

A complex visualization of a particle detector, likely a calorimeter, showing a central collision point with numerous tracks and energy deposits. The tracks are represented by thin lines radiating from the center, and the energy deposits are shown as clusters of colored dots. The background is a dark blue with a grid of concentric circles and radial lines, suggesting a cylindrical geometry.

SOLVING COLLIDER COMBINATORIAL PROBLEMS

USING MACHINE LEARNING

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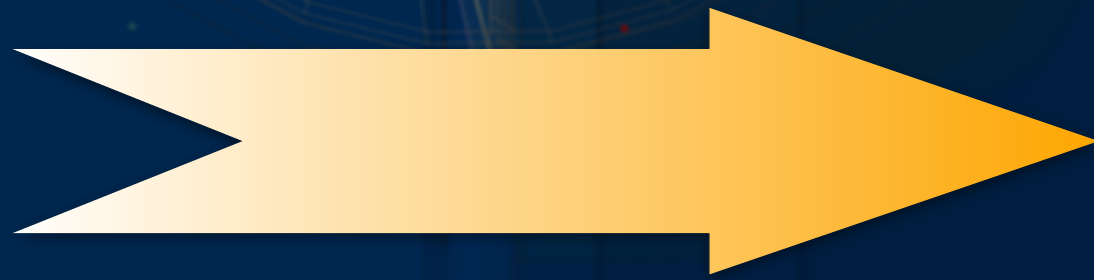
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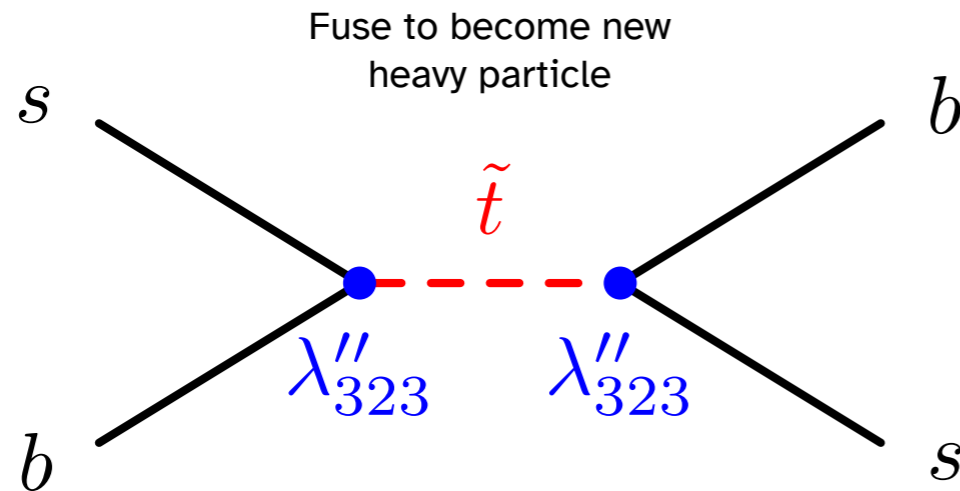
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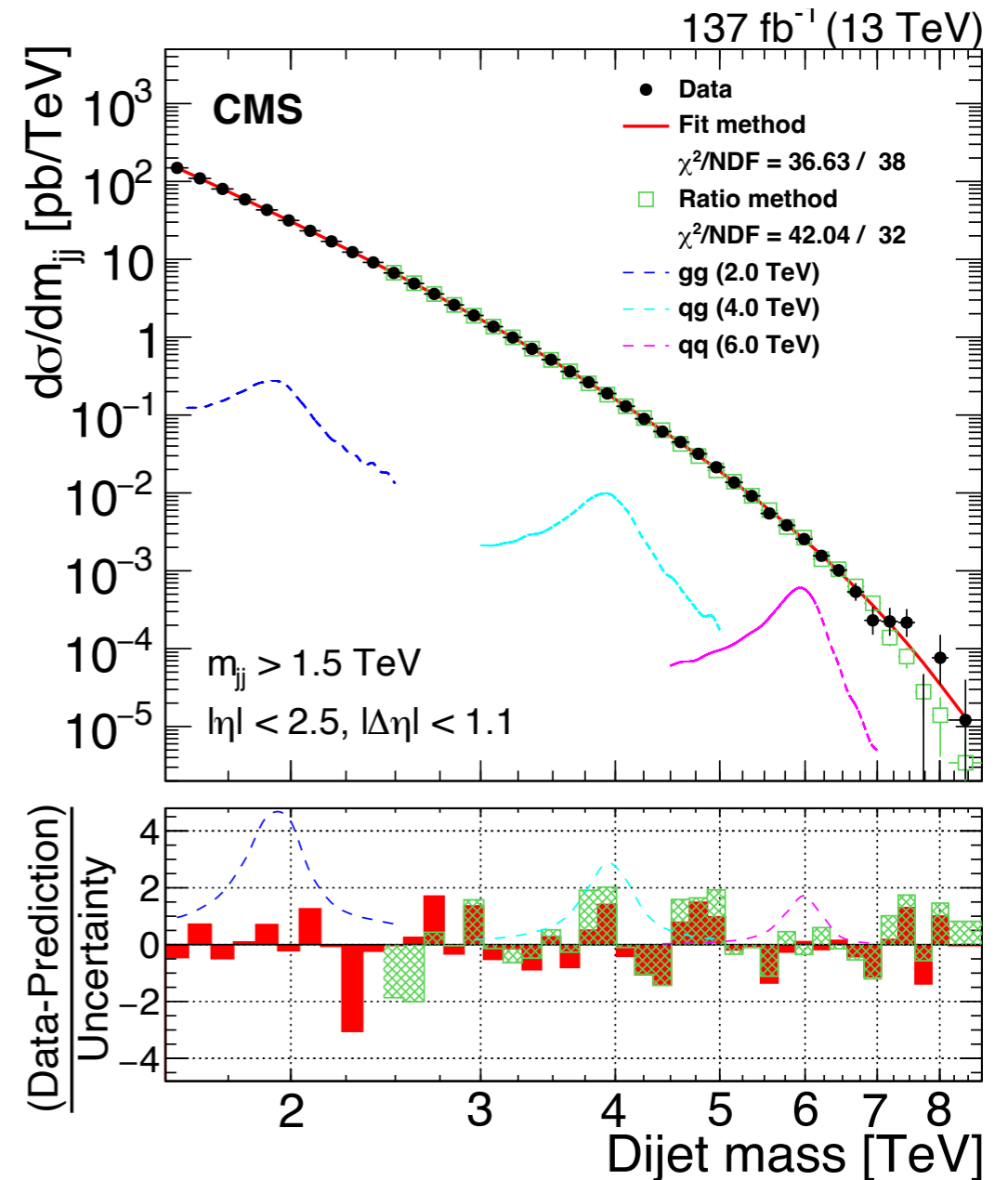
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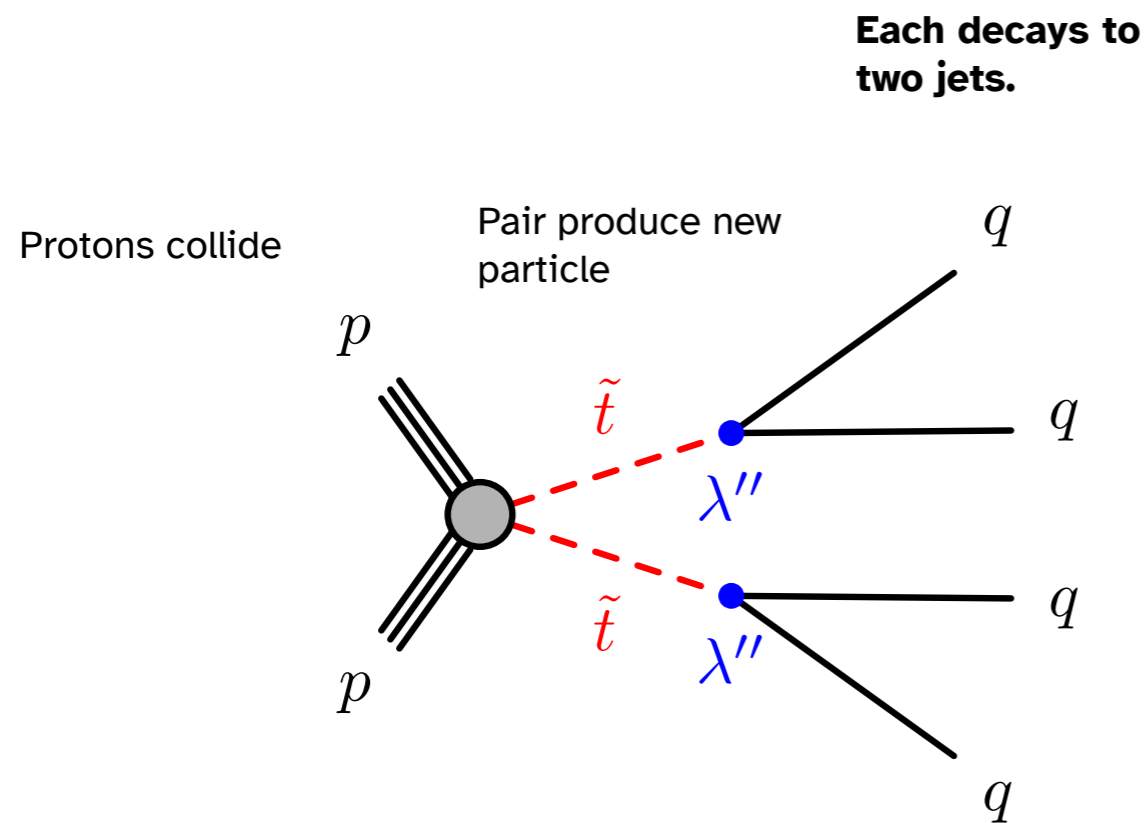
Quarks from protons collide



- Measure four-momentum of each jet
- Sum \rightarrow four-momentum of the new particle
- Relativity tells us how to get mass $(p \cdot p) = m^2$
- Plot mass \rightarrow new physics signals will peak at the mass of the new thing
- Backgrounds steeply falling distribution

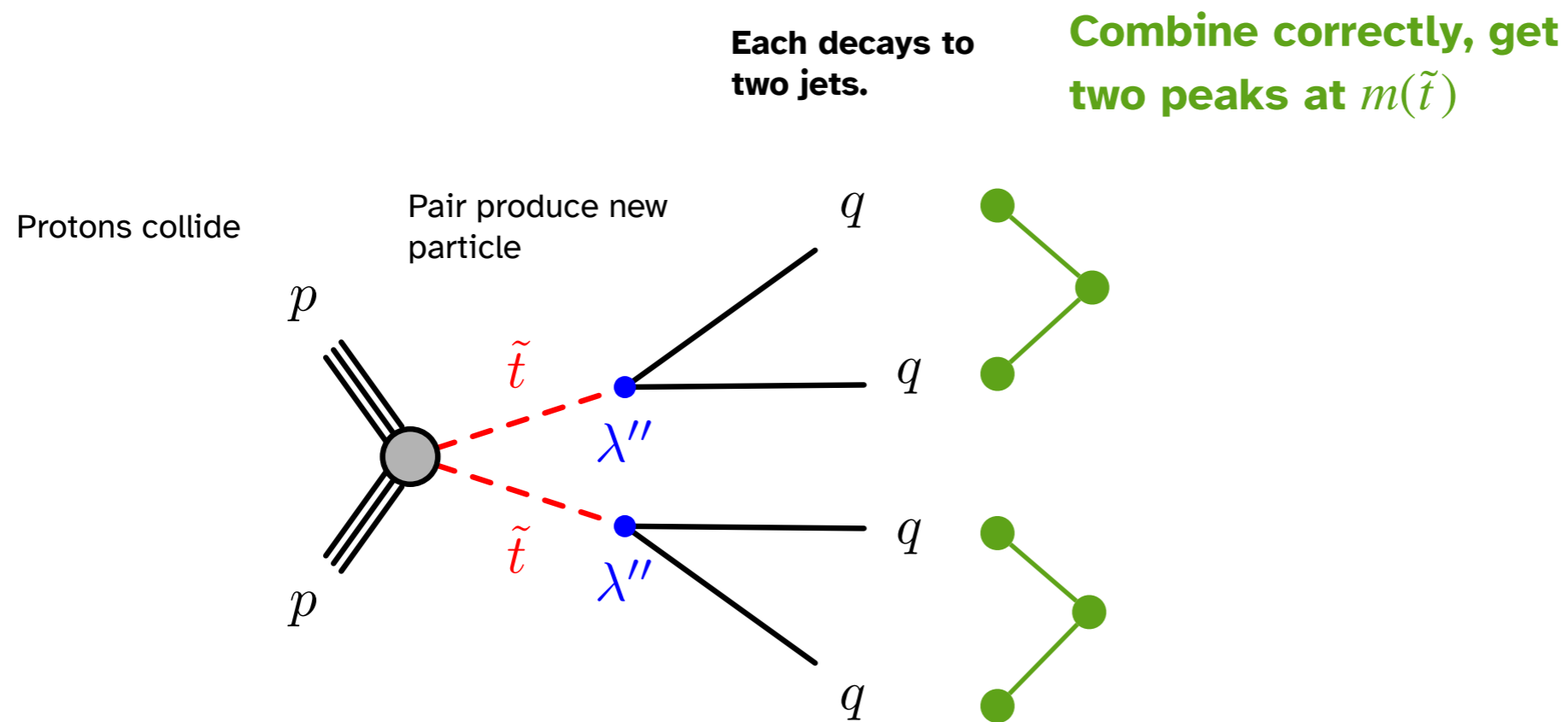


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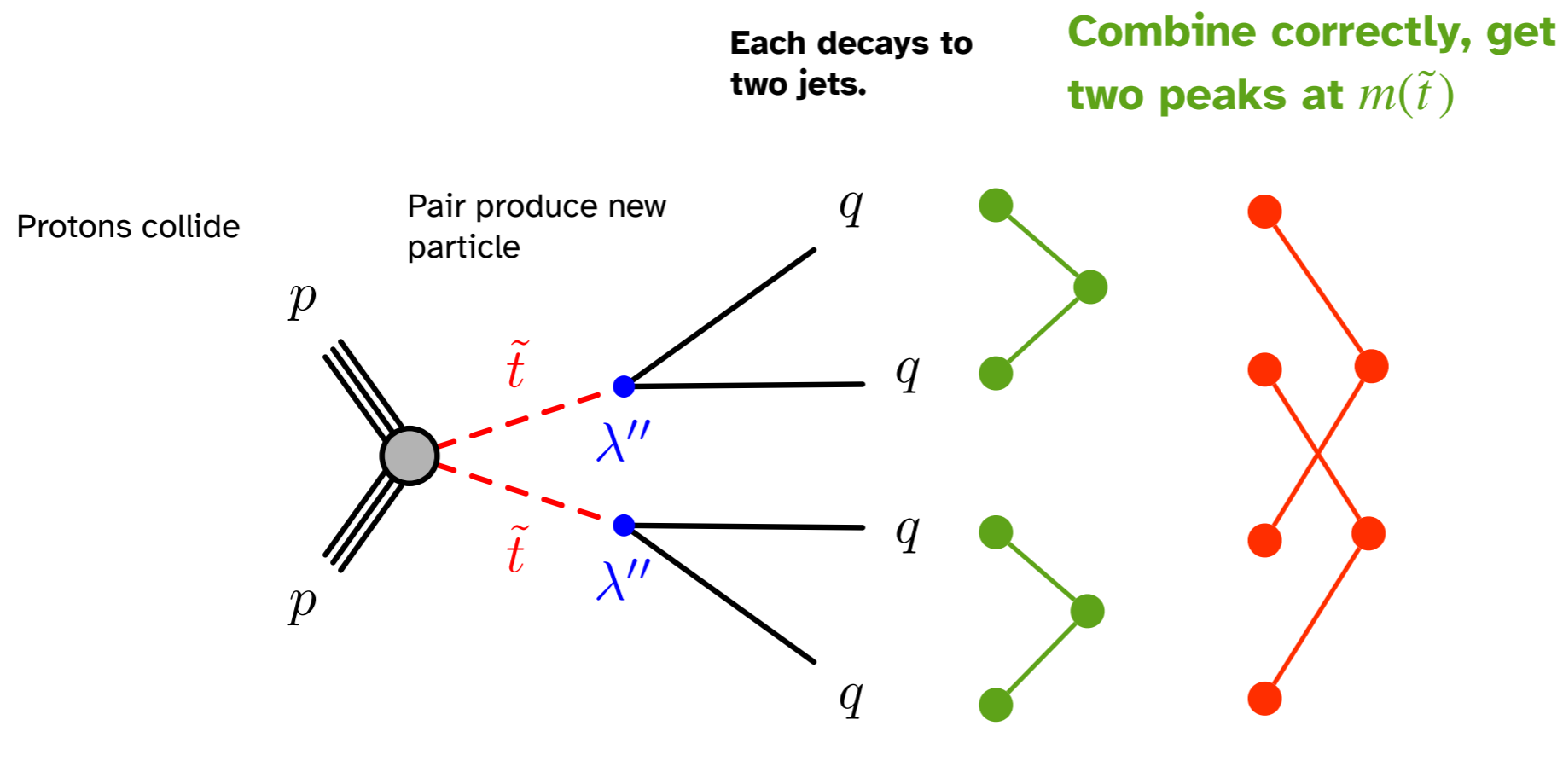
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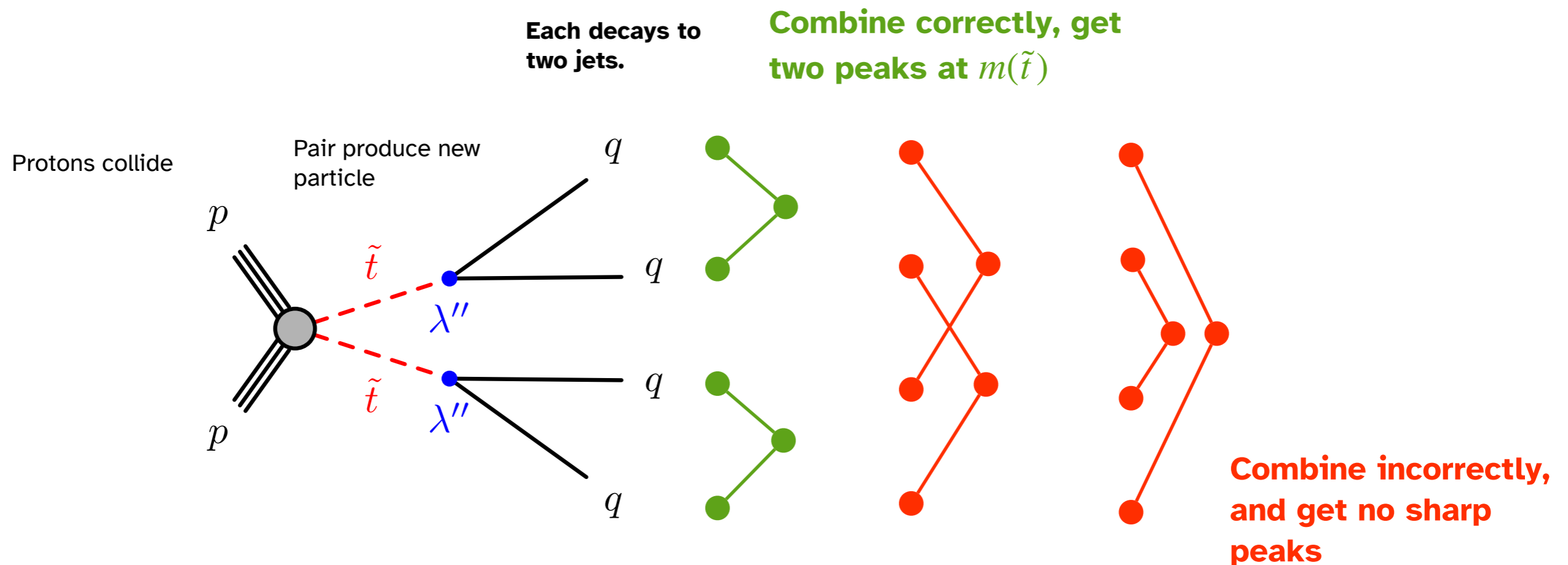
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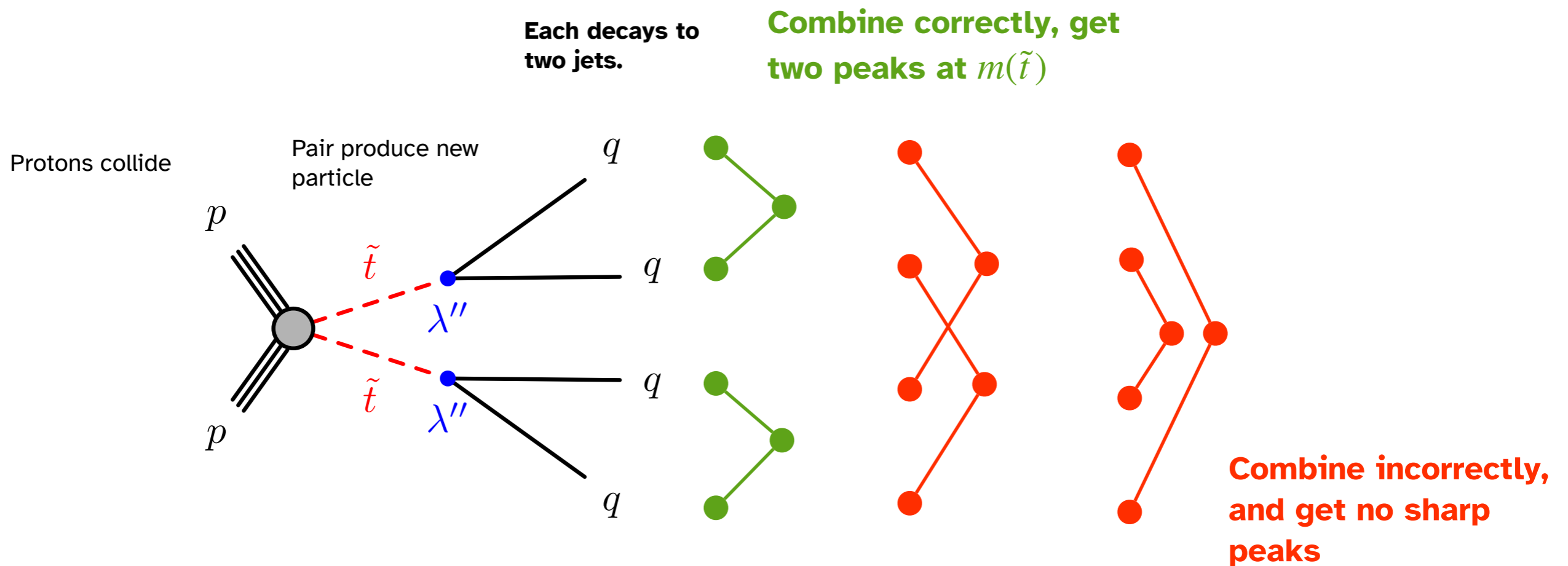
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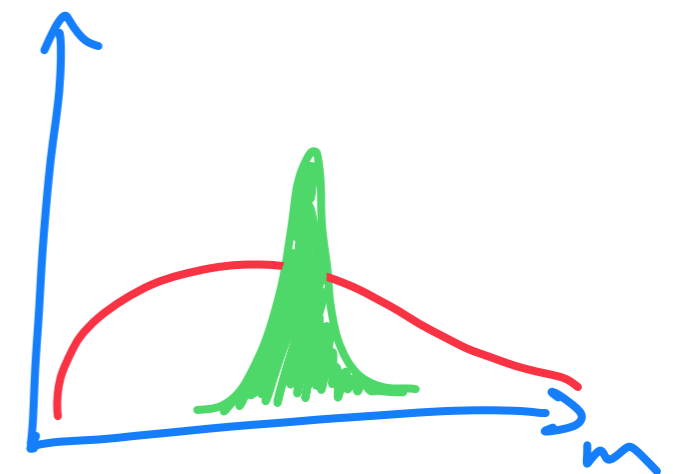


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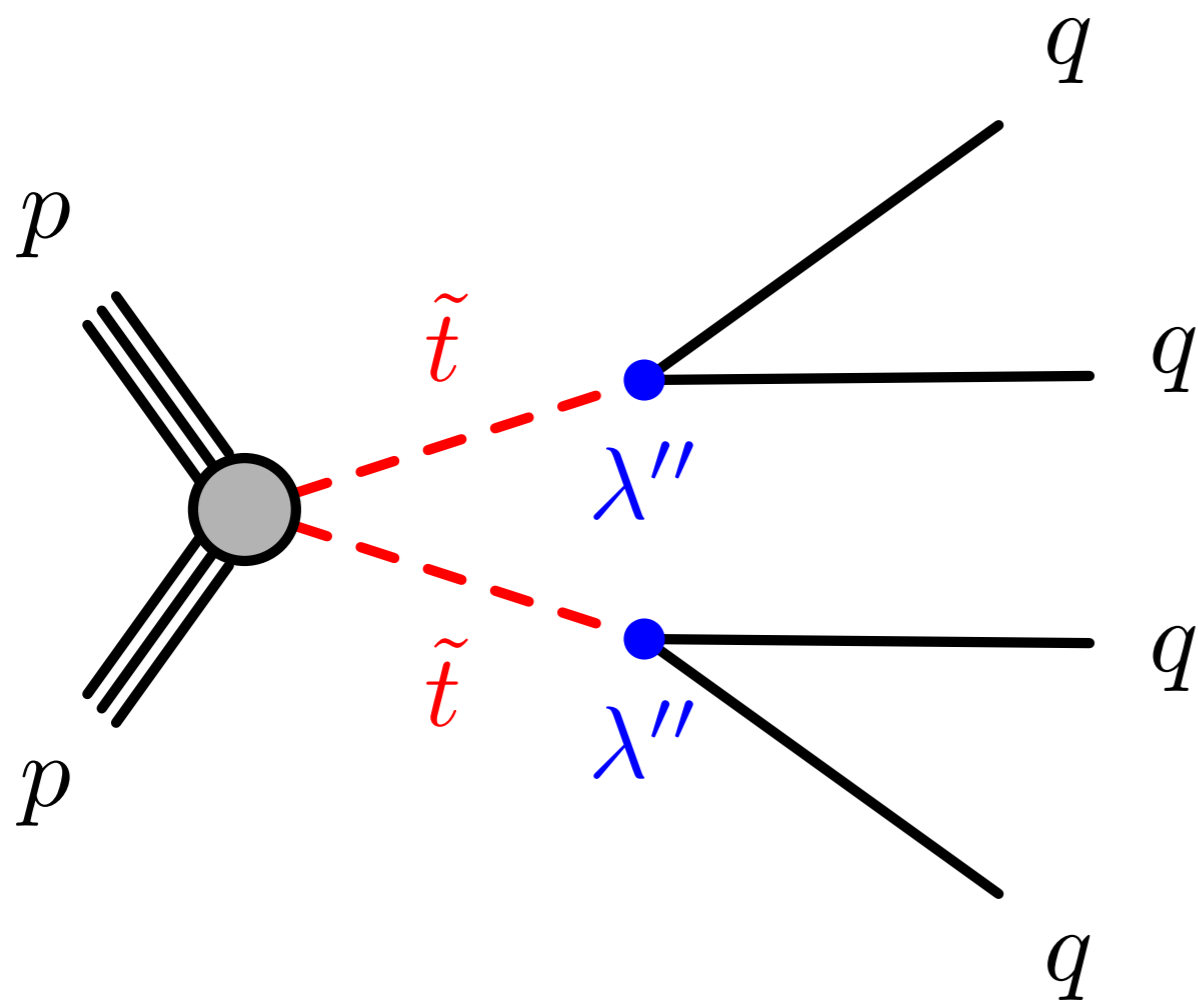
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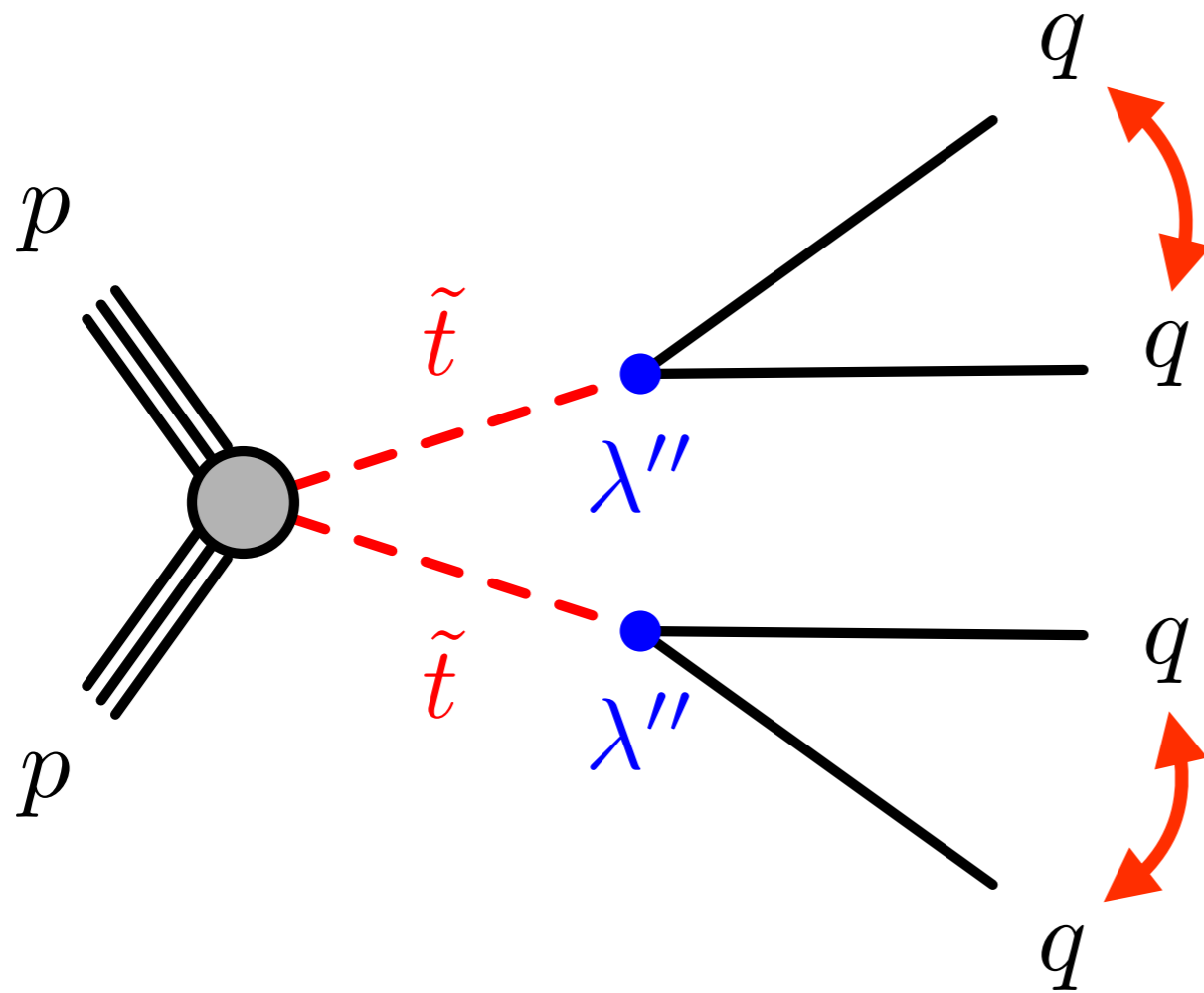
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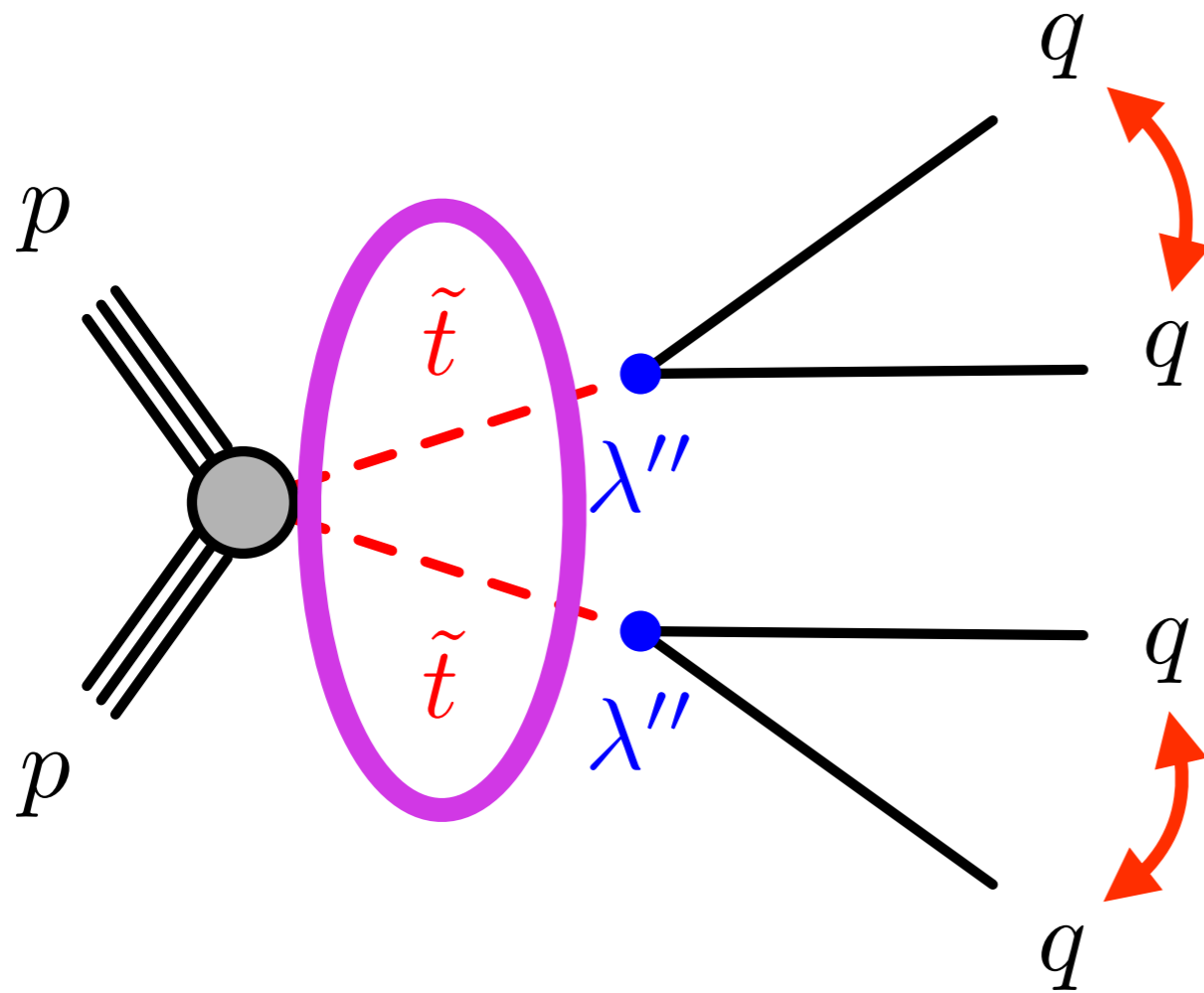
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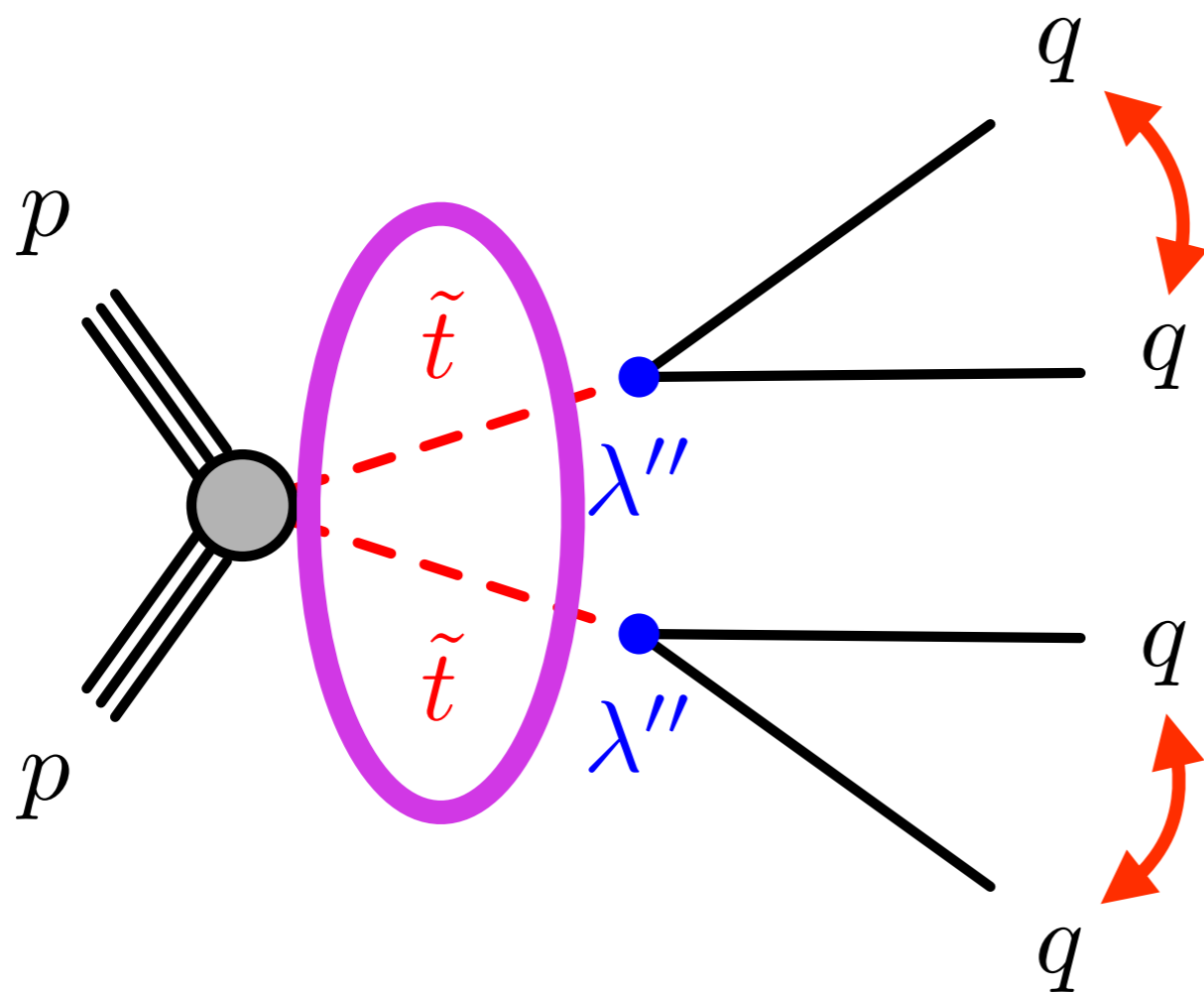


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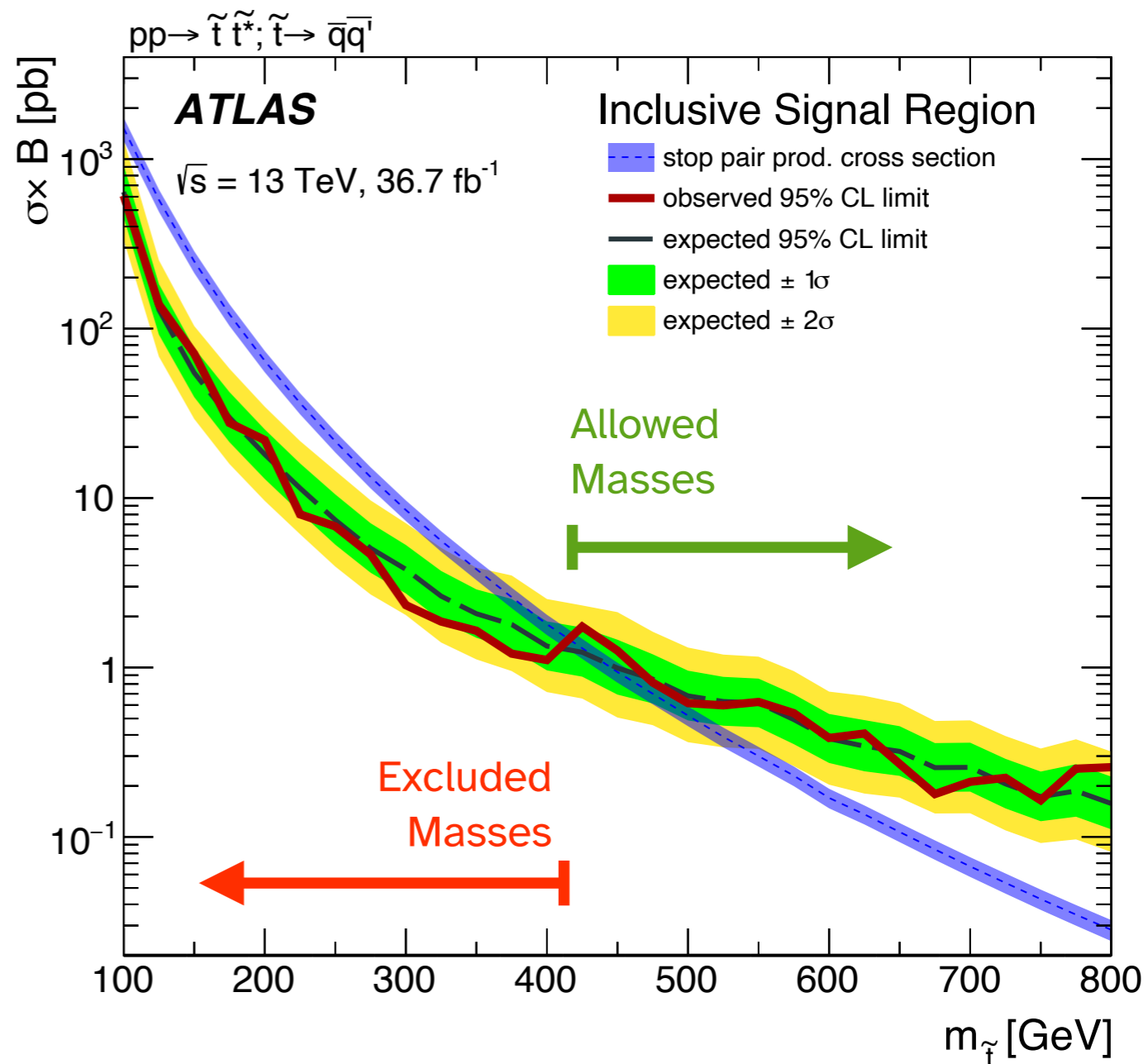
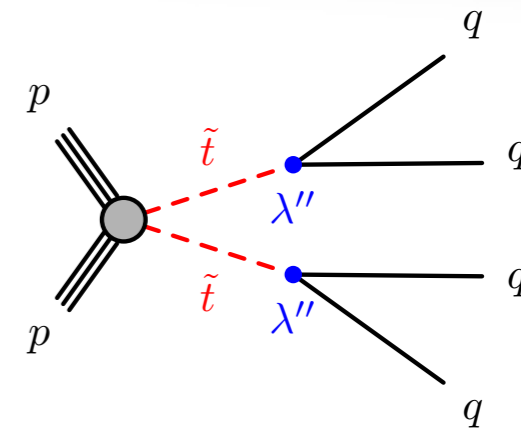
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POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE MULTIPLICITY IS LOW!

