

Searching for BSM physics (with displaced signatures) at LHCb

A personal perspective

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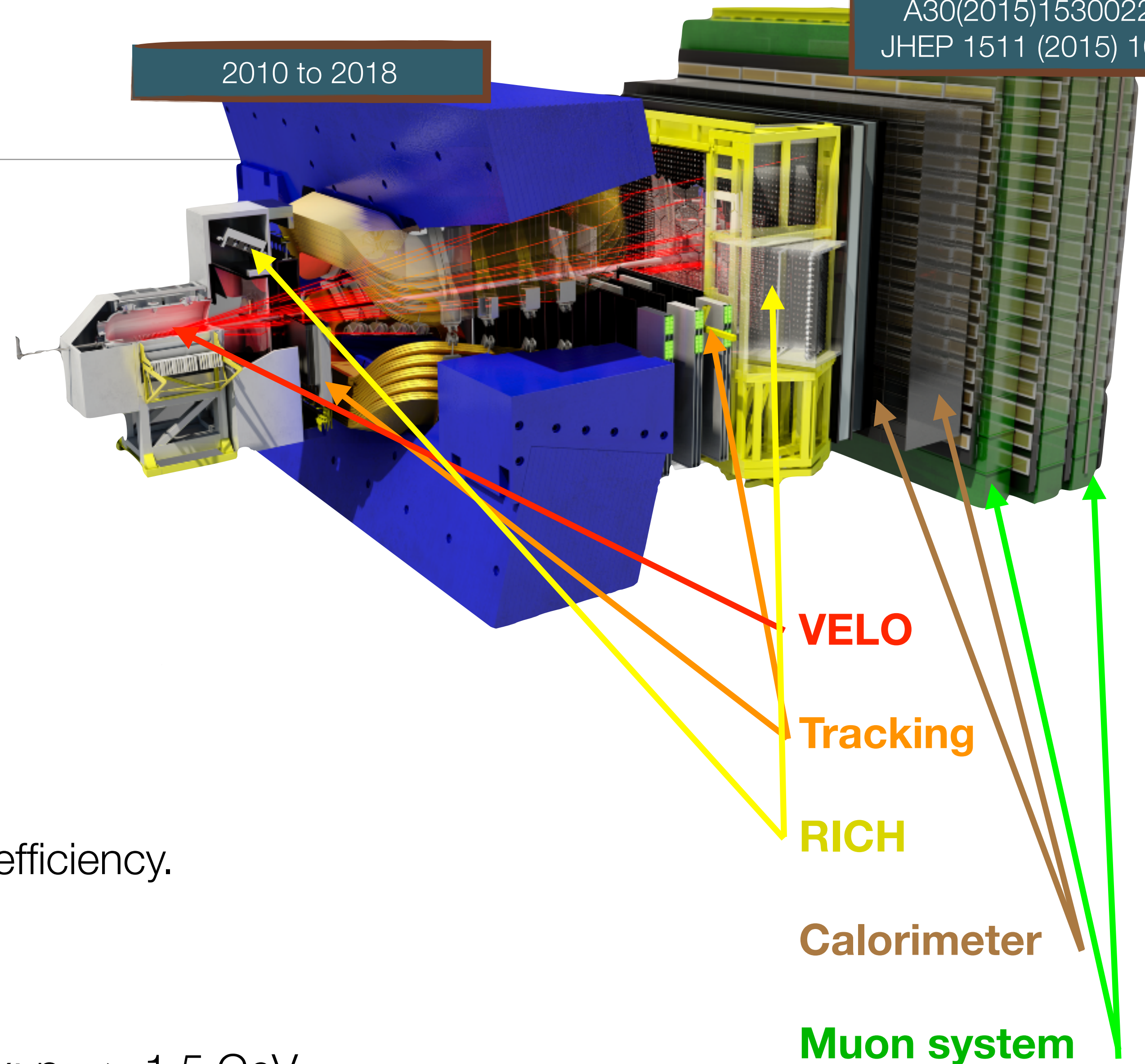


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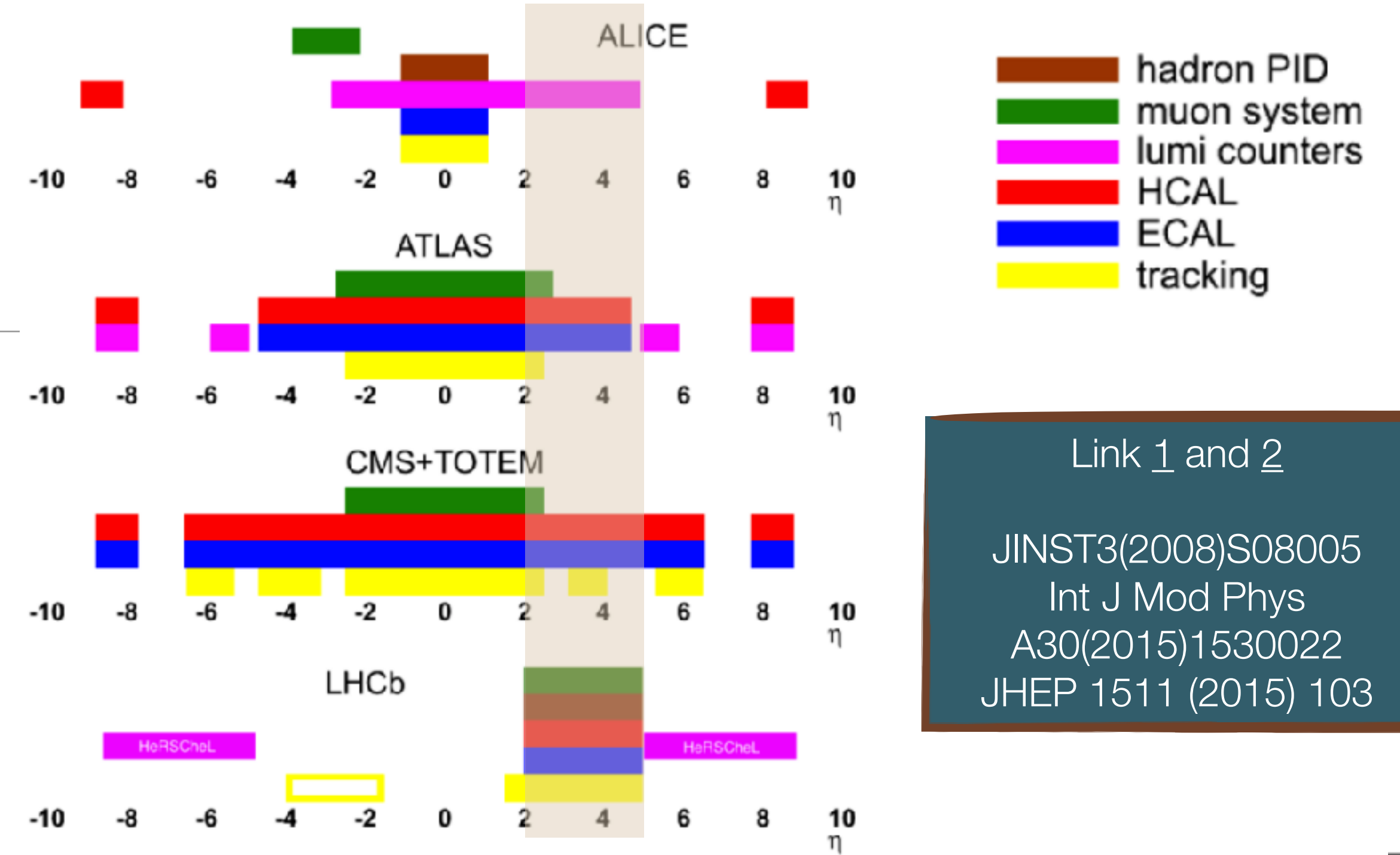


LHCb detector / 1

- **LHCb** is a dedicated flavour experiment in the **forward region** at the LHC ($1.9 < \eta < 4.9$) ($\sim 1^\circ$ - 15°)
- **Precise vertex reconstruction** $< 10 \mu\text{m}$ vertex resolution in transverse plane.
- Lifetime resolution of $\sim 0.2 \text{ ps}$ for $\tau = 100 \text{ ps}$.
 - $\sim 45 \text{ fs}$ for $B_0\text{s} \rightarrow J/\psi \text{ phi}$ and $B_0\text{s} \rightarrow D\text{s pi}$
- **Muons** clearly identified and triggered: $\sim 90\%$ μ^\pm efficiency.
- Great **mass resolution**: e.g. 15 MeV for J/ψ .
- **Low p_T trigger** means low masses accessible. Ex: $p_{T\mu} > 1.5 \text{ GeV}$.

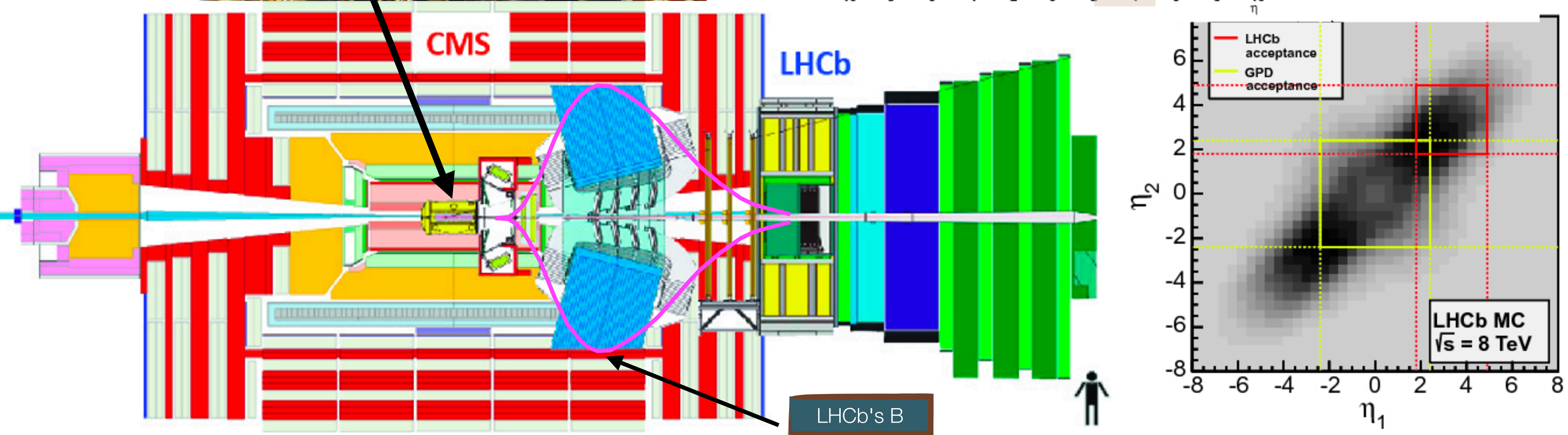


LHCb / CMS so much different?



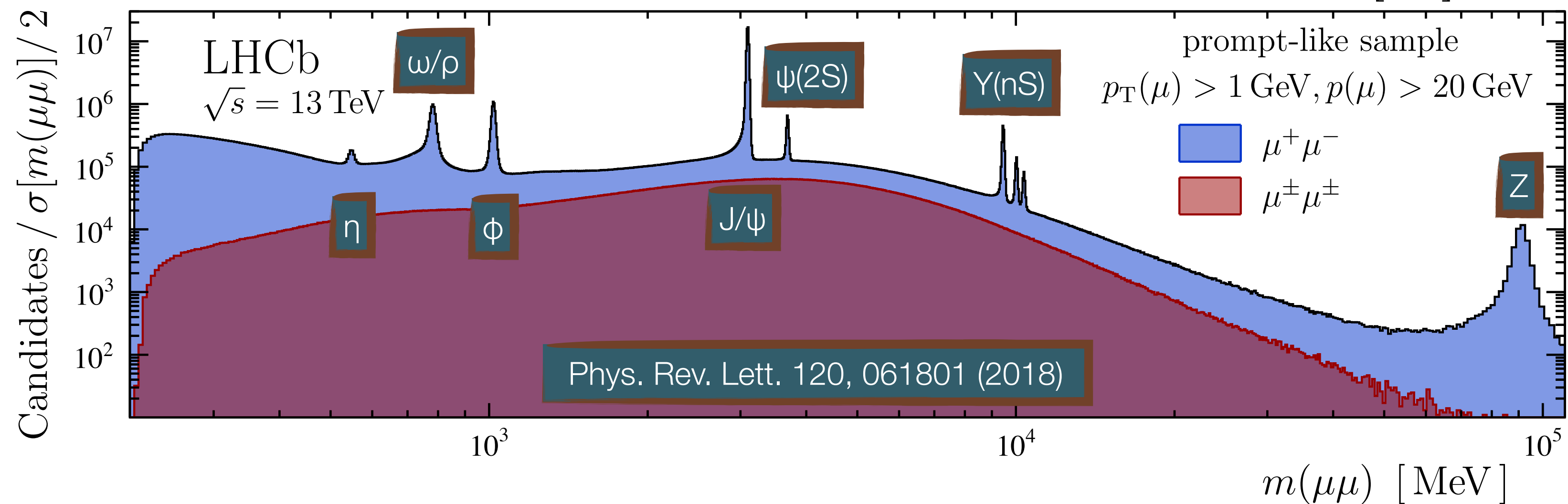
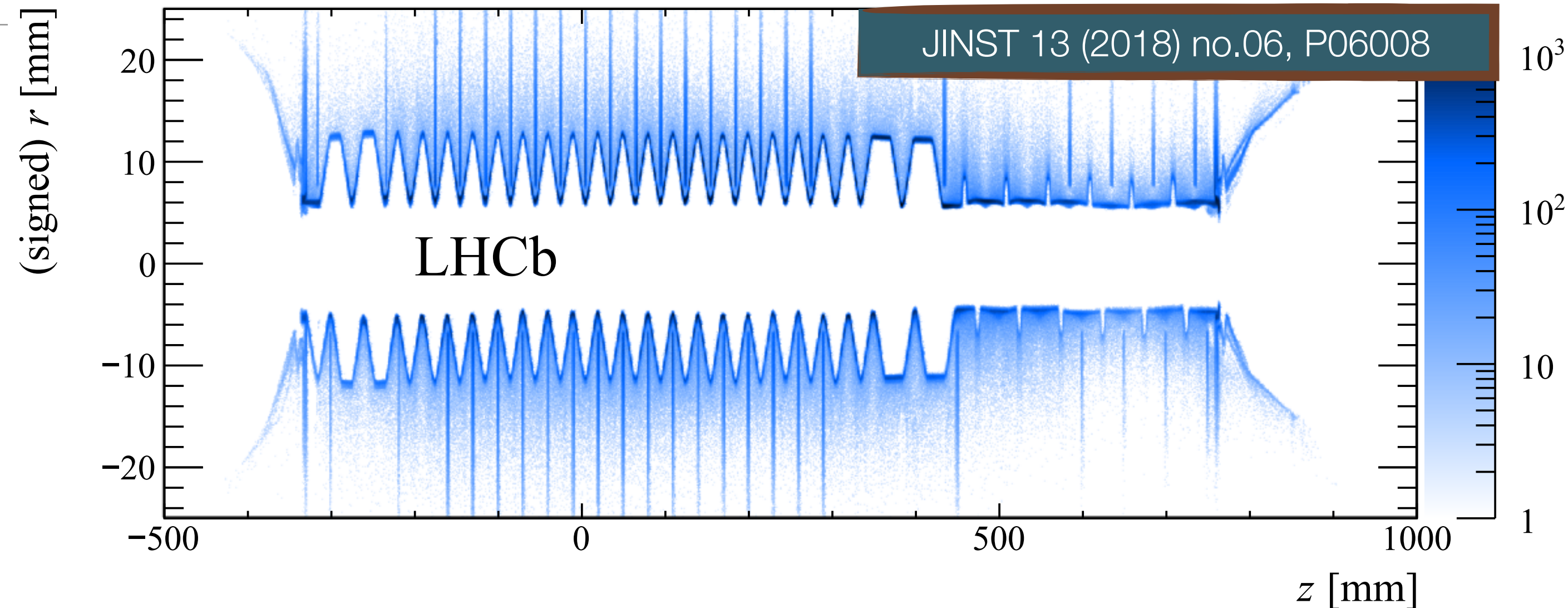
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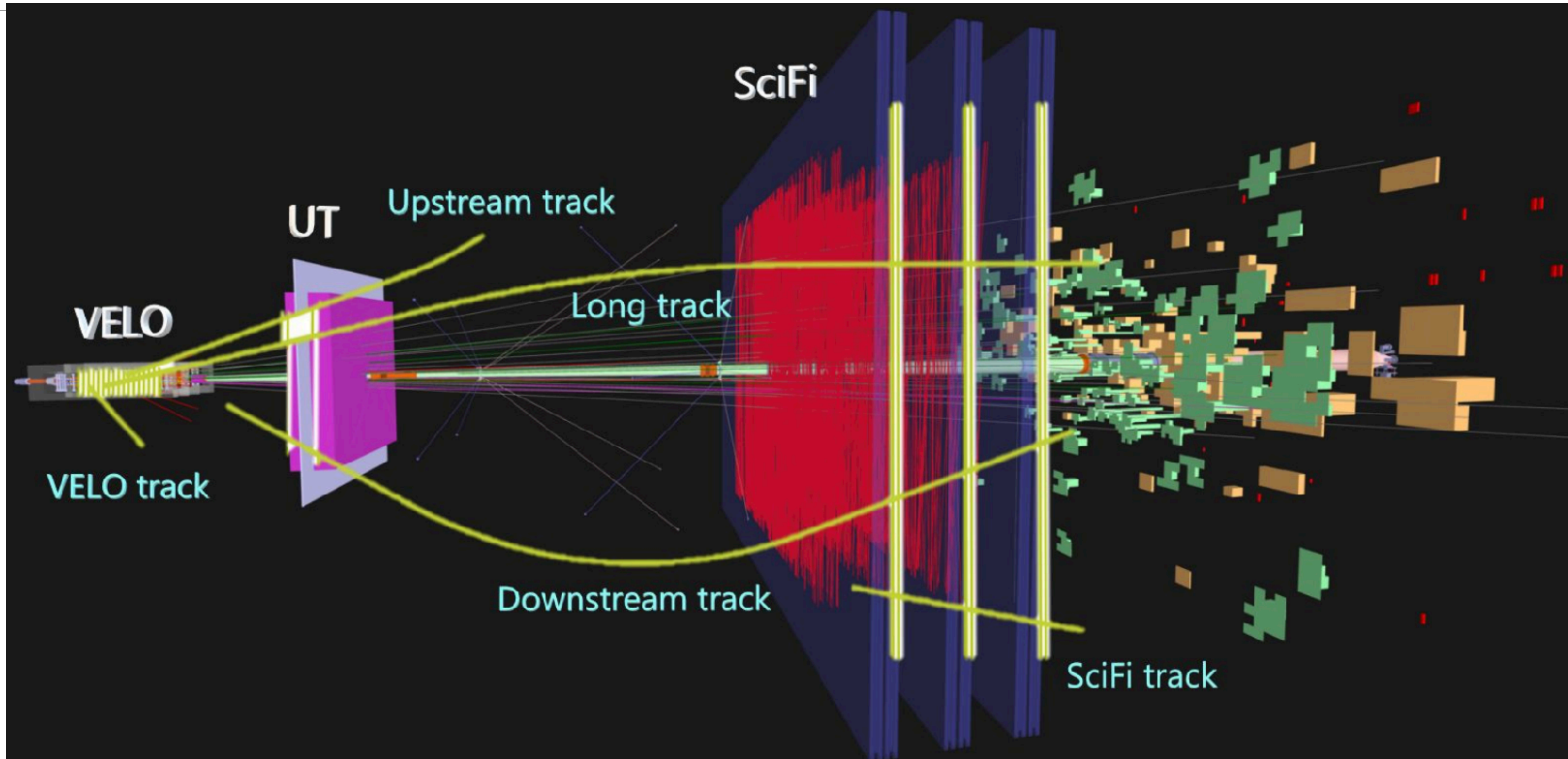


LHCb detector

- Precise knowledge of the location of the material in the LHCb VELO is essential to reduce the background in searches for long-lived exotic particles
- LHCb data calibration process can align active sensor elements and one can develop a full map of the VELO material
- **Real-time calibration** in Run 2 (Turbo Stream)
- Very efficient online reconstruction e.g. in di-muon final states (50 years of SM!)



LHCb's track types



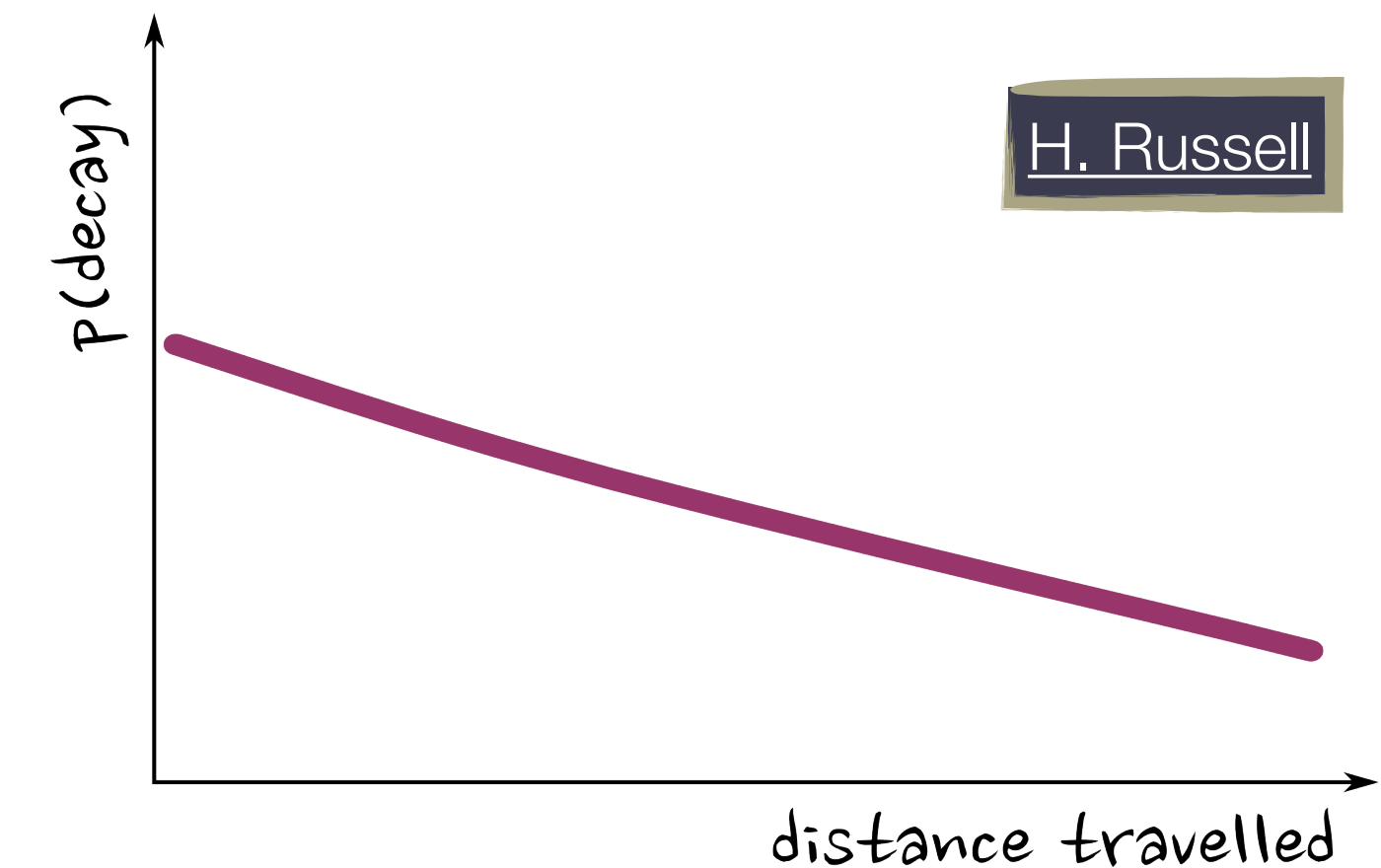
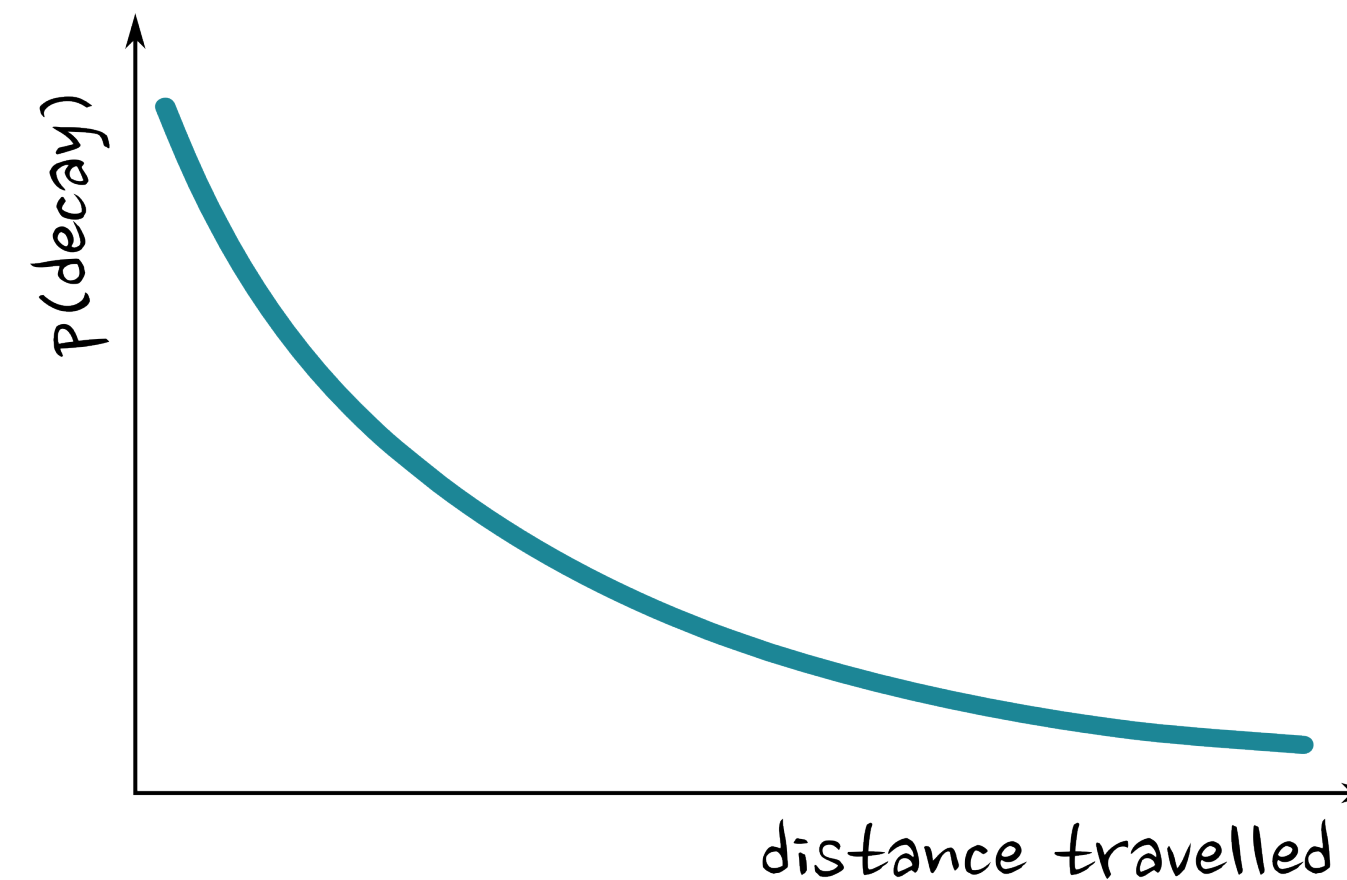
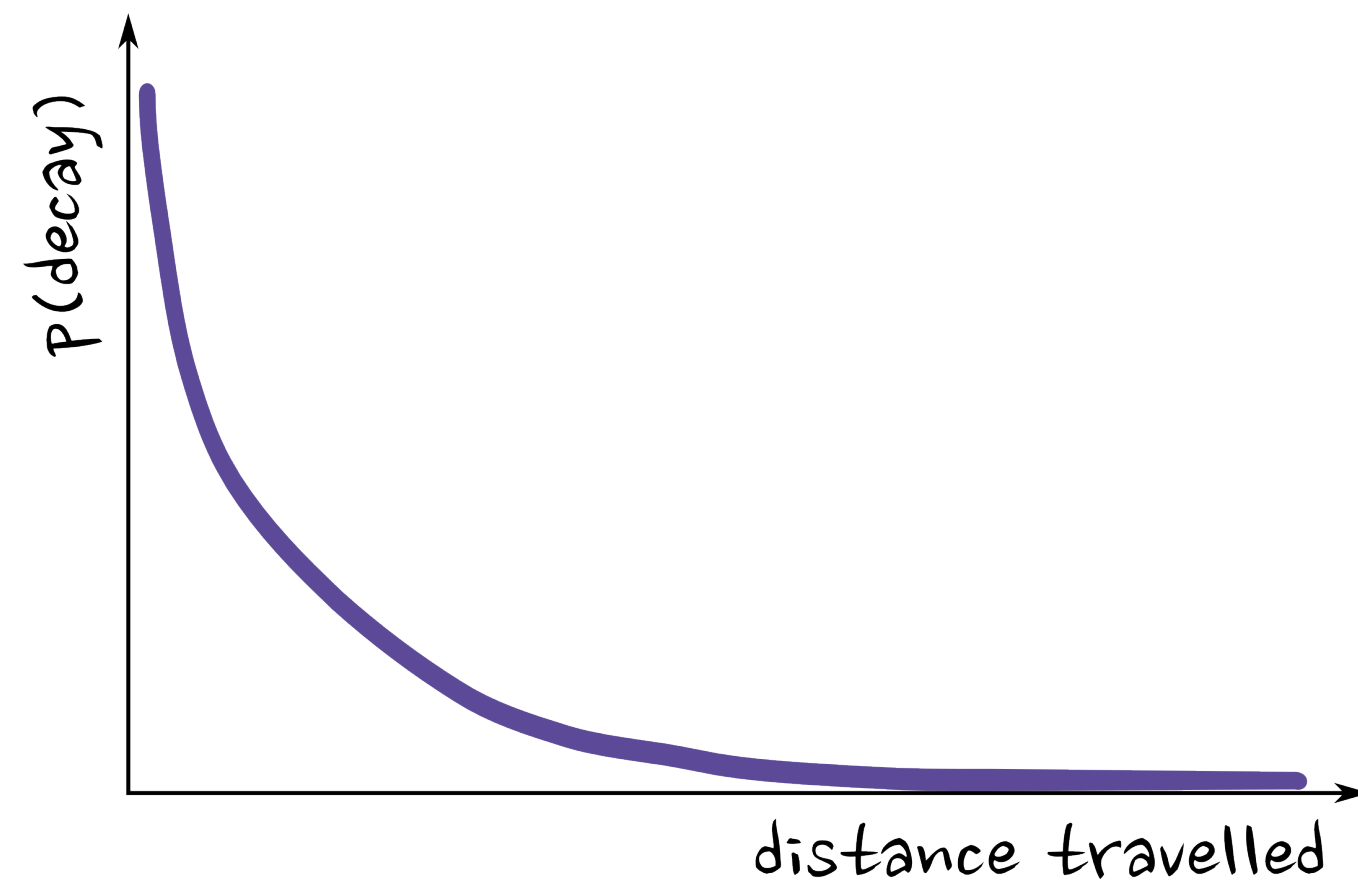
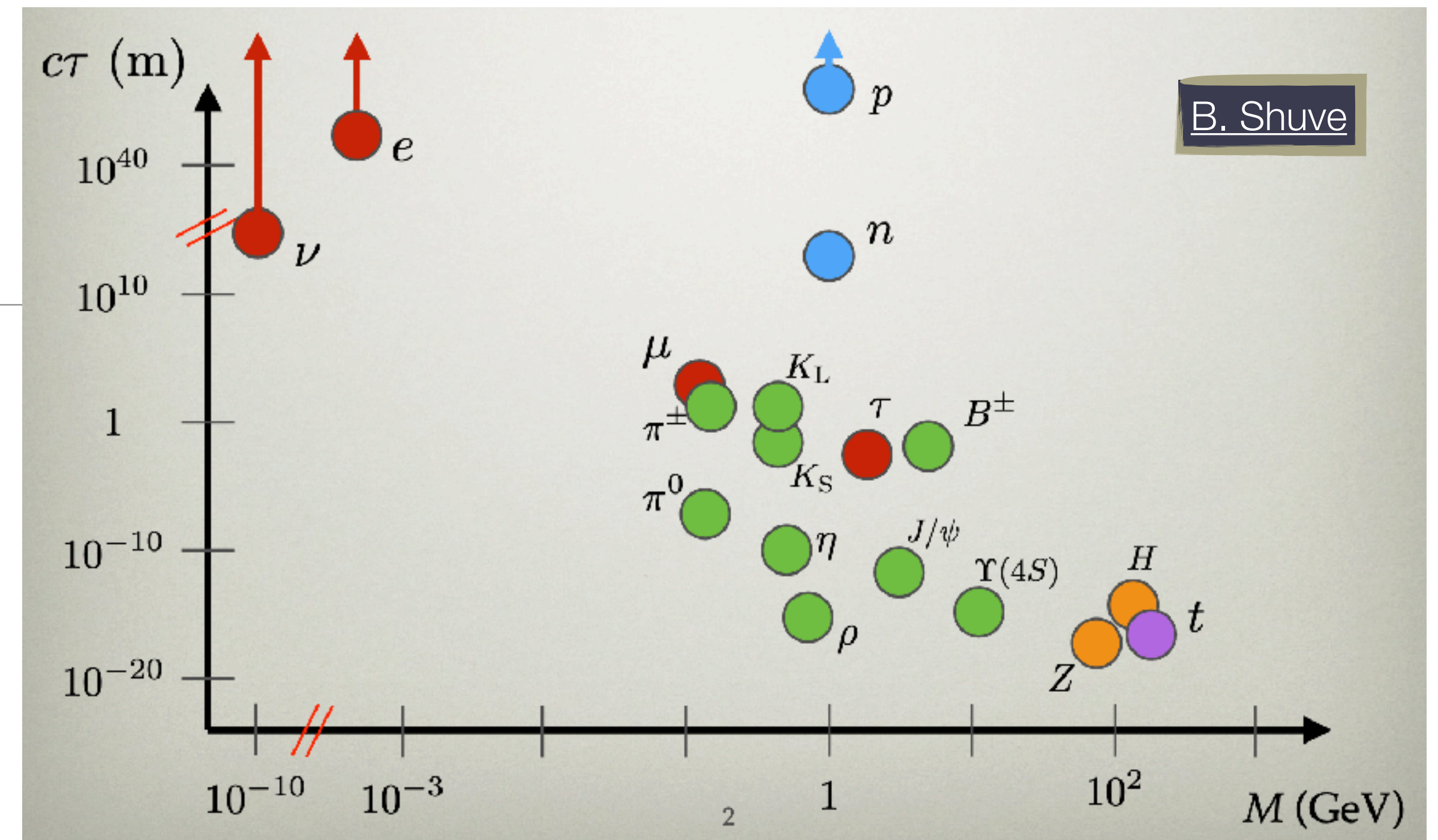
What are long-lived particles?

- **What is a long-lived particle?**

- As an experimentalist: it's a particle that decays in a reconstructable distance from the production point (e.g. pp interaction point at the LHC)

- **De-facto used for BSM particles**

- **Lifetime is sampled from an exp, there is an additional parameter**



The community

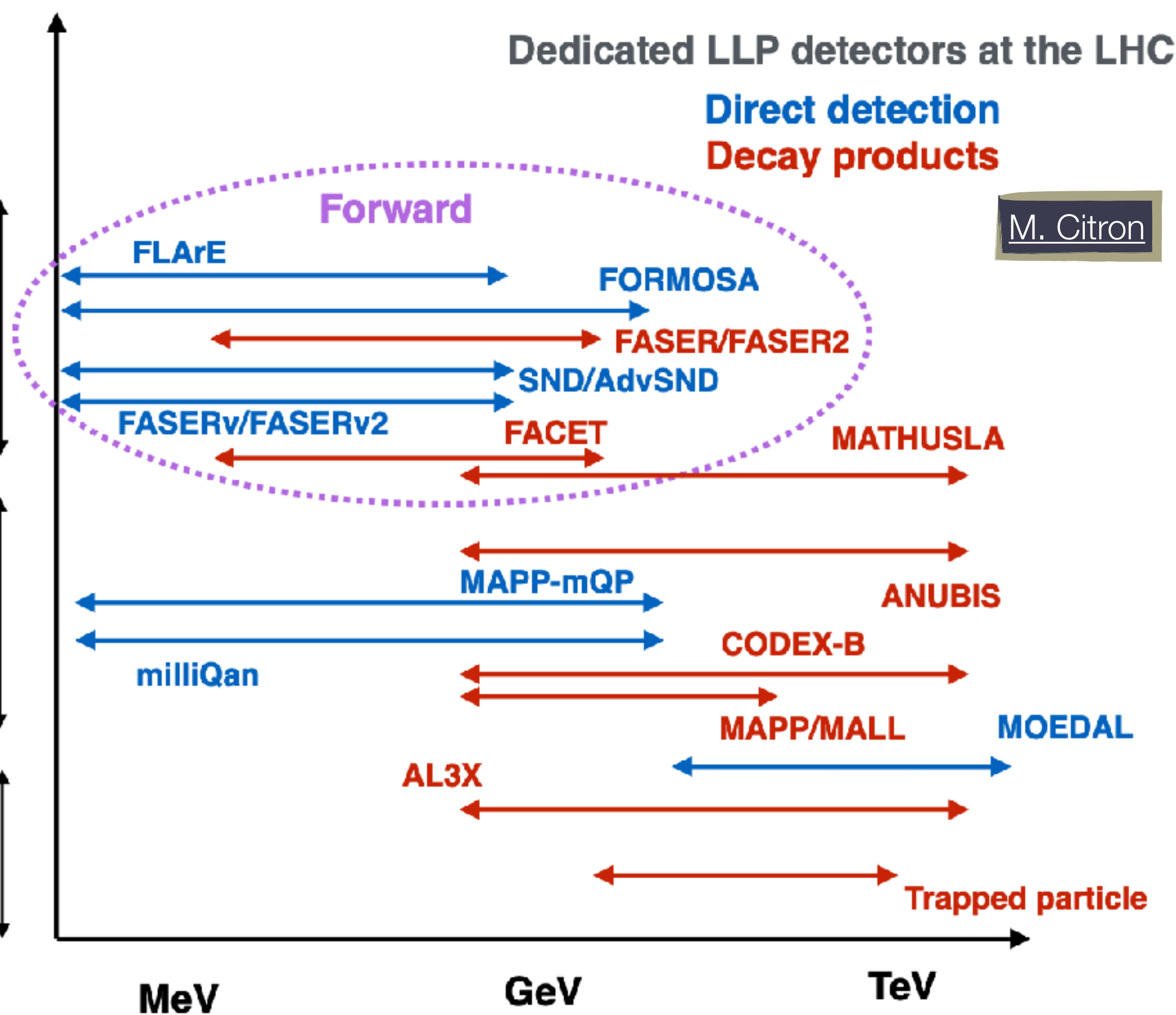
- Started with few of us and slowly evolving in “main stream” particle physics
- Great communal effort with a bottom up approach
- Started independently and matured in the **LHC Long-lived Particles Working Group (LHC LLP WG)**: Established in 2020 to serve as a formal bridge with the relevant physics groups of the approved LHC experiments

Distance from IP

$O(100)m$

$O(10)m$

$\leq O(1)m$



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LHC LLP WG



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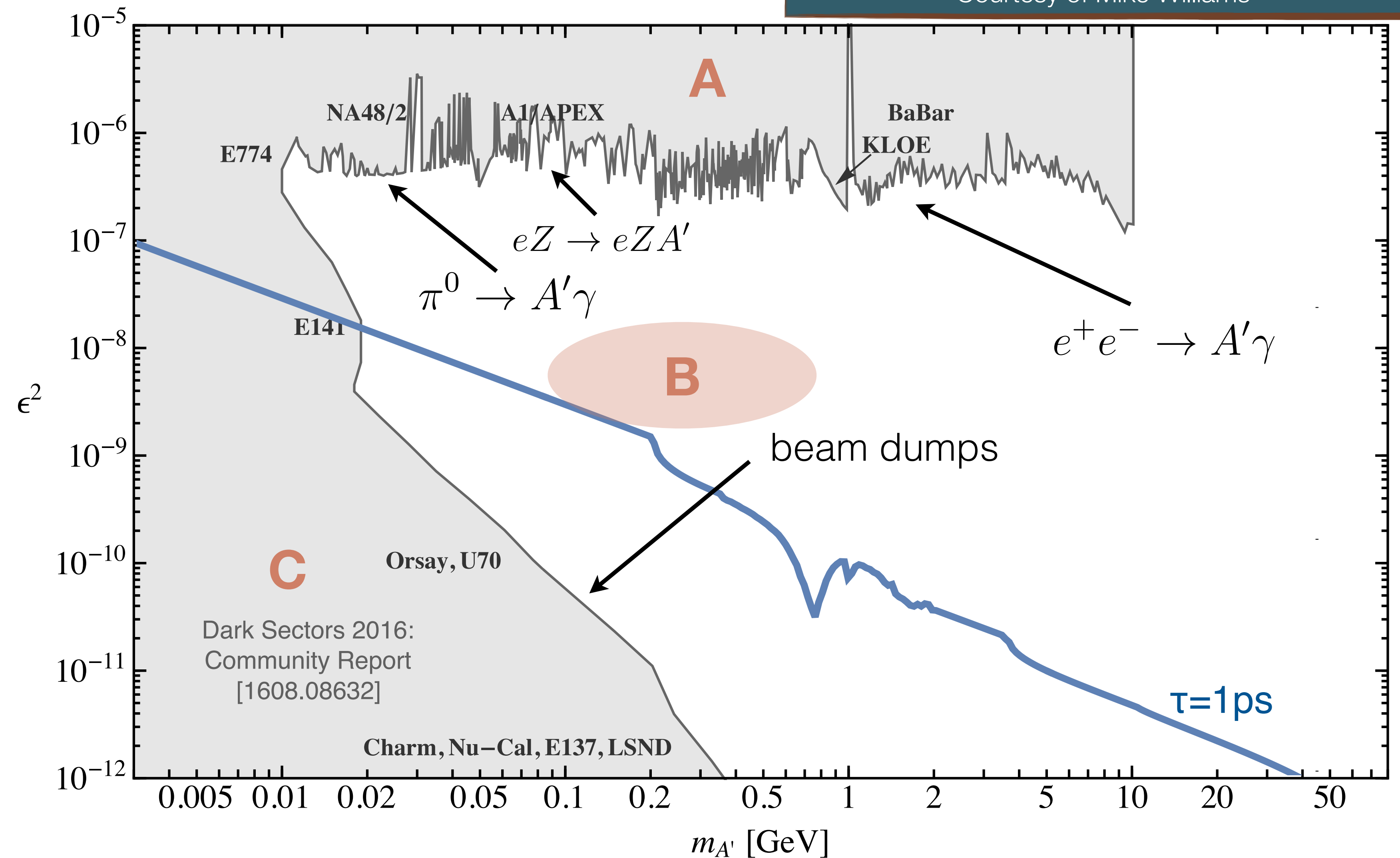
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Visible dark photons

Dark Sectors 2016: Community Report [1608.08632]
 Courtesy of Mike Williams

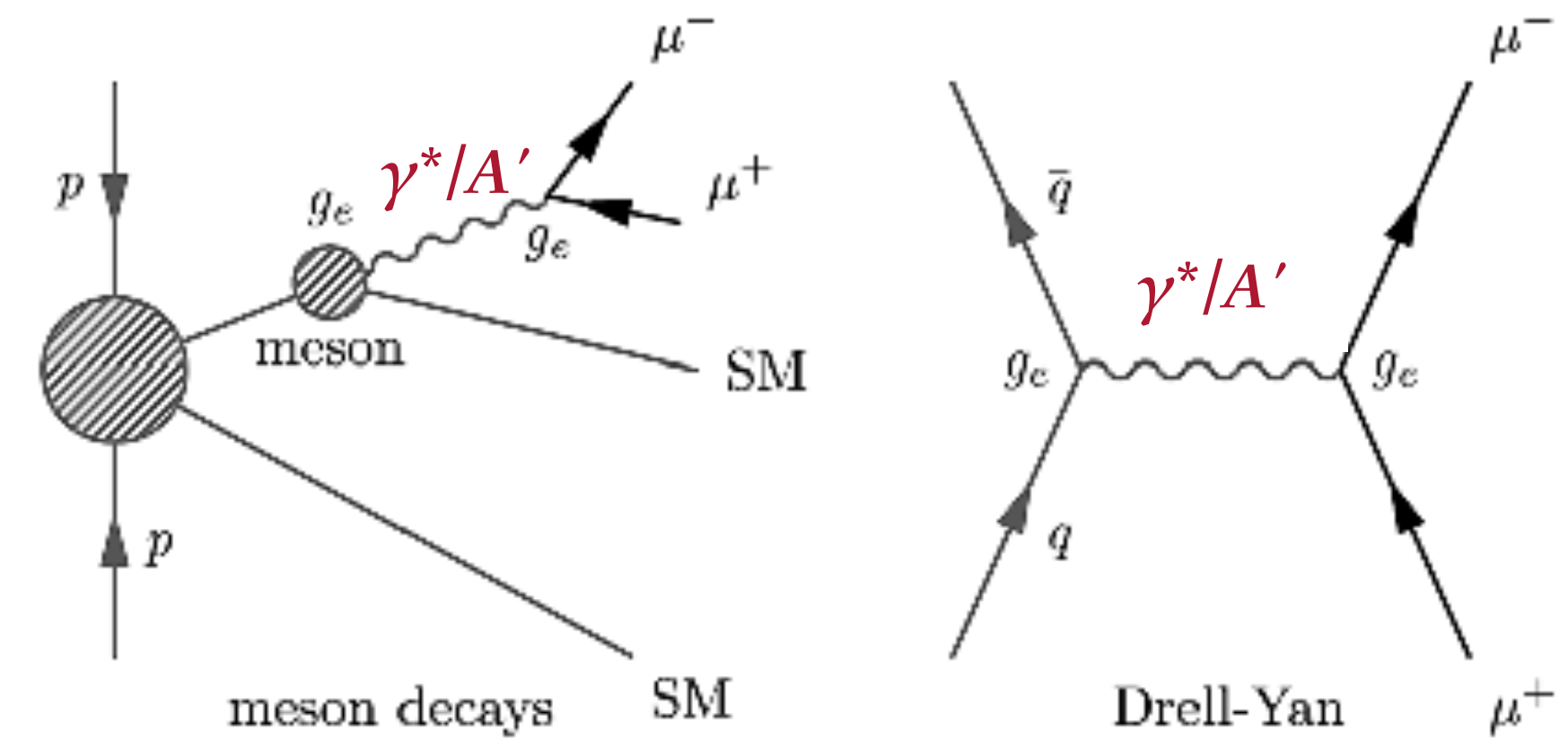
- **A**: Bump hunts, visible or invisible
- **B**: Displaced vertex searches, short decay lengths
- **C**: Displaced vertex searches, long decay lengths



Searching for Dark Photons

Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 061801 (2018)

