

# A New Jet Pairing Algorithm for the ATLAS $HH \rightarrow 4b$ Analysis

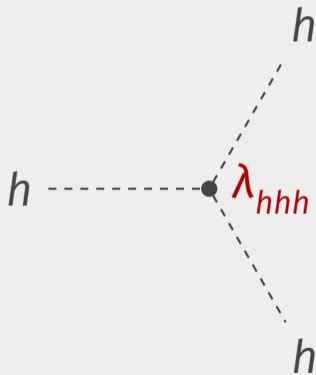
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# Motivation for di-Higgs

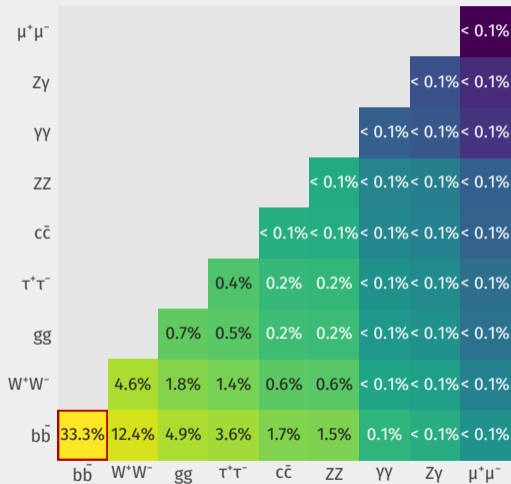
Measure Higgs self-coupling  $\lambda_{hhh}$



Additional HH production  $\Rightarrow$  New Physics

# Motivation for $HH \rightarrow 4b$

Data from LHCHSWG (arXiv:1201.3084)



$HH \rightarrow 4b$  has highest branching ratio

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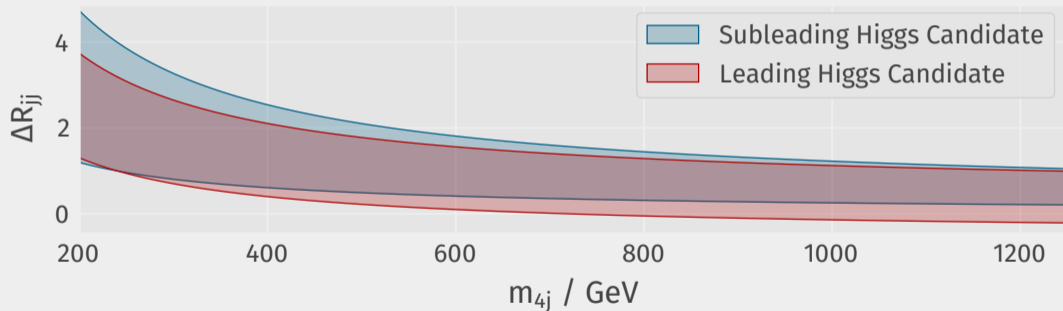
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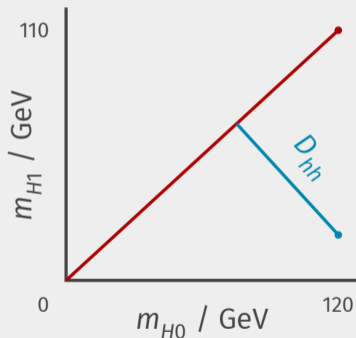
Discard pairings that fail  $\Delta R_{jj}$  condition



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## Current Jet Pairing Algorithm – Step 2

Select pairing that minimizes  $D_{hh}$



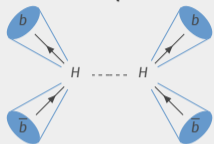
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# Jet Pairing Performance Study – Strategy

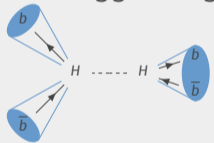
- Use simulated HH events  
*Standard Model and  $G \rightarrow HH$  decays*
- Considering only
  - Jets with  $p_T \geq 40$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$
  - Events with 4  $b$ -tagged jets
- Assign each  $b$ -quark its closest jet (in  $\Delta R$ )  
*Jet need not be  $b$ -tagged*
- Separate into categories – study performance in Good category

