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# Status and perspective of Dark Sector searches at ATLAS&CMS

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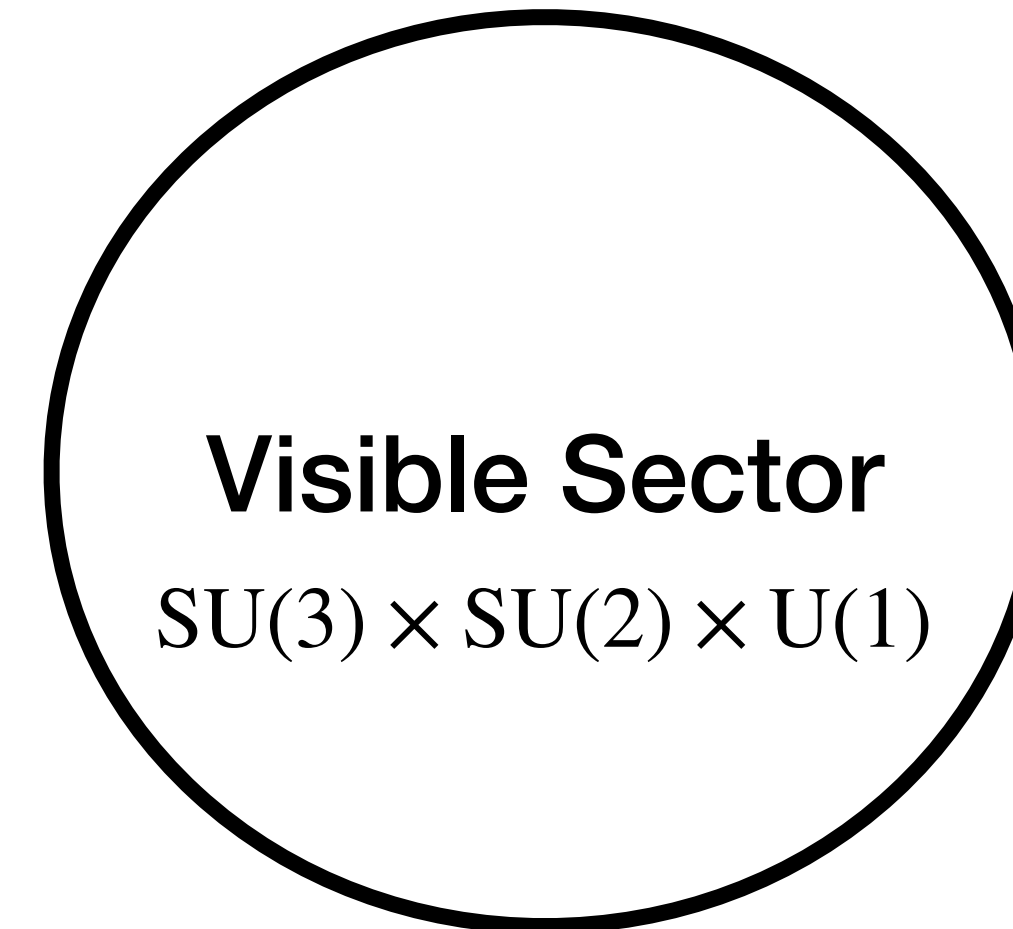
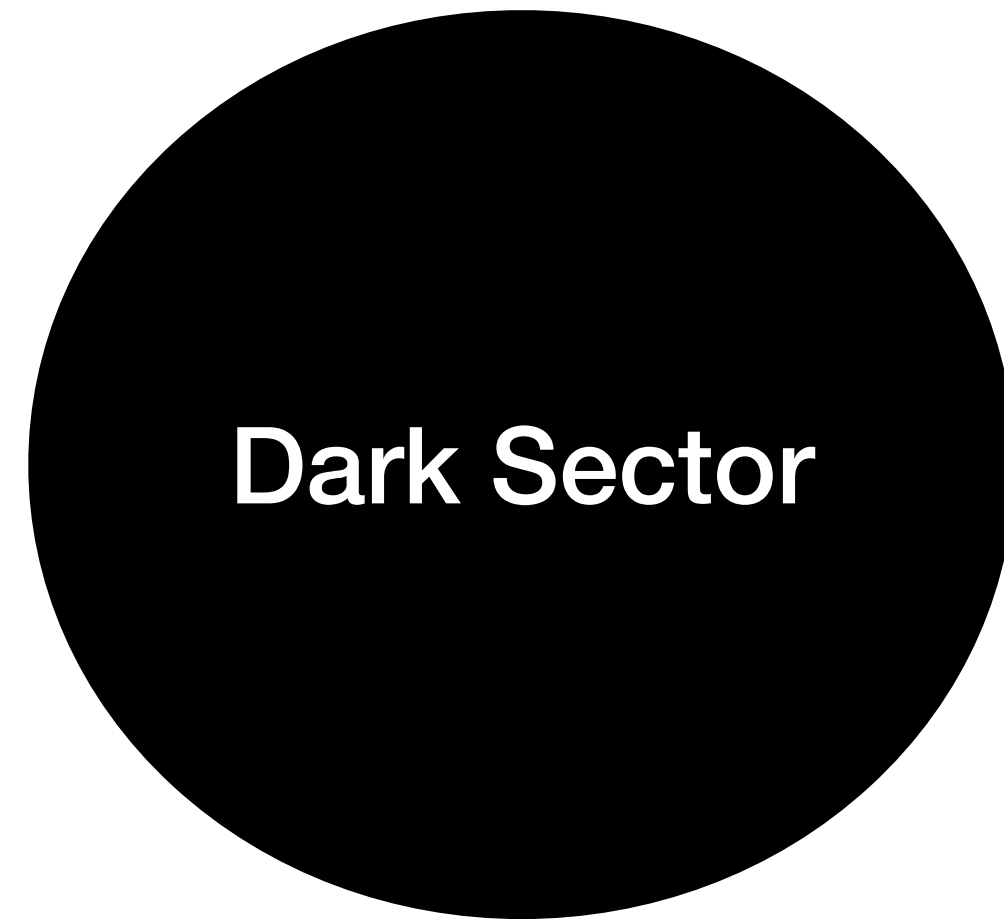
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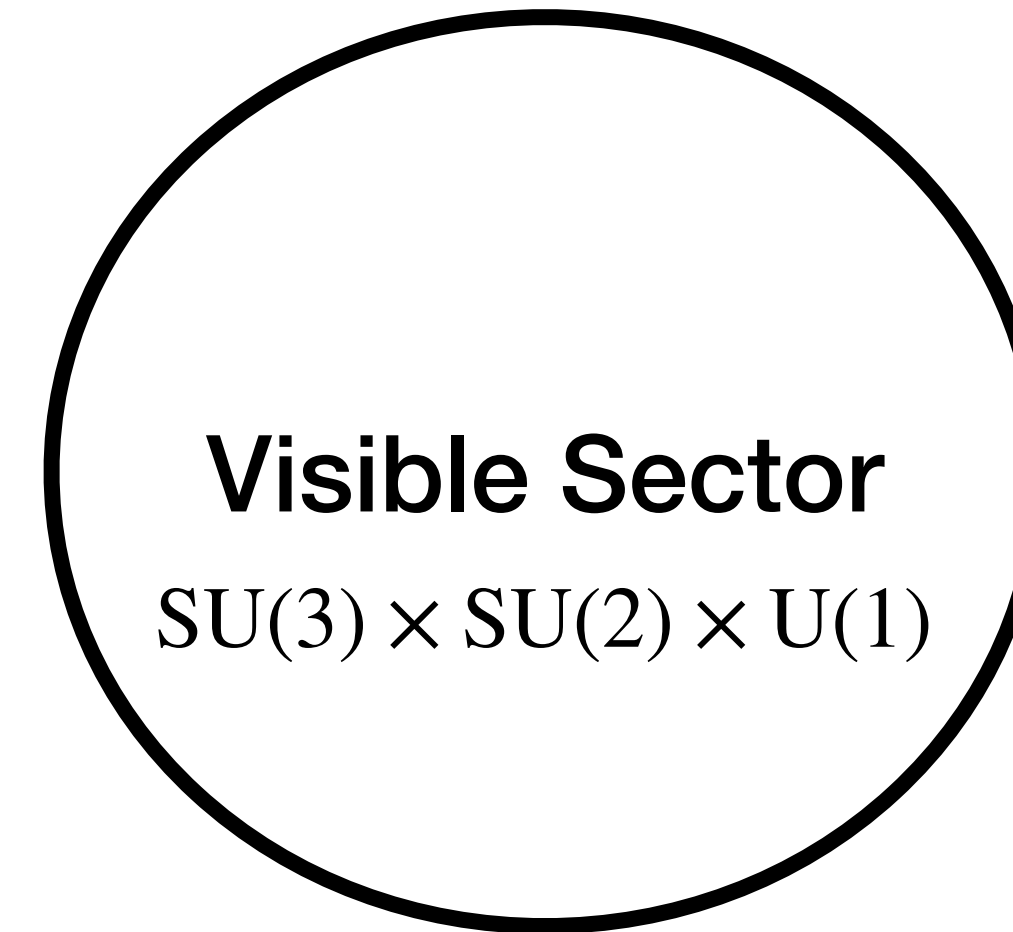
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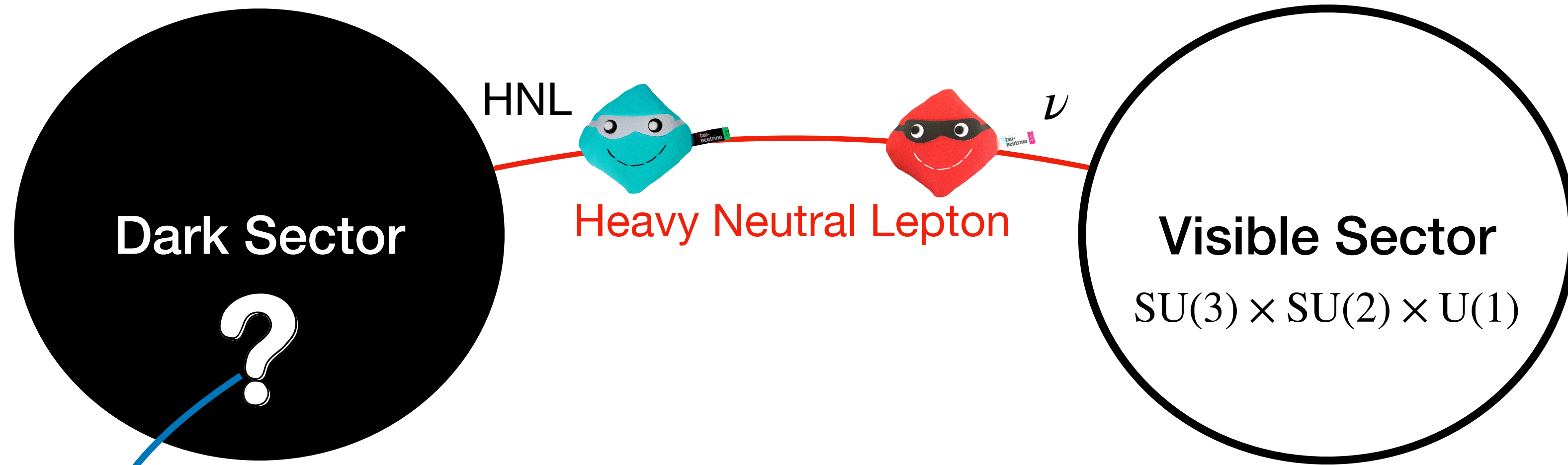
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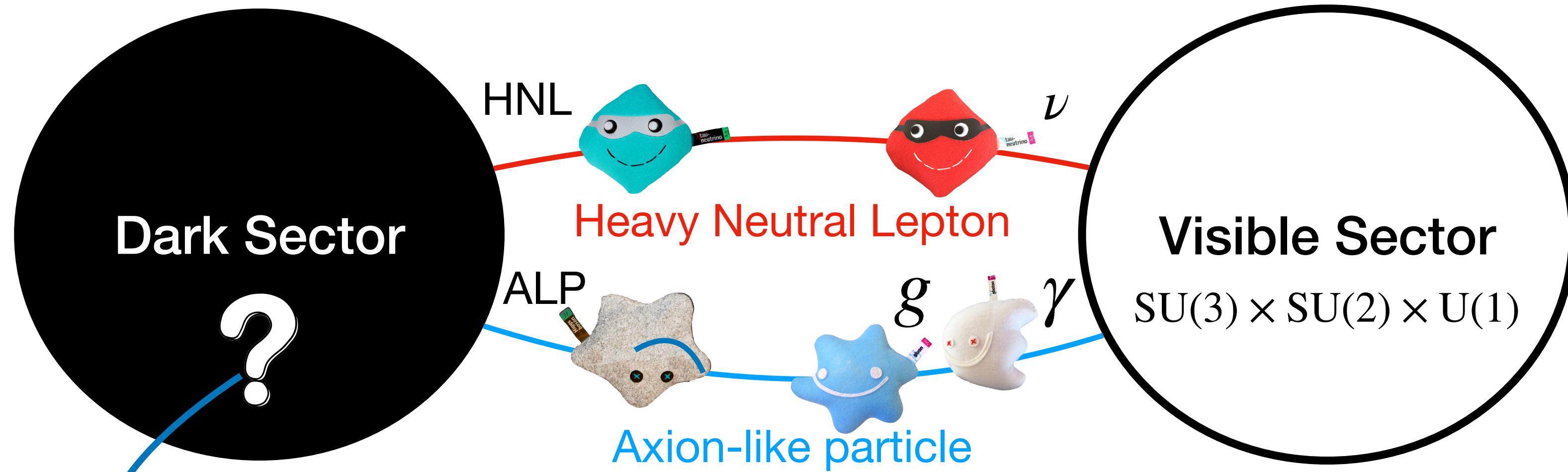




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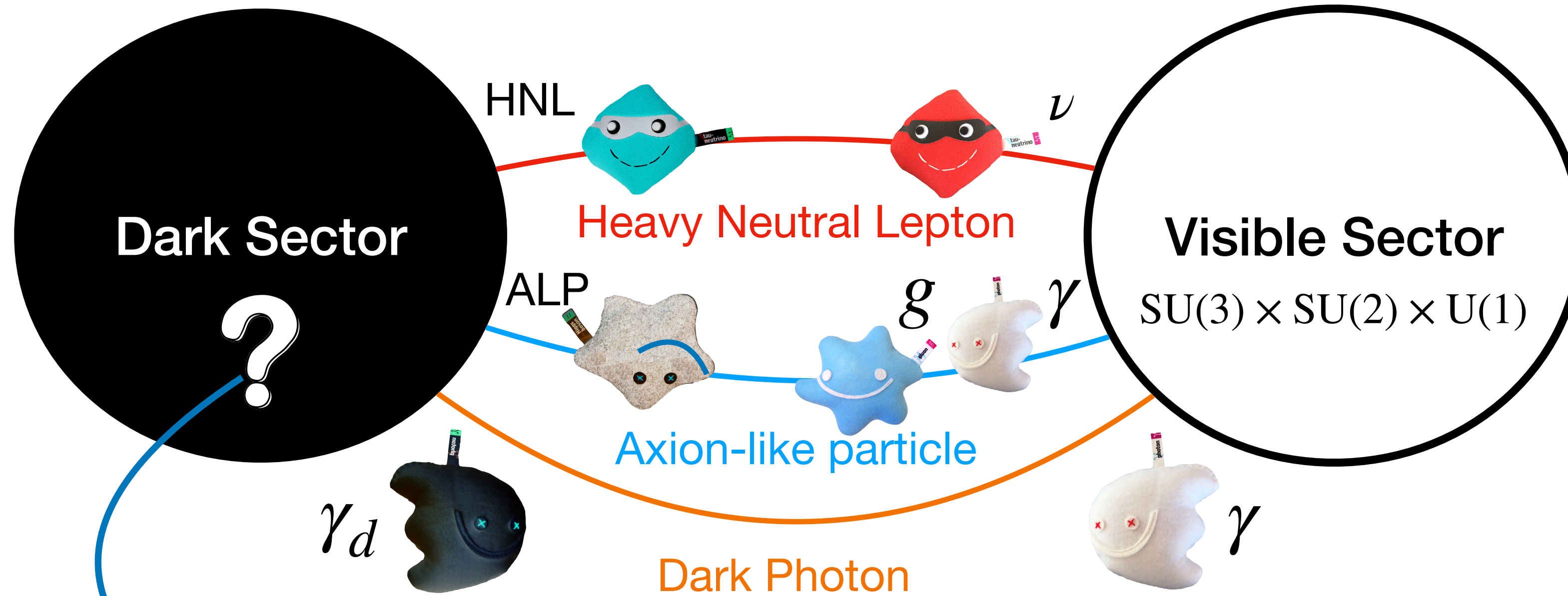




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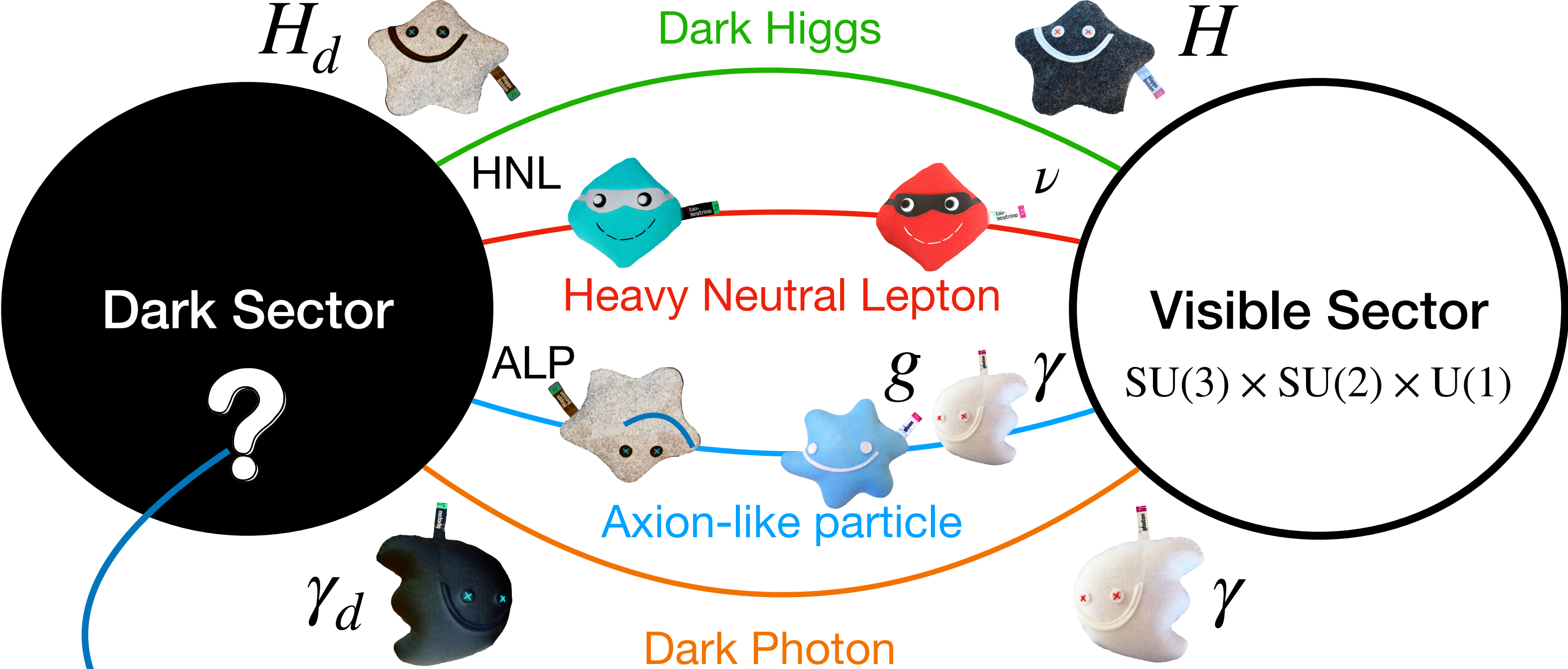
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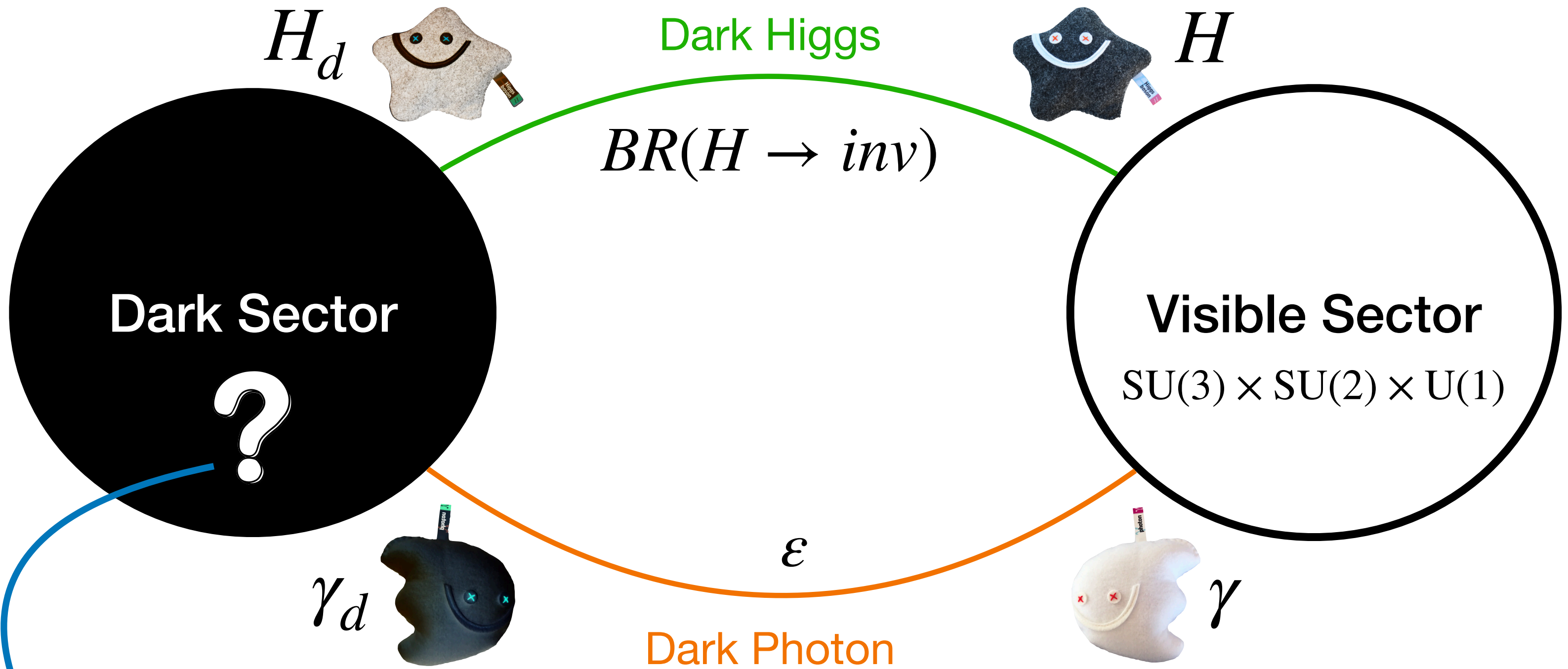
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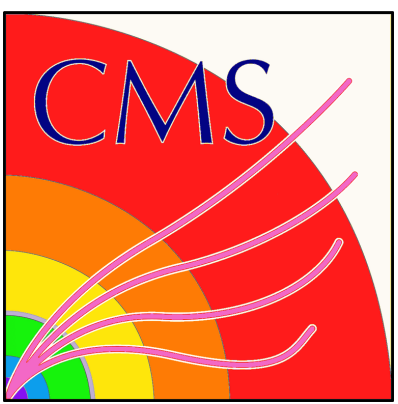
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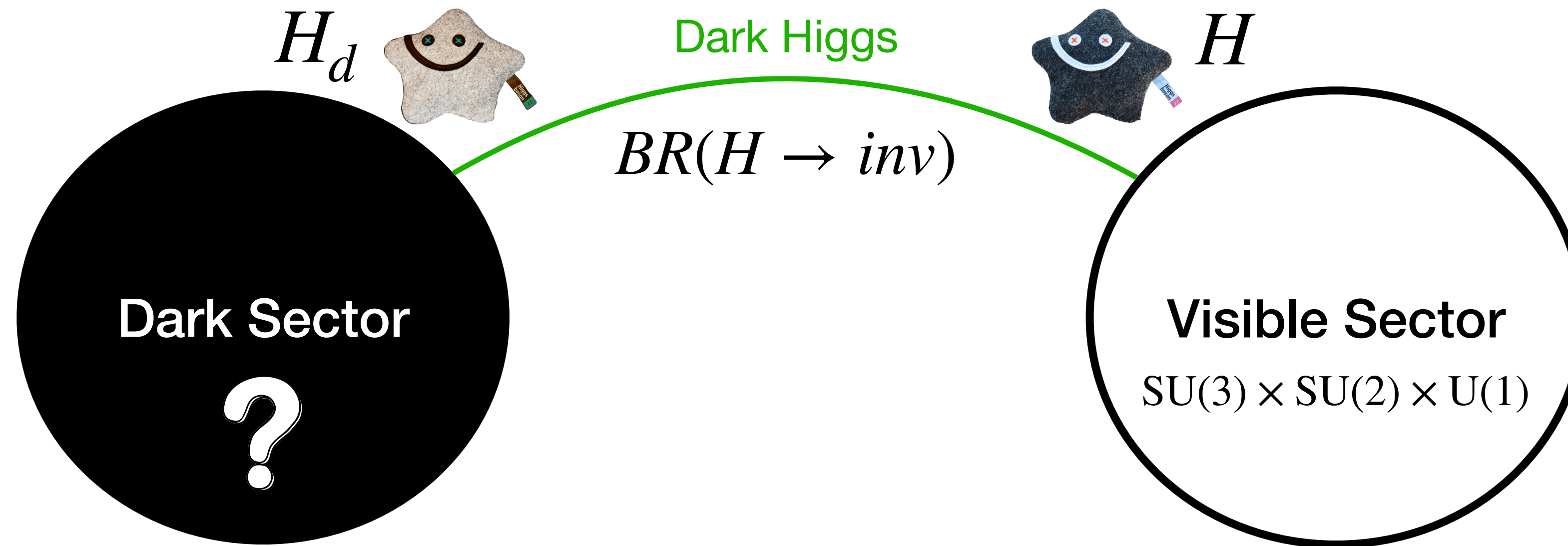
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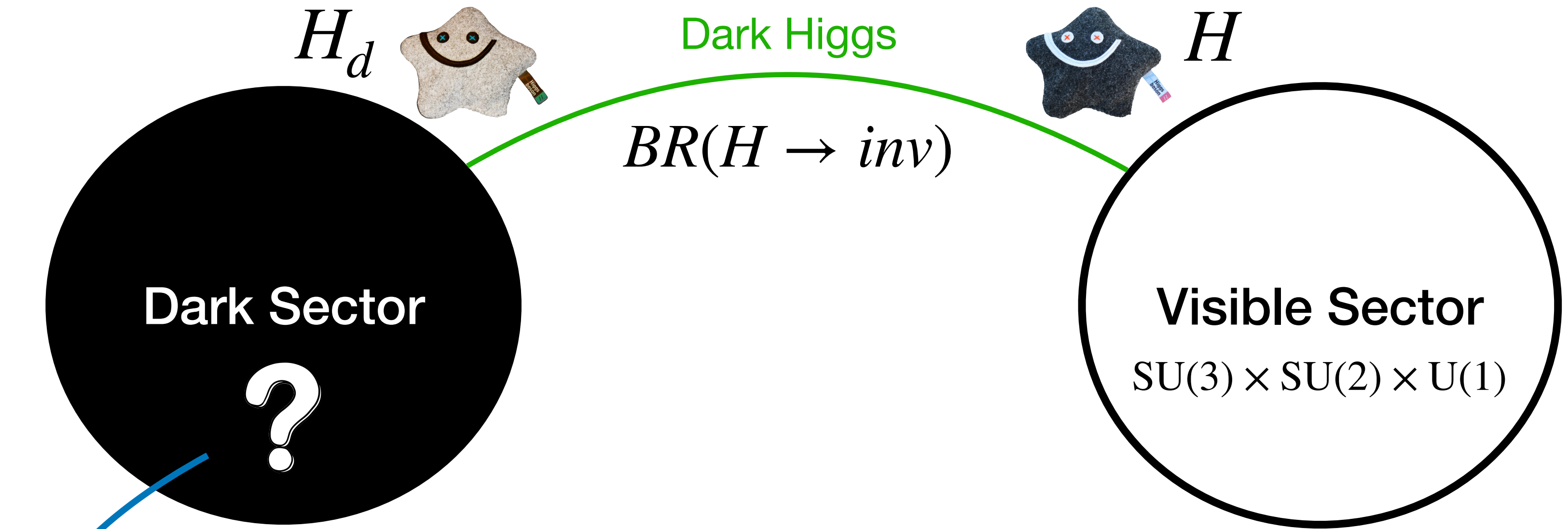
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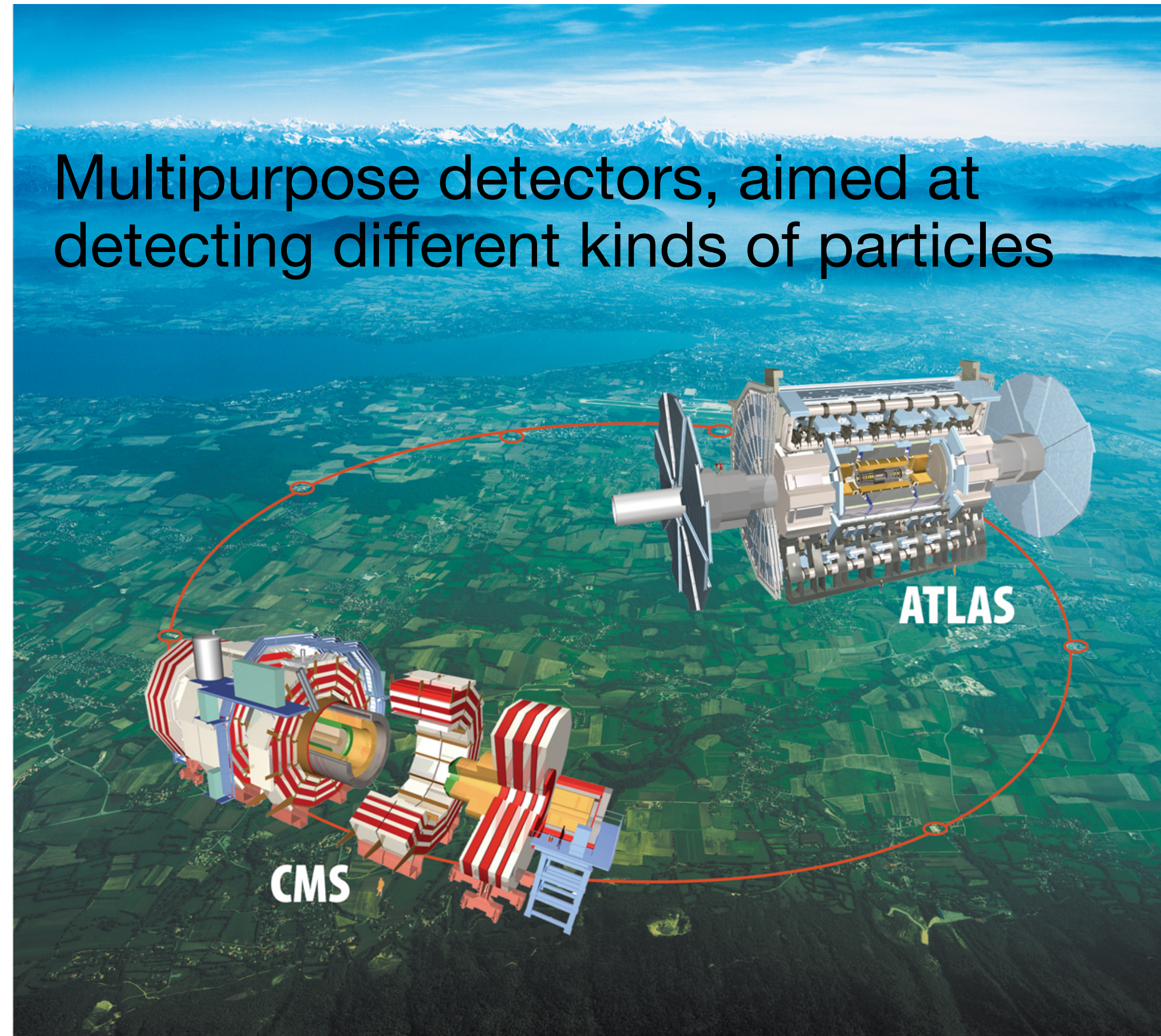


Displaced hadrons?  
Decay back to visible?



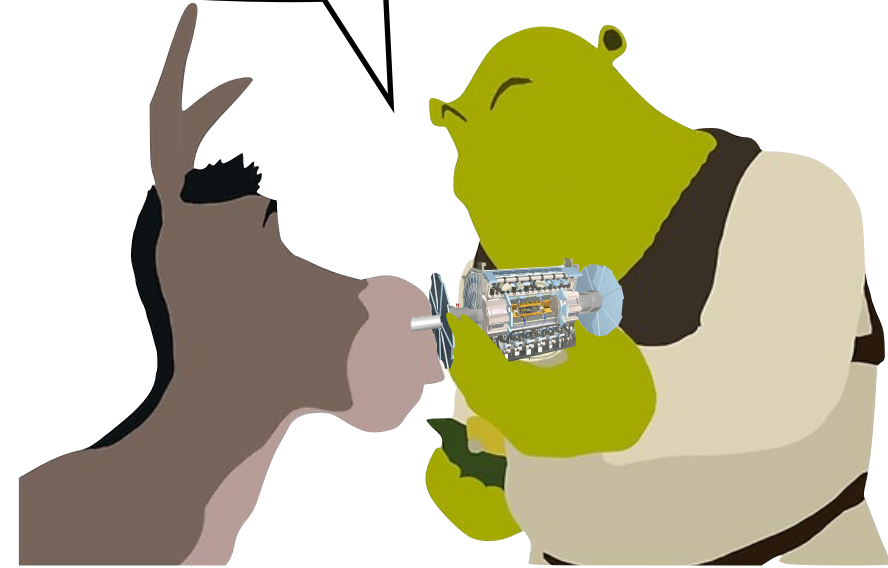
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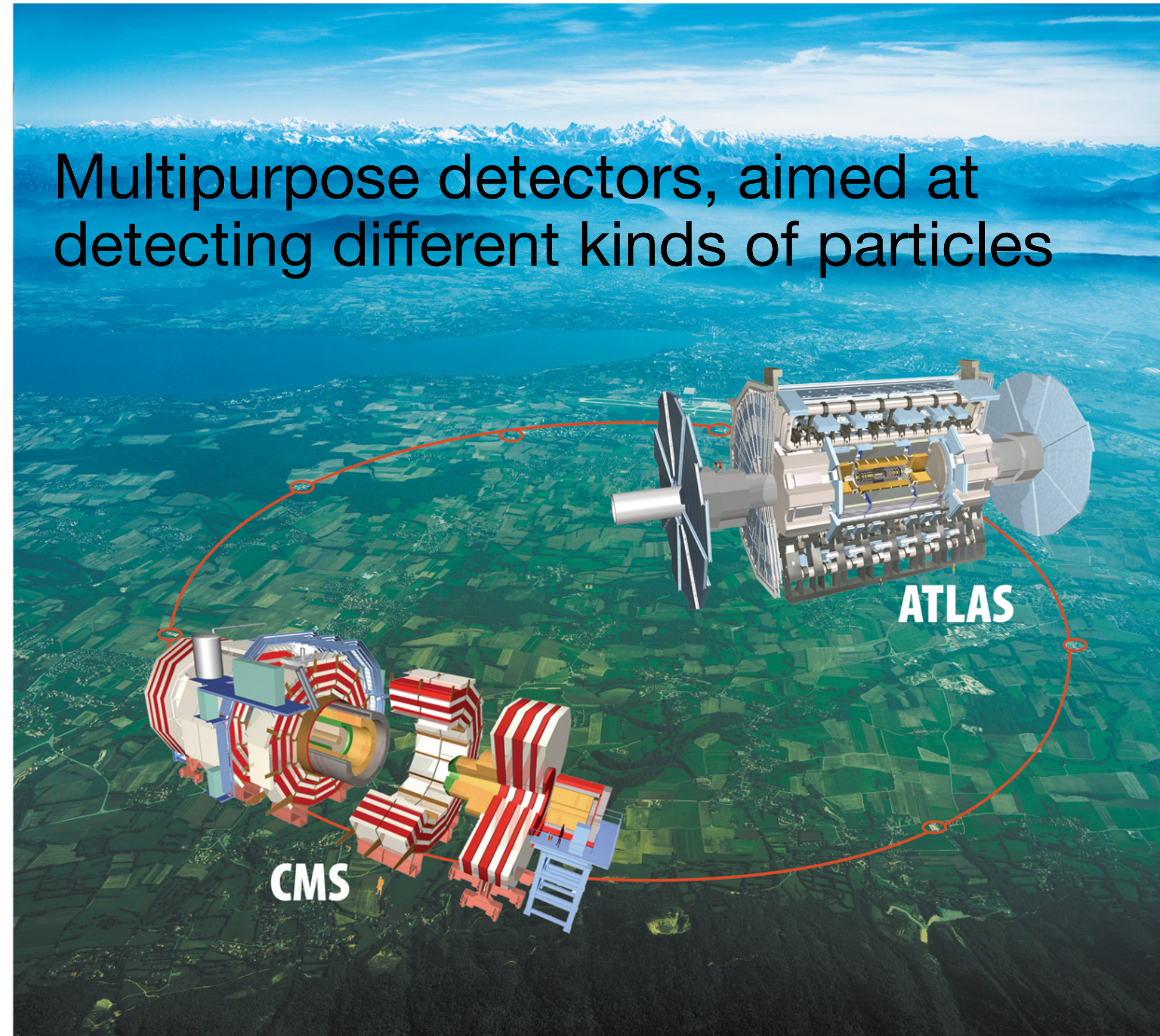


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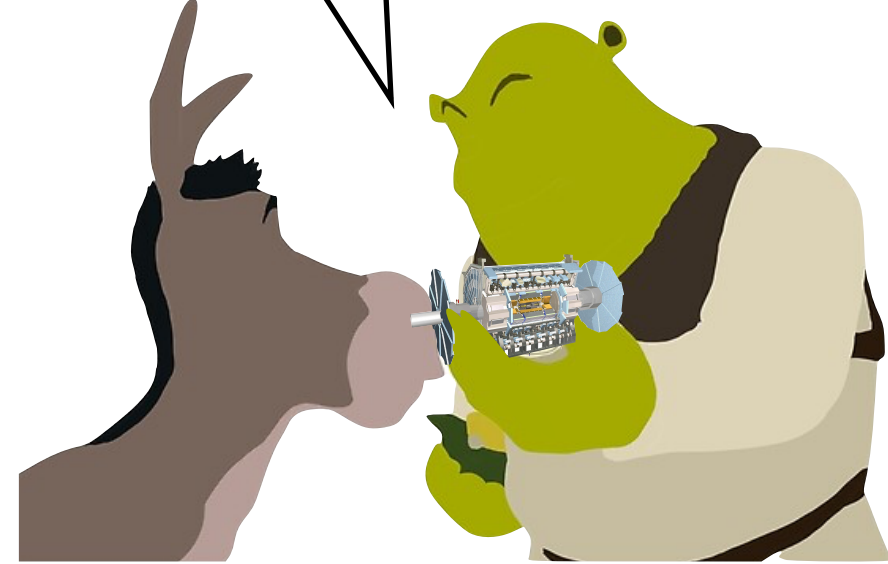


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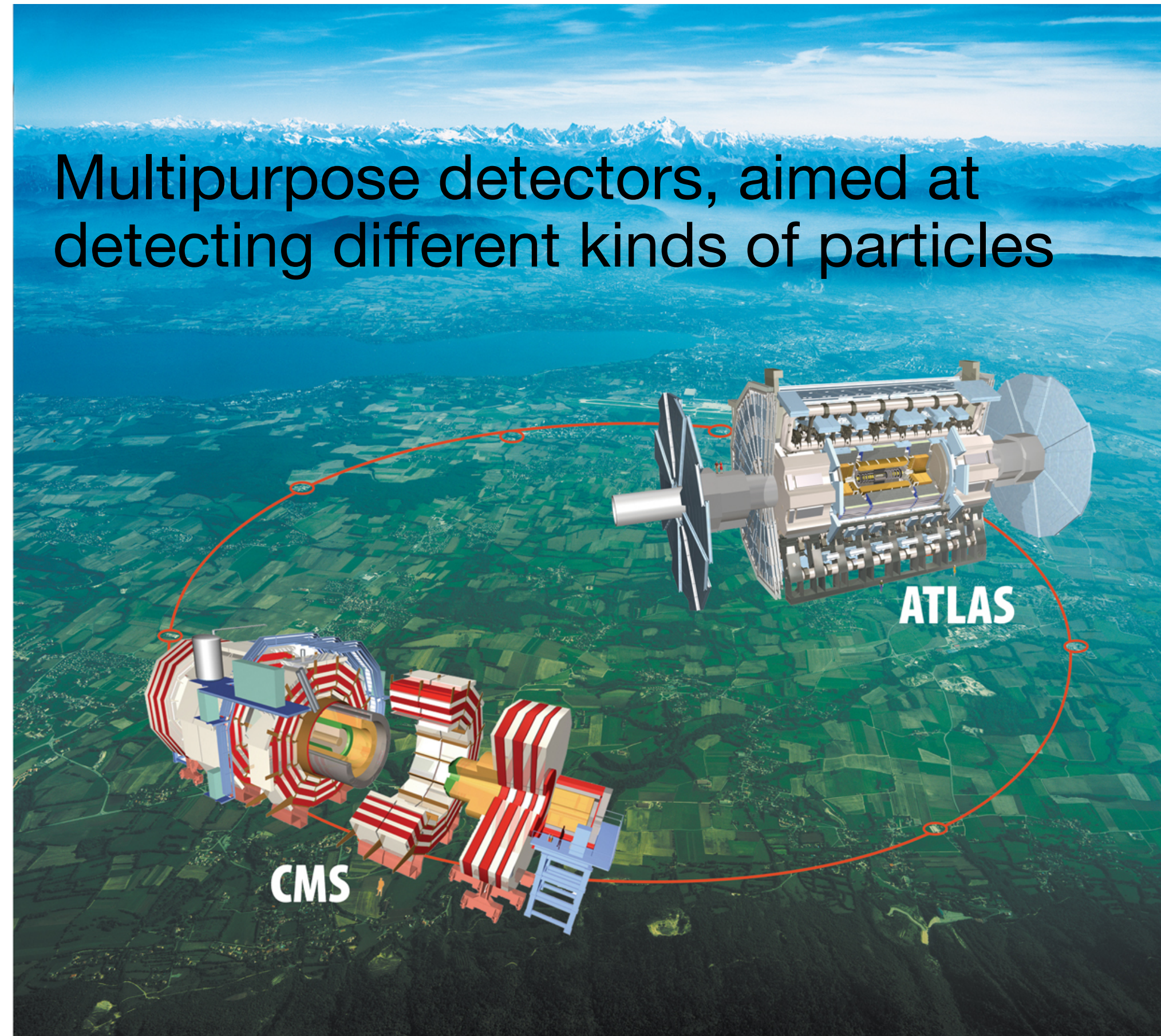


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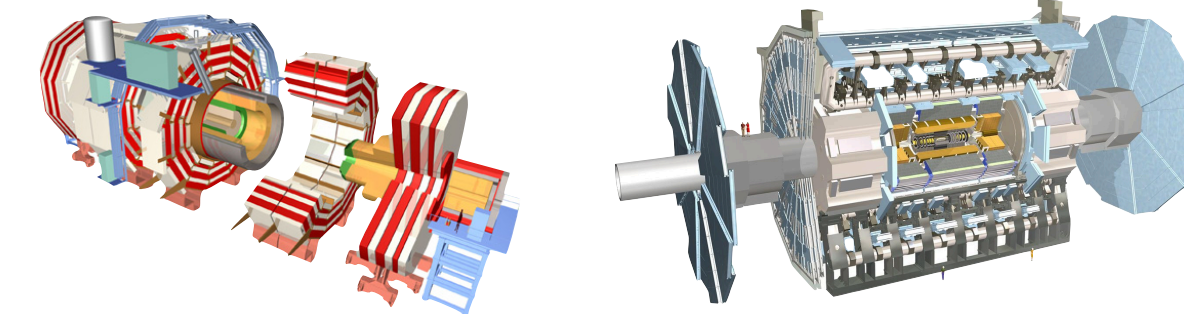
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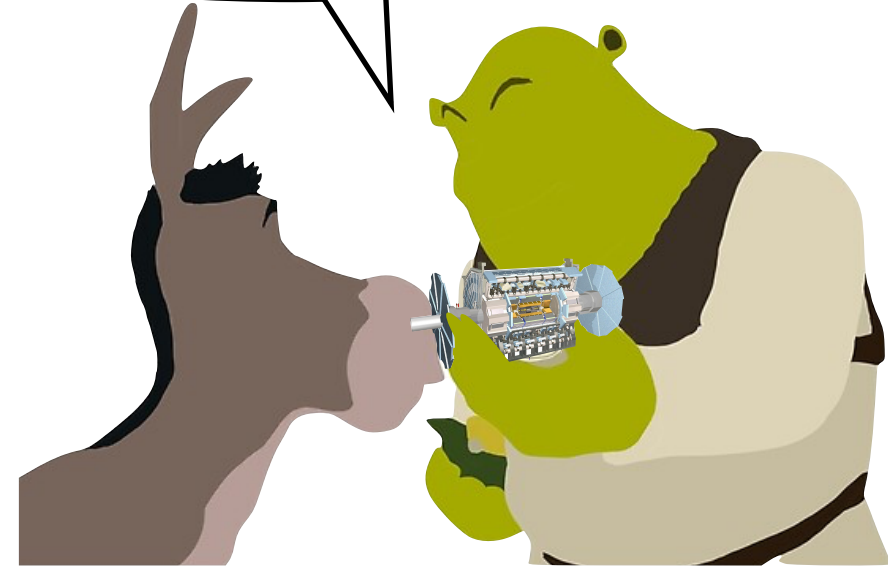
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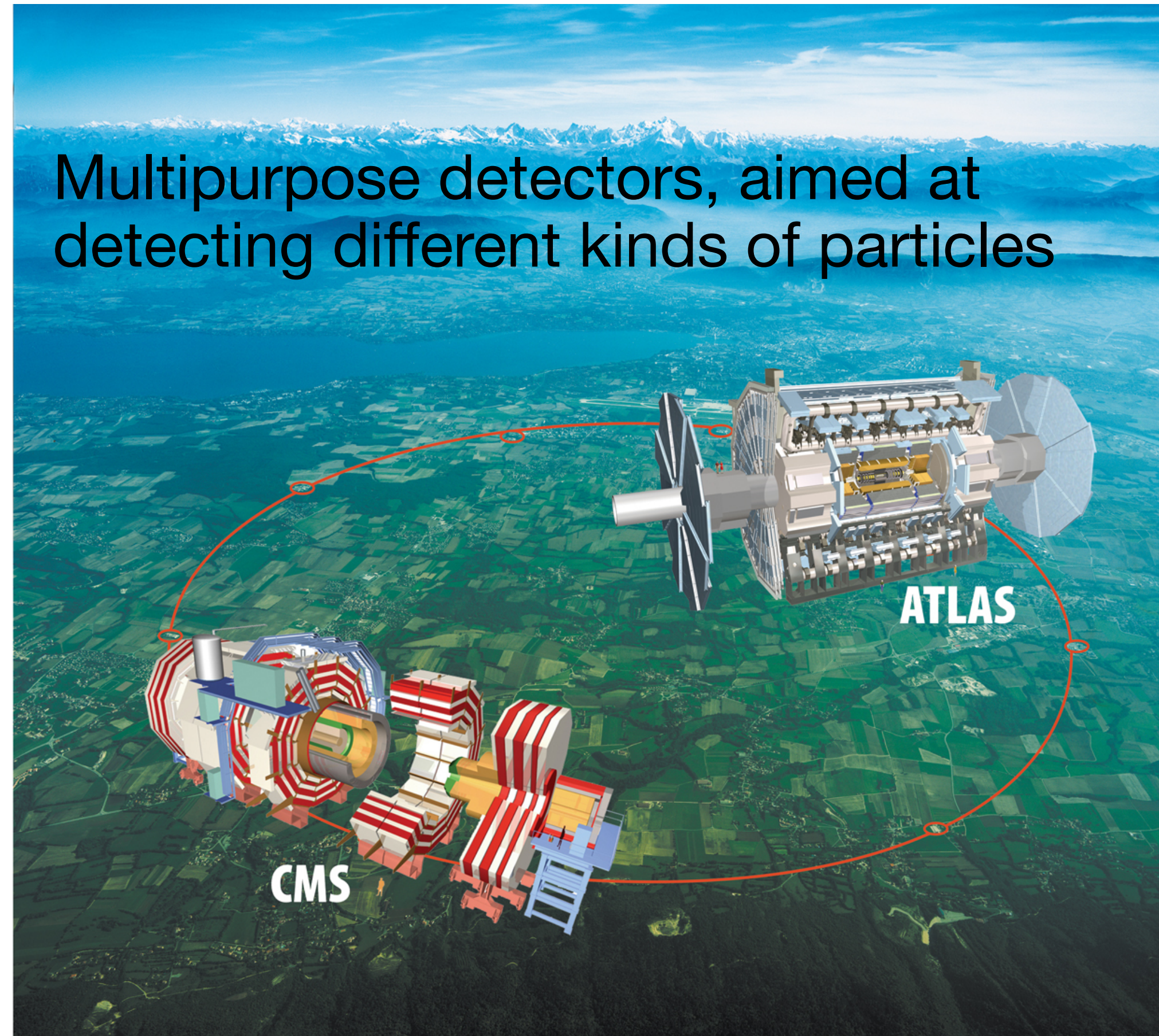


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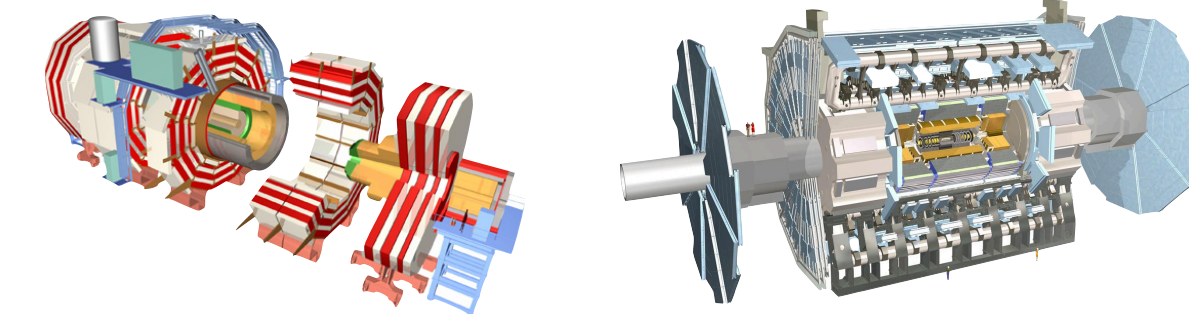
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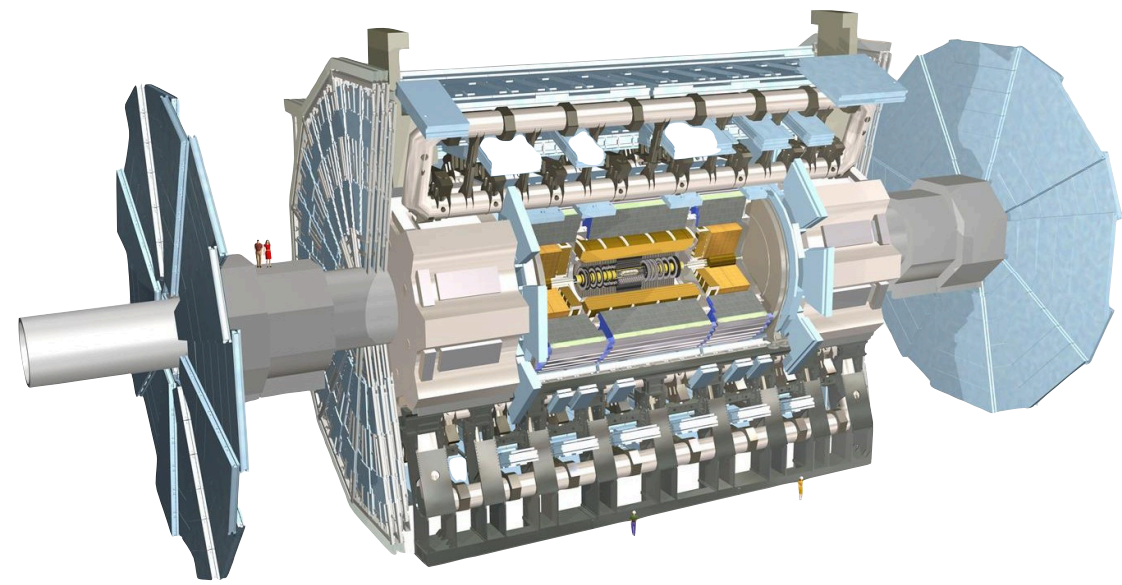
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ATLAS larger than CMS → sensitivity to more displaced objects

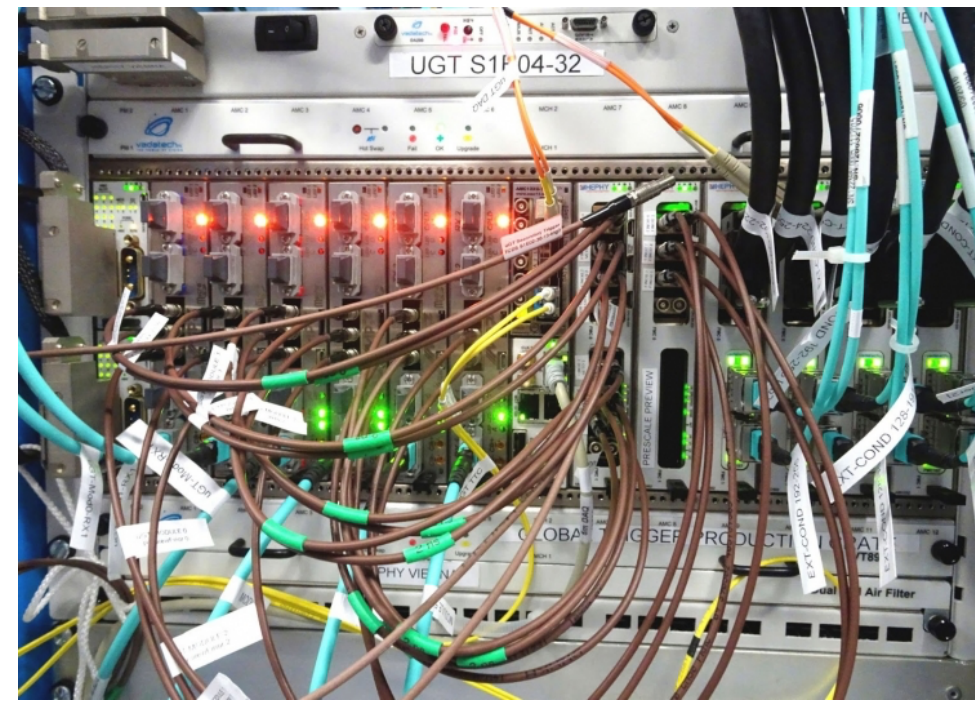


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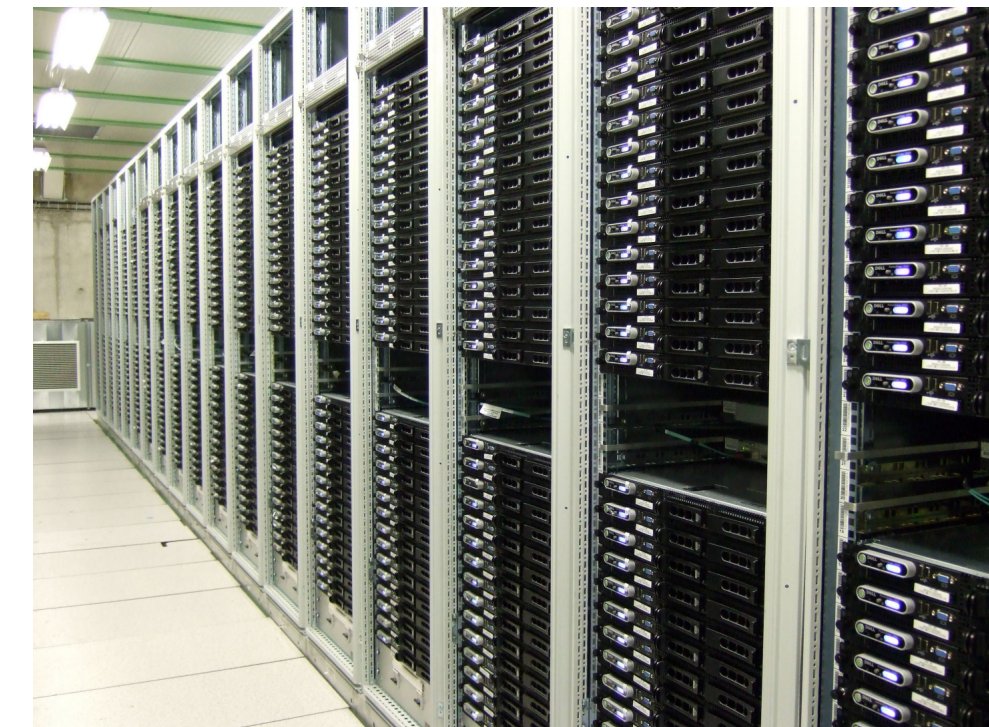
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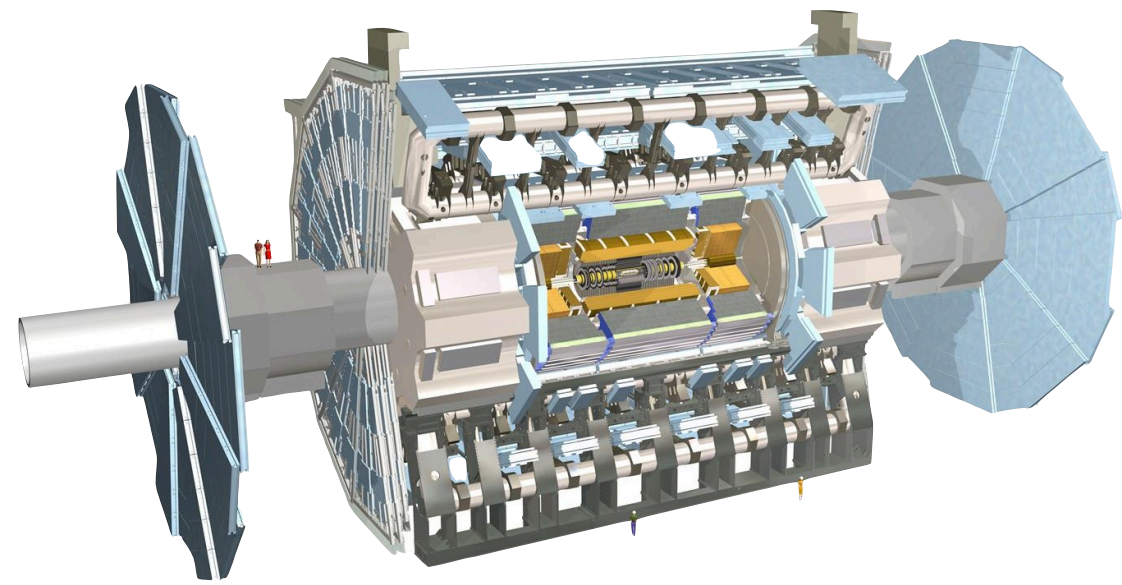
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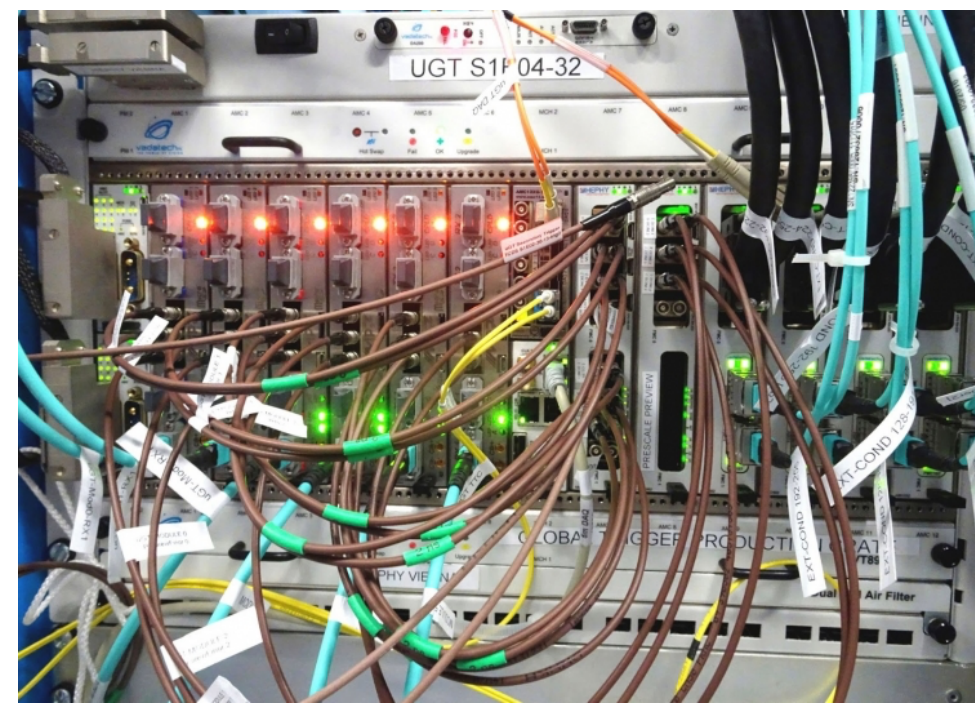


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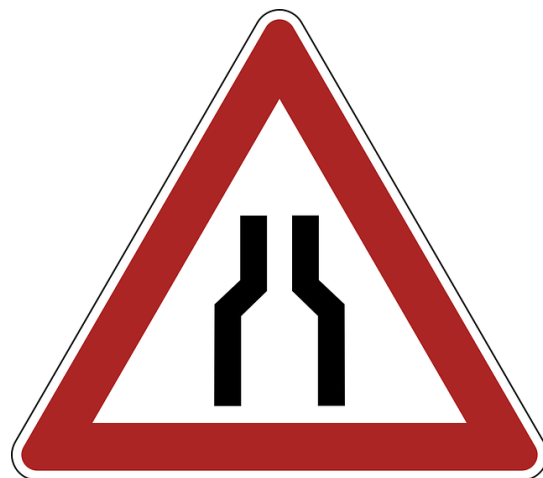


