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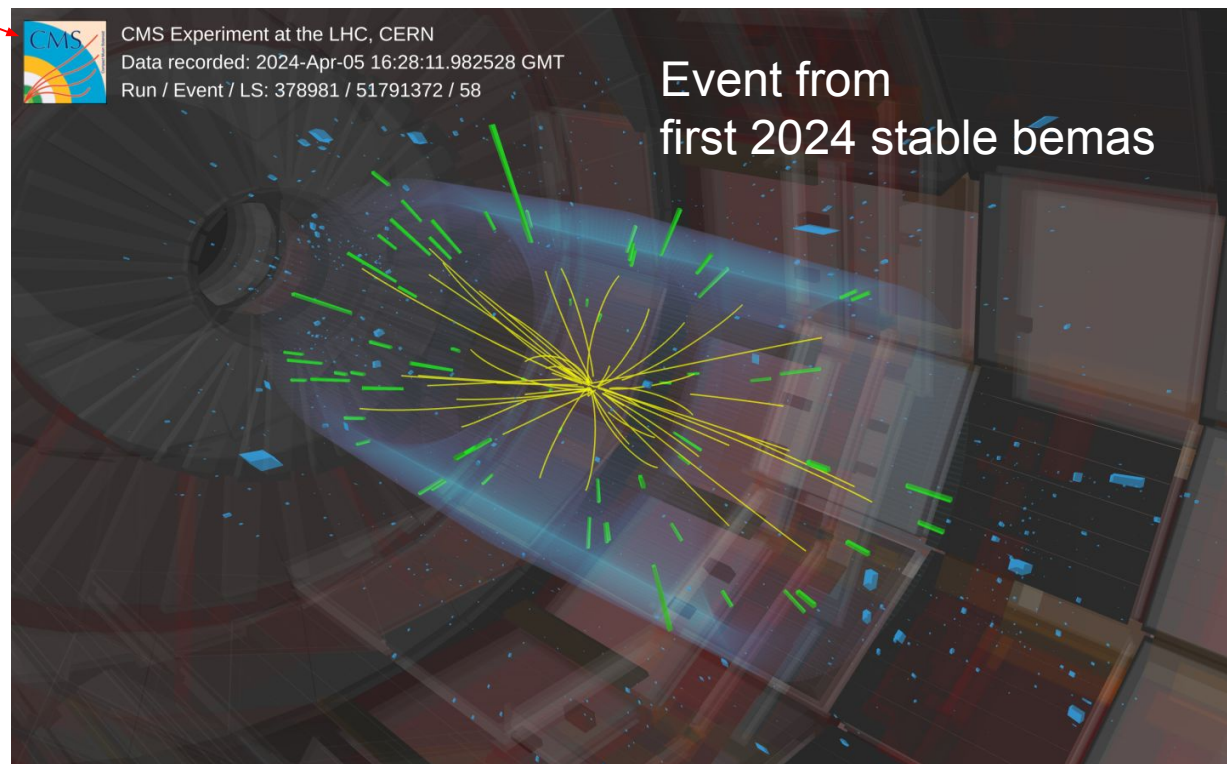
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For the CMS Naples group

# The LHC taking off with the luminosity!

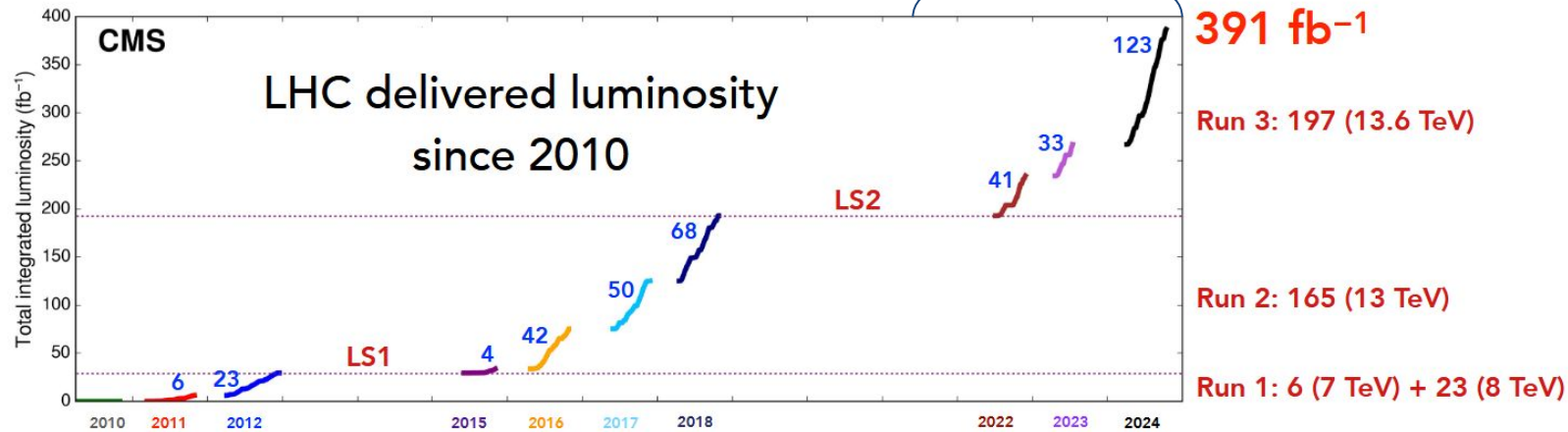


## LHC data taking in full swing!

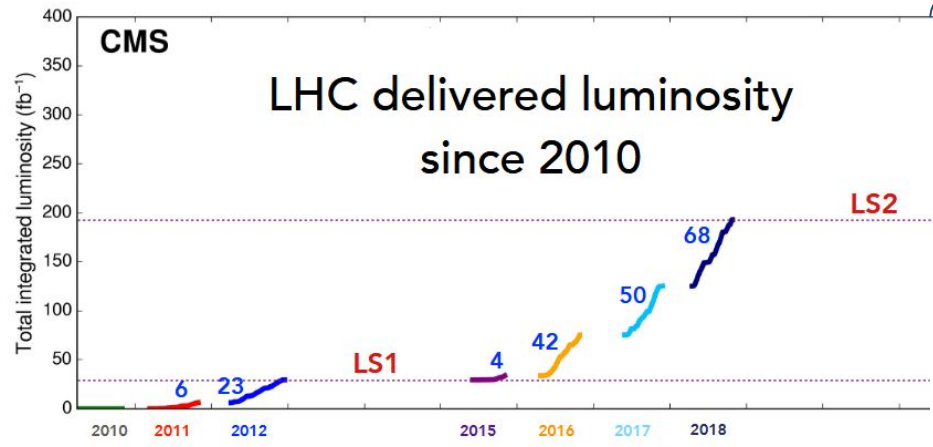
- **13.6 TeV** center-of-mass energy
- Inst. luminosity up to  $2 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- A total of **123 fb delivered**
- this year alone comparable with Run 2!



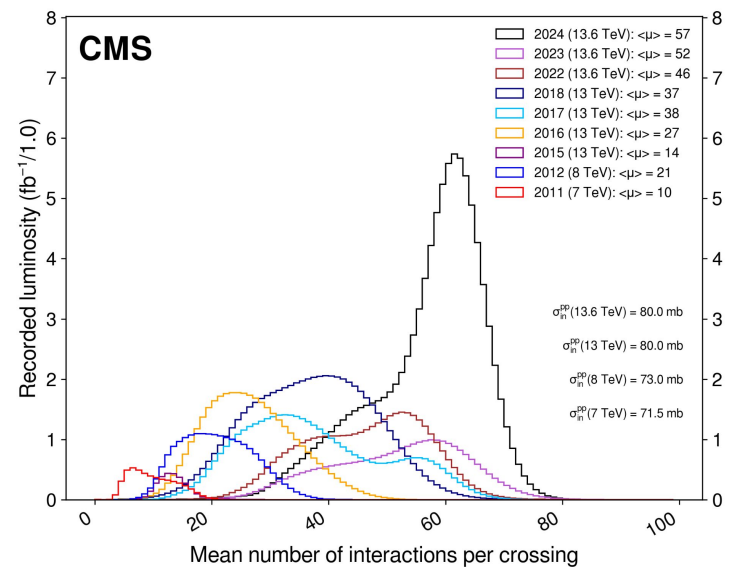
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Record luminosity...  
...but also record #pileup events!



# Looking forward

## Phase 2 upgrade:

- additional low angle, high-rate muon detectors

⇒ GEM, iRPC

## And also:

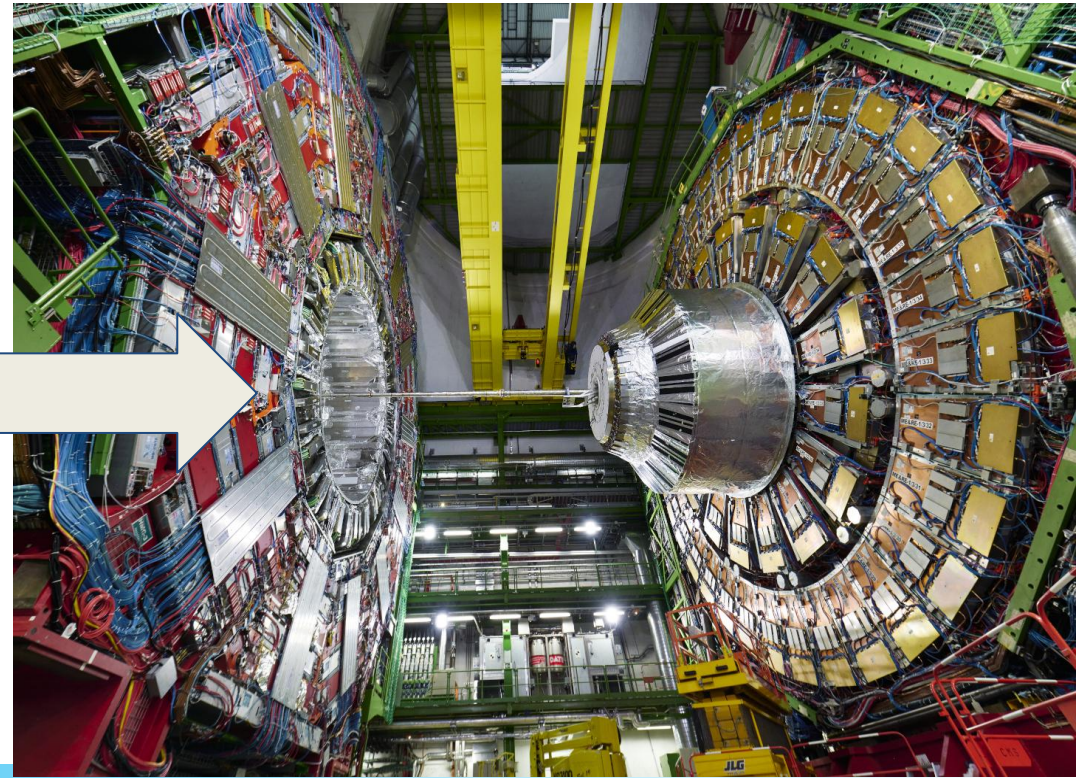
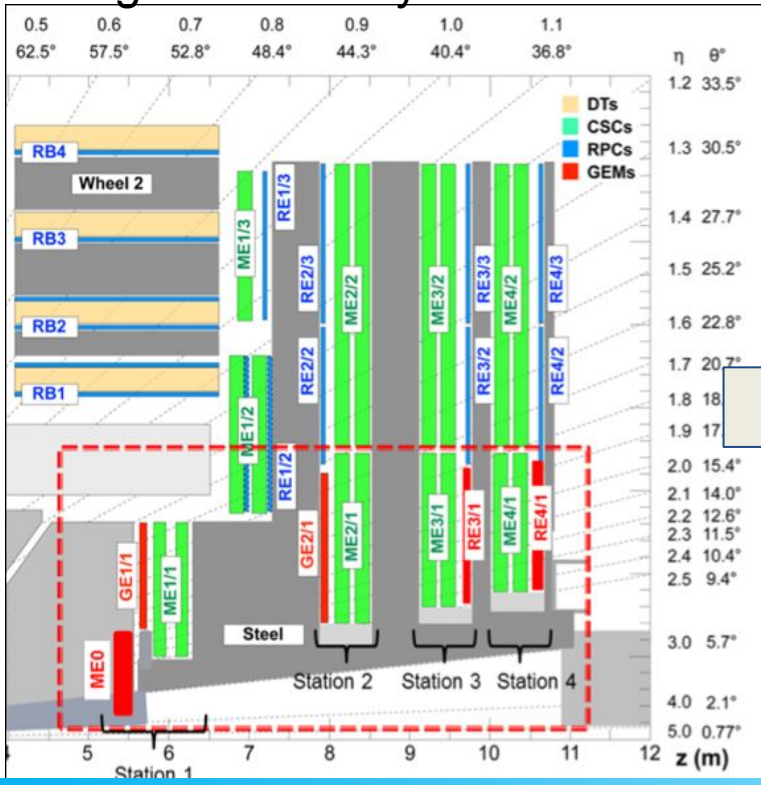
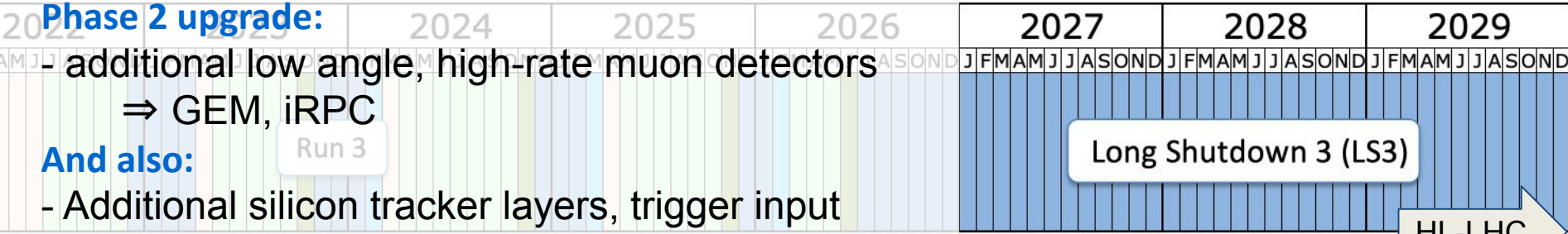
- Additional silicon tracker layers, trigger input

- High-Granularity Calorimeter

Run 3

Long Shutdown 3 (LS3)

HL-LHC

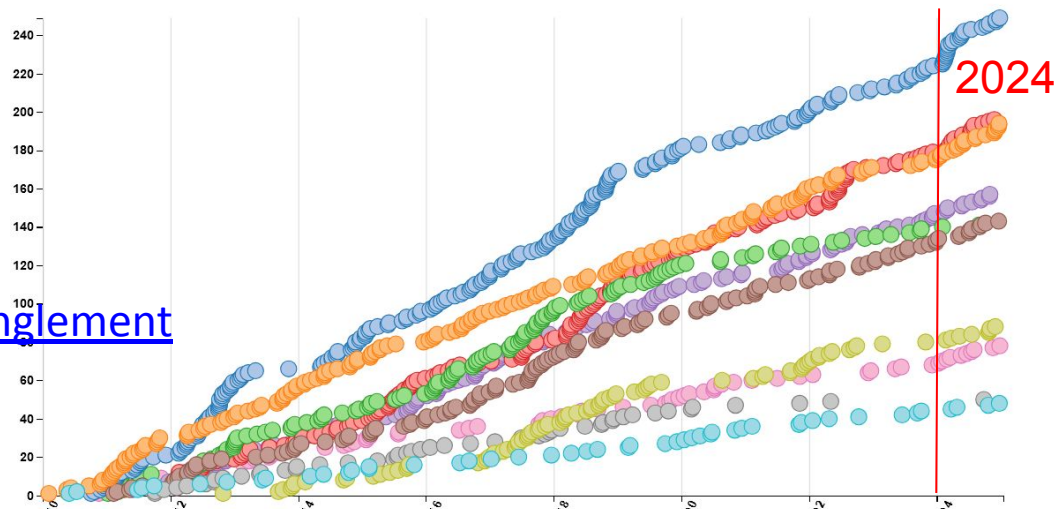
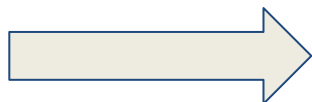