- Search for dark photons decaying into **a pair of muons**
- Used **1.6 fb⁻¹** of 2016 LHCb data (13 TeV)
- Kinetic mixing of the dark photon (A') with **off-shell photon** (γ^*) by a factor ϵ :
 - A' inherits the production mode mechanisms from γ^*
 - $A' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ can be **normalised** to $\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
 - No use of MC \rightarrow no systematics from MC \rightarrow fully **data-driven** analysis
- Separate γ^* signal from background and measure its fraction
- Prompt-like search (up to 70 GeV/c²) \rightarrow displaced search (214-350 MeV/c²)
 - A' is long-lived only if the mixing factor is really small



$$n_{\text{ex}}^{A'}[m(A'), \epsilon^2] = \epsilon^2 \left[\frac{n_{\text{ob}}^{\gamma^*}[m(A')]}{2\Delta m} \right] \mathcal{F}[m(A')] \epsilon_{\gamma^*}^{A'}[m(A'), \tau(A')]$$

off-shell photon

phase-space

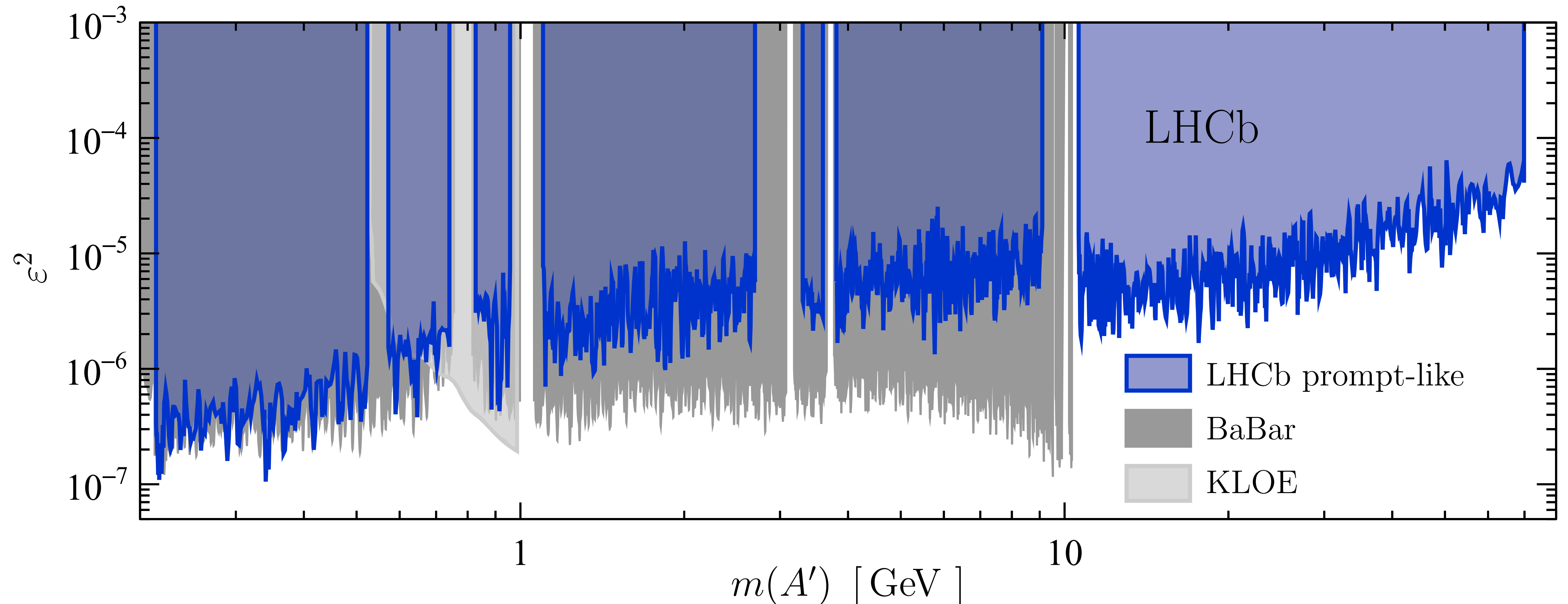
A' / γ^* eff ratio,
 $\epsilon=1$ for prompt

Need to separate
from background

Search for Dark Photons / Prompt

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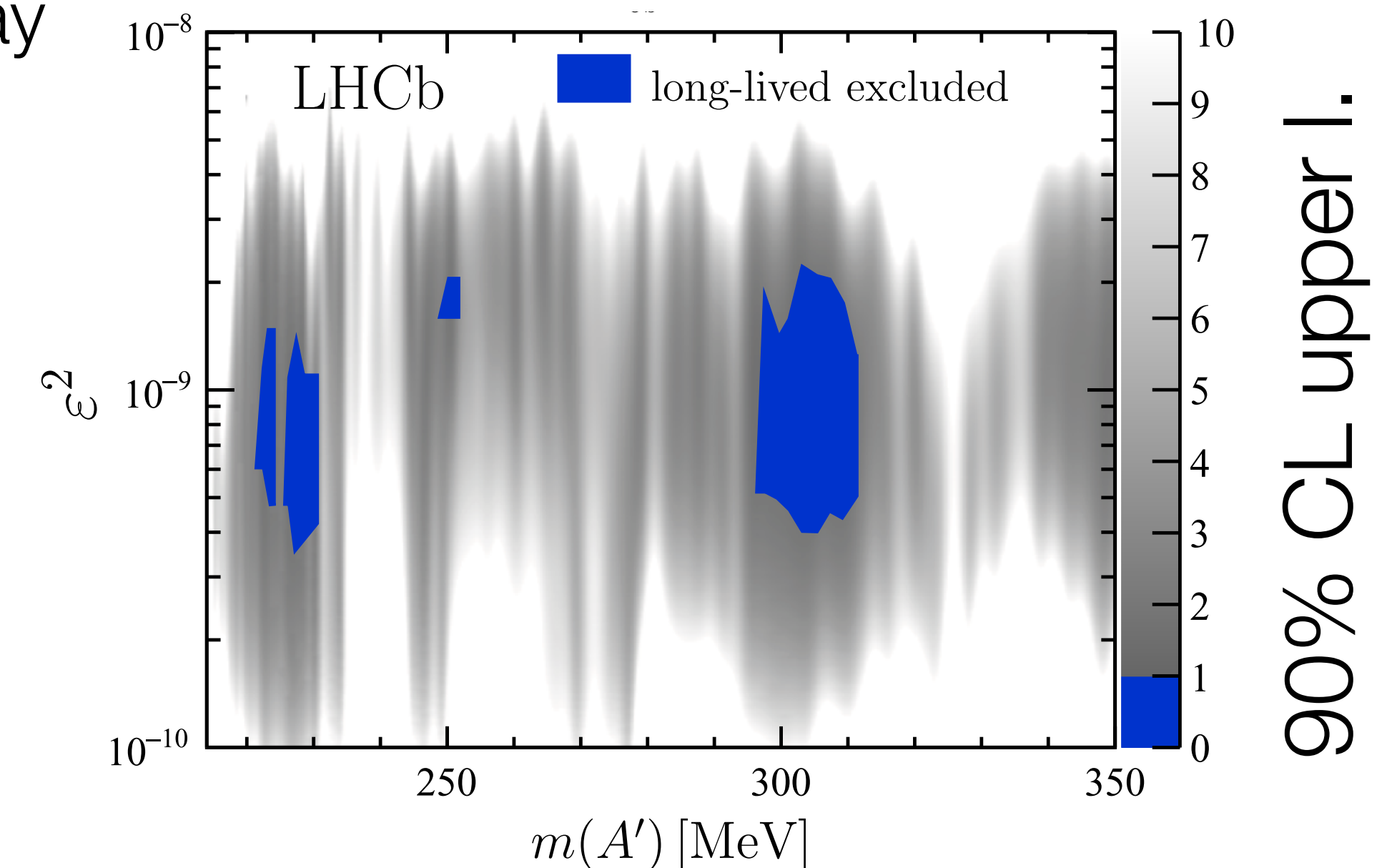
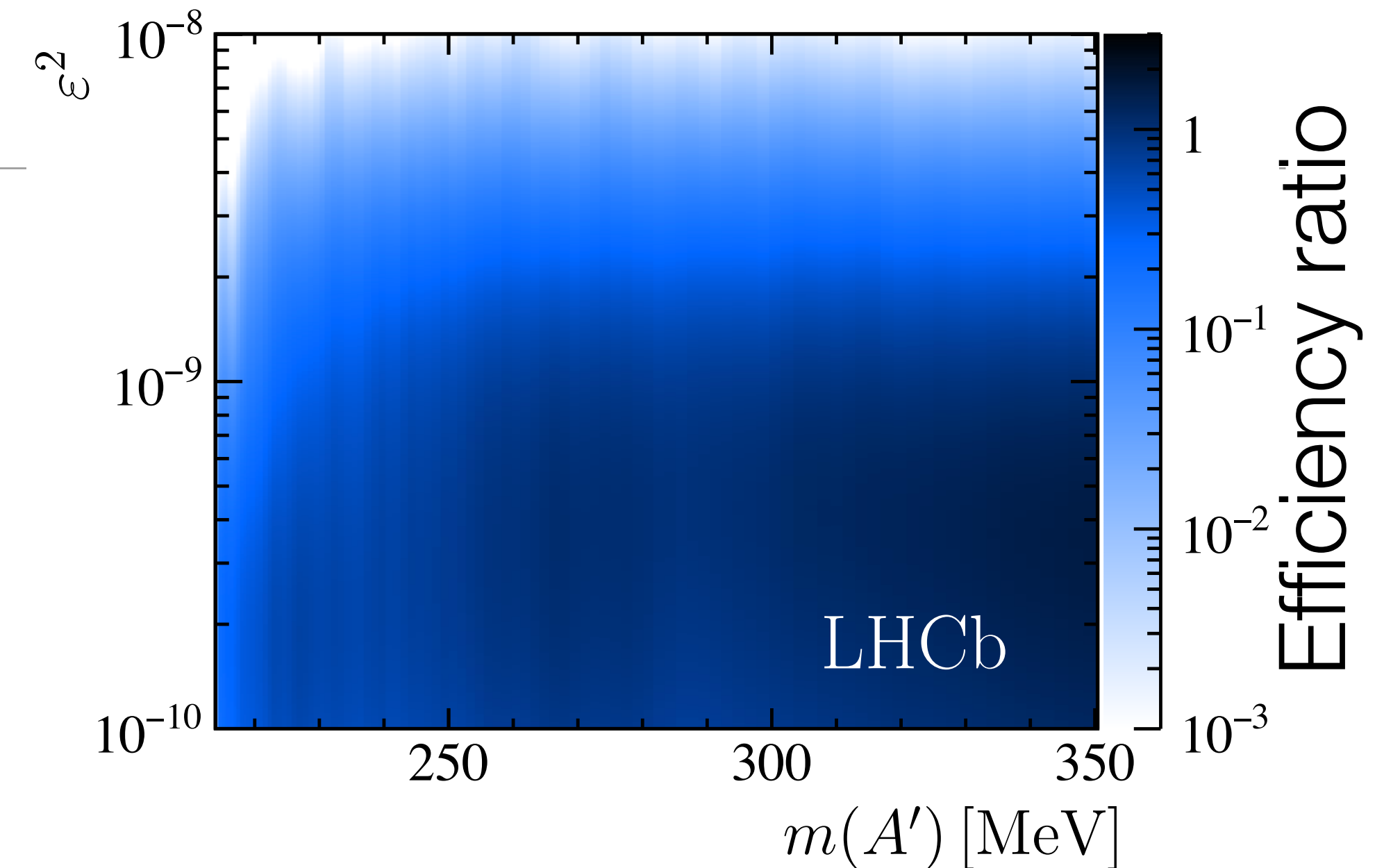
- No significant excess found - exclusion regions at 90% C.L.
- First limits on masses above 10 GeV & competitive limits below 0.5 GeV



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Search for Dark Photons / Displaced

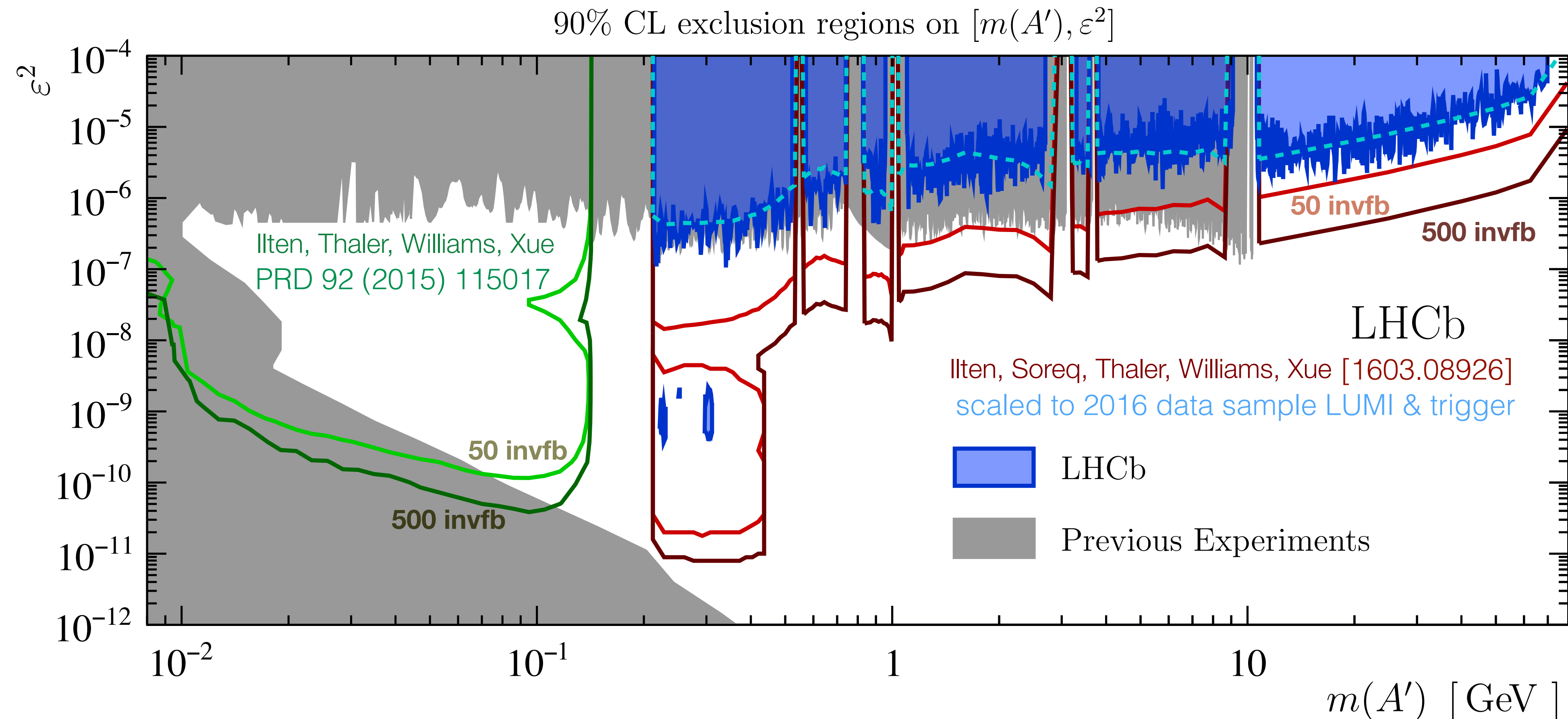
- **Looser requirements** on muon transverse momentum
- **Material background** mainly from photon conversions
- Isolation decision tree from $B^0_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ search
 - Suppress events with additional number of tracks, i.e. μ from b-hadron decays
- Fit in **bins of mass and lifetime** – use consistency of decay topology χ^2
- Extract p-values and confidence intervals from the fit
- No significant excess found small parameter space region excluded
- **First limit ever not from beam dump**



Search for Dark Photons / Results

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- The dimuon results are consistent with (better than) predictions for prompt (long-lived) dark photons as discussed in [1603.08926]. Then onto electrons.

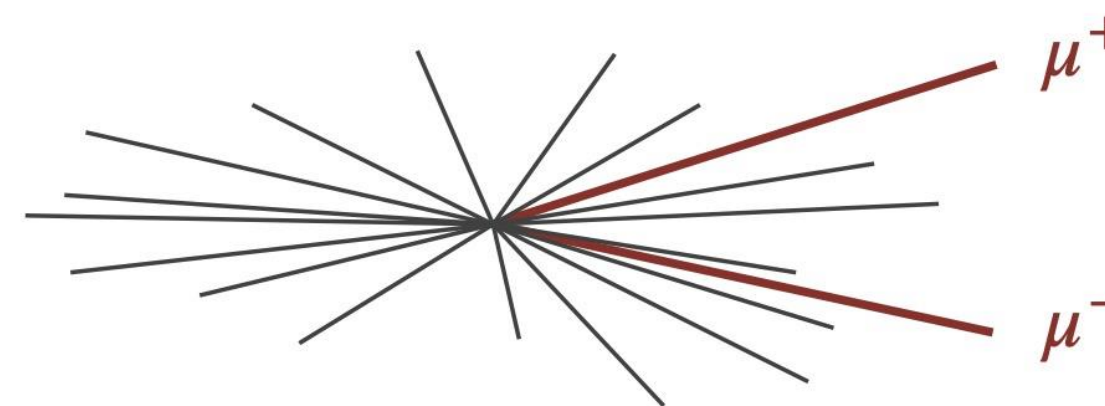


Low-mass dimuon resonances

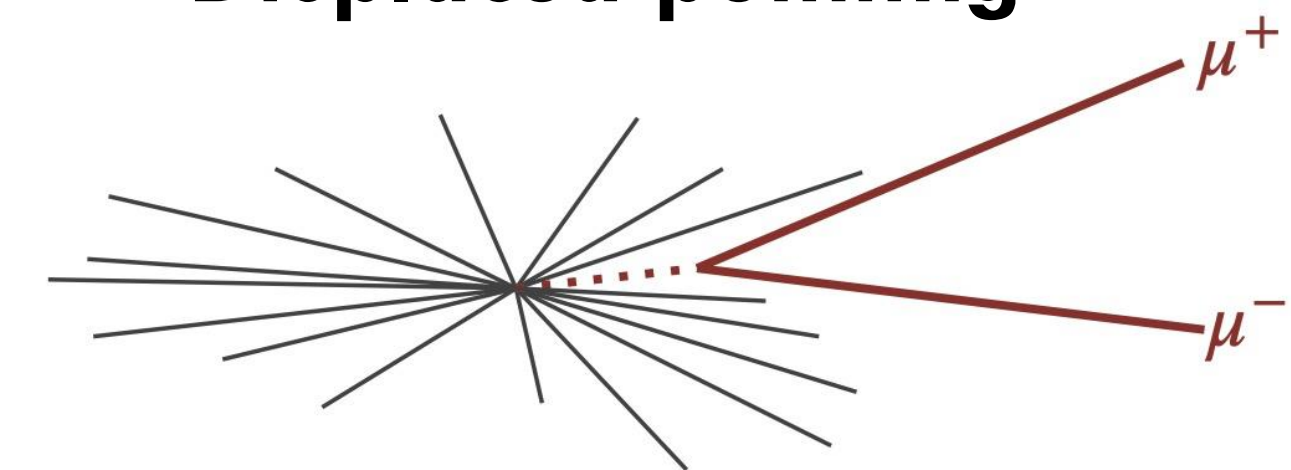
□ Non-minimal searches, example signatures:

+ no isolation
requirement
+ non-zero width
considered

Inclusive Prompt

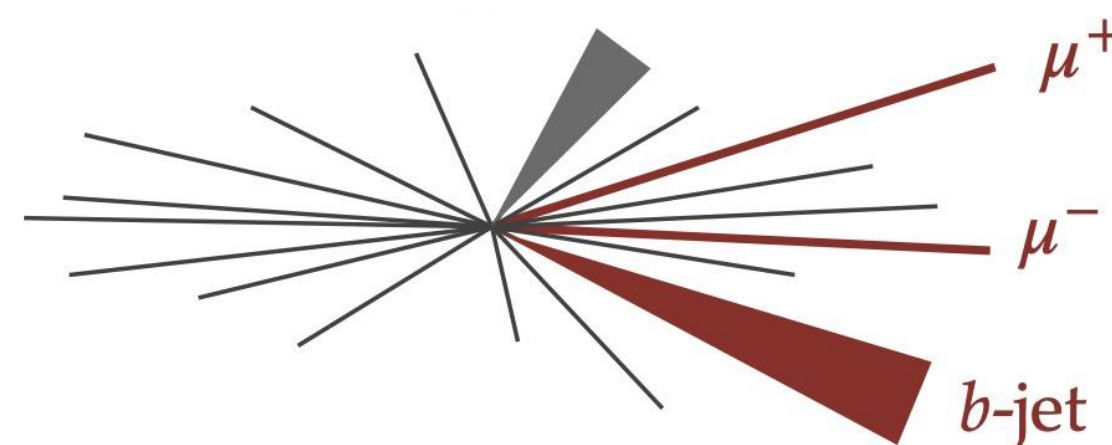


Displaced pointing

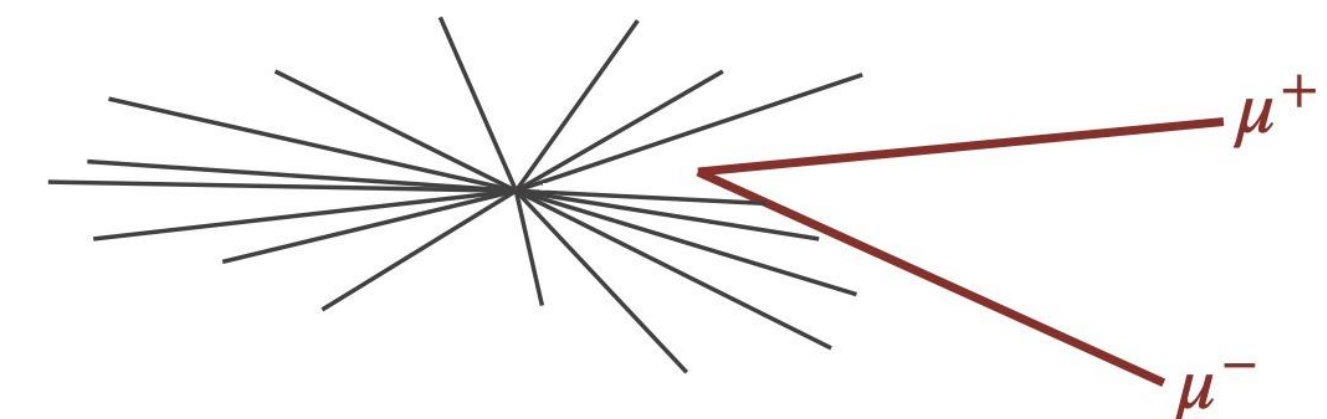


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Prompt + b-jet



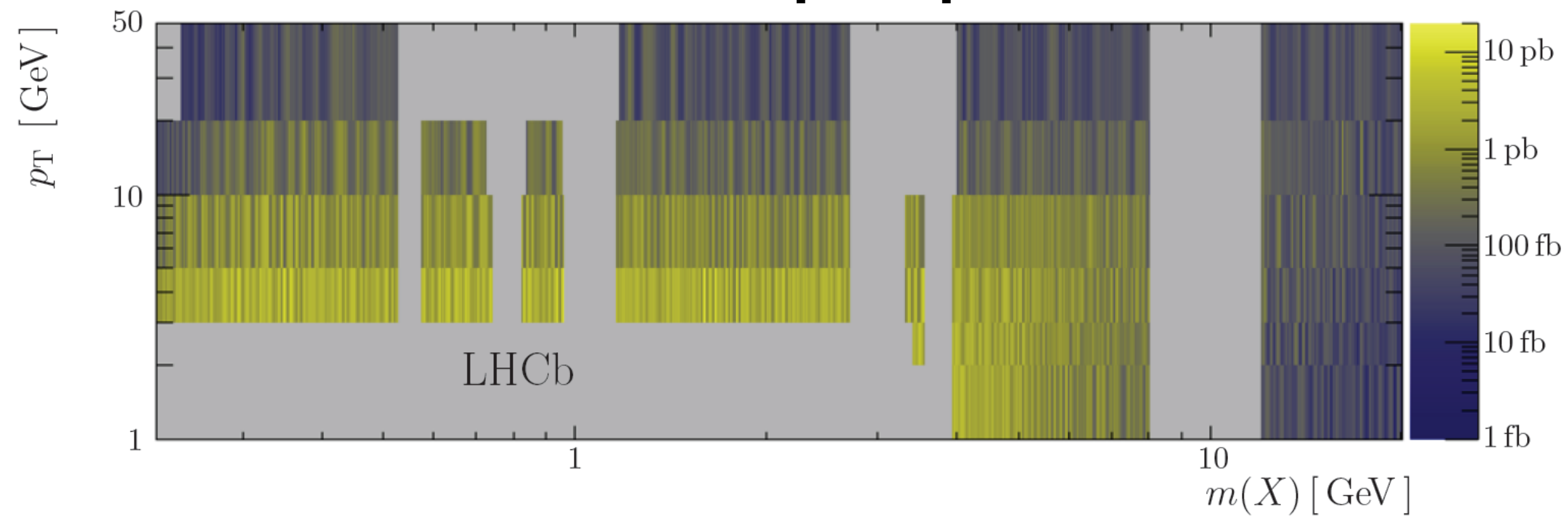
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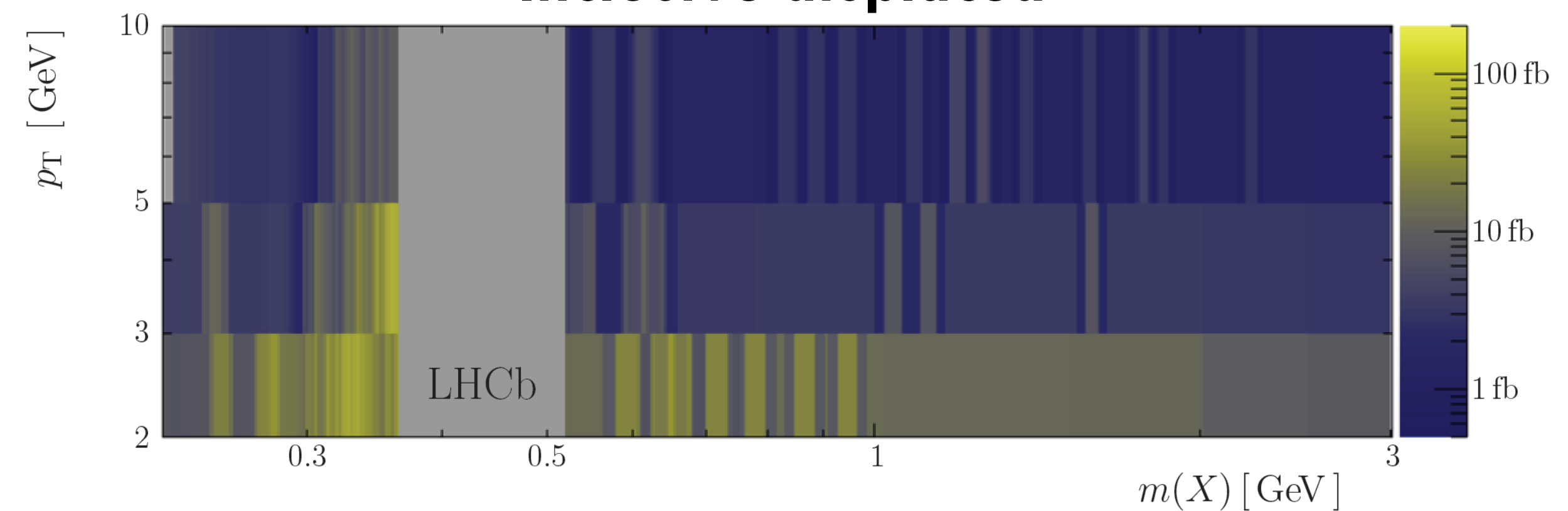
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□ Upper limits at 90% CL on $\sigma(X \rightarrow \mu\mu)$

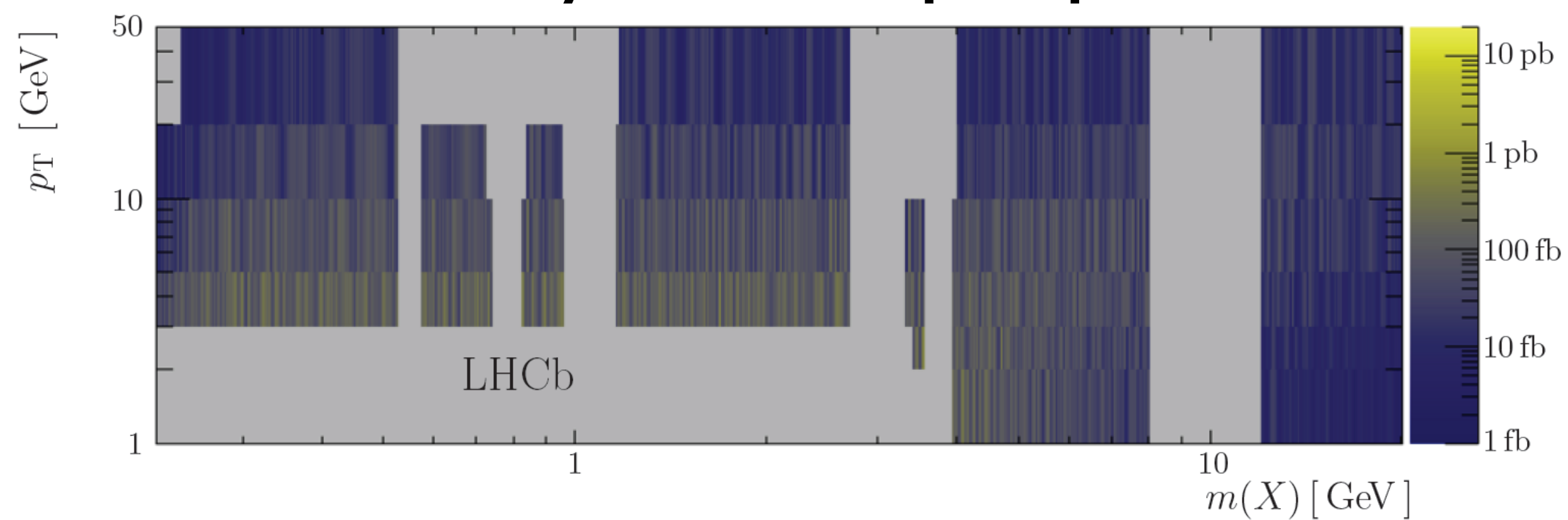
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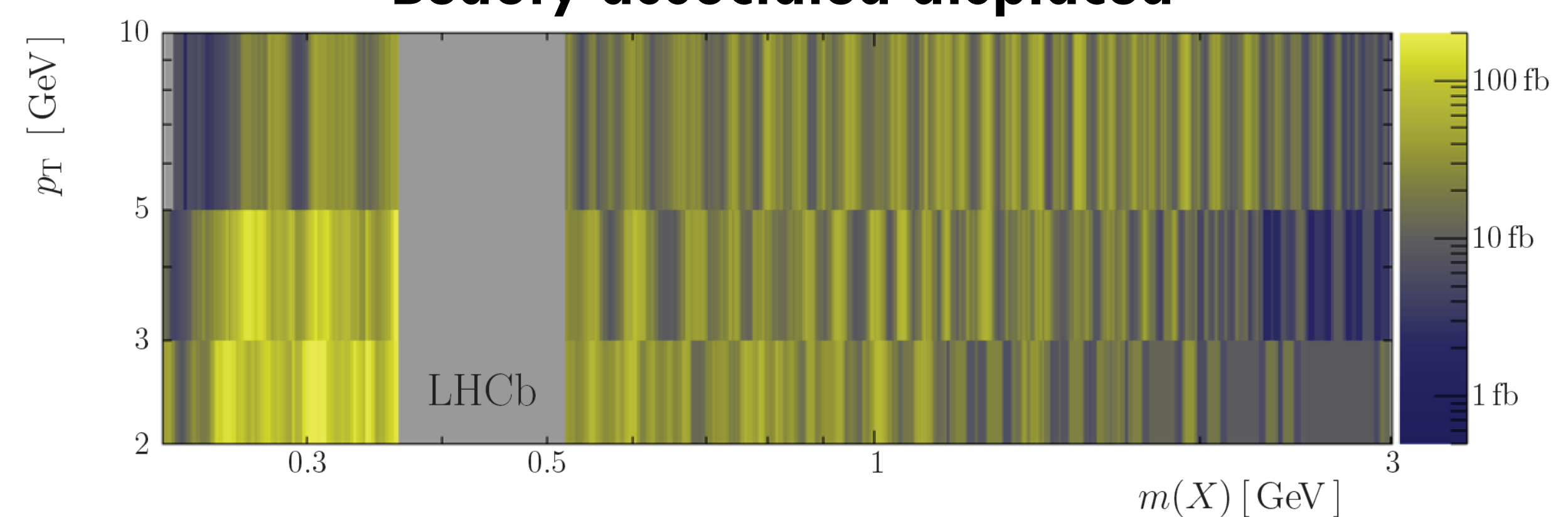
Inclusive displaced



Beauty associated prompt

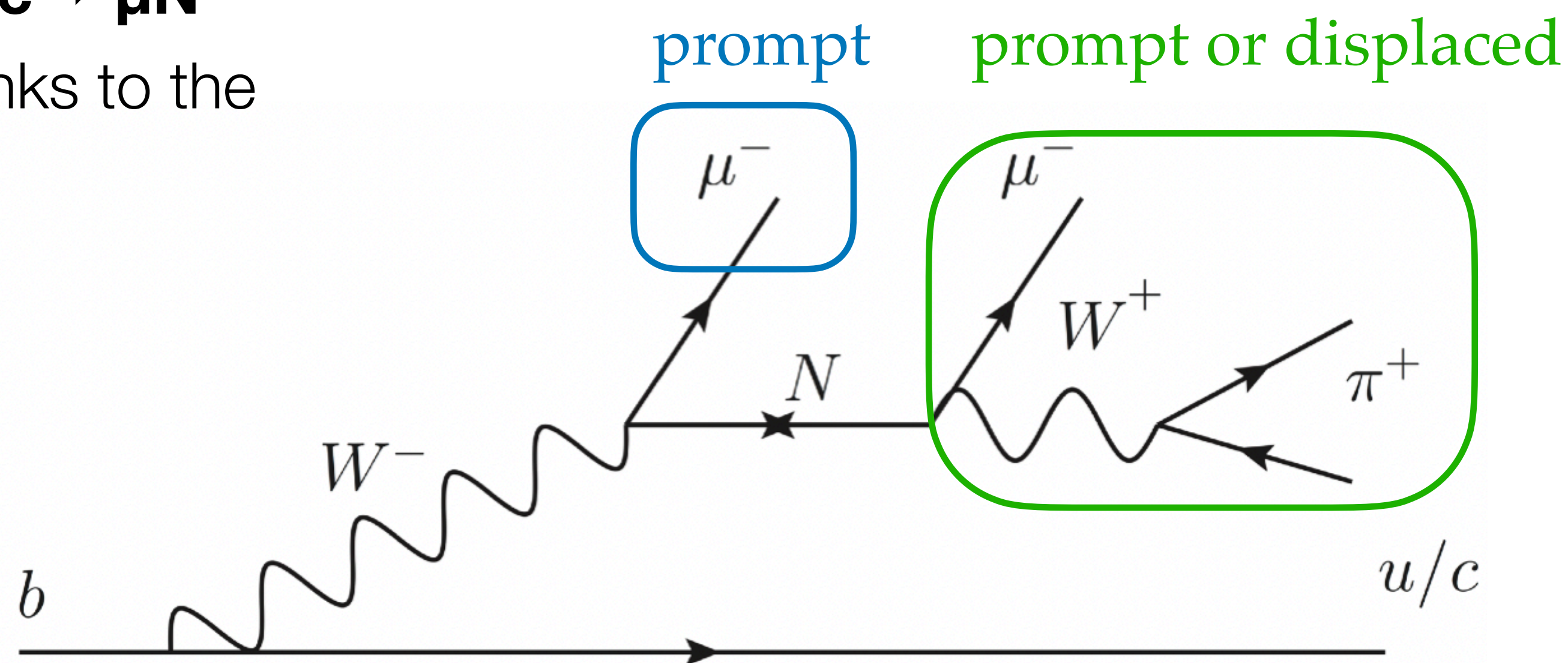
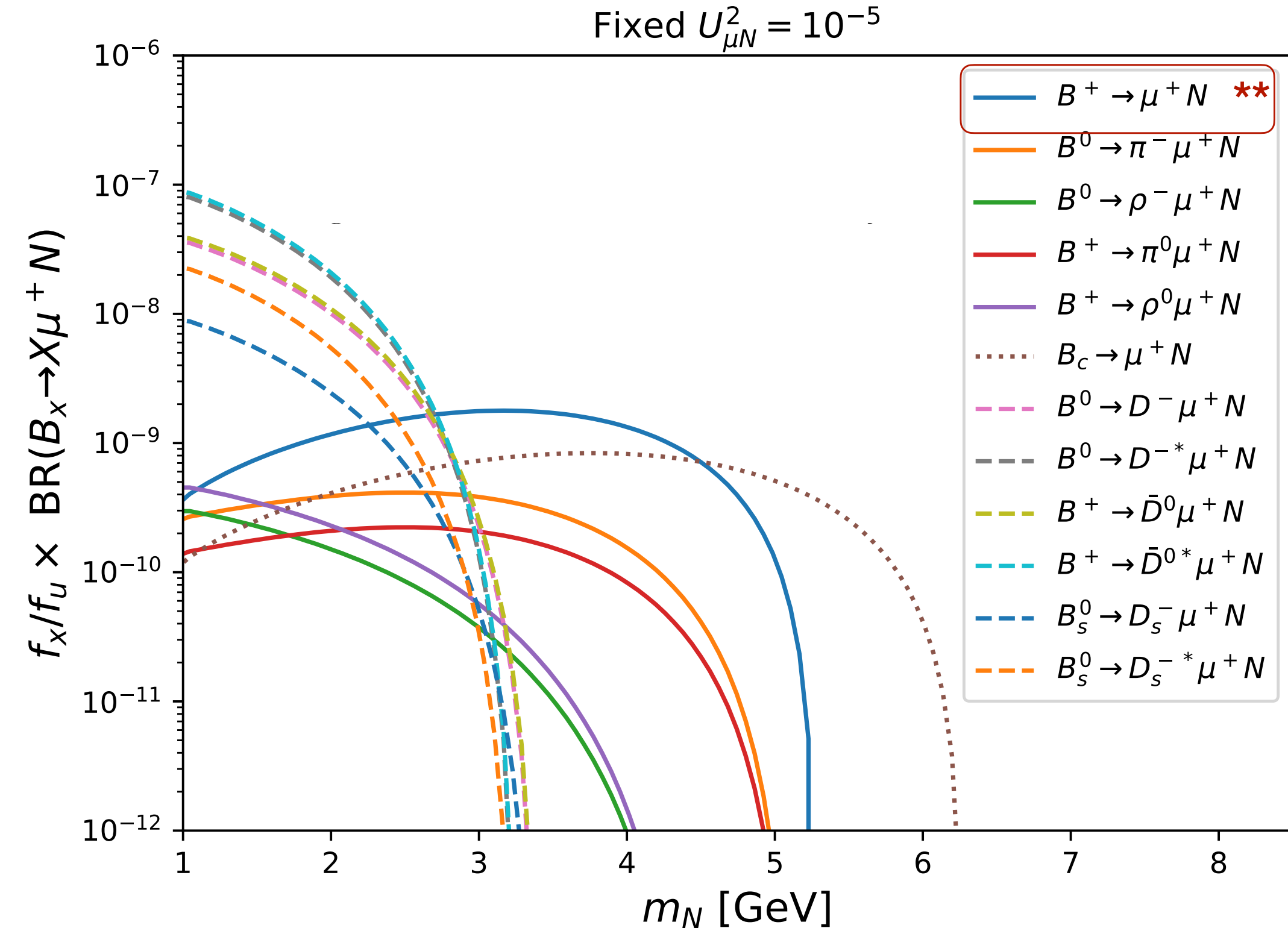


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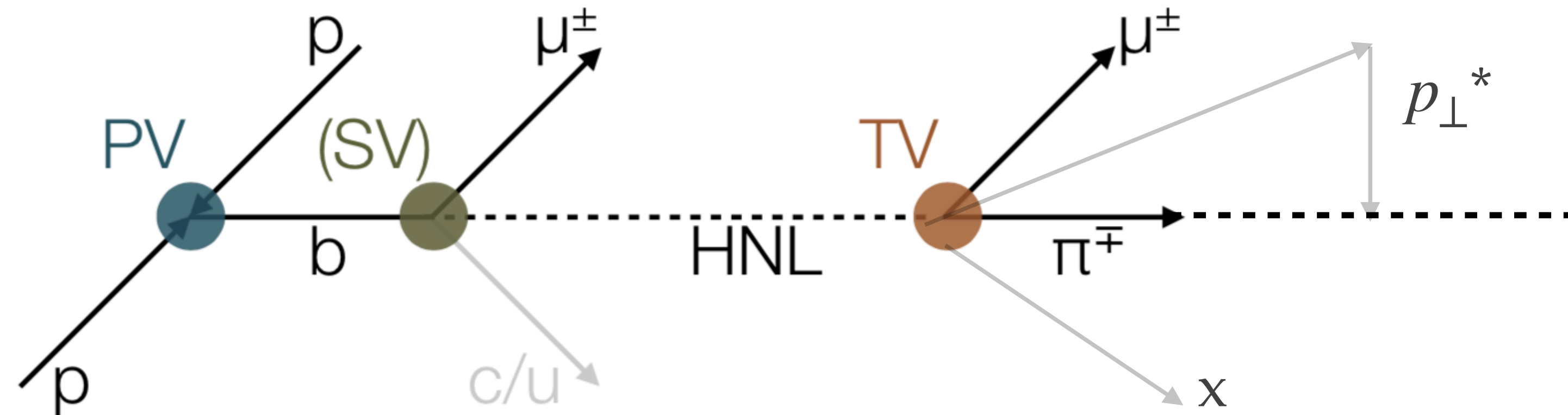
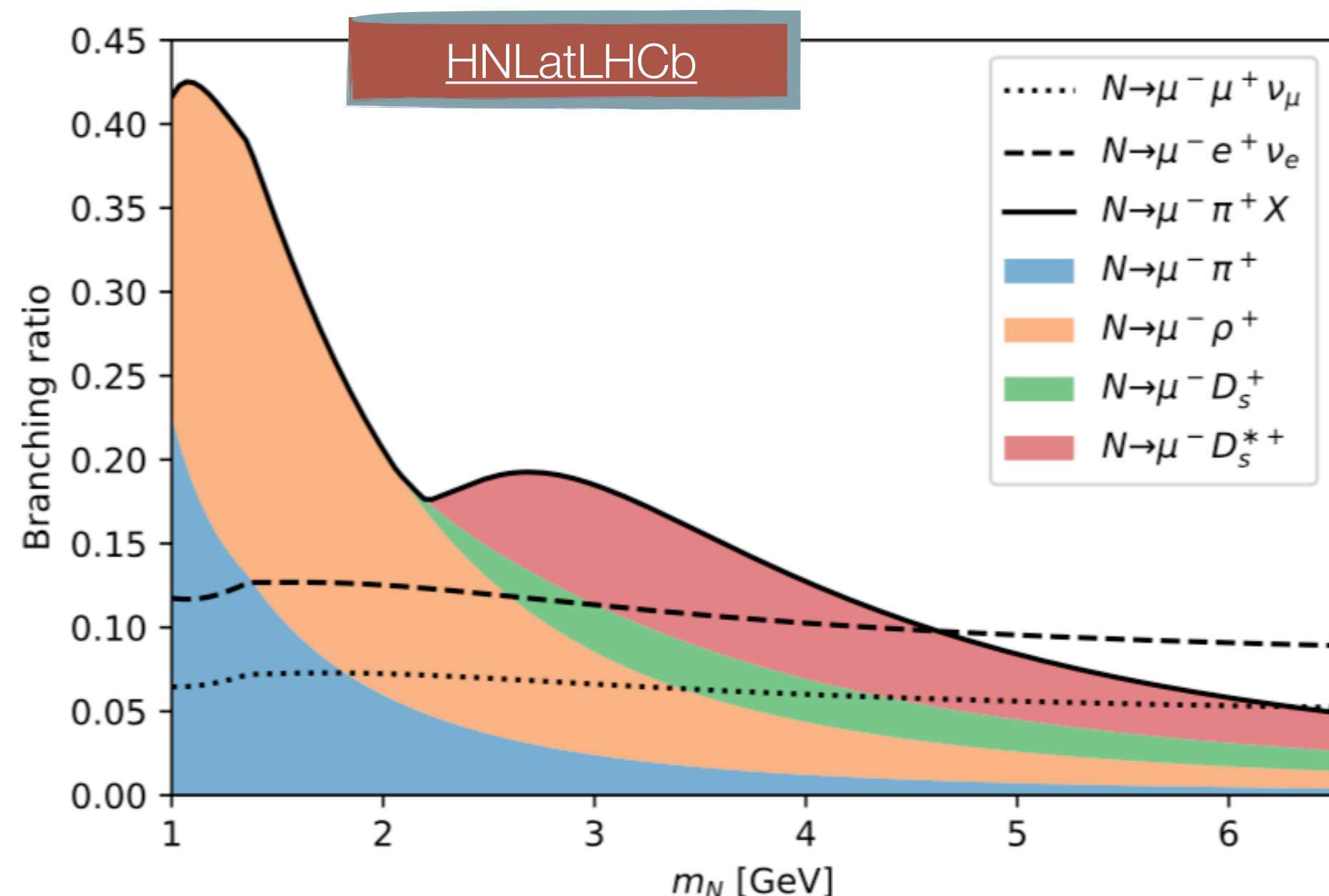
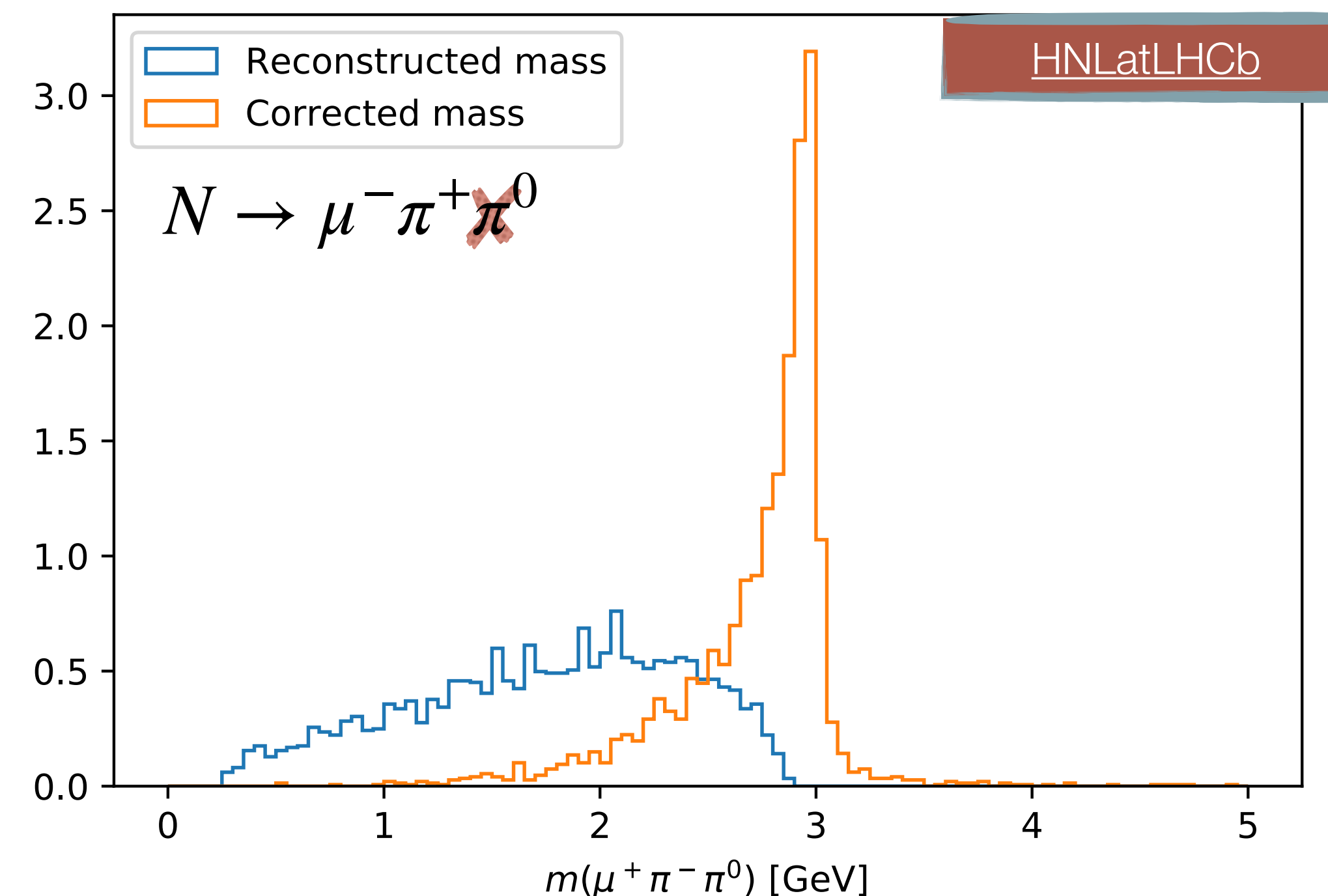
What about from a b ?

