

Dark Sector searches at LHC and prospects for HL-LHC

Unveiling the invisible: connecting dark matter with the Standard Model

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Outline

Dark sector searches at LHC

Common experimental challenges

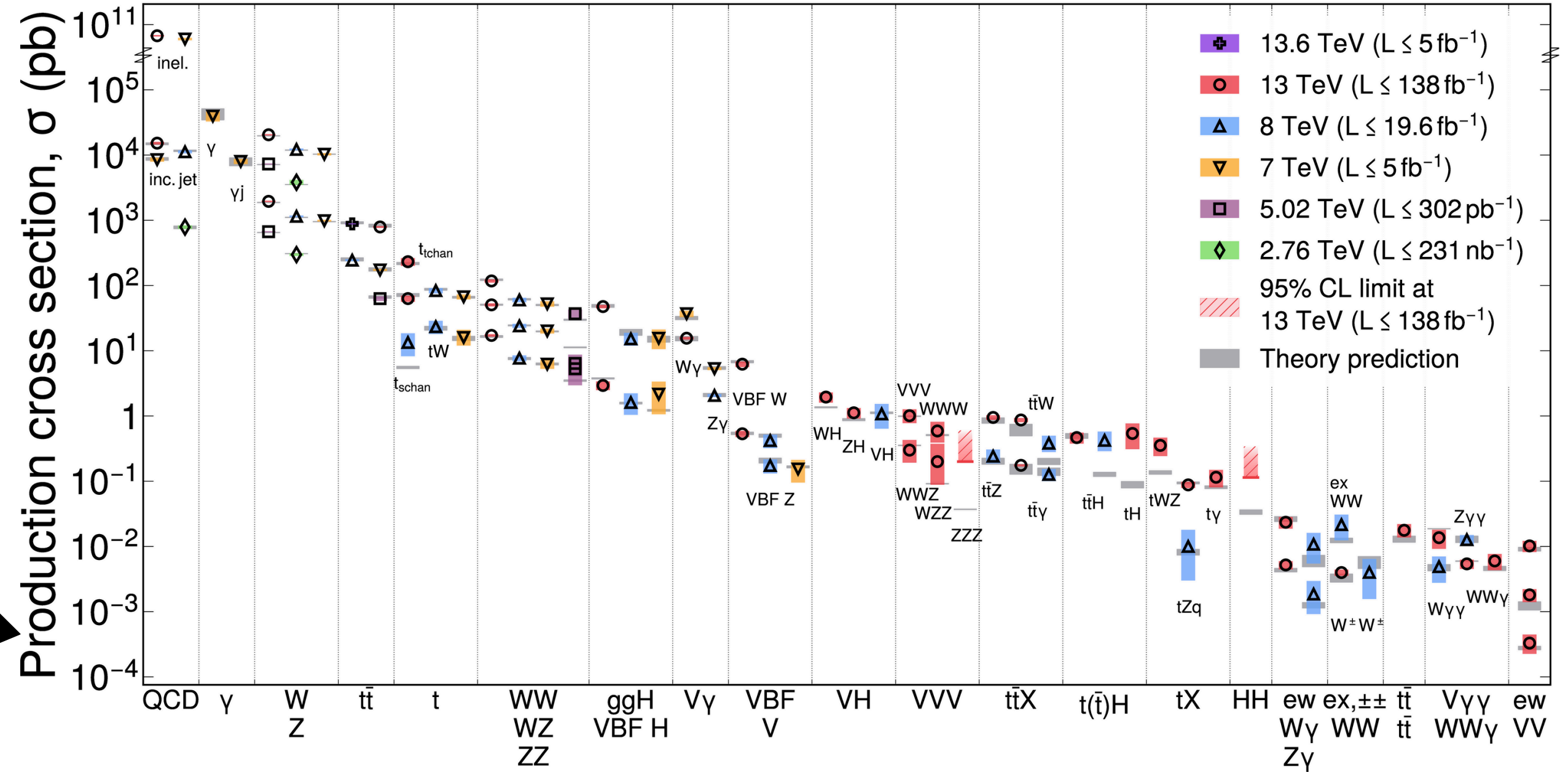
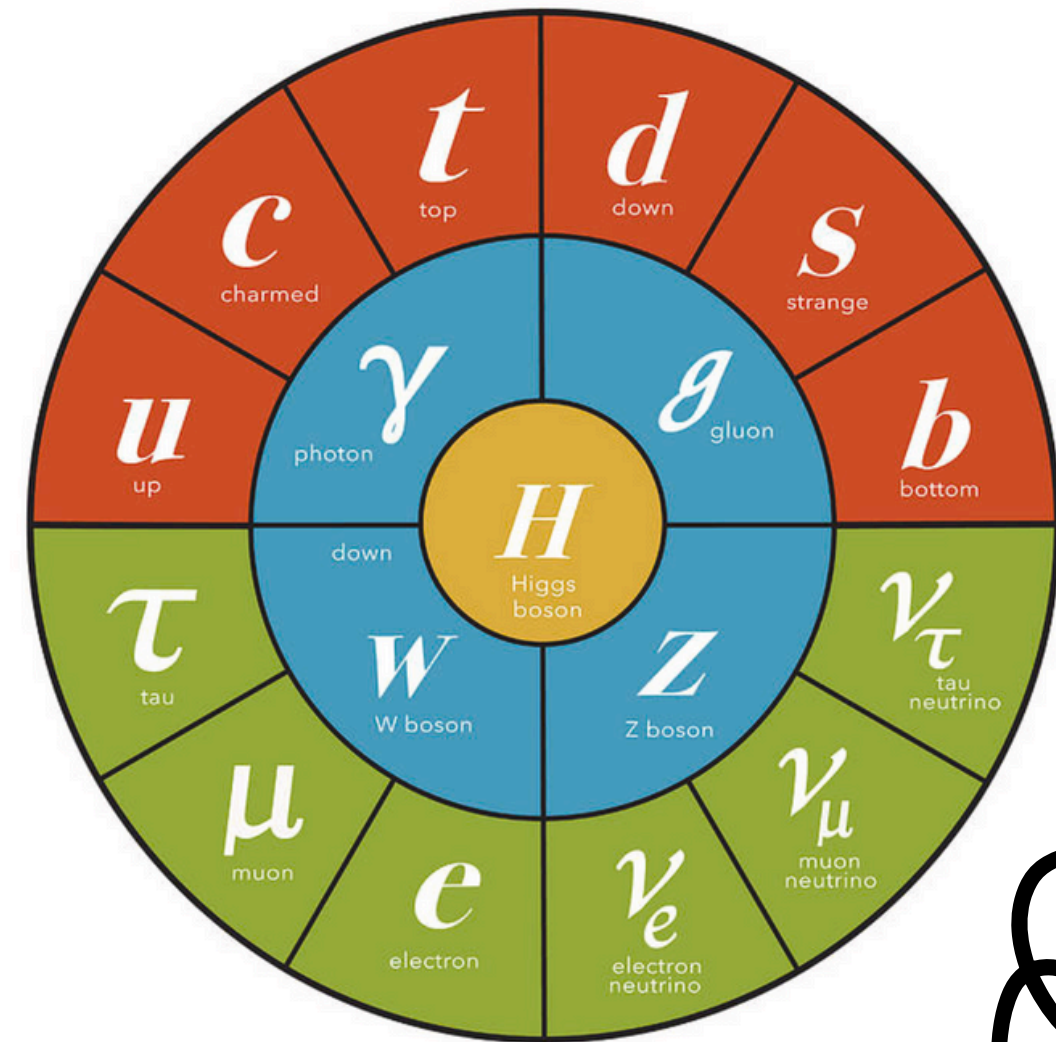
Signature based physics program

Towards HL-LHC

New Physics Searches at LHC

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STANDARD MODEL



• **Standard Model (SM) consistent and precise theory** but no clear indication about what the missing pieces are

• **Unexplained phenomena** as gravity, dark matter, dark energy and **experimental tensions** as $g - 2 \mu$, mW , $R(D^*)$ or $X17$ and fine-tuning problems: hierarchy problem, neutrino masses

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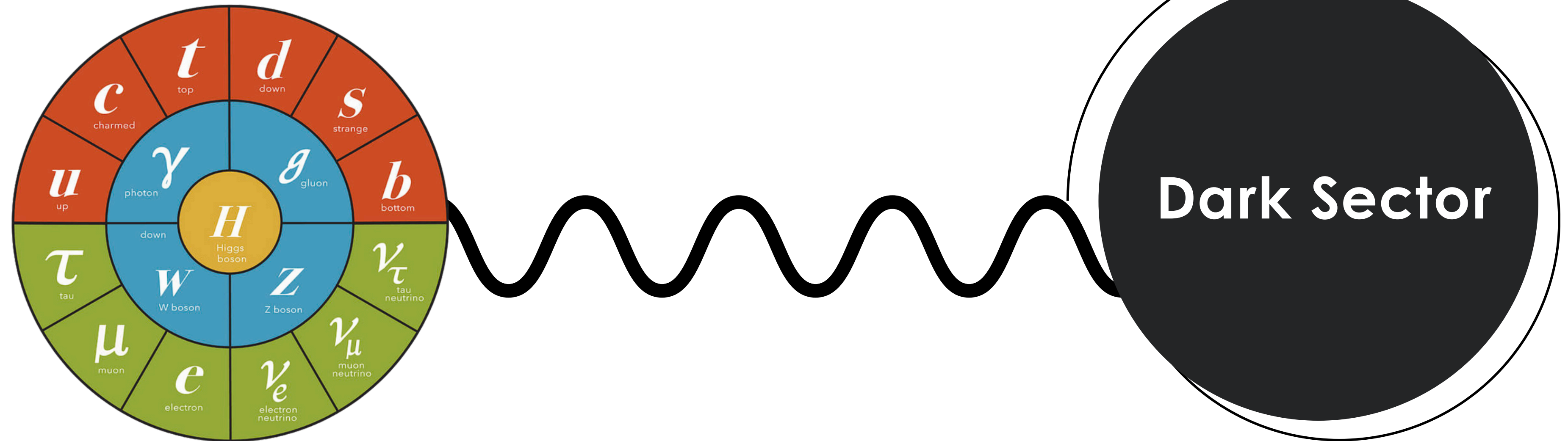
- New interactions with the standard model (SM) can **provide dark matter (DM) candidates**
- **New symmetries** can solve other theoretical and fine-tuning problems
- **New particles** can explain experimental tensions
- Can have **rich structure** b/c dark sectors have their own dark charges, so are stable under their conservation laws
- Masses, couplings, gauge structures, portals, are **very unconstrained**
- **Zoo of theories:** ALPs, WIMPs, SUSY, Hidden Valleys, Extra Dimensions, Axions, Dark Photons, ...



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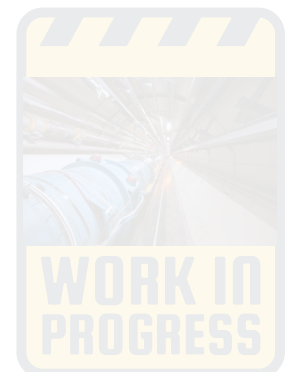
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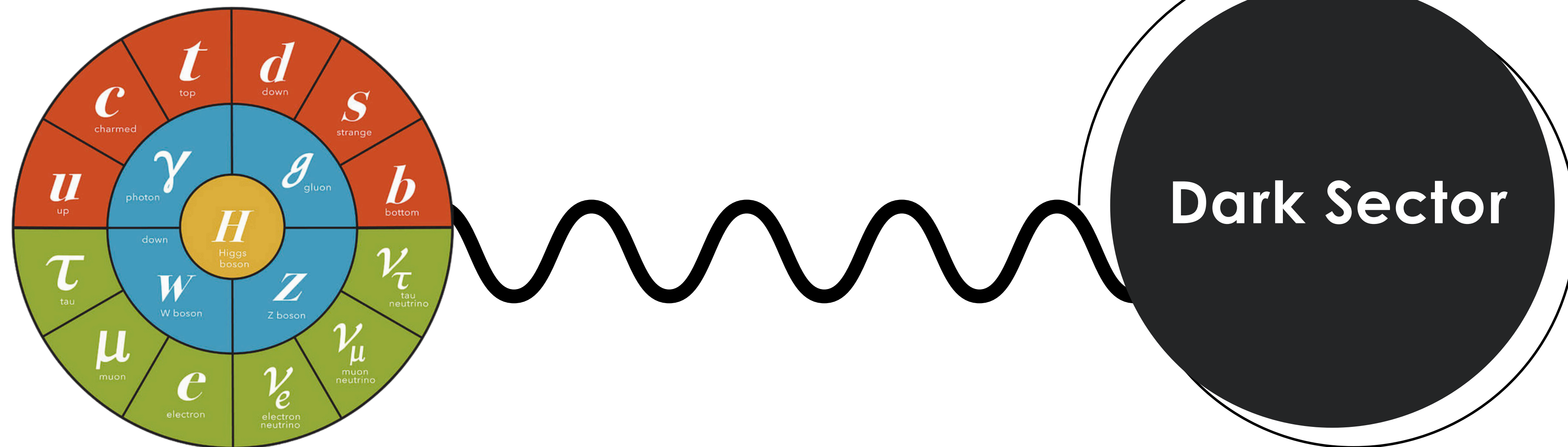
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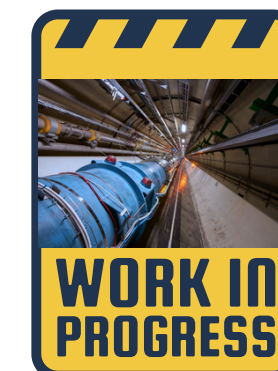
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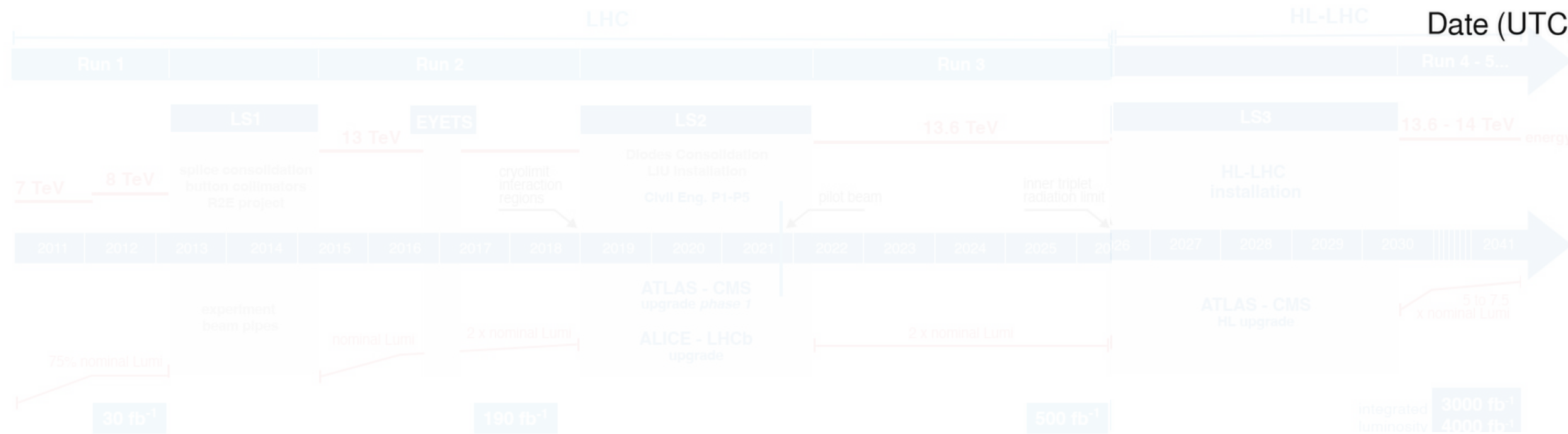
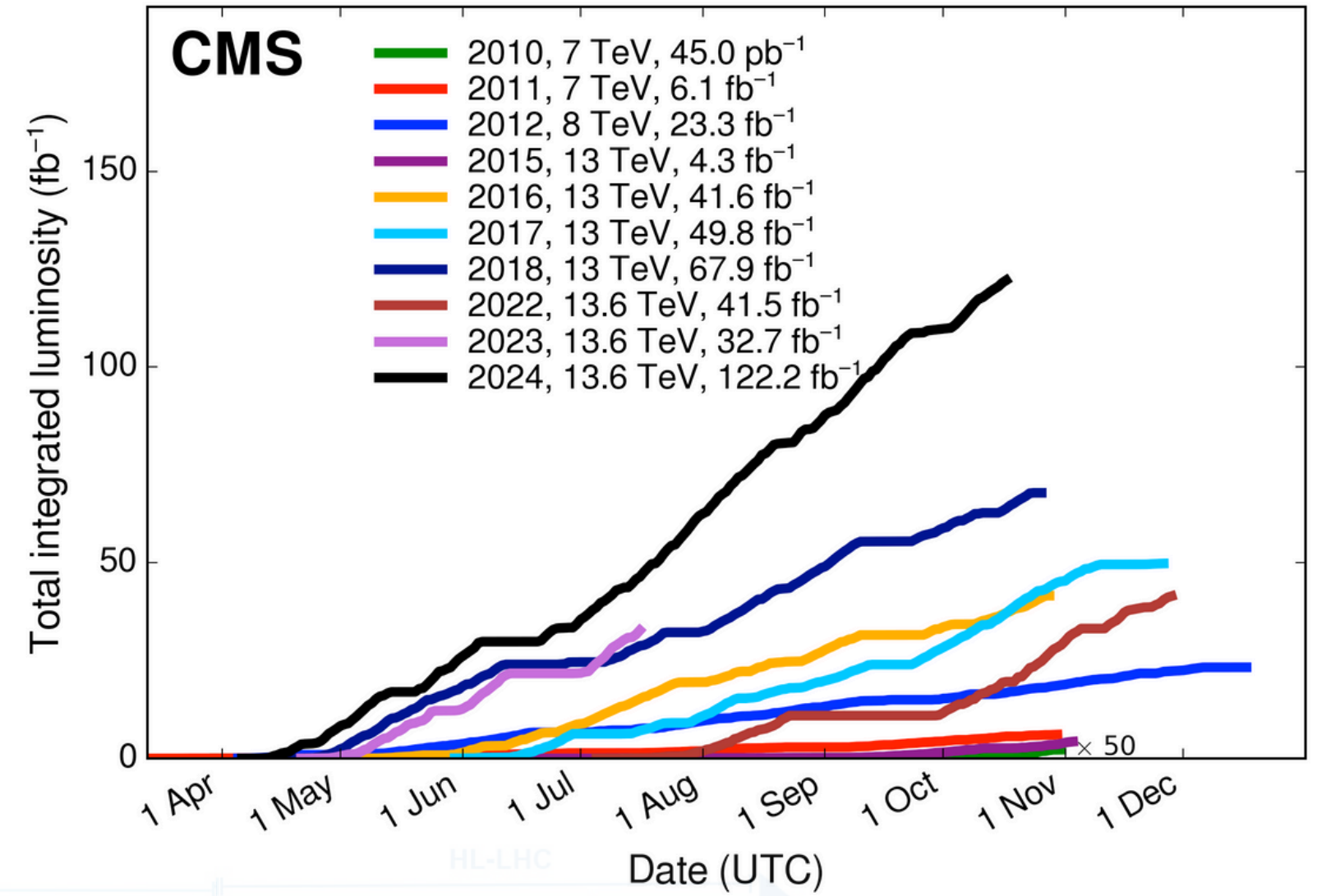
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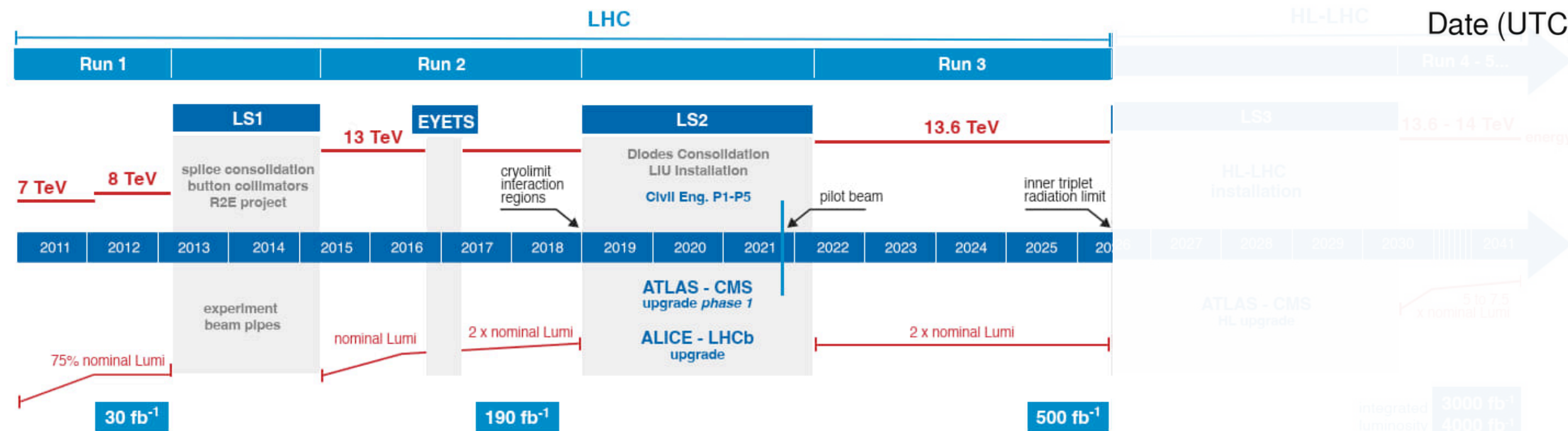
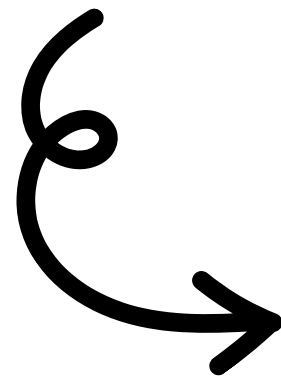
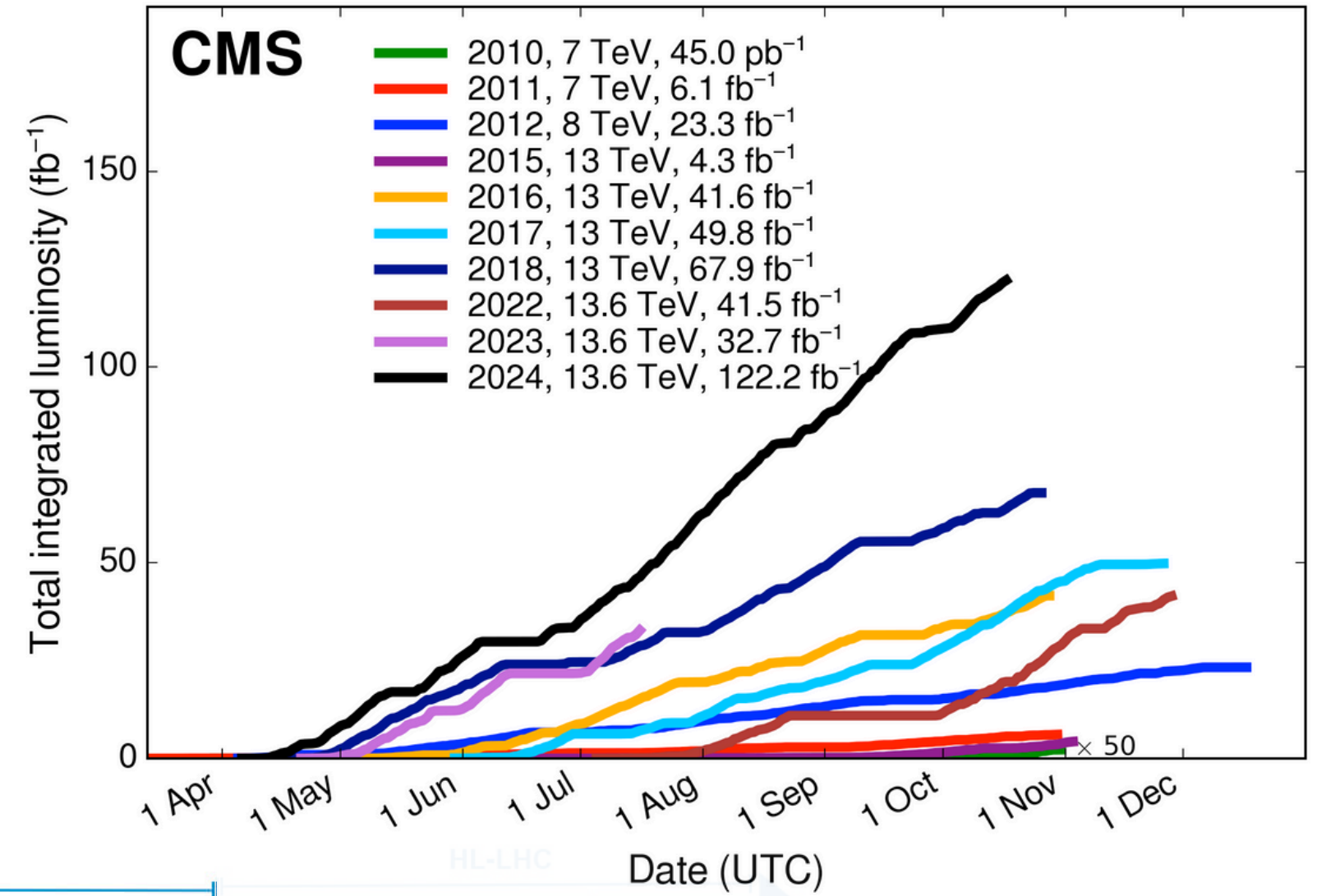


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A random LHC experiment: CMS

Silicon Tracker

Pixel (100 x 150 μm) - 66M channels
MicroStrips (80 x 180 μm) - 9.6M channels

- ✓ P_T resolution $\sim 1.5\%$ @100 GeV
- ✓ dE/dx measurement

Electromagnetic CALorimeter

76K PbWO₄ crystals

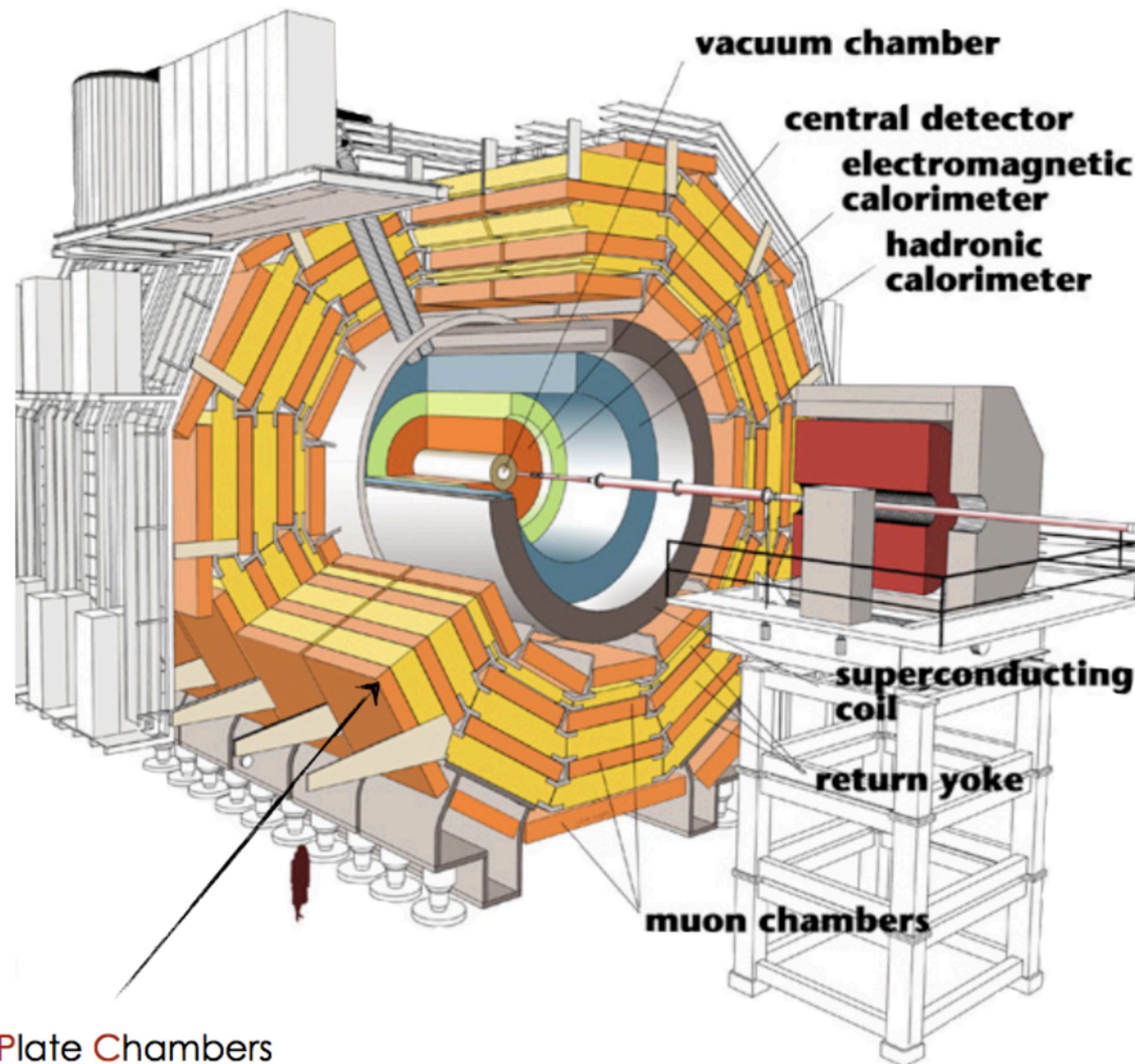
- ✓ Designed energy resolution $\sim 0.5\%$ for $E(\gamma) > 100$ GeV
- ✓ Fast scintillation scale: $> 80\%$ of the light emitted in ~ 25 ns

Brass/Scintillator Hadron Calorimeter

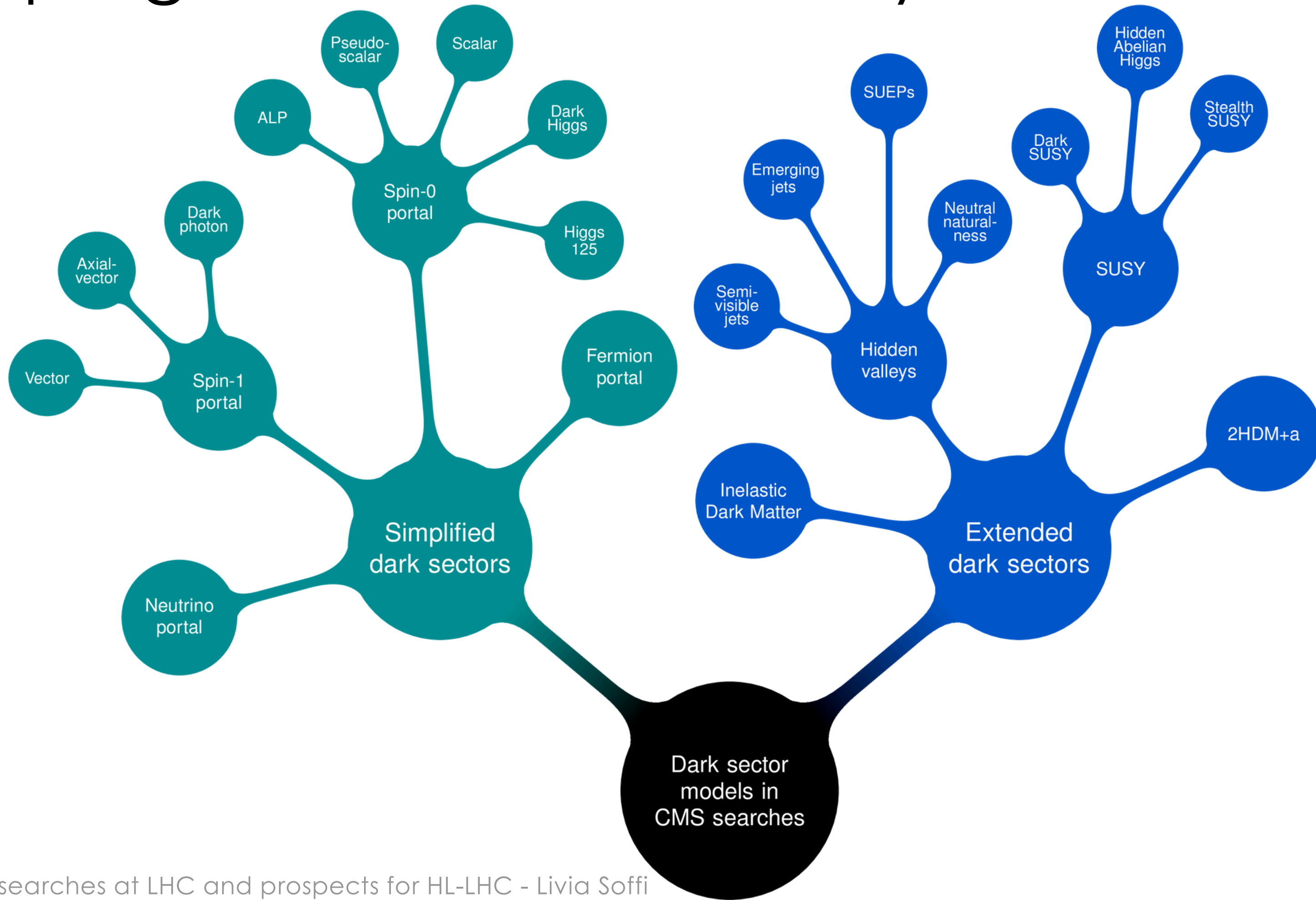
Muon Chambers

Drift Tube - Cathode Strips Chambers - Resistive Plate Chambers

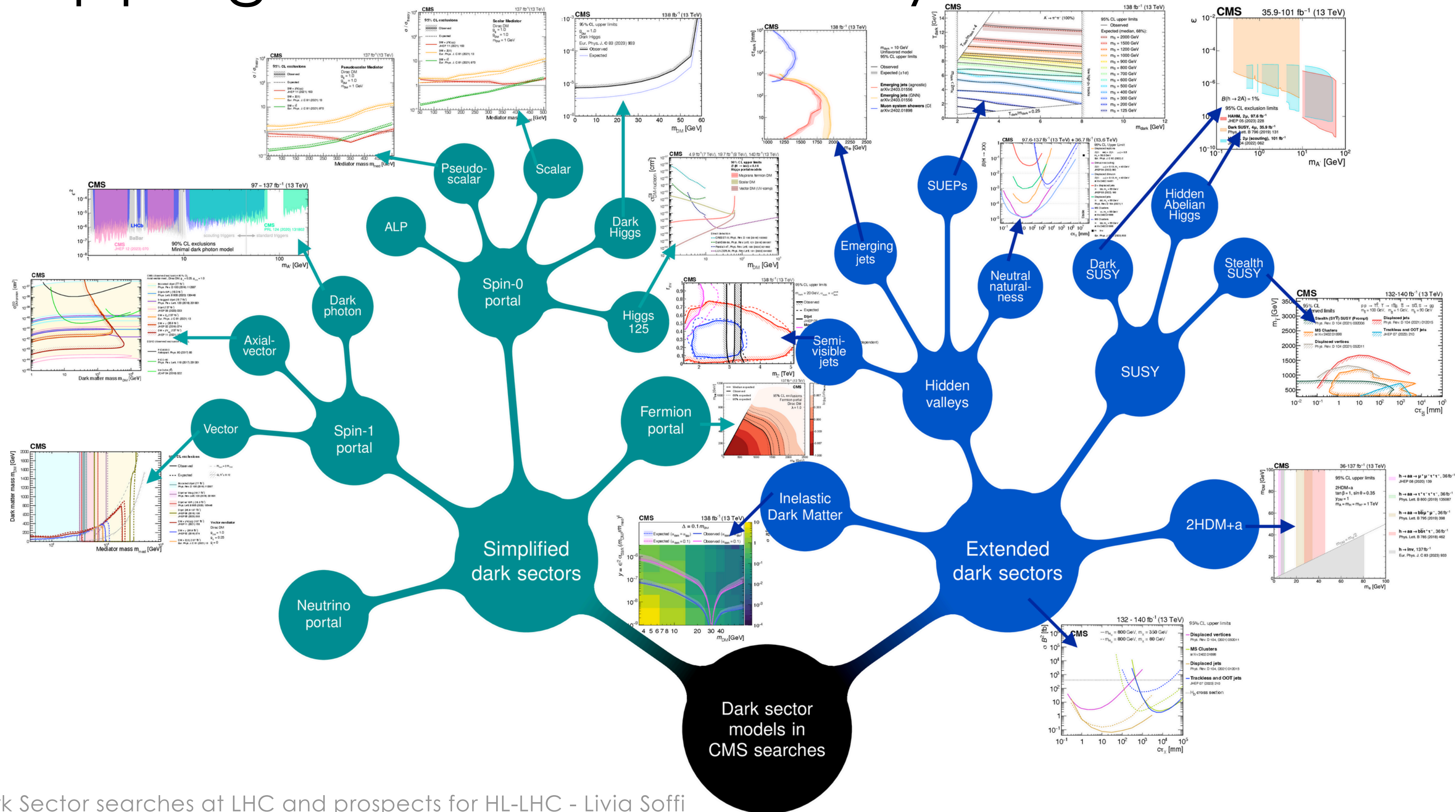
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- ✓ $\sigma_{DT} \sim 3\text{ns}$
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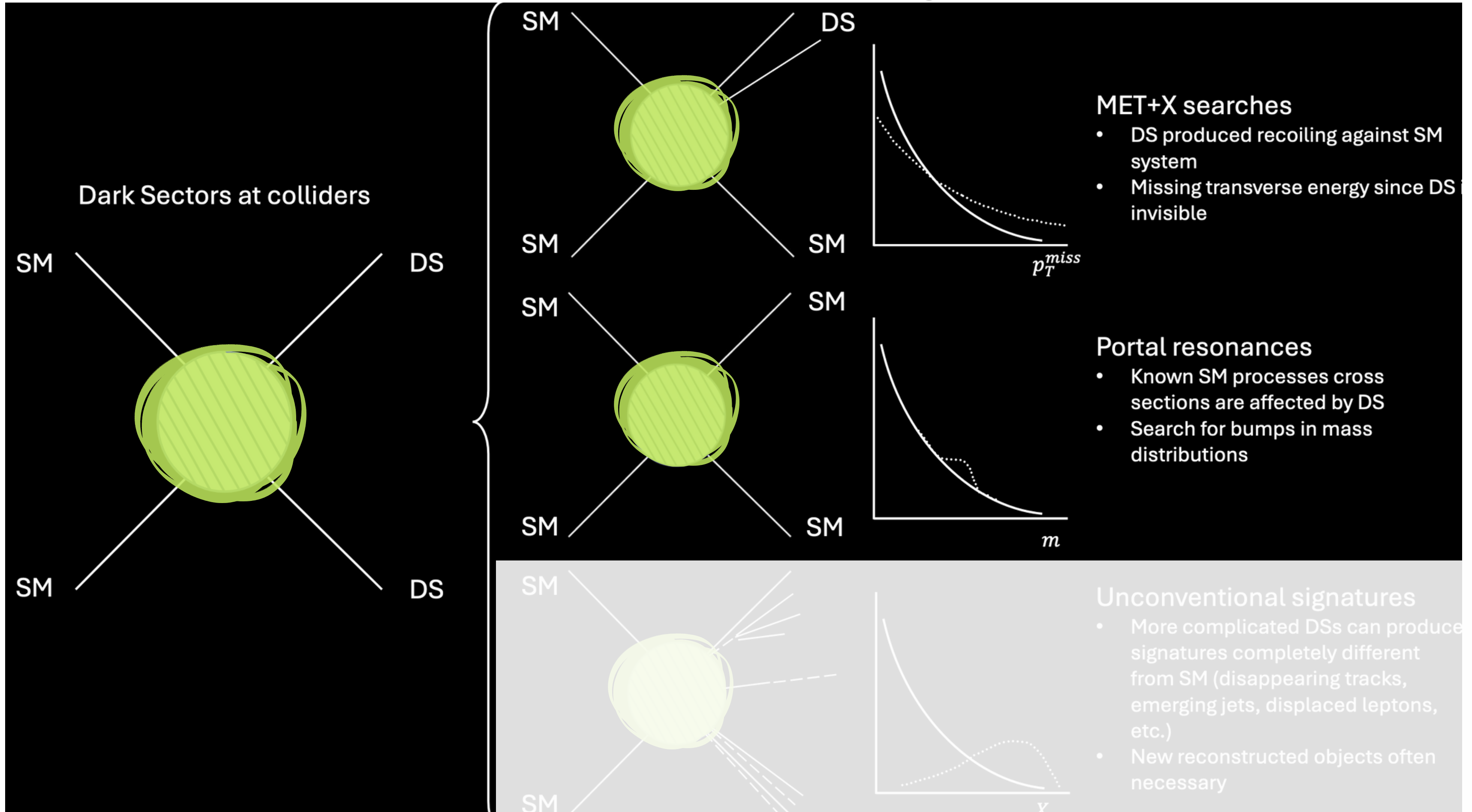


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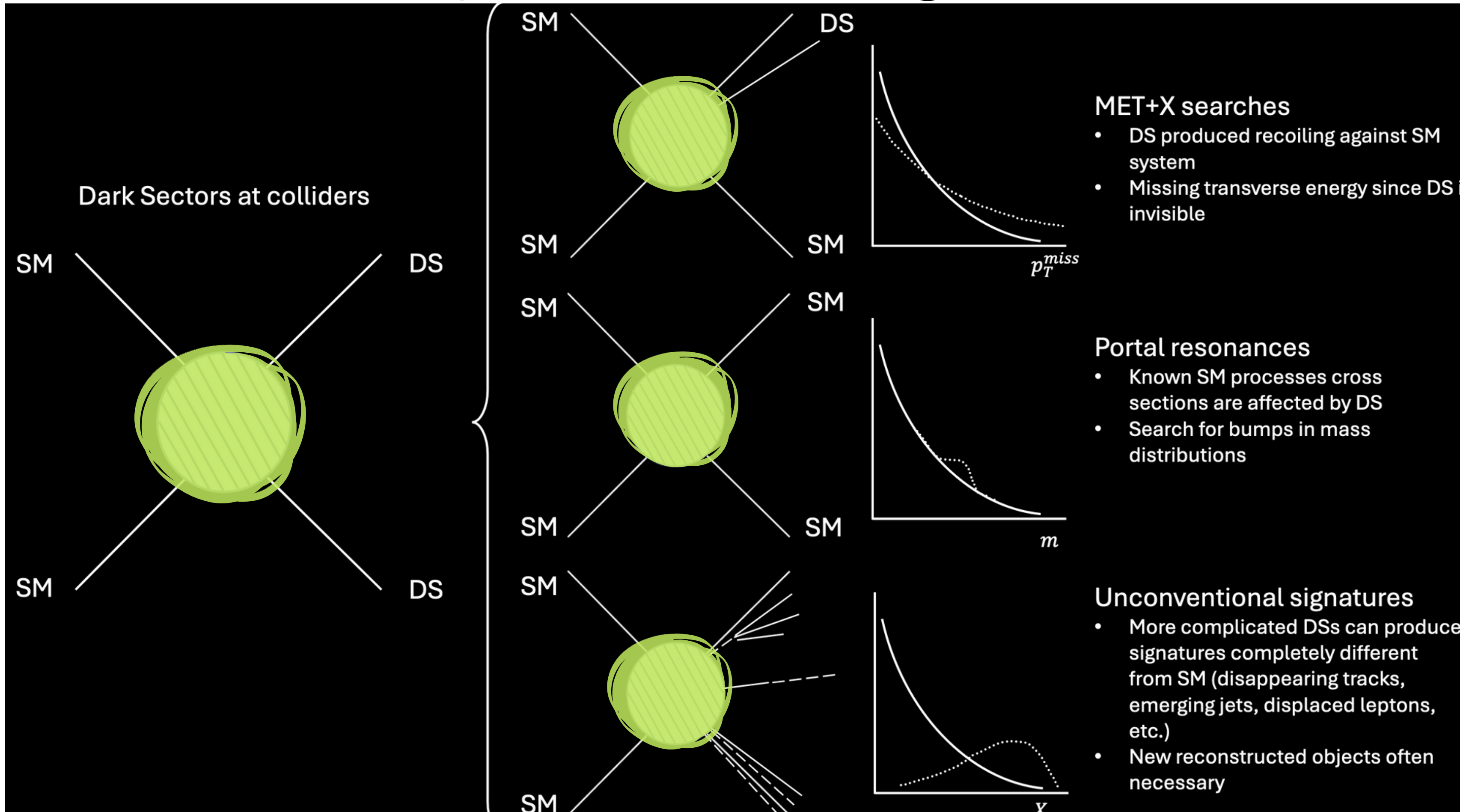


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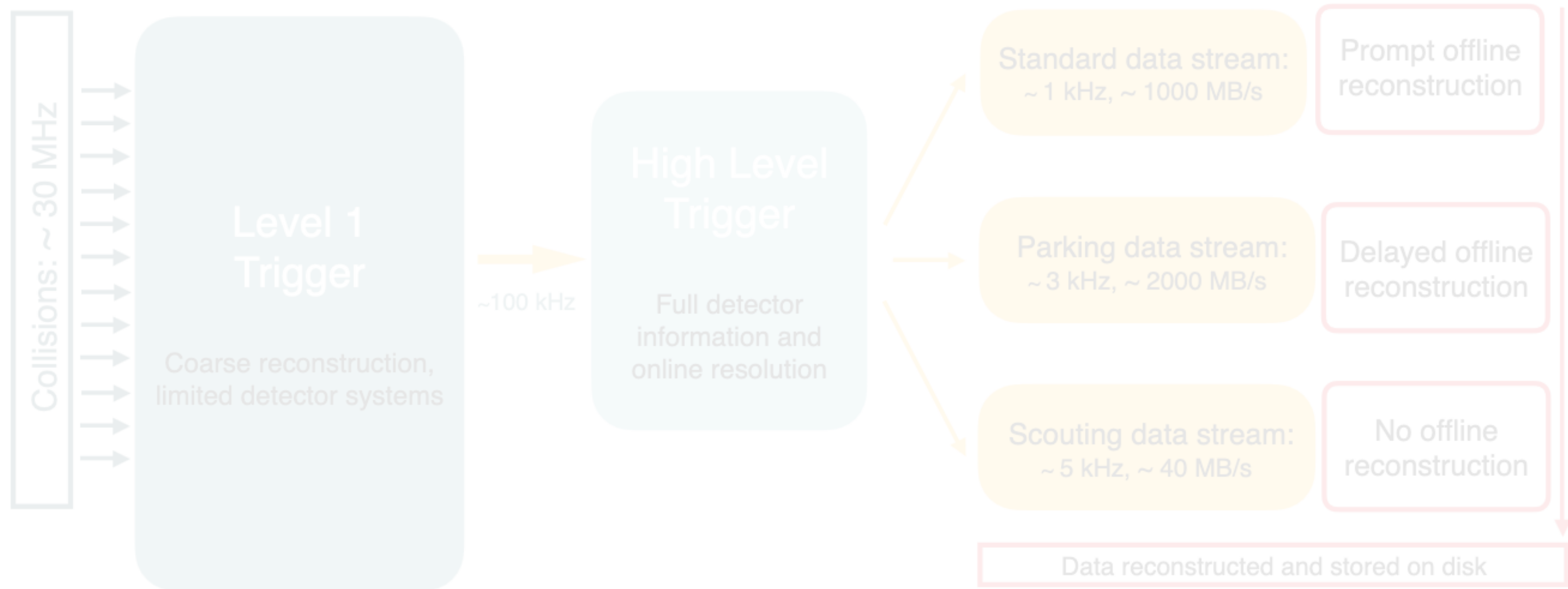
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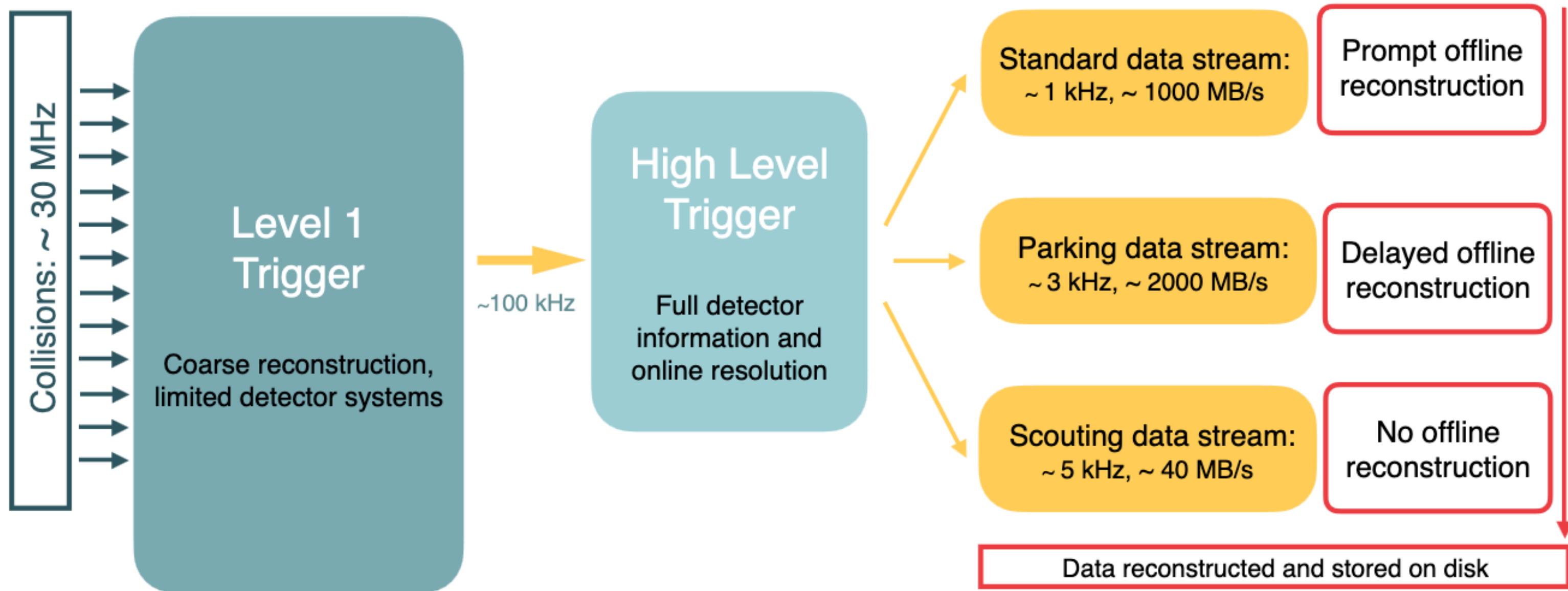
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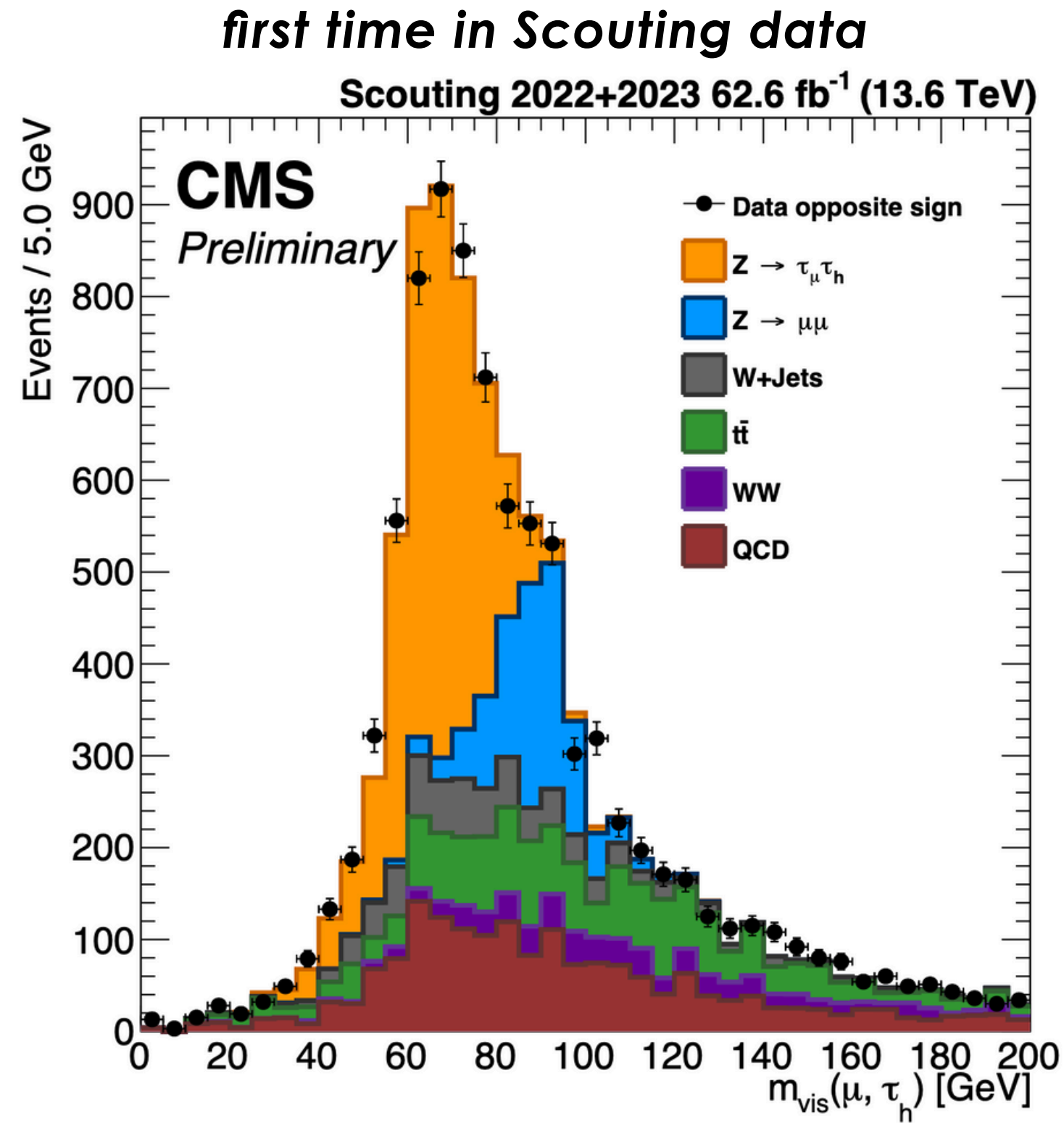
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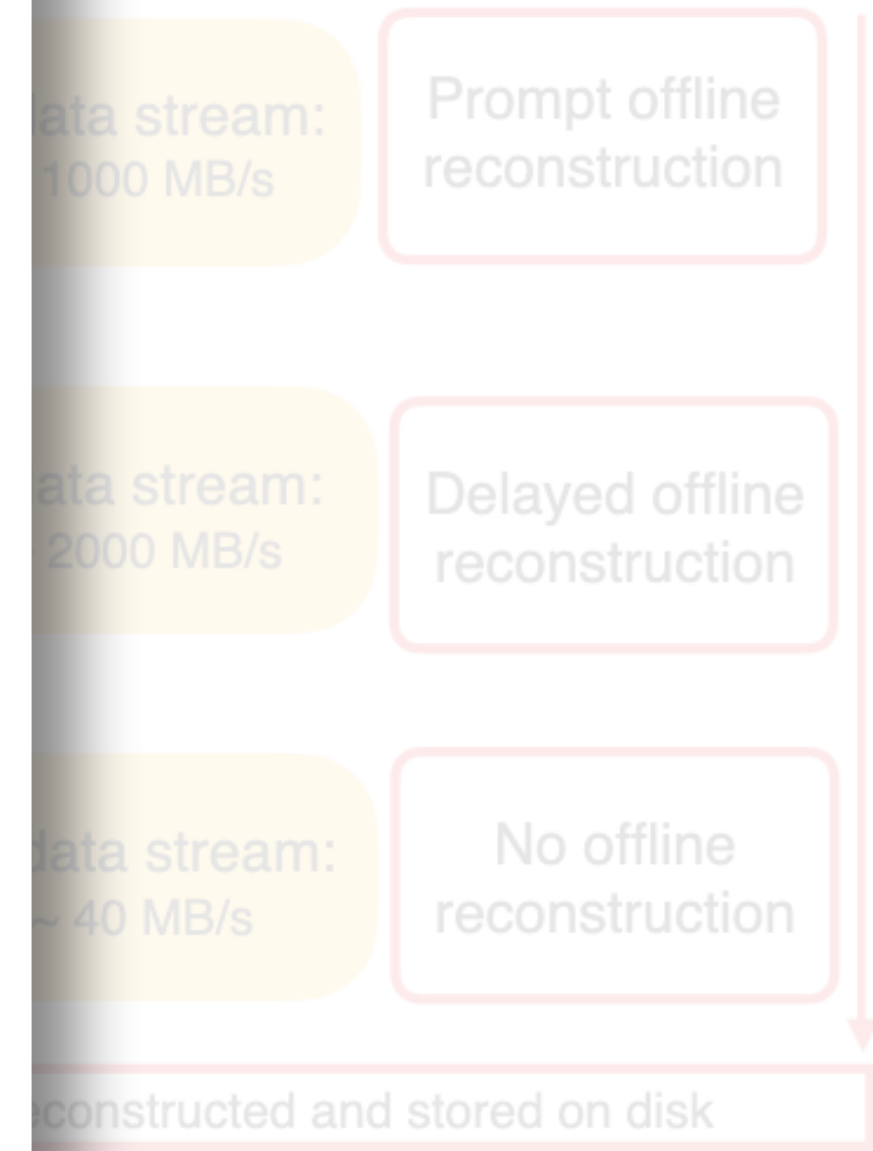
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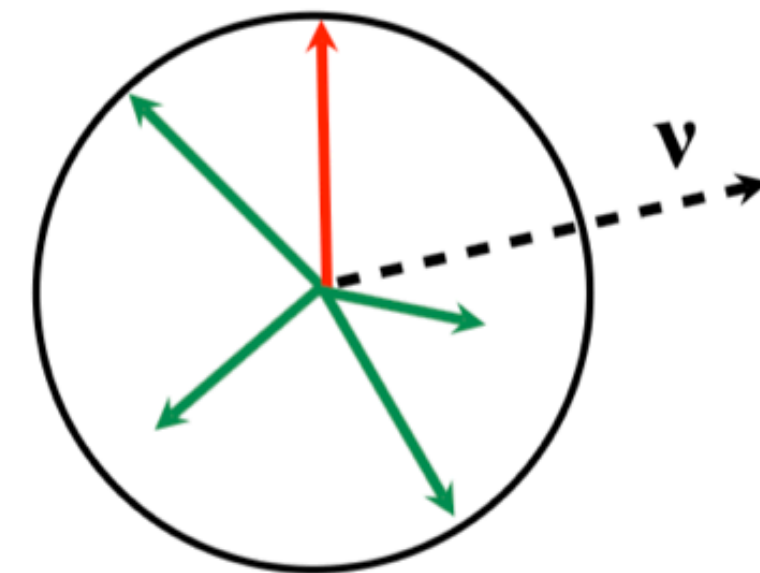
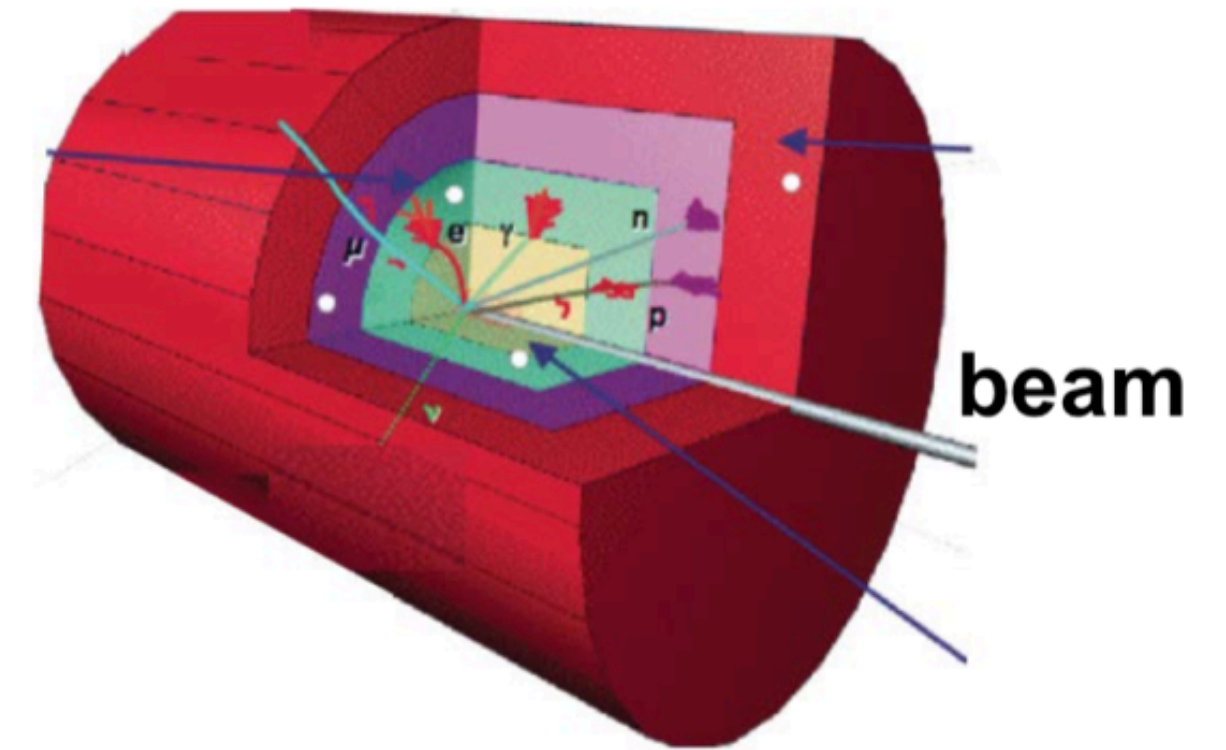
MET vector : negative of vector sum of momenta of all particles **transverse to the beam direction**

