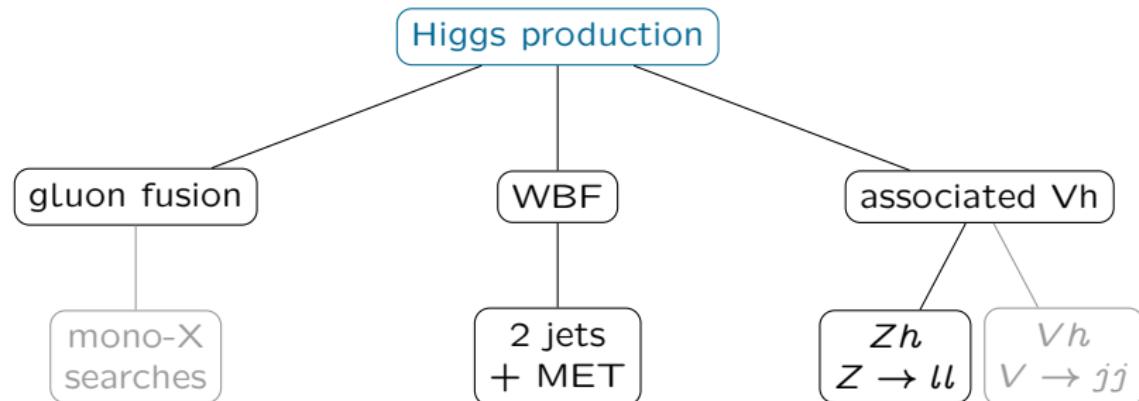
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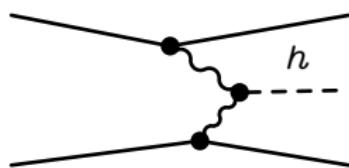
**strongest channels** [ATLAS: CERN-PH-EP-2015-191]

# Weak boson fusion

# WBF signature

EW process: Jets + missing energy

- 2 jets with large  $\eta$  separation
- opposite hemispheres  $\eta_1 \cdot \eta_2 < 0$
- large MET
- no central jet activity



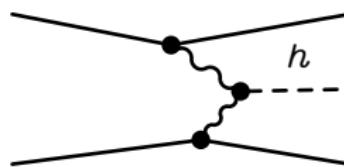
## Trigger

- CMS-HIG-16-016:
  - $p_{T,j} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
  - $m_{jj} > 600 \text{ GeV}$
  - $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 140 \text{ GeV}$
  - $\Delta\eta_{jj} > 3.5$
  - $\eta_{j1} * \eta_{j2} < 0$
- outlook for HL-LHC
  - $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV?}$
  - ...?
  - How dangerous is this?

[Eboli, Zeppenfeld, 2000]

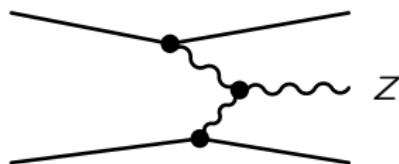
[Bernaciak, Plehn, Schichtel, Tattersall, 2014]

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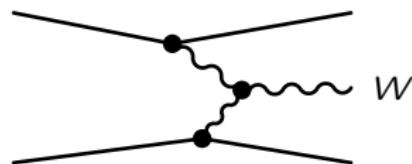


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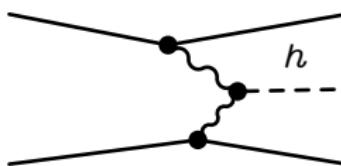


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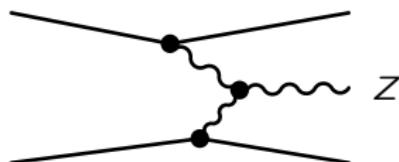
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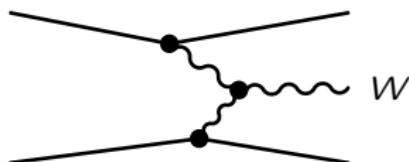


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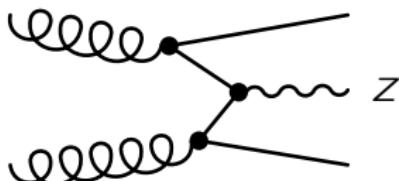
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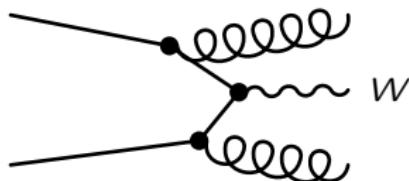
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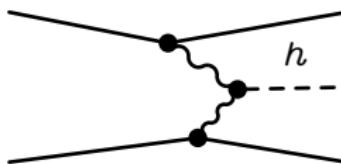


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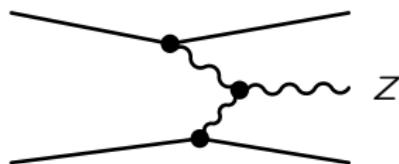
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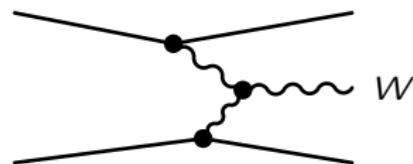


