Accessing entanglement and suppressing background in semileptonic $H \to WW^*$

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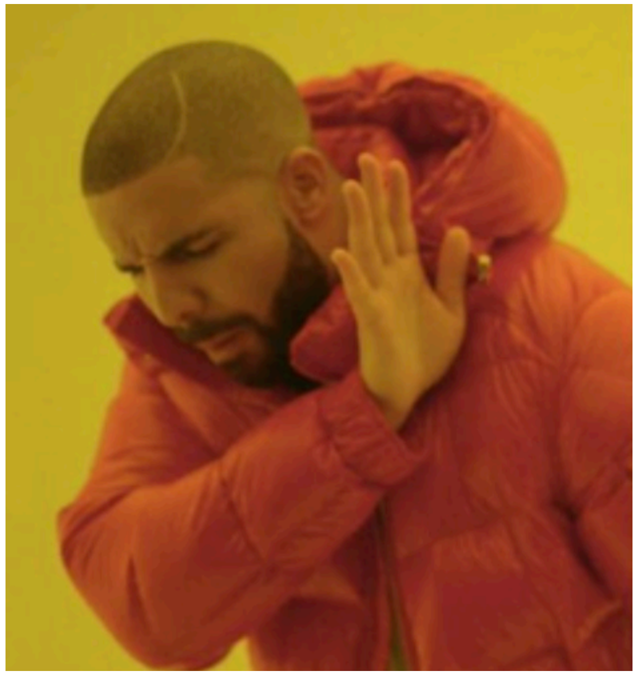
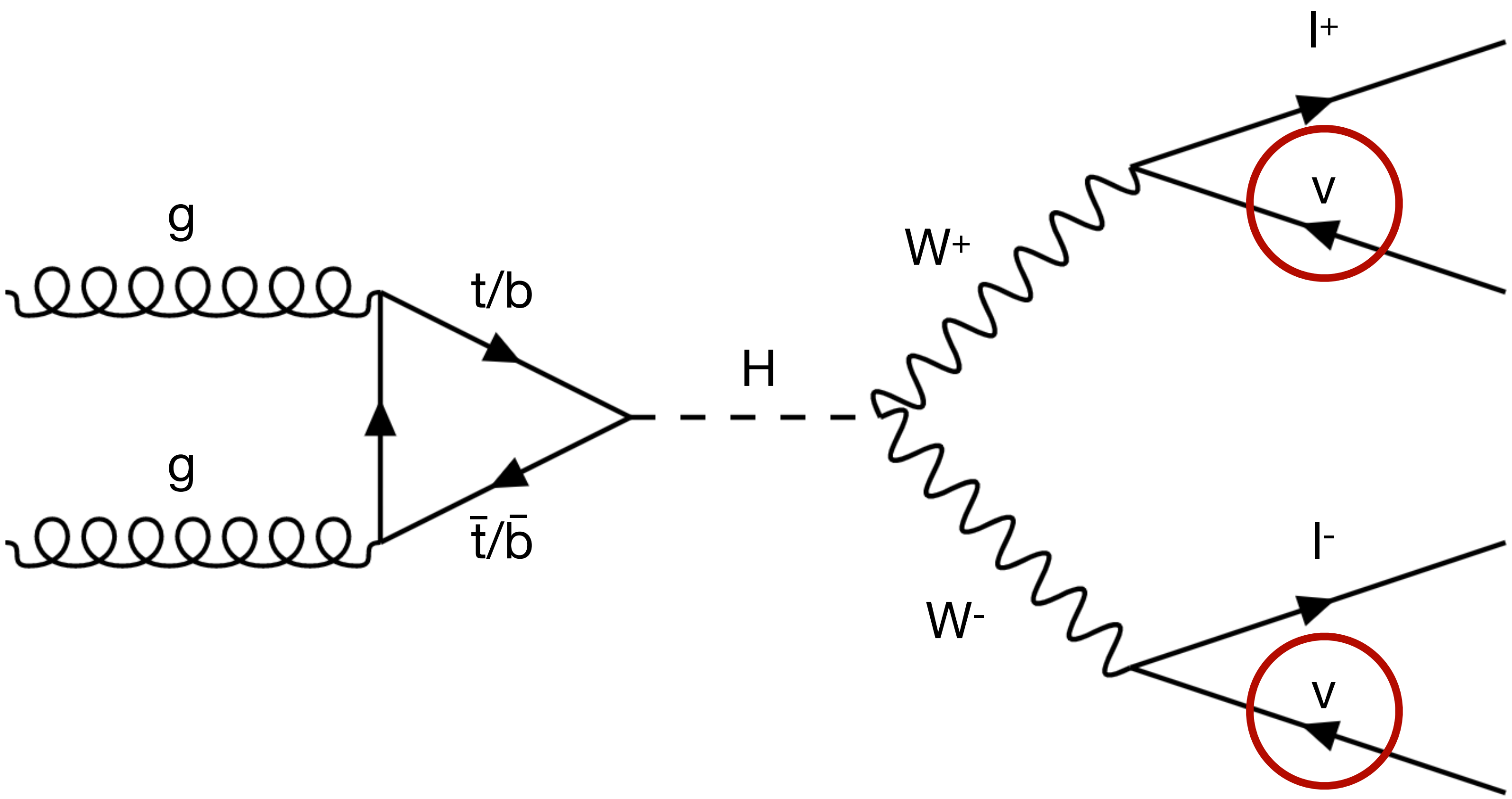
Isolating Signal

- **So, why not use $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow l\nu l\nu$ for Quantum information measurements?**





- **Presence of two neutrinos** (and lack of additional mass constraints due to off-shell W) **makes it extremely hard to reconstruct the Higgs.**

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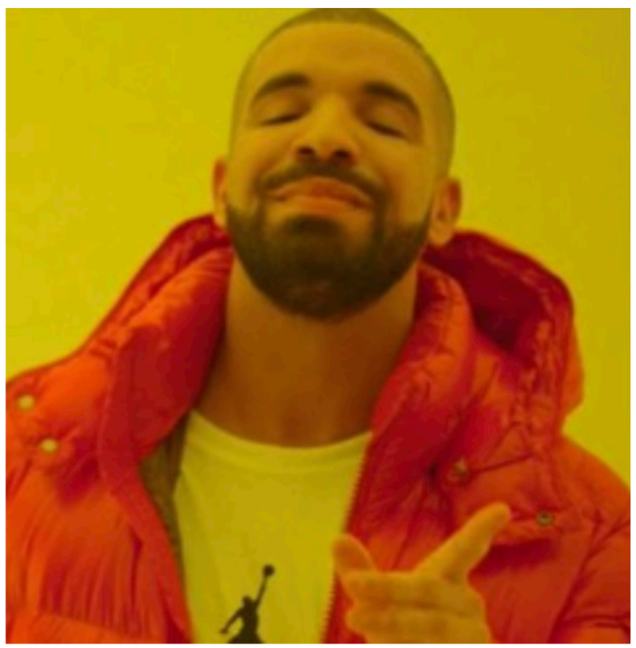
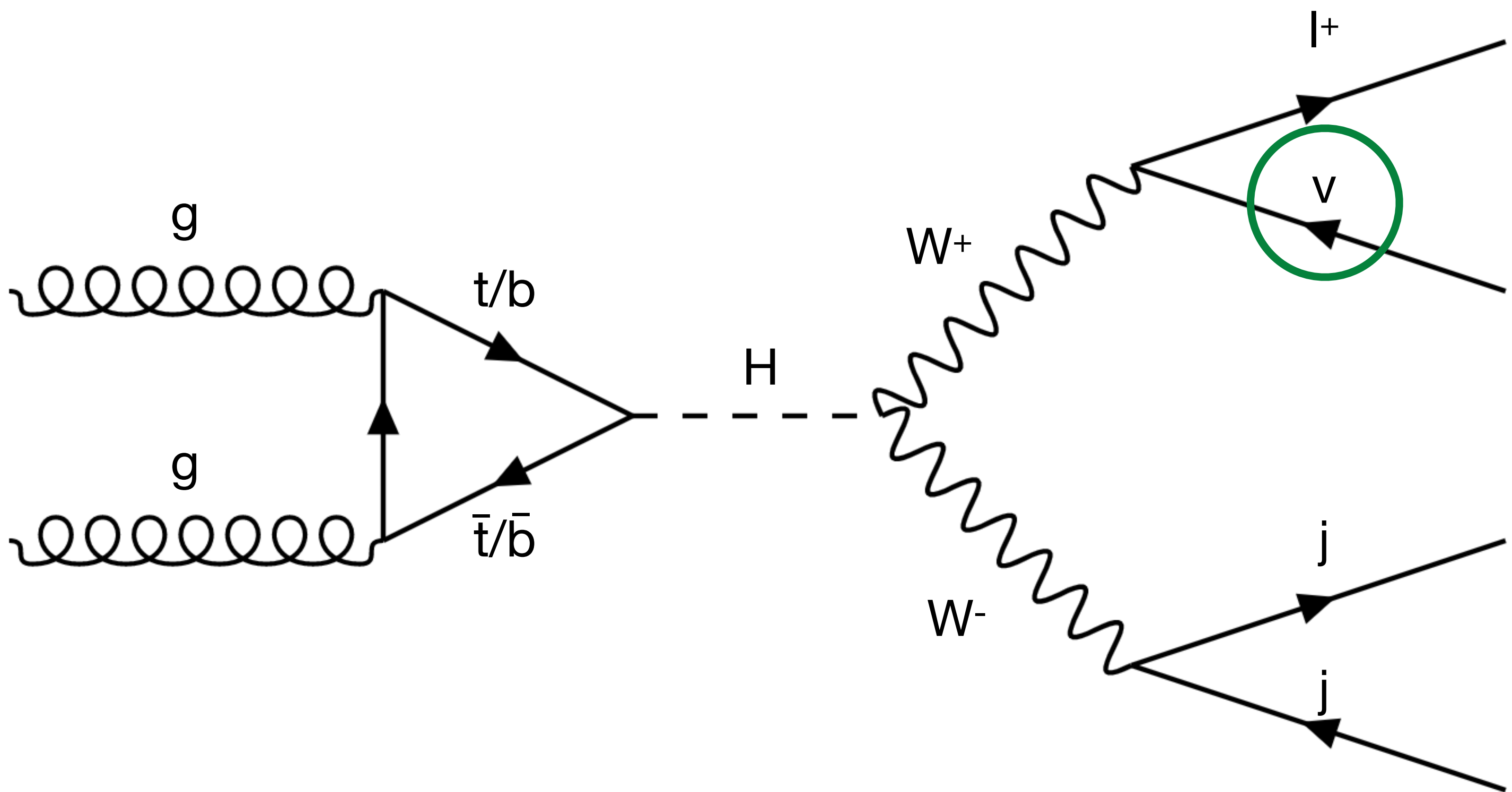
- **Using the $H\rightarrow WW^{*}\rightarrow jjl\nu$ channel we can reconstruct the Higgs:**





- **But there are two challenges:**
  1. Dealing with overwhelming W+jets background.
  2. Accessing the spin information of the hadronic W.