MET : magnitude of MET vector

$$\vec{P}_T^{P_1} + \vec{P}_T^{P_2} = 0 = \sum_i \vec{P}_T^i(\text{measured})$$

$$\vec{P}_T^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_i \vec{P}_T^i(\text{measured}) \neq 0 \Rightarrow$$

Some particles are not detected (e.g. ν , neutralino)



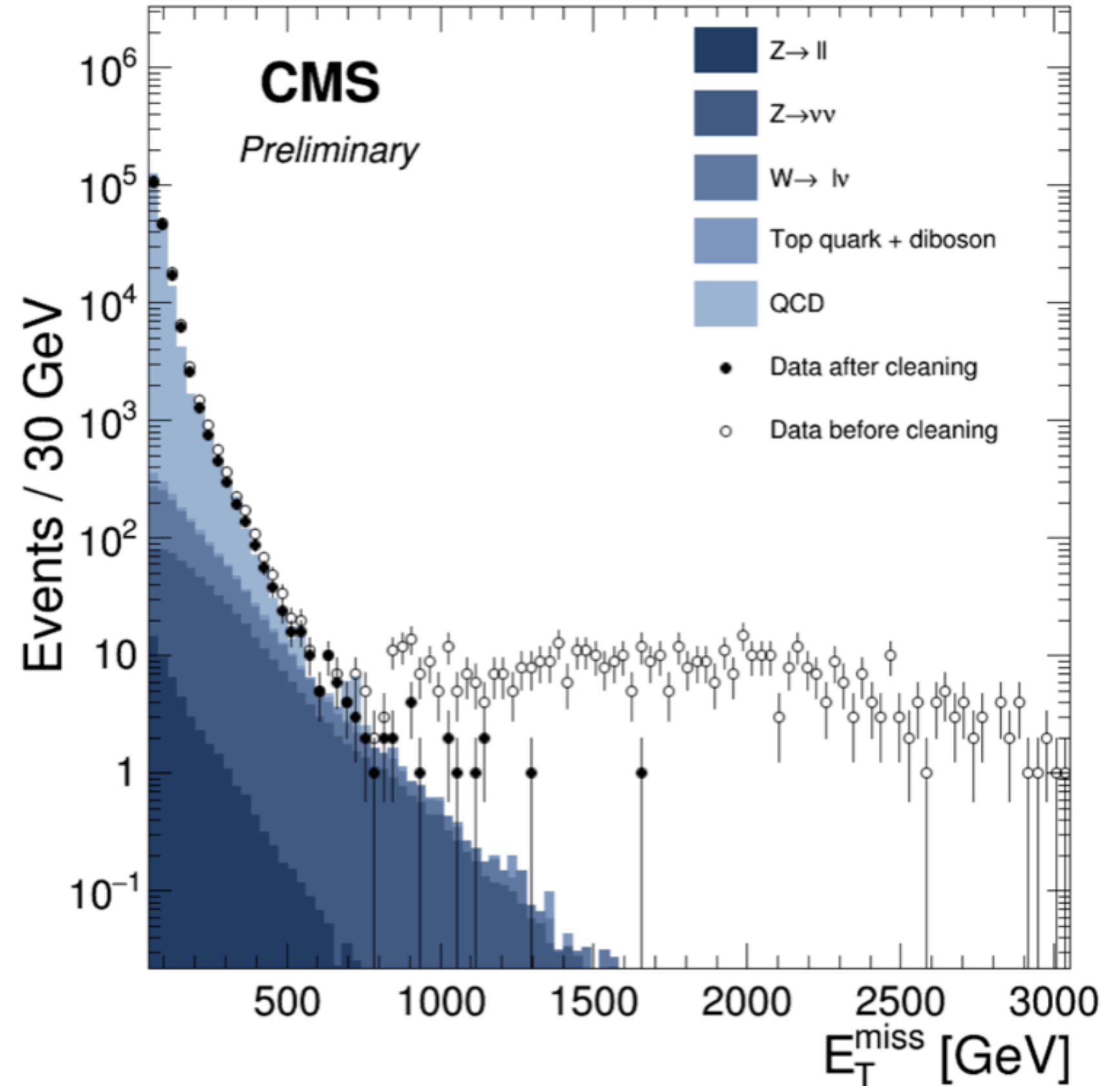
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$$E_T = |\vec{E}_T^{miss}|$$

First step to measure MET:
understand what is going on in
your detector !

- Beam background, cosmics, various kind of noise some of which not really expected.
- Special filters developed to eliminate noise, which could otherwise affect MET performance



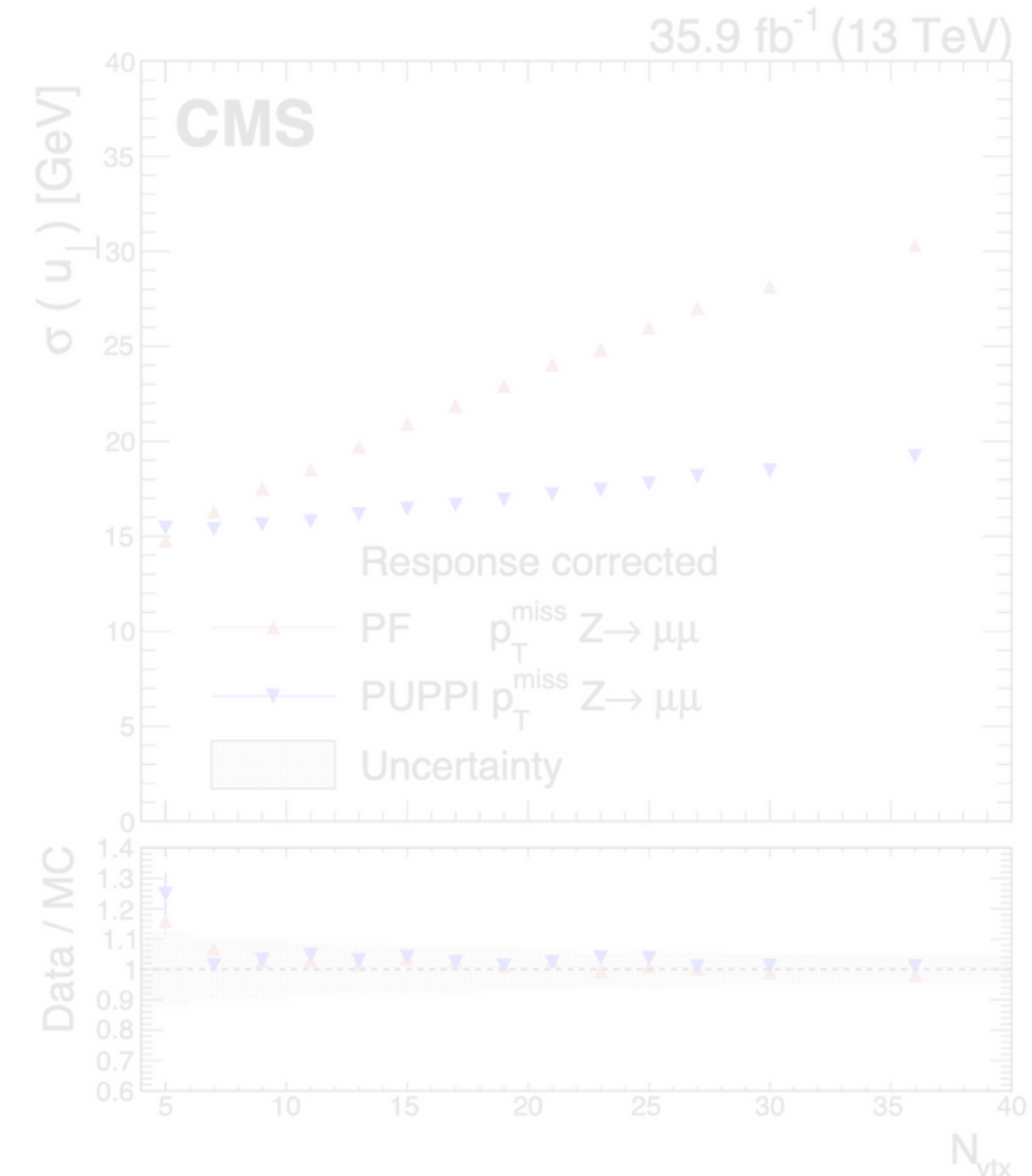
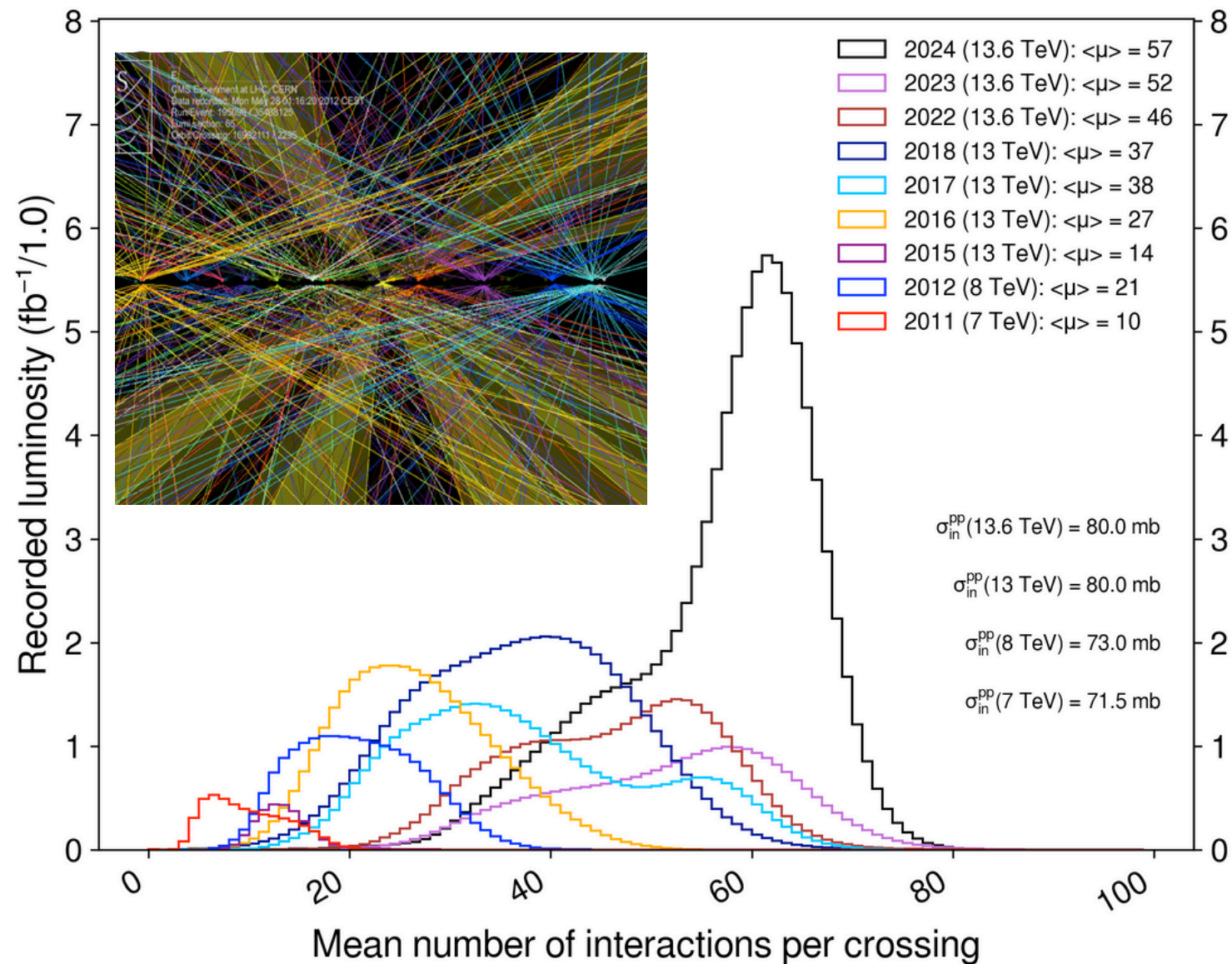
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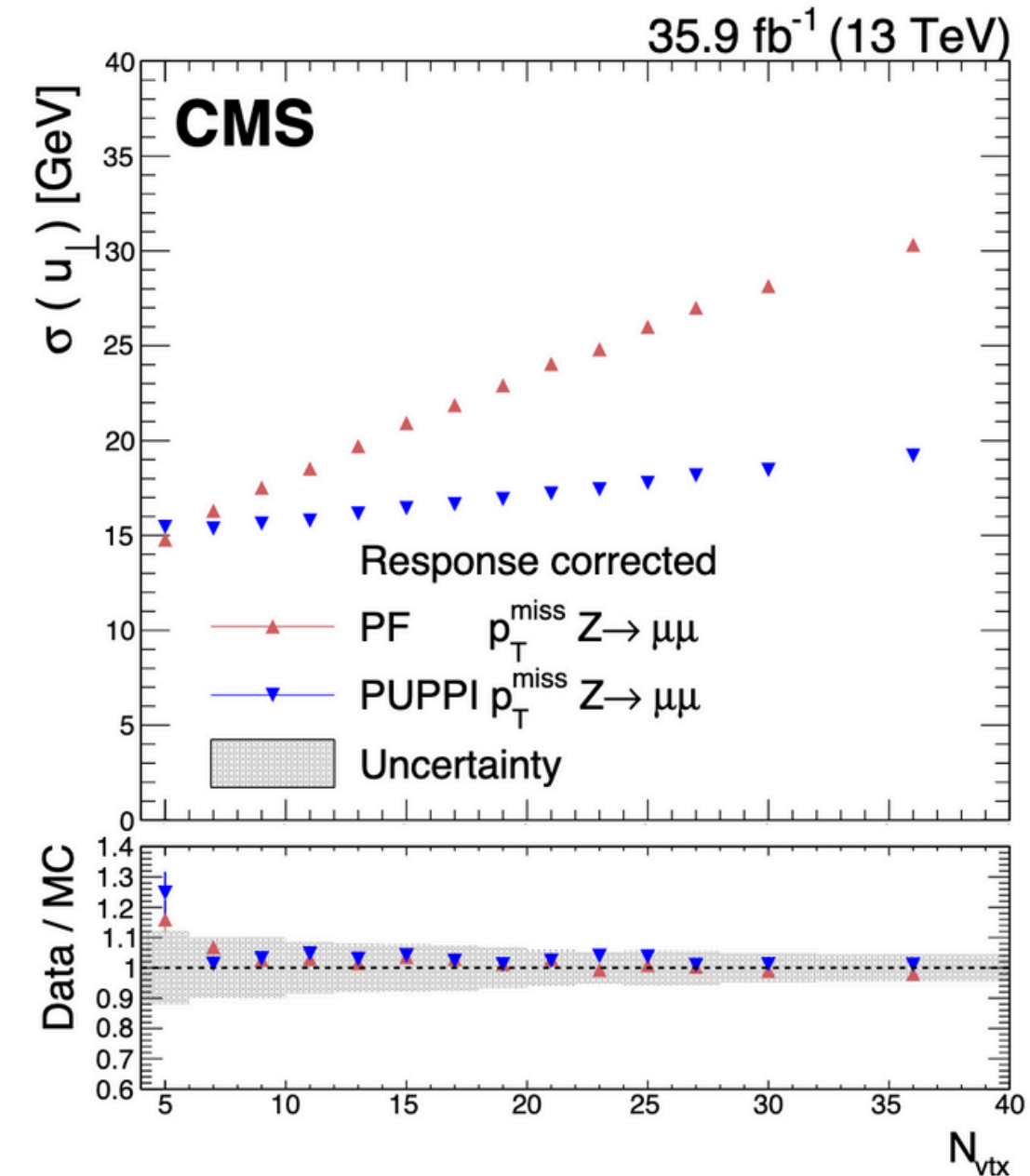
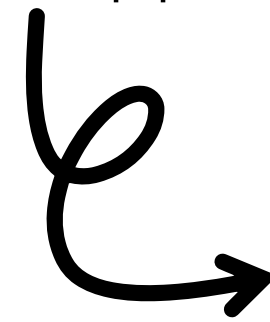
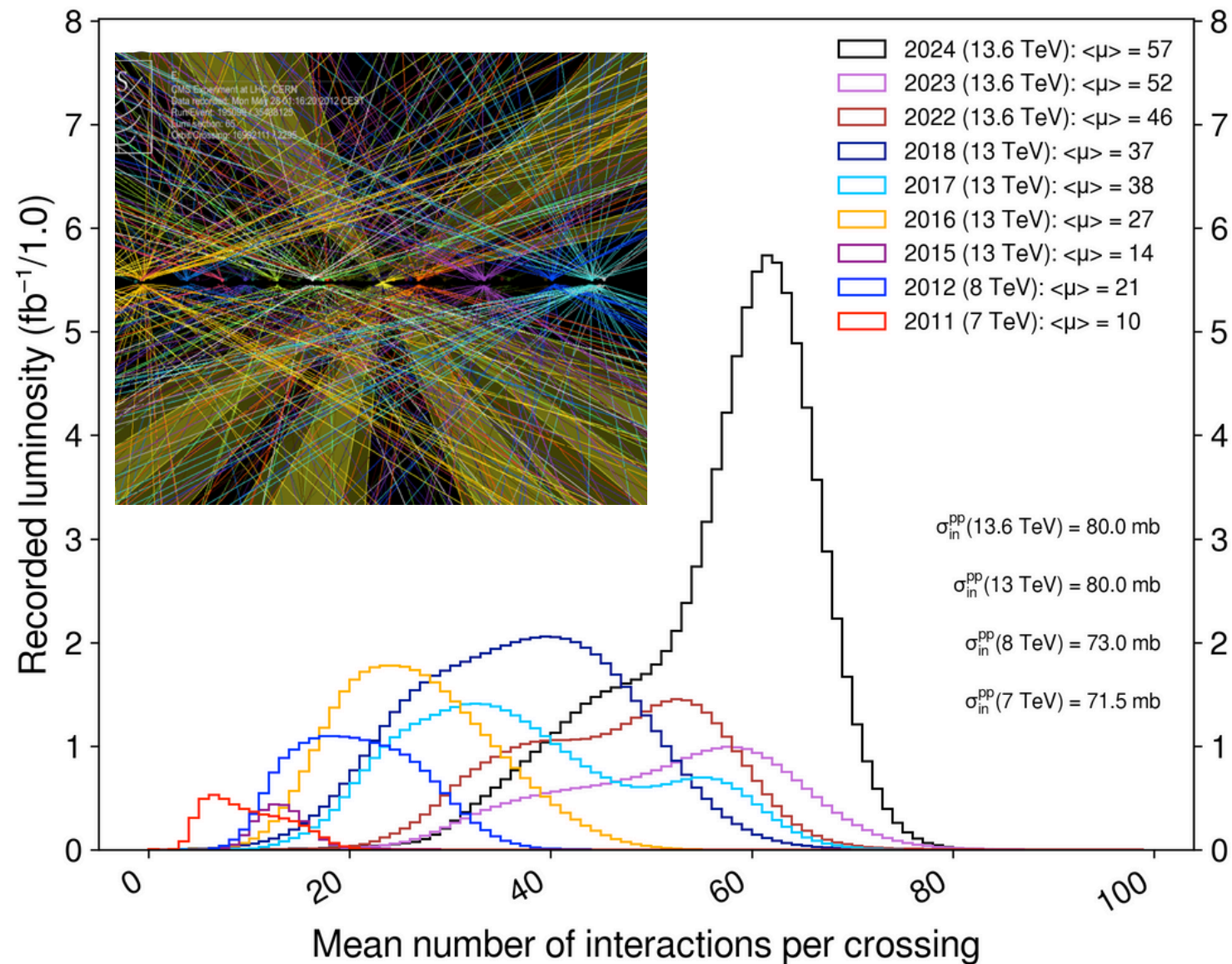
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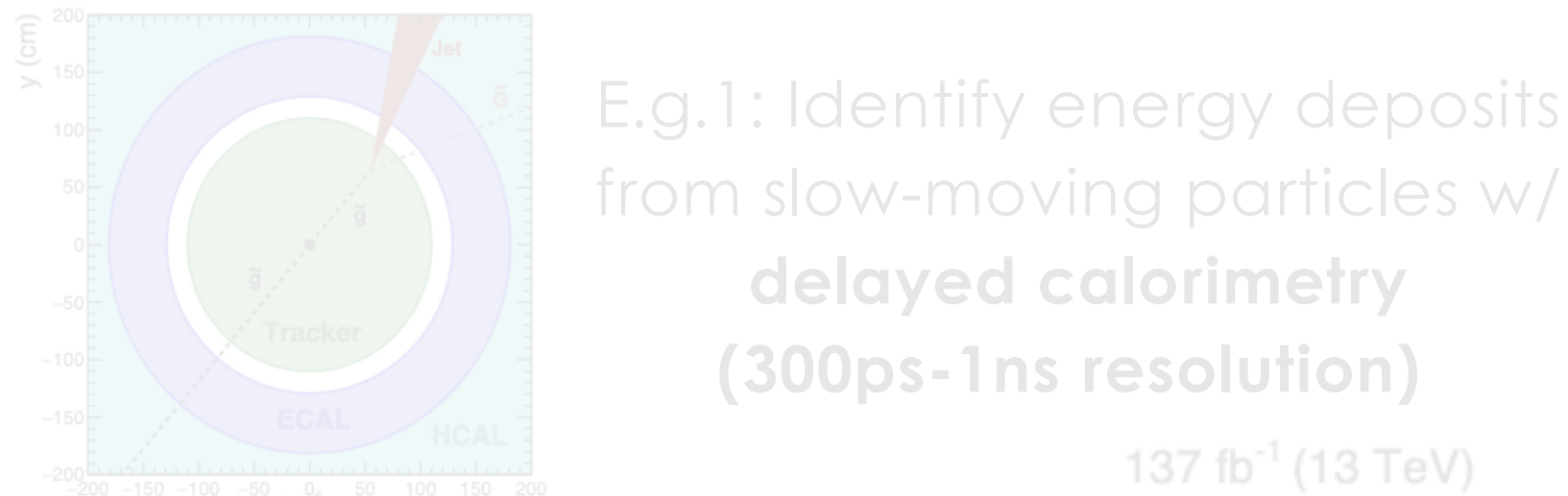
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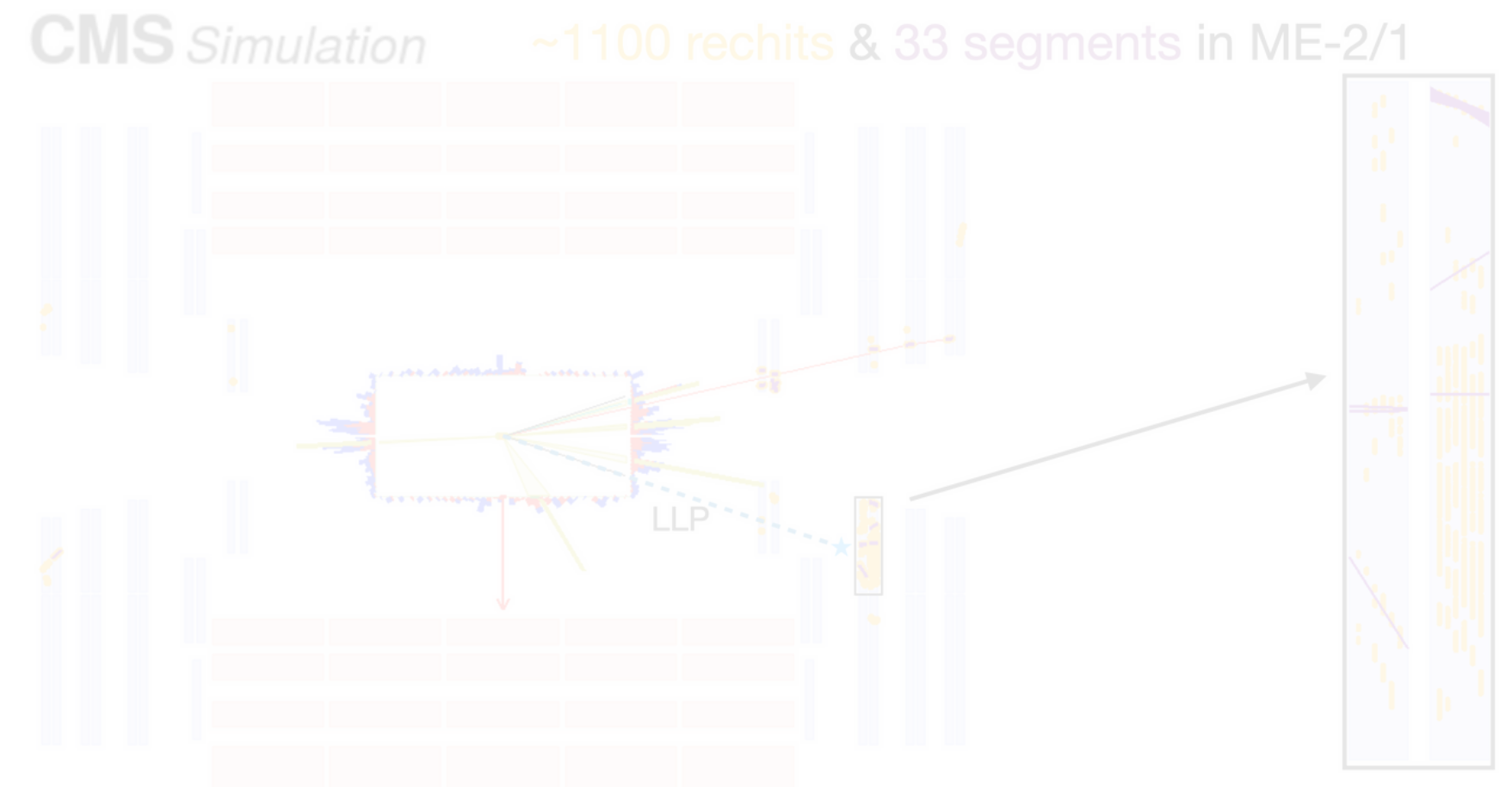
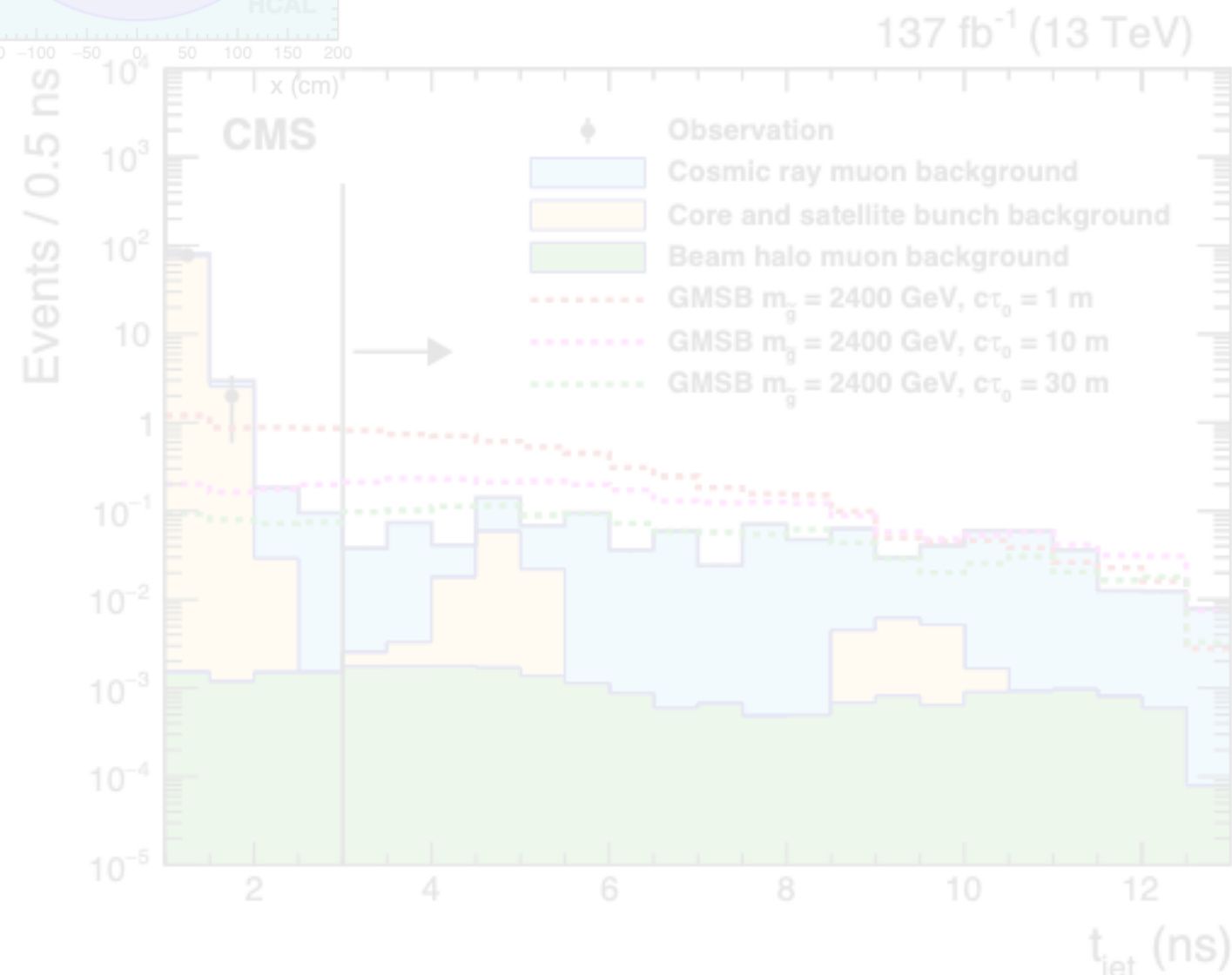


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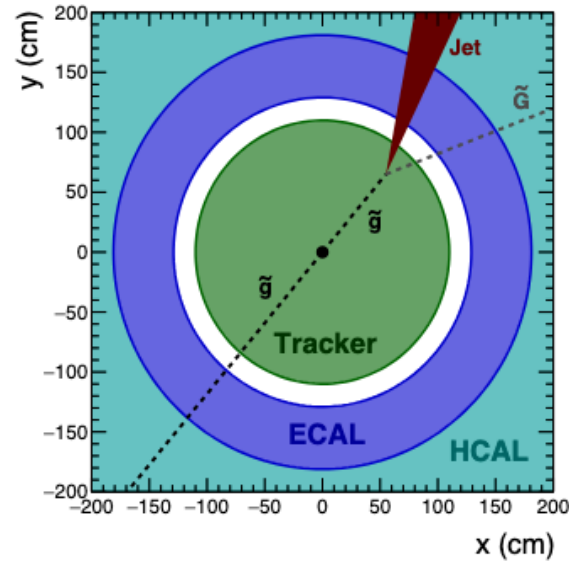


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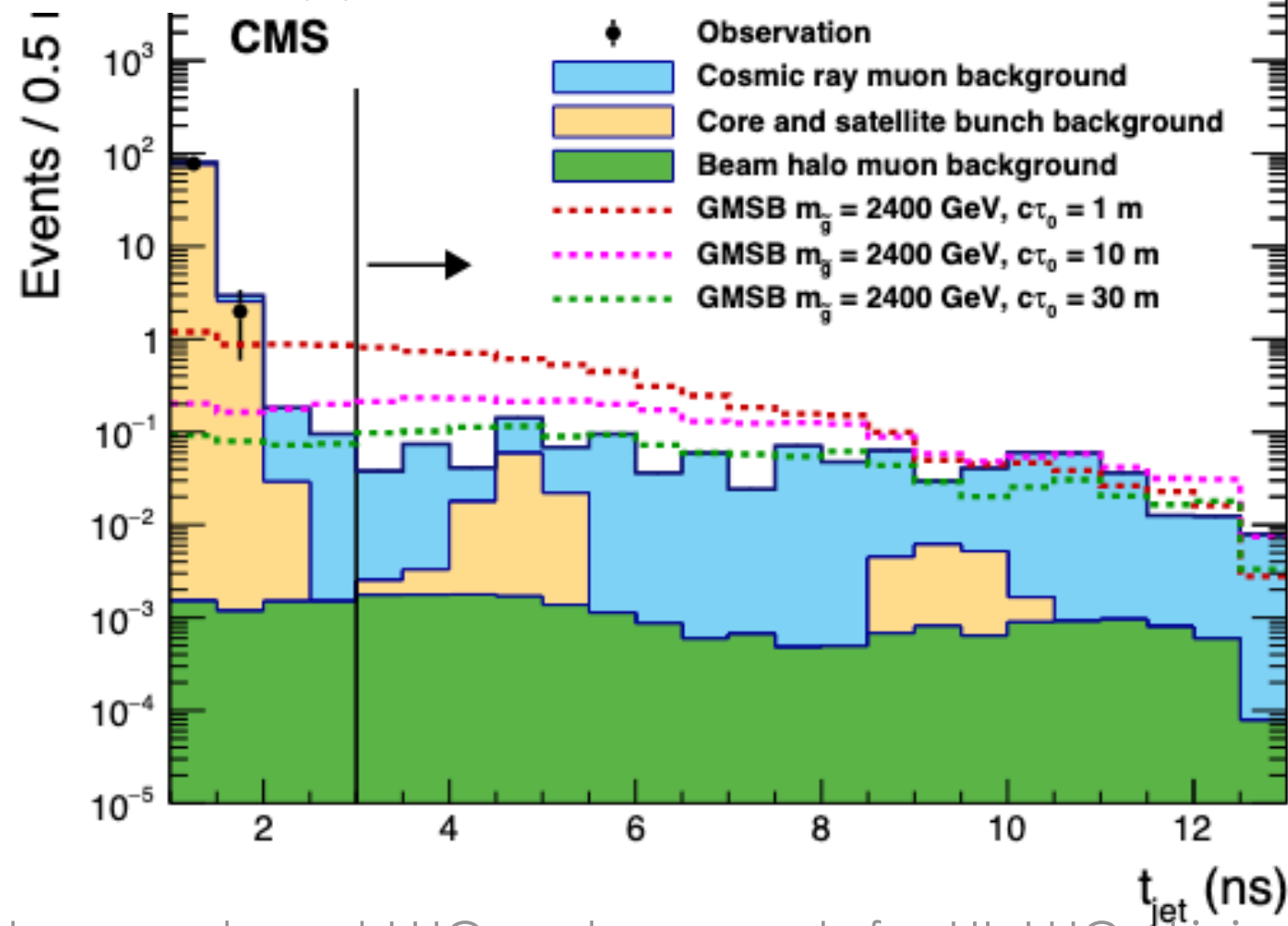
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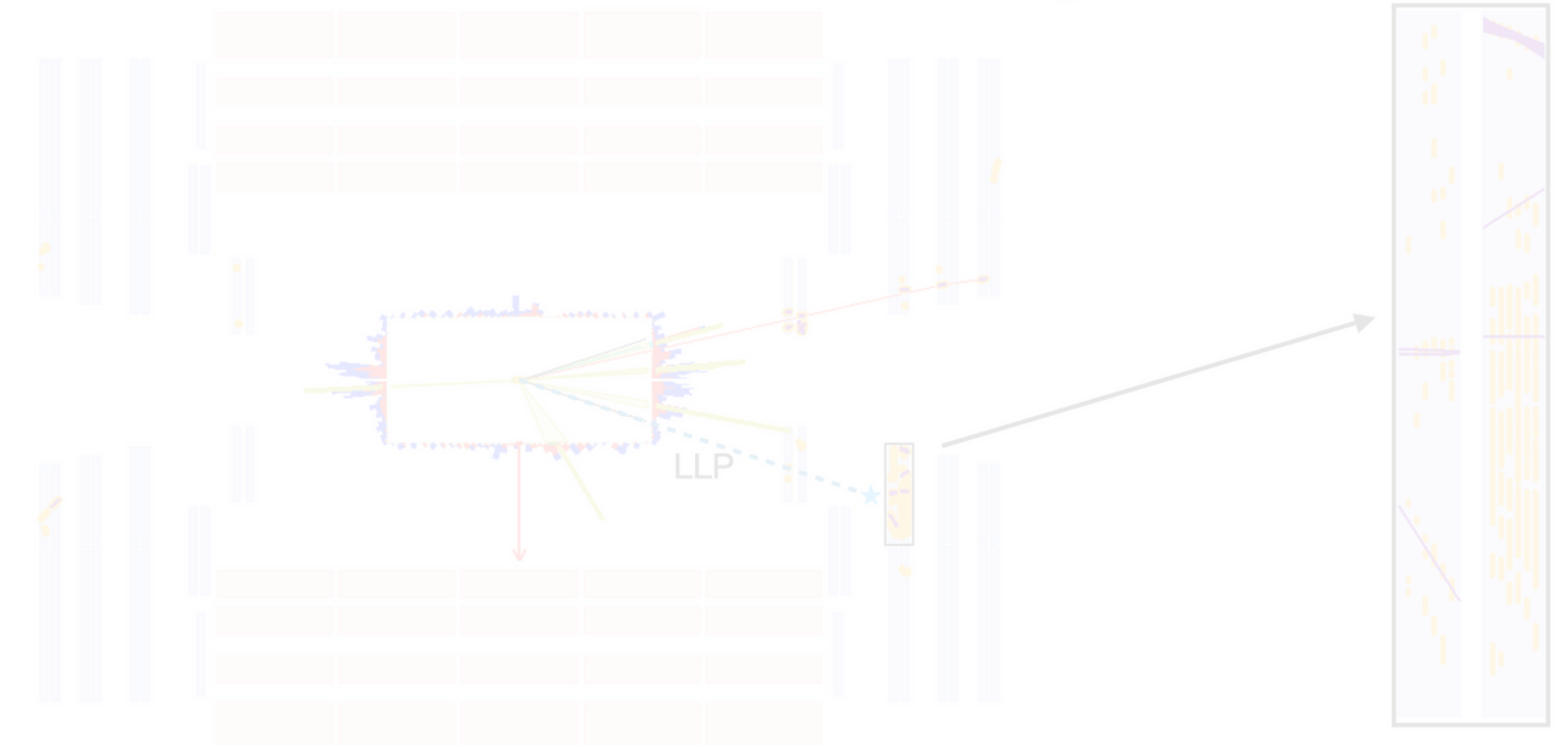
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137 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



CMS Simulation ~1100 rechits & 33 segments in ME-2/1

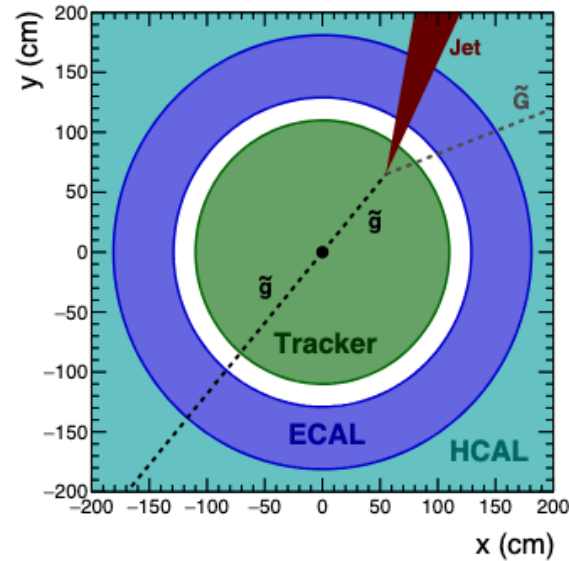


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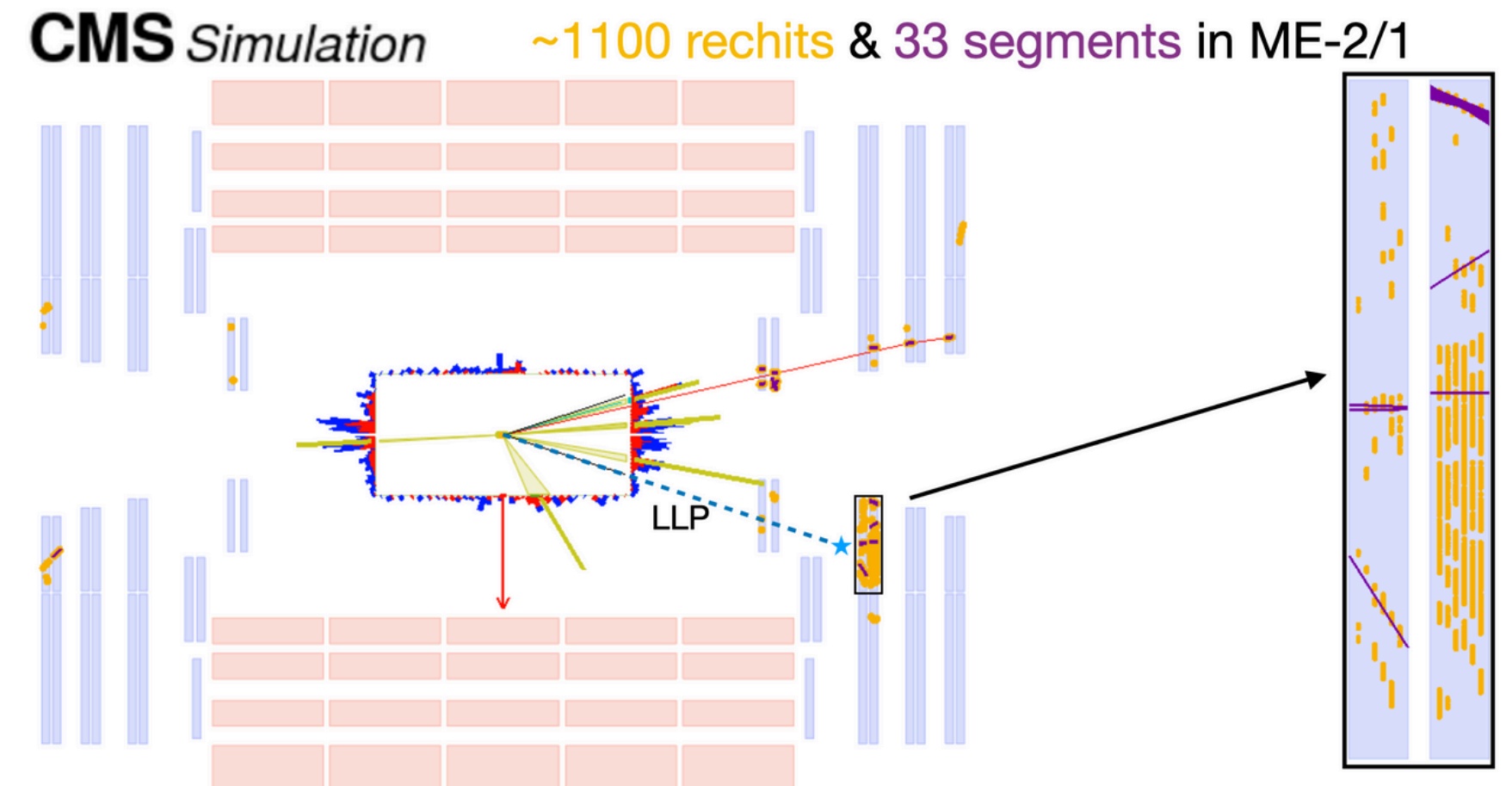
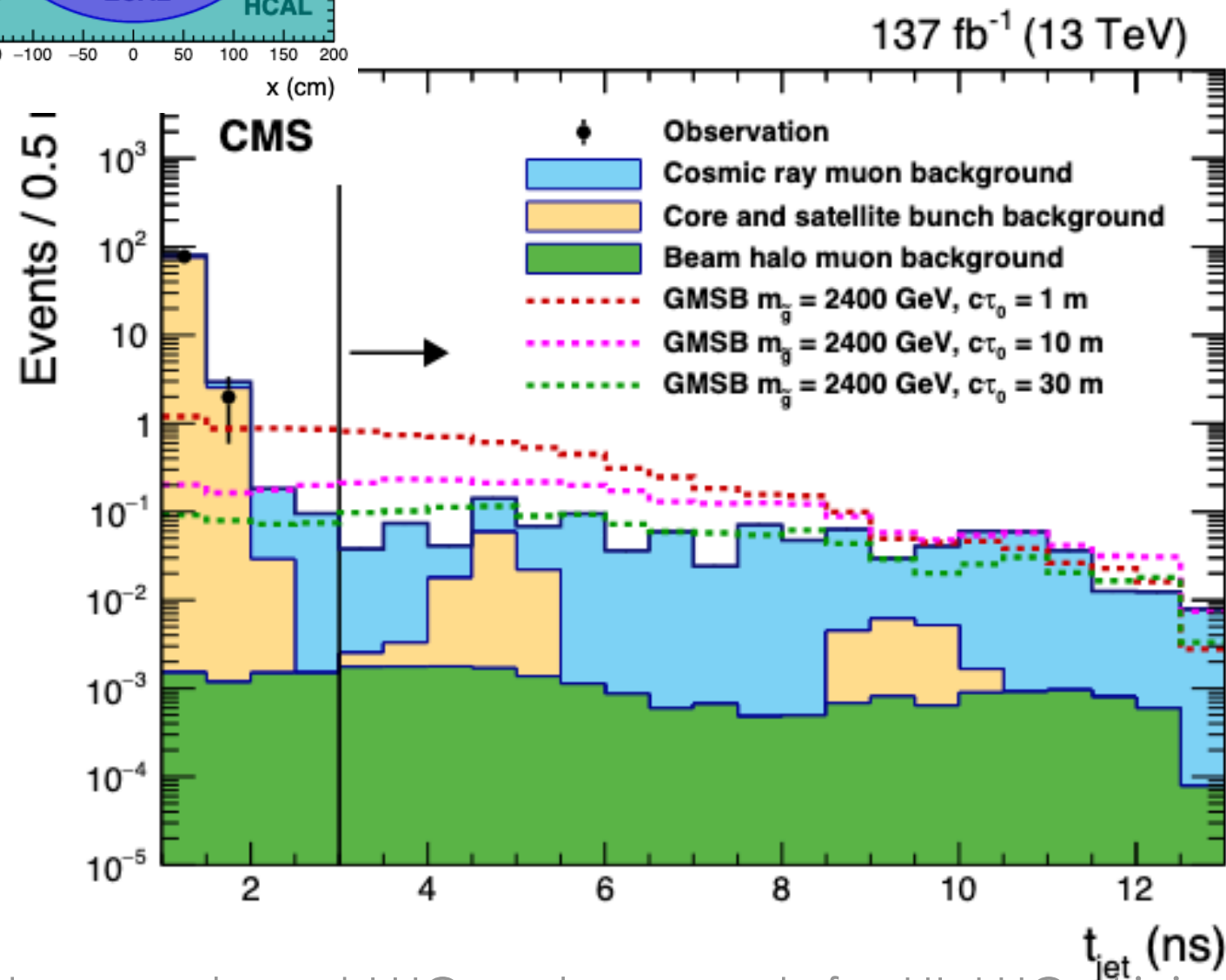
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Signature
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lifetime [ns]

Long lived particles

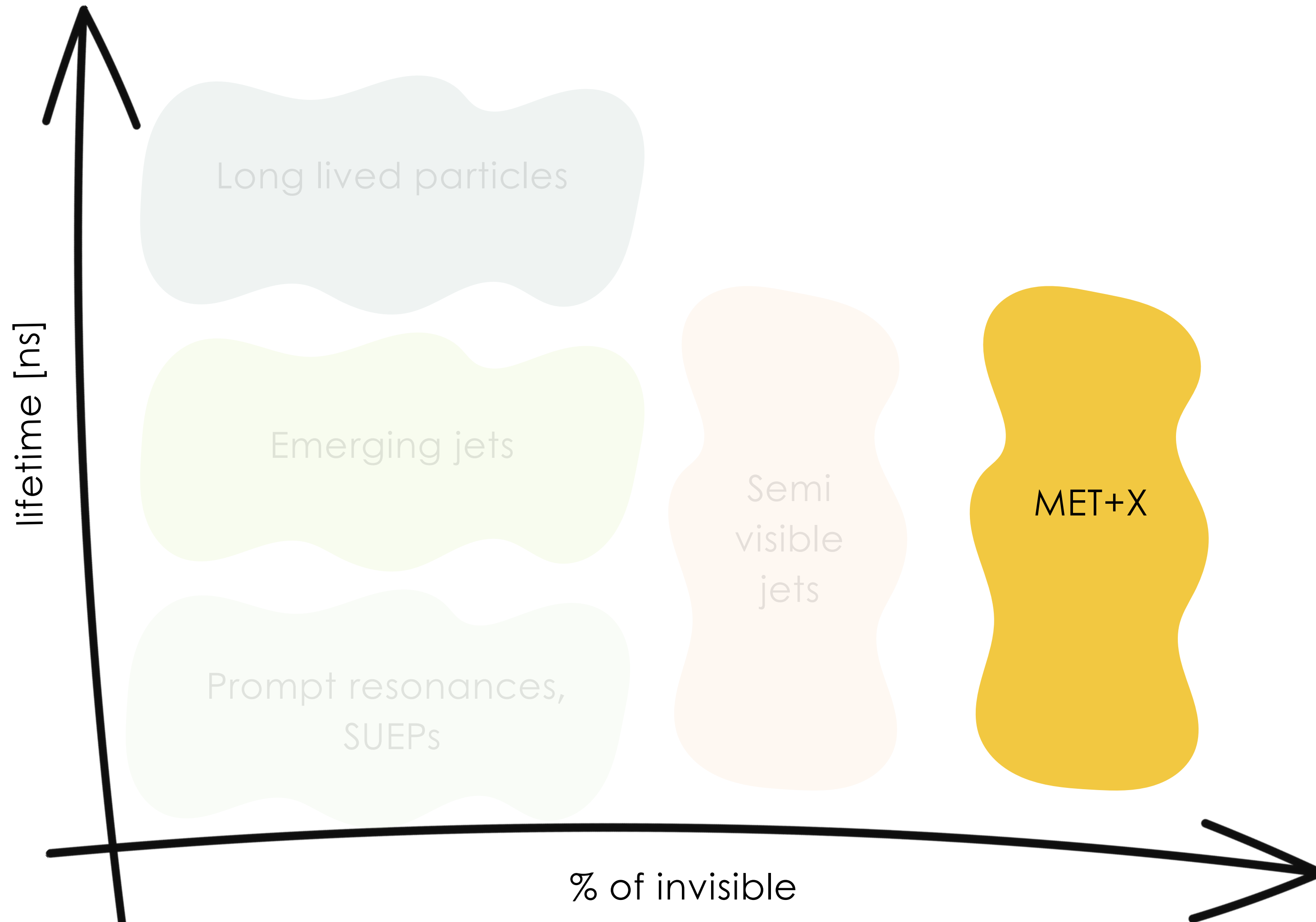
Emerging jets

Prompt resonances,
SUEPs

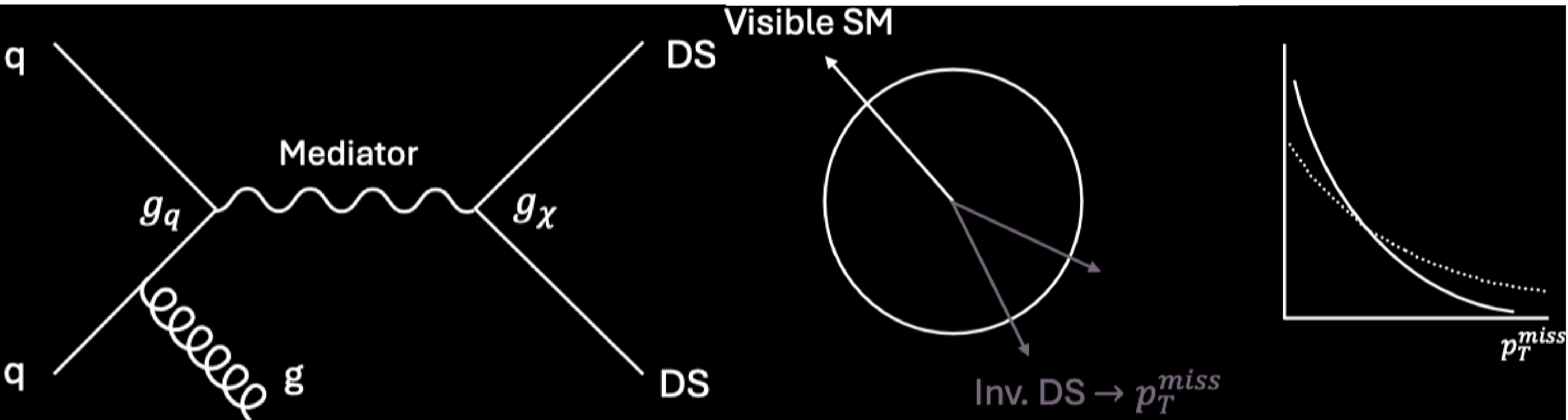
Semi
visible
jets

MET+X

% of invisible



MET based searches for invisible



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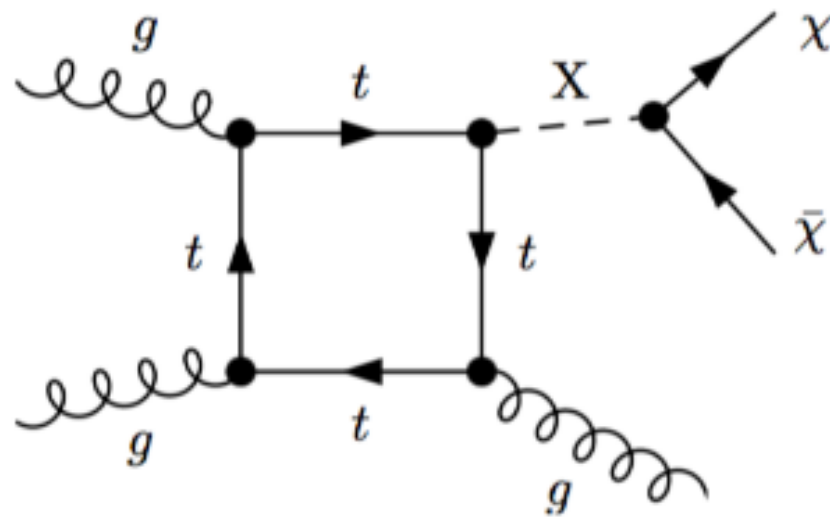
- Invisible DS particles produced via **mediator that couples to SM and DS**
- DS particles recoil against SM (jet, photon, V , Higgs, t/b , $t\bar{t}/b\bar{b}$, etc.)

