

# SEARCH FOR NEW PHYSICS AT THE LHC

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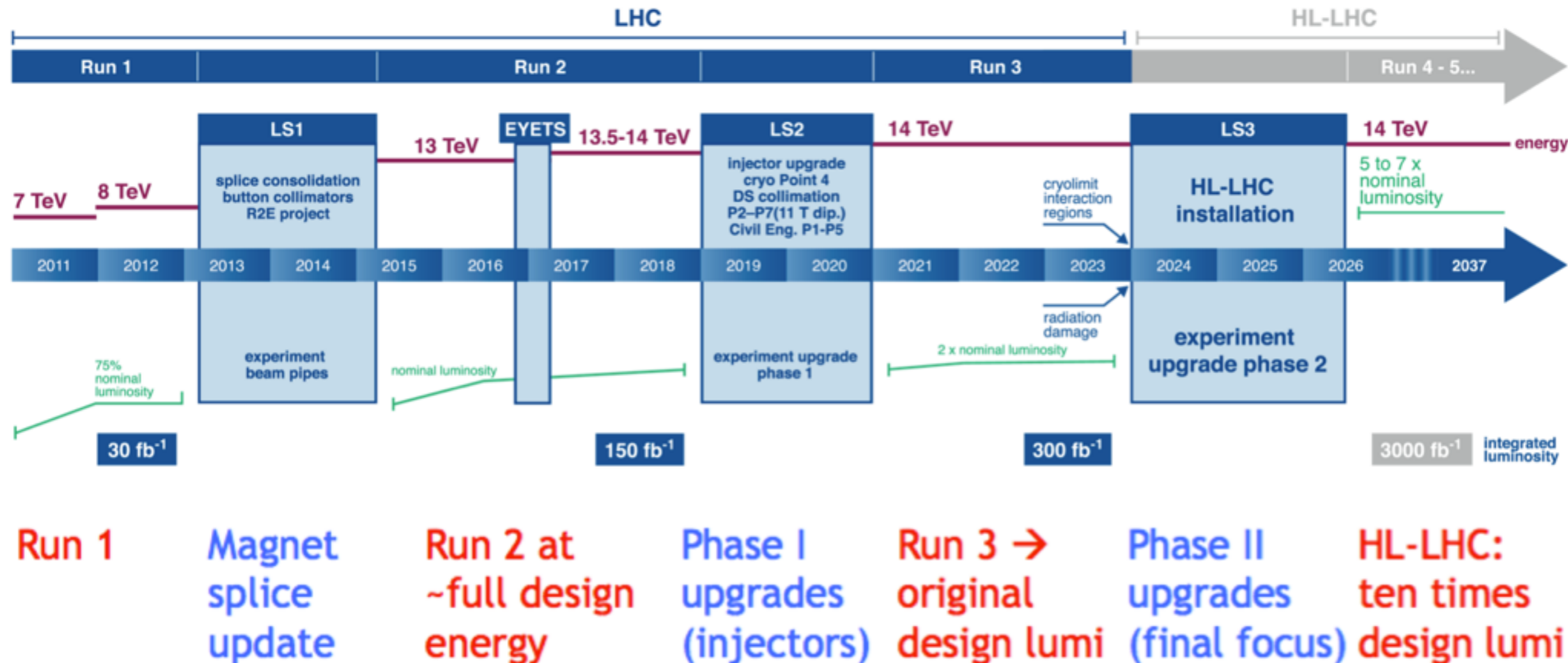
# BRIEF OUTLINE

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- **Summary of current new physics searches at the LHC (ATLAS and CMS)**
  - focus on resonances, dark matter searches, long-lived particles
  - many other scenarios not discussed, e.g. SUSY
- **Some perspectives**
  - how do we do in the next 10 years or so?
- **Link to the activities of the department**

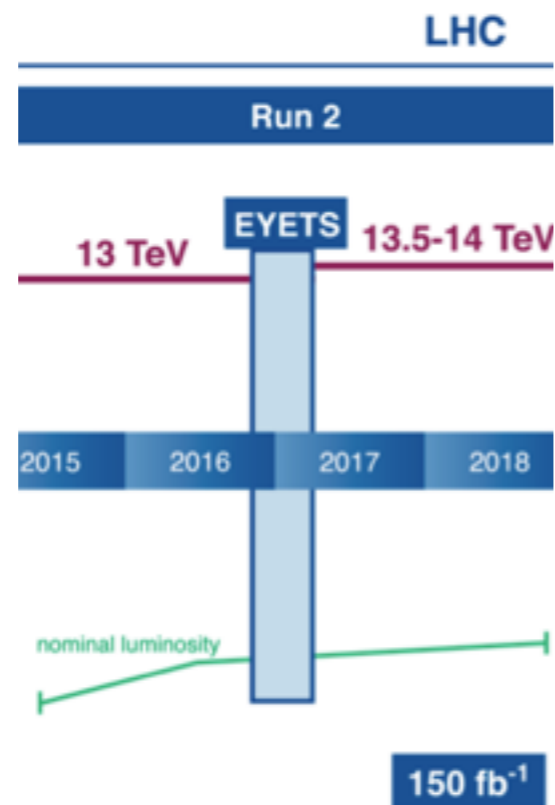
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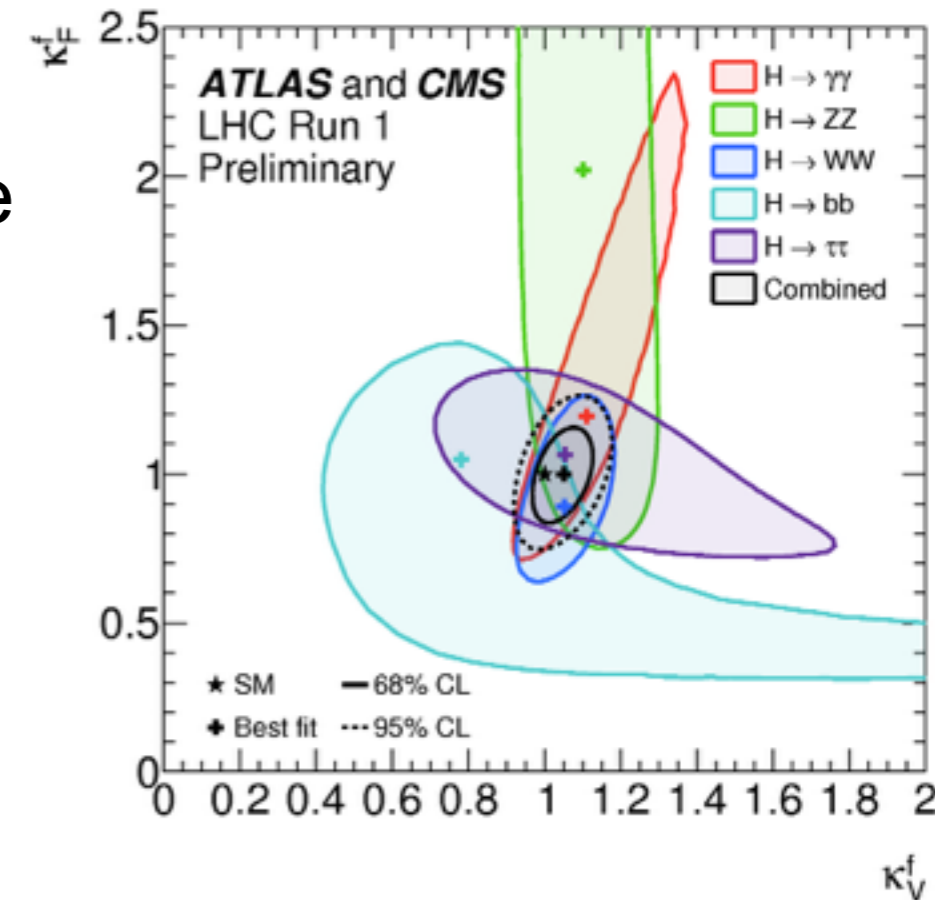
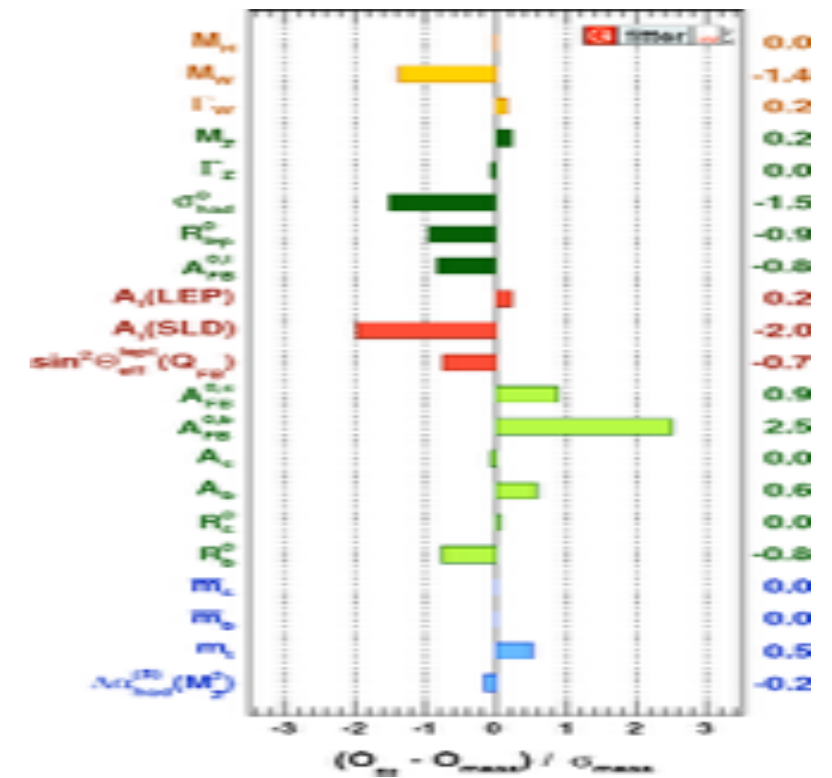


I will talk mainly about this period, now to 2018-2020

Run 2 at  
~full design  
energy

# WHY NEW PHYSICS? SM LOOKS HEALTHY

- **Precision tests successful (e.g. LEP)**
  - small discrepancies but not so worrisome
- **Higgs was predicted and then discovered (by LHC)**
  - present measurements indicate it is SM-like
- **Why looking for something else?**



# OPEN ISSUES (JUST A FEW)

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1. Why only **three families of leptons and quarks**?
2. Why **four fundamental interactions and not one**?
  - unification is impossible even at very large energies
3. Why **gravity is so weak**?
  - 40 orders of magnitude weaker than e-m!
4. Why only **5% of matter is made of ordinary SM particles**?
  - what is the dark matter?
5. Why the most massive particle (**top**) is “**only**” **200 time heavier than the proton**?
  - desert above 170 GeV

# FEW SOLUTIONS

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- **Supersymmetry**
  - may predict heavy resonances
  - may explain dark matter
  - some new SUSY particles can be long-lived
- **Extra Dimensions**
  - may predict heavy resonances
- **Weakly interacting particles**
  - candidates for dark matter
  - interact with ordinary matter via new mediators (which would represent new resonances)
- ...

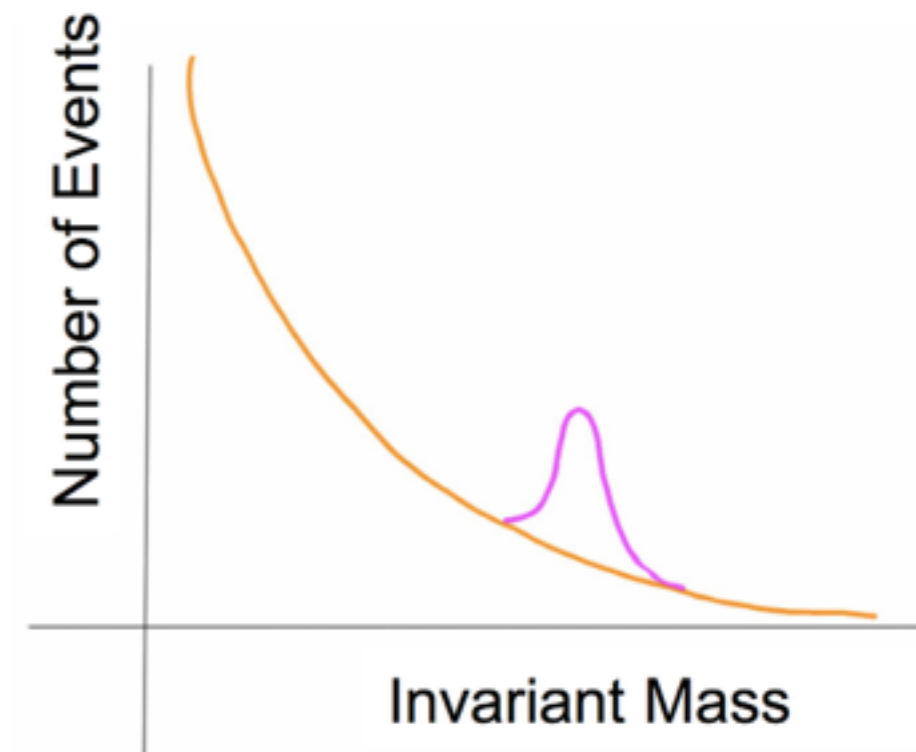
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- Fully reconstructed resonances represent **the simplest way to discover new particles**
  - striking and incontrovertible signature
- **A statistically significant peak over a smooth background**
  - experimentally robust
  - small systematics
  - difficult for unknown backgrounds to mimic
- The **most important search method when new energies** are explored
  - the goal of LHC
  - particularly relevant at start-up (Run2)



# RESONANCES IN PAST DISCOVERIES

## J/psi

## Higgs

## Z

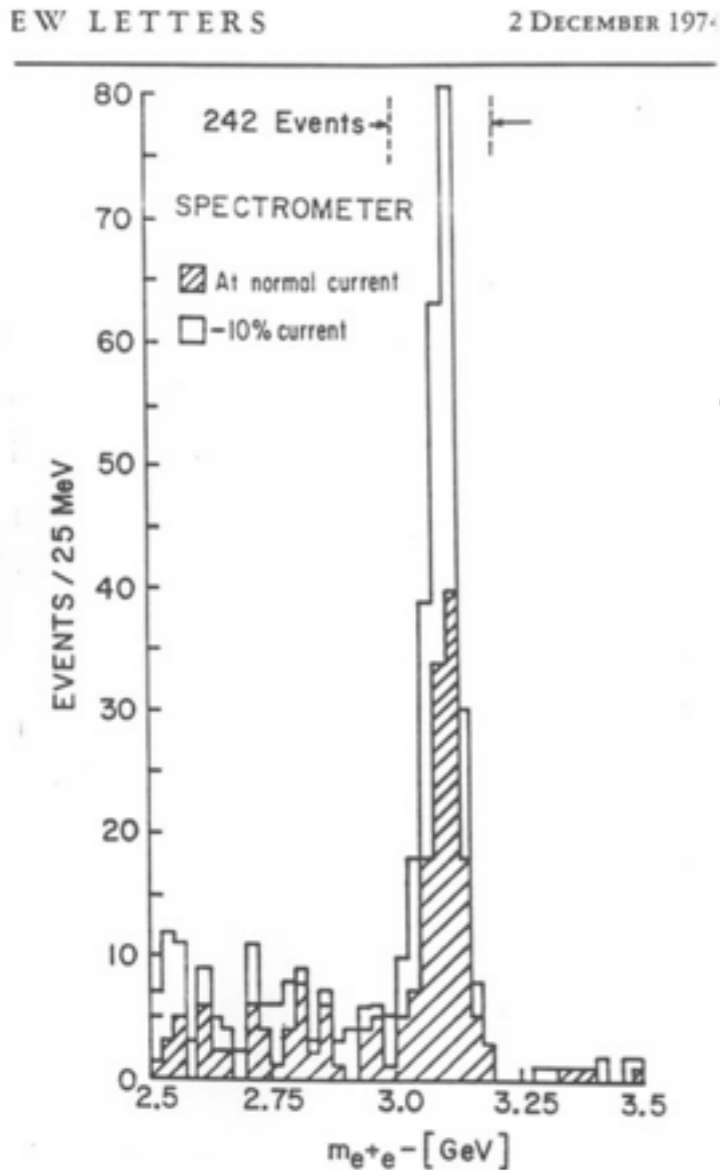
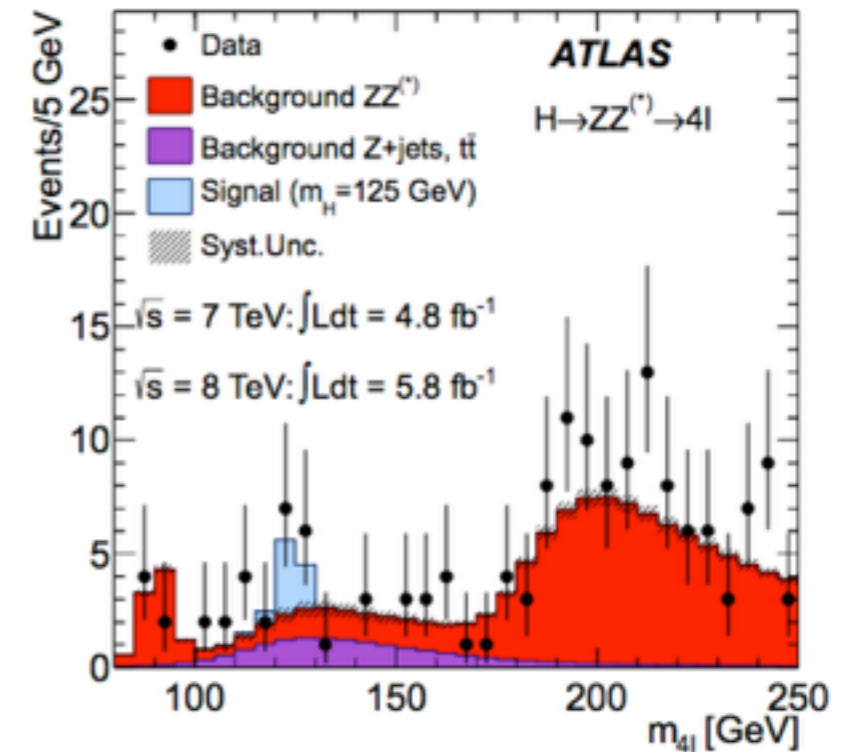
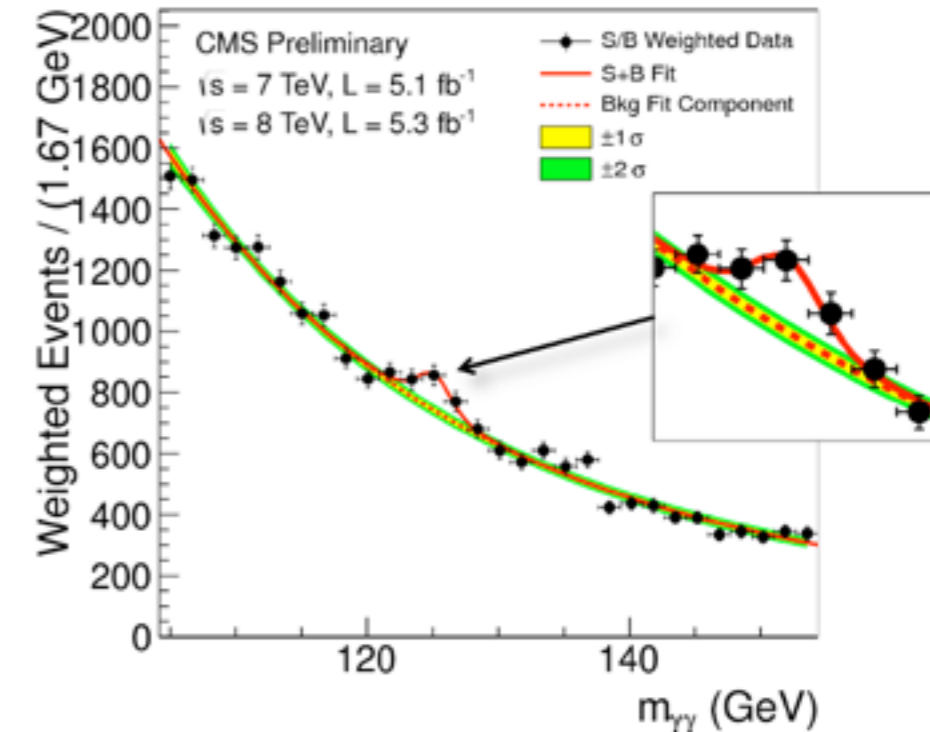
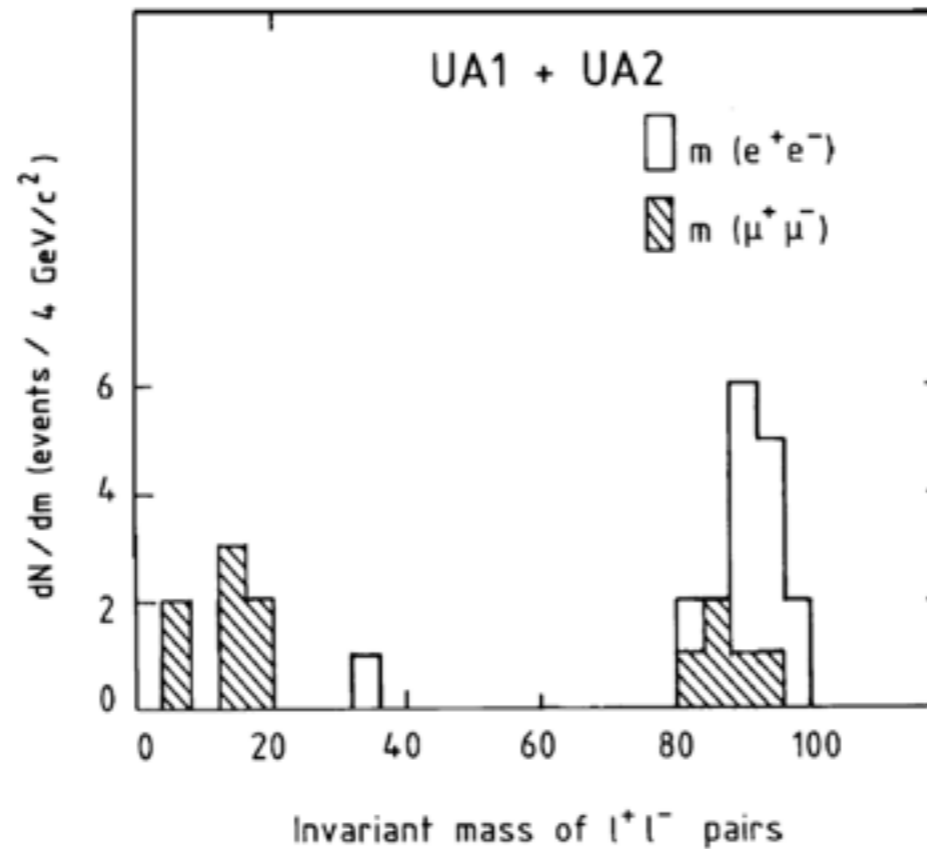
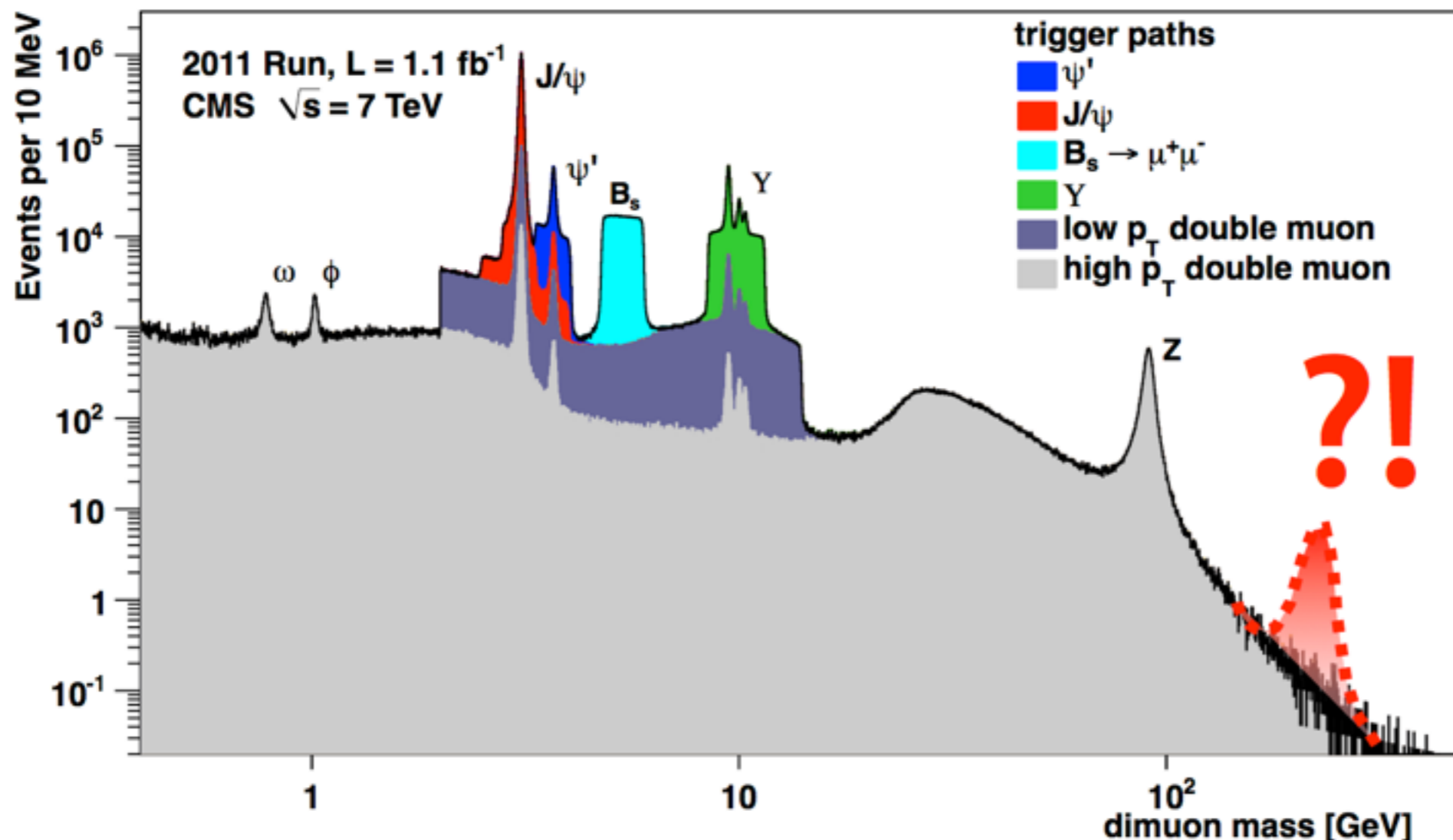


FIG. 2. Mass spectrum showing the existence of  $J/\psi$ . Results from two spectrometer settings are plotted showing that the peak is independent of spectrometer currents. The run at reduced current was taken two months later than the normal run.



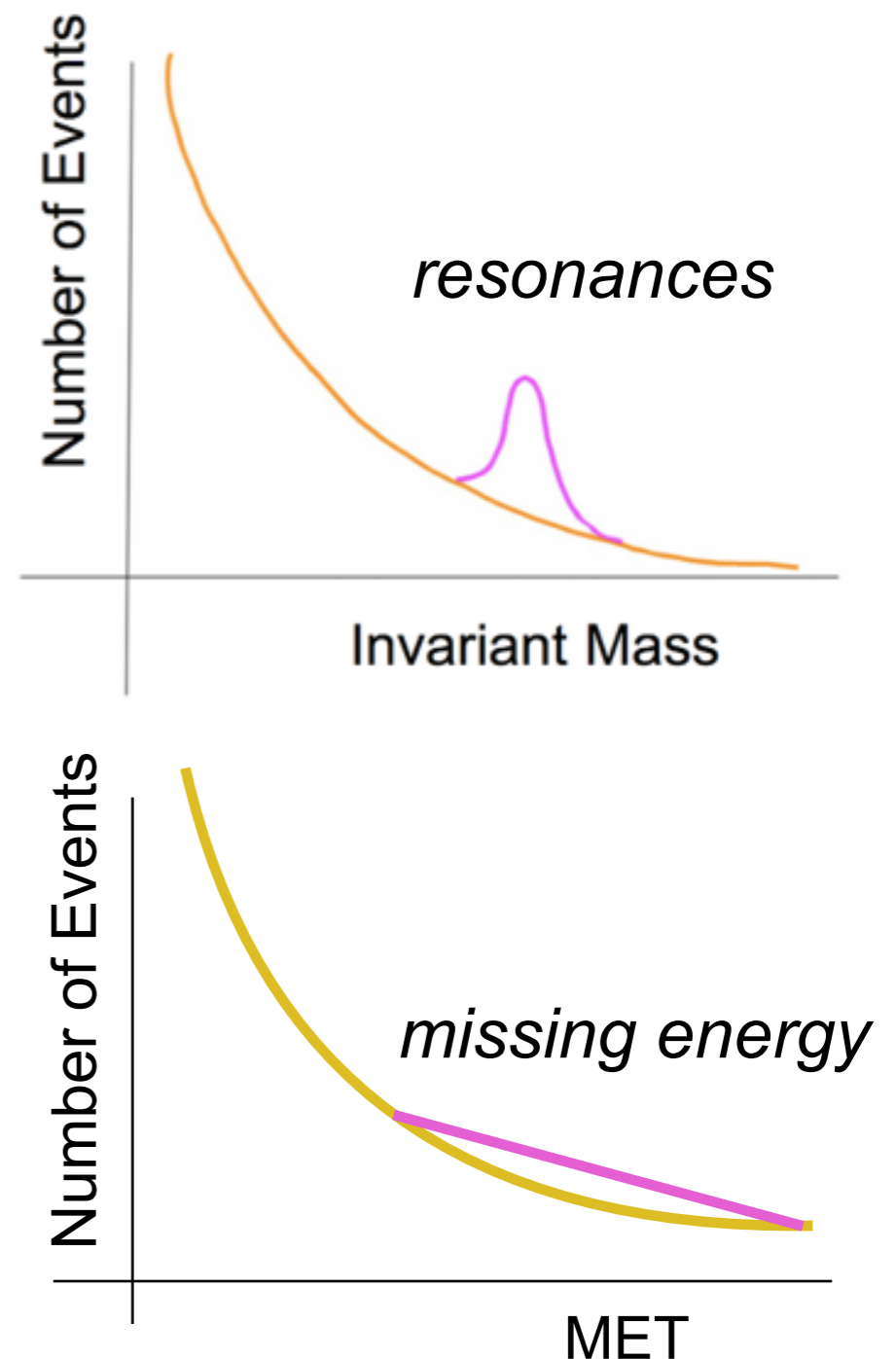
# PROS IN HIGH MASS SEARCHES

- Searches with **small systematics**
  - compared to searches based on tails (Missing ET)
- **Model-independent probe** to new physics
- Predicted in **many beyond SM scenarios**



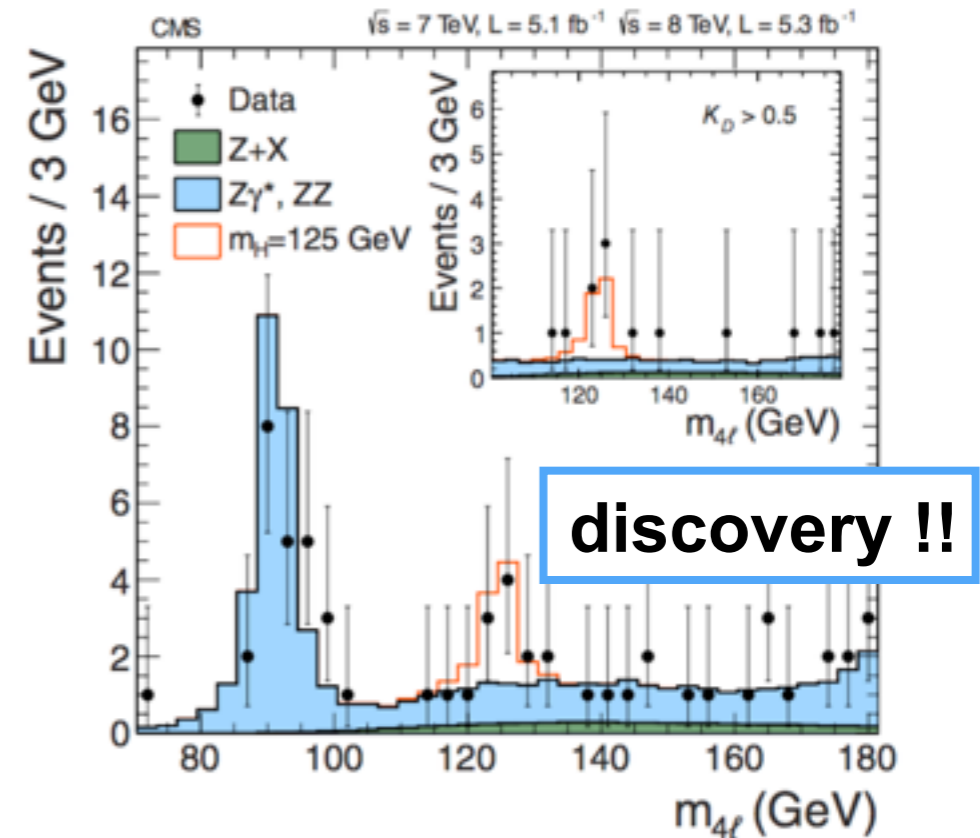
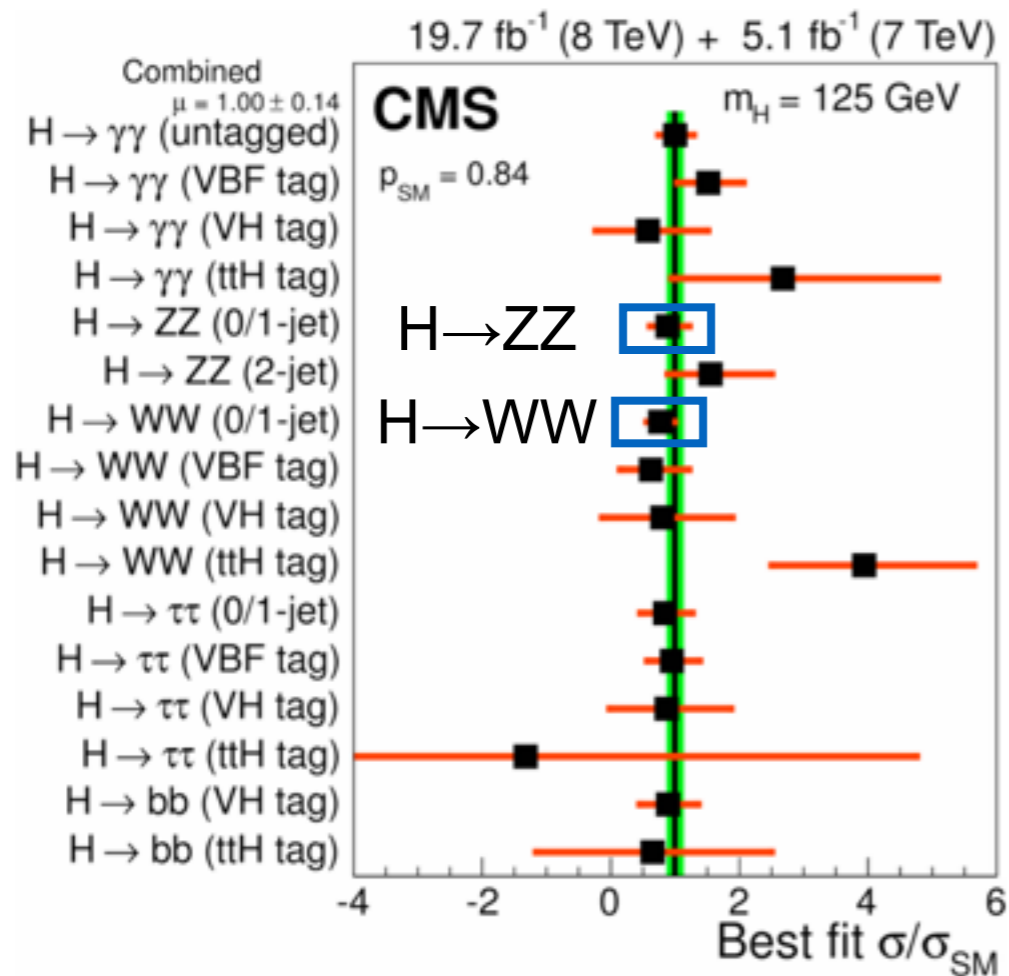
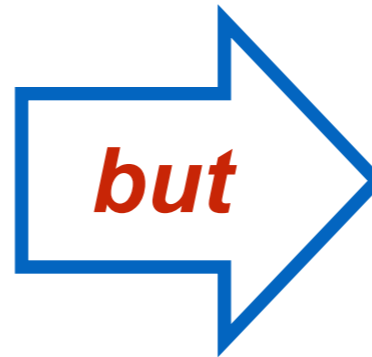
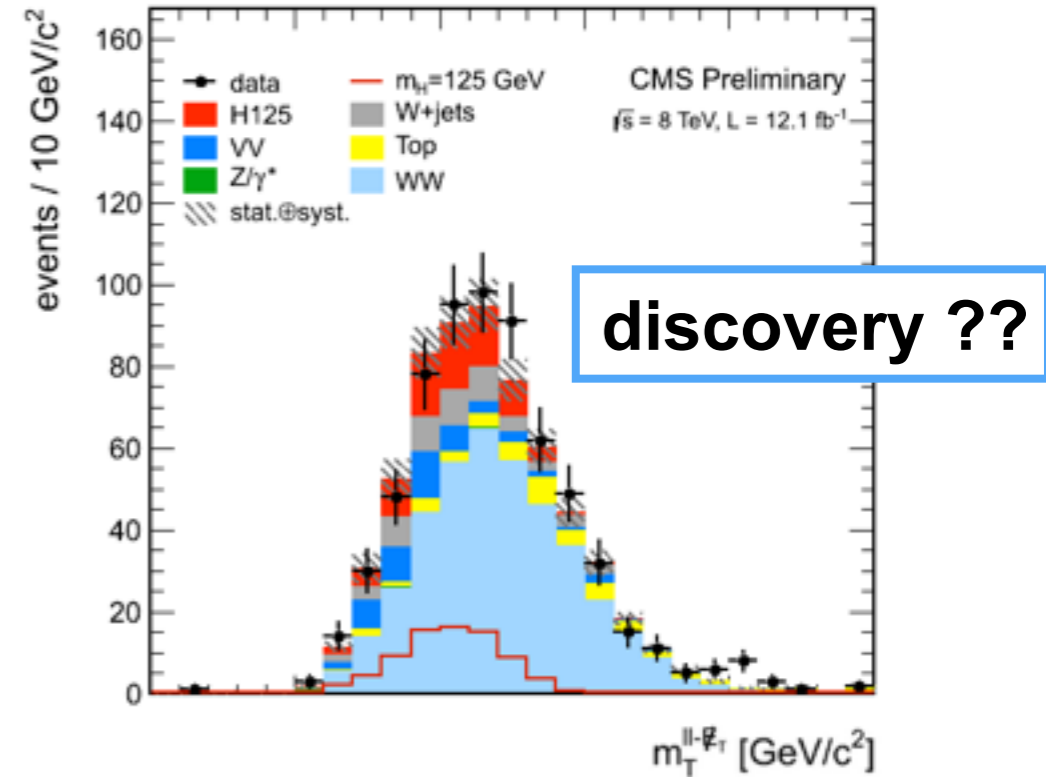
# RESONANCES VS MISSING ENERGY

- Resonances are **not the only candle** to find new physics
- **Missing energy (MET)** if weakly interacting particles are involved (Dark Matter, SUSY, etc...)
- Striking signatures but **sensitive to tails in detector**
  - noise, dead hot channels, calibrations
- **MET powerful to set limits, complicated to claim discoveries**



# EXAMPLE: $H \rightarrow ZZ$ vs $H \rightarrow WW$

Decay channel	Branching ratio [%]	
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$57.5 \pm 1.9$	
$H \rightarrow WW$	$21.6 \pm 0.9$	<i>includes MET</i>
$H \rightarrow gg$	$8.56 \pm 0.86$	
$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	$6.30 \pm 0.36$	
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	$2.90 \pm 0.35$	
$H \rightarrow ZZ$	$2.67 \pm 0.11$	<i>fully reco'ed</i>
$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$0.228 \pm 0.011$	
$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$	$0.155 \pm 0.014$	
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$	$0.022 \pm 0.001$	



# FROM THEORY TO SIGNATURES

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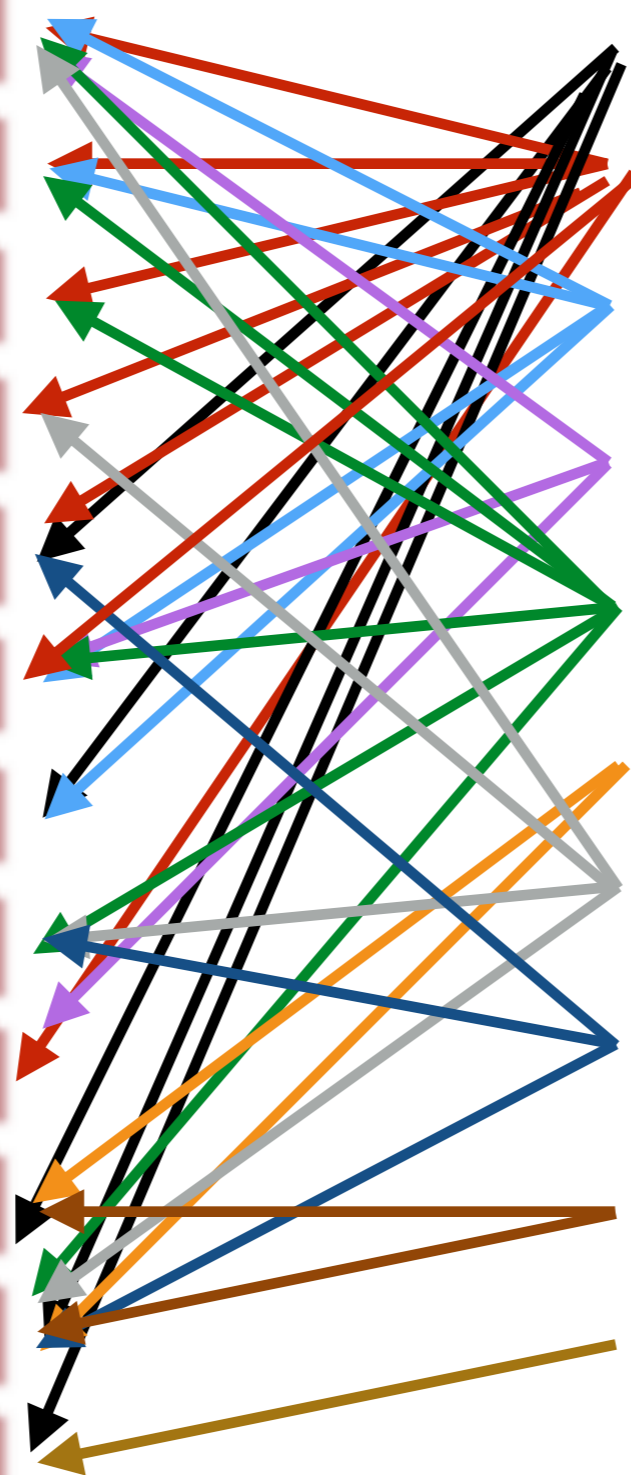
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*lesson #1 for experimentalists: there are many theory models predicting whatever final state you like*

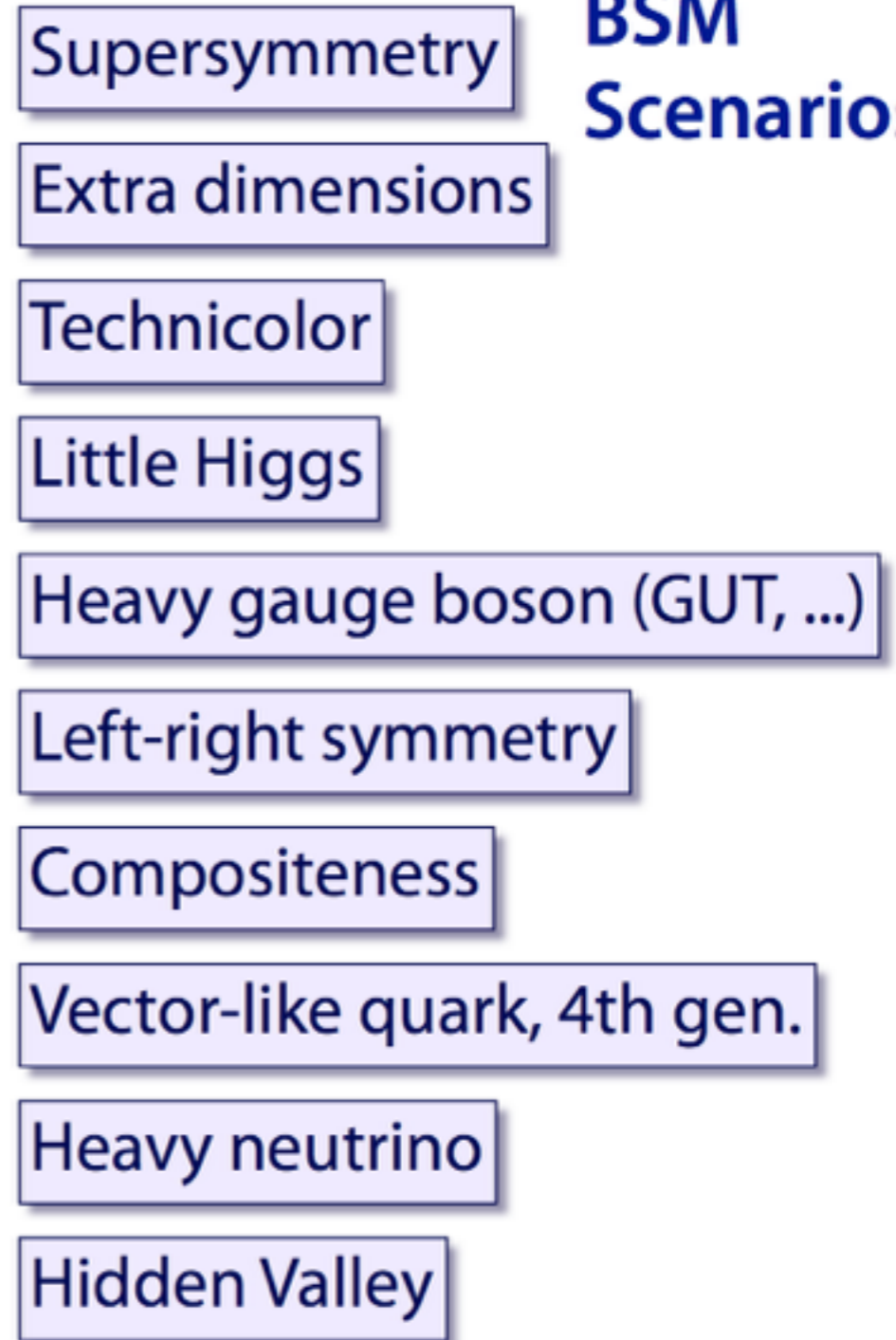


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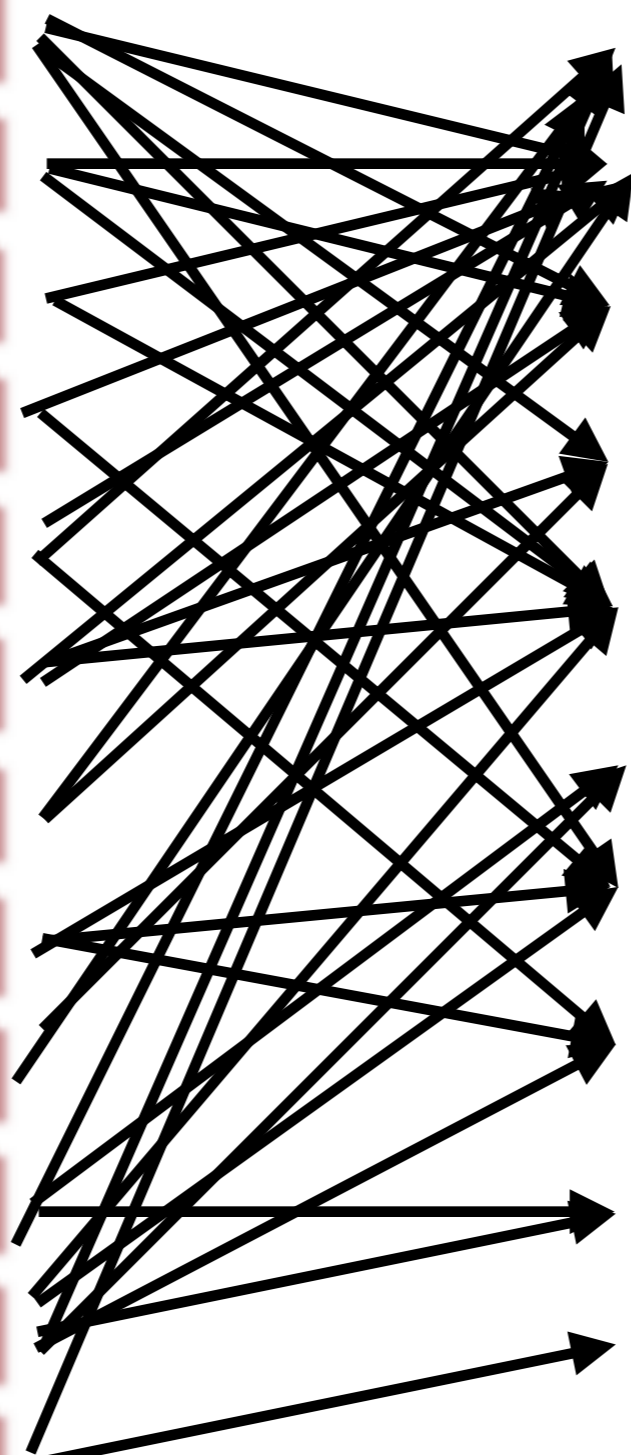
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*lesson #2 for experimentalists: study a clean and striking signature. If (not) found, interpret the result*

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**This  
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## **Biased list!**

- corresponds to some of the signatures with largest discovery potential at the start of Run2

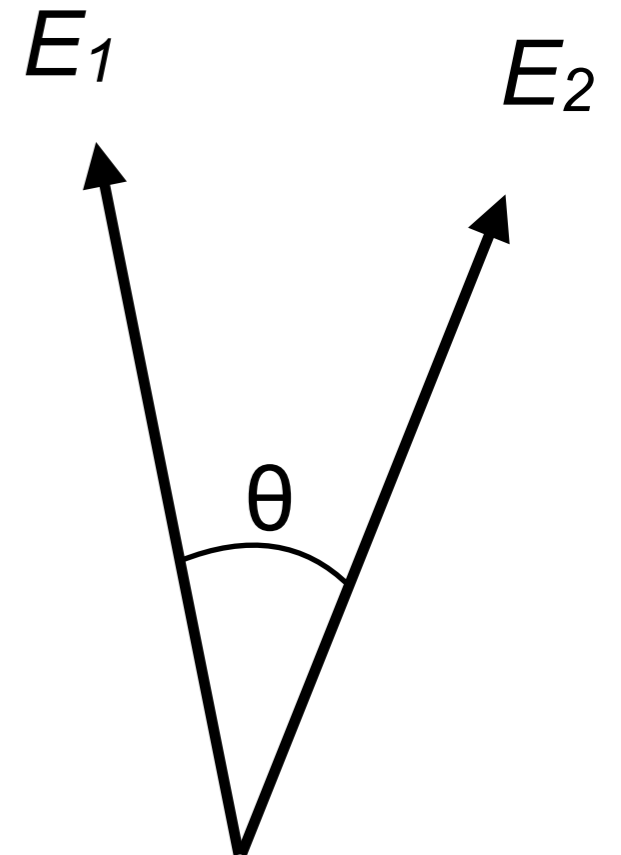
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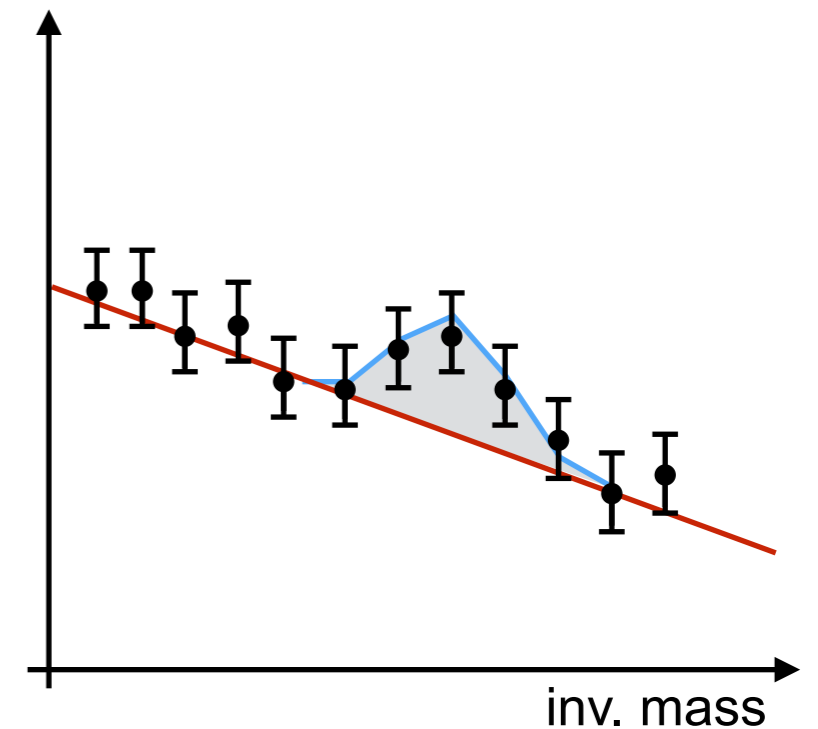
at high energies

$$M = \sqrt{2E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos\theta)}$$



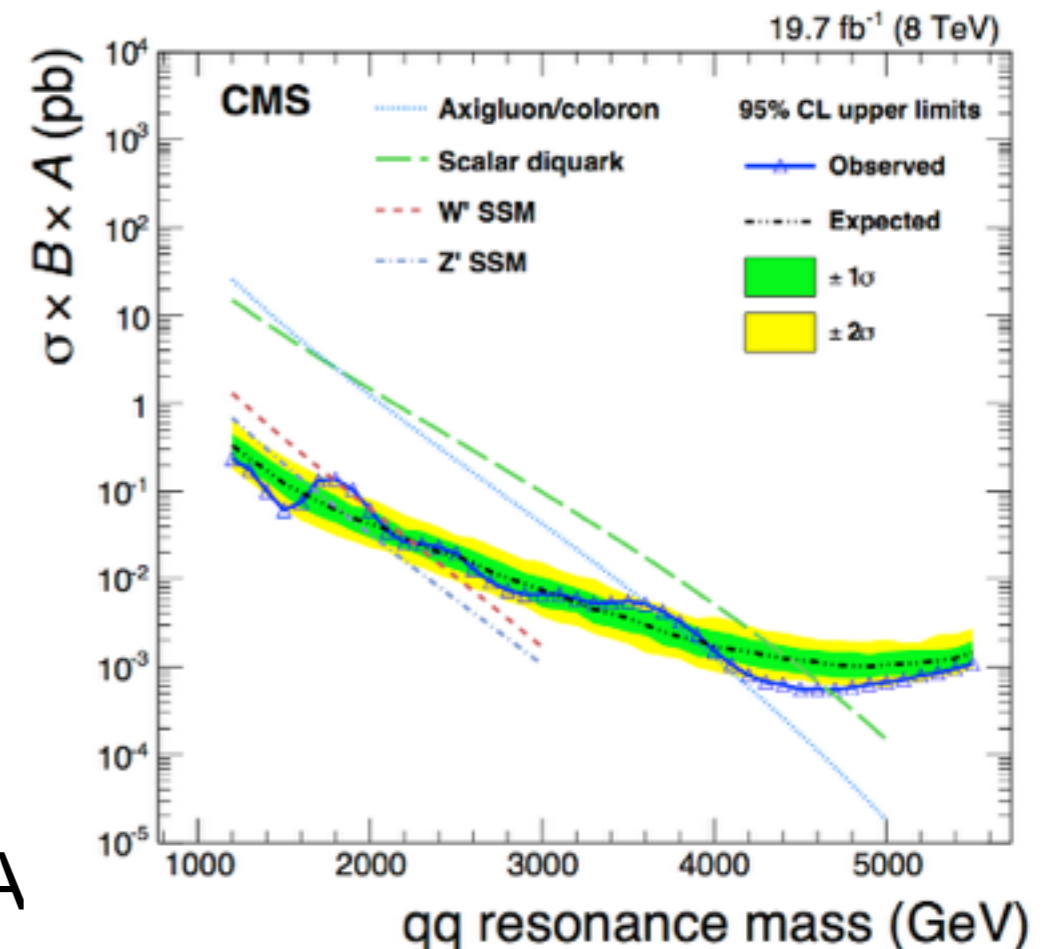
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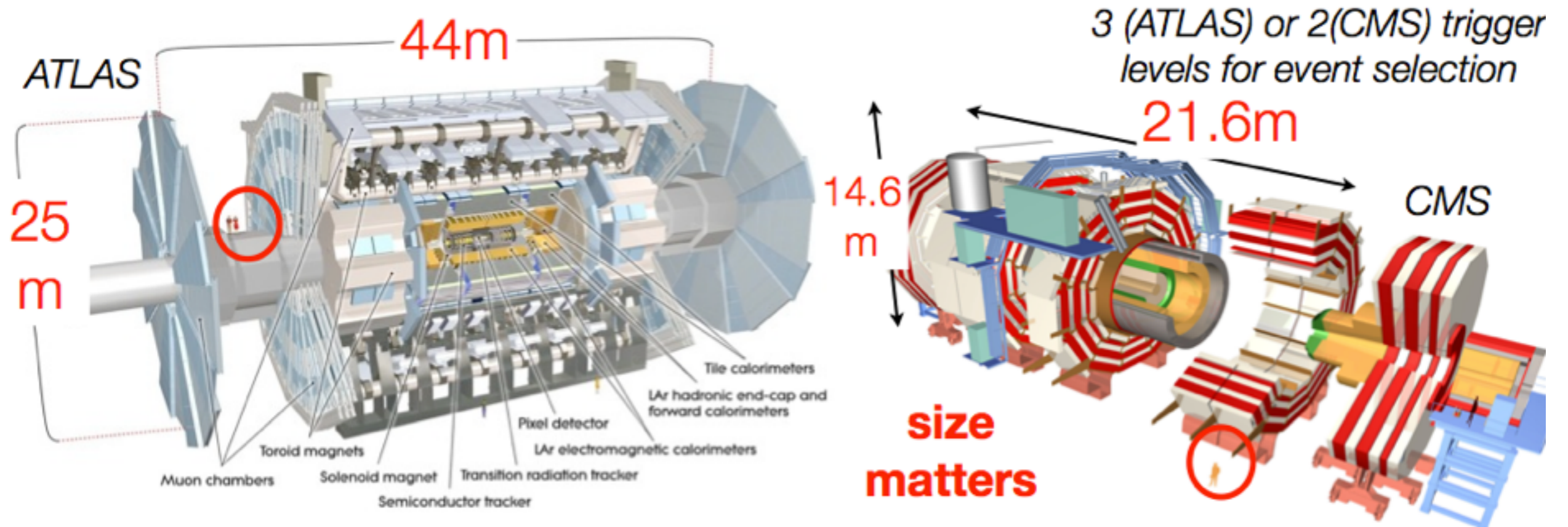


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5. **Model-independent limits**
  - e.g. report excesses/limits in  $\sigma \times \text{BR} \times A$
6. Put **constraints in several BSM scenarios ... or ... discover new physics**



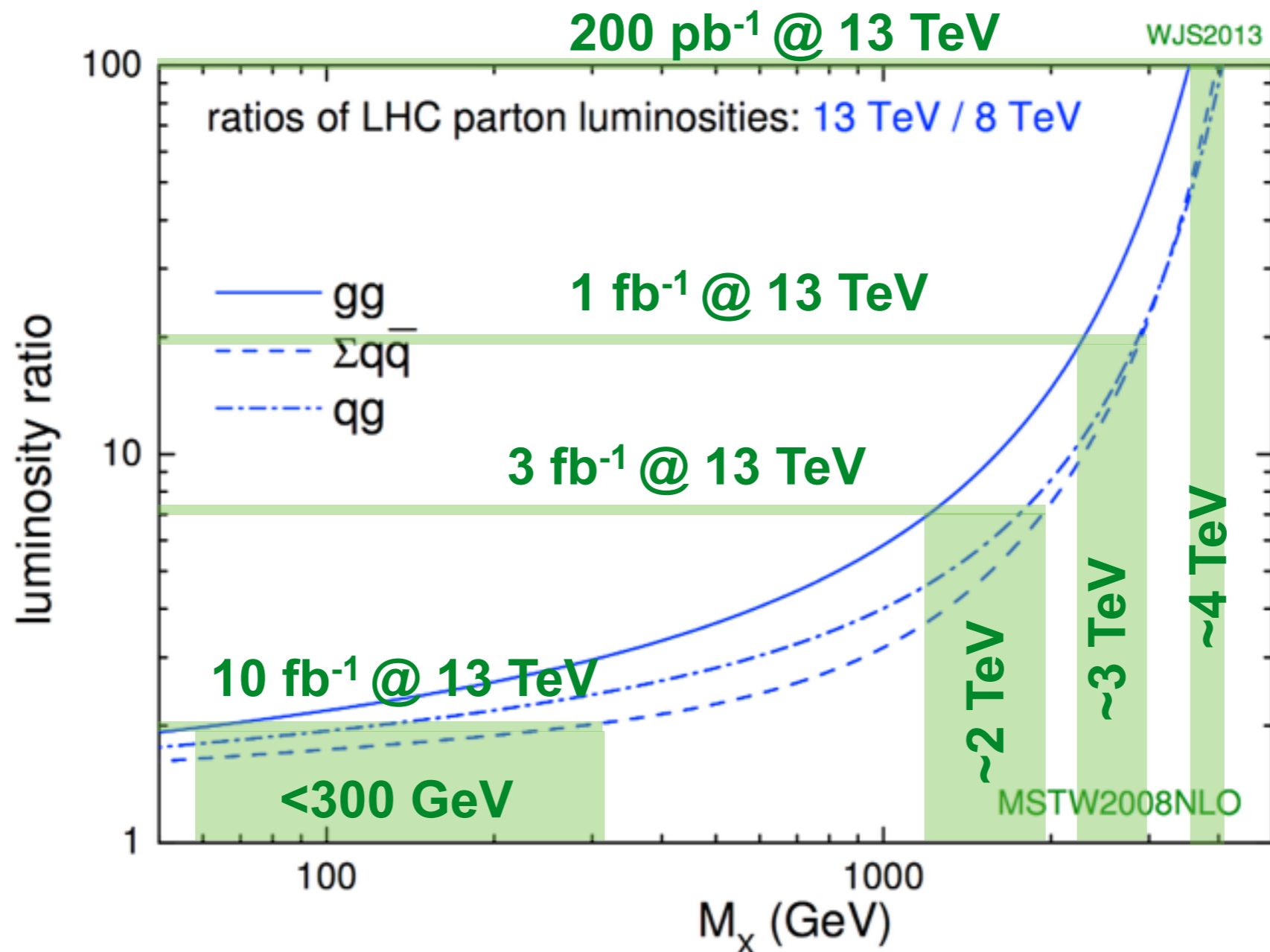
# ATLAS AND CMS



	ATLAS	CMS
<b>Magnetic Field</b>	solenoid (2 T) + toroid (0.5÷1T)	3.8 T solenoid + return yoke
<b>Tracker</b>	Si pixel, strips + TRT	Si pixel, strips
<b>EM Calorimeter</b>	Pb + LAr	PbWO4 crystals
<b>Had Calorimeter</b>	Fe+scint./Cu+LAr/W+Lar ( $\geq 11\lambda$ )	Brass+scintillator( $\geq 7\lambda$ )/Fe+quartz
<b>Muon</b>	air-toroid muon spectrom.	iron return-yoke muon spectrom.
<b>Trigger</b>	L1+RoI-based HLT	L1+HLT

