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# Physics Beyond Standard Model : Exotics Chapter 1

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# whoami

I am an **experimental** physicist, senior staff researcher at INFN (Istituto Nazionale Fisica Nucleare) – Sezione di Bologna

I am ATLAS member since looong time. Previously I was member of the CDF experiment at Fermilab (top quark discovery!) → **Hadron collider** physics

## Current Research interests:

- Exotic physics (mainly leptonic signatures)
- ITk (Inner Tracker Phase2 Upgrade for ATLAS High-Lumi LHC)
- Missing Energy Trigger

Focus on experimental and practical aspects (with examples) of Beyond Standard Model searches at Hadronic colliders.

I will be ~~probably~~ biased towards ATLAS experiment



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# Forewords

I would like to **thank** lecturers of previous HASCO schools (M. Verducci, C. Doglioni, and many others) since their previous lectures were a source of “inspiration”

Many slides have been elaborated from CERN seminars, public presentations in ATLAS, etc.. I have tried to reference properly and acknowledge authors when possible.

I apologize in advance if I have missed some of the authors

# Outline

- Why looking for physics Beyond Standard Model ?
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# Beyond Standard Model

Look for example on CMS Publication web [page](#)

## CMS Physics Publications

- [Forward and Small-x QCD Physics](#)
- [B Physics and Quarkonia](#)
- [Standard Model Physics](#)
- [Top Physics](#)
- [Higgs Physics](#)
- [Supersymmetry](#)
- [Exotica](#)
- [Beyond 2 Generations](#)
- [Heavy-Ion Physics](#)

C. Merlassino lecture

## Exotica Publications

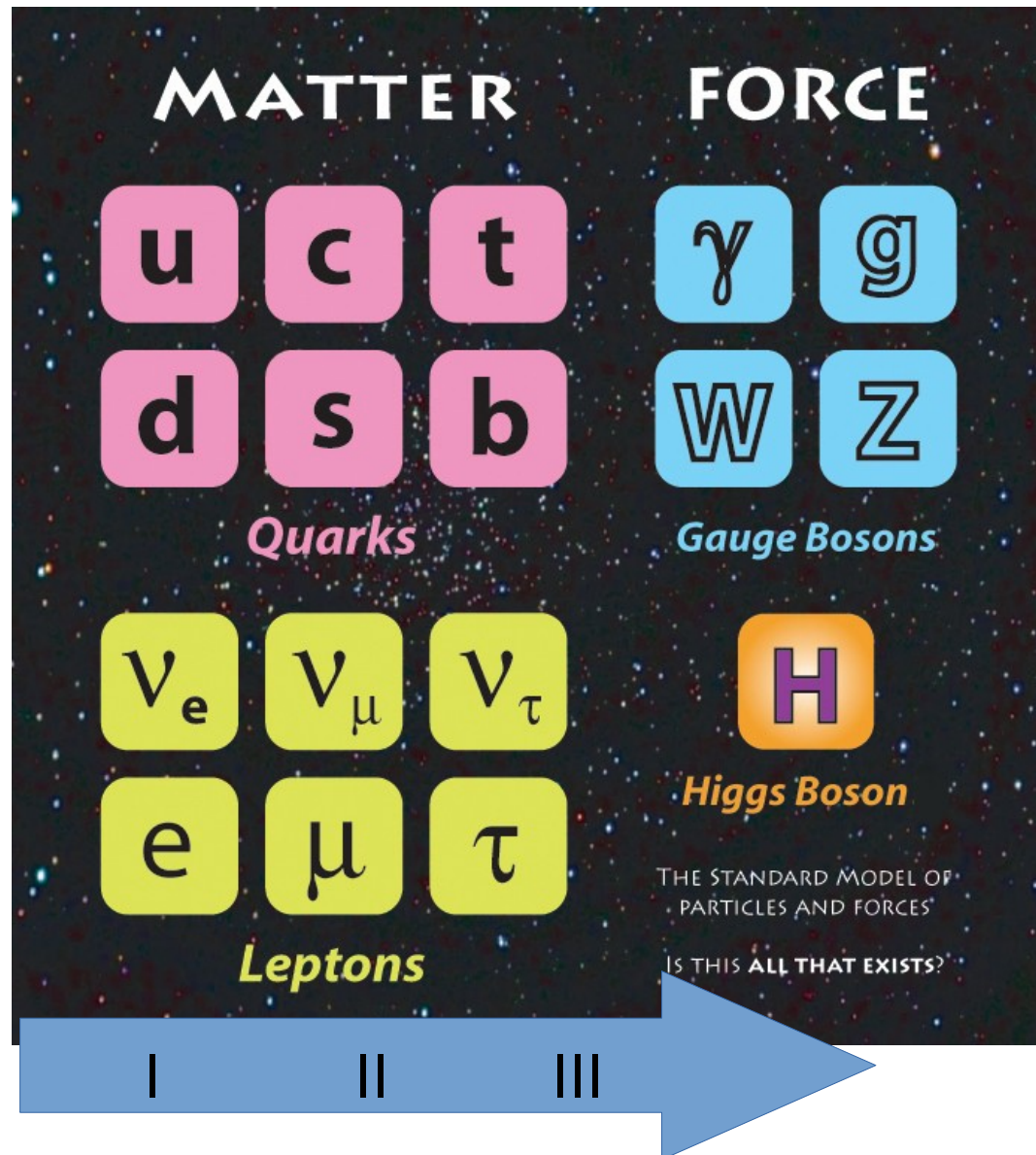
- [Leptoquarks](#)
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  - [Dijets](#)
  - [Dileptons](#)
  - $t\bar{t}$
  - [Dibosons,  \$VV\$  and  \$VH\$](#)
  - [Boosted Topologies](#)

There are more things in **your experiment**  
~~heaven and earth~~, Horatio,  
Than are dreamt of in  
your **philosophy**. **model**

*William Shakespeare*

The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark  
Act 1, Scene 5

# The Standard Model

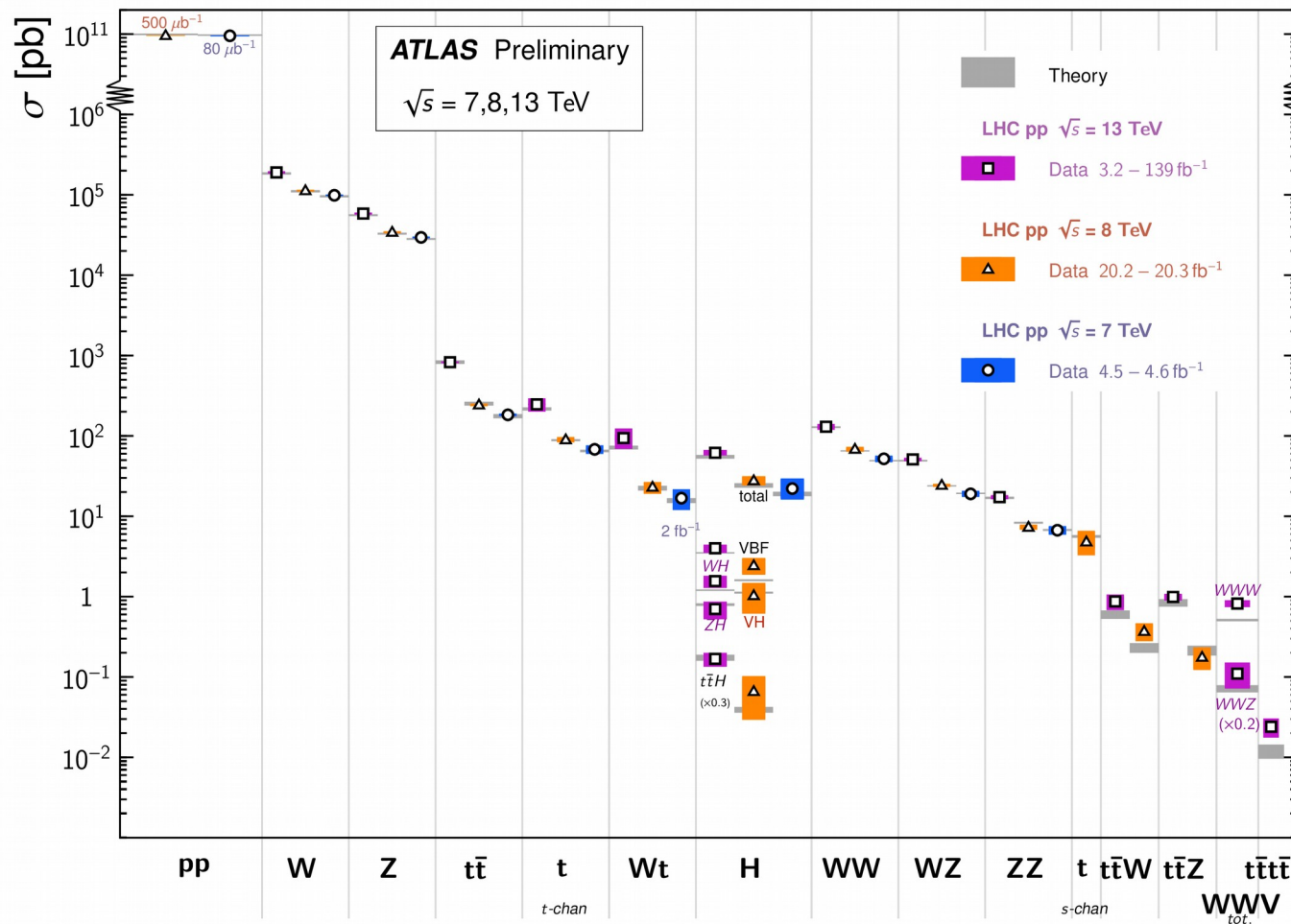


Matter Generations

# The Standard Model

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: February 2022



Impressive theory providing predictions valid over **7 orders** of magnitude!

# Why BSM?

## Theoretical/Aesthetic Motivations

- Too many free SM parameters (masses, mixing, couplings)
- Hierarchy problem (huge gap between fundamental particles masses)
- Fine tuning of Higgs mass (Higgs boson is the only fundamental scalar particle)
- and counting ...

## Experimental Motivations

- Dark Matter
- Dark Energy
- Gravity
- Matter vs Anti-Matter
- and counting...

# Hierarchy Problem

17 orders of magnitude between Eelectroweak scale and Planck scale

$$m_h = 125 \text{ GeV} \ll M_{Planck} = 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

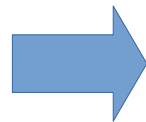
Corrections to Higgs mass

$$(125\text{GeV})^2 = m_h^2 = m_{h(0)}^2 + \delta m_h^2$$

$$M_H^2 = M_{\text{bare}}^2 + \left( \text{Higgs self-energy loop} \right) + \left( \text{top quark loop} \right) + \left( \text{W/Z boson loop} \right)$$

$$\delta m_h^2 = -\frac{3y_t^2}{8\pi^2} \Lambda_{UV}^2$$

If  $\Lambda_{UV} = M_{Planck}$

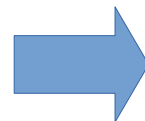


$$\frac{\delta m_h^2}{(125 \text{ GeV})^2} \simeq 10^{32}$$

Fine Tuning !

If no fine-tuning

$$\frac{\delta m_h^2}{(125 \text{ GeV})^2} \simeq 1$$



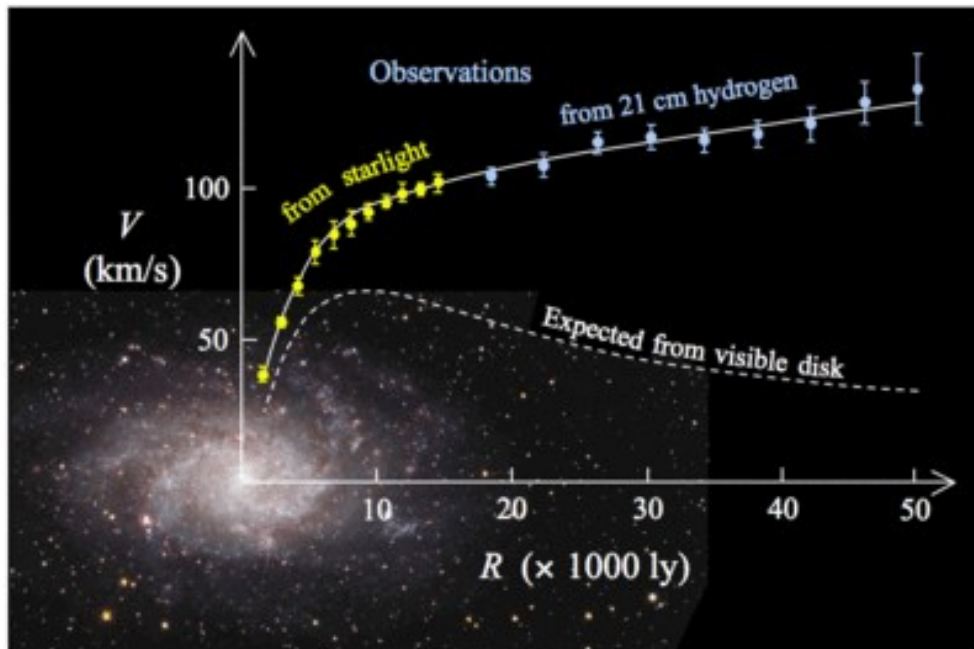
$$\Lambda_{UV} \simeq 650 \text{ GeV}$$

# How to solve Hierarchy?

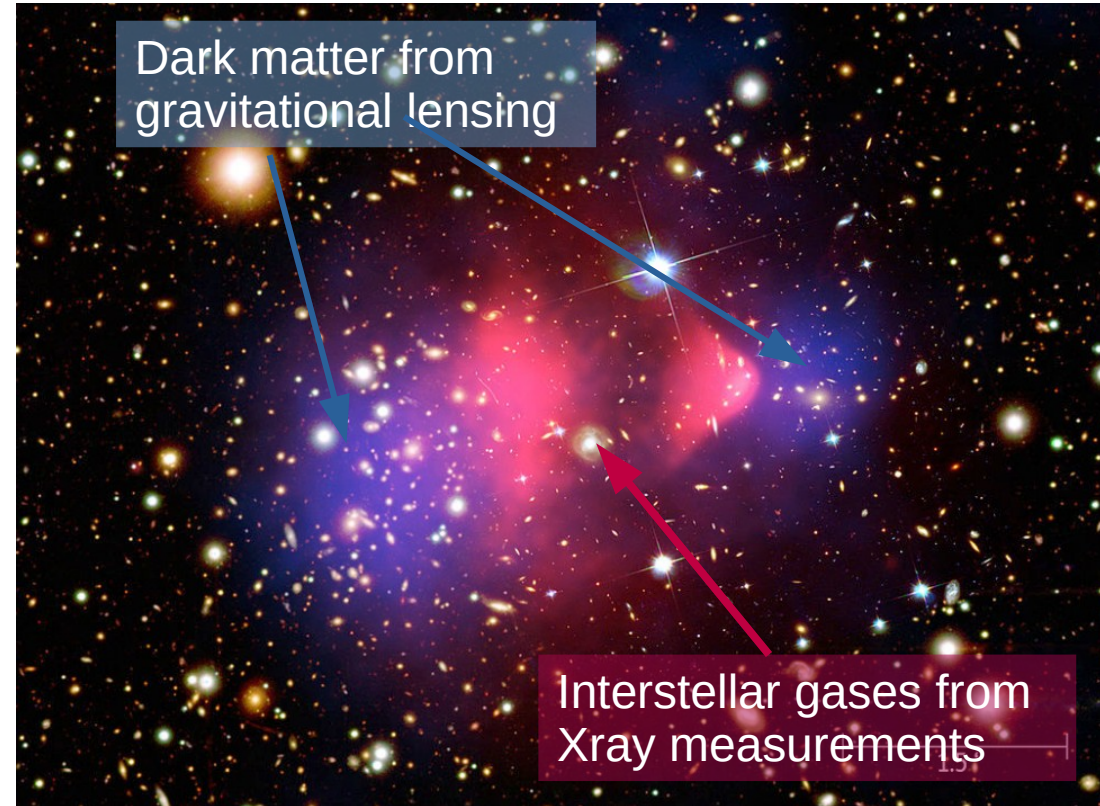
- $\Lambda_{UV}$  is not at the Planck scale (in the reach of LHC?) → **BSM**
- Higgs is composite → **BSM** (It happens for  $\pi^0$  and  $\pi^\pm$  )
- Additional particles cancel divergences → SUSY → cf lecture from C. Merlassino tomorrow
- Anthropic scenario → Multiverse (not sure how to test that...)
- Something else .... (Intriguing....)



# Dark Matter



Dark Matter from galactic rotational curves

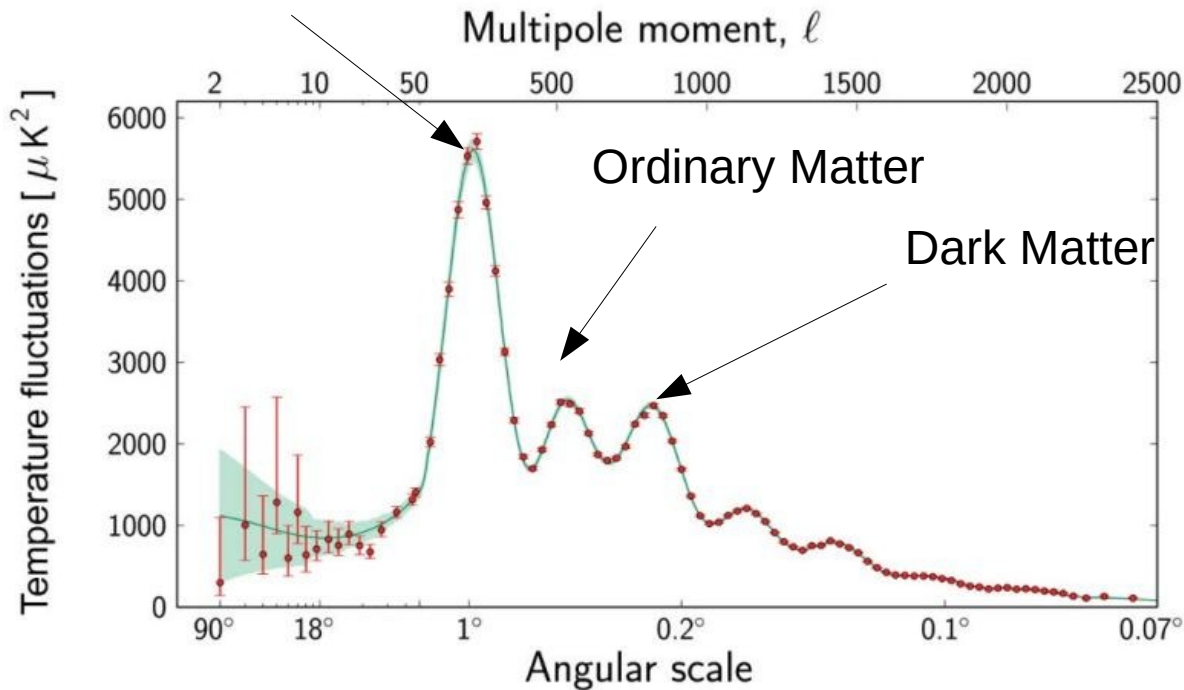


Dark matter from cluster (Bullet Cluster) galaxies collisions

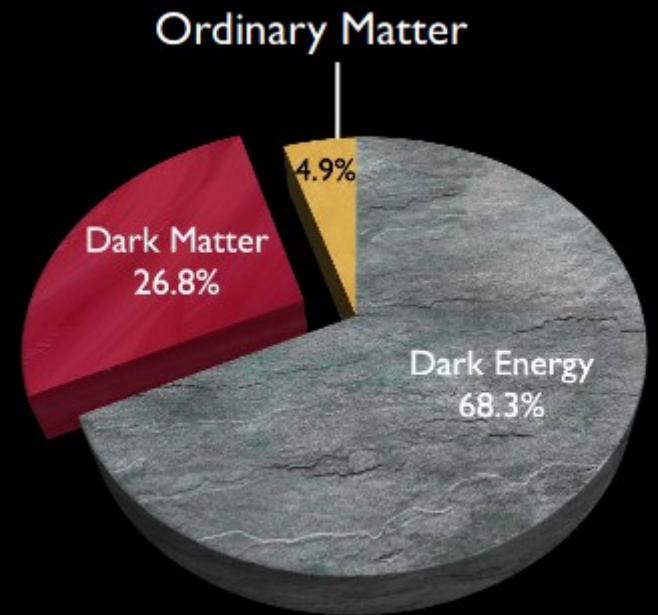


# Dark Matter

Flat universe



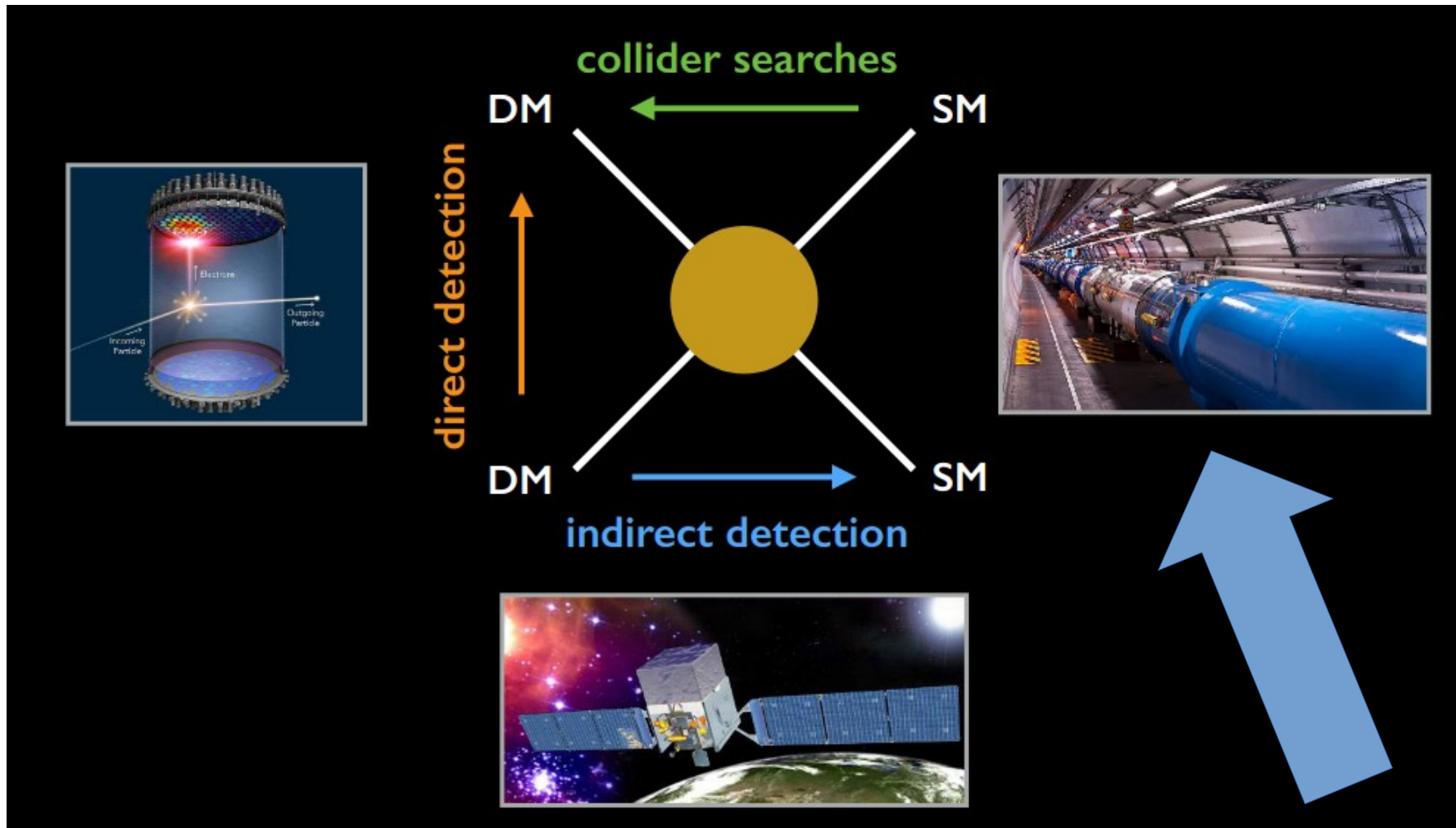
From Cosmic Microwave  
Background power spectrum




Will Euclid be a game  
changer? (launched on  
01/07/2023) ?



# Direct searches of Dark Matter



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# How to search for BSM?

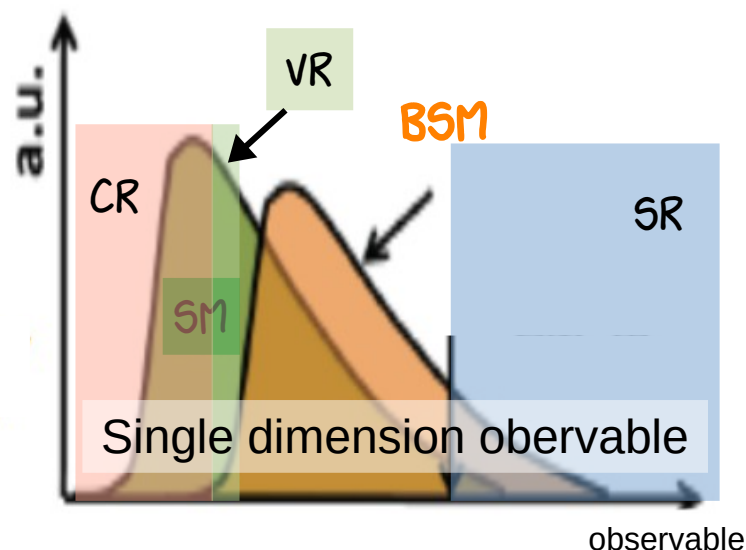
- From theory to data
  - Use principles/conjectures to postulate a theory
  - Derive phenomenology
  - Design an “experiment” to prove or reject it
- From data to theory
  - Observe phenomena
  - Postulate a theory that explains data
  - Design an “experiment” to prove or reject it

**SUSY** for example. cf Lecture of C. Merlassino tomorrow

**Data driven** searches  
**Signature** based

Use theoretical models to interpret results

# Where to look for BSM?

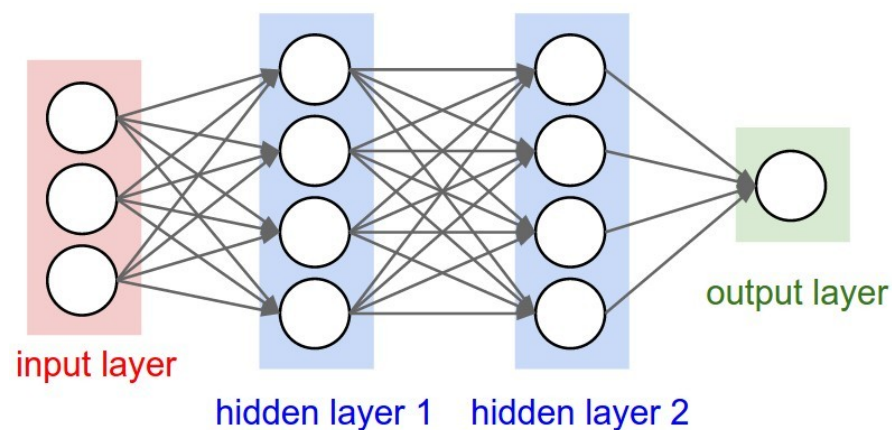
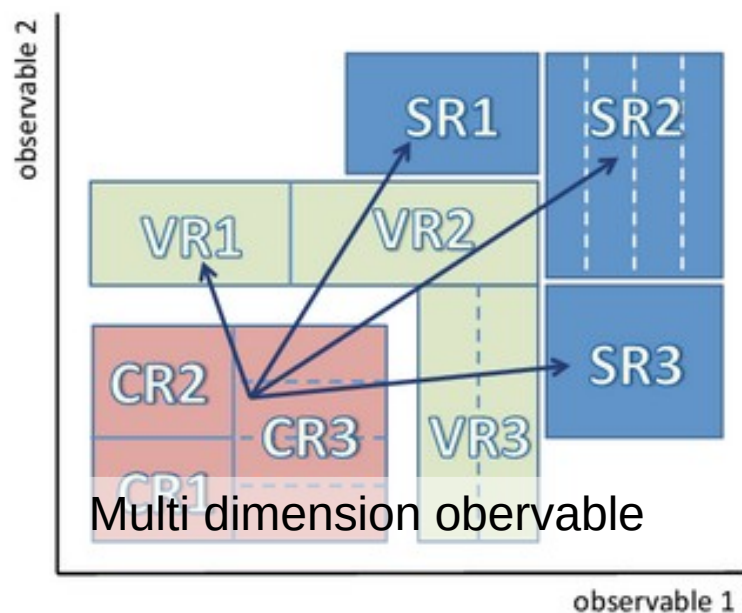


- **Excess** of events wrt expectations
- **Deficit** of events wrt expectations

**Expectations** → SM predictions

→ Better you know well your SM expectations

**Observables** → Physics reconstructed variables with discriminant power (could be provided by ML *cf* F. Meloni lecture)



Machine Learning observable

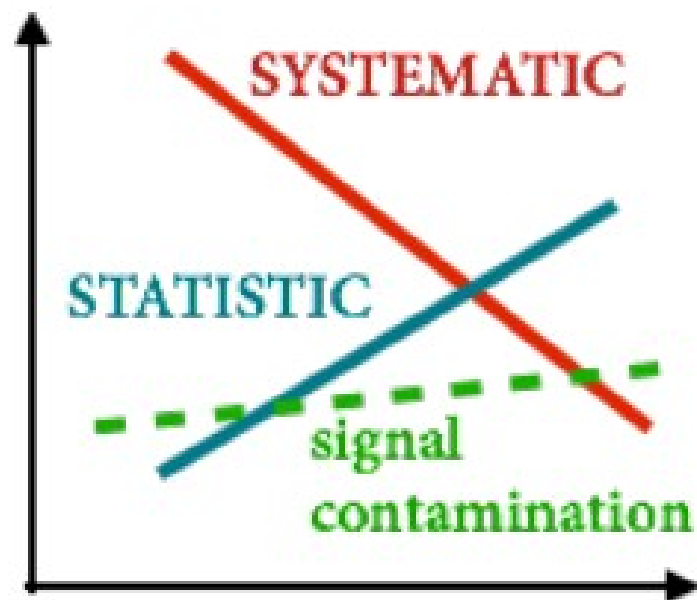


# Where to look for BSM?

**CR → Control Regions.** Background dominated. No (or very small) BSM signal contamination. Likelihood fit to control background and evaluate systematic. Ideally at least one CR *per* background process

**VR → Validation Regions.** Still depleted in BSM signal events. To assess validity of background estimation on a kinematical region “closer” to SR

**SR → Signal Regions.** Usually “blinded” at the beginning. It’s where we expect to see BSM signal. When you are sure about your background estimation, fit procedure etc. you can open the box!



