

# The LR Twin Higgs note

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Looking for signatures of the Left-Right Twin  
Higgs model with the ATLAS detector at the  
LHC

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## Abstract

The twin Higgs mechanism has recently been proposed to solve the little hierarchy problem. The phenomenology of this model is presented, and the possibility to observe some of the signatures predicted by this model using the ATLAS detector at the LHC is discussed.

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## 1 Introduction

The Higgs mechanism [1] provides a method to explain electroweak symmetry breaking in the Standard Model (SM). The current lower limit on the mass of the Higgs bosons is 114 GeV [2] and electroweak precision measurements from LEP set an upper bound of the order 200 GeV [3]. To avoid fine tuning, the leading quadratically divergent radiative corrections to the Higgs mass require the scale of new physics to be of the order of 1 TeV. However, LEP

# Further information

[further information:](#)

**October 2007 Exotics group meeting:**

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=20696>

**June 2007 Exotics group meeting:**

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=16473>

**Les Houches workshop on physics at TeV colliders:**

di-lepton group (S. Ferrag), twin Higgs session (S. Su, M. Vos)

[http://www.lpthe.jussieu.fr/LesHouches07Wiki/index.php/Session\\_II](http://www.lpthe.jussieu.fr/LesHouches07Wiki/index.php/Session_II)

**ATLAS b-tagging workshop (Marseille, May 2007):**

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceOtherViews.py?confId=14475>

**ATLAS flavour tagging meeting:**

<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=21733>

**Webpage:** <http://fiic.uv.es/~vos/Atlas/TwinHiggs/>

# Outline

CHAPTER	RESPONSIBLE	RESULTS	TEXT
1-3) Introduction	All	OK	OK
4) $Z_H \rightarrow e^+e^-$	Valencia/Glasgow	partially	
5) $Z_H \rightarrow Zh$	Valencia	NO	NO
6) $W_H \rightarrow tb$	NIKHEF	just started	
7) $W_H \rightarrow Tb$	Valencia	OK	OK
8) $W_H \rightarrow \phi^\pm \phi^0$	Valencia	OK	OK
9 Conclusion	All	NO	NO
App A: multi b-jet	Valencia	OK	OK
App B: high pT b-tag	Valencia	OK	OK

# Di-leptons – mass resolution

Mass	Natural width (GeV)	Di-lepton mass resolution (GeV)	
		Electrons	Muons
1.2 TeV	24	8	60
3.6 TeV	75	19	400

ATLFAST mass resolution for heavy resonances

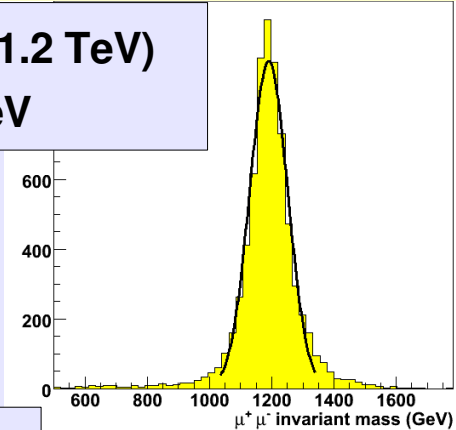
Electrons:

$$\Delta E/E = a / \sqrt{E} \oplus b \%$$

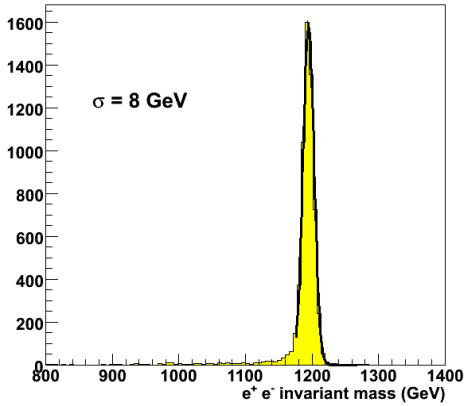
Muons:

$$\Delta p_T / p_T = c \times p_T$$

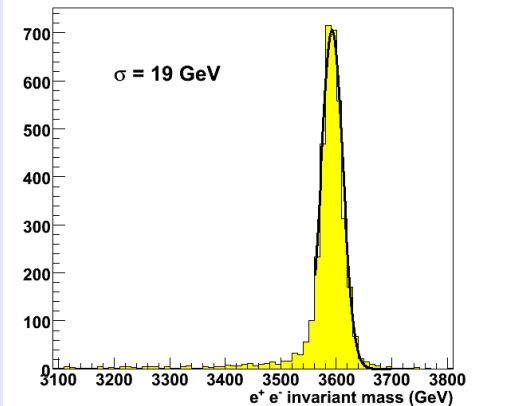
$\Delta M (\mu^+\mu^- @ 1.2 \text{ TeV})$   
5 % / 61 GeV



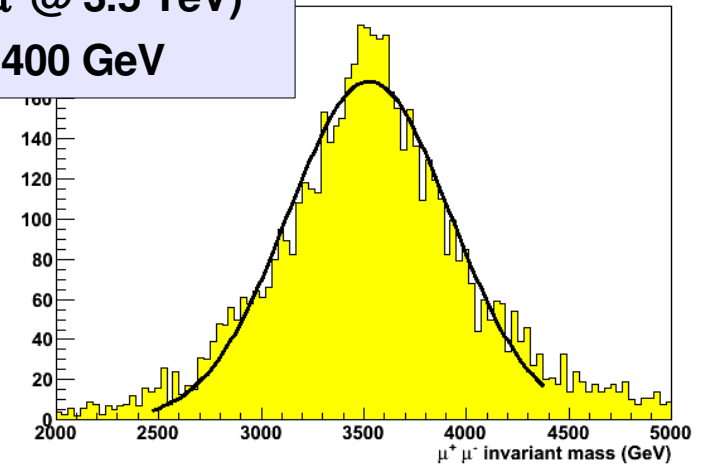
$\Delta M (e^+e^- @ 1.2 \text{ TeV})$   
0.7 % / 8 GeV



$\Delta M (e^+e^- @ 3.5 \text{ TeV})$   
0.5 % / 19 GeV



$\Delta M (\mu^+\mu^- @ 3.5 \text{ TeV})$   
11 % / 400 GeV



# Di-leptons – trigger/reco efficiency

**ATLFAST typically gives 90 % efficiency for any lepton**

**Should we be worried that 500 GeV electrons are significantly different?**

On standard AODs reconstructed with 12.0.6  
Trigger (EF) efficiency for  $Z'$  (1 TeV)  $\rightarrow e^+e^-$ :

<b>e25i</b>	<b>50 %</b>
<b>e60</b>	<b>84 %</b>
<b><math>\gamma</math>60</b>	<b>97 %</b>

# Di-leptons

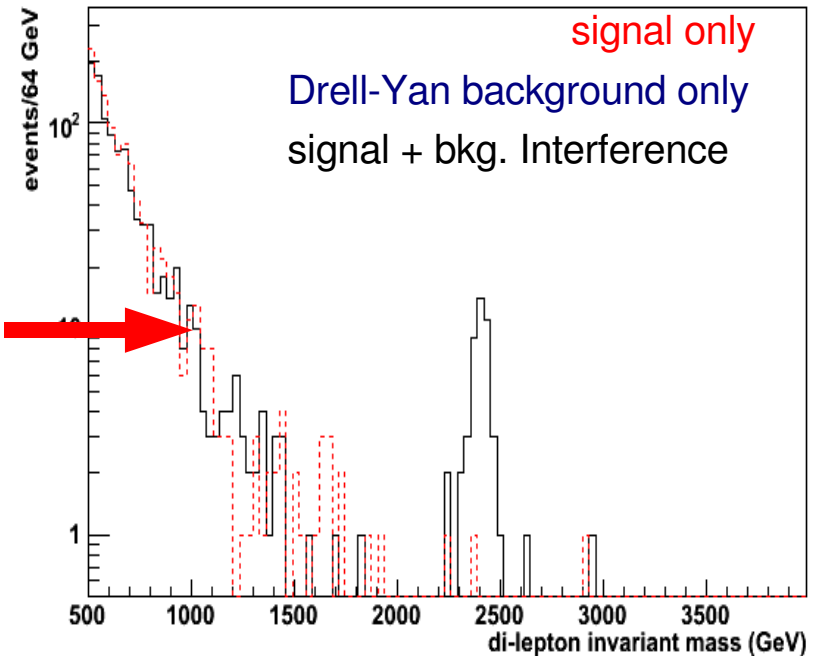
## $Z_H \rightarrow$ di-leptons

likely discovery channel  
for LR twin Higgs model.

Redo with ATLFAST in ATHENA 12.0.6 (M.V.)

