

Searching for **Long-Lived Particles**  
at the LHC

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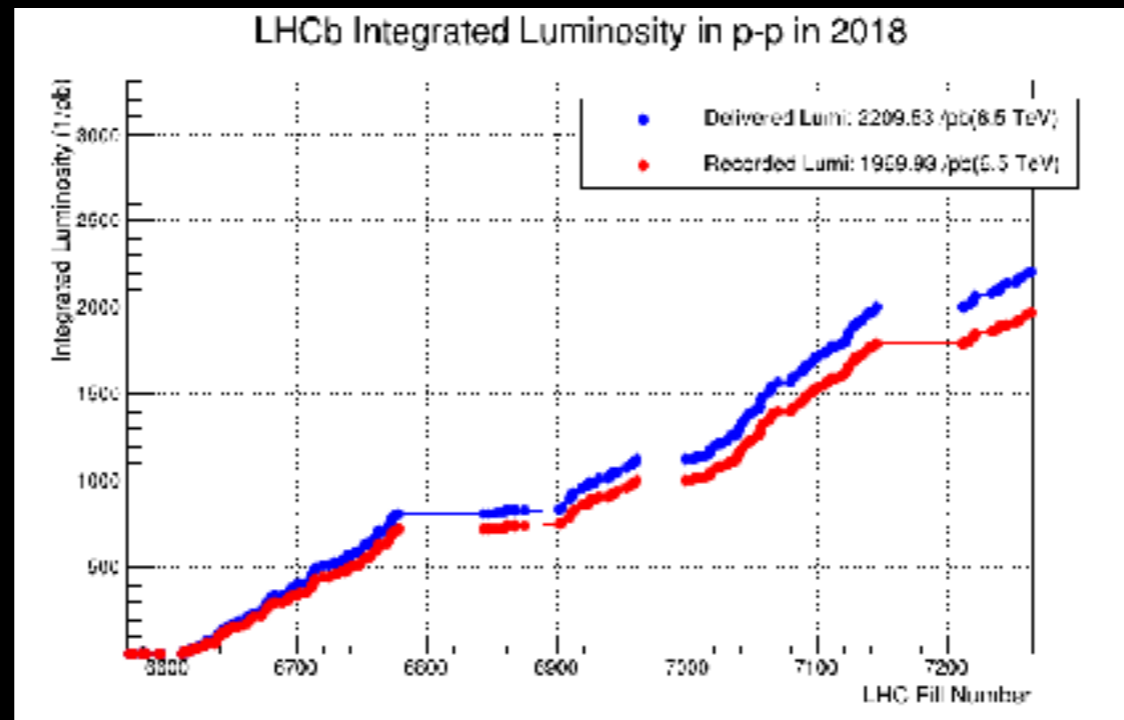
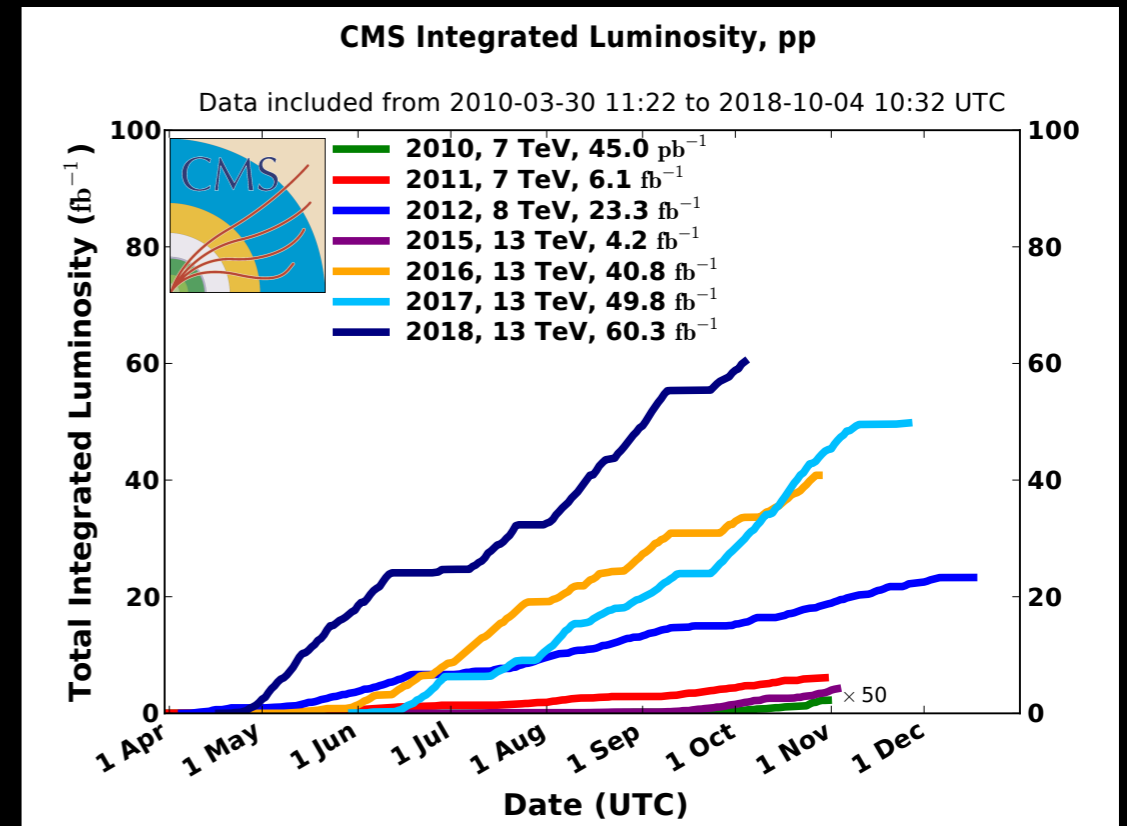
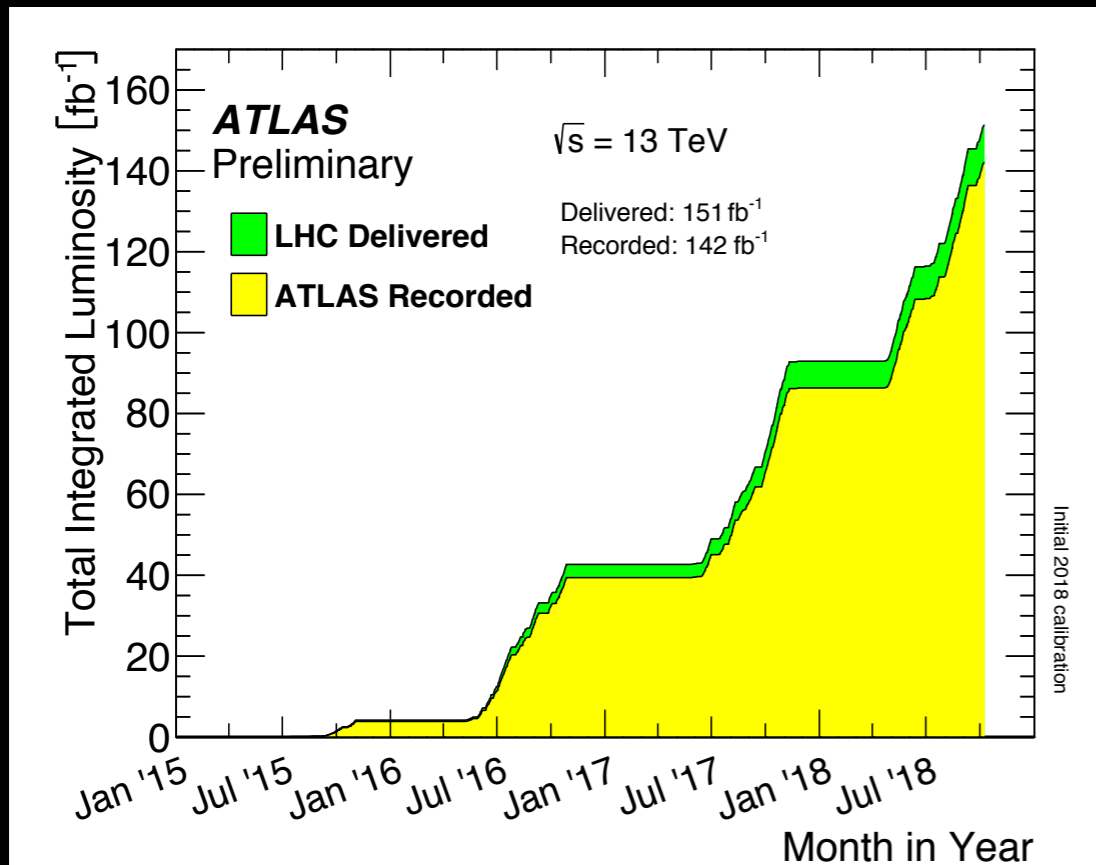
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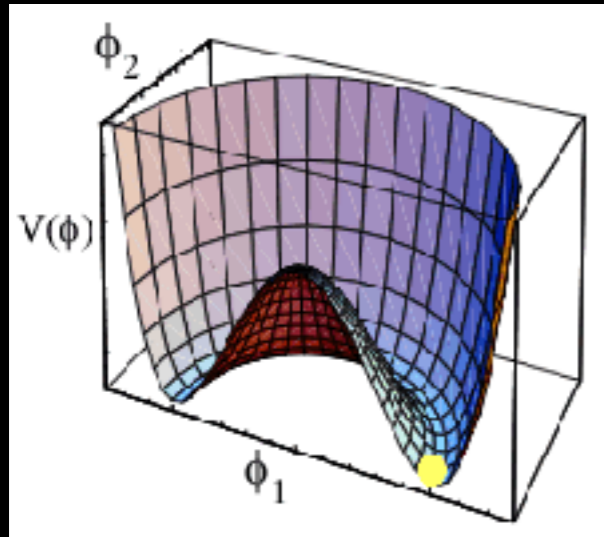
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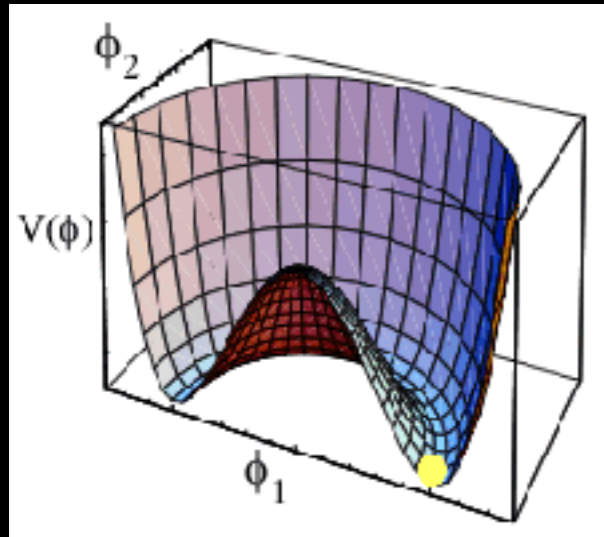
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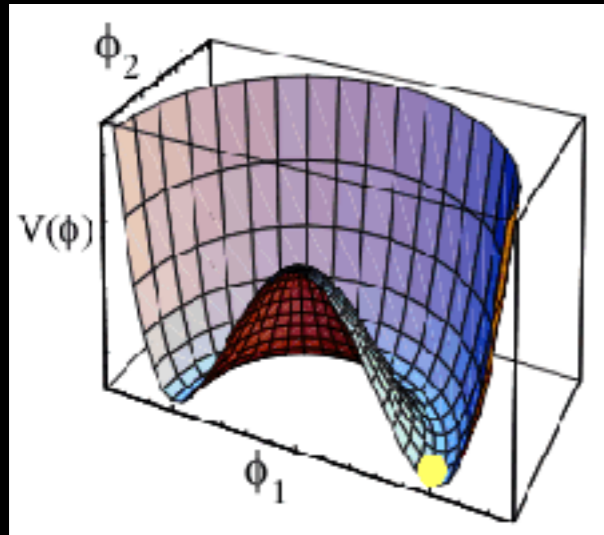
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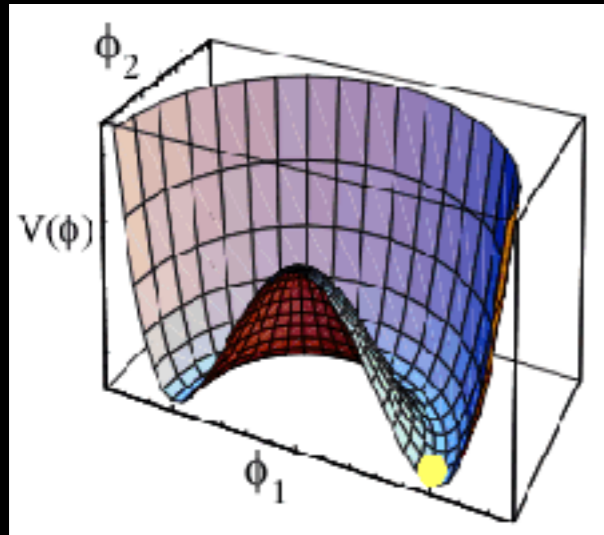
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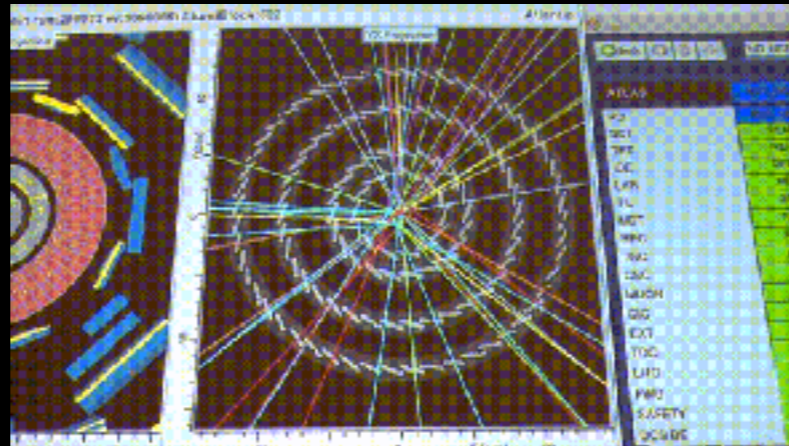
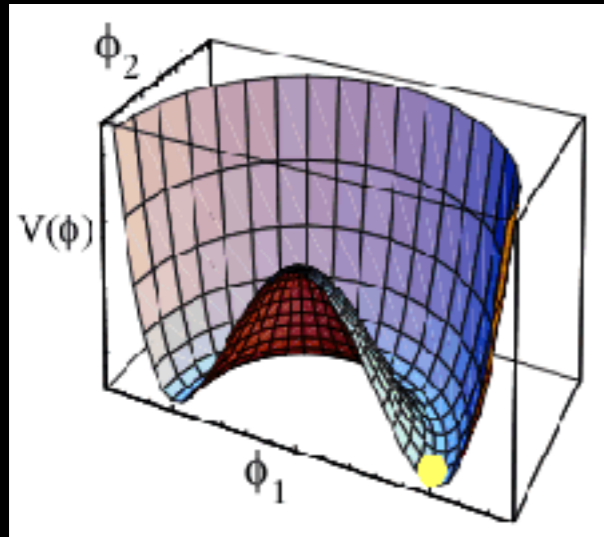


