

Triggering on muon showers in the Barrel Muon Trigger of the CMS experiment for the HL-LHC upgrade

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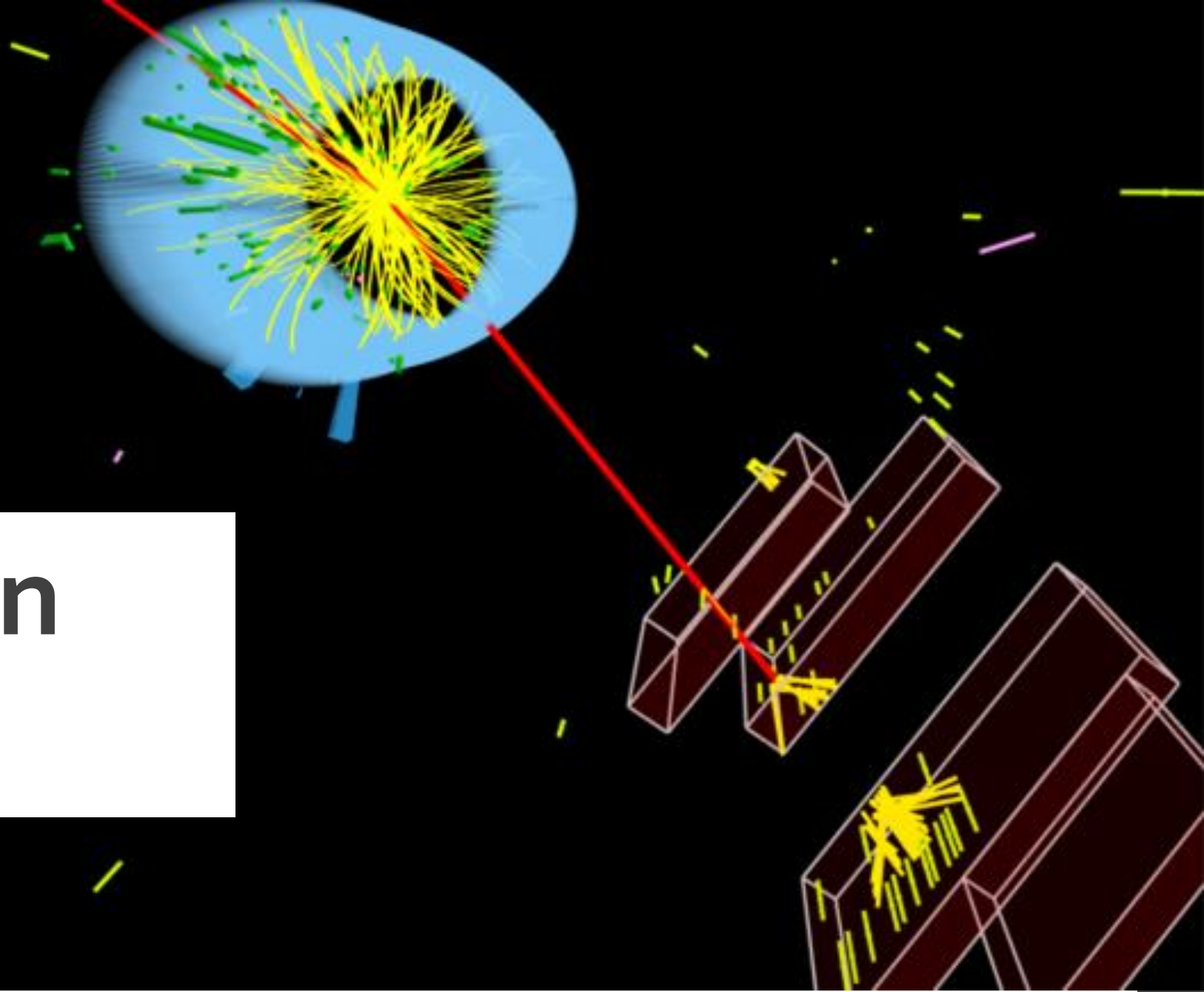
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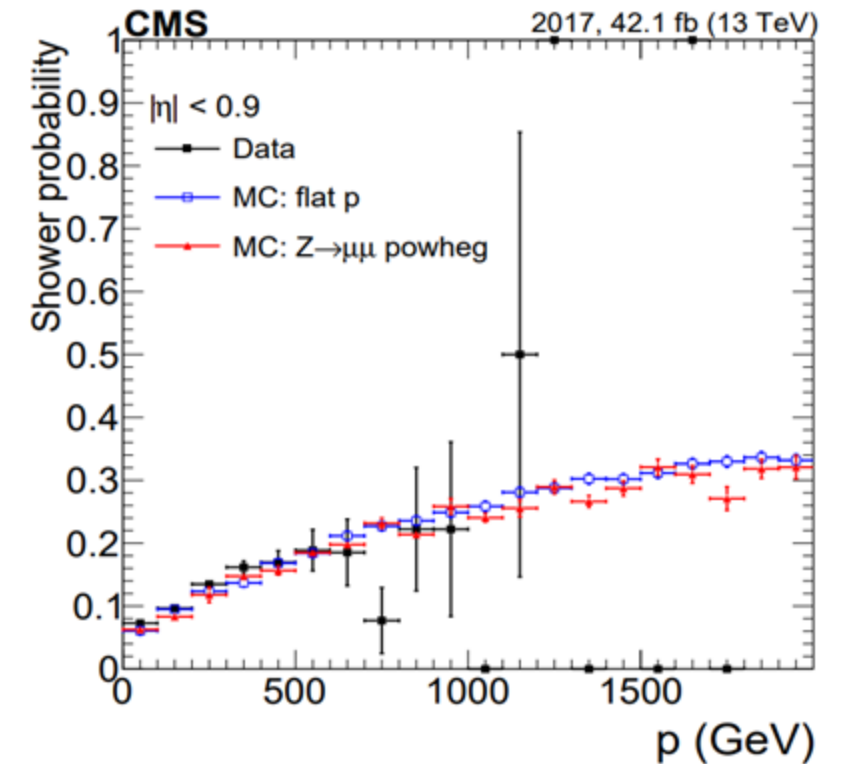
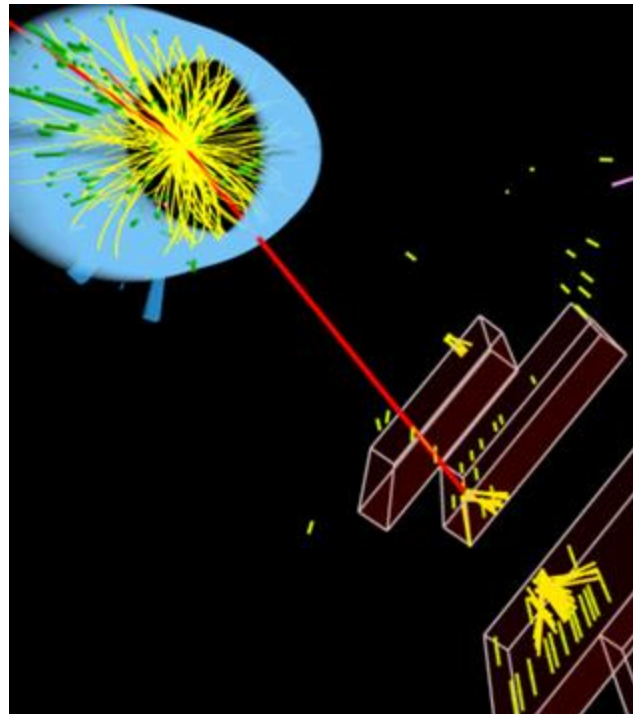
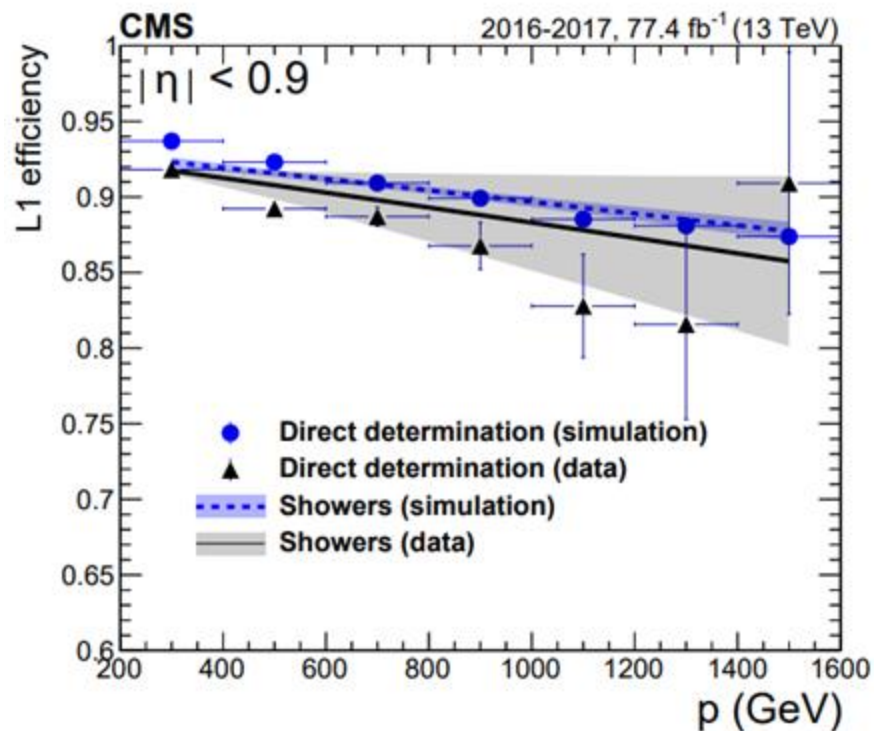


What is a muon shower?



