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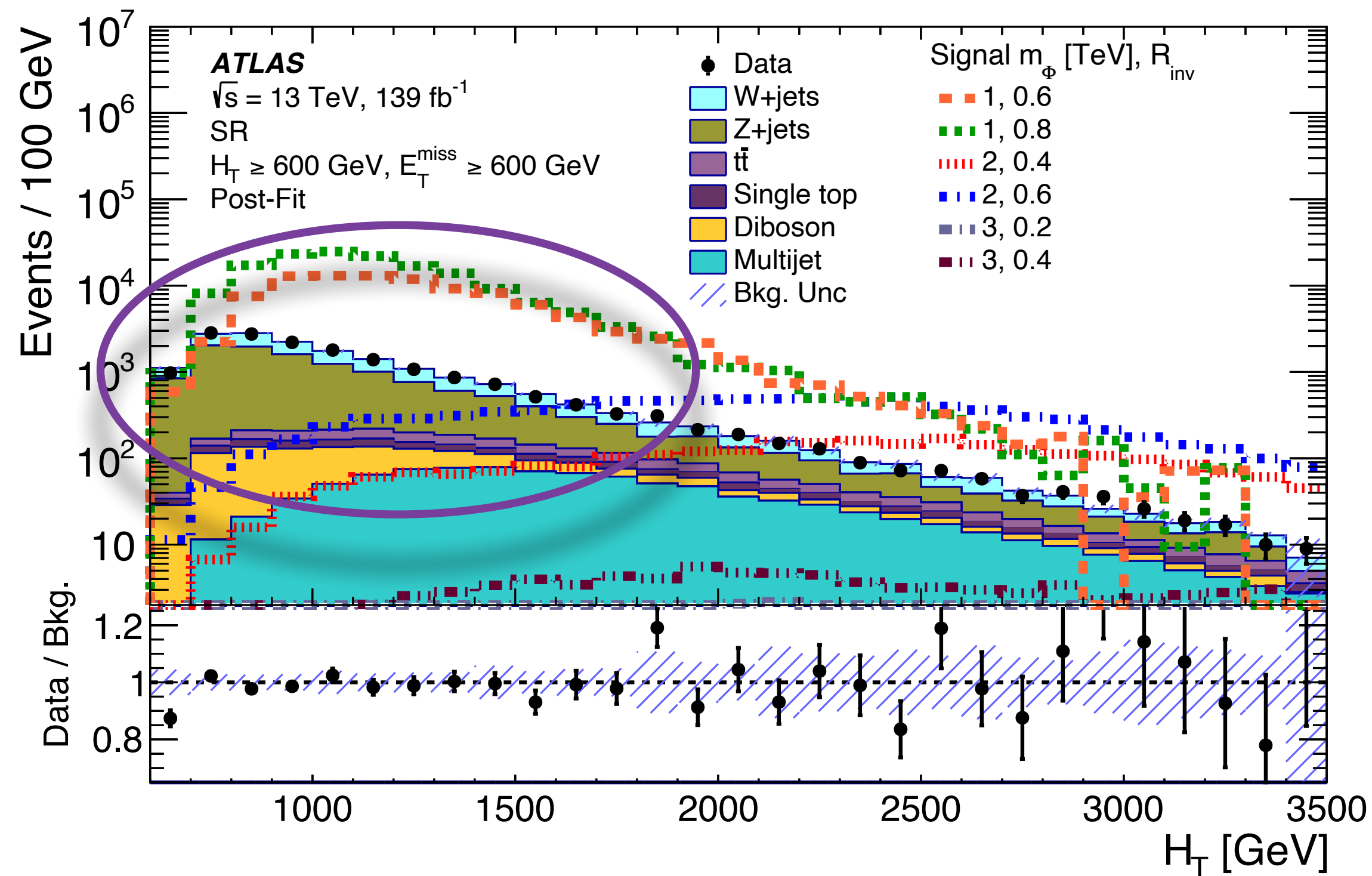
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# Part 1: SVJ with heavy flavour

## ATLAS Published Result:



- Experimentally: can we reduce our dominant background in the most signal-rich region?
- Theoretically: well motivated, helicity flipping suppression can force the dark  $\rho$  to go to  $b\bar{b}$ .
- The advantage: the SVJ candidate can be better identified by the presence of b-hadrons.

# Current Constraints?

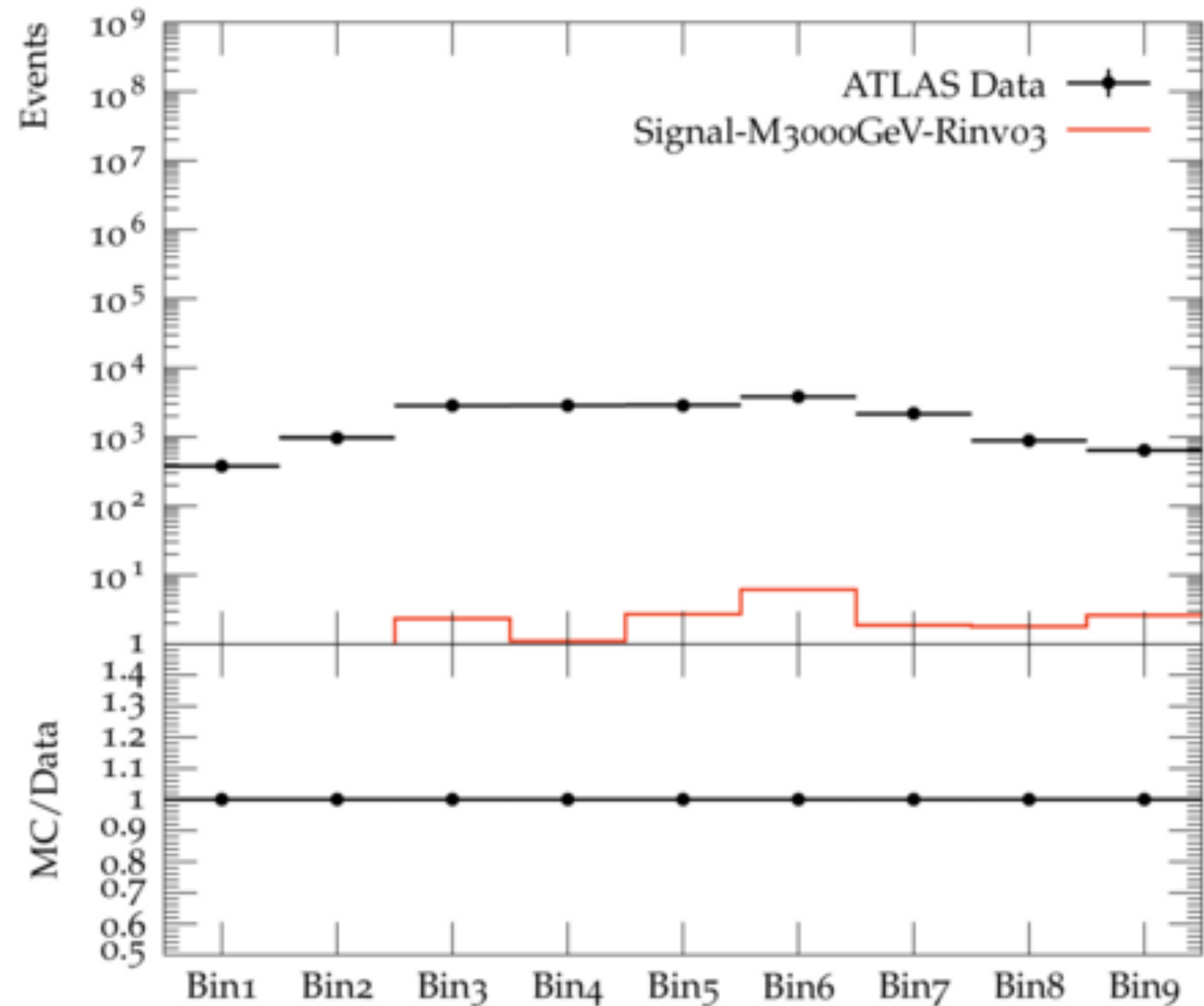
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- ATLAS Hbb+DM: *JHEP* 11 (2021) 209
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*Also Deborah Pinna's talk from yesterday...*

