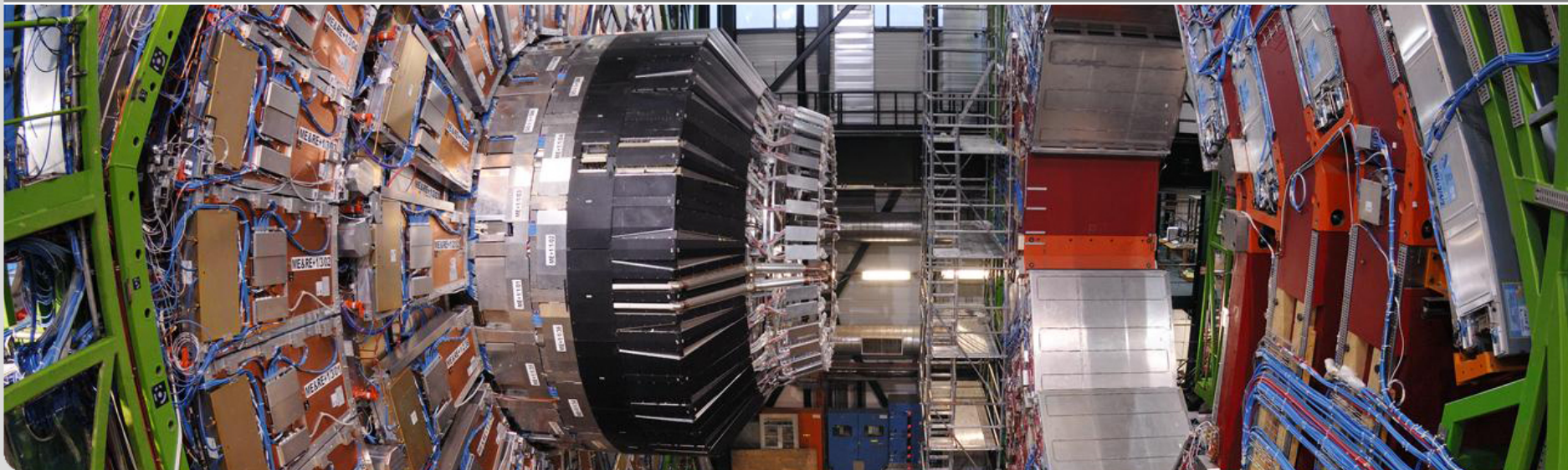


# 2016 SM $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Analysis

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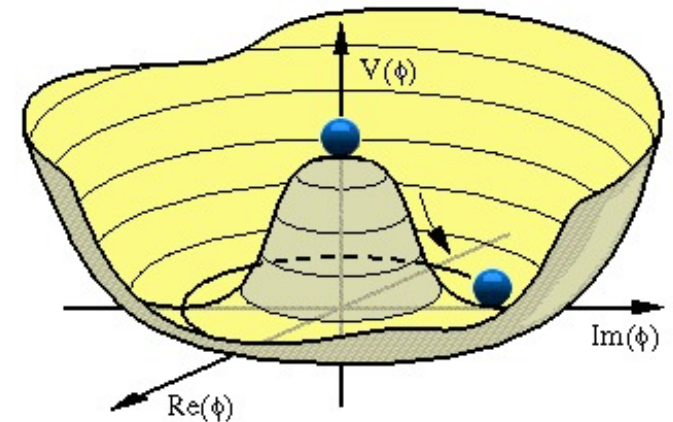
# Higgs?

- The Higgs mechanism is a way to explain the masses of the W and Z bosons by introducing a field with an energy ground state that is not symmetric under  $SU(2)_L$  transformations

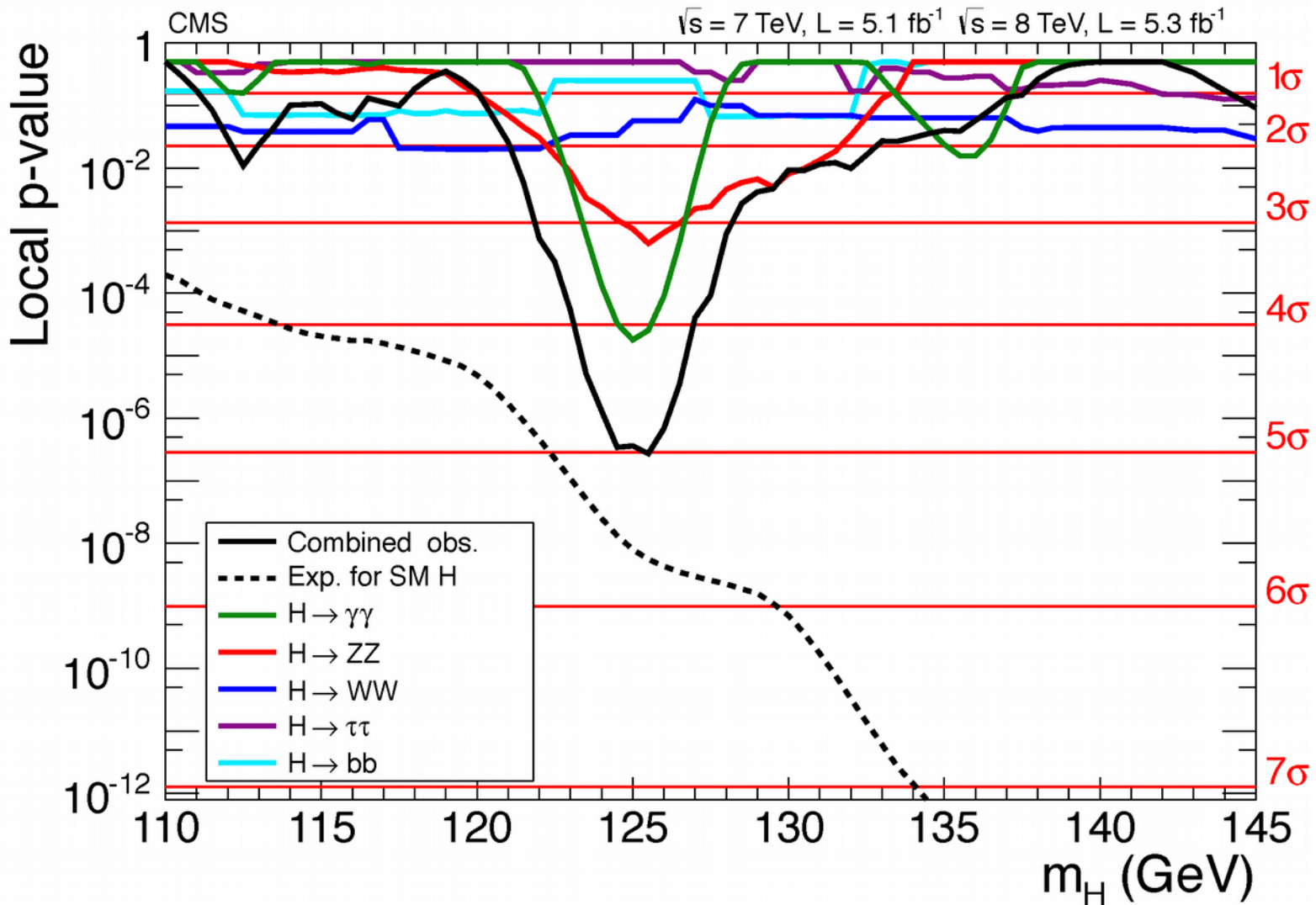
The Higgs coupling is

$$\propto m_v^2 \text{ (for force mediating } W \text{ \& } Z \text{ boson)}$$

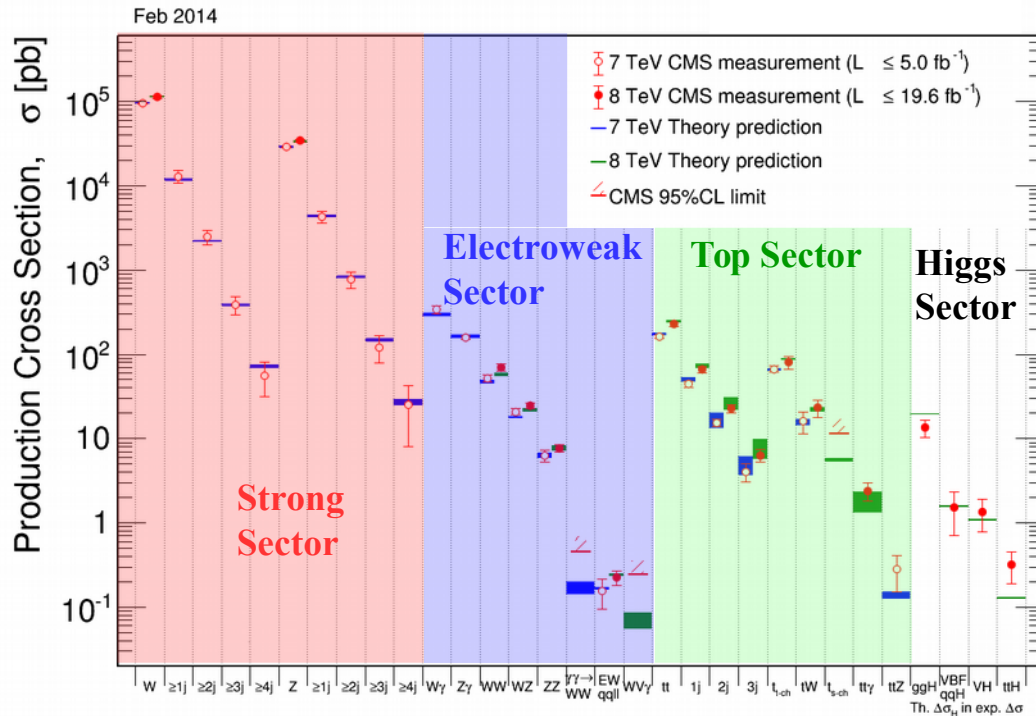
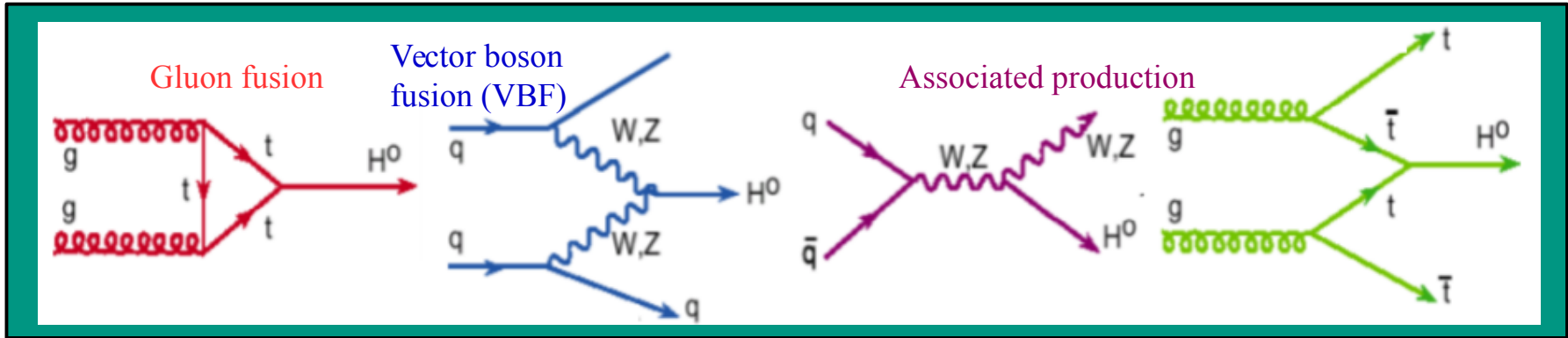
$$\propto m_f \text{ (for weakly interacting fermions)}$$



