

# Optimizing the Higgs self-coupling measurement at ILC and C<sup>3</sup>

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- Higgs-sector in SM after SSB: only one free parameter

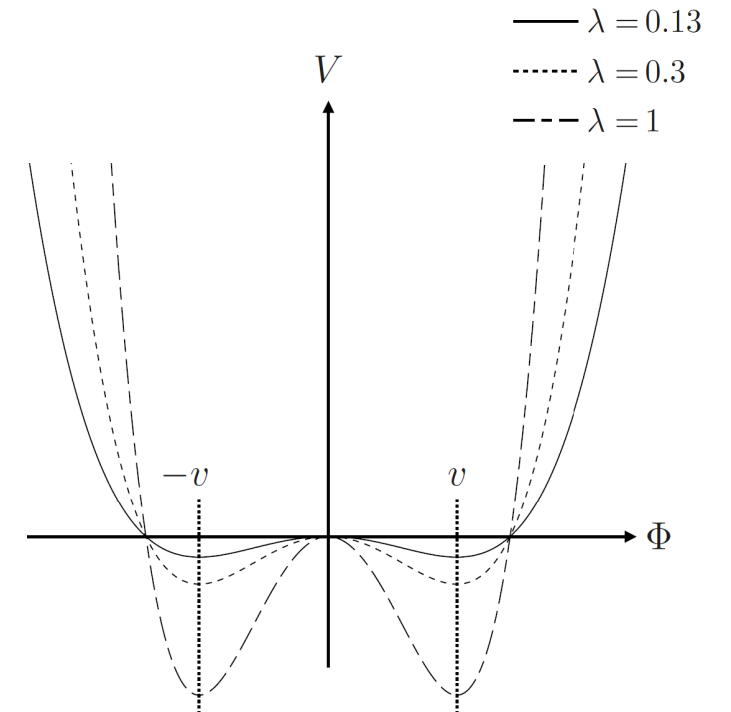
$$V(h) = \frac{1}{2} m_H^2 h^2 + \lambda_3 v h^3 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_4 h^4$$

$$\frac{m_H^2}{2v^2} = \lambda_3^{SM} = \lambda_4^{SM}$$

- self-coupling  $\lambda$  defines shape of Higgs potential

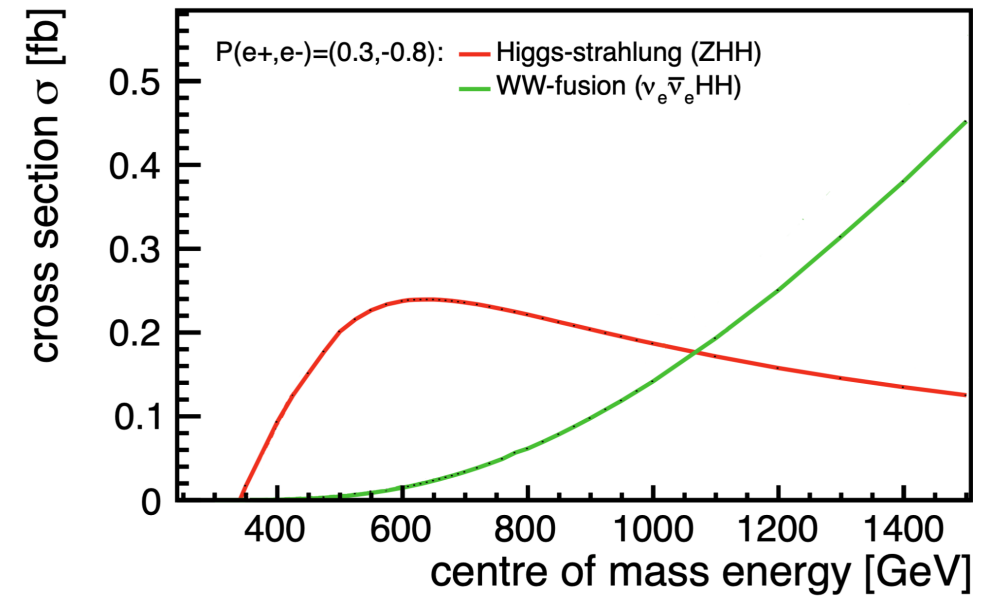
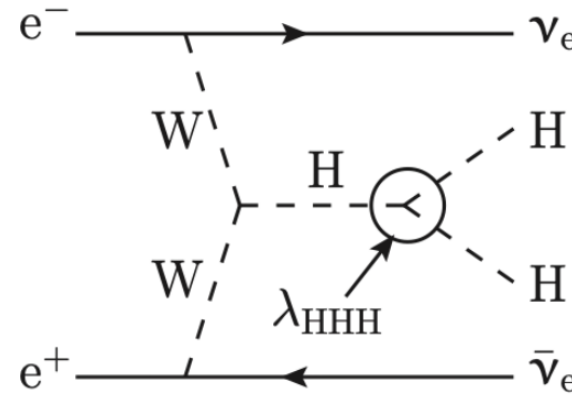
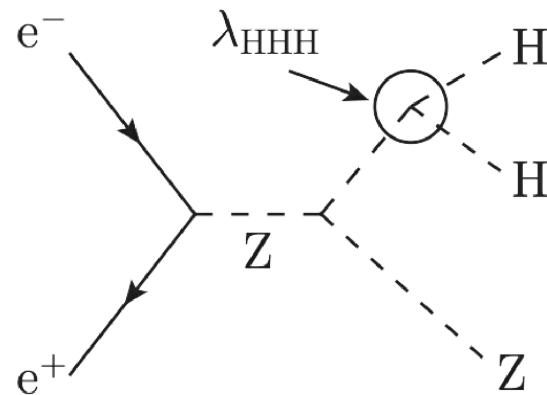
$$\lambda + \delta\lambda = \frac{m_H^2}{2v^2} \pm \frac{\delta m_H}{v^2} m_H \approx 0.13 \pm 10^{-3}$$

- sensitive to BSM physics by loop corrections



➤ *direct access to  $\lambda$*  possible through double-Higgs production

- Di-Higgs strahlung (dominant  $< 1$  TeV)
- vector boson fusion (dominant  $> 1$  TeV)

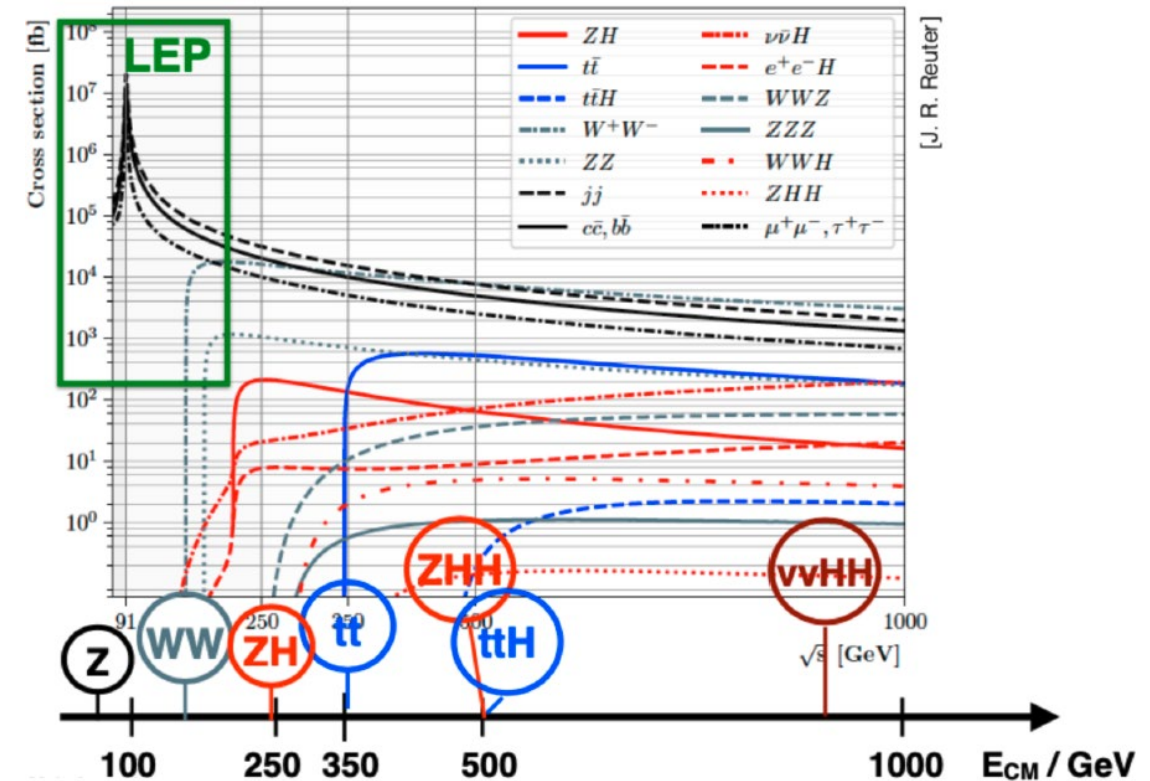


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# Overview of future $e^+e^-$ colliders

- different center-of-mass (COM) energies  $\sqrt{s}/\text{GeV}$  for physics programs

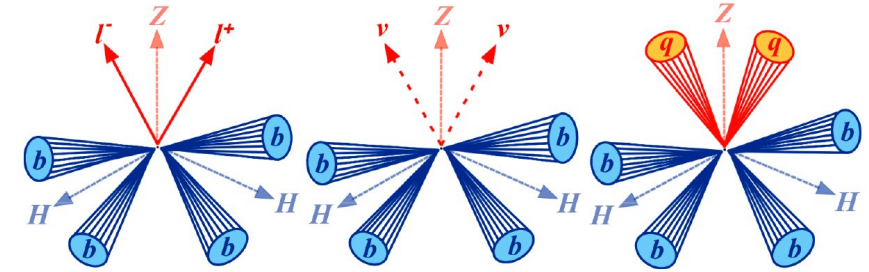
	$Z$	$WW$	$ZH$	$t\bar{t}$	$ZHH$	$\nu\nu HH$
ILC	—	—	250	350	500	1000
$C^3$	—	—	250	—	550	—
CLIC	—	—	380	380	—	3000
FCC-ee	91	160	240	365	—	—
CEPC	91	160	240	360	—	—



- ILC/ $C^3$  designed to operate at peak of di-Higgs production by Higgs strahlung
  - direct measurement of  $\lambda$