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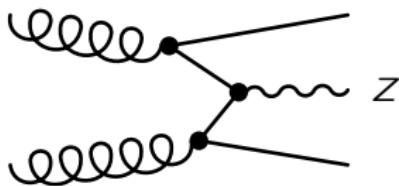
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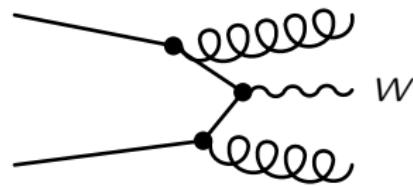
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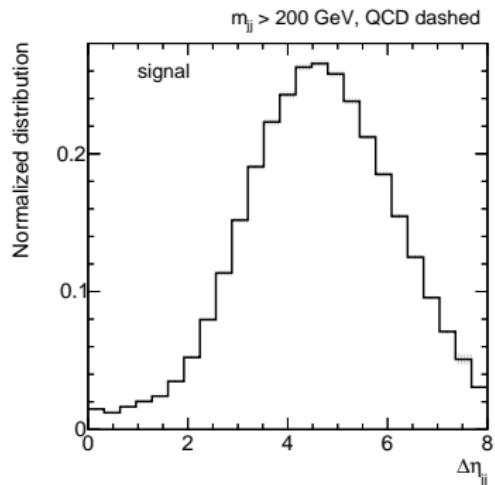
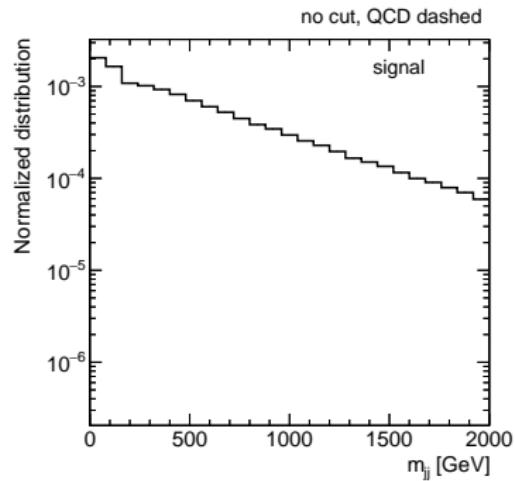
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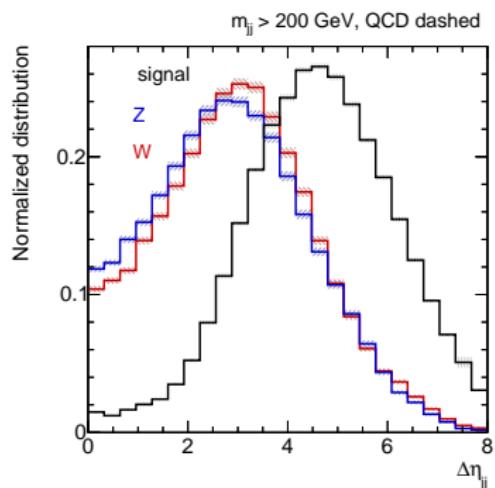
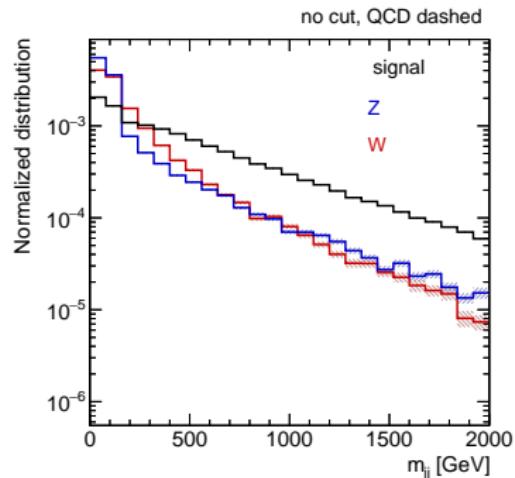
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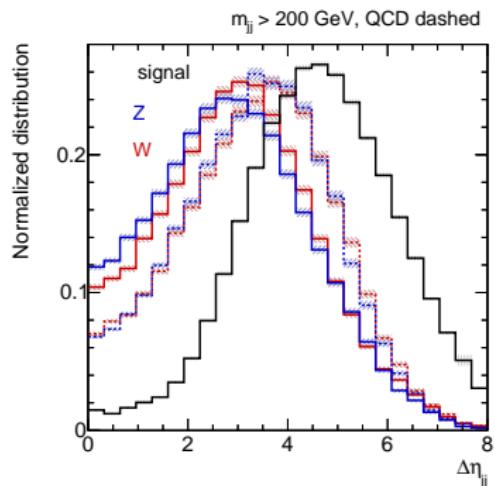
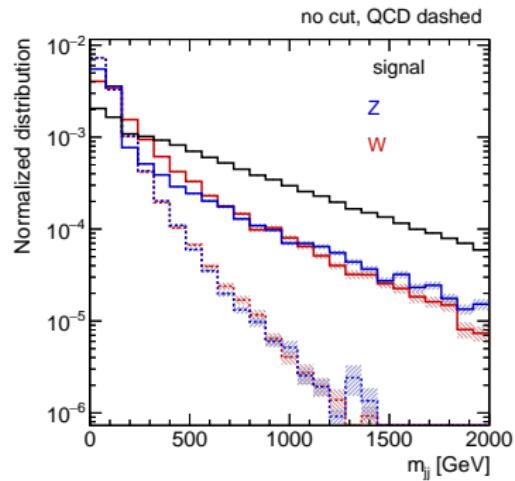
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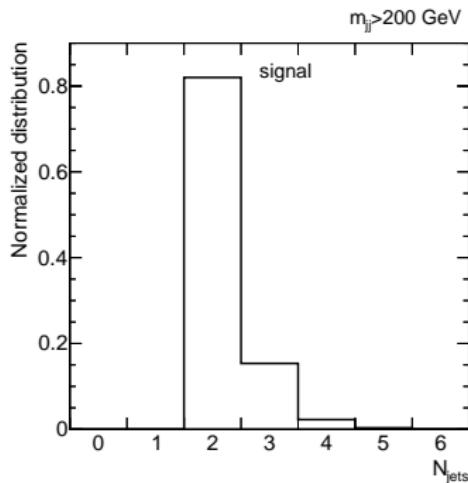
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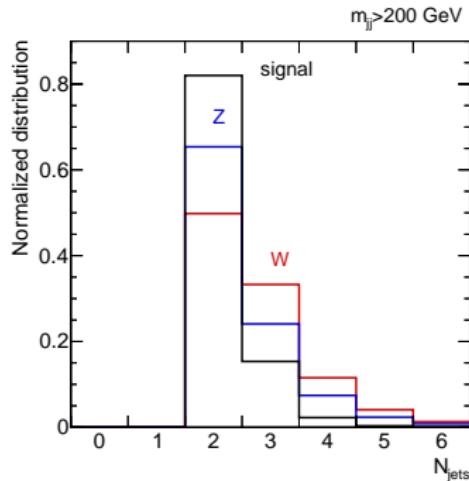


