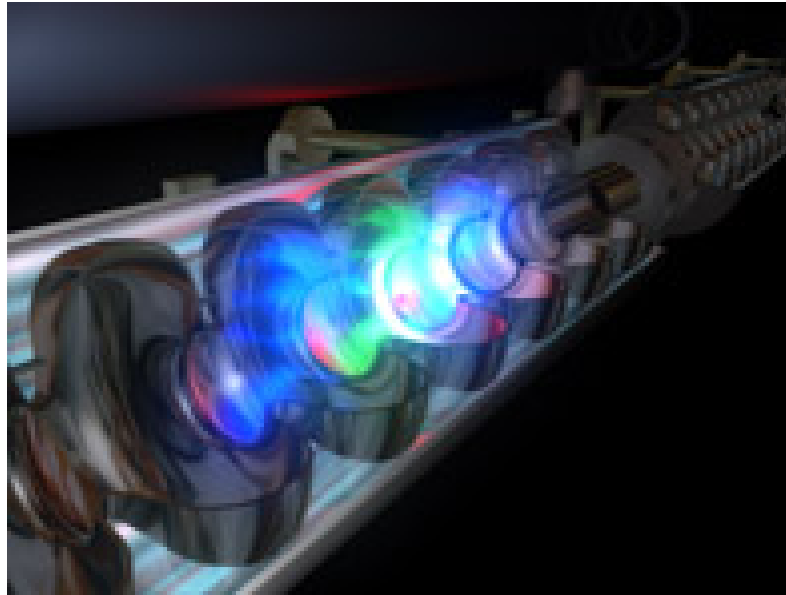




Two photon width of the Higgs boson

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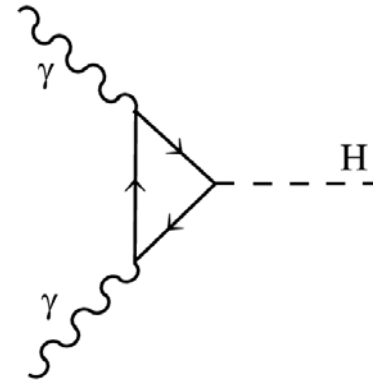
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Motivation

- Measure the two-photon partial width:
 - Contribution to the two photon decay width from any kind of massive charged particles. Deviation of the partial width from Standard Model prediction:
 - Evidence for new physics;
 - Can be directly compared to predictions of alternative models (MSSM, NMSSM, general 2HDM).



How to Get Widths?

- The Higgs mass peak gives

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \times \text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \quad (m_h < 140 \text{ GeV})$$

- Taking $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ and $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ from LHC or LC,

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \times \text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})}{\text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}}{\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}$$