# Categories

**Good** Each  $b$ -quark assigned a distinct  $R = 0.4$  jet



**Category 1** One Higgs assigned two distinct  $R = 0.4$  jets

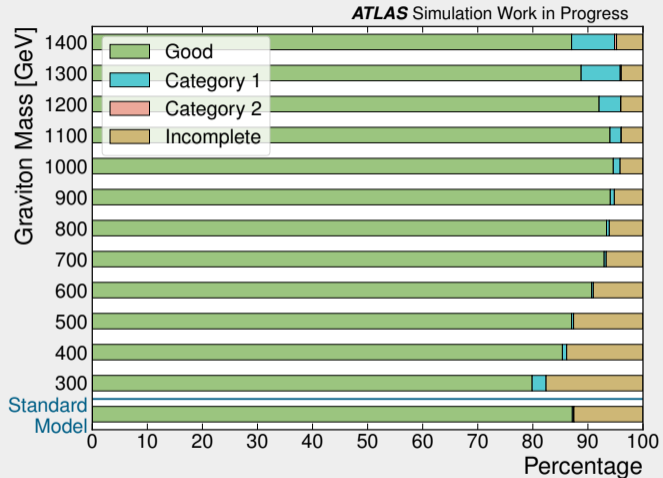


**Category 2** Each Higgs assigned one  $R = 0.4$  jet

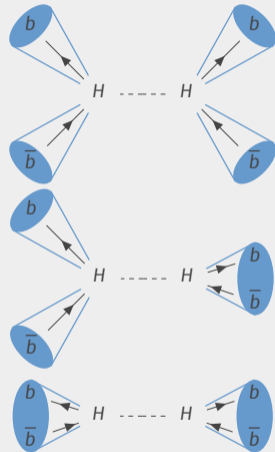


**Incomplete** At least one  $b$ -quark has  $\Delta R > 0.4$  from assigned jet  
*Indicates missing jet*

# Category Composition



Mostly in the “Good” category



# Pairing

**Correct Pair** Correct four jets selected and paired correctly

**Wrong Pair** Correct four jets selected, but paired incorrectly

**Wrong Selection** At least one selected jet is incorrect

*Considering Good category only*

# Pairing



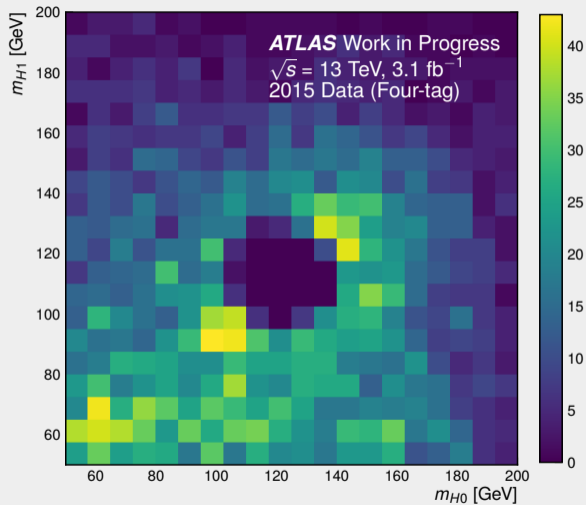
Very impressive performance

# Background Sculpting

- Seen impressive efficiency of old pairing algorithm
- **Unfortunately, it severely sculpts the background**