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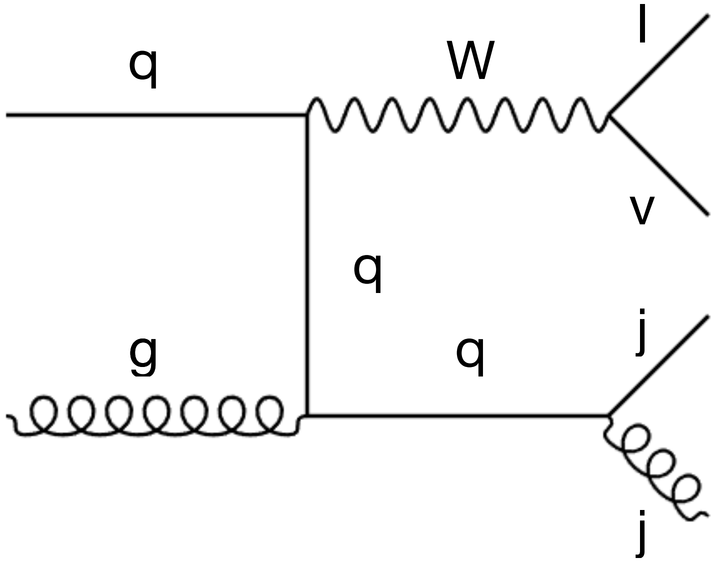
- **The backgrounds**

W + jets



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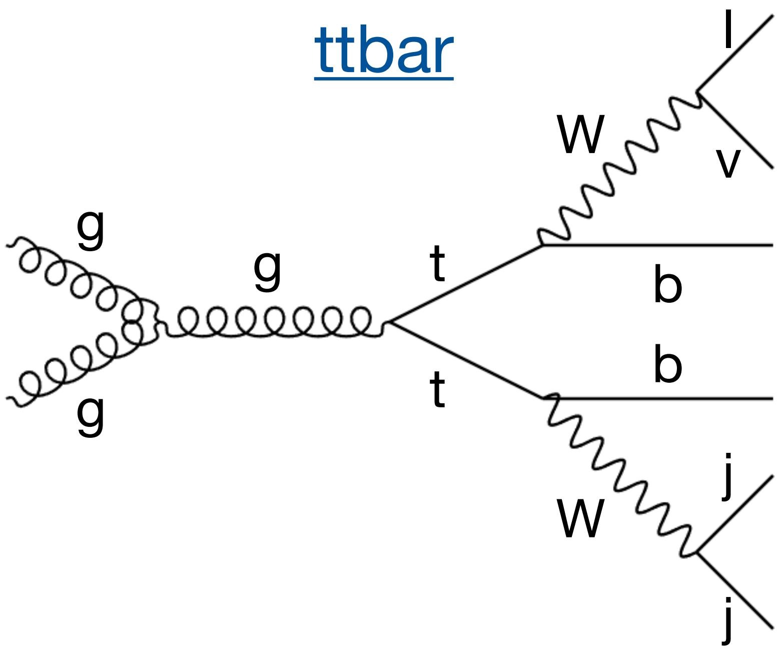
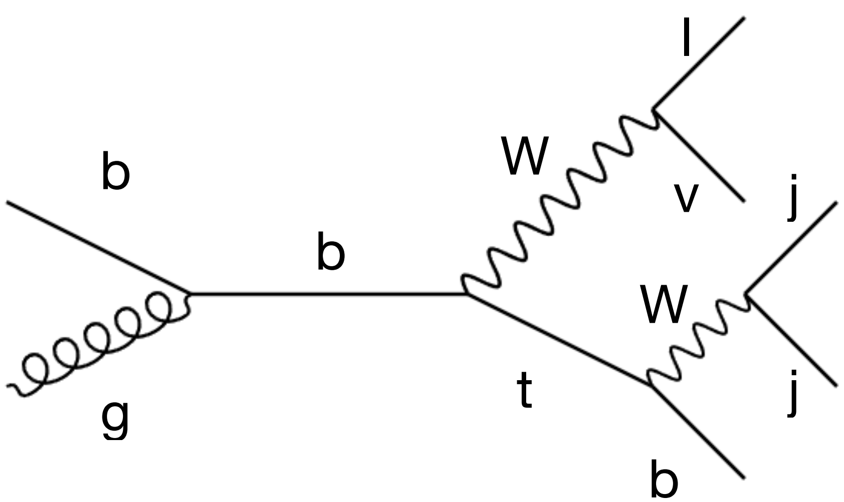


t+W



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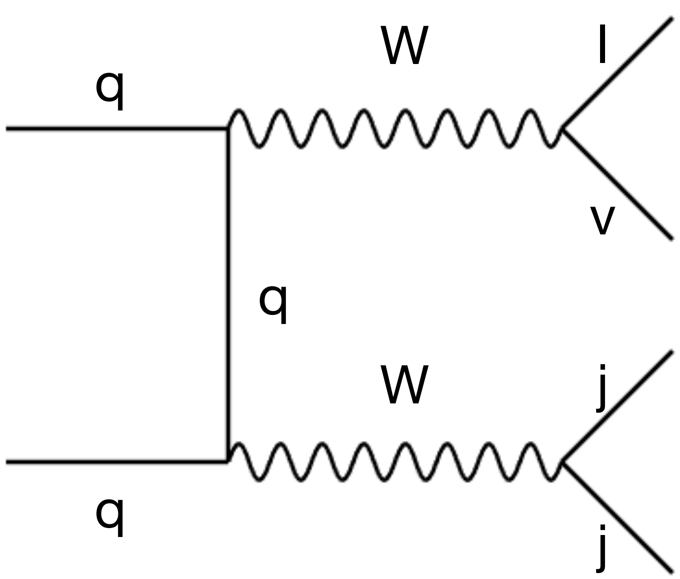


Accessing Spin Info

- **W spin information can be accessed either using charged leptons or down-type quarks:**

"Spin Analysing Power"
degree to which a particle caries parent spin info, 1 = fully, 0 = none, -1 = 'anti' fully

	ℓ	u, c	d, s
LO	1.000	-0.310	1.000
NLO	0.998	-0.310	0.930

- **If we can identify the down-type jet in a hadronic W decay, we can access the spin information.**

- **W→cs allows us to do this because we can tag the c-flavoured jet and then take the other jet that pairs to make the W mass as our s-jet** (spin analyser)**.**

Monte Carlo Simulations

- **We used the following MC generators to simulate signal and background processes:**

  ➡ **Higgs** (gg fusion)**: Powheg + Pythia8**
  ➡ **W+jets: Powheg + Pythia8**
  ➡ **ttbar: Powheg + Pythia8**
  ➡ **Diboson: Sherpa** (NLO)

- **We generate about 900k signal events and ~1 mil background events for each process.**

Simulating Collider Conditions

- Cuts and reconstruction/trigger efficiencies are applied to jets and leptons to simulate detector effects:

$$p_t > 25 \text{ GeV} \qquad |\eta| < 2.5$$

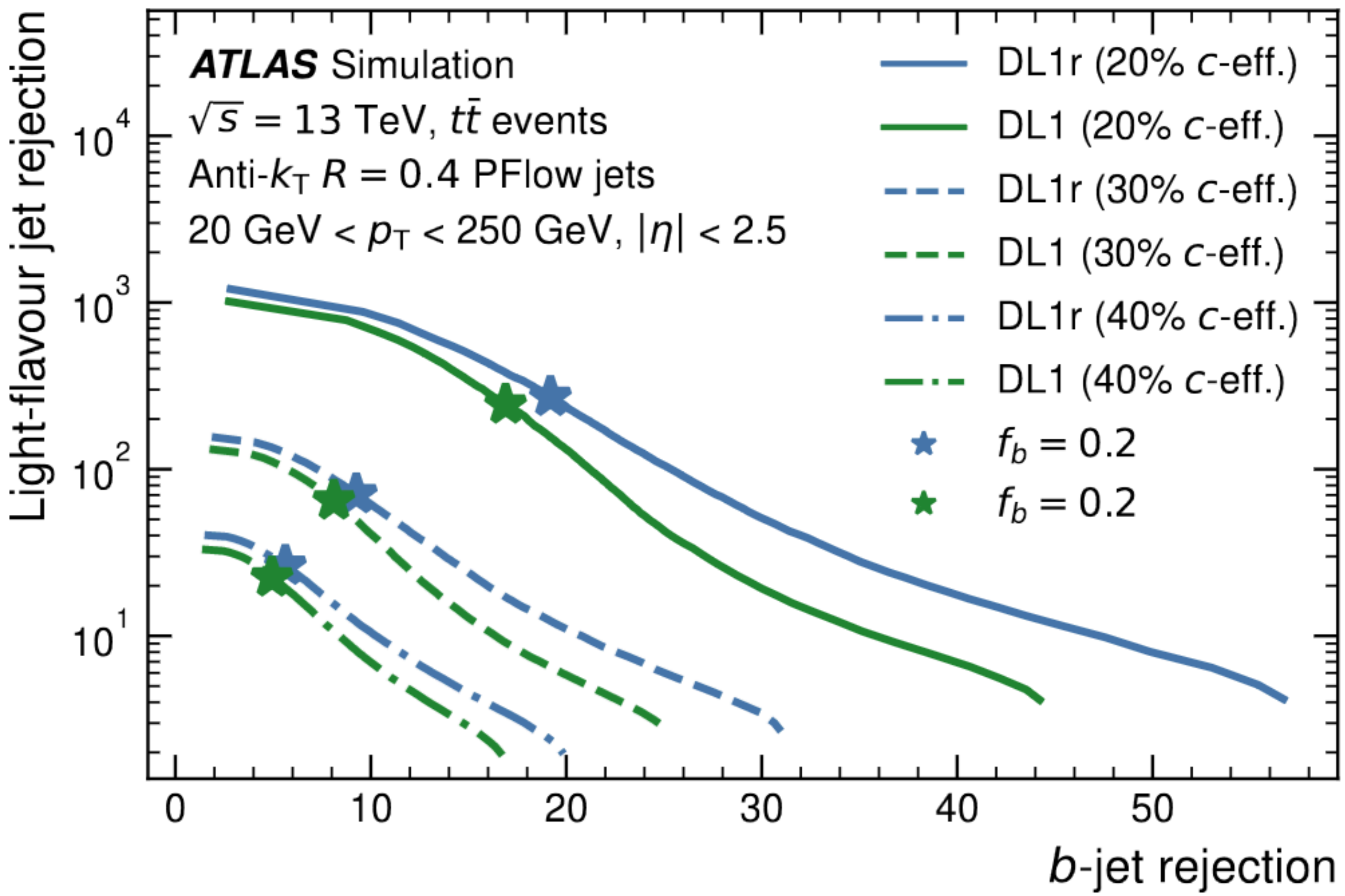
- Jets are 'tagged' to approximate realistic c- and b-tagging efficiencies.