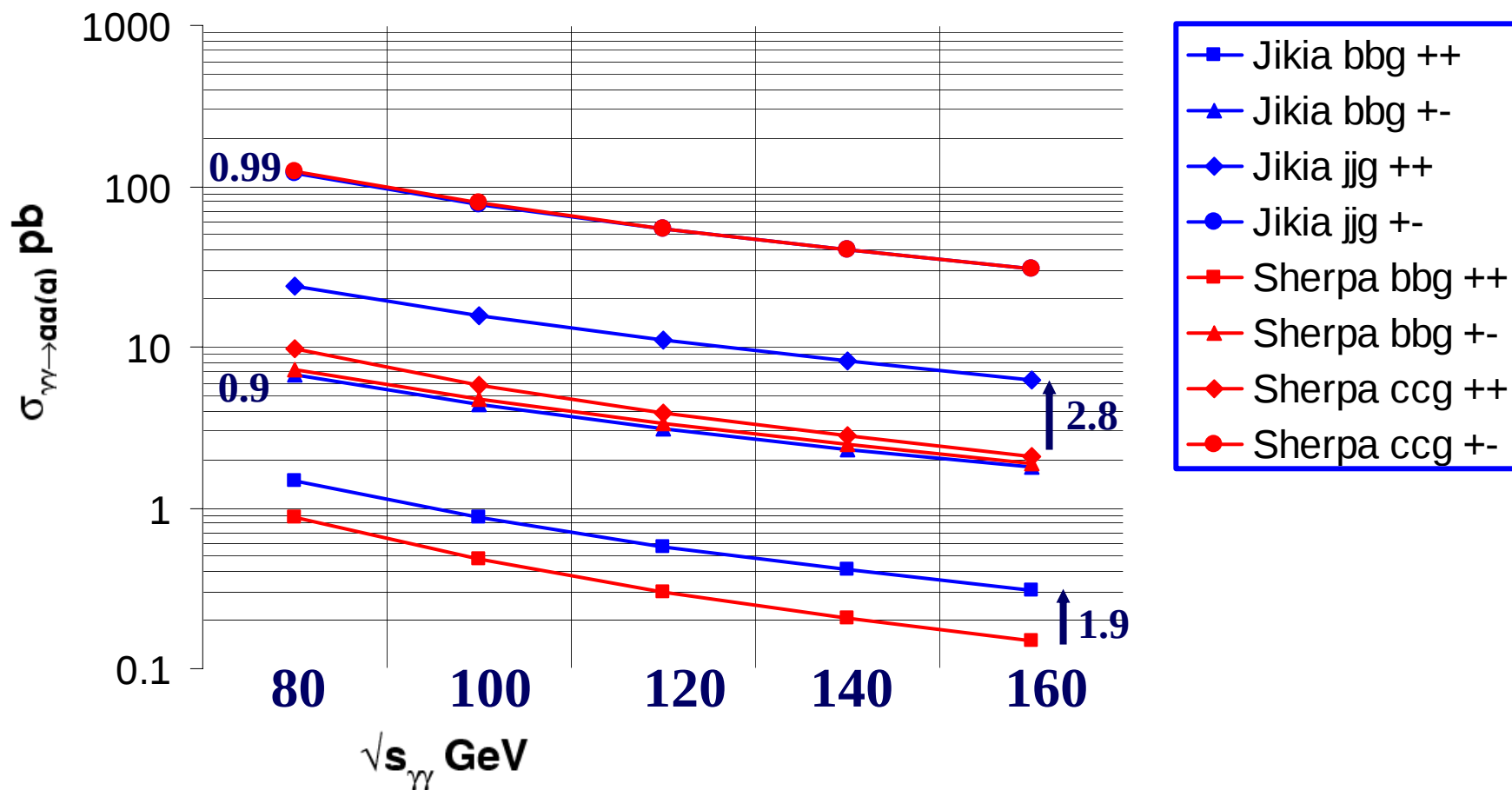
- This is proposed as way to get the total Higgs width. Model-independent result.