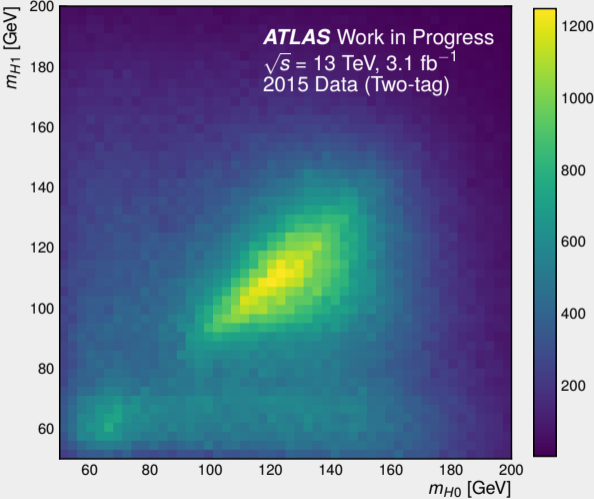


# Sculpting in Data



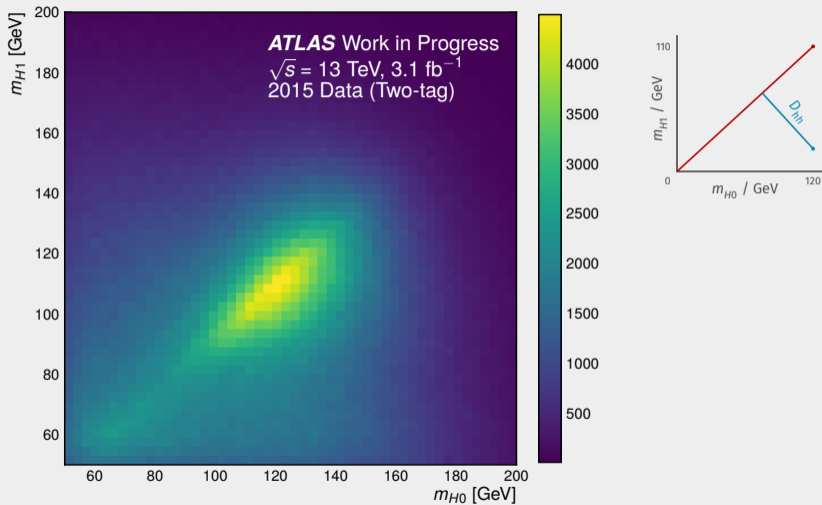
Periphery of peak visible around blinded signal region.

# Sculpting in Data (Two $b$ -tagged Jets)



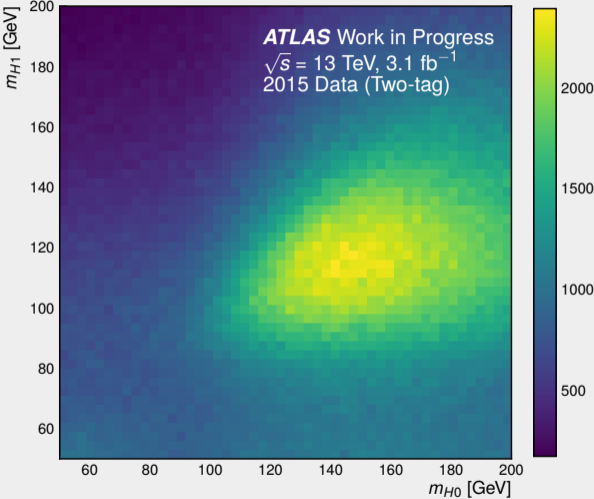
Peak clearer with only two  $b$ -tagged jets.

# Sculpting in Data (Before Background Suppression Cuts)



Peak still present with no cuts.

# Sculpting in Data (Random Pairing)

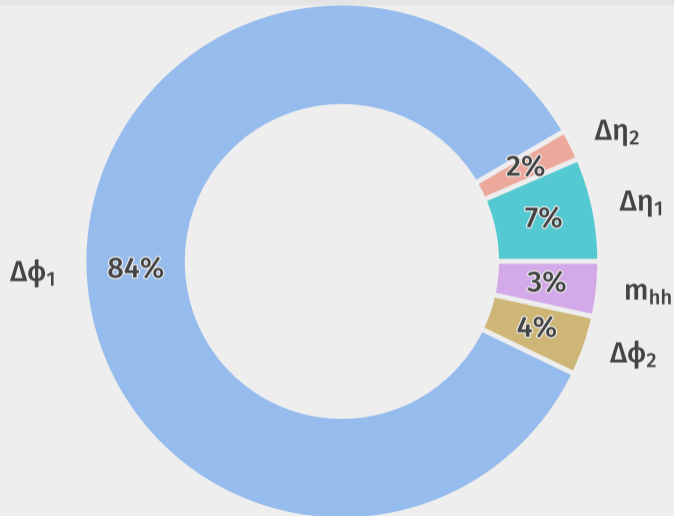


Far less severe with random pairing.

# Boosted Decision Tree Jet Pairing Algorithm

- Train BDT to distinguish correct from incorrect pairings
- Choose pairing with highest BDT score for each event
- Use  $\Delta\eta_1$ ,  $\Delta\eta_2$ ,  $\Delta\phi_1$ , and  $\Delta\phi_2$
- Also use HH invariant mass ( $m_{hh}$ ) to tune BDT
- New algorithm does not use Higgs candidate masses

