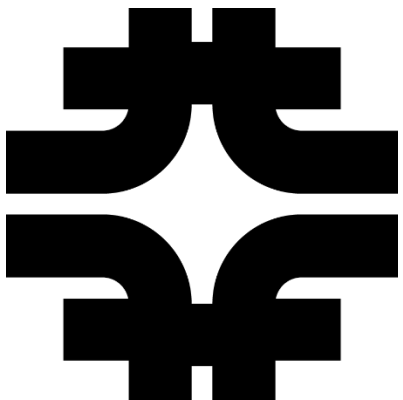


# Semivisible Jets at CMS

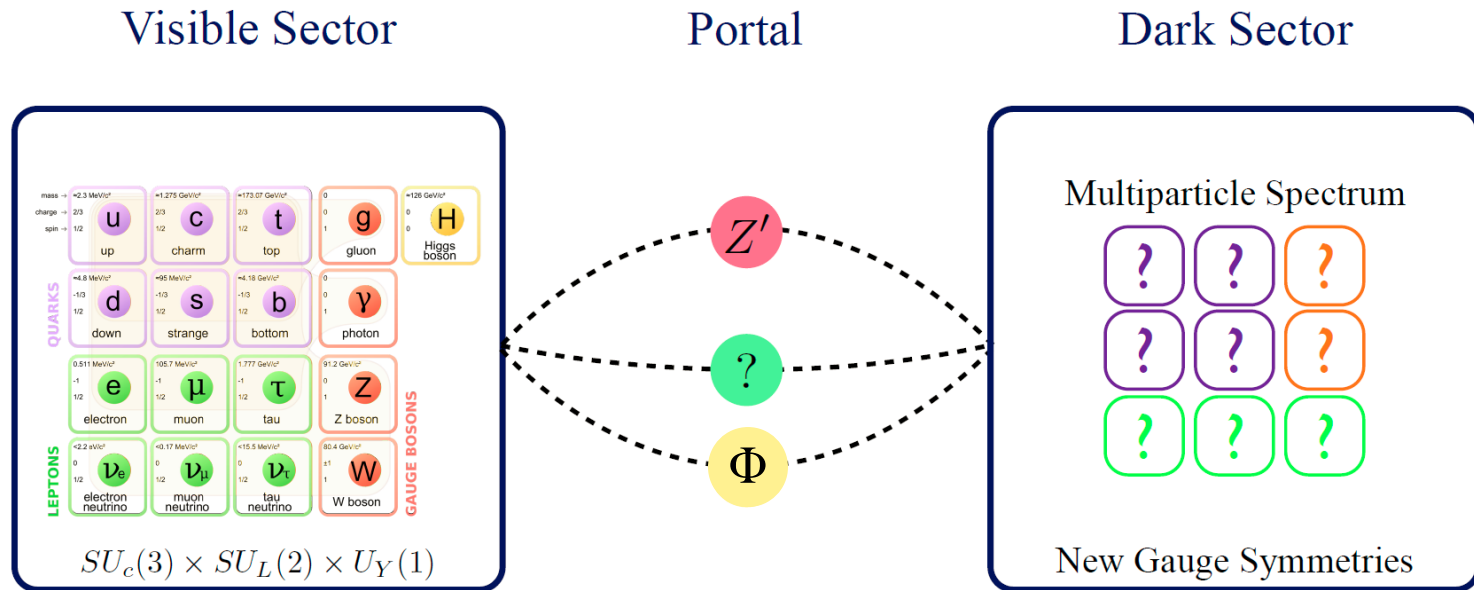
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# Hidden Sectors



- Simplest assumption: dark matter consists of a single species of weakly interacting massive particles
  - No observation of WIMPs → look for new models and phenomenology
- Dark matter may consist of multiple species of composite particles interacting via new, dark forces
  - Visible matter is mostly composite particles & has similar density to DM

# Strongly Coupled Models

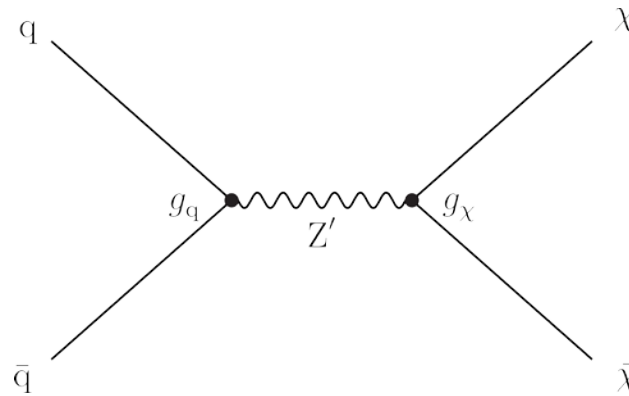
- New “dark QCD” force,  $SU_{\text{dark}}(N_c^{\text{dark}})$  (carried by dark gluons) with scale  $\Lambda_{\text{dark}}$
- $N_f^{\text{dark}}$  flavors of (fermionic) dark quarks  $\chi_i$  (charged under  $SU_{\text{dark}}(N_c^{\text{dark}})$ )
- Dark quarks *hadronize* to form dark mesons and baryons  $\rightarrow$  “dark showers”



- Some dark hadrons may be *stable* because of conserved quantities
  - Dark baryon number, dark isospin number, etc.
  - DM candidates!
- Other dark hadrons decay back to SM (through virtual mediators)
  - Leads to novel phenomenology

# Production

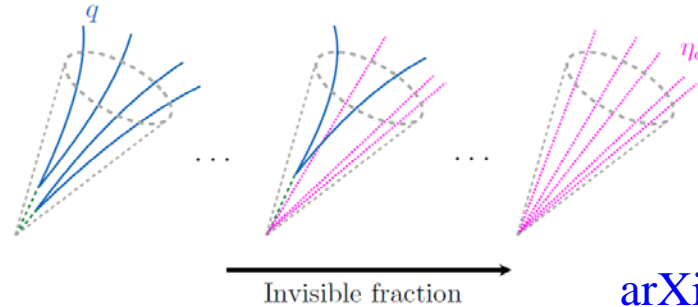
- Hidden sector couples to SM weakly via massive mediator:  $Z'$  from broken  $U(1)$ , vector, leptophobic, couplings  $g_q, g_\chi$



- Coupling choices aligned with LHC DM Working Group:
  - $g_q = 0.25$
  - $g_\chi = 1.0/\sqrt{(N_c^{\text{dark}} N_f^{\text{dark}})} = 0.5$
  - $B_{\text{dark}} = 47\%$ ,  $\Gamma_{Z'}/m_{Z'} = 5.6\%$ 
    - Same as LHC DM models w/  $g_{\text{DM}} = 1.0$

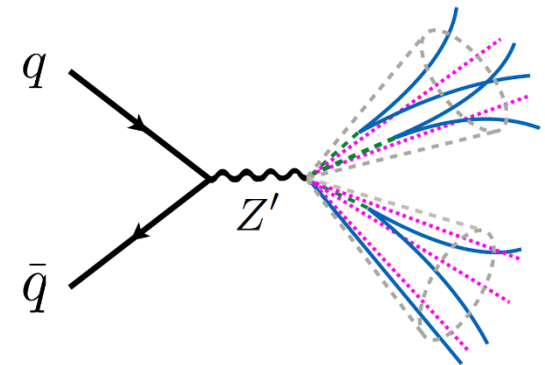
# Decay

- Fraction of stable hadrons  $r_{\text{inv}}$  may vary from 0 to 1
  - Decreases w/ dark quark mass splitting, increases w/  $N_f^{\text{dark}}$
- Jets that contain *mix of visible and invisible particles* (prompt decays)
  - *Not covered* by existing searches for dijet resonances,  $p_T^{\text{miss}} + \text{ISR}$



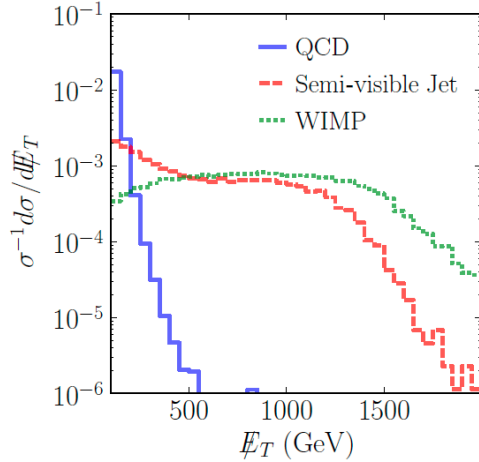
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- $Z' \rightarrow \chi\chi \rightarrow$  dark hadrons  $\rightarrow$  SM quarks  $\rightarrow$  SM hadrons
  - **Decay to SM**  $\rightarrow$  two high- $p_T$ , *wide* jets
  - $\rho_{\text{dark}}$ : democratic decay
  - $\pi_{\text{dark}}$ : mass insertion decay (prefer heavy flavor)
  - $N_c^{\text{dark}} = 2, N_f^{\text{dark}} = 2, m_\chi = 1/2 m_{\text{dark}}$

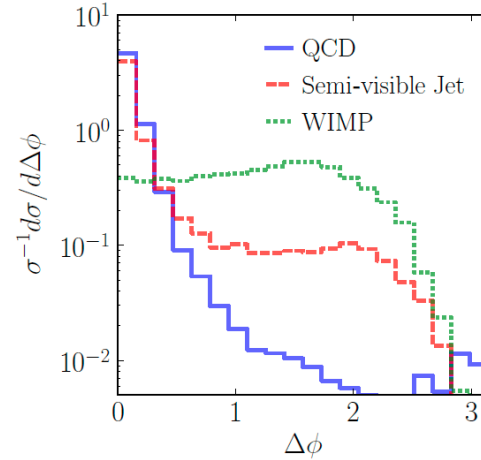


# Resonant Search

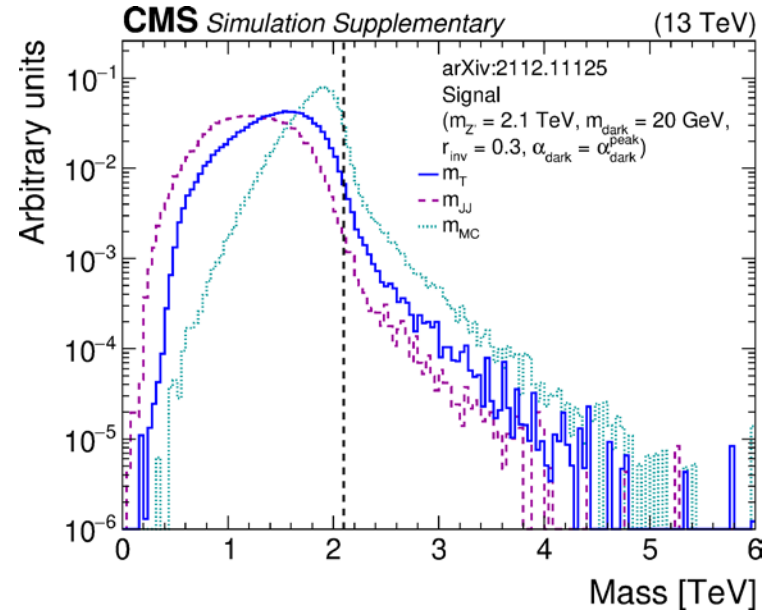
- Kinematic signature: Less missing energy than WIMPs, aligned w/ jet



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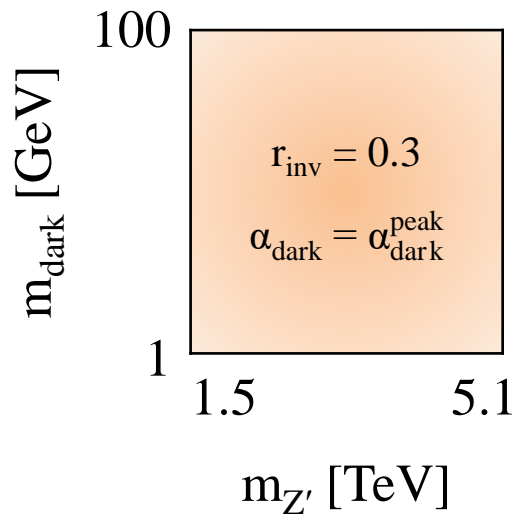


- Bump hunt in  $m_T(\text{JJ}, p_T^{\text{miss}})$ 
  - Kinematic edge at  $m_Z$ ,
  - Better resolution than  $m_{\text{JJ}}$
  - SM backgrounds have steeply falling distributions

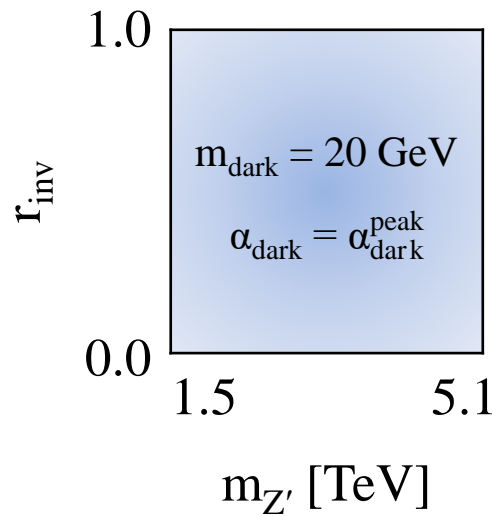


# Signal Models

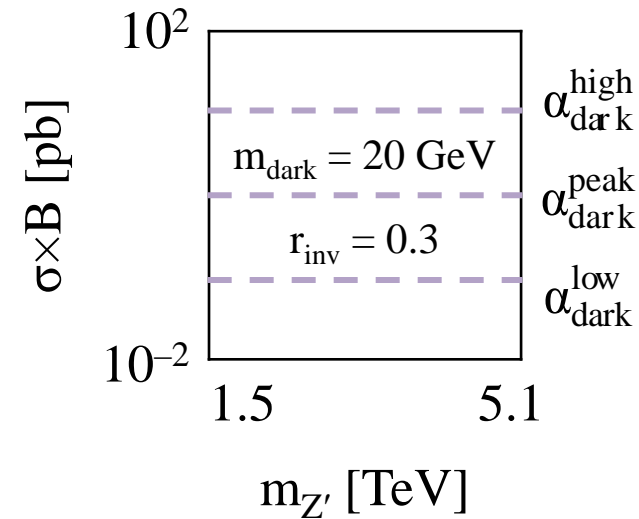
- Parameters varied:  $m_{Z'}$ ,  $m_{\text{dark}}$  (dark hadron mass scale),  $r_{\text{inv}}$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{dark}}$ 
  - $\alpha_{\text{dark}}$ : running coupling of dark QCD (alternate form of scale  $\Lambda_{\text{dark}}$ )
  - $\alpha_{\text{dark}}^{\text{peak}}$  maximizes dark hadron multiplicity (depends on  $m_{\text{dark}}$ )
    - “Empirical” relationship derived from Pythia
    - Variations:  $\alpha_{\text{dark}}^{\text{high}} = 3/2 \alpha_{\text{dark}}^{\text{peak}}$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{dark}}^{\text{low}} = 1/2 \alpha_{\text{dark}}^{\text{peak}}$
- Three 2D scans ( $m_{Z'}$  vs.  $m_{\text{dark}}$ ,  $r_{\text{inv}}$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{dark}}$ )  $\rightarrow$  475 points
  - Benchmark values:  $m_{\text{dark}} = 20$  GeV,  $r_{\text{inv}} = 0.3$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{dark}} = \alpha_{\text{dark}}^{\text{peak}}$
- 4D scan with same grid of values would be 8208 points



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# Dual Strategy

- Dark QCD theories are very complicated
  - Need to make choices about numerous parameters
  - Plus modeling of hadronization/fragmentation, etc.
- First search for jets aligned with  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  → maximize *generality* & *sensitivity*

## “Inclusive” search

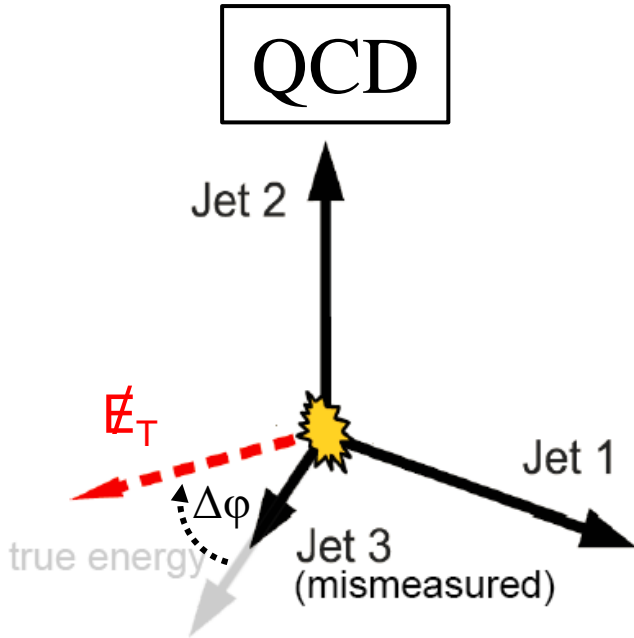
- Use only event-level kinematic variables
- Results apply to any model with similar kinematic behavior

## “BDT-based” search

- Employ machine learning for optimized semivisible jet tagger
- Assumes chosen signal models are “correct”