- Target:

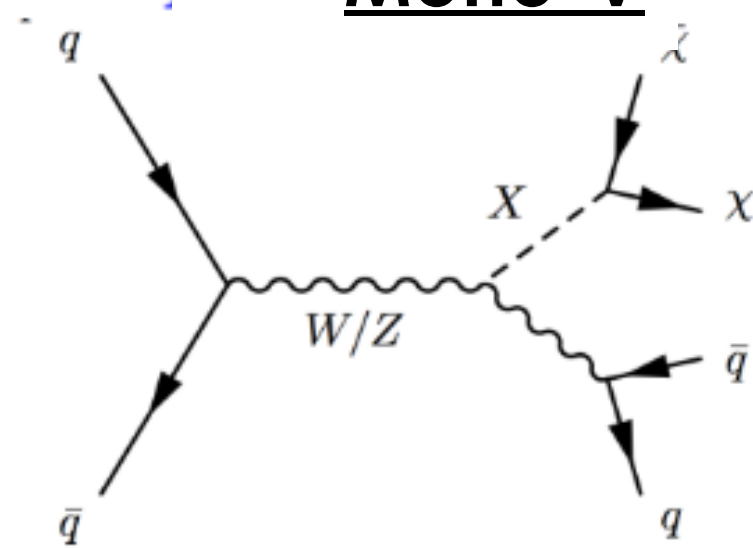
- Simplified DM models (e.g. WIMPs) with **parameters:** m_{med} , m_{DM} , g_q , g_χ
- Higgs portals
- Any model with invisible decays! Very model independent search

The Mono-Jet search

Mono-Jet



Mono-V



Main Backgrounds

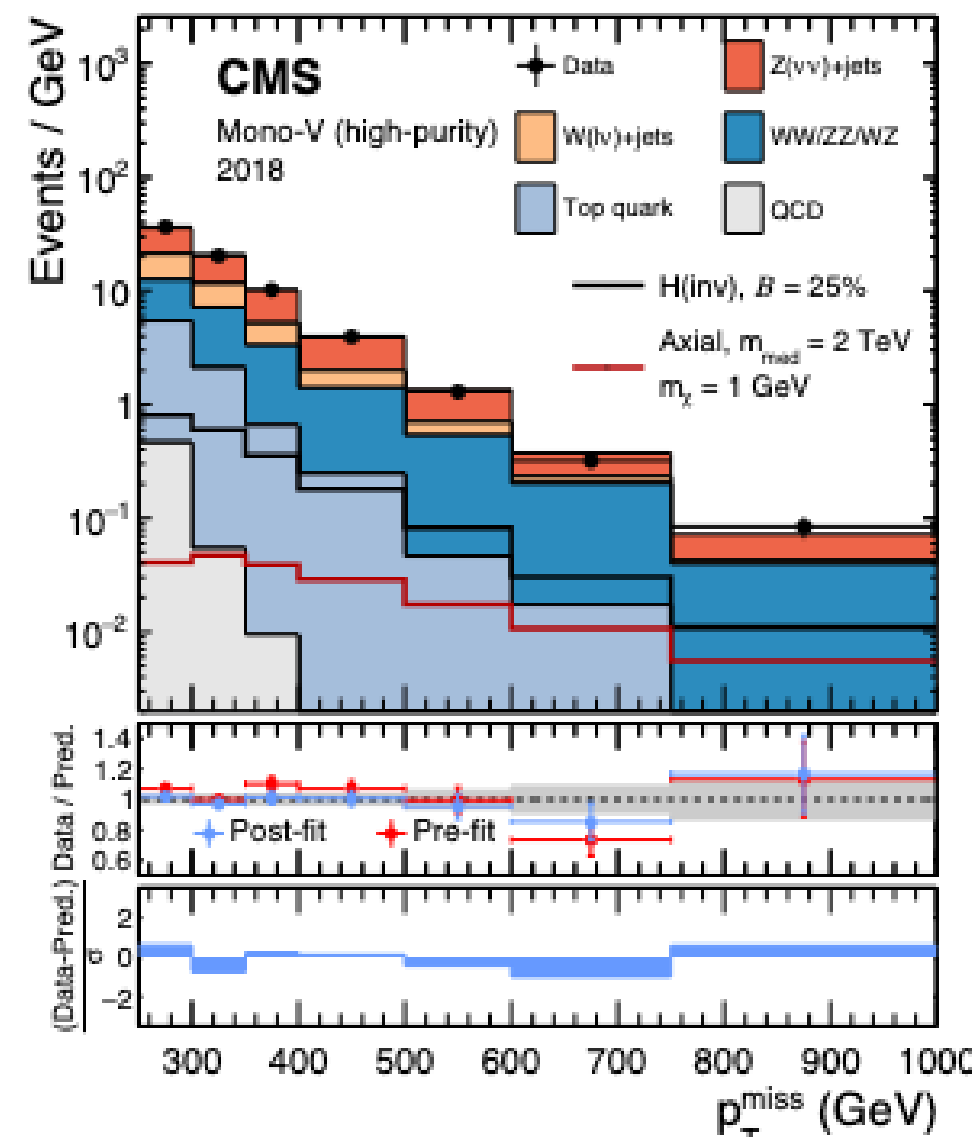
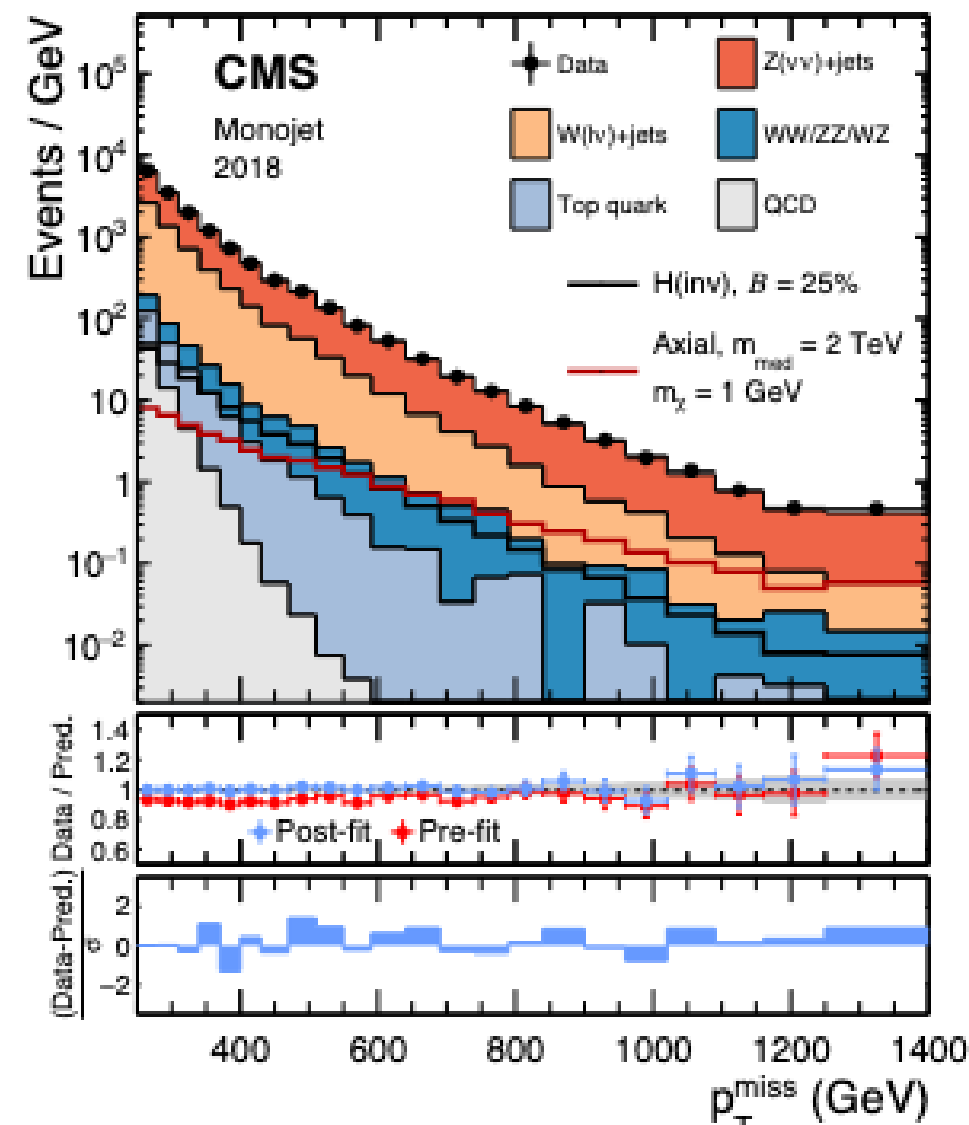
- $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ is the main background and is irreducible
- $W \rightarrow l\nu$ when one lepton out of acceptance/not identified

Minor Backgrounds

- Top: mainly from semi-leptonic $t\bar{t}$
- Di-boson: WW and WZ production mainly
- γ +jets
- QCD multi-jet

59.7 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

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Main Back. estimated from data considering 5 Control Regions

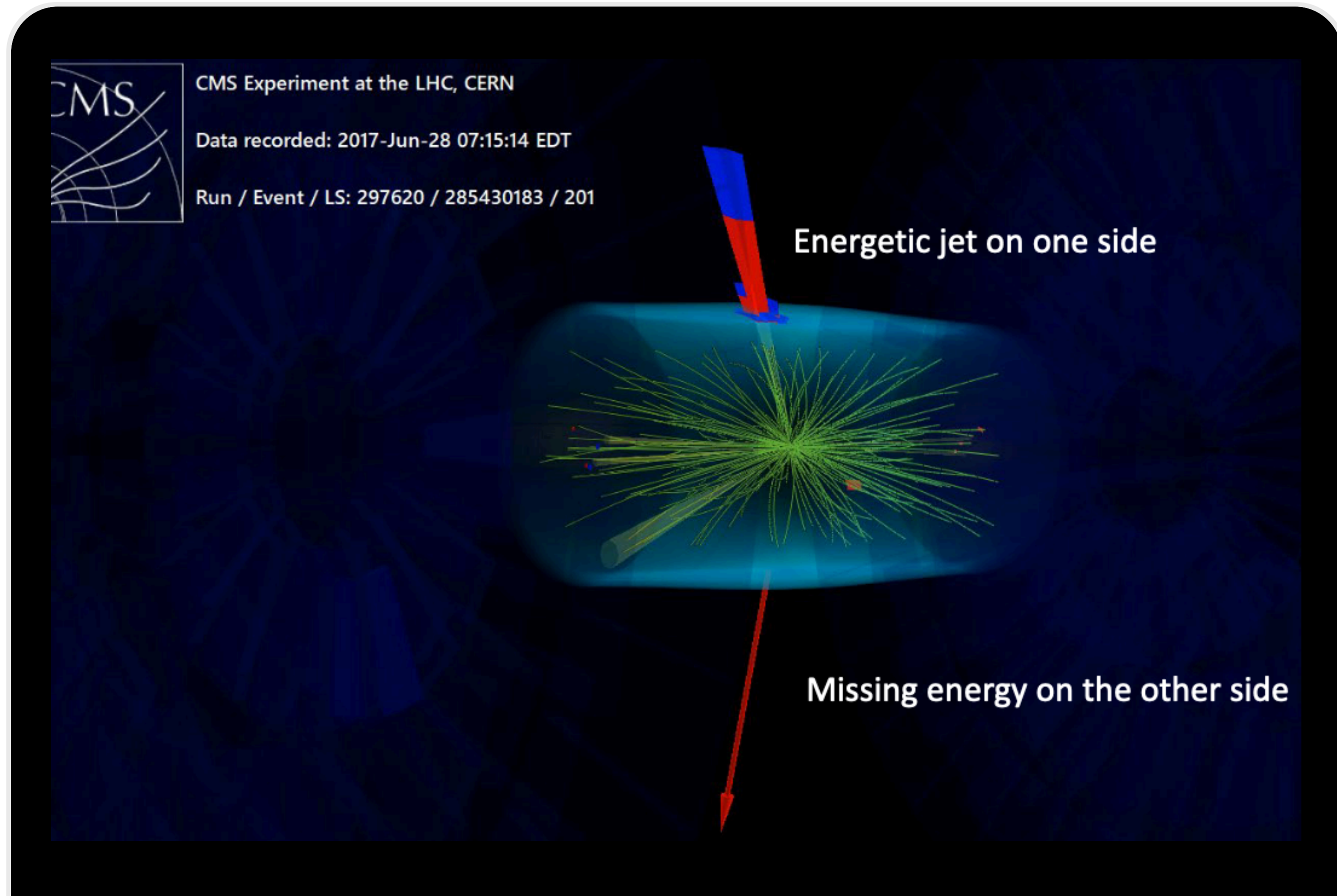
$Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$

Di-muon events ($Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$ enriched)
Di-electron events ($Z \rightarrow ee$ enriched)
Photon+jets events

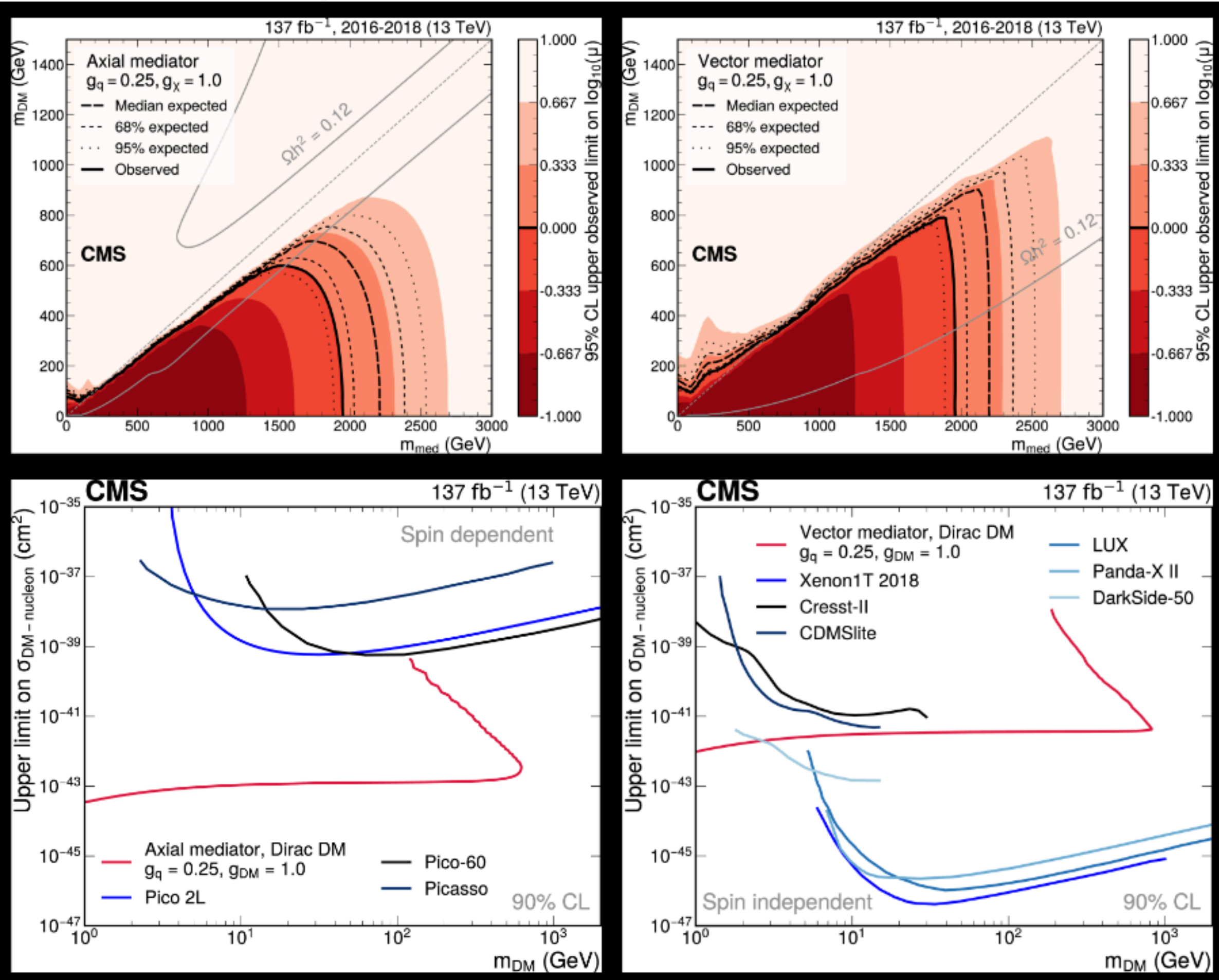
W+jets

Single muon ($W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ enriched)
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A mono-Jet search



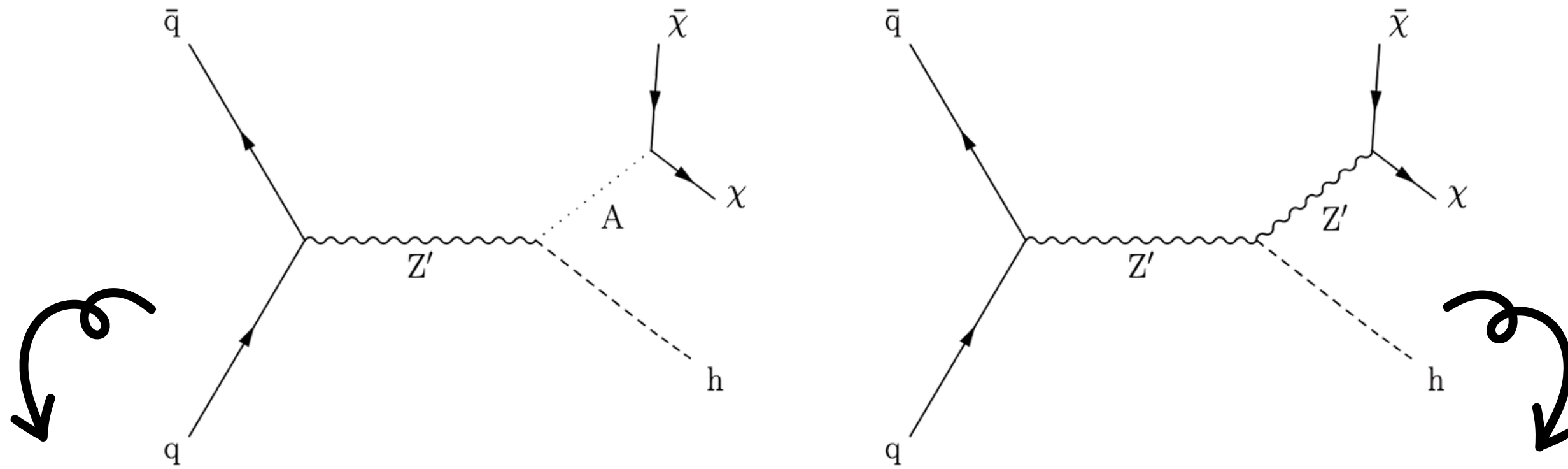
Sensitivity from Mono-Jet



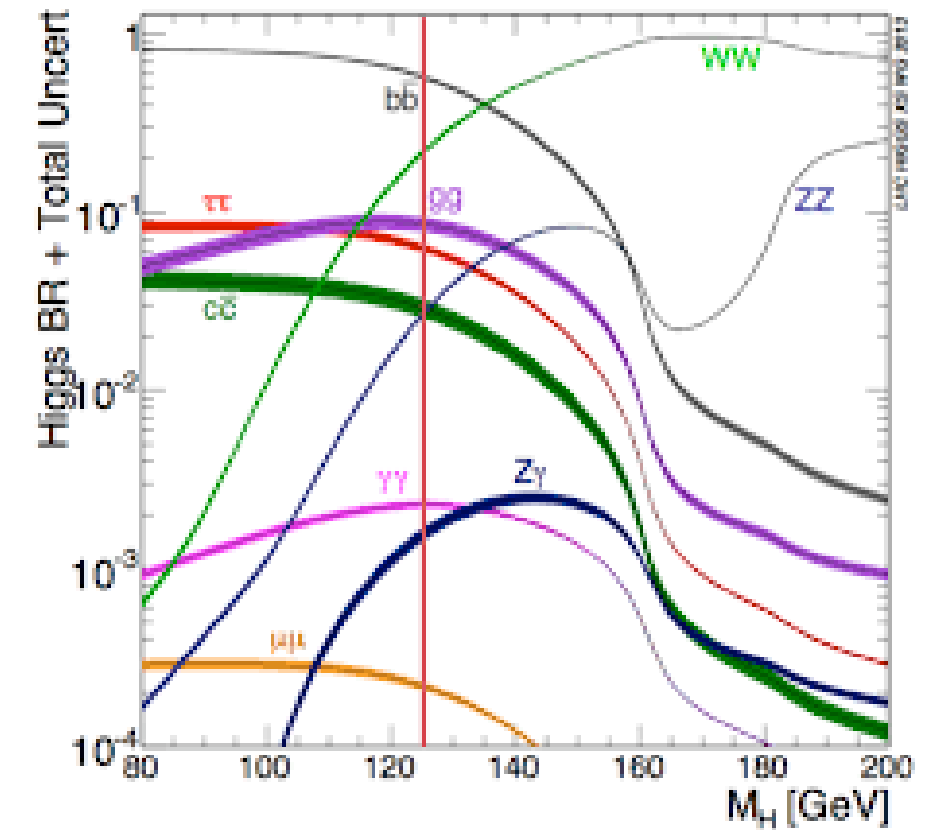
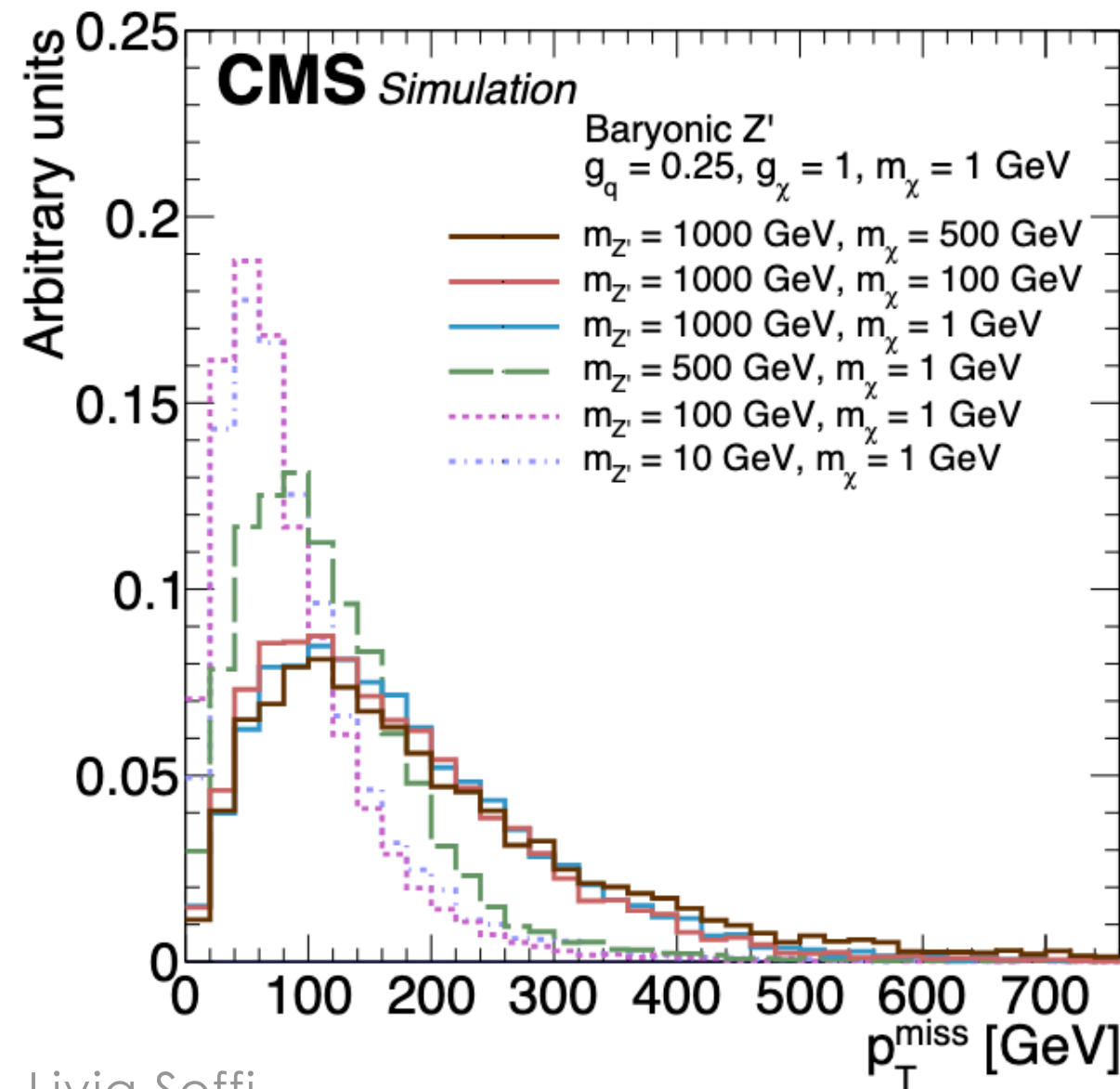
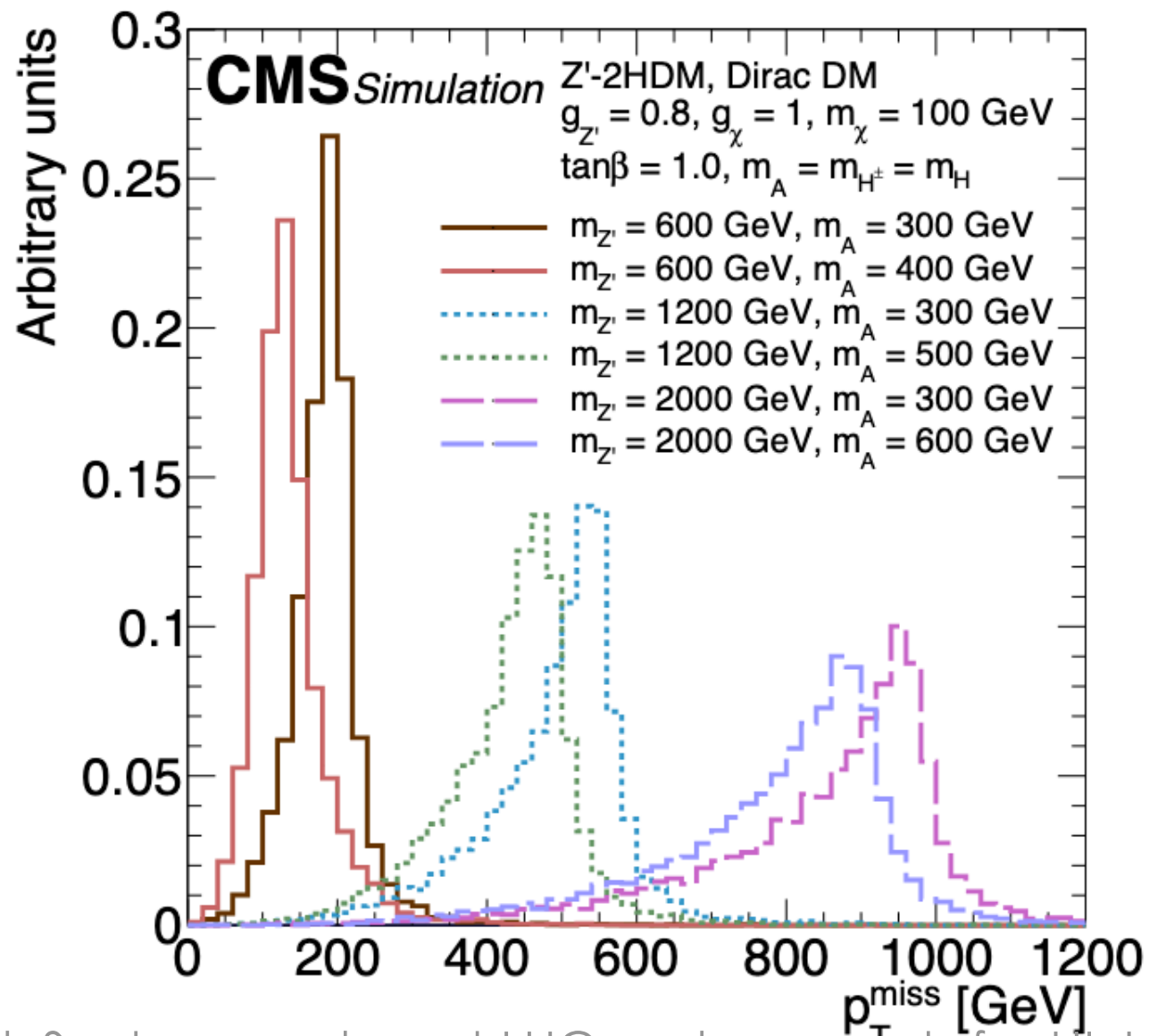
- As an example, the same mono-jet search can be re-interpreted for many DS/DM models
 - **Simplified DM models:**
 - WIMPs with vector, axial, pseudoscalars, fermion portals
 - $B(H \rightarrow inv)$
 - **Leptoquarks** & other more complex models

- For WIMPs, can constrain directly m_{DM} and m_{med}
 - Can **interpret these as limits on $\sigma_{DM-nucleon}$**
 - **Compare with direct-detection experiments**

The Mono-Higgs search



Decay channel	Final state or category
h → bb	AK8 jet (Z'-2HDM) CA15 jet (Baryonic Z')
h → γγ	$p_T^{\text{miss}} \in 50\text{--}130\text{ GeV}$ $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 130\text{ GeV}$
h → ττ	$\tau_h \tau_h$ $\mu \tau_h$ $e \tau_h$
h → WW	$e \nu \mu \nu$
h → ZZ	4e 4μ 2e2μ



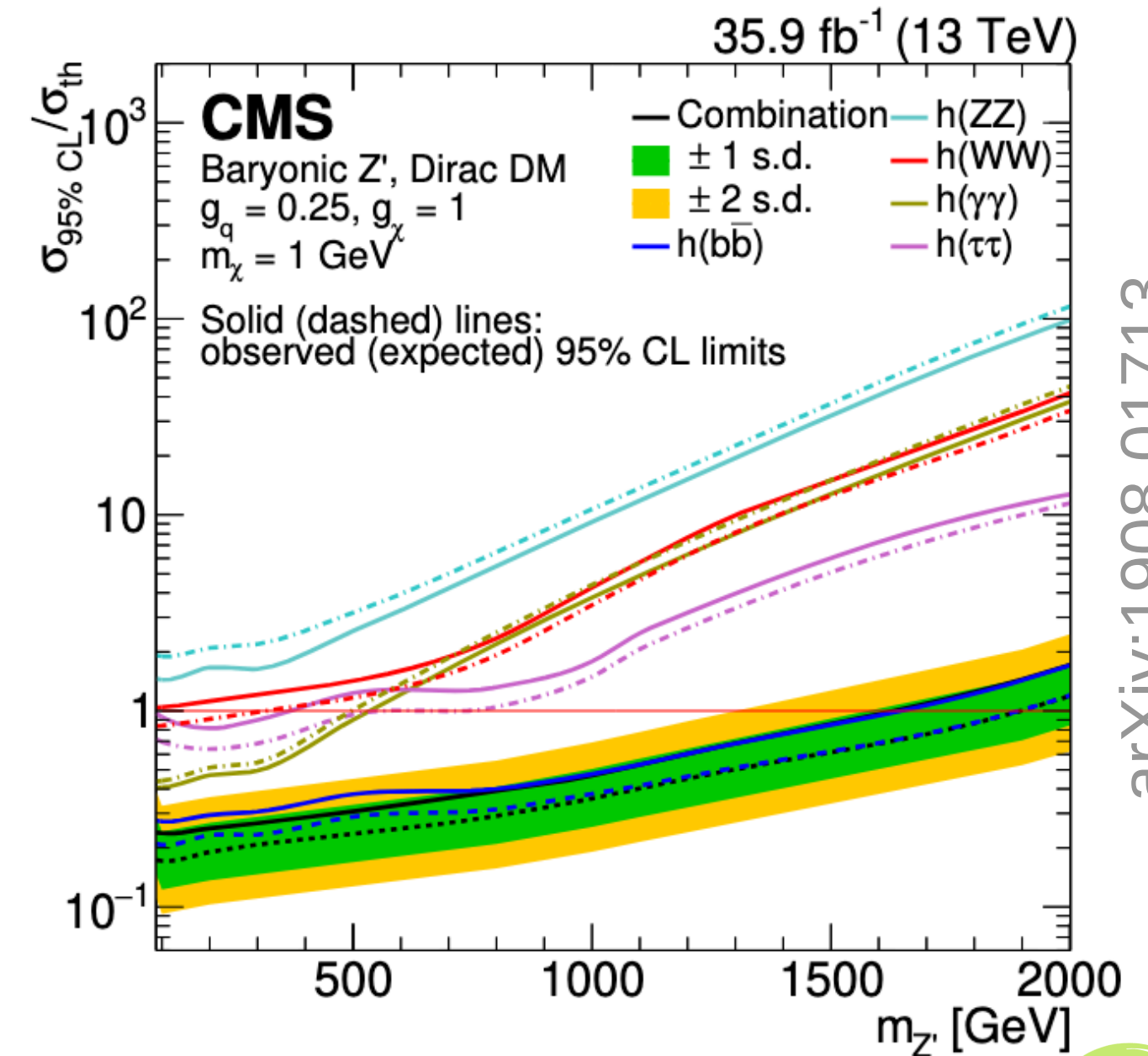
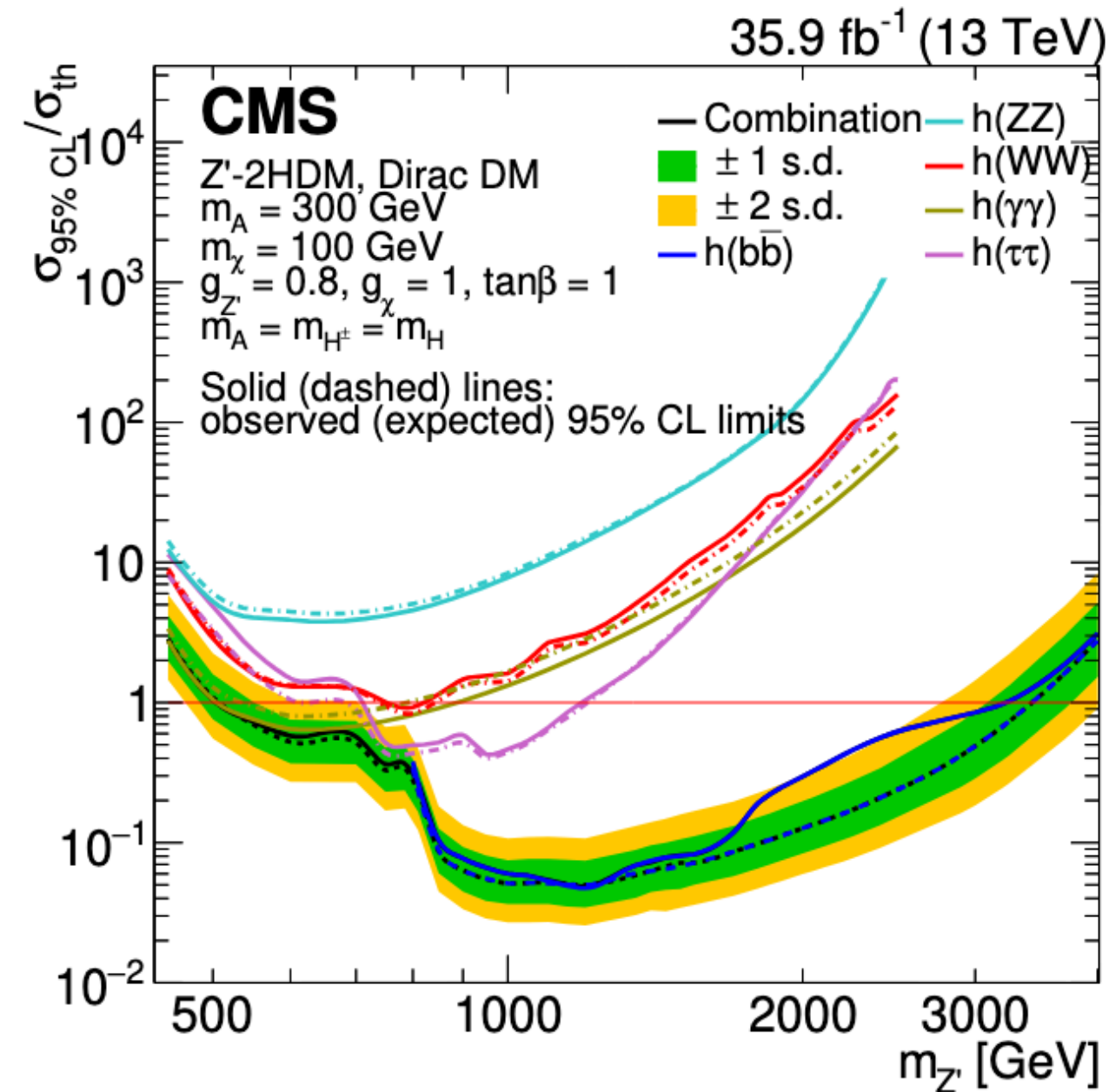
Mono-Higgs combination at CMS

Orthogonality
&
complementarity

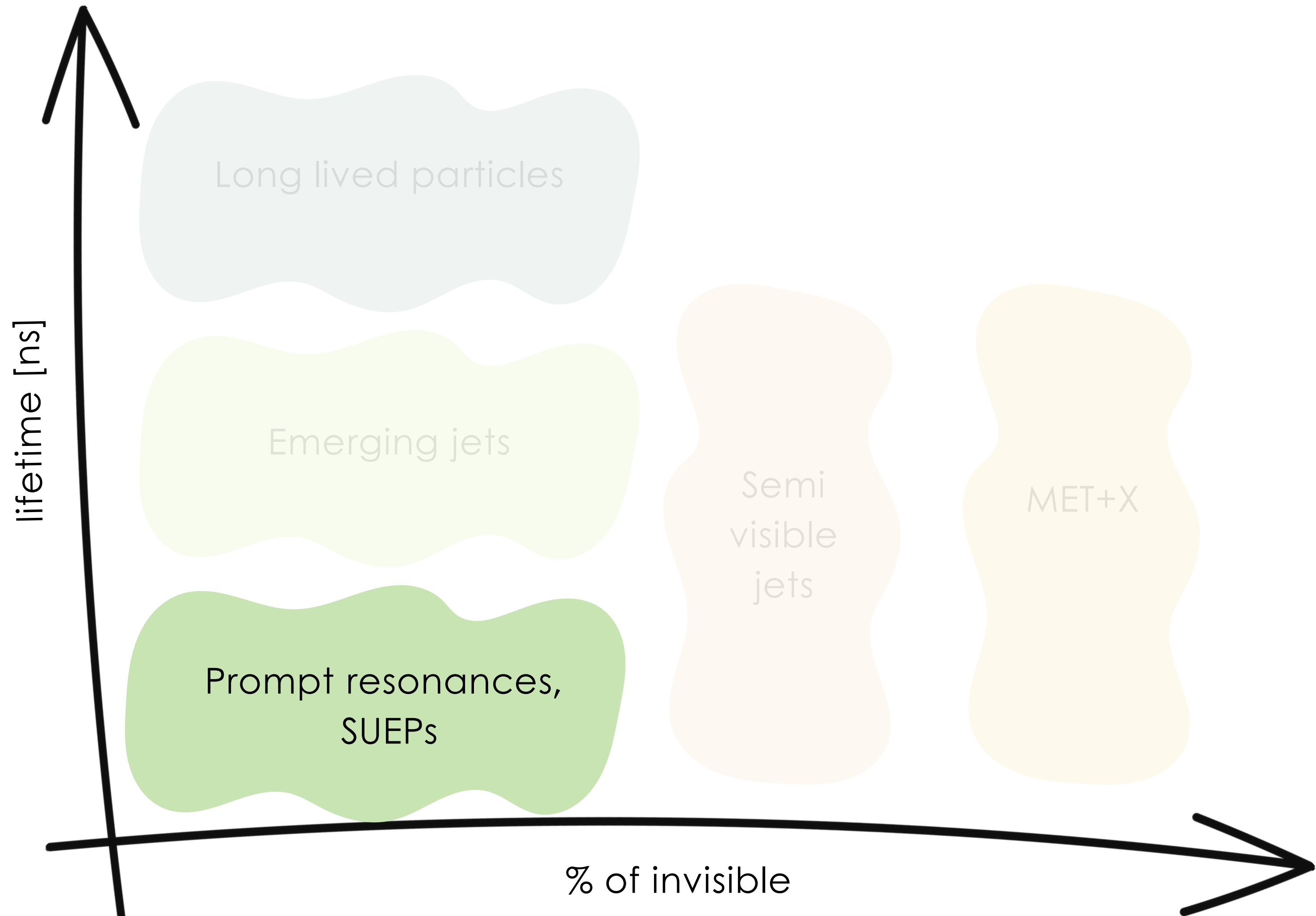
- Channel selection needed for the **big combination of 11 5 channels**

Object	$h \rightarrow bb$	$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$h \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$h \rightarrow WW$	$h \rightarrow ZZ$
Electron	=0	—	=0	=0	=0
Muon	=0	—	=0	=0	=0
τ lepton	=0	—	—	=0	—
Photon	=0	—	—	—	—
AK4 Jet	≤ 1	≤ 2	—	—	—
b tagged AK4 jet	=0	—	=0	=0	≤ 1

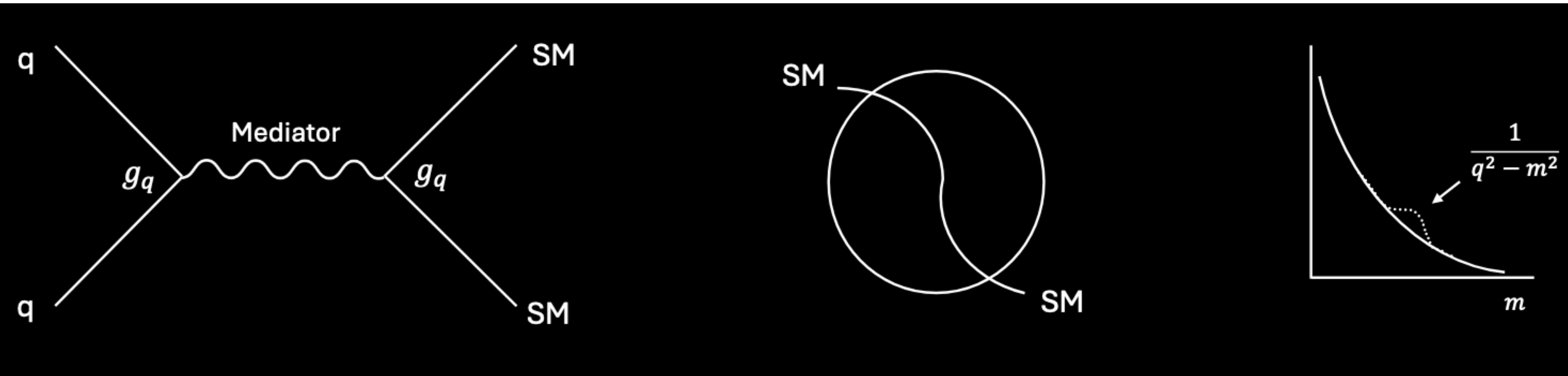
- The $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $h \rightarrow ZZ$ channels exhibit better resolution in the reconstructed Higgs boson invariant mass, while the $h \rightarrow \tau\tau$, $h \rightarrow WW$, and $h \rightarrow ZZ$ channels benefit from lower SM backgrounds, which results in a higher sensitivity for signals with a soft MET



arXiv:1908.01713



Resonances searches



- Strategy:

- New DS-SM mediator produced in pp collisions
- **Mediator decays back to SM** (instead of decaying to DS like in MET+X scenario)
- Look for Breit-Wigner resonances – “**bumps**” – in mass distributions

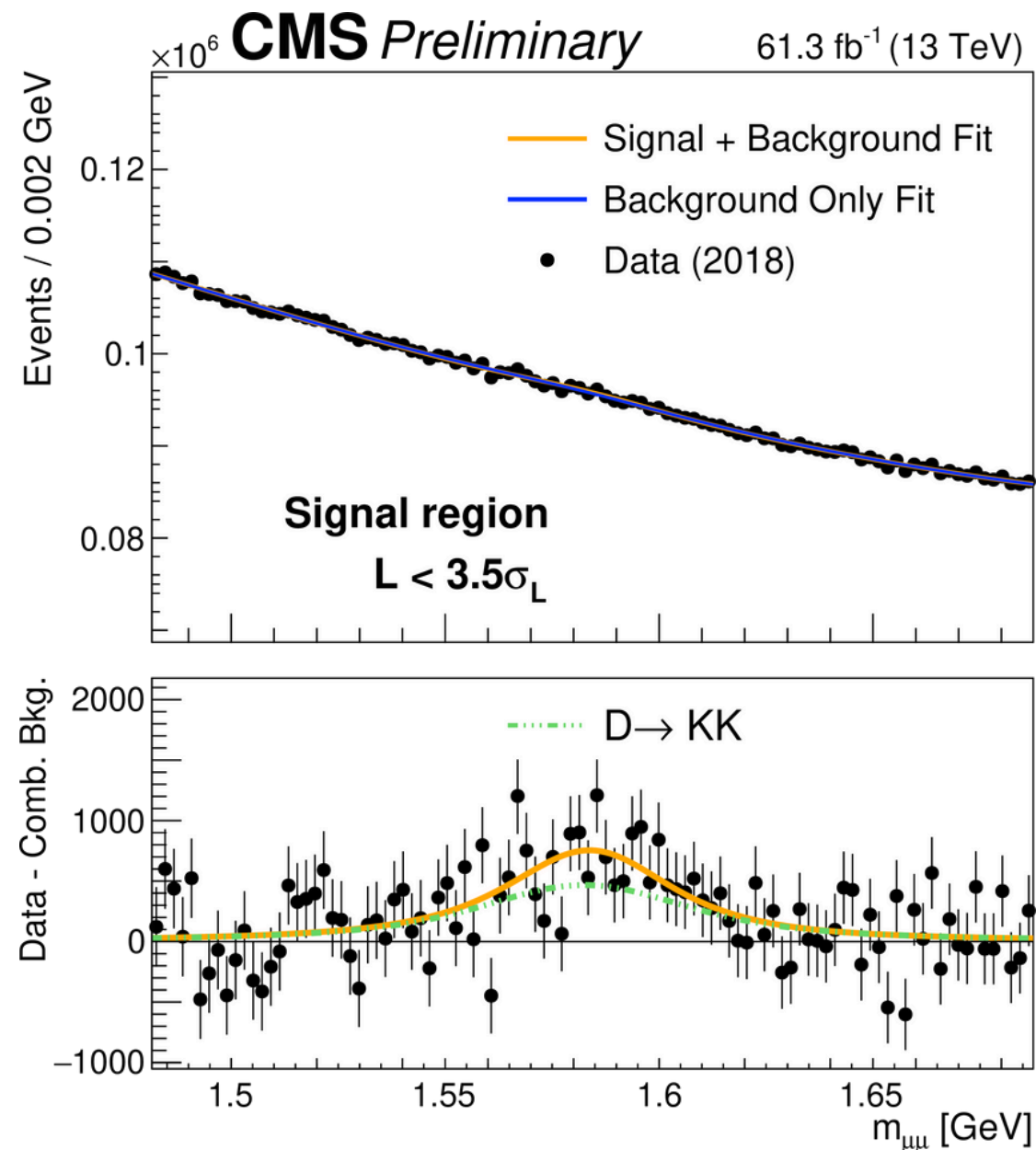
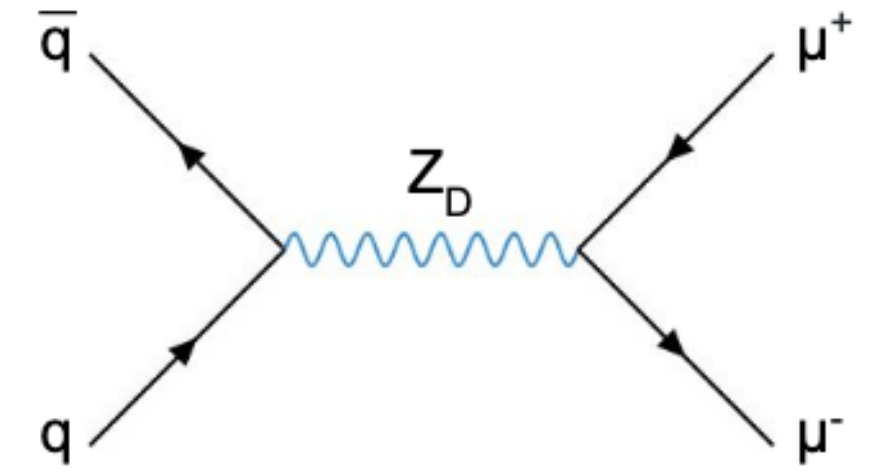
- Target:

- **Model-independent limits** on $\sigma_{pp} \rightarrow X B X \rightarrow SM SM A$ as function of m_{med}
- Target high masses (\sim TeV) via traditional triggers and low masses (\sim GeV) via production of another particle to trigger on or via high-rate (“scouting”) triggers

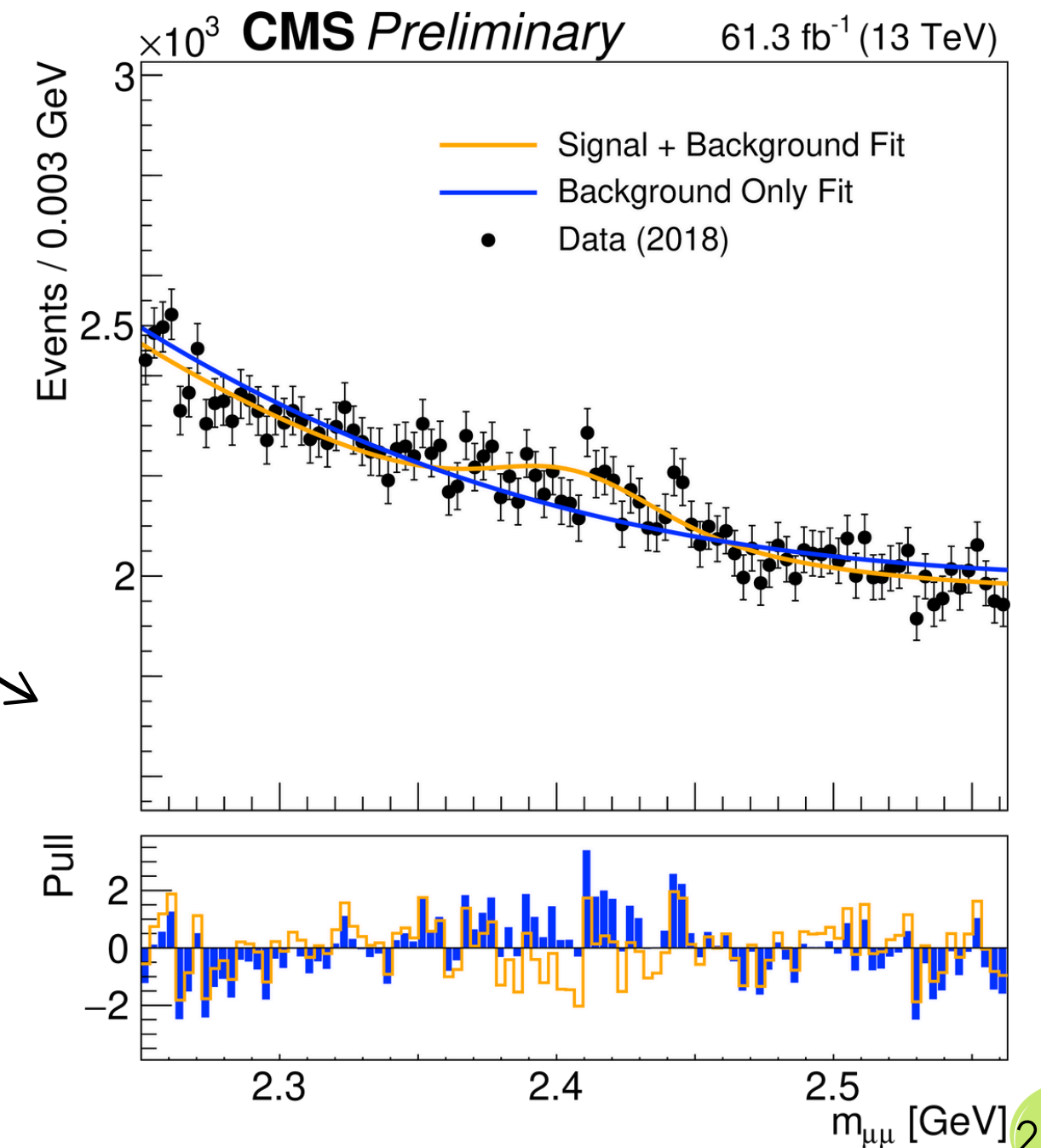
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- **Excellent resolution** allowed to “detect” unexpected peaking background from $D0 \rightarrow KK/K\pi$

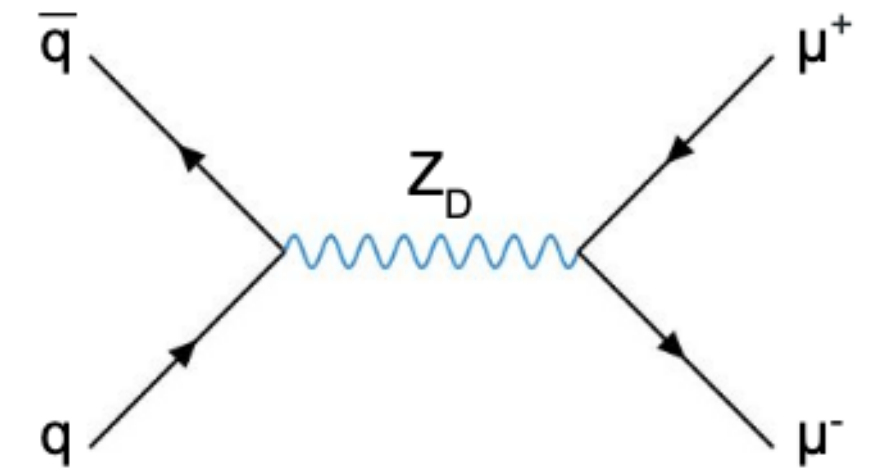


- Most significant **excess at 2.41 GeV** in a boosted category
- Local significance: **3.24σ**, global significance **1.27σ**

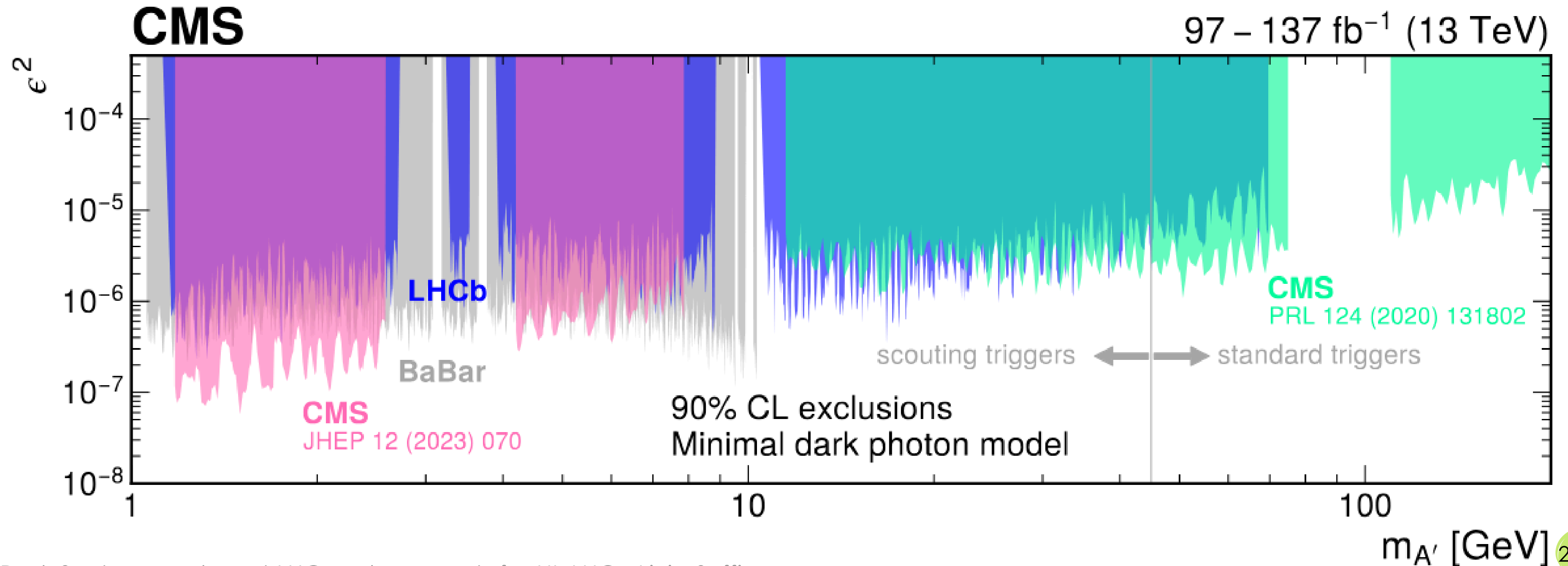


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- Upper limit on **dark photon coupling (ϵ^2)** at 90% CL
 - Compared with results from LHCb (blue) and BaBar (grey)

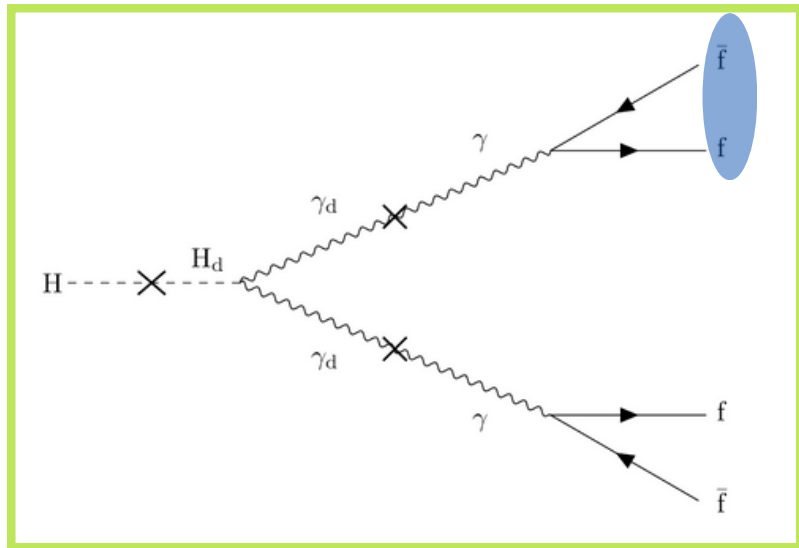


97 – 137 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



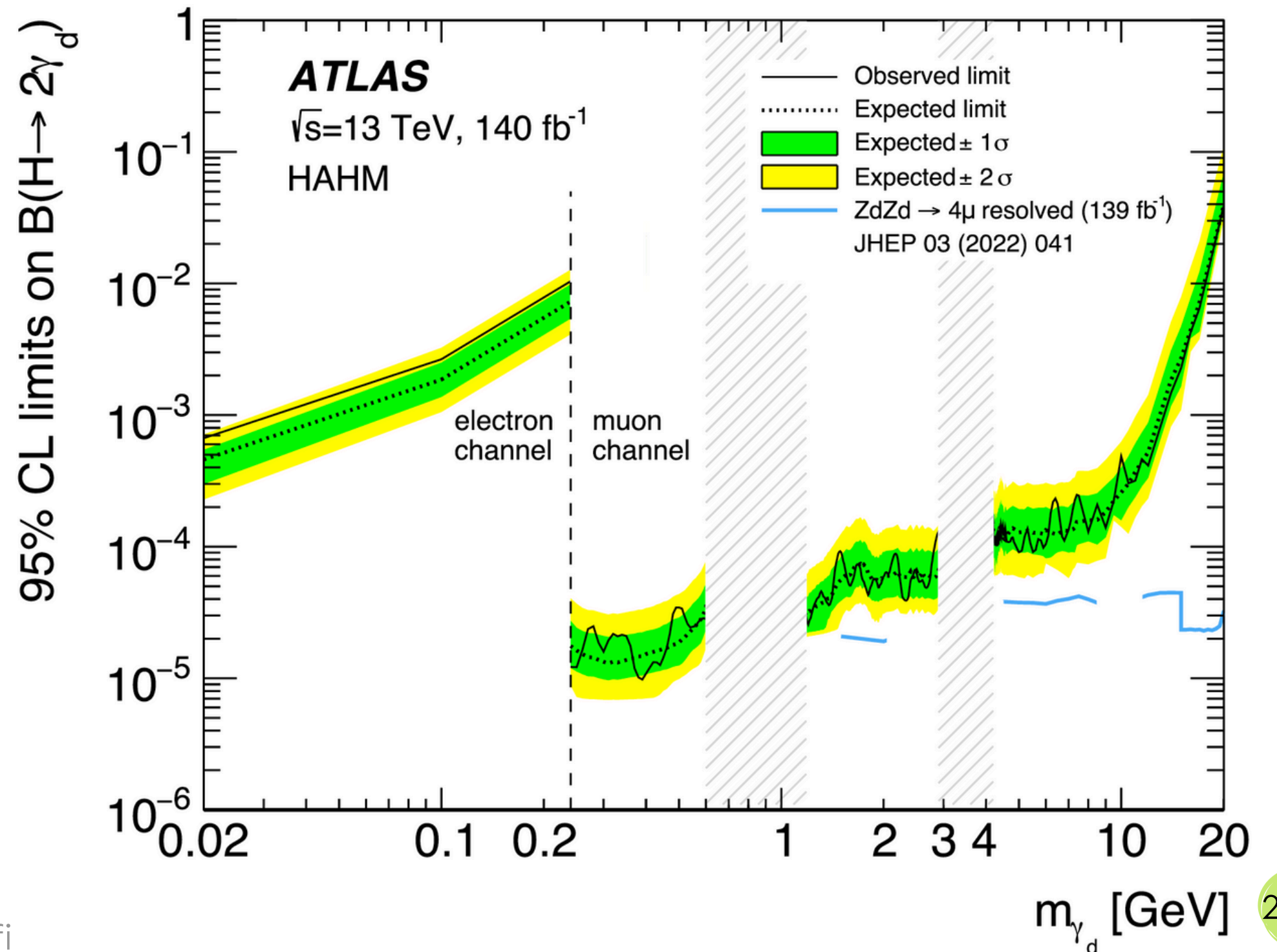
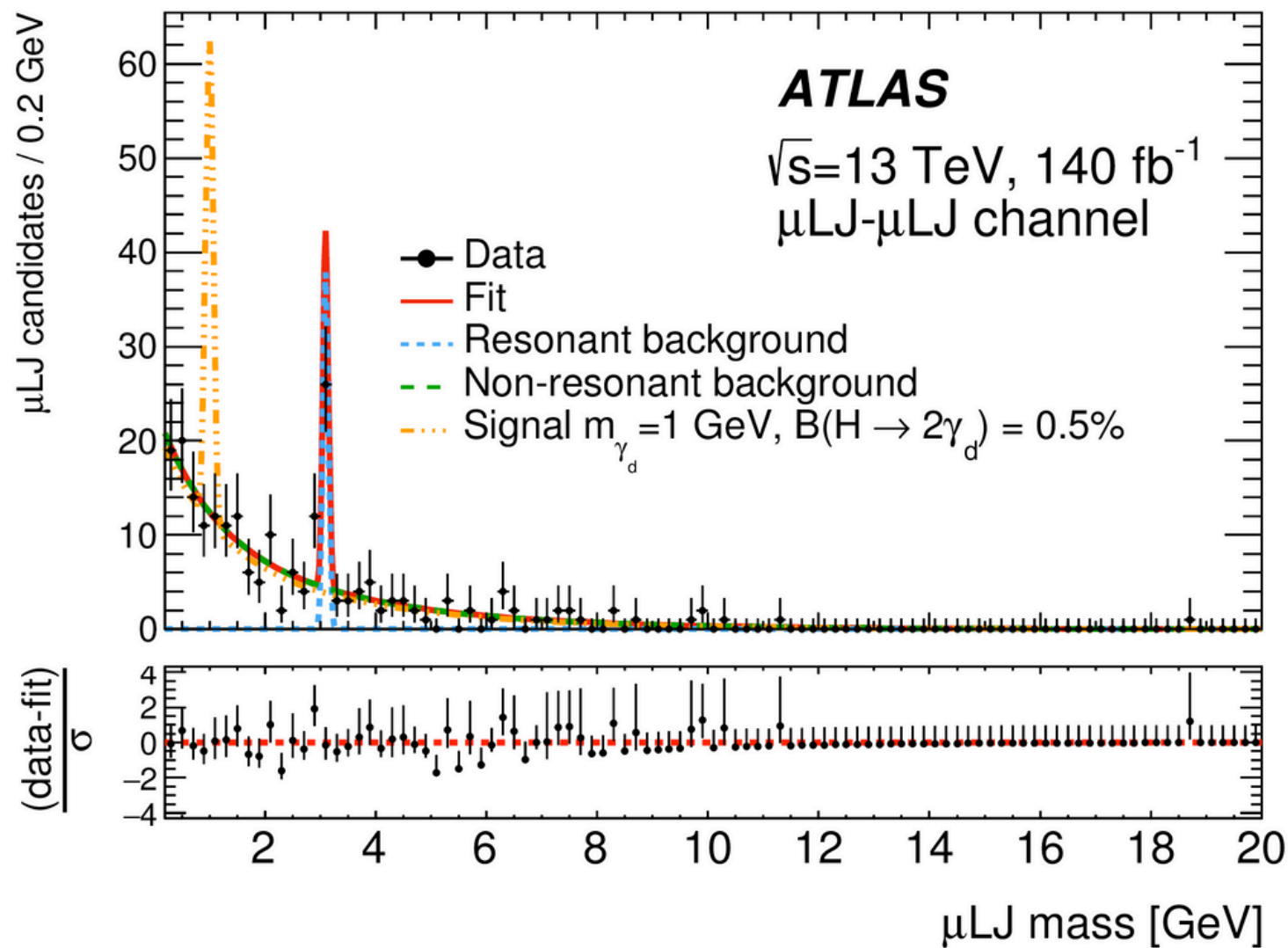
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Low mass collimated pairs of leptons



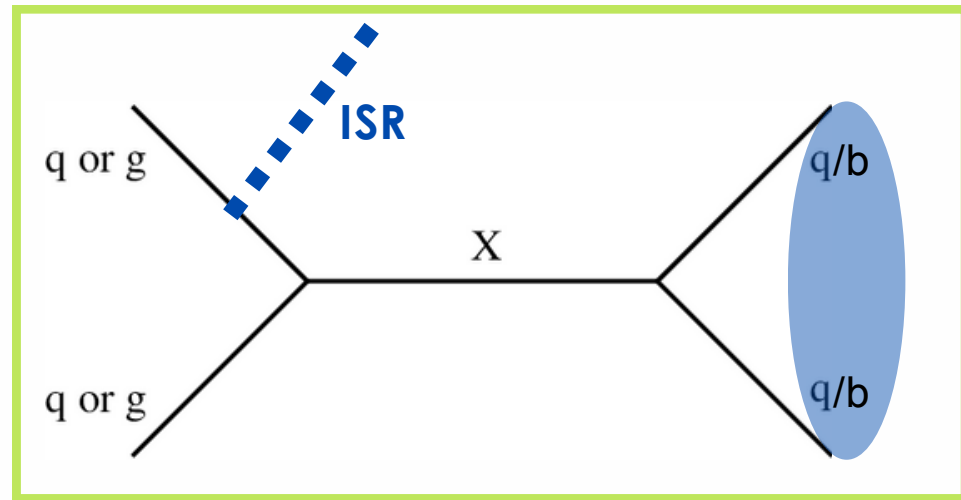
LeptonJets (LJs): highly collimated pairs of electrons or muons from light neutral particles decay

Dedicated reconstruction and ID of merged dilepton pairs



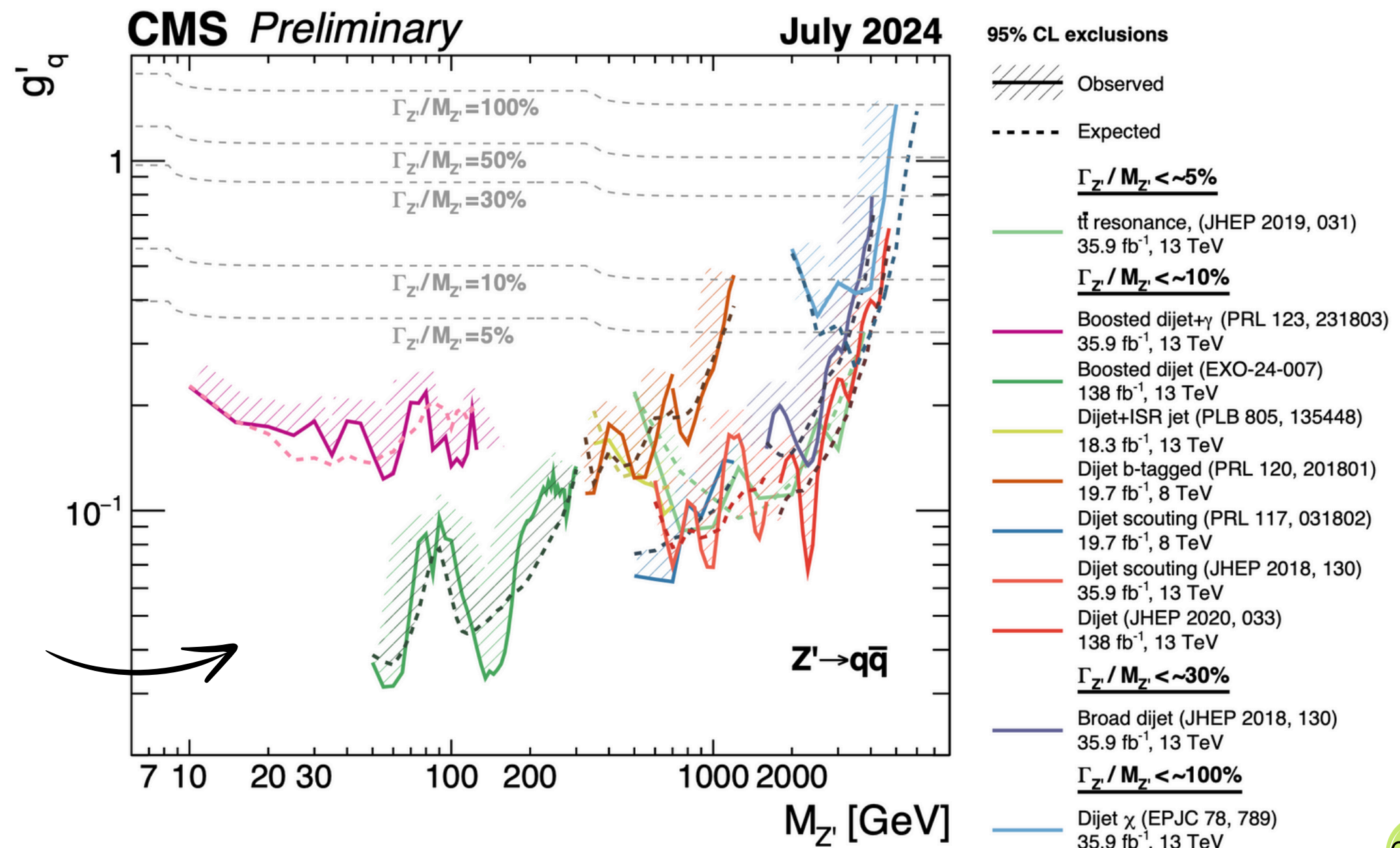
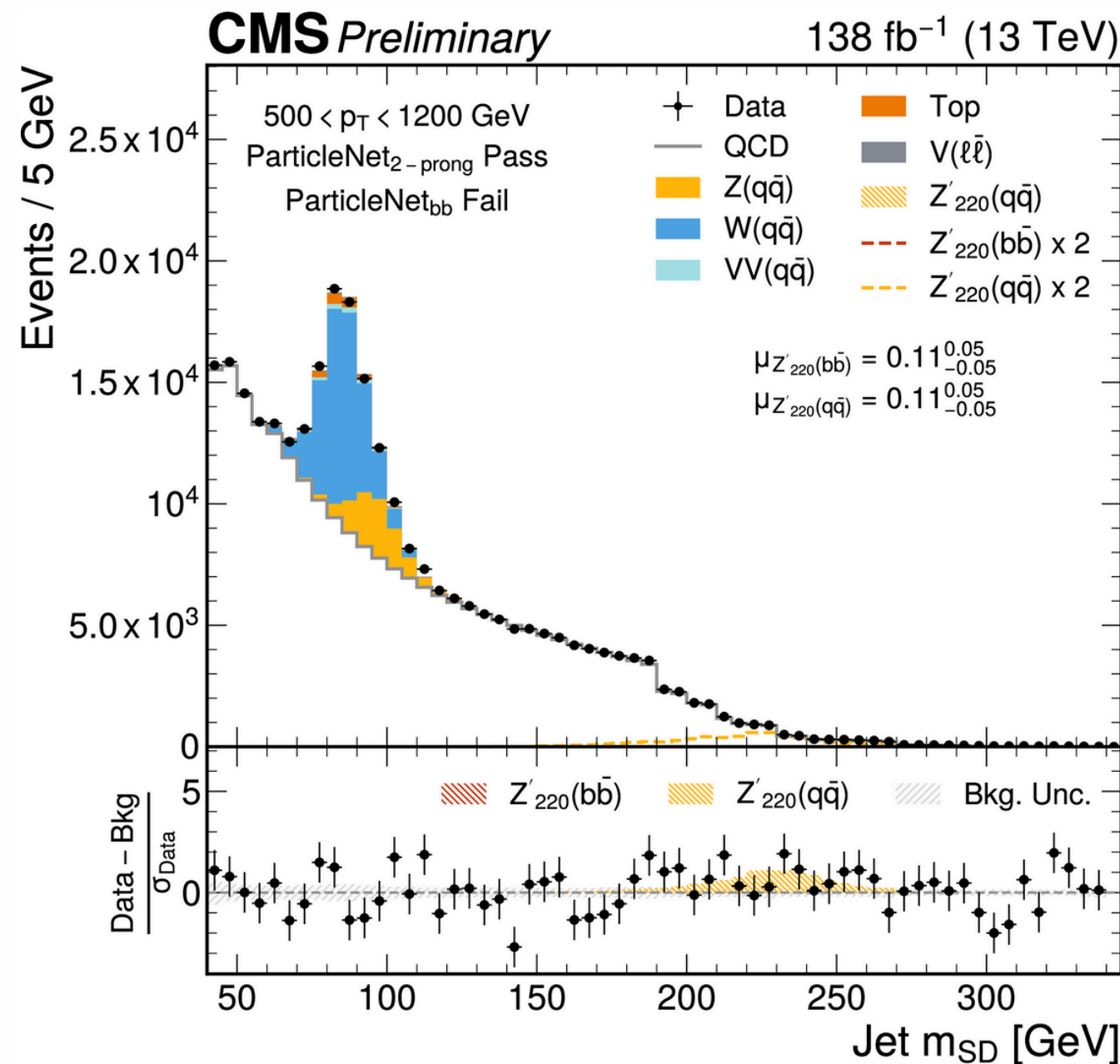
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Low-mass dijet search with Machine Learning



ParticleNet algorithm reconstructs **Large Radius Jet w/ 2 pronged substructure**

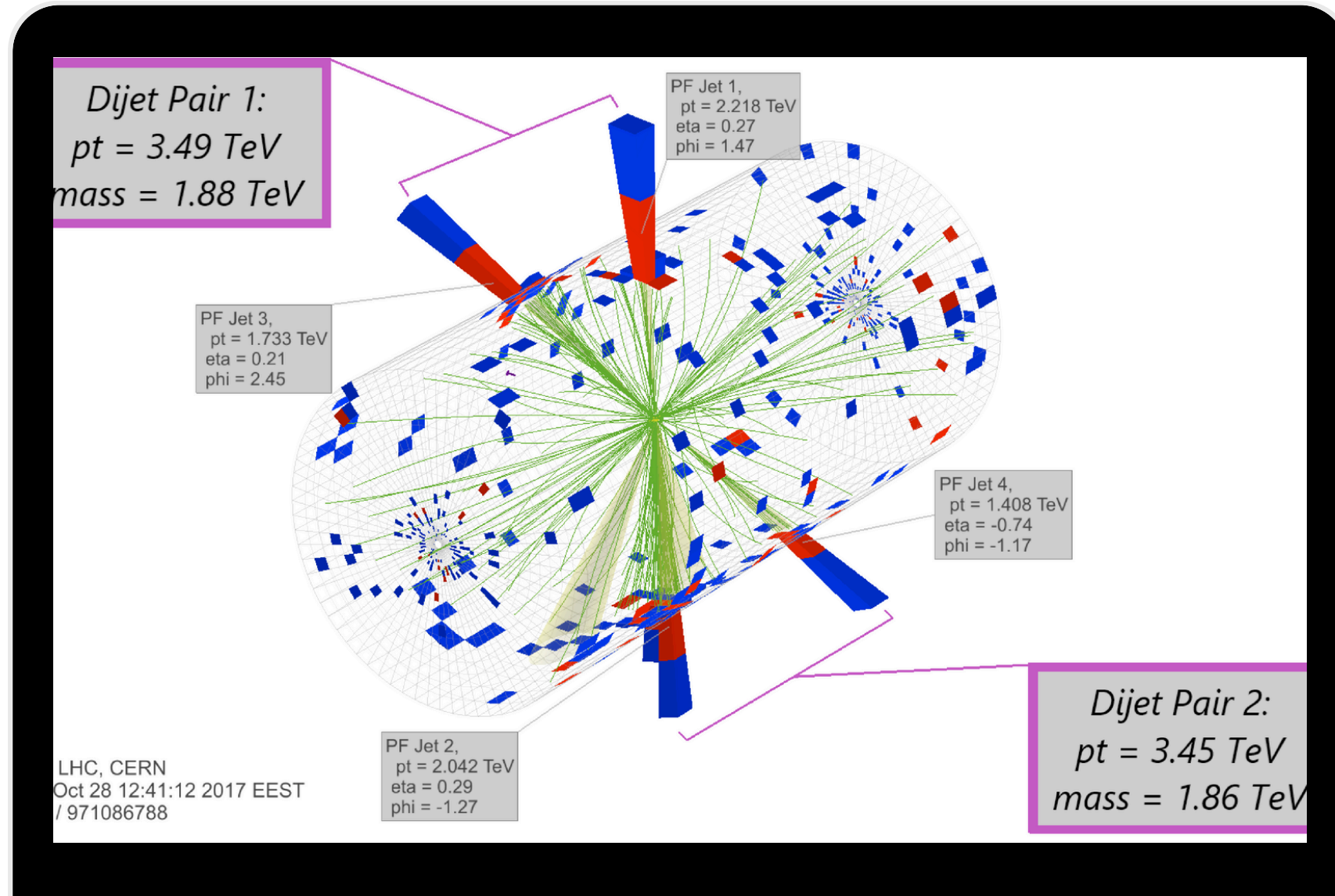
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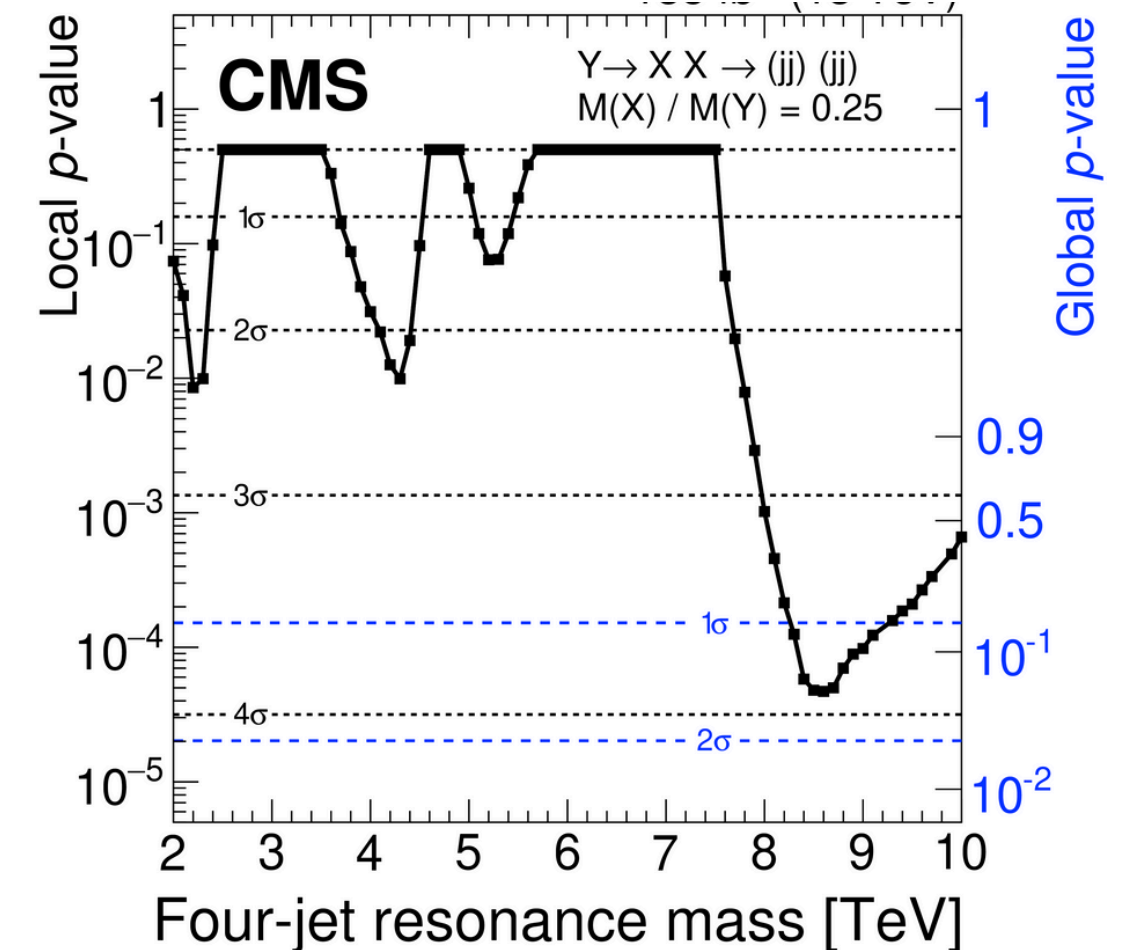
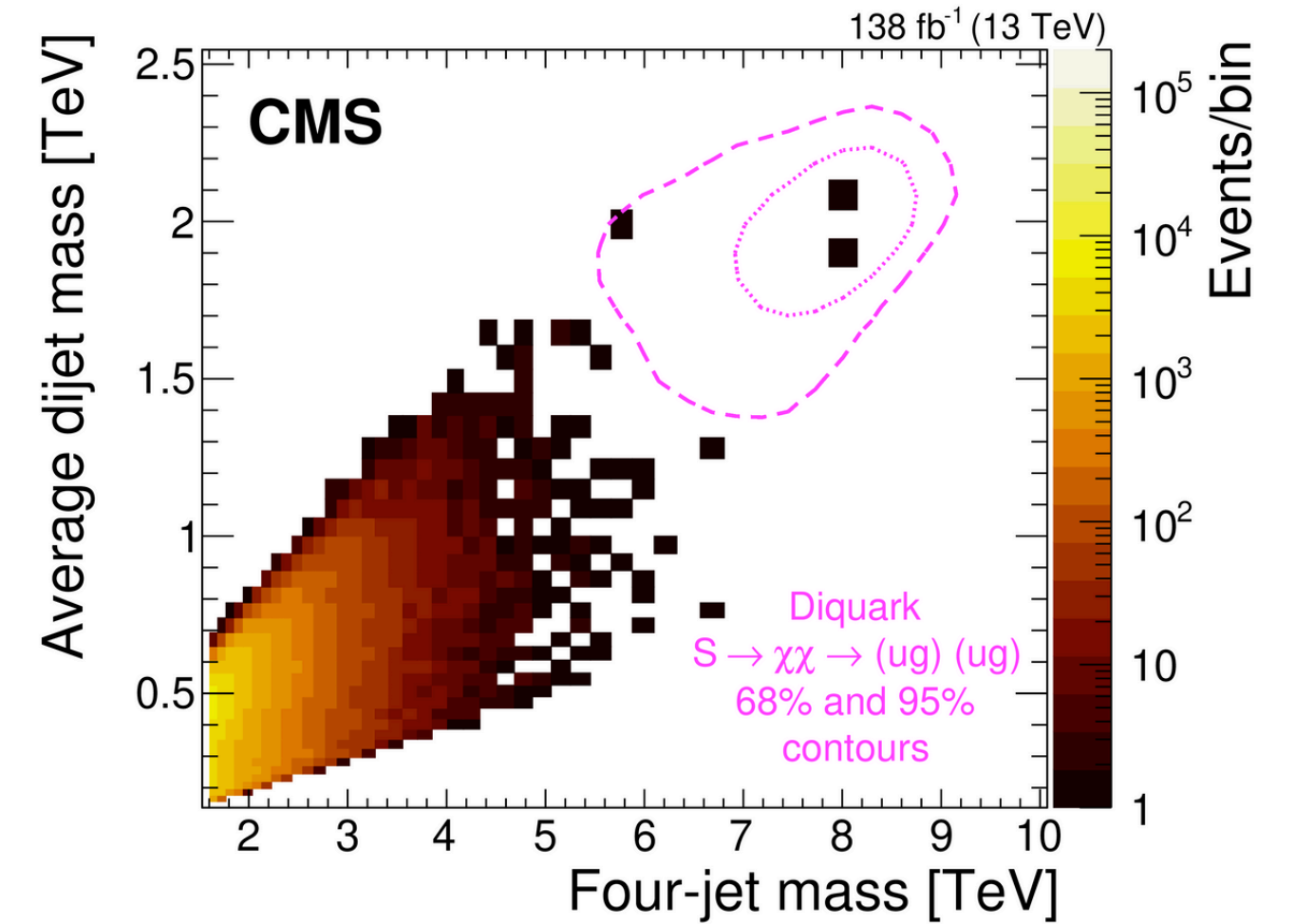
Backup CMS-EXO-Summary - Plots

The high mass range and its excess

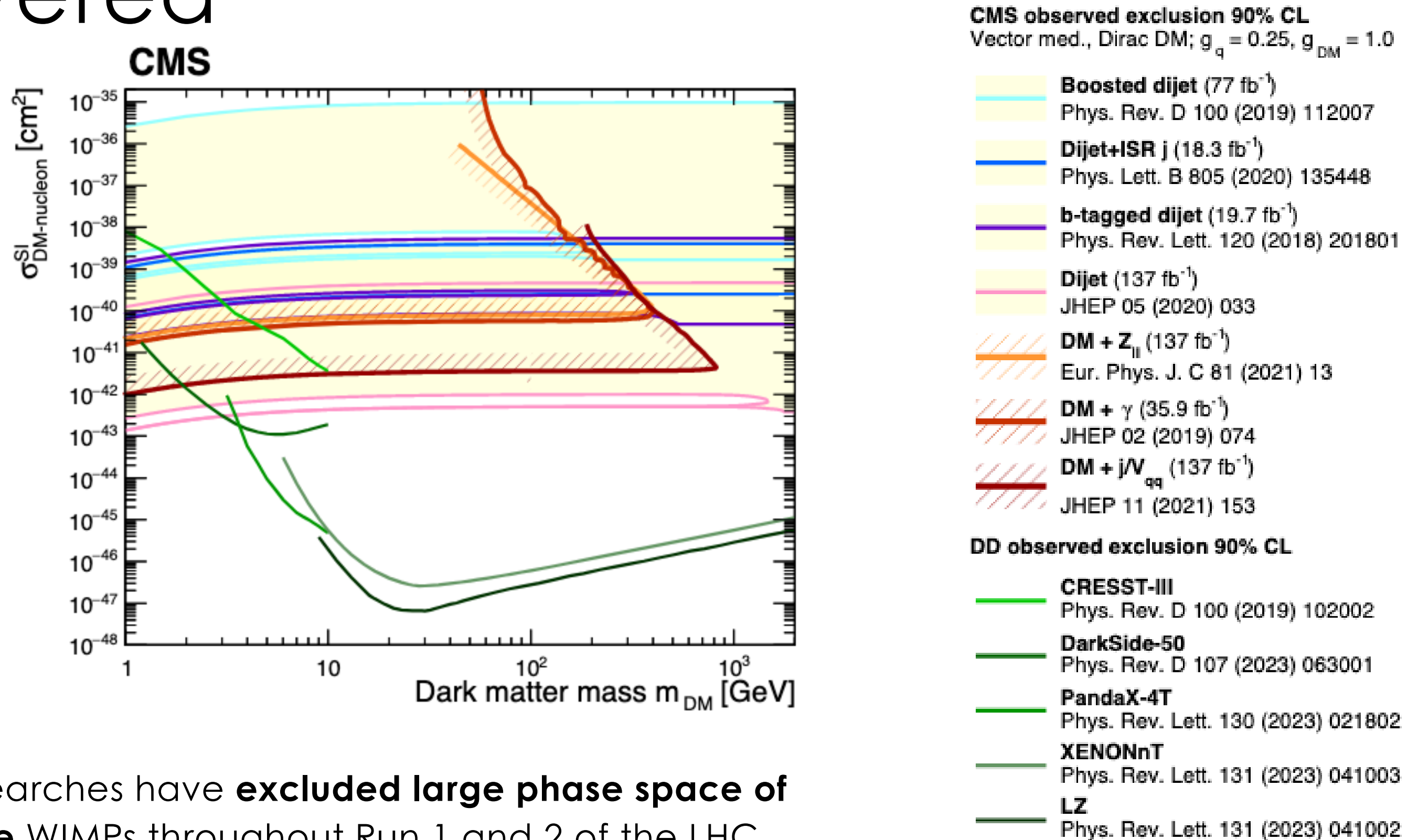
- **Massive scalar diquark** decaying to a pair of vector-like quarks, each decaying to a ug pair.



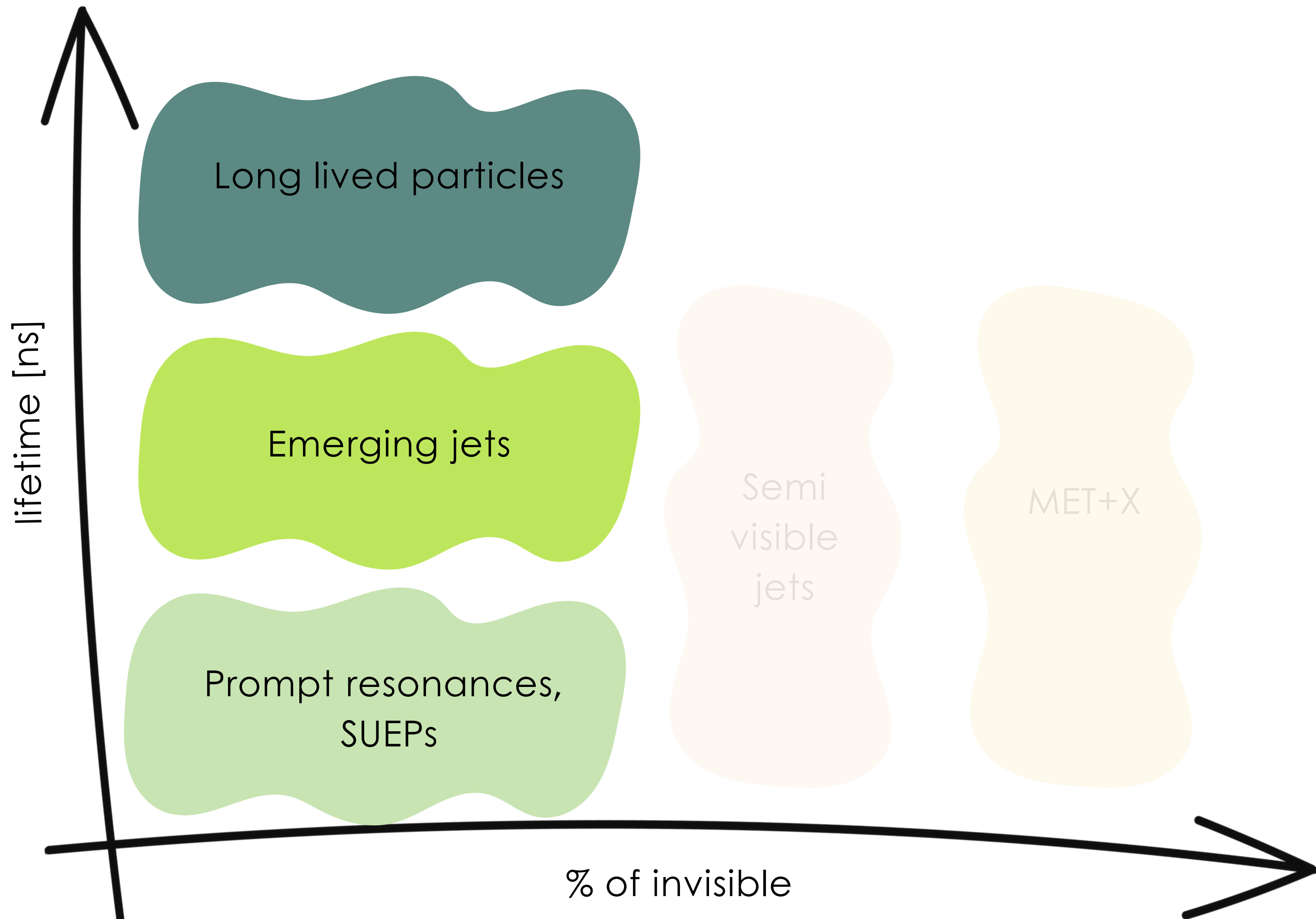
- **Largest excess** corresponds to the two isolated events at ~ 8 TeV: 3.9σ (1.6σ) local (global) significance.



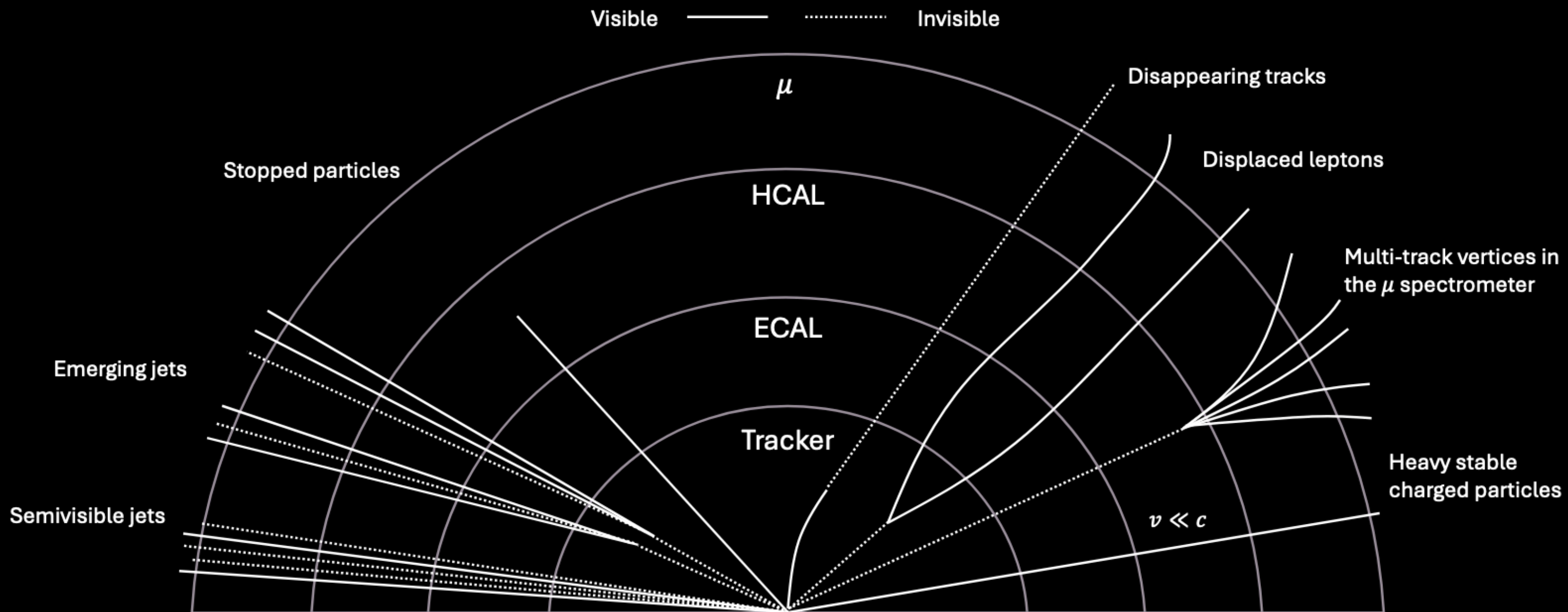
Ground covered



- MET+X and resonance searches have **excluded large phase space of simplified DM models like** WIMPs throughout Run 1 and 2 of the LHC
- Important **complementarity between colliders and direct detection experiments** for simplified DM models
 - Spin dependence
 - Nature of mediator and dark matter particle(s)



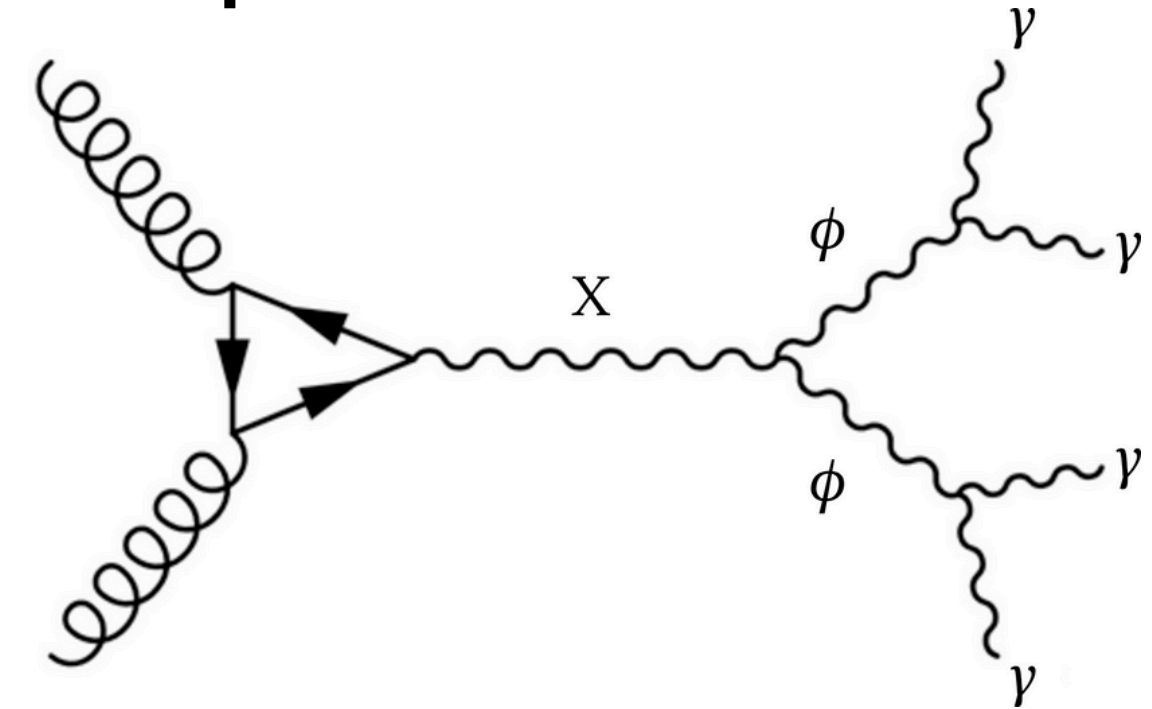
Unconventional signatures



- First-generation of searches at colliders found no convincing evidence for BSM
- **New ideas (scouting, ML, etc.)** are able to improve sensitivity (analyses re-iterated with Run 3 data (ongoing!))
- More complex DS models and/or alternative DM mechanisms (non WIMP) being investigated
 - Freeze-in, inelastic DM, FIMPs, etc.
- Give rise to **new types of signatures that we don't typically reconstruct at colliders**