The analysis

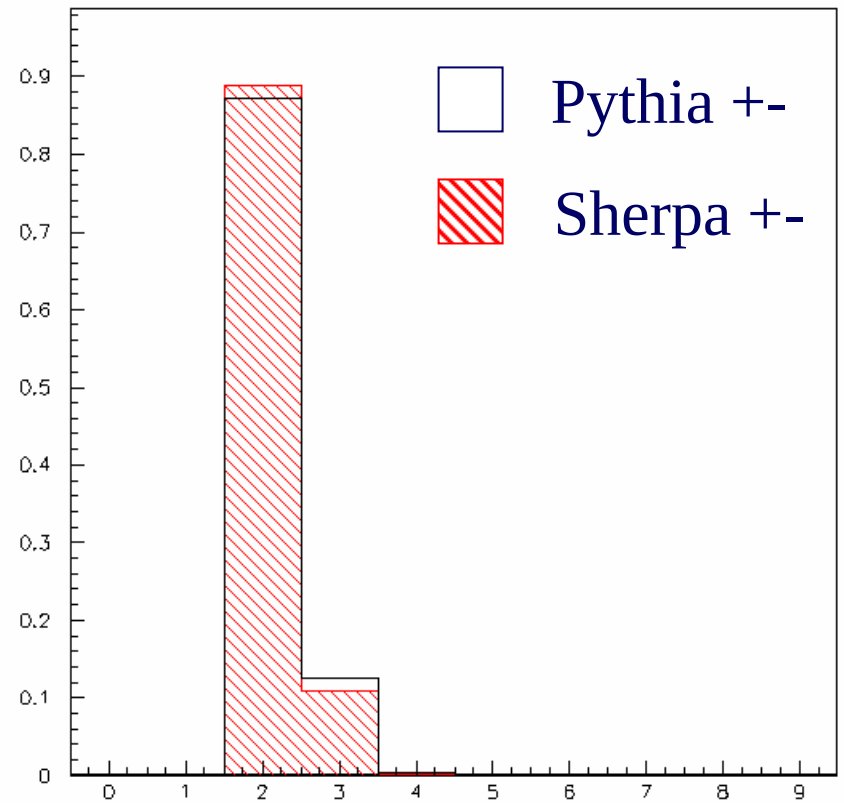
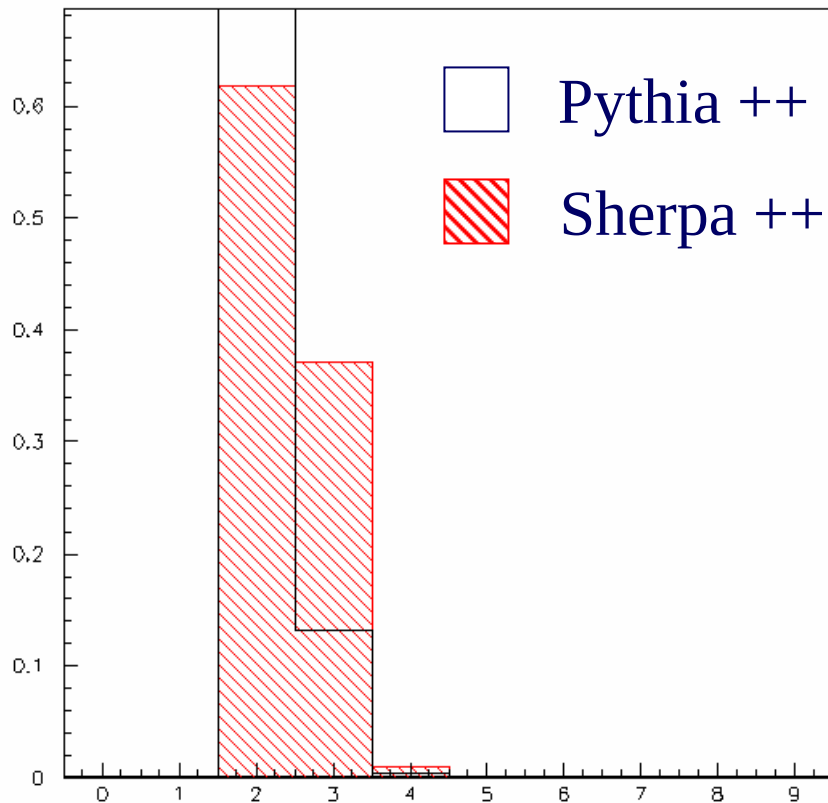
- Background MC generated with SHERPA (CERN-TH/2003-284) and passed through the TESLA fast simulation:
 - $\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}} > 80 \text{ GeV}$
 - Convolution with the realistic photon spectrum for ++ and +- photon helicities
- Selection:
 - $N_{\text{jet}} = 2,3$
 - $|\cos\theta_T| < 0.7$
 - $E_{\text{vis}} > 95 \text{ GeV}, \quad E_{\text{long}}/E_{\text{vis}} < 0.1$
 - $NN_{\text{out}}^{\text{fastest jet}} > 0.95, \quad NN_{\text{out}}^{\text{2nd fast jet}} > 0.2$