# The ZHH analysis

- extensive projections at ILC with proposed  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV ([DESY-Thesis-2016-027](#))
- based on ILD detector concept ([DBD2013](#), [IDR2020](#))
- precision reach after running  $4ab^{-1}$  at 500 GeV ( $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b} + HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}W^{\pm}W^{\mp}$ )



$$\Delta\sigma_{ZHH}/\sigma_{ZHH} = 16.8\%$$

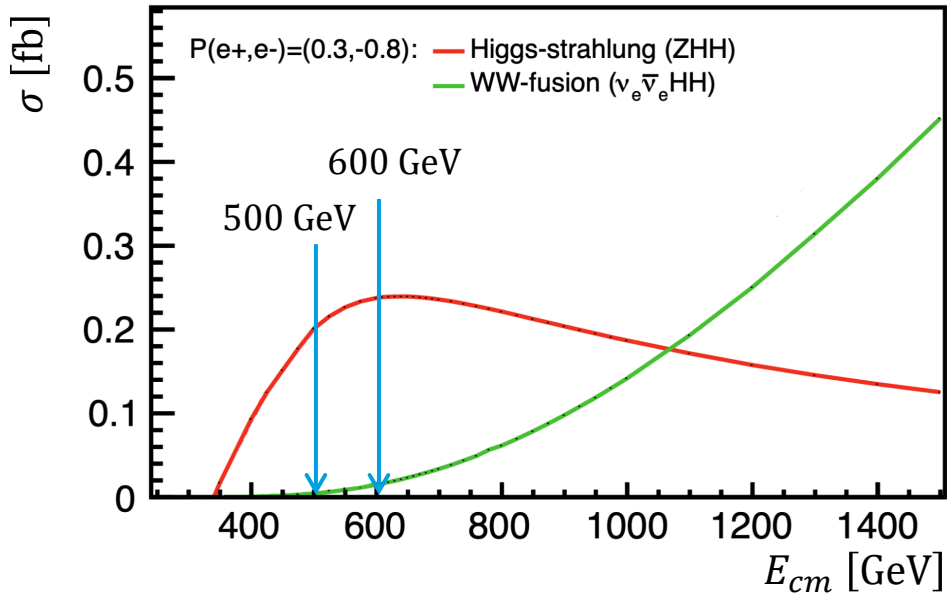
$$\Delta\lambda_{SM}/\lambda_{SM} = 26.6\%$$

$$\Delta\lambda_{SM}/\lambda_{SM} = 10\% \text{ with additional upgrade to 1 TeV}$$

- **better than 20% sensitivity** expected with state-of-the-art reconstruction tools
- open questions:
  - How do better reconstruction tools improve the sensitivity to the Higgs self-coupling?
  - What's the quantitative effect of increasing the COM-energy?

- higher  $\sqrt{s}$   $\rightarrow$  higher ZHH cross section **but** increasing uncertainty on self-coupling

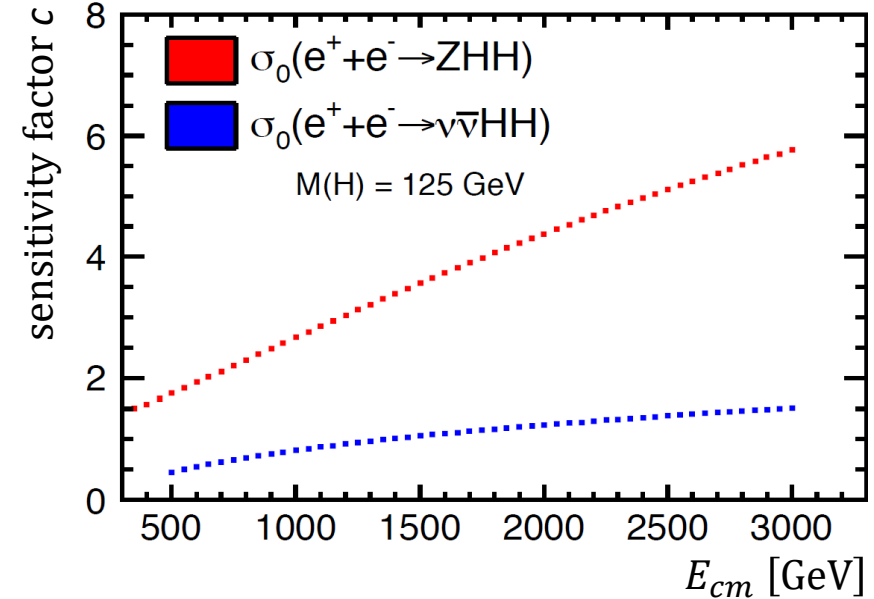
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## Advantages of higher COM energies

- more boosted jets
  - better clustering, better jet-pairing?
  - improved b-tagging efficiencies?
  - better separation between signal and background?

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## Disadvantages of higher COM energies

- sensitivity factor  $c$  on self-coupling  $\lambda$  increases with  $E_{CM}$

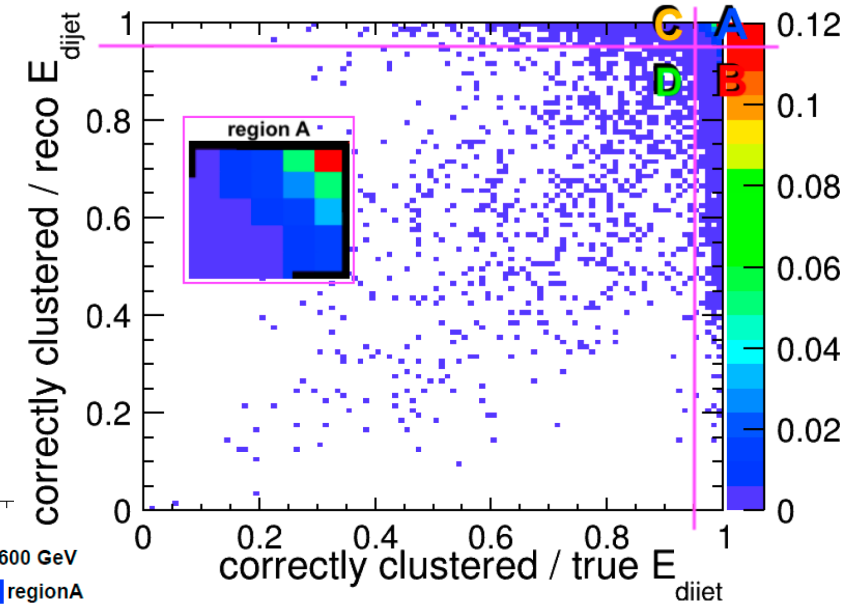
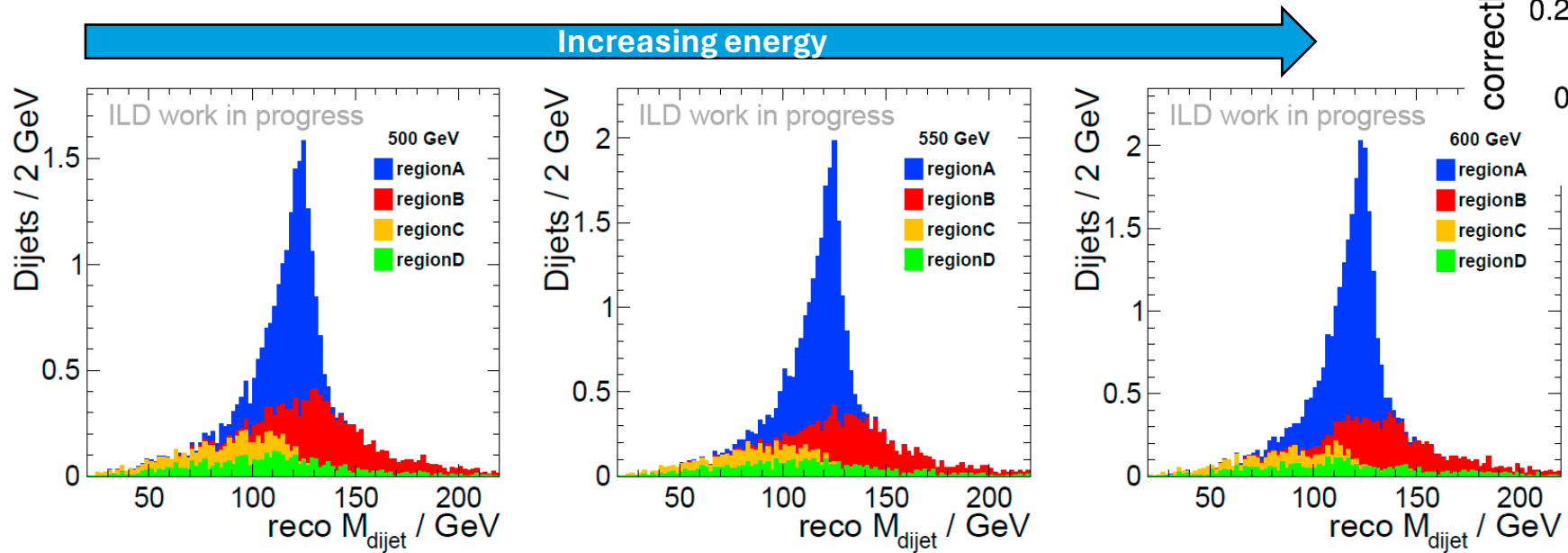
$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = c \cdot \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma}$$

- less sensitivity to  $\lambda$ ?

# Jet clustering

- ambiguous clustering of jets and jet-matching  
→ misclustering
- quantify with misclustering categories:
  - overlap fraction between true and reco energy