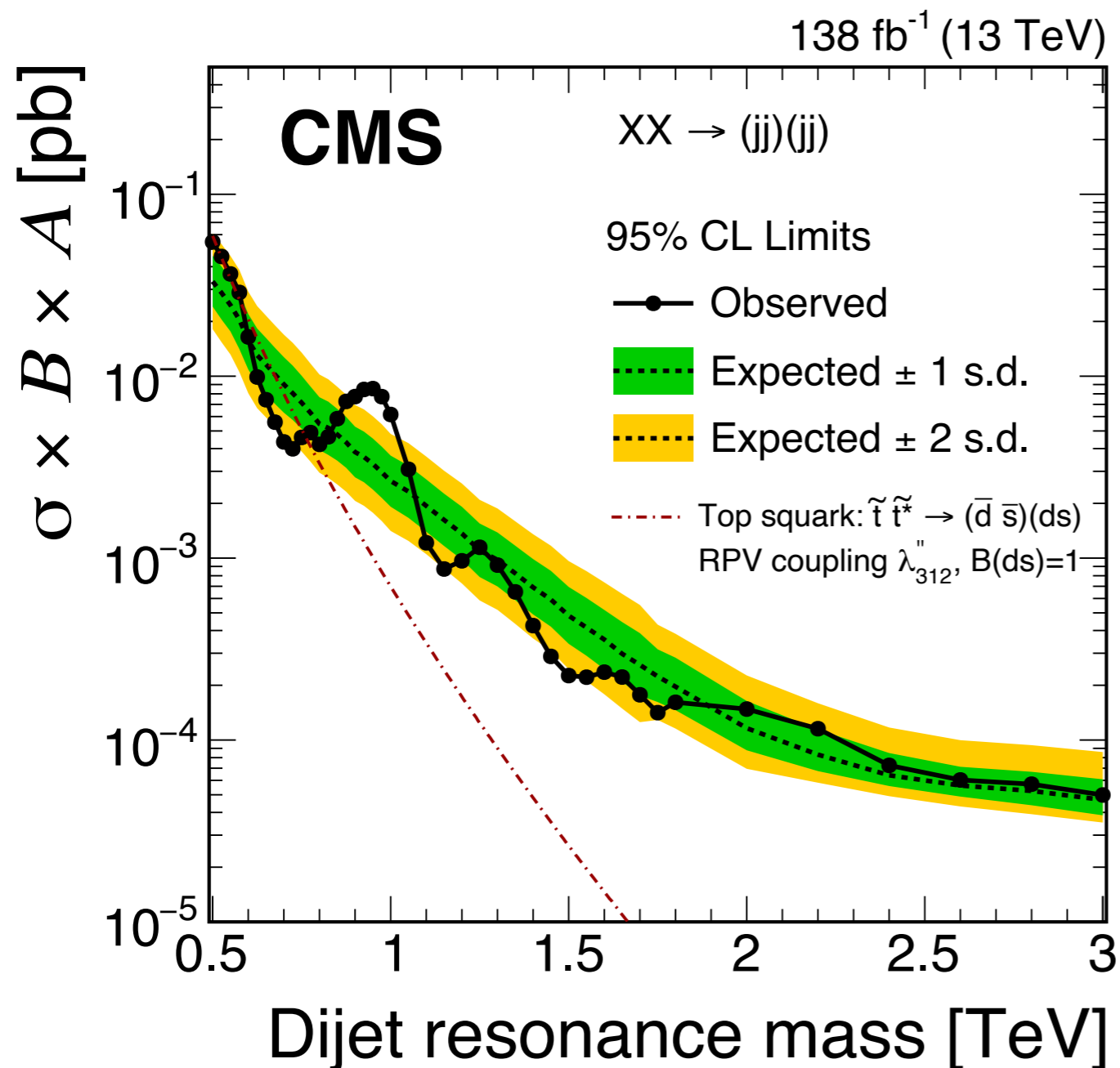
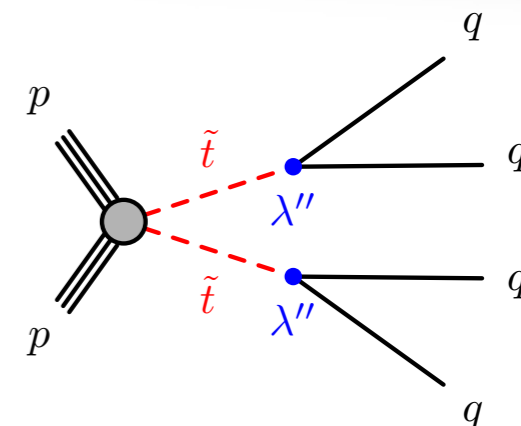
“CLASSICAL” 2x2

- We can do this search but...
- Sensitivity pretty bad!
- Limits run out at $m(\tilde{t}) \approx 400$ GeV
 - $m(\tilde{t}) \lesssim 1$ TeV well motivated by naturalness!
- Difficult because of combinatorial problem



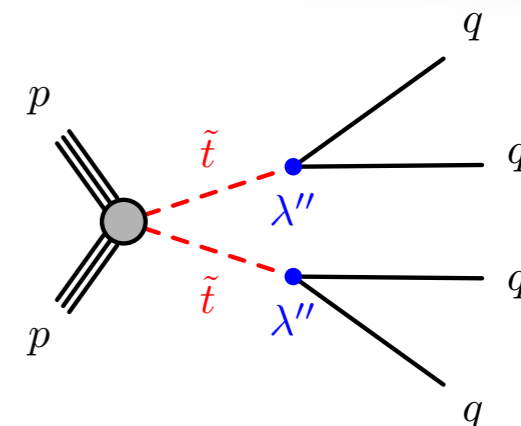
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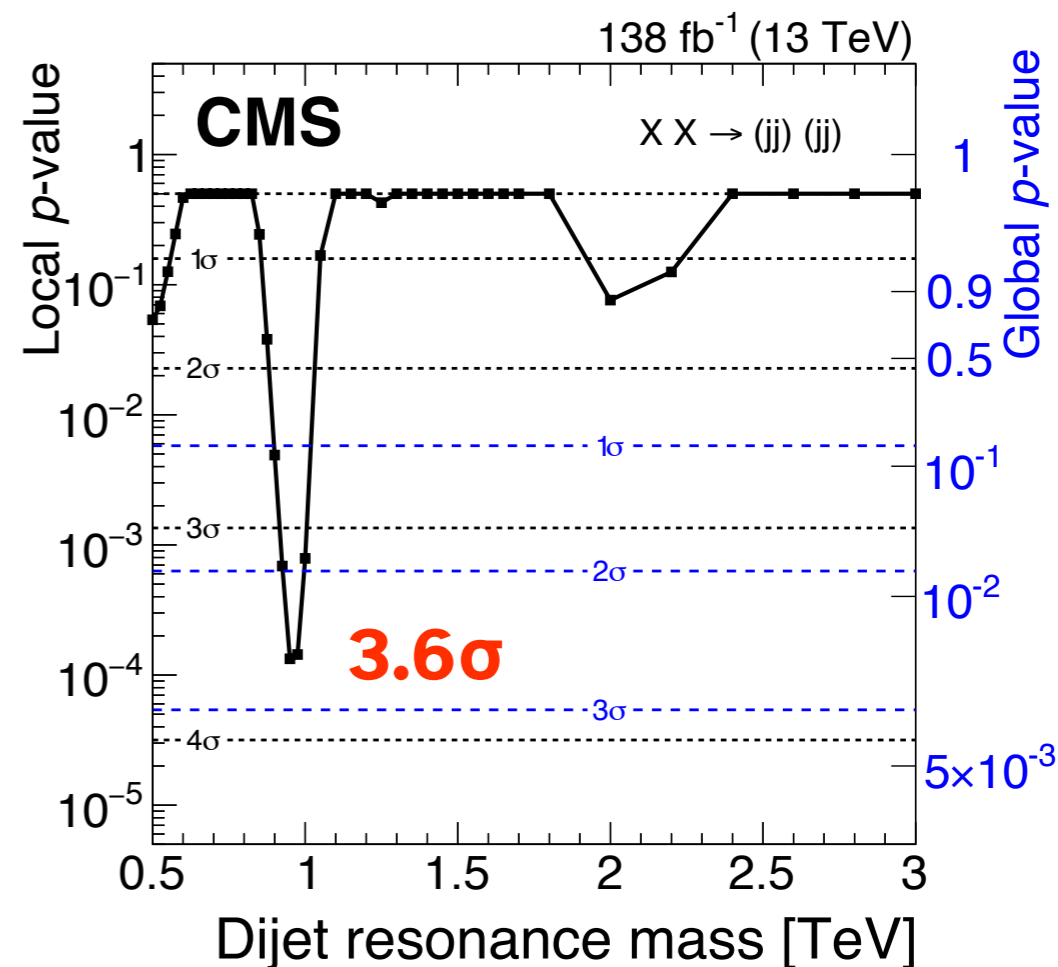
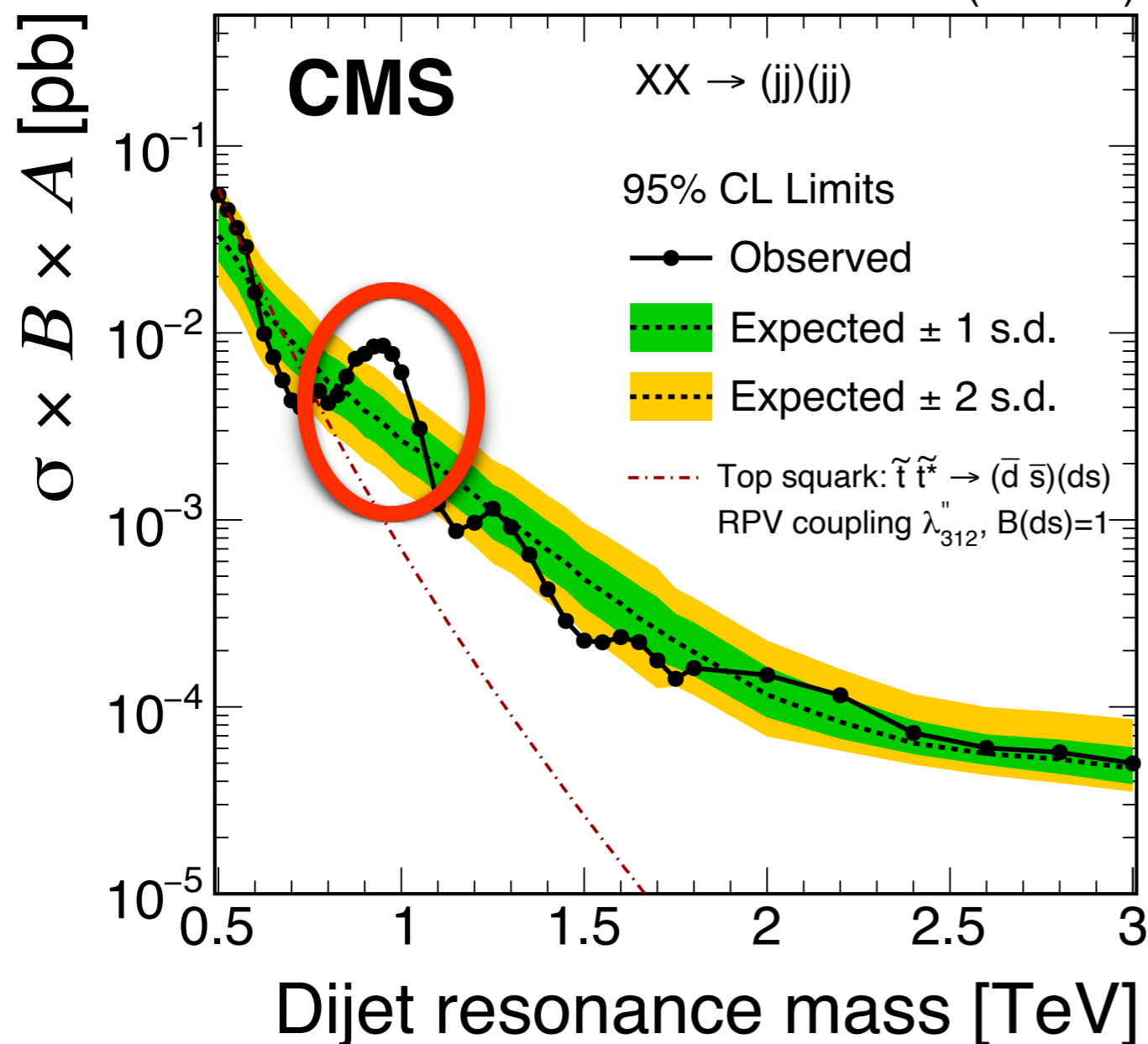


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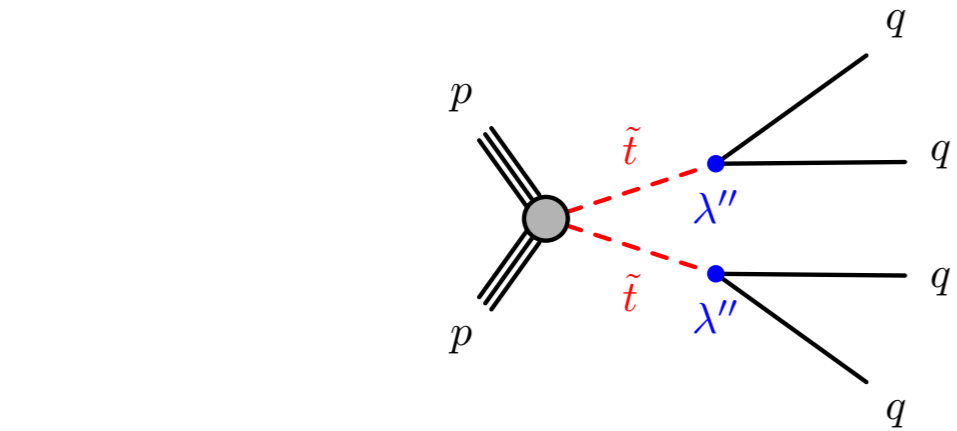
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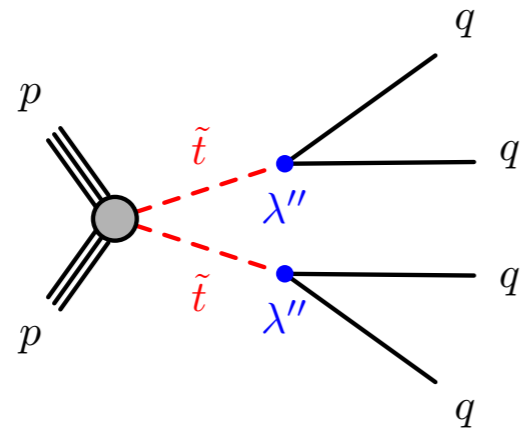
138 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



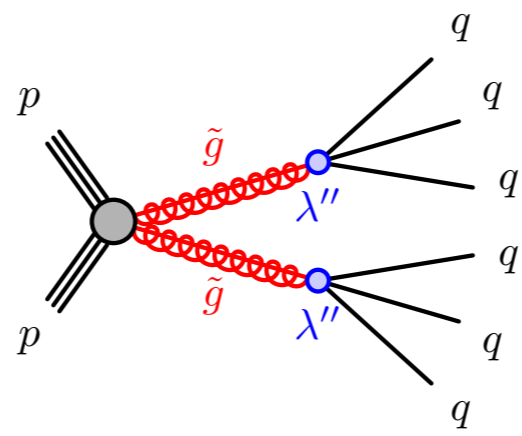
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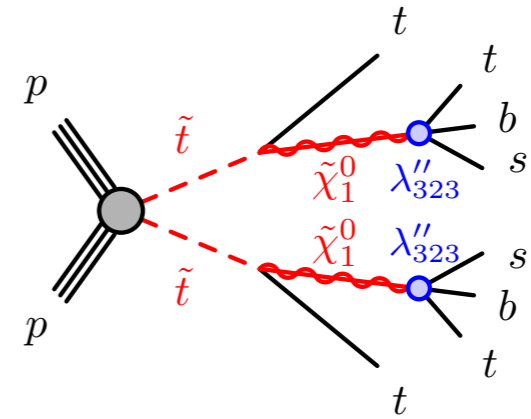
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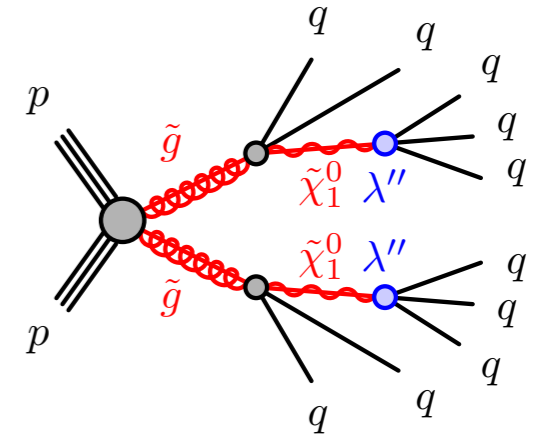
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2x3

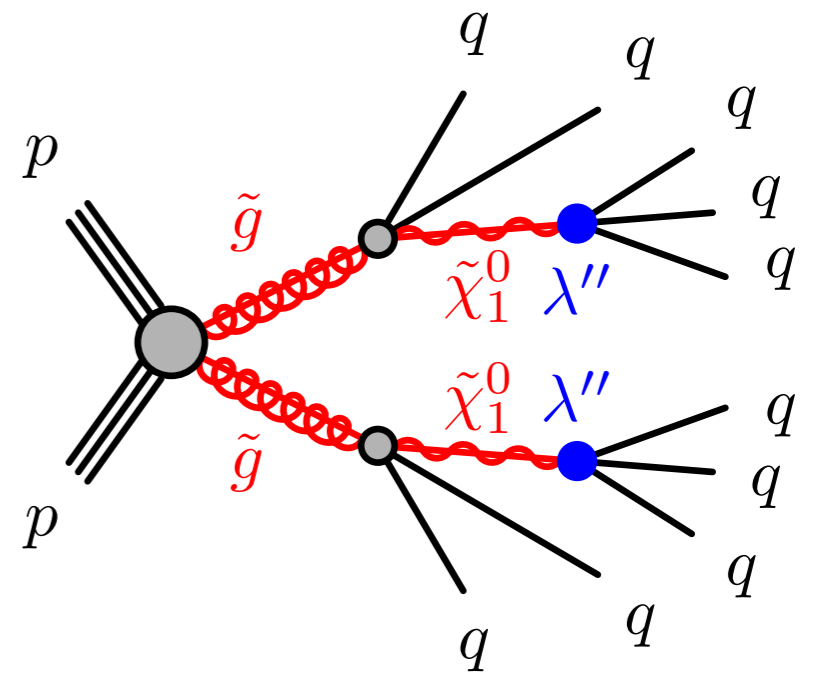
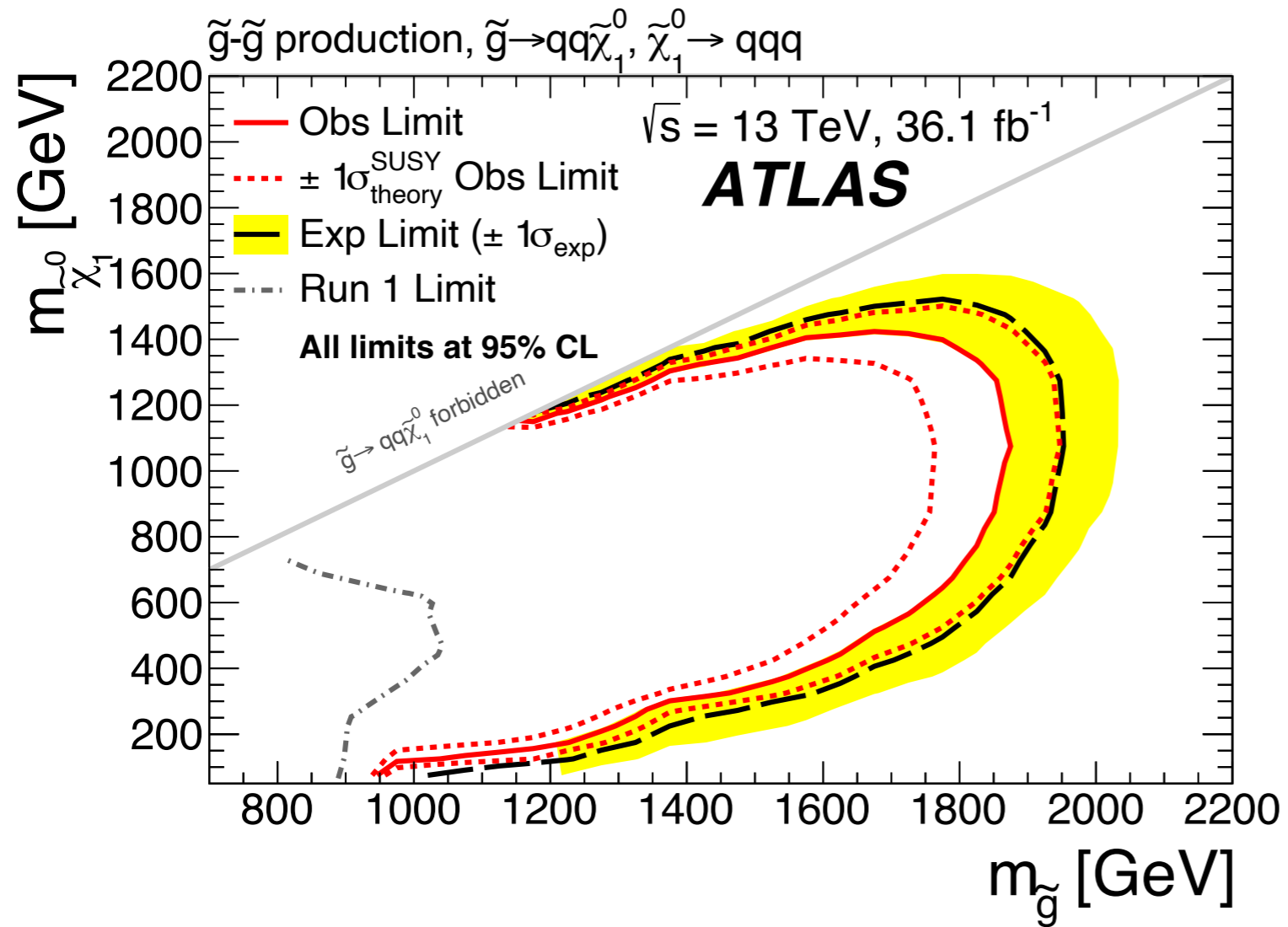


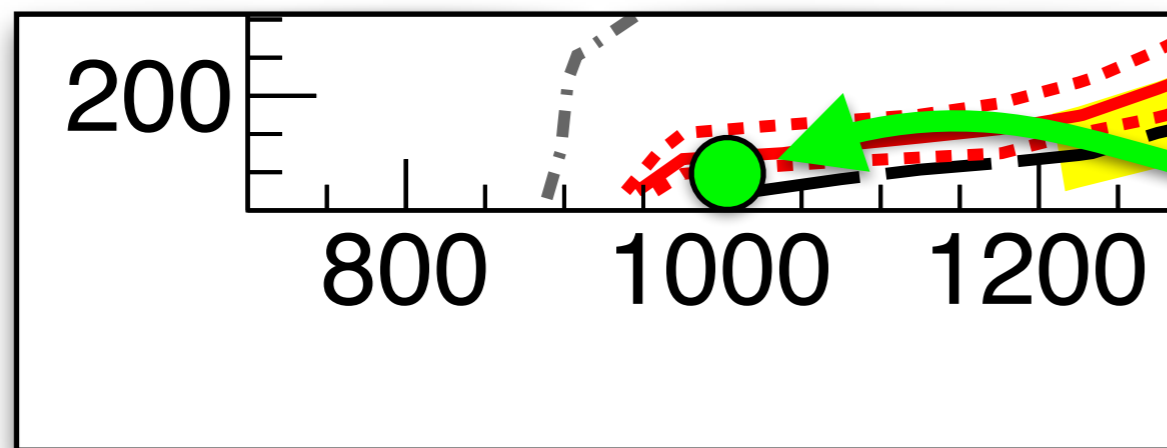
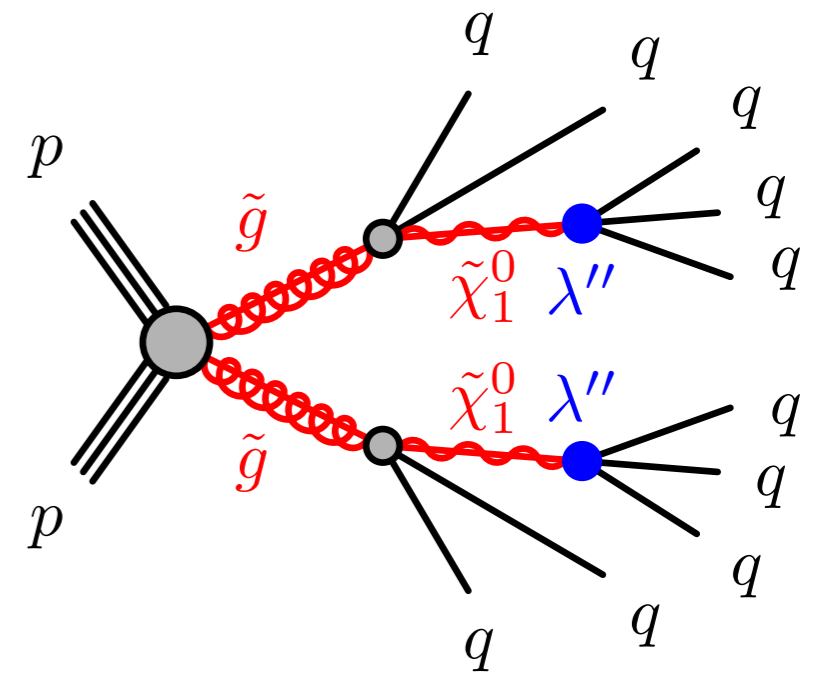
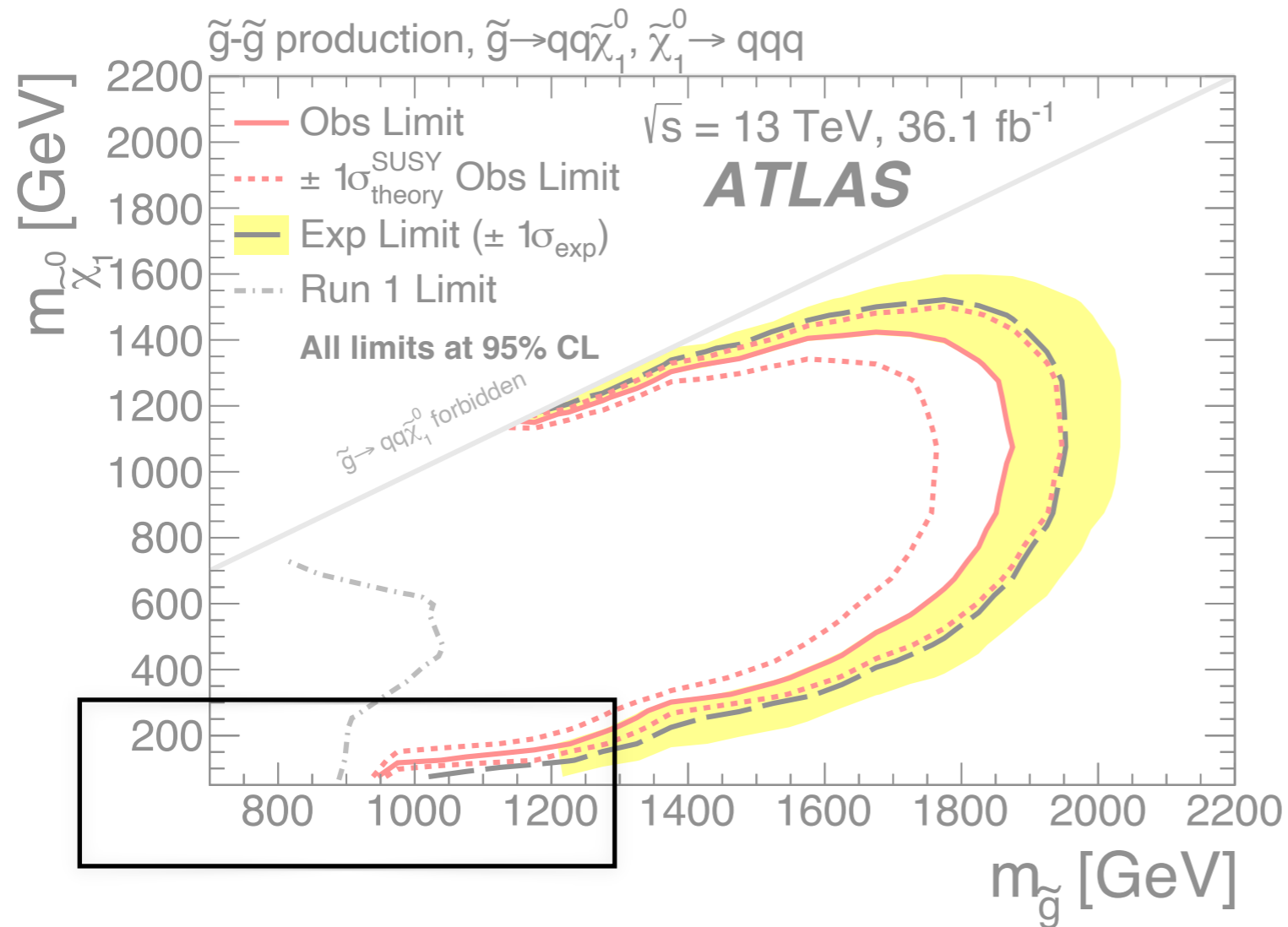
2x4



2x5

But it could easily be that new particles don't produce 4-jet events.
The new particles might like to decay to many more jets!