# 13 TeV SUPERSEDING 8 TeV RESULTS

- For high mass searches **parton luminosity counts!**
  - **Huge ratio in the interesting (not yet excluded) region**
- **End of 2016 enough to supersede all 8 TeV results**



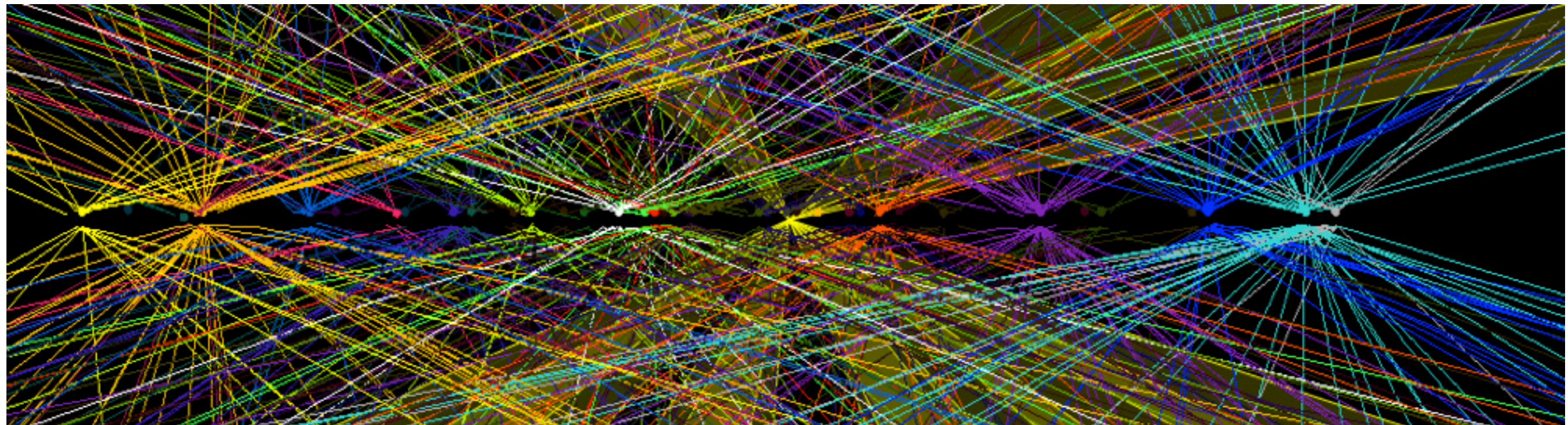


# EXPERIMENTAL ISSUES: PILE-UP

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**Many pp interactions** per single bunch crossing (pile-up).  
**Issues:**

- find the **right one**
- **subtract additional energy** due to extra interactions
- **retune triggers** (big increase in rate)
- **more stuff on disk** to be stored and **time to reconstruct**

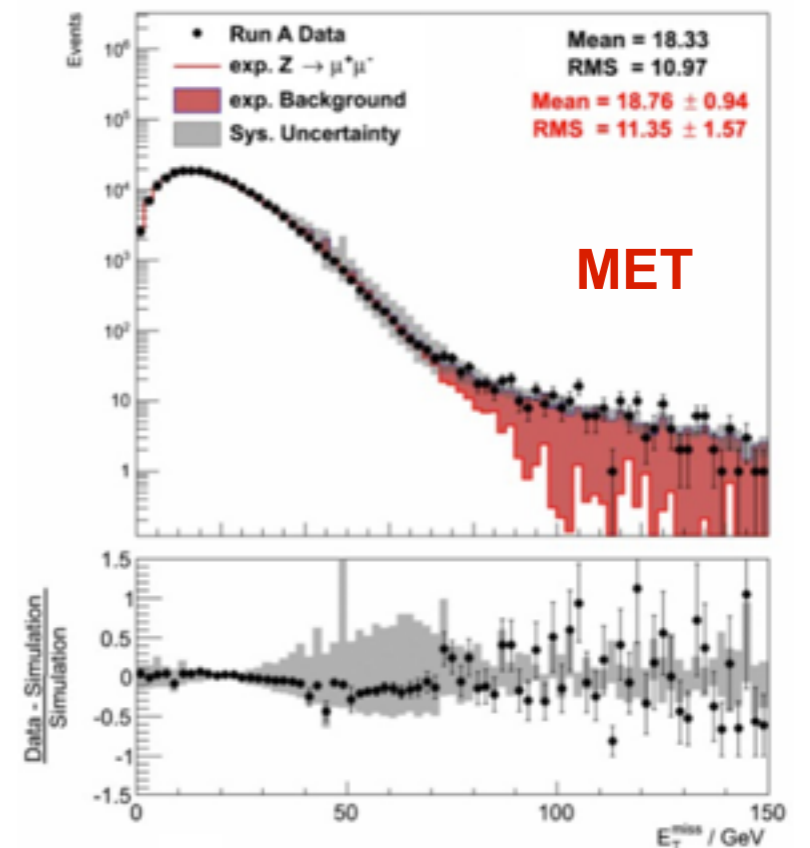
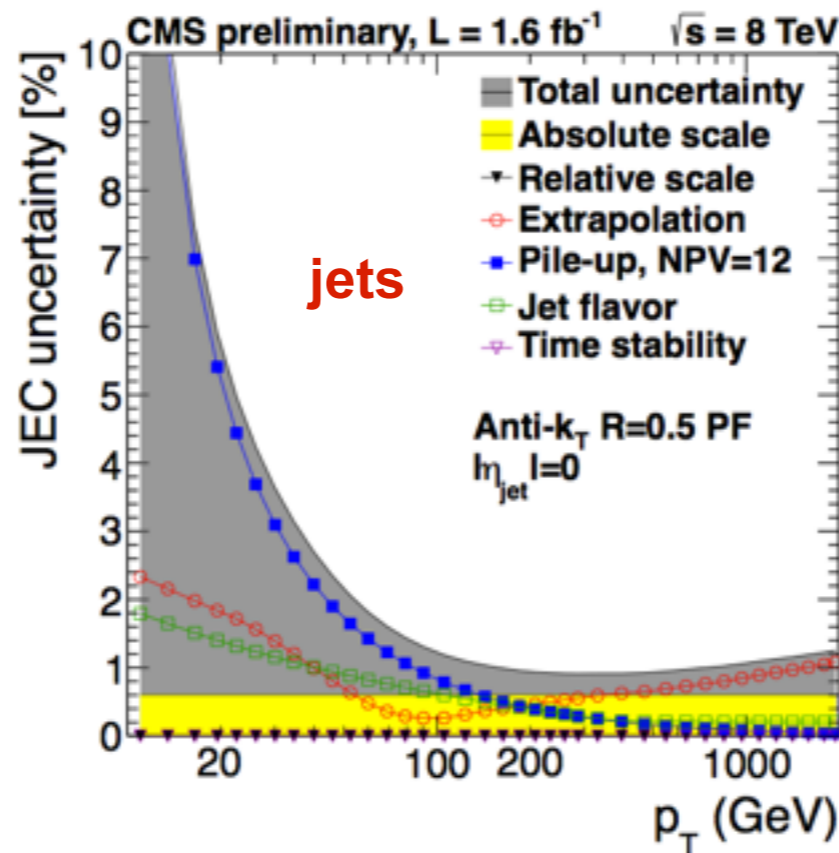
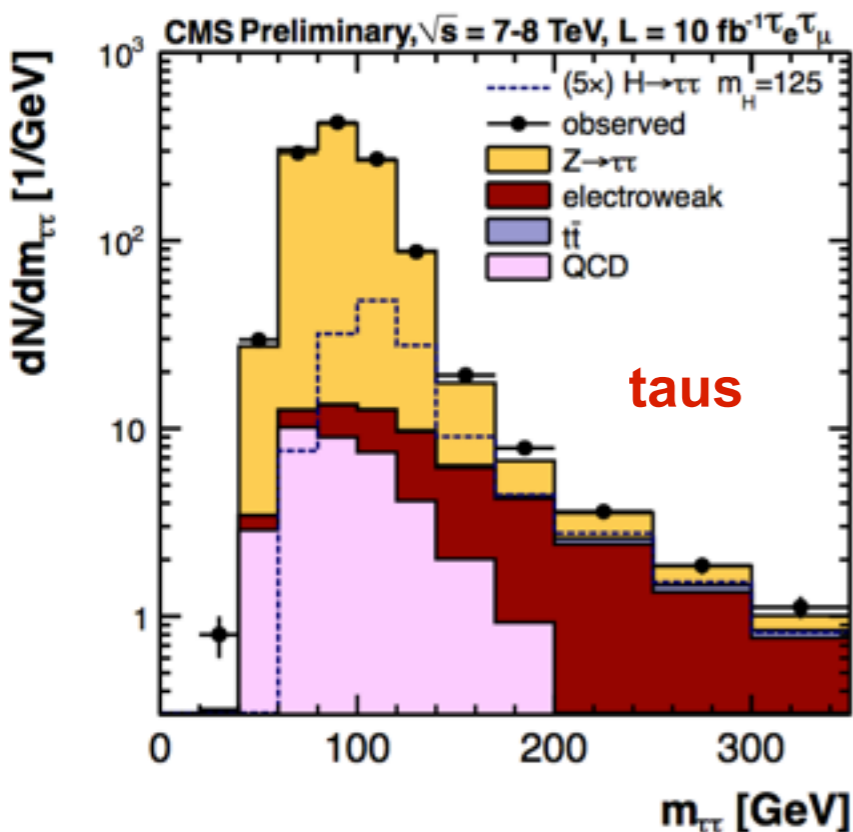
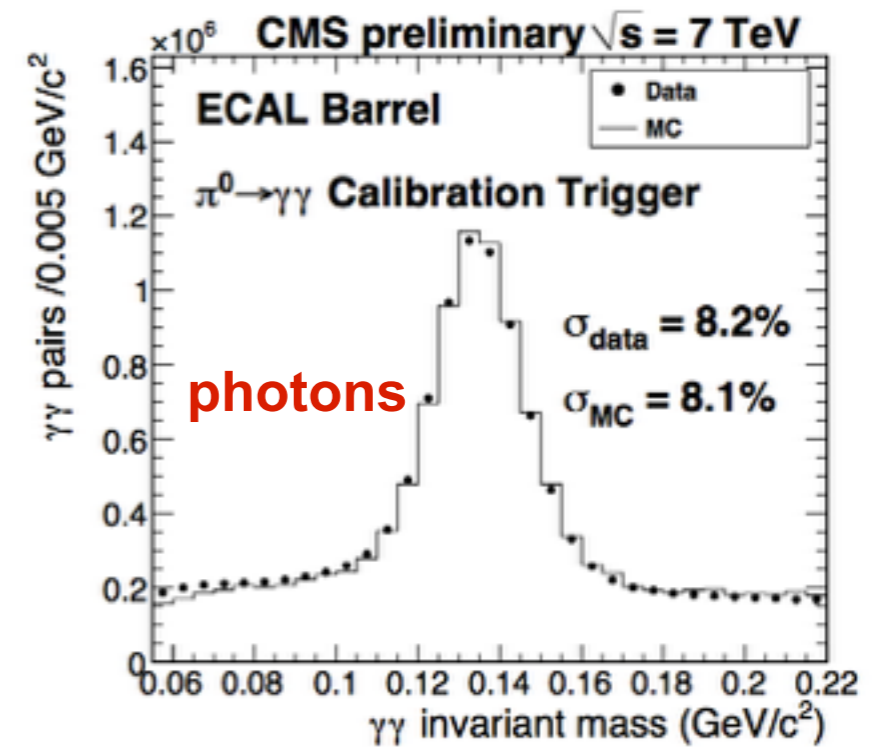
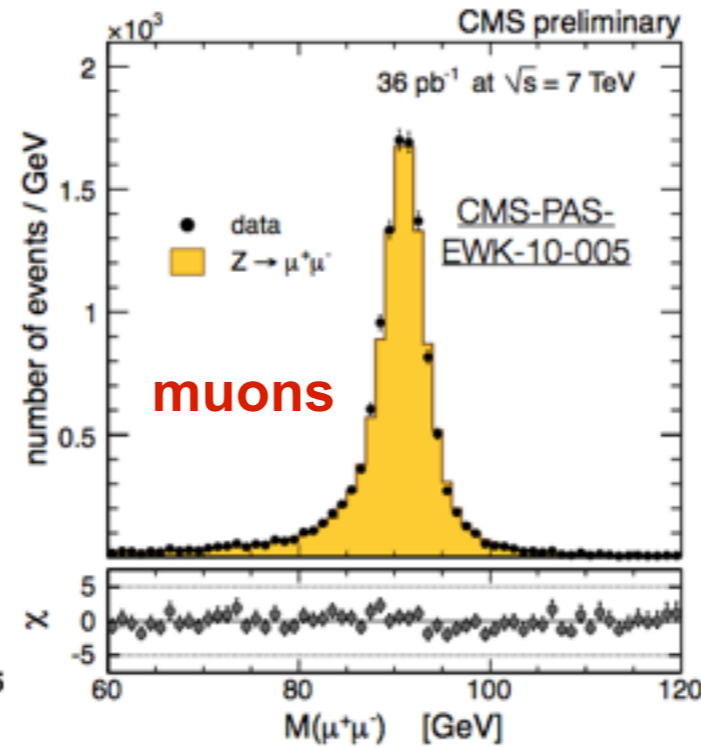
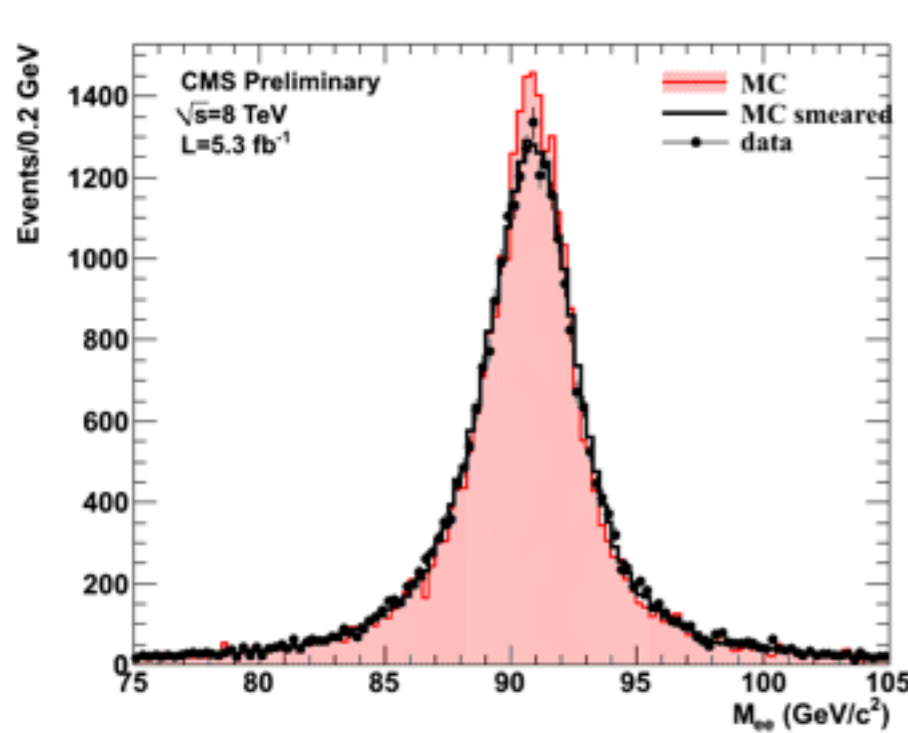


**Events with up to 80 vertexes!**

# OBJECTS IN HIGH MASS SEARCHES

	<i>pros</i>	<i>cons</i>	<i>energy resolution</i>	<i>calibration</i>
<b>jets</b>	large cross sections involved	resolution not great. calibration not trivial	5-10%	gamma+jet, multijet, extrapolations
<b>electrons</b>	relatively clean	high pt electrons not fully contained	1-2% at high masses	Z->ee and extrapolations
<b>muons</b>	very clean	need precise tracker alignment	3-10% at high masses	Z->mumu and extrapolations
<b>photons</b>	relatively clean	no control samples for scale determination	1-2% at high masses	Z->ee and extrapolations
<b>missing E</b>	tagging for W'	hard to calibrate, tails due to detector noise	-	gamma,Z + jets

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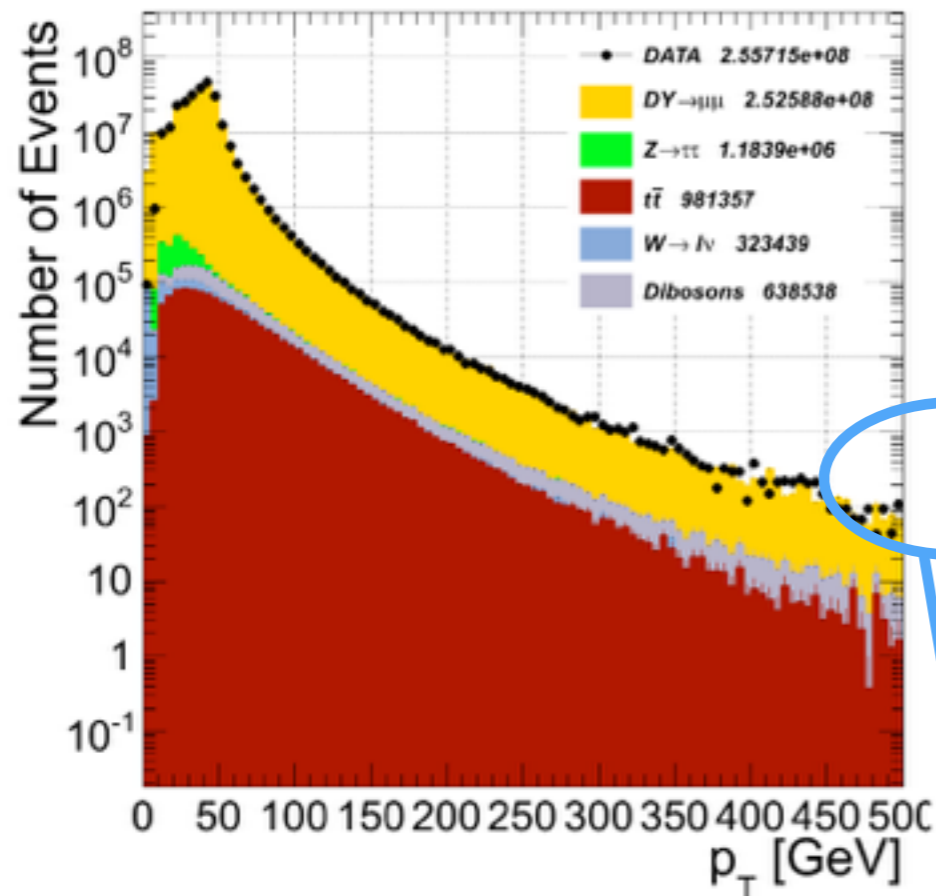
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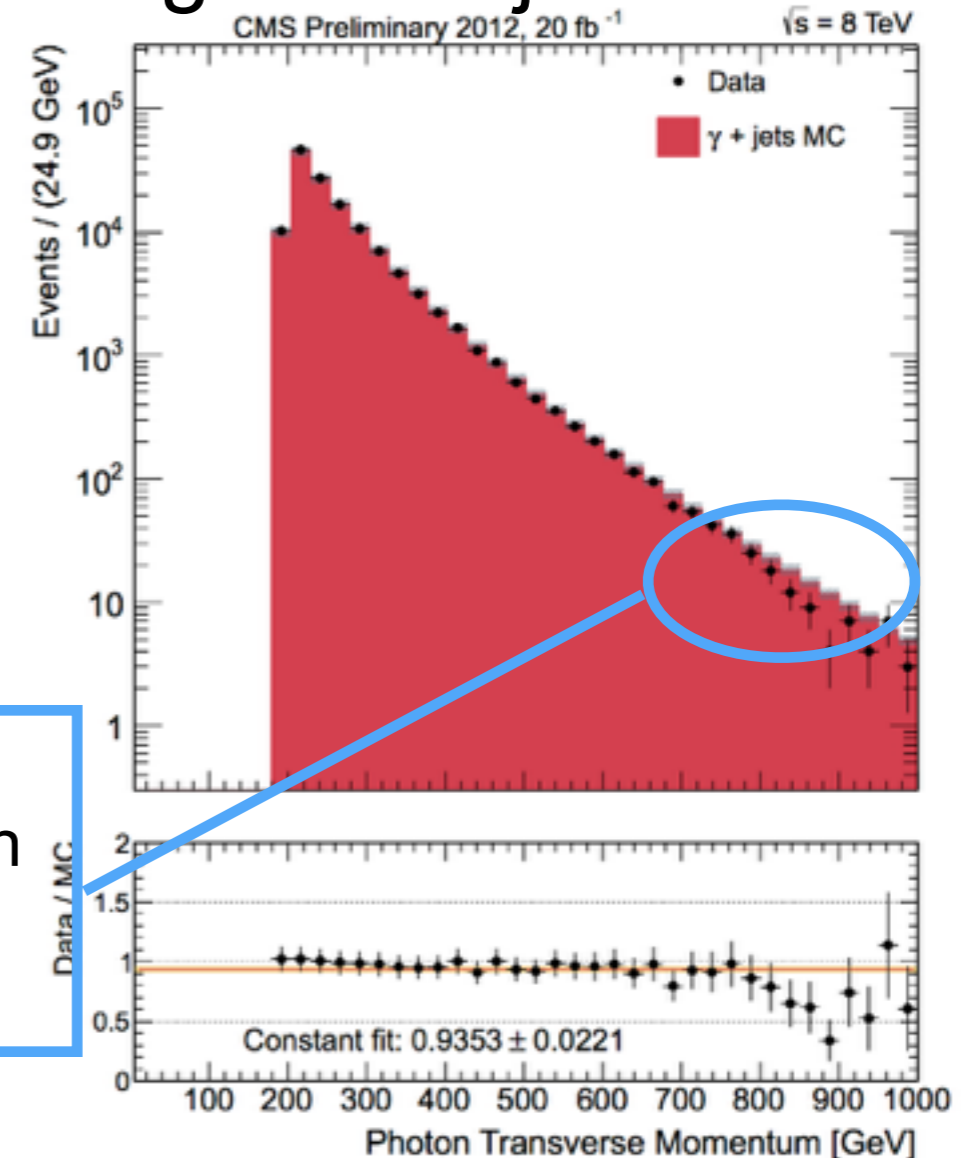
# HIGH MASS: A LIFE W/OUT CONTROL SAMPLES

## Z->mumu events



not enough events to calibrate in region where signal is expected!

## gamma+jet events



- Need to be sure that:
  - **efficiency of energetic objects is not zero**
  - **resolution under control**
- In extreme cases **resonance can be hidden!**

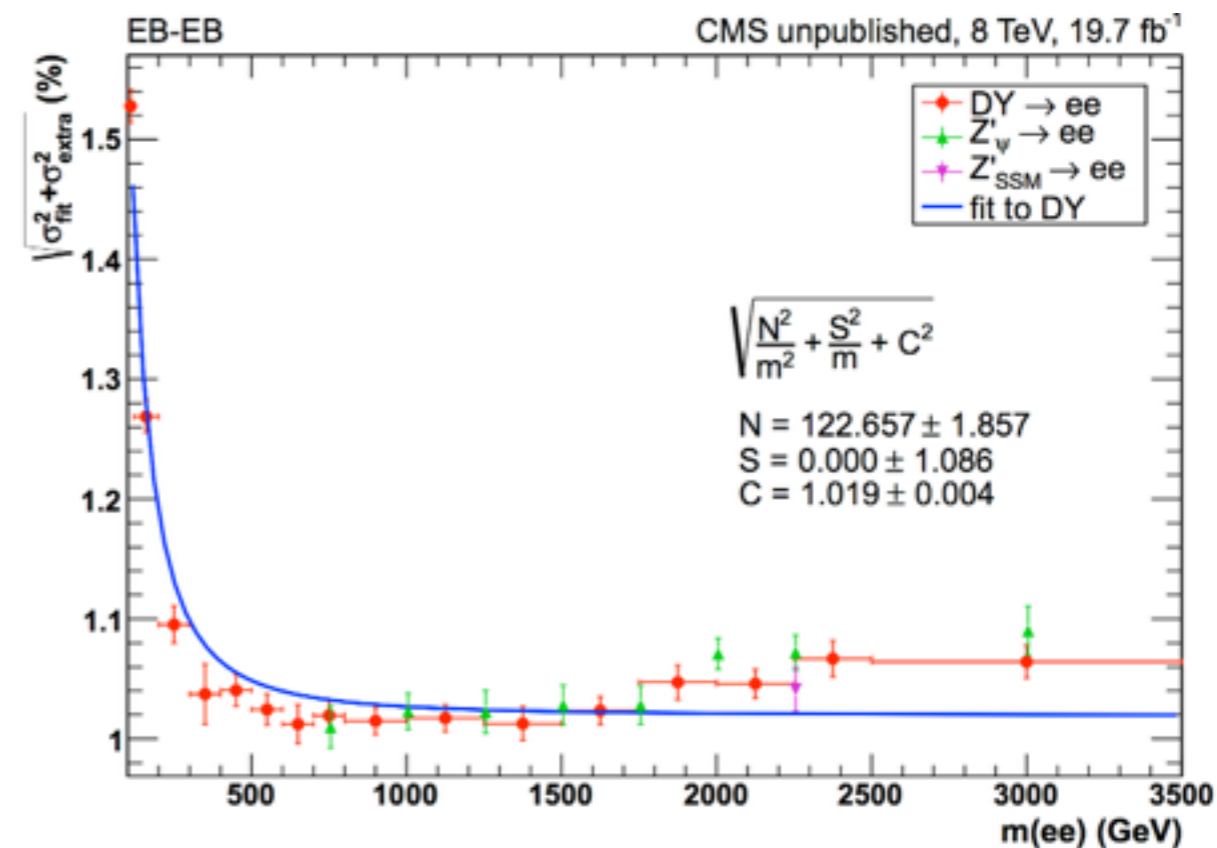
# RECONSTRUCTING HIGH PT OBJECTS

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- **Reconstruction in general quite similar** compared to low  $p_T$  (SM-like) objects
- **But there are non-negligible differences:**
  1. **straight tracks** do not allow a perfect charge determination
  2. **very energetic calorimetric deposits** could be not fully contained in the calorimeters (both em and had)
  3. **electron/photon isolation** (to reject jet contamination) slightly **different because of non-containment** (point 2)
  4. modified isolation in **case of overlapping leptons** (for boosted Z decays in  $Z' \rightarrow VV, VH$  channels)
  5. **not easy to find control samples** to tune energy measurements and efficiencies

# RESOLUTION VS $P_T$ : ELECTRONS/PHOTONS

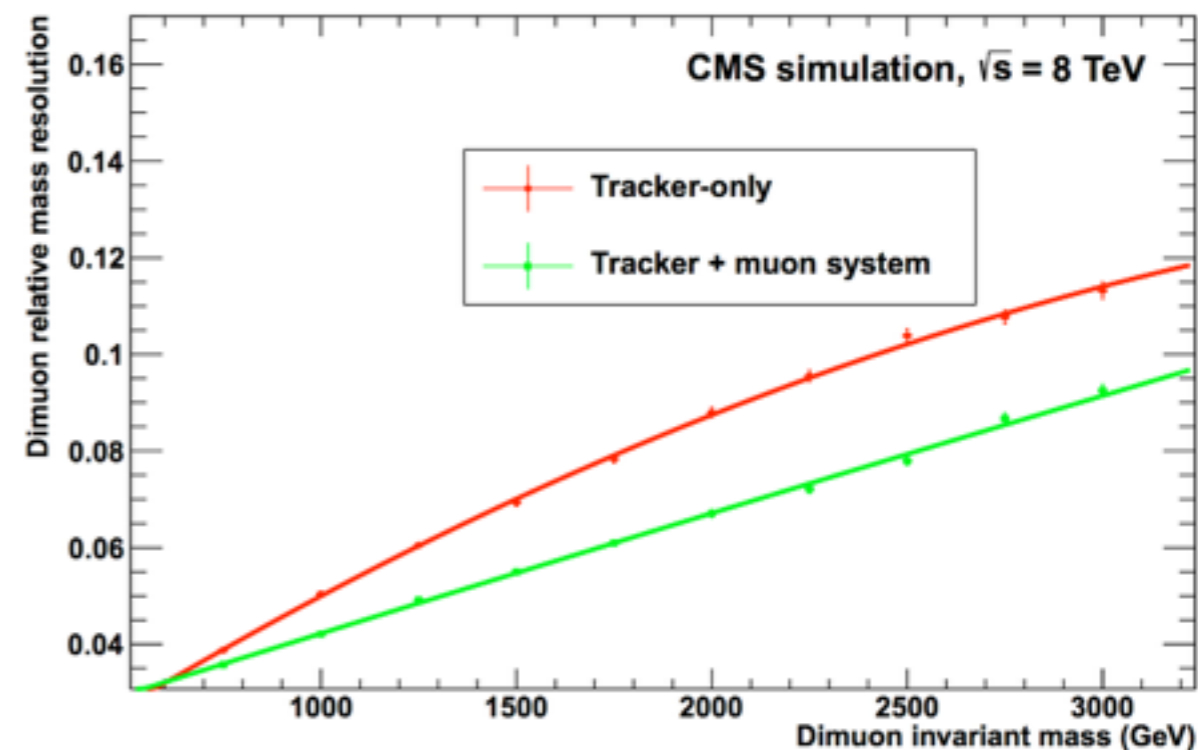
- At large masses mainly **dominated by the em calorimeter resolution**
  - $p_T$  measurement from tracker not very precise
- At large energies, **shower containment** starts to be important
  - CMS: after 30 radiation length (equivalent to a single crystal) leakage is possible for TeV deposit
- **Similar behavior for photons**





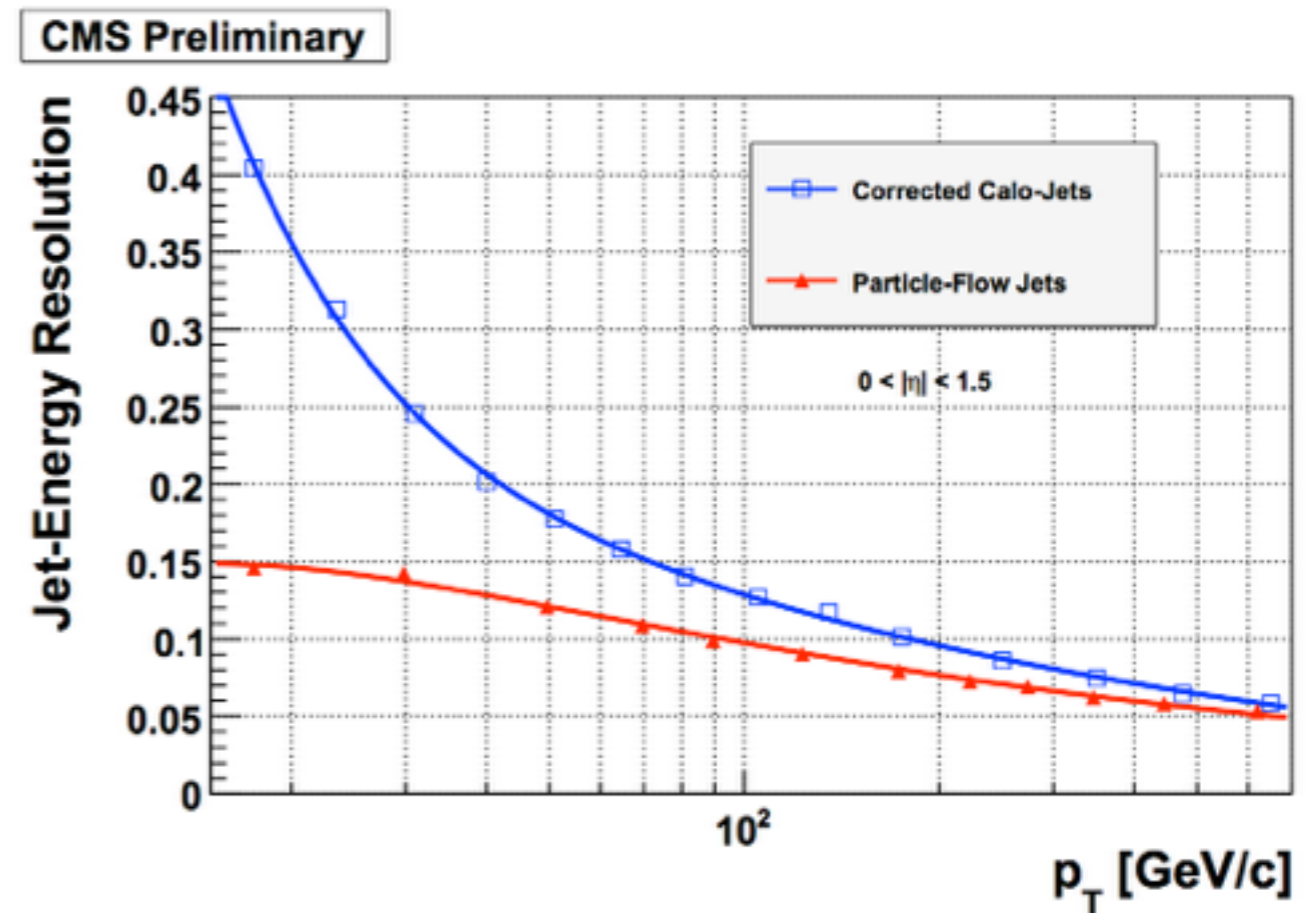
# RESOLUTION VS $P_T$ : MUONS

- **Resolution worsens vs  $p_T$**  (as for every track)
- At beginning of data taking, **dominated by other systematic effects** (e.g. detector alignment)



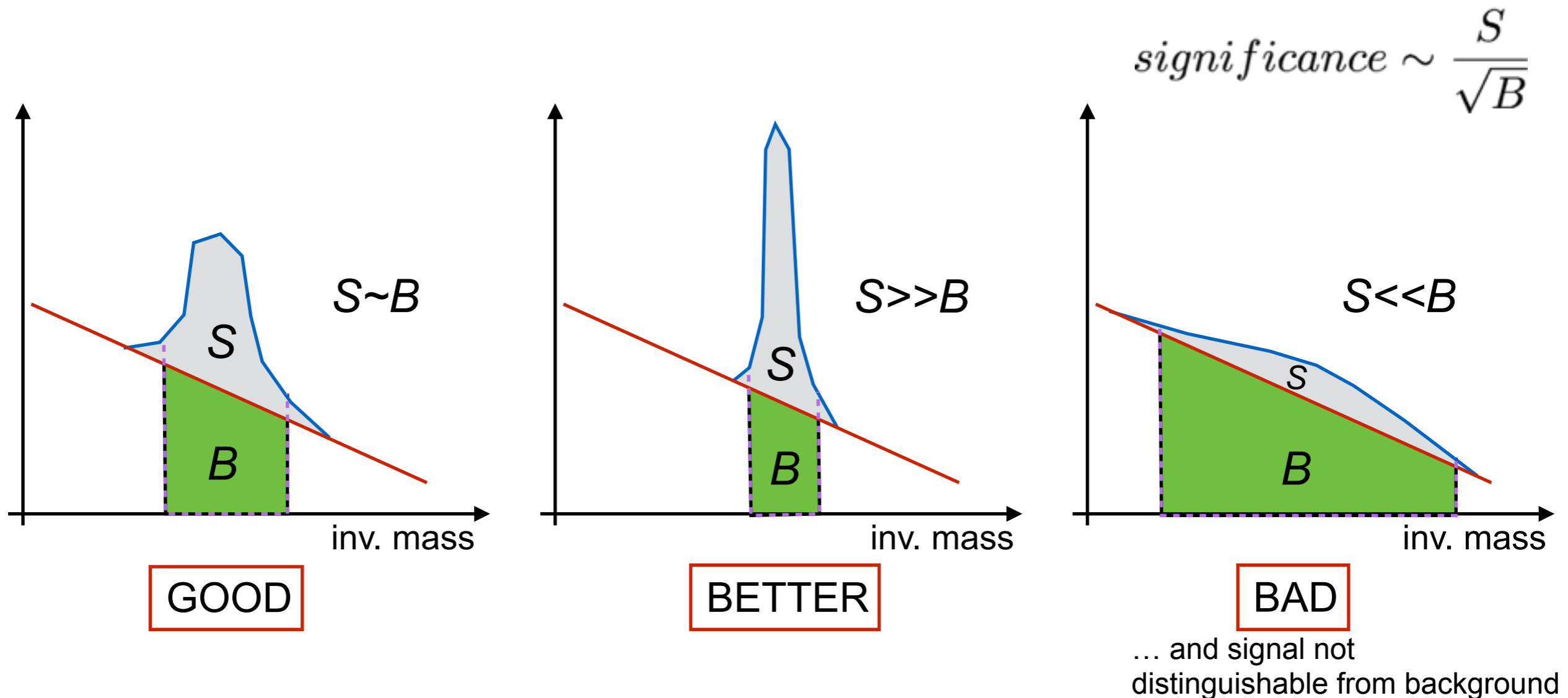
# RESOLUTION VS $p_T$ : JETS

- **Resolution improves vs  $p_T$** 
  - particle flow (combined use of tracks and calorimeters) better than simple calorimeter-based jet resolution
- **At very high  $p_T$  resolution around 5%** (dominated by calorimeters)



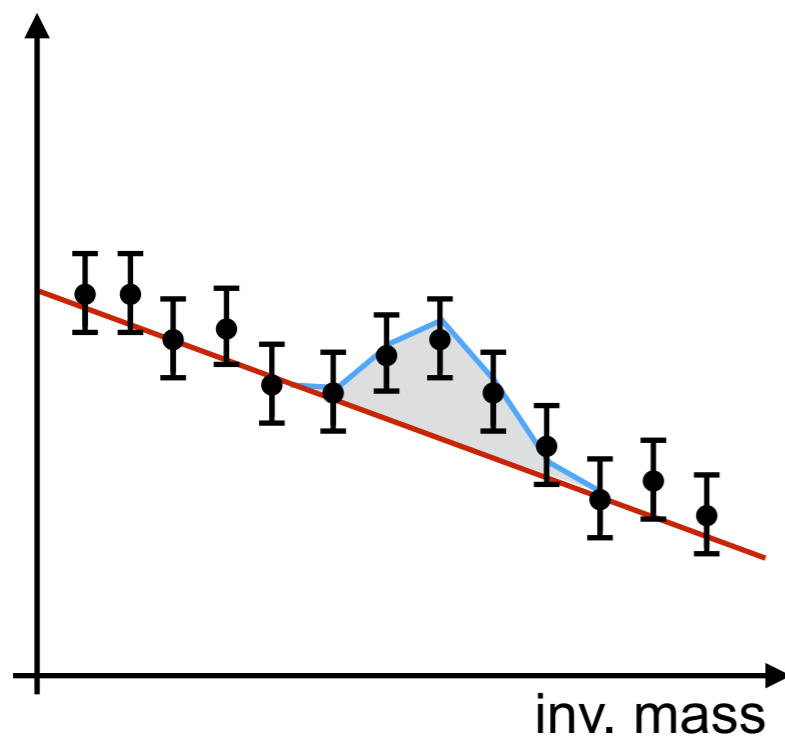
# EXPERIMENTAL ISSUES: RESOLUTION

- **Mass resolution crucial in resonance searches**
  1. statistical power inversely proportional to the mass resolution
  2. resonance hidden by bad understanding of resolution
- Need ad-hoc studies and calibration strategies at such large momenta

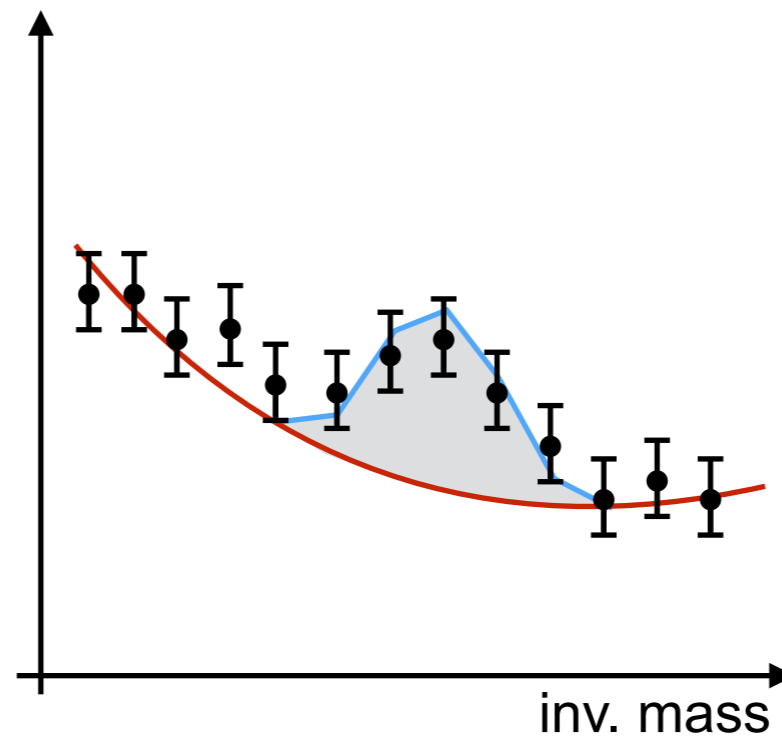


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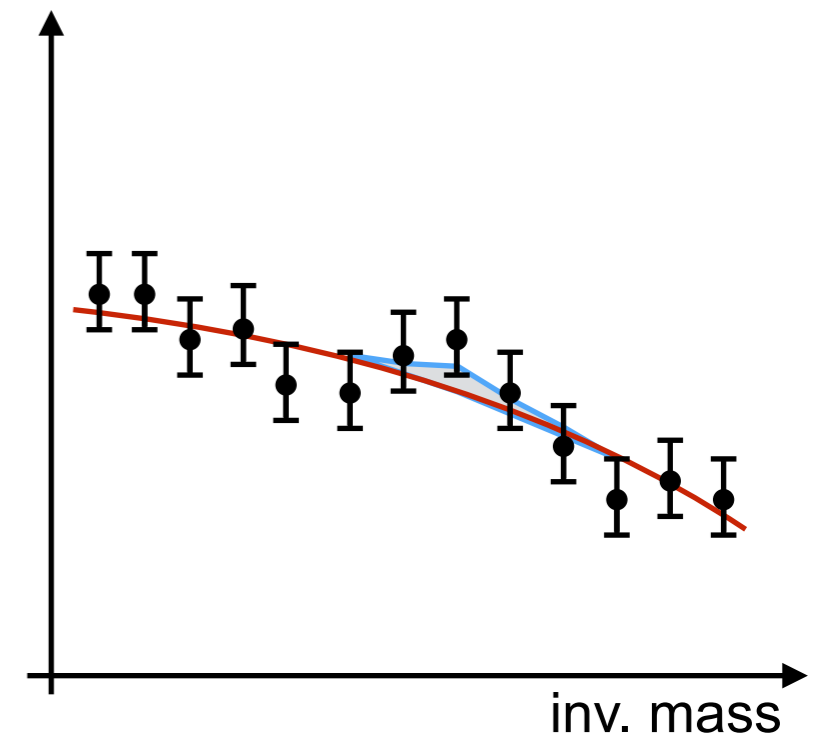
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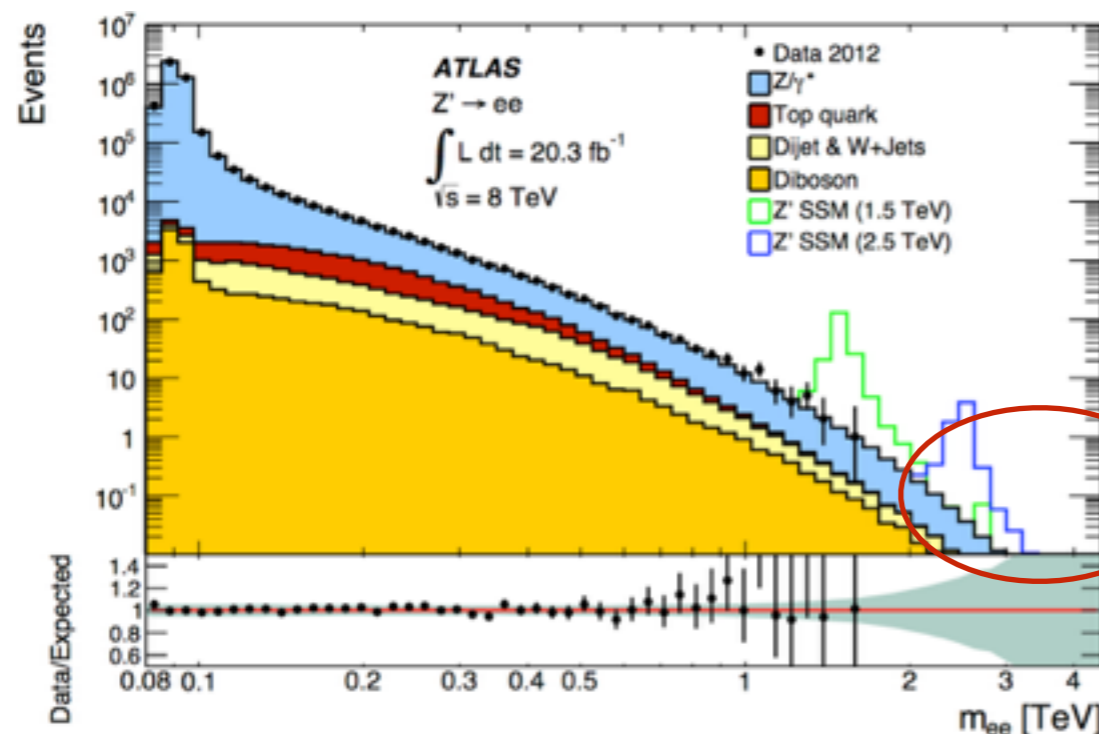
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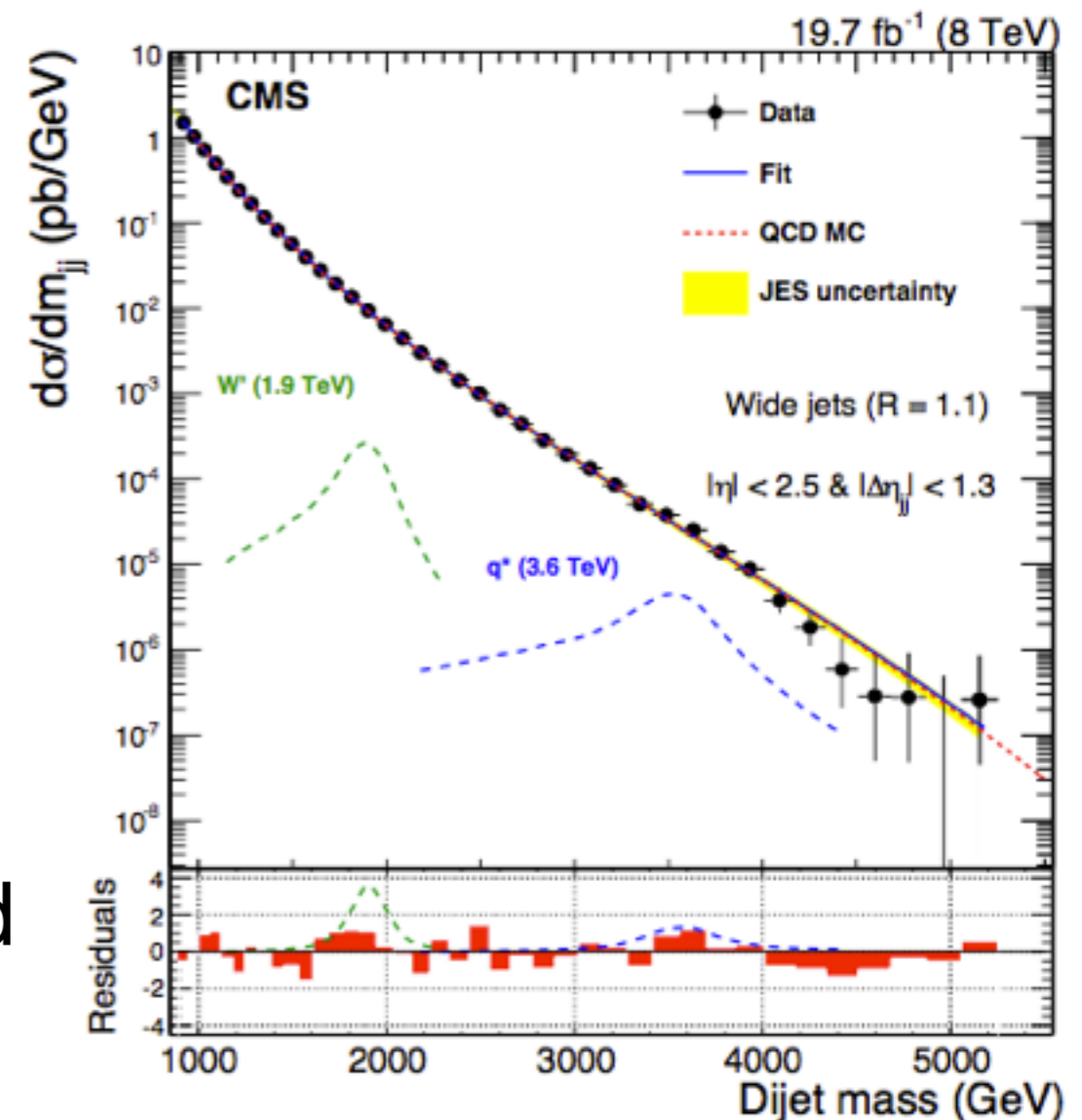
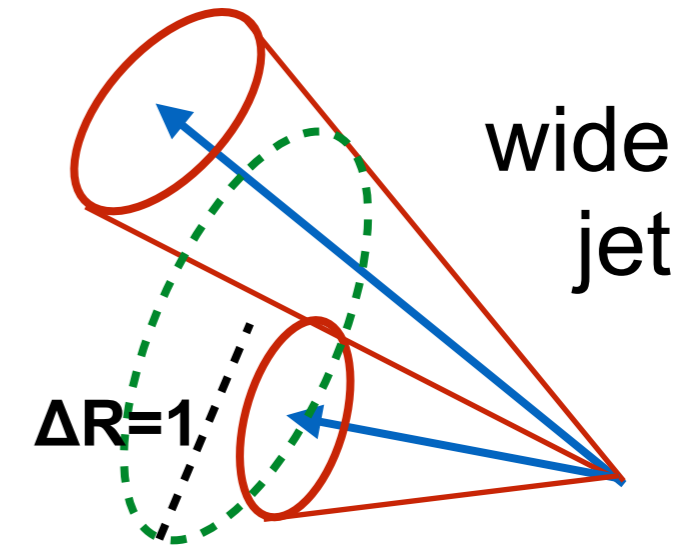
At very high masses no events to tune background. Extrapolation needed

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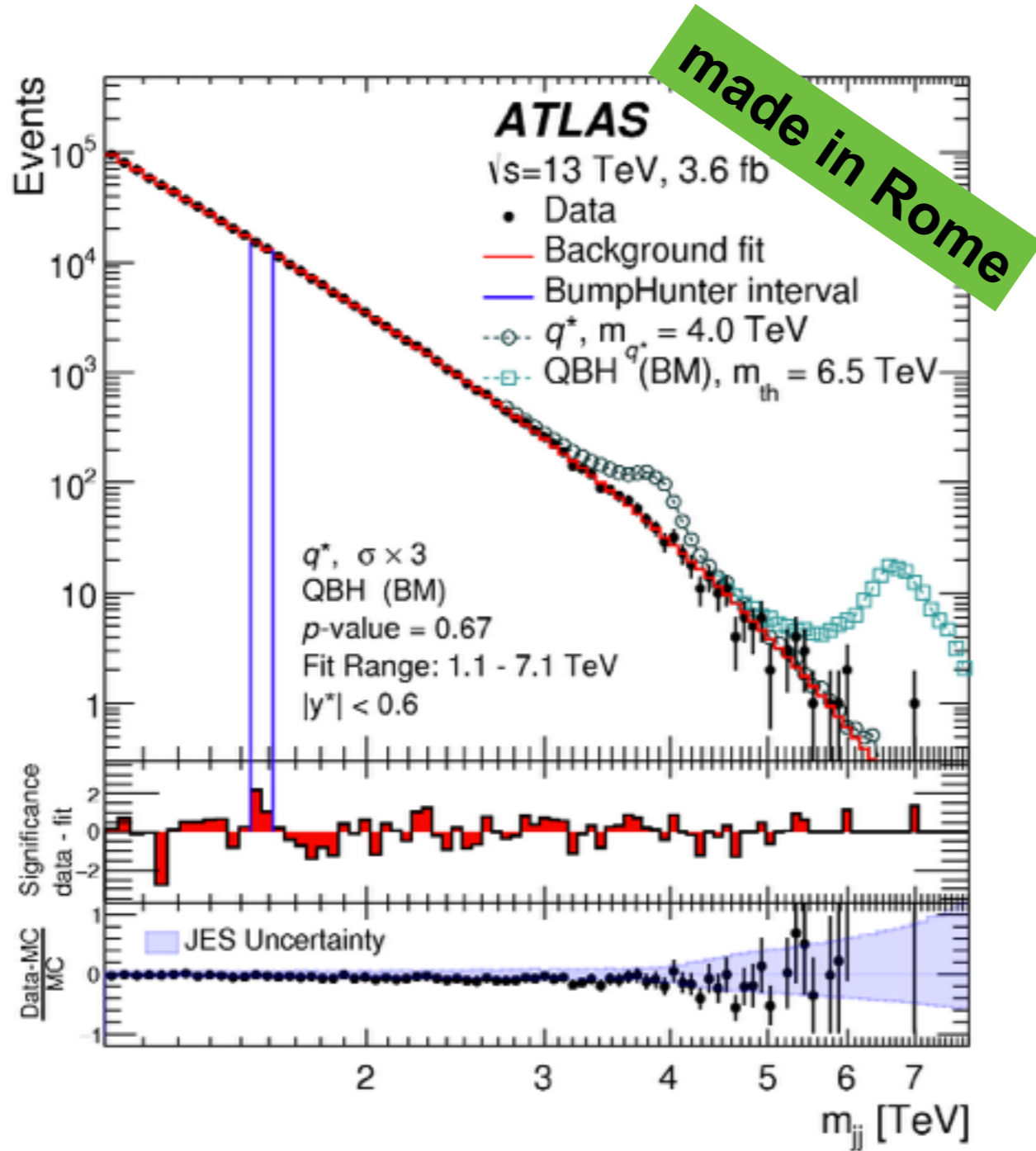
- **Straightforward search, two high pT jet:**  $p_{T}(\text{jet}) > \sim 30\text{GeV}$
- **Gluon radiation recovered** in wide jets ( $\Delta R=1.1$ ) for CMS
- **Background fitted** (CMS) with

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{jj}} = \frac{P_0(1-x)^{P_1}}{x^{P_2+P_3} \ln(x)} \quad x = m_{jj}/\sqrt{s}$$

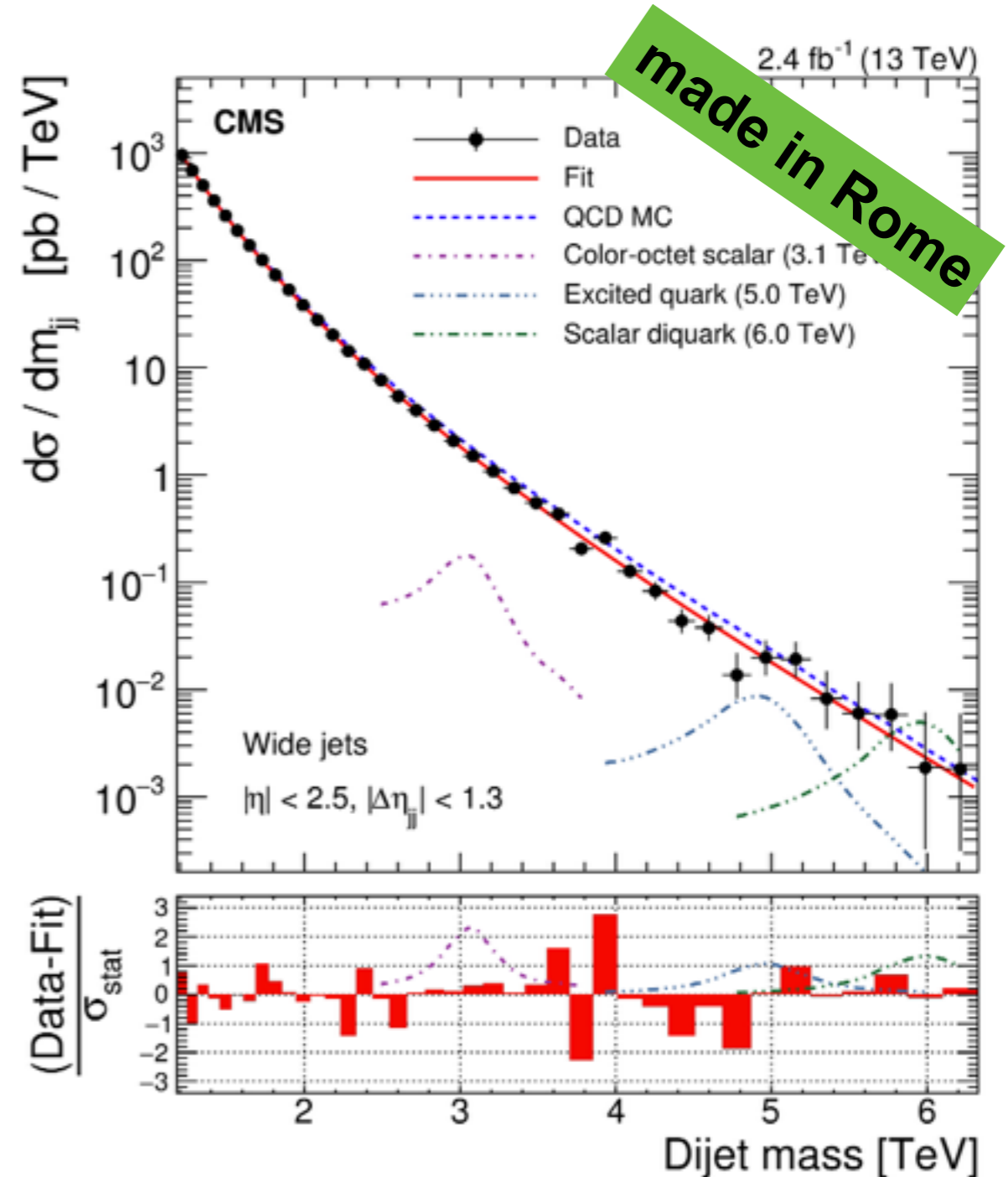
- **Signal shape:**
  - gaussian-like (resolution  $\sim 3\text{-}4\%$ )
  - left tail due to radiation and parton density functions
- **Signal extracted** using a likelihood approach