Efficiency type	Efficiencies (%)	
	c-tagger	b-tagger
ϵ_b	14	77
ϵ_c	40	20
ϵ_l	3.3	0.8

- All of these together approximate very roughly the reco level.

Charm Tagging

- **Key question is how well can we tag charm jets experimentally?**



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Reconstructing the Higgs

- **Using $W \rightarrow cs$ decays requires the hadronic W to be on-shell and therefore the leptonic to be off-shell.**

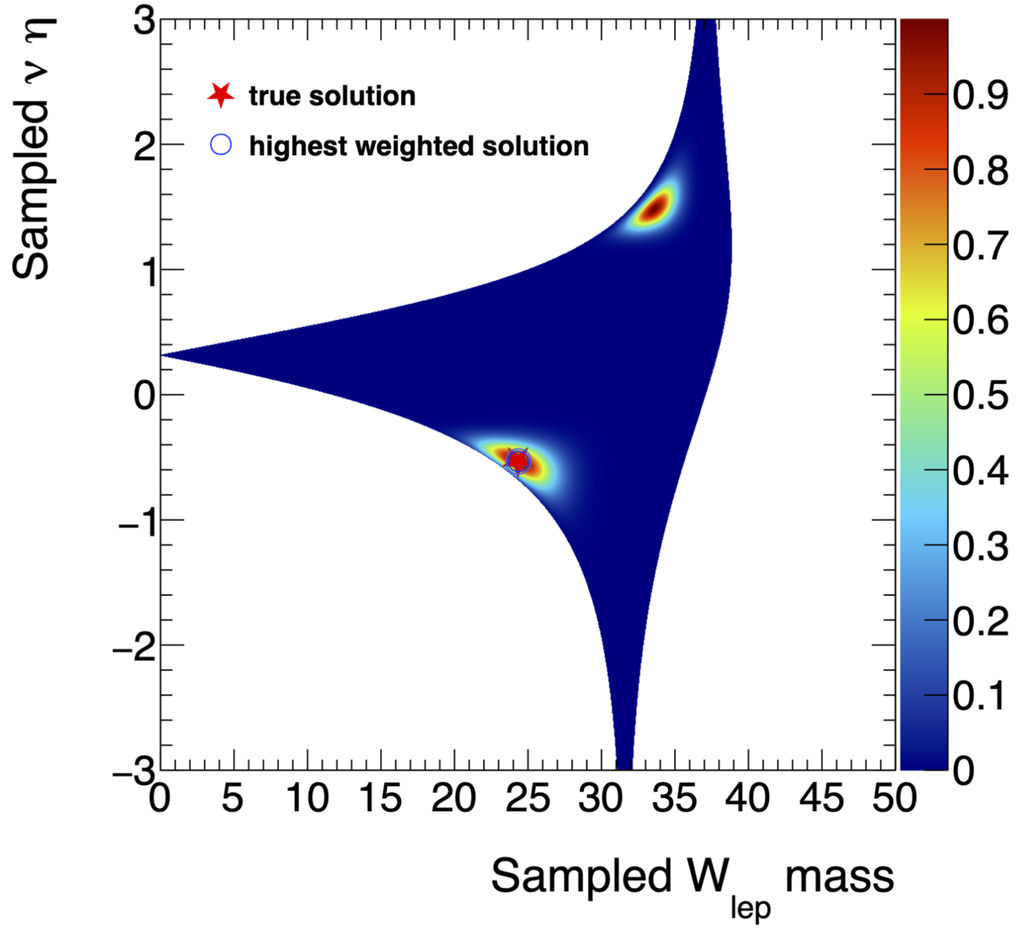
- **We have two unknowns remaining:**
  1. The long. component of the neutrino momentum
  2. The inv. mass of the off-shell W boson (m_W < 80 GeV)

- **This is similar to a problem in $t\bar{t}$ final states, where we use a tool called 'Neutrino Weighting' to reconstruct events by integrating over missing kinematics.**

- **In this case, we integrate over 1. and 2.**

Reconstructing the Higgs

- **We reconstruct many Higgs each event under different assumptions of m_{W^*} and η_ν.**



- **Each solution yields a weight based on how well the reconstructed ν agrees with the observed MET** (missing transverse momentum in the event)**.**

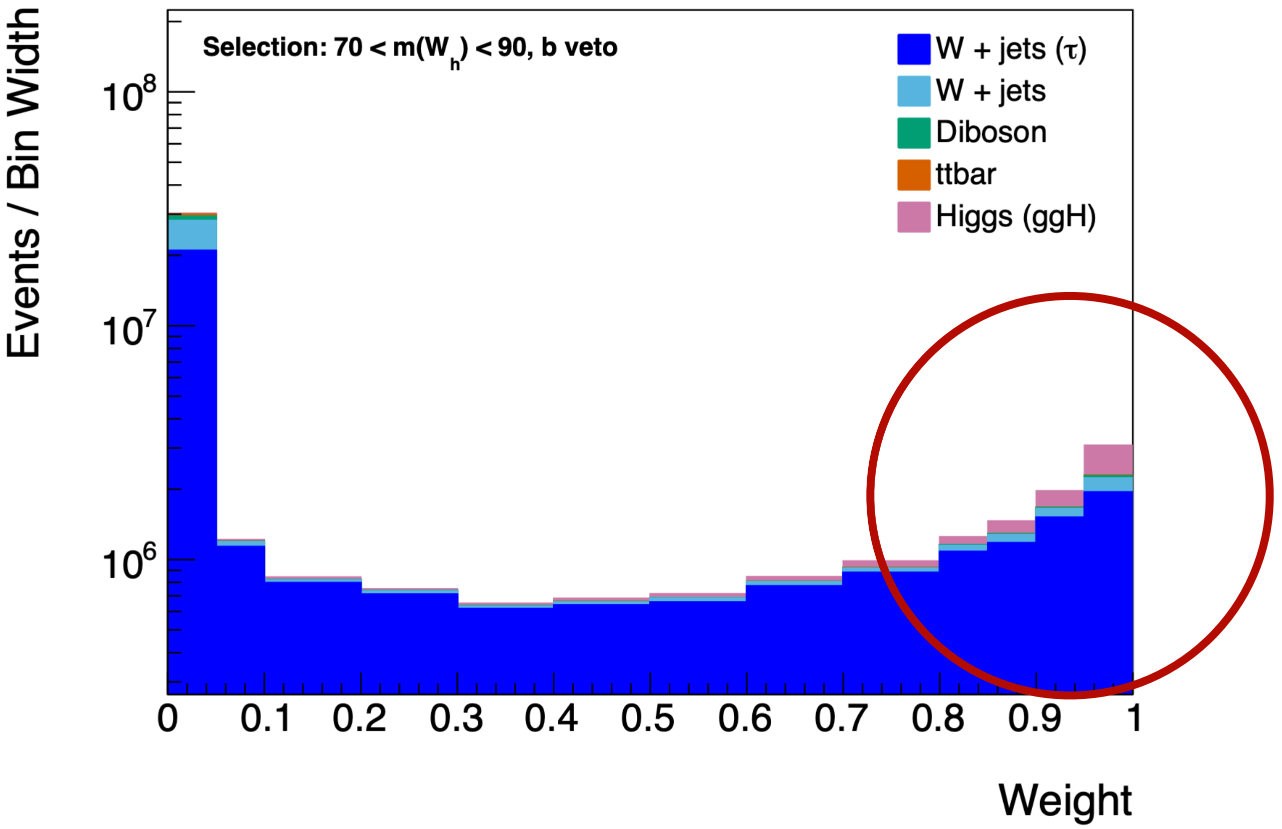
- **The solution with the highest weight is taken as the correct one.**

The W+jets background.