- Can one expand such narrow searches? Combine all the knowledge of b quarks and missing masses?
- Yes, e.g. in Majorana neutrino searches where it's hard to compete with LHCb in the B production region
- Previous analysis ($B \rightarrow \mu N^{**}$) only used one production mode: simple but inefficient
- **Here $Xb \rightarrow \mu N$ is added together with $Bc \rightarrow \mu N$**
- Multiple final states are also considered thanks to the expertise built in FLU searches containing vs:
- **Gain up to 12 times signal yield (only for displaced vertexes)**

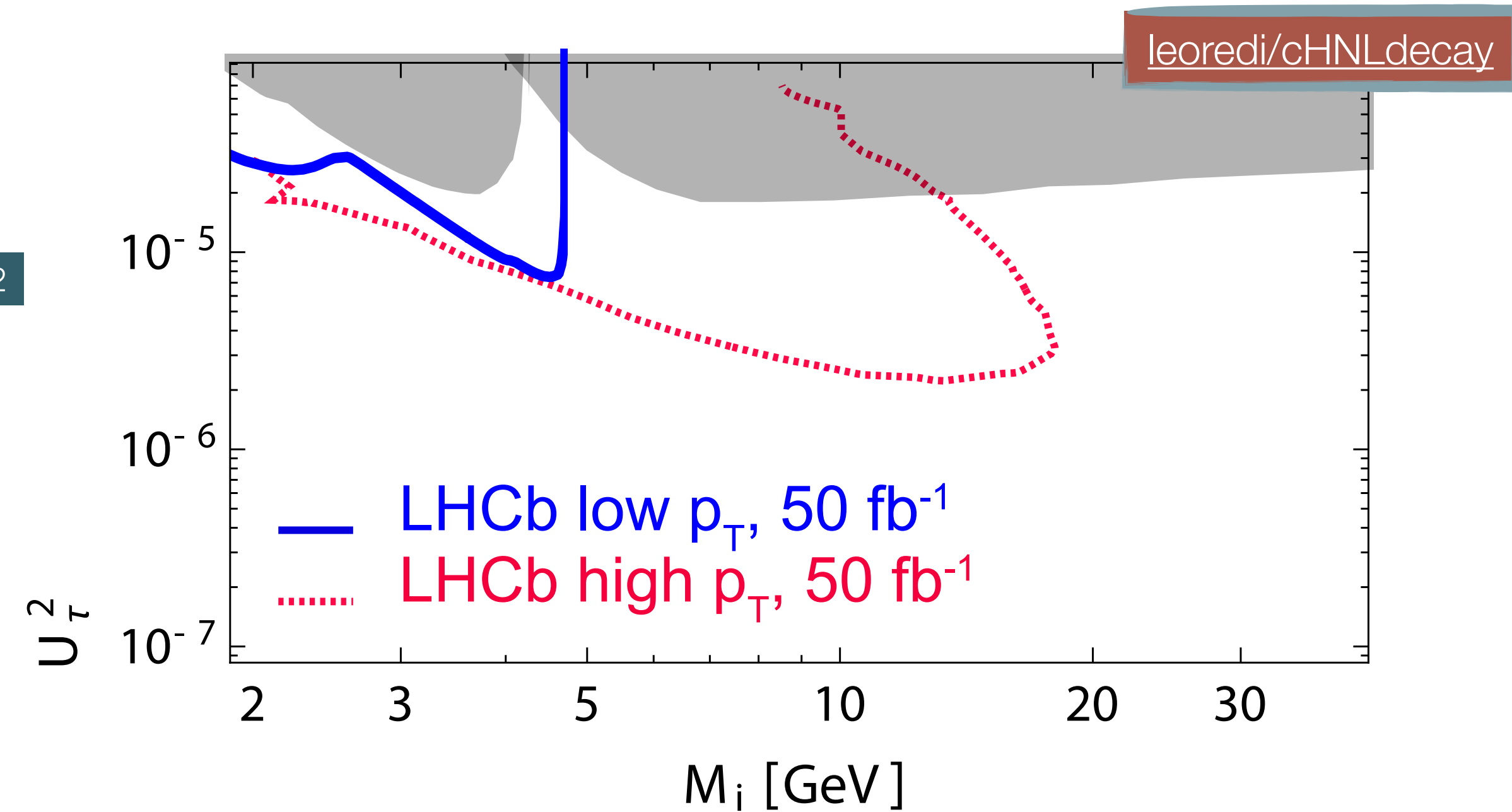
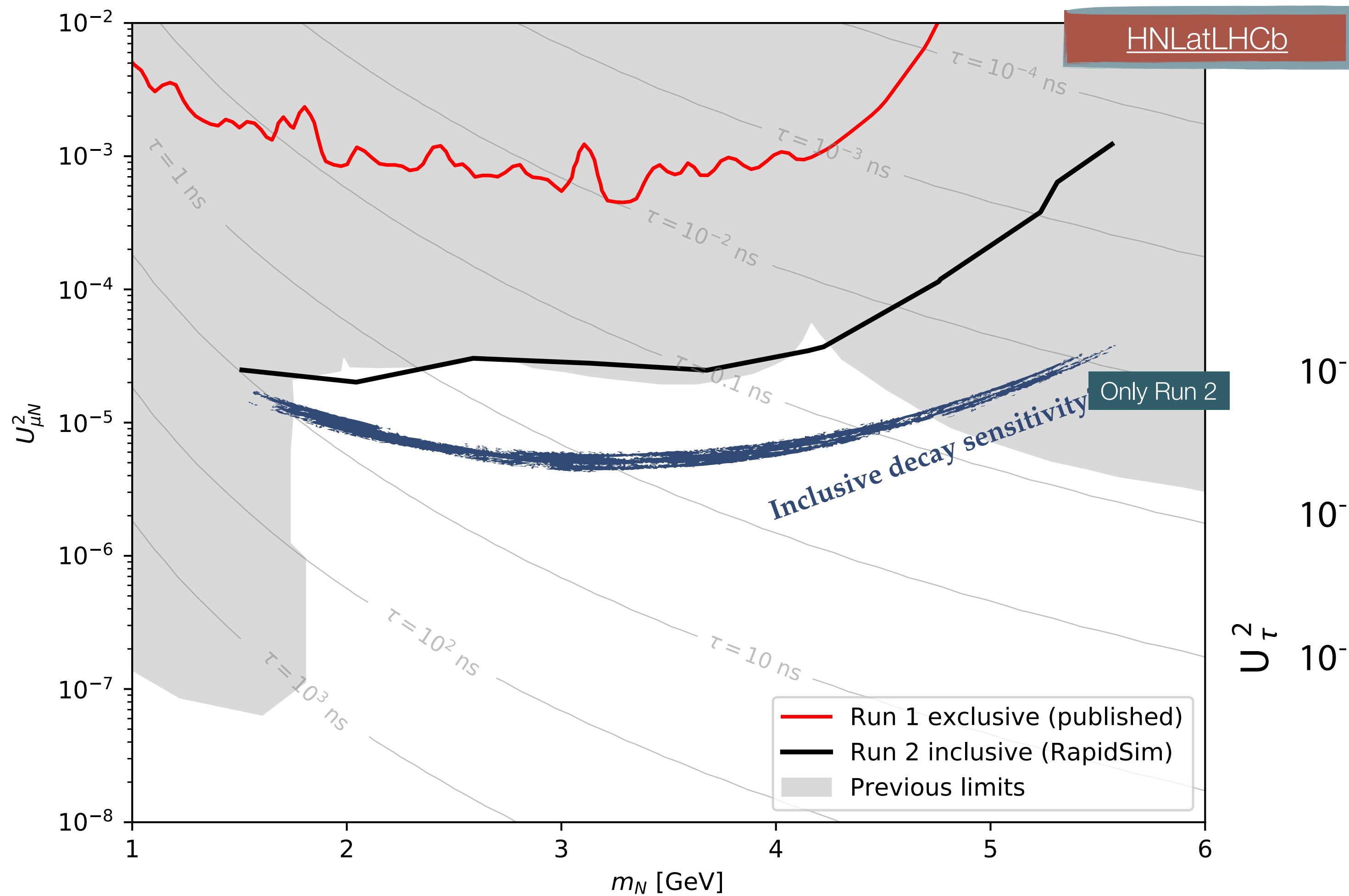


Heavy neutral leptons

- Loose peak in invariant mass spectrum of N
- Instead use **corrected mass**: $\sqrt{p_{\perp}^2 + m_{\text{vis}}^2} + p_{\perp}$
- Derive the missing momentum from SV to TV direction create a good peak
- Coupling to other leptons is also promising



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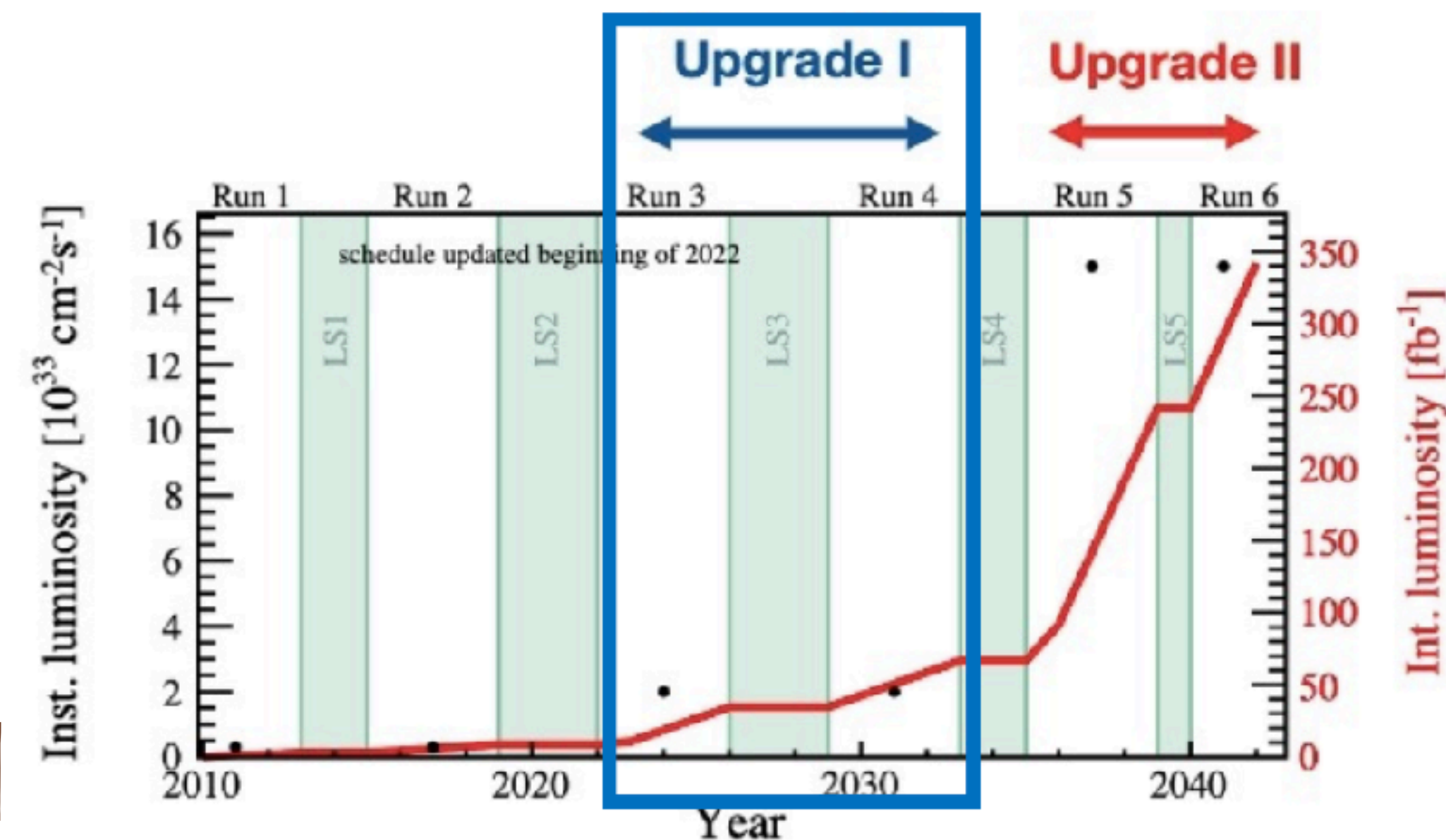
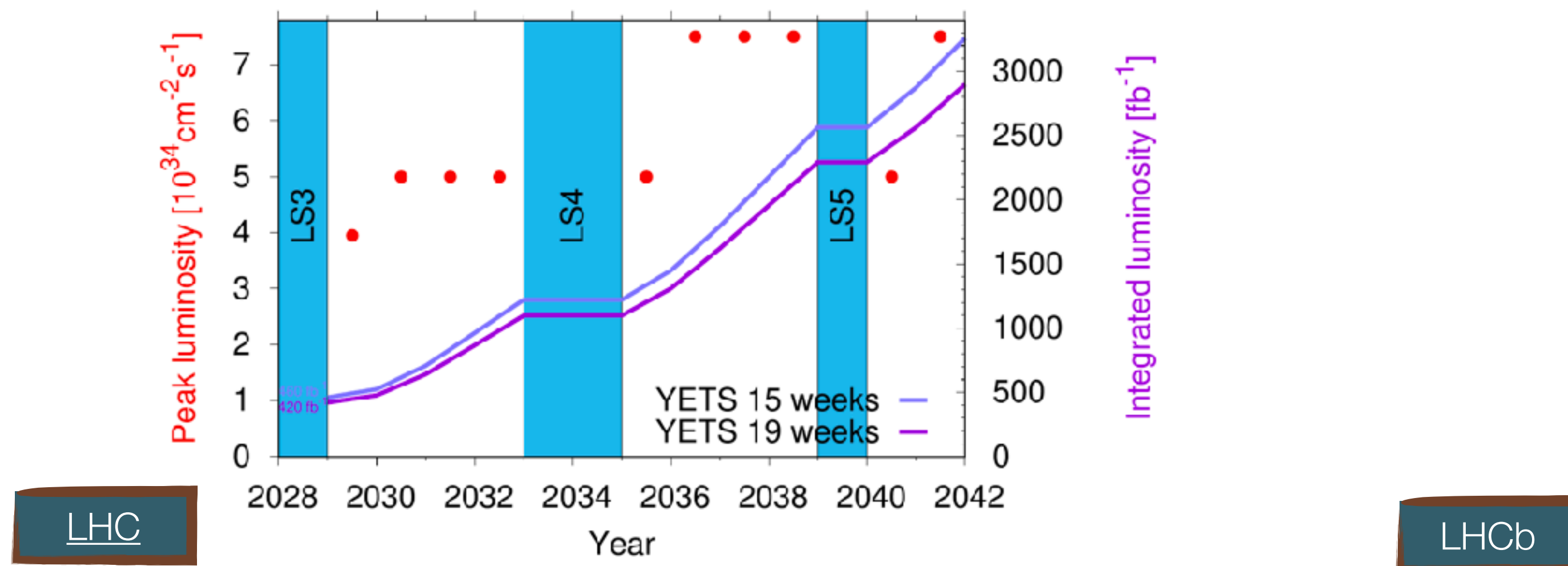


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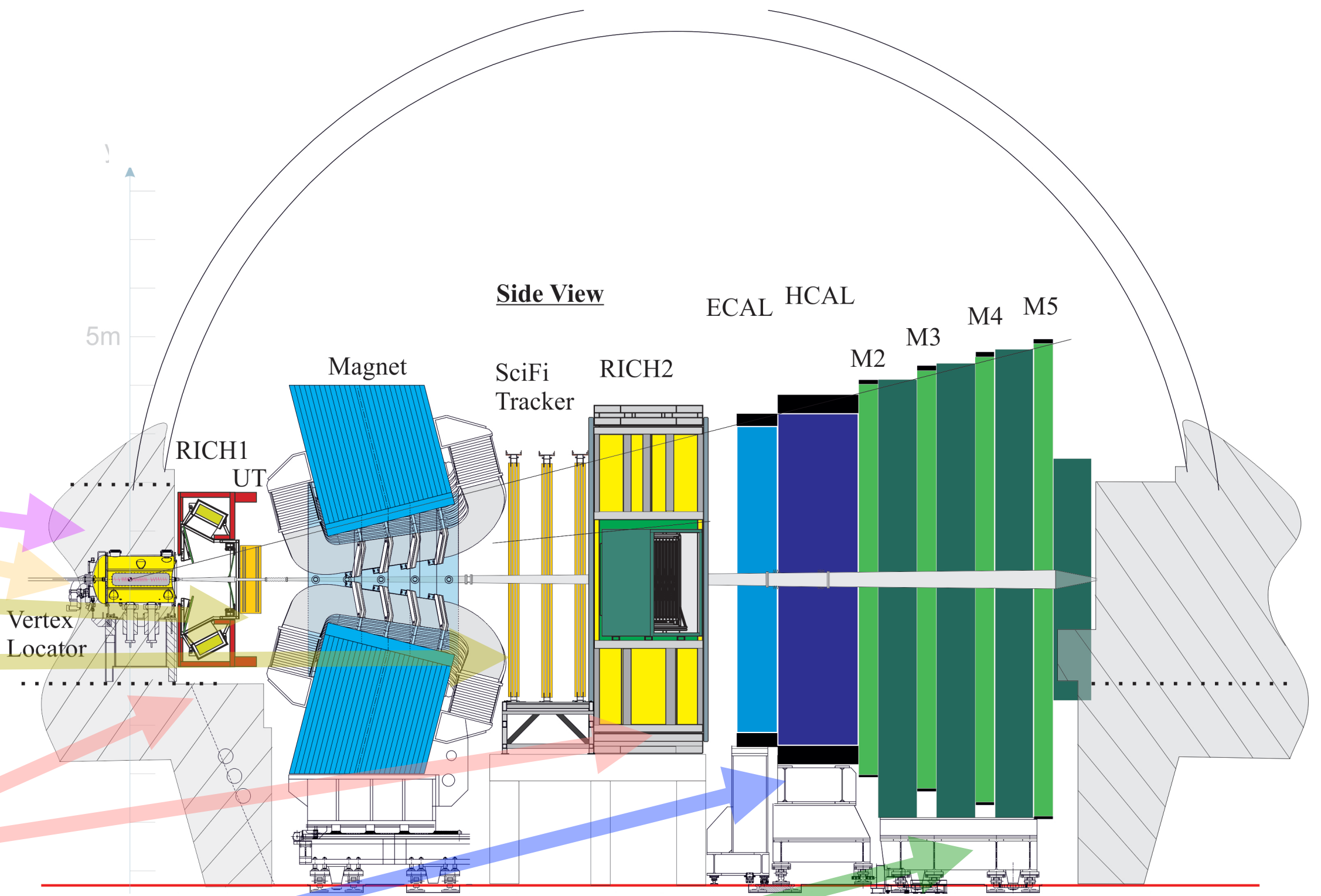
LHCb Timeline

- The amount of data and the physics yield from data recorded by the past LHCb experiment is **limited by its detector**:
- But **LHC** has **increased its performance**:
 - **Energy / beam** (3.5 to 4 to 6.5 to 7 TeV)
 - **Luminosity** (peak 8×10^{33} to 2×10^{34} $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ to HL-LHC)
- Timeline of the Upgrades is in line with LHC timeline but **asynchronous w.r.t. CMS and ATLAS**
- New instant Lumi = 2×10^{33} $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ (x5 w.r.t. Run 1)



LHCb Phase-I upgrade

- **New Vertex Locator**
- **New dedicated luminometer (PLUME)**
- New silicon strip detector
- New scintillating fibre detector
- Particle ID: new optics, new photon detectors
- Calorimeters: reduce PMT gain and new electronics
- **Muon: new electronics and increased granularity**
- **No hardware trigger**



Upgraded LHCb Detector

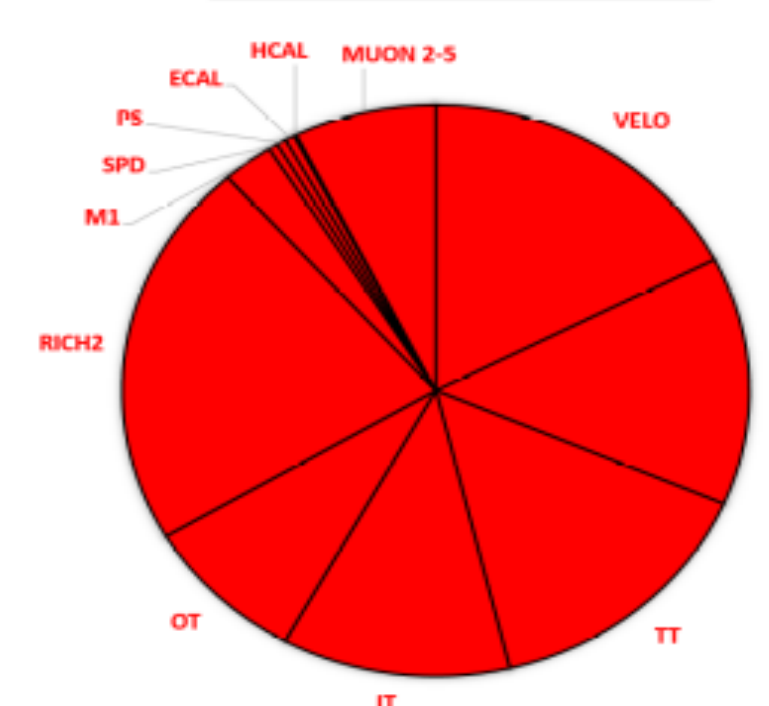
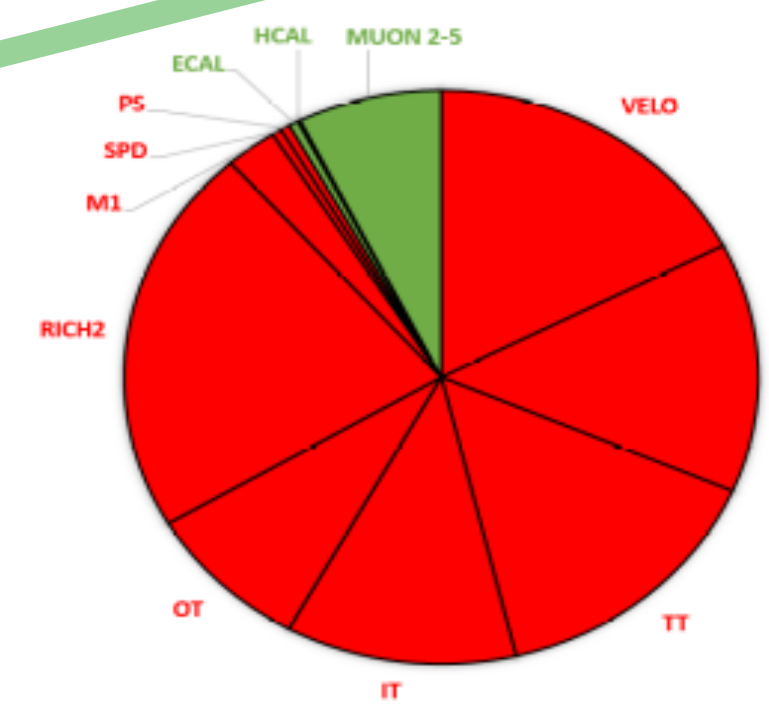
Detector Channels

R/O Electronics

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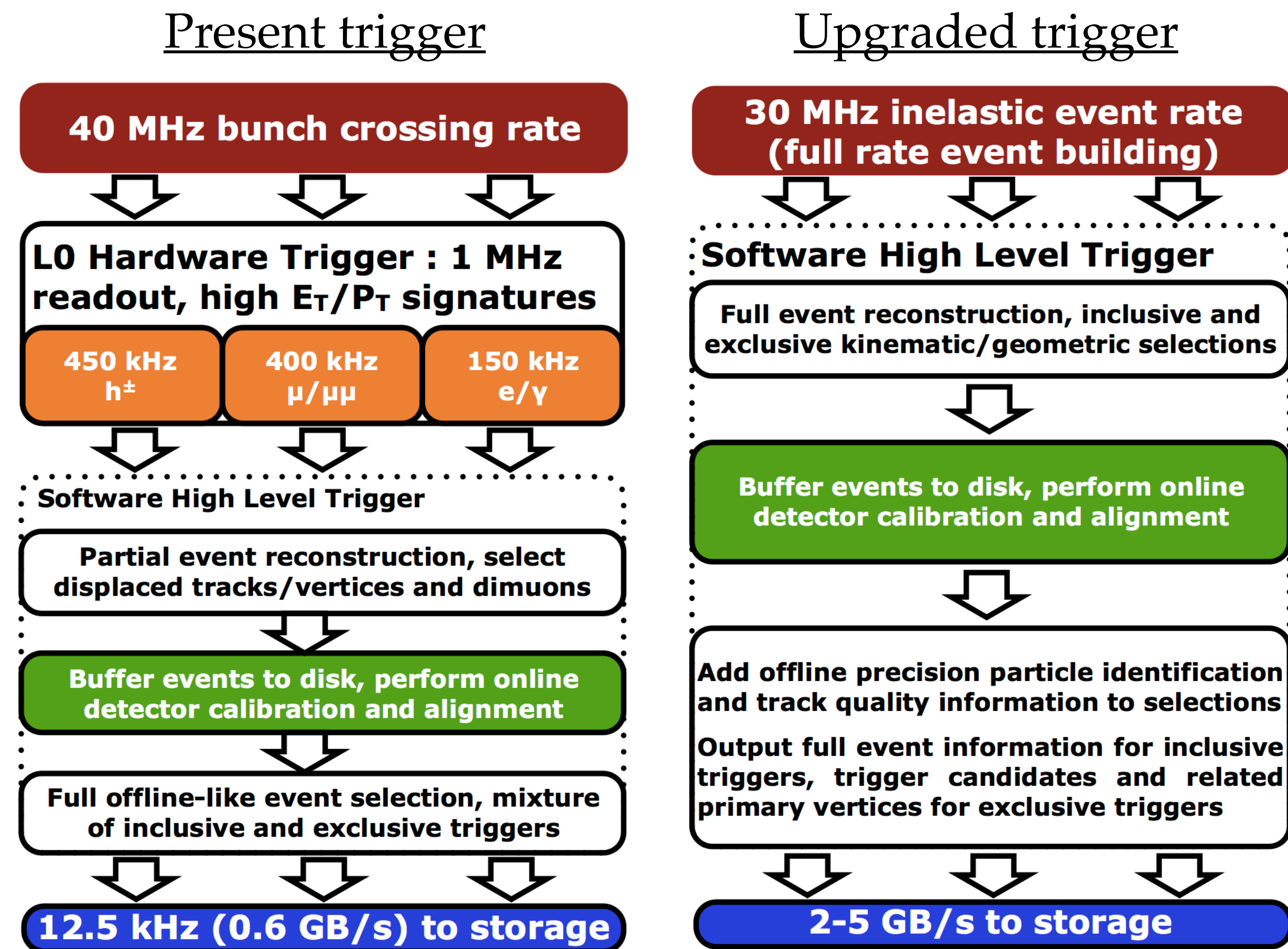
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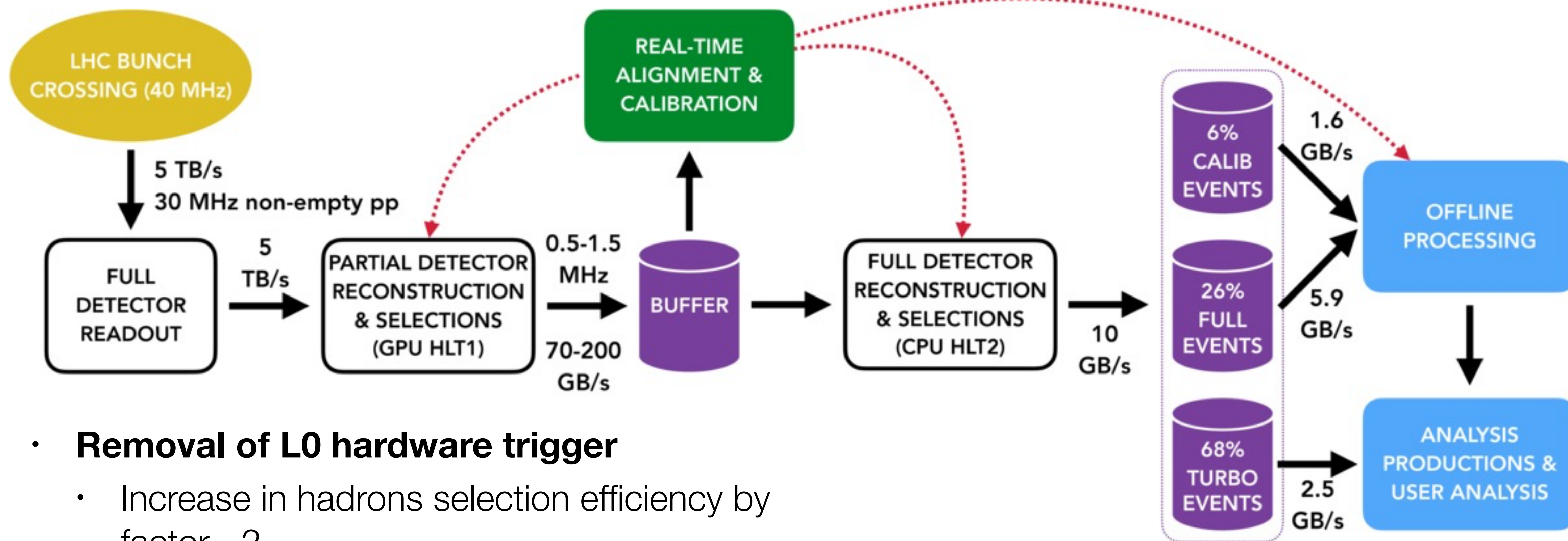


Trigger

- Lower luminosity (and low pile-up)
 - **~1/8** of ATLAS/CMS in **Run 1**
 - **~1/20** of ATLAS/CMS in **Run 2**
- Hardware **L0 trigger** removed
- **Full real-time** reconstruction for all particles available to select events (since 2015)
 - **Real-time reconstruction** for all charged particles with $p_T > 0.5$ GeV
 - We go from 1 TB/s (post zero suppression) to 0.7 GB/s (mix of full + partial events)
- LHCb has moved to a **hardware-less readout system** for LHC Run 3, and process 5 TB/s in real time on the CPU farm.

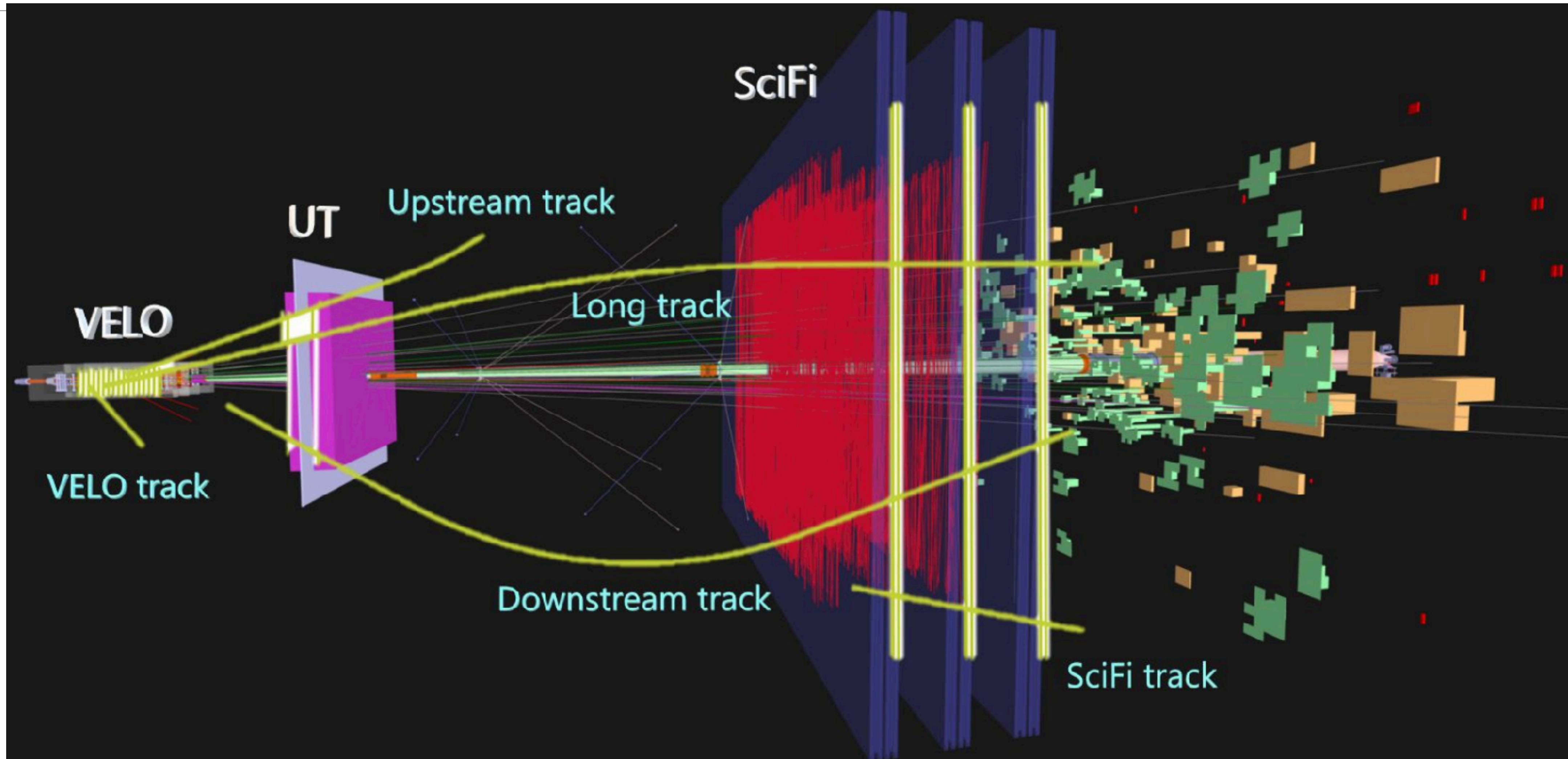


Trigger



- **Removal of L0 hardware trigger**
 - Increase in hadrons selection efficiency by factor ~ 2
- **HLT1 reconstruction on GPUs**
 - First GPU trigger in a HEP experiment
- **Offline reconstruction in HLT2**

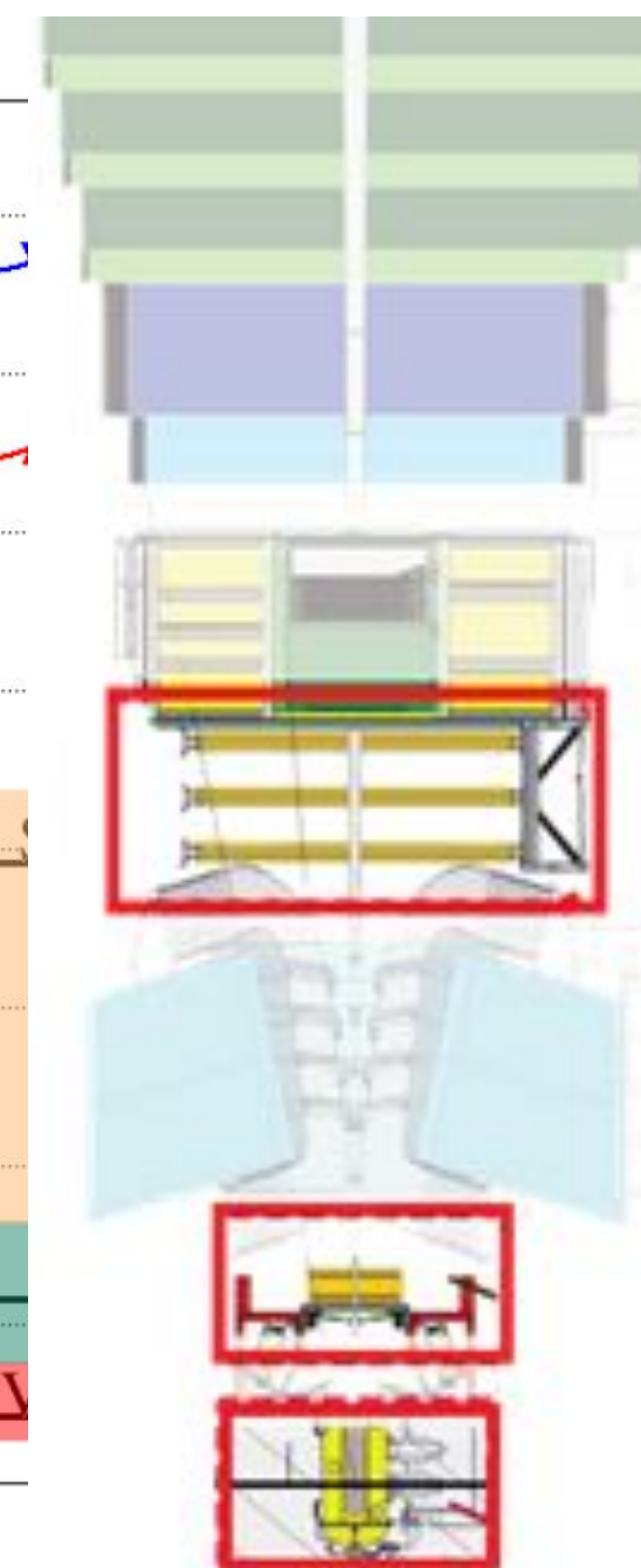
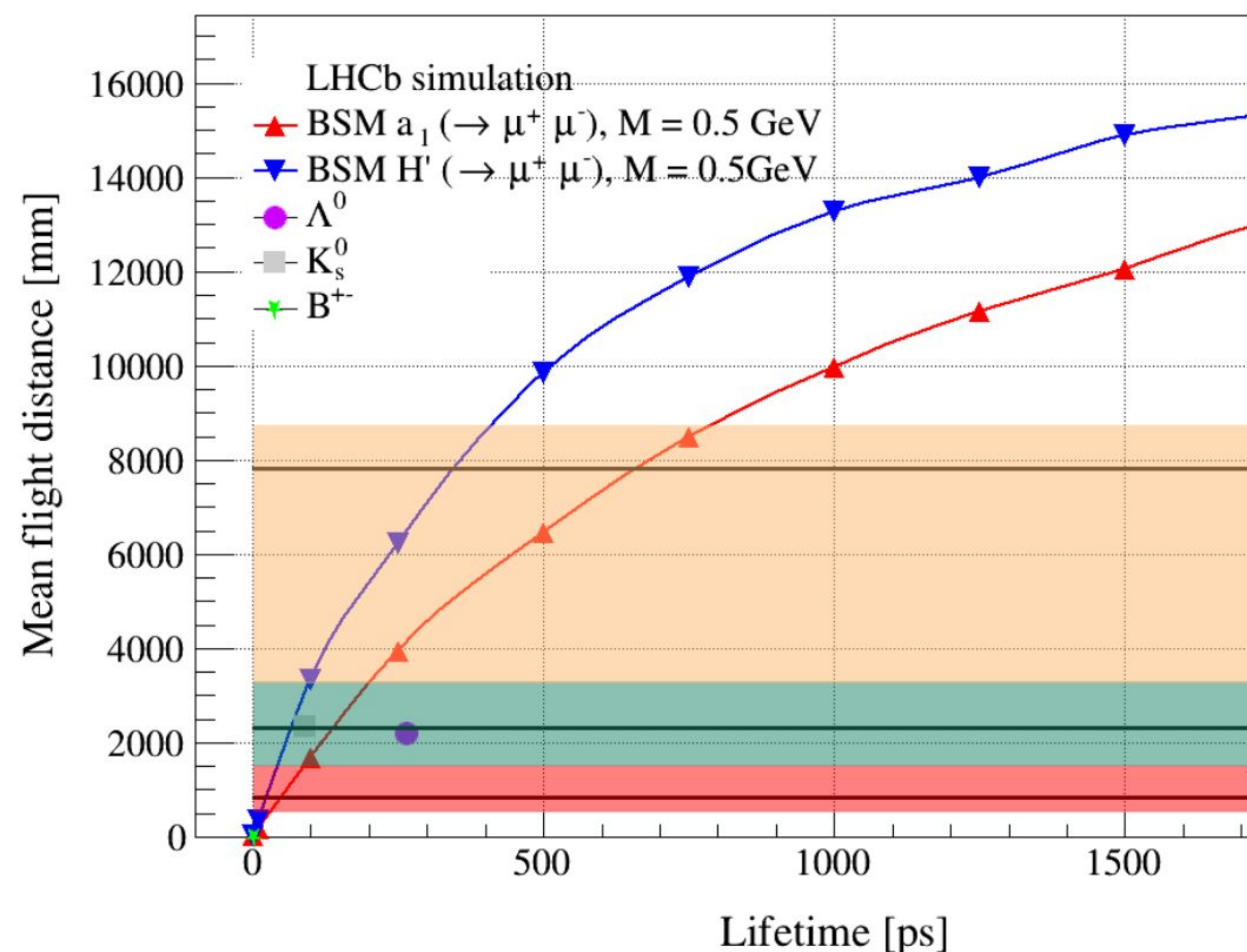
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A new algorithm at LHCb to reconstruct Long-Lived particles in the first level trigger

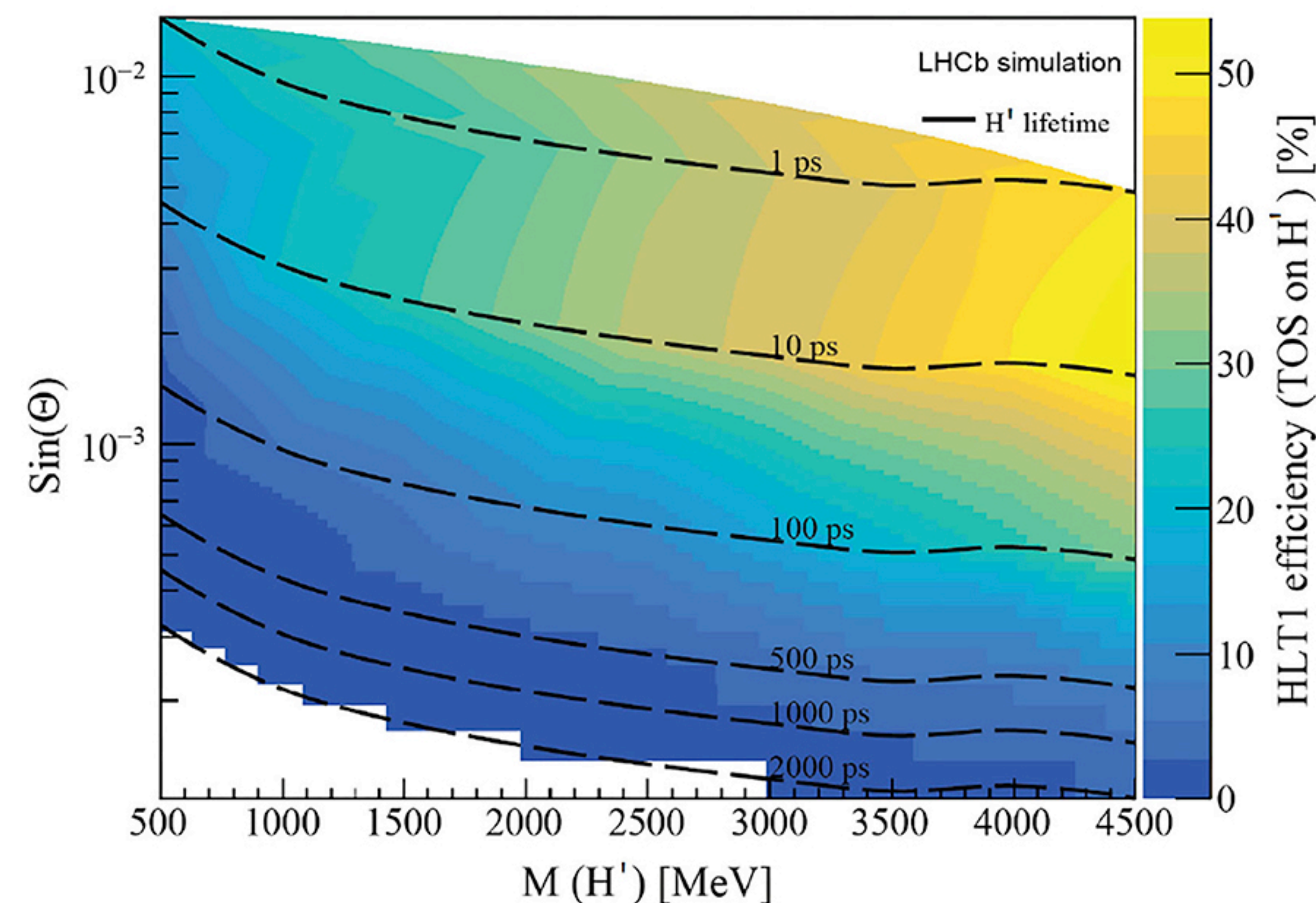
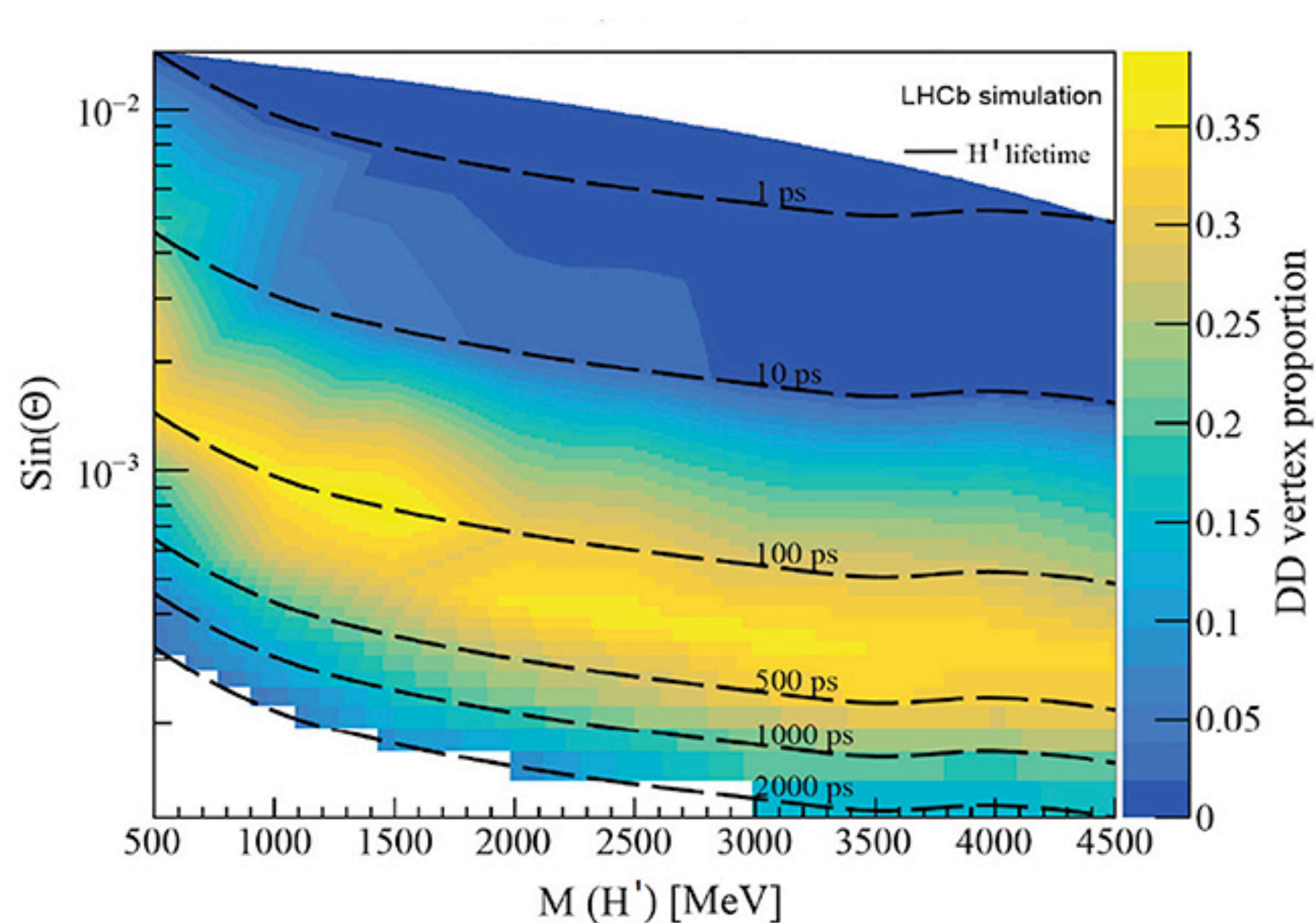
Calefice et al., Frontiers in Big Data, 2022.
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- **Removal of L0 hardware trigger**
- **HLT1 reconstruction on GPUs**
- **What about lips?**
 - Great LHCb performance for b - and c -meson decays (long tracks)
 - But for particles with $\tau > 100\text{ps}$ many decays happen out of the VELO detector:
 - Produce downstream and T-tracks
 - **Now LHCb can trigger at the HLT1 level on such tracks**
 - **Sensitivity gained for SM (baryon and mesons) and BSM particles**