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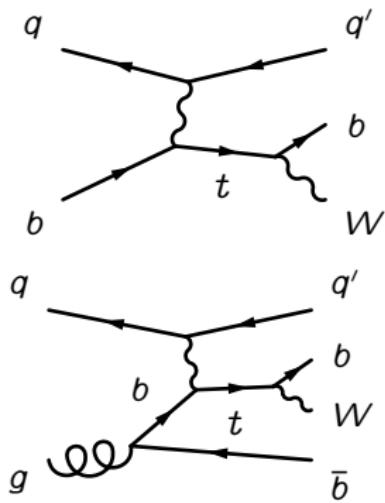
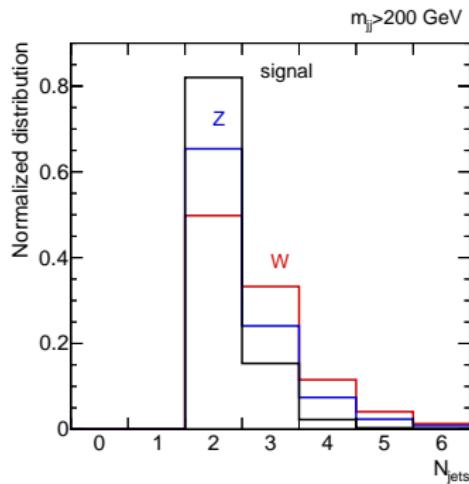


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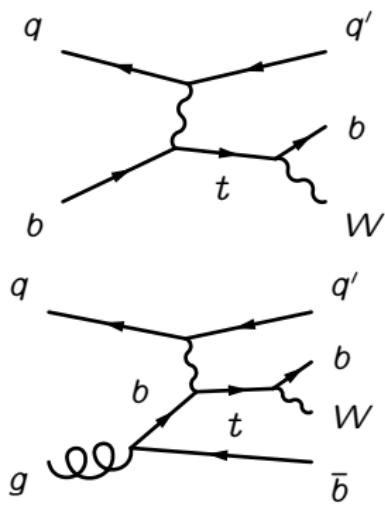
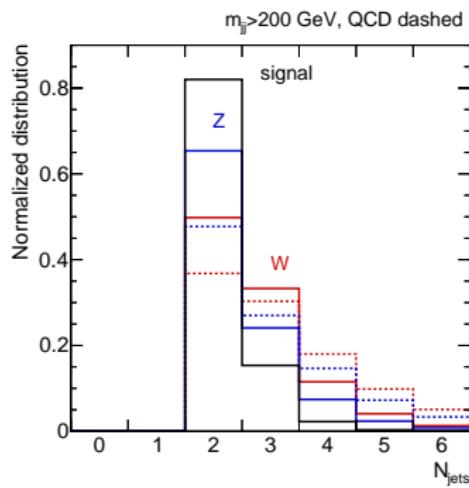
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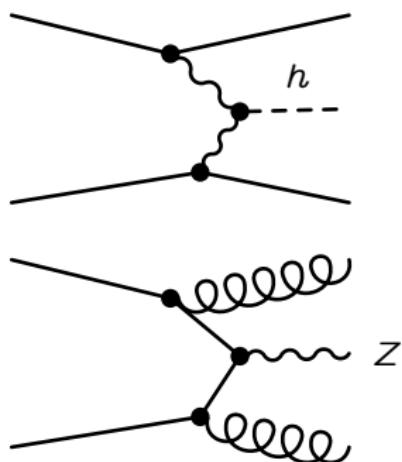
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# Tagging jet content

## How to suppress QCD backgrounds?

- QCD dominates over EW processes (LHC)
- central jet veto
- recall: for QCD background tagging jets can be quarks  
→ can we use this to suppress QCD backgrounds?



## Quark gluon discrimination

QCD backgrounds more likely to have hard gluon jets

- wider angle soft emissions
- more splittings in parton evolution

Variables for quark gluon discrimination

- $n_{\text{PF}}$ : number of particle flow (PF) objects (tracks and towers)

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$$w_{\text{PF}} = \frac{\sum_{\text{PF} \in \text{jet}} p_{T,\text{PF}} \Delta R_{\text{PF,jet}}}{\sum_{\text{PF} \in \text{jet}} p_{T,\text{PF}}}$$

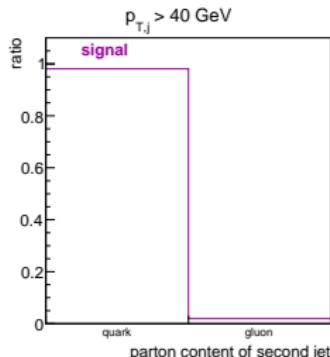
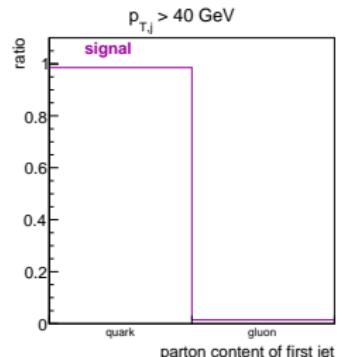
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$$C = \frac{\sum_{i_{\text{PF}}, j_{\text{PF}}} p_{T,i} p_{T,j} (\Delta R_{ij})^{0.2}}{\left(\sum_{i_{\text{PF}}} p_{T,i}\right)^2}$$

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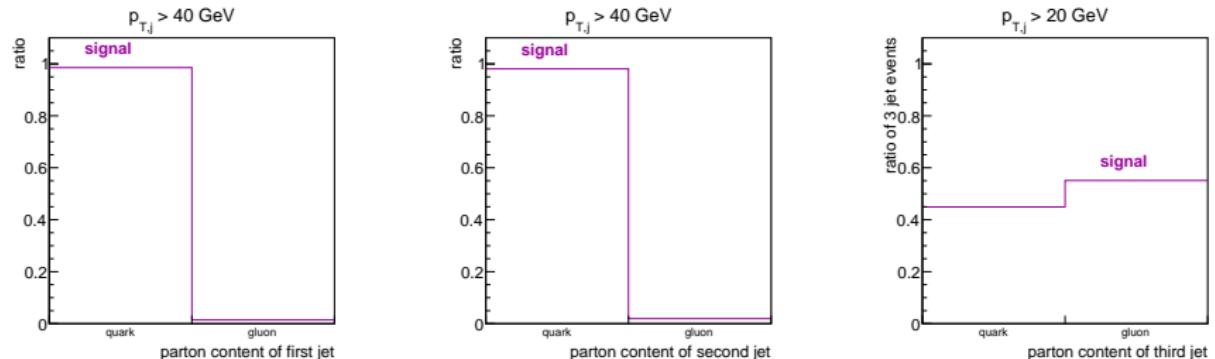
$$p_T D = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{PF} \in \text{jet}} p_{T,\text{PF}}^2}}{\sum_{\text{PF} \in \text{jet}} p_{T,\text{PF}}}$$