- **Using W→cs decays requires the hadronic W to be on-shell and therefore the leptonic to be off-shell.**

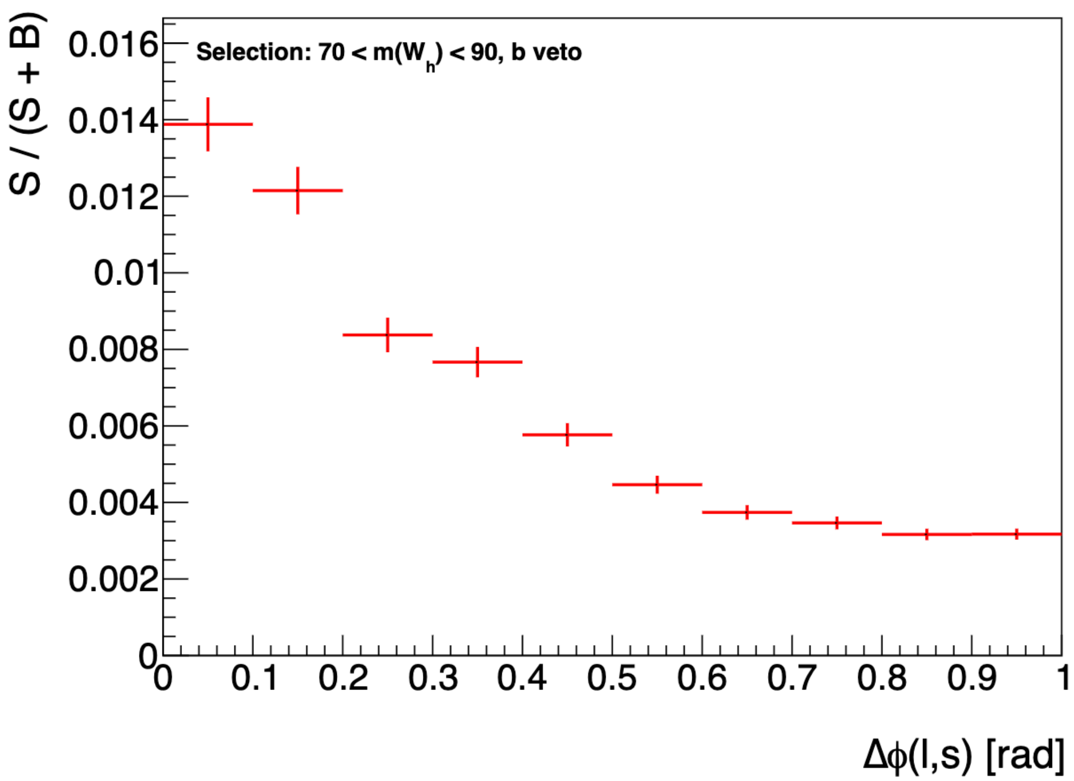
- **This is a bonus because the primary background** (W→lνjj) **has an on-shell leptonic W.**

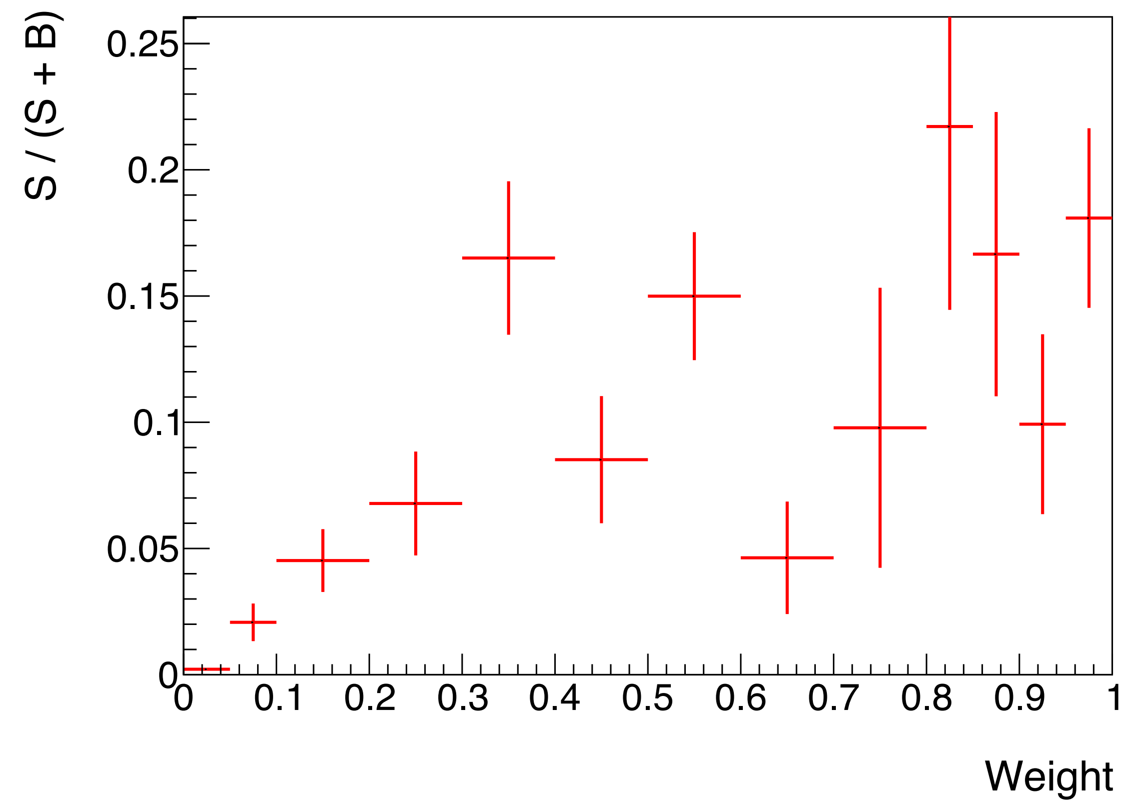
- **The weight from NW also acts similarly to an MVA classifier** (signal events are more likely to result in higher weights than background events).



Cuts to remove background

- **We identified two parameters to cut on to enhance signal: $\Delta\Phi_{ls}$** (difference in Φ of the spin analysing pair (l,s)) **and the weight from the NW.**