# DIJET: RESULTS



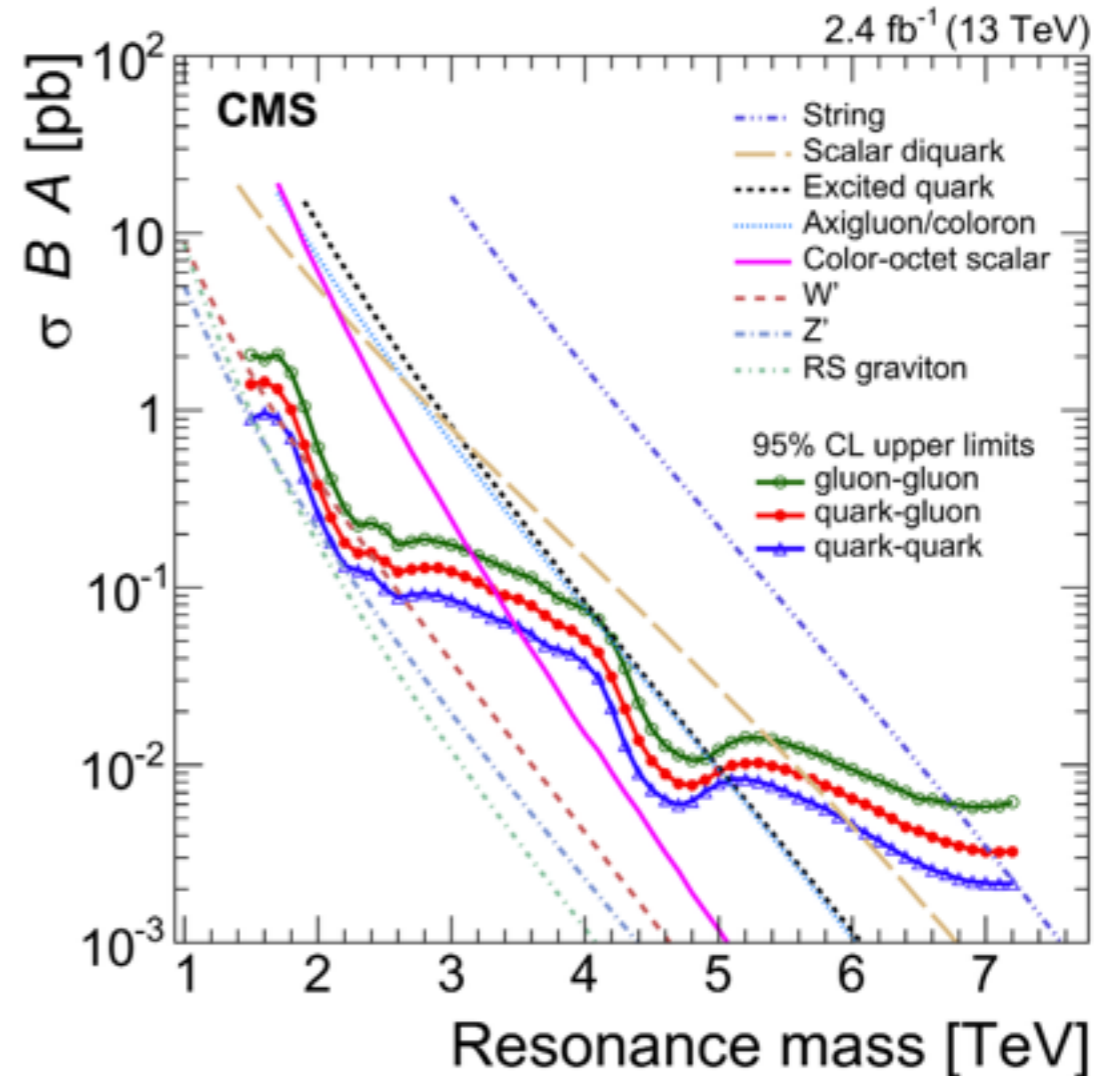
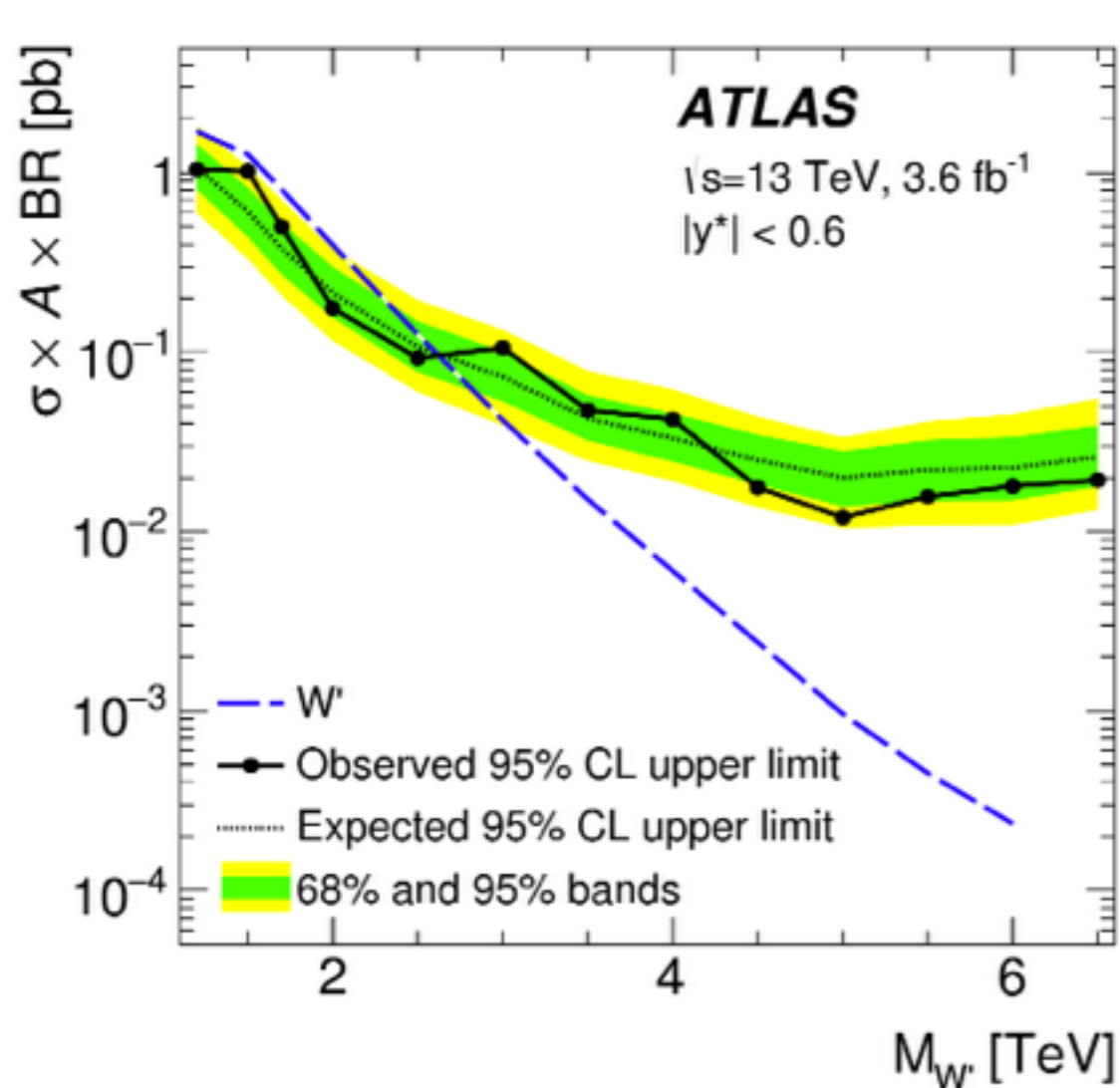
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**No excess**

# DIJET: RESULTS



- **Several interpretations:**

- maximum mass of the excluded region varying between 1 and 7 TeV
- very similar performance between the two experiments



# DILEPTON

- **Both di-electron and di-muon channels**

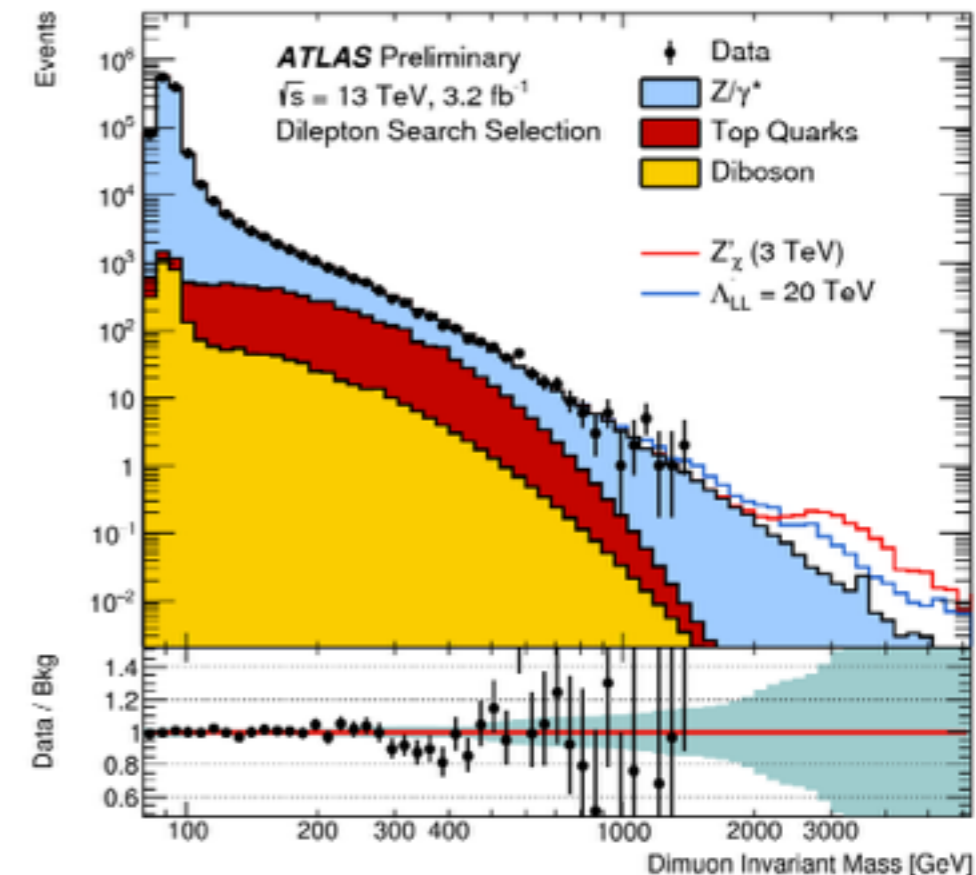
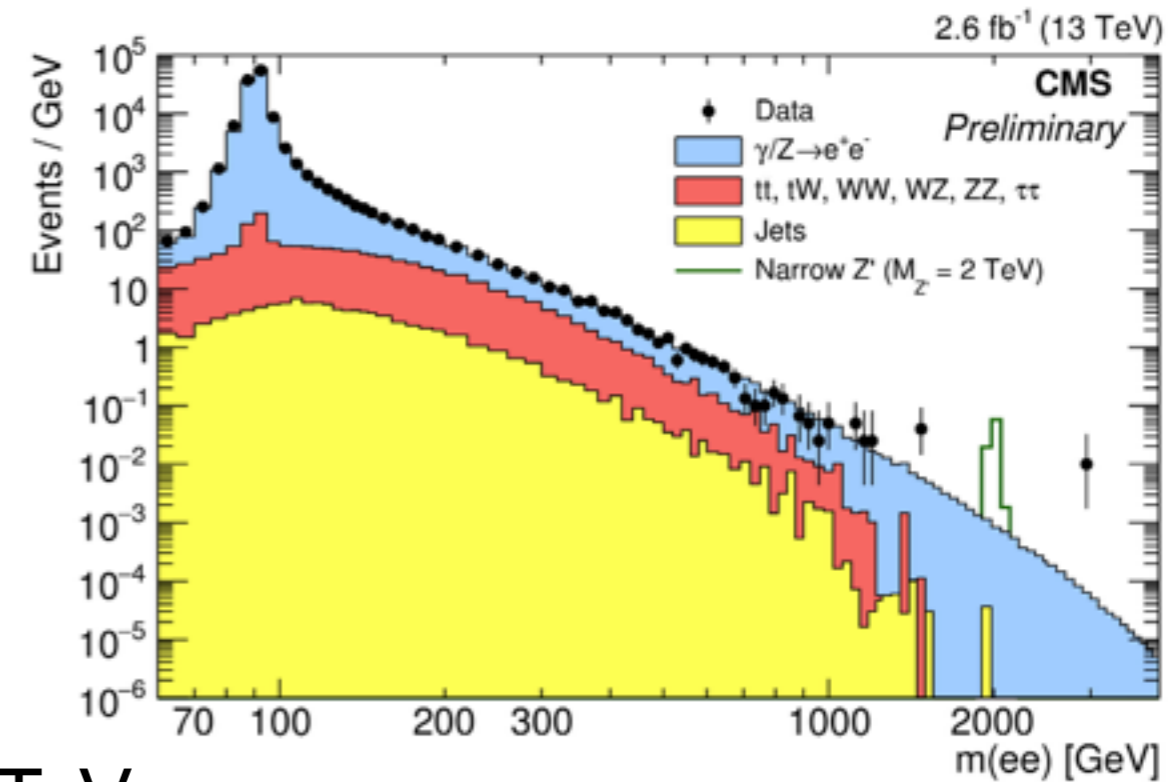
- loose selection search for a narrow resonance
- main background Drell-Yan events
- virtually background-free above 1.5 TeV

- **Kinematic selection:**

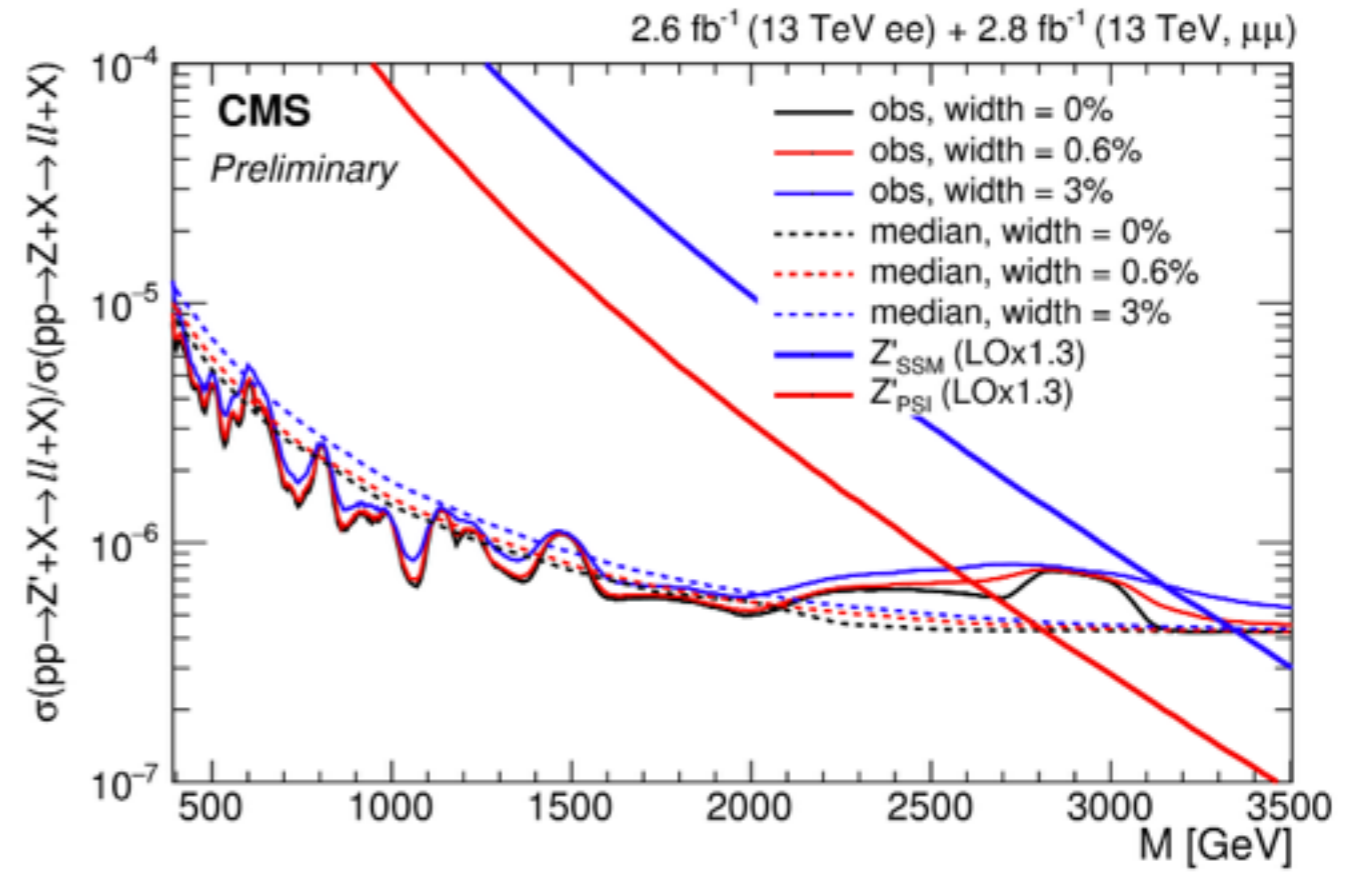
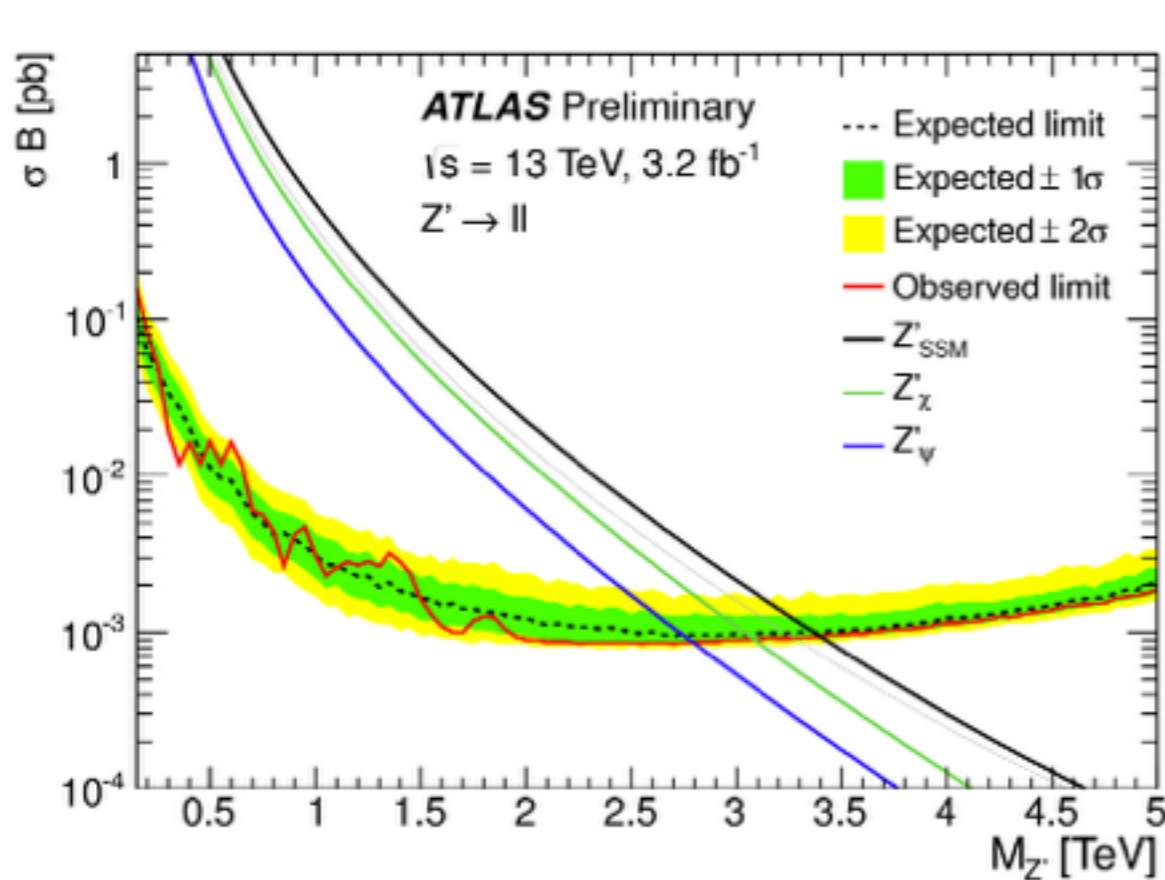
- $pt(\text{leptons}) > 25\text{-}40$  GeV + isolation

- **Interpretations for resonance:**

- $Z'_{\text{SSM}}, Z'_{\psi}$



# DILEPTON: LIMITS



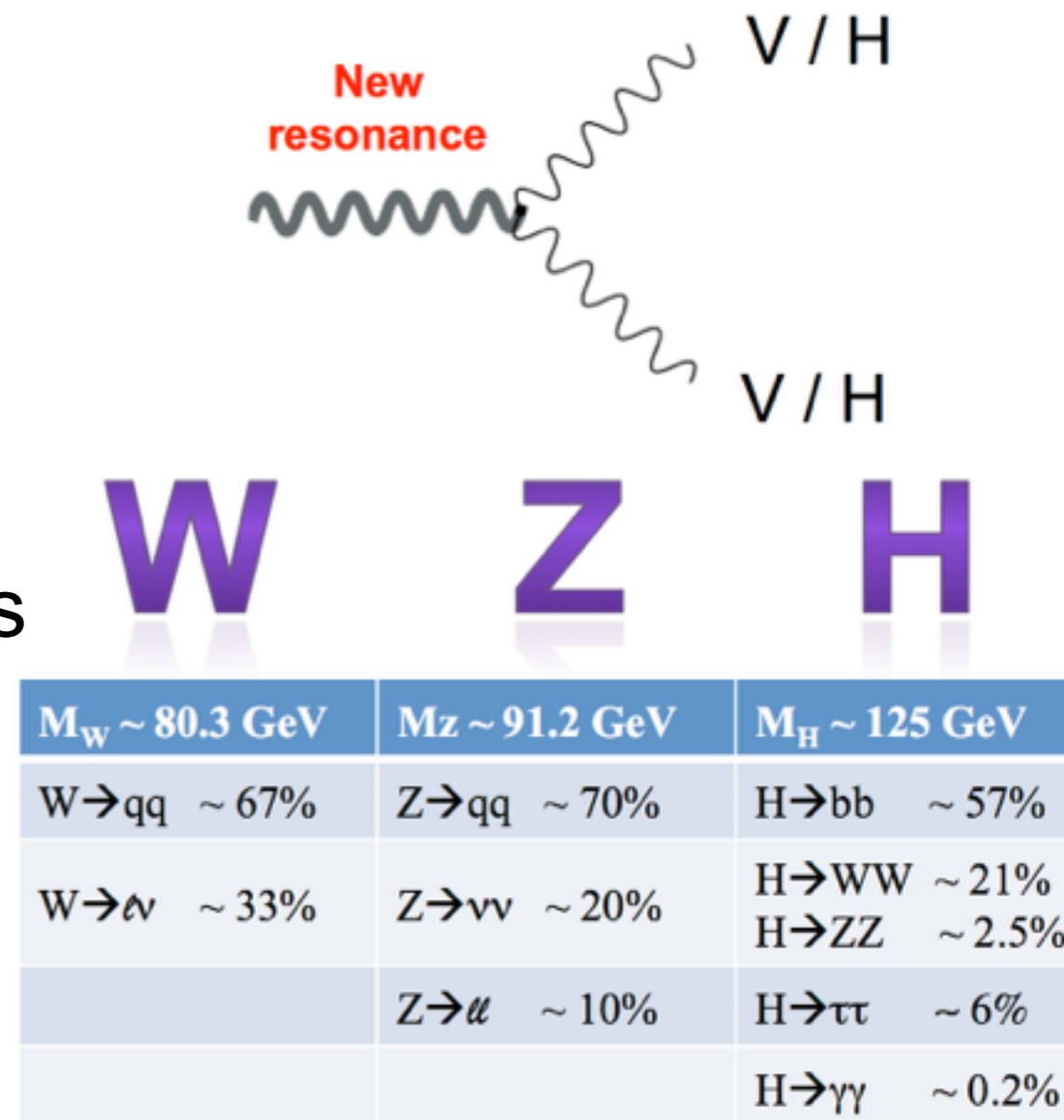
$Z'_{\text{SSM}} \quad m \approx 3.4 \text{ TeV}$   
 $Z'_\psi \quad m \approx 2.7 \text{ TeV}$

**No large excess**

**Consistent results between the two experiments**

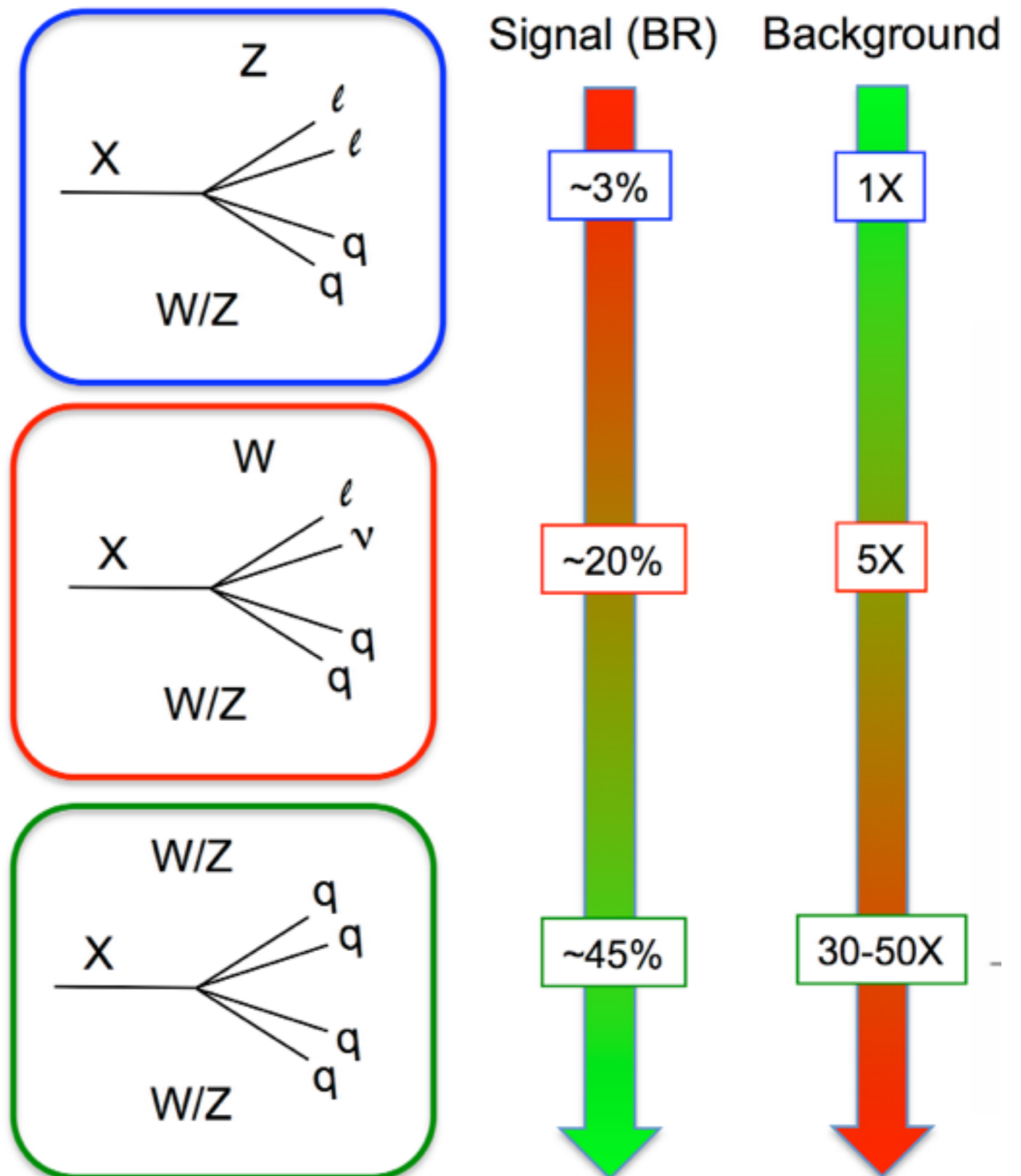
# DIBOSON: INTRO

- Searching from **new resonances** decaying in **two massive bosons**
- **Analysis strategy** determined by
  - boson decay modes
  - mass of the resonance and boost
- **Clean experimental signature**
- In case of discovery, possible to measure properties from **angular distributions** of the decay products
- Several **different combinations** studied
- **Only few examples** given in the talk



# DIBOSON: HADRONIC CHANNELS

- **Pro and cons** of different decay modes
  - **leptons**: cleaner but less frequent
  - **jets**: large BRs but dirty



# DIBOSON: BOOSTED HADRONIC V DECAYS

- Opening angle between jets

$$\Delta\theta_{qq}^{min} \simeq 2 \frac{M_V}{p_{T,V}} \quad V = W, Z$$

- **Low  $p_T$** : separated
- **High  $p_T$** : merging

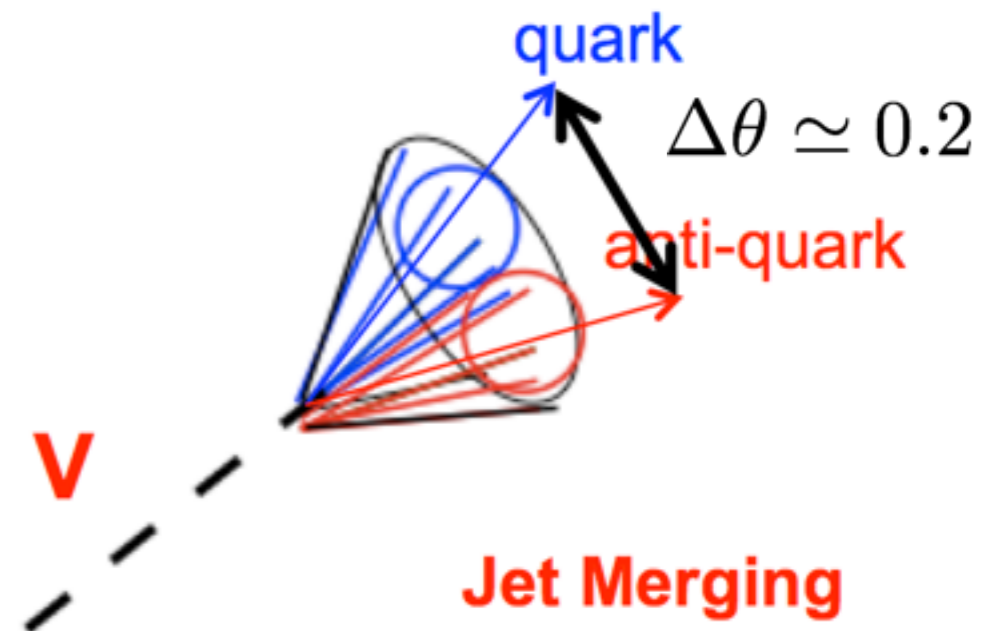
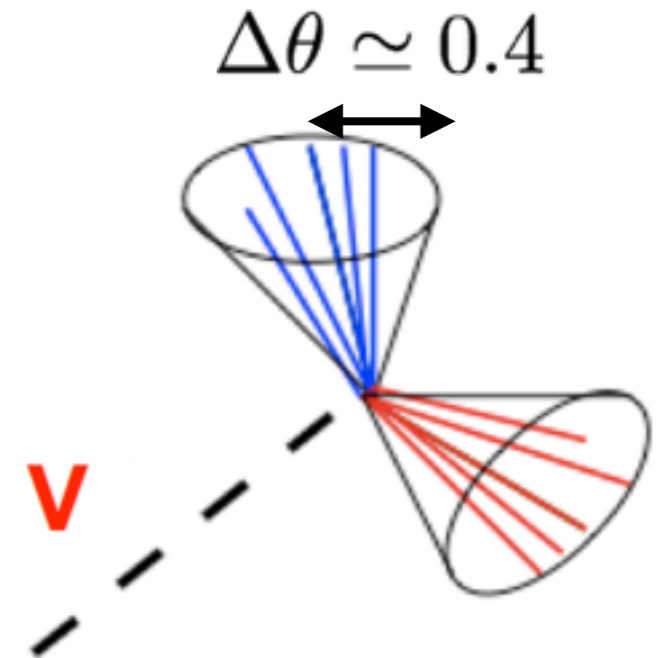
Example

$$M_X = 2 \text{ TeV}$$

$$p_T(V) \sim 1 \text{ TeV} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Delta\theta \simeq 0.2$$

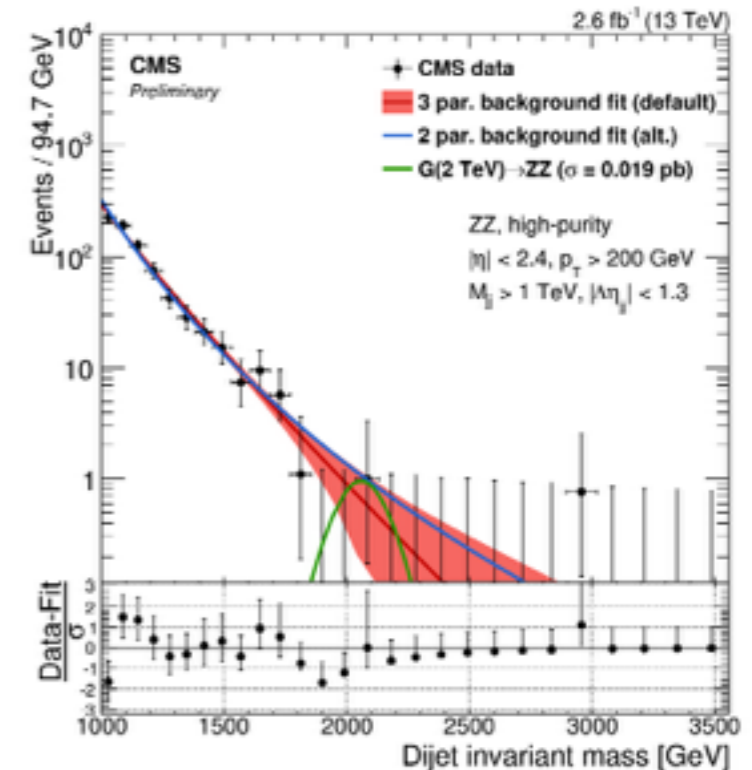
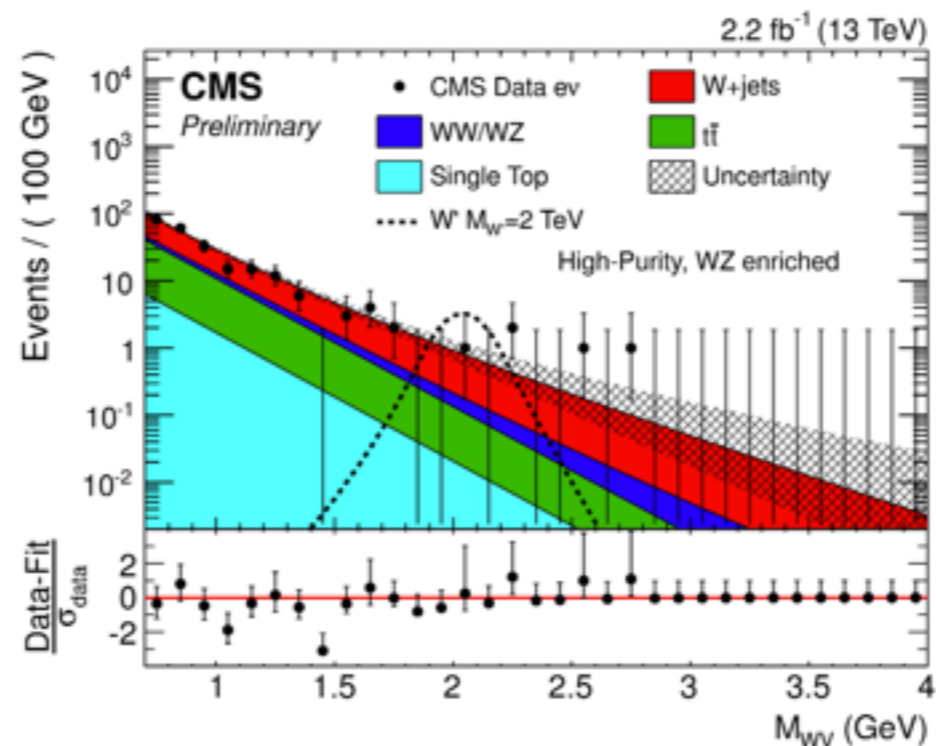
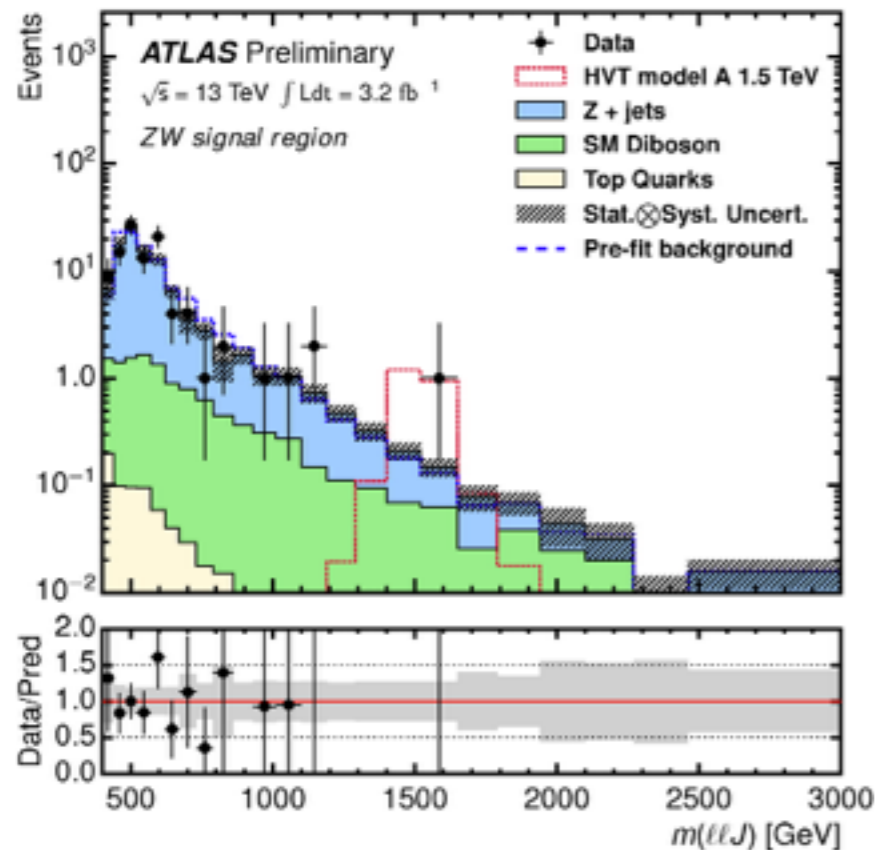
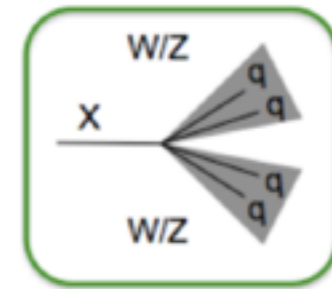
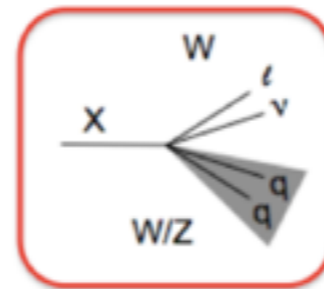
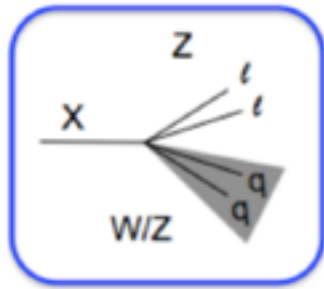
$$M_V \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

- **Ad hoc clustering algorithms** to cluster jet substructures and remove noise (trimming, pruning, etc)



# DIBOSON: SPECTRUM AND FIT

- **Background** from either mass sidebands or control samples in data or fit to data with smoothly falling function
- **$m_{\nu\nu}$  resolution  $\sim 3-6\%$**
- **no excess**



# DIPHOTON: INTRO

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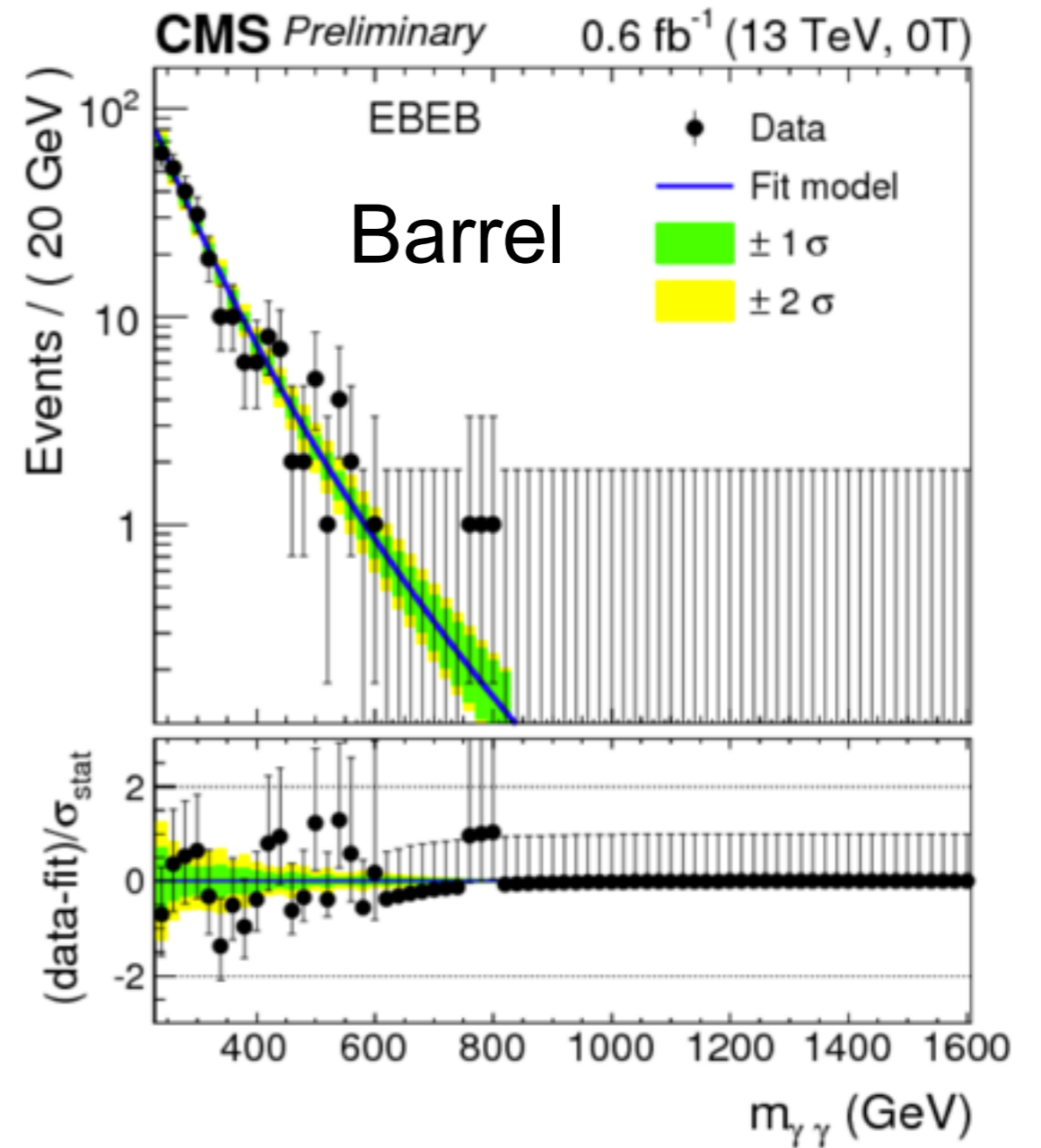
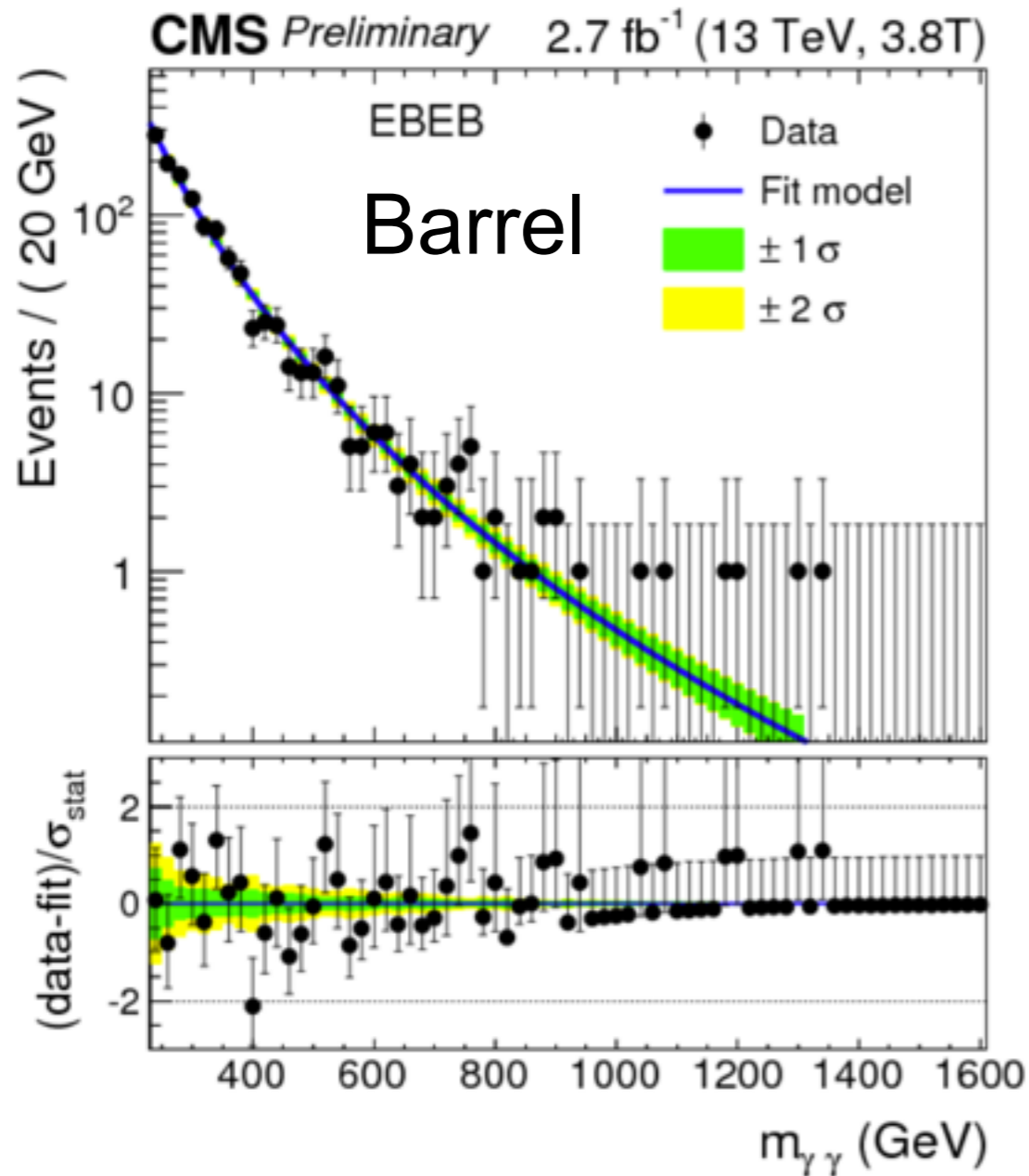
- Approach **very similar to other the high mass resonance analysis**
- **Two high pt photons**
- Selection based on simple kinematics and isolation criteria
- **Main background:** SM diphoton production
  - contribution estimated from invariant mass fit
- **Resolution from control samples (e.g.  $Z \rightarrow ee$ )**
- **Fake photon contribution from control samples**
  - less than 10% of total background

# CMS DIPHOTON RESULTS

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3.8 T data

0 T data

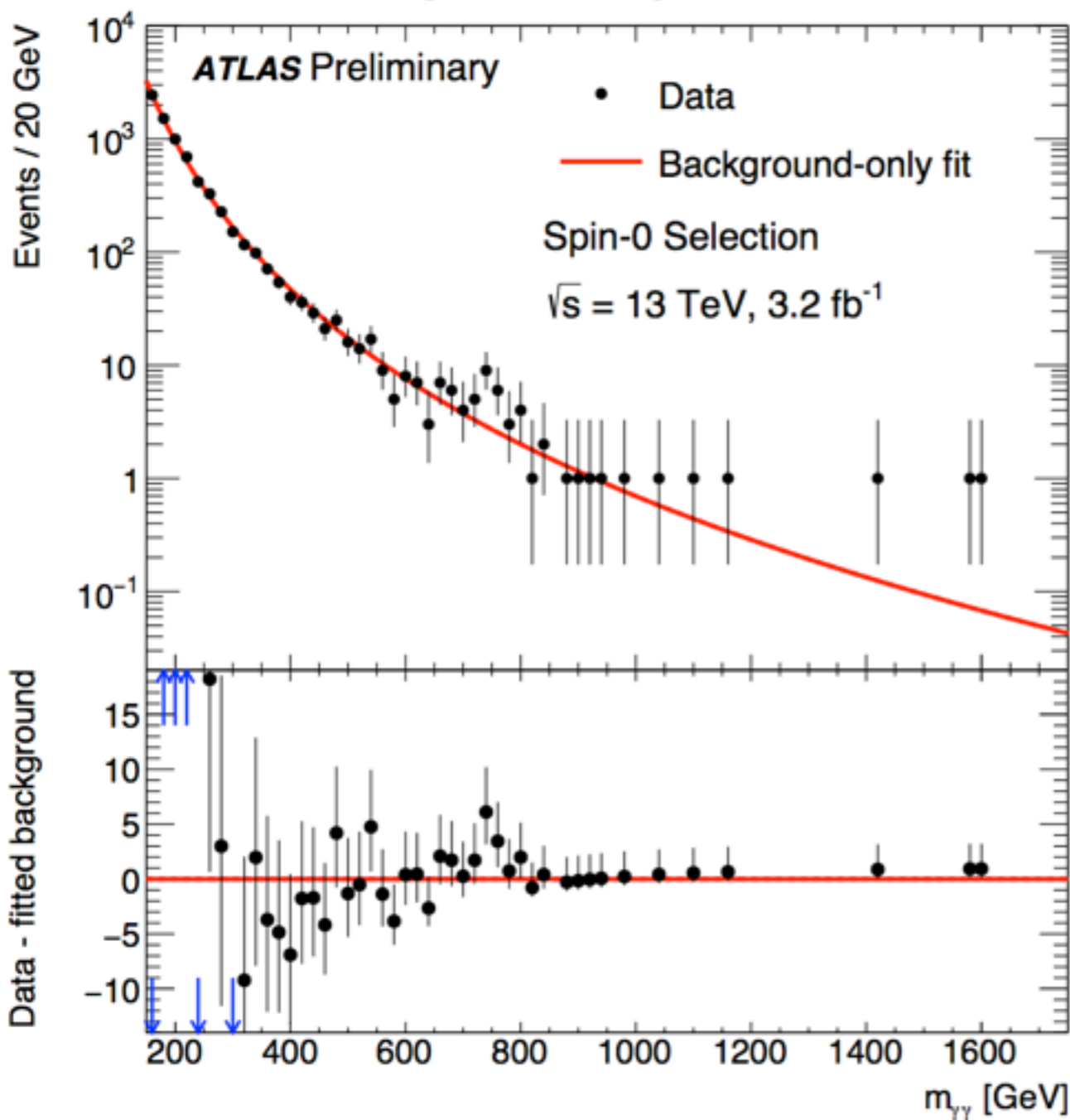




# ATLAS DIPHOTON RESULTS

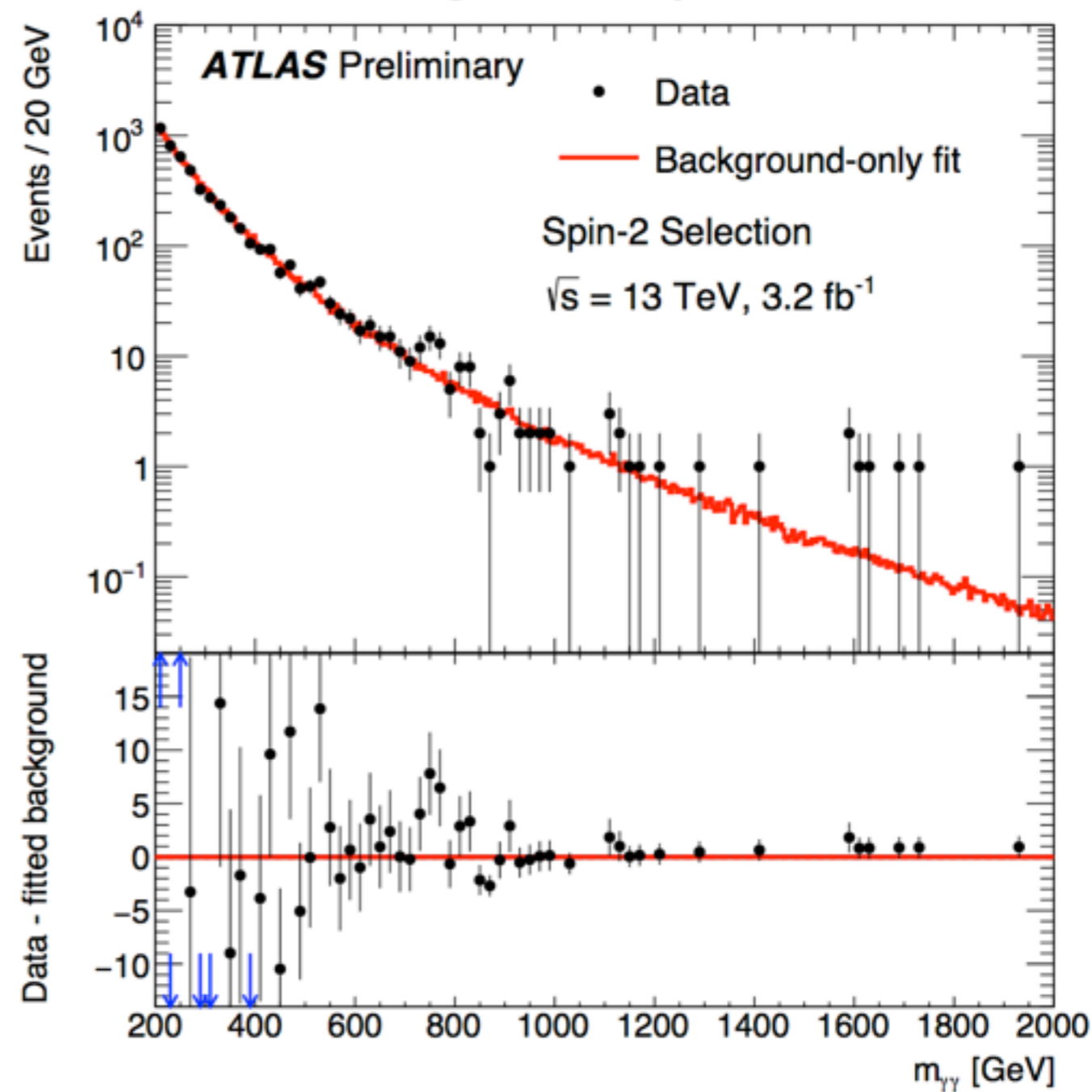
## SPIN-0 ANALYSIS

*background-only fit*



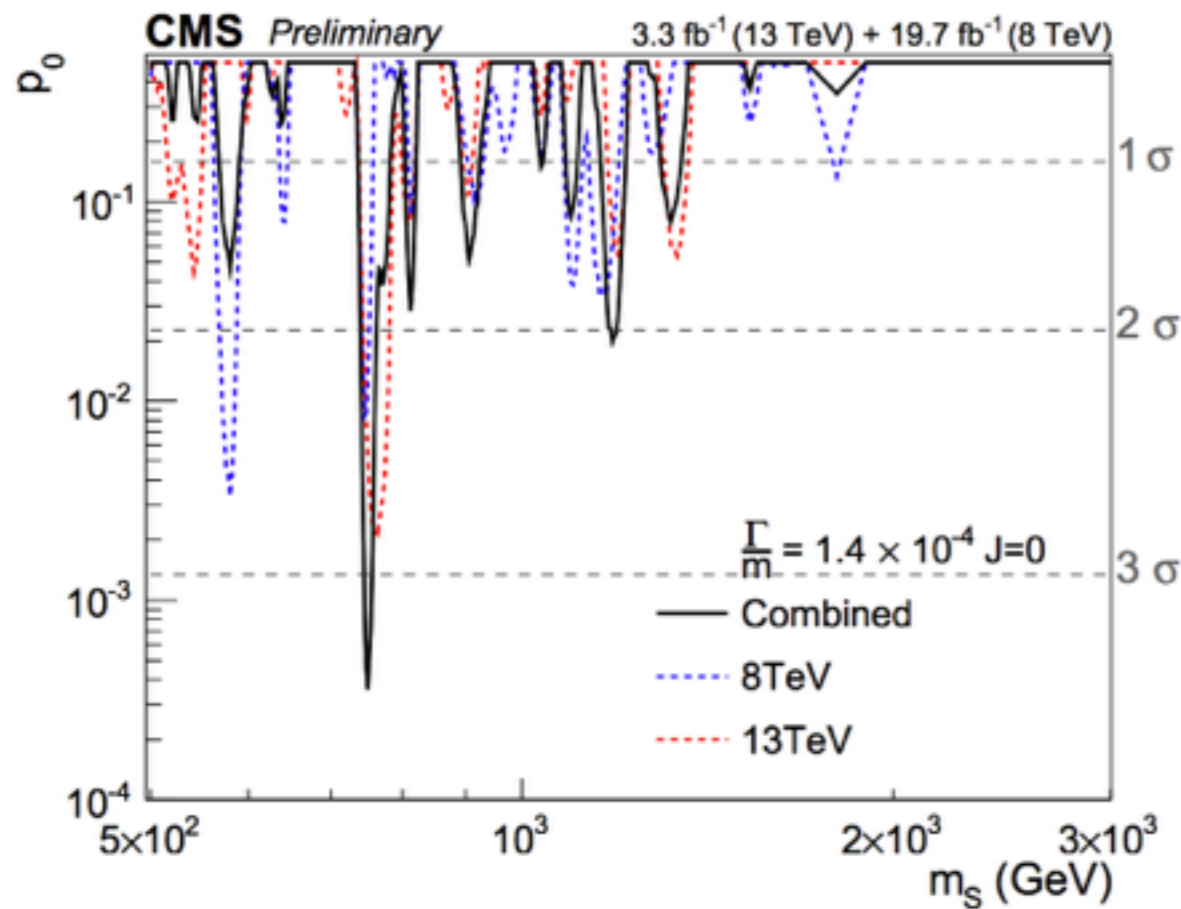
## SPIN-2 ANALYSIS

*background-only fit*

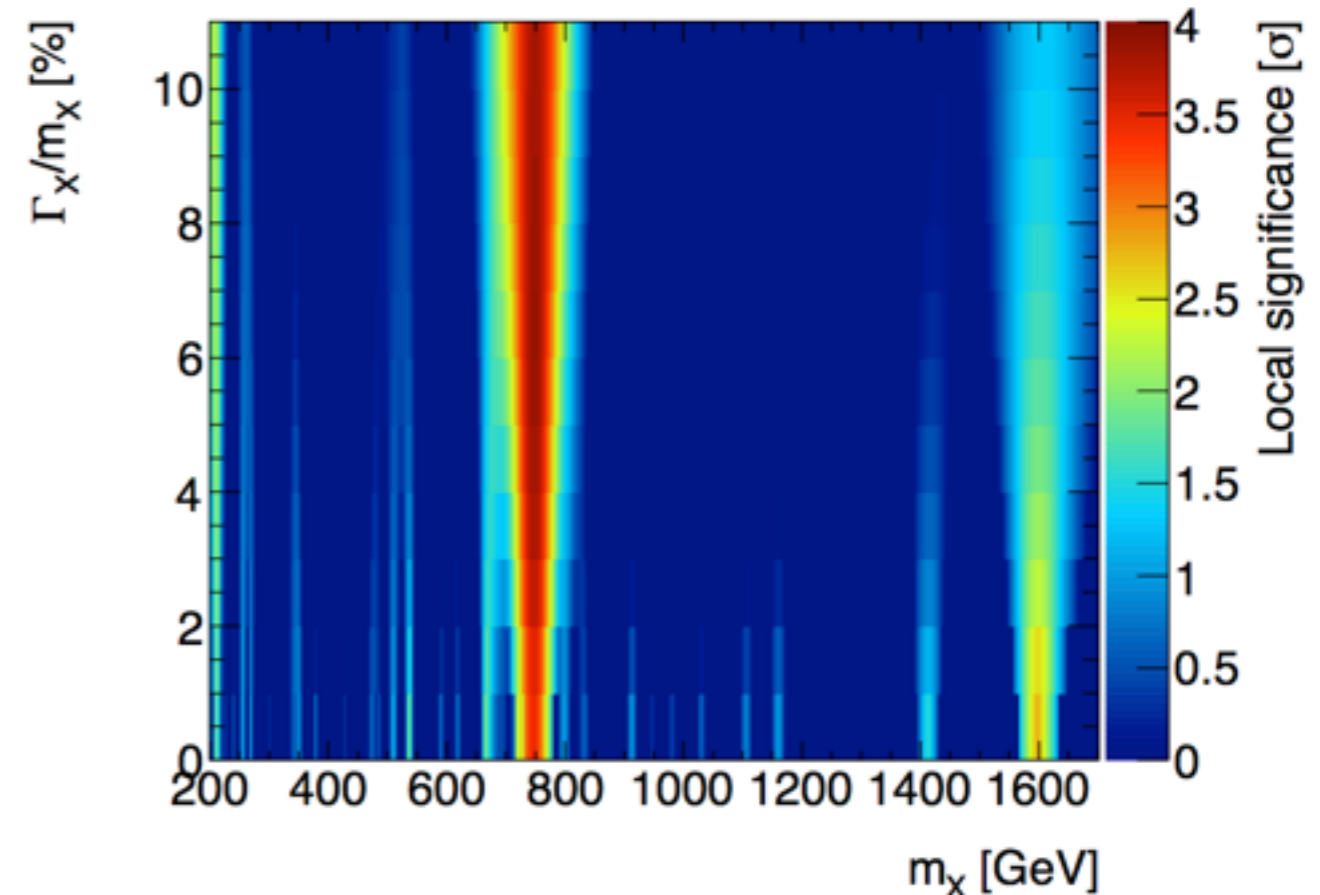


# QUANTIFYING THE EXCESS

## SPIN-0 ANALYSIS



**ATLAS Preliminary**  $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 3.2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  Spin-0 Selection