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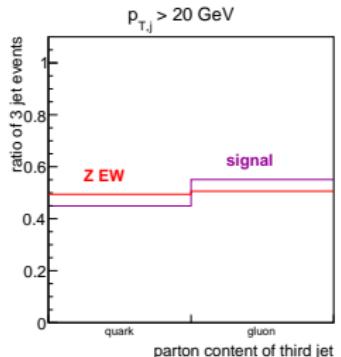
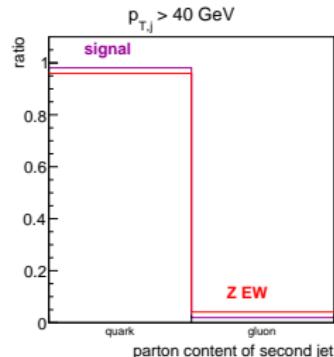
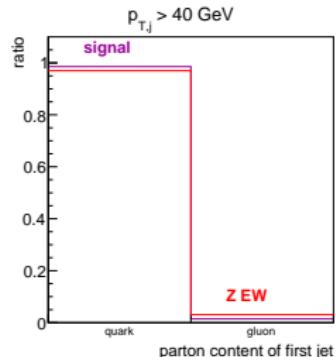
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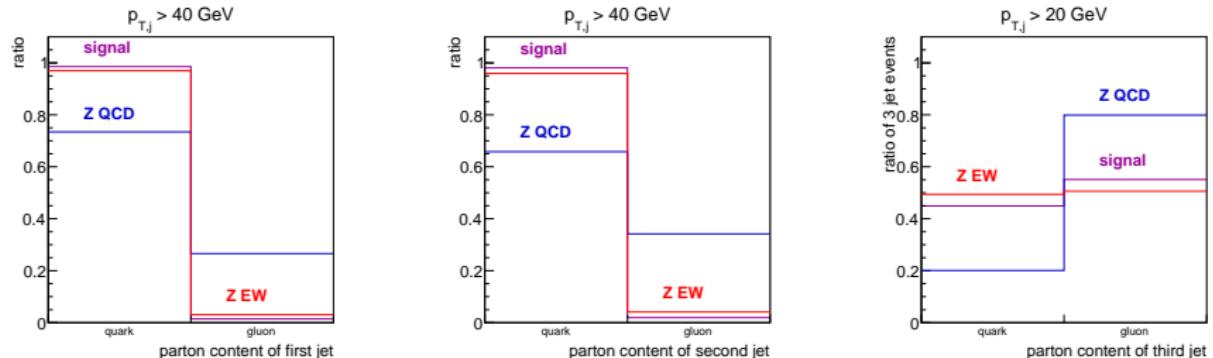
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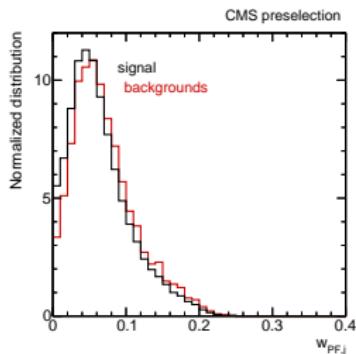
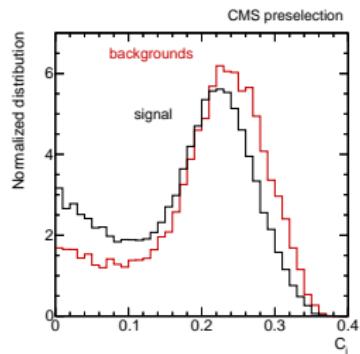
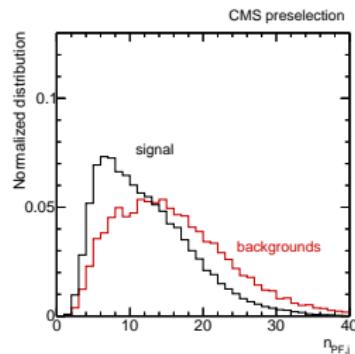
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Expect best discrimination power for second jet.

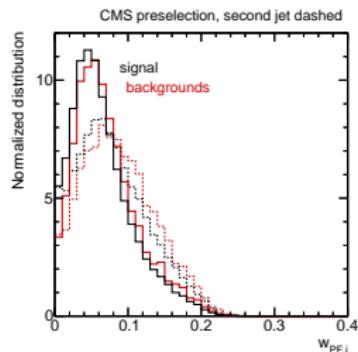
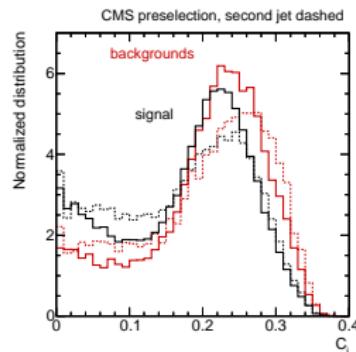
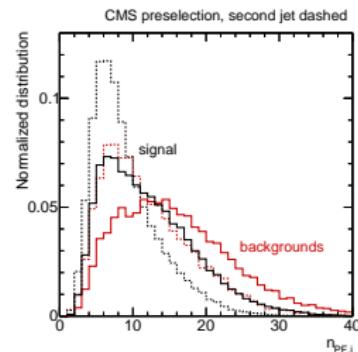
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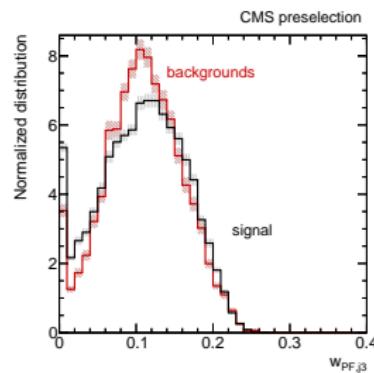
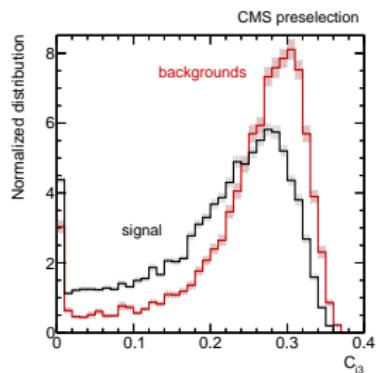
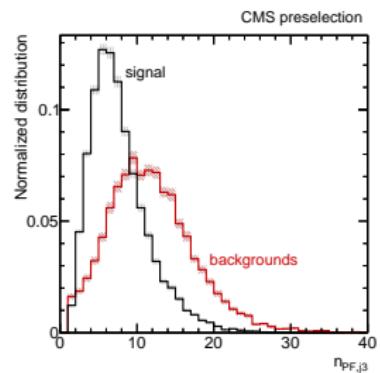
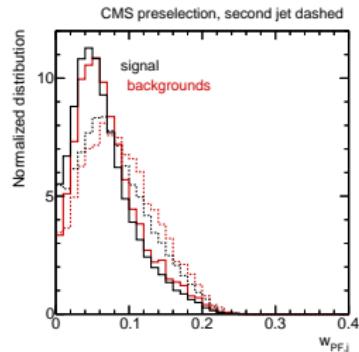
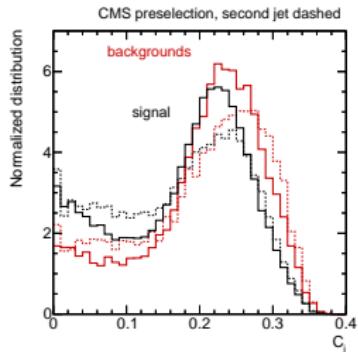
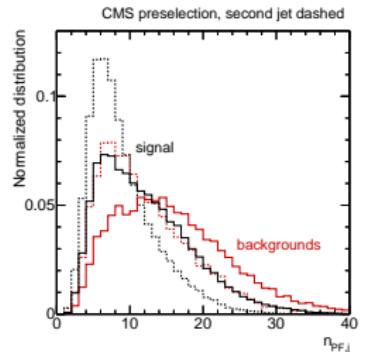
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Quark gluon discrimination variables are  $p_T$  dependent