CR → VR → SR



**Unblind!**

# Example: TypeIII seesaw heavy leptons searches in ATLAS

Three and four leptons final state

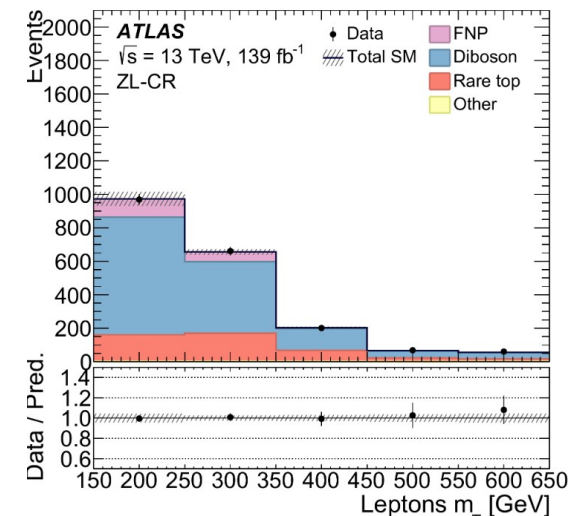
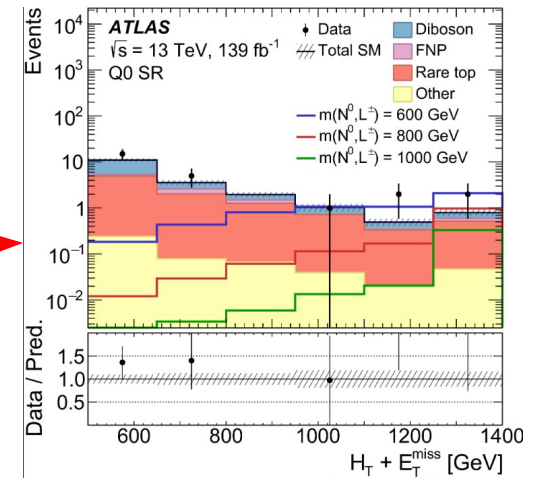
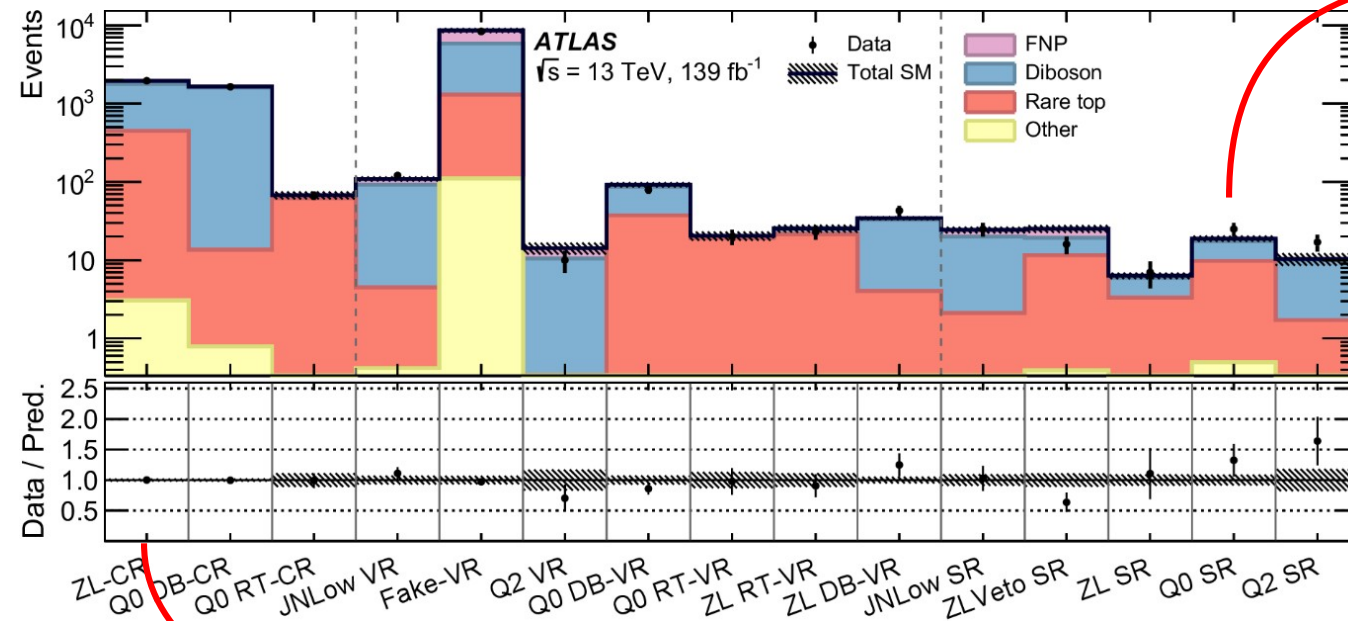
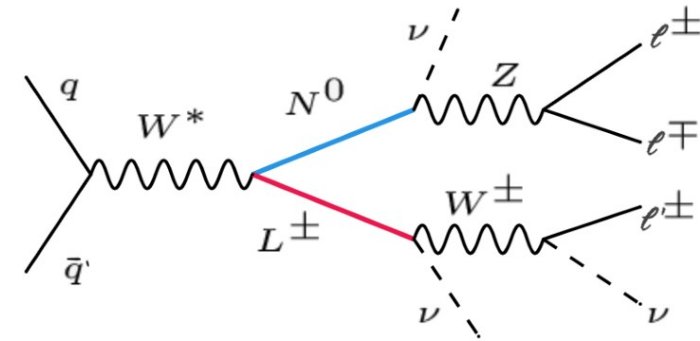


$$\text{Neutrino mass by SeeSaw: } m_\nu = y \frac{v^2}{M}$$

$y \rightarrow$  Yukawa coupling

$v \rightarrow$  vacuum expected value

$M \rightarrow$  Heavy particles mass



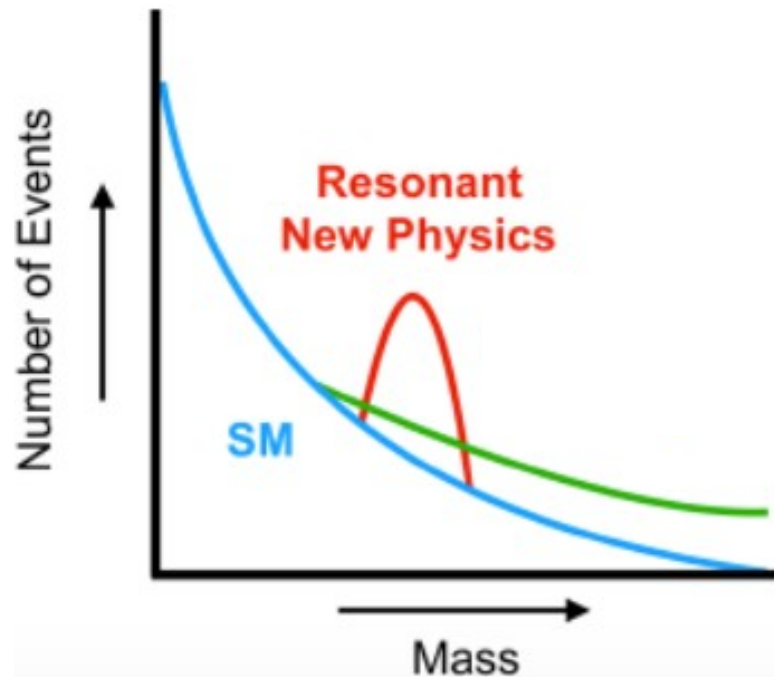
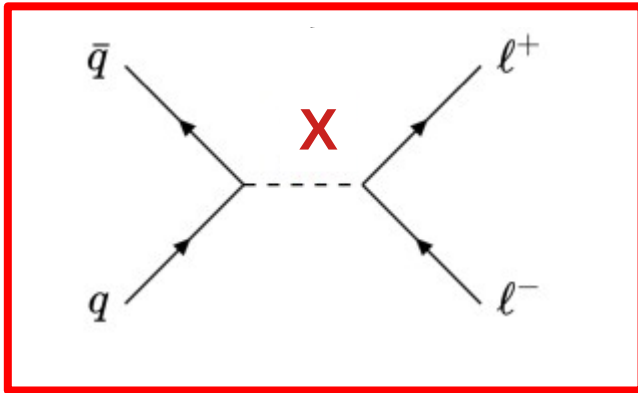
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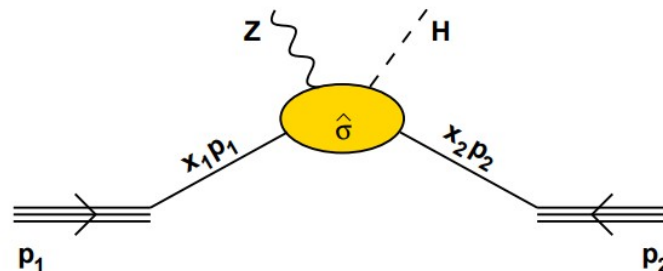
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# Where to look for BSM?

## Resonant searches



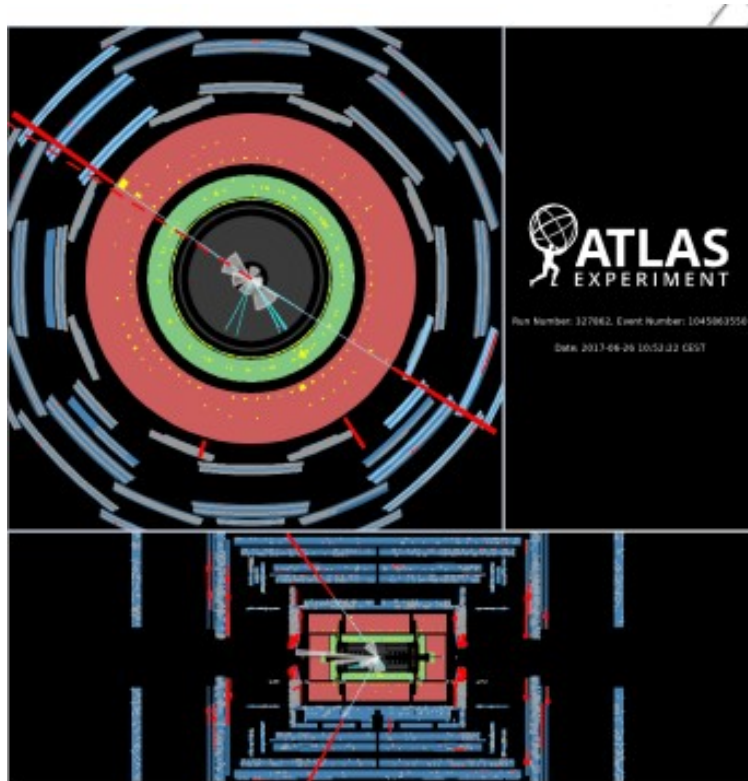
- **Resonant** searches are “**golden**” searches at collider experiment
- Final states: leptons, jets (light or b-jets), photons
- Accessible mass of  $X$  BSM particle depends on available  $\sqrt{s}$
- Mind the Parton Distribution Functions !





# Resonant Searches

Dileptonic final states: Dielectron and Dimuons

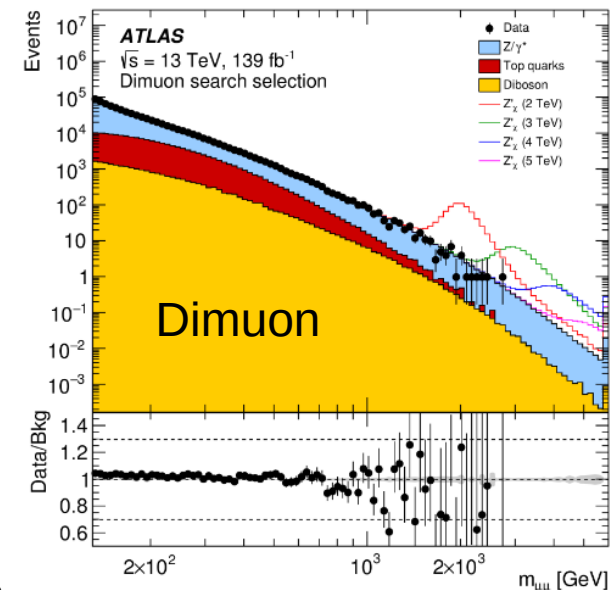
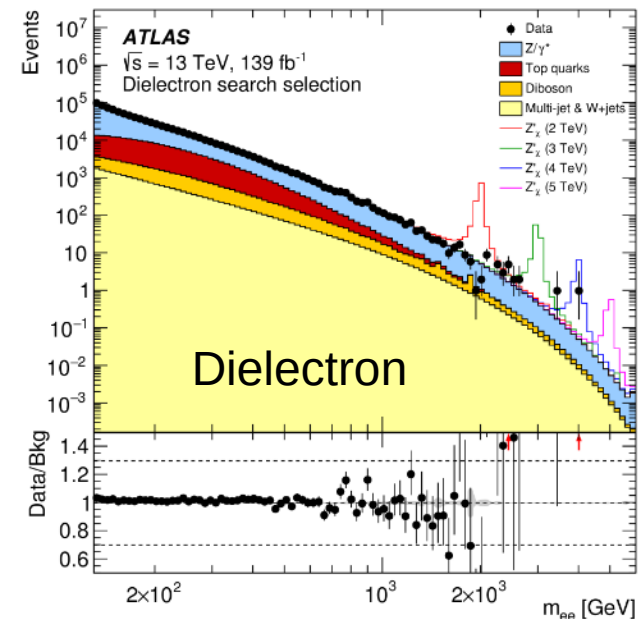


Dimuon channel

$m_{\mu\mu} = 2.75 \text{ TeV}$

year = 2017

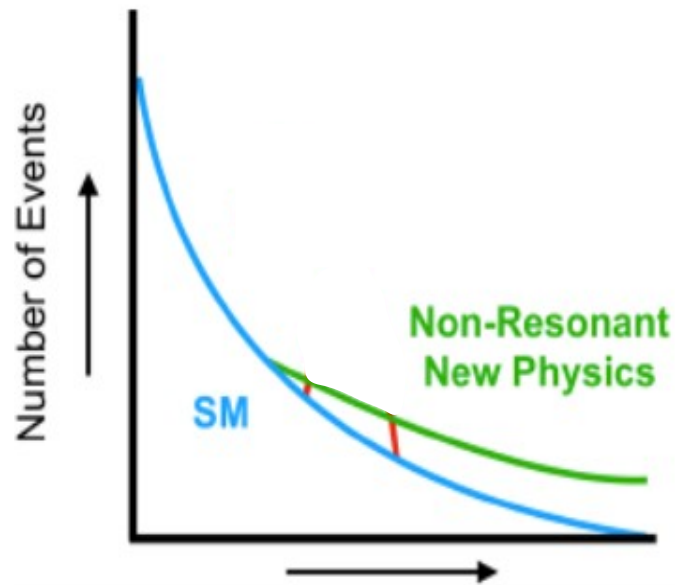
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## Non-Resonant searches

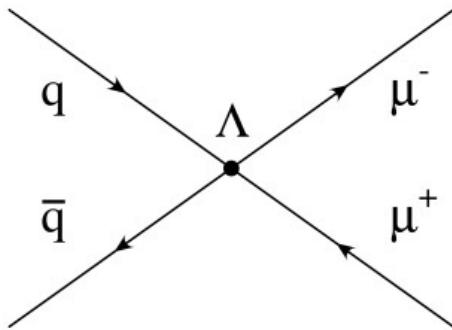
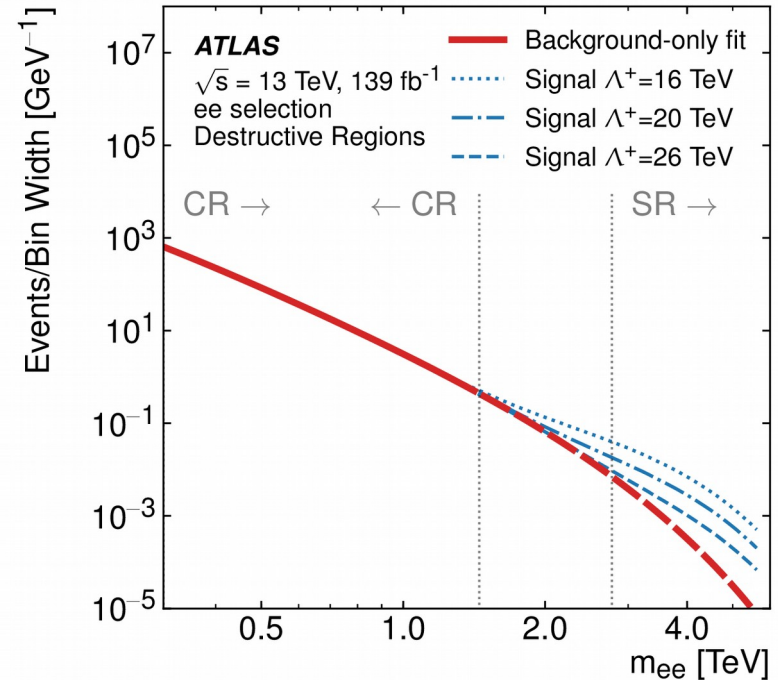
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Non-Resonant searches

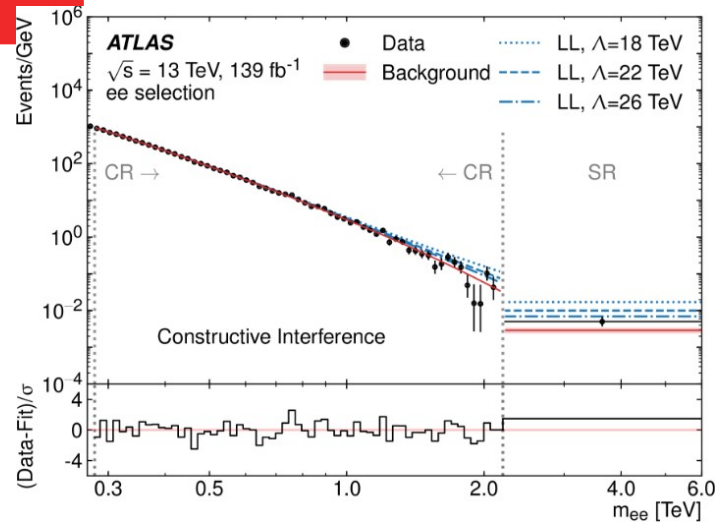
Look for deviations in tails of the distributions

Larger physics reach ( $\Lambda$  larger than  $\sqrt{s}$ )

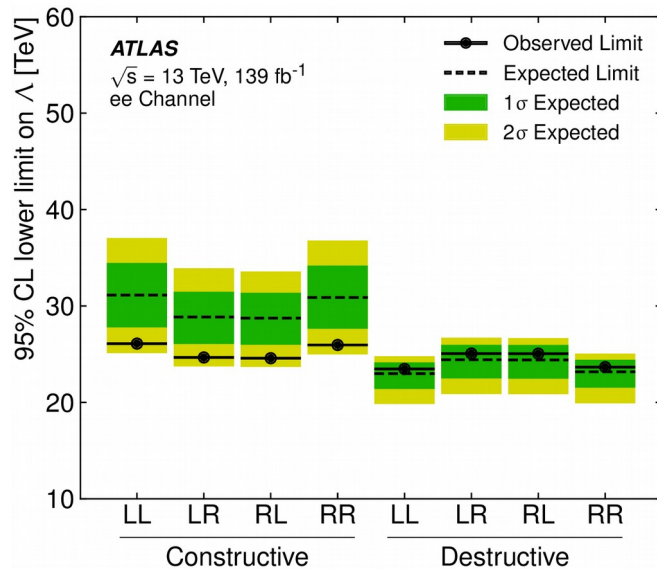


$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g^2}{\Lambda^2} [ \eta_{LL} (\bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu q_L) (\bar{\ell}_L \gamma^\mu \ell_L) + \eta_{RR} (\bar{q}_R \gamma_\mu q_R) (\bar{\ell}_R \gamma^\mu \ell_R) + \eta_{LR} (\bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu q_L) (\bar{\ell}_R \gamma^\mu \ell_R) + \eta_{RL} (\bar{q}_R \gamma_\mu q_R) (\bar{\ell}_L \gamma^\mu \ell_L) ]$$

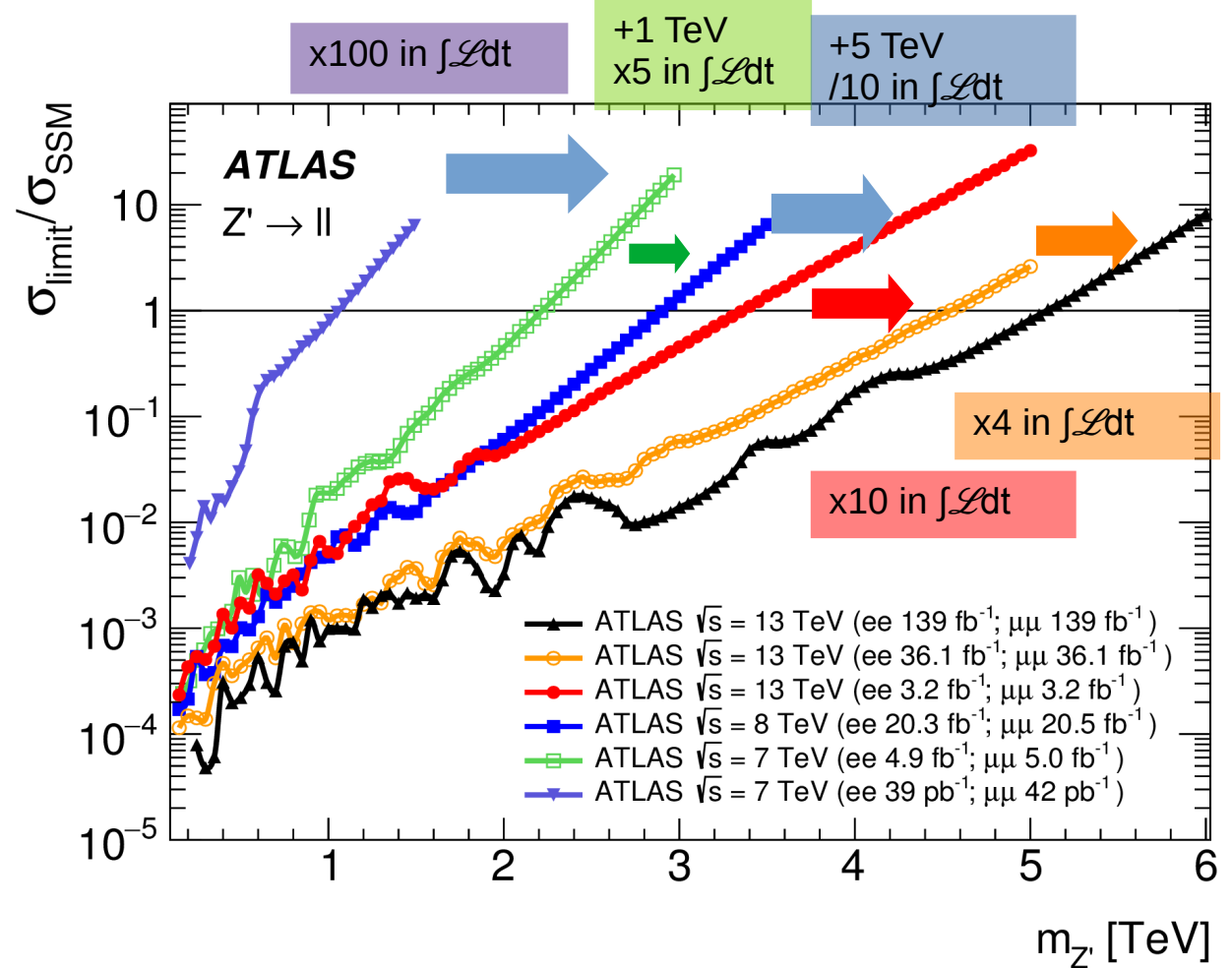
# Resonant vs Non Resonant



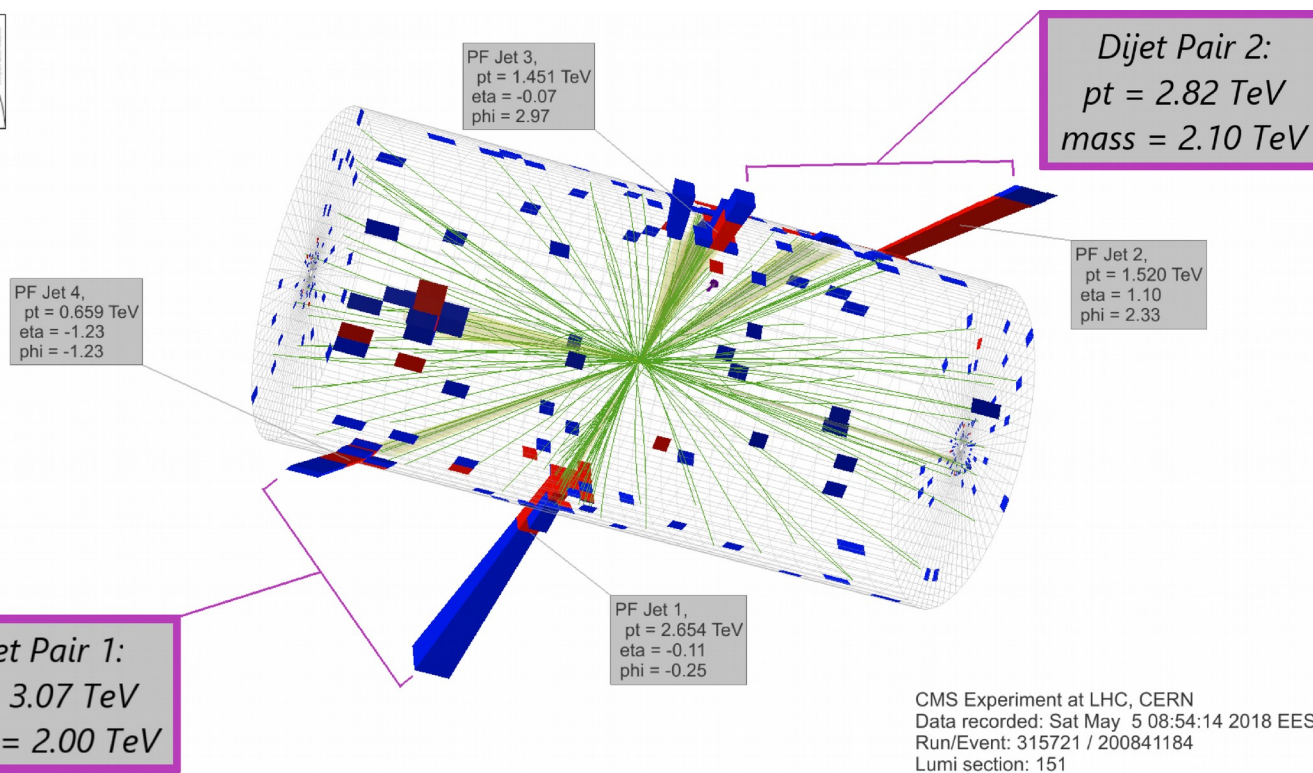
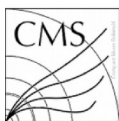
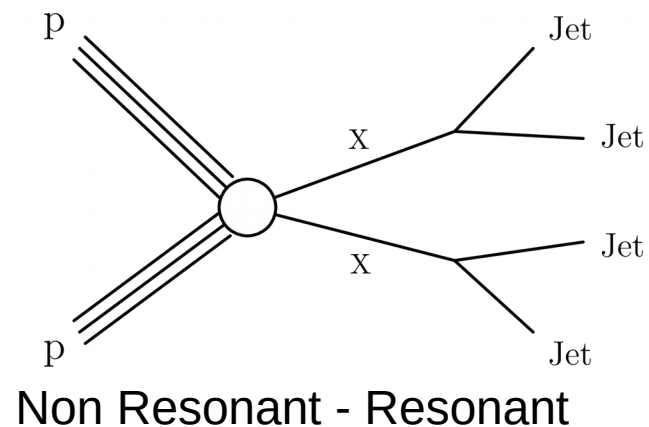
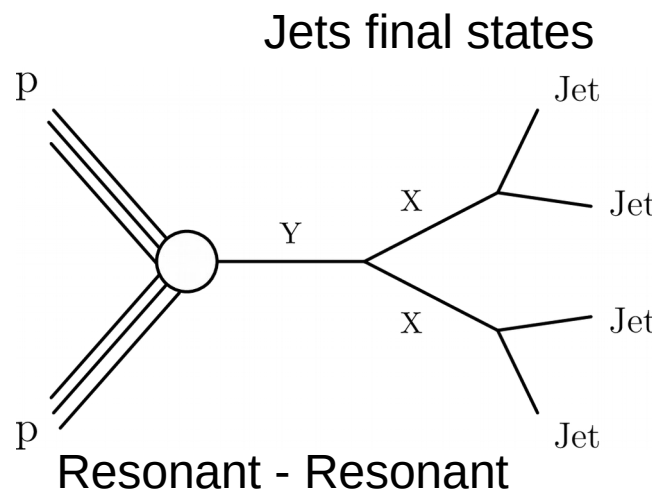
## Non Resonant searches



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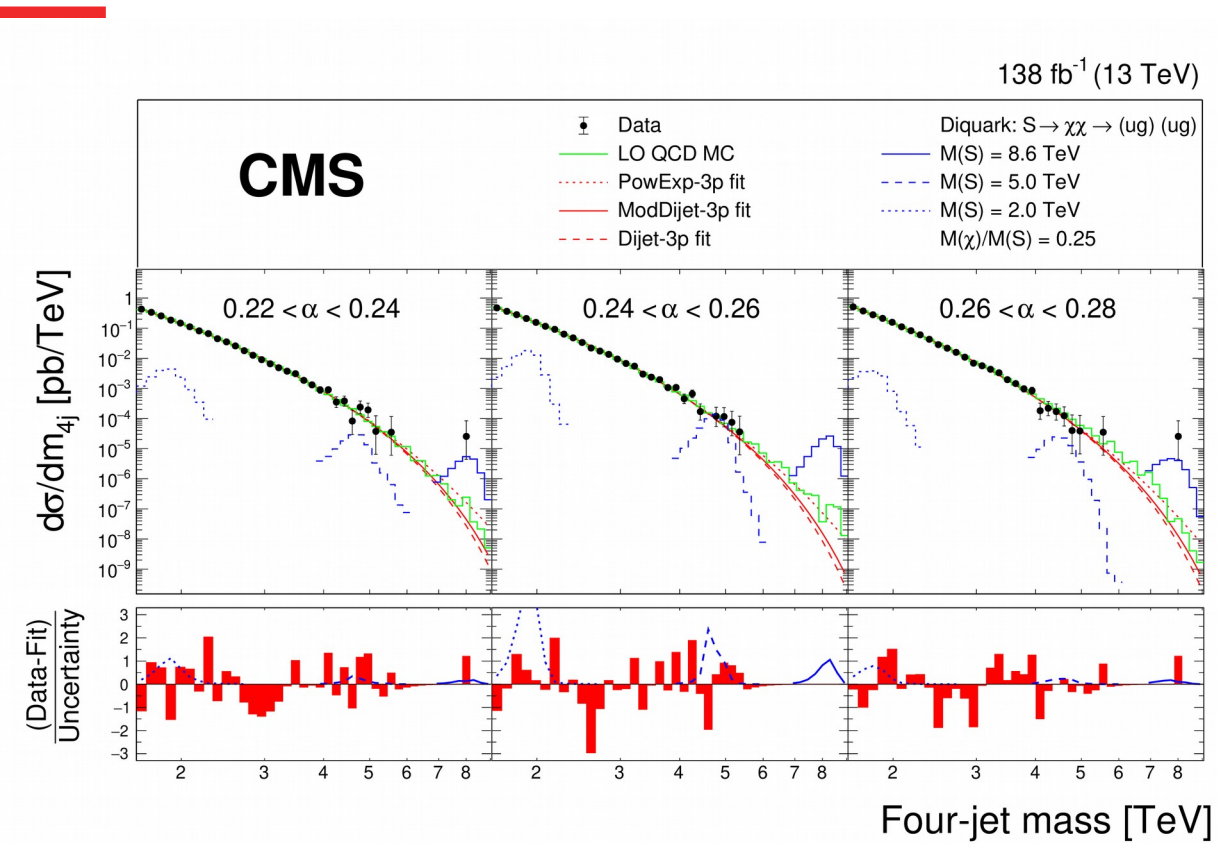


# Jet Resonances



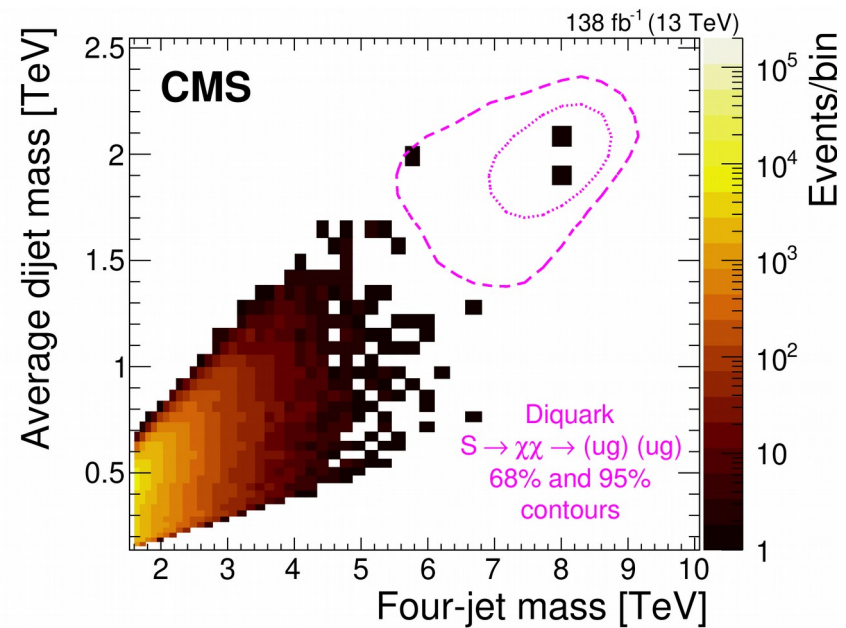
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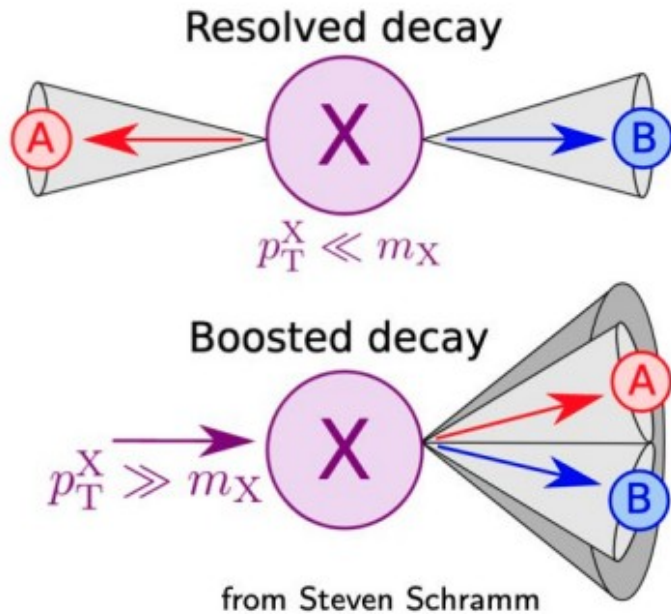


$$\alpha = \frac{m_{jj}^-}{m_{4j}}$$

How much significant are these 2 or 3 events?