# Discovery of a new particle 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2012



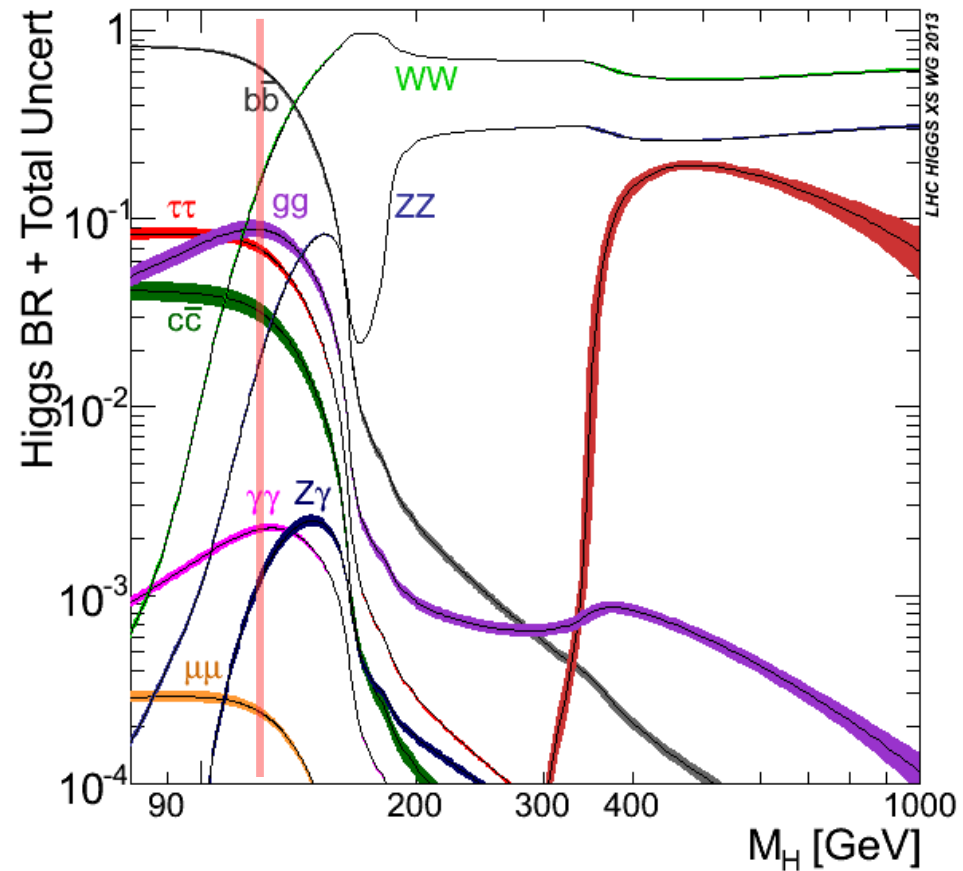
# Higgs Boson production



# Higgs Boson decay modes

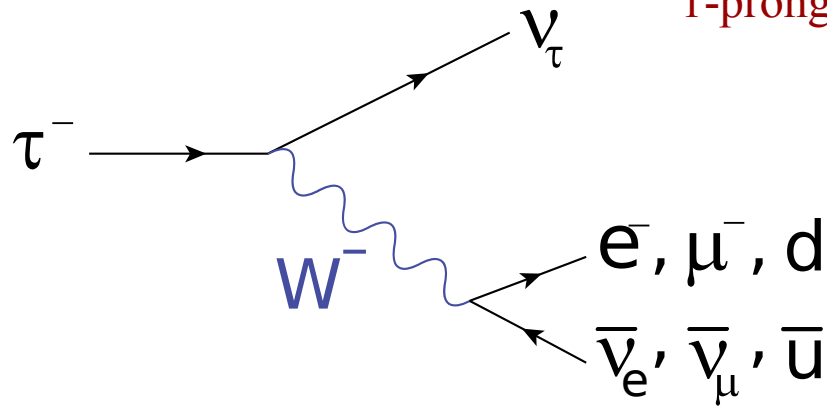
Higgs boson mean lifetime :  $1.56 \times 10^{-22}$  s

		Fermions		
Quarks	$u$ up	$c$ charm	$t$ top	← too heavy
	$d$ down	$s$ strange	$b$ bottom	
Leptons	$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	← low mass
	$e$ electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau	



# Tau decays

mean  $\tau$  lifetime:  
 $2.9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}$



Leptonic

1-prong

3-prong

2  $\nu$

Branching ratio

$$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_\tau \quad (17,83 \pm 0,04) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_\tau \quad (17,41 \pm 0,04) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- + \pi^0 + \nu_\tau \quad (25,52 \pm 0,09) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- + \nu_\tau \quad (10,83 \pm 0,06) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- + 2\pi^0 + \nu_\tau \quad (9,30 \pm 0,11) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow K^{*(892)-} + \nu_\tau \quad (1,20 \pm 0,07) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- + 3\pi^0 + \nu_\tau \quad (1,05 \pm 0,07) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- + \bar{K}^0 + \nu_\tau \quad (0,84 \pm 0,04) \%$$

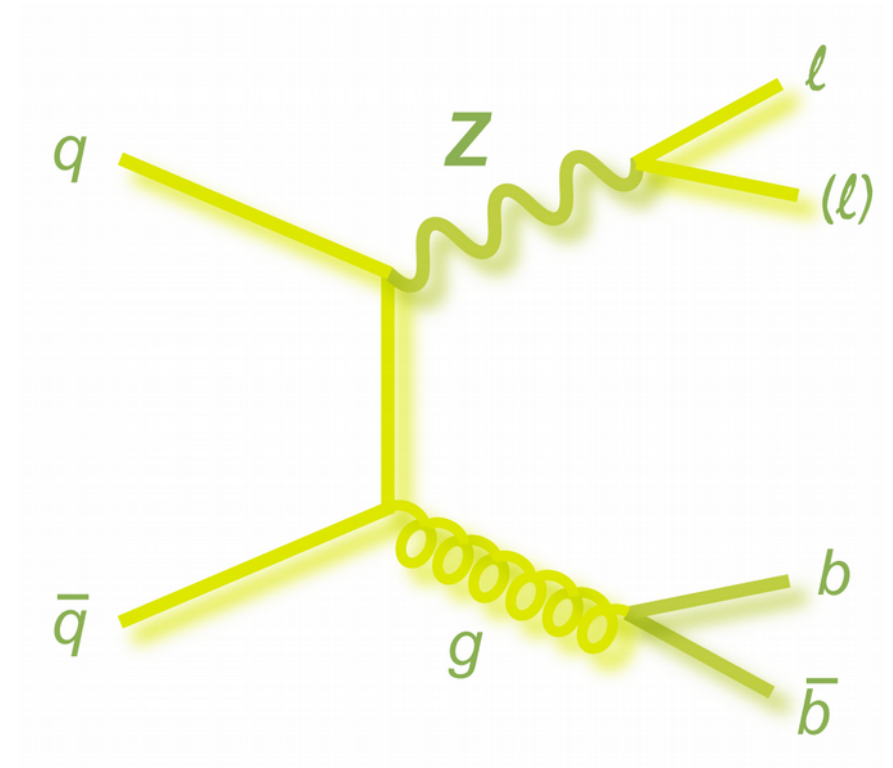
$$\tau^- \rightarrow K^- + \nu_\tau \quad (0,70 \pm 0,01) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow 2\pi^- + \pi^+ + \pi^0 + \nu_\tau \quad (4,62 \pm 0,06) \%$$

$$\tau^- \rightarrow 2\pi^- + \pi^+ + \nu_\tau \quad (9,31 \pm 0,06) \%$$

# $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- Highest irreducible background contribution
- Often in boosted  $Z$ +Jets topologies





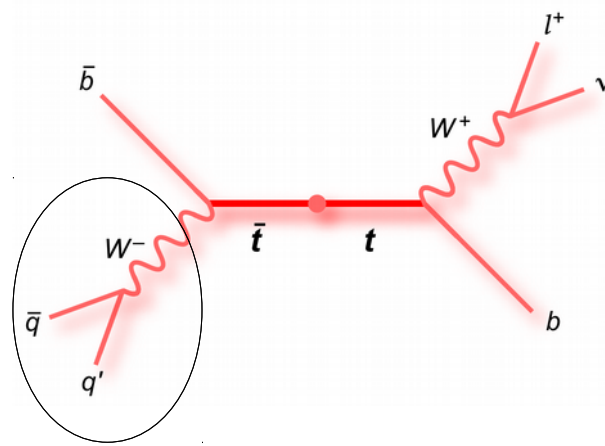
**real or fake?**



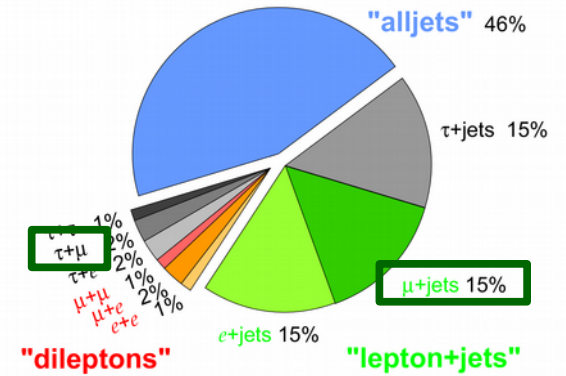


# Jets “faking” hadronic $\tau$ decays - and some real ones

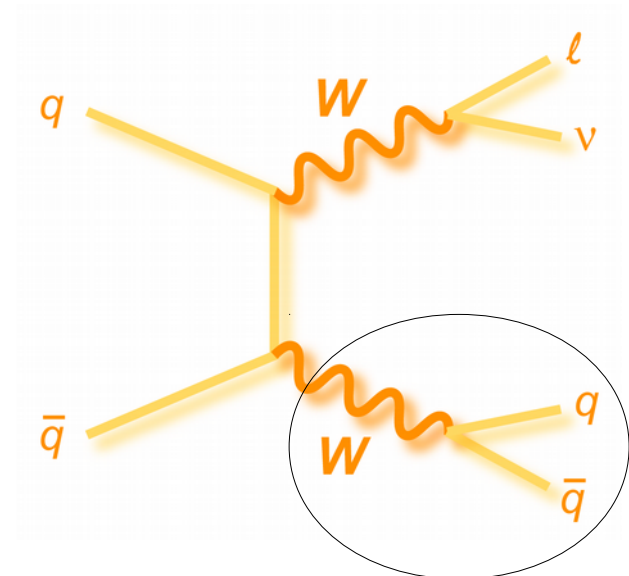
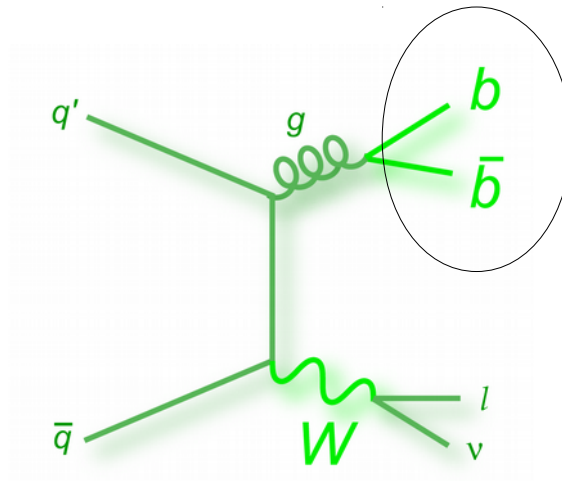
$t \bar{t}$



Top Pair Branching Fractions



$W$ +Jets,  
Di-Boson



# Tau reconstruction and identification

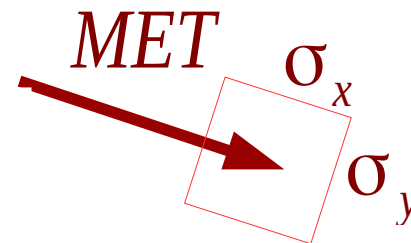
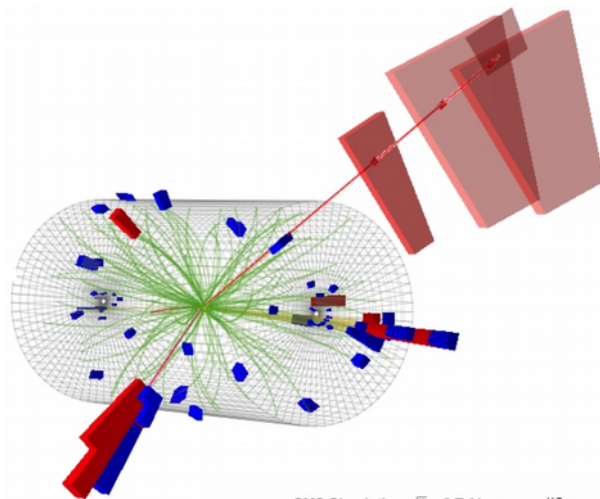
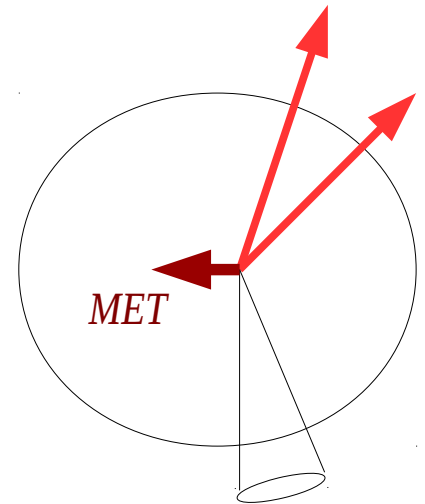
- start with jets with  $p_T > 14 \text{ GeV}$
- “**Hadron Plus Strips**” algorithm
- Rejection against jets to reach high purity, e.g.
  - Cut-based isolation:

$$I_\tau = \sum_{\text{charged}, \Delta z < 0.2 \text{ cm}} p_T + \max \left\{ 0, \sum_{\gamma} p_T - \Delta\beta \right\}, \quad \Delta\beta = 0.46 \sum_{\text{charged}, \Delta z > 0.2 \text{ cm}} p_T.$$