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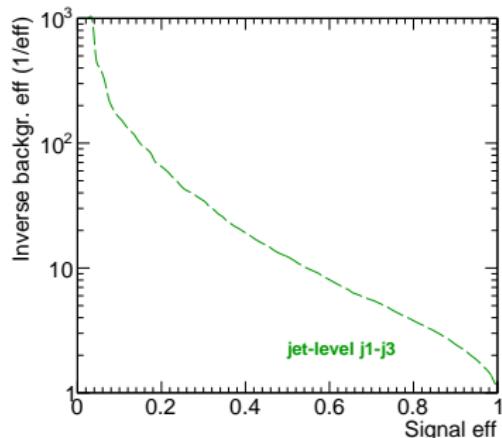


**Third jet gives best separation (here:  $p_T > 20$  GeV)**

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# BDT analysis

# Boosted decision tree analysis

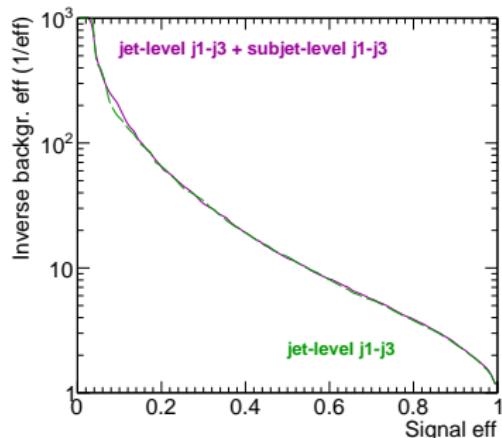


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subjet-Level $j_1, j_2$	$n_{PF,j_1} n_{PF,j_2} C_{j_1} C_{j_2} p_T D_{j_1} p_T D_{j_2}$
$j_3$ angular information	$\Delta\eta_{j_1,j_3} \Delta\eta_{j_2,j_3} \Delta\phi_{j_1,j_3} \Delta\phi_{j_2,j_3}$
jet-Level $j_1-j_3$	jet-level $j_1, j_2 + j_3$ angular information + $p_{T,j_3}$
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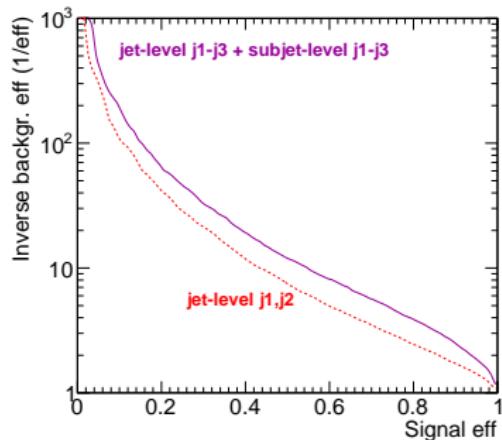


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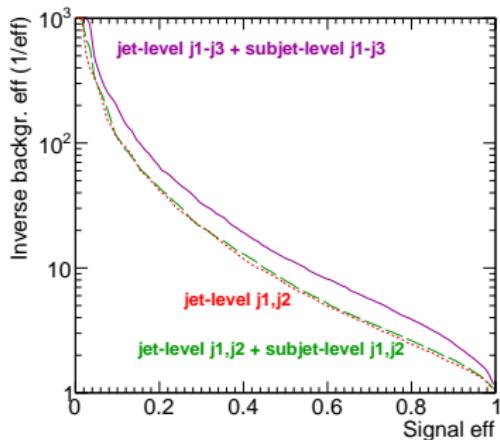


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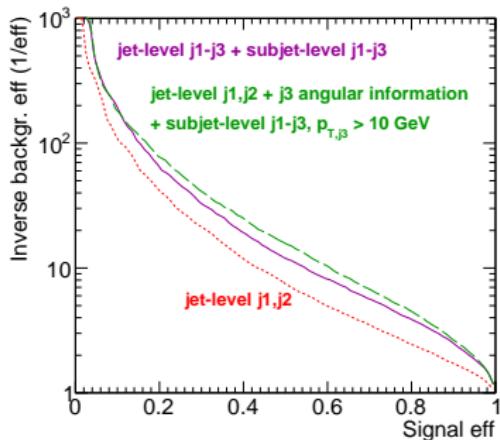


