



# Long-lived Colored Scalars at the LHC

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- Recast long-lived searches to more general frameworks (Complementary with prompt searches and compressed spectra).

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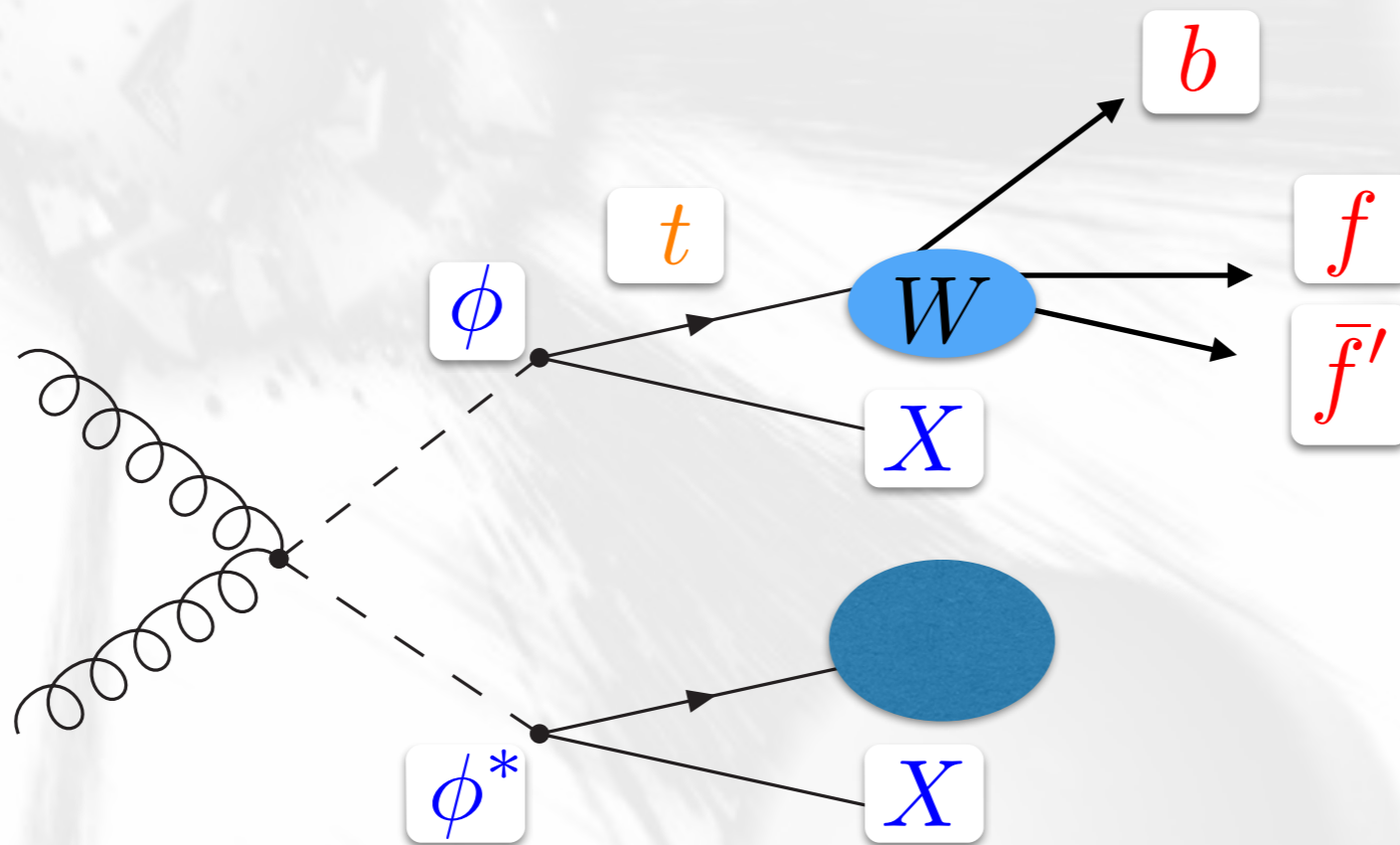
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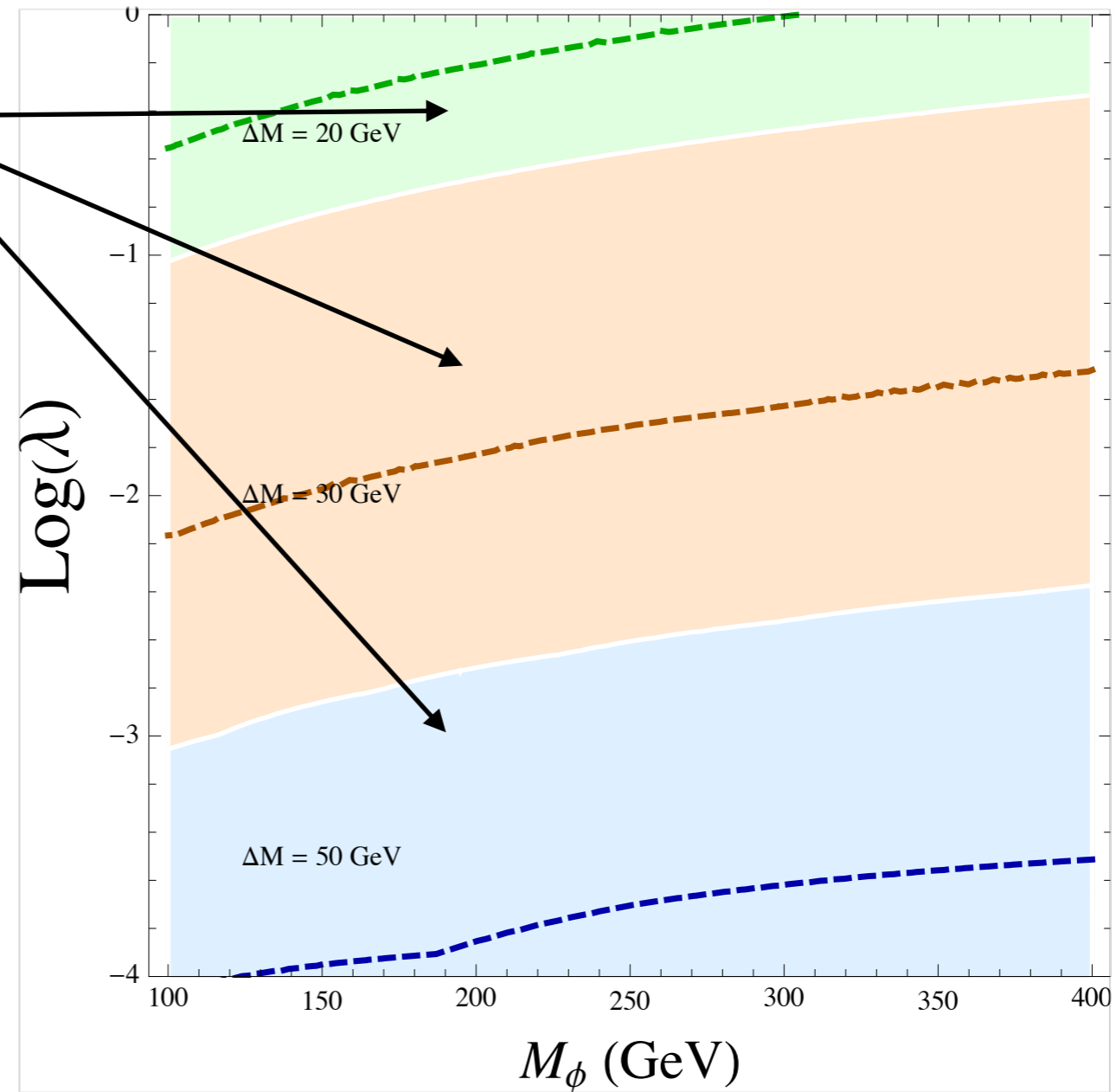


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- Focus on parton-level analysis to probe this range of decay lengths at CMS and ATLAS.