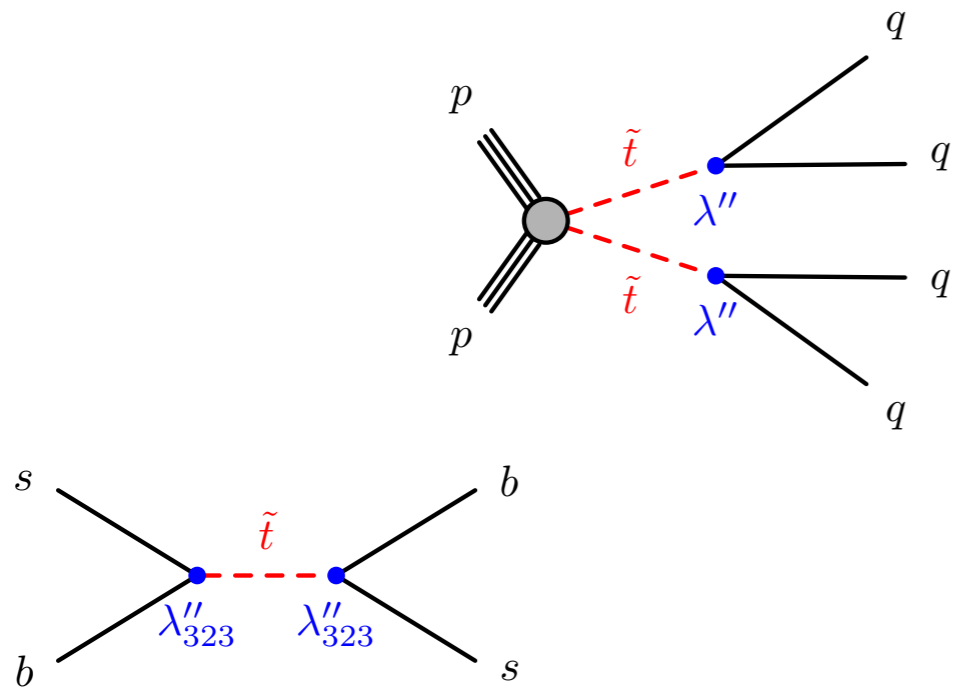


With this coupling on,
no sensitivity to

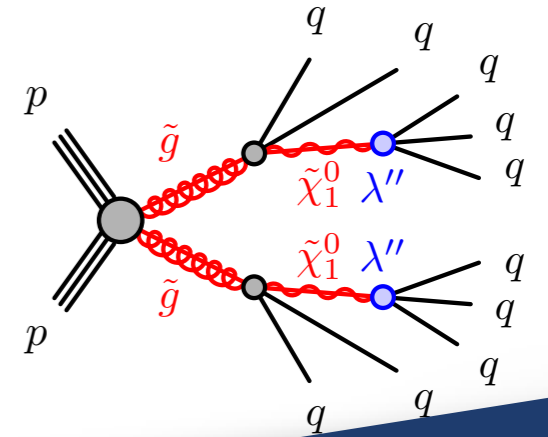
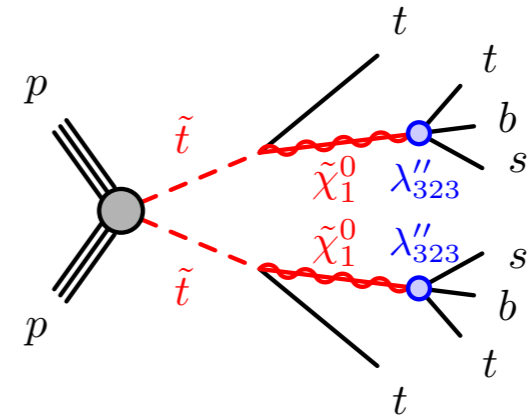
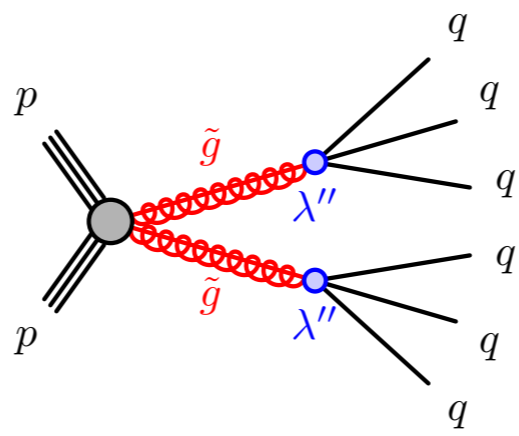
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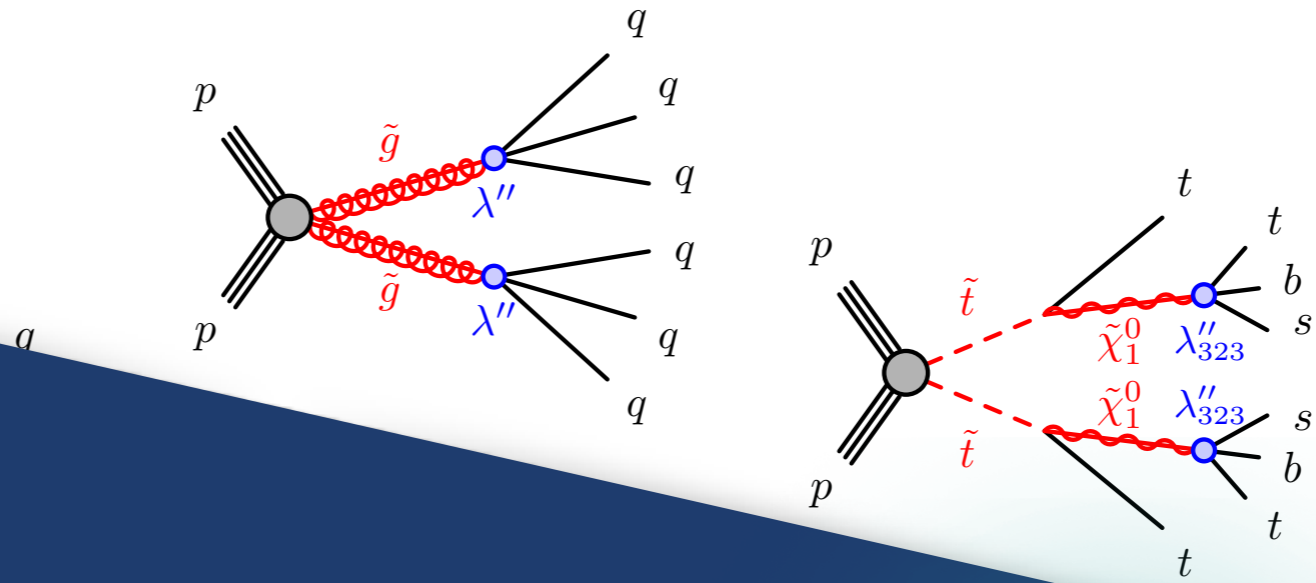


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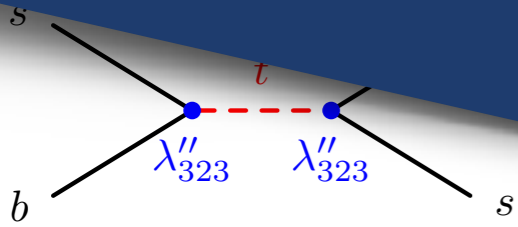


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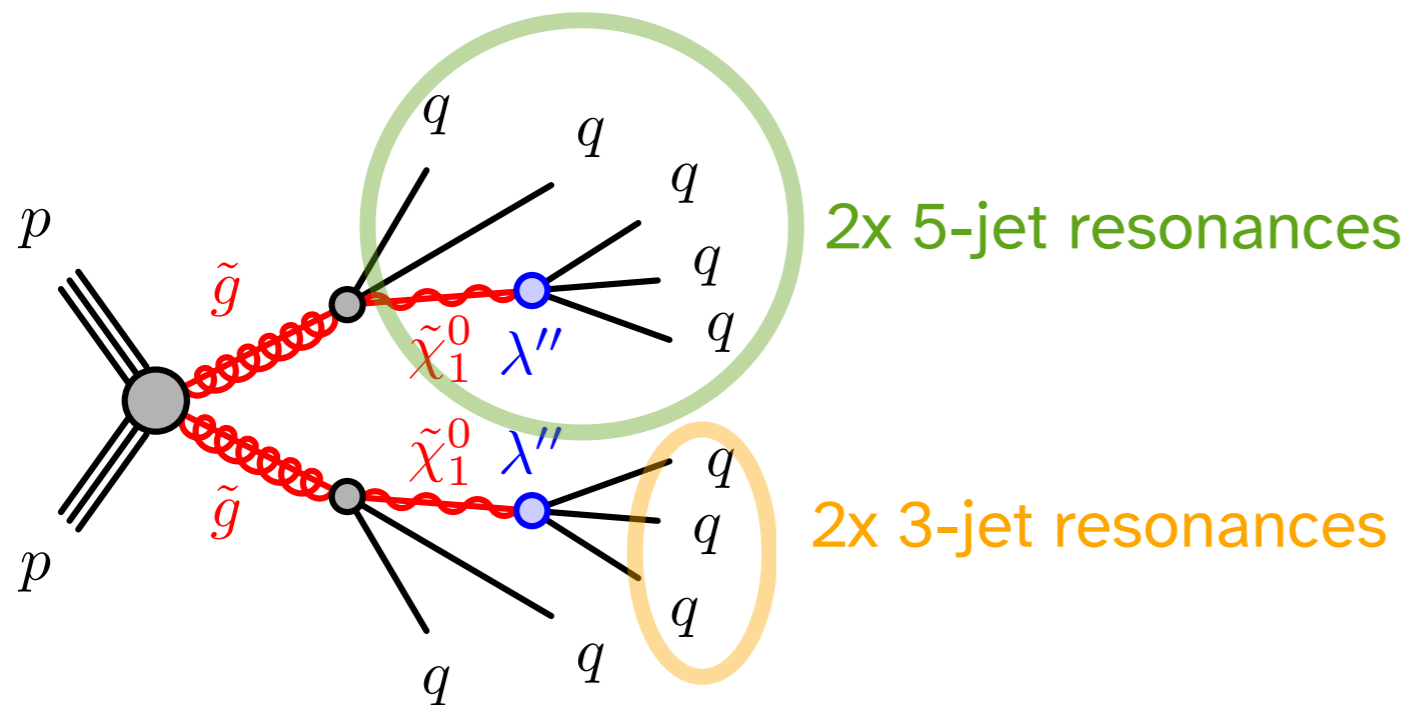


THE LHC DREAM



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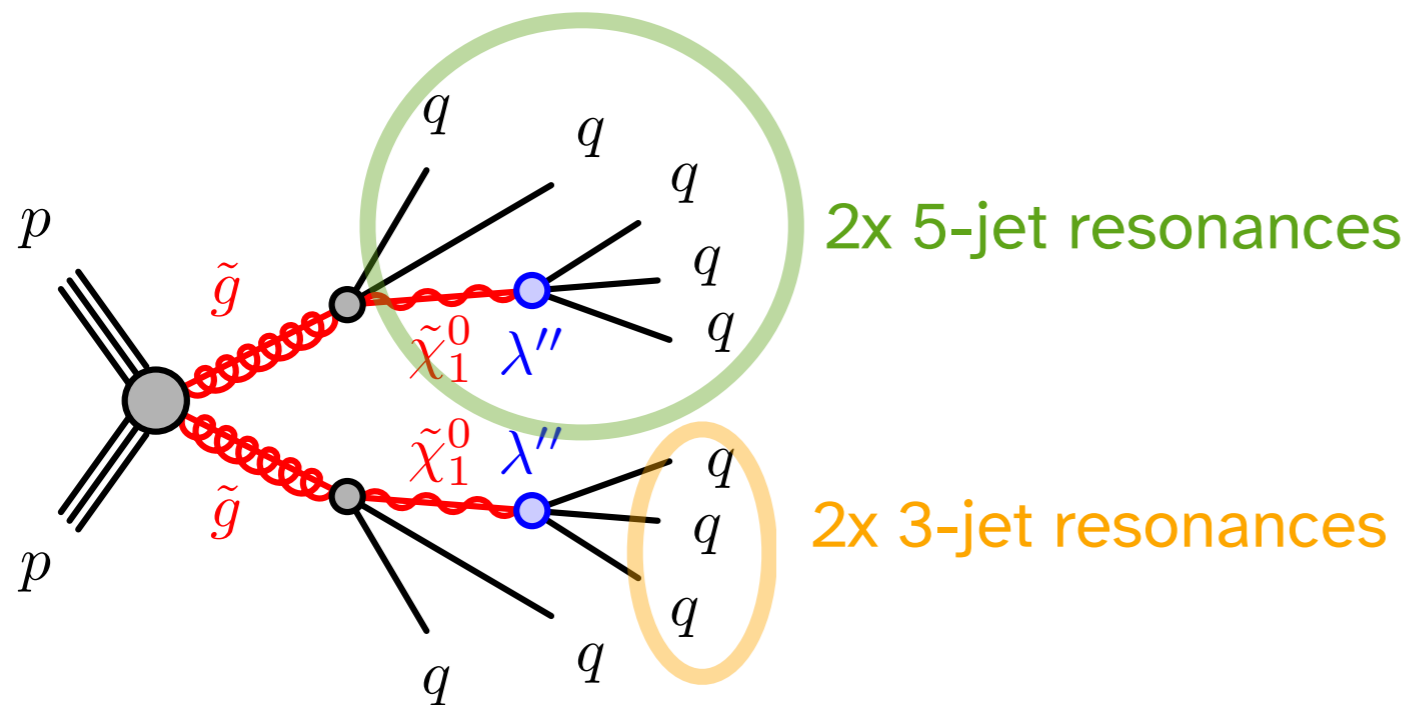


$$\binom{10}{5} / 2 = 126$$

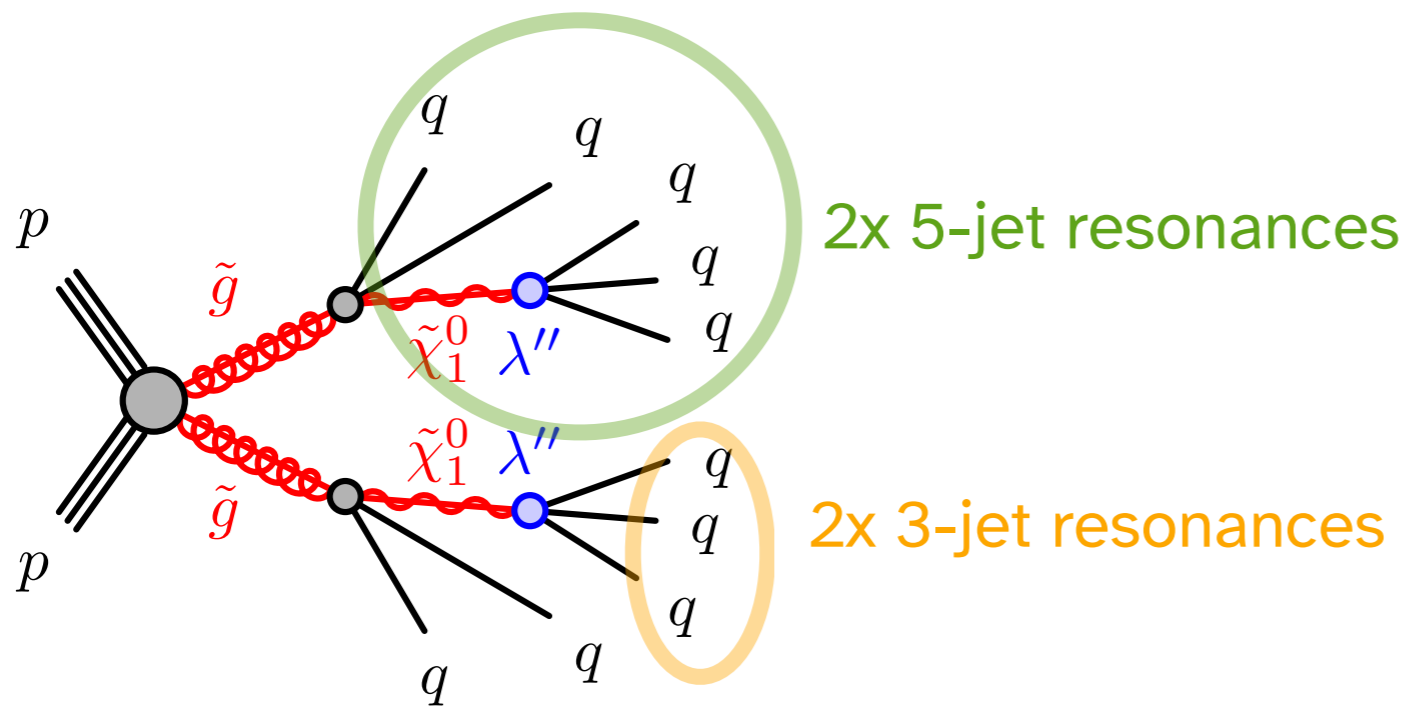
$$\binom{5}{3} = 10$$

- Focus on “10-jet” (“2x5”) signal
- 126 ways to find the 5-jet peak (\tilde{g})
- **+ each contains extra 10 configs to find intermediate peak ($\tilde{\chi}$)**

For the one “correct” view of this event,
there are >12k “wrong” views



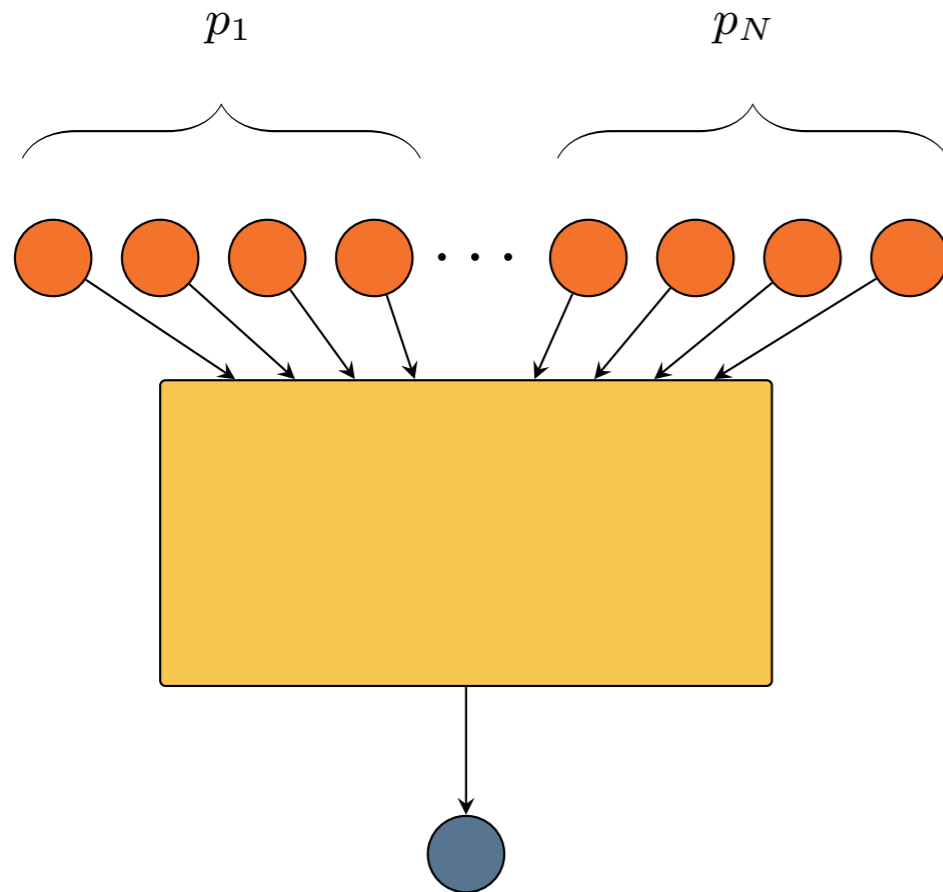
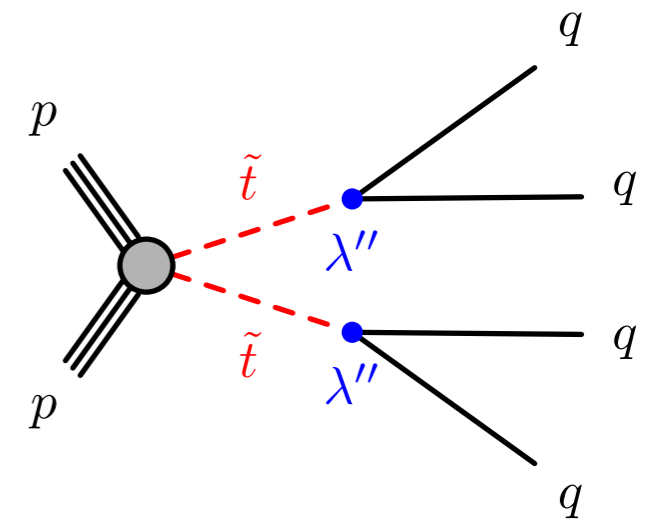
- But lots of **kinematic information exists** shouldn't need to brute force problem...
- Yes, but have 10 four-vectors → **Info in 10x4=40D feature space!**
 - Can't construct useful variables by hand...
 - Signal and BG look very different **in 40D**



- Large feature space (40D)
 - Discrimination in high-level features (masses, etc)
 - This is a particularly good problem for ML
 - (Ask me about past CNN proposals for this)
- very different in 40D

BACK TO 2x2

- Let's play with some Neural Nets to solve (relatively) simple problem
- Some HEP applications use full 4-momenta:



Input = $\{E_i, p_{xi}, p_{yi}, p_{zi}\}$

FCN

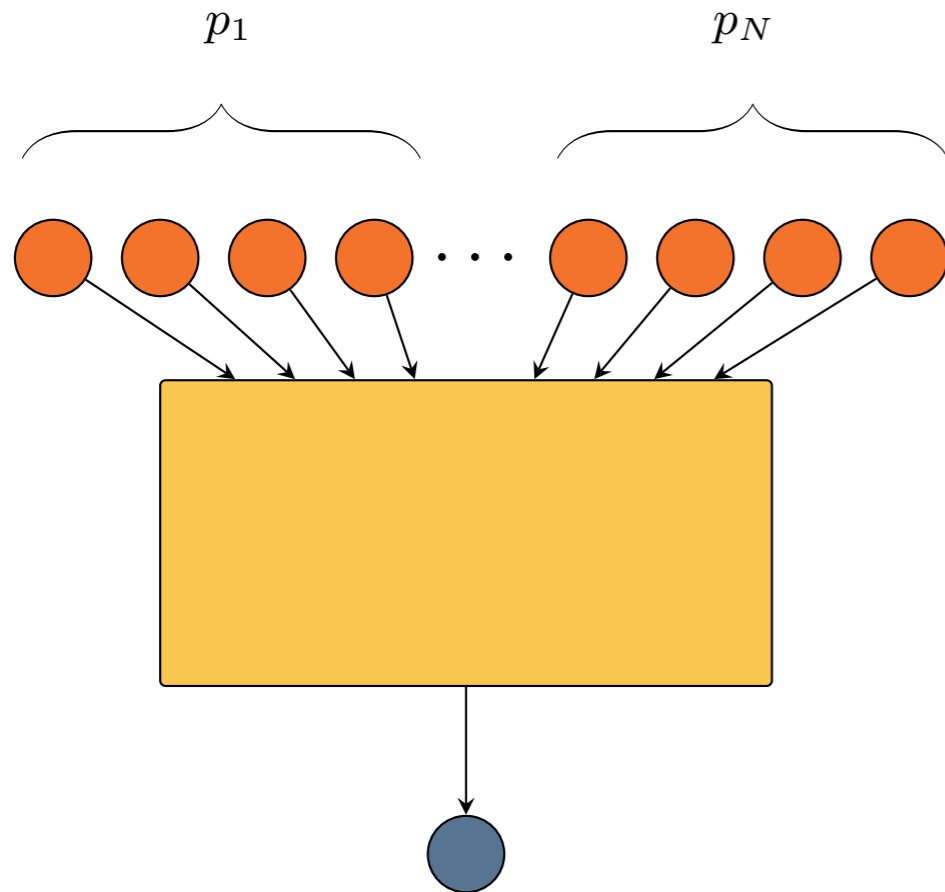
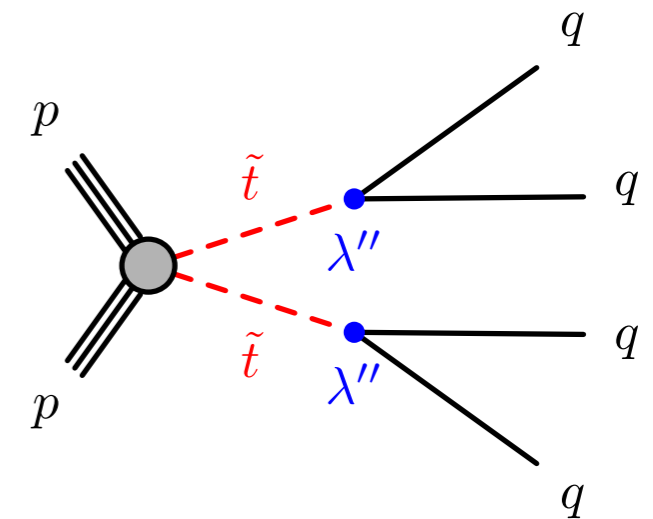
Output

Describing inputs in orthogonal coordinate system $\{E, p_x, p_y, p_z\}$

Makes it easy for NN to sum inputs

But NN needs to learn how to calculate masses, etc!

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Others might hand it $\{m, p_T, \eta, \phi\}$

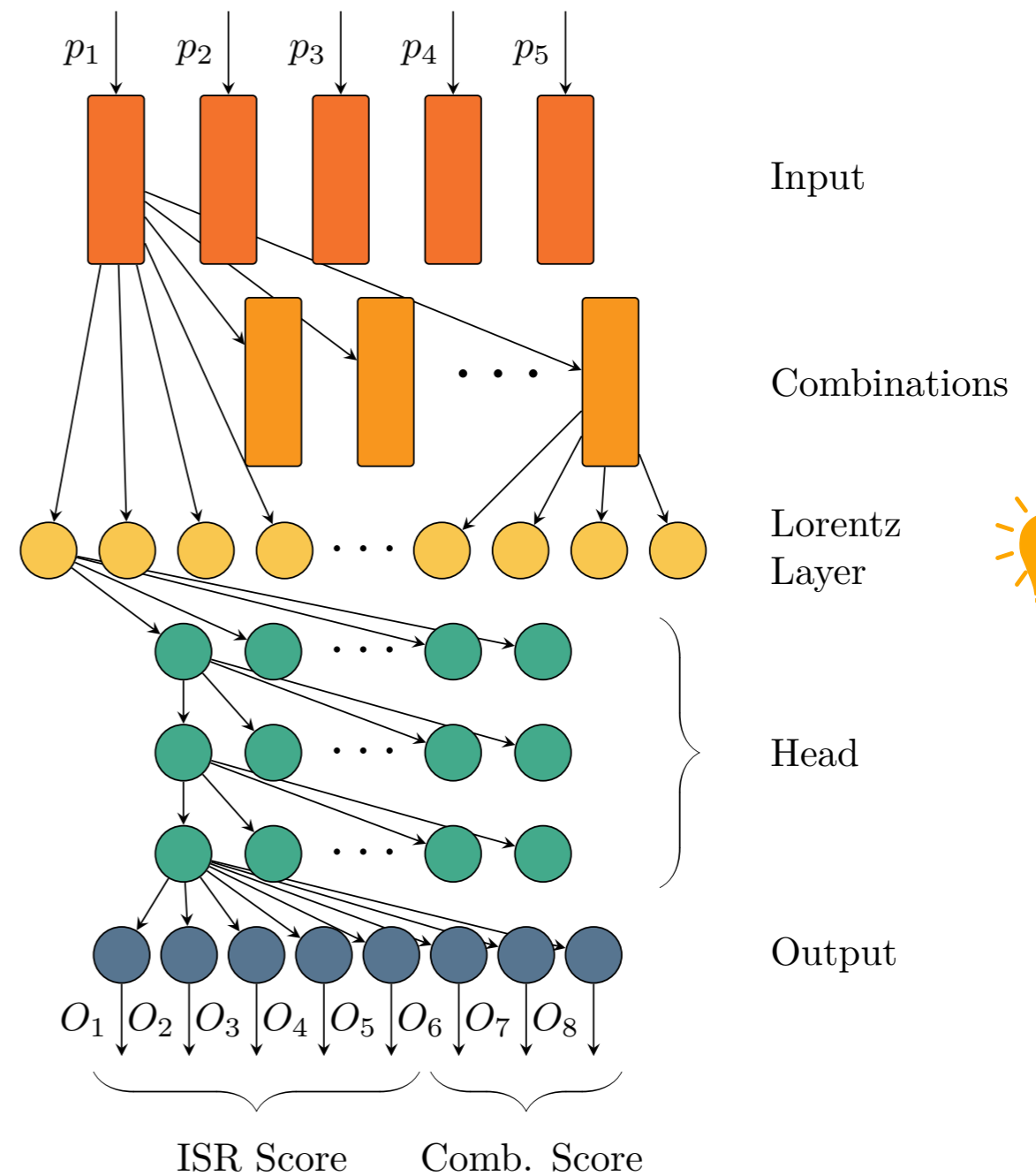
NN is told about masses and angles

Output

But it then needs to learn how to combine vectors!

NN W/ LORENTZ LAYER (LOLA)

- Construct a NN layer that **knows about relativity! (LoLa)**
 - 1707.08966, 1812.09722, etc
- Input four-momenta → Knows how to do four-vector addition, calculate mass!
- **Don't need a network to learn physics we already know about!**
- NN is optimizing in physics basis
- Send into “traditional” feed-forward neural net to reduce dimensionality of problem

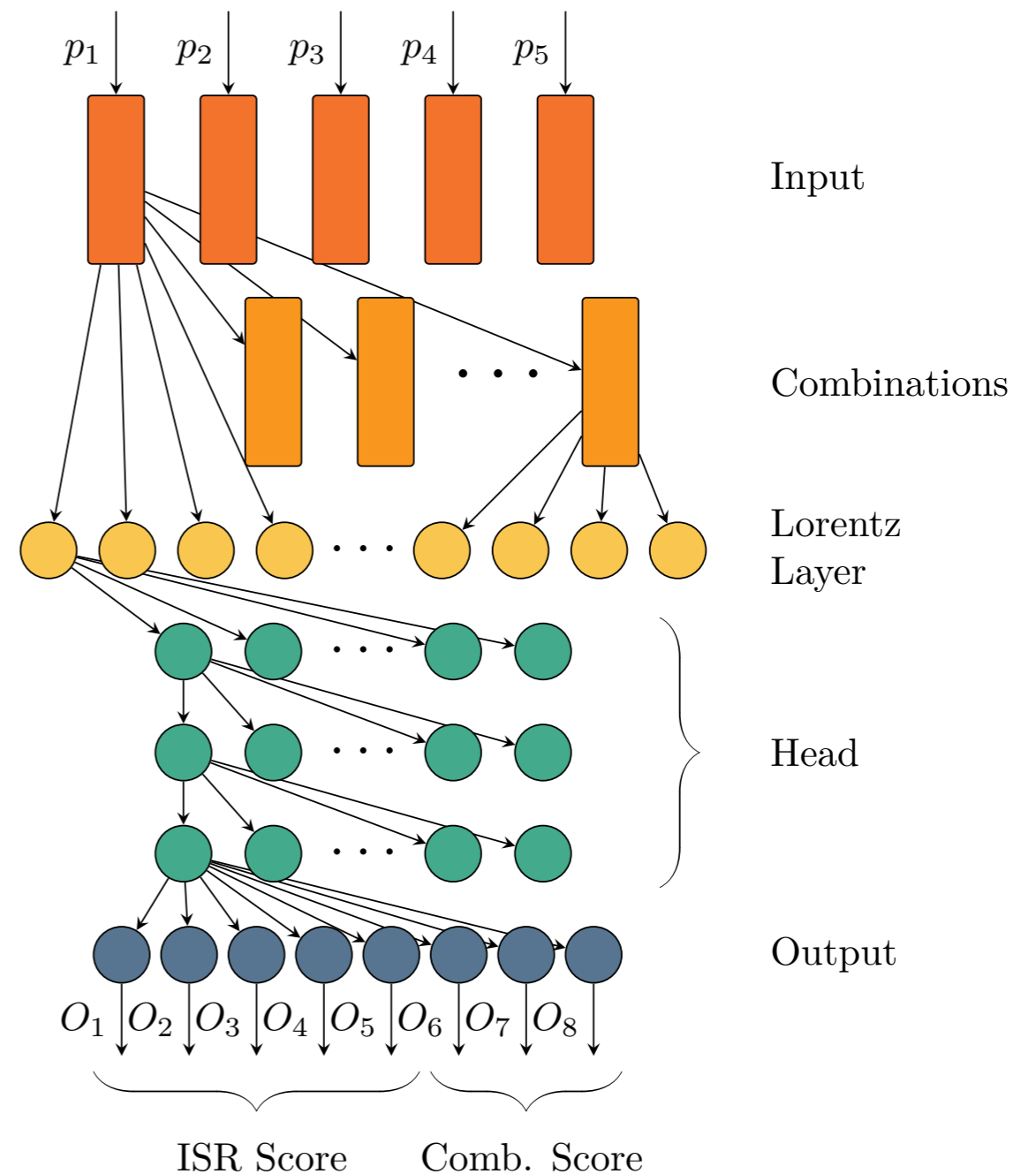


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Combinatorial Artificial NN ON
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- Output not a single score.
- **Outputs *interpretation of event*** to choose the “best” combination for us
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 - Including systematics



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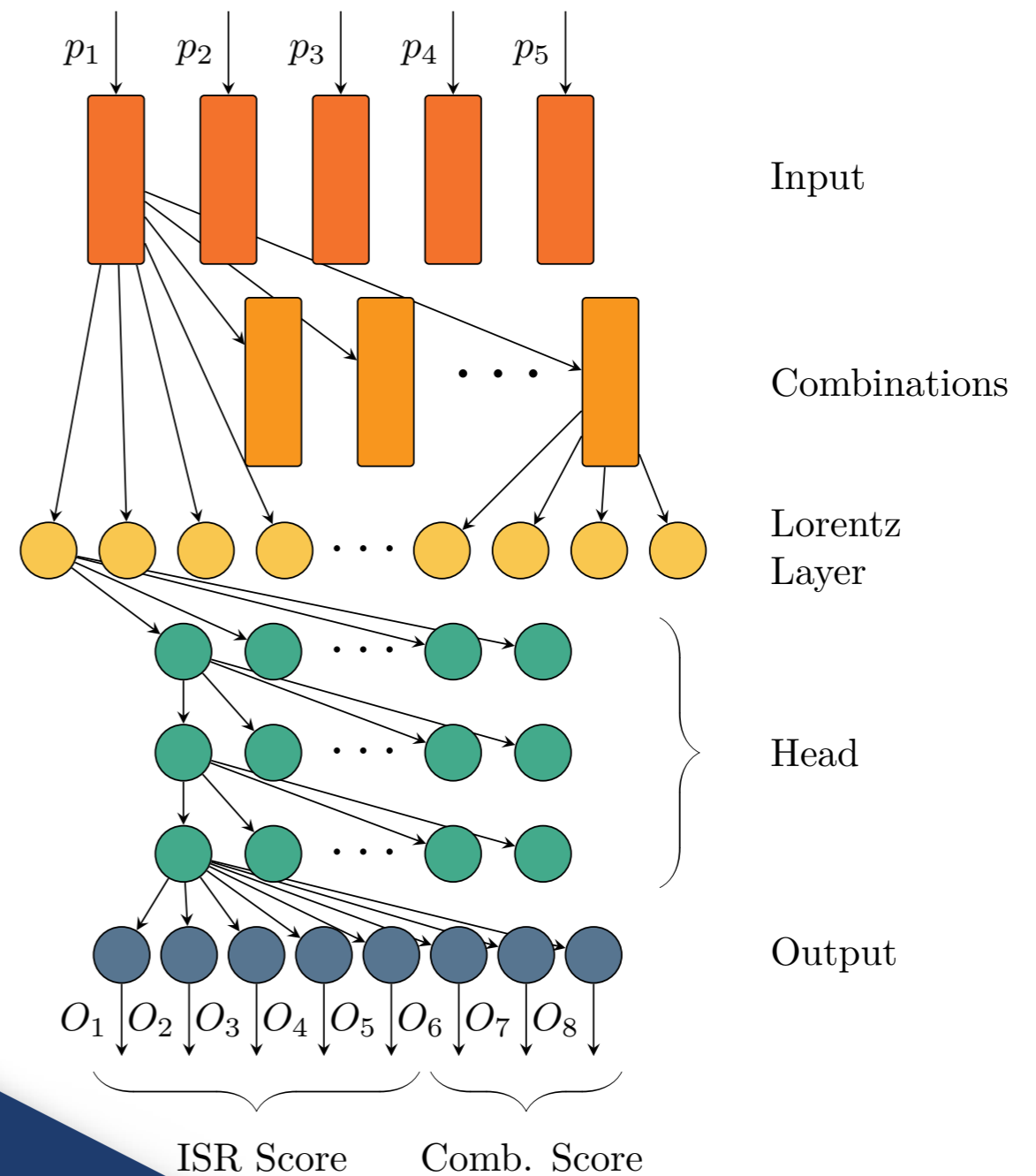
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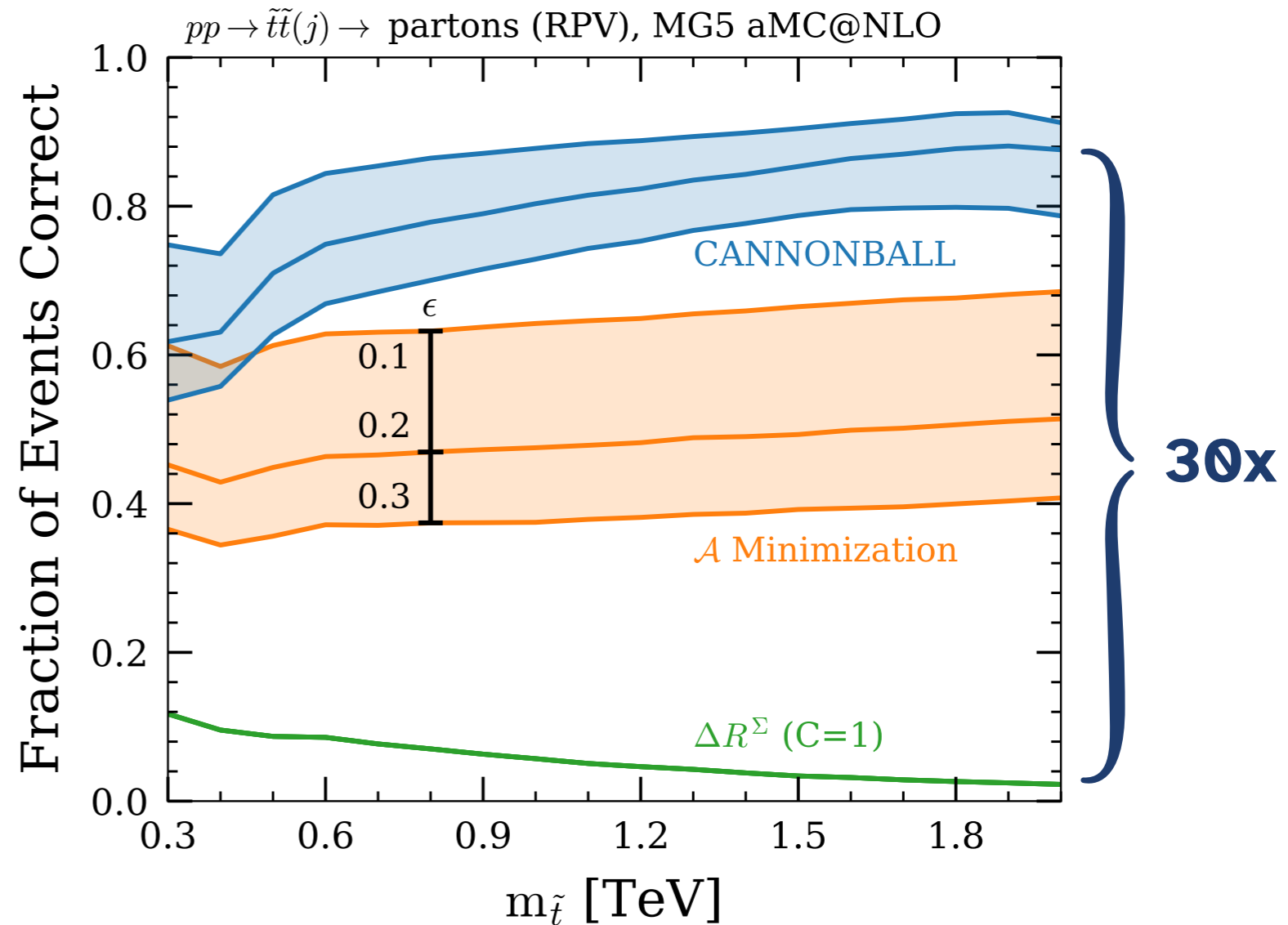
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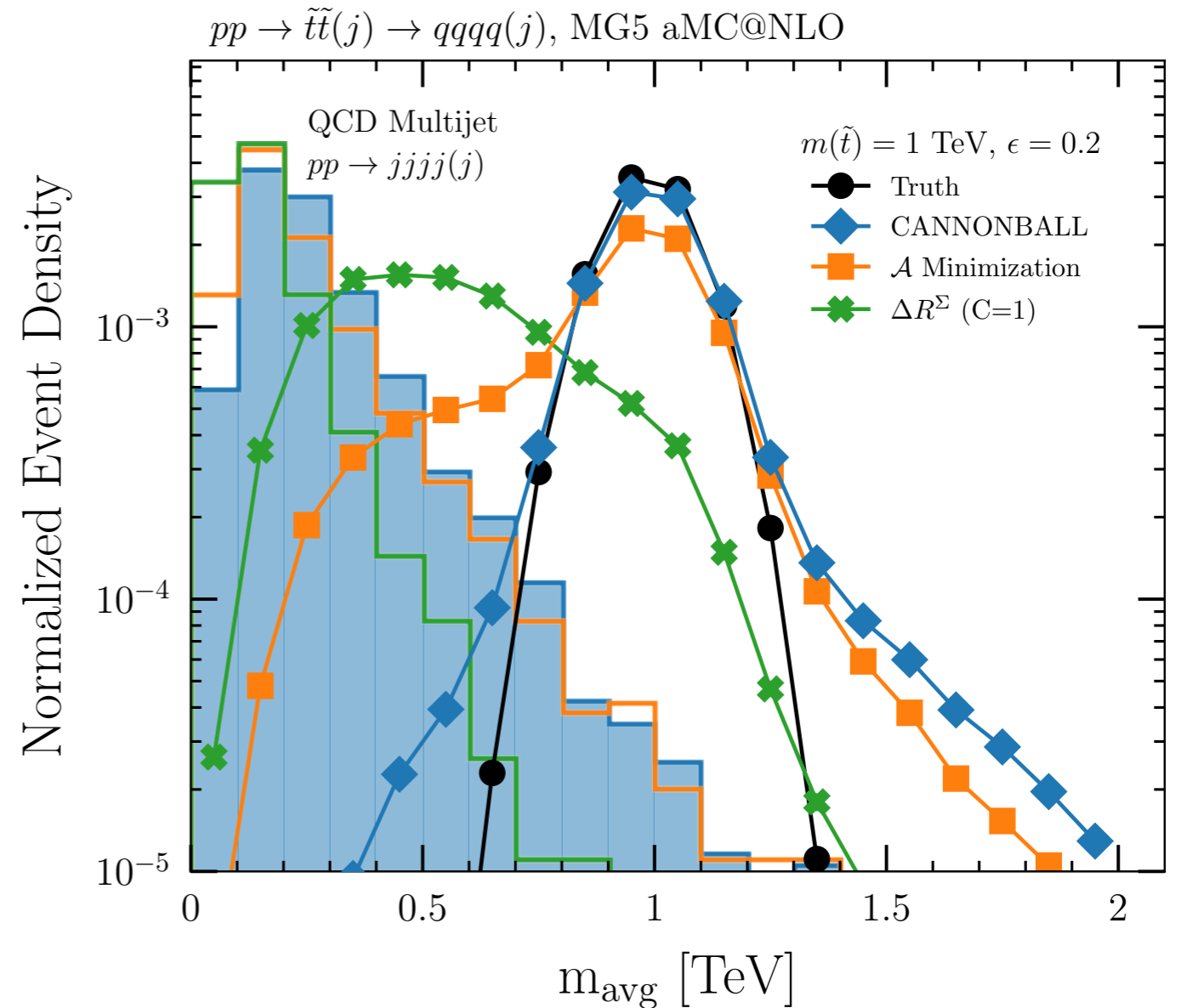
Newly on the
Postdoc Job
Market!



