

# Signatures of complex hidden sectors at FCC

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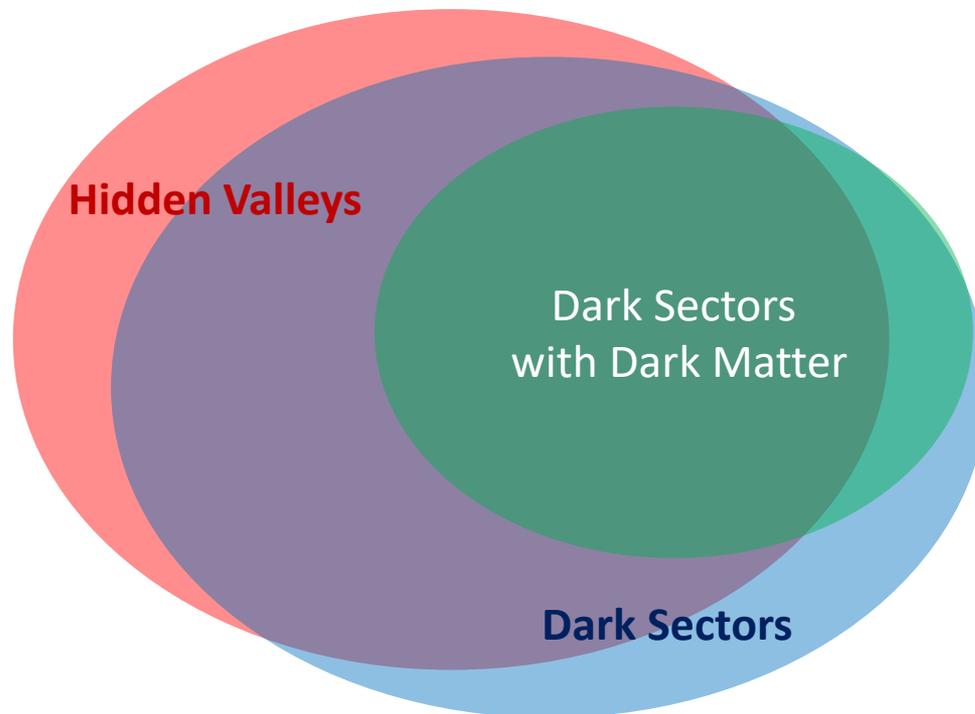
# Caveats:

- I'm no longer really in this field
  - *Though I'm still addressing some unfinished business*
- I wouldn't bet my house that the physics I'm describing exists
  - *The analogous caveat applies to all the other speakers at this workshop.*
- I haven't worked on FCC at all
  - *Yes, I'm too old... but also...*
- I'm not convinced that further FCC studies actually further FCC
  - *vs. doing more LHC analyses with significant discovery potential*
- I'm still getting over covid ☹️

# The Official Topic for Today:

- **Complex hidden sectors:**

- Hidden Valleys/Dark Sectors: “HV/DS”
  - Self-interacting particles with no SM gauge charges
  - Mediator that may be neutral, or charged under both sectors



Depends on how you define “dark sector”: does that mean it includes “dark matter”?

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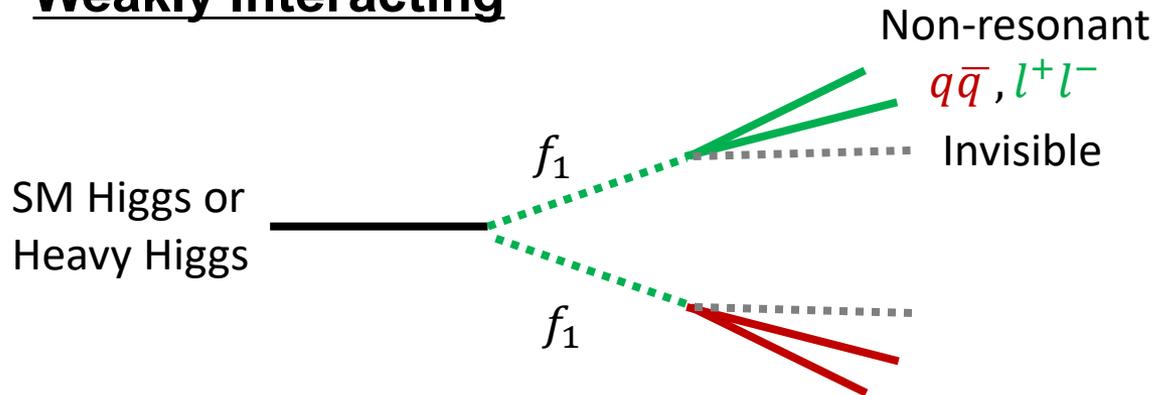
The Actual Range of Reasonable LHC Signatures

# The Effect of HV & Other Novel BSM



# A Smattering of HV/DS Examples

## Weakly Interacting

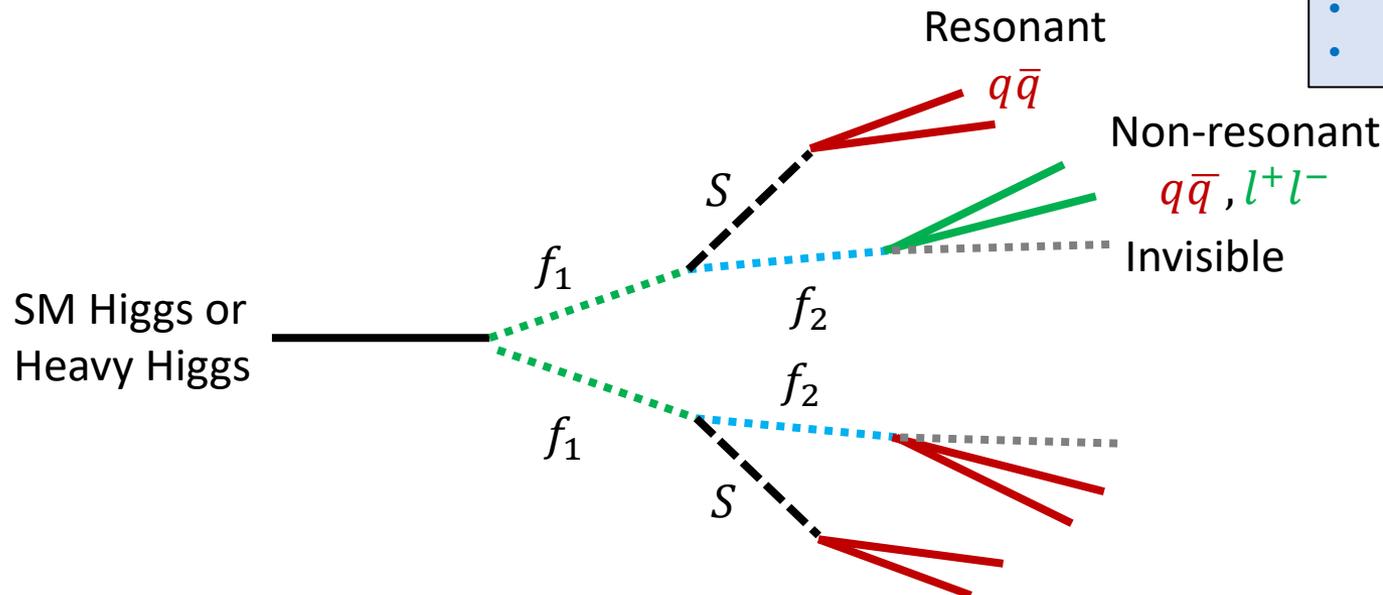


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### Variants:

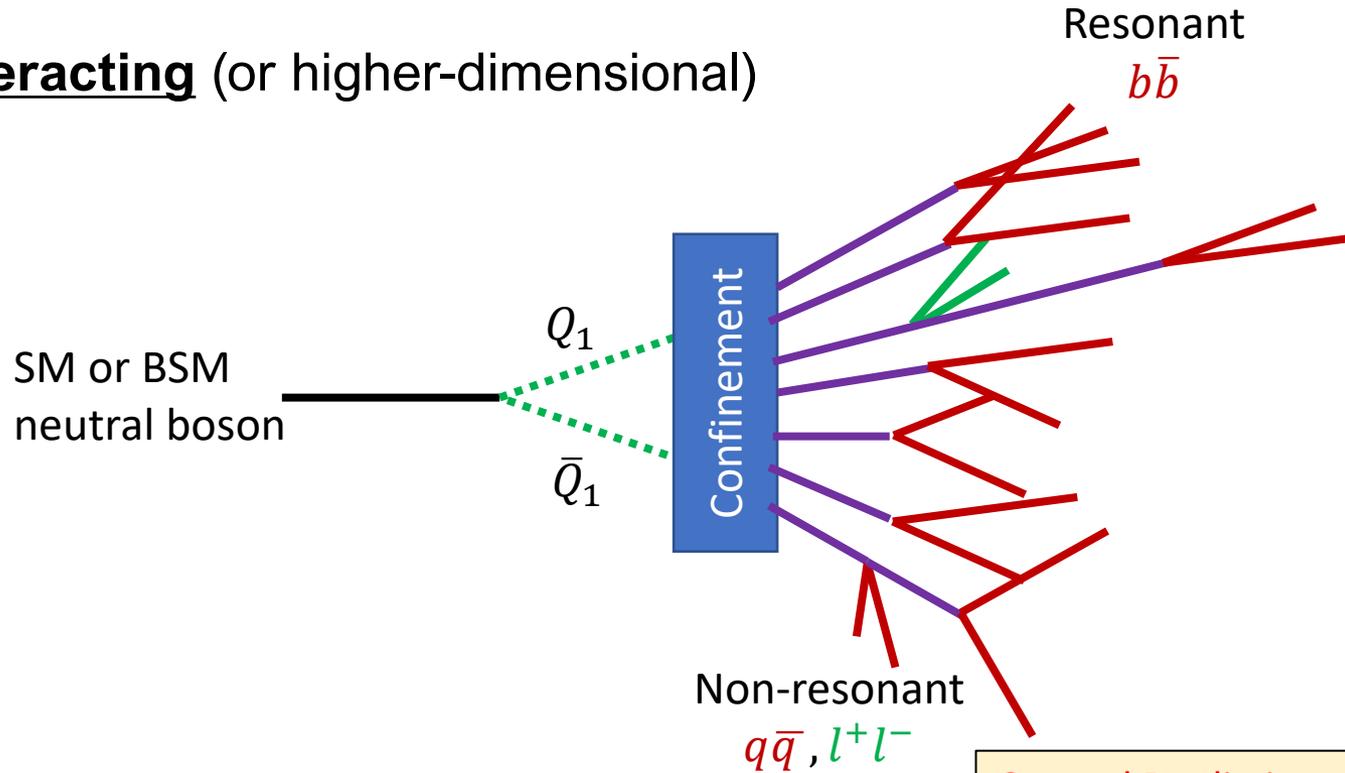
- Vertices may be displaced
- Jets may merge
- Leptons may be very soft
- Leptons may not be isolated



# A Few HV/DS Examples

Cf. Verhaaren talk

## Strongly Interacting (or higher-dimensional)



- Much like QCD, hidden sector may have
  - Its own hadrons
  - Produced in jets (or not)
  - Produced with high multiplicity (or not)
  - Produced with displaced vertices (or not)