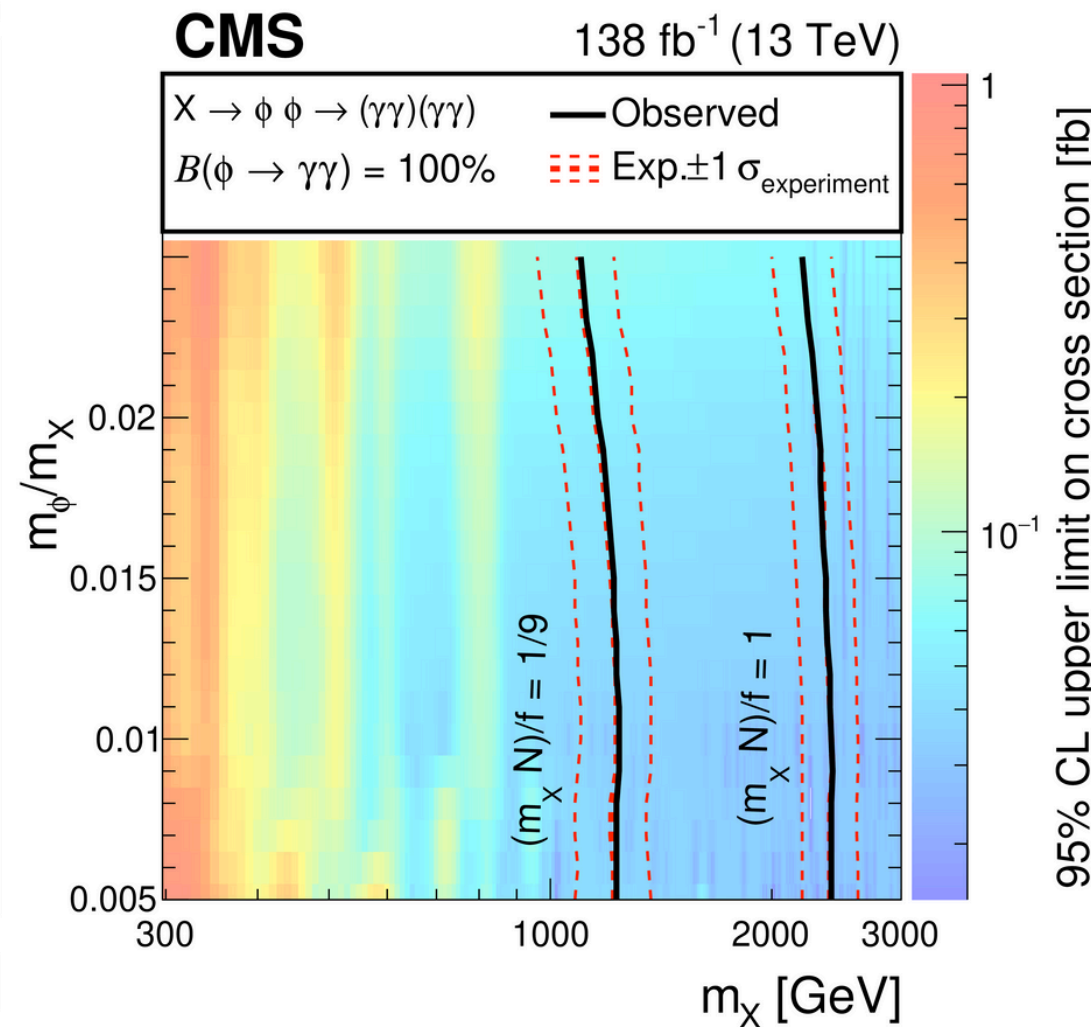
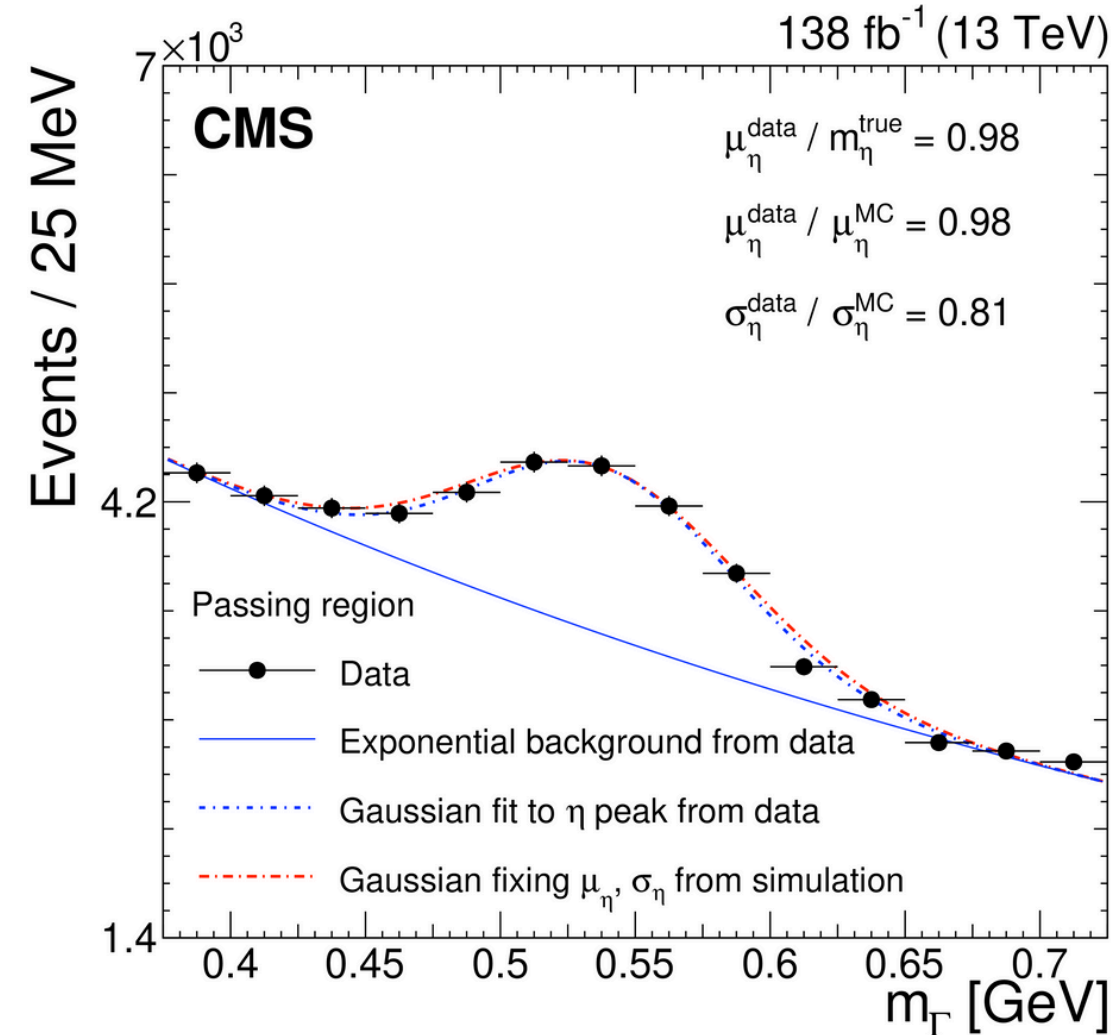
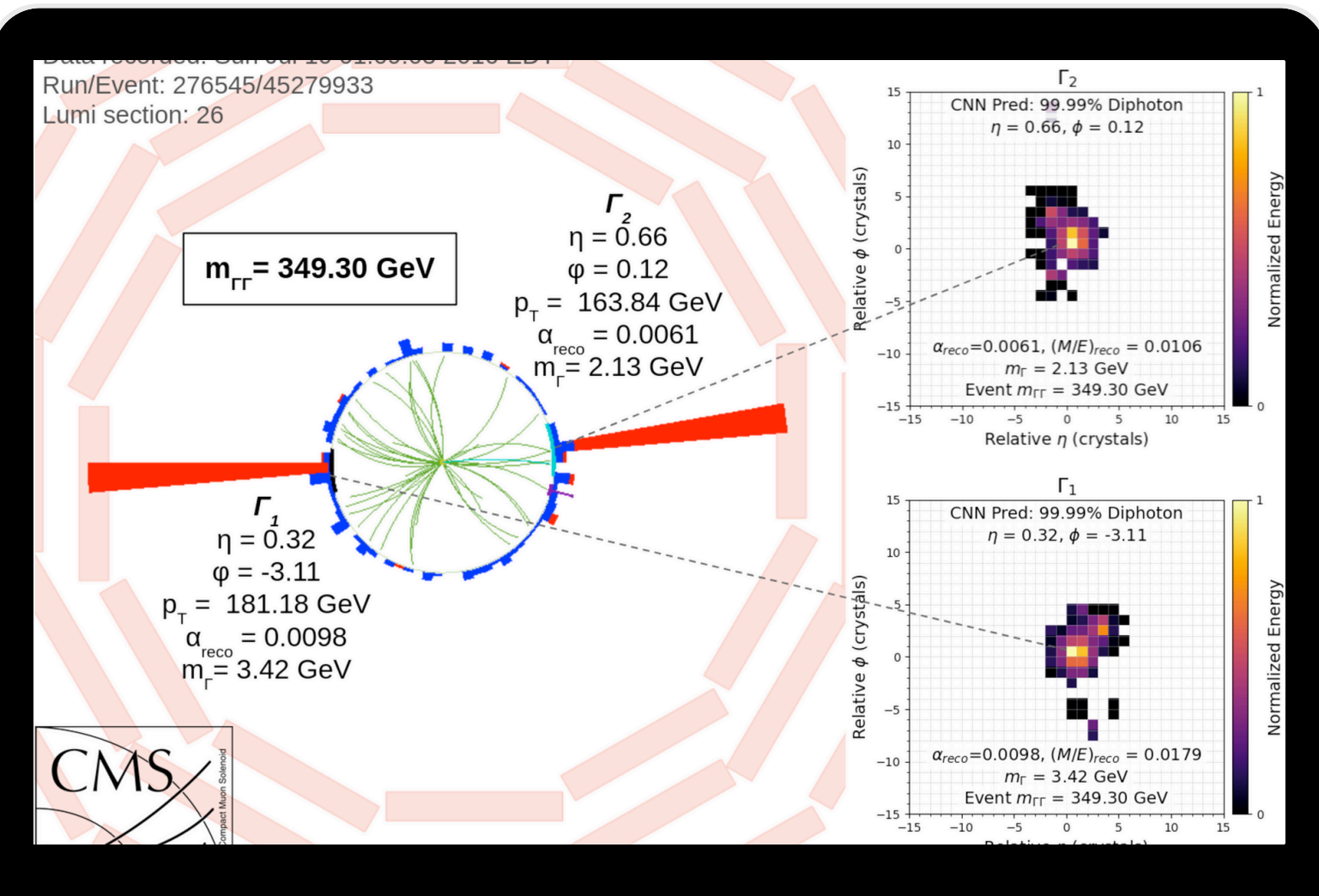
Low mass particles in merged diphotons

- Extended Higgs sector with two new spin-0 particles (X and ϕ)
- Looking at **topologies with highly merged photons**
- No standard photon reconstruction: requires **new analysis tools (ML)**



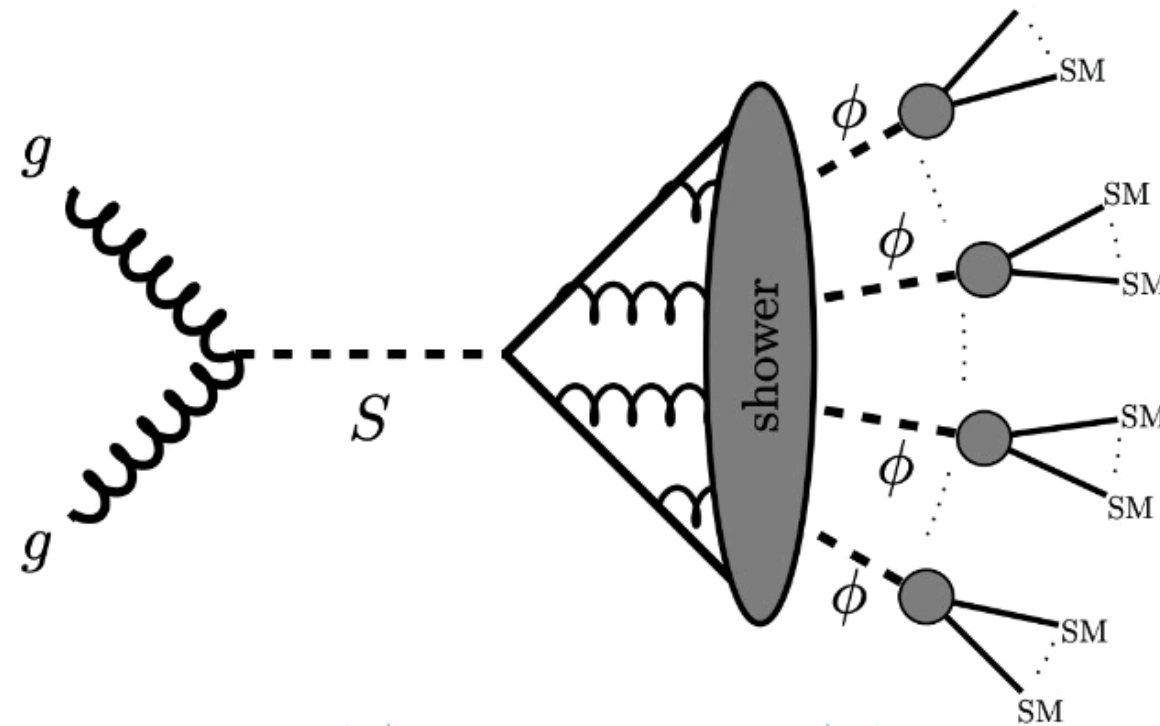
- **Dedicated CNN developed to analyze ECAL deposits**
 - Distinguish single γ , two γ 's, or hadronic activity

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Soft Unclustered Energy Patterns (SUEPs)

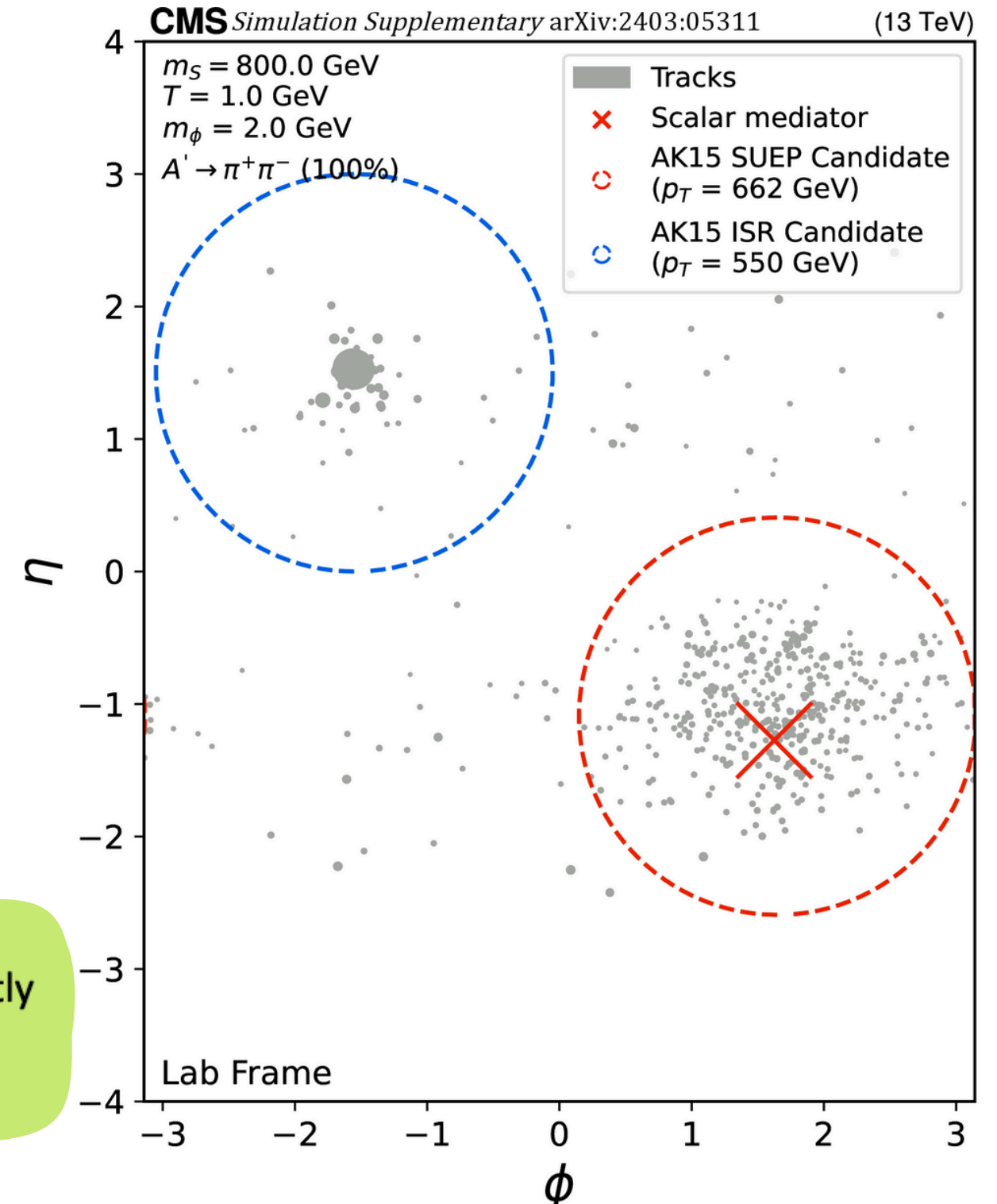
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- Particularly interesting portal case: **portal mass = 125 GeV**



Production
Scalar narrow resonance (mediator S) produced through gluon-gluon fusion

Showering
Mediator S decays into dark mesons (ϕ) due to dark QCD

Decay
Dark mesons (ϕ) decay promptly to SM particles through dark photons (A')



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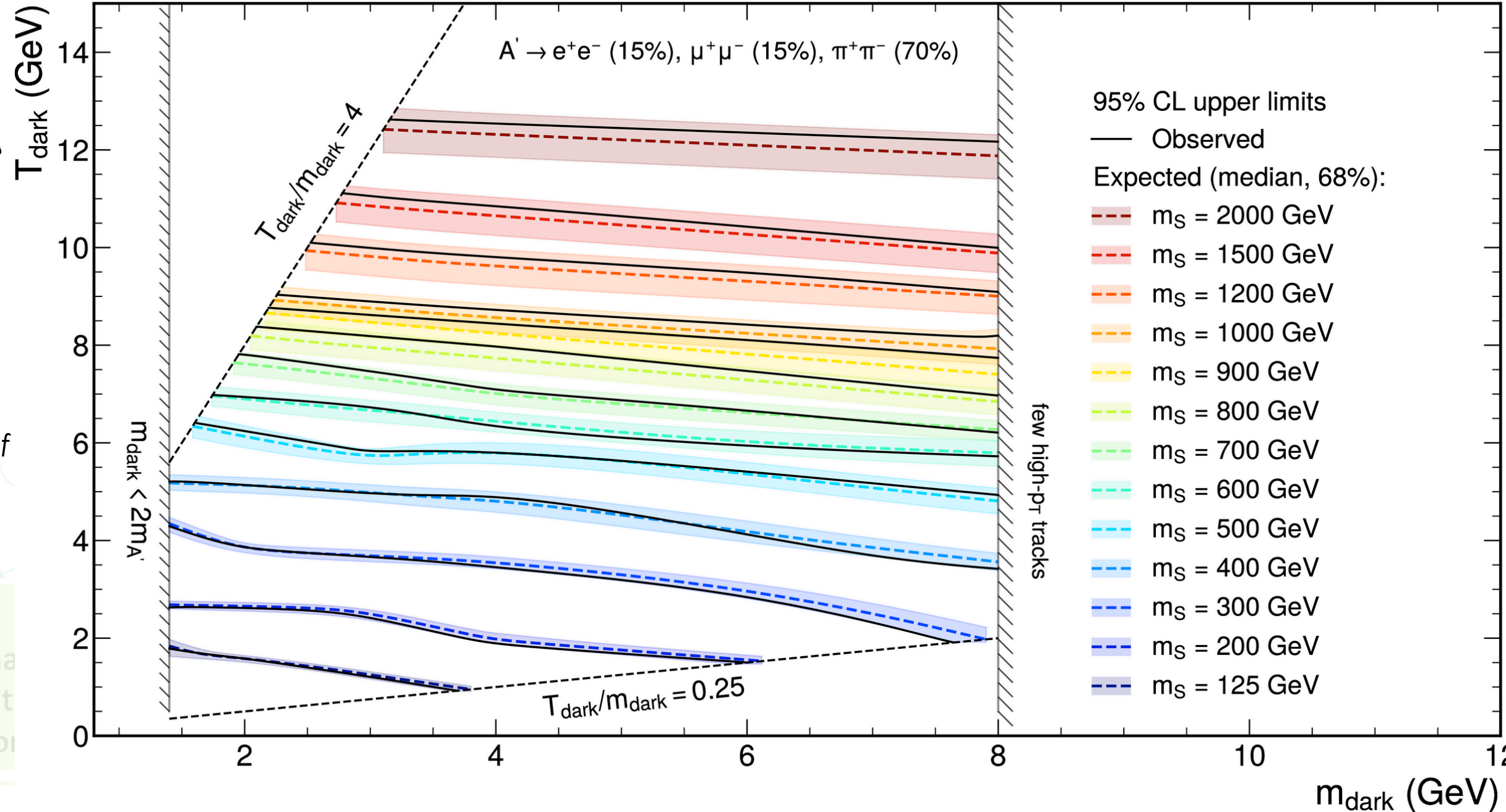
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CMS Simulation Supplementary arXiv:2403.05311 (13 TeV)

$m_S = 800.0$ GeV

138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

CMS Supplementary arXiv:2403.05311



associated with the kinetic energy distribution of these particles and characterizes the softness and isotropy of the energy patterns.

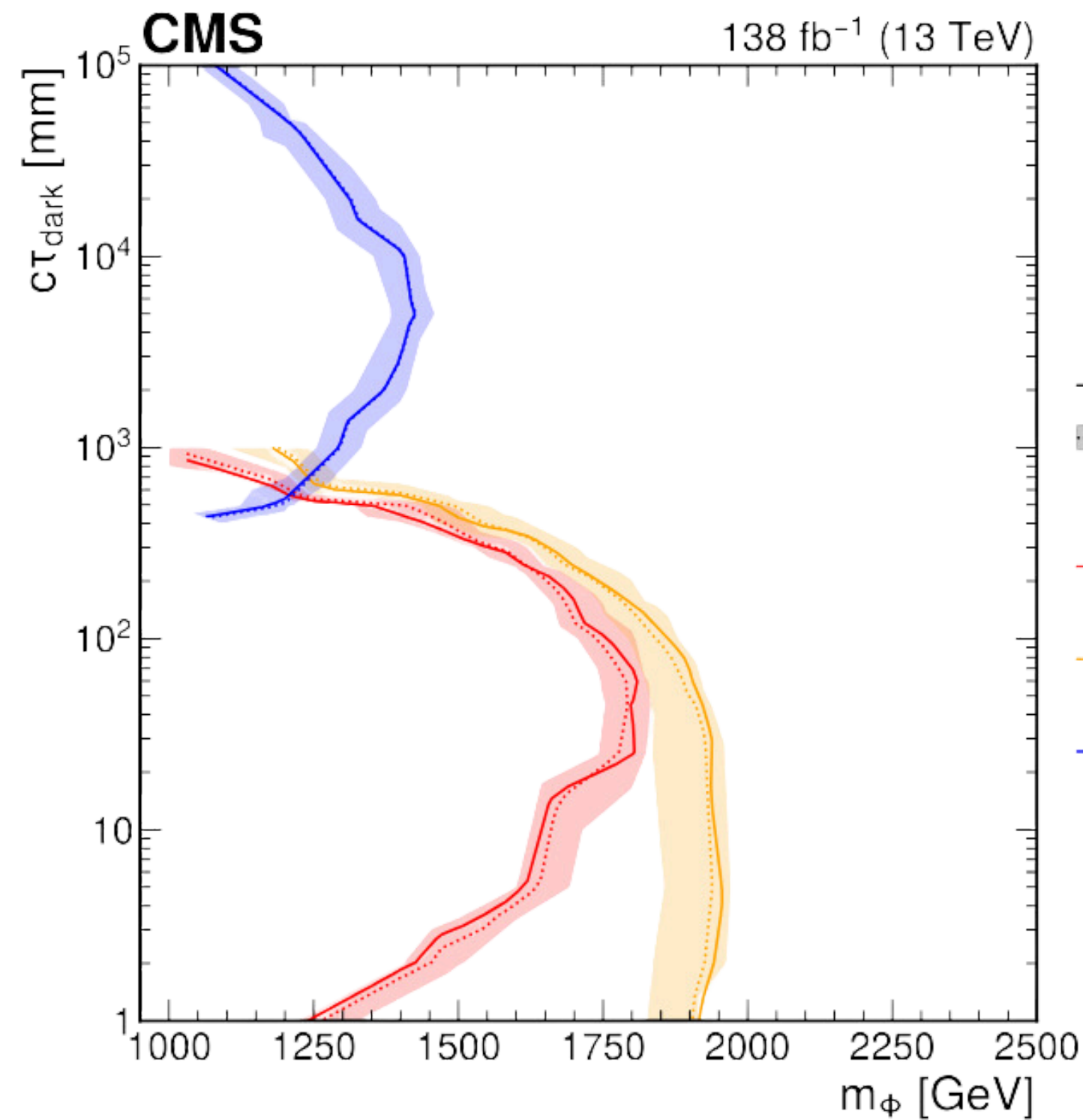
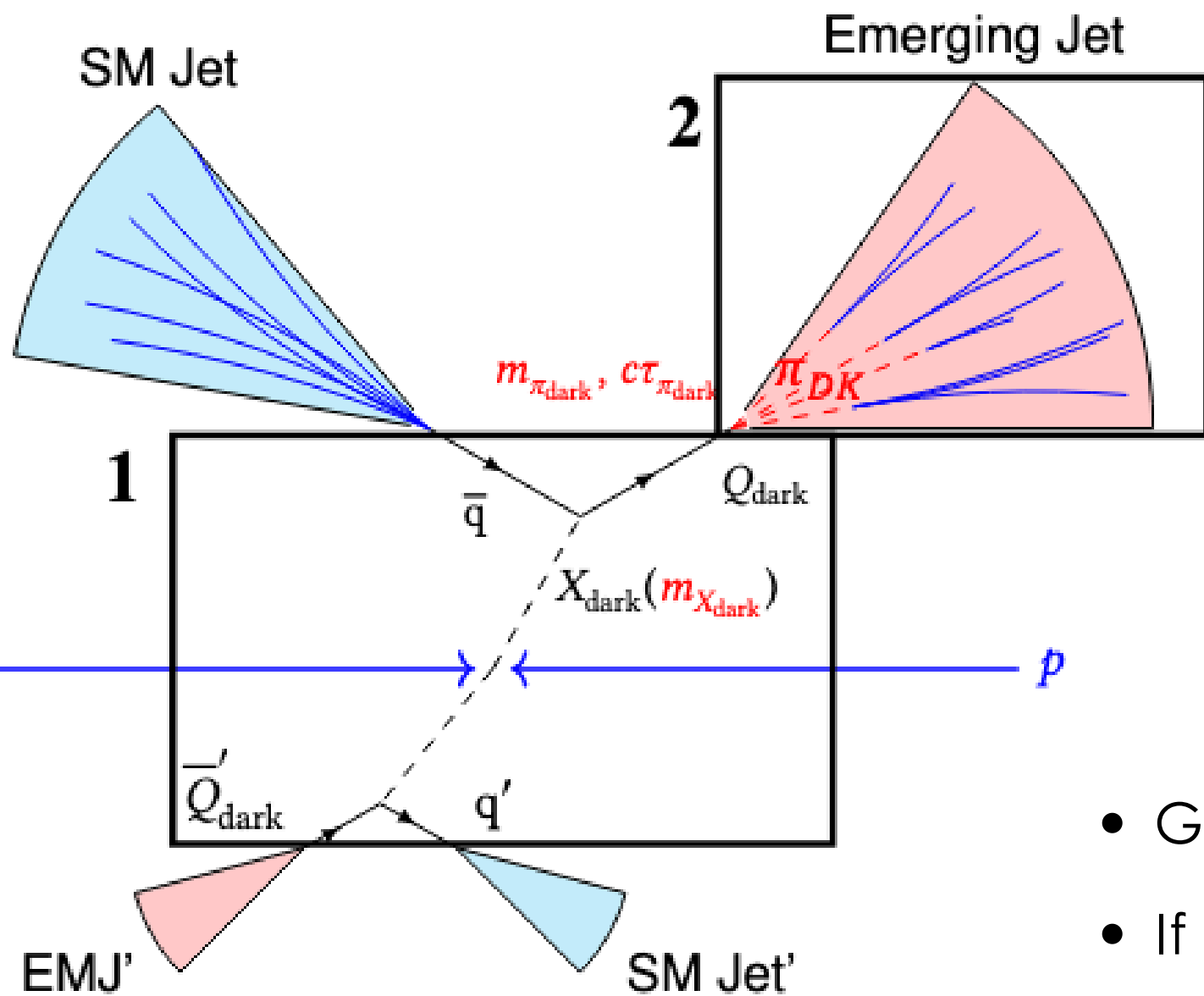
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Search for emerging jets

- **Unstable dark pions decay to SM**
- Free parameters scanned
 - m_X : [1, 2.5] TeV
 - $m(\pi_{\text{dark}})$: [6, 20] GeV
 - $c\tau(\pi_{\text{dark}})$: [1, 1000] mm

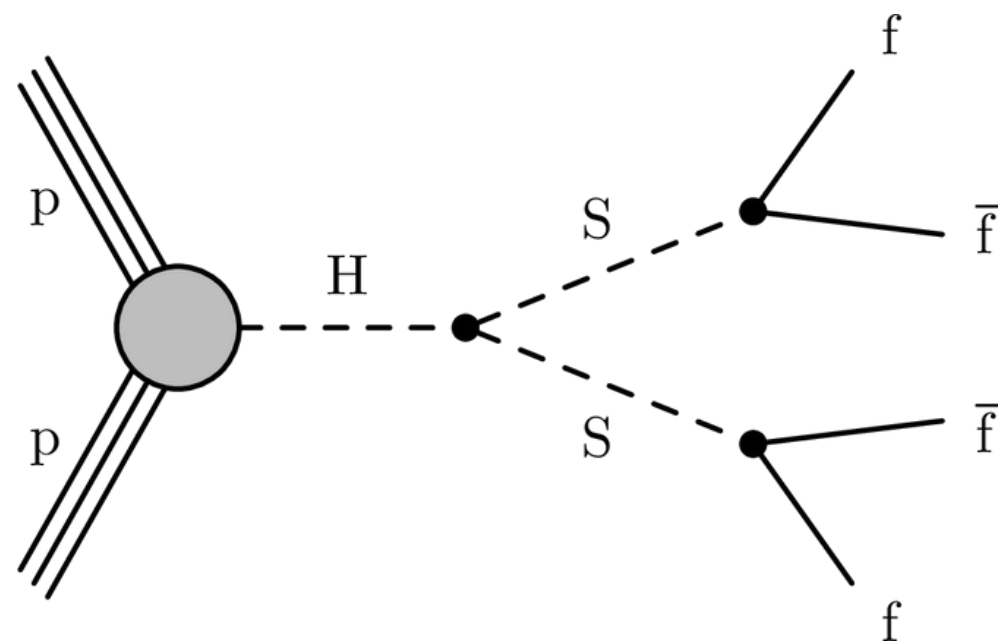
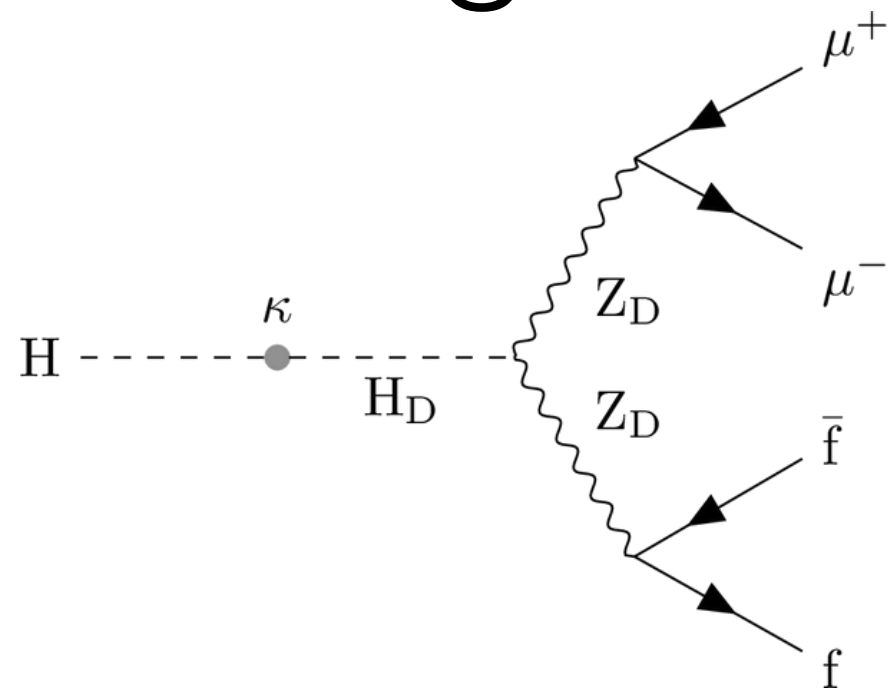


- $m_{\text{dark}} = 10$ GeV
Unflavored model
95% CL upper limits
- Observed
 - ⋯ Expected ($\pm 1\sigma$)
 - Emerging jets (agnostic)**
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 - Emerging jets (GNN)**
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 - Muon system showers (CSC-only)**
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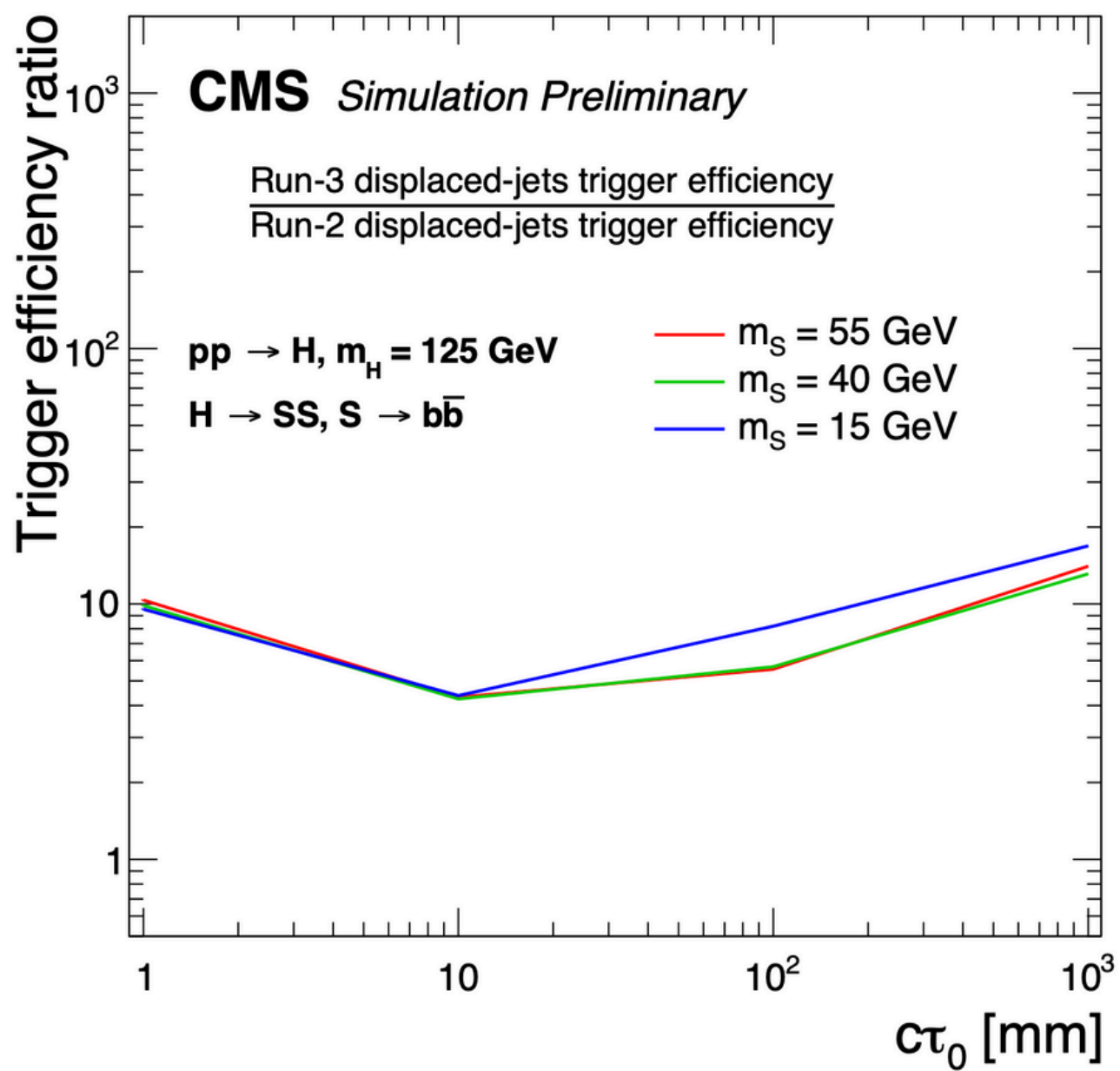
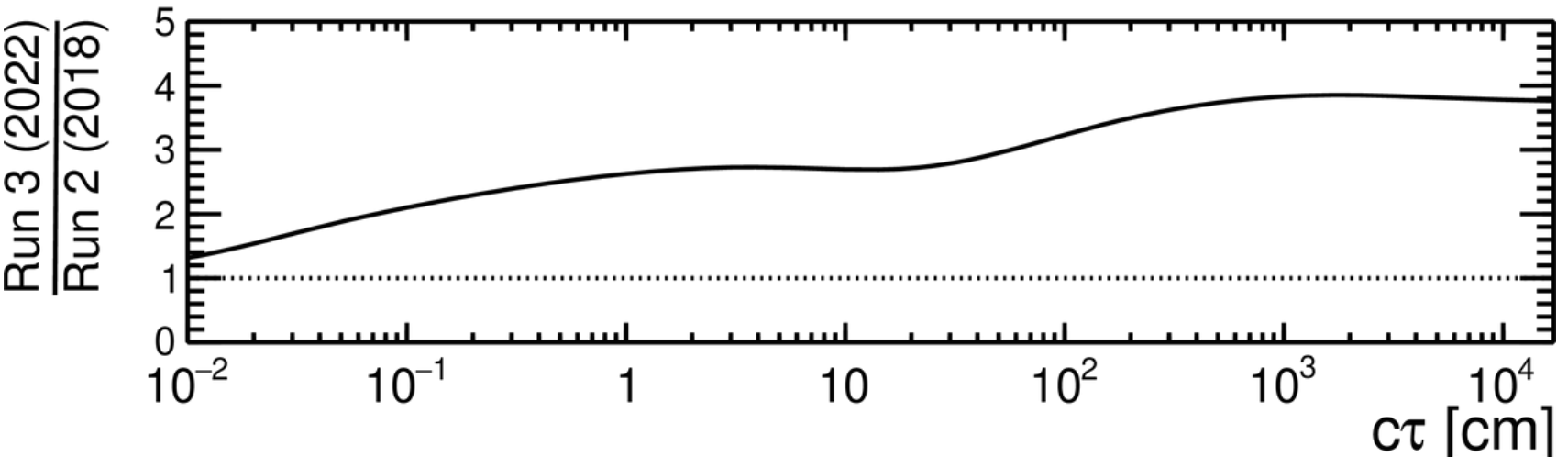
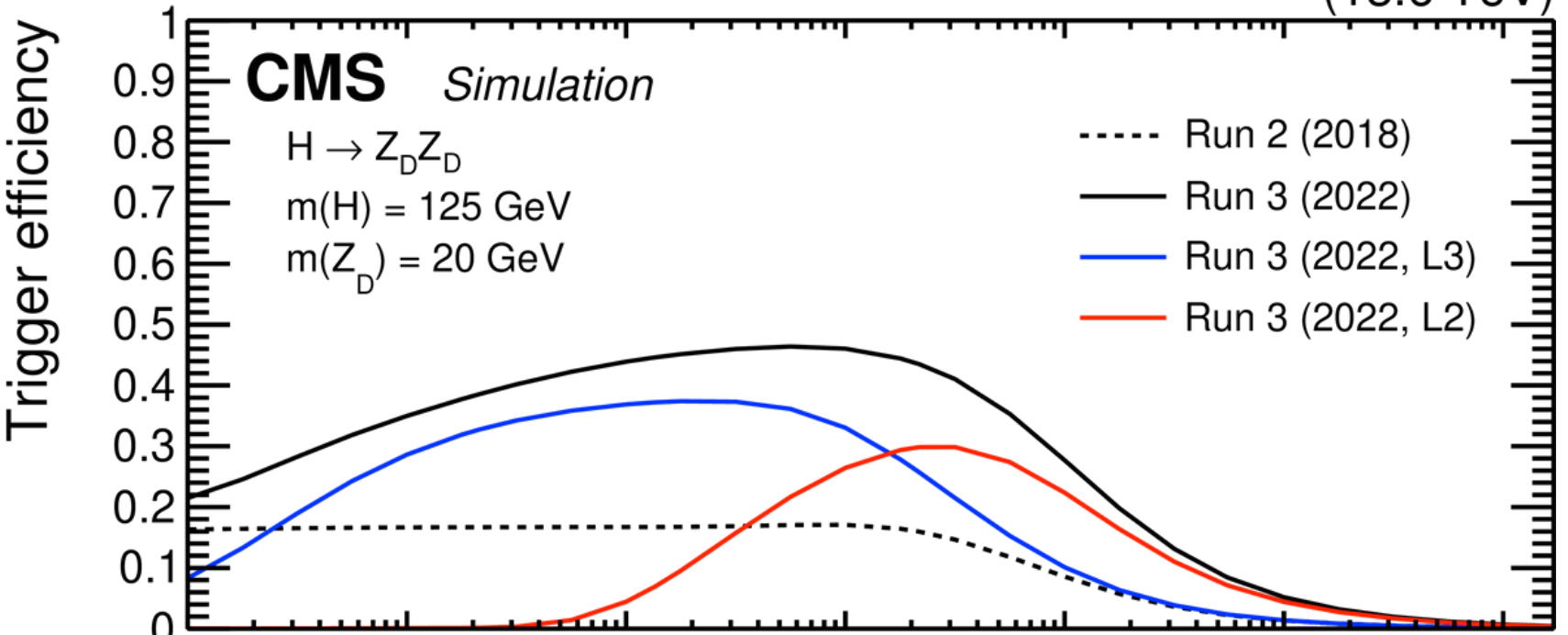
- GNN significantly improves the sensitivity for $c\tau(\pi_{\text{dark}}) \lesssim 100$ mm
- If $c\tau(\pi_{\text{dark}}) \gtrsim 1$ m, the signature becomes a muon detector shower

Displaced signatures: building upon new Run 3 triggers

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(13.6 TeV)

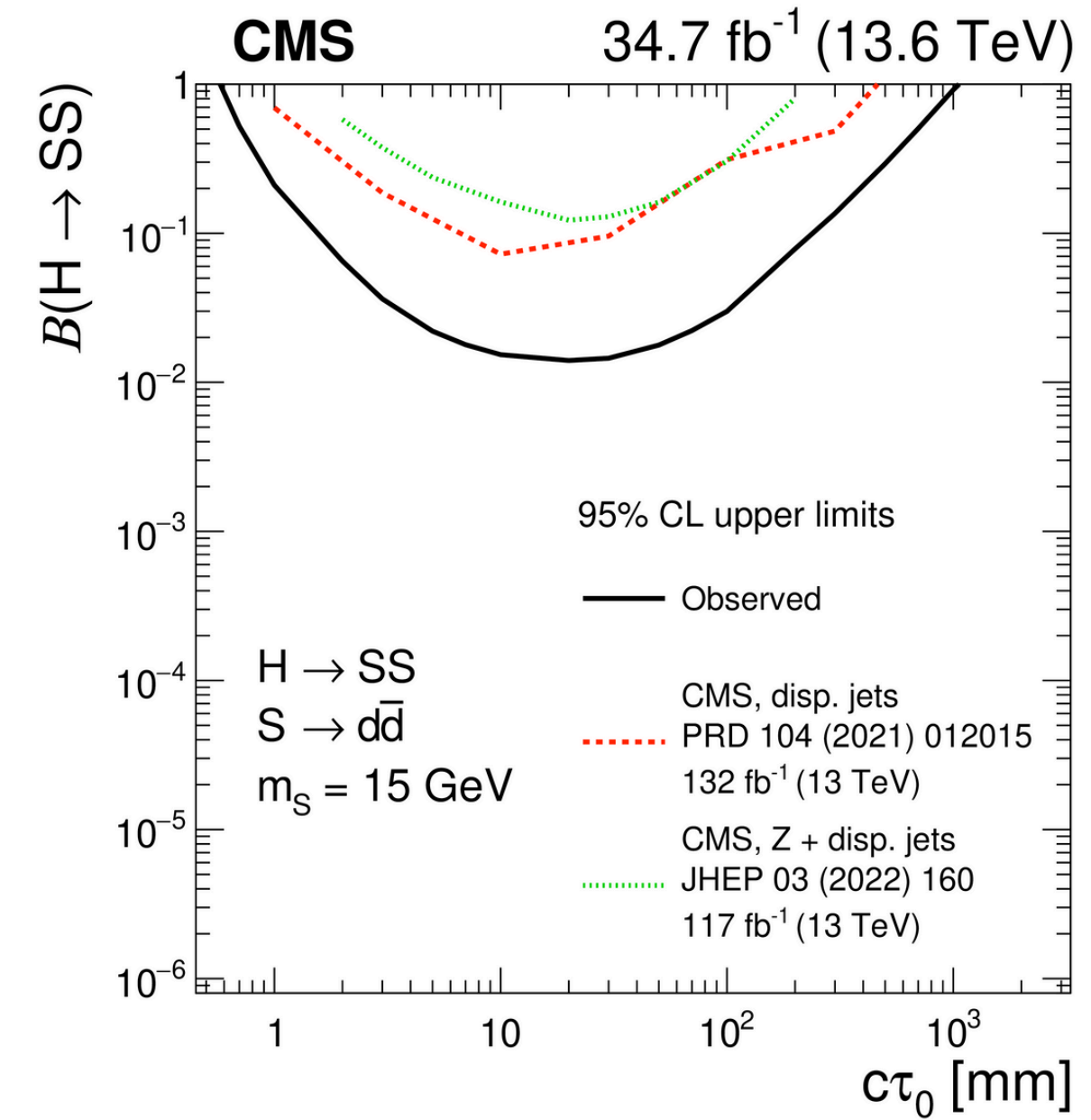
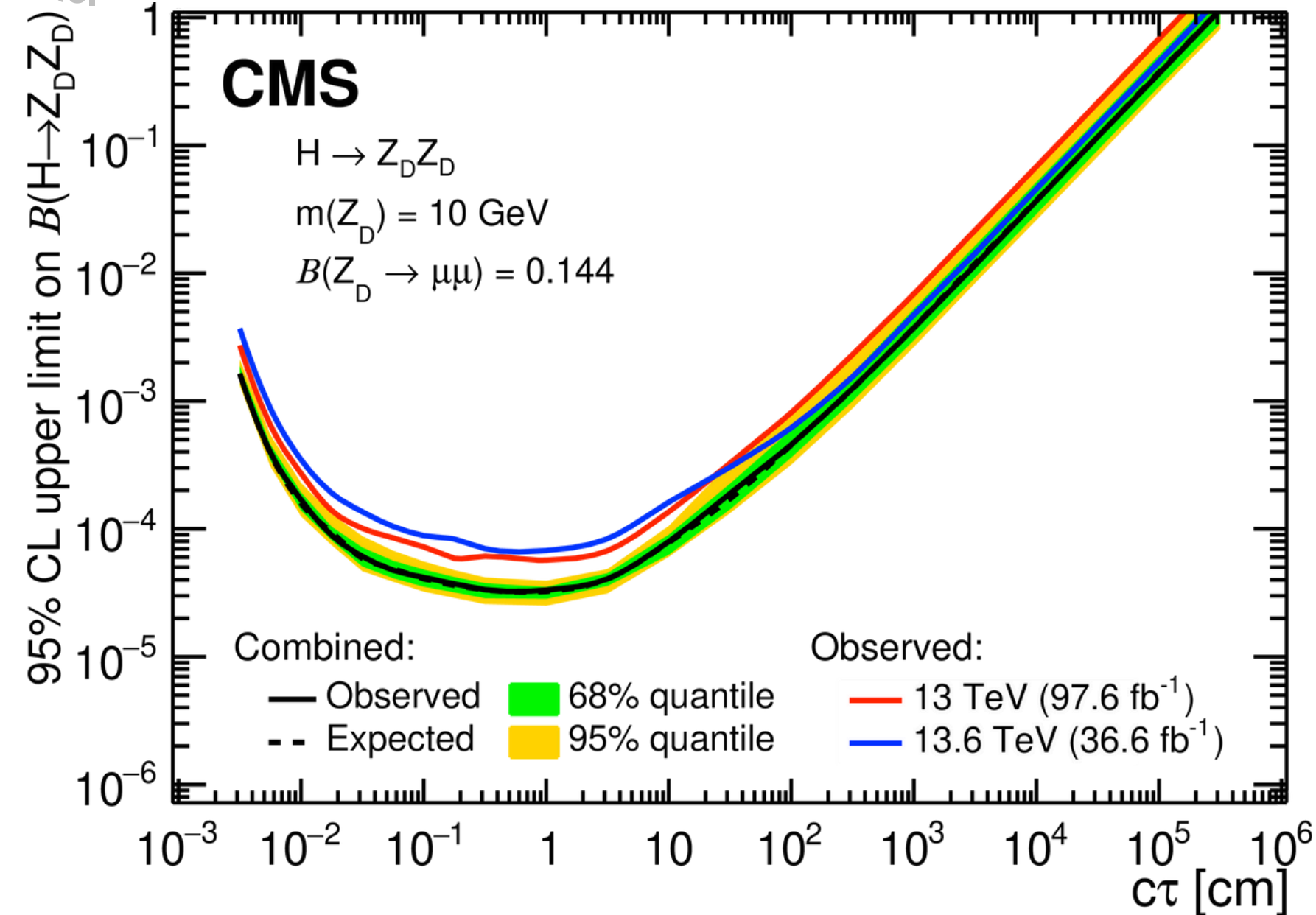
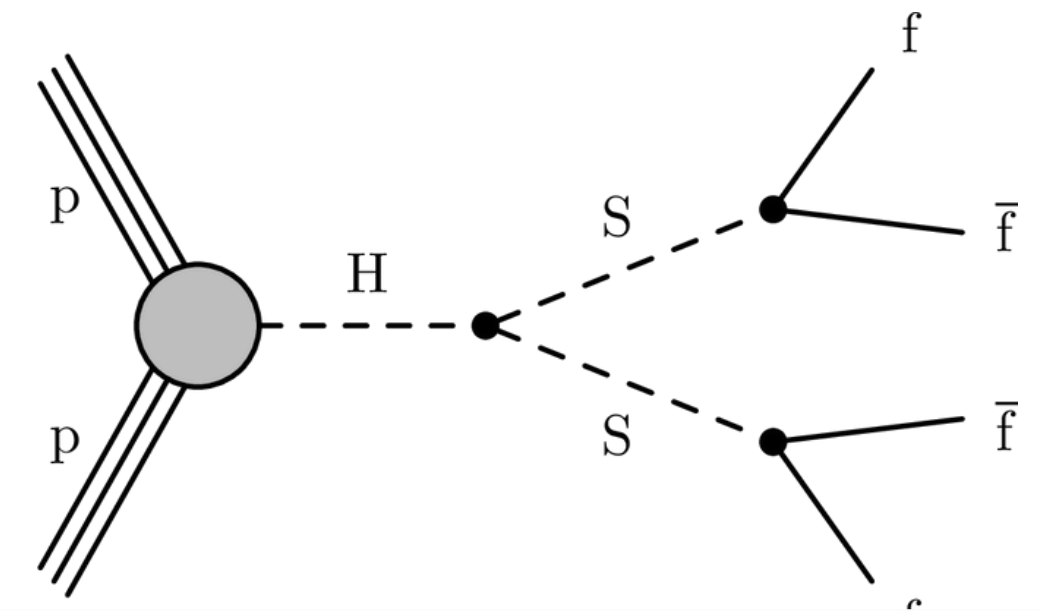
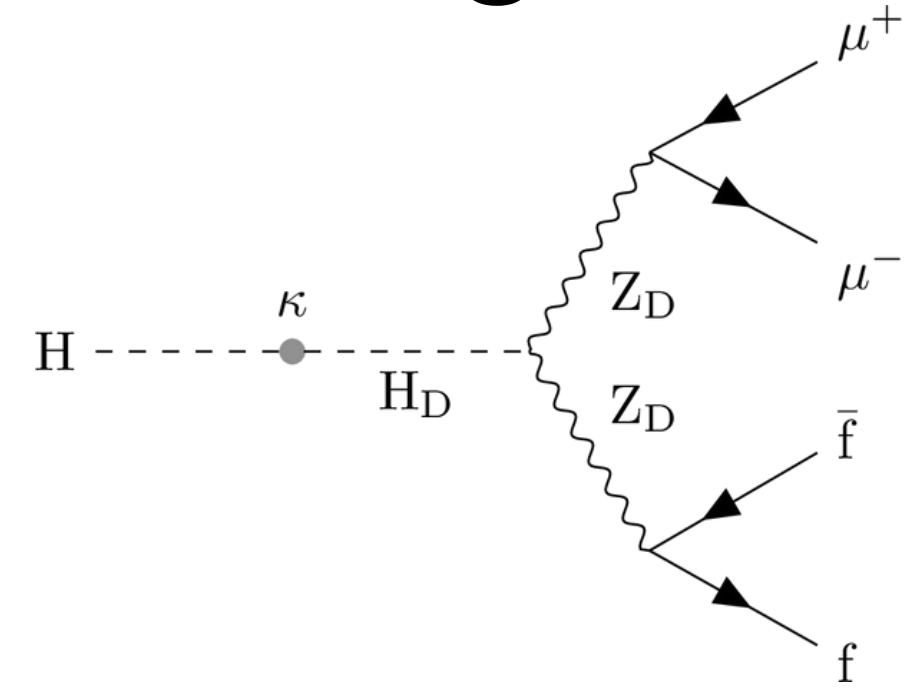