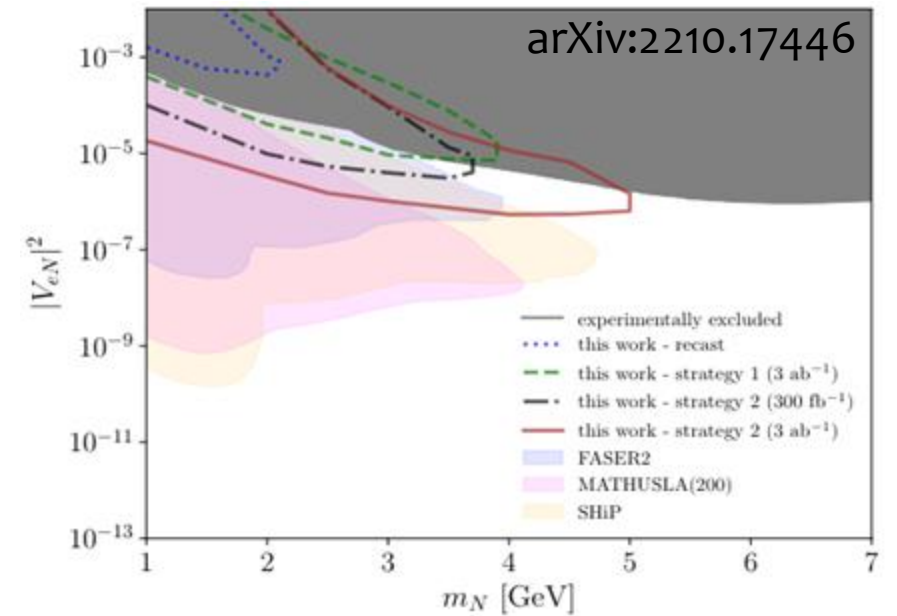
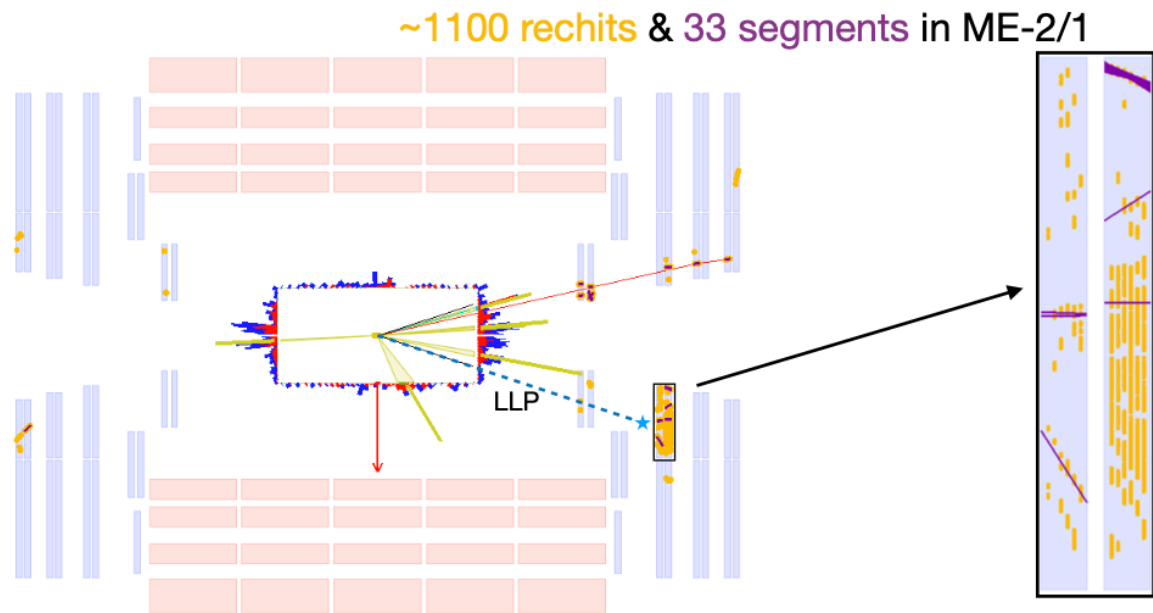
Motivation

- Muon showers appear naturally in events with high-momentum muons.
 - Above a certain energy, muons start to suffer strong radiative losses resulting into a large cascade of electromagnetic activity
 - Detected in the muon system as high-multiplicity events.
- Affect the reconstruction of muons: inefficiencies and/or momentum mismeasurements



Motivation

- Long-lived particles such as HNL could decay in the muon system if sufficient long lifetime (or low mass)
 - Hadronic showers in the muon system
 - Probe lower masses (< 10 GeV) or longer lifetimes $O(1m)$ parameter space
- Nowadays this signatures escape detection due to reconstruction and trigger constrains
- **Unprecedented opportunity for new physics discovery**

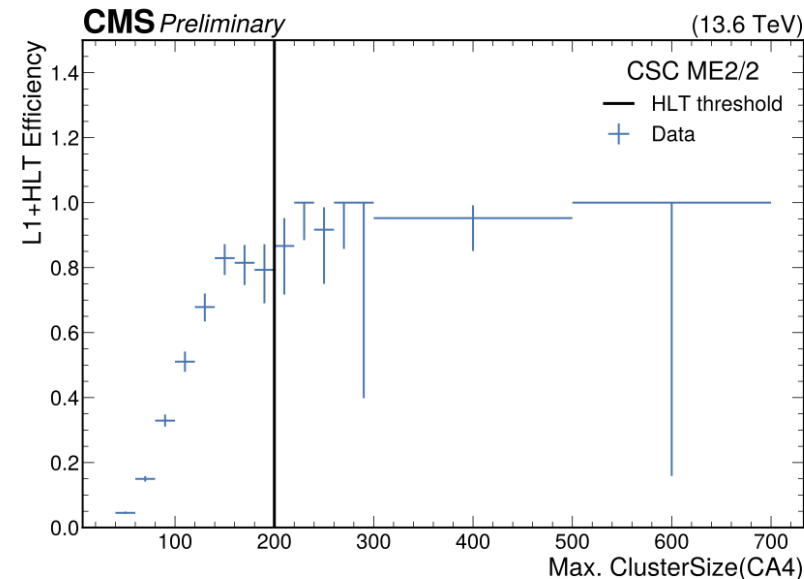
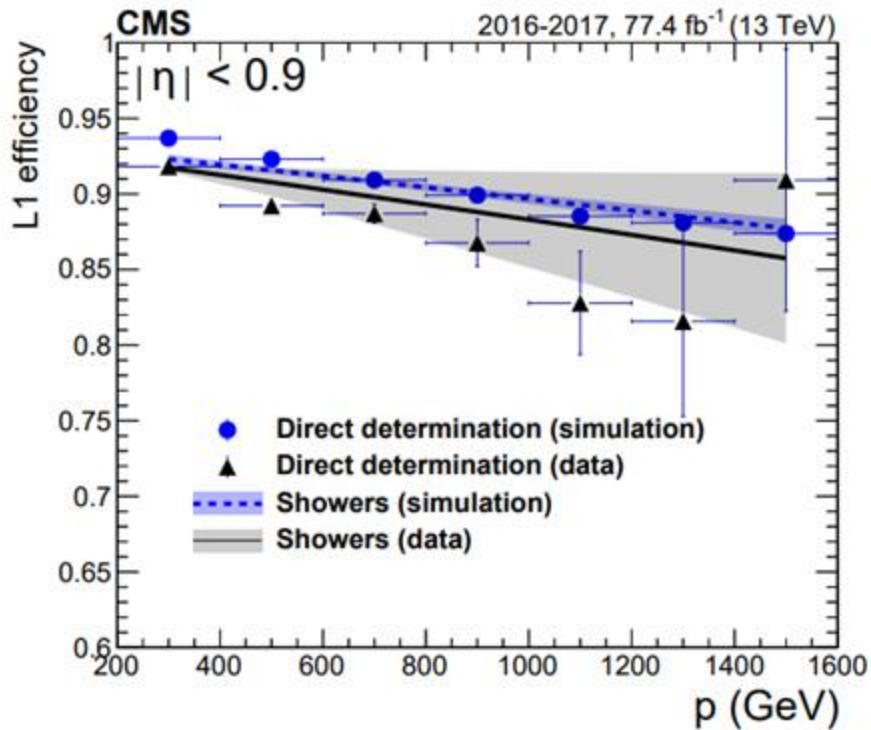
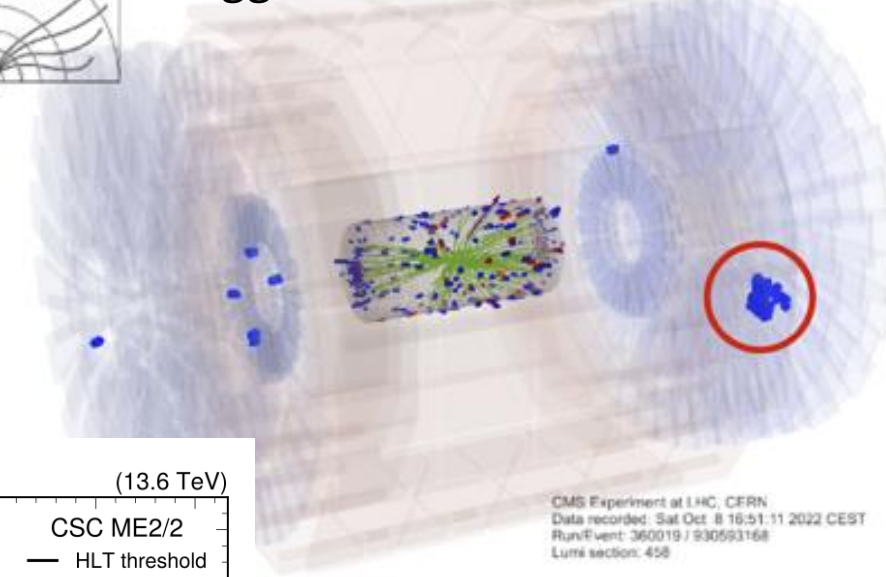