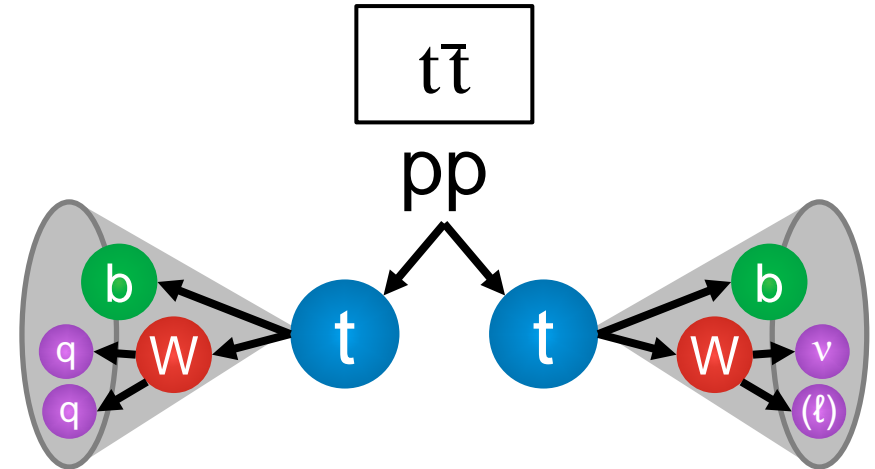
# Backgrounds



- Jet mismeasurement induces  $\cancel{E}_T$  aligned with jet
- Major background

**W( $\ell\nu$ )+jets**

- Lost lepton or hadronic  $\tau$
- Less likely than  $t\bar{t}$  to mimic semivisible jet, but higher  $\sigma$



- Wide, high- $p_T$  jets: boosted tops
- “Lost” lepton  $\ell$ : out of acceptance, can’t veto (or hadronic  $\tau$ )
- Neutrino aligned w/ wide jet: mimics semivisible jet

**Z( $\nu\nu$ )+jets**

- Real  $\cancel{E}_T$  from  $\nu\nu$ , but least likely to align with jet

# Event Selection

## Preselection

- $N_J \geq 2$
- $p_T(J_1, J_2) > 200 \text{ GeV}, |\eta(J_1, J_2)| < 2.4,$
- $J_{1,2}$  pass noise rejection
- $R_T \equiv p_T^{\text{miss}}/m_T > 0.15$
- $\Delta\eta(J_1, J_2) < 1.5$
- $m_T > 1500 \text{ GeV}$
- e/ $\mu$  veto ( $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}, |\eta| < 2.4$ )
- $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  filters
- Nonfunctional ECAL cell filter: veto events w/  $\Delta R(j_{1,2}, c_{\text{nonfunctional}}) < 0.1$
- Inactive HCAL filter (2018 only): veto events w/  $p_T(j) > 30 \text{ GeV}, -3.05 < \eta(j) < -1.35, -1.62 < \varphi(j) < -0.82$

Signal topology

Data quality

Reject QCD (w/o  $m_T$  sculpting)

Trigger efficiency

Reject  $t\bar{t}, W(\ell\nu)$

Data quality

## Final Selection

- Gap jet filter: veto events w/  $p_T(j_1) > 1000 \text{ GeV}, f_y(j_1) > 0.7$
- $\Delta\phi_{\text{min}}(J_{1,2}, p_T^{\text{miss}}) < 0.80$

Data quality

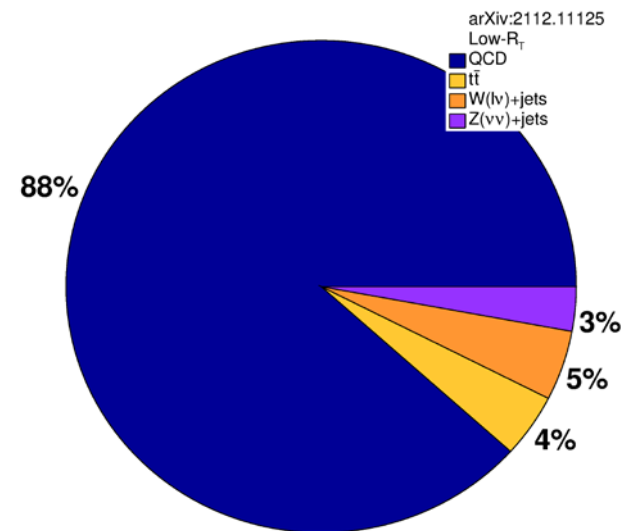
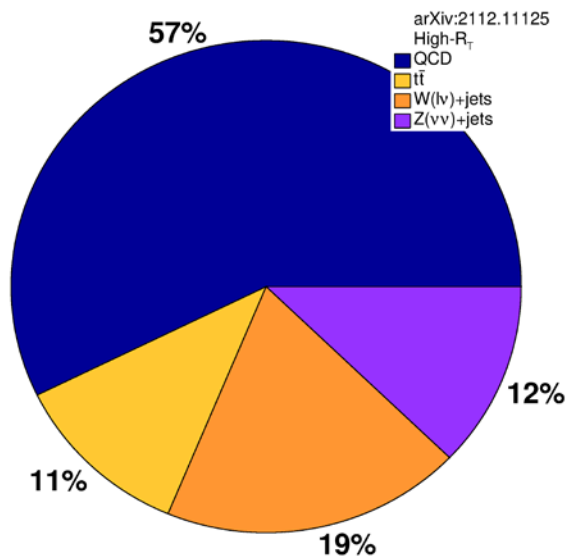
Reject  $t\bar{t}, W(\ell\nu), Z(\nu\nu)$

Process	Efficiency [%]
QCD	$1.6 \times 10^{-5}$
$t\bar{t}$	0.0060
W+jets	0.0029
Z+jets	0.0085
Signal (benchmark)	17

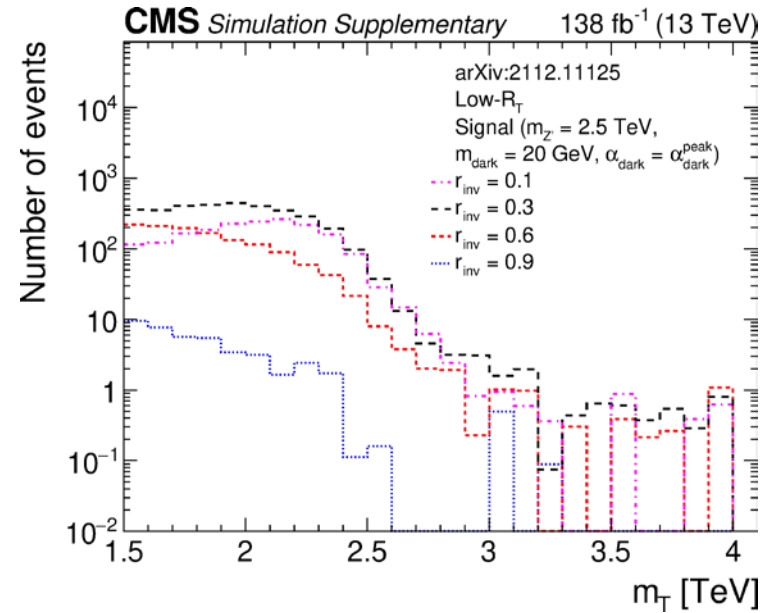
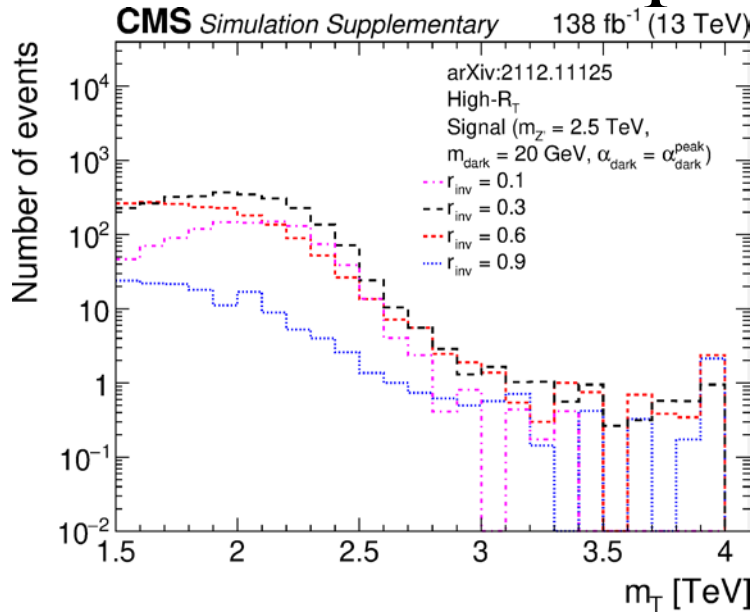
# Inclusive Signal Regions

- With all inclusive selection requirements applied:
- If only one signal region were defined, high- $R_T$  ( $R_T > 0.25$ ) would have optimal significance
- Adding separate region low- $R_T$  ( $0.15 < R_T < 0.25$ ) improves expected performance

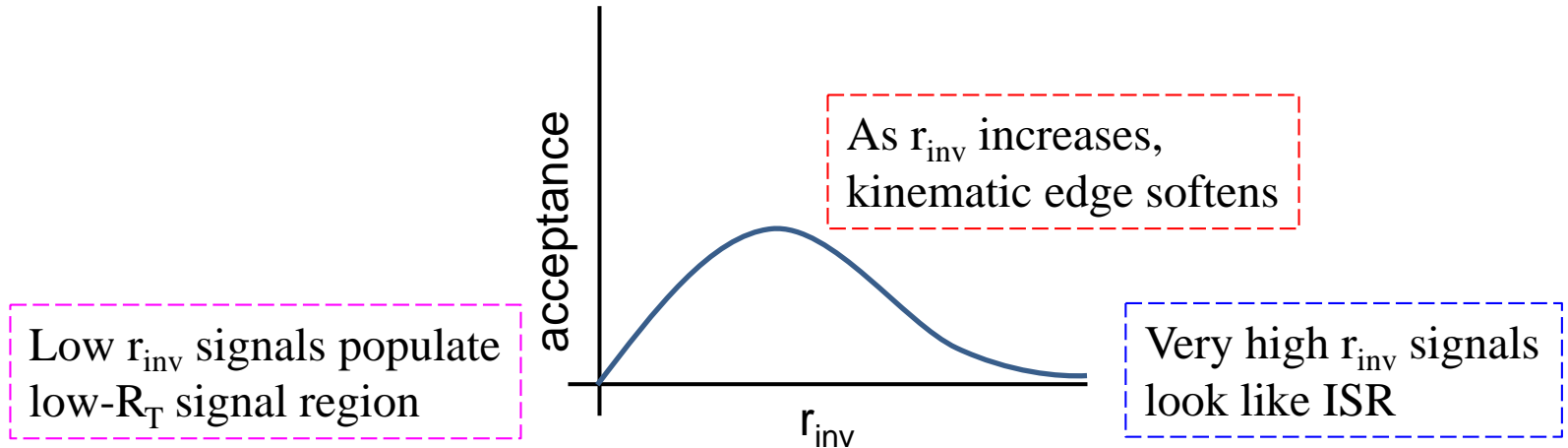
Process	Efficiency [%]
QCD	0.000016
$t\bar{t}$	0.0060
$W(\ell\nu)+\text{jets}$	0.0029
$Z(\nu\nu)+\text{jets}$	0.0085
signal	$\sim 17$



# $m_T$ Variations

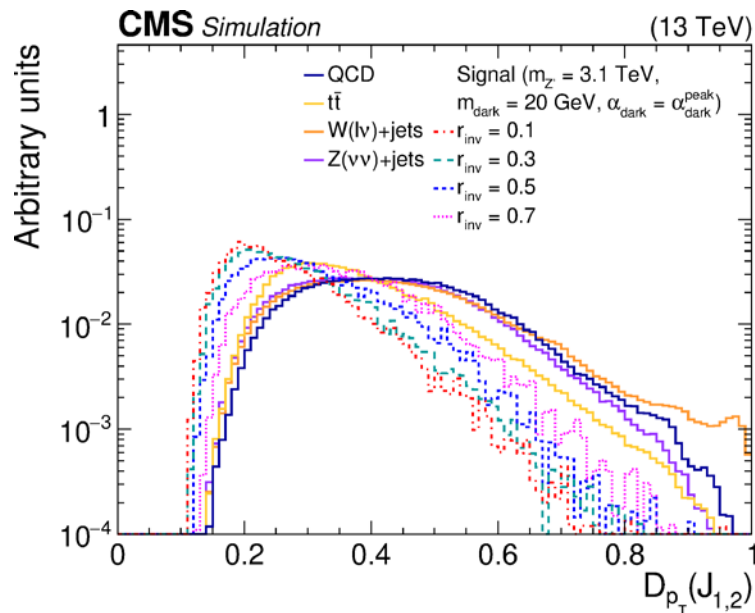
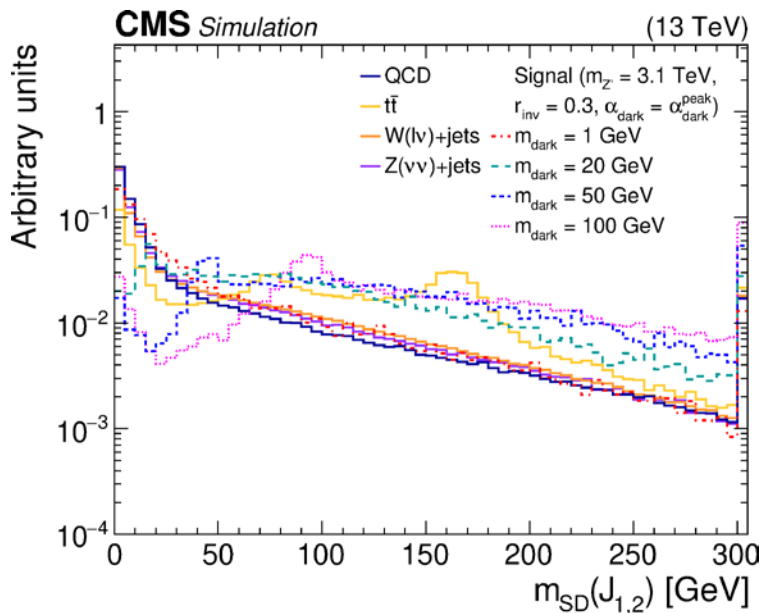


- $r_{\text{inv}}$  has largest impact on signal mass distributions
  - $\alpha_{\text{dark}}$  has minor impact;  $m_{\text{dark}}$  has very little impact



# Tagging Semivisible Jets

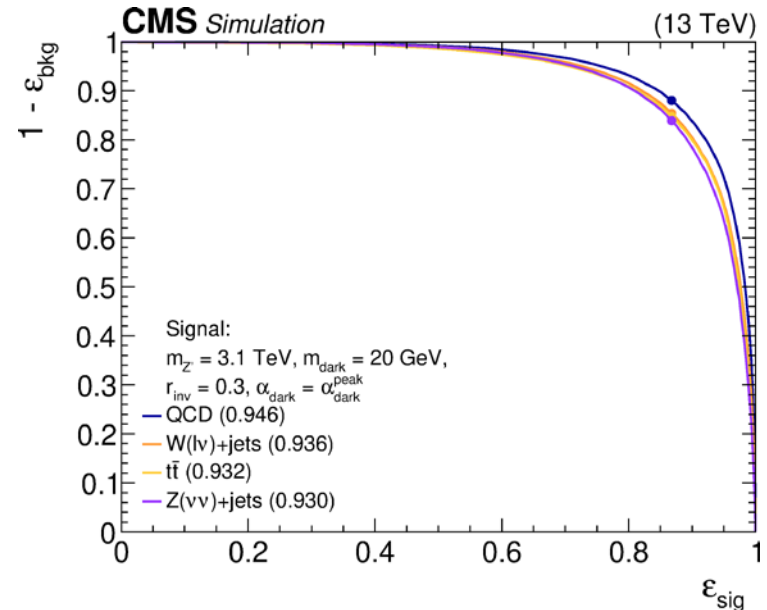
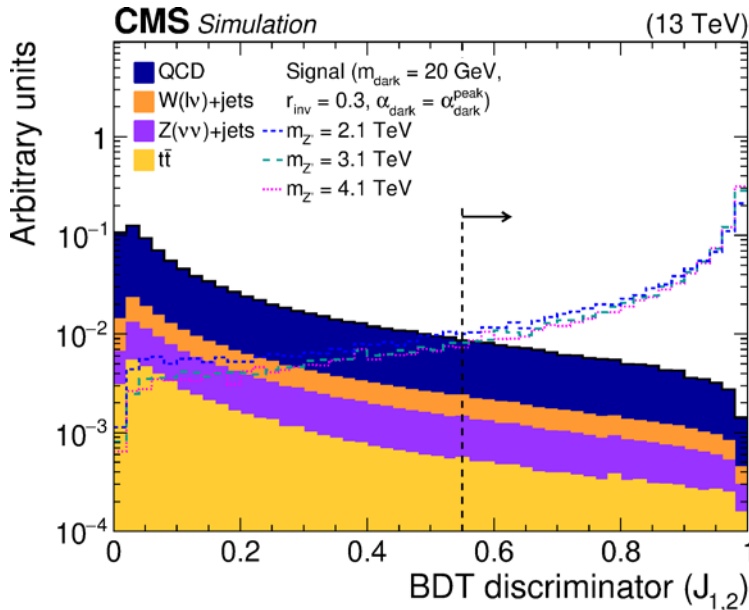
- Various jet substructure variables (&  $\Delta\phi(J, p_T^{\text{miss}})$ ) can weakly discriminate between semivisible jets and SM background jets
  - Heavy object tagging:  $m_{\text{SD}}, \tau_{21}, \tau_{32}, N_2^{(1)}, N_3^{(1)}$
  - Quark-gluon discrimination:  $D_{p_T}, \sigma_{\text{major}}, \sigma_{\text{minor}}, \text{girth}$
  - Flavor (energy fractions):  $f_\gamma, f_{h^\pm}, f_{h^0}, f_e, f_\mu$
- Combine useful variables into a BDT for strong discrimination!
  - Background: equal mix of QCD and  $t\bar{t}$ ; signal: mix of many models
  - Reweight background jet  $p_T$  spectrum to match signal: avoid sculpting