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$j_3$ angular information	$\Delta\eta_{j_1,j_3} \Delta\eta_{j_2,j_3} \Delta\phi_{j_1,j_3} \Delta\phi_{j_2,j_3}$
jet-Level $j_1-j_3$	jet-level $j_1, j_2 + j_3$ angular information + $p_{T,j_3}$
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# Boosted decision tree analysis



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subjet-level $j_1, j_2$	$n_{PF,j_1} n_{PF,j_2} C_{j_1} C_{j_2} p_T D_{j_1} p_T D_{j_2}$
$j_3$ angular information	$\Delta\eta_{j_1,j_3} \Delta\eta_{j_2,j_3} \Delta\phi_{j_1,j_3} \Delta\phi_{j_2,j_3}, p_{T,j_3} > 10 \text{ GeV}$
jet-level $j_1-j_3$	jet-level $j_1, j_2$ + $j_3$ angular information + $p_{T,j_3}$
subjet-level $j_1-j_3$	subjet-level $j_1, j_2$ + $n_{PF,j_3} C_{j_3} p_T D_{j_3}$

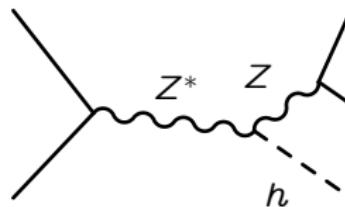
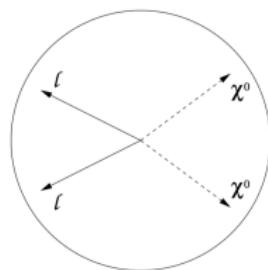
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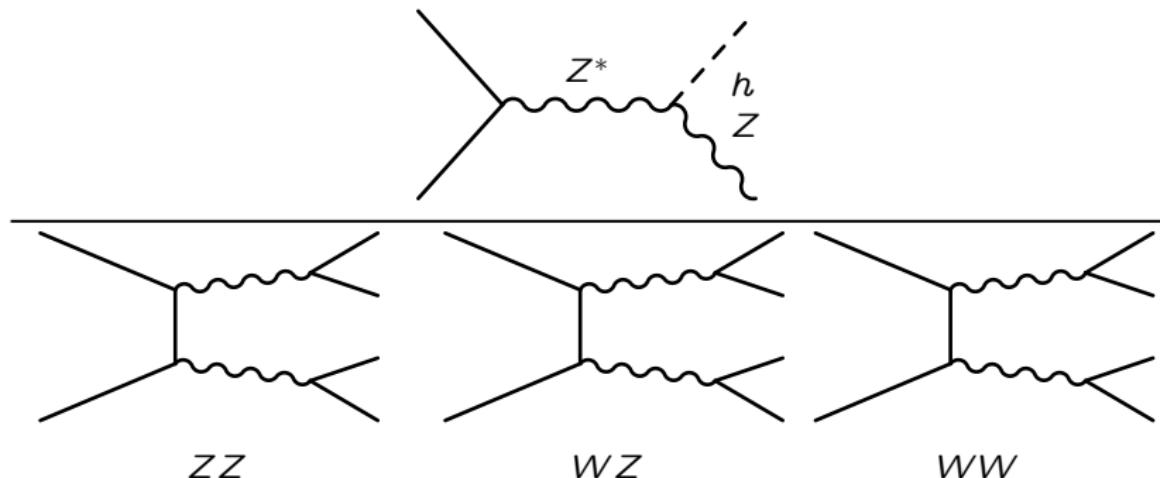
Associated Zh production

## Zh production - signature

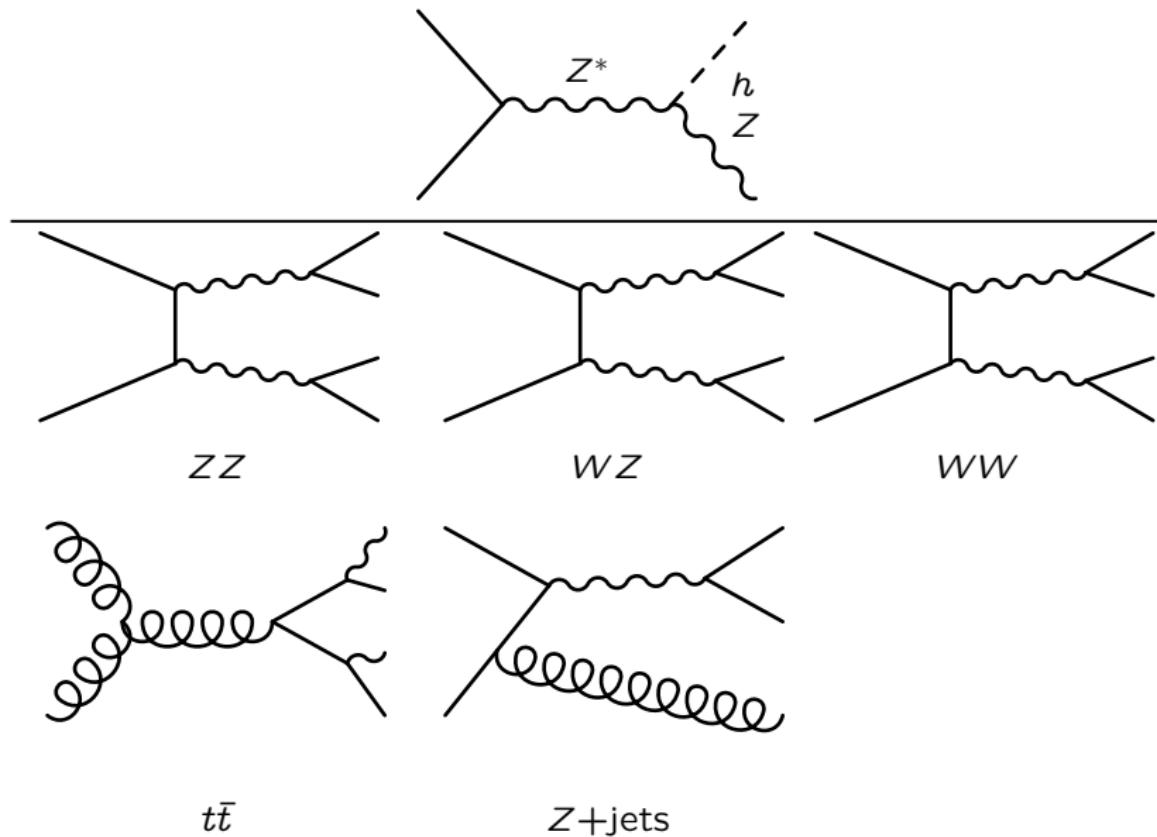
- boosted SFOS leptons  $m_{ll} \sim m_Z$
- $Z +$  jets not taken into account  
(irrelevant at high MET)