But you can only analyse the things that you saved...

- Trigger efficiency on high-pt muons drops $\sim 10\%$ due to radiative losses
- High-multiplicity events in the muon chambers clutter traditional reconstruction algorithms at trigger level and require different solutions.
 - During Run-3 a dedicated trigger to target high-multiplicity events in the CSCs.



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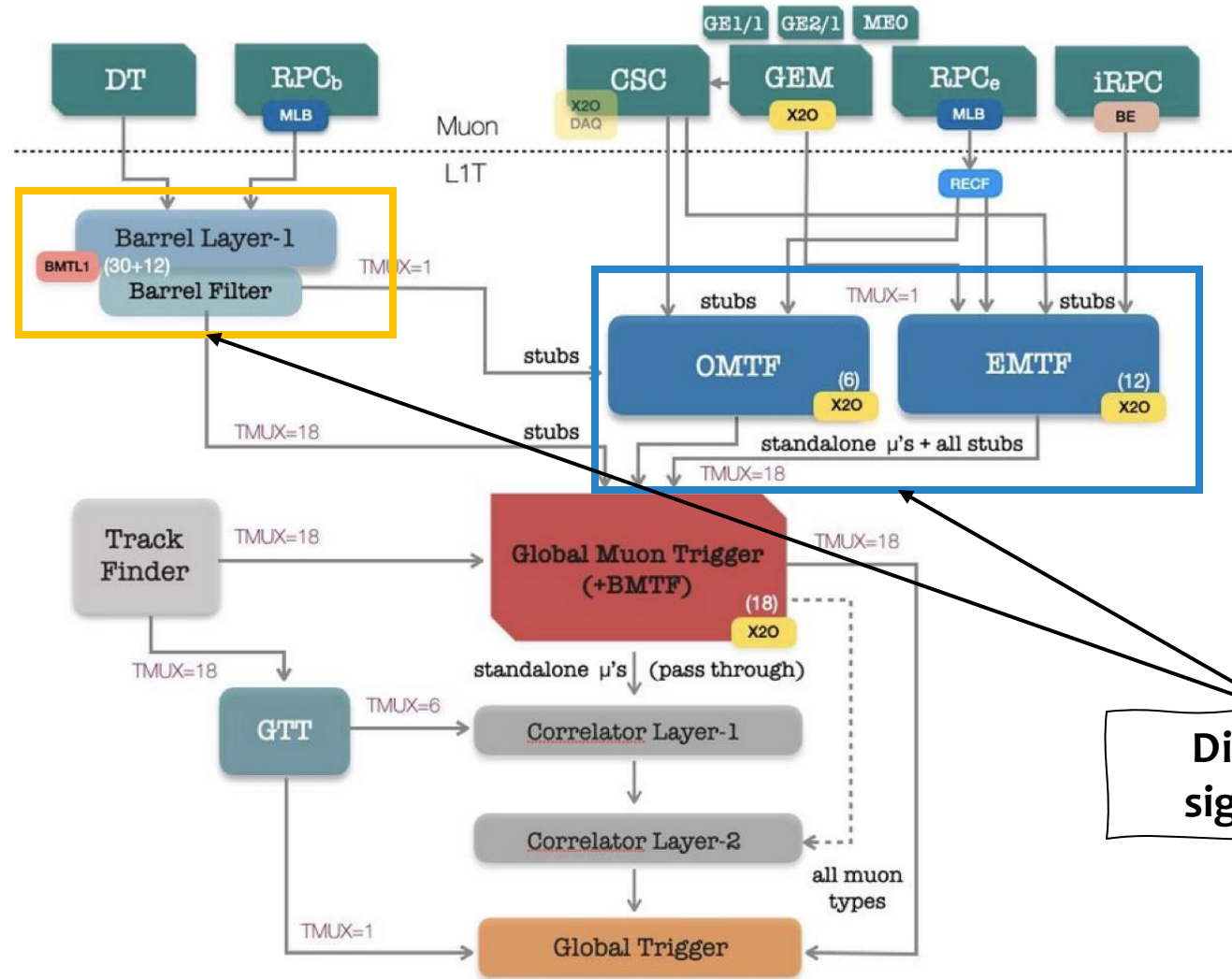
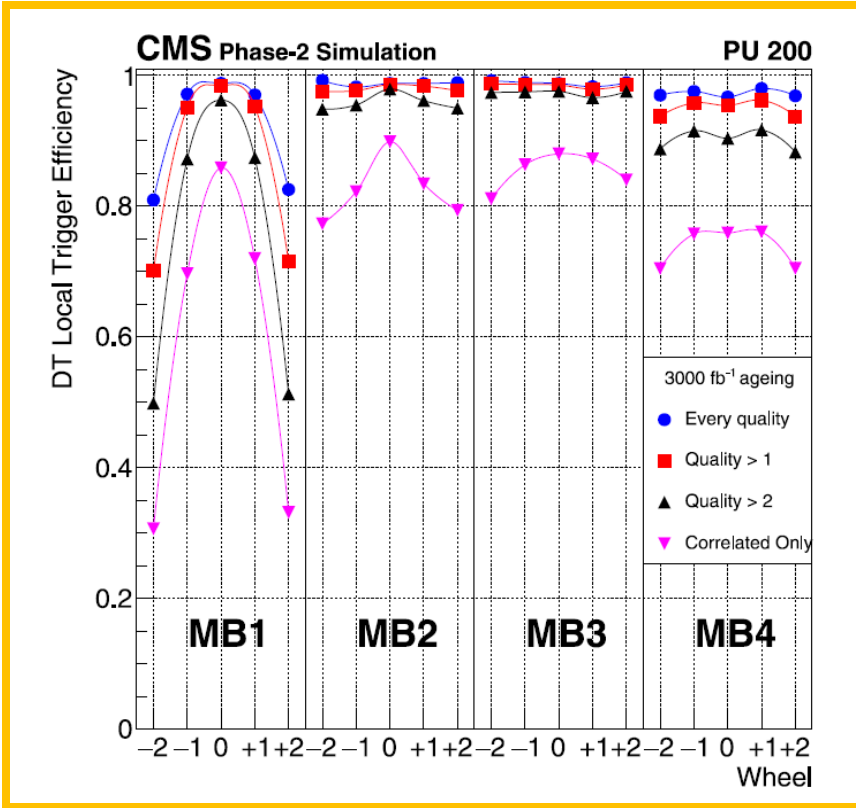


Main limitation is the hardware trigger!!