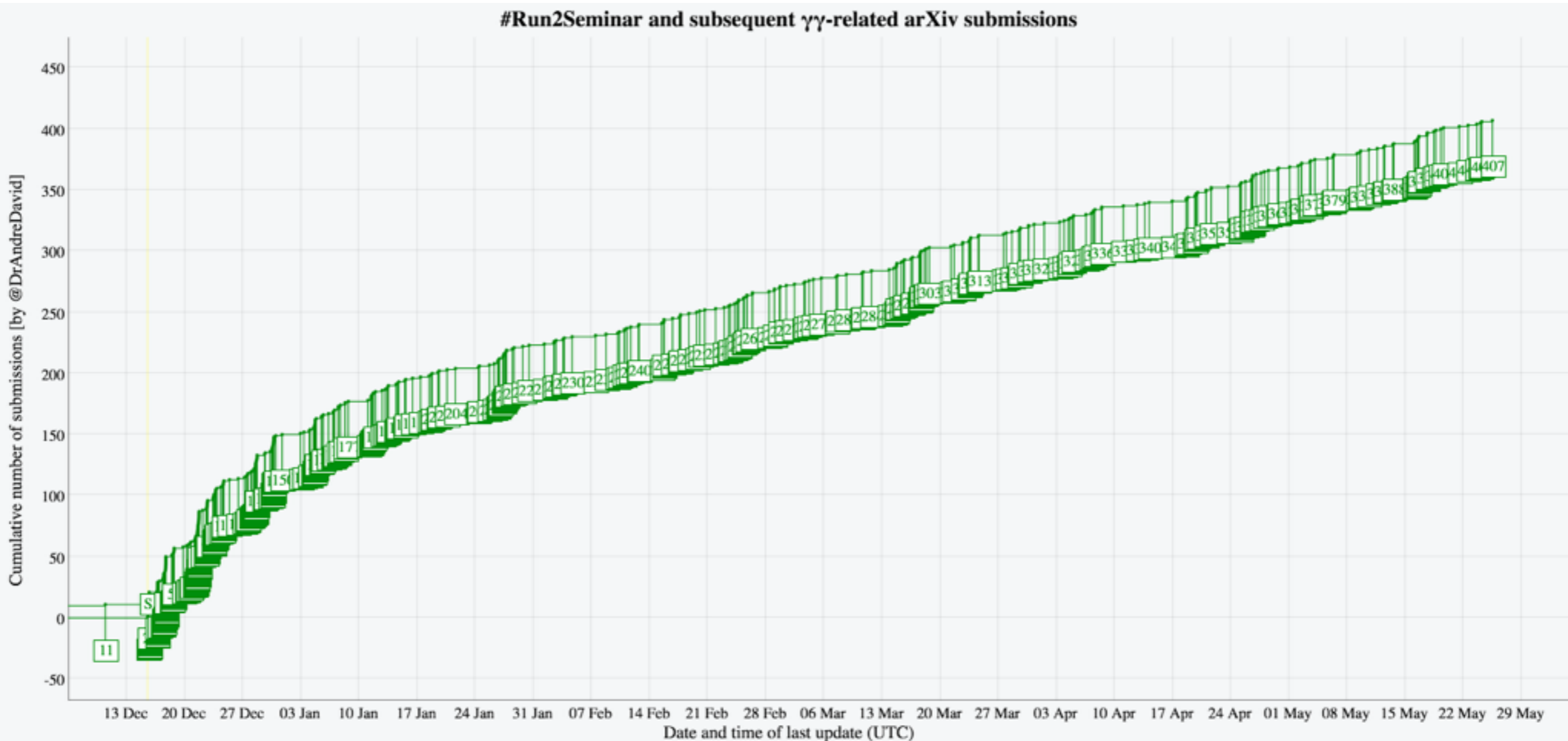


- Largest deviation from B-only hypothesis
  - ✓  $m_X \sim 750 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma_X \sim 45 \text{ GeV}$  (6%)
  - ✓ Local  $Z = \mathbf{3.9 \sigma}$
  - ✓ Global  $Z = \mathbf{2.0 \sigma}$ 
    - $m_X = [200 \text{ GeV} - 2 \text{ TeV}]$
    - $\Gamma_X/m_X = [1\% - 10\%]$

**8 TeV/13 TeV combined pvalue** assuming spin 0 narrow resonance decaying to diphoton. Max local significance  $3.4 \sigma$  @ 750 GeV

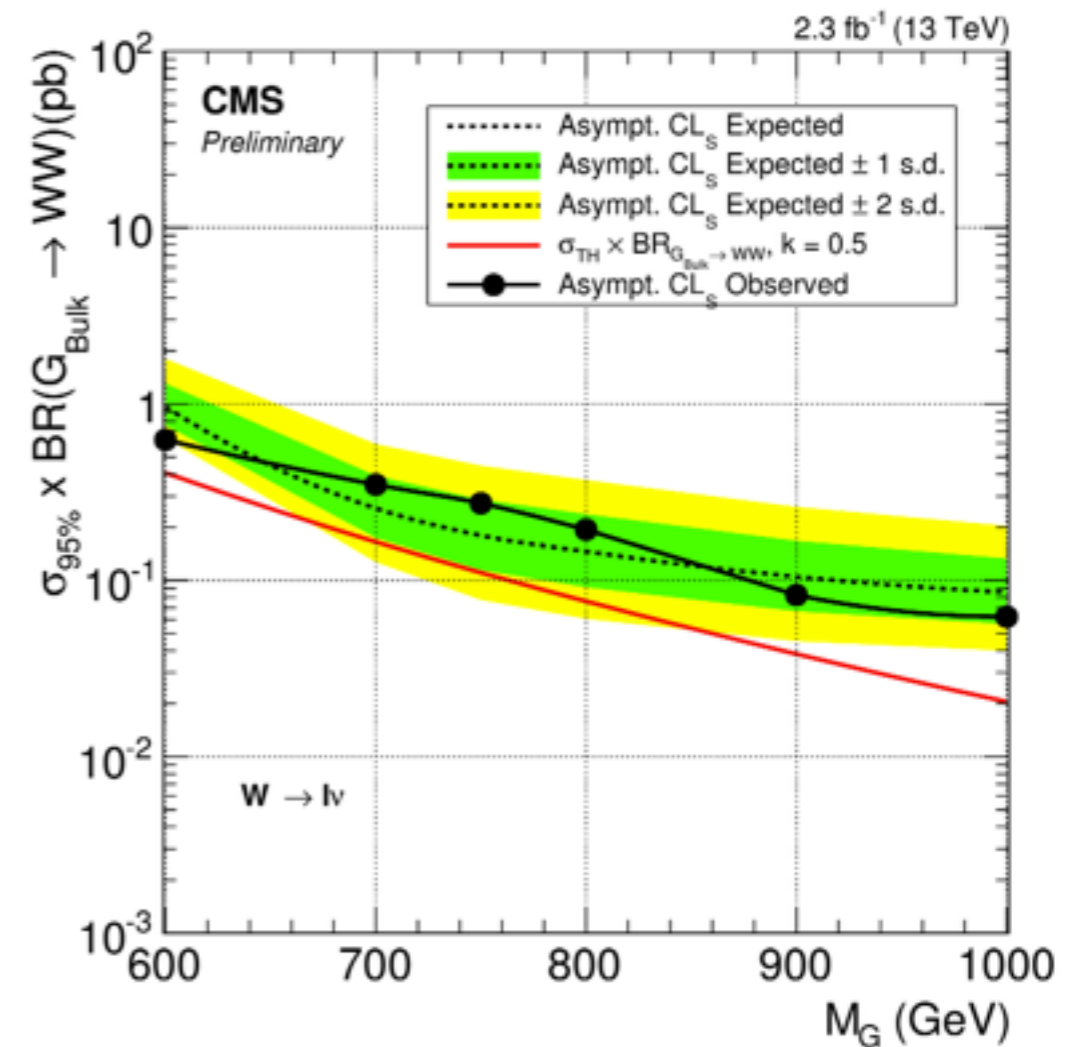
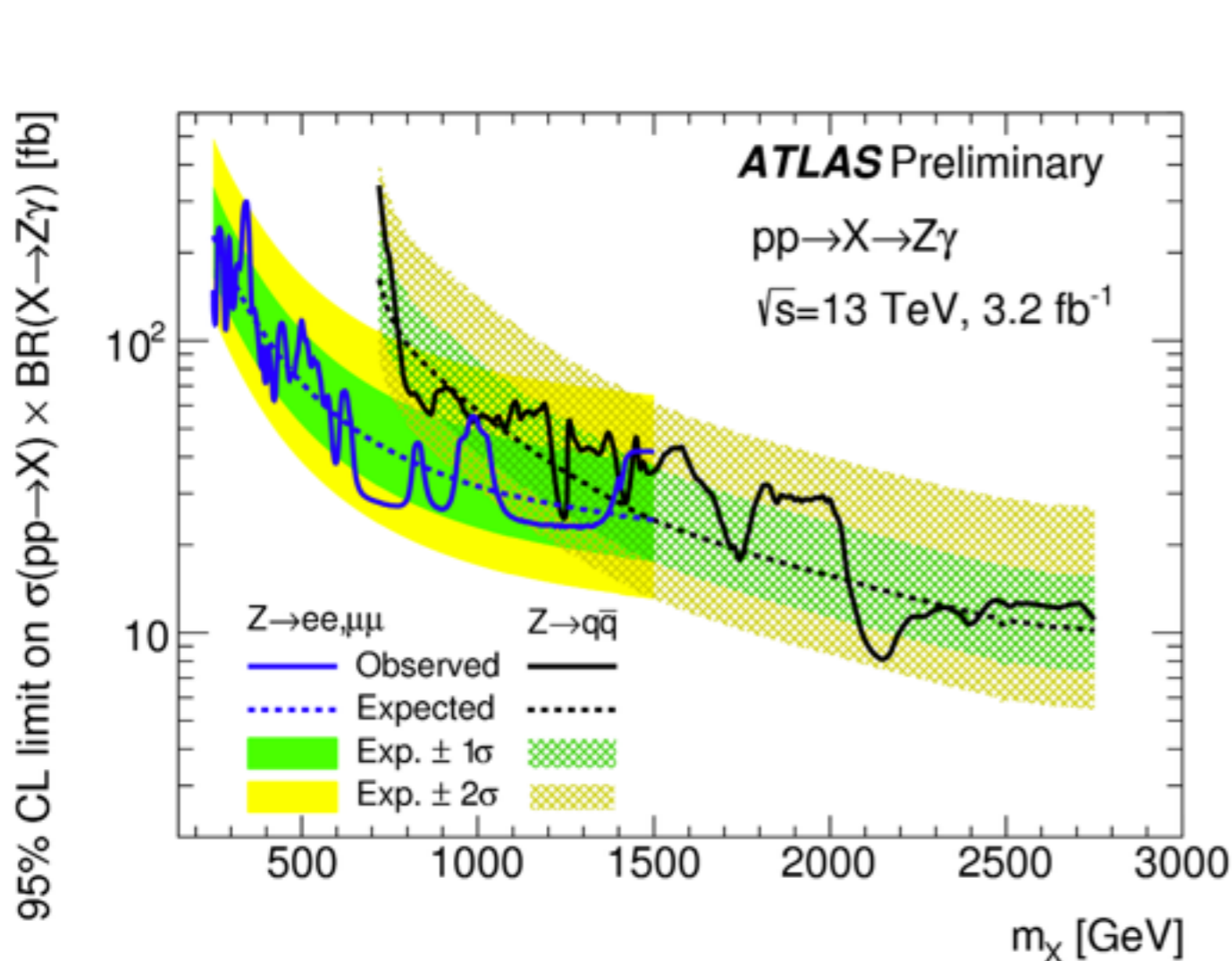
# EXCITEMENT IN THEORY LAND

- So far, about **400 theory paper citing diphoton excess**



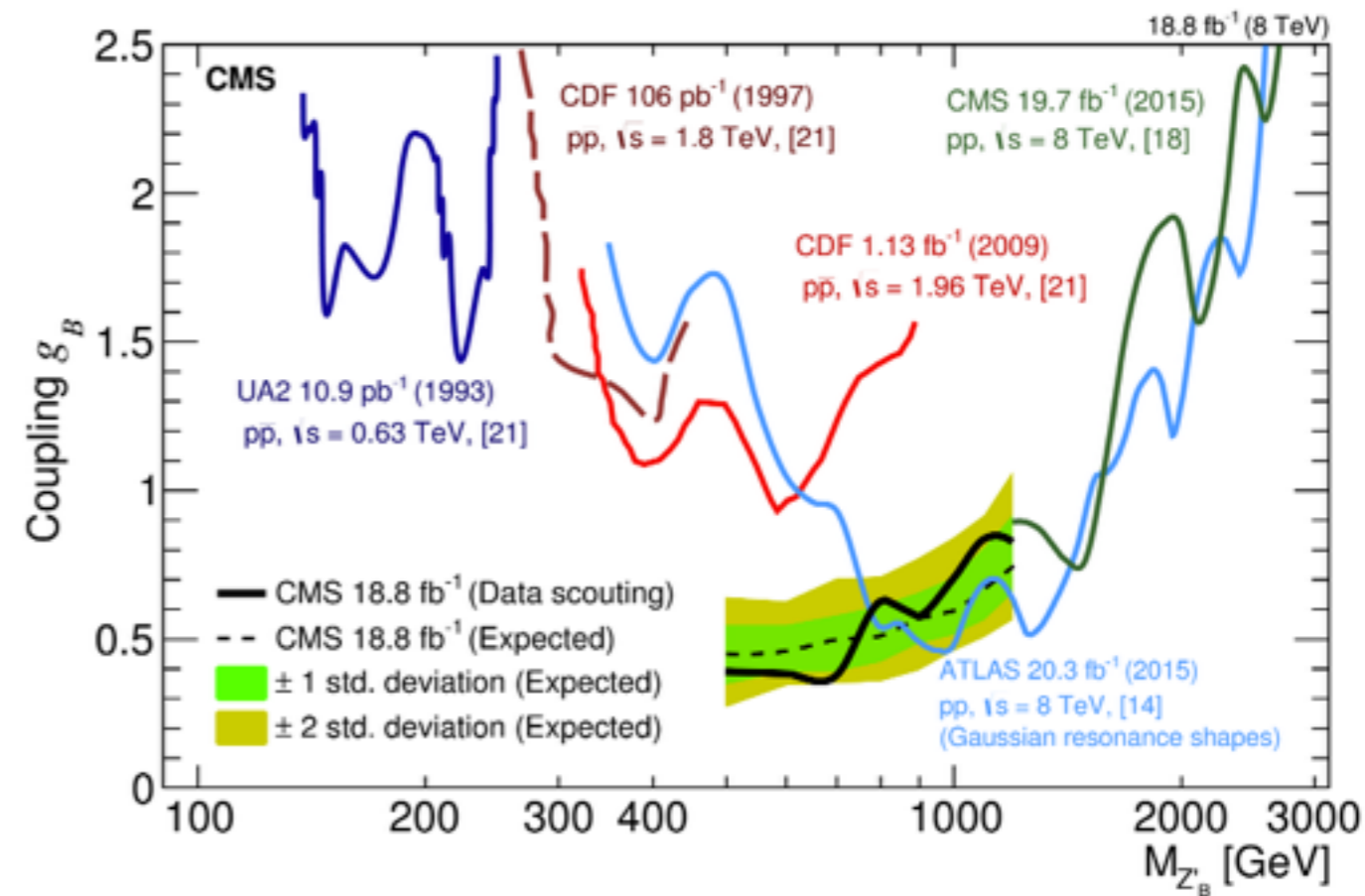
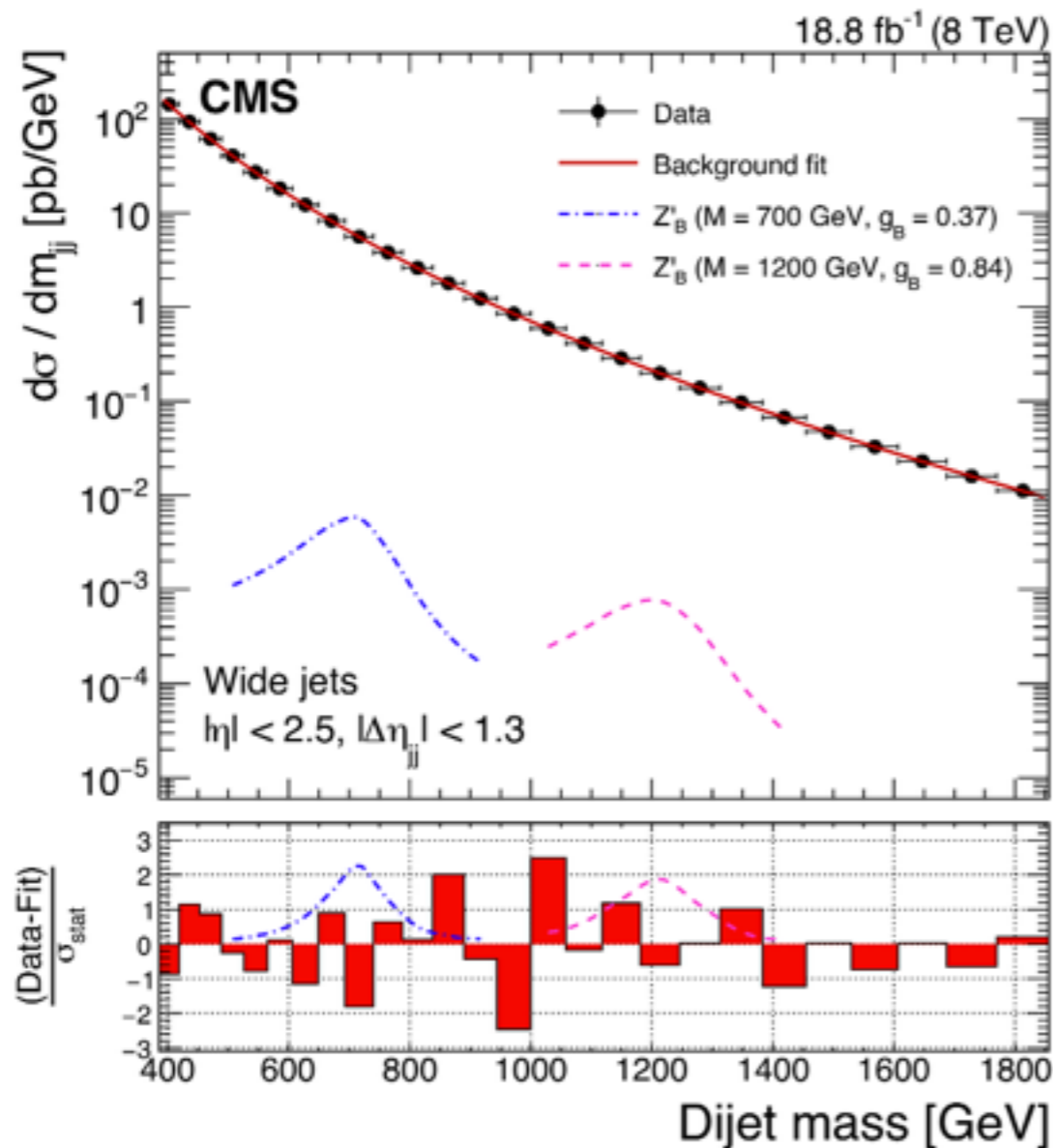
# CONFIRMING THE EXCESS (I)

- **Look for excesses at 750 GeV in other channels**
  - examples: Zgamma, ZZ, ZW, WW at low mass
- **No excess found so far**



# CONFIRMING THE EXCESS (II)

- Dijet resonance searches usually **done at large masses**
  - example: dijet (1 TeV)
- In order to **extend to lower masses**, due to trigger limitations, implemented **alternative ways of storing data (scouting)**



# DARK MATTER

# FIRST INDICATIONS OF DARK MATTER

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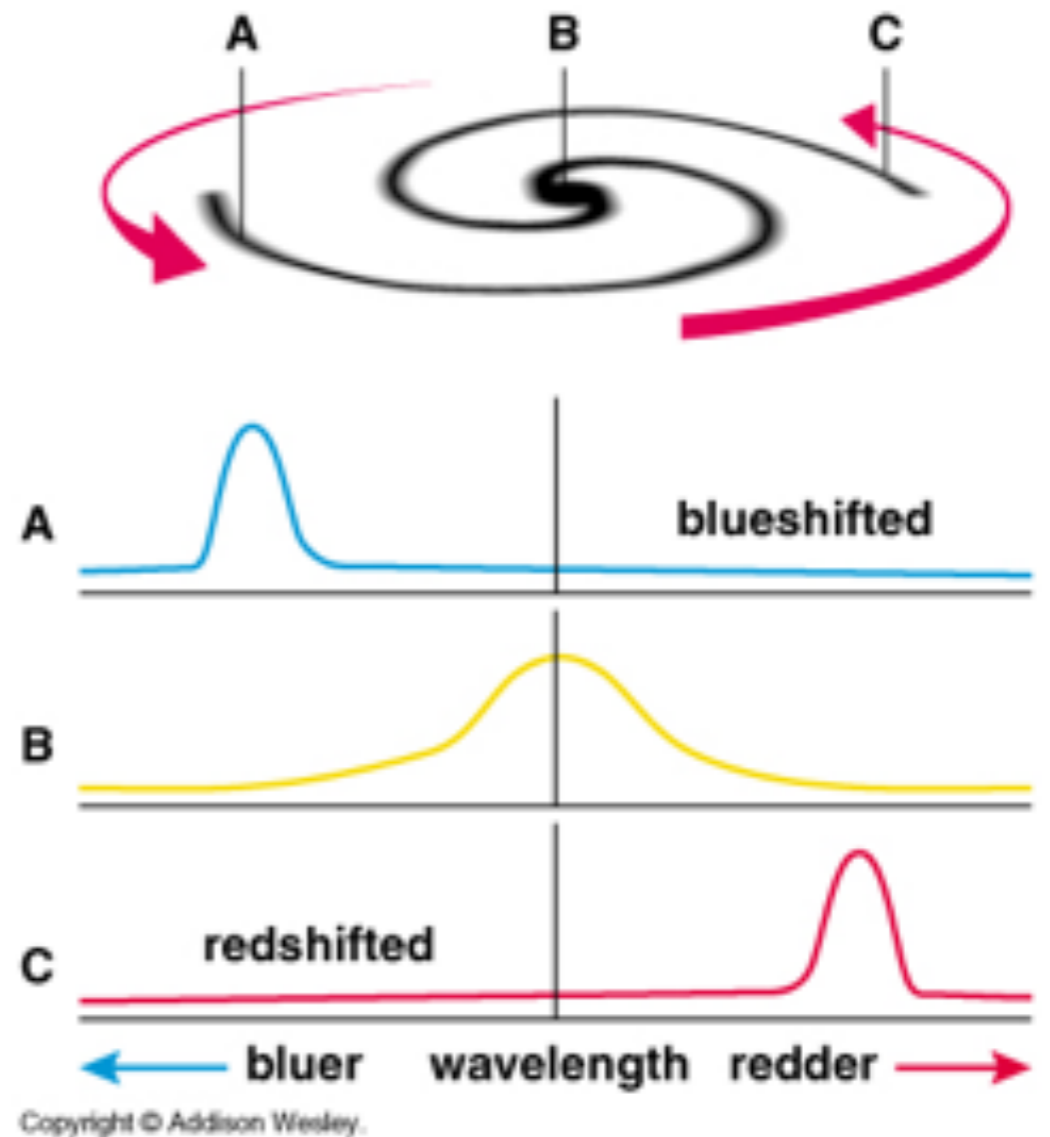
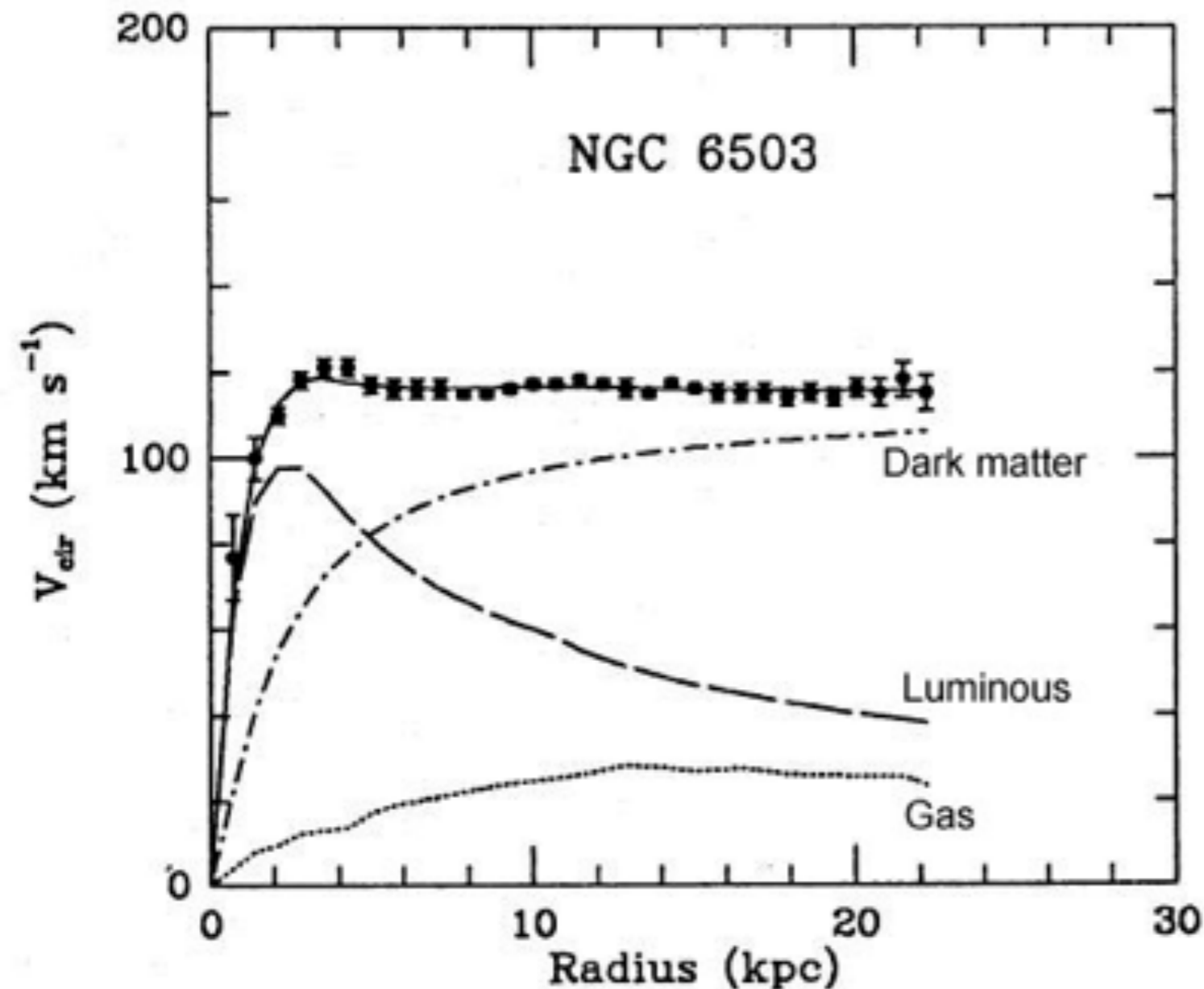
In 1933, Fritz Zwicky calculated the mass of the Coma cluster using galaxies on the outer edge, and came up with a number 400 times larger than expected.

Now we know 90% of its mass due to Dark Matter



# GALACTIC ROTATION

- Starting in 1970's, first measurements of velocity curve of edge-on spiral galaxies
- Velocity found to be flat, consistent with  $\sim 10x$  as much "dark"





# GALACTIC ROTATION VELOCITY

- For a star of mass  $m$  at distance  $r$  from center of the galaxy

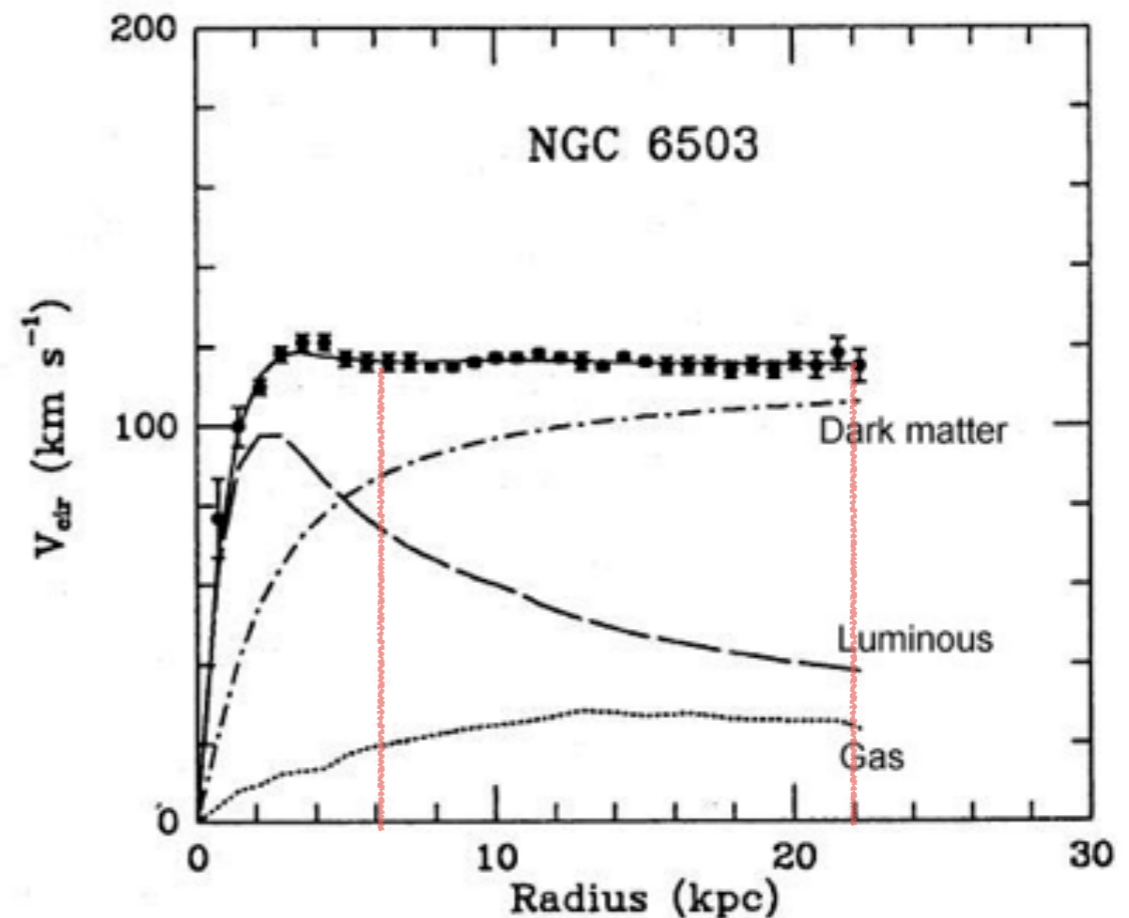
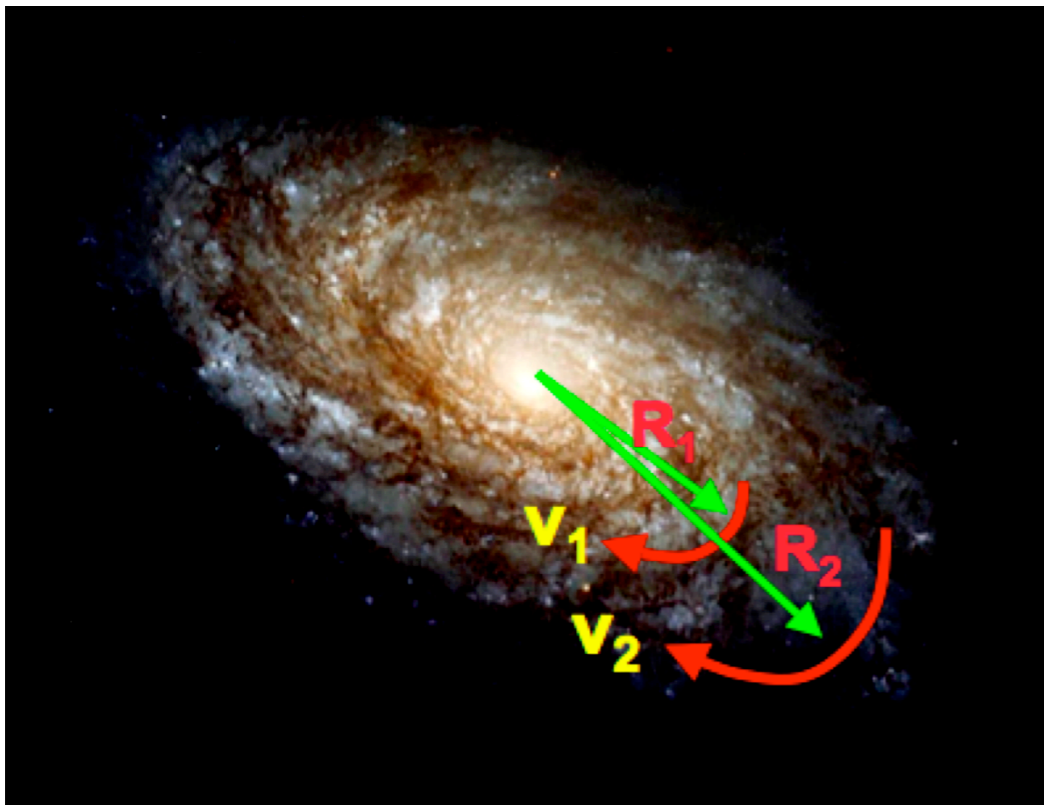
$$\frac{mv^2(r)}{r} = \frac{mM(r)G}{r^2}$$

- Galaxy mass mainly within core radius of  $R_0$

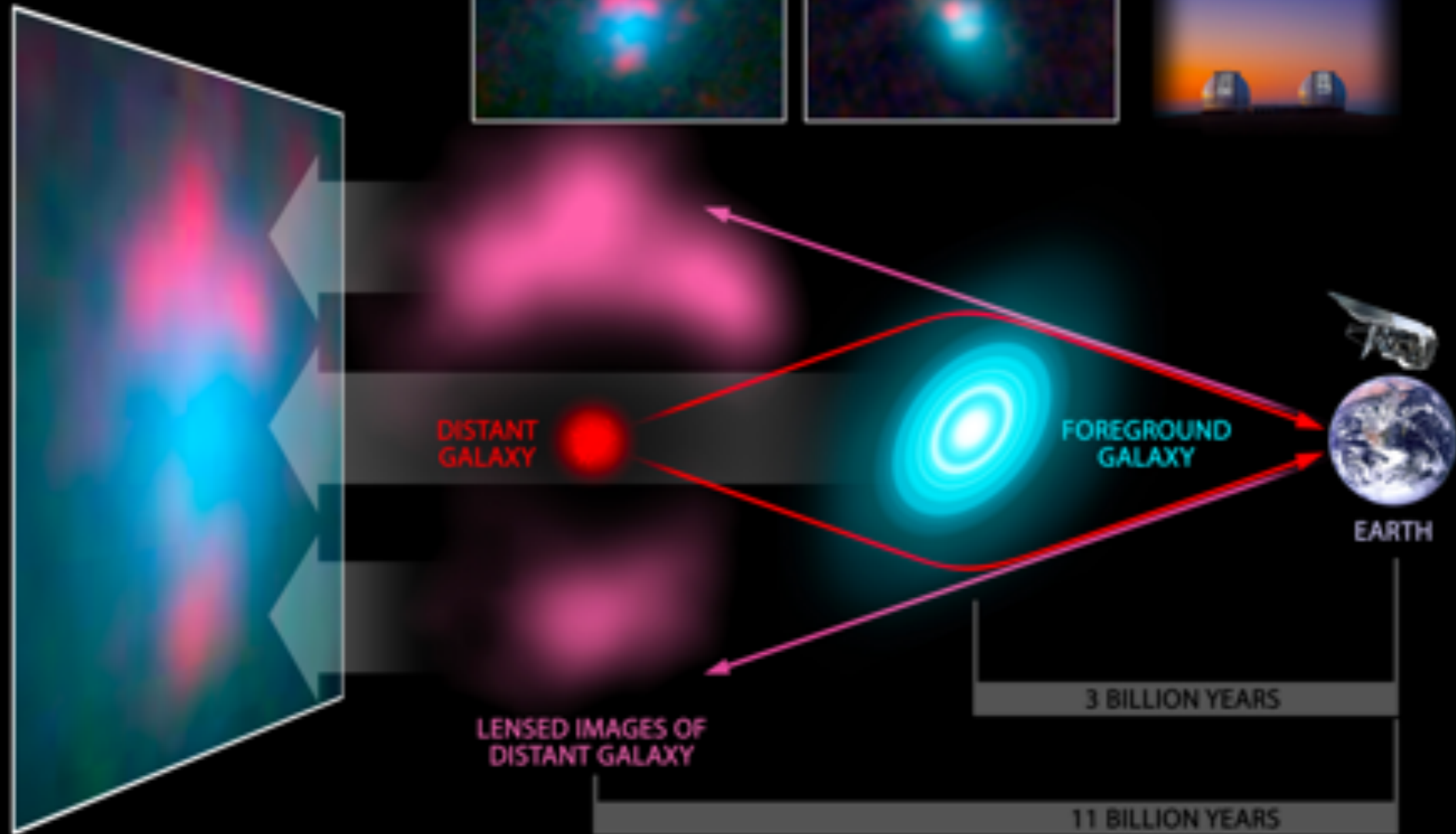
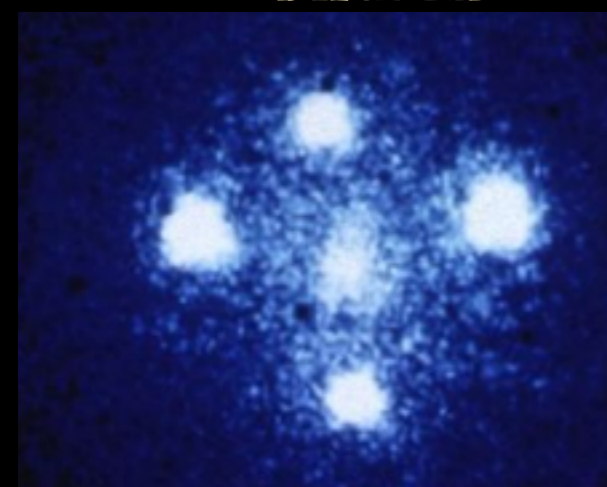
$$M(r) = \begin{cases} \rho r^3 & r < R_0 \\ \rho R_0^3 & r \geq R_0 \end{cases}$$

- Galaxy rotation velocity

$$v(r) = \begin{cases} \propto r & r < R_0 \\ \propto r^{-1/2} & r \geq R_0 \end{cases}$$

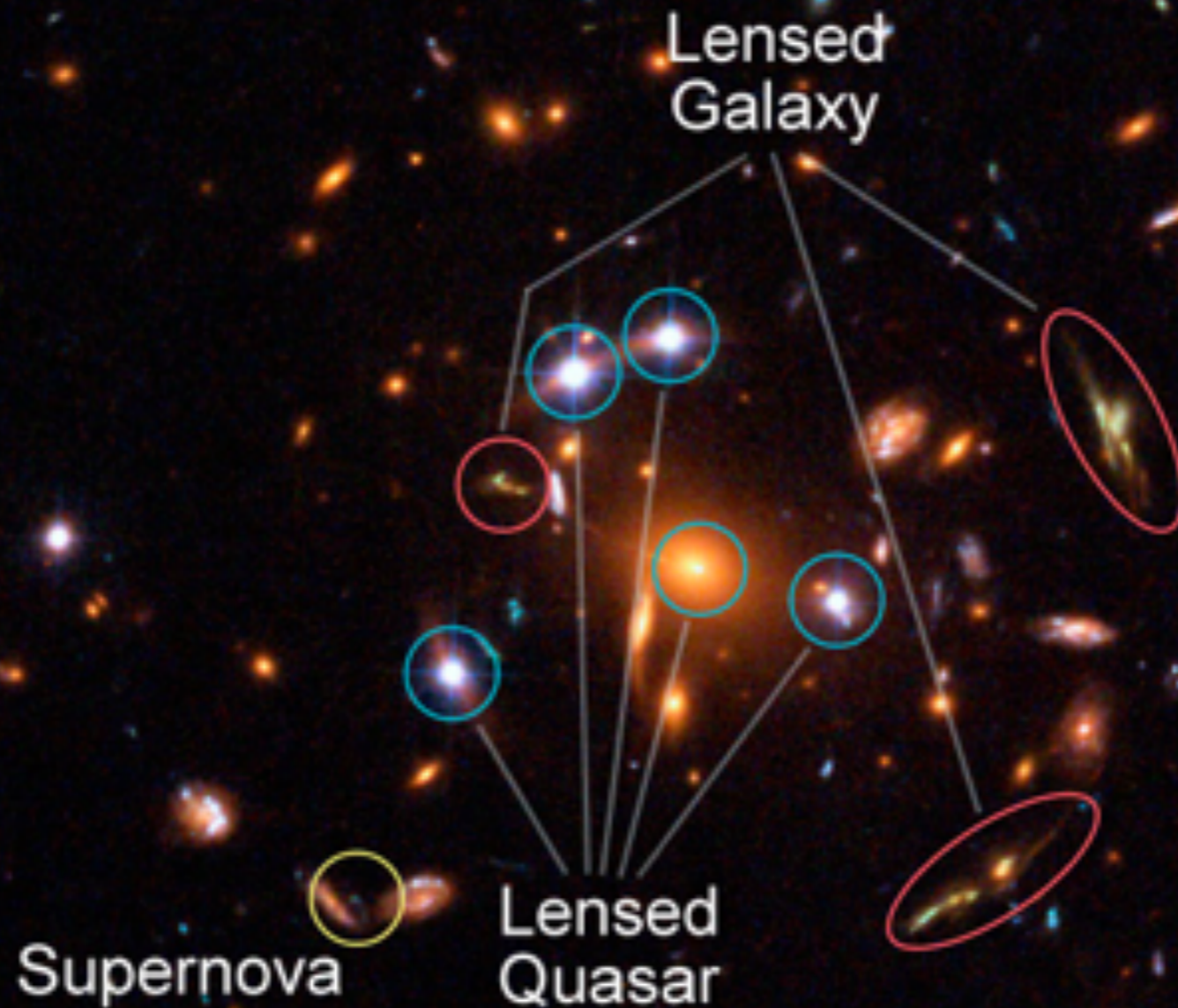


# GRAVITATIONAL LENSING



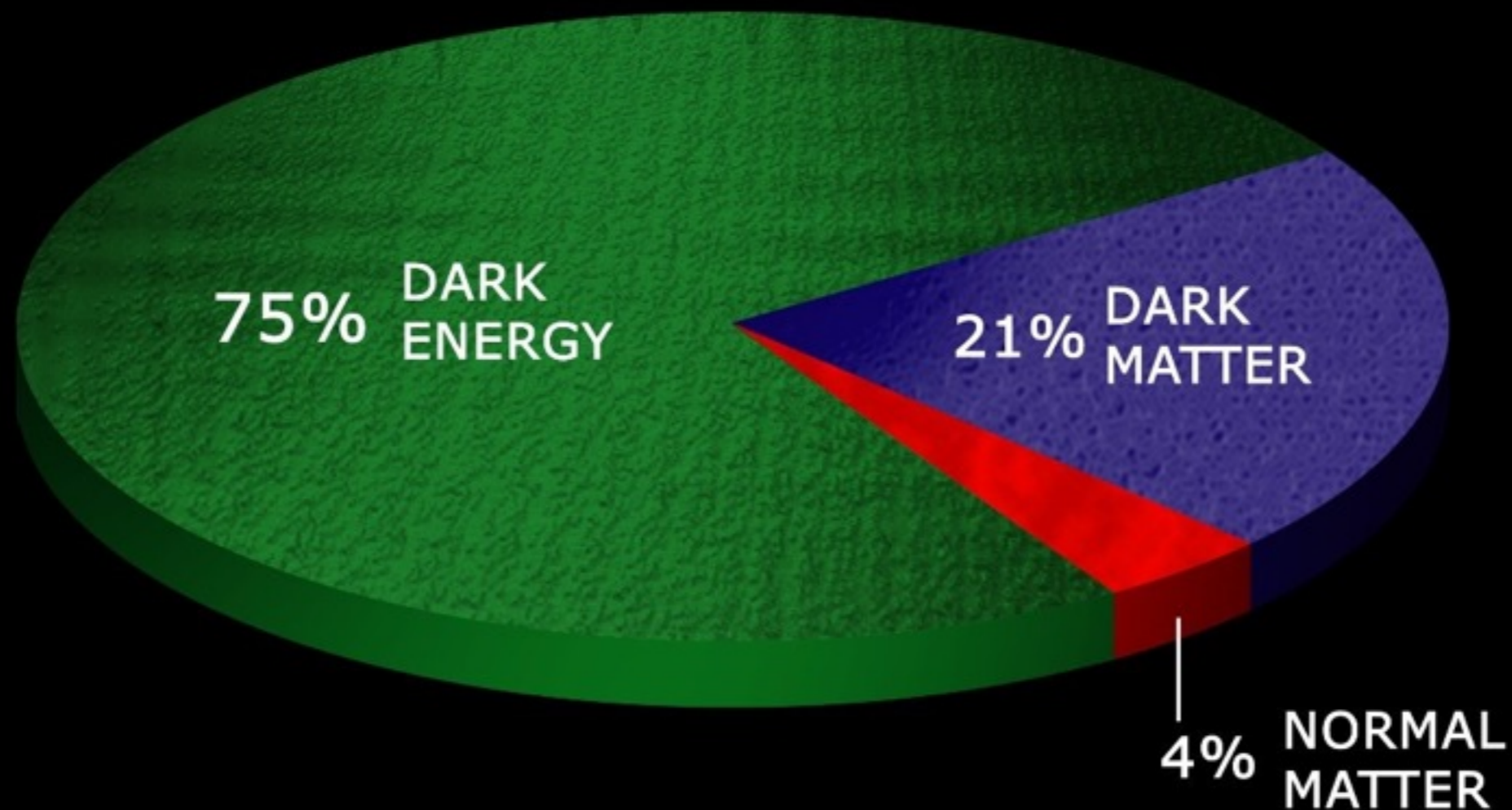
# GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

Galaxy Cluster SDSS J1004+4112  
HST ACS/WFC



10''

# UNIVERSE COMPOSITION



- Strong astrophysical evidence for the existence of dark matter
  - Evidence from bullet cluster, gravitational lensing, rotation curves
  - Dark Matter 5 times more abundant than baryons
  - Contributes  $\sim 1/4$  of the total energy budget!

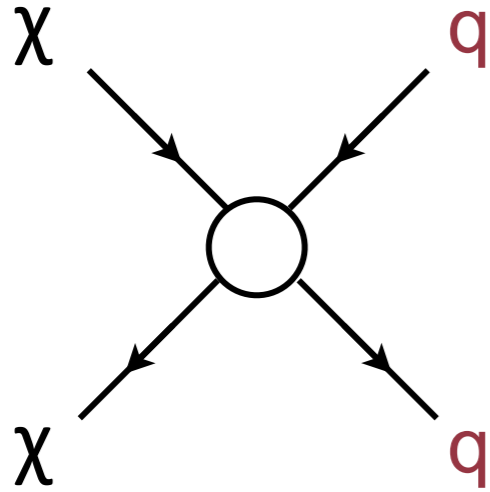
# CANDIDATE DARK MATTER PARTICLES

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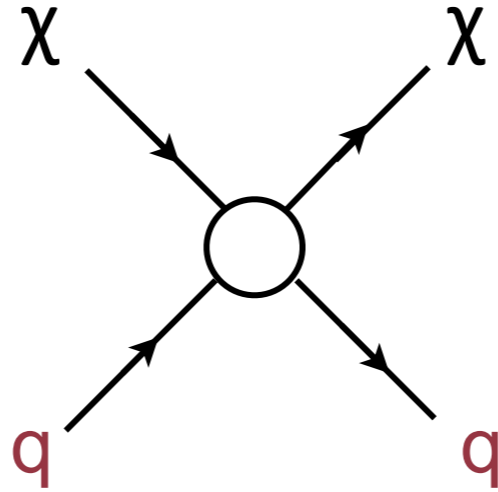
- **Properties**
  - long lived (old)
  - non-relativistic (slow)
  - no electric or color charge
  - very weak interaction with Standard Model particles
  - subject to gravity interaction
- Several **potential candidates** fulfilling these requirements for dark matter
  - Dark: weakly interacting with electromagnetic radiation
  - Hot & dark: ultra-relativistic velocities
    - ▶ neutrinos
  - Warm & dark: very high velocity
    - ▶ sterile neutrinos, gravitinos
  - Cold & dark: moving slowly
    - ▶ Lightest SUSY particle (neutralino, gravitino as LSP)
  - ...

# DARK MATTER INTERACTION

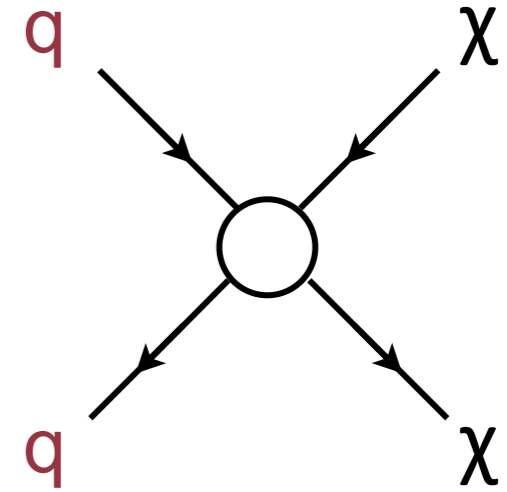
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*Indirect Detection*



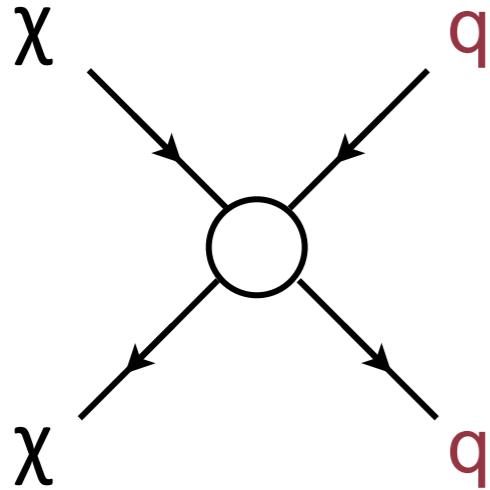
*Direct Detection*



*Production at Colliders*

# DARK MATTER INTERACTION

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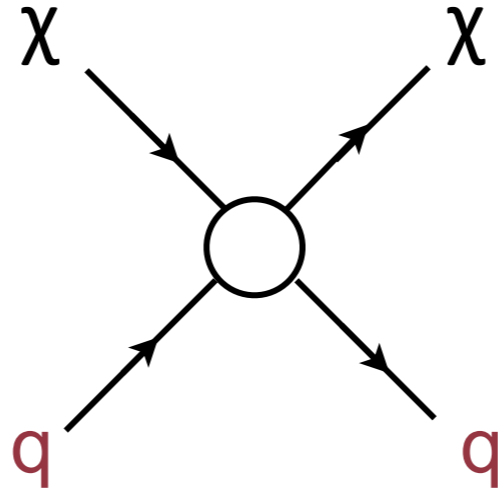
*Indirect Detection*

- **Indirect detection**

- search for production of DM annihilation
- high energy photons, particle-anti-particle pairs
- search for ultra-relativistic objects produced in galactic halo
- observatory on earth-bound or with satellites

# DARK MATTER INTERACTION

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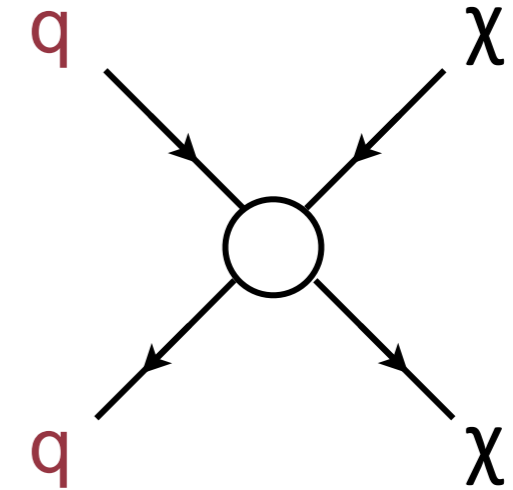
*Direct Detection*

- **Direct detection**
  - Observe recoil of dark matter from nucleus



# DARK MATTER INTERACTION

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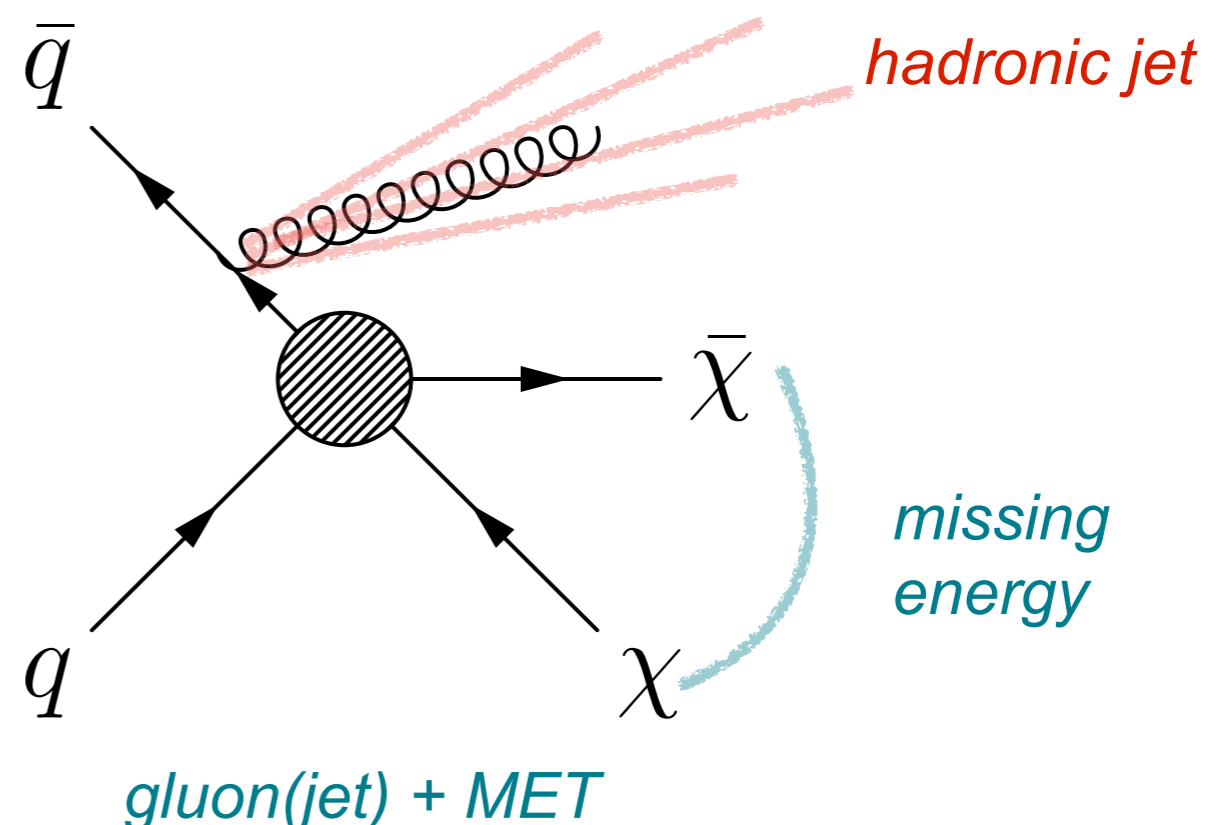
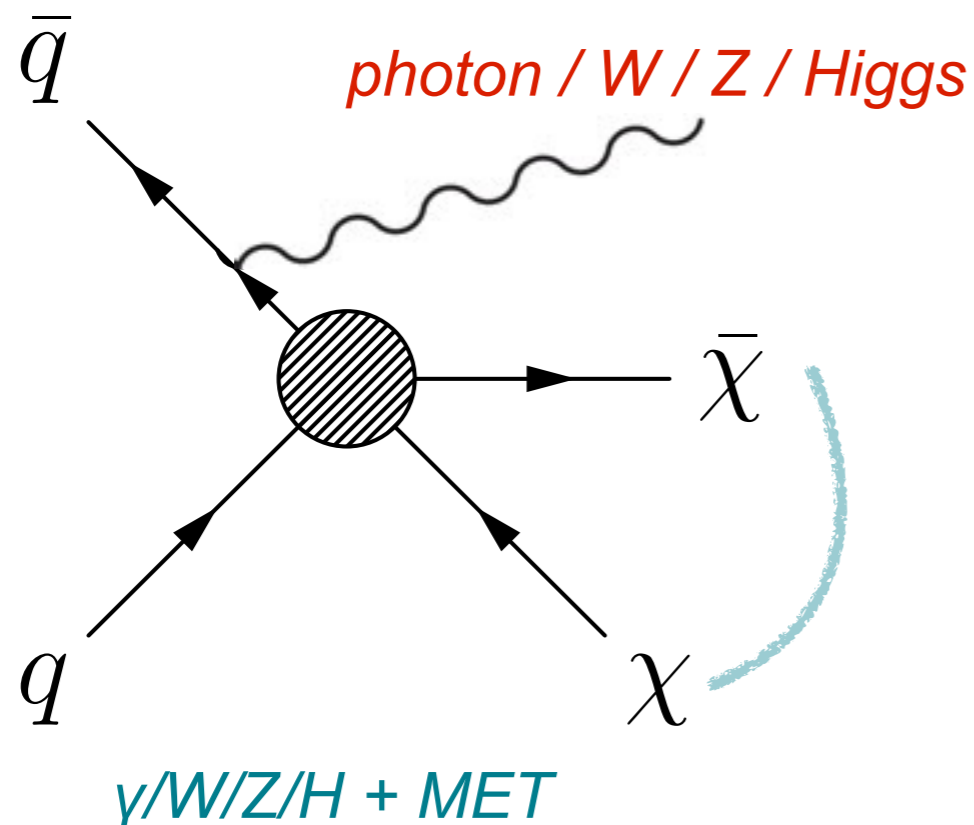
*Production at Colliders*

- **Pair production at LHC**

- DM candidates escape the detector (weekly interacting)
  - large missing energy
- need to identify (“tag”) events of interest with some extra object
  - otherwise you see nothing in the detector

# DARK MATTER IDENTIFICATION AT LHC

- **EW bosons and gluons can be radiated by initial partons**
- Presence of high energy photon/W/Z/Higgs or jet(s) *in addition* to large missing transverse energy
- Gluon radiation at higher rate than EW bosons
  - strong interaction vs. electromagnetic

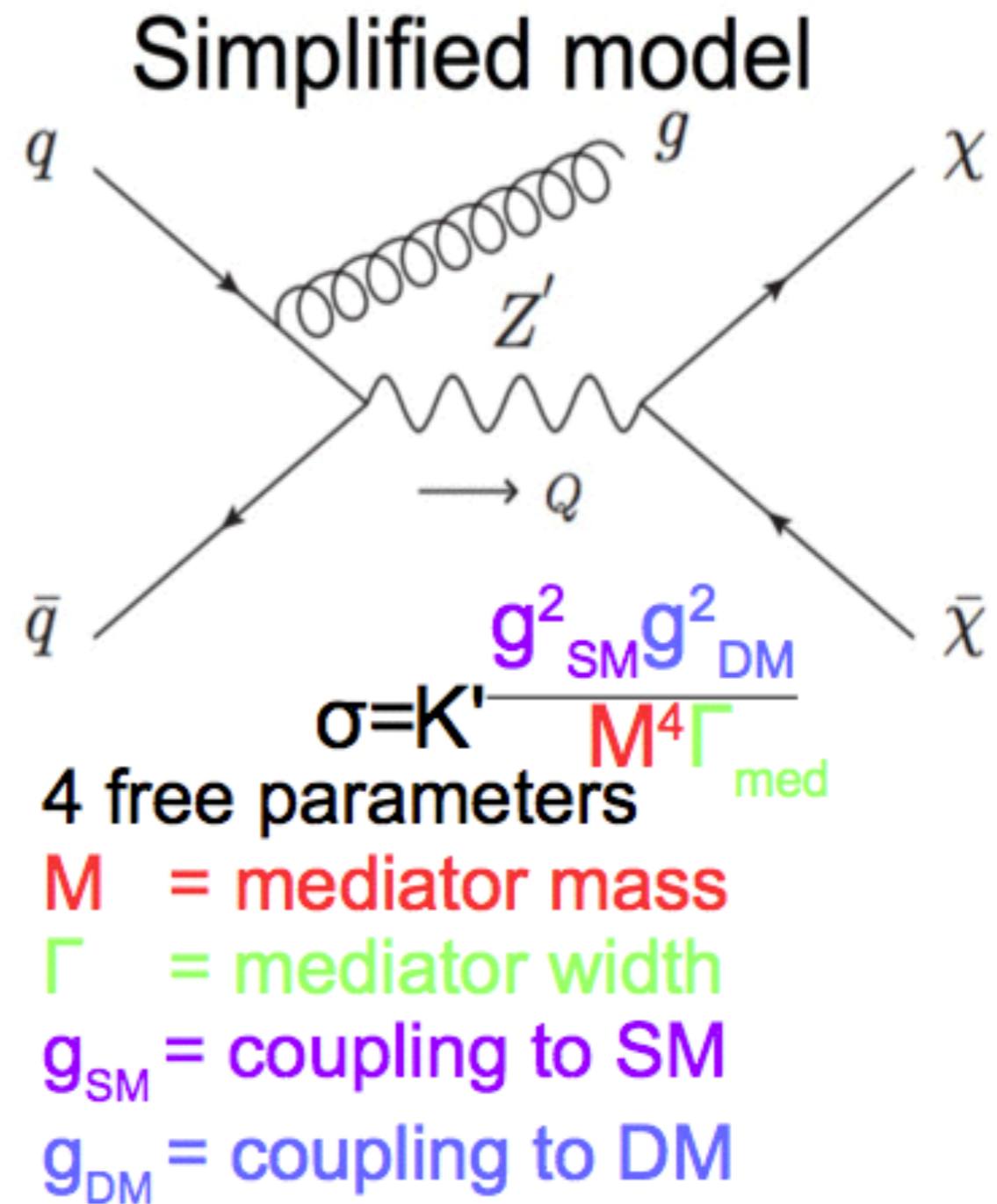
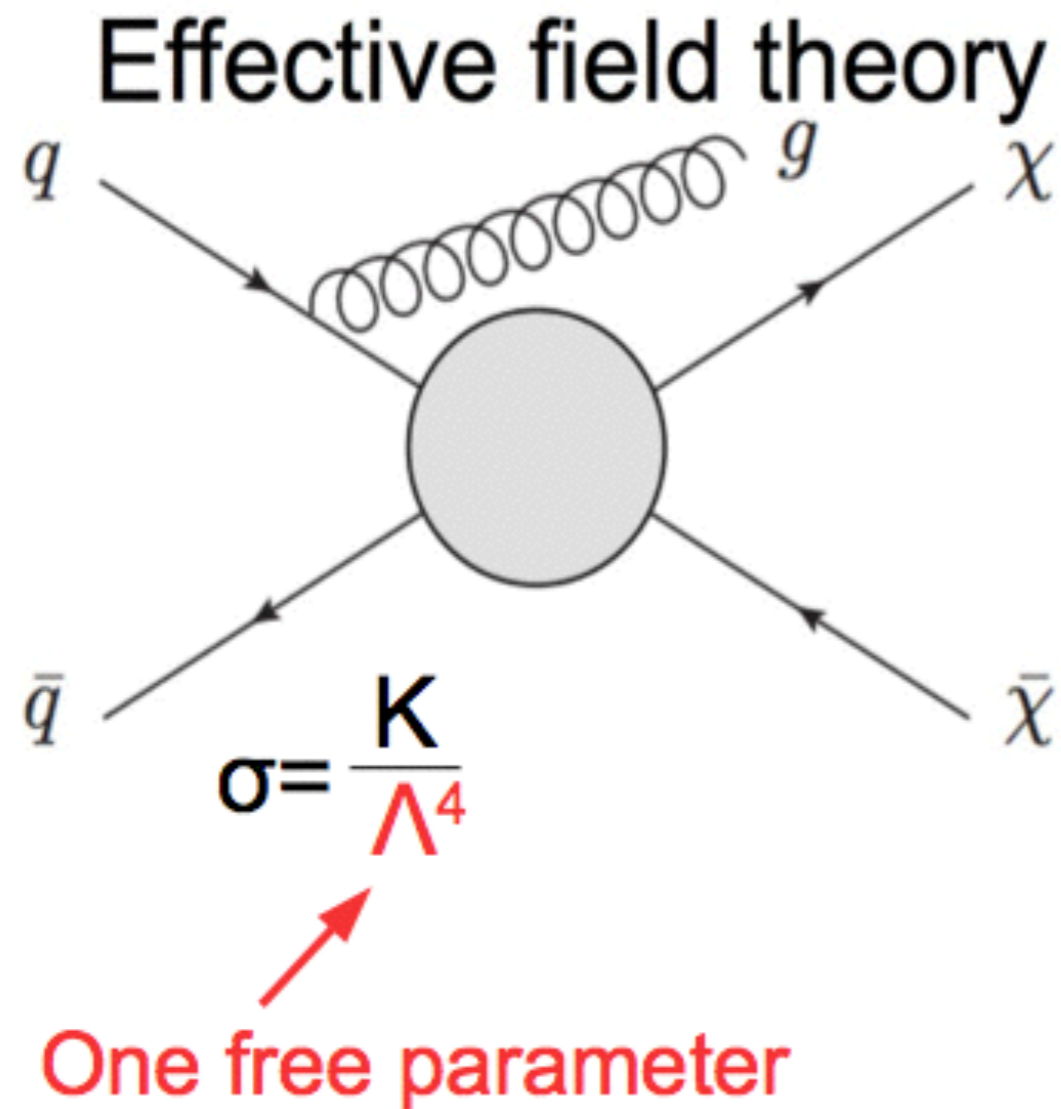