- MVA based tau-ID
- MVA & cut based anti-electron ID
- MVA & cut based anti-muon ID

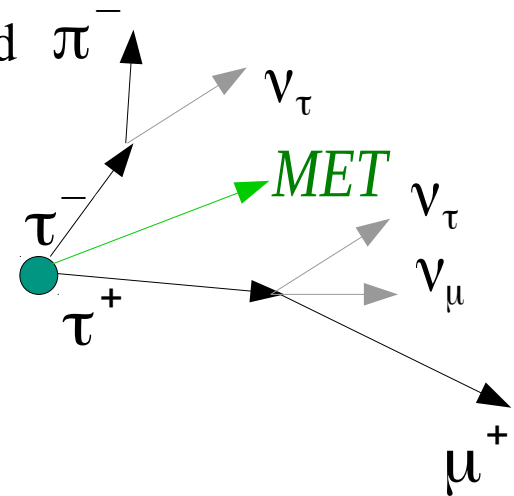
# Reconstruction of the missing energy

- Missing transverse energy (MET):
  - momentum in plane perpendicular to beam axis, in theory equivalent to neutrino momentum
- A multivariate regression technique removes biasing effects and gives an estimation of phase space of the neutrinos



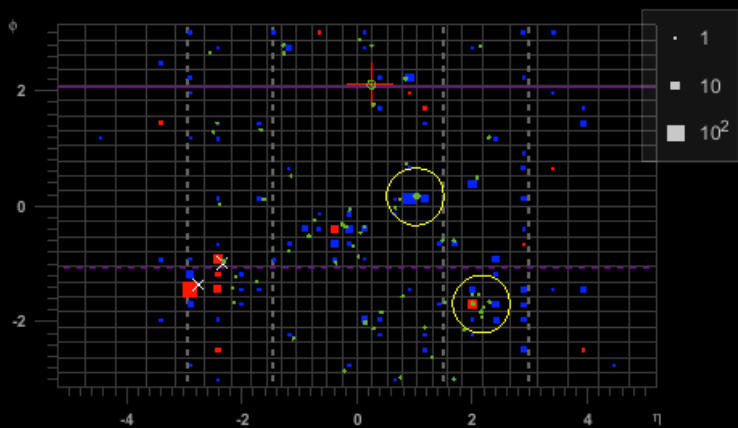
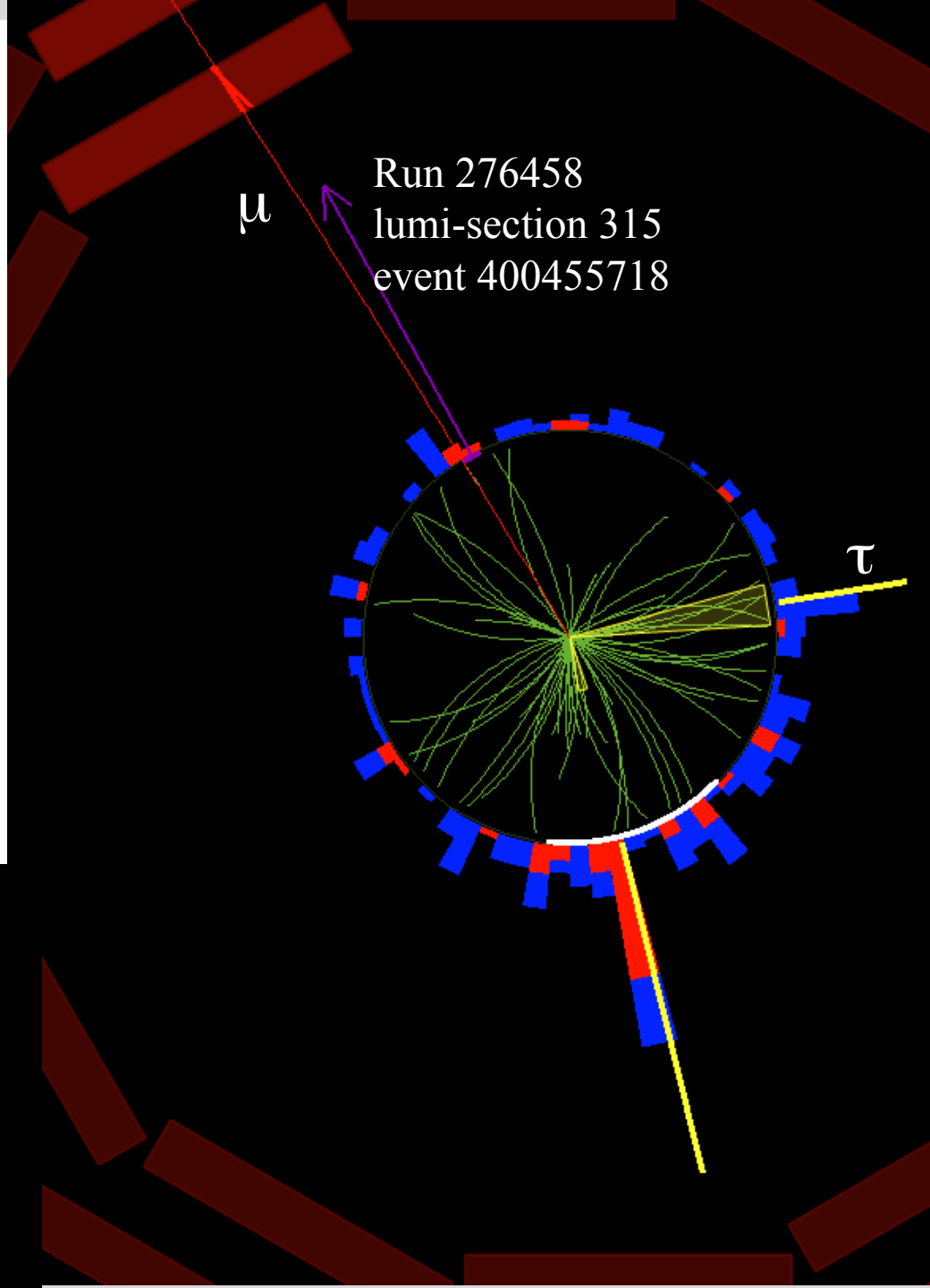
# Bringing it all together: full reconstruction of the di-tau system

- di-tau decays result in 2 to 4 neutrinos in the final state
  - -> under-constrained problem
- 3 free parameters per tau decay
  - fraction of visible energy
  - azimuthal angle
  - invariant neutrino mass
- Additionally known: MET (2 parameters)
- Calculate probability of di-tau hypothesis to be true and take the **mass with the highest probability**



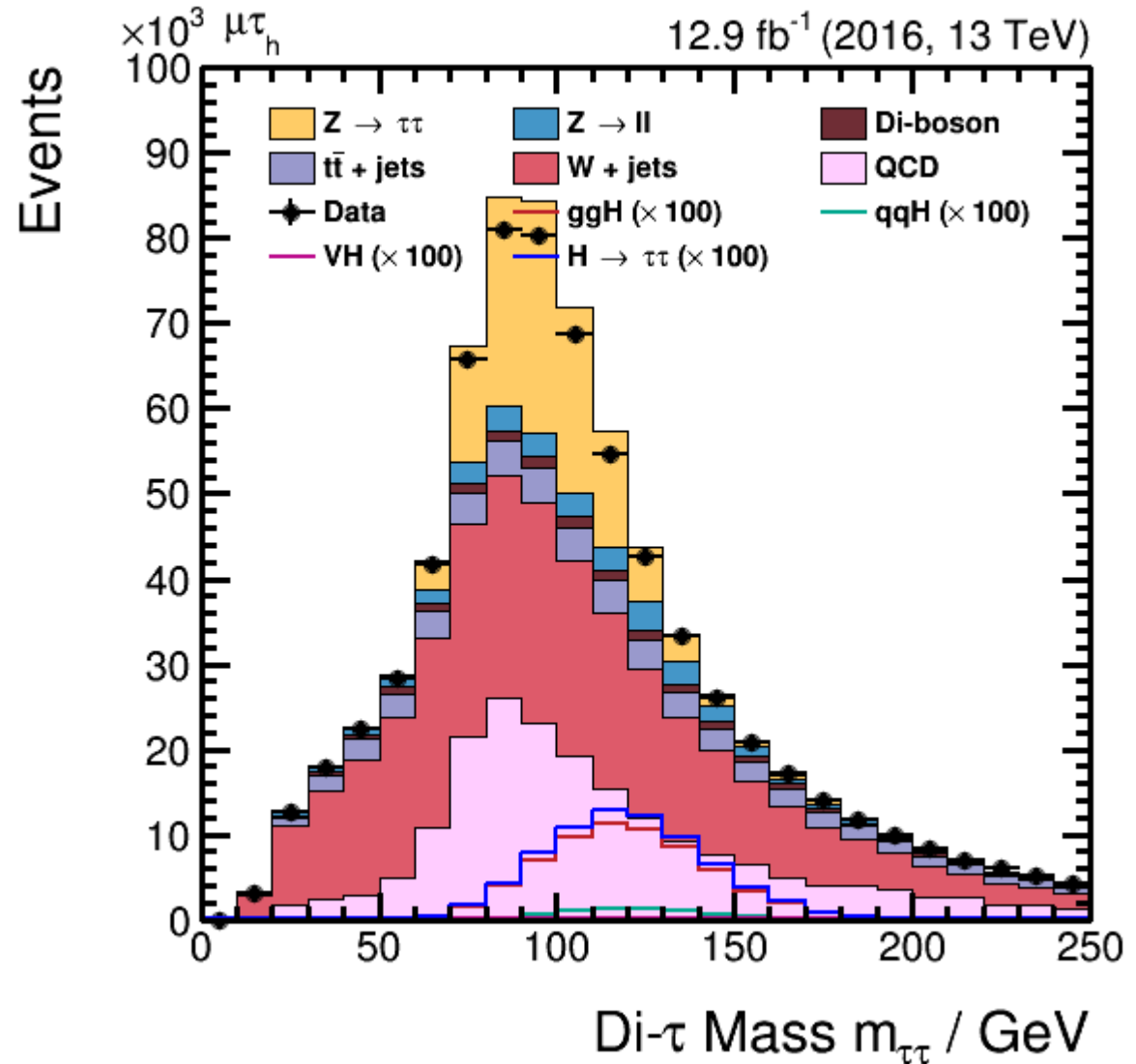
## Analysis strategy

- Selection depending on final state
- Starting the background estimation with simulated Events
- Applying a reasonable set of selection steps
- Data-Based background estimation techniques
- Cross check simulation in control regions