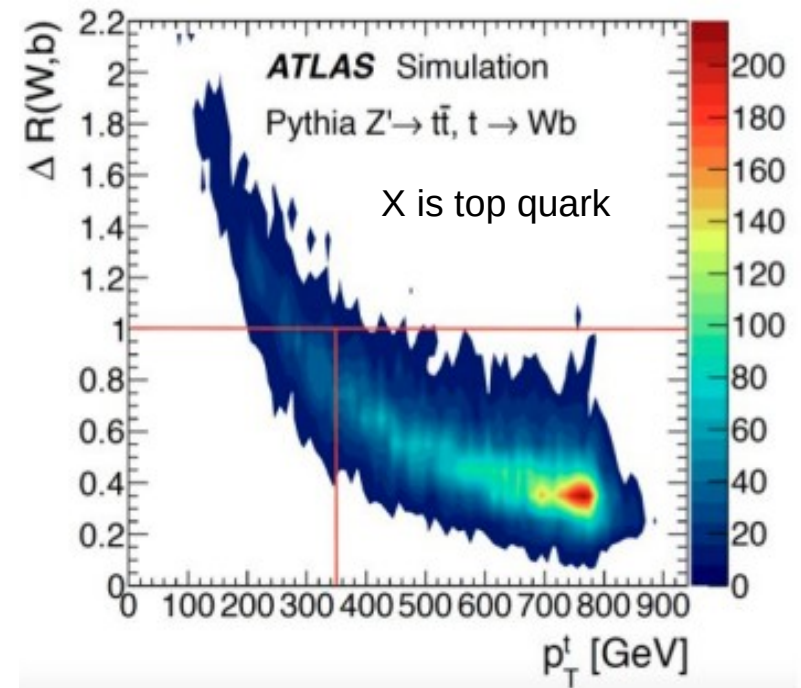
# Boosted Regime



“Standard” jets have Radius  $R=0.4$

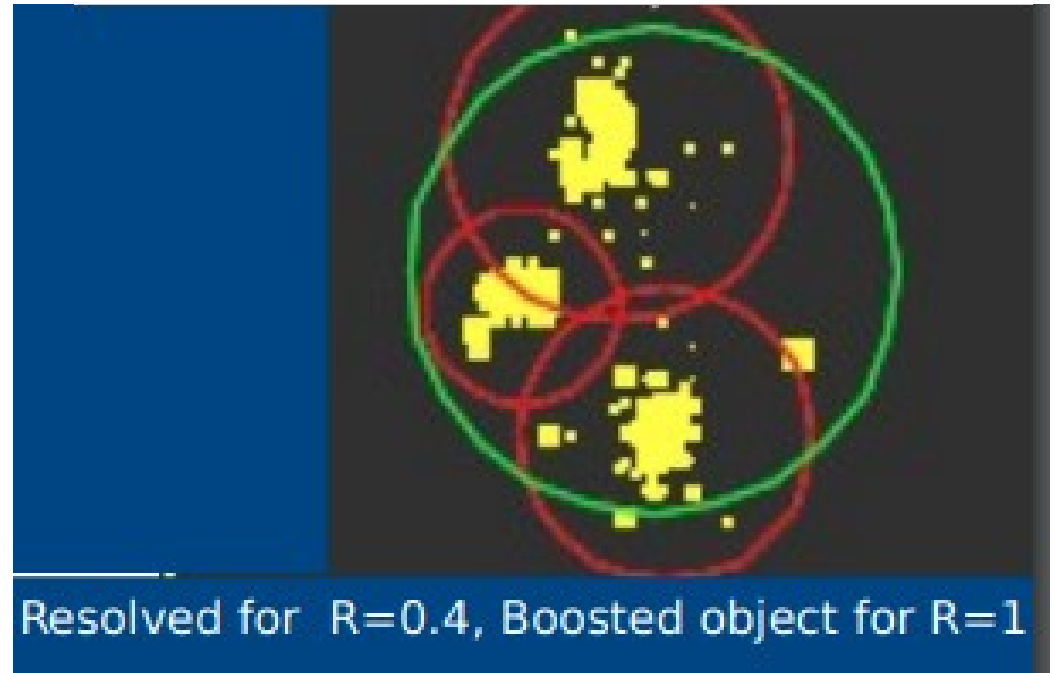
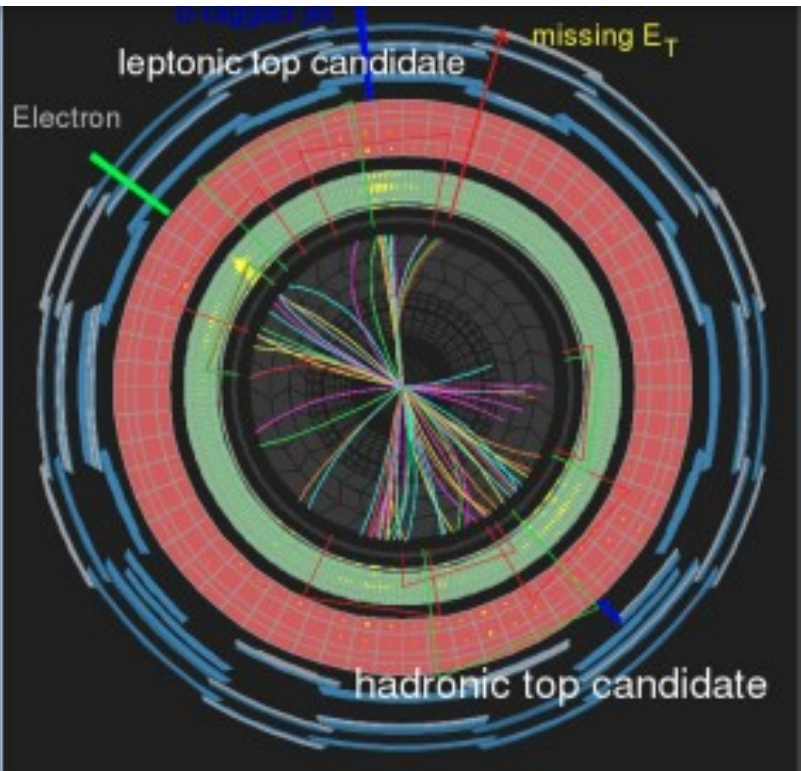
$$R = \sqrt{\Delta\Phi^2 + \Delta\eta^2}$$

$$\Delta R = 2 \frac{M_X}{P_{T,X}}$$



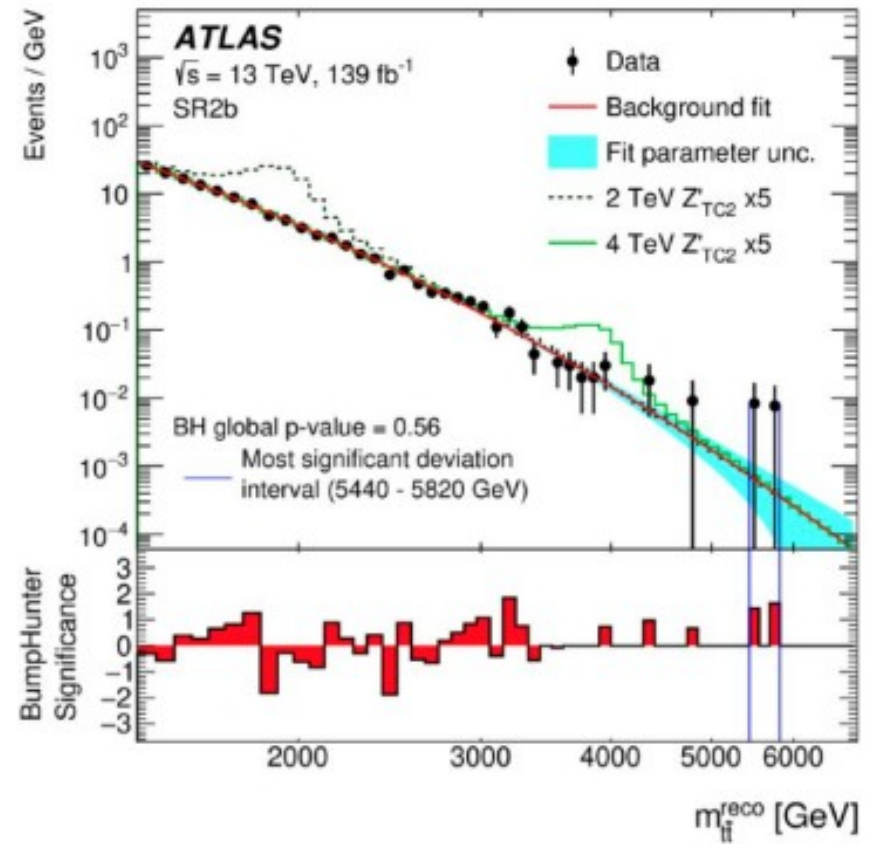
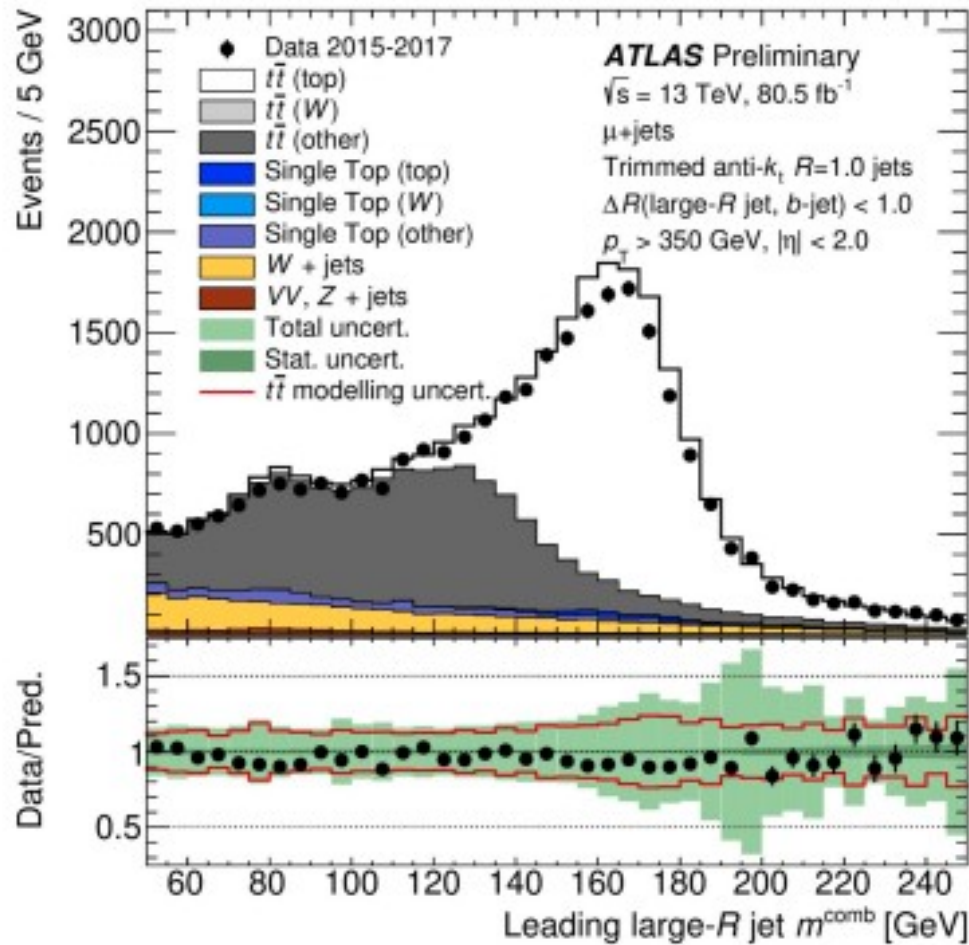
Hadronic decays usually with larger branching ratio  $\rightarrow$  Statistics increase  
 If X is boosted  $\rightarrow$  A and B decays become closer and closer  
 $\rightarrow$  Jet multiplicity decreases, jets become larger (fat jets)  
 Peeking inside the jets to identify product decays from top, Z, W or Higgs (taggers)

# Boosted Regime



Different algorithms to look inside a fat jet → Combination with ML (DNN)

# Searching for a leptophobic $Z'$ $Z' \rightarrow t\bar{t}$



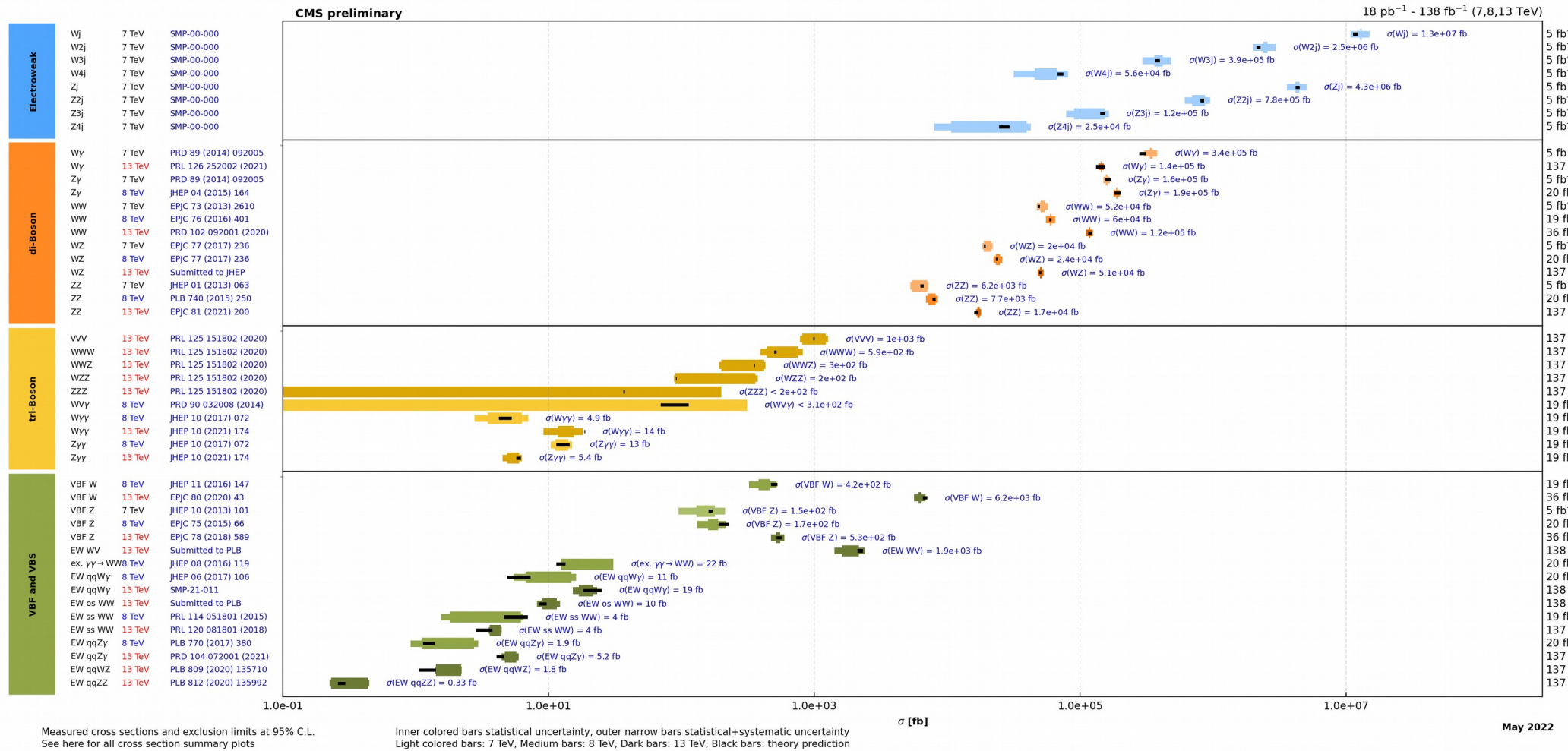
Data driven background using fit function

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# Background

## Overview of CMS cross section results



Design your analysis to look for BSM signal where you expect a good Signal over Background ratio:  
S/B or better  $S/\sqrt{B}$  or

$$\mathcal{S} = \sqrt{2 \left[ (S + B) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{S}{B} \right) - S \right]}, \quad (\text{even better})$$

→ Small and/or well known background

Background usually classified in:

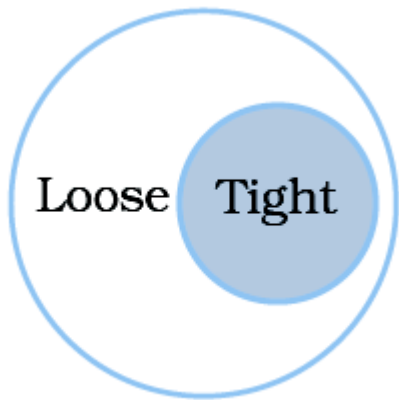
- **Reducible background** → Instrumental background. For example:
  - hadronic jets that are mismeasured and are confused with electrons, muons or tau.
  - Light jets tagged as jets containing b-quarks → Have excellent algorithms to reconstruct physics reconstructed objects.
  - Great purity without sacrificing too much efficiency. Estimate contamination of background events with data-driven methods or MonteCarlo methods
- **Irreducible background**. Standard Model events that look like your signal. Usually you are not sampling the bulk of the SM events, you concentrate more on the tails that are less known theoretically. Usually estimated using MonteCarlo methods

# Fake Leptons (electrons and muons)

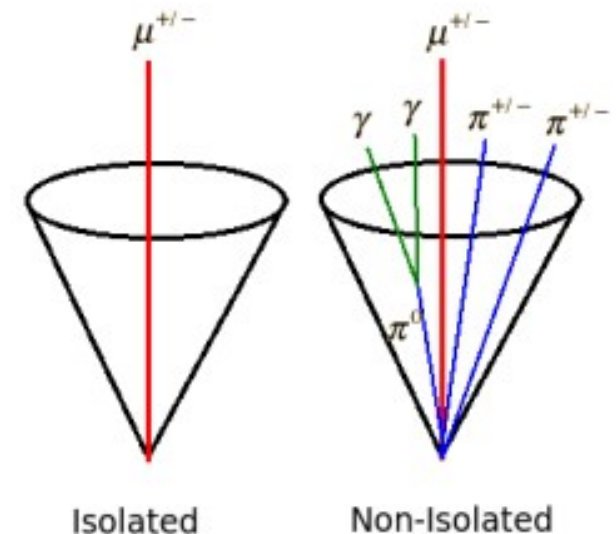
Origin: Jets misidentified as reconstructed leptons, non prompt leptons from semileptonic-decays of heavy flavour particles, photon conversions, pions/kaons decays. More detail here on the different methods used in ATLAS [arXiv:2211.16178](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.16178)

Fake Factor (one of the many possibilities)

→ Evaluate in a kinematic region close to the one of your analysis a Fake Factor and dominated by fake leptons (for example muon + jet events)



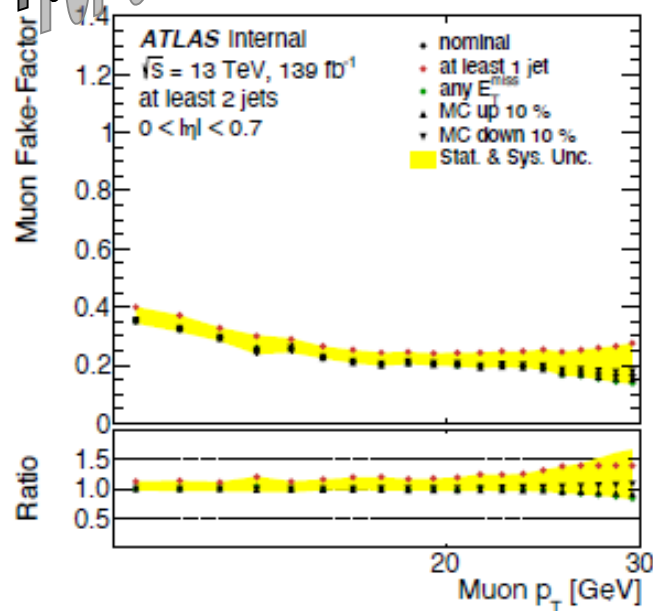
$$F = \frac{f}{1 - f} = \frac{N_{\text{tight}}}{N_{\text{loose}}}$$



The difference in “**Loose**” and “**Tight**” is usually the isolation (calorimetric and/or track)  
**Tight** corresponds the selection you are using in your search

# Fake Leptons (electrons and muons)

For educational purposes only



Fake factors can be parameterized as a function of  $P_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,...

Fake Factors are applied to the events selected in your search using the Loose selection instead of the Tight one

If you have a single lepton final state:

$$N_f^t = \sum_{\text{data}, i=1}^{N^t} F_i - \sum_{\text{MC}, j=1}^{N_{\text{MC}}^t} w_{\text{MC}, j} F_j,$$

For an arbitrary n lepton multiplicity

$$N_{\text{fakes}} = \left[ \sum_{\text{events}}^{n_{\text{loose}}} (-1)^{n-1} \prod_i^n f_i \right]_{\text{data}} - \left[ \sum_{\text{events}}^{n_{\text{loose}}} (-1)^{n-1} \prod_i^n f_i \right]_{\text{MC}}$$

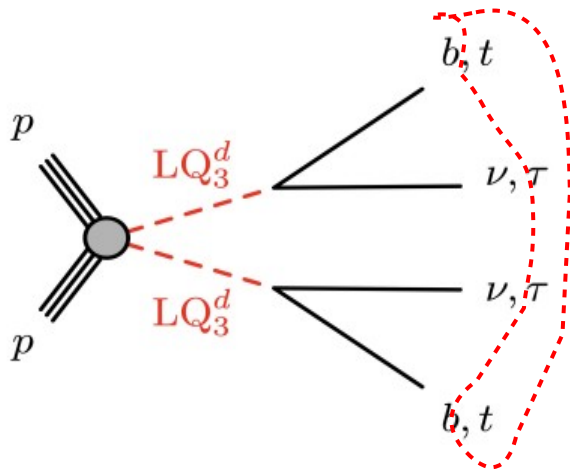
Assumptions:

- The region where you have evaluated F is “similar” to the one you are using in your analysis
- Fake factors can be factorized (leptons are independent)

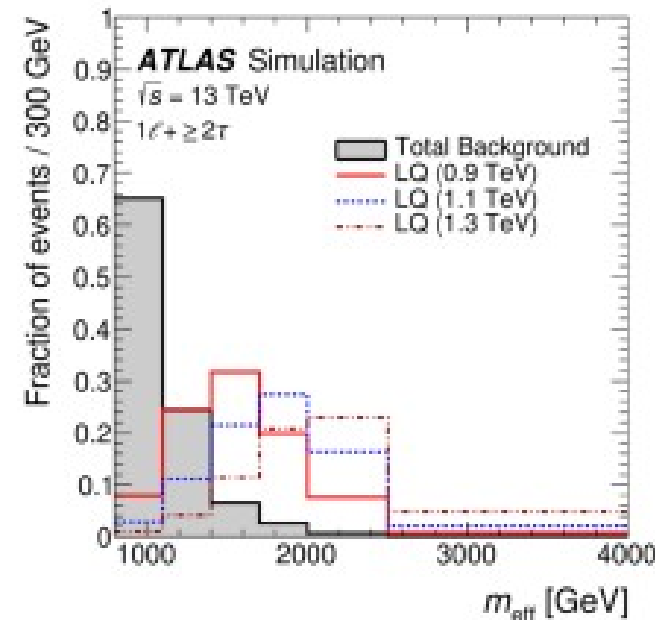
# Irreducible Background

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Use MonteCarlo to evaluate contribution from SM process with same final state of your analysis region. Usual SM processes  $t\bar{t}$ , single top,  $t\bar{t}+X$ , diboson, multiboson  
But the theory might be **inaccurate** in the phase space you are evaluating the contribution (e.g. large jet multiplicity, kinematic tails,...)  
Example: Search of leptoquark decaying in top quarks and tau leptons



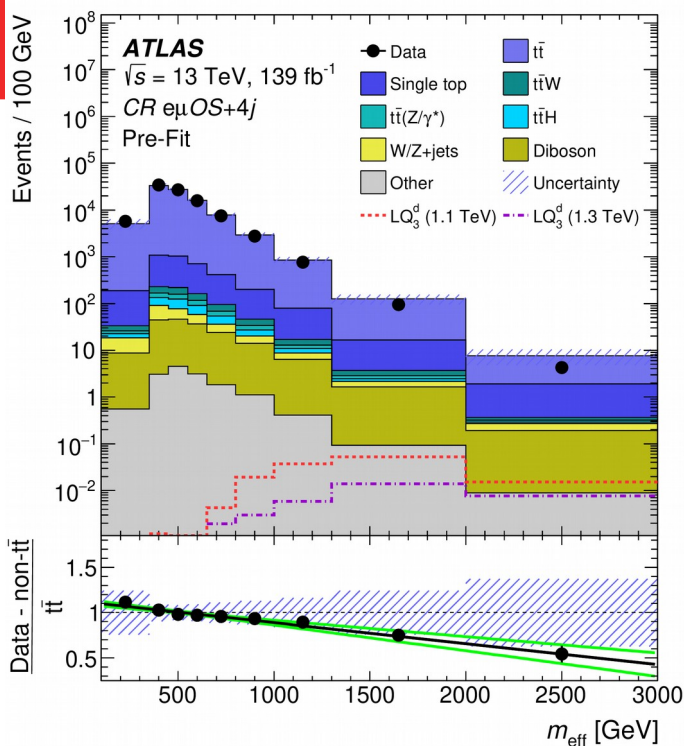
$t\bar{t}$  process is clearly the main background  
The discriminating variable is  $M_{\text{eff}}$  (the scalar sum of  $E_T$  all reconstructed objects in the event)



$$m_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{(\text{jet}, e, \mu, \tau)} p_T + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$

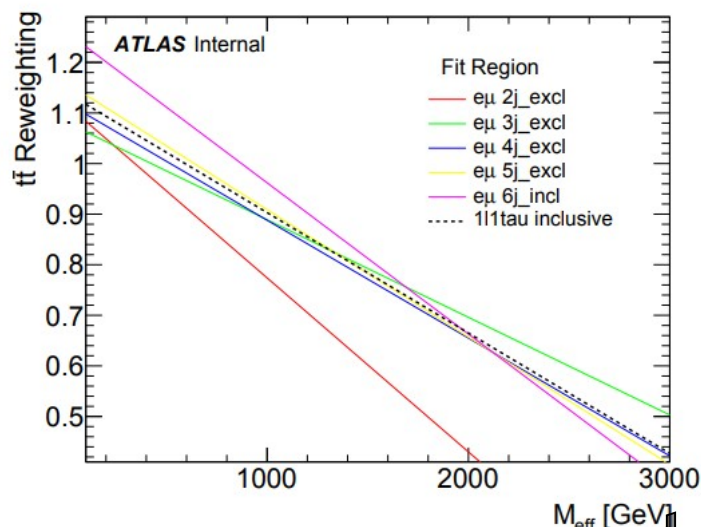


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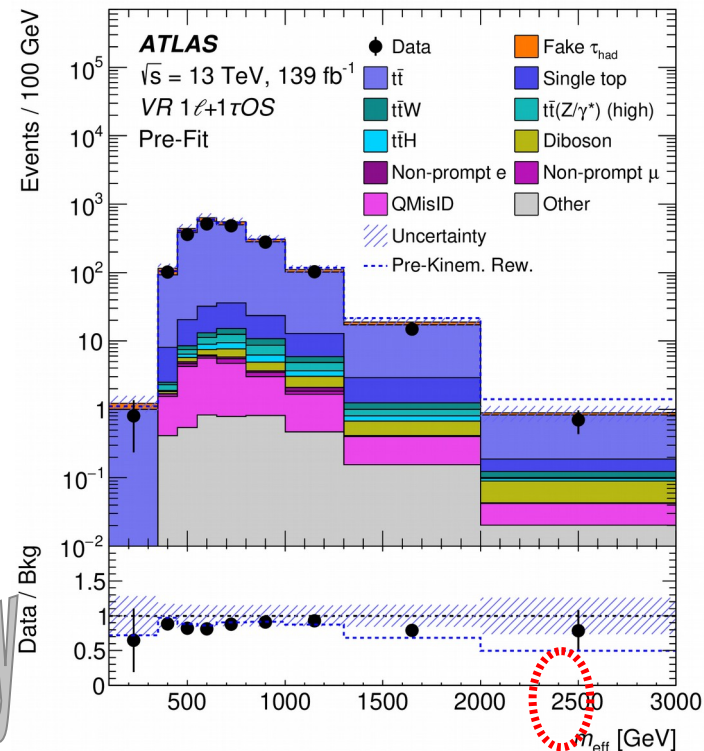


Clear mismodeling of  $M_{\text{eff}}$  for  $t\bar{t}$  process

The cure:  
 Reweight the  $t\bar{t}$   
 distribution as a function  
 of  $M_{\text{eff}}$  and jet multiplicity



## The result



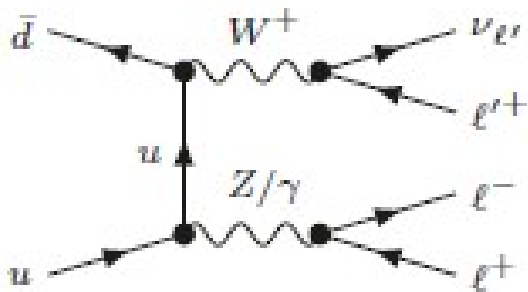
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# Irreducible Background

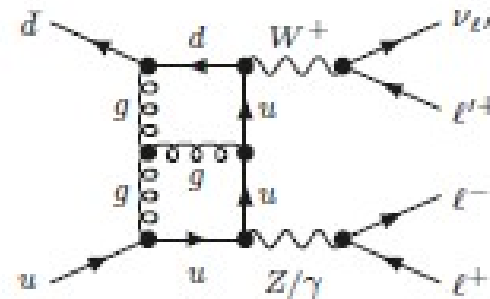
Or use a “better” MonteCarlo (not always possible) with updated theory calculations  
e.g. diboson differential cross section.

NNLO QCD and NLO Electroweak corrections might be important in some kinematical regions

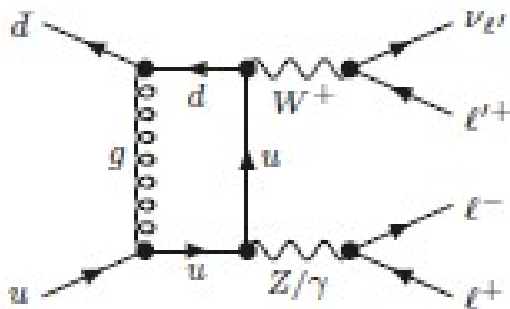
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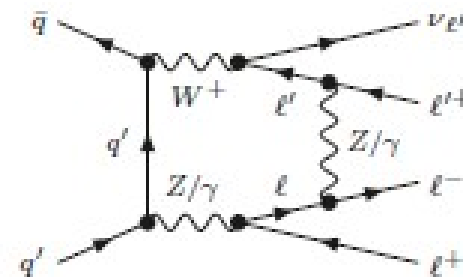
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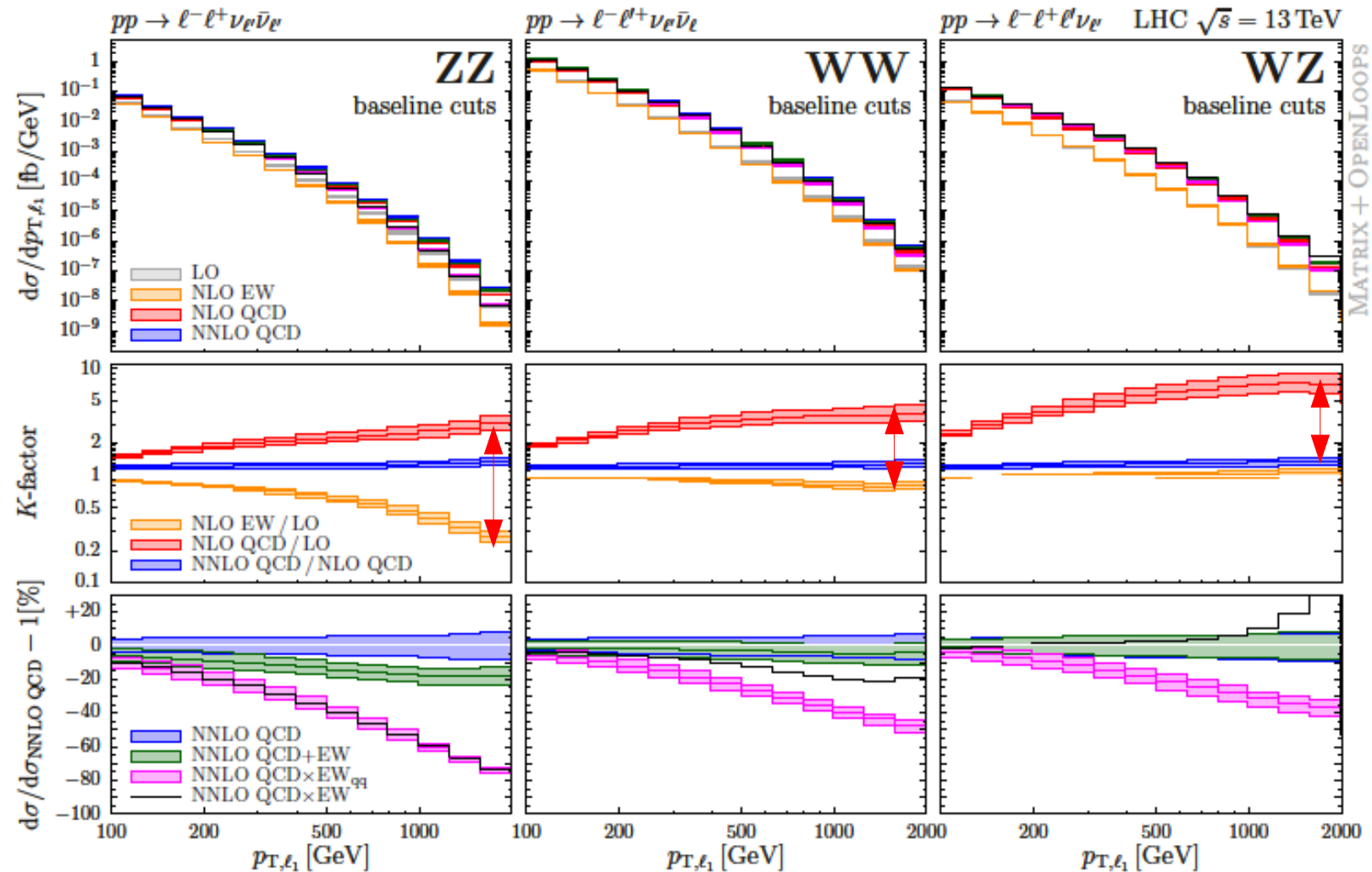
NNLO QCD



NLO QCD



NLO EW



In the high  $P_T$  region (large lepton  $P_T$ ) corrections can go up to a factor 2 (or down a factor 5) !

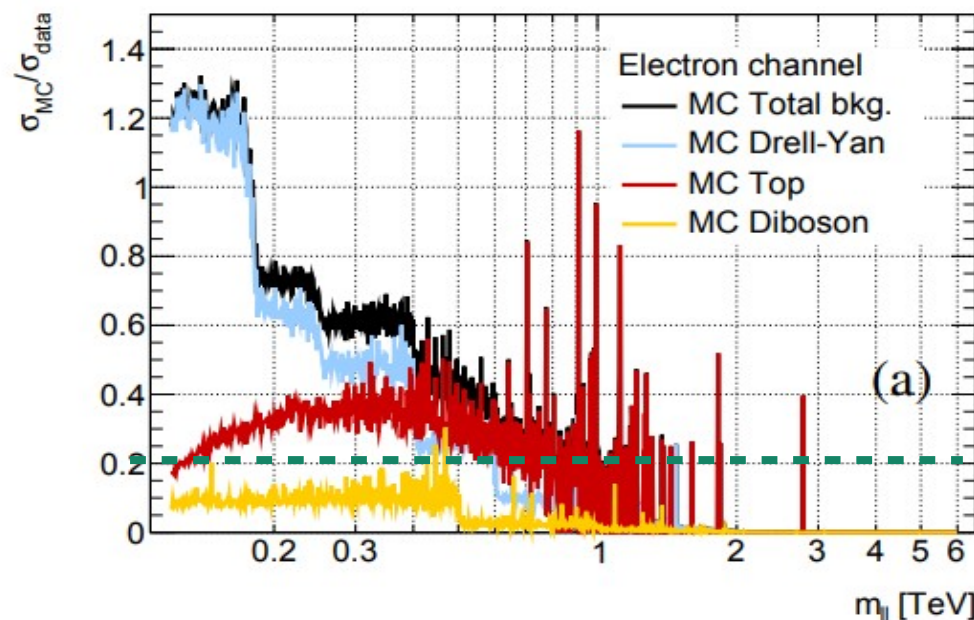
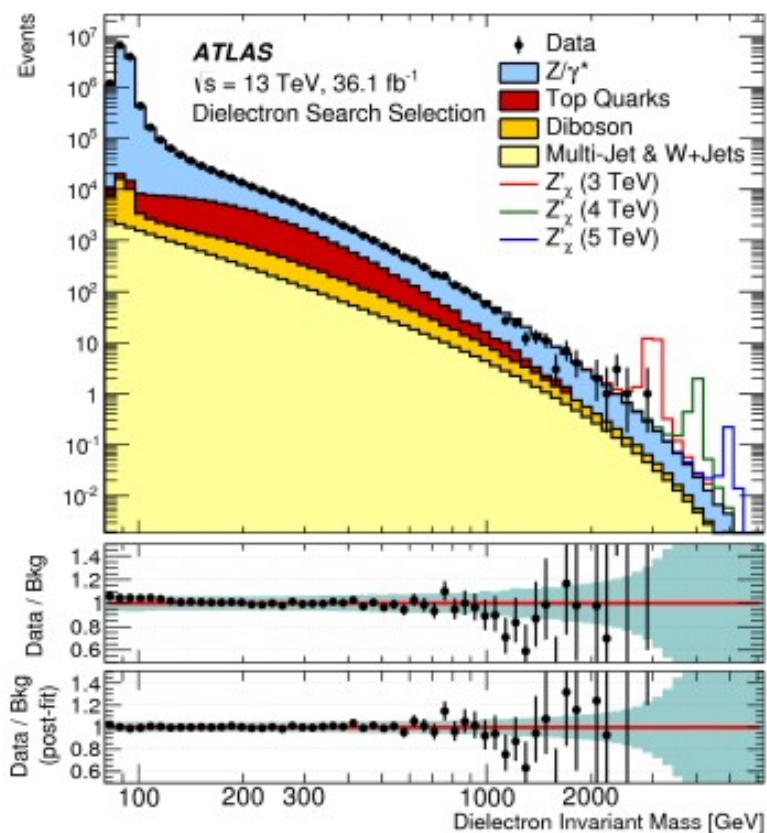


# Background from Data

In some searches limited statistics of MC

- Large statistics uncertainties associated to MC statistics
- Using data driven approaches to fit the background

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High mass dilepton analysis with first Run2 36fb<sup>-1</sup>  
Full Run2 analysis with x4 statistics!