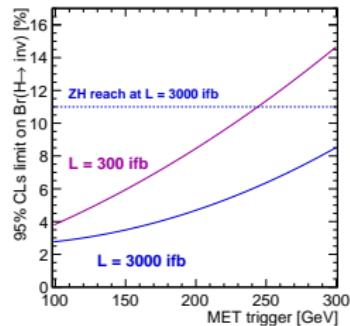
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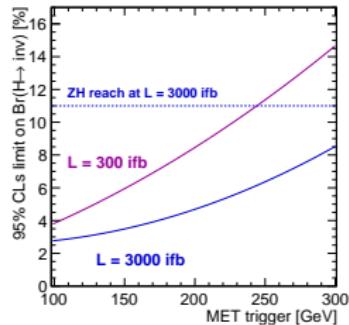


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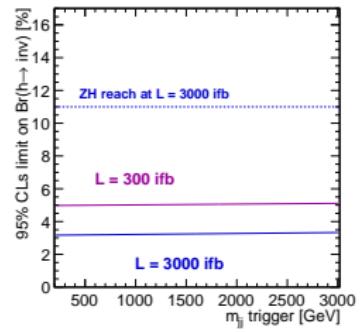
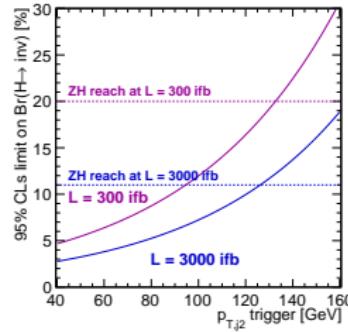
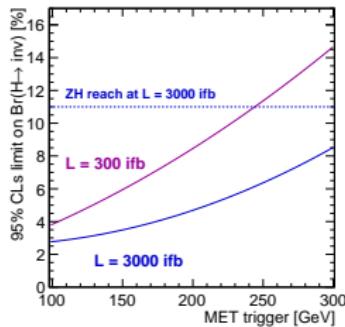
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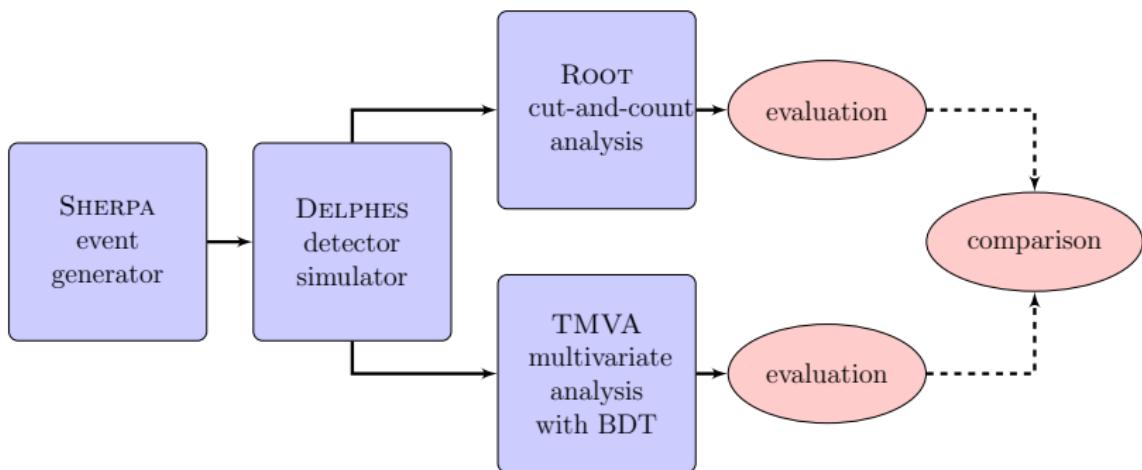
### WBF

- Backgrounds: different behavior for  $N_{\text{jets}}$
- Useful **quark gluon discrimination** variables:  $n_{\text{PF}}$ ,  $C$
- **Third jet** best for quark gluon discrimination  $\mathbf{p_T} > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- However, no large improvement by QG variables when full information of additional jets is present (overconstrained)
- **WBF** will still provide strongest constraints after trigger update

Thank you for your attention!

# Backup

# Tool chain



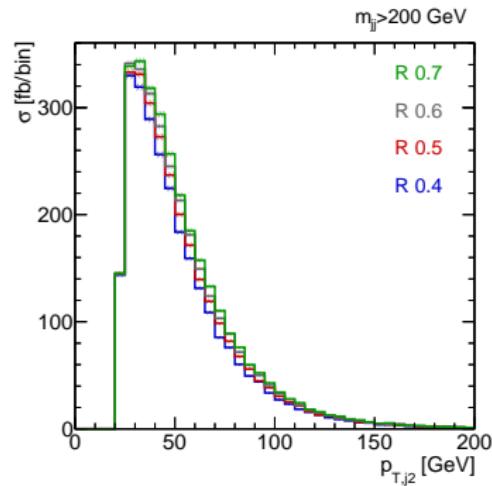
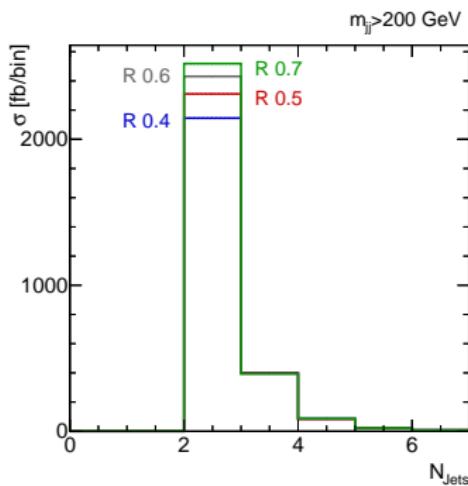
## BDT settings