# Selection steps

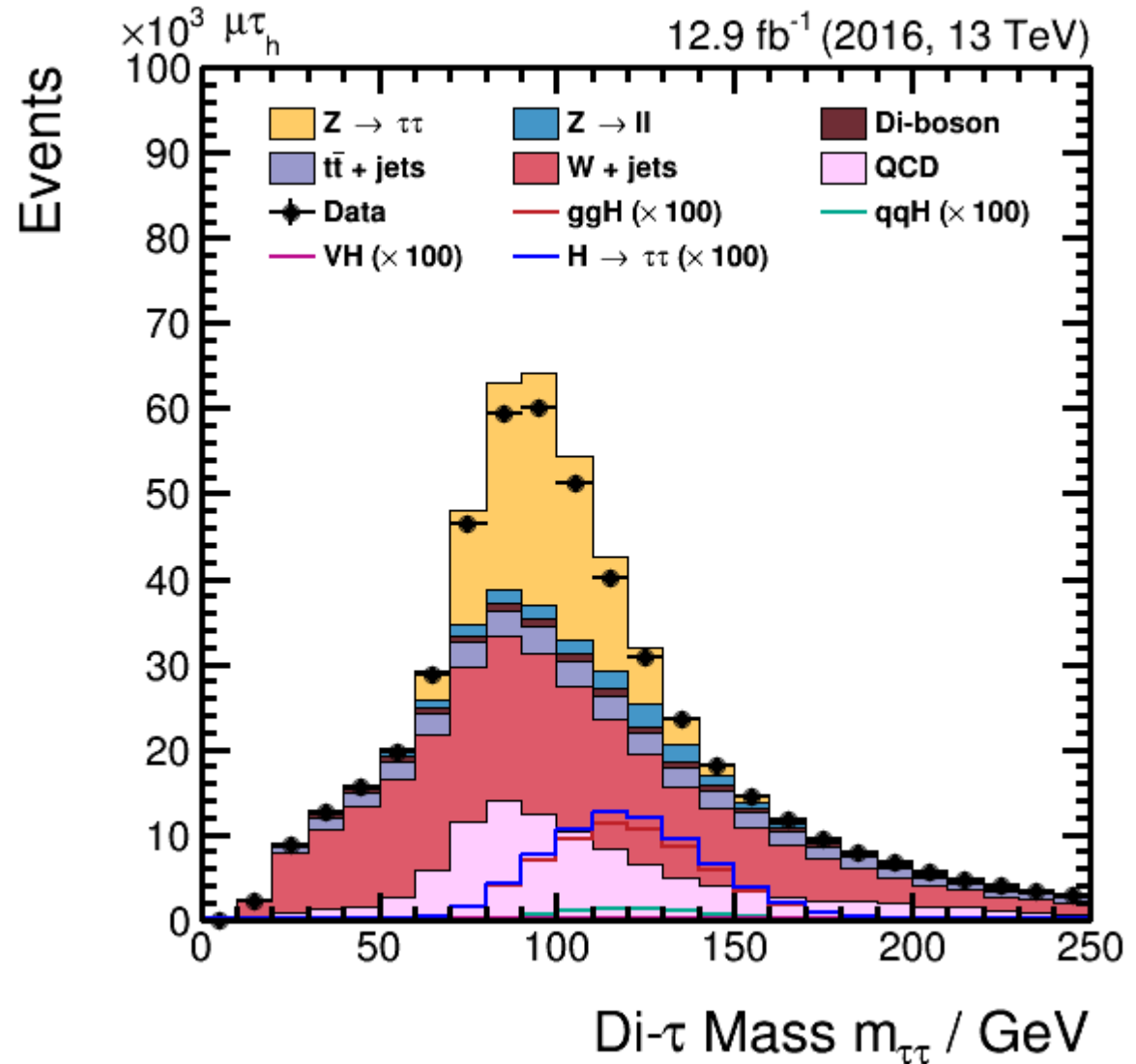
inclusive



# Selection steps

inclusive

opposite charge

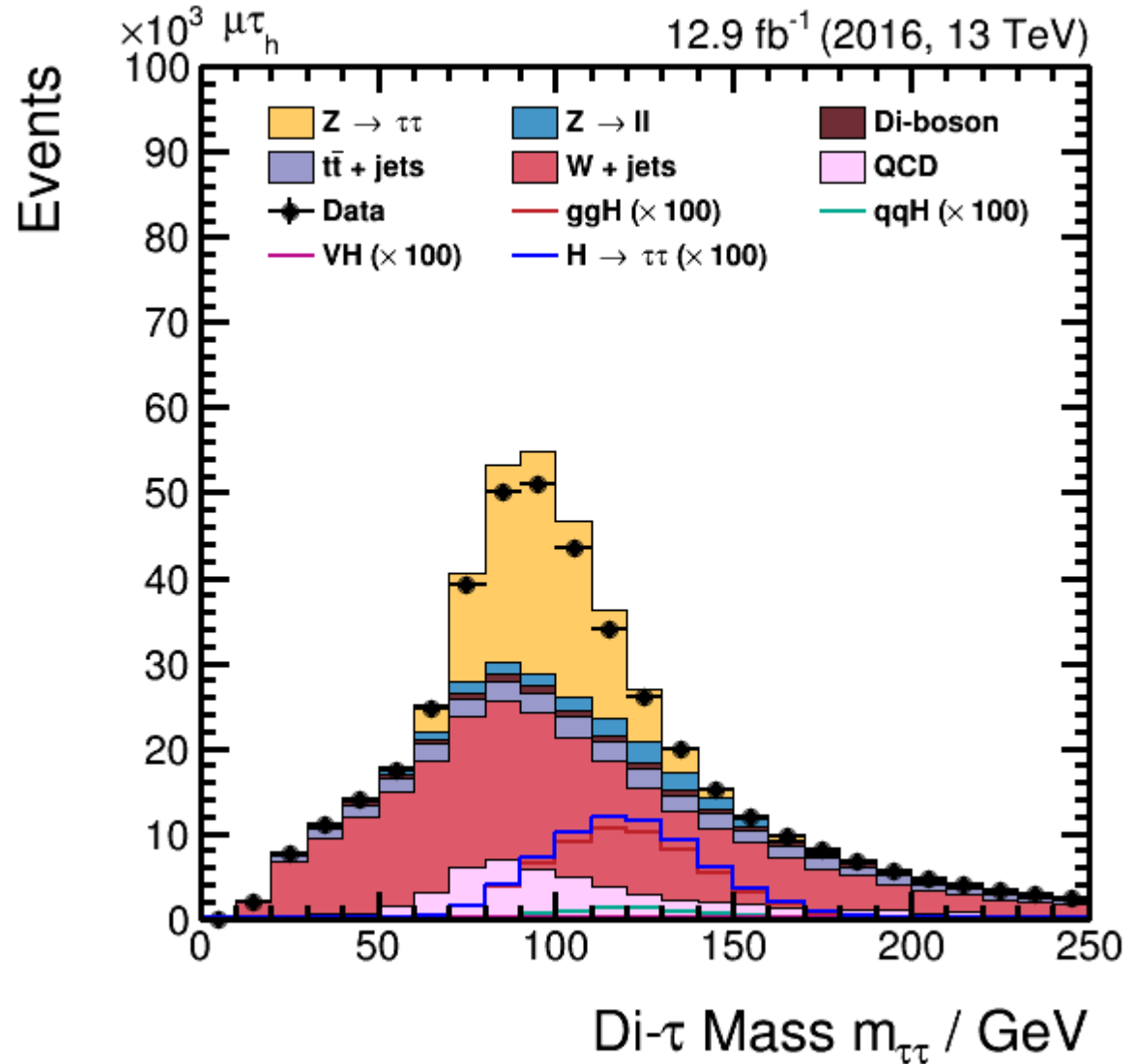


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inclusive

opposite charge

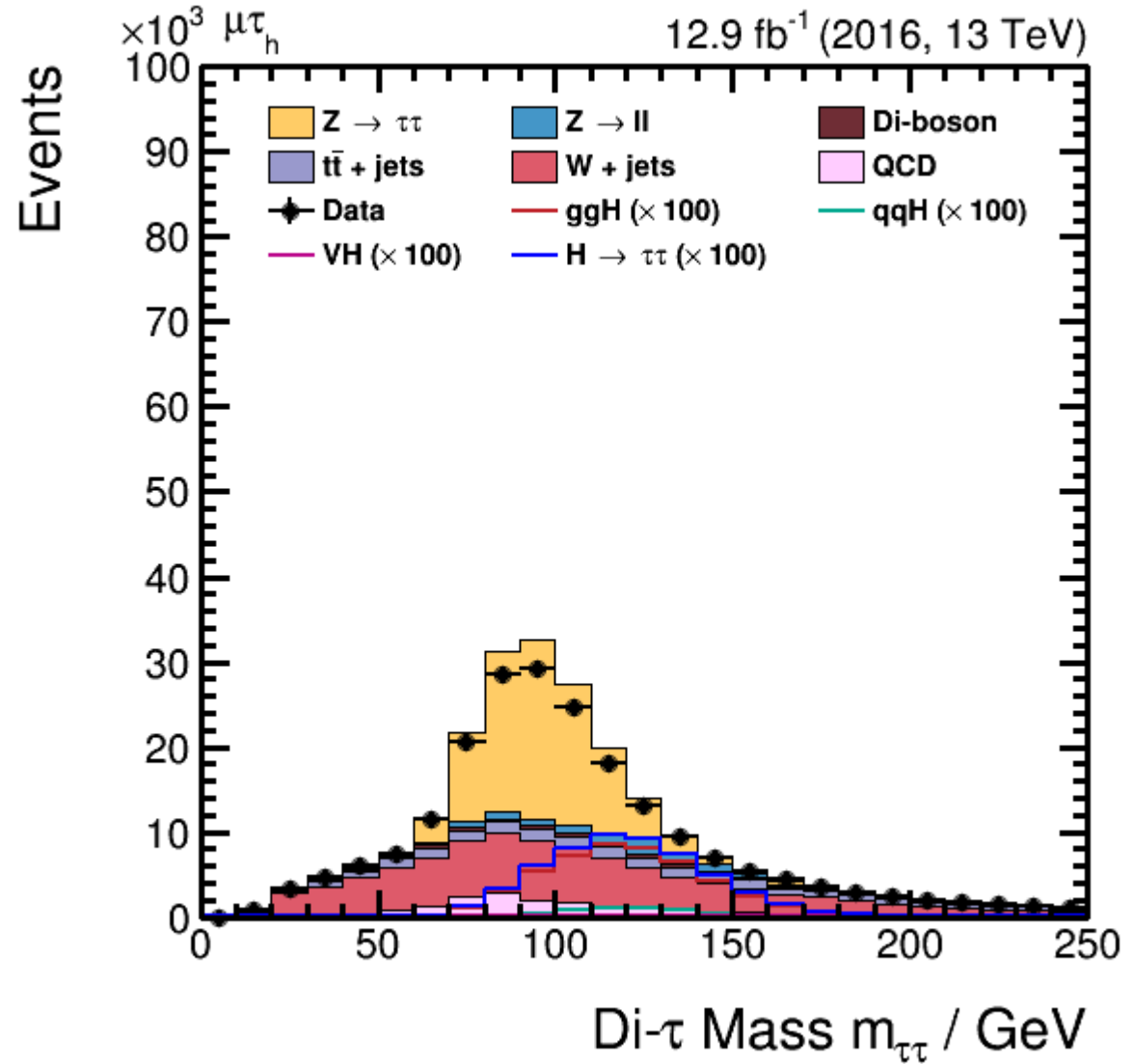
muon isolation





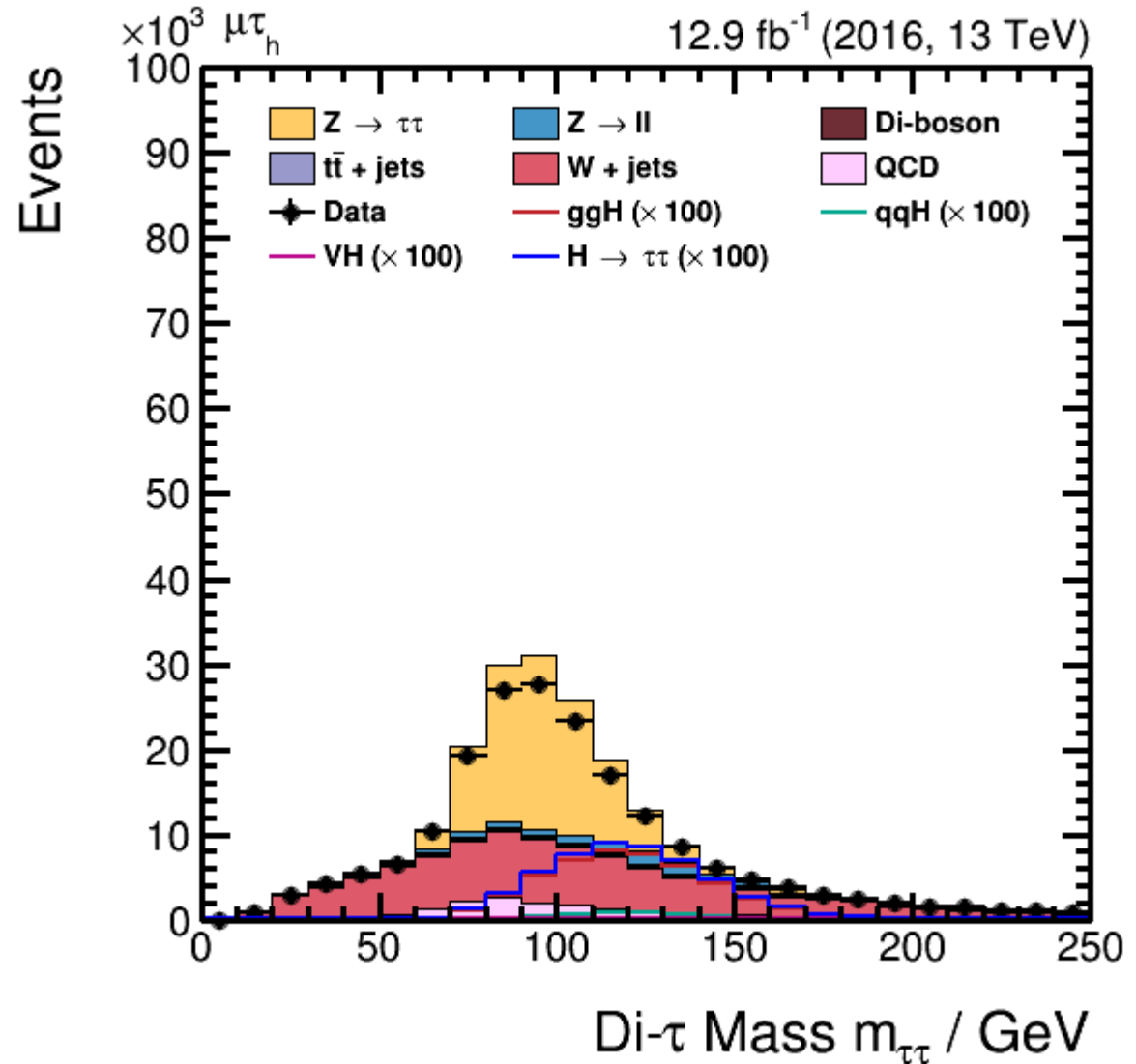
# Selection steps

- inclusive