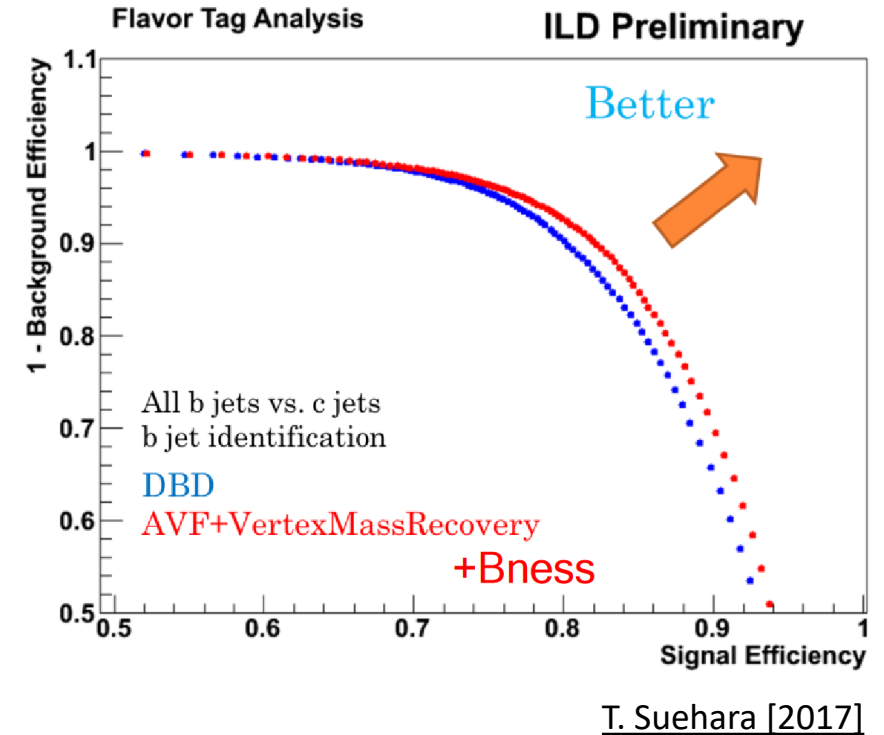
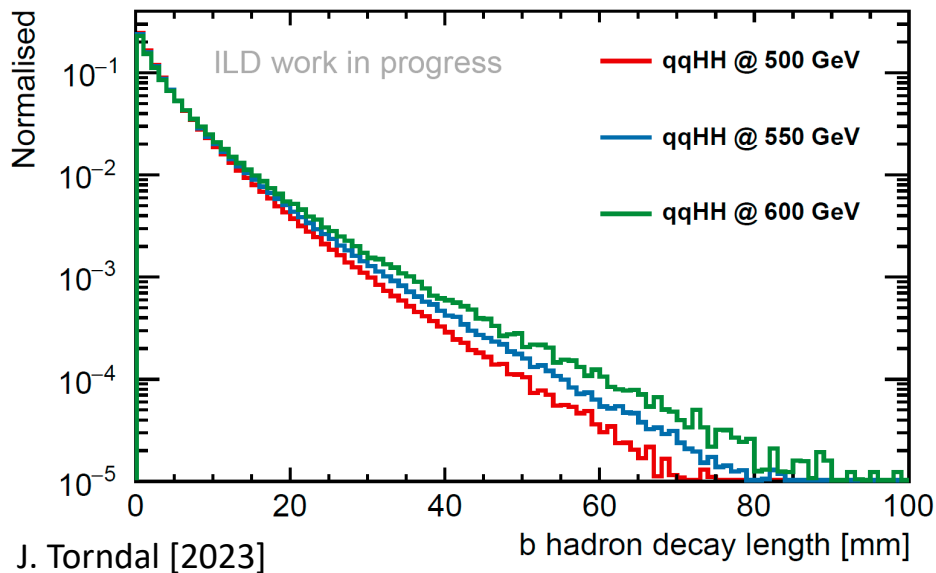
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fraction of dijets in category A:	
$\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	A [%]
500	45.5
550	50.5
600	53.7

- WIP: investigating Graph-Neural-Networks (GNN) as promising alternative to Durham alg.

- improved b-tagging efficiency since state-of-the-art projections from 2016
  - 5% relative improvement in  $\epsilon_{b-tag}$
  - 11% expected improvement in  $\Delta\sigma_{ZHH}/\sigma_{ZHH}$
- b-hadron decay length increases with COM energy



See also:  
 Talk by Taikan Suehara

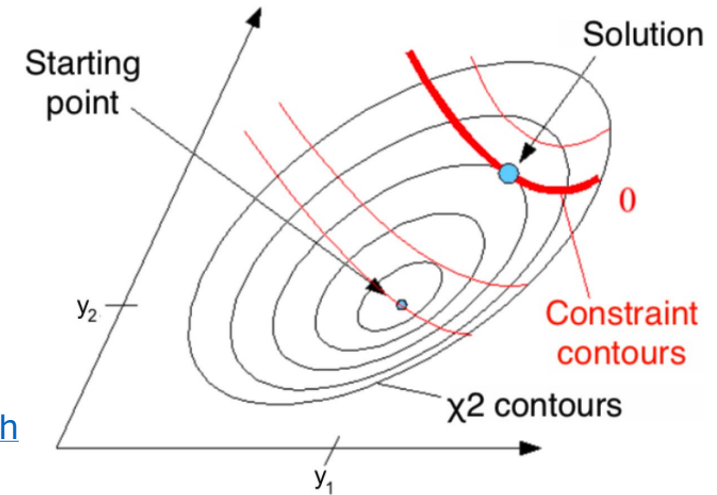


# Kinematic fitting

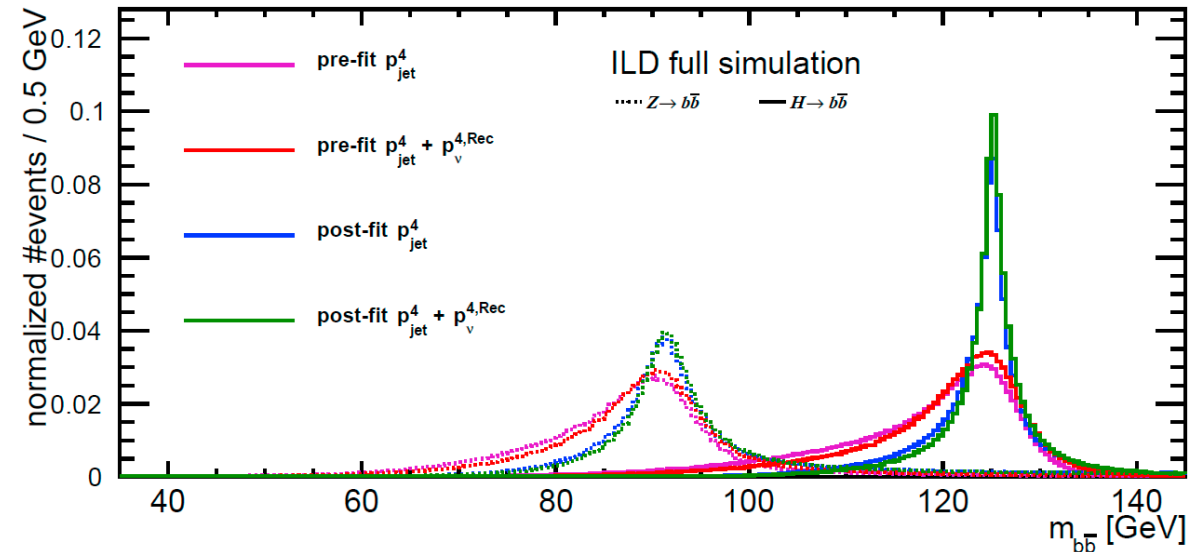
- exploit known initial state in  $e^+e^-$  colliders for
  - improving kinematics
  - hypothesis testing
  - jet-pairing
- based on method of Lagrange multipliers
- additionally: **ErrorFlow**
  - parametrizes sources of uncertainties for **individual jets** [Yasser Radkhorrani, 2023]

$$\sigma_{E_{jet}} = \sigma_{Det} \oplus \sigma_{Conf} \oplus \sigma_{\nu} \oplus \sigma_{Clus} \oplus \sigma_{Had} \oplus \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$$

- $\sigma_{Det}$  detector resolution
- $\sigma_{Conf}$  particle confusion in Particle Flow algorithm
- $\sigma_{\nu}$  neutrino correction

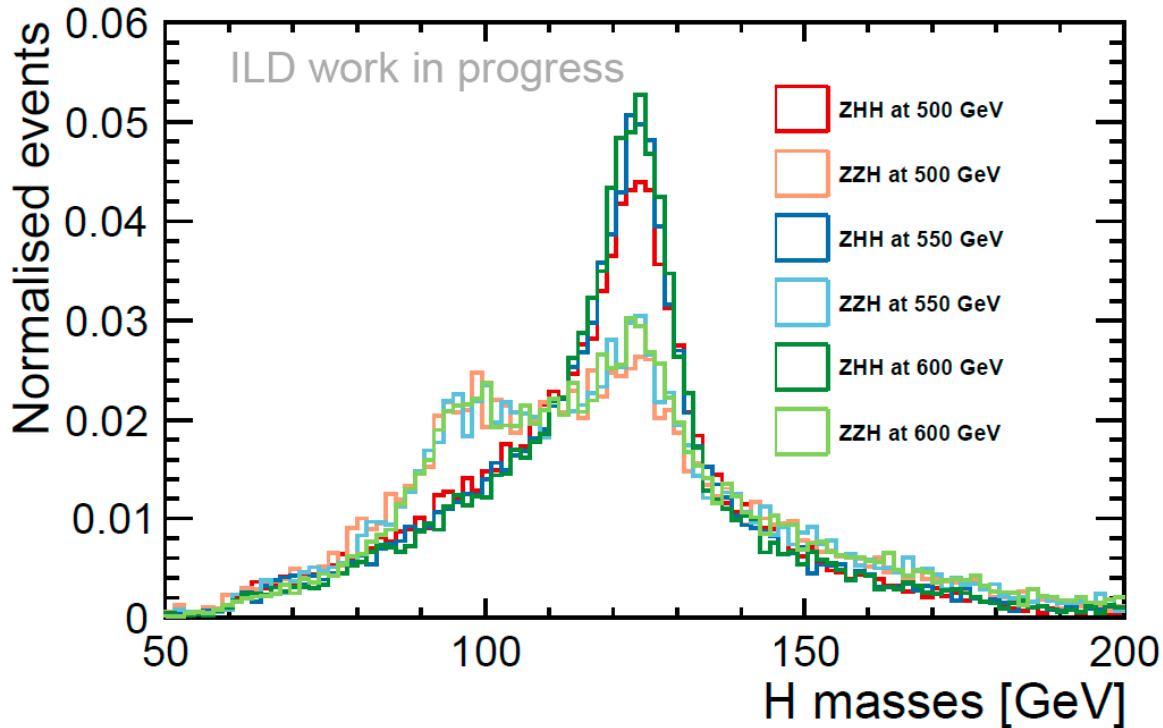


See also:  
[Talk by Leonhard Reichenbach](#)  
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## ZHH hypothesis