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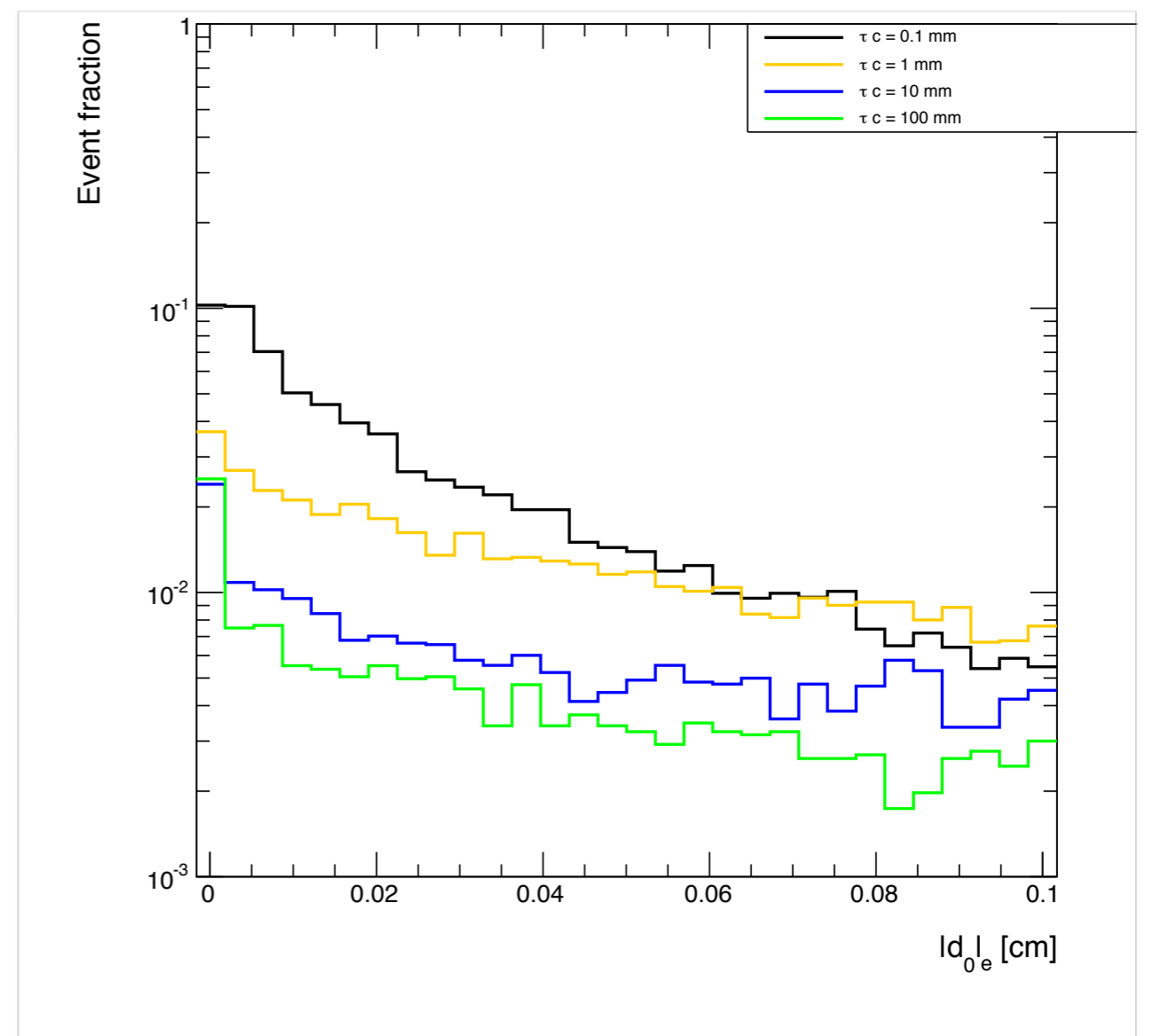
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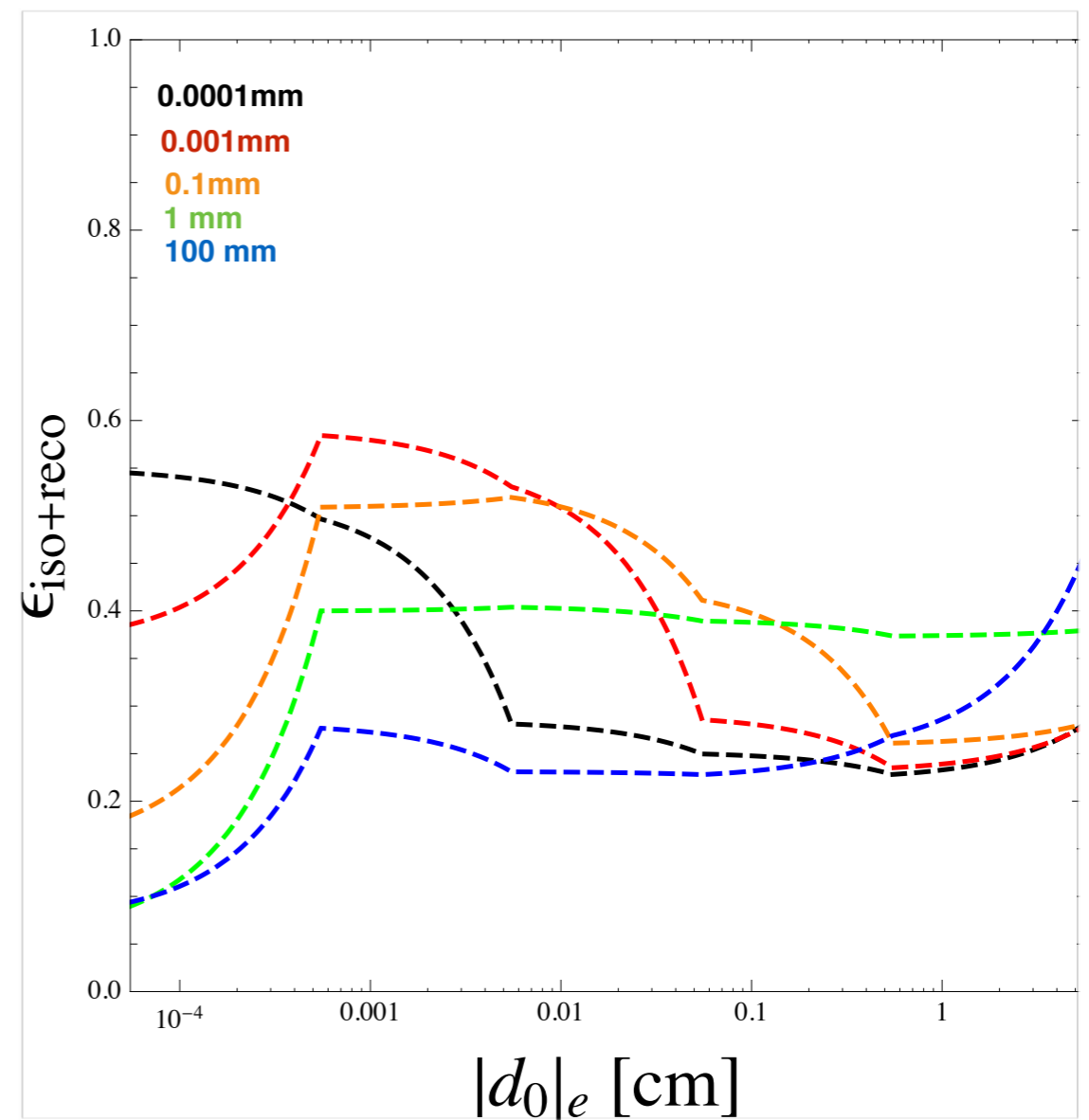


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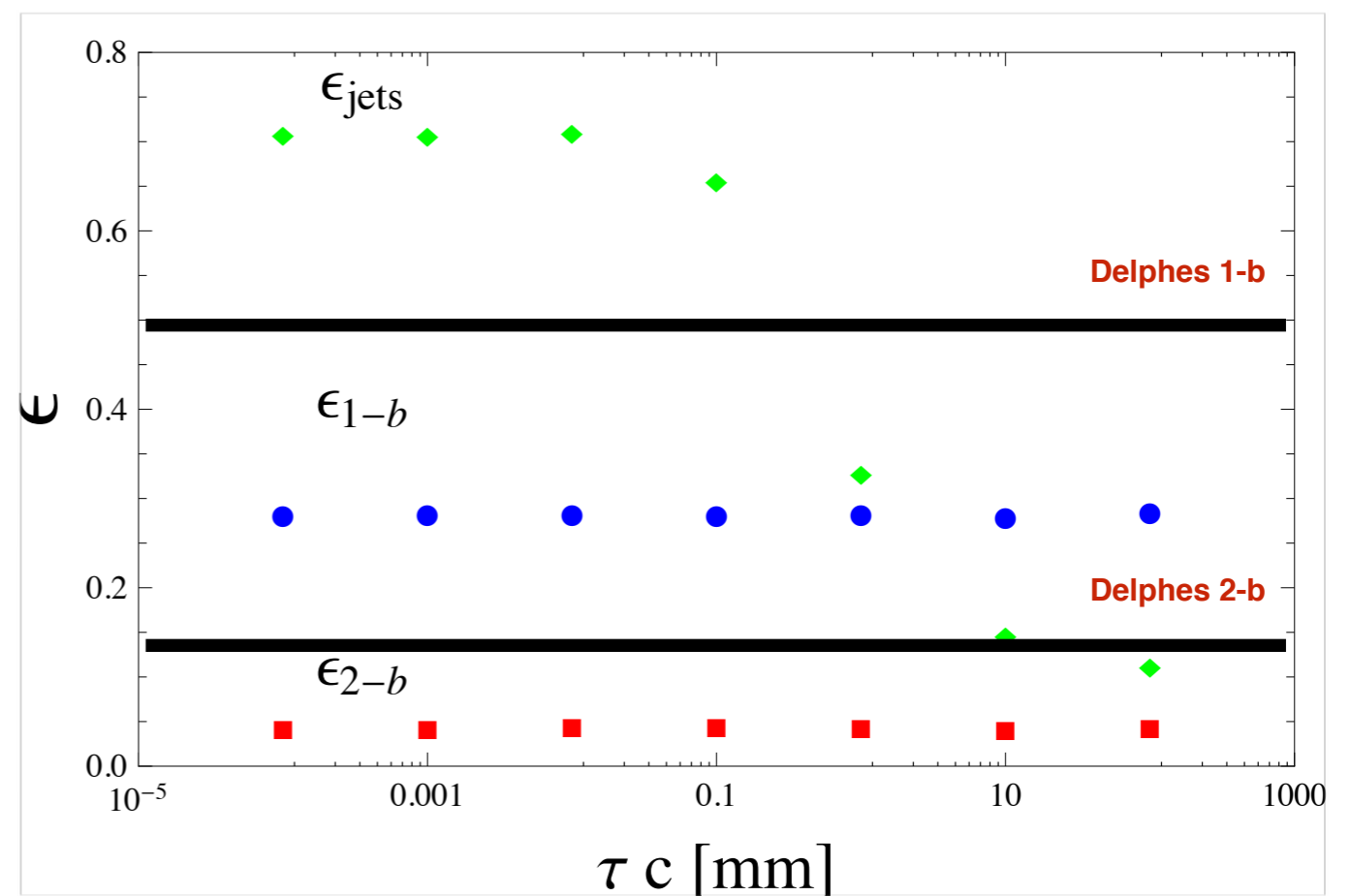