# 2024 CMS physics results: numbers and highlights

110 results approved  
100 papers published

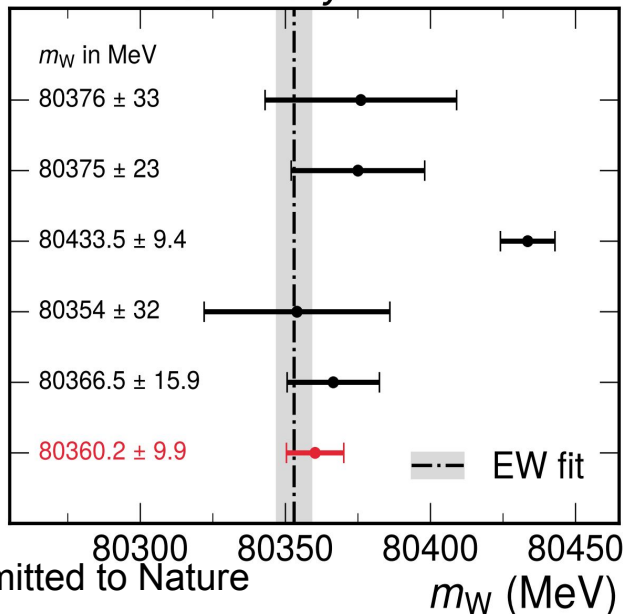
Among which:

- 3 CERN press releases: [sin2θ](#), [m<sub>W</sub>](#), [entanglement](#)
- 8 CERN [News](#)
- 54 Physics briefings, see also [here](#)



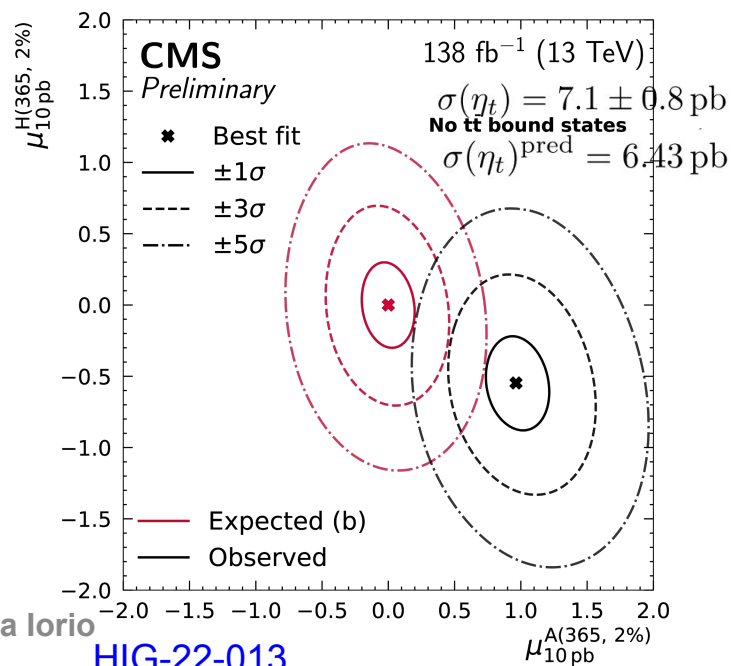
## W boson mass measurement:

**CMS Preliminary**



[SMP-23-002](#) - submitted to Nature

## Top quark-antiquark bound state



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[HIG-22-013](#)

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# CMS@NA detector activities

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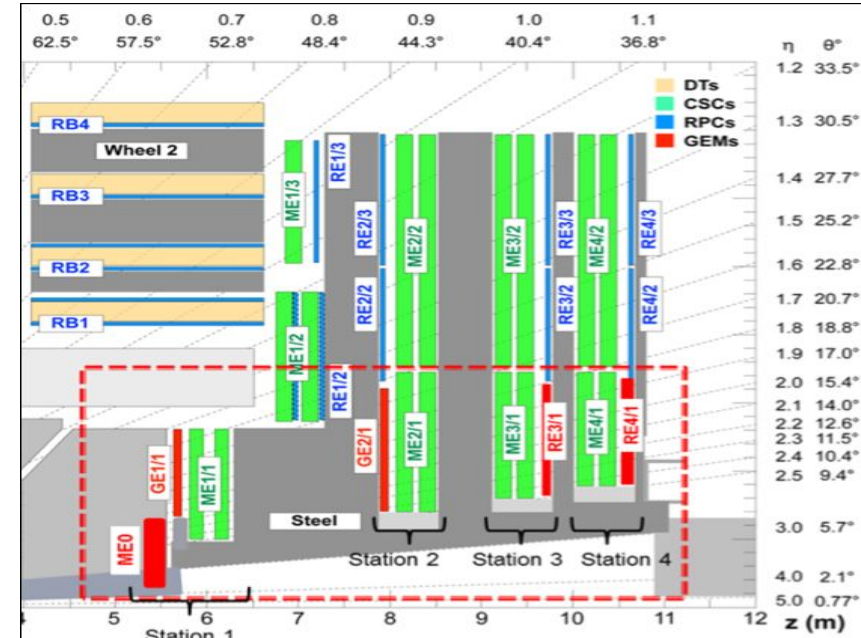
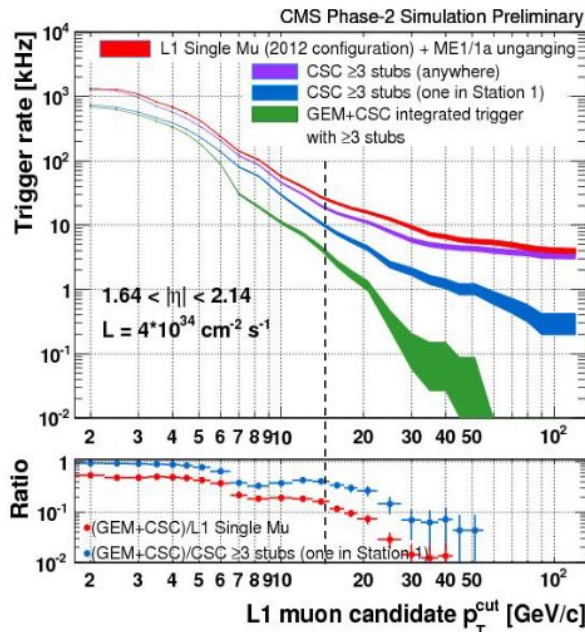
## In Naples

- Local setup for studies of GEM behavior and HV commissioning
- Assembly and testing of HV components
- Special PICOAmmeter to study current flow in GEM

# The muon system upgrade

## HL-LHC upgrade:

- Increase in **instantaneous luminosity** :  
 $2 \cdot 10^{34} \rightarrow 5 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - Increase in **pileup events**  
 From an average of **~50** to an average of **140**
- ⇒ Increased overall background: issues for **trigger rate, reconstruction, detector aging**



## New GEM chambers :

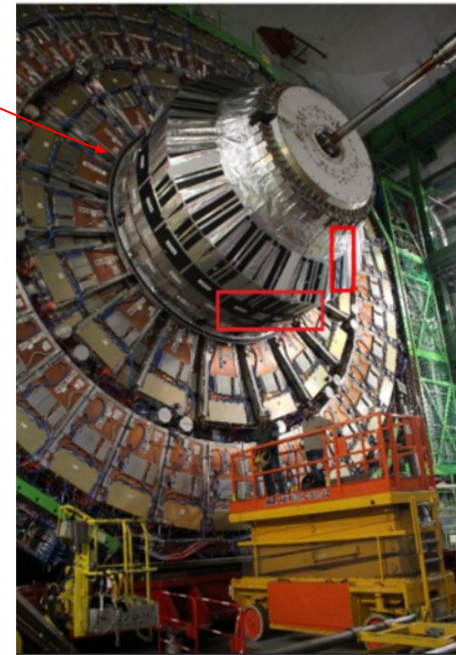
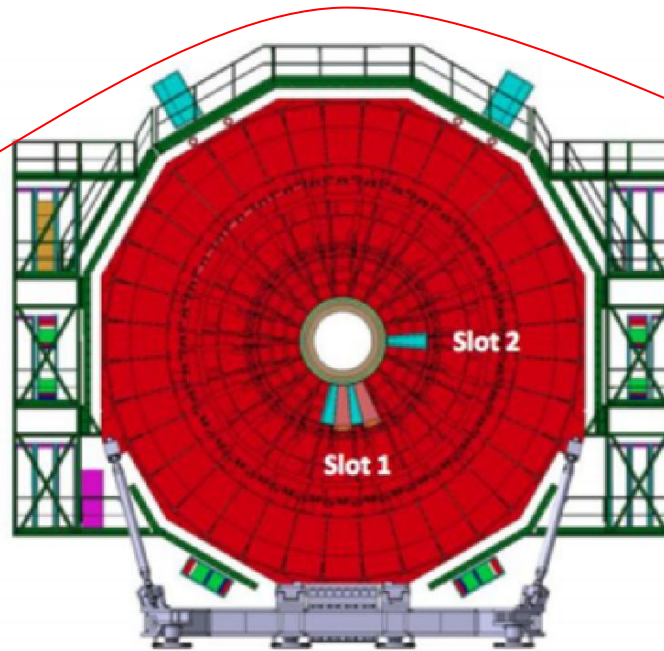
- aim to **significantly reduce** the background-induced trigger rate in the low-angle (high-eta) region,  $|\eta| > 1.6$

[An in depth description of a GEM's workings in Leonardo's talk!](#)

# The GEM upgrade challenge

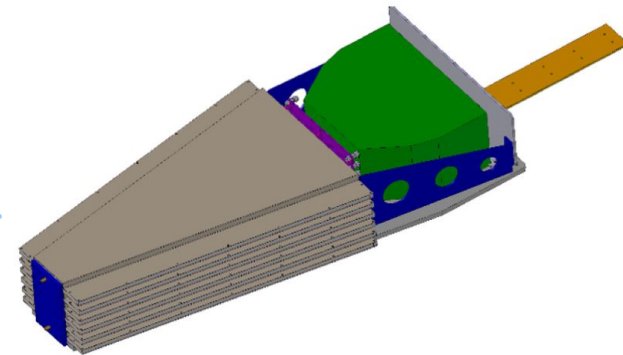
## 3 stations to be installed

- **GE1/1** : installed before Run 3  
→ **144 chambers**
- **GE2/1** and **ME0**: to be installed after Run 3 - during LS2  
→ **216 chambers each**

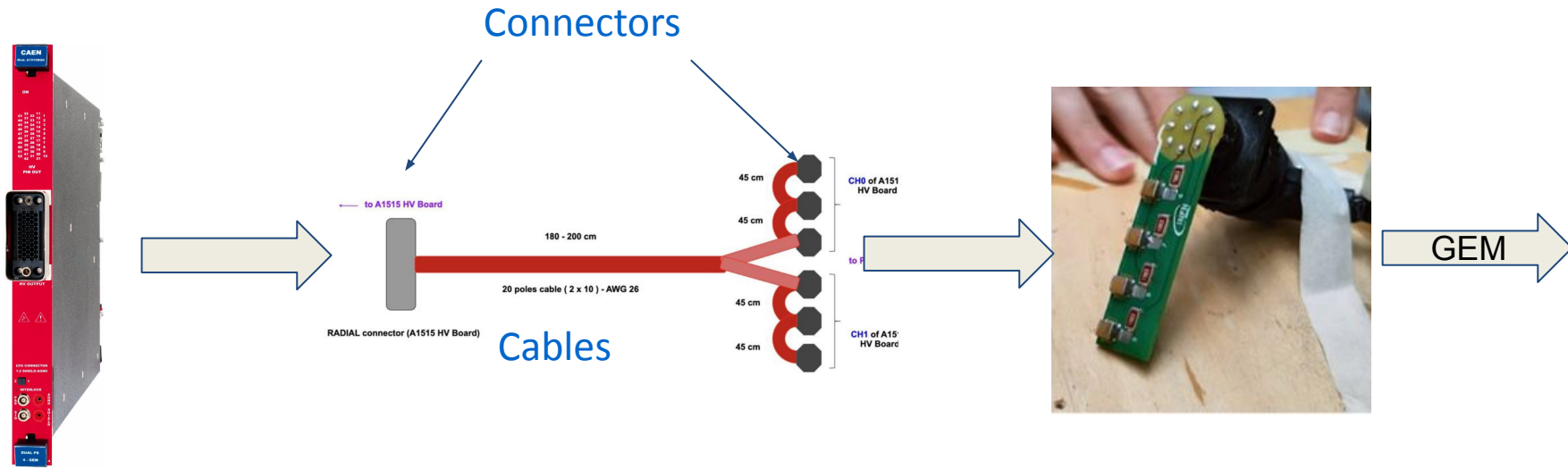


## Some key features:

- **Triple-GEM**, with multiple multiplication stages
- 70/30 mixture of **Ar/CO<sub>2</sub>**
- Very **large chambers** for GE2/1 (~2m<sup>2</sup> each)
- Stacks of **6 chambers** for ME0



# Power System for ME0: schematic “flow” and main components



## HV board:

### CAEN A1515TGHP

- Can provide HV to 6 chambers
- Tested by CMSNA at CERN
- power needs to be distributed

## Distribution

- Cable split the output
- Connectors at multiple junctions
- Need to be prepared ad hoc at CERN

## HV filters

- Necessary for noise reduction
- Designed by CMSNA
- Preparation by the NA team in Naples and at CERN

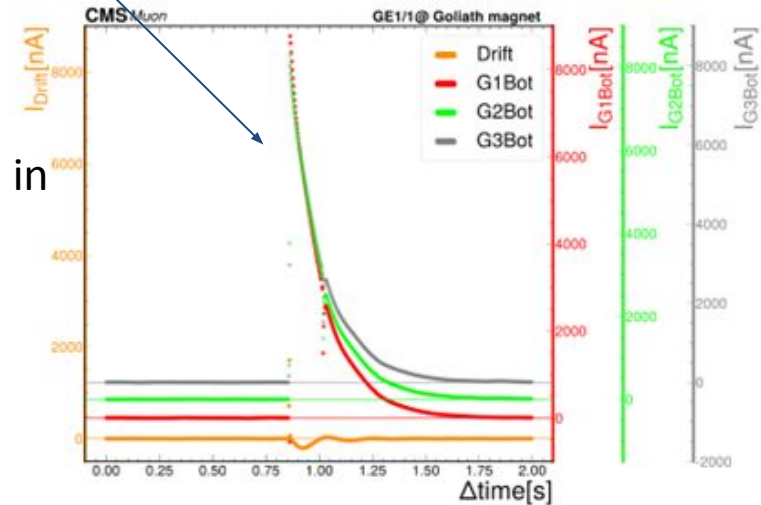
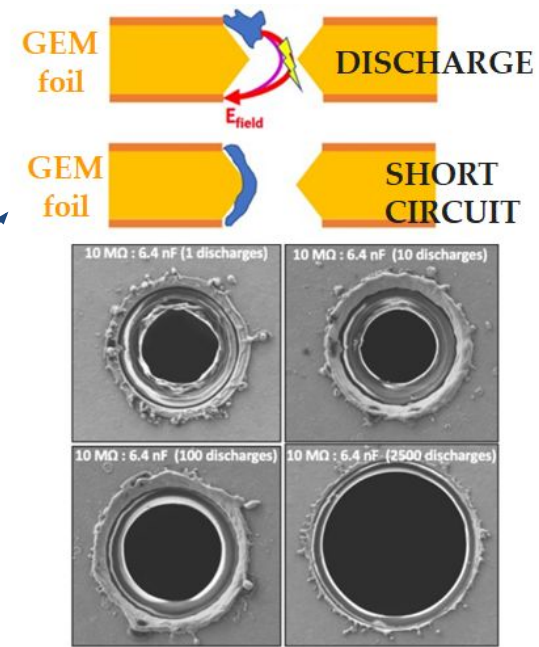
# GEM operation

## Large contribution to GEM operation and studies

- **GE1/1** : installed before Run 3  $\Rightarrow$  chance to monitor the chambers' behavior!
- Main threat to detector workings: **presence of discharges**

## Studies and counter-measures

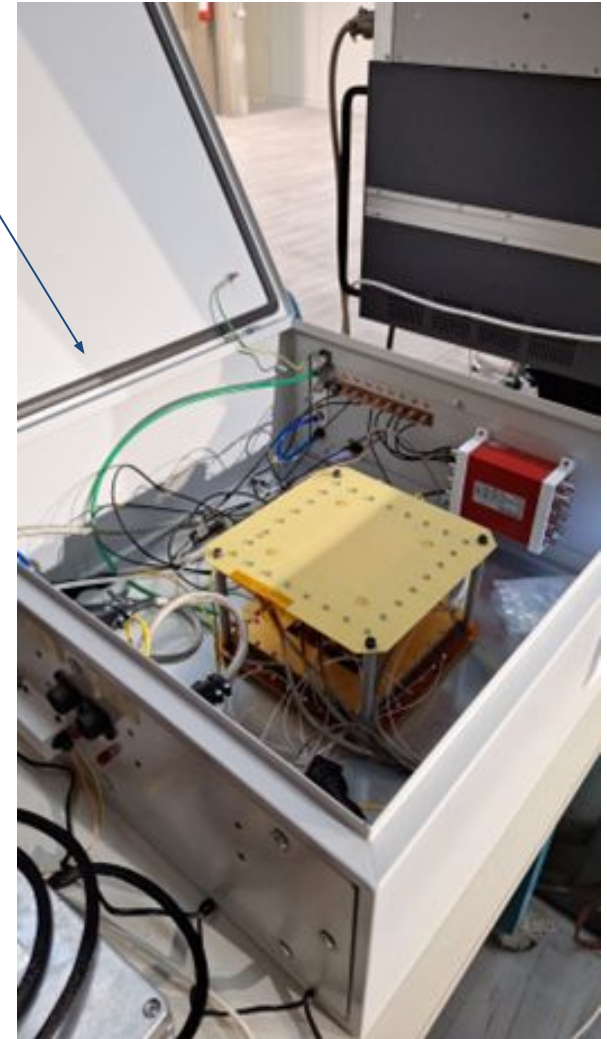
- Previous work by **A.Cagnotta** et al. : [2023 JINST 18 P11029](#) (discharge study with magnetic field before Run-II)  $\rightarrow$  allowed to decide operational protocol
- During last year further studies of **mitigation strategies** in case of excessive discharges leading to short circuits, exploiting **distribution of HV**
- Particularly important for **GE2/1** and **ME0** chambers, which are more tricky due to size/position



# GEM @ Naples

## Triple-GEM prototype at Naples

- Same gas mixture as CMS GEM, but much smaller scale
- **Test-bench** for some of chamber's features
- Allows to study the **full HV chain** in a realistic scenario
- Use of an “homemade” **PICOAmmeter**
- More in Leonardo's talk!