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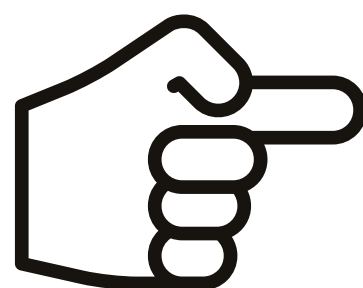
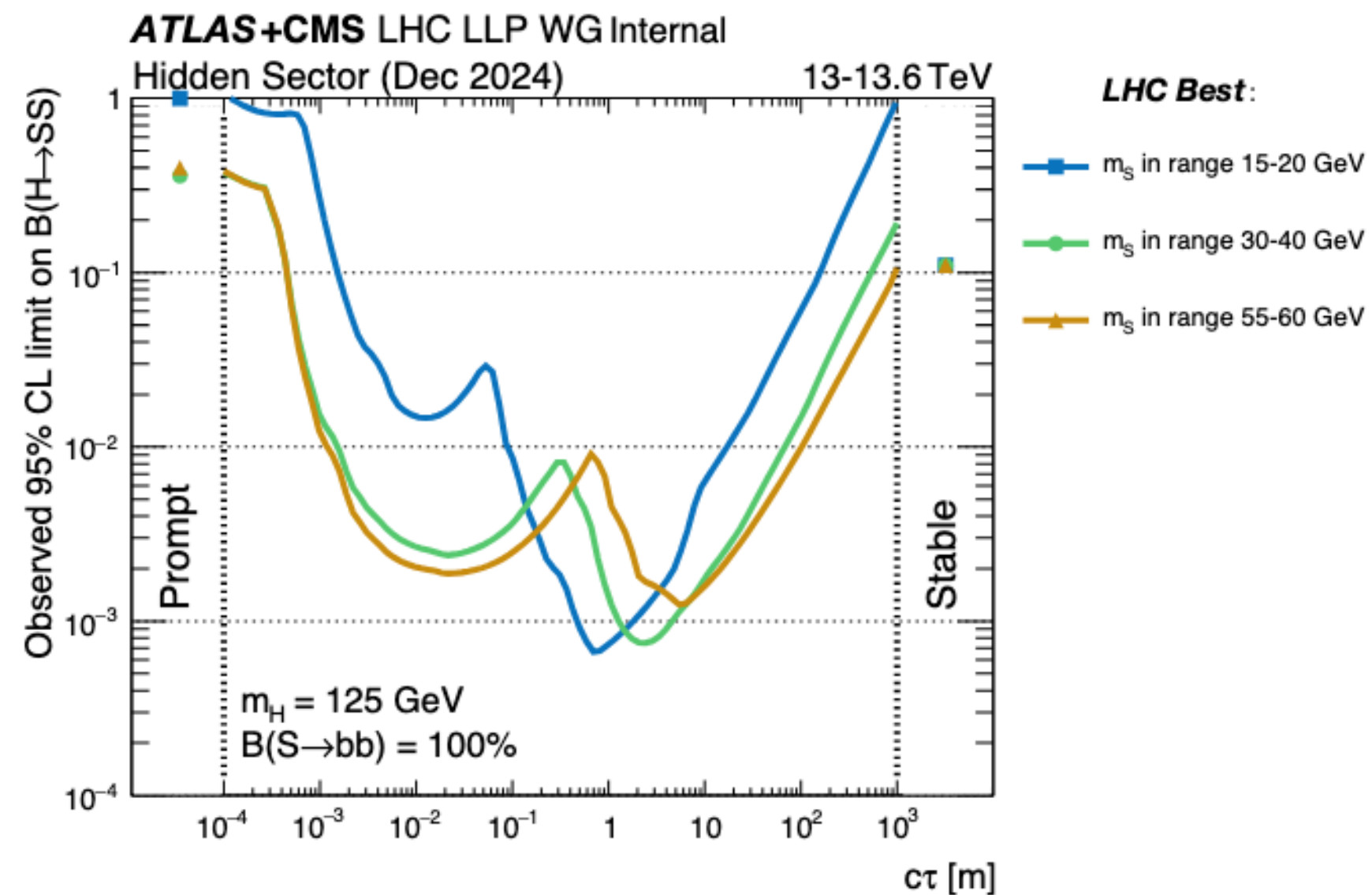
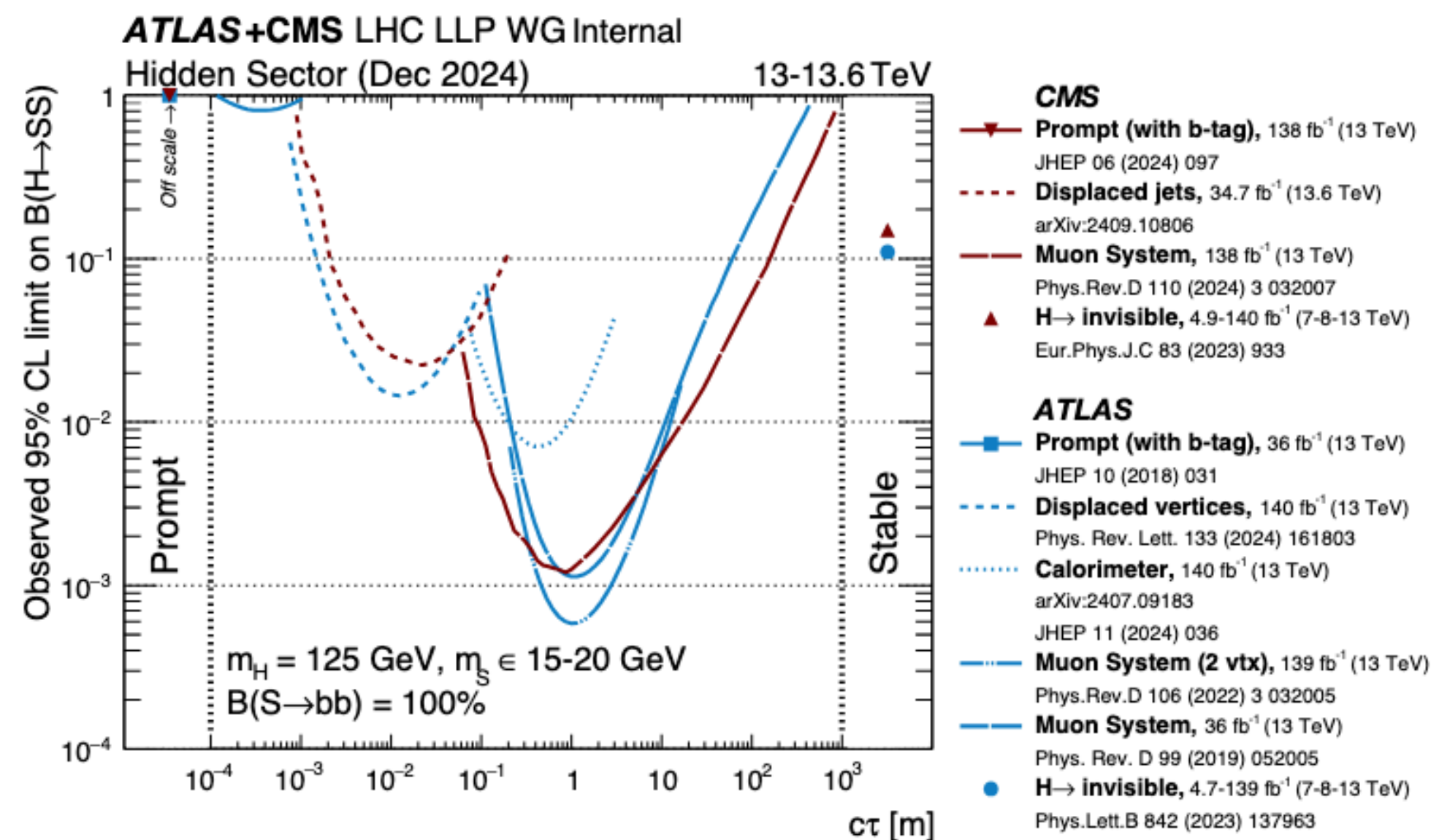
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Hidden sector searches complementarity



2024: the newly formed **BSM LHC WG**

<https://lpsc.web.cern.ch/content/lhc-bsm-wg>

- Consolidated and broad overview of **BSM LHC physics program** and of **current state of the art and plans** from LHC experiments



Towards HL-LHC

Novel opportunities for
Run 3

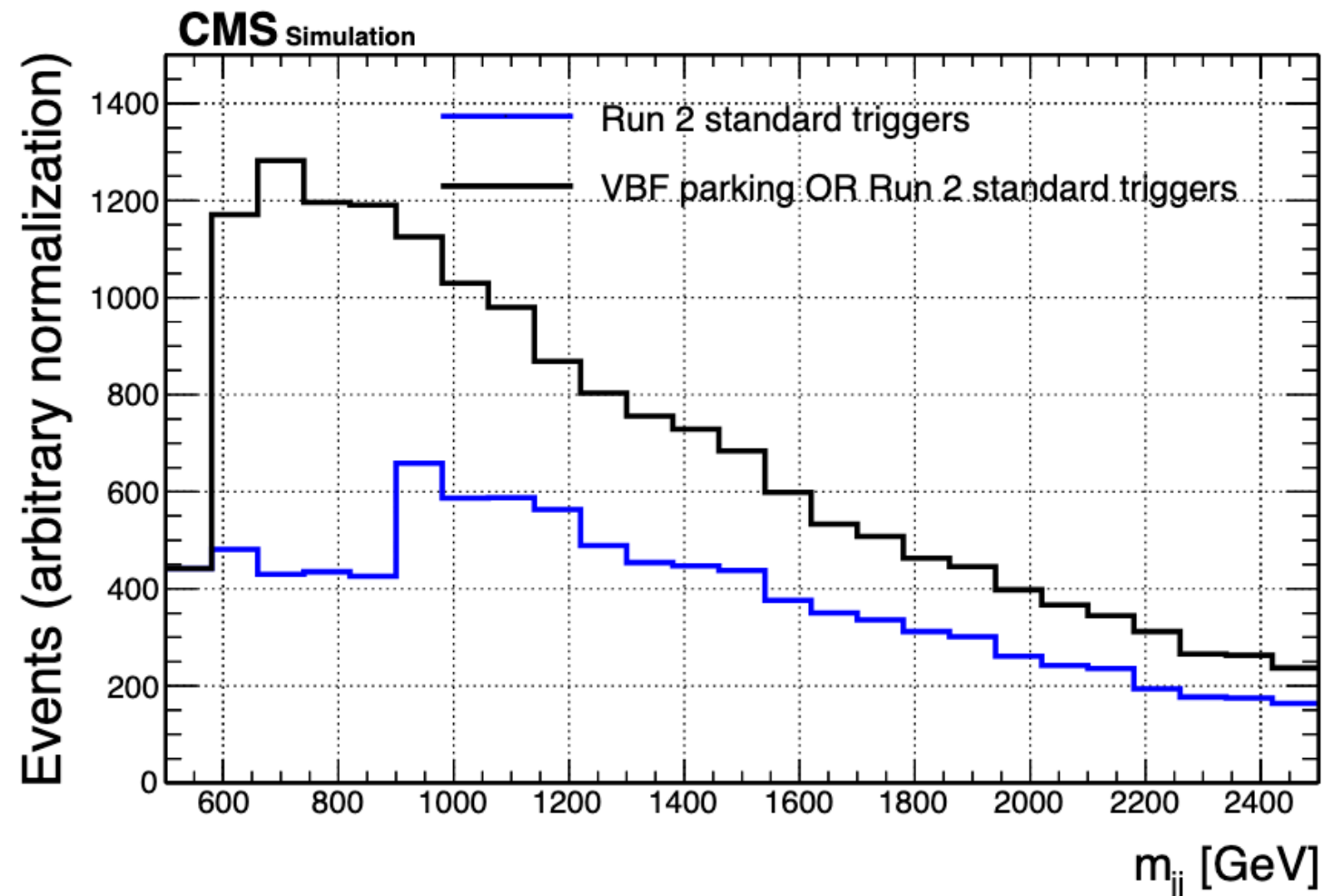
Prospects for HL-LHC

Accessing new phase
space w/ timing detectors

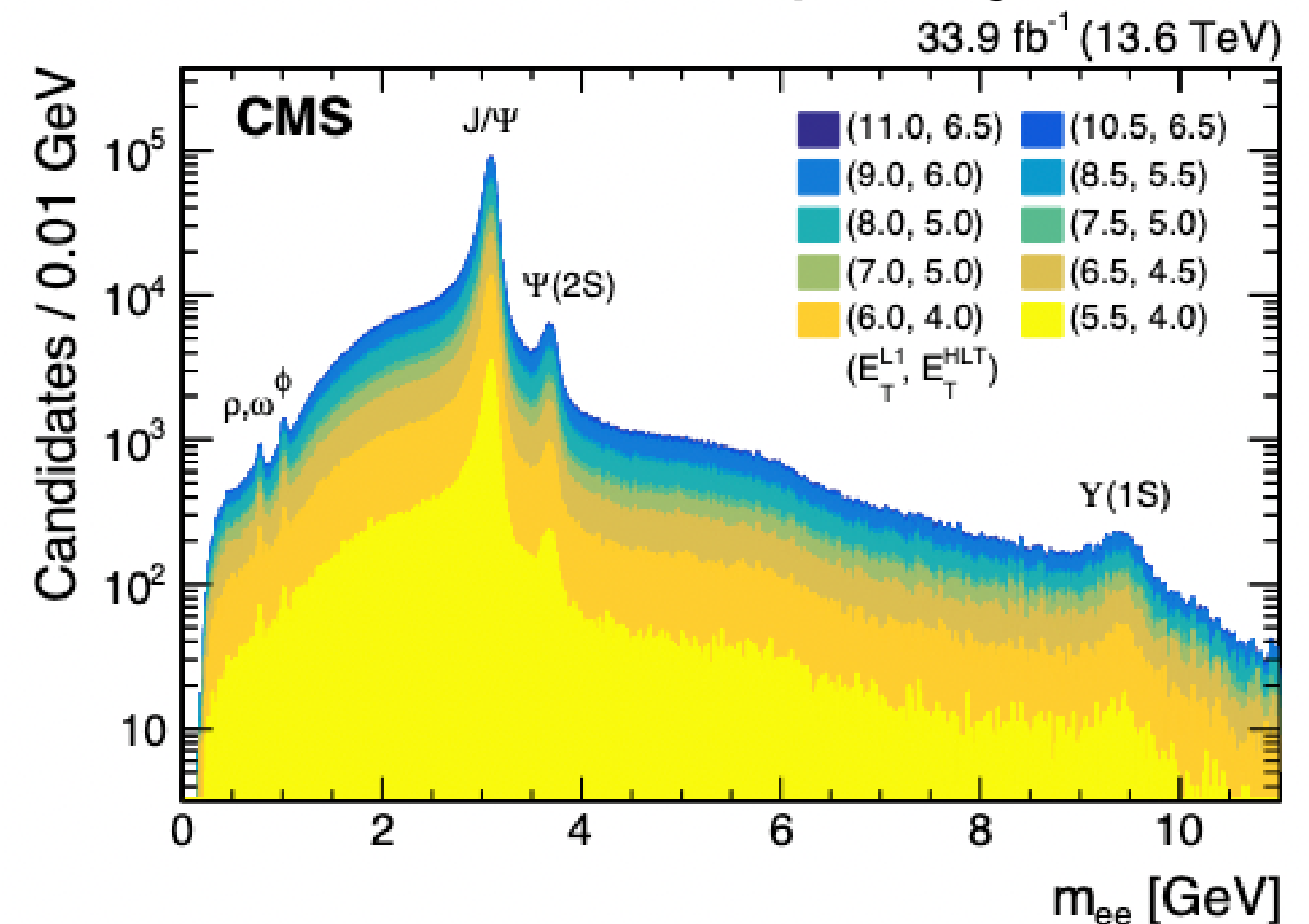
Novel opportunities for Run 3

- Successful execution of the **B parking program during Run 2** garnered significant interest, propelling the **evolution of the parking technique** into a comprehensive and diverse program.
- Since 2022, the definition of data parking has shifted somewhat to include prompt reconstruction (i.e., **processing typically starting within 48 hours**), upon the availability of computing resources.
- **New parking strategies** enable efficient probing currently unexplored experimental signatures that may become of interest in the future.

VBF parking

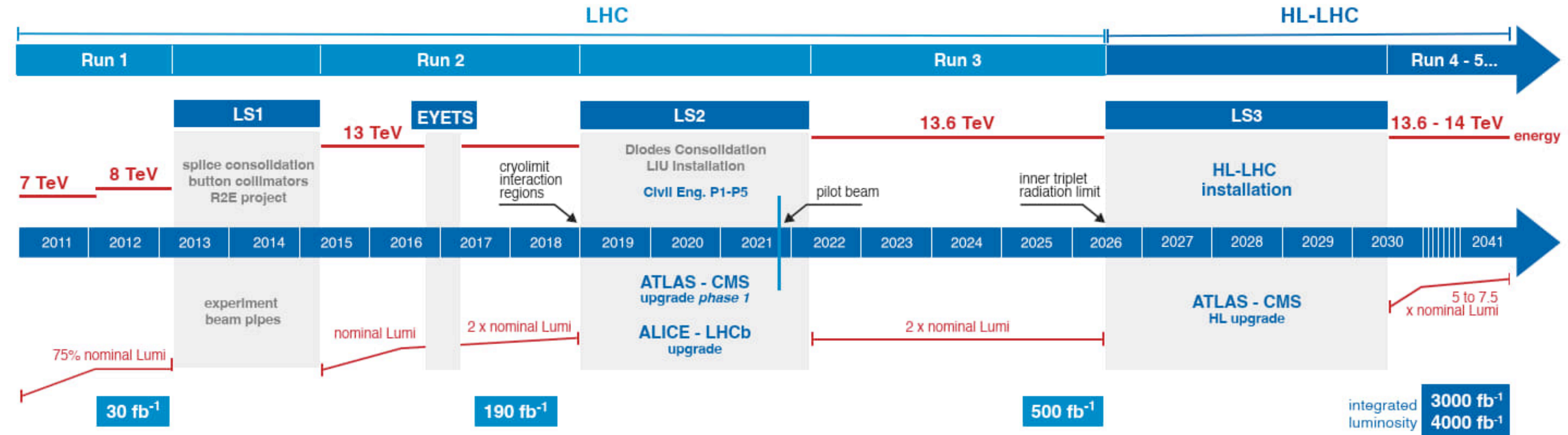


Dielectrons parking



Prospects at HL-LHC

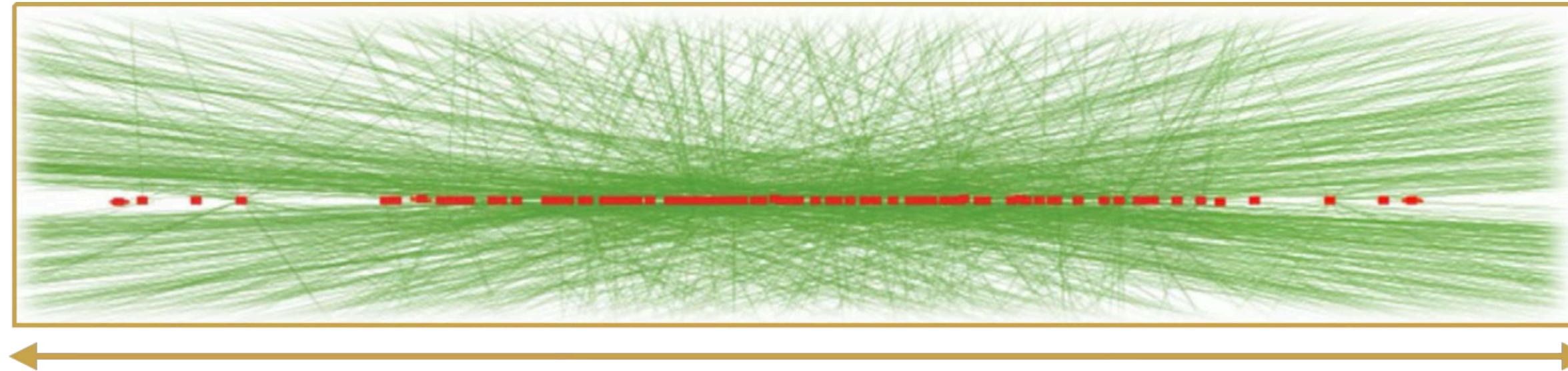
- HL-LHC represents the ultimate evolution of LHC machine performance: operation at up to $L=7.5 \cdot 10^{34}$ Hz/cm²



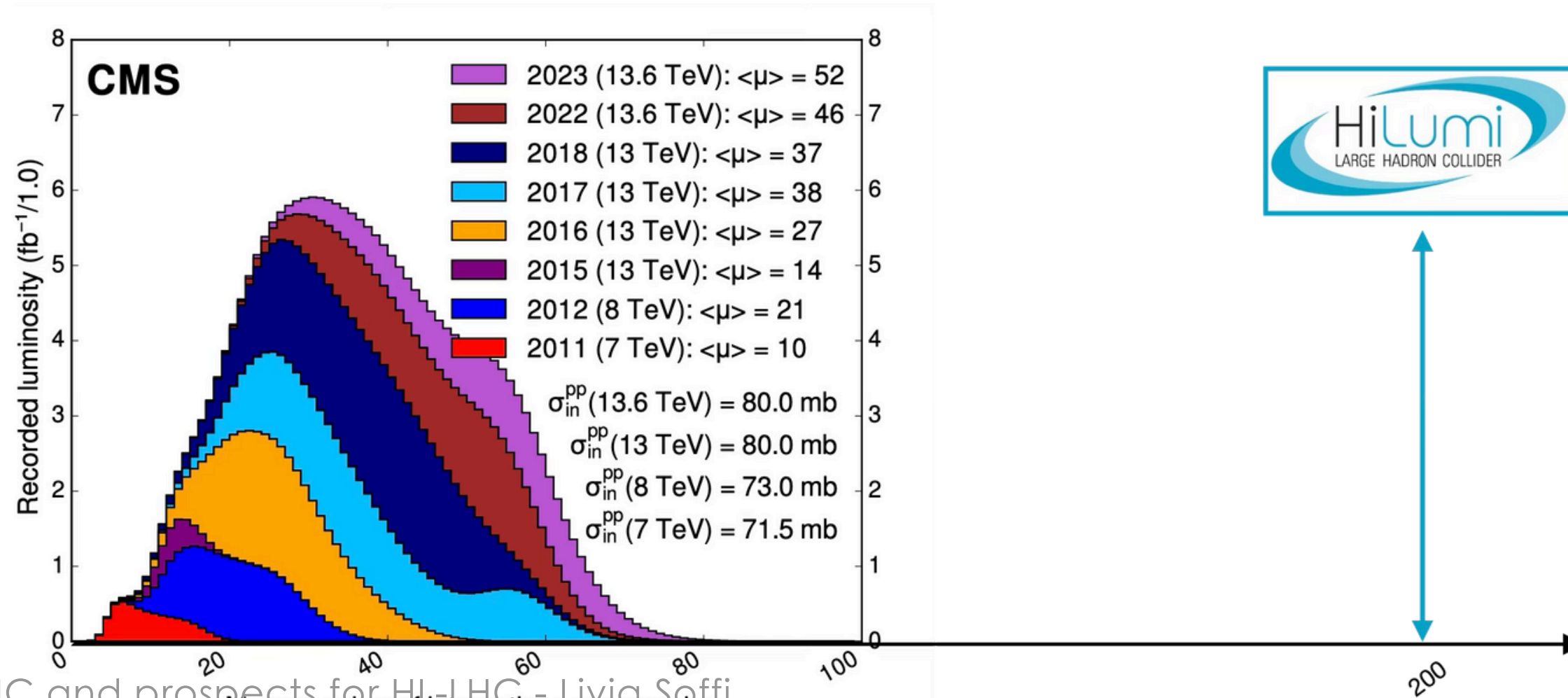
- Major boost in statistics expected at HL-LHC from 2029:
- 3000 fb⁻¹ for ATLAS&CMS, 50 fb⁻¹ for LHCb 5 fb⁻¹ for ALICE
- Pb-Pb (13 nb⁻¹) and p-Pb (50 nb⁻¹)

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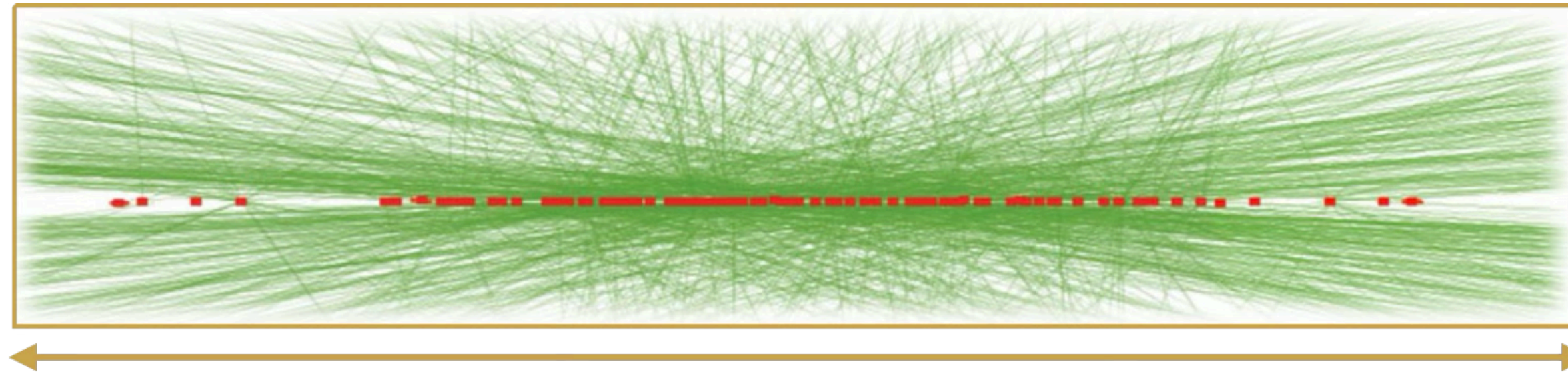


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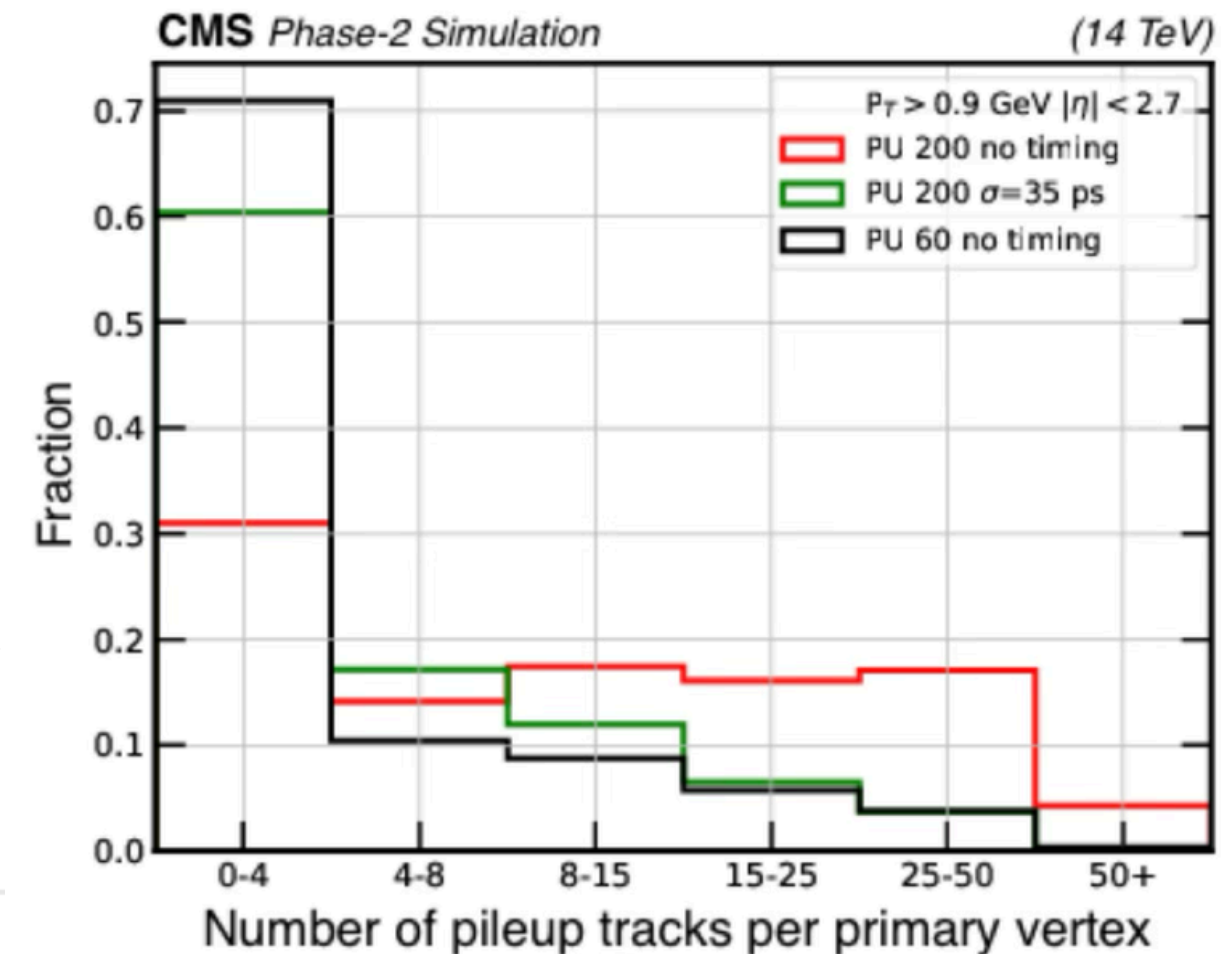
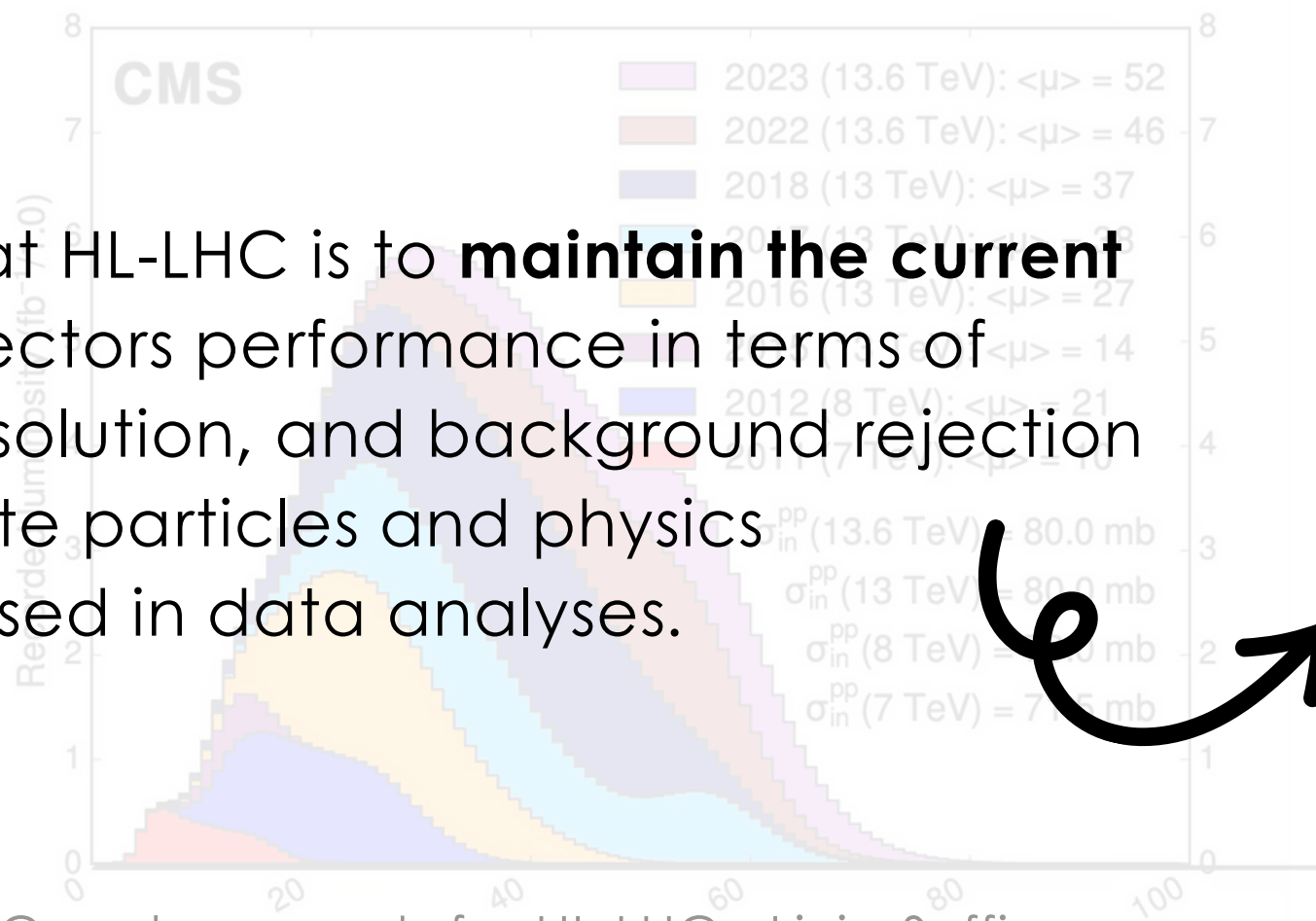
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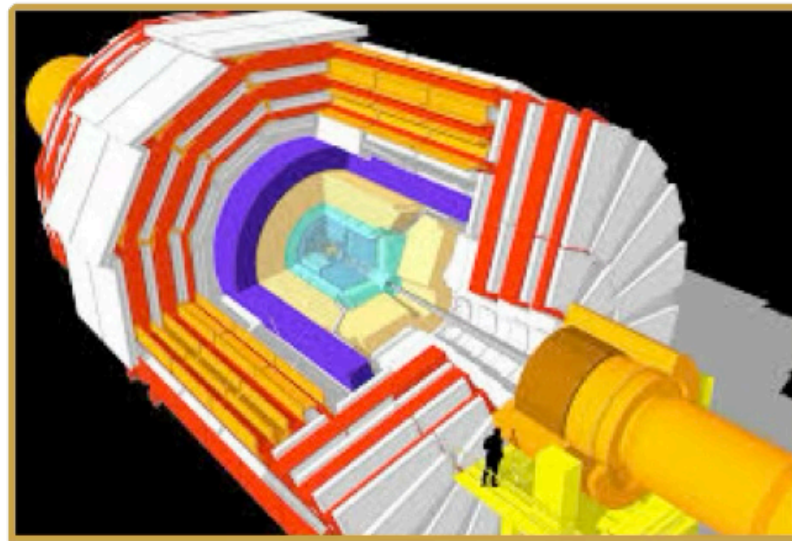
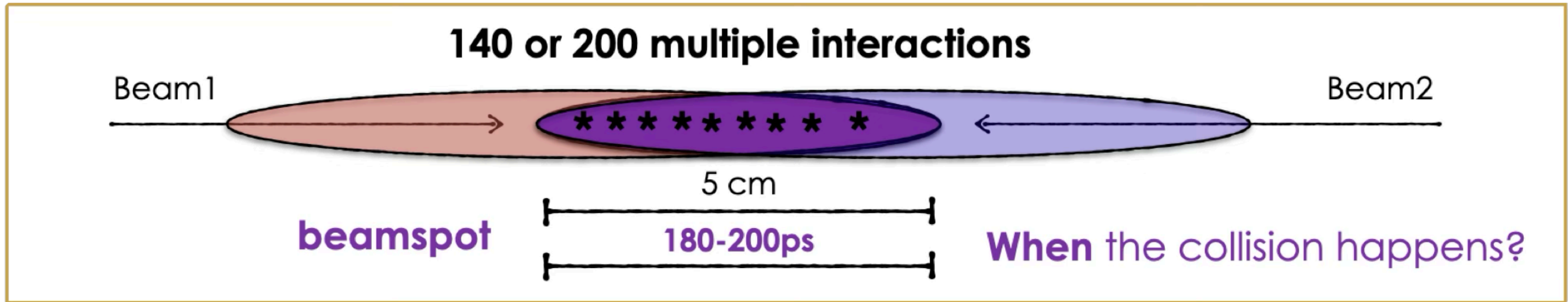


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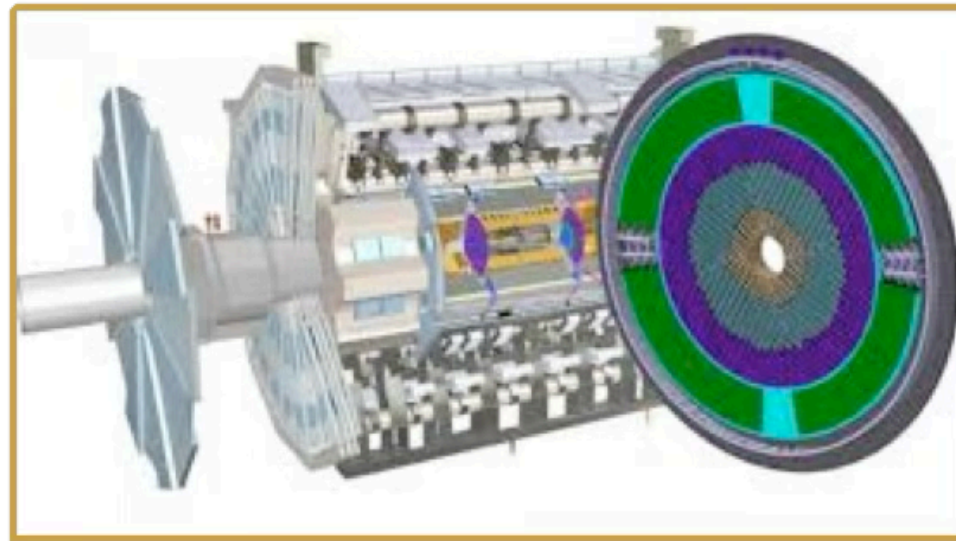
- Primary goal at HL-LHC is to **maintain the current excellent** detectors performance in terms of efficiency, resolution, and background rejection for all final state particles and physics observables used in data analyses.



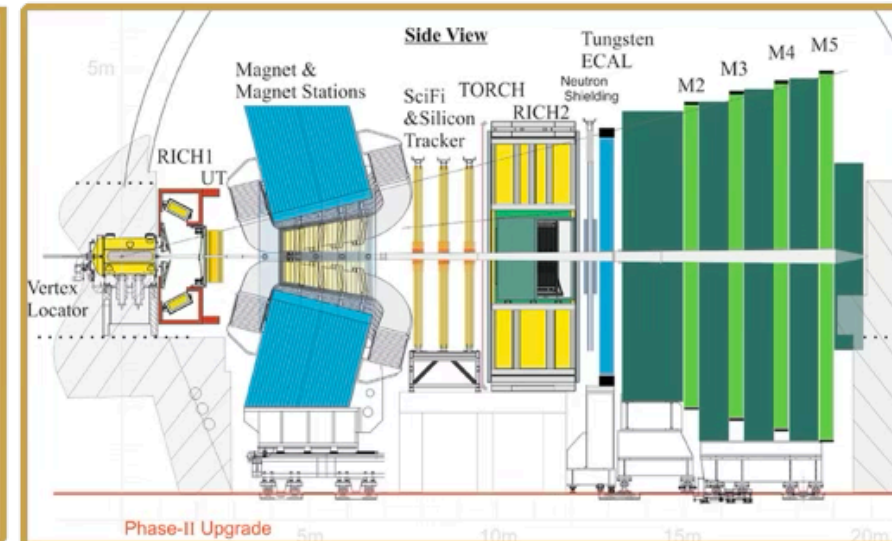
New timing detectors at LHC



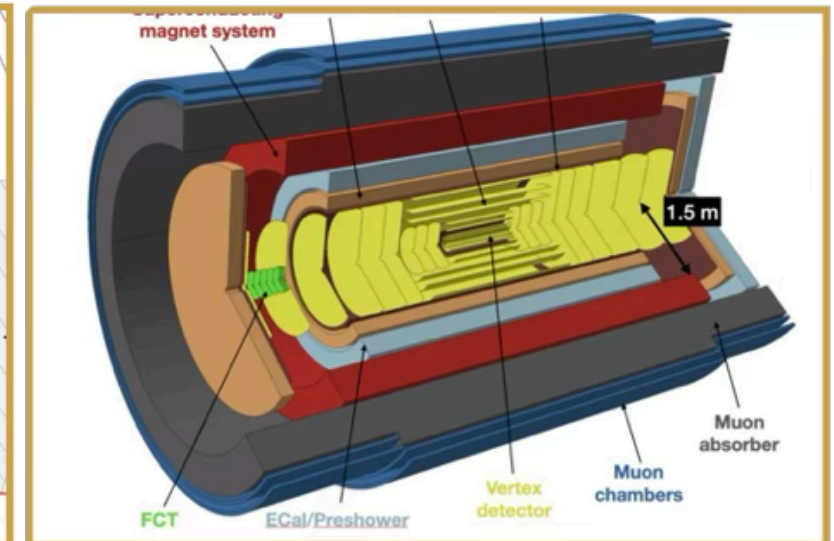
Mip Timing Detector @CMS



High-Granularity Timing Detector @ ATLAS



TORCH @ LHCb

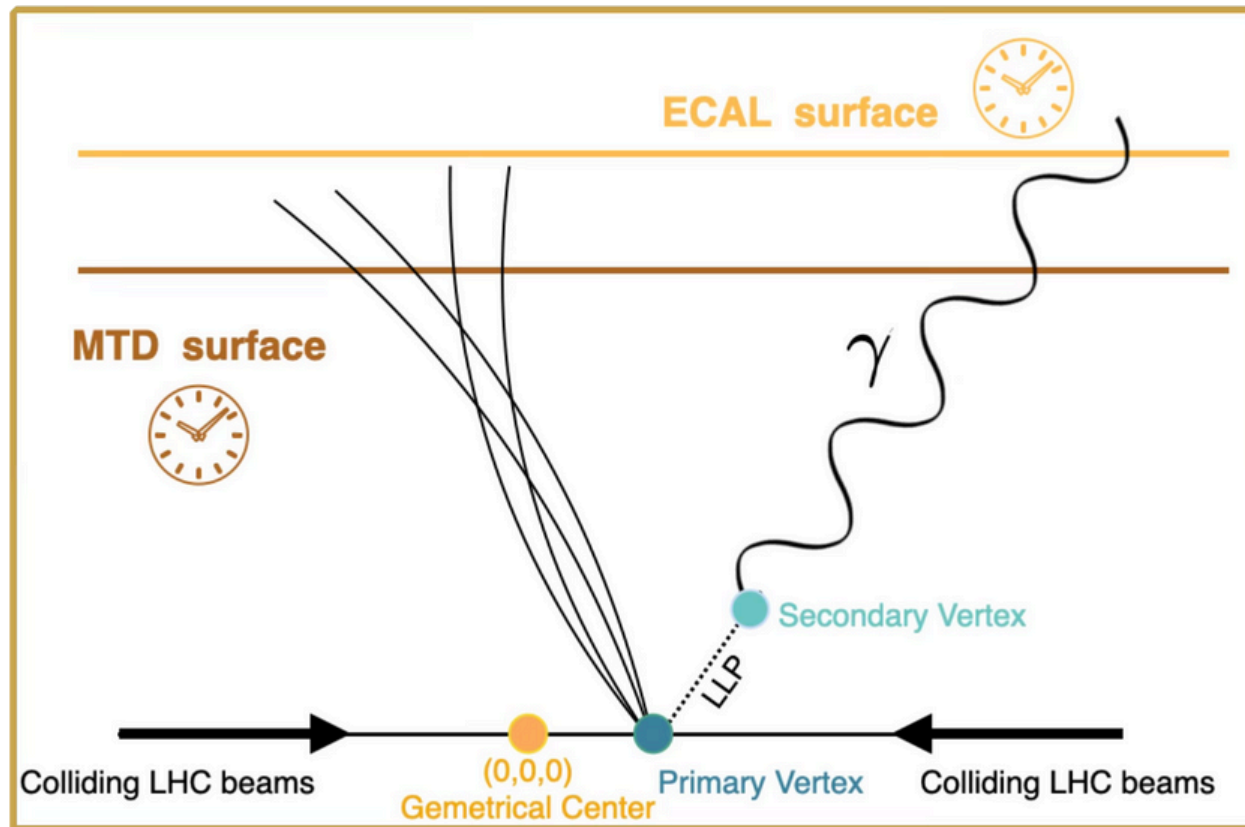
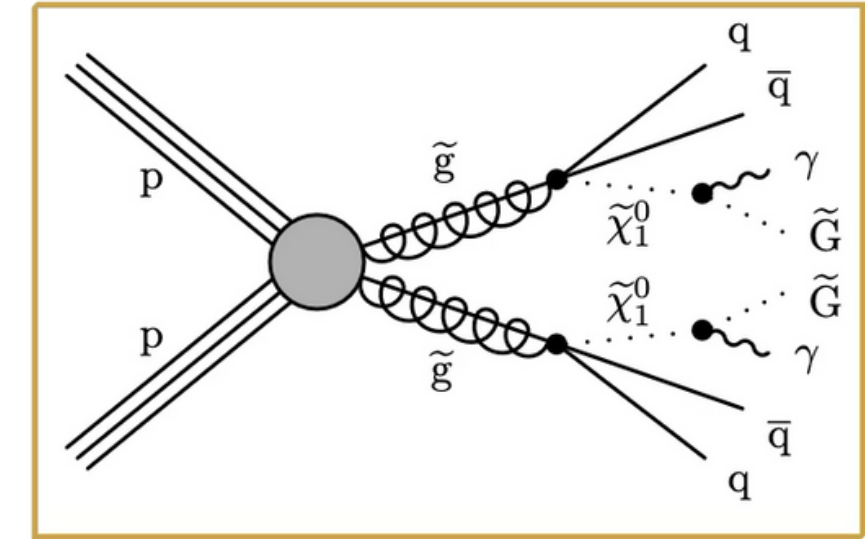


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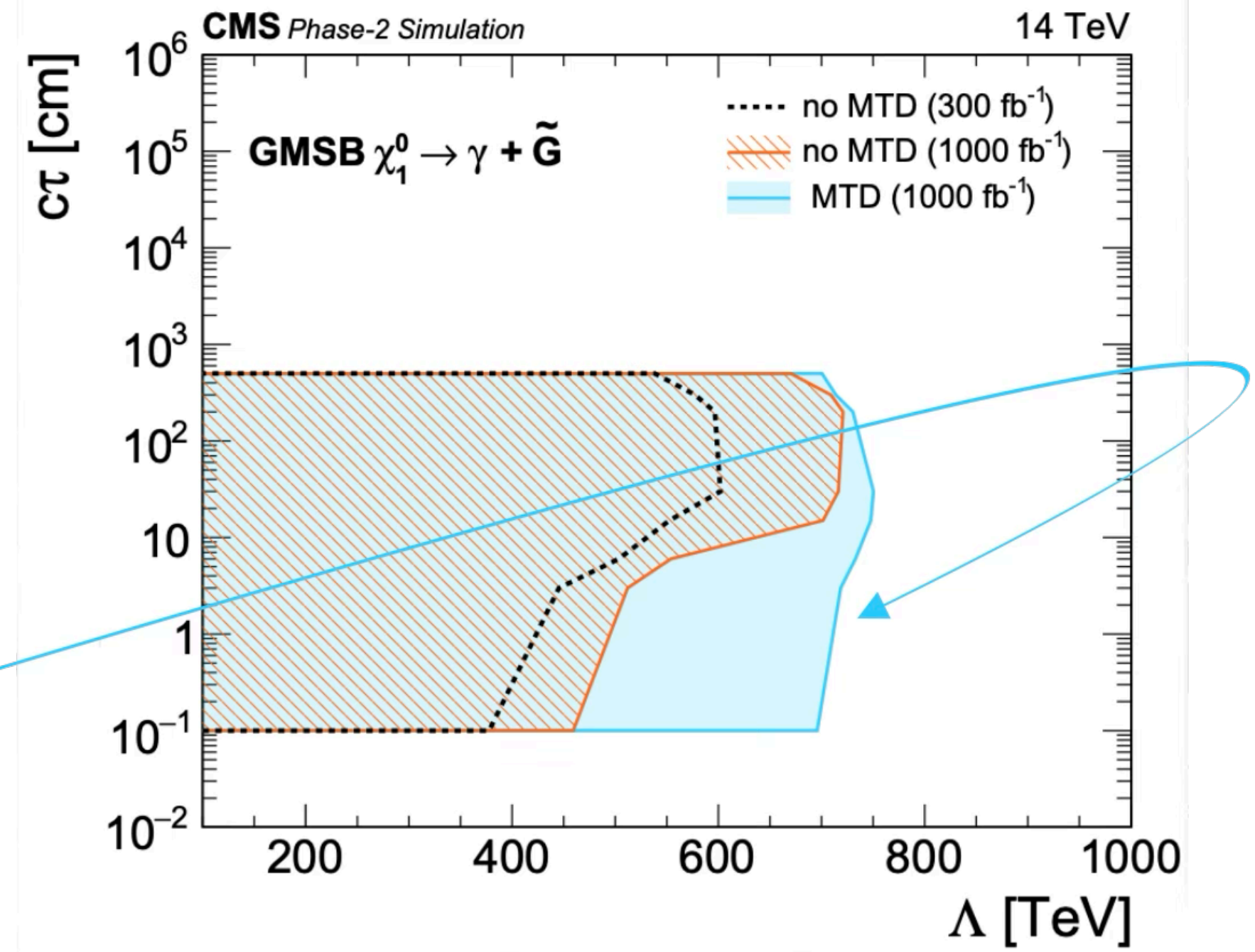
- Significant reduction of beamspot uncertainty w/ tens ps target resolution
- Remove pileup tracks and rejects spurious secondary vertices
- Extend the physics reach in precision measurements
- Provides a new capability for LLP searches and Particle ID

Detection of late photons with CMS MTD

- New **30 ps Mip Timing Detector (MTD)** essential to properly determine the primary vertex time and particles' time of flight
- Signatures with delayed photons: (**ECAL time resolution: 30 ps**)
- Weighted vertex time resolution: estimating number of tracks in barrel/endcap

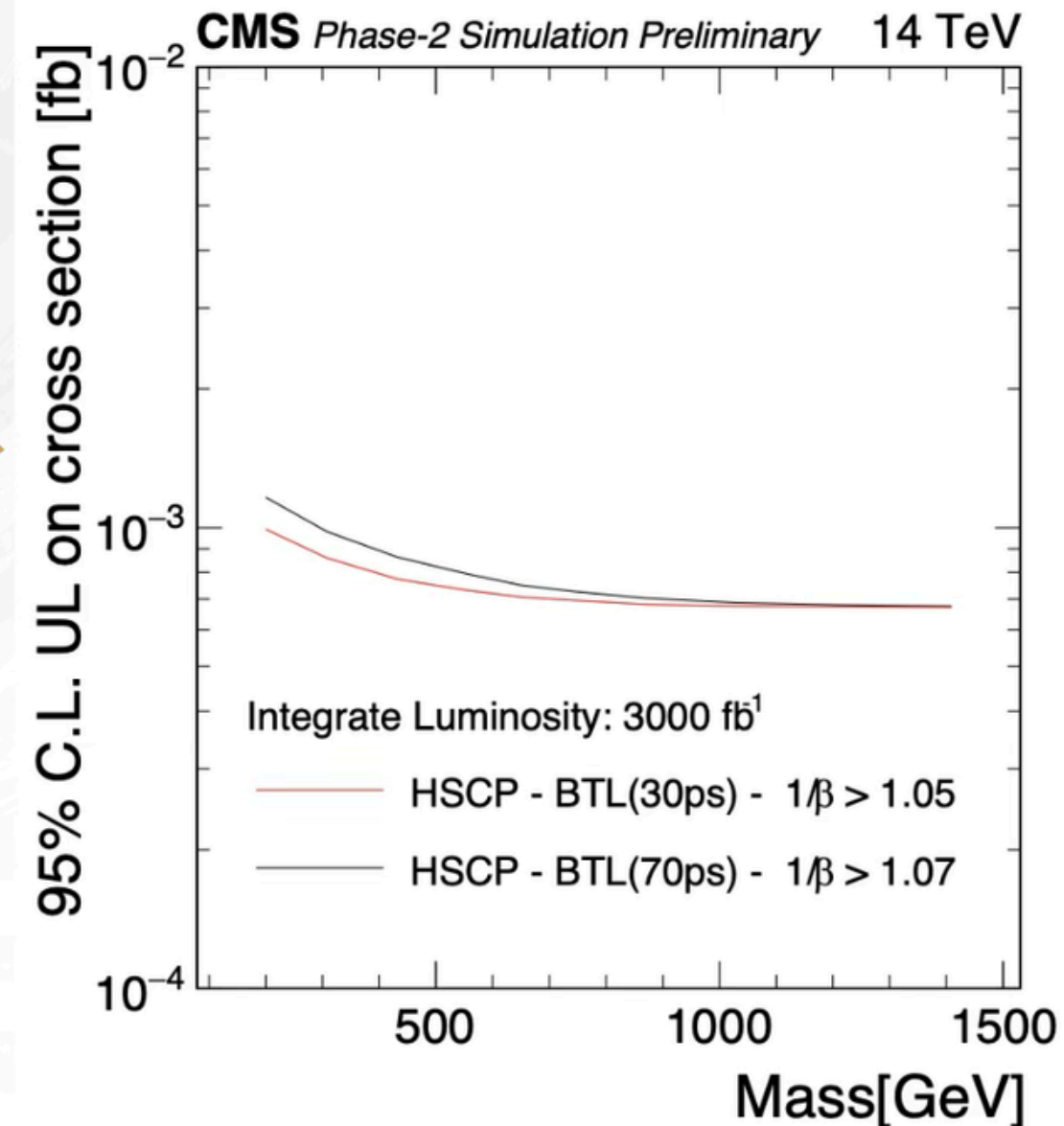
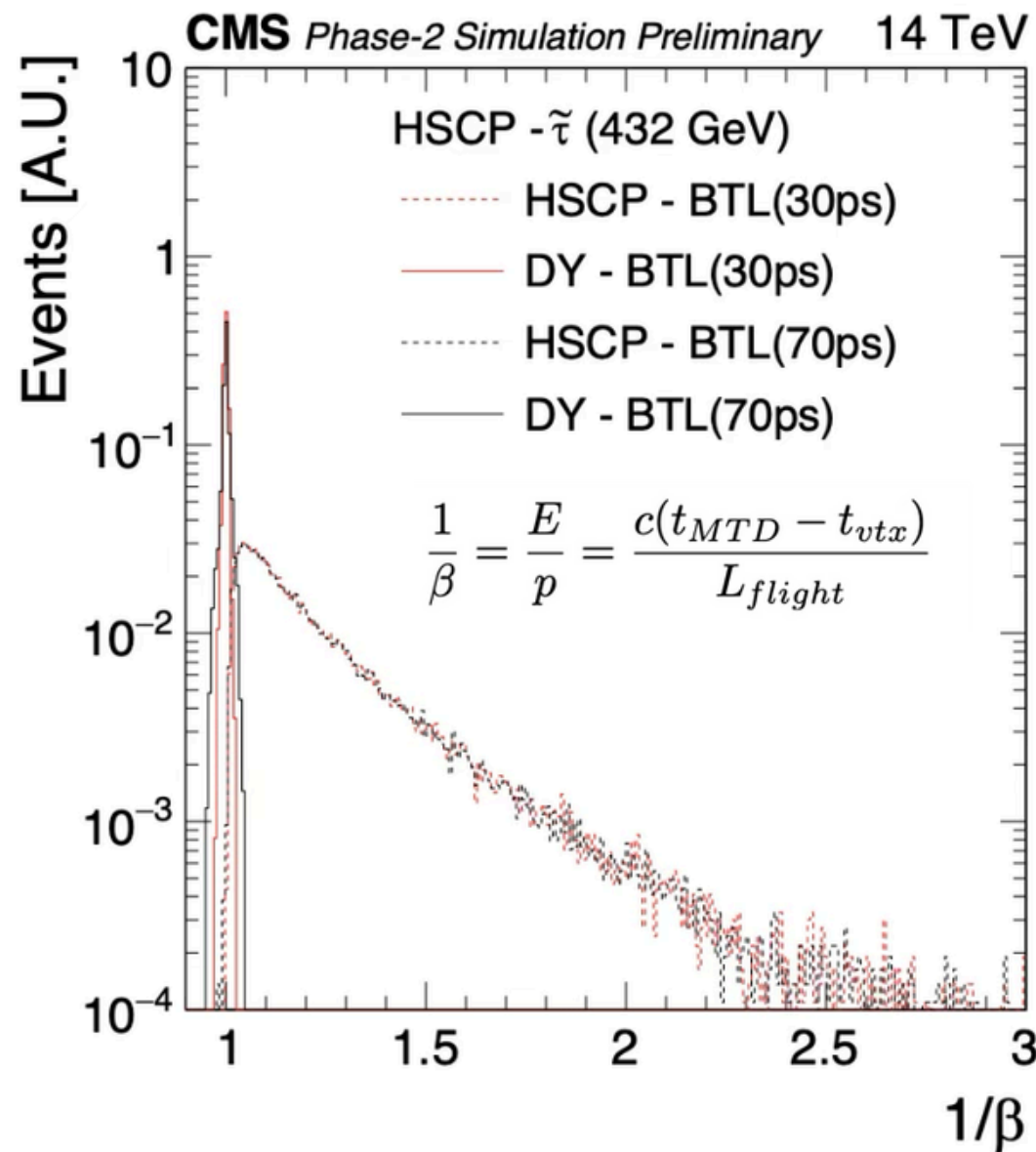
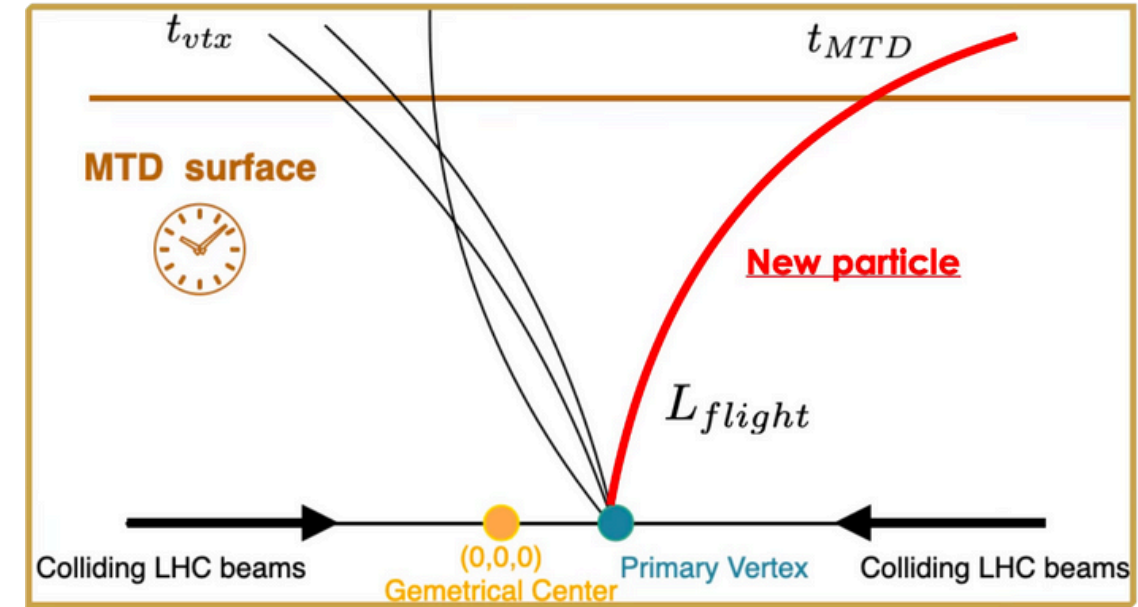


large gain in sensitivity w.r.t. ECAL only scenario



CMS MTD as a time-of-flight detector

- Turn the **MTD into a time of flight detector** and look for **anomalous moving particles** (slow velocities, $q \neq 1$, large mass)
- Complement Muon Detector based searches at short lifetimes
- Promising performance through the entire HL-LHC data taking period