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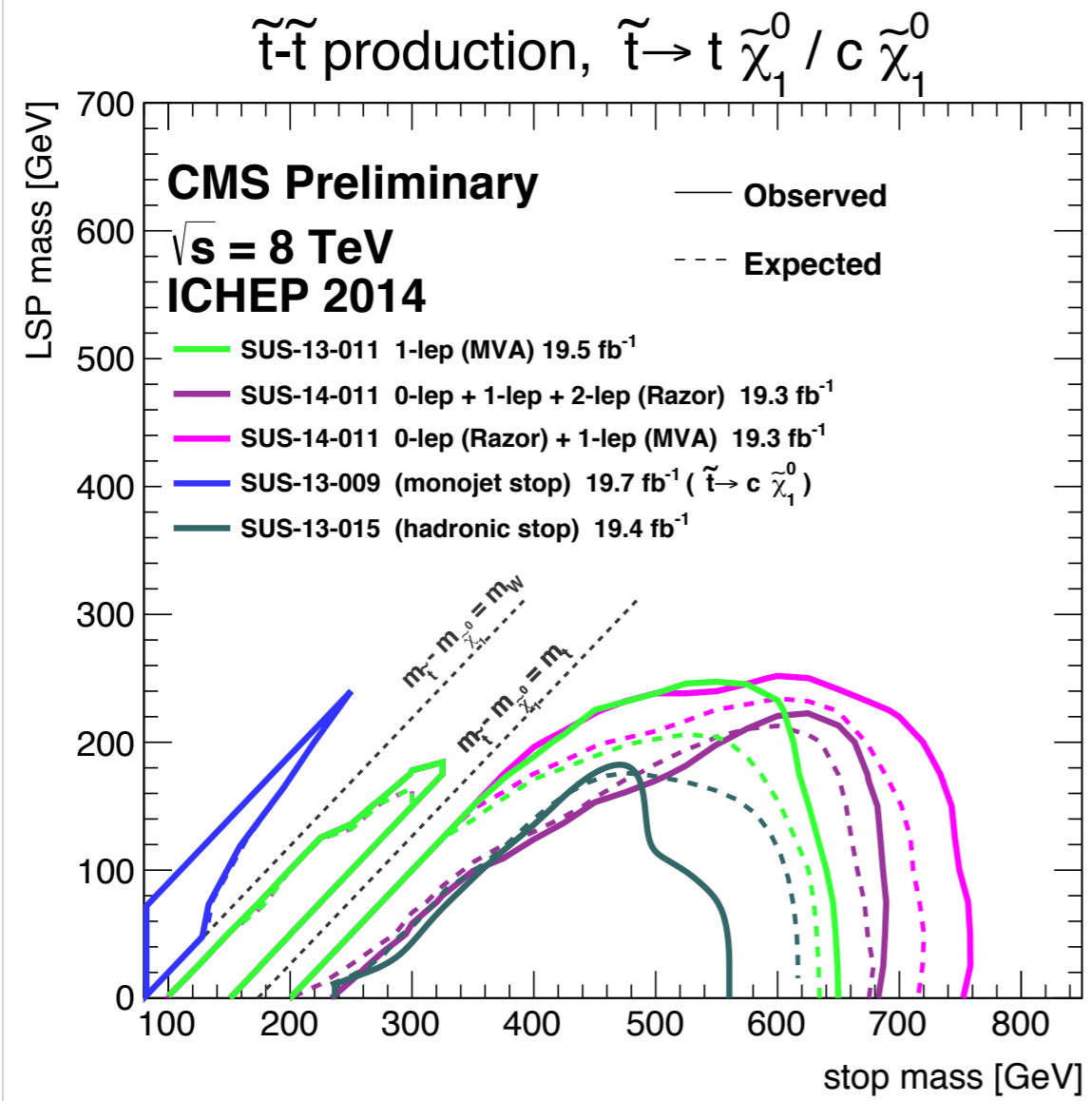


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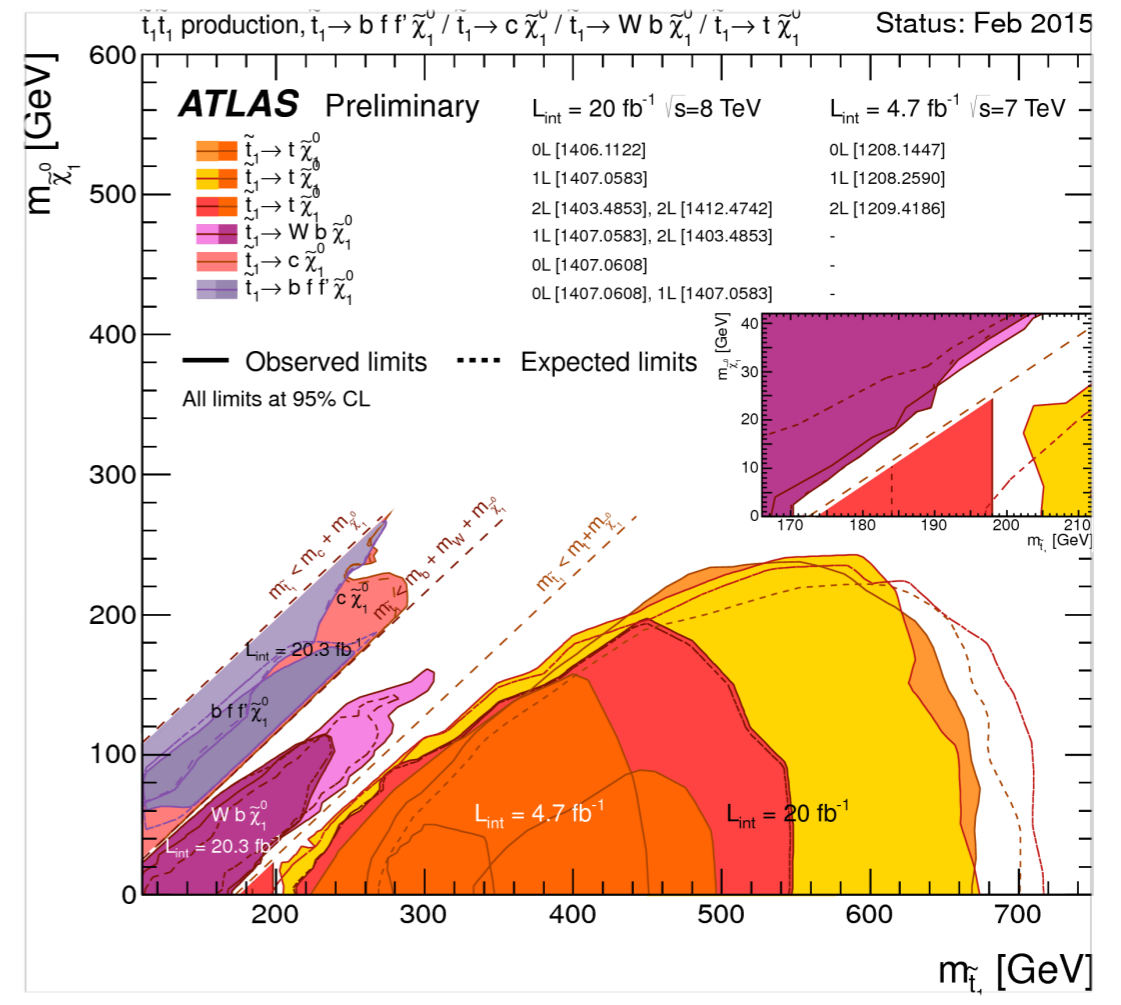
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CheckMate-arXiv:1312.2591