Contributions from:

A. Cagnotta, F. Confortini, C. Di Fraia, L.Favilla

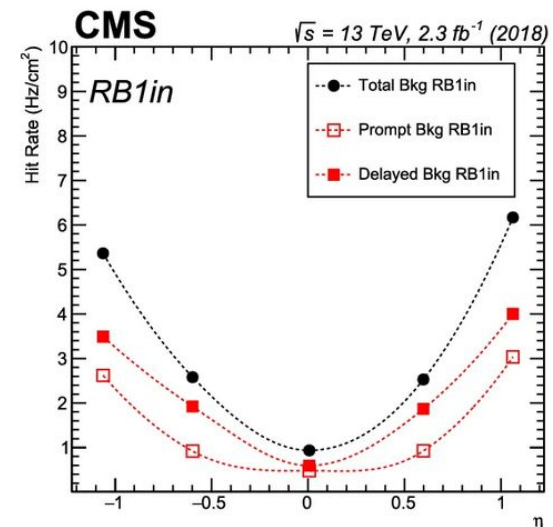
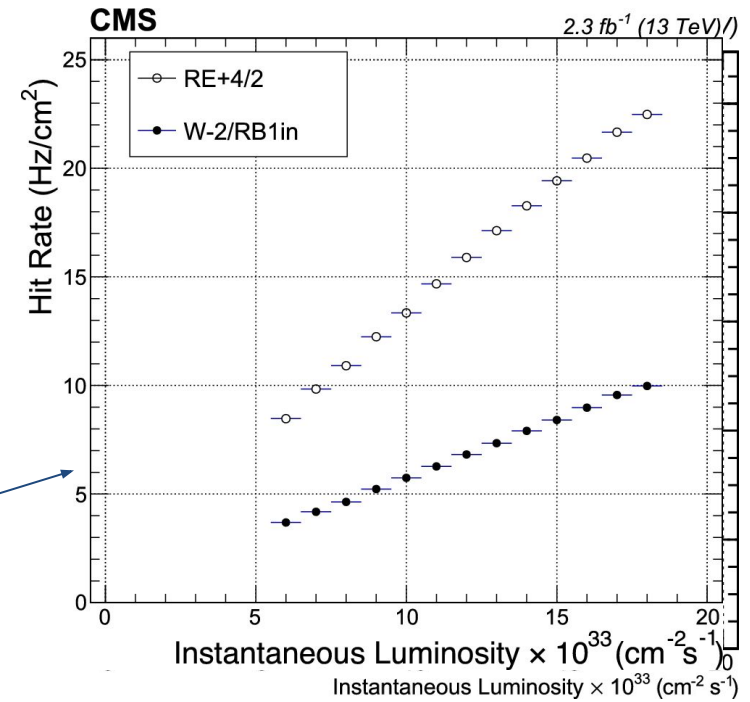
# Muon background studies: a cross-detector effort

## Study of muon background in RPC and GEM

- Study of the hit-rate per unit surface of the detectors
- can be associated to different **physics contributions** that are not prompt muons.
- Depends on the overall activity in the detector → **correlated to luminosity**
- allows also to highlight the **more exposed parts of the detector** to radiation (typically the most forward ones)

Large effort on Run-2 for a paper with these studies for all the muon system ([F. Carnevali et al](#)):

[Eur. Phys. J. C \(2024\) 84:955](#)



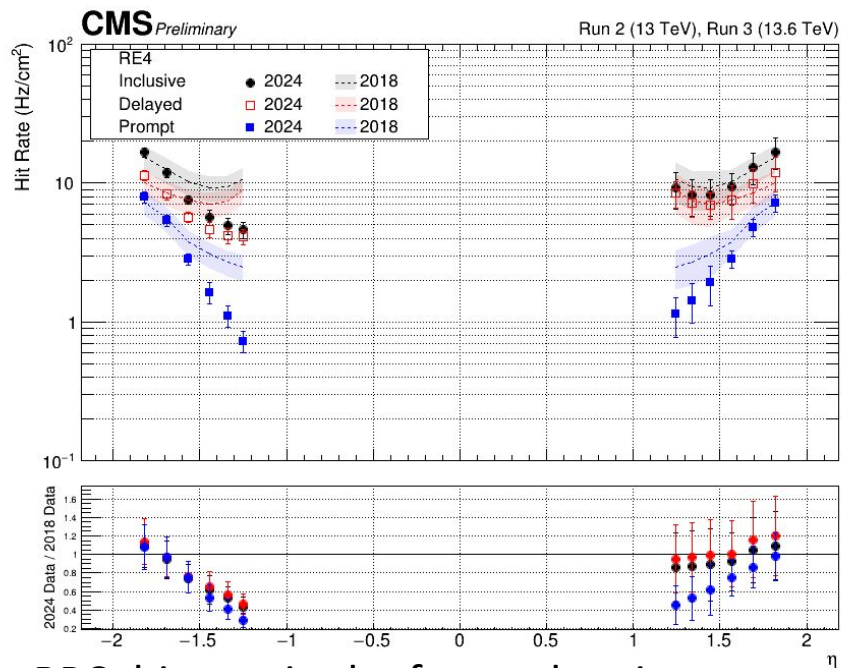


# Muon background studies in Run 3

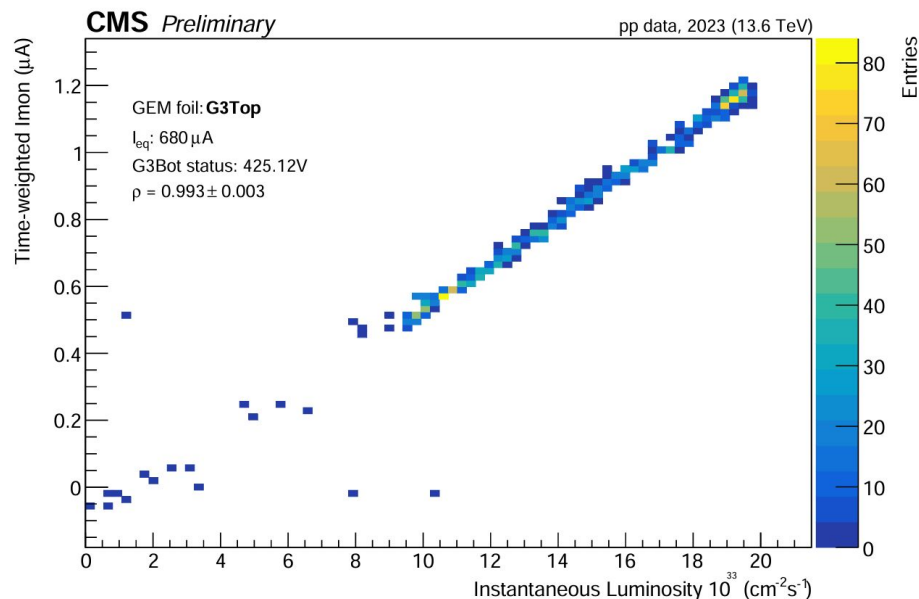
With Run 3 studied went on - now with the addition of GEM:

- RPC: refining techniques and studying the effect of the different detector conditions

- GEM: also in correlation to the measured current in the chambers



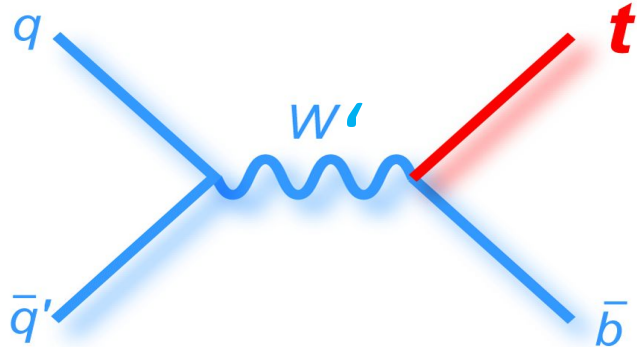
RPC: hit rate in the forward region (chambers RE4). One can appreciate the difference on the left due to the installation of a shielding in Run 3



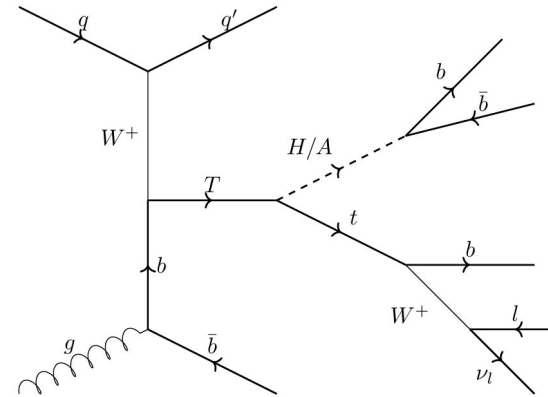
GEM: Correlation of the baseline current flowing through a GEM foil

# CMS@NA analysis activities

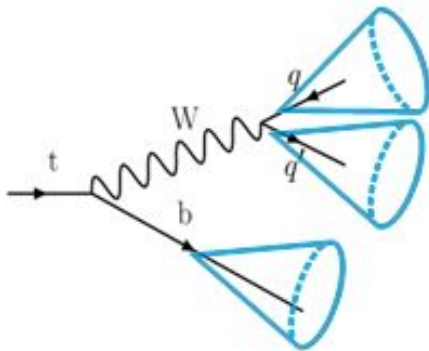
## New bosons searches



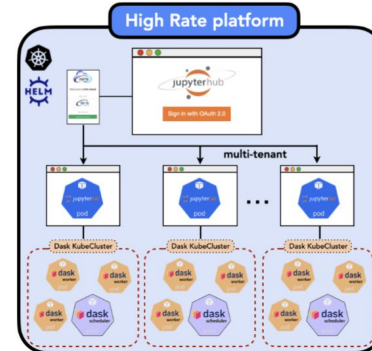
## New fermions searches



## Top-tagging studies



## Quasi-interactive analysis

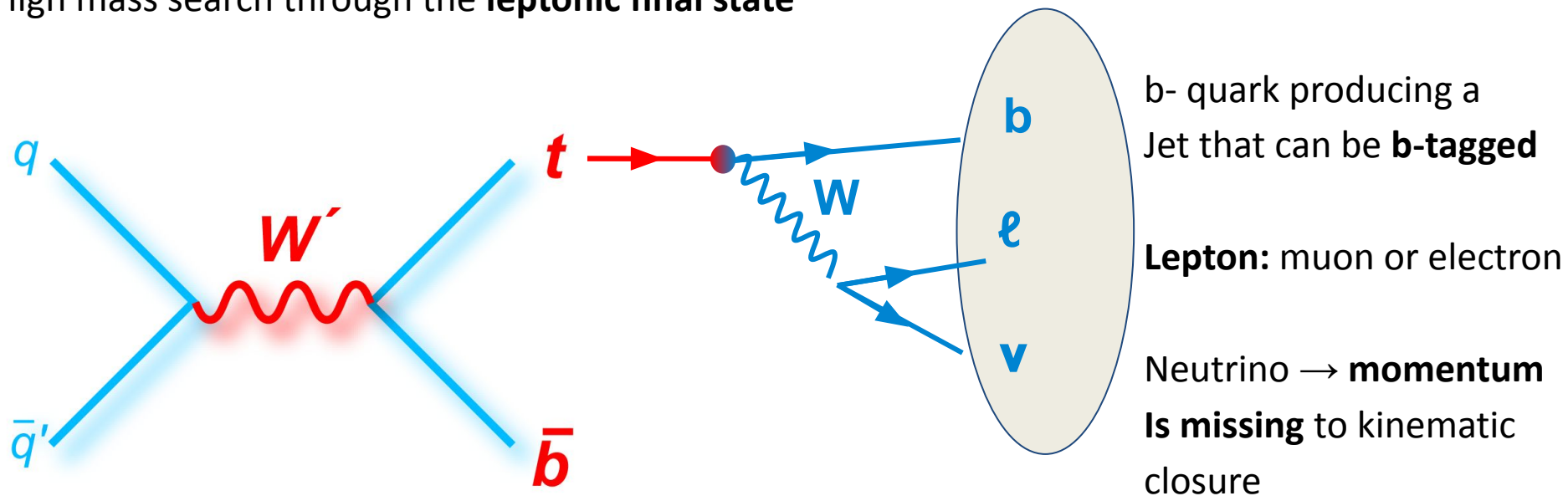


# Legacy Run II analysis: $W'$ search

Search for a new resonance decaying to a **top-bottom** quark pair

[JHEP 05 \(2024\) 046](#)

High mass search through the **leptonic final state**

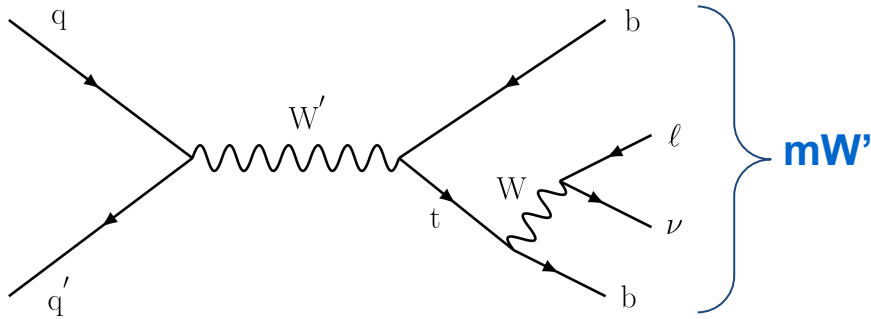


Study as function of the **right** or **left**, couplings **as well as the particle width** to allow for a wide range of interpretations

$$\mathcal{L}^{eff.} = \frac{V^{f_i f_j}}{2\sqrt{2}} g_w \bar{f}_i \gamma_\mu \left[ \alpha_R^{f_i f_j} (1 + \gamma^5) + \alpha_L^{f_i f_j} (1 - \gamma^5) \right] W'^\mu f_j + h.c.$$

# W' search results

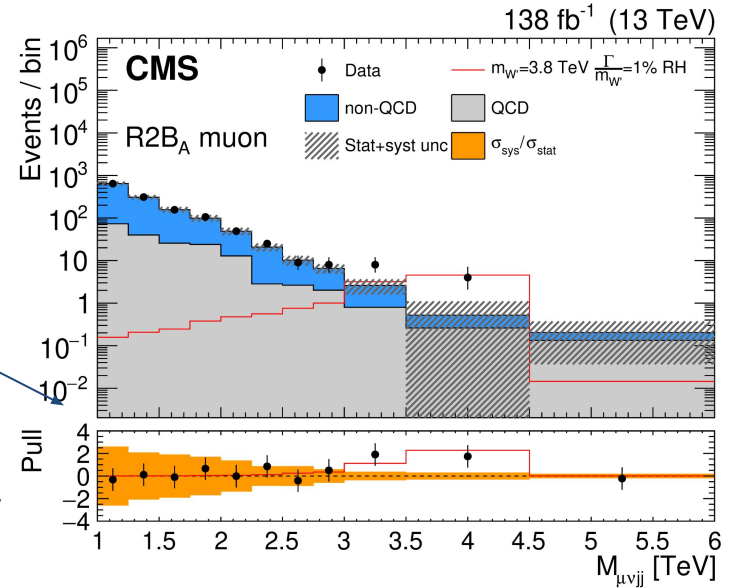
**W' → tb: resonance in mW' reconstructed from 1 top + 1 jet b**