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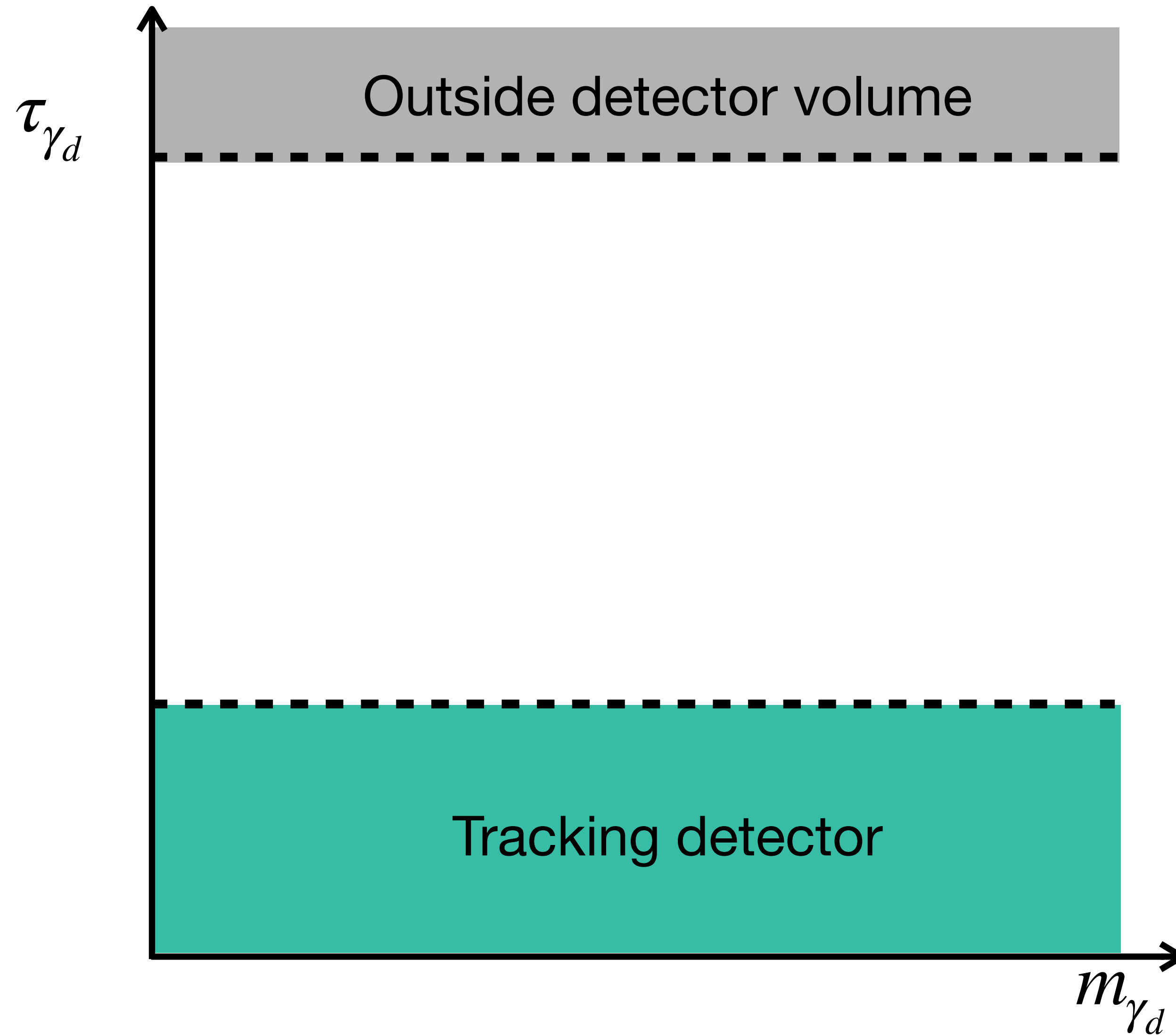
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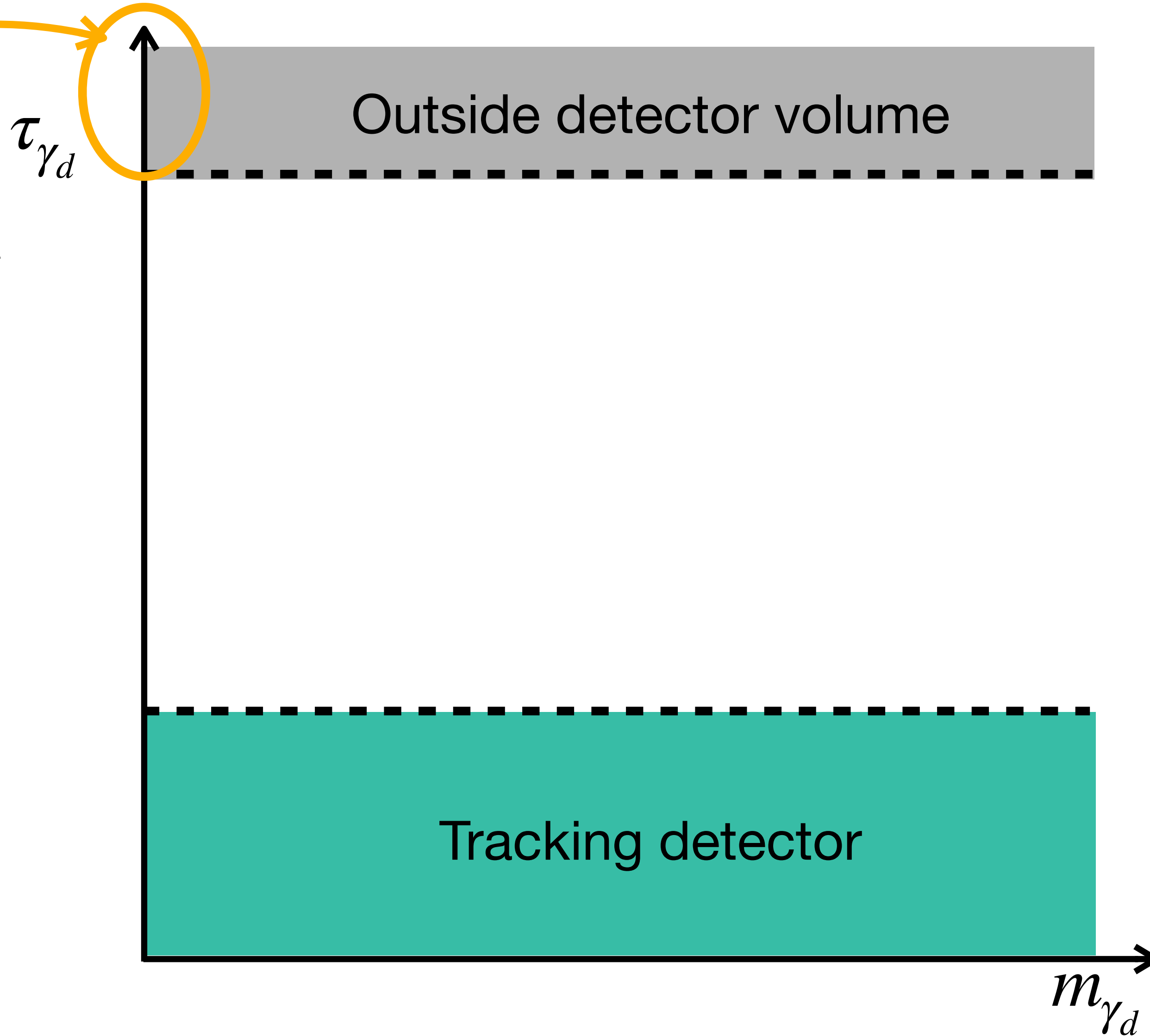
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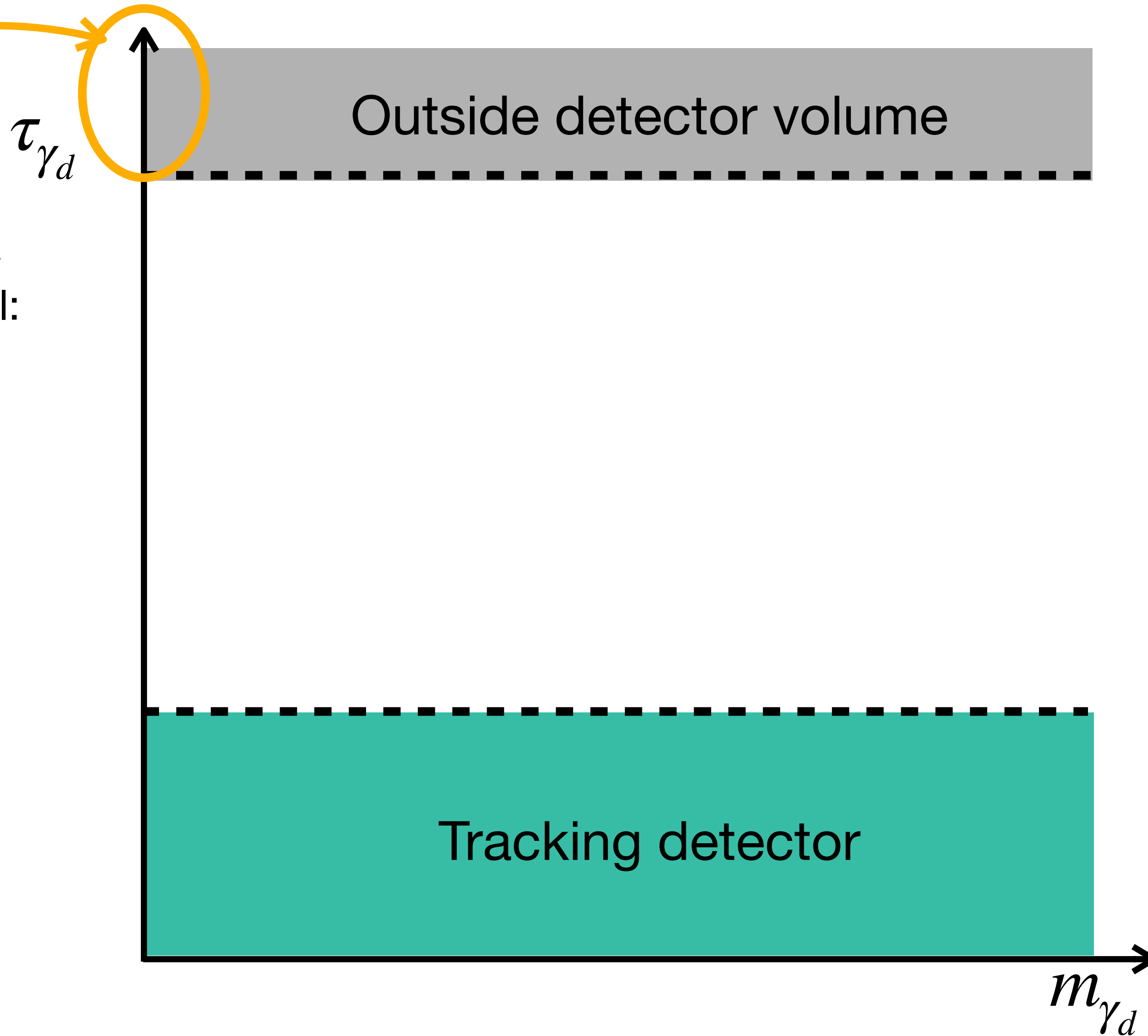
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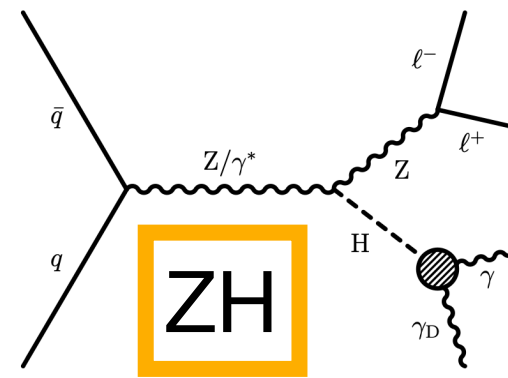
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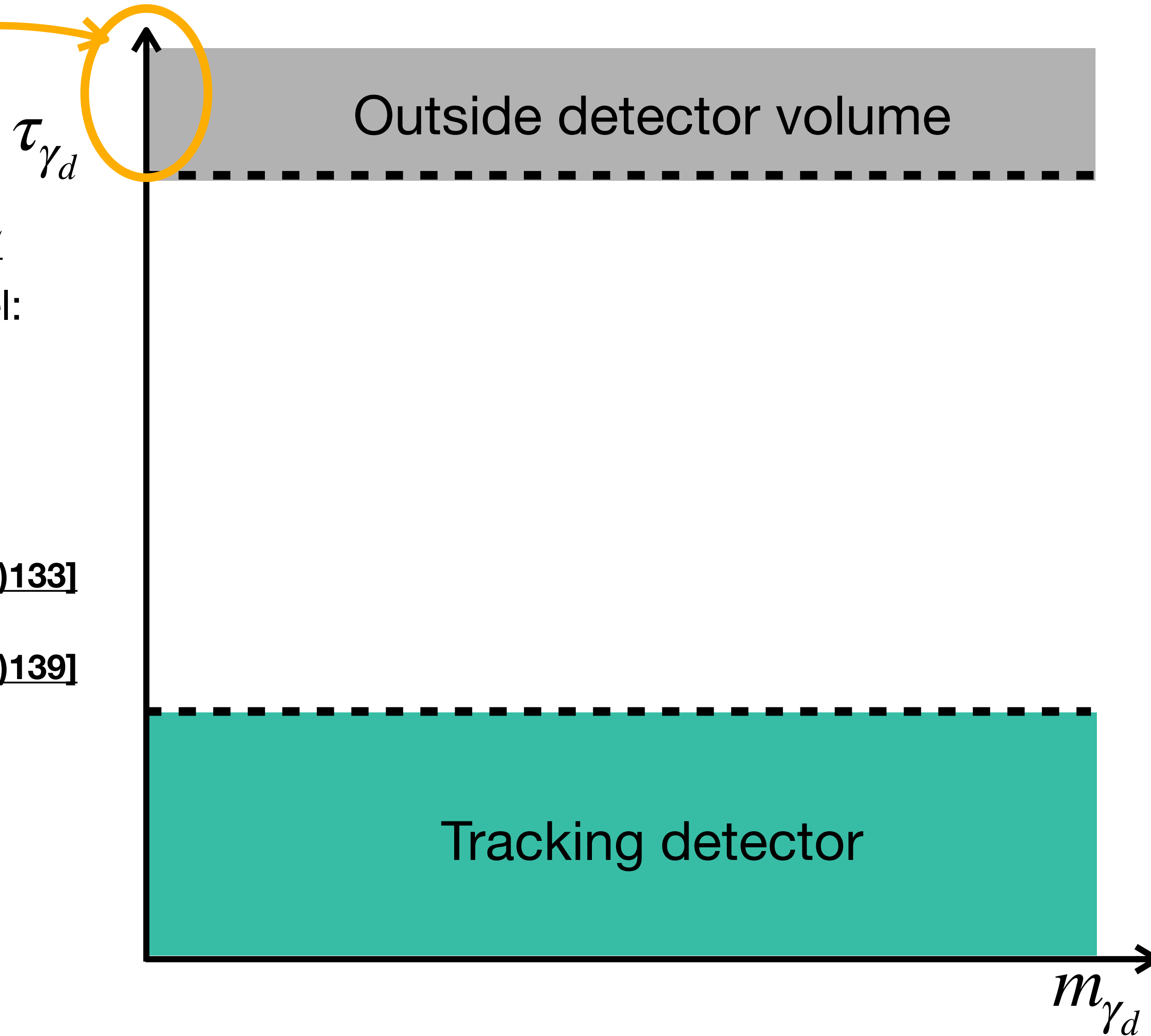
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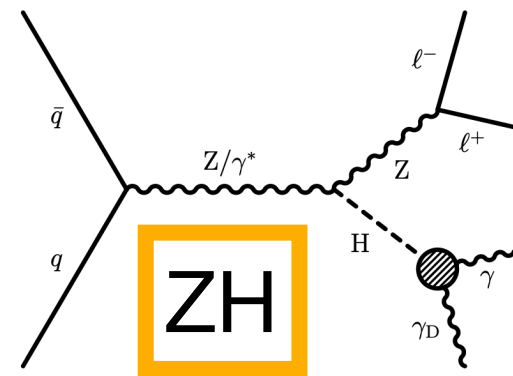
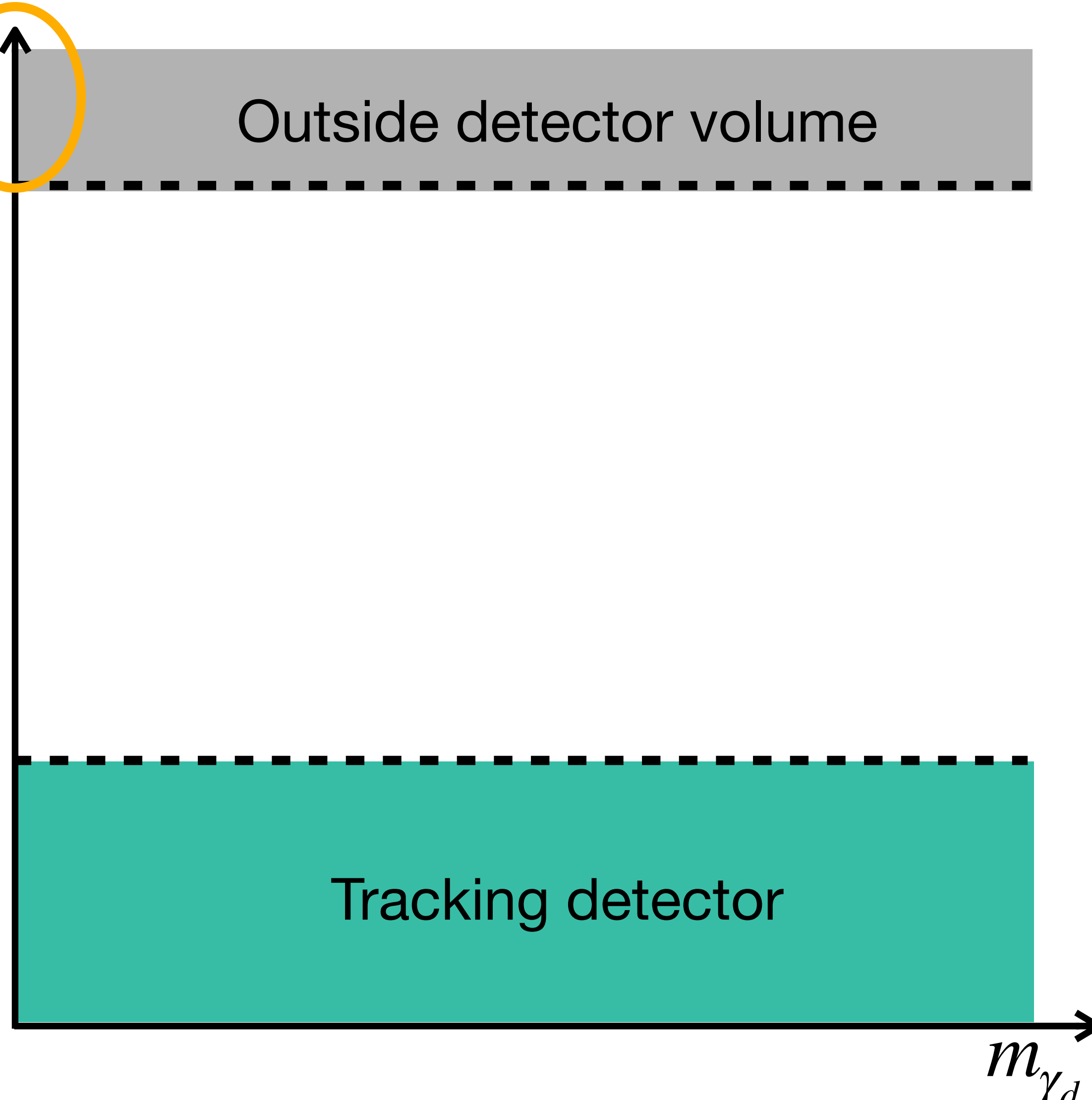
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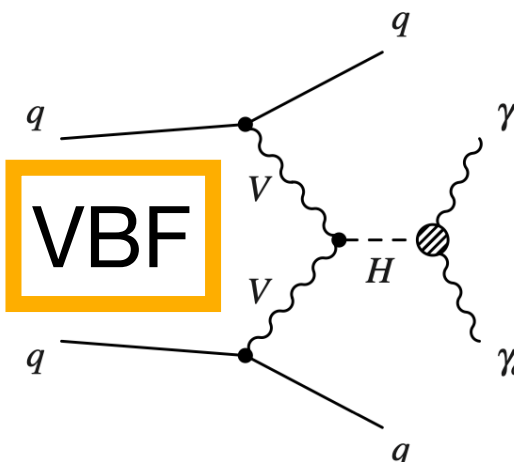
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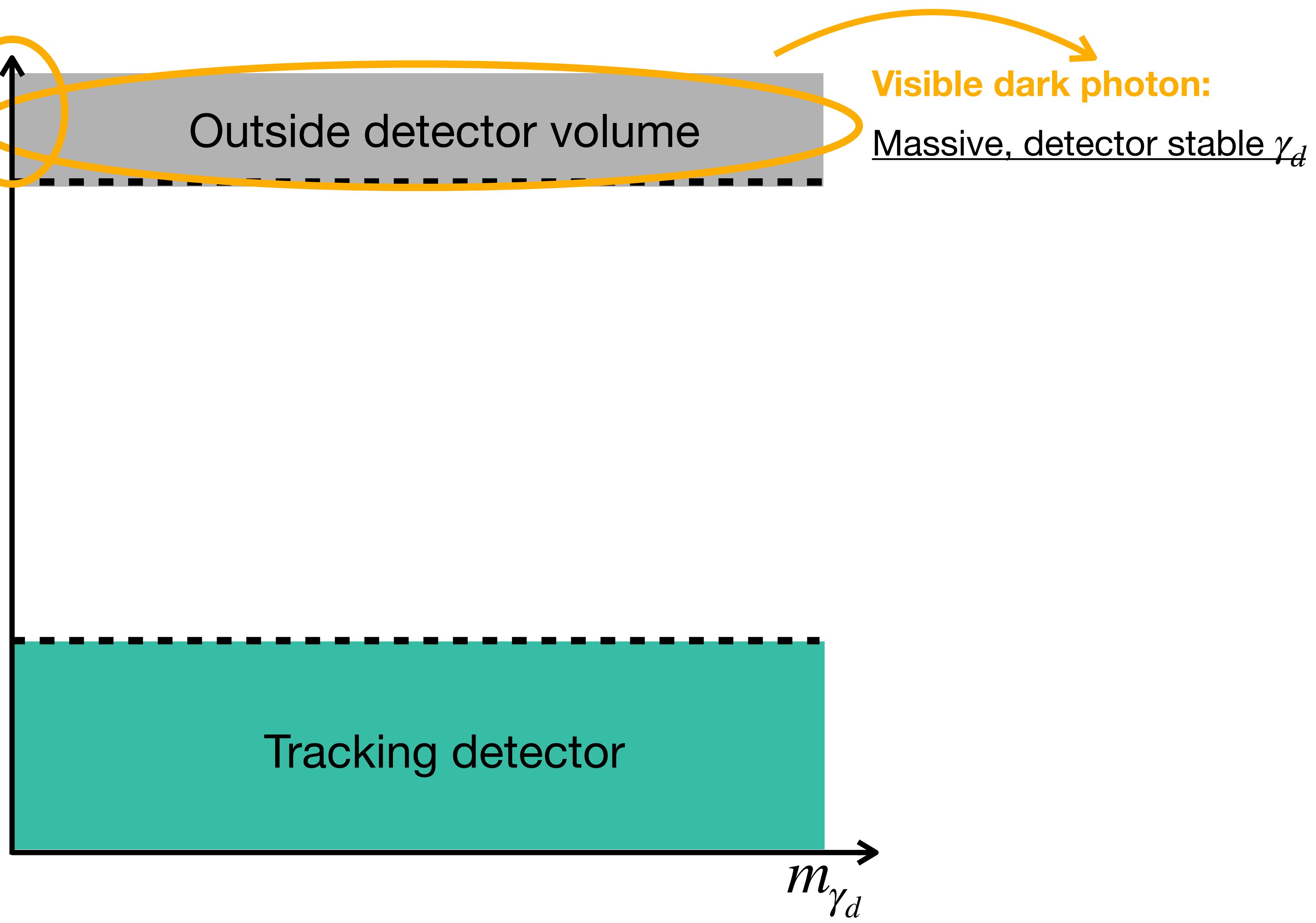


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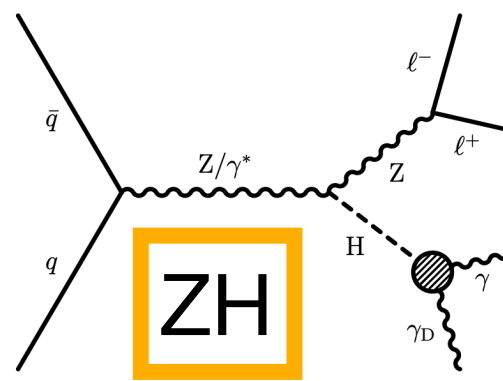
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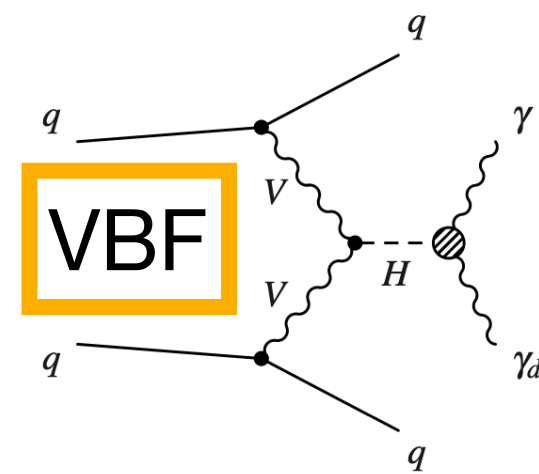
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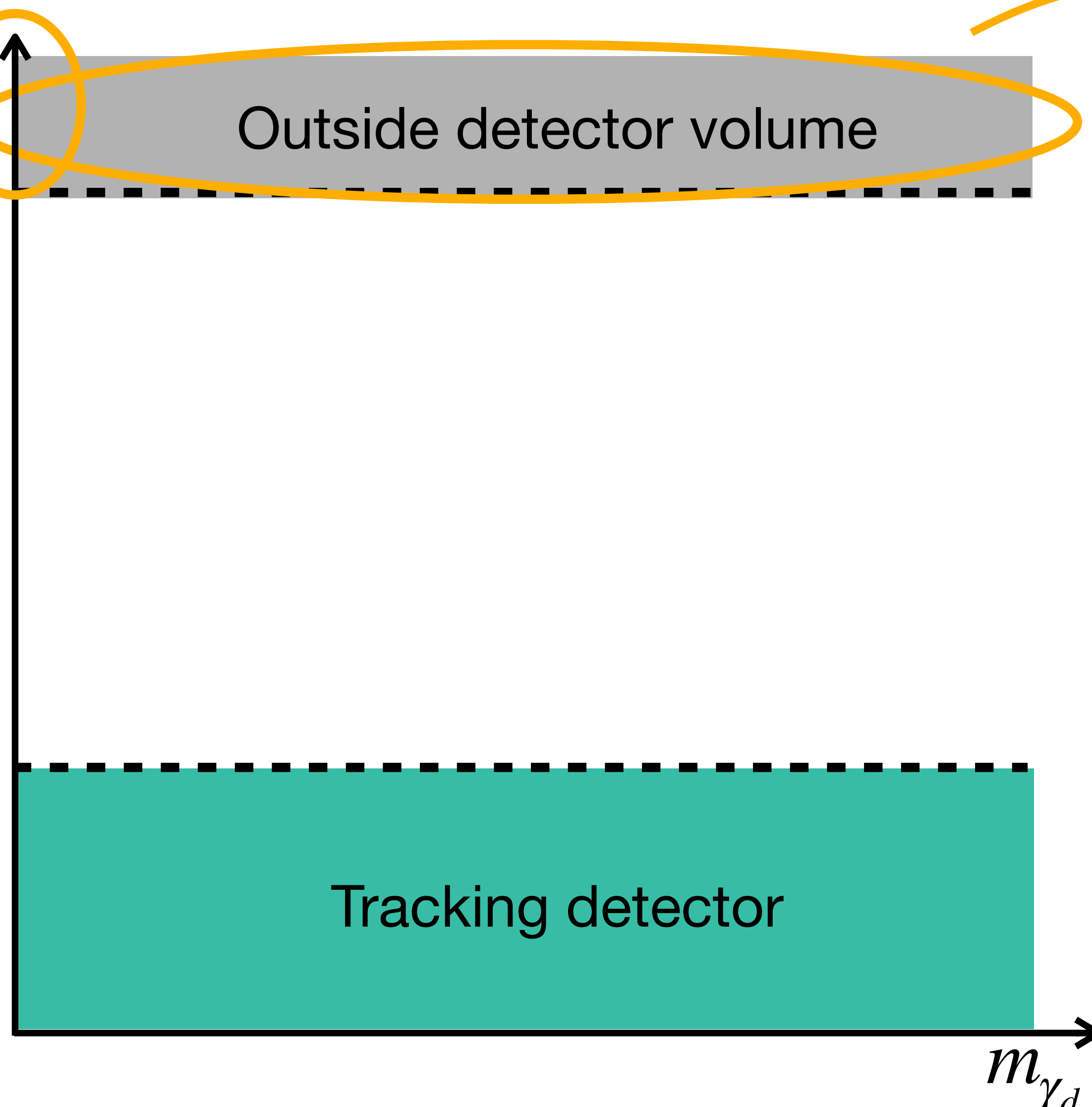


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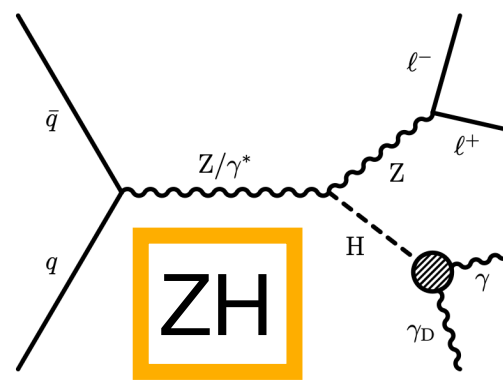
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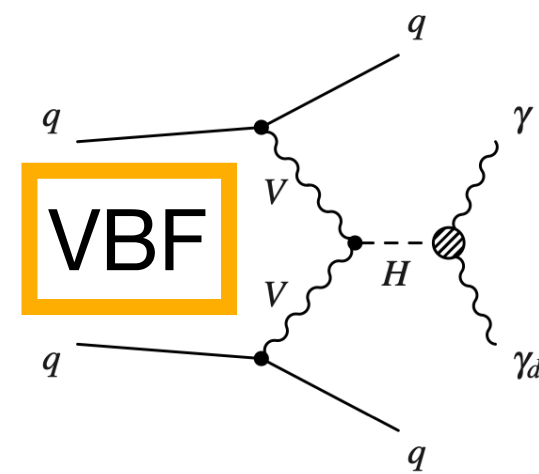
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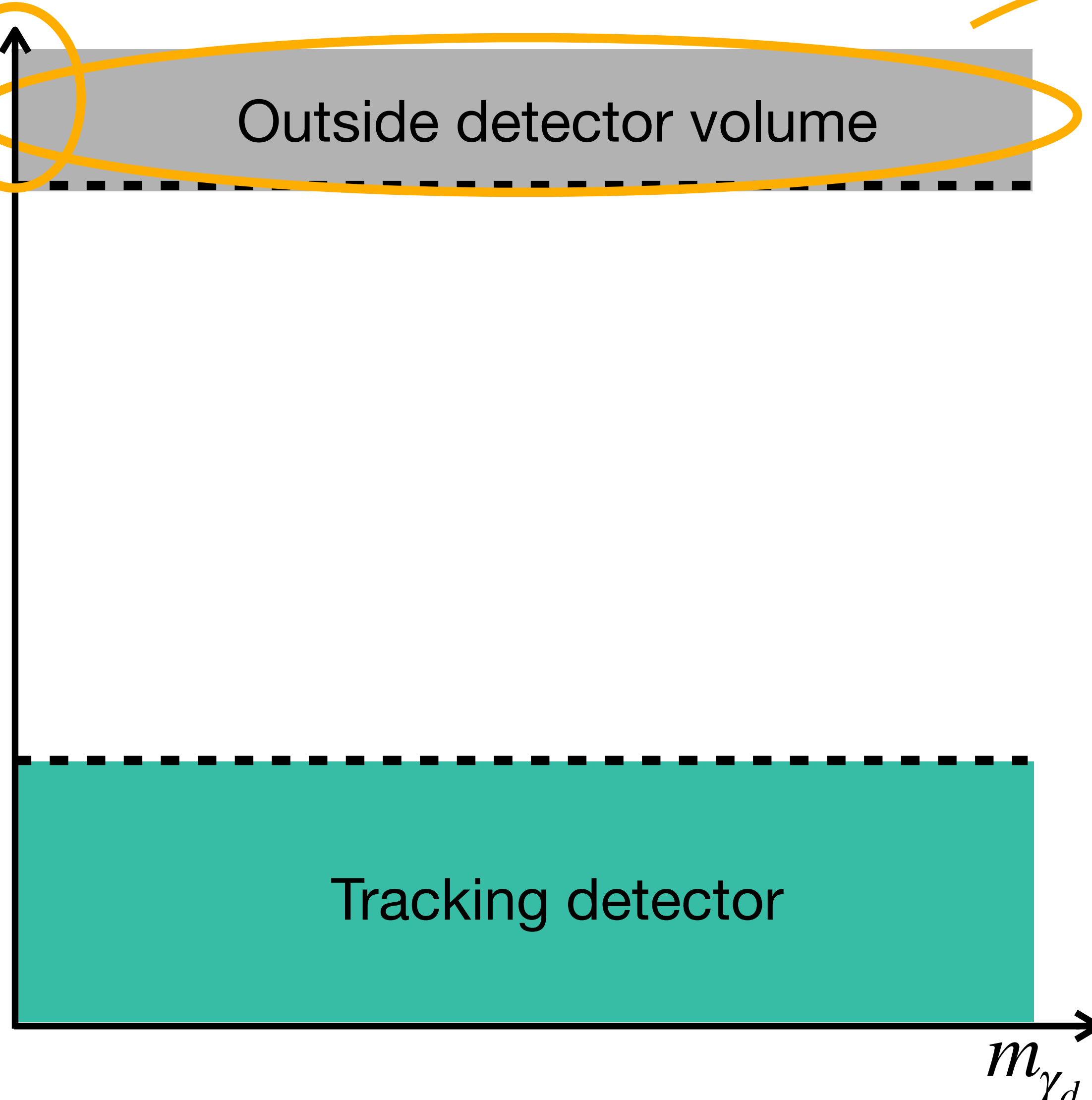
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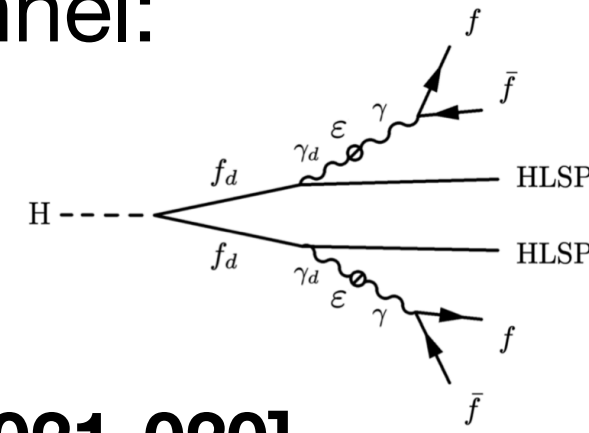
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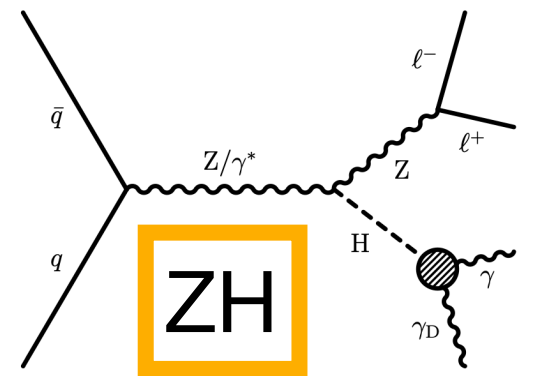
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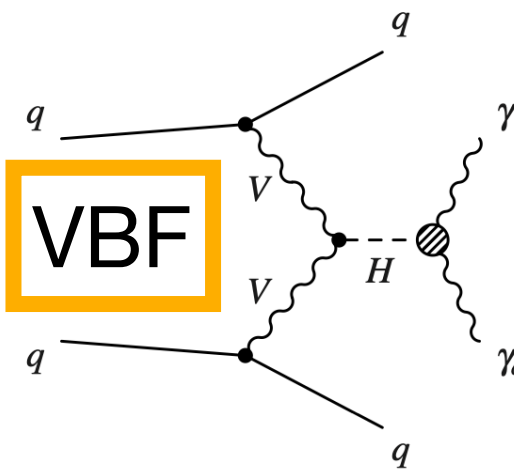
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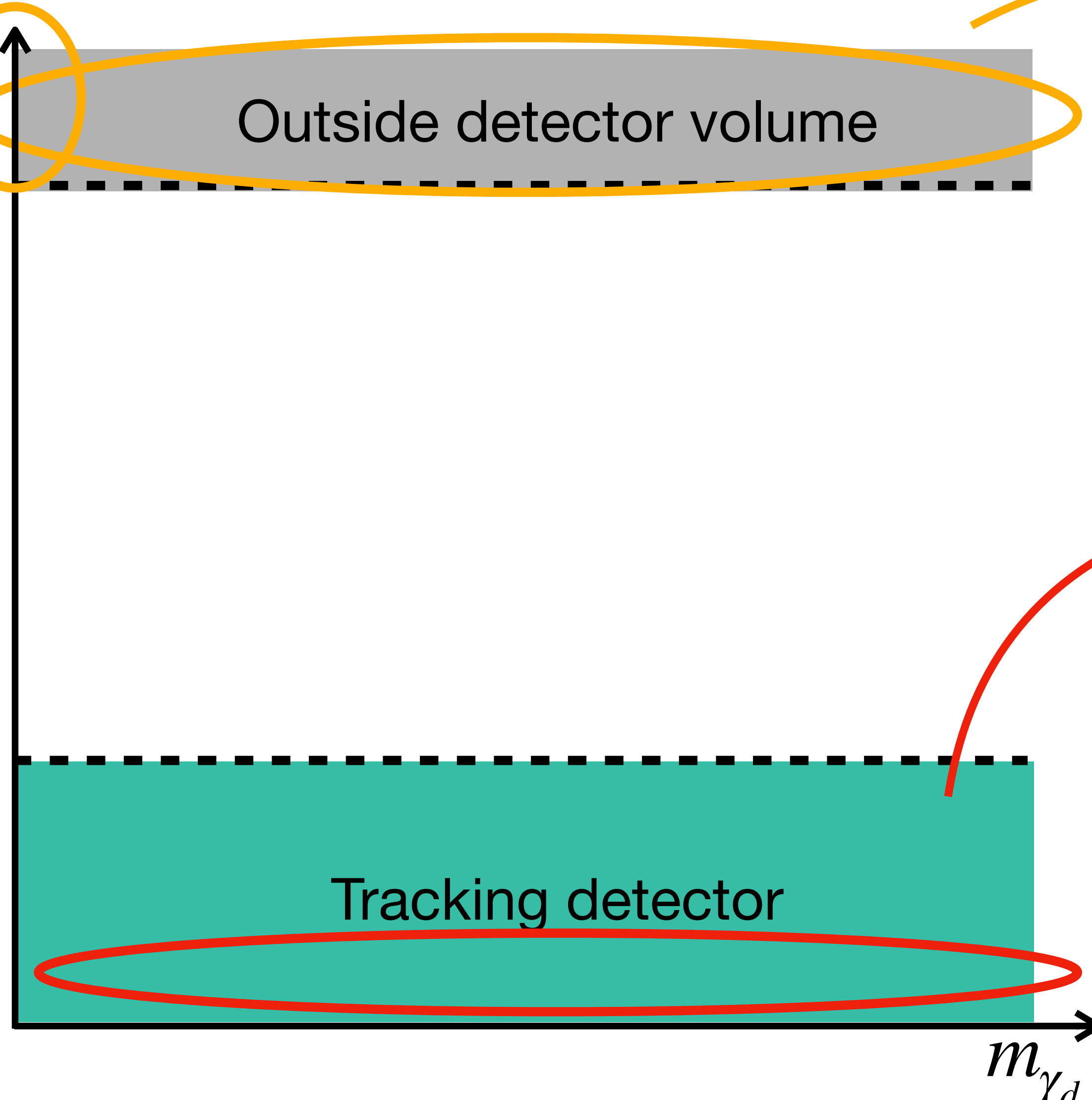
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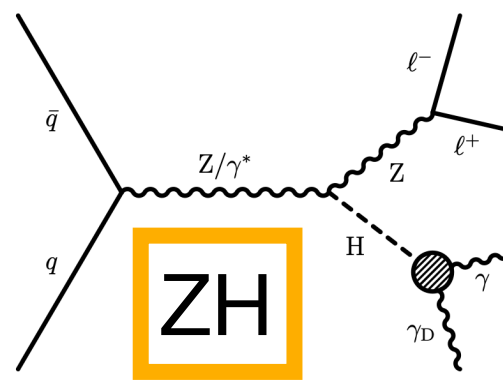
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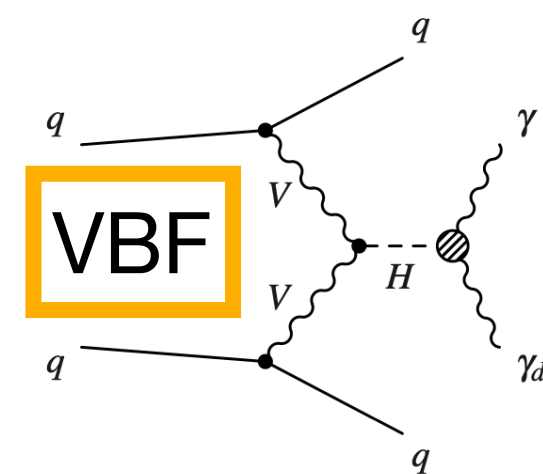
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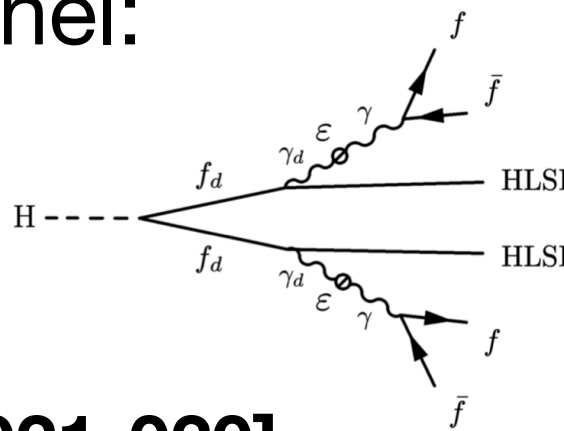
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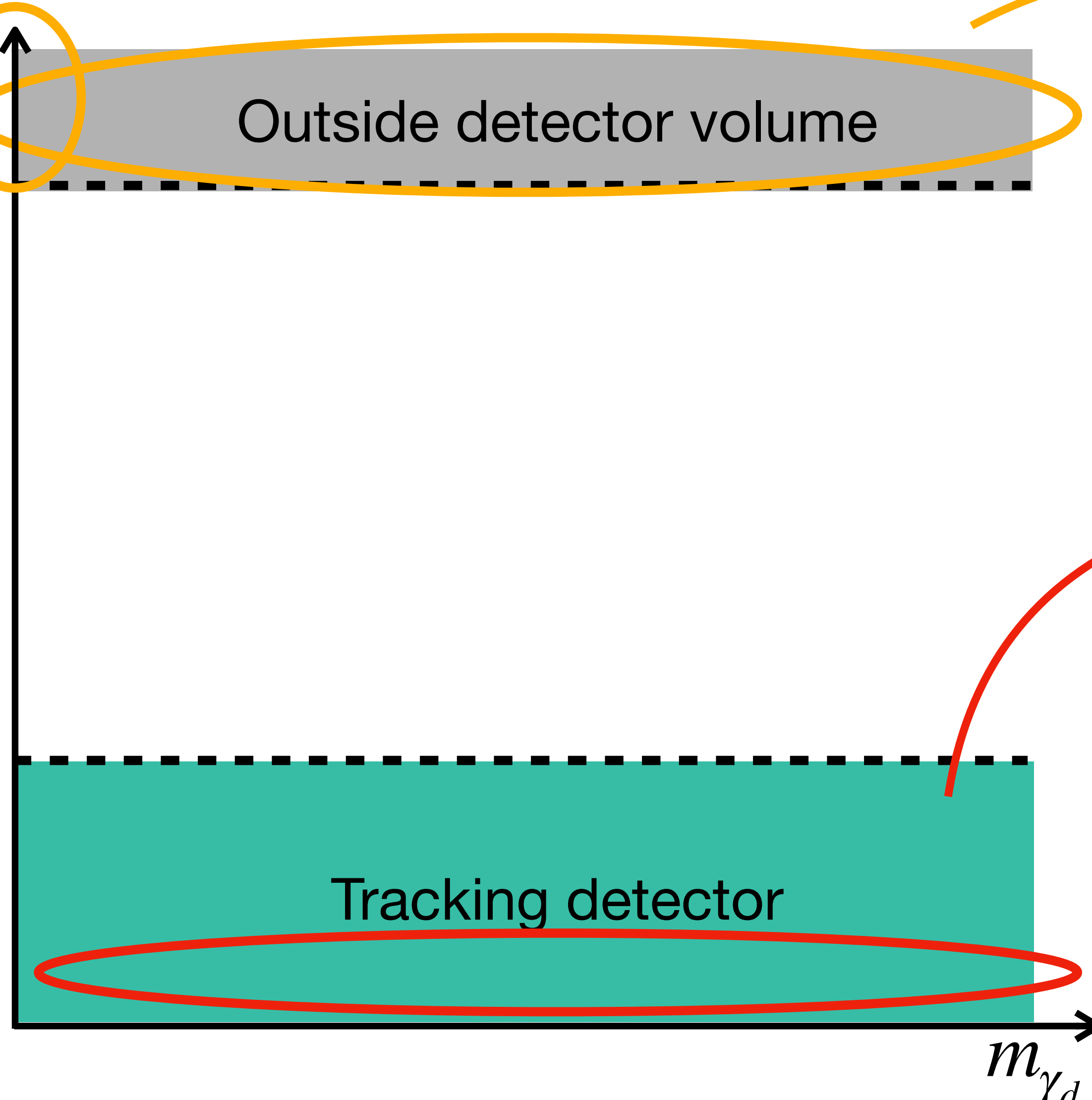


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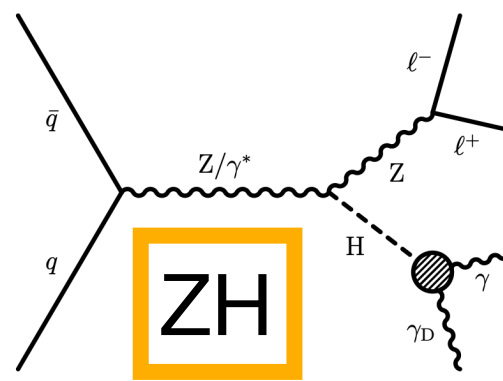
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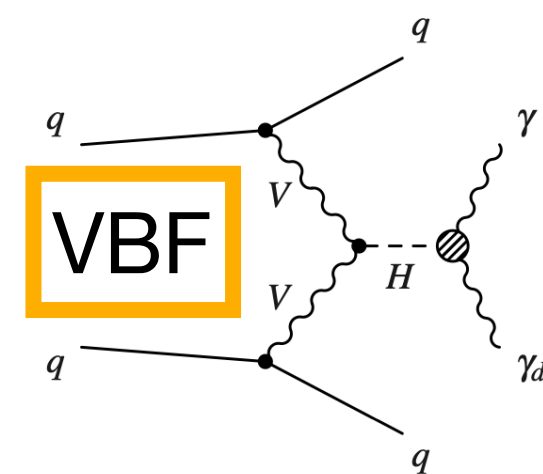
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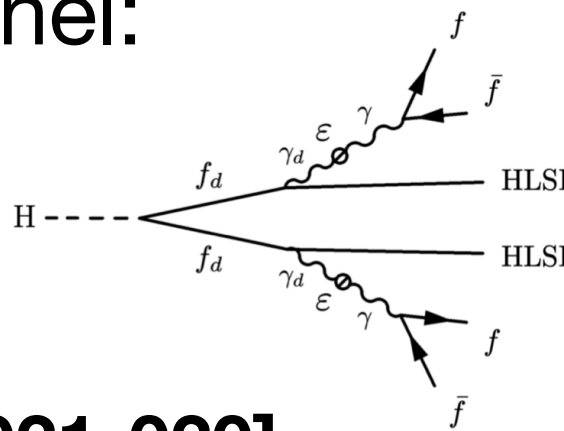
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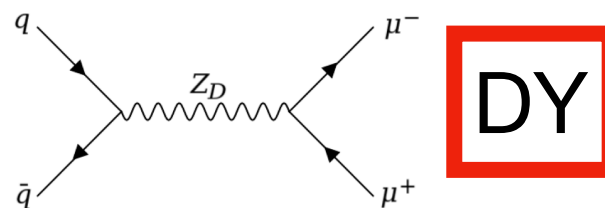
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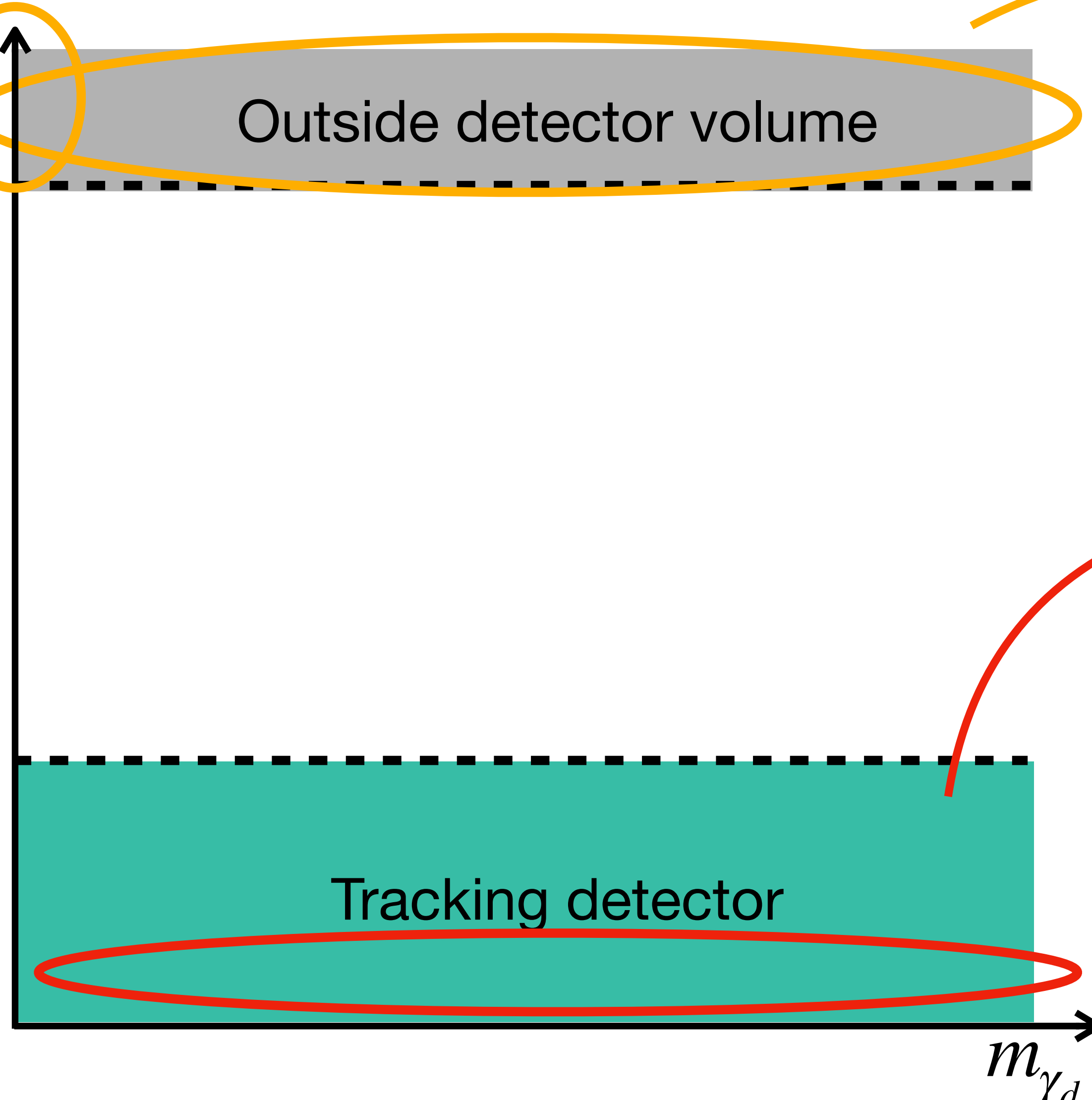
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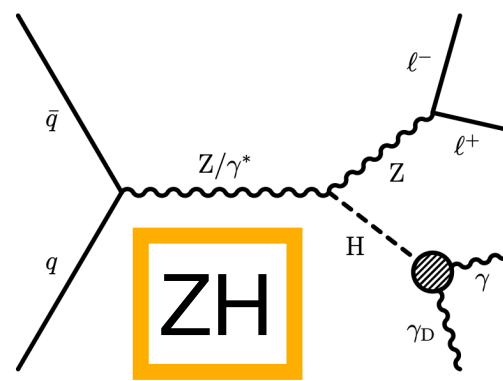
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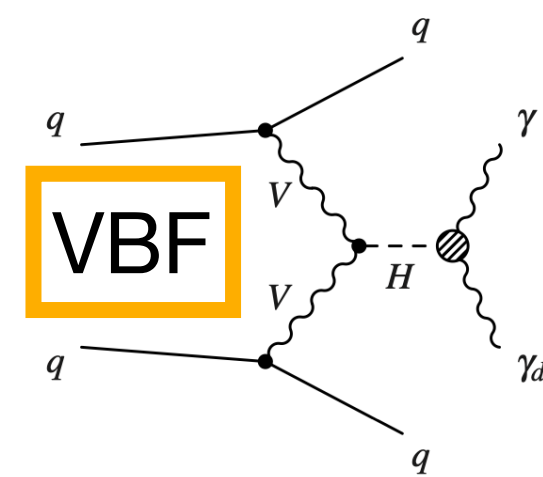
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Signature:  $E_T + \gamma$



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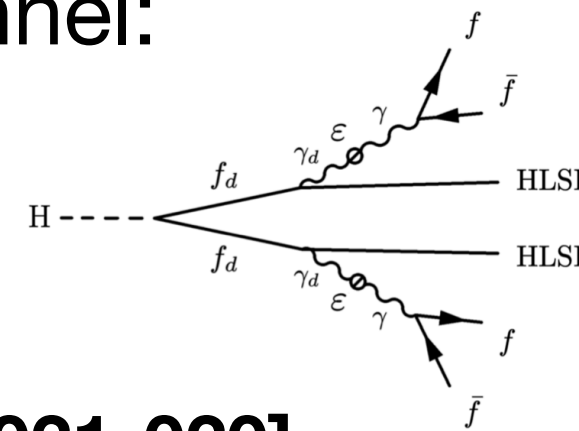
**FRVZ**

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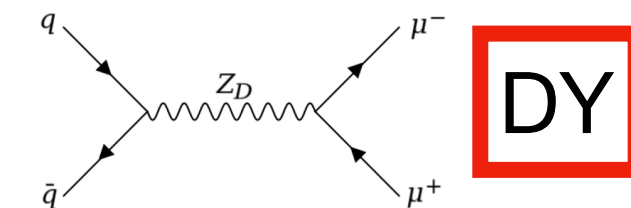


## Prompt dark photon:

- Collimated muon pairs

**CMS, FRVZ [PLB796(2019)131]**

**NEW** **CMS, CERN-EP-2023-165**



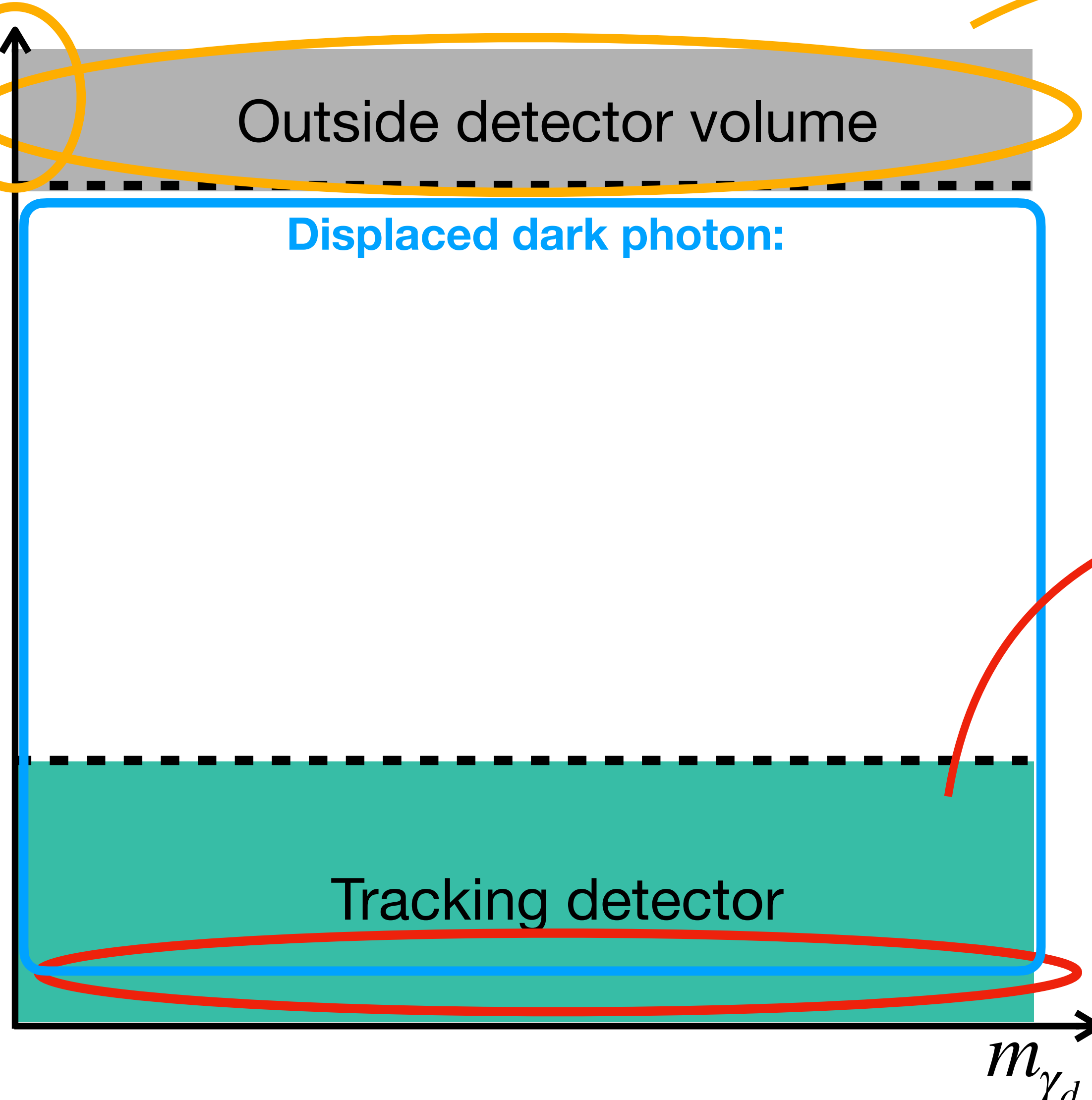
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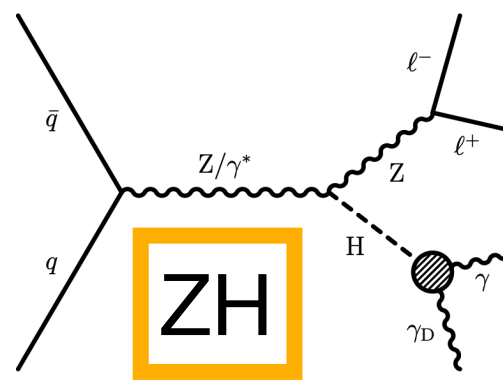
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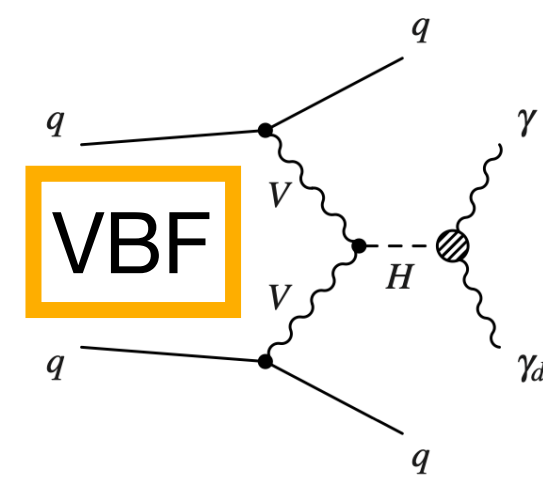
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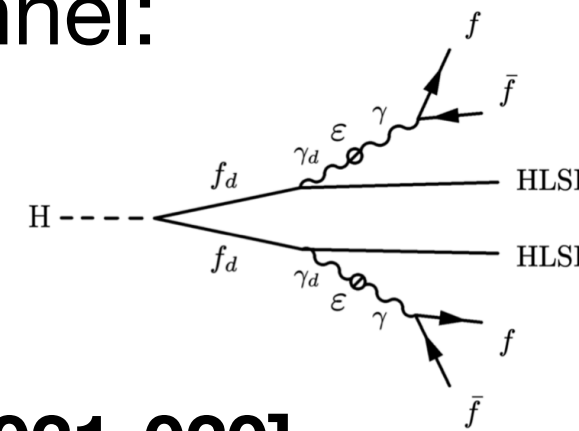
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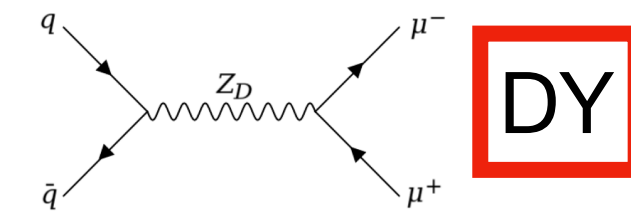


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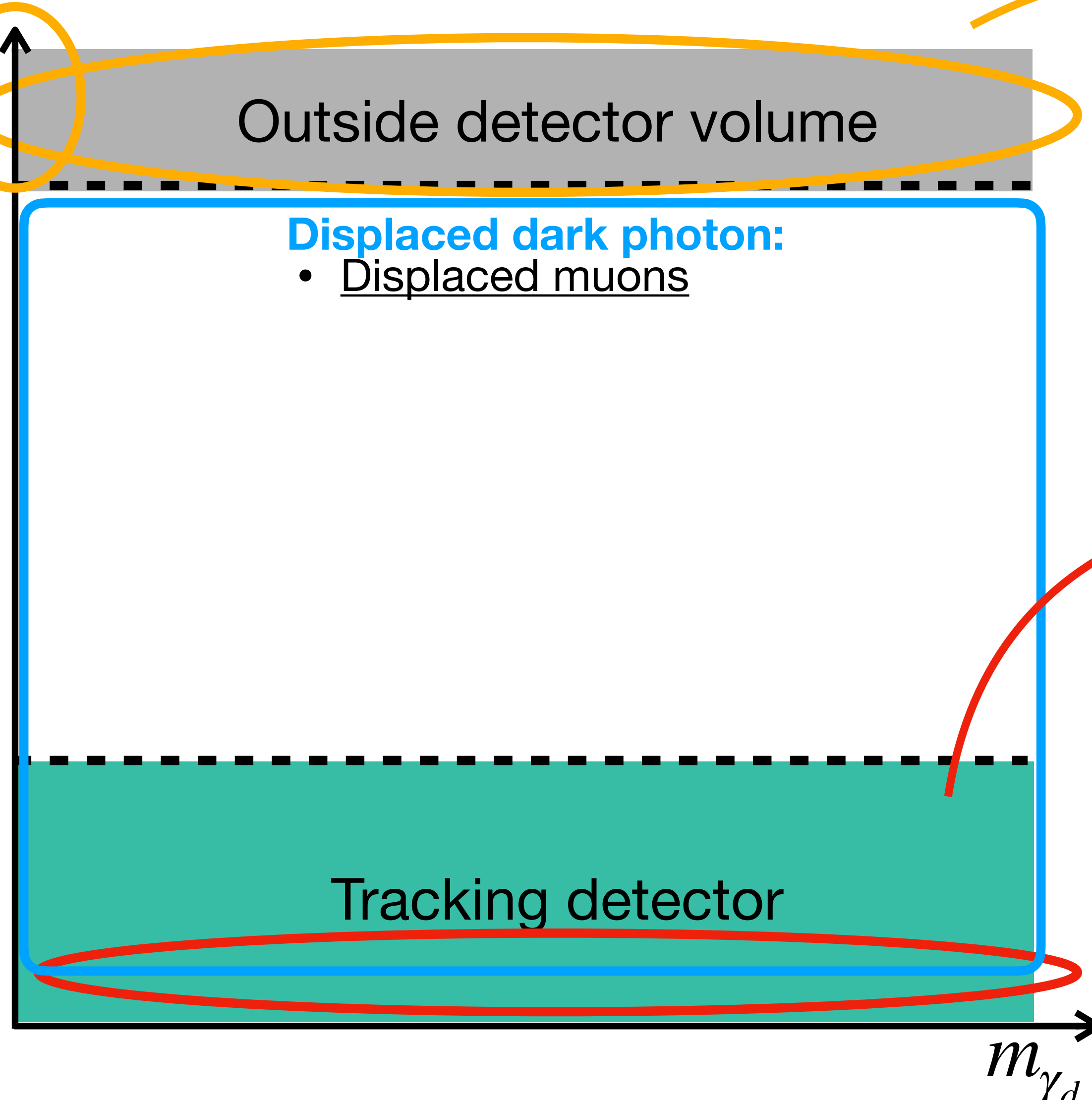
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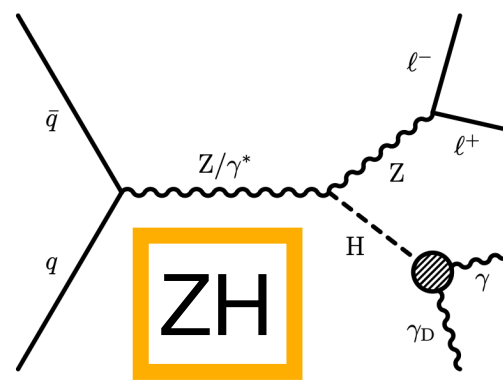
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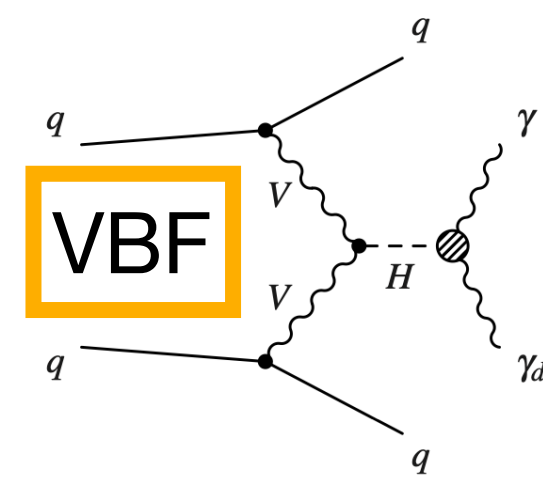
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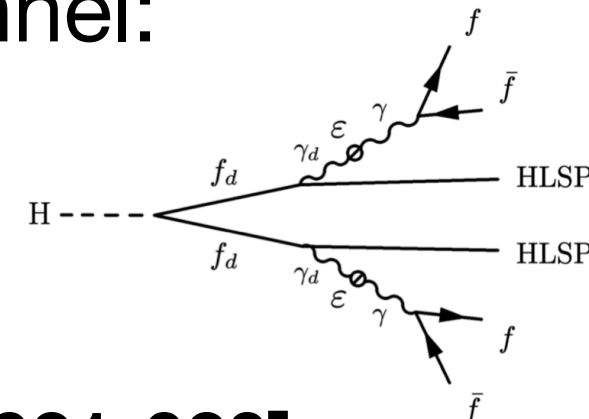
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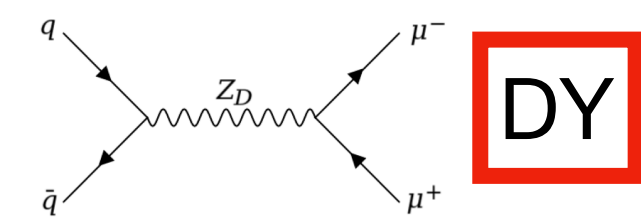
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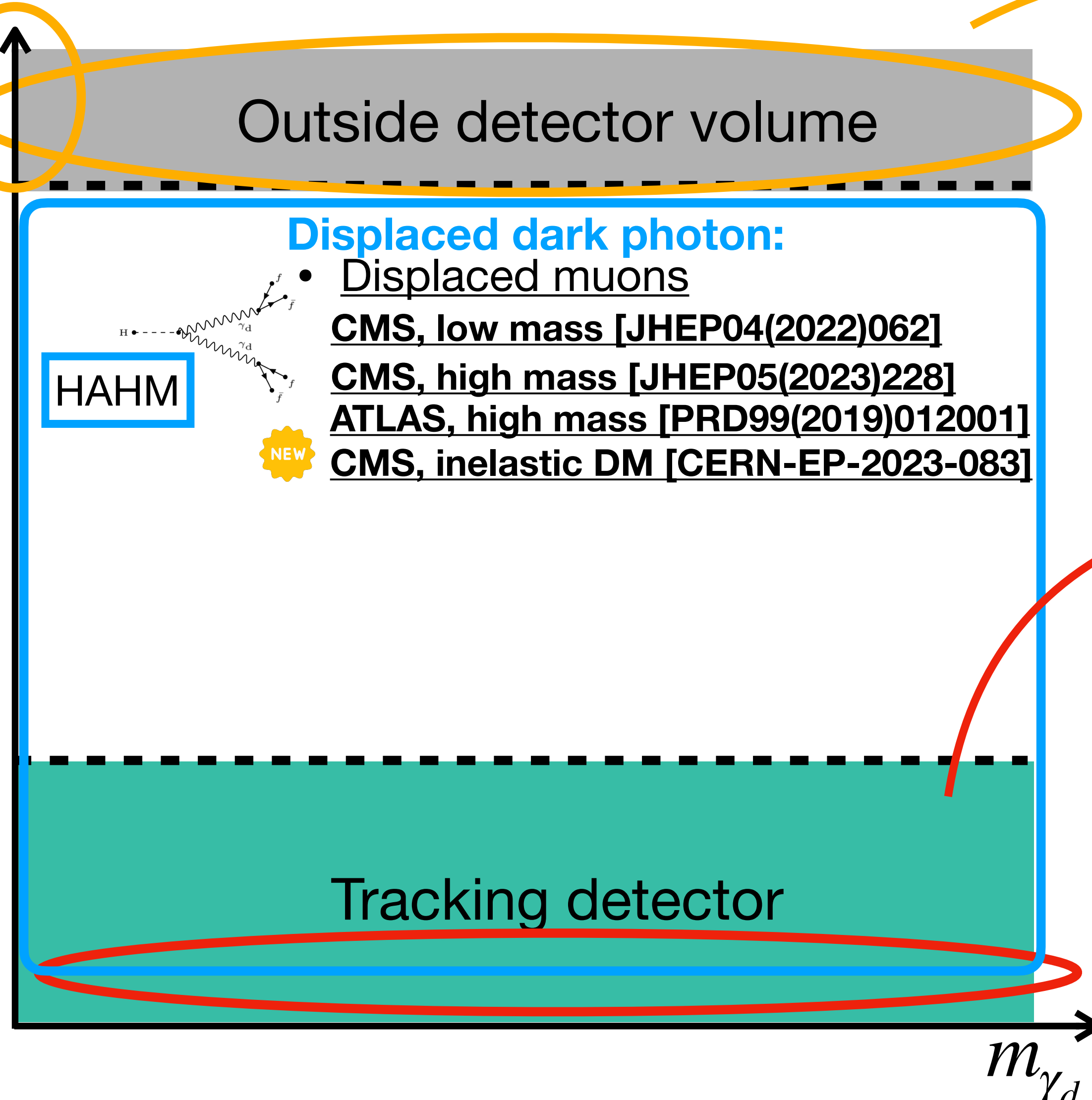
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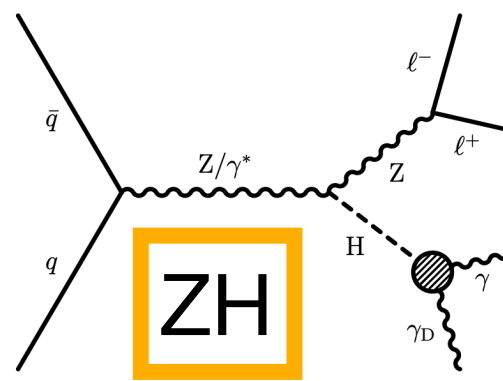
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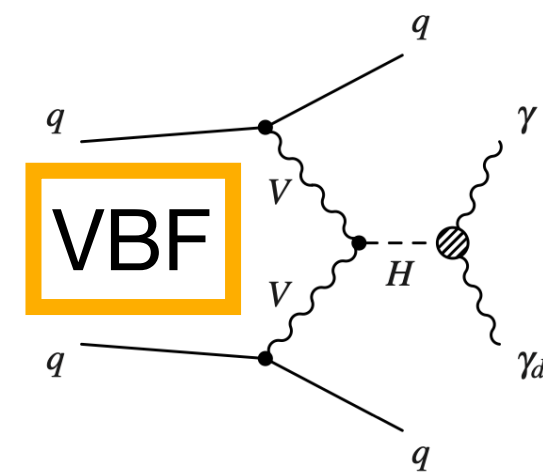
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HAHM