# Tagger Performance

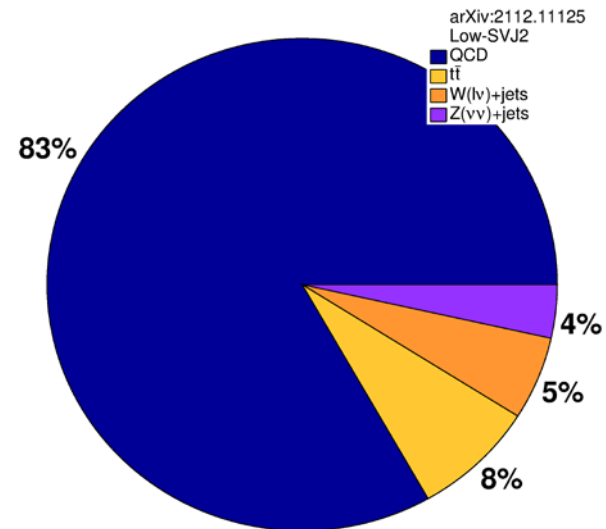
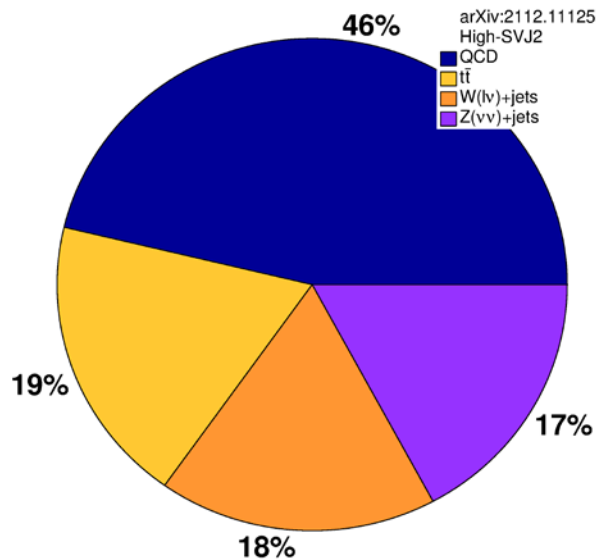
$m_{Z'} = 3.1 \text{ TeV}, m_{\text{dark}} = 20 \text{ GeV},$ $r_{\text{inv}} = 0.3, \alpha_{\text{dark}} = \alpha_{\text{dark}}^{\text{peak}}$			
	Acc (WP = 0.5)	AUC	$1/\epsilon_B$ ( $\epsilon_S = 0.3$ )
QCD	0.881	0.947	651.4
$t\bar{t}$	0.881	0.931	270.6
$W(\ell\nu)+\text{jets}$	0.881	0.936	441.5
$Z(\nu\nu)+\text{jets}$	0.881	0.930	420.7

- Strong and consistent performance
  - Training on only QCD ( $t\bar{t}$ ) caused misclassification of  $t\bar{t}$  (QCD) jets at rate of 10–20%
  - Some inefficiency for signals with high or low  $m_{\text{dark}}$
- Working point 0.55 chosen based on background estimation



# BDT-based Signal Regions

- Start from inclusive signal regions (high- $R_T$ , low- $R_T$ )
- Require both leading wide jets to be tagged as semivisible
  - high-SVJ2, low-SVJ2 regions: strict subsets of inclusive regions
- Reduce background by factor  $\sim 60$  while preserving signal



# Background Estimation

- Estimate smoothly-falling SM backgrounds via analytic fit to  $m_T$  data

- Primary fit function:

$$x = m_T / \sqrt{s}$$

$$g(x) = \exp(p_1 x) x^{p_2(1+p_3 \log(x)(1+p_4 \log(x)(\dots)))}$$

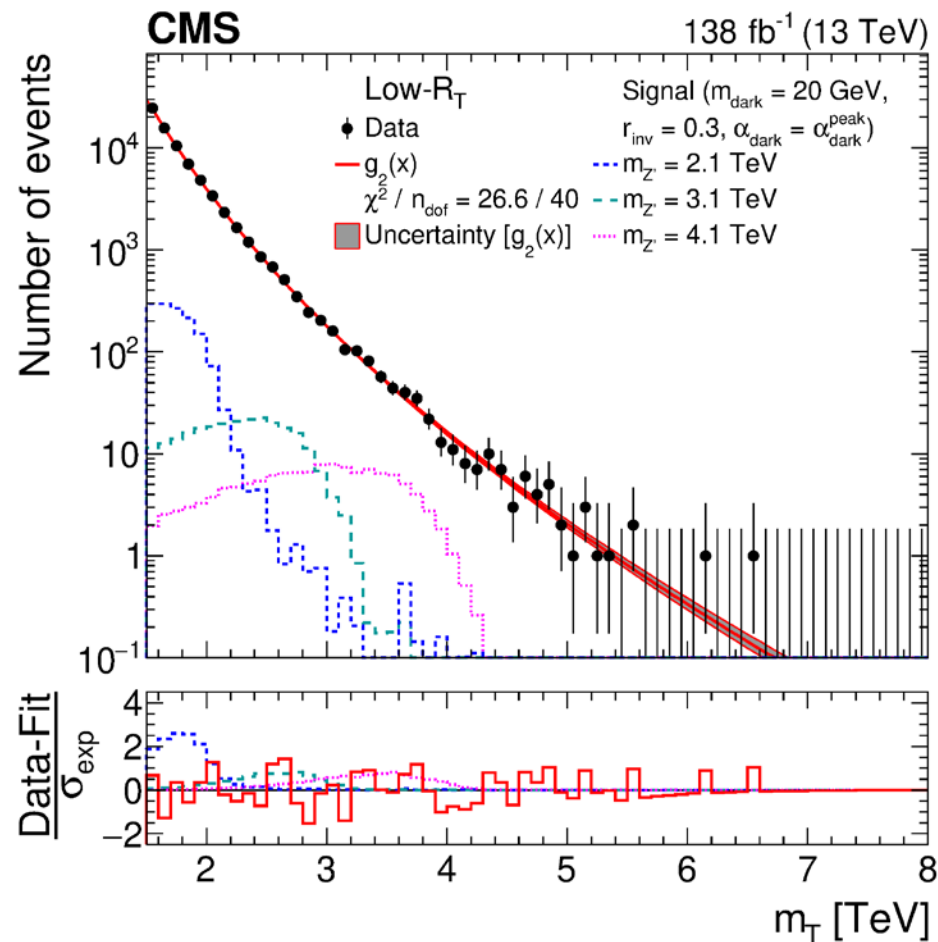
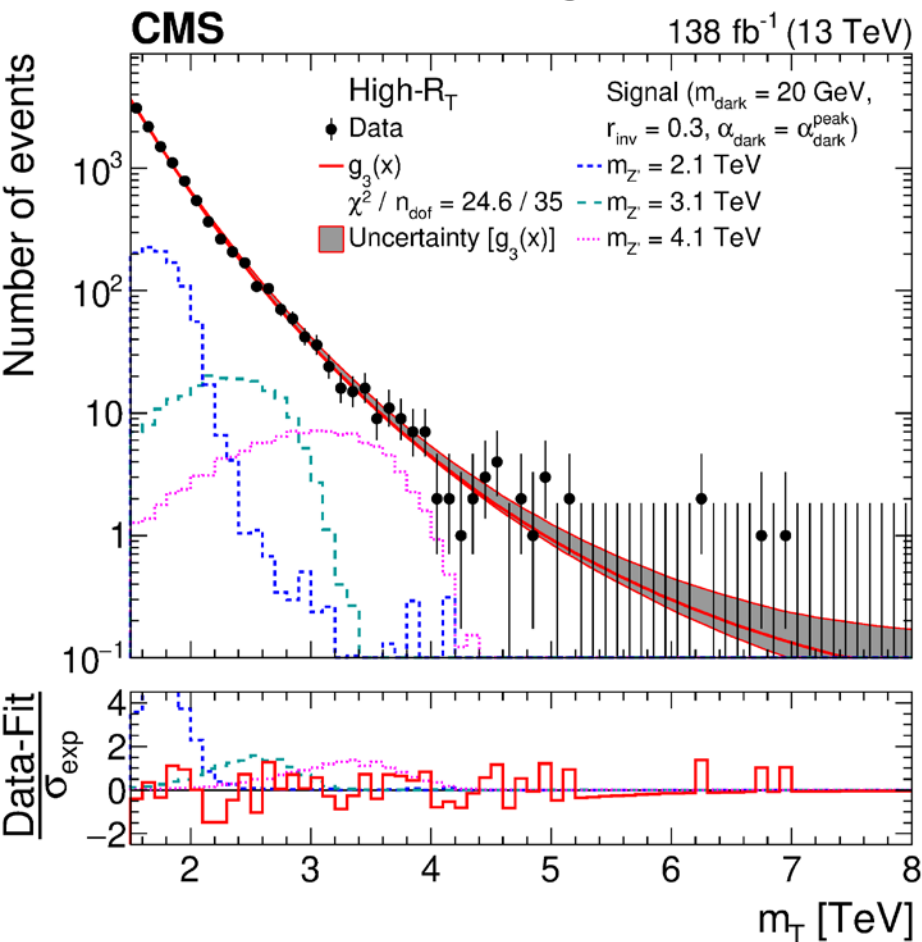
- Perform fits varying sign and magnitude of initial parameter values (necessary to escape false minima)
- Optimal # parameters for each signal region determined w/ Fisher test
- Several secondary functions (from other resonant searches) employed for bias studies:
  - Ensure that chosen function can fit different possible data distributions
  - Generate toy data with secondary functions, fit w/ primary function
  - $b = (\sigma_{\text{ext}} - \sigma_{\text{inj}}) / \varepsilon_{\sigma_{\text{ext}}}$  should be normally distributed ( $\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$ )
  - $|\langle b \rangle| \leq 0.5$  in all cases  $\rightarrow$  fits are sufficiently unbiased

Optimal # Parameters

region	$g(x)$
high- $R_T$	3
low- $R_T$	2
high-SVJ2	2
low-SVJ2	2

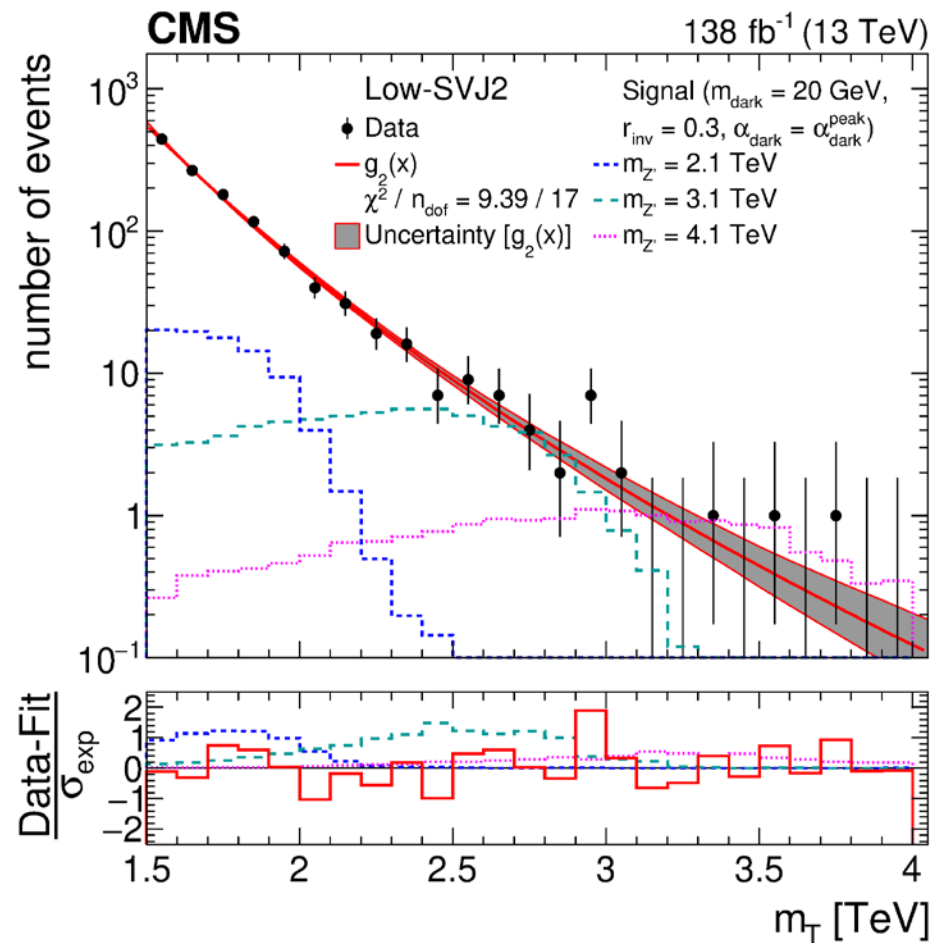
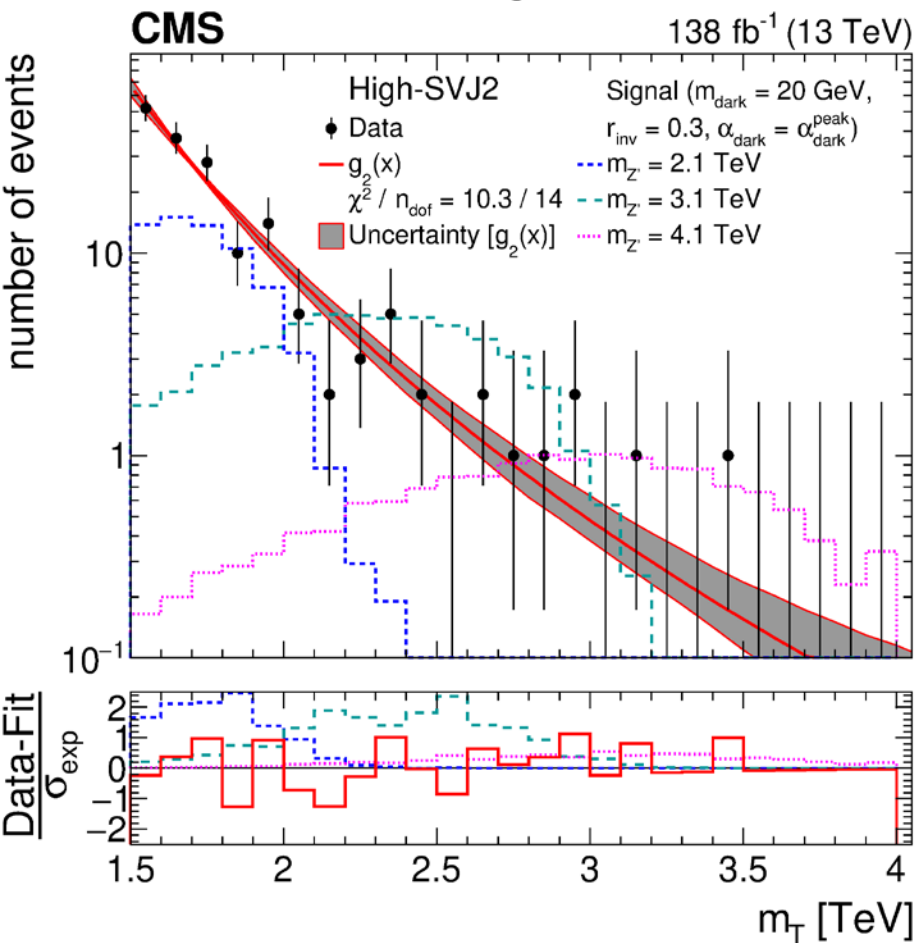


# Background Fits (inclusive)



- No significant deviations from SM
  - Small pulls, few if any cases of several contiguous pulls > 0
- Signals shown w/ cross section at observed limit