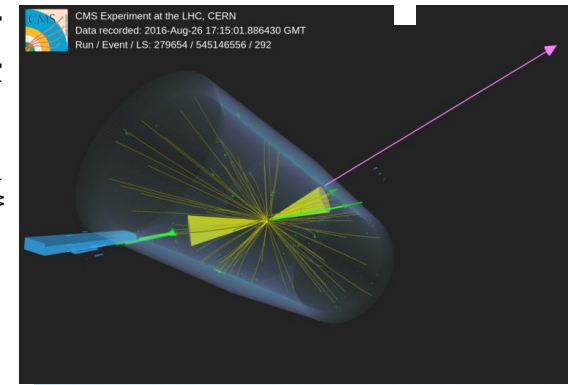
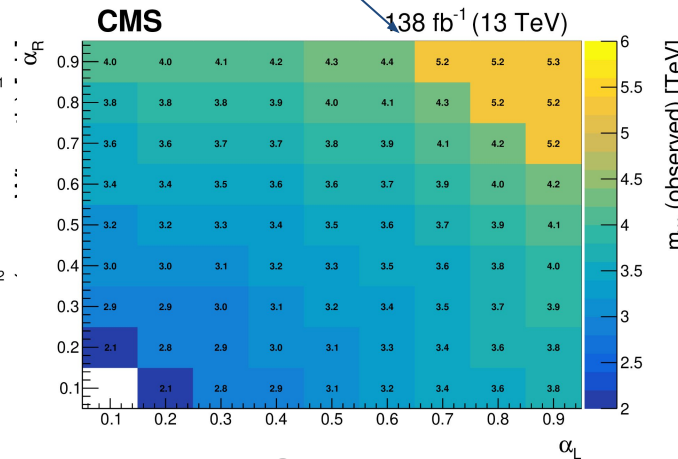
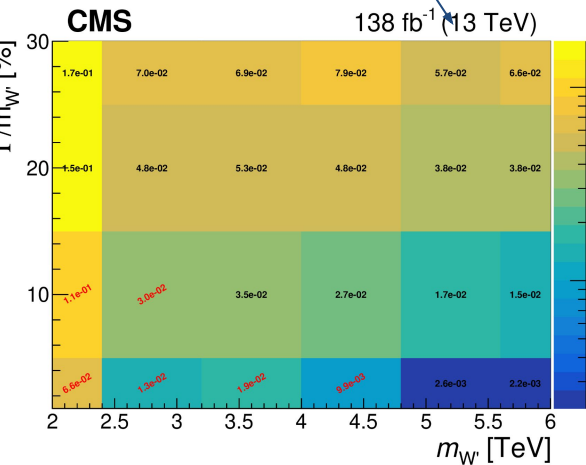
Largest excess: 2.6 standard deviations at  $m_{W'}=3.8$  TeV

Measured vs:

- Left- or right-handed components of the current
- Particle width



Physics briefing :  
[The beauty, the top, and the mighty](#)



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# Analyses in progress: VLQ searches

**Vector-like quarks:** new colored fermions common to several BSM models

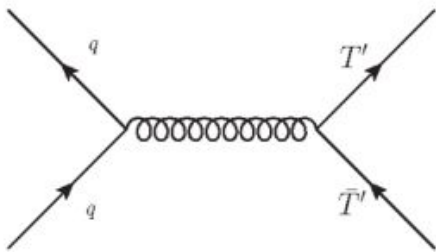
Both left- and right-handed currents

$$J^{\mu+} = J_L^{\mu+} + J_R^{\mu+} = \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L + \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu d_R = \bar{u} \gamma^\mu d$$

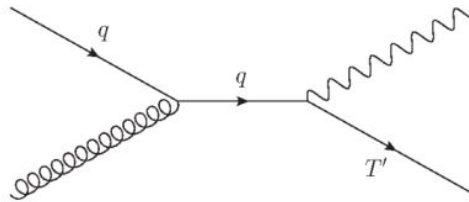
**Most common VLQ hypotheses**

VLQ	Electric charge
$X$	$+5/3$
$T$	$+2/3$
$B$	$-1/3$
$Y$	$-4/3$

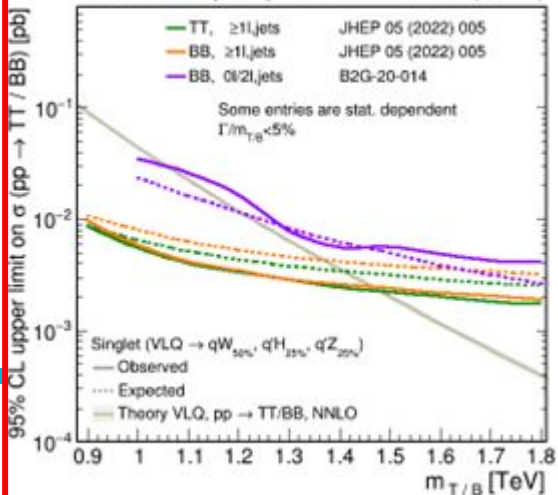
## Pair production



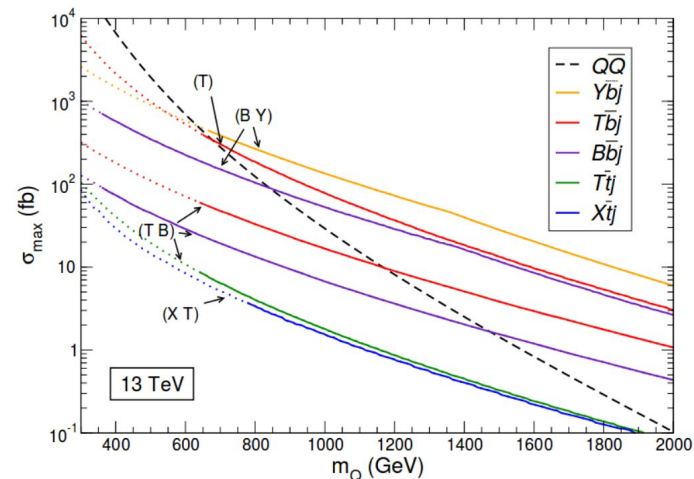
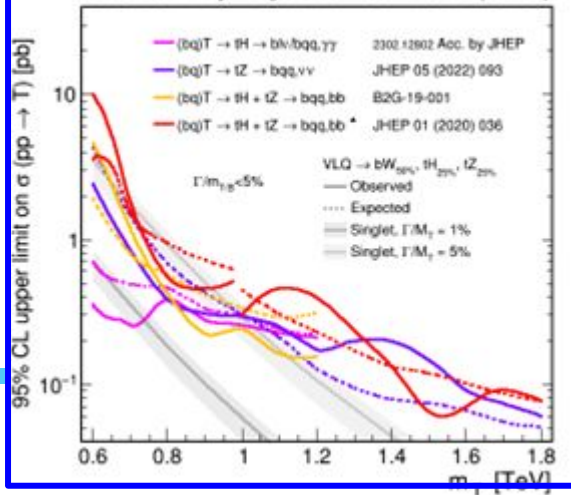
## Single production



CMS Preliminary August 2023 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



CMS Preliminary August 2023 36<sup>+</sup> - 138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)





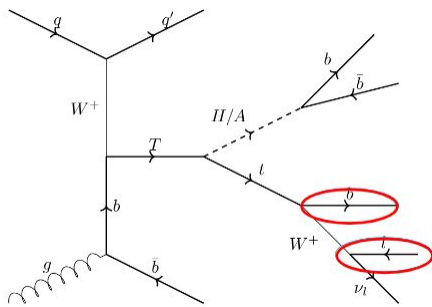
# Top quark identification via Machine Learning: XGBTop

Multiclass BDT (MBDT) algorithm to discriminate between leptonically decaying **top quark** and **combinatorial background**

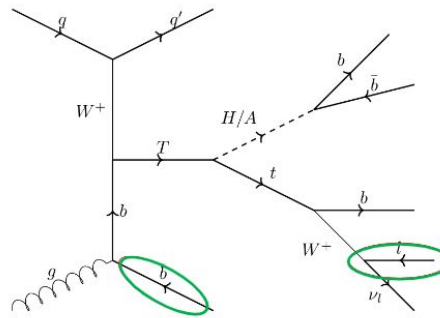
8 different trainings, taking into account the top quark  $p_T$  (threshold 500 GeV), the lepton, and the Merged or Resolved topology.

Top Lepton Top Configuration	Electron				Muon			
	Resolved		Merged		Resolved		Merged	
Top $p_T$	Low $p_T$	High $p_T$	Low $p_T$	High $p_T$	Low $p_T$	High $p_T$	Low $p_T$	High $p_T$
Jet_Mass	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jet_ $p_T$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jet_DeepFlavB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lepton_ $p_T$	✓				✓			
Lepton_Dxy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Lepton_MinIso	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Jet_ $p_T$	✓						✓	
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Top_ $p_T$ (No MET)	✓							
Top_mT	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Top_Rel_ $p_T$	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
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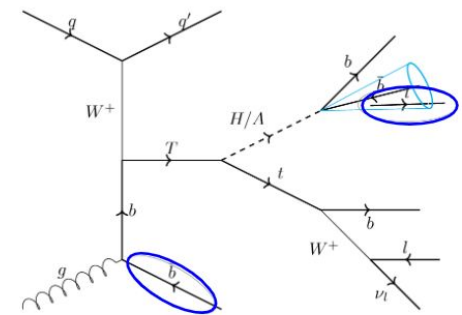
**Top True**



**Top Other**



**Top QCD**



# Top quark identification via Machine Learning: TROTA

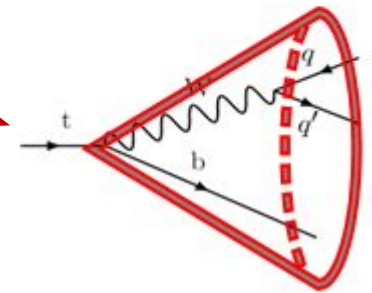
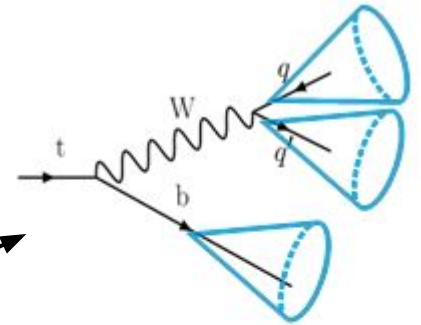


## TROTA

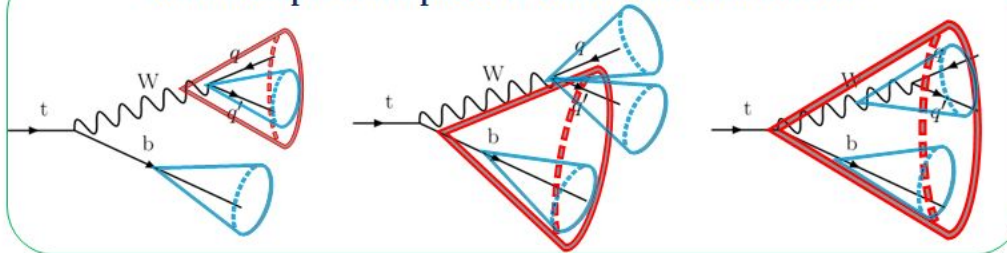
Top Reconstruction: an Object Tagger Algorithm

Three main topologies are defined to optimize the reconstruction:

- **Top Resolved** → 3 narrow (AK4) jets → Specific for low  $p_t$
- **Top Mixed** → combination of AK4 and AK8
- **Top Merged** → 1 large (AK8) jet → ParticleNet Top tagger



Some example of the possible considered combinations

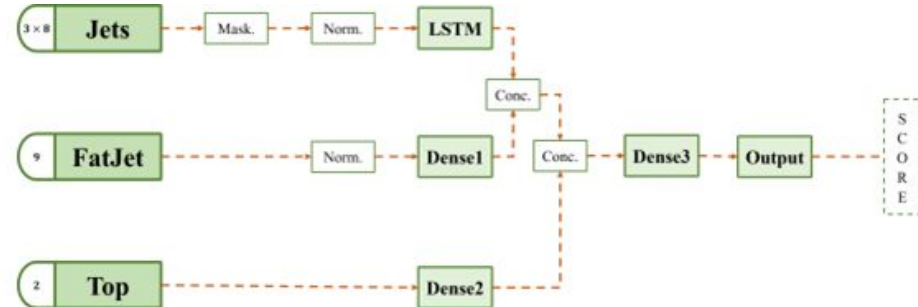
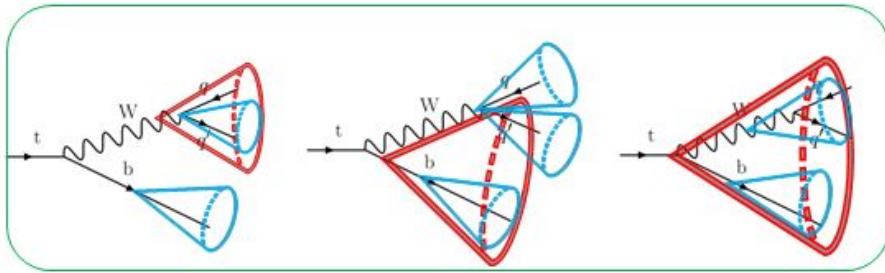




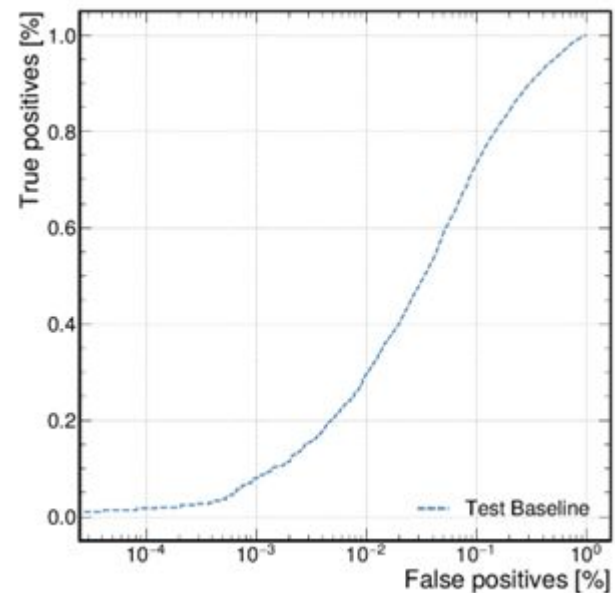
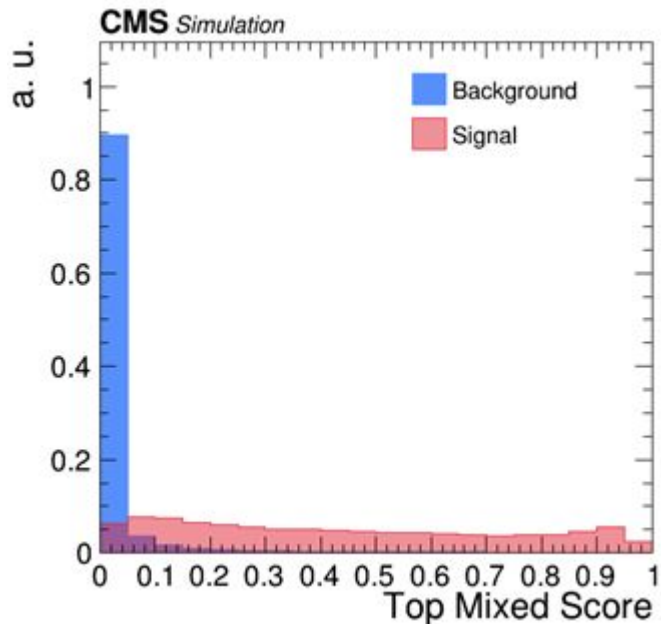
# Mixed top quark case

Mixed case:

→ 2-3 AK4 jets + 0-1 AK8 jet plus overall top quark features (sum of 4 momenta)



Strong discrimination against QCD backgrounds



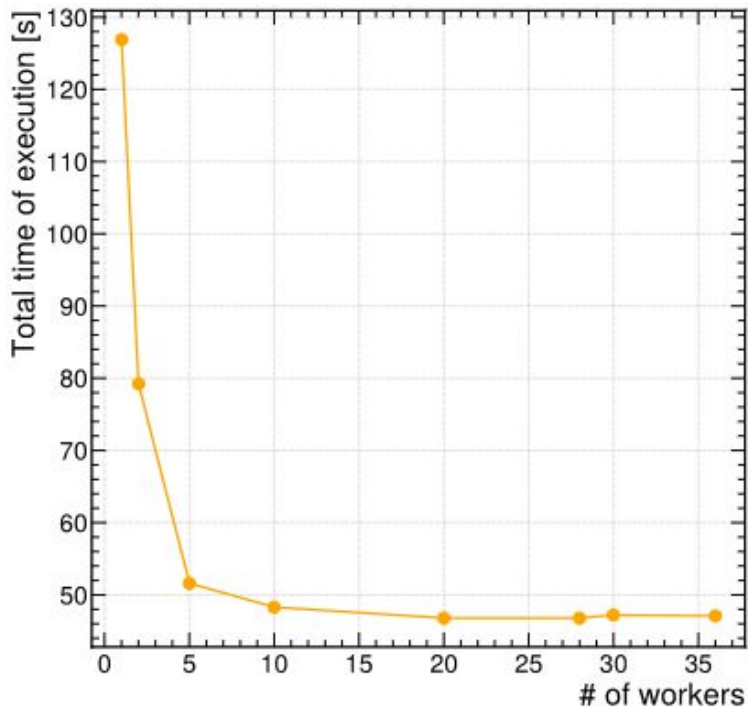
# Technological advancements: Quasi-interactive analysis

**Run 3 analysis:** working to best exploit the new national-scale High-Rate platform underwork by INFN

→ real time allocation of resources for distributed computation

→ user-customized environment via container-based technologies

**Below:** example of the execution time of the analysis on the new platform as a function of the # workers.



**A. Cagnotta**

see also:

- Talk by Antimo on 8/1/25 at the topical INFN workshop

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/44199/contributions/251828/>

- Collaborating with the ICSC project:

<https://www.supercomputing-icsc.it/en/icsc-home/>

# Conferences and presentations

## Talks at conferences: 2 national, 4 international

**IFAE 2024**, C. Di Fraia, Ricerca di Vector-Like quark ad LHC con l'esperimento CMS

**SUSY 2024**, Antimo Cagnotta, *Searches for dark matter with CMS*

**ICHEP 2024**, S. Buontempo, *Improved RPC (iRPC) detector for CMS data taking in HL-LHC*

**BOOST 2024**, A.O.M. Iorio, *Search for heavy BSM particles in final states with boosted top quarks or W bosons at CMS*

**SIF 2024**, Benedetta Argiento: *Ricerche di nuova fisica con oggetti pesanti ad alto boost di Lorentz in eventi con jet*

**TWEPP 2024**, Carlo Di Fraia, *High-Voltage studies for the new GE1/1 GEM Station in the CMS Experiment*

## Posters: 1 national, 2 international

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# What does the future bring? Well... a lot!