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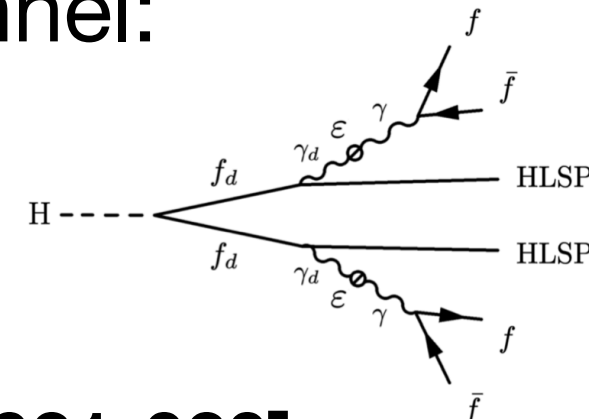
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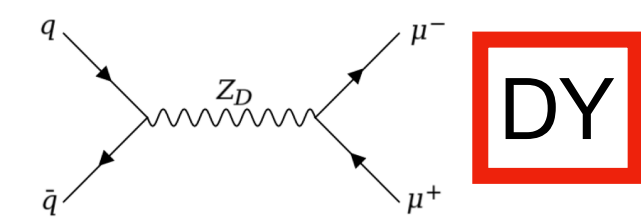


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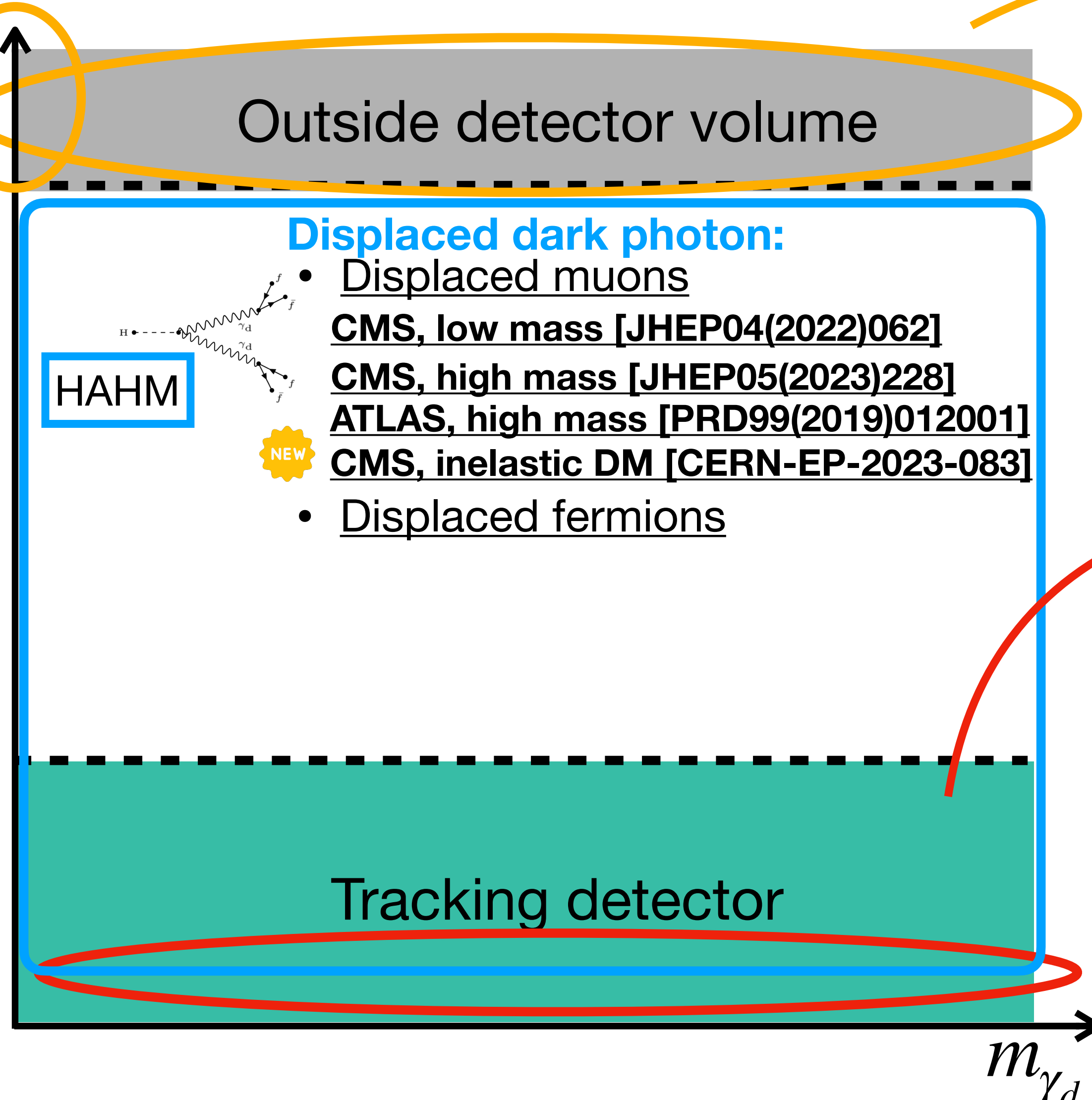
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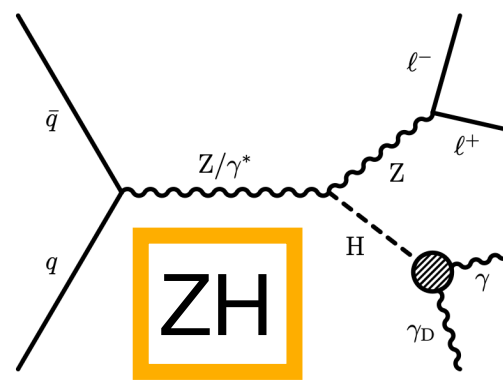
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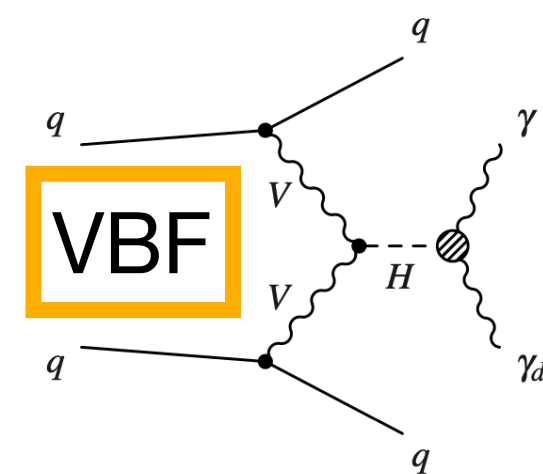
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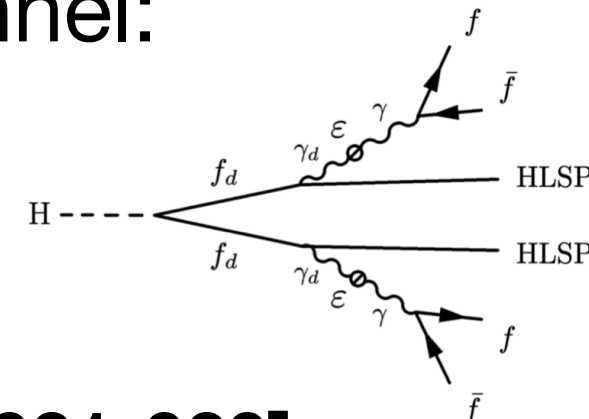
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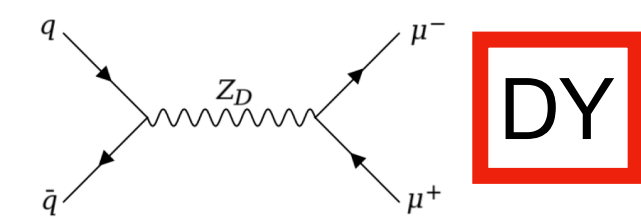


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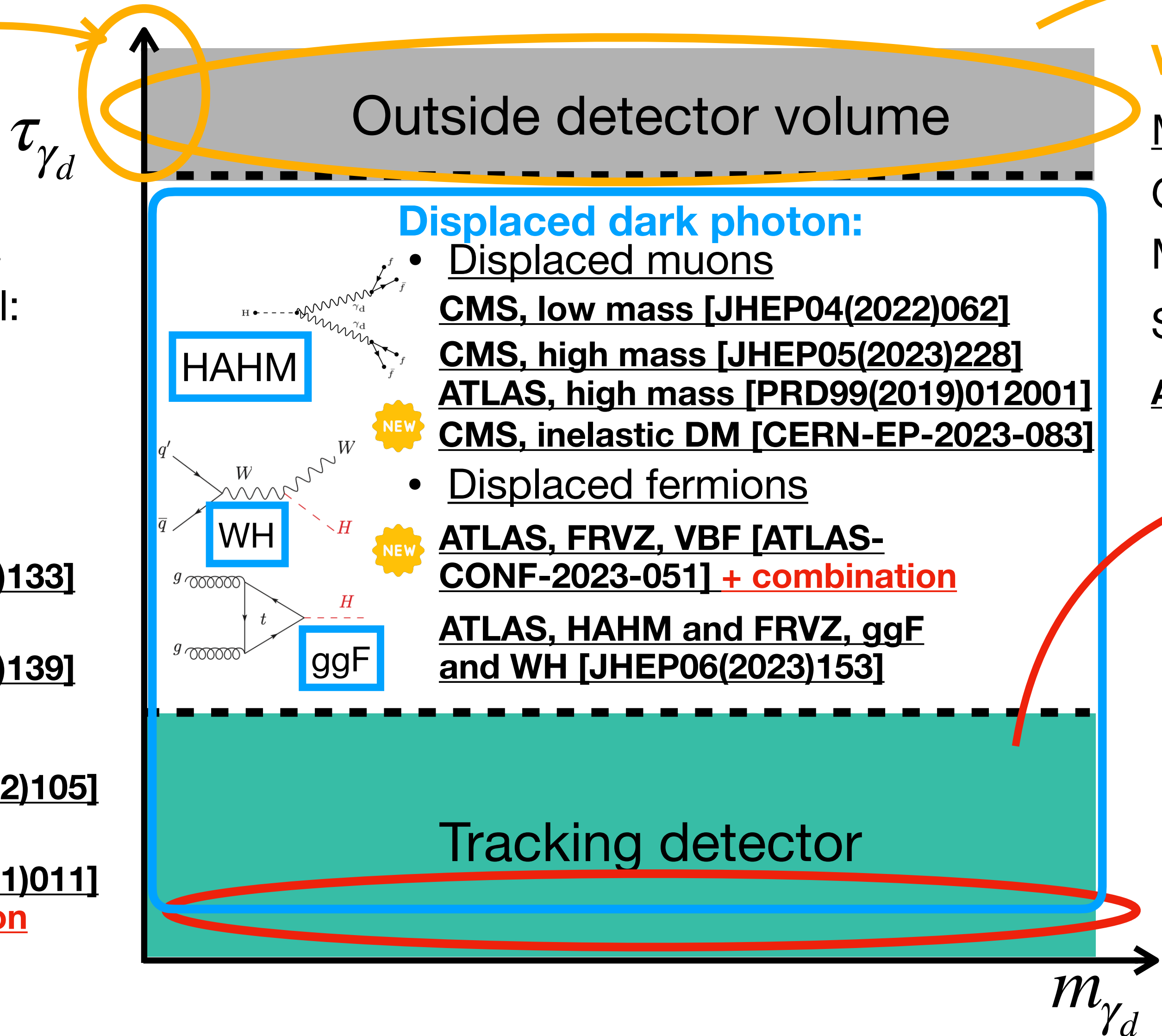
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**ATLAS, FRVZ**  
[JHEP02(2016)062]

$m_{\gamma_d}$



# Dark photons and how we look for them



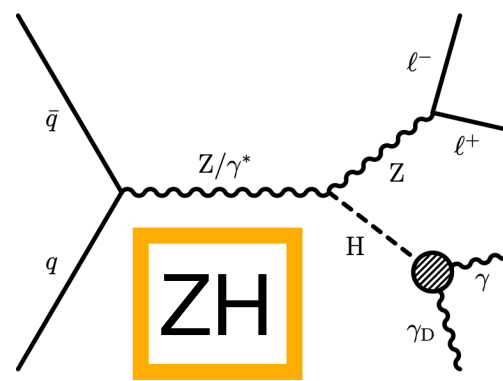
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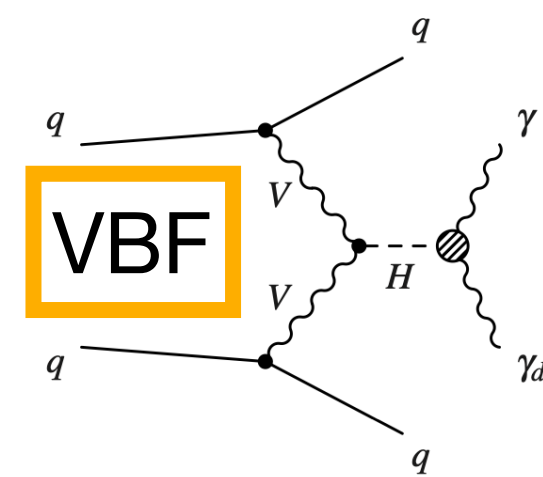
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**ATLAS, HAHM and FRVZ, ggF and WH [JHEP06(2023)153]**

**HAHM**

**WH**

**ggF**

Tracking detector

## Visible dark photon:

Massive, detector stable  $\gamma_d$

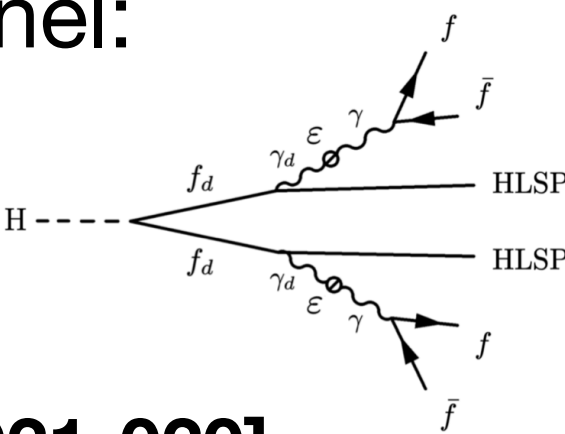
**FRVZ**

Golden discovery channel:

Monojet (Higgs portal)

Signature:  $E_T + jets$

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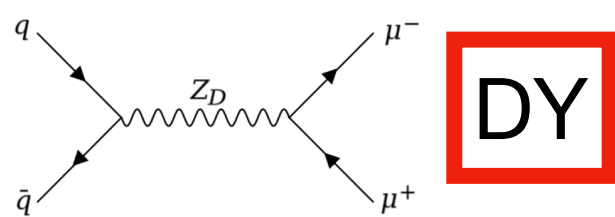


## Prompt dark photon:

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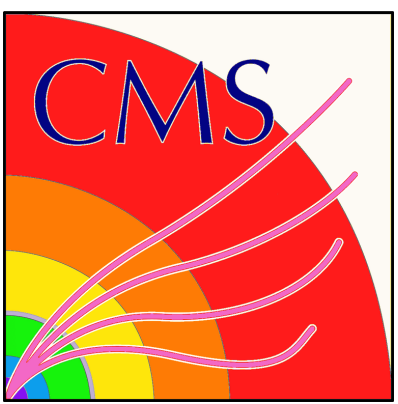
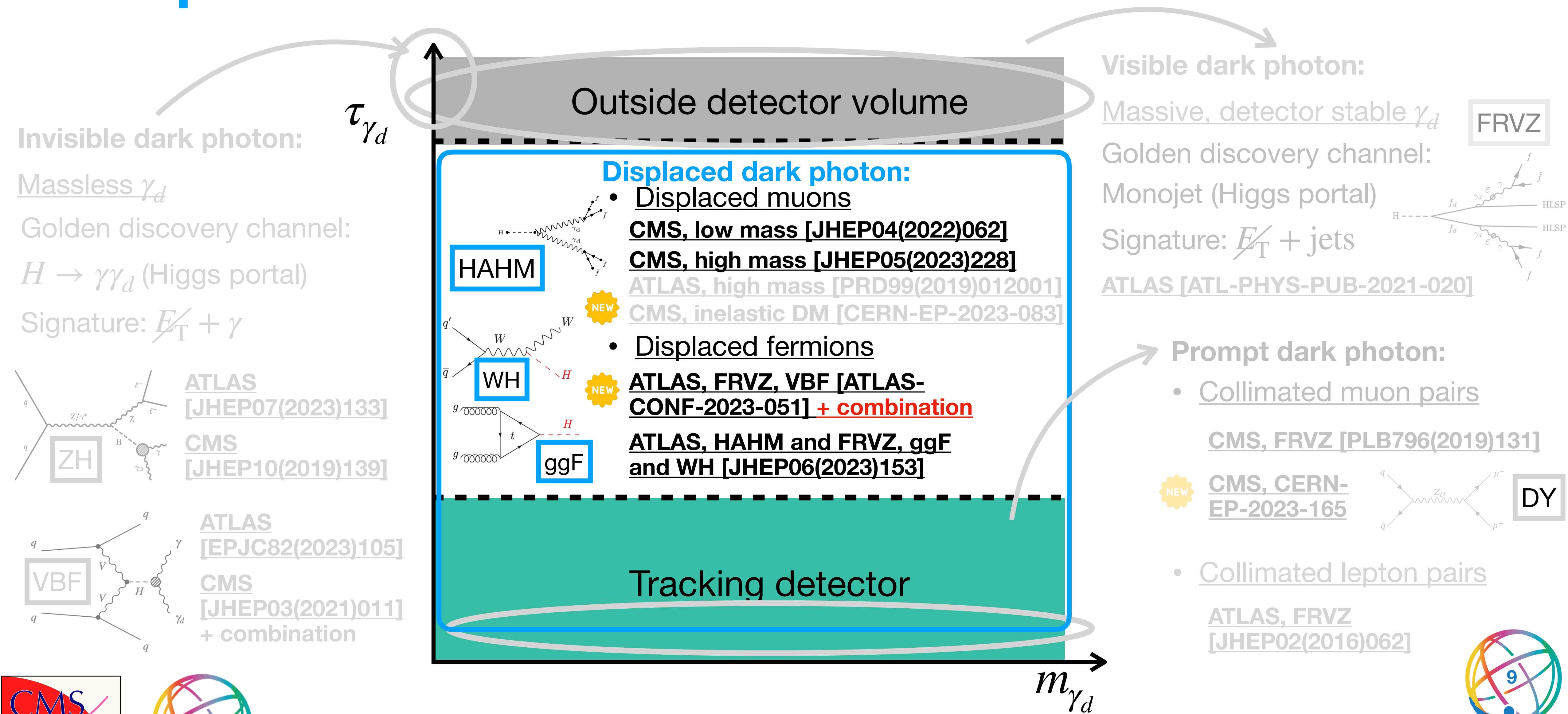
**DY**

- Collimated lepton pairs

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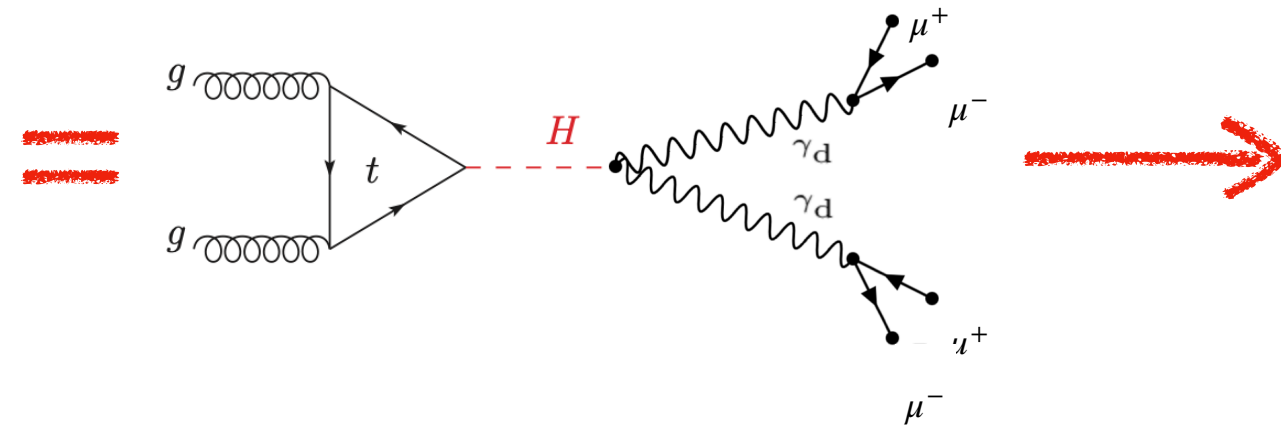


# Dark photons searches covered here



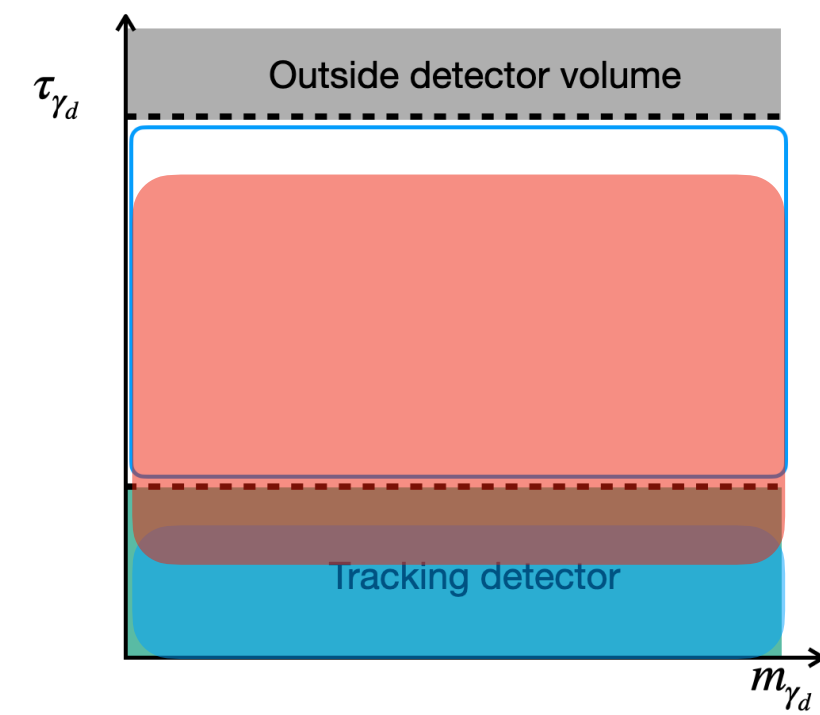
# Displaced massive $\gamma_d$ - displaced muons

ggF produced Higgs boson + HAHM (Higgs + vector portal)



Di-muon pairs:

- Displaced
- Soft
- Collimated



[CMS, low mass \[JHEP04\(2022\)062\]](#)

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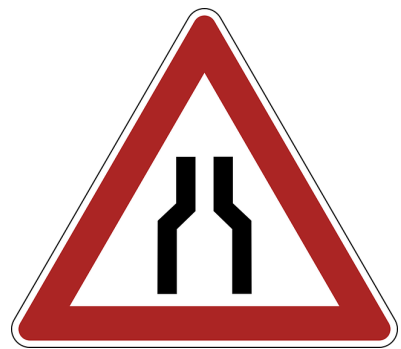
2017-2018 data ( $101\text{fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{ TeV}$ )



**Soft muons** → **Scouting!**

HLT muon trigger  $p_T$  threshold decreased (trigger frequency increased to 3kHz), event size reduced to have similar bandwidth wrt standard trigger

- **Muon hits in at least 2 layers** in the ID required **at L1 trigger** → loss in efficiency for muons produced after ID
- **Reduced info in the event** → simpler analysis required



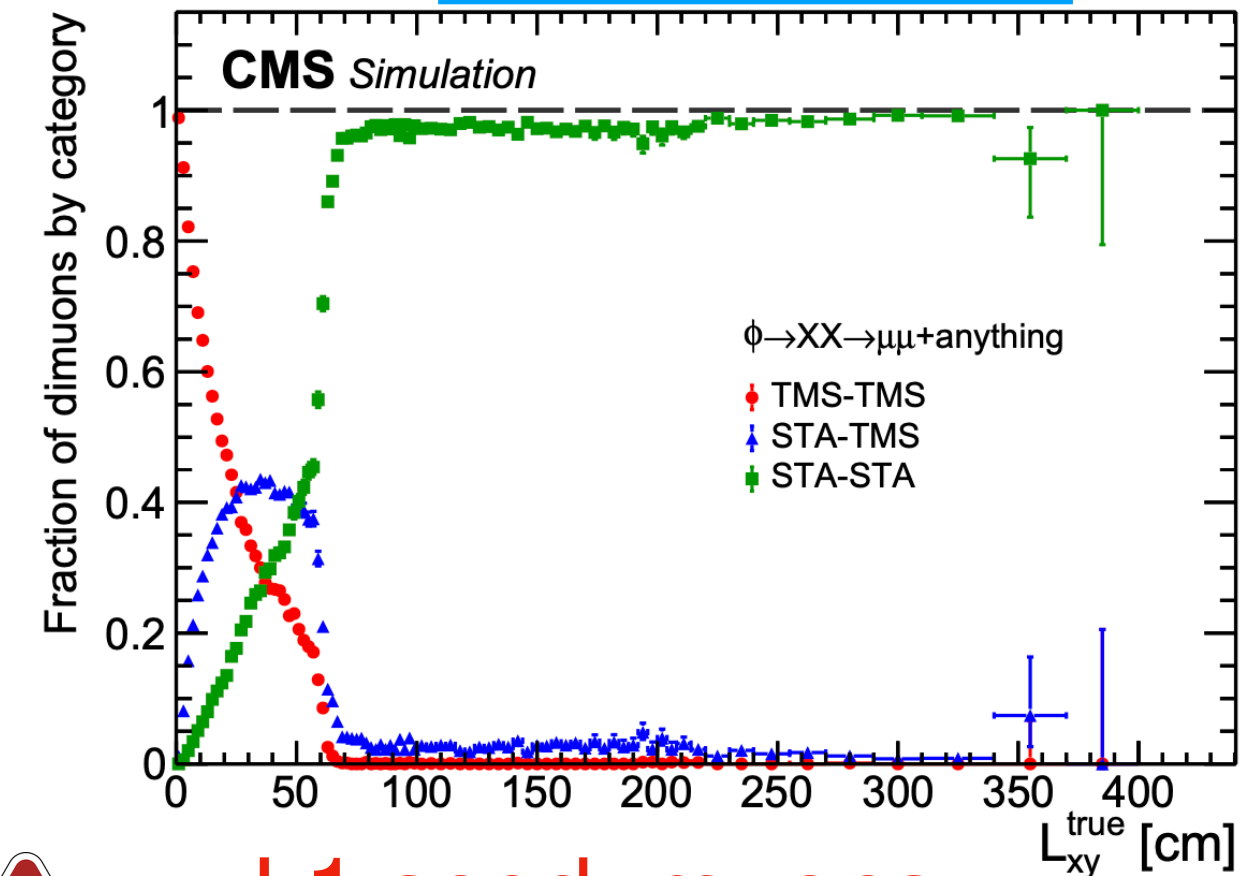
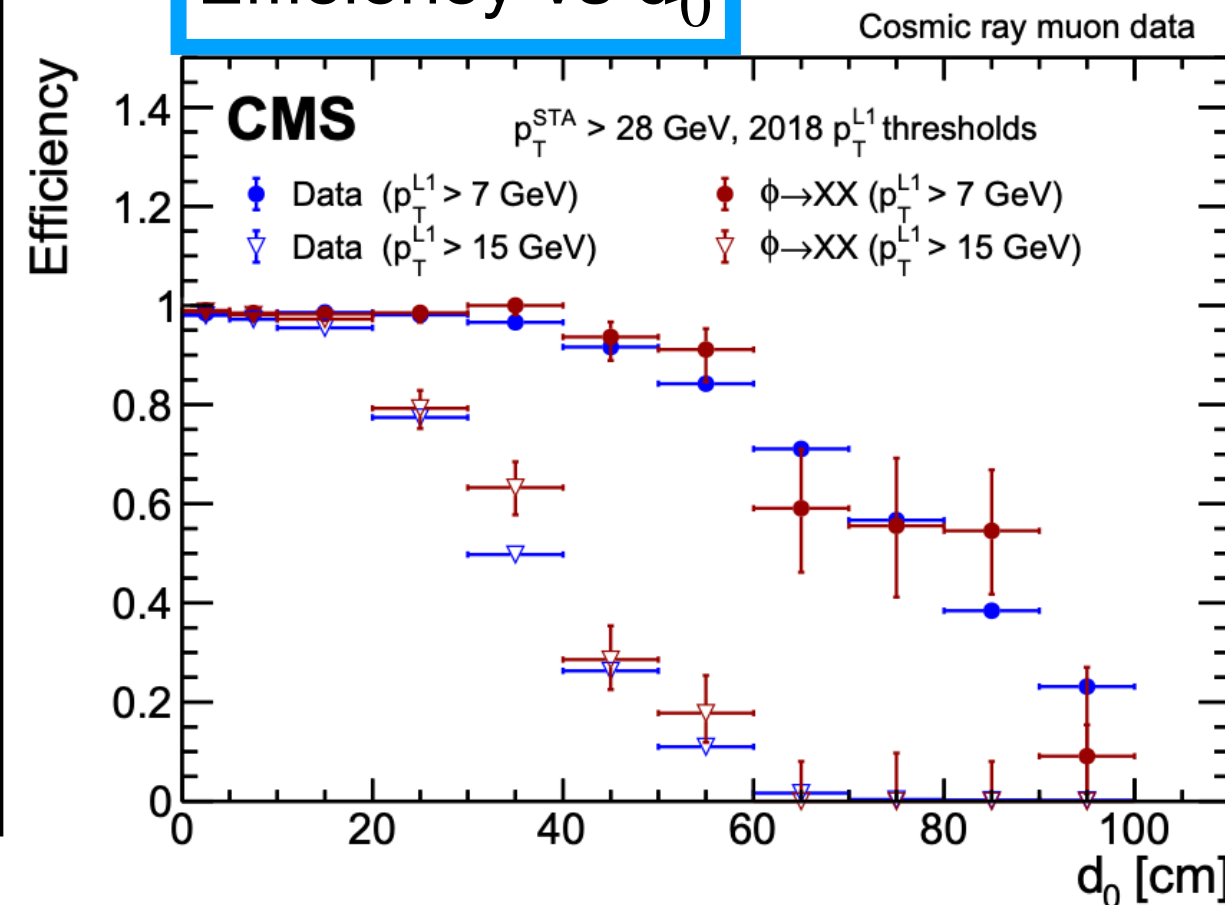
2016+2018 data ( $97.6\text{fb}^{-1}$ ,  $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{ TeV}$ )

**Muon type vs  $L_{xy}$**

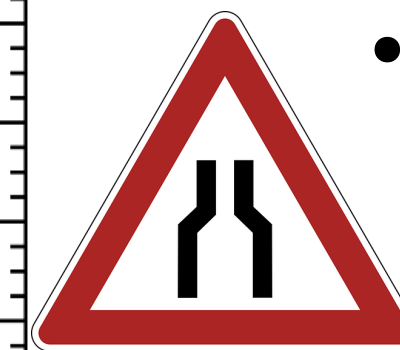


**Displaced muons** → MS only muons used too (no beamspot requirement)

**Efficiency vs  $d_0$**



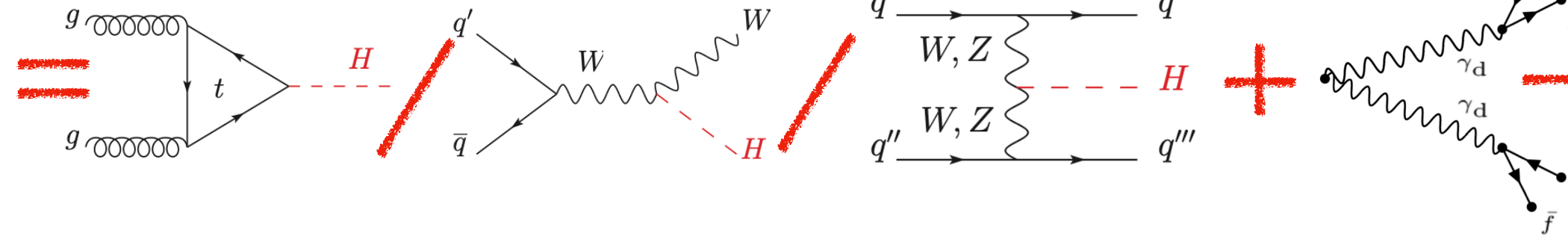
- **L1 seed: muons from beam-spot** → efficiency decrease for large  $d_0$



# Displaced massive $\gamma_d$ - displaced fermions

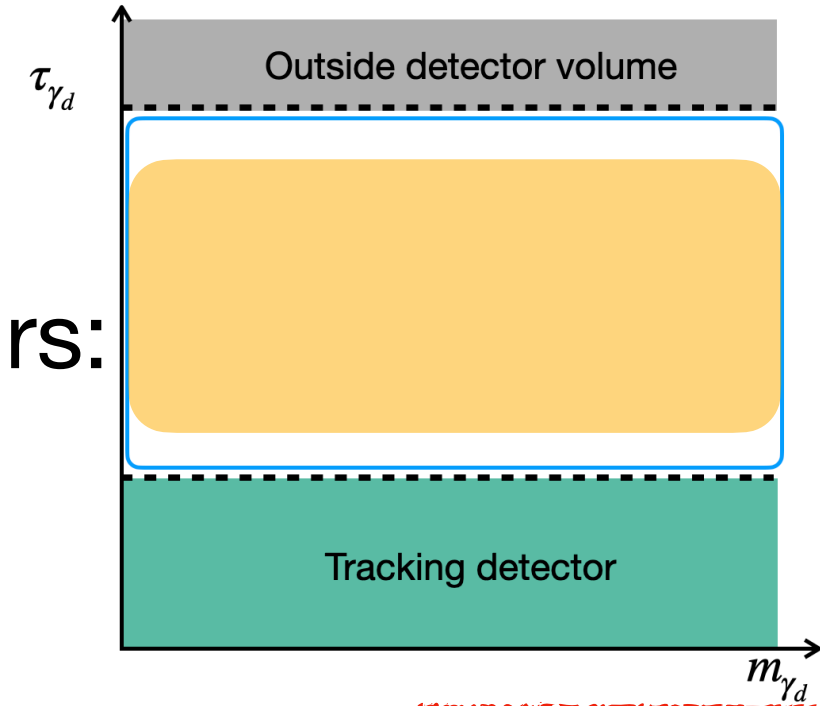
ggF/WH/VBF Higgs boson + HAHM\* (Higgs + vector portal)

\*FRVZ was studied as well



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ATLAS, HAHM and FRVZ, ggF and WH [JHEP06(2023)153]

+ ATLAS, HAHM and FRVZ, VBF [ATLAS-CONF-2023-051]



Full Run2 analyses



- Collimated fermions (boosted topology)
  - Reconstruction of jet like structure called Dark Photon Jets (DPJs):

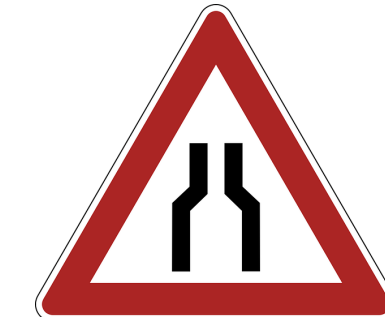
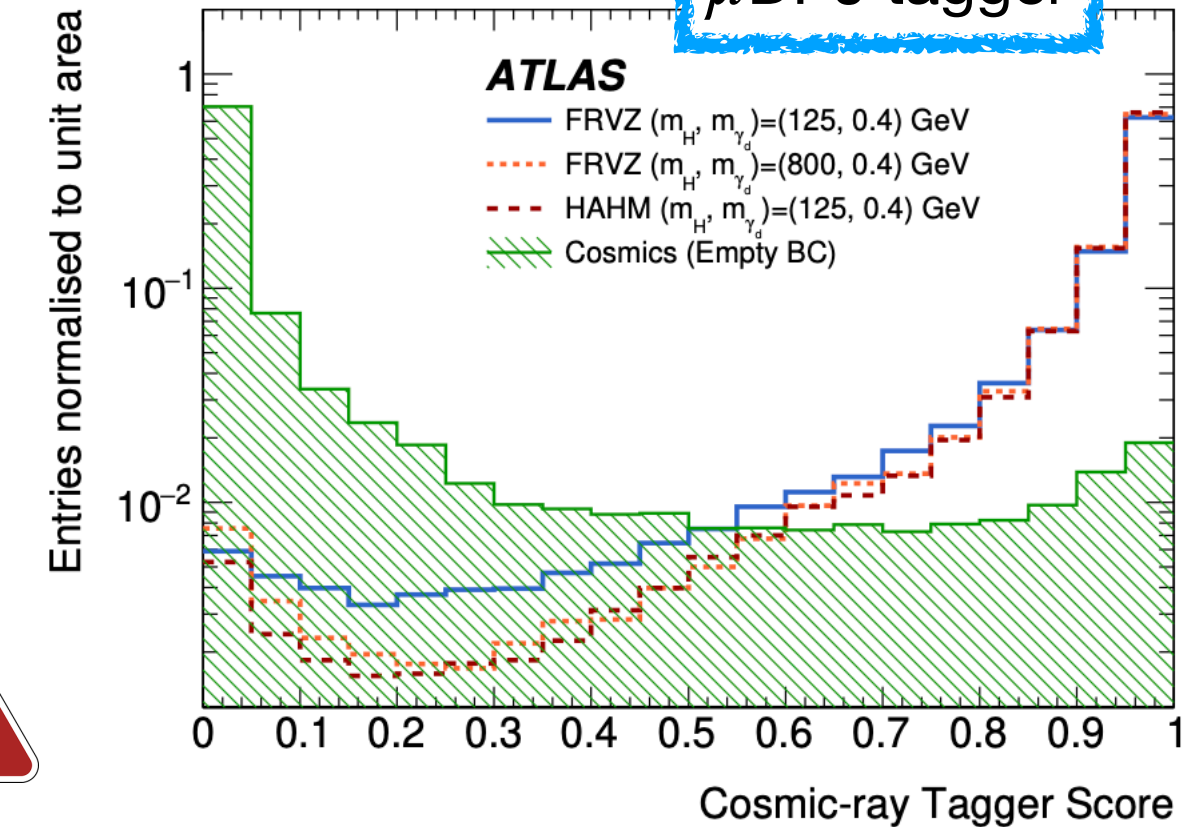
$$\gamma_d \rightarrow q\bar{q}/e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{caloDPJ (displaced jets)}$$

$$\gamma_d \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \mu\text{DPJ (displaced muons)}$$

- Displaced fermions
  - Custom triggers looking for displaced (and collimated) objects

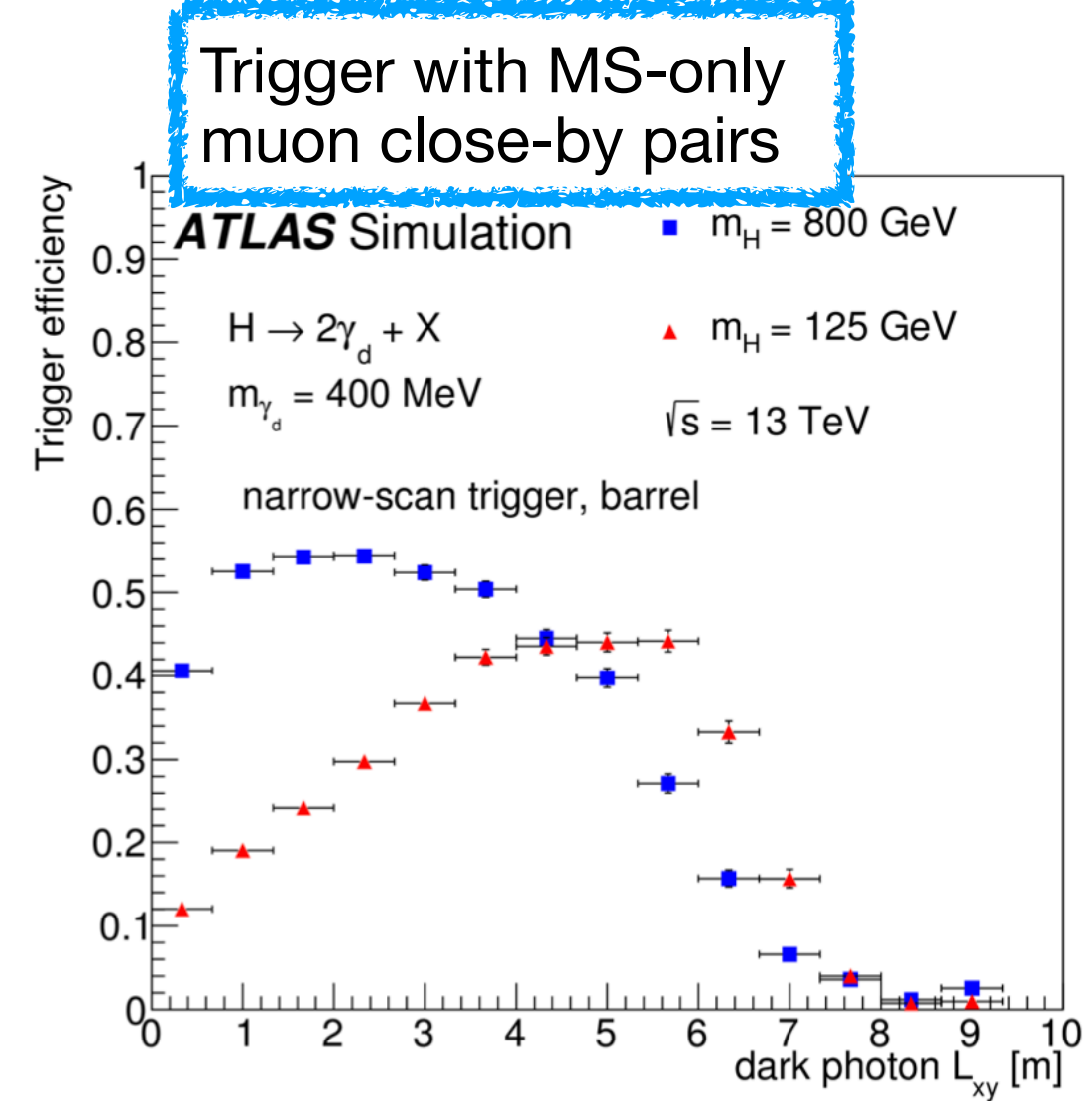
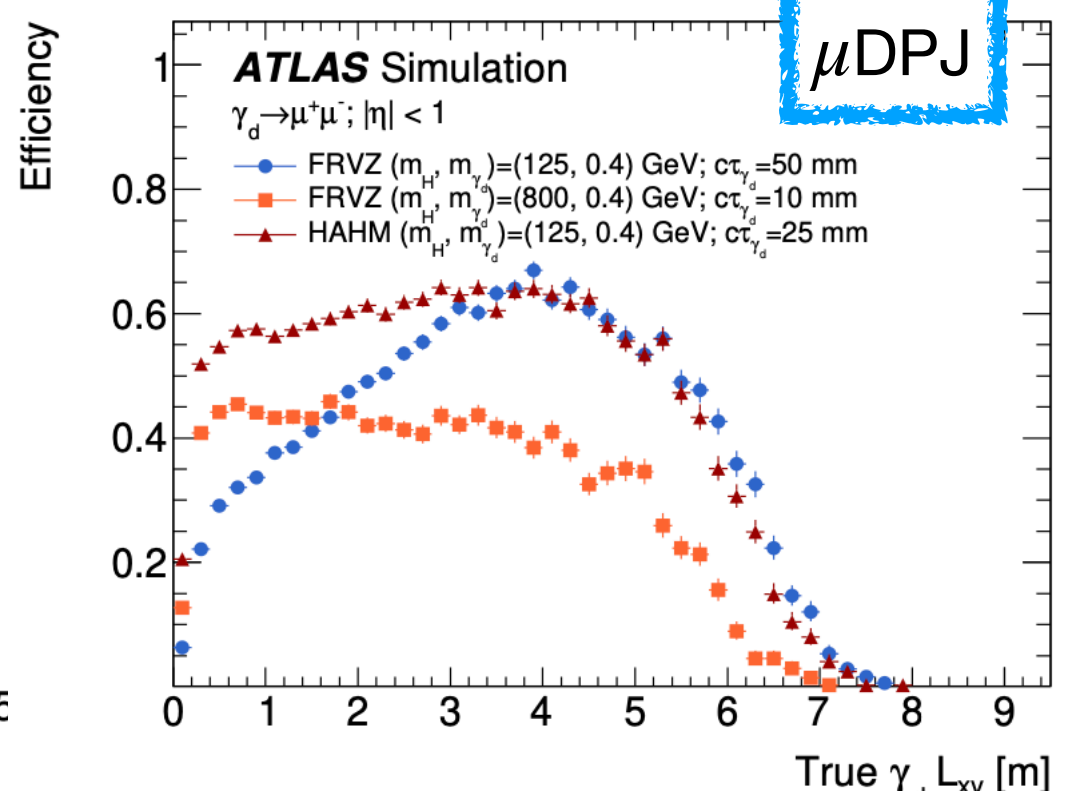
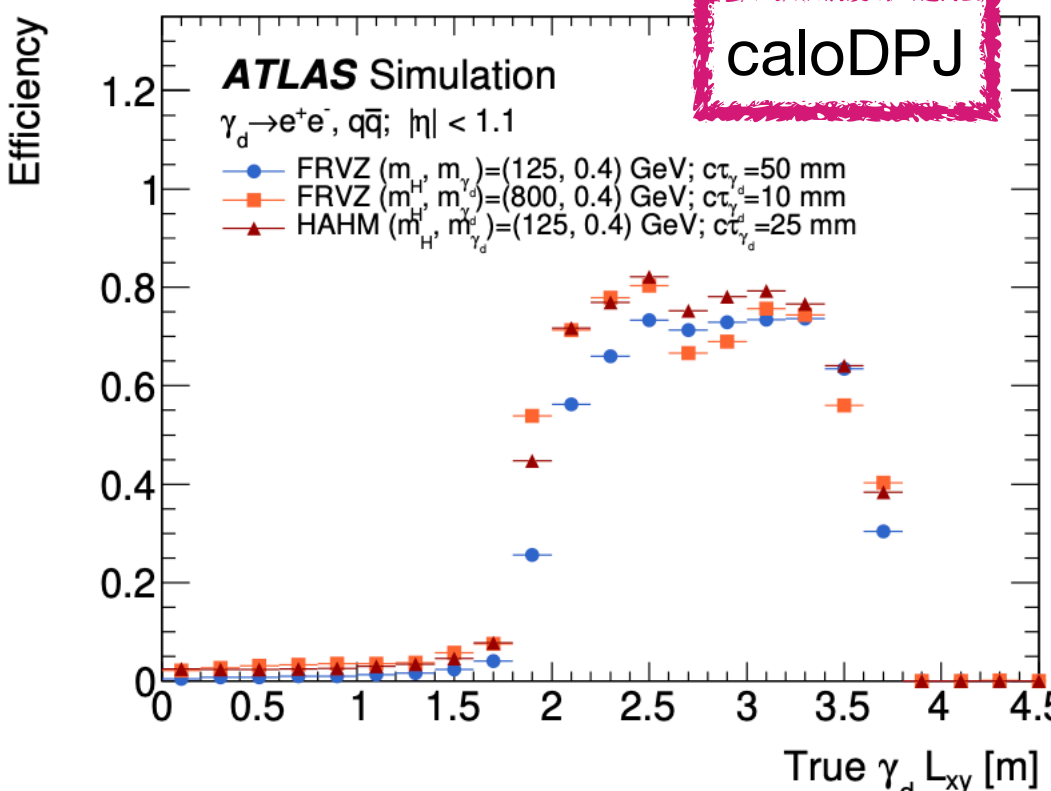
- Exploit ML algorithms (CNN and DNN) to suppress backgrounds

$\mu\text{DPJ}$  tagger

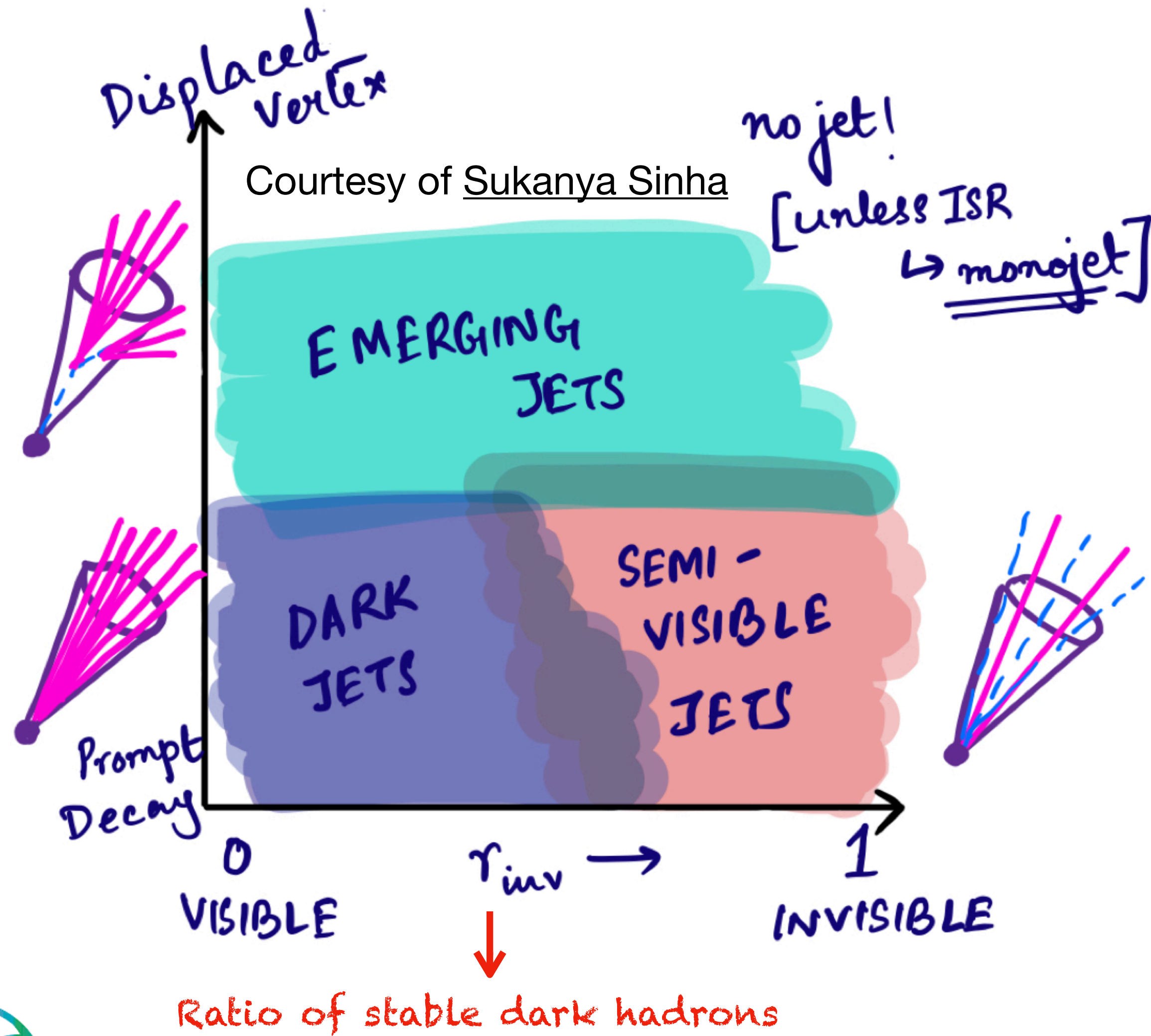


L1 muon trigger seed is limiting:

- Muons from beamspot
- Cannot find too collimated muons

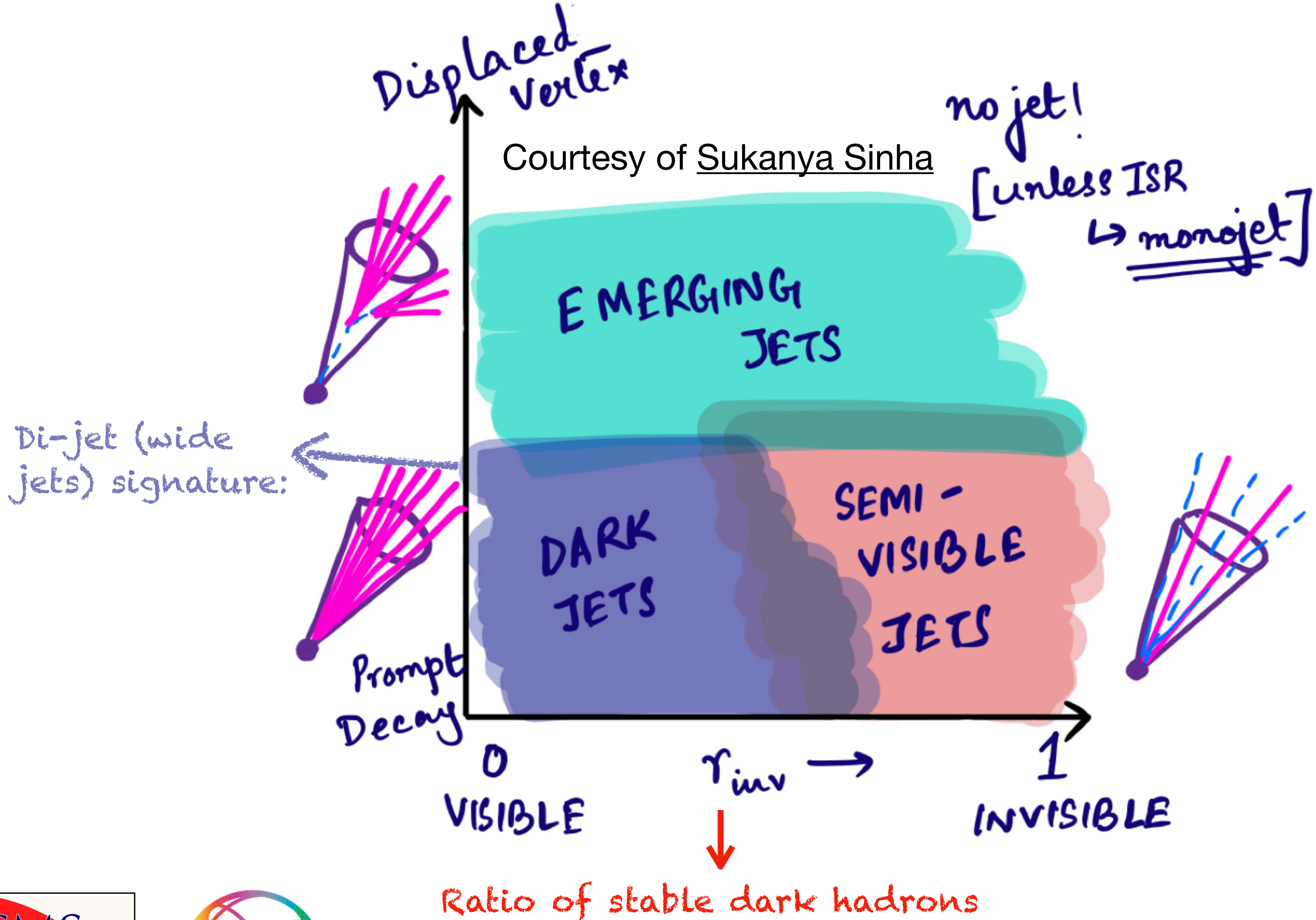


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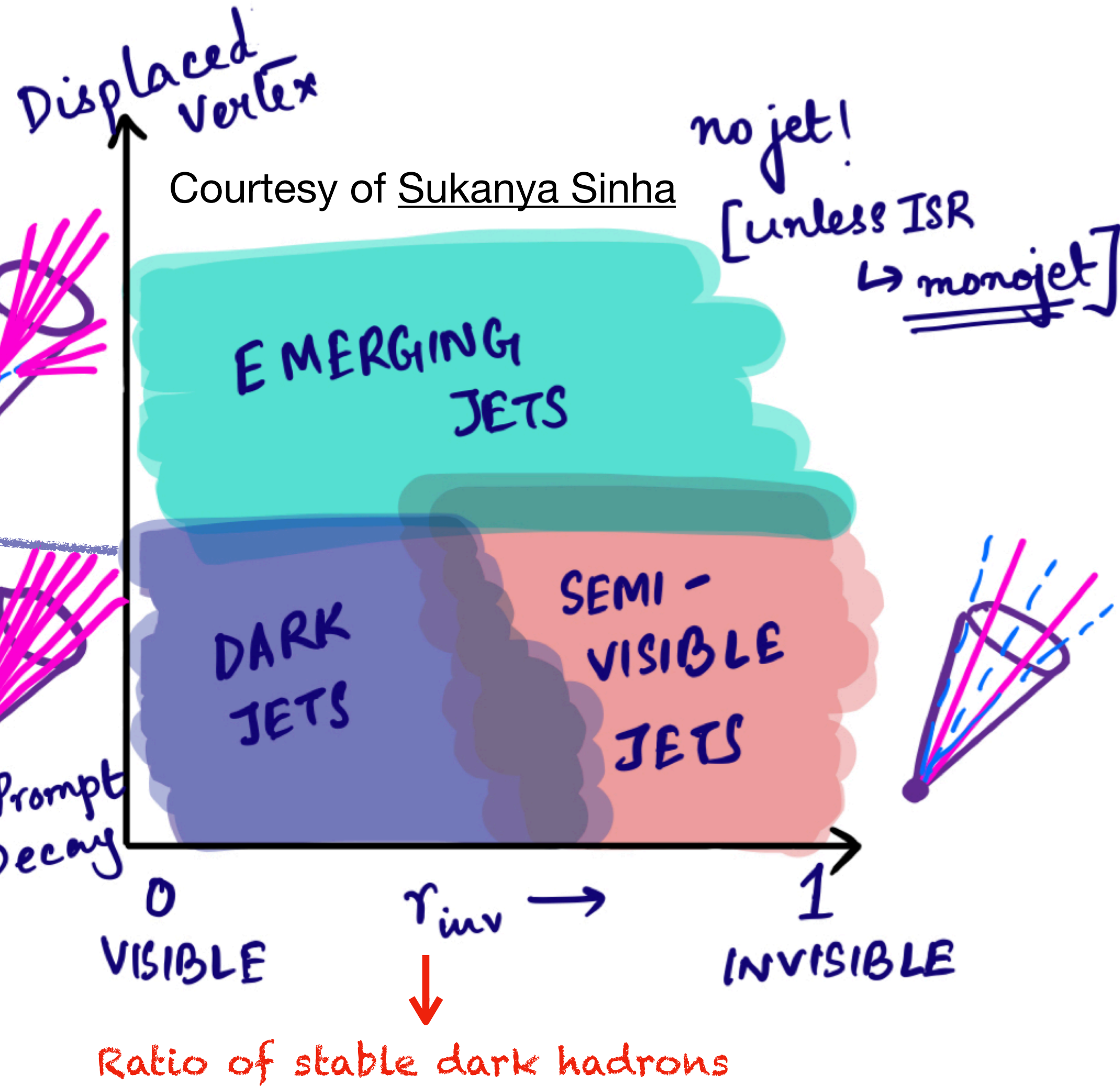




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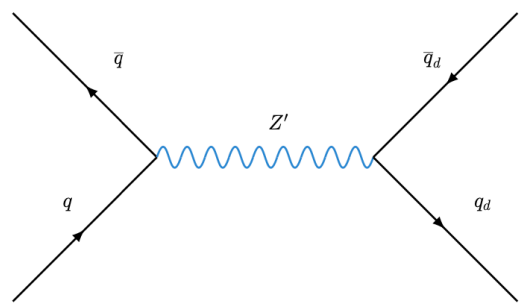


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Di-jet (wide jets) signature:

**NEW** ATLAS, dark jets [ATLAS-CONF-2023-047]

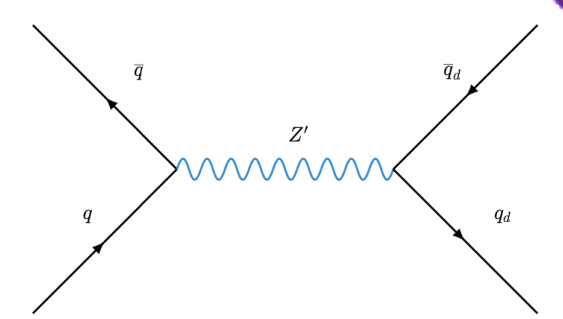


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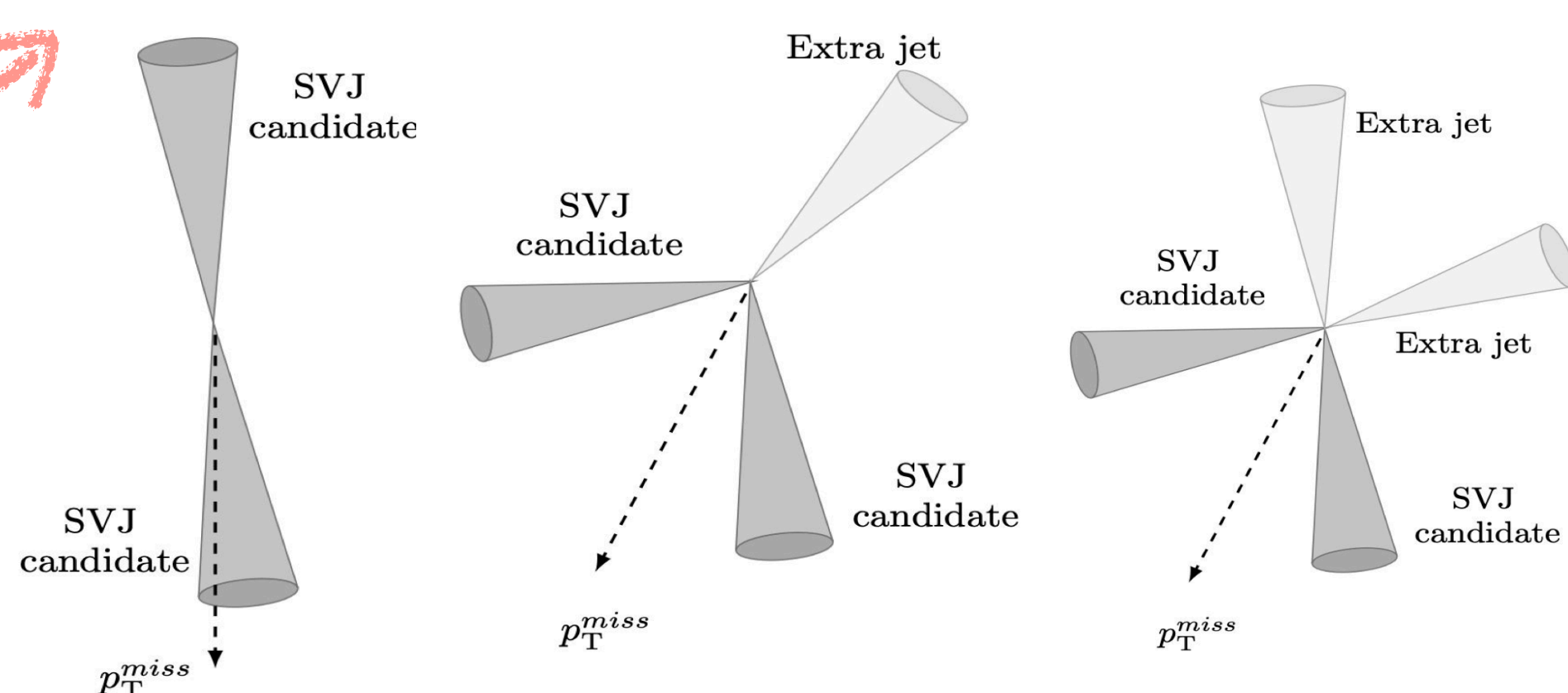
Displaced vertex  
 Courtesy of Sukanya Sinha  
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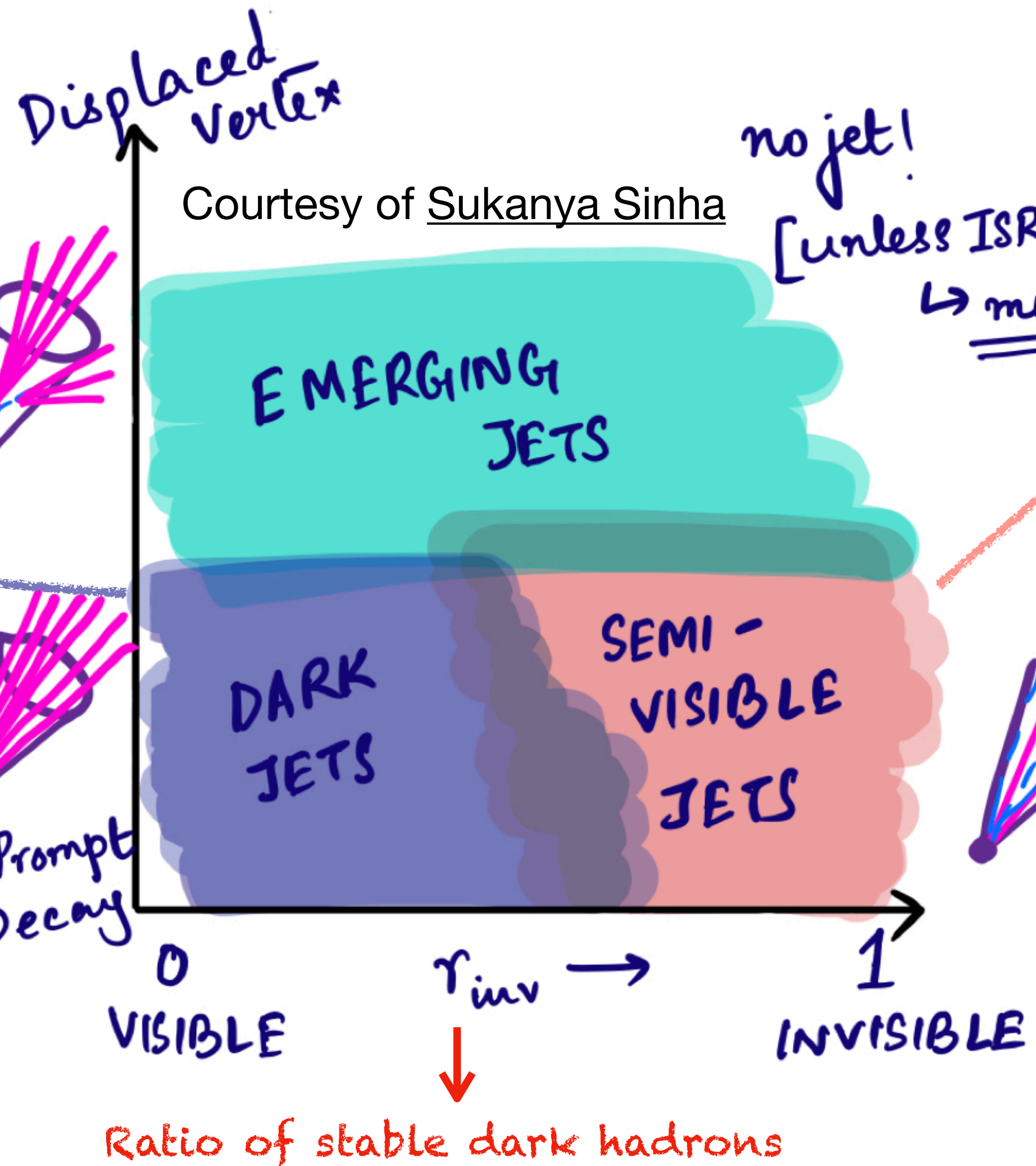
Jets and  $p_T^{miss}$ :



0 VISIBLE  $r_{inv}$  → 1 INVISIBLE  
 ↓  
 Ratio of stable dark hadrons

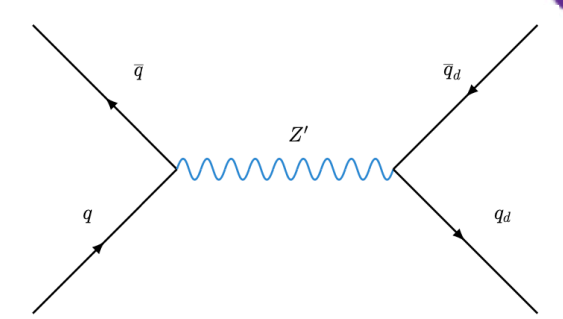


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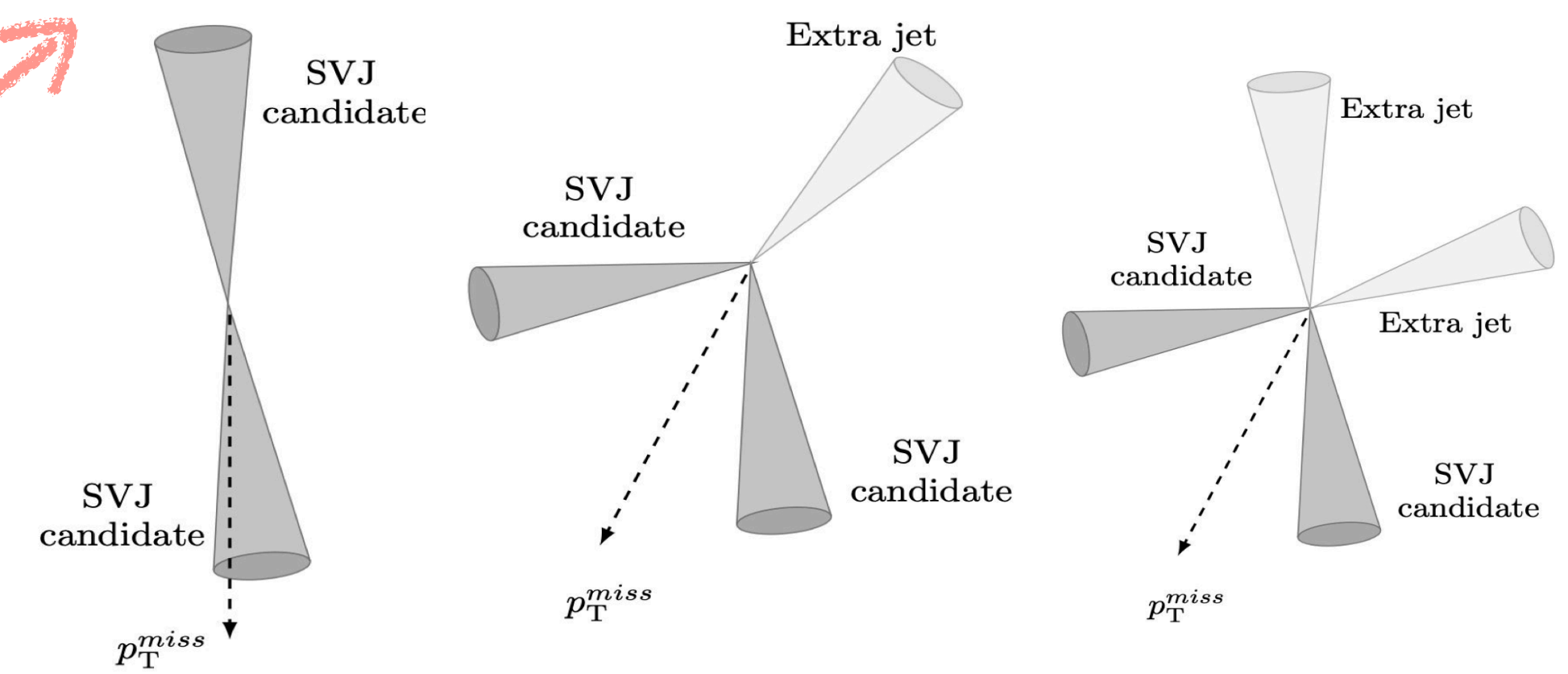


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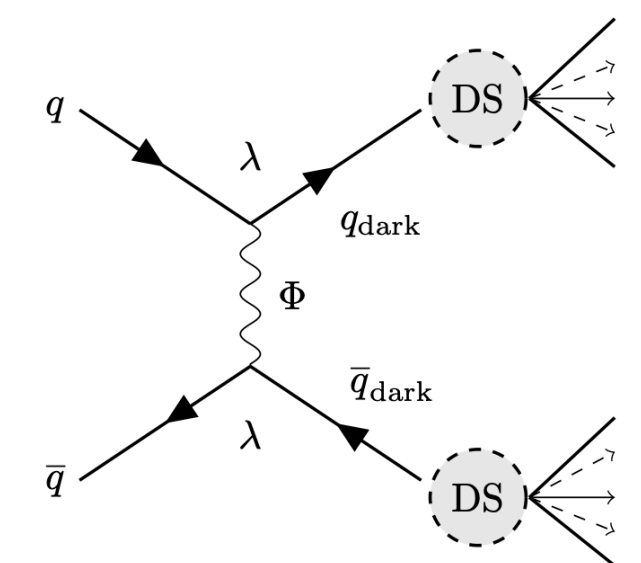
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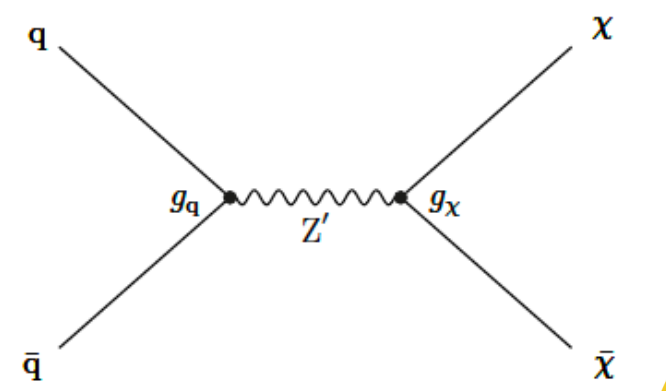
Jets and  $p_T^{miss}$ :



**NEW** ATLAS, t-channel [CERN-EP-2023-084]

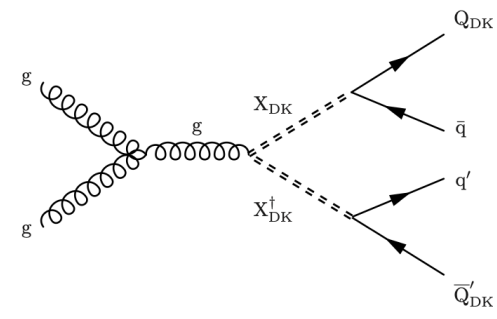


CMS, s-channel [JHEP06(2022)156]



# Dark QCD searches

**CMS, emerging jets**  
[JHEP02(2019)179]

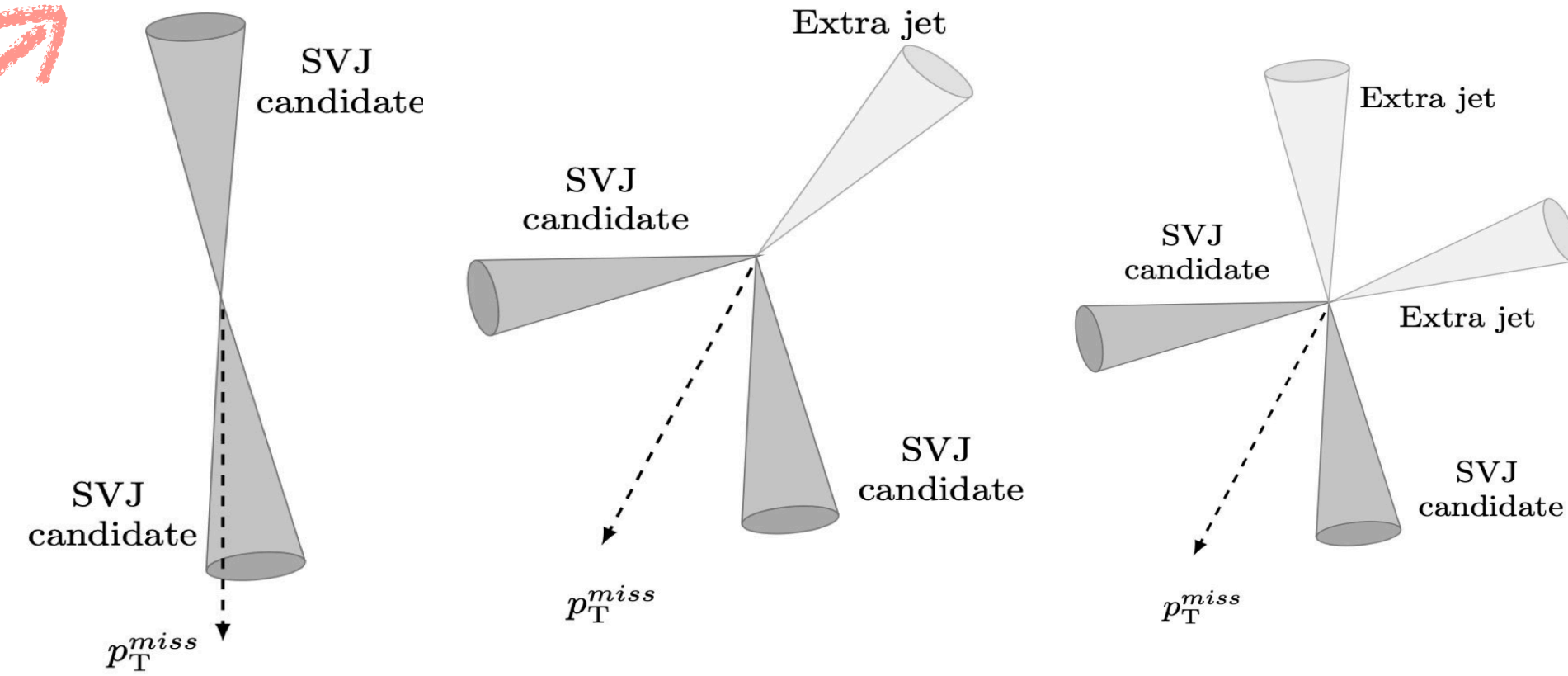


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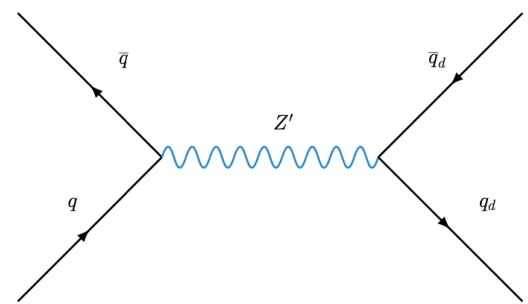
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[ATLAS-CONF-2023-047]



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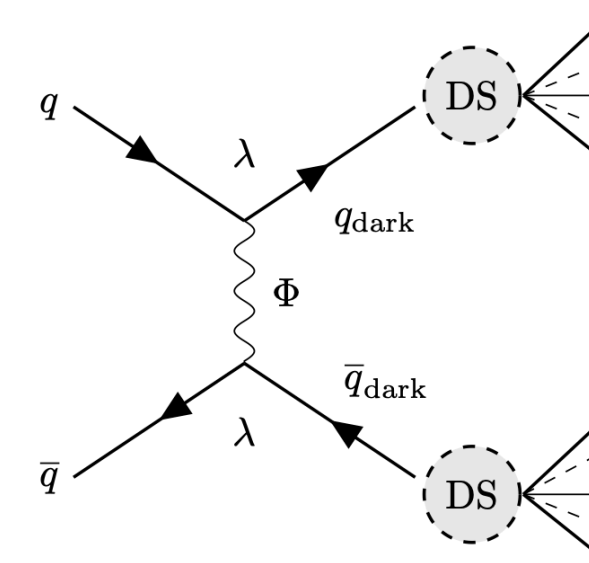
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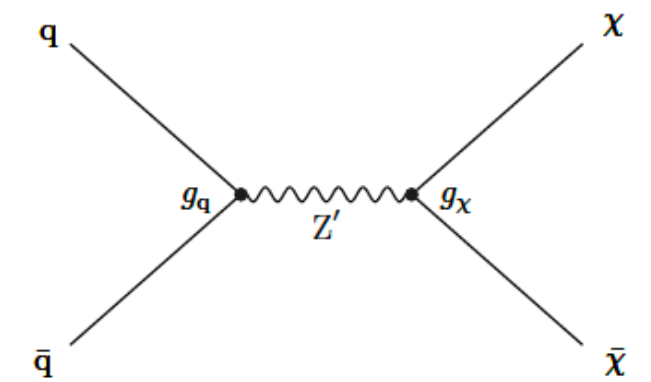
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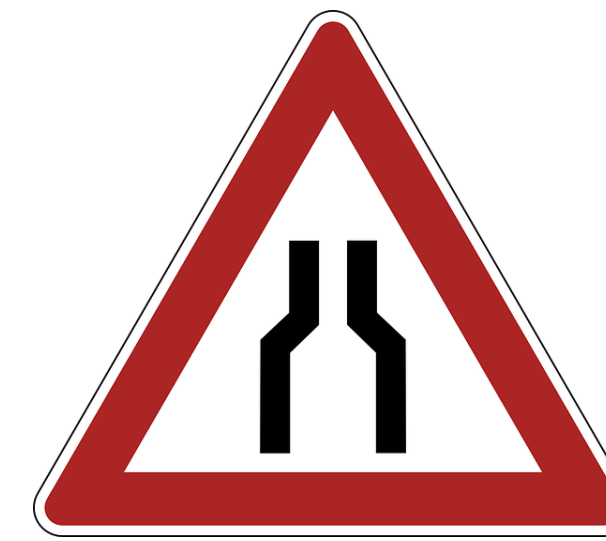
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[CERN-EP-2023-084]



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[JHEP06(2022)156]

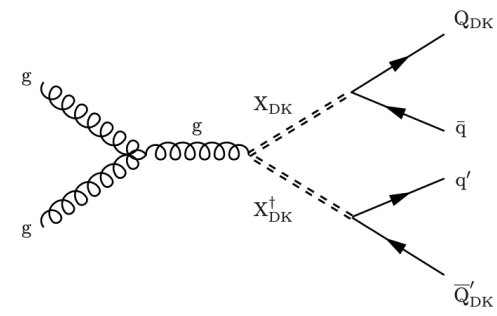


# Dark QCD searches



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([YOUNGST@R](mailto:YOUNGST@R)  
workshop)

CMS, emerging jets  
[JHEP02(2019)179]

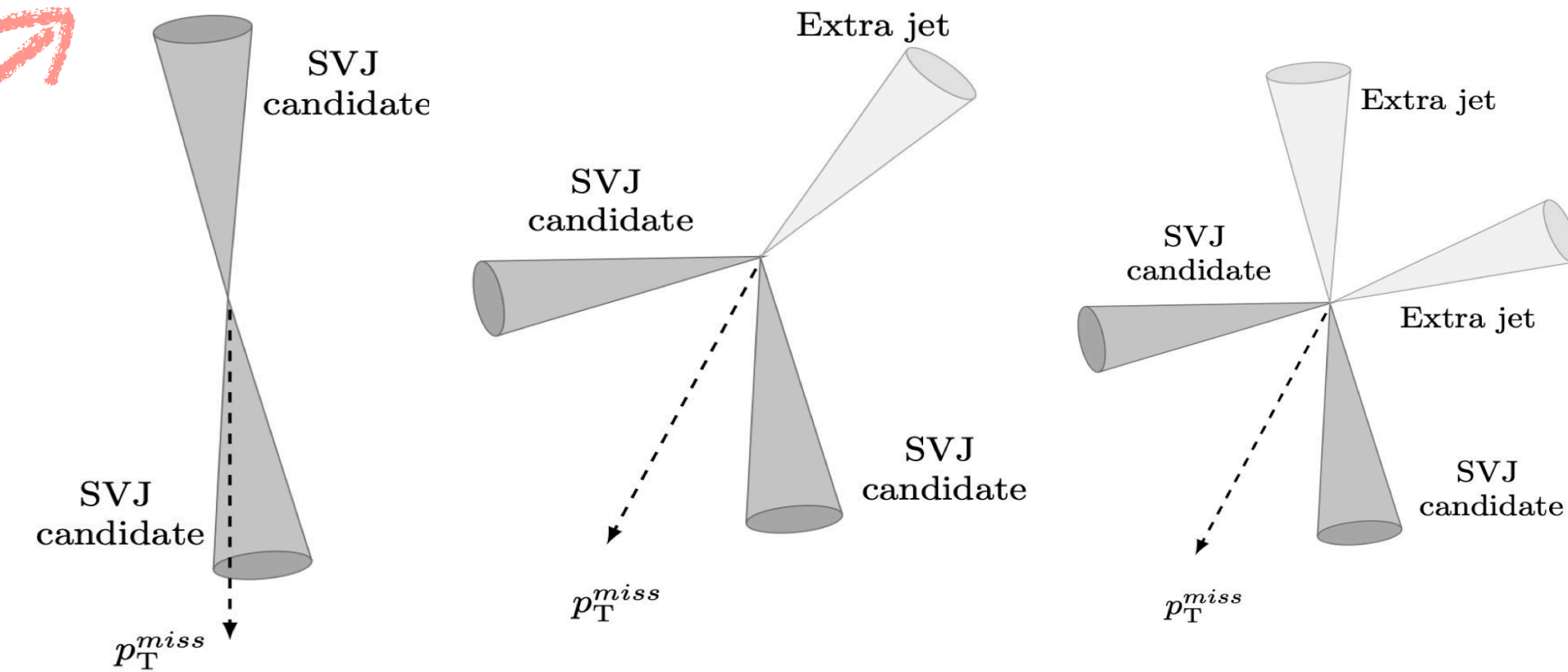


Displaced vertex

Courtesy of Sukanya Sinha

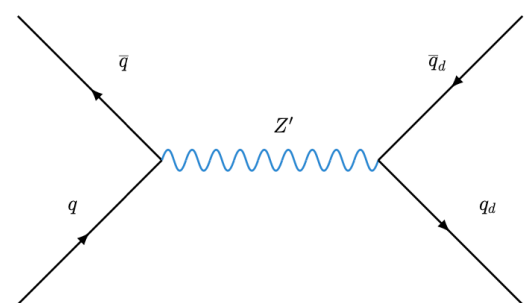
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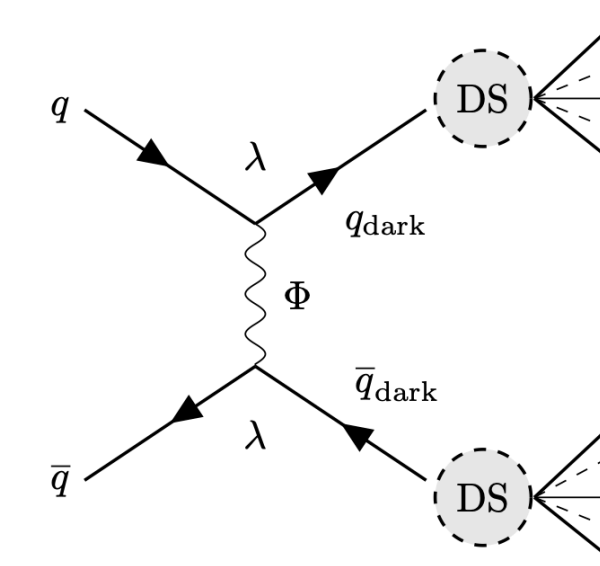
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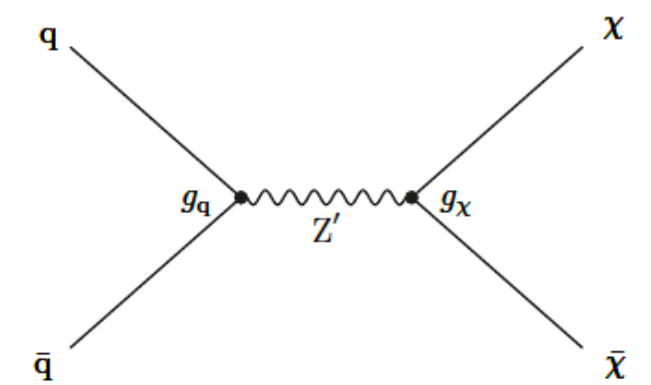
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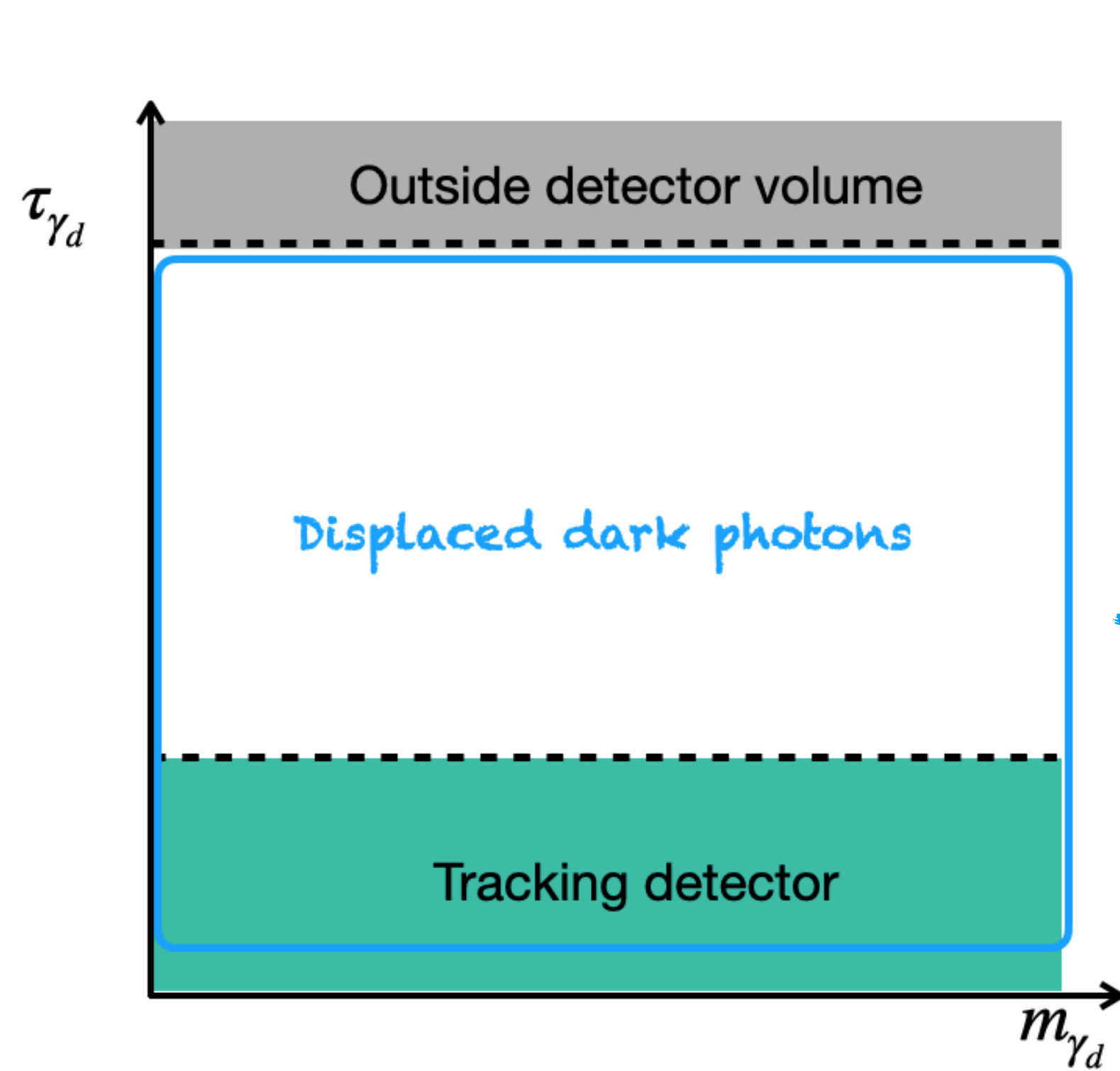
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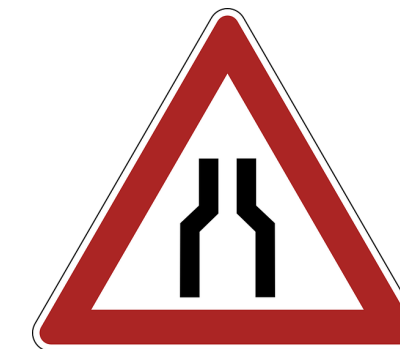
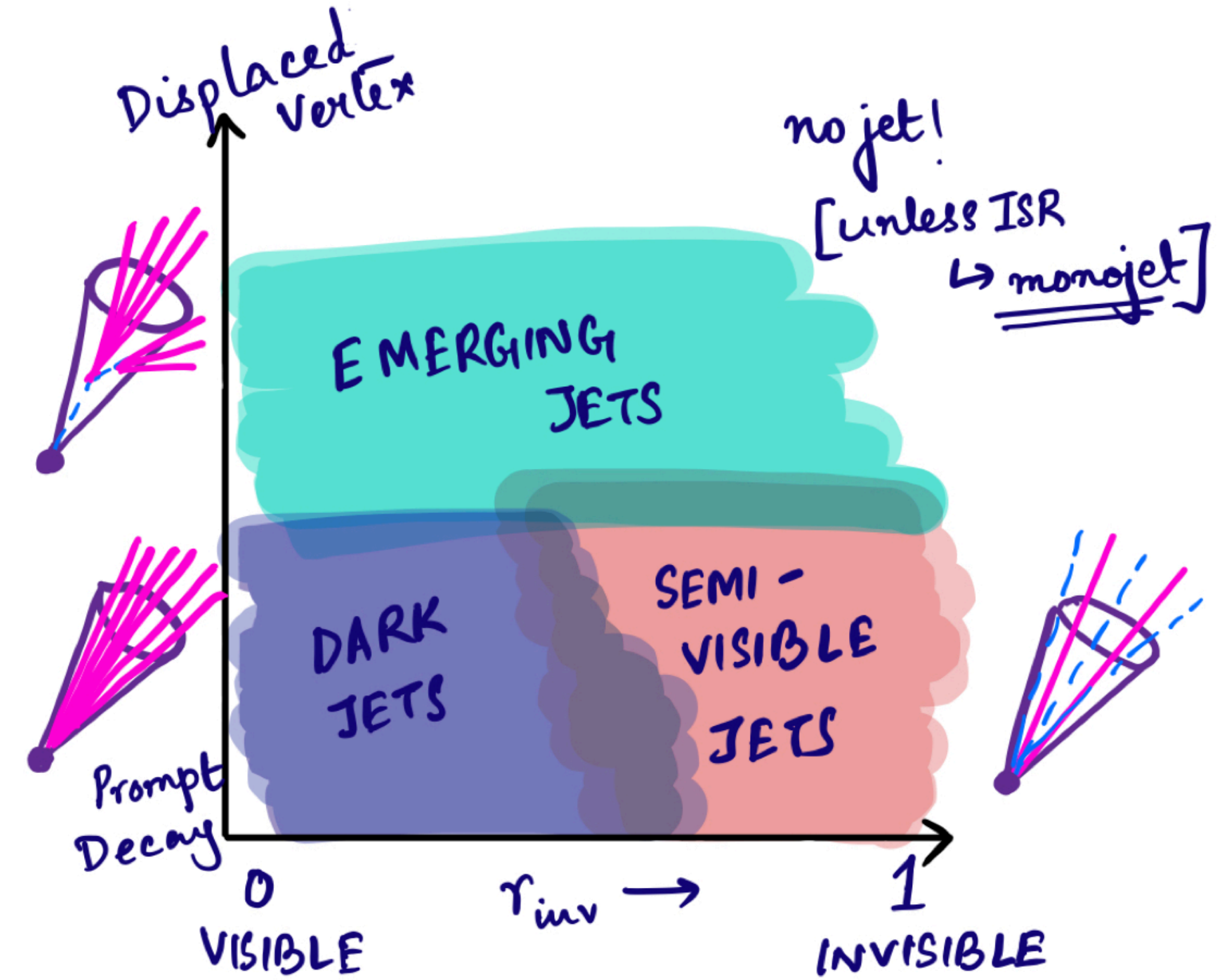
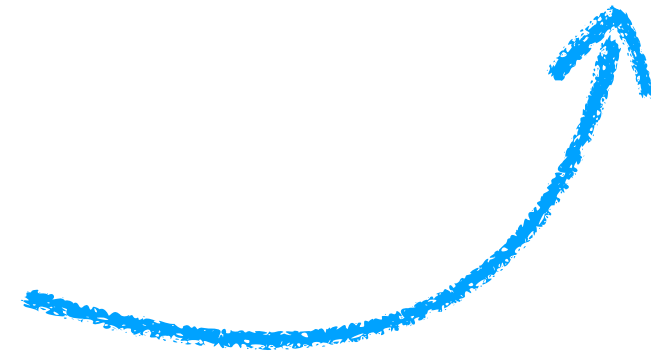
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# The challenges



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Yesterday's offline reconstruction = today's online one?



Model independent searches?



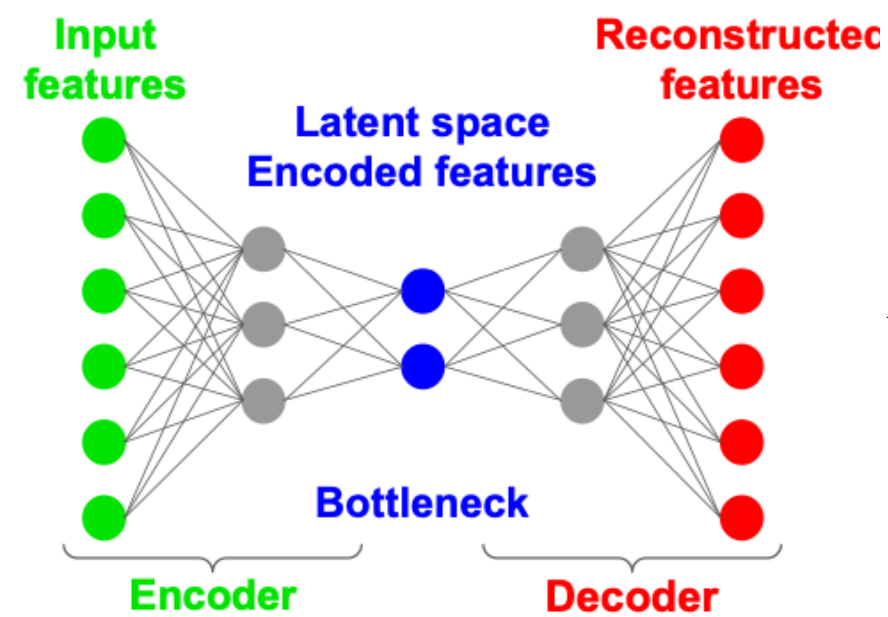
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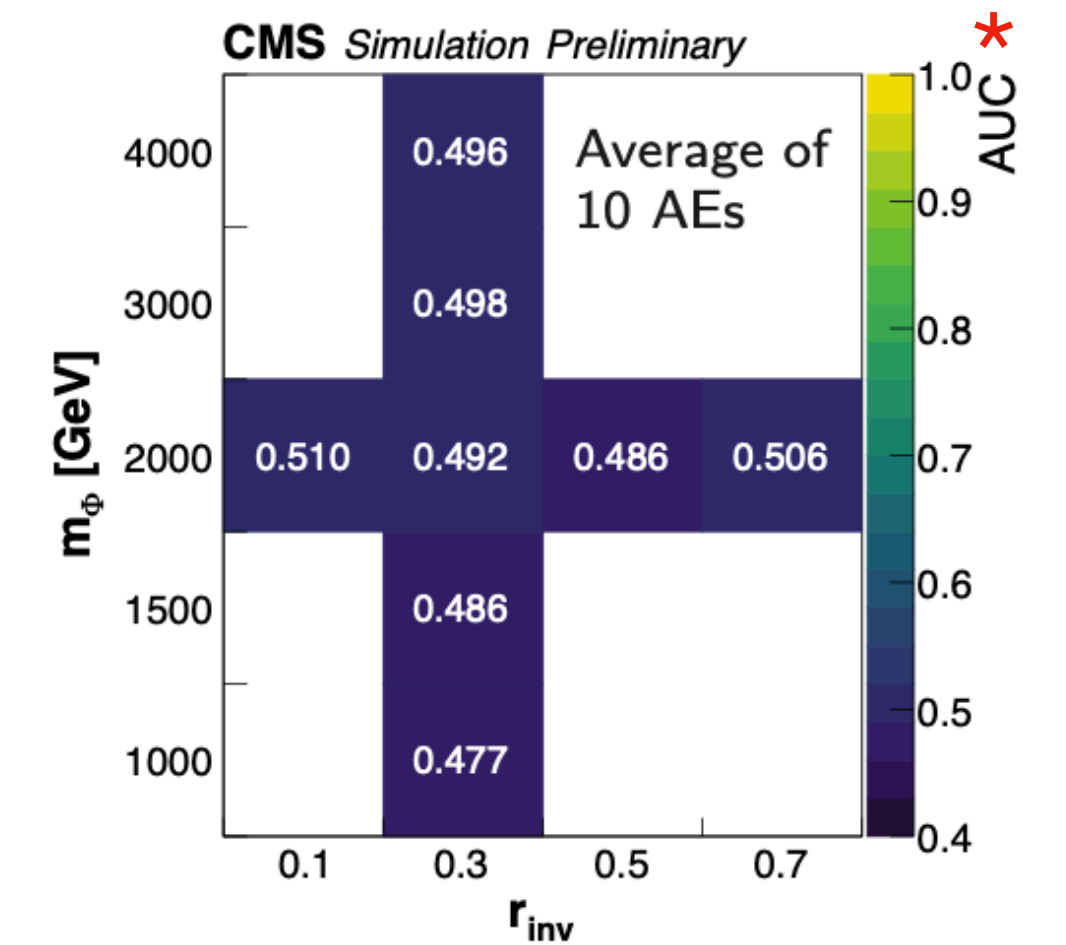
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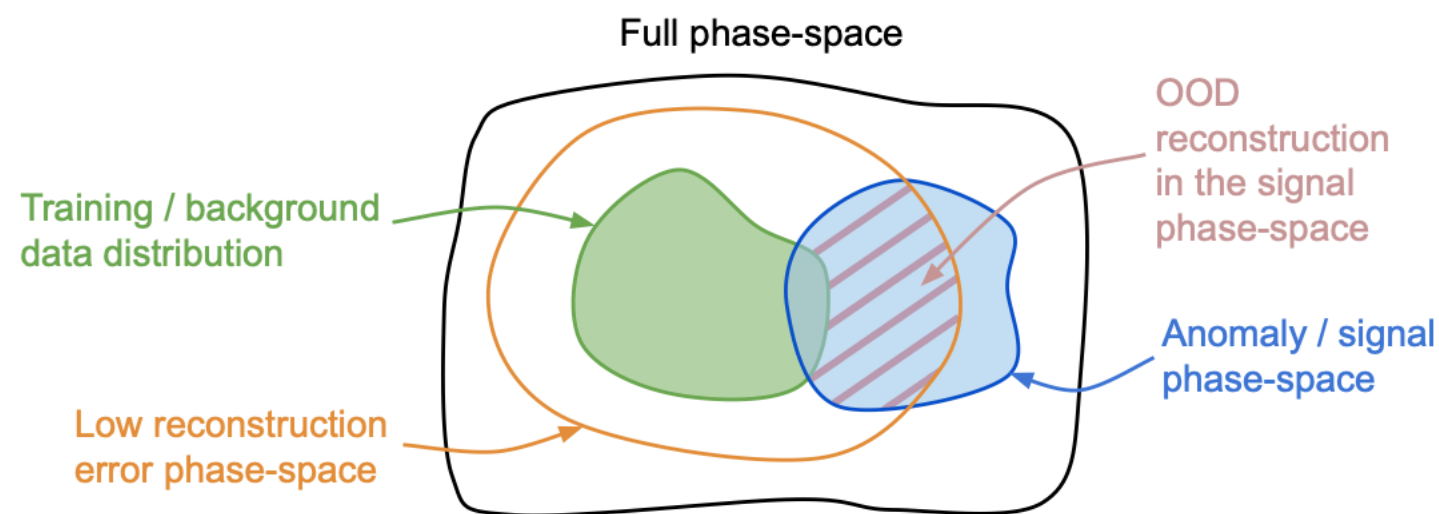
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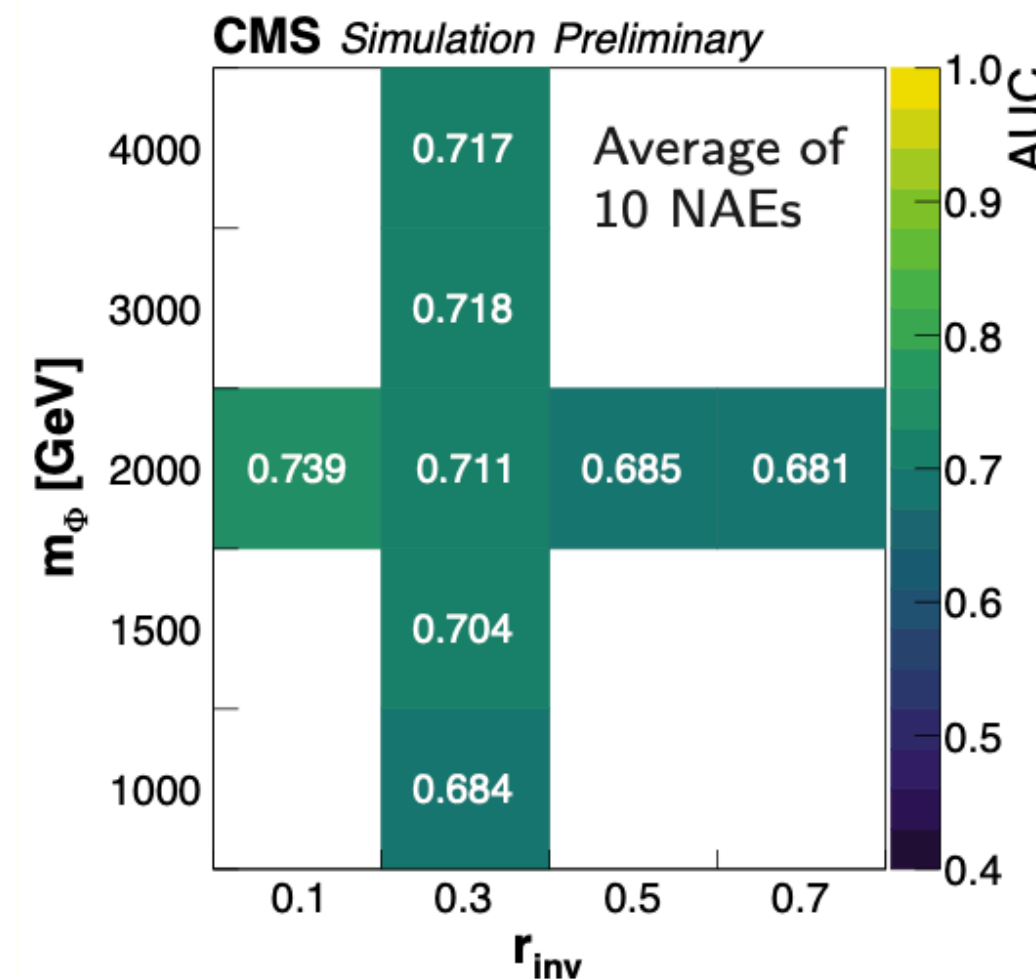


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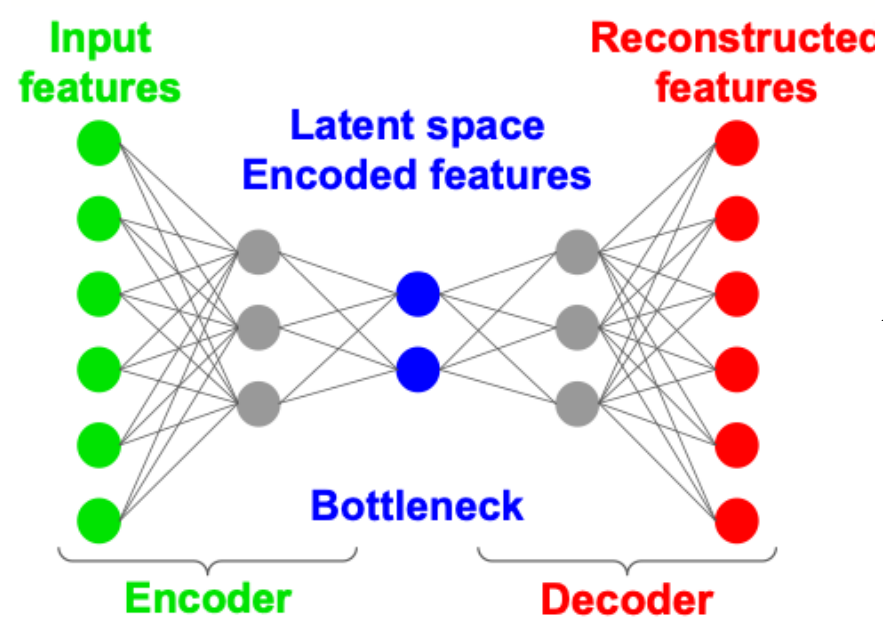
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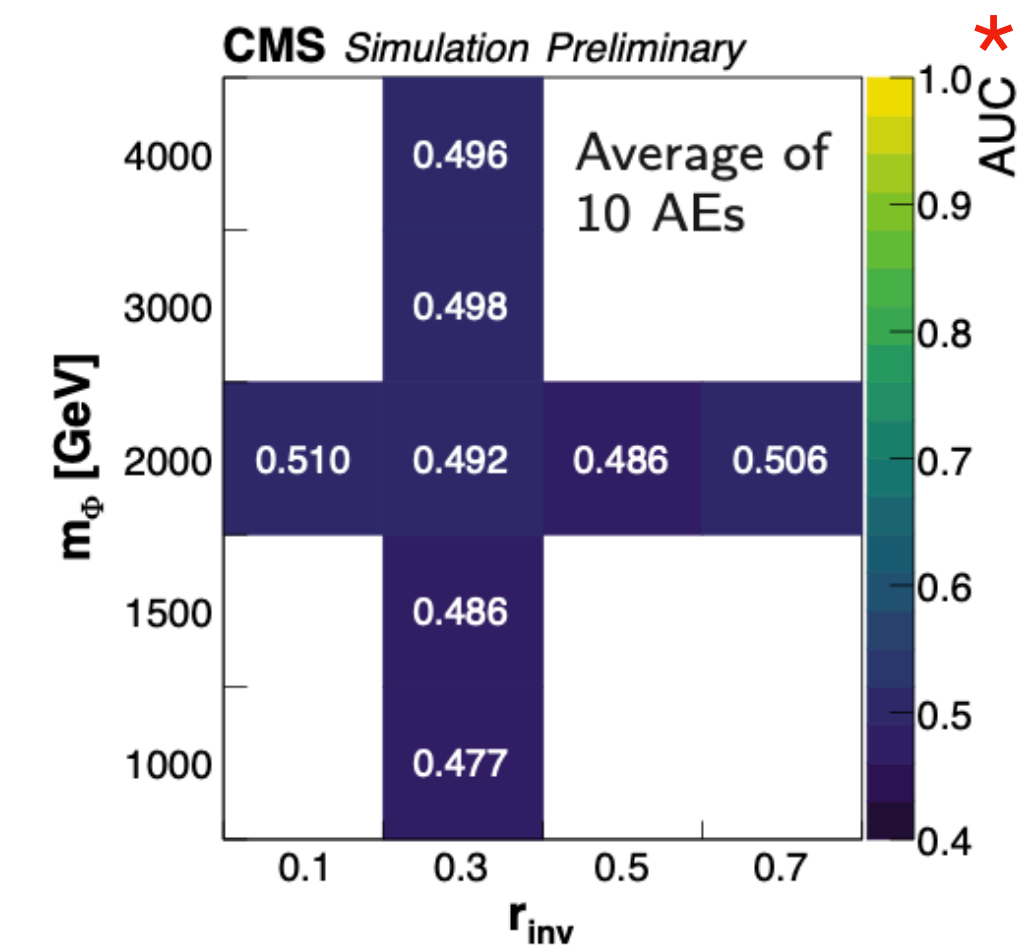
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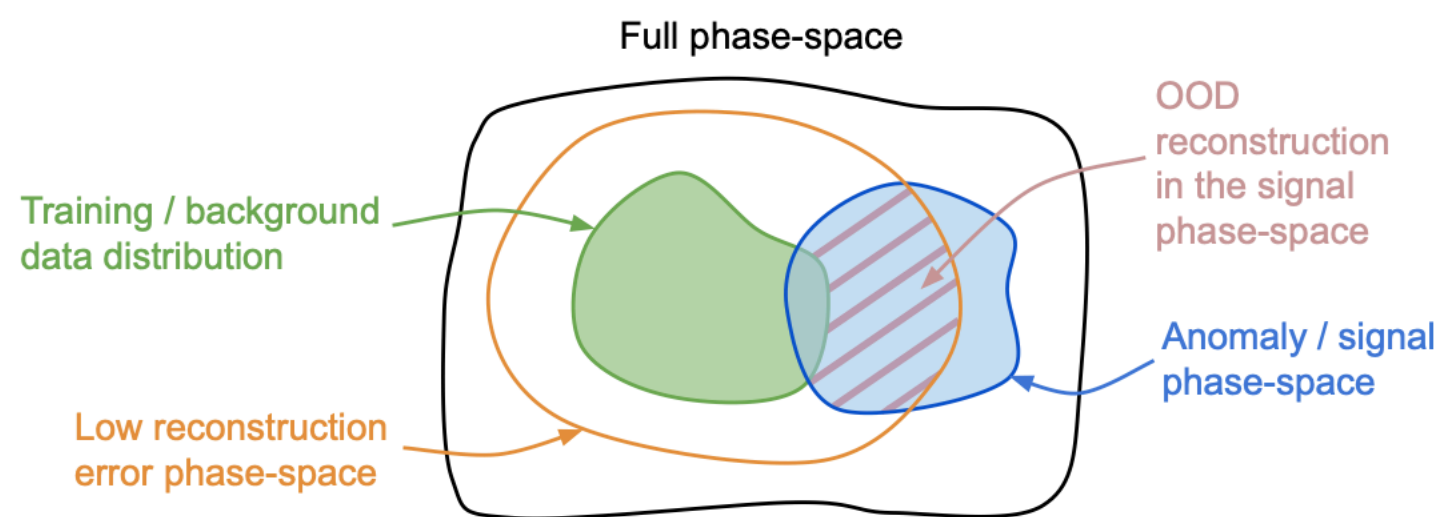
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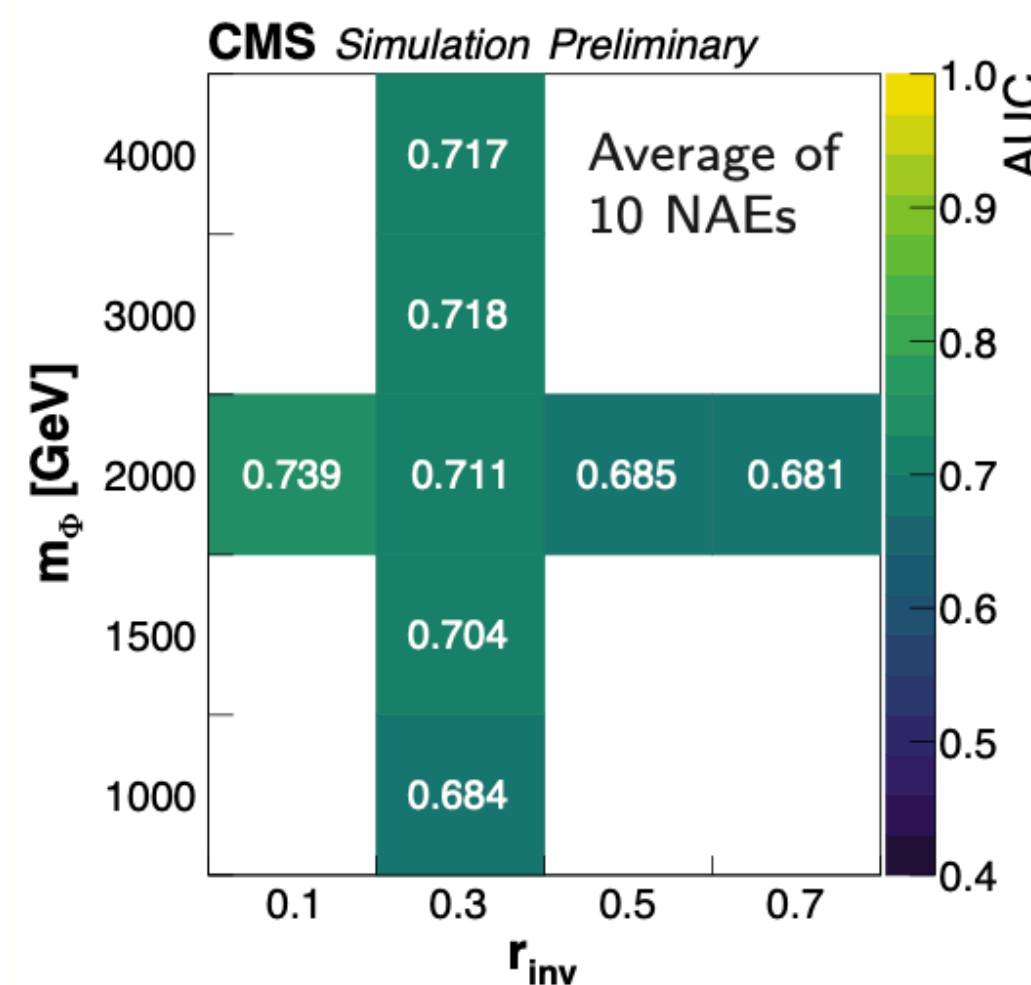


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To know more...