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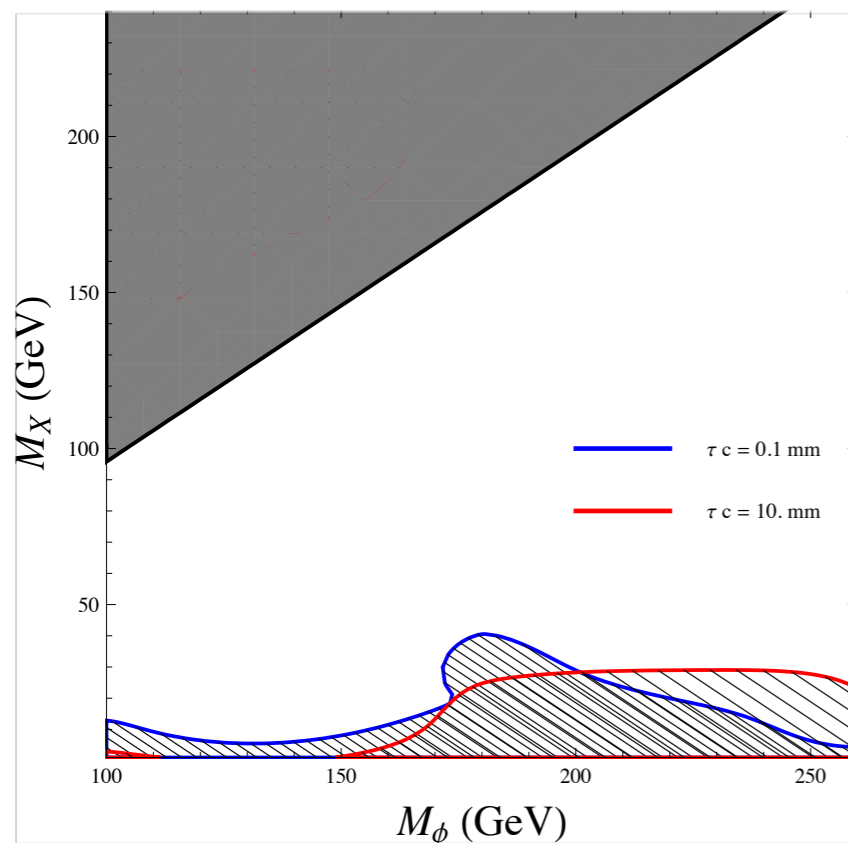


Table 4: Event yields observed in data and fit results with their associated uncertainties in bins of  $H_T$  for events in the signal region that are categorised according to  $n_{\text{jet}}$  and  $n_b$ . The final  $H_T > 375 \text{ GeV}$  bin is inclusive for the  $n_{\text{jet}} \geq 4$  and  $n_b \geq 4$  category.

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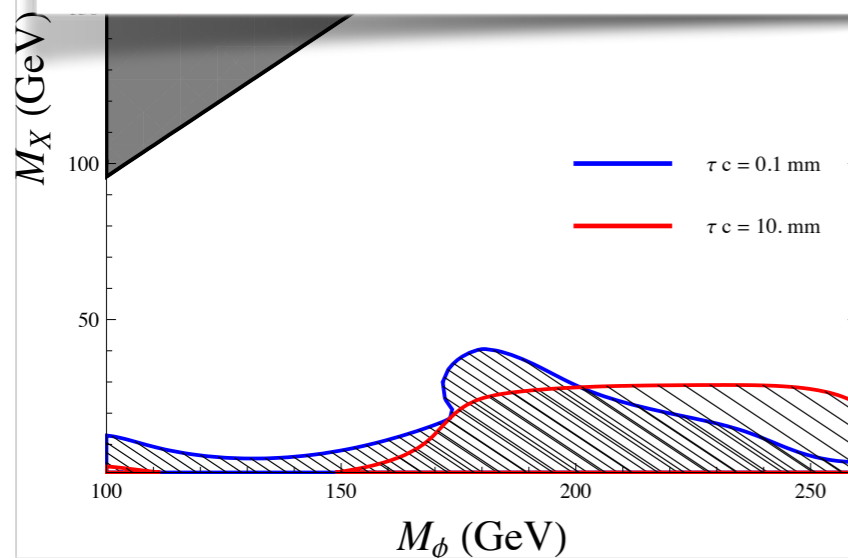


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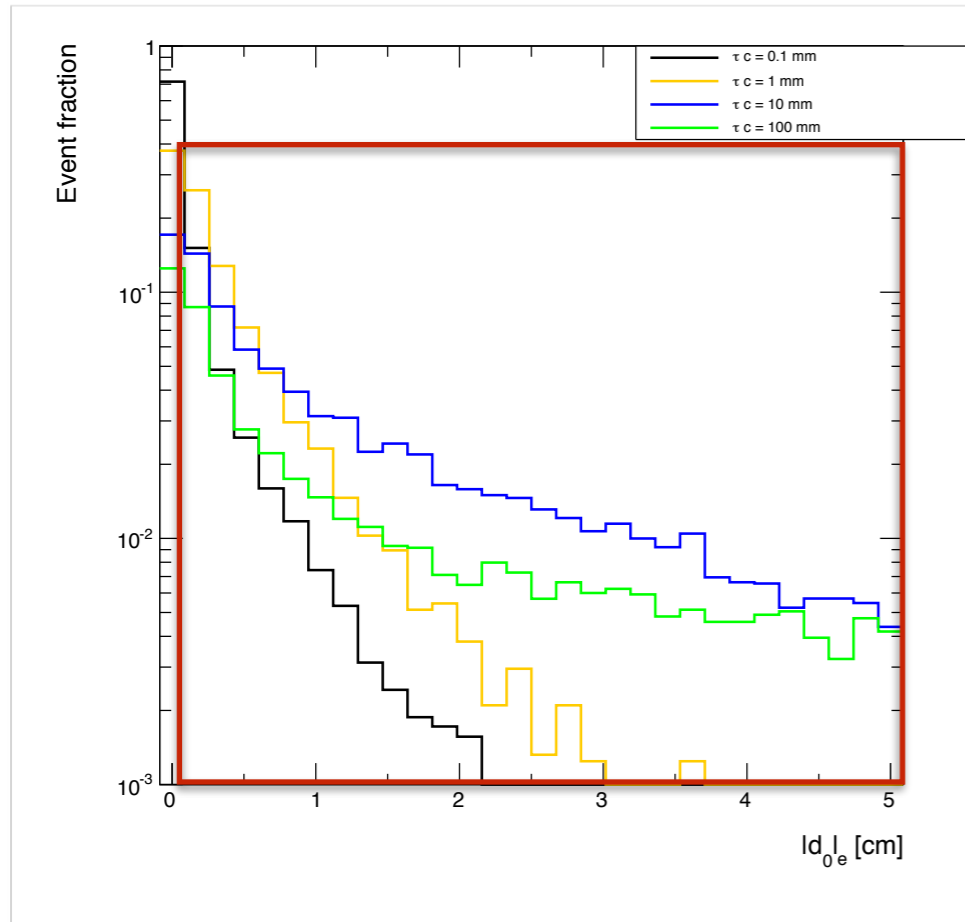
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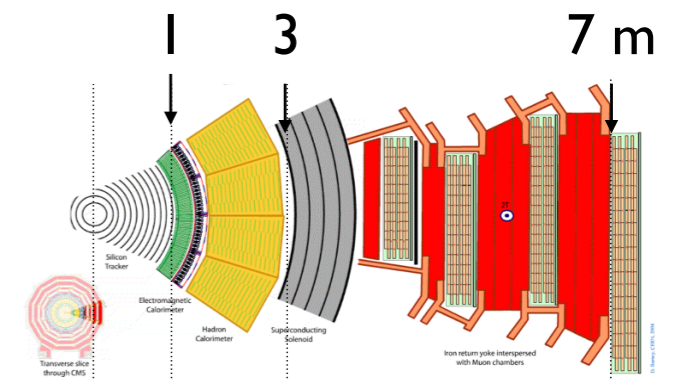


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Many recent results

LL particle may be neutral or charged (or both)