Use TMVA with

- 70 trees
- 3 layers
- nCuts = 20
- minimum node size 5 %
- preselection

## WBF - dependence on jet cone size

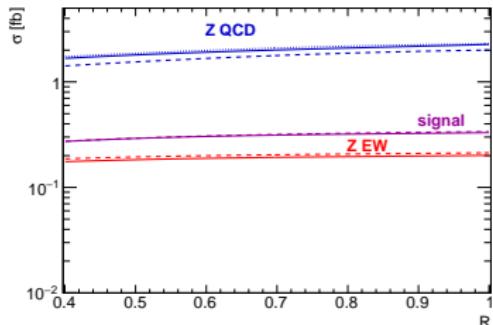
Simulated process:  $h + 2/3$  jets merged (Sherpa, parton shower)  
variation of jet cone size in Delphes



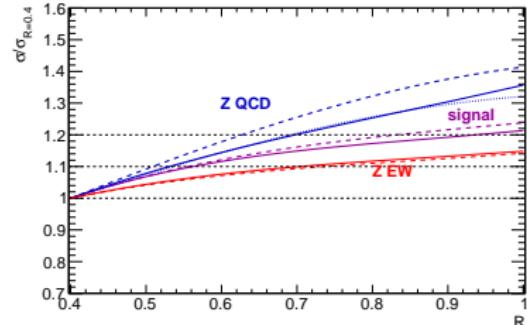
kinematics unchanged

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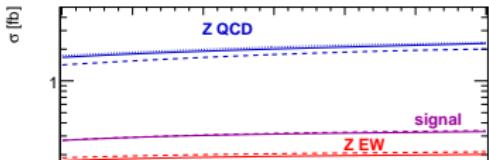


Signal grows stronger with  $R$  than EW background

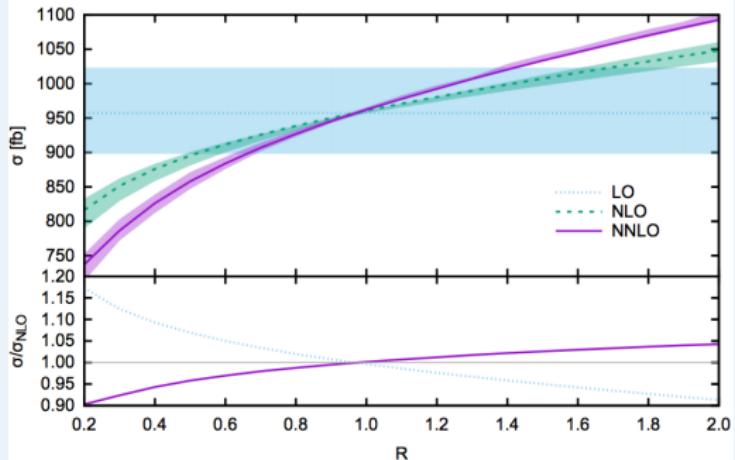
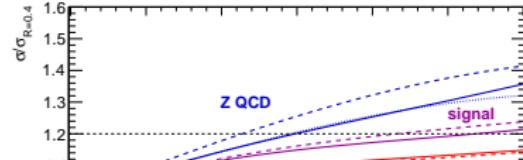
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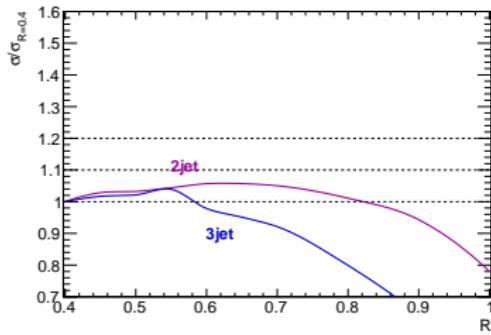
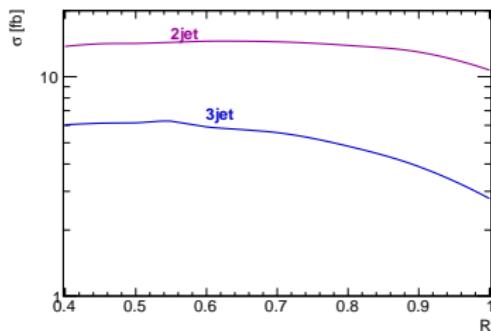


similar results in fixed-order calculation [Rauch, Zeppenfeld, 2017]

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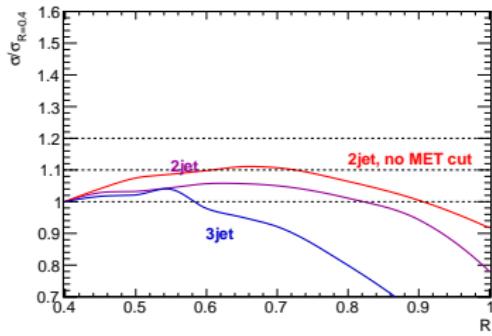
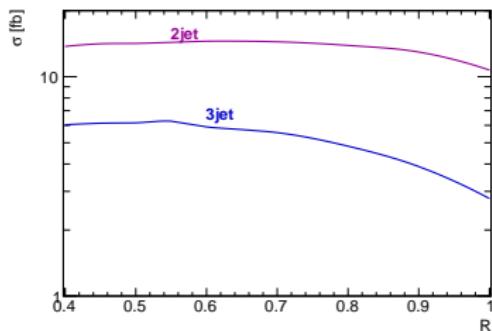


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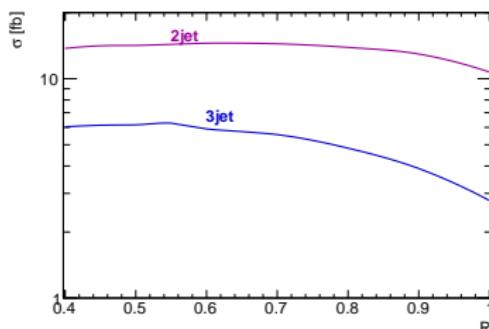


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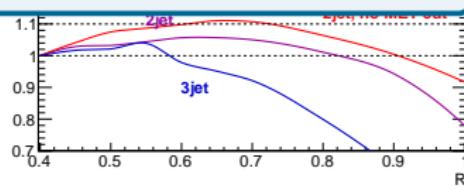
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