- ΔR^Σ minimization does terribly at getting the right pairing!
 - Requires large boosts
- **CANNONBALL performs ~30x better at large mass**
- And is fairly robust to mismeasurement of jets (ϵ)

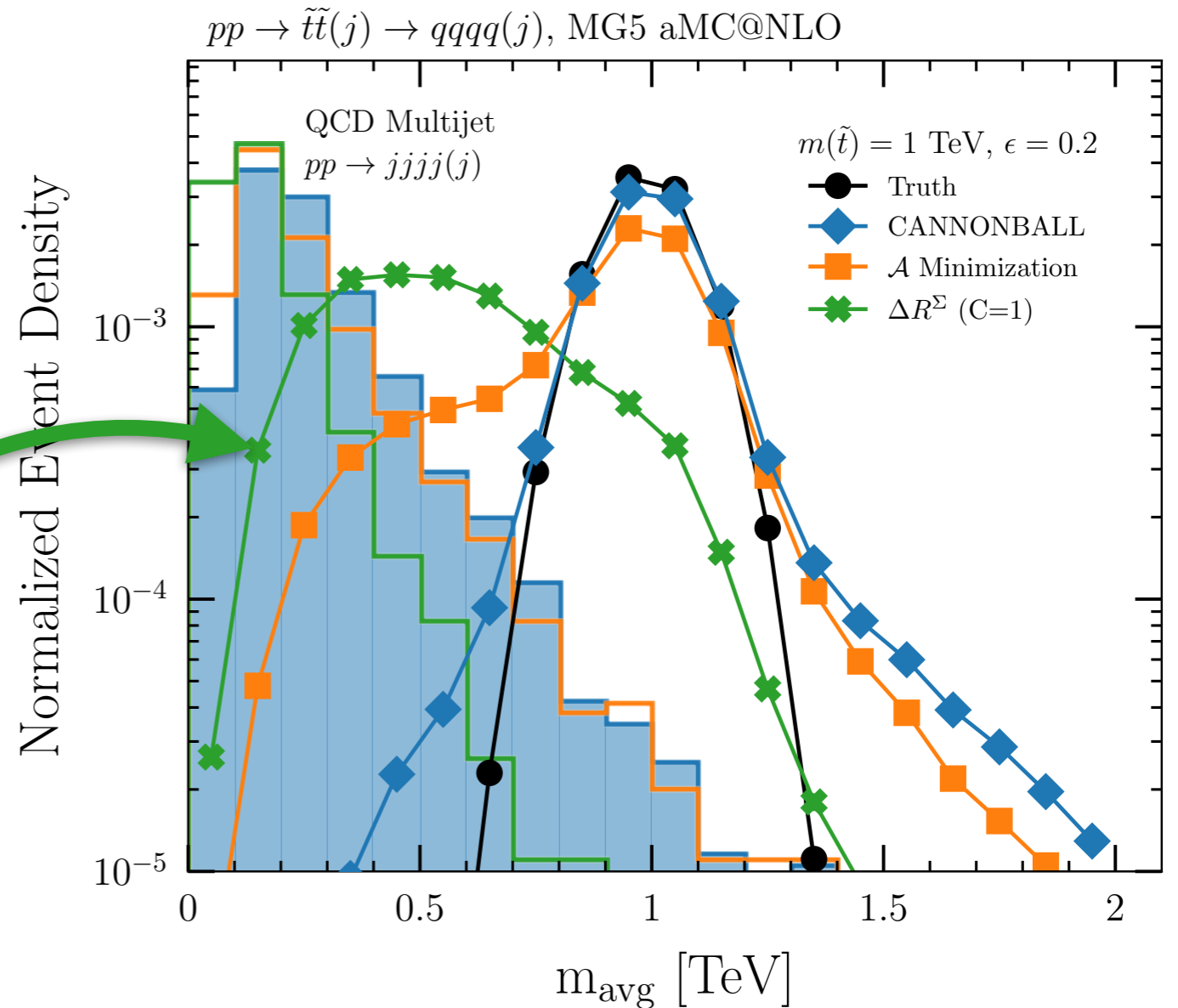


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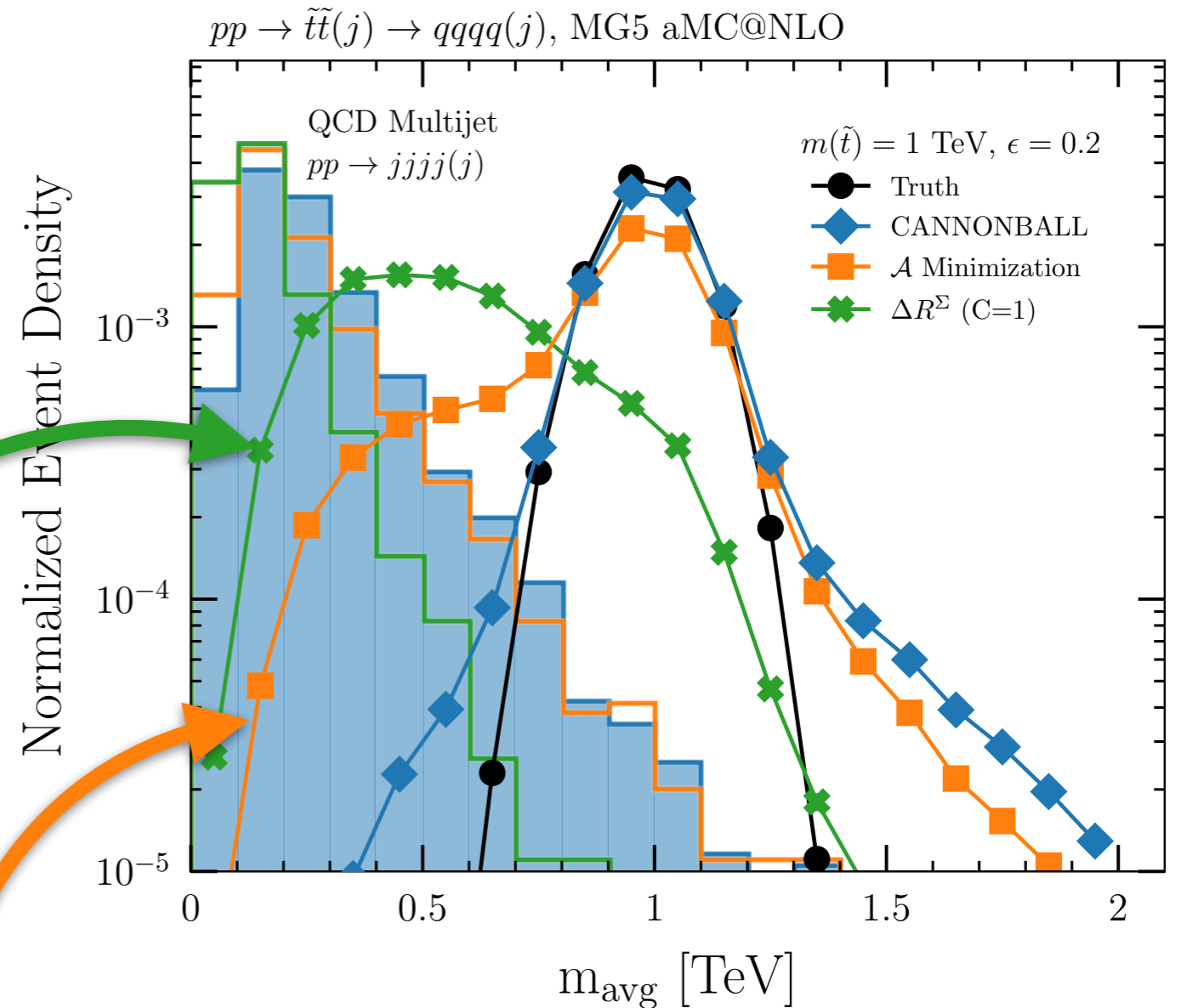


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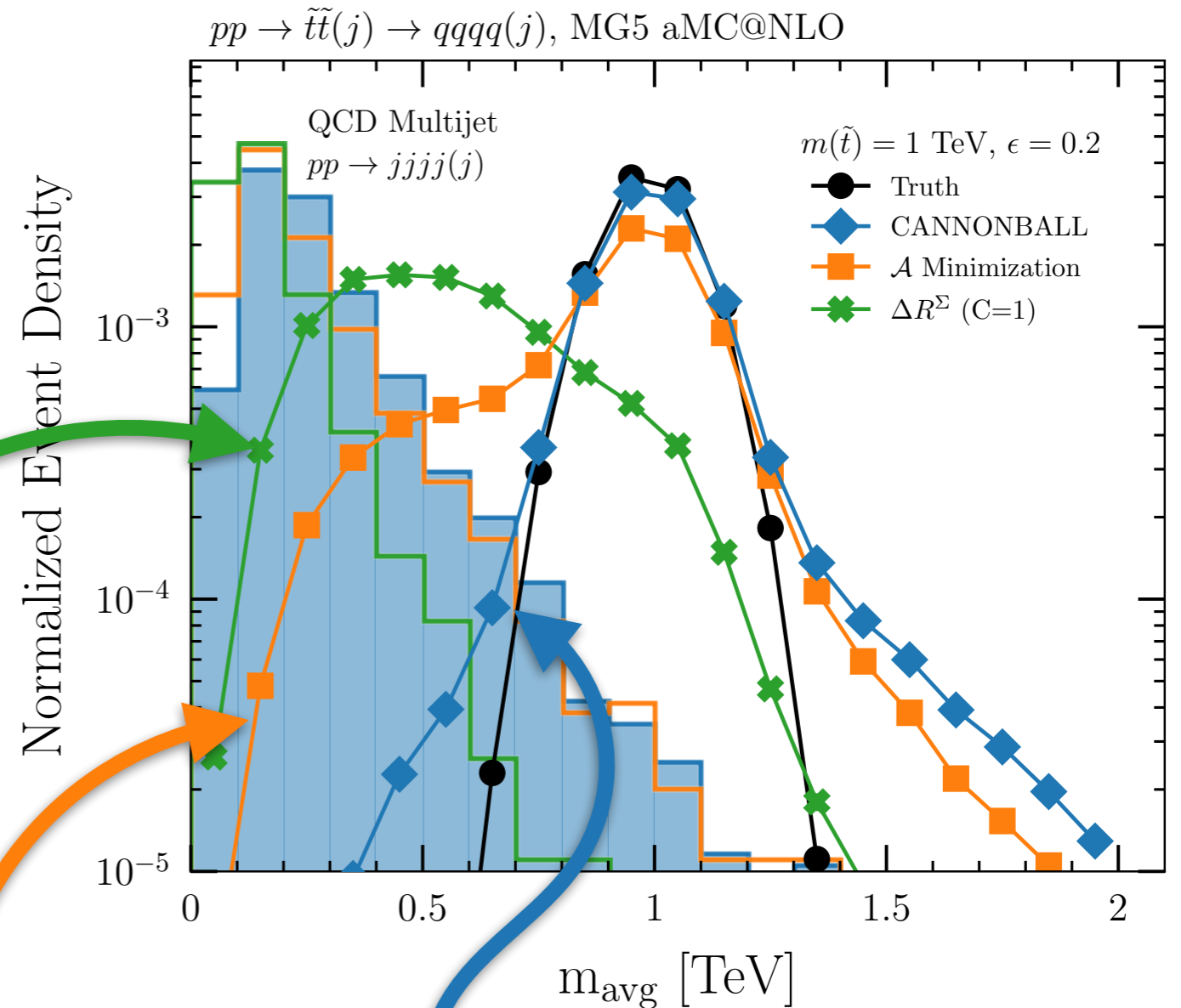
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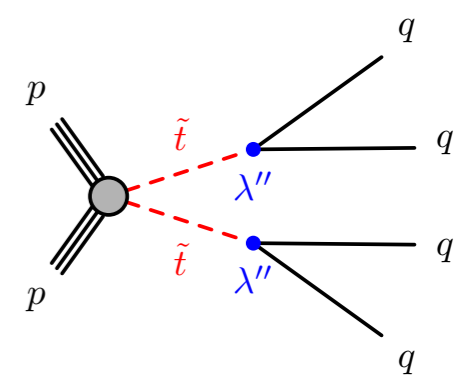
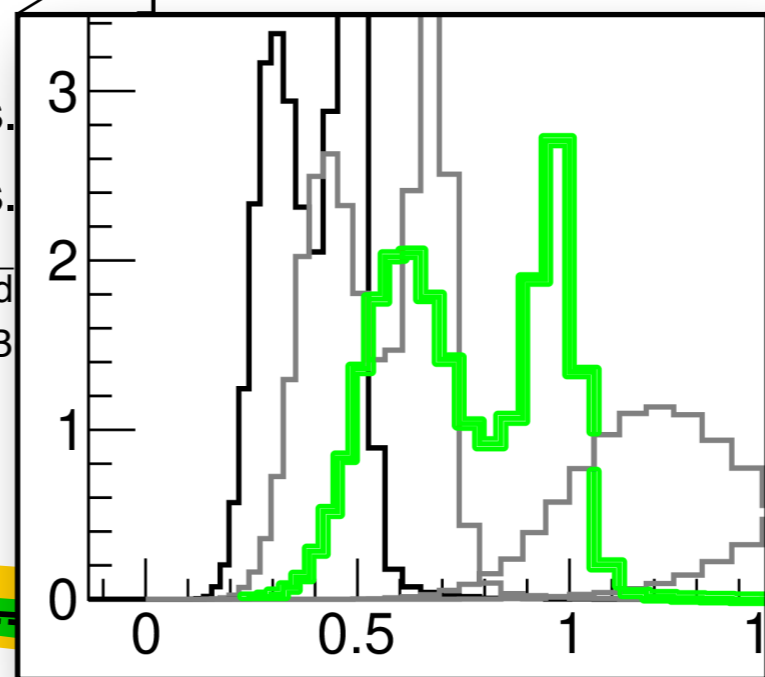
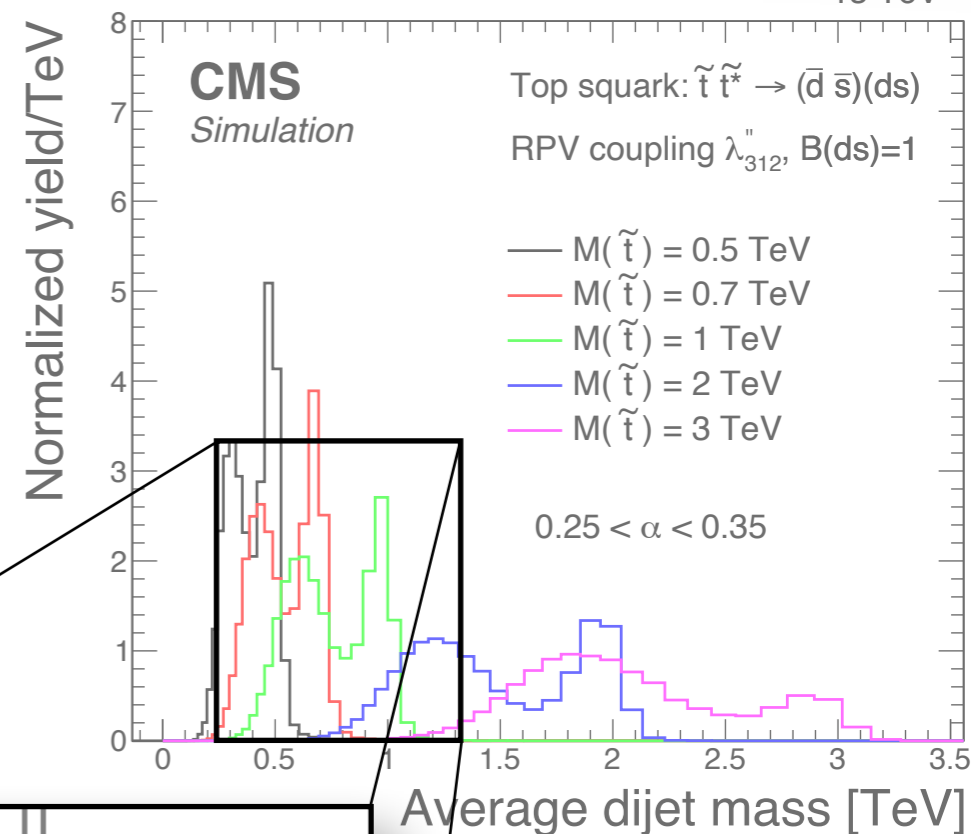
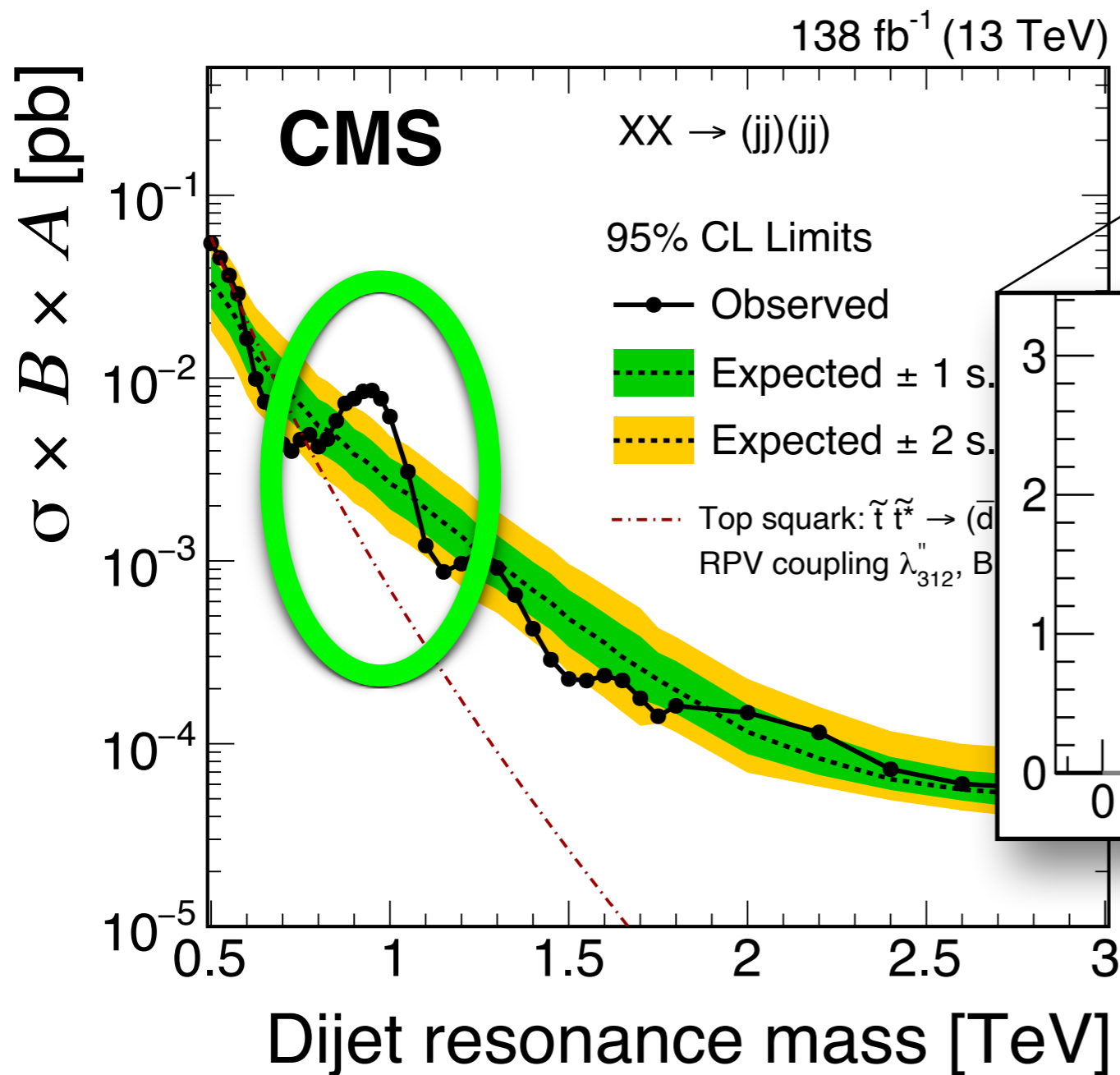
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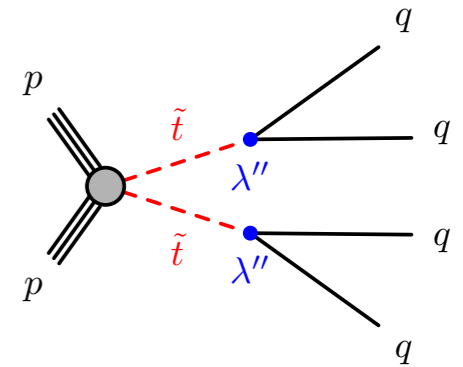
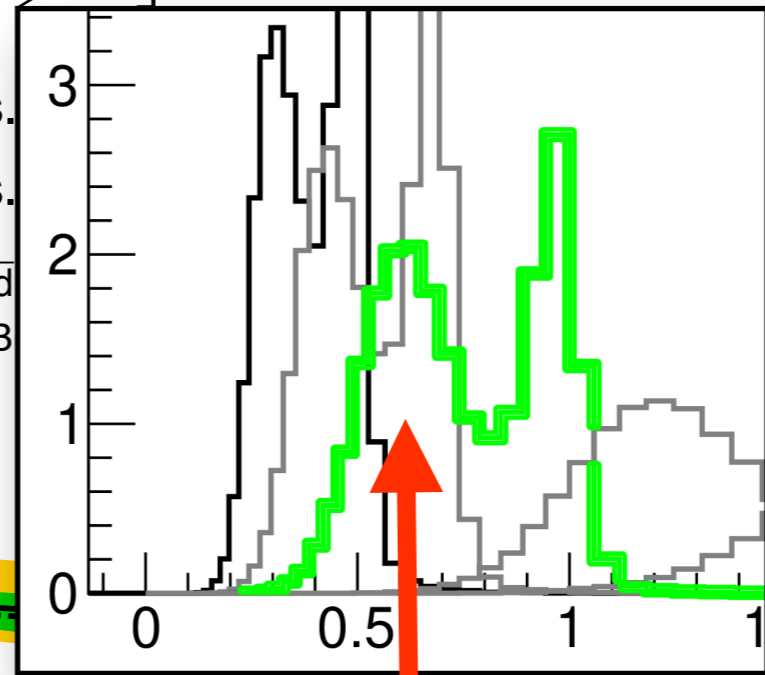
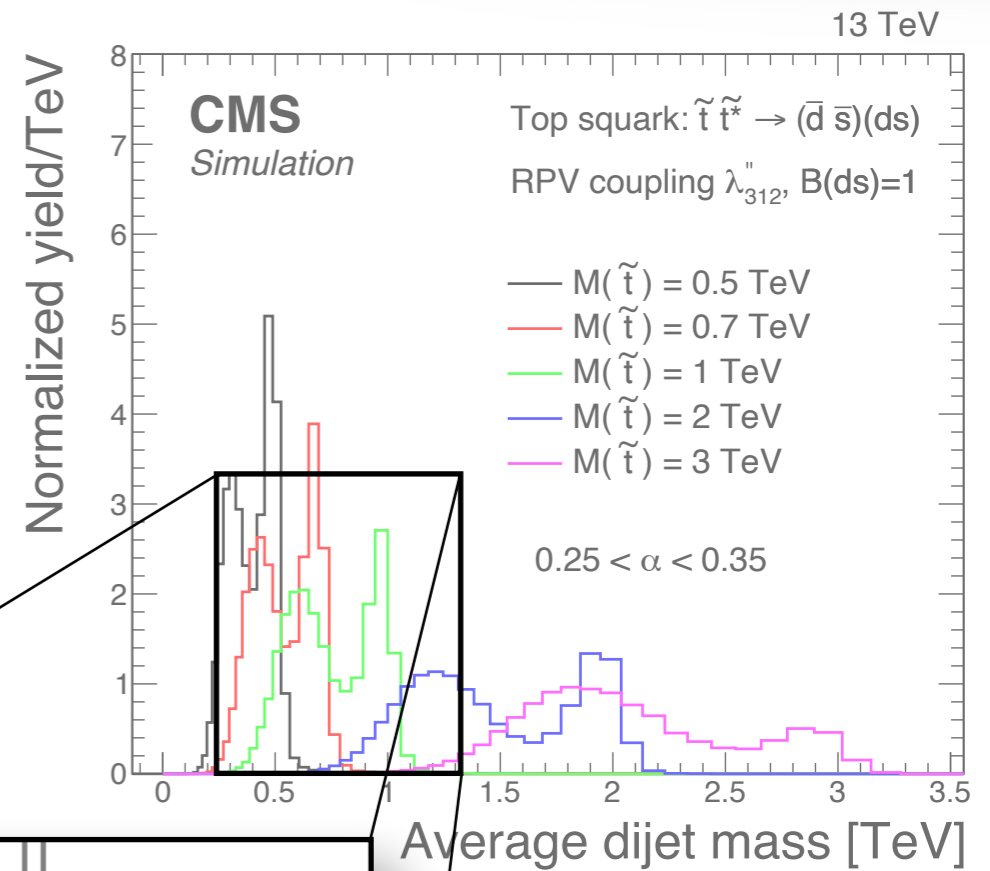
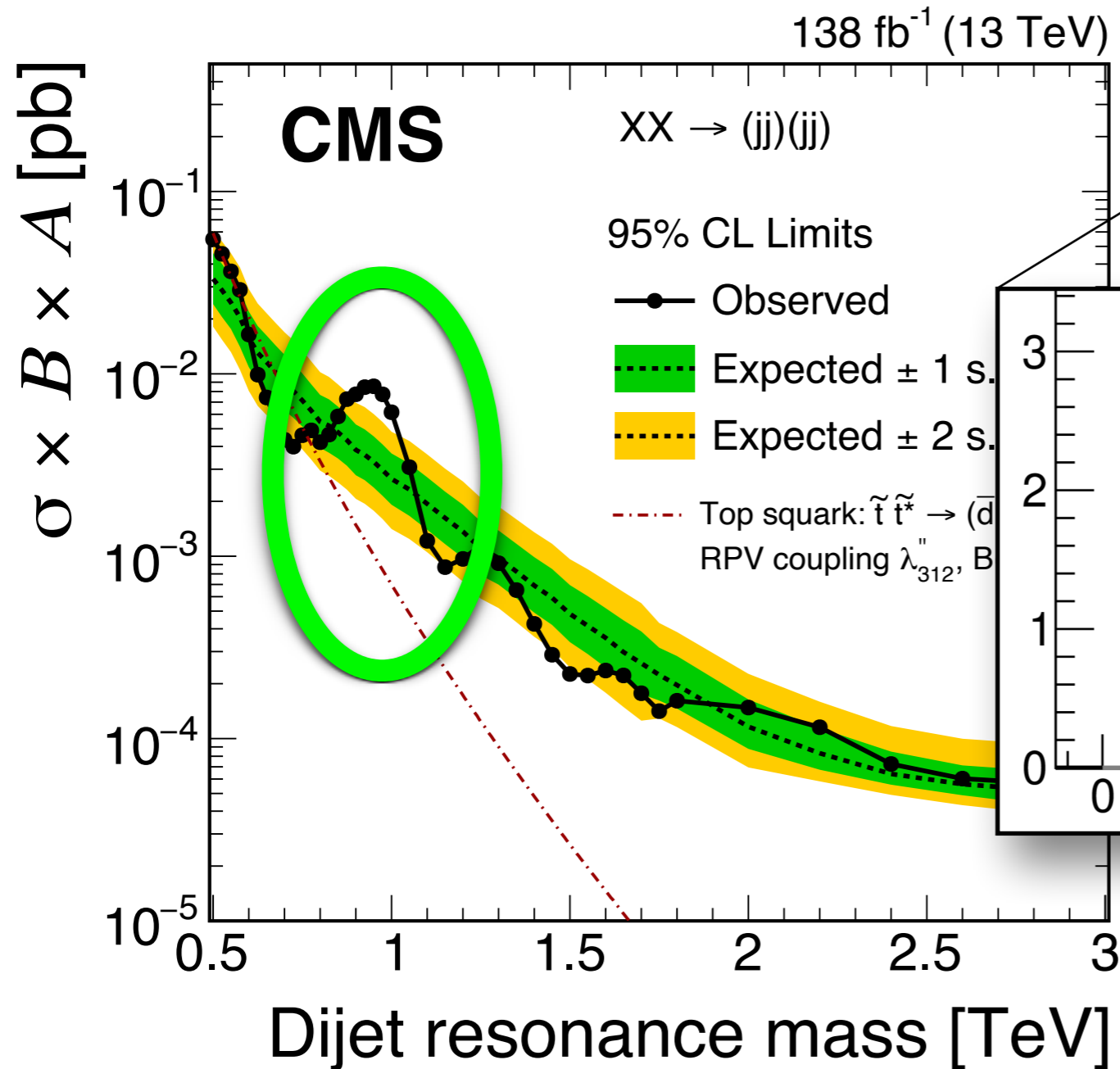
Very close to best case scenario (truth)



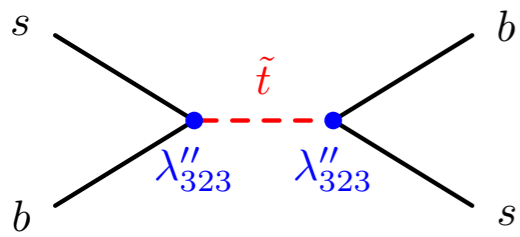
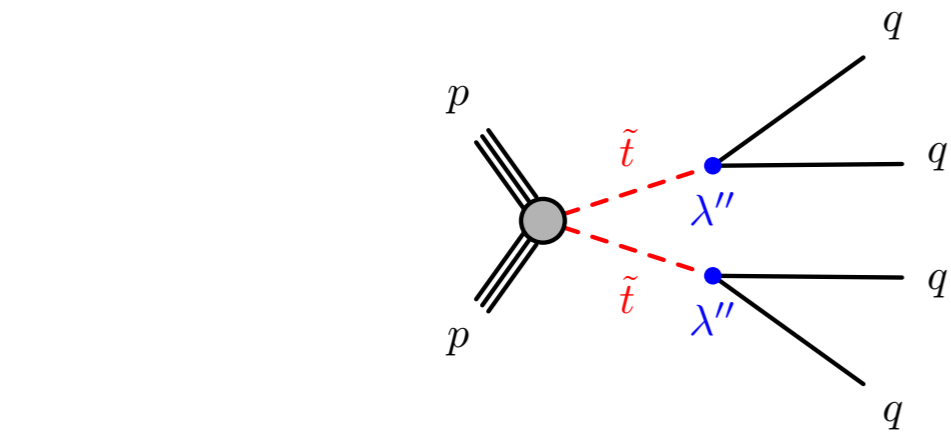
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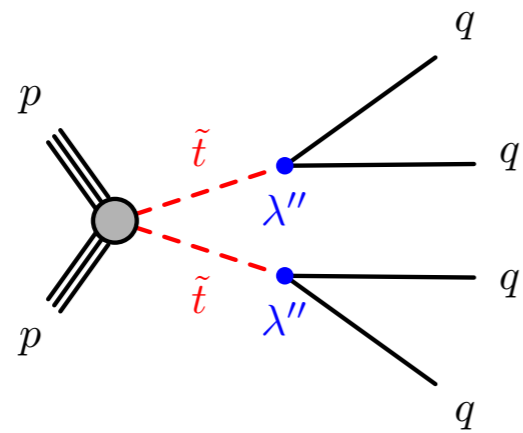
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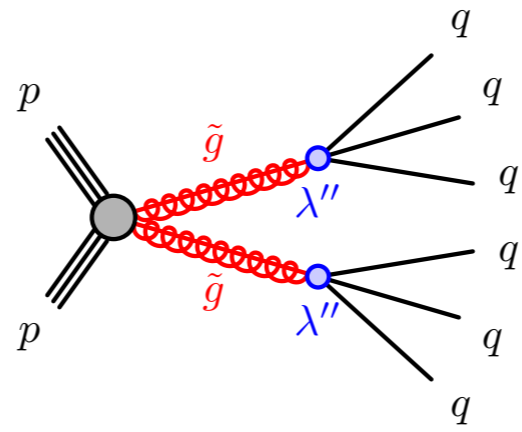
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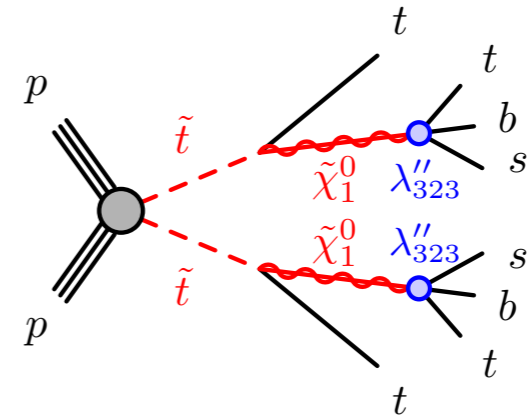
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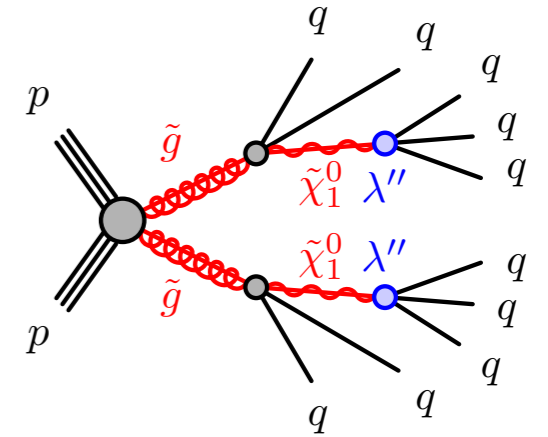
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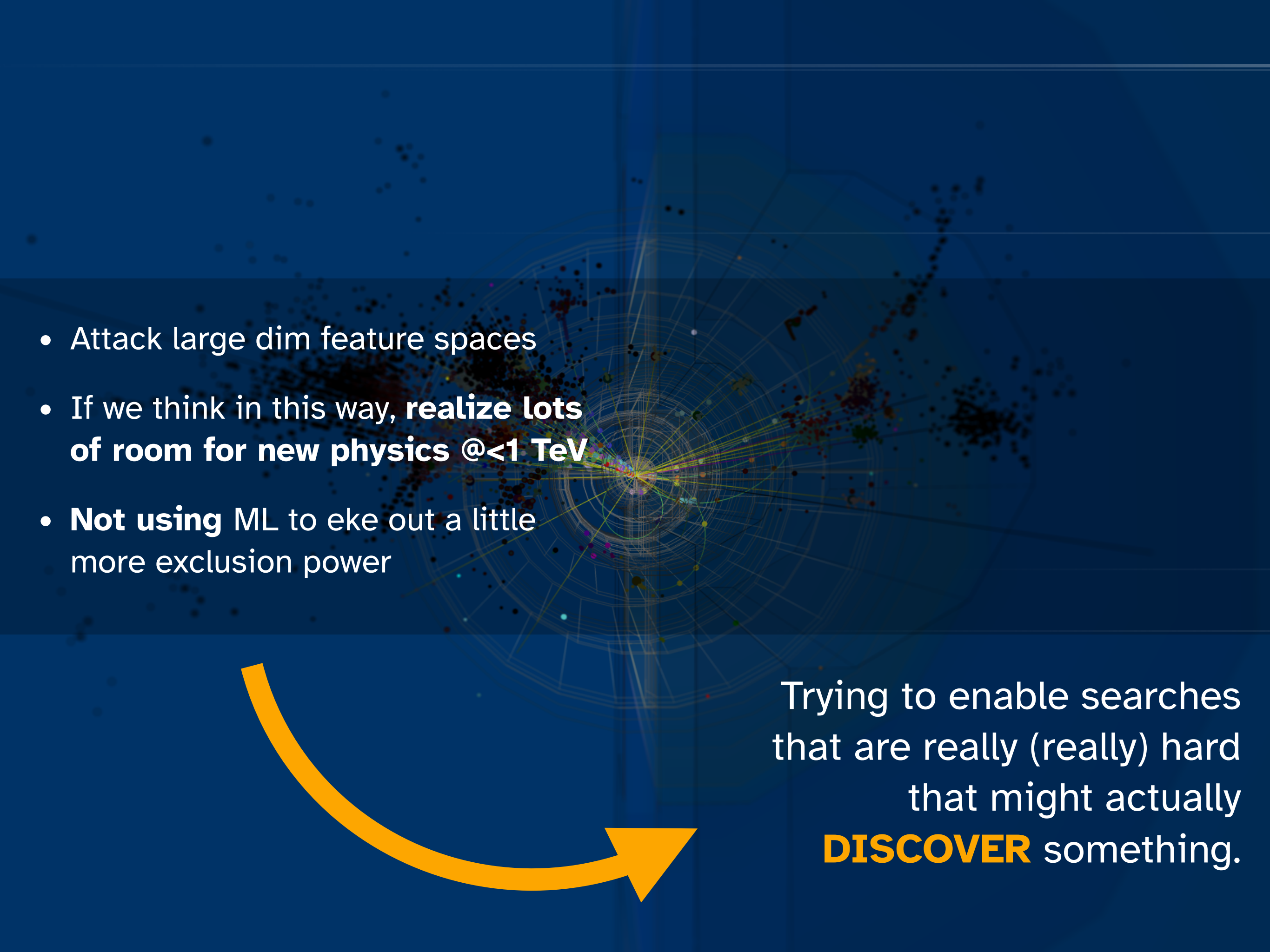



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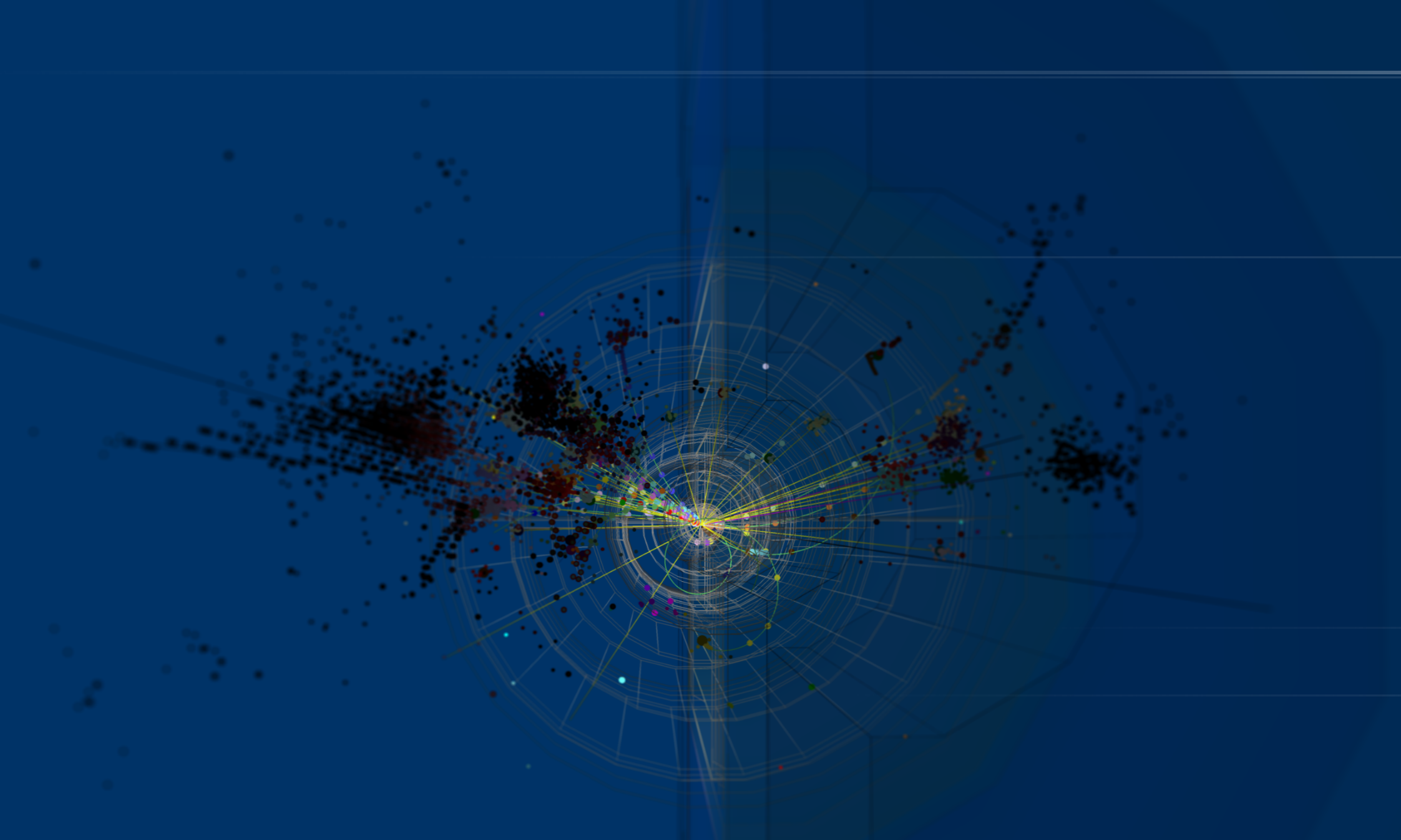
Does this approach scale?