[HighMultiplicityTriggerIn2022](#)

The CMS L1T muon trigger system for the HL-LHC

See Cristina's talk



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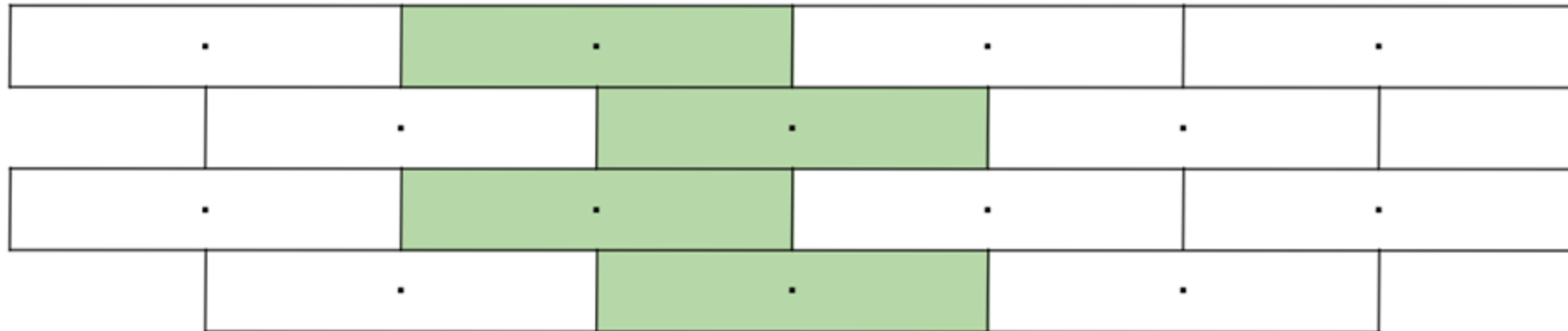
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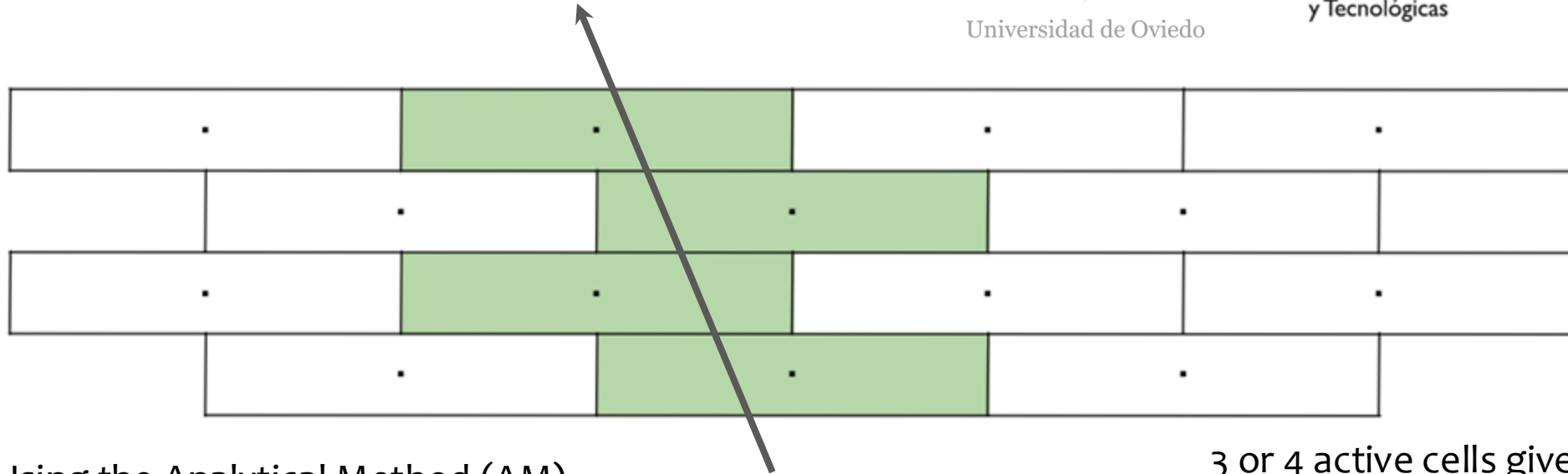
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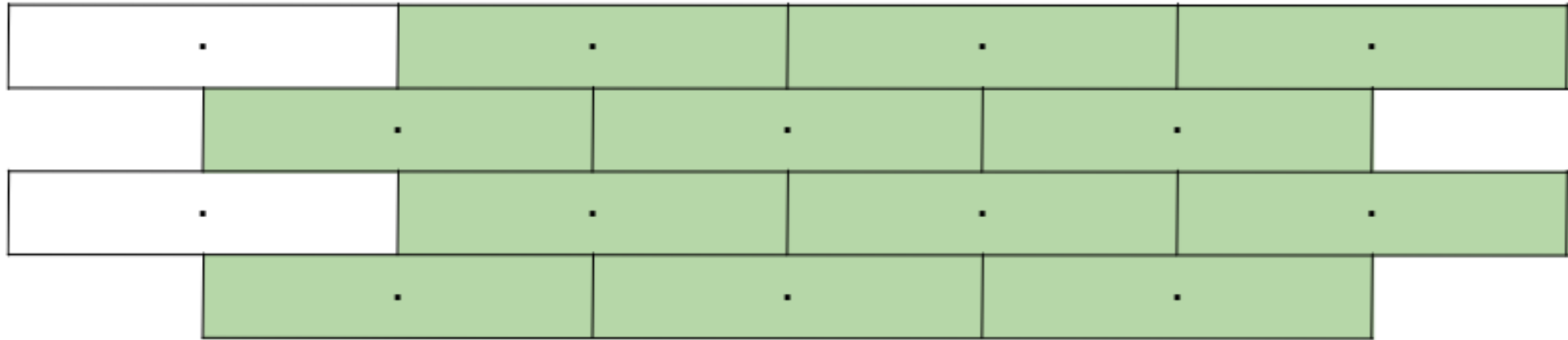


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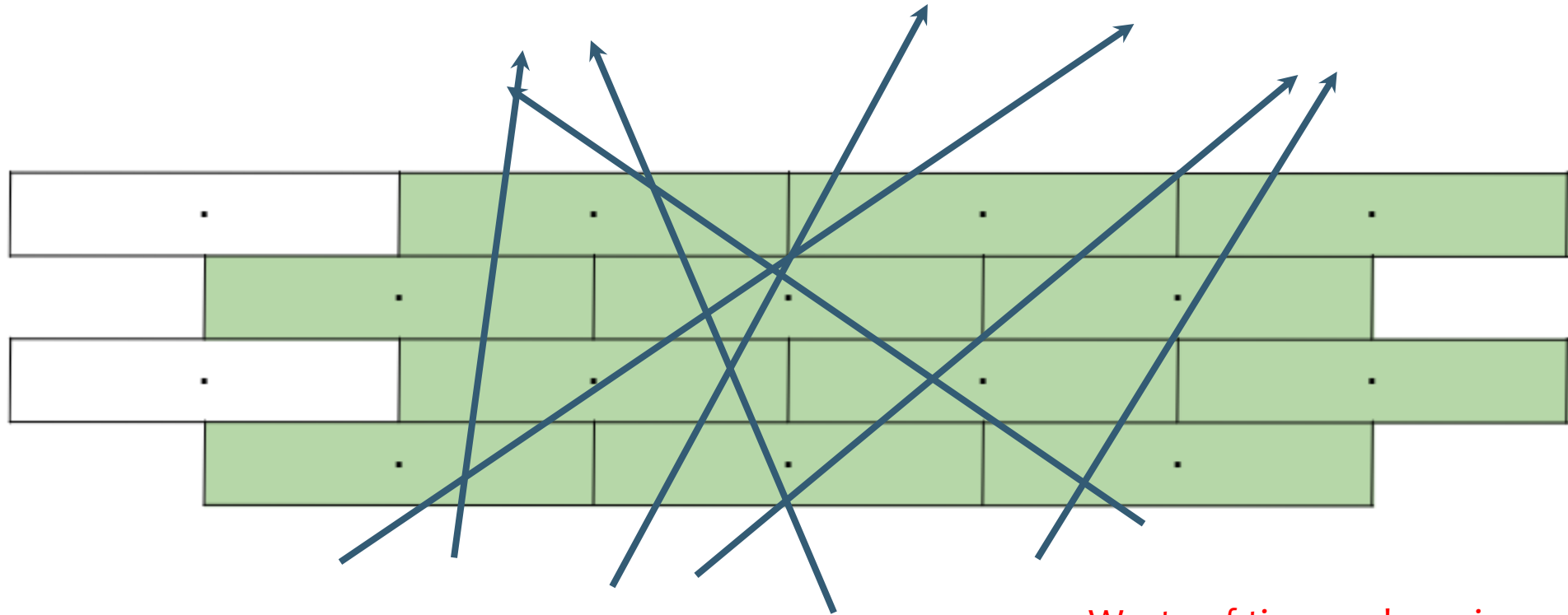
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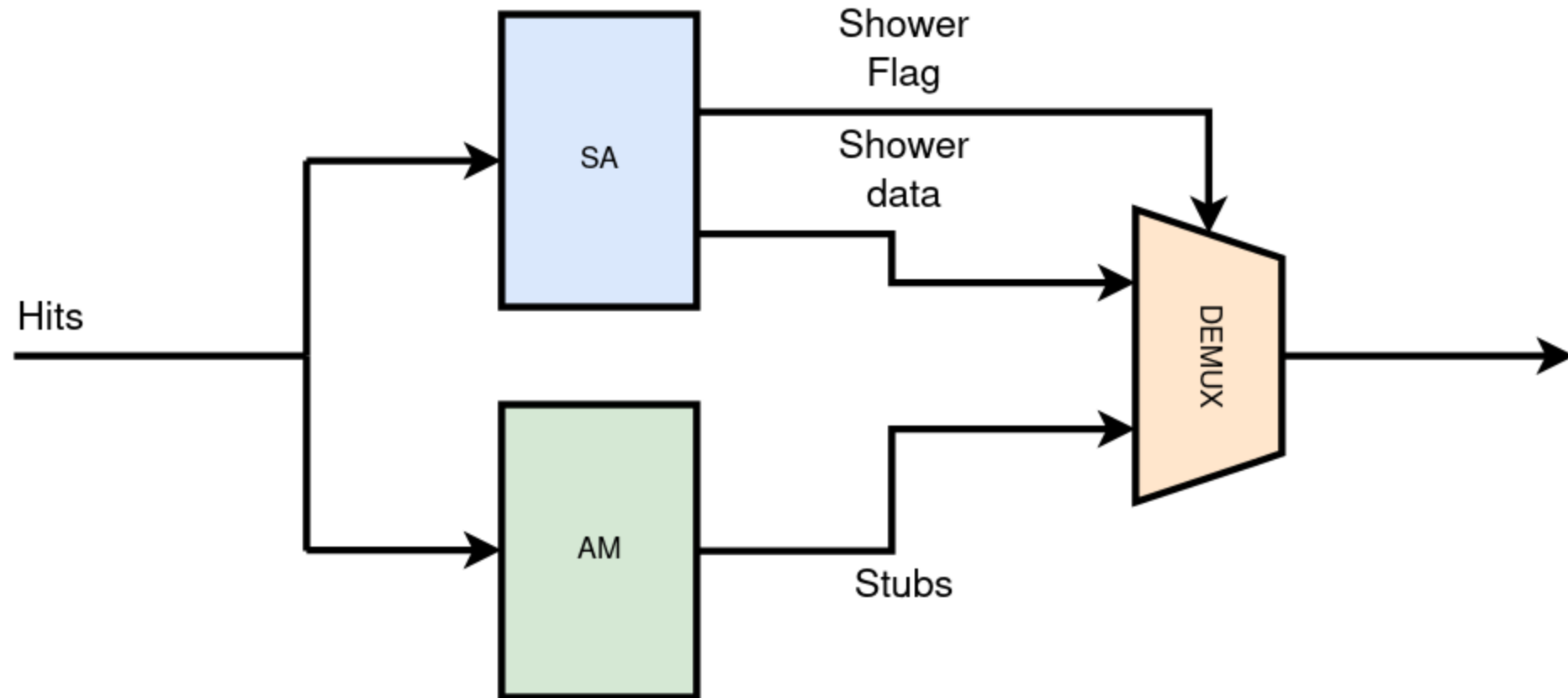
Many active cells