# Background Fits (BDT-based)

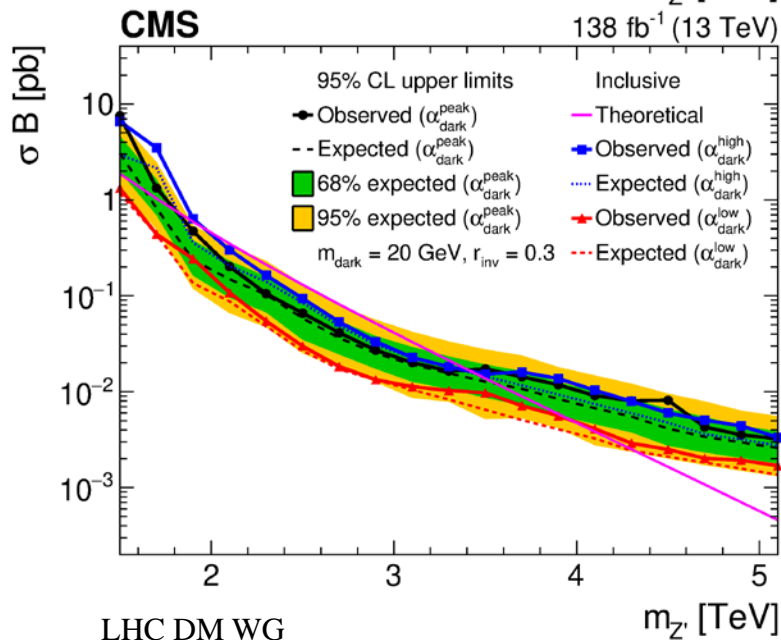
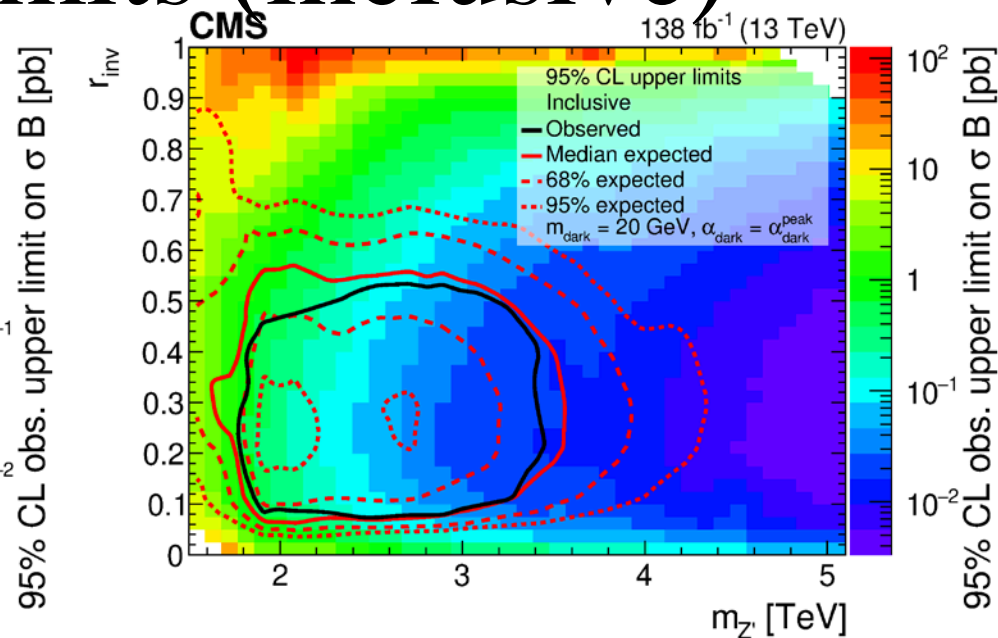
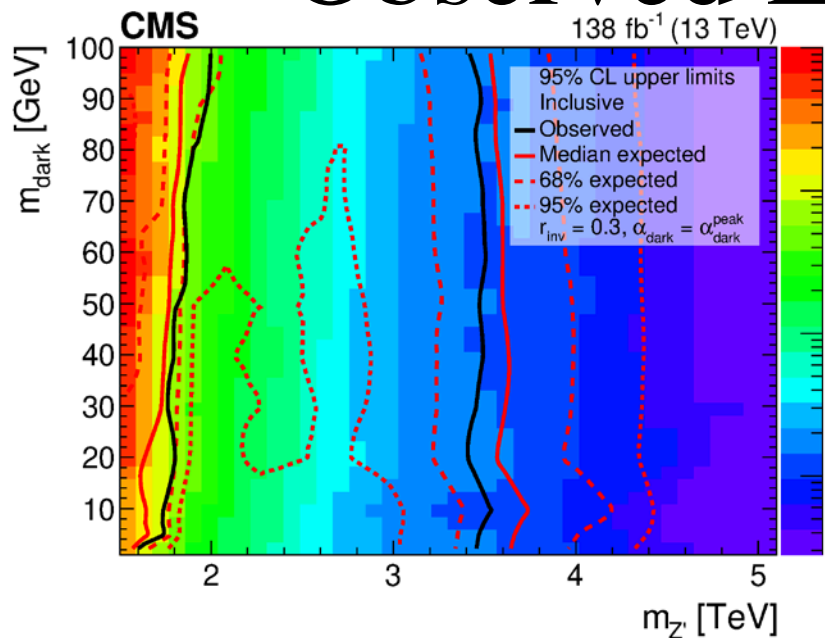


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  - Small pulls, few if any cases of several contiguous pulls  $> 0$
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# Systematic Uncertainties

- Signal:
  - Experimental: (uncorrelated between years of data-taking)
    - Luminosity, trigger efficiency, **jet energy corrections** (up to 12%), jet energy resolution, pileup, statistical uncertainties in simulated samples
  - Theoretical: (correlated between years of data-taking)
    - PDFs, renormalization/factorization scale, parton shower modeling (ISR/FSR), **jet energy scale/composition** (up to 21%)
- Background:
  - Fit parameters: freely floating, uncertainties arise from statistical uncertainty in data
  - **Fit normalizations**: also freely floating, can change by up to 10%  
→ *most impactful uncertainty*

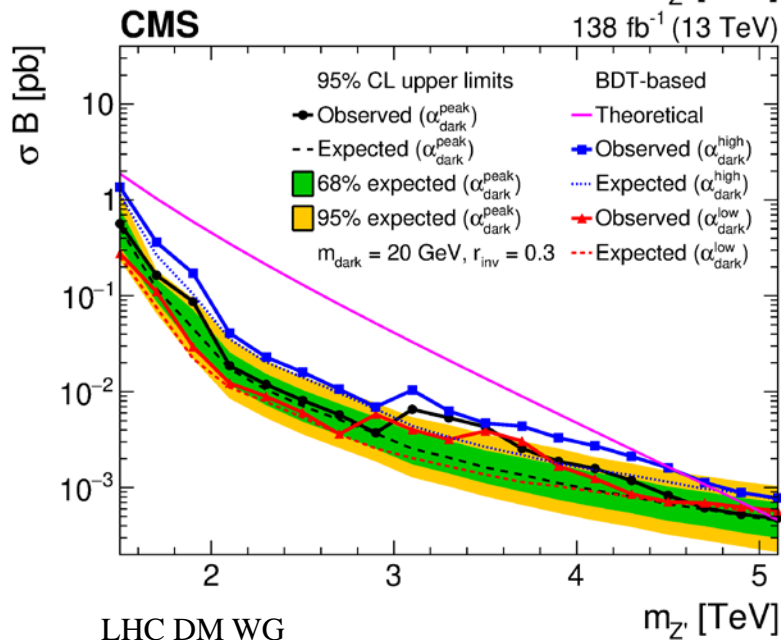
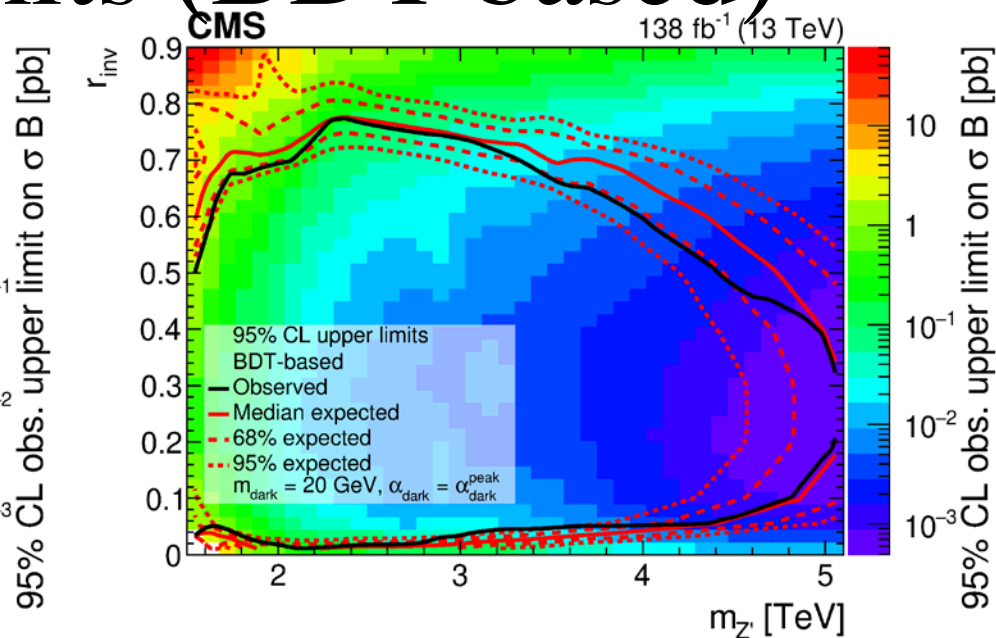
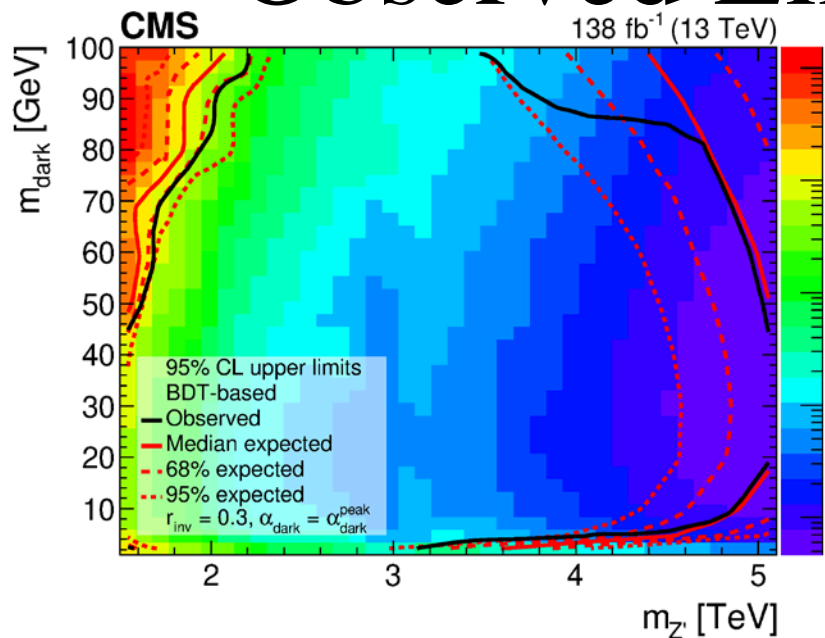
# Observed Limits (inclusive)



Observed (expected) exclusions:

- $1.5 < m_{Z'} < 4.0 \text{ TeV}$  ( $1.5 < m_{Z'} < 4.3 \text{ TeV}$ )
- Depending on  $m_{Z'}$ :
  - $0.07 < r_{\text{inv}} < 0.53$  ( $0.06 < r_{\text{inv}} < 0.57$ )
  - All  $m_{\text{dark}}, \alpha_{\text{dark}}$  variations

# Observed Limits (BDT-based)

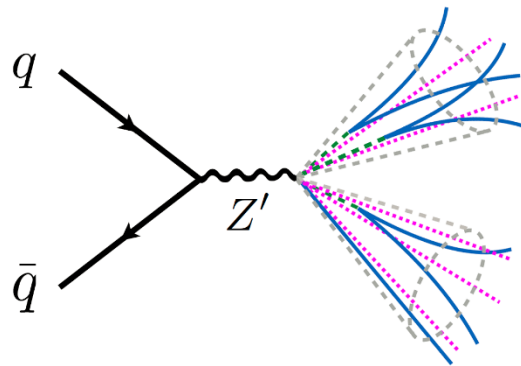


Observed (expected) exclusions:

- $1.5 < m_{Z'} < 5.1 \text{ TeV}$  ( $1.5 < m_{Z'} < 5.1 \text{ TeV}$ )
- Depending on  $m_{Z'}$ :
  - $0.01 < r_{\text{inv}} < 0.77$  ( $0.01 < r_{\text{inv}} < 0.78$ )
  - All  $m_{\text{dark}}, \alpha_{\text{dark}}$  variations
- Signal parameters excluded for wider range in  $m_{Z'}$  vs. inclusive search

# Conclusions

- CMS search directly excludes a large portion of semivisible jet model space for the first time
  - Sensitivity to a broad range of  $m_{Z'}$ ,  $m_{\text{dark}}$ ,  $r_{\text{inv}}$  values
- Dual strategy provides both generality and sensitivity
  - Inclusive search can be reinterpreted for any kinematically similar signal
  - BDT-based search improves background rejection by almost two orders of magnitude (first SVJ tagger applied to data)
- Stay tuned for more SVJ results from CMS!



Backup

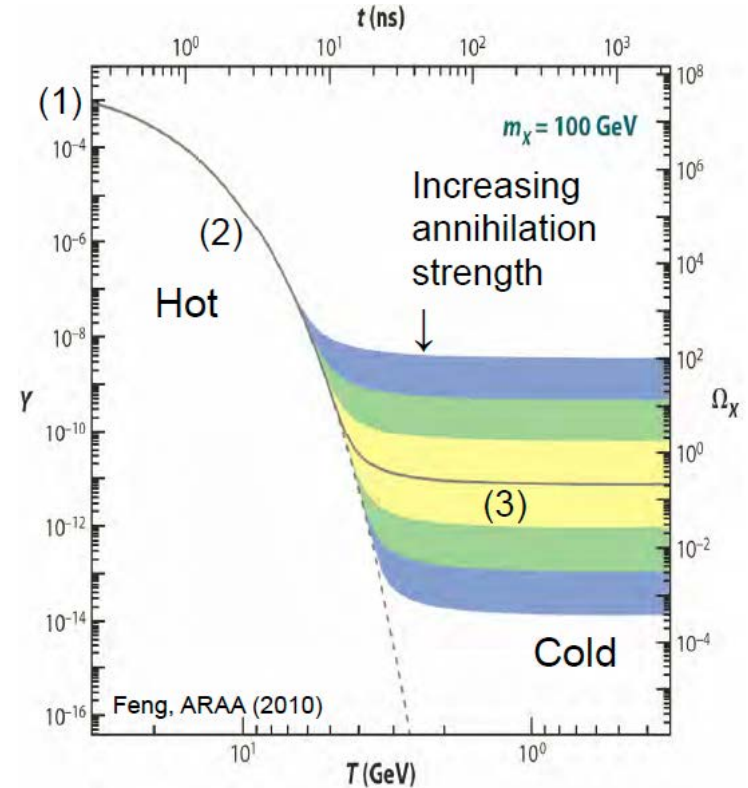
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# Dark Matter Relic Abundance

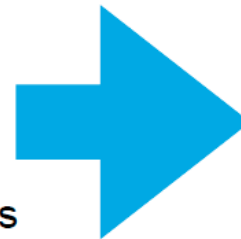
- Dark matter production, annihilation at equilibrium in early universe
- Universe expands and cools: stops DM production, then annihilation
- WIMPs imply fixed DM abundance (bottom)



$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = 0.12$$

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = \frac{0.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{GeV}^{-2}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

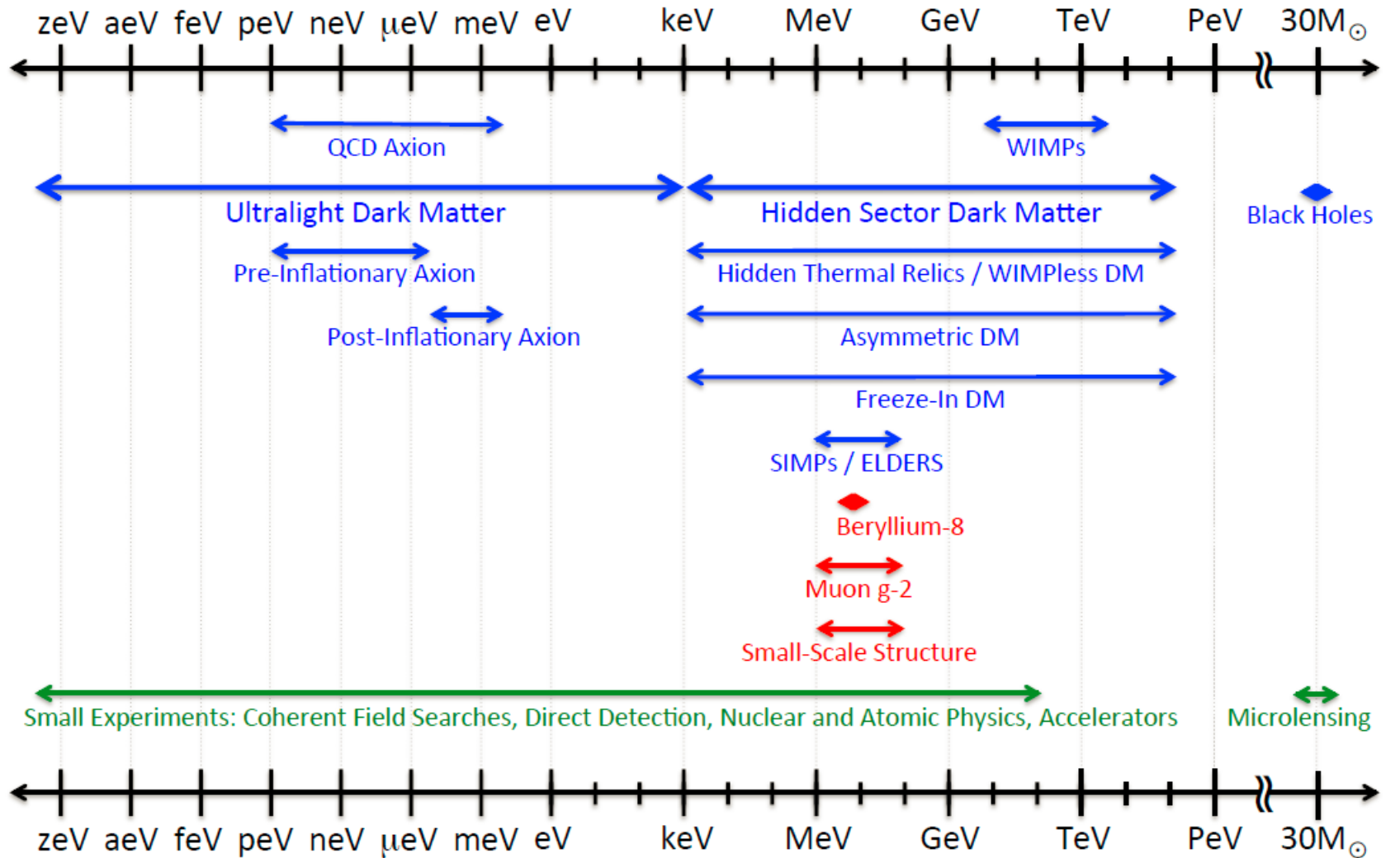
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 10^{-9} \text{GeV}^{-2} \quad (\text{weak cross section})$$