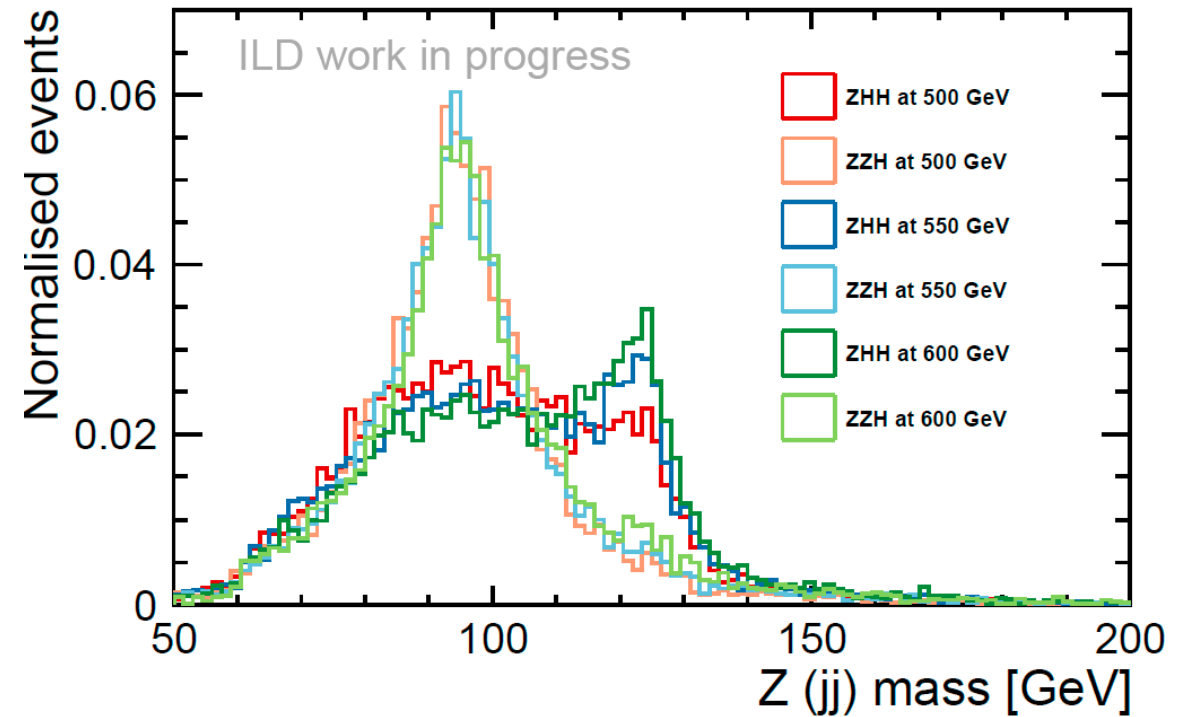
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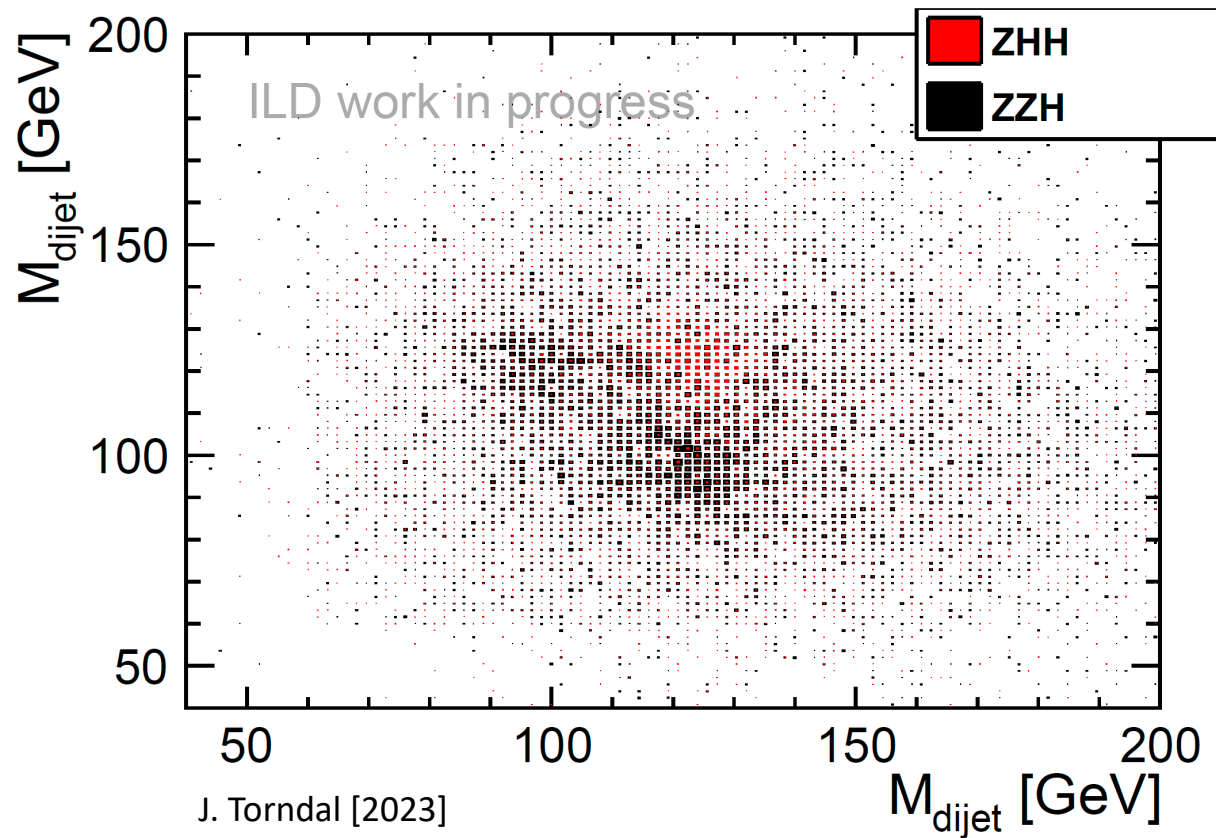
- assuming signal hypothesis: sharper dijet mass distributions for higher energies
  - however, also for ZZH events

## ZZH hypothesis

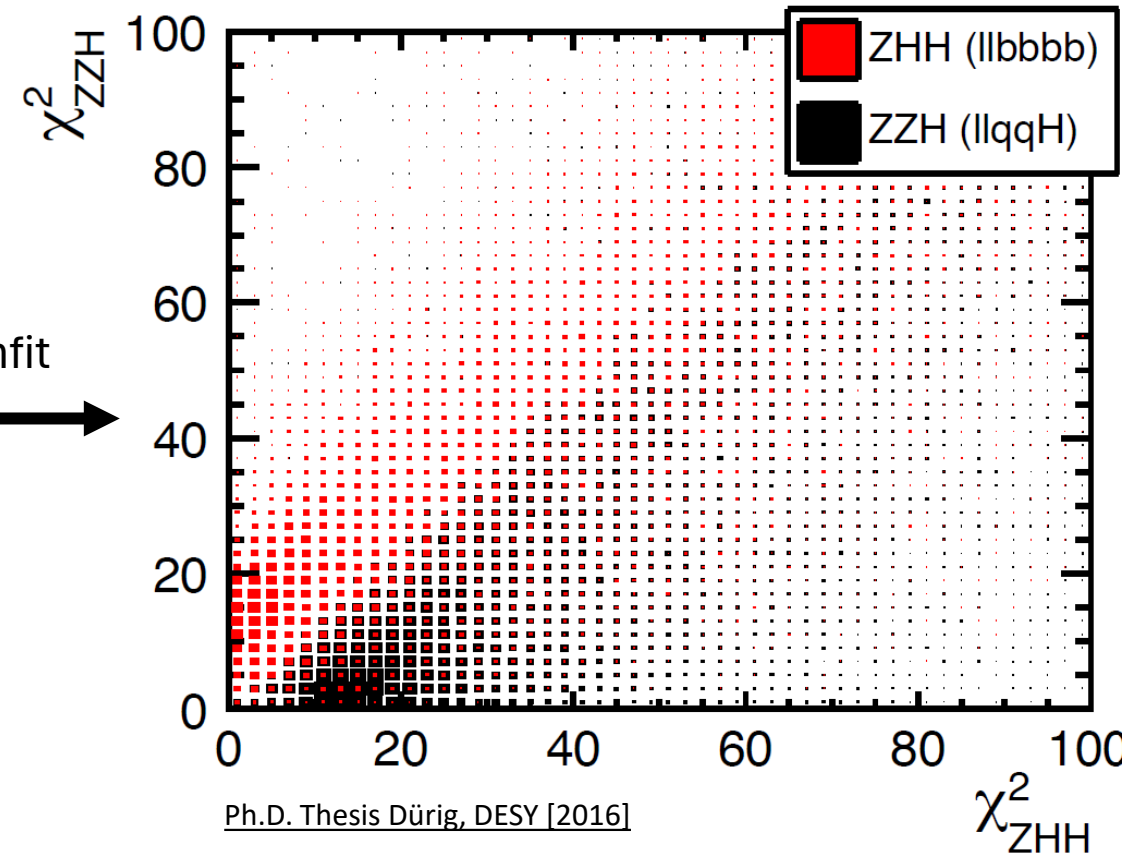
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- applying background hypothesis, more ZHH events remain at  $m_H$  for higher energies