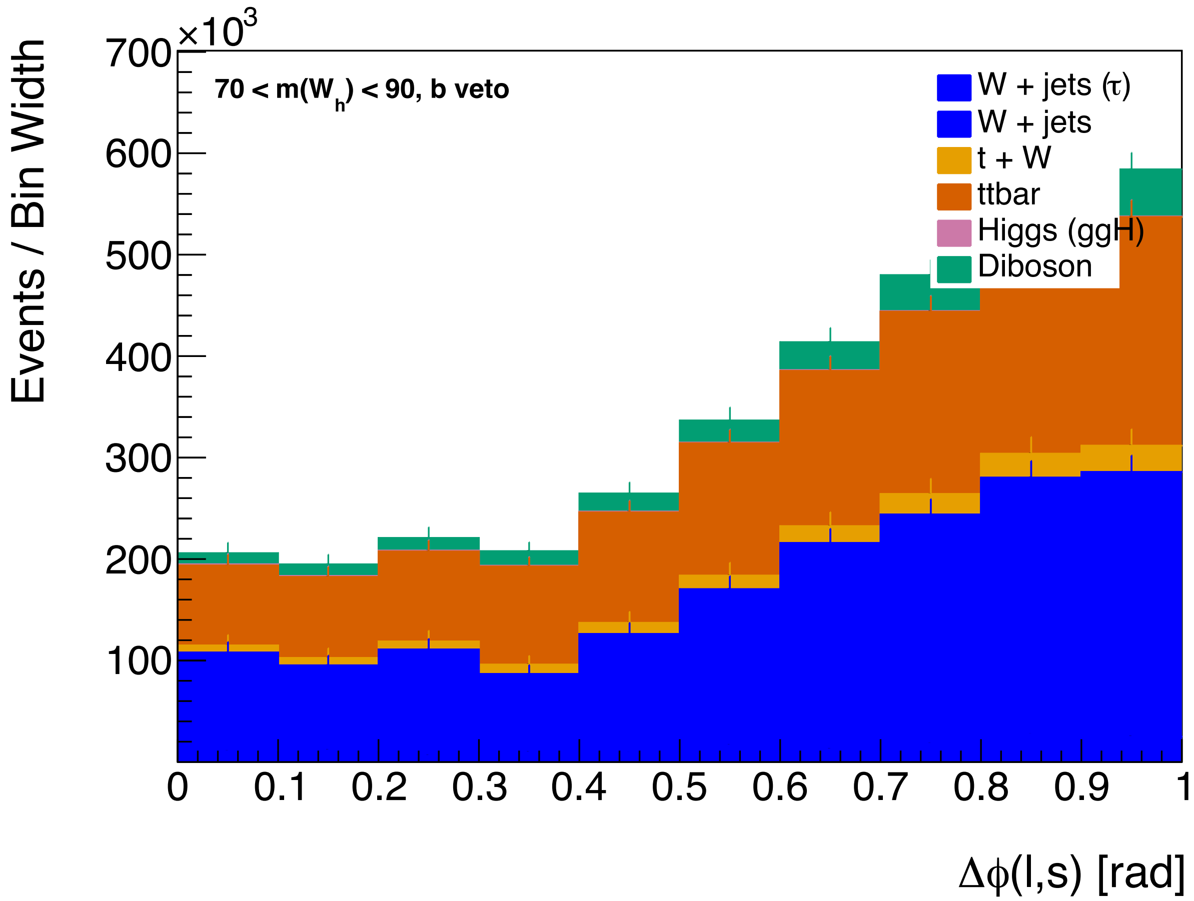


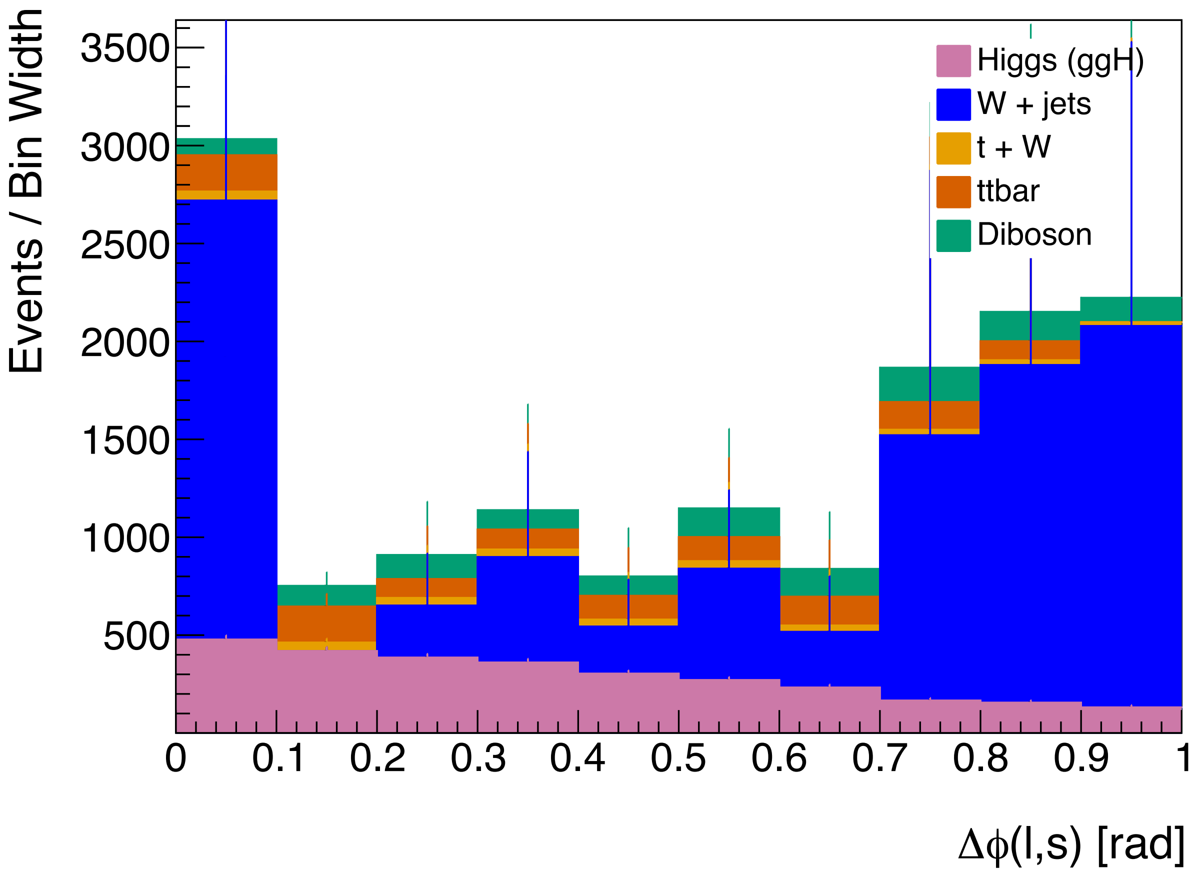


- **Full analyses on real data can optimise these and find additional sensitive selection cuts.**

Observable after cuts

- $\Delta\Phi_{ls}$ before and after applying cuts and selections. The left plot has only on-shell hadronic W-mass and b-veto cuts.This is at 300 fb^{-1}.





- Can see that the backgrounds are significantly suppressed and the signal becomes more dominant.

The W+jets background.

- **With these kinematic & NW cuts, we obtain good S/B** (considering this was, previously, an impossible channel!)

Process	idealised	$\epsilon_c = 40\%$
W + jets	12253 ± 7086	9166 ± 5527
WW	2543 ± 169	1253 ± 118
$t\bar{t}$	723 ± 123	1198 ± 157
tW	213 ± 12	346 ± 15
Higgs	5967 ± 76	2905 ± 53
S/(S+B)	0.28	0.2

- **Can be used for entanglement measurements, but also a brand new Higgs decay topology for free!**

Accessing entanglement

- **Everything here is shamelessly stolen from Alan's paper: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2106.01377.pdf**

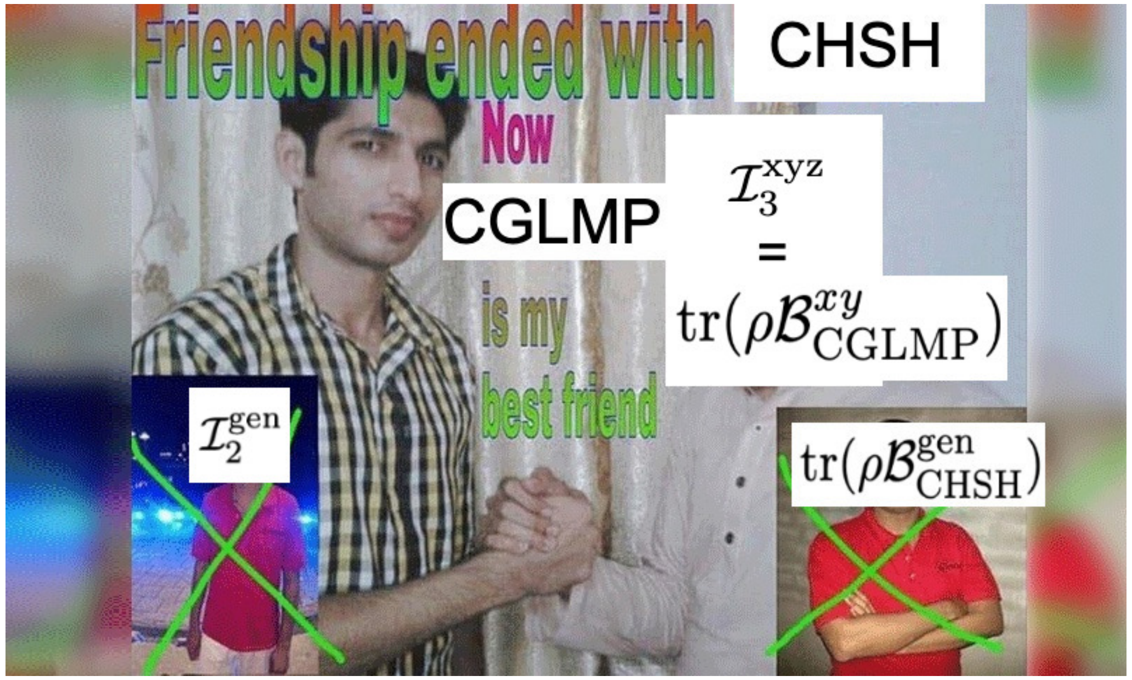
$$\mathrm{tr}(\rho\mathcal{B}^{xy}_{\mathrm{CGLMP}}) = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}\left\langle \xi^+_x\xi^-_x + \xi^+_y\xi^-_y \right\rangle_{\mathrm{av}} + 25\left\langle \left((\xi^+_x)^2 - (\xi^+_y)^2\right)\left((\xi^-_x)^2 - (\xi^-_y)^2\right)\right\rangle_{\mathrm{av}} + 100\left\langle \xi^+_x\xi^+_y\xi^-_x\xi^-_y \right\rangle_{\mathrm{av}}$$

$$\xi^{\pm}_i = \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{l^{\pm}}$$

$$i = x, y, z$$

$$\mathcal{I}_3^{\mathrm{xyz}} = \max\left(\langle\mathcal{B}^{xy}_{\mathrm{CGLMP}}\rangle, \langle\mathcal{B}^{yz}_{\mathrm{CGLMP}}\rangle, \langle\mathcal{B}^{zx}_{\mathrm{CGLMP}}\rangle\right)$$

- **We have entanglement if $I_3 > 2$.**



Observable Performance

- **Inequality becomes three observables:**

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1st

$$+ 25 \left\langle \left((\xi^+_x)^2 - (\xi^+_y)^2 \right) \left((\xi^-_x)^2 - (\xi^-_y)^2 \right) \right\rangle_{\mathrm{av}}$$

2nd

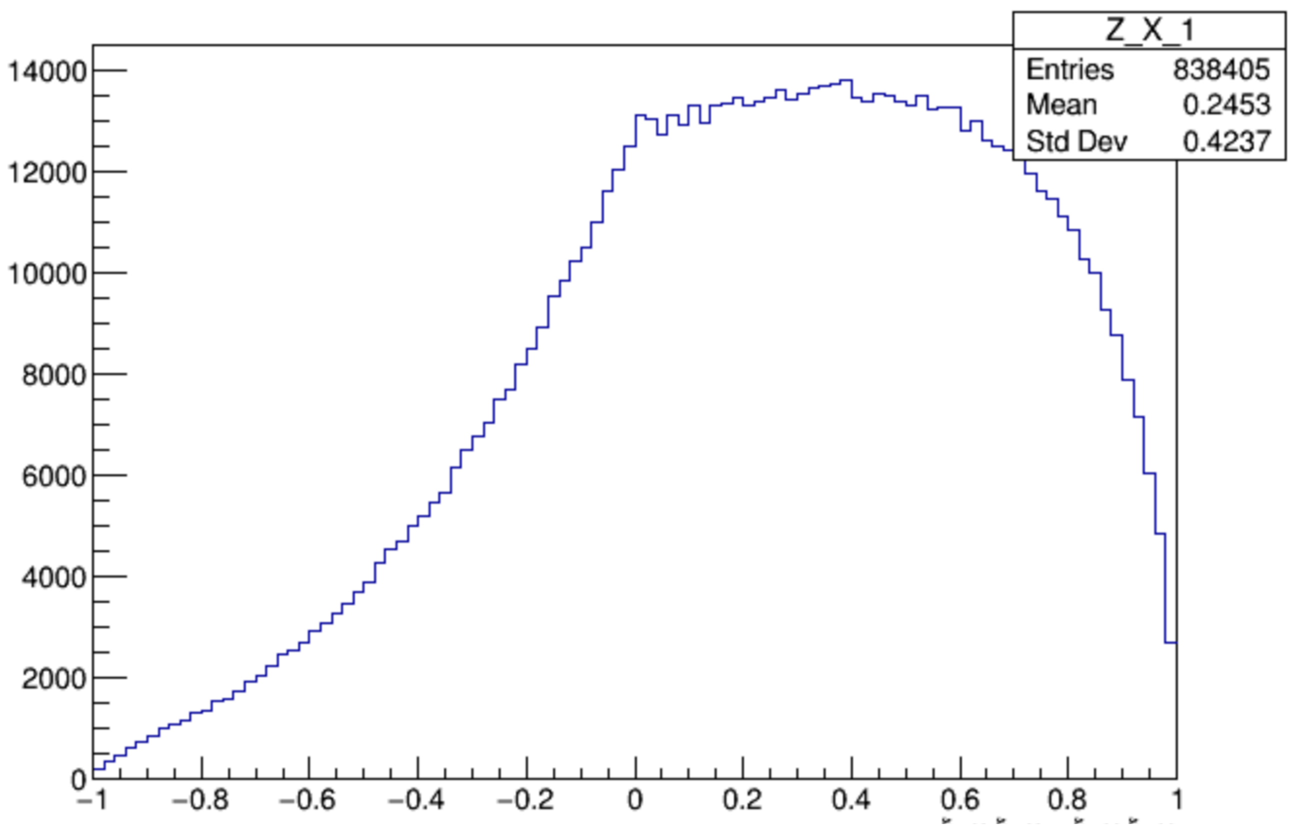
$$+ 100 \left\langle \xi^+_x \xi^+_y \xi^-_x \xi^-_y \right\rangle_{\mathrm{av}}$$