# DIFFERENT POSSIBLE SIGNATURES

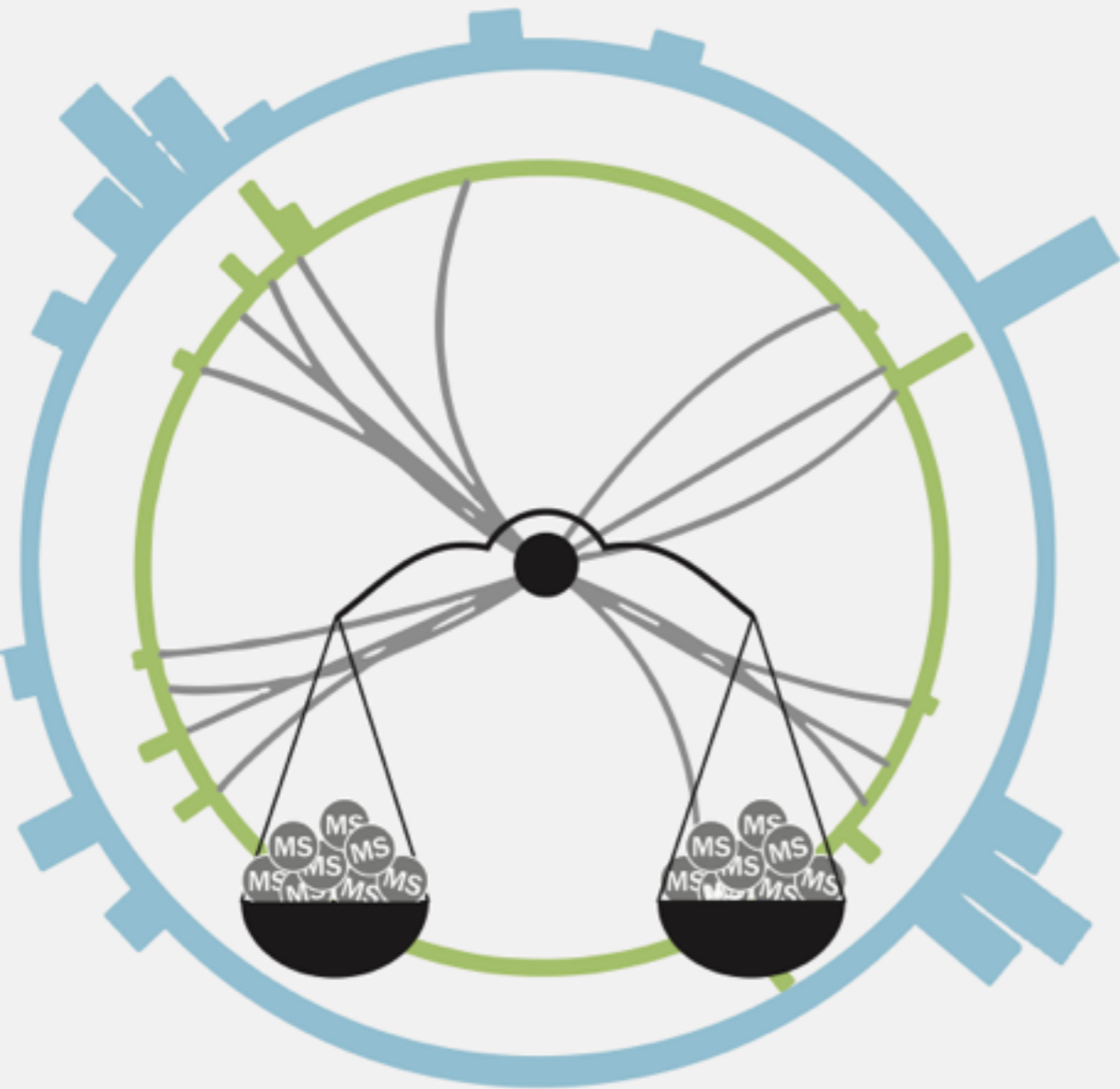
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- **mono-jet**
  - strongest constraints
- **mono-photon**
  - more challenging for background estimation
  - less powerful: EW vs. strong interaction
- **mono-W/Z leptonic**
  - clean signature and simple trigger
  - penalized by W/Z branching fraction
- **mono-W/Z hadronic**
  - larger statistics with larger background
- **tt+MET/bb+MET and mono-top**
  - more complicated experimentally
  - powerful in some scenarios
- **mono-Higgs**

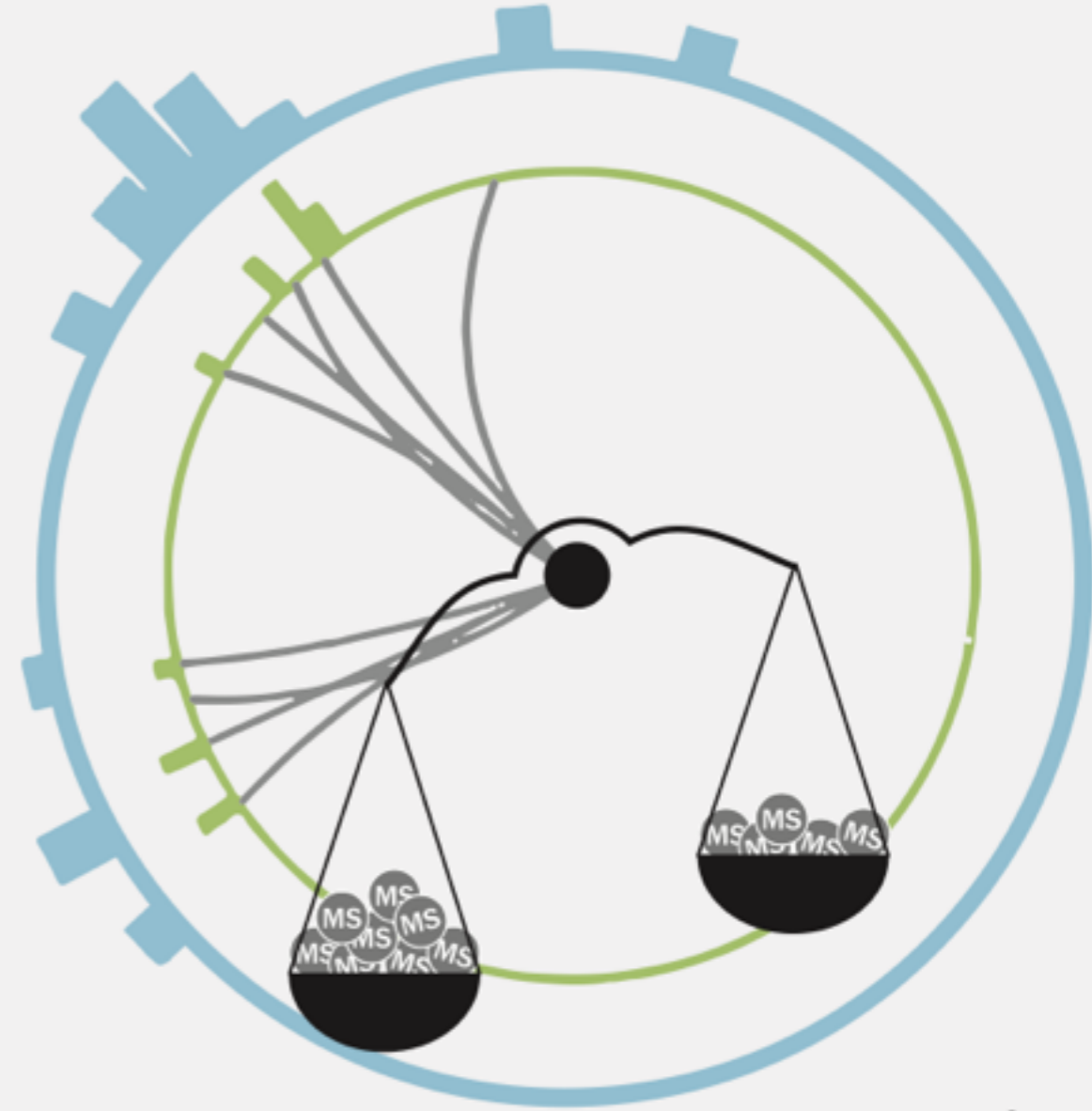
# MODELING DM CANDIDATE INTERACTIONS



# HOW DOES IT LOOK?

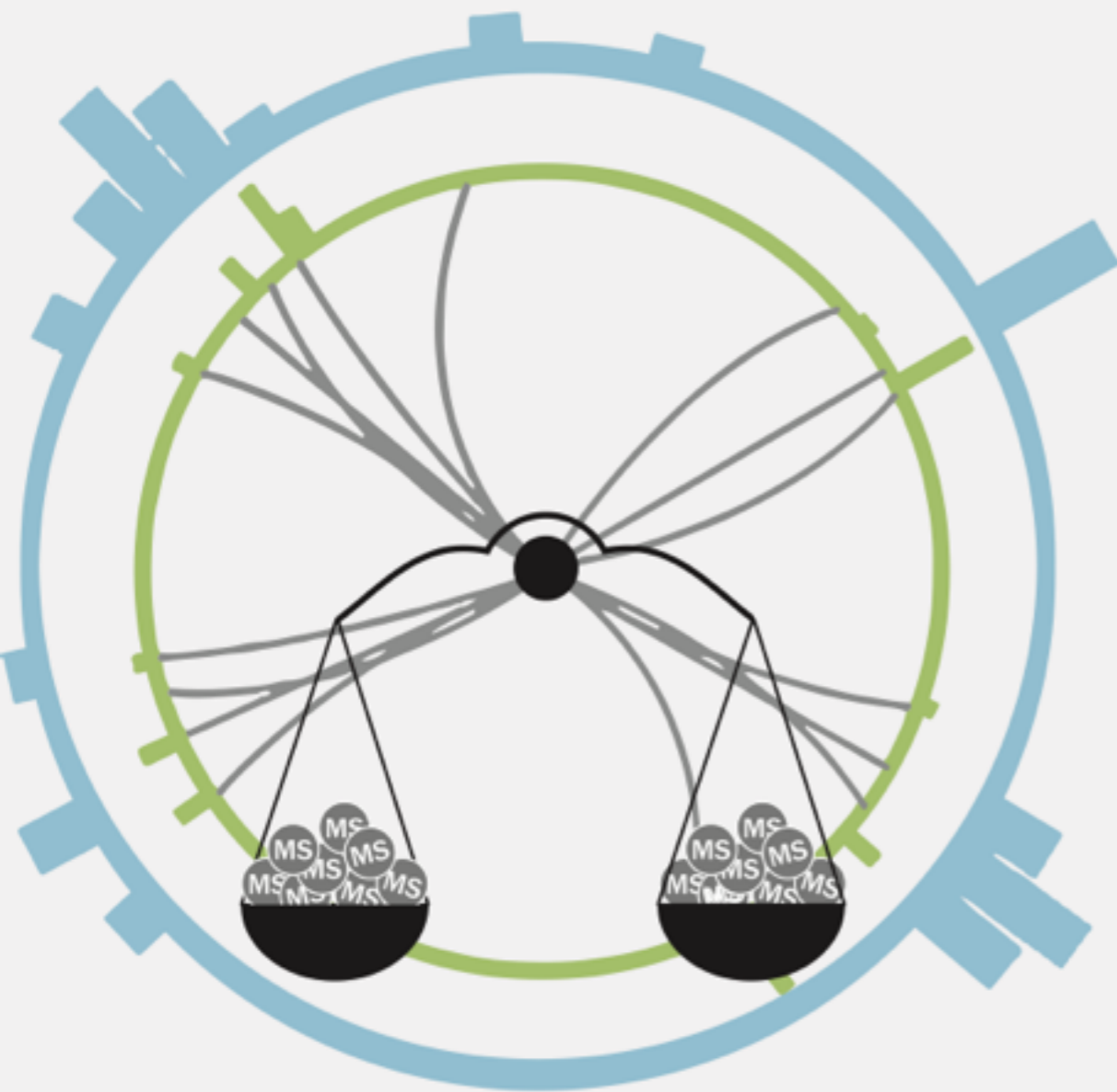


SM event

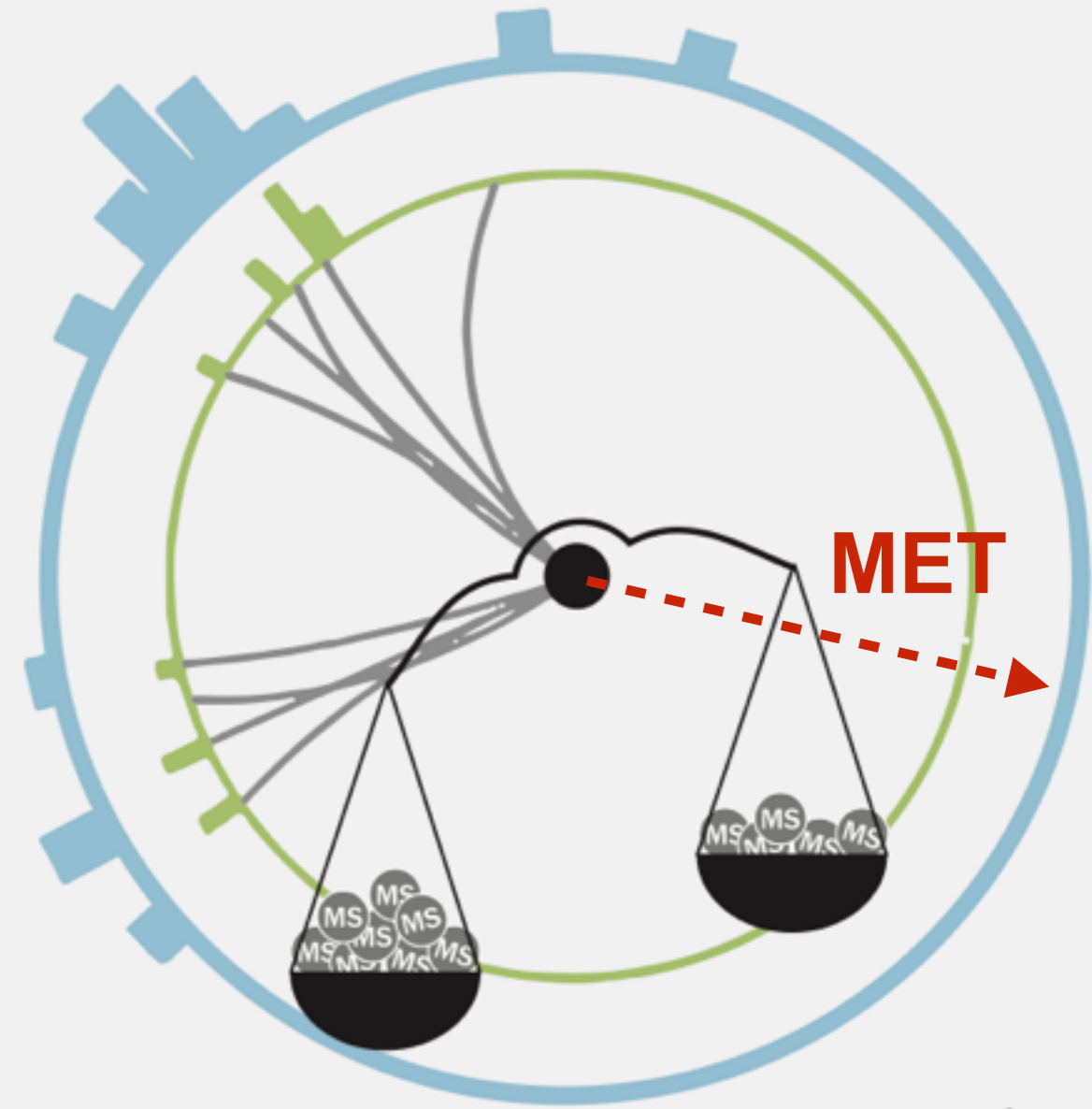


DM event

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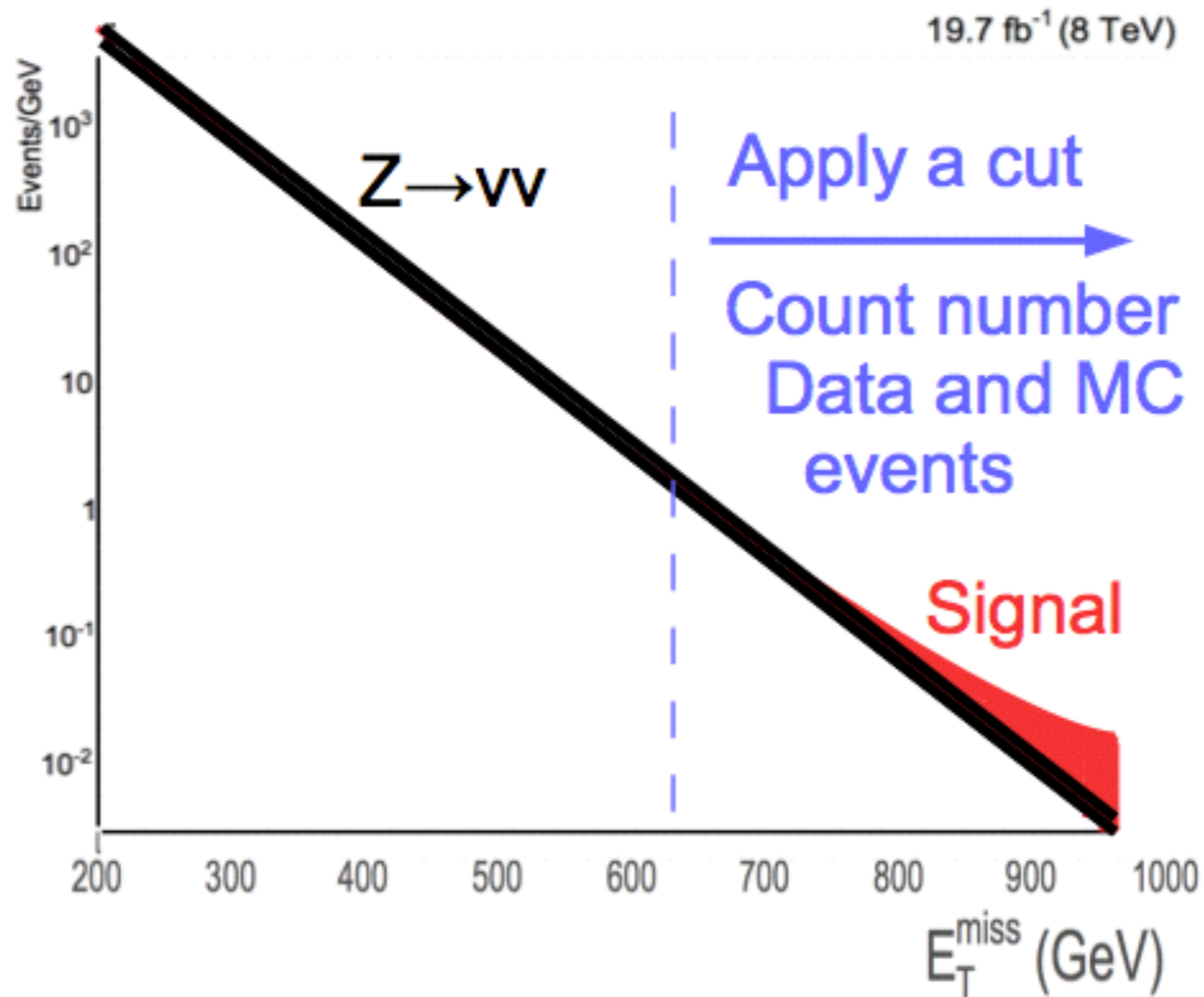
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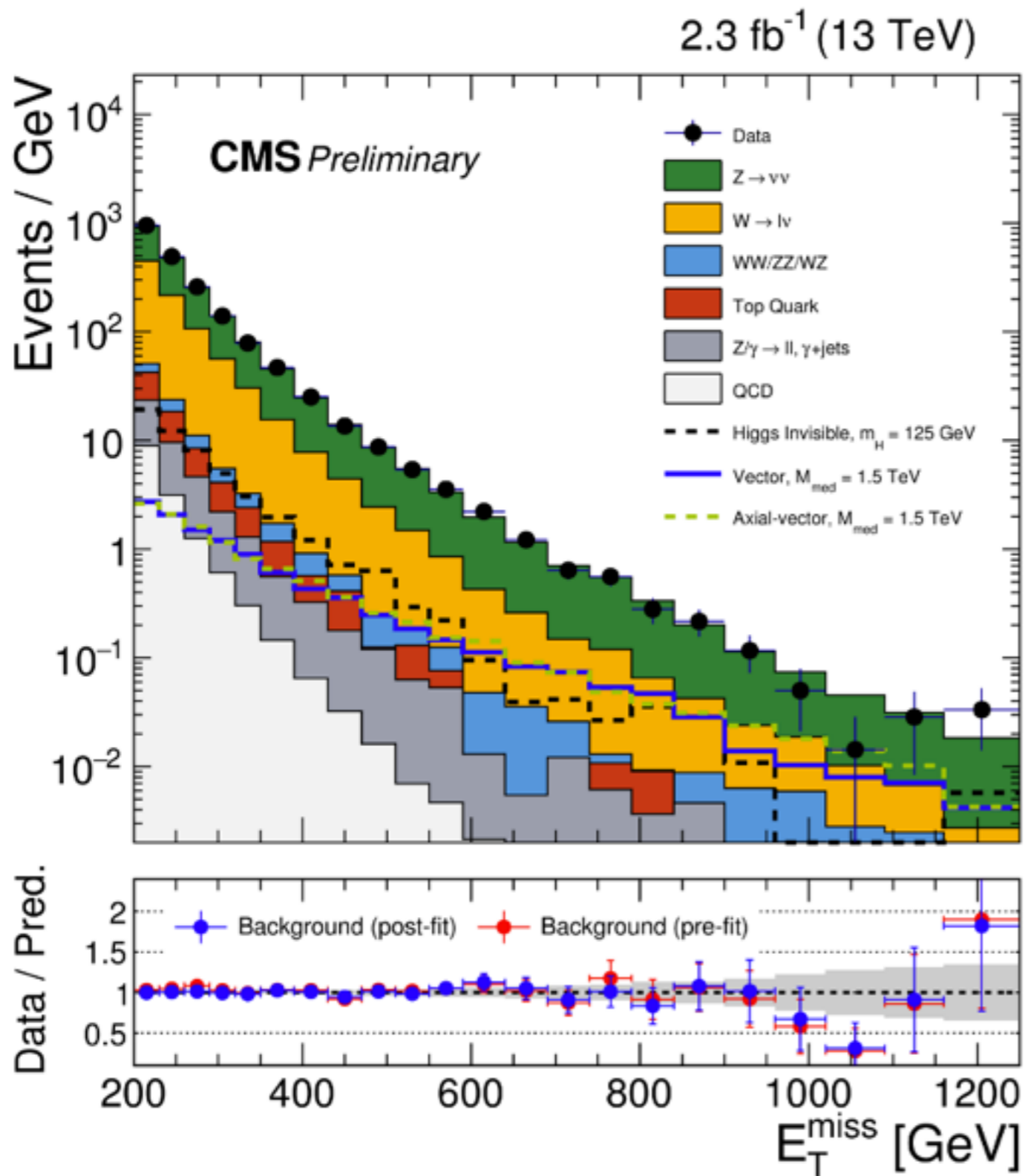
$$MET = |\vec{p}_t(\text{missing})| = |-\Sigma_i \vec{p}_{Ti}(\text{visible})|$$

# ANALYSIS STRATEGY

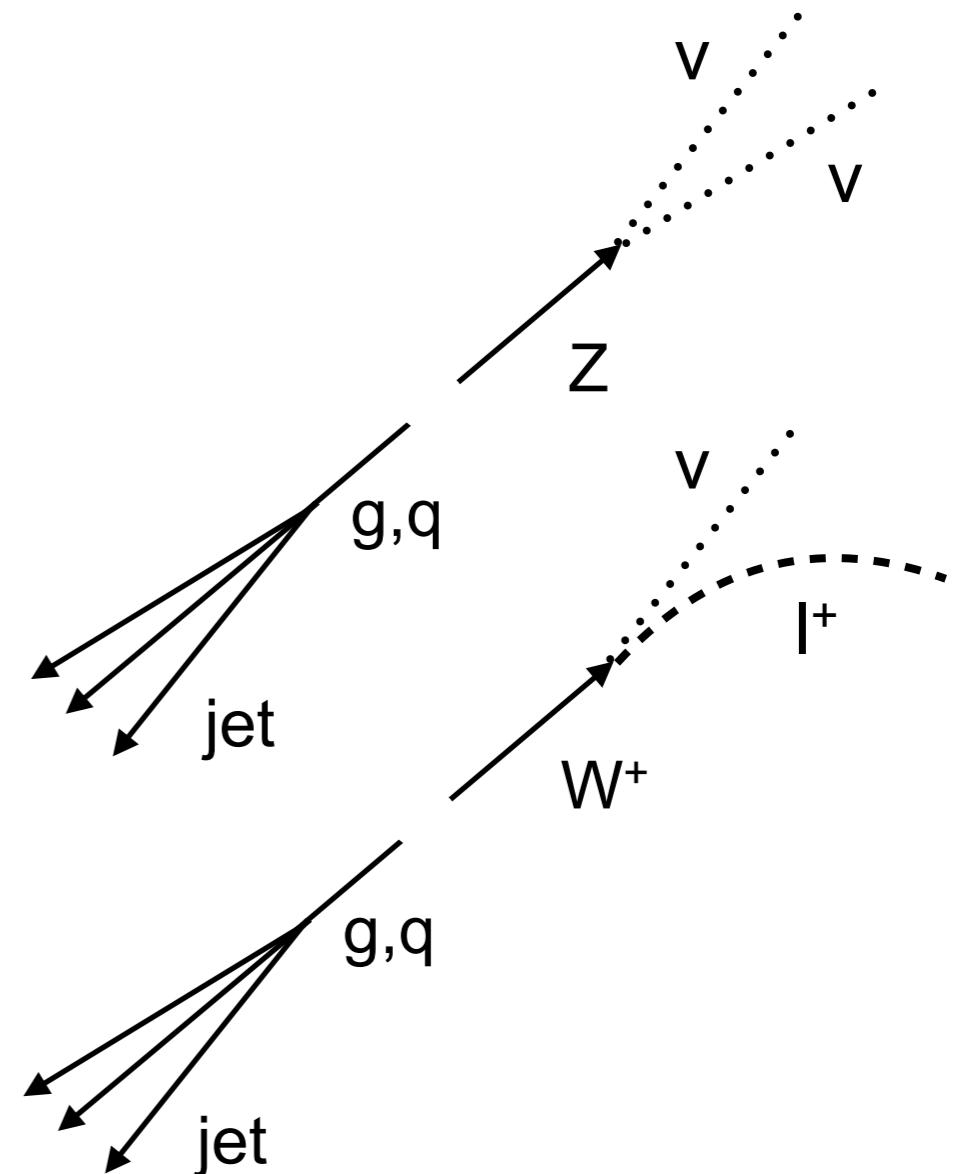


- Restrict to **high MET region** to reduce impact of background
- **Count** events after bkg subtraction
- **Proper model background** very important t

# BACKGROUNDS



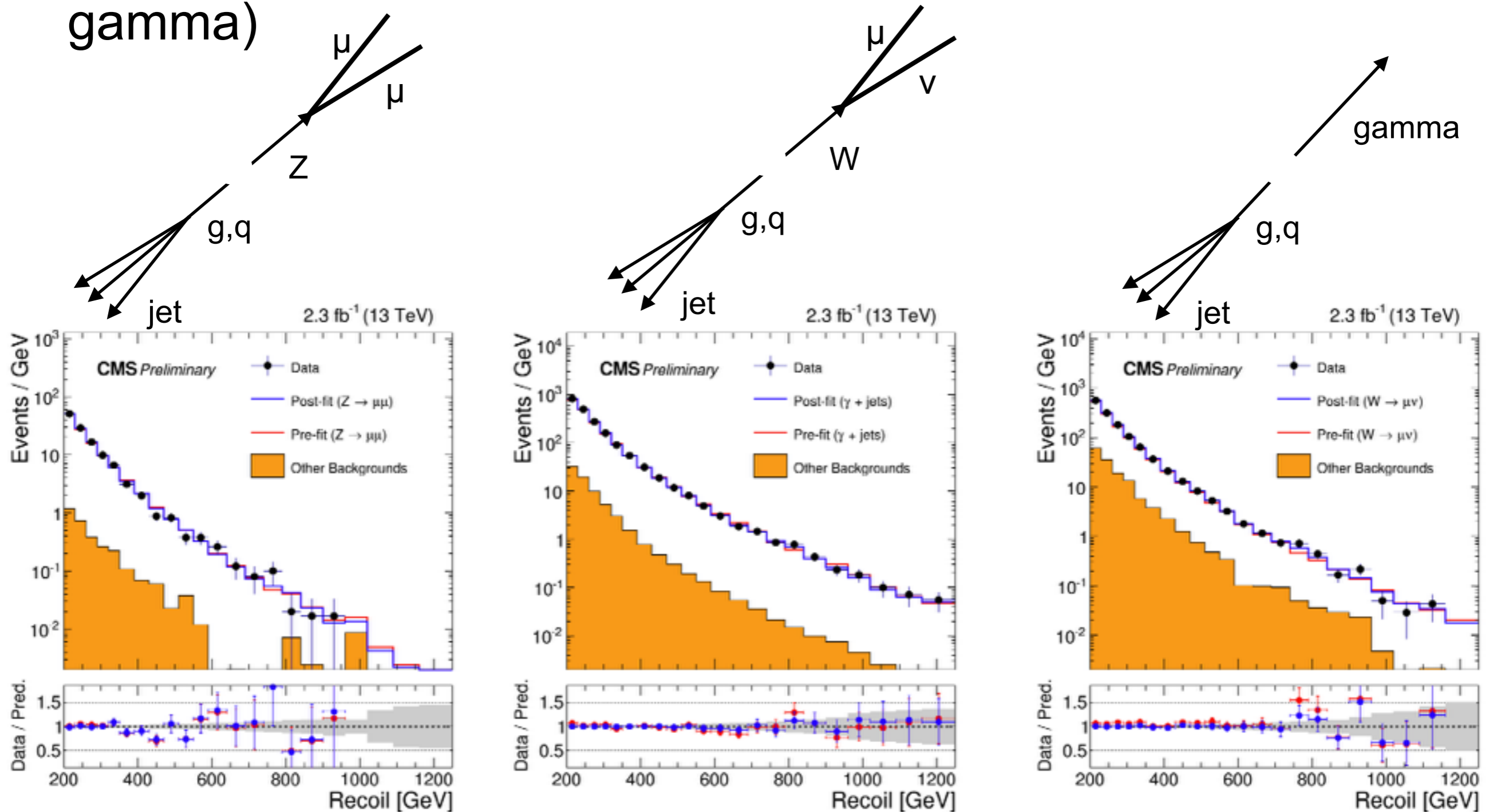
- Main backgrounds are:
  - **Z(νν)+jet**
  - **W(lν)+jet**, where charged lepton is not reconstructed





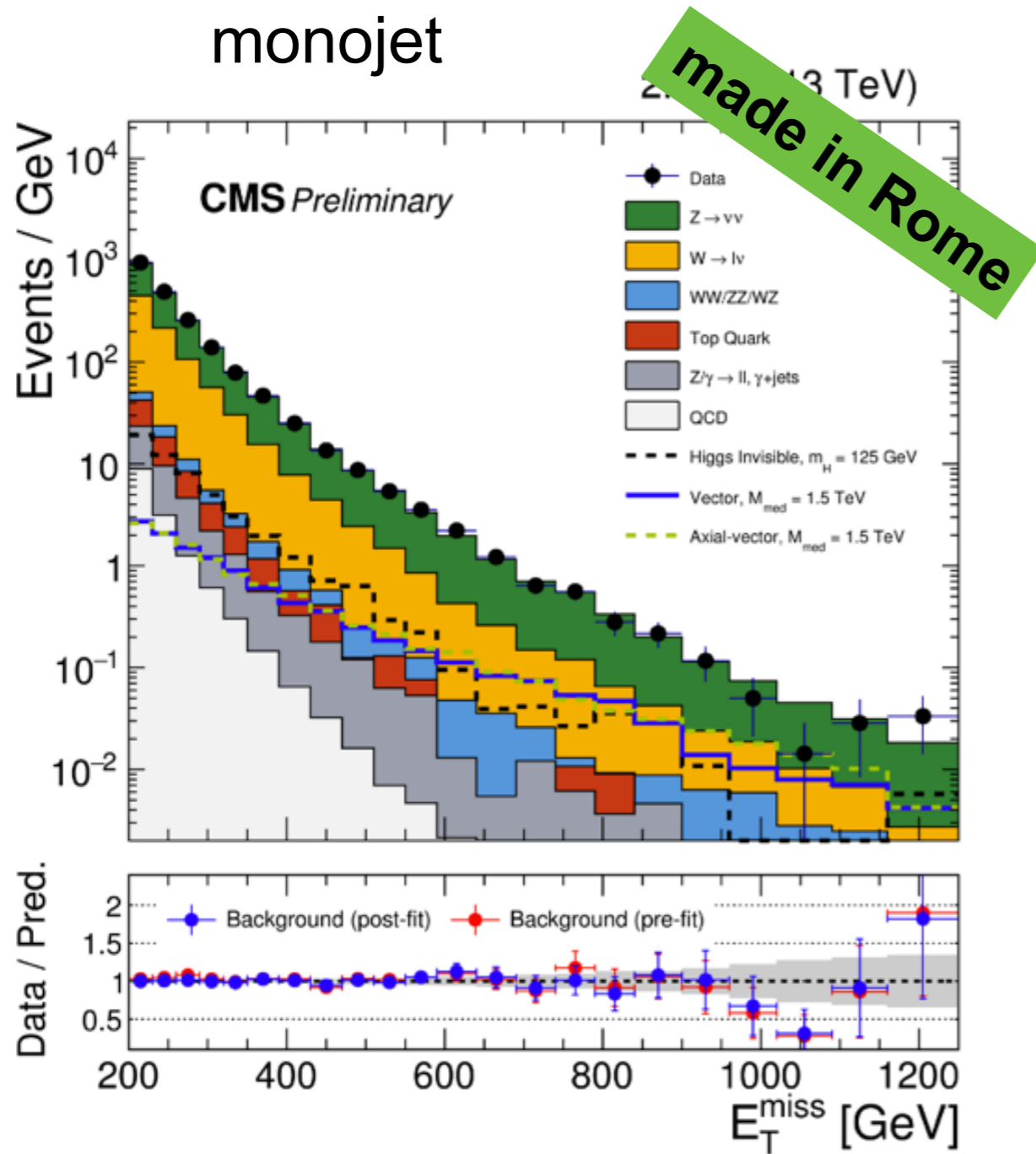
# HOW TO DERIVE BACKGROUNDS

- Main backgrounds ( $Z(\nu\nu)+\text{jet}$  and  $W(l\nu)+\text{jet}$ ) modeled using **control samples** (after removing reconstructed leptons or gamma)

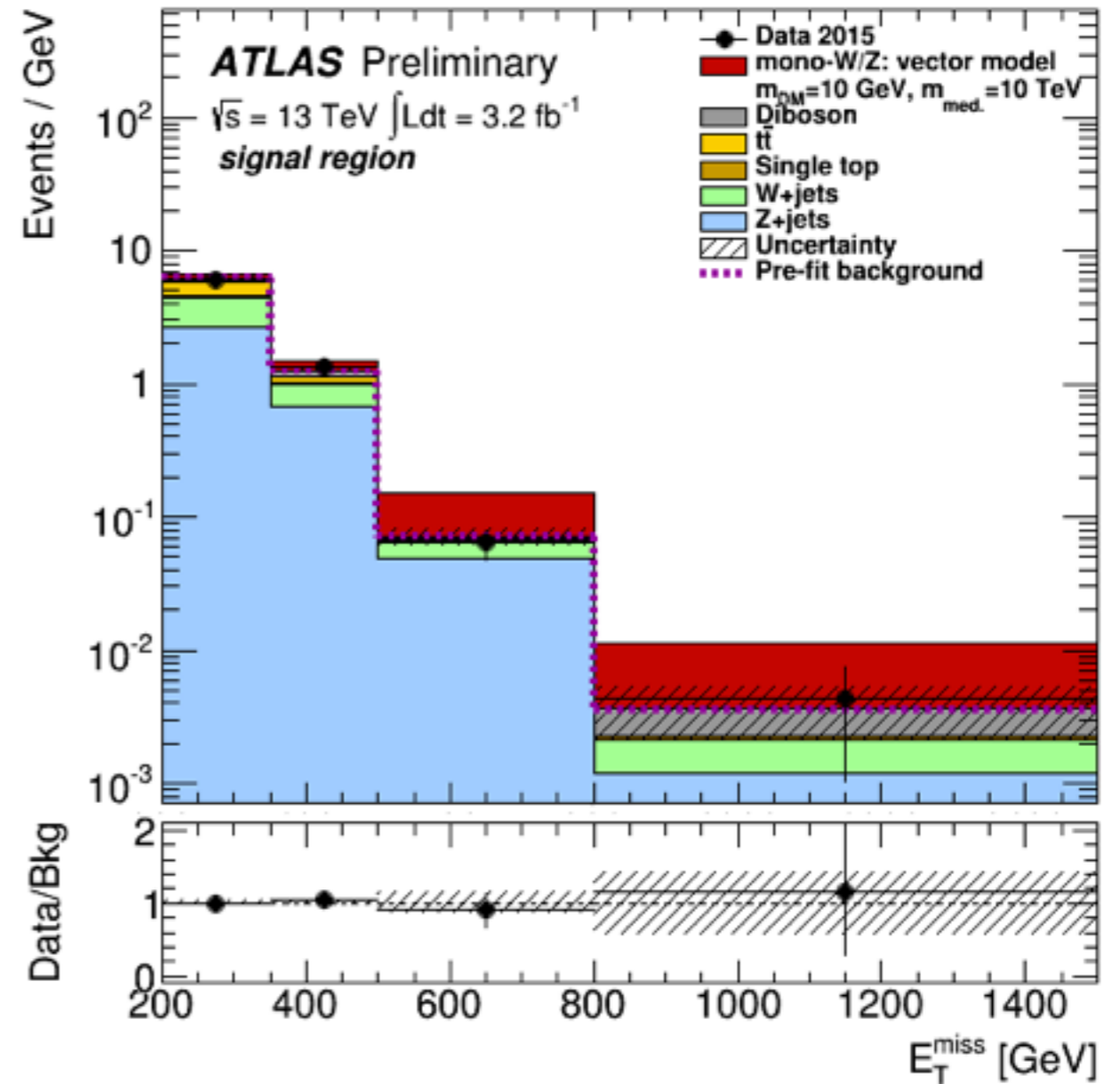


# RESULTS (I)

monojet



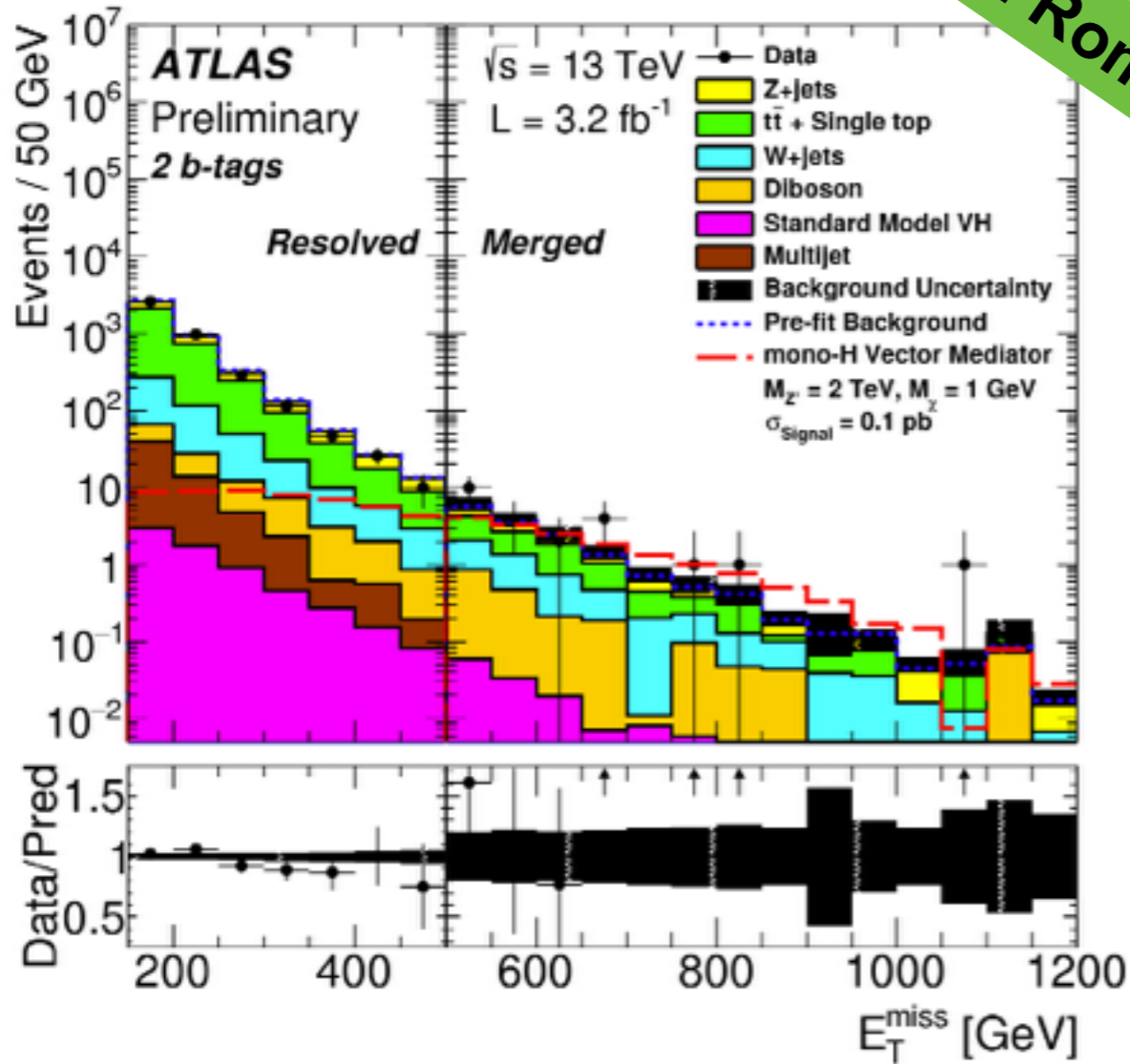
monoZ/W



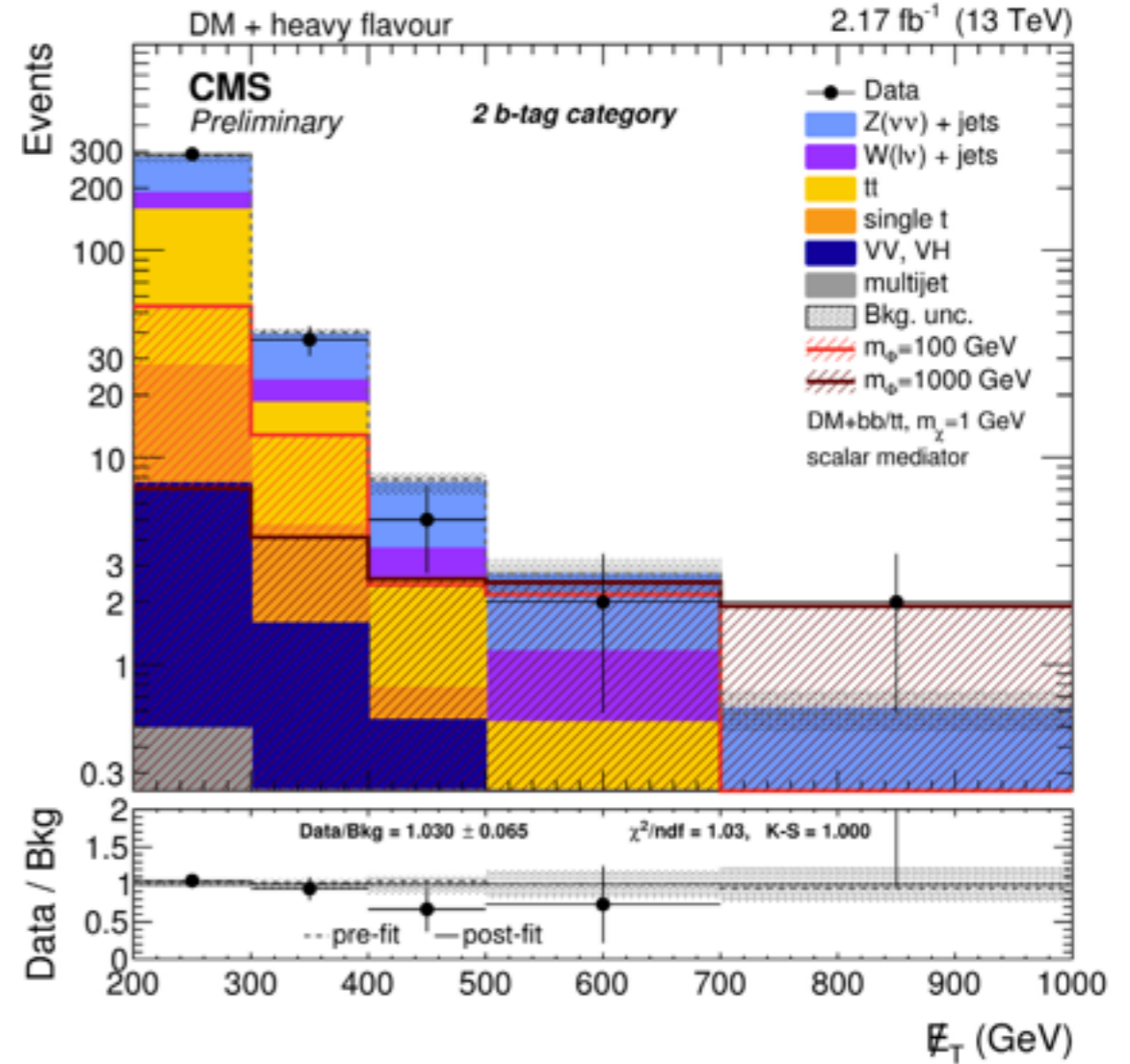
# RESULTS (II)

monoHiggs

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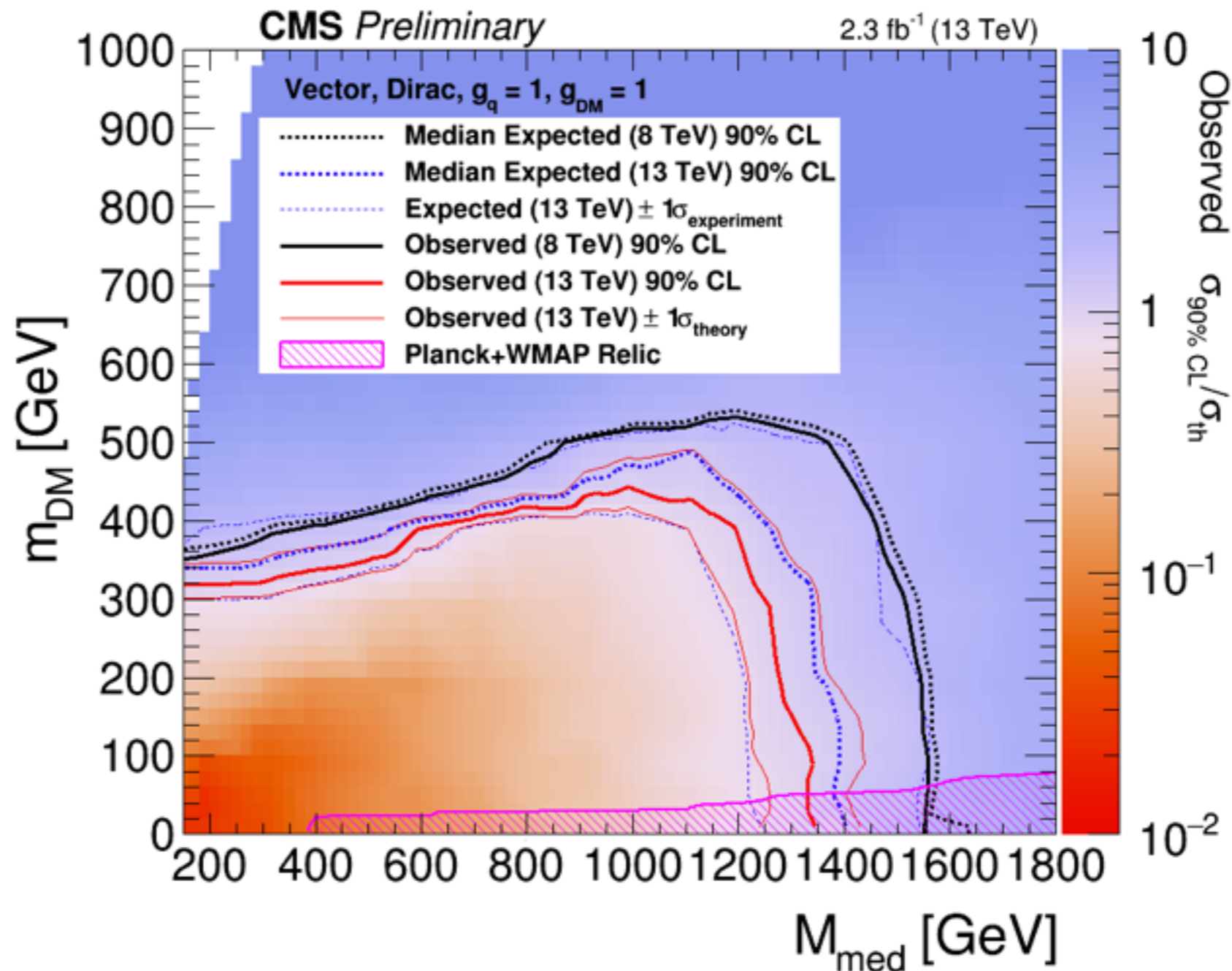


bb+MET



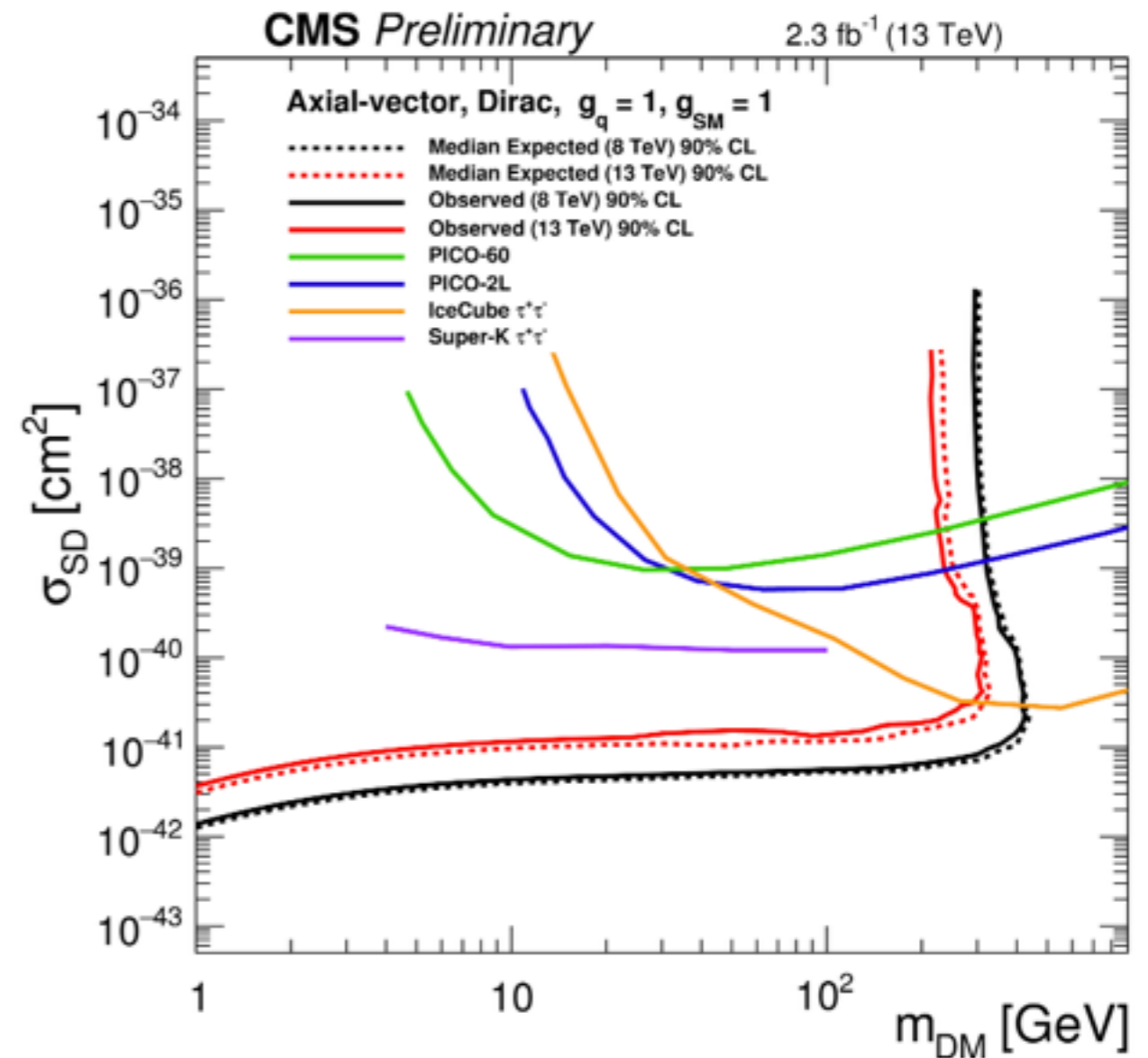
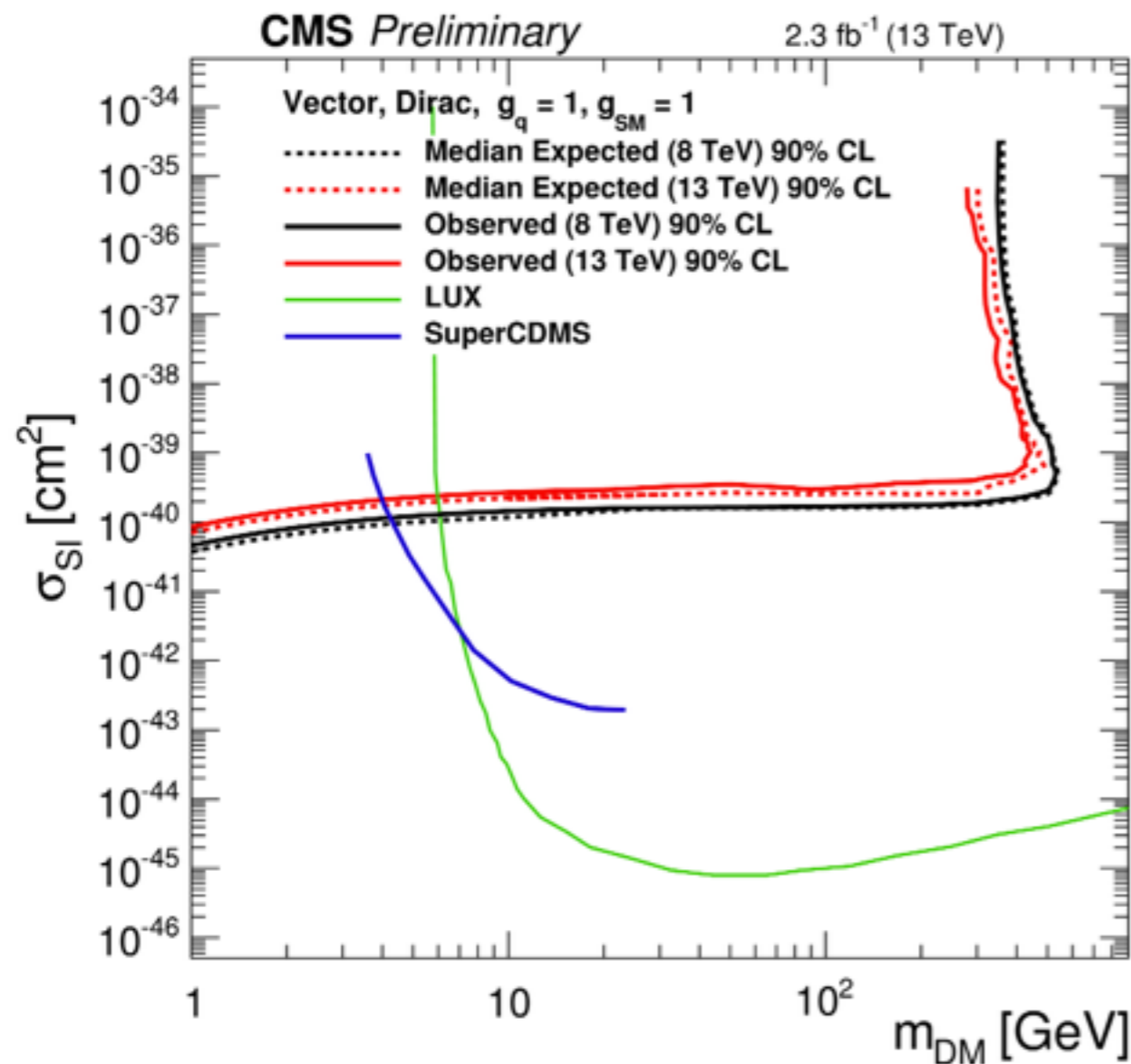
# RESULTS (III)

- Provide results in terms of two out of 4 parameters ( $M_{\text{med}}$ ,  $M_{\text{DM}}$ ,  $g_{\text{SM}}$ ,  $g_{\text{DM}}$ )