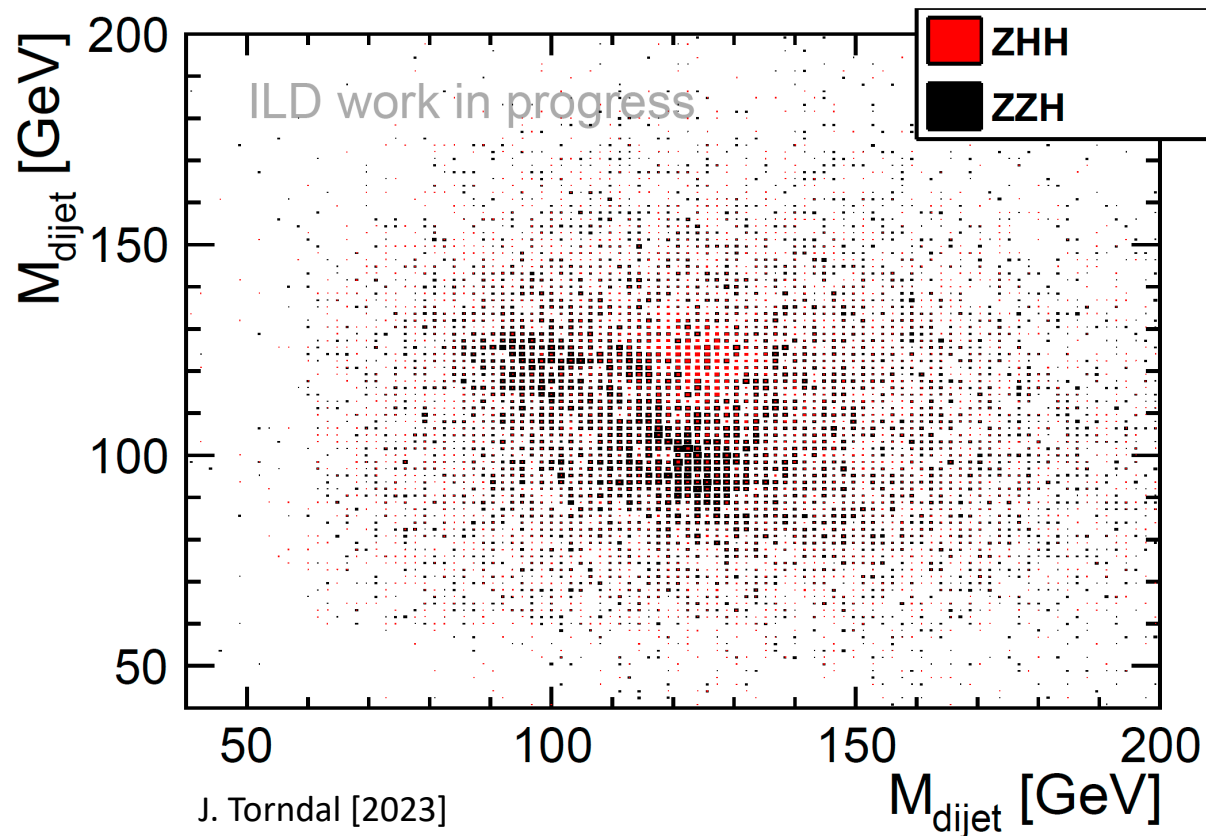


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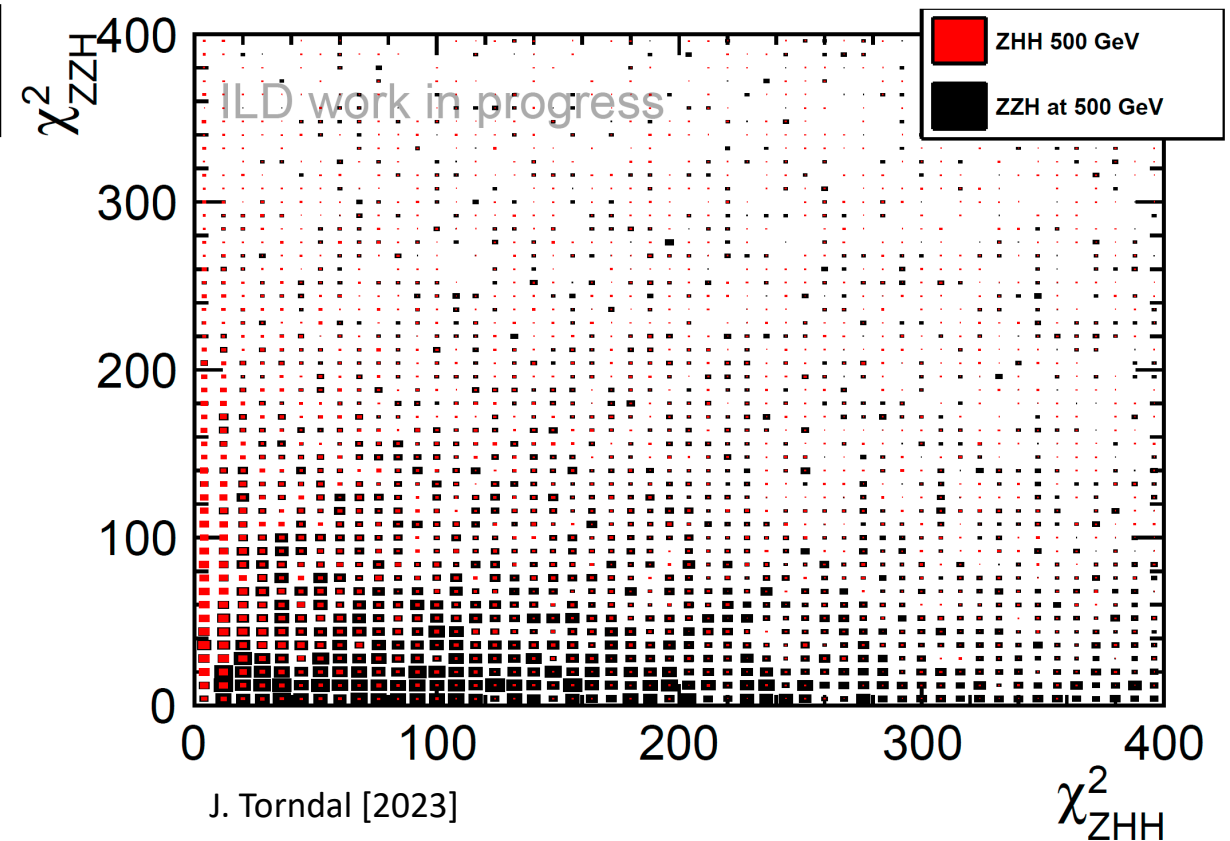


- pre-fitted dijet-masses: large overlap between signal (ZHH) and background (ZZH)

- good separation for low  $\chi^2$ -values of signal and background in previous analysis



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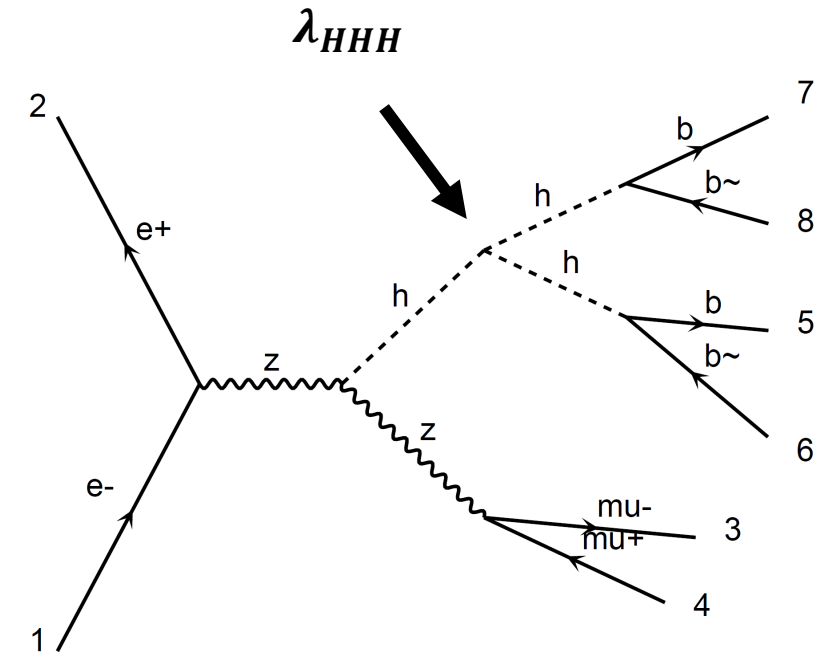
- with ErrorFlow: different separation of signal/background (WIP)

# The Matrix Element Method (MEM)

- method for calculating event-likelihoods; use cases:
  - hypothesis testing (Neyman-Pearsson lemma)
  - parameter estimation
- example here: separate signal vs main irreducible background  
 $ZHH$  vs.  $ZZH \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+ b \bar{b} b \bar{b}$
- for each event  $\mathbf{y}$  and process  $i$  ( $ZHH$ ,  $ZZH$ ), solve

$$P_i(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\mathbf{a}) \cdot A_i(\mathbf{a})} \int |M_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})|^2 W_i(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}) \epsilon_i(\mathbf{x}) d\Phi_n(\mathbf{x})$$

- $M_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})$  LO matrix element (**ME**): HELAS-based Physsim (J. Tian)
- $W_i(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})$  detector transfer functions (**DTFs**): probability density for measuring  $\mathbf{y}$  given  $\mathbf{x}$ ; fitted from ILD full-simulation
- discriminator:  $D_{bkg}(\mathbf{y}) = \left( 1 + \frac{P_{ZZH}(\mathbf{y})}{P_{ZHH}(\mathbf{y})} \right)$



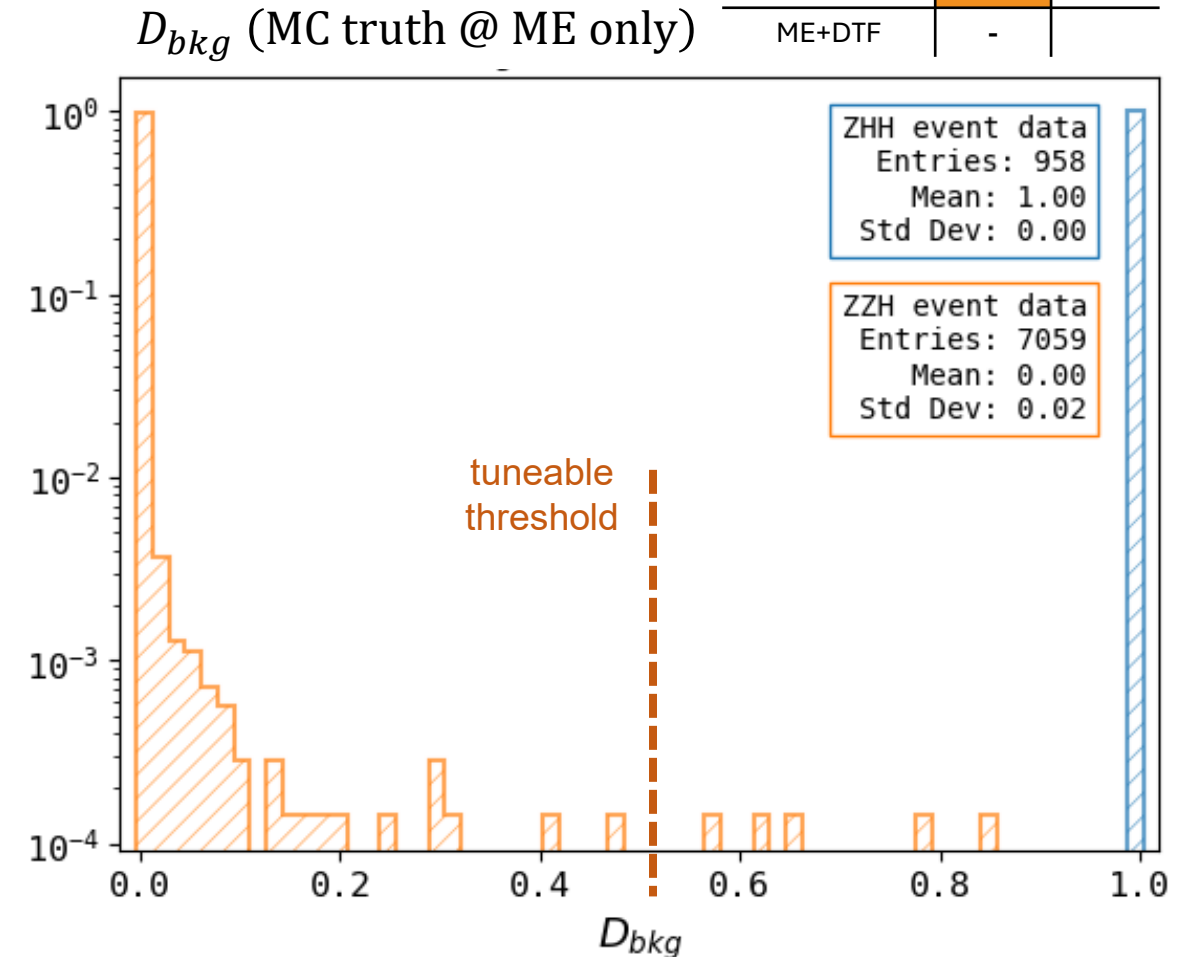
$\mathbf{a}$  : theory parameters; e.g.  $\lambda_{HHH}$   
 $A_i(\mathbf{a})$  : signal acceptance  
 $\epsilon_i(\mathbf{x})$  : detector efficiency

# Hypothesis testing with the MEM

## MC truth + Matrix Elements (ME) only

- use case: generator-level check
  - calculate discriminator just from  $M_i(y_{truth})$  and  $\sigma_i$
  - no transfer function
- perfect separation, as expected