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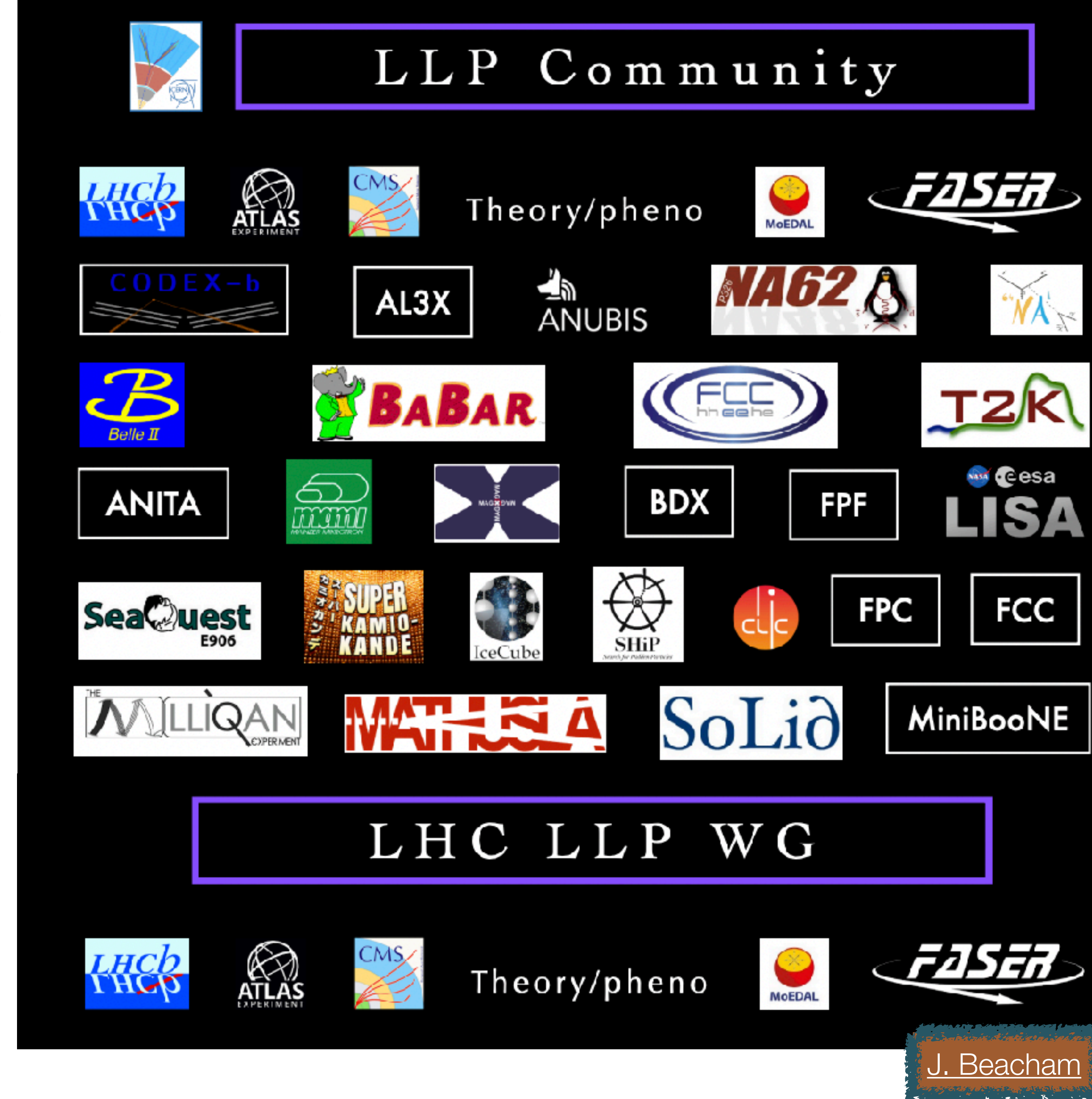


- **LHS:** Reconstructibility of the decay vertex of the H' particle as a function of its mass and lifetime for downstream tracks
- **RHS:** proportion of events triggered by the HLT1 decision on the H' decay products (Trigger on Signal, TOS)

Conclusions

- The selection was heavily biased. A fresh look at LHCb reveals that it's not just a machine for b -physics; it's also an incredible tool for direct searches.
- The techniques we've developed for LFU measurements can be applied to direct searches for BSM physics. This has initiated a new field of measurements at LHCb and beyond.
- Maybe Michelangelo had it right 8 years ago after all.
- **The days of 'guaranteed' discoveries or of no-lose theorems in particle physics are over, at least for the time being...**
- **... but the big questions of our field remain wild [SIC] open (hierarchy problem, flavour, neutrinos, DM, BAU,...)**
- **This simply implies that, more than for the past 30 years, future HEP's progress is to be driven by experimental exploration, possibly renouncing/reviewing deeply rooted theoretical bias**

ASPEN2014 Theoretical summary - M. Mangano



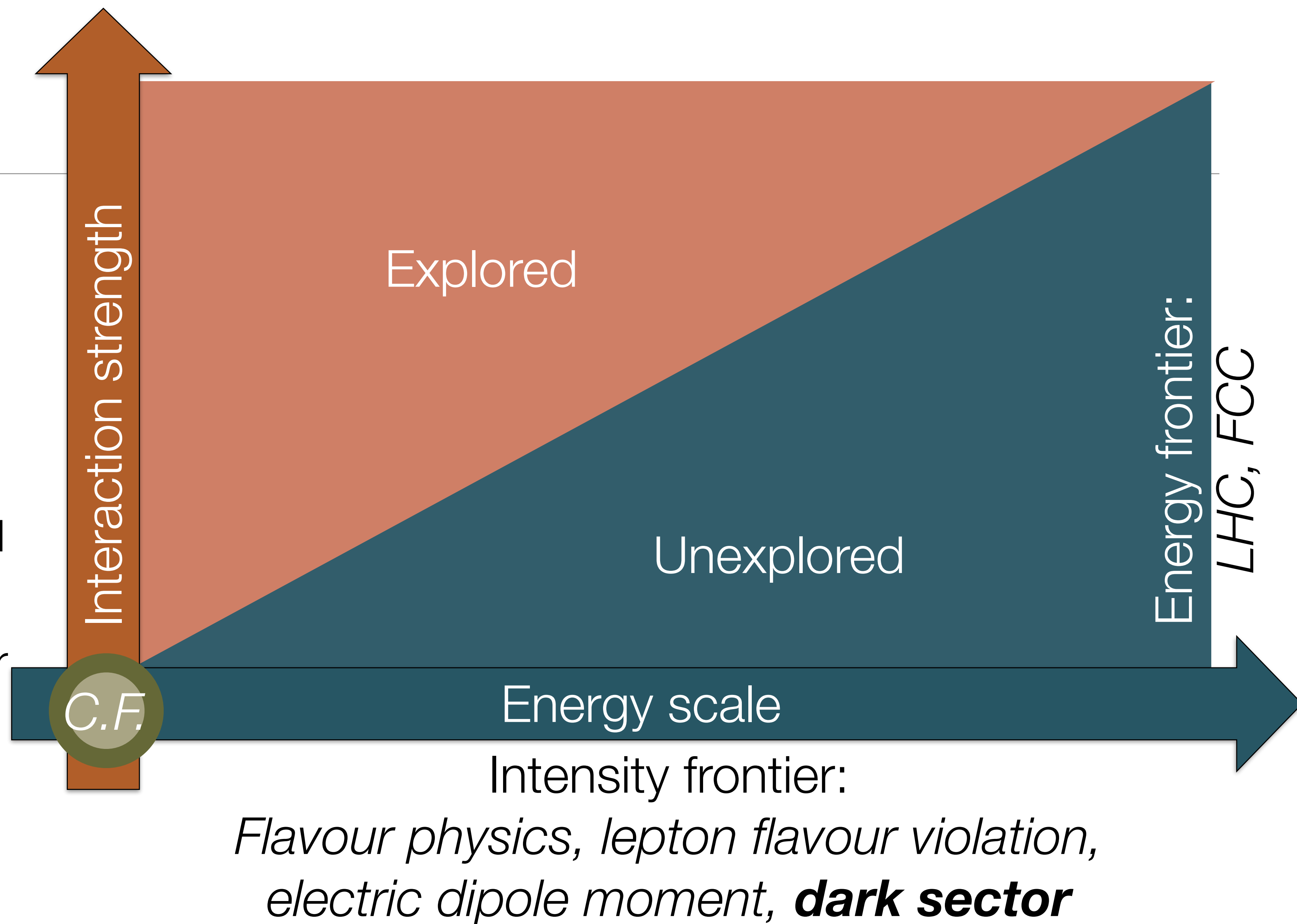


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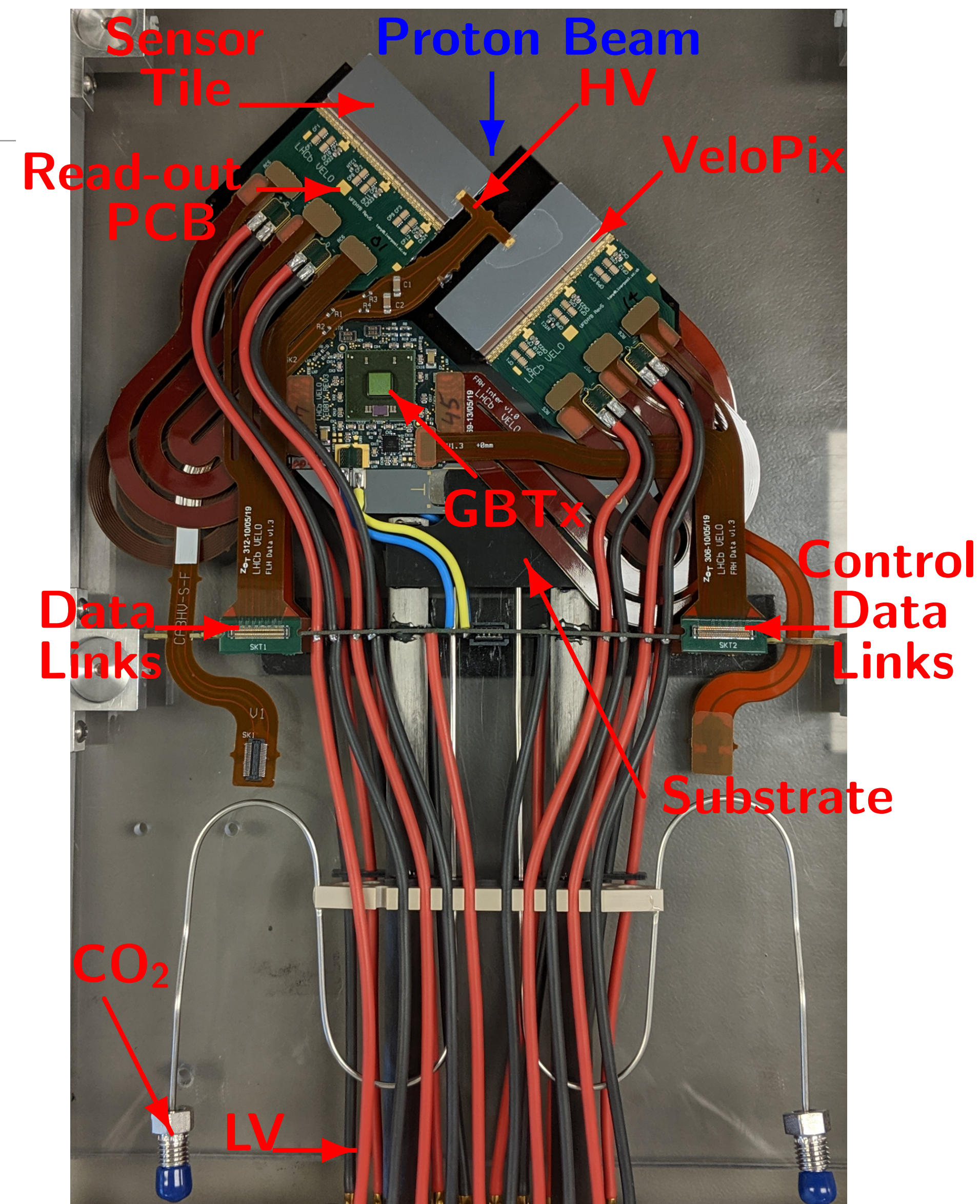
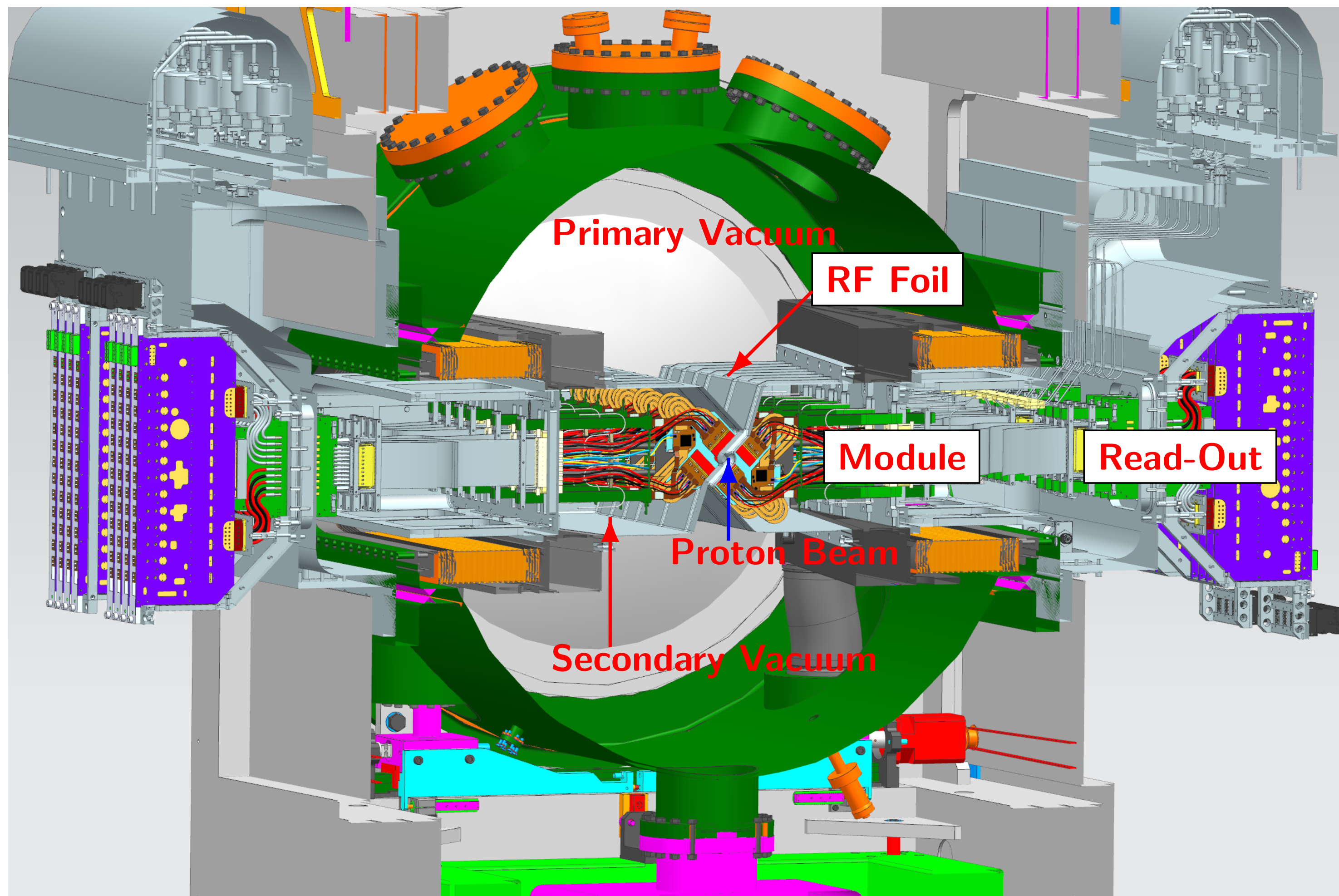
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Introduction

- In this talk, I will concentrate BSM searches at LHCb
- **Landscape:** LHC results in brief:
 - No direct NP searches by ATLAS and CMS succeeded yet
 - While BSM model parameter space shrinks, **only <5% of HL-LHC data is analysed.**
 - NP discovery **still may happen!**

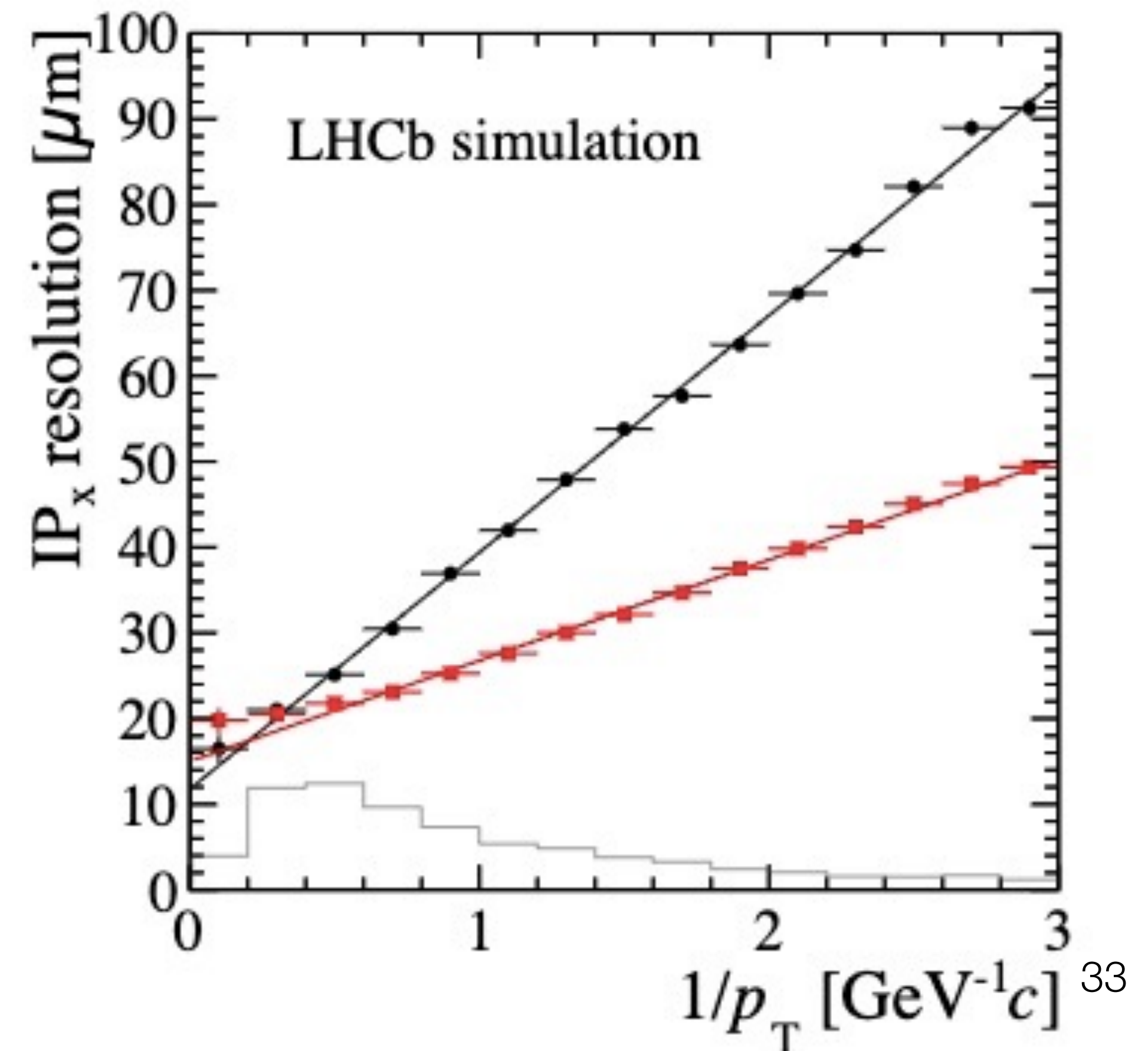
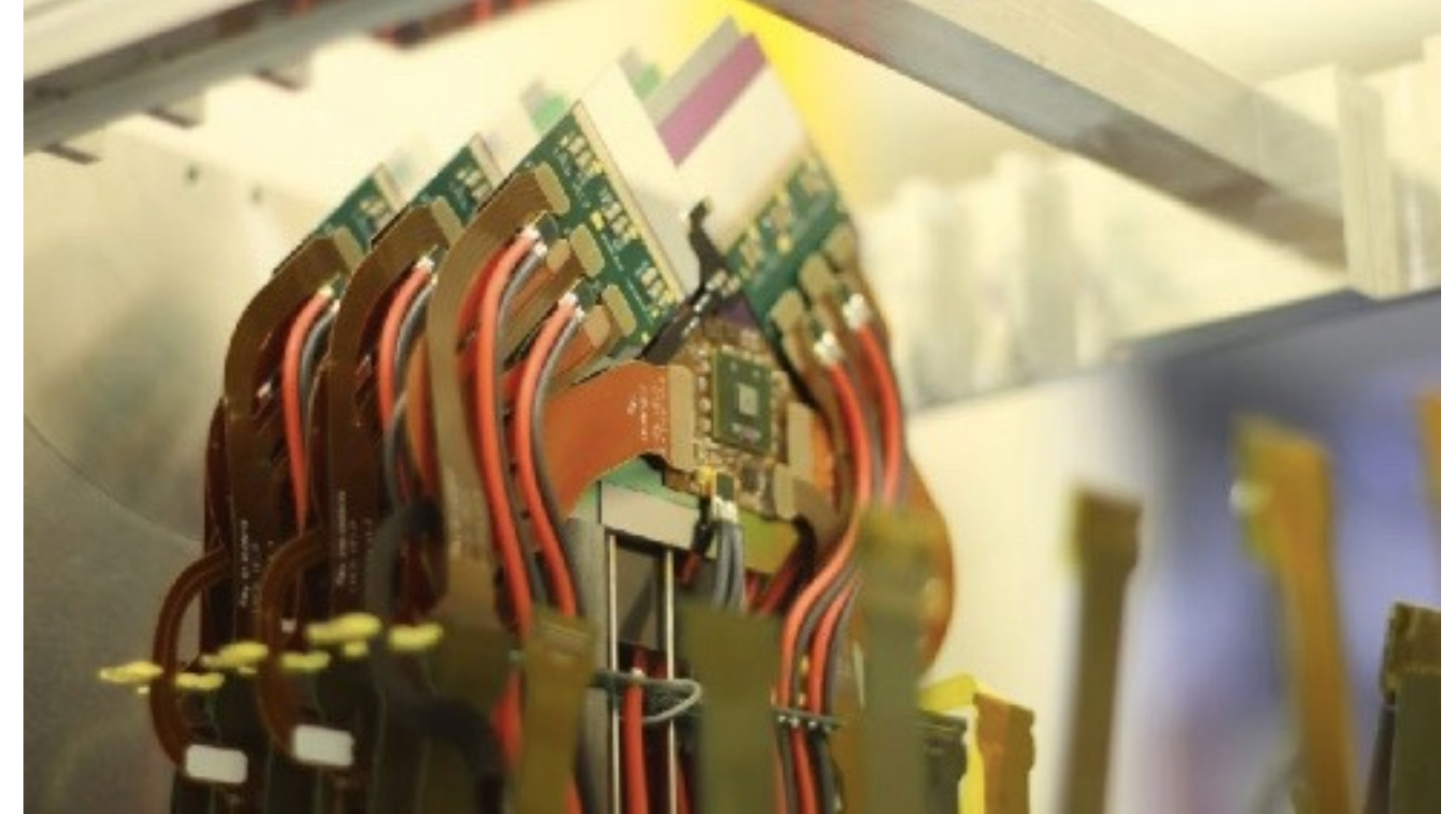


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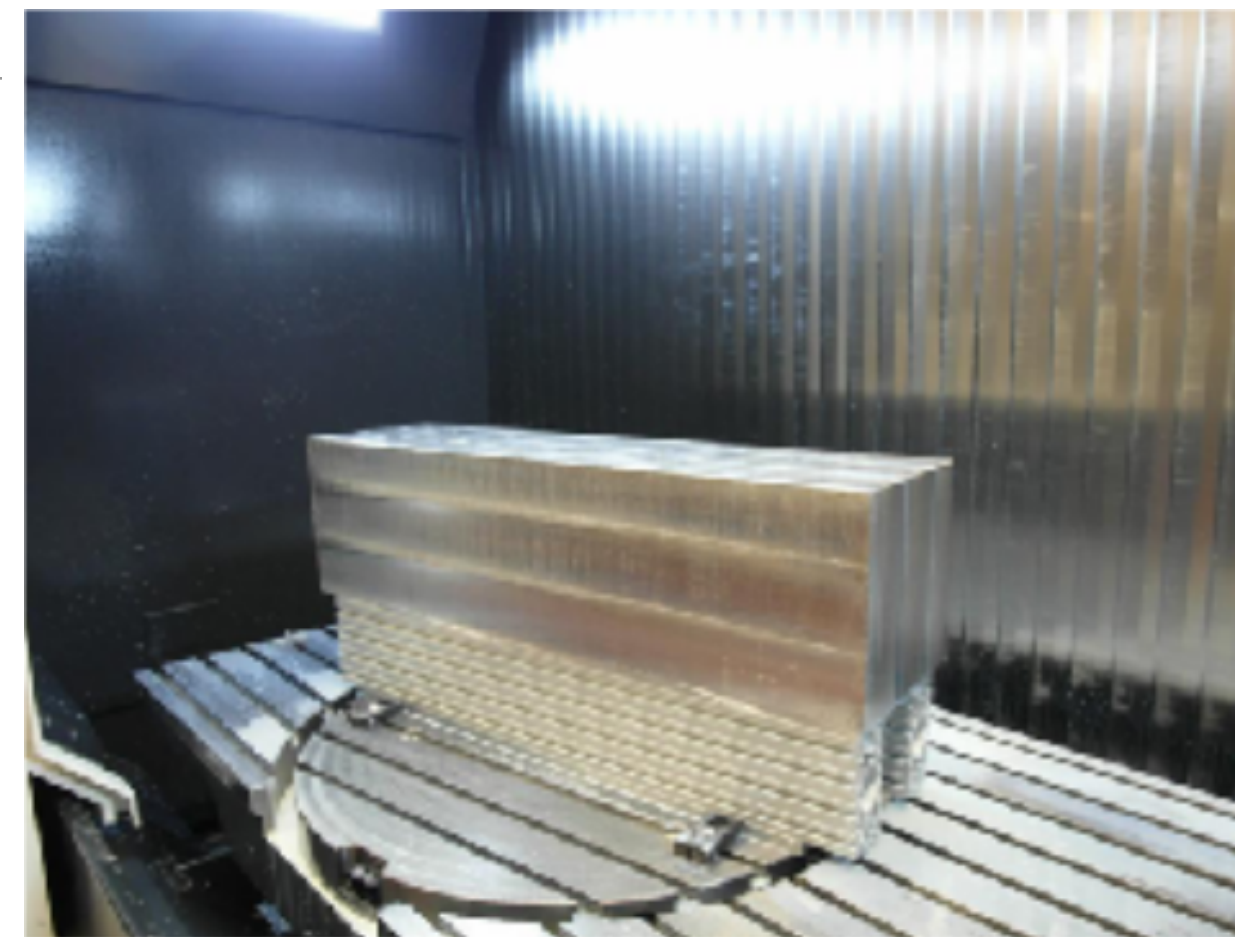
VELO

- 52 modules for a total of 41M pixels
 - Area $\sim 1.2 \text{ m}^2$
- **Two movable halves: get as close as 3.5 mm to the beam to improve IP resolution**
 - Separation from primary vacuum achieved with 150 μm thick RF foil
- Silicon substrate built with micro channels that will carry CO₂ for evaporative cooling
 - Designed to cool a load of up to 30W from each module
- New ASIC VeloPix, $\sim 20 \text{ Gbps}$ in hottest ASIC and total of $\sim 3 \text{ Tbps}$



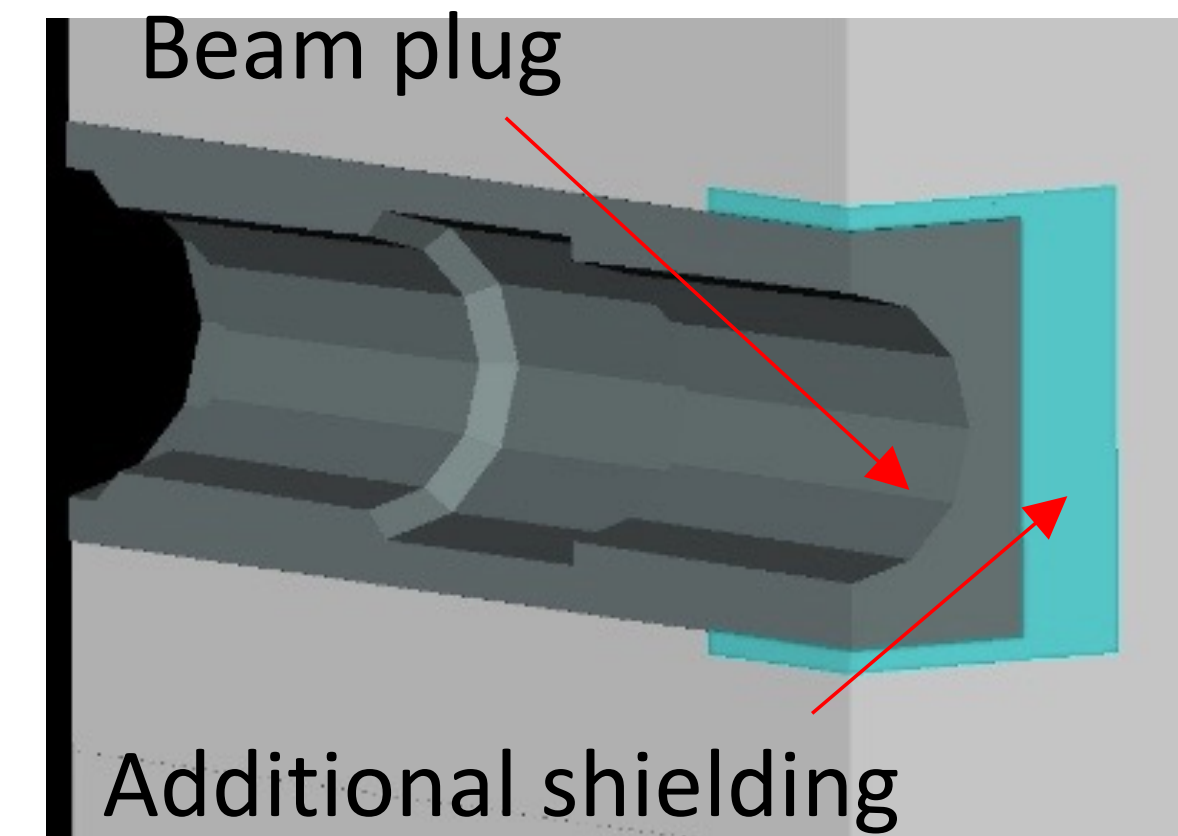
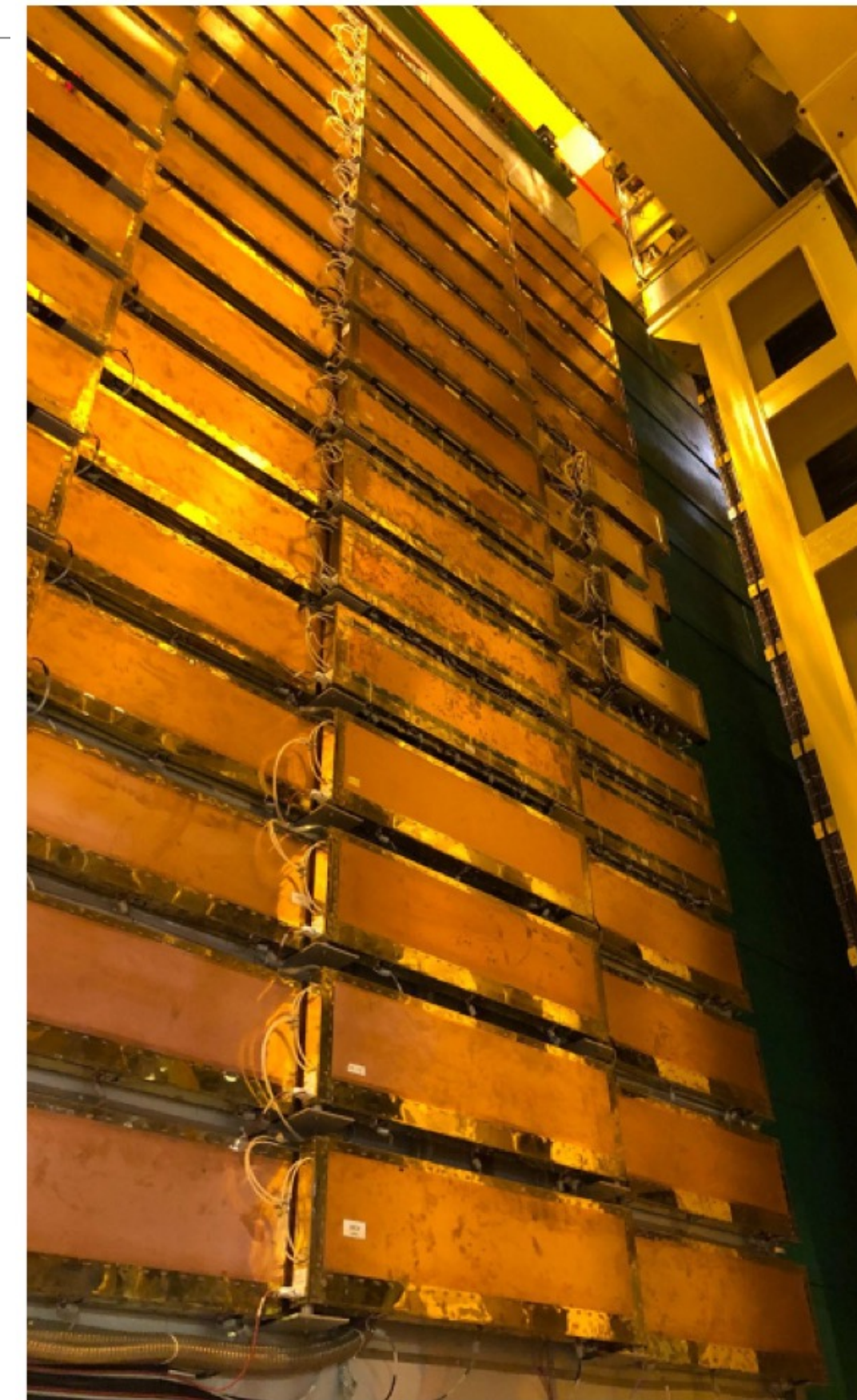
VELO

- **Example:** the RF foil separates primary to secondary vacuum
- Start from a single, forged **AlMg3** alloy block
- **98%** of material is milled away (6 months)
- Final thickness at tips of modules: on average **250 μm**
- **On the 10th of January 2023, during a VELO warm up in neon, there was a loss of control of the protection system**
- **RF foils have suffered plastic deformation up to 14 mm and have to be replaced**
 - Replace at the end of the year (run in 2023 with VELO partially open)
- Physics programme of 2023 is significantly affected, commissioning of Upgrade I systems can proceed as planned



Muon stations

- **Not everything needed to be changed:**
- ECAL and HCAL and
- **Muon stations**
 - 4 layers (M2-M5) of Multi-Wire Proportional Chambers (MWPCs)
 - Remove first layer (M1) with GEMs, since L0 trigger level has been removed
 - Therefore more space:
 - install additional shielding around beampipe to reduce particle flux in M2 inner region
 - Redesign electronics to cope with 40 MHz trigger-less readout

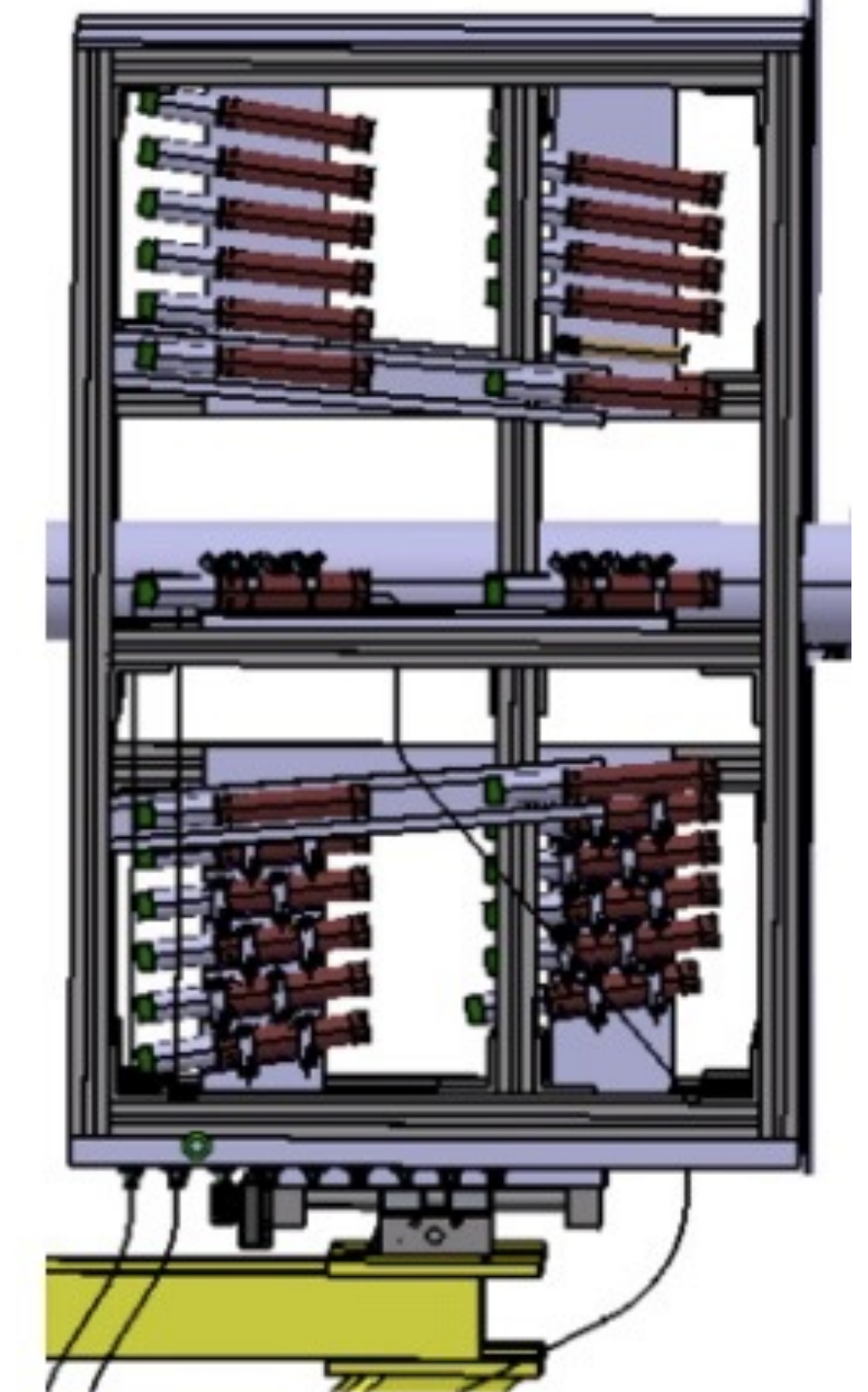


PLUME

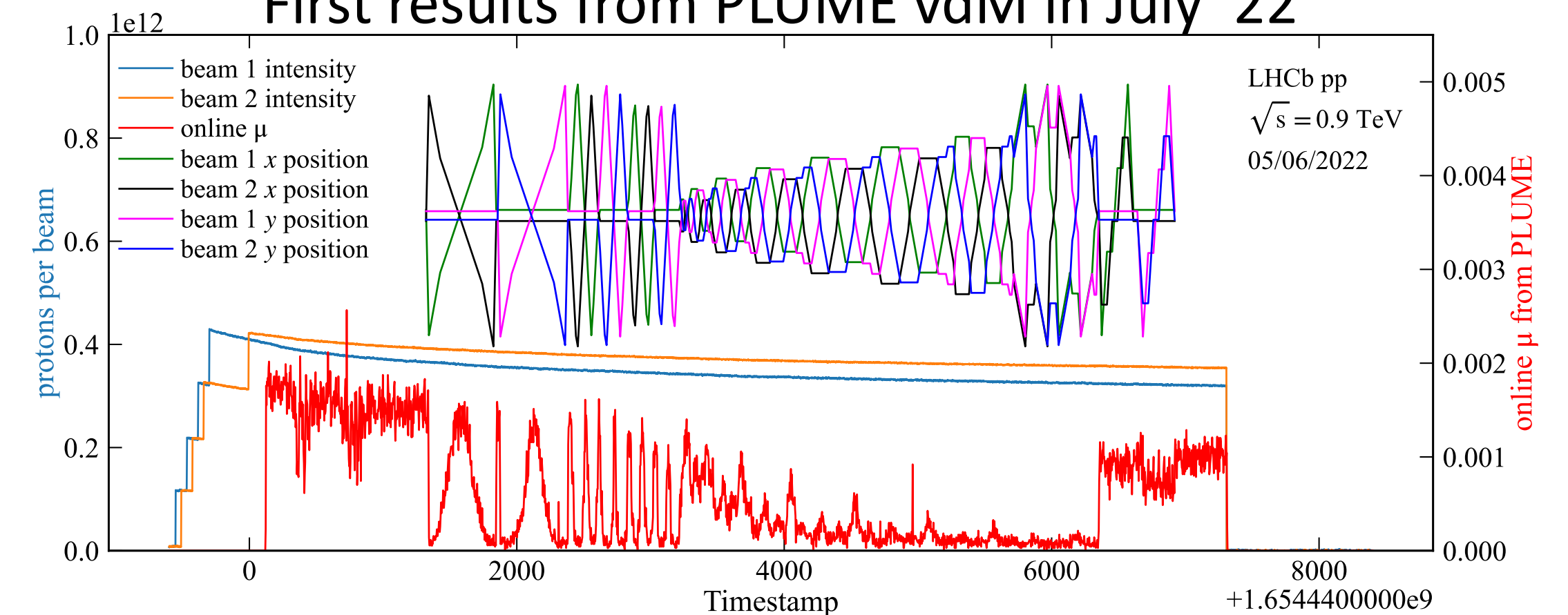
- Cross-shaped hodoscope composed by 48 PMTs, installed upstream of the VELO
- Detect Cherenkov light from particles impinging on a quartz tablet glued to the PMTs window
- **Measure rate of coincidences every 3 seconds and compute luminosity with “logZero” method**
- Count the number of bunch crossings without any visible interaction in the PLUME detector
- Provide real-time feedback to the LHC to level the luminosity at IP8
- Very cheap to build but crucial for analysis without a calibration channel



Lateral view sketch

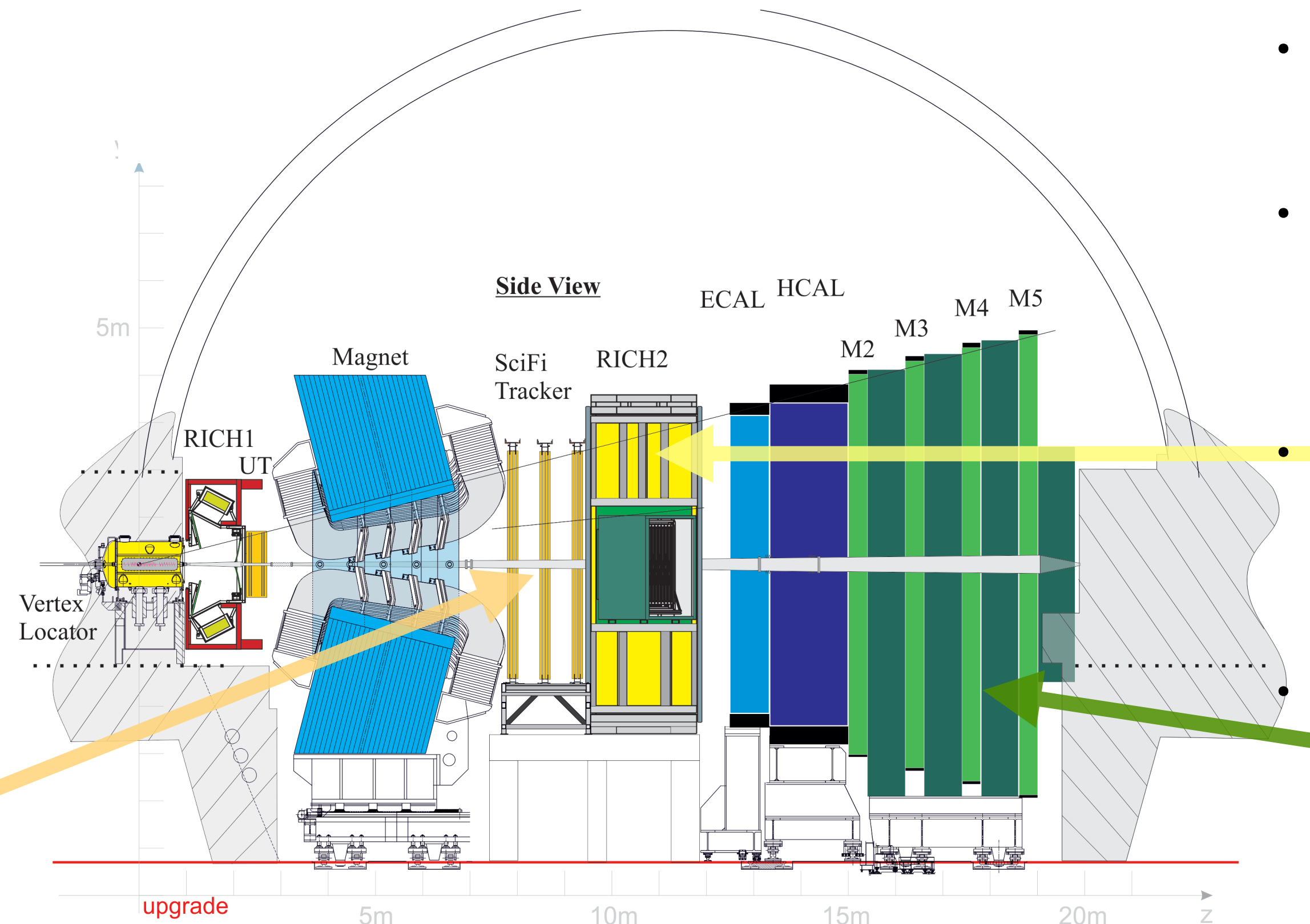


First results from PLUME vdM in July '22



LHCb Phase-II upgrade

- **VELO**
Thinner & smaller $\sigma_t < 200$ ps/hit
- **UT**
Microstrip and **RETINA** tracking (no CPU)
- **Magnet**
New SciFi stations inside the dipole for low p_T tracking
- **Mighty tracker**
New silicon around beam line



- **HCAL**
Remove
- **ECAL**
Improve granularity and $\sigma_t \sim 50$ ps/hit
- **TORCH**
PID for $p < 10$ GeV and $\sigma_t \sim 15$ ps
- **Muon stations**
Improve shielding and replace Multi Wire Proportional Chambers

Prospects

- **Collect 50 invfb by the end of Run 4 and 300 invfb by the end of Run 6**
- Collected 9 invfb during Run 1 and 2
- Aim at keeping same performance (or better) with Upgrades
- **Several flagship measurements still statistically** dominated and with uncertainty on predictions negligible compared to the experimental knowledge there is potential
- Even more for **displaced searches or searches with low background** where we can scale with luminosity