Redo using full interference fit (S.F.)

di-lepton mass distribution for  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Mass	luminosity for 3 sigma ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )		luminosity for 5 sigma ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )	
1196 GeV	0.068	(0.079)	0.19	(0.22)
1495 GeV	0.19	(0.19)	0.52	(0.52)
2407 GeV	2.04	(2.09)	5.5	(5.5)
3587 GeV	$\sim 27$	(28)	$\sim 75$	(77)

$$W_H \rightarrow tb$$

## Twin Higgs

$$W_H \rightarrow tb$$

$m(W_H)$	1 TeV/c <sup>2</sup>	2 TeV/c <sup>2</sup>	3 TeV/c <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma(\text{pb})$	30	2	0.2
BR ( $W_H \rightarrow tb$ )	4%	3%	0.6%

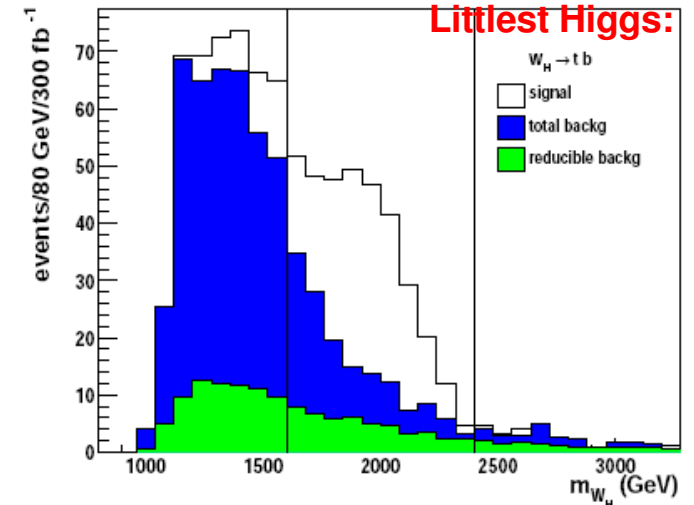
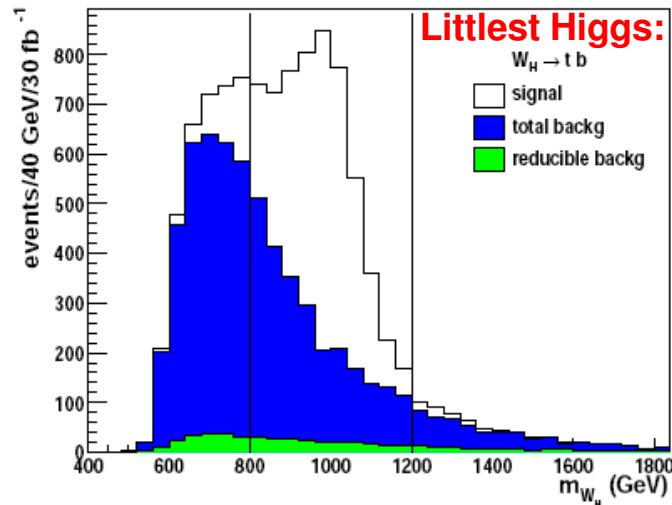
T- t Mixing  
parameter  
M = 150 GeV

The same signature was studied in the framework of the littlest Higgs model

Cross-section similar to case  $\cot \theta = 1$ , BR was 25 % in littlest Higgs model.

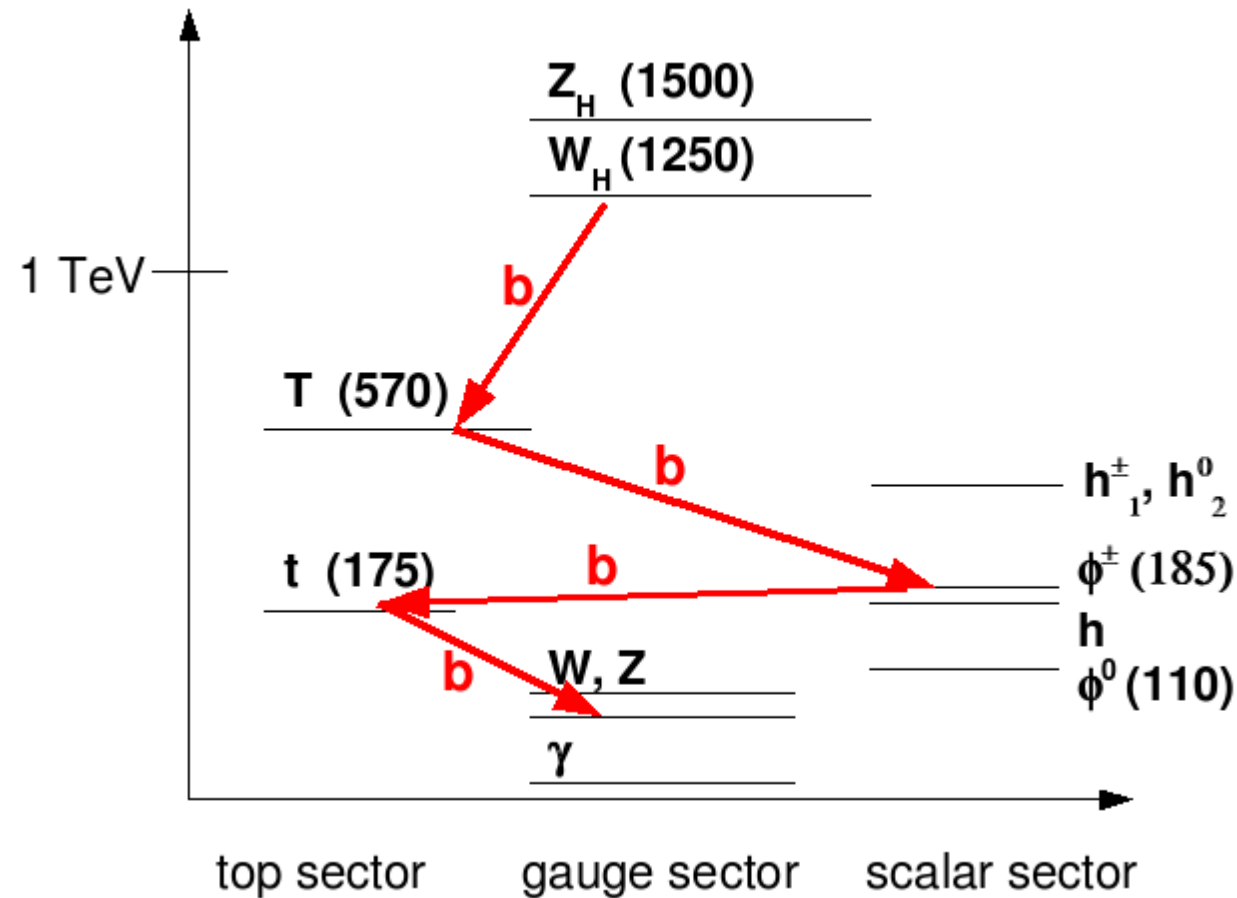
As for cascade decays, non-zero t-T mixing is required for this decay to be present

Littlest Higgs:  
reconstructed  $W_H$  mass  
(PHYS-PUB-2006-003).



M. Rijpstra and M. Vreeswijk (NIKHEF) have picked up this final state: expect ATLFast mass reach in time for final version of Twin Higgs note.

# Signature for $W_H (1.25 \text{ TeV}/c^2) \rightarrow Tb$

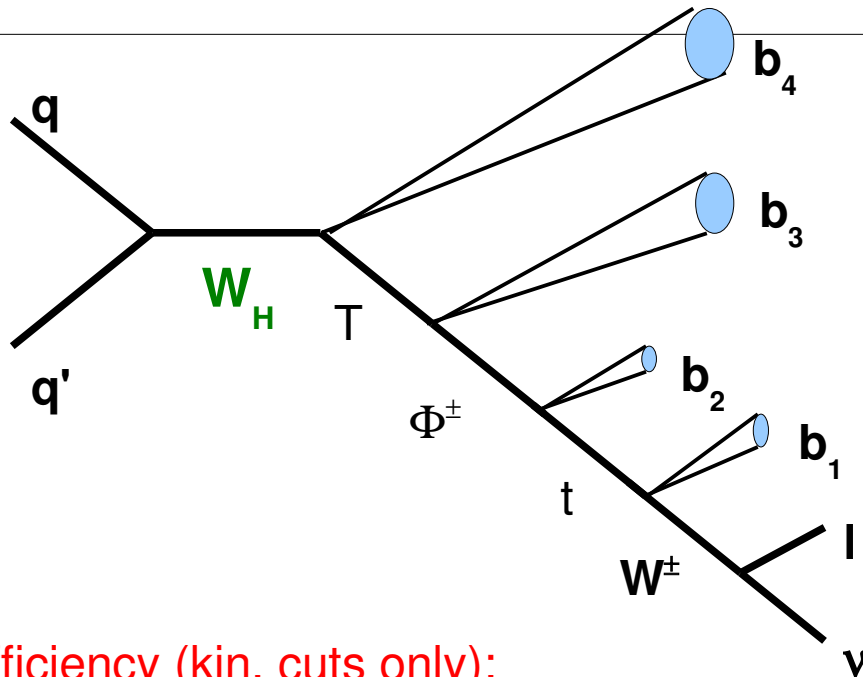


## Two threats:

for small  $f$ , the charged Higgs boson  $\phi^{\pm}$  decay into  $tb$  is not kinematically allowed  
 ( $\phi^{\pm} \rightarrow qq'$ , where  $q, q' = u, d, s, c$ )

for small values of the  $T$ - $t$  mixing parameter  $M \rightarrow 0$ , the decay  $\phi^{\pm} \rightarrow tb$  vanishes

# Signature for $W_H (1.25 \text{ TeV}/c^2) \rightarrow Tb$



Efficiency (kin. cuts only):

$$\epsilon_{\text{kin}} \sim 12 \%$$

Simulation: Pythia + ATLFAST

X-section:  $\sigma = 30 \text{ pb} \times \text{BR}$

Background:  $tt, W+\text{jets}$

Luminosity:  $L = 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

## Reconstruct masses

$$l + \nu \rightarrow W \quad p_T(l) > 25 \text{ GeV}/c,$$

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 25 \text{ GeV}/c$$

assume  $p_z^\nu // p_z^l$  to reconstruct  $W$

$\epsilon_1 = 90\%$  (trigger + lepton ID)

$$W + b_1 \rightarrow t \quad 25 < p_T(b_1) < 200 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$t + b_2 \rightarrow \Phi^\pm \quad 25 < p_T(b_2) < 100 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$\Phi^\pm + b_3 \rightarrow T \quad p_T(b_3) > 100 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$T + b_4 \rightarrow W_H \quad p_T(b_4) > 150 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$|\eta| < 2.5$  for all leptons and jets