	4-vectors	MC truth	Reco
MEM type			
ME only			
ME+DTF		-	

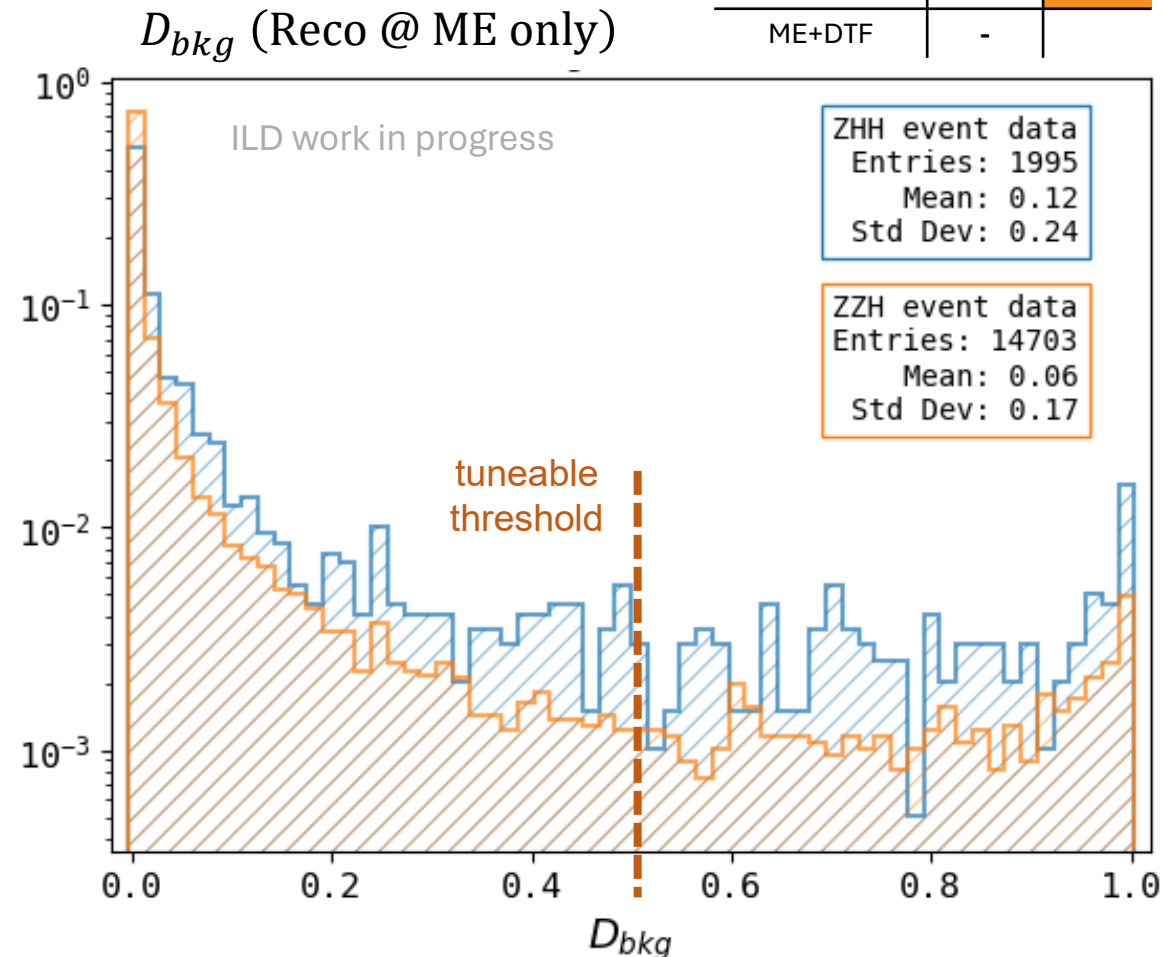
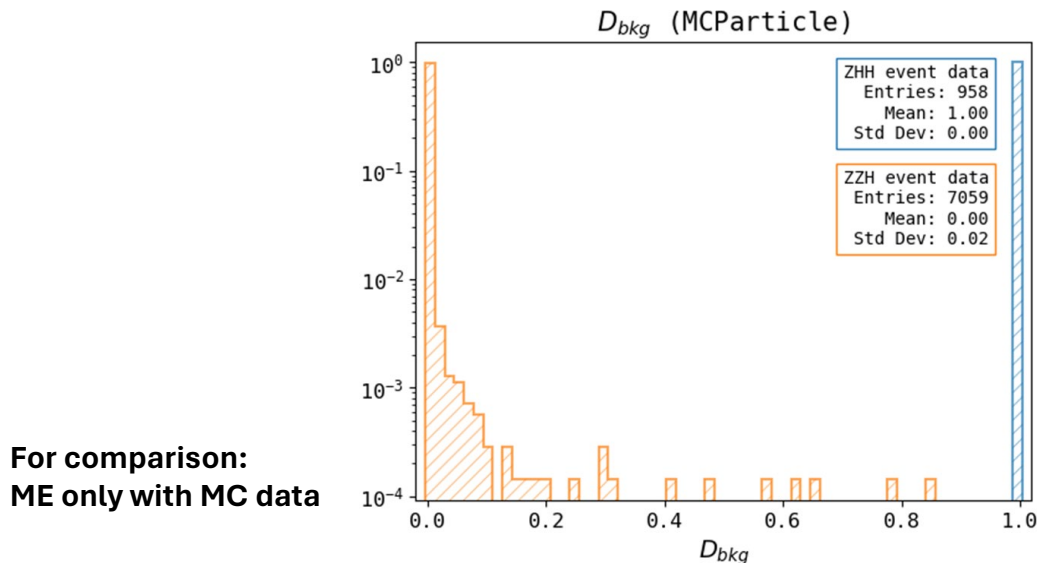


# Hypothesis testing with the MEM

## Reconstructed data + ME only

- smearing and loss of separation power due to
  - parton showering, hadronization
  - detector effects
  - misclustering etc.

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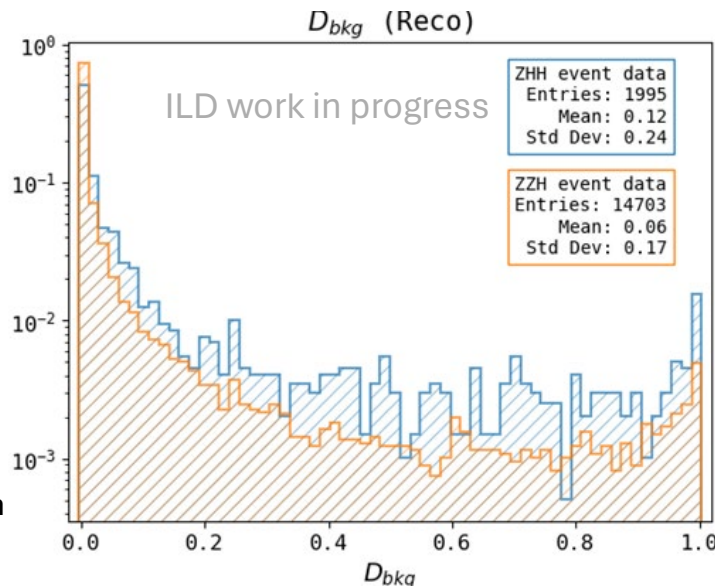
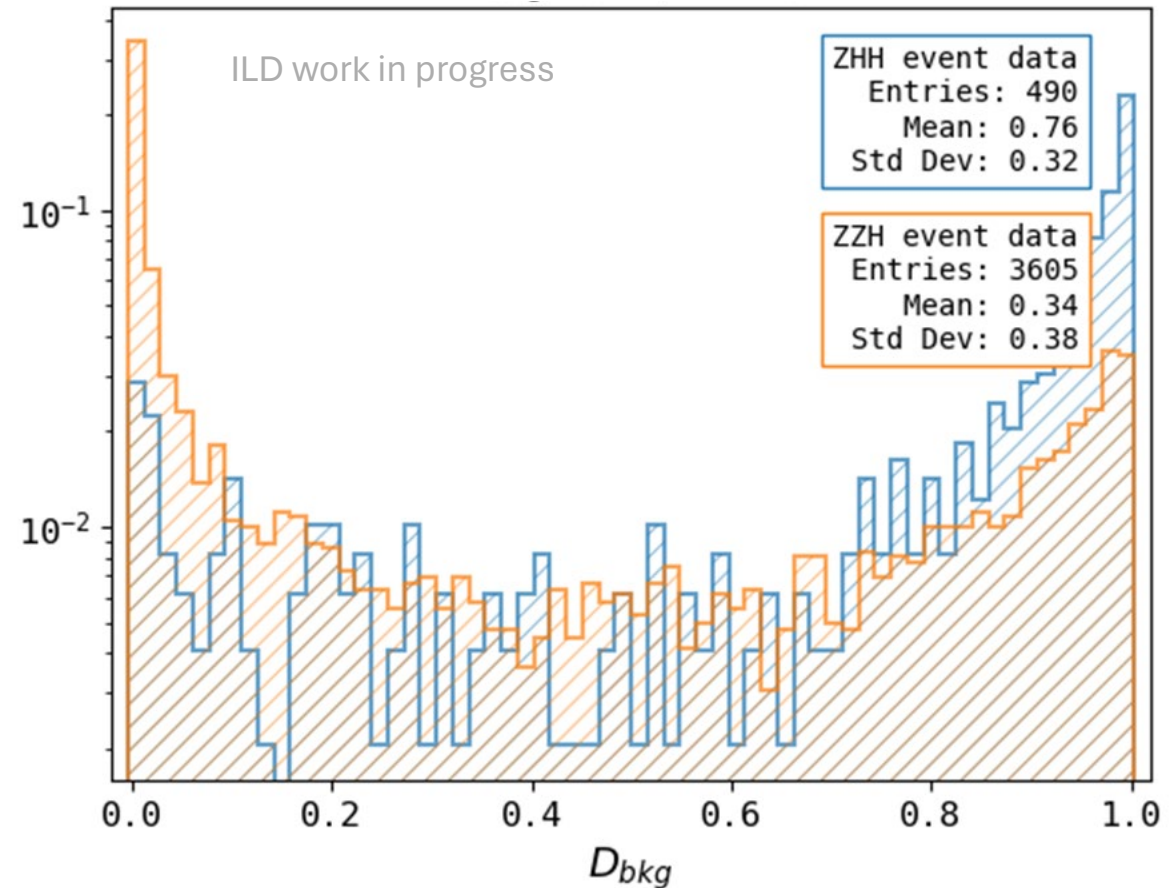
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## Reconstructed data + Full-MEM

- gained separation power by including detector effects
- possibly: MEM output as input to other MVA
- computationally demanding → WIP: investigate approach with invertible neural networks (INNs)

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$D_{bkg}$  (Reco @ Full MEM)