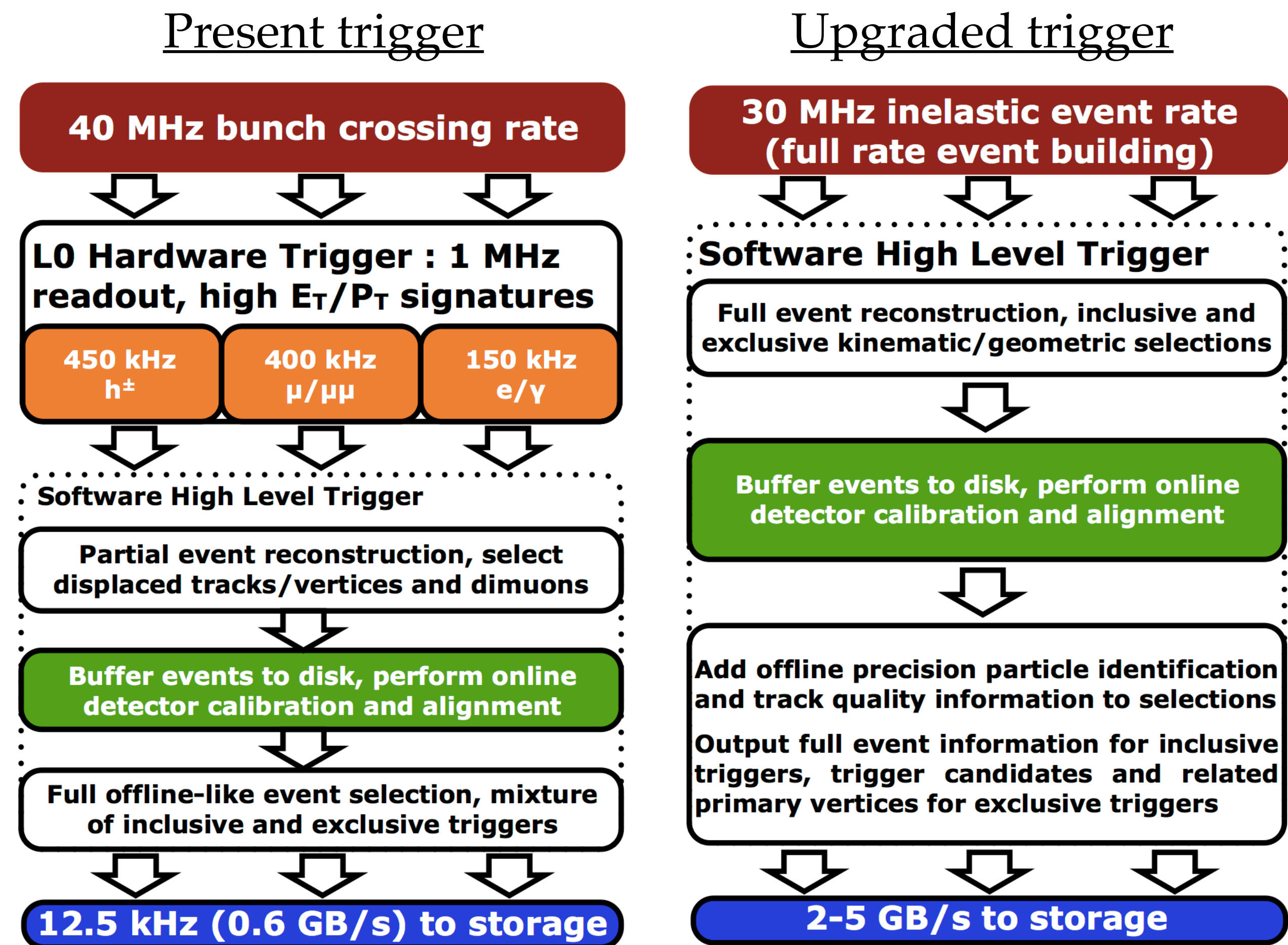
Observable	Current LHCb (up to 9 fb ⁻¹)	Upgrade I (23 fb ⁻¹)	Upgrade I (50 fb ⁻¹)	Upgrade II (300 fb ⁻¹)
CKM tests				
$\gamma (B \rightarrow DK, \text{ etc.})$	4° [9,10]	1.5°	1°	0.35°
$\phi_s (B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi\phi)$	32 mrad [8]	14 mrad	10 mrad	4 mrad
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} (\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu, \text{ etc.})$	6% [29,30]	3%	2%	1%
$a_{\text{sl}}^d (B^0 \rightarrow D^-\mu^+\nu_\mu)$	36×10^{-4} [34]	8×10^{-4}	5×10^{-4}	2×10^{-4}
$a_{\text{sl}}^s (B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^-\mu^+\nu_\mu)$	33×10^{-4} [35]	10×10^{-4}	7×10^{-4}	3×10^{-4}
Charm				
$\Delta A_{CP} (D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-)$	29×10^{-5} [5]	13×10^{-5}	8×10^{-5}	3.3×10^{-5}
$A_\Gamma (D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi^-)$	11×10^{-5} [38]	5×10^{-5}	3.2×10^{-5}	1.2×10^{-5}
$\Delta x (D^0 \rightarrow K_s^0\pi^+\pi^-)$	18×10^{-5} [37]	6.3×10^{-5}	4.1×10^{-5}	1.6×10^{-5}
Rare Decays				
$\mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)/\mathcal{B}(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	69% [40,41]	41%	27%	11%
$S_{\mu\mu} (B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$	—	—	—	0.2
$A_\Gamma^{(2)} (B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-)$	0.10 [52]	0.060	0.043	0.016
$A_\Gamma^{\text{Im}} (B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-)$	0.10 [52]	0.060	0.043	0.016
$\mathcal{A}_{\phi\gamma}^{\Delta\Gamma} (B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma)$	$^{+0.41}_{-0.44}$ [51]	0.124	0.083	0.033
$S_{\phi\gamma} (B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi\gamma)$	0.32 [51]	0.093	0.062	0.025
$\alpha_\gamma (\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma)$	$^{+0.17}_{-0.29}$ [53]	0.148	0.097	0.038
Lepton Universality Tests				
$R_K (B^+ \rightarrow K^+\ell^+\ell^-)$	0.044 [12]	0.025	0.017	0.007
$R_{K^*} (B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\ell^+\ell^-)$	0.12 [61]	0.034	0.022	0.009
$R(D^*) (B^0 \rightarrow D^{*-}\ell^+\nu_\ell)$	0.026 [62,64]	0.007	0.005	0.002

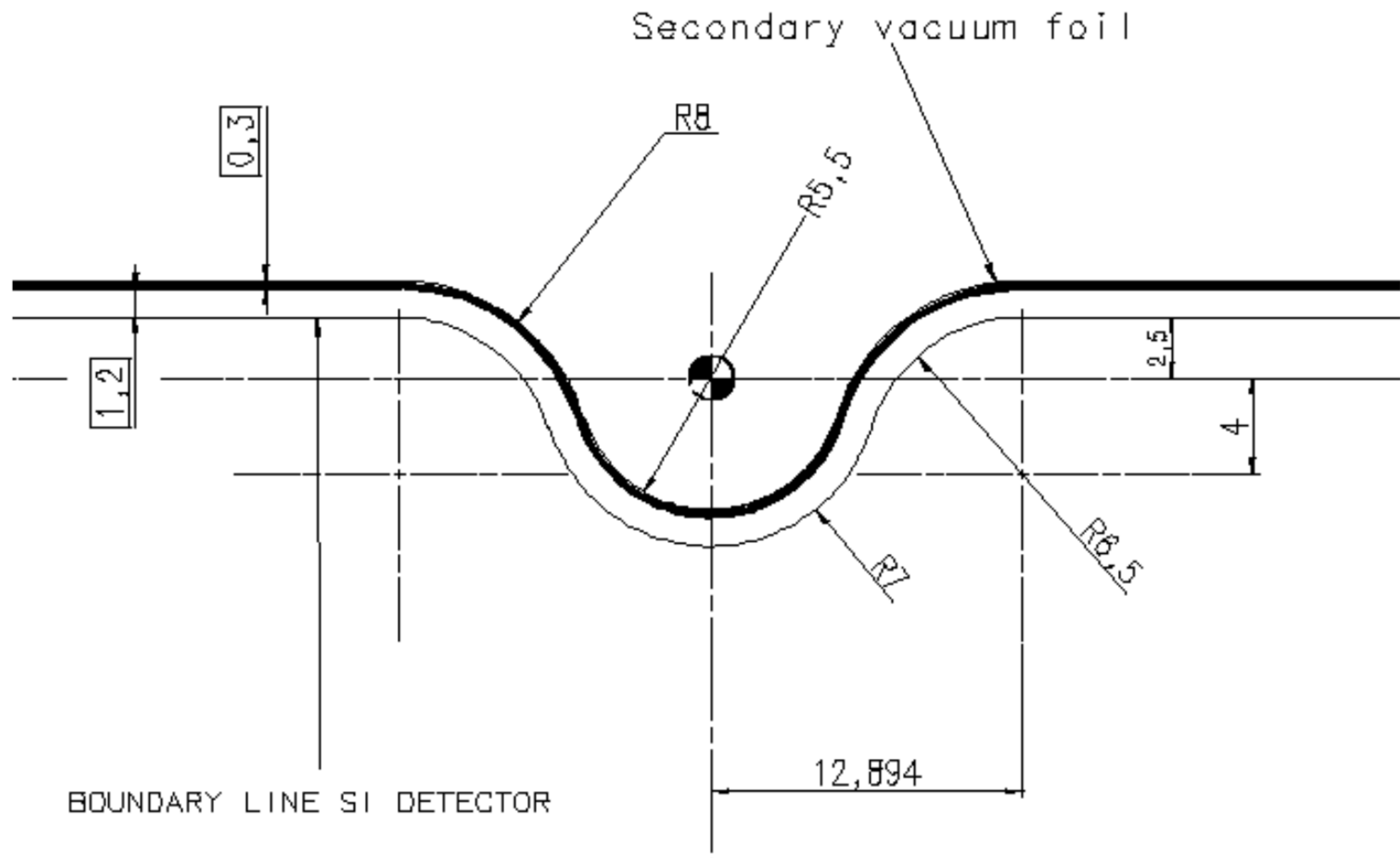
Landscape today

- The Intensity frontier is a **broad** and **diverse**, yet **connected**, set of science opportunities: heavy quarks, charged leptons, hidden sectors, neutrinos, nucleons and atoms, proton decay, etc...
- In this talk, I will concentrate on **displaced signature** and related physics searches.
- **Landscape**: LHC results in brief:
 - Direct searches for **NP** by **ATLAS** and **CMS** have not happened so far
 - Parameter space for popular **BSM** models is **decreasing rapidly**, but only $< 5\%$ of the complete HL-LHC data set has been delivered so far
 - NP discovery **still may happen!**
 - **LHCb** reported intriguing hints (cautiously optimistic) for the violation of lepton flavour universality
 - In $b \rightarrow c\mu\nu$ / $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$, and in $b \rightarrow se+e-$ / $b \rightarrow s\mu+\mu-$ decays and in angular variables (P'_5)
 - Possible evidence of **BSM** physics **if substantiated** with further studies (e.g. **BELLE II**)

LHCb detector / 2

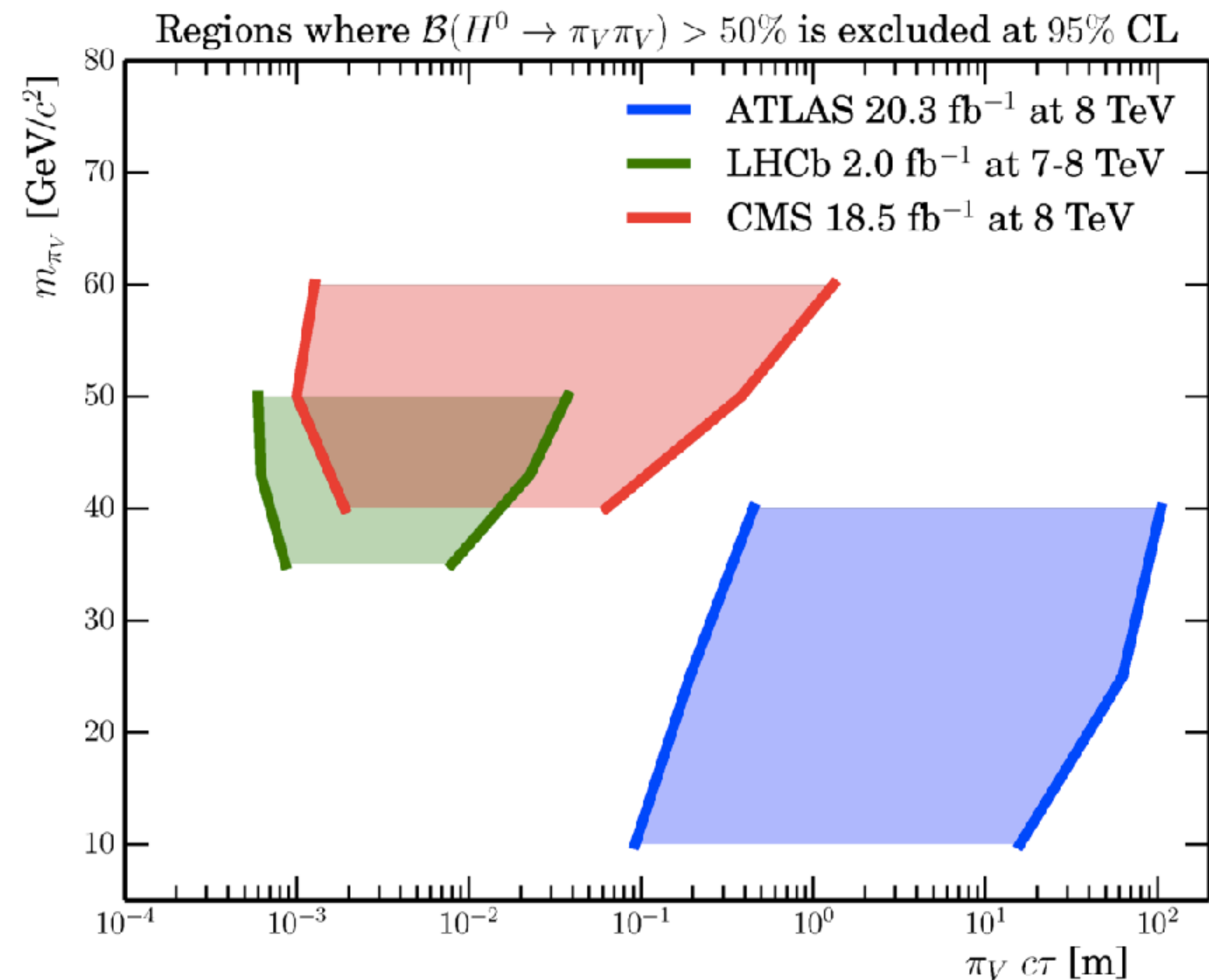
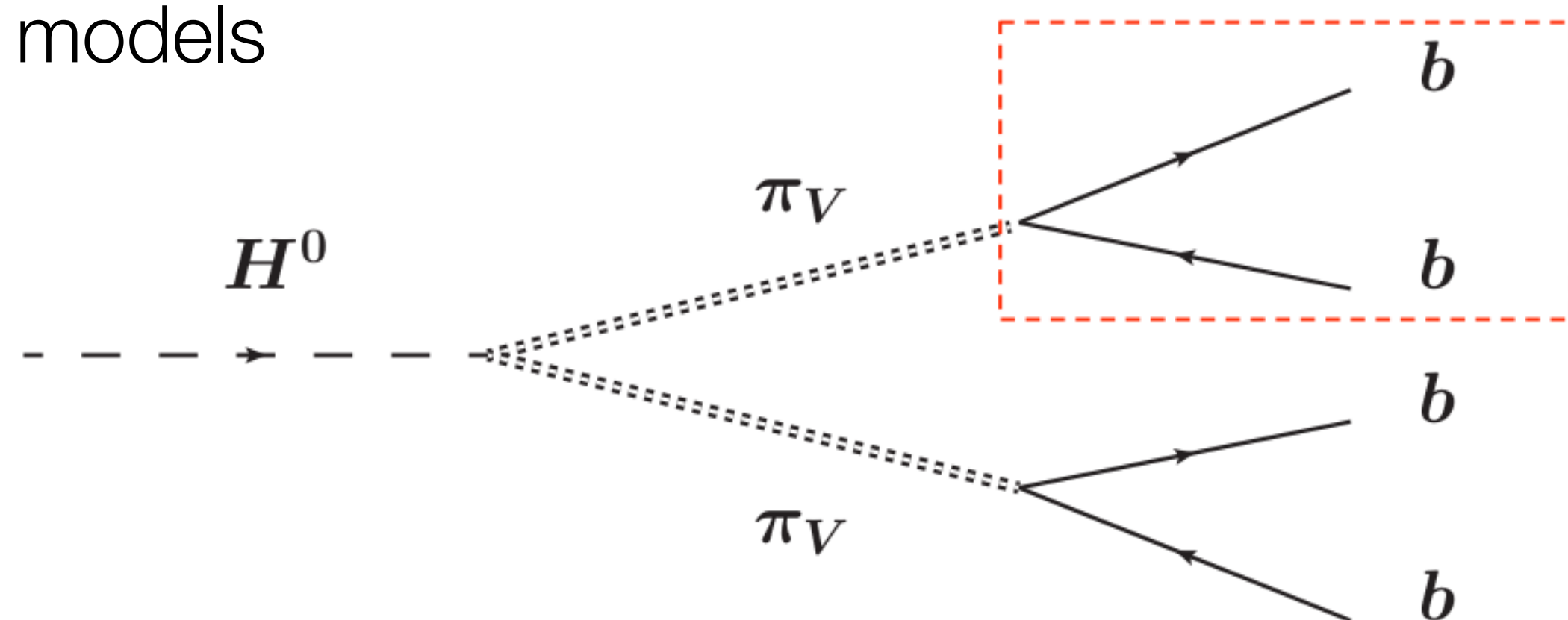
- Lower luminosity (and low pile-up)
 - **~1/8** of ATLAS/CMS in **Run 1**
 - **~1/20** of ATLAS/CMS in **Run 2**
- Hardware **L0 trigger** to be removed
- **Full real-time** reconstruction for all particles available to select events (since 2015)
 - **Real-time reconstruction** for all charged particles with $p_T > 0.4$ GeV
 - We go from 1 TB/s (post zero suppression) to 0.7 GB/s (mix of full + partial events)
- LHCb will move to a **readout system without a hardware stage** for LHC Run 3 and process 5 TB/s in real time on the CPU farm



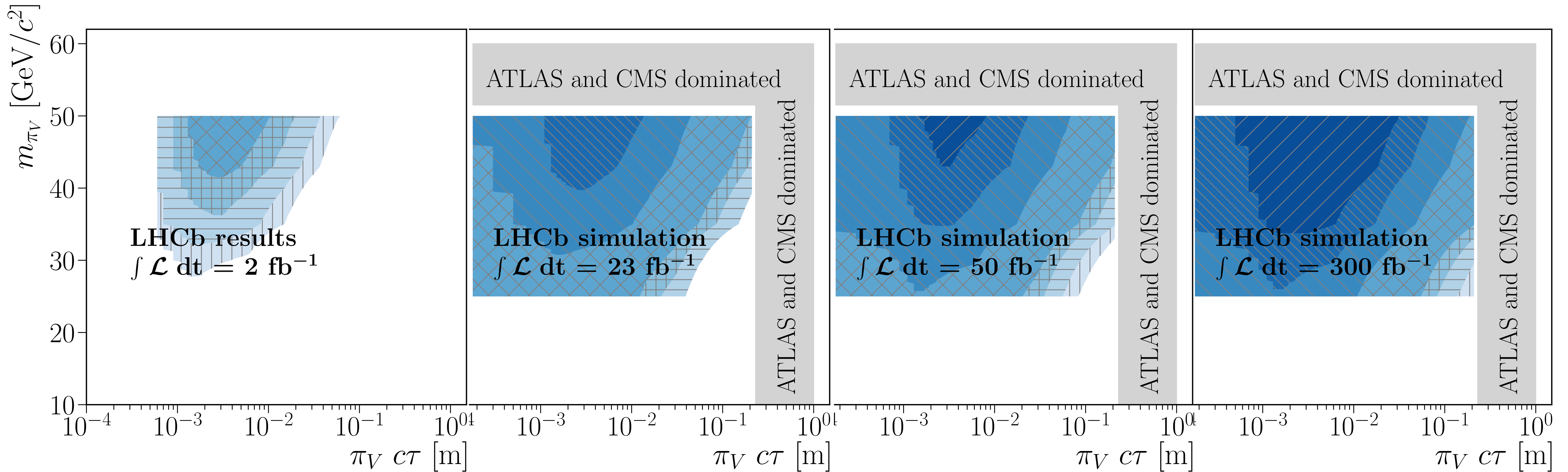
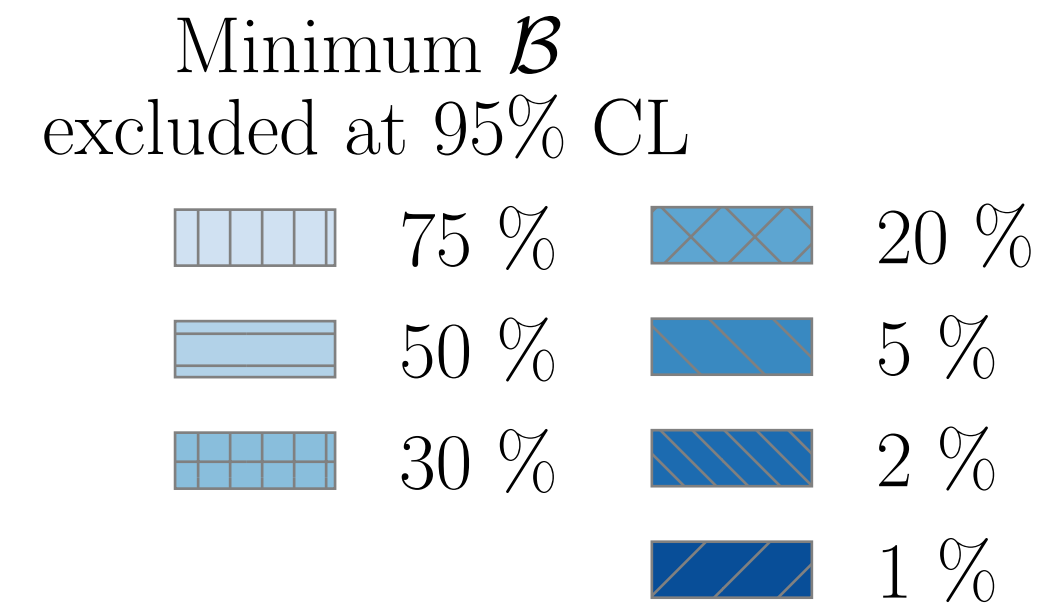


LHCb / Higgs \rightarrow LLP \rightarrow jet pairs

- Massive **LLP** decaying \rightarrow bb+bb with bb \rightarrow **jets**
- **Single displaced vertex** with two associated tracks; based on **Run-1** dataset
- Production of LLP could come e.g. from Higgs like particle decaying into pair of LLPs (e.g. π_V)
- **$m_{\pi_V}=[25; 50]$ GeV** and **$\tau_{\pi_V}=[2; 500]$ ps**
- Background dominated by **QCD**
- No excess found: result interpreted in various models



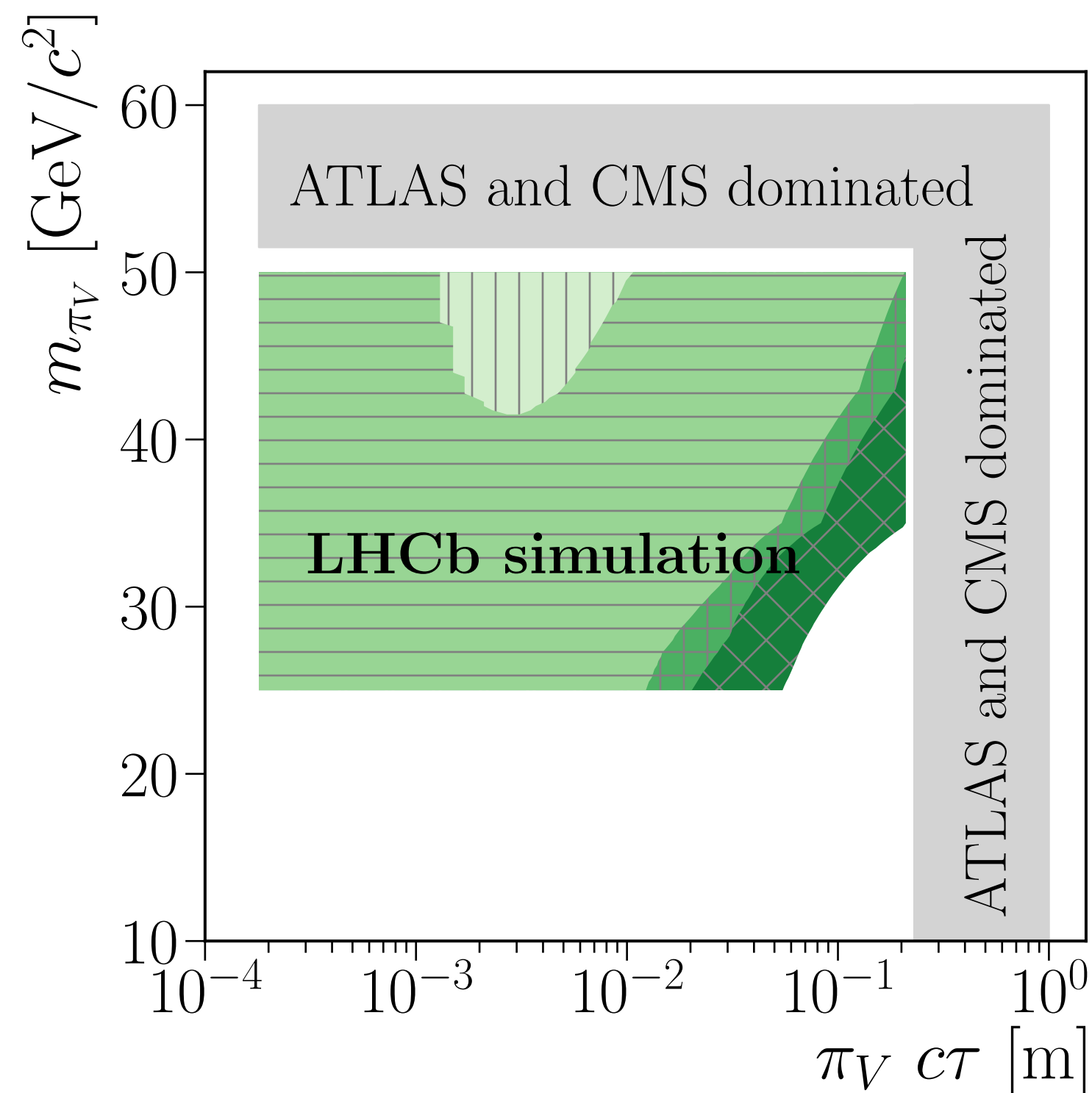
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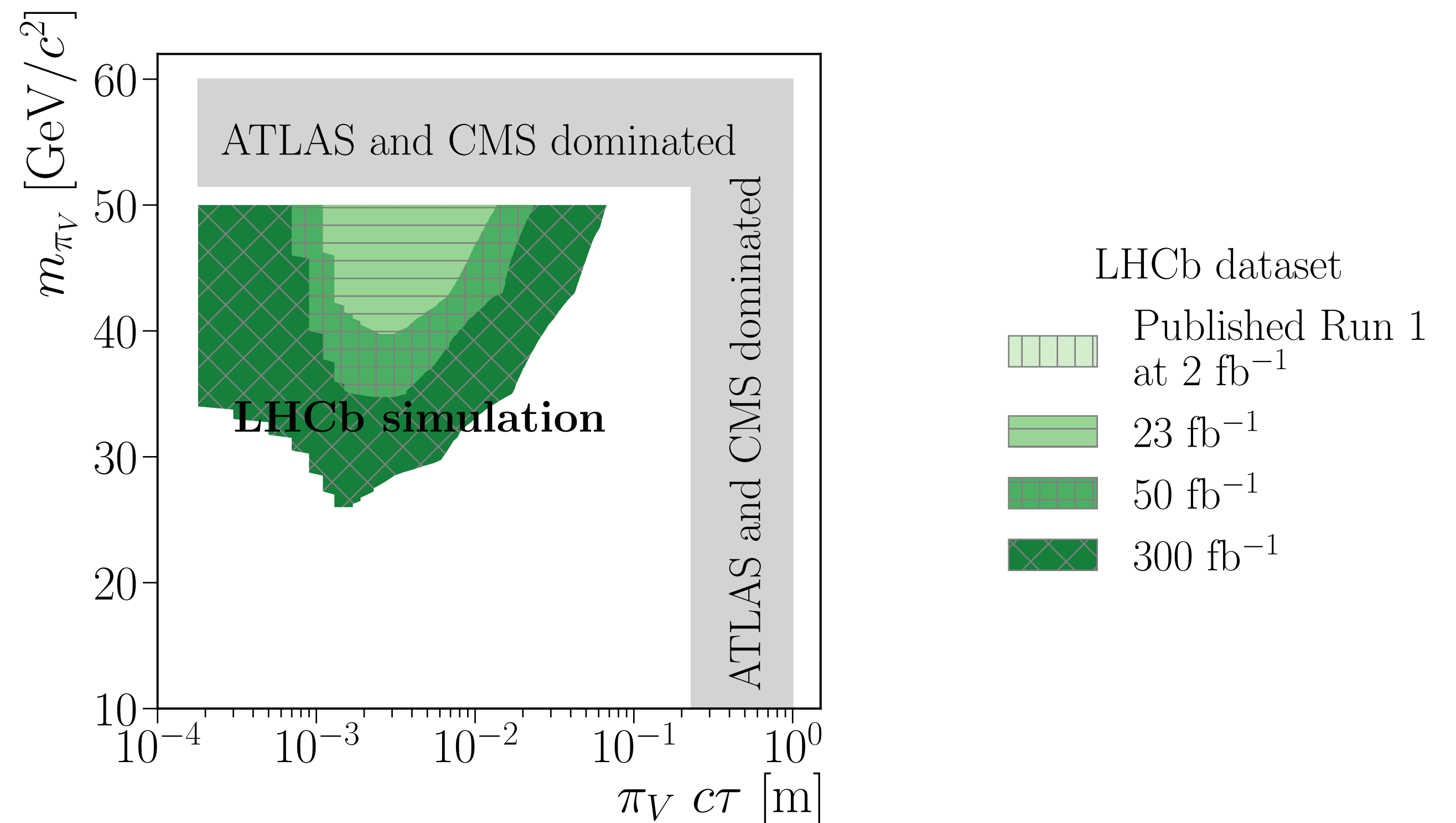
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LHCb / Higgs \rightarrow LLP \rightarrow jets pairs / 3

- Model dependent scaling of current results to future integrated luminosity for two different BFs



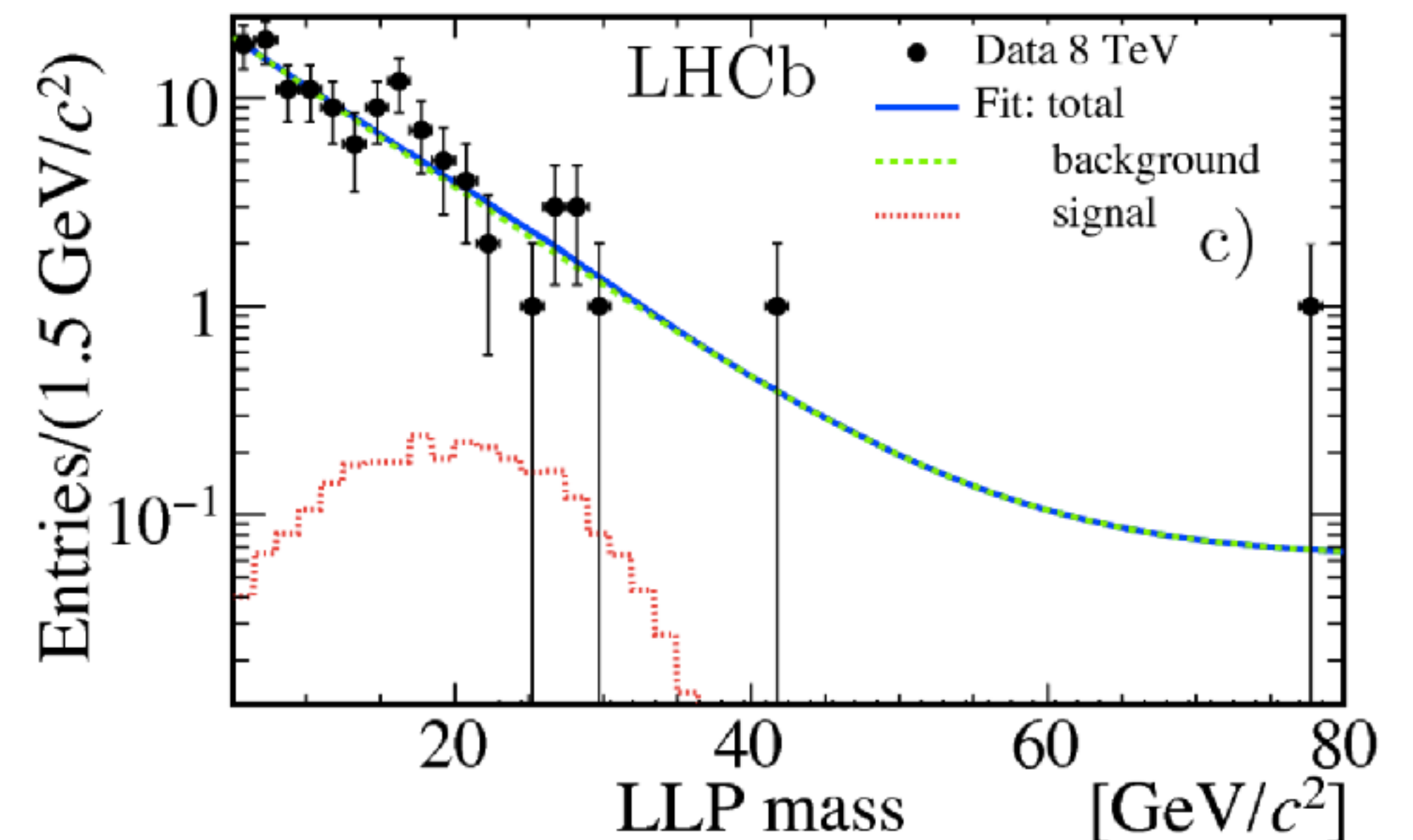
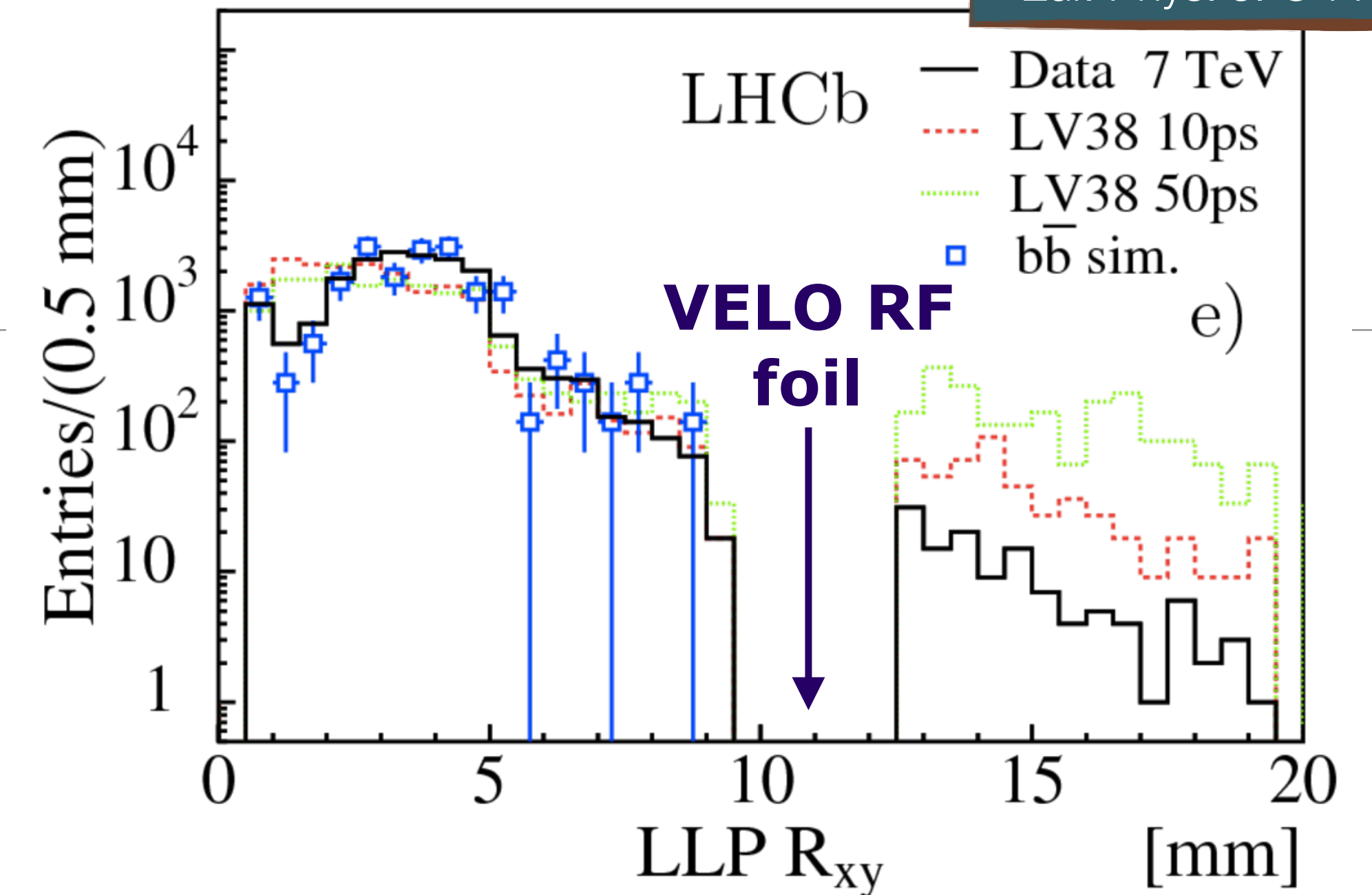
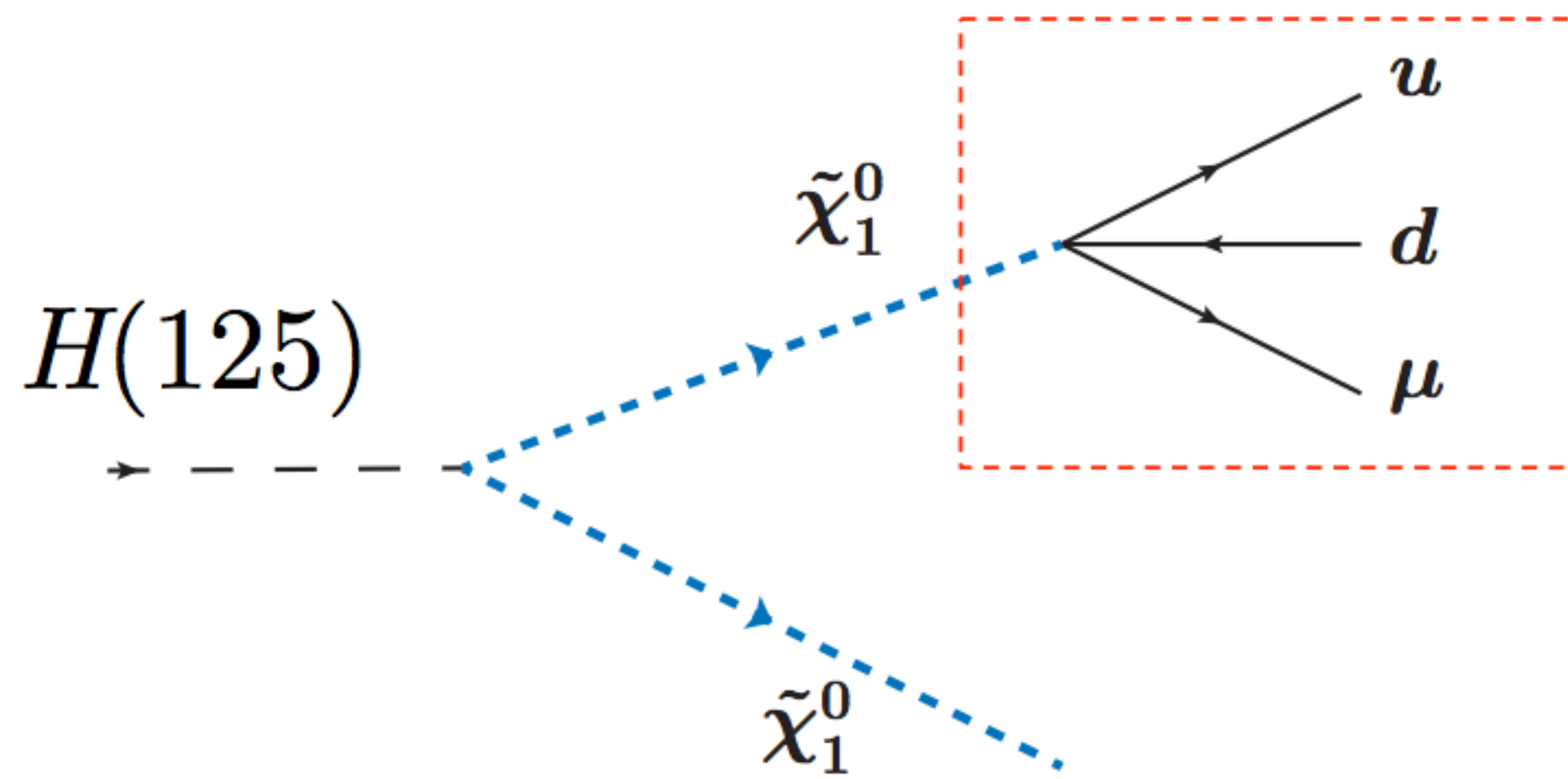
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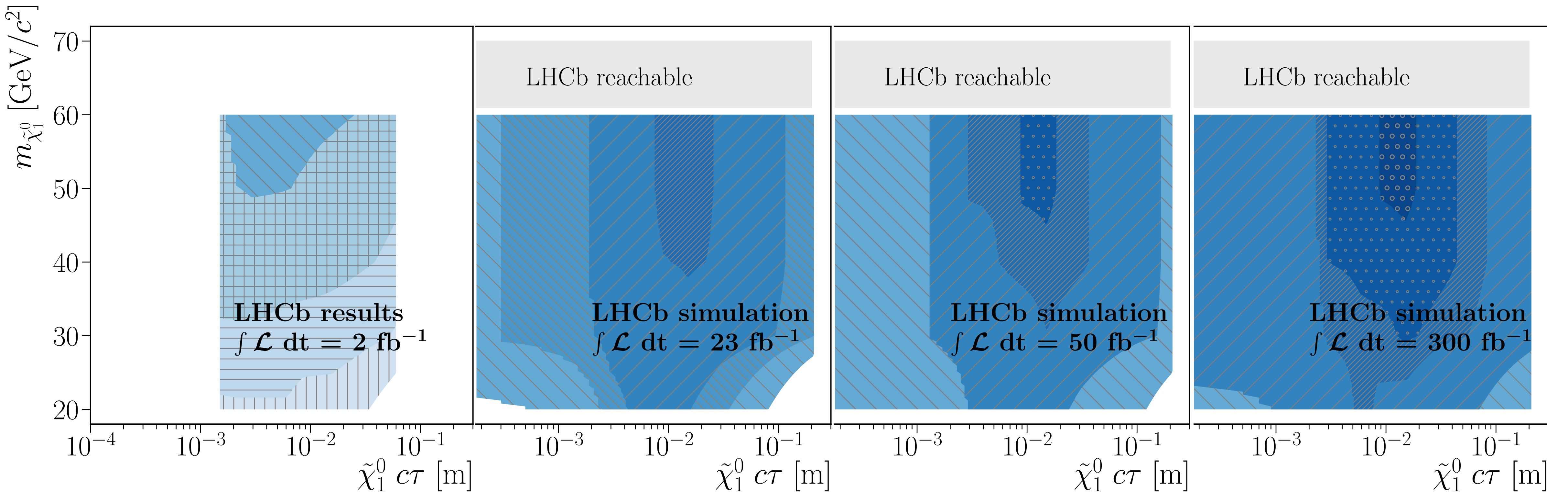
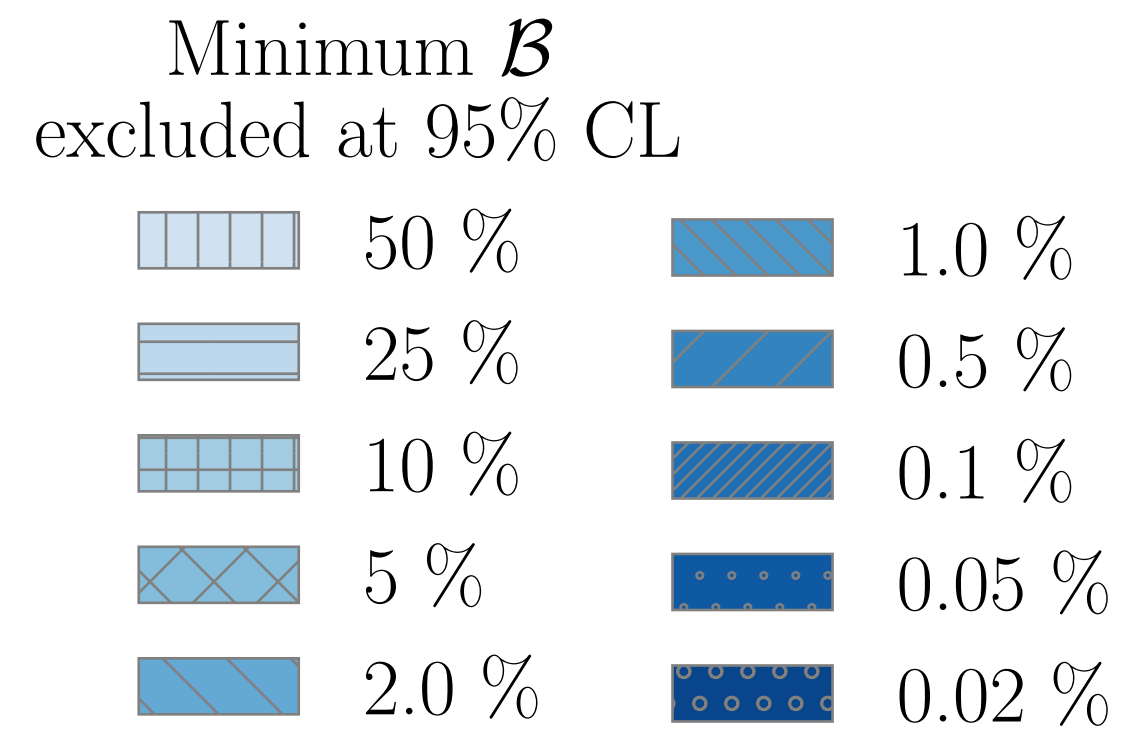
$\text{BF}(\text{Higgs} \rightarrow \pi_V + \pi_V) < 2\%$

Higgs \rightarrow LLP \rightarrow μ +jets / 1

- Massive **LLP** decaying \rightarrow μ +qq (\rightarrow **jets**)
- **Single displaced vertex** with several tracks and a high p_T muon; based on **Run-1** dataset
- Production of LLP could come e.g. from Higgs like particle decaying into pair of LLPs
- $m_{\text{LLP}}=[20; 80]$ **GeV** and $\tau_{\text{LLP}}=[5; 100]$ **ps**
- Background dominated by **bb**
- No excess found: result interpreted in various models



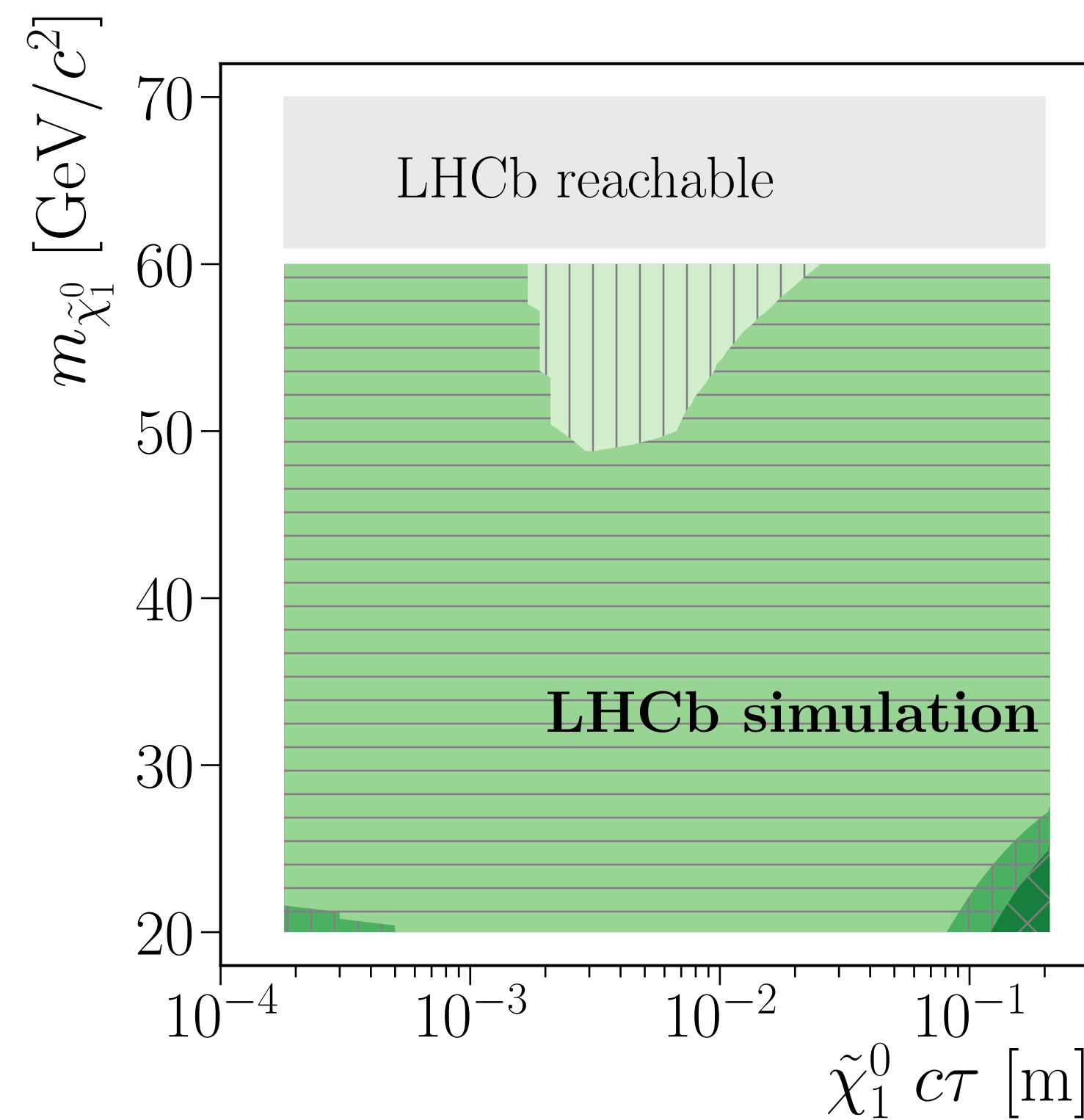
LHCb / Higgs \rightarrow LLP \rightarrow μ +jets / 2