[CMS performance note \[CMS DP -2023/071\]](#)

[EPS 2023 proceeding](#)

[EPS 2023 poster](#)

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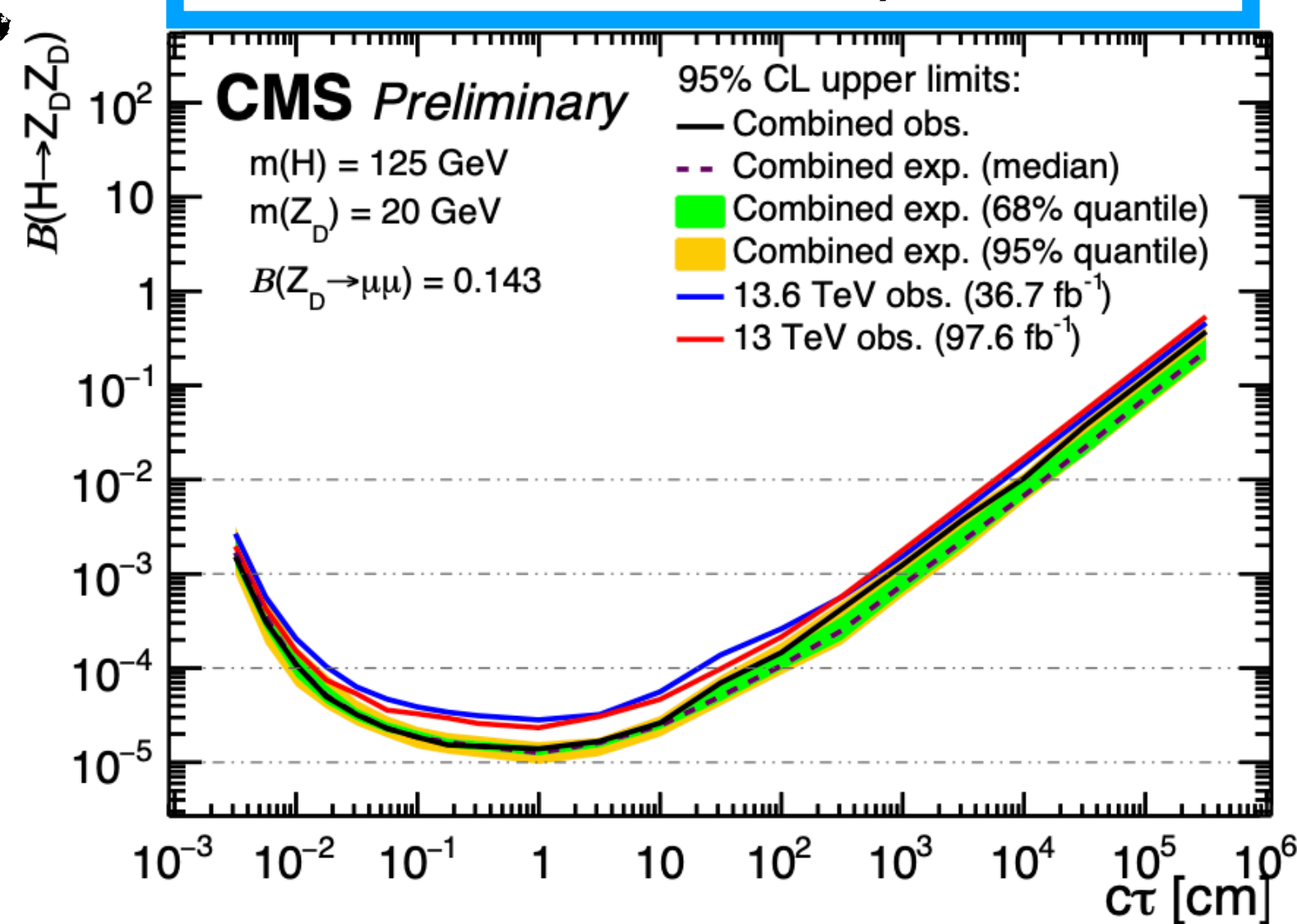
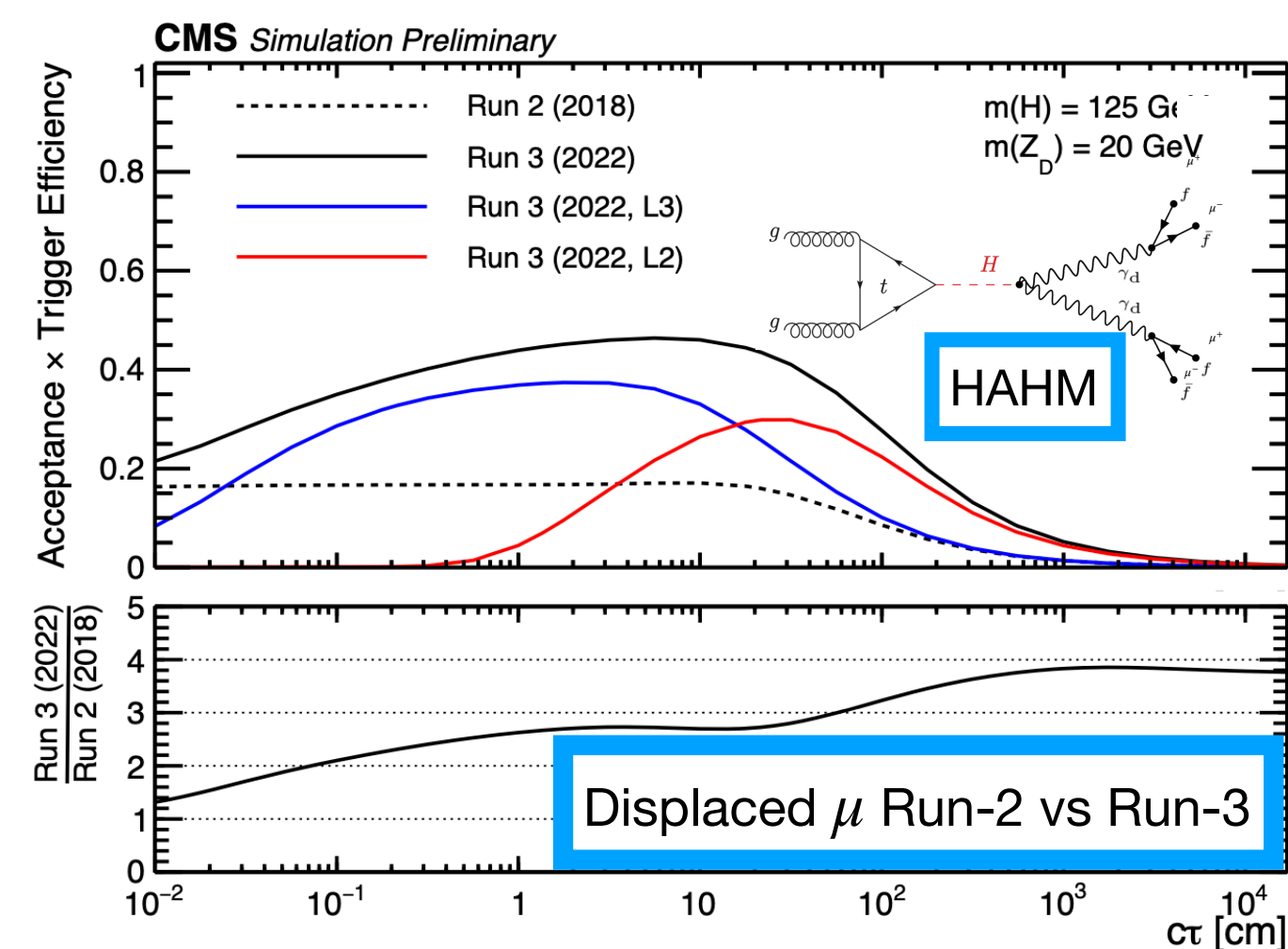
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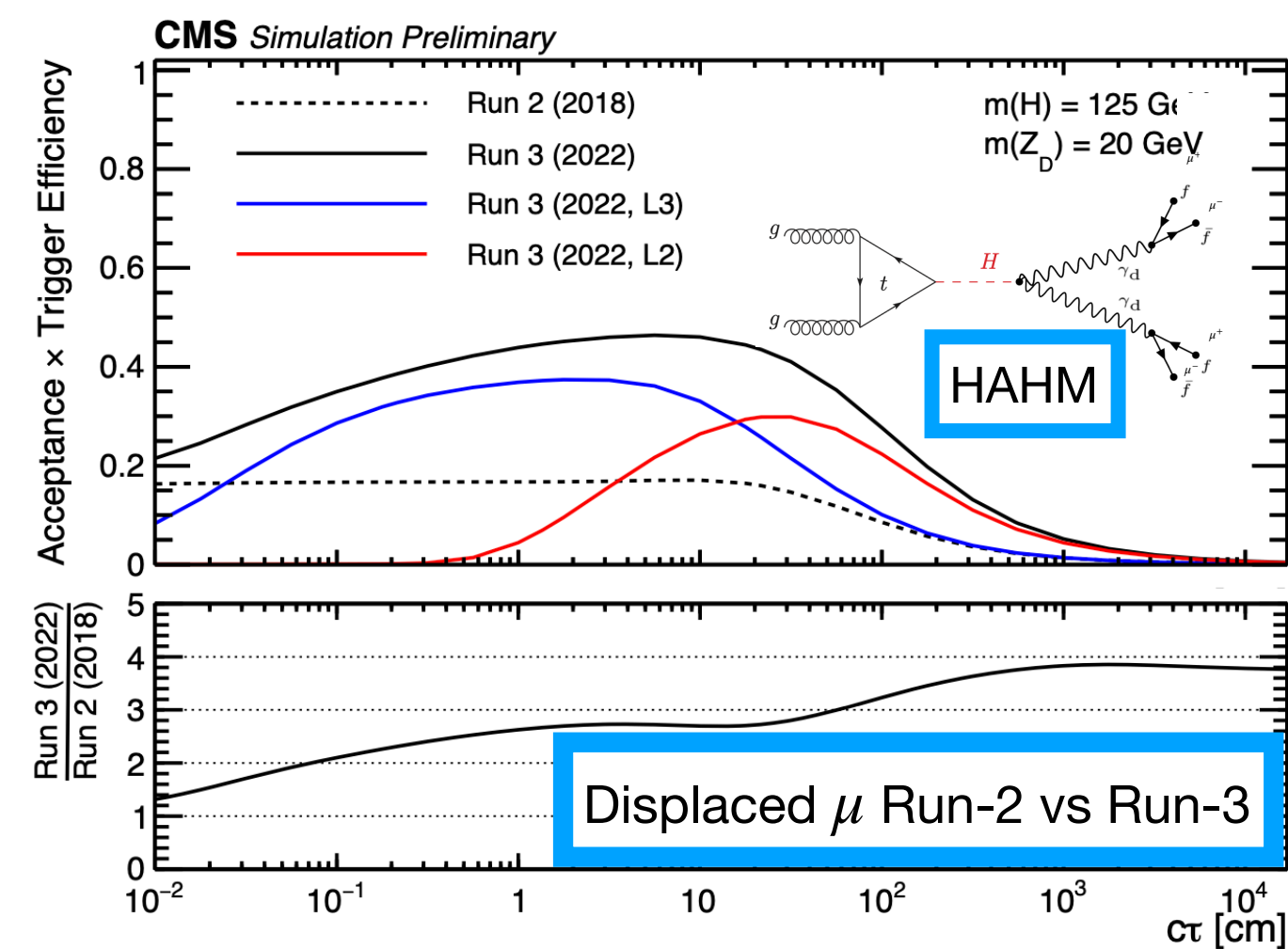


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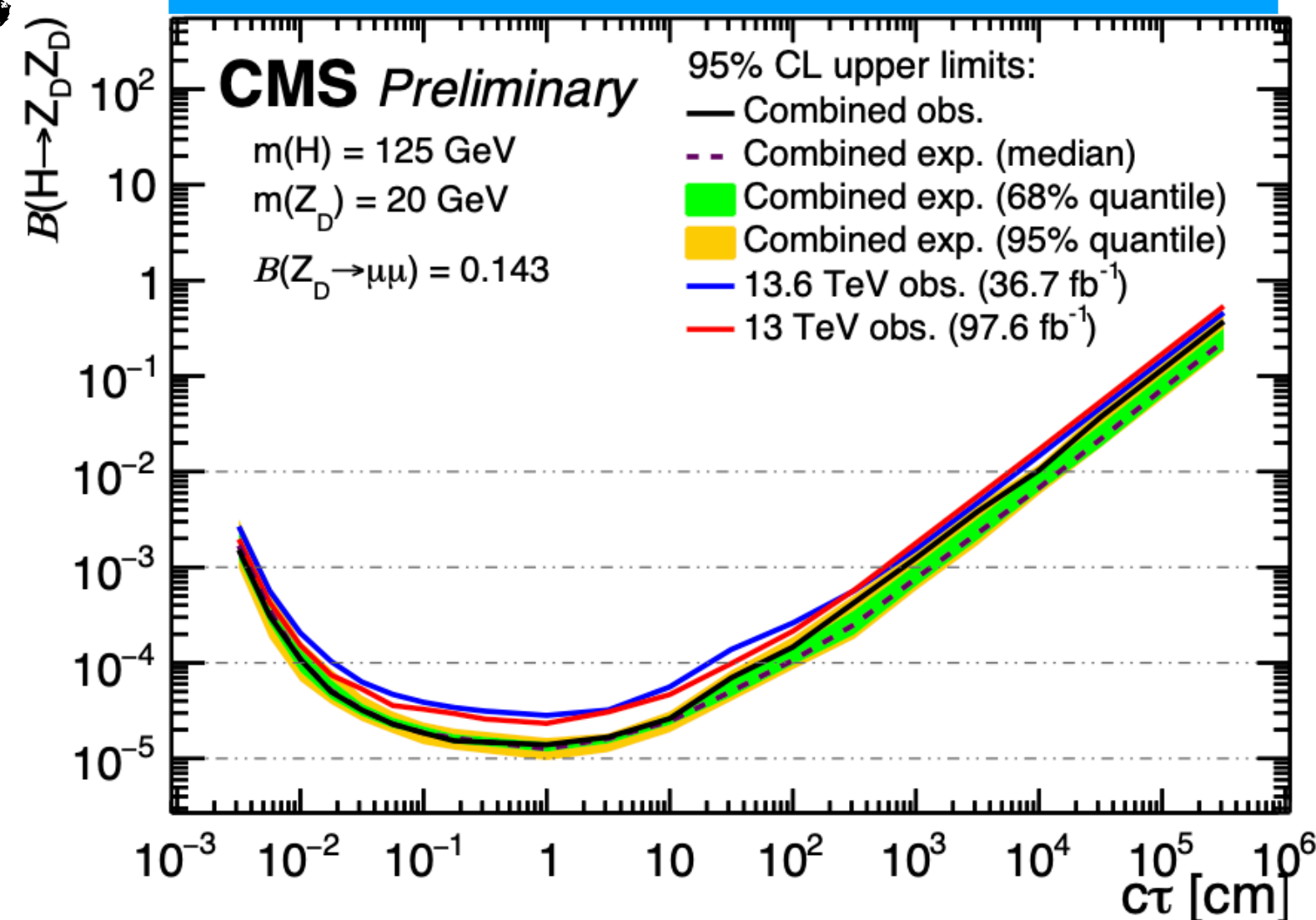
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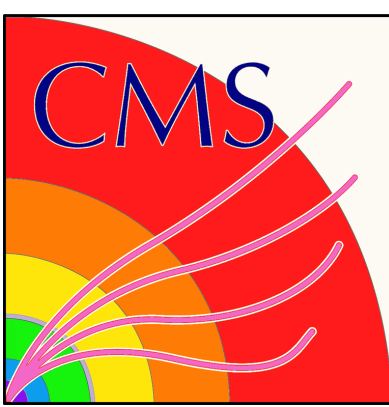
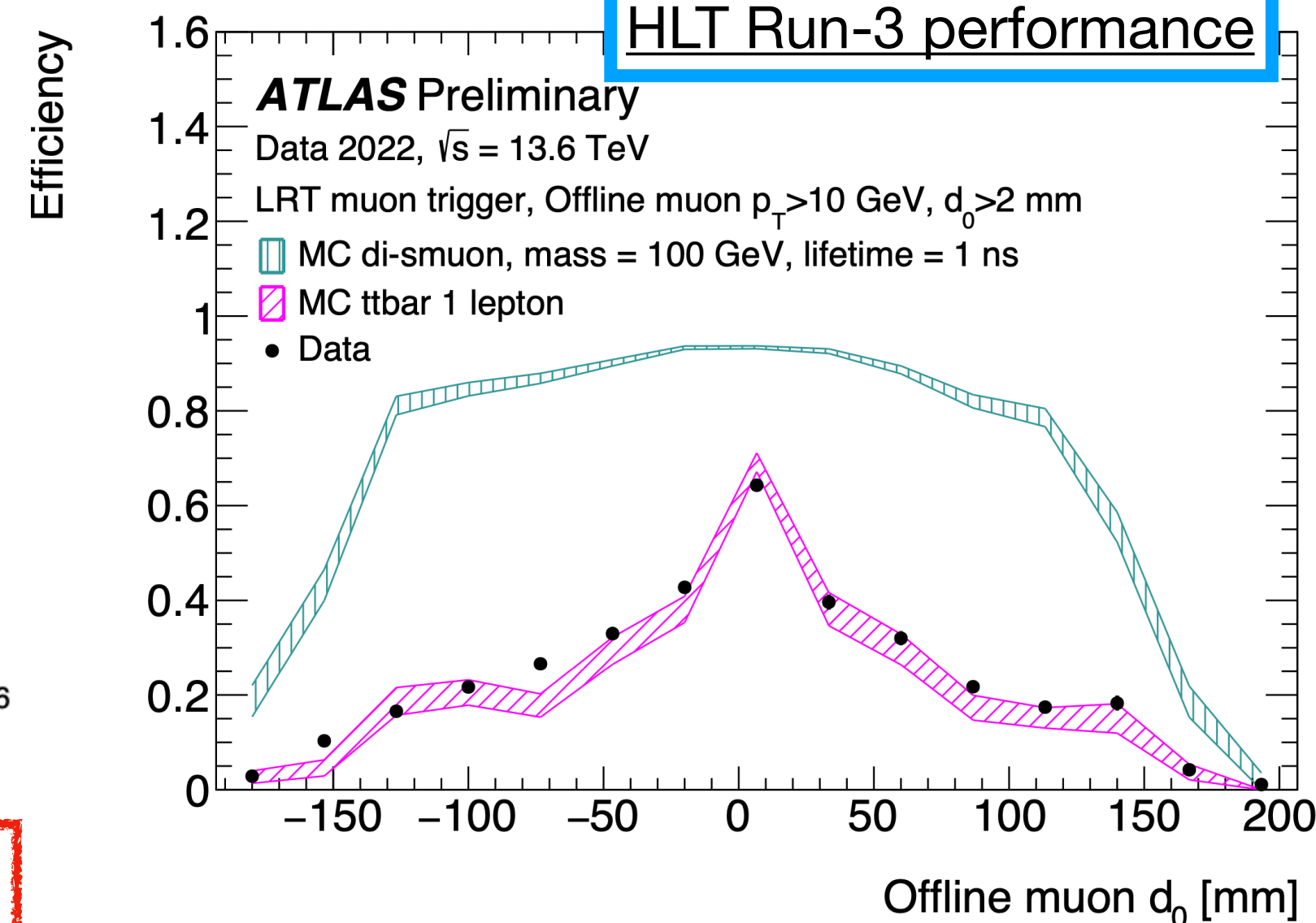
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In ATLAS standard tracking:  
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In Run-2 LRT was run only on 10% of data (computation time too long)

In Run-3 already **running at the HLT level**, expected **sizeable sensitivity** for displaced scenarios!

## HLT Run-3 performance



# Conclusion

Dark Sectors are challenging search candidates → different parameters, very different signatures

→ unconventional final states, pushing detector capabilities!

Extensively studied during Run-2, many challenges were identified, some already overcame in Run-3

We are here!

Exciting prospects for the future!



# Additional material

All ATLAS public results

All CMS public results

LHCP2023: HNLs searches in ATLAS & CMS

LHCP2023: ALPs searches in ATLAS, CMS, LHCb

→ Dark Higgs  $H_d$ :

CMS:  $H_d \rightarrow W^+W^-$  (fully and semi-leptonic) [CERN-EP-2023-216]

ATLAS:  $H_d \rightarrow W^+W^-$  (semi-leptonic) [JHEP07(2023)116]

ATLAS:  $H_d \rightarrow VV$  (fully hadronic) [PRL.126.121802]

LHC Dark Matter Working Group (LHC DM WG) → Dark Matter Models for Run 3

May

13-17

 CERN

15th International workshop of Identification of Dark Matter

July

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 L'Aquila

Past conferences about DM searches:

Dark Matter 2023 Conference

Dark Matter UCLA 2023

Light Dark World 2023

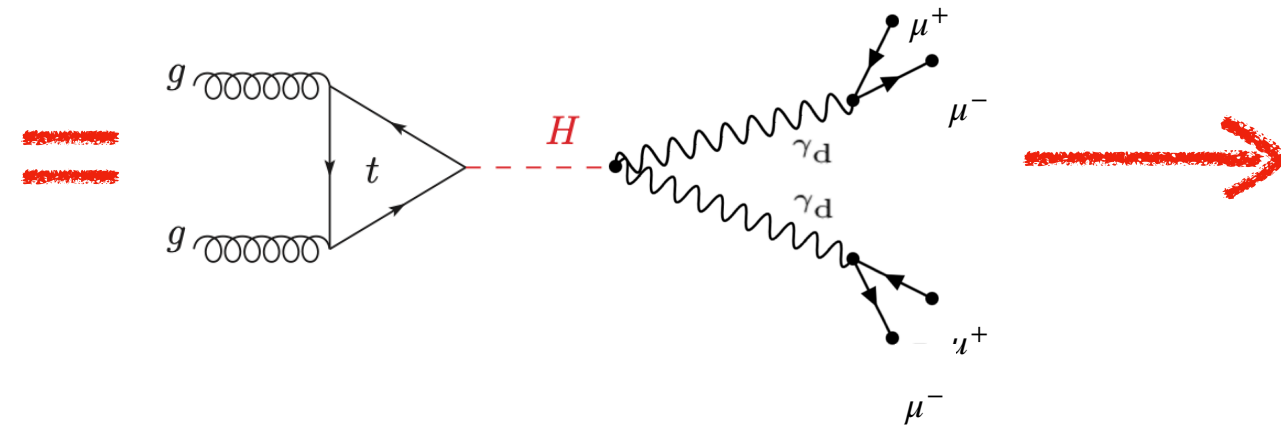


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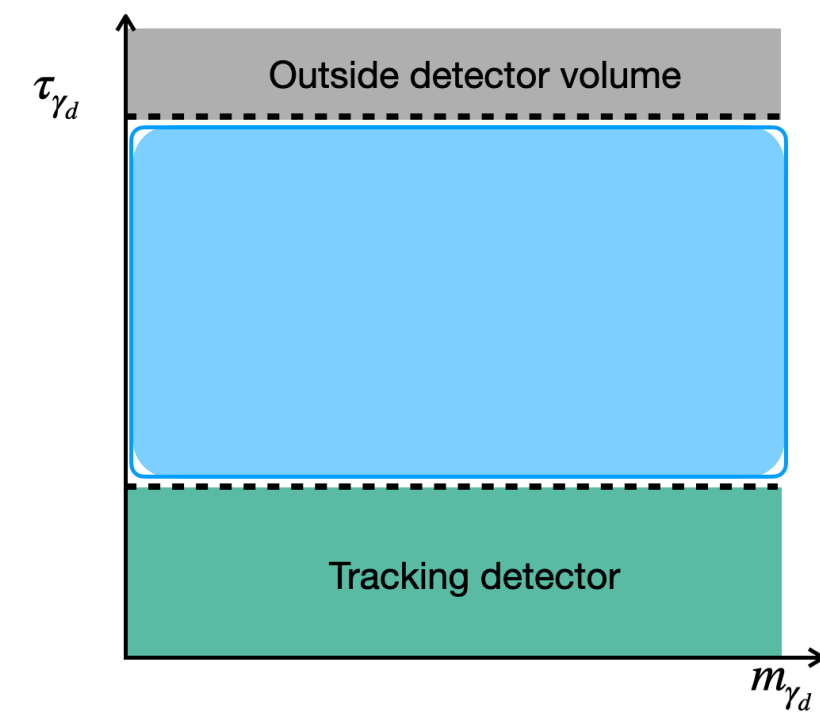


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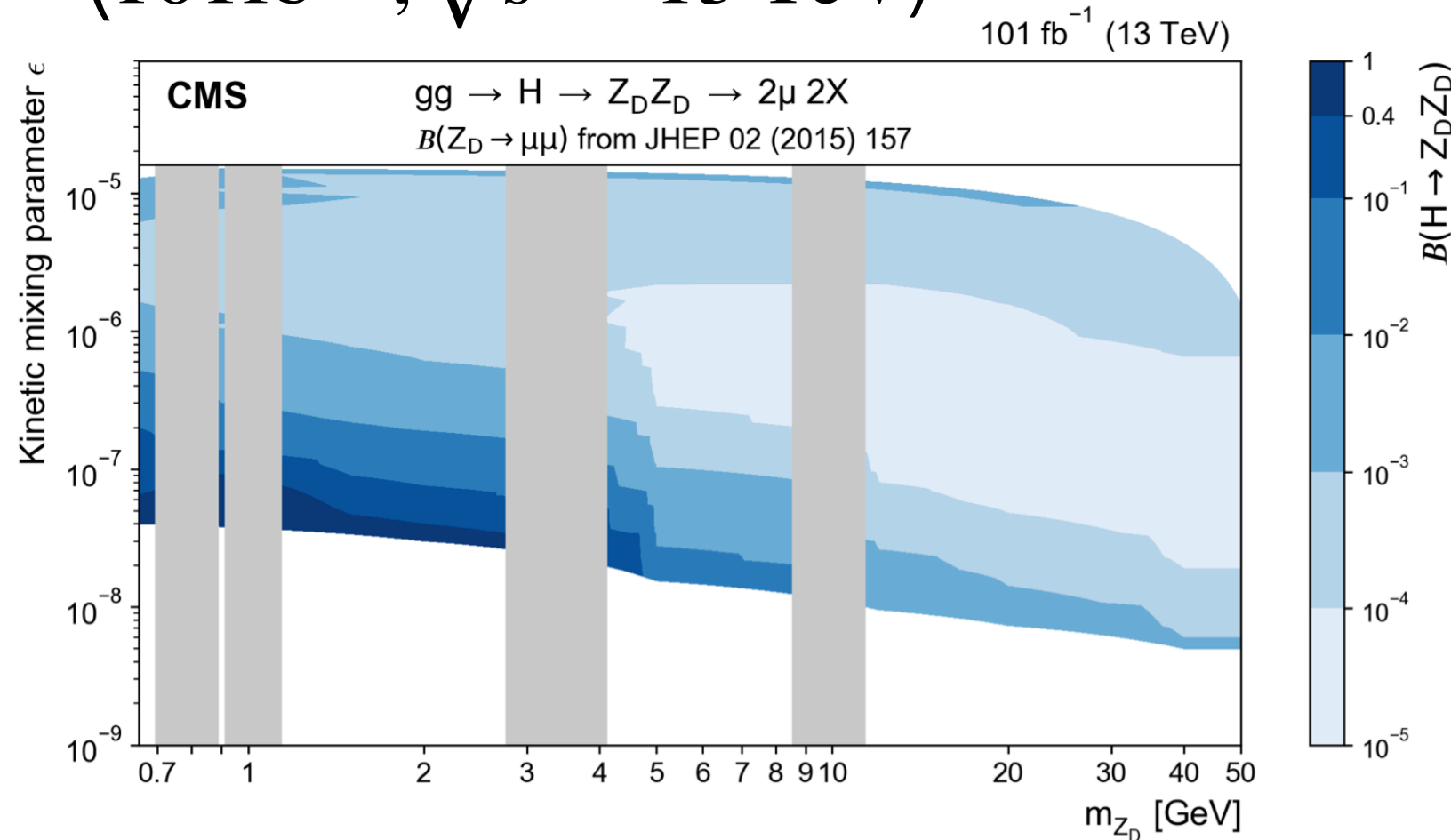


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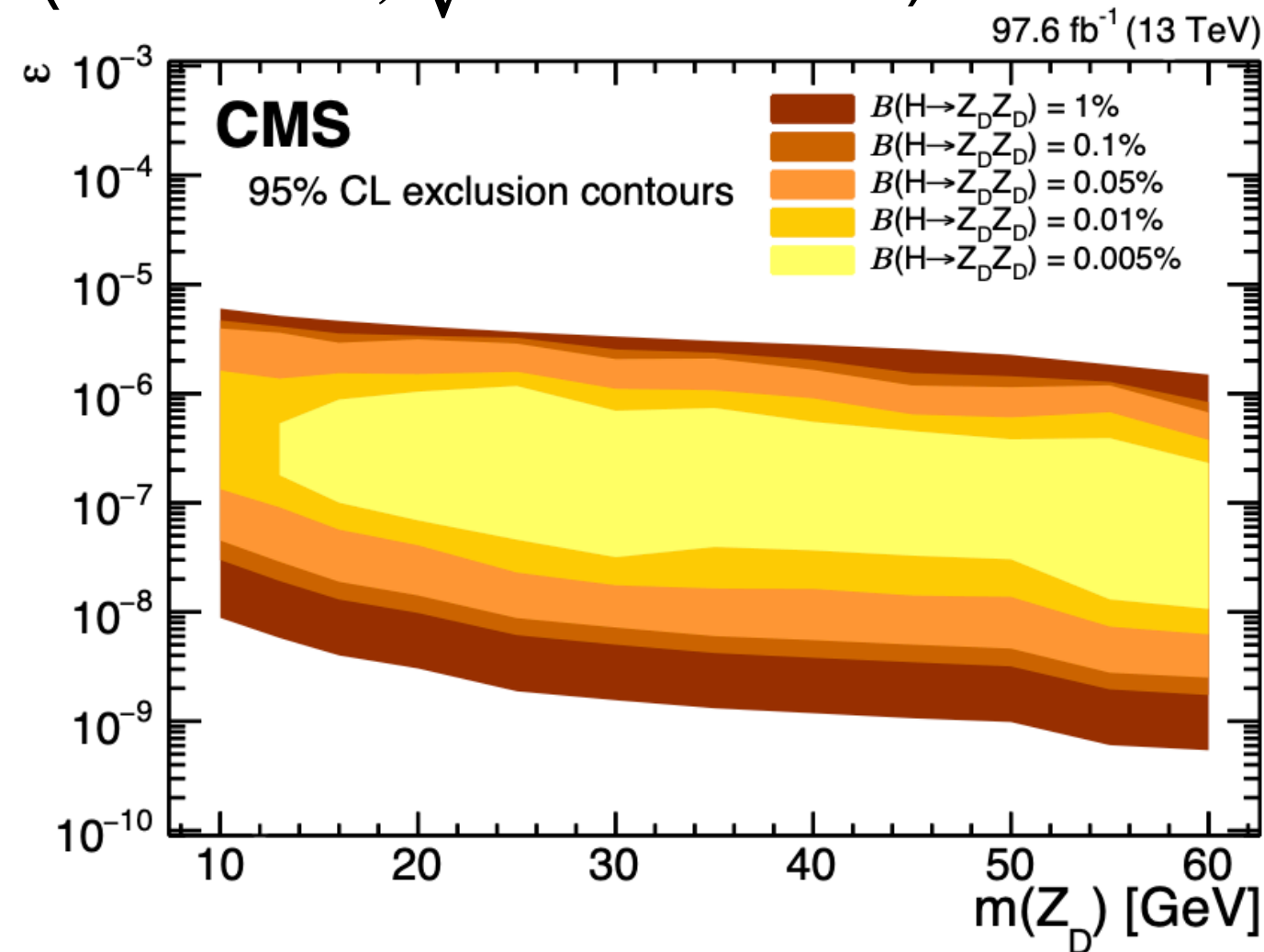
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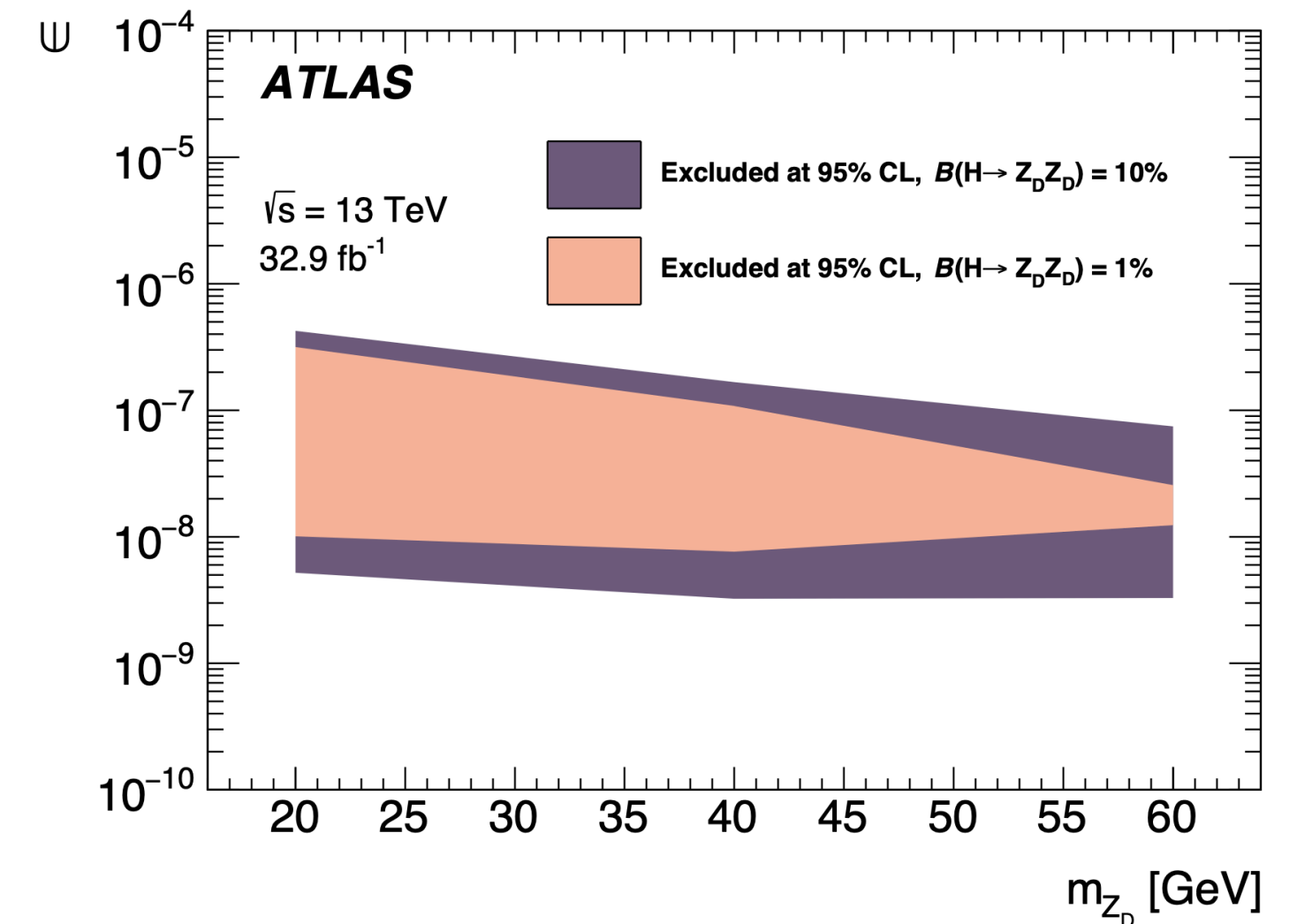
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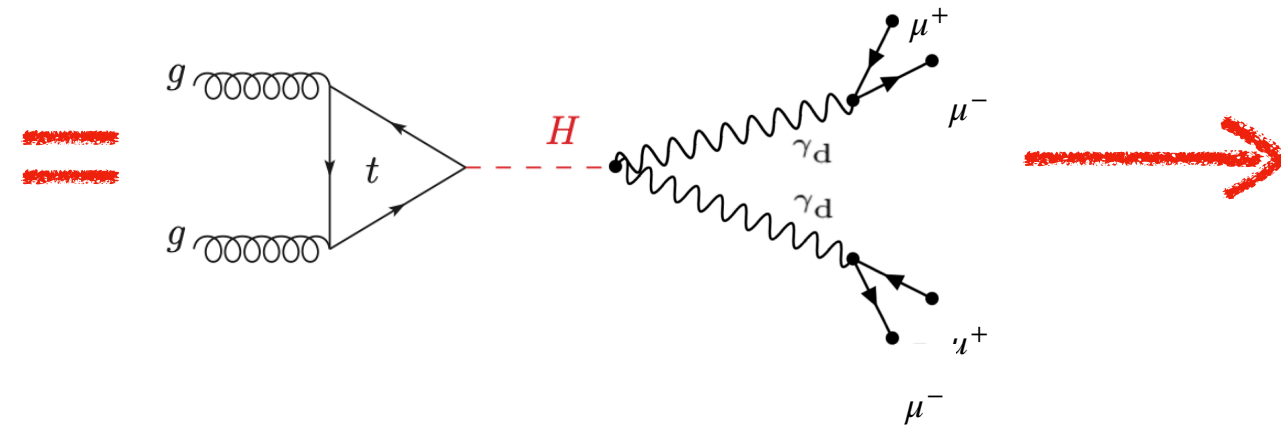


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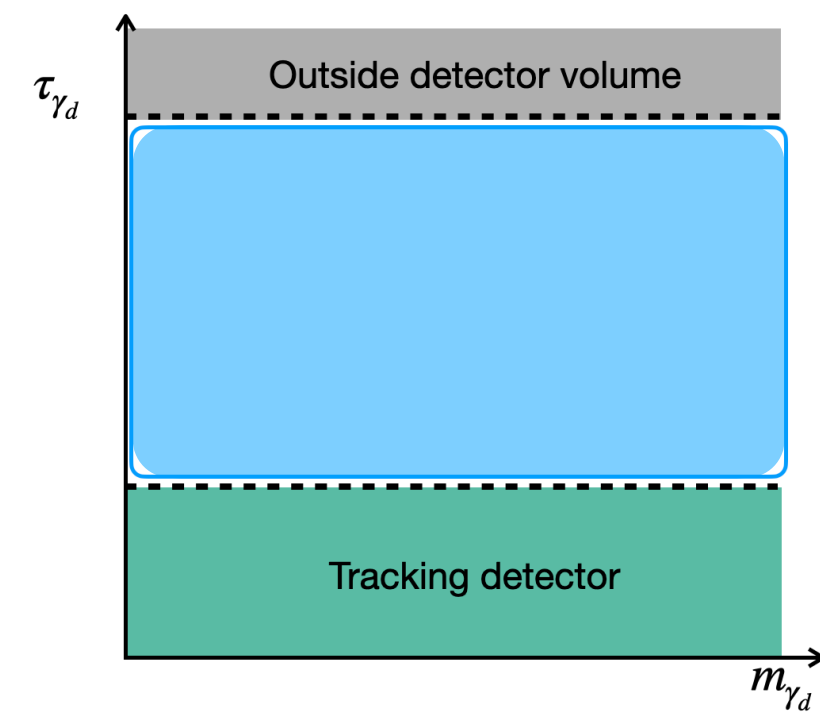


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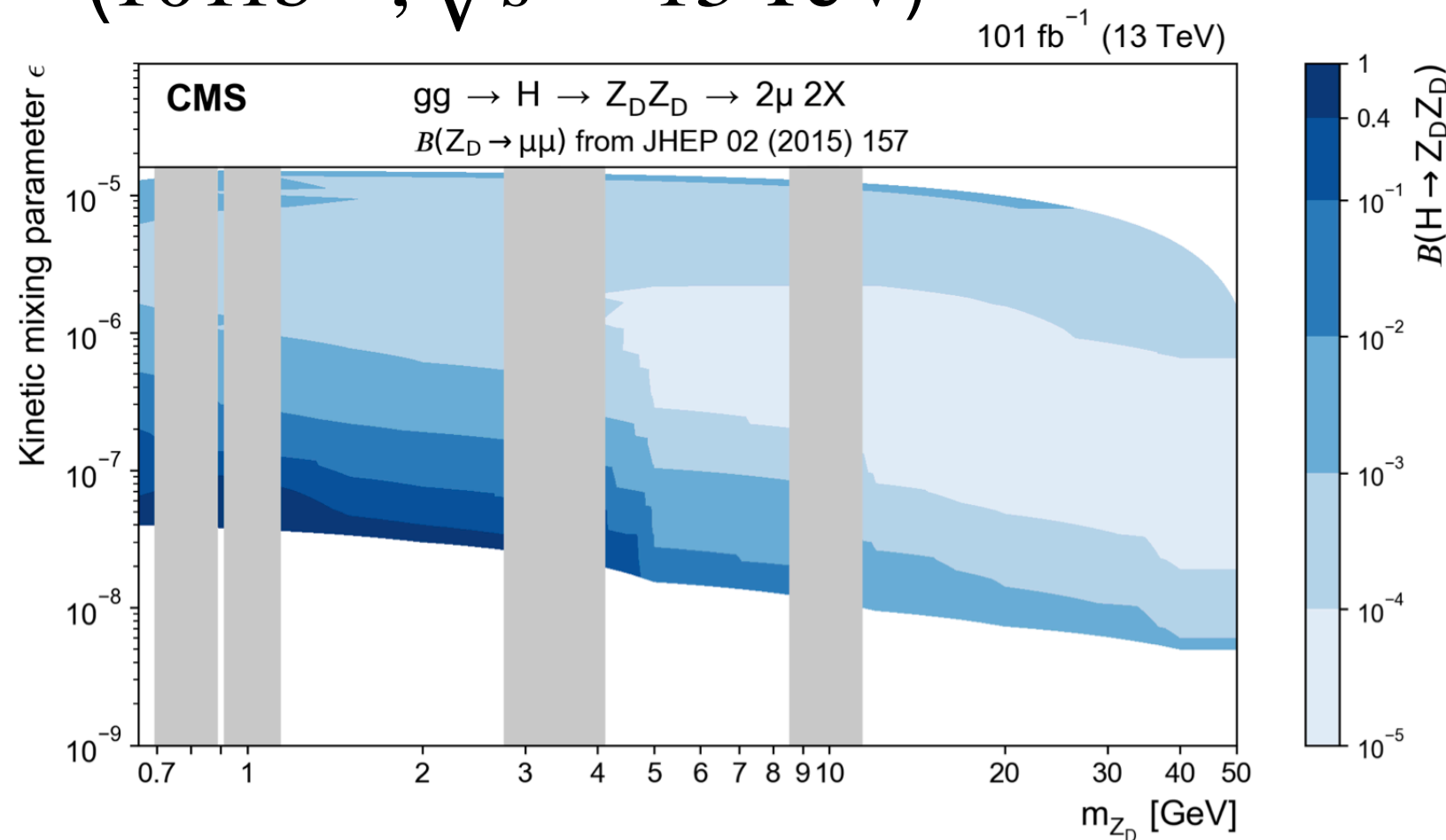


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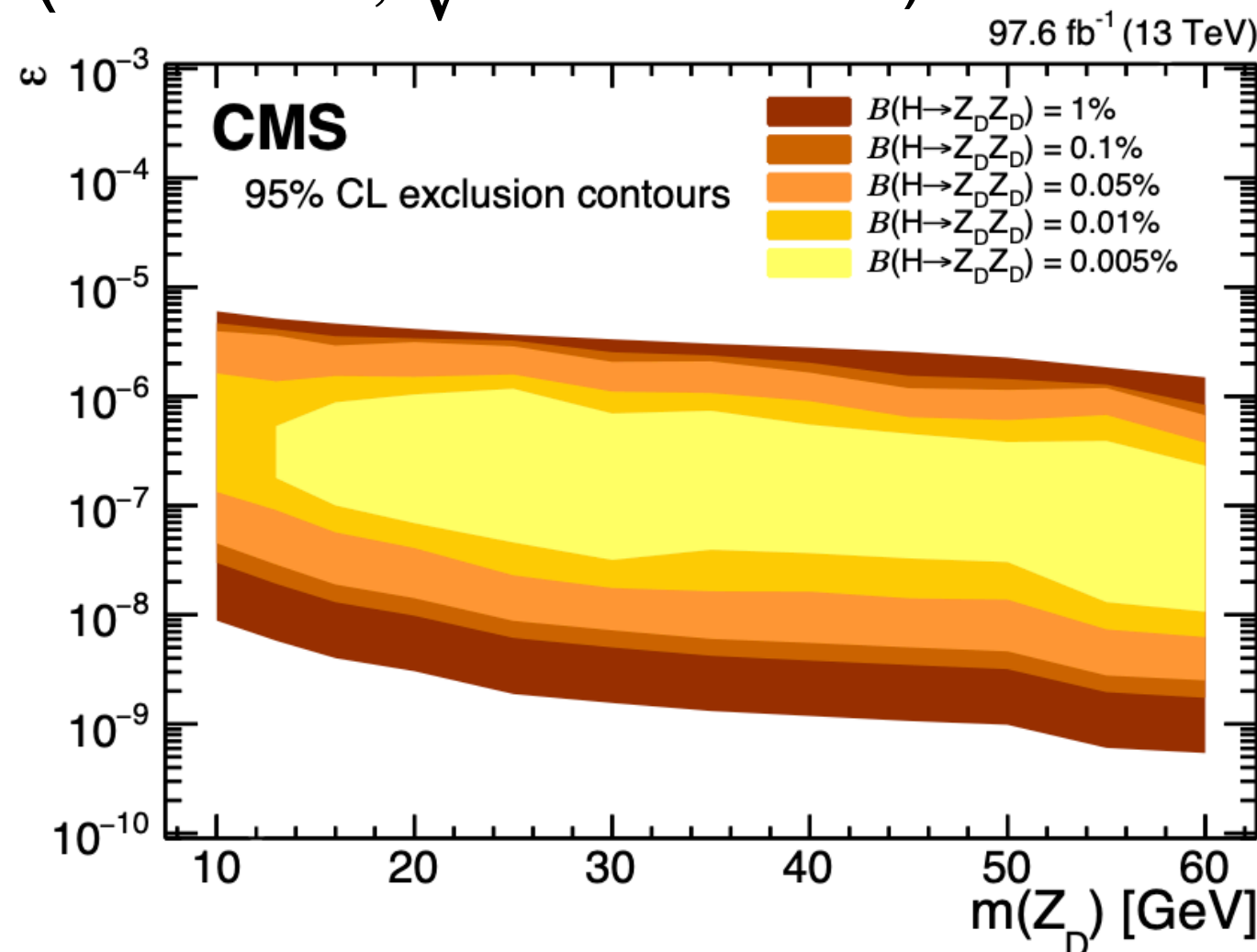
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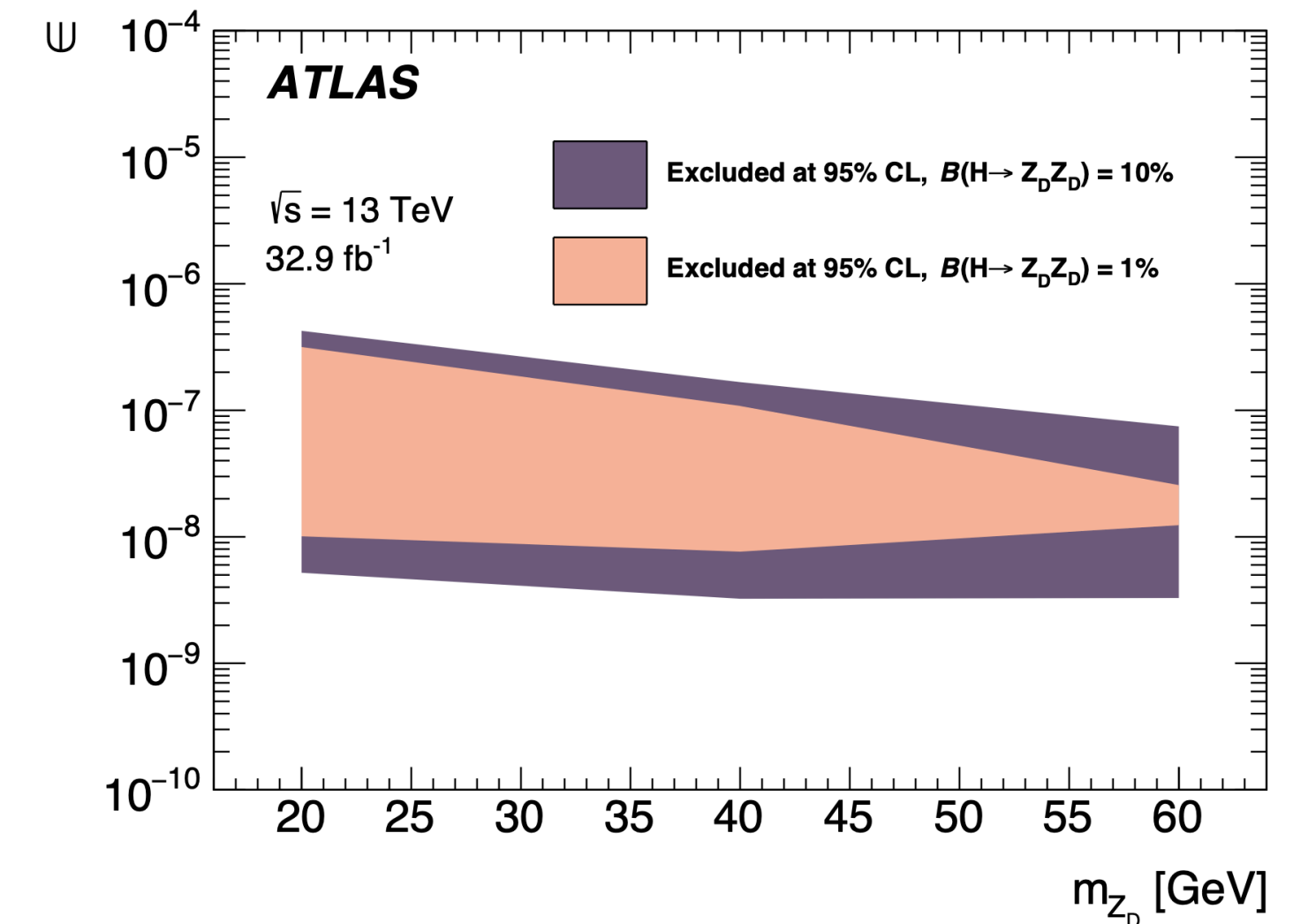
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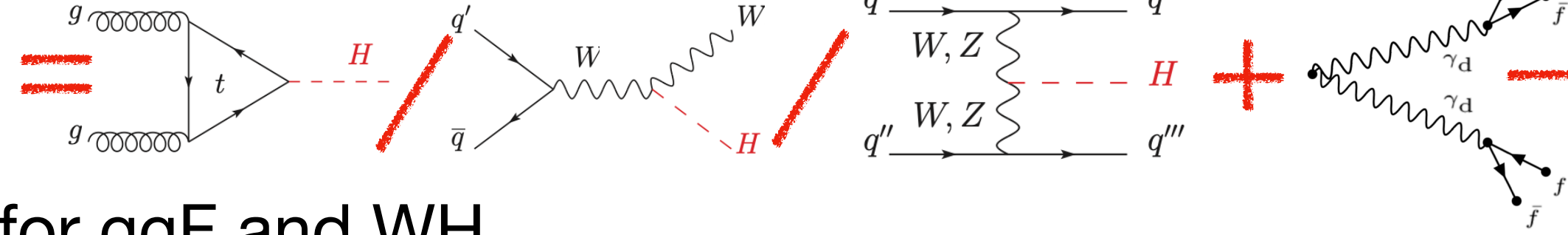
CMS in general more sensitive  
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Elena Pompa Pacchi on behalf of ATLAS and CMS | WIFAI 20203 | 09/11/2023



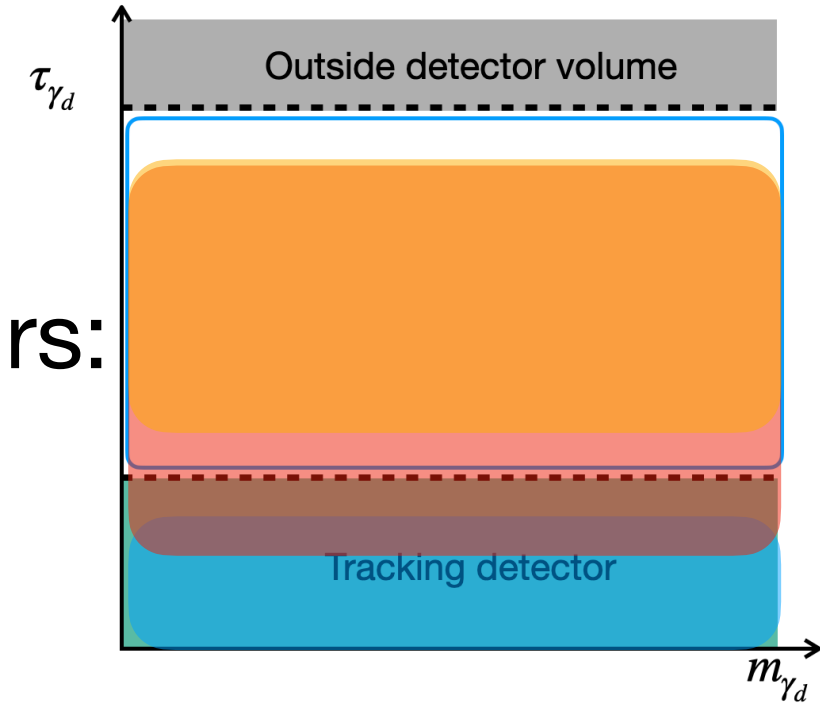
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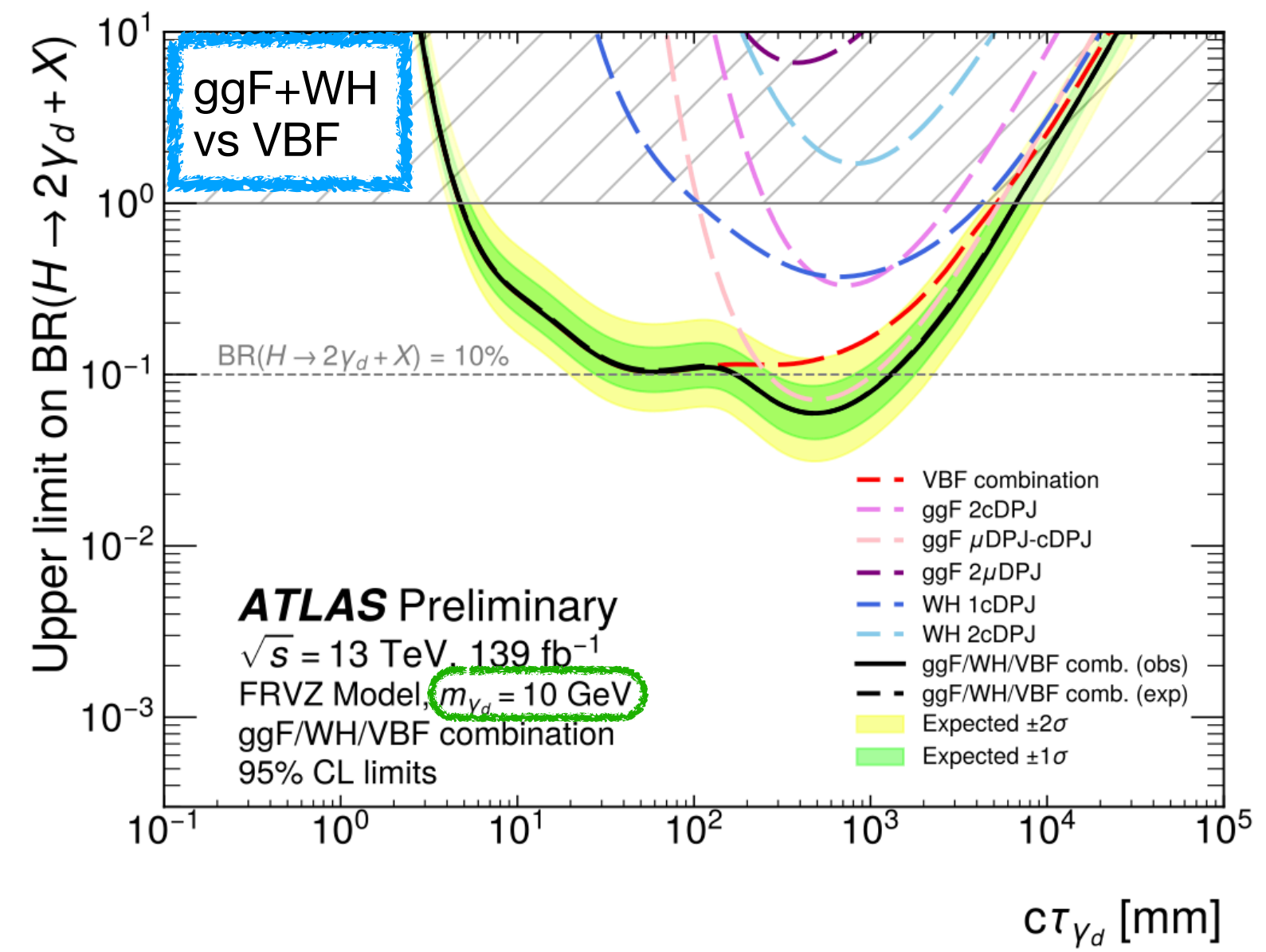
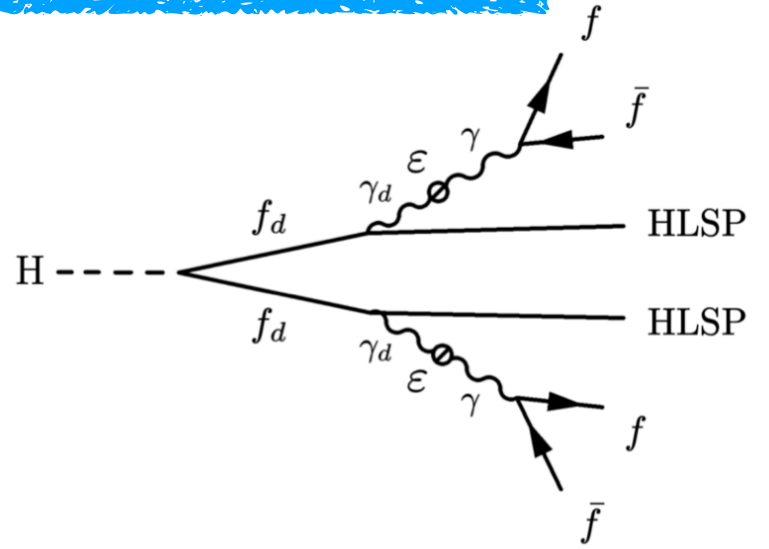


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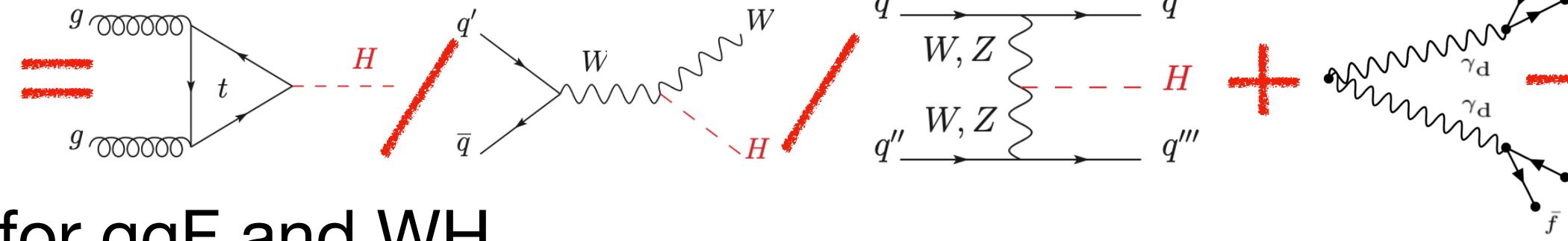


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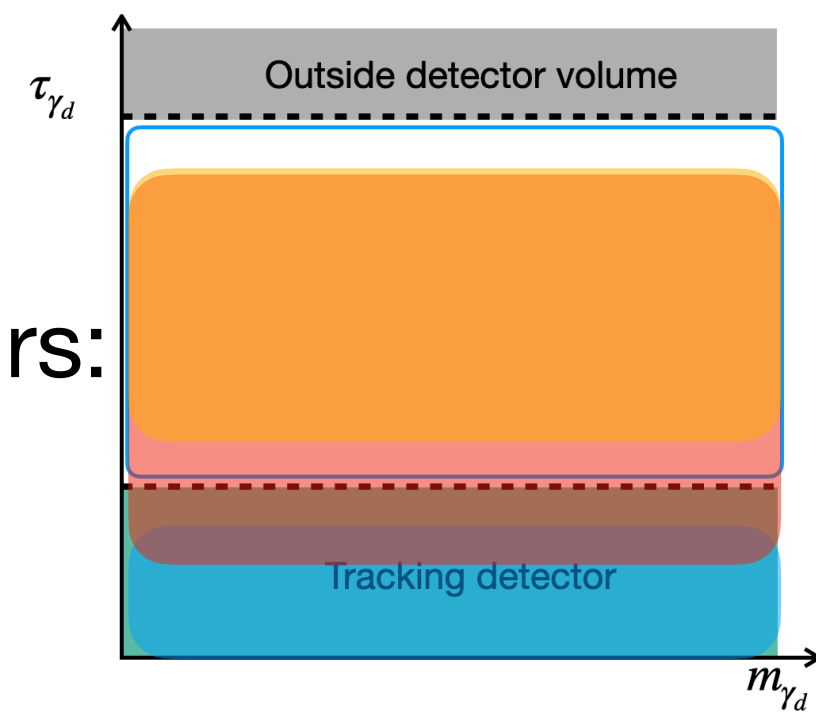
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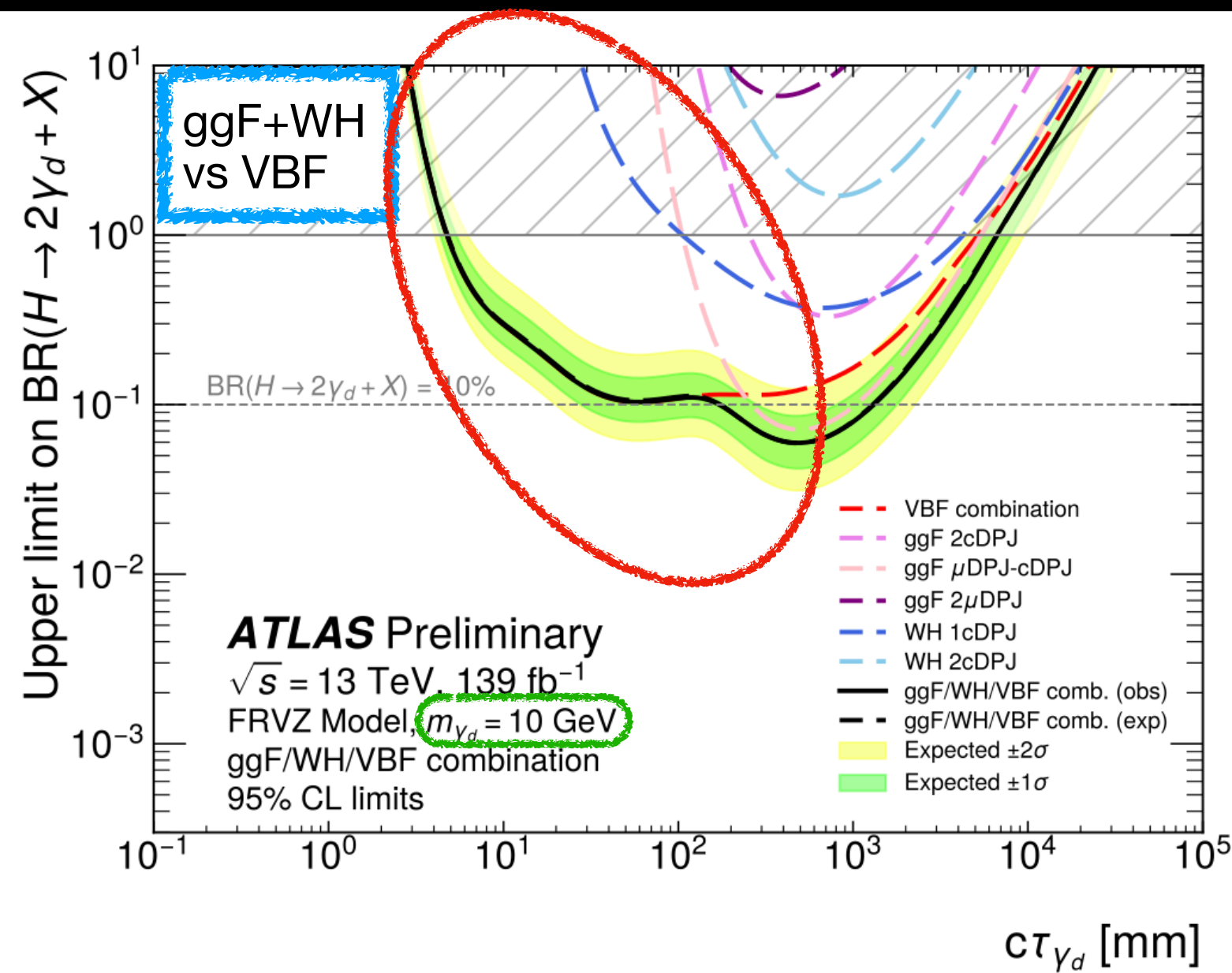
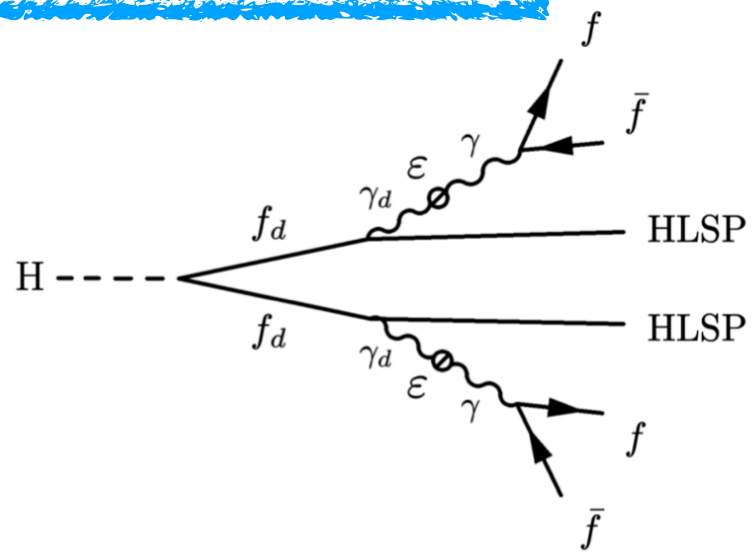
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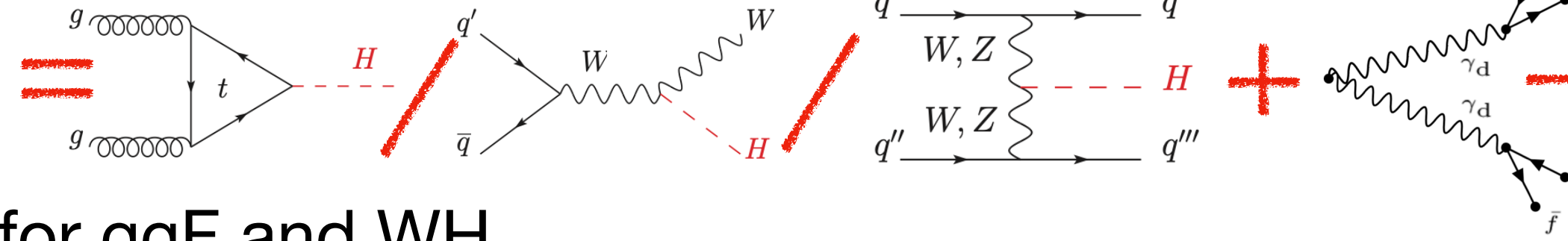


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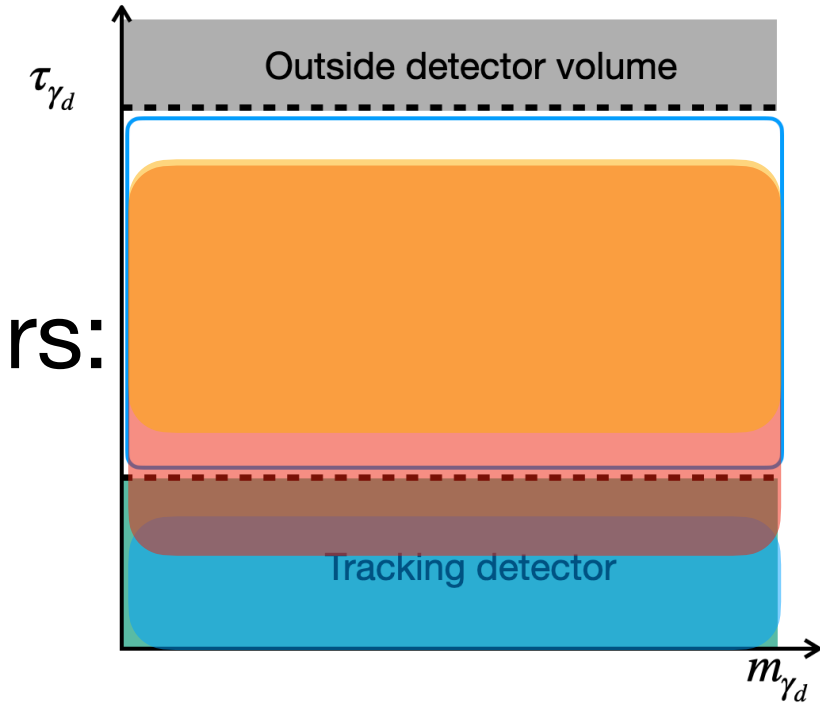
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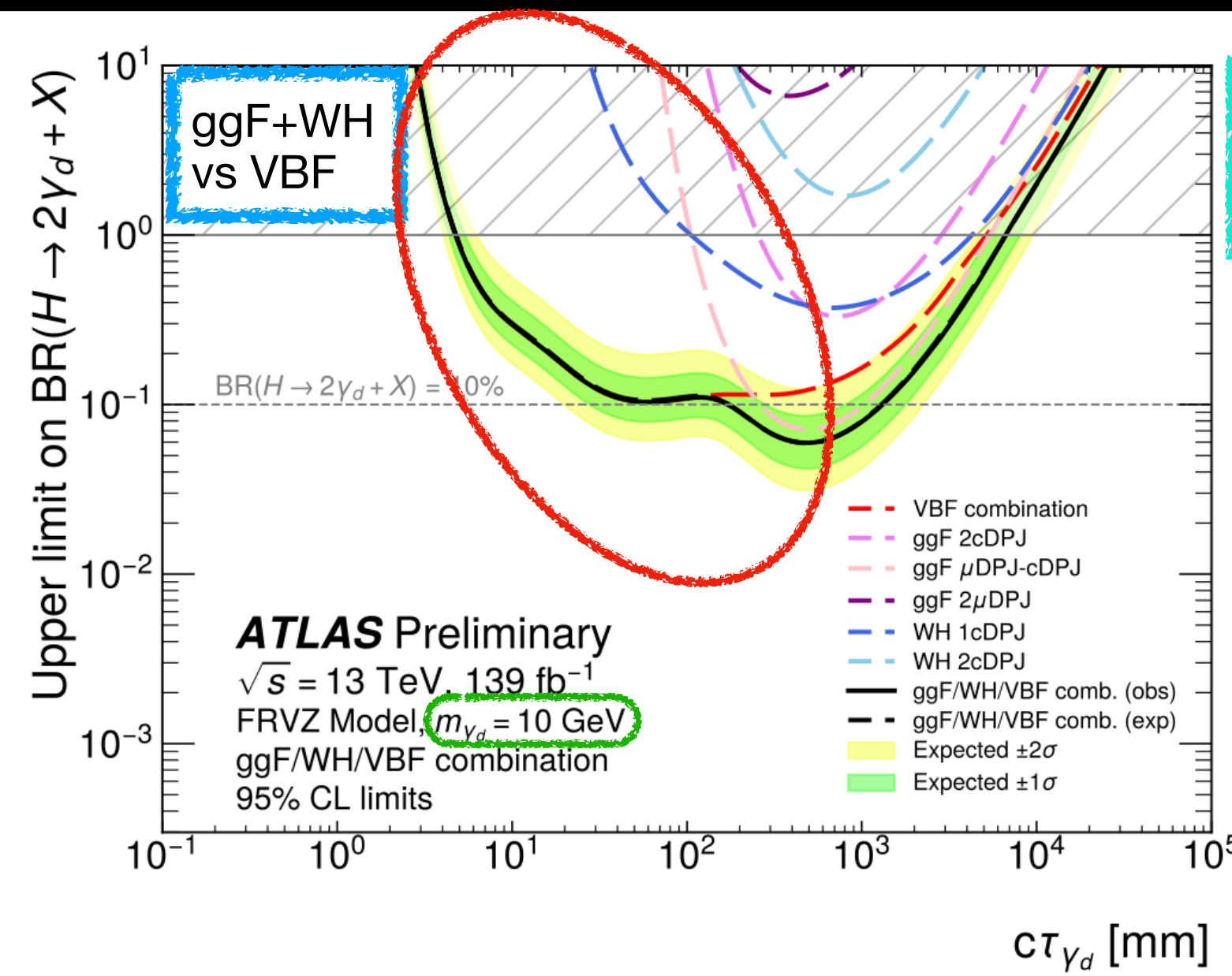
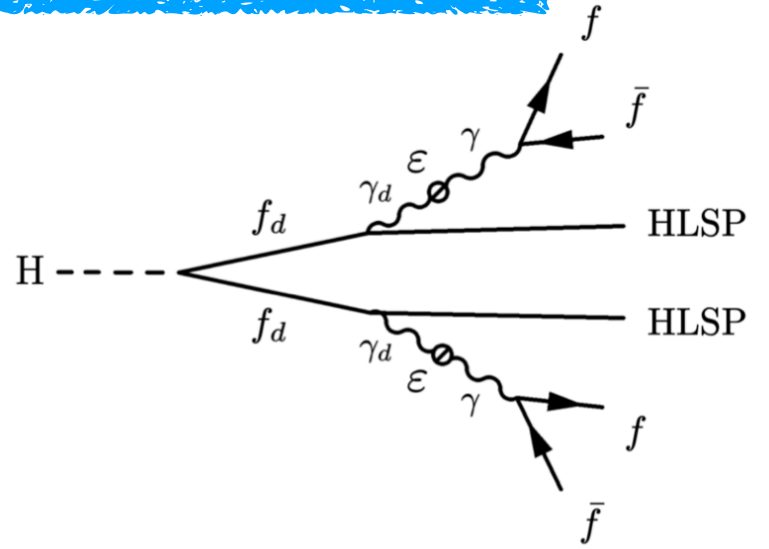
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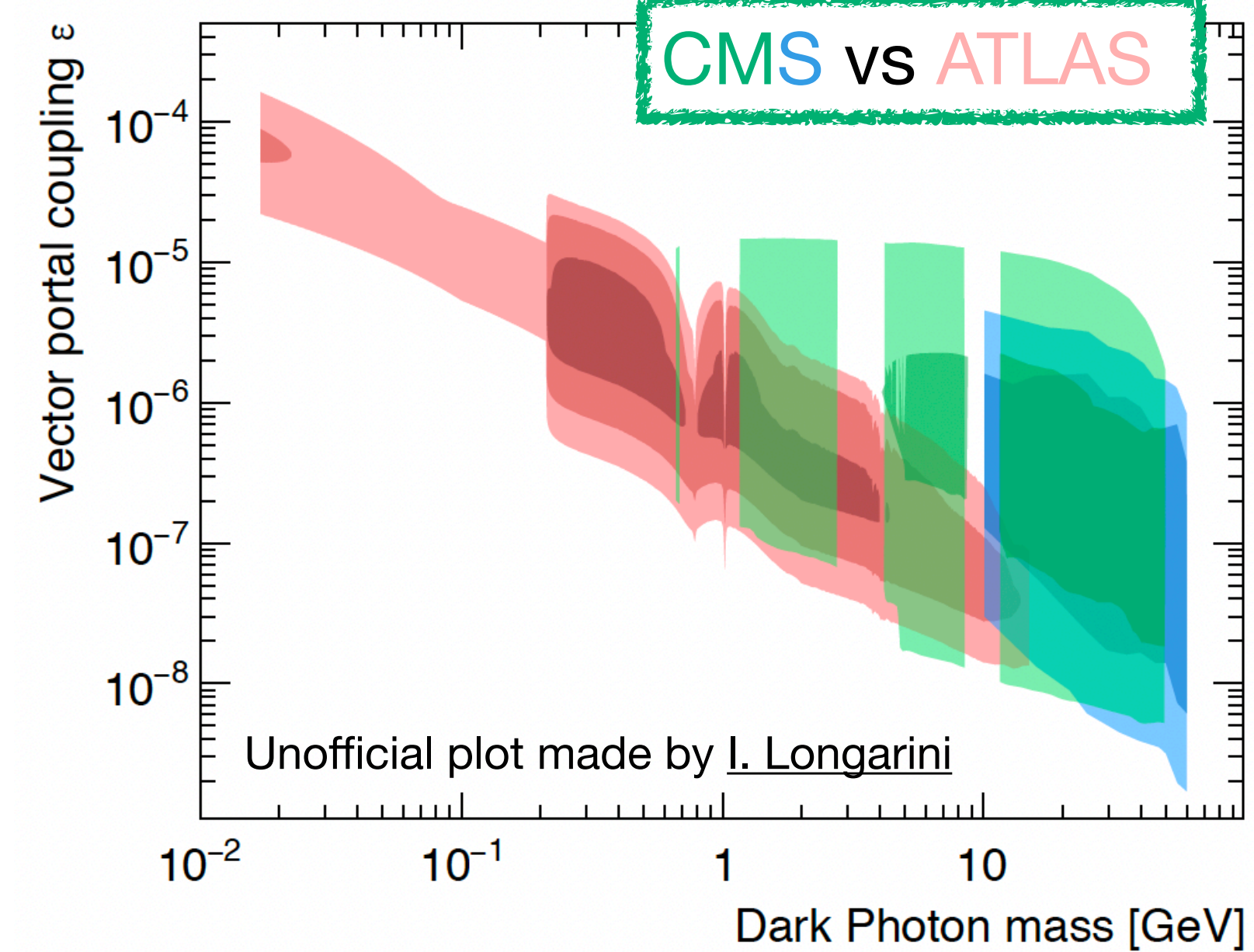
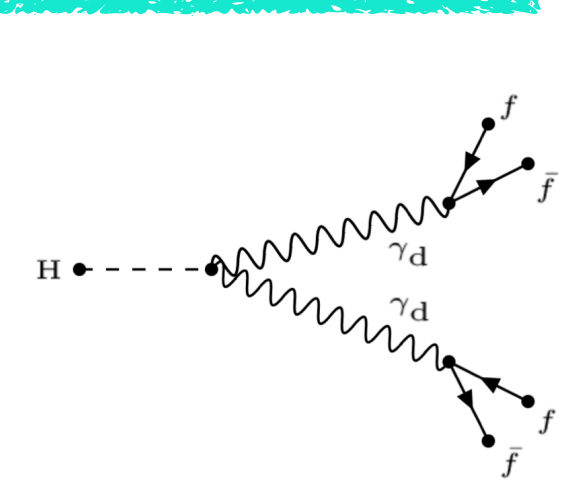
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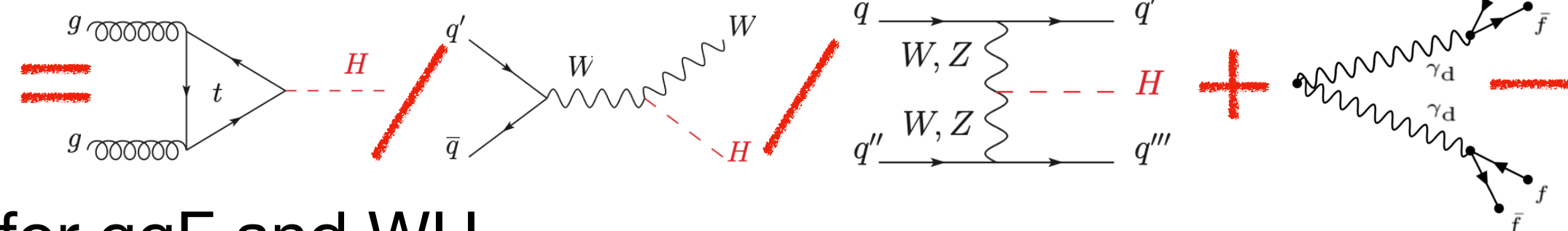