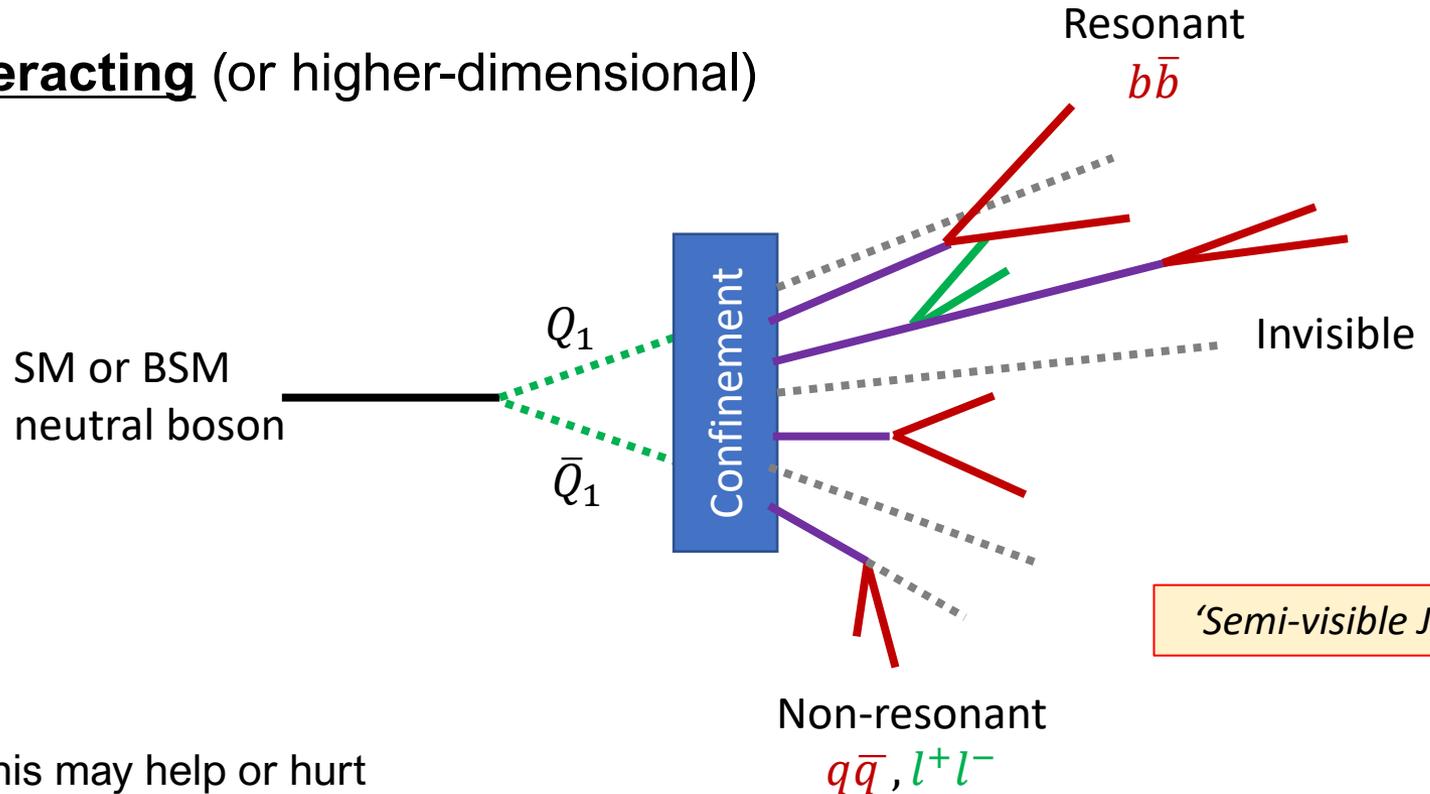
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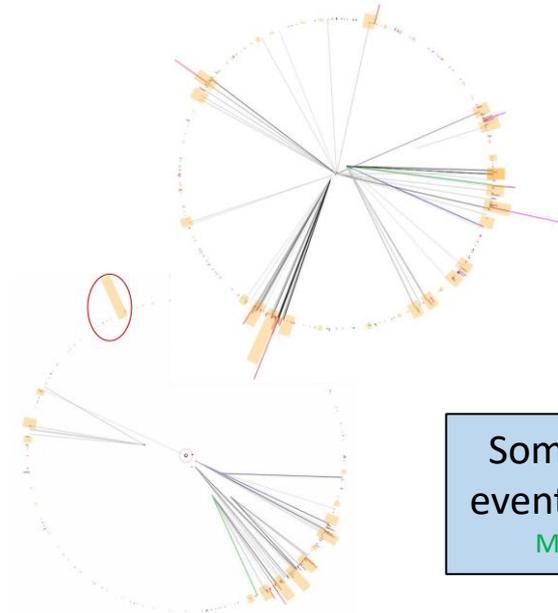
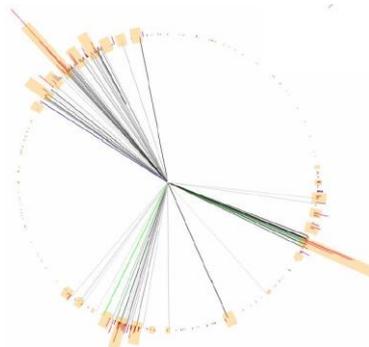
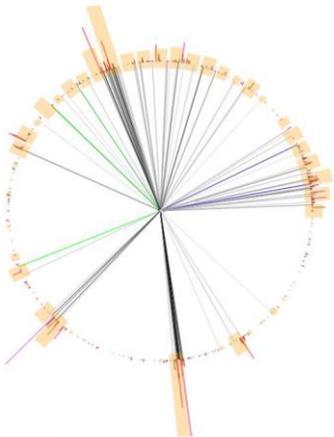
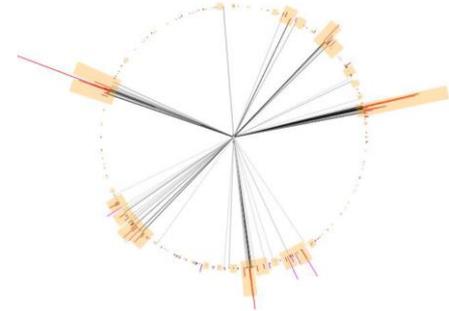
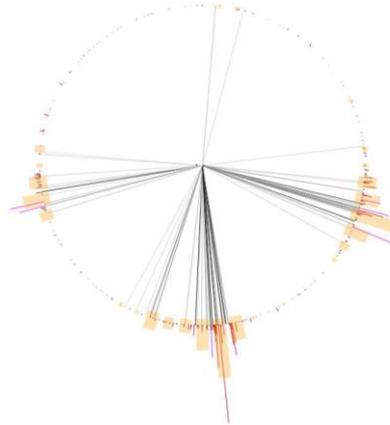
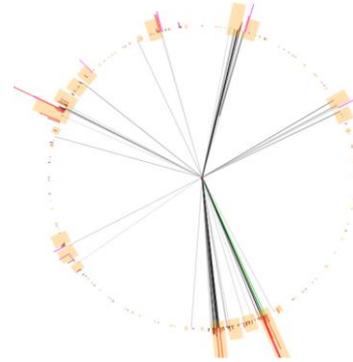
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EXTREME!**