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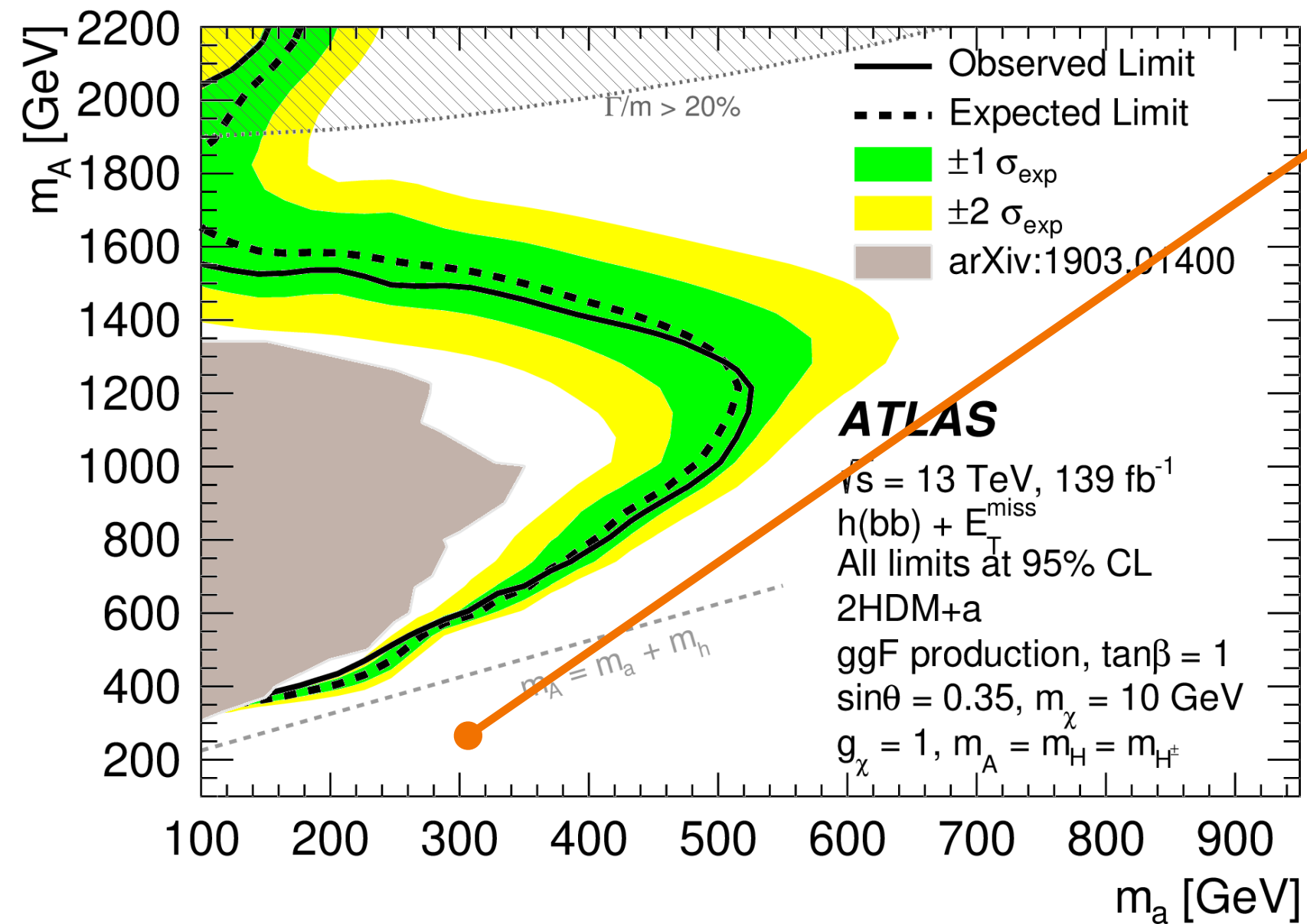
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Lower cross-section,  
SR requirement of less than two b-jets



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2 b-tagged SR				
Selection	Benchmark signal		Data yield	SVJ-b signal yield
	ATLAS yield	our yield		
$150 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 200 \text{ GeV}$	60	110	14259	39
$200 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 350 \text{ GeV}$	70	100	13724	59