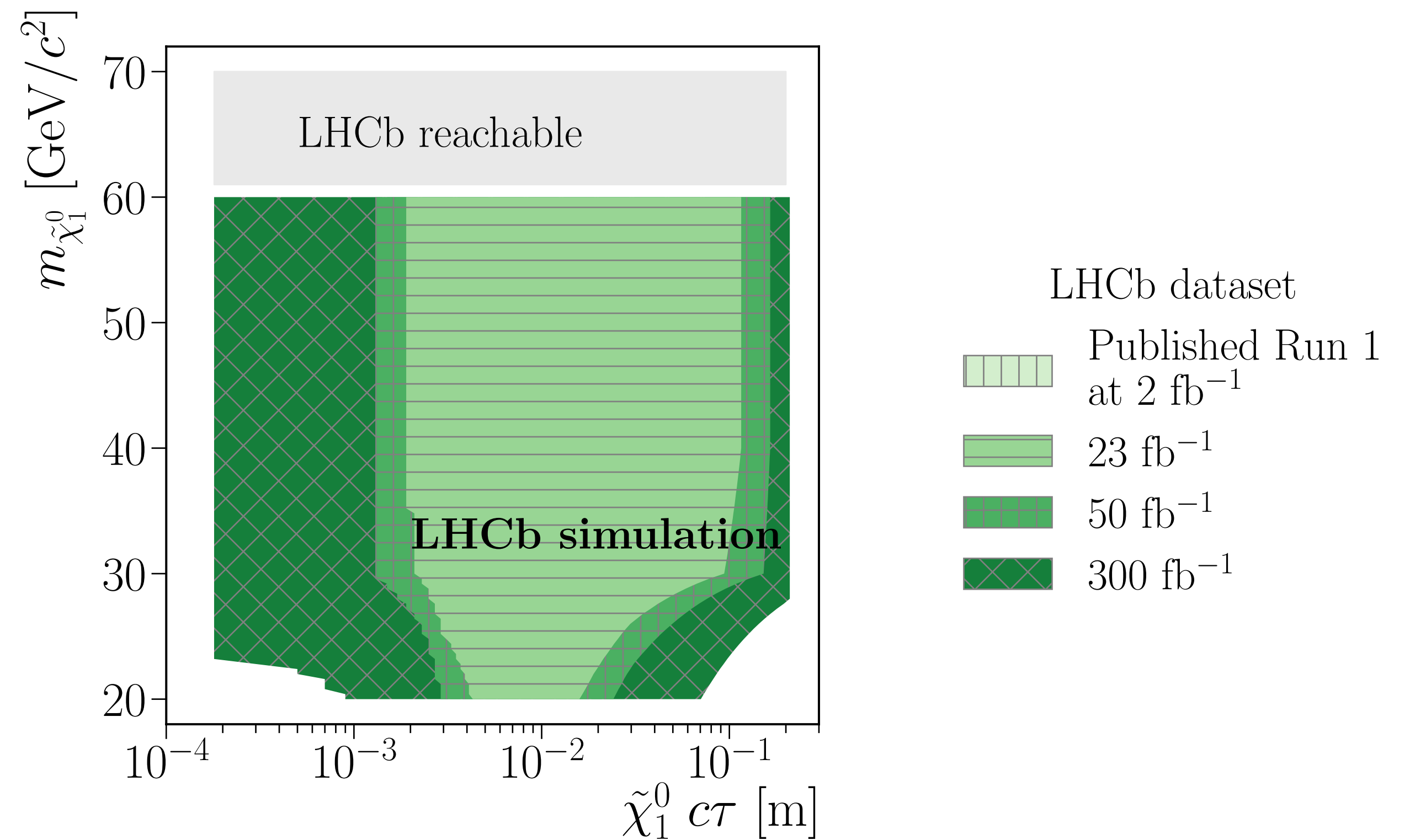
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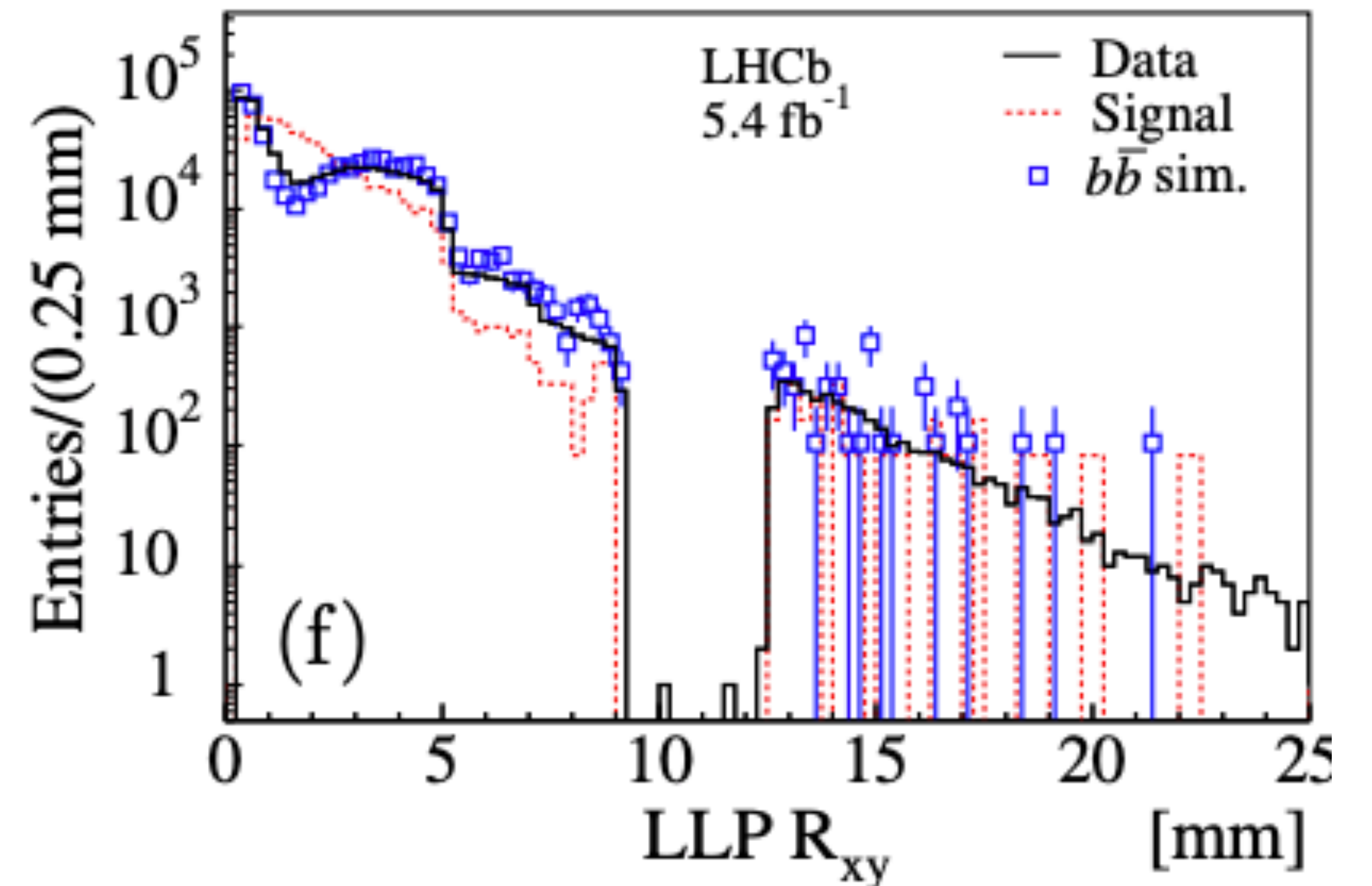
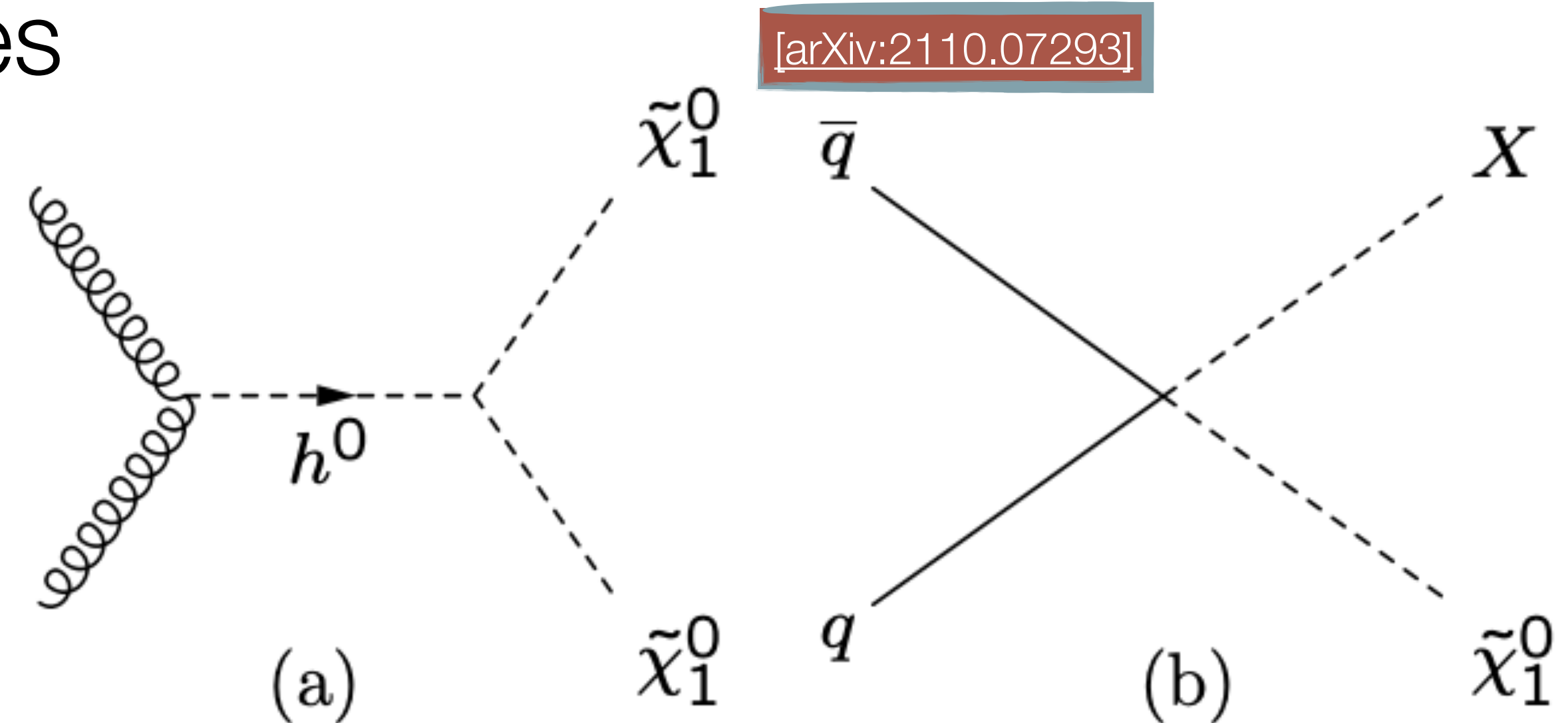
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Search for massive long-lived particles decaying semileptonically

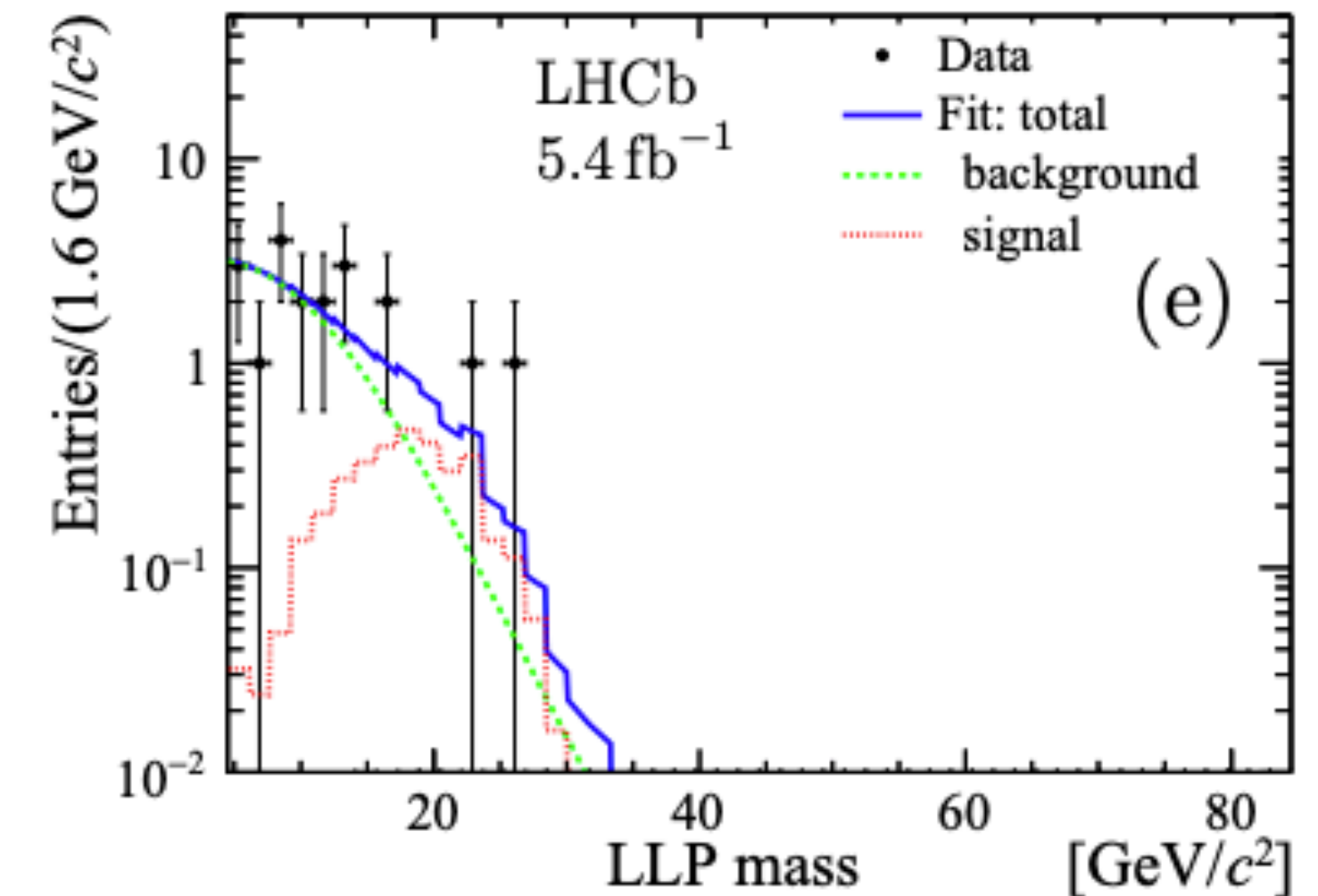
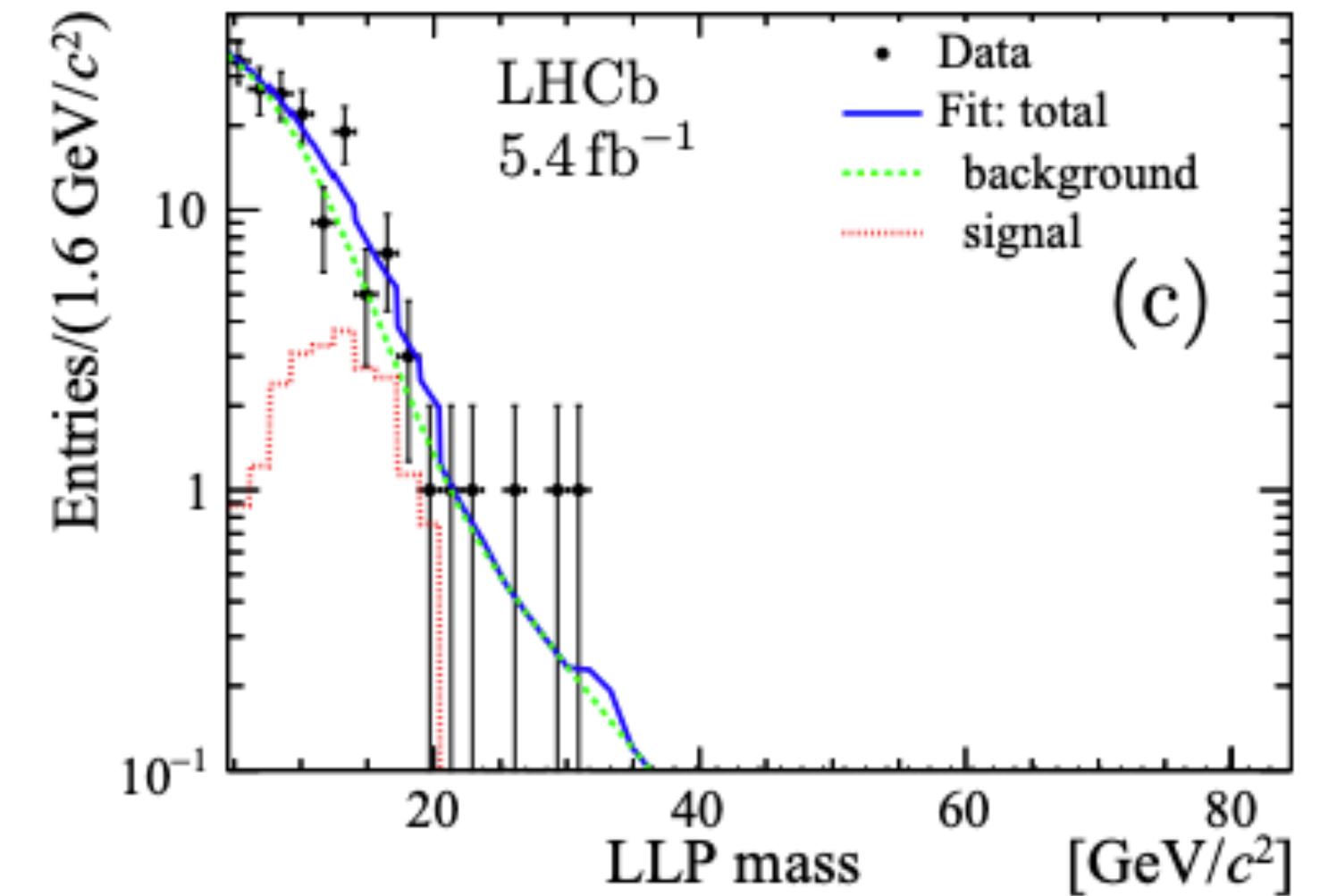
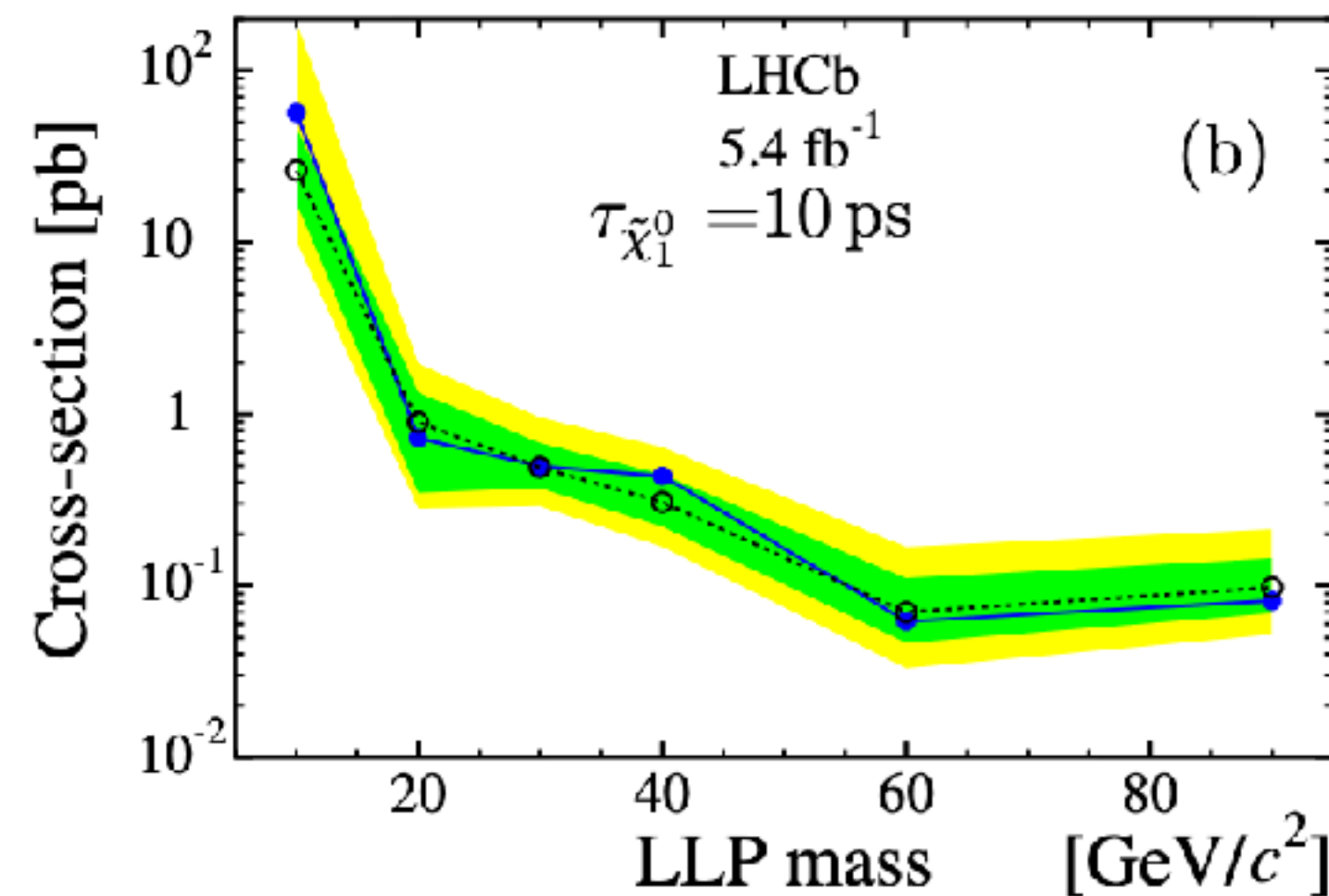
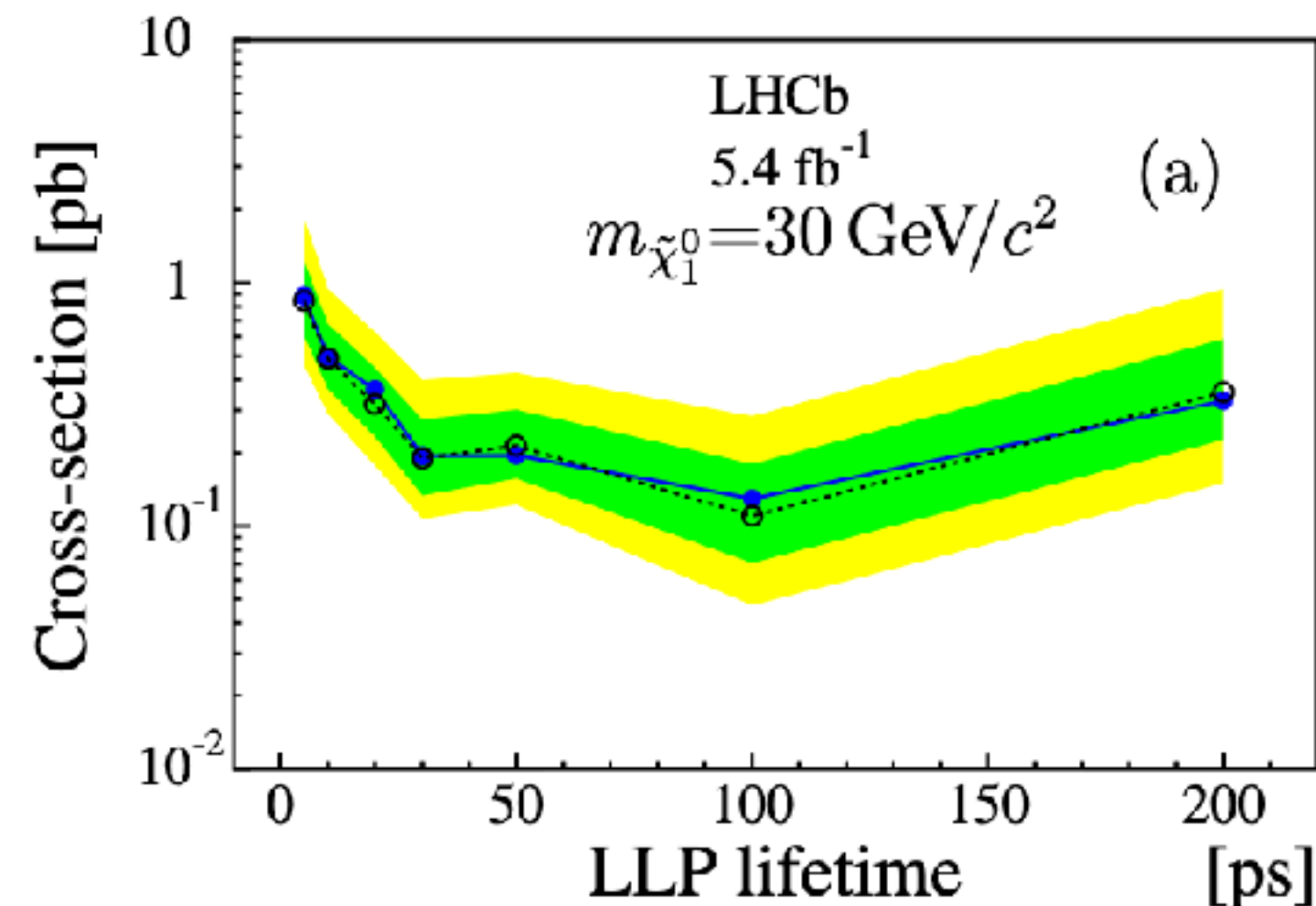
- Production: either in gluon fusion or non-resonant
- **Lifetimes in the range [5,200] ps (compare with. B+ lifetime ~ 1 ps)**
- The LLP signature is a displaced vertex made of charged particle tracks accompanied by an isolated μ with high p_T with respect to the proton beam direction
- Mass range to avoid SM b-quark states and to consider LHCb forward acceptance
- We use the fact that lifetime range is well above b-hadron lifetime but vertices still within LHCb's VELO
- Requiring a vertex displaced from any PV in the event and containing one isolated, high- p_T muon
- **Particles interacting with the detector material are an important source of background: veto**



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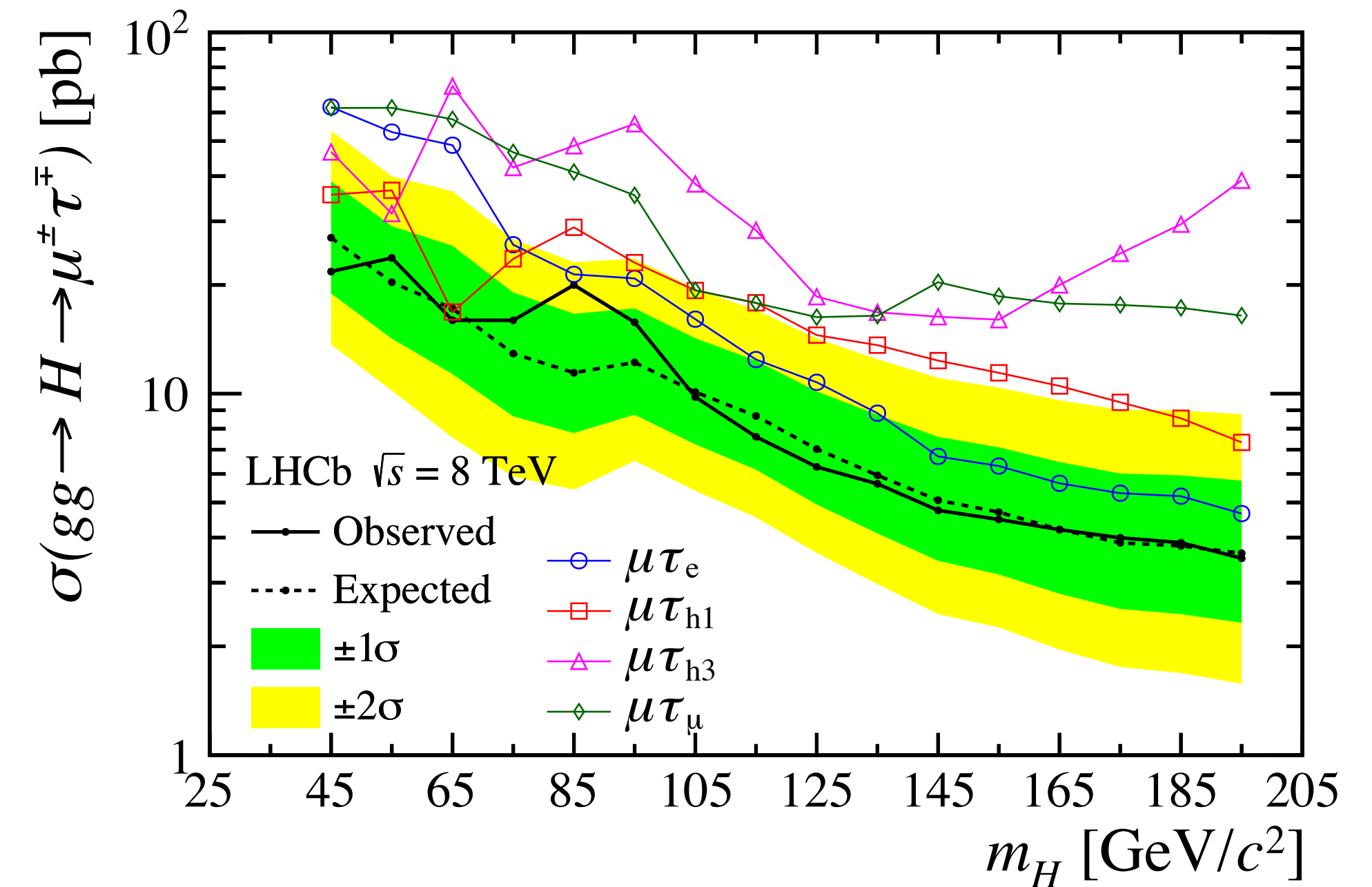
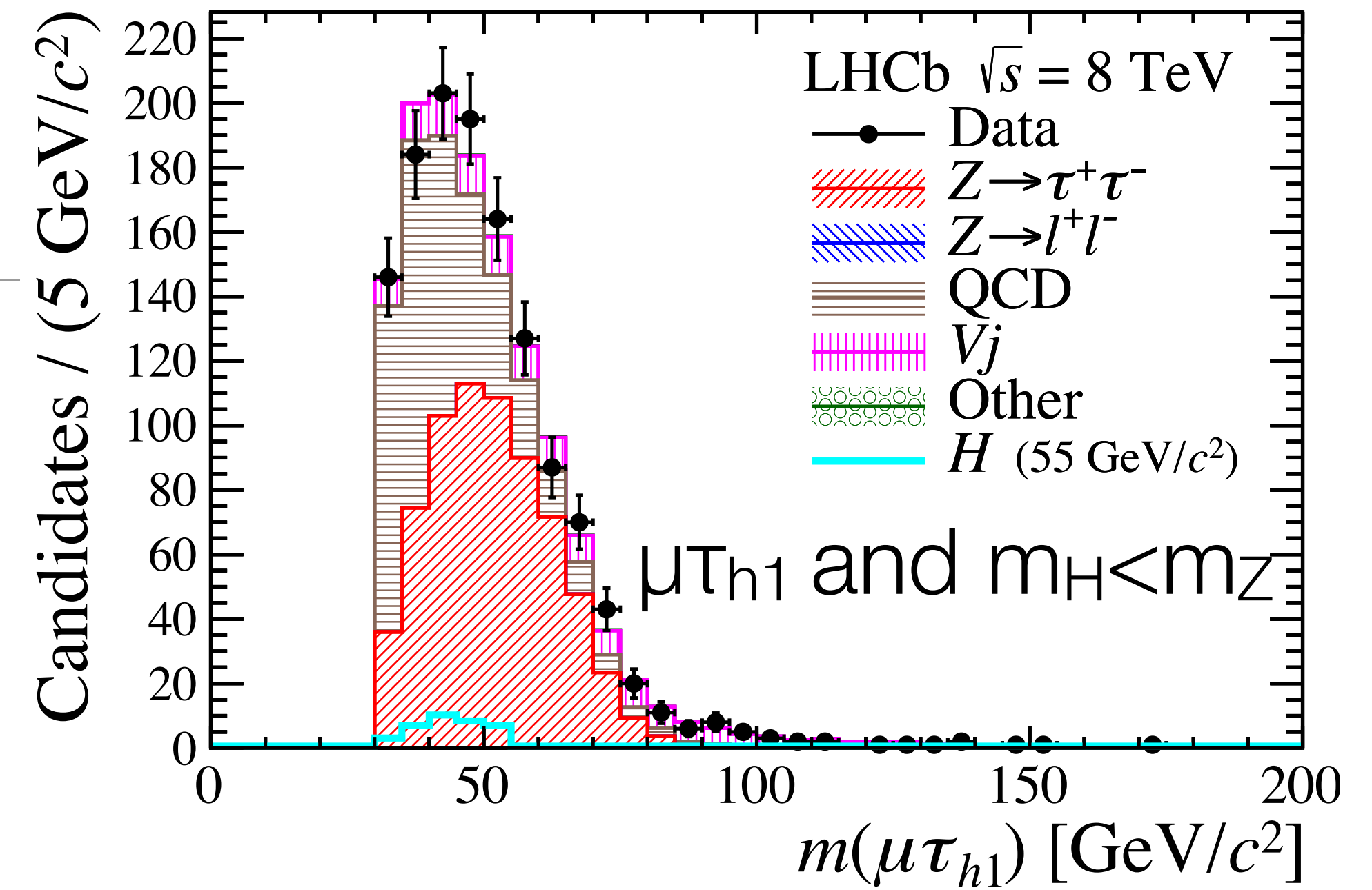
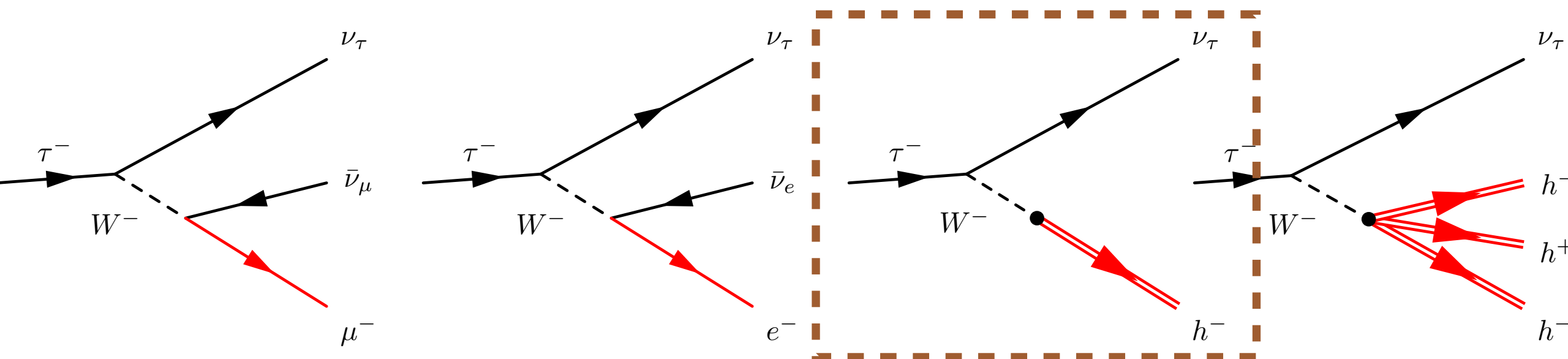
[arXiv:2110.07293]

- Un-binned extended maximum-likelihood fit to the distribution of the reconstructed LLP mass. No excess is found
- Statistical and systematic uncertainties are included as nuisance parameters
- 95% CL upper limits are computed on $\sigma(\text{LLPs}) \times B(\text{LLPs} \rightarrow \mu q q)$ for both production modes
- **Very hard to compete with CMS/ATLAS in this region, what for lower masses?**



H → μτ decays / 1

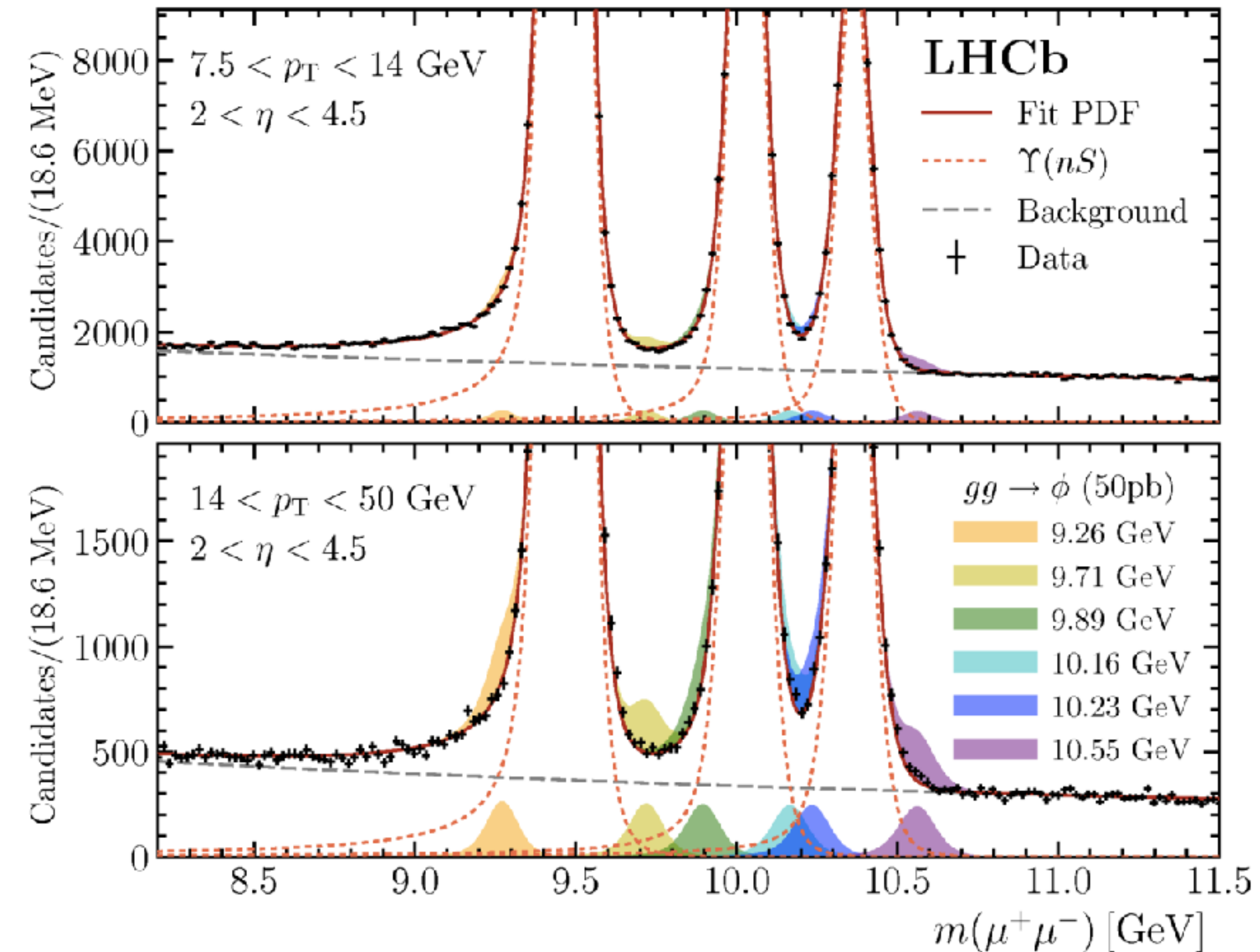
- Higgs-like boson decaying → μτ charged-lepton flavour-violating (CLFV)
- Analysis is separated into **four channels**
- **m_H=[45; 195] GeV** and **minimal flight distance** (impact parameter) of the reconstructed candidate is imposed
- Three different selections based on **m_H** w.r.t. **m_Z**
- Background dominated by **QCD, Z → ττ, Vj**
- No excess found



Searching in the Υ mass region / 1

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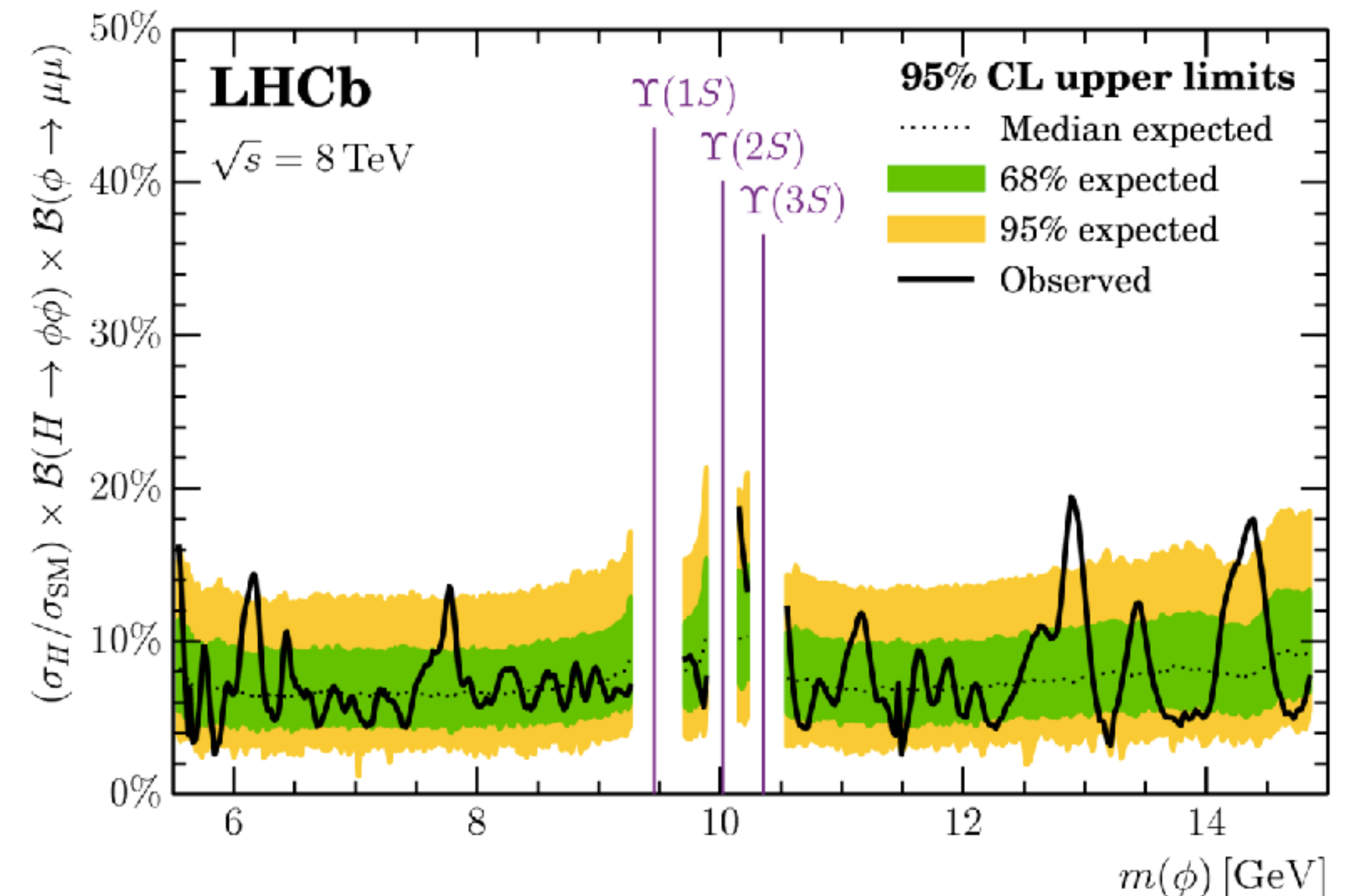
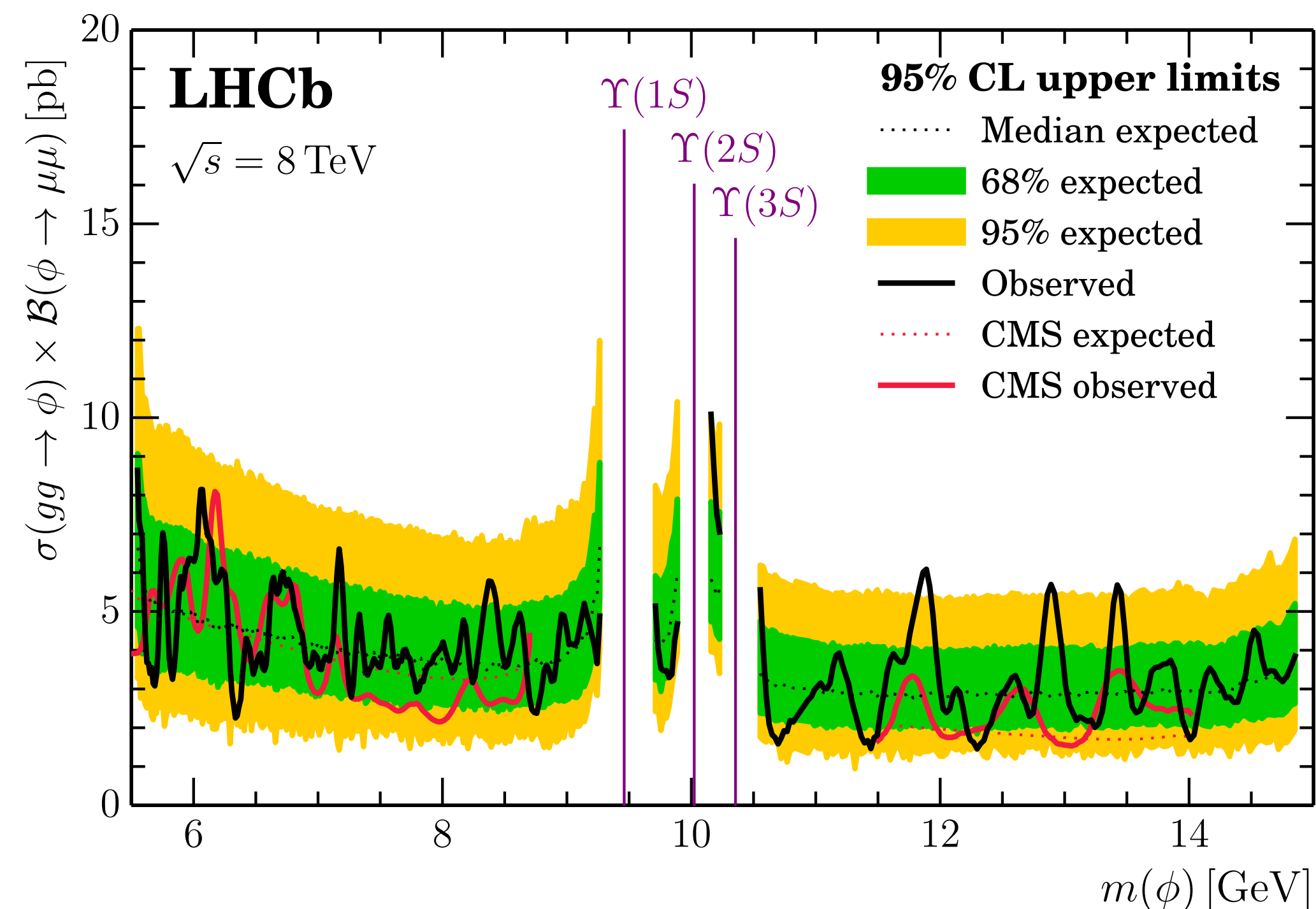
- Other light spin-0 particles in which LHCb can do well are light bosons from pp; **only Run 1**
- Spin-0 boson, ϕ , using Run 1 prompt $\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decays, have been searched for
- Use **dimuon** final states:
 - Access to different mass window w.r.t $\gamma\gamma$ or $\tau\tau$ searches in 4π experiments
- Done in **bins of kinematics** ($[p_T, \eta]$) to maximise sensitivity
- Precise modelling of $\Upsilon(nS)$ tails to extend search range as much as possible
- **Mass independent** efficiency (uBDT)