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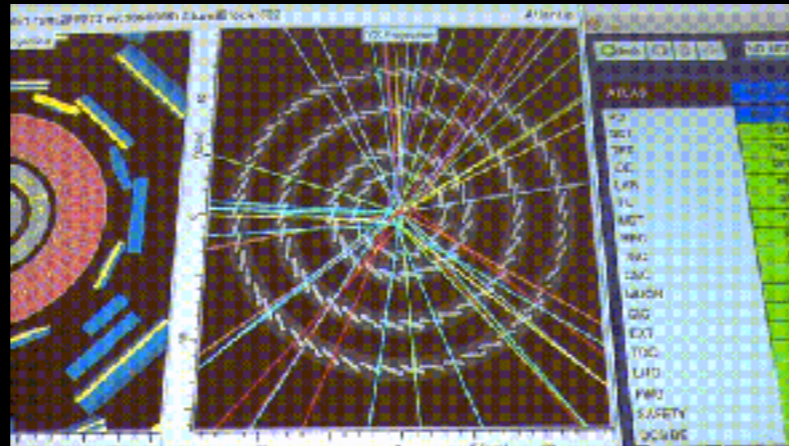
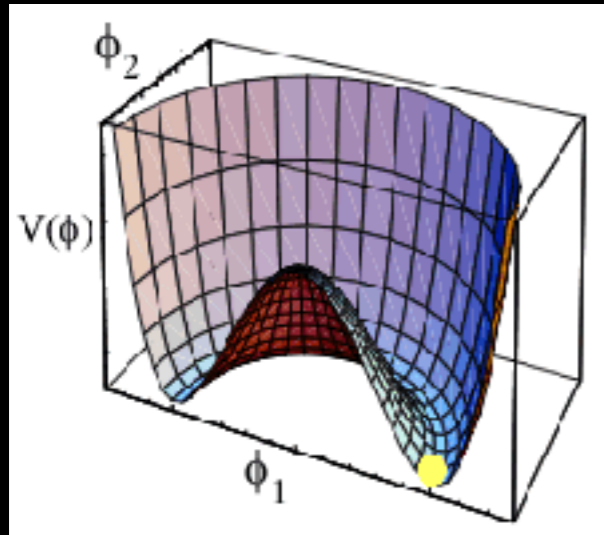
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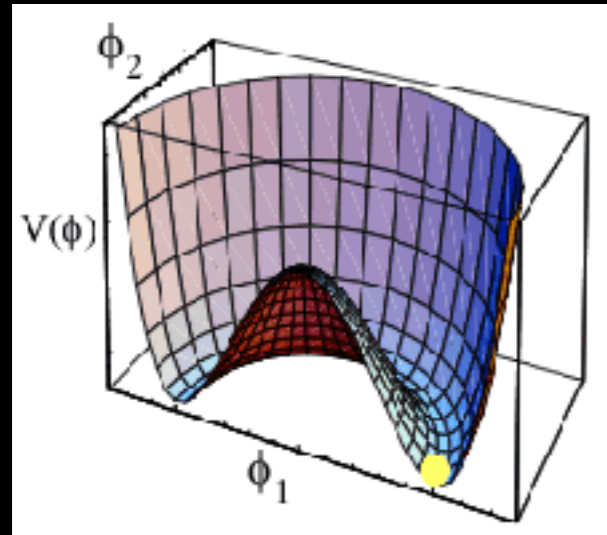
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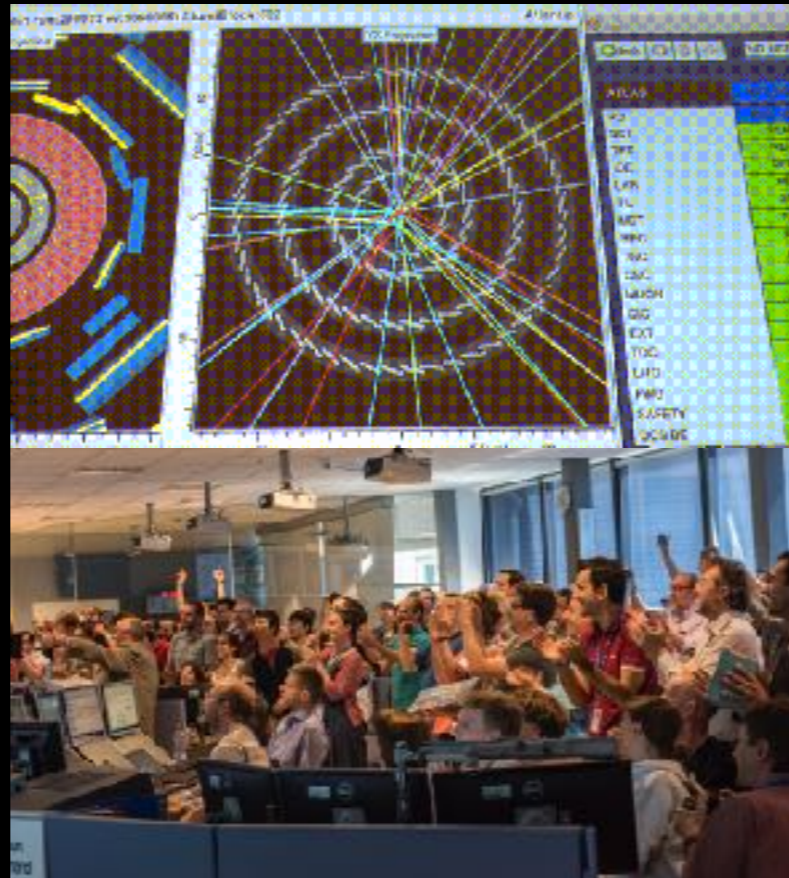
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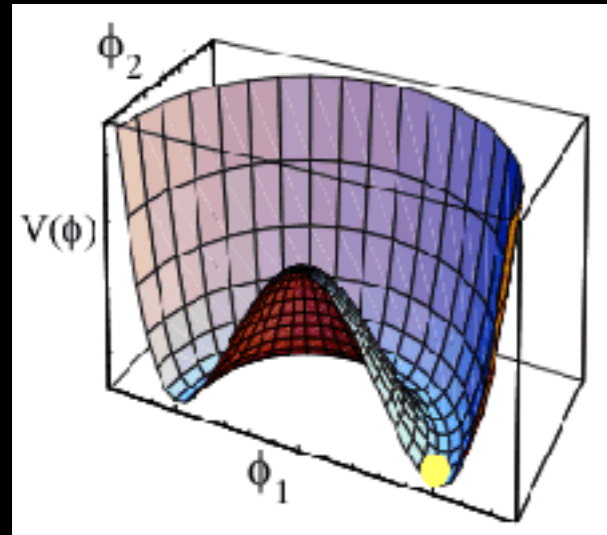
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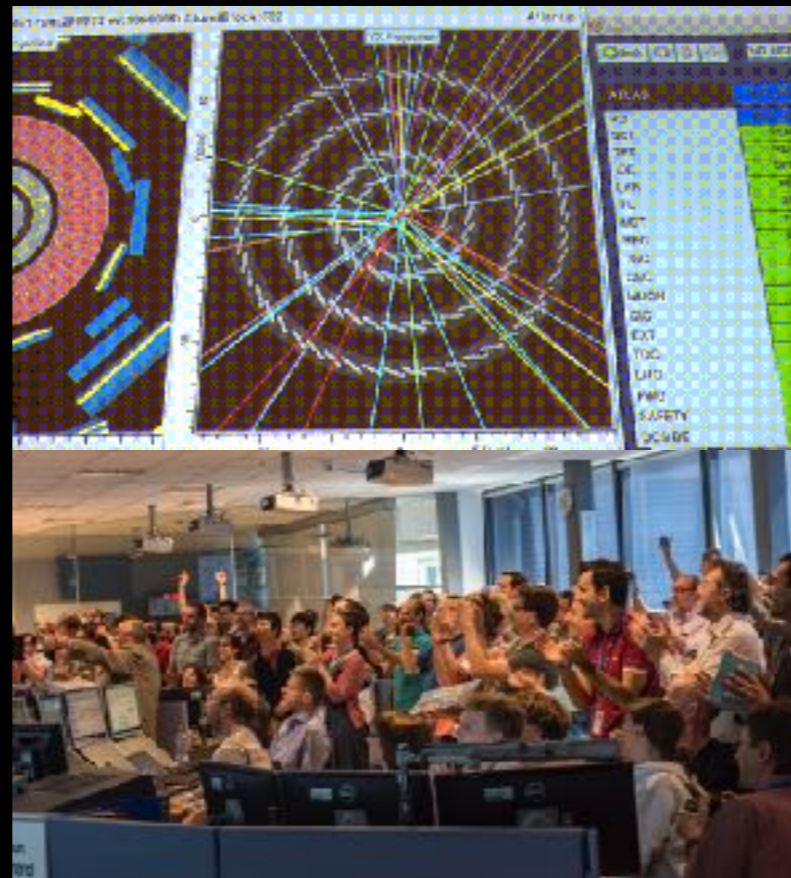


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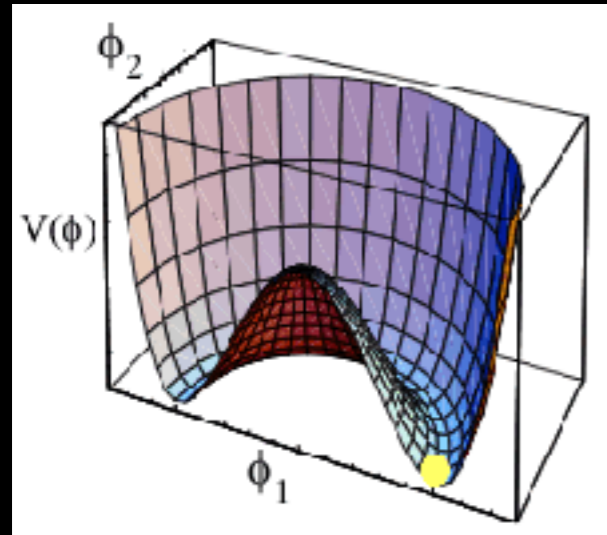


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- If natural, what new physics/symmetry governs this?
- Does it regularize divergent  $V_L V_L$  cross-section at high  $m_{V_L V_L}$ ? Or new dynamics?
- Elementary or composite Higgs?
- Is it alone or does the Higgs have siblings and cousins?
- Origin of couplings to fermions?
- Coupling to dark matter?
- Connection to hidden sectors?
- Does it violate CP?
- Cosmological EW phase transition?