$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} \sim 0.2$$

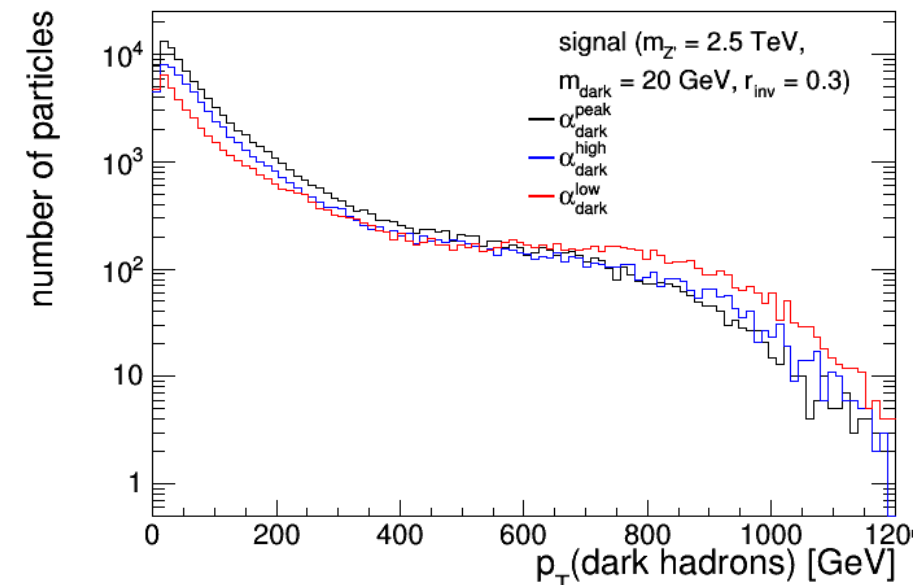
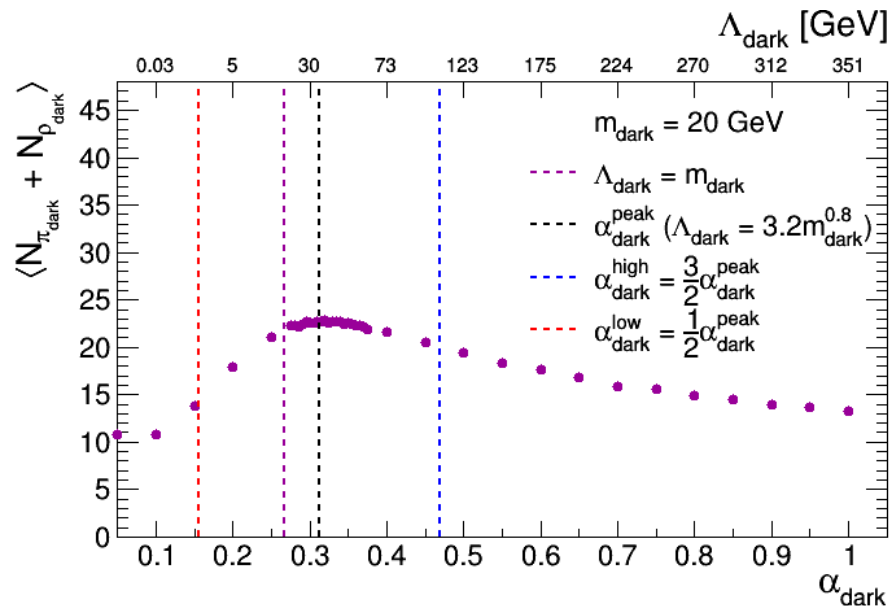
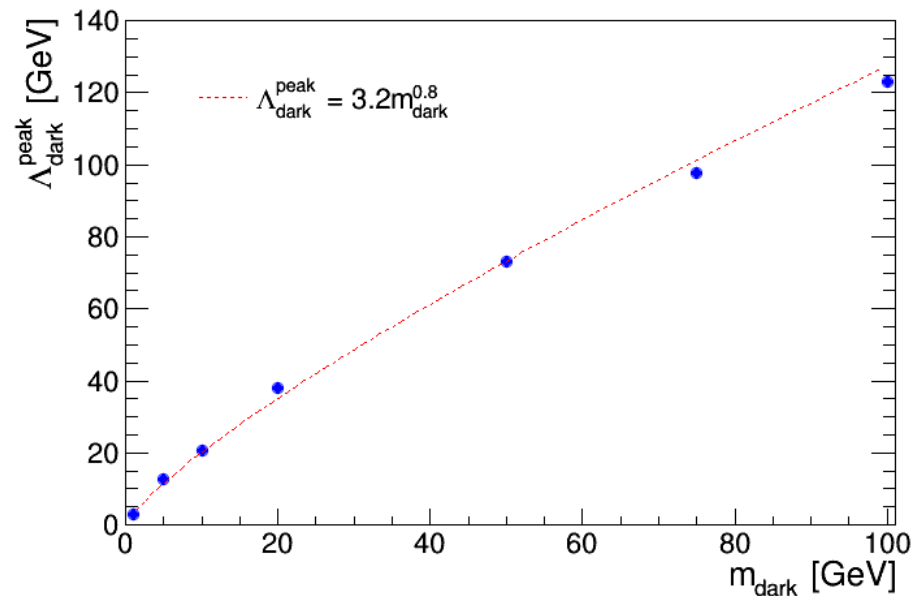
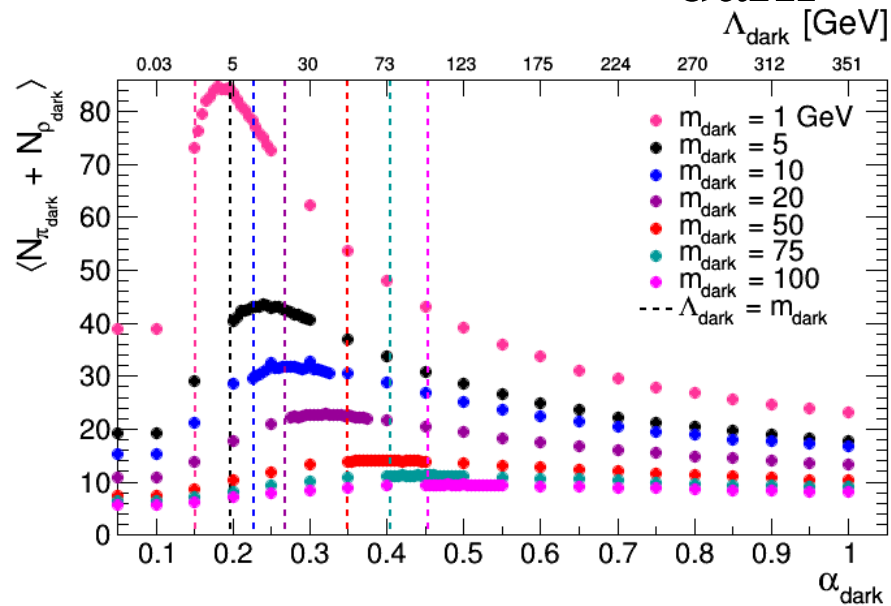
# Dark Matter Landscape

Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

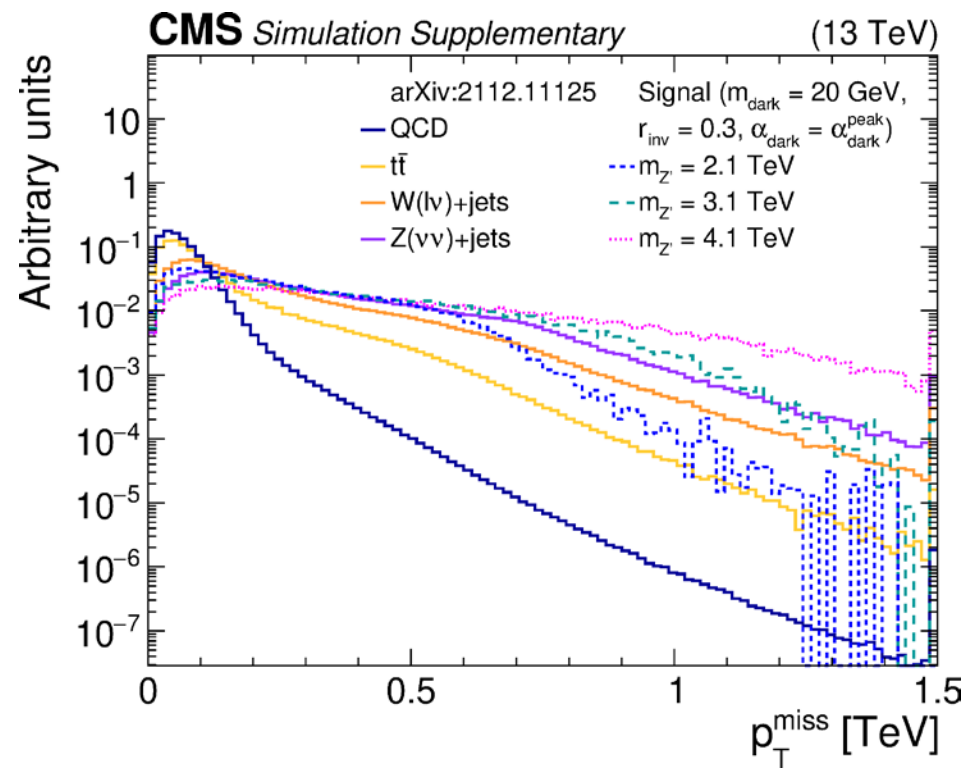
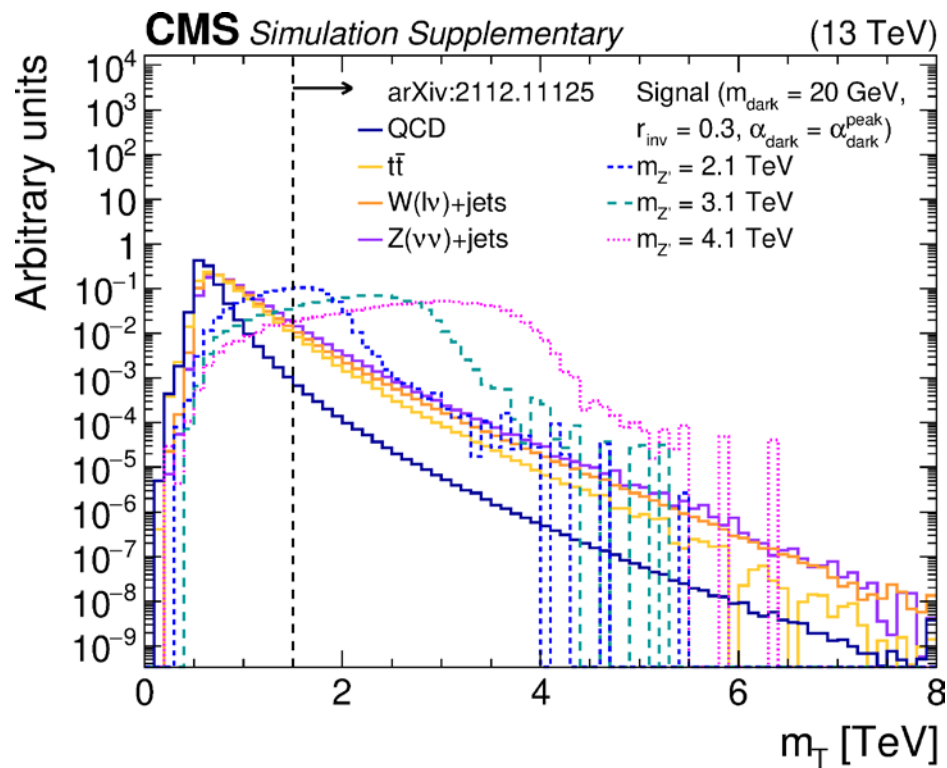


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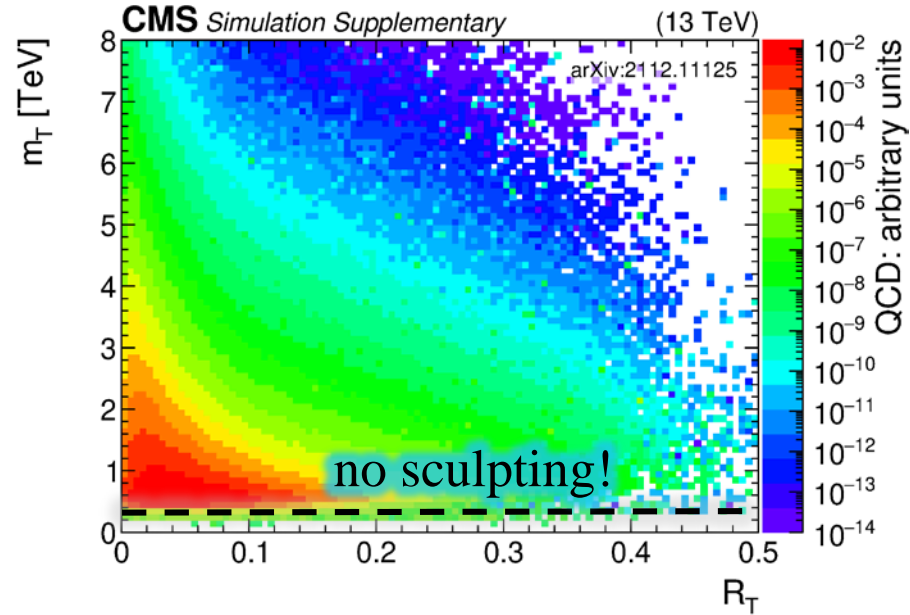
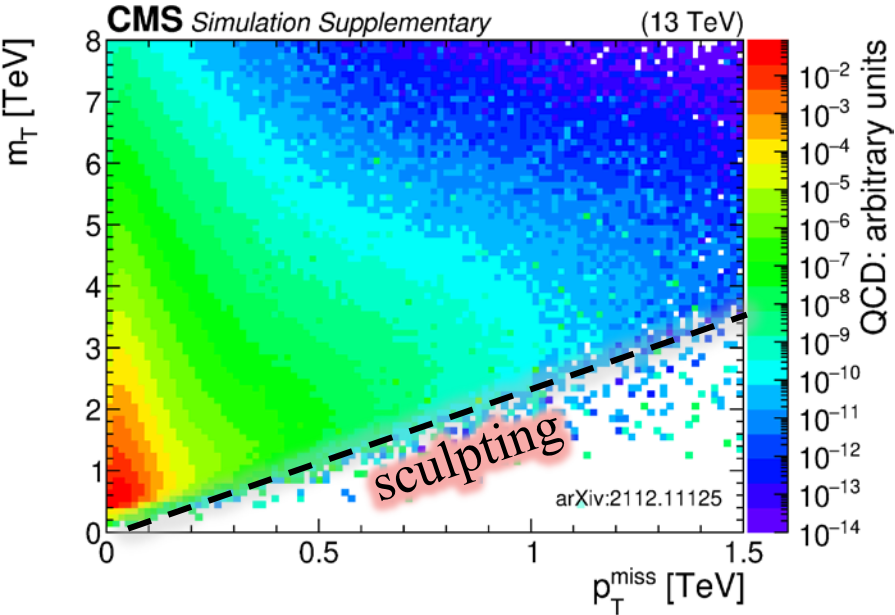
# $\alpha_{\text{dark}}$ variations