Searching in the Y mass region / 2

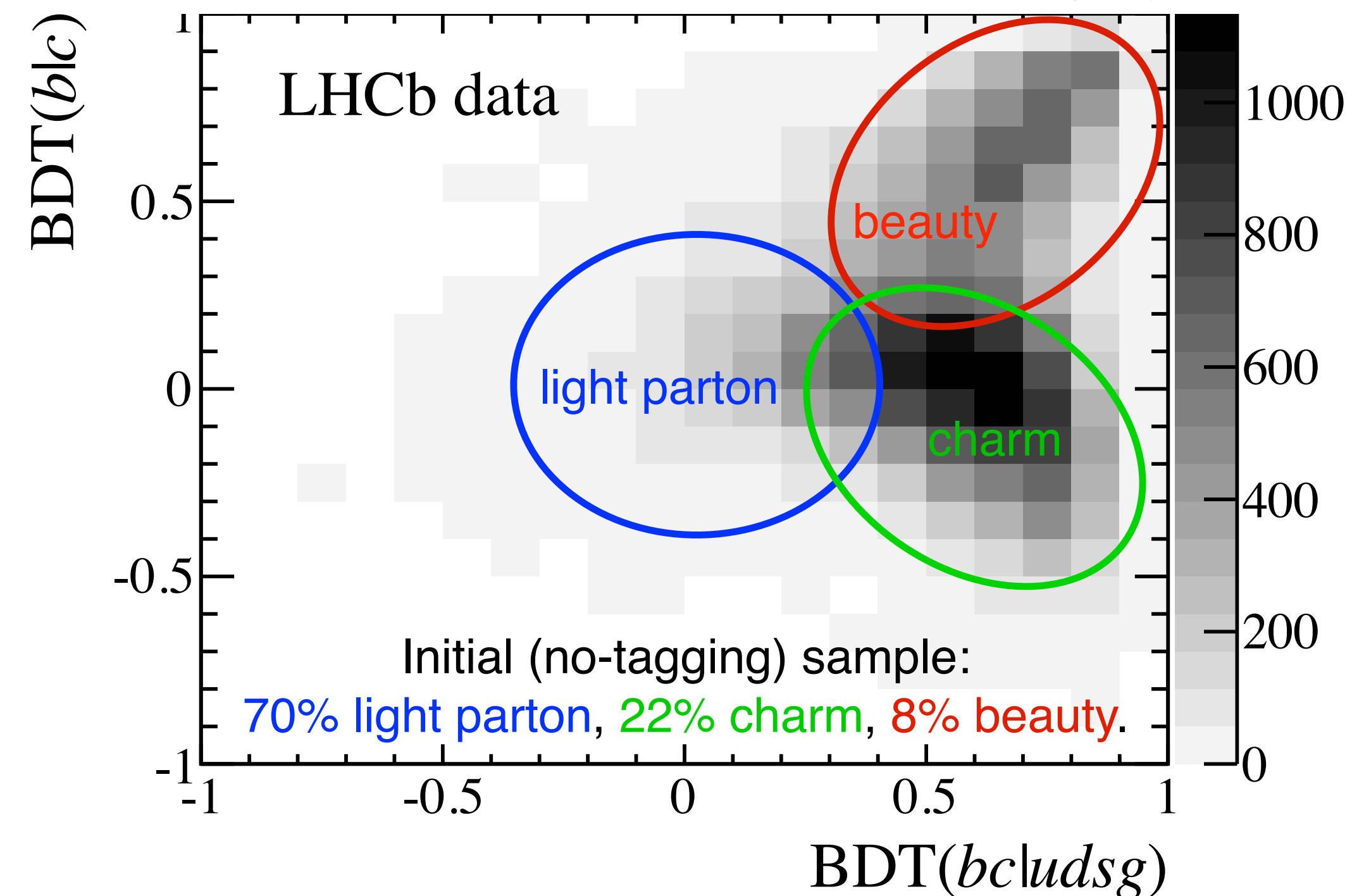
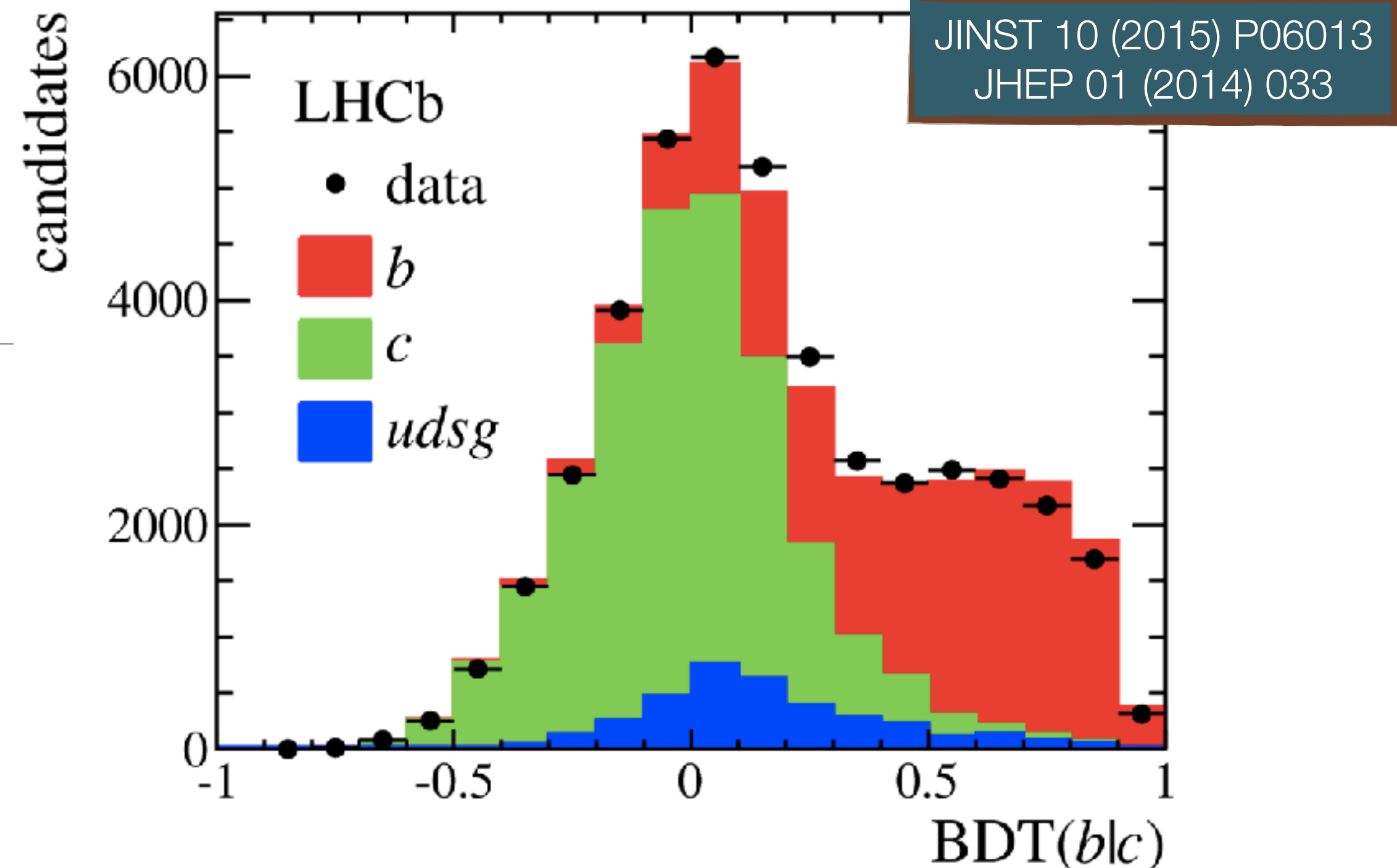
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- Search for dimuon resonance in $m_{\mu\mu}$ from **5.5 to 15 GeV** (also between $Y(nS)$ peaks)
- No signal: limits on $\sigma \cdot \text{BR}$ set on (pseudo)scalars as proposed by **Haisch & Kamenik** [1601.05110]
- First limits in 8.7-11.5 GeV region - elsewhere competitive with CMS
- Interpreted as a search for a scalar produced through the SM Higgs decay



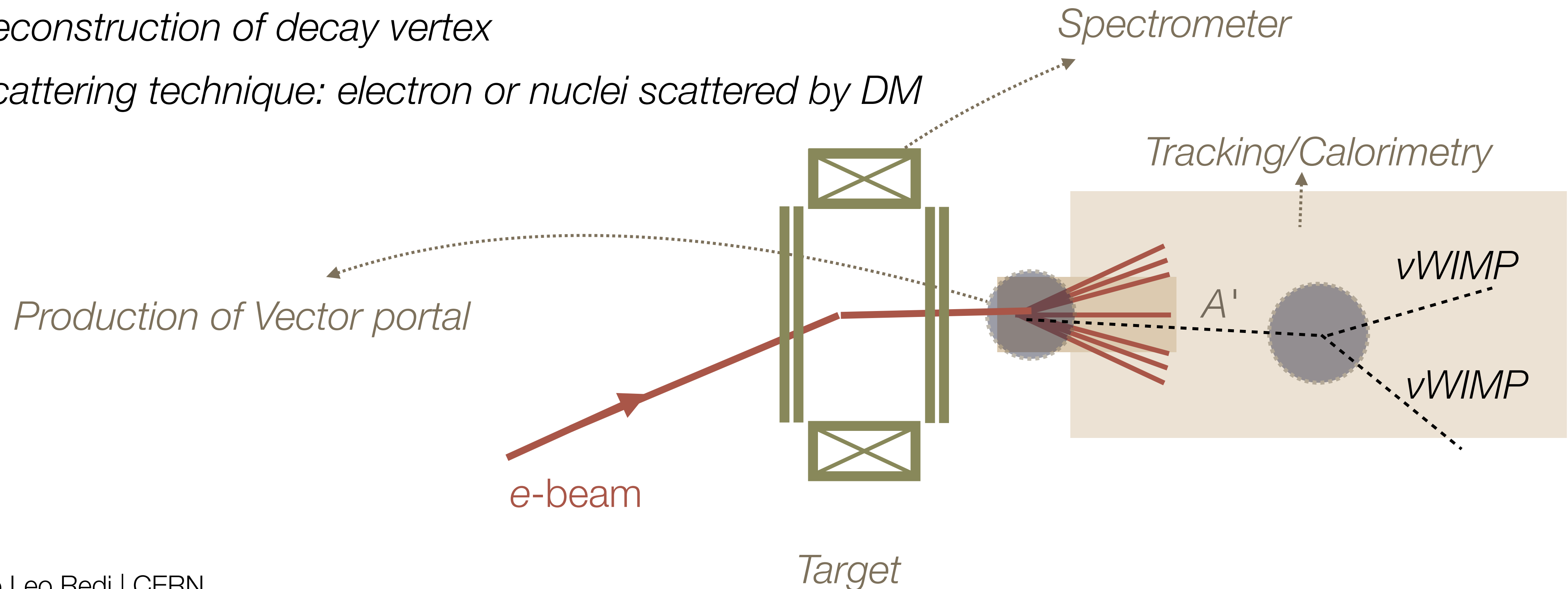
Jet physics at LHCb / 1

- Efficiency above 90% for jets with p_T above 20 GeV
- Jets reconstructed both online and offline!
- **b and c jet tagging**
- Require jets with a secondary vertex reconstructed close enough
- **Light jet** mistag rate $< 1\%$, $\epsilon_b \sim 65\%$, $\epsilon_c \sim 25\%$
- SV properties (**displacement, kinematics, multiplicity**, etc) and jet properties combined in **two** BDTs
 - **BDT_{bc|udsg}** optimised for heavy flavour versus light discrimination
 - **BDT_{b|c}** optimised for b versus c discrimination



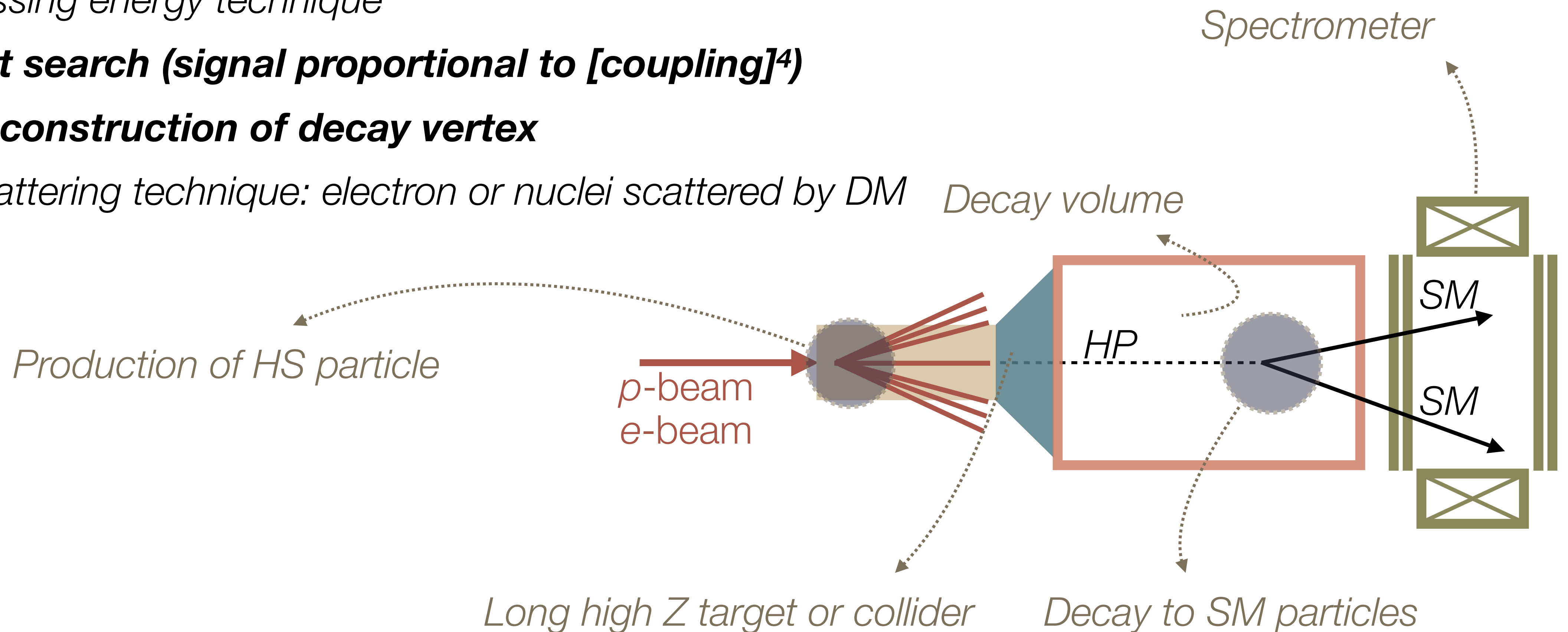
Exploring the dark sector

- **Indirect search (signal proportional to [coupling]²)**
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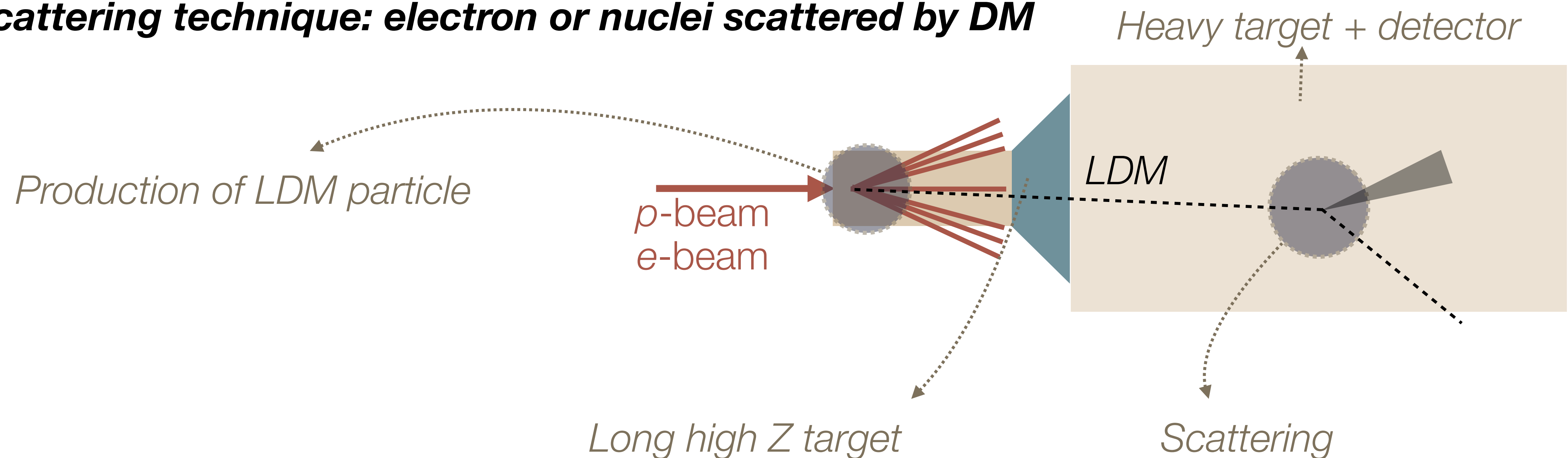
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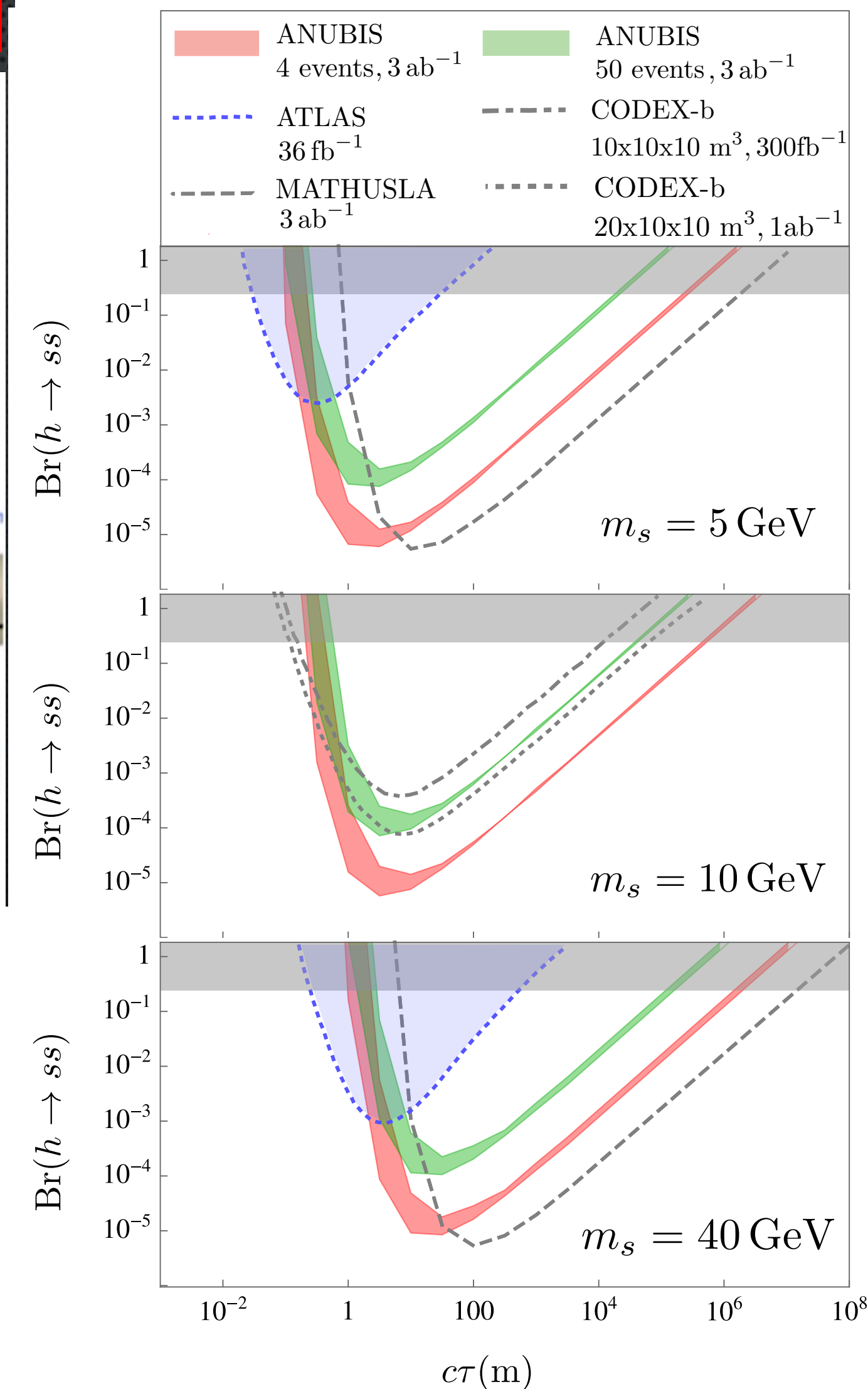
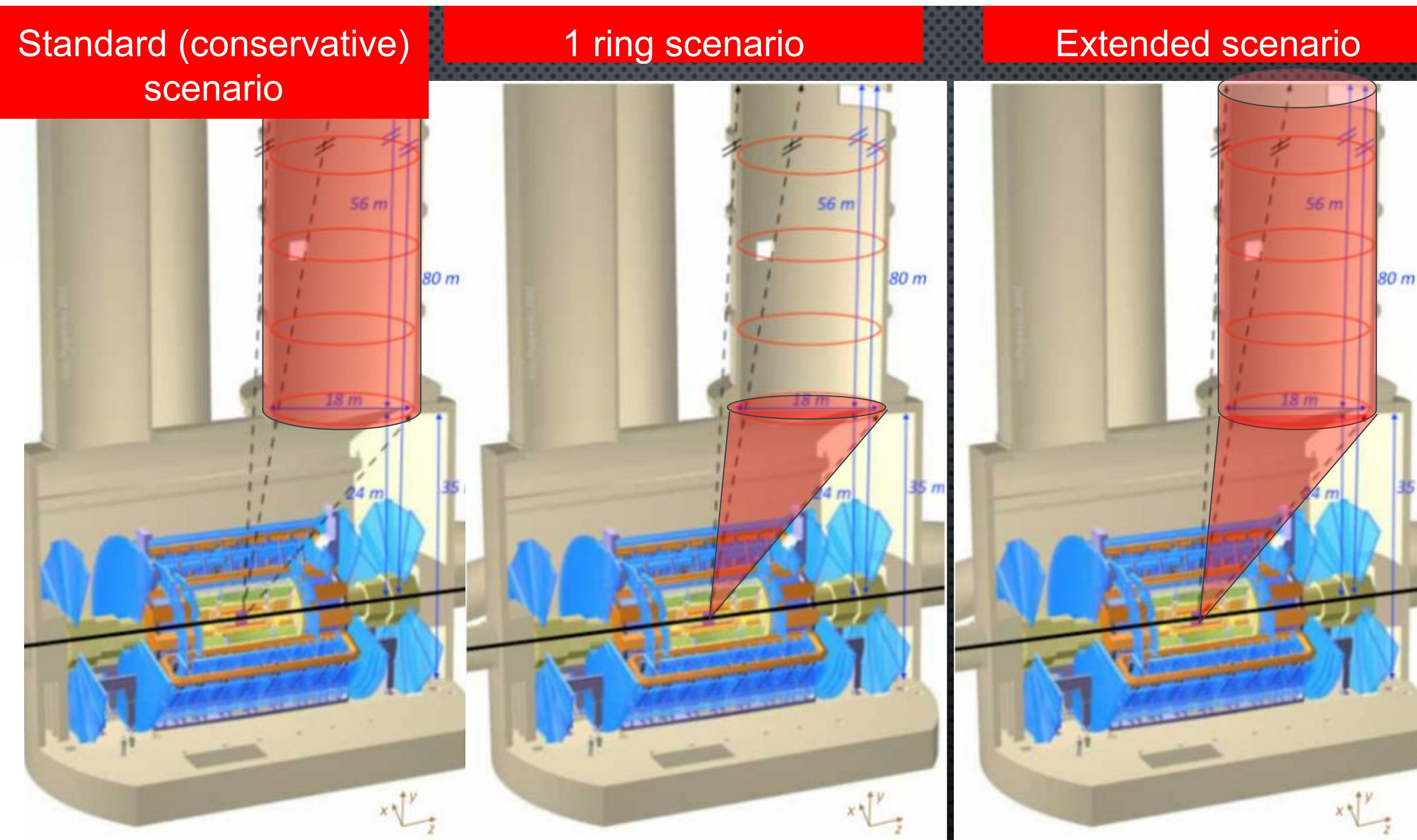
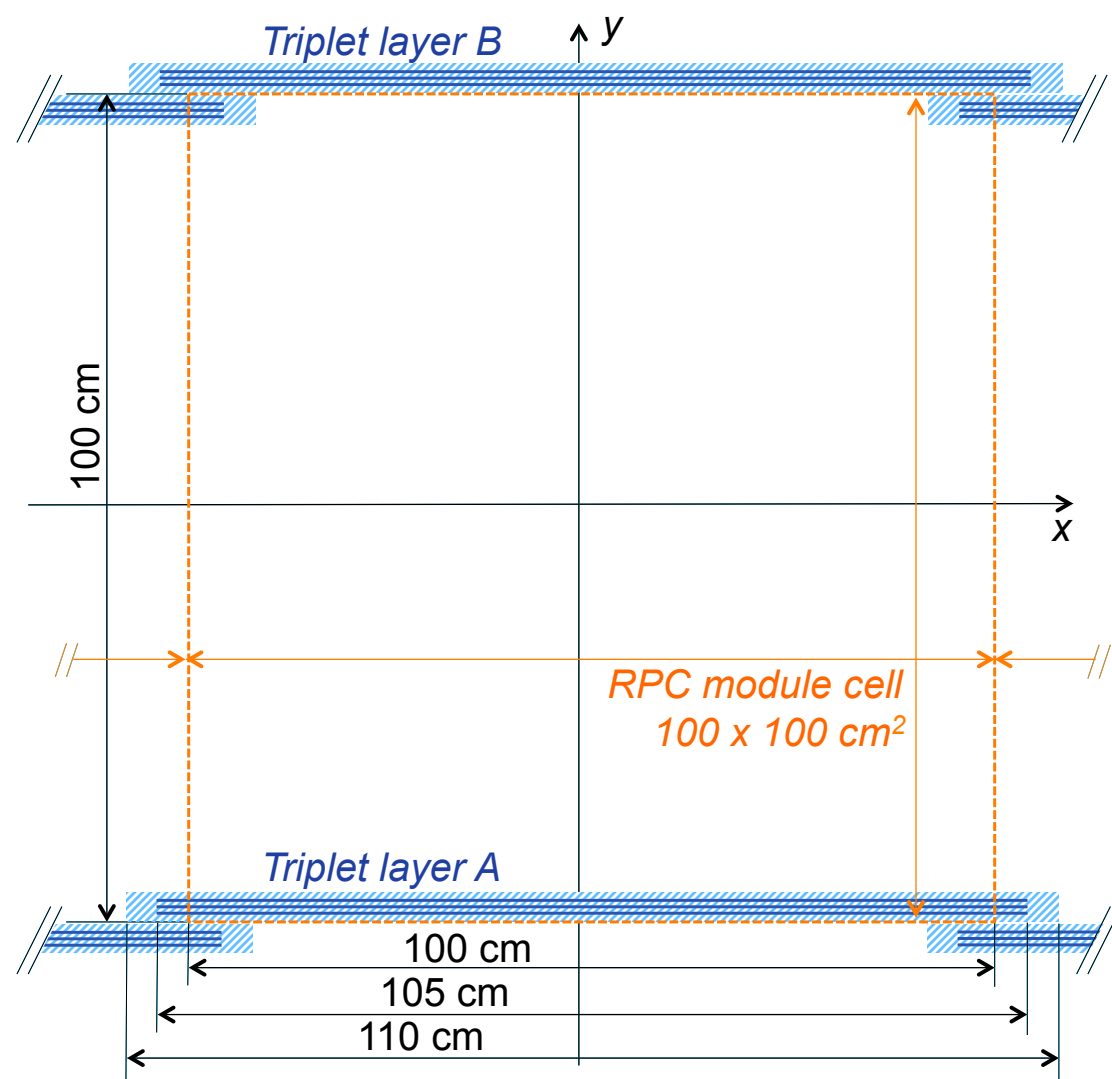


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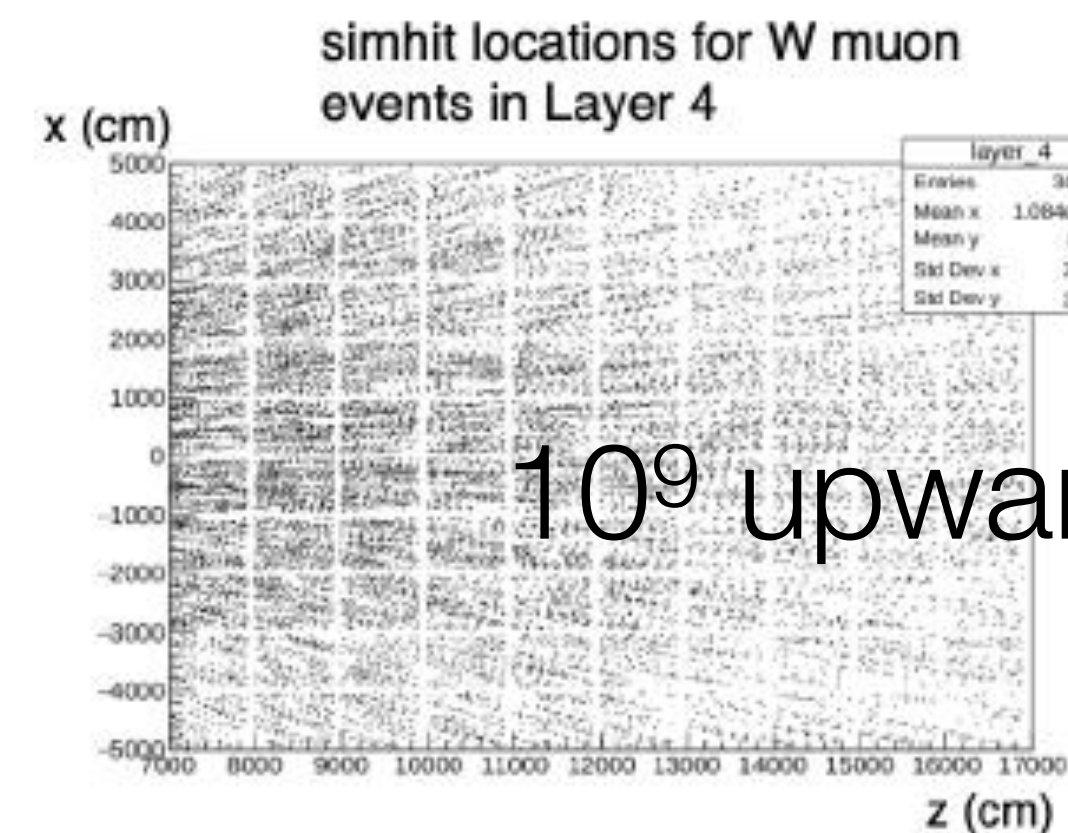
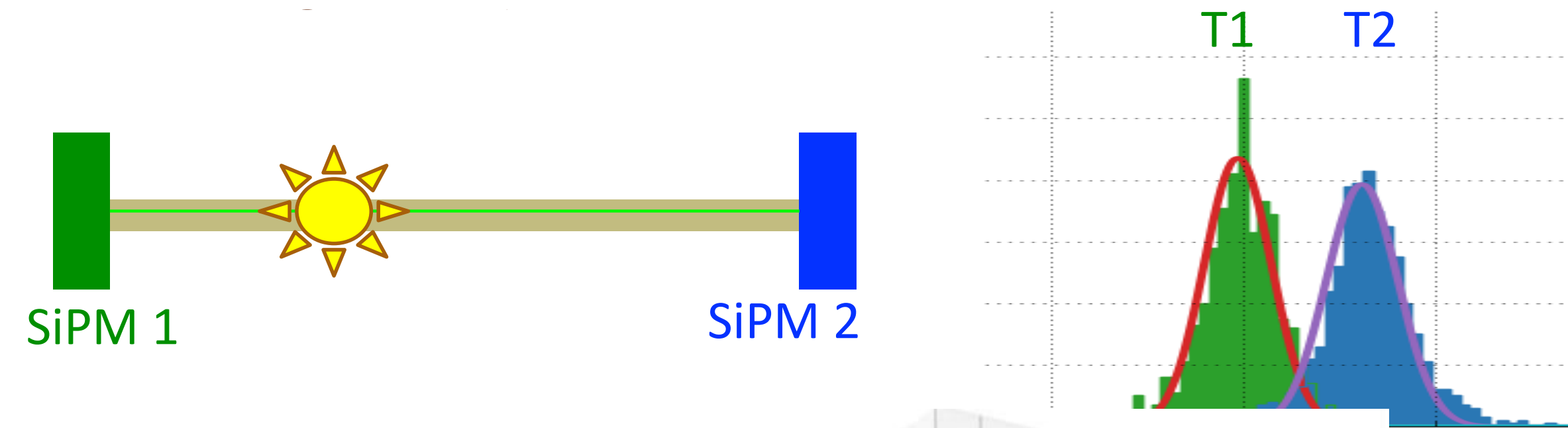
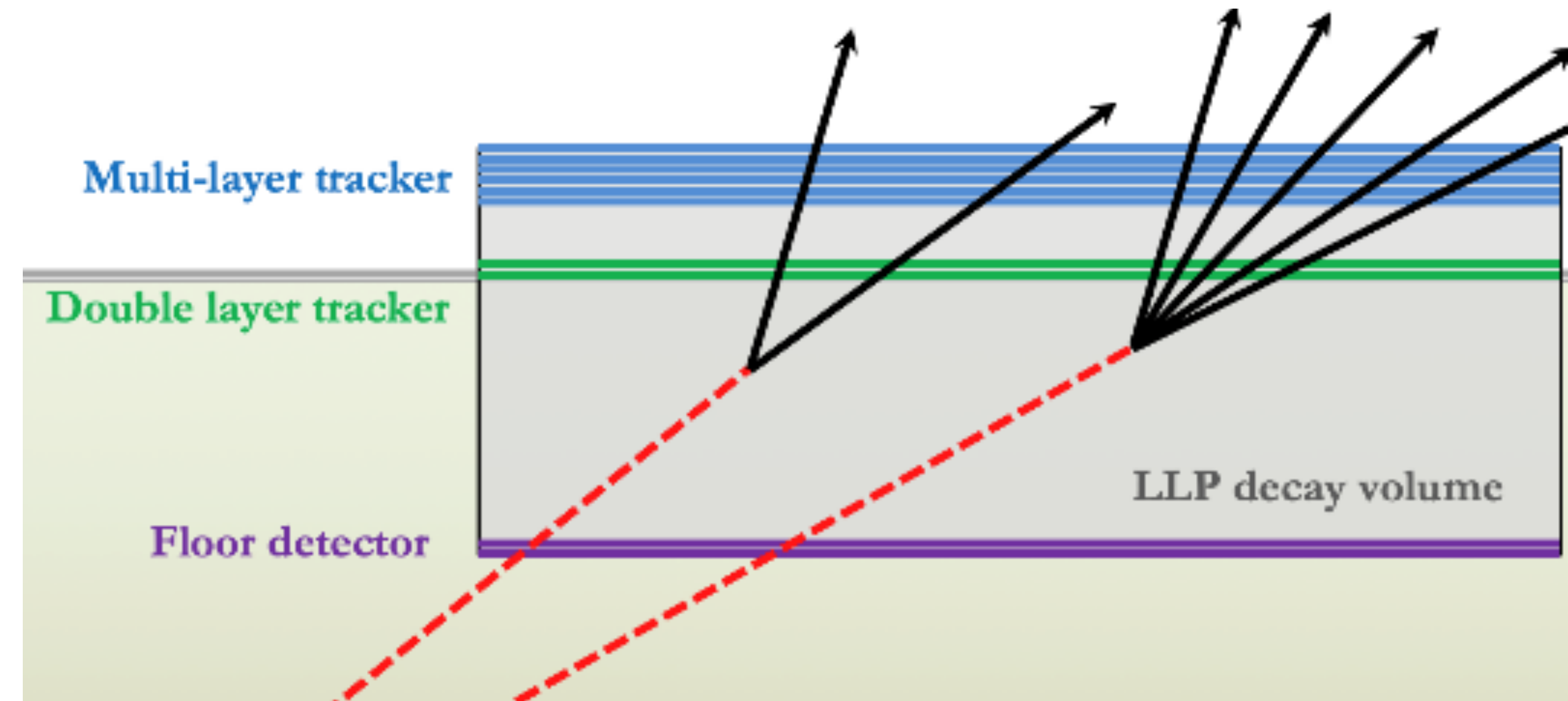


- **AN Underground Belayed In-Shaft search experiment**
- Instrument the ATLAS shaft with Resistive Plate Chamber (RPC) used for ATLAS phase-2 upgrade
- 2D readout triplet layers for a total of 2.3 km² instrumented area
- Benchmark: for LLPs for Higgs decays $h \rightarrow ss$ with different LLP masses
- Comparable physics reach of MATHUSLA
- **Can work together with the ATLAS detector**

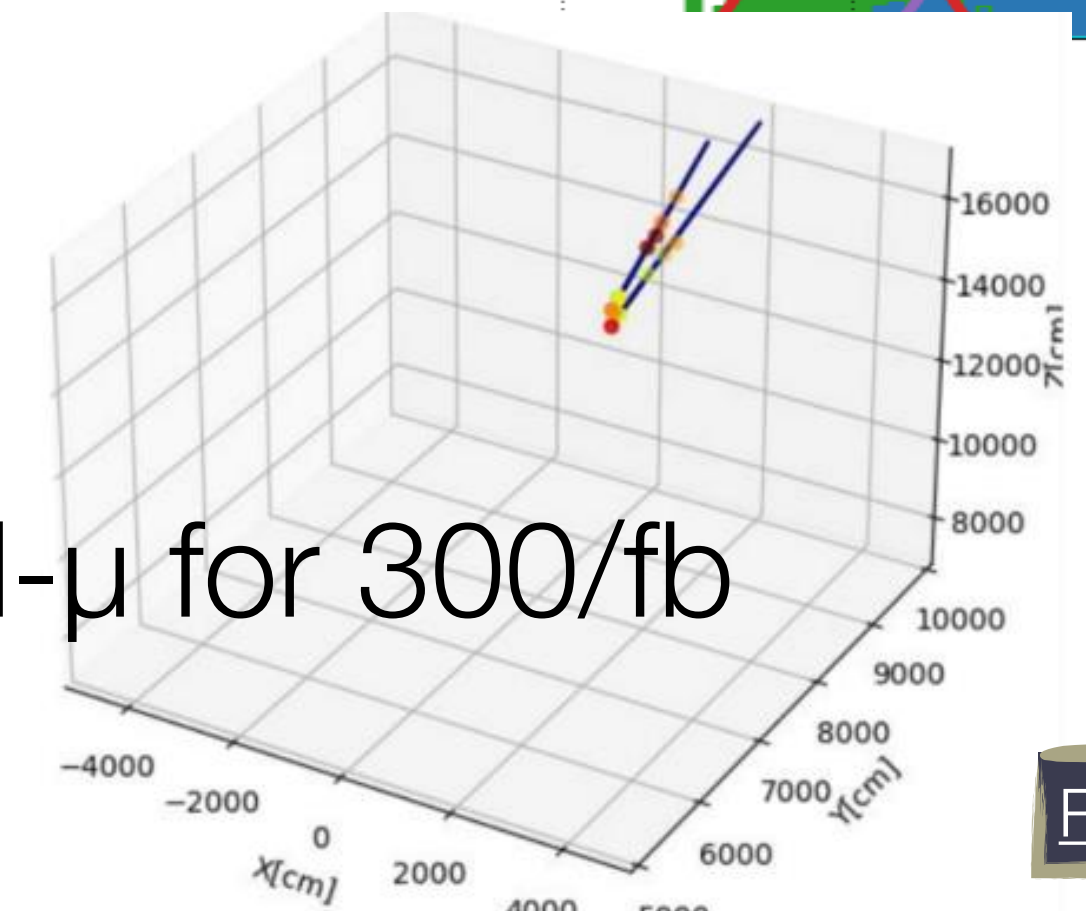


MATHUSLA

- **Massive Timing Hodoscope for Ultra Stable neutral pArticles**
- Sensitive to neutral long-lived particles that have lifetime up to the Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN) limit ($10^7 - 10^8$ s) for the HL-LHC
- ~ 70 m to IP on surface, with IP ~ 80 m below surface and ~ 7.5 m offset to the beam line
- $100 \times 100 \times \sim 29$ m³
- LLPs decaying inside MATHUSLA are reconstructed as displaced vertices,
- 4D tracking with \sim ns timing resolution
- **Can run standalone or combined to CMS**
- **Important** Background Simulations underway with GEANT4: e.g. upward- μ

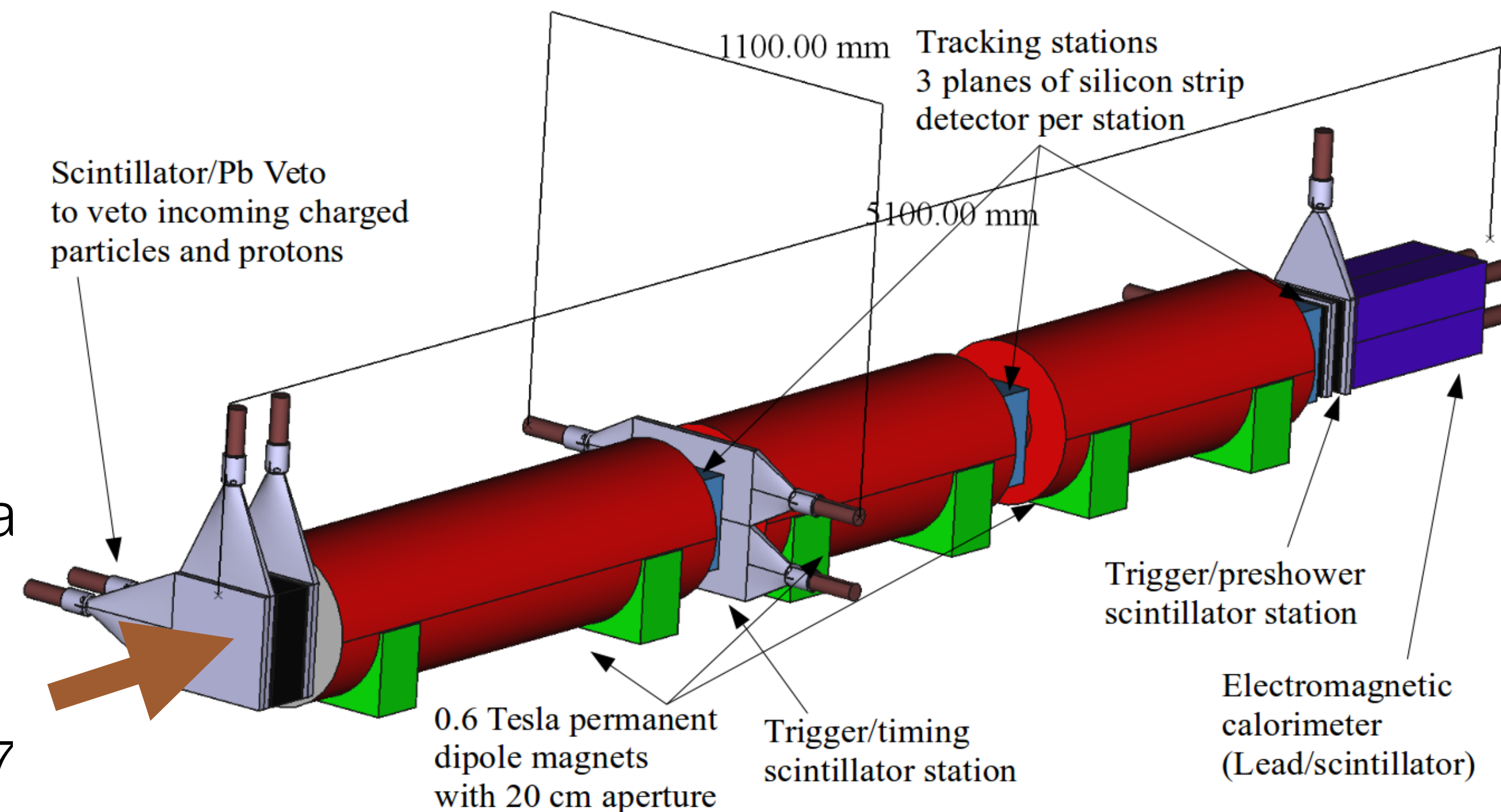


10^9 upward- μ for 300/fb

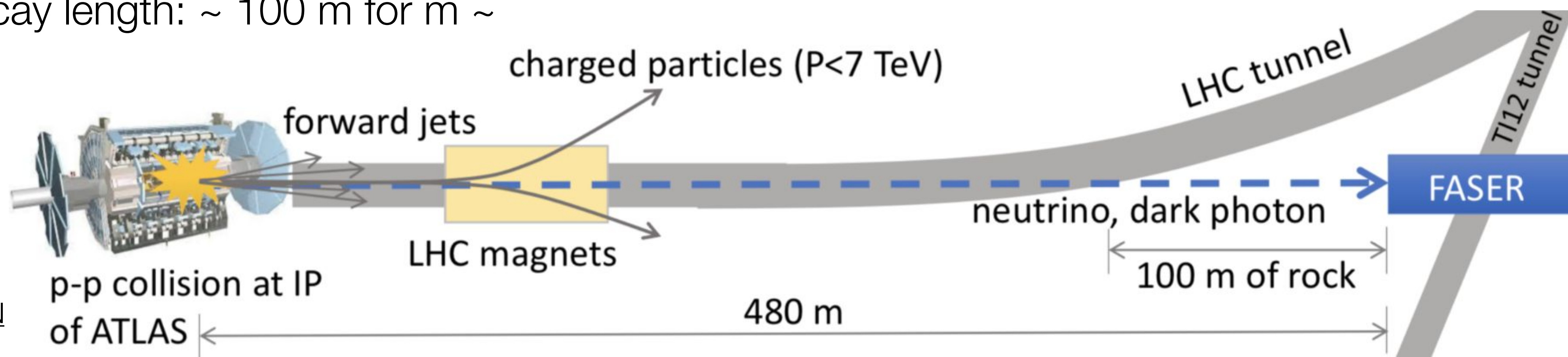


FASER

- FASER: search for new, weakly-interacting particles in the MeV - GeV range (e.g. A' , HNL, ALPS)
- FASERv: first measurements of neutrinos from a collider and in unexplored energy regime (SND@LHC)
- Large inelastic pp cross-section $\sigma_{\text{inel}}(13 \text{ TeV}) \sim 7 \text{ mb} \rightarrow N_{\text{inel}}(\text{Run 3, } 150/\text{fb}) \sim 10^{16}$
- Small production angle: $\theta \sim \text{mrad}$
- Macroscopic decay length: $\sim 100 \text{ m}$ for $m \sim 10\text{-}100 \text{ MeV}$