Fit the background distributions with some parameterized functions to get **smooth** functions. Several possibilities:

- Functional form

$$f_{\gamma\gamma \times \text{BW}}(M) = f_{\gamma\gamma}(M) \cdot \frac{\Gamma_Z}{(M_Z - M)^2 + \Gamma_Z^2}$$

$$\text{with } f_{\gamma\gamma}(M) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{M}{\sqrt{s}}\right)^\kappa\right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{M}{\sqrt{s}}\right)^{a_0 + a_1 \ln\left(\frac{M}{\sqrt{s}}\right) + a_2 \ln^2\left(\frac{M}{\sqrt{s}}\right) + a_3 \ln^3\left(\frac{M}{\sqrt{s}}\right)}$$

- $\kappa = 1$  in  $ee$  channel and  $\kappa = 1/3$  in  $\mu\mu$  channel

Used for dilepton searches

3-parameter fit  $f(x) = p_1(1-x)^{p_2}x^{p_3}$

4-parameter fit  $f(x) = p_1(1-x)^{p_2}x^{p_3+p_4\ln(x)}$

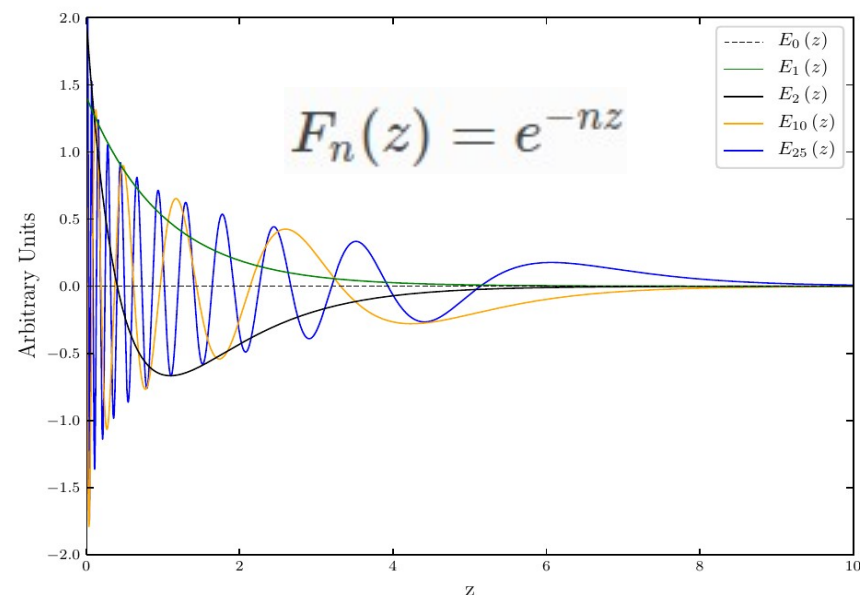
5-parameter fit  $f(x) = p_1(1-x)^{p_2}x^{p_3+p_4\ln(x)+p_5\ln(x^2)}$

6-parameter fit  $f(x) = p_1(1-x)^{p_2}x^{p_3+p_4\ln(x)+p_5\ln(x^2)+p_6\ln(x^3)}$

$$x = (\text{parameter of interest}) / \sqrt{s}$$

Used for dijet or 4-jet searches

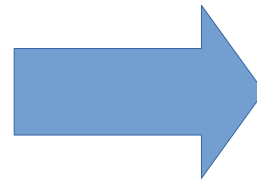
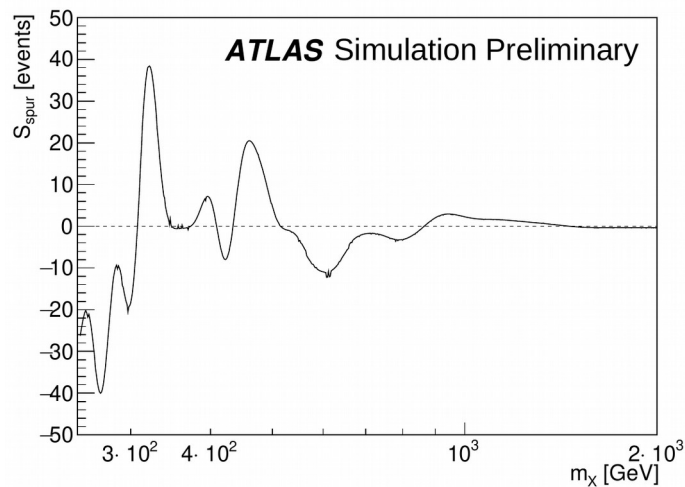
- Gaussian Process Regression [link](#)
- Functional Decomposition ([link](#)) the template shape is parameterized using a series expansion



Whatever smoothing method you use, you have to be sure that:

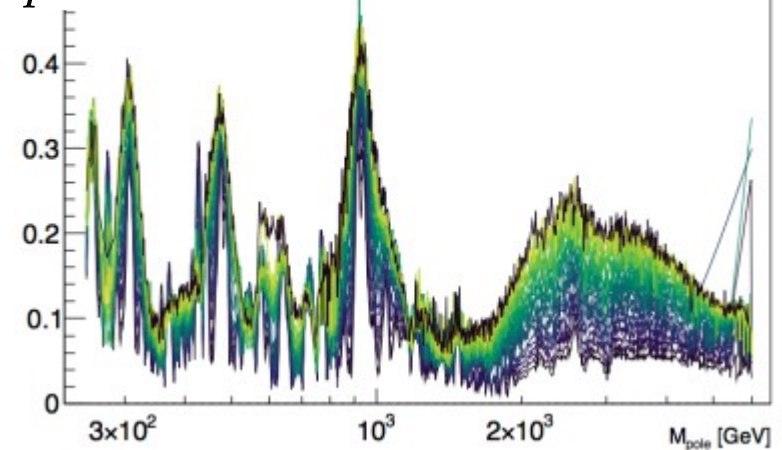
- We do not “create” artificial excess → Spurious tests
- We can successfully identify hypothetical signal → Injection tests

Spurious tests results on the dilepton channel



$N_{Spurious}$

$\sigma_{Spurious}$



Very nice handbook [here](#)

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# Statistics

How to wrap up all that?

Global (binned) likelihood function

$$\mathcal{L}(n|\mu, \theta) = \prod_{i \in \text{bins}} \mathcal{P}(n_i | \underbrace{\mu \cdot S_i(\theta) + B_i(\theta)}_{\text{S+B prediction in bin } i})$$

observed bin contents      parameters      Poisson

$\mu$  is the parameter of interest (POI)

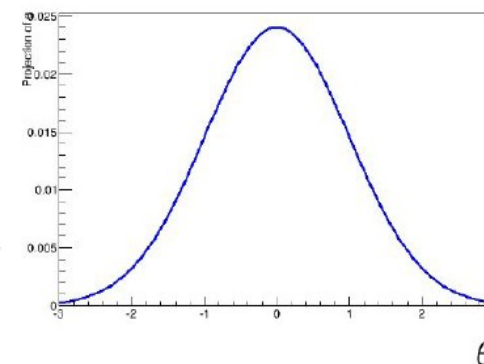
$\mu = 0 \rightarrow$  Standard Model

$\mu = 1 \rightarrow$  Beyond Standard Model

Also background can be normalized separately

$\mu_{\text{top}}$ ,  $\mu_{\text{Diboson}}$ , etc.

$$\times \prod_{j \in \text{syst}} \mathcal{G}(\theta_j^0 | \theta_j, \Delta\theta_j)$$

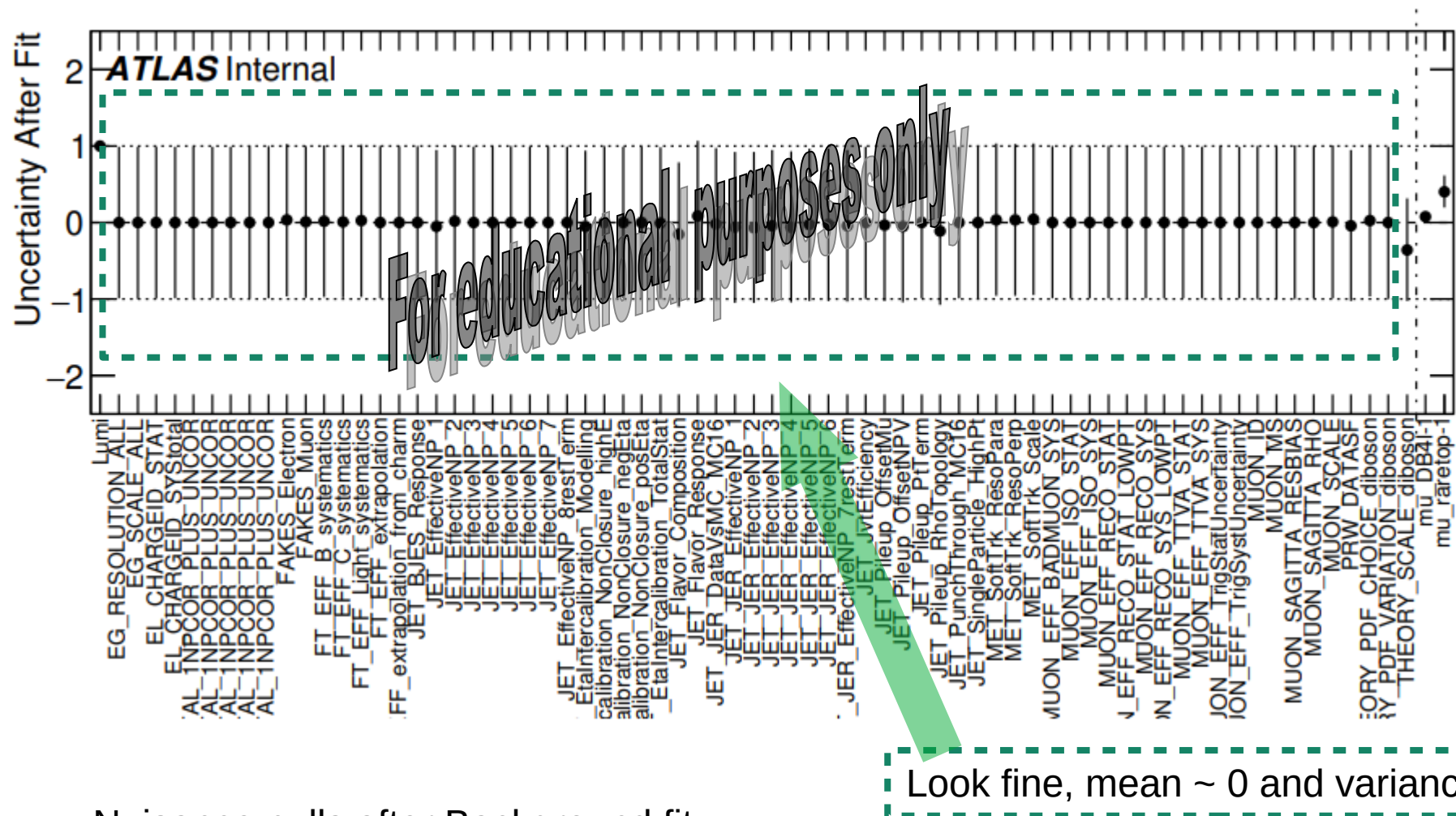


But we have an imperfect knowledge of our detector, theory, ...  $\rightarrow$  systematics

Much more complete treatment on T. Dado lecture



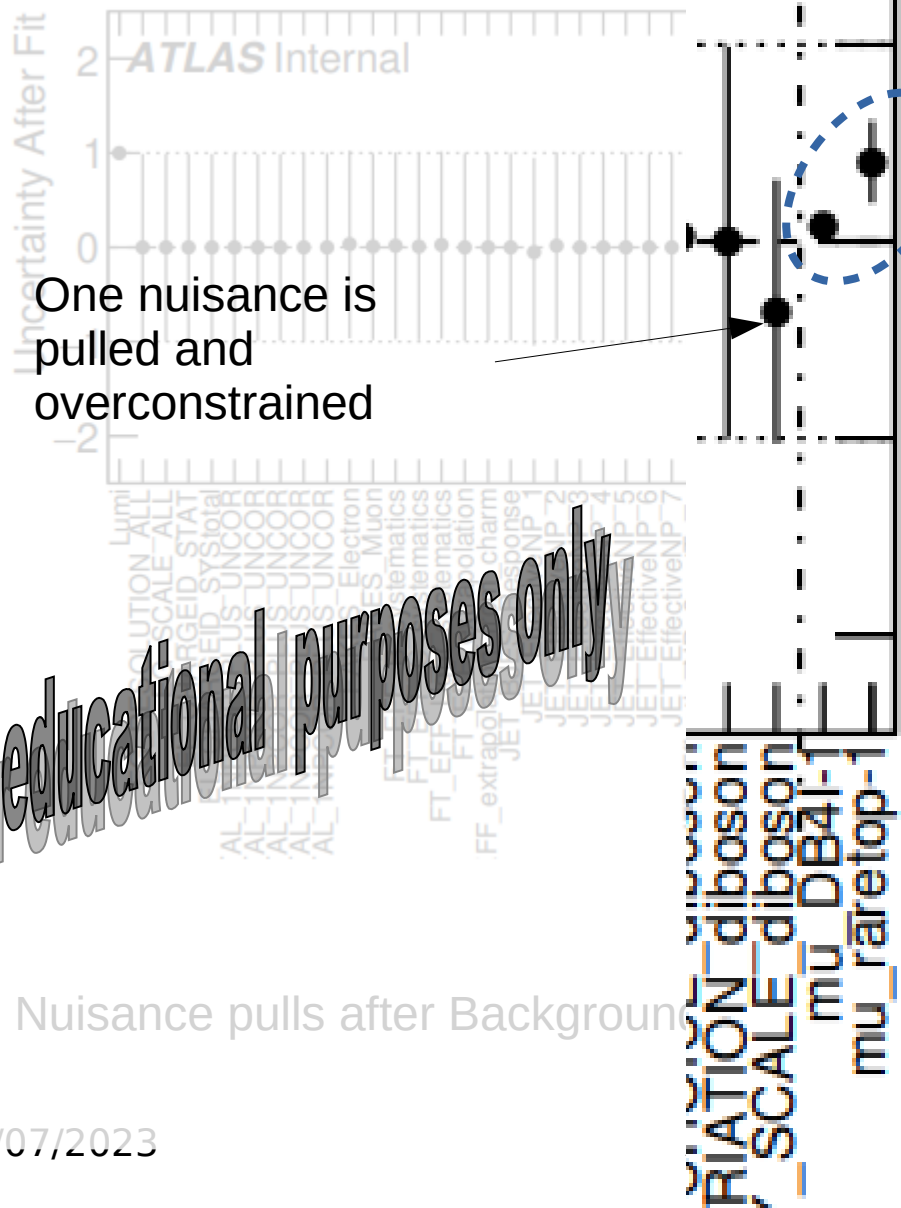
Remember that in BSM searches, data in signal regions are blinded → validate your fit model setting  $\mu=0$  and assuming the data points in your CR + SR coincide with the MC expectations (“Asimov test”) or a “Background-only” fit where you fit the data with the expected MC only looking at CR



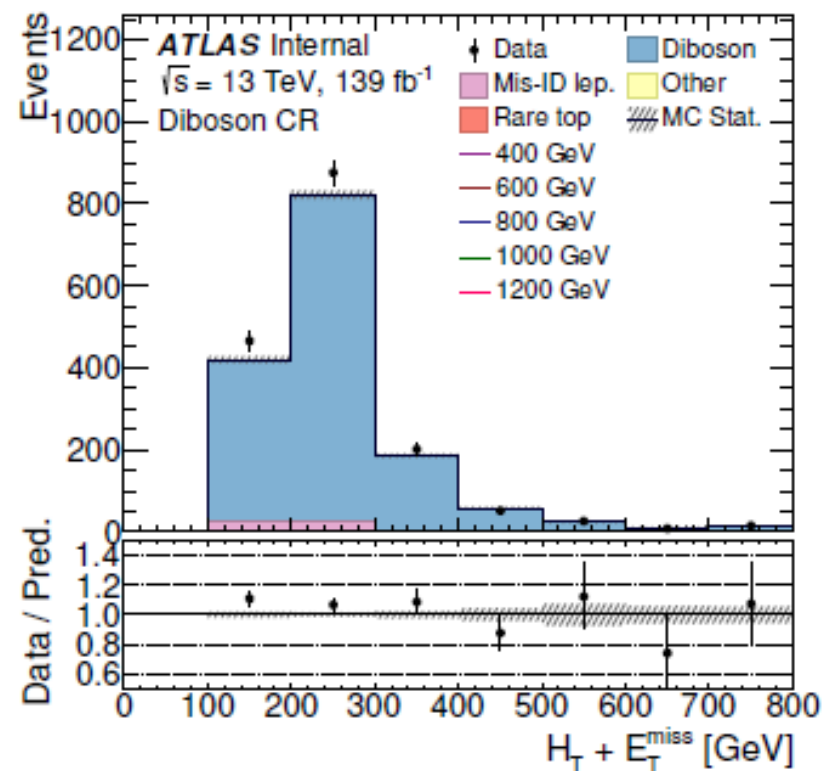
Nuisance pulls after Background fit

Remember that in BSM search fit model setting  $\mu=0$  and assure MC expectations ("Asimov test" the expected MC only looking at

regions are blinded → validate your in your CR + SR coincide with the only" fit where you fit the data with



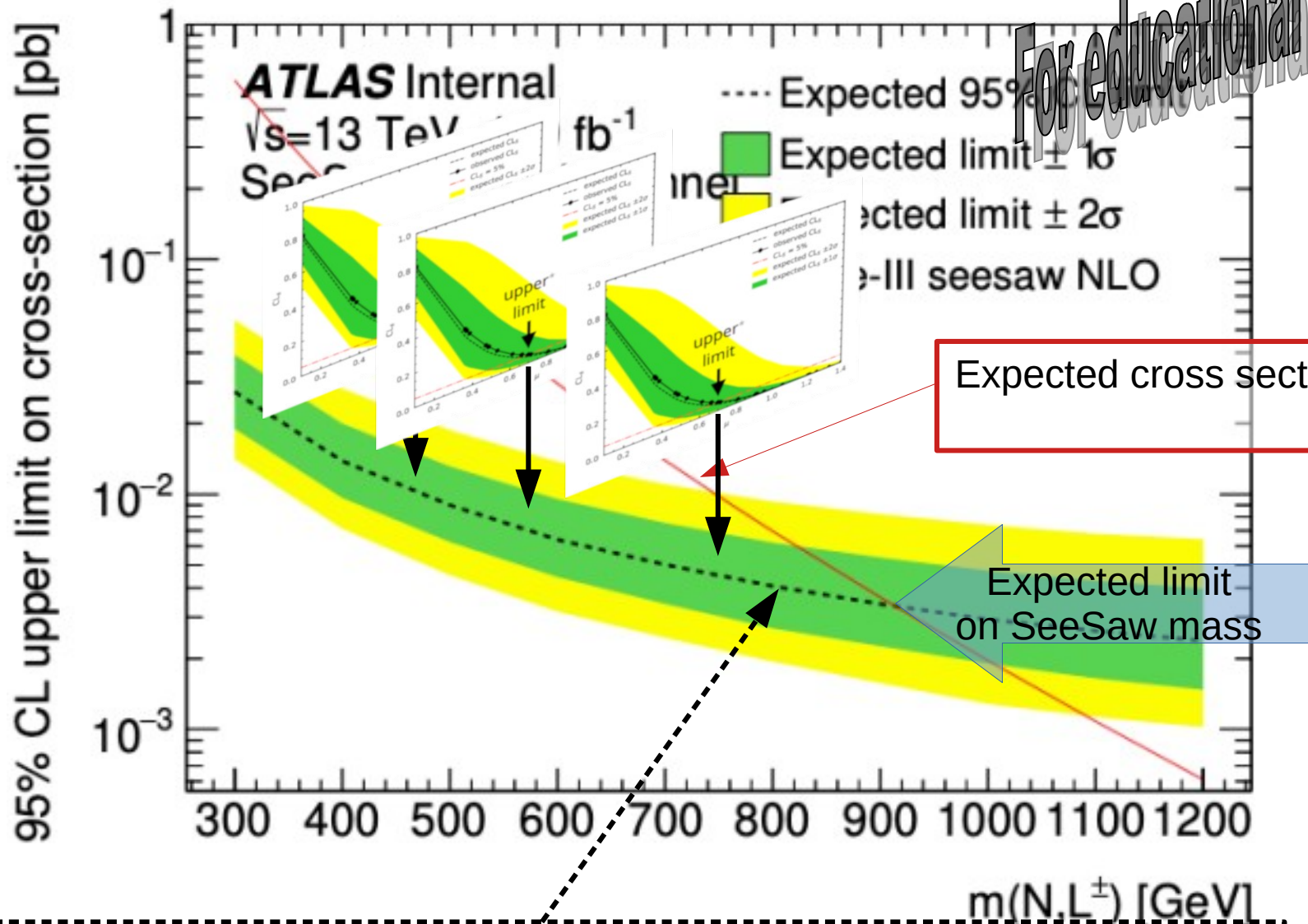
Normalization factors of background ("rare" top and diboson)



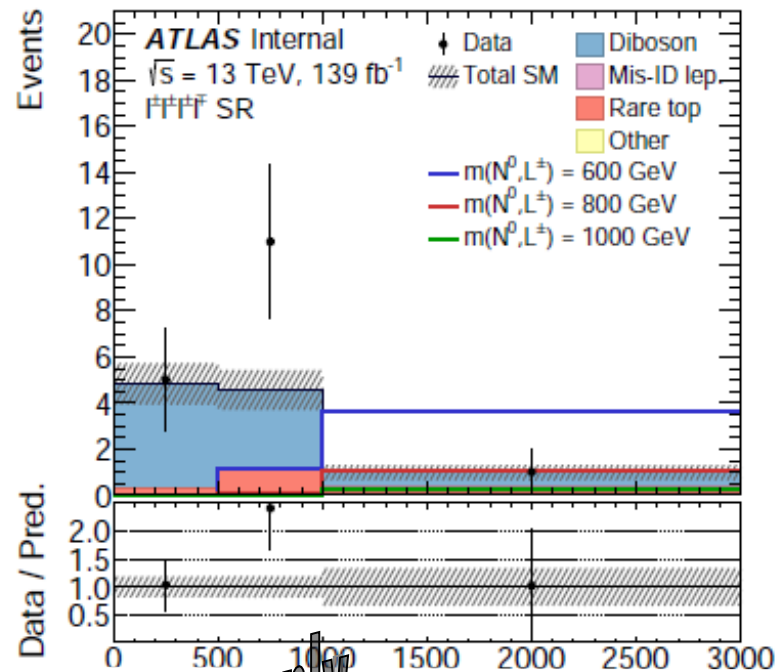
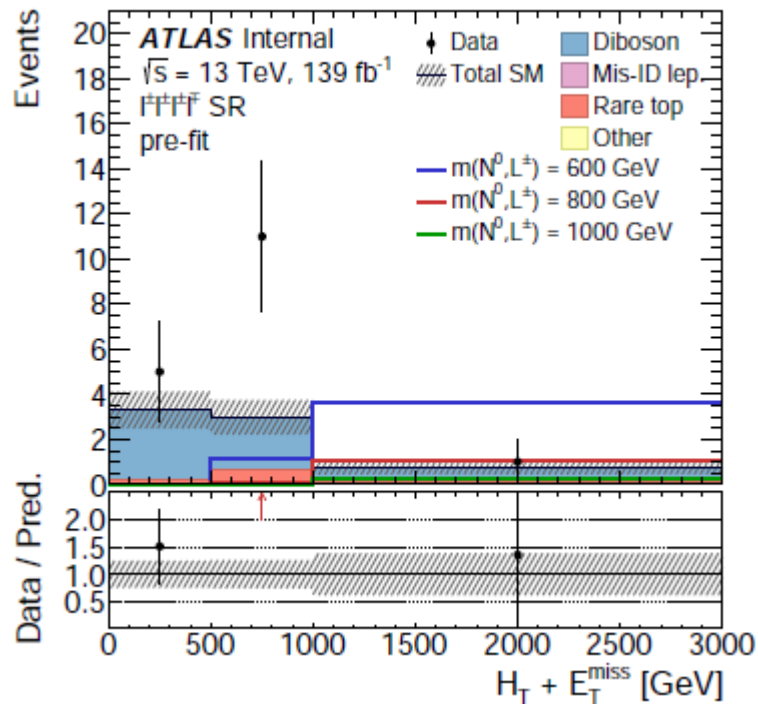


# Signal Regions still **blinded**

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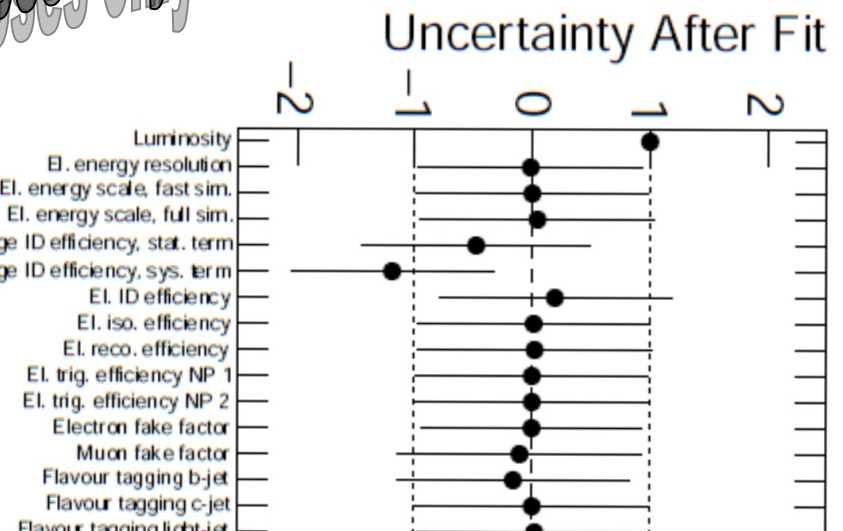


Expected exclusion limit: Given the background abundance, in CR, their normalization after the background fit, the extrapolation to the SR we can exclude at 95% CL a cross section up to .... (e.g.  $\sim 4$  fb for 800 GeV)

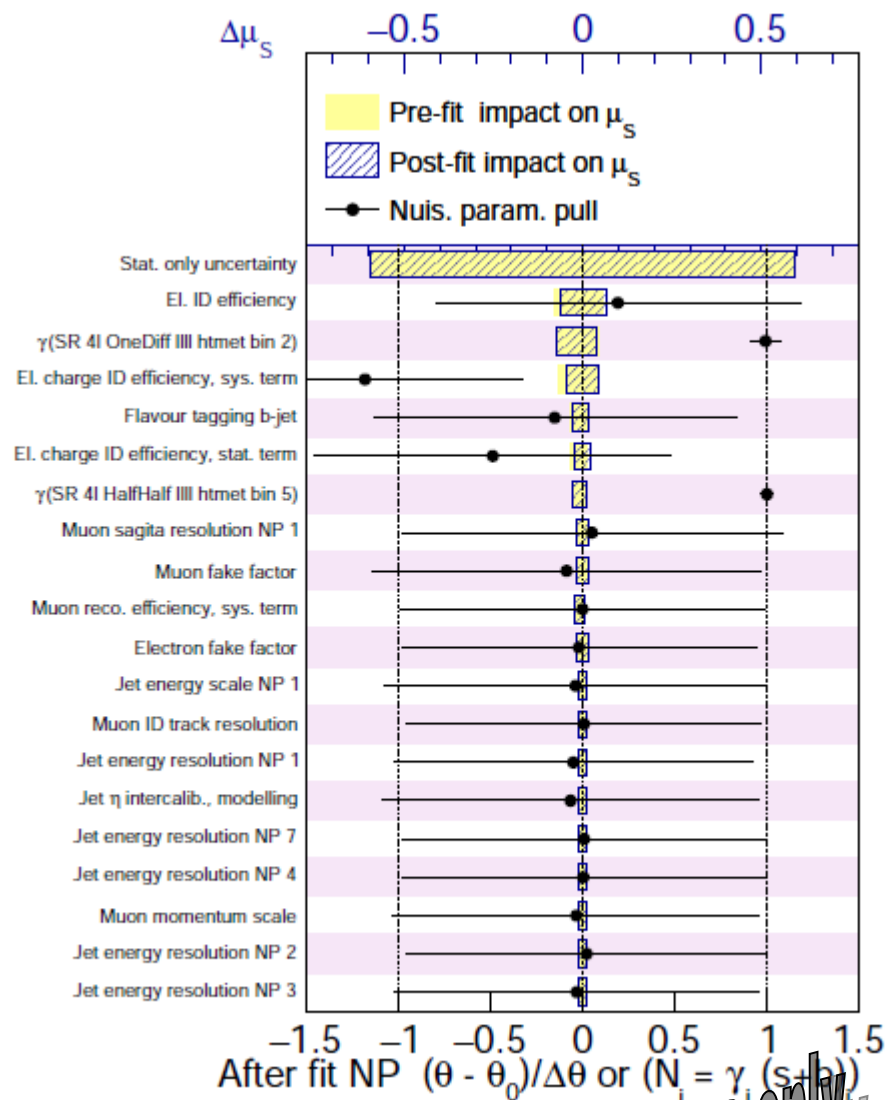


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- 1) After fit systematic uncertainties get sensibly smaller
- 2) Fit tries to increase the diboson contribution to match the 2<sup>nd</sup> bin of data (in particular pulling one of the systematics)

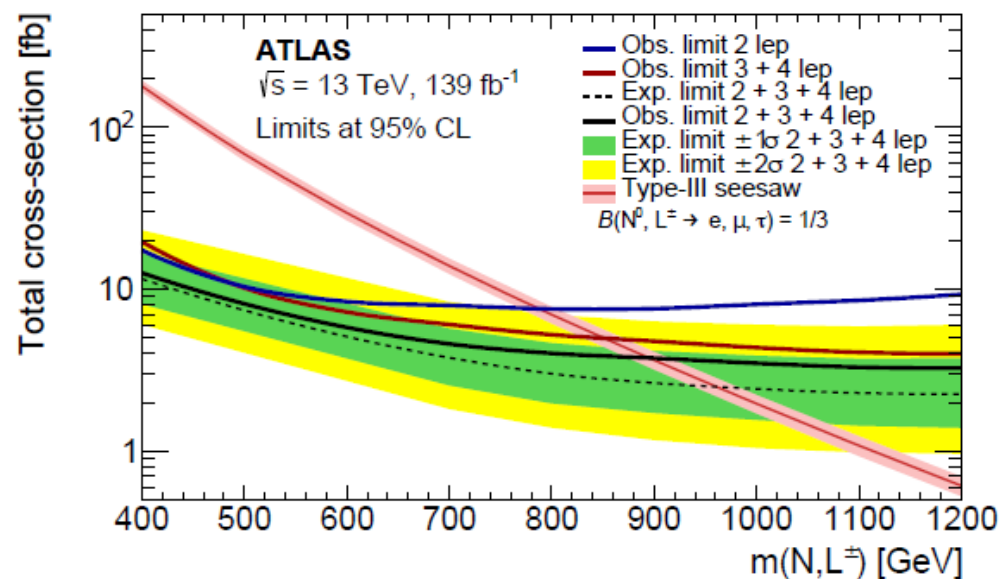



## Ranking plot of uncertainties (statistics and systematics)



BSM searches are usually statistics limited

The final exclusion plot



- 
- Why looking for physics Beyond Standard Model ?
  - “So, you want to look for Beyond Standard Model physics”
    - Ingredients of a search: strategy, background estimation, statistics,...
  - Few searches
    - Leptoquarks
    - Dark Matter
    - Long Lived Particle searches

# Leptoquark searches

**Leptoquarks** are BSM particles that couple leptons with quarks (fractional charge, color, B and L quantum numbers)

Scalar or Vectors

$\beta=0 \rightarrow$  neutrino (neutral lepton)

$\beta=1 \rightarrow$  charged lepton

Minimal model:

Couple with same generation quark-lepton

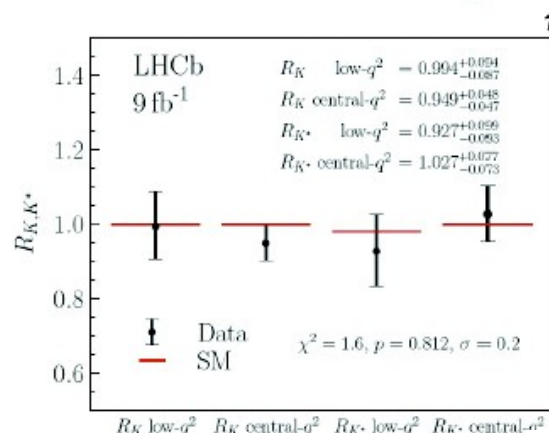
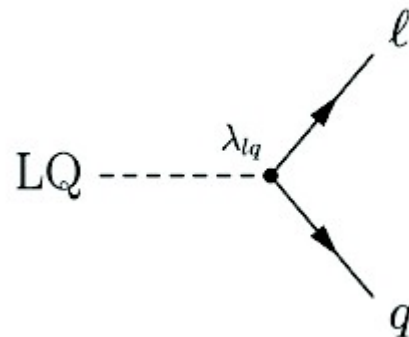
Or intra-generation mixing

$$\beta = 0 \quad LQ_3^u \rightarrow t\nu_\tau$$

$$\beta = 1 \quad LQ_3^u \rightarrow b\tau$$

$$\beta = 0 \quad LQ_3^d \rightarrow b\nu_\tau$$

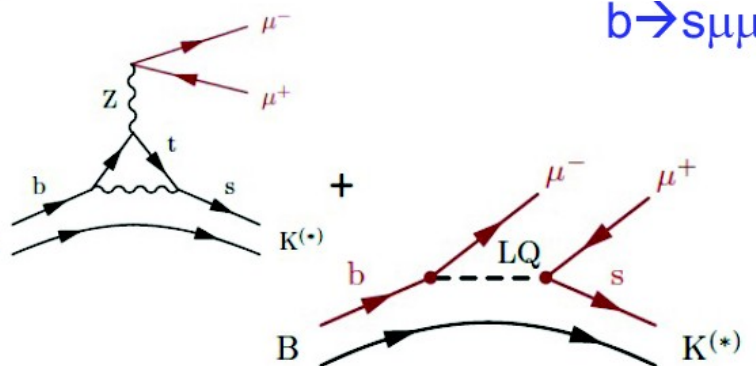
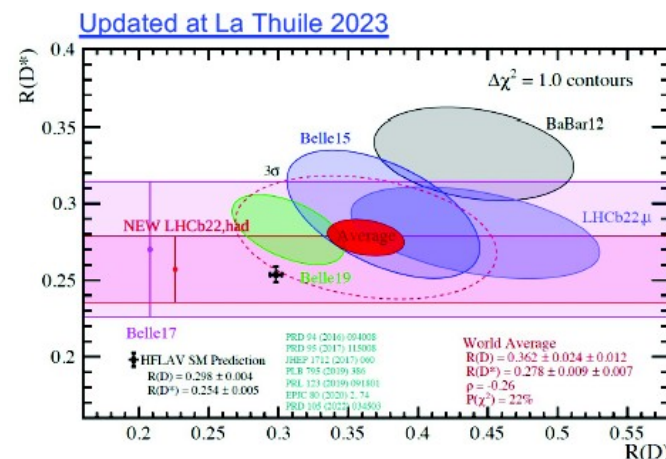
$$\beta = 1 \quad LQ_3^d \rightarrow t\tau$$