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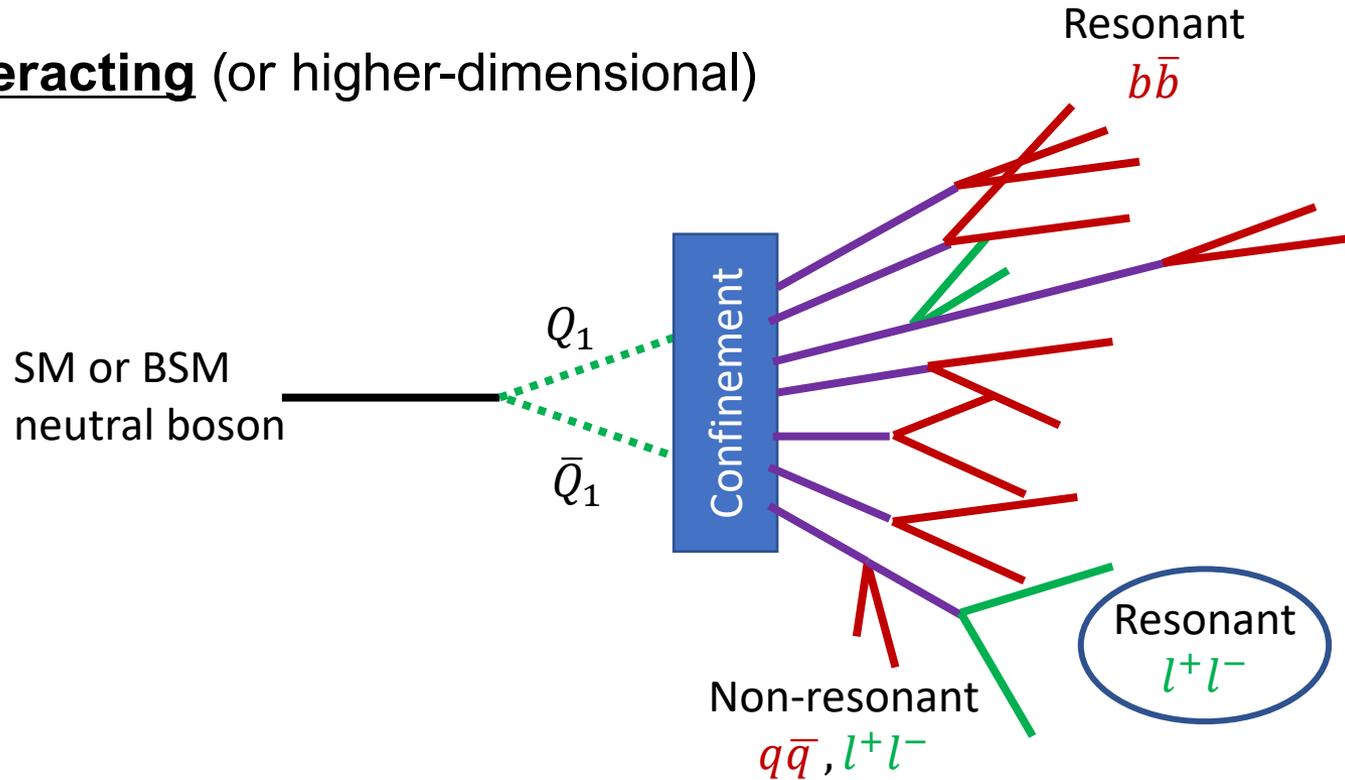
- If MET, this may help or hurt
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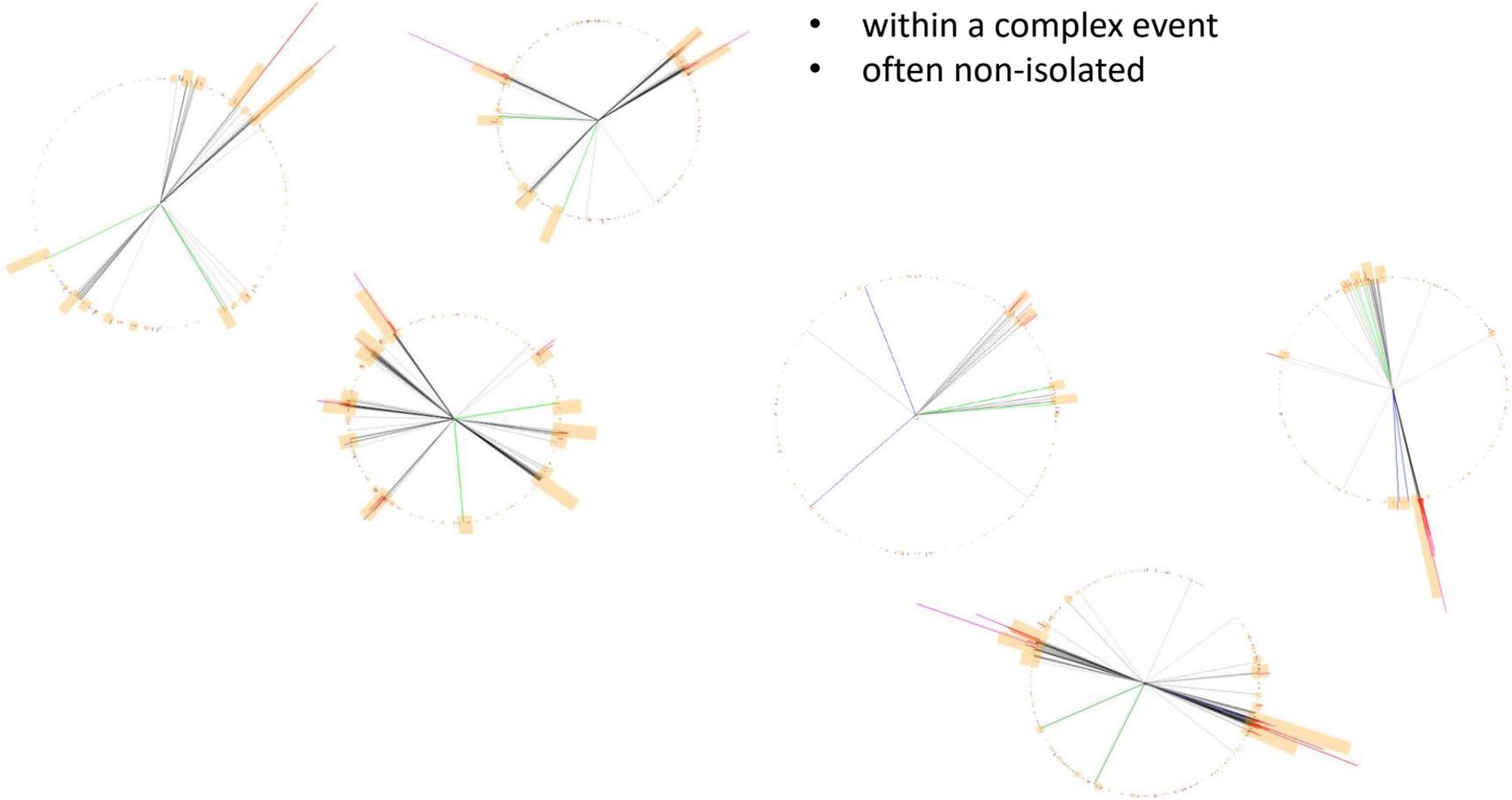
- Resonant decays to dileptons or diphotons always help
- But these leptons/photons may not be isolated!

# Lepton pairs

Han, Si, Zurek, MJS [0712.2041](#)

## Leptons (green lines)

- within a complex event
- often non-isolated



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# HV/DS Predictions – The Question

- Huge range of other examples with qualitatively different details
- Yet there are general HV/DS predictions:
  - *New neutral particles decaying*
    - *resonantly* to SM particles
    - *non-resonantly* to SM particles + MET
    - *possibly with displaced vertices*
  - *Their masses may be very low*
  - *They may be produced*
    - *in abundance,*
    - *possibly clustered*
    - *with angular distribution that's jetty, spherical, something between*
  - *Their decay products may not be isolated*
- *Quirks of all sorts [ultramicro-, micro-, meso-, macro-scopic]*

# FCC and Blind Spots

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- FCC-CDR executive summary – 8 pages; what does it say?

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High Mass Particles are for  
Serious Physicists

Low Mass Particles...

WELL...

# Blind Spots and Biases

Inertia?

- For >80 years: TeV scale from  $n$ ,  $\mu$  decay (Fermi theory)
- Now: No guarantee of new particles for next 12 orders of magnitude
  - *Pushing naturalness-based models ever upward = epicycles*
- Dark matter might be a clue toward weaker coupling. Or not.