For comparison:  
ME only with reco data



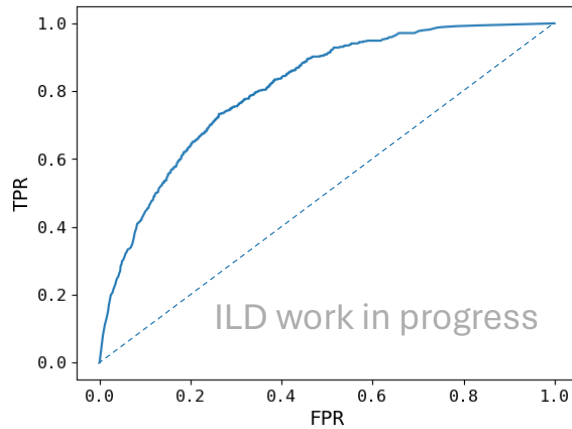
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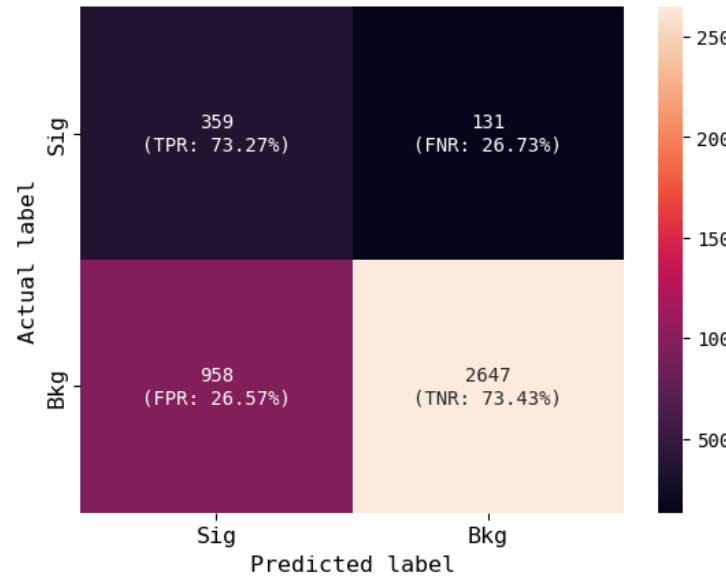
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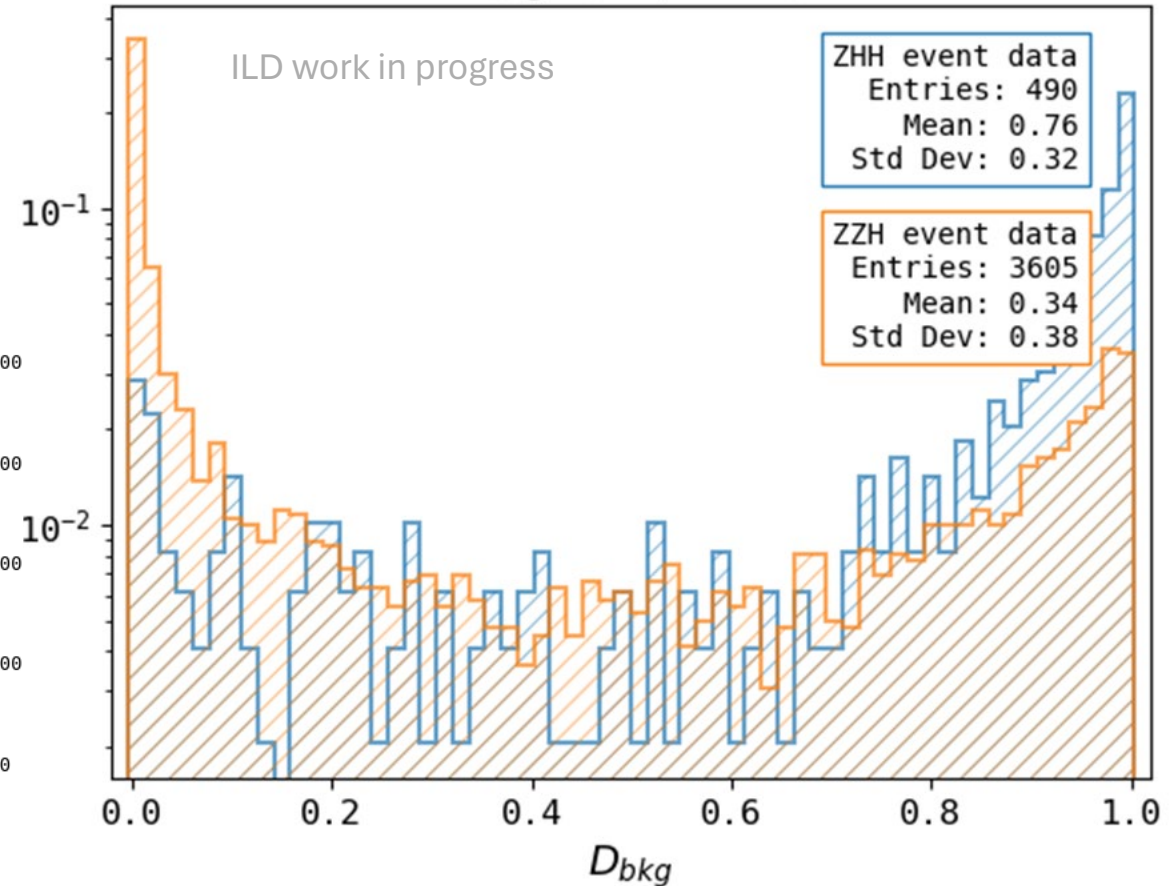
ROC (Reco @ Full – MEM) AUC = 0.758



Efficiency: Rows sum to 1



$D_{bkg}$  (Reco @ Full MEM)



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## Disadvantages of higher COM energies

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$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = c \cdot \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma}$$

- less sensitivity to  $\lambda$ ?

➔ so far: small effects in all expected places that could improve event reconstruction

➔ need to also consider reduced dependence of  $\lambda$  on the cross-section

# Precision on Higgs self-coupling at future colliders

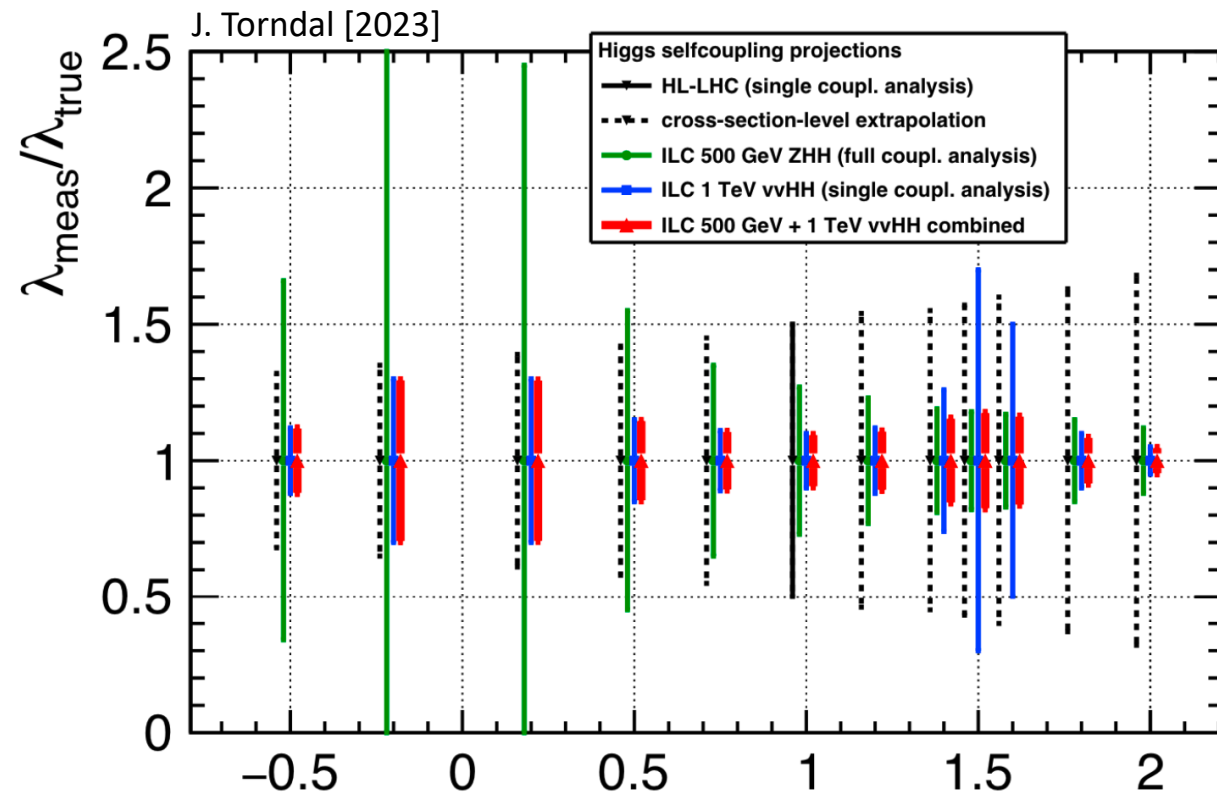


collider	indirect $h$	Direct $hh$
HL-LHC	100 – 200%	50%
ILC250	–	–
ILC500	58%	20%*
ILC500+1000	52%	10%*
CLIC380	–	–
CLIC1500	–	36%
CLIC1500+3000	–	9%
FCC-ee 240+365	44%	–
FCC-ee (4 IPs)	27%	–
FCC-hh	–	3.4 – 7.8%