**Data taking:** last 2 years of data taking, 2025: lots of data to collect, calibrate physics objects with, analyze!

**Upgrade:** ME0 chambers will have to be ready by 2026, then installation starts!

**Detector studies:** pursue the study of backgrounds and use our knowledge and tools for the study of discharges in ad hoc tests foreseen for March, use of PICOAmmeter for monitoring of GEM chambers already installed in CMS

## **BSM searches:**

-  $T \rightarrow tA$  : work in progress to publish this year - would be the first of its kind and the best analysis in most of the phase space.

-  $T \rightarrow tZ$  : adding Run 3 data, possible further extensions to other models, very promising the use of new technologies!

**New taggers:** plan to document the new taggers with the collaboration of the CMS dedicated working group

**HPC:** move the analyses to exploit the HPC paradigm

**Top quark physics:** plan to reinstate the CKM measurements in the top quark sectors over the next year

# Backup

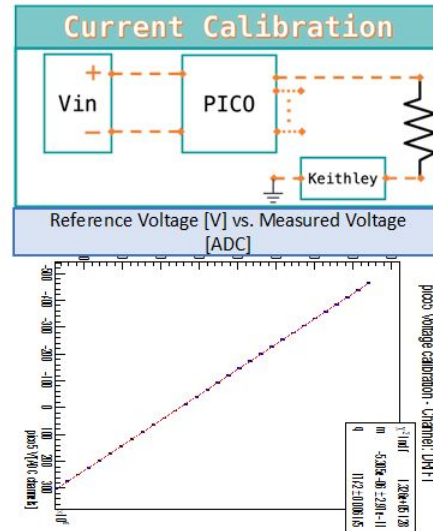
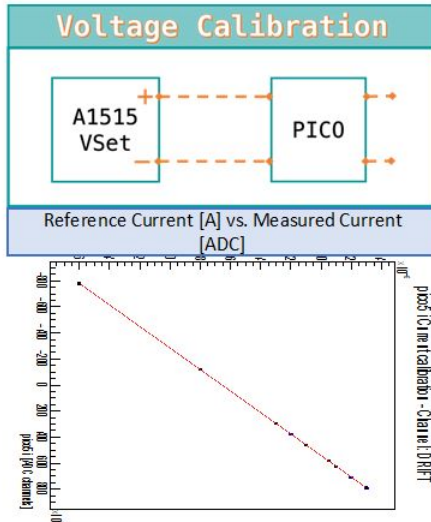
# PICO@INFN – Sezione di Napoli

## ❑ Pico:

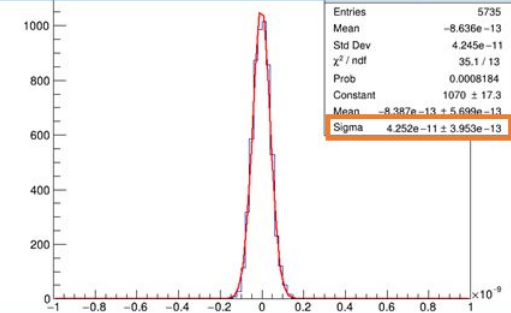
- High-Voltage monitoring instrument for triple-GEMs
- capable of measuring currents and voltages
- current resolution:  $\sim 10\text{pA}$
- voltage resolution:  $\sim 10\text{mV}$
- sampling rate: up to  $400\text{Hz}$  (1Hz for HV board)

## ❑ Performed:

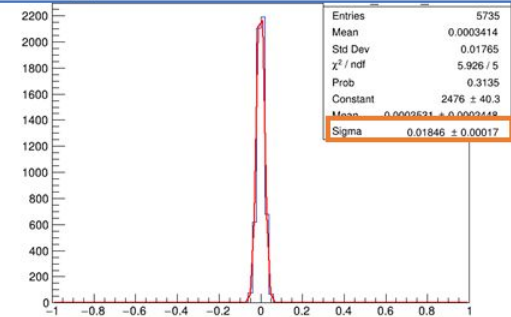
- current and voltage calibrations
- resolution estimation



I\_DRIFT resolution  $\sim 40\text{pA}$



V\_DRIFT resolution  $\sim 20\text{mV}$



# The importance for the SM: the CKM matrix

**Matrix of fundamental parameters** regulating the “mixing” between quark families

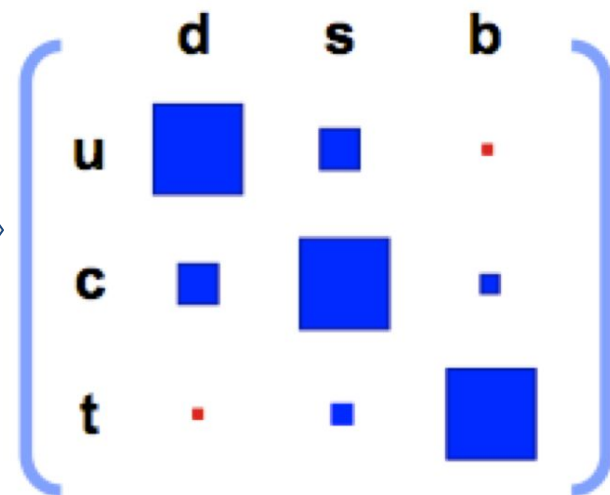
→ **No hypothesis on unitarity needed** (possible presence of other families).

→ Can be seen as a transformation between the **free particle** vs **interacting lagrangian** eigenstates

→ **Cannot be measured directly anywhere else**

$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

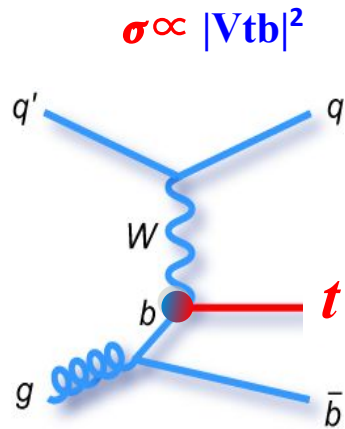
Pictorially representing the couplings



# The CKM matrix in single top

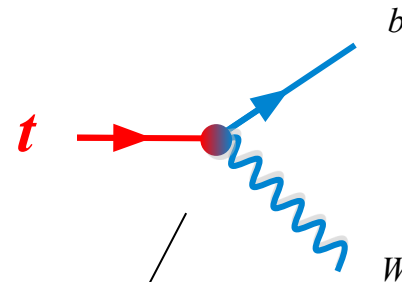
Appears in the **electroweak interactions of top quarks**:

1 - Production mechanism:



2 - Decay mechanism:

$$\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Wb) \propto |V_{tb}|^2 / (|V_{tb}|^2 + |V_{td}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2)$$

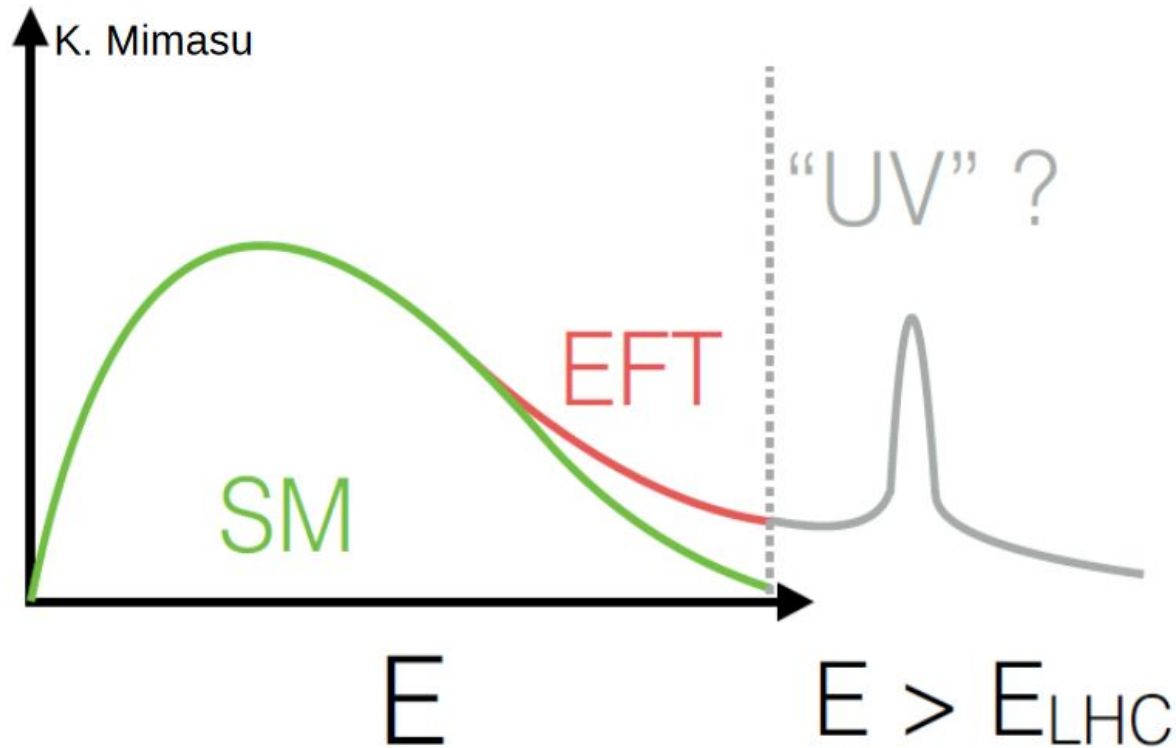


$$\frac{-ig}{2\sqrt{2}} \bar{t} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) V_{tb} b W_\mu$$

→ for single top **it appears twice!**



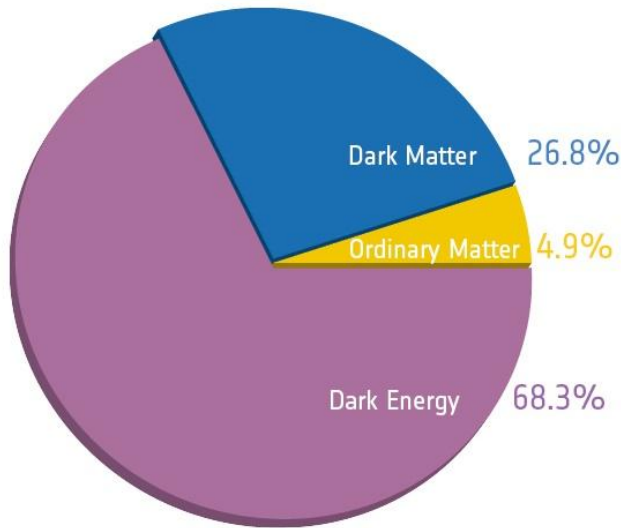
# New physics with top quark: indirect search



- **Precision measurements:**

- Portal to new physics for non-reachable energies with strong effect
- Need to find sensitive observables

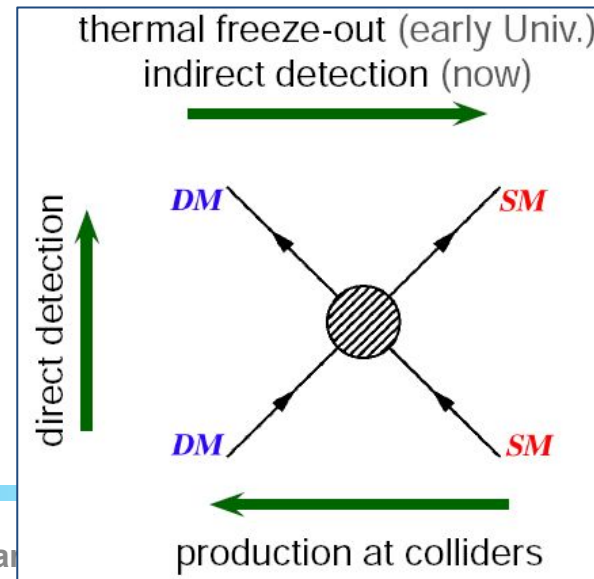
# The Dark Matter issue



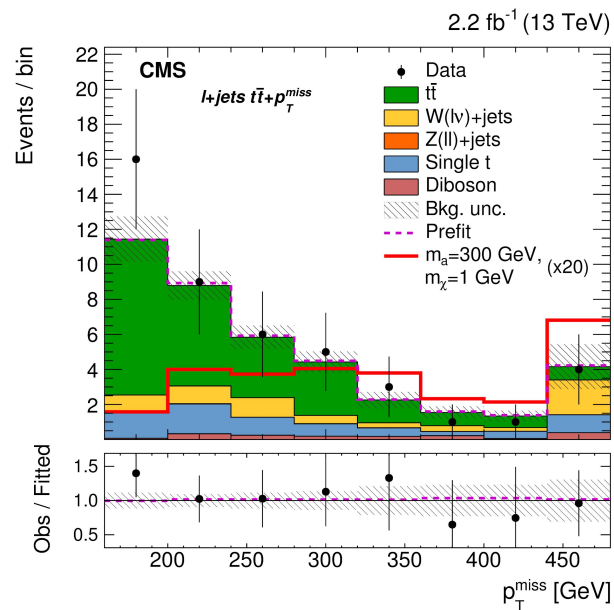
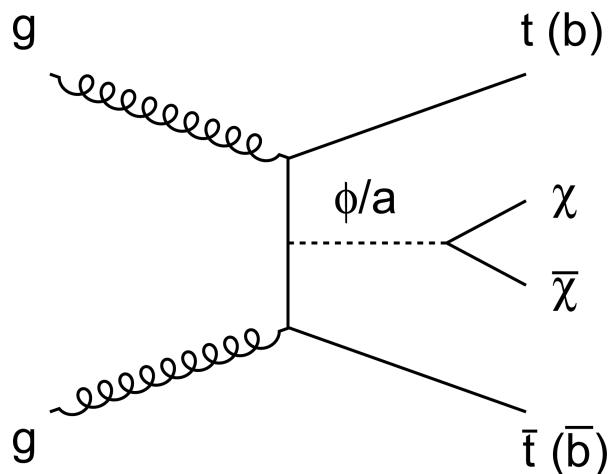
- Evidence of matter not interacting via EW force: **Dark Matter**
    - **Rotational speed** of galaxies
    - Pattern of **anisotropies in the Cosmic Microwave Background**
  - **5 times more than ordinary matter!**
    - Must be **invisible** and very **abundant**.
- Possible **findings at LHC!** Complementary to direct detection experiments

- **LHC DM forum:**

- to have a common ground to discuss and compare with direct detection experiments
- set of **Simplified Models** to have an easy interpretation!