This era is over. After LHC,

- ***Anything BSM is equally exotic.***
  - *Neither lower mass, feebly-coupling particles nor higher mass particles are likely*

# FCC-ee: A Discovery Machine

Need to remind the old powerful people, repeatedly.

- It's a very important argument for FCC! Don't downplay it!
- Without it, why would other scientists or the public care about FCC-ee?

How to make the argument:

- *Precision is great!*
- *It requires high rate and/or low backgrounds*
- *And so do rare SM decays*
- *Oh, and also, so do rare BSM decays, even to entirely new, low-mass particles*
- *In fact, these BSM decays might not even be rare!*
  - *They can hide at LHC and be obvious at FCC-ee*

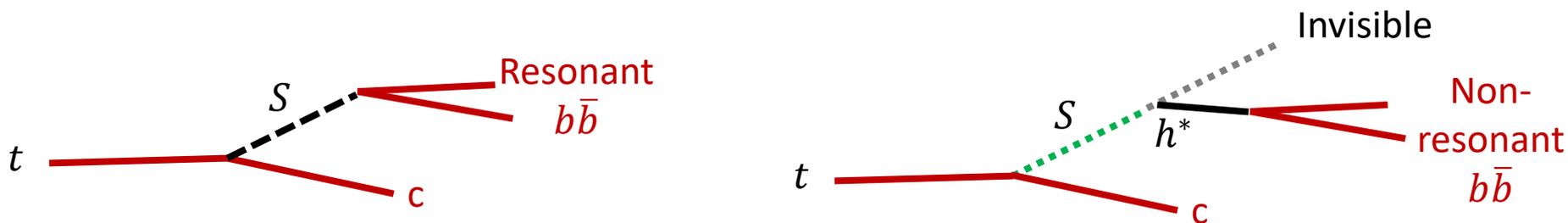
# FCC-ee Discoveries in Non-SM Decays

- Higgs – CDR!
- Z – CDR!
- Top?!

This is clearly a **sociological** blind spot at the LHC

- Not even many theory papers! [[MJS 08, ... Kong Lee & Park arXiv:1401.5020...](#)]

- FCC-ee can do this. But are we going to **wait** until FCC-ee?



- Not aware of systematic LHC search strategy for rare top decays
  - This is a crucial place to look for BSM
  - Trigger is not a problem; it's just too "exotic"

# Don't Build the Wrong Detectors

Only one way to miss BSM at FCC-ee: **build the wrong detectors**

LHC lessons – an example from long-lived particles:

- ATLAS, CMS were designed **against** LLPs with  $c\tau\gamma > 2$  cm
- LHCb: mostly limited to decays in the VELO
- To correct this, many LHC detectors being designed now; but not optimized!!

FCC-ee? Few worries, but I would watch:

- Timing info?
- Readout?
  - “Altogether, the various contributions sum up to a data rate of about 1 TB/s. Reading out these data and sending them into an event builder would not be a challenge, but the data storage requires **a large reduction**. Because the noise and background hits are filtered out by the FPGA algorithm, the data rate induced by Z hadronic decays is reduced to 25 GB/s, for a total bandwidth of about 30 GB/s.”

# FCC-hh and HV/DS

How can we possibly know!?

- Most LHC searches haven't been carried out
  - We don't know backgrounds or best methods! (often require data)
- LHC analyses have barely been studied by phenomenologists
  - Pythia improvements in 2022 open door to wider range of models
    - Cf. Snowmass proceedings
- The range of analyses that ought to be performed is huge

# Example: 20 Straightforward Searches

## Semi-Exclusive Drell-Yan

**With and without  
lepton isolation!**

Han, Si, Zurek, MJS [0712.2041](#), MJS 2009 talks

- Dileptons at high dilepton  $p_T$
- Dileptons + high MET
- Dileptons + high HT (summed jet  $p_T$ )
- Dileptons + multiple jets
- Dileptons + multiple b-tagged jets
  
- Analogously for for diphotons

Each of these strategies reduces DY background while retaining a wide class of possible signals

NOTE: Inspired by but hardly specific to HV

As far as I know, never attempted at ATLAS/CMS, nor is anyone planning to

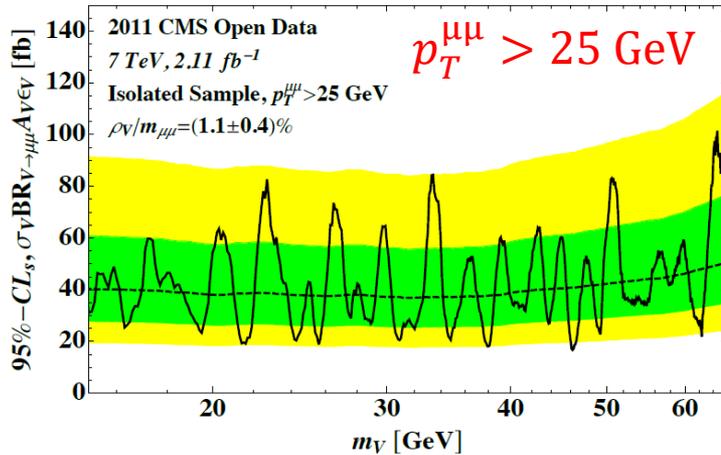
- *Please let me know if these were done privately/unpublished*