## Additional cuts

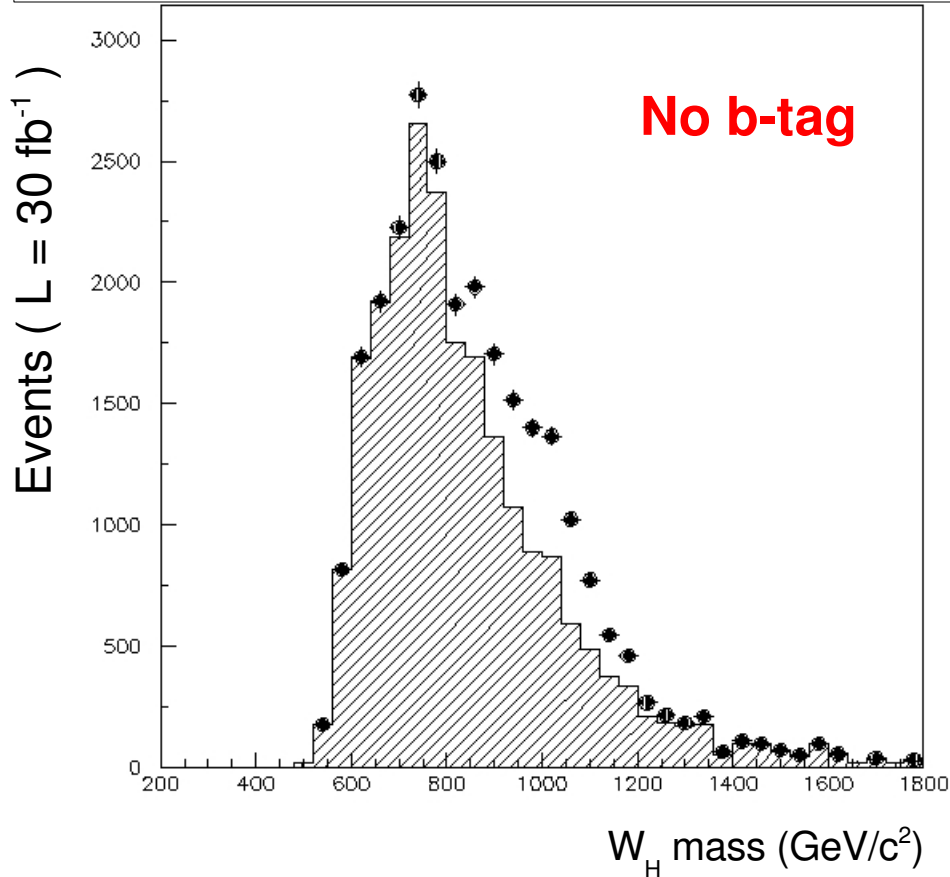
$$m(t) < 250 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$m(\Phi^\pm) < 250 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$m(T) < 700 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$p_T(T) > 150 \text{ GeV}/c \text{ (jacobian peak)}$$

# $W_H$ (1 TeV/c<sup>2</sup>) $\rightarrow$ Tb signal/bkg for L=30 fb<sup>-1</sup>

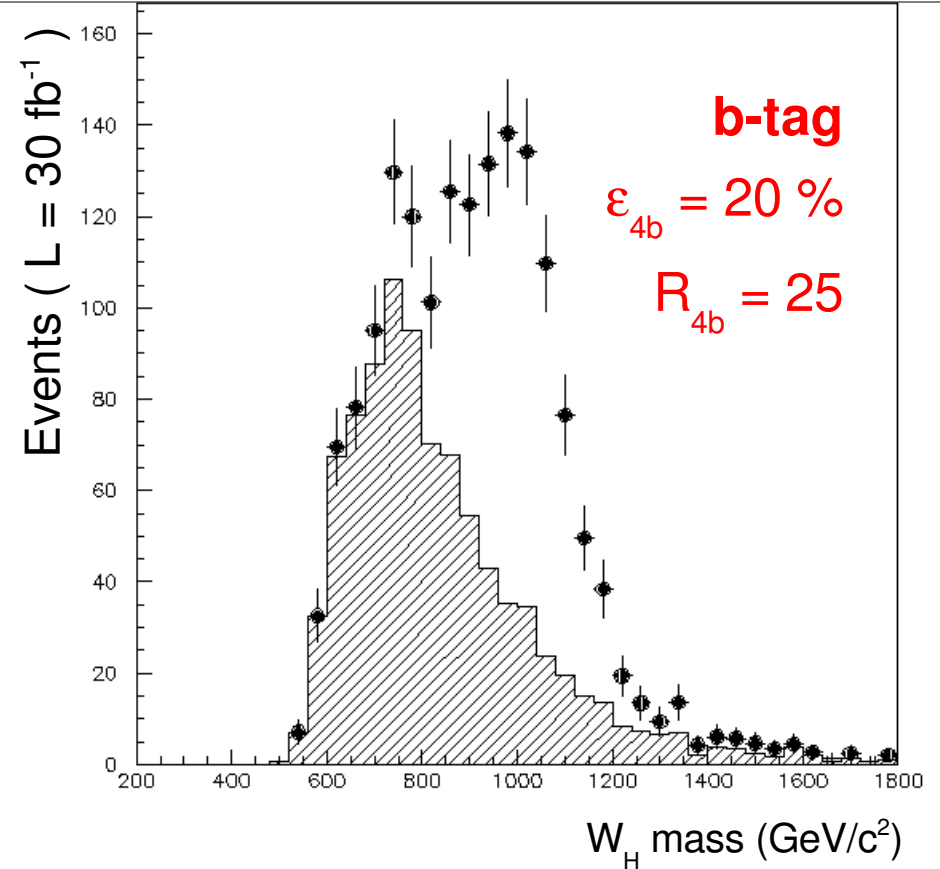


$$N_{\text{sig}} = 3253$$

$$N_{\text{tt}} = 9427$$

$$N_{\text{wj}} = 319$$

$$N/\sqrt{B} = 33$$



$$N_{\text{sig}} = 651$$

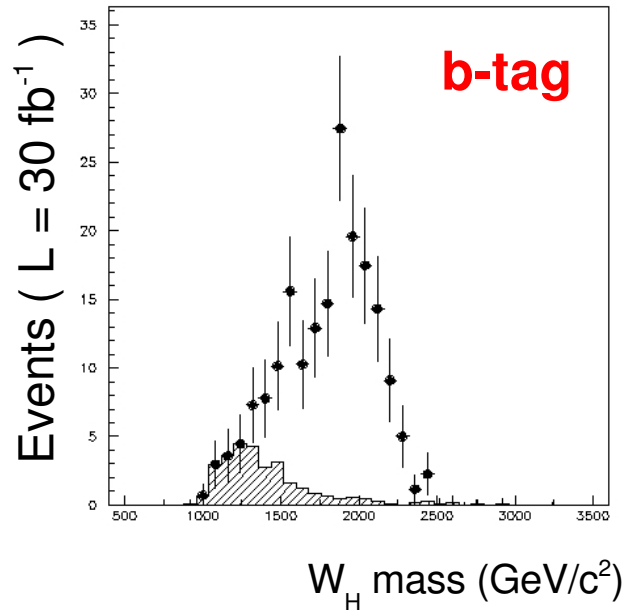
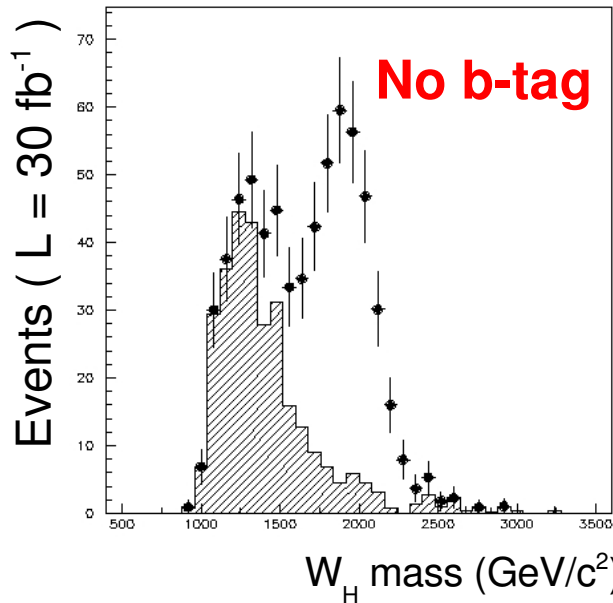
$$N_{\text{tt}} = 377$$

$$N_{\text{wj}} \sim 0$$

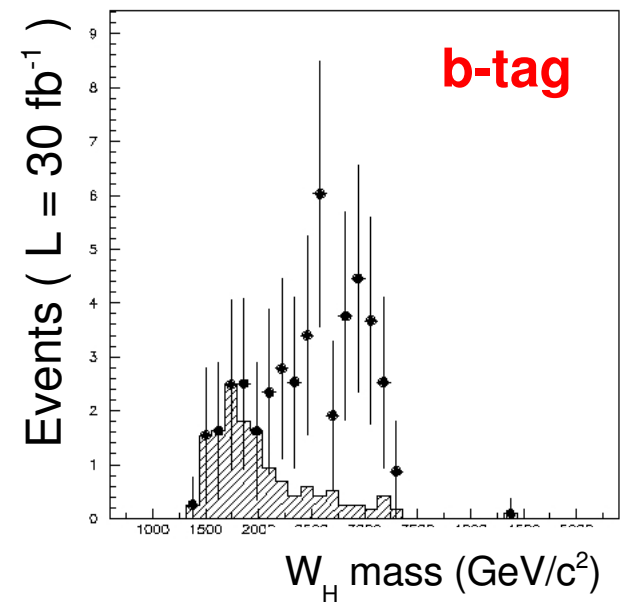
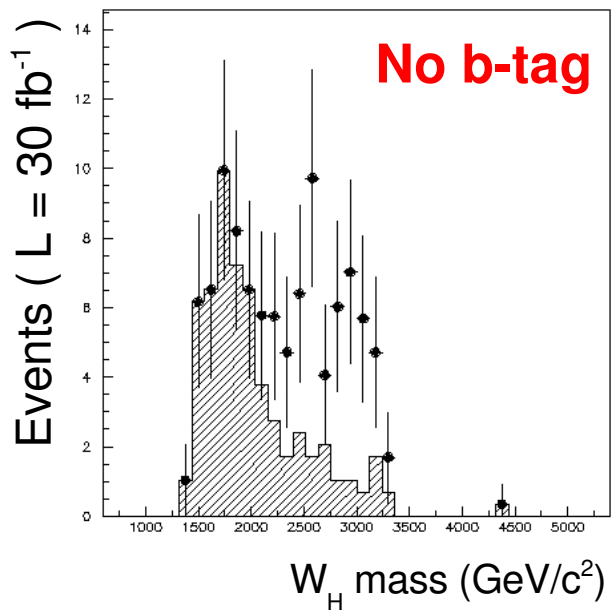
$$N/\sqrt{B} = 33$$