Background Cross Sections

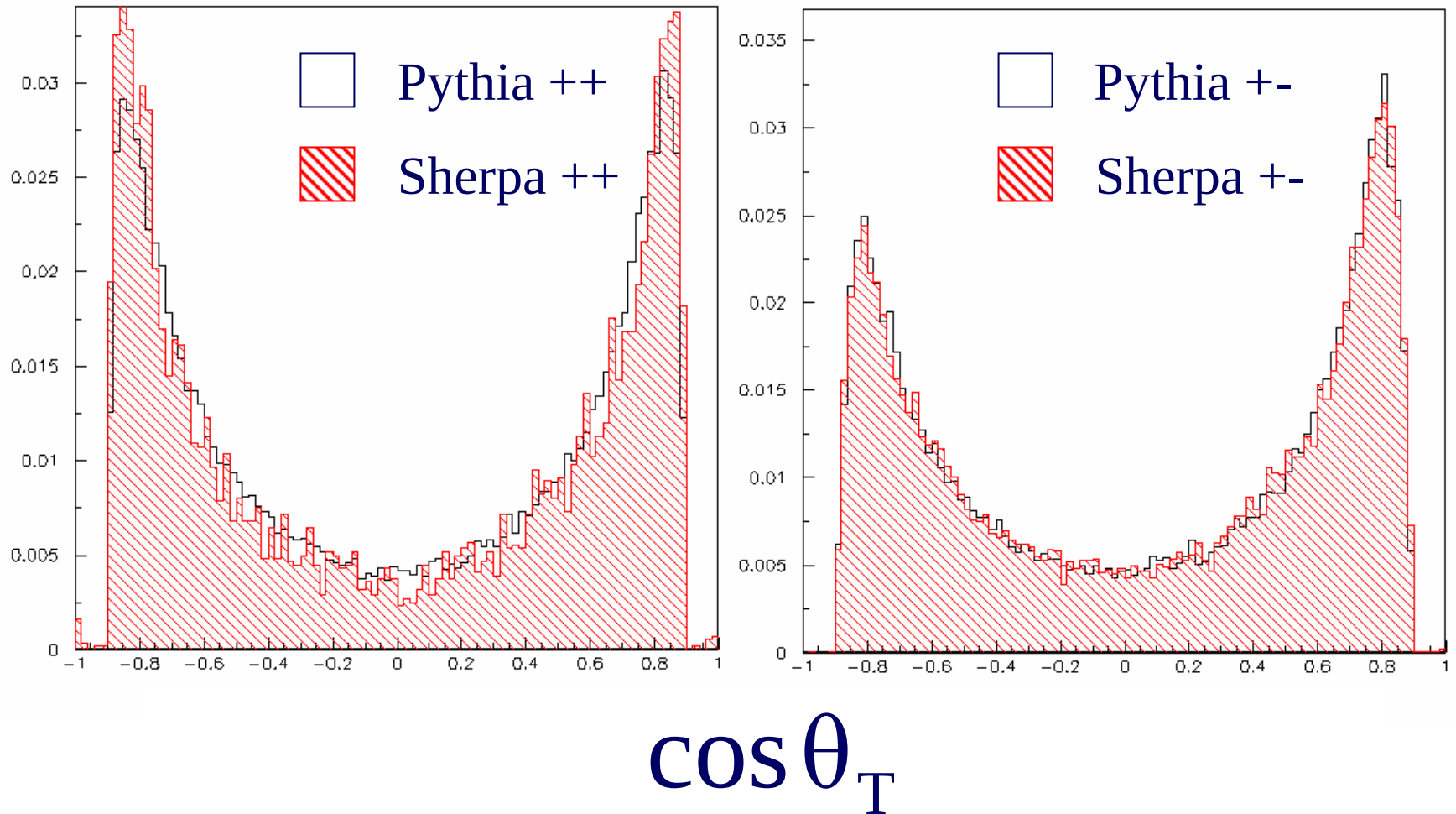


Sherpa versus Pythia