Region of BSM particle decay

displaced jets	NEW!	Phys. Rev. D 91, 012007 (2015) Phys. Lett. B 743, 15 (2015) ATLAS Preliminary
lepton jets		JHEP 11, 088 (2014)
displaced leptons	NEW!	arXiv:1411.6977 & EXO-14-012/PAS Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 061801 (2015)
displaced vertices	NEW!	ATLAS Preliminary (paper in preparation)
displaced / delayed photons		Phys. Rev. D 90, 112005 (2014)
prompt RPV	NEW!	arXiv:1502.05686 & arXiv:1503.04430 ATLAS-CONF-2015-015
stopped particles		Phys. Rev. D 88, 112006 (2013) arXiv:1501.05603
heavy stable charged particles	NEW!	JHEP 07 (2013) 122 JHEP 01, 068 (2015) ATLAS-CONF-2015-013 & ATLAS Preliminary
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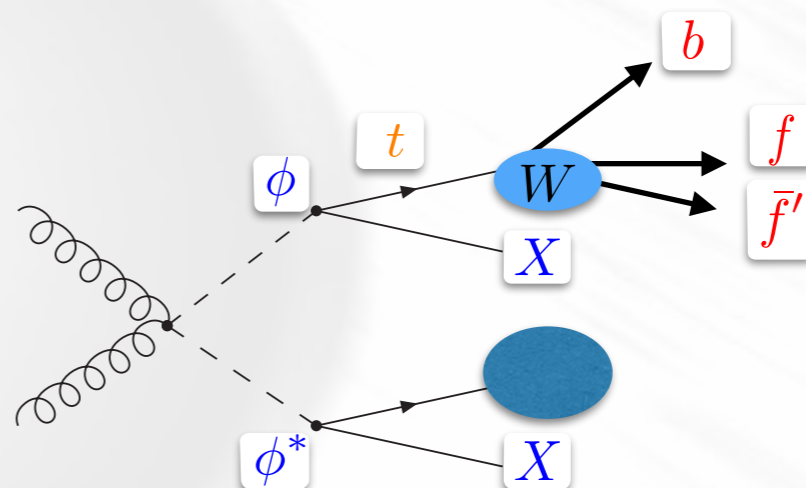
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- Some backgrounds are difficult to simulate... most are data driven...

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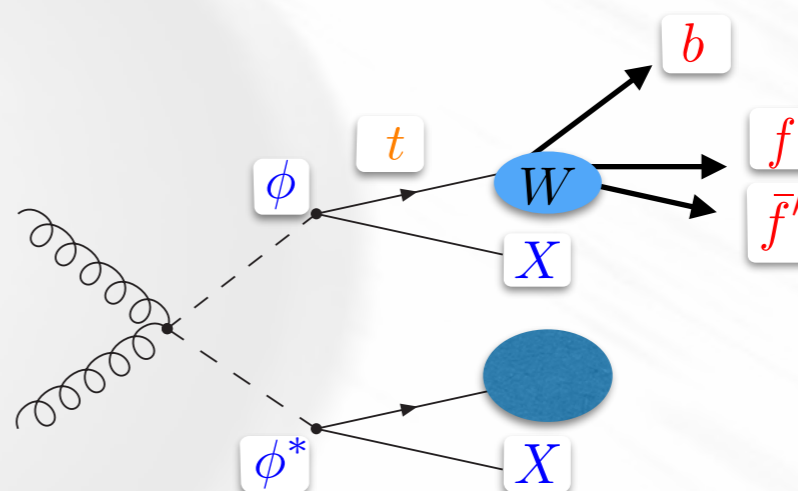
- Search for long-lived neutral particles decaying to quark-antiquark pairs (CMS-EXO-12-038)
  - $H_T > 325 \text{ GeV}$ .
  - Jets with  $p_T > 60 \text{ GeV}$ .
  - At least two jets cannot have more than two tracks with  $|d_0| < 0.3 \text{ mm}$ .
  - No more than 15% of energy is carried away by tracks with impact parameter below 0.5 mm.



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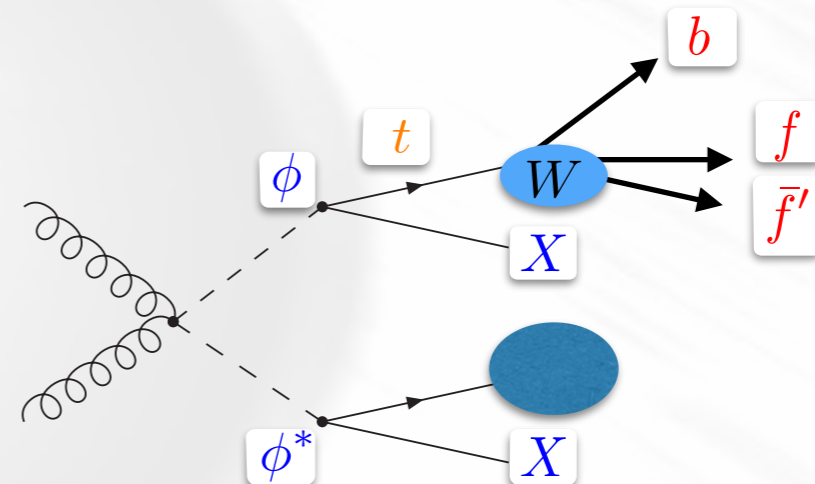
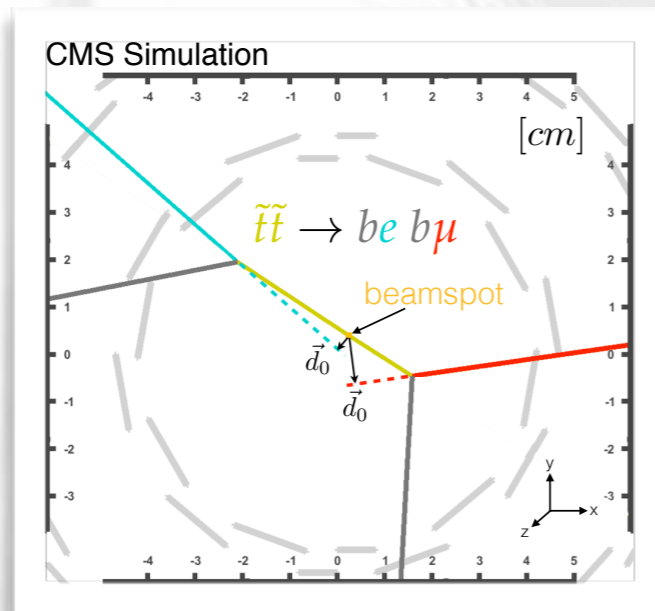
- Search for long-lived heavy particles in final states with a muon and a multitrack displaced vertex (ATLAS-CONF-2013-092)
  - Reconstructed muon with  $p_T > 55$  GeV from a displaced vertex (only muon chamber).
  - $> 4$  tracks from displaced vertex.