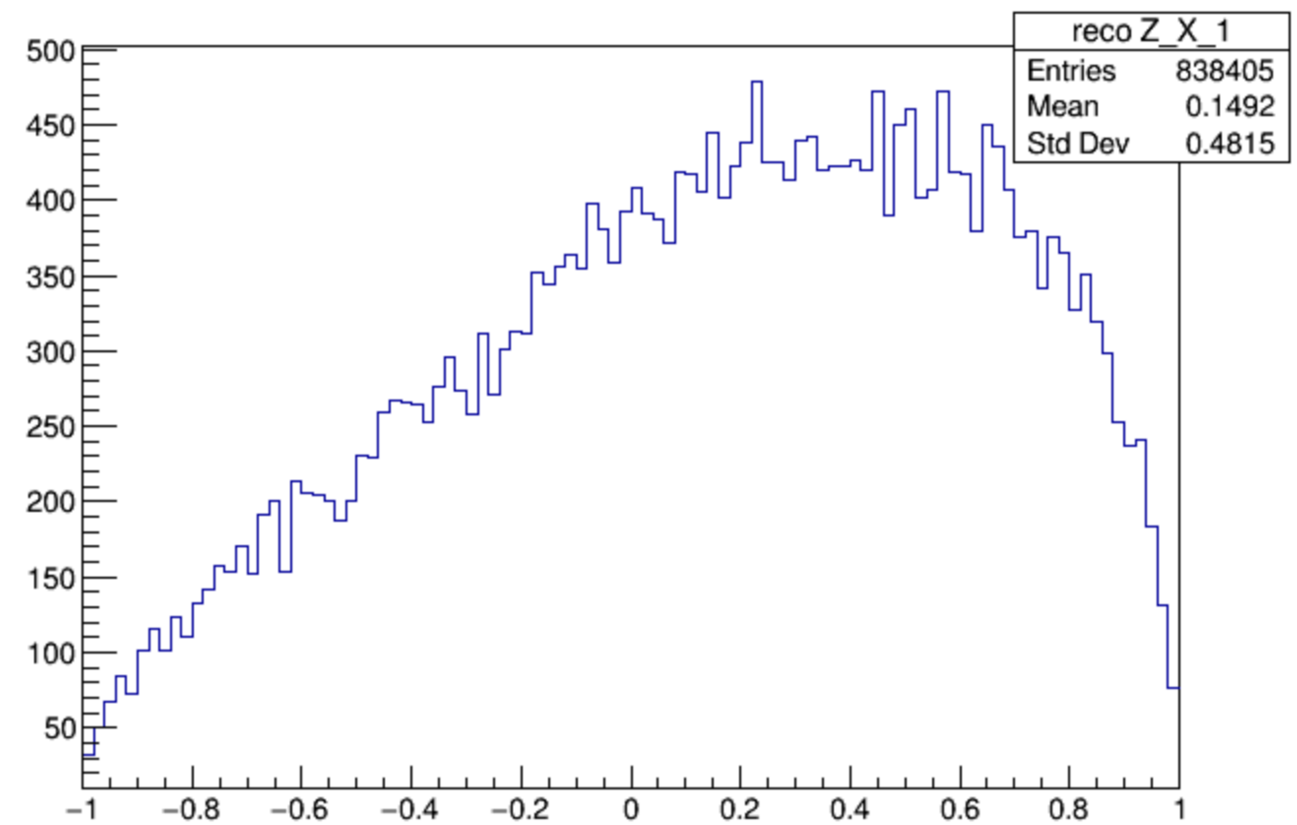
3rd

Observable Performance

First observable

Left is the parton level and right our reco level





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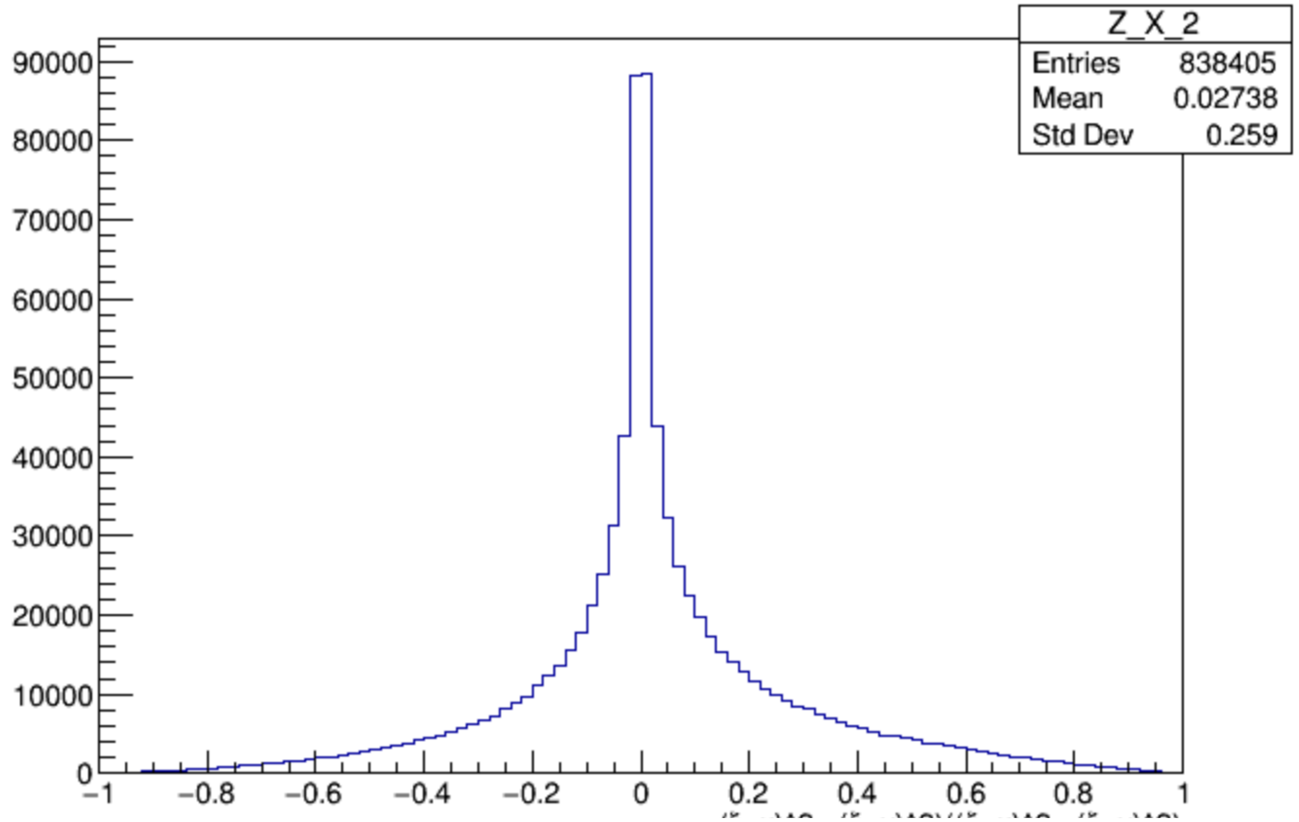