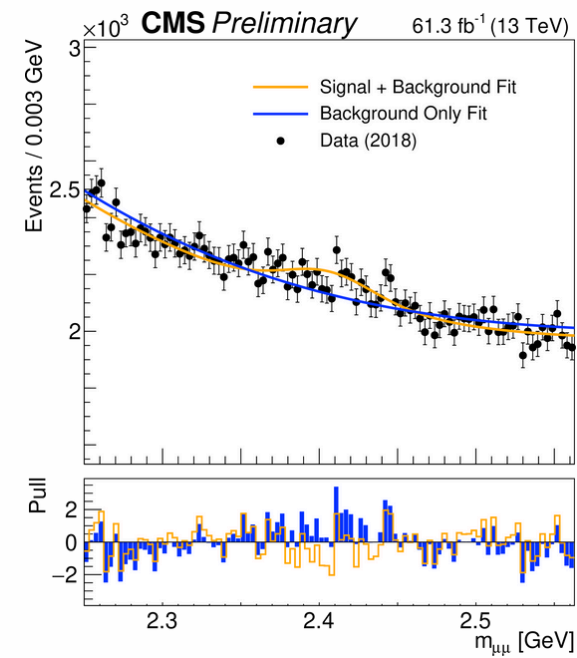


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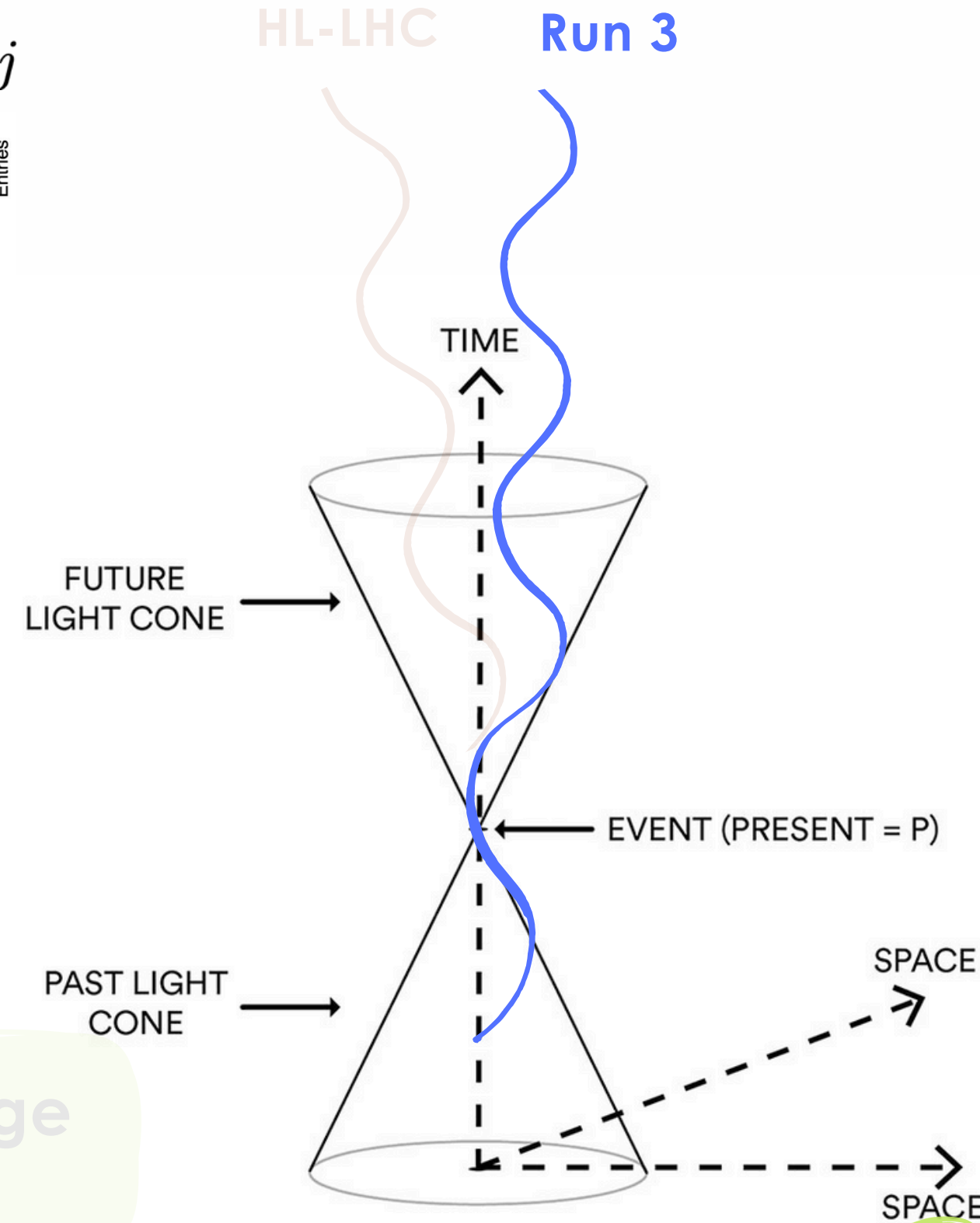
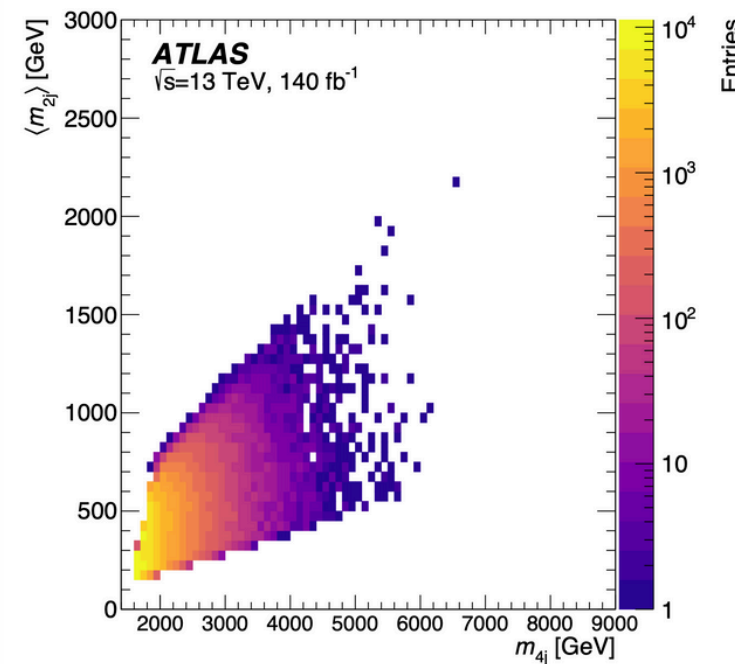
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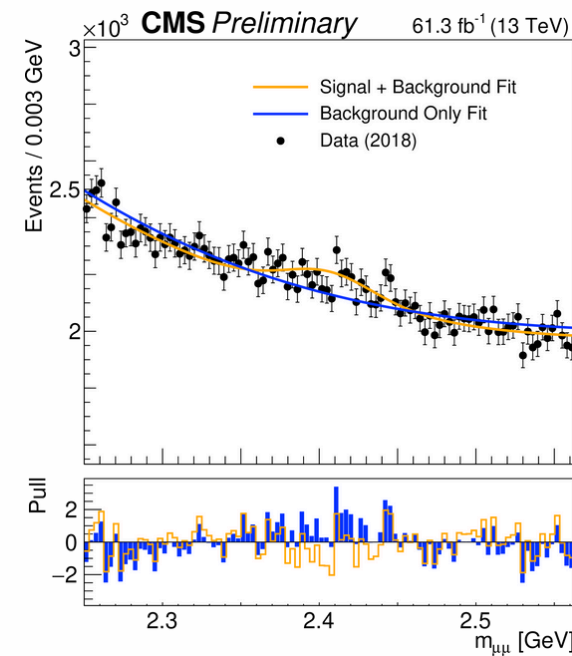
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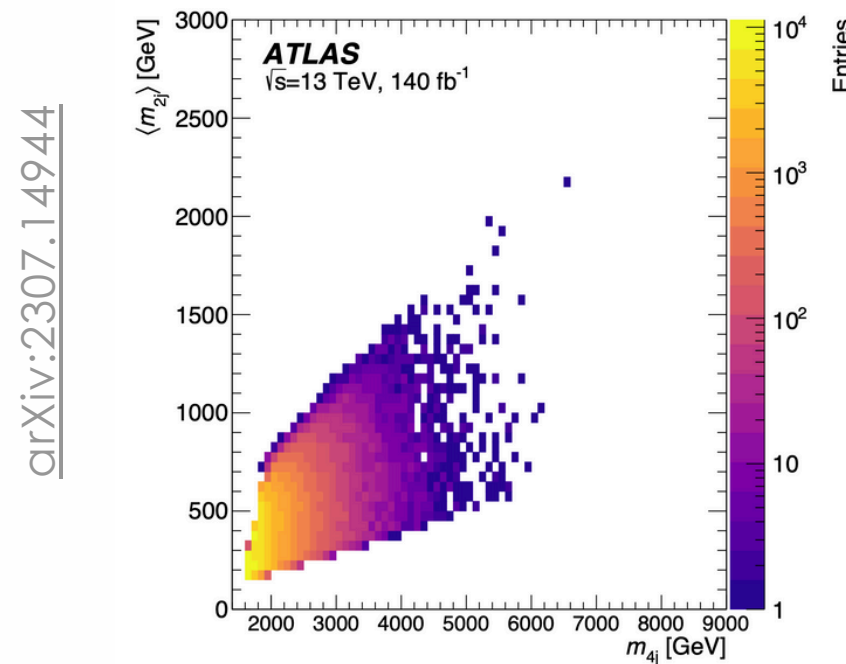
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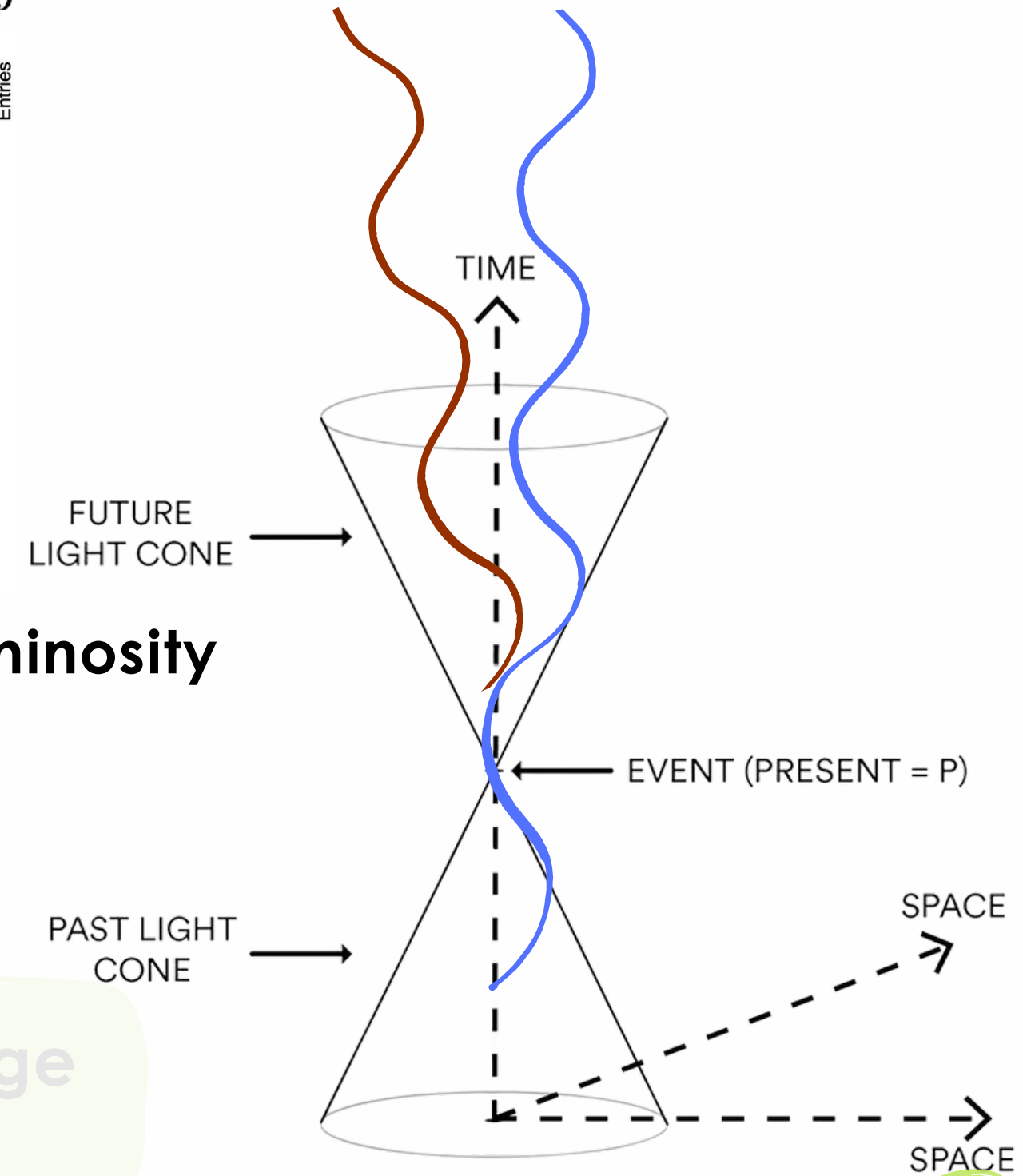


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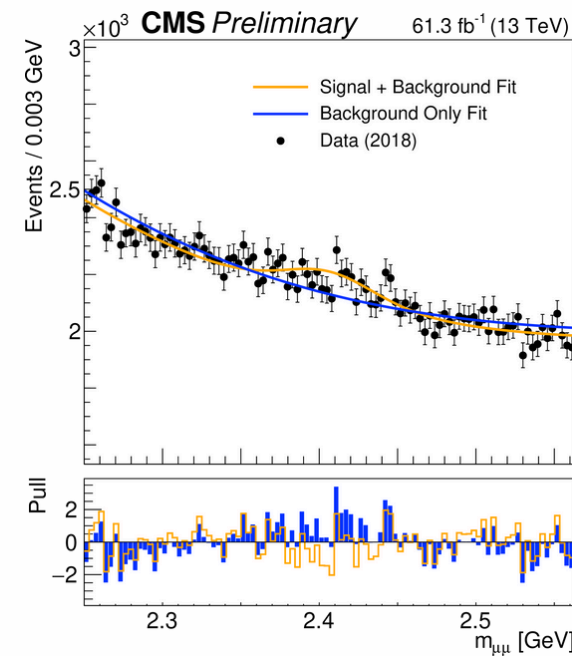
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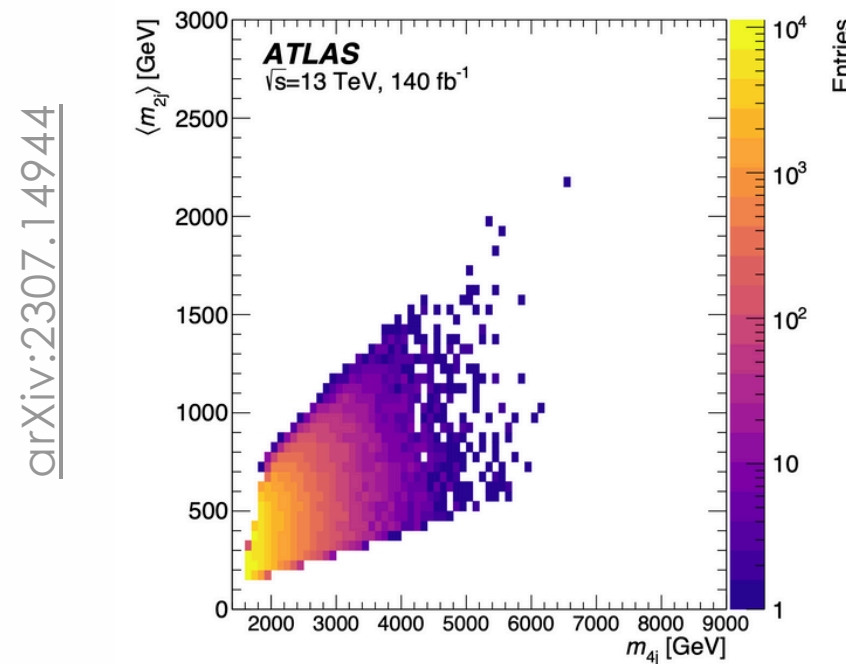
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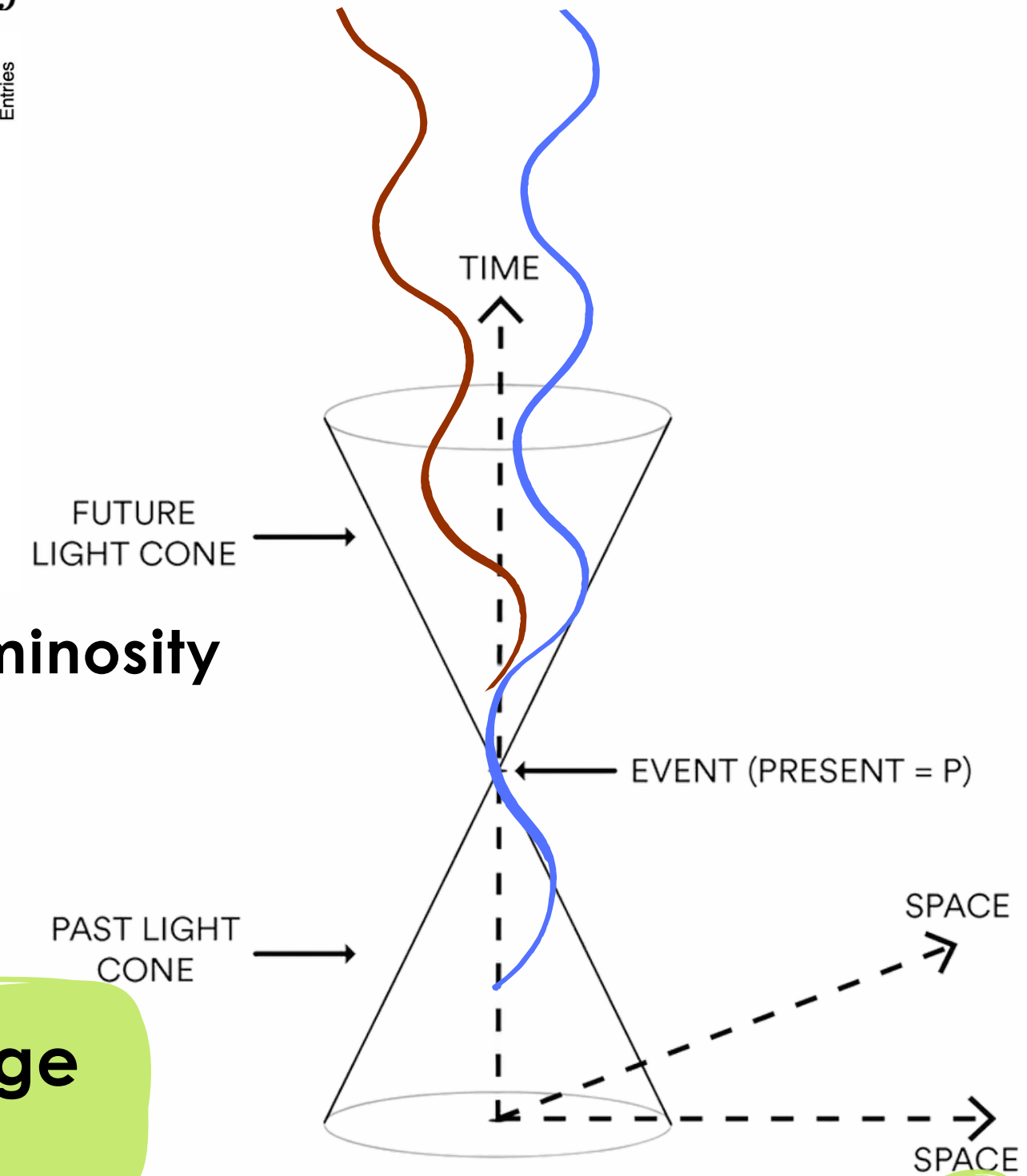


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HL-LHC Run 3



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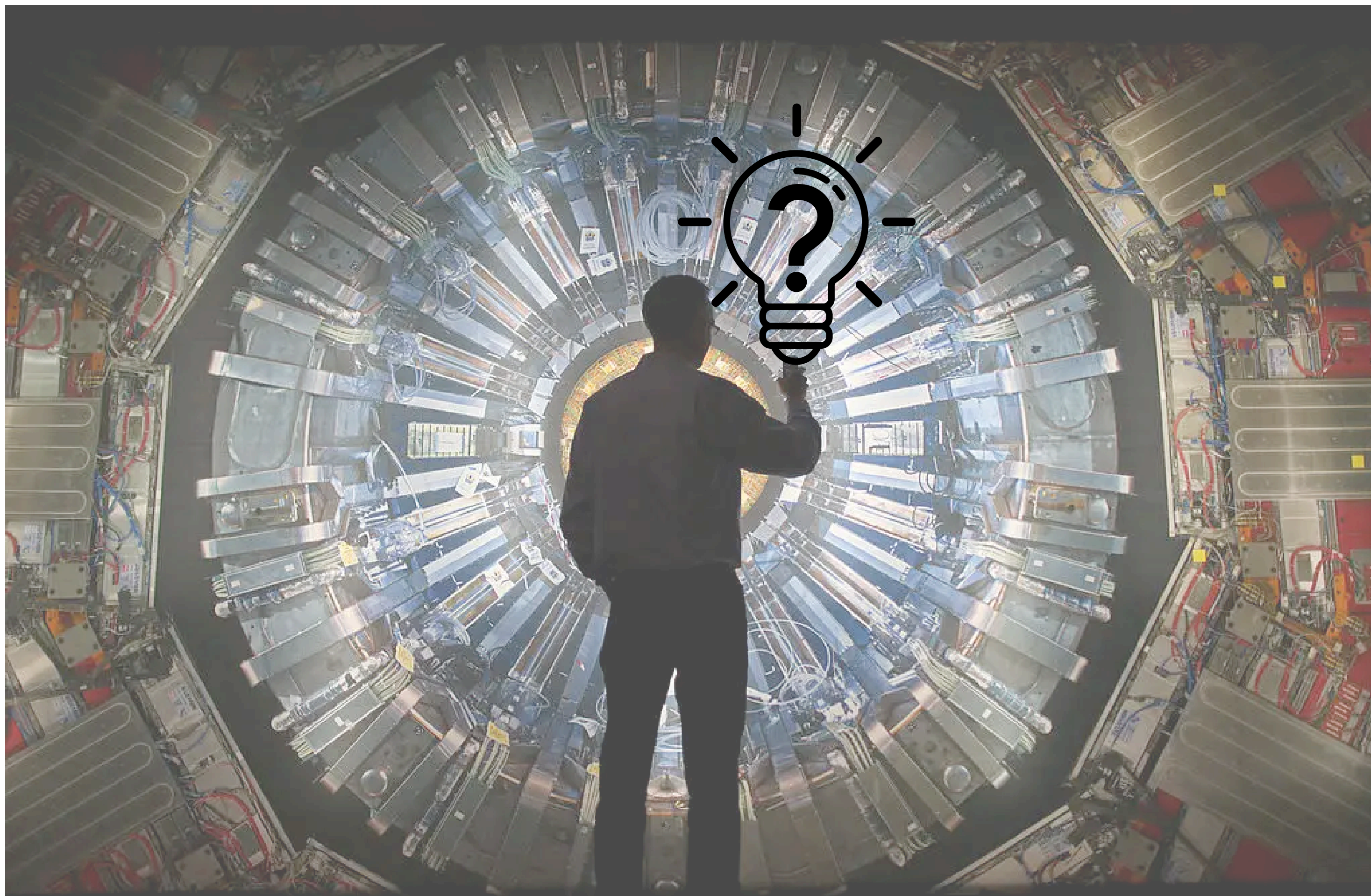
e.g. Long Lived Particles searches and Particle ID with timing detectors

Next years will provide massive amount of new knowledge and we are expecting to exceed expectations!



The background features a faint, light gray illustration of a particle detector's cross-section, showing concentric rings and various internal components. The text is centered over this graphic.

Thank you for
listening!



Dark Sector searches at LHC and prospects for HL-LHC - Livia Soffi



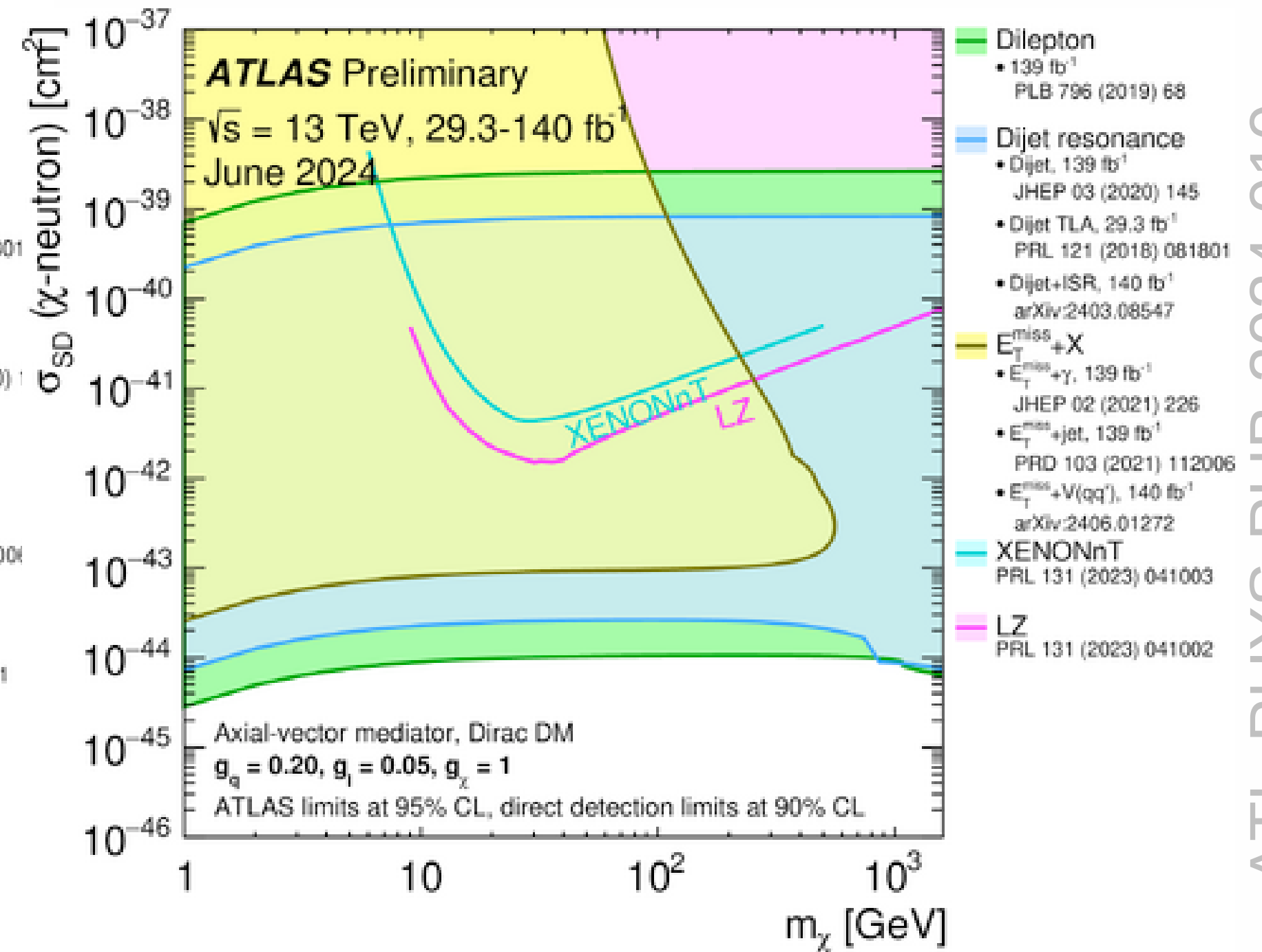
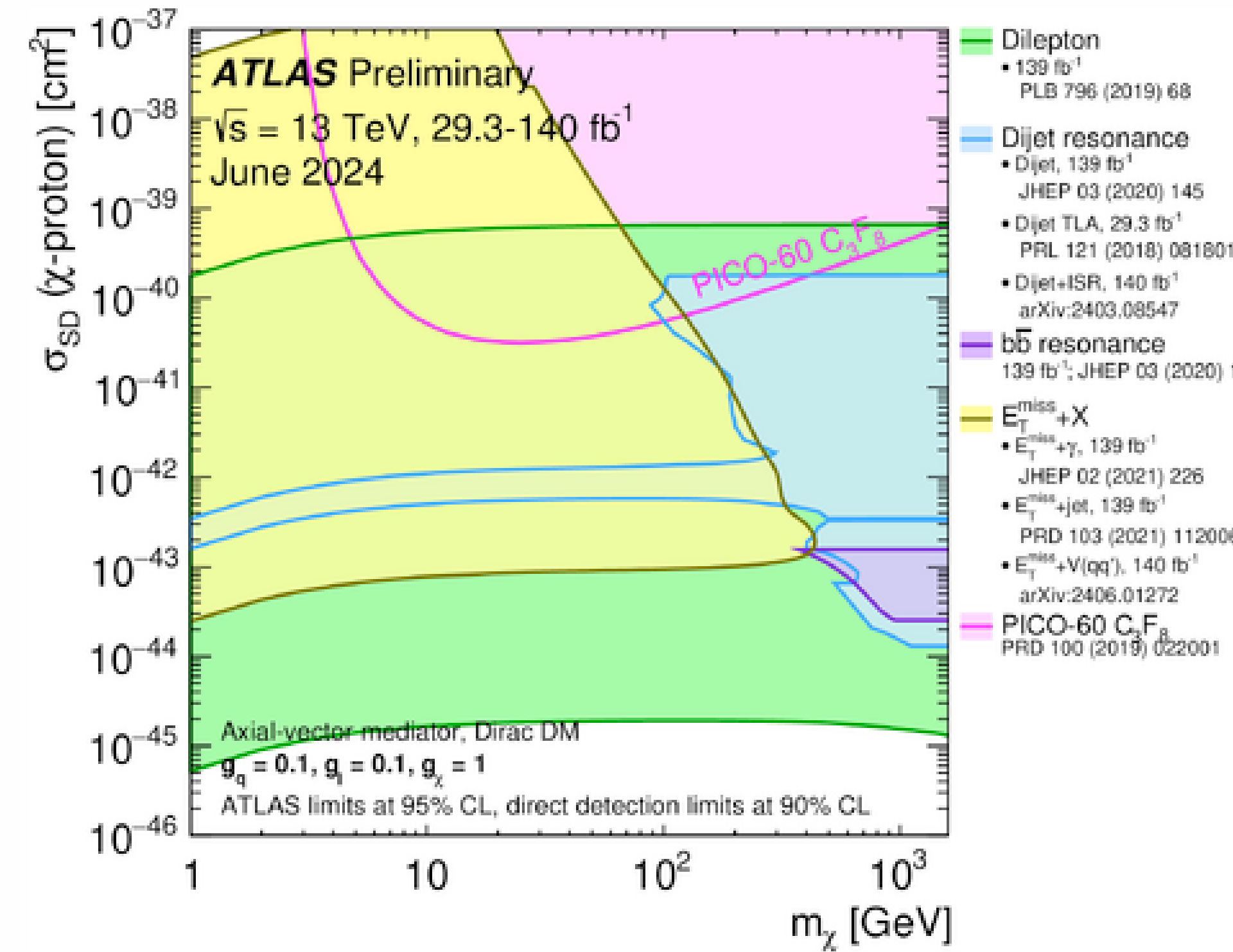
Backup

BSM searches since summer 2024

Reference	Topic	Experiment	Model	Explored energy range [GeV]
HDBS-2021-07	$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$	ATLAS	Extended Higgs Sector	
HDBS-2020-11 and HDBS-2024-45	$H^\pm \rightarrow cs$ and $H^+ \rightarrow Wh$	ATLAS		
HDBS-2023-19	Combination of charged Higgs searches	ATLAS		
HDBS-2021-08	$A \rightarrow \tau\tau$	ATLAS		
EXOT-2022-13	$t\bar{t}A \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	ATLAS		
HIG-24-002	$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$	CMS		
HIG-22-004	$A \rightarrow Zh(\tau\tau)$	CMS		
SUS-24-001	$\phi \rightarrow bb$	CMS		
HIG-20-012	$X \rightarrow YH \rightarrow 4b$	CMS		
HIG-22-013	$A \rightarrow tt$	CMS		
EXOT-2018-55	Prompt Lepton-Jets	ATLAS	Dark Sector	
EXOT-2022-04	Long Lived Particles in the hadronic calorim.	ATLAS		- displaced
HDBS-2021-09	$H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow llj$	ATLAS		
SUS-23-004	mono-t	CMS		
SUS-23-012	mono-h($\tau\tau$)	CMS		
SUS-23-018	$H \rightarrow Za \rightarrow ll\chi\chi$	CMS		
SUS-24-004	pMSSM	CMS	Supersymmetry	
SUS-23-003	Compressed Supersymmetry	CMS		
ATLAS-CONF-2024-011	Run3 displaced leptons	ATLAS		- displaced
SUS-23-002	Supersymmetry w/ charged leptons and missing	CMS		
ATLAS-CONF-2024-008	Vector Like Leptons (VLL) 4321 model (tau)	ATLAS	Heavy Fermions	
EXOT-2021-31	VLL (1st and 2nd gen)	ATLAS		
EXOT-2021-02	Combination of VLQ	ATLAS		
EXOT-2022-43	VLQ Wb (0L)	ATLAS		
TOPQ-2019-31	t-HNL	ATLAS		
EXO-23-015	VLL $\rightarrow \tau a(\gamma\gamma)$	CMS		- displaced
B2G-22-005	$t^* \rightarrow tg$	CMS		
EXO-23-010	$ll + b - jets$, non-resonant	CMS	EFT	
EXOT-2022-33	Low mass dijet + ISR gamma	ATLAS		
EXOT-2020-26	Dark Higgs via Z'	ATLAS	New Mediators	
HDBS-2021-13	S into four leptons	ATLAS		
EXO-24-007	Low mass dijet+ISR	CMS		
EXO-22-006	$Z' \rightarrow \mu\mu + b - jets$, resonant	CMS		
EXO-22-013	t-channel scalar and vector leptoquark	CMS		Leptoquarks

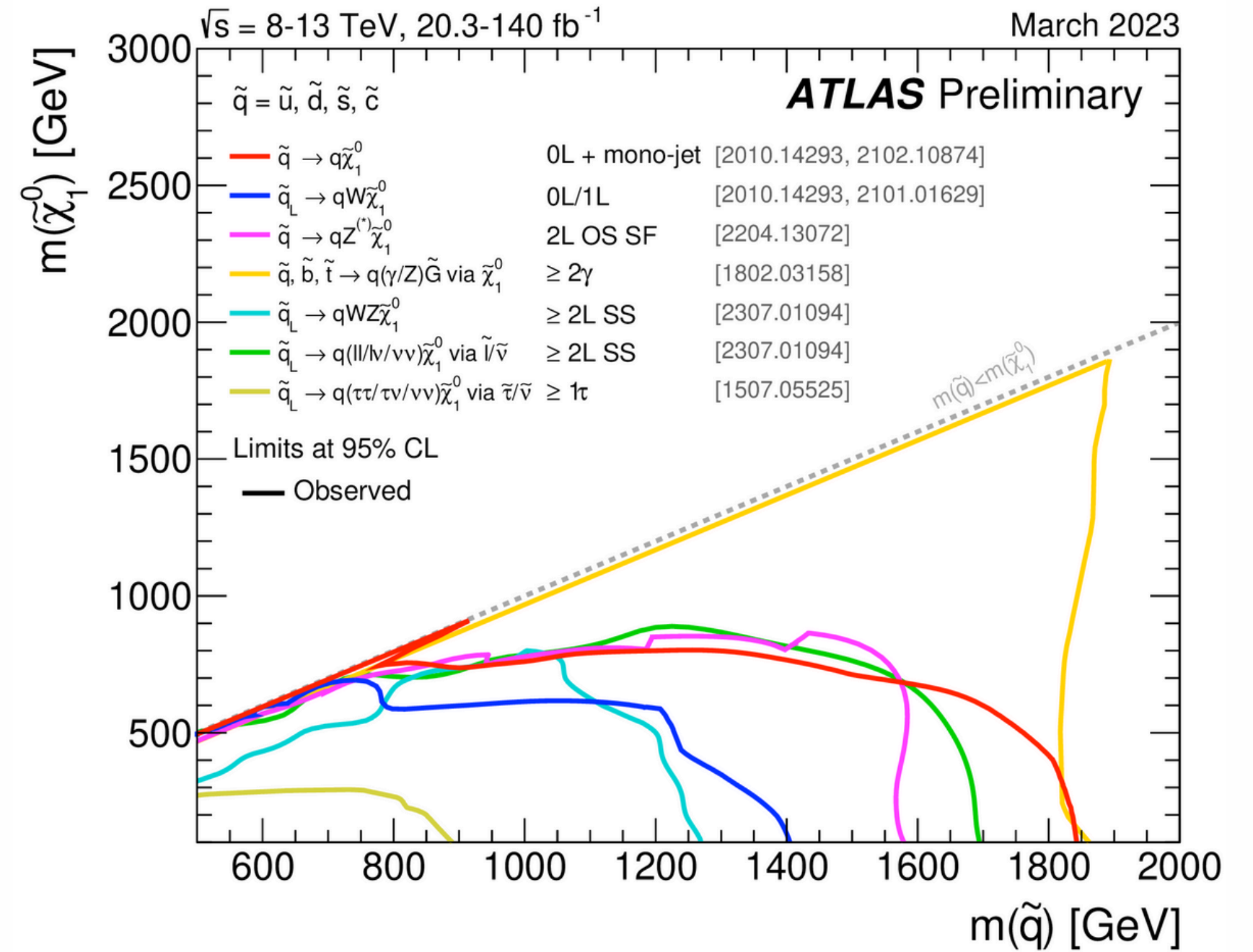
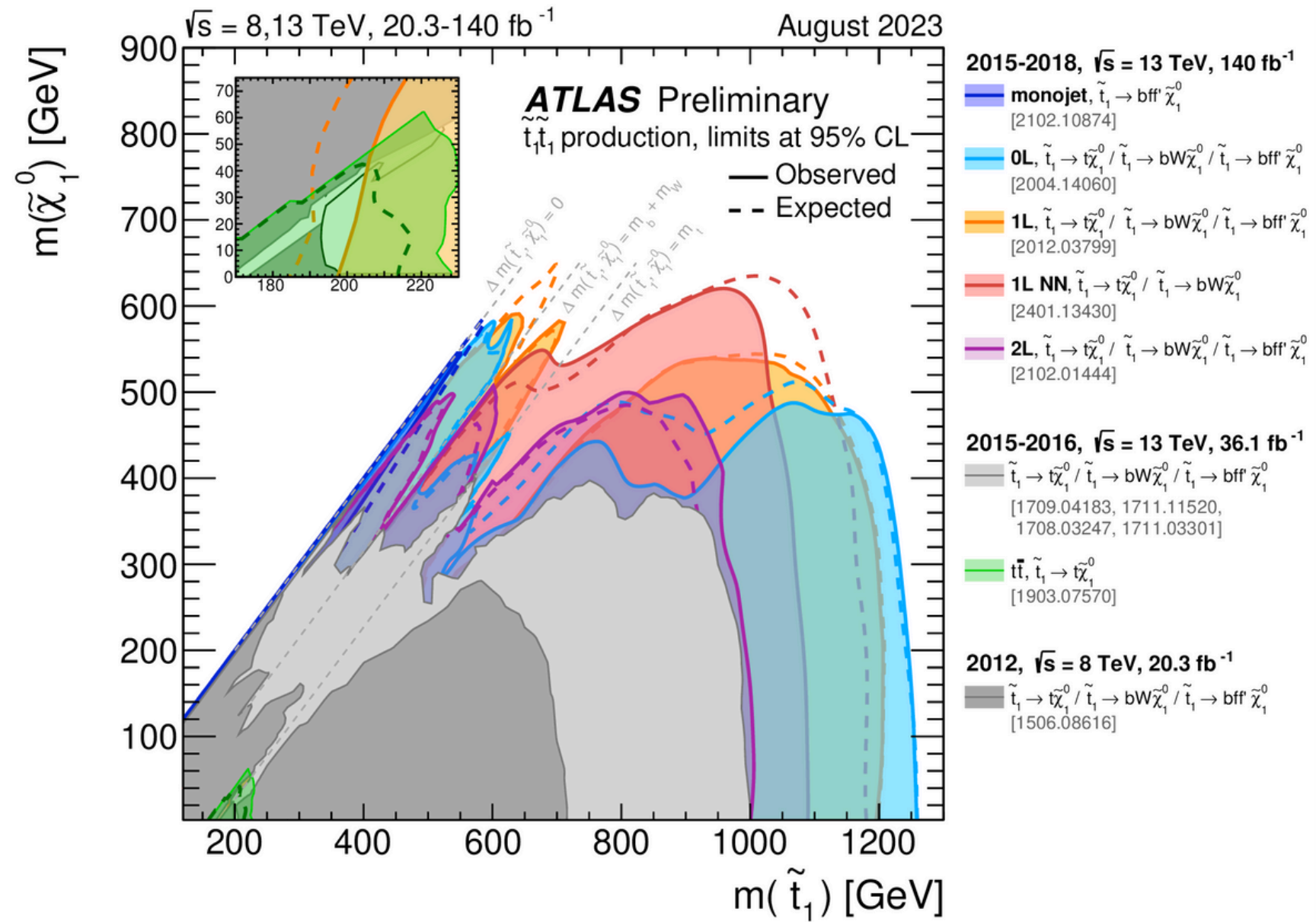


ATLAS Dark Matter summary



ATL-PHYS-PUB-2024-010

ATLAS SUSY summary



CMS Heavy Resonances summary



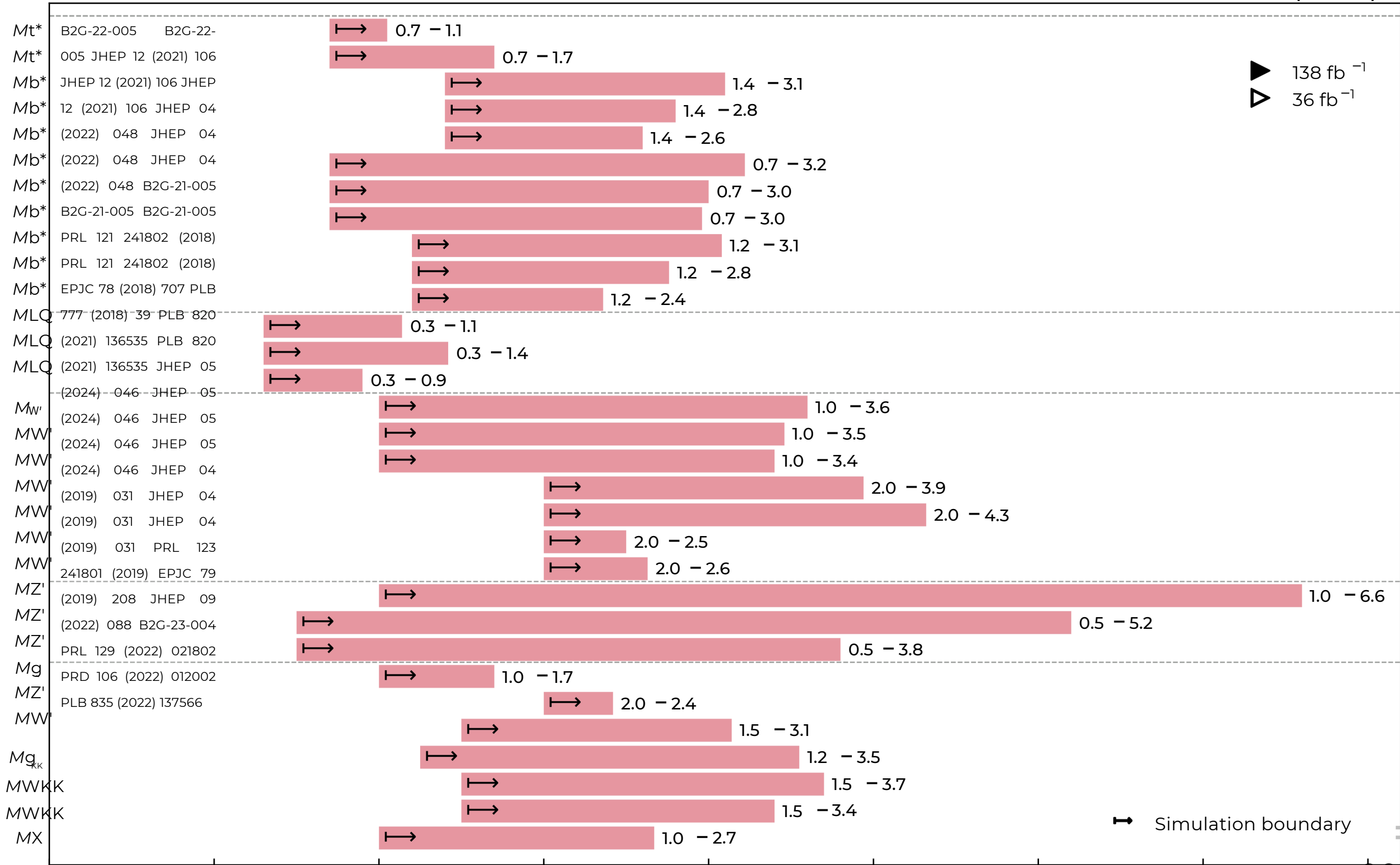
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Overview of CMS B2G Results

CMS Preliminary

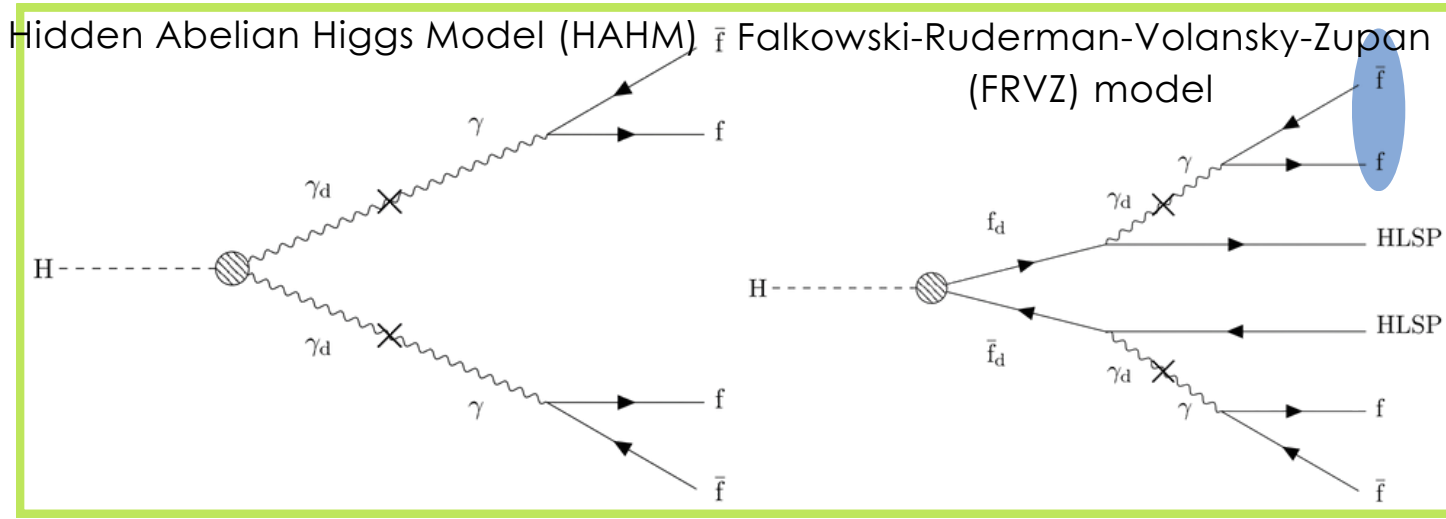
36 – 138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)

- Resonances**
- Excited quarks**
 - ▶ $t^*t^* \rightarrow t\bar{t}g, \ell$ (spin-1/2)
 - ▶ $t^*t^* \rightarrow t\bar{t}g, 1\ell$ (spin-3/2)
 - ▶ $b^* \rightarrow tW \rightarrow bq\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ (LH+RH)
 - ▶ $b^* \rightarrow tW \rightarrow bq\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ (RH)
 - ▶ $b^* \rightarrow tW \rightarrow bq\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ (LH)
 - ▶ $b^* \rightarrow tW \rightarrow bq\bar{q}l\nu$ (LH+RH)
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 - ▶ $b^* \rightarrow tW \rightarrow blqq$ (LH+RH)
 - ▶ $b^* \rightarrow tW \rightarrow blqq$ (RH)
 - ▶ $b^* \rightarrow tW \rightarrow blqq$ (LH)
 - ▷ $L\bar{Q}L\bar{Q} \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ (scalar)
 - ▷ $L\bar{Q}L\bar{Q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ (scalar)
 - ▷ $L\bar{Q}L\bar{Q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\tau$
 - ▷ $W' \rightarrow tb, 1\ell$ (RH) $M > M' R_w$
 - ▶ $W' \rightarrow tb, 0\ell$ (LH)
 - ▶ $W' \rightarrow tb, 0\ell$ (RH)
 - ▶ $W' \rightarrow tb, 1\ell$ (LH, $M/W'=1\%$)
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 - ▶ $W' \rightarrow tb, 1\ell$ (RH, $M/W'=10\%$)
 - ▷ $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ ($M/Z'=30\%$)
 - ▷ $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ ($M/Z'=10\%$)
 - ▷ $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ ($M/Z'=1\%$)
 - KK & others $Z'ttW'tbLQ$**
 - ▷ Stealth $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^0\bar{q}q\ell + \text{jets}, M\tilde{\chi}^0 = 0.2\text{TeV}$
 - ▷ $Z' \rightarrow tT \rightarrow tZt/tHt \rightarrow l\nu + \text{jets}$ ($M_T = 1.5\text{TeV}$)
 - ▶ $W' \rightarrow Tb/Bt$ ($M_{VLQ} = 2/3M_{W'}$)
 - ▶ $gKK \rightarrow gR \rightarrow gWW$ (\mathcal{O}) ($M_R/M_{gKK} = 0.5$)
 - ▶ $WKK \rightarrow RW \rightarrow WWW$ ($\mathcal{O}+1$) ℓ
 - ▶ $WKK \rightarrow RW \rightarrow WWW$ (\mathcal{O})
 - ▶ $X \rightarrow aa \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$ ($M_a = 0.1\text{TeV}, M_X N/f = 8$)



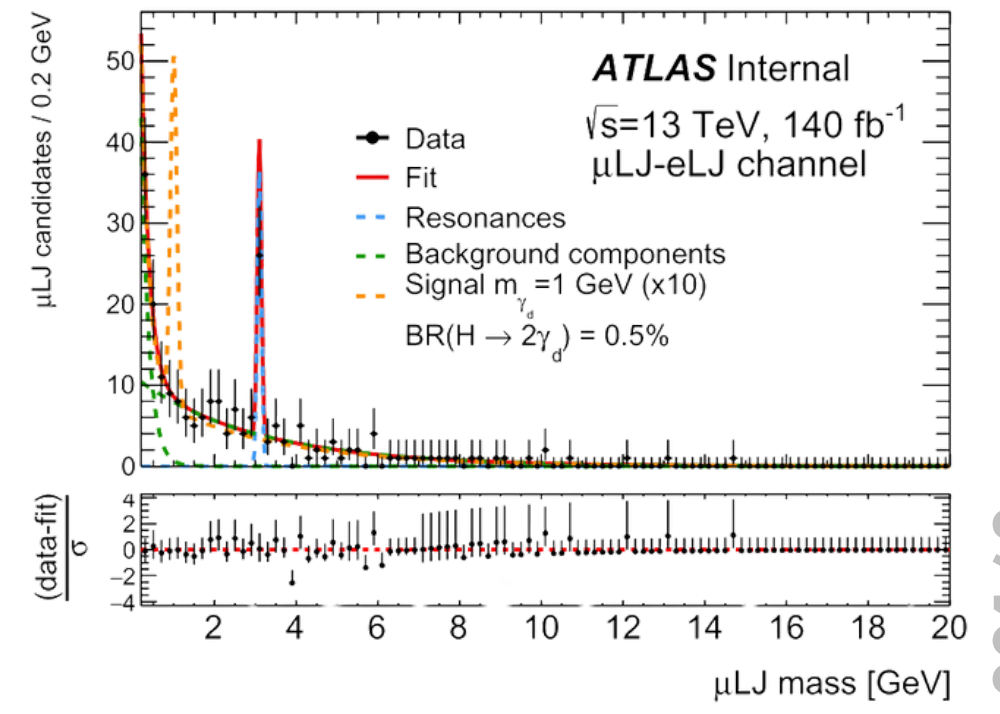
Search for neutral particles decaying promptly to collimated pairs of leptons