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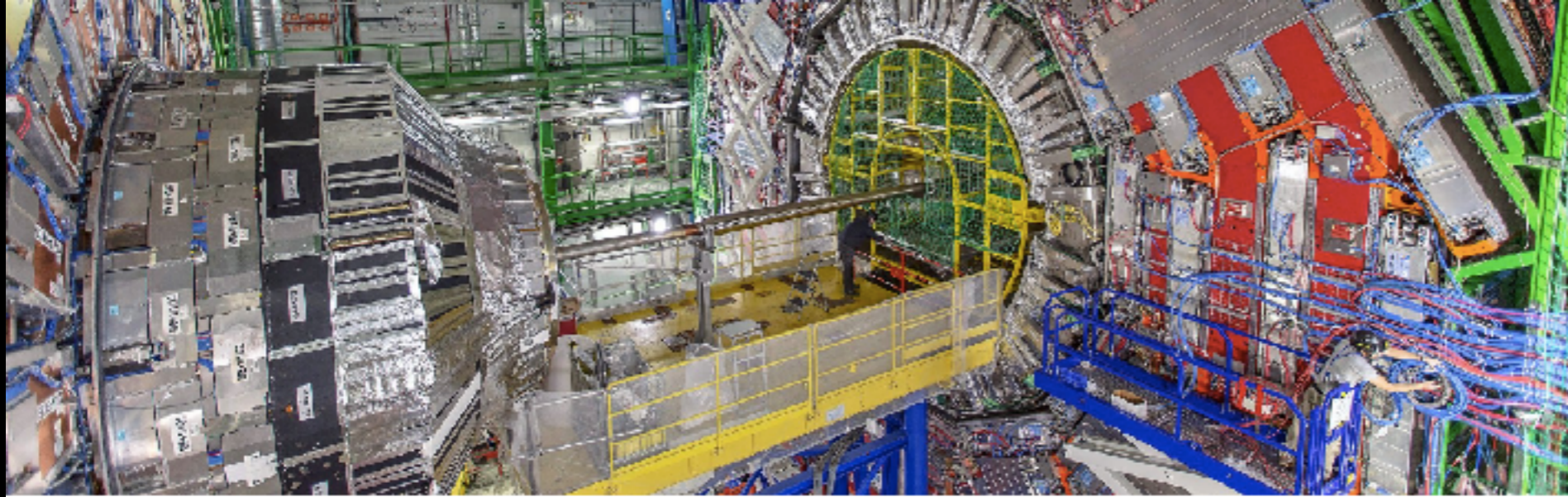
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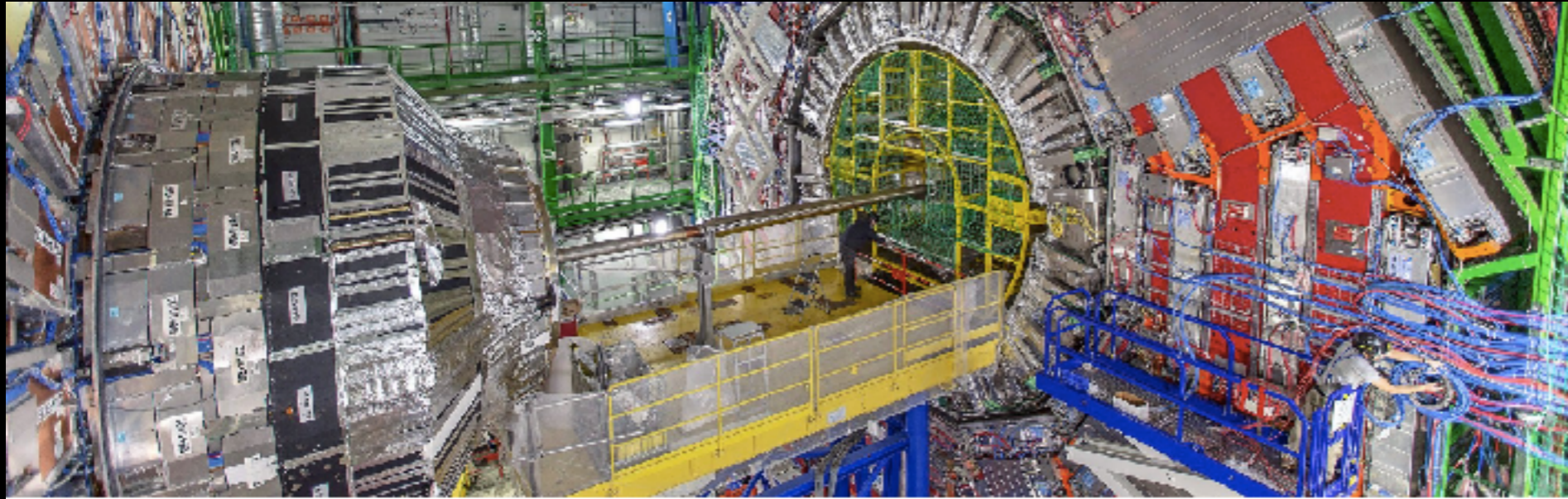
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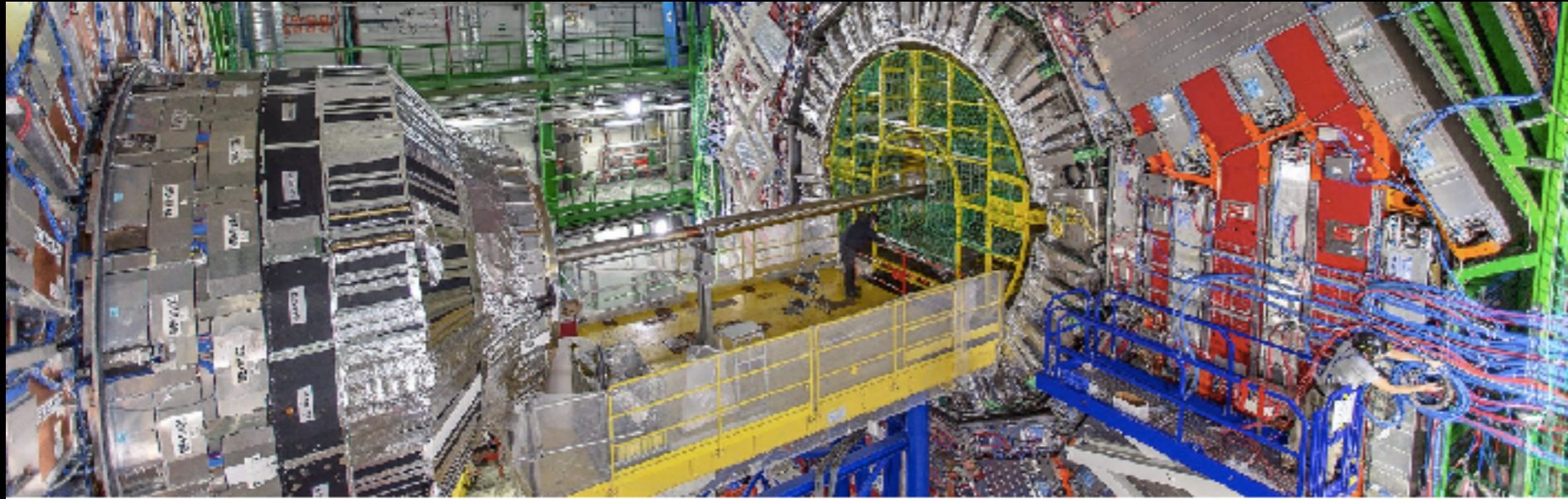
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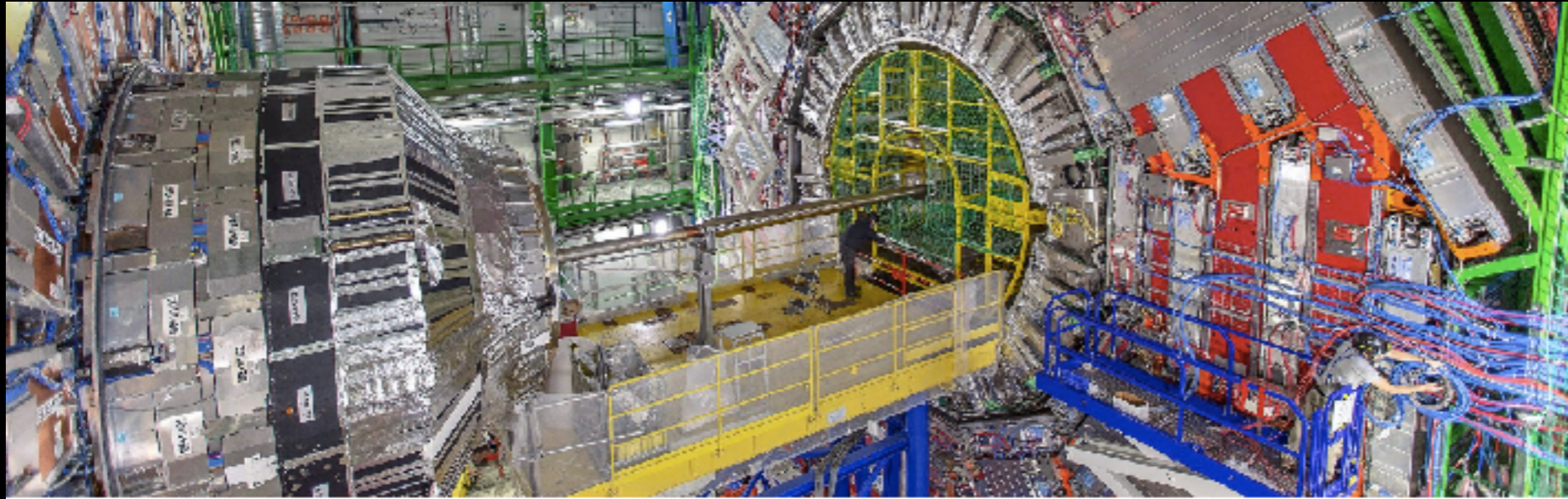
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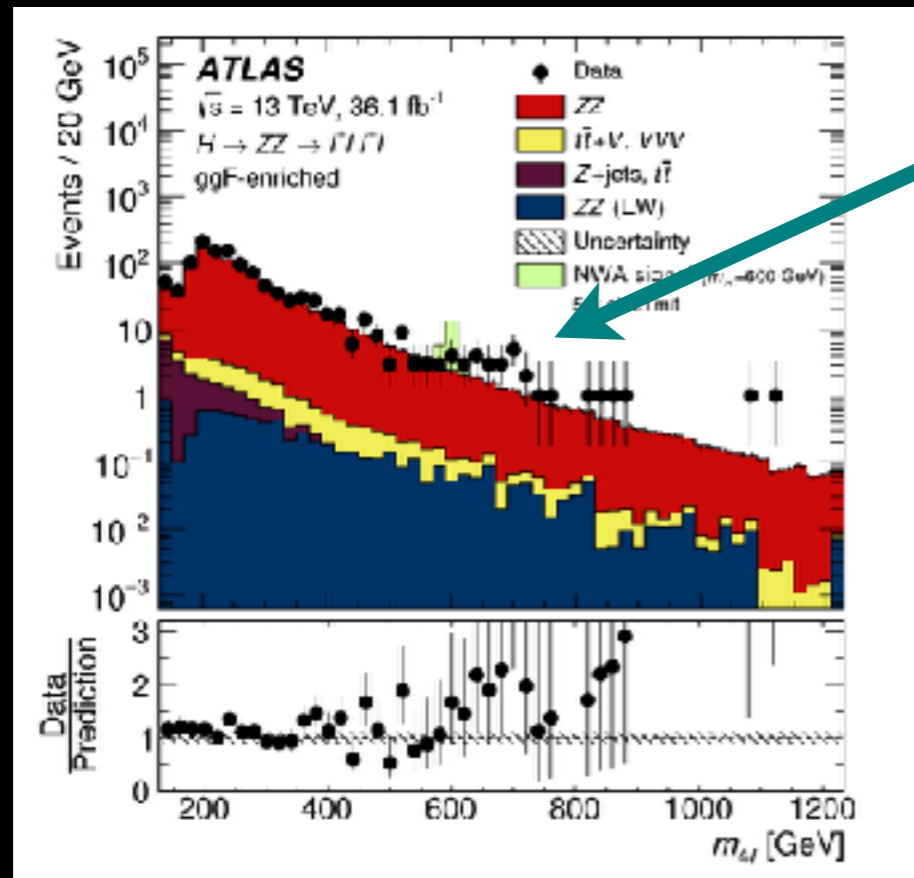
Well said  
Lots of good ideas there but I have to get off my airplane now  
Dennis