$350 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 500 \text{ GeV}$	3.6	6	799	0.28
3 b-tagged SR				
$150 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 200 \text{ GeV}$	5.3	9	408	0.5
$200 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 350 \text{ GeV}$	18	7	658	1.8
$350 \leq E_T^{\text{miss}} < 500 \text{ GeV}$	2.9	0.5	42	0.2

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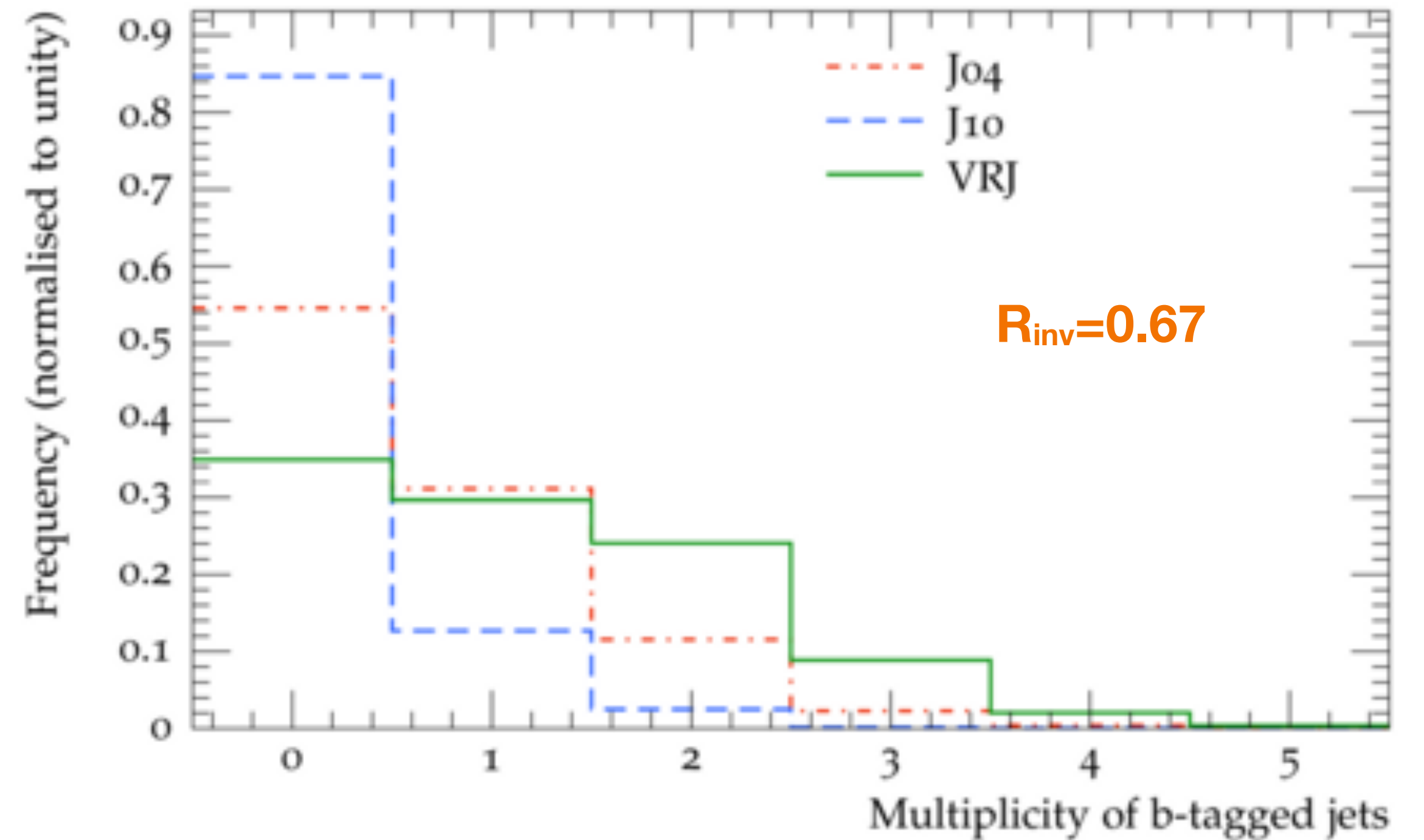
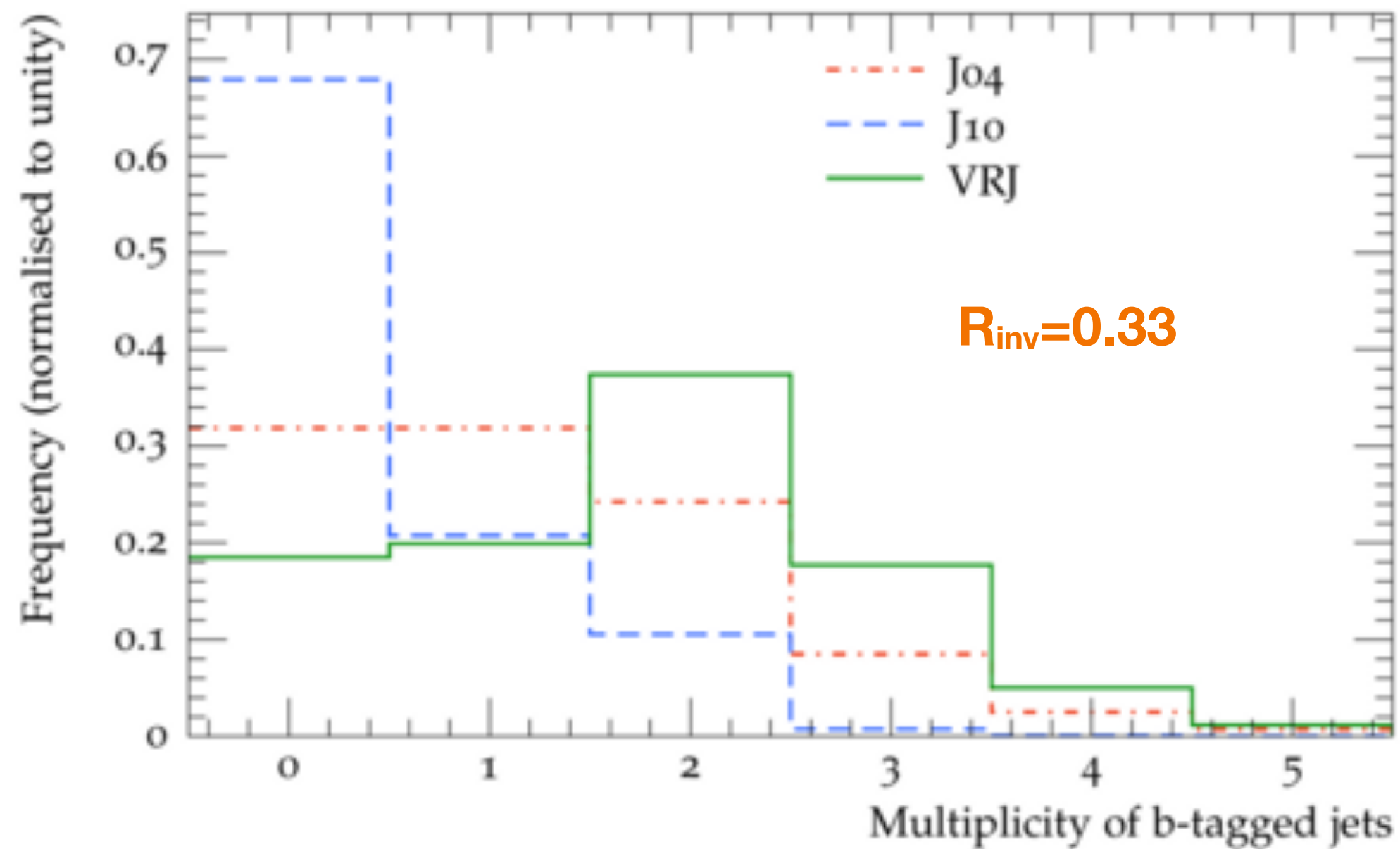
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SR-B	10.13	7	7	0
SR-M	28.30	18	18	0
SR-C	34.71	32	32	0