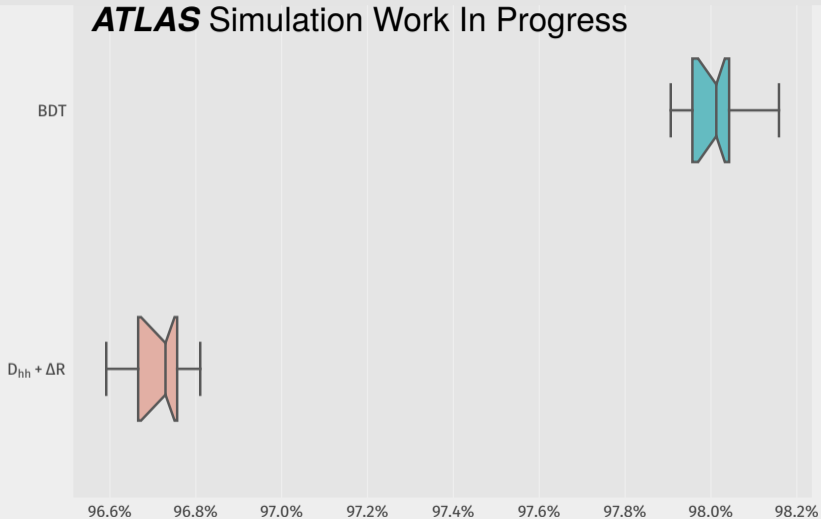
# Feature Importance Chart



Mostly uses one angular separation

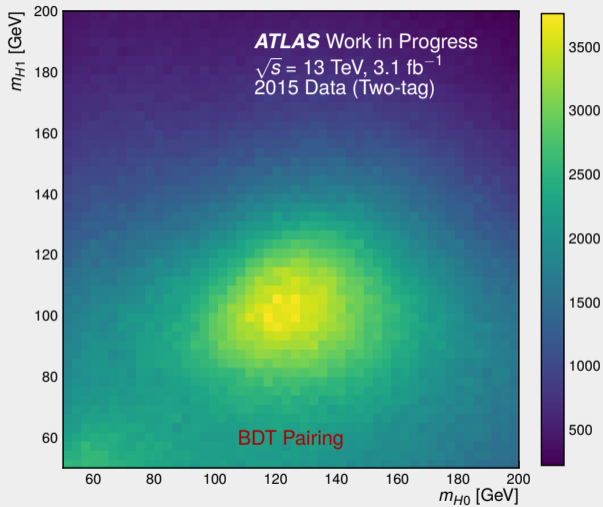
# Results — Efficiency

## **ATLAS** Simulation Work In Progress



Statistically significantly higher efficiency

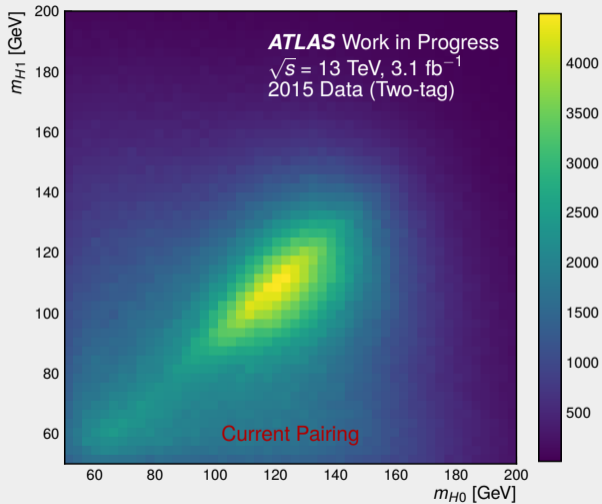
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# Conclusion

- Current pairing algorithm:  
impressive performance, but sculpts background
- Developed new algorithm using angular separations only
  - Higher efficiency — 96.7%  $\rightarrow$  98%
  - Less severe background sculpting

Backup

# Current Jet Pairing Algorithm – Details

1. Discard pairings that fail  $\Delta R_{jj}$  condition

$$\frac{360}{m_{4j}/\text{GeV}} - 0.5 < \Delta R_{jj}^{\text{leading}} < \frac{653}{m_{4j}/\text{GeV}} + 0.47$$

$$\frac{235}{m_{4j}/\text{GeV}} + 0.02 < \Delta R_{jj}^{\text{subleading}} < \frac{875}{m_{4j}/\text{GeV}} + 0.35$$

2. Select pairing that minimizes  $D_{hh}$

$$D_{hh} = \frac{|110m_{H0} - 120m_{H1}|}{\sqrt{120^2 + 110^2} \text{ GeV}}$$

# ATLAS Coordinate System