Sent from my iPhone

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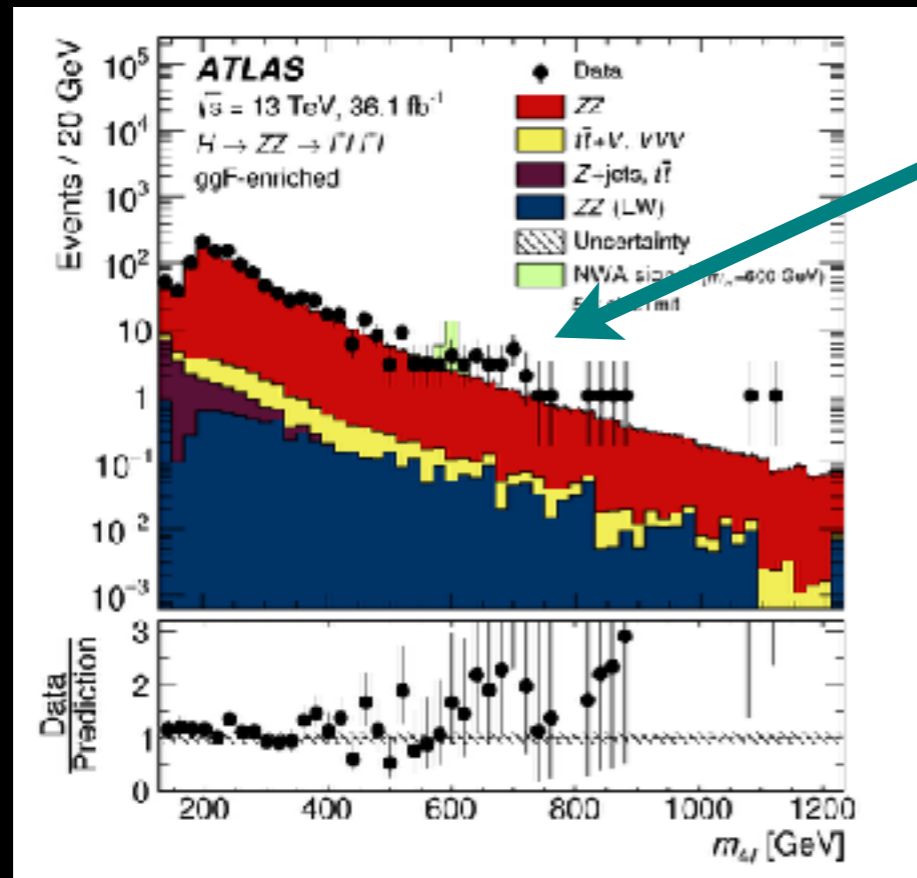
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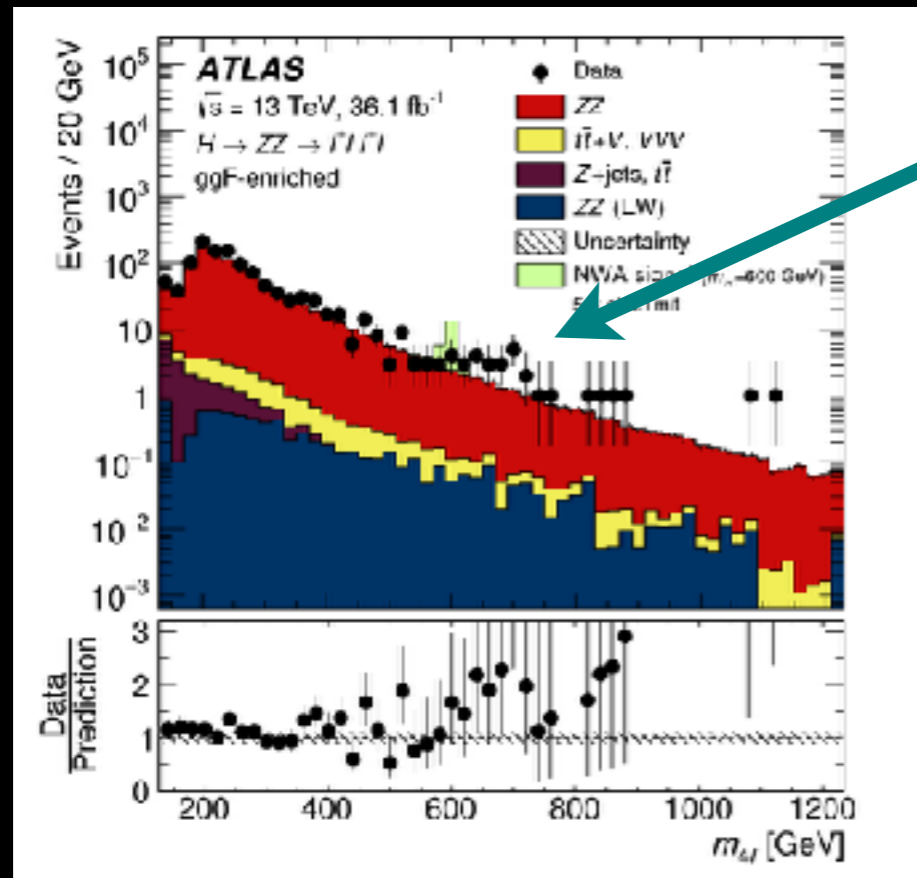
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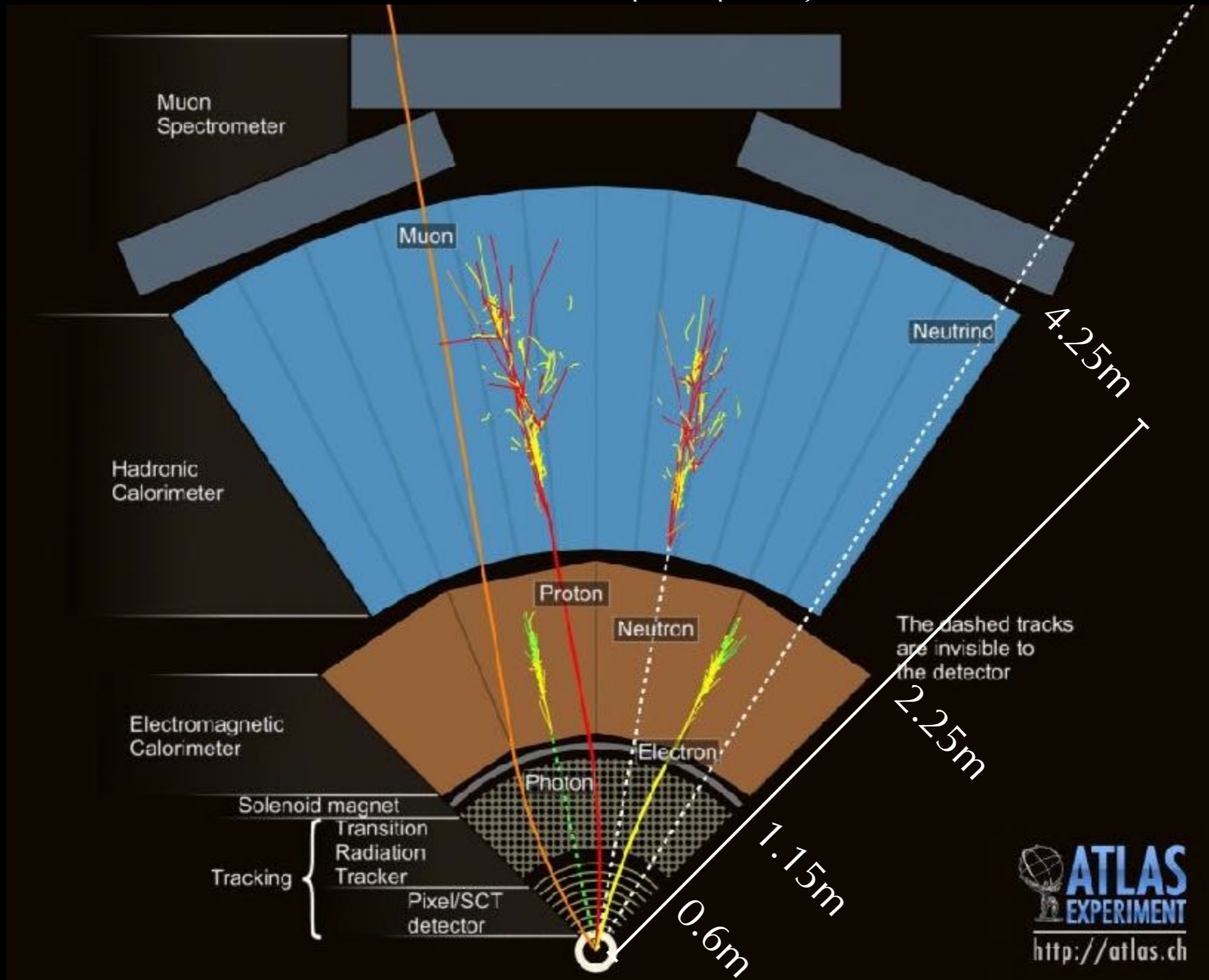
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We would certainly love some old-school theoretical guidance, but we don't really have it (WIMP dark matter in tension, lack of plain vanilla SUSY, lack of twenty-jet events filled with strong gravity, etc.)

Where could the new physics be hiding? What are we marginalizing?