# Semivisible Jet Kinematics

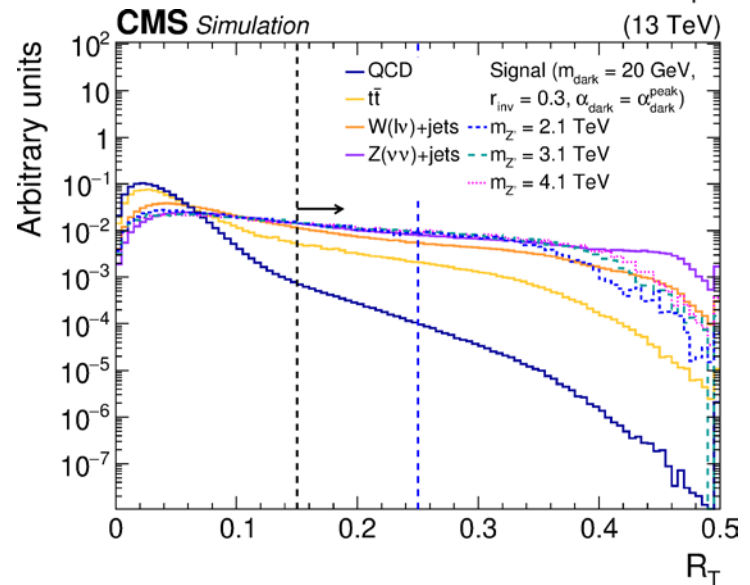


# Mass Sculpting



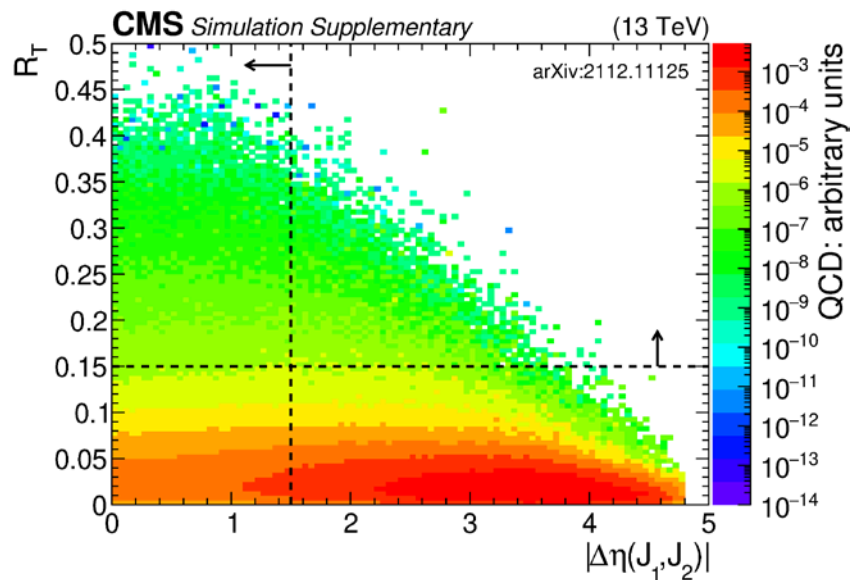
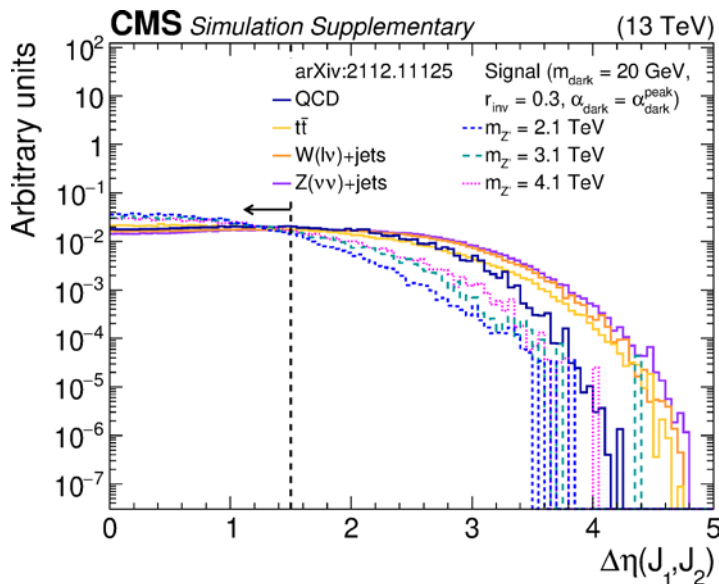
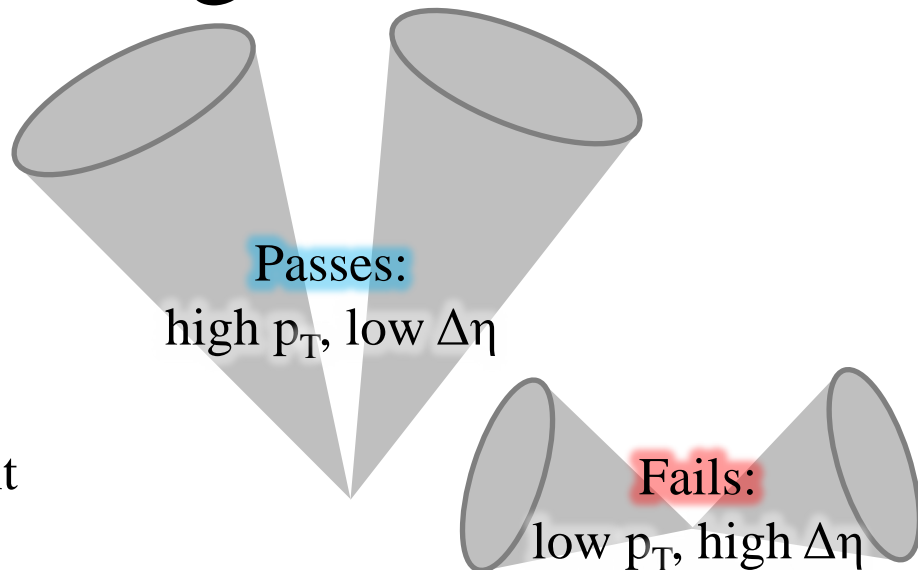
- Avoid/minimize direct cuts on  $m_T$   
 ingredients:  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ , jet  $p_T$ 
  - Relative variable (“transverse ratio”):  

$$R_T = p_T^{\text{miss}}/m_T$$
  - Reject QCD background without shifting  $m_T$  peak



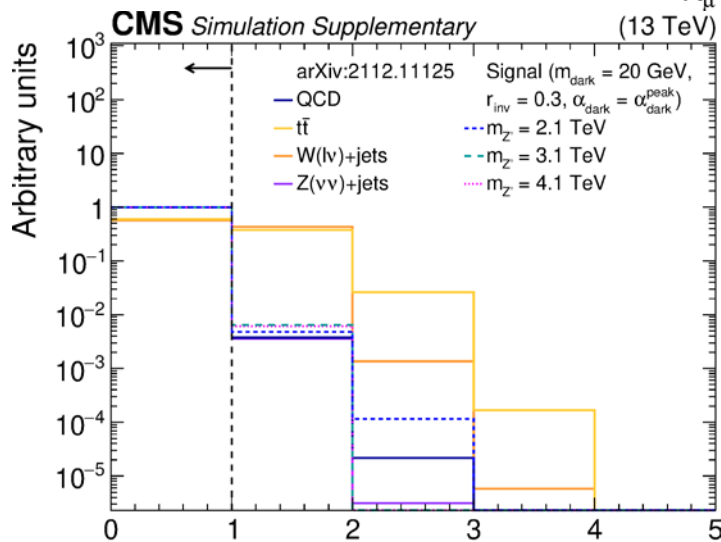
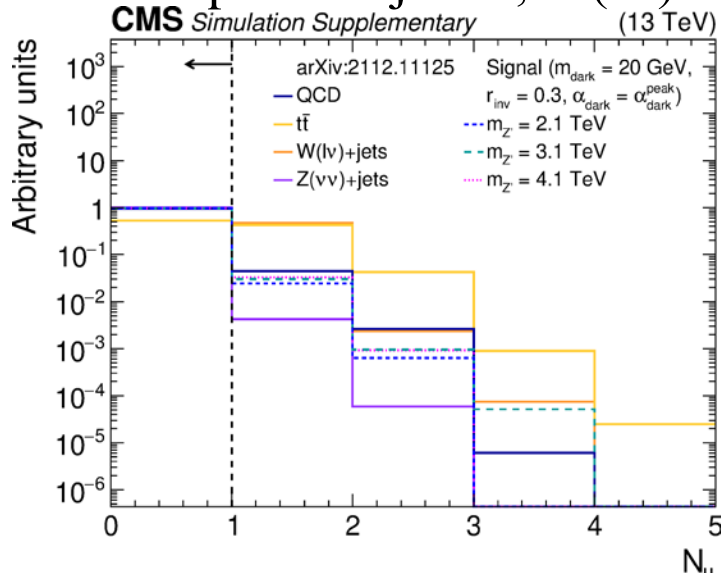
# Triggering

- Trigger on jet  $p_T$ ,  $H_T$ 
  - Require low  $\Delta\eta(J_1, J_2)$  for high efficiency
- Usually improves signal sensitivity
  - Most  $t$ -channel QCD events already rejected by  $R_T$  requirement
- $m_T > 1500$  GeV for trigger efficiency

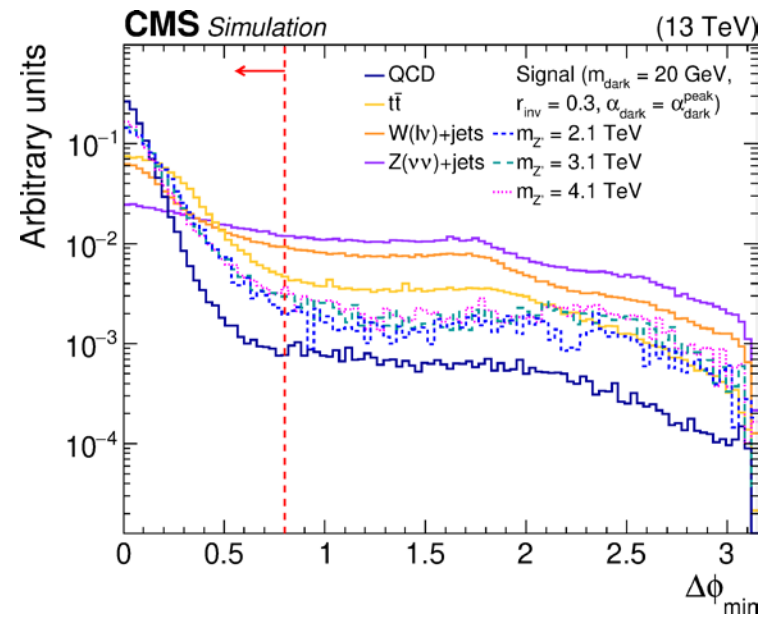


# Electroweak Rejection

Veto leptons: reject  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $W(\ell\nu)$

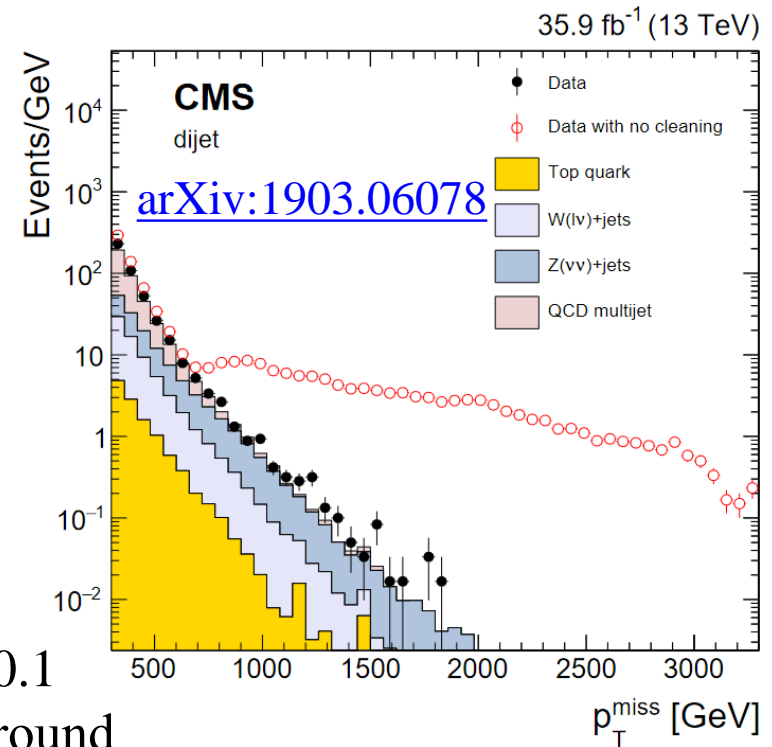


Require low  $\Delta\phi_{\min}(J_{1,2}, p_T^{\text{miss}})$ :  
Reject  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $W(\ell\nu)$ ,  $Z(\nu\nu)$



# Instrumental Backgrounds

- Centrally-maintained filters reject *most* instrumental sources of artificial high- $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  events
  - But low- $\Delta\phi$  region ignored by almost all analyses: filters not tuned here
- Major source of jet mismeasurement: nonfunctional ECAL readout channels (“dead” or “hot” cells)
  - Custom filter vetoing events w/ narrow (AK4) jets w/  $\Delta R(j_{1,2}, \text{nonfunctional}) < 0.1$ 
    - reject additional 40% of QCD background
    - Signal efficiency 95%
- Misreconstructed jets near barrel-endcap gap in ECAL
  - Appear at high  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  and high  $m_T$
  - Veto events w/  $p_T(j_1) > 1000$  GeV and  $f_\gamma(j_1) > 0.7$





# Control Regions

## Single Muon

- $N_J \geq 2$
- $p_T(J_1, J_2) > 200 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta(J_1, J_2)| < 2.4$ ,  $J_{1,2}$  pass noise rejection
- $R_T \equiv p_T^{\text{miss}}/m_T > 0.15$
- $\Delta\eta(J_1, J_2) < 1.5$
- e veto ( $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ )
- $N_\mu \geq 1$  ( $p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ , medium ID,  $I_{\text{mini}} < 0.2$ , HLT match)

- Used for trigger efficiency measurement
- Corresponding Single Muon High- $\Delta\eta$  region used for CR trigger efficiency measurement

- Used for data quality studies
  - Statistically limited, but otherwise kinematically similar to signal region
- $\Delta\eta$  range maximizes data yield (in fully efficient region,  $m_T > 1850 \text{ GeV}$ )
  - $1500 < m_T < 1850 \text{ GeV}$  can be used w/ trigger efficiency correction applied

## High- $\Delta\eta$

Preselection, except:

- $1.5 < \Delta\eta(J_1, J_2) < 2.2$
- $m_T > 1850 \text{ GeV}$

# Cutflows

Selection	QCD	$t\bar{t}$	W+jets	Z+jets	$r_{\text{inv}} = 0.3$
$p_{\text{T}}(J_{1,2}) > 200 \text{ GeV}, \eta(J_{1,2}) < 2.4$	1.2	6.4	2.0	1.3	83.5
$R_{\text{T}} > 0.15$	1.3	12.1	18.5	34.6	39.7
$\Delta\eta(J_1, J_2) < 1.5$	94.9	88.0	85.1	78.8	80.0
$m_{\text{T}} > 1.5 \text{ TeV}$	0.20	3.1	4.0	5.6	81.8
$N_{\mu} = 0$	93.0	62.0	66.0	99.5	96.8
$N_{\text{e}} = 0$	99.6	59.8	57.3	99.6	99.4
$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ filters	99.5	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8
$\Delta R(j_{1,2}, c_{\text{nonfunctional}}) > 0.1$	60.6	95.1	95.2	95.6	95.2
veto $f_{\gamma}(j_1) > 0.7$ & $p_{\text{T}}(j_1) > 1.0 \text{ TeV}$	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.7
$\Delta\phi_{\text{min}} < 0.8$	94.8	81.7	61.8	44.7	87.7
Efficiency [%]	1.6e-05	0.0060	0.0029	0.0085	17
high- $R_{\text{T}}$	9.0	29.5	38.8	39.1	45.2
low- $R_{\text{T}}$	91.0	70.5	61.2	60.9	54.8
high-SVJ2	0.093	0.62	0.46	0.69	34.6
low-SVJ2	1.1	1.7	0.92	0.94	42.3

# Variable Definitions

- **Girth:**  $g = \sum_i \frac{p_{T,i}}{p_{T,\text{jet}}} r_i$

- **Major/minor axes:**

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i p_{T,i}^2 \Delta\eta_i^2 & -\sum_i p_{T,i}^2 \Delta\eta_i \Delta\phi_i \\ -\sum_i p_{T,i}^2 \Delta\eta_i \Delta\phi_i & \sum_i p_{T,i}^2 \Delta\phi_i^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{major}} = \sqrt{\lambda_1 / \sum_i p_{T,i}^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{minor}} = \sqrt{\lambda_2 / \sum_i p_{T,i}^2}$$

- **$p_T \mathbf{D}$ :**  $p_T \mathbf{D} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_i p_{T,i}^2}}{\sum_i p_{T,i}}$

- **Nsubjettiness:**  $\tau_{21} = \tau_2 / \tau_1$ ,  $\tau_{32} = \tau_3 / \tau_2$

$$\tau_N^{(\beta)} = \frac{1}{\sum_k p_{T,k} R_0} \sum_k p_{T,k} \min\{\Delta R_{1,k}^{(\beta)}, \Delta R_{2,k}^{(\beta)}, \dots, \Delta R_{N,k}^{(\beta)}\}$$