- opposite charge
- muon isolation
- tau isolation**



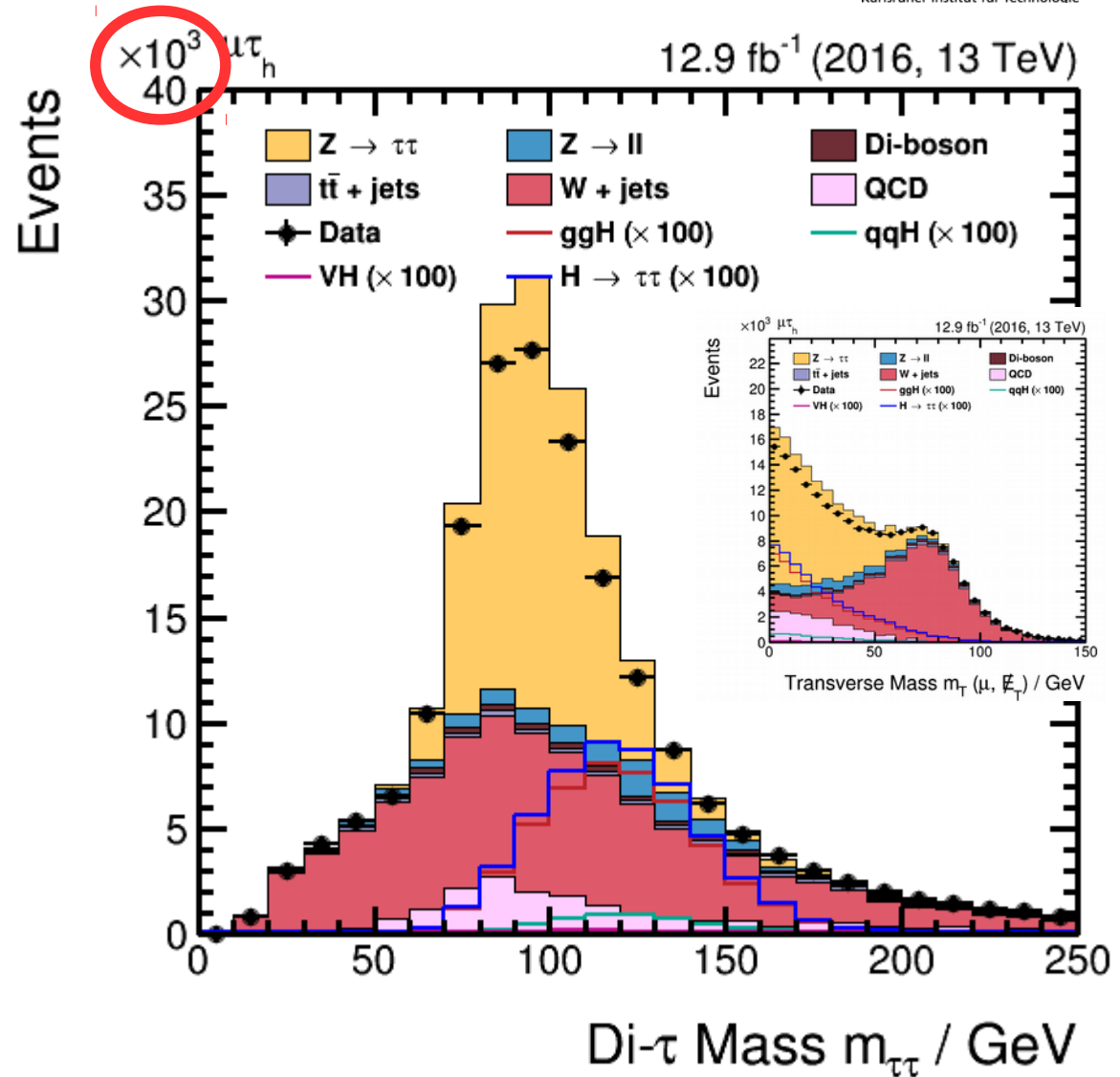
# Selection steps

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- muon isolation
- tau isolation
- b-tag veto**



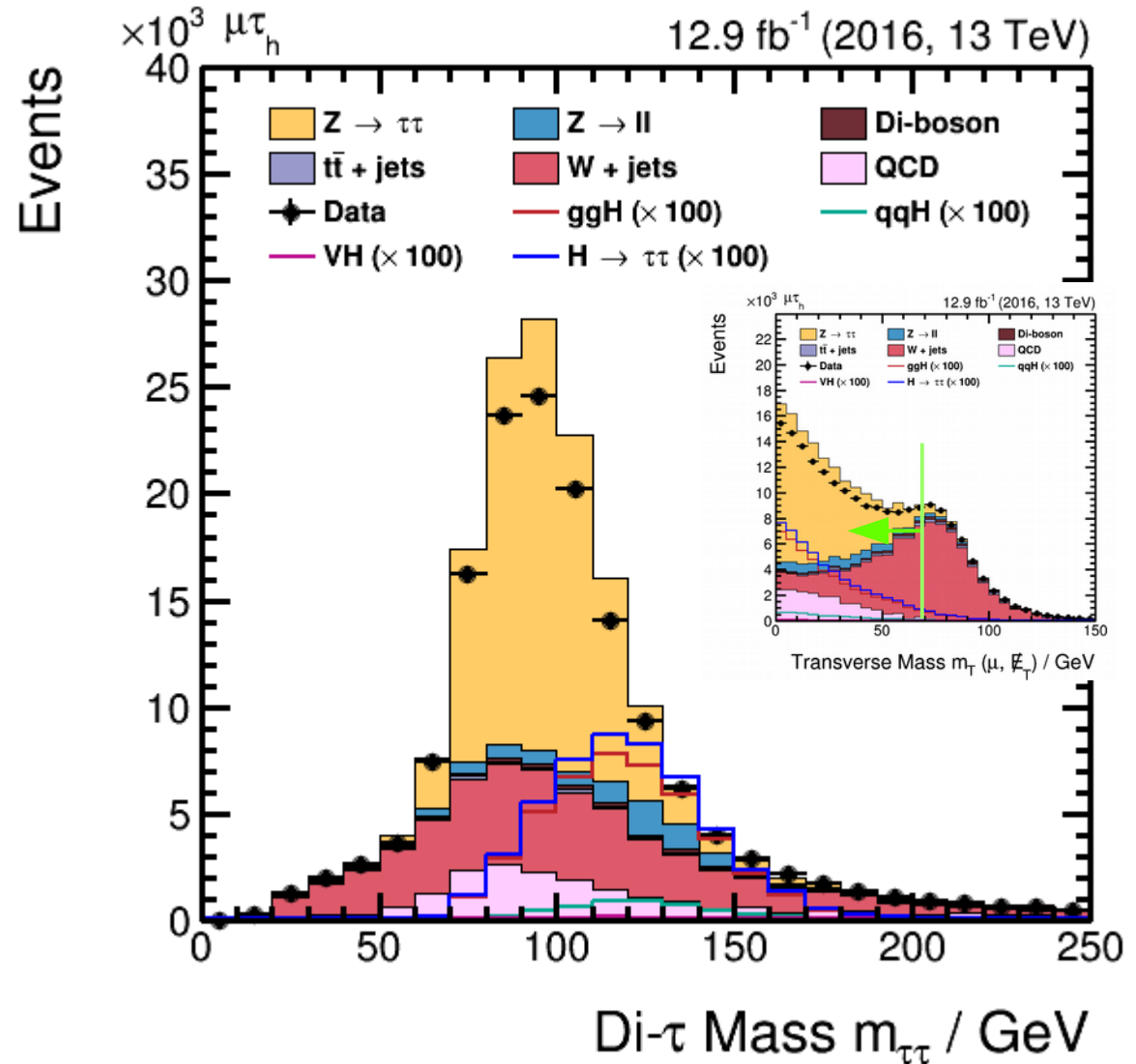
# Selection steps

- inclusive
- opposite charge
- muon isolation
- tau isolation
- b-tag veto
- transverse mass