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What we want:

- To reduce to negligible the chance that we'll miss new physics at the LHC

What we have:

- The most sophisticated general-purpose detectors ever built at the highest  $pp$   $\sqrt{s}$  ever used

Shift from **model-first / signature-second** to **signature-first / model-second** mindset





# Where is new physics at the LHC?

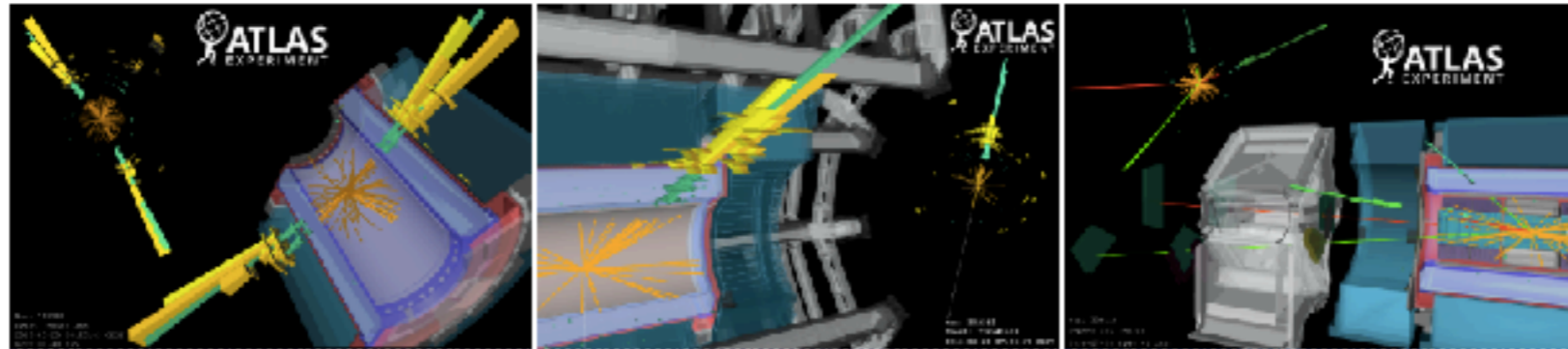


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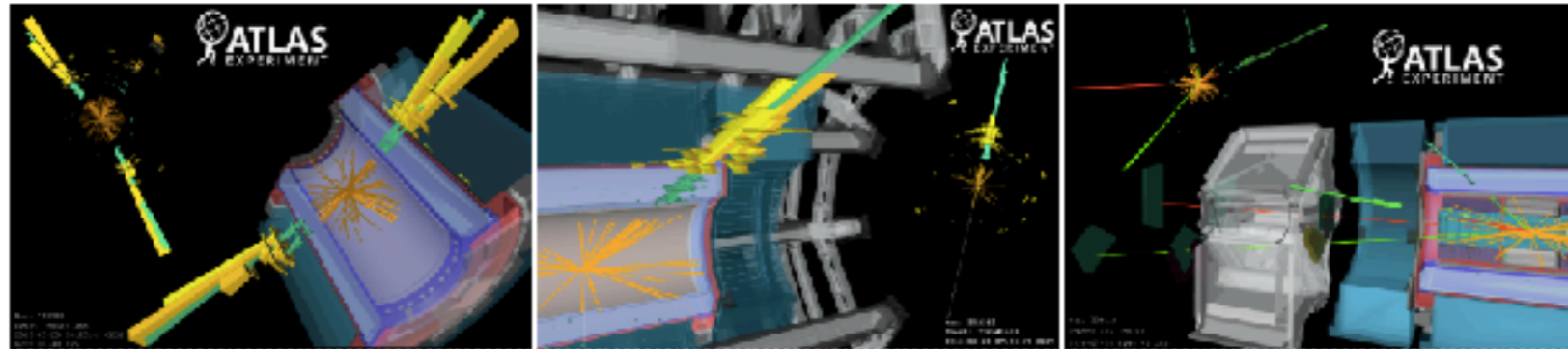


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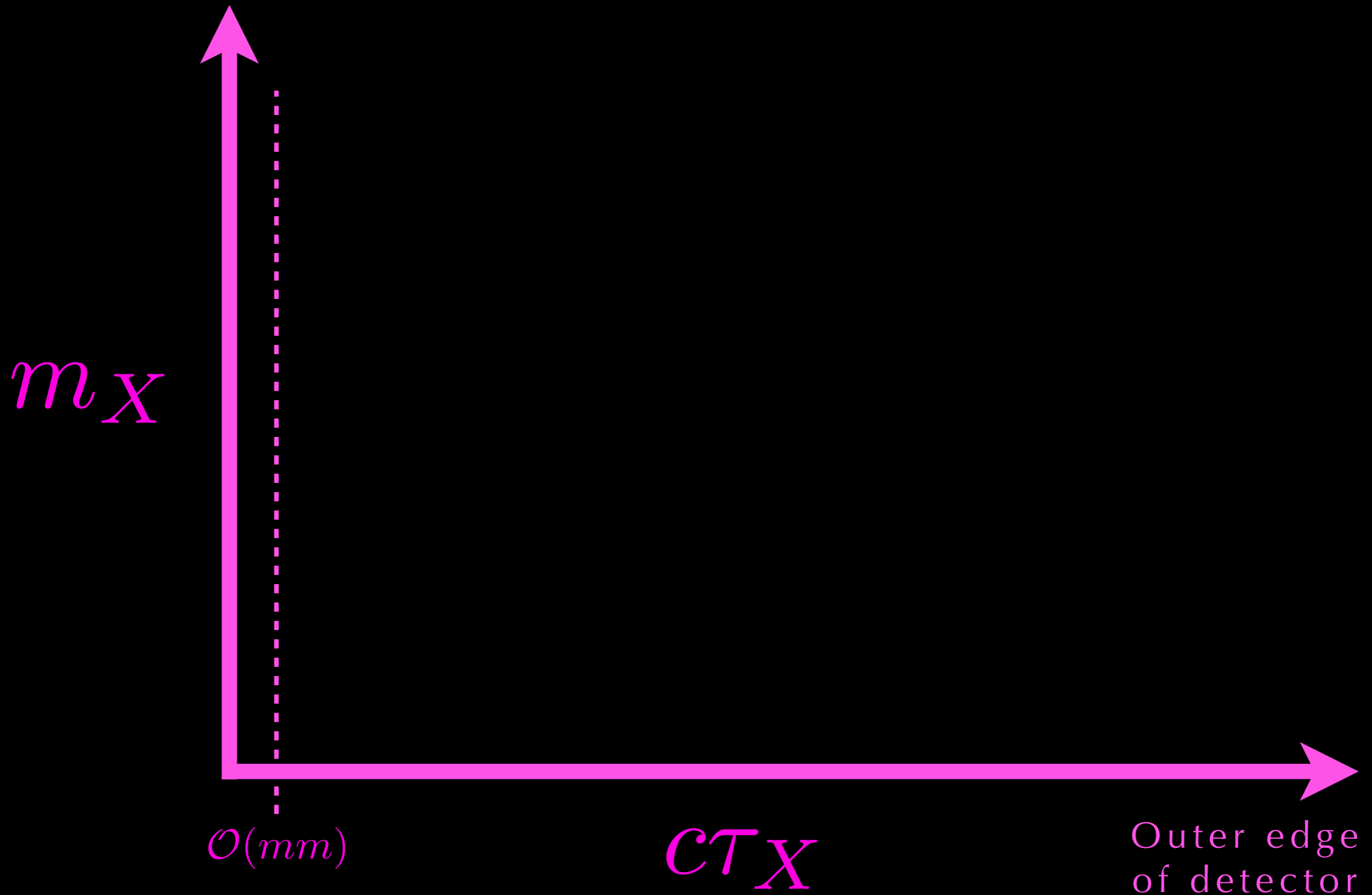
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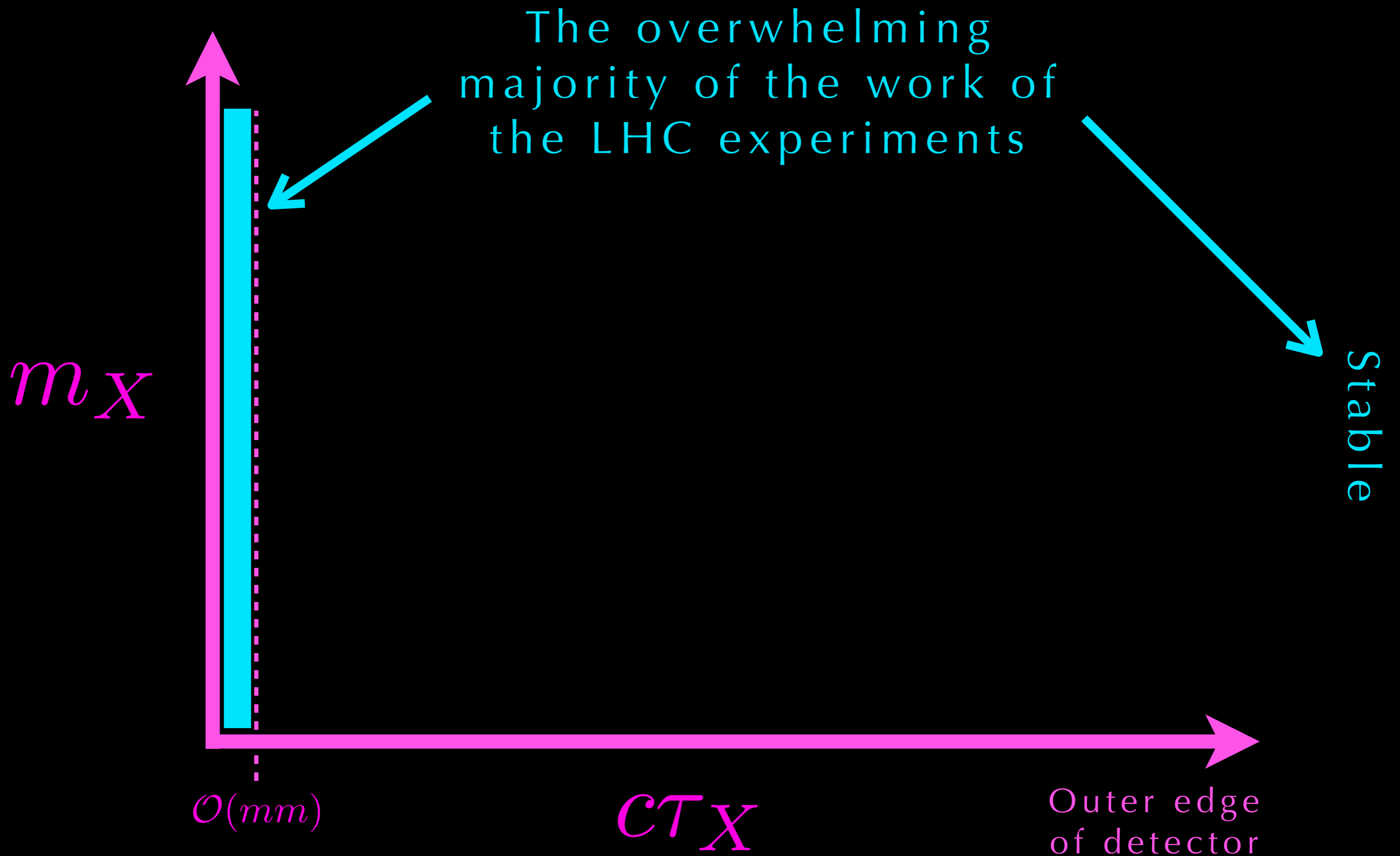
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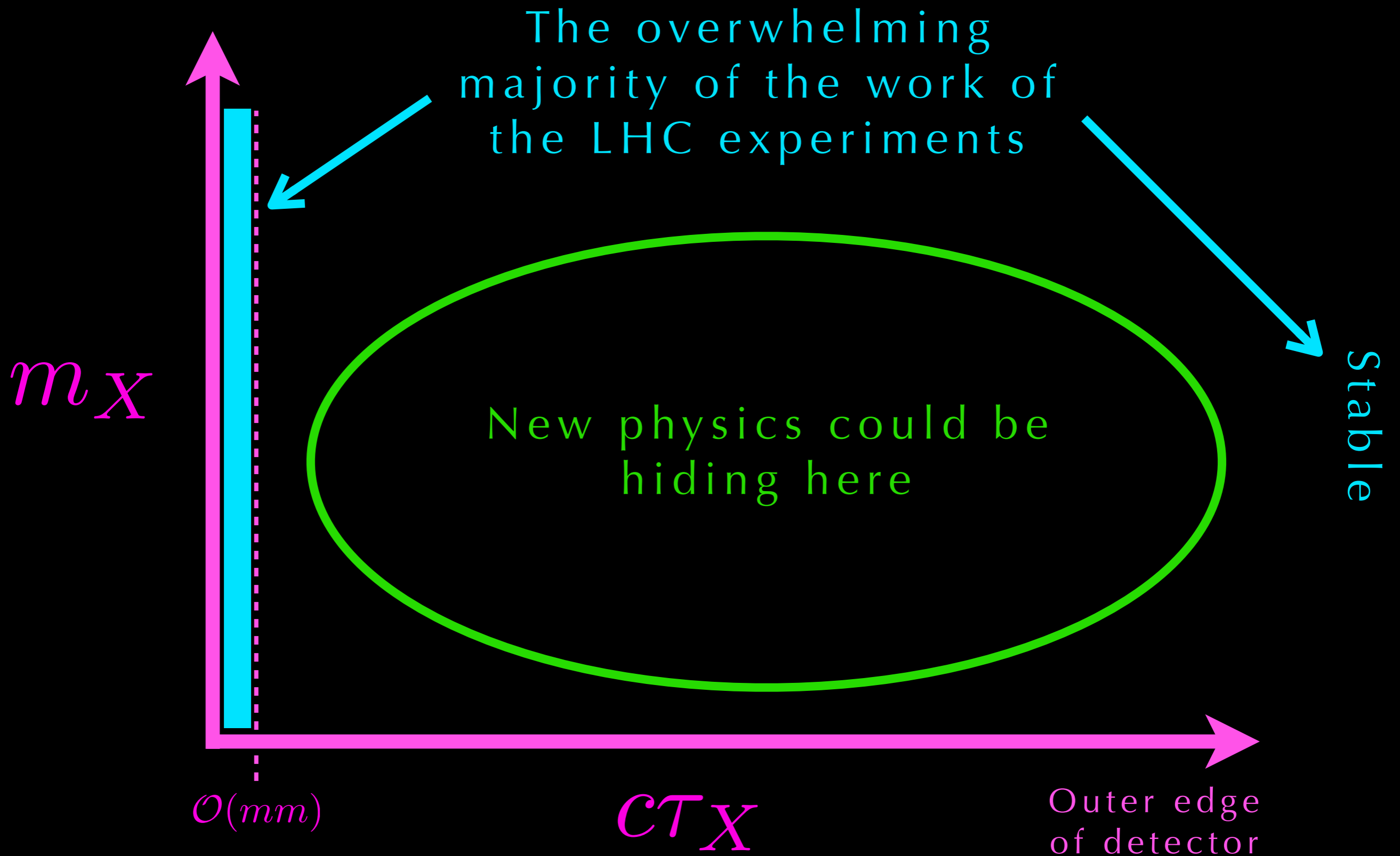
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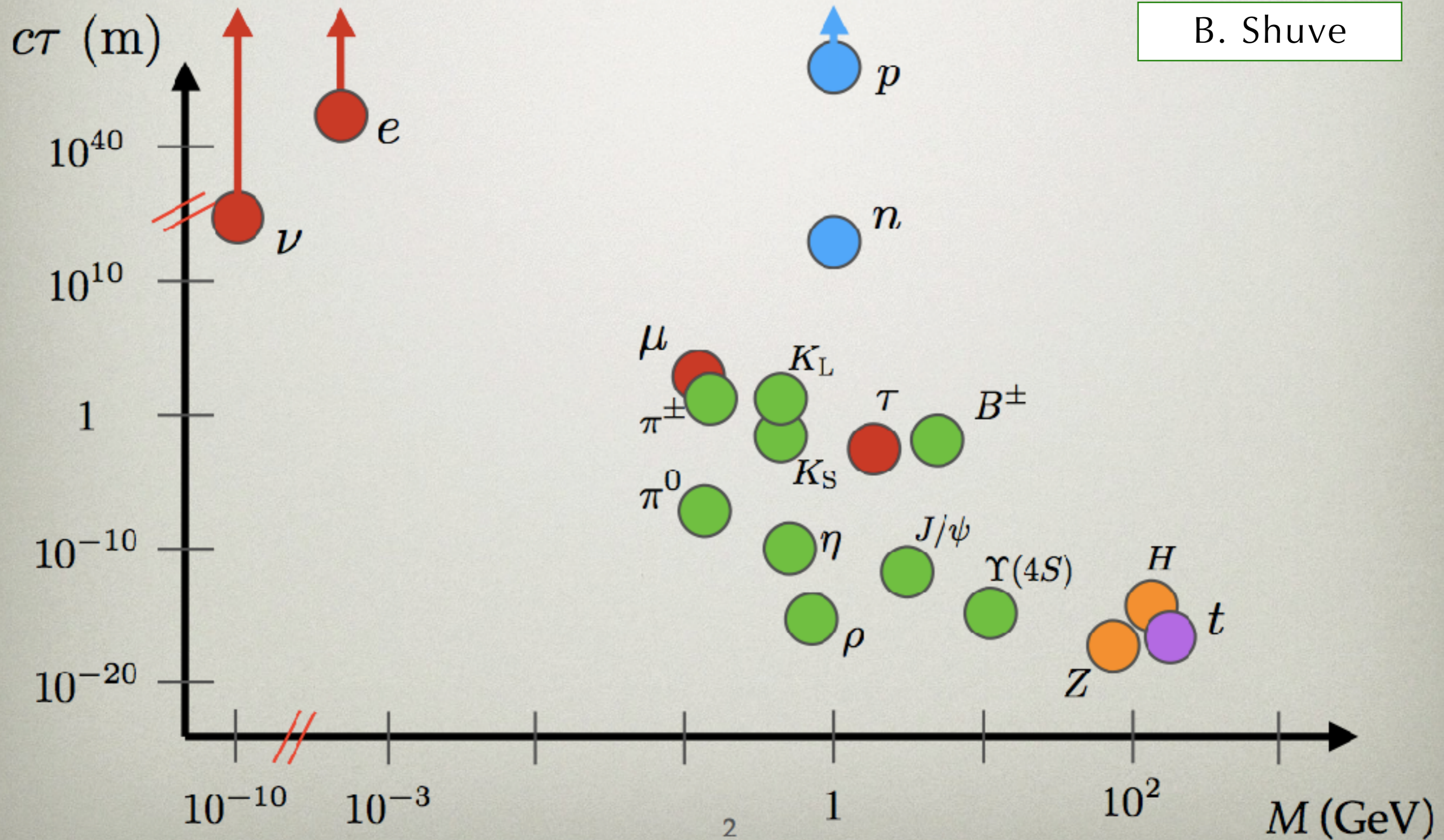
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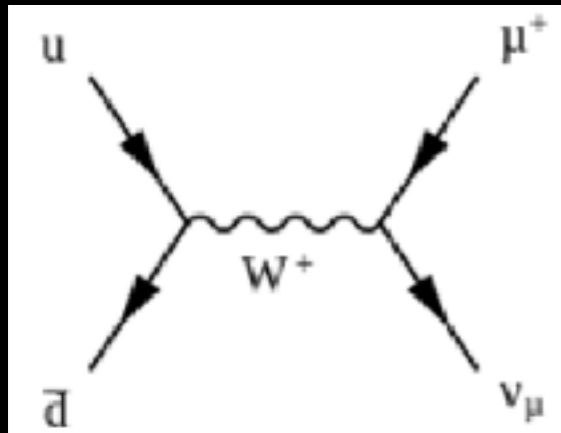
# Long-lived particles at the LHC — Standard Model