- **Energy correlation functions:**

$$v e_n^{(\beta)} = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_n \leq n_{\text{const.}}} z_{i_1} \dots z_{i_n} \prod_{m=1}^v \min_{s < t \in \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}}^{(m)} \left\{ \theta_{st}^\beta \right\}$$

$$N_2^{(1)} = \frac{2e_3^{(1)}}{(1e_2^{(1)})^2}$$

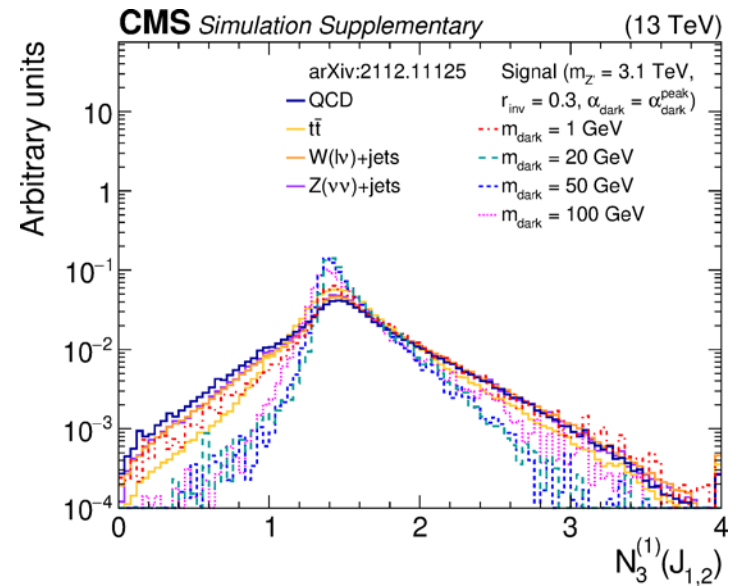
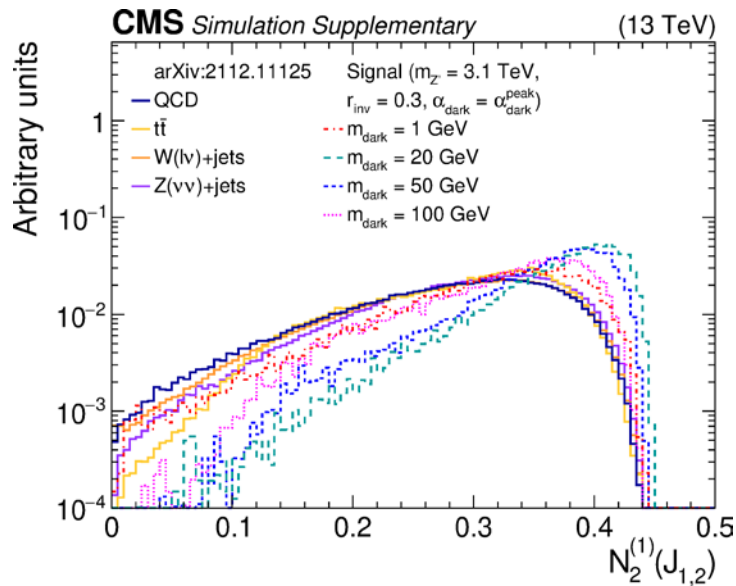
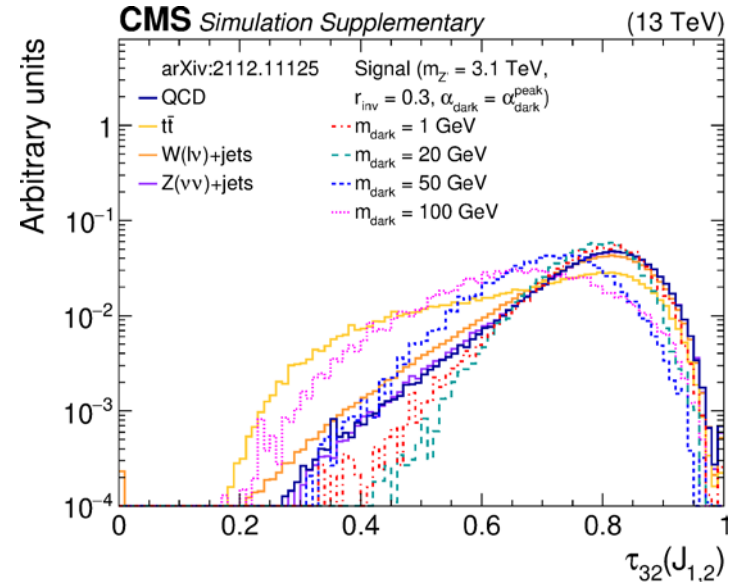
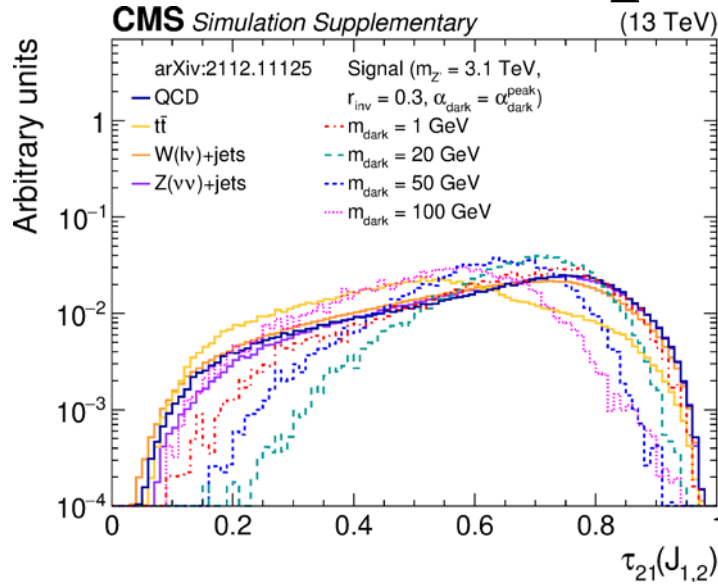
$$N_3^{(1)} = \frac{2e_4^{(1)}}{(1e_3^{(1)})^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{T}}^2 &= [E_{\text{T,JJ}} + E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}]^2 - [\vec{p}_{\text{T,JJ}} + \vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}]^2 \\ &= m_{\text{JJ}}^2 + 2p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} \left[ \sqrt{m_{\text{JJ}}^2 + p_{\text{T,JJ}}^2} - p_{\text{T,JJ}} \cos(\phi_{\text{JJ,miss}}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

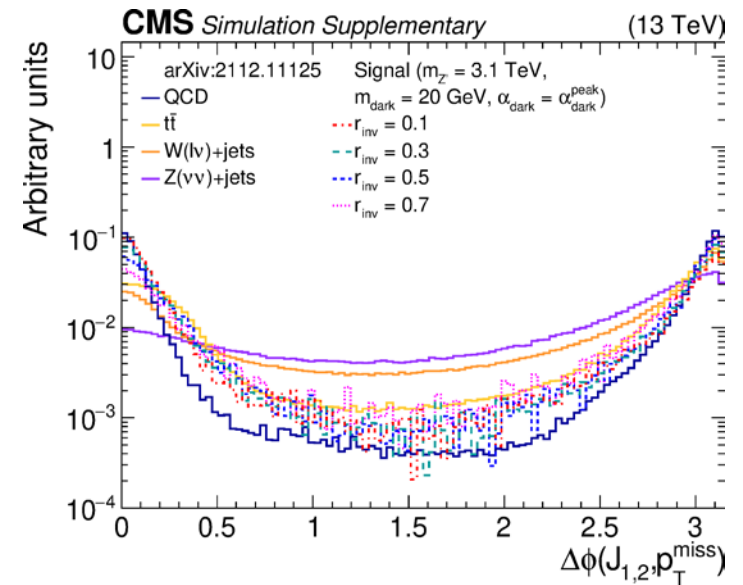
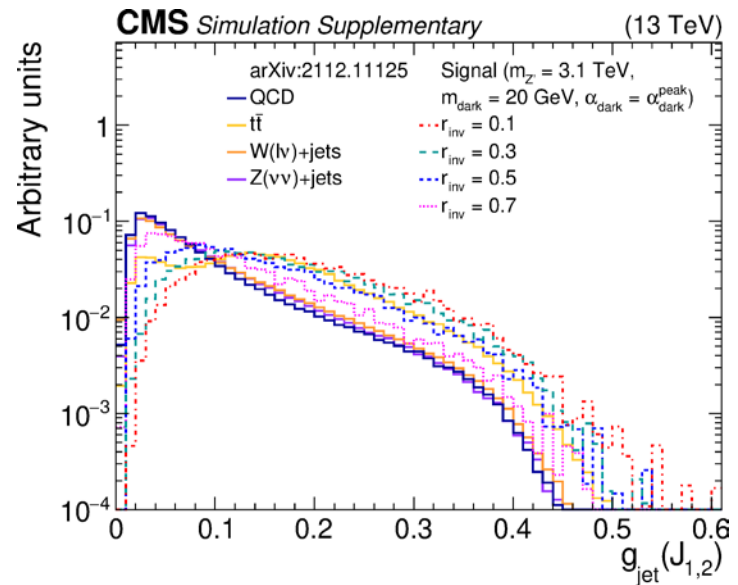
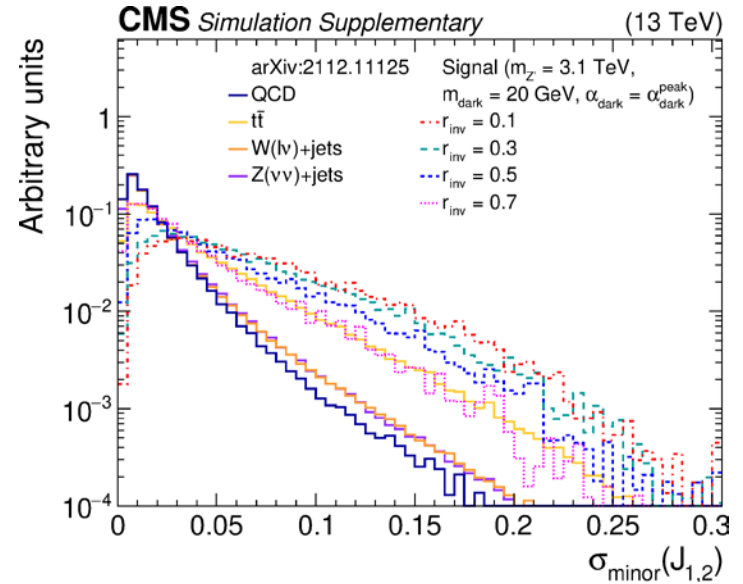
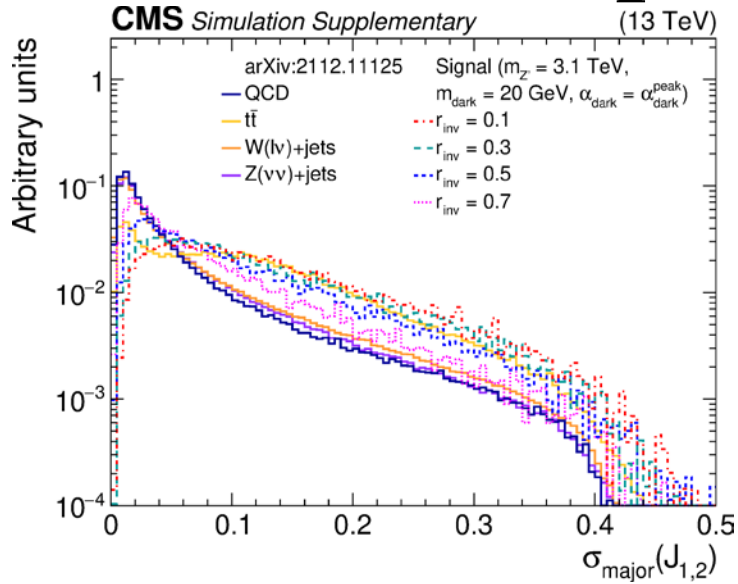
# Soft Drop Mass

- Start w/ jet clustered by anti- $k_t$  algorithm w/  $R = 0.8$
- Recluster jet constituents w/ Cambridge-Aachen algorithm
  - Undo clustering one step at a time
  - Get two subjets  $j_1, j_2$
  - Check condition:  $\frac{\min(p_{Tj1}, p_{Tj2})}{p_{Tj1} + p_{Tj2}} > z_{\text{cut}} \times \left(\frac{\Delta R_{12}}{R_0}\right)^\beta$
  - If met, then keep whole jet and stop
  - If not met, keep higher  $p_T$  subjet and repeat
- CMS uses  $z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1, \beta = 0$
- See [arXiv:1402.2657](https://arxiv.org/abs/1402.2657)
- Effect: drop soft constituents (at wide angles)  
→ remove ISR, underlying event, pileup
- Mass calculation: find invariant mass from softdrop subjet 4-vectors

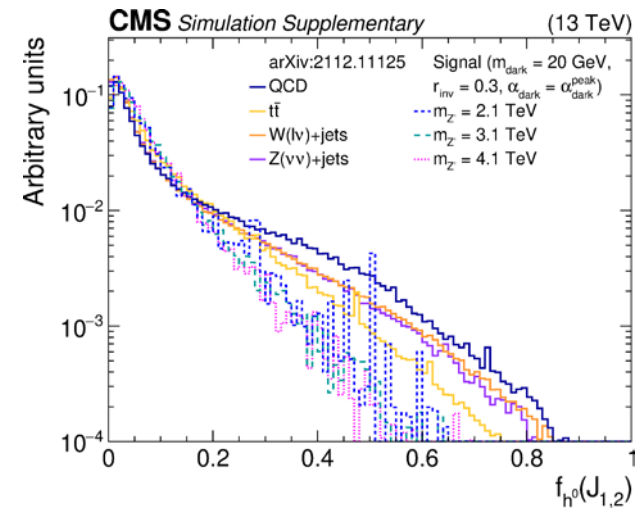
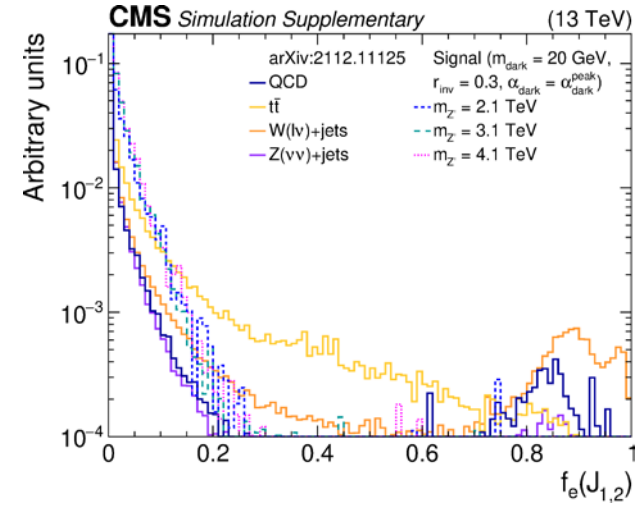
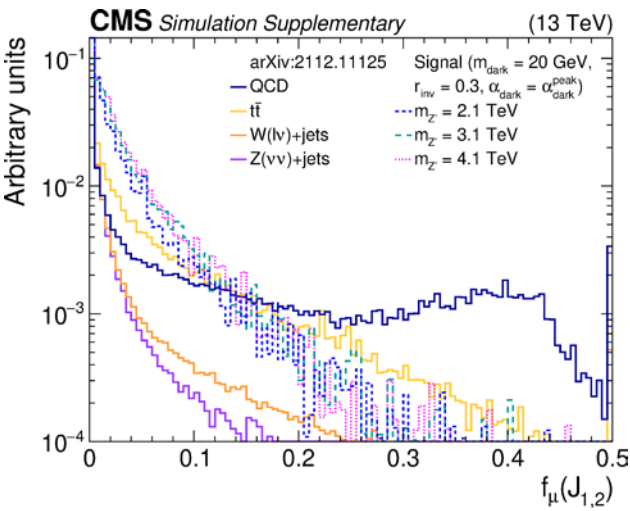
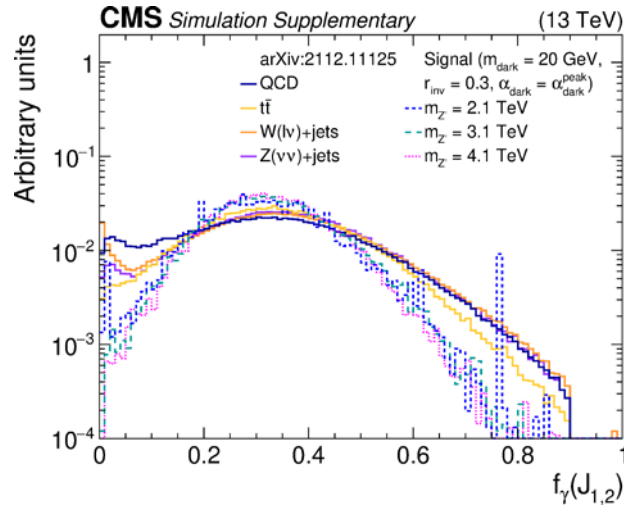
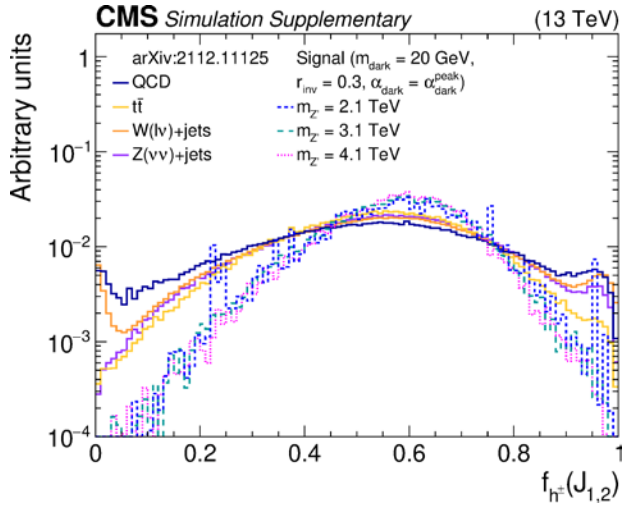
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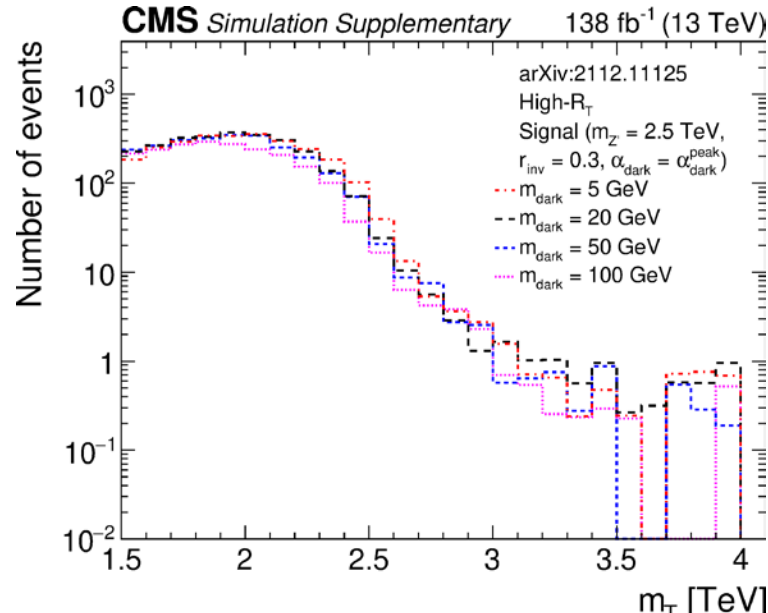
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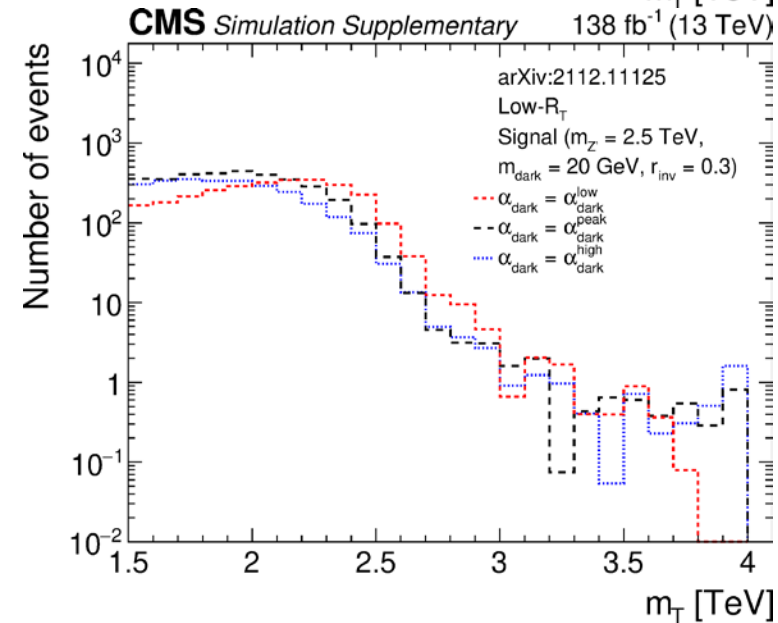
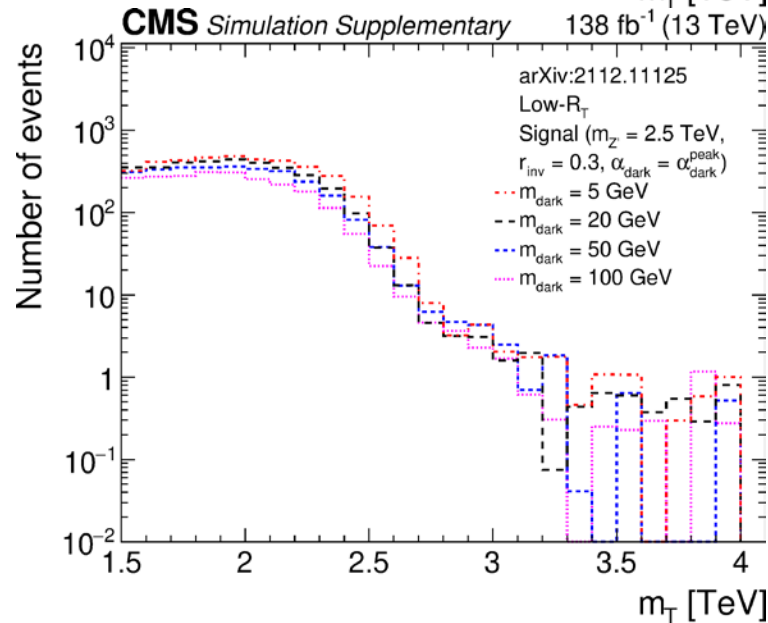
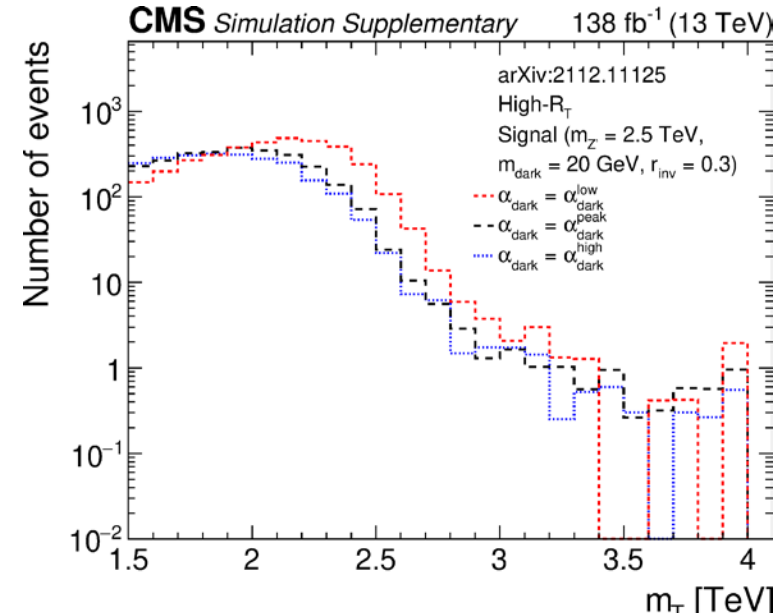
# BDT Input Variables (3)