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- Attack large dim feature spaces
 - If we think in this way, **realize lots of room for new physics @ <1 TeV**
 - **Not using** ML to eke out a little more exclusion power

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 - If we think in this way, **realize lots of room for new physics @ <1 TeV**
 - **Not using** ML to eke out a little more exclusion power



Trying to enable searches that are really (really) hard that might actually **DISCOVER** something.

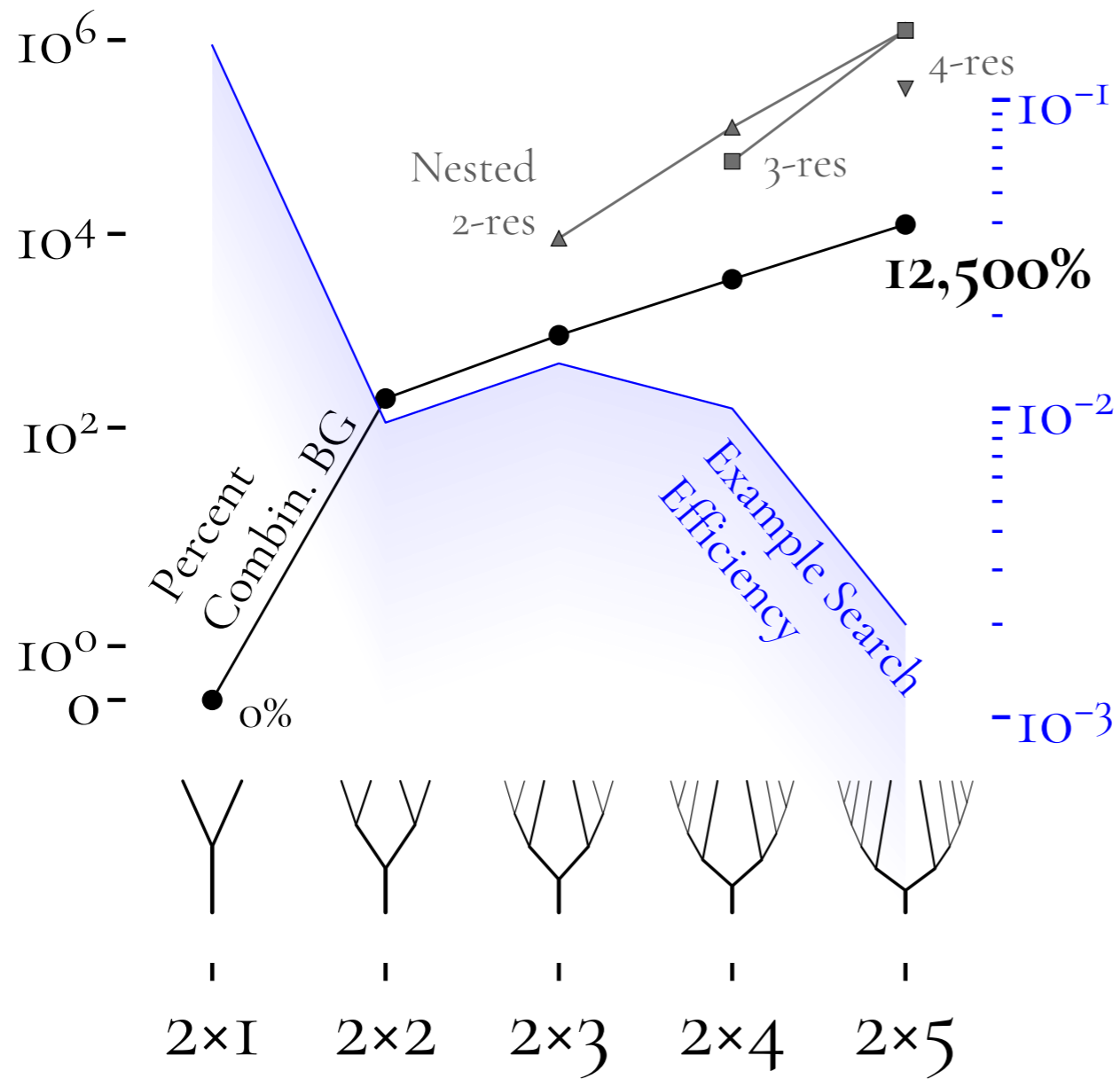


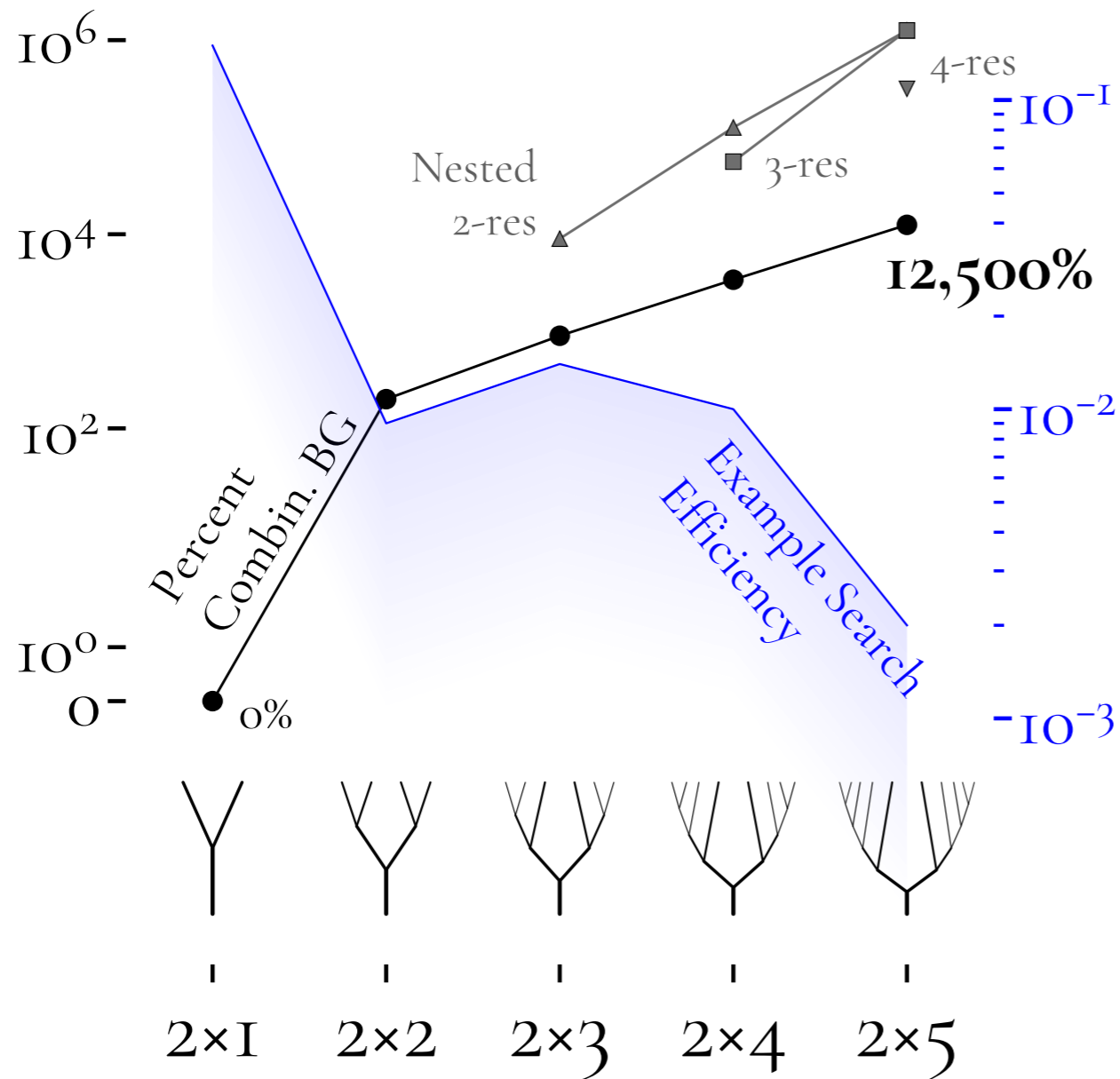
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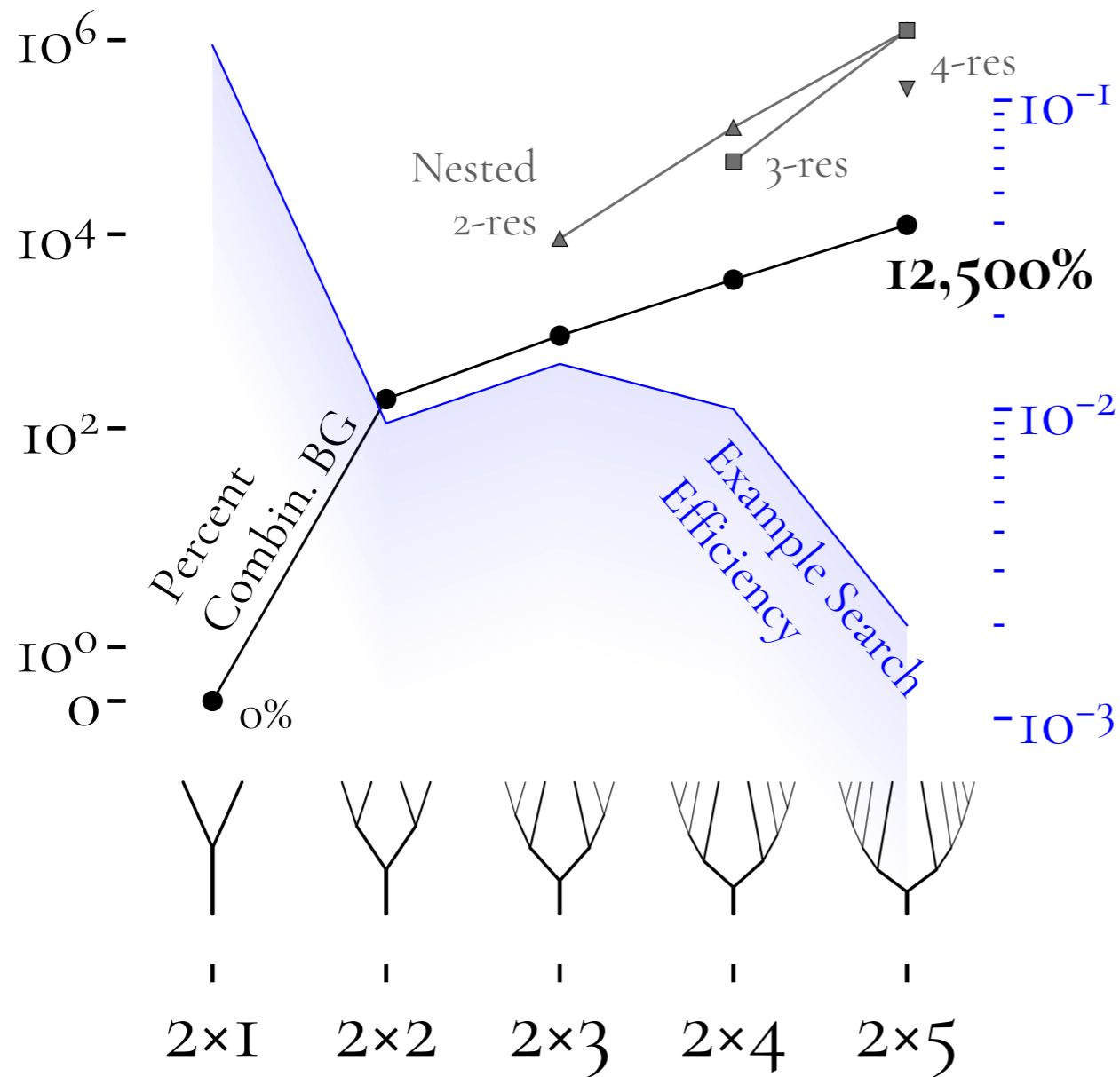
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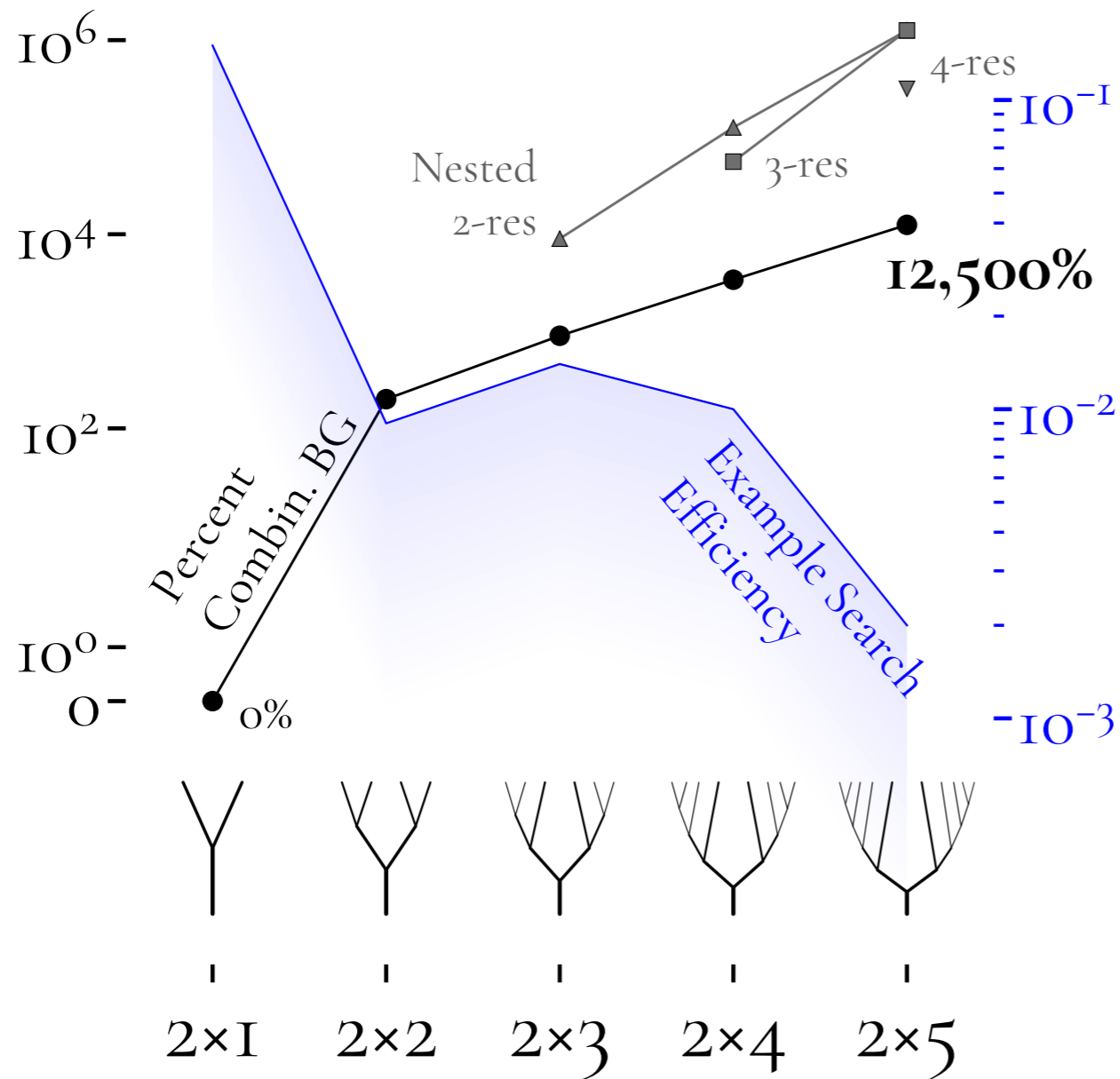


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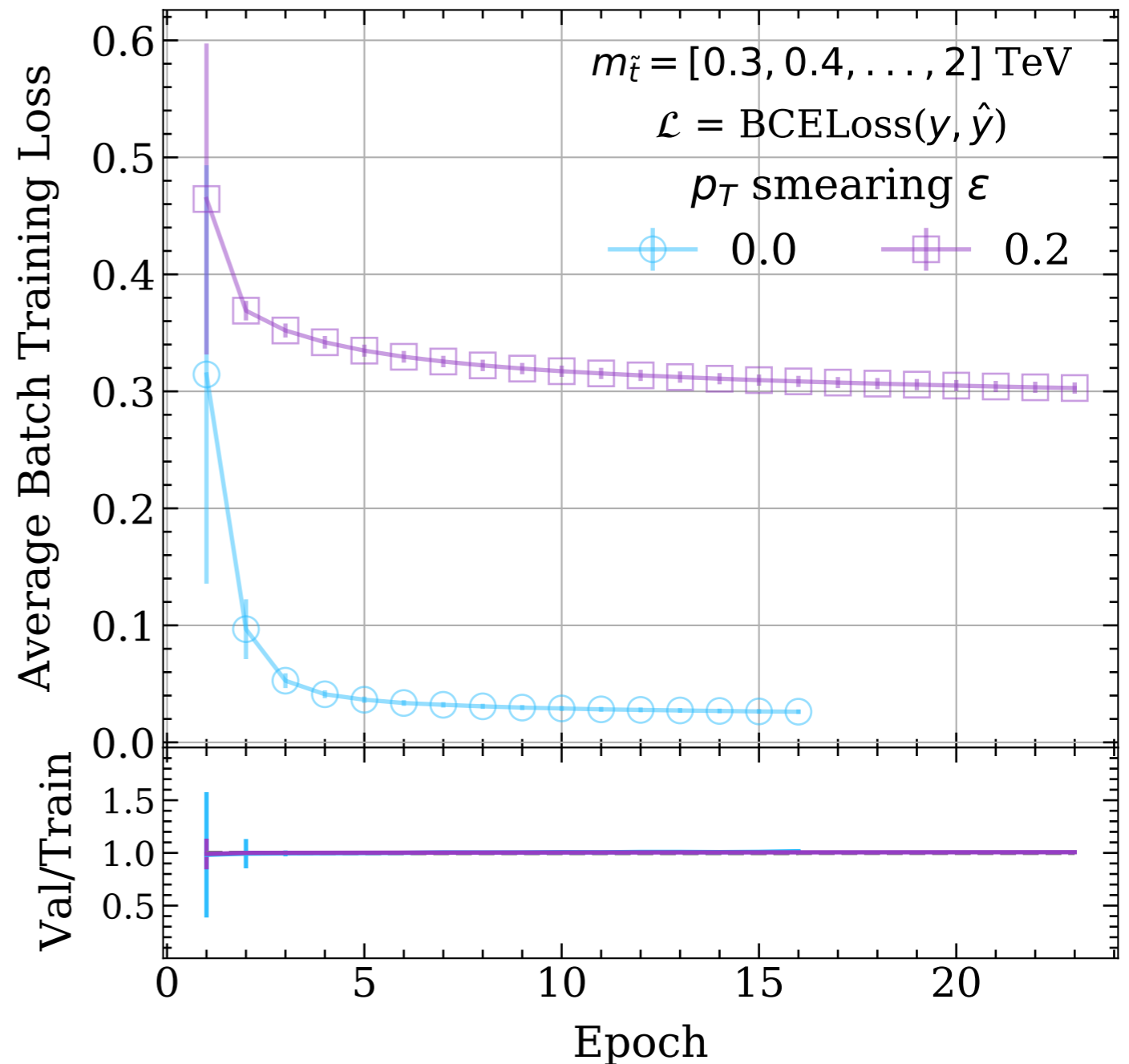


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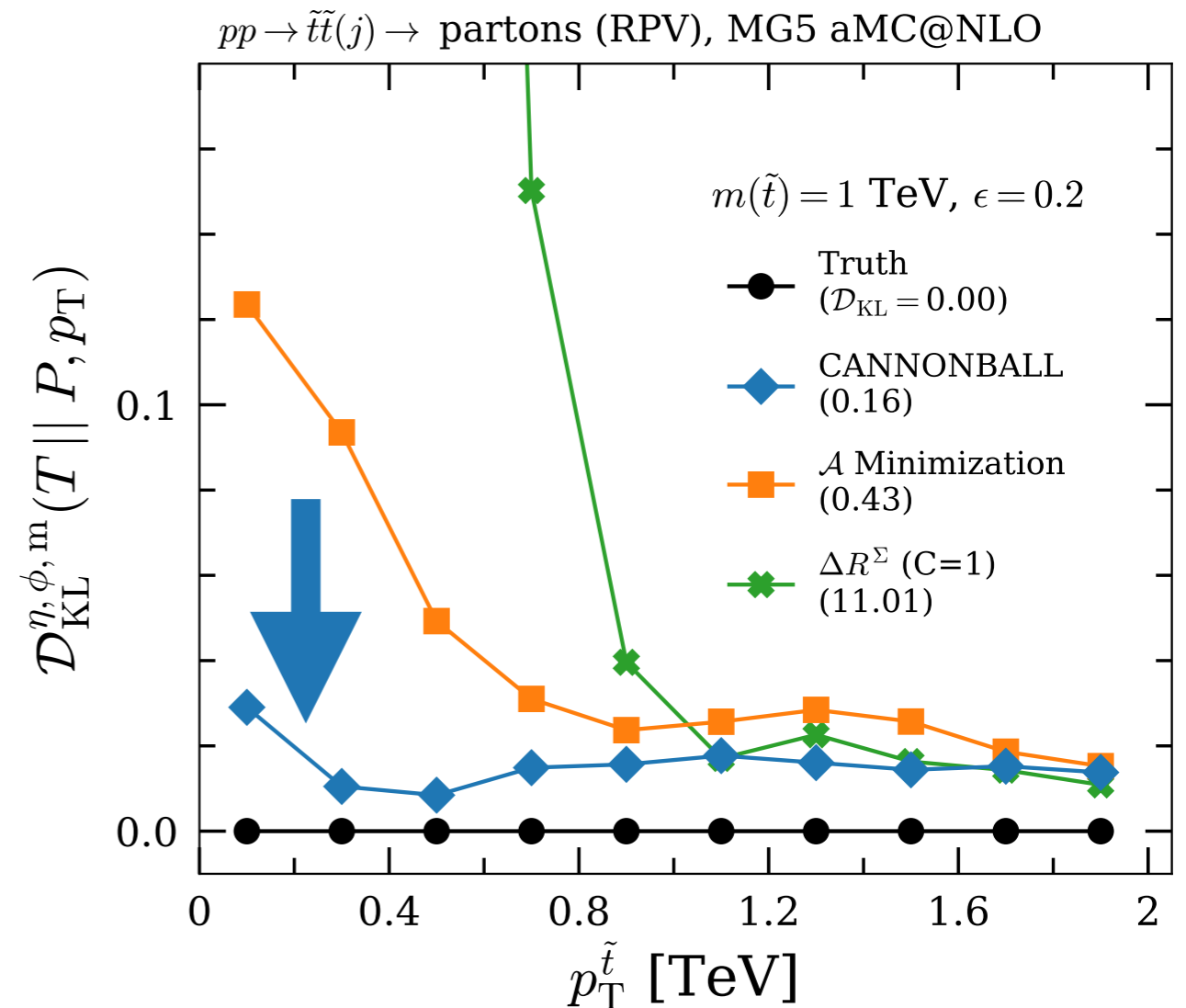
All still possible in RPV SUSY:
500 GeV stops
1 TeV gluinos
100 GeV Higgsinos

- Using pyTorch
 - Training on NVIDIA Quadro RTX w 8GB RAM using CUDA 11.5
- Enforcing mass invariance by mixing masses (democratically) in training sample
 - 180k events x 20 masses
- Loss fn: Binary cross entropy, minimized using Adam.
- Learning rate of 1e-3 — playing with dynamic learning rate
- Batch size of 10k
- 30 combination layer nodes
- 3 hidden layers in head (200 nodes)

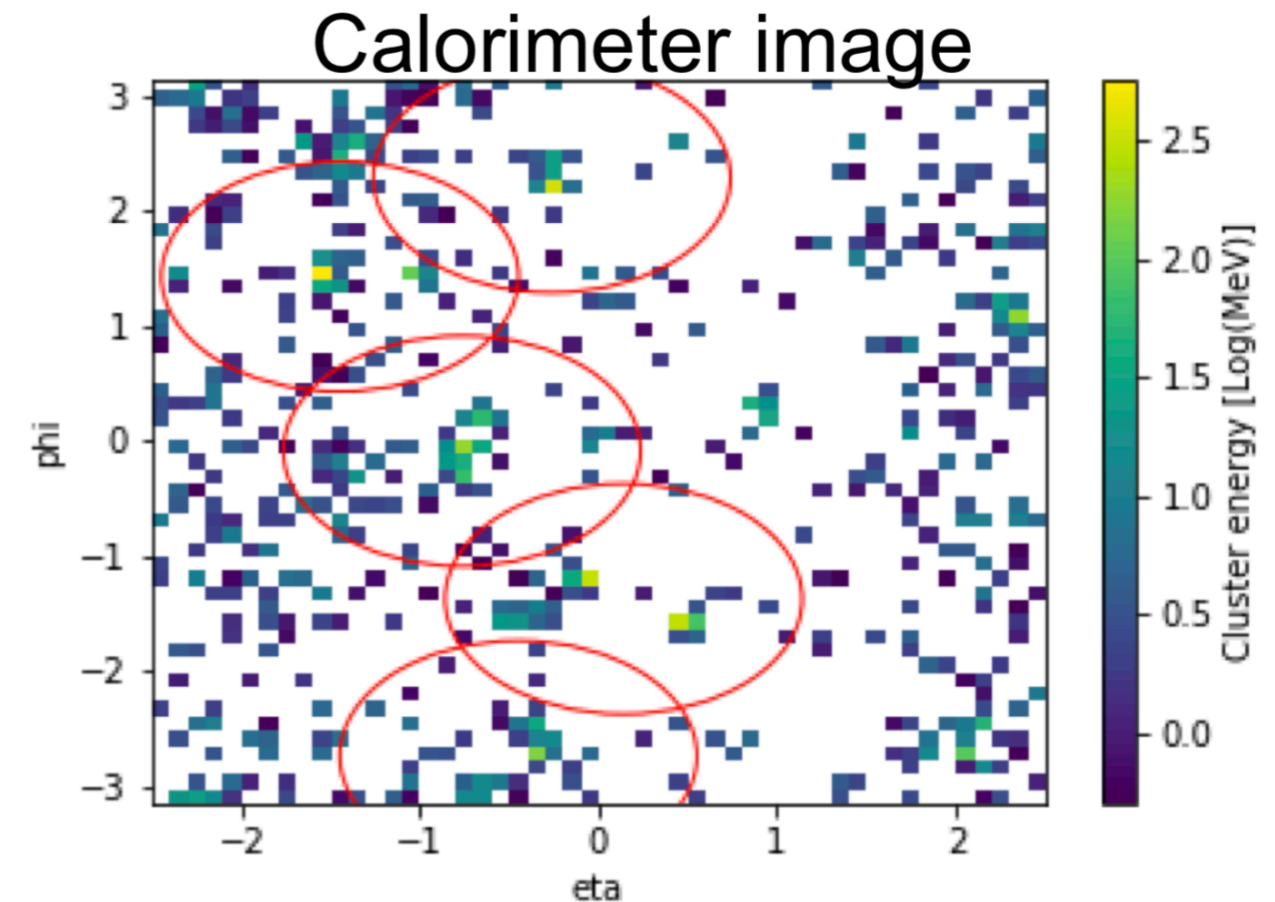


- \mathcal{D}_{KL} : A measure of how much two PDFs differ
- How well each method reconstructs full four-vec of the heavy resonances (i.e. getting the right comb. answer)
- **CANNONBALL's big advantage is at low stop p_{T}**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}(T||P) &= \int T \log\left(\frac{T}{P}\right) dp^\mu \\
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 \end{aligned}$$



- Papers have argued for low-level calo images → CNN: [1805.10730](#)
[1711.03573](#)
- Could work, but overly complicates...
 - Most of the detector is empty!
Inefficient!
 - Throw away all jet physics (*) and tries to rediscover it.
 - That's not the problem I'm interested in solving...

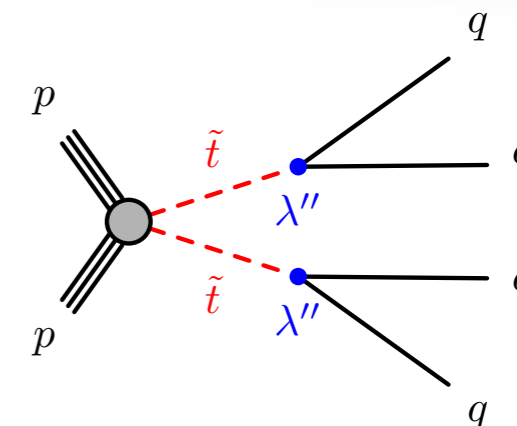


50x50 x 3 layers ~ 7.5k Dimensions!