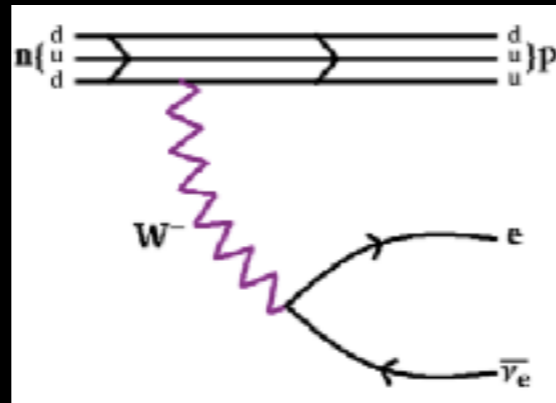
# LLPs — SM and beyond-the-SM

Long lifetimes typically arise in the SM when *approximate symmetries* make the particle stable

Small symmetry-breaking parameters can suppress the decay rate

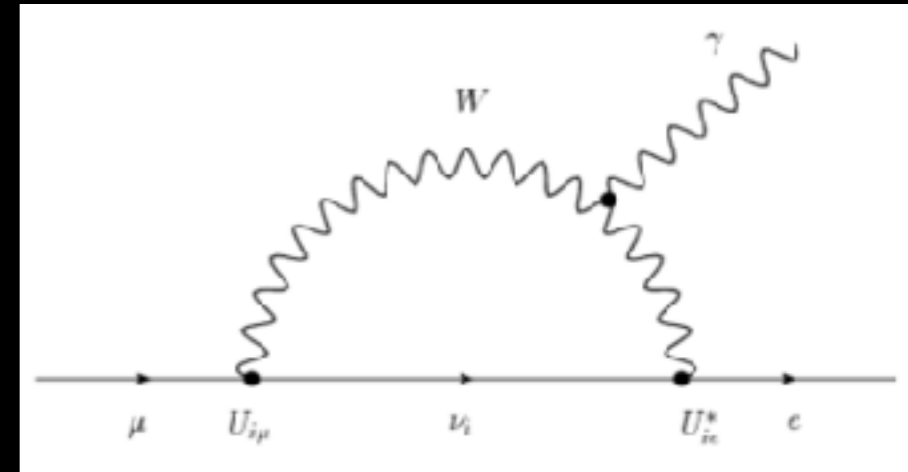


**Charged pion**  
Decay highly off-shell



**Neutron**

Isospin: p and n nearly degenerate  
Decay highly off-shell



**FCNC**

Lepton flavor violated only by extremely small neutrino Yukawas  
 $BR(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-54}$