# More $m_T$ Variations

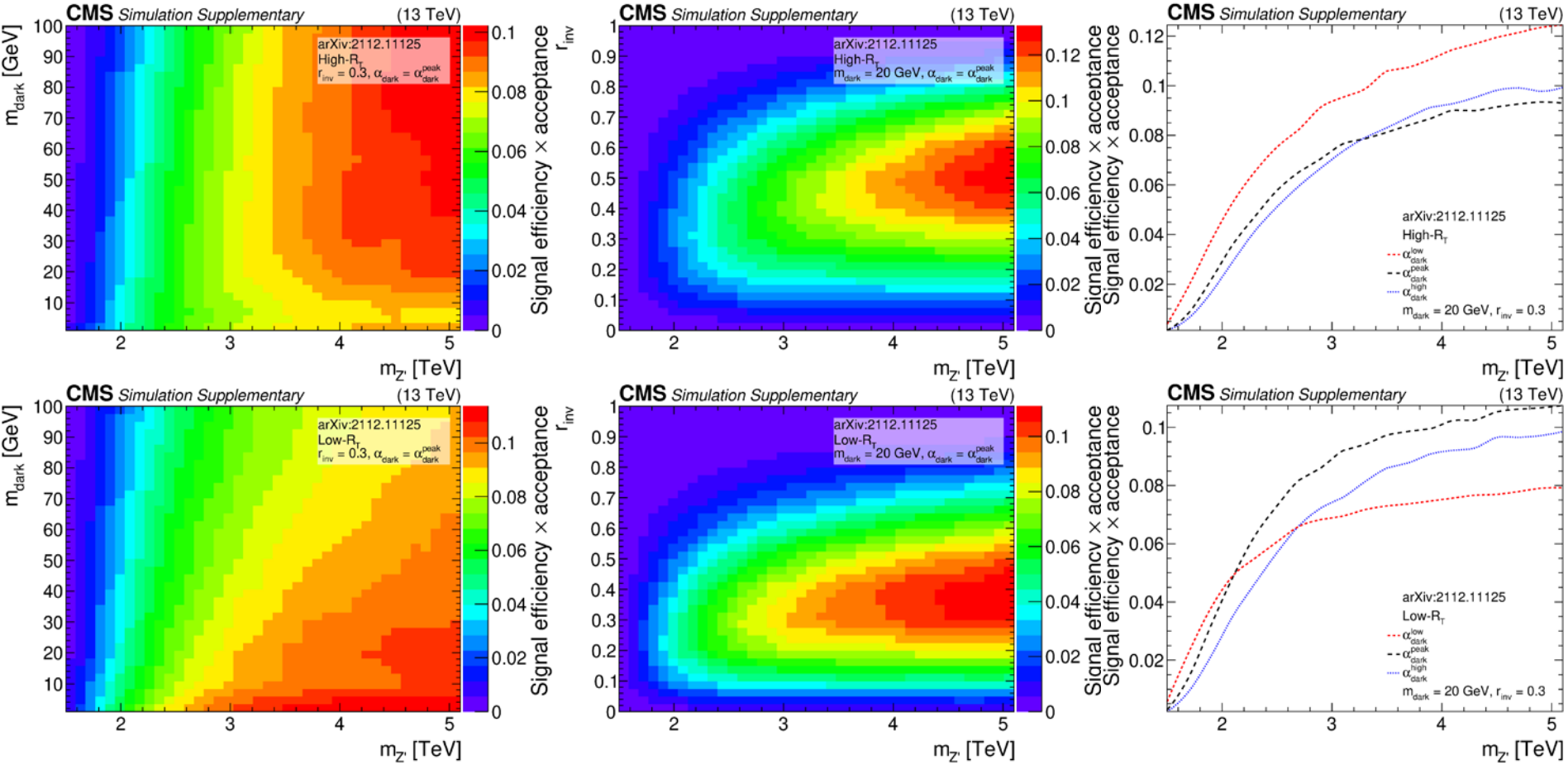


- $\alpha_{dark}$  has non-trivial impact
- $m_{dark}$  has very little impact

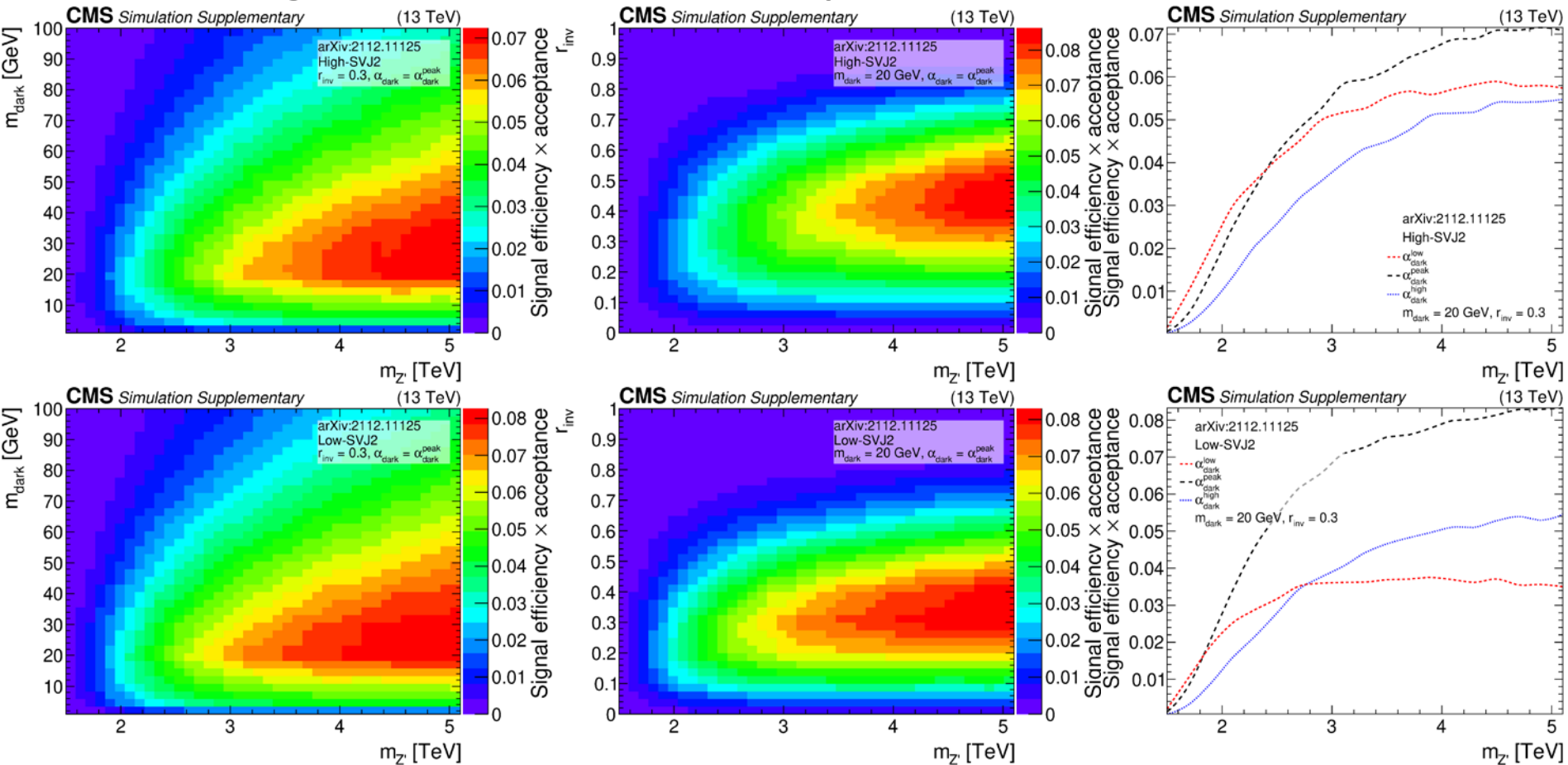




# Signal Efficiency (inclusive)



# Signal Efficiency (BDT-based)



# Secondary Functions

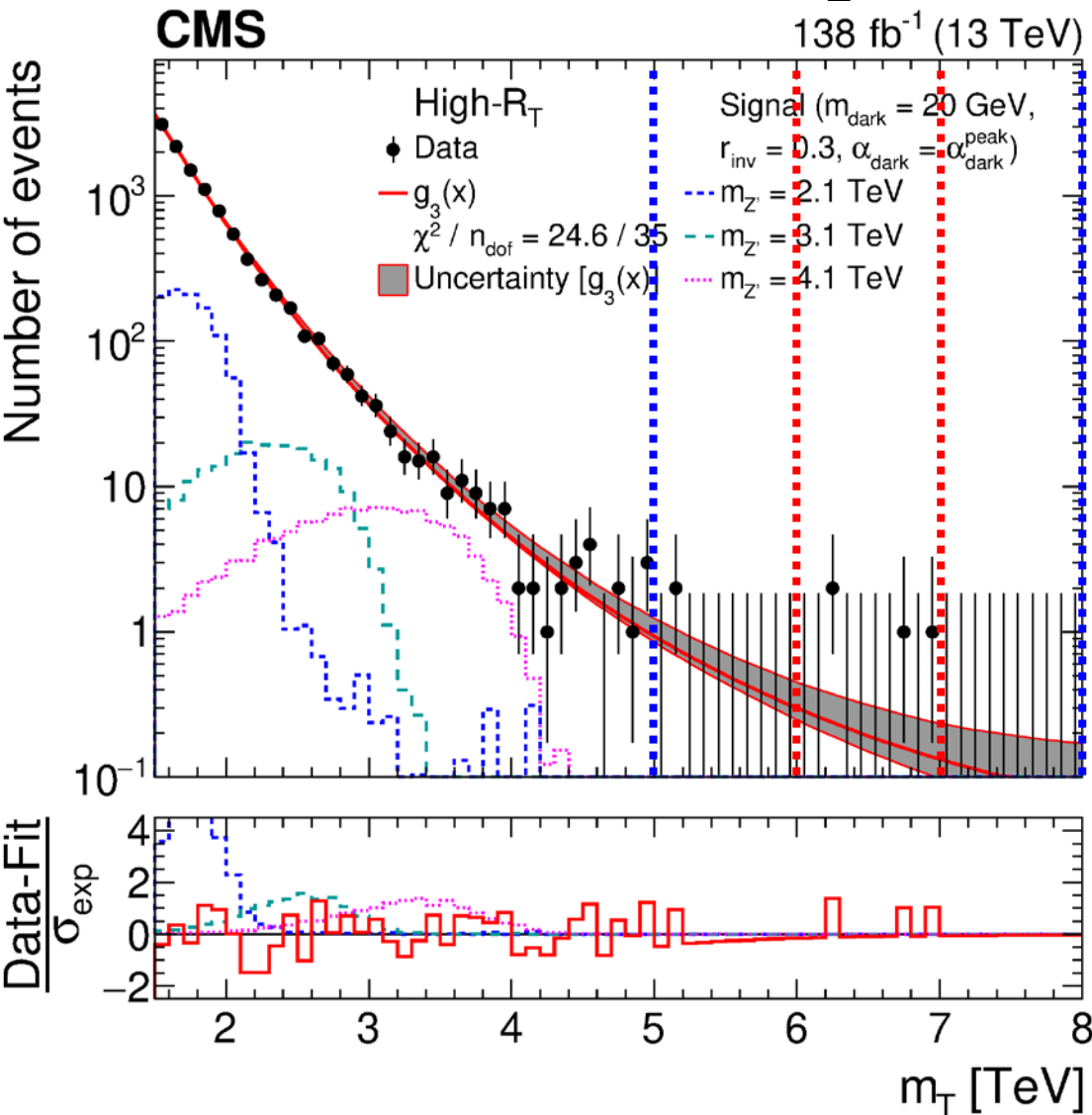
$$x = m_T / \sqrt{s}$$

$$f(x) = (1 - x)^{p_1} (x)^{p_2 + p_3 \log(x)}$$

$$h(x) = (x)^{-p_1} \exp(-p_2 x - p_3 x^2)$$

- $f(x)$  from CMS dijet searches e.g. [arXiv:1911.03947](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.03947)
- $h(x)$  from UA2 dijet searches: [Z. Phys. C \*\*49\*\* \(1991\) 17](#), [Nucl. Phys. B \*\*400\*\* \(1993\) 3](#)

# High- $R_T$ Tail Counts



$m_T$ [TeV]	Obs.	Pred.	
<b>5–8</b>	6	8.4	+2.1
			-1.4
<b>6–7</b>	4	2.0	+0.6
			-0.4

- Predicted counts and uncertainties obtained from integrating background fit