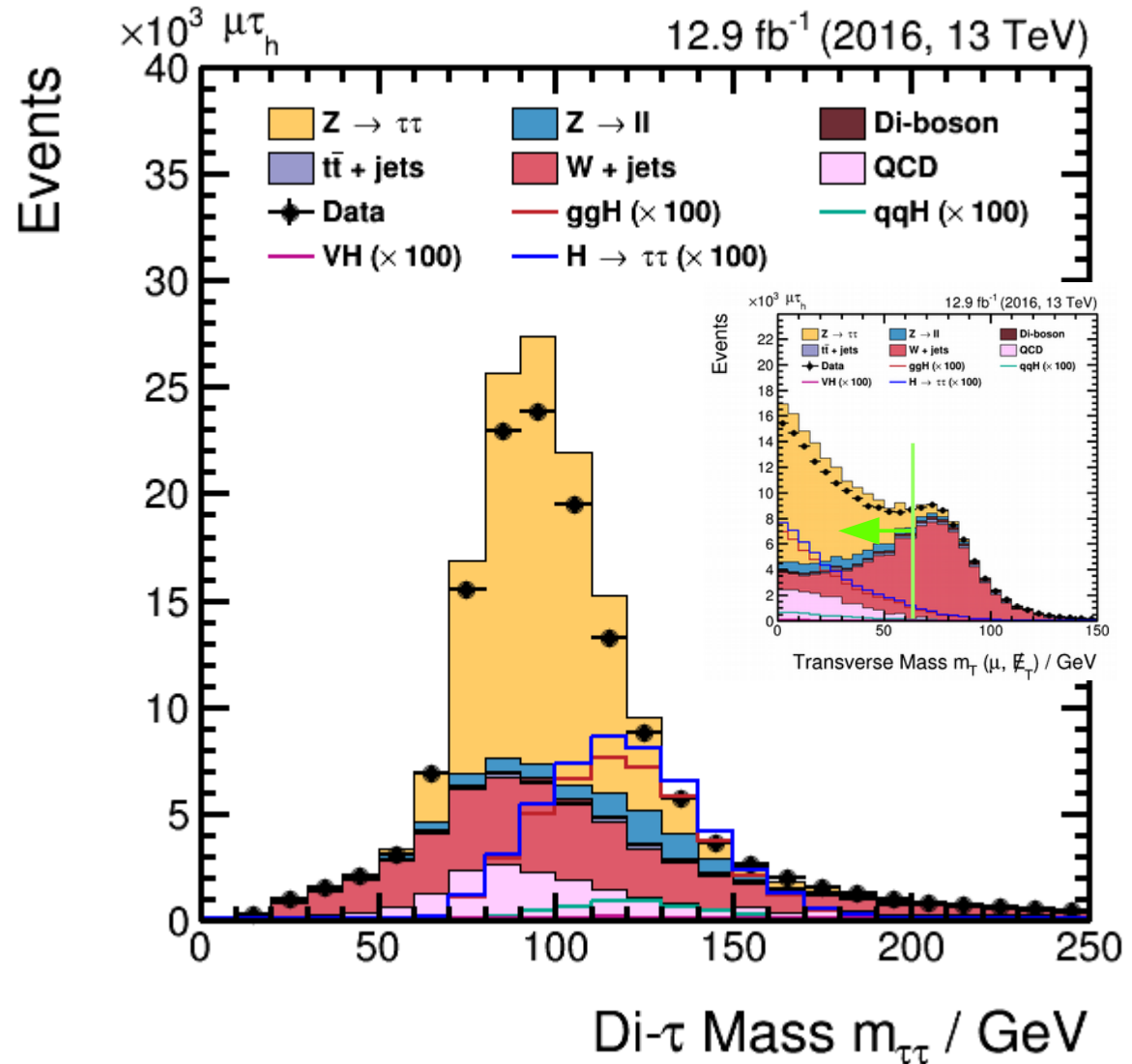
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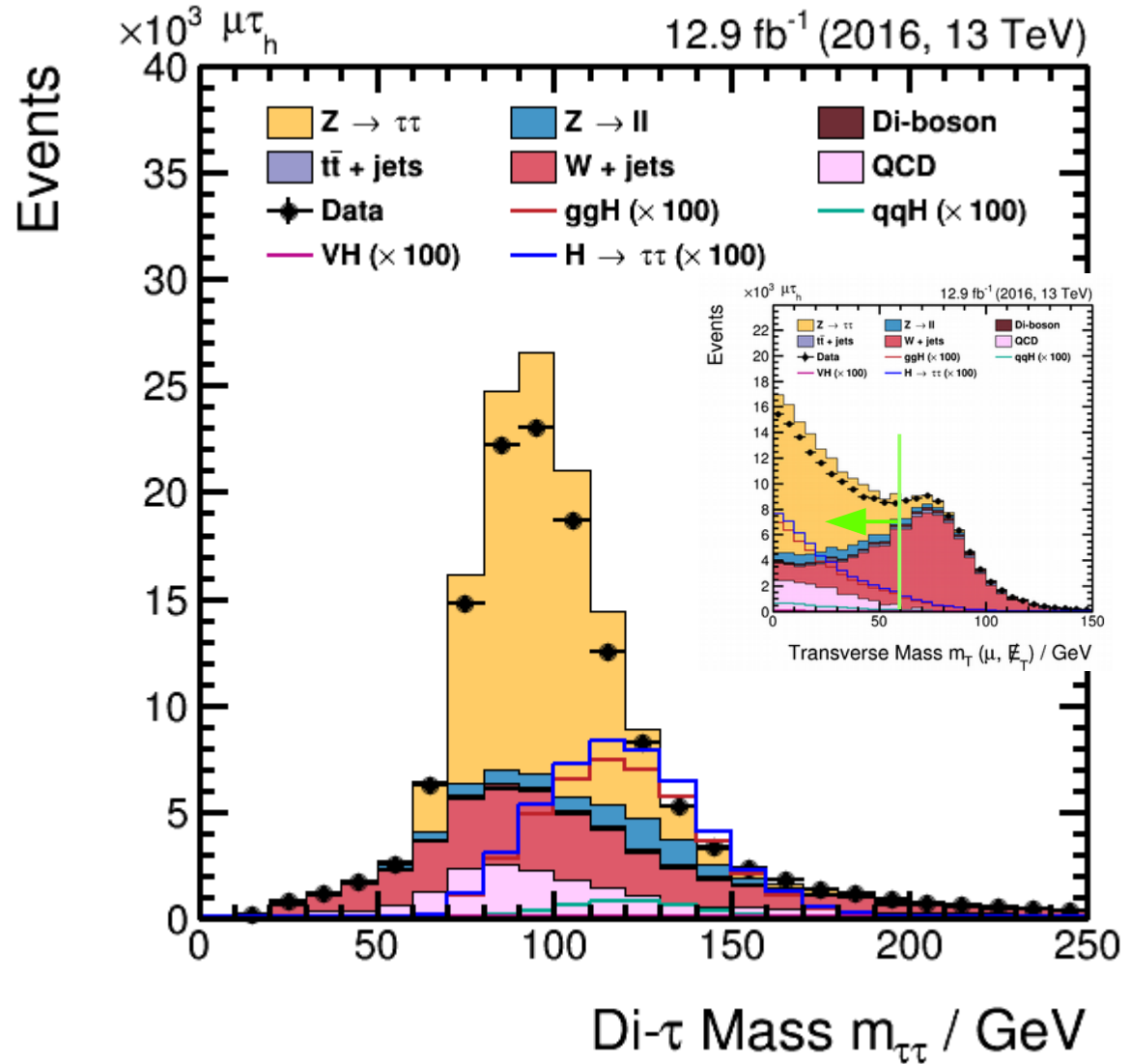
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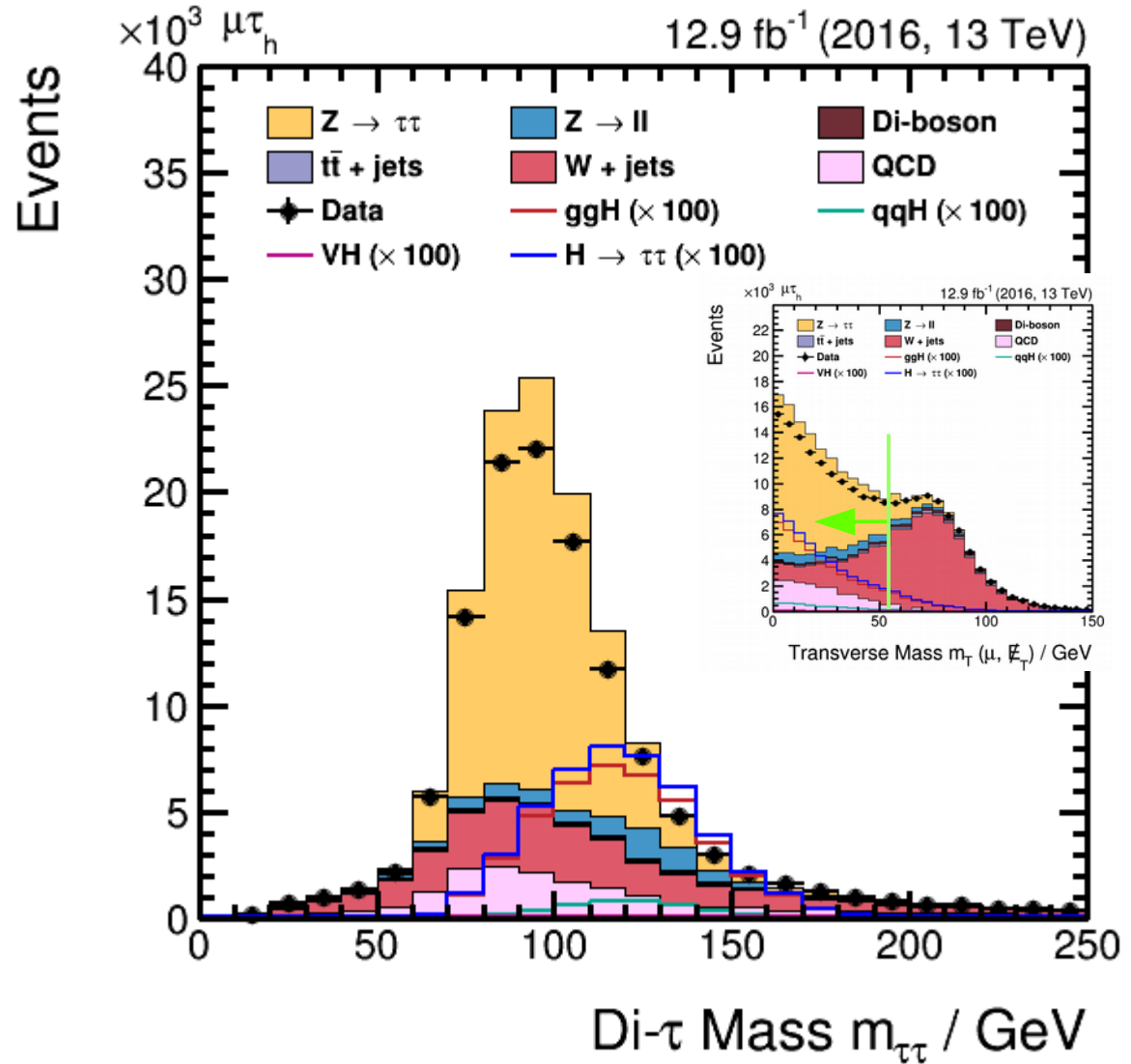
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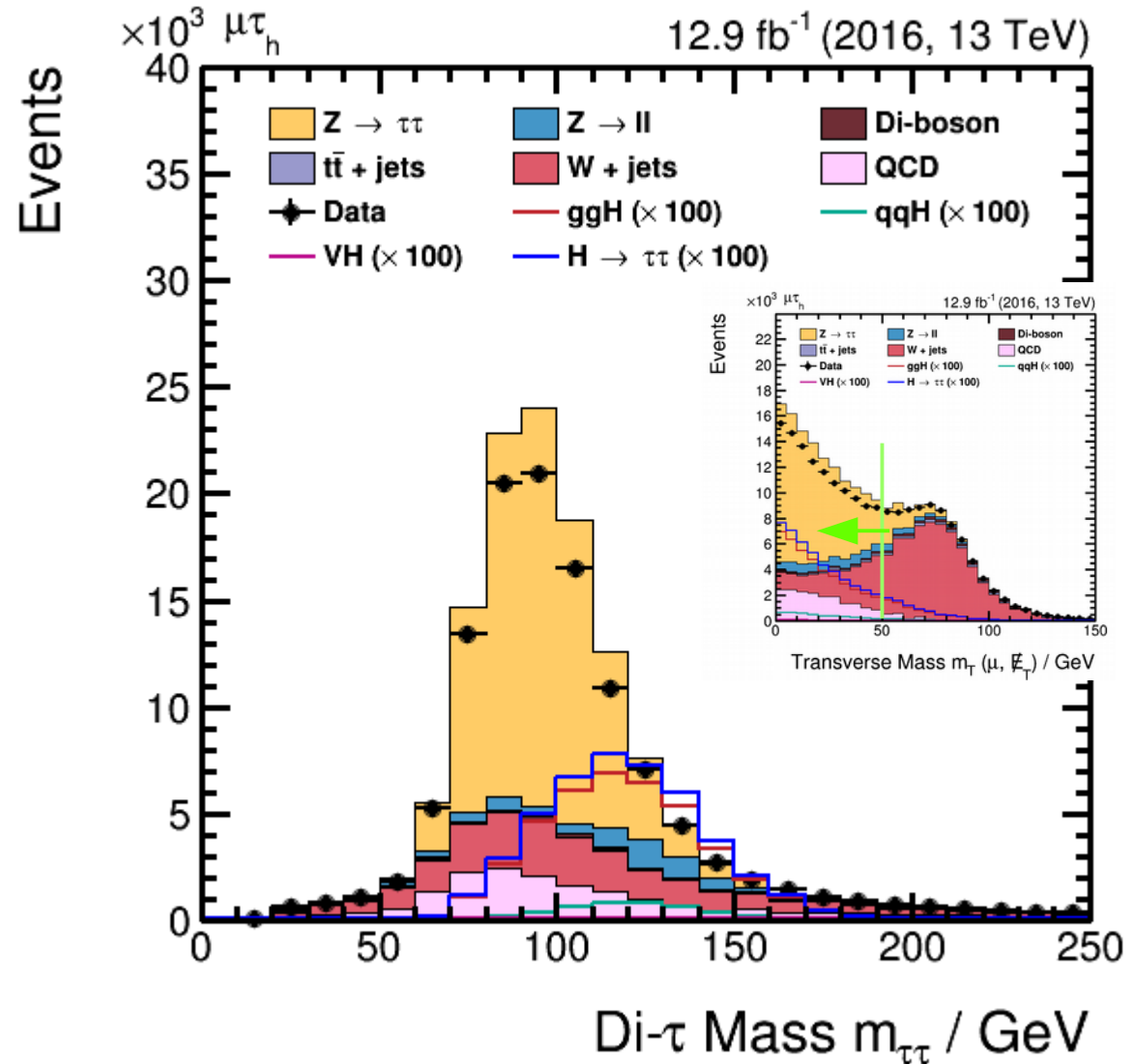