ASPEN2014 Theoretical summary - M. Mangano



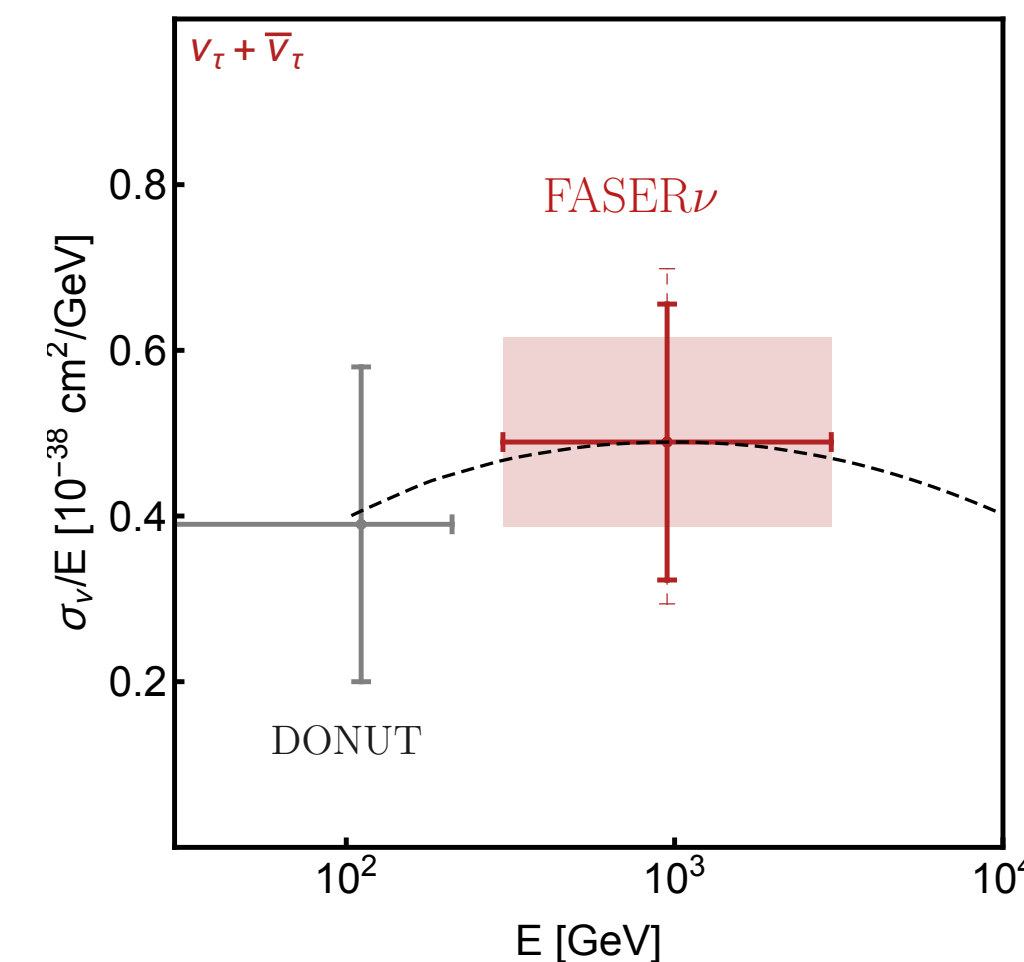
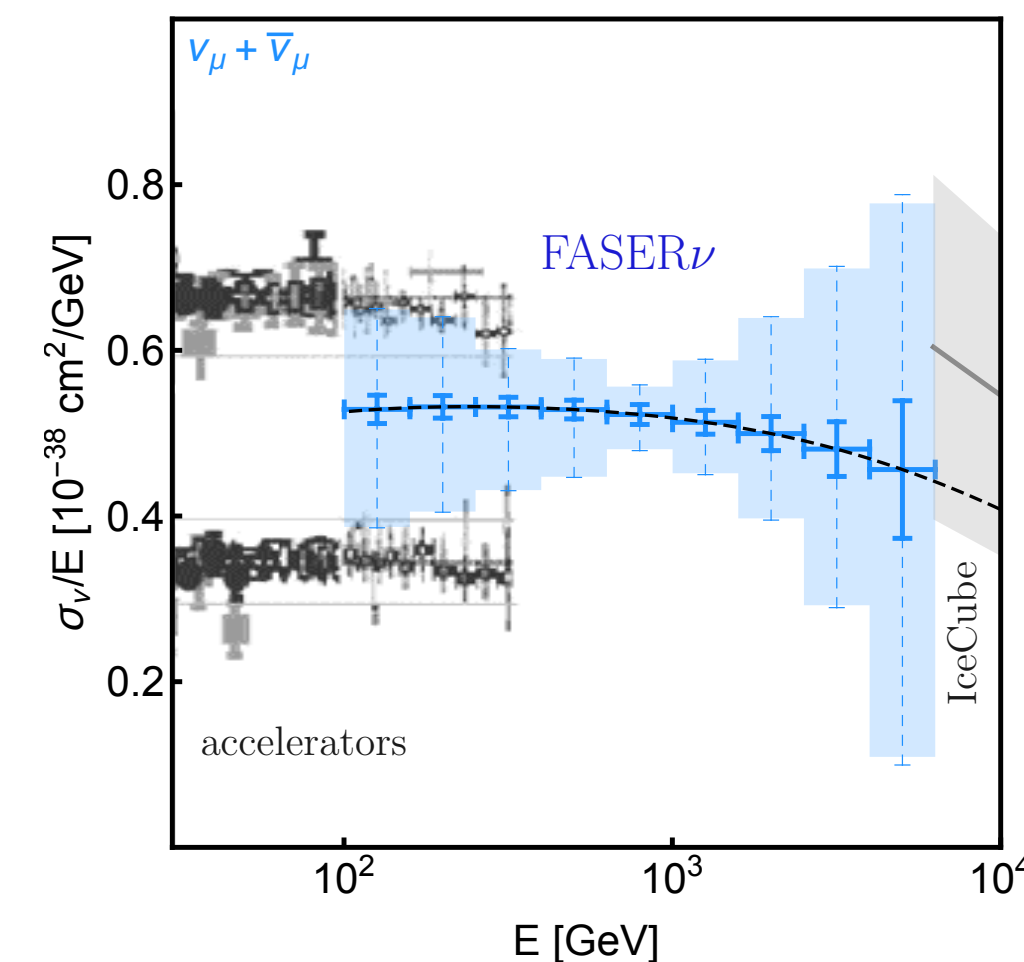
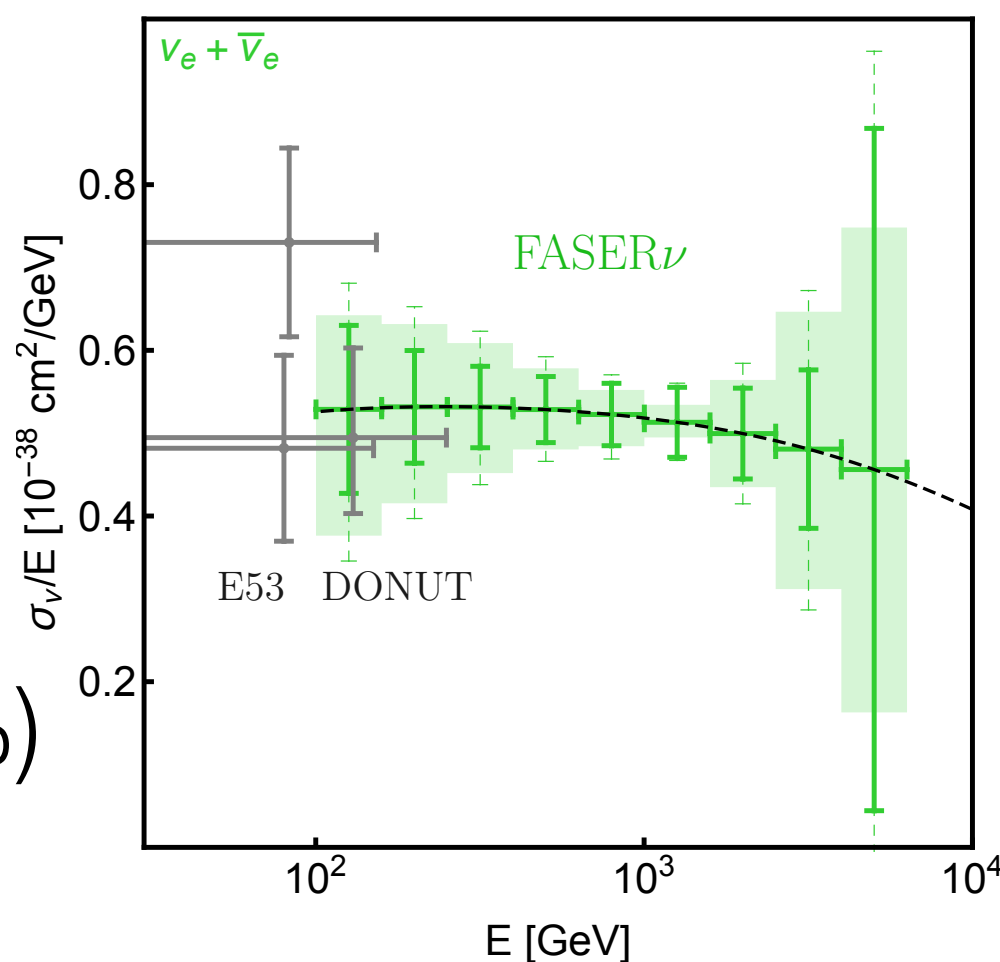
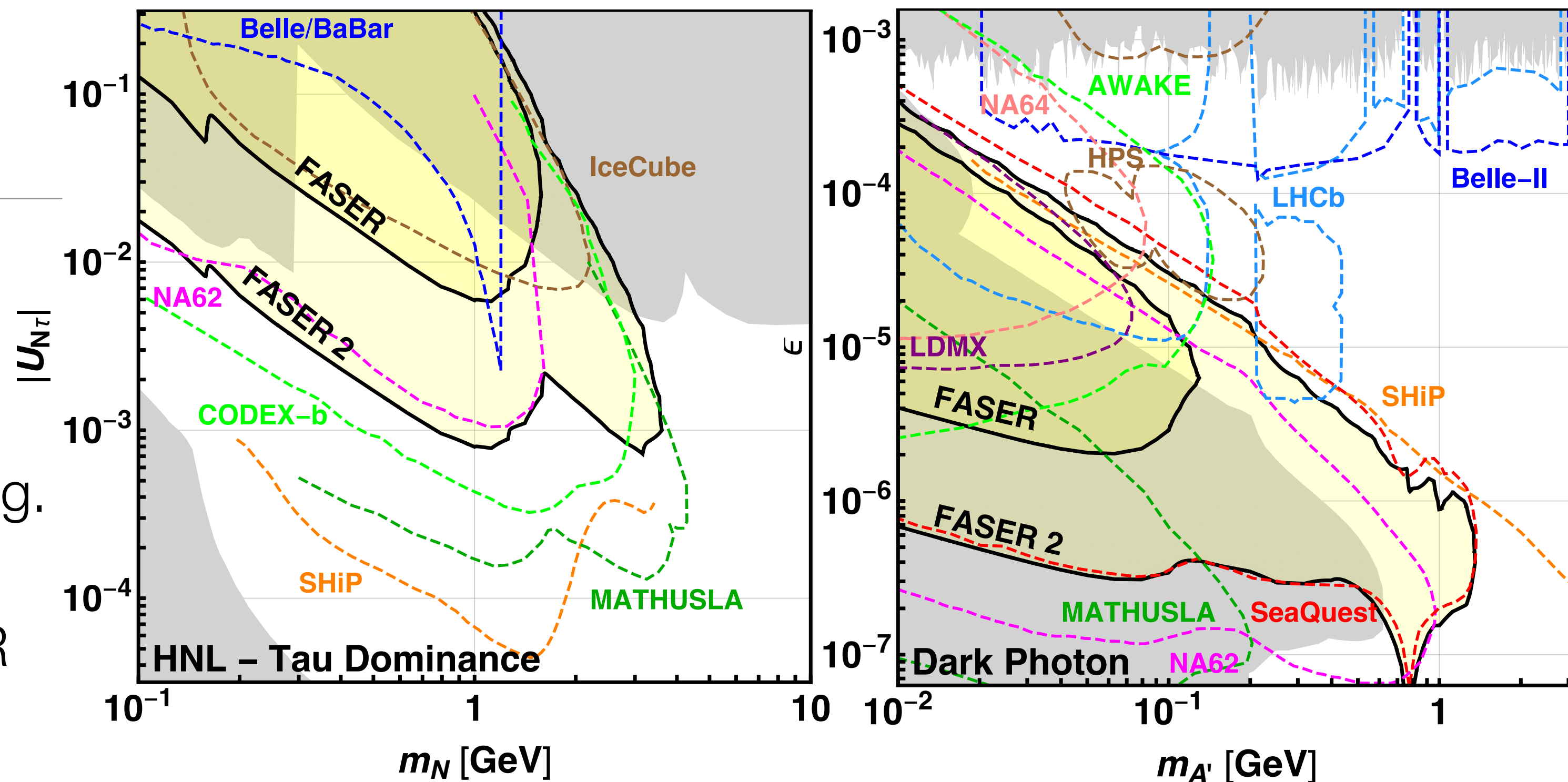
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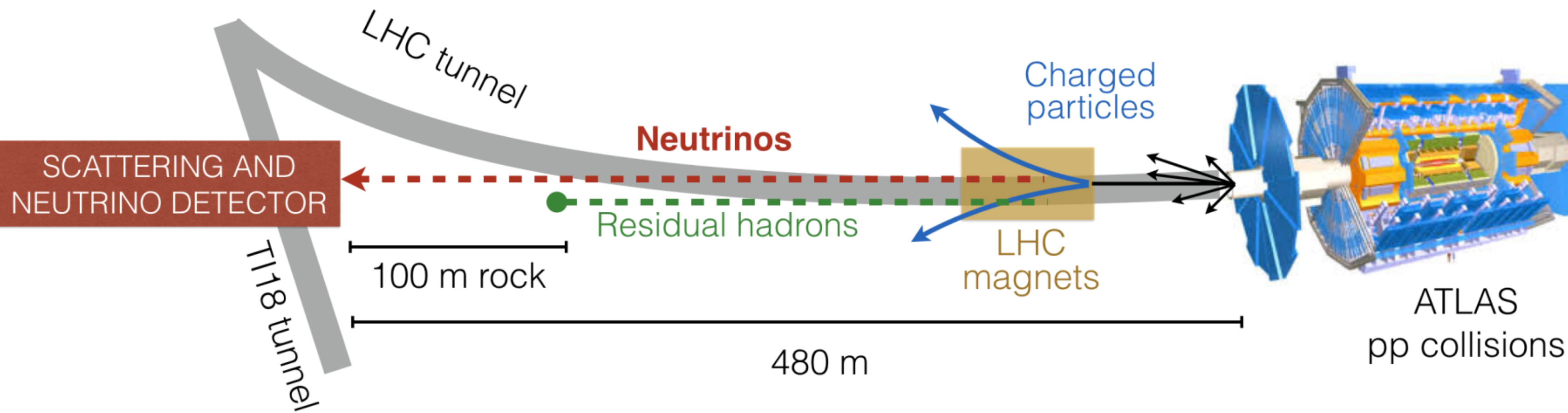
- Benchmark physics process: Dark Photons A'
- Produced via kinetic mixing from e.g. π^0 decays
- Detected in decay to e^+e^- in FASER decay volume
- Sensitive to other LLPs and decay modes as well

- **FASER ν** (and InterFace Tracker):

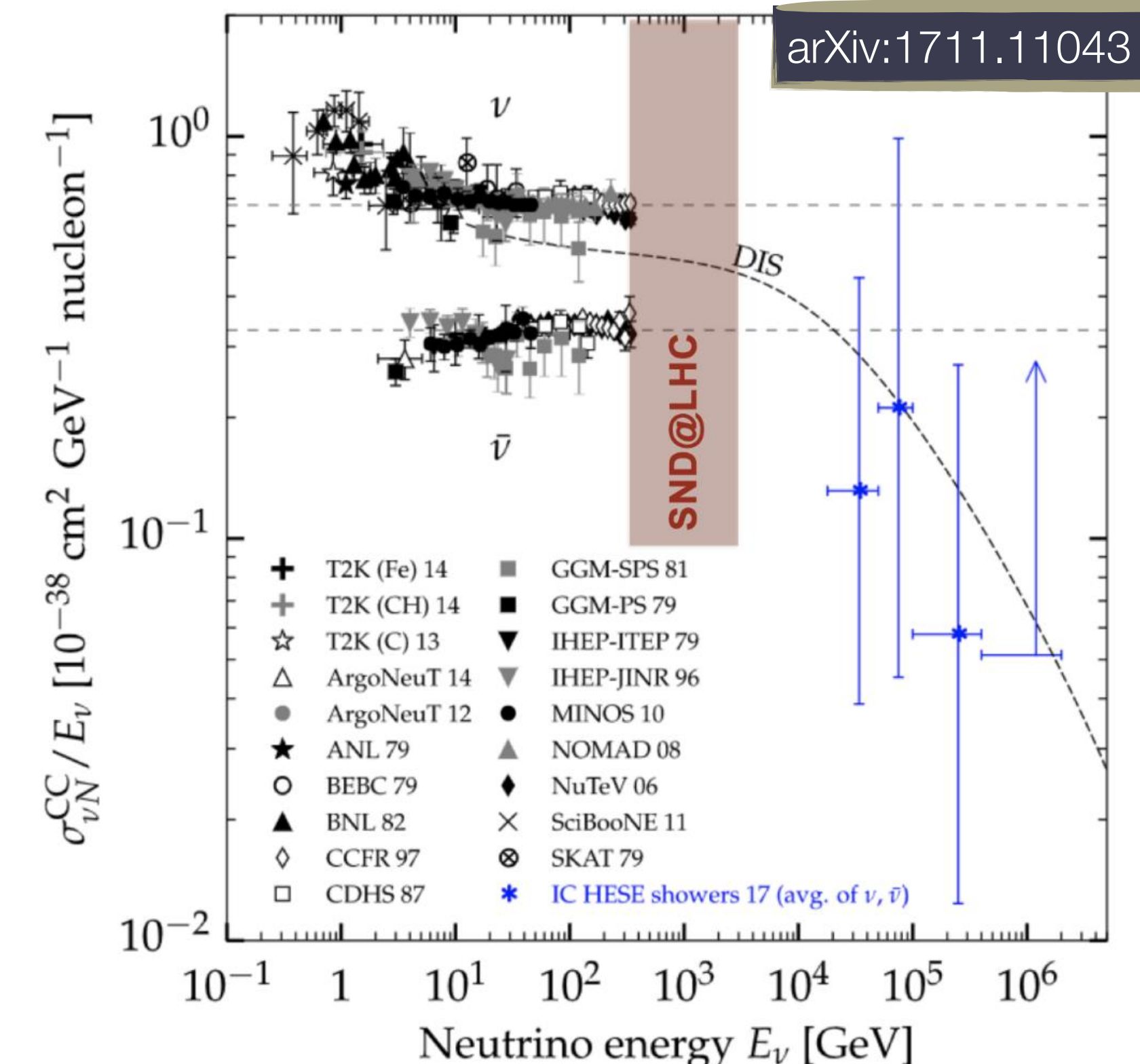
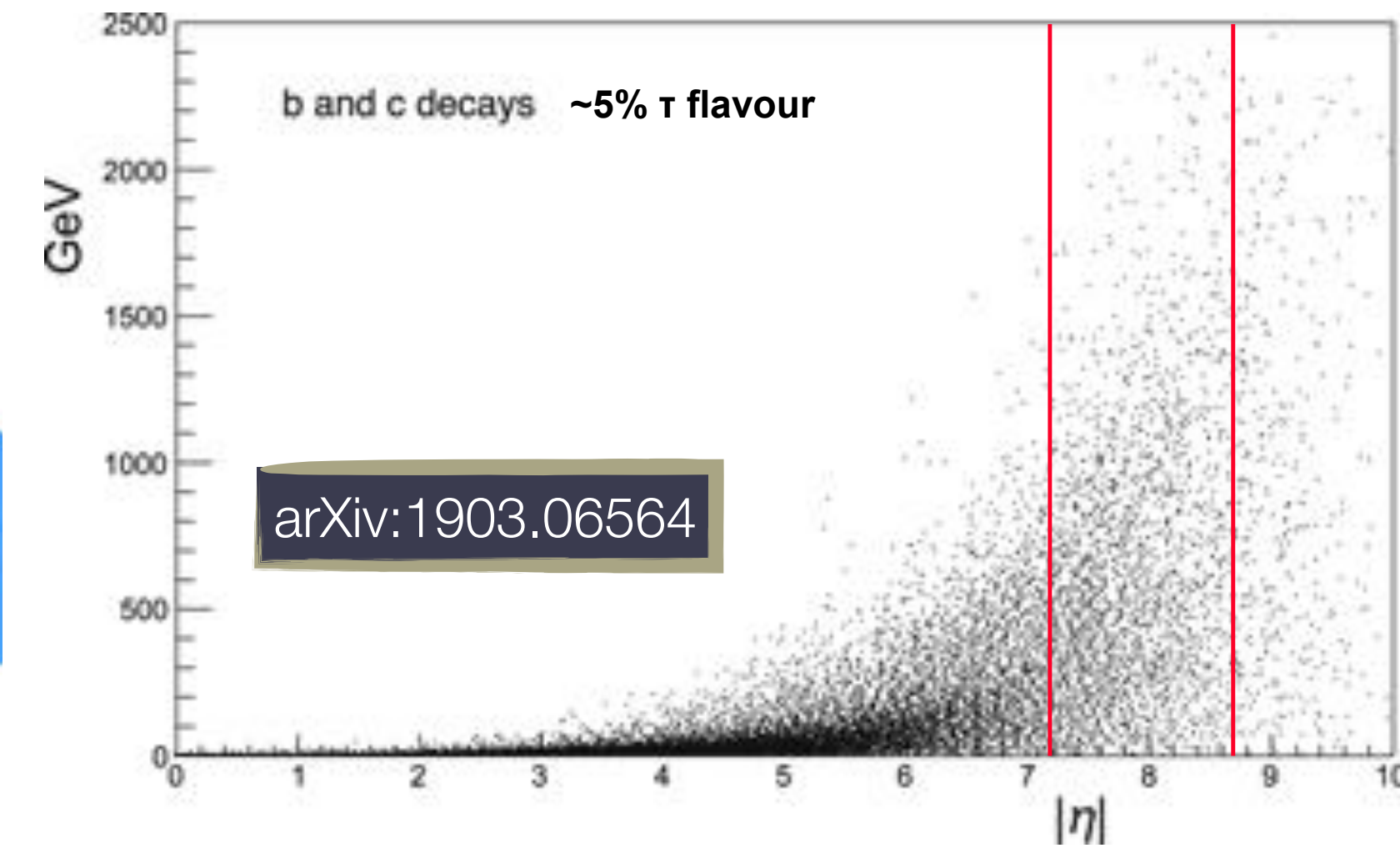
- Based on emulsion film therefore vertex detector with intrinsic resolution of ~ 50 nm
- Track-finding efficiency (> 96 %)



SND@LHC

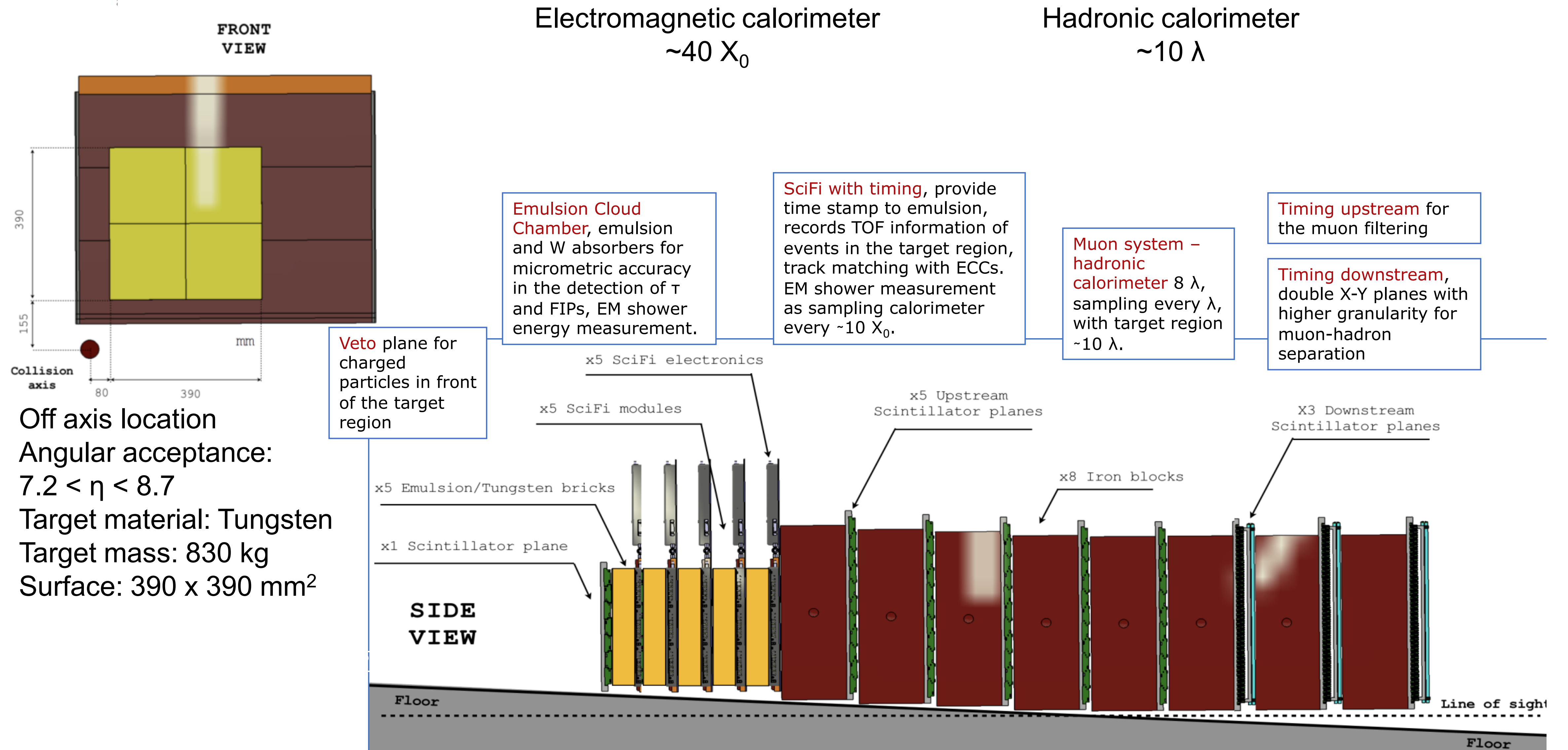


- Stand-alone experiment 480 m downstream of IP1 in T118 to do measurements on neutrinos in the pseudorapidity region $7.2 < \eta < 8.7$
- Large expected flux ν in forward direction
- Large brad and butter physics output; e.g.:
 - $\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \nu X}$
 - Measurement of the NC/CC ratio
 - **Direct search for feebly interacting particles through scattering**



SND@LHC

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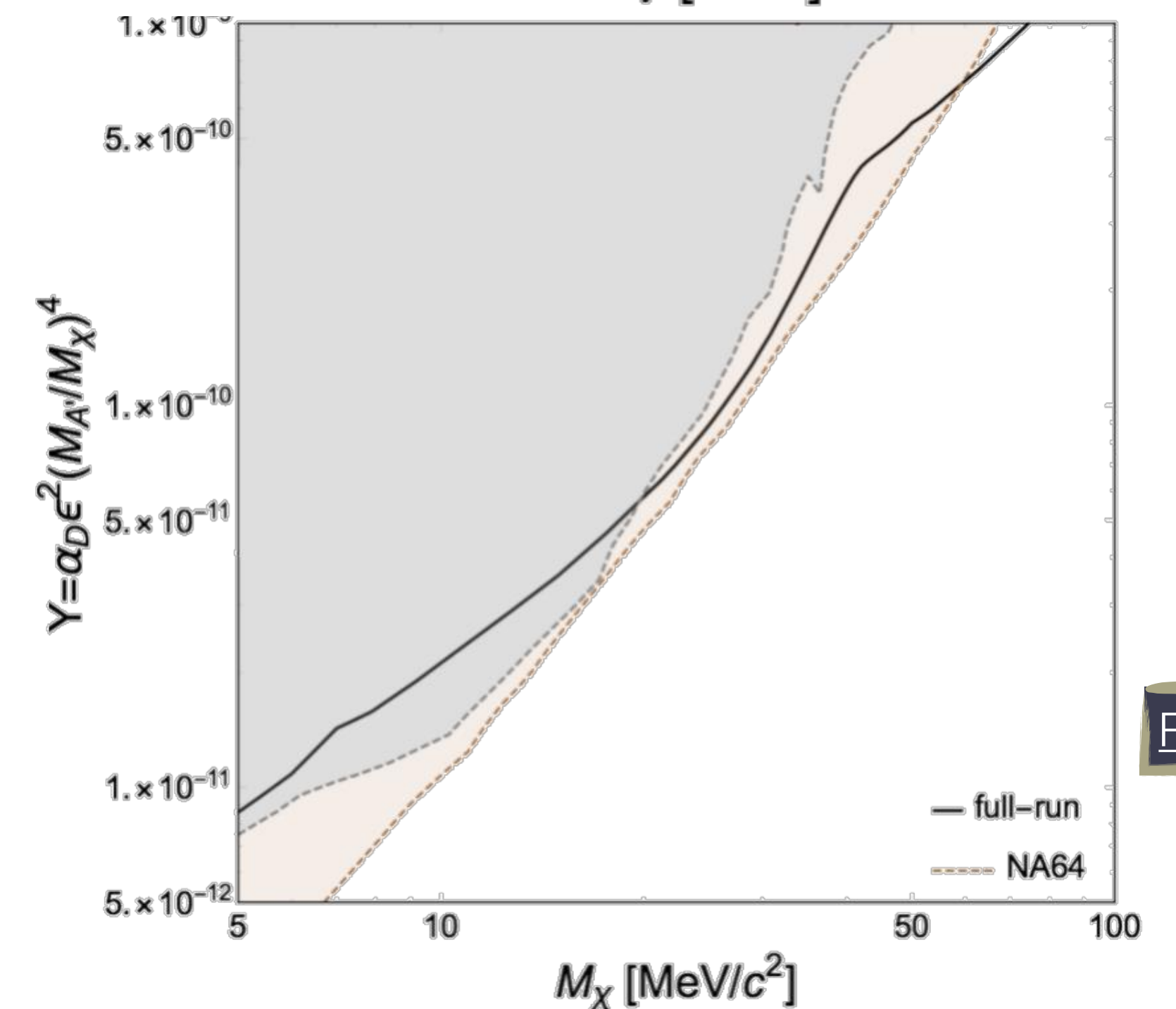
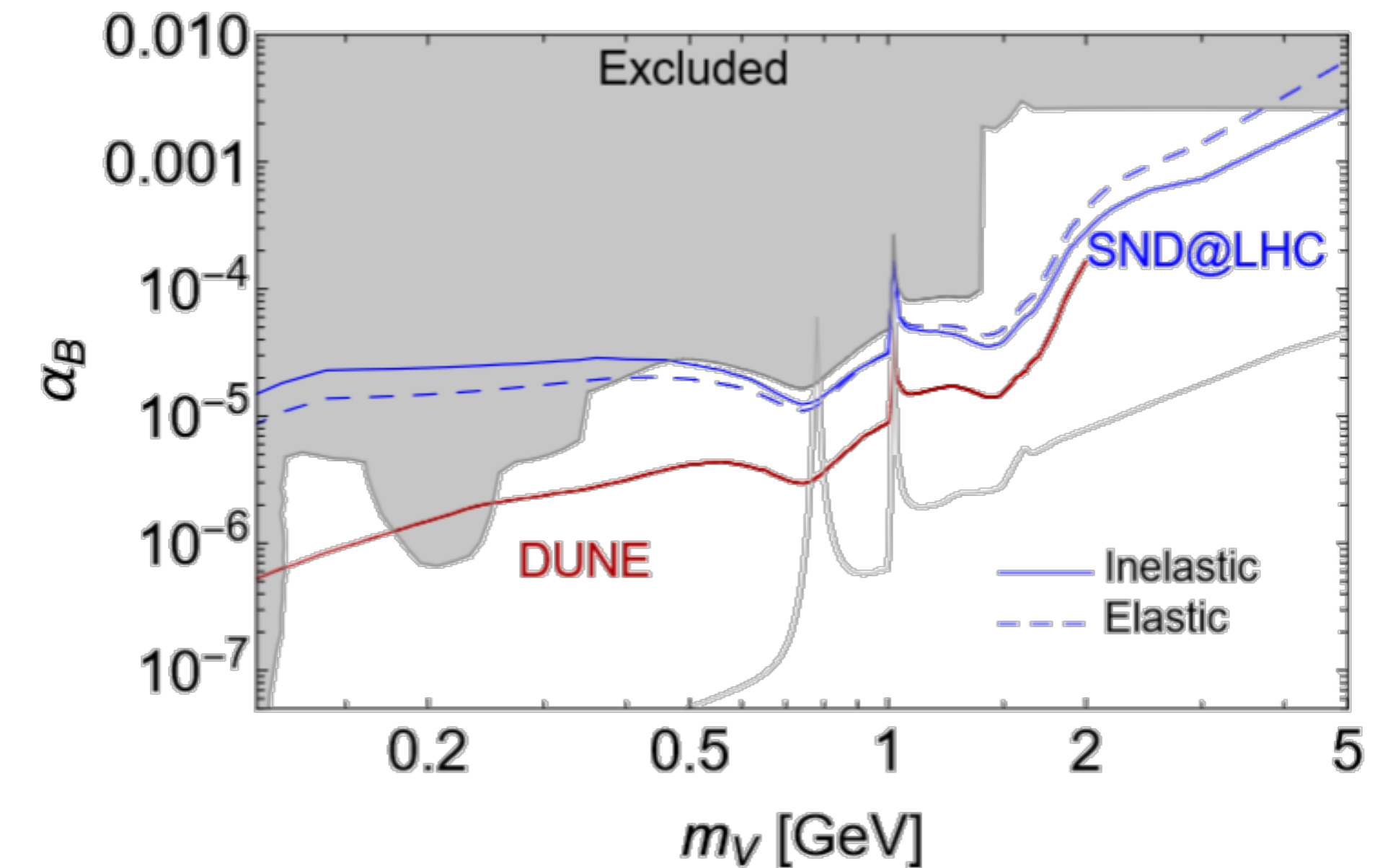


SND@LHC

- **Assuming 150/fb and 0 SM background**
- Some examples of LLP searches are:
- **Leptophobic portal**
 - $V \rightarrow \chi\chi$ and elastic scattering $\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$
 - Deep inelastic Scattering: background suppression exploiting kinematical features
- **Dark photons**
 - Search for Light **Dark Matter scattering off atomic electrons** $A' \rightarrow \chi\chi$ with $\chi e \rightarrow \chi e$ in the target
 - DM scattering acquires an additional ε^2 in the yield
 - SND@LHC is an ε^4 experiment
 - Assume a time resolution of ~ 200 ps, dominated by the bunch size

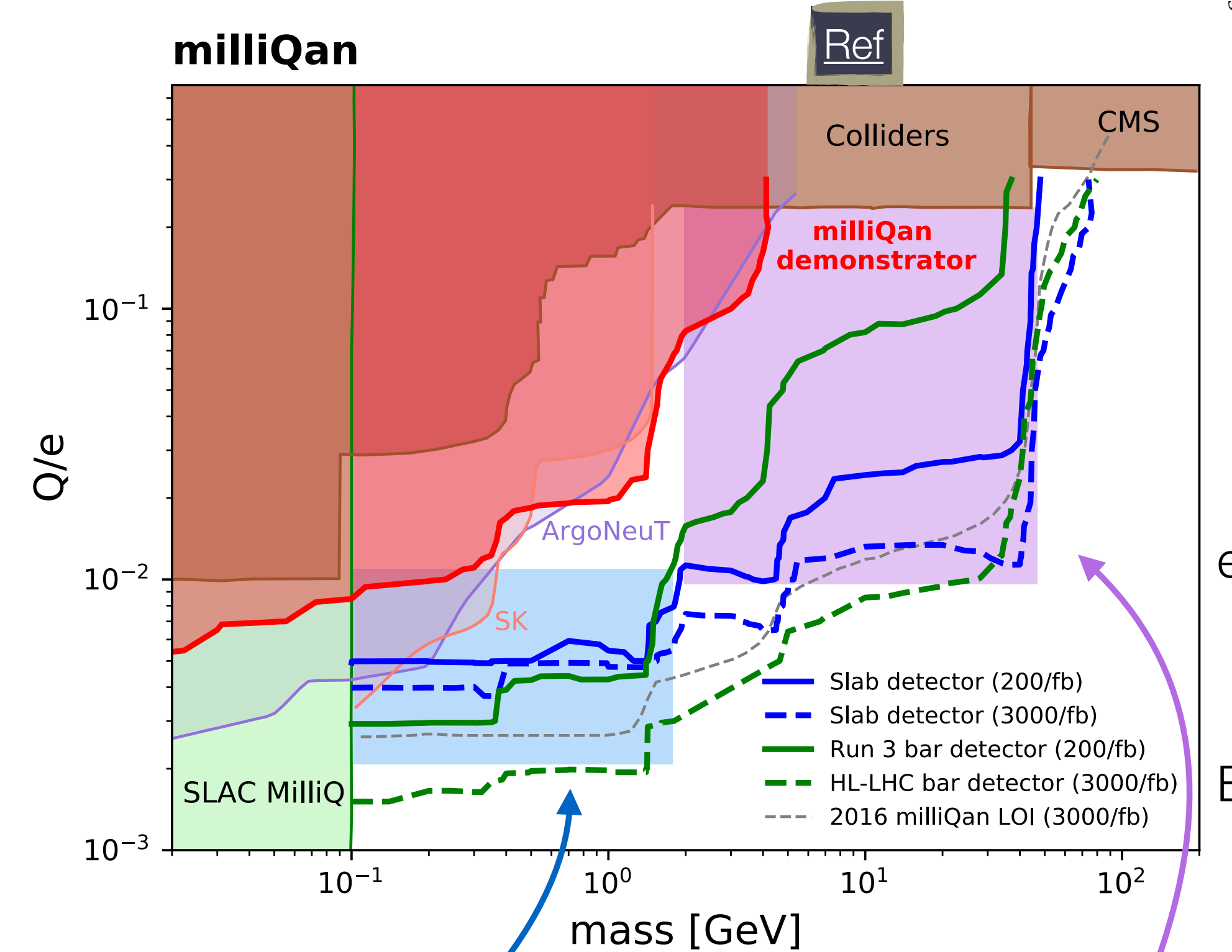
Excluded: by CDF, BES, E949 and BNL

$$m_\chi = m_\nu/3, \alpha_\chi = \alpha_B$$



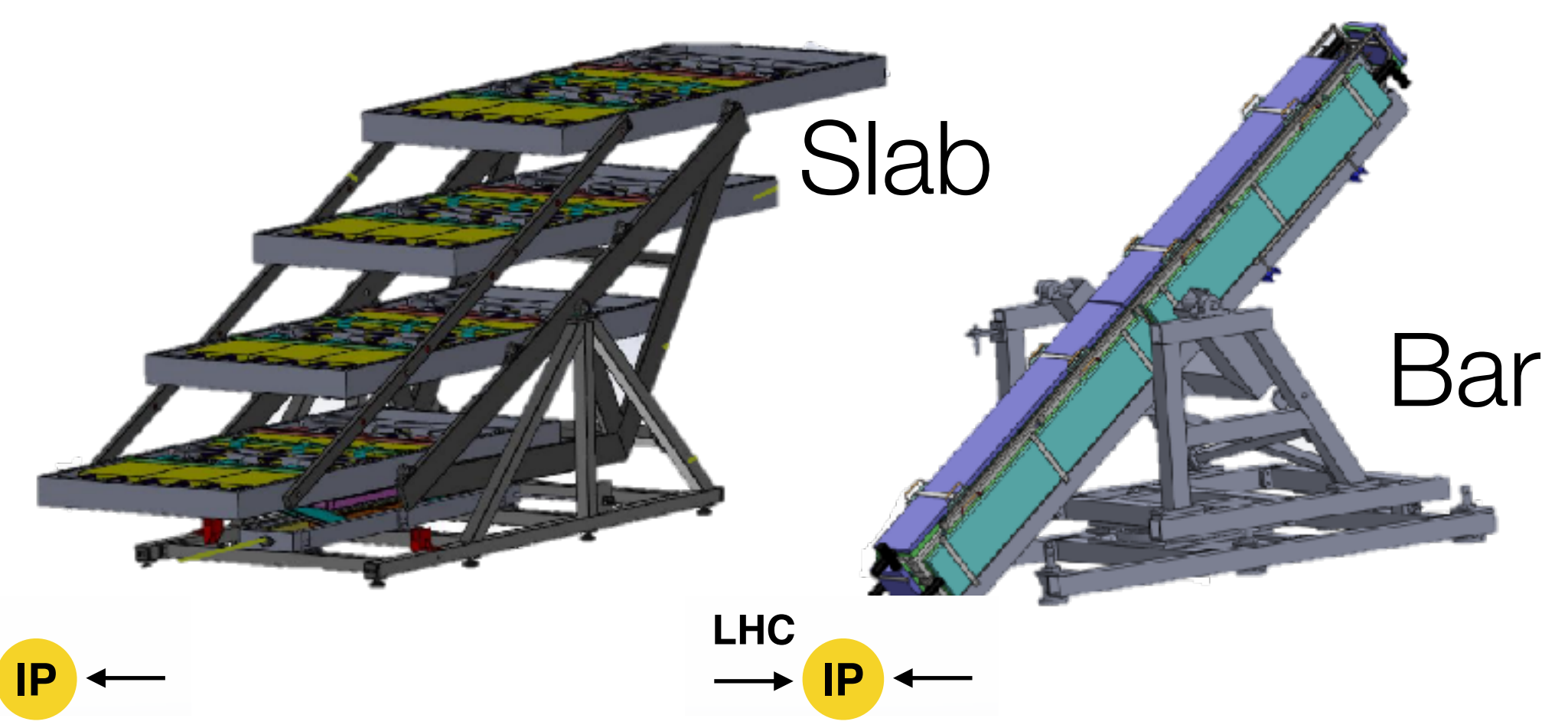
milliQan

- **milliQan** targets a gap for heavier (\sim GeV) low charged particles not reachable by searches using effects on sun, stars and supernovae, cosmological bounds, etc...
- 33 m from CMS IP at an angle and 17 m of rock act as natural shielding against background coming from IP
- **Demonstrator run collecting $\sim 35/\text{fb}$, 2000h of data in 2018 (one of the few)**
- For Run 3 a bar and slab detector will be deployed
- **Bar detector** is a 4 layer, 4x4 scintillator bar
 - Essentially a larger version of demonstrator
 - Extra layer helps veto backgrounds
- **Slab detector** (new for Run 3) has 4 layers of 12 40 x 60 x 5 cm slabs
 - Dramatically improve acceptance for $Q > \sim 0.01e$



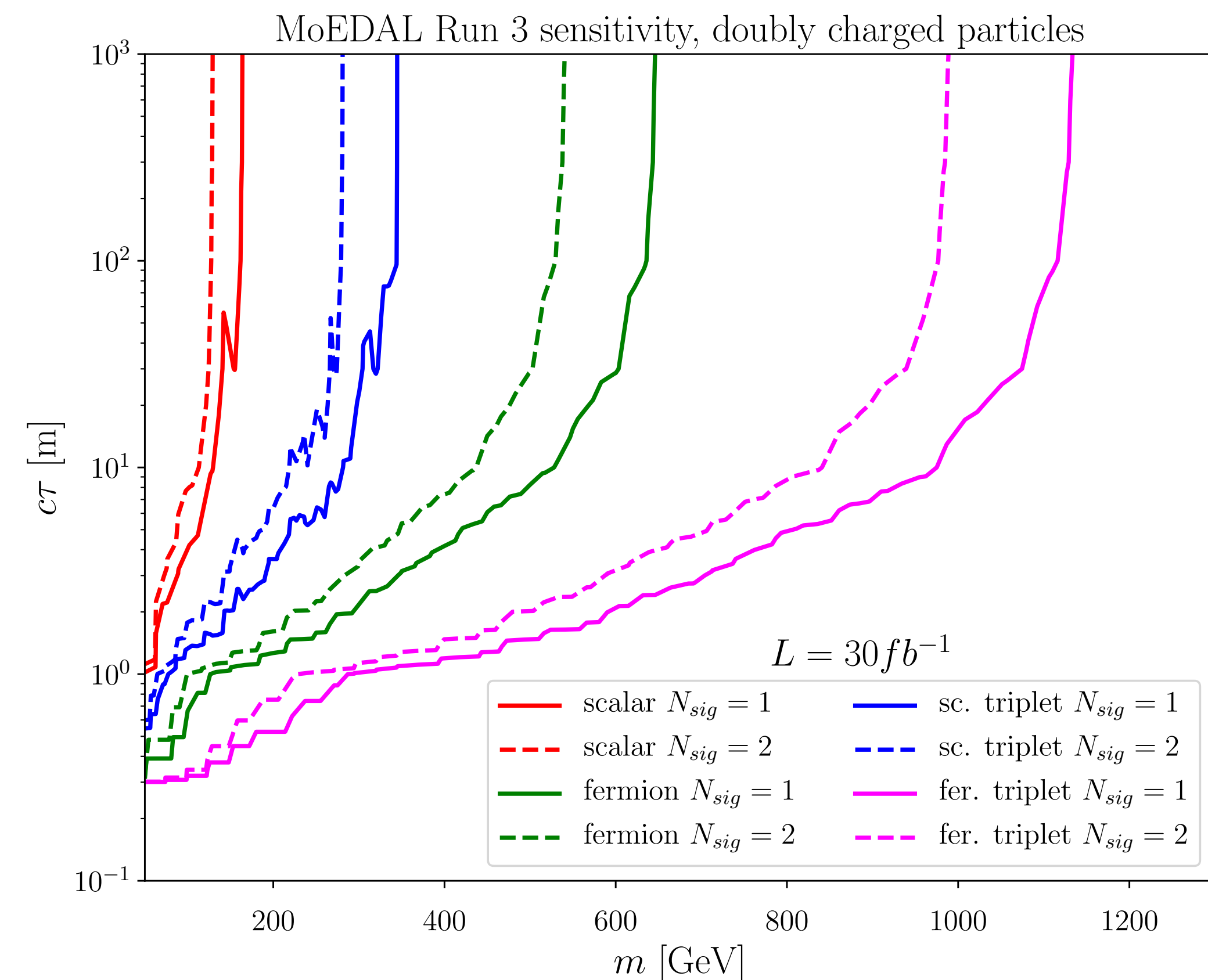
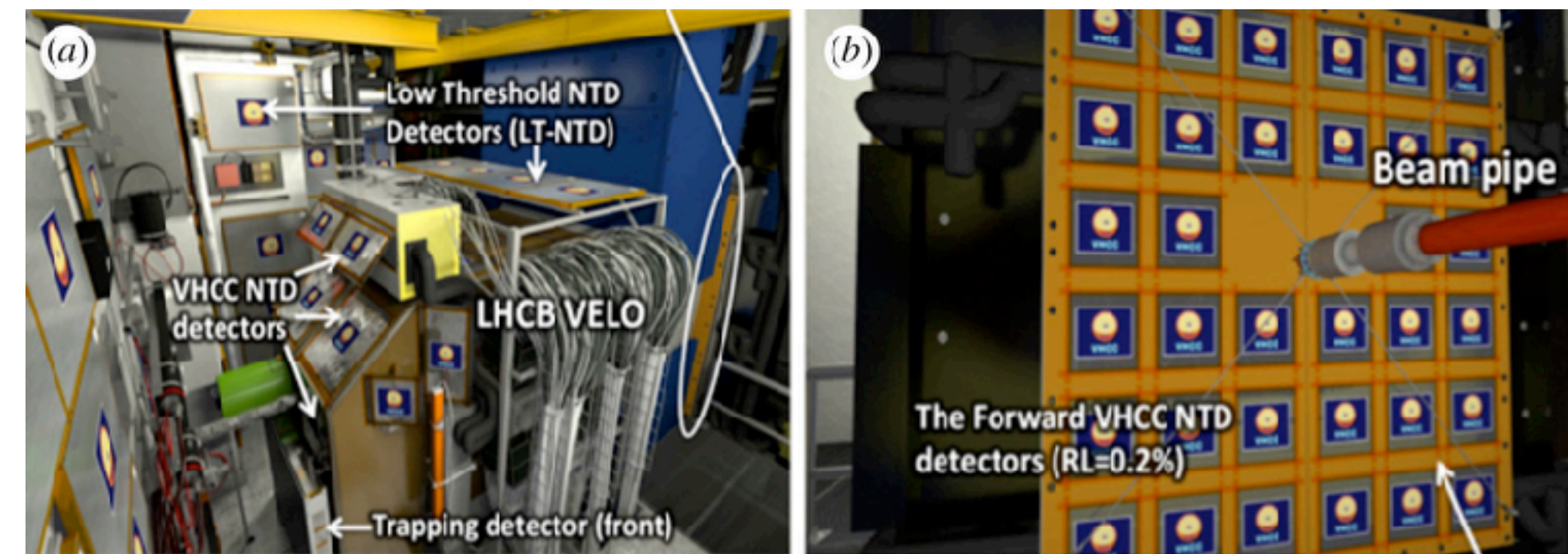
Charge limited region:
very high mcp flux but
low efficiency

Acceptance limited region:
high efficiency but
low mcp flux



MoEDAL

- So far MoEDAL has placed the world's best direct limits on: Multiply charged magnetic monopoles, spin-1 monopoles, Schwinger's Dyon, etc...
- **Also sensitivity to Long-lived Massive Singly & Double Charged Particles**
 - **Enhanced by the installation of MAPP (MoEDAL apparatus for penetrating particles)**
 - **Planned for deployment during LHC's Run 3**
 - **Lifetimes longer than 10 years can be probed**
- MoEDAL can cover the lifetime region with $c\tau \geq 100$ m
- Expected sensitivities for four types of doubly-charged particles, assuming a Run 3 integrated luminosity of 30/fb: a scalar singlet (red), a scalar triplet (blue), a fermion singlet (green) a fermion triplet (magenta)



The QEE PAWG

- **QEE (EW, QCD, Higgs) PAWG at LHCb:**
- Responsible for strategy, scientific oversight for all such measurements at LHCb
- **6 published papers** in the last year alone, a **further 6 papers** are in the final stages of the review process
- The initial idea of looking for LLPs with LHCb turned in a plethora of new results

- ***Displaced leptons (hard to beat us)***
 - **Dark photon**
 - Low-mass di-muon resonances
 - **Majorana neutrino**
 - LLPs decaying to $e\mu\nu$
- ***Displaced jets (hard to beat CMS)***
 - Majorana neutrino from Ws
 - LLPs to jet jet
 - **LLPs to μ +jets**

Low-mass dimuon resonances

- A complex scalar singlet is added to the two-Higgs doublet (2HDM) potential
- E.g. a scenario where the pseudoscalar boson acquires all of its couplings to SM fermions through its mixing with the Higgs doublets; the corresponding X - H mixing angle is denoted as θ_H