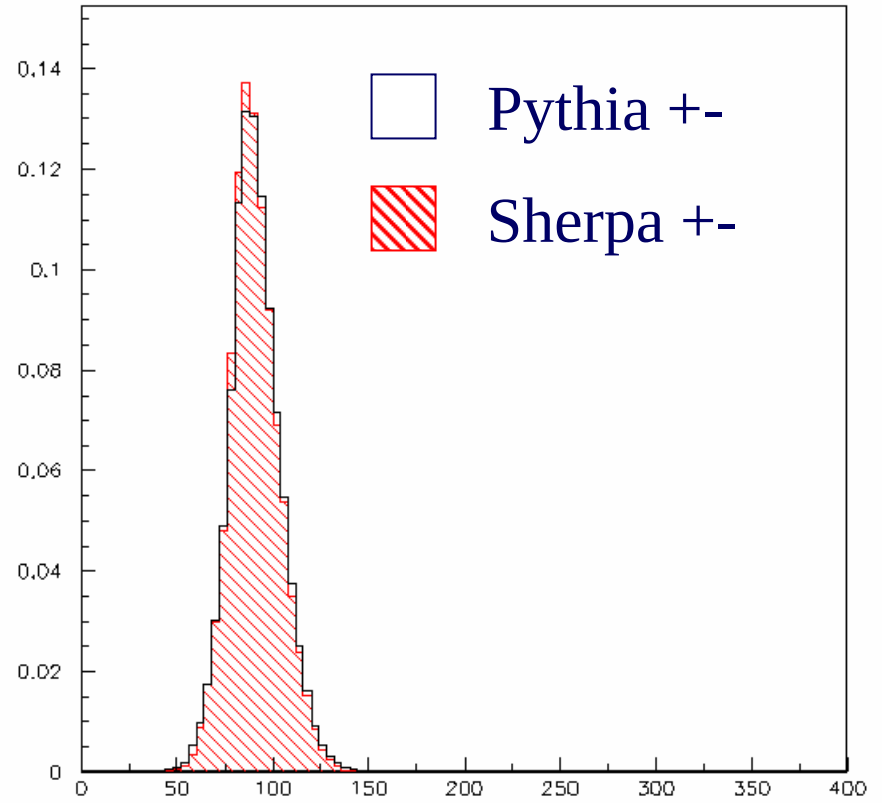
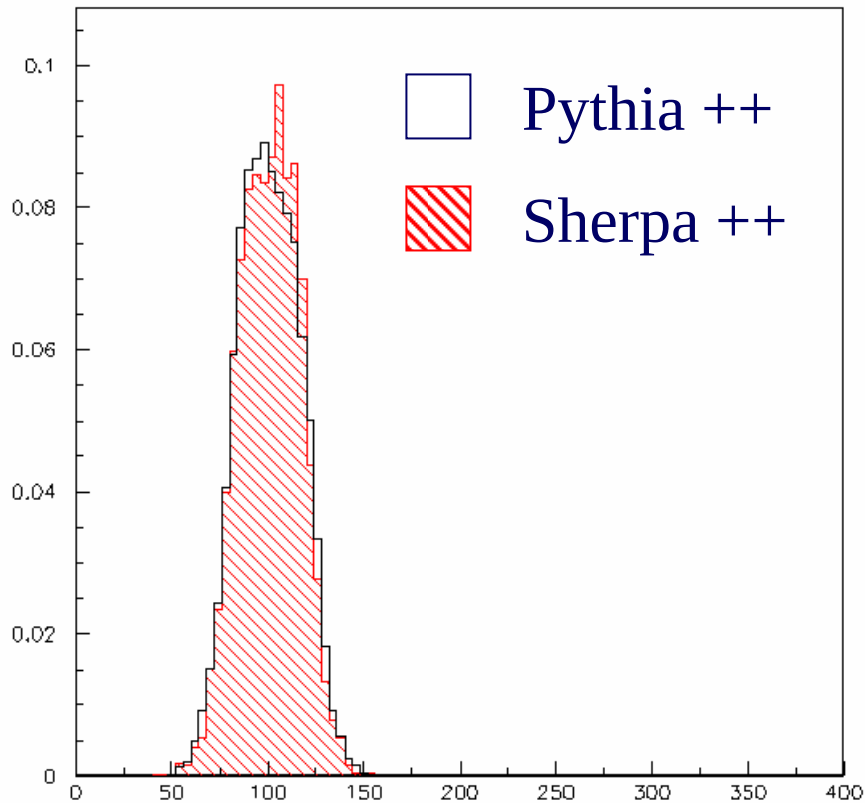