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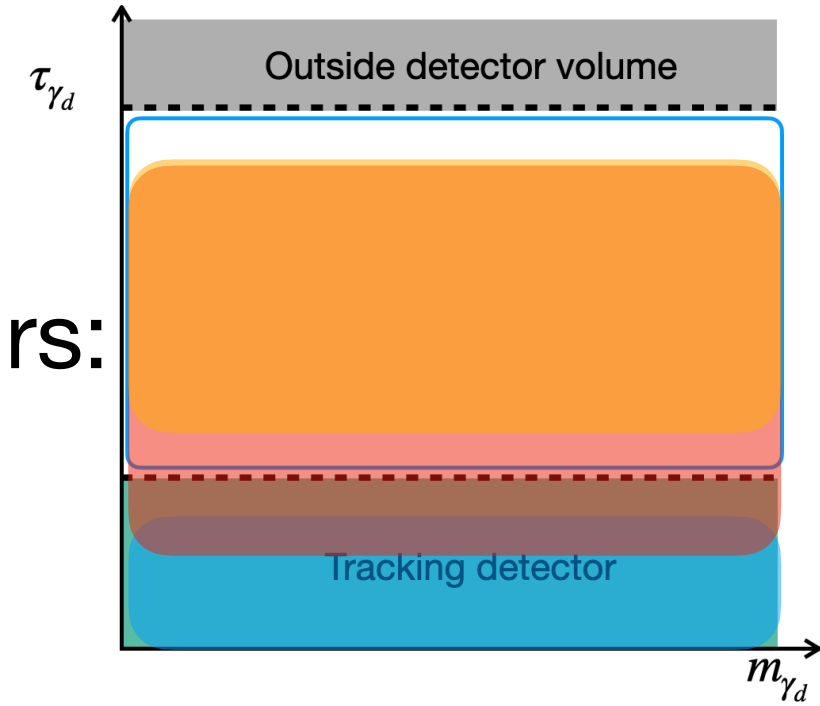
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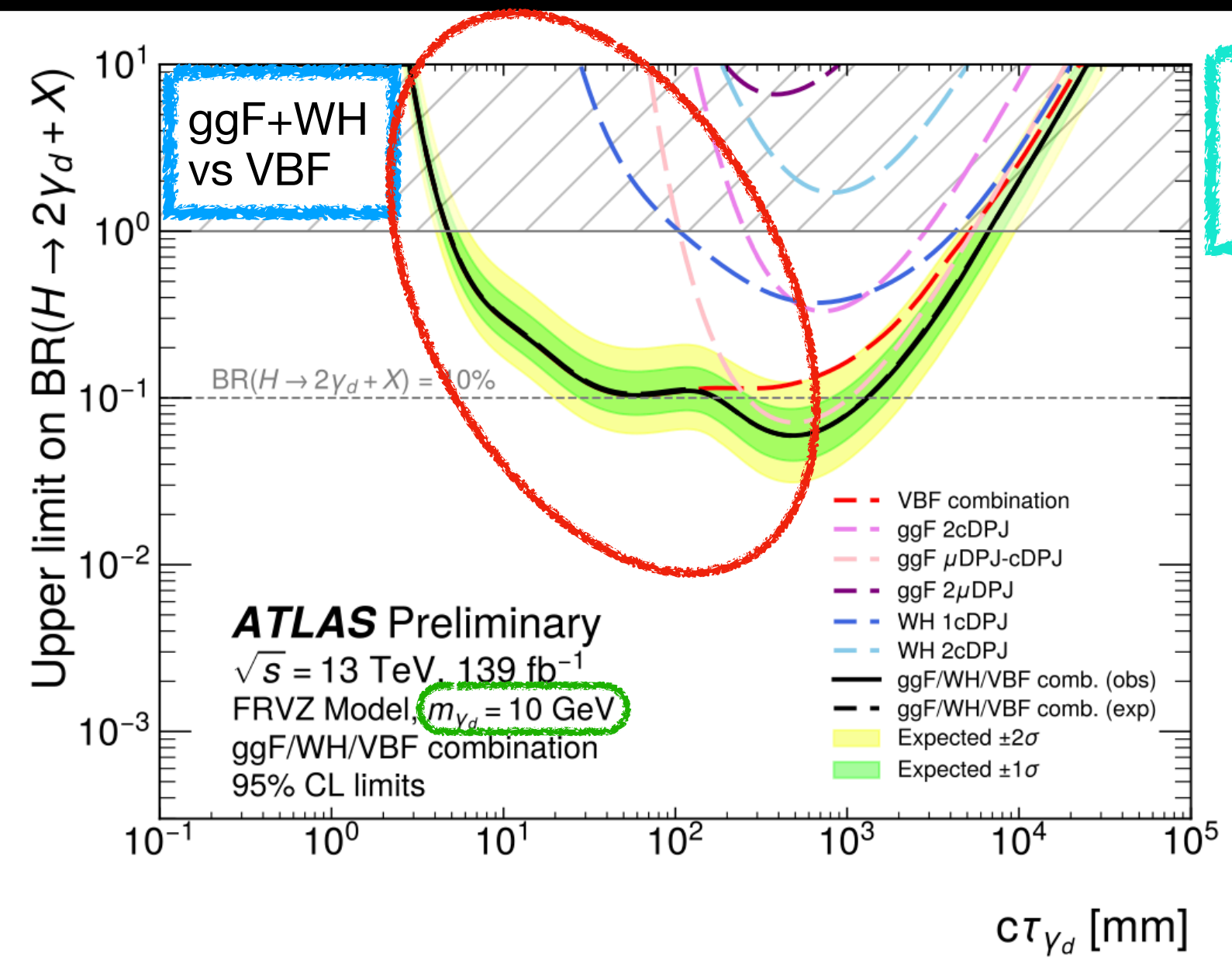
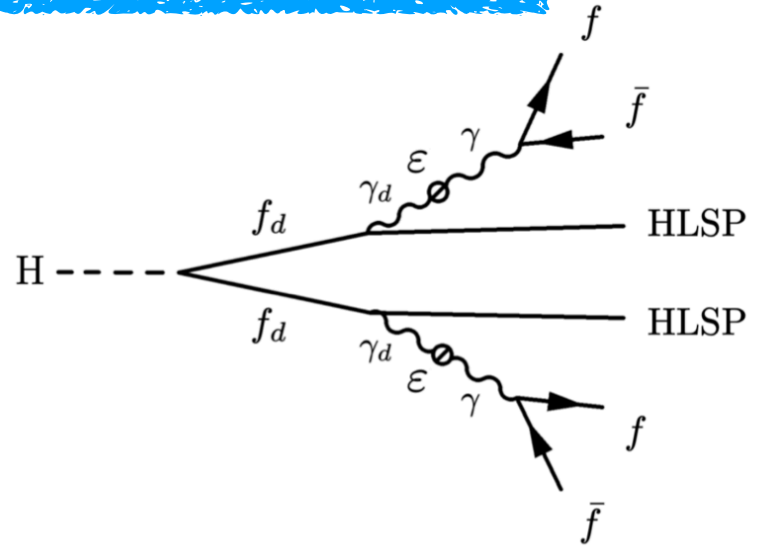
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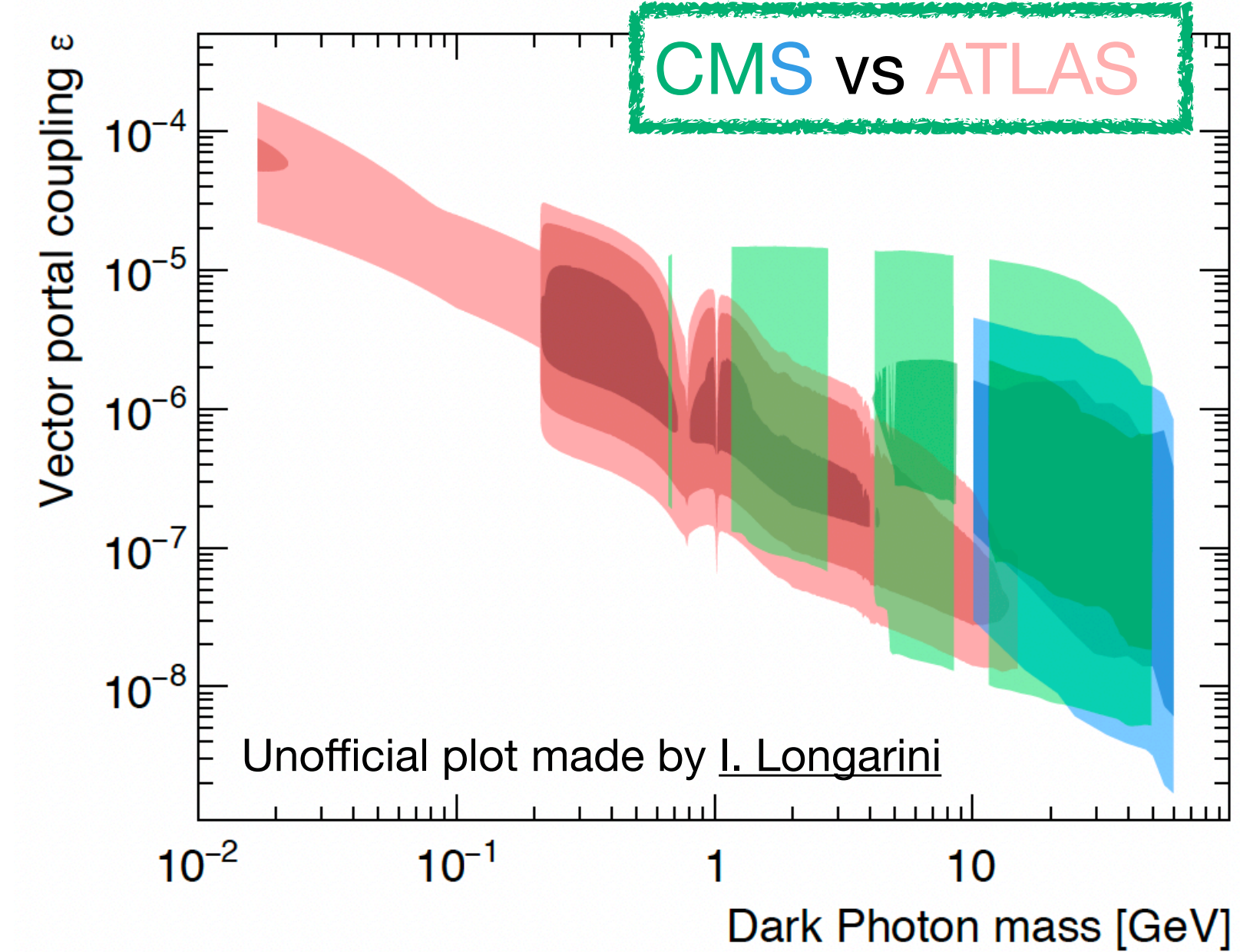
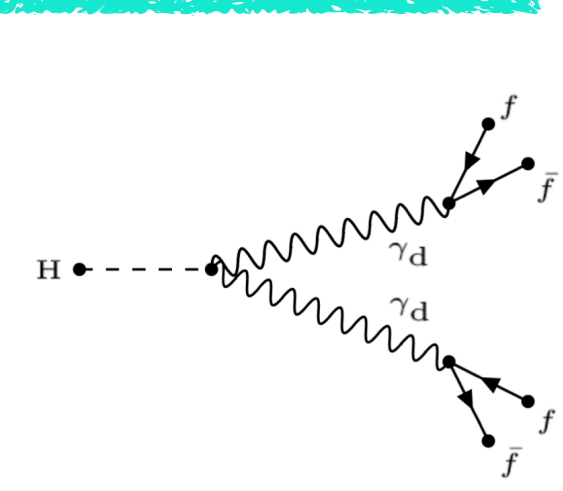
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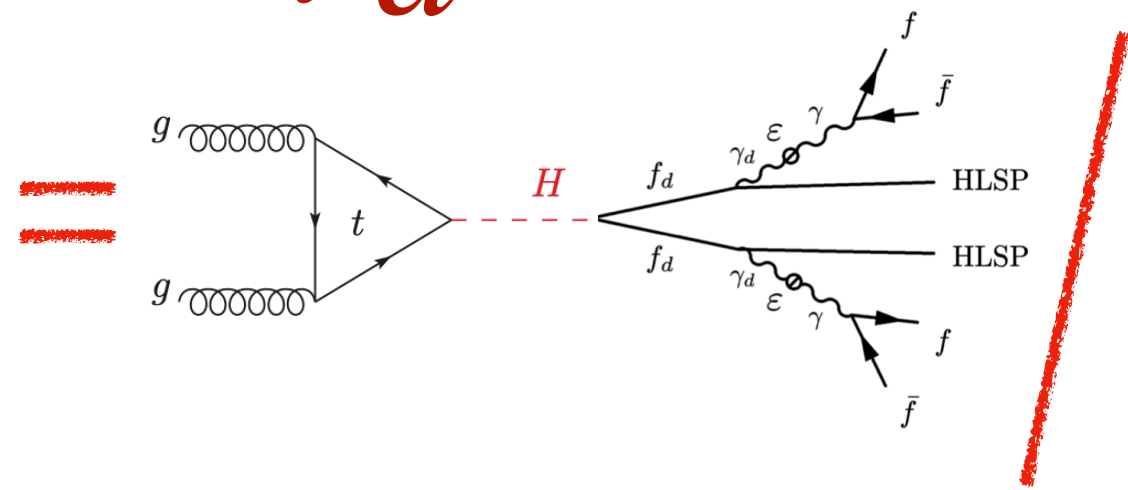
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Complementary sensitivities:  
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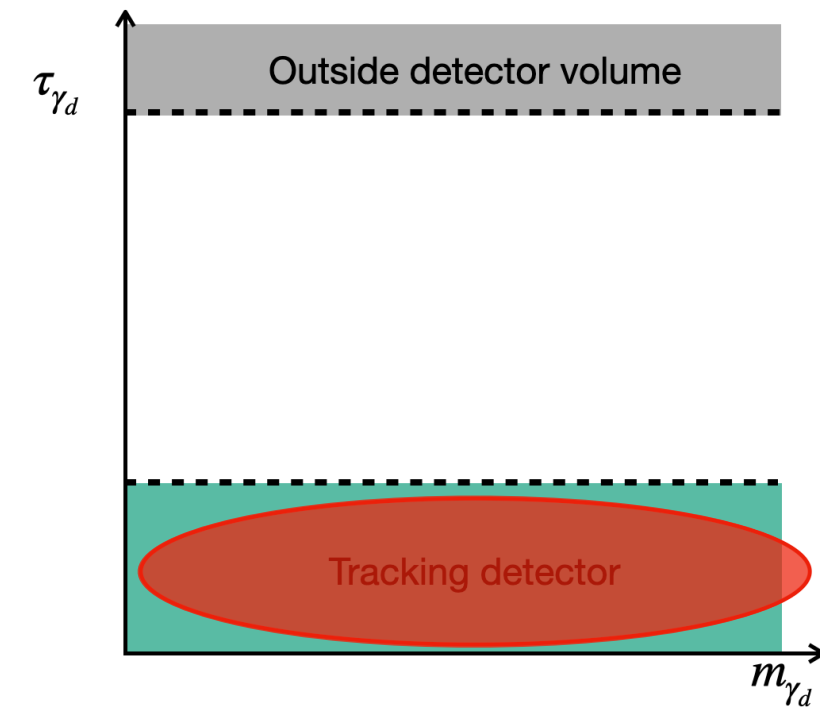
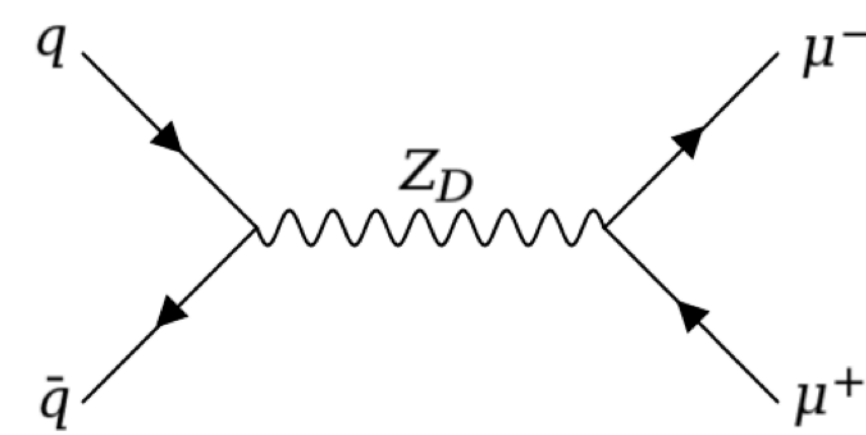


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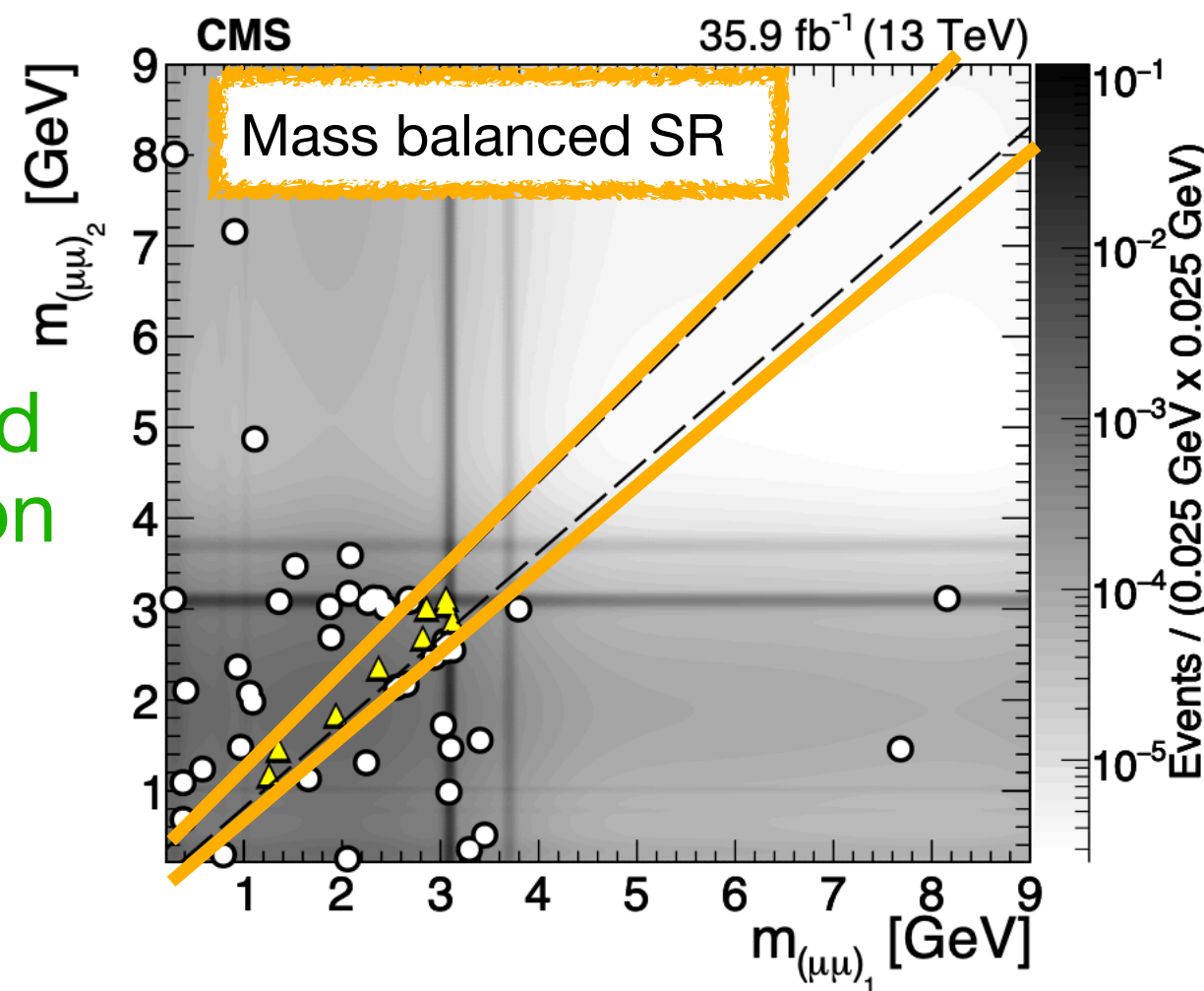
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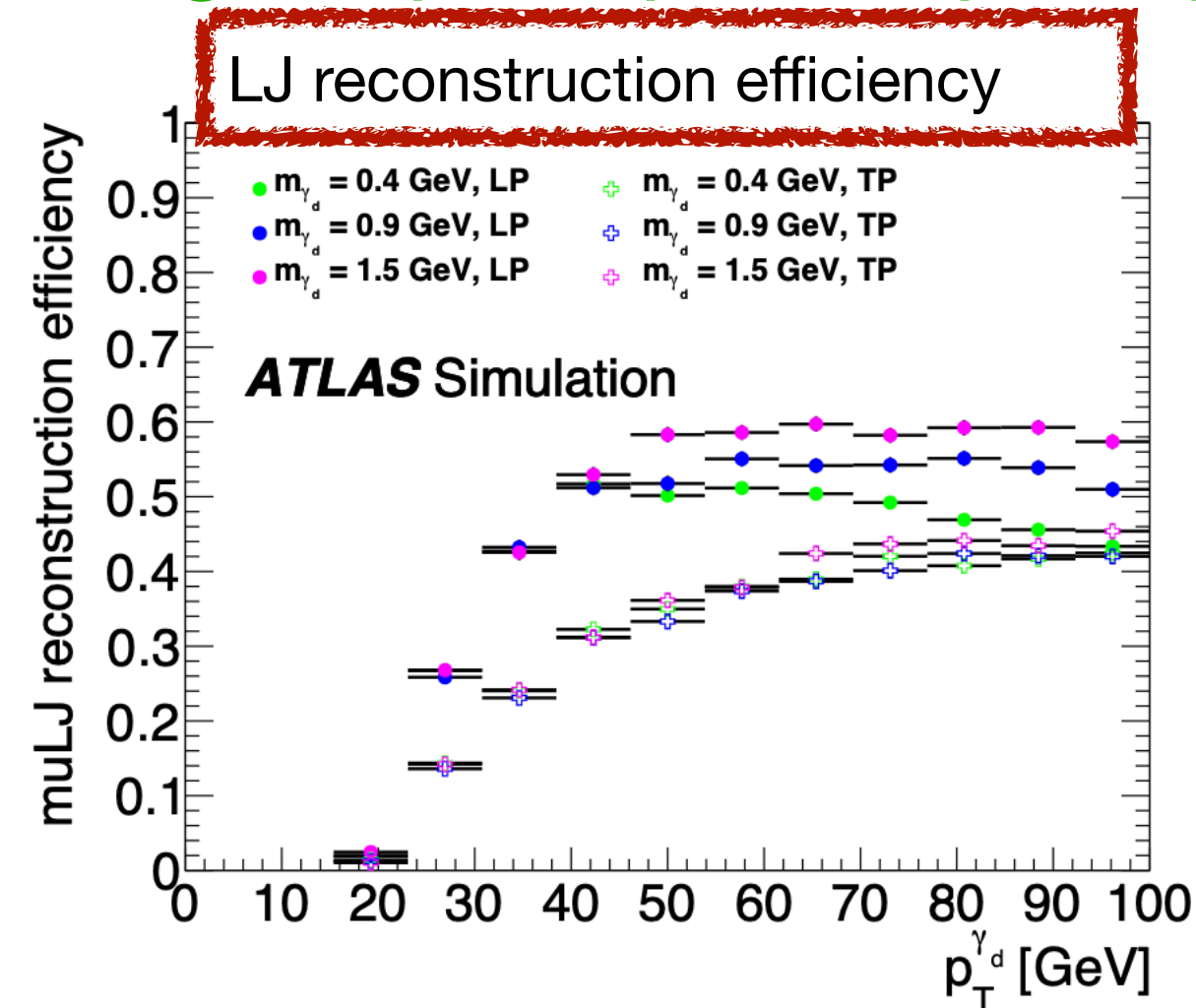
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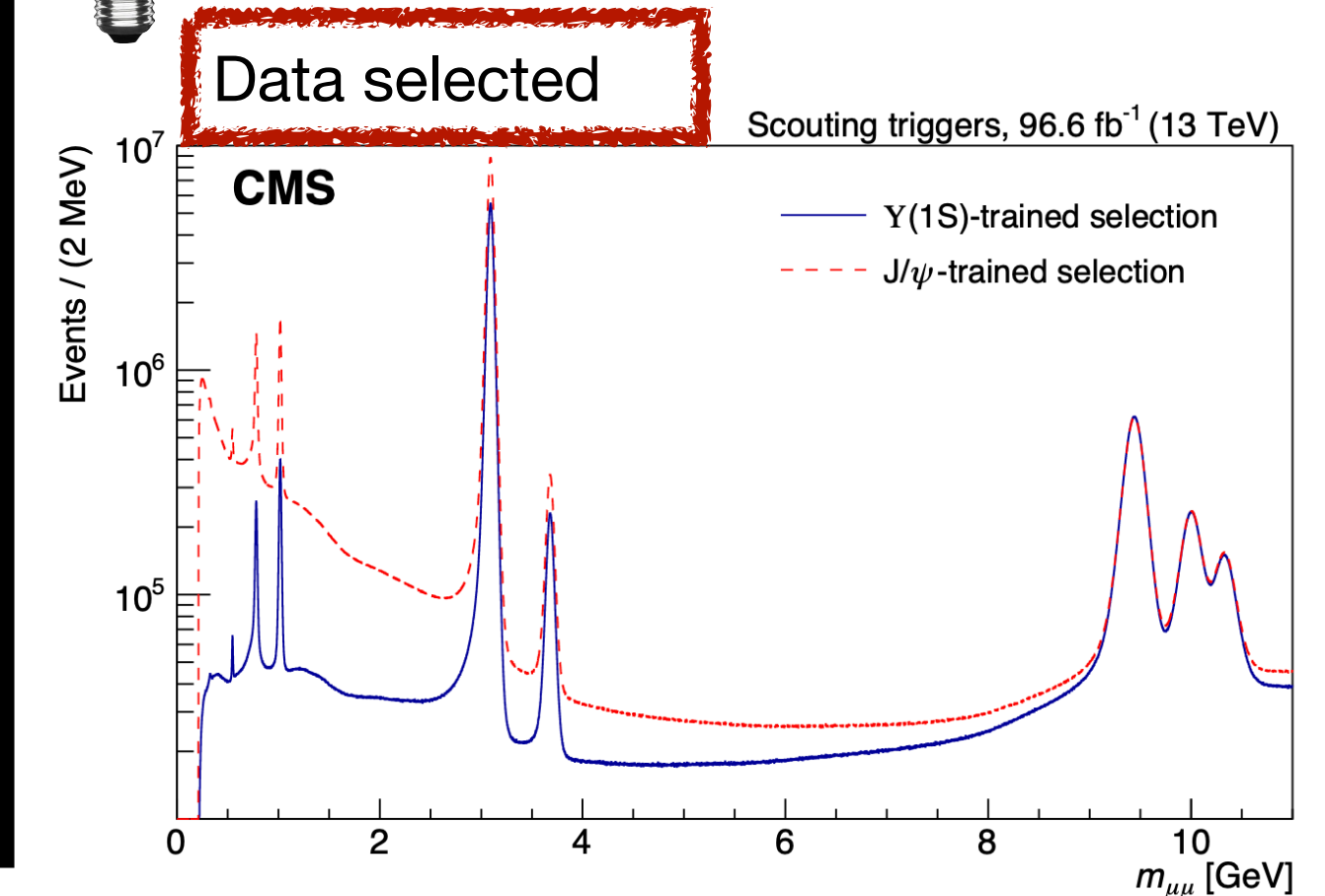
Lepton pairs are collimated → reconstruct them as single object **Lepton Jet (LJ)**

2017-2018 data  
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Only **vector portal only** search in **CMS and ATLAS!!**

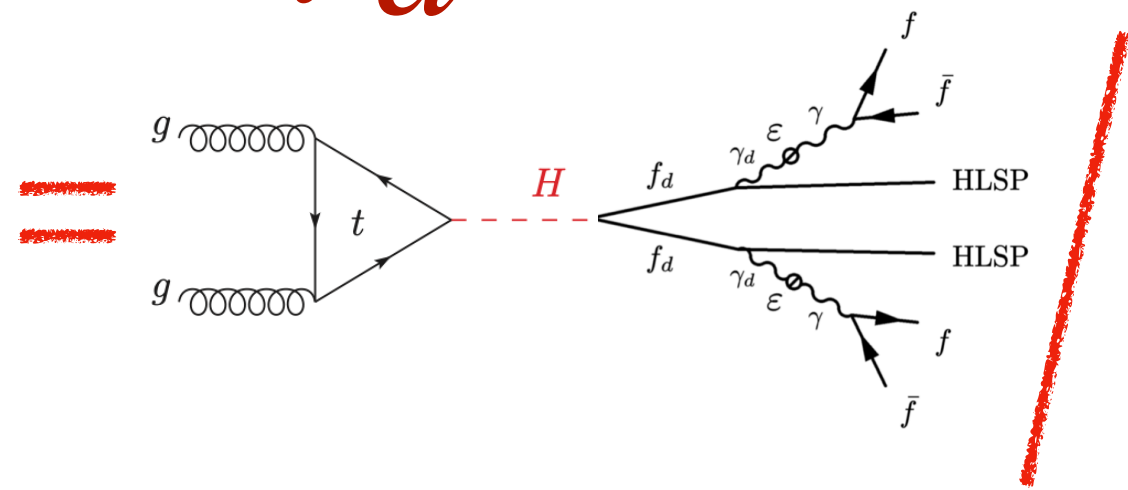


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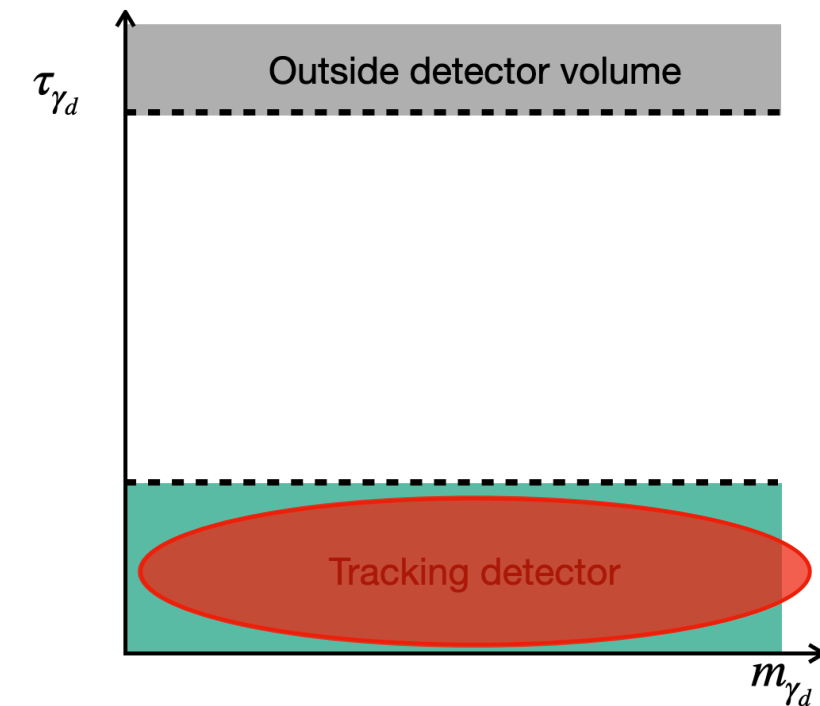
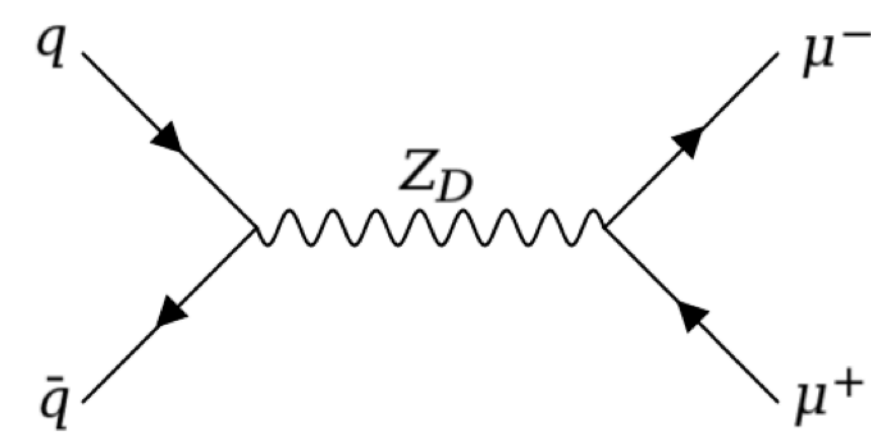


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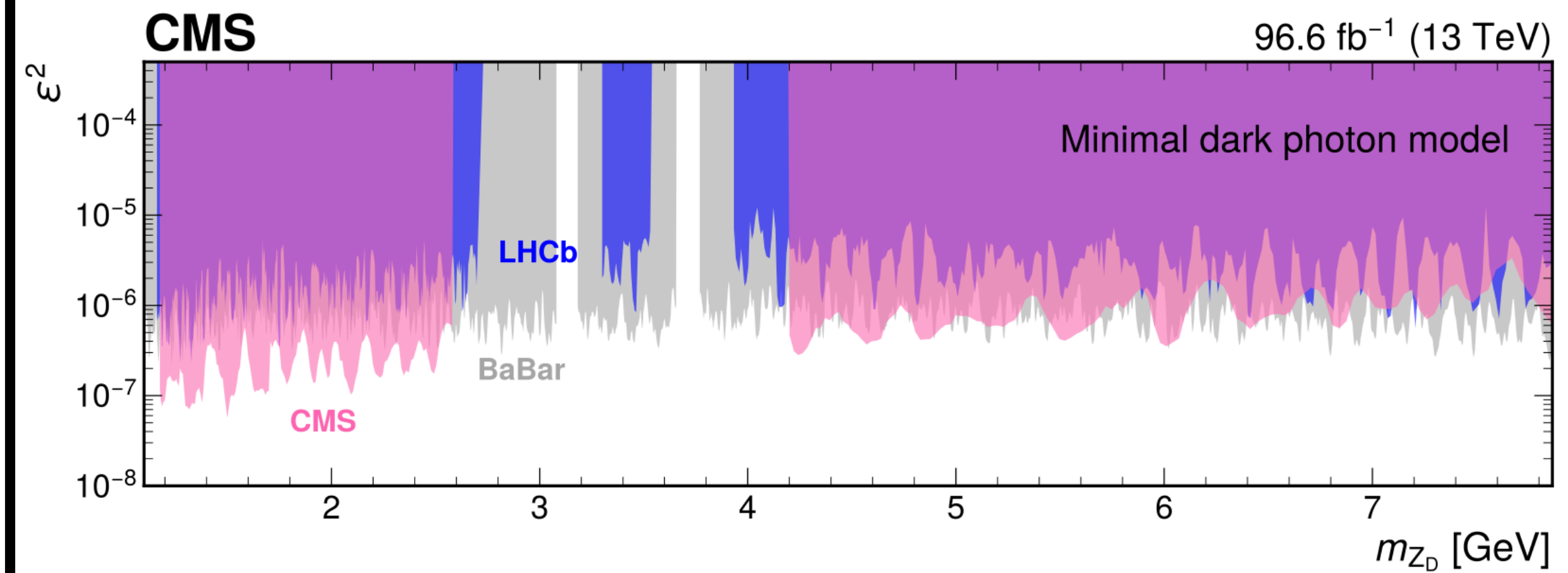
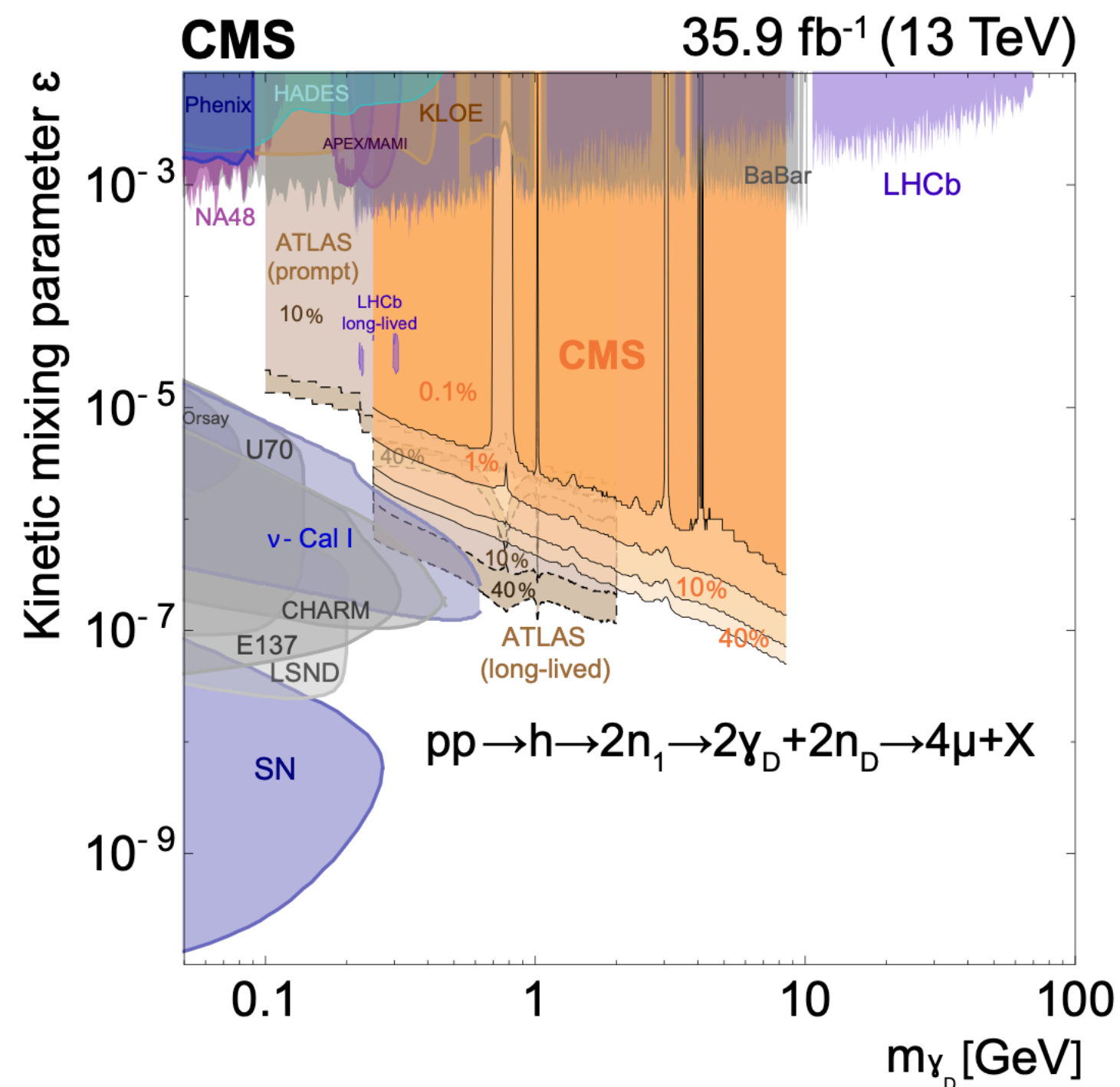


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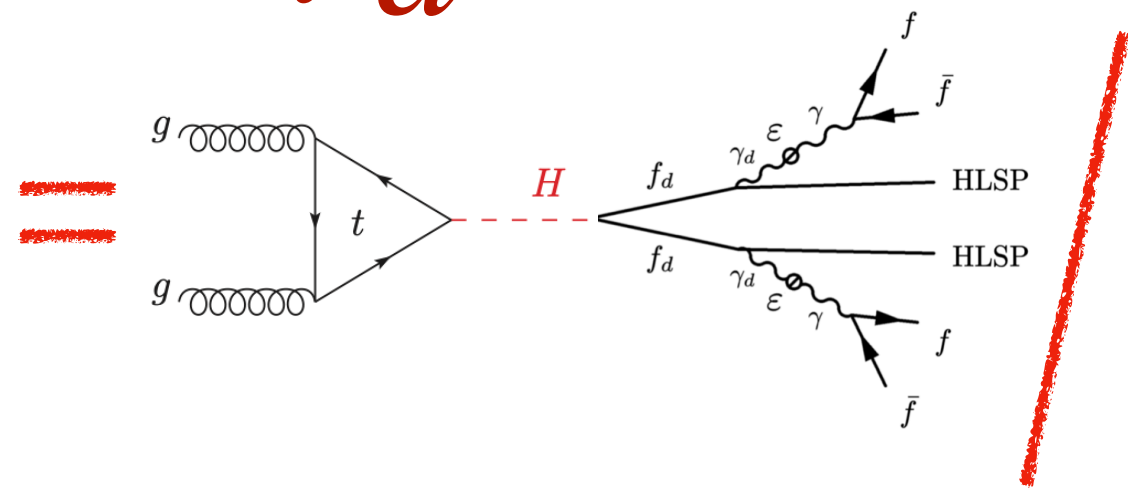
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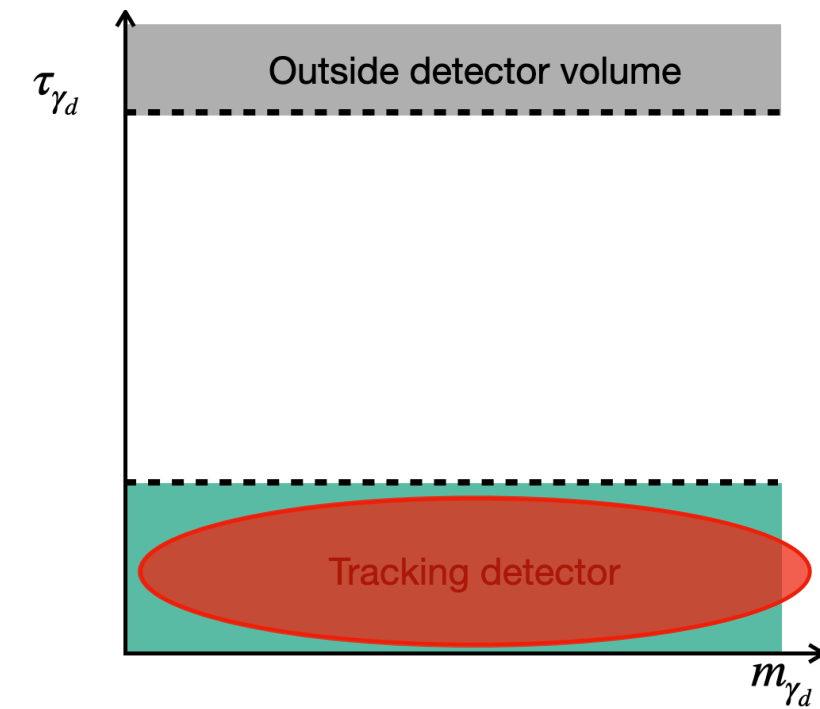
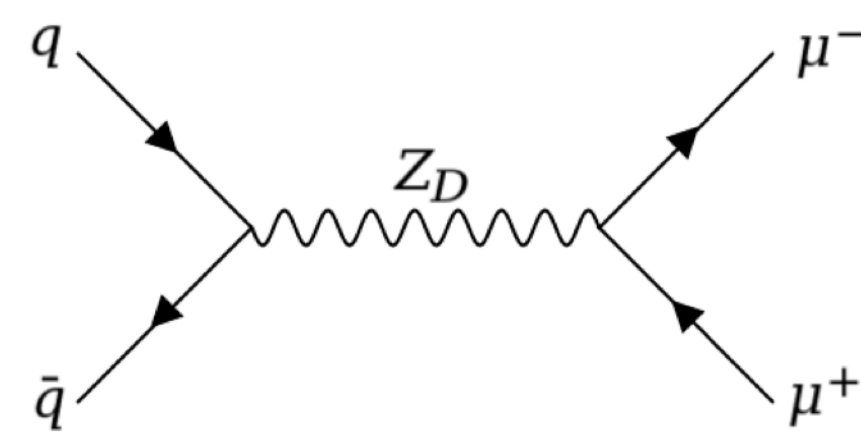


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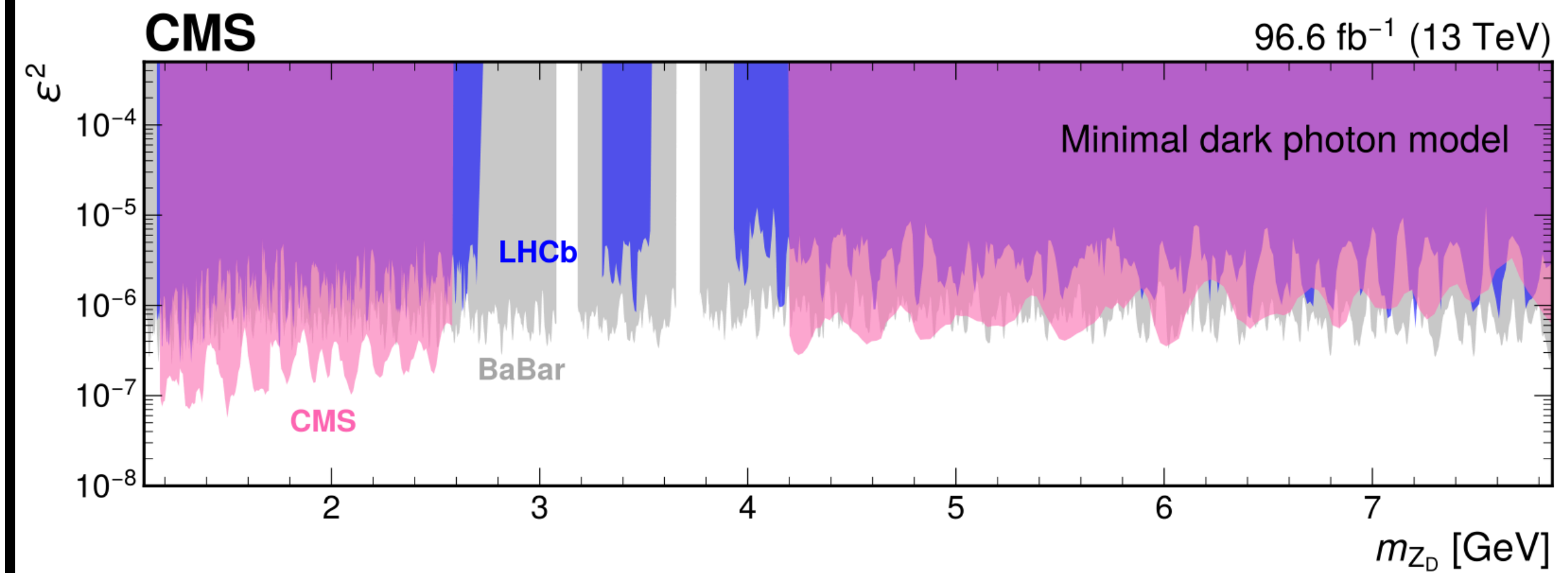
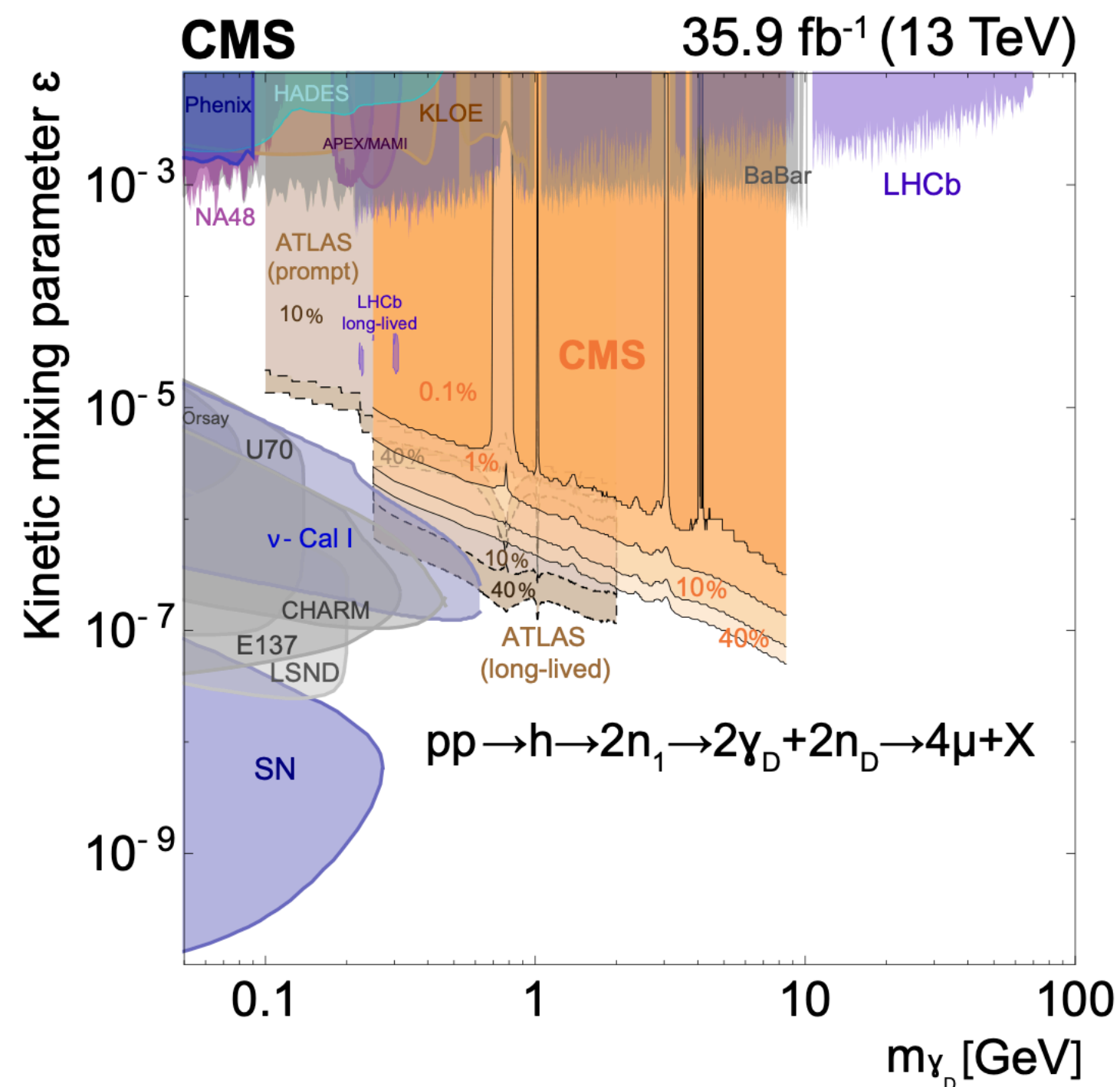


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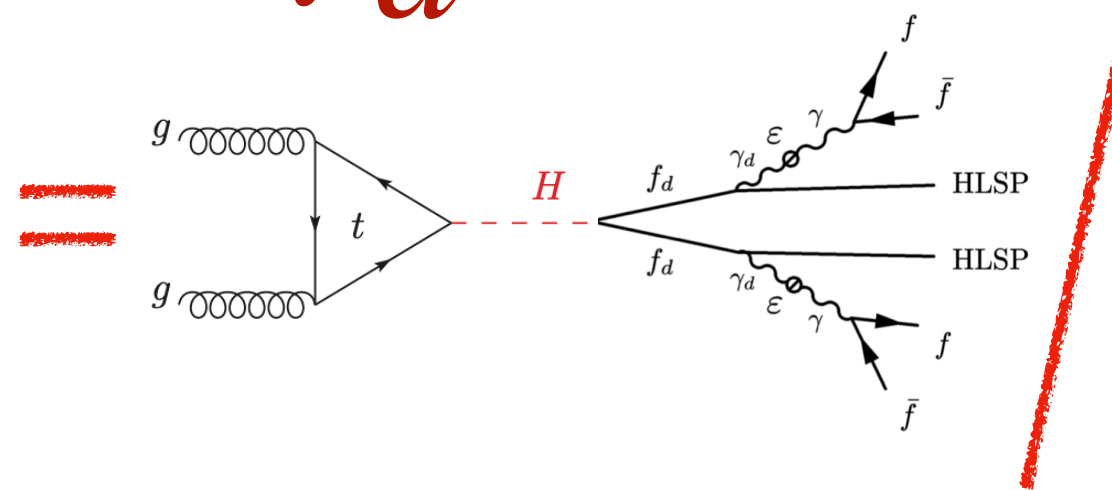
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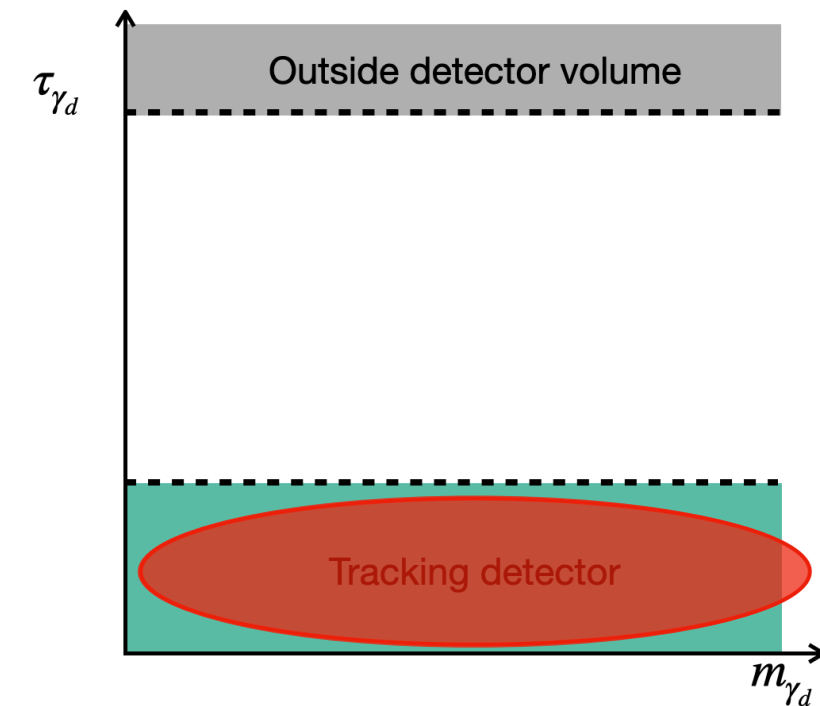
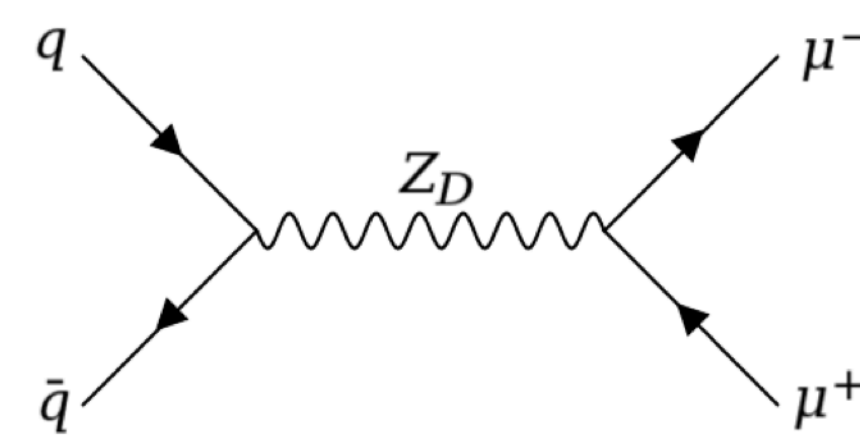


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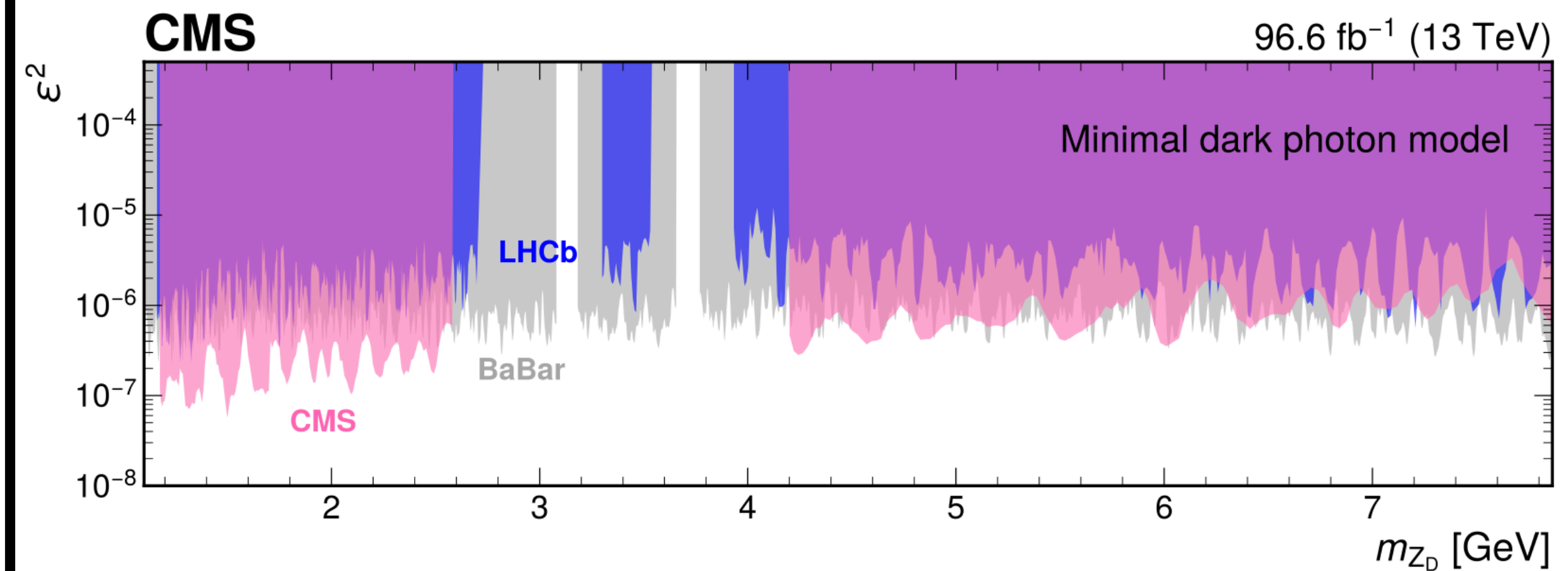
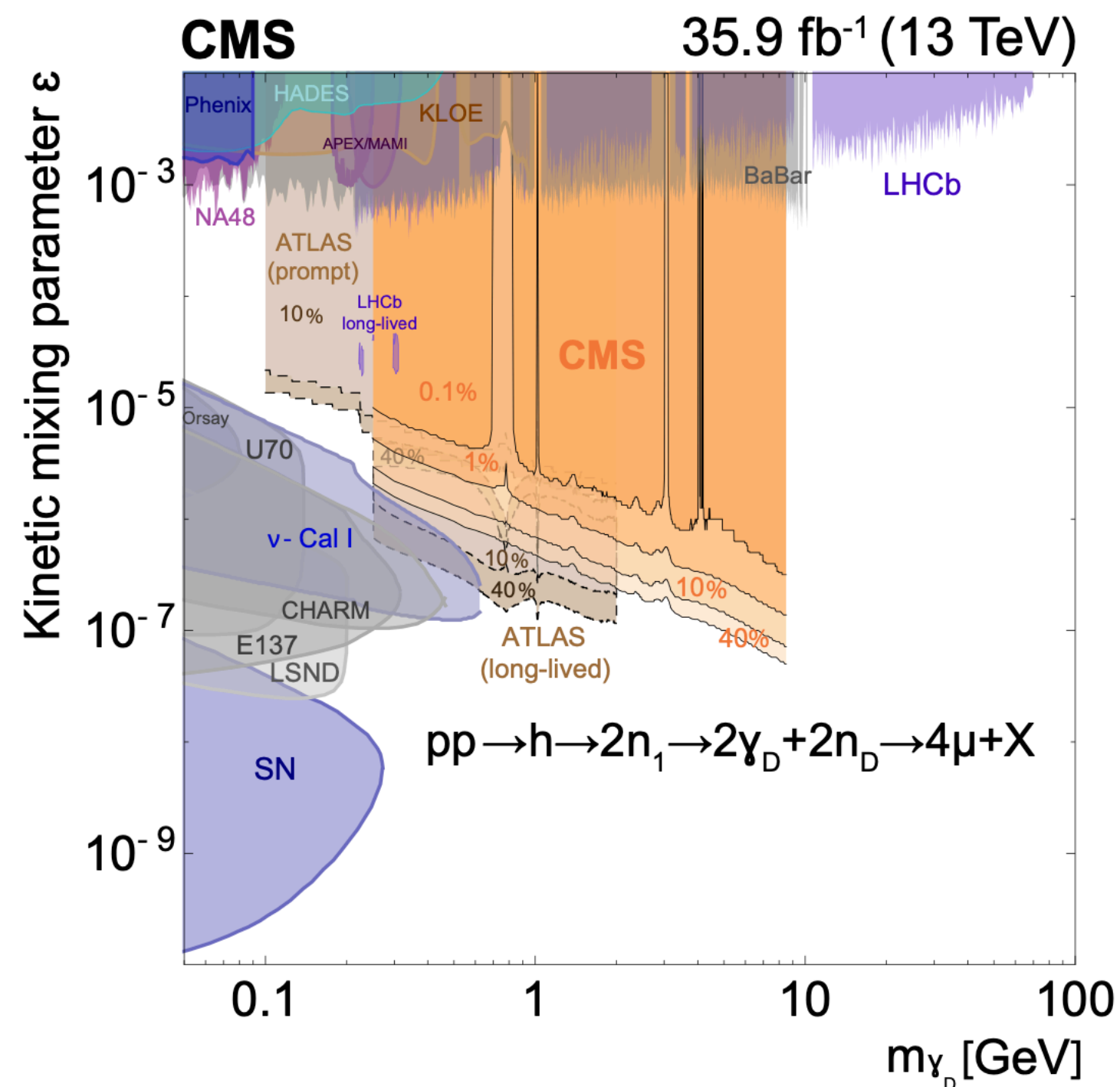


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Increase 30% in the limits wrt [PRL124(2020)131802] thanks to BDT!