# Limits on Dilepton Resonances

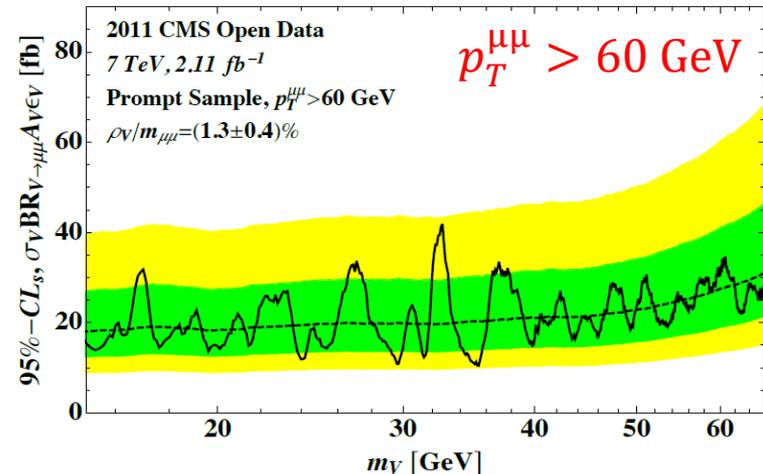
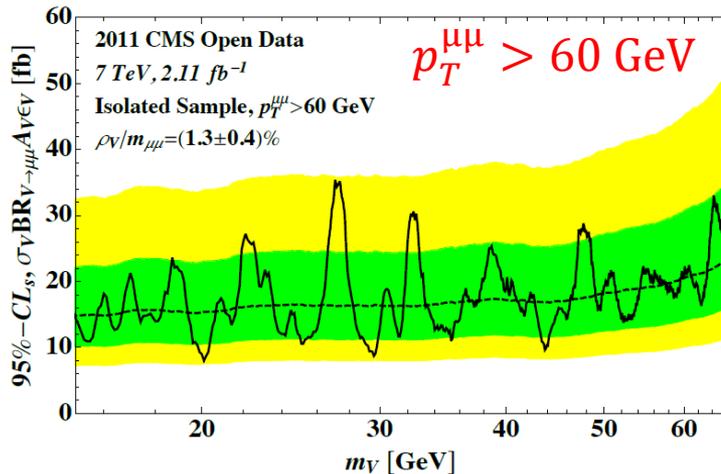
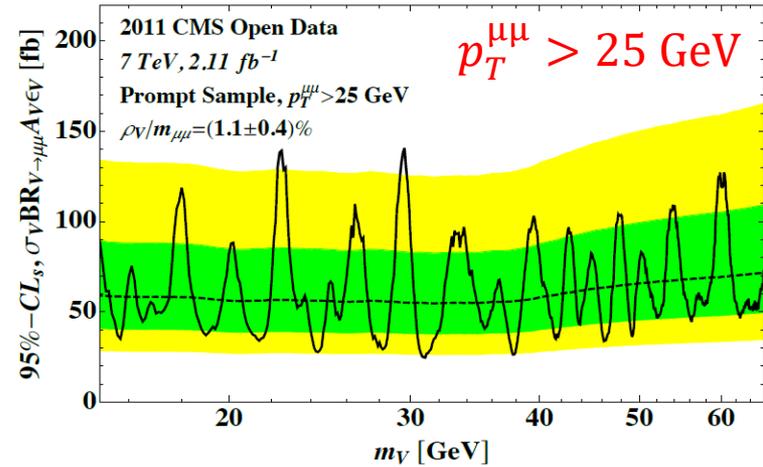
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# More Searches

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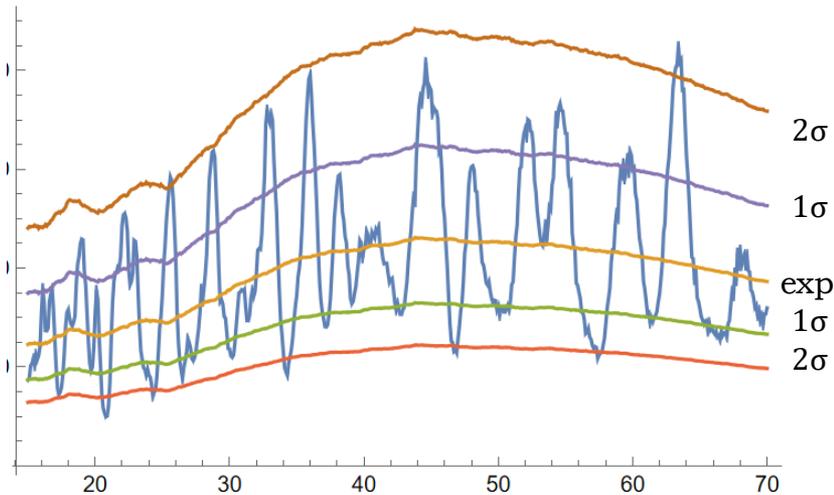
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2020: With E. Metodiev, P. Komiske, J. Thaler, began work to do all of these on large fraction of 8 TeV 2012 CMS Open Data...

# So easy that theorists can do it

Komiske, Metodiev, MJS, Thaler in limbo

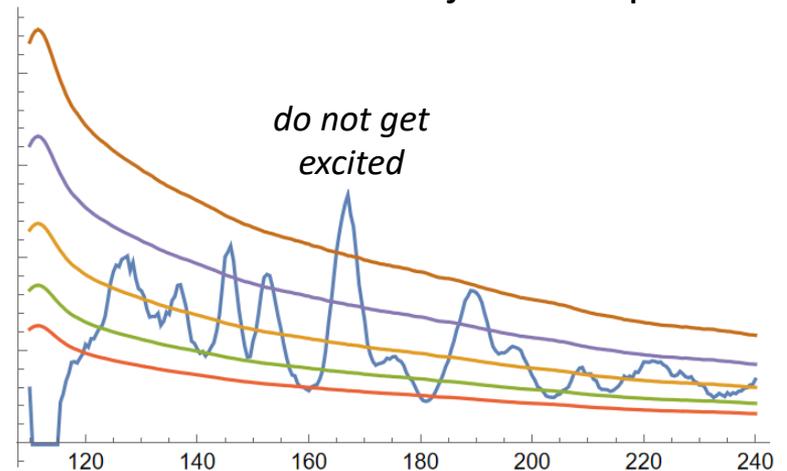
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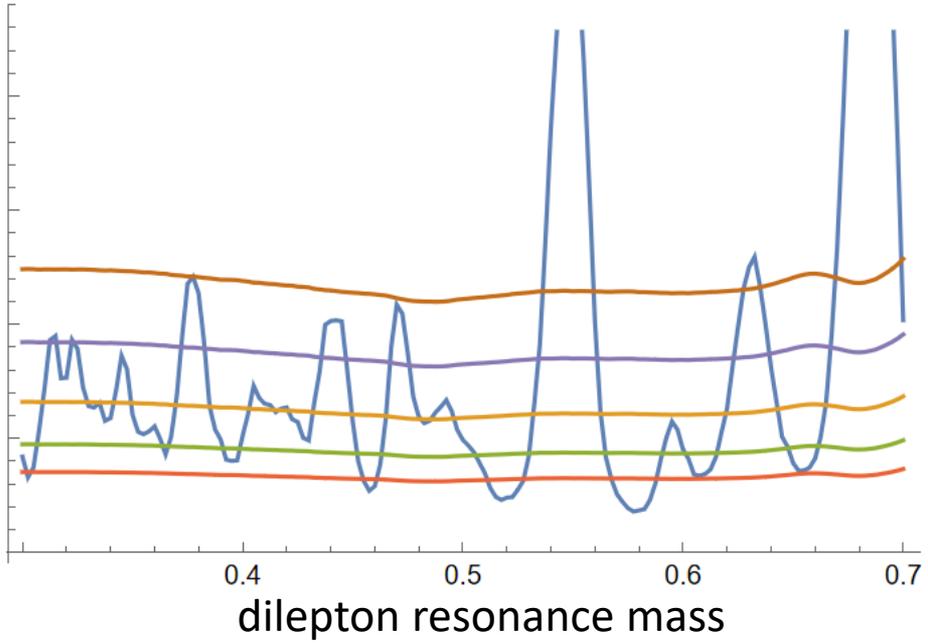
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# Found the eta, in non-iso leptons

