



# Idealizing the Higgs Boson Control Regions

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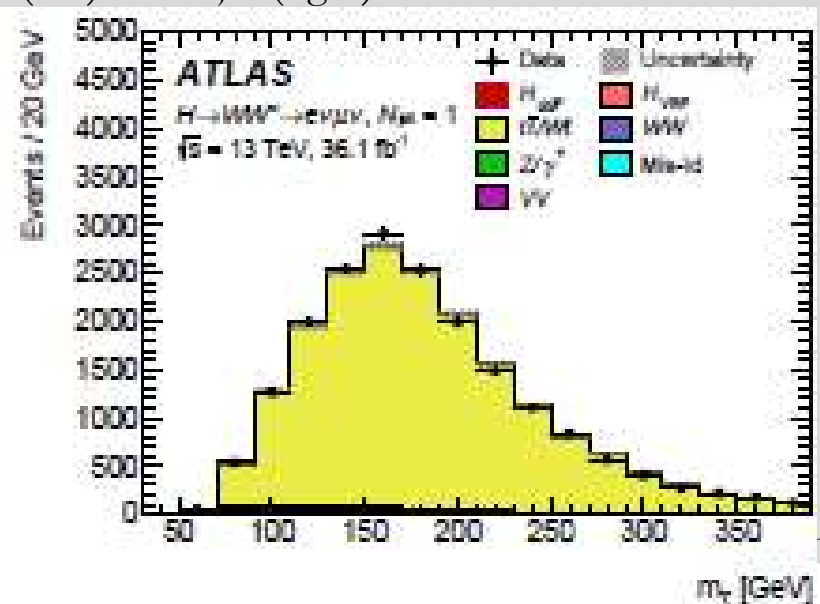
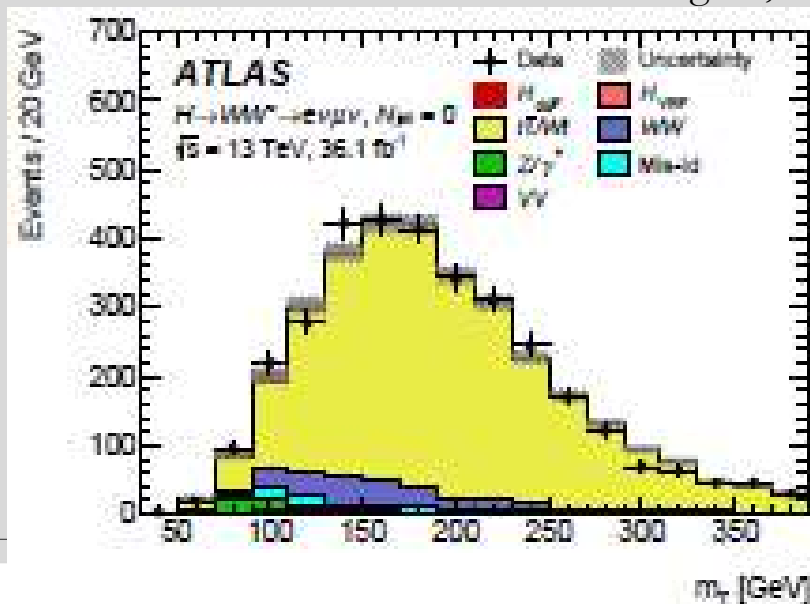
# Introduction

- The Standard Model unifies 3 of the elementary forces and classifies elementary particles
- Higgs boson-the last Standard Model particle to be discovered
- Decay channels
- Higgs- $\rightarrow$ WW- $\rightarrow$ e $\nu$  $\mu$  $\nu$
- SM predicts how often different decays happen
  - We want to confirm/find deviations from SM

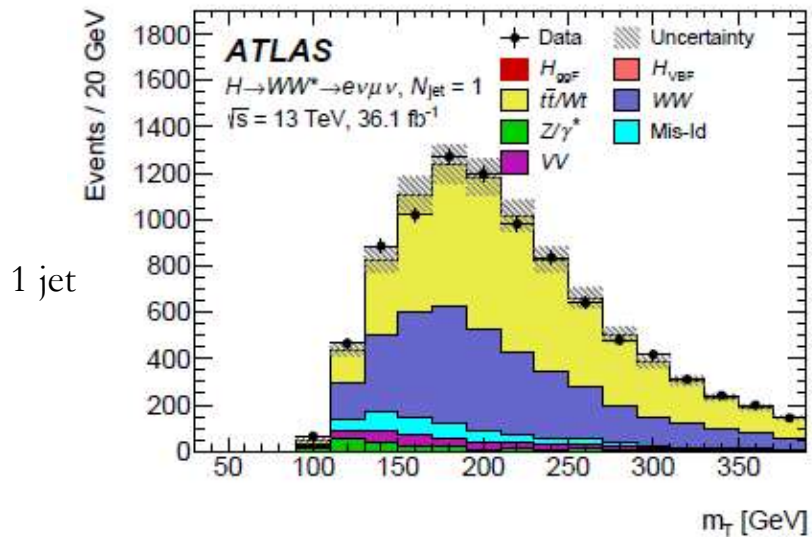
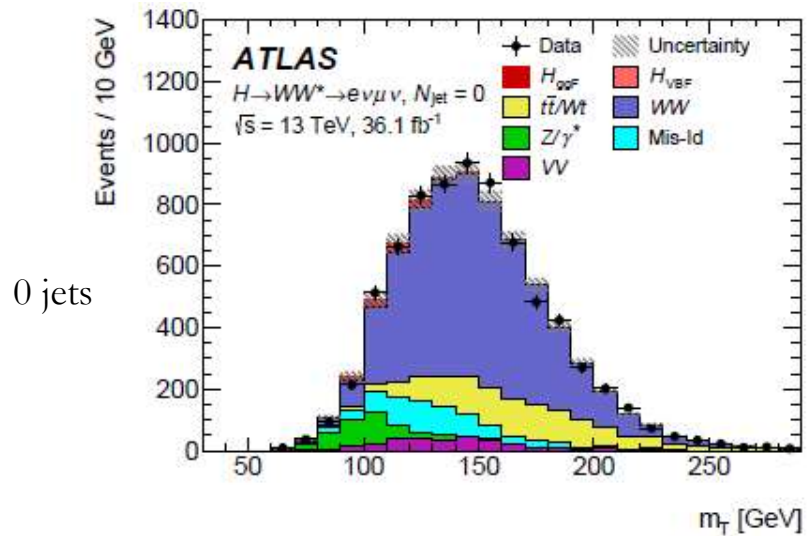
# Data Analysis Techniques

- Monte Carlos
- Orthogonal cut to data
- Signal vs control regions
- Control regions are dominated by a single particle

ttbar control region, 0 jets (left) and 1 jet (right)



## WW Control Regions



## The Problem

- These are both graphs both depict the WW (purple) control region
- The bottom graph has more yellow than purple

# Analysis Programming

- ROOT Program
  - Based on C++
- ROOT tuples and trees

# This Summer I Will...

- Analyze Monte Carlo and data files
  - Write programs to do this
- Look at each of the variables with cuts already made
- Explore better ways to define WW control region with less top particles
- Recreate the graphs shown in this presentation

QUESTIONS