\*improvements in reconstruction tools propagated to precision reach

➤ only valid for  $\lambda = \lambda_{SM}$

– precision depends on  $\lambda$  itself



by combining ZHH and ZZH

$\lambda_{true}/\lambda_{SM}$

– **10% precision on  $\lambda$  for  $\lambda_{true} = \lambda_{SM}$**

– **at least 30% for any value of  $\lambda_{true}$**

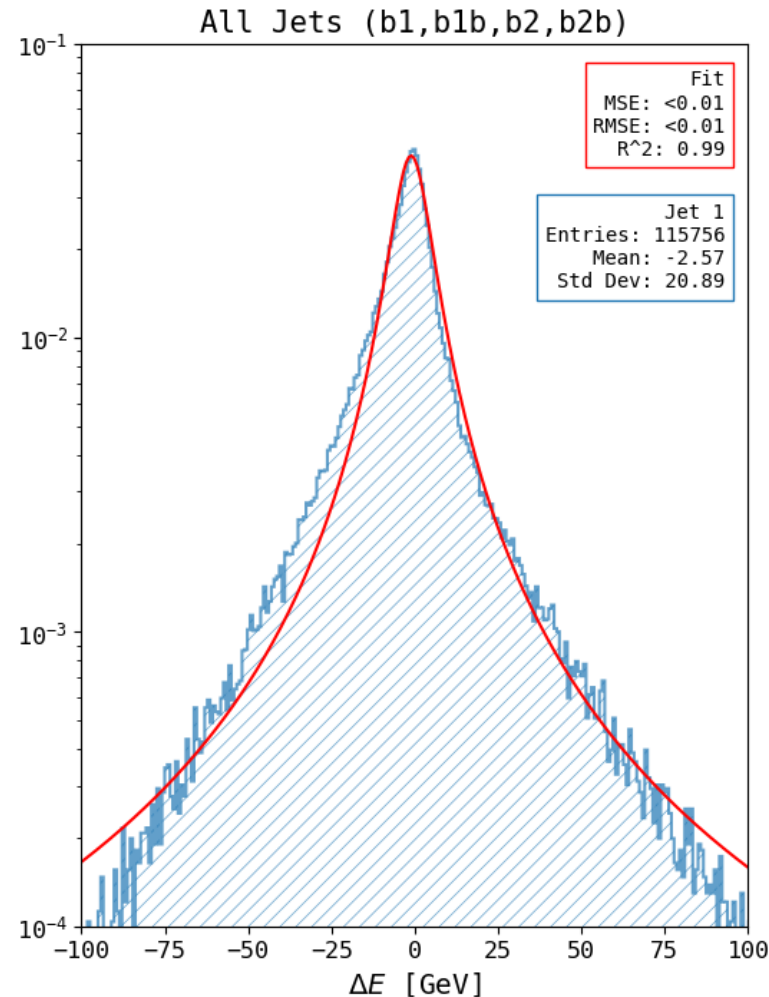
- **discovery potential of Higgs self-coupling at ILC clearly demonstrated** in the past
- sensitivity improvement to **better than 20% at ILC500** expected due to improvements in reconstruction tools
  - update to state-of-the-art projections for ILC underway at 500, 550 and 600 GeV COM energies
- by combining ZHH and  $\nu\nu$ HH measurements at **ILC500+ILC1000**
  - **10% precision on  $\lambda$**  for  $\lambda_{true} = \lambda_{SM}$
  - at least **30% precision on any value of  $\lambda$**
- improving signal/background discrimination using MEM
  - investigate ML-based approaches, especially conditional INNs

**Thank you!**

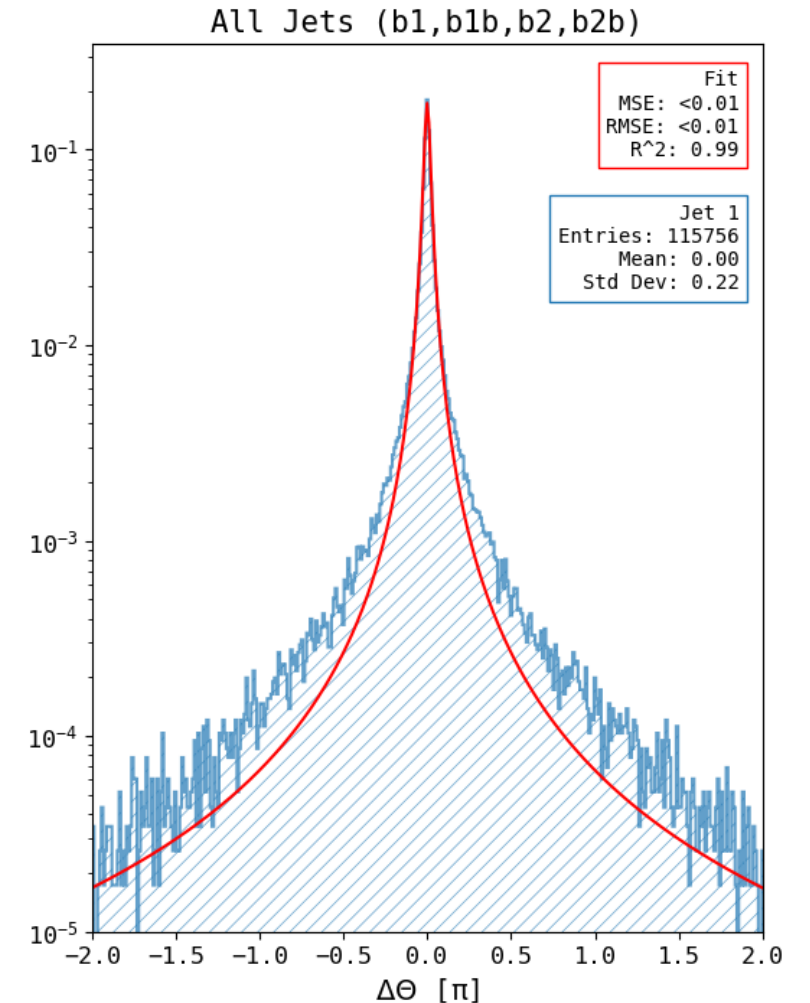


- PDF for energies/angles between reconstructed and parton-level particles
- „conventional approach“: fitting transfer functions explicitly
- separate transfer functions possible for signal/background hypothesis

ZHH+ZZH (Lorentzian fit):  $E_{jet} - E_{parton}$



ZHH+ZZH (Lorentzian fit):  $\Theta_{jet} - \Theta_{parton}$



$$P_i(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i(\mathbf{a}) \cdot A_i(\mathbf{a})} \int W_i(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) |M_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})|^2 T_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) d\Phi_n$$

$$d\Phi_n = \prod_i^{\mu^-, \mu^+, b_1, \bar{b}_1, b_2, \bar{b}_2} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i}$$

- leptons well measured → no integration for  $\mu^-, \mu^+$
- conservation of four momentum and narrow-width-approximation → reduction of integration to 7 dimensions
- integration variables:  $\Theta_{b1}, \phi_{b1}, \rho_{b1}, \theta_{b1b}, \phi_{b1b}, \rho_{b2}, \Theta_{b2}$
- with VEGAS+ and integrand in C++, computation time 1-3 minutes per process (including setup of integration grid)
- „accept-and-reject“ MC

itn	integral	wgt average	chi2/dof	Q
1	4.2(3.6)e-09	4.2(3.6)e-09	0.00	1.00
2	6.7(2.7)e-10	6.9(2.7)e-10	0.94	0.33
3	6.0(2.1)e-10	6.4(1.7)e-10	0.50	0.60
4	2.69(55)e-10	3.05(52)e-10	1.81	0.14
5	3.49(58)e-10	3.24(39)e-10	1.44	0.22
6	2.96(43)e-10	3.12(29)e-10	1.20	0.31
7	5.0(1.2)e-10	3.23(28)e-10	1.42	0.20
8	4.78(94)e-10	3.35(27)e-10	1.58	0.14
9	8.6(2.2)e-10	3.43(27)e-10	2.11	0.03
10	5.9(1.8)e-10	3.48(26)e-10	2.07	0.03

result = 3.48(26)e-10    Q = 0.03

itn	integral	wgt average	chi2/dof	Q
1	1.58(18)e-09	1.58(18)e-09	0.00	1.00
2	1.68(19)e-09	1.63(13)e-09	0.13	0.72
3	1.94(19)e-09	1.72(11)e-09	0.96	0.38
4	1.91(13)e-09	1.800(82)e-09	1.04	0.37
5	1.98(27)e-09	1.815(79)e-09	0.88	0.48
6	2.73(99)e-09	1.821(78)e-09	0.88	0.50
7	1.78(10)e-09	1.807(62)e-09	0.74	0.61
8	2.03(17)e-09	1.834(59)e-09	0.86	0.54
9	1.72(13)e-09	1.816(54)e-09	0.82	0.58
10	1.813(83)e-09	1.815(45)e-09	0.73	0.68

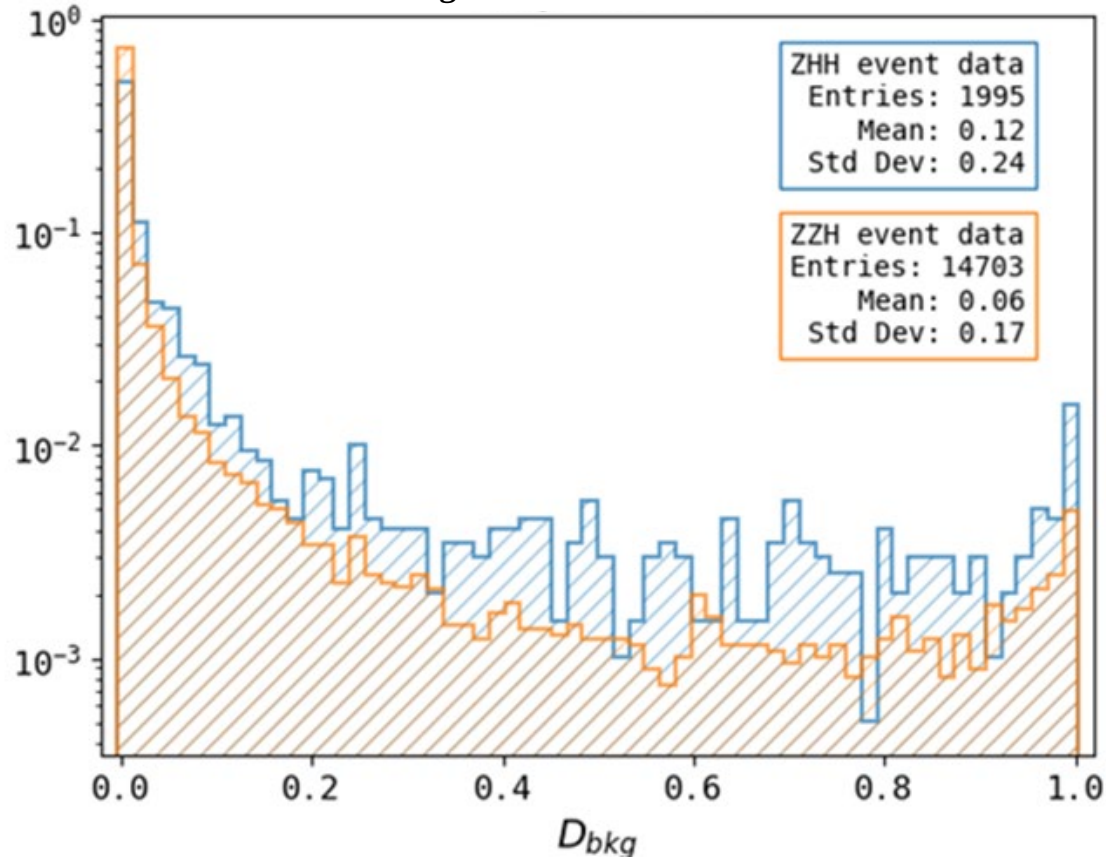
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MEM results for example ZHH (top) and ZZH (bottom) event



- distributions before (left) and after (right) including transfer functions

$D_{bkg}$  (Reco @ ME only)



$D_{bkg}$  (Reco @ Full MEM)