No longer evidence of  $\mu/e$  universality violation

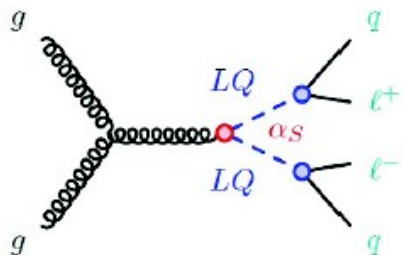
**Broad** search program

Resurgence of LQ because of lepton universality violation (now no more) and other tensions in flavor sector ( $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ ) (still there)



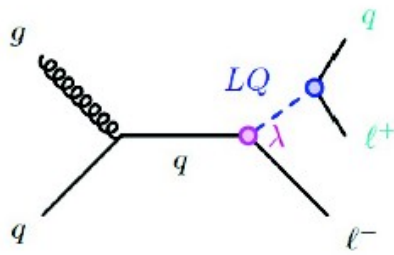


## Pair production



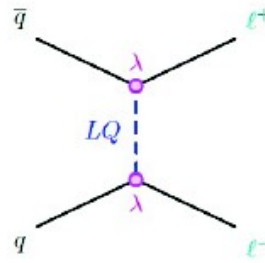
QCD production (universal mode)  
 $\sigma$  only depends on  $m_{LQ}$   
 Sensitivity to low  $m_{LQ}$

## Single production

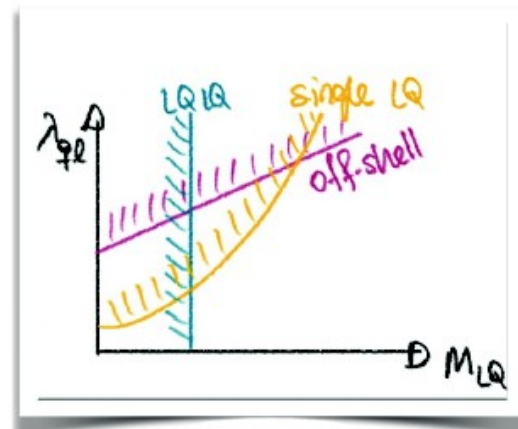


Depends on q PDF  
 $\sigma \sim \lambda^2$   
 Sensitivity to higher  $m_{LQ}$   
 if  $\lambda$  sufficiently large

## Off-shell production

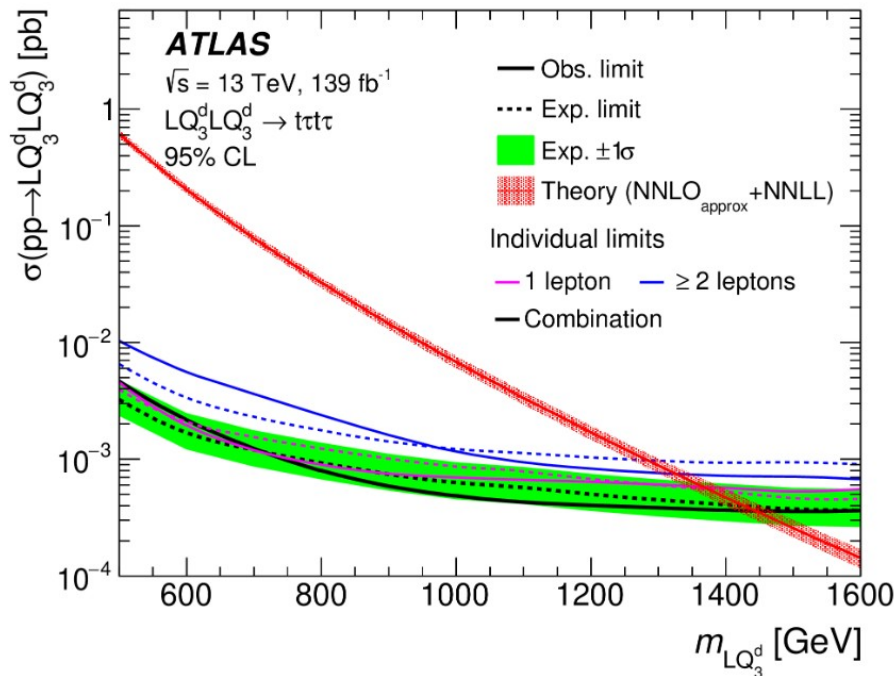
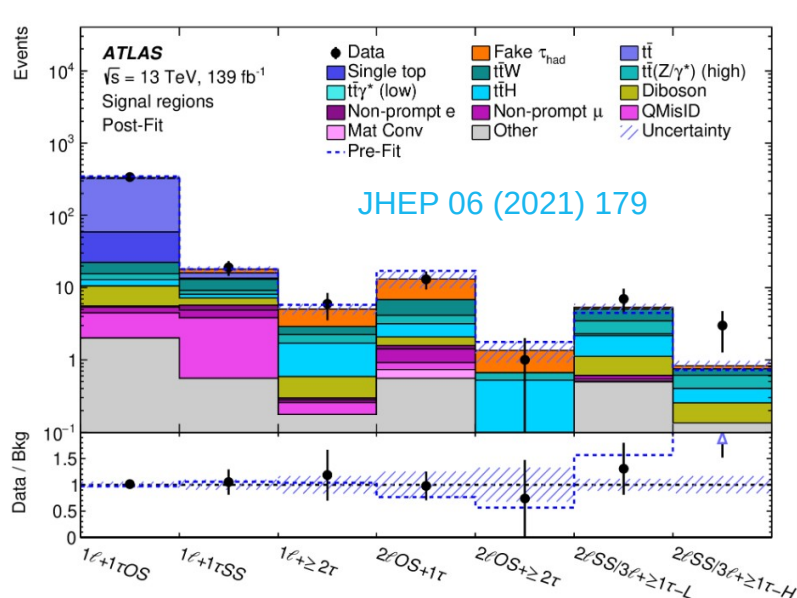


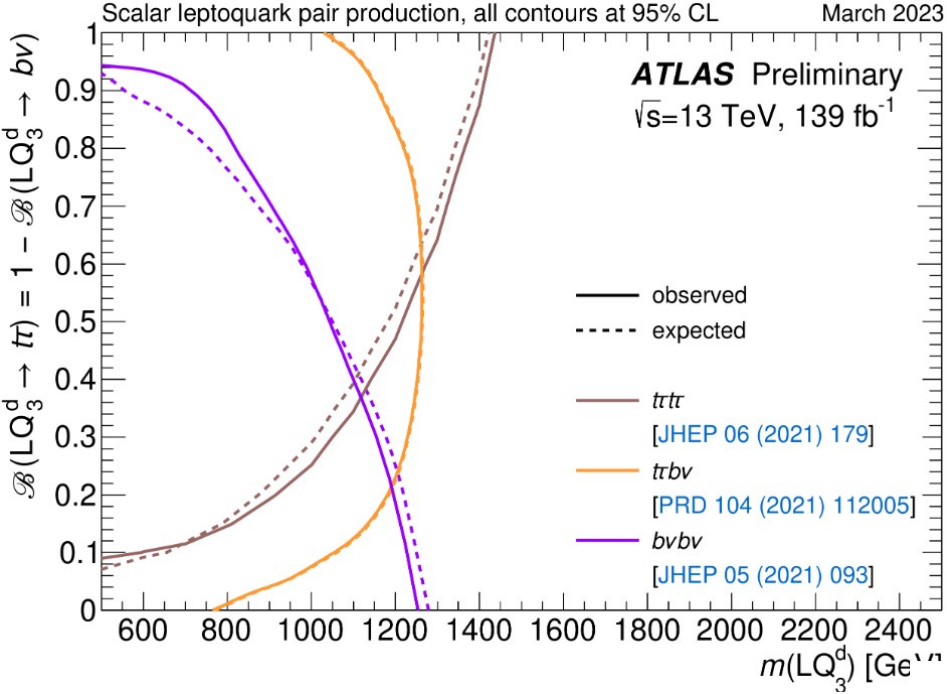
(Depends on q PDF)<sup>2</sup>  
 $\sigma \sim \lambda^4$   
 Sensitivity to very high  $m_{LQ}$   
 if  $\lambda$  sufficiently large



Very similar to  
 contact interaction  
 we discussed  
 before

$$LQ_3^d LQ_3^d \rightarrow t\tau t\tau \quad \text{search}$$

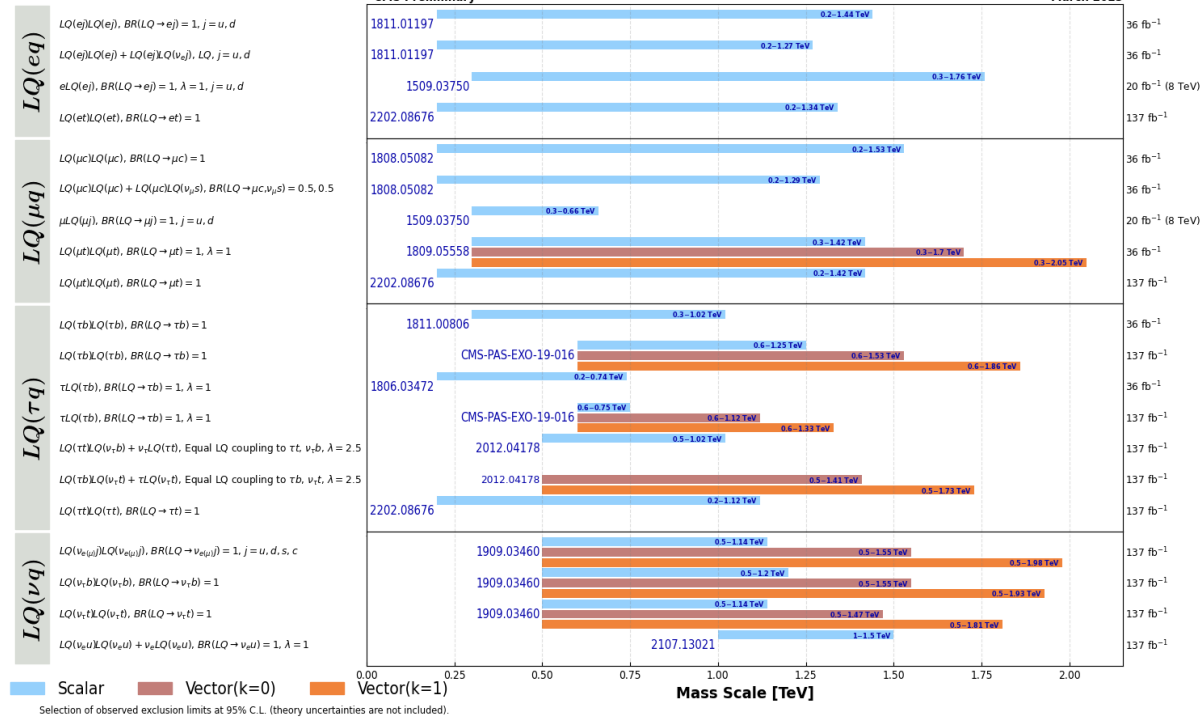




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## CMS Summary plot

### Overview of CMS leptoquark searches

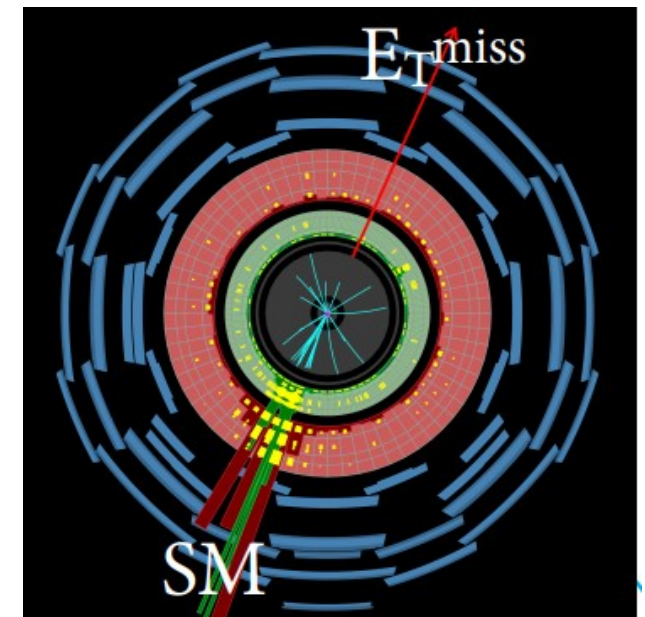
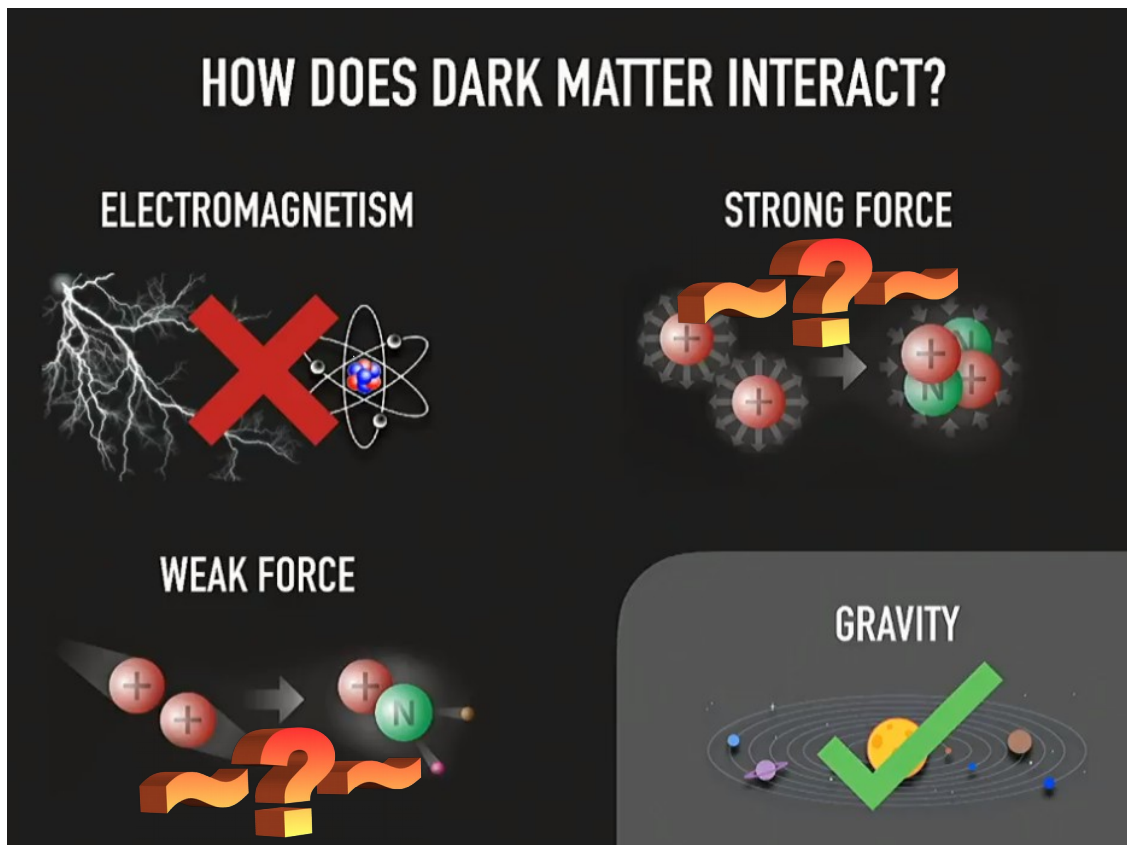
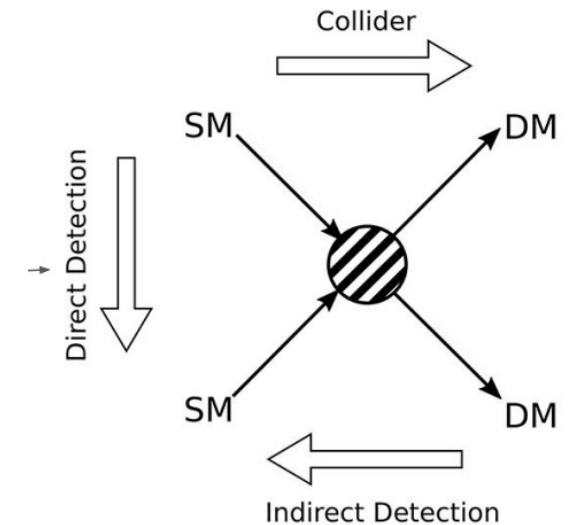


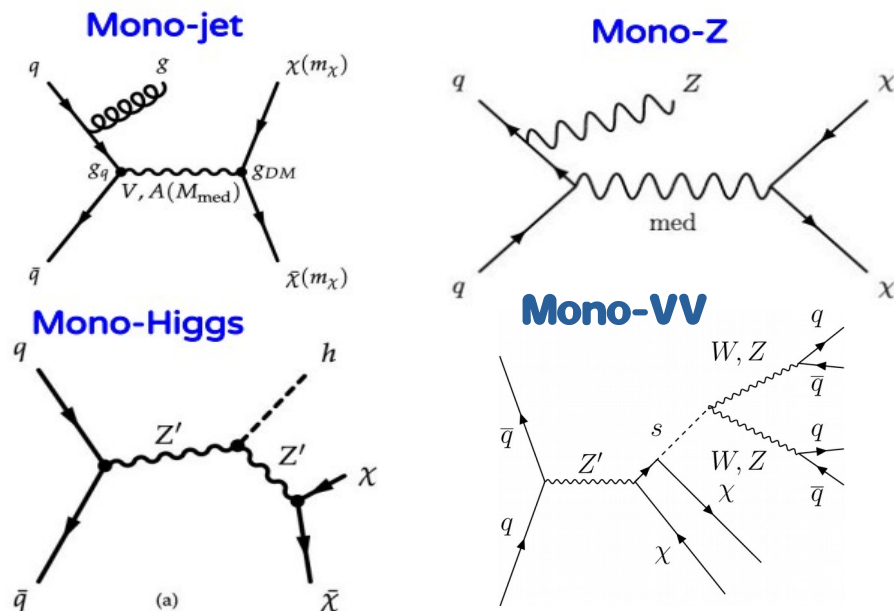
# Dark Matter Searches

Dark Matter can be observed at LHC only under the WIMP hypothesis

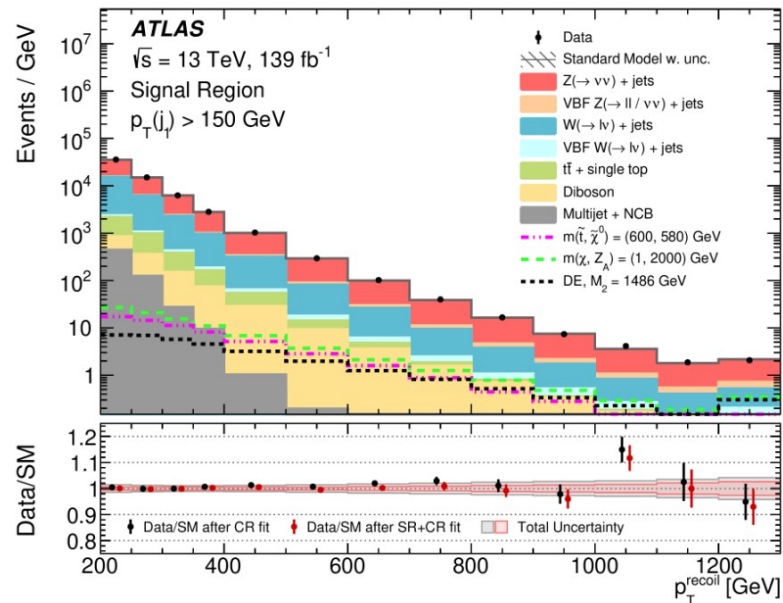
May be we can produce DM at LHC

But cannot observe it  $\rightarrow$  Missing Transverse Energy!

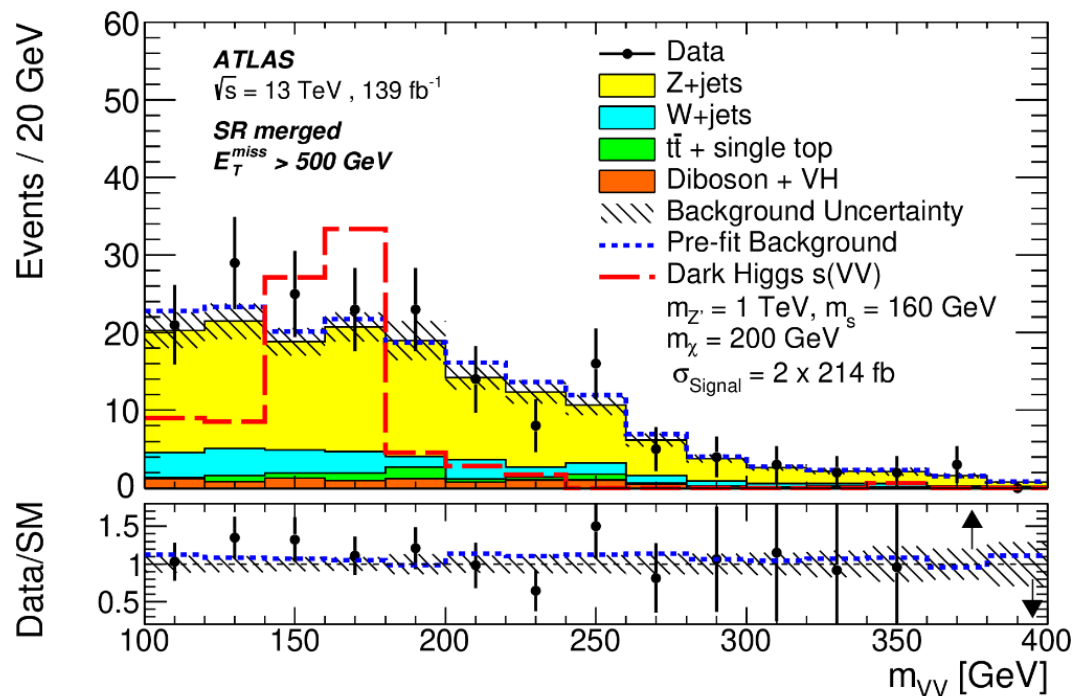
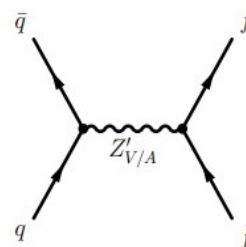




Example mono-jet



- DM Signatures could be:
- Mono-objects: mono-jet, mono-Z, mono-Higgs, mono-tt/bb → object recoiling against DM
  - Resonances searches
  - Long lived Particles





Mono-objects, dijet, ditops, (dilepton), Long Lived particles final states can be interpreted with:

- 1) Effective Field Theories (→ not here cf U. Bumenschein and H. Mildner lectures)
- 2) **Simplified** Models
- 3) Complete Models (e.g. 2HDM+ $\alpha$  Two Higgs Doublet Model)

**Simplified** model parameters:

- Mass of the mediator  $Z'$
- Mass of the DM  $M_\chi$
- Coupling (universal) of  $Z'$  with quarks  $g_q$
- Coupling (universal) of  $Z'$  with leptons  $g_l$
- Coupling (universal) of  $Z'$  with Dark Matter  $g_\chi$
- Spin of mediator (Scalar/Pseudo-Scalar or Vector/Axial-Vector)

Typical benchmark points (agreed between ATLAS and CMS):

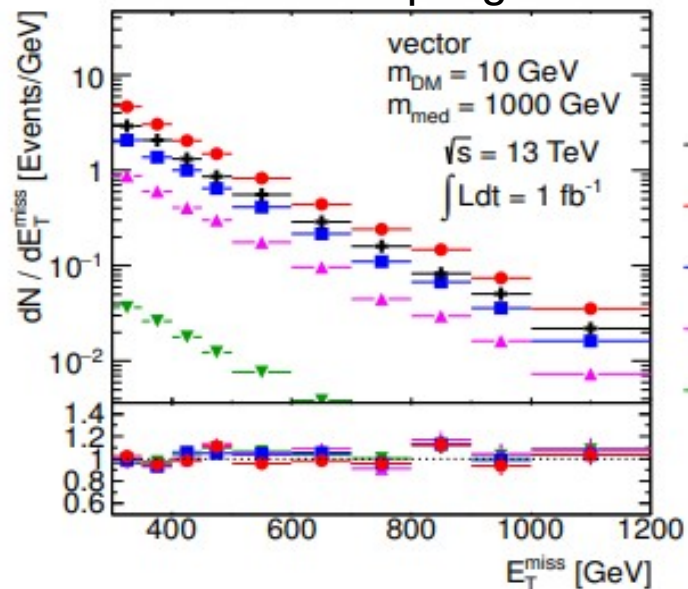
$g_{\text{DM}}=1$      $g_q=0.25$  → Vector or Axial-Vector Mediator

$g_{\text{DM}}=1$      $g_q=1$  → Scalar or Pseudo-Scalar

Leptophobic ( $g_l=0$ ) or Leptophilic ( $g_l=0.1$ )

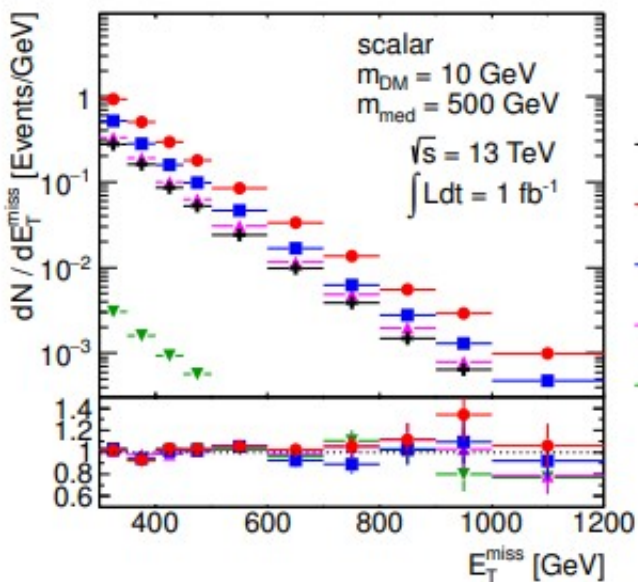


## How couplings affect ETMiss Distribution



	$g_{\text{SM}}$	$g_{\text{DM}}$	$\Gamma/m_{\text{med}}$	$\sigma \times A_{300}$ [fb]	$\sigma \times A_{500}$ [fb]
—+—	1.00	1.00	0.504	4.8e+02	1.2e+02
—●—	1.45	1.45	1.059	7.5e+02	1.8e+02
—■—	0.25	1.00	0.056	3.5e+02	9.0e+01
—▲—	0.50	0.50	0.126	1.5e+02	3.8e+01
—▼—	0.10	0.10	0.005	6.3e+00	1.6e+00

Vector Mediator



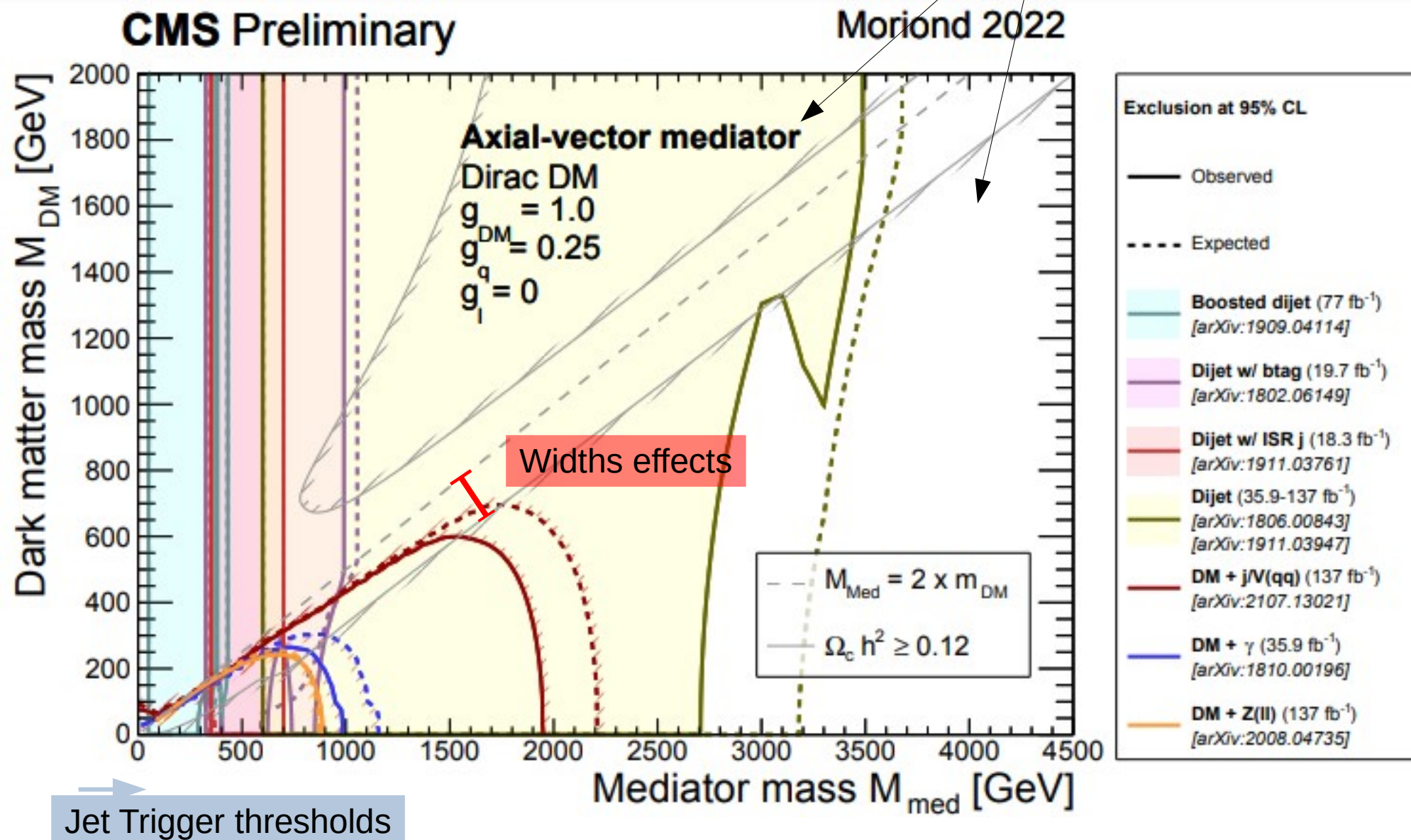
	$g_{\text{SM}}$	$g_{\text{DM}}$	$\Gamma/m_{\text{med}}$	$\sigma \times A_{300}$ [fb]	$\sigma \times A_{500}$ [fb]
—+—	1.00	1.00	0.062	3.3e+01	4.0e+00
—●—	2.00	2.00	0.248	1.1e+02	1.4e+01
—■—	2.00	1.00	0.129	6.0e+01	7.5e+00
—▲—	1.00	2.00	0.181	3.9e+01	5.0e+00
—▼—	0.10	0.10	0.001	3.5e-01	4.4e-02

Scalar Mediator

[arxiv:1507.00966](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.00966)