Many possible tracks
to calculate!

Waste of time and spurious
data

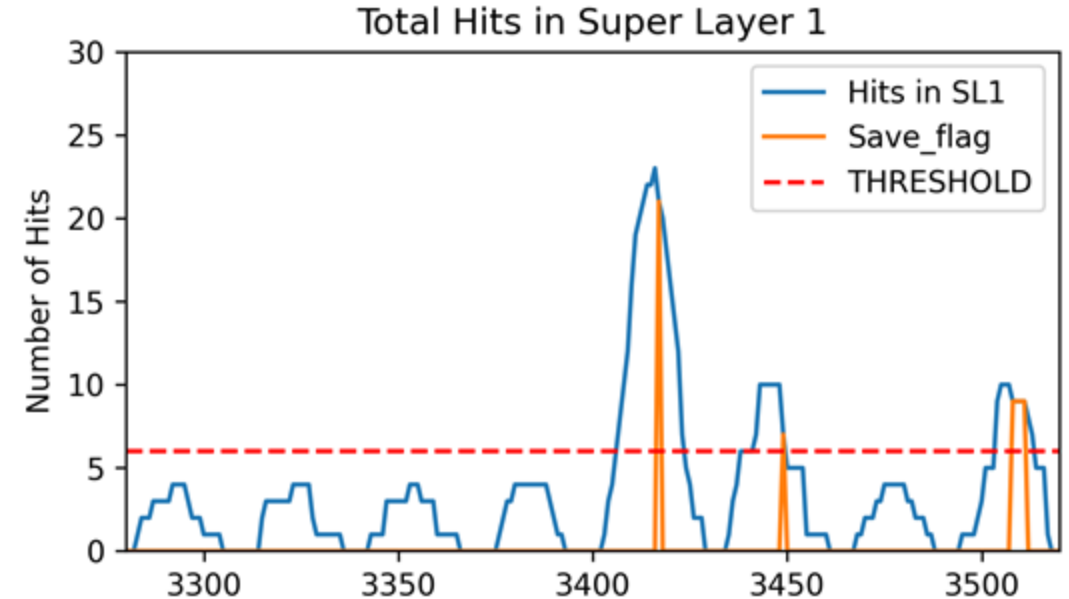
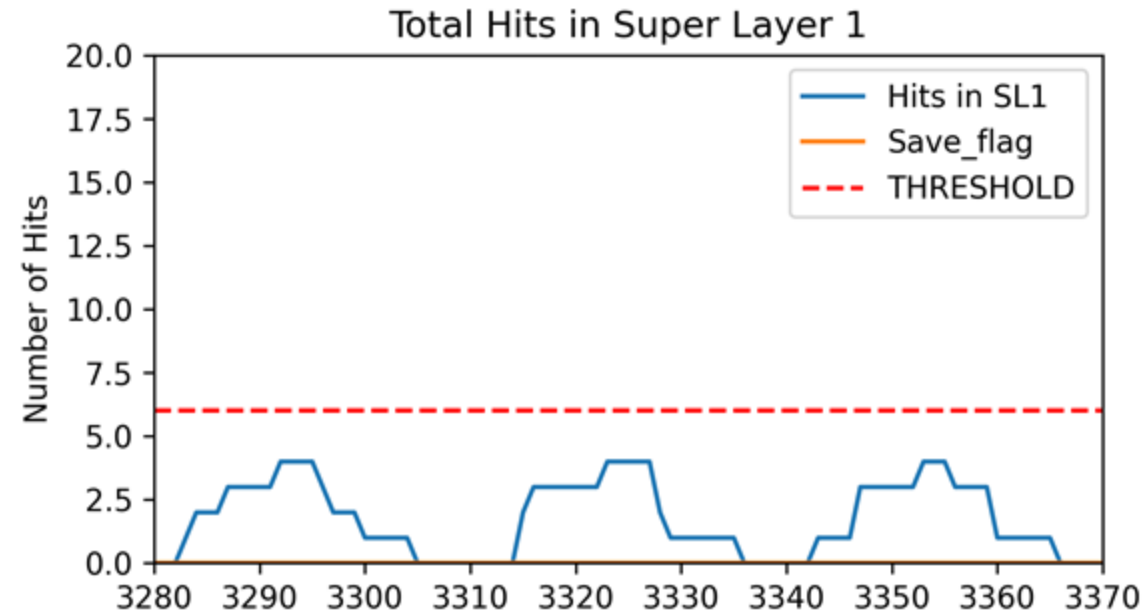
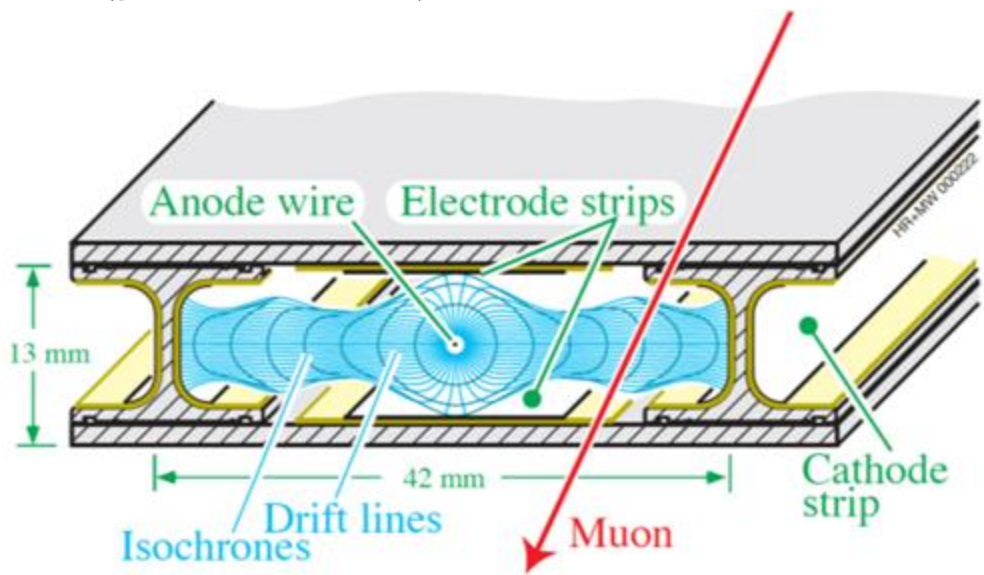
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How can we solve this?