# $W_H \rightarrow T b$ cascade decays

For details, see: <http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=16473>

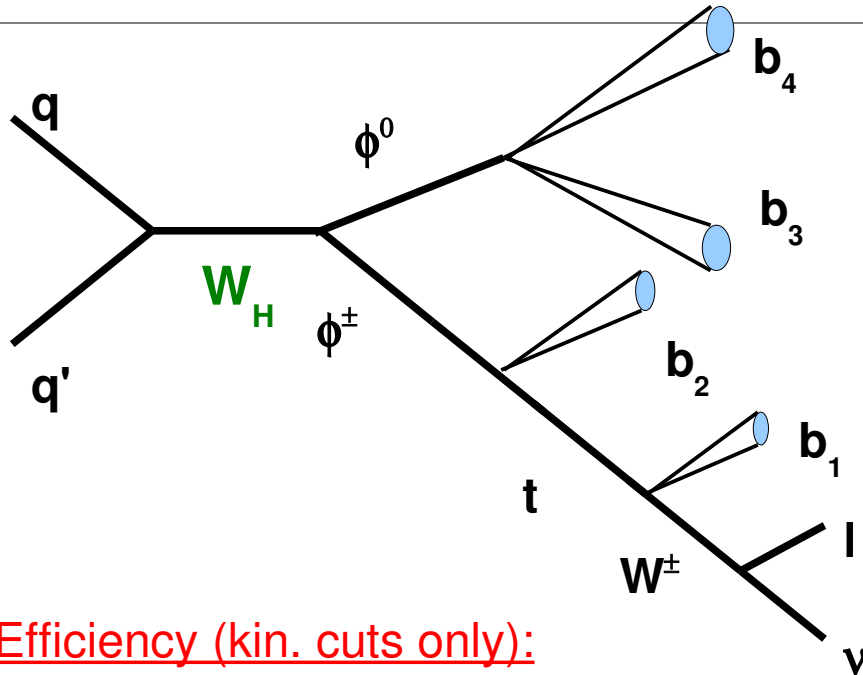


2 TeV	no b-tag	b-tag
$N_{\text{sig}}$	301	120
$N_{\text{tt}}$	48	4.8
$N_{\text{wj}}$	1.9	-
$N/\sqrt{B}$	43	55



3 TeV	no b-tag	b-tag
$N_{\text{sig}}$	38.3	26.8
$N_{\text{tt}}$	11.3	2.8
$N_{\text{wj}}$	1.4	-
$N/\sqrt{B}$	11	16

# Signature for $W_H (1 \text{ TeV}/c^2) \rightarrow \phi^\pm \phi^0$



Efficiency (kin. cuts only):

$$\epsilon_{\text{kin}} \sim 8 \%$$

Simulation: Pythia + ATLFast

X-section:  $\sigma = 30 \text{ pb} \times \text{BR}$

Background:  $tt, W+\text{jets}$

Luminosity:  $L = 30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

## Reconstruct masses

$$l + \nu \rightarrow W \quad p_T(l) > 25 \text{ GeV}/c,$$

$$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 25 \text{ GeV}/c$$

assume  $p_z^\nu \parallel p_z^l$  to reconstruct  $W$

$$\epsilon_l = 90\% \text{ (trigger + lepton ID)}$$

$$W + b_1 \rightarrow t \quad 25 < p_T(b_1) < 300 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$t + b_2 \rightarrow \phi^\pm \quad 25 < p_T(b_2) < 150 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$b_3 + b_4 \rightarrow \phi^0 \quad p_T(b_3, b_4) > 25 \text{ GeV}/c$$

$$\phi^\pm + \phi^0 \rightarrow W_H$$

$$|\eta| < 2.5 \text{ for all leptons and jets}$$

## Additional cuts

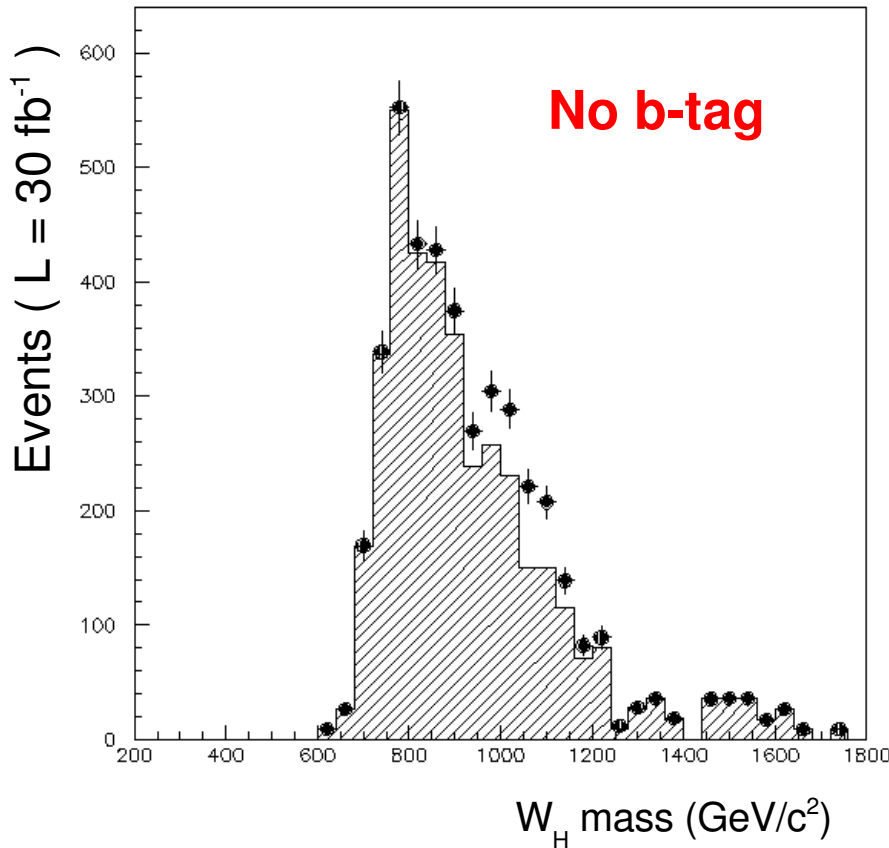
$$m(t) < 250 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$m(\phi^\pm) < 250 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$m(\phi^0) < 150 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$p_T(\phi^\pm, \phi^0) > 300 \text{ GeV}/c \text{ (jacobian peak)}$$

# $W_H (1 \text{ TeV}/c^2) \rightarrow \phi^\pm \phi^0$ signal/bkg for $L=30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

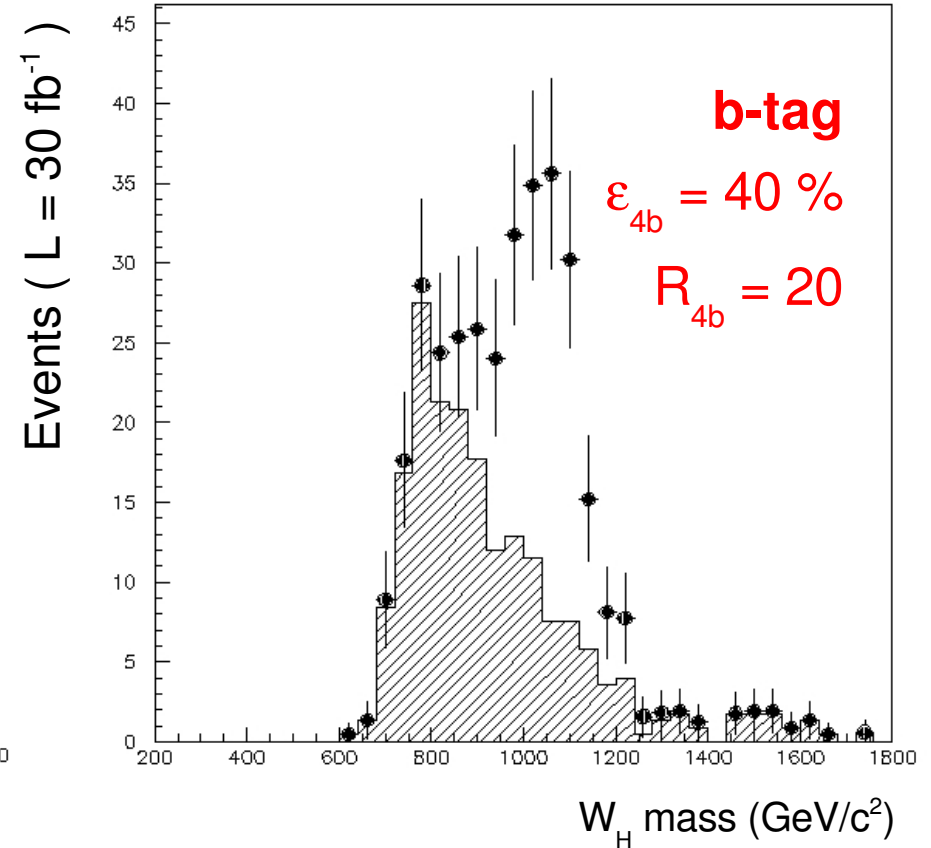


$$N_{\text{sig}} = 337$$

$$N_{\text{tt}} = 1958$$

$$N_{\text{wj}} = 171$$

$$N/\sqrt{B} = 7$$



$$N_{\text{sig}} = 135$$

$$N_{\text{tt}} = 98$$

$$N_{\text{wj}} \sim 0$$

$$N/\sqrt{B} = 14$$

# Summary and outlook

- Study key signatures of the LR Twin Higgs model.
- Several signatures well advanced

$$W_H \rightarrow T\mathbf{b}$$

$$W_H \rightarrow \phi^\pm \phi^0$$

- Others (hopefully) evolving quickly

$$Z_H \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

$$W_H \rightarrow T\mathbf{b}$$

$$Z_H \rightarrow Z\mathbf{h}$$

- Good progress in the write-up of an ATLAS note:  
**next draft expected 30<sup>th</sup> of November.**