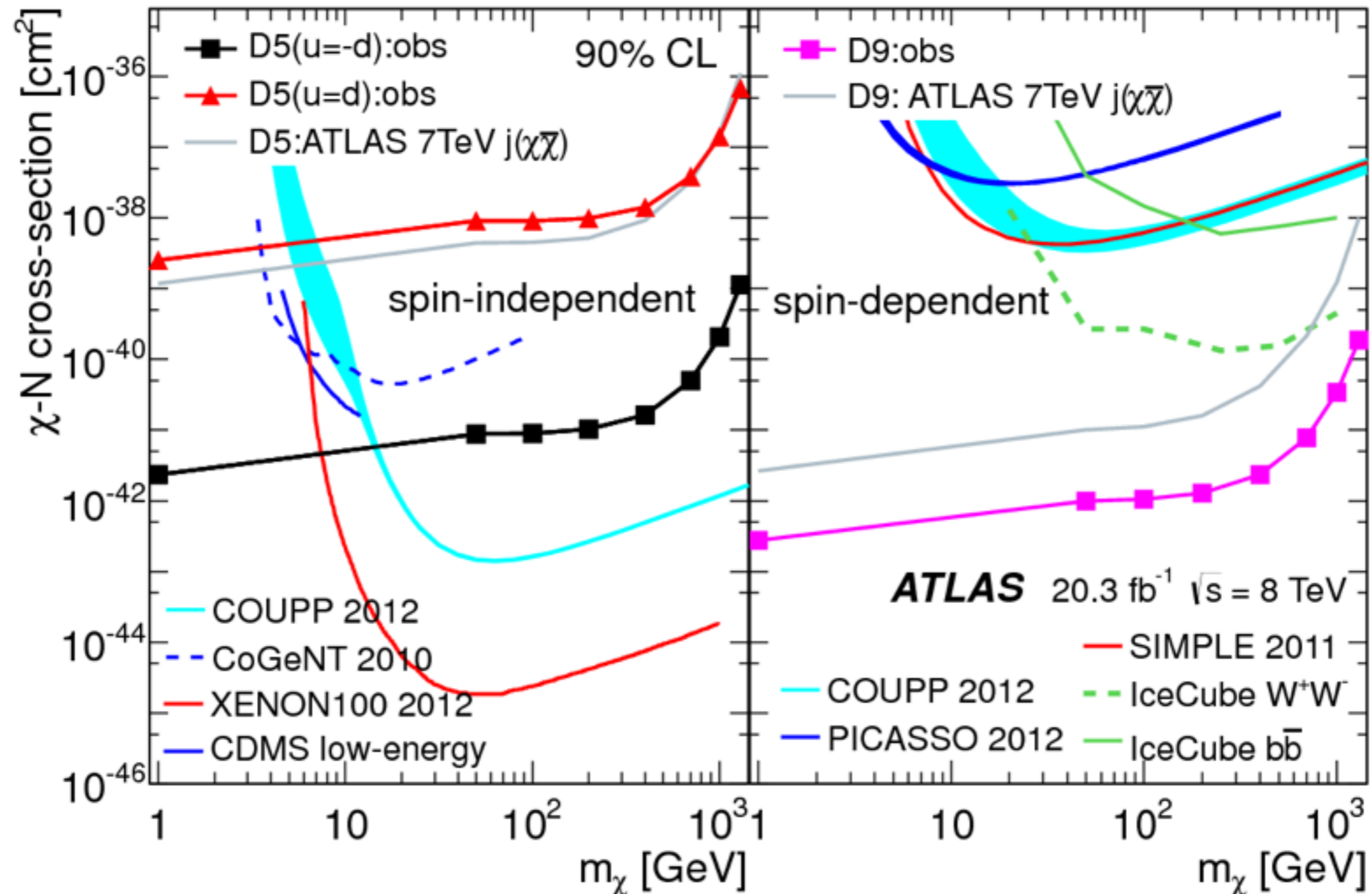
# COMPARISON WITH DIRECT SEARCHES

- CMS monojet+monoZ results
  - constraints are **complementary** to the ones of direct searches



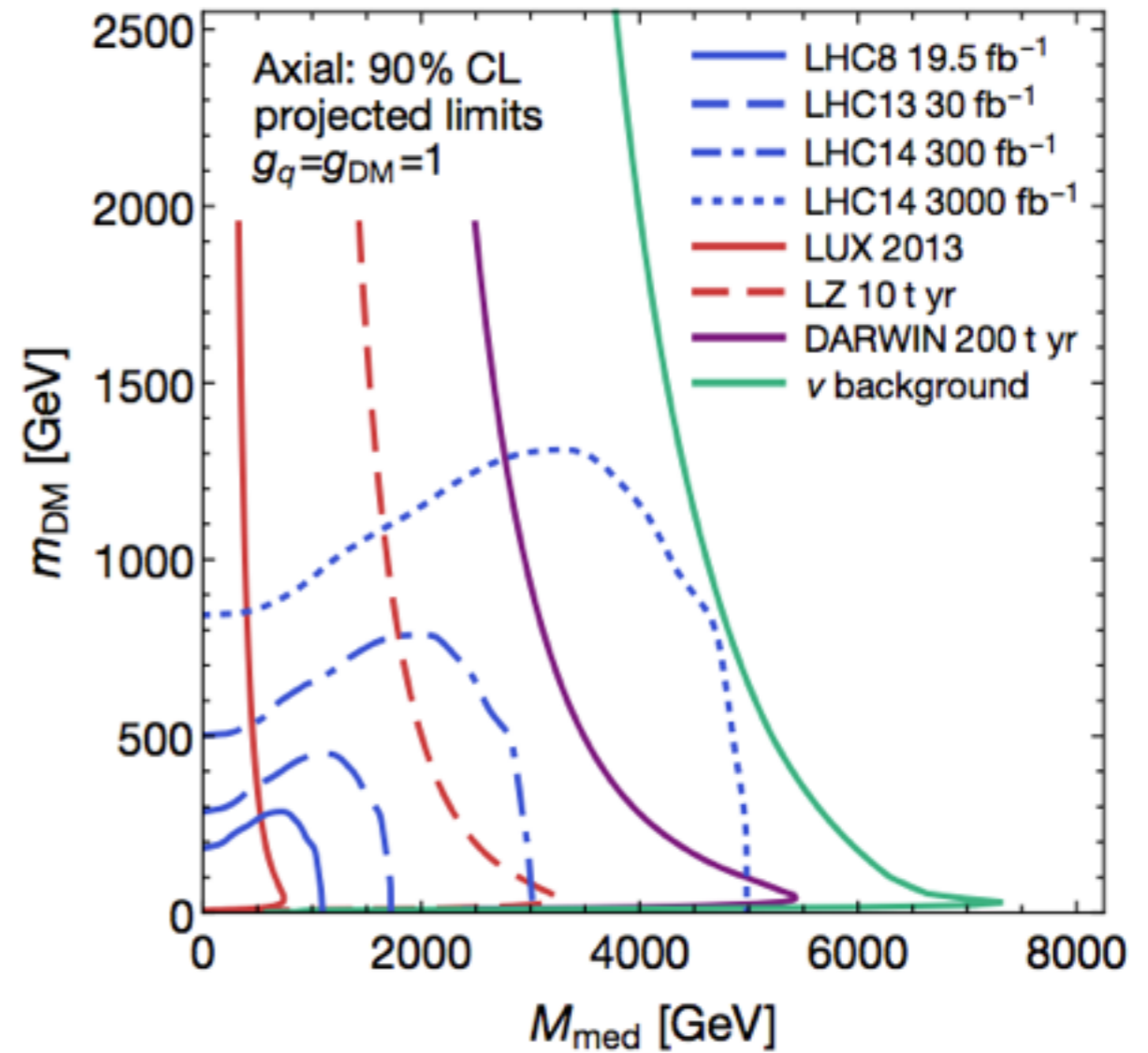
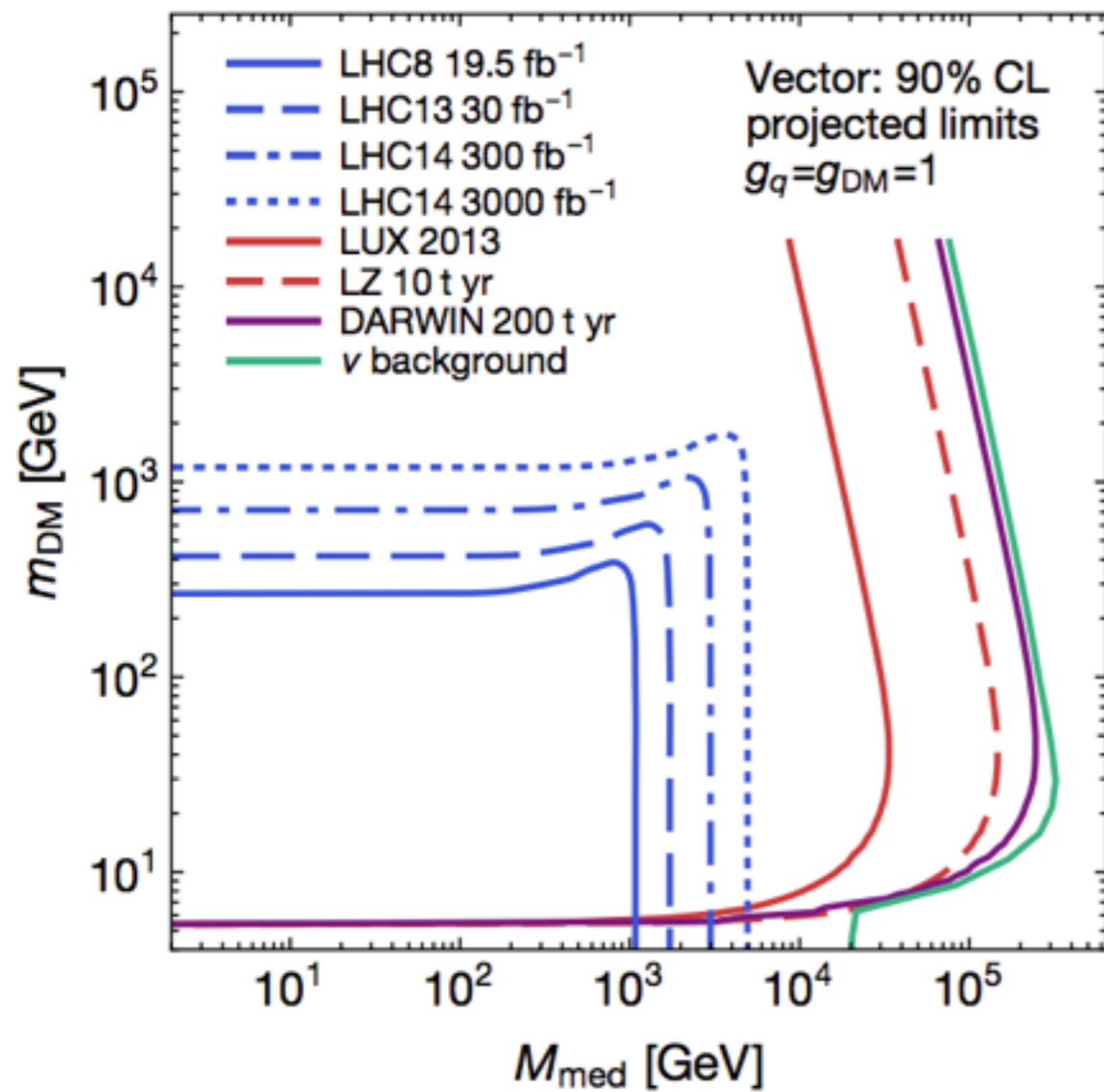
# COMPARISON WITH DIRECT SEARCHES

- ATLAS monoZ



# PERSPECTIVES

- Still a lot of room for exploring (especially at low  $M_{\text{DM}}$ )



# LONG LIVED PARTICLES



# NEW PHYSICS AND LONG-LIVED PARTICLES

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**Long-lived (LL) exotic particles with striking signatures predicted by many extensions of the Standard Model:**

- **Heavy, long-lived, charged particles** (R-hadrons, Sleptons)
  - speed  $< c$
  - charge not equal to  $\pm 1e$
  - lifetimes  $>$  few ns. Travel distances larger than the typical collider detector and appear stable
- **Particles decaying in the detector after few cm** (neutralinos in GMSB, mass-degenerate gauginos, particles of an Hidden Sector)
  - decay in displaced vertexes (jets, leptons, photons)
  - delayed interaction with calorimeters due to extra flight-length

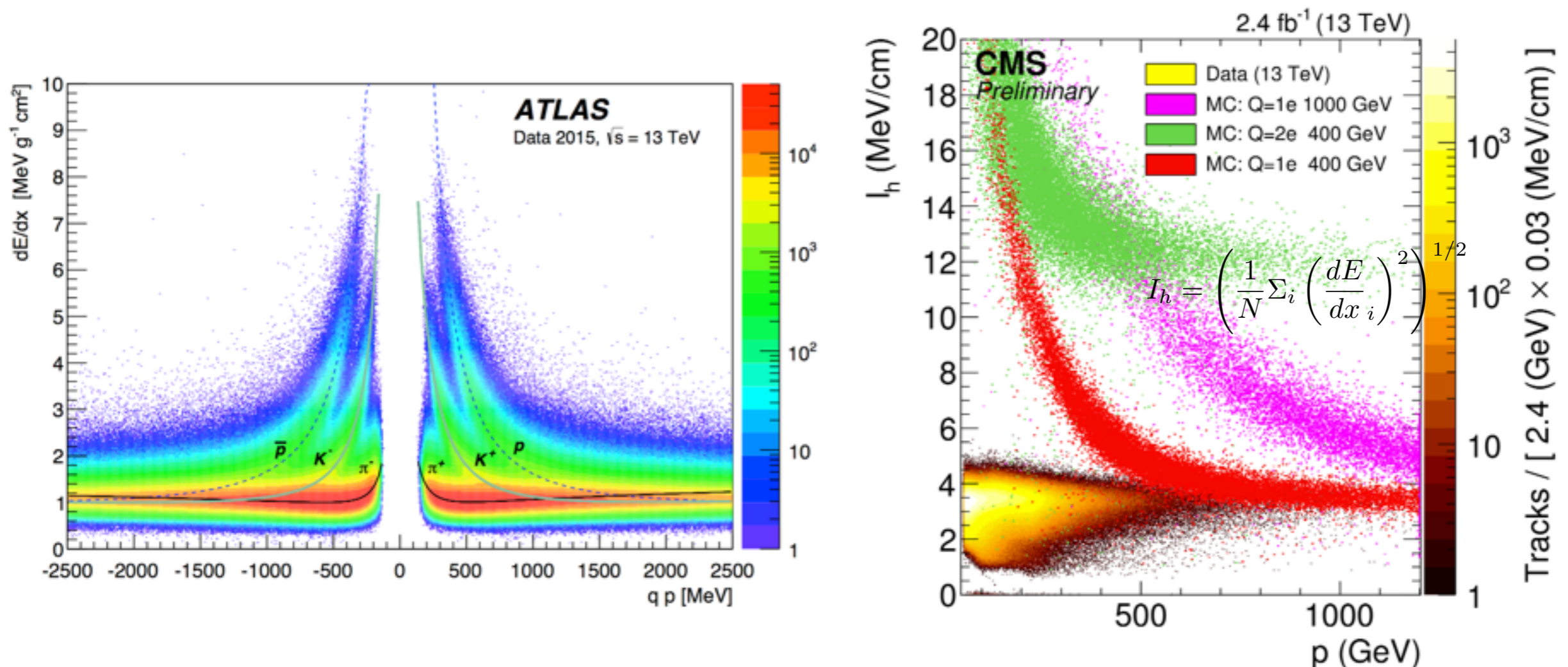
# TYPICAL LONG-LIVED ANALYSIS

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- **Detector-based exotic signatures** required:
  - $dE/dx$
  - time of flight
  - displaced vertex
  - disappearing tracks
  - stopped particles
- **Possible additional requirements** to identify SUSY-like topology:
  - MET
  - large jet activity ( $HT$ ,  $p_T(\text{leading jet}) > \text{threshold}$ )
  - the less the extra requirements, the smaller the model dependence
- **Specific control samples** to model exotic signature in detector:
  - non-trivial job. LL signatures look like detector noise

# SIGNATURES: dE/dx

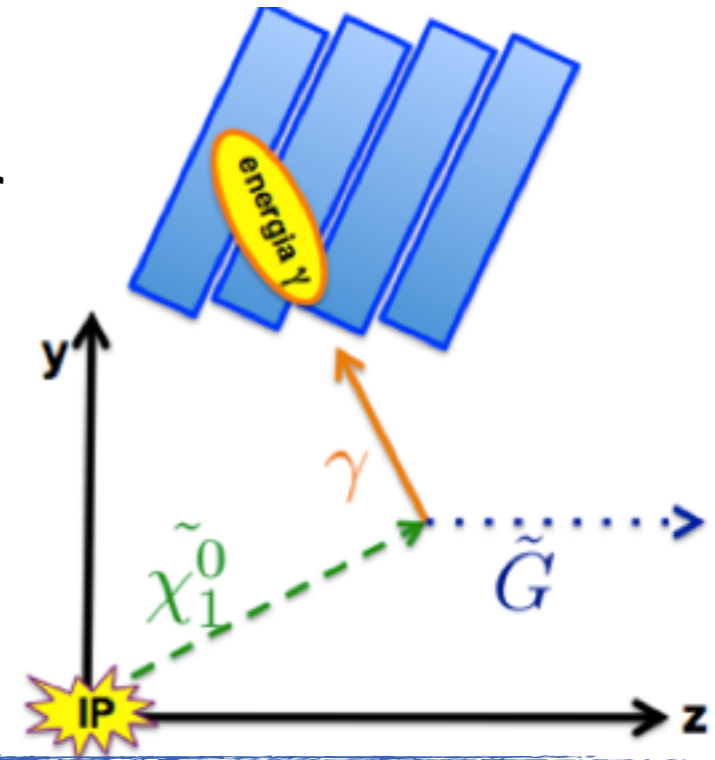
- **Large ionization** left in tracker detectors by high mass **R-hadrons or sleptons**
- **Enhanced if charge  $\neq 1$**
- In case of R-hadrons with short lifetimes, dE/dx and pT only information available to identify them



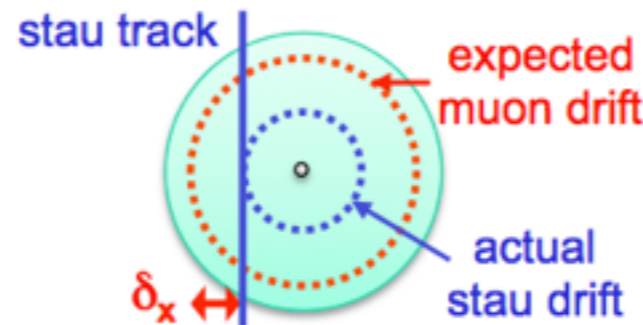
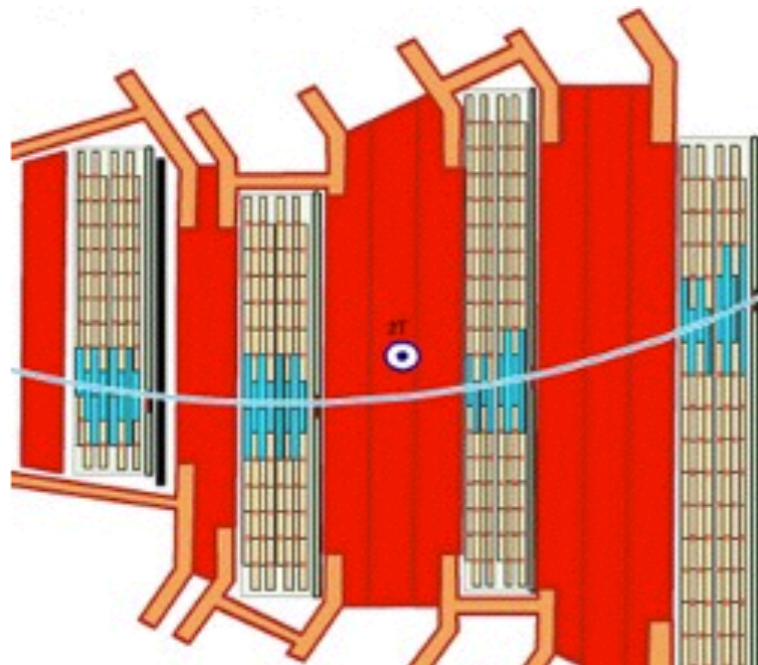
# SIGNATURES: TIME OF FLIGHT

## Neutral particles

- produced in flight (also from slow particles) and far from beam spot
- time of arrival at calorimeter longer than for SM contribution coming from beam spot
- tagged looking at measured timing



**slow moving** high mass stable charged particles identified using **timing** measured in muon system



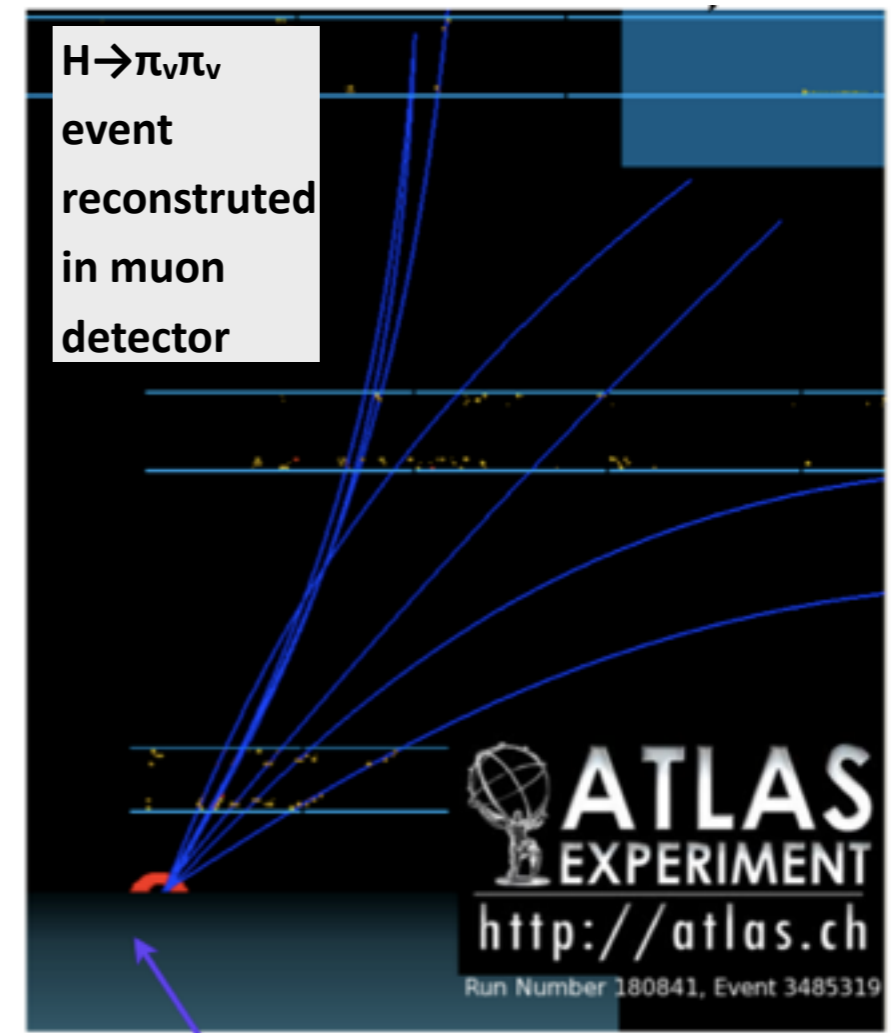
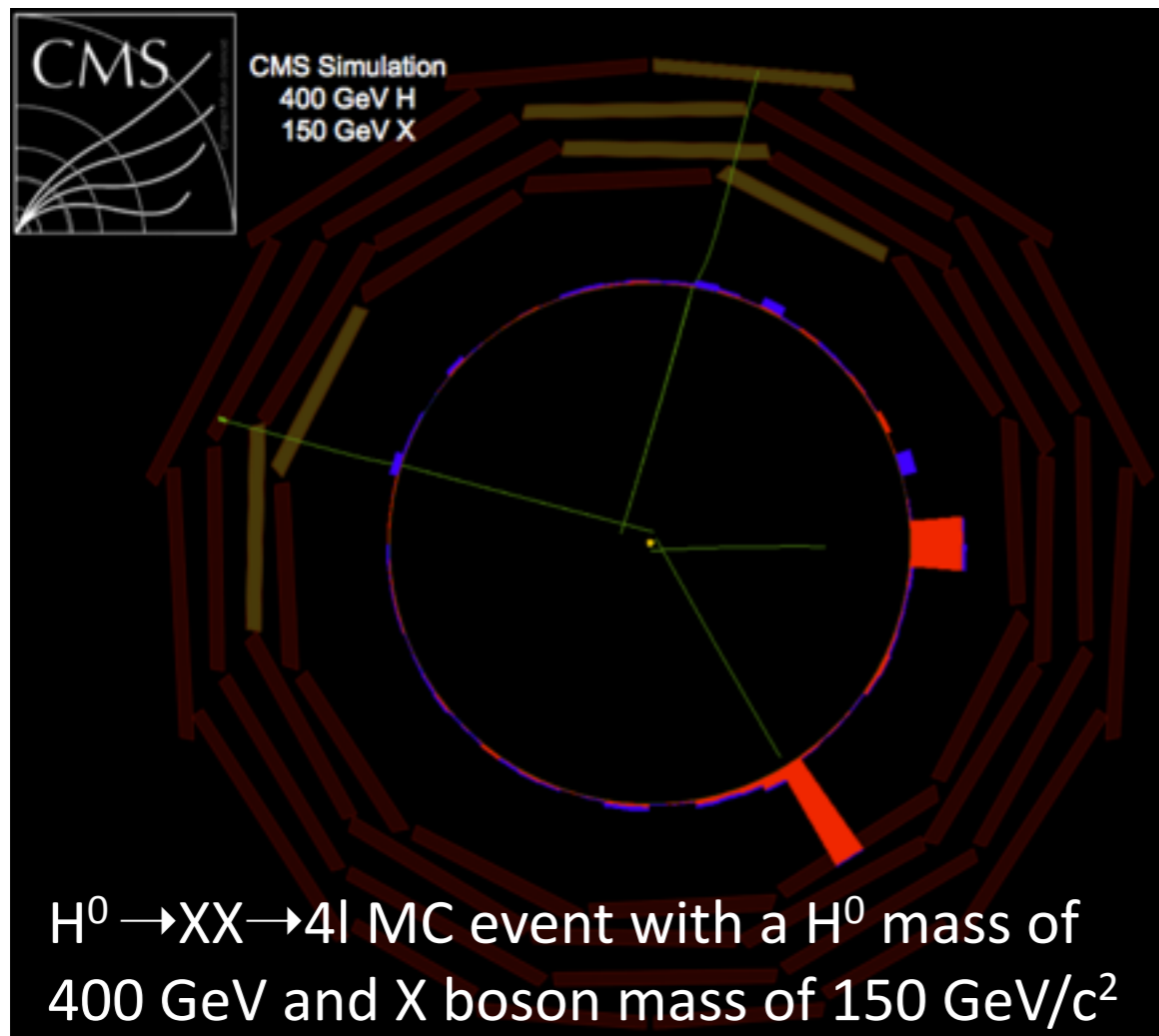
$$\beta^{-1} = 1 + \frac{\delta_x}{L} \frac{c}{v_{drift}} \quad \text{averaged over all layers}$$

$L$ =flight distance

$\beta$  obtained as an average over the detector hits

# SIGNATURES: DISPLACED VERTEXES

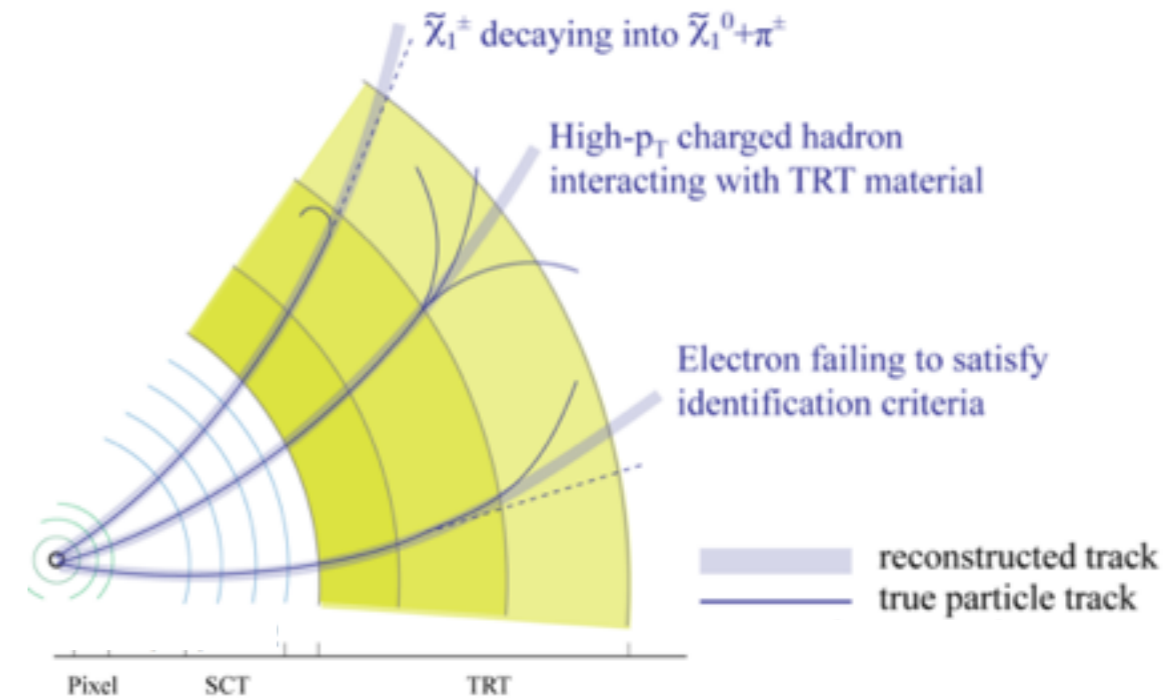
- Long-lived particles decaying in charged particles (hadrons, leptons) **identified via vertexing**
- Requirement of **small activity** along the track in detector sectors closer to the beamspot



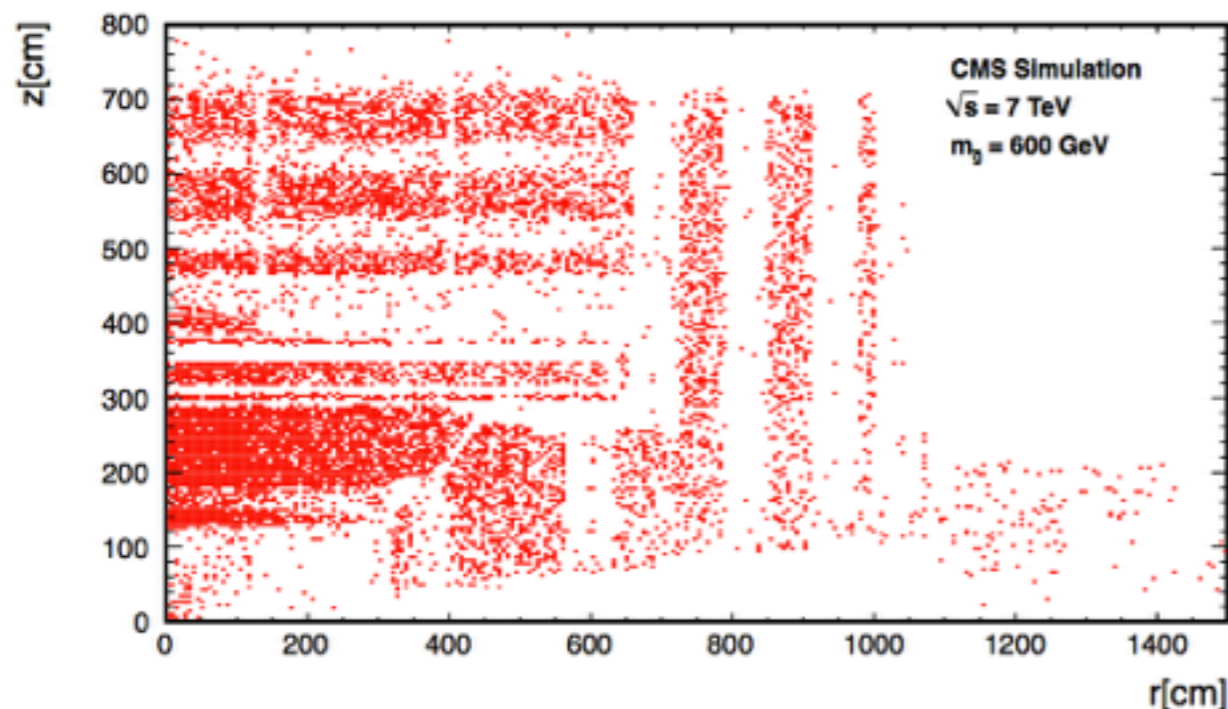
# SIGNATURES: DISAPPEARED/STOPPED

**Long-lived charged exotic particles decaying in flight** within the detector

- identified as **truncated tracks**
- **small activity in the calorimeter** along the propagated track direction
- track inefficiency need to be modeled carefully



Stopping position in r-z view for a 600 GeV gluino



- **Charge particles** with low velocity may **stop in detector volume**
  - preferentially in the densest detector elements (calorimeters)
- When decaying, **energy deposit similar to jet**
- **Searched when no pp collision** (gaps between proton bunches)

# FIRST SUMMARY ON LONG-LIVED SEARCHES

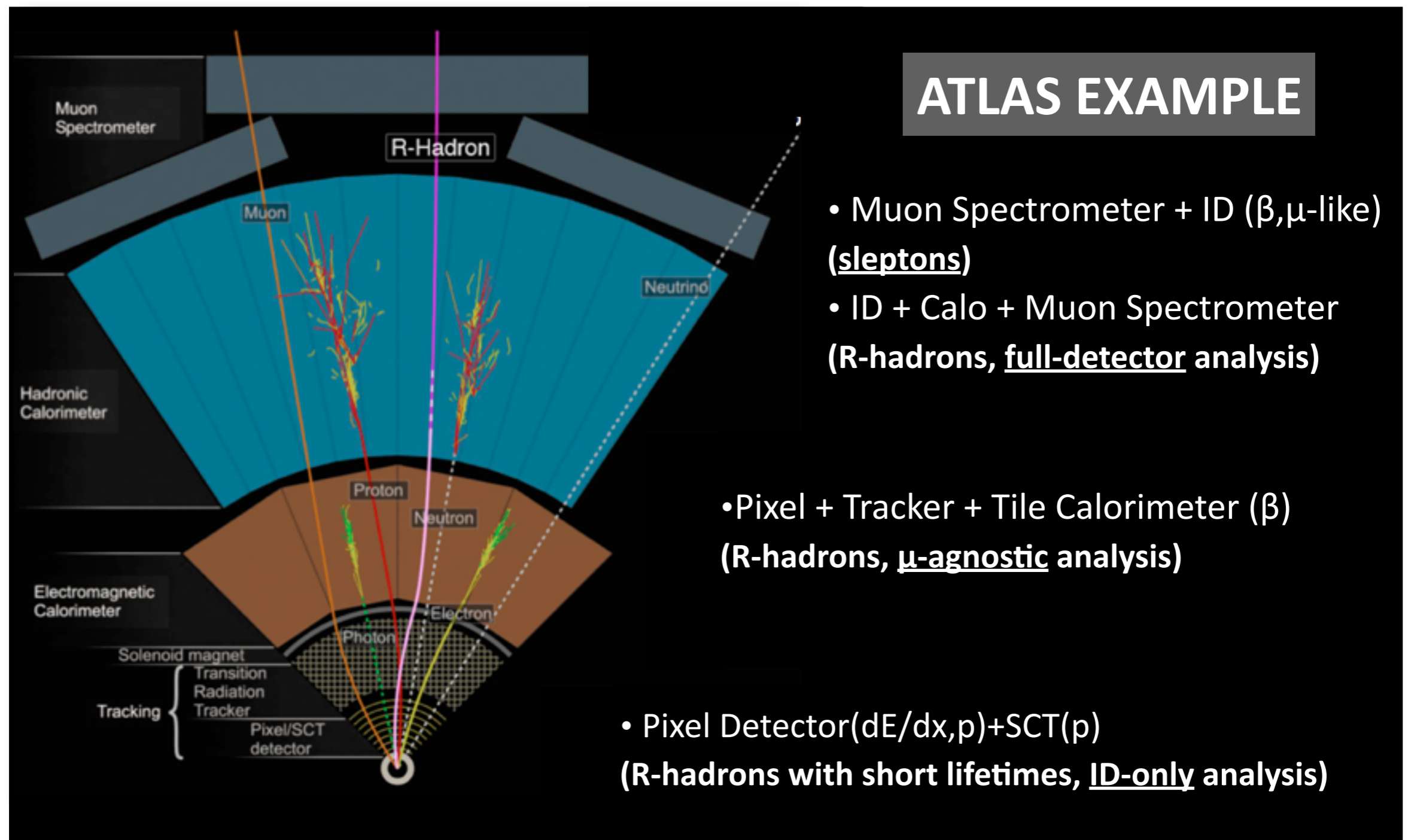
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- **Several striking exotic signatures**
  - some searches use more than one
- **Very generic searches**, driven by signatures
  - open-minded searches
  - **models are used as benchmark** to report results
- **Limits are very model dependent**
- Results are **limited by detector acceptance and triggers** (non-standard signatures)
  - difficult to find good control samples
- **Experimentally challenging analyses**
  - look where background for SM analyses is

# HEAVY STABLE CHARGED PARTICLES

Combination of **several detector inputs** to be sensitive to slepton (slow muon-like) and R-hadrons (maybe with short lifetime)

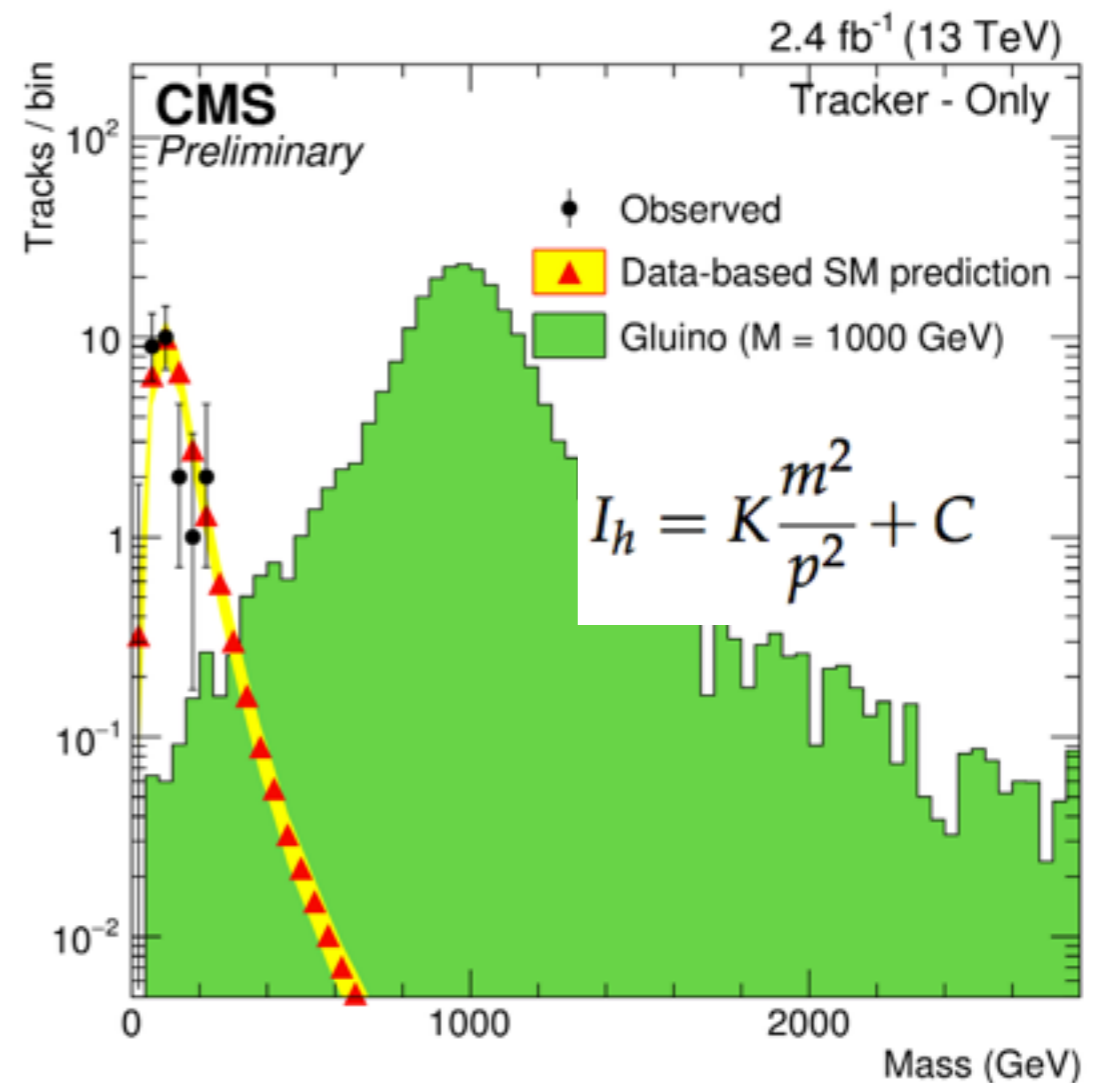
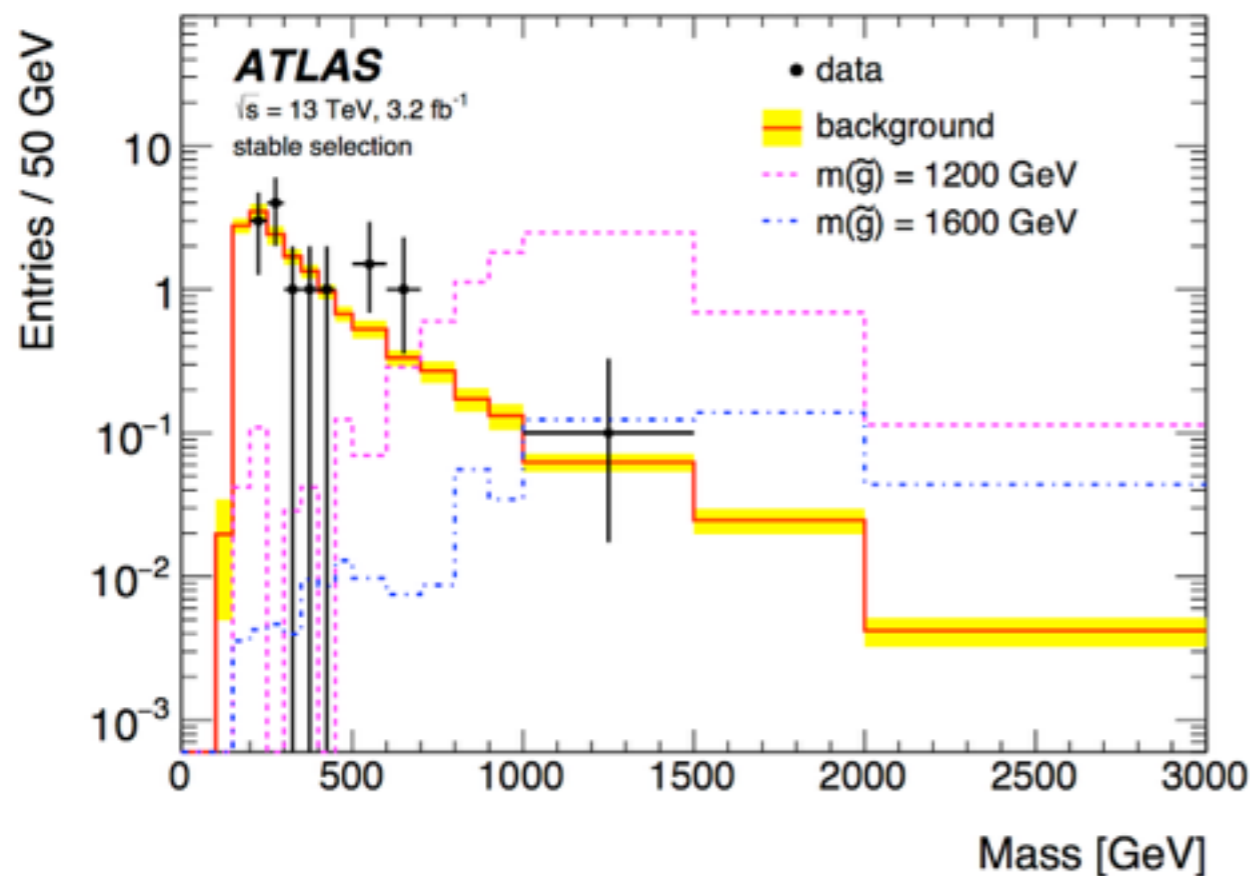
## ATLAS EXAMPLE





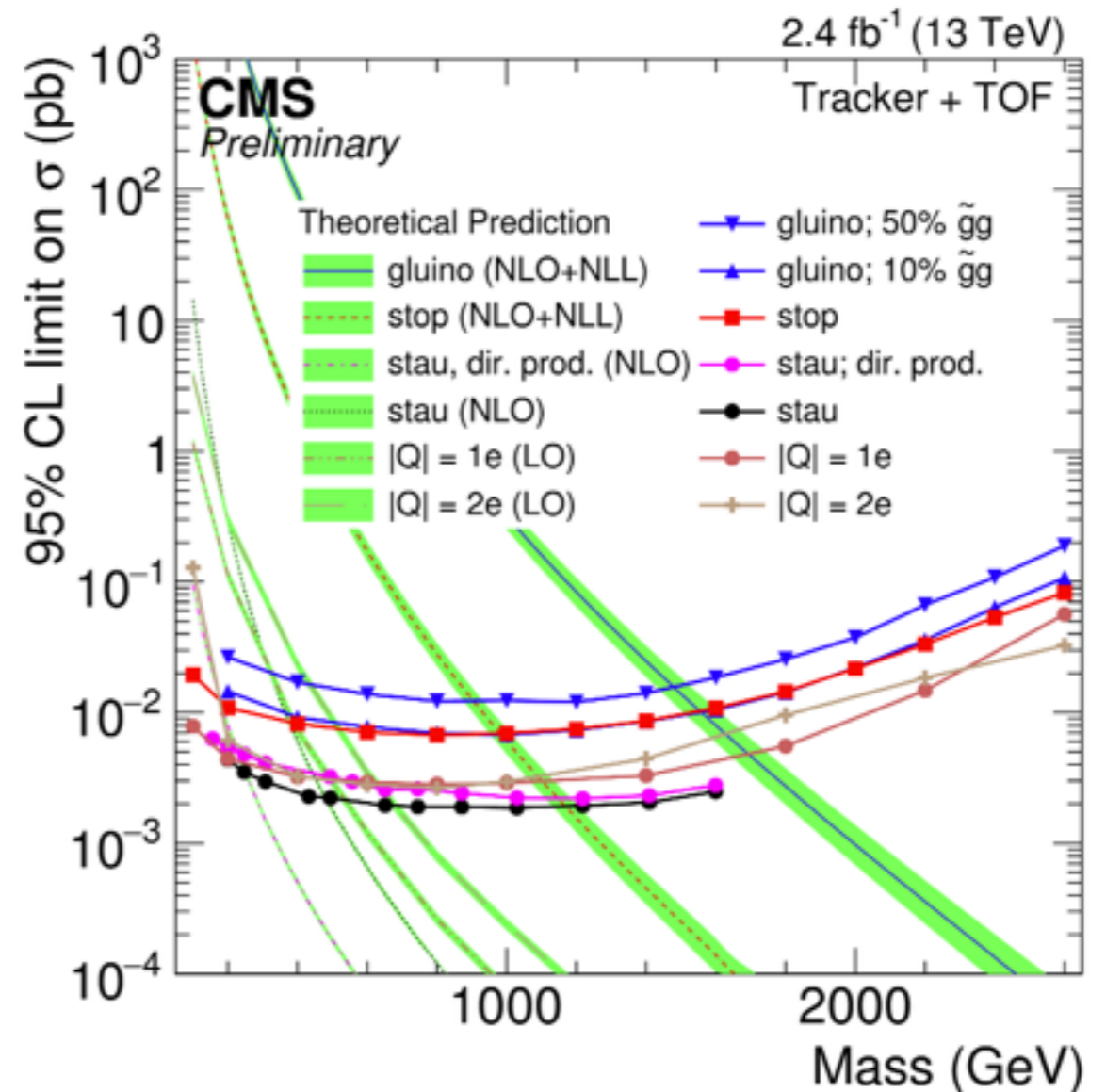
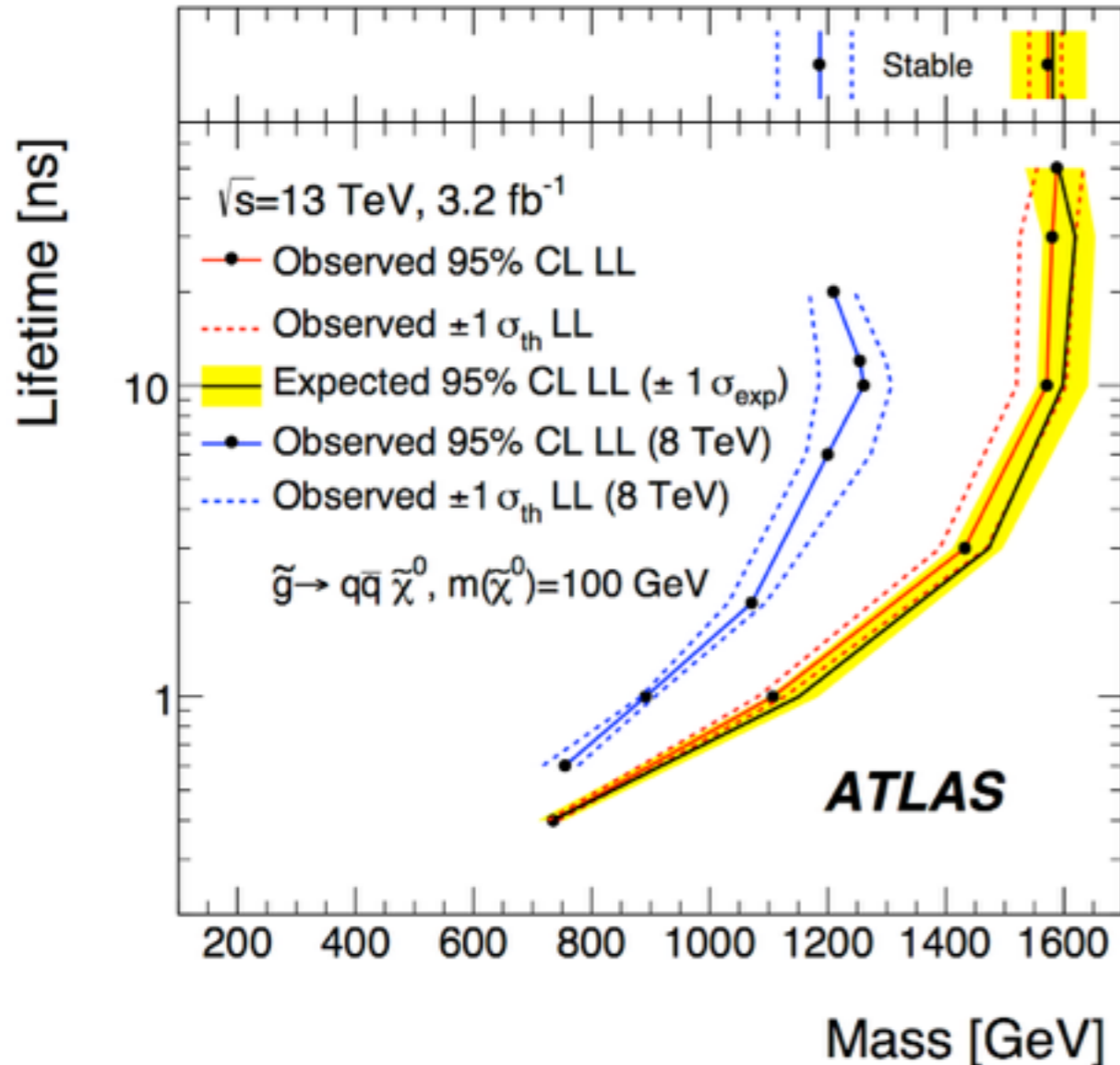
# HSCP: ANALYSIS TECHNIQUE

- Information from  $dE/dx$  and  $p_T$  (tracker) used to calculate **mass**
- **Time of flight** from muon detector and calorimeters to **measure  $\beta$** 
  - calibrated using cosmics and  $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- **Background** dominated by high  $p_T$ , **misreconstructed muons**

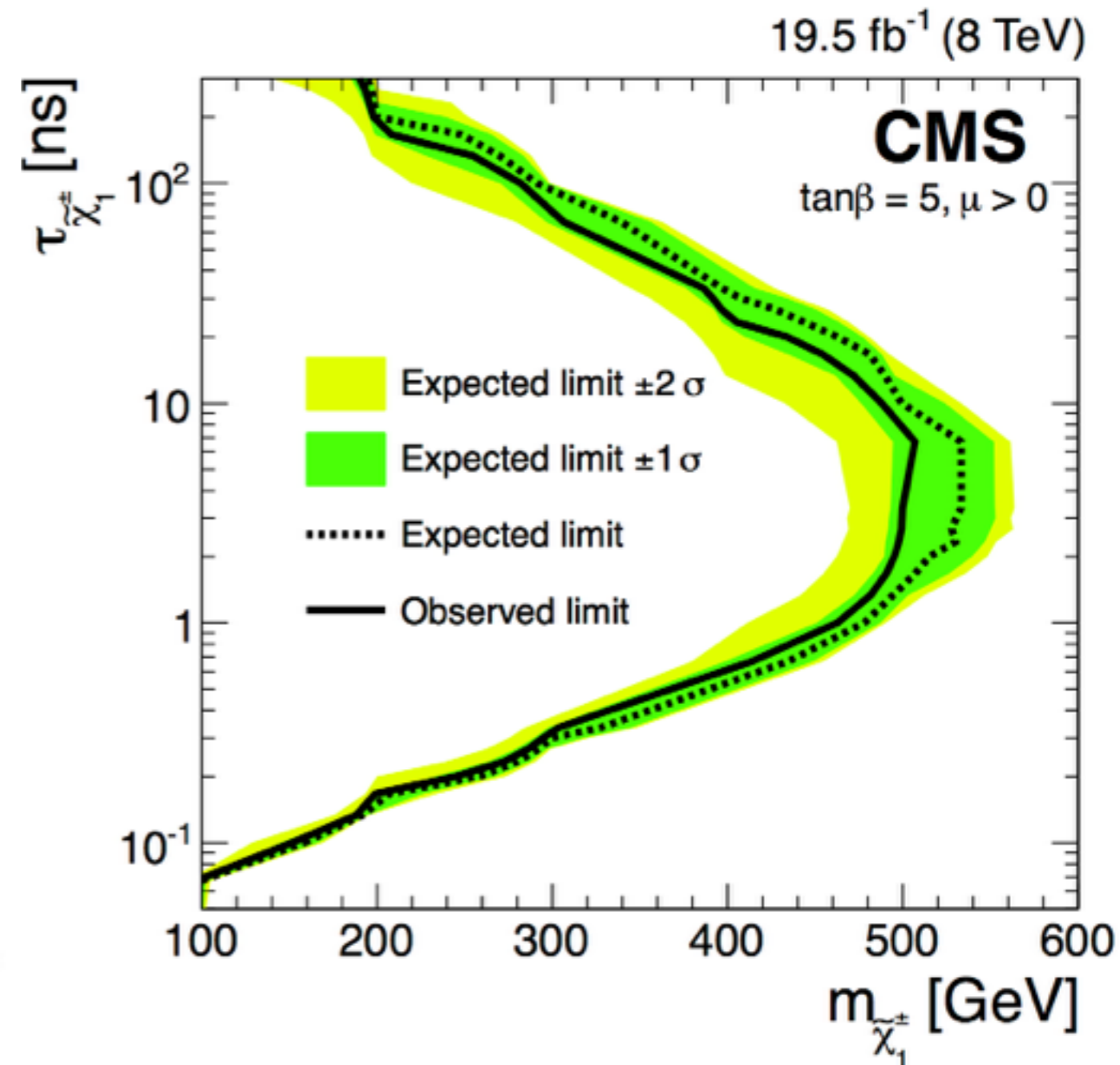
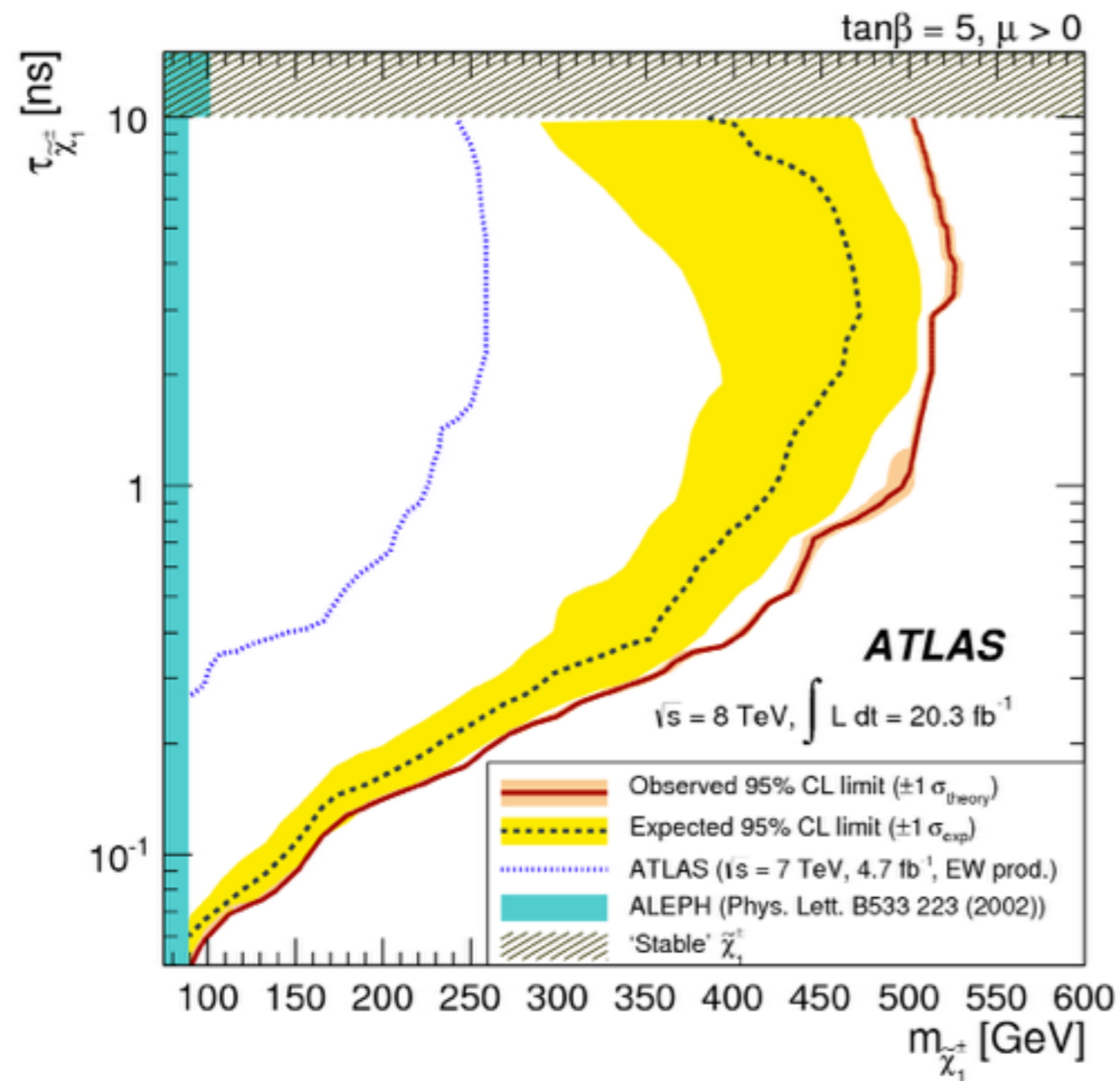


# HSCP RESULTS

- **No indication of signal** above expected background is observed
- Cross-section limits at **95% confidence level** → translating into limits on the **R-hadron/slepton mass**

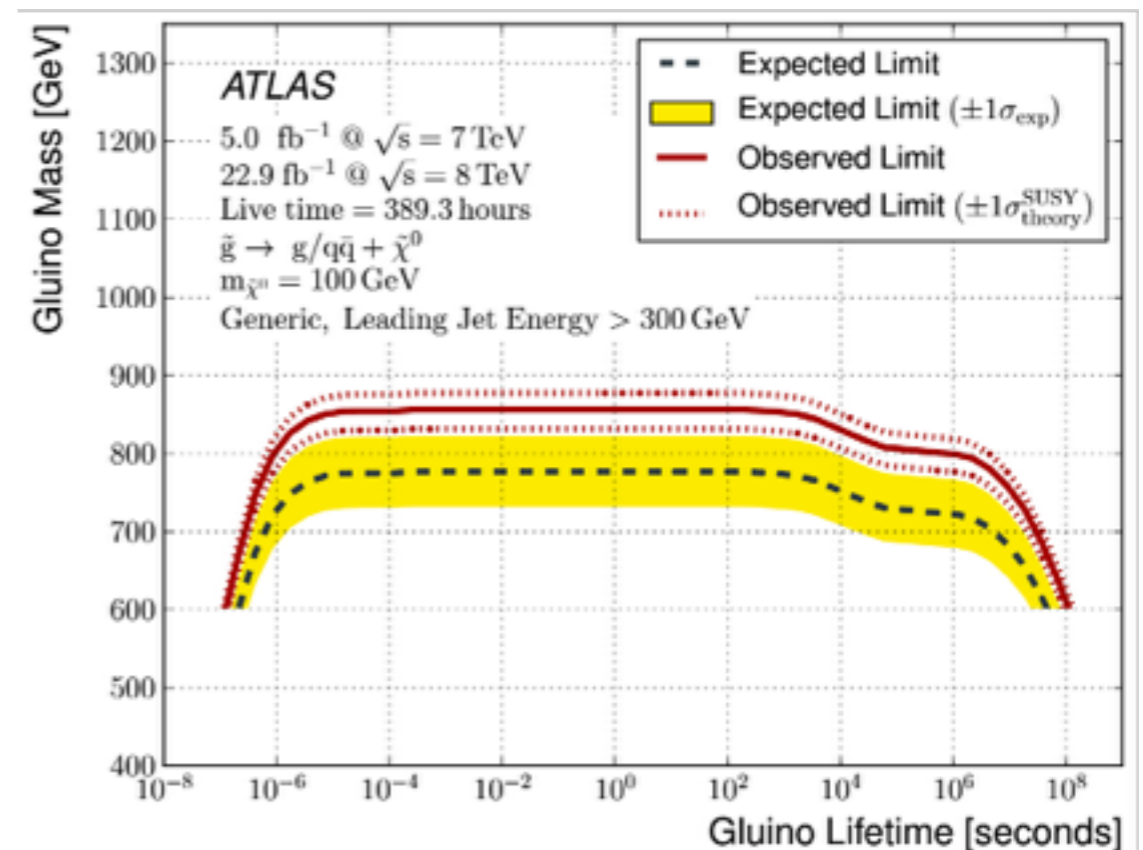
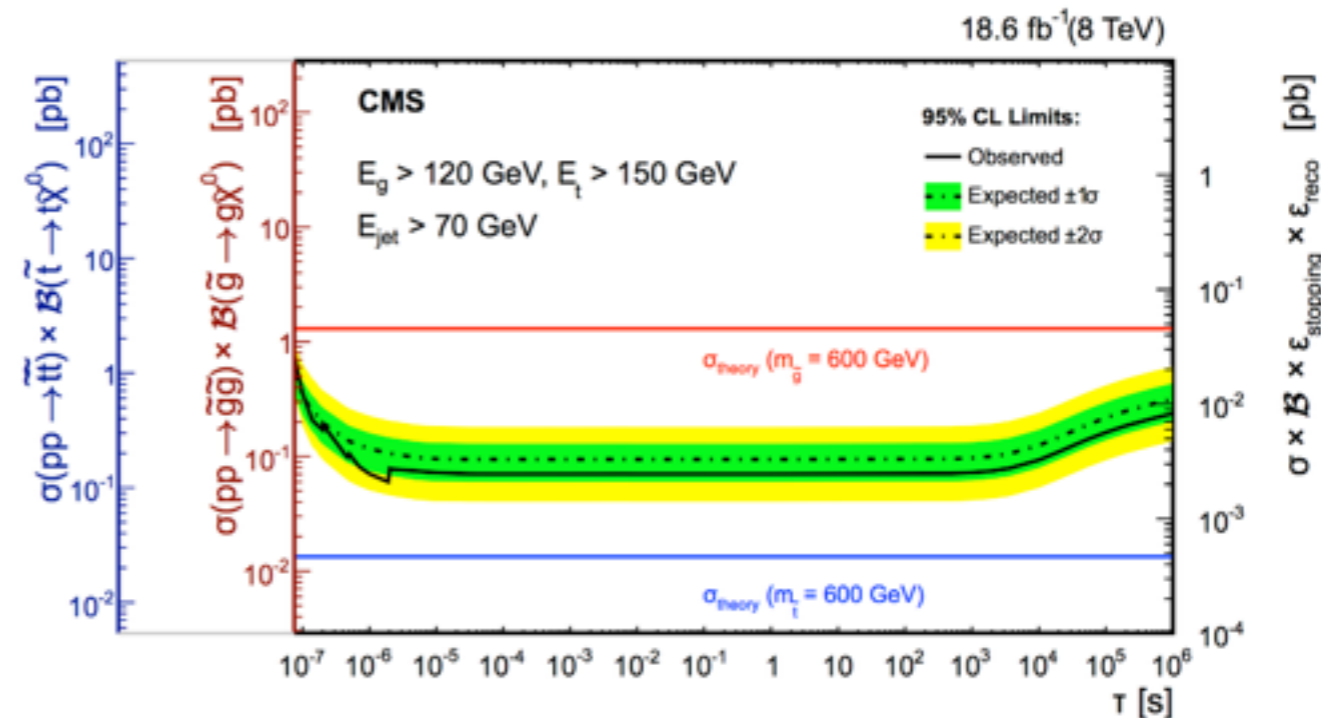