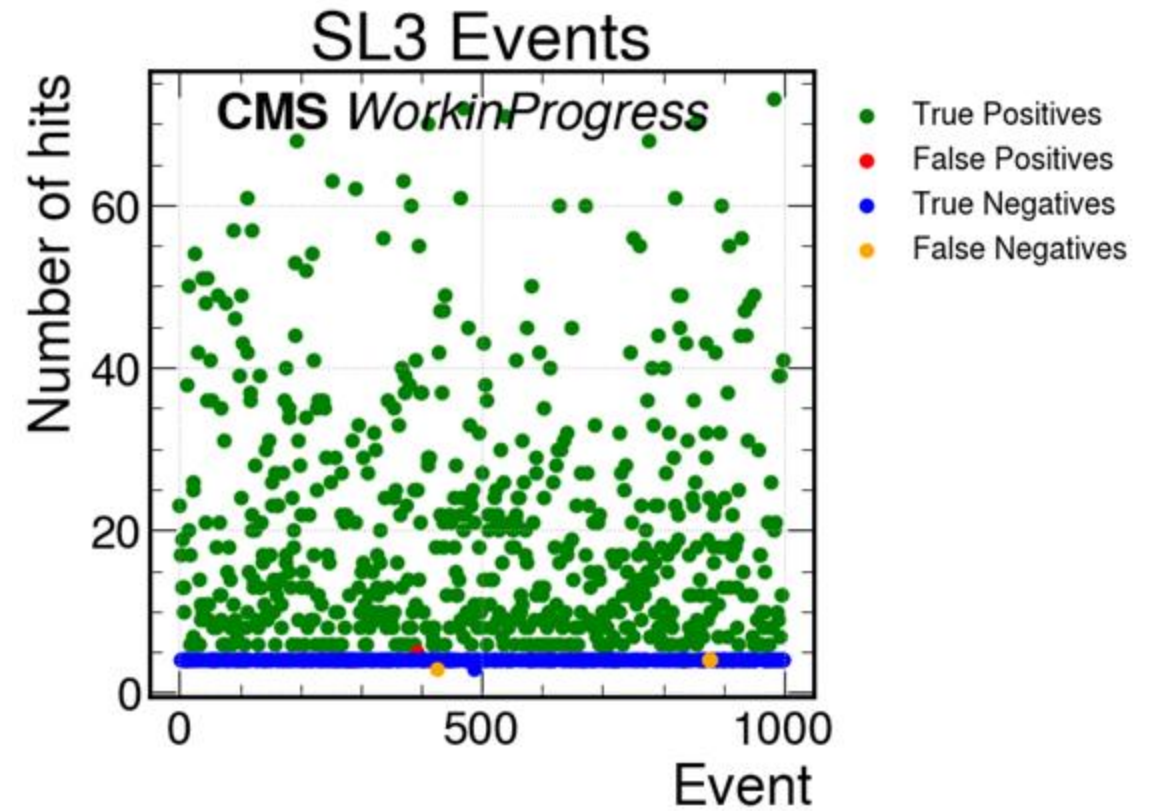
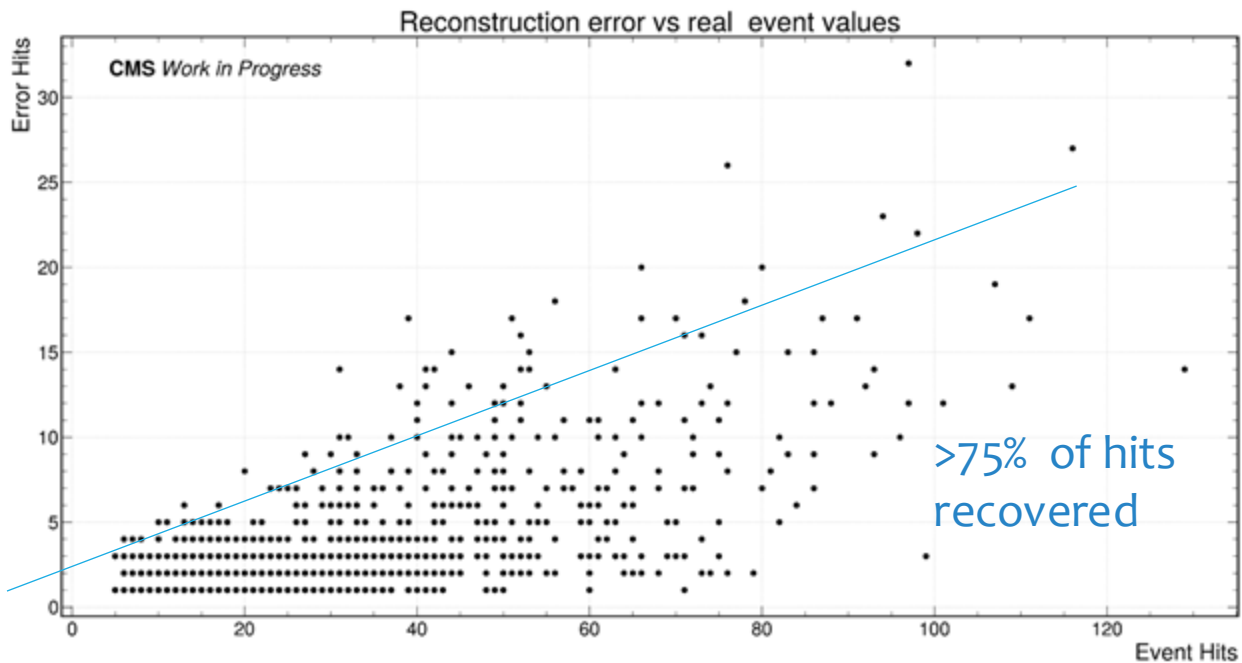
Shower identification algorithm

- Each hit is stored for 16BXs (400ns) to account for their drift times
 - Hits are received serially
- We can represent the total amount of hits in a given superlayer over time
 - When the accumulated hits exceed a threshold, stop AM
 - When maximum detected, store hits to identify a shower (position, time,...)



Algorithm performance

- Generated 1000 muons (2 TeV) on a custom Geant-4 simulator of a DT station.
 - > 99% of the events are correctly tagged
 - < 0,07% of the events are mis-tagged
- On average, 88% of the hits corresponding to a shower are recovered



Firmware implementation

Resource consumption with xcvu13p:

Site Type	Used	Available	Util%
CLB LUTs	7038	1728000	0.41
CLB Registers	9995	3456000	0.29
CARRY8	180	216000	0.08
F7 Muxes	72	864000	<0.01

- Firmware implemented with 480MHz clock timing
- Comparisons with emulation in agreement.

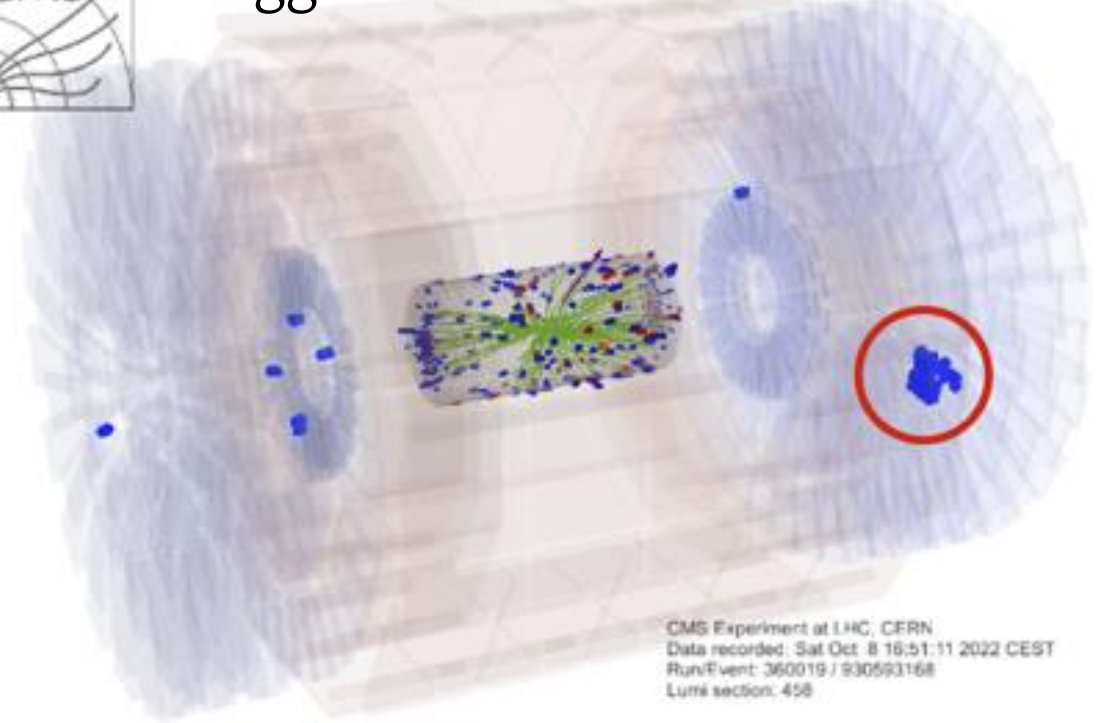
- Next steps:
 - Determine position and time
 - Integrate together with the AM on a single board and check performance

Conclusions

- Muon showers appear naturally in events with high-momentum muons and result into trigger inefficiencies. They could also appear as a hint of long-lived particles decaying far from the interaction point.
- Excellent opportunity or new physics discovery
- Such events will be missed by the trigger system unless we do something.
- We have designed a first version of such an algorithm that allows to tag showers with close to 100% accuracy.
- Work is being presented at [TWEPP](#) and was also shown at [ICHEP 2024](#).