# BACKUP SLIDES

# Theoretical motivation

## **The (little) hierarchy or fine-tuning problem, or LEP-paradox:**

“radiative corrections to the Higgs mass up to ultra-violet cut-off  $\Lambda$  yield a Higgs mass of order  $\Lambda$  unless there is a very delicate cancellation” (following approximately the phrasing [SN-ATLAS-2004-038])

**The canonical recipe:** “[the instability of the SM under quantum corrections] *suggests the existence of new physics at or close to a TeV [i.e. SUSY (with R-parity), (Large) Extra Dimensions] that protects the Higgs mass parameter of the SM against radiative corrections*”. (hep-ph/0506256)

# Theoretical motivation (I)

**Alternative solution to the (little) hierarchy problem:**

***“the Higgs is naturally light because it is the pseudo-Goldstone boson of an approximate global symmetry”*** (phrasing from hep-ph/0506256)

- **embed SM in larger symmetry group.**
- **Counterparts to SM particles are of the same statistics**
- **The larger symmetry, broken at some high scale  $\Lambda_H$ , protects the Higgs mass from one-loop corrections quadratic in  $\Lambda_H$ .**

(originally proposed in the 1970s, see Georgi and Pais, Phys. Rev. D 10, 539 (1974), Kaplan, Georgi, Dimopoulos, Phys. Lett. B 136, 183 (1984))

# Theoretical motivation (II)

**Twin Higgs model** *Introduces a discrete symmetry: each SM particle is interchanged with a corresponding particle transforming under a twin SM gauge group.*  
EW precision data reproduced by construction: new particles may be light they do not transform under the SM gauge groups. **New physics is not necessarily charged under SM gauge groups!**

**Mirror Twin Higgs model** (Chacko, Goh, Harnik, hep-ph/0506256):  
*Discrete symmetry is identified with mirror parity.* Collider phenomenology: invisible Higgs decay (ILC)

**LR Twin Higgs model** (Chacko, Goh, Harnik, JHEP 0601, 108 (2006)):  
*Discrete symmetry is identified with Left-Right symmetry.*  
Collider phenomenology: new particles around the electroweak scale (Goh, Suh, hep-ph/0608330)

# Phenomenology – little Higgs

$$Z_H \rightarrow e^+e^- \quad \text{BR} \sim 4\%$$

$$W_H \rightarrow e\nu_e \quad \text{BR} \sim 8\%$$

mass reach  $\sim 5$  TeV ( $\cot \theta = 1$ )

Other decays:

$$W_H \rightarrow tb \quad \text{BR} \sim 25\%$$

mass reach  $\sim 2.5$  TeV ( $\cot \theta = 1$ )

Model test:

$$Z_H \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow l^+l^-bb$$

mass reach  $\sim 2$  TeV ( $\cot \theta = 0.3$ ,  
decay absent for  $\cot \theta = 1$ )

ATLAS study published in:  
EPJ C39S2, 13 (2005)

Other studies:

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# other $W_H$ ( $1\text{TeV}/c^2$ ) decays

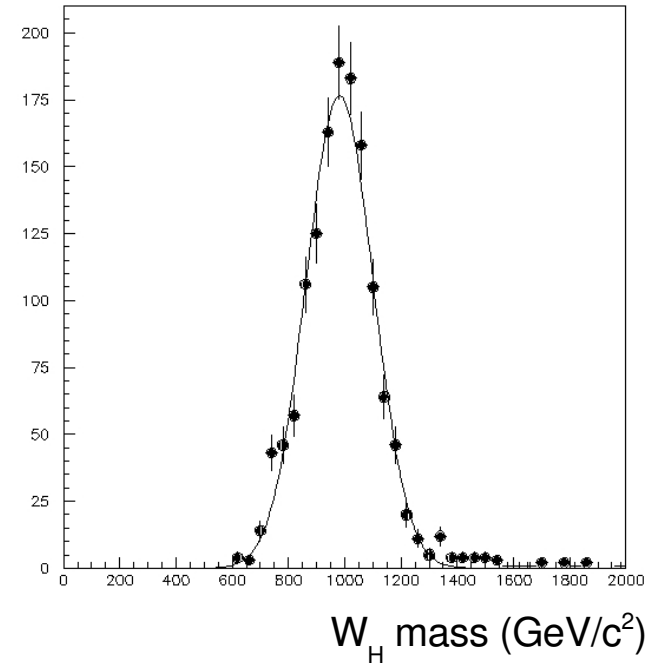
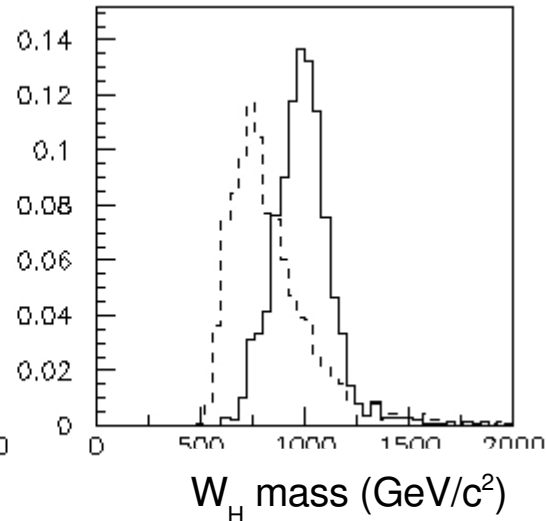
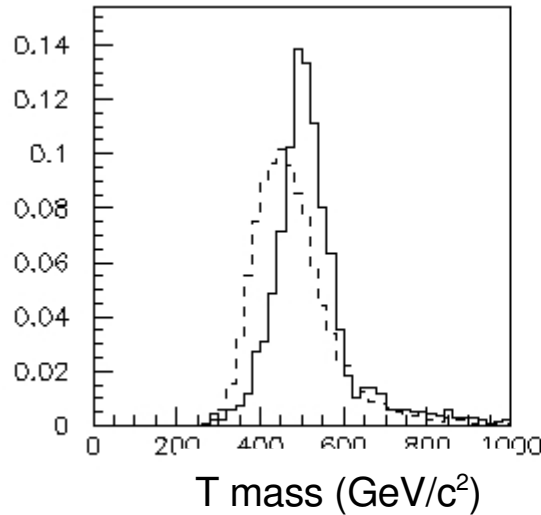
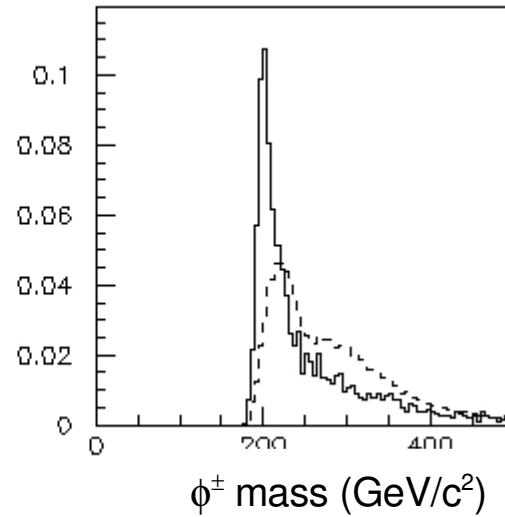
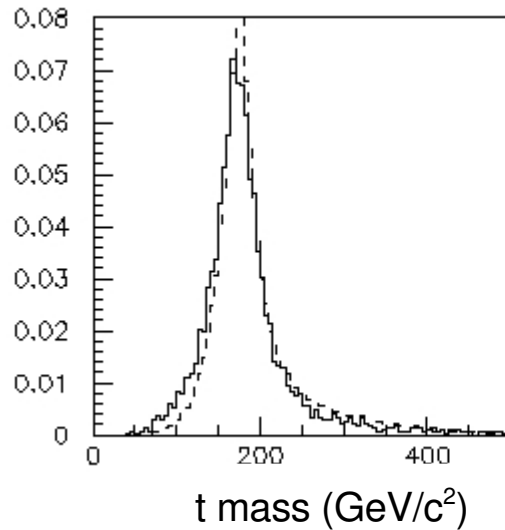
Decay	signature	total B.R.	comment
$W_H \rightarrow T b \rightarrow \phi^\pm b b$	$\rightarrow 4b + l + E_t^{\text{miss}}$	3.2 %	<u>this contribution</u>
$\rightarrow b W b$	$\rightarrow 2b + l + E_t^{\text{miss}}$	0.4 %	
$\rightarrow t h b$	$\rightarrow 4b + l + E_t^{\text{miss}}$	0.4 %	
$\rightarrow t Z b$	$\rightarrow 2b + 3l + E_t^{\text{miss}}$	0.01 %	very small rate/no bkg.
$\rightarrow t \phi^0 b$	$\rightarrow 4b + l + E_t^{\text{miss}}$	0.1 %	
$\rightarrow t b$	$\rightarrow 2b + l + E_t^{\text{miss}}$	0.8 %	cf. LittleHiggs BR=5%
$\rightarrow \phi^\pm \phi^0$	$\rightarrow 4b + l + E_t^{\text{miss}}$	0.5 %	<u>this contribution</u>
$\rightarrow q q$	$\rightarrow 2 \text{ jets}$	73 %	QCD di-jet background

Twin Higgs decay table for  $M=150$  GeV [ $M$  is T-t mixing parameter]

Remark: None of the above decays are visible for  $M \rightarrow 0$

# $W_H (1 \text{ TeV}/c^2) \rightarrow T b$ mass reconstruction

— signal  
- - tt bkg



Reconstructed mass and width:

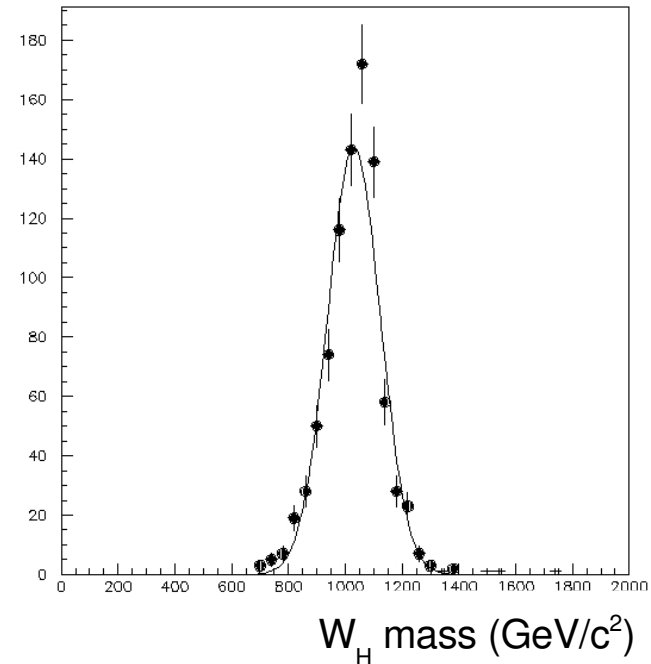
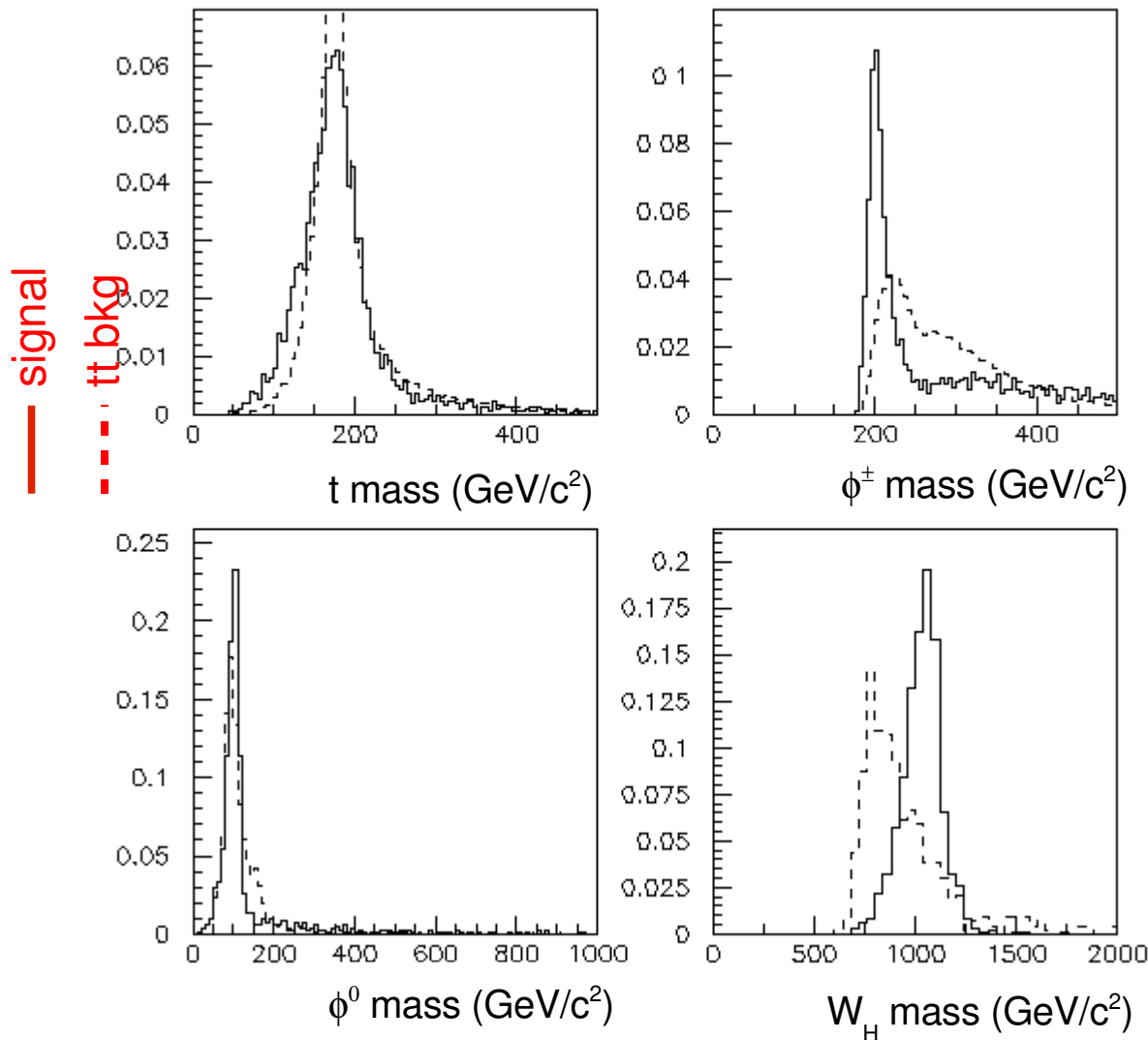
$$m = 982 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

$$\sigma = 120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

Remark:

$$\Gamma (W_H) = 24 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

# $W_H (1 \text{ TeV}/c^2) \rightarrow \phi^\pm \phi^0$ mass reconstruction



Reconstructed mass and width:

$$m = 1030 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

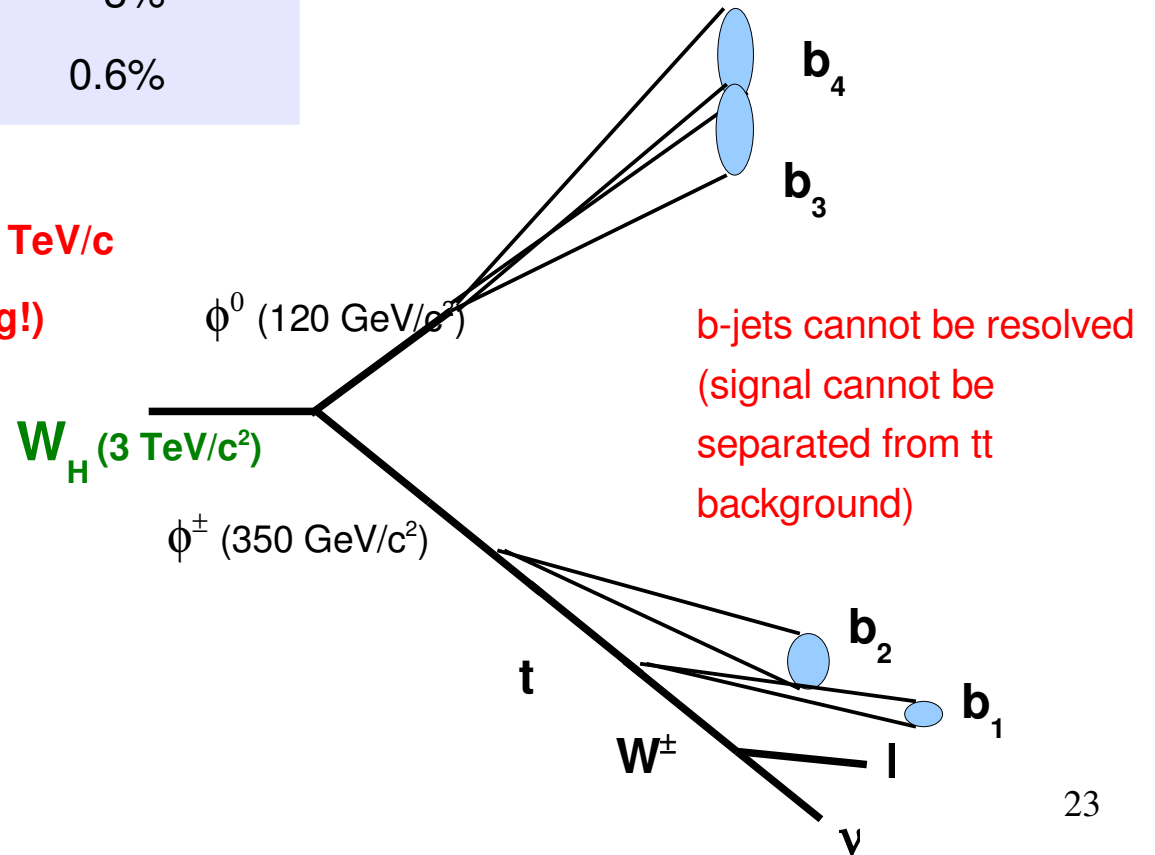
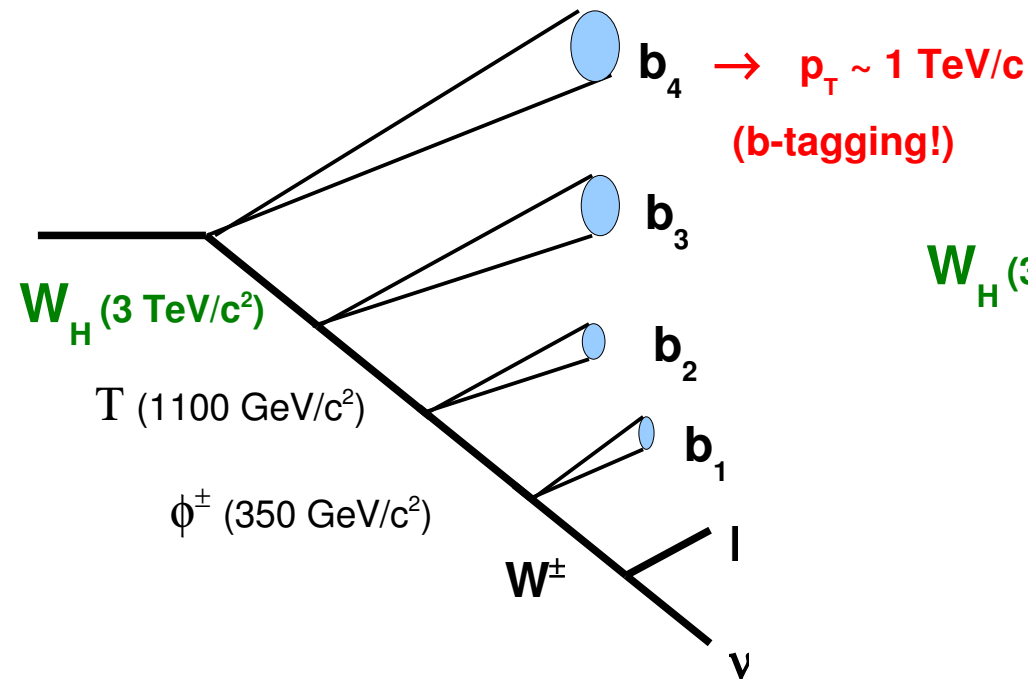
$$\sigma = 93 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