N_{jet}

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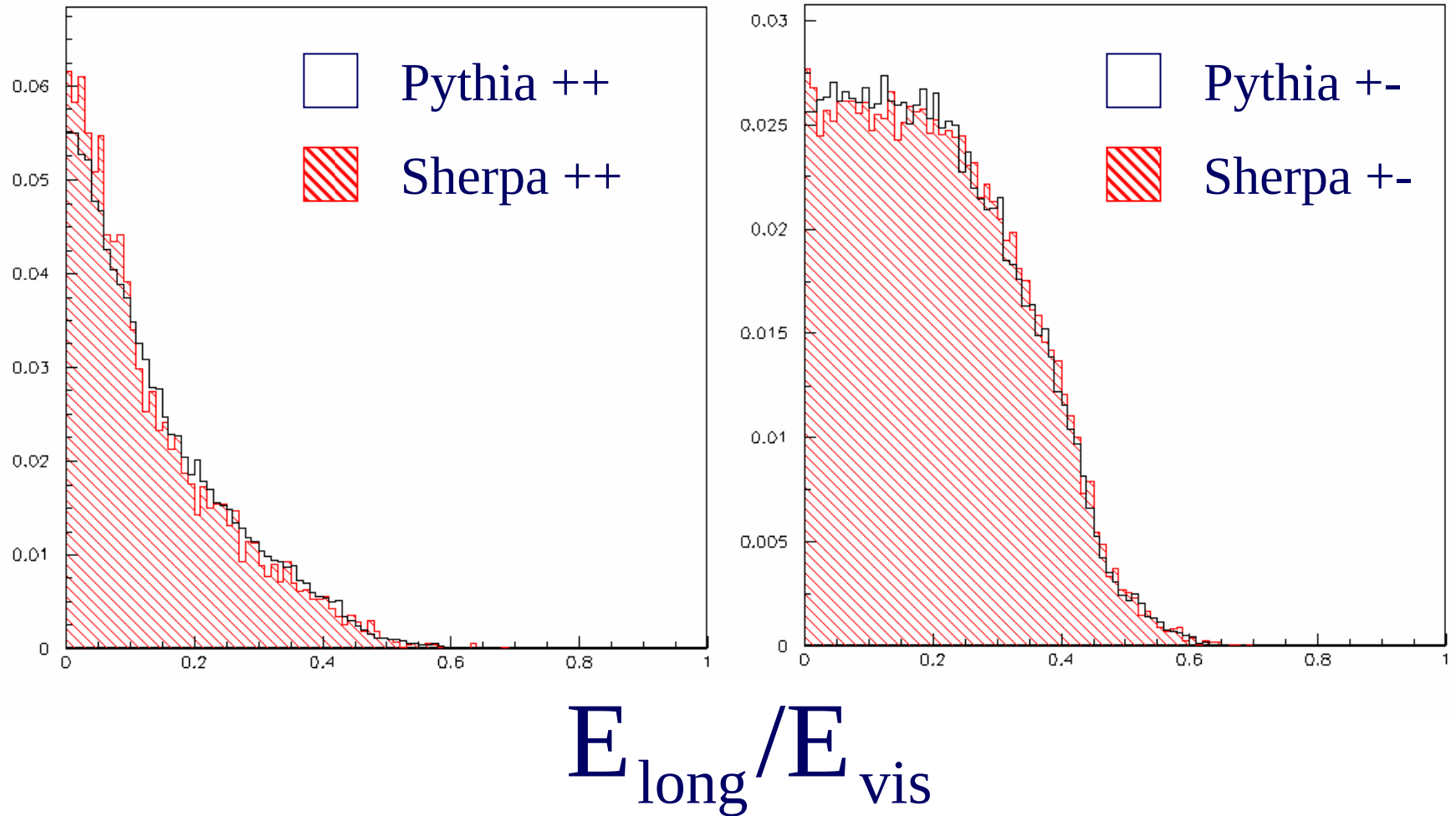