Leptophobic

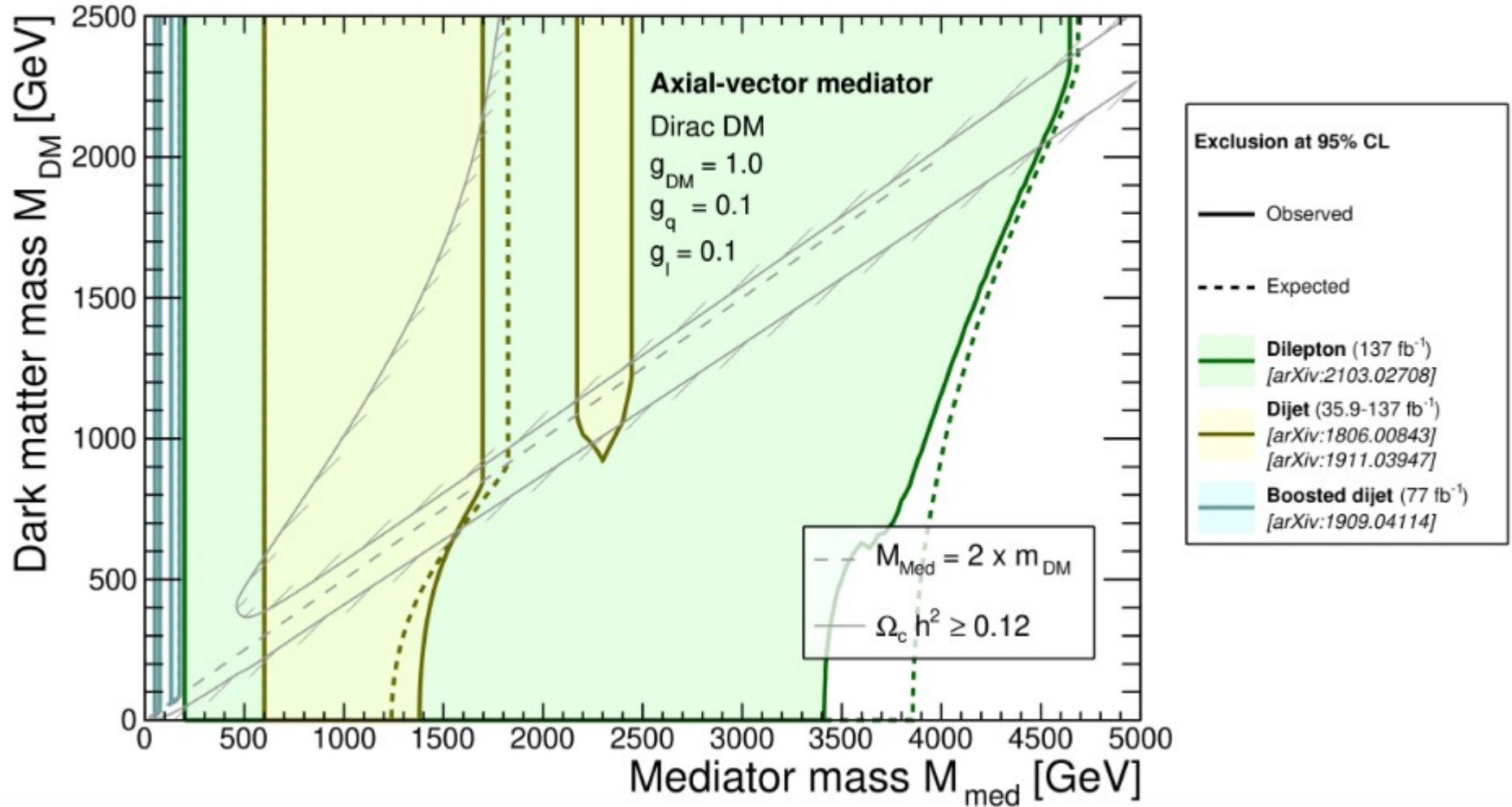
Relic density



# Leptophilic

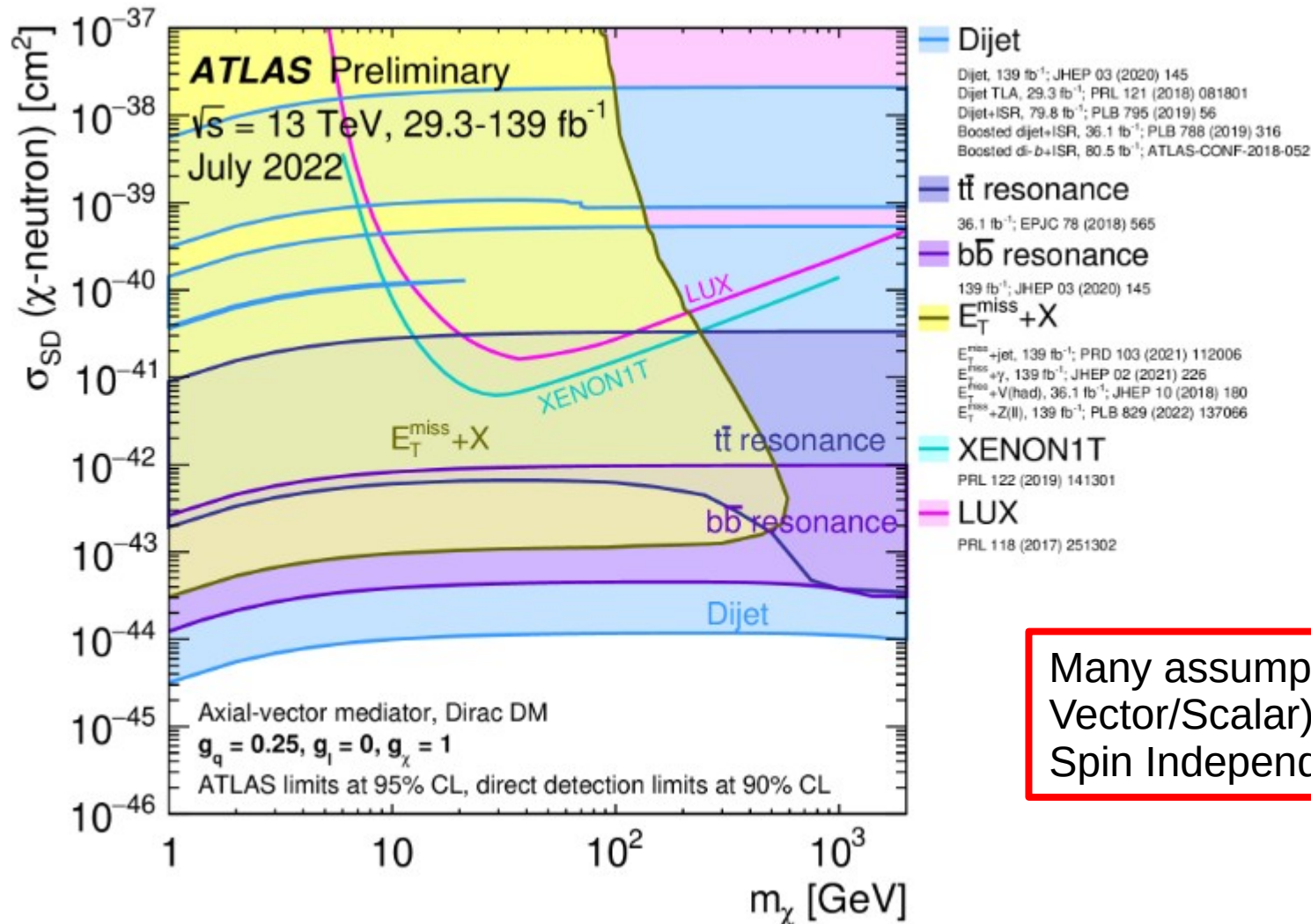
CMS Preliminary

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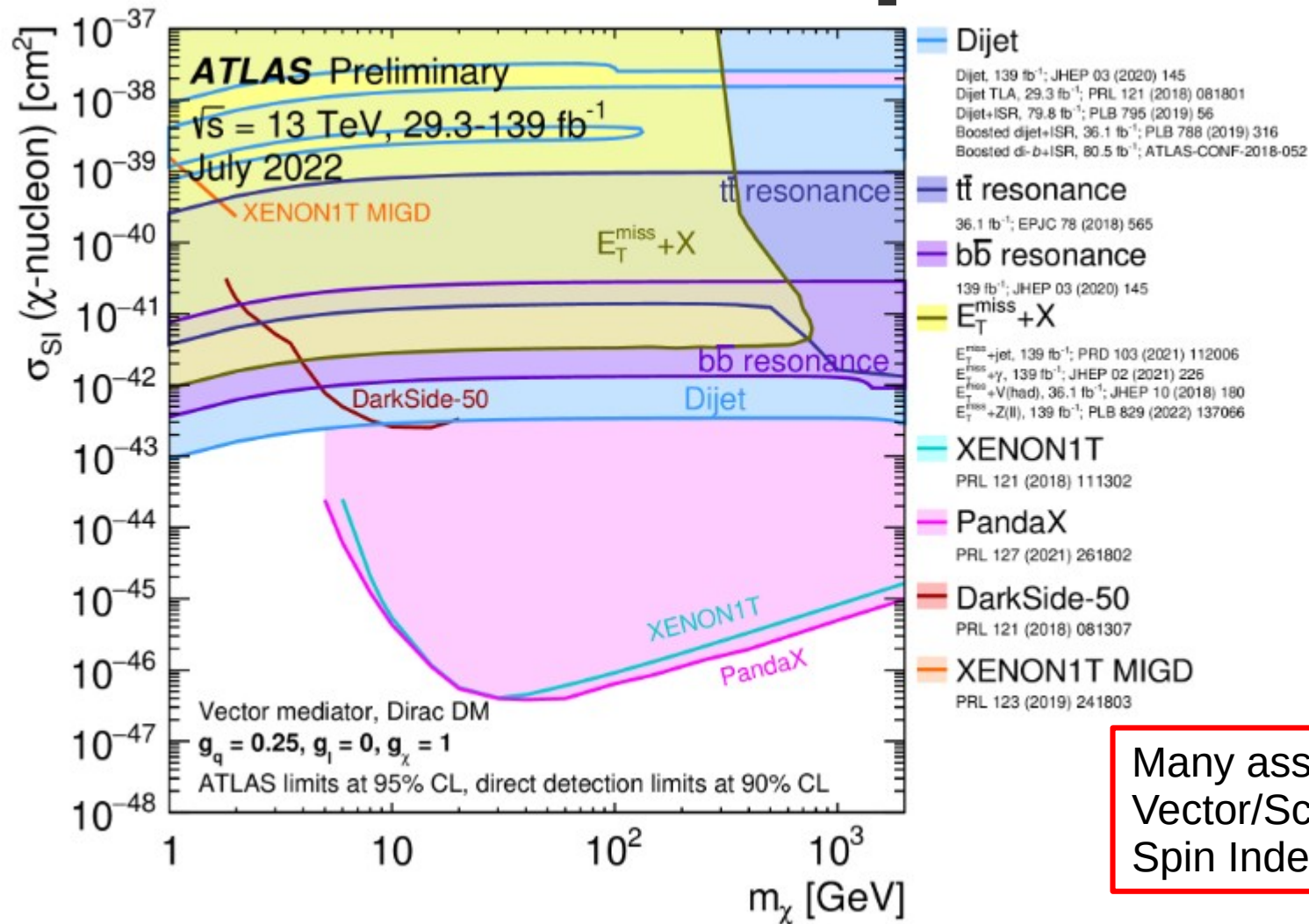
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Spin Dependent

Many assumptions (couplings, Vector/Scalar), Spin Dependent vs Spin Independent Interactions

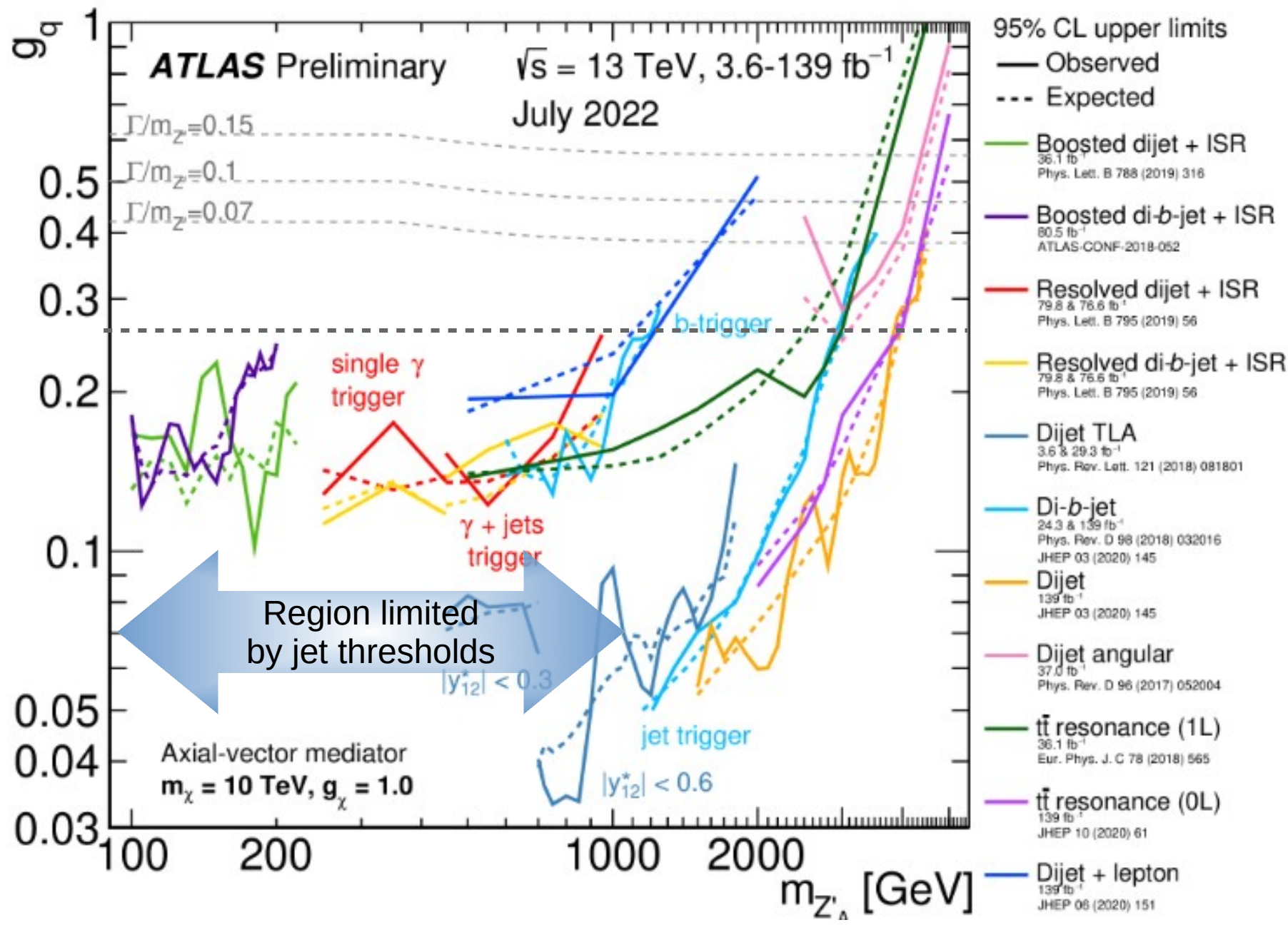
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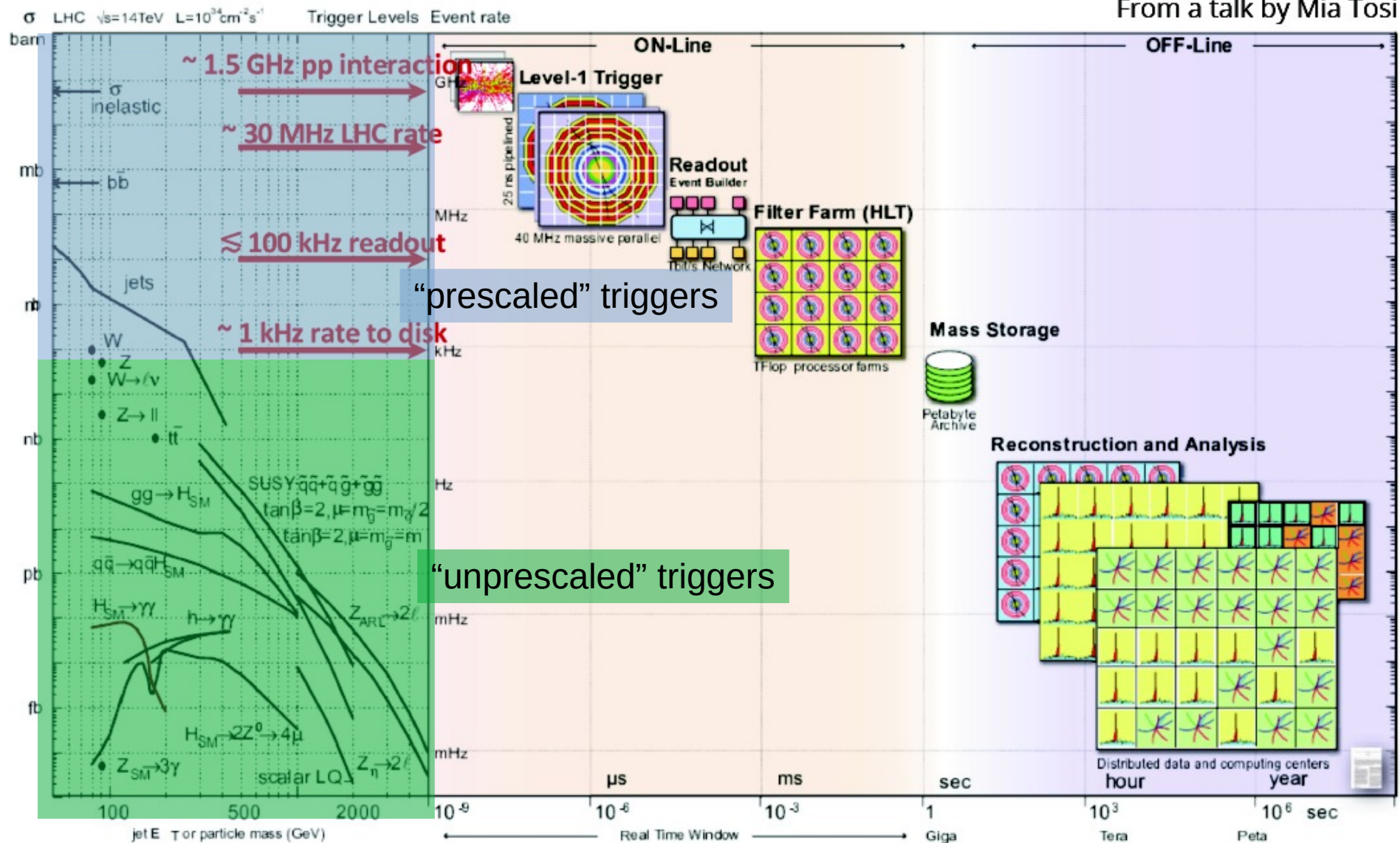


Spin Independent

Many assumptions (couplings, Vector/Scalar), Spin Dependent vs Spin Independent Interactions







The “true” limit is

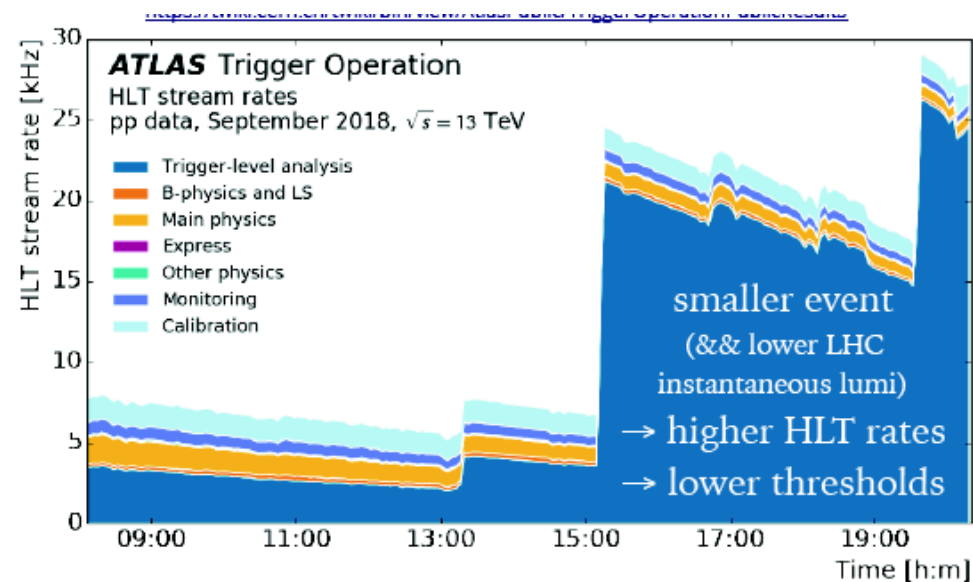
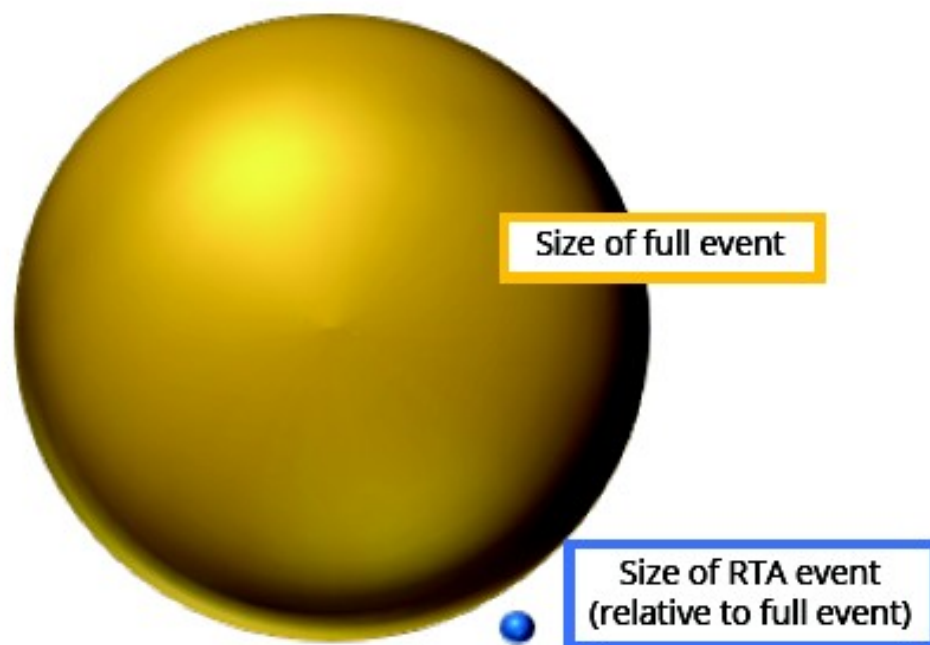
$$\text{Trigger Bandwidth} = \text{Event Rate} \times \text{Event Size}$$

~1 kHz × ~1 MB

e.g. prescale (ps=10) → 1 every 10 events passing that trigger are recorded  
 Unprescaled (or ps=1) → all events passing that trigger are recorded

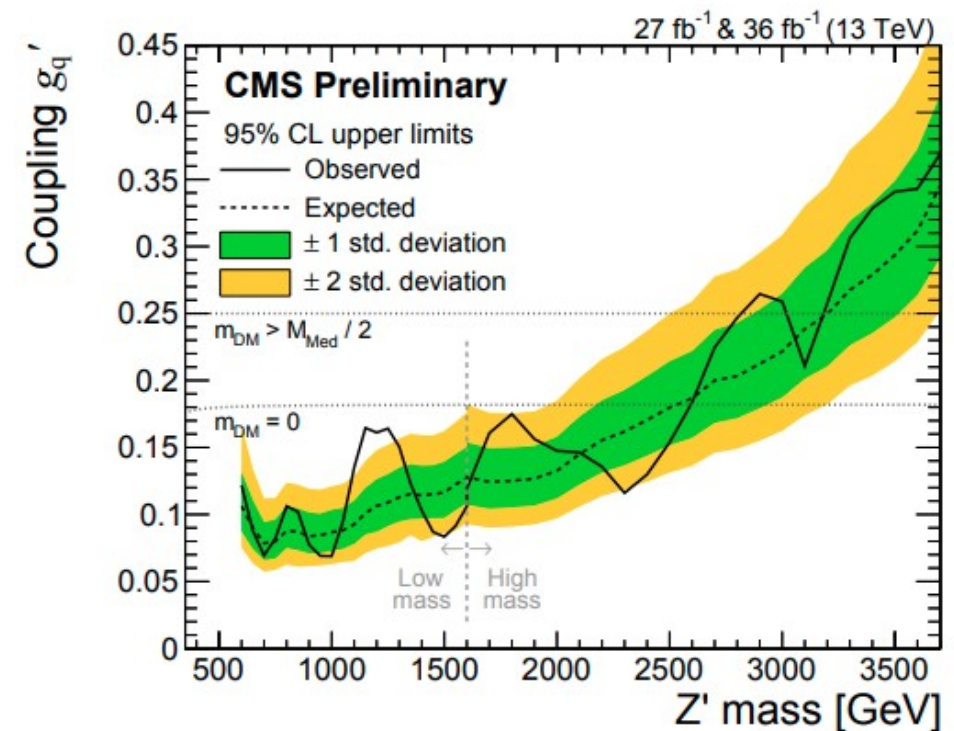
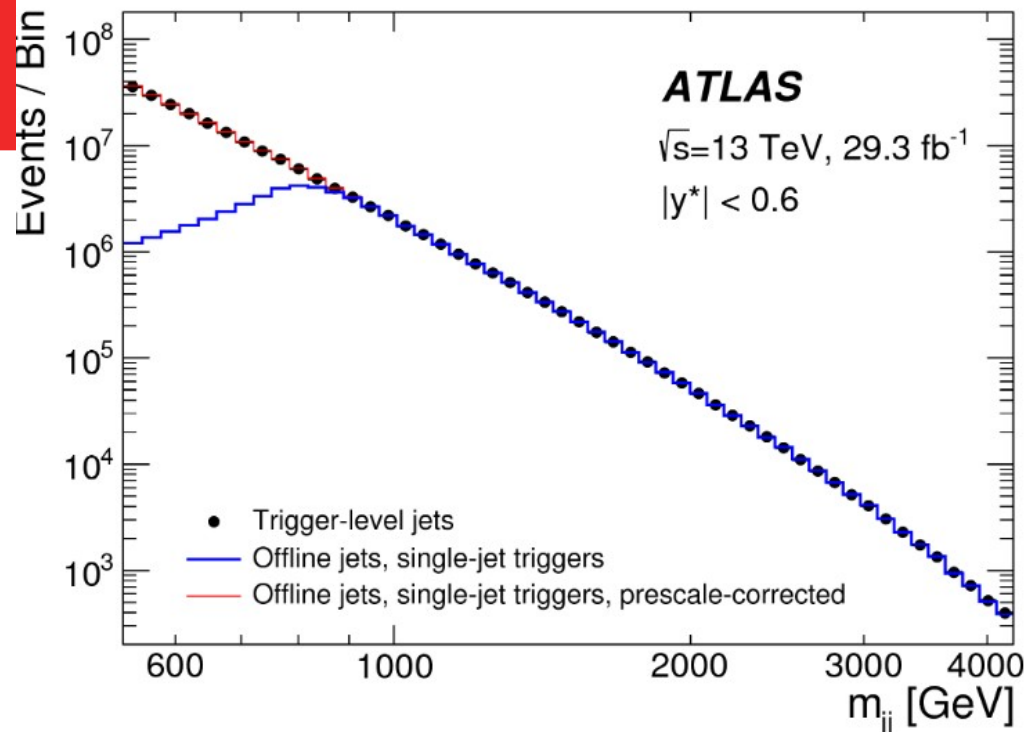
If we want to increase rate, then we need to decrease event size

Prescaled triggers → pay too much in terms of statistics (for exotic analysis)  
→ Reduce the event size

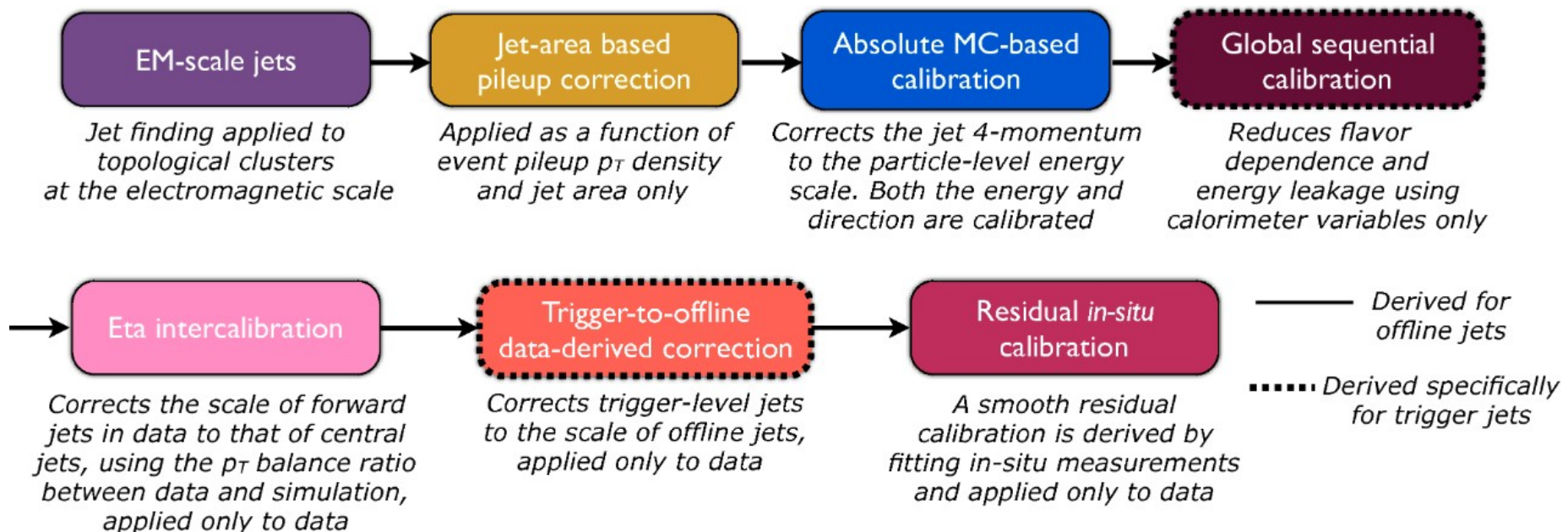


From C. Doglioni talk



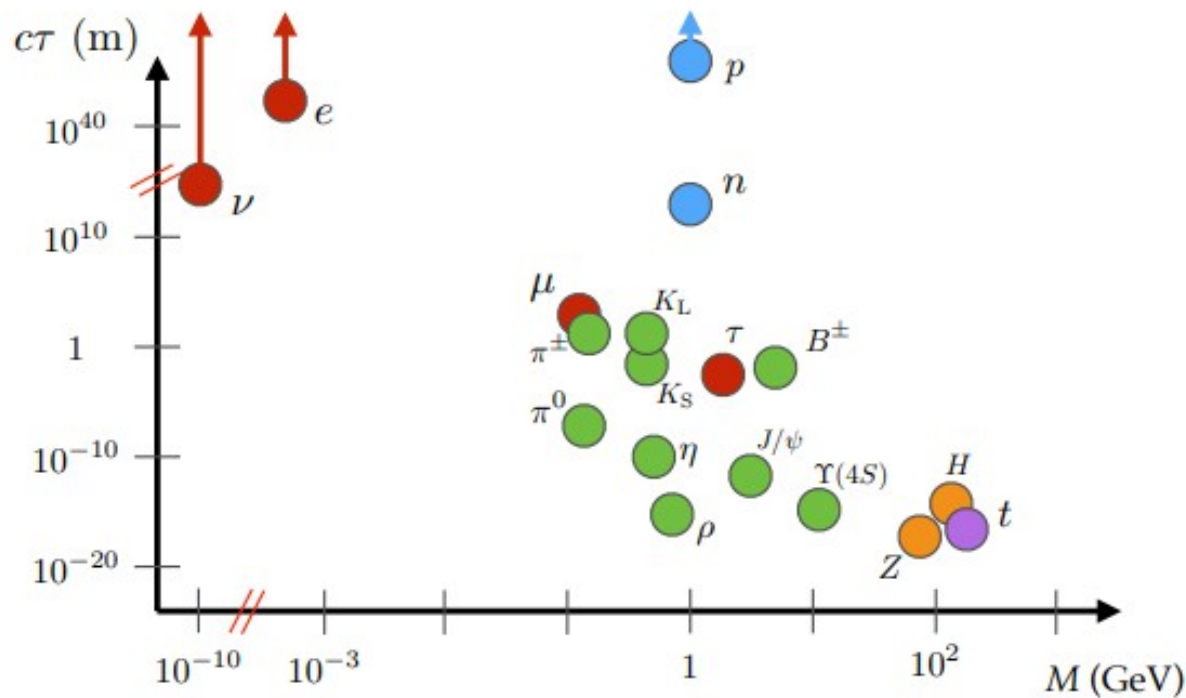


Hadronic jets need to be calibrated (offline)



# Long Lived Particles

A possible third signature for Dark Matter



Example: Charged pion lifetime:

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\pi^+}} = \frac{f_{\pi}^2}{256\pi m_{\pi}} \left[ \frac{g^2}{M_W^2} \frac{m_{\mu}}{m_{\pi}} (m_{\pi}^2 - m_{\mu}^2) \right]^2$$

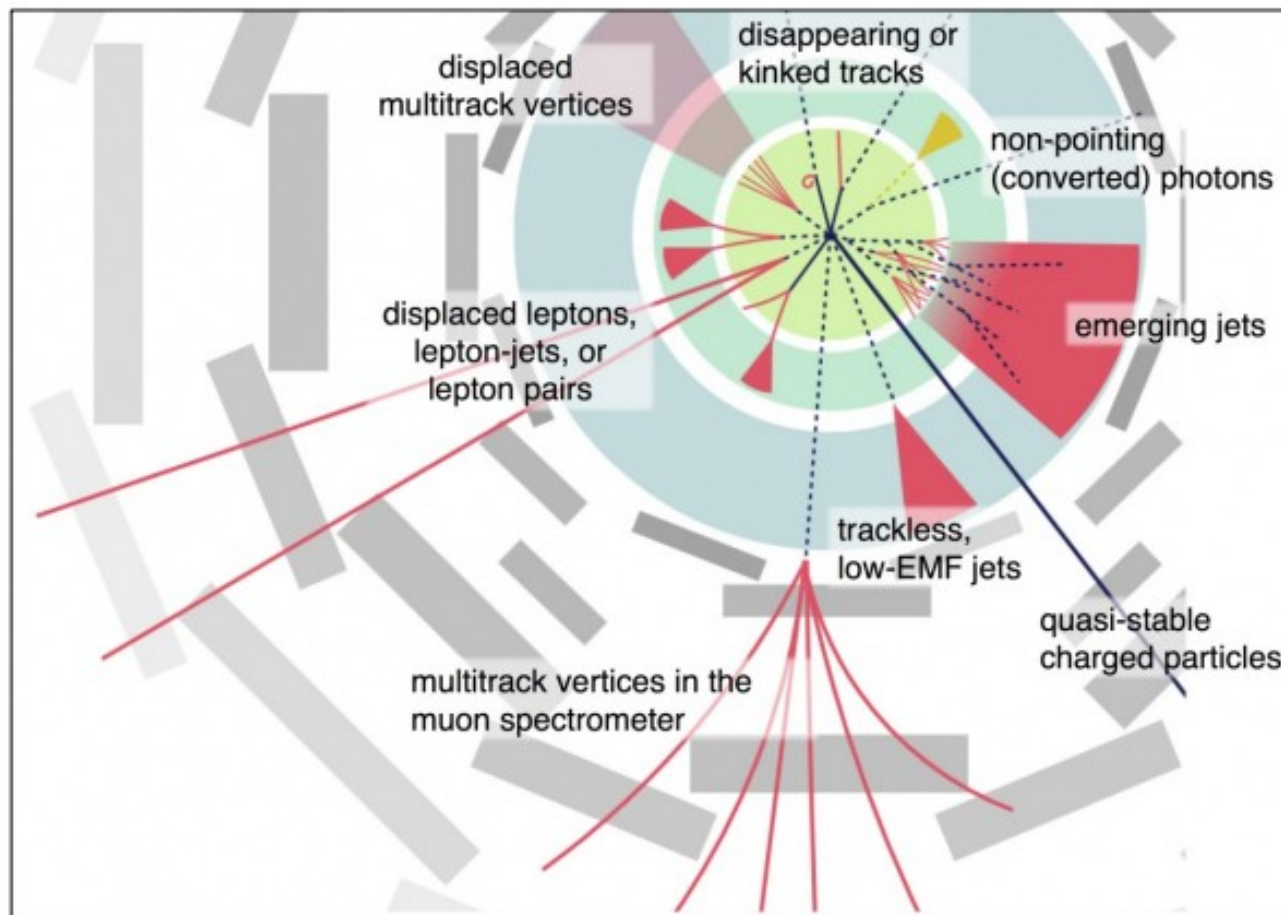
Large decay lengths:

Small couplings → Hidden sectors

Large mediator mass → BSM mediators

Compressed spectra → Approximate symmetries





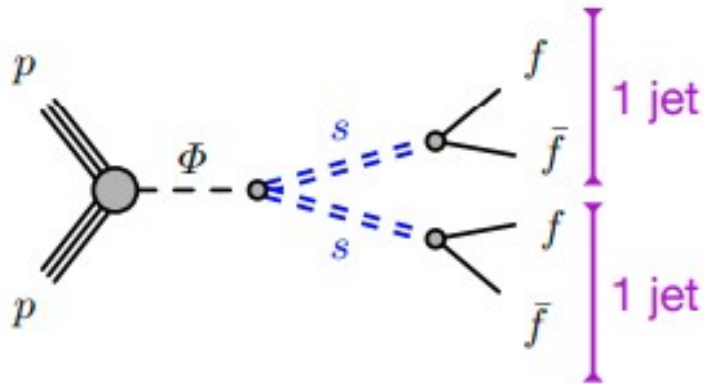
ATLAS detector have been designed primarily requiring high efficiency detection for “prompt” (or issued by b,c and  $\tau$  decays) particles →

Modified algorithms for Long Lived Particles:

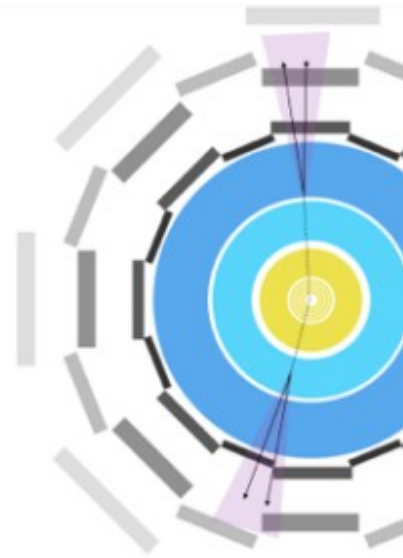
- Trigger selection
- Tracking and particle ID
- Background estimation
  - Non collision Background (Beam Induced Background)
  - Material interactions
  - Cosmic Muons

Russell (see, e.g., LLP White Paper 2019)