Remark:

$$\Gamma(W_H) = 24 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

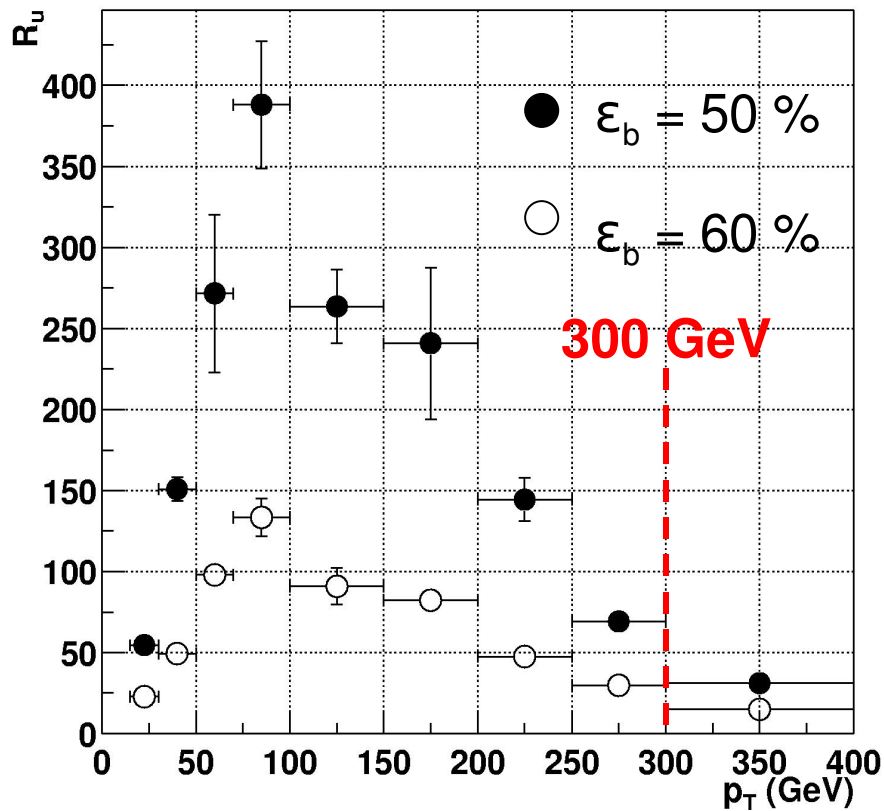
# Mass dependence

$m(W_H)$	1 TeV/c <sup>2</sup>	2 TeV/c <sup>2</sup>	3 TeV/c <sup>2</sup>
$\sigma(\text{pb})$	30	2	0.2
$M_T (\text{GeV}/c^2)$	500	800	1100
BR ( $W_H \rightarrow T b$ )	20%	25%	25%
BR ( $W_H \rightarrow \phi^\pm \phi^0$ )	3%	3%	3%
BR ( $W_H \rightarrow t b$ )	4%	3%	0.6%



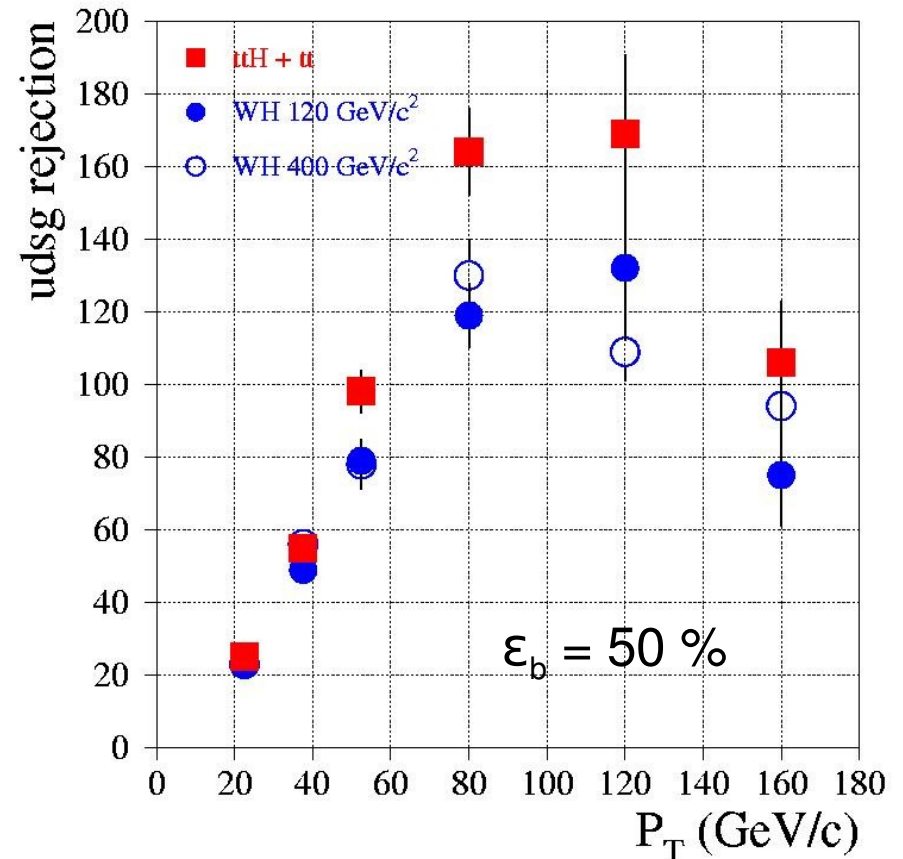
# $p_T$ dependence of b-tagging

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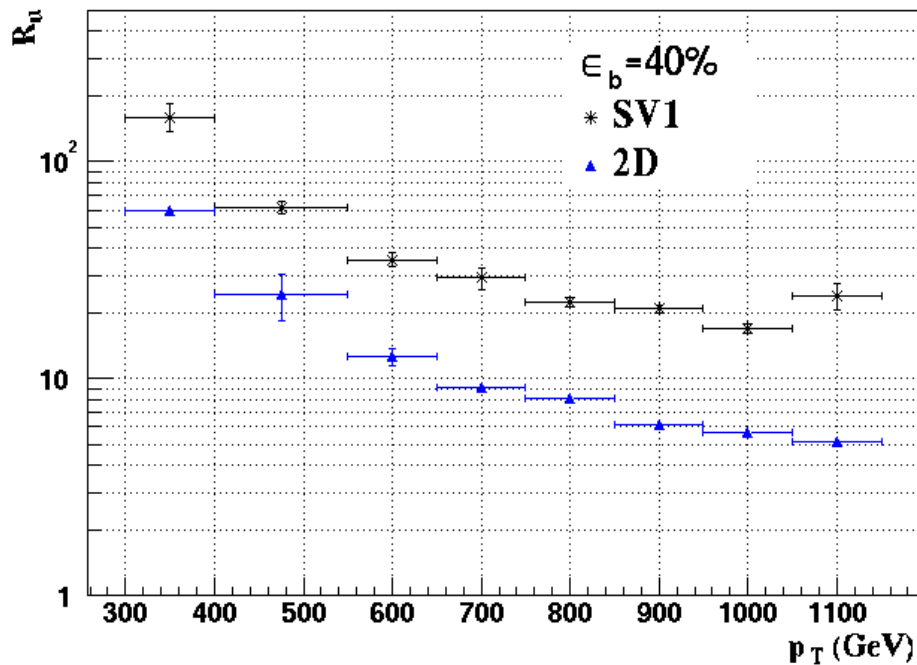
2D algorithm – DC1 data  
 $pp \rightarrow W H (120 + 400 \text{ GeV})$   
 $\searrow$   
 $b b$

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2D algorithm – DC1 data  
 $W H + t t$  samples

# $p_T$ dependence in $Z_H$ ( $2 \text{ TeV}/c^2$ ) $\rightarrow$ bb samples



Full simulation

“Rome” samples = DC1 geometry

SV1 = secondary vertex based b-tag algorithm

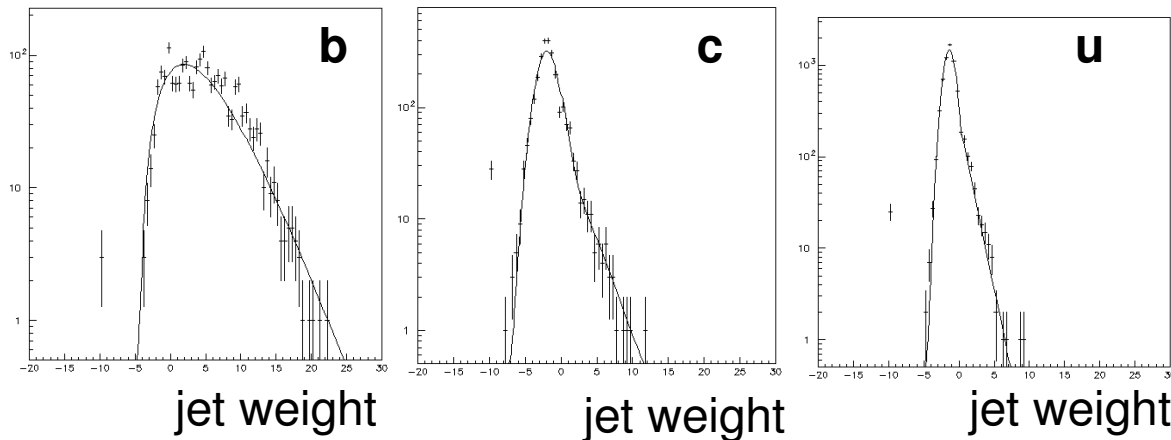
2D = signed IP significance tagger

Studies ongoing on CSC samples  
(= DC3 geometry with updated material and residual misalignment)