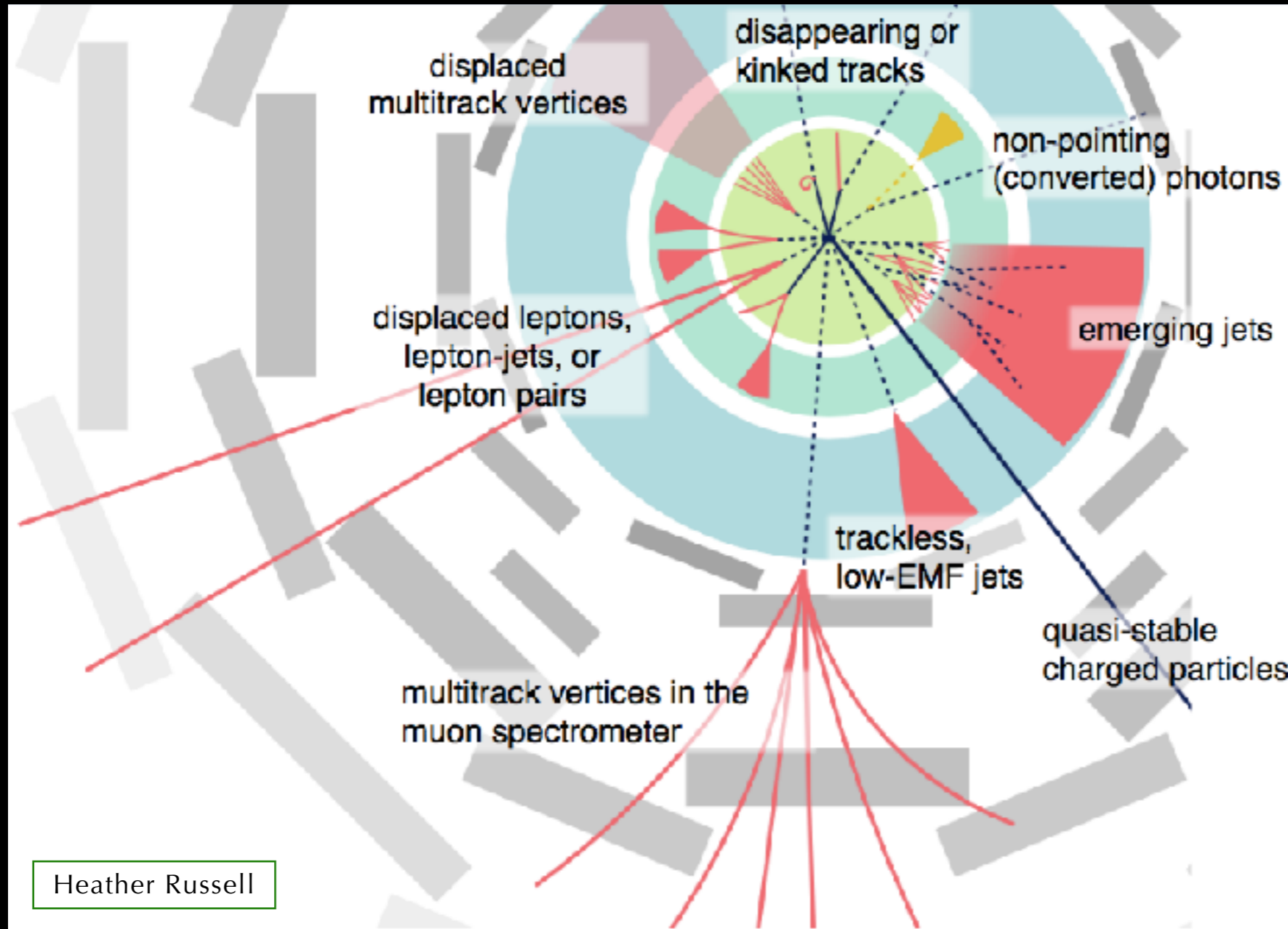
Same principles apply to BSM LLPs, which can **generically appear**

- Lifetime is best treated as a free parameter

Talks by Strassler, Knapen, [Shuve](#), Ramsey-Mulsof, others

# Long-Lived Particle Searches at the LHC

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Public results with the major detectors

CMS Exotica LLP

CMS SUSY RPV

LHCb Public Results

ATLAS Exotics

ATLAS SUSY

disappearing or displaced

n-pointing (converted) photons

emerging jets

quasi-stable charged particles

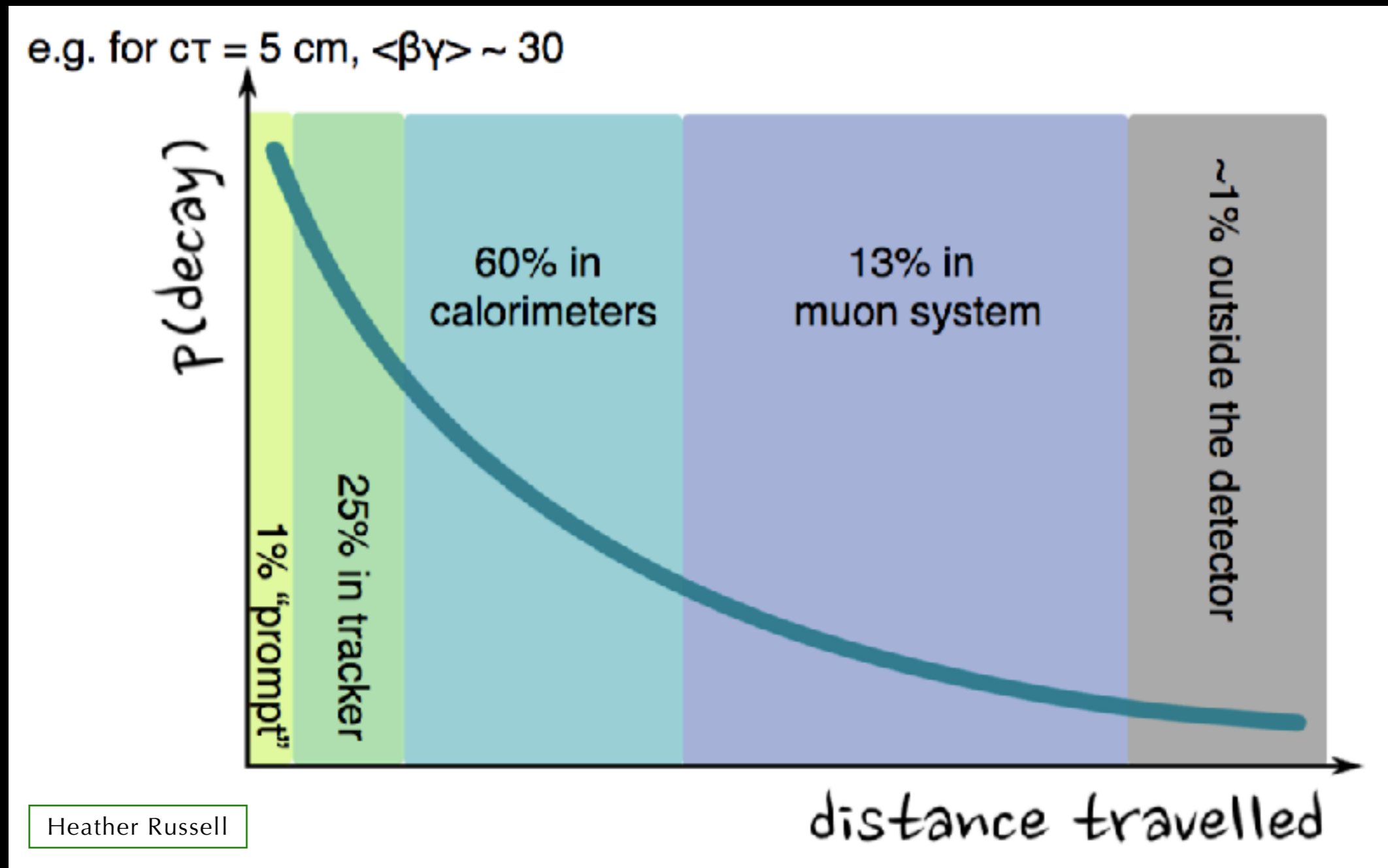
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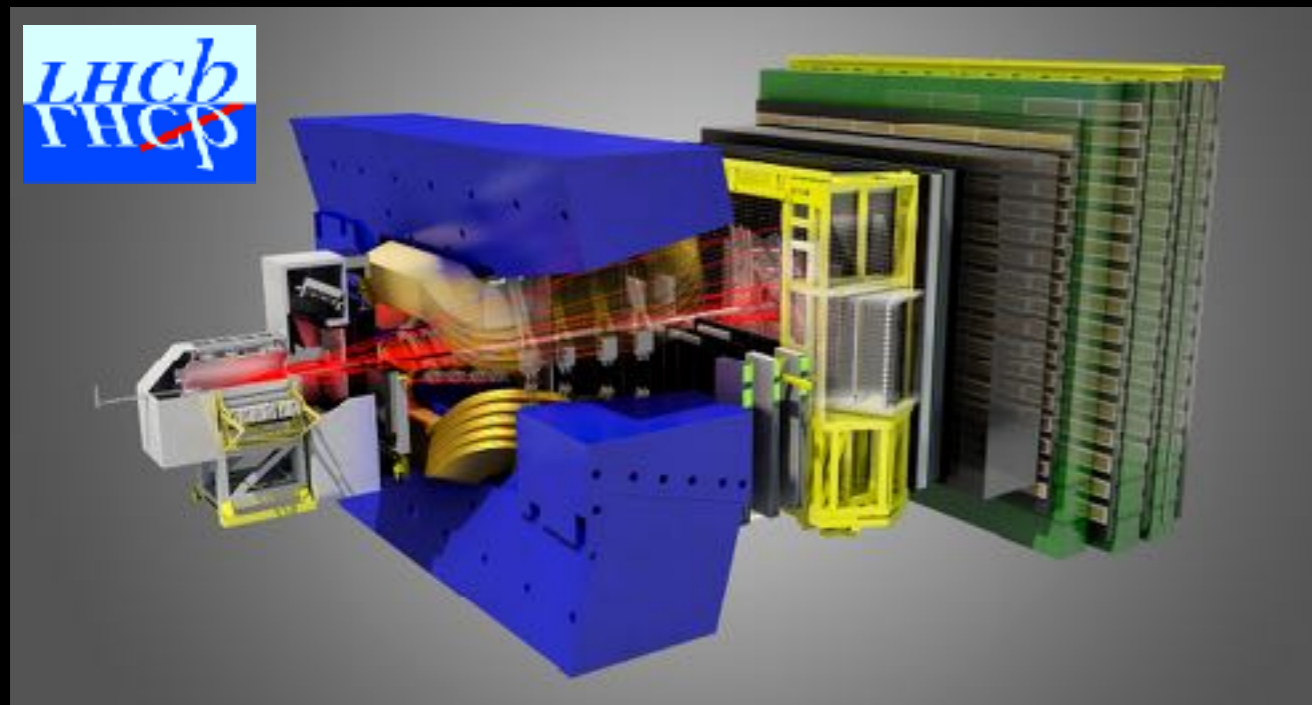
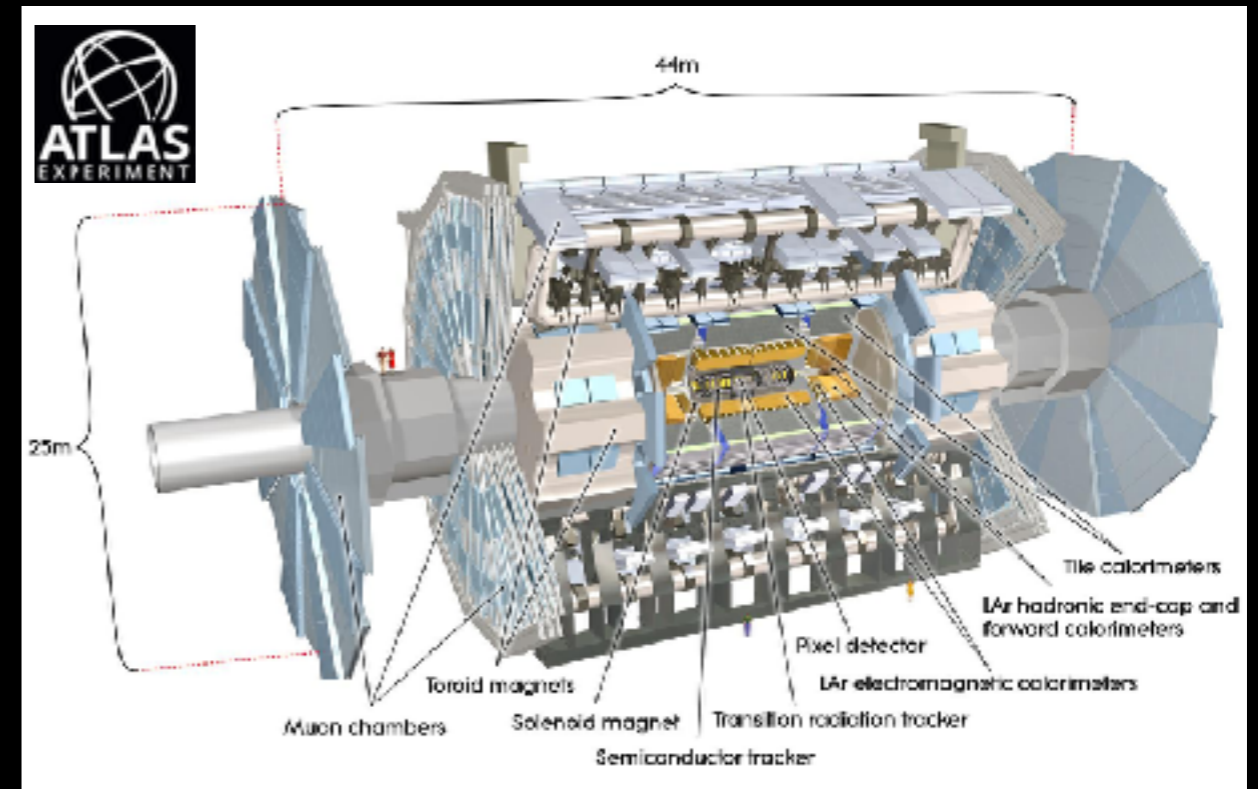
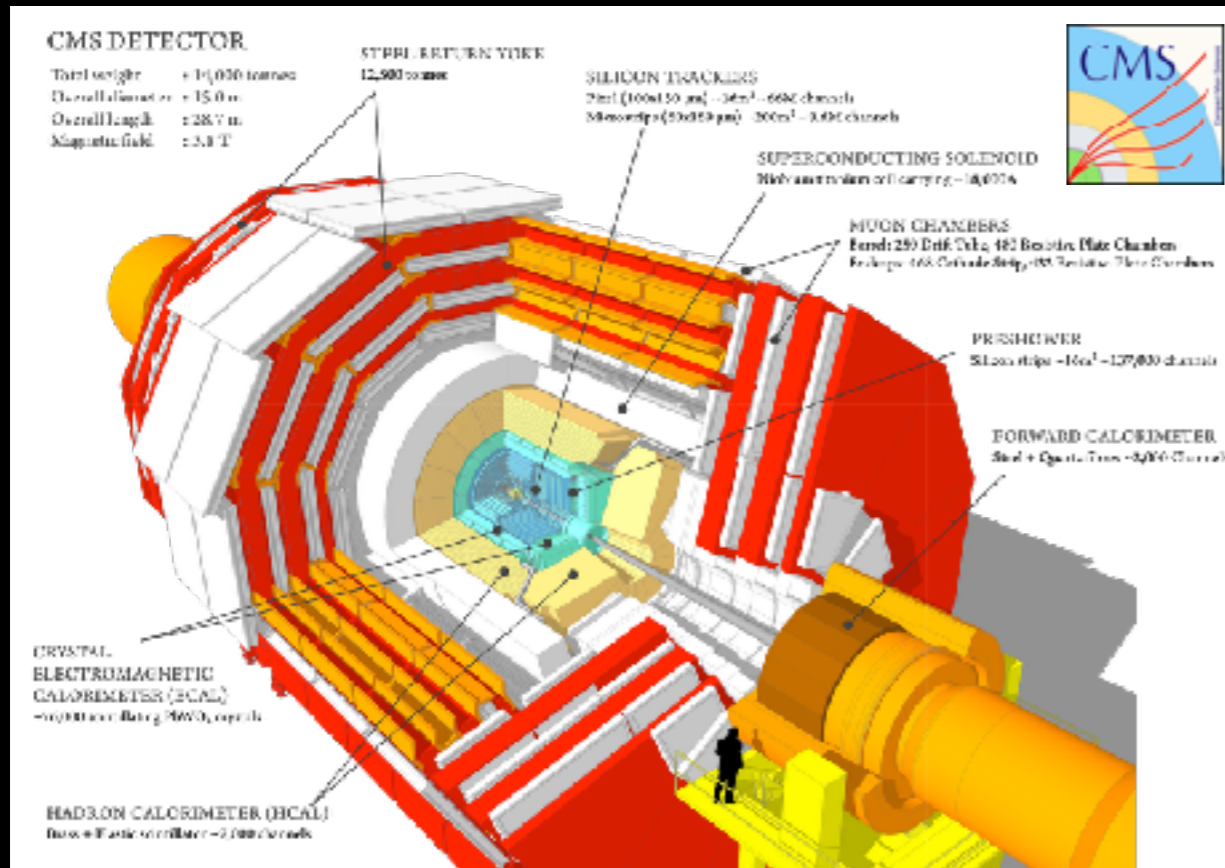
# Long-Lived Particles at the LHC