(*) The work it takes to go from raw detector info to calibrated four-vector

“CLASSICAL” 2x2

- Example of traditional analysis technique
- Use ΔR^Σ to try to get peaking mass
- Do a bump hunt in this mass

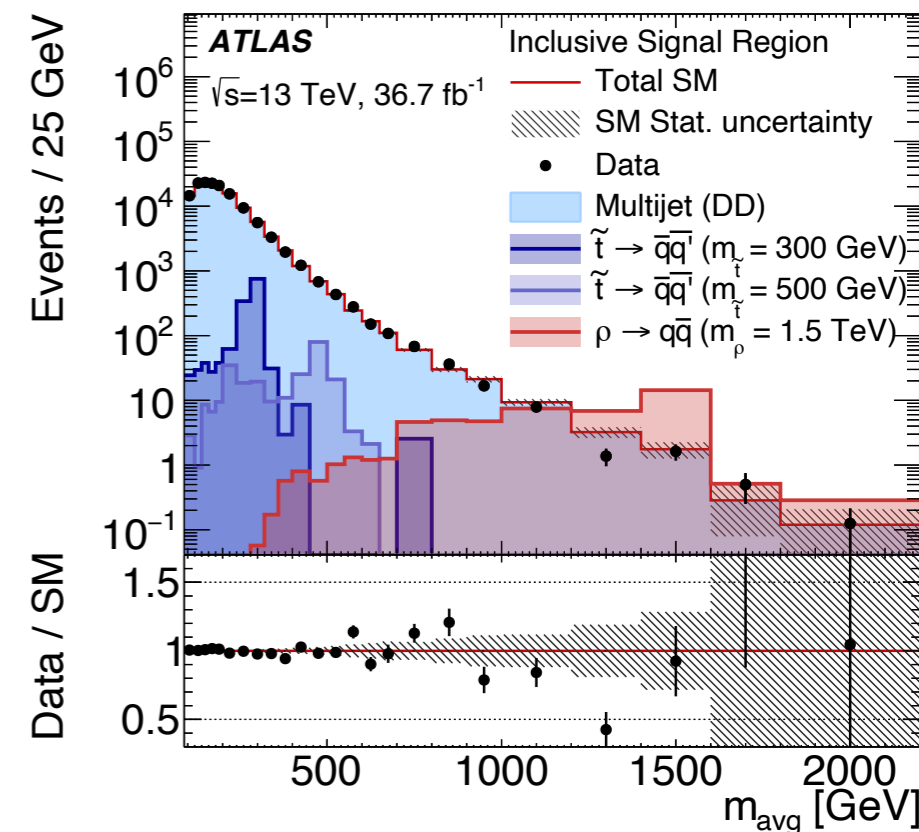
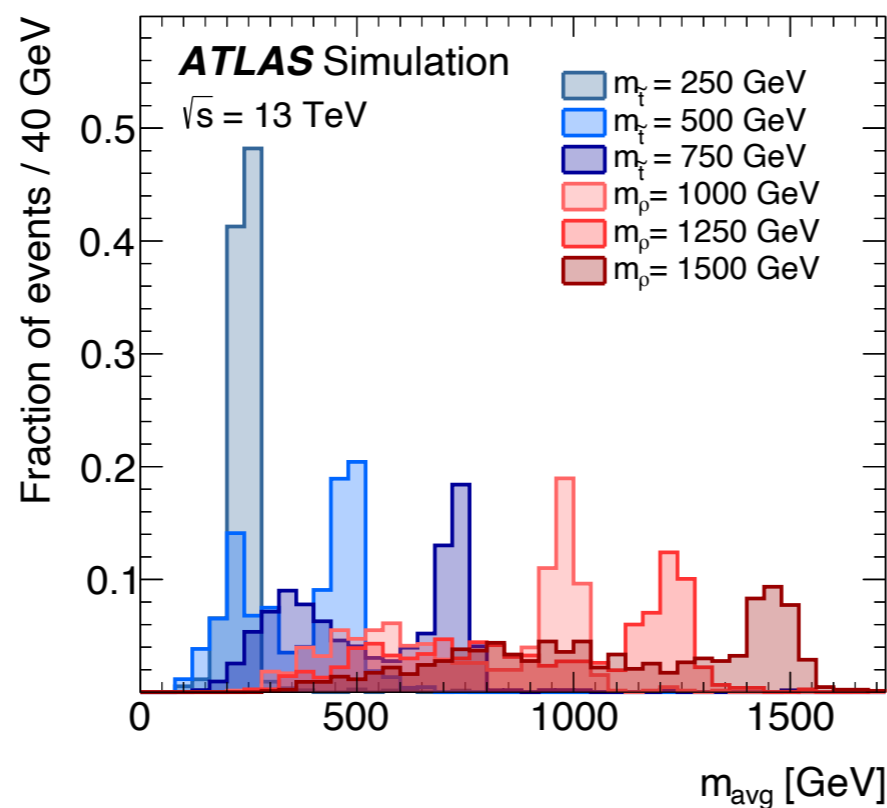


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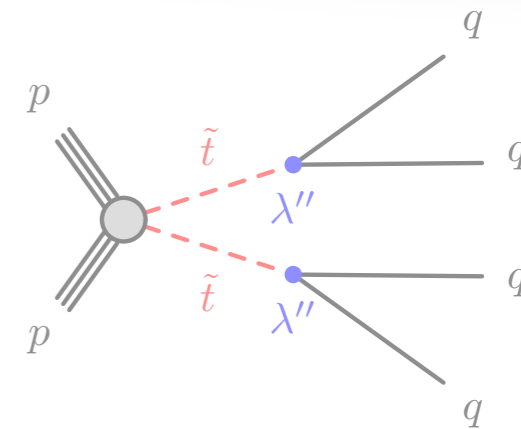
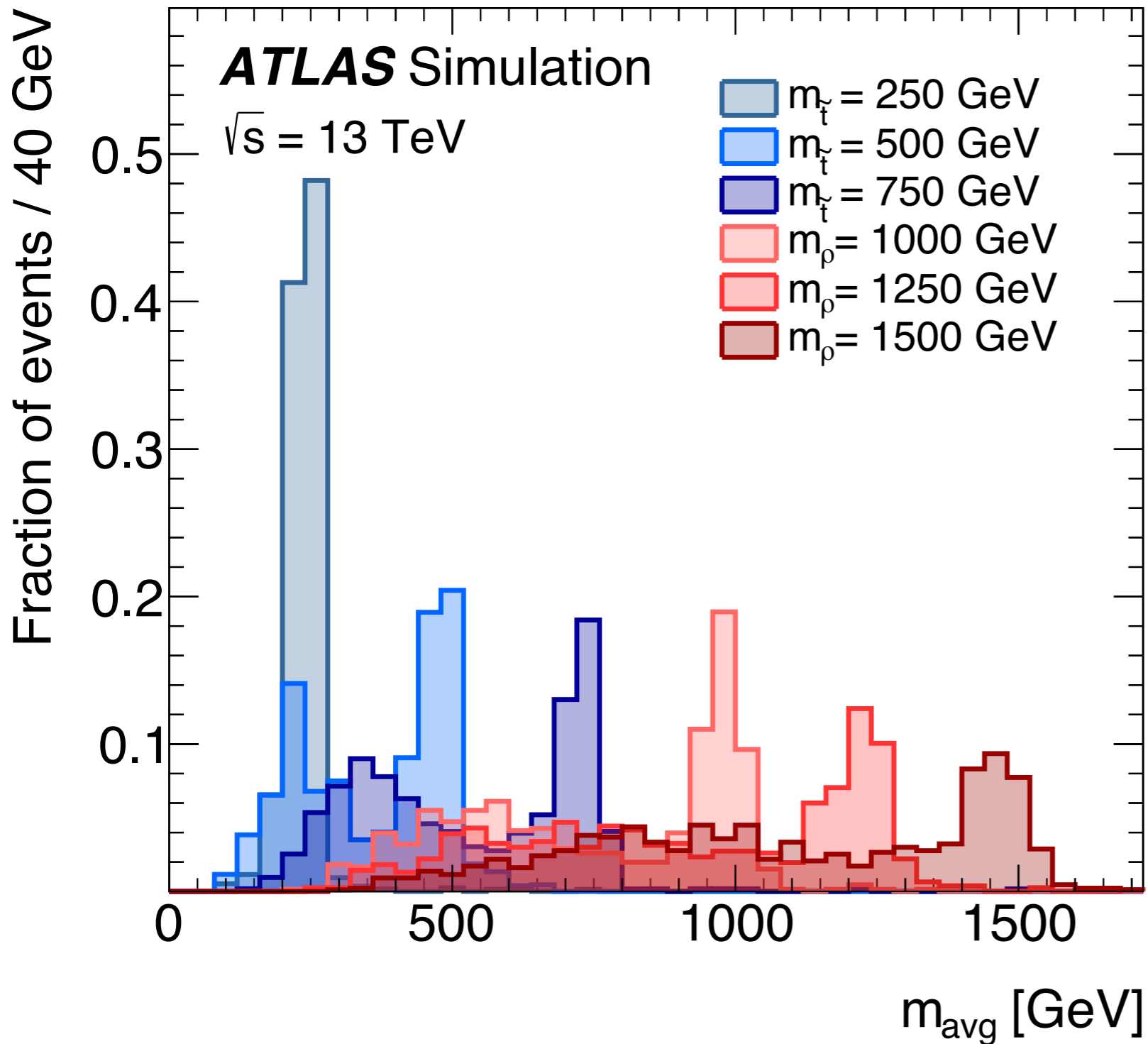
GET SIGNALS TO PEAK

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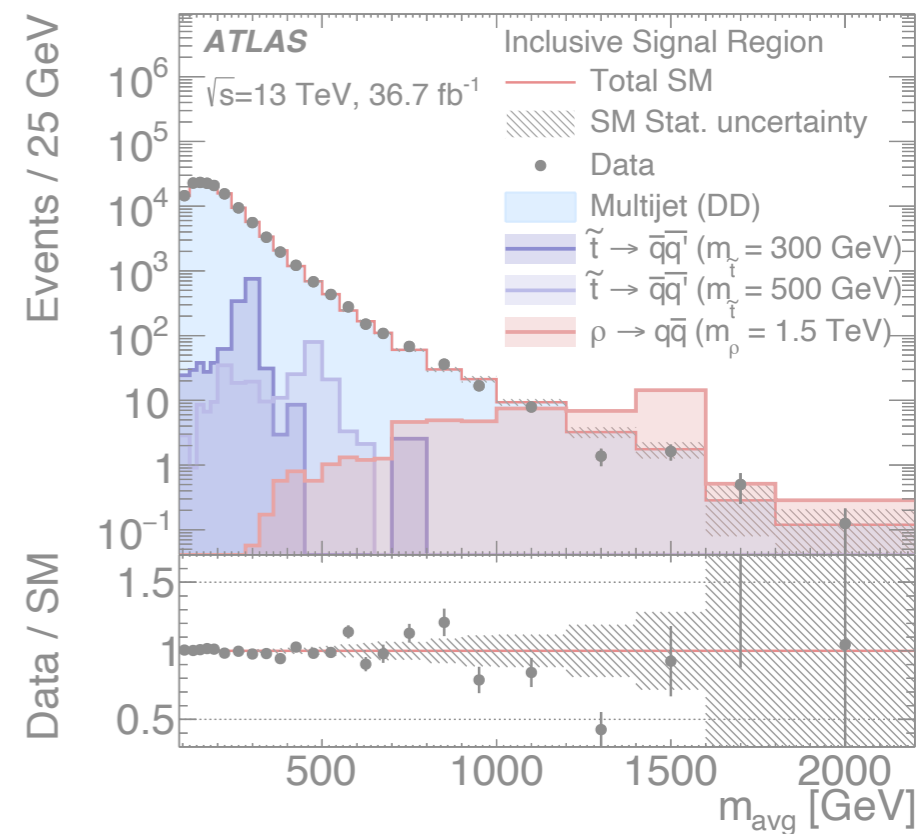
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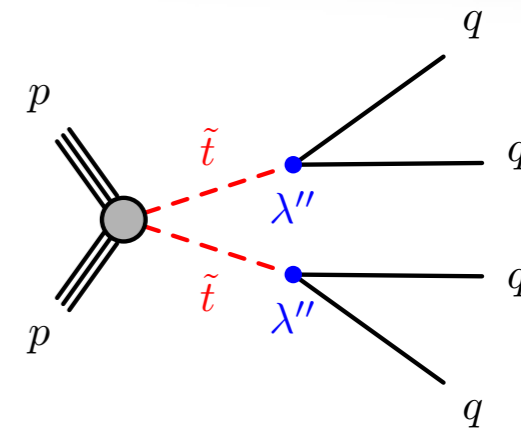
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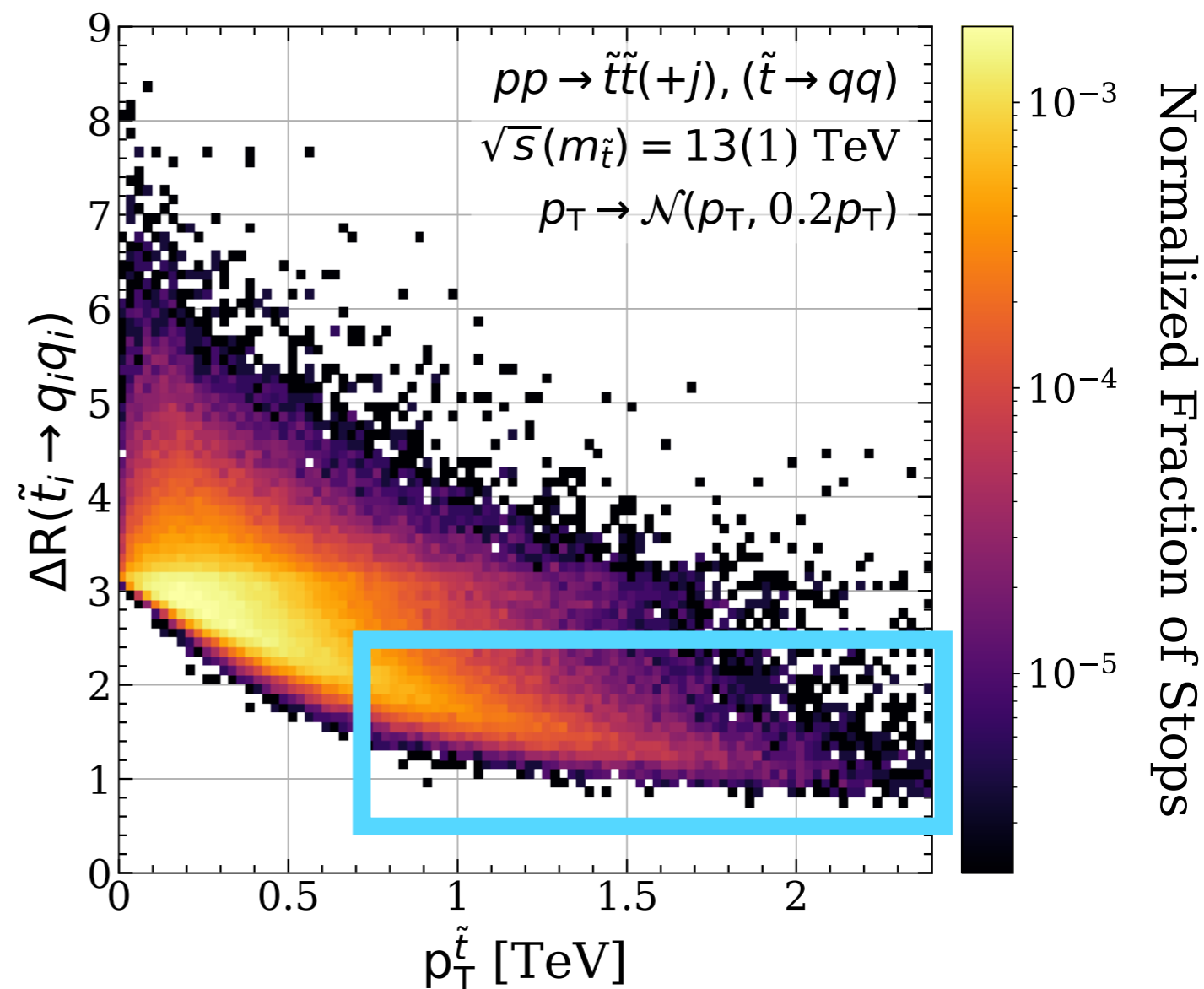
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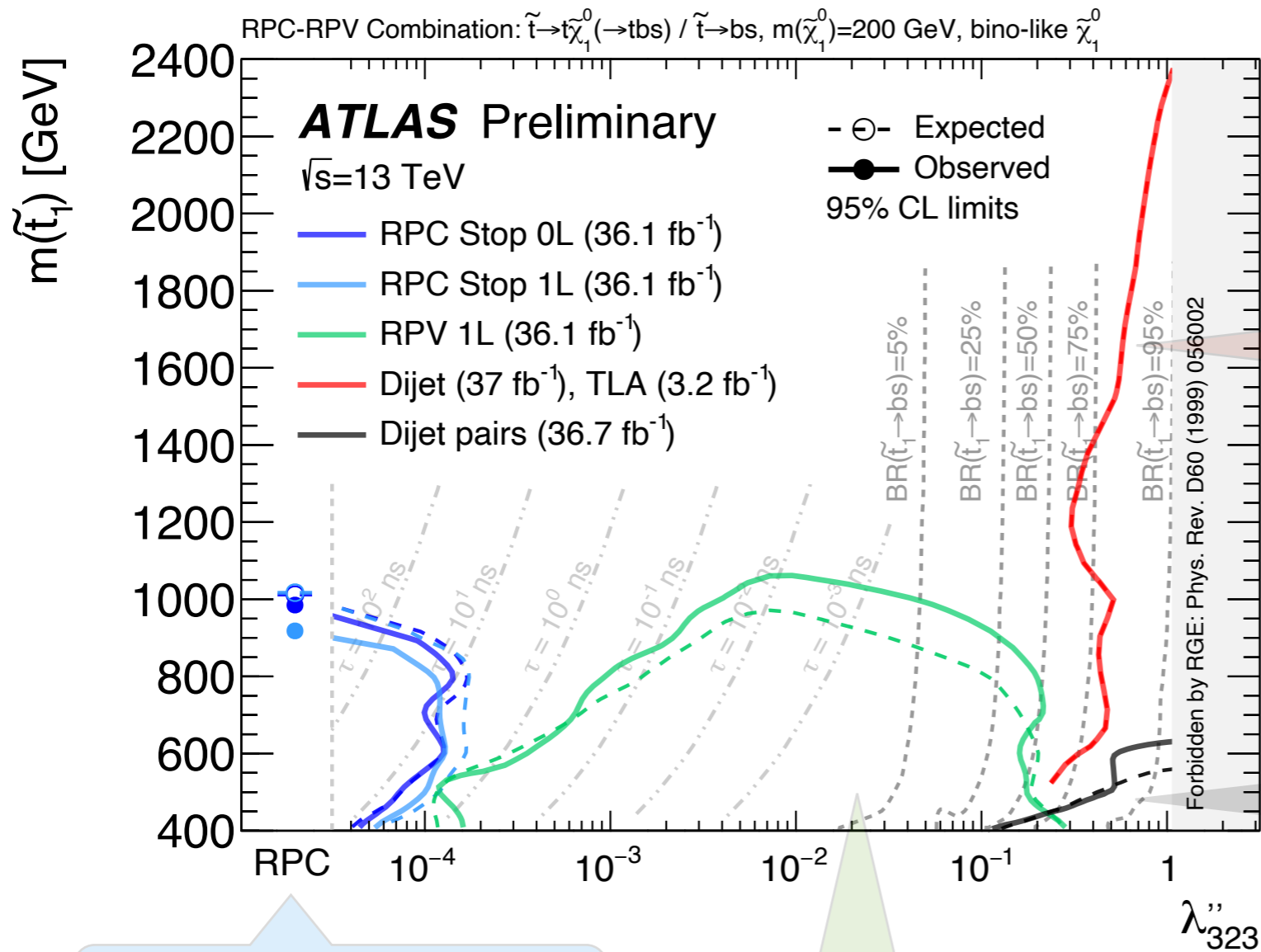
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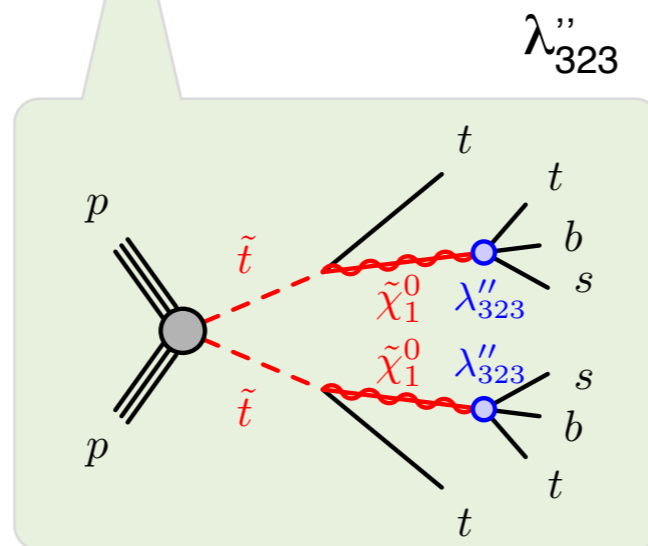
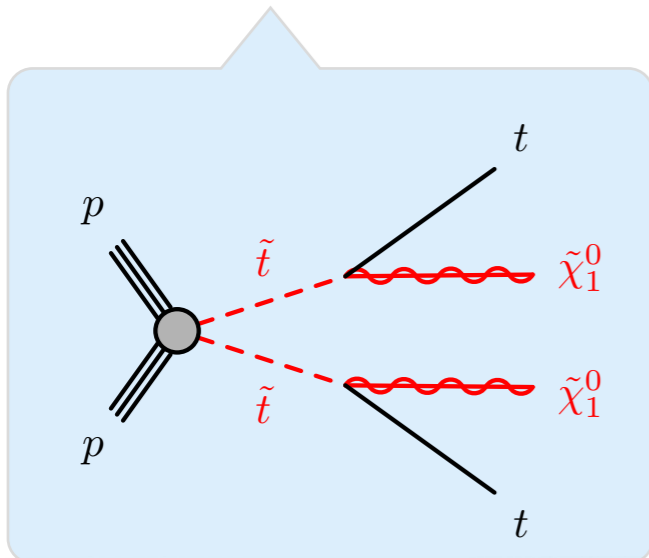
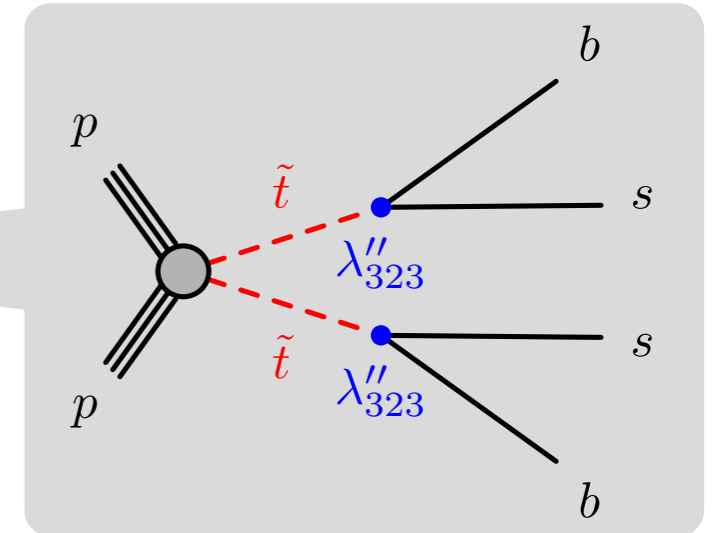
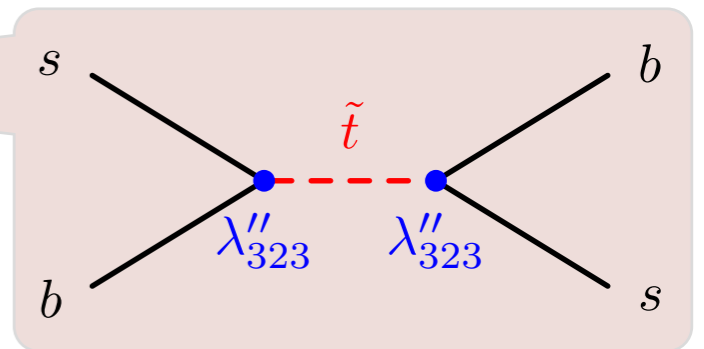
- But in order to get small ΔR^Σ values, stops need to be **highly boosted**
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- Can we scale this to **larger multiplicities?**



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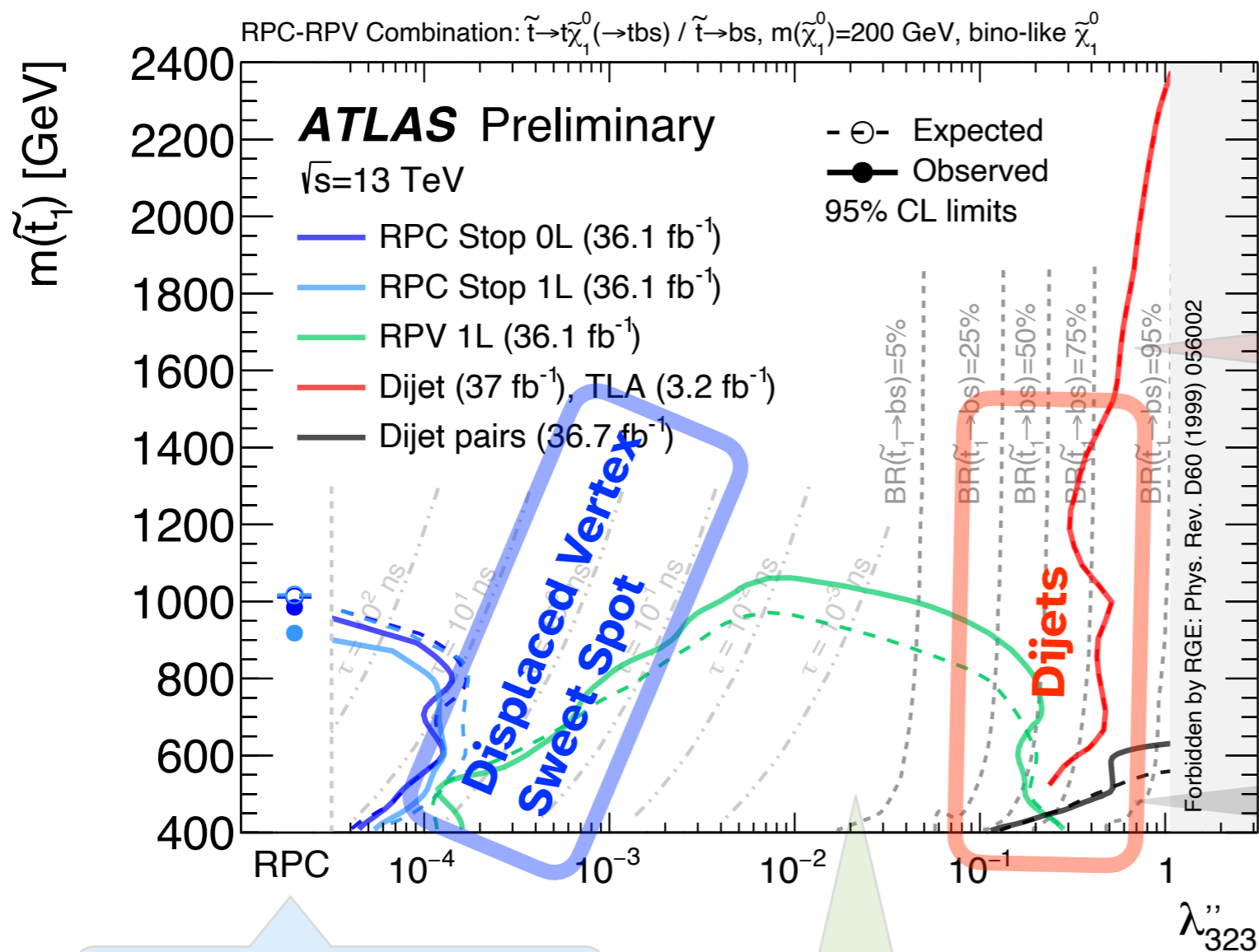


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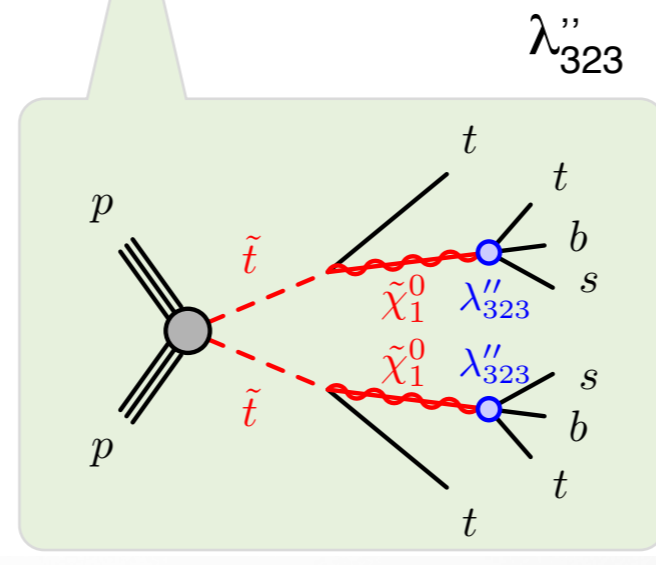
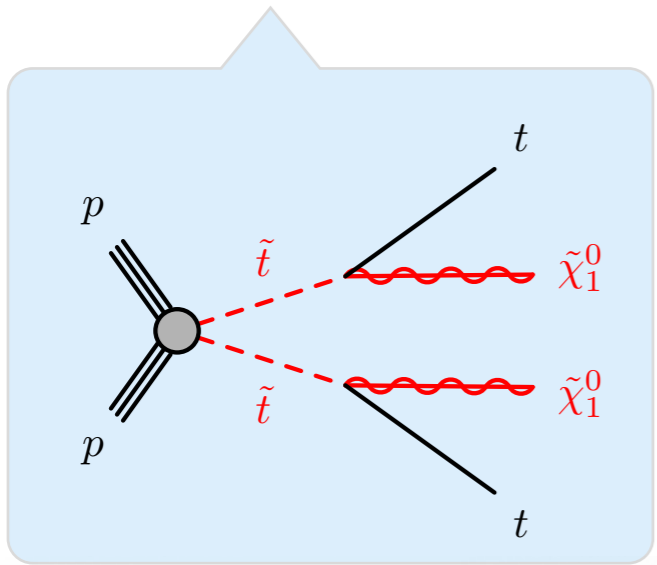
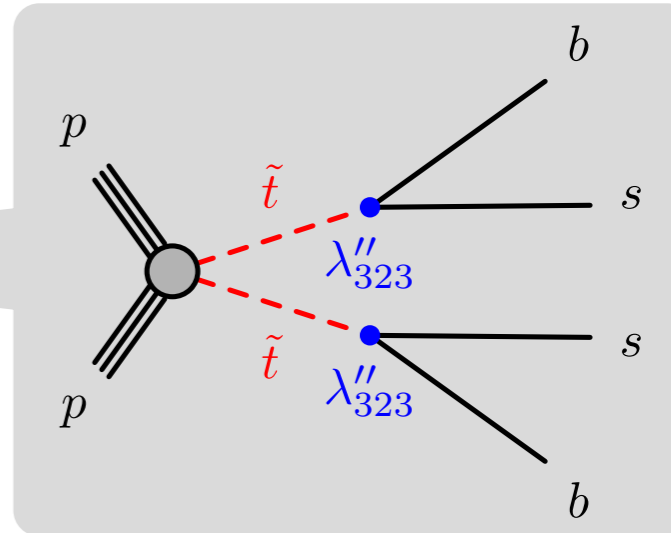
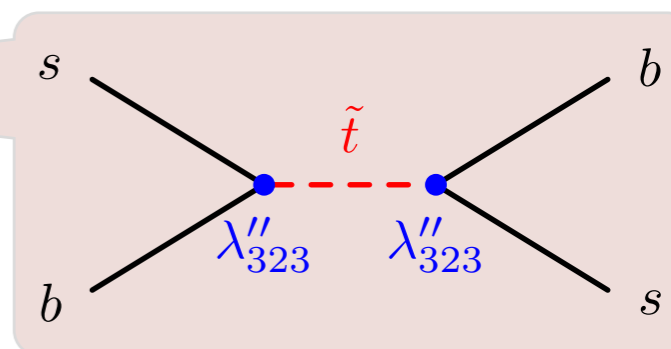


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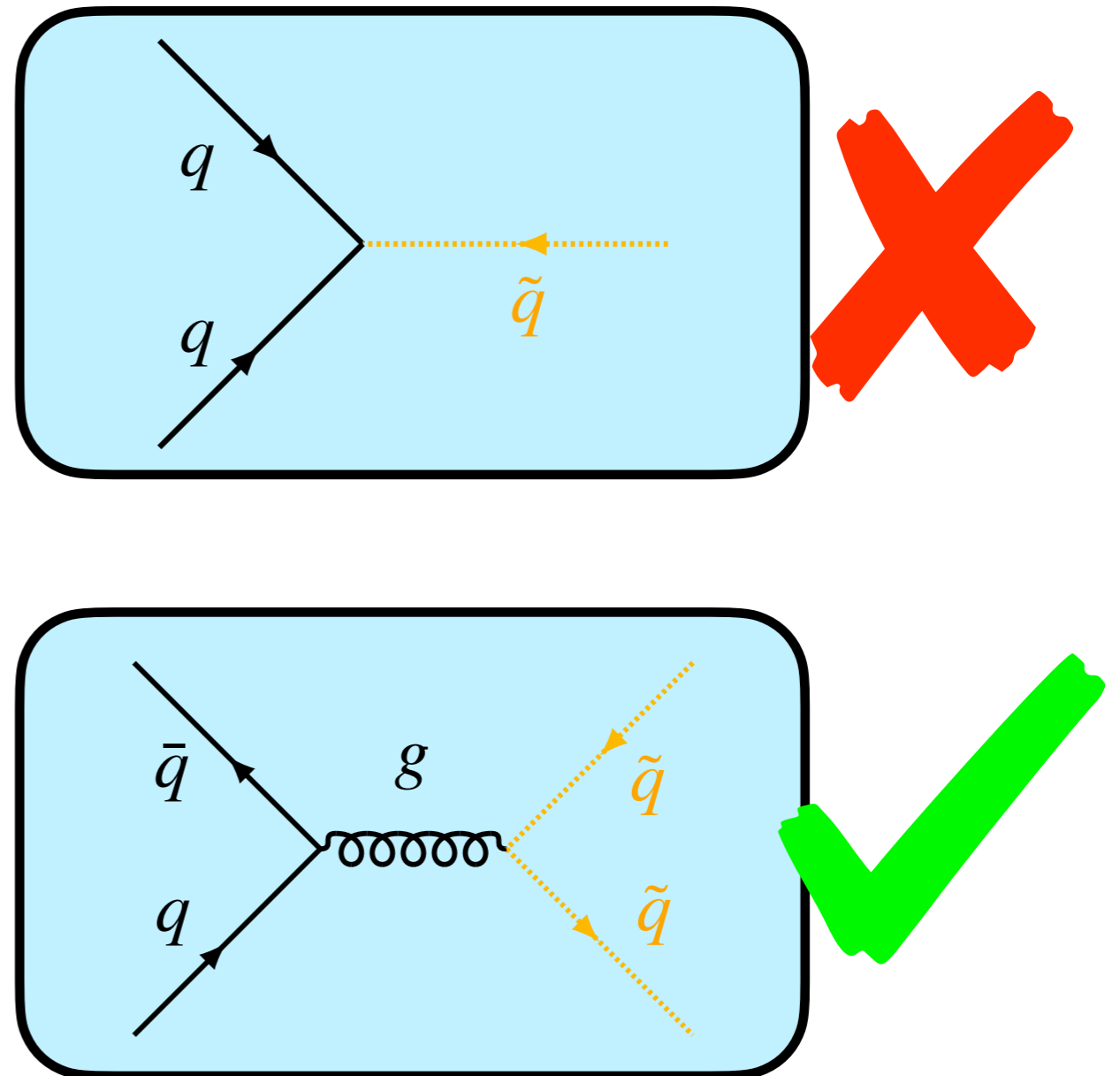
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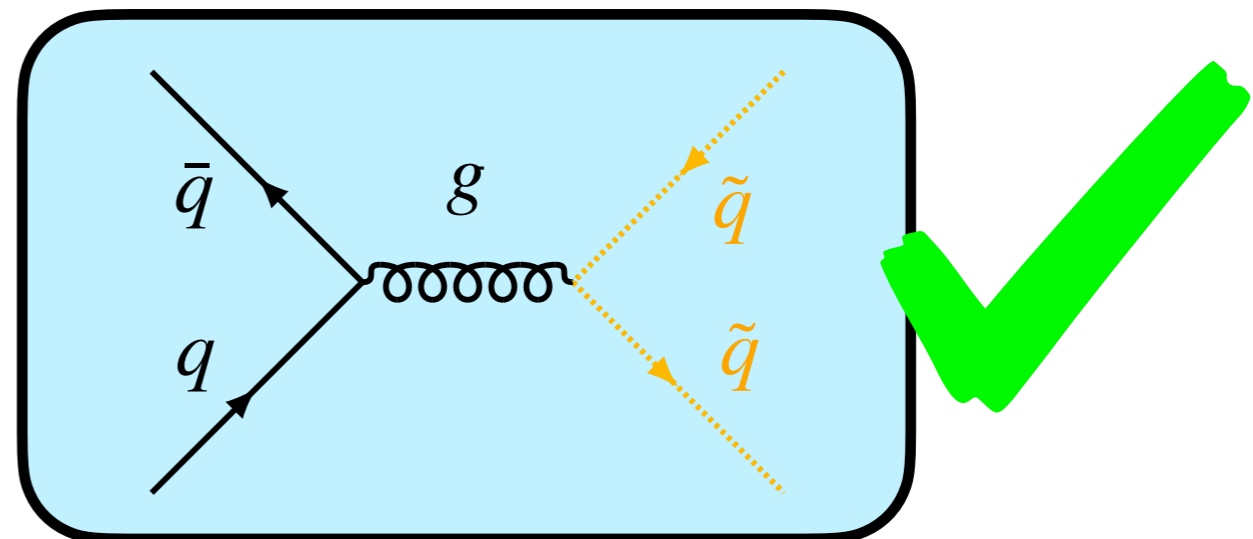
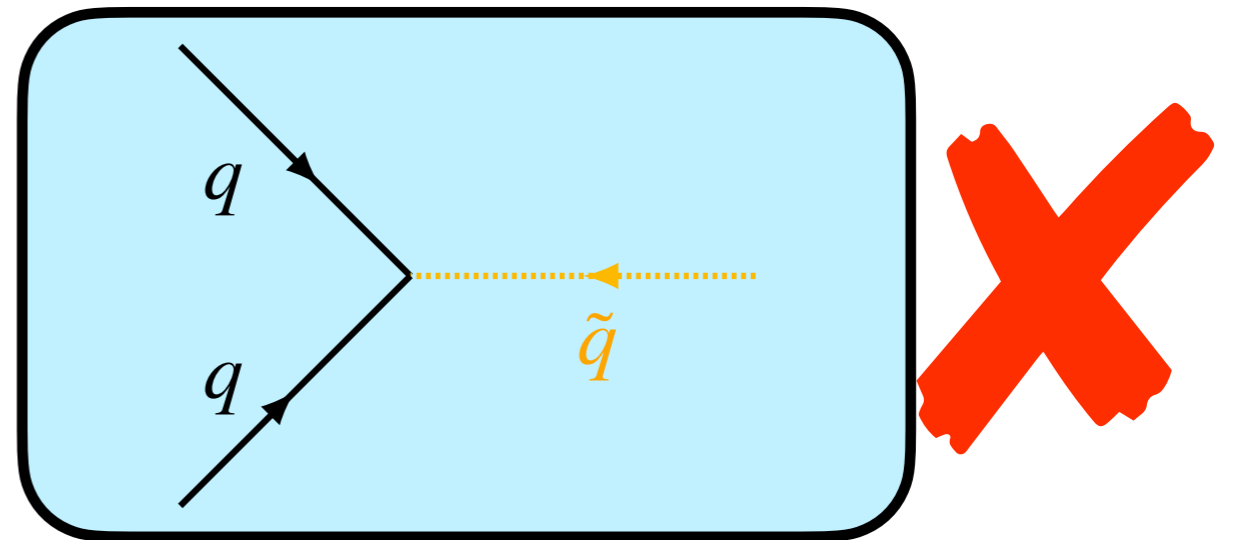
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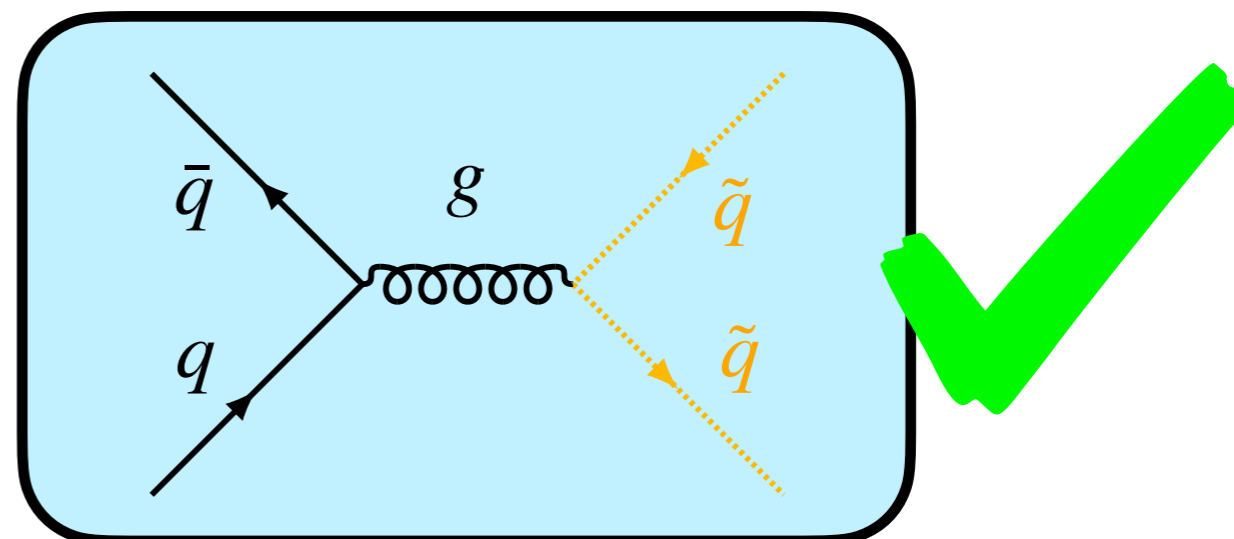
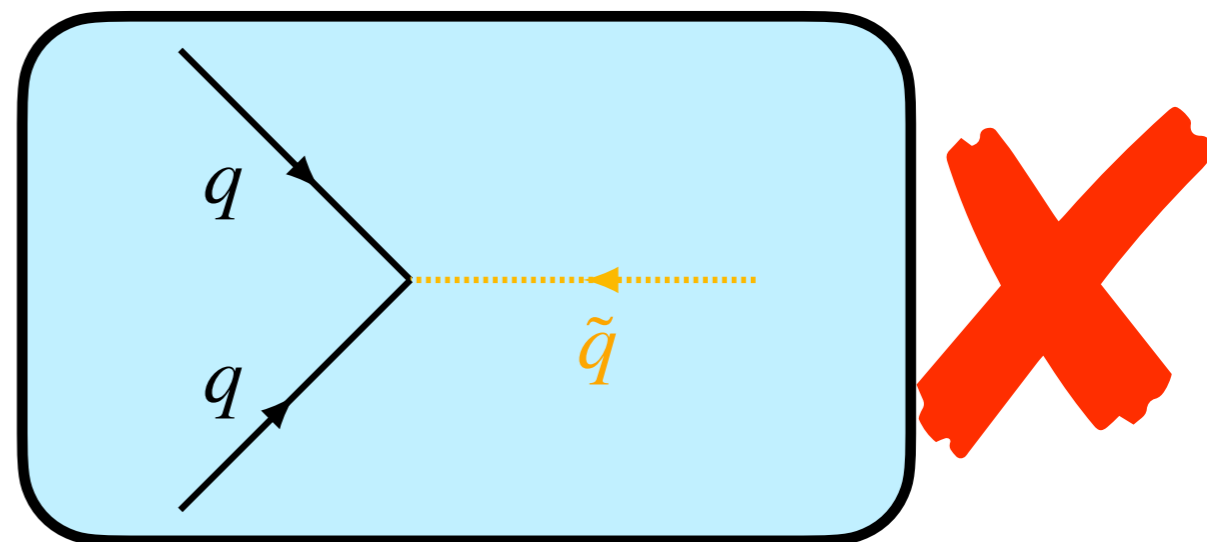
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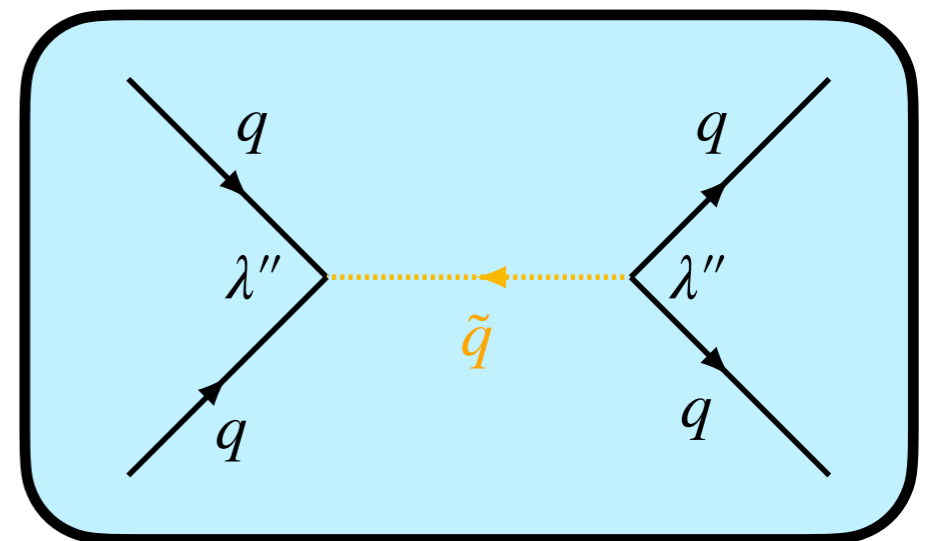
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- General RPV superpotential in MSSM
 - Signature-generating **machine**