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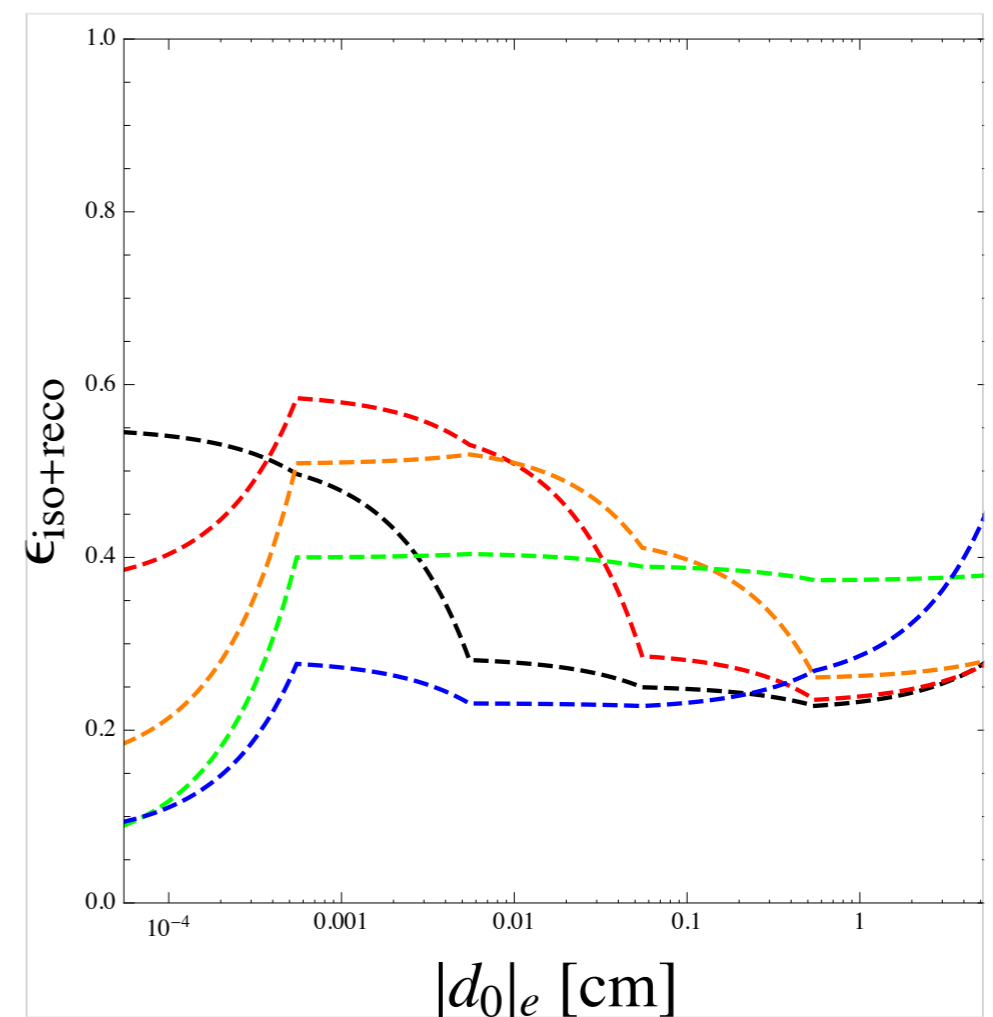
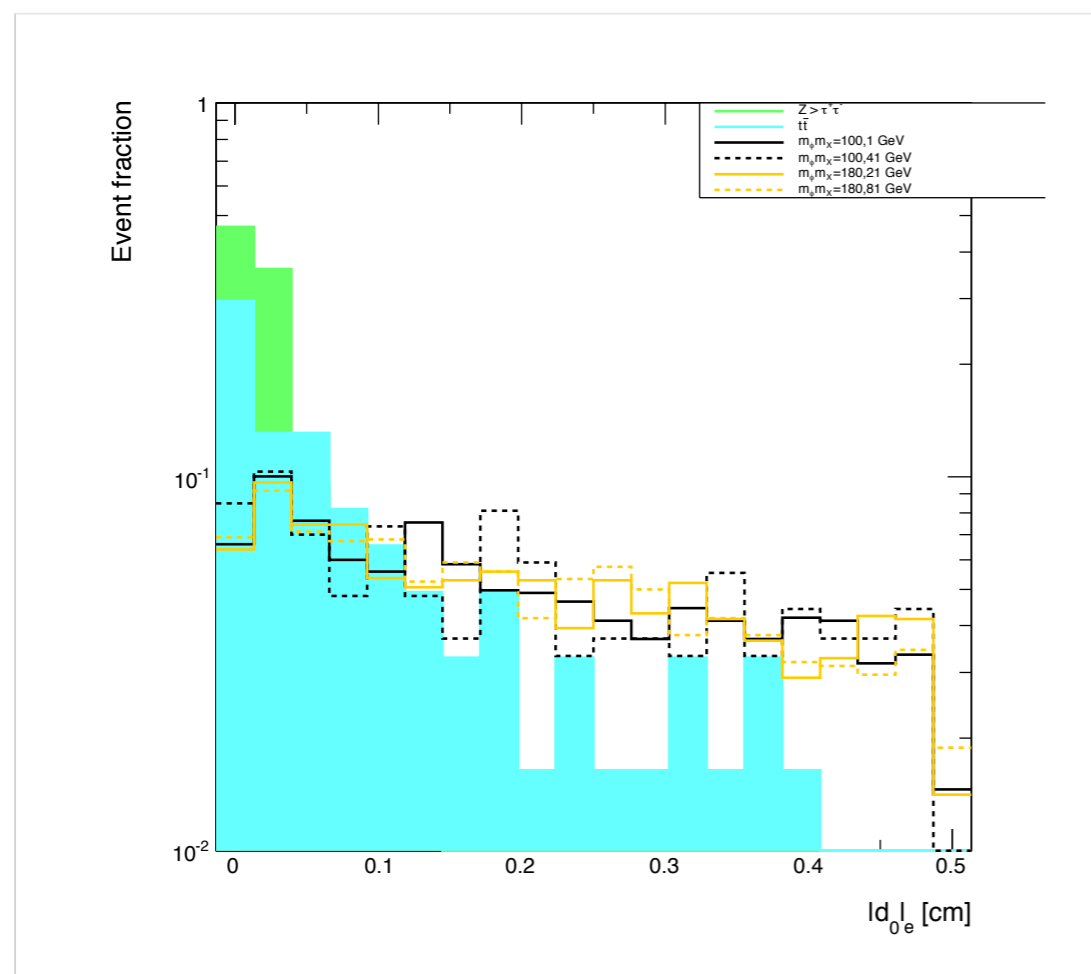
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Total Expected Background	$18.0 \pm 0.5 \pm 3.8$	$1.01 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.30$	$0.051 \pm 0.015 \pm 0.010$
Observed Events	19	0	0
95% $CL_s$	13.68	2.93	2.42

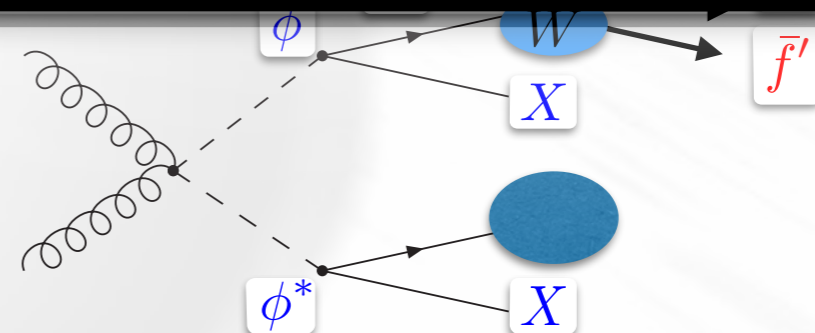
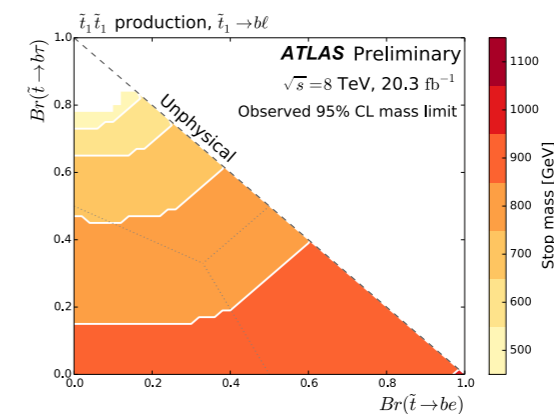
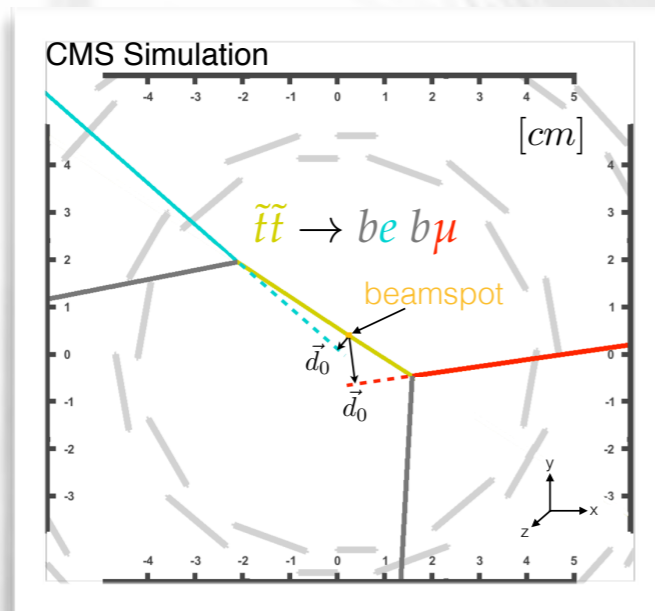