The observed lifetime of a particle is sampled from an exponential whose shape is set by its proper lifetime  $\tau$



As a result, we can and must use multiple search strategies targeting all subdetectors of ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb — and beyond the detectors

# Long-Lived Particles at three main experiments at the LHC

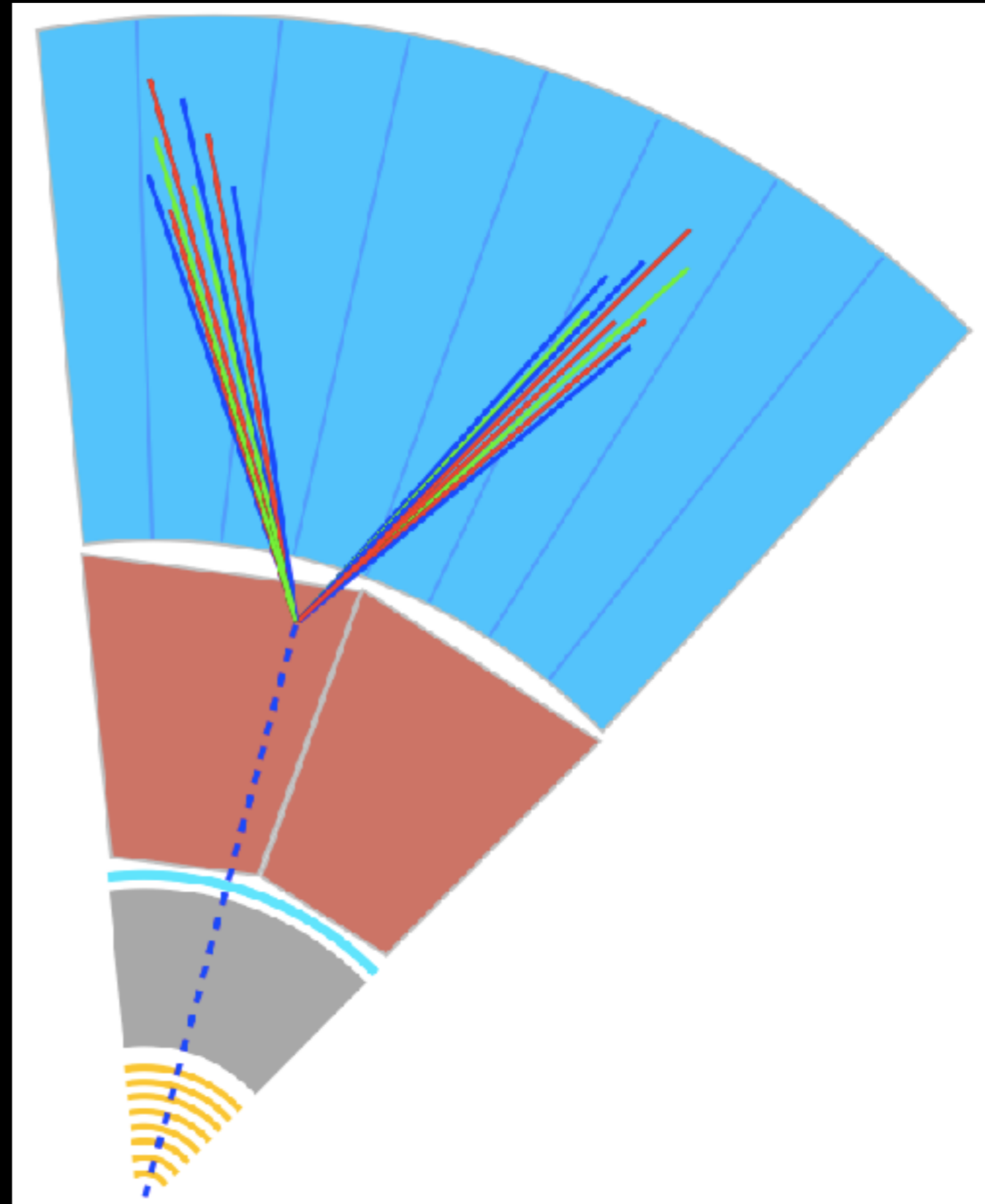


Searches are often SM-background-free but can be subject to very atypical background sources (like cosmic ray muons, beam halo, cavern backgrounds, etc.) that are challenging to estimate and irrelevant to most prompt searches

# The lifetime frontier at the LHC

Long-lived particle searches are experimentally driven

Luckily it's easy to get LLPs in some usual BSM frameworks — a few examples here

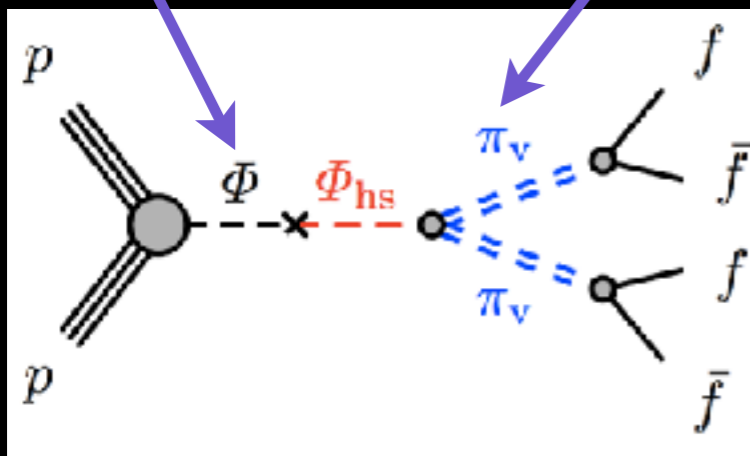


# BSM example: Hidden sector portals

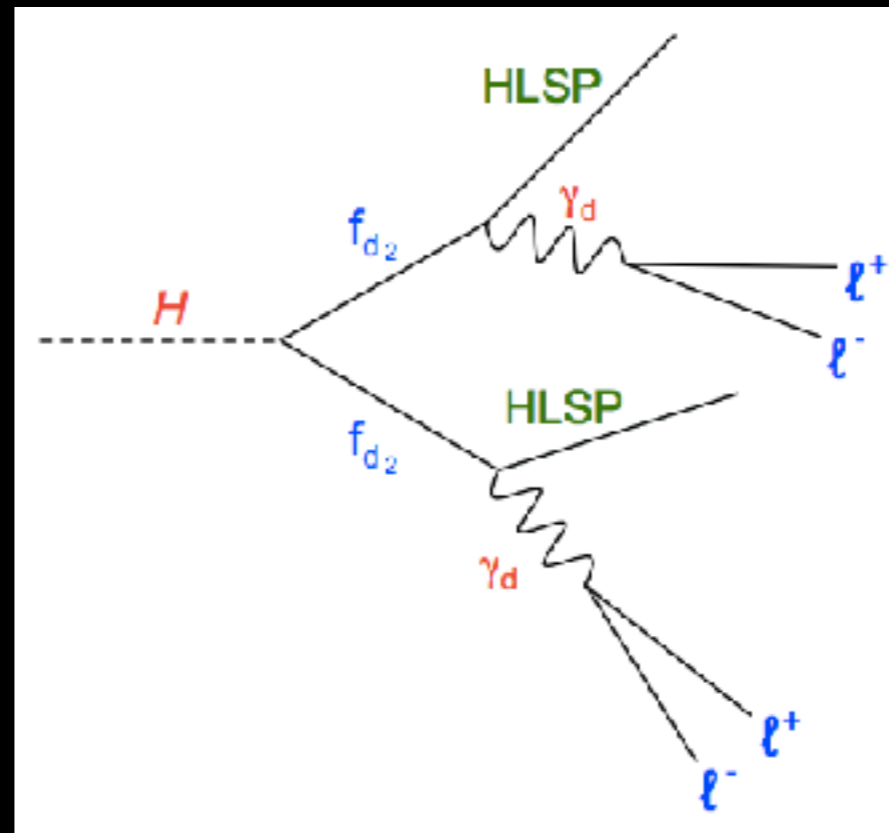
## Higgs portal

- Small width of SM Higgs  $\rightarrow$  easy to get BSM physics
- A wide range of LLP signatures can arise

SM Higgs-like scalar      Long-lived  $\pi_v$