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• At colliders:

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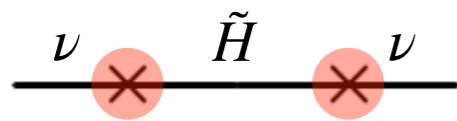
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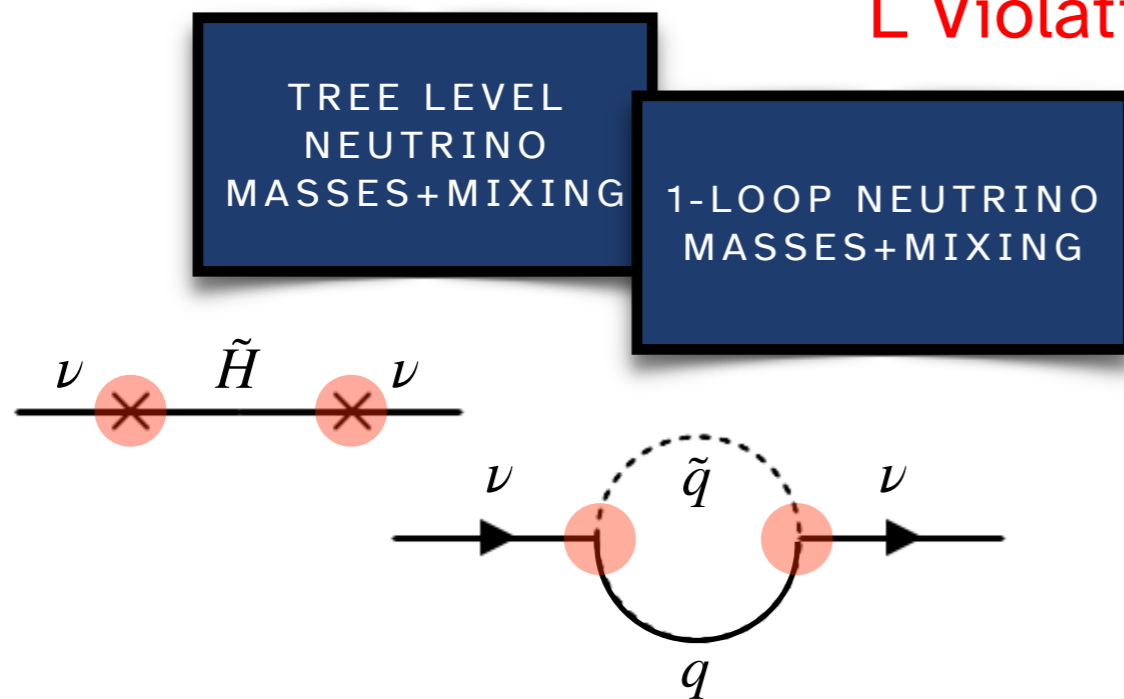


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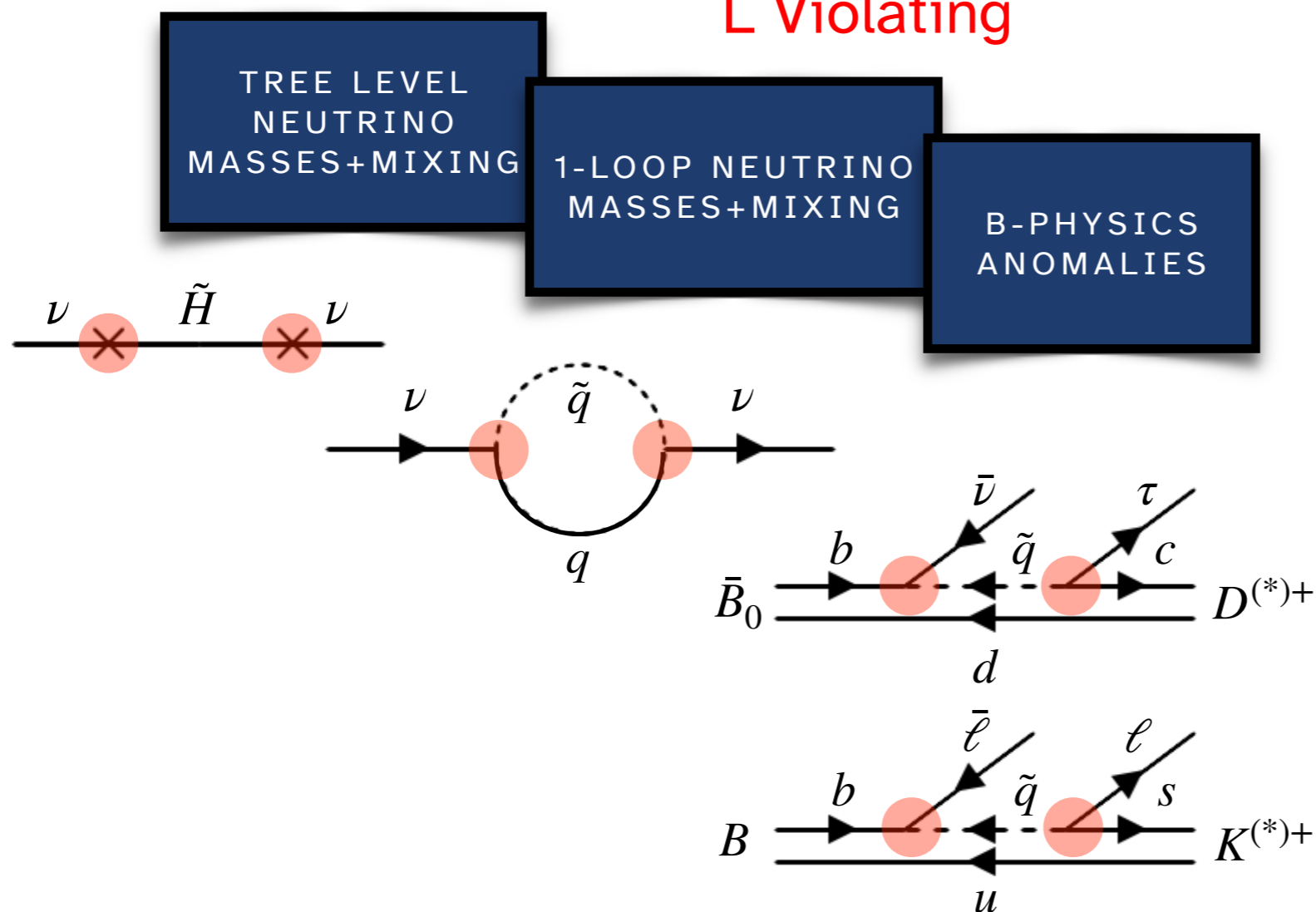


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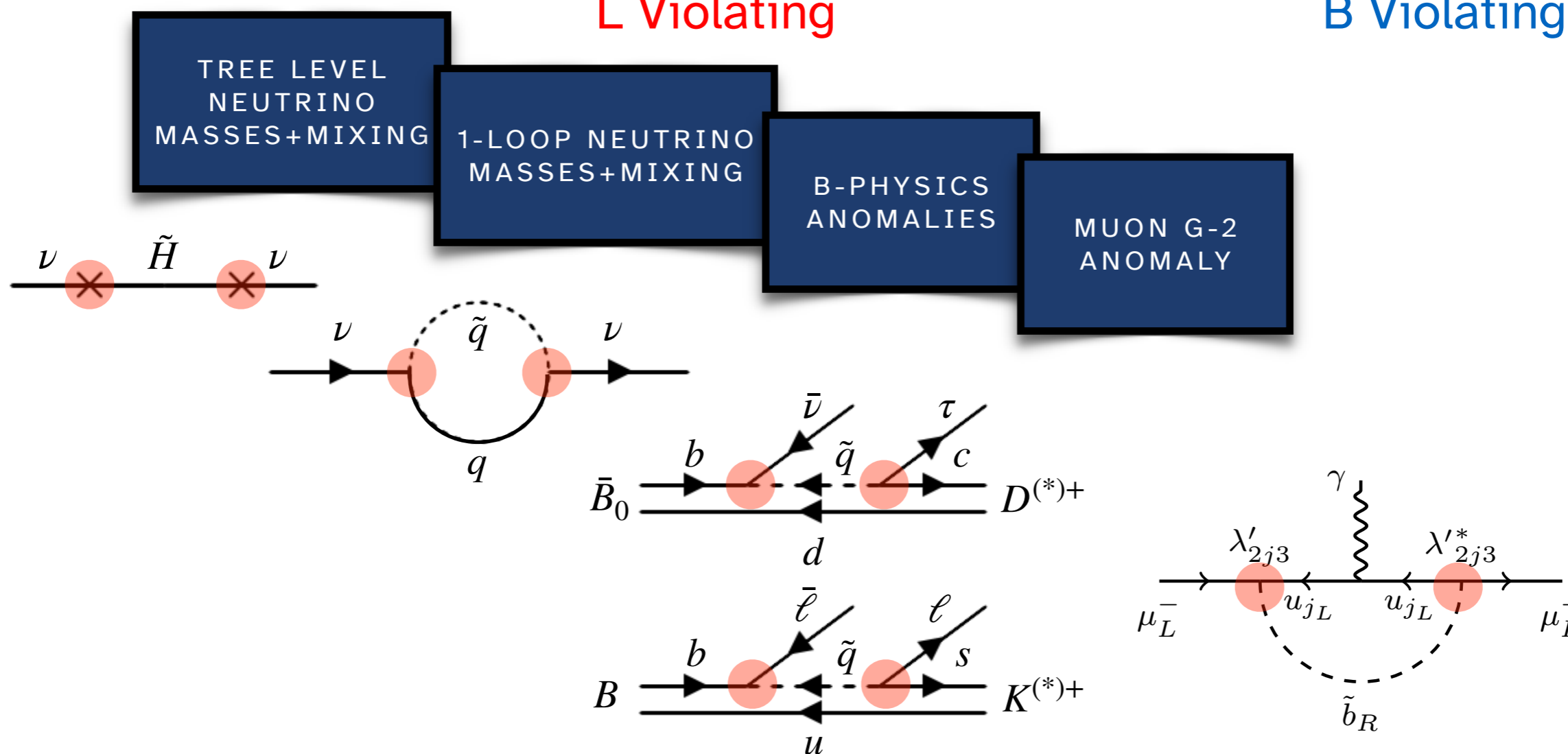


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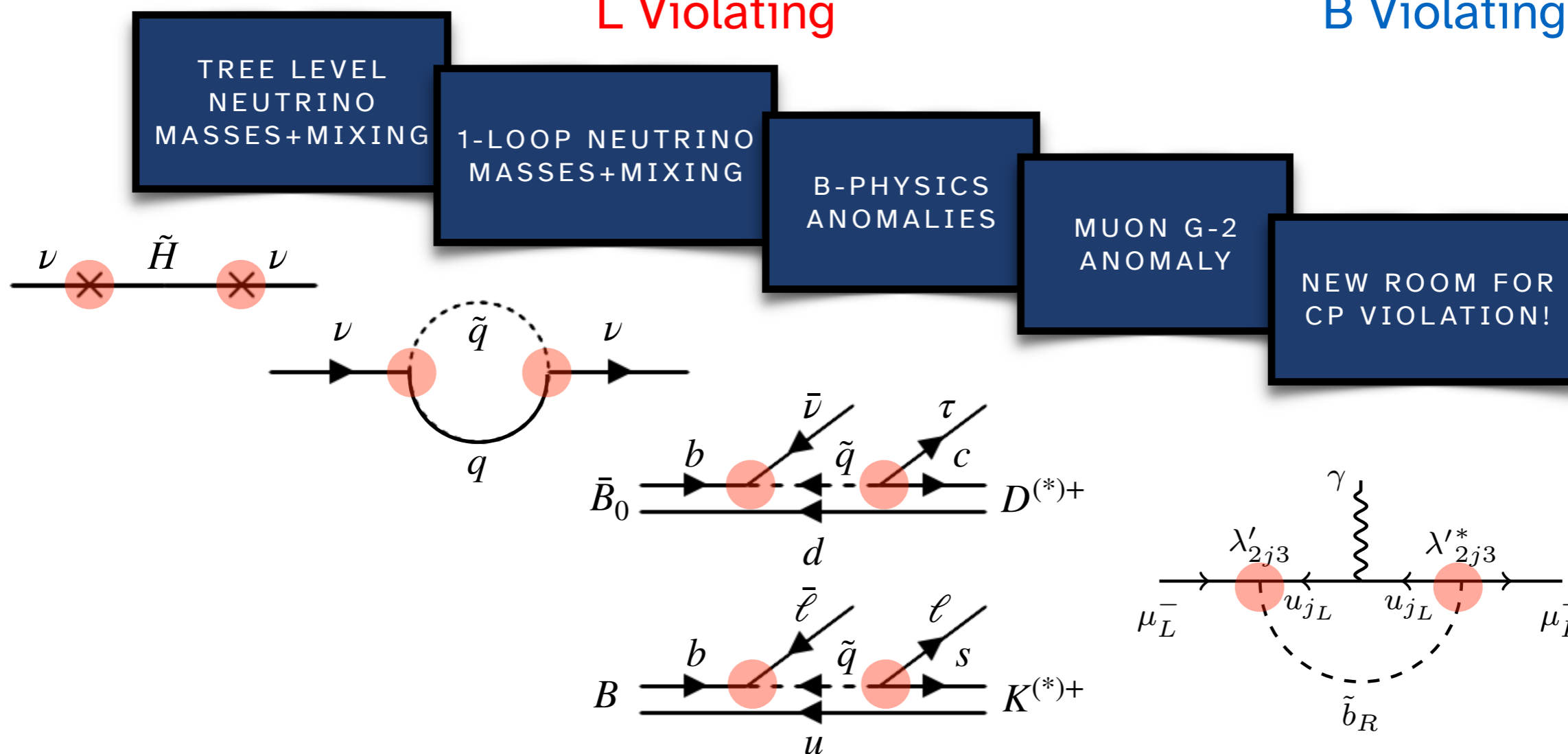


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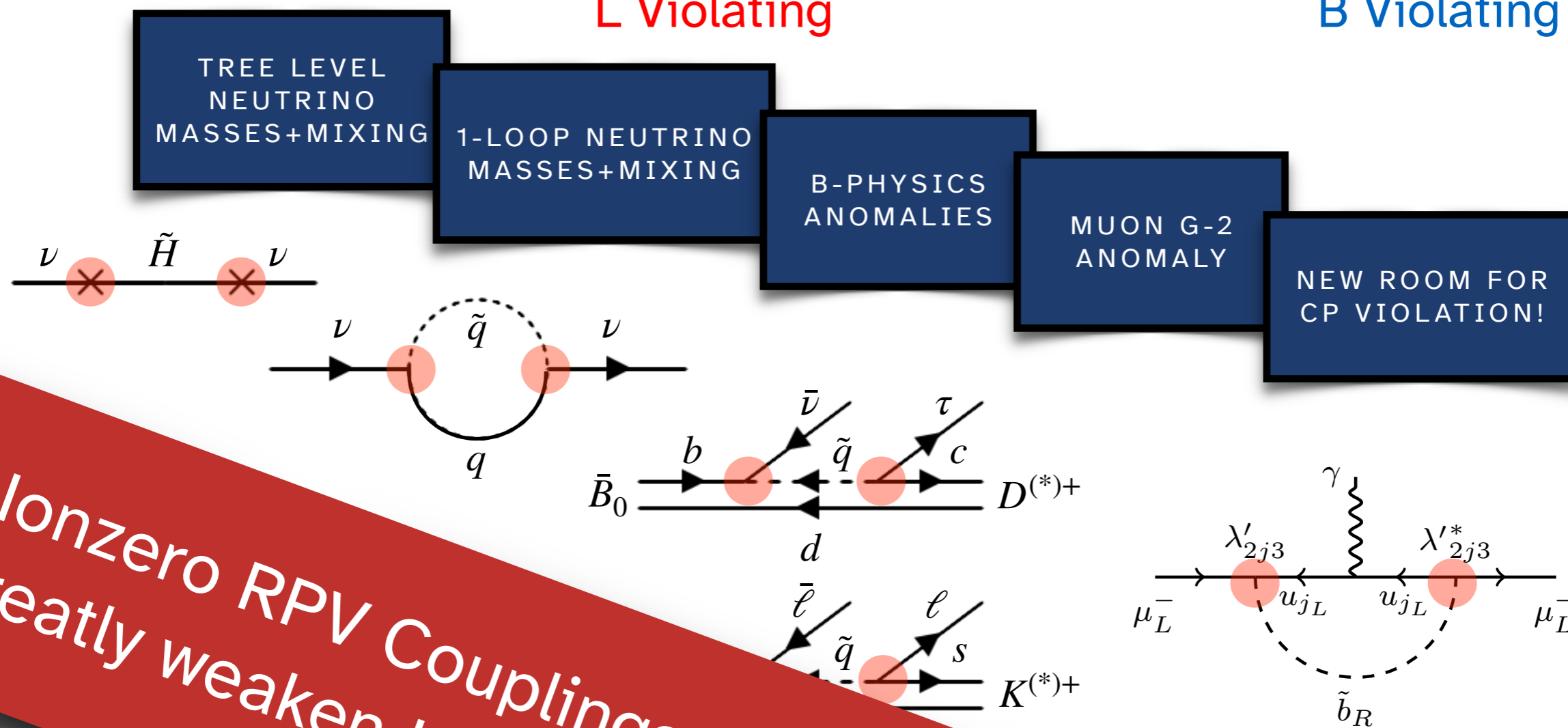


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∃ so much explanatory power+discovery potential!
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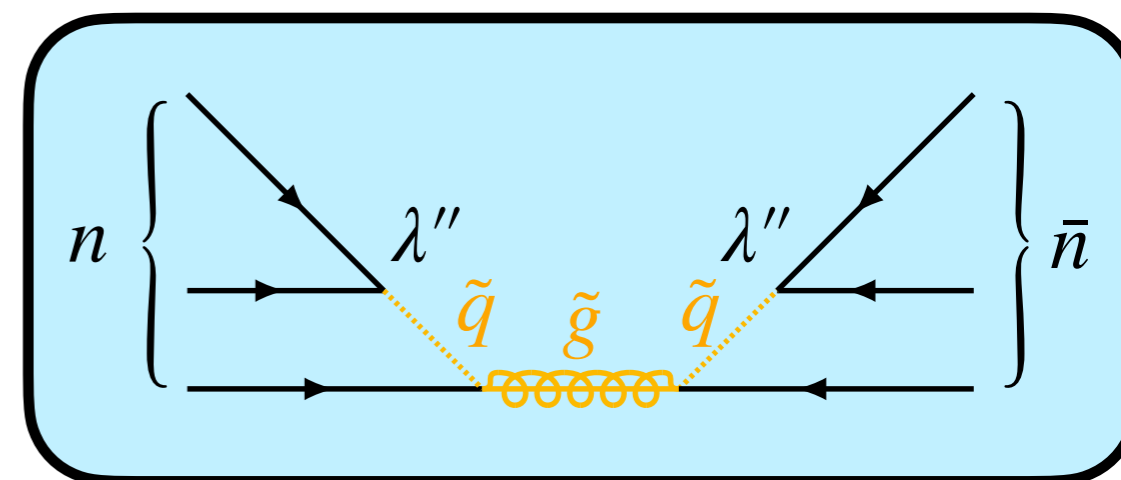
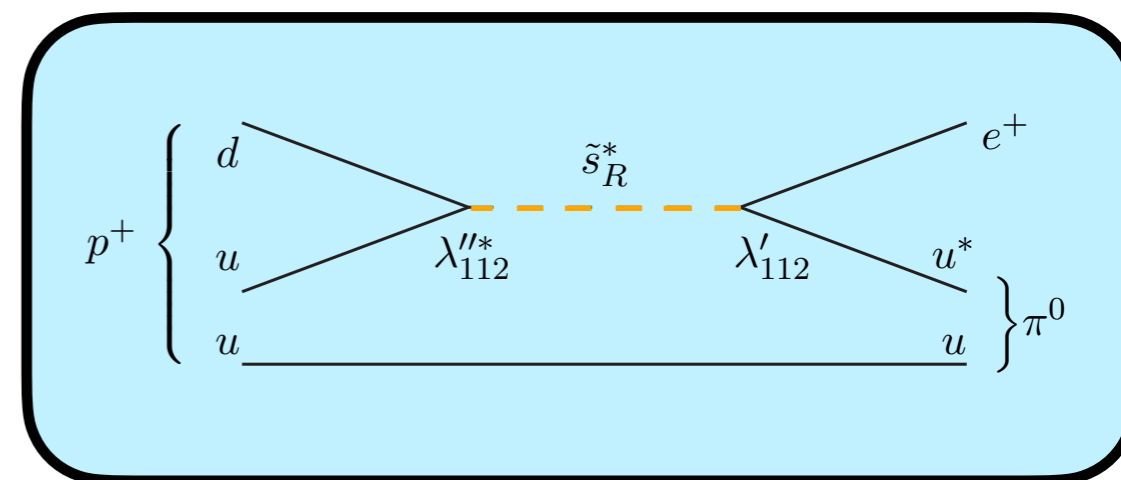
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- Low energy/Electroweak constraints
 - **Proton lifetime limits** set very strict bounds on simultaneous L- and B-violation here (for light flavor couplings)
 - **Z boson** line shape measurements set some limits on L-violation in RPV
 - Biggest constraints on (light flavor) λ'' come from **n-nbar oscillation** limits
 - **nEDM** $\ll 1$ also constrains certain λ''



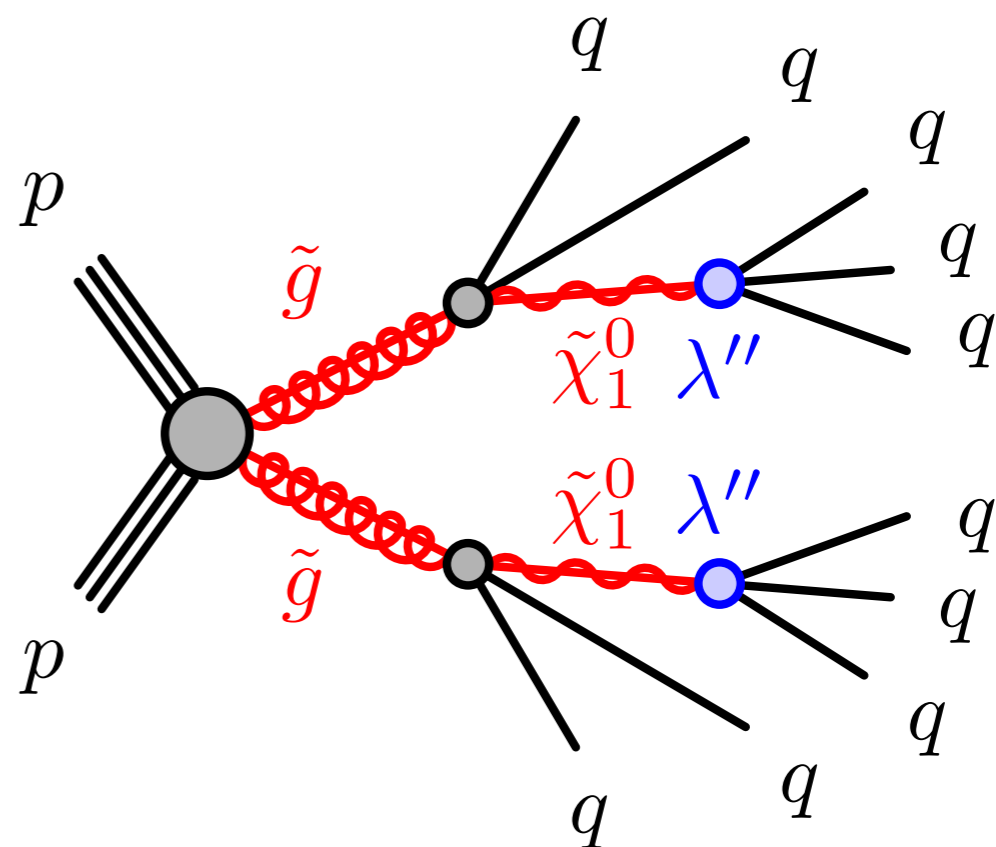
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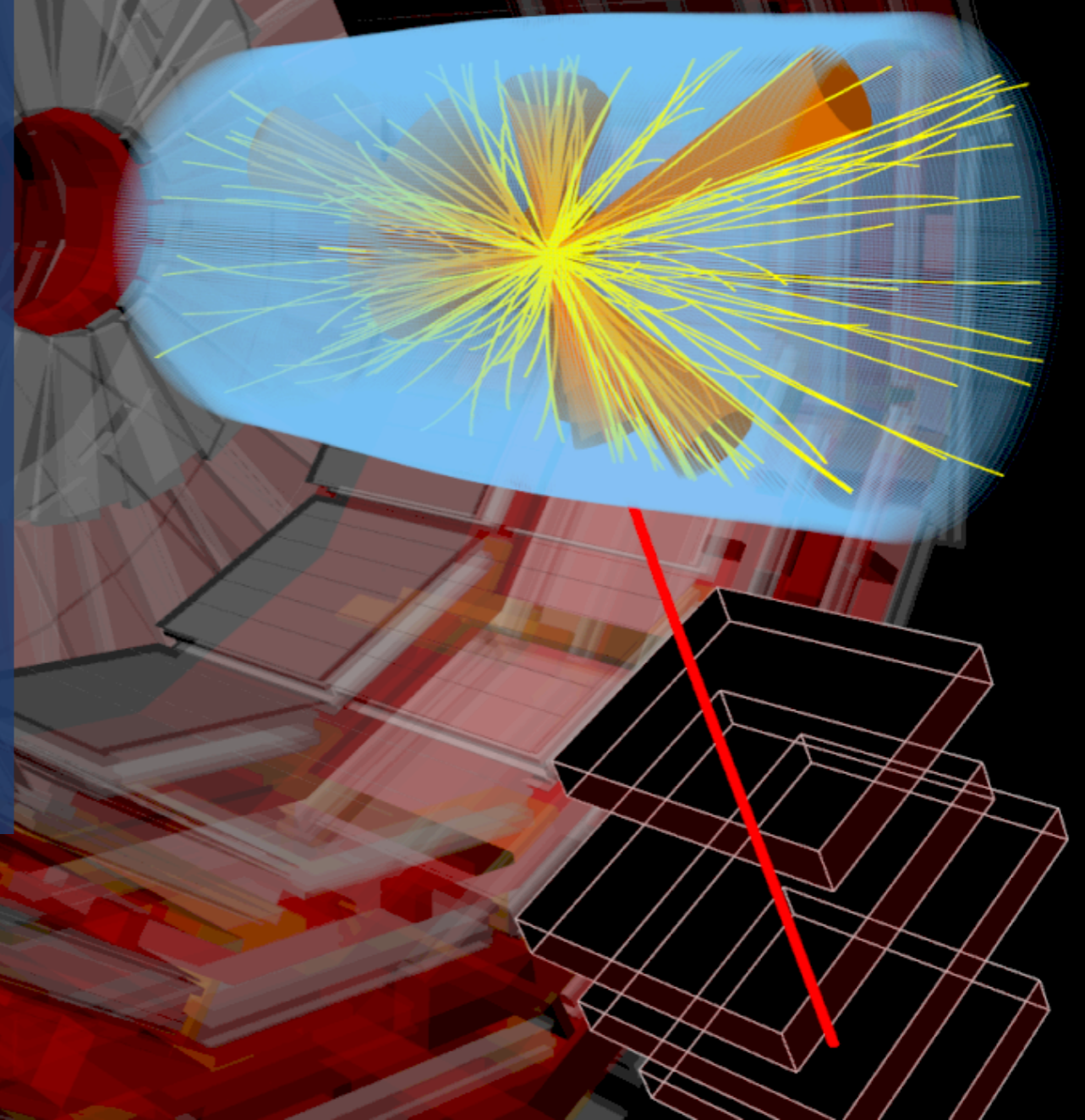