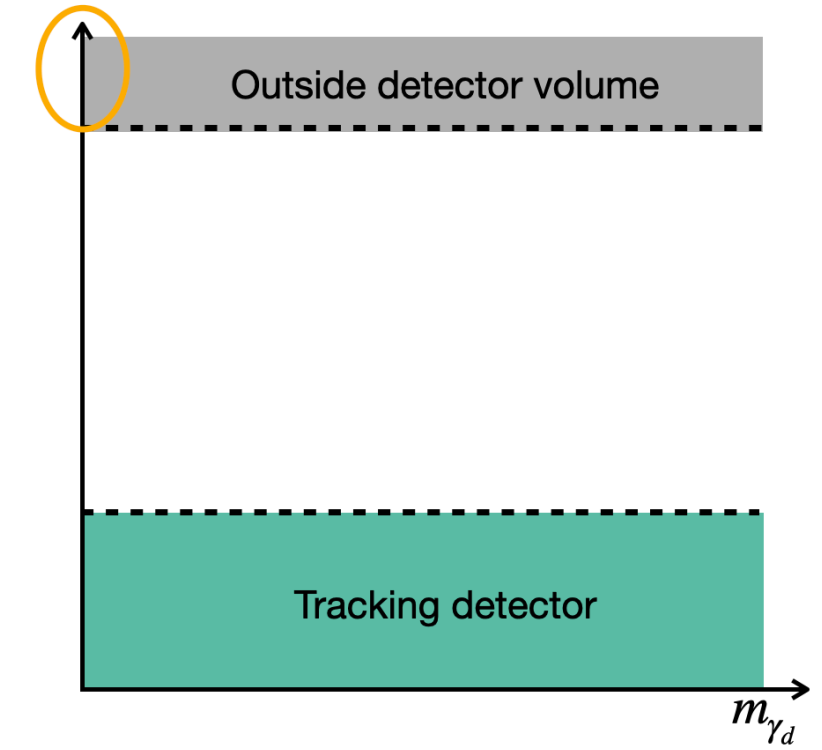


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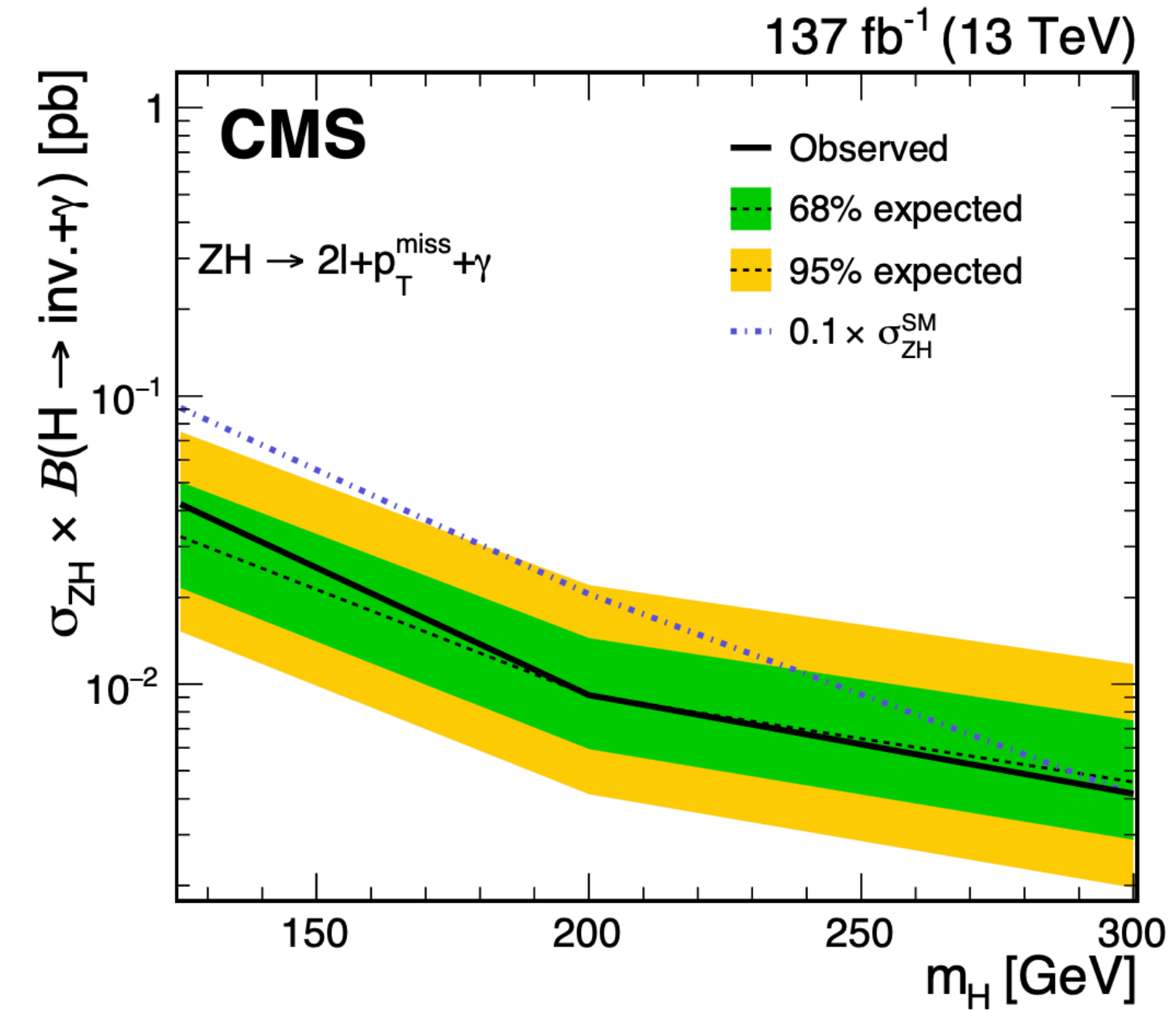
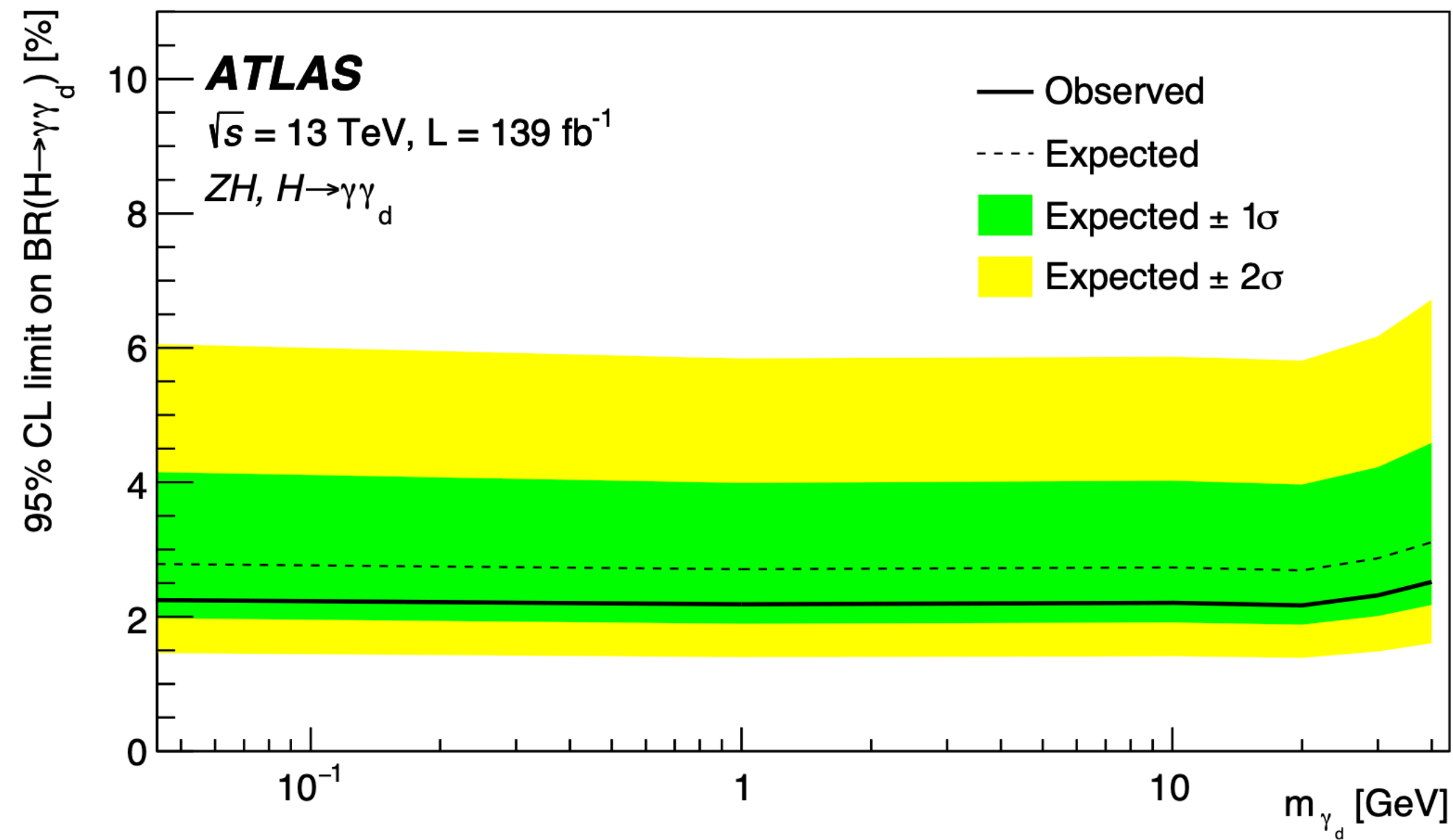


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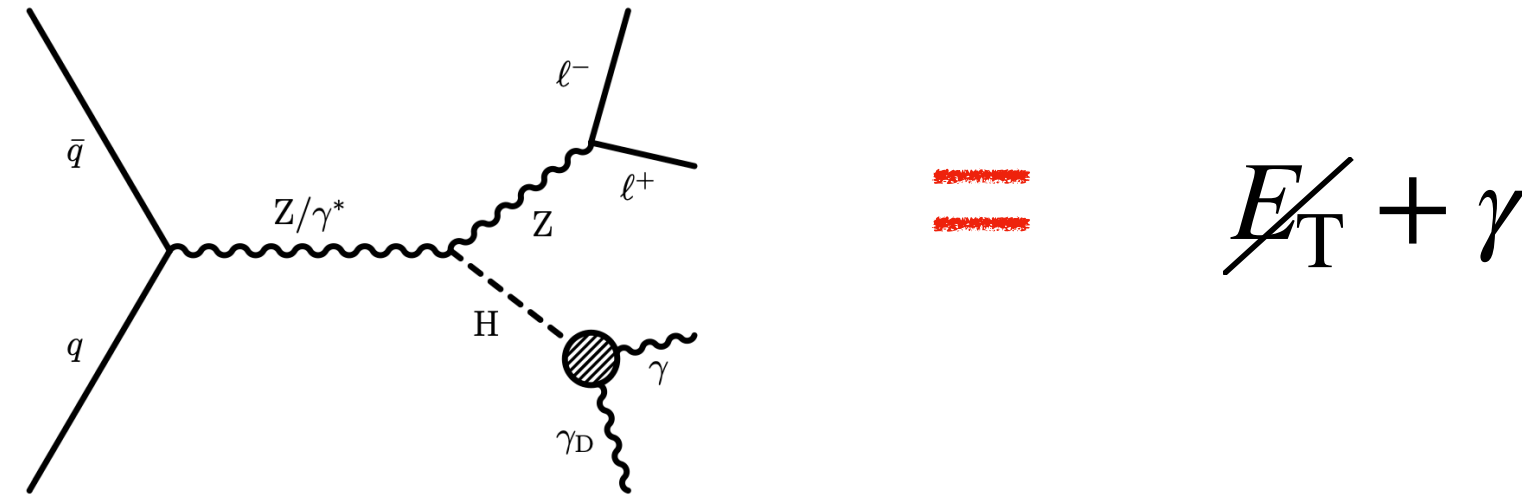
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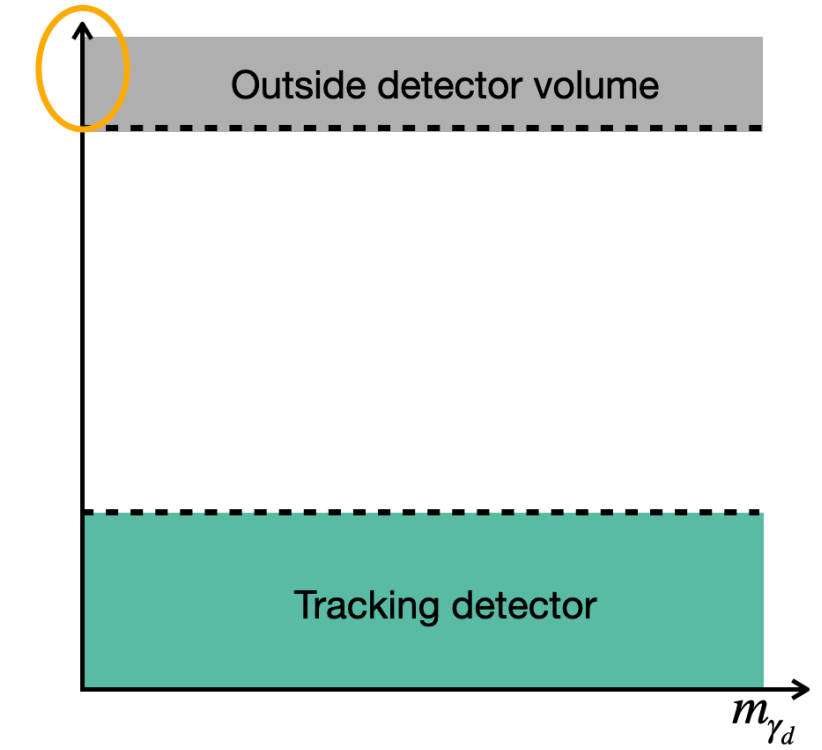


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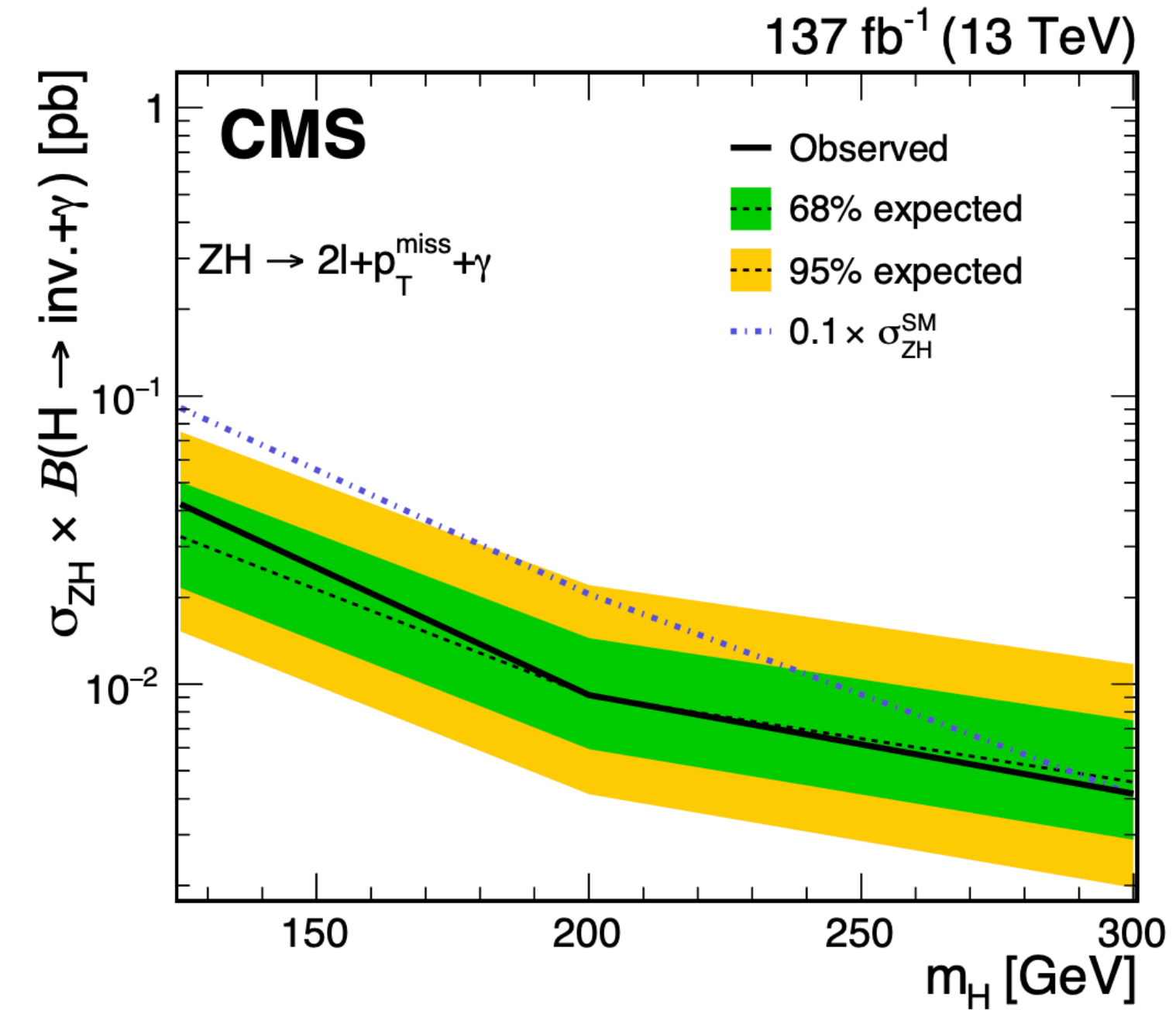
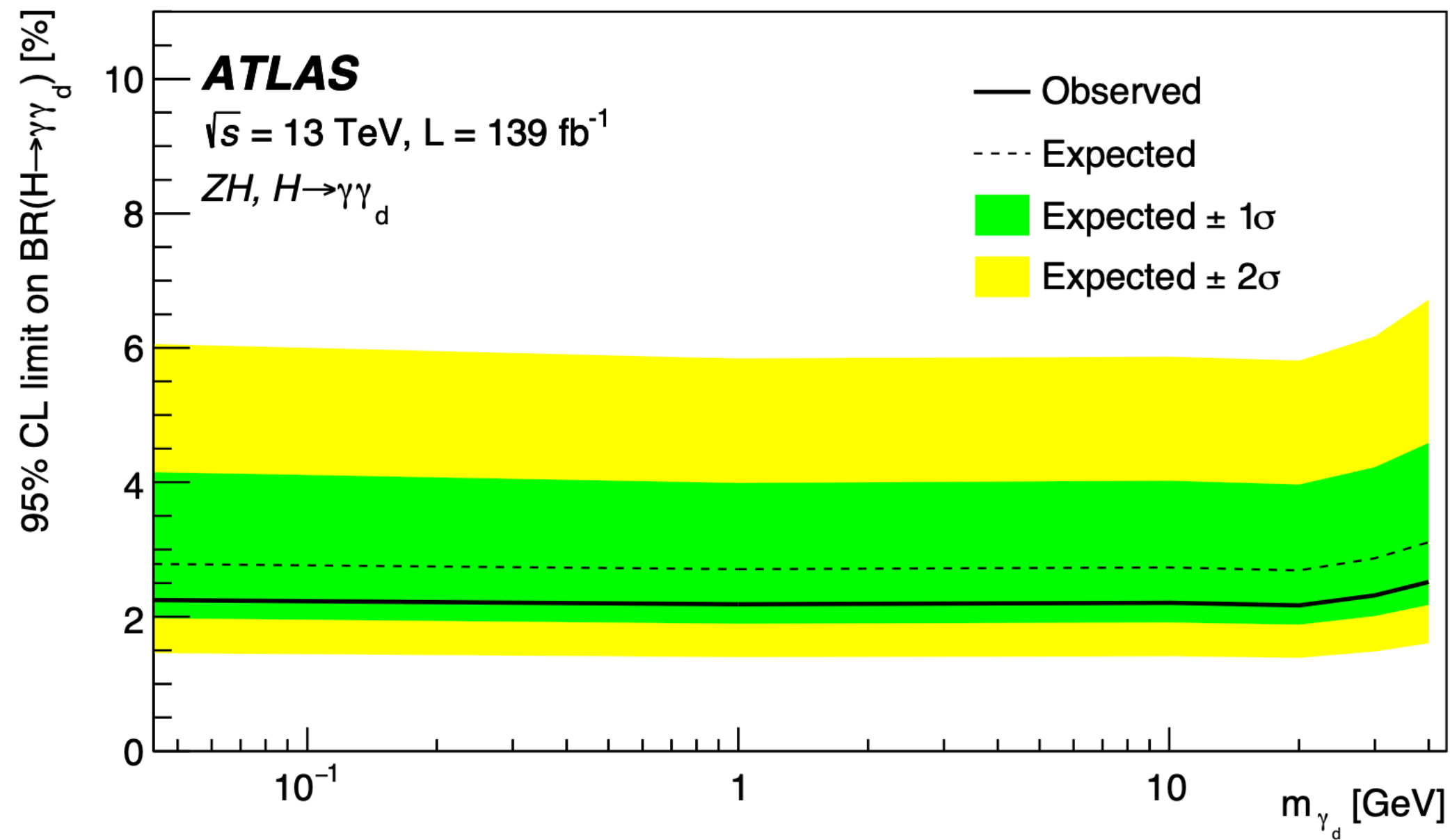


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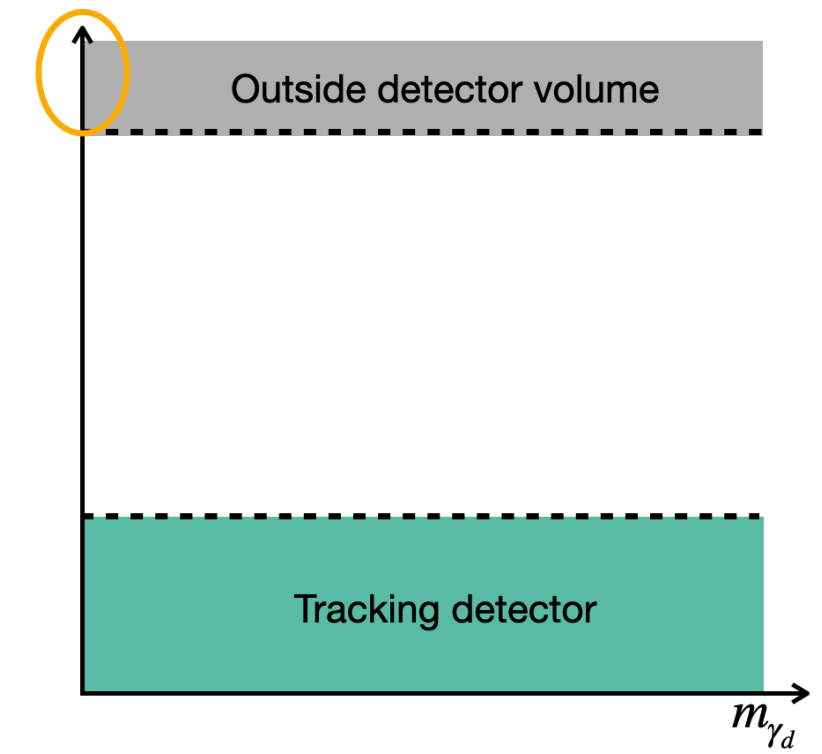
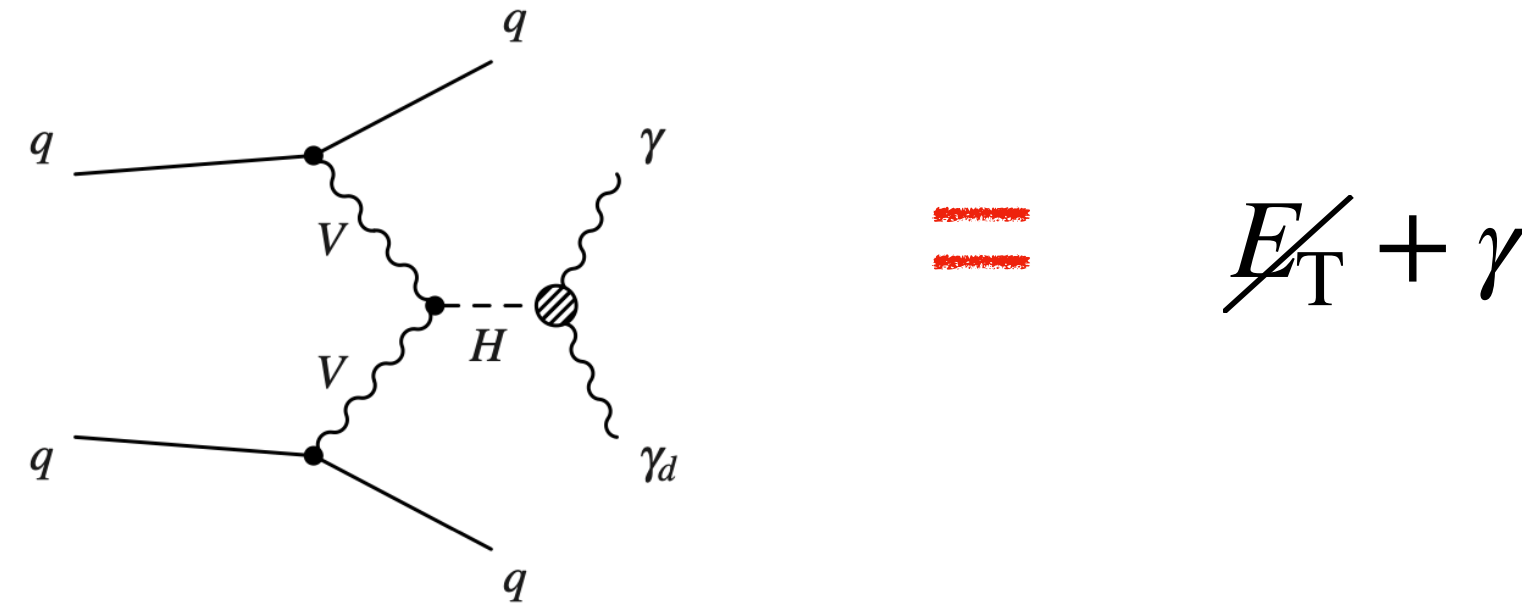
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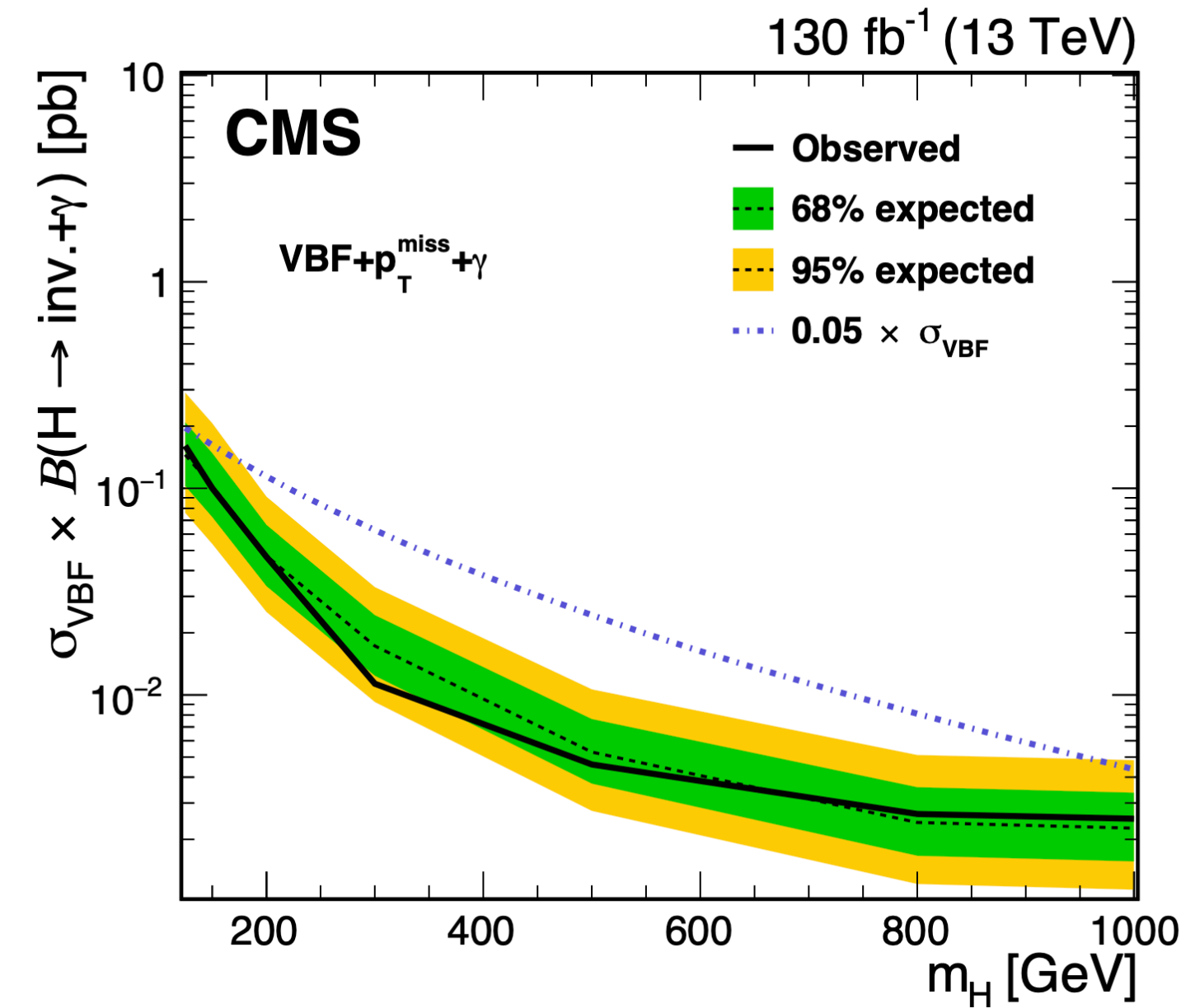
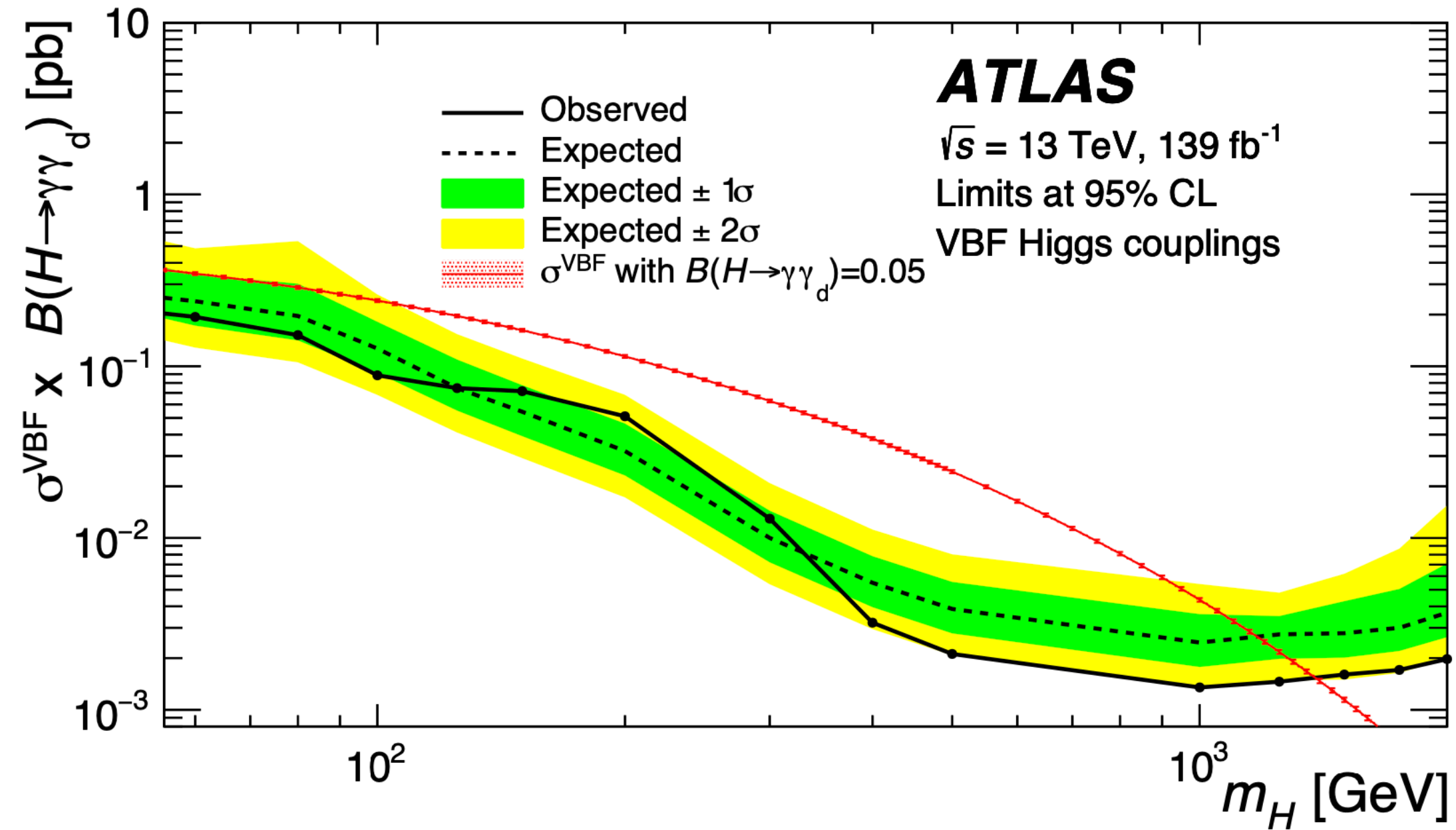
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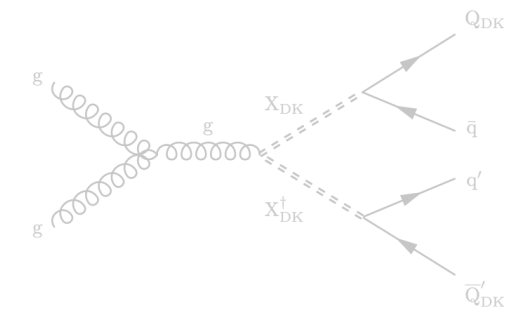
**ATLAS [EPJC82(2022)105]**

**CMS [JHEP03(2021)011] + combination**



# Dark QCD searches covered here

CMS, emerging jets  
[JHEP02(2019)179]

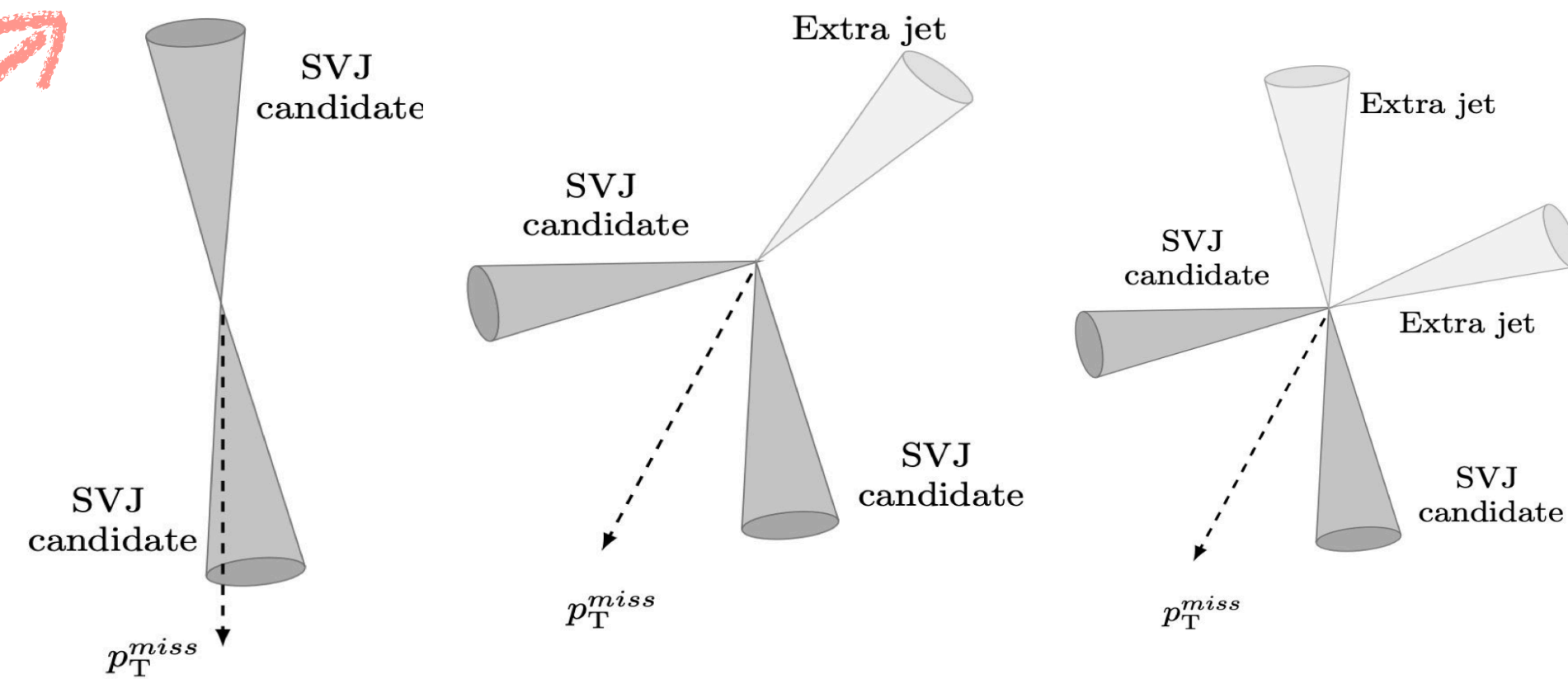


Displaced vertex

Courtesy of Sukanya Sinha

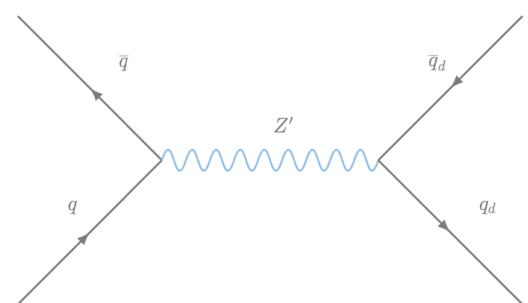
no jet!  
[unless ISR  
↳ monojet]

Jets and  $p_T^{miss}$ :



Di-jet (wide jets) signature:

NEW ATLAS, dark jets  
[ATLAS-CONF-2023-047]



Prompt Decay

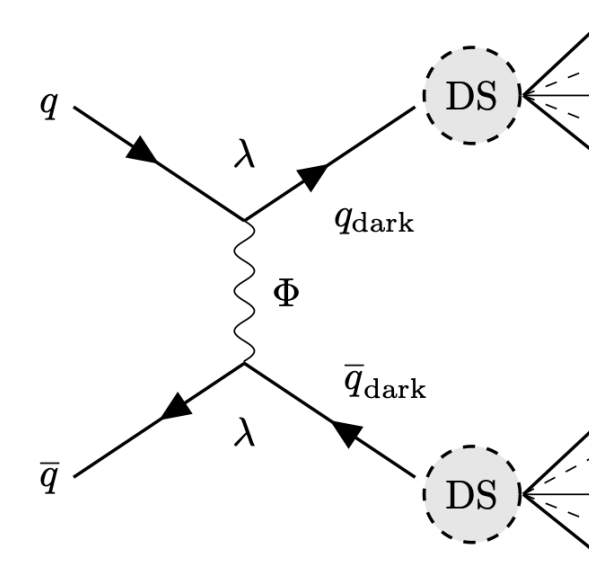
DARK JETS

SEMI-VISIBLE JETS

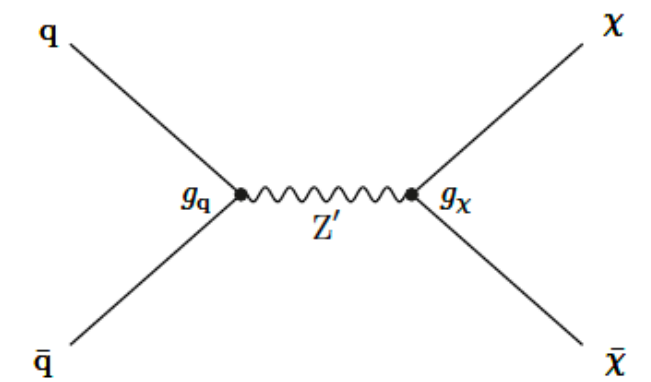
0 VISIBLE  $\gamma_{inv} \rightarrow$  1 INVISIBLE

Ratio of stable dark hadrons

NEW ATLAS, t-channel  
[CERN-EP-2023-084]



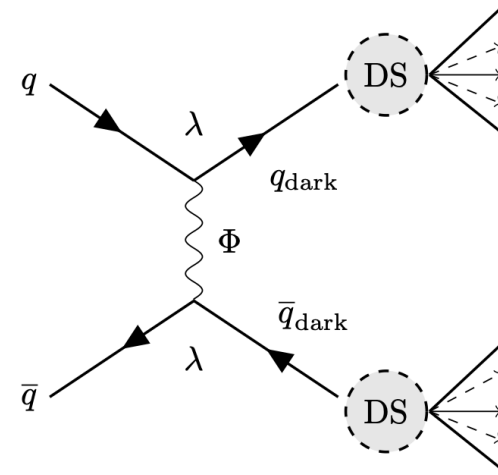
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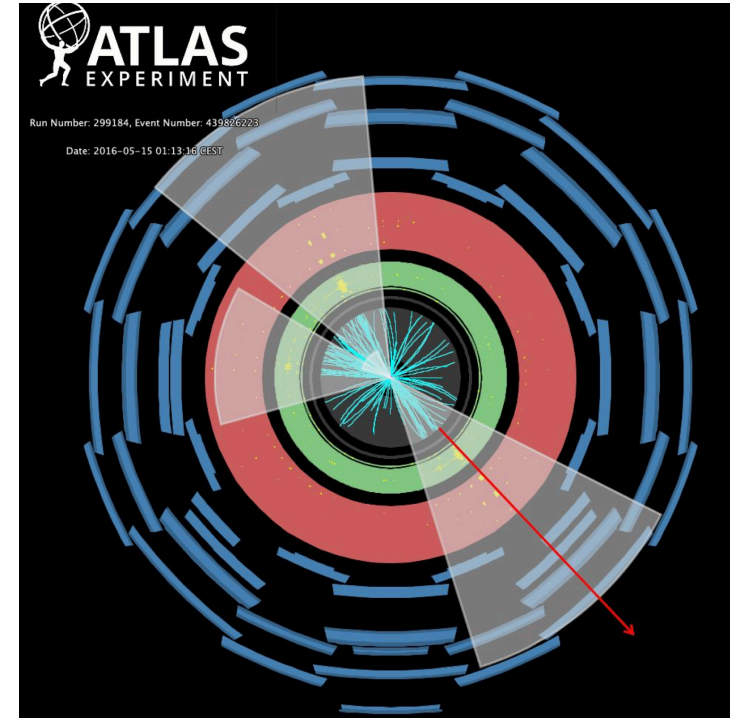
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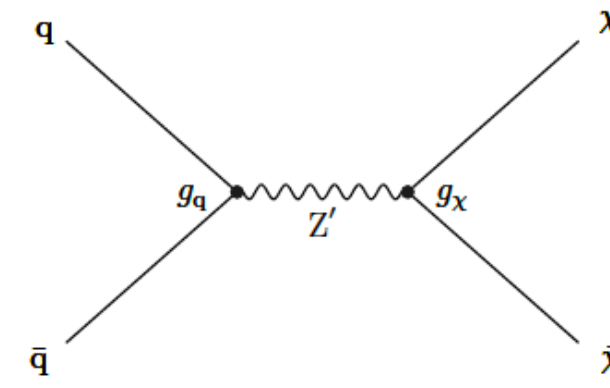


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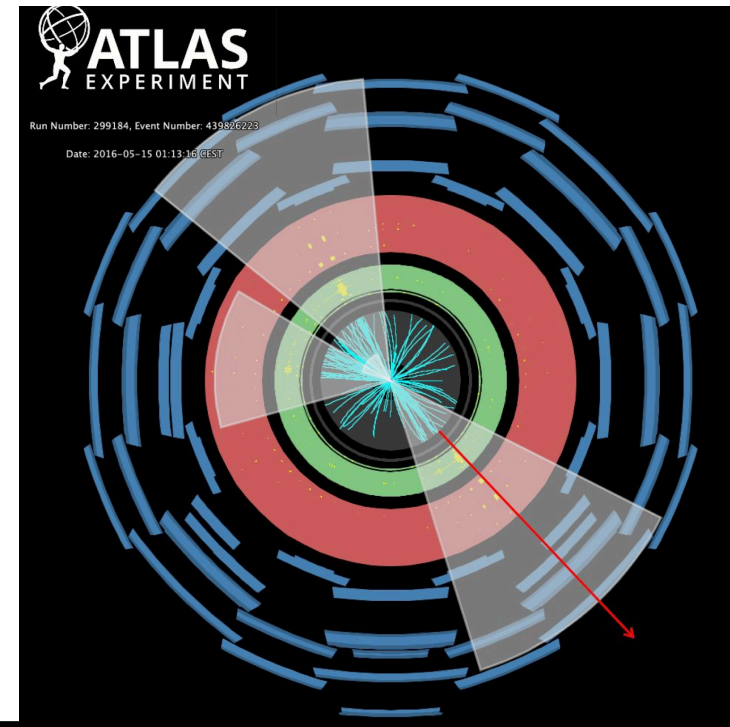
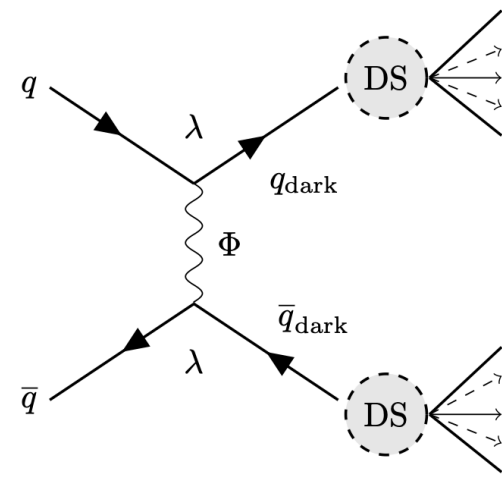
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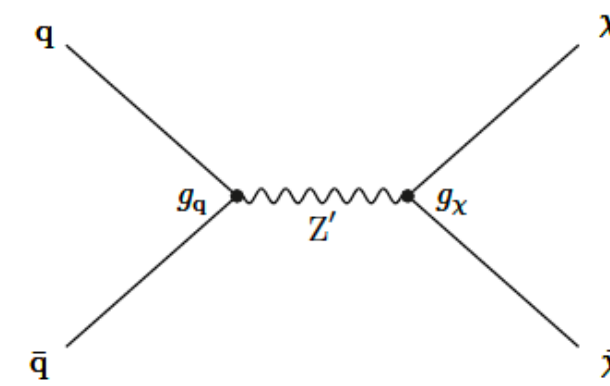
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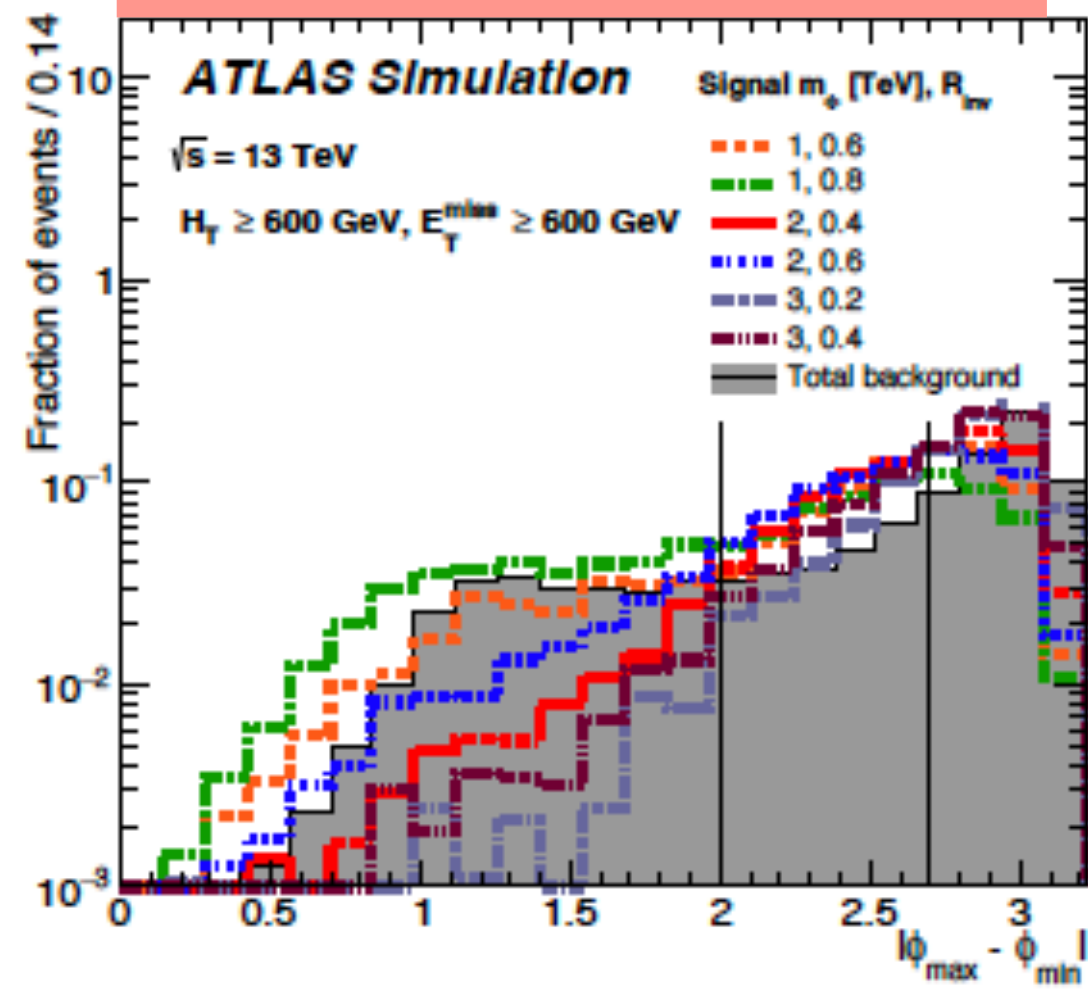
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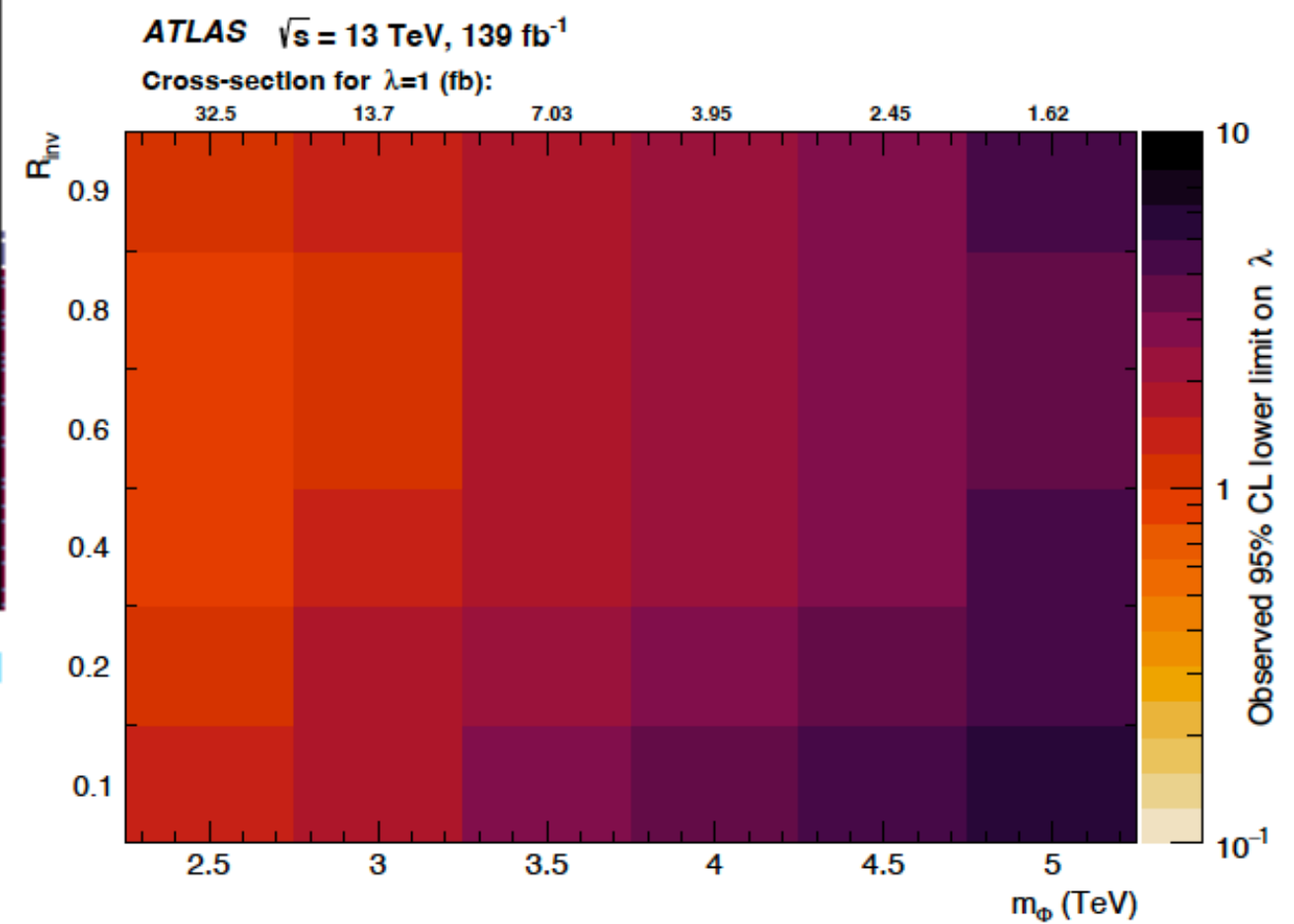


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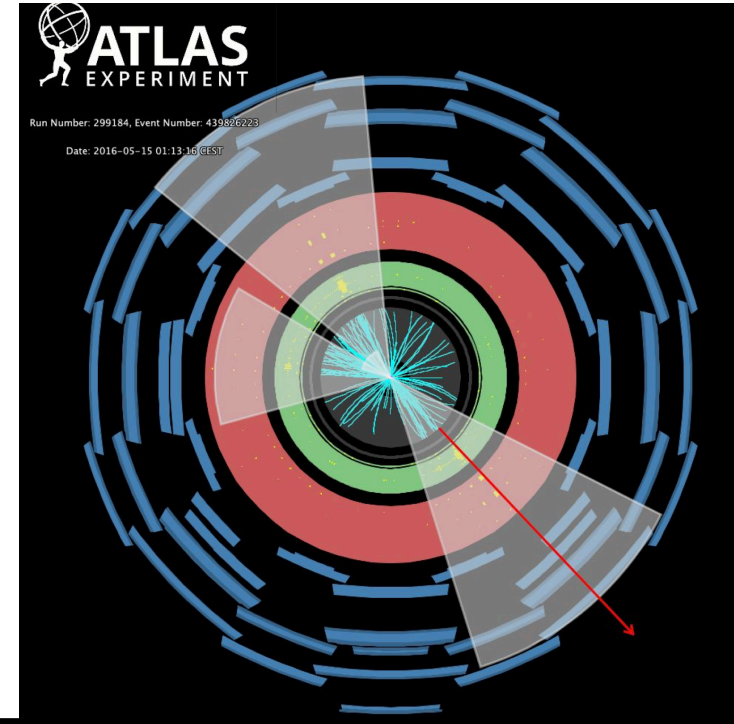
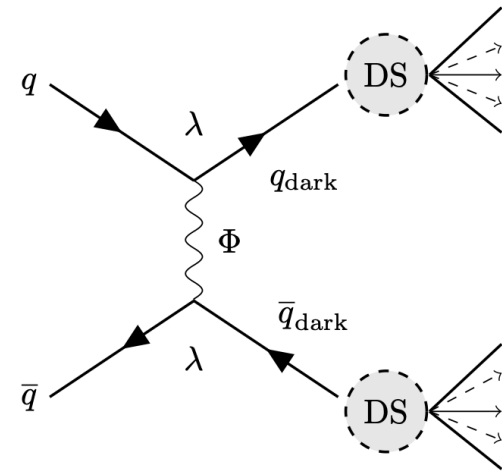




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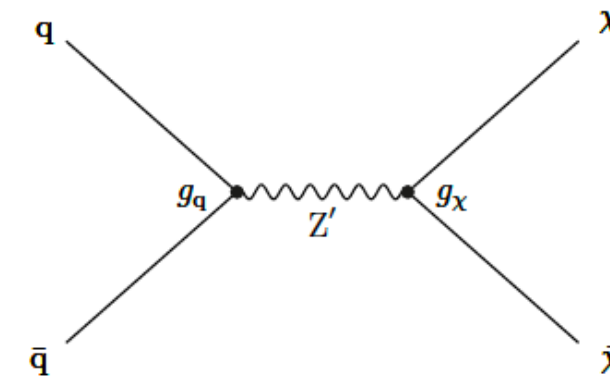
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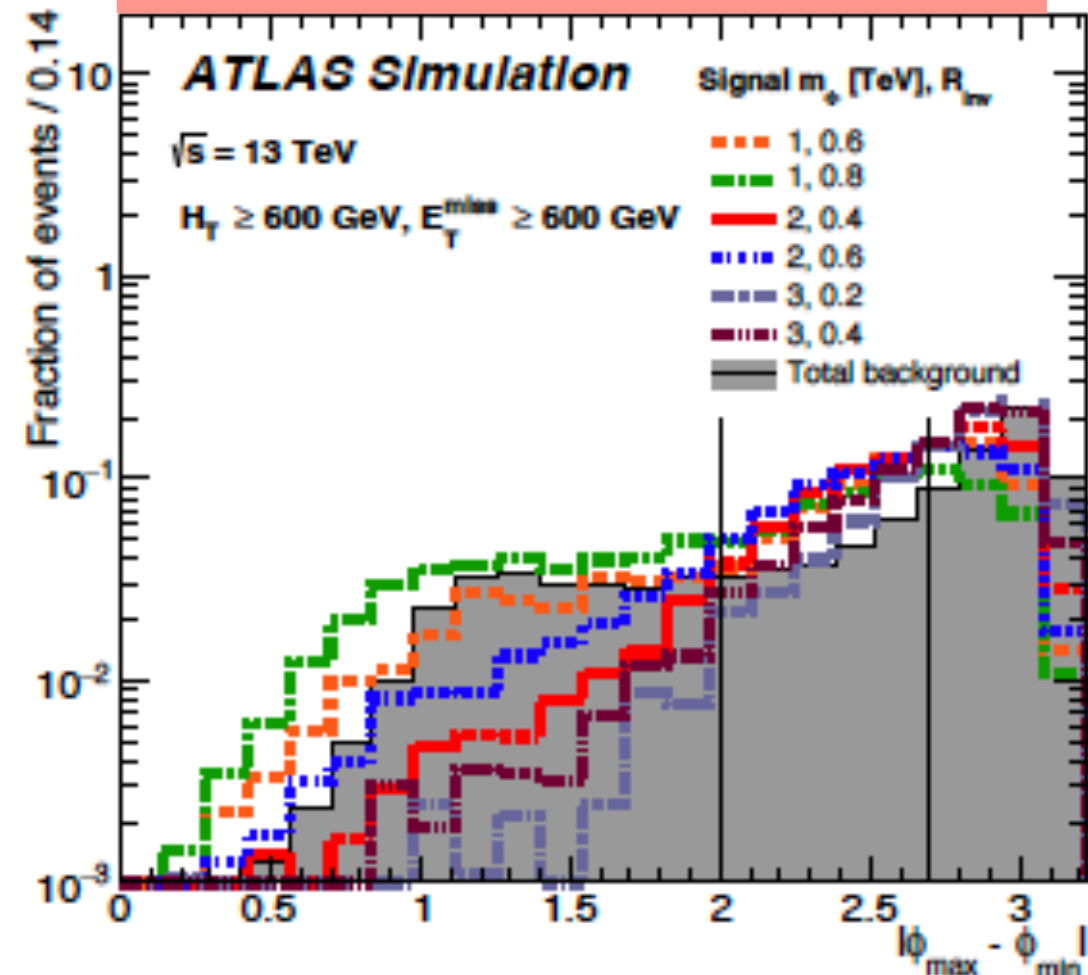
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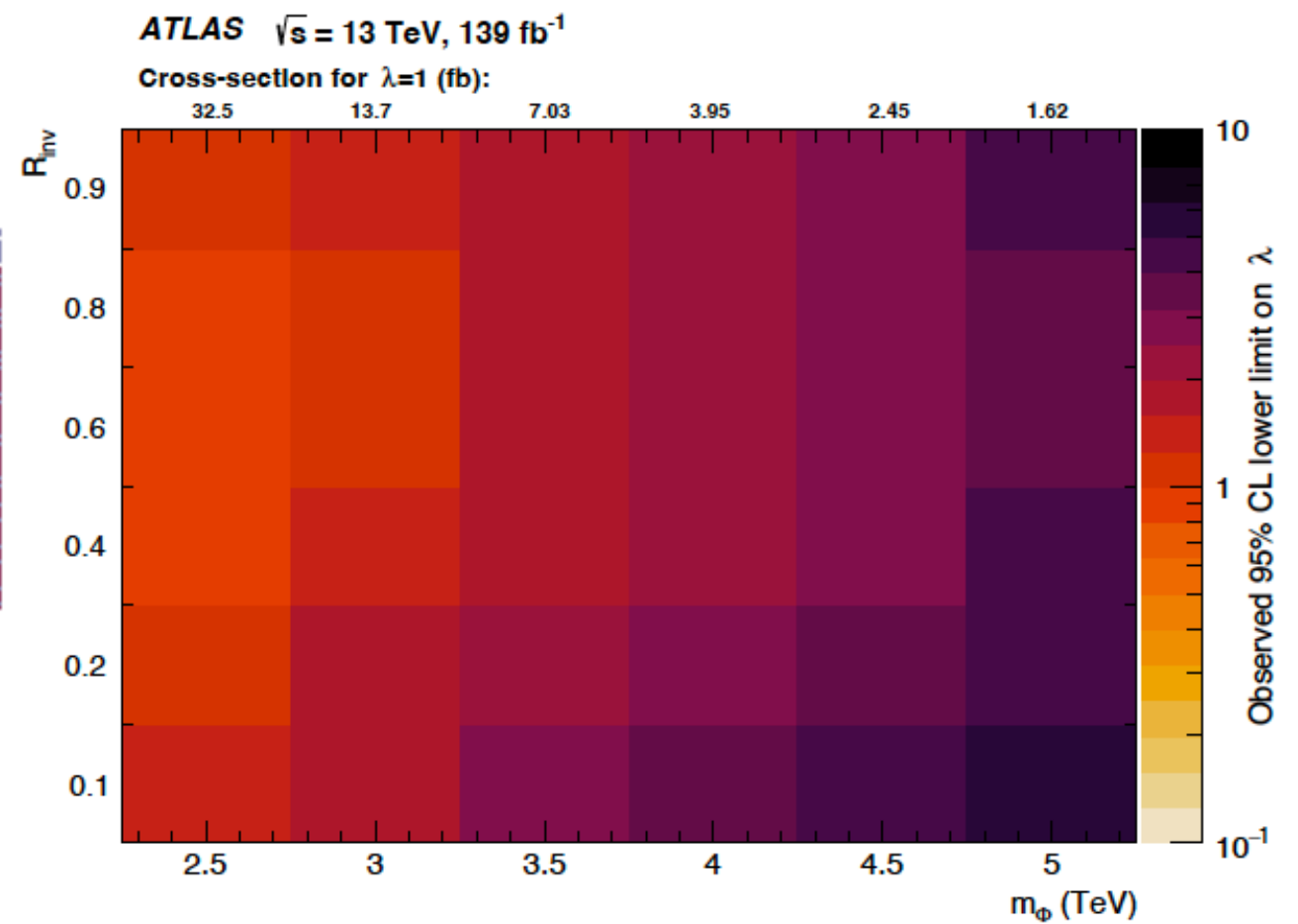