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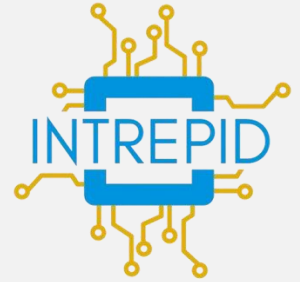
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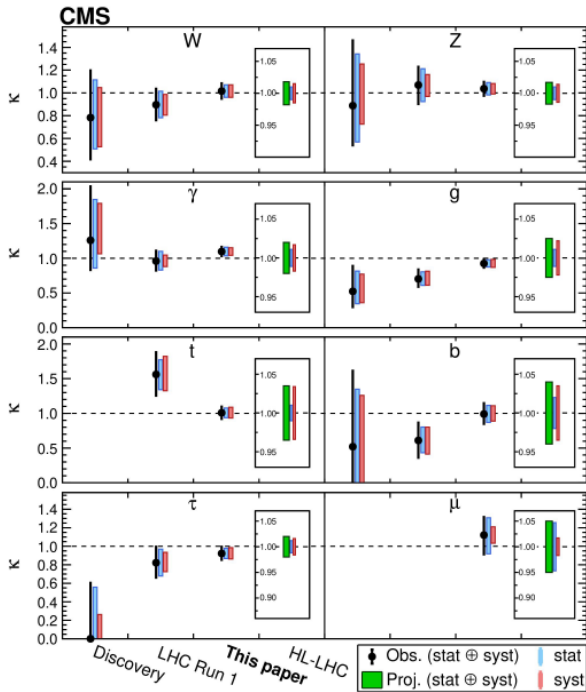
Where to look for new physics?

Improve precision of SM tests (i.e. Higgs couplings, m_W)

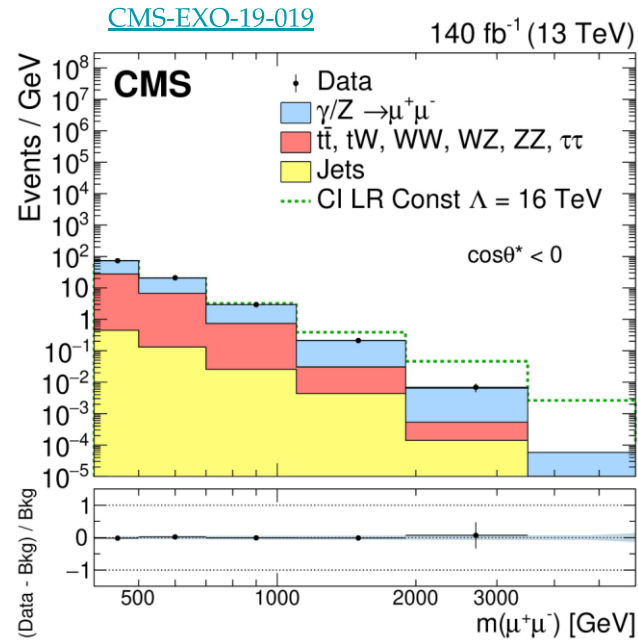
Target unobserved SM processes (i.e. $H \rightarrow HH$; $H \rightarrow cc$)

Search for deviations at high momenta (i.e. Effective Field Theories)

Probe new phase space (i.e. Long-lived particles)

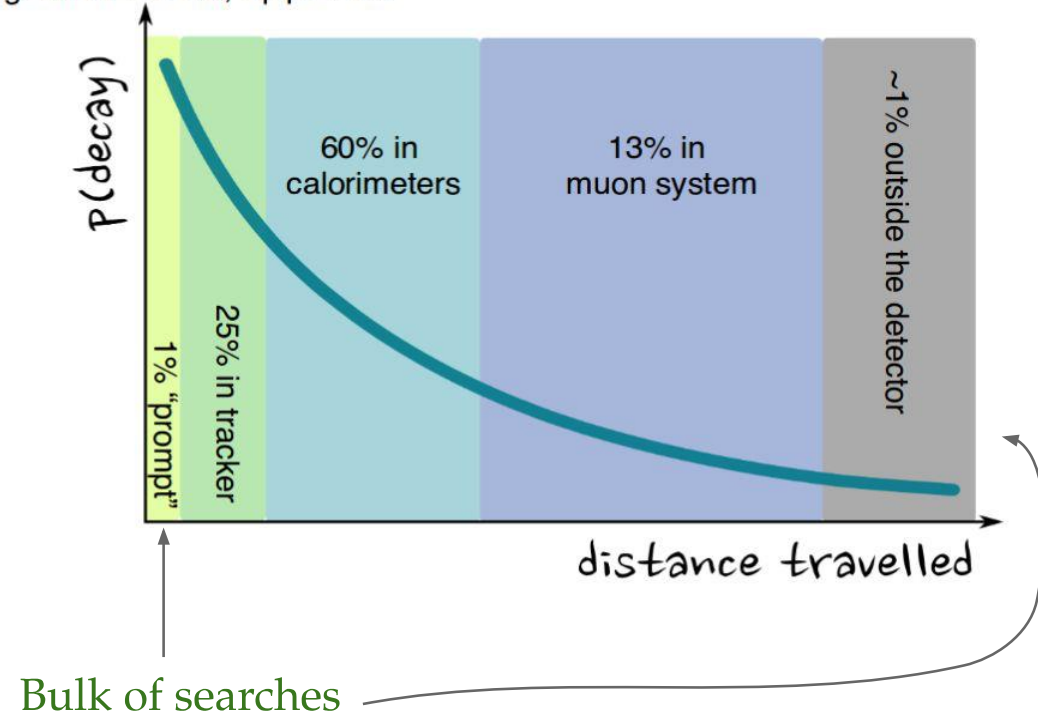


[Nature 607, 60–68 \(2022\)](#)



$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(4)} + \sum \frac{C_x}{\Lambda^2} O_{6,x} + h.c.$$

e.g. for $c\tau = 5$ cm, $\langle\beta\gamma\rangle \sim 30$



New physics may be so *feebly* coupled to our Standard Model that their signatures may have been overlooked or miss identified by LHC searches not dedicated to LLPs

LLP?

$$c\tau \sim \Gamma^{-1} \gtrsim 0.001 \text{ [mm]}$$

arXiv:2212.03883v1

$$\Gamma \sim \underbrace{c^2}_{\text{Feebly (small) couplings}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\Delta m}{\Lambda}\right)^n}_{\text{Large mass hierarchies/ heavy mediators}} \underbrace{\Delta m}_{\text{Small mass difference or "compressed spectra"}}$$

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Three reasons why

Feebly (small) couplings

Large mass hierarchies/
heavy mediators

Small mass difference
or "compressed spectra"

Three reasons why is hard

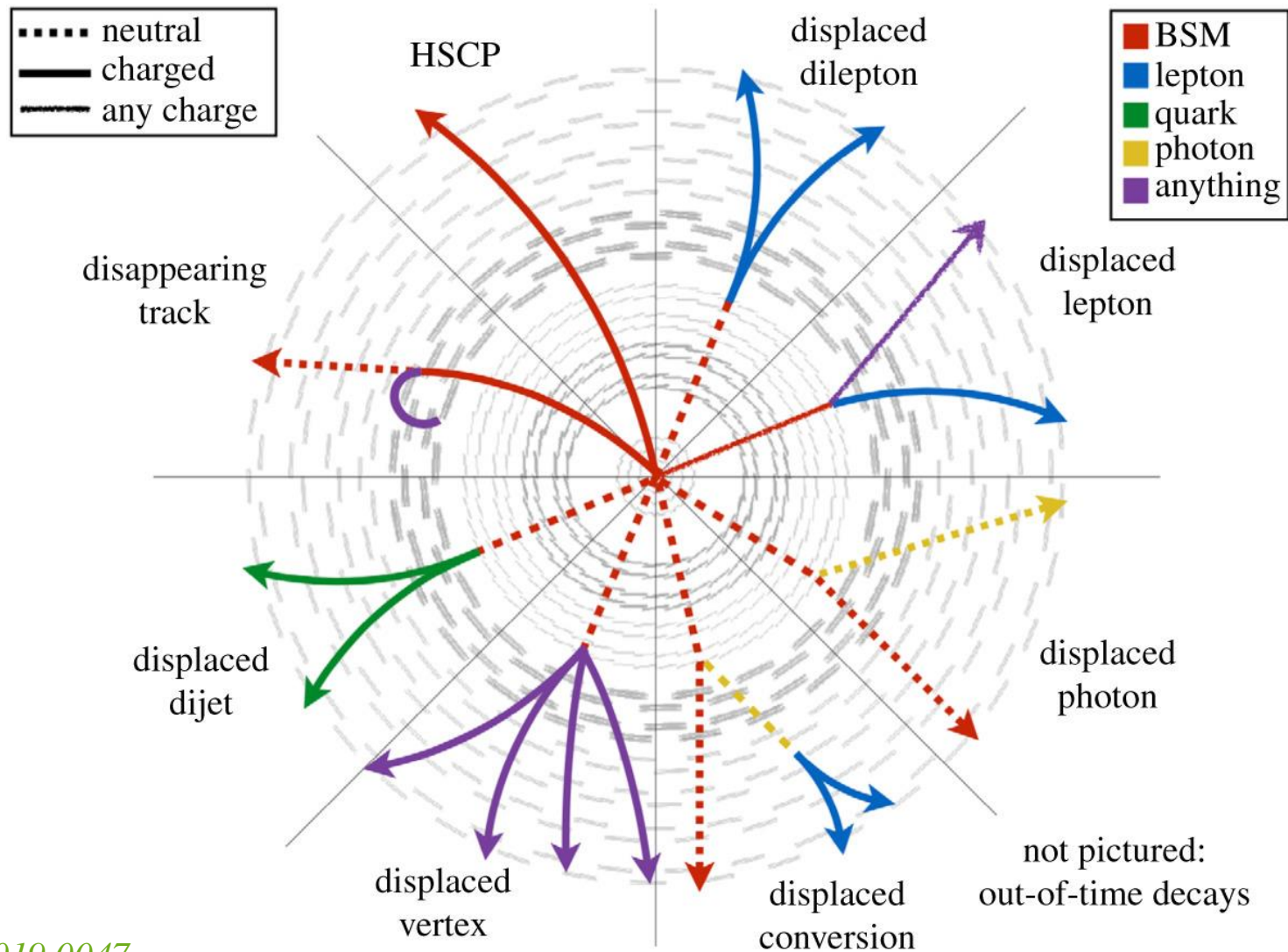
Low rates

Large energies
(LHC inaccessible)