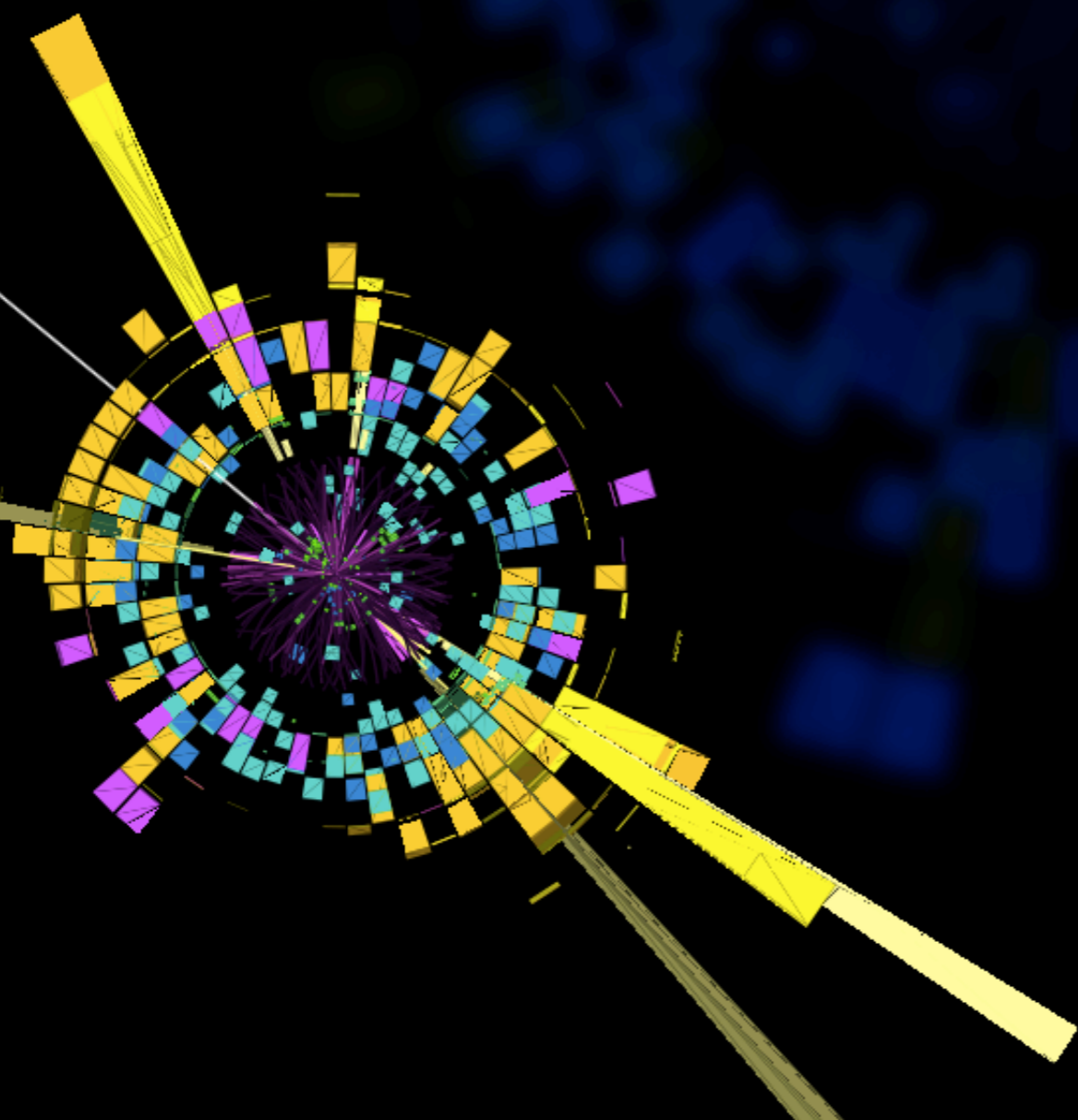
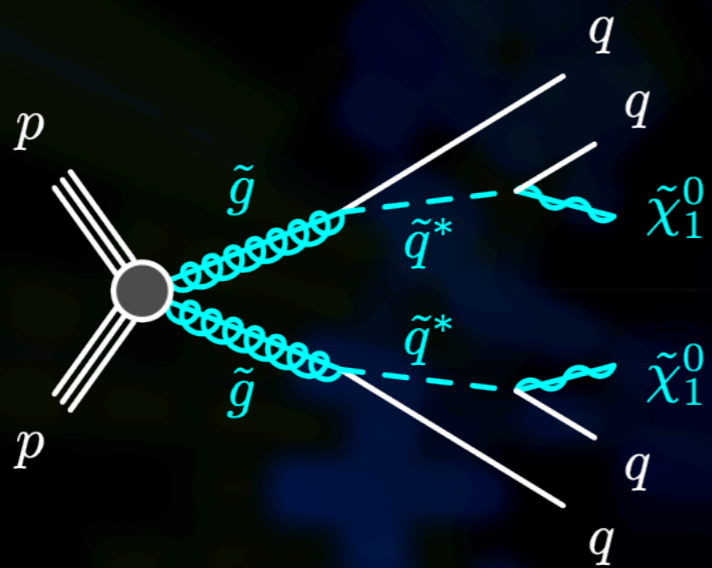
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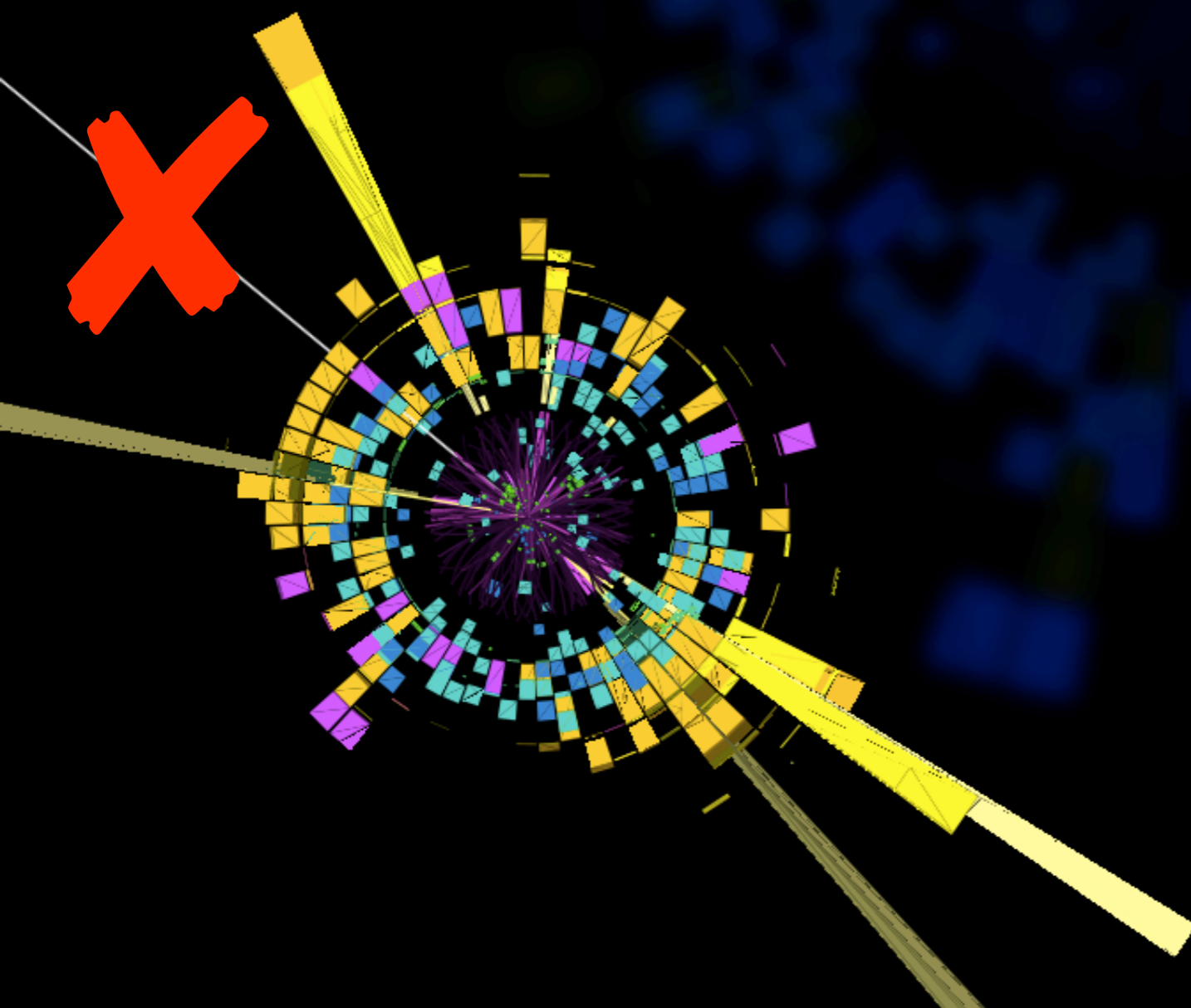
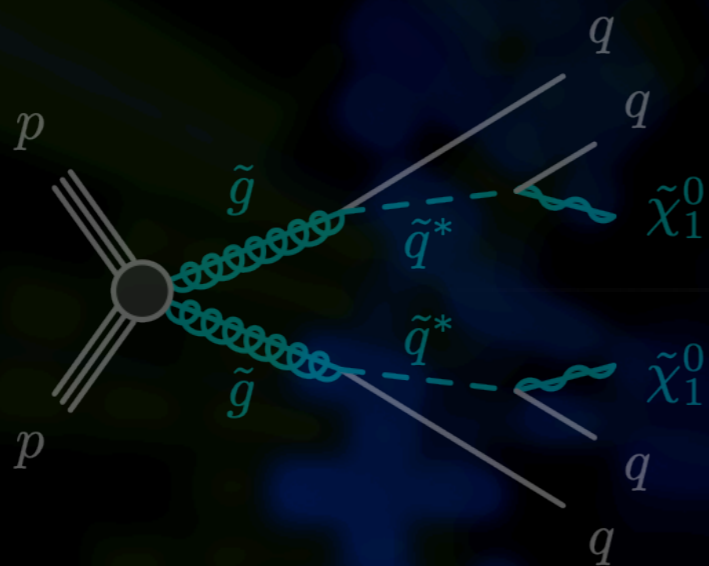
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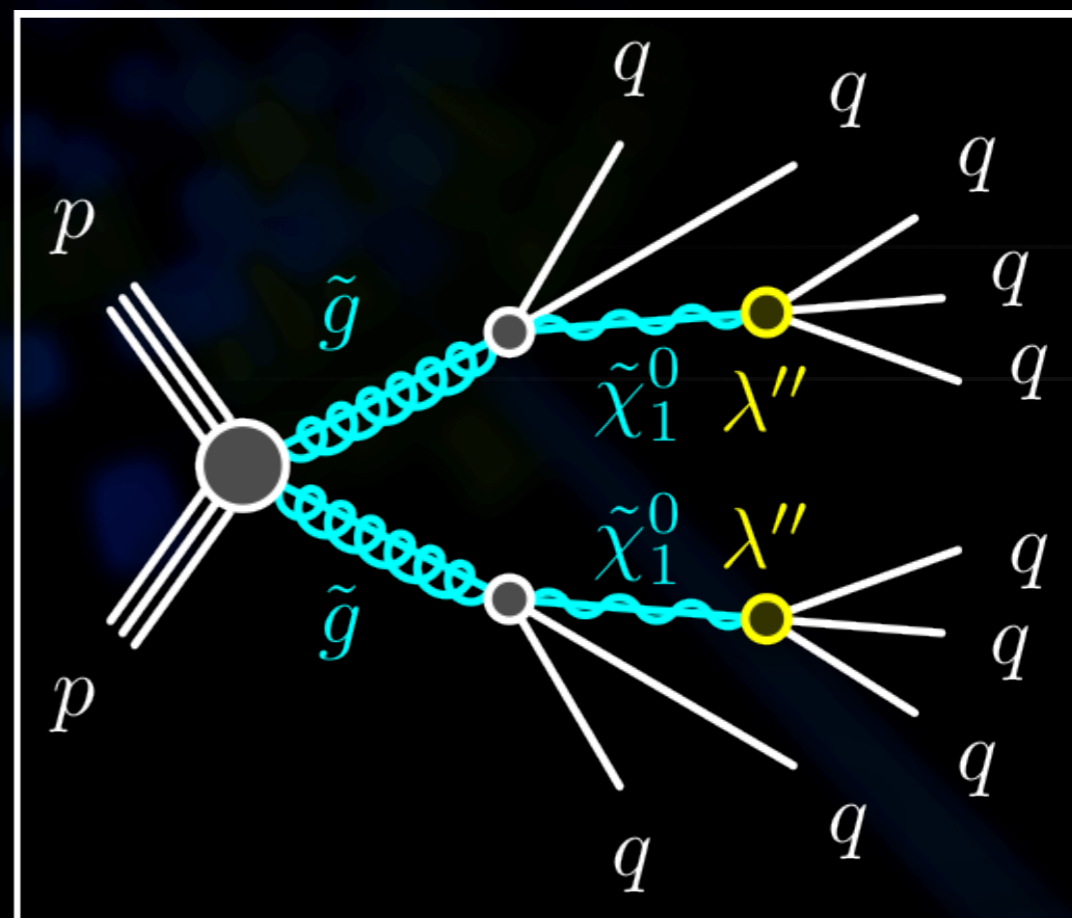
Hand those 4-vectors to a NN
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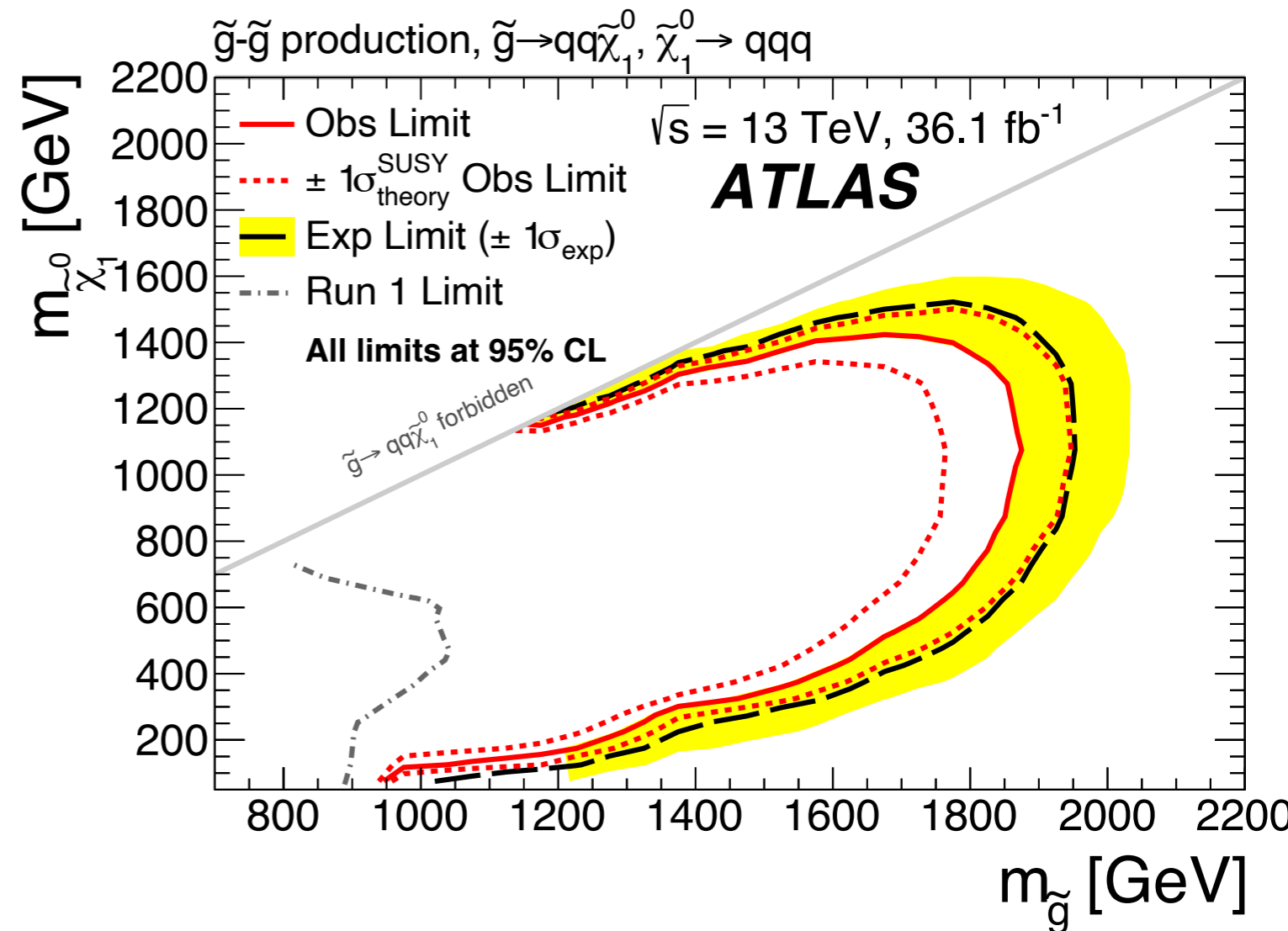
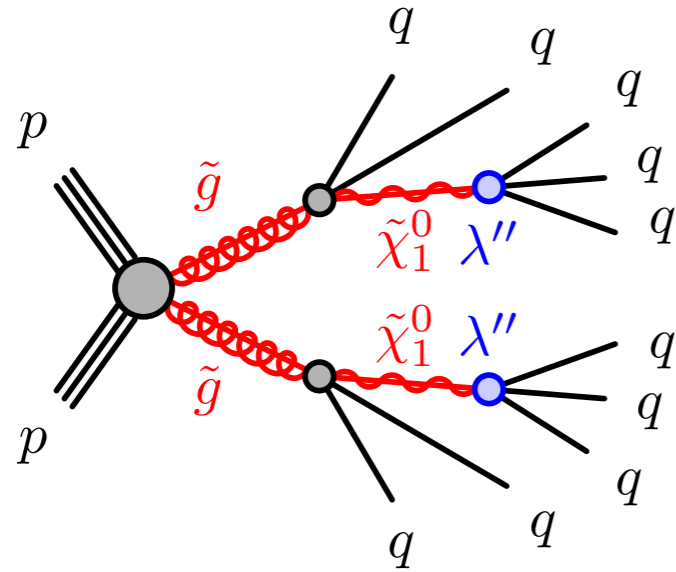




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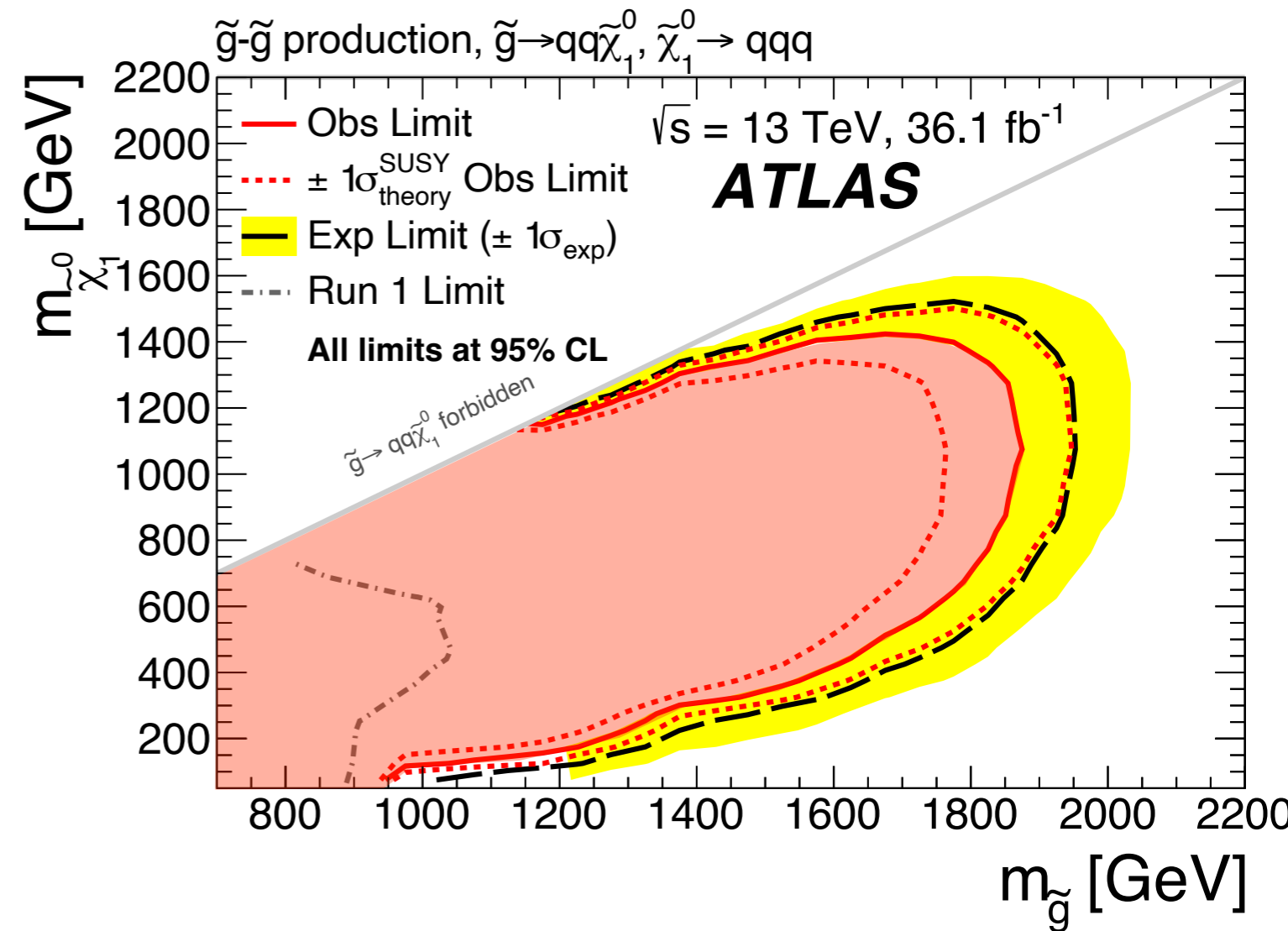
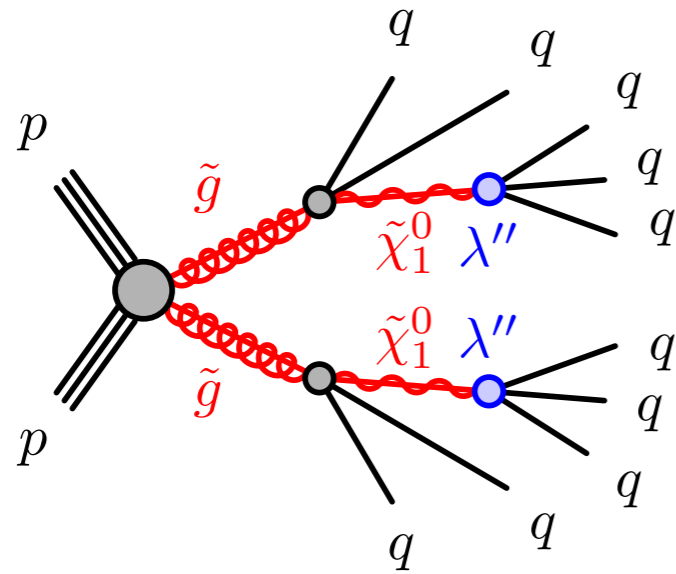


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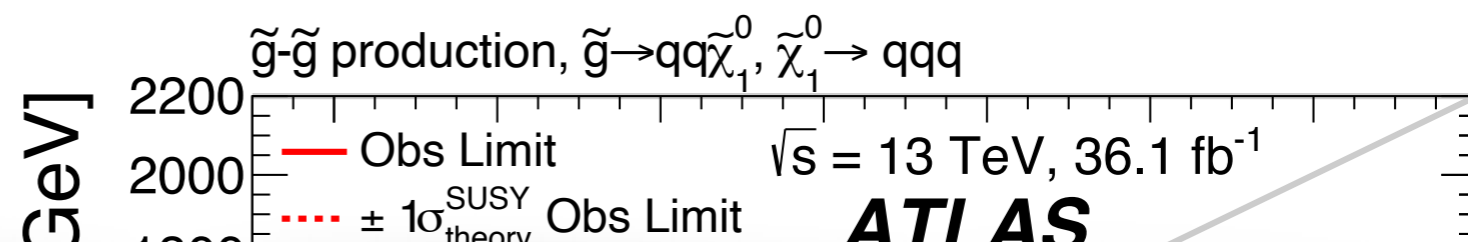
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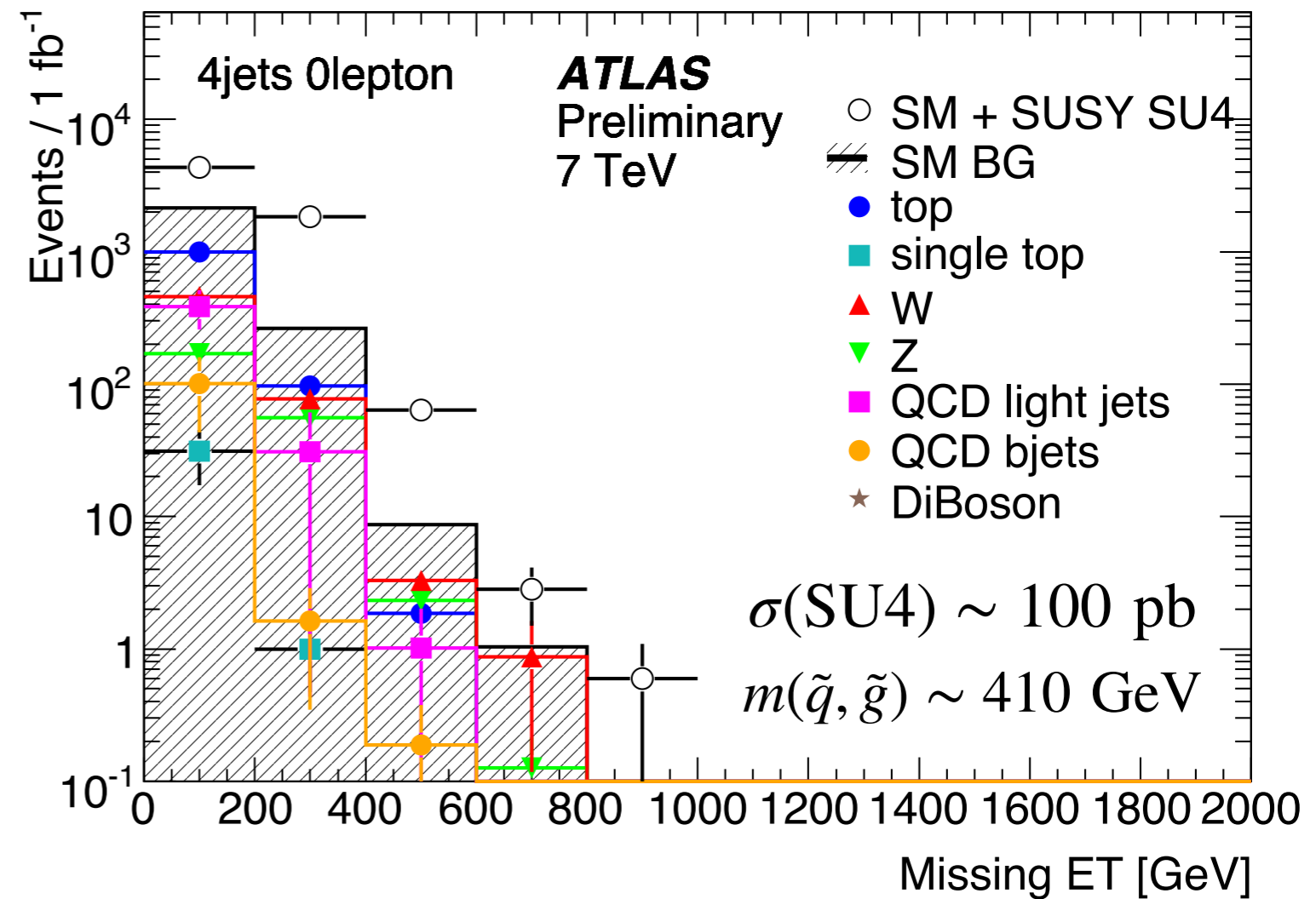
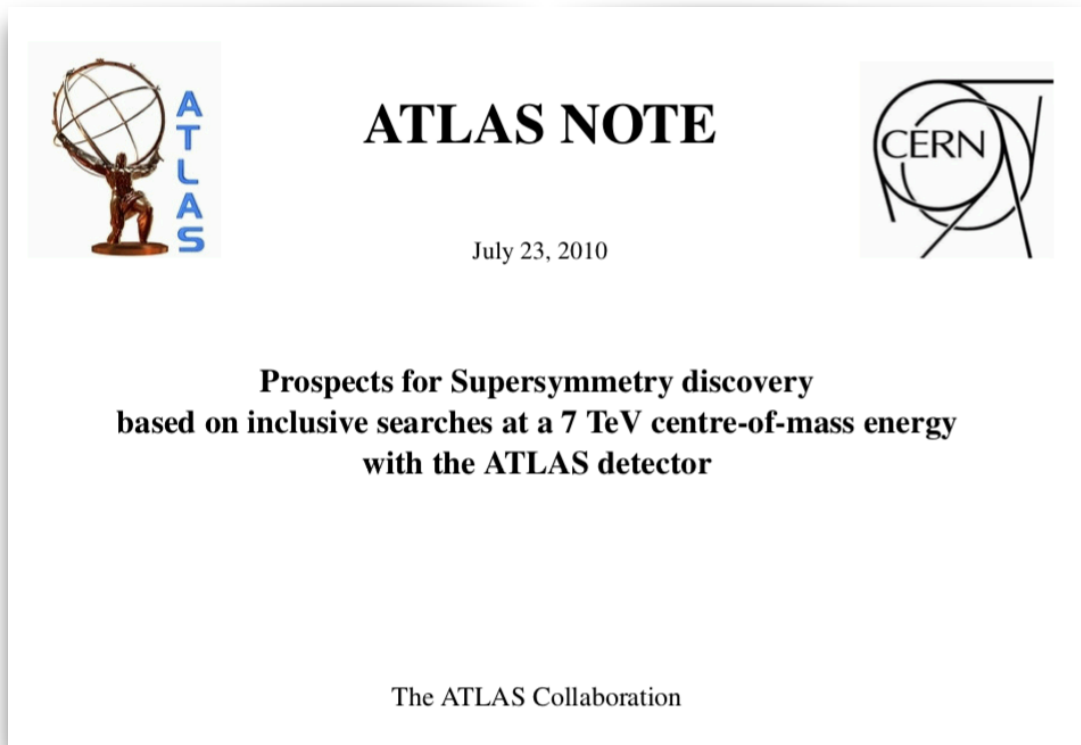
THE LHC DREAM

(JUST HAS THIS RPV TERM ON!)

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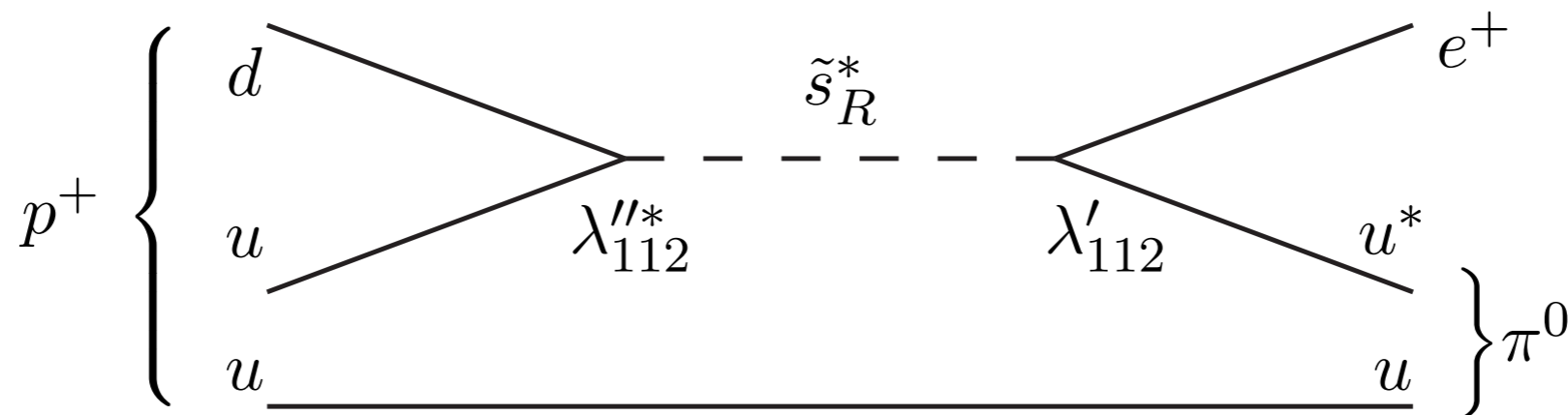


Proton decay

$$W_{RPV} = \mu_i H_u L_i + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{ijk} L_i L_j E_k + \lambda'_{ijk} L_i Q_j D_k + \frac{1}{2} \lambda''_{ijk} U_i D_j D_k$$

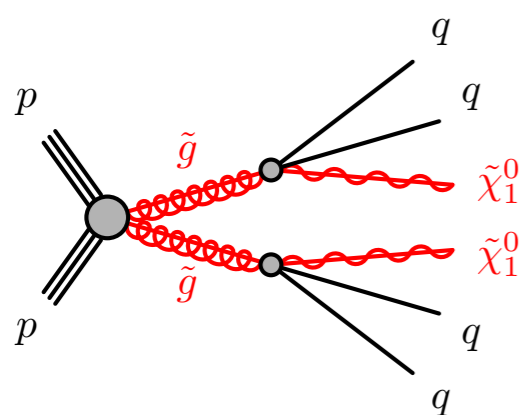
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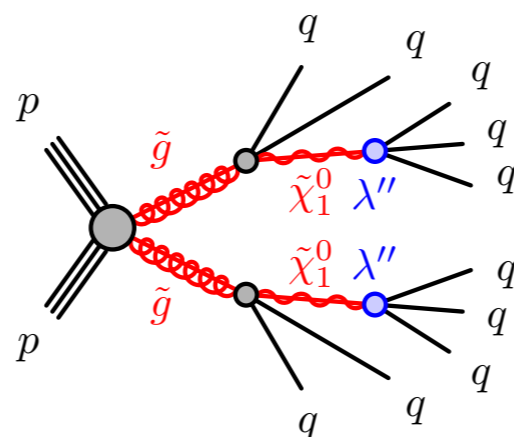


$$\Gamma_{p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0} \sim m_{\text{proton}}^5 \sum_{i=2,3} |\lambda'^{11i} \lambda''^{11i}|^2 / m_{\tilde{d}_i}^4$$

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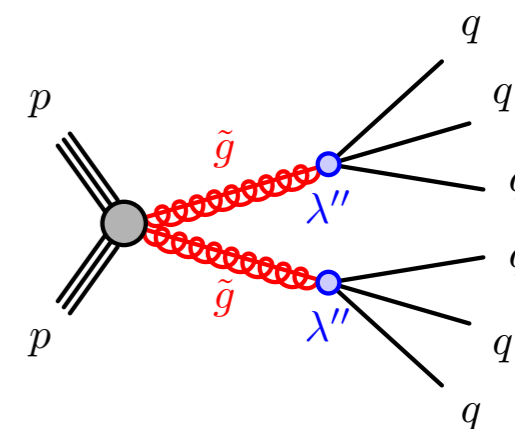


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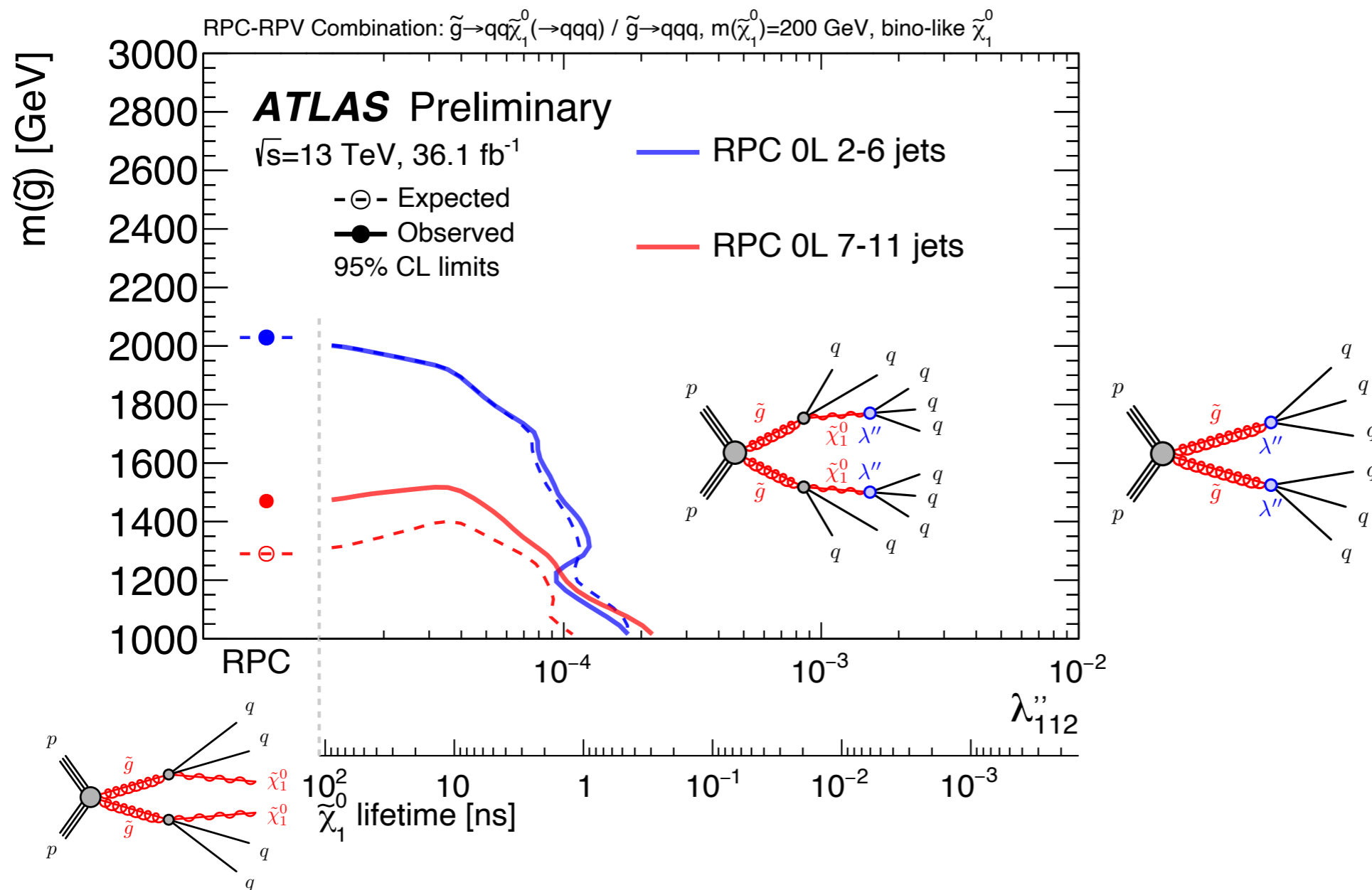
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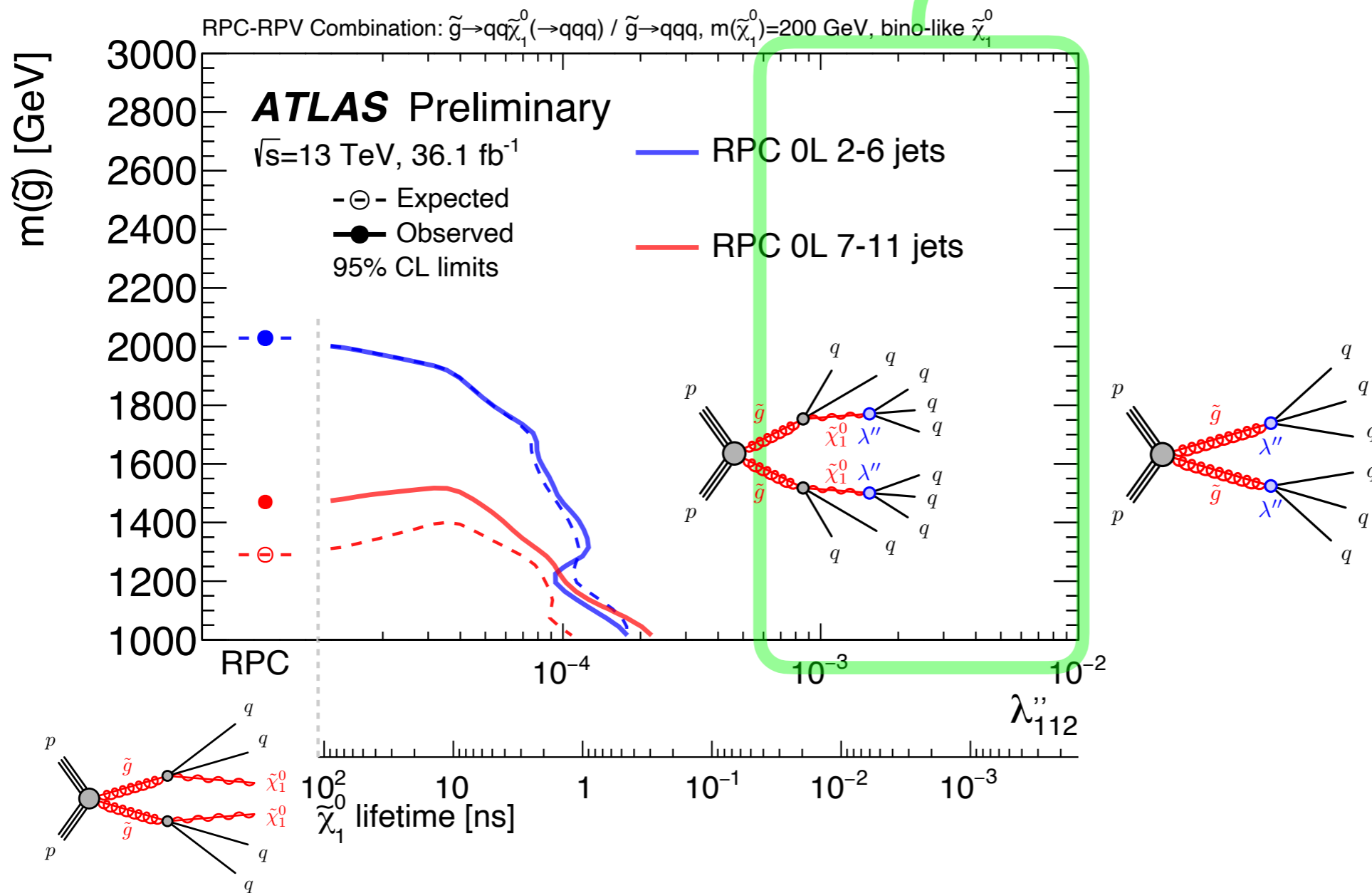
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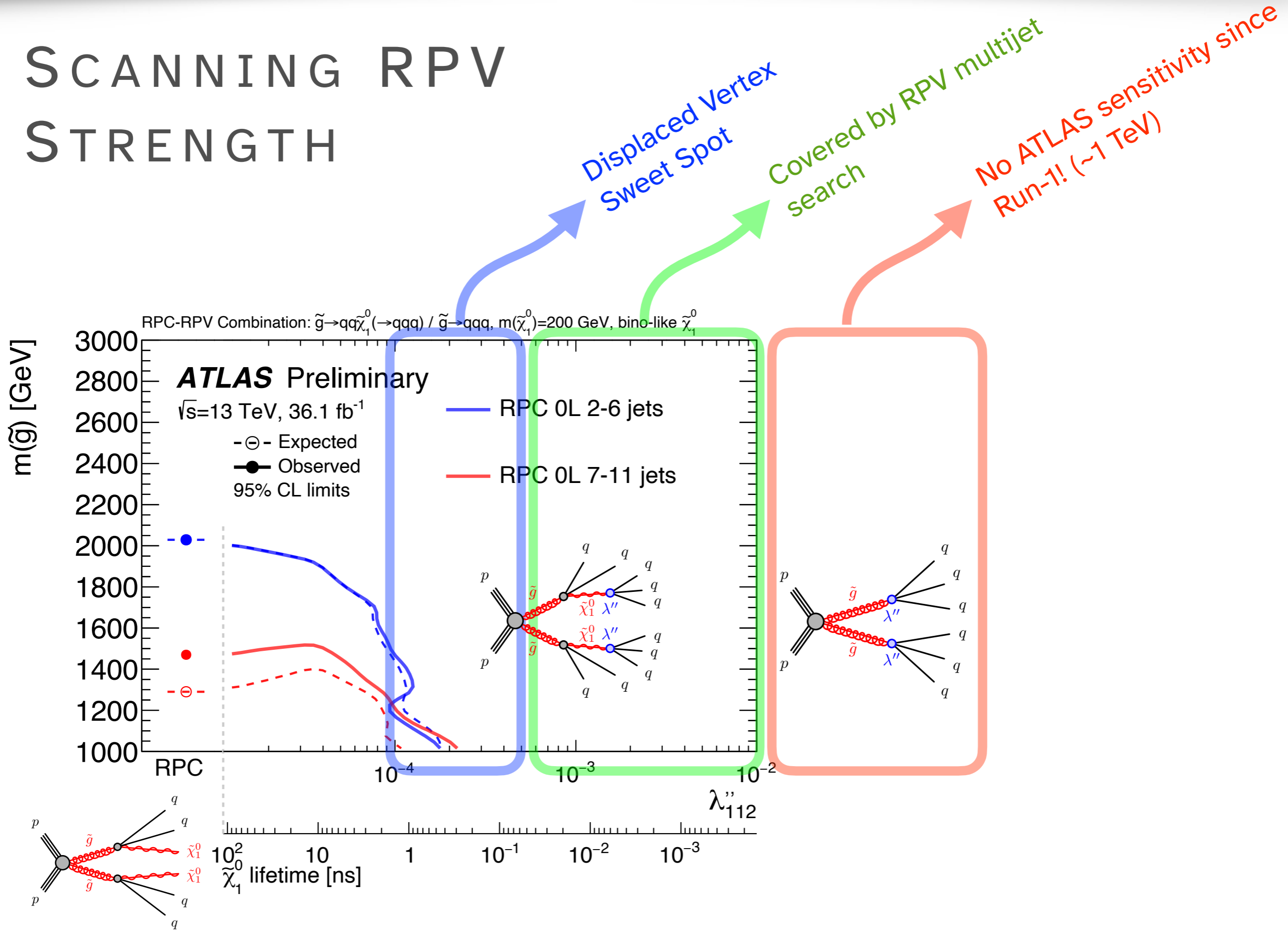


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Covered by RPV multijet search



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RPV SURVEY

No ATLAS sensitivity since Run-1! (~1 TeV)

...and any exclusion we have is very shallow...