# DISAPPEARING TRACKS



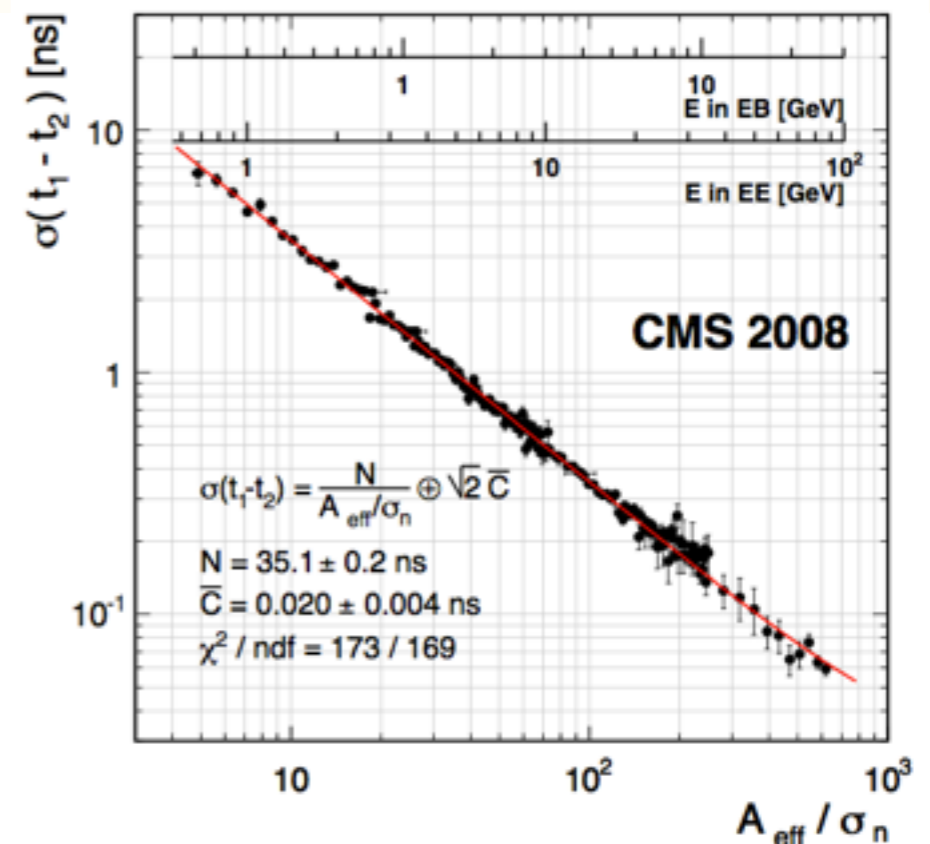
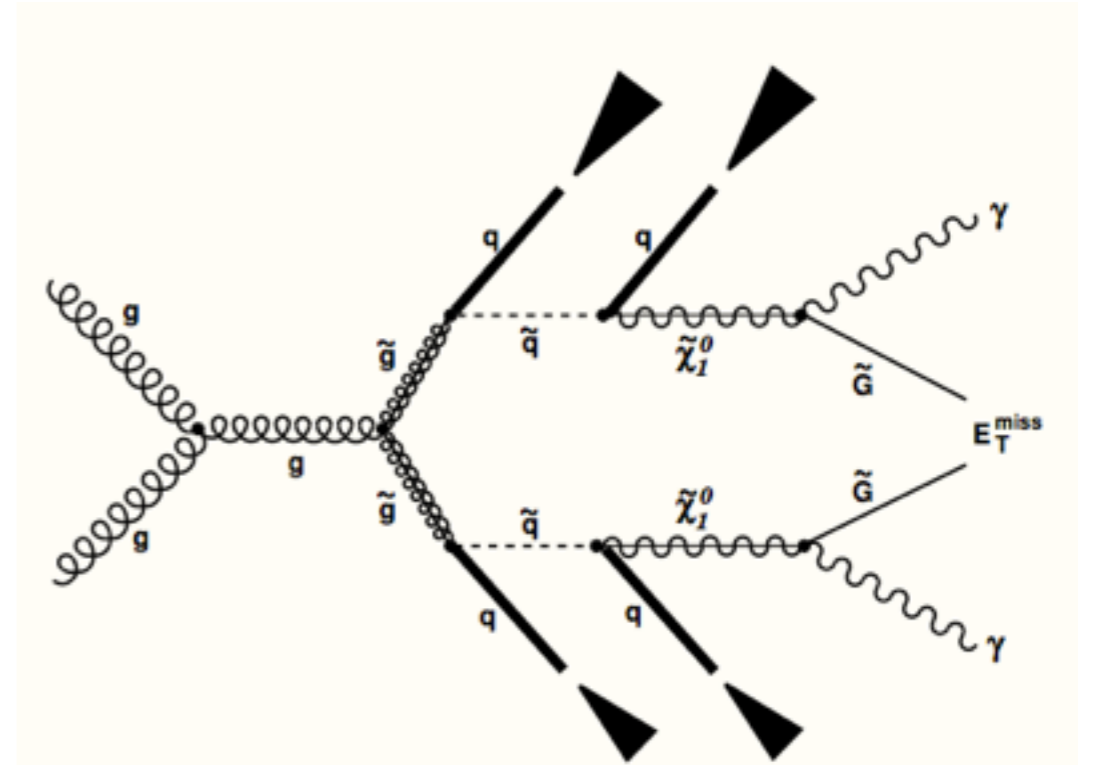
# STOPPED PARTICLES

- **Dedicated calorimeter trigger** to selected events in **gaps between LHC beam crossings**
- **Selection based on jet  $p_T$  and criteria to reject residual backgrounds**
  - beam halo, cosmics, out-of-time pp collisions, detector noise
- Limits presented in a **long-lived gluino or stop in R-hadrons scenario**



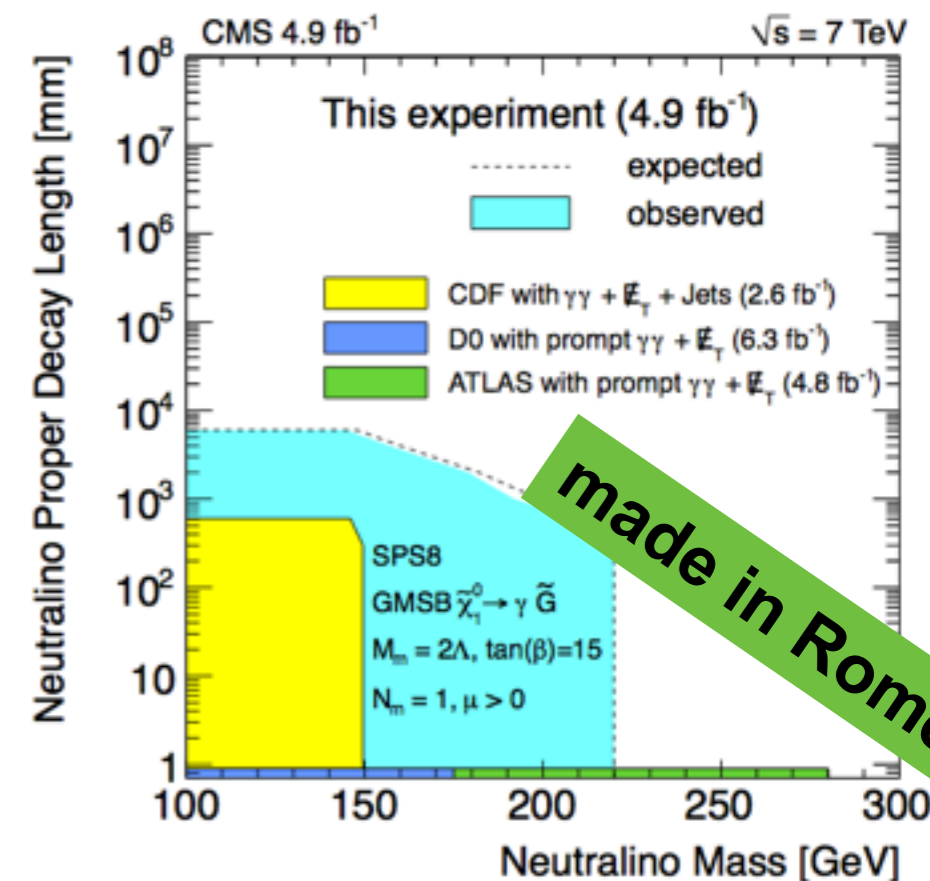
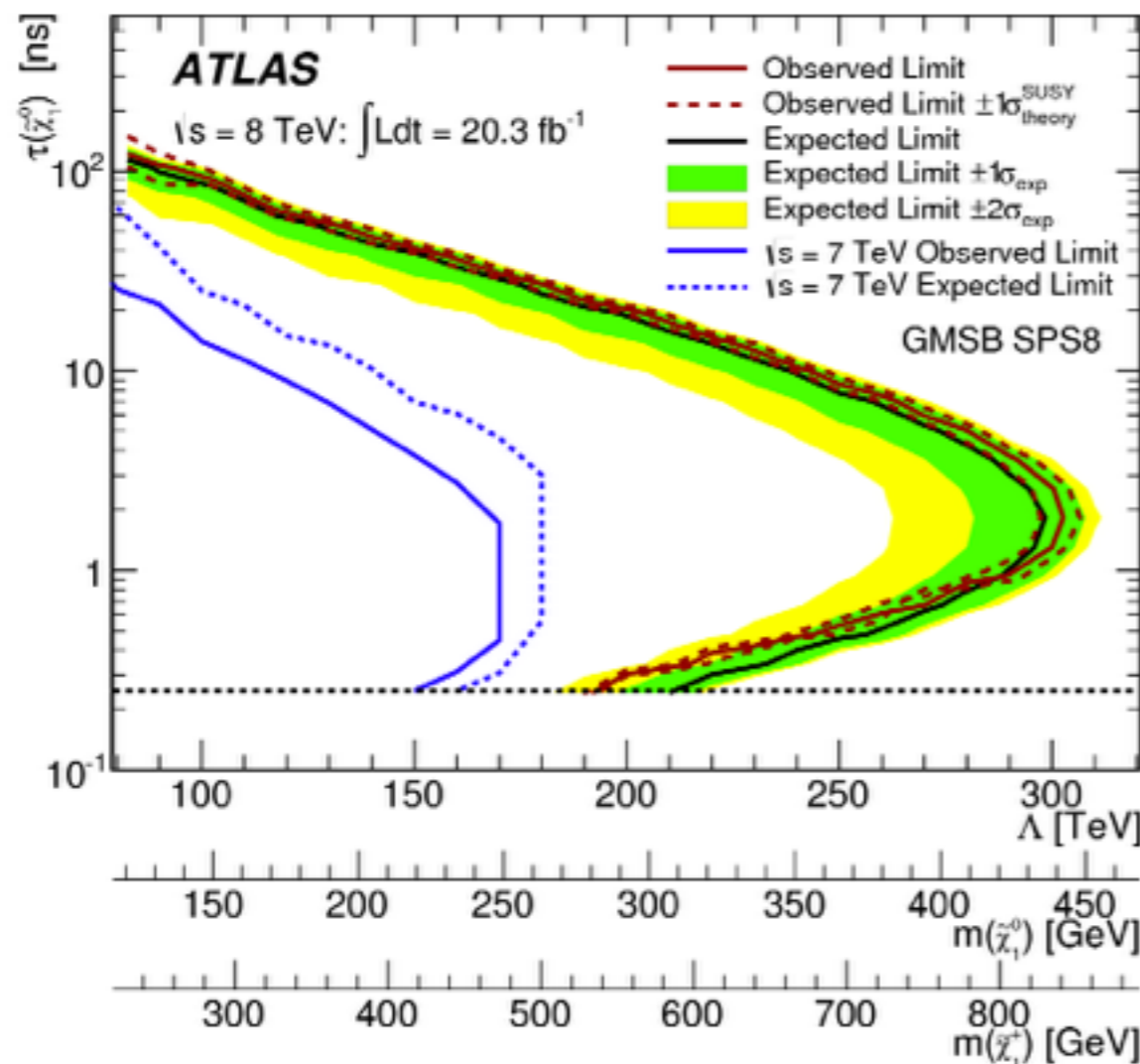
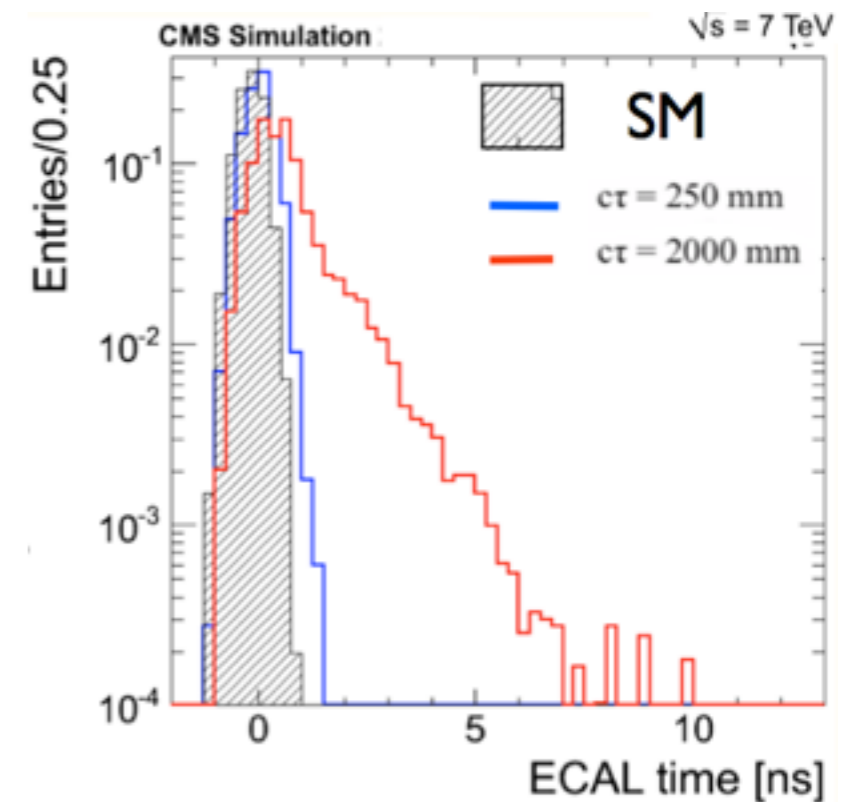
# DISPLACED PHOTONS: THEORY

- In models like **Gauge Mediated Supersymmetry Breaking**, Neutralino decays to Gravitino (lightest supersymmetric particle)
  - Missing  $E_T$
  - high  $p_T$  jets and photons
- **Gravitino can be long-lived**
  - displaced/delayed photons
- **Tagged using em calorimeter time**
  - design resolution:  $< 100\text{ps}$
- **Topology requirements**
  - $\geq 1$  photon with  $p_T > 100\text{GeV}$
  - 3 high  $p_T$  jets and large Missing  $E_T$



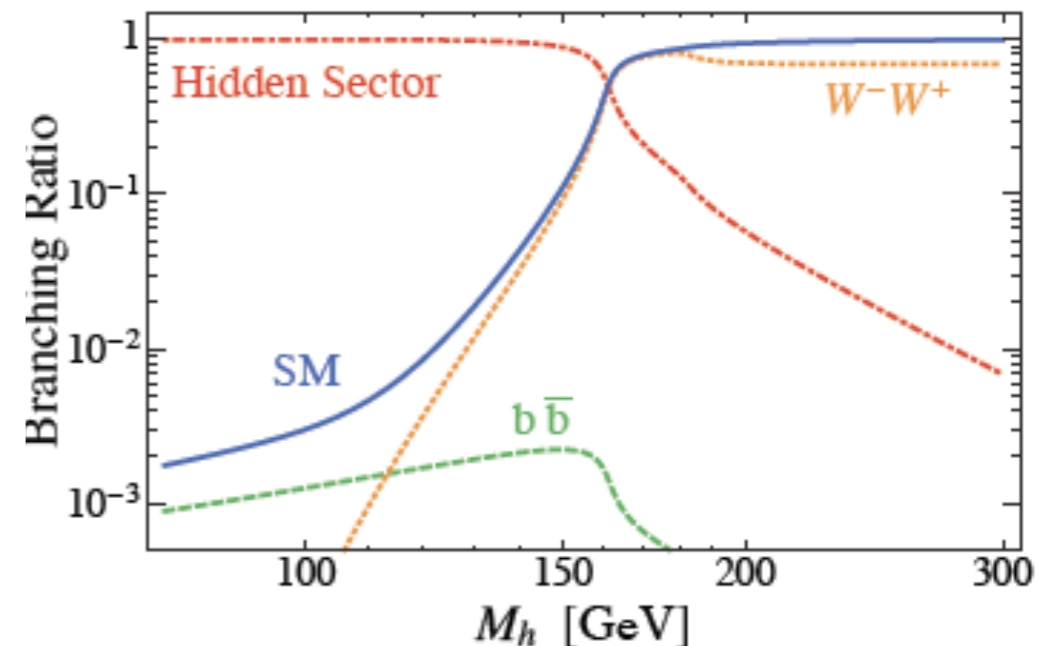
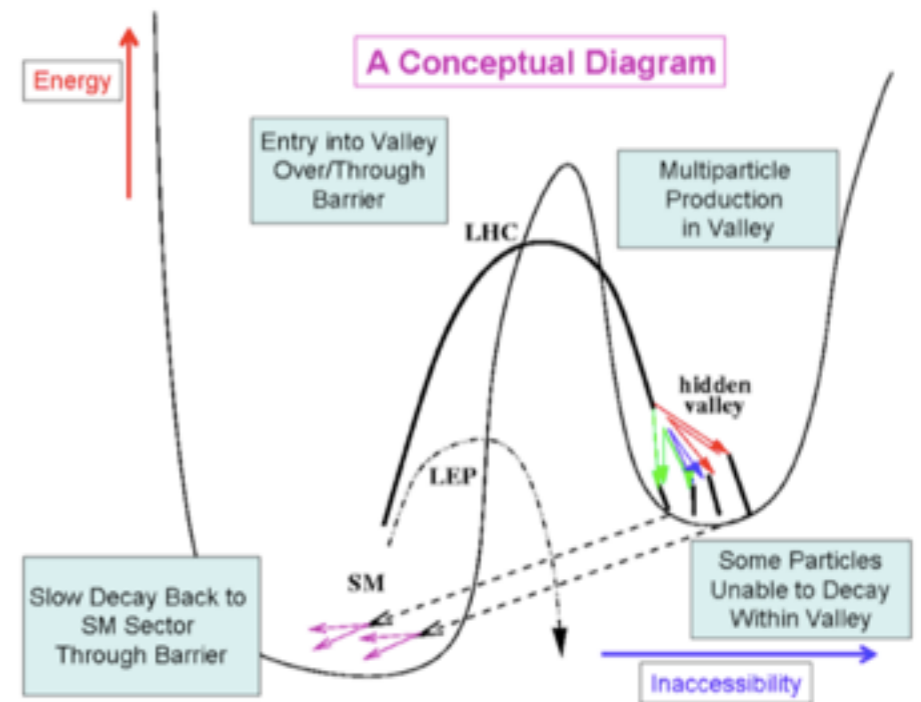
# DISPLACED PHOTONS: RESULTS

- Striking signature if Neutralino is long-lived
- **No excess observed**
- Limits are set varying **Neutralino masses and lifetimes**



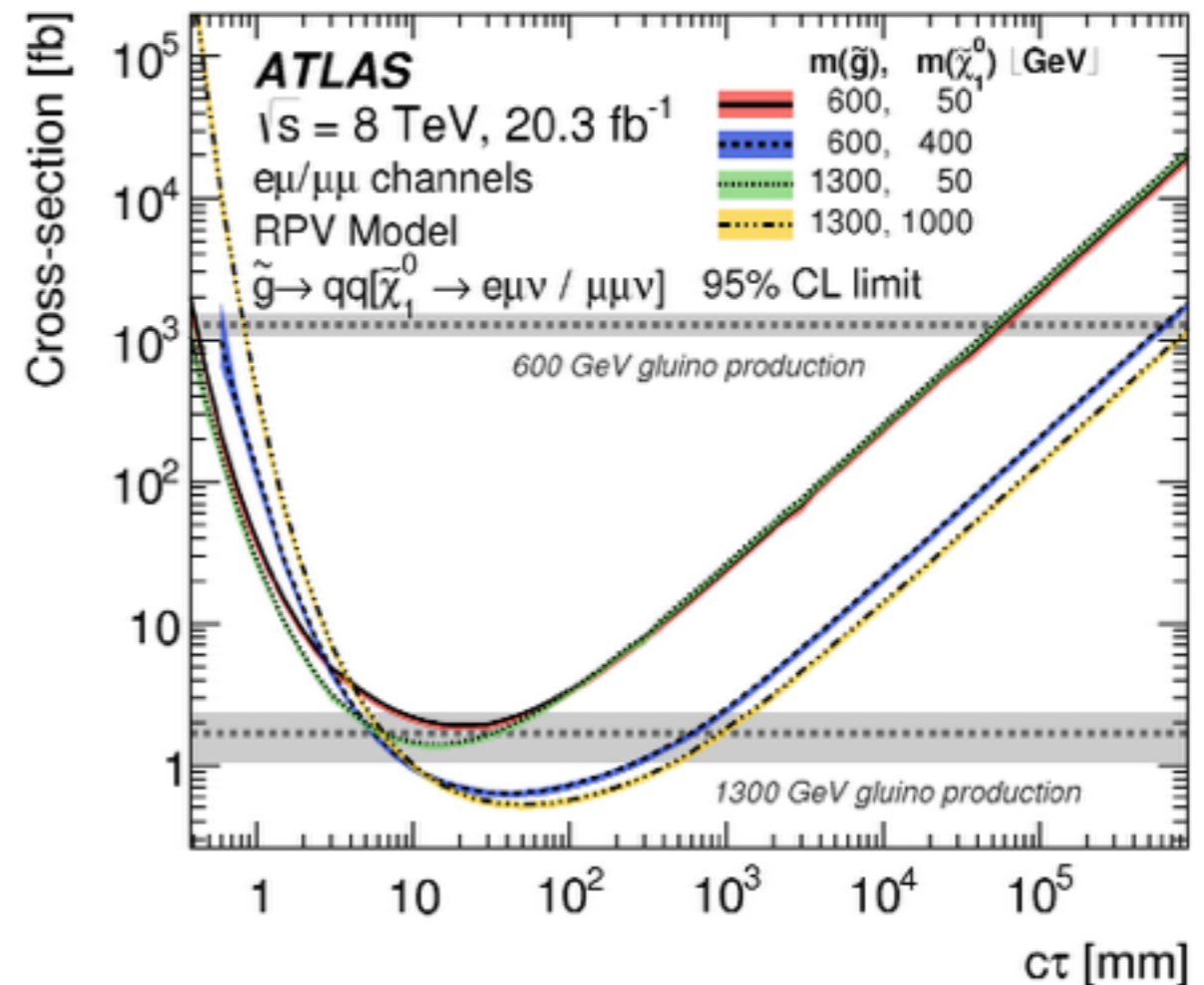
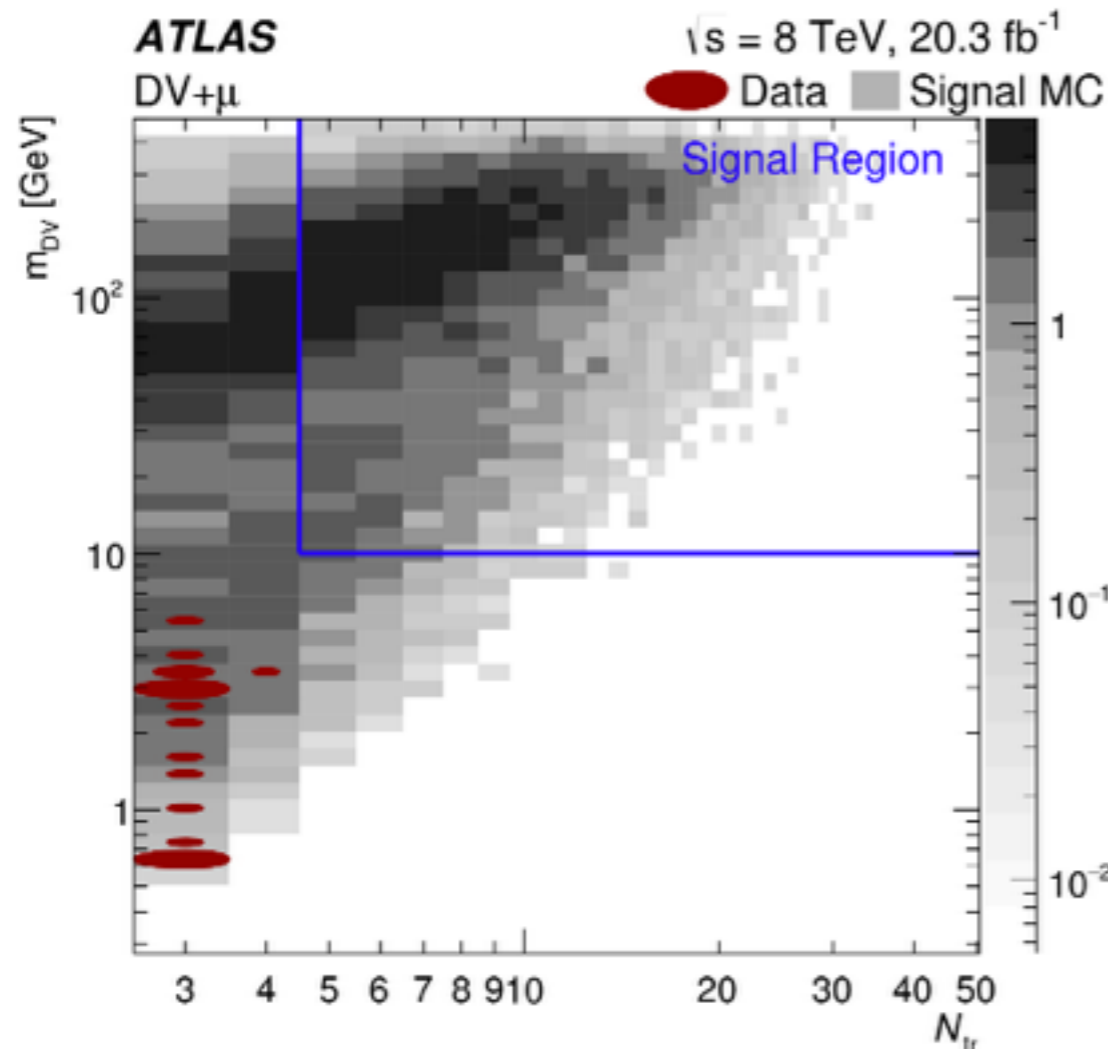
# DISPLACED VERTEXES: MODELS

- **Hidden Sector weakly coupled to SM**
  - motivated by  $(g-2)_\mu$  and Pamela results
- Communicate through **heavy mediator particles** (Higgs,  $Z'$ , loop of SUSY particles)
- **Heavy particles** (e.g. Higgs boson) **decay to particles of the hidden sector** and back to the standard sector via:
  - hadronic jets
  - collimated jets of leptons: lepton-jets
- Hidden particles can be long-lived and neutral (LLNP)
- **Identified reconstruction displaced vertexes**



# DISPLACED VERTEXES: ATLAS

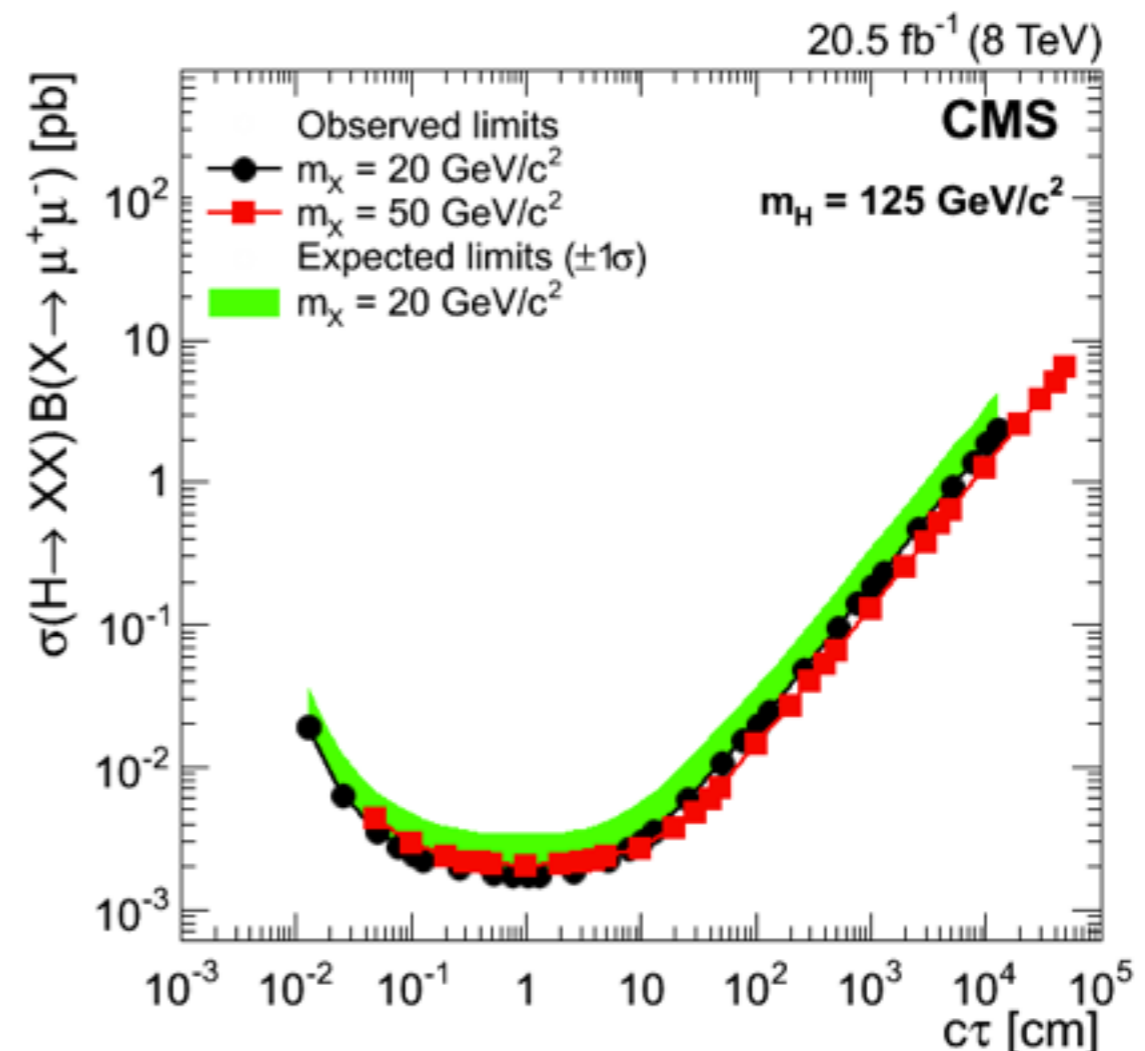
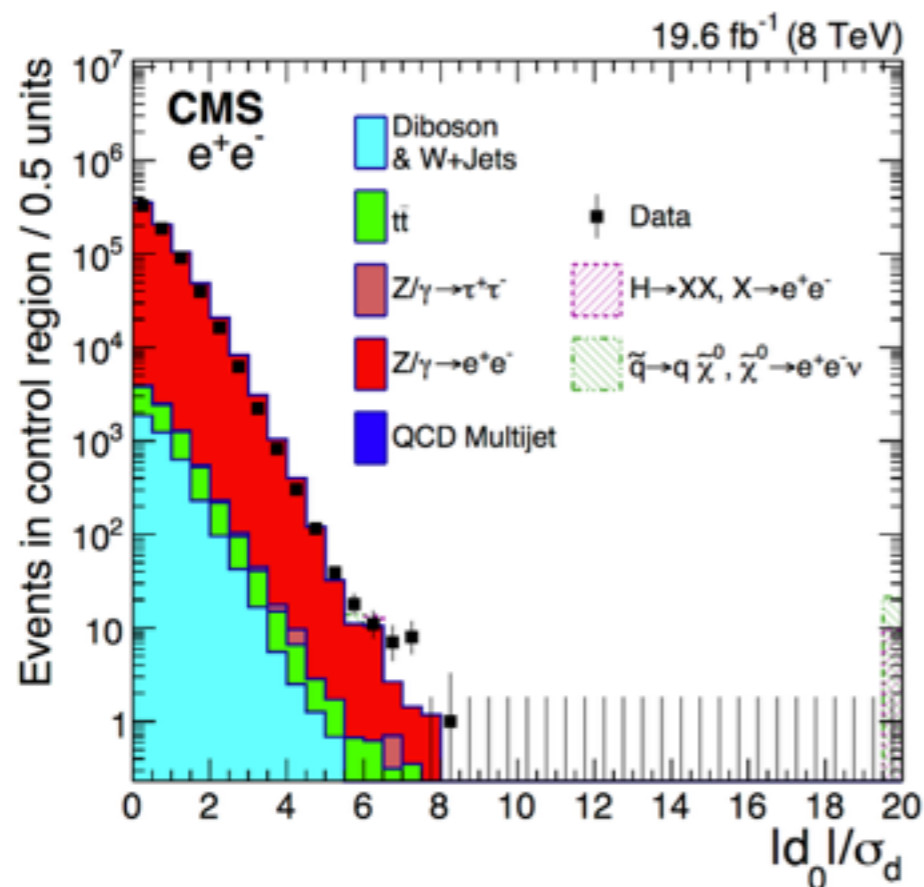
- In RPV SUSY, **neutralino can decay in leptons + jets**
  - leptons good for triggering, jets for vertexing
  - dedicated vertex reconstruction
- **No excess seen**





# DISPLACED LEPTONS

- Signature of **oppositely charged leptons** originating at a **separated secondary vertex within the inner tracker volume**
- **Benchmark model:** Higgs  $\rightarrow 2X$ ,  $X \rightarrow l^+l^-$
- Main selection variable: **transverse decay length significance**  
 $L_{xy}/\sigma_{xy}$
- **No excess**



# GRAND SUMMARY

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- **Search for New physics** main goal these days at LHC
  - increase in center of mass energy (13 TeV) boosted the reach
  - new territories to explore
- **ATLAS and CMS physics programs very broad**
  - in particular for searches for new high mass resonances, dark matter and long-lived particles
- **No discovery so far but**
  - **hint of excess in the diphoton channel at  $m \sim 750$  GeV**
    - ▶ ATLAS:  $3.9 \sigma$ , CMS:  $3.4 \sigma$
    - ▶ more statistics needed. Answer in few months
- **LHC still unique place to probe Standard Model and look for New Physics for the next 20 years**
- **This department deeply involved in these searches**

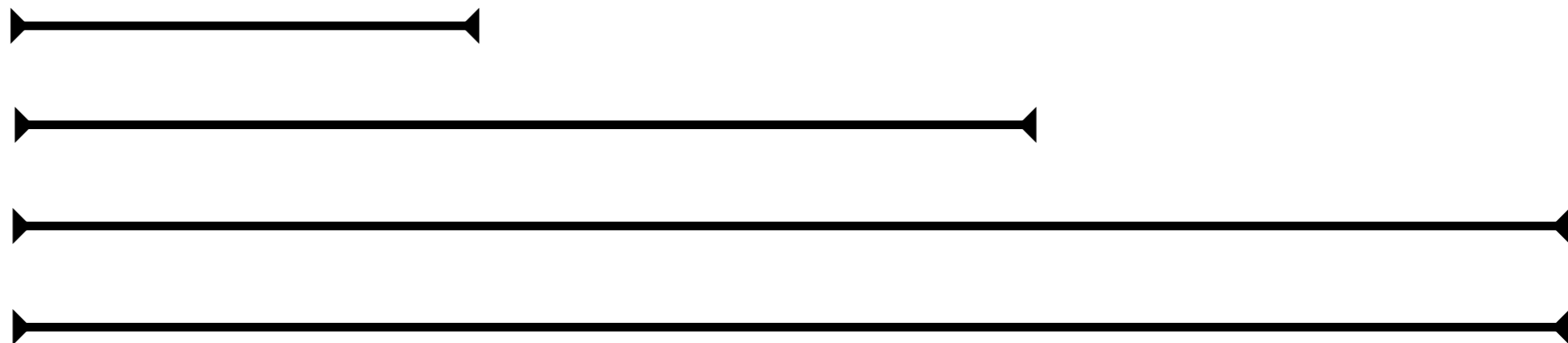
# PERSPECTIVES

high mass resonances

long-lived

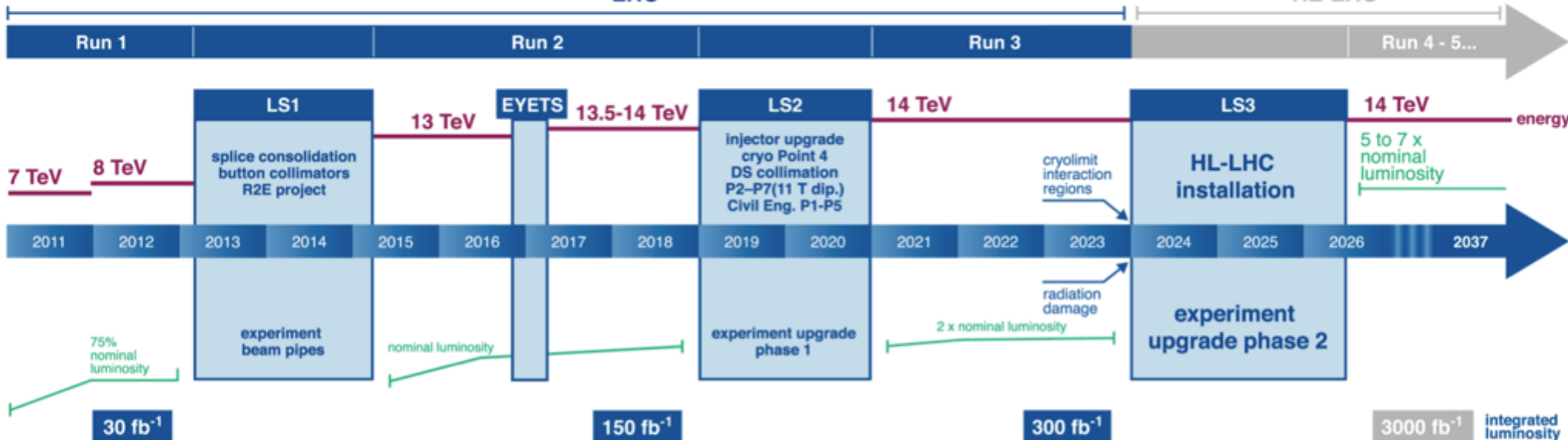
dark matter

Higgs couplings



LHC

HL-LHC



Run 1

Magnet splice update

Run 2 at ~full design energy

Phase I upgrades (injectors)

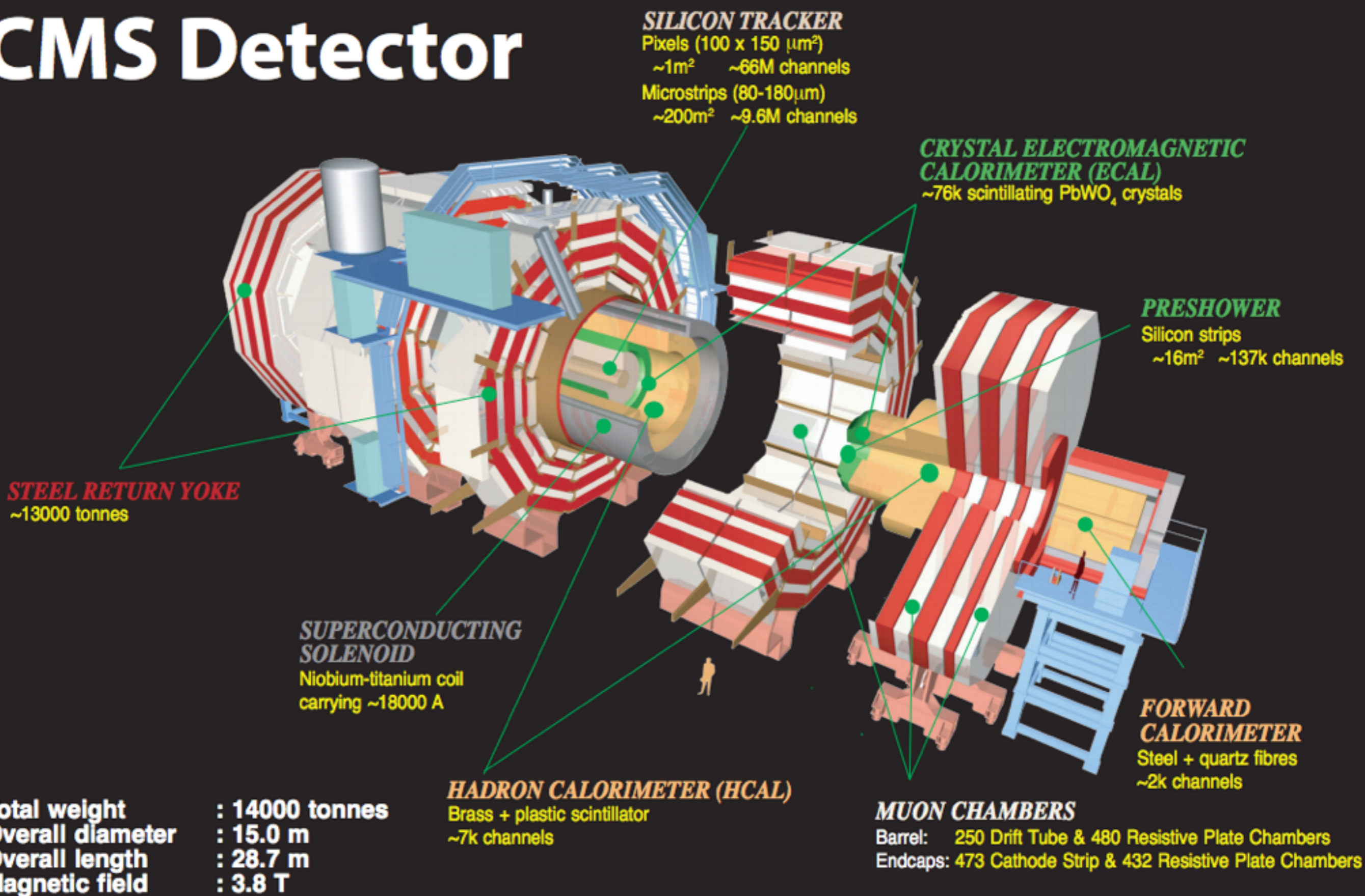
Run 3 → original design lumi

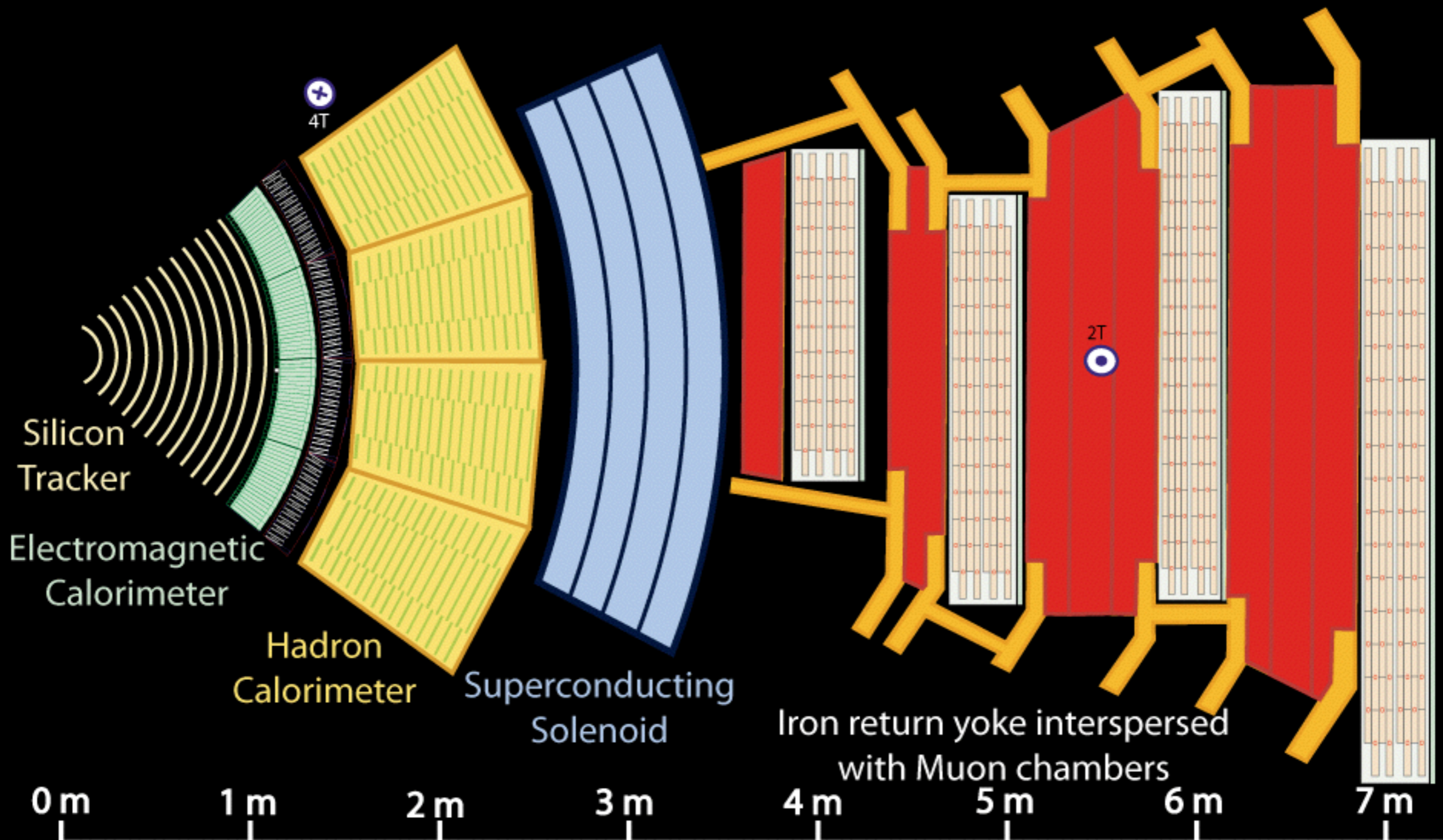
Phase II upgrades (final focus)

HL-LHC: ten times design lumi

**BACKUP**

# CMS Detector





Silicon Tracker

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

Hadron Calorimeter

Superconducting Solenoid

Iron return yoke interspersed with Muon chambers

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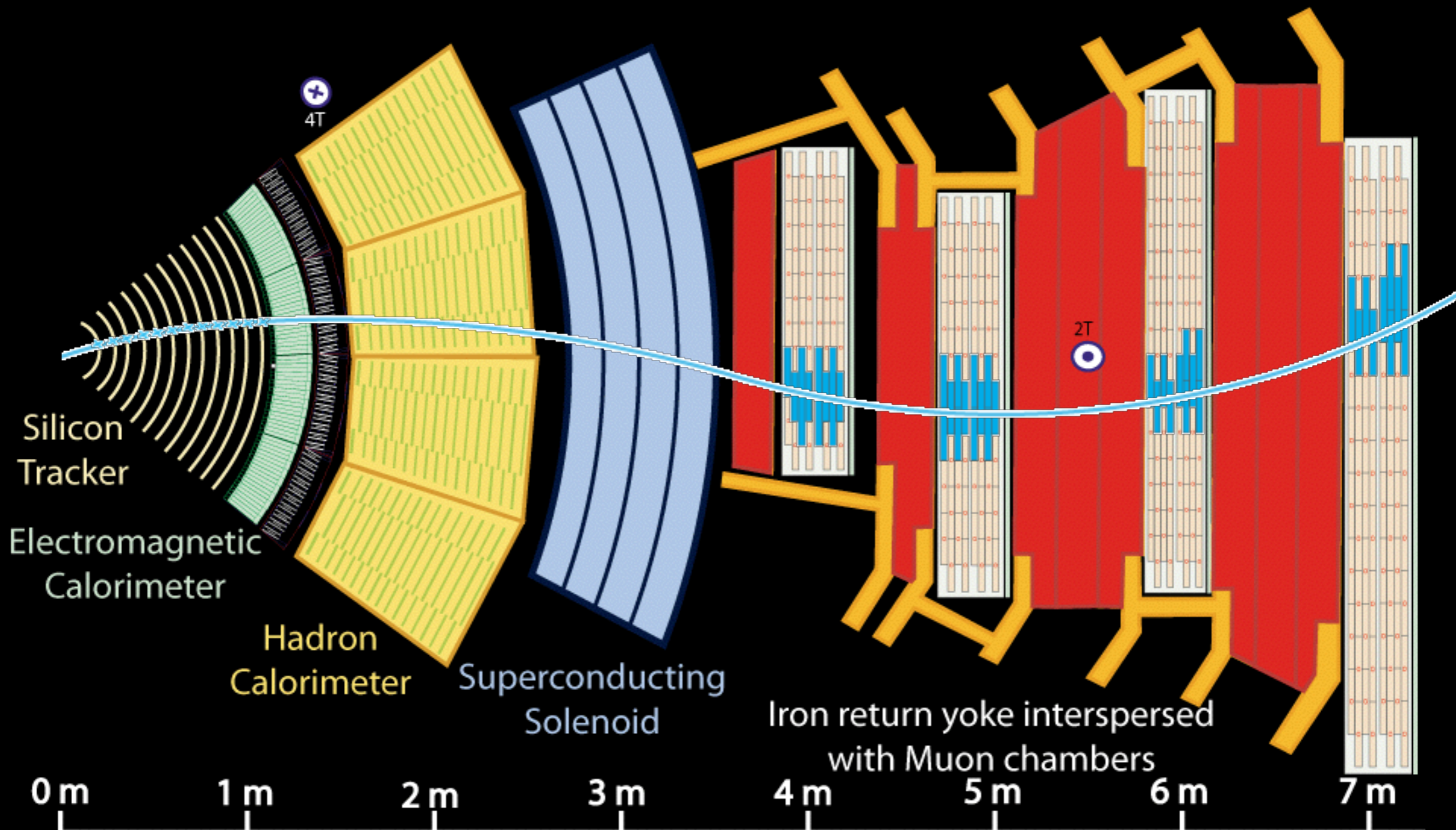
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— Electron

— Charged Hadron (e.g. Pion)

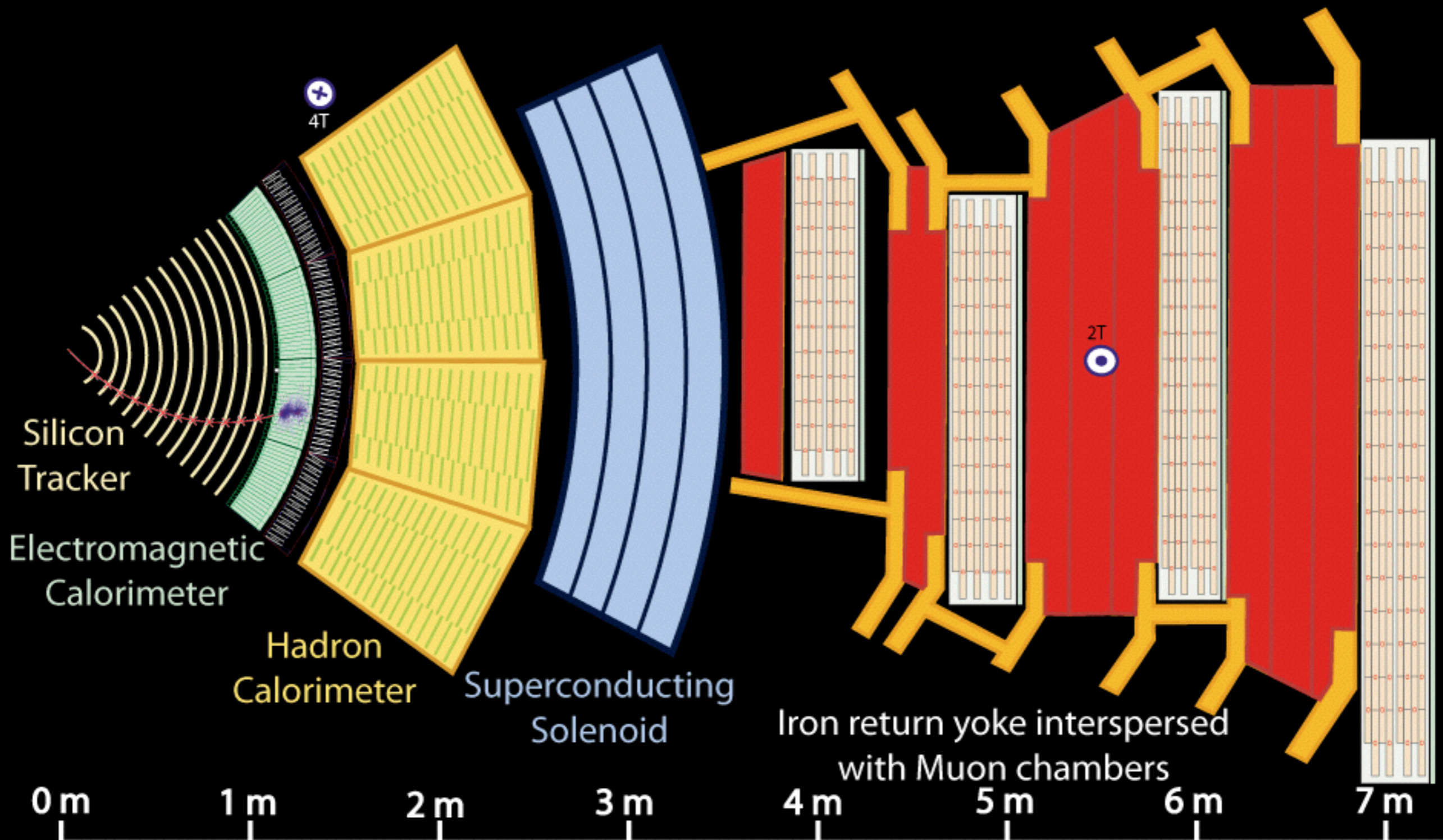
- - - Neutral Hadron (e.g. Neutron)