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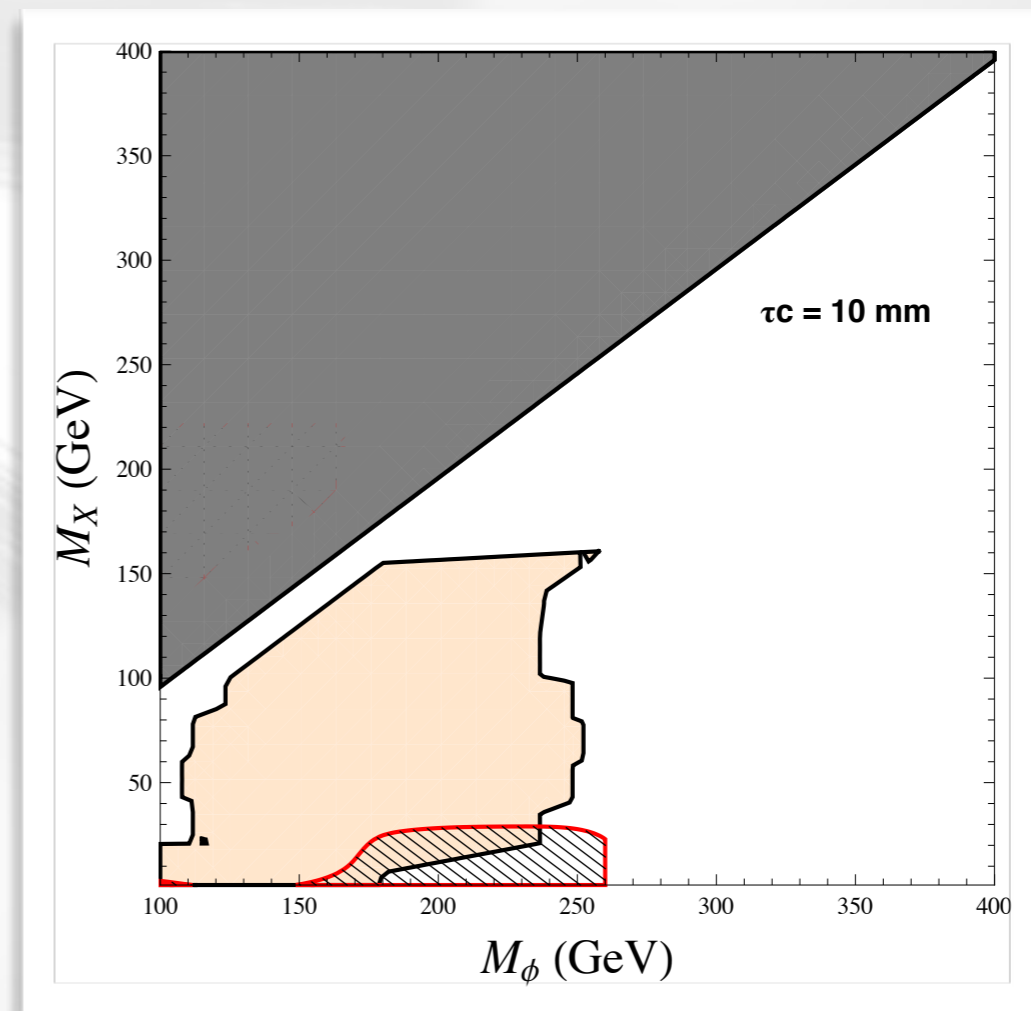
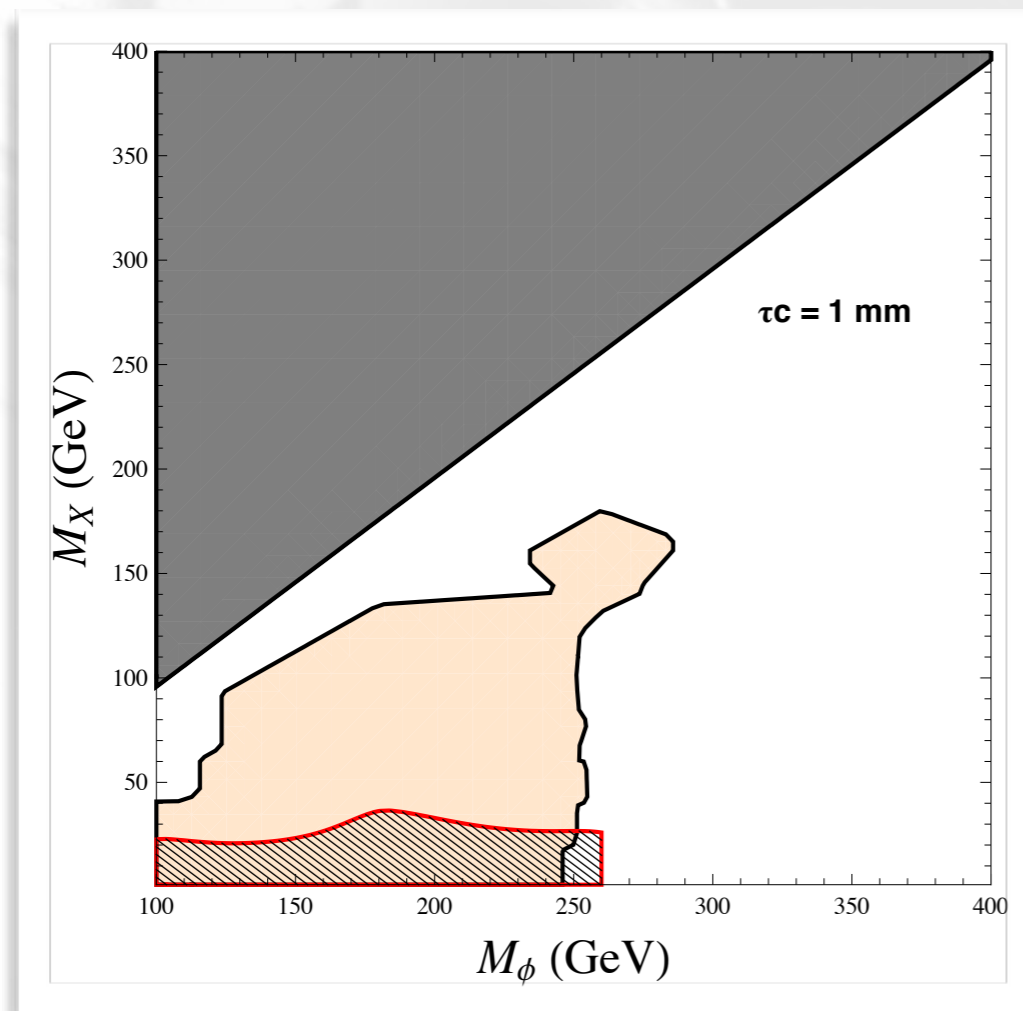


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# 8 TeV Exclusion



- Largest reach from CMS displaced muon and electron search...