$\epsilon \gtrsim 10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$: prompt γ_d decays
 $O(10\text{MeV}) < M_{\gamma_d} < O(10\text{GeV})$



$\mu\text{LJ} - \mu\text{LJ}$
 $\mu\text{LJ} - e\text{LJ}$

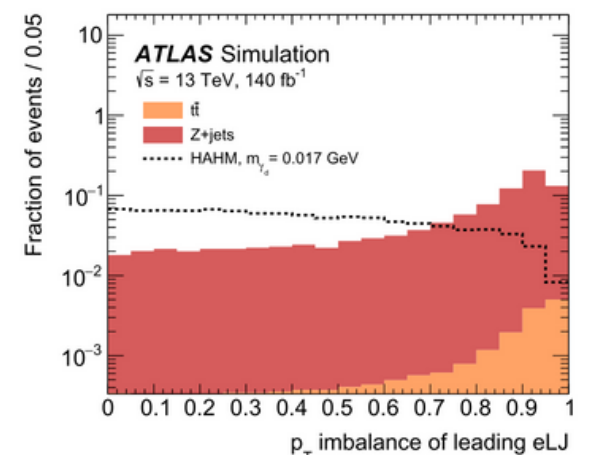
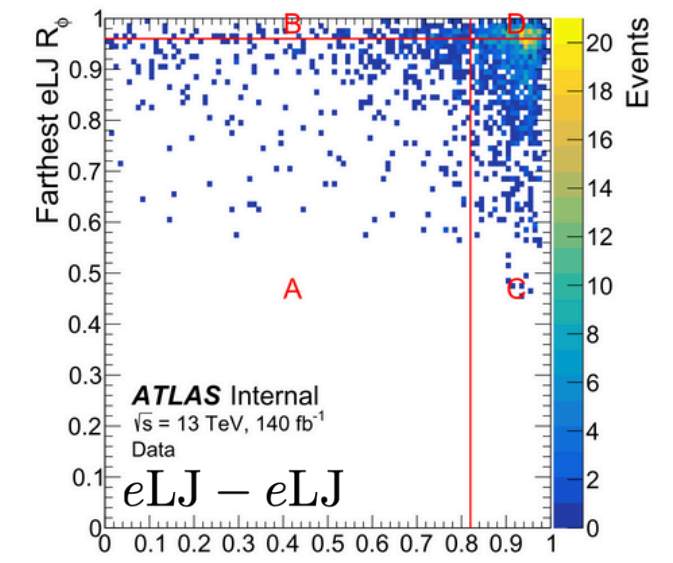
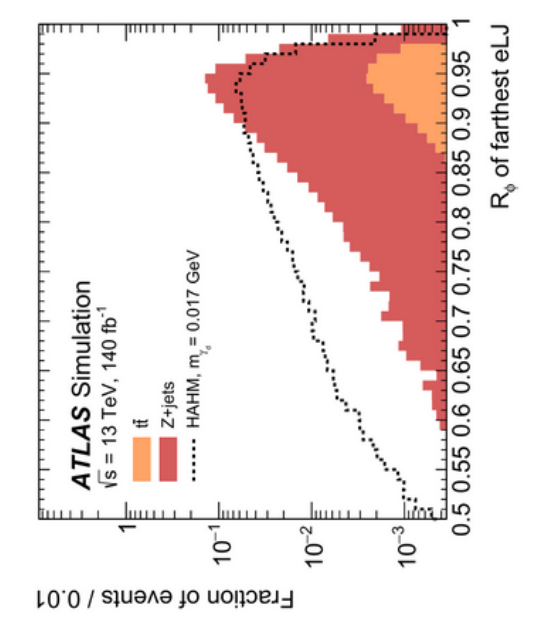
Background estimated data-drive taking the shape from CR based on # of LJ



LeptonJets (LJs): relatively small mass of the γ_d w.r.t. the Higgs boson implies decay products highly collimated

Cambridge-Aachen clustering inclusive in the number of leptons adopted to reconstruct LJs (**Total charge is zero**)

$e\text{LJ} - e\text{LJ}$



Search for low-mass resonances into hadrons + ISR

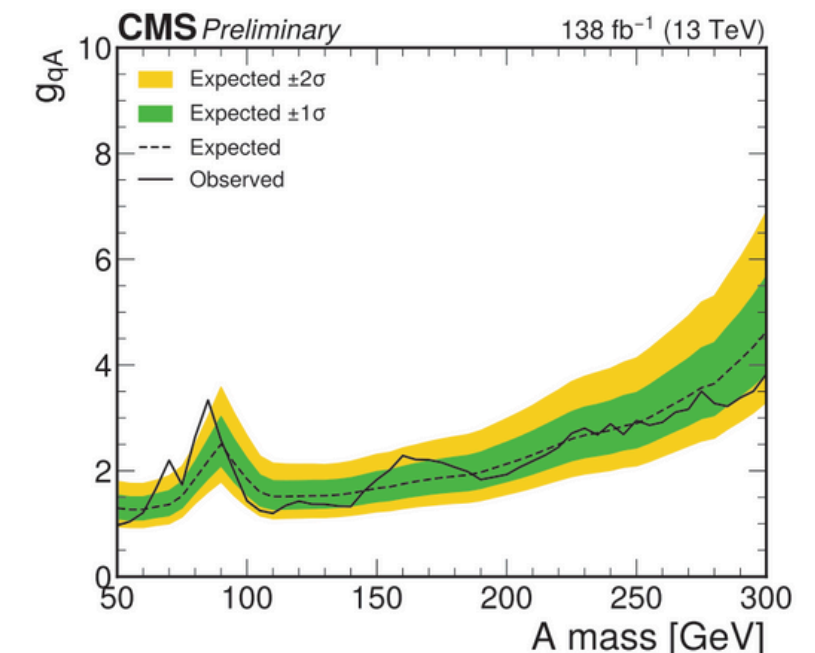
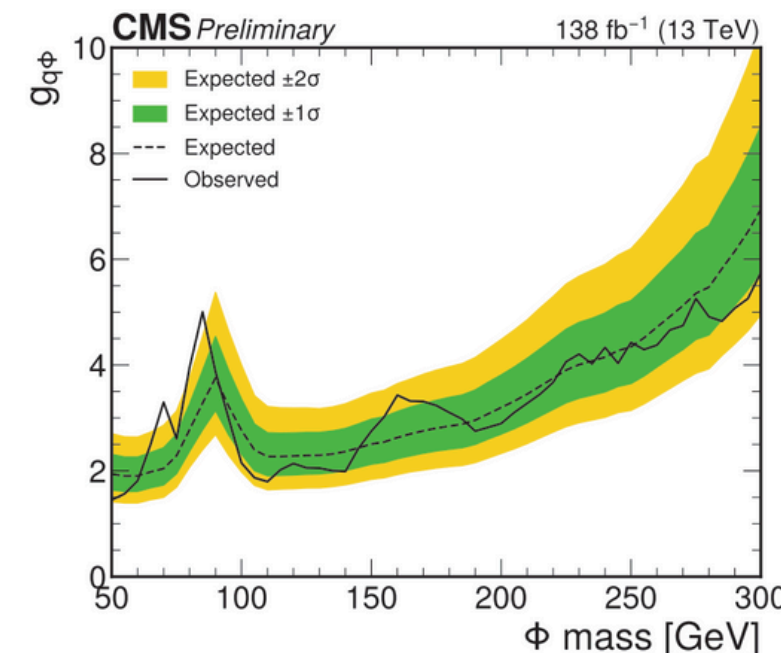
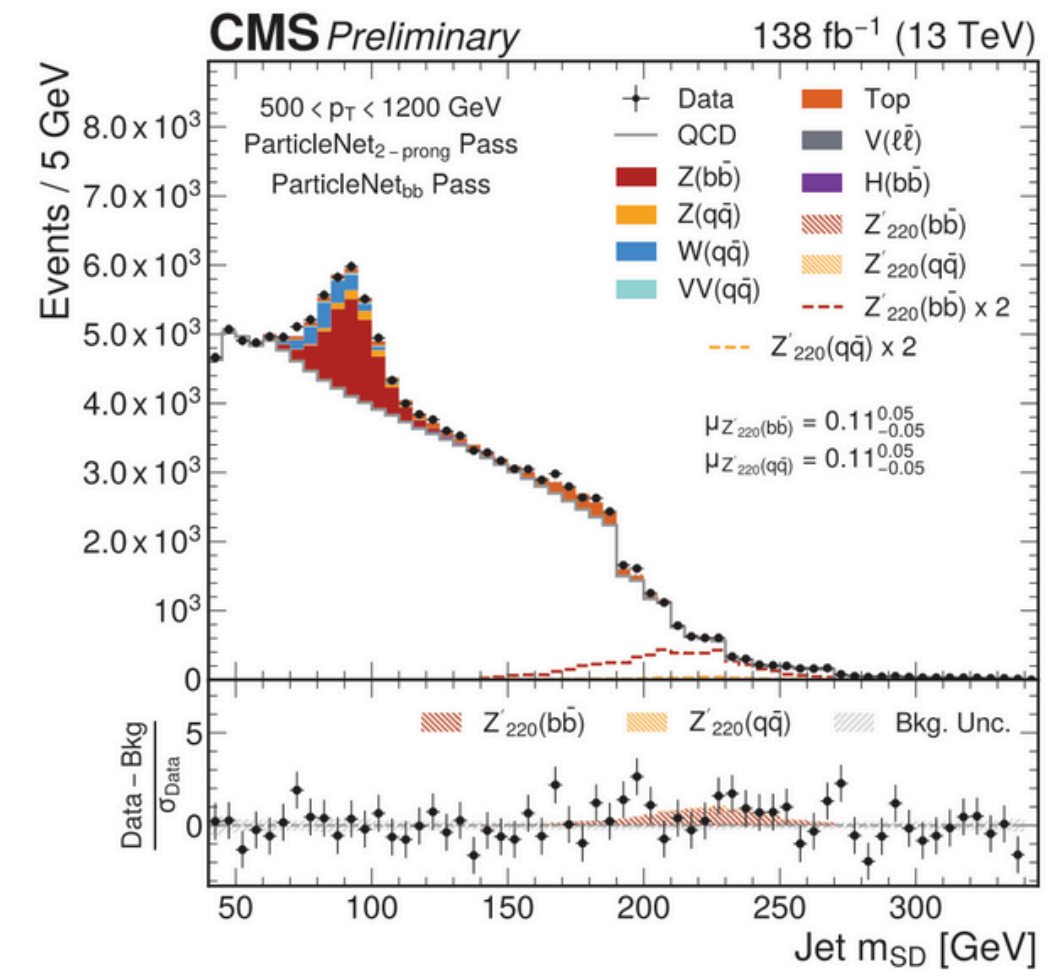
62 bins in m_{SD} between 40–350 GeV and five p_T bins with boundaries of 500, 550, 600, 700, 800, and 1200 GeV

ParticleNET algorithm used to define separate signal regions targeting resonances decaying to bb pairs and to light quark pairs: **Convolutional graph NN: 1st discriminant 2 prong vs QCD. 2nd discriminant flavor (bb/cc/other)**

$$50\text{GeV} < M_X < 300\text{GeV}$$

- X produced with large p_T , due to significant initial state radiation (ISR)
- **Circumvent huge rate of dijet events from the QCD**

- Simultaneous fit of Jet mass in 5 p_T SRs and CRs
- Maximum fluctuations in the observed (all flav):
 2.2σ (3.0σ local) at $m(Z') = 75\text{GeV}$
 1.9σ (2.8σ local) at $m(Z') = 225\text{GeV}$
 bb only: 2.6σ (1.6σ) at $m(\phi) = 75 \text{ GeV}$



Scouting opportunities at Run 2 & 3



- Events processed in real time with reduced content, permitting recording of larger data samples.

Table 3: Comparisons of the event rate, event size, and total bandwidth between the standard and scouting trigger strategies, for an LHC fill corresponding to data collected in 2018 with $\mathcal{L}_{\text{inst}} \approx 1.8 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ at the start of the fill, one of the highest at the LHC in Run 2, and pileup around 50.

Data stream	Event rate [Hz]	Event size	Total bandwidth [MB/s]
Standard muons	600	0.86 MB	485
Standard jets/ H_T	400	0.87 MB	385
Scouting Calo muons and Calo H_T	5970	8.9 KB	45
Scouting PF jets and PF H_T	1766	14.8 KB	25

Year	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{inst}}$ [$\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$]	PU	Standard rate [Hz]	Parking rate [Hz]	Scouting rate [Hz]
2018	1.2×10^{34}	38	1000	3000	5000
2022	1.5×10^{34}	46	1800	2440	22000
2023	1.7×10^{34}	48	1700	2660	17000

Main priorities at HL-LHC



Spatial overlap of tracks and energy deposits:

- **degrade the identification and the reconstruction** of the hard interaction

- **increase the rate** of false triggers



- good reconstruction efficiency

- **Increase detector granularity**

- **Sophisticated detector**

Higher collision rate:

- more **radiation damage**
- **harsher radiation** ($\sim 10^{16}$ neq/cm²; 10 MGy)
- **higher rate** of data



- Increase data acquisition

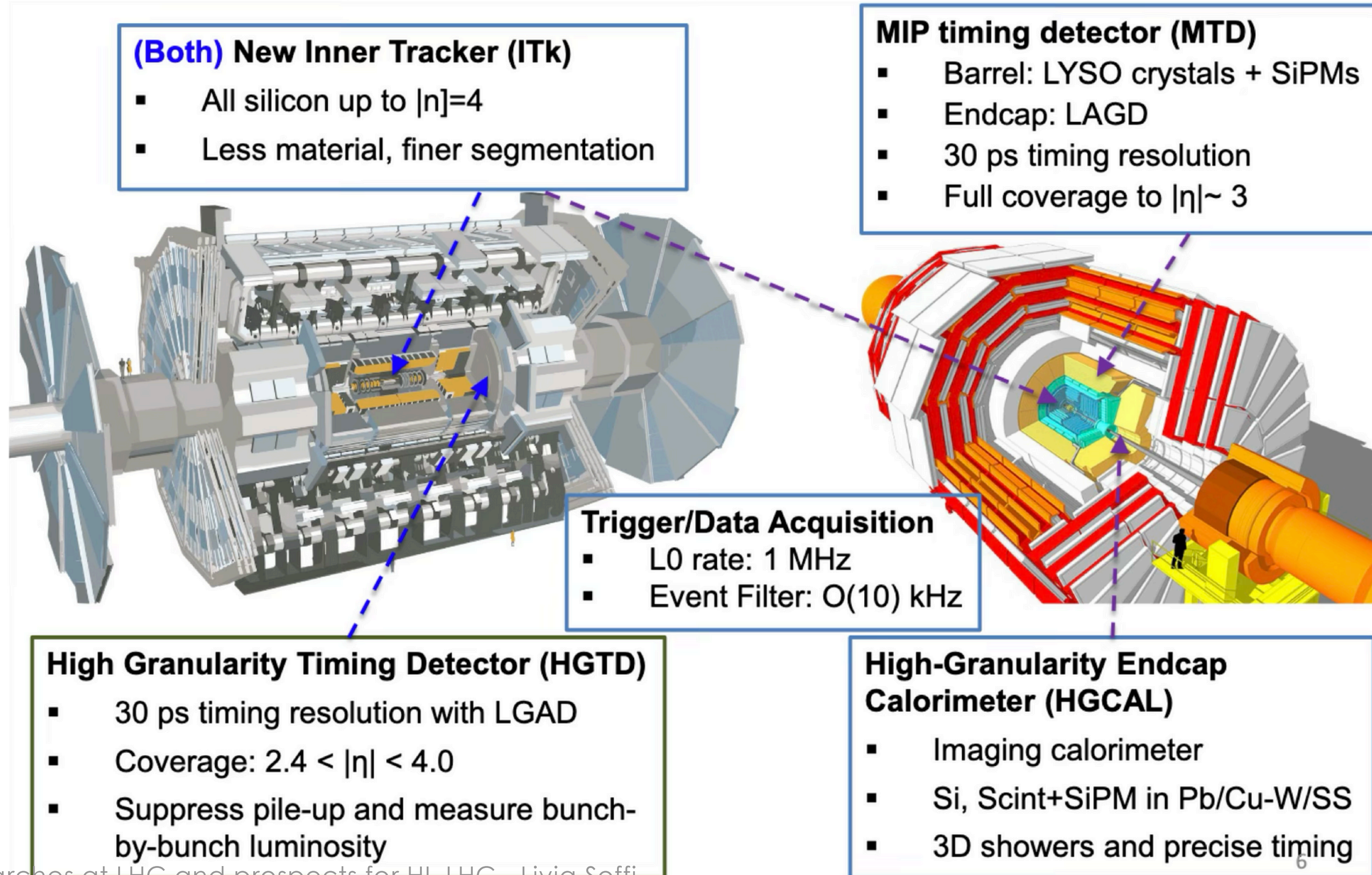
bandwidth

- Increase **processing power** for online reconstruction

- Phase-2 improvements in detectors, triggers and reconstruction will **extend sensitivity in precision measurements and new physics searches**

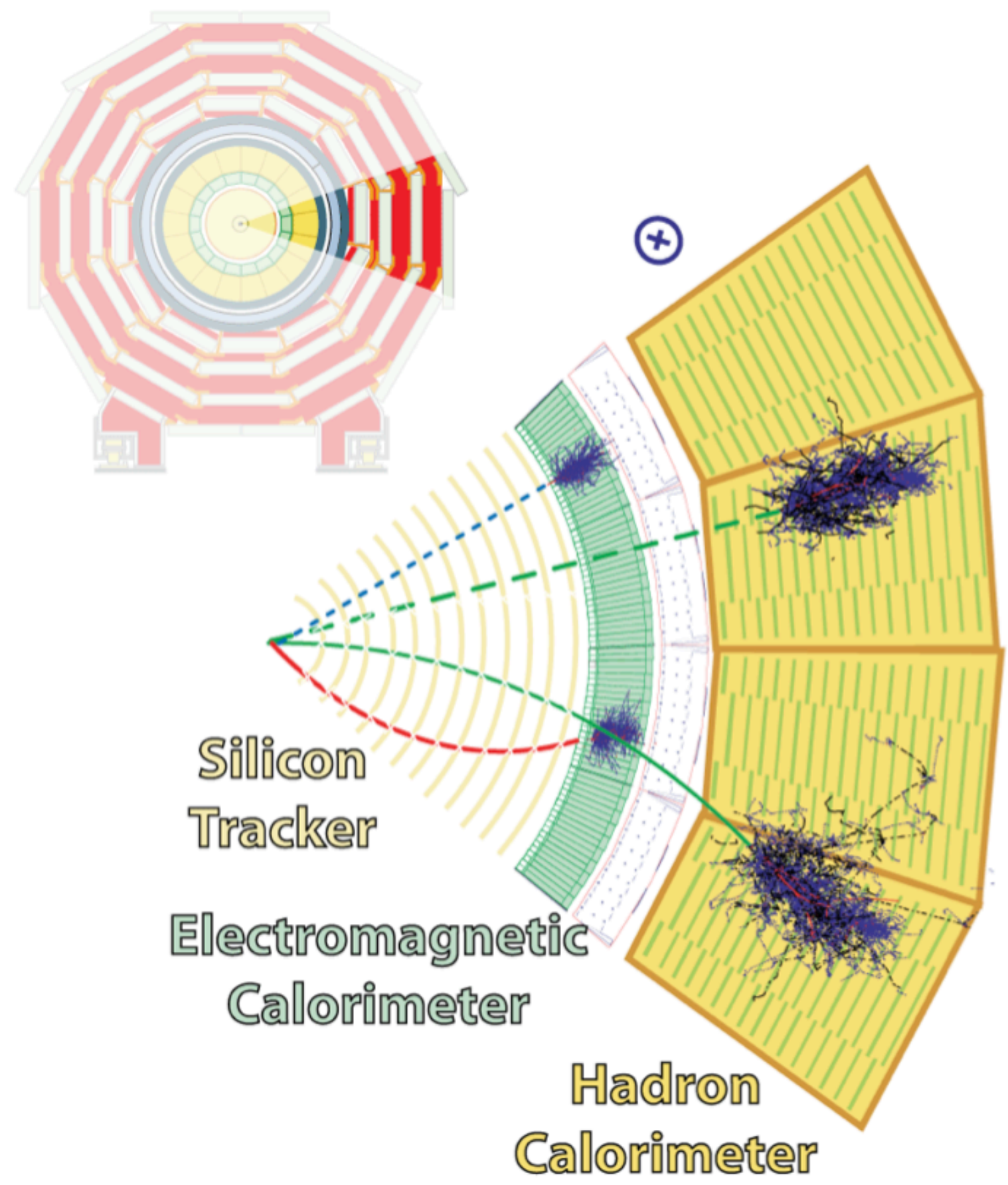
- **Higher order theory calculations** and larger MC samples required to fully exploit the HL-LHC

ATLAS and CMS Upgraded Detectors



Particles Interaction in CMS

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— Electron

Curves in B field: $R=P/0.3B$
Signals in Tracker
Energy deposit in ECAL
No energy in HCAL

- - - Photon

No curve in B field
No signals in Tracker
Energy deposit in ECAL
No energy in HCAL

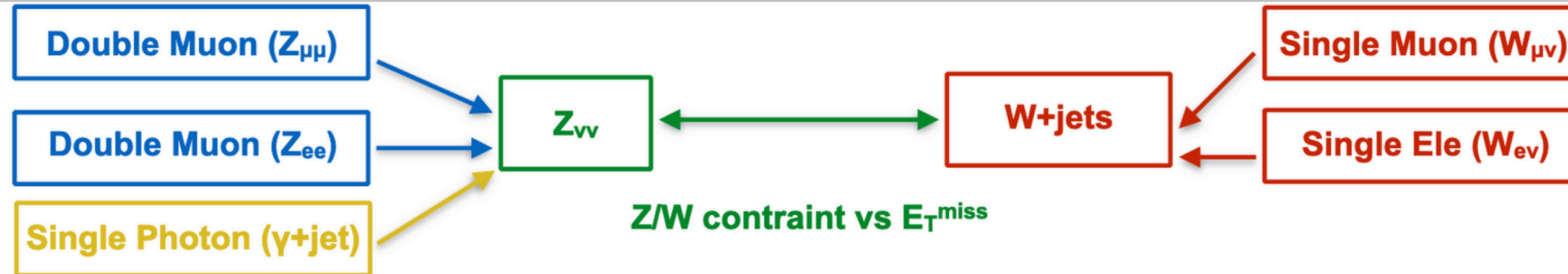
— Charged hadron (e.g. pion)

Curves in B field: $R=P/0.3B$
Signals in Tracker
Possible energy deposit in ECAL
Energy deposit in HCAL

- - - Neutral hadron (e.g. neutron)

No curve in B field
No signals in Tracker
Possible energy deposit in ECAL
Energy deposit in HCAL

Ricerche di Materia Oscura: mono-Jet background estimation



○ Derive **binned MC based transfer factors (TF)** to translate yields from **CRs** to **SR**

- **NLO k-factors** used to correct the TF prediction
- **Theoretical and experimental uncertainties** on TF added as **nuisance parameter** in the final fit

Likelihood model

$$\mathcal{L}_c(\mu^{Z \rightarrow \nu\nu}, \mu, \theta) = \prod_i \text{Poisson} \left(d_i^\gamma | B_i^\gamma(\theta) + \frac{\mu_i^{Z \rightarrow \nu\nu}}{R_i^\gamma(\theta)} \right)$$

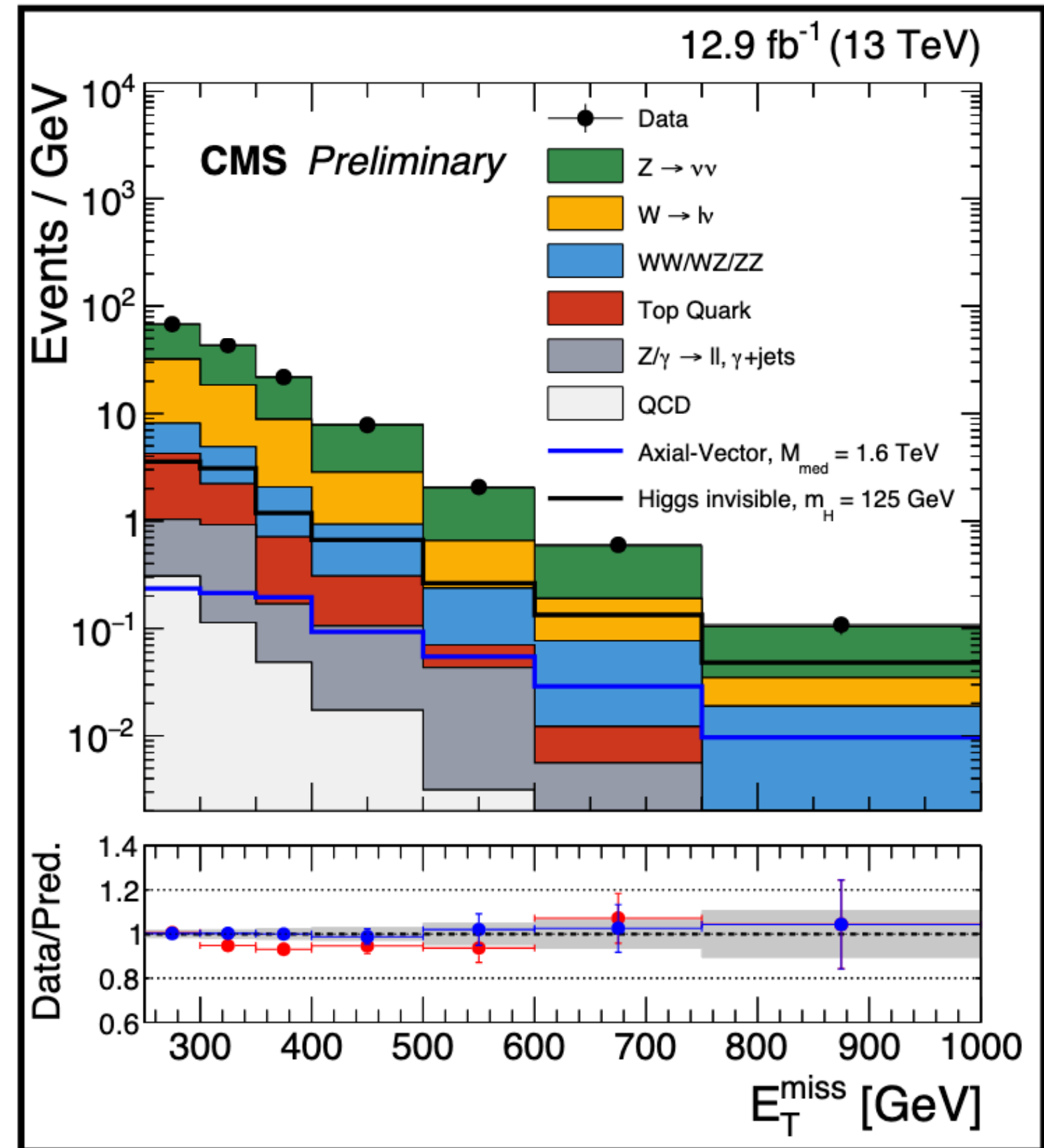
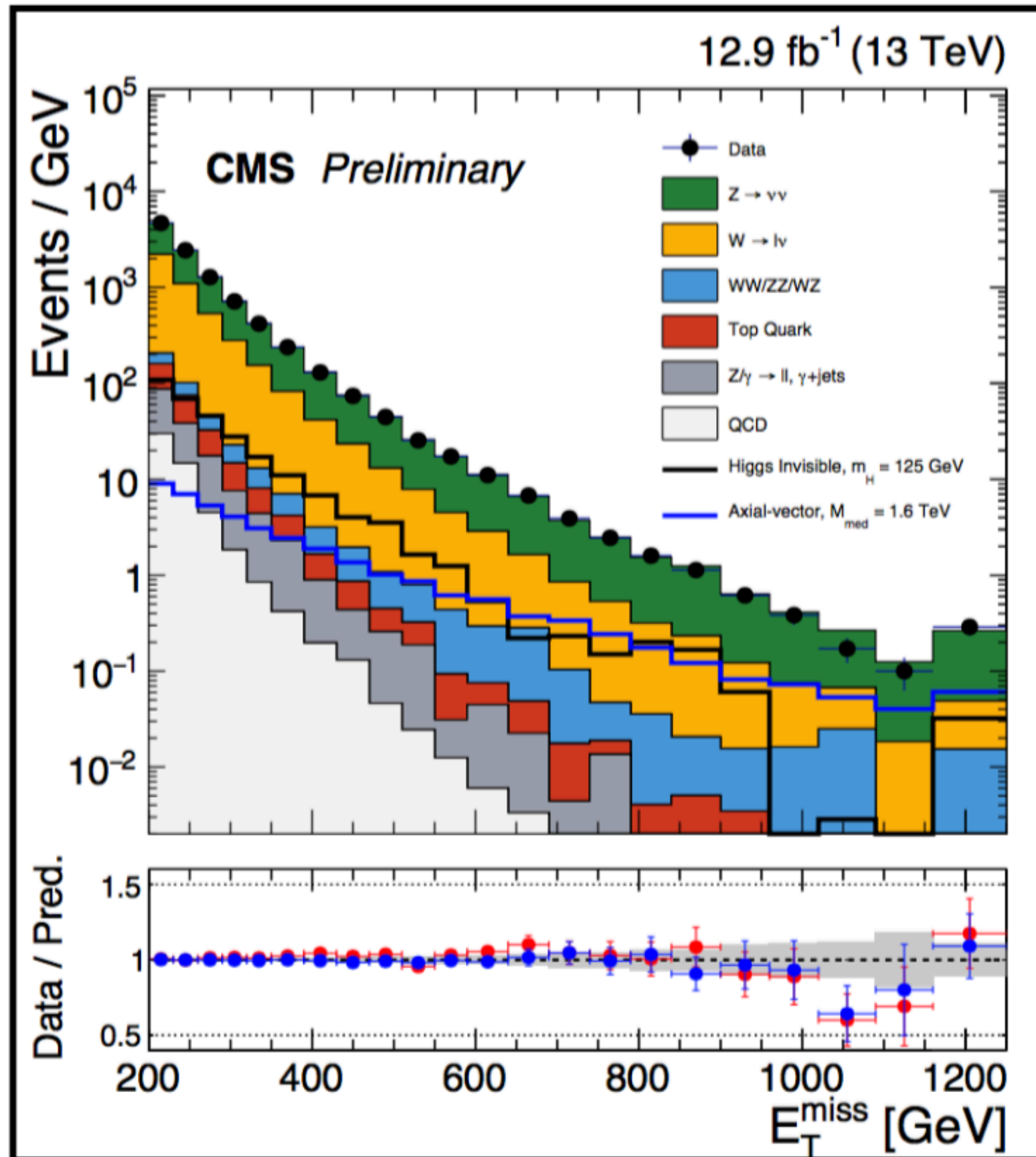
$$\times \prod_i \text{Poisson} \left(d_i^Z | B_i^Z(\theta) + \frac{\mu_i^{Z \rightarrow \nu\nu}}{R_i^Z(\theta)} \right)$$

$$\times \prod_i \text{Poisson} \left(d_i^W | B_i^W(\theta) + \frac{f_i(\theta) \mu_i^{Z \rightarrow \nu\nu}}{R_i^W(\theta)} \right)$$

$$\times \prod_i \text{Poisson} \left(d_i | B_i(\theta) + (1 + f_i(\theta)) \mu_i^{Z \rightarrow \nu\nu} + \mu S_i(\theta) \right)$$

- $\mu_i^{Z \rightarrow \nu\nu} = Z(\text{inv}) + \text{jets rate}$, free to float
- $R_i^{\gamma/W/Z} = \text{binned transfer factors asaf } E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- $\theta = \text{exp. and theo. nuisance parameters}$
- $\mu_i^{Z \rightarrow \nu\nu} \times f_i(\theta) = W + \text{jets rate}$

Ricerche di Materia Oscura: mono-jet post-fit



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Il rivelatore MTD

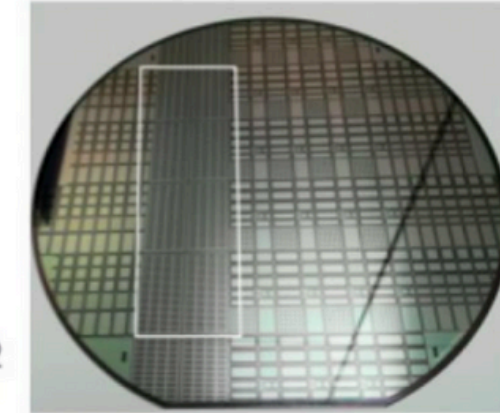
The MTD Detector

MIP timing detector (MTD) w/ **~30 ps precision**

$|\eta| < 3.0, p_T > 0.7 \text{ GeV}$

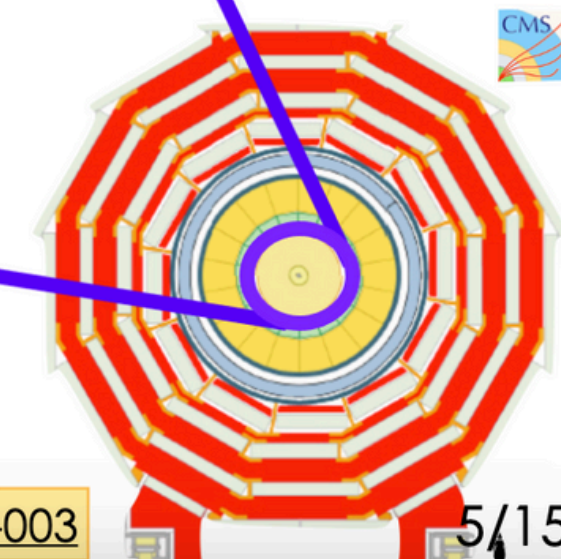
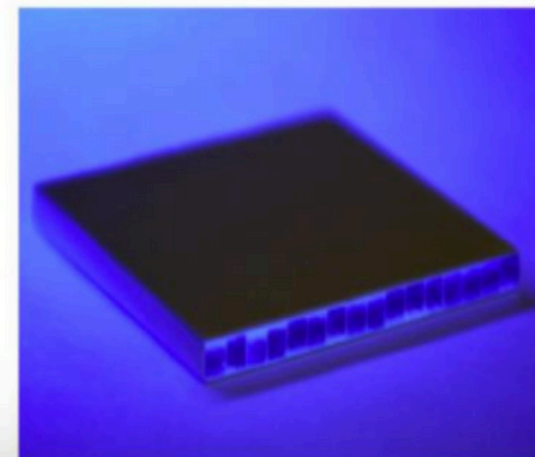
ETL: Si with internal gain (LGAD):

- On the CE nose: $1.6 < |\eta| < 3.0$
- Radius: $315 < R < 1200 \text{ mm}$
- Position in z: $\pm 3.0 \text{ m}$ (45 mm thick)
- Surface $\sim 14 \text{ m}^2$; $\sim 8.5 \text{ M}$ channels
- Fluence at 4 ab^{-1} : up to $2 \times 10^{15} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$



BTL: LYSO bars + SiPM readout:

- TK / ECAL interface: $|\eta| < 1.45$
- Inner radius: 1148 mm (40 mm thick)
- Length: $\pm 2.6 \text{ m}$ along z
- Surface $\sim 38 \text{ m}^2$; 332k channels
- Fluence at 4 ab^{-1} : $2 \times 10^{14} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

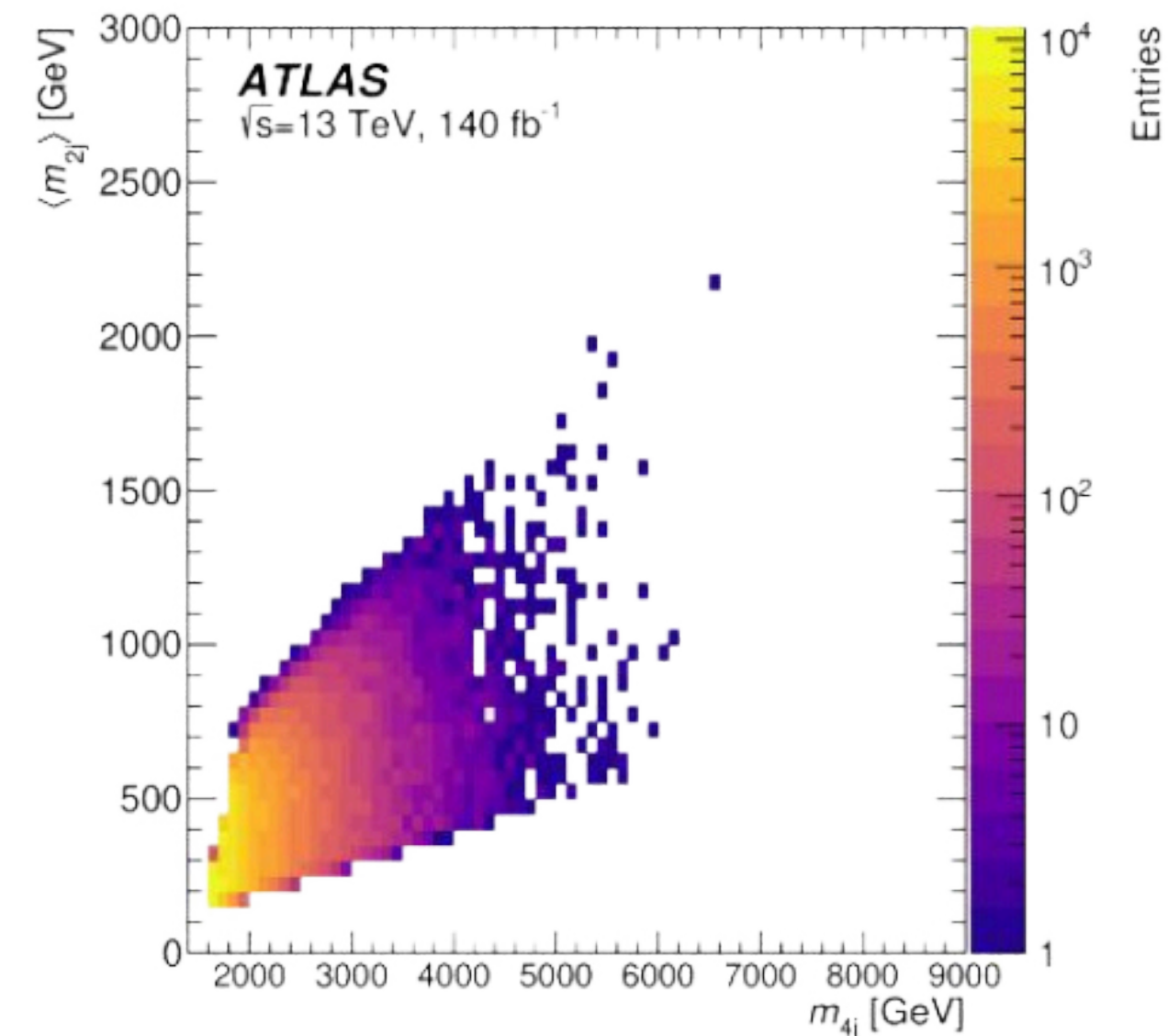
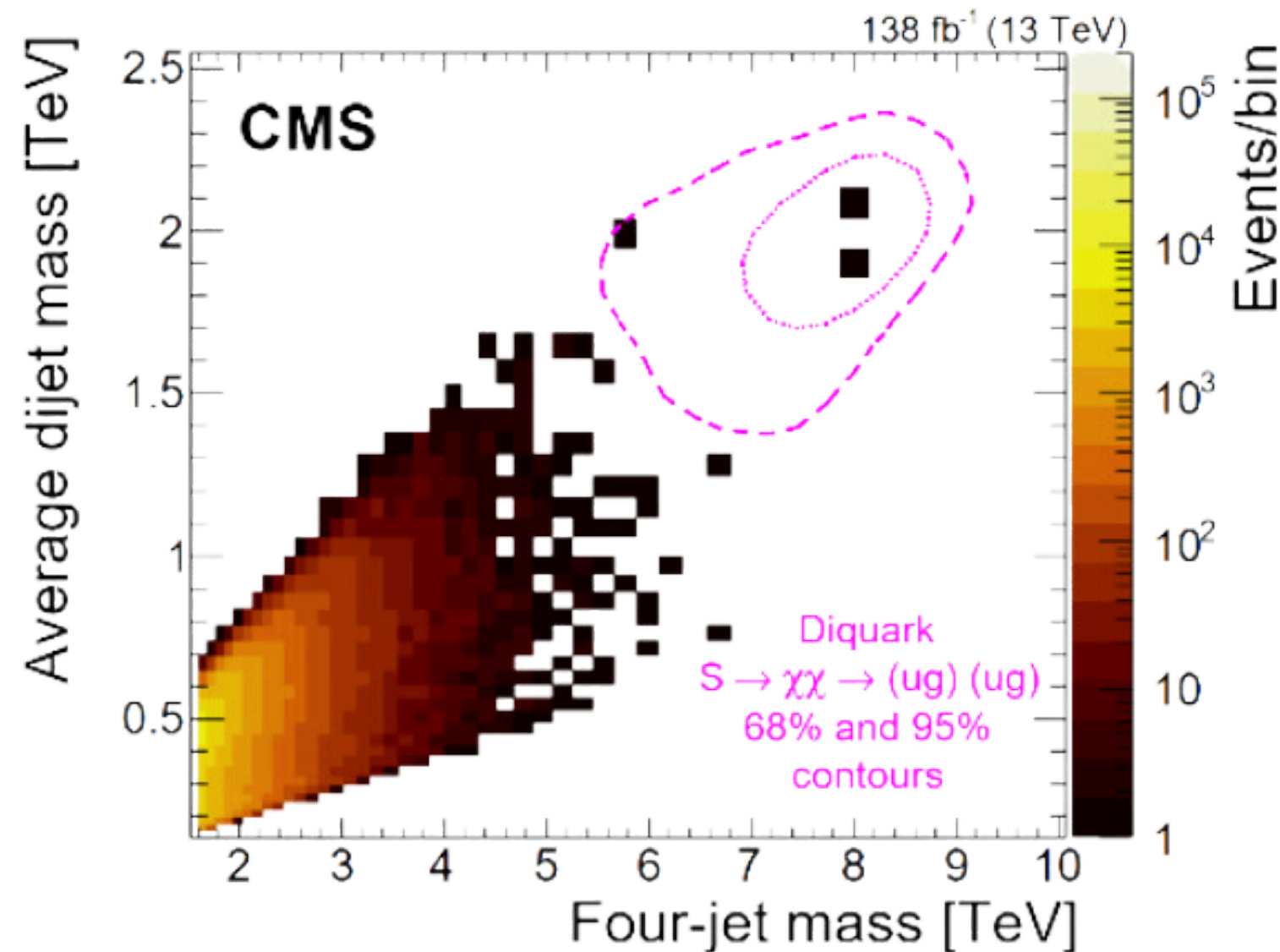
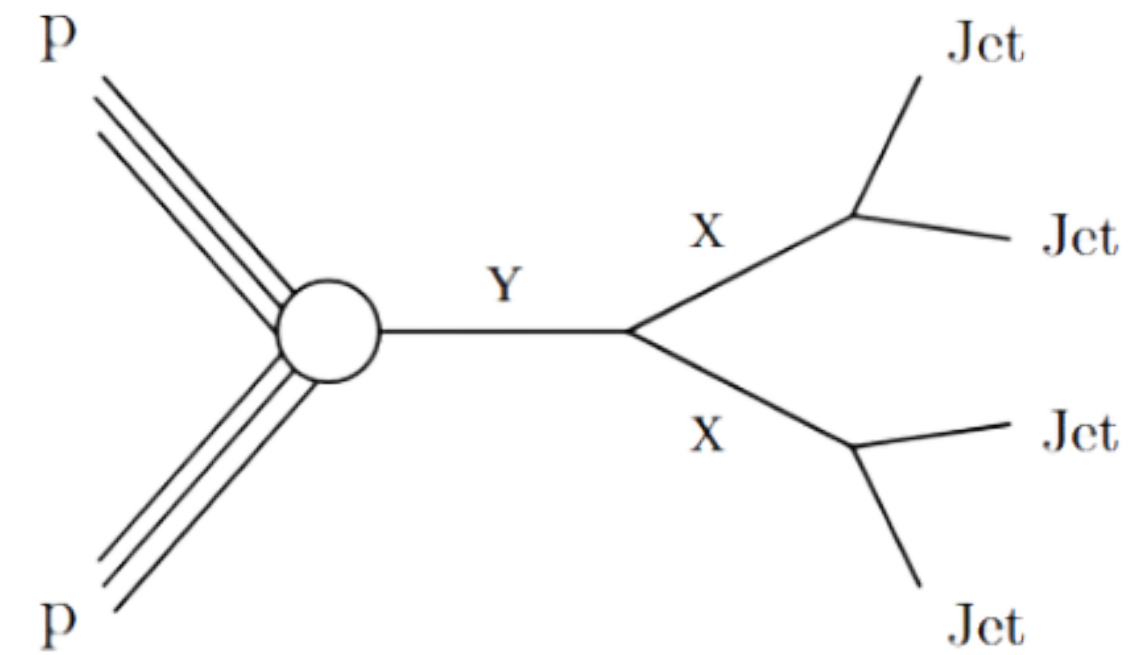


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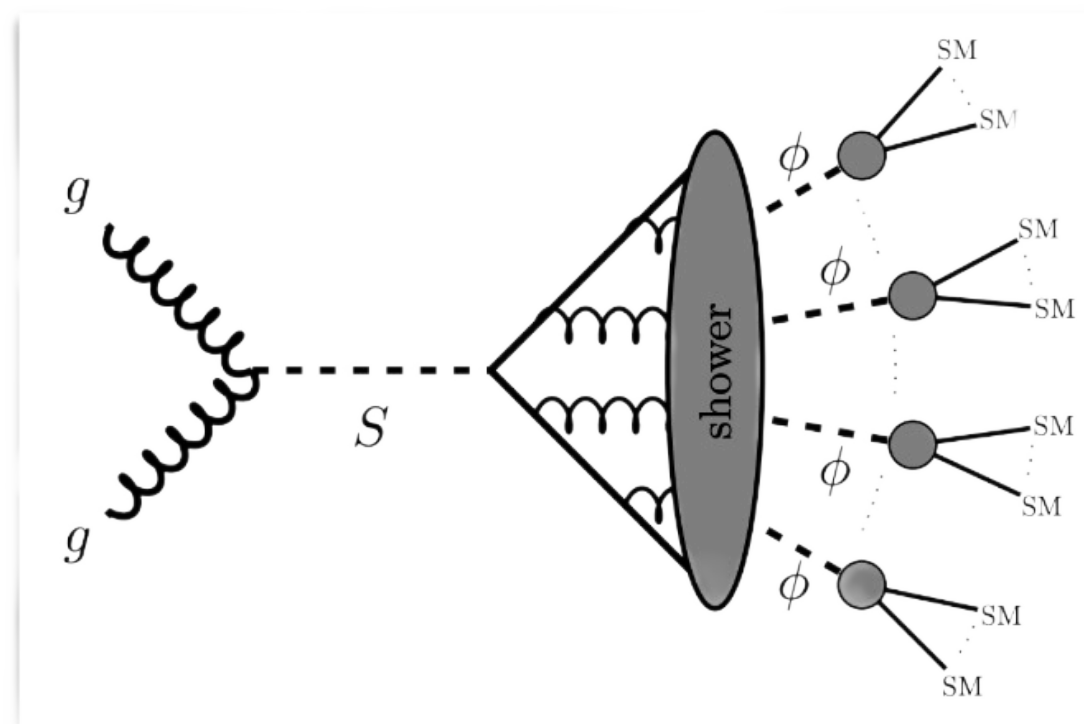
- Currently, **Run3 data are being analyzed.**
- **Interesting isolated event recorded by the ATLAS experiment** ([10.1103/PhysRevD.108.112005](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevD.108.112005)).
 - Motivated by this ATLAS event, and the 3rd isolated CMS event at ~ 6 TeV, the analysis is being extended by searching for **broader resonances** as well.



SUEPs

- + First dedicated search for SUEPs at the LHC
- + Particularly interesting portal case: portal mass = 125 GeV
- + Search can be generalized to several other models: other strongly coupled dark sectors, instantons, black holes in theories with extra spatial dimensions → also SUEP signatures!
- + Two production mechanisms under current investigation:

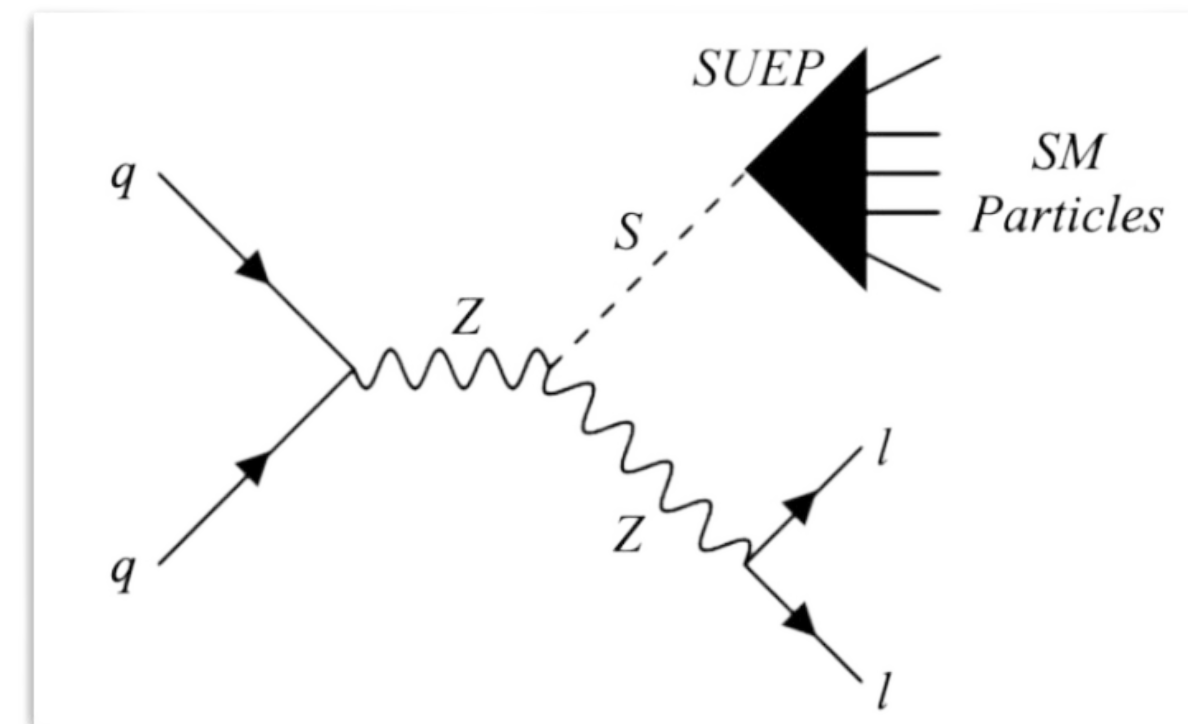
Gluon Fusion Channel (ggF)



EXO-23-001 (Scouting)

EXO-23-002 (Offline- this talk!)

Associated Production (ZH)

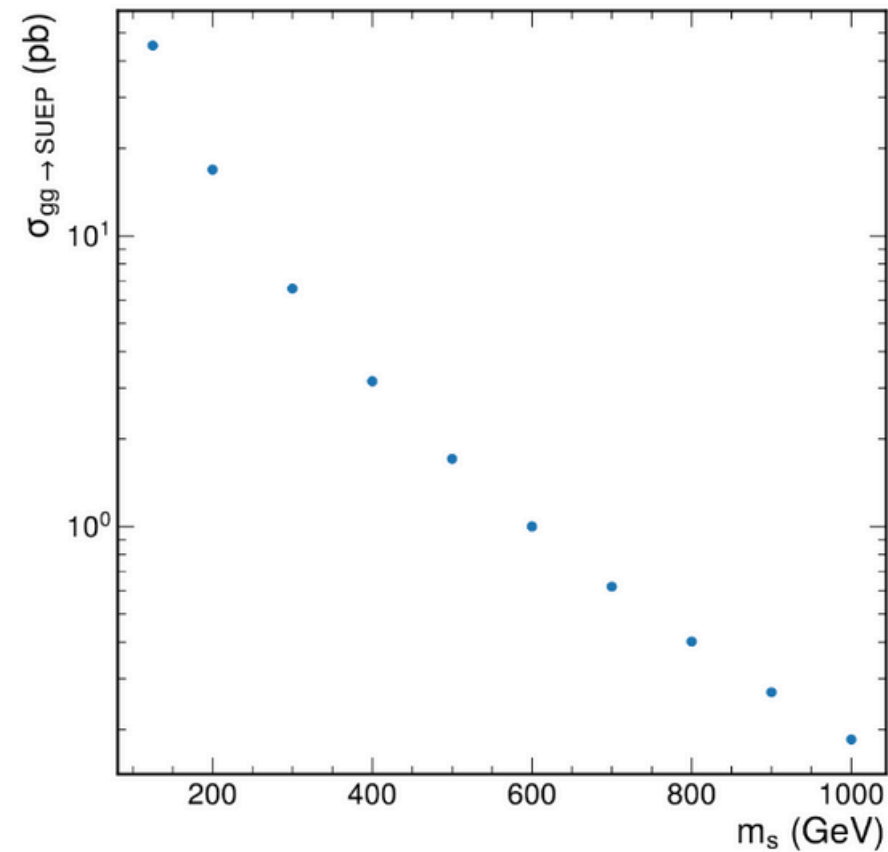


EXO-23-003

SUEPs

- + Cross section corresponds to gg fusion of a BSM Higgs (recommended by LHC Higgs WG Yellow [report](#))

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset -\frac{C}{4v} S G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$



Parameters: m_S

- + LO Boltzmannian thermal model is employed for the decay

$$\frac{dN_\phi}{dp} \propto e^{-\sqrt{p^2+m^2}/T}$$

- + Keep sampling distribution until all energy is used up \rightarrow multiplicity related by:

$$N \sim \frac{m_S}{m_\phi} \sim \frac{m_S}{T}$$

Parameters: m_ϕ, T