- - - Photon



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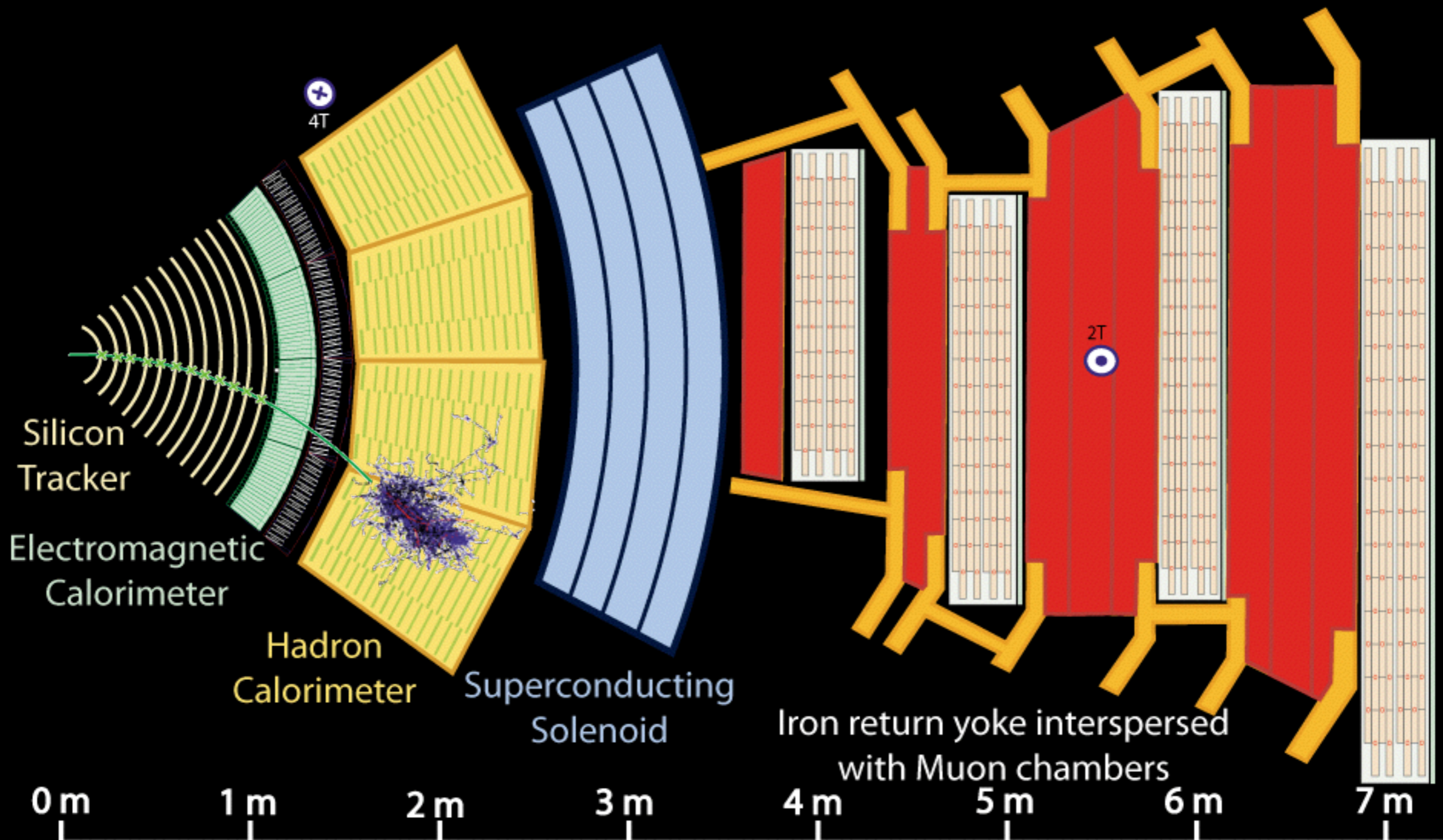
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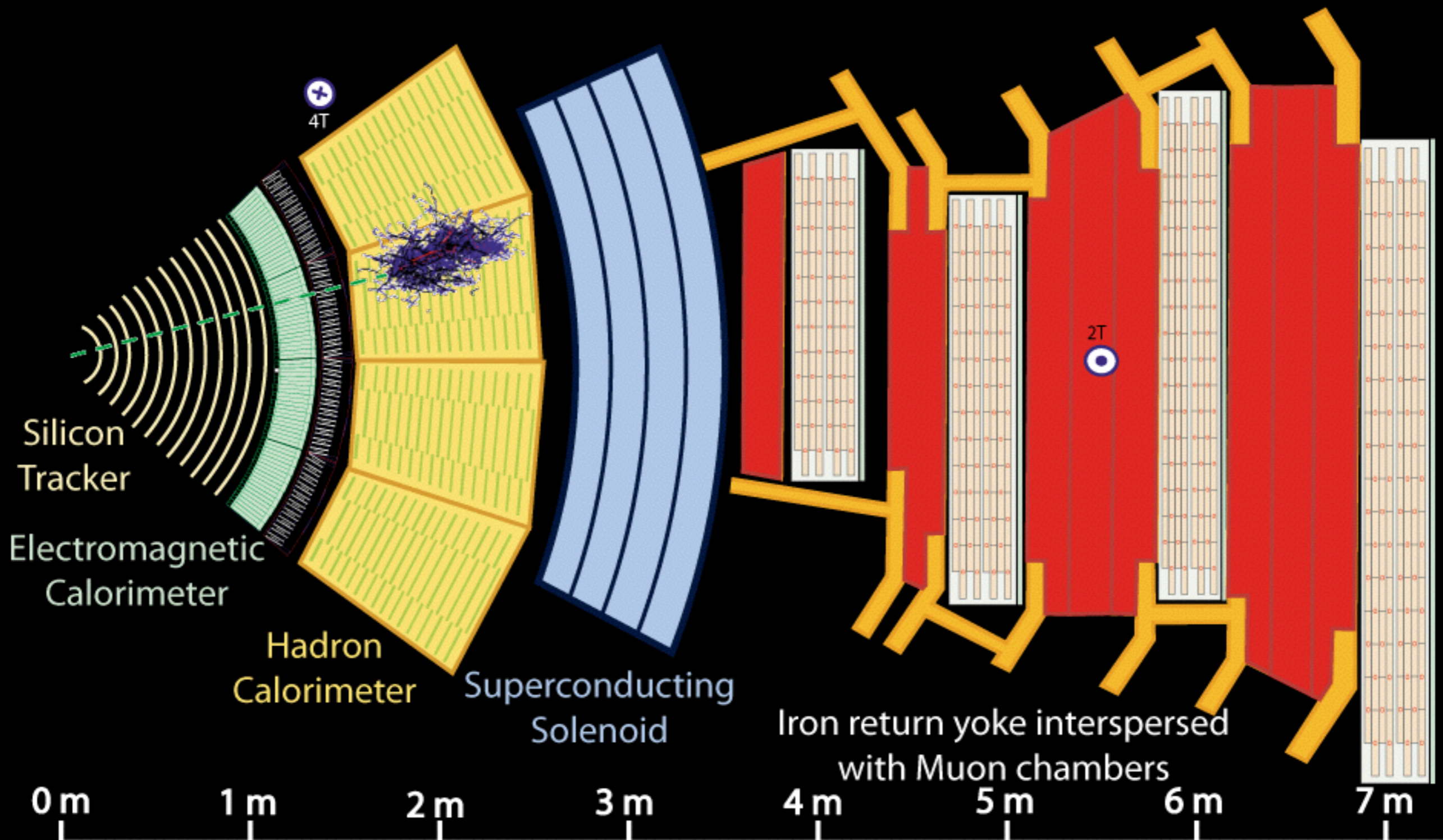
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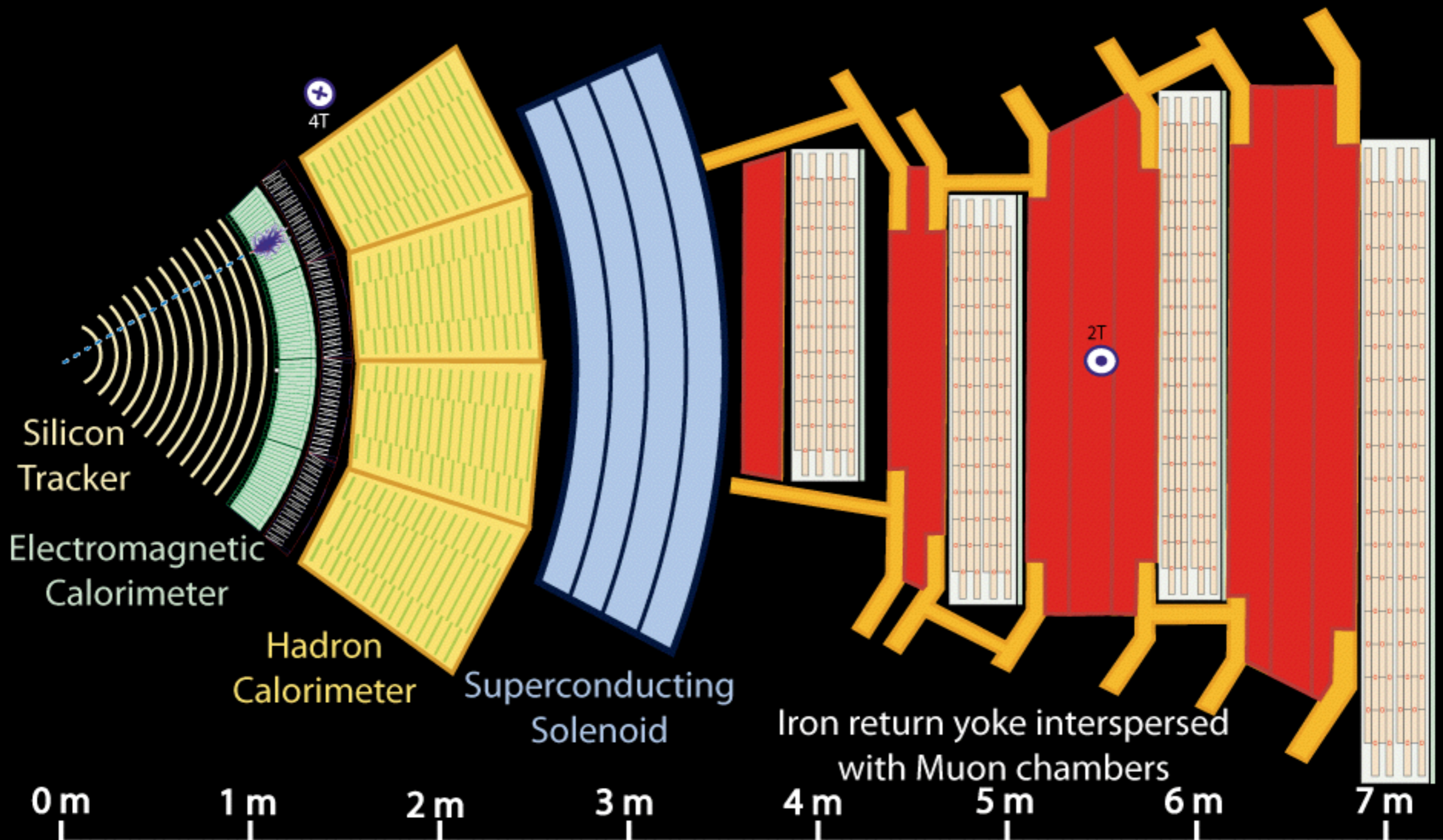
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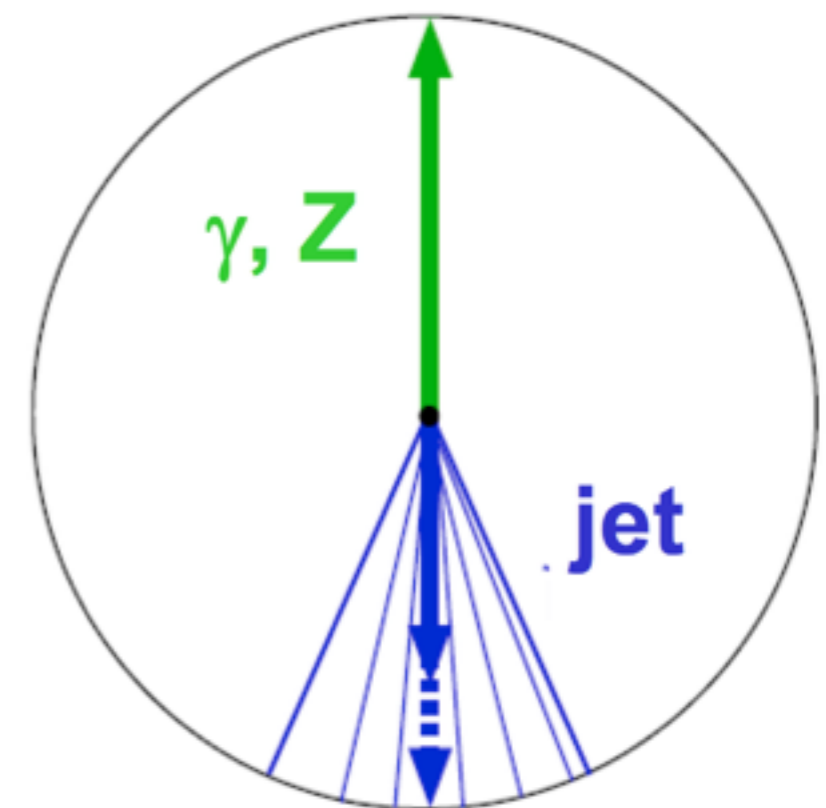
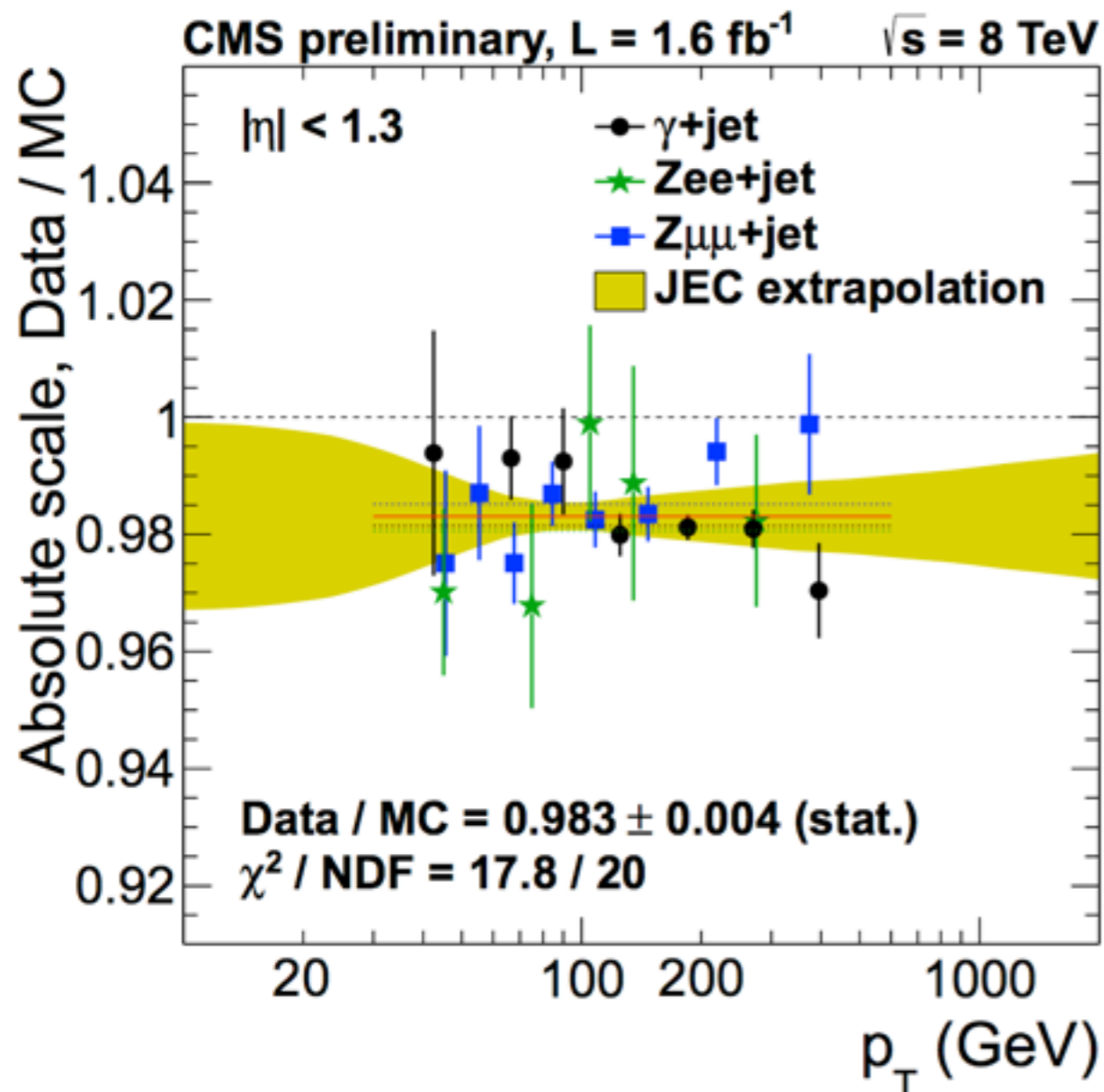
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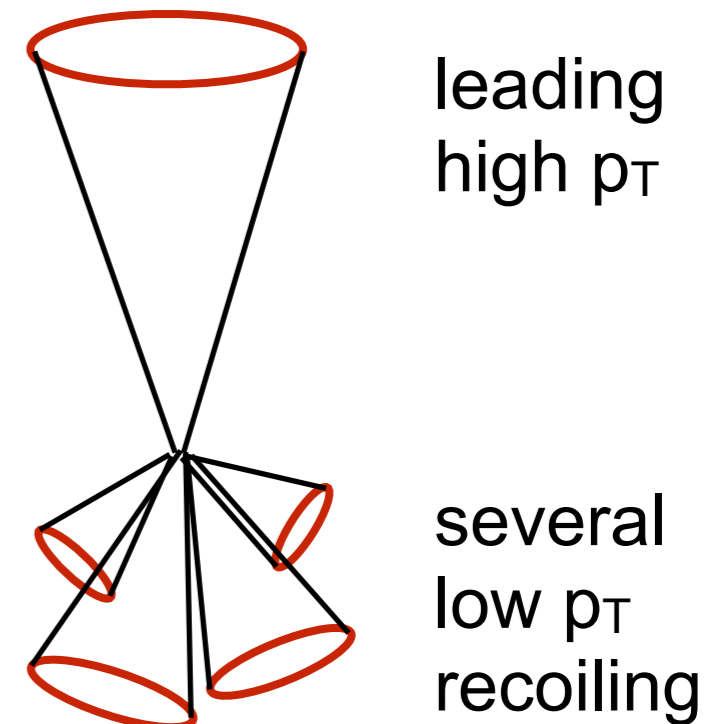
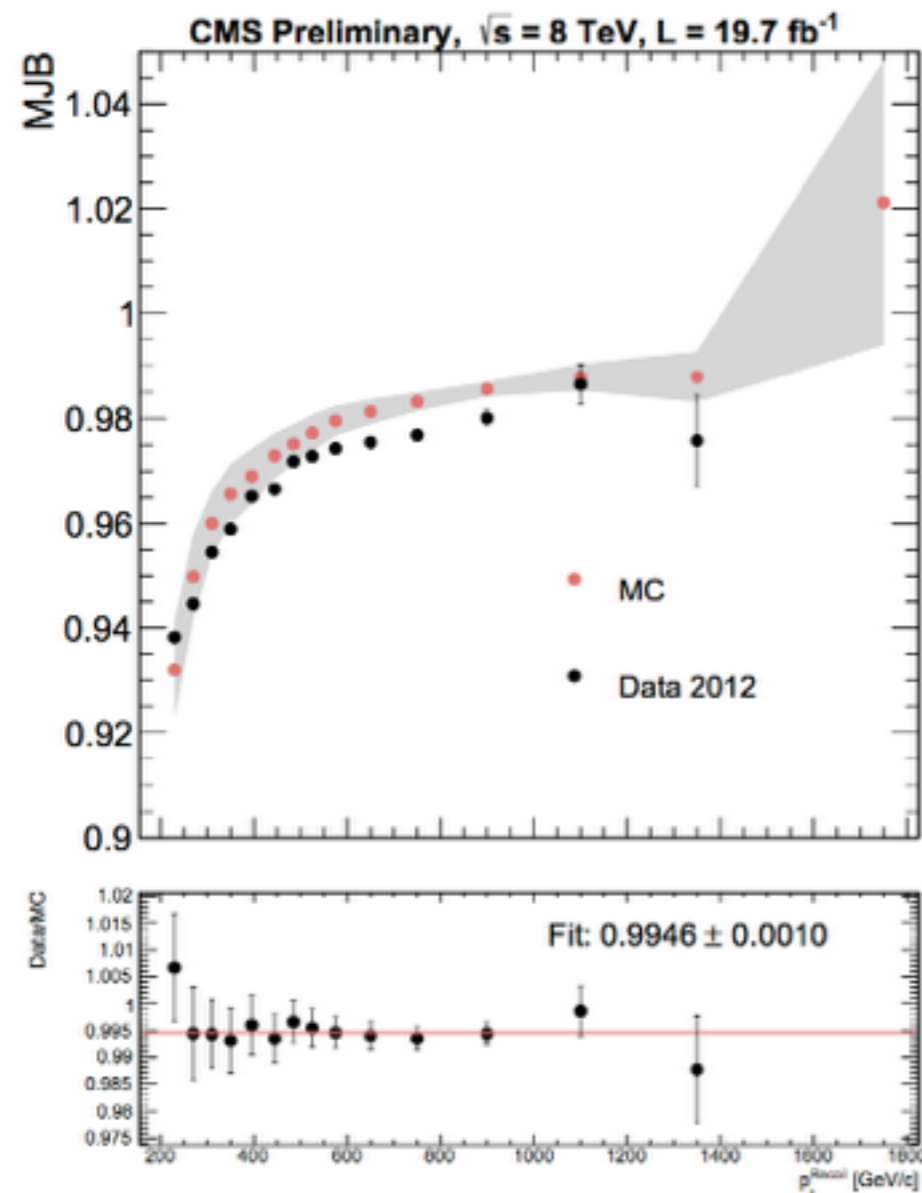
# JET SCALE CALIBRATION IN SM $P_T$ REGIME

- **Calibration for  $\sim 100$  GeV Jets**
  - Event balancing in the transverse plane with gamma+jets or Z+jets events
  - **no events above  $\sim 400$  GeV**



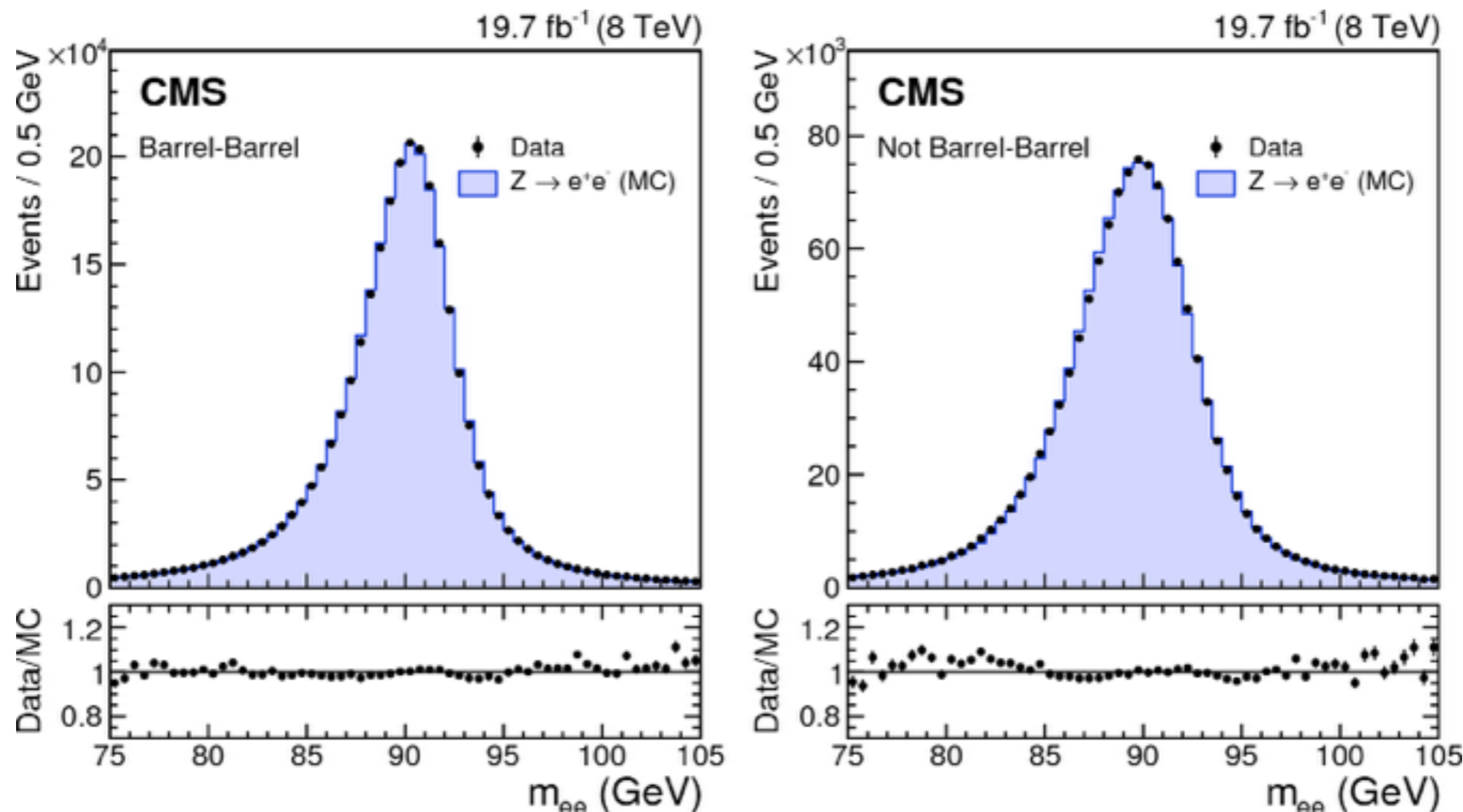
# THE EXAMPLE OF JETS

- **Multijet events** to evaluate low vs high  $p_T$  relative scale
  - one high  $p_T$  jet recoils to many low  $p_T$  jets
  - $p_T$  jet scale from Z/gamma+jet (previous slides)
  - by imposing balancing high  $p_T$  jet can be calibrated



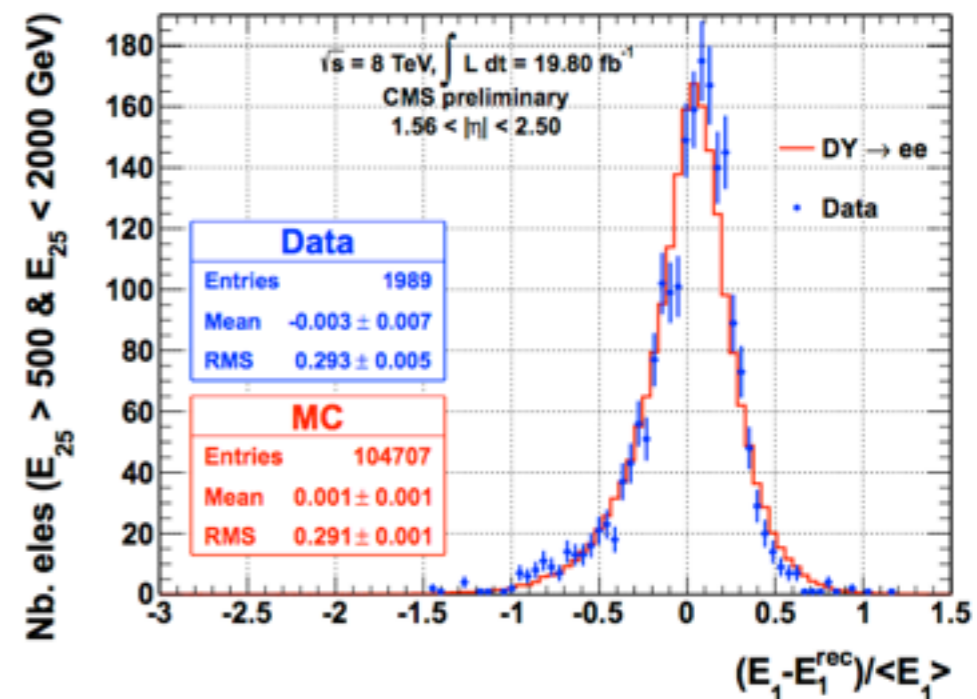
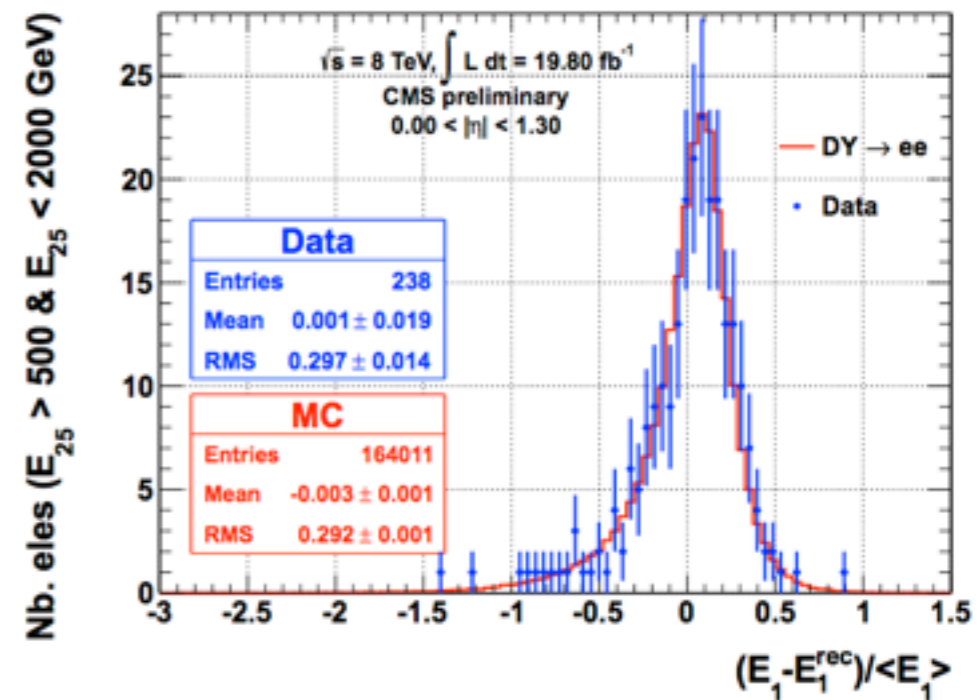
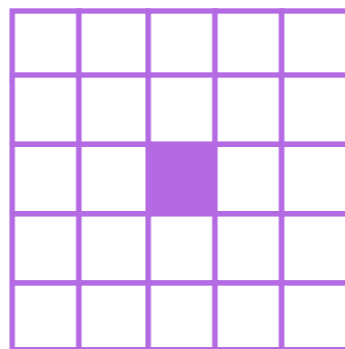
# ELECTRON SCALE AND RESOLUTION

- Basically use **Z** to monitor energy scale and resolution
- Reconstruct Z invariant mass
- Rescale **energy response to make Z line** shapes for data and MC talk each other



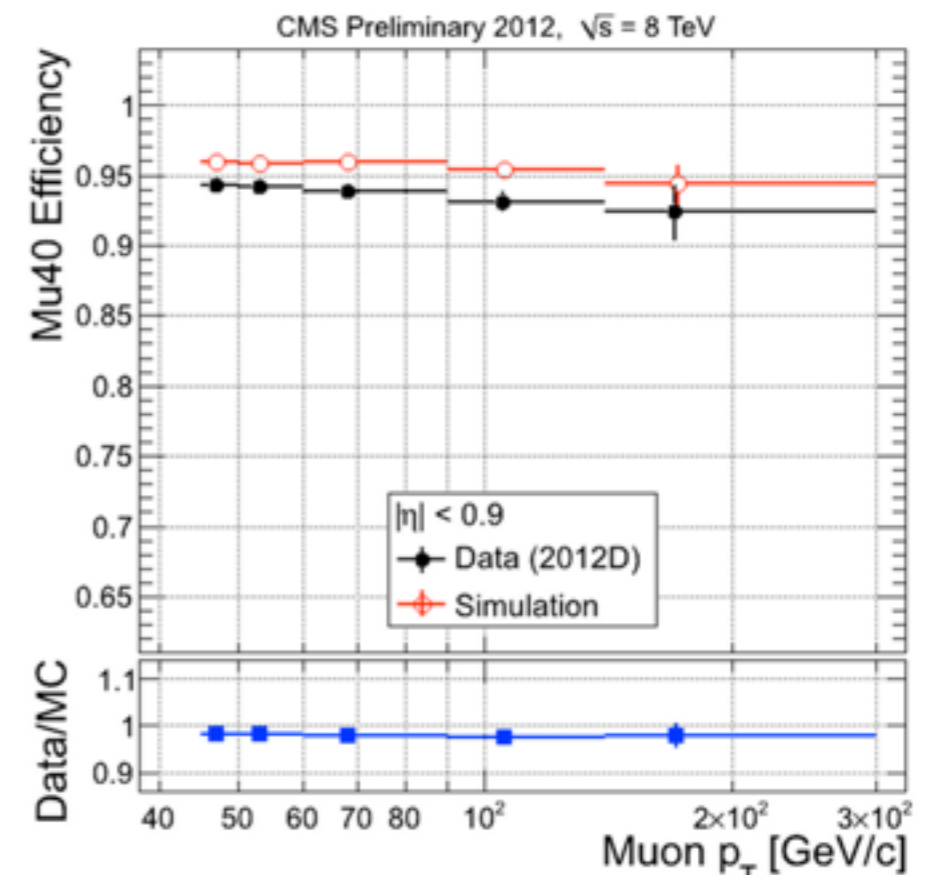
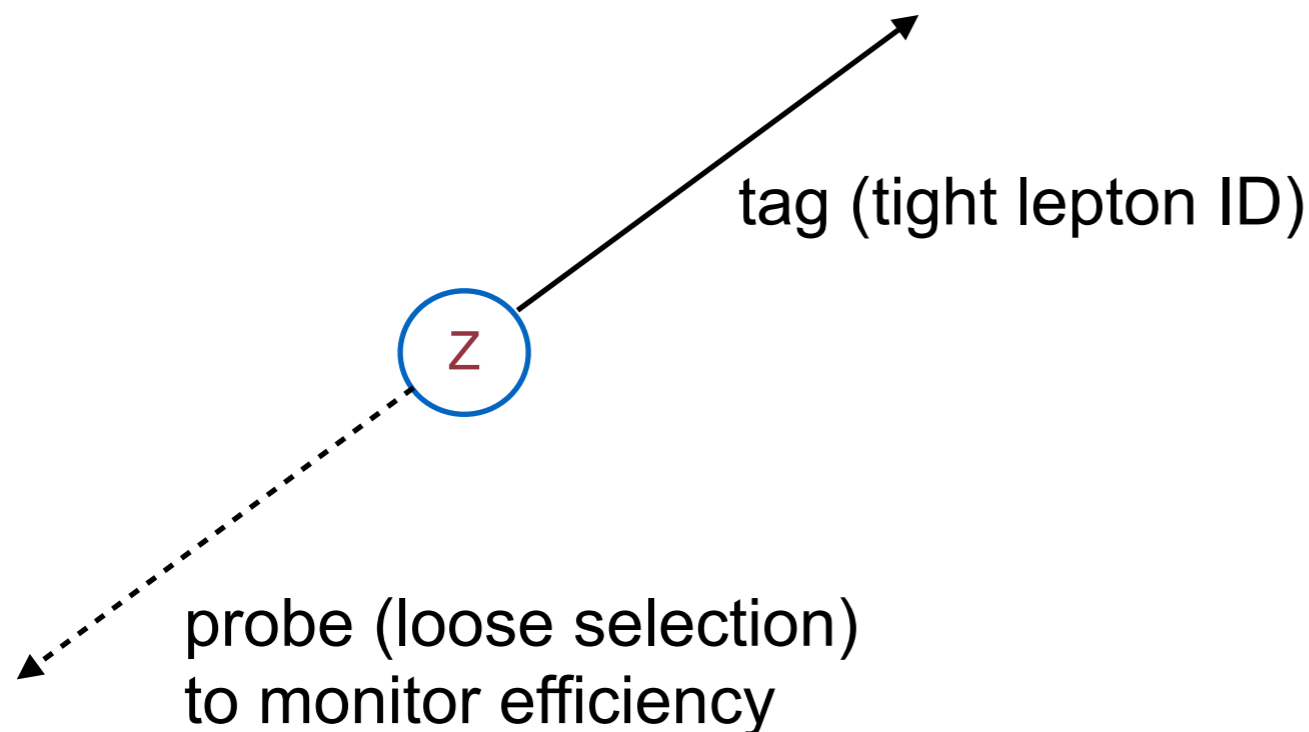
# ELECTRONS AT LARGE $p_T$

- Electron release energy in 5x5 array of crystals
- **About 80% in central crystal**
- Extract electron energy **from the 24 low energy surrounding crystals** (assuming average em cluster shape)
- **Compare the resulting energy with the one of the most energetic crystals**
- Data-MC comparison of this ratio to set high  $p_T$  scale



# EFFICIENCY EXAMPLE OF ELECTRONS

- Calibration for  $\sim 50\text{-}100$  GeV electrons done by using  $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$  events
- Used so-called **tag-and-probe method**
  - one lepton fully identified
  - other lepton selected with loose criteria
  - with inv. requirement (around 91 GeV), measure trigger and selection efficiency

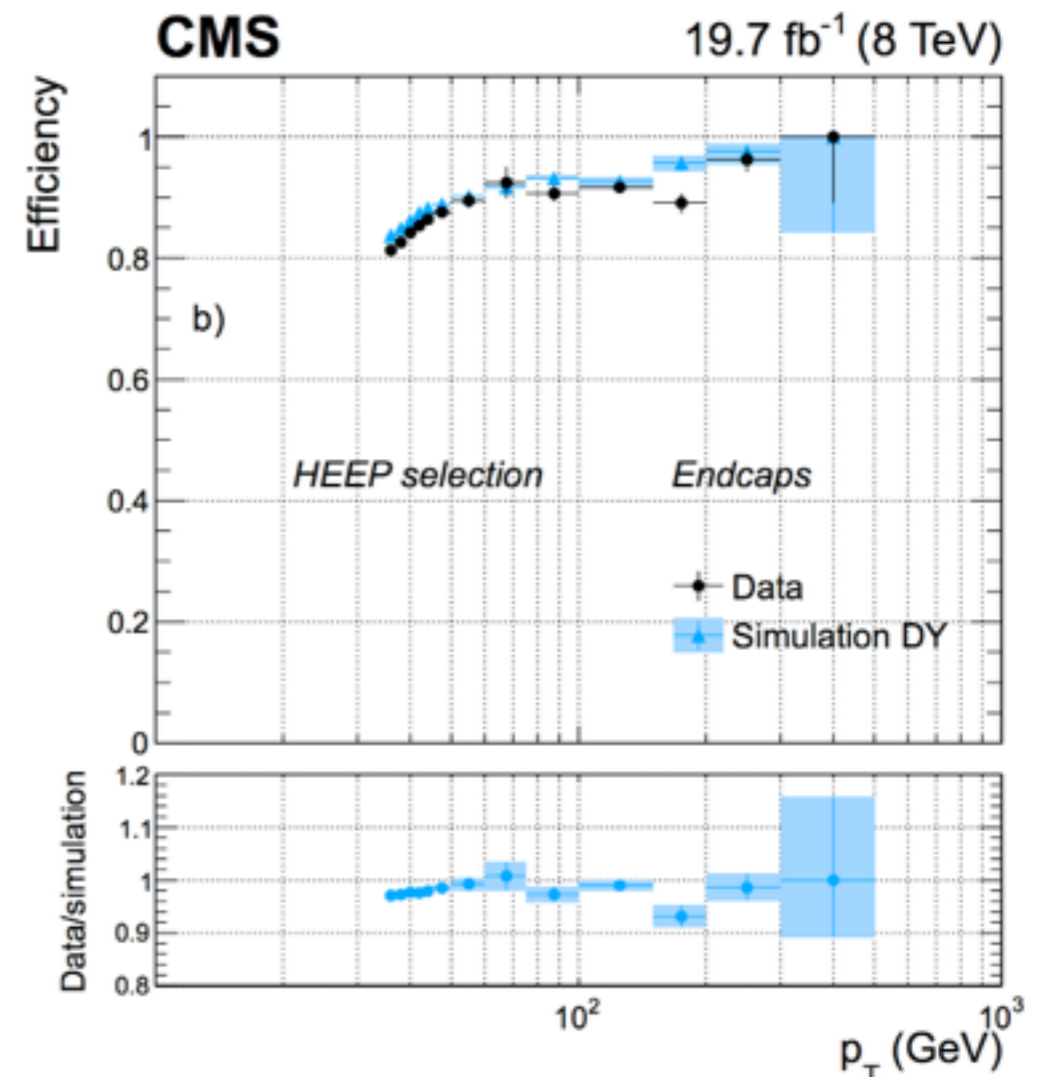
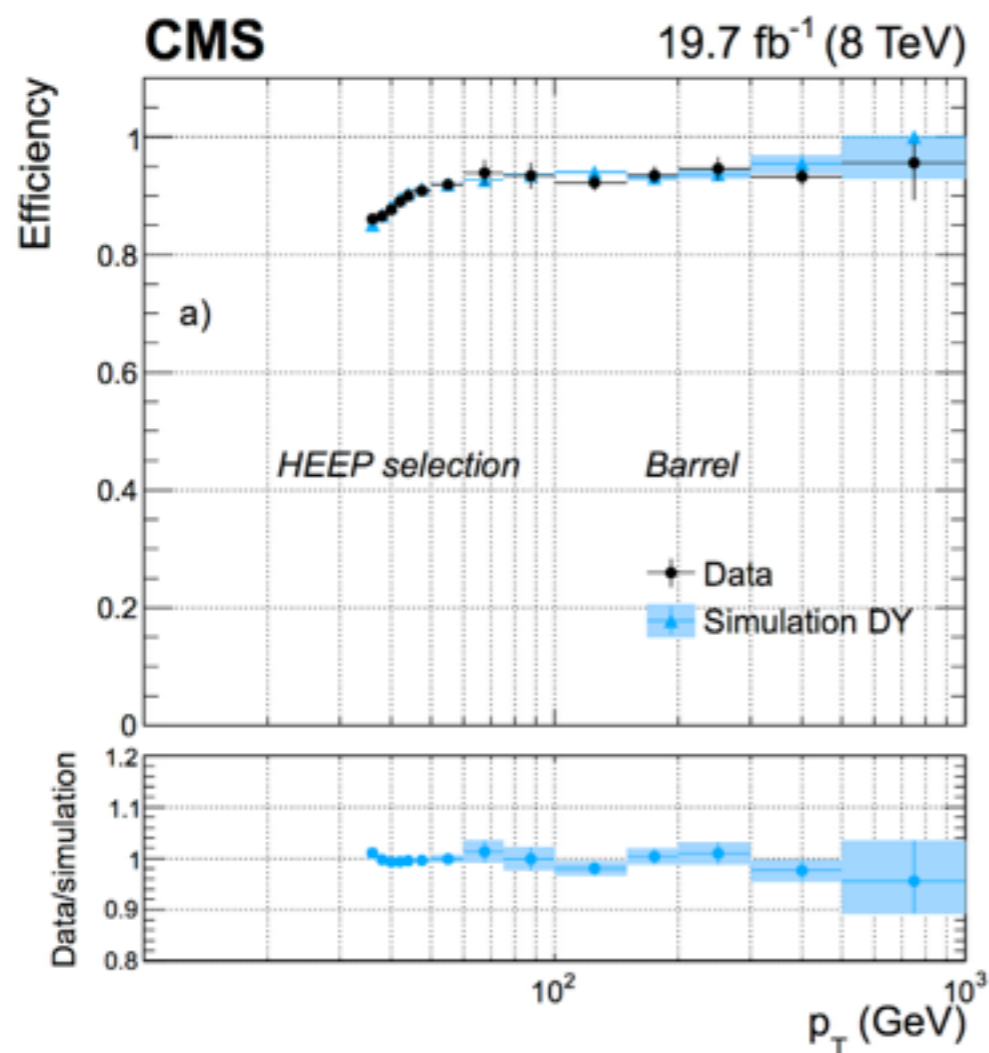




# EFFICIENCY AT LARGE $p_T$

- **Still low statistics**

- but you don't need much to evaluate efficiency ( $O(50-100$  events))



# LHC

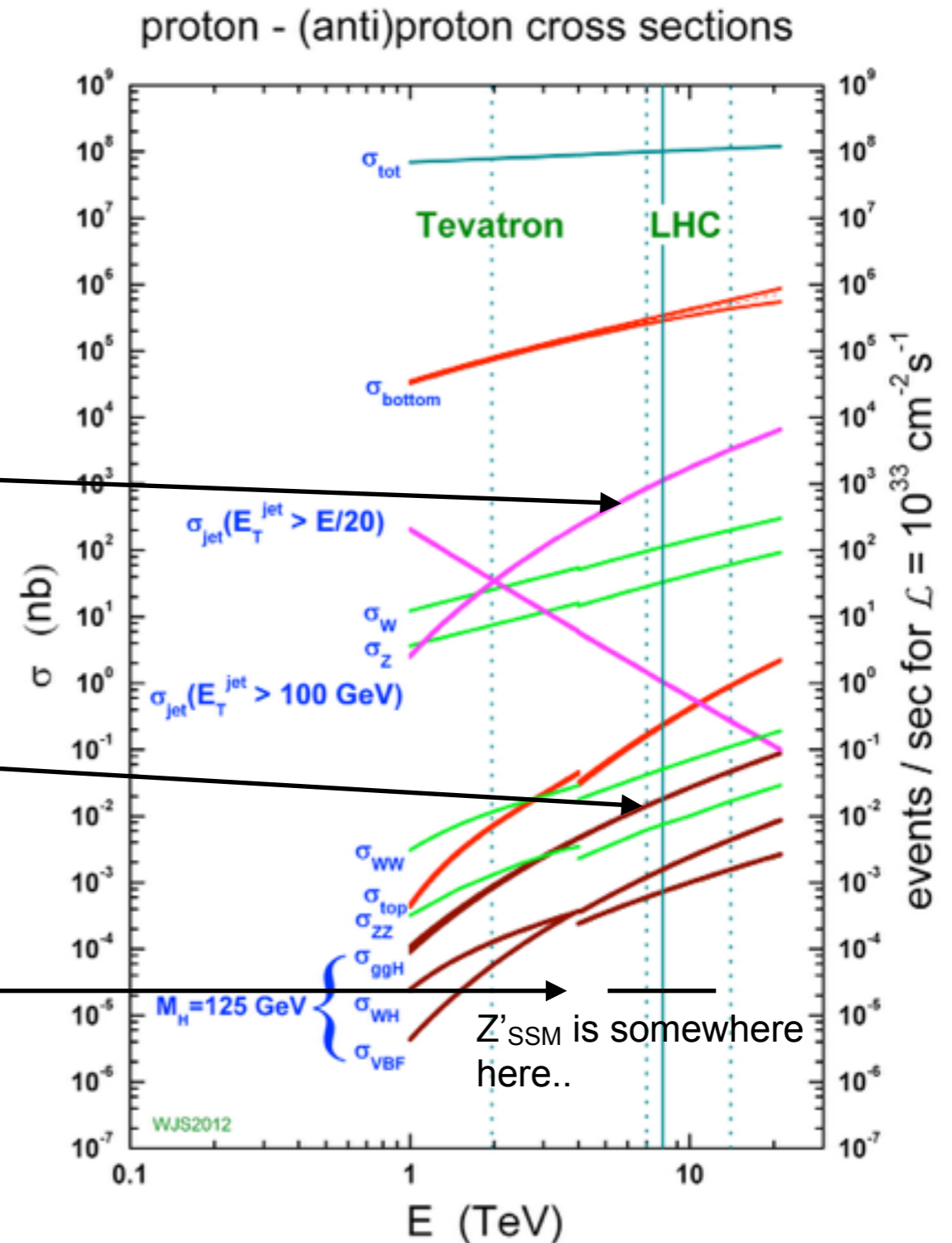
## Cross sections

- let's compare few cases

— jets ( $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$ )

— H(gluon-gluon)

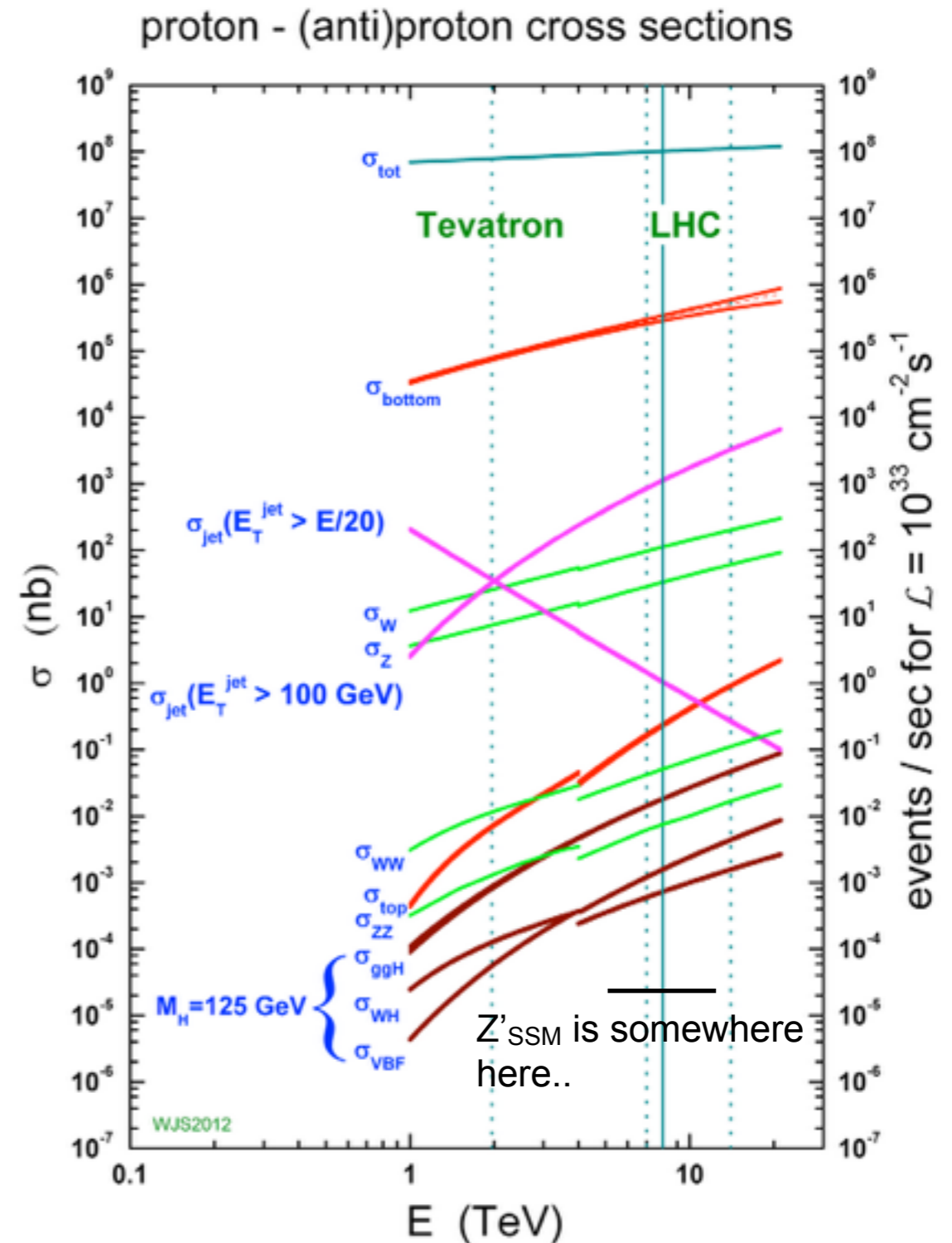
—  $Z'_{\text{SSM}}$



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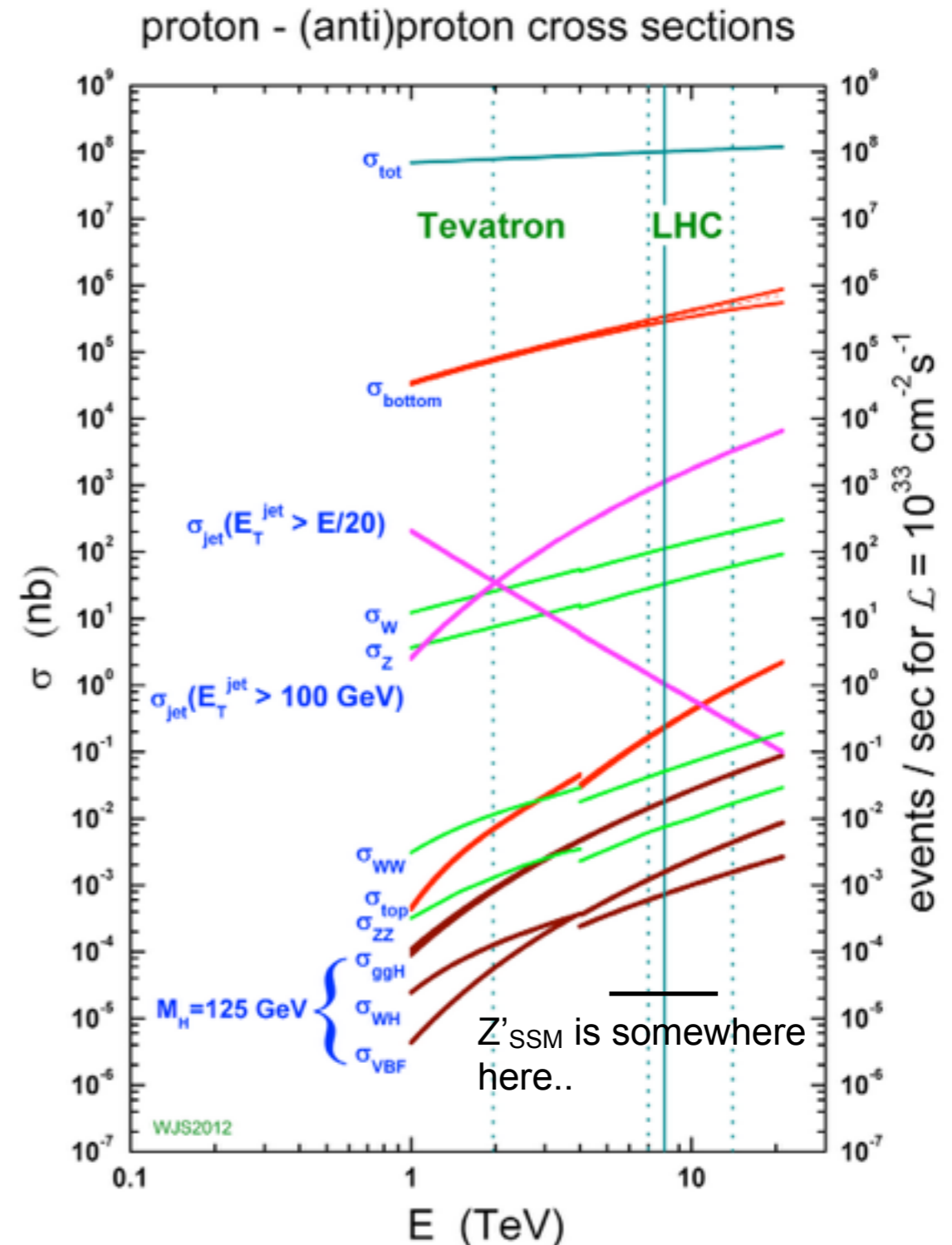
## Translate into # events (1 year)

- let's compare few cases
  - jets ( $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$ )  $\sim 10^{11}$
  - H(gluongluon)  $\sim 10^5$
  - $Z'_{\text{SSM}} \sim 10^2$



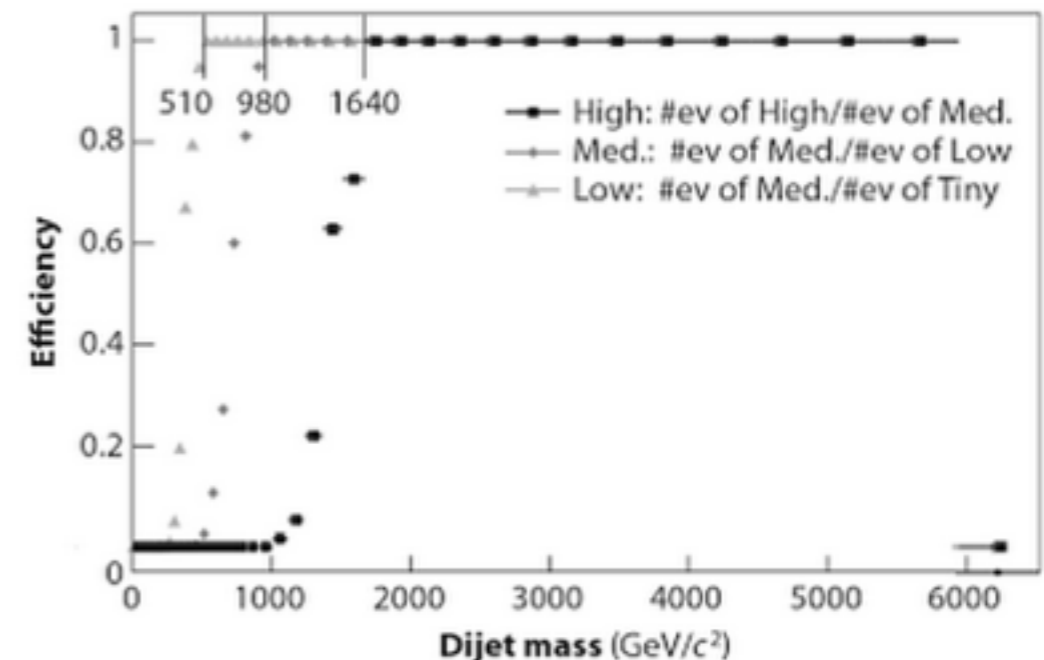
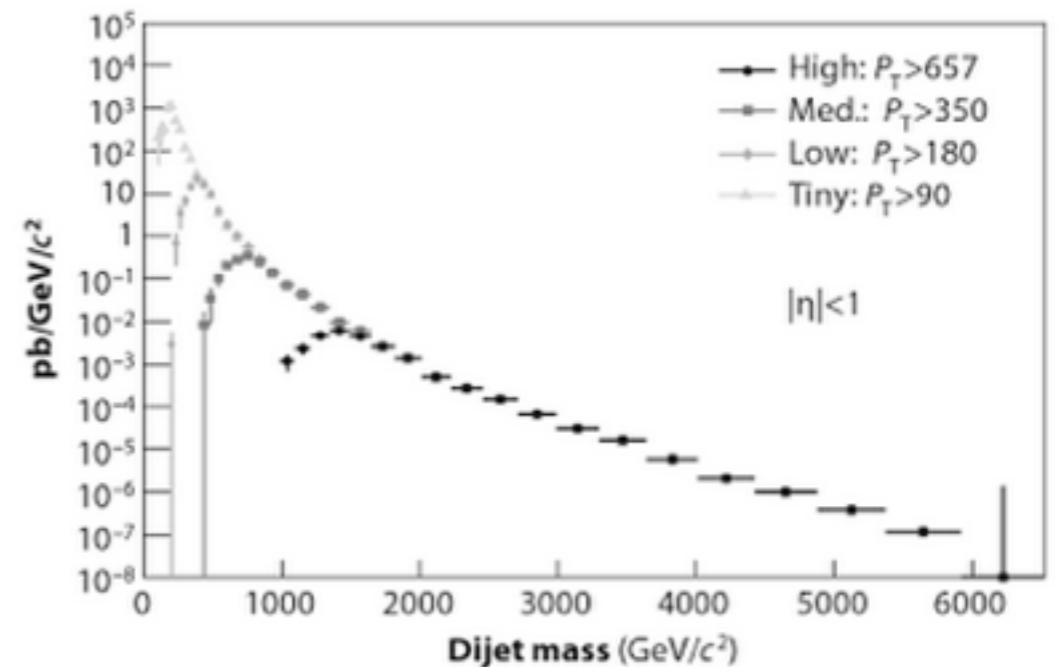
## triggers

- for dilepton resonances no trigger issue
  - main contribution is from Z and W
- for dijet resonances need to cut tight, rate is too high
  - typical threshold 1TeV in dijet mass.



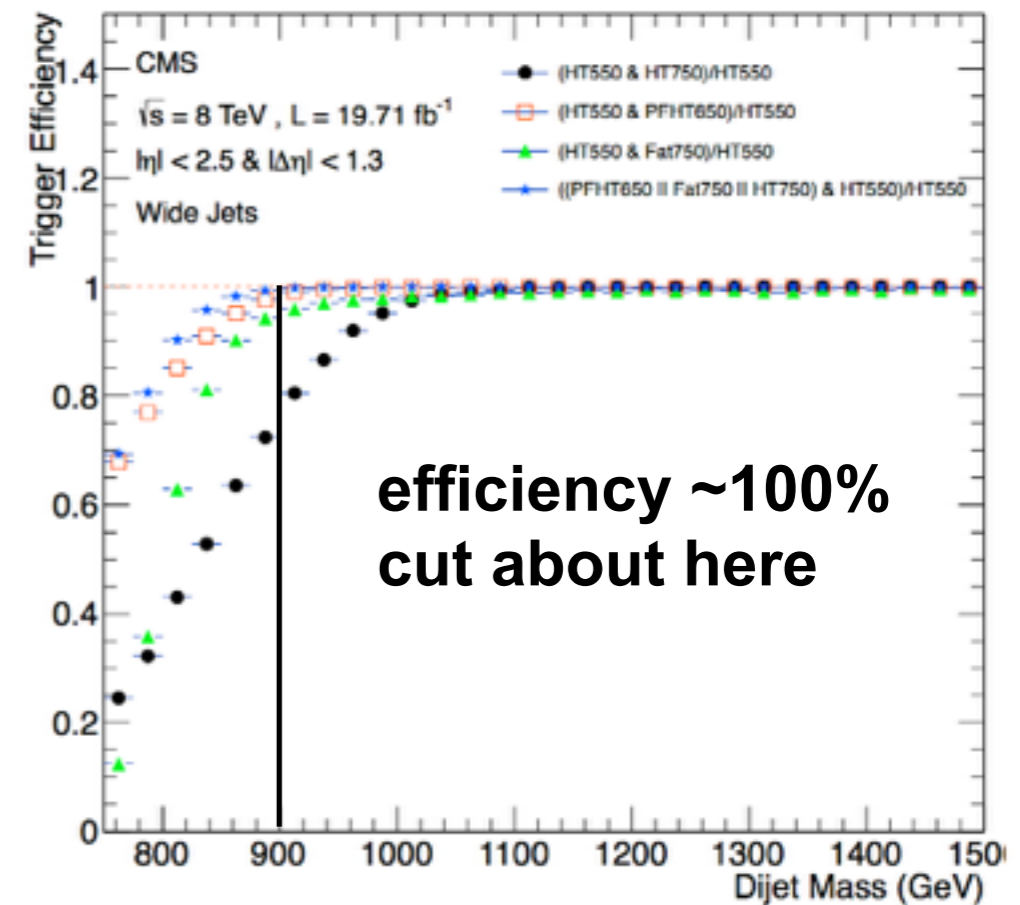
# TRIGGERS

- **Hardware** (fast, L1) and **software** (slow, HLT) triggers implemented
- **Low  $p_T$  triggers are kept for monitor purposes**
  - need to pre-scale them to have reasonable rate
- **Turn-on curve:** performance of triggers monitored using pre-scaled triggers
  - ratio of event passing tighter triggers monitors the efficiency of the trigger



# TRIGGER: WHERE TO SET CUTS

- **Triggering high mass object is not a big issue**
  - hard cut in  $p_T$  can be implemented with minor efficiency loss
- **Dijet is special**
  - jet background too high
  - tight cut required and physics potential is affected
- Selection criteria to **guarantee no efficiency loss from trigger**
  - tight requirement on dijet inv. mass
  - analysis cannot be performed below  $\sim 1$  TeV



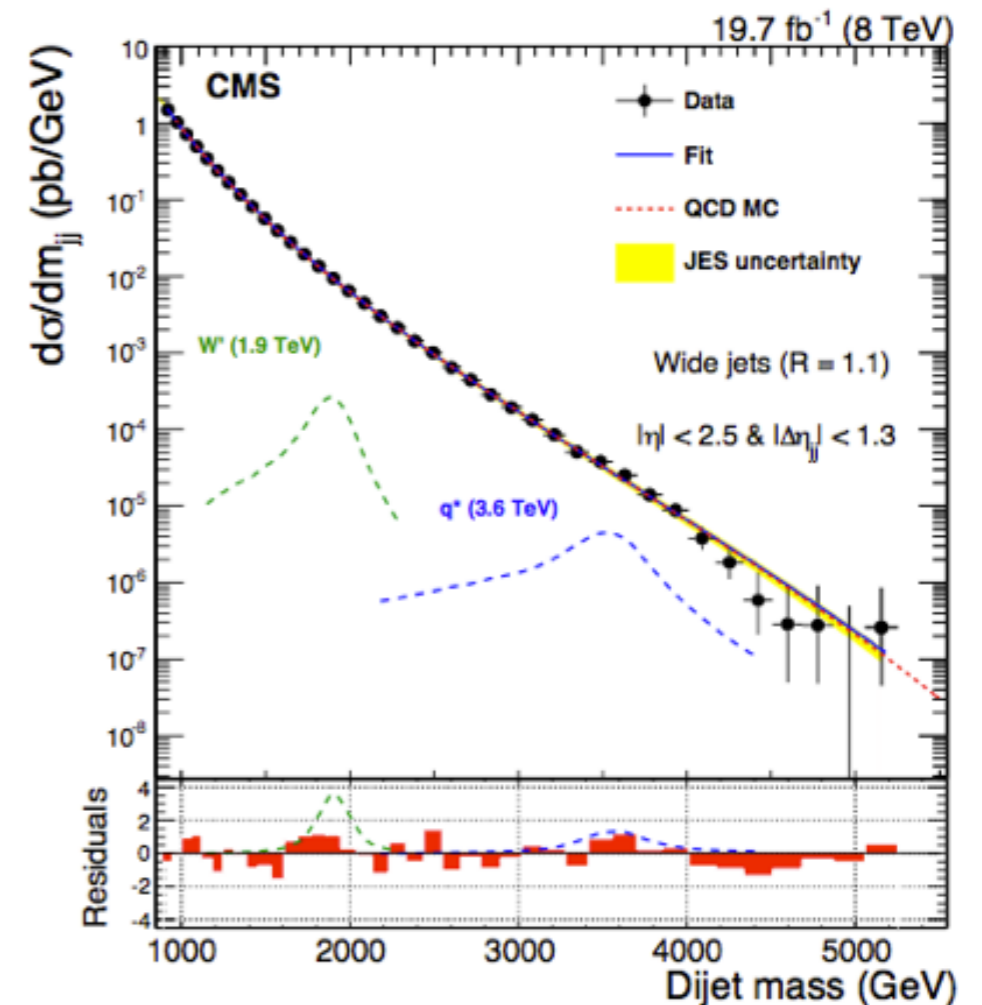
# UL DETERMINATION

- Example of **binned likelihood** for diet analysis

$$L = \prod_i \frac{\lambda_i^{n_i} e^{-\lambda_i}}{n_i!}$$

where

- $i$  is the bin number
- $\lambda_i = \mu N_i(S) + N_i(B)$
- $N_i(S)$  is the number of signal events for a given model
- $N_i(B)$  is the number of background events  
(can be either parameterized or coming from MC)
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# UL DETERMINATION

- Example of **binned likelihood** for diet analysis

$$L = \prod_i \frac{\lambda_i^{n_i} e^{-\lambda_i}}{n_i!}$$

where

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- $\lambda_i = \mu N_i(S) + N_i(B)$
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