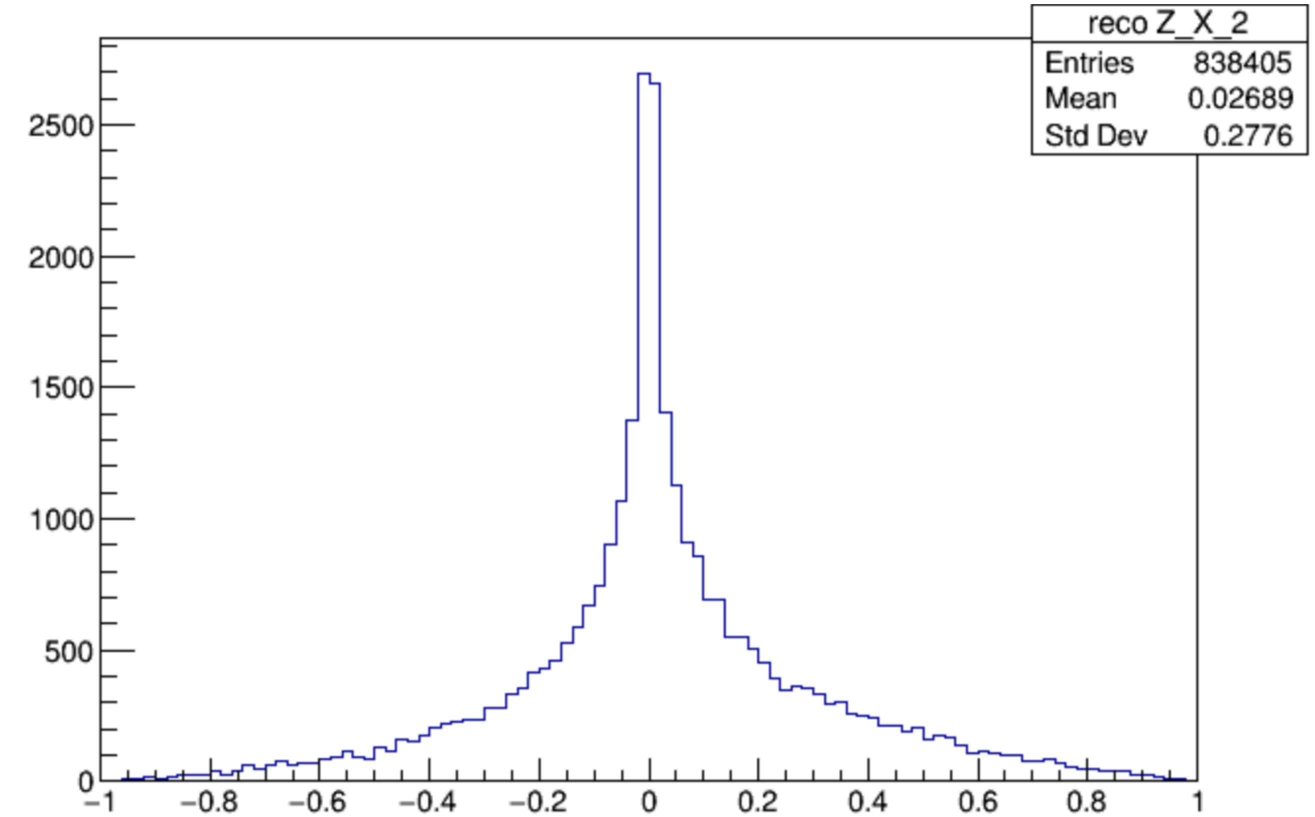

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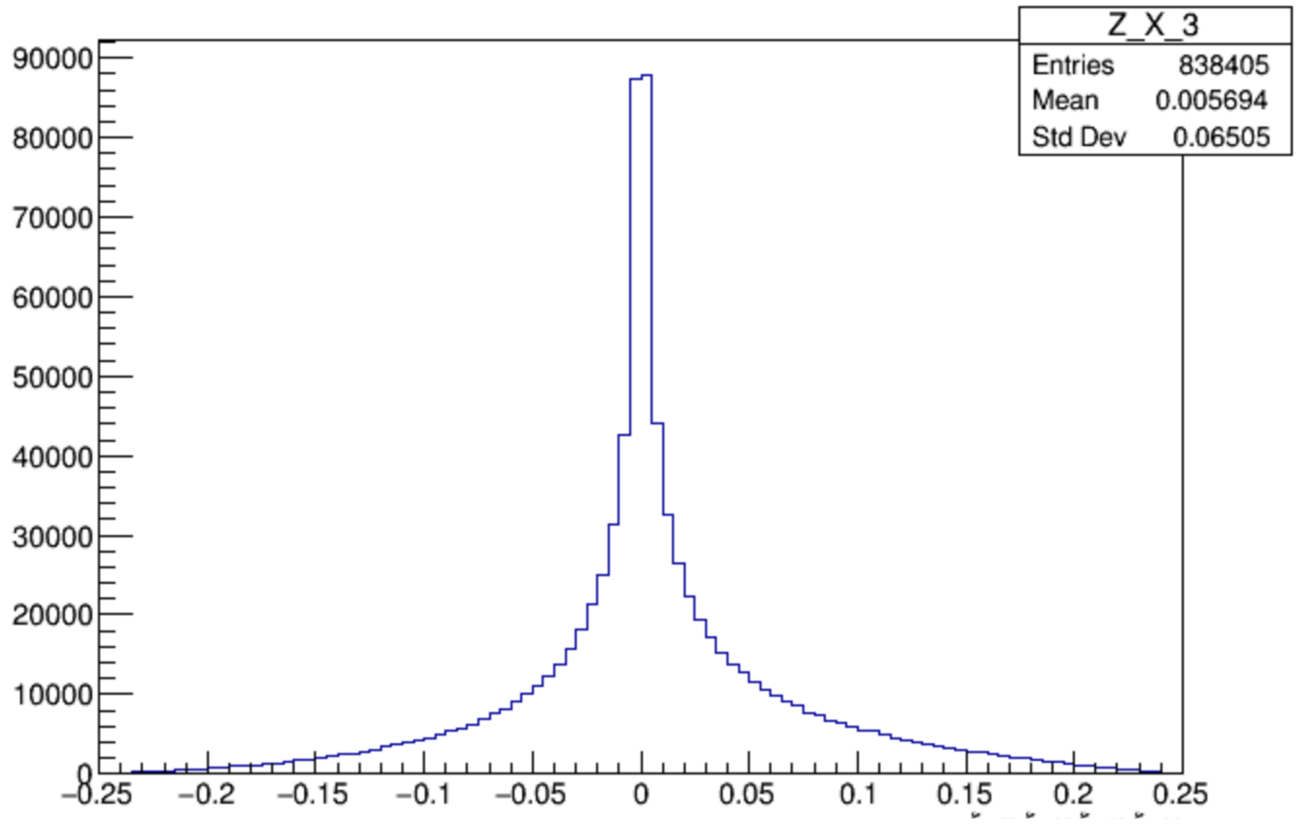

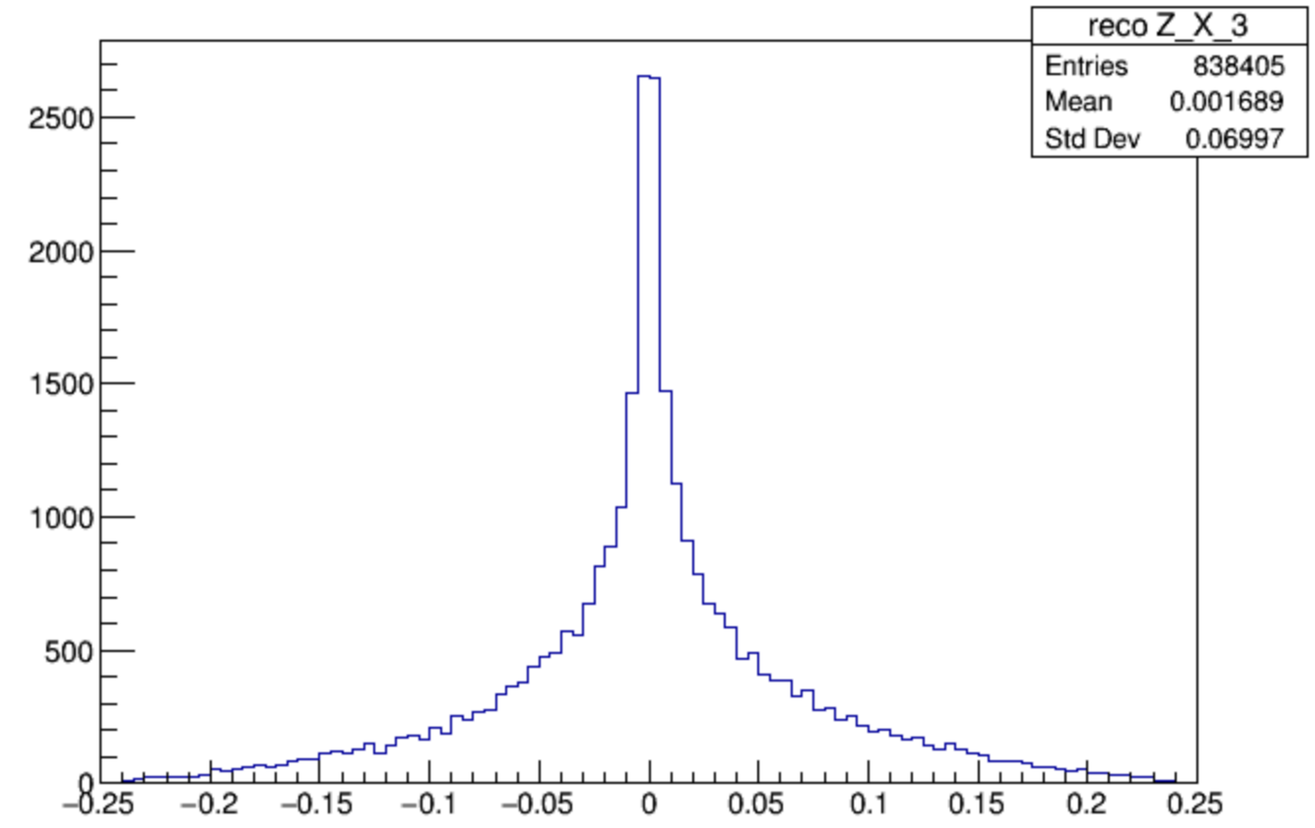

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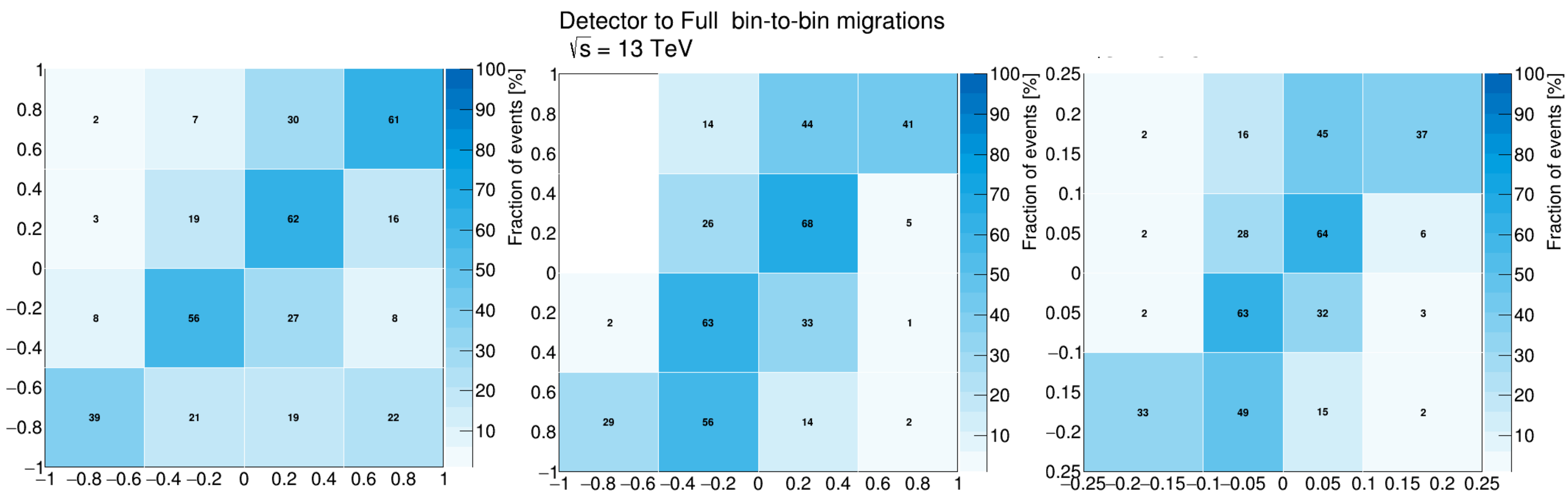

