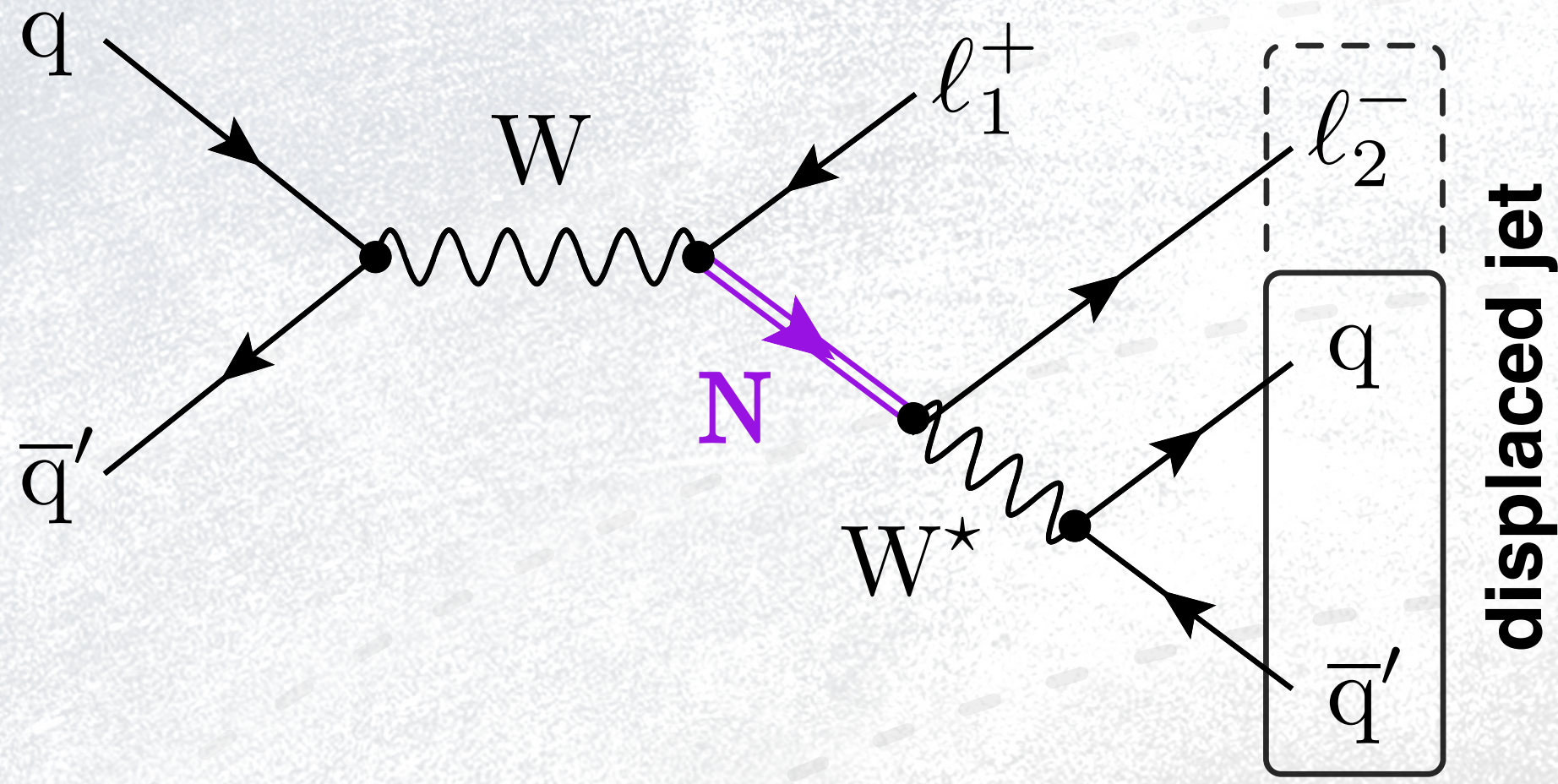


Motivation

- heavy neutral leptons (HNLs) predicted through see-saw extension of SM
- HNLs mix arbitrary with SM neutrinos (couplings: $V_{eN}, V_{\mu N}, V_{\tau N}$)
- can be **long-lived**: $\tau \propto m_N^{-5} |V_{\ell N}|^{-2}$
- displaced quarks (+ lepton) collimated in single anti- k_T jet ($R=0.4$)



Search for long-lived heavy neutral leptons using a

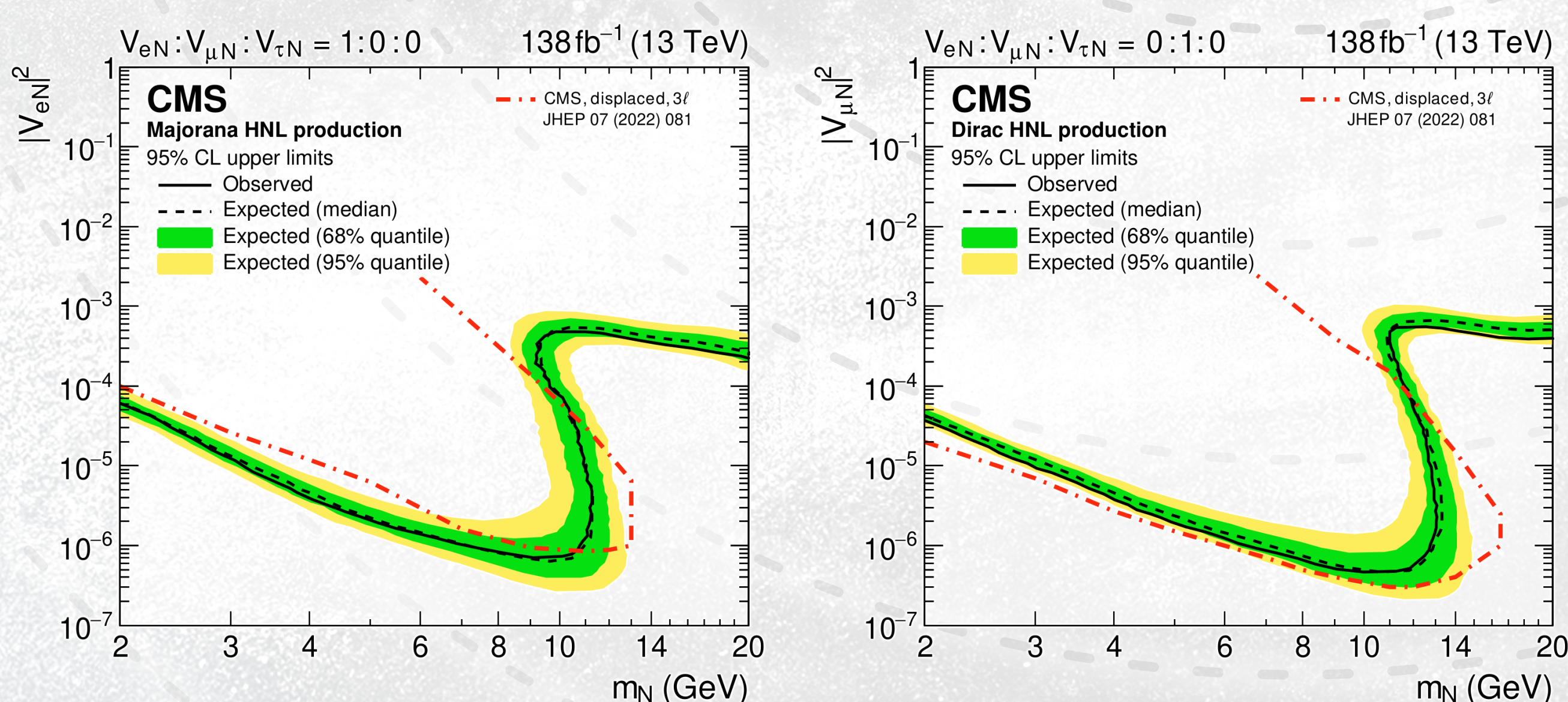
Displaced Jet Tagger

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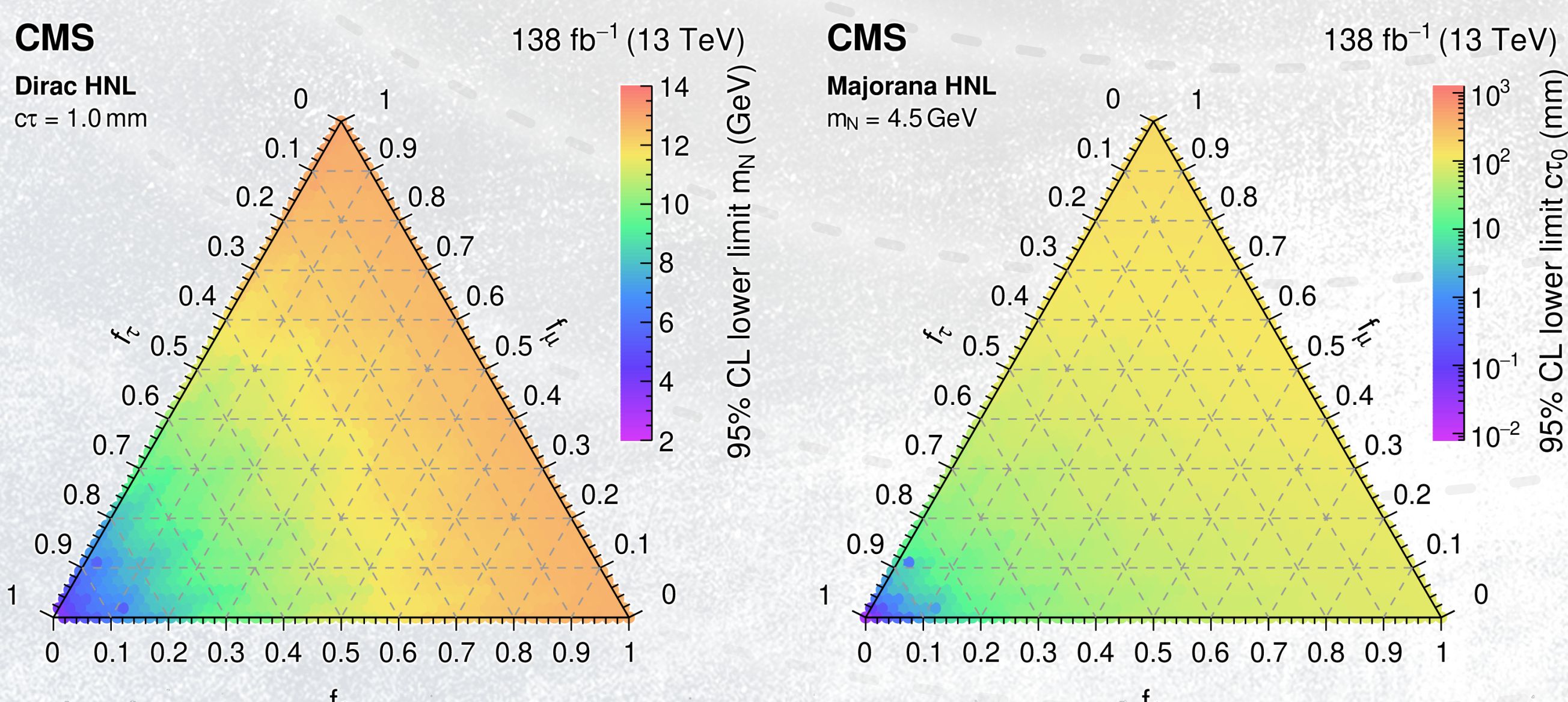


Results

- events categorized per lepton flavour & charge combinations, boosted or resolved HNL jet & $d_{xy}^{\text{sig}}(\ell_2)$ bin
- background estimated from data (ABCD method)
- no excess found; 2D limits in mass-coupling plane derived

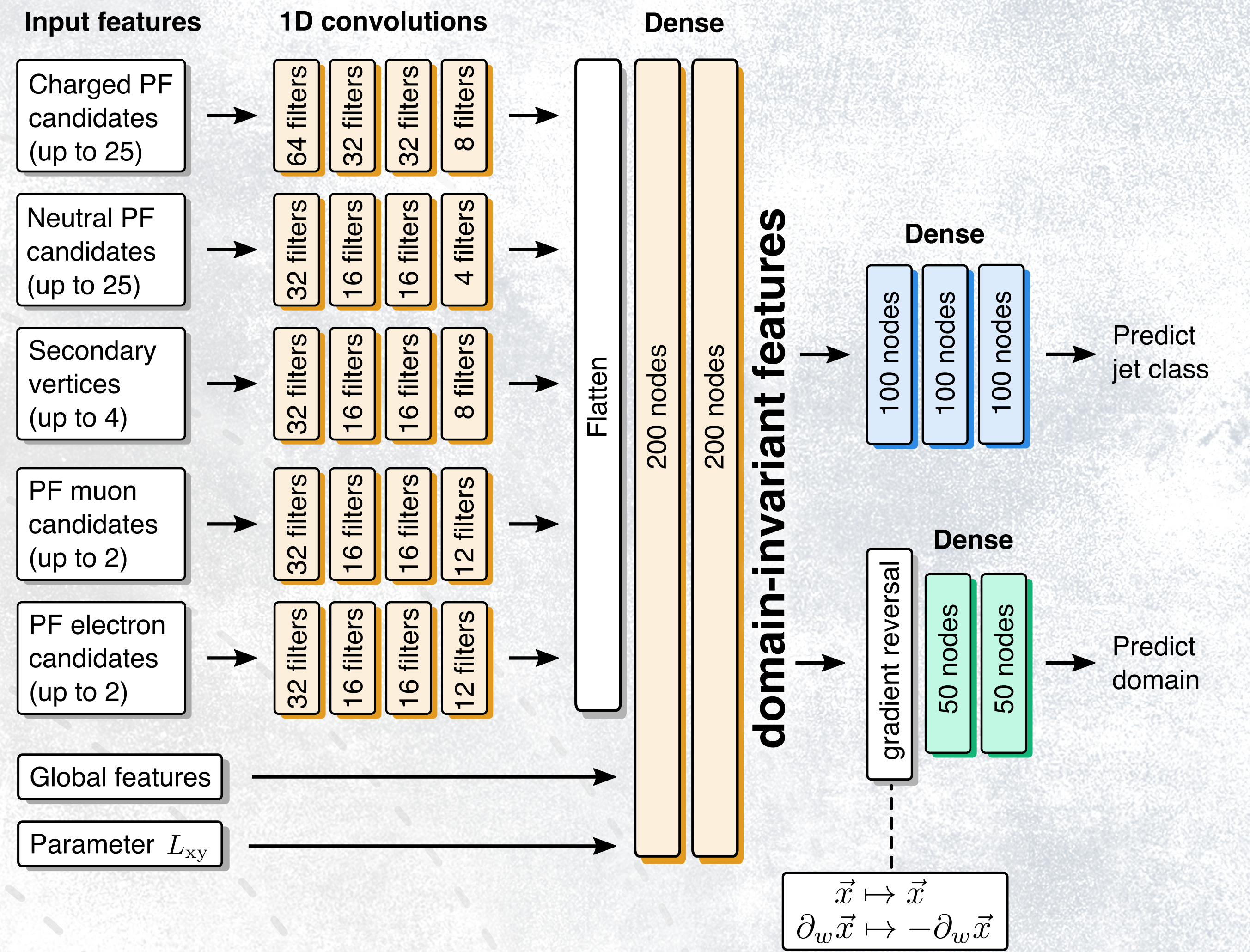


- limits on HNL mass or lifetime in relative coupling space



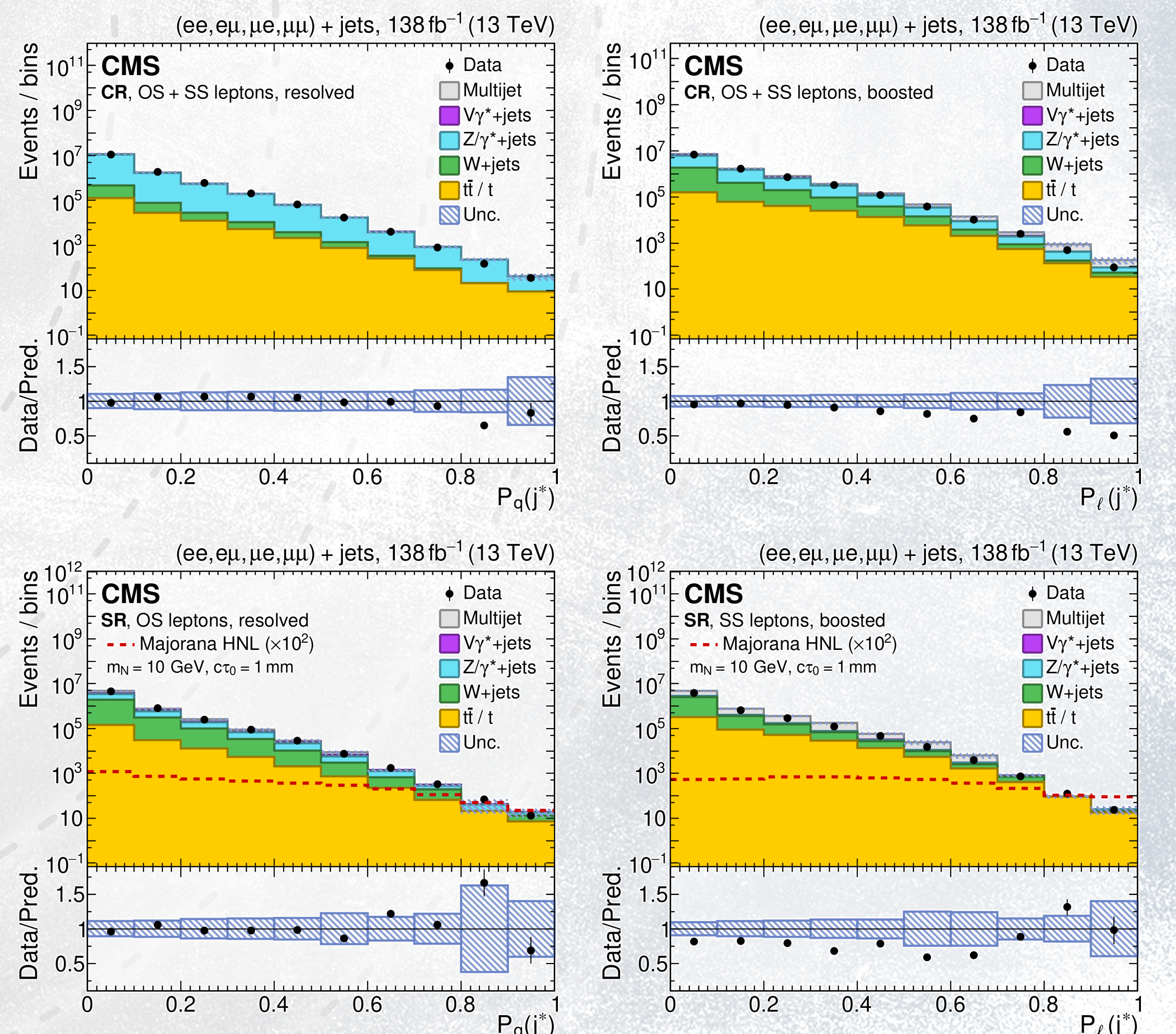
Neural network setup

- inputs: global jet features & constituent features
- parametrized** wrt. transverse HNL displacement L_{xy}
- object tagger; trained against SM jet classes: prompt leptons/photons, quark/gluon jets, pileup
- uses **domain adaptation** by backpropagation $L = L_{\text{class}}(\text{cross entropy}) + \lambda L_{\text{domain}}(\text{Wasserstein distance})$ to enforce similar performance in data & simulation (domain = simulation or data) (arXiv: 1912.12238)



Performance

- good modelling of data in Z/γ^+ jets dominated control region & signal region ($20 < m_{\ell\ell} < 80$ GeV)
- background rejected by **several orders** $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$ while retaining 10-20% of signal



Further information

CMS Collaboration, Search for long-lived heavy neutral leptons with lepton flavour conserving or violating decays to a jet and a charged lepton (arXiv: 2312.07484)