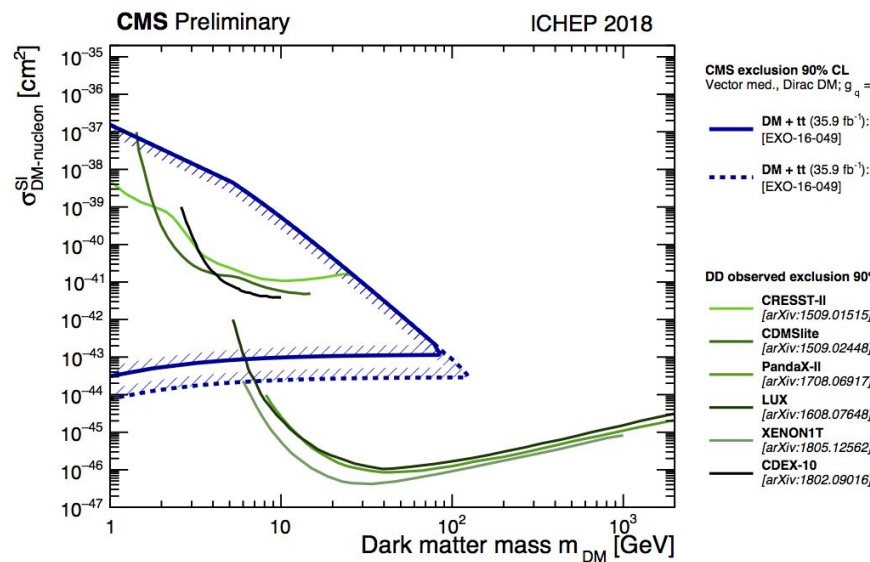
# The Dark Matter at LHC : top quarks



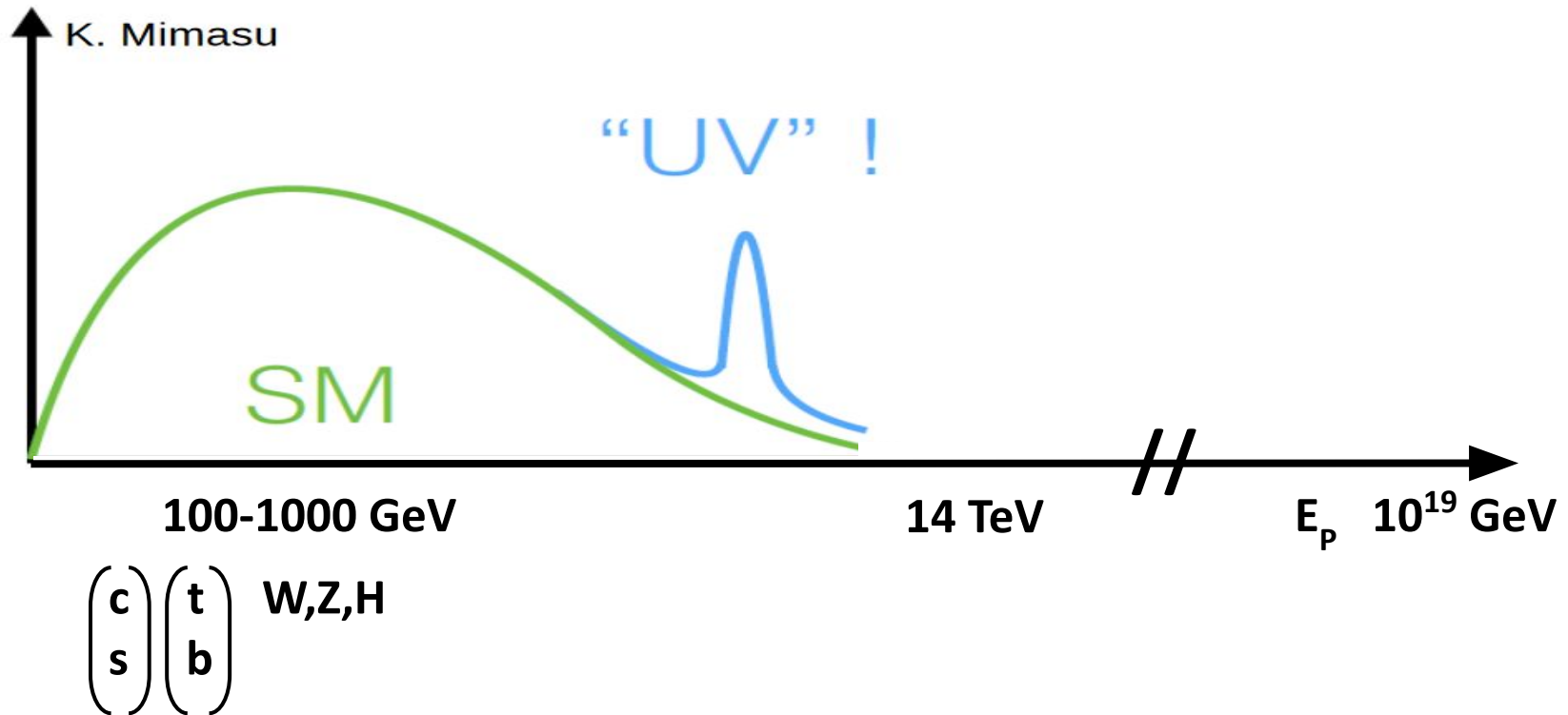
◦ Coupling with scalar or pseudo-scalar mediator  $\phi/a$ : depends on the **mass of the quark it couples with!**

◦ Interesting perspectives by adding searches with **single-top quark production**.

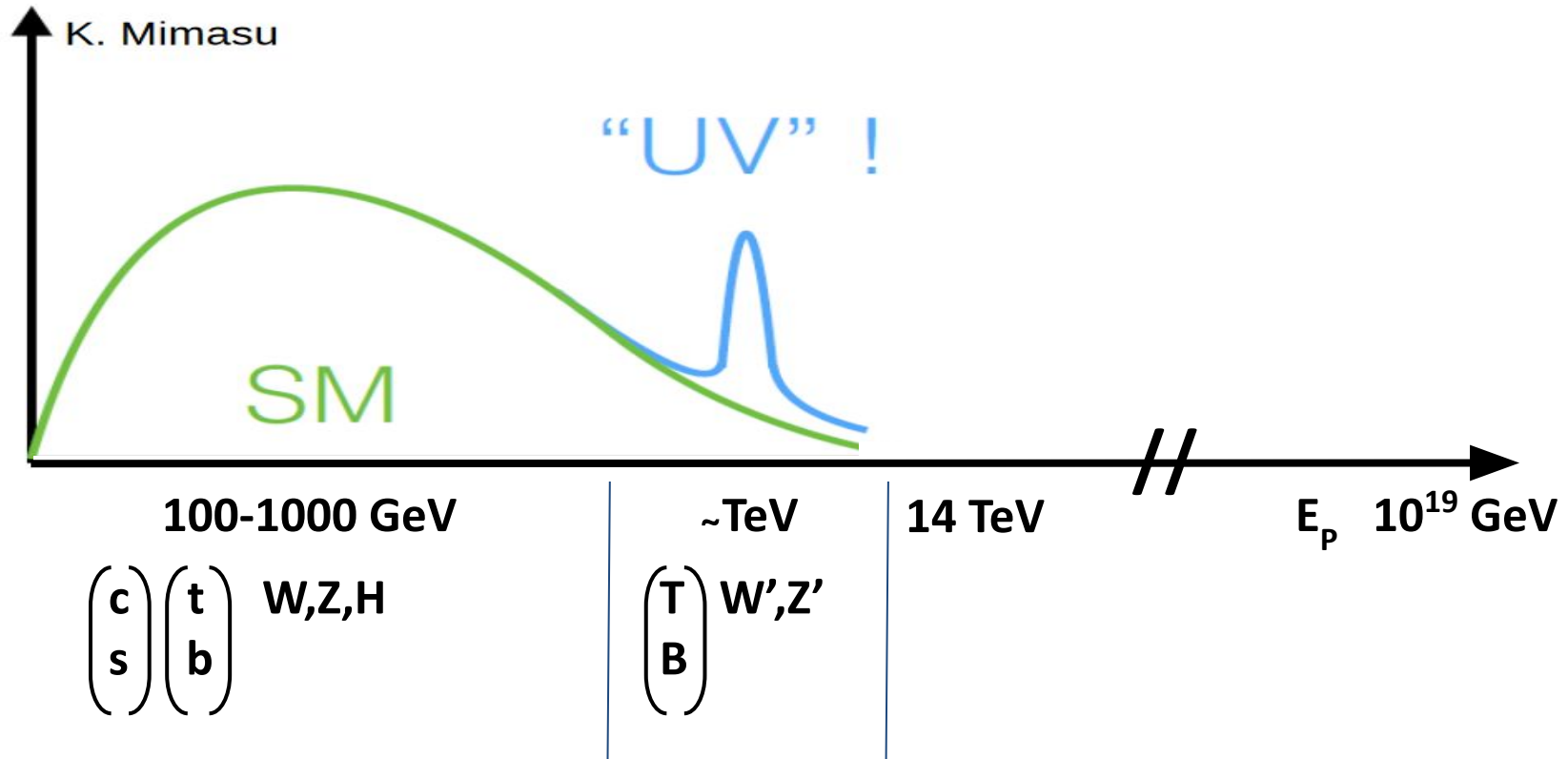
→ Limits expressed in terms of cross-section, can be compared with direct detection like XENON, LUX  $\epsilon$



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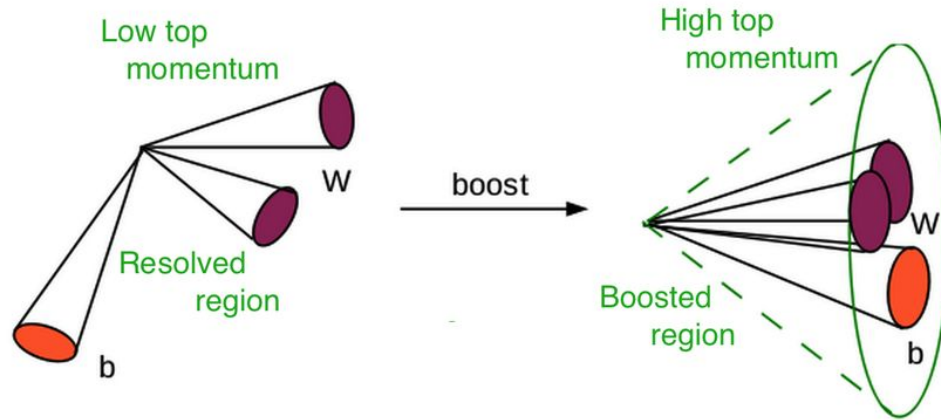
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- Models addressing **hierarchy** problems ( for **higgs** or quark masses, or **planck scale** ) foresee a new sector of physics: Compositeness, GUT models, 2HDM, Extra Dimensions.
- New **bosons** ( $Z', W', H^+, H^-$ ) or **quarks** ( $T, B, \dots$ ) with similar quantum numbers as SM ones, but different masses and couplings.

# Probing the high-energy regime: boosted topologies

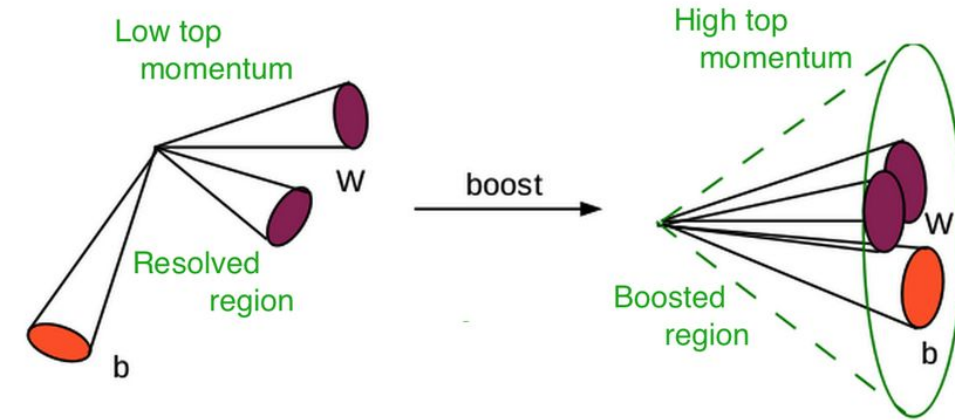
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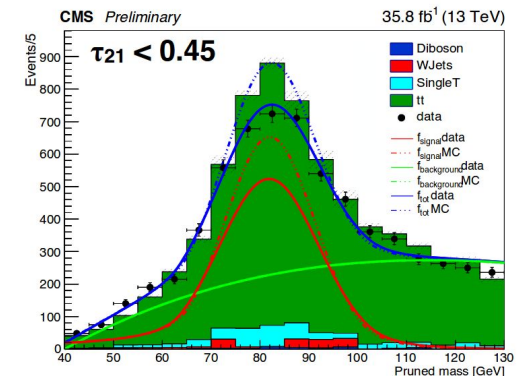
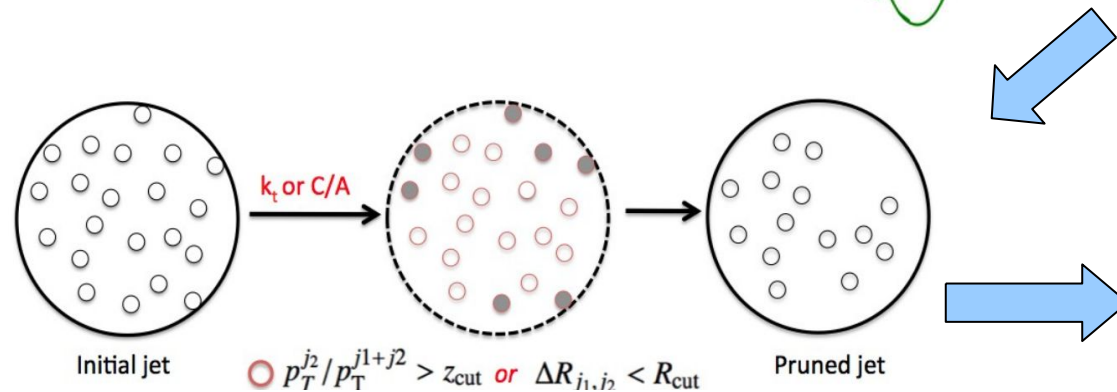
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→ **Cleaning the jet** of the extra soft radiation necessary, e.g.:

**Pruning, Filtering, Soft drop**

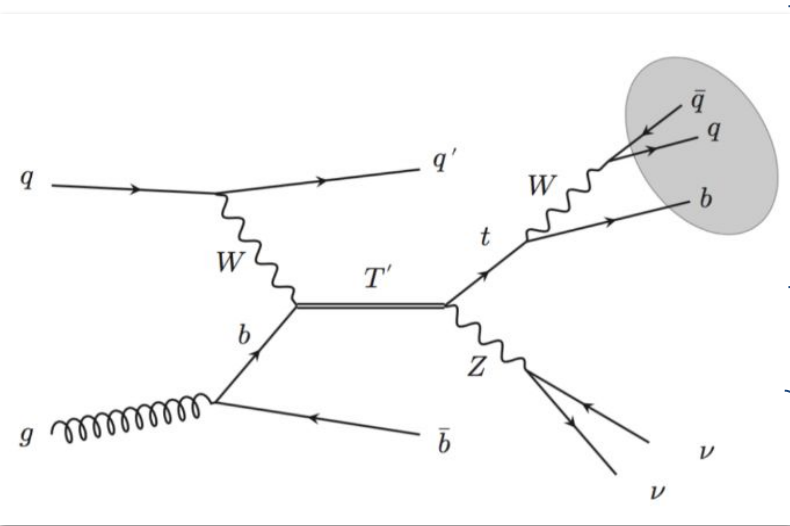


# Heavy searches: Vector Like Quarks example

## Resonance of $T'$ quarks

→ Appears in composite Higgs, Extra dimensions, ea al.