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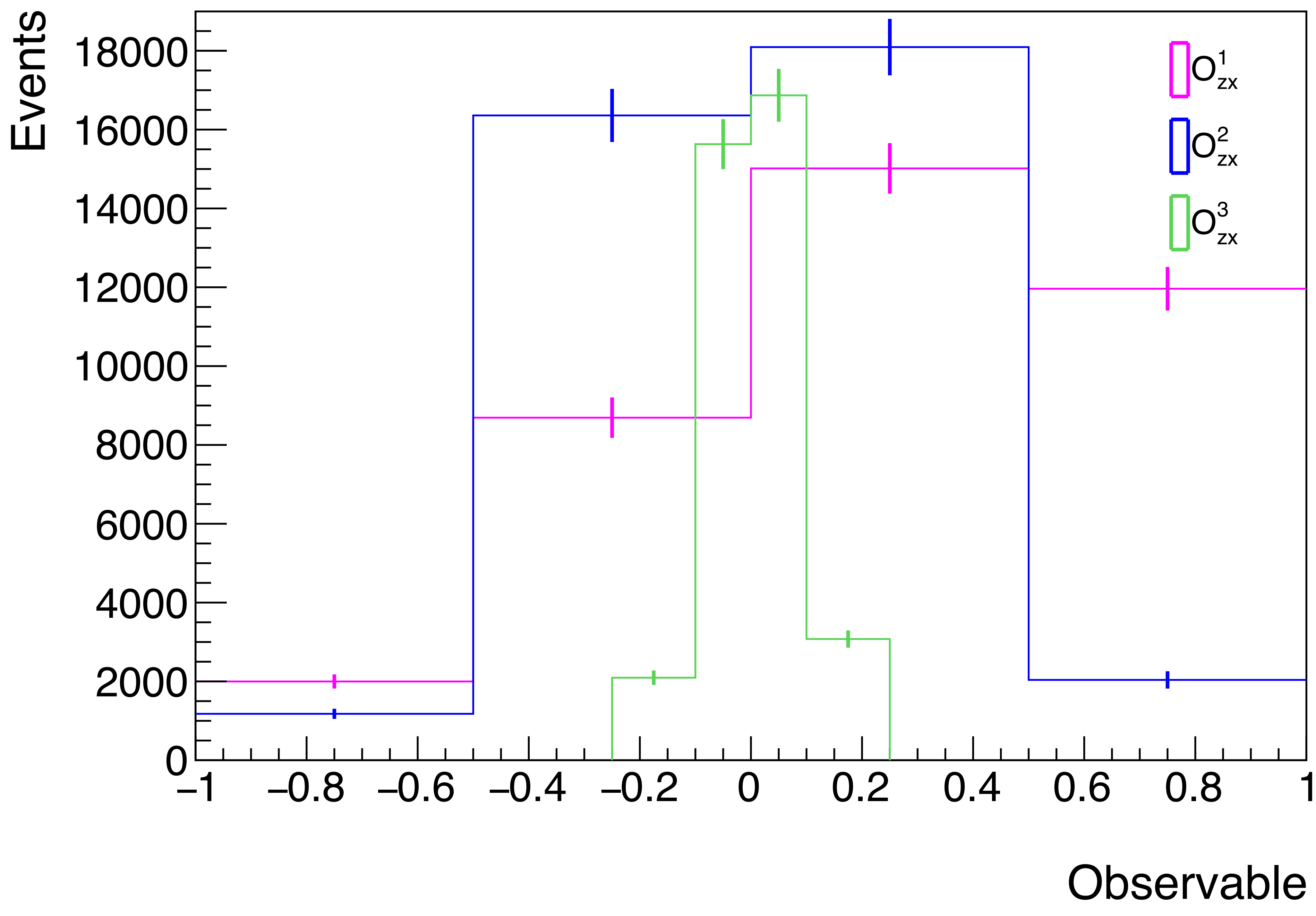


Parameter Extraction

- Use the unfolded distributions to extract the value for the CGLMP inequality at different integrated luminosities.
- Compute the significance for $I_3 \geq 2$

Luminosity [fb^{-1}]	$\langle \mathcal{B}^{zx}_{\text{CGLMP}} \rangle$ (idealised)	Significance (idealised)
139	2.45 ± 0.25 (0.18)	1.8 (2.5)
300	2.45 ± 0.17 (0.12)	2.65 (3.75)
3000	2.45 ± 0.05 (0.04)	9.0 (11.25)

- Upon introducing jet smearing, the significance for 300 fb^{-1} goes to 2.36.

A real analysis

- The usage of NW can be improved with Machine Learning. Important to note that NW is somewhat idealised in this study.
- Charm tagging can be optimised in an actual analysis. We can expect better S/B ratio and more total signal events.
- Custom trigger could improve acceptance of events with low energy leptons.

Conclusions

- **Potential for an entirely new Higgs decay mode!**
- **Entanglement in $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow jjl\nu$ channel is challenging, but most of these challenges are experimental** (and we're quite good at beating expectations for these types of problems)**.**

Backup

Full selection

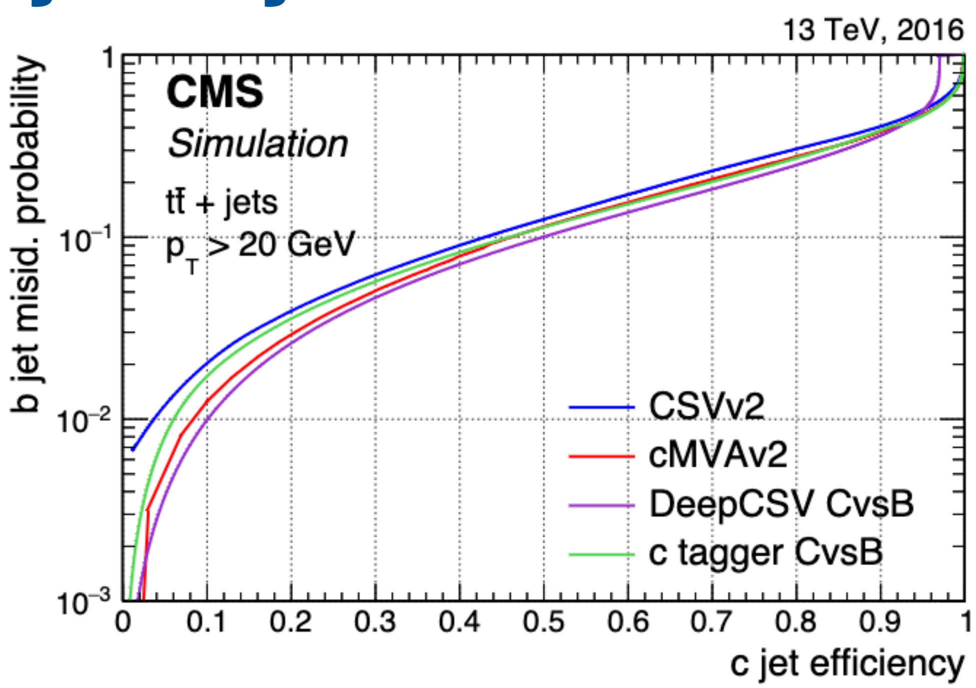
- Pre-selection:
  - Exactly 1 lepton with pT > 20 GeV
  - Exactly 0 b-tagged jets
- C-tagging selection:
  - 2 or more jets, exactly one of which must be c-tagged.
  - At least 1 (c-jet,l-jet) pair with |m_wh - 80.6| < 10 GeV
  - A reconstructed leptonic W boson from NW with weight > 0.7.
  - Maximum two light jets
  - m_cl < 80 GeV (where l is the lepton)

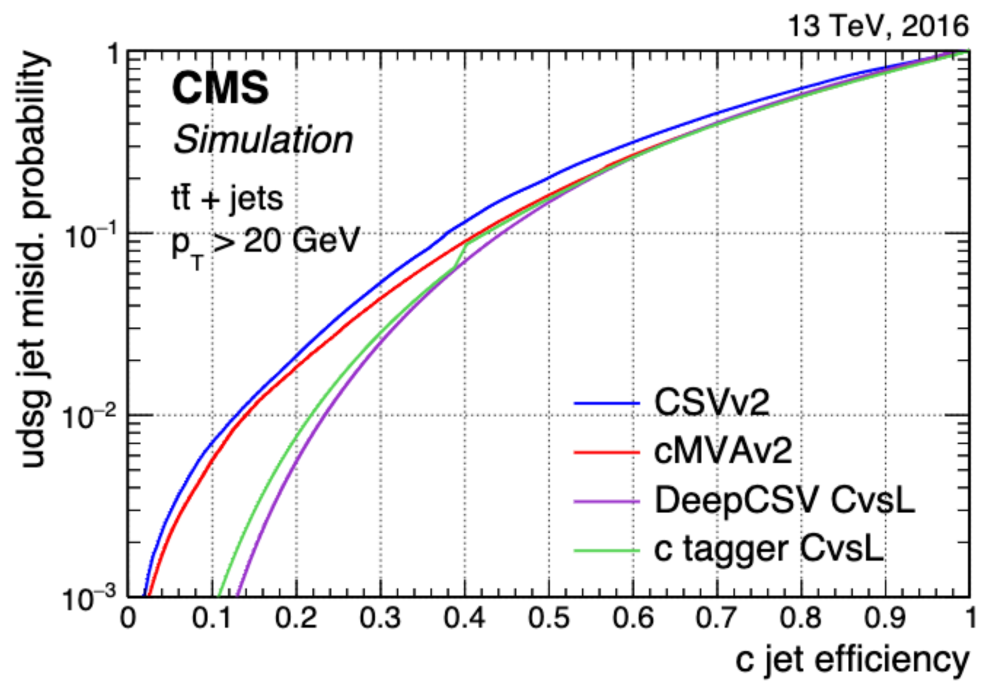
Charm Tagging

- **How well can be tag charm jets at ATLAS and CMS?**

Working point	ε_c (%)	ε_b (%)	ε_{udsg} (%)
c tagger L	88	36	91
c tagger M	40	17	19
c tagger T	19	20	1.2

Suspiciously high numbers that probably come at the cost of high jet rejection.





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- **NW improvements**