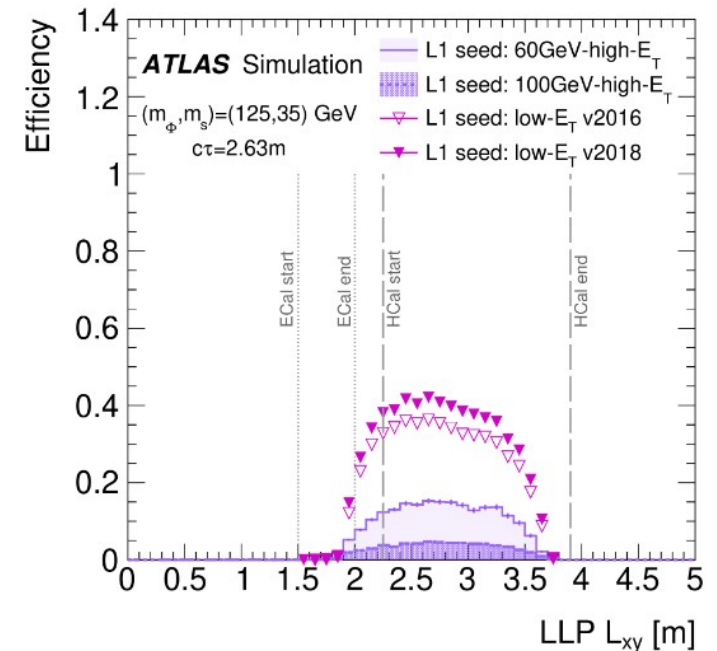
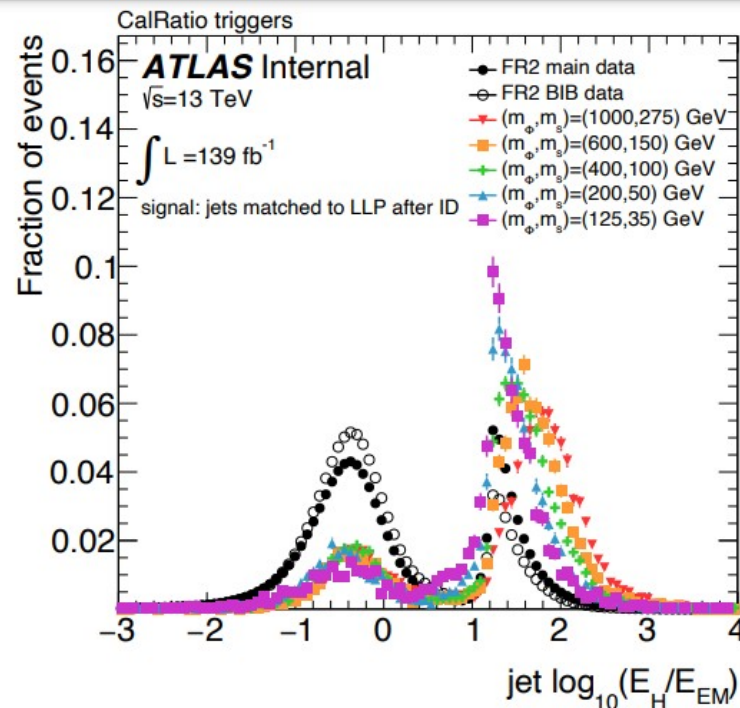
# Trigger Selection



Too large single or dijet trigger thresholds ( $\sim 400$  GeV)  
 → Exploit peculiar energy deposition in calorimeter → lower jet trigger thresholds  $\sim 100$  GeV

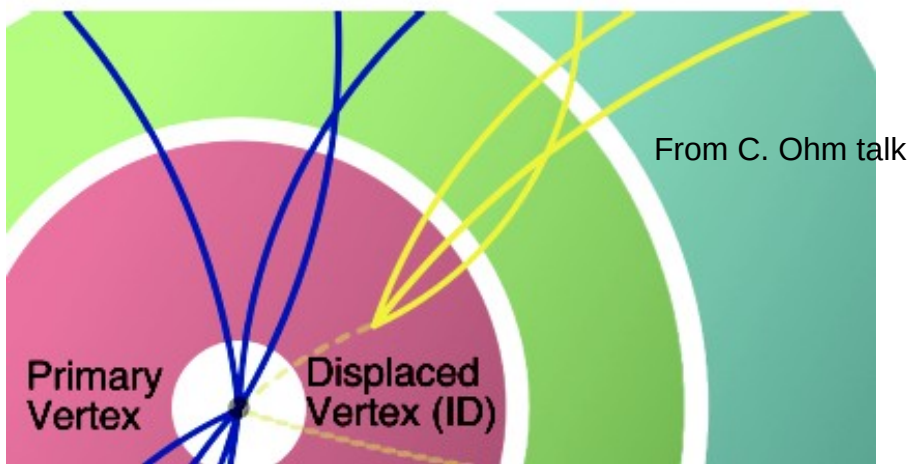


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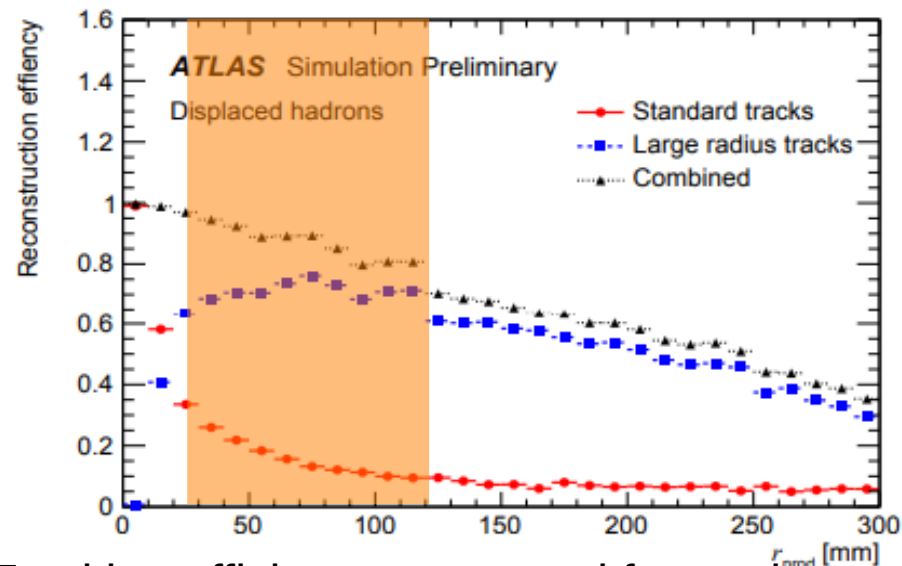
# Reconstruction

- Removes constraints on  $d_0$ ,  $z_0$  and number of hits → larger efficiency on tracks from **large radius**
- “Slow” tracking algorithms → Runs only on ~1% of hits (TRT, SCT and PIX)



Beam pipe

Pixel

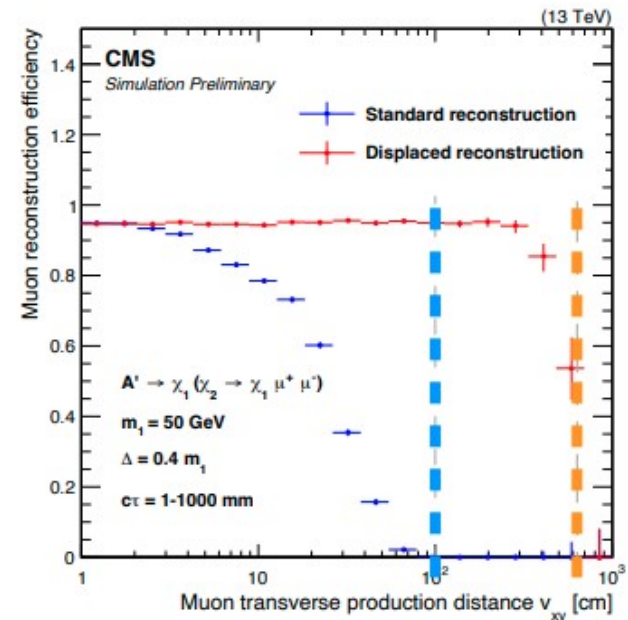
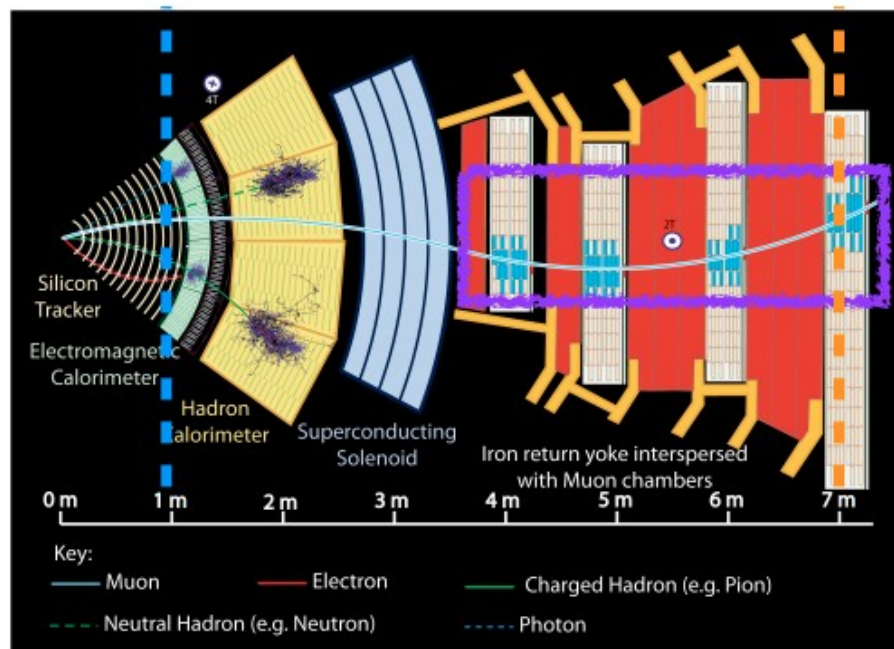
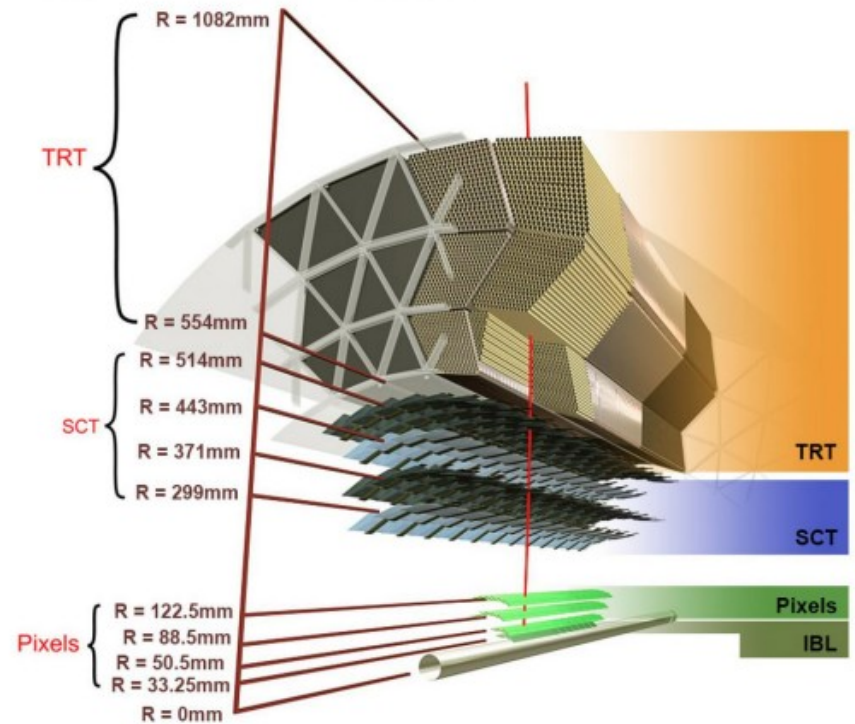
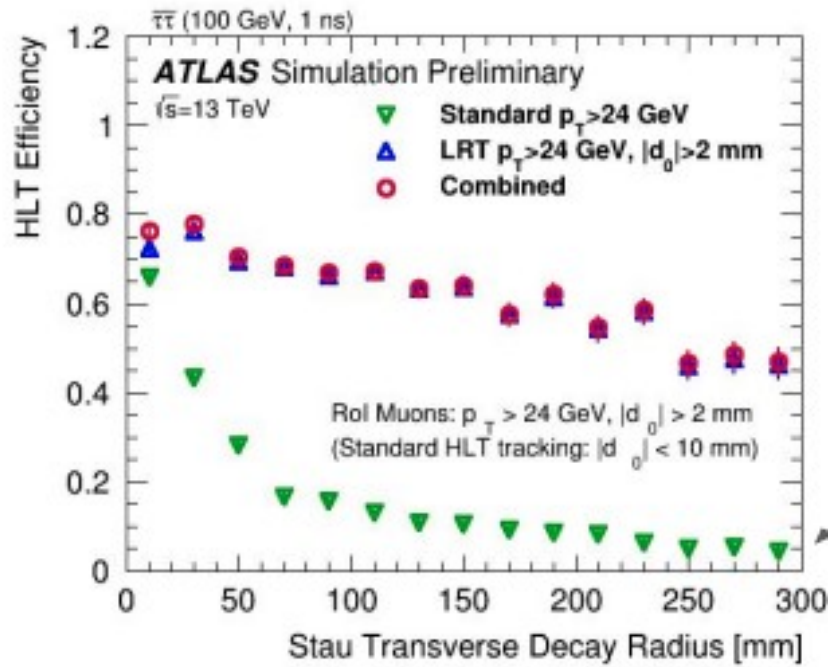


Tracking efficiency recovered for tracks produced at large radius

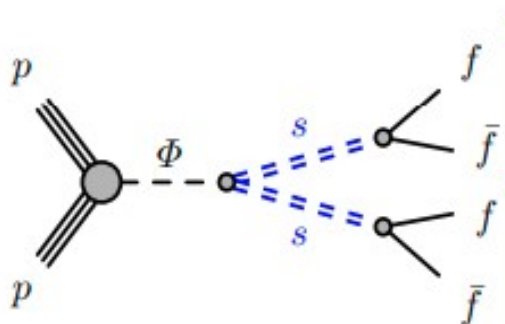
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# Displaced tau triggers in ATLAS



# LLP in Calorimeter



Hidden Sector model

$\phi$  is the portal

$M_\phi$  from 400 GeV to 1 TeV and  $M_s$  from 50 to 475 GeV

$M_\phi$  from 60 GeV to 200 GeV and  $M_s$  from 5 to 55 GeV



High  $E_T$



Low  $E_T$

- Three BDT trained to distinguish between:

▶ Signal

▶ Beam Induced Background ← Specific to LLP searches

▶ Multijet

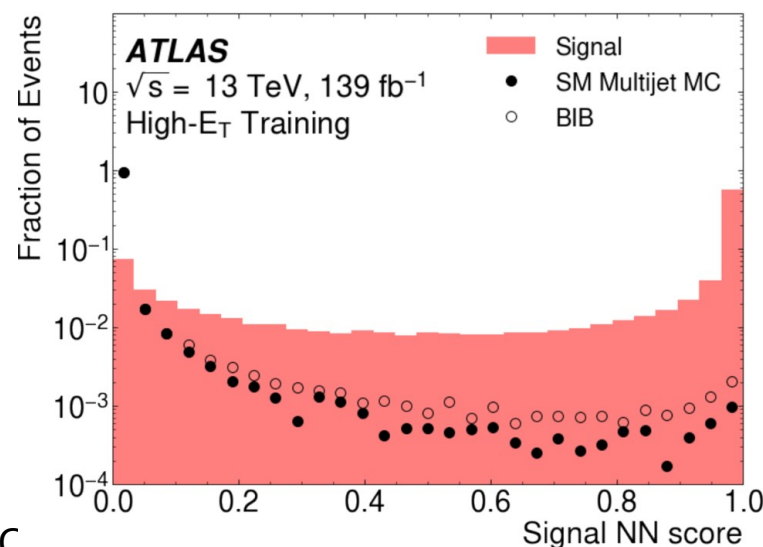


LHC beam-gas and beam-halo interactions upstream detector

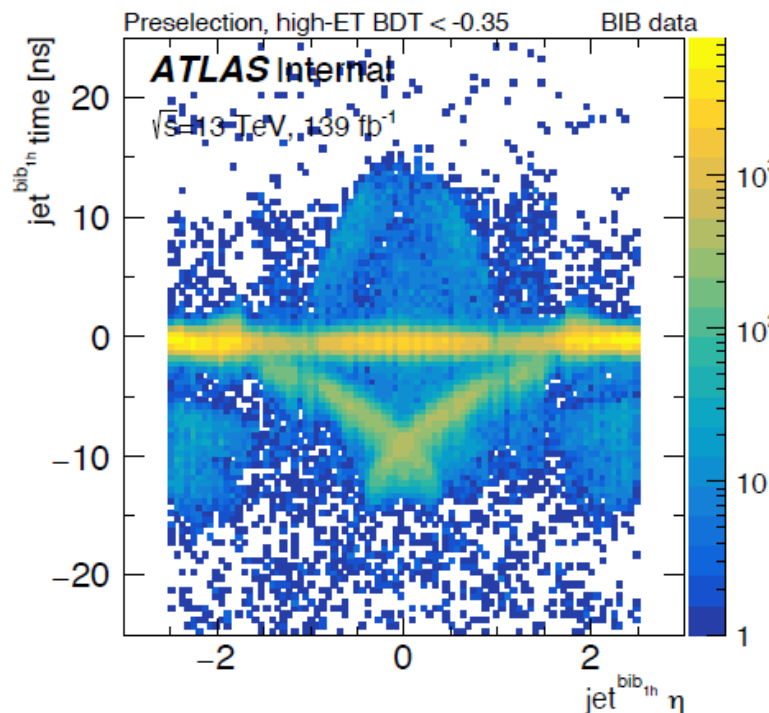
Signal characteristics:

- ✓ Narrower cone than typical SM jets
- ✓ No associated tracks to the “jets”
- ✓ Larger energy deposit in Had calorimeter than Em (already used for triggering)

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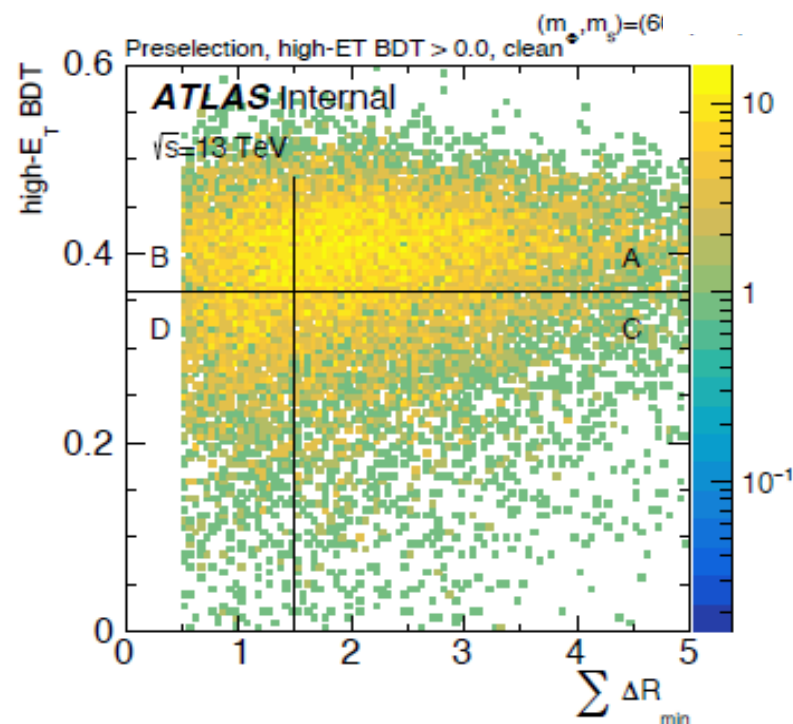
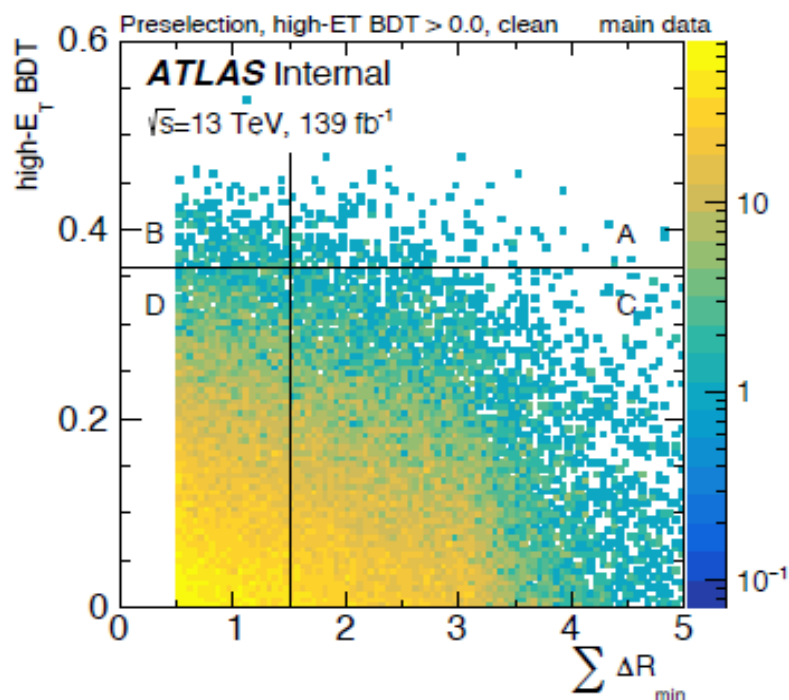


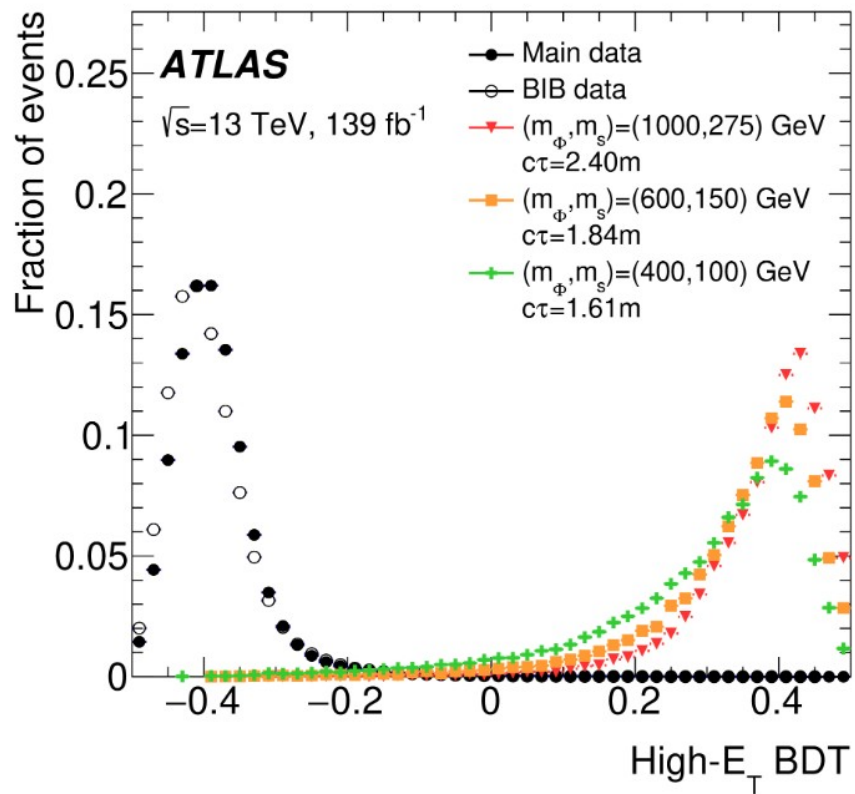


Beam Induced Background dataset  
 Small BDT score (unlikely to be signal)

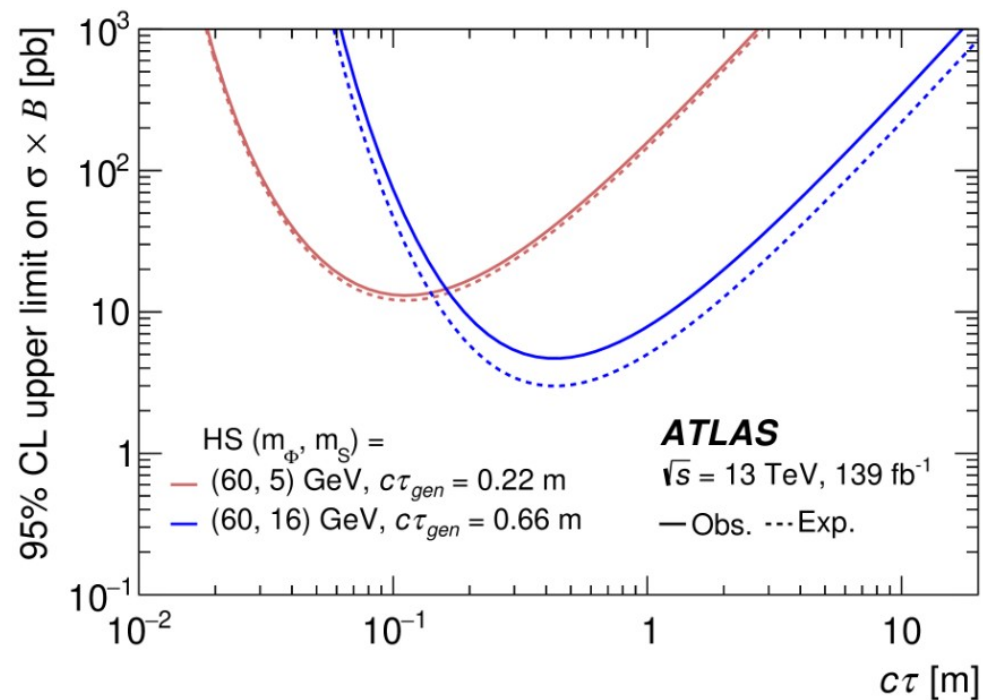
After cleaning BIB  
 → ABCD method with two variables (BDT score vs  $\Delta R_{min}(\text{track}, \text{jet})$ )

$$N_A = \frac{N_B \times N_C}{N_D}$$

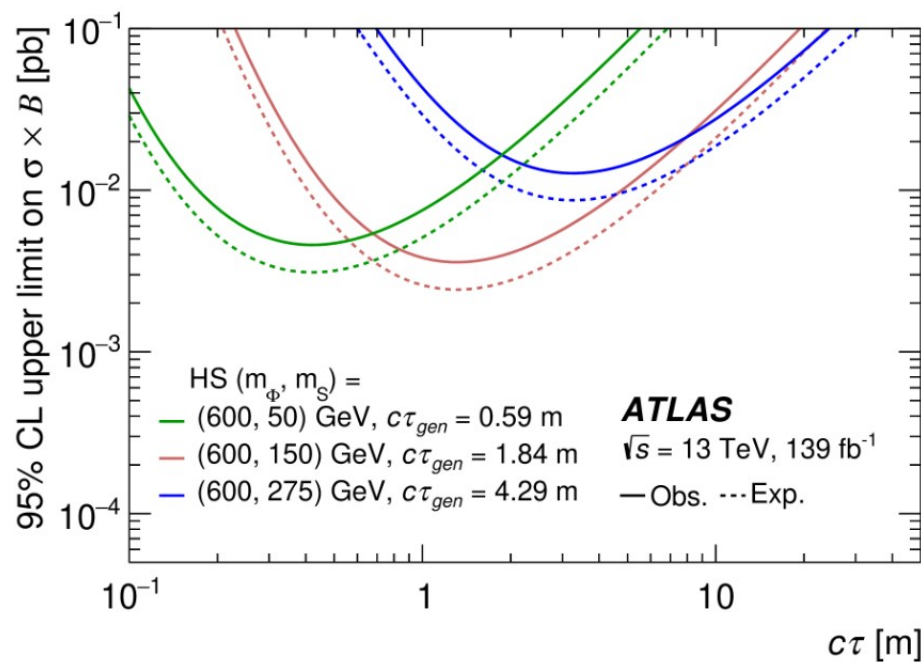




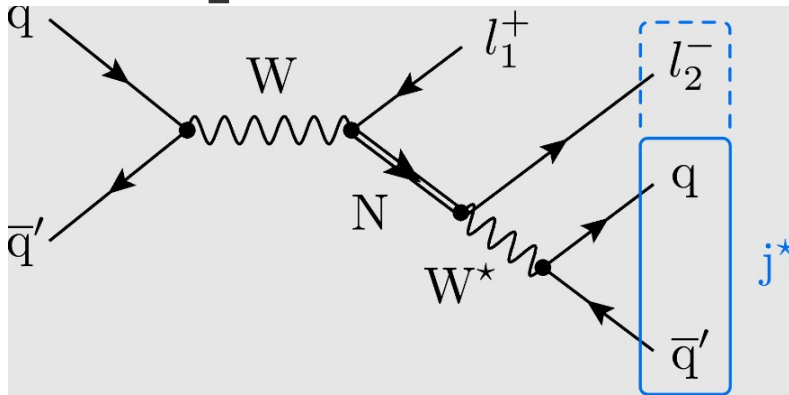
BDT output for data, signal,  
background



Exclusion limit vs lifetime



# Search for Heavy Neutrino Lepton



CMS-PAS-EXO-21-013

Address both Dirac and Majorana Heavy neutrino ( $N$ ) searches

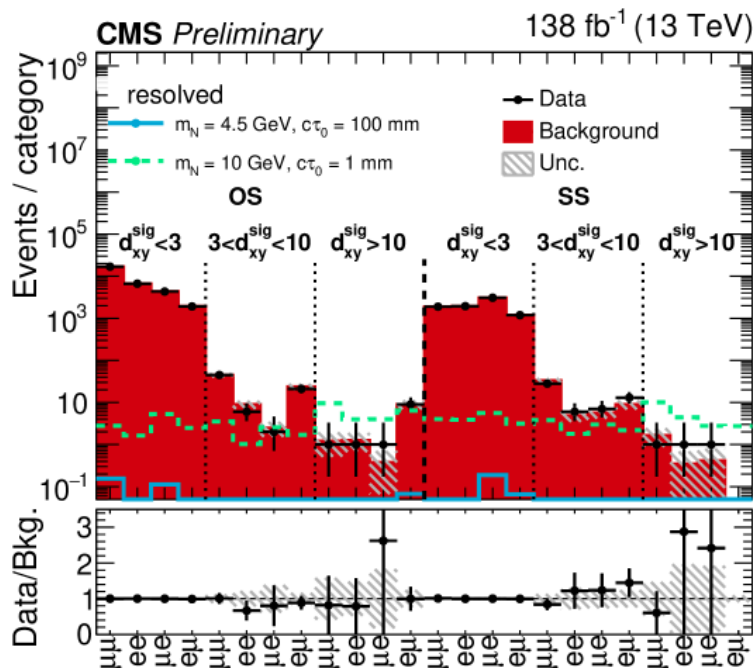
Dirac  $\rightarrow$  neutrino and antineutrino are different  
 $\rightarrow$  outgoing leptons have opposite sign (OS)

Majorana  $\rightarrow$  neutrino and antineutrino are the **same** particle  $\rightarrow$  leptons have same sign (SS)

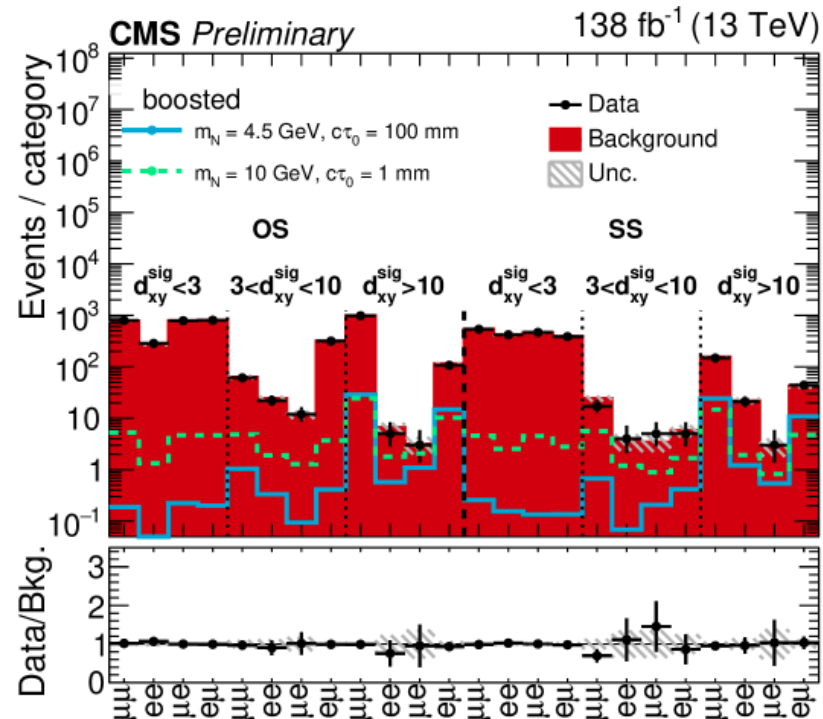
Trigger on prompt lepton  $l_1$

Hadronic or leptonic decay of  $W$  boson

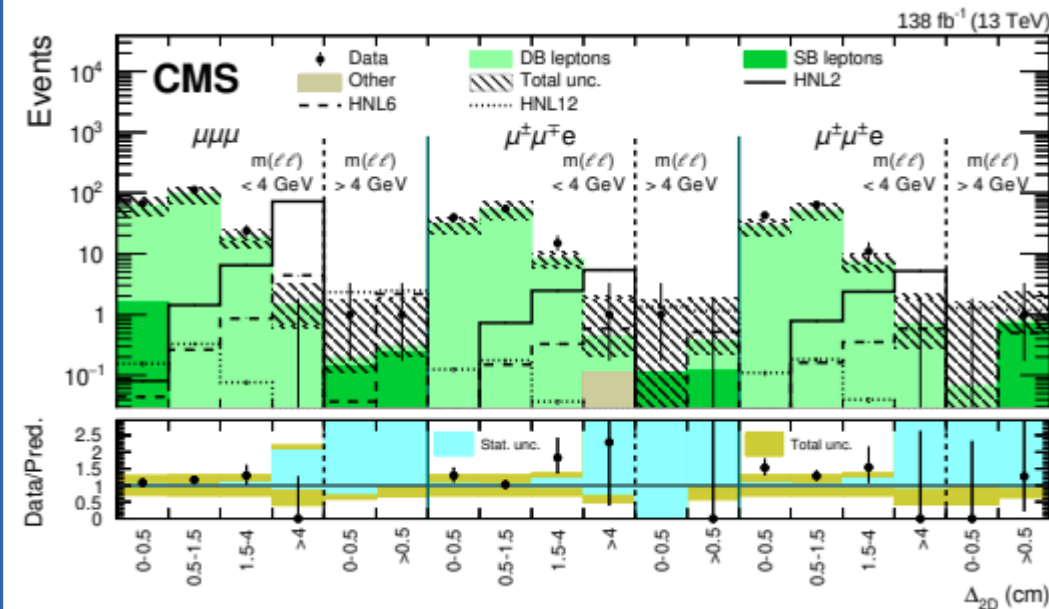
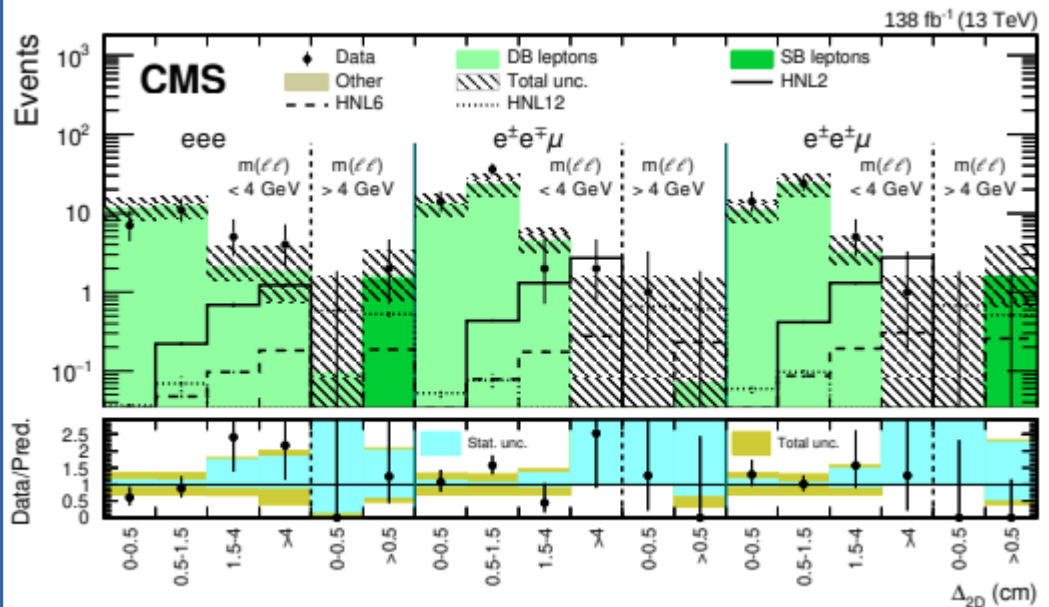
For lower  $M_N \rightarrow$  boosted configuration