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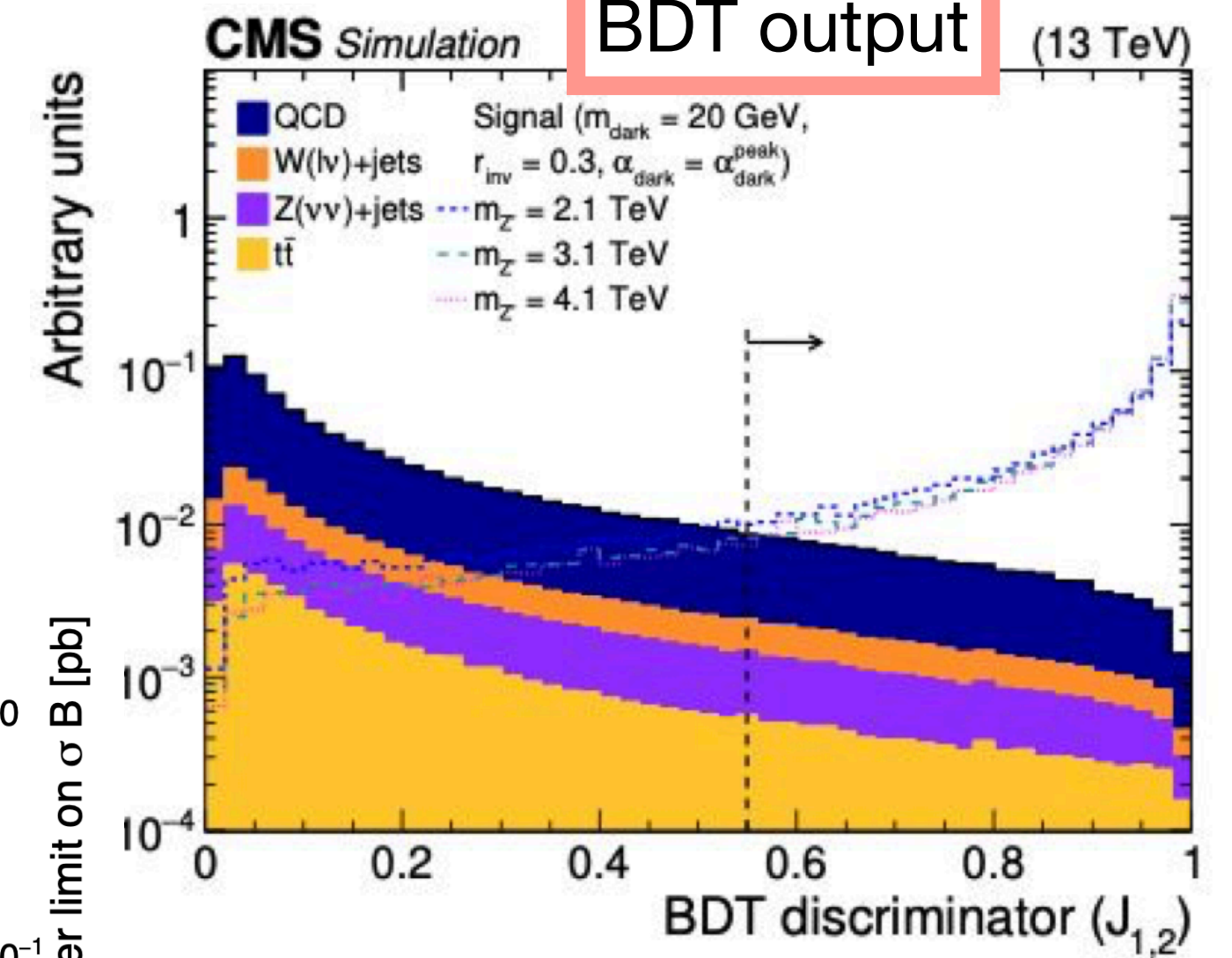
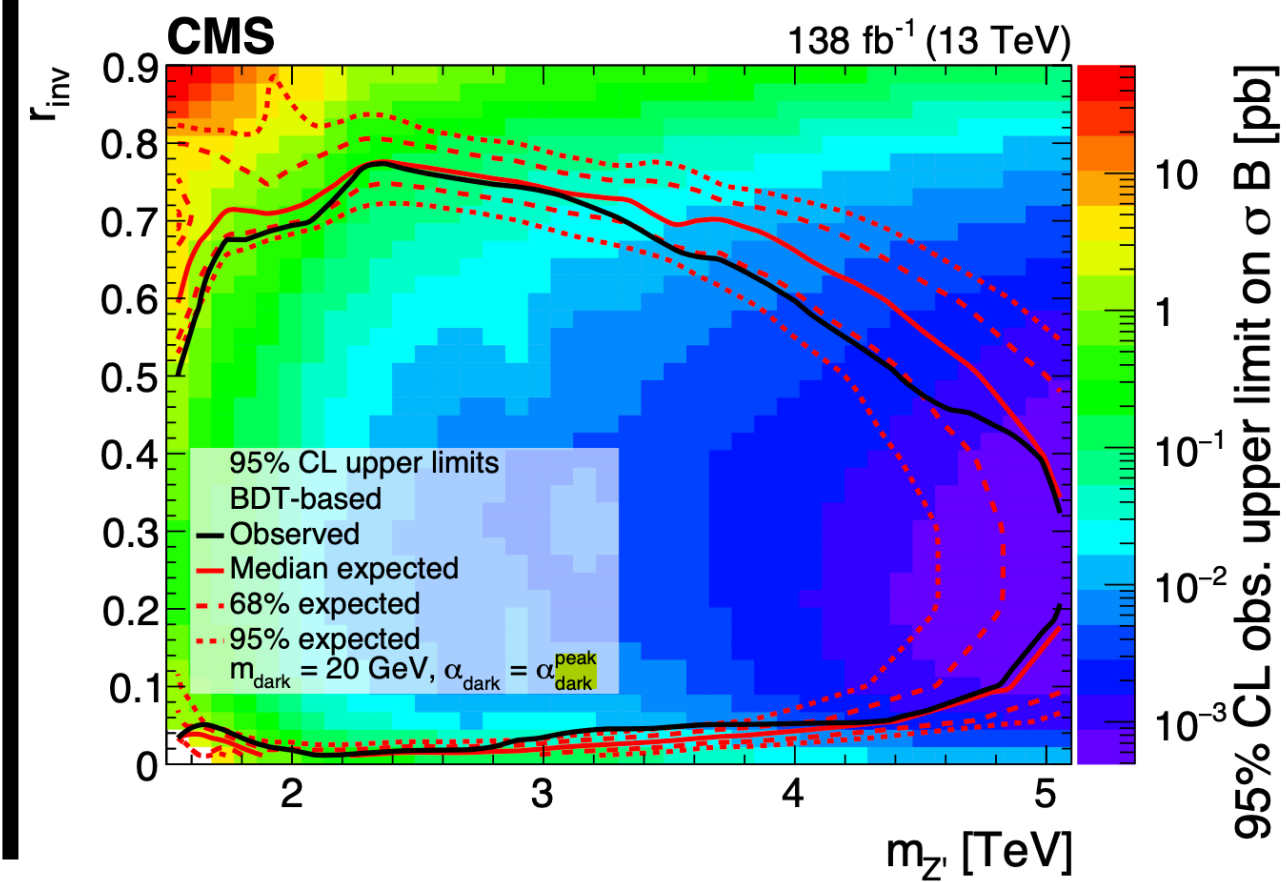


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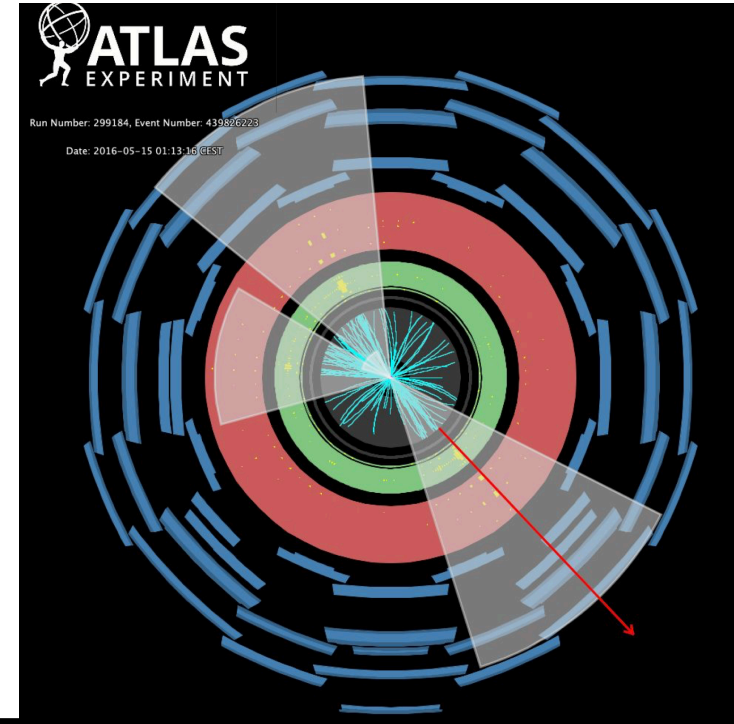
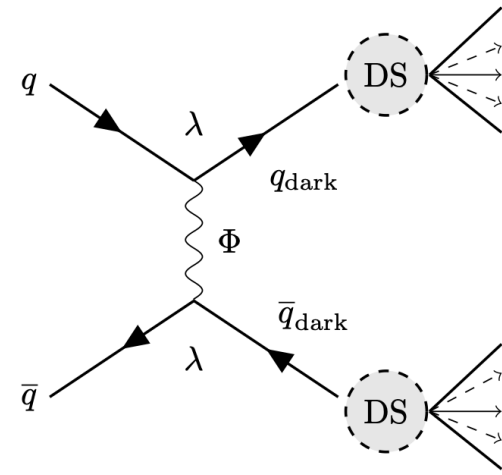
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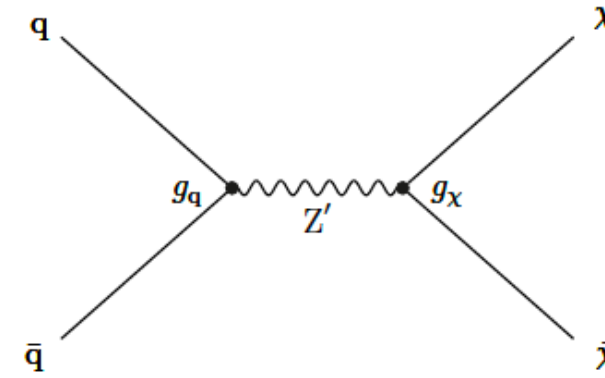
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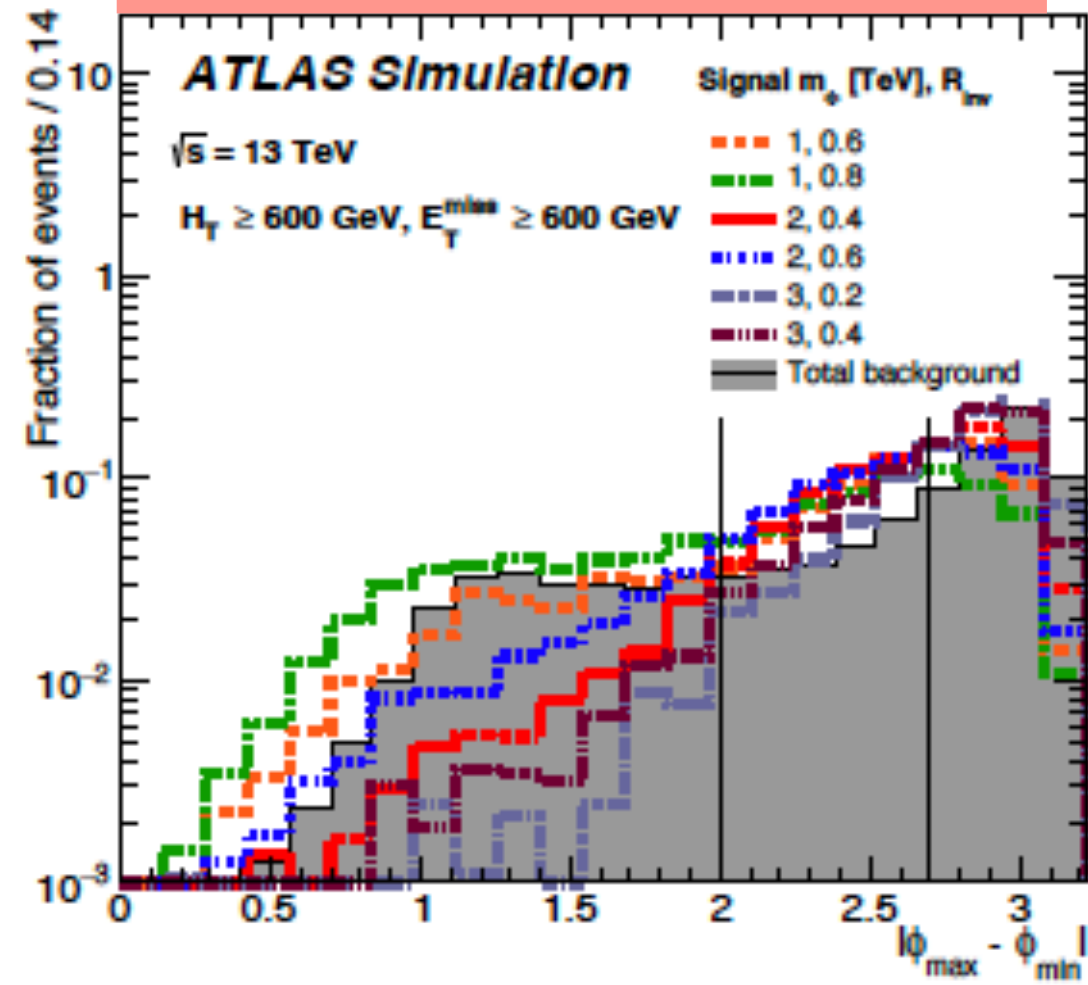
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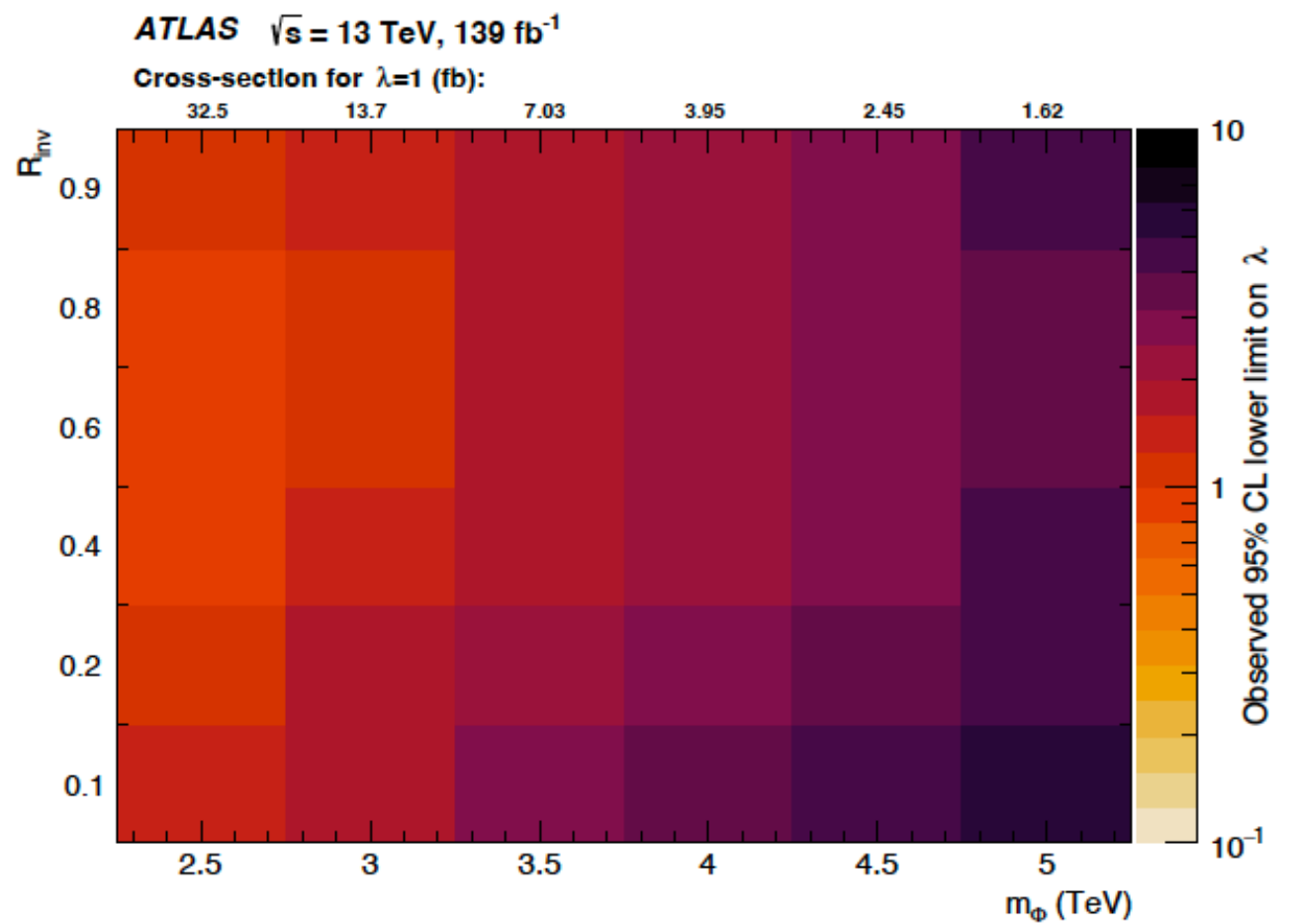


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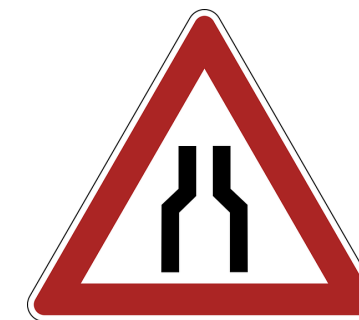
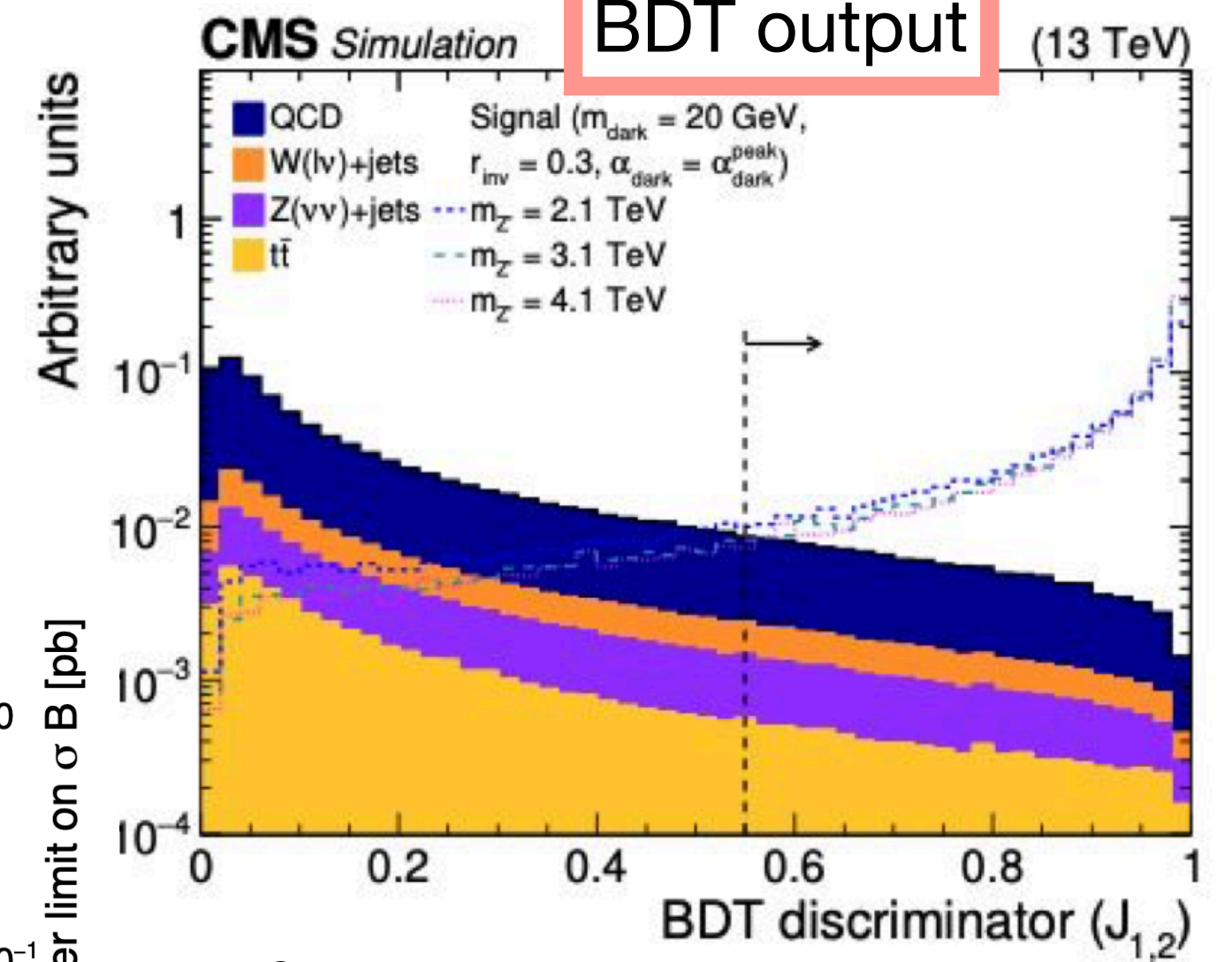
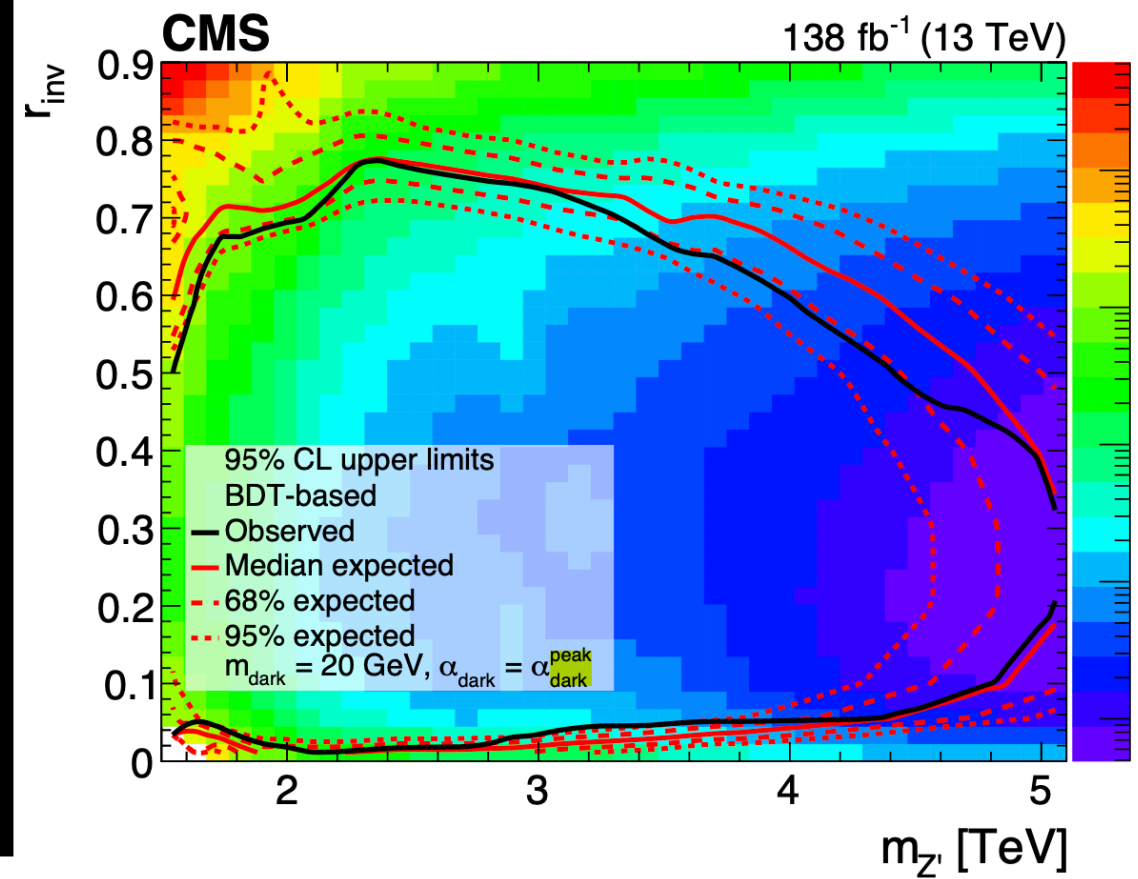


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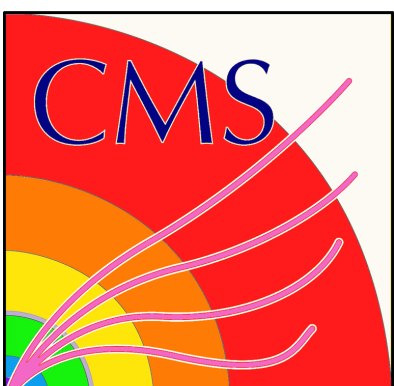


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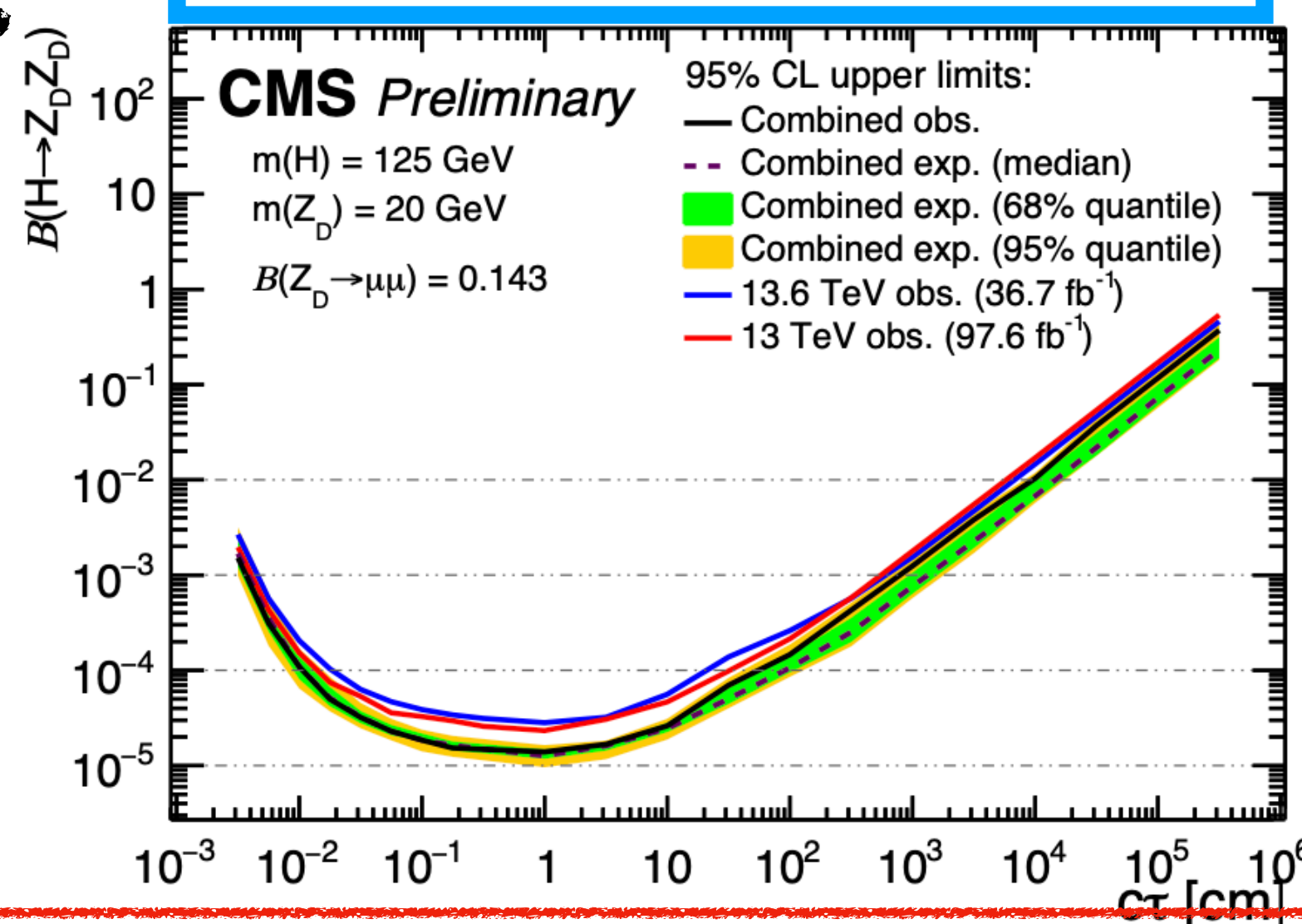
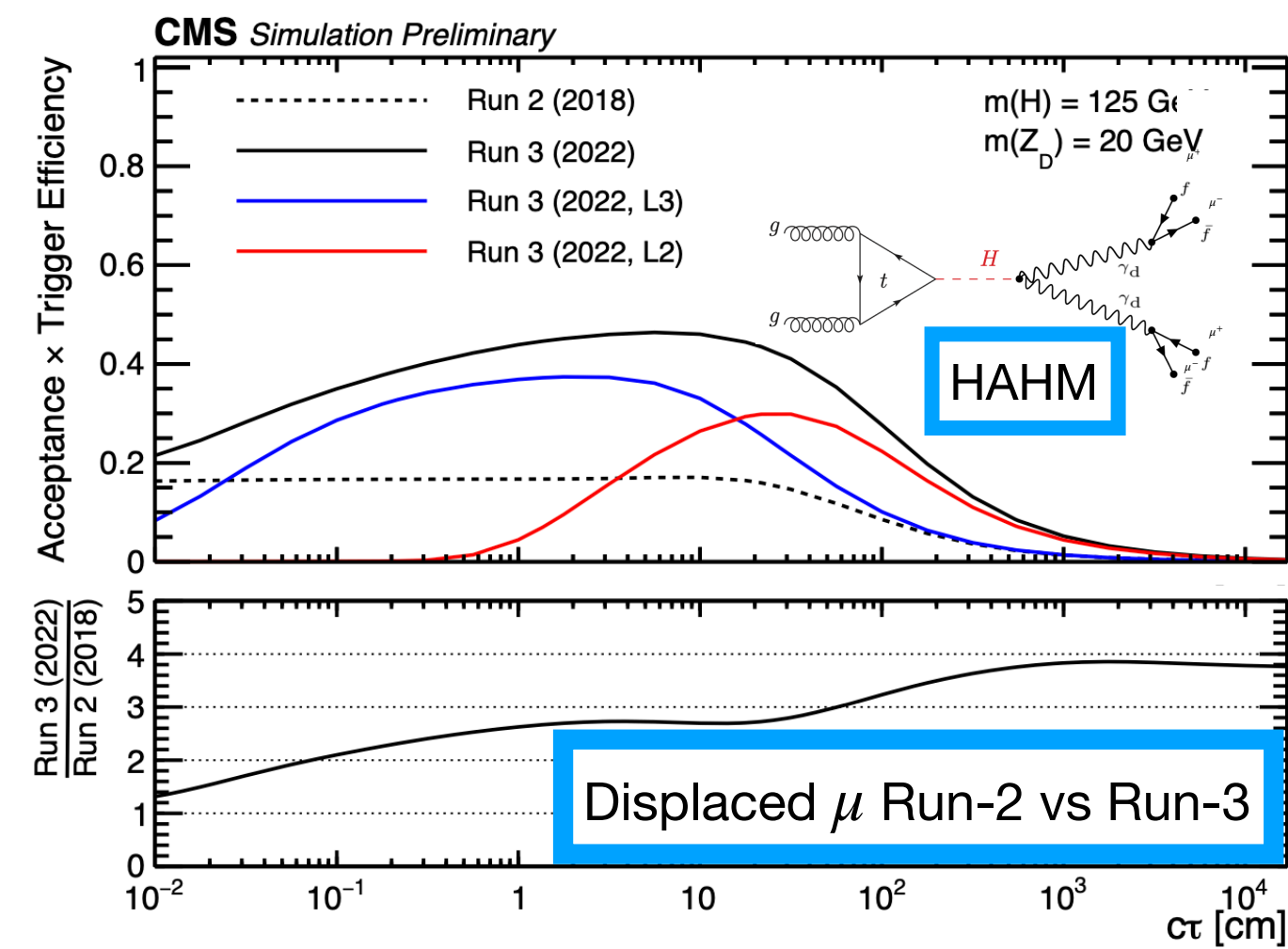
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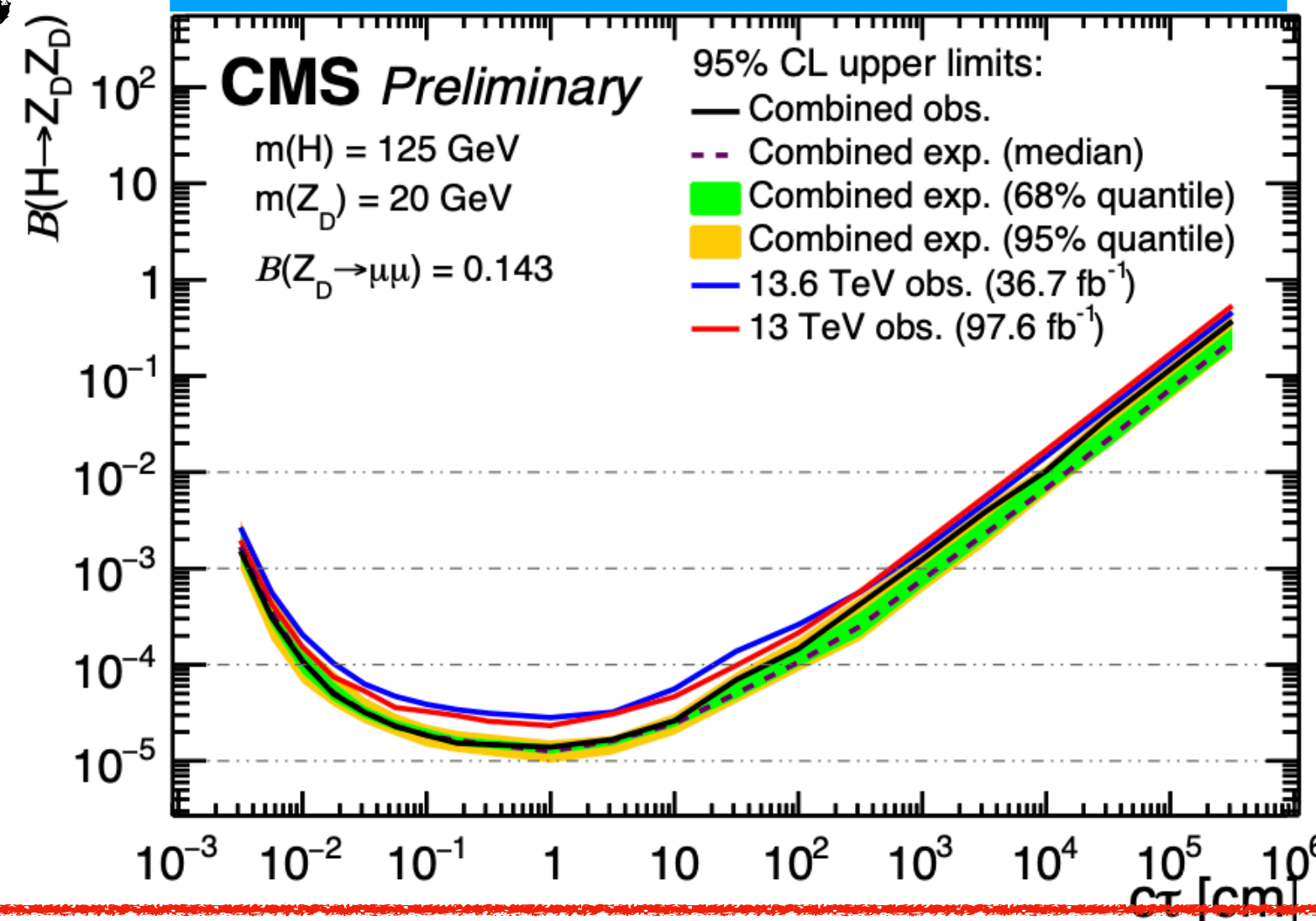
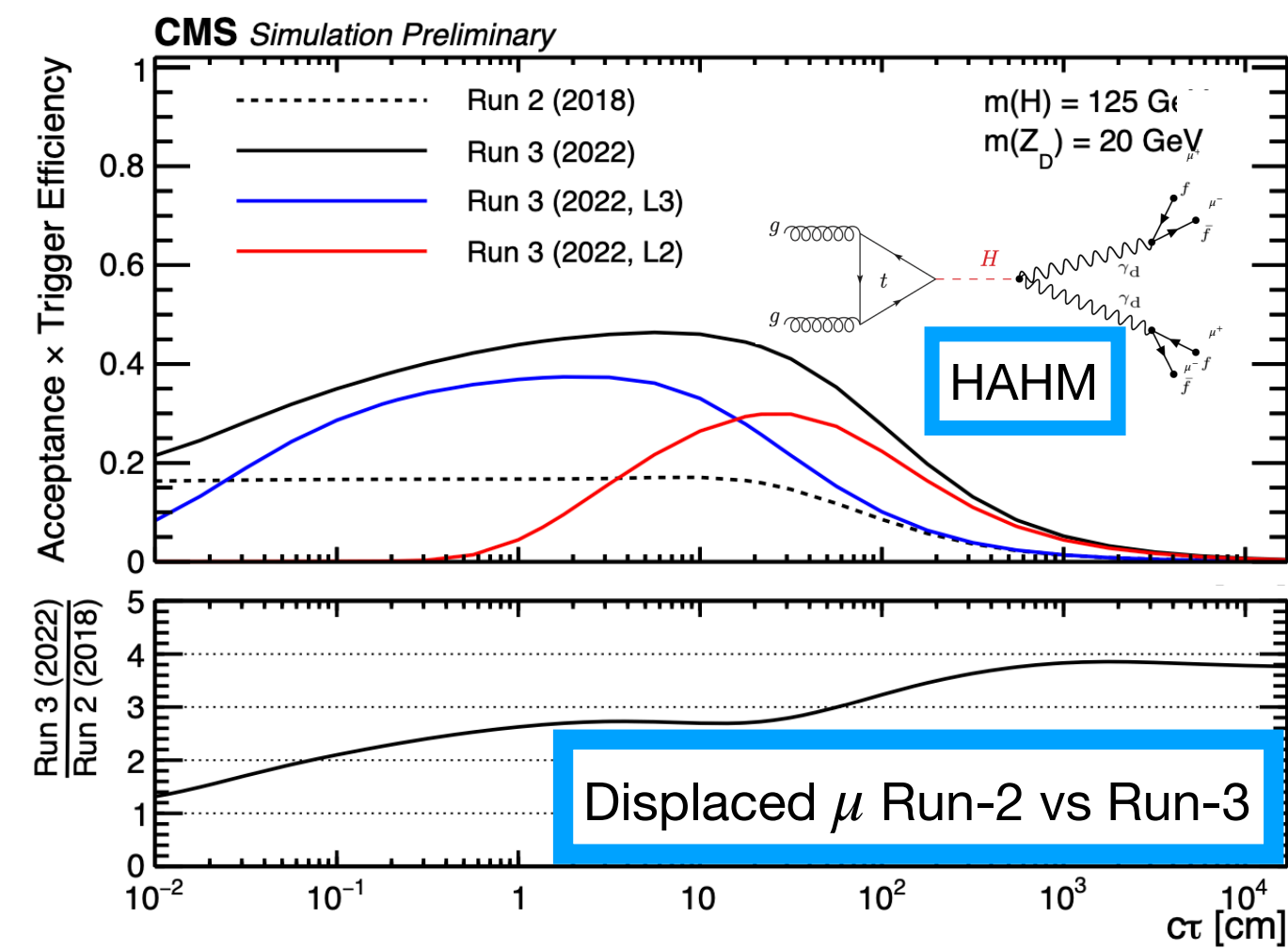
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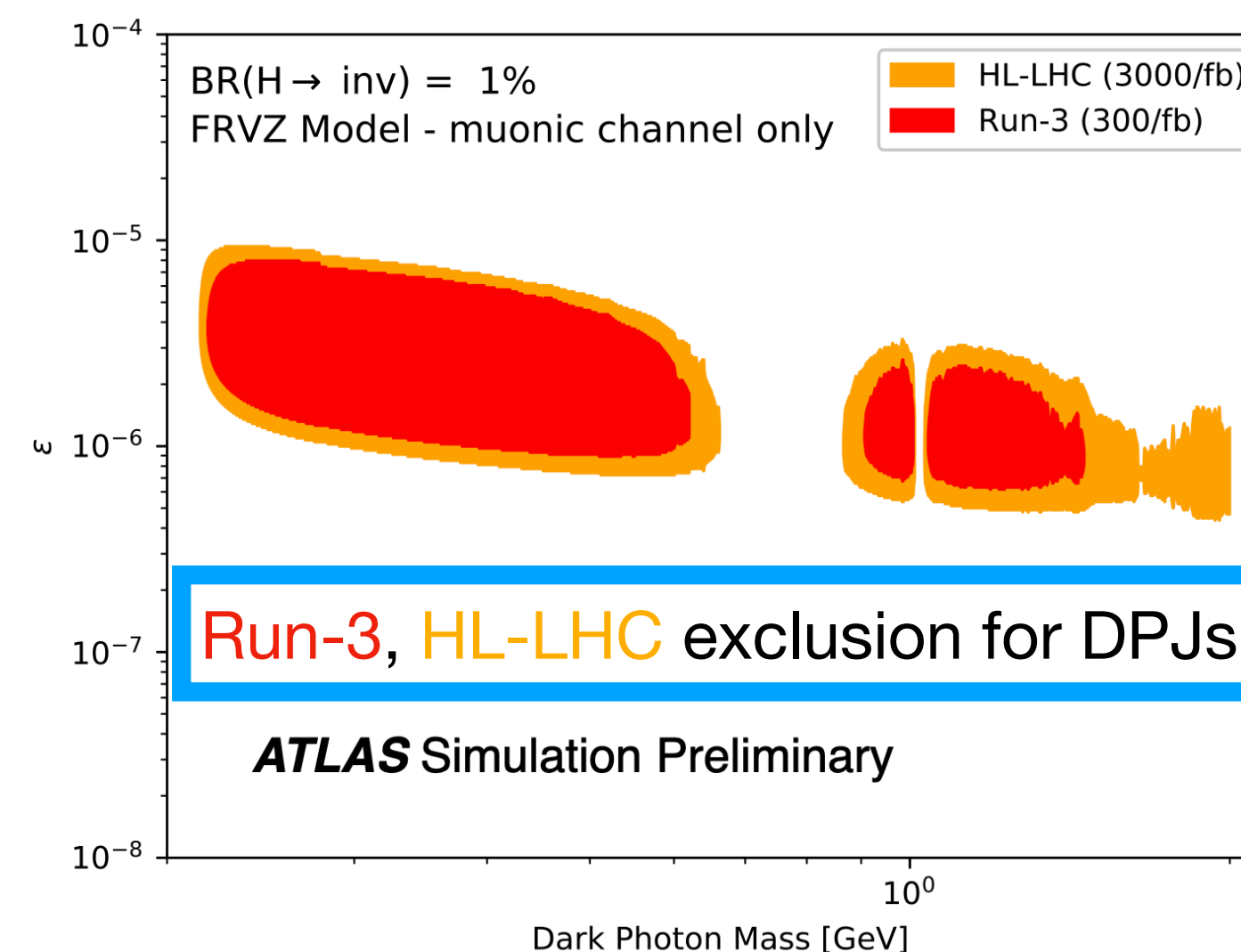
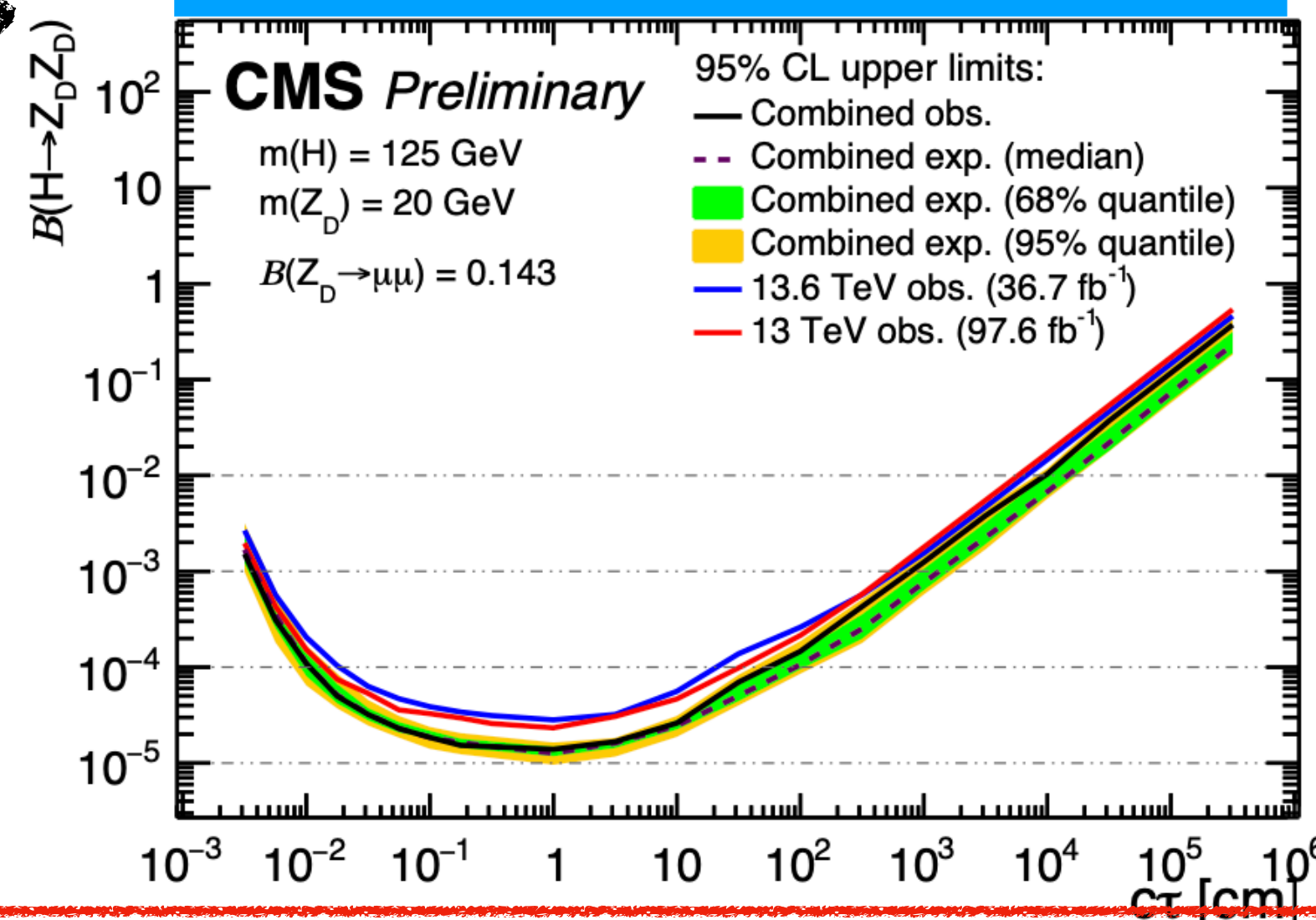
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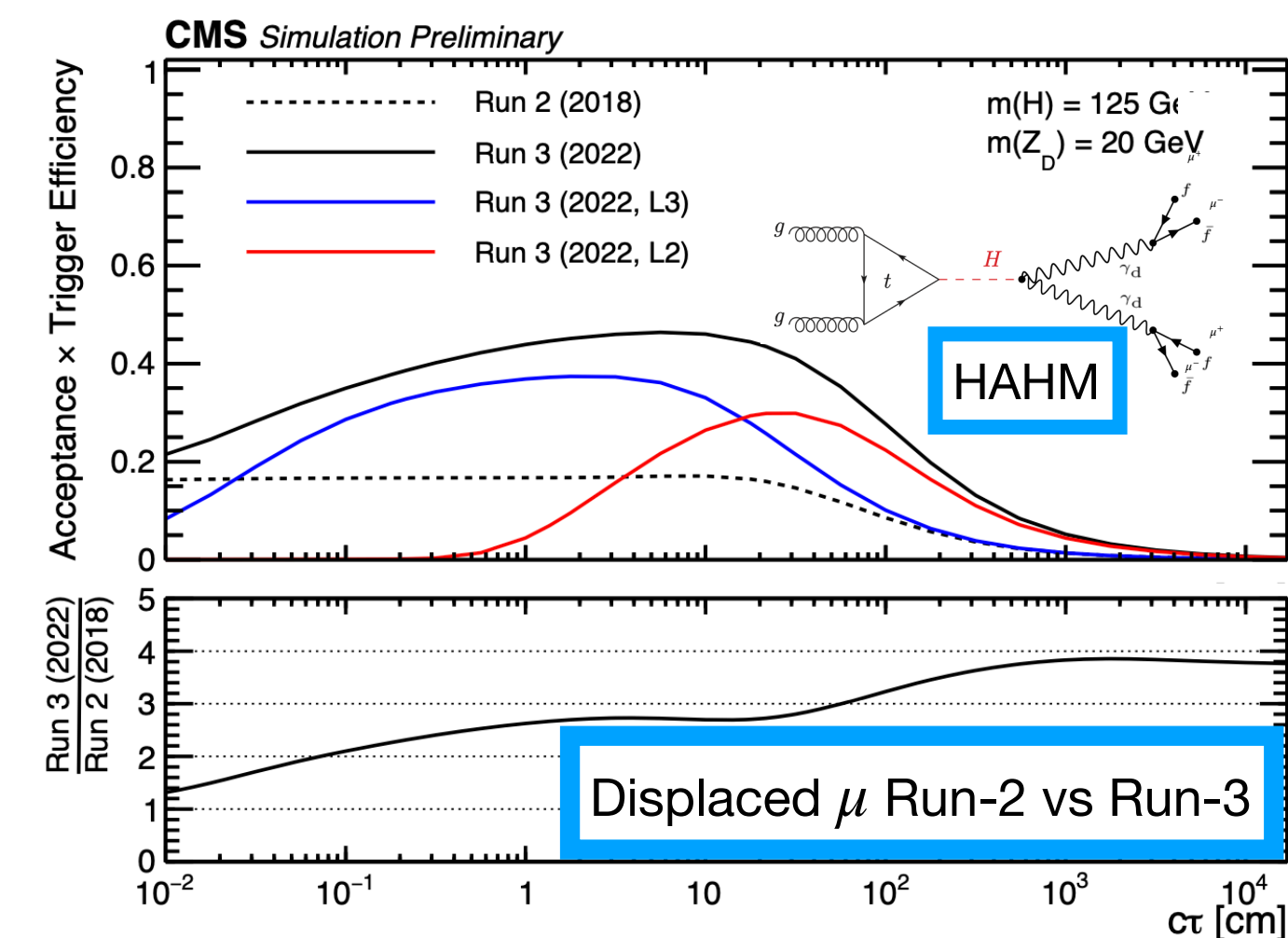
Run-3 and HL projection of the ATLAS analysis for displaced Dark Photon Jets (DPJs) **[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-002]**

## Run-3 CMS displaced $\mu$ exclusion



2022 Run-3 competitive sensitivity wrt Run-2 (but 1/3 of data!!)

Sizable improvements due to trigger requirements loosened (beamspot+collimation) on top of luminosity



# Large Radius Tracking for displaced tracks

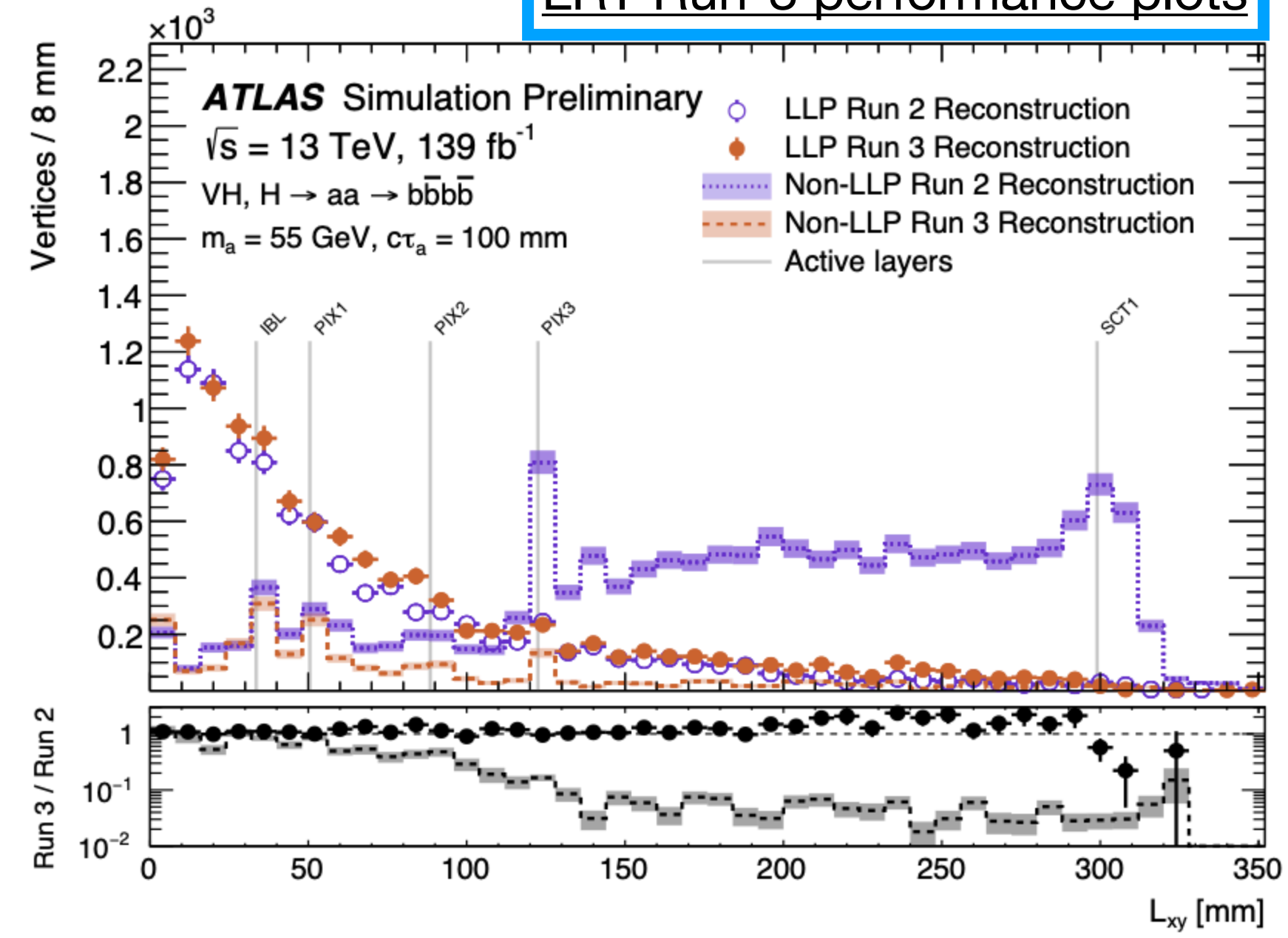
Standard tracking requires  $|d_0| < 10 \text{ mm}$  → displaced tracks are suppressed!

Large Radius Tracking (LRT) relaxes requirements to  $|d_0| < 300 \text{ mm}$  and  $|z_0| < 500 \text{ mm}$

In Run-2 standard and LRT too computationally expensive → in Run-2 LRT could be run only on 10% of data

Standard tracking optimised and new LRT → lower computational time, negligible performance loss!

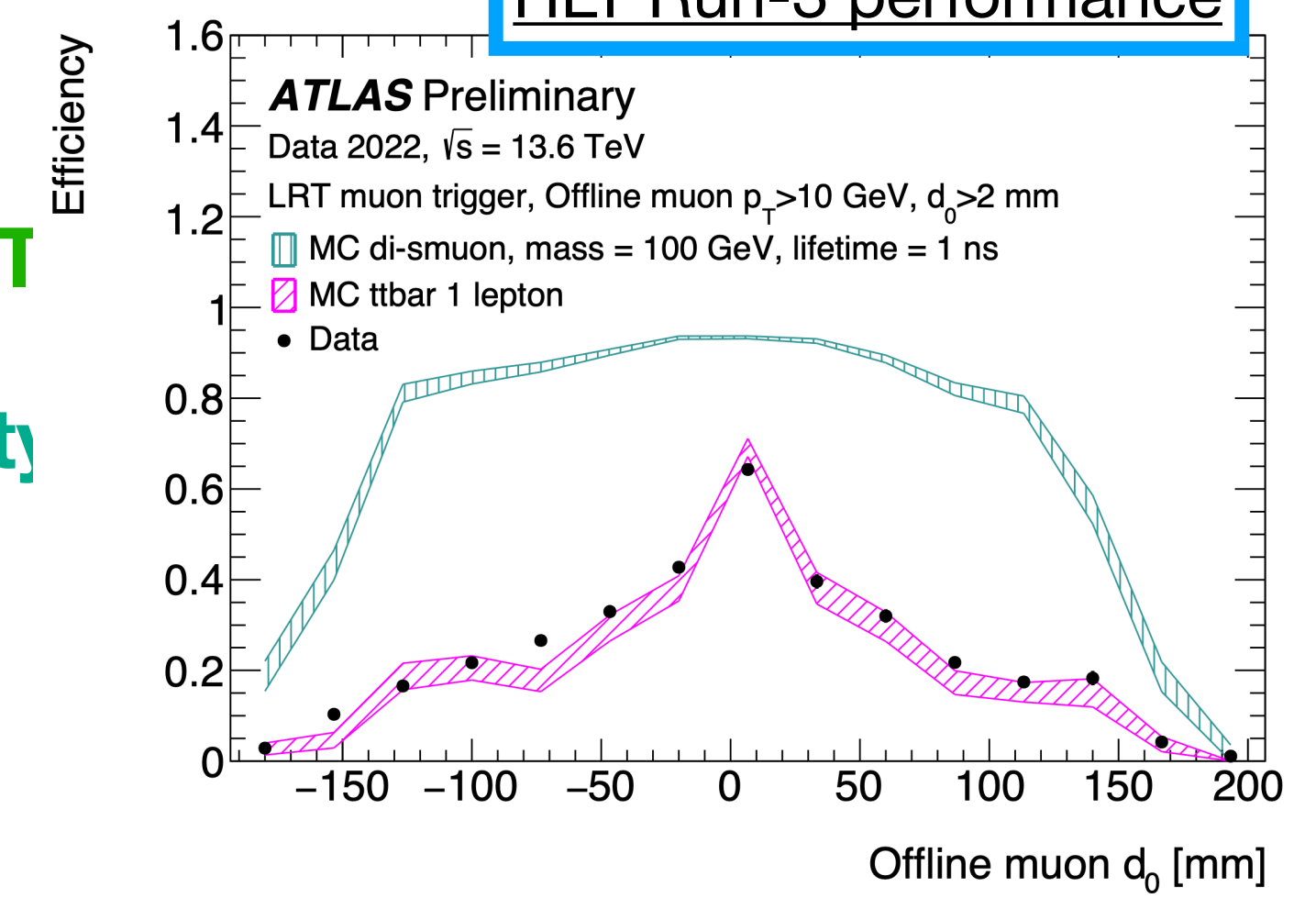
LRT Run-3 performance plots



**Run-3 LRT** efficiency small increase, but very large decrease of fake rate (~ 90%) wrt Run-2

→ In Run-3 LRT can be run at the online level for all the events!

HLT Run-3 performance



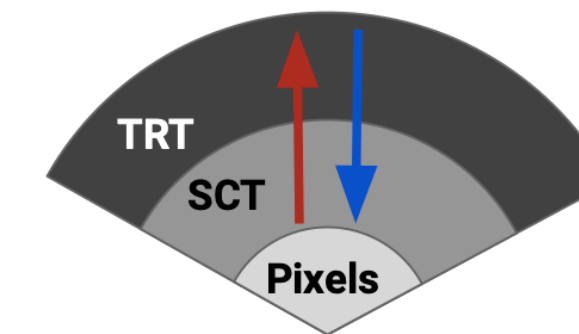
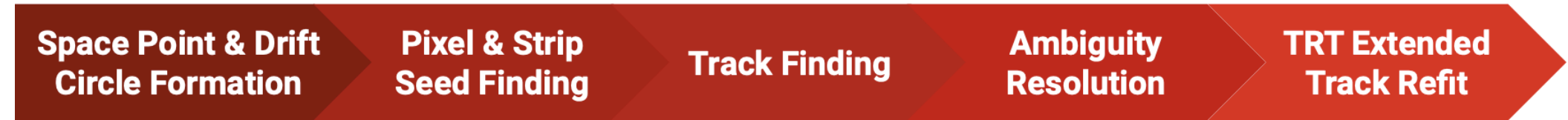
In Run-3 already **running at the HLT level**, expected **sizeable sensitivity** for displaced scenarios!

# Standard tracking optimisation

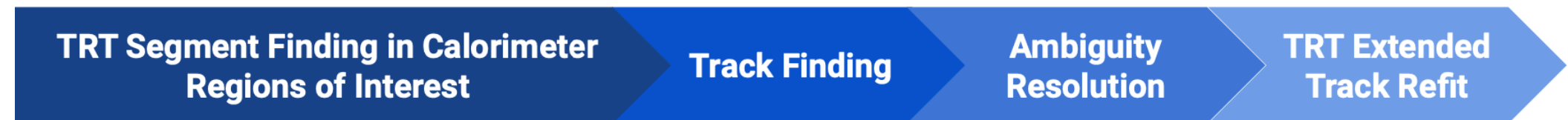
Run-3: more interaction per bunch-crossing (pile-up,  $\mu$ )  
 wrt Run-2  $\rightarrow$  tracking optimisation is needed  
 Run-3 new tracking algorithm:

- Requirements tightened
- Vertex finding algorithm changed
- Ambiguity resolution to suppress fakes changed

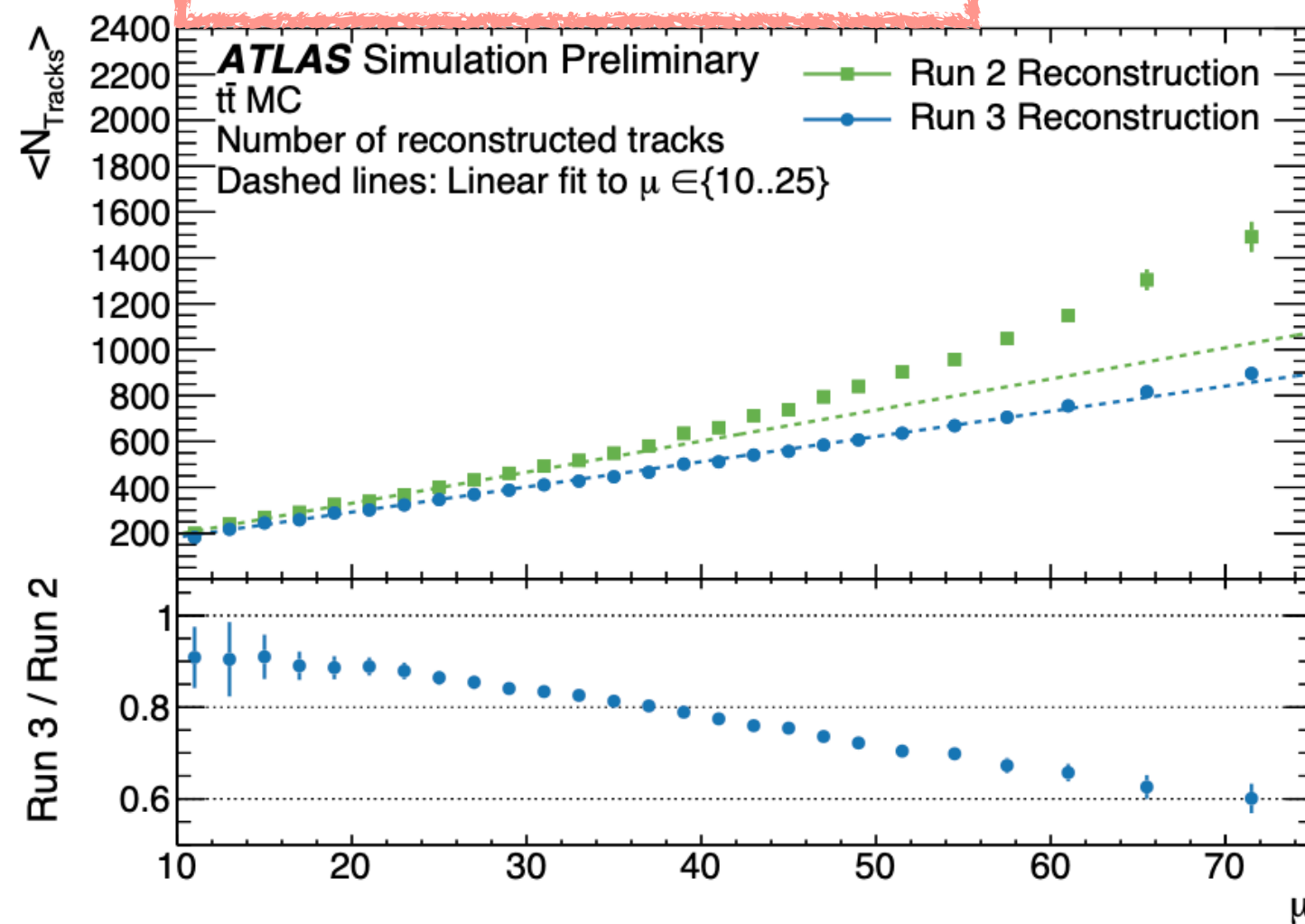
## ATLAS Primary Tracking



## ATLAS Back-Tracking



### Linear with pile-up



### Reduced CPU time