**Possible re-interpretation:** single  $t$  + DM

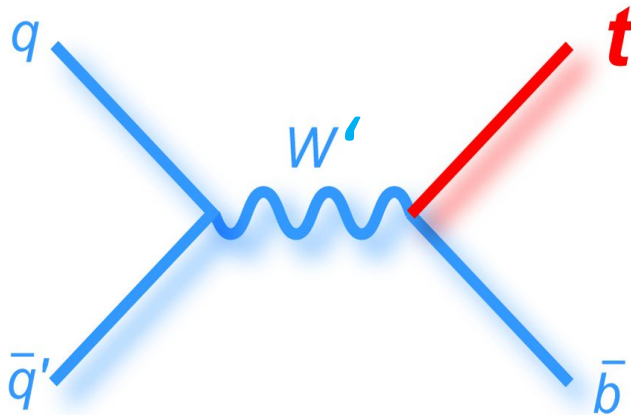


- Hadronic top-leg reconstruction:  
**1 merged top quark “jet” with substructure**

- Z-leg reconstruction:  
**Energy missing in the detector**



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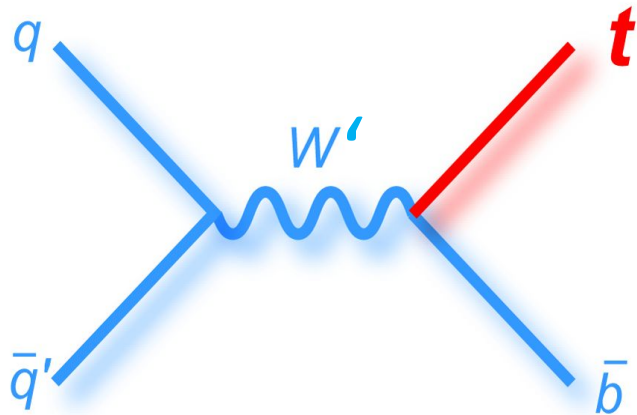
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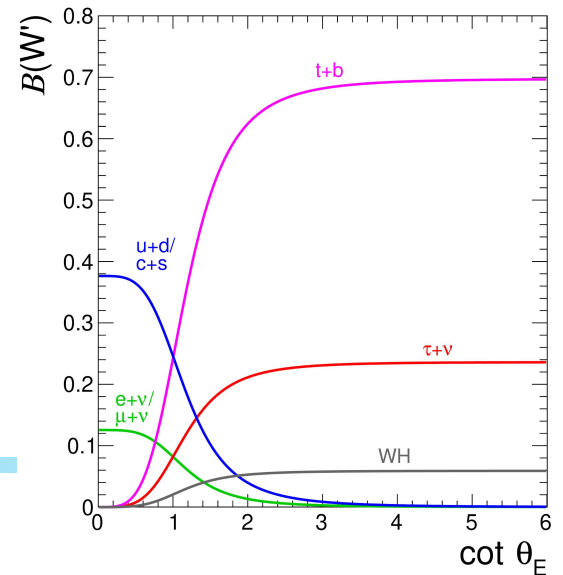
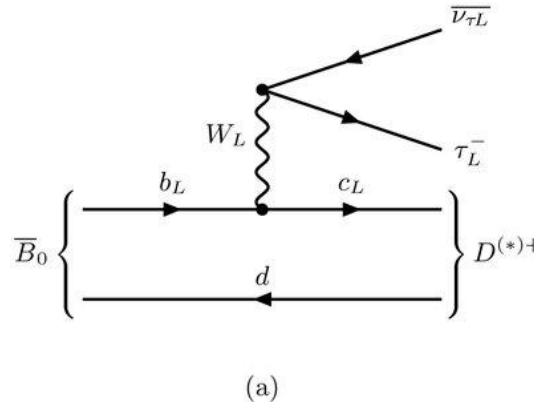
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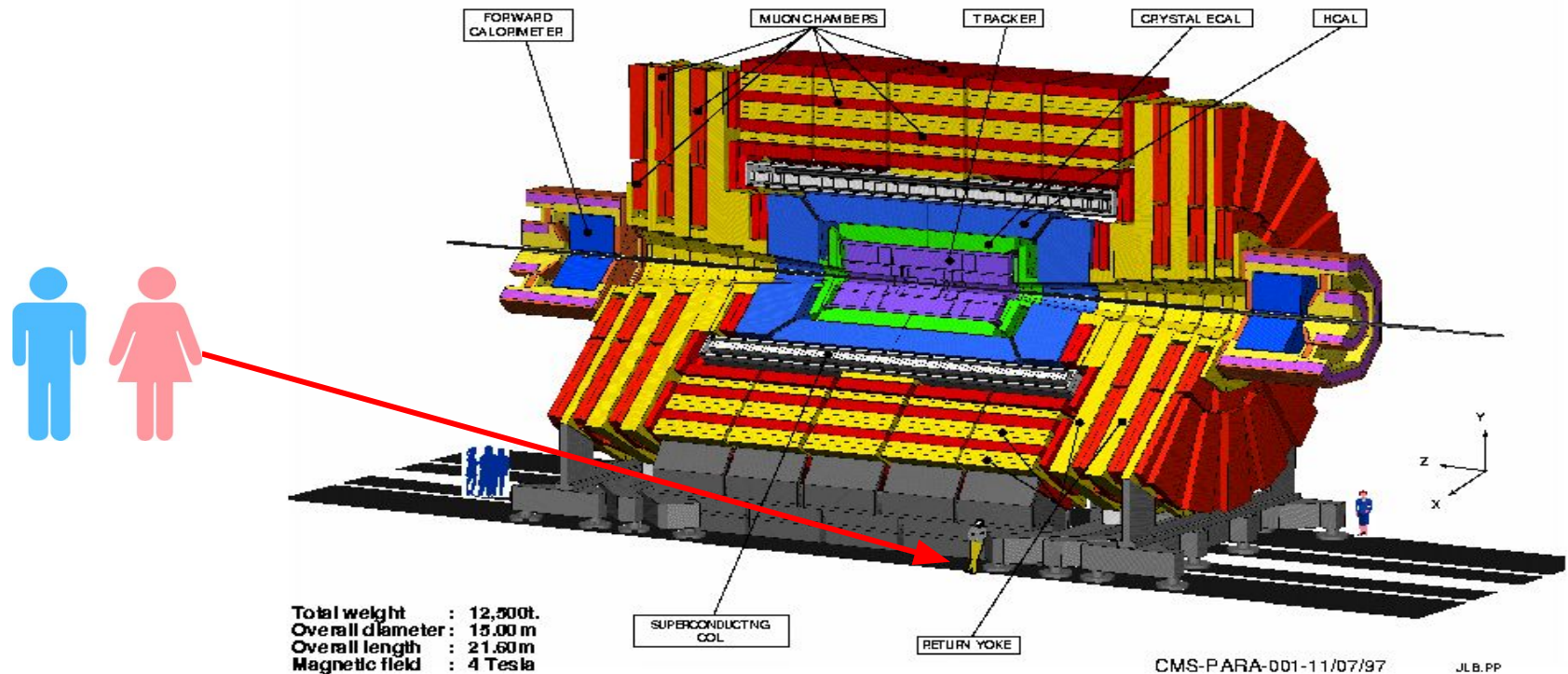
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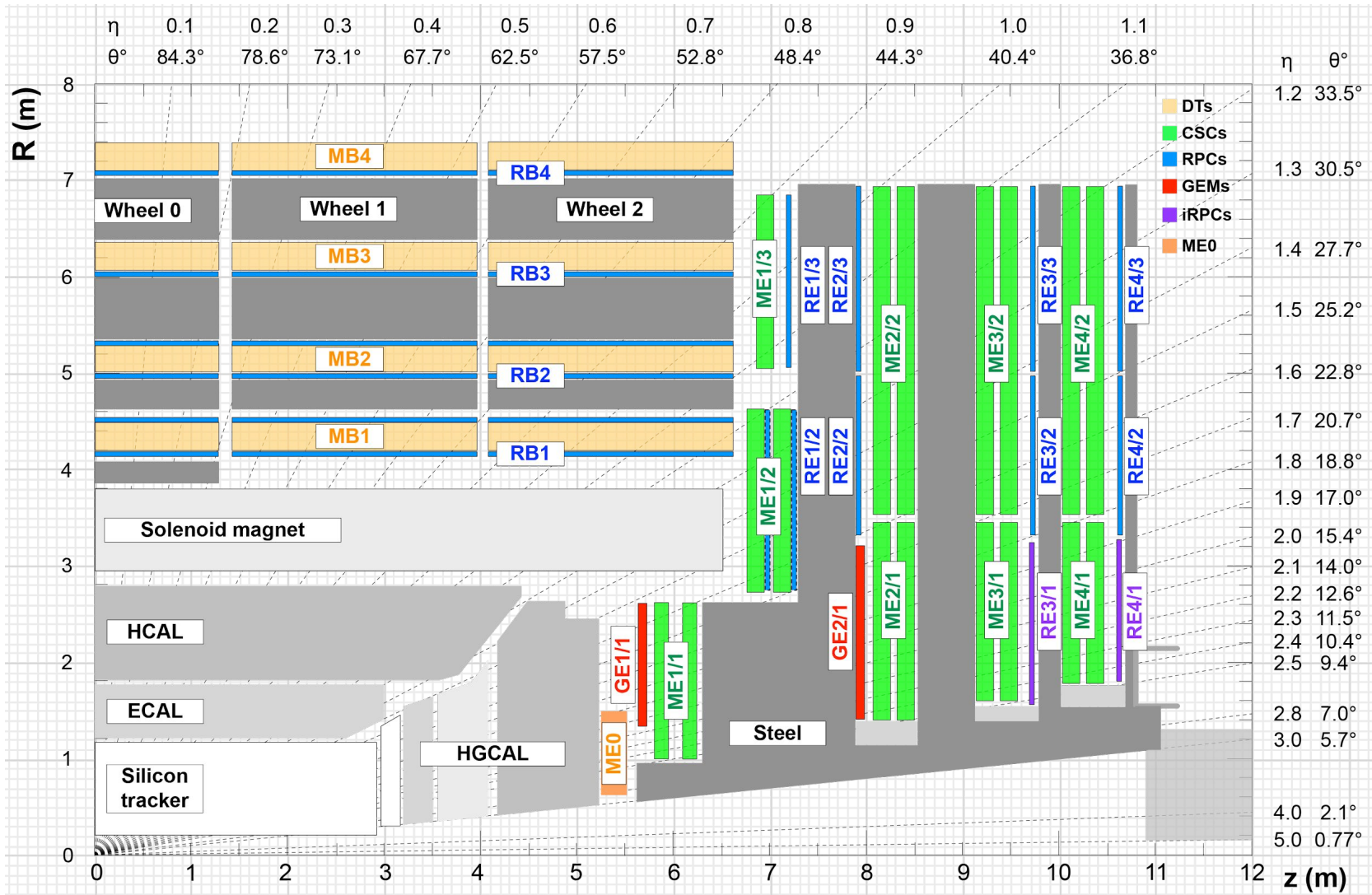
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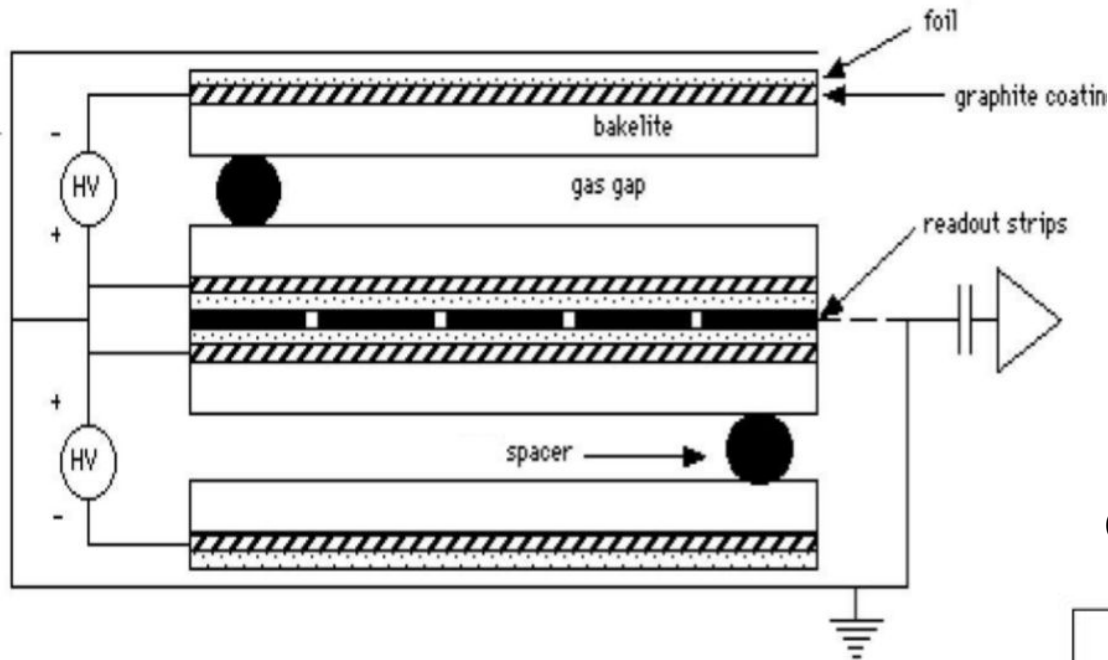
Detectors → Onion Structures:

- ❑ Inner Detector
- ❑ E.M. and Hadronic Calorimeters
- ❑ Muon Spectrometers
- ❑ Magnet System: → superconducting solenoid magnet (coils of wire)

# CMS side-view for Run-III



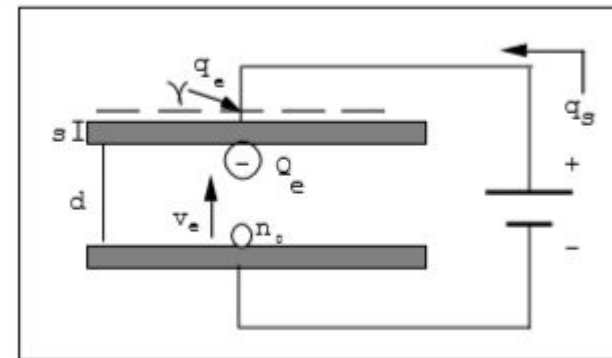
# Resistive Plate Chambers at CMS



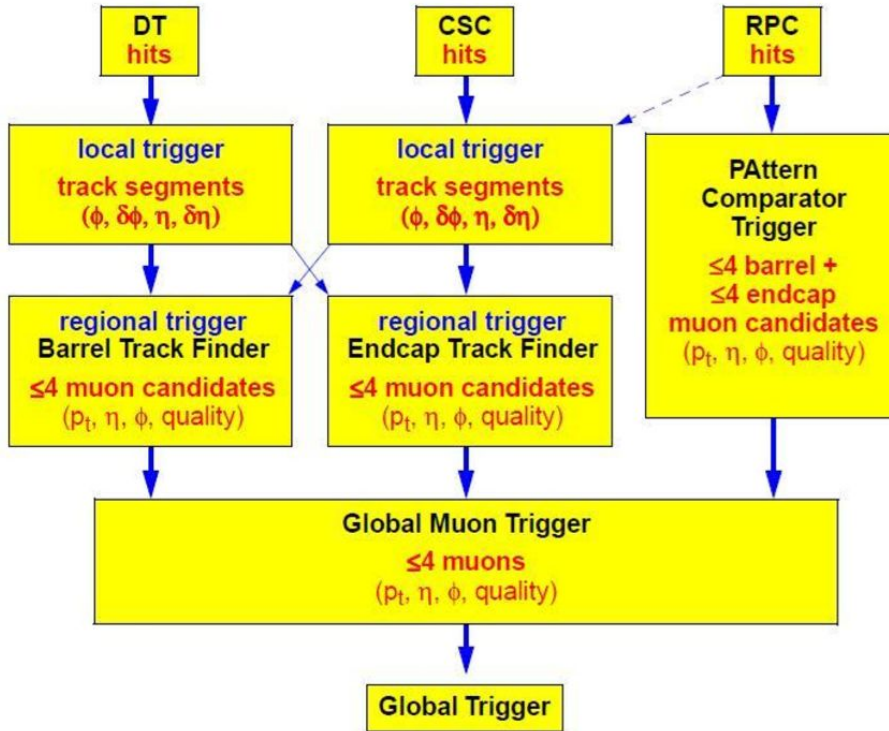
CMS requirements for RPCs

Efficiency	> 95%
Time resolution	$\leq 3$ ns (98% within 20 ns)
Average cluster size	$\leq 2$ strips
Rate capability	$\geq 1$ kHz/cm <sup>2</sup>
Power consumption	< 2-3 W/m <sup>2</sup>
Operation plateau	> 300 V
# Streamers	< 10%

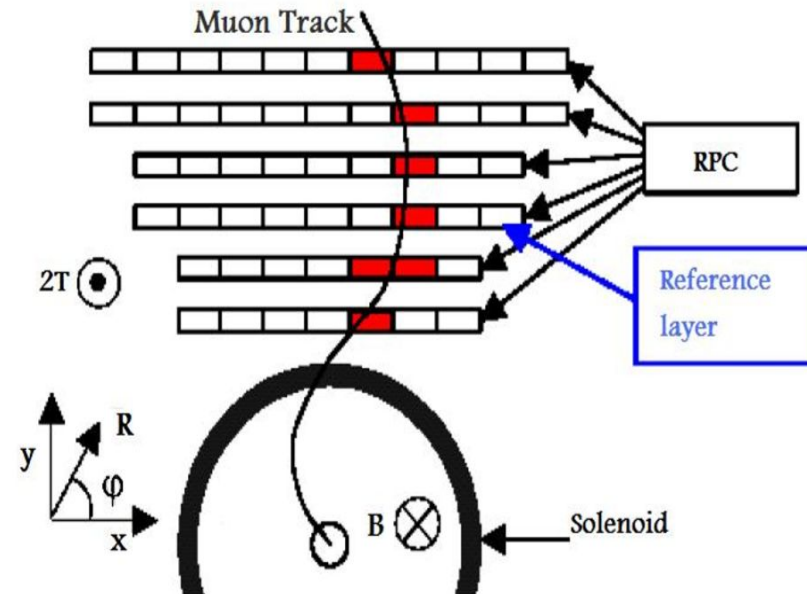
Charge formation model:



# Muon System and RPC trigger:



## RPC: Pattern Comparator Trigger PACT



# Muon System specifications:

Muon subsystem	Drift Tubes (DT)	Cathode Strip Chambers (CSC)	Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC)
Function	Tracking, $p_T$ trigger, BX ID	Tracking, $p_T$ trigger, BX ID	$p_T$ trigger, BX ID
$ \eta $ range	0.0–1.2	0.9–2.4	0.0–1.6
No. of stations	4	4 (no ME4/2 ring)	Barrel 4; Endcap 3
No. of layers	$r$ - $\phi$ : 8, $z$ : 4	6	2 in RB1 and RB2; 1 elsewhere
No. of chambers	250	468	Barrel 480; Endcap 432
No. of channels	172 000	Strips 220 000; Wire groups 183 000	Barrel 68 000; Endcap 41 000
Design position resolution ( $\sigma$ ) for perpendicular tracks	per wire $250 \mu\text{m}$ ; $r$ - $\phi$ (6/8 pts) $100 \mu\text{m}$ ; $z$ (3/4 pts) $150 \mu\text{m}$	per chamber $r$ - $\phi$ (6 pts) ME1/1, ME1/2 $75 \mu\text{m}$ other CSCs $150 \mu\text{m}$ ; $r$ (6 pts) 1.9–6.0 mm	Strip size (on the order of a centimeter)
Design time resolution	5 ns	6 ns	3 ns

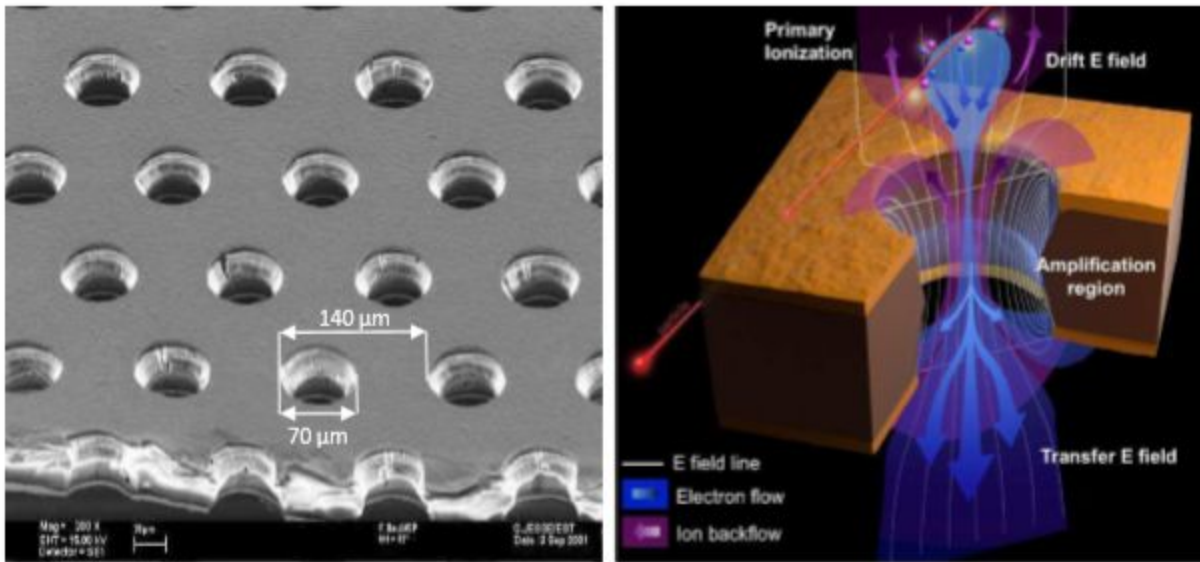
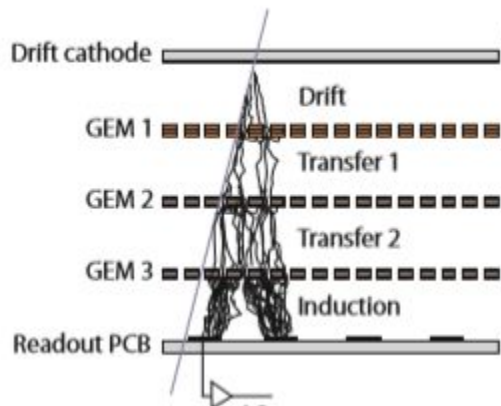


Figure 2.1: Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) picture of a GEM foil (left) [10] and schematic view of the electric field lines (white), electron flow (blue), and ion flow (purple) through a bi-conical GEM hole (right). The outer diameters of the hole are  $70 \mu\text{m}$  and the inner diameter is  $50 \mu\text{m}$ ; the hole pitch is  $140 \mu\text{m}$ .



## CMS Requirements for GEM:

- Maximum geometric acceptance within the given CMS envelope.
- Rate capability of  $10 \text{ kHz}/\text{cm}^2$  or better.
- Single-chamber efficiency of 97% or better for detecting minimum ionizing particles.
- Angular resolution of  $300 \mu\text{rad}$  or better on  $\Delta\phi = \phi_{GE1/1} - \phi_{ME1/1}$
- Timing resolution of 10 ns or better for a single chamber.
- Gain uniformity of 15% or better across a chamber and between chambers.

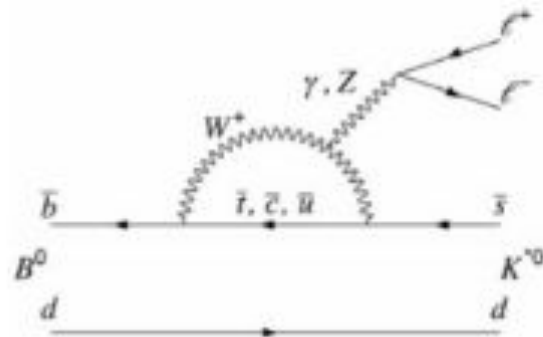


# B-flavor anomalies

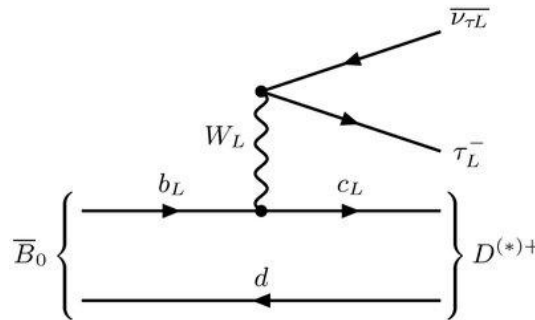
Anomalous measurement

$$R(K^*) = \frac{BR(B^0 \rightarrow K^* \mu \mu)}{BR(B^0 \rightarrow K^* e e)}$$

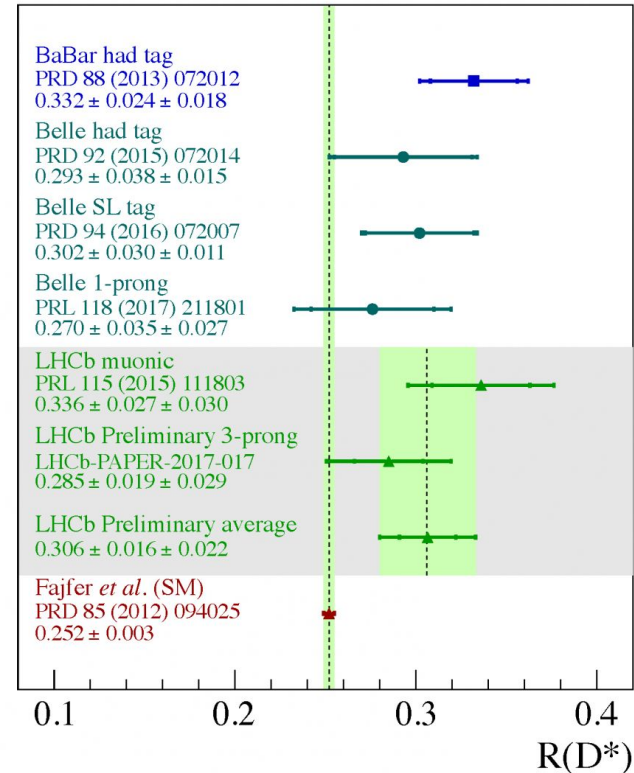
Possible bsm contribution



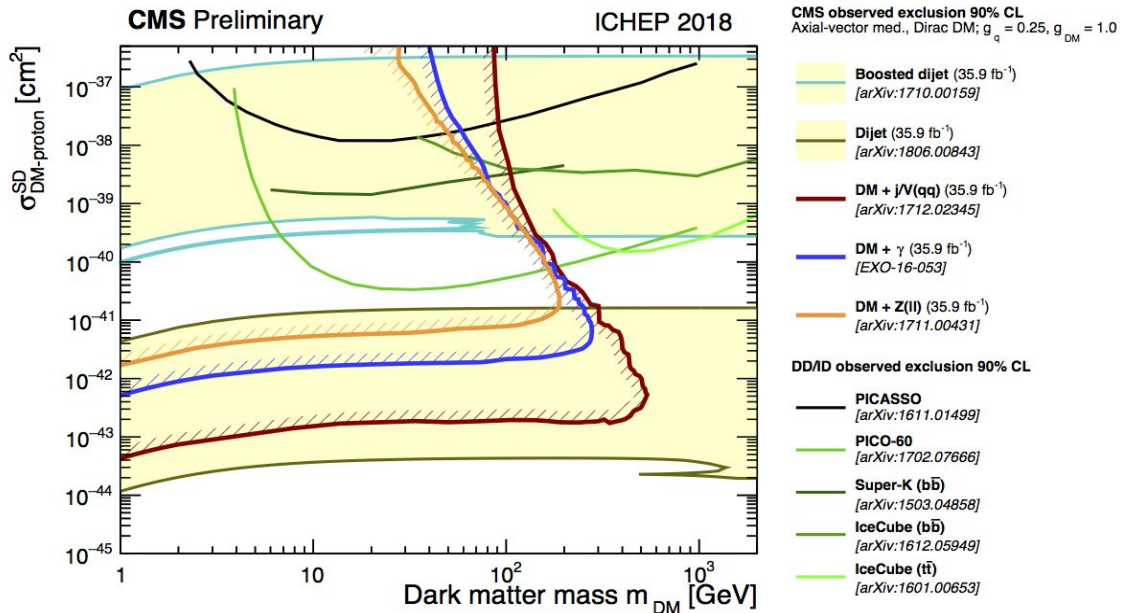
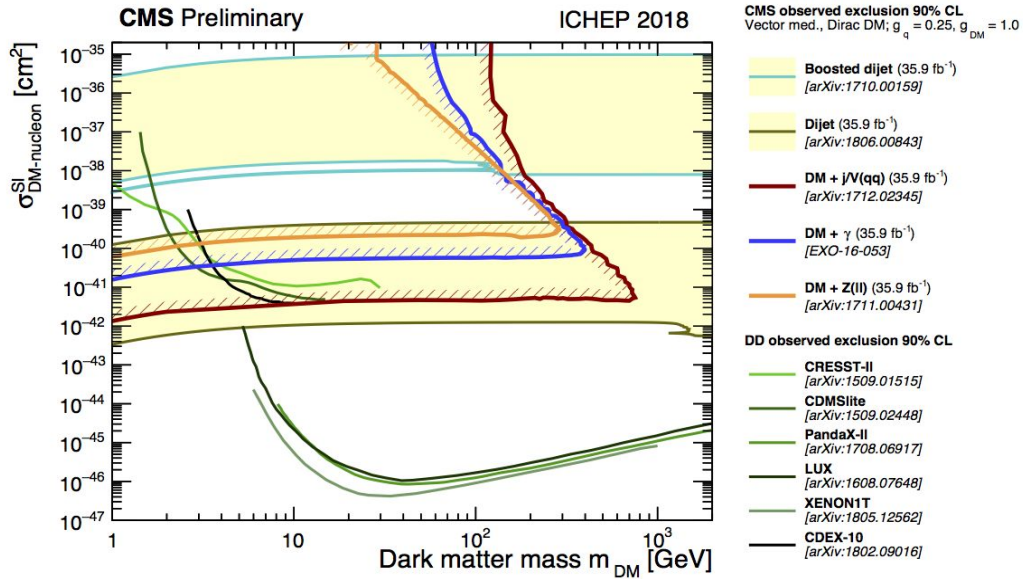
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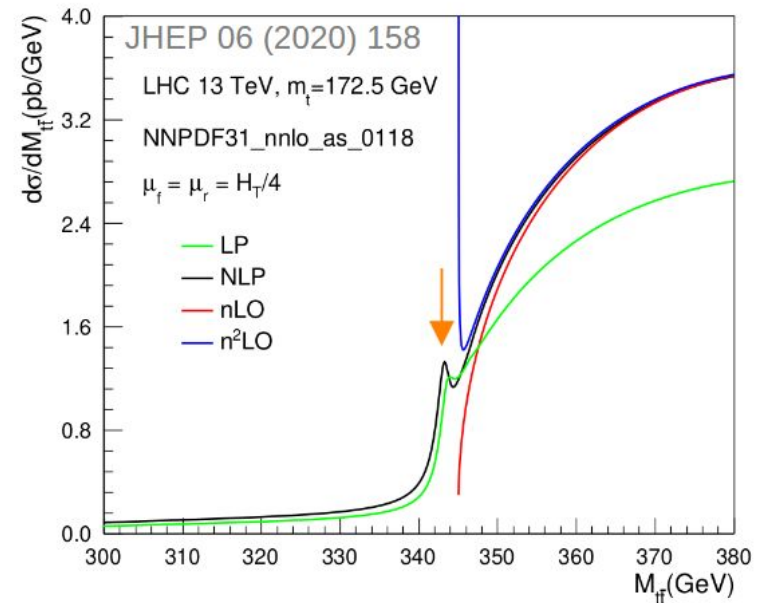
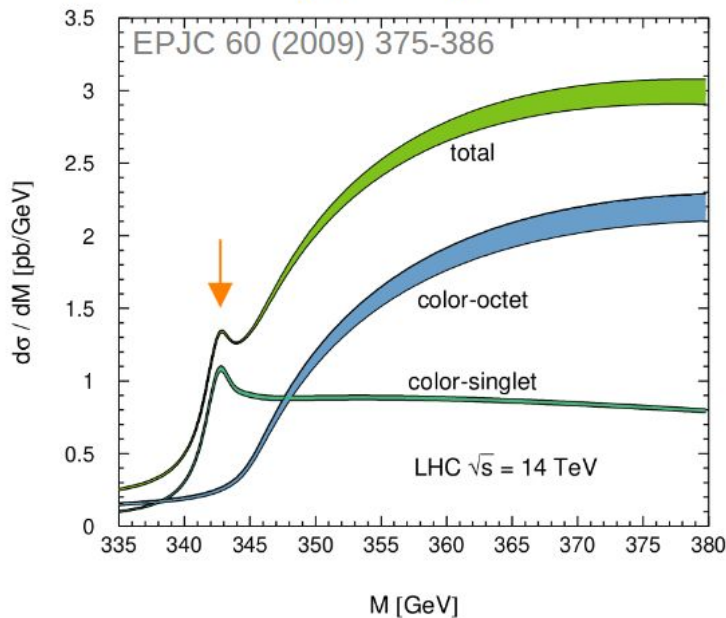


# Dark Matter summary plots



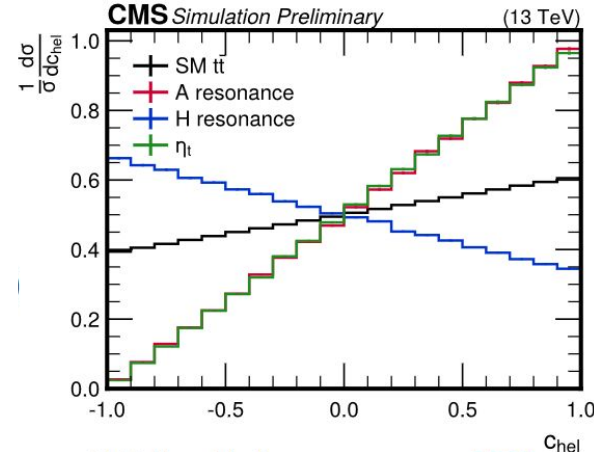
# $t\bar{t}$ bound states

- SM predicts  $t\bar{t}$  (quasi-)bound states below the  $t\bar{t}$  threshold



- So far not observed!
- Dominant component: pseudoscalar – can we search for it?

Bins : cut in an helicity variable specific feature of a pseudoscalar resonance



**CMS Preliminary**

$l, \geq 4j$

138 fb<sup>-1</sup>, Run 2 (13 TeV)