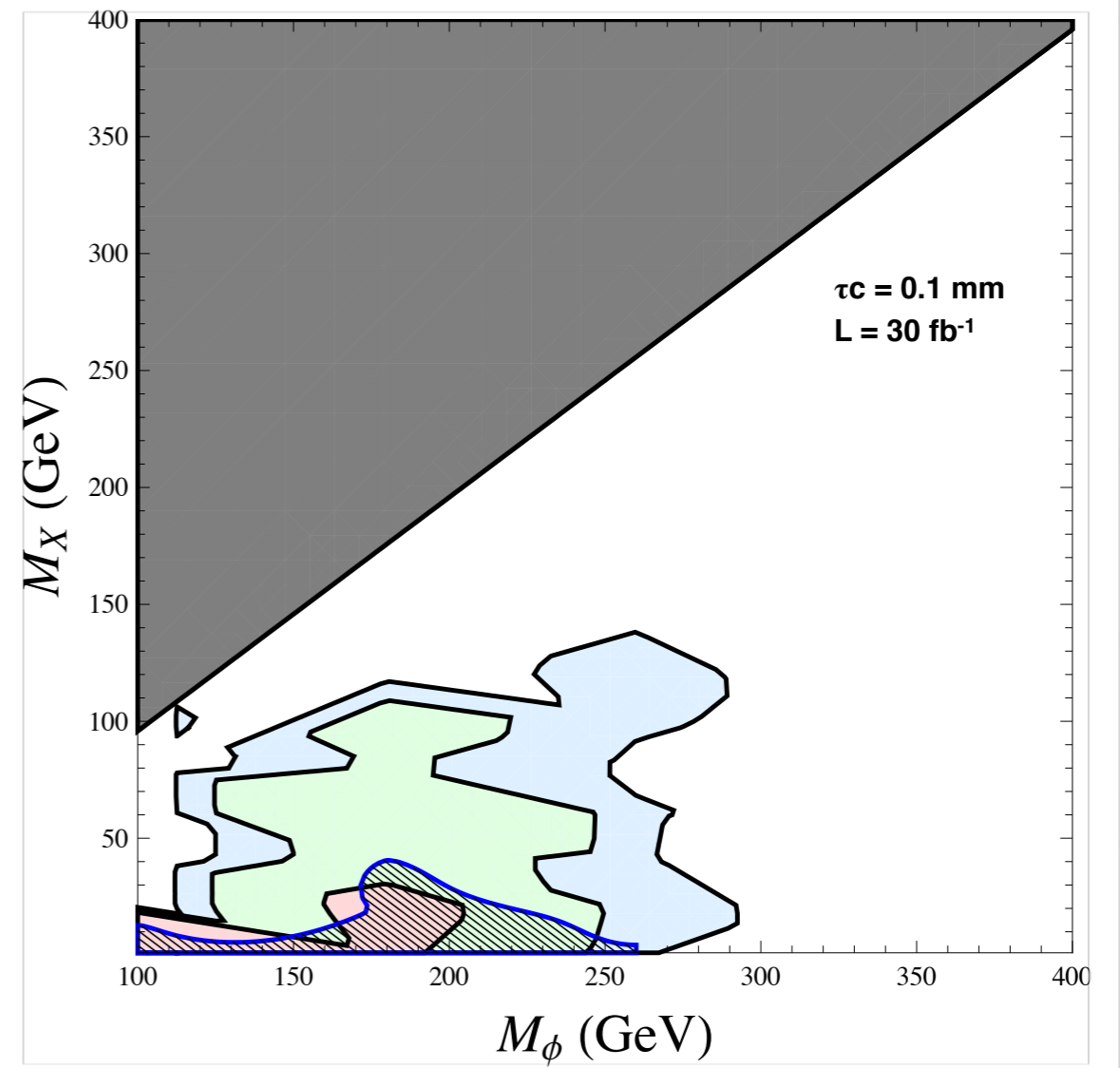
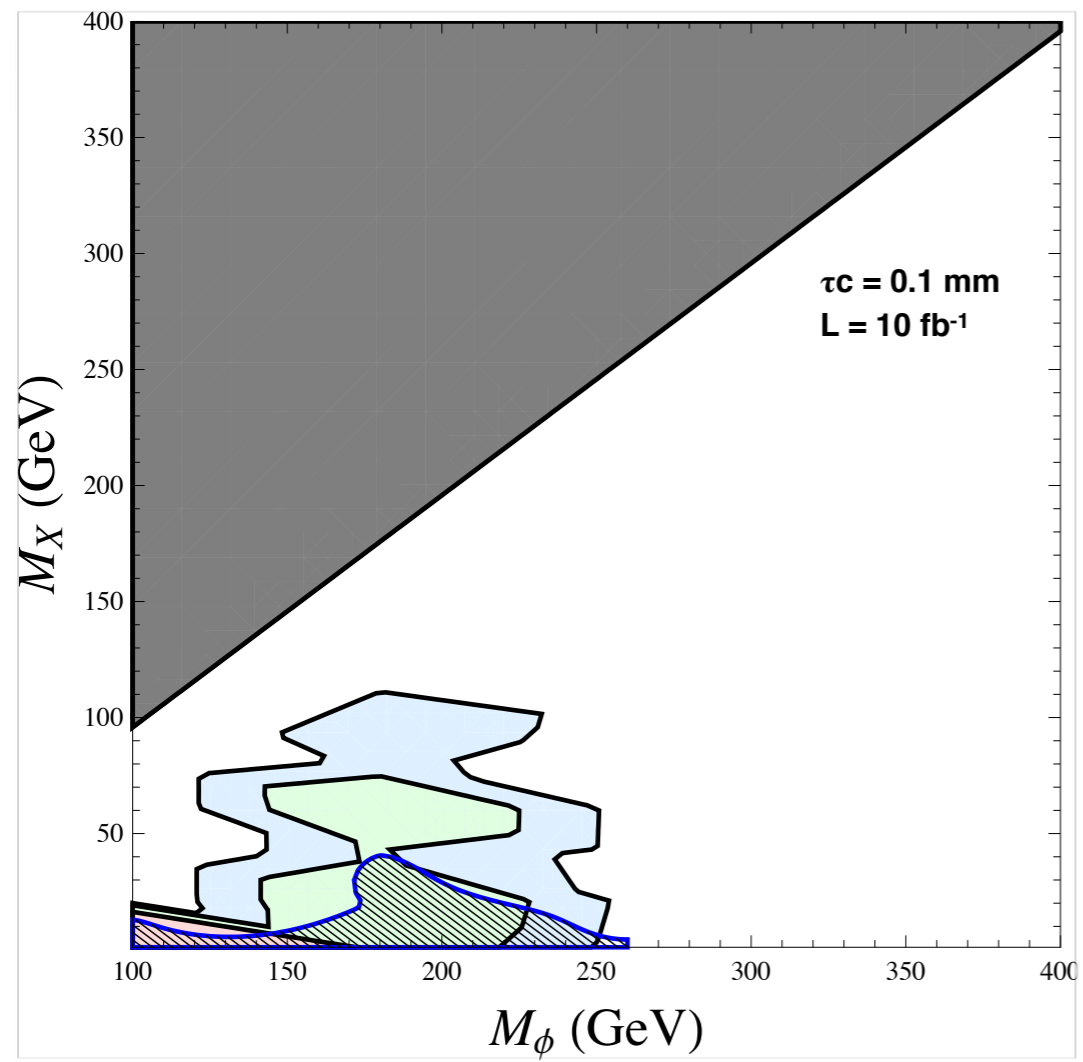
- Region of interest is one where both prompt and long-lived searches seem to fail...
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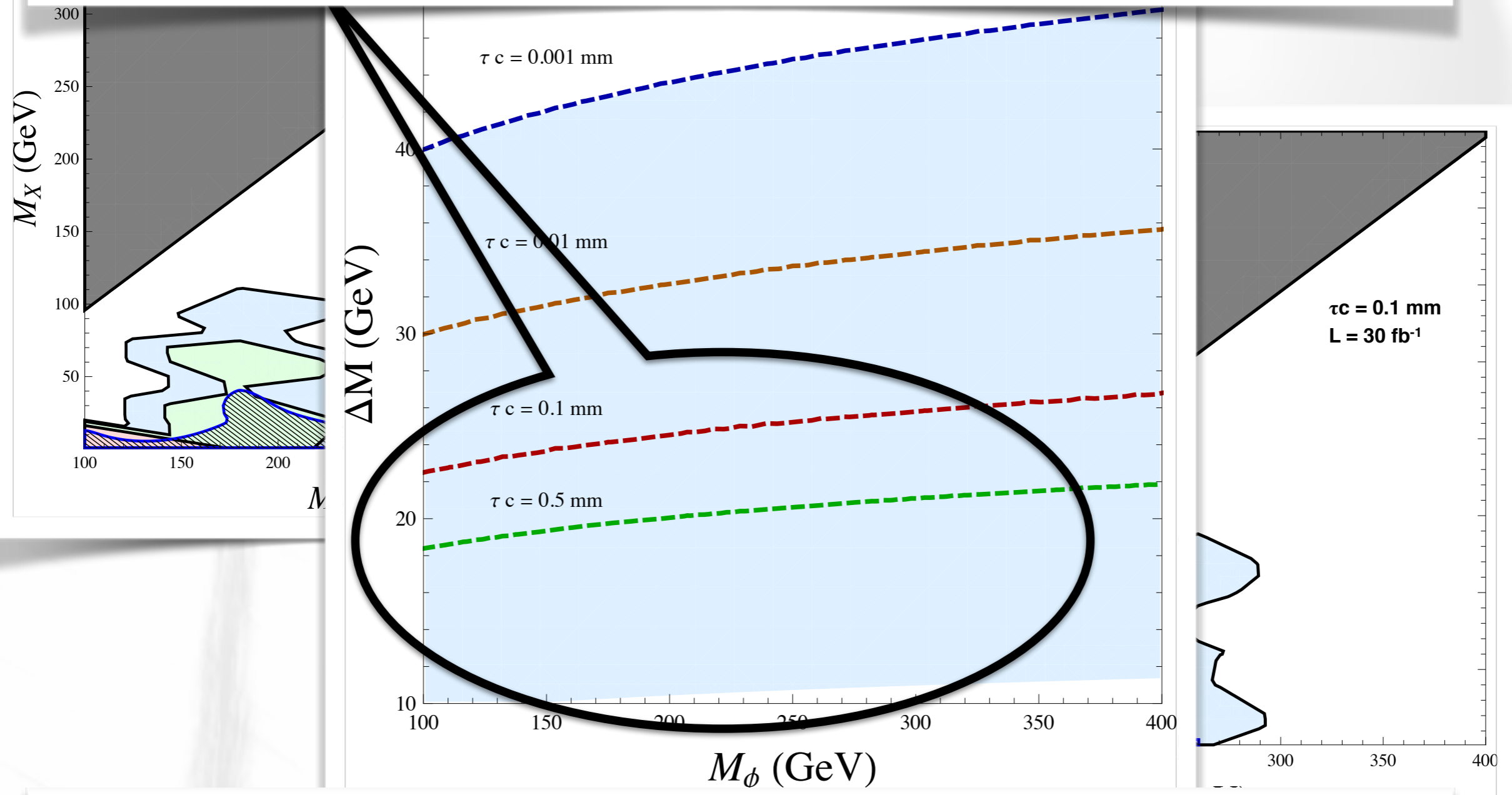
- Apply same lepton criteria but require enough MET to suppress QCD background from mis-reconstructed jets...
- Require one b-jet; further suppress Z to  $\tau\tau$ . Signal is lost as well...

<i>b</i> -jet	$\cancel{E}_T$ (GeV)	$ d_0 _\mu$ (cm)	$\sigma_{Zj}$ (pb)	$\sigma_{signal}$ (pb)	$\frac{N_{signal}}{\sqrt{N_{signal}+N_{background}}}$
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-	> 50	$0.01 <  d_0  < 0.1$	0.46	$5.48 \times 10^{-3}$	0.79, 1.37, 4.35
-	> 100	$0.01 <  d_0  < 0.1$	$5.52 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.71 \times 10^{-3}$	1.89, 3.25, 10.29
1	> 50	$0.01 <  d_0  < 0.1$	$4.73 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.42 \times 10^{-4}$	1.18, 2.04, 6.47
1	> 100	$0.01 <  d_0  < 0.1$	$3.94 \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 0$	—





- Direct sensitivity to a light stop with decay length in the heavy-flavor range.



- Light stop window of the NMSSM with two-body FV decay with  $\Theta_{tc} \sim 10^{-5}$ .

## Summary



- Long-lived particles appear in a large class of models.
- Decays in the tracker range from prompt-sensitive to the need for specialized triggers.
- Existing long-lived searches are signature driven.
- Exciting opportunities for recasting and new proposals for Run II.
- However, to enhance efficiencies, we to better trigger on displaced particles (decay products).



## Summary II



- Light stop window of MSSM not necessarily dead for masses below 200 GeV.
- New exotic hadrons can be expected...