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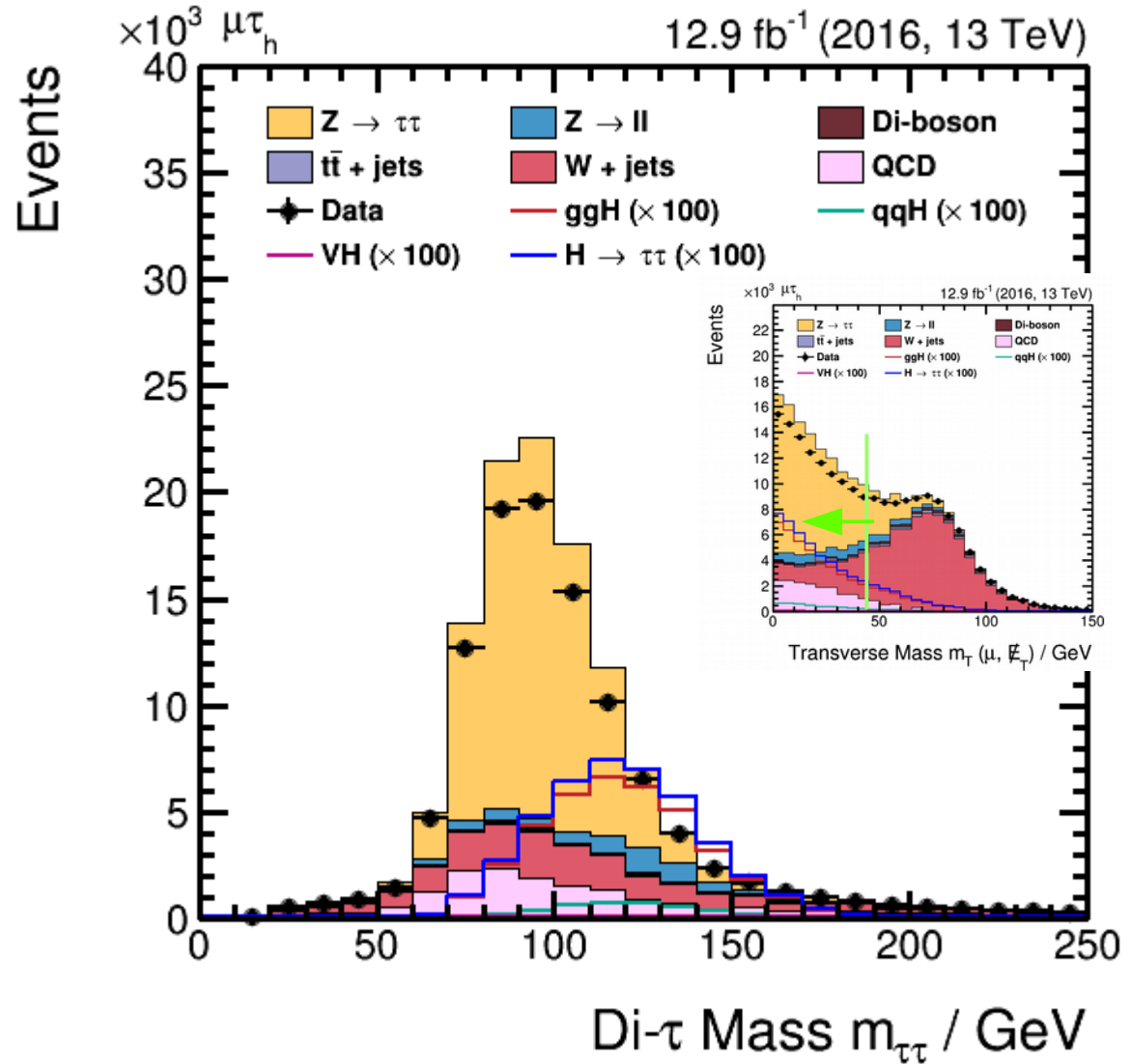
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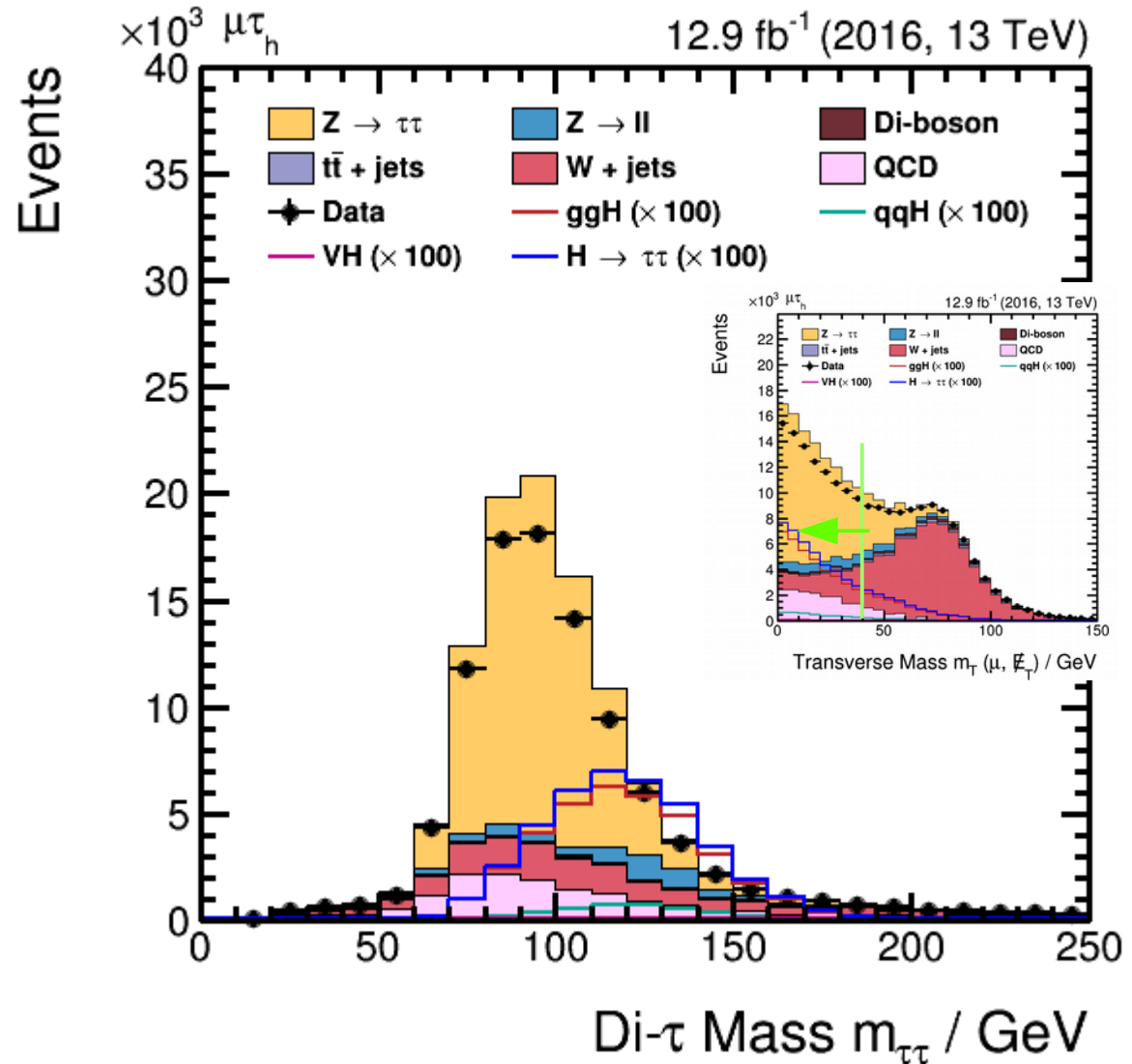
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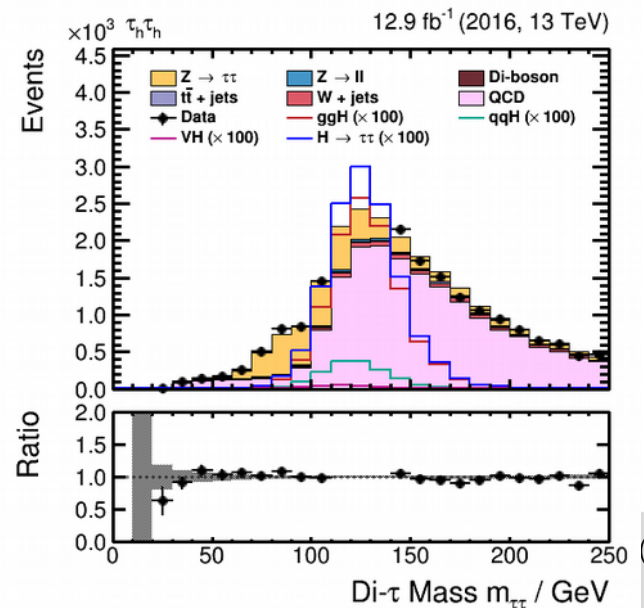
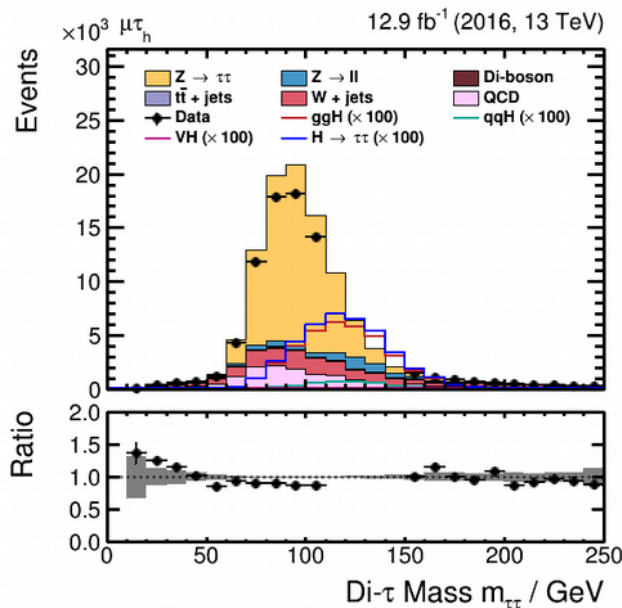
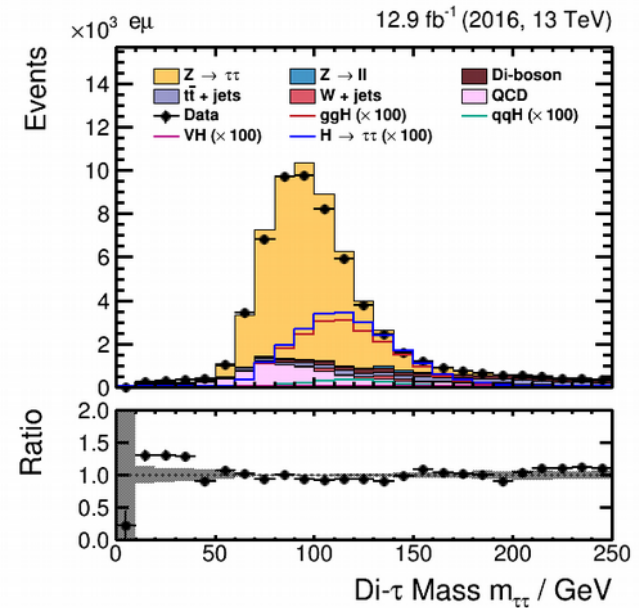
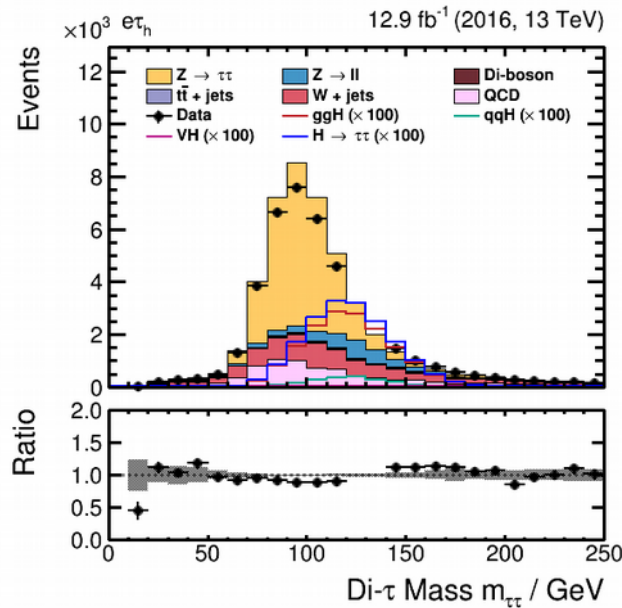