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*There may be other/newer analyses though ... but also signal modelling is far from settled*



# What jets to use?



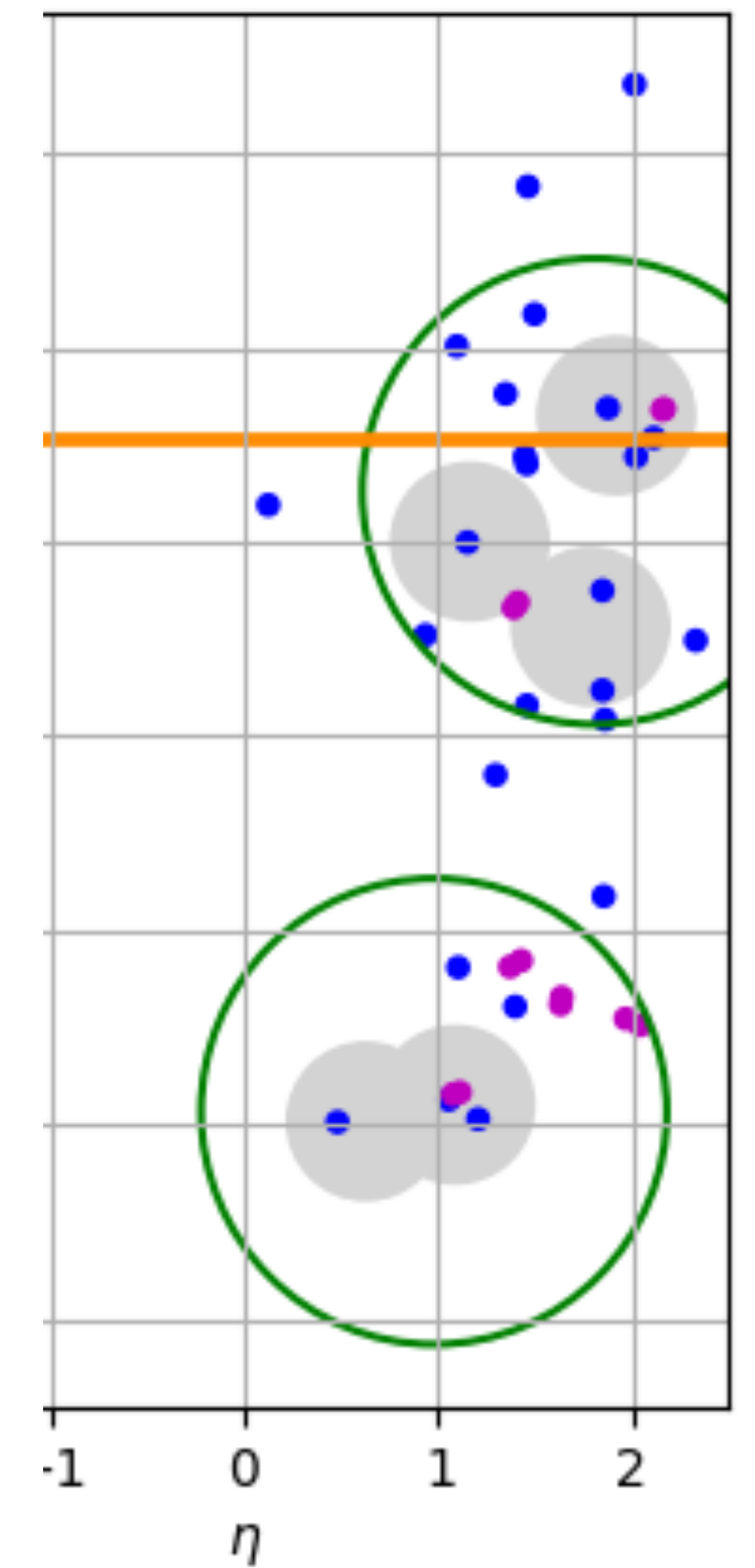
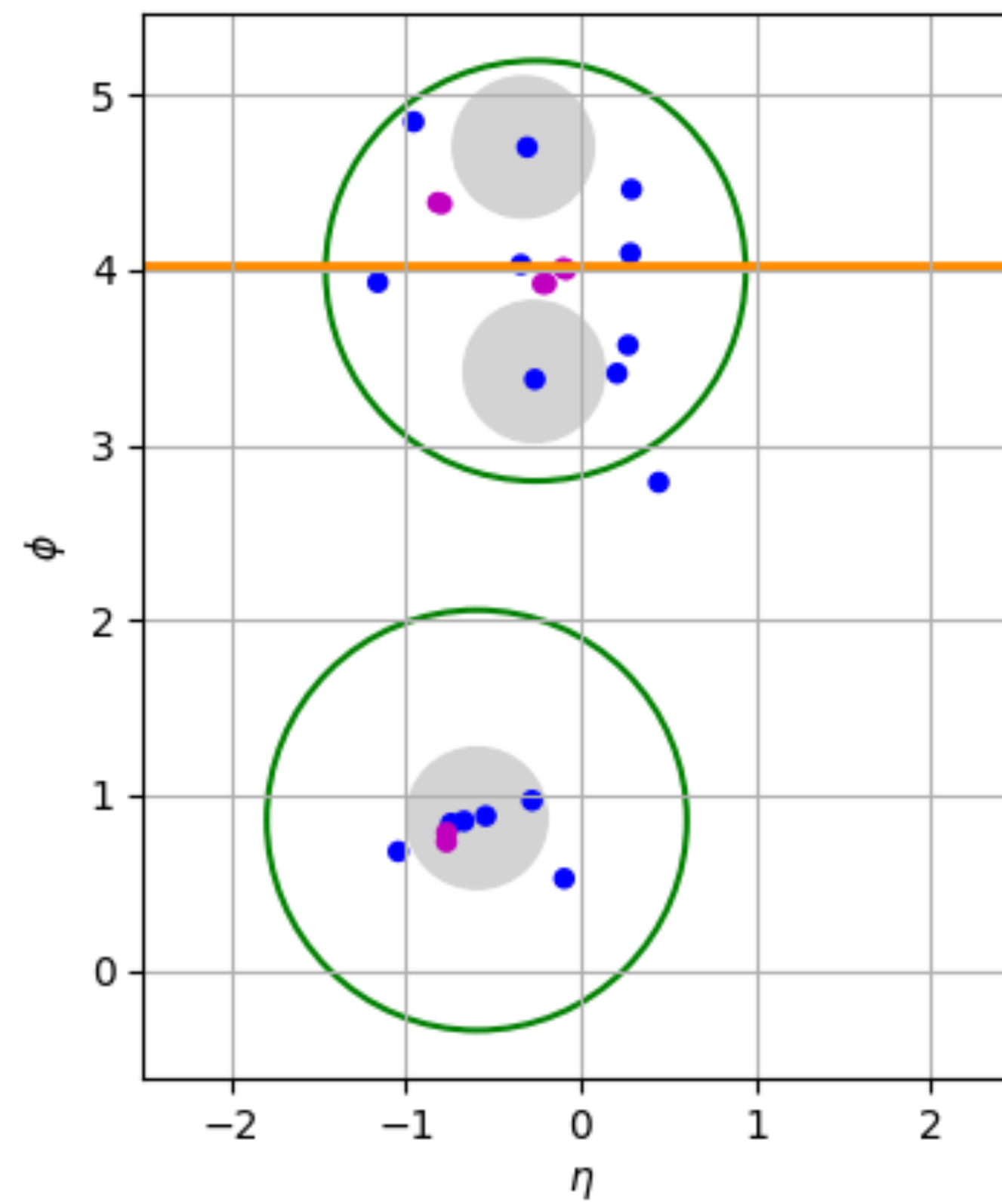
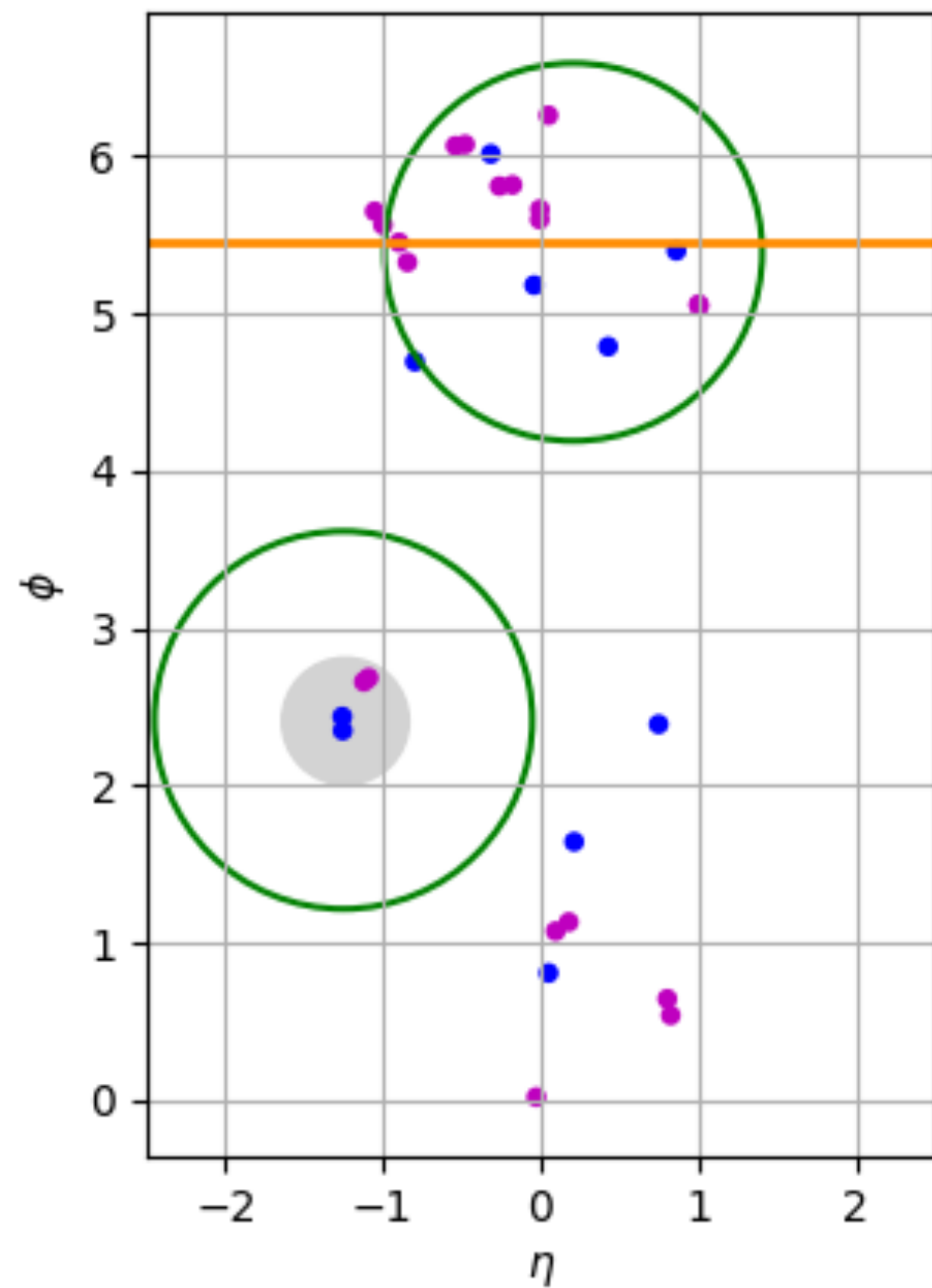
Jet multiplicity: indicative of signal selection efficiency

# An Aside: VR jets

- SVJs typically have larger spread, with *holes* in them.
- Large radius jets typically have a high  $p_T$  threshold, which misses a lot of signal
- **Variable Radius** jets can have an expanded radius based on a mass-like parameter  $\rho$  over  $p_T$  of the jet.
- Conservatively, we used Antik $_T$ 4 jets as inputs.