Low efficiency (soft particles/limited object reconstruction)

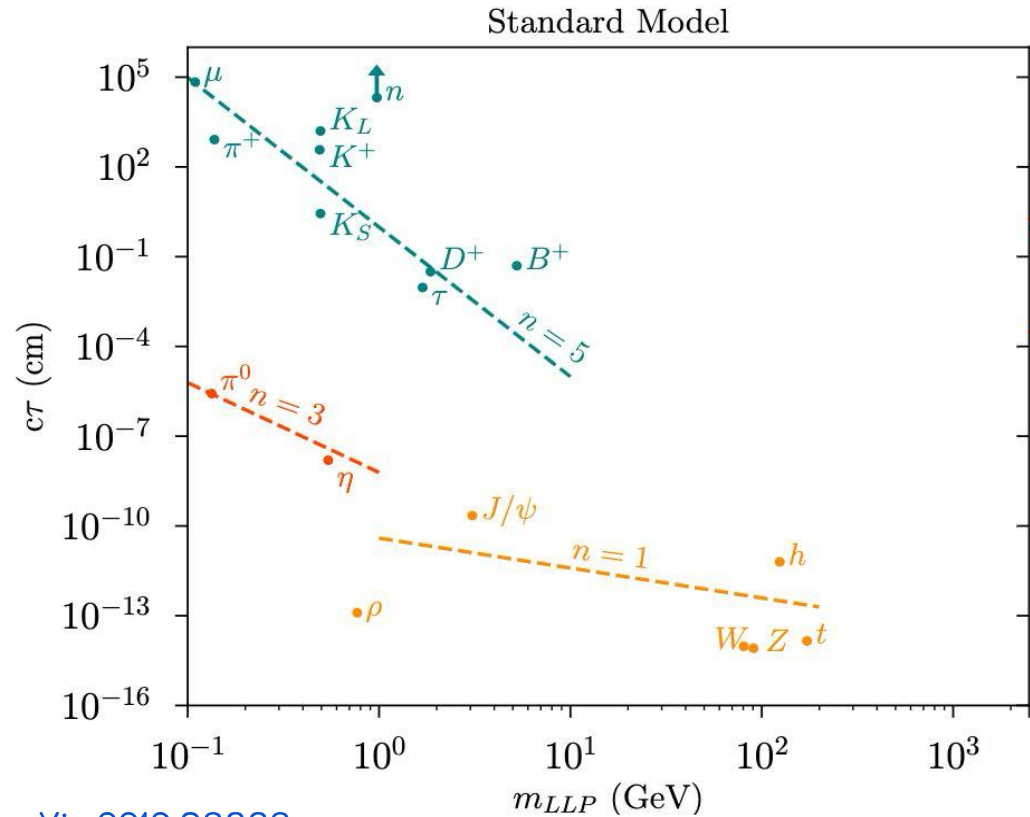
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Experimental signatures of long-lived particles



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Why long-lived particles?

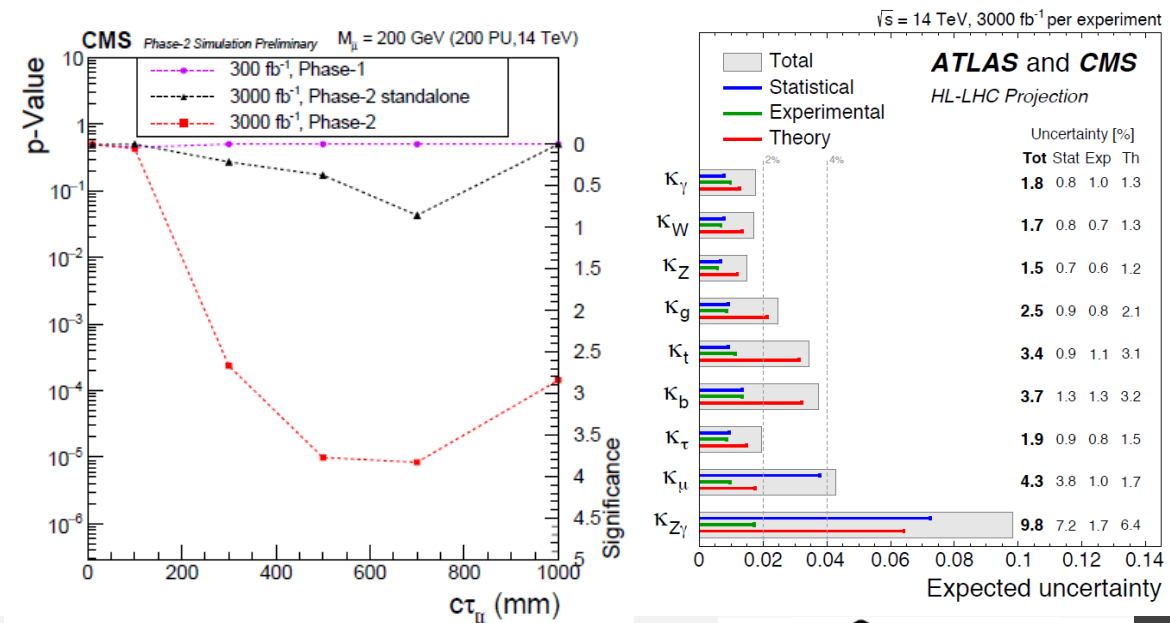
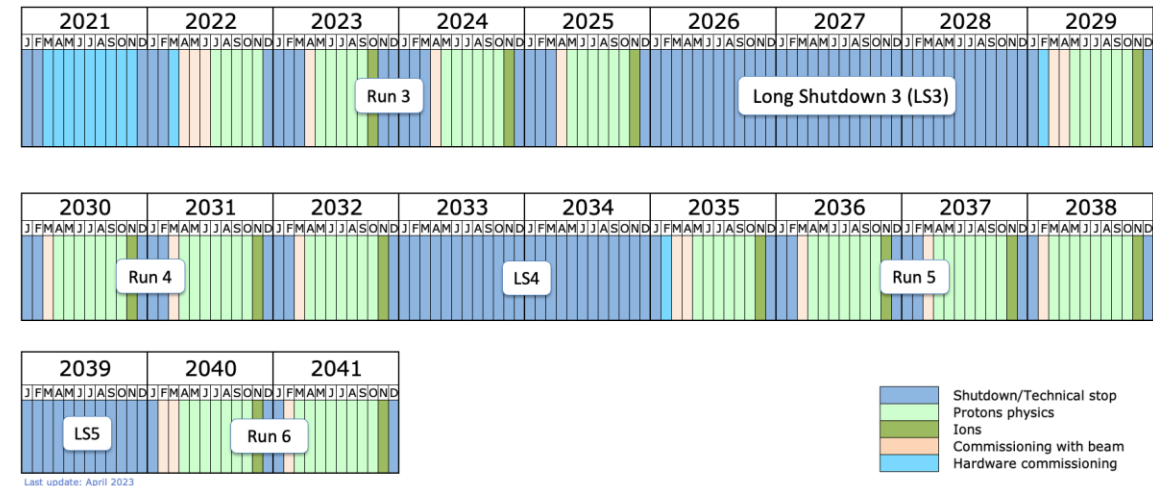


[arXiv:2212.03883](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.03883)

- The SM is full of LLPs:
 - muon ($\tau = 2.2\mu s$)
 - Kaon ($c\tau(K^+) = 3.71\text{ m}$)
 - Heavy flavour
 - $c\tau(D^+) = 311.78\ \mu m$
 - $c\tau(B^+) = 491.06\ \mu m$
- There is no reason to believe they won't be present on BSM theories.

Towards the HL-LHC

- **Preparing for the big upgrade** of the LHC detectors, starting 2029.
- HL-LHC upgrade offers an **unprecedented opportunity** to explore uncharted lands and achieve scientific progress.
- 10 times more data to what we will have by the end of Run 3 will facilitate a rich physics program.
- **Extend reach of new physics searches:** unexplored signatures (LLPs, HSCPs...) or regions of the phase-space will be within reach.
- **Improve current understanding of the SM and Higgs** sector by improving existing precision measurements and accessing rare decays ($H \rightarrow \mu\mu$) or production modes (HH) previously unseen at the LHC.
- However, this physics program will have to overcome **significant challenges** to succeed.



Conclusions