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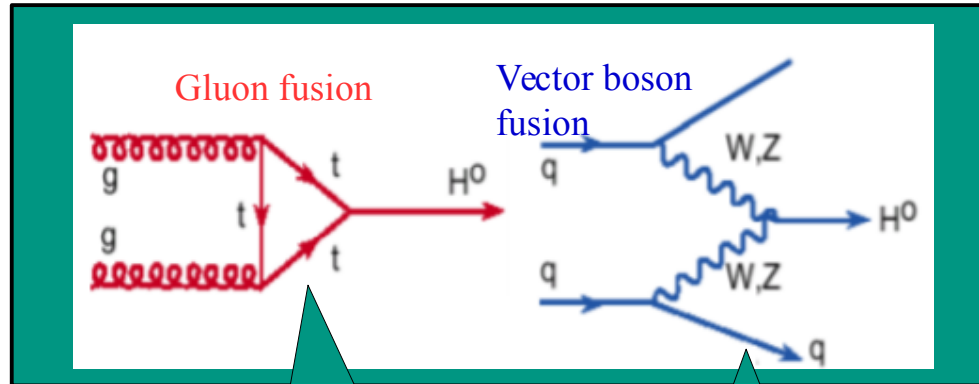


# Final selection in all four decay channels



bins with  
significant signal  
expectation  
blinded

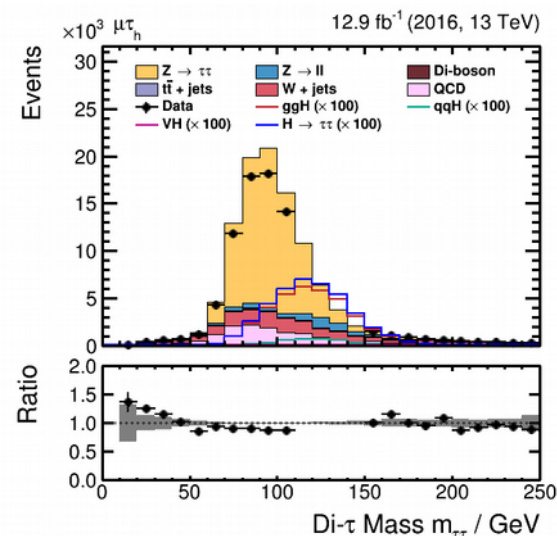
# Event categorization



No jets in decay,  
but one in boosted  
topologies

Two jets  
with large gap

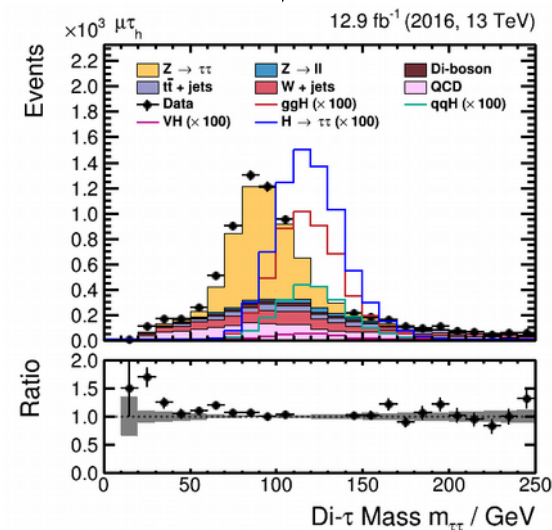
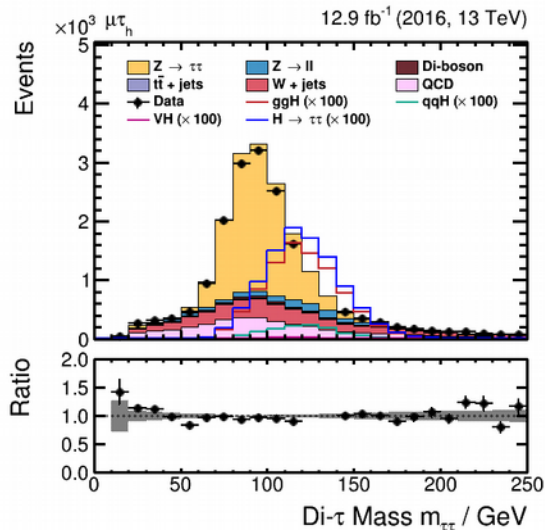
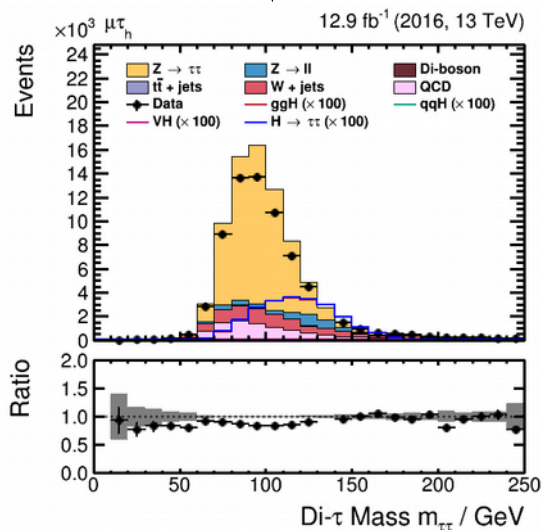
# Categorization in terms of jet multiplicity



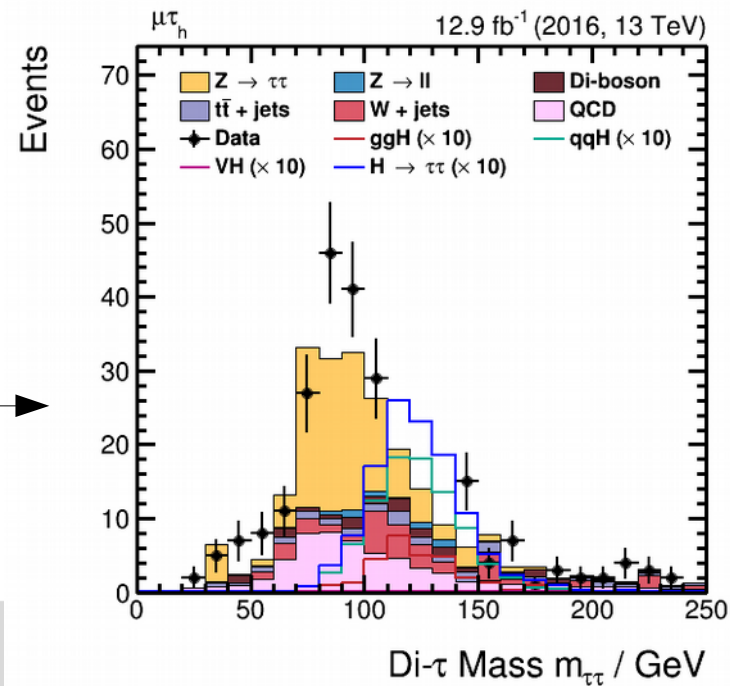
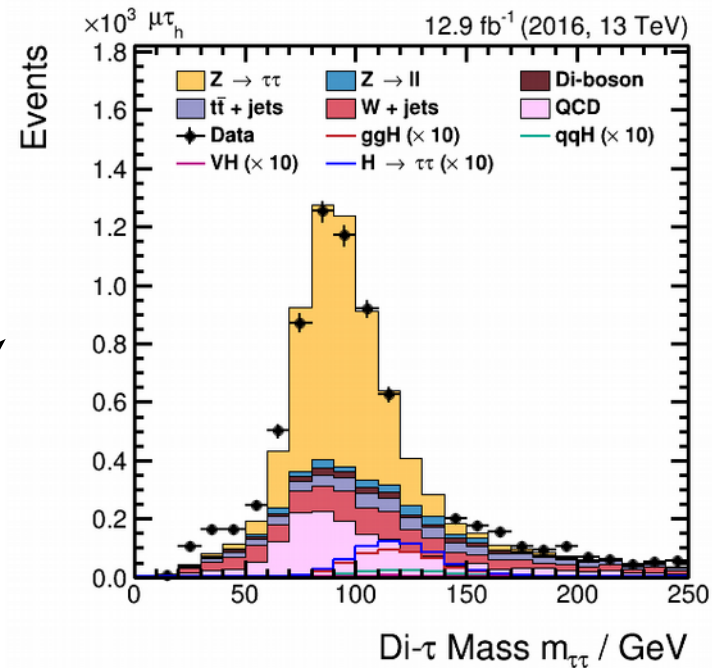
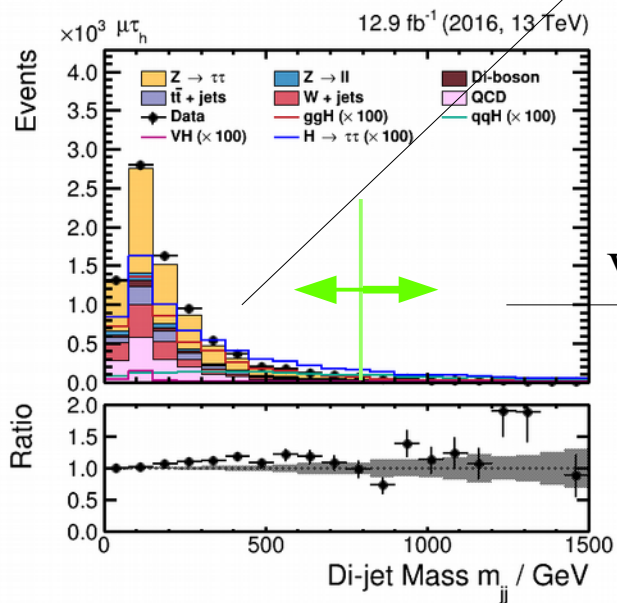
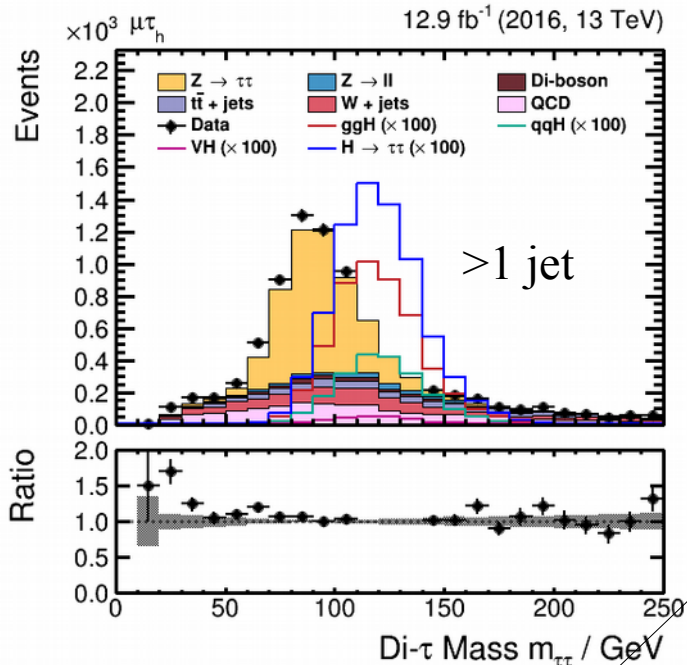
0 jets

1 jet

>1 jet



# Further signal extraction



# Expected Significances with $12.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Jet binned combined: 1.8	Channel	0 jets	1 jet	> 1jet
	$\mu \tau_{had}$	0.37	0.48	0.72
	$e \tau_{had}$	0.17	0.30	0.48
	$\tau_{had} \tau_{had}$	0.40	0.46	0.86
	$e \mu$	0.32	0.37	0.41

Categorized combined: 3.3	Channel	0 jets	1jet low	1 jet high	> 1jet	VBF
	$\mu \tau_{had}$	0.37	0.64	1.31	0.60	0.97
	$e \tau_{had}$	0.17	0.40	0.99	0.40	0.71
	$\tau_{had} \tau_{had}$	0.40	0.63	1.7	0.70	0.94
	$e \mu$	0.32	0.44	0.55	0.32	0.65

Thank you for your attention!