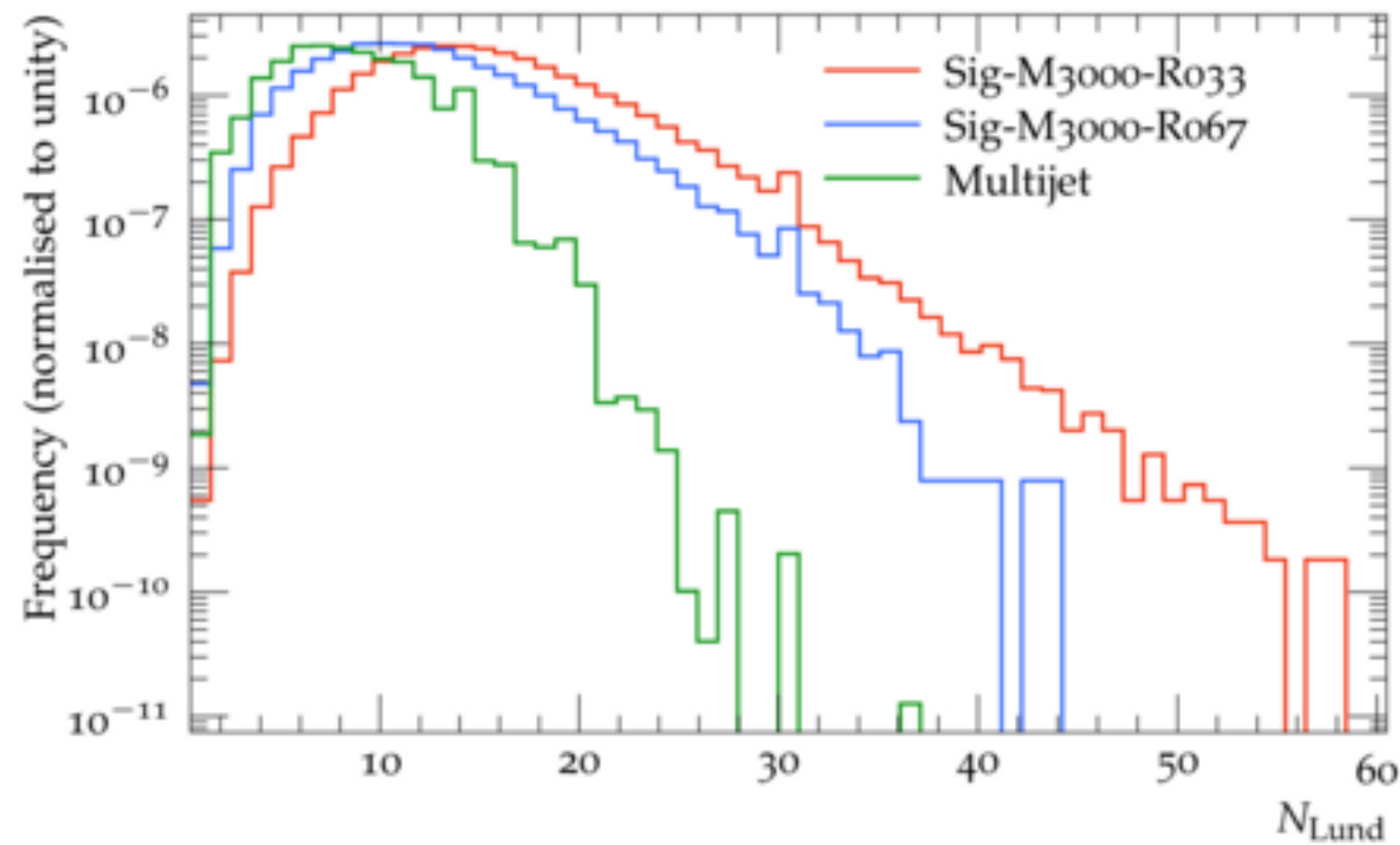
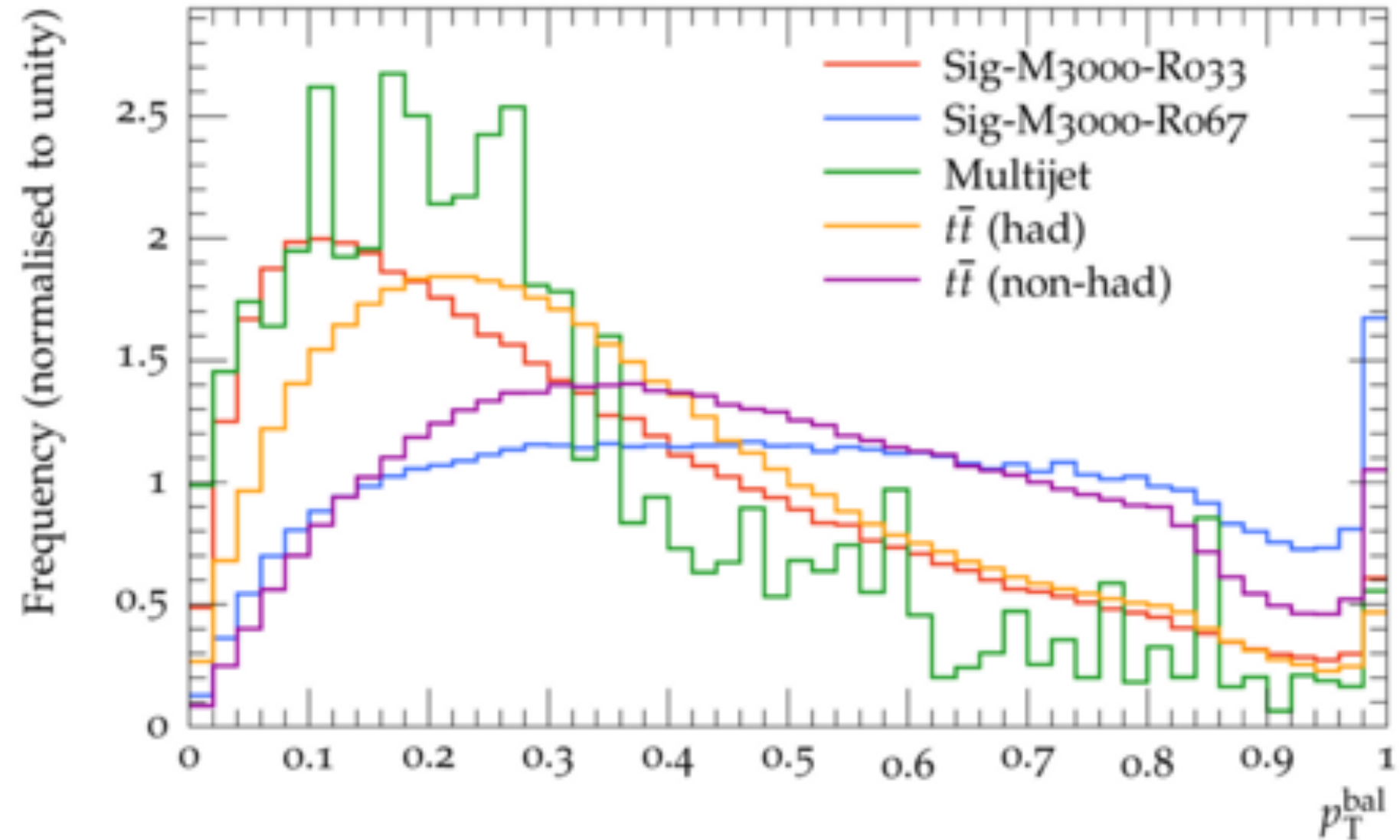
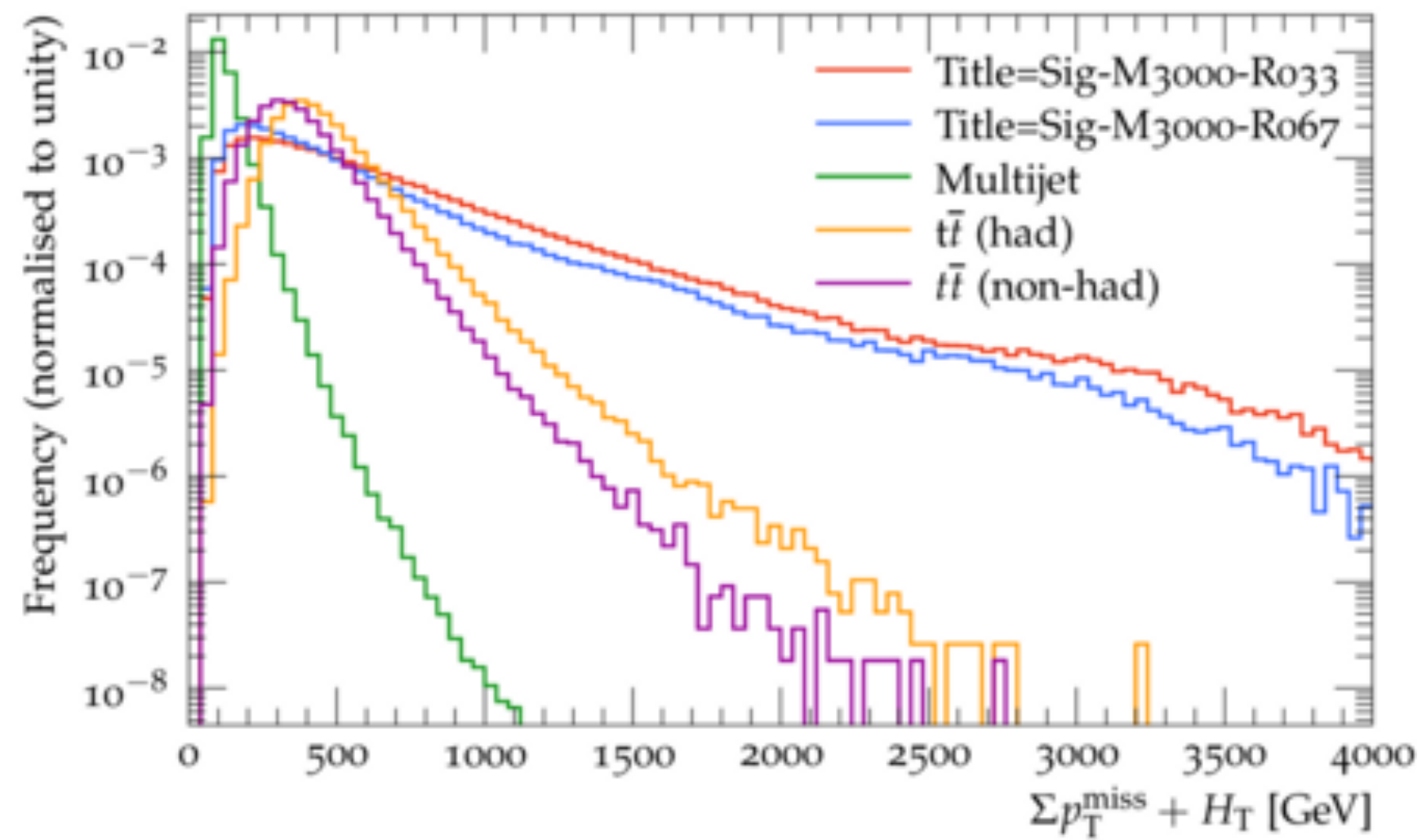
Selection	Selection Efficiency in %	
	Signal $R_{inv} = 0.33$	Signal $R_{inv} = 0.67$
J04	33	12
J10	11	3
VRJ	60	35

# Example Events



Shows the advantage of using VR jets

# Some Promising Observables



*No golden bullet, but MET is a very detector level observable ...*

# Part 2: SVJ Generation Models

- Only one we have so far: Pythia8 HV, and the model parameters are still being discussed.
- Many parameters, with non-trivial impact on the produced signature or interpretation of result.
- Herwig7 HV model is under active development ;-)
- Question: can we have a simplified topology generator, while not doing something *obviously wrong*



**Sabine Hossenfelder** ✓

@skdh



That's basically what it is. The "dark sector" or "hidden sector" is a name for increasingly contrived and complex collections of particles (and their interactions) which physicists have invented and that no one has ever seen.