Standard ATLAS tagging algorithms, without retuning

# b-tagging likelihood weights

b-tag likelihood “weights” for  $60 < p_T < 100$  GeV/c (2D signed IP significance algorithm - DC1 data)



$$\epsilon_b = 50\%$$

$$p_T = 100 \text{ GeV/c} \rightarrow R_u = 130$$

$$p_T = 500 \text{ GeV/c} \rightarrow R_u = 60$$

## Parameterisation

**b-jets**  $\rightarrow w^a e^{-bw}$

**c-jets**  $\rightarrow w^c e^{-dw} + \text{gaussian}$

**u-jets**  $\rightarrow e^{-ew} + \text{gaussian}$

a,b,c,d,e determined on  
full simulation for  
several  $p_T$  bins

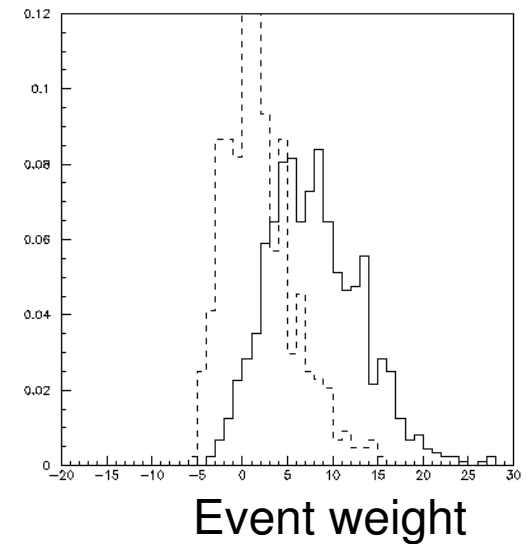
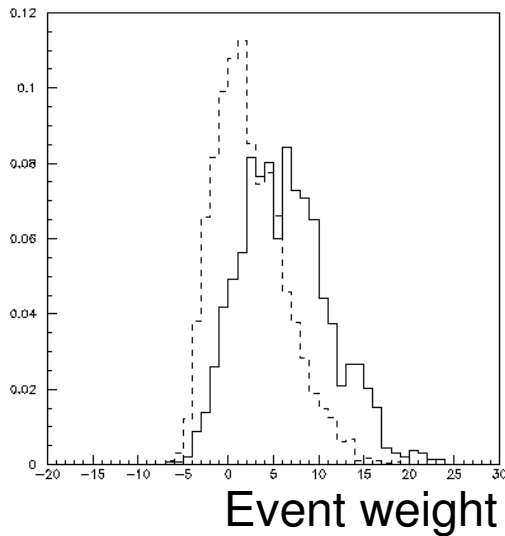
multi b-jet likelihood:

$$W_{\text{event}} = \sum_{\text{jets } j} w_j$$

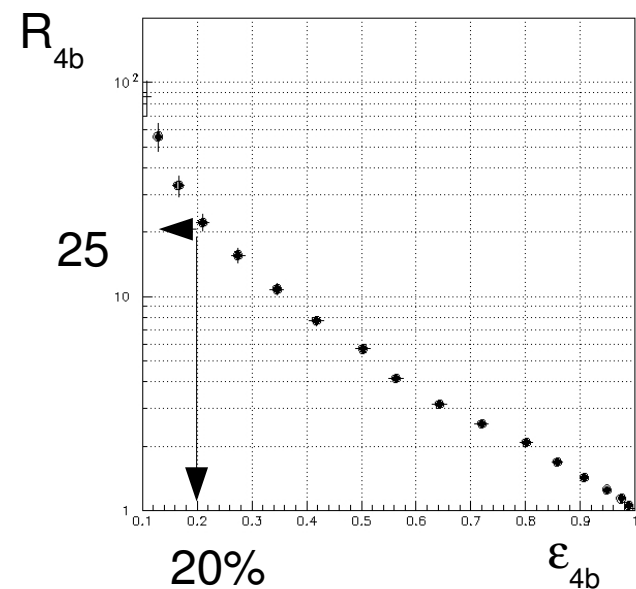
# b-tagging for $m(W_H) = 1 \text{ TeV}/c^2$

$$W_H \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow 4b + l + E_t^{\text{miss}}$$

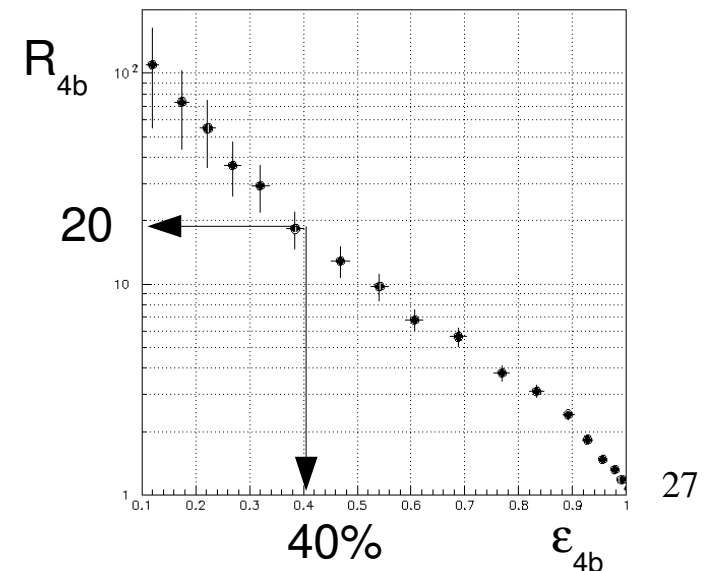
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— signal  
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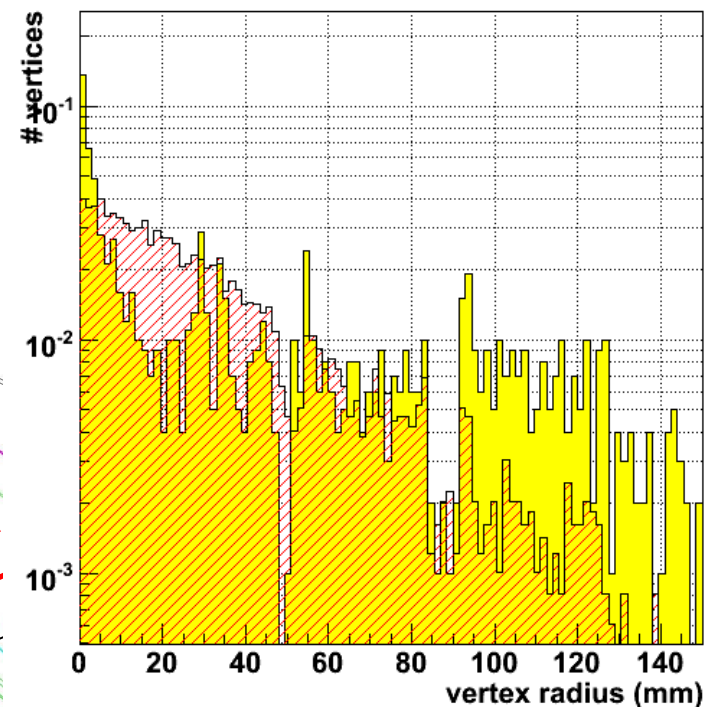
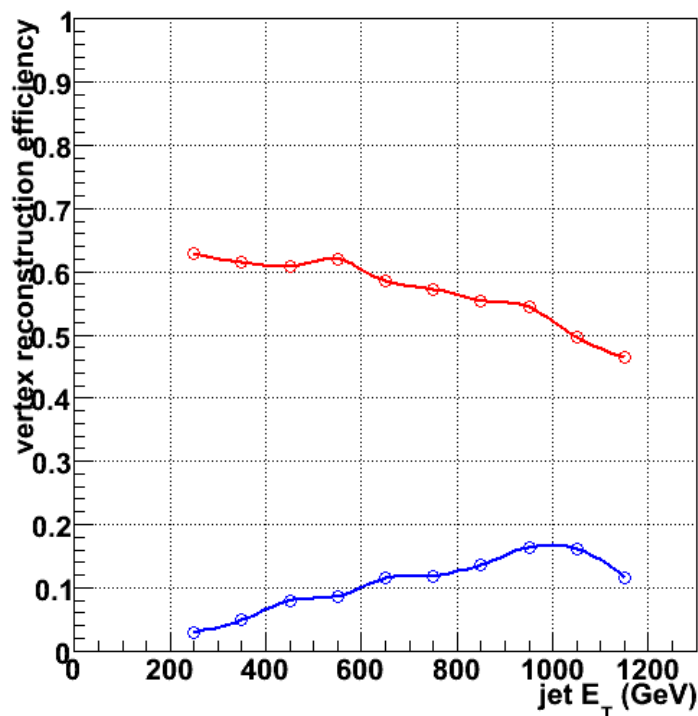


$\epsilon_{4b}$  = signal efficiency  
 $R_{4b}$  = rejection against  
tt background



# vertexing in high $p_T$ jets

VkaIVrt: Vertex reconstruction efficiency in **b-jets** and **light jets**



VkaIVrt: reconstructed vertex radius distribution for **b-jets** and **light jets**