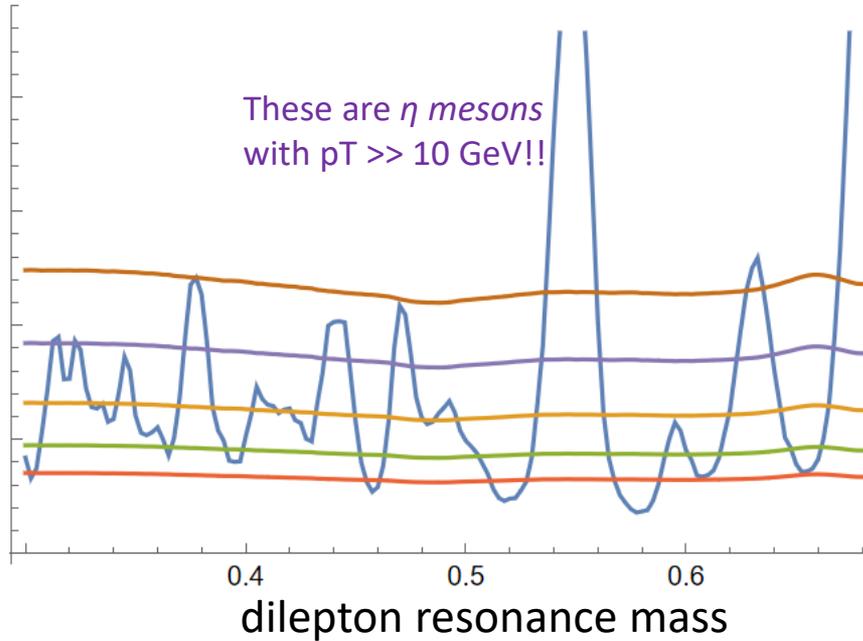
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These are  $\eta$  mesons  
with  $p_T \gg 10$  GeV!!

Known  
artifact

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## $\eta$ DECAY MODES

### neutral modes

$2\gamma$   
 $3\pi^0$   
 $\pi^0 2\gamma$   
 $2\pi^0 2\gamma$   
 $4\gamma$   
invisible

### charged modes

$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$   
 $\pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$   
 $e^+ e^- \gamma$   
 $\mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$   
 $e^+ e^-$   
 $\mu^+ \mu^-$

Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )

Scale factor/  
Confidence level

$p$   
(MeV/c)

### Neutral modes

(72.12 ± 0.34) %	S=1.2	—
(39.41 ± 0.20) %	S=1.1	274
(32.68 ± 0.23) %	S=1.1	179
( 2.56 ± 0.22) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		257
< 1.2 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	CL=90%	238
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### Charged modes

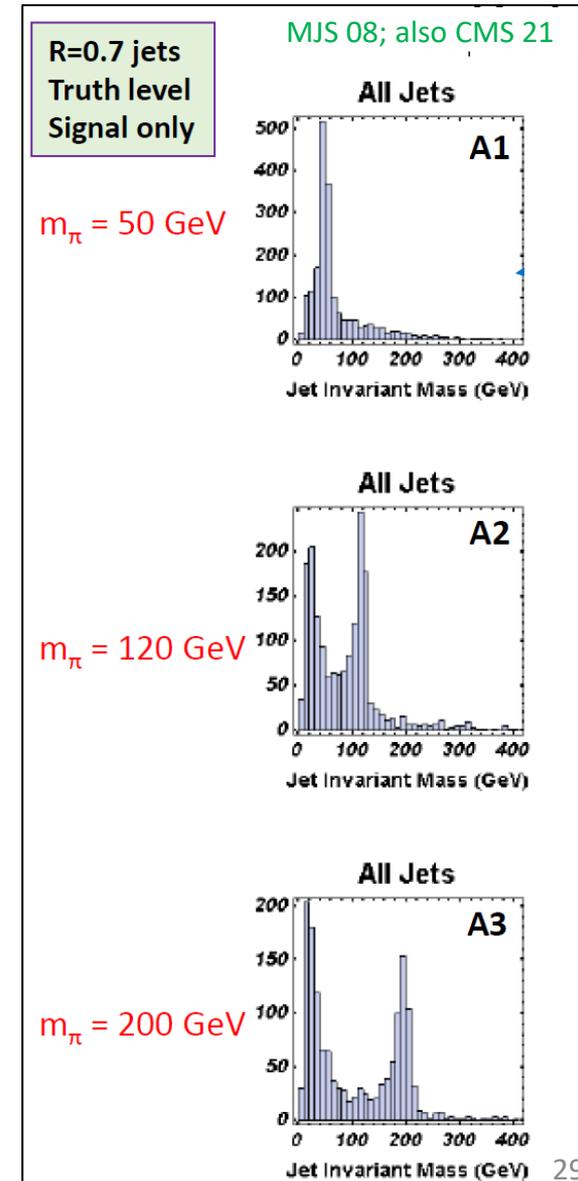
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- Question: **what detector(s) would cover all of these possibilities?**

# FCC-hh: Mass Resolution

- Dilepton mass resolution obvious
  - dark photons, etc., even below 1 GeV!!
- Diphoton mass resolution
  - How far down will the design allow?
- Dijet mass resolution also
  - Not used in recent CMS/ATLAS “semi-visible jet searches”
  - – but should be! Cf. Zurich Workshop <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1133166/>
  - Bias will be to assure resolution only to  $m_W$
  - – but need to push **well below**  $m_W$
- More generally: Jet Substructure



# FCC-hh trigger

As we have seen time and time again at LHC:

- What is viewed as “exotic” gets the least personnel and least trigger study
  - History: ATLAS ROI trigger structure, CMS L1 jet triggers, trigger limitations from beam halo backgrounds; prevented certain searches at LHC Run 1 that are now limited by high pileup

**Every effort should be made to prevent this from happening at FCC-hh.**

CDR:

first muon stations at  $r = 650$  cm for the peak luminosity. The additional rate from punch-through still has to be evaluated, but it is clear that the charged particle count rate of about  $500 \text{ Hz/cm}^2$  due to high energy photons will dominate the rate in the muon system. The total rate of muons above a given threshold inside an acceptance of  $|\eta| < 2.5$  is shown in Figure 7.20b, together with the muon rate from W, Z, t decays only. The total muon rate is above 20 MHz for a  $p_T$  threshold of 10 GeV/c and a single muon trigger with this threshold will therefore not provide any selectivity. However, the rate of muons from W, Z, t always stays below 100 kHz for any threshold. Since muons from c and b decays are always accompanied by jets, the determination of muon isolation at the first trigger level is a key item for useful selectivity.