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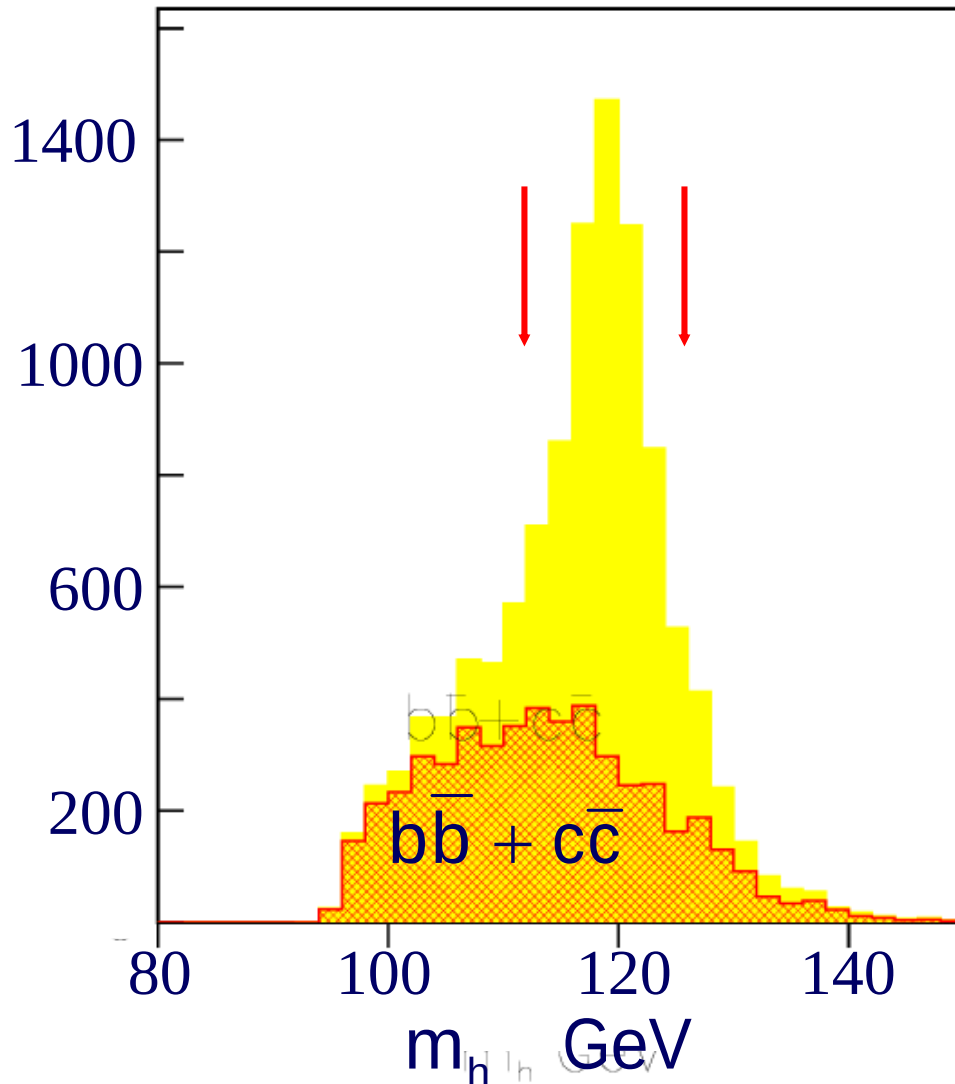


E_{vis}

Sherpa versus Pythia



Invariant Mass Spectrum



$$N_{\text{sig}} = 4505 \text{ events}$$

$$N_{\text{bkg}} = 1698 \text{ events}$$

$$\frac{\Delta[\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)\text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})]}{[\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)\text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})]} =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{N_{\text{obs}}}}{N_{\text{obs}} - \langle N_b \rangle} = 1.7\%$$

Summary

- Measure $\Gamma(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \times \text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ with a precision below 2% by:
 - Taking into account the QCD radiative corrections to the background process $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$;
 - Adopting a b-quark tagging algorithm based on a neural network.