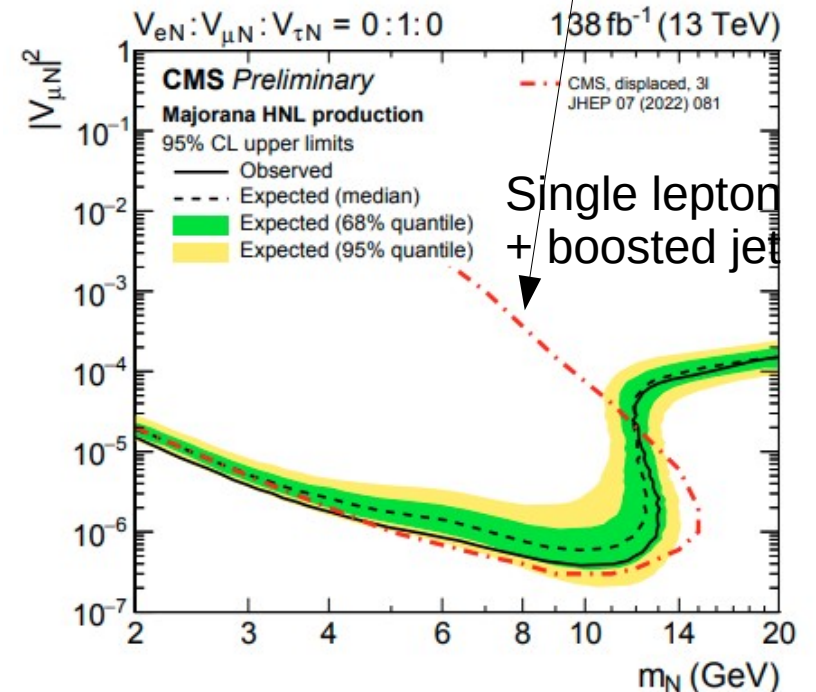
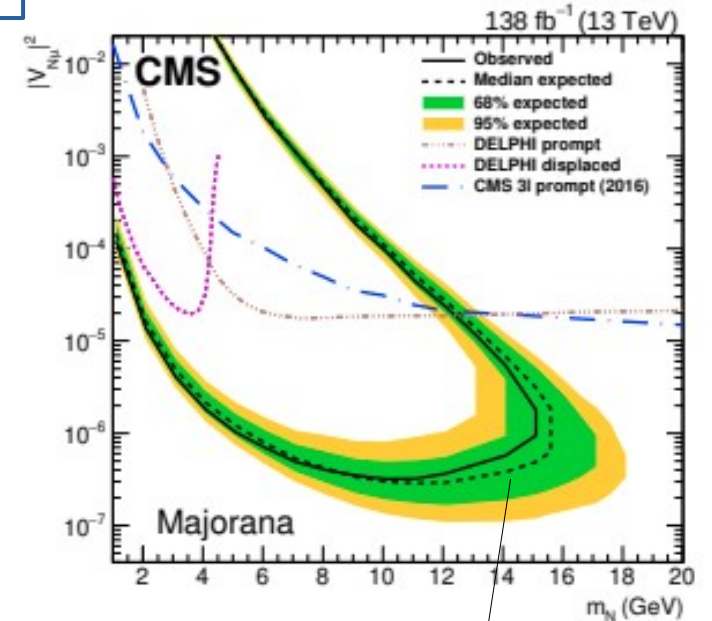
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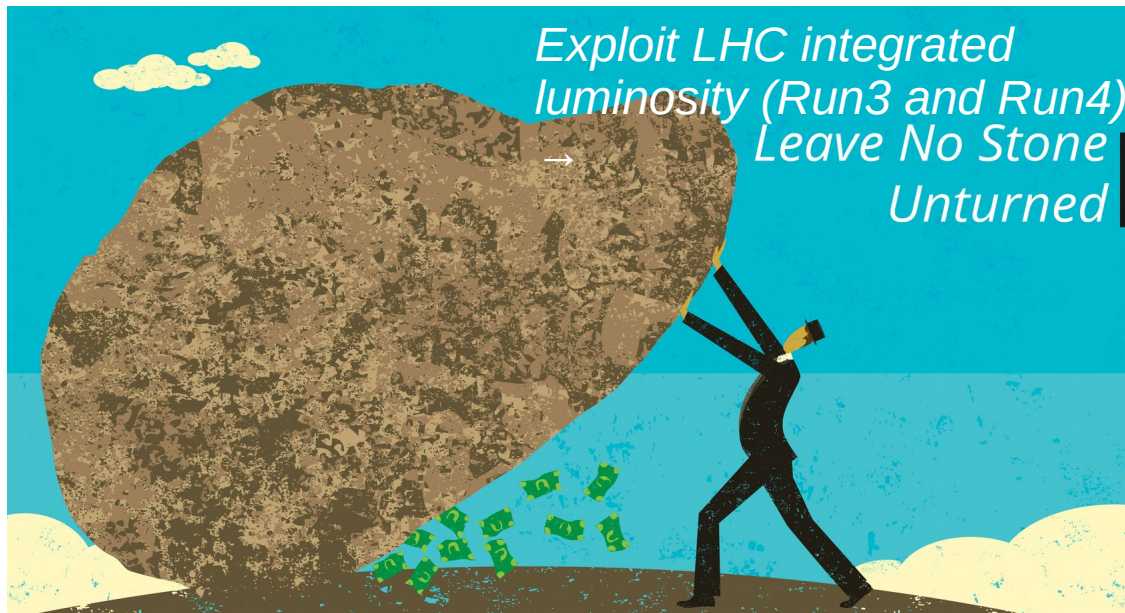
	$M_N$ (GeV)	$ V_{Nl} ^2$
HNL2	2	$0.8 \times 10^{-4}$
HNL6	6	$1.3 \times 10^{-6}$
HNL12	12	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$





# Conclusions and Outlook

After Higgs discovery, we are entering an era of BSM searches guided by experimental results rather than theory → More similar to other experimental sciences

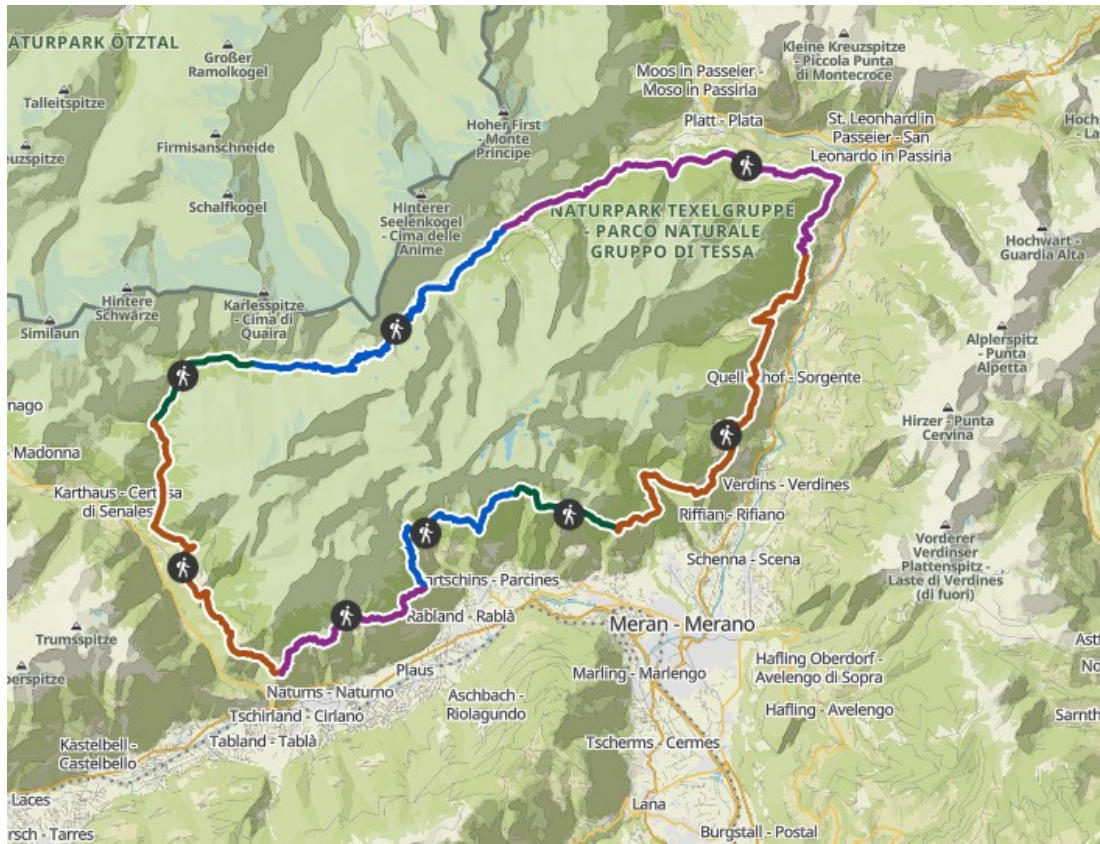




Ask questions ! There are no stupid questions !



It will be difficult for me to connect at the Q&A session on Monday



Since I will be trekking here ....





# BackUp

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Splitting scale:  $\sqrt{d_0} = \min(p_T, p_{\bar{T}}) \times \Delta R_{ij}$  *Butterworth, Cox, Forshaw, PRD65*

Momentum balance:  $\sqrt{y} = \sqrt{d_0} / m_{ij}$   
*BDRS, PRL100*

Mass drop:  $\mu_{ij} = \frac{\max(m_i, m_j)}{m_{ij}}$

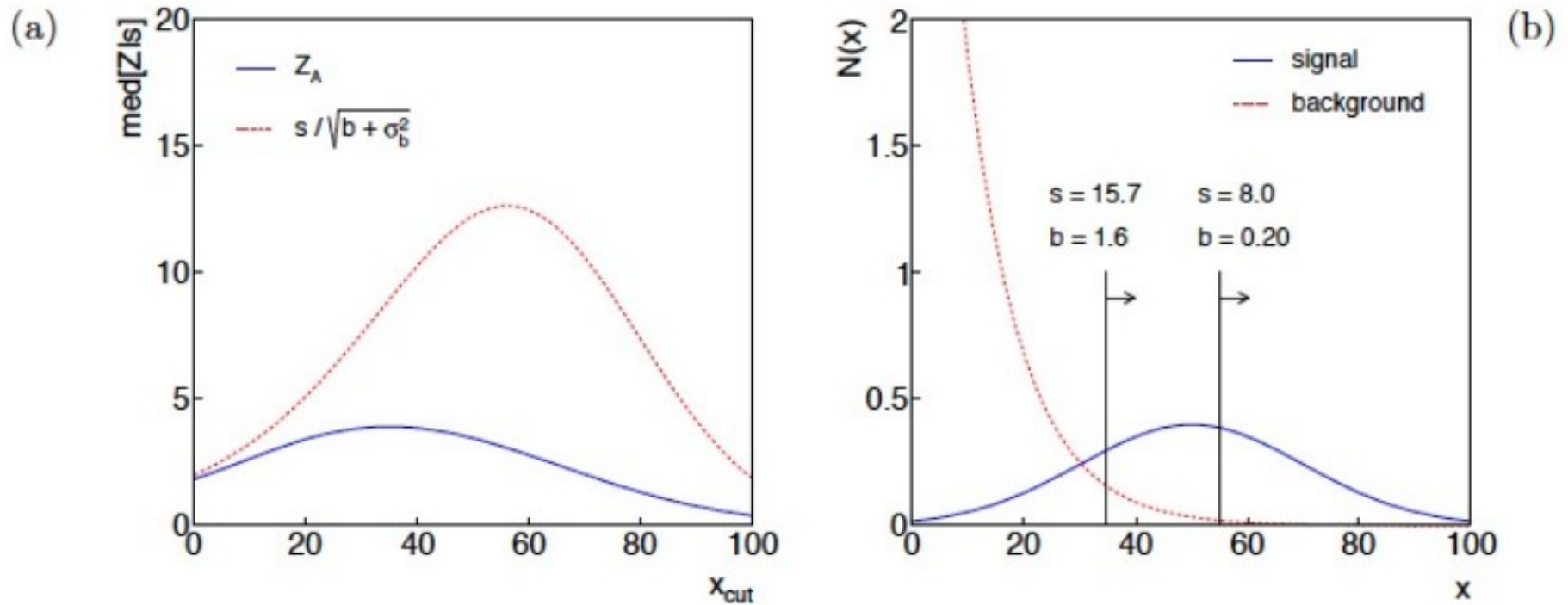
Jet width:  $w = \frac{\sum_i \Delta R_{ij} p_{Ti}}{\sum_i p_{Ti}}$

N-subjettiness:  $\tau_N = \frac{\sum_k p_{Tk} (\min(\Delta R_{1k}, \Delta R_{2k}, \dots, \Delta R_{Nk}))^\beta}{\sum_k p_T R_0^\beta}$  *Thaler, van Tilburg, JHEP03*

More sophisticated:

- + inject "physics", shower deconstruction (*Soper & Spannowsky*), templates (*Perez et al.*)
- + quantify uncertainty inherent in the decision making process, e.g. volatility (*Krohn et al.*)

From M. Vos lectures (2014)

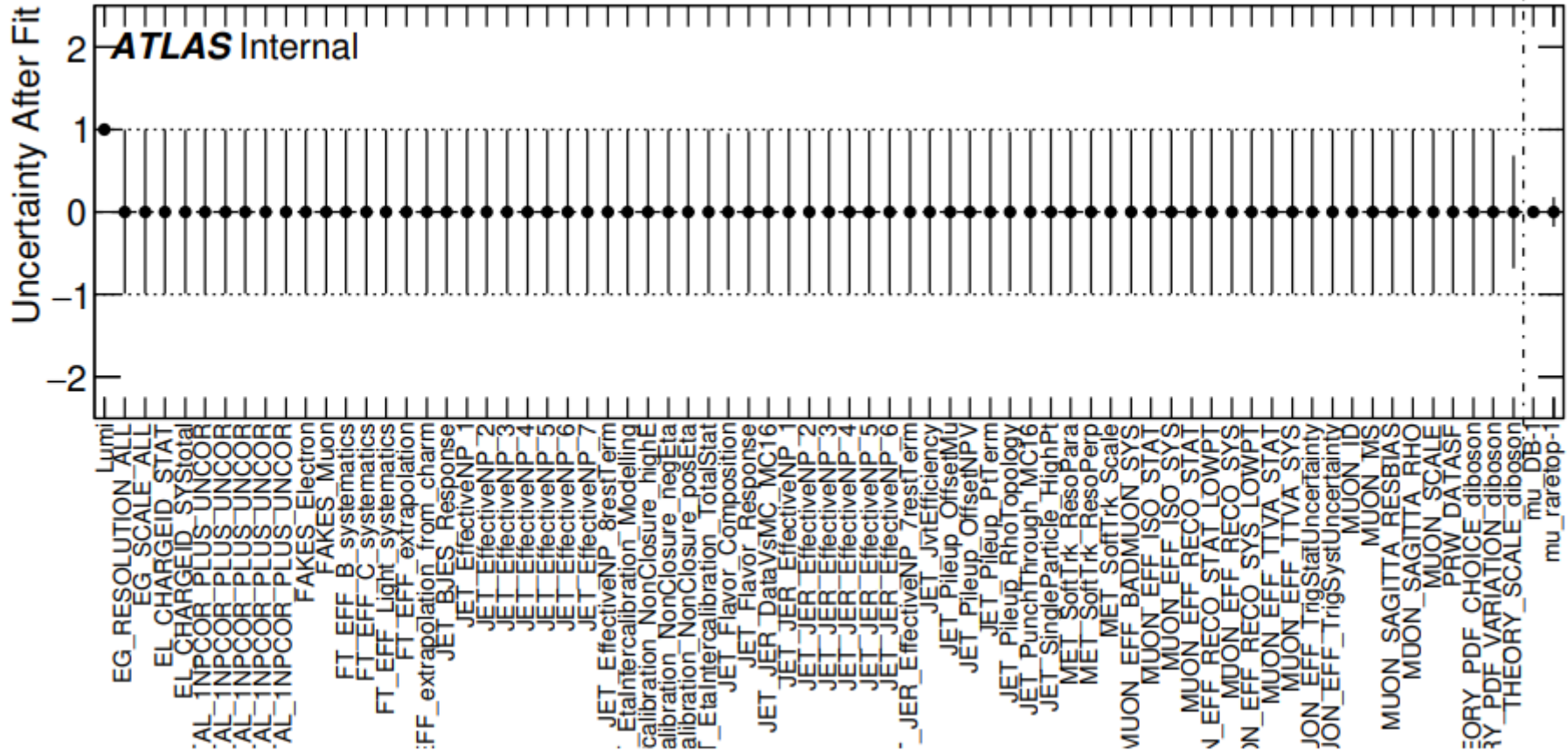


Maximizing sensitivity with

$$\frac{s}{\sqrt{b}}$$

$$Z_A = \sqrt{2 \left( (s + b) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{s}{b} \right) - s \right)}$$



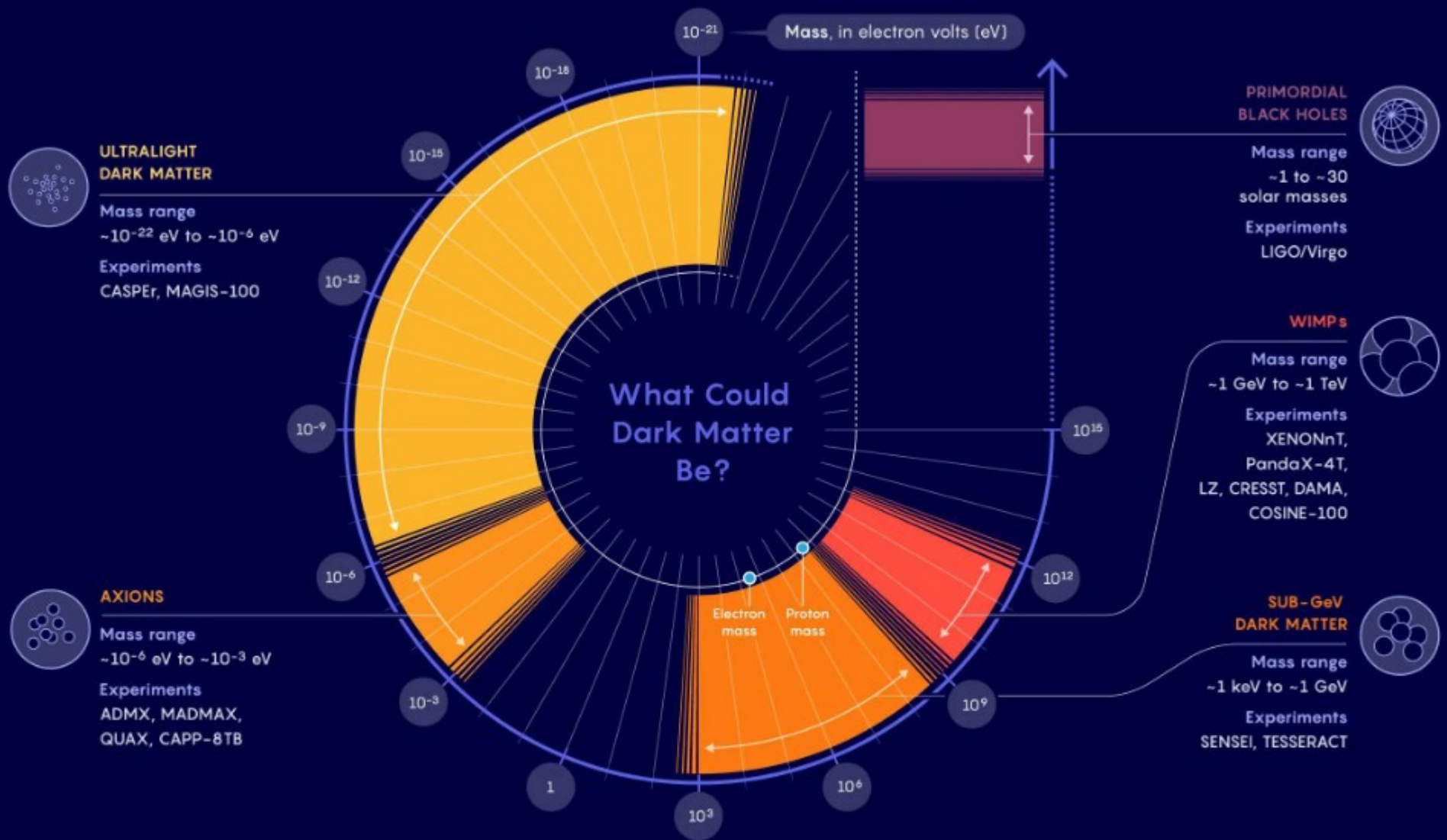


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Nuisance pulls for Asimov tests for 4-lep region



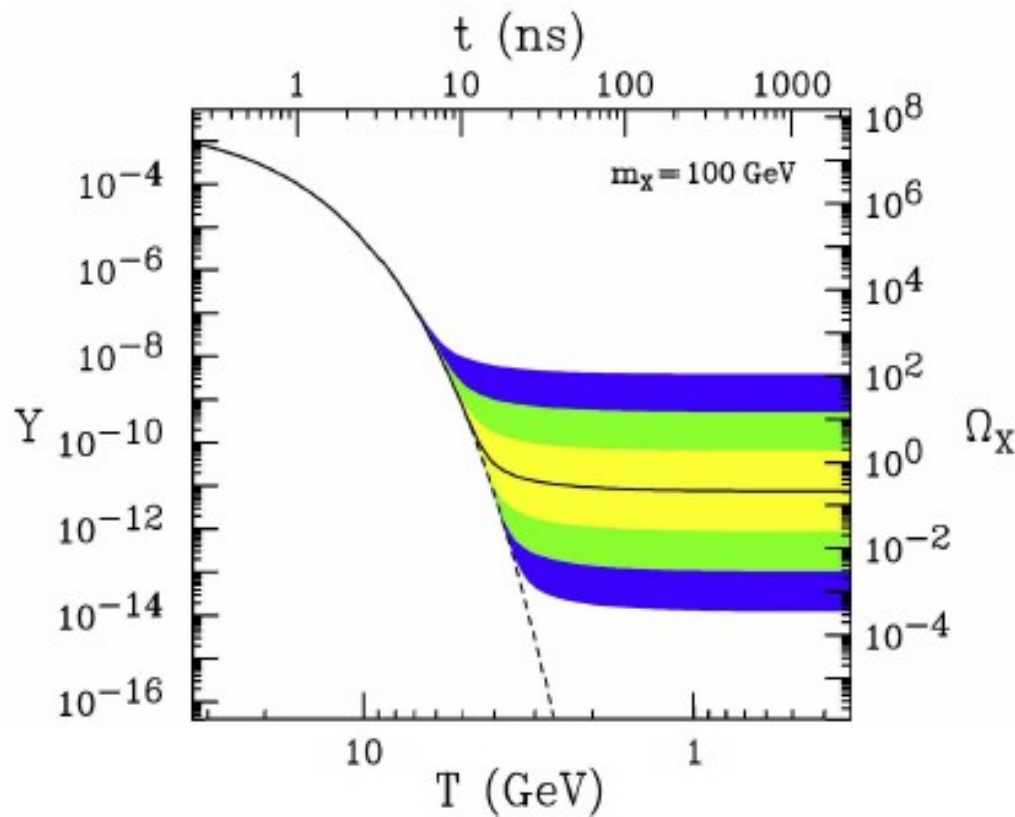
# Possible Dark Matter Candidates



Credit: Samuel Velasco/Quanta Magazine

Example: TypeIII seesaw heavy leptons searches in ATLAS [Eur. Phys. J C81 \(2021\) 218](#)

	<b>OS</b> ( $\ell^+\ell^- = e^+e^-, e^\pm\mu^\mp, \mu^+\mu^-$ )			<b>SS</b> ( $\ell^\pm\ell^\pm = e^\pm e^\pm, e^\pm\mu^\pm, \mu^\pm\mu^\pm$ )		
	Top CR	$m_{jj}$ VR	SR	Diboson CR	$m_{jj}$ VR	SR
$N(\text{jet})$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2$
$N(b\text{-jet})$	$\geq 2$	0	0	0	0	0
$m_{jj}$ [GeV]	(60, 100)	$(35, 60) \cup (100, 125)$	(60, 100)	$(0, 60) \cup (100, 300)$	$(0, 60) \cup (100, 300)$	(60, 100)
$m_{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	$\geq 110$	$\geq 110$	$\geq 110$	$\geq 100$	$\geq 100$	$\geq 100$
$\mathcal{S}(E_T^{\text{miss}})$	$\geq 5$	$\geq 10$	$\geq 10$	$\geq 5$	$\geq 5$	$\geq 7.5$
$\Delta\phi(E_T^{\text{miss}}, \ell)_{\min}$	—	—	$\geq 1$	—	—	—
$p_T(jj)$ [GeV]	—	—	$\geq 100$	—	—	$\geq 60$
$p_T(\ell\ell)$ [GeV]	—	—	$\geq 100$	—	—	$\geq 100$
$H_T + E_T^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]	$\geq 300$	$\geq 300$	$\geq 300$	(300, 500)	$\geq 500$	$\geq 300$



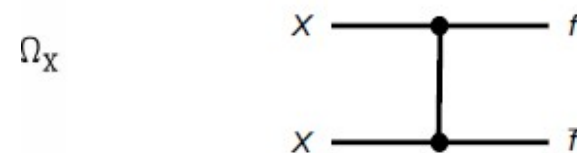
WIMP miracle: Thermal Freeze out

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \approx 0.1 \left( \frac{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \right)$$

$$\approx 0.1 \times 0.3 \left( \frac{\alpha^2/m_W^2}{\langle \sigma v \rangle \hbar^2/c} \right)$$

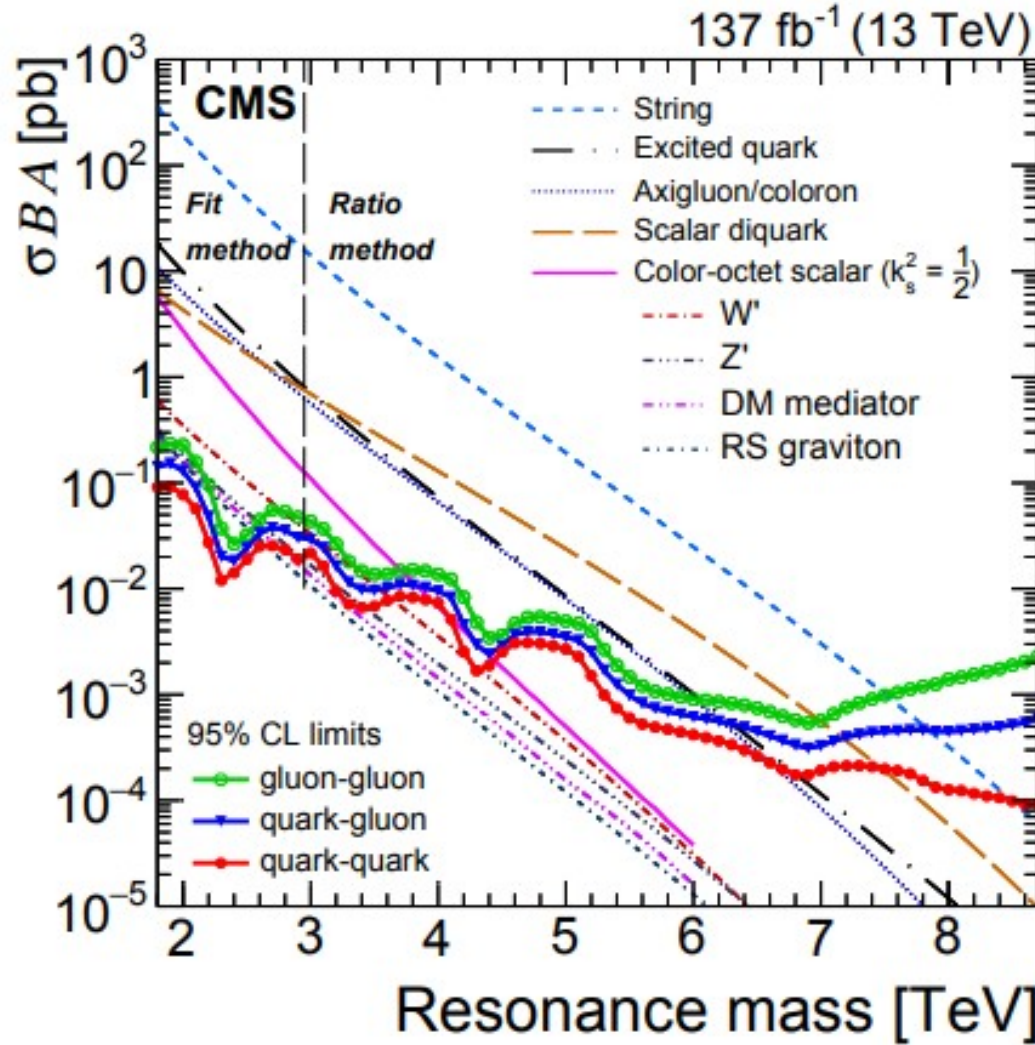
- The resulting relic density is

$$\Omega_X \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \sim \frac{m_X^2}{g_X^4}$$



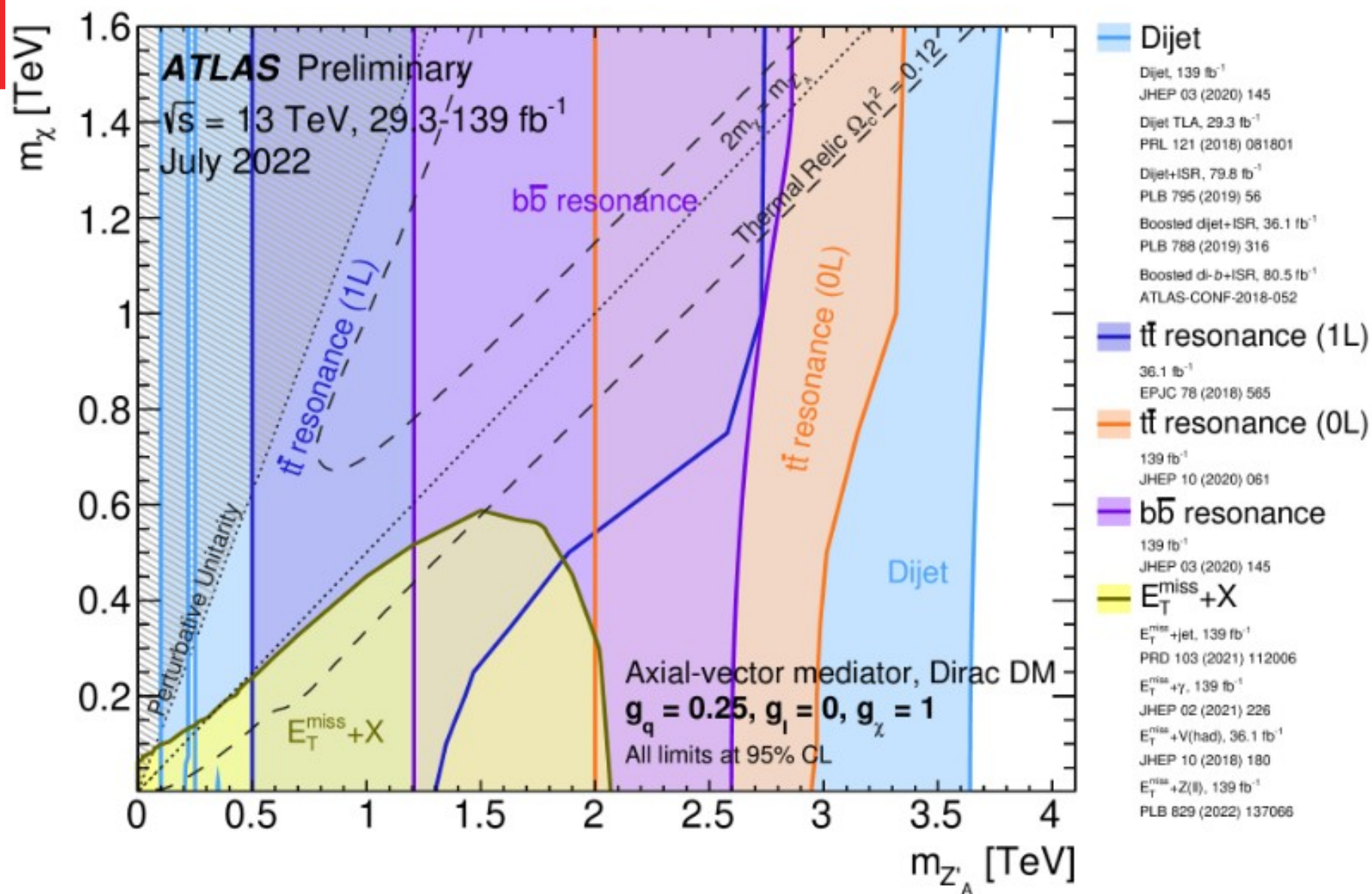
- For a WIMP,  $m_X \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$  and  $g_X \sim 0.6 \rightarrow \Omega_X \sim 0.1$

From J. Feng CERN [Colloquium](#)



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1911.03947.pdf>





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