# Summary

- For HV/DS
  - FCC-ee is excellent **discovery** machine for HV/DS at h, Z
    - Need attention to detectors, just to be sure
    - Should also think about **rare top decays to HV/DS**
  - FCC-hh cannot be optimized for HV/DS because LHC hasn't been yet
    - LHC effort is increasingly urgent
      - **NEED MORE SEARCHES!**
    - FCC-hh HV/DS studies may be premature
    - Focus needs to be on trigger and detector design
      - **Need to avoid capabilities being designed away**
  - Pros and Cons of detectors with complementary capabilities?

# Additional Slides

# Qualitatively Different Detectors?

Another eternal question: how different should the various detectors be?

- Not an accident that ATLAS and CMS do equally well on many things
  - Optimized on Higgs, then SUSY
- LHCb does very well on what it was optimized for
- At FCC-ee, and especially FCC-hh, should we have different detectors with quite different capabilities, perhaps
  - One for precision SM
  - One for LLPs, weird tracks and low-mass resonances
  - One for high-energy signals
  - Etc.
- We're certainly seeing the need/opportunity for this at LHC!

cf. CLD vs IDEA

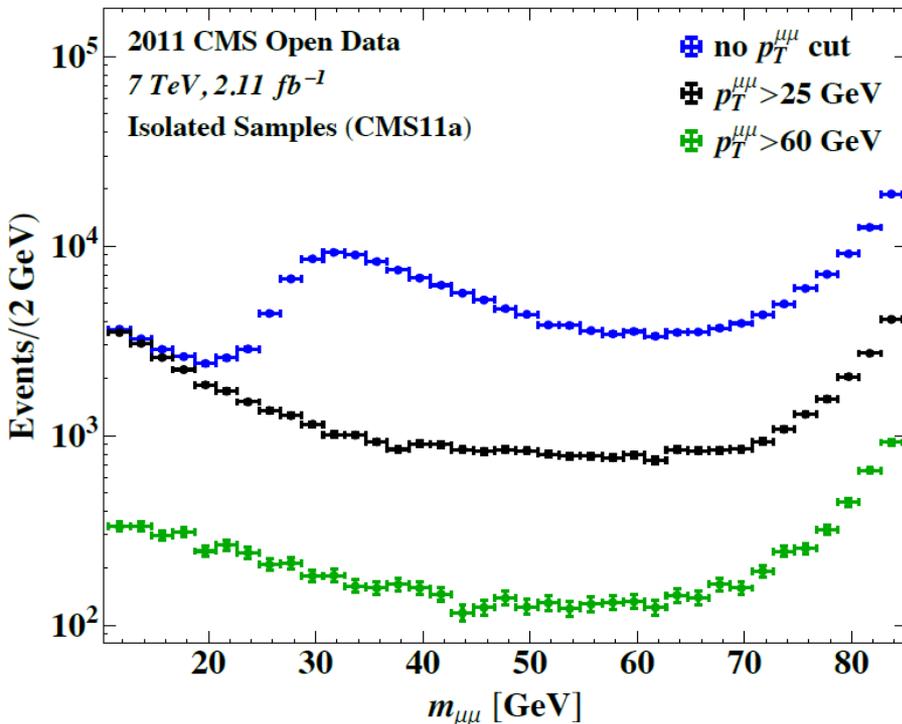
# Example of What Is Possible

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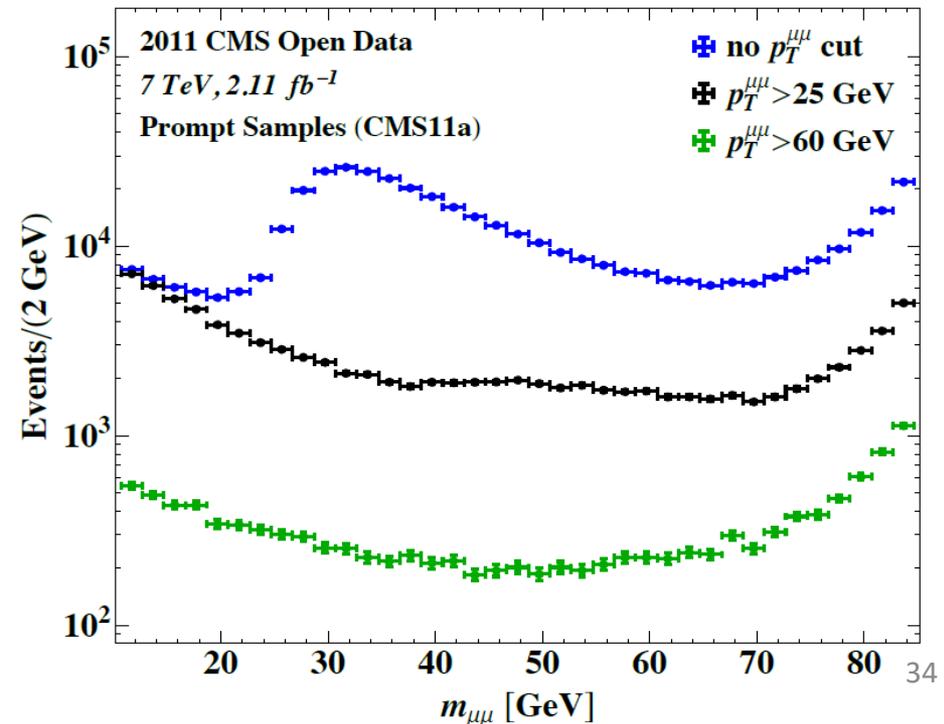
- Open Data Analysis
  - based on studies from 2006-2010
  - cf my talks at ATLAS 2010, CMS 2010
- Take **first 2 inv fb of 2011 CMS data**
  - Look for a moderate- $p_T$  dimuon pair (not necessarily isolated)

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# Detector Requirements: FCC-ee

Maybe at FCC-ee, low backgrounds → doesn't matter so much?

- But surely would love to have
  - Extremely good dilepton, diphoton mass resolution even at low mass
    - HV/DS: identifying resonance is often easiest discovery channel
  - Extremely good timing and/or clean tracking to pick up LLPs
    - Of all sorts! None should be completely undetectable
  - Ability to pick out electrons/photons near jets
    - Not important in SM, but important here!
  - High granularity particle flow
    - HV/DS: to observe substructure in jets with high precision
    - Measure dijet masses with reasonable resolution
- Same issues arise, but worse, at FCC-hh
  - Higher backgrounds
  - Higher energies

# Lessons From LHC

We got lucky!

- The Higgs could have eluded us if  $\sim 100\%$  of its decays were BSM
  - Only case carefully studied pre-LHC: Higgs  $\rightarrow$  invisible.
- But Higgs could have gone to some of these other channels
- LHC would have had great difficulty
  - In some cases, difficulty exacerbated by detector design
- Other new particles (e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Higgs, Z', RH neutrinos) may also elude us
  - Need to assure FCC detector designs reflect the physical possibilities
    - Should not be shaped by purely sociological effects
      - No one theorist should have too much influence
      - No one theory should have too much influence