**Benjamin Titus** @Benny\_Switch · Feb 14

Replying to @WKCosmo

Please tell me what "Dark Sector" means. I thought I was well read enough, but I've been seeing this phrase thrown around and all I get from it is "additional Dark things that may or may not be there"



**Will Kinney** ✓

@WKCosmo



There's a very good reason why the default assumption is that dark matter consists of a single type of particle: Dark matter must be stable, and only the lightest particle in a mass hierarchy is stable. For example, the only stable baryon in the Standard Model is the proton.

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*Developed by Nishita Desai, details shown in (online) MITP Youngstars Dark Shower workshop last year (<https://indico.mitp.uni-mainz.de/event/377/>)*

# The idea:

Let dark quarks split into stable and unstable dark hadrons by  $R_{\text{inv}}$  fraction:

- ◆ The unstable dark hadron decays back to SM quarks  $\rightarrow$  SM hadrons.
- ◆ The stable dark hadrons are the invisible components.

The splitting is determined by: **Average Number of Dark hadrons** ( $N_{\text{avg}}$ ) and energy distribution by:

$$f(r) = \frac{1 - a^{2r}}{1 - a^{2r_{\text{max}}}}$$

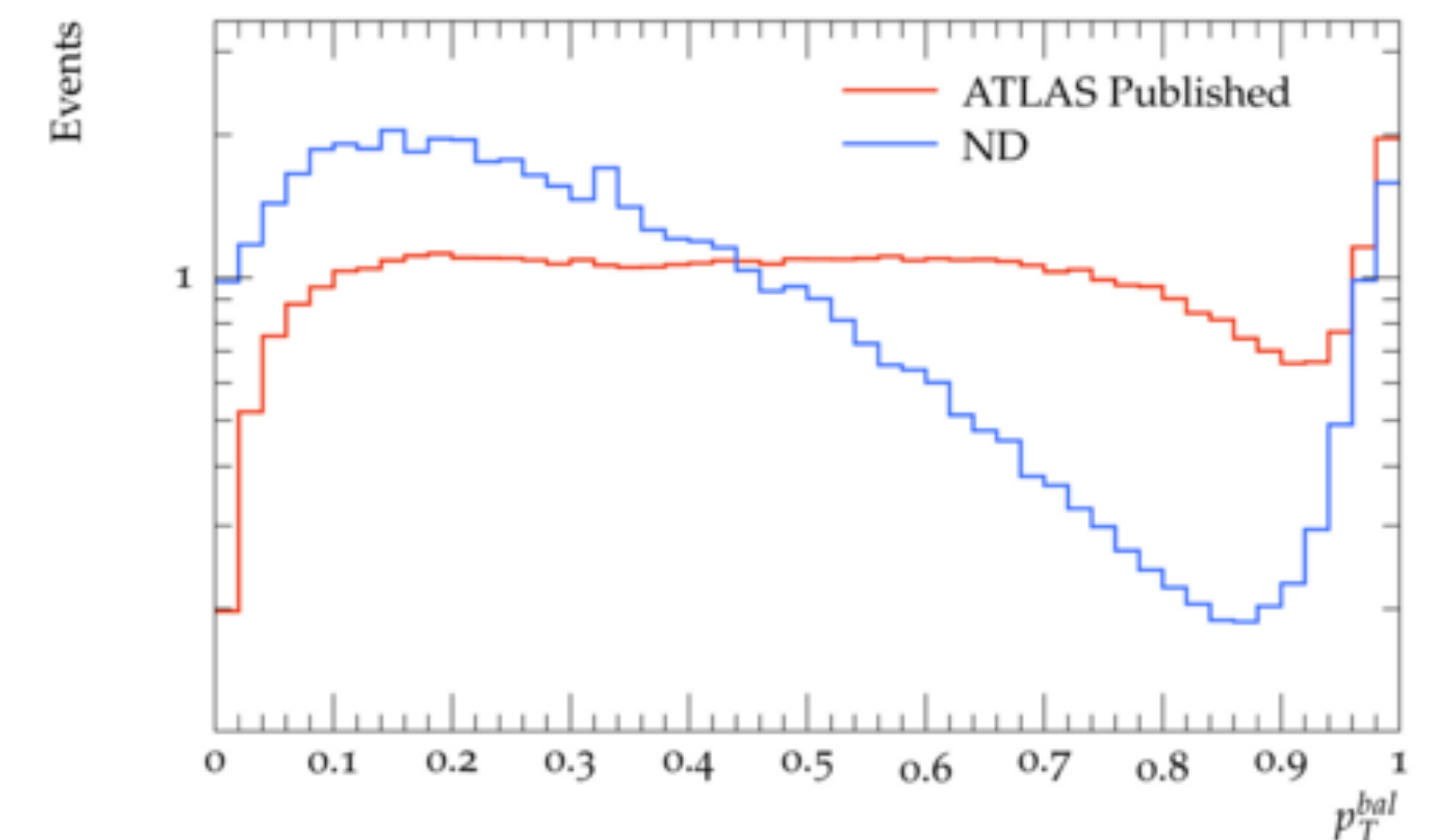
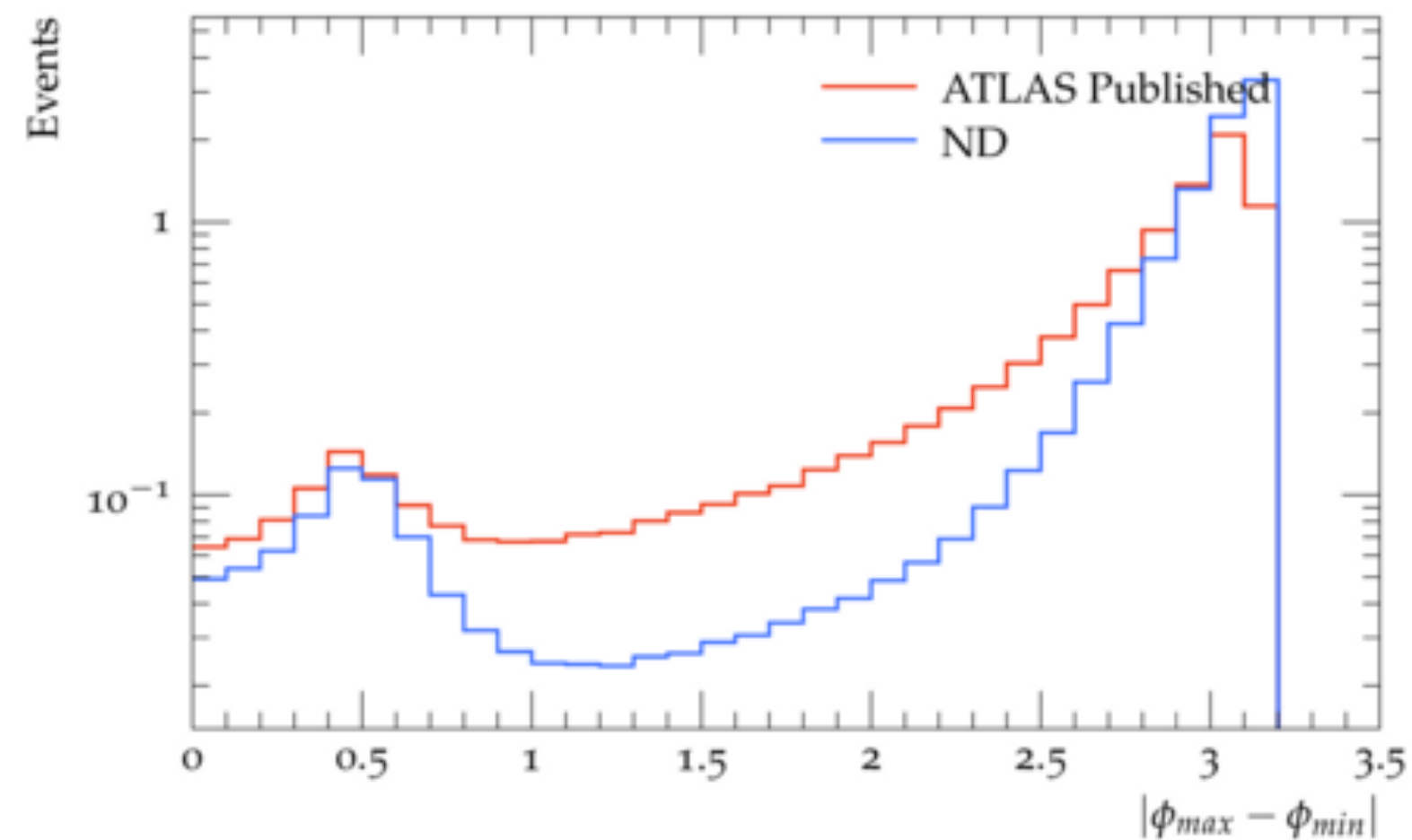
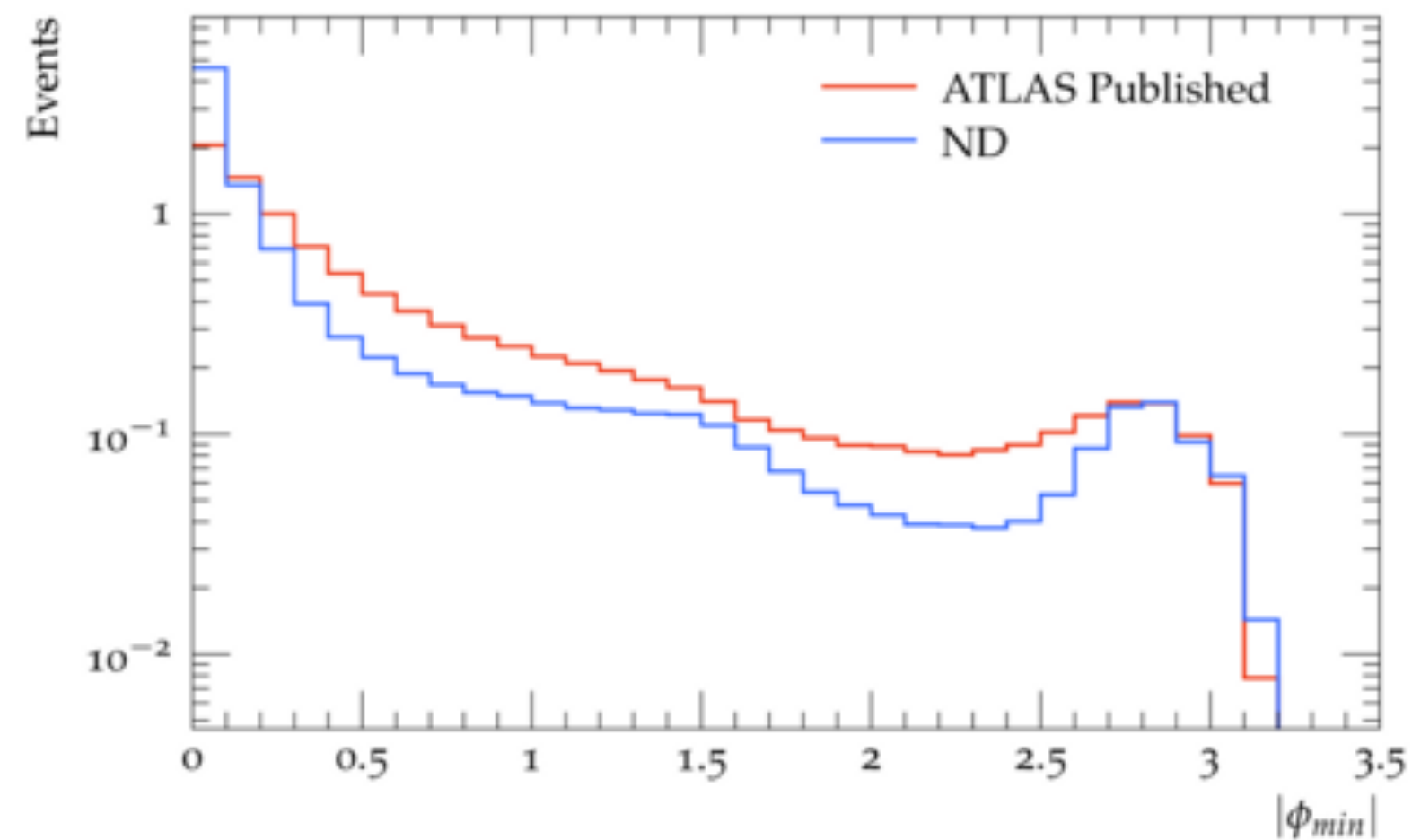
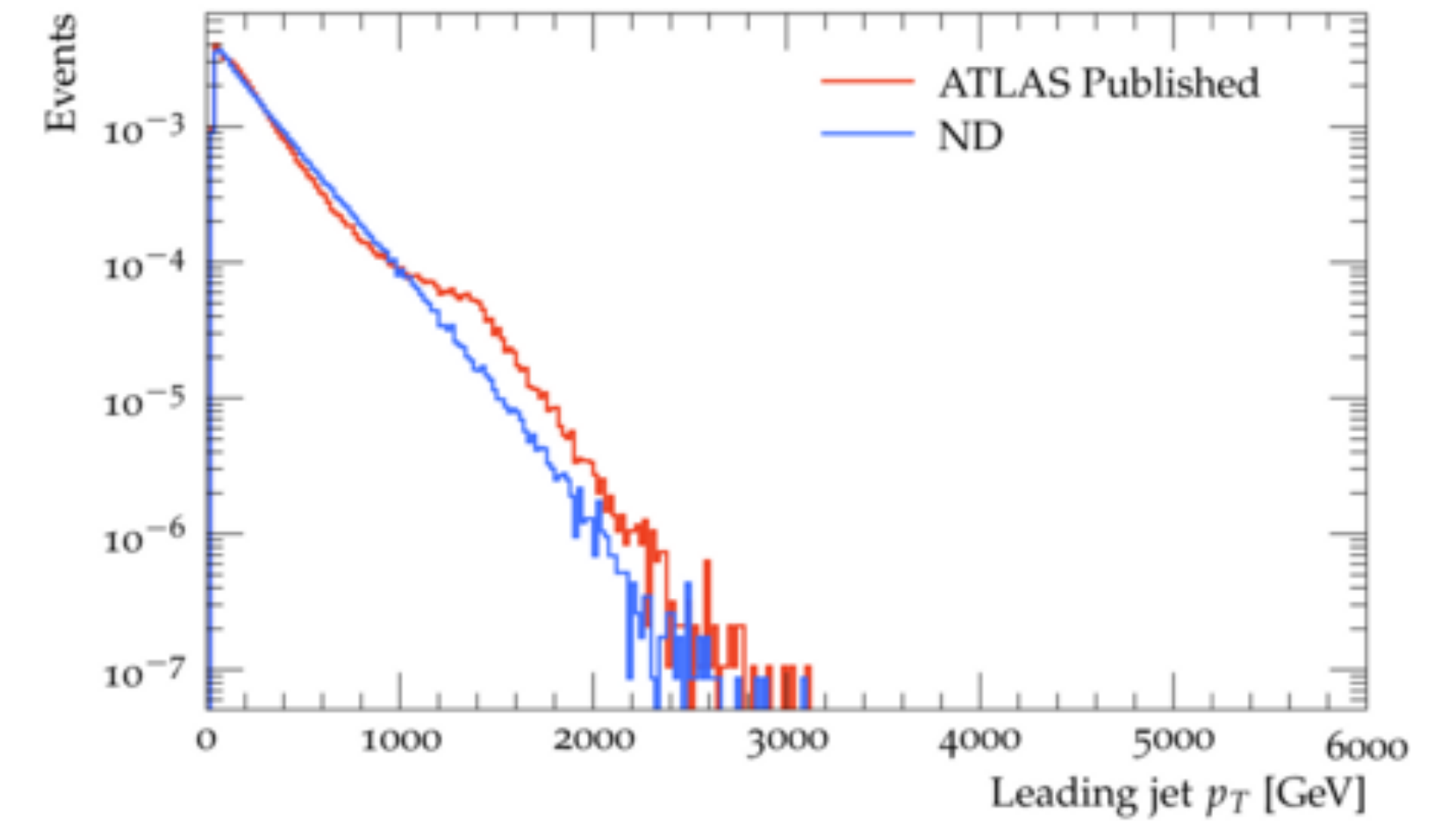
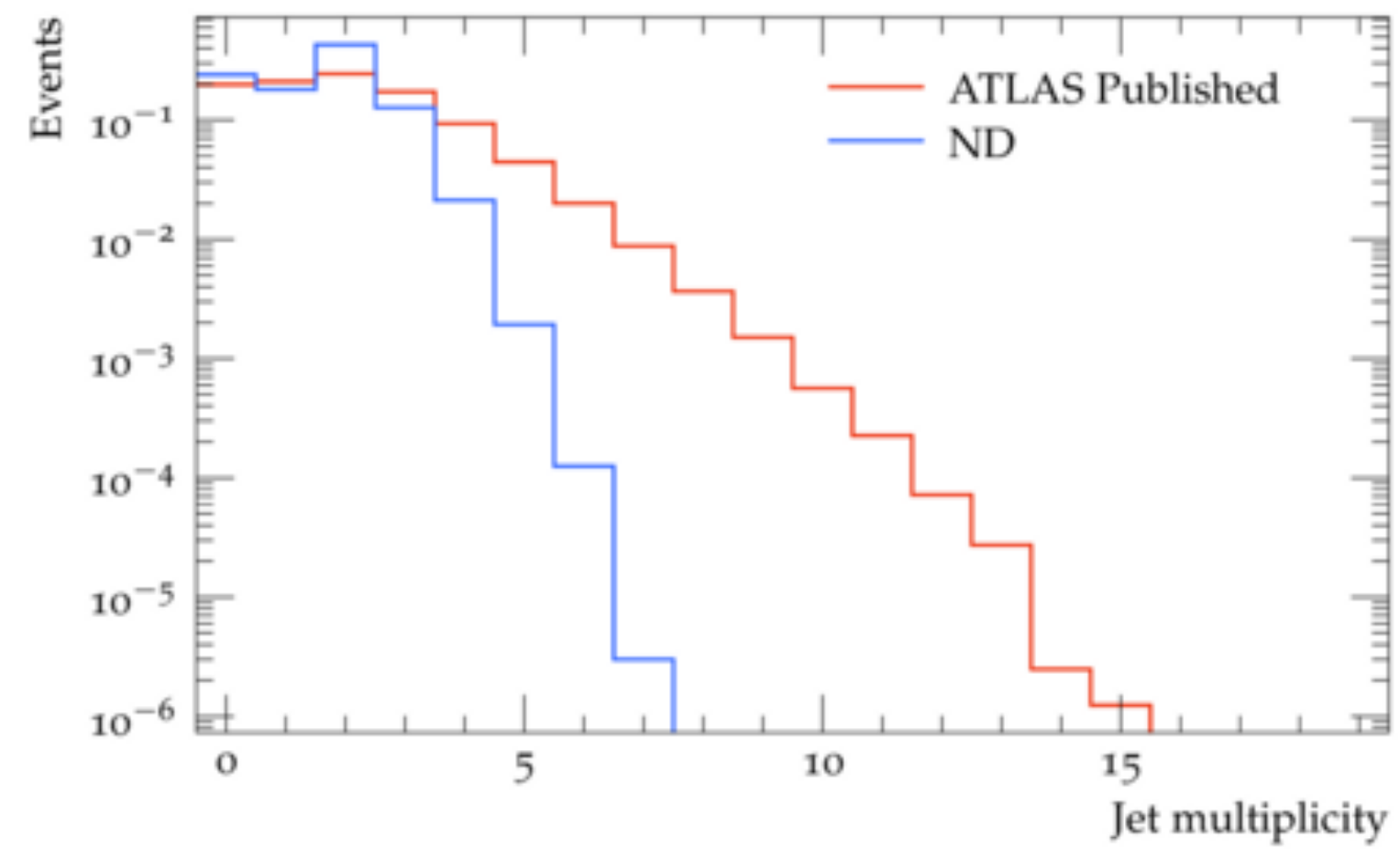
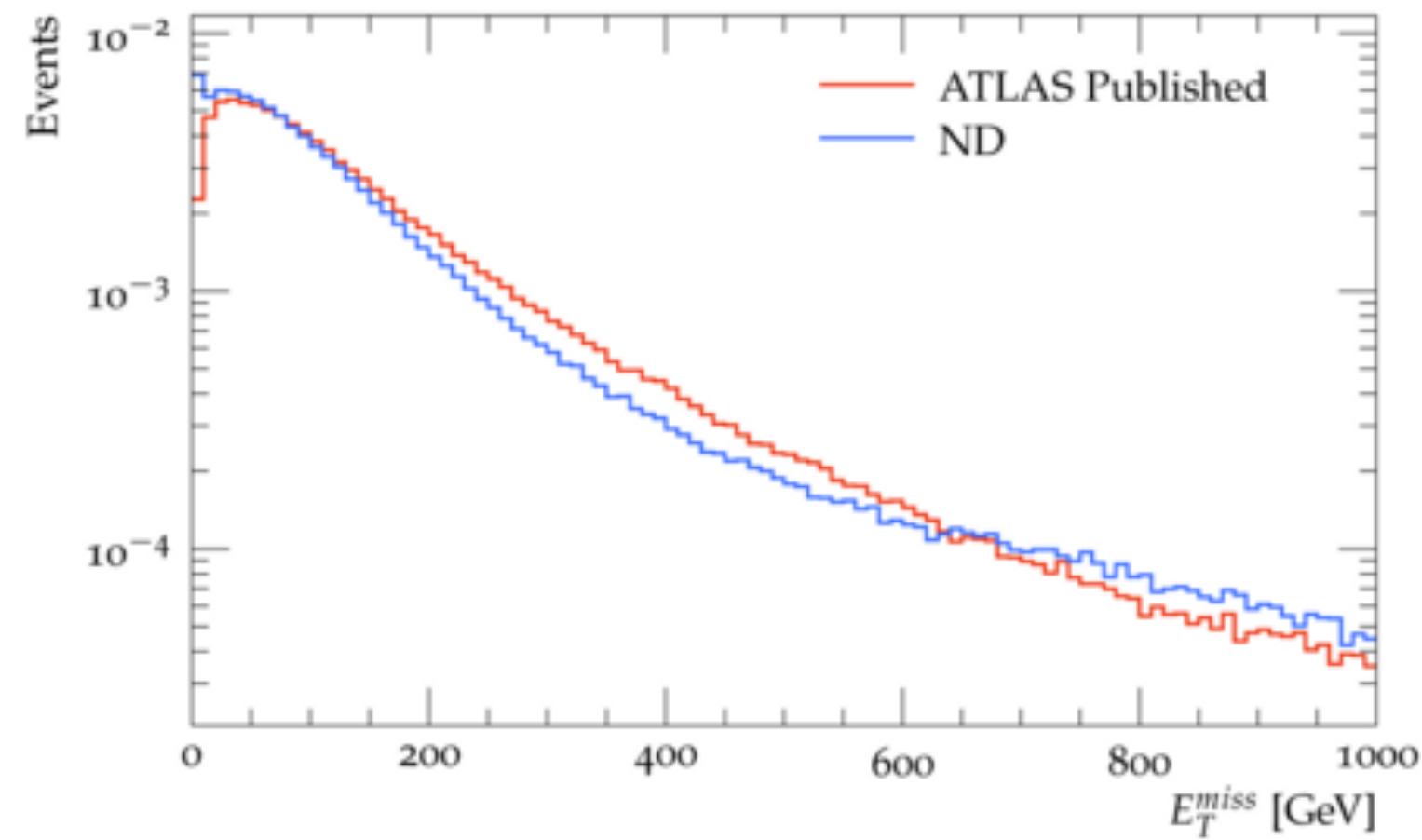
**Less Free Parameters!**

**Exact number of hadrons in each event will be different so splitting in each event will be different. It depends on number of hadrons (which is in turn set by  $N_{\text{avg}}$  value)**



# How does this look (work in progress)?

... with a specific parameter choice, fairly insensitive to reasonable variations



# Not a Summary

**... rather looking forward!**

- Experiments want a simple (but not unphysical) way to generate unexplored signatures.
- Choices to be made: hard process (UFO for t-channel, mediator for s-channel, glueballs?), HV setup, simplified models ...
- How to map an unmeasurable output  $R_{inv}$  to an input  $R_{inv}$ ? For a single dark flavour, this is straightforward (ATLAS t-channel result) but for dark flavour of two (CMS s-channel result), rather complicated decay chain in an effort to conserve this. Again, can we simplify this, which will help in other SVJ-like signatures as well.
- Observables: stay tuned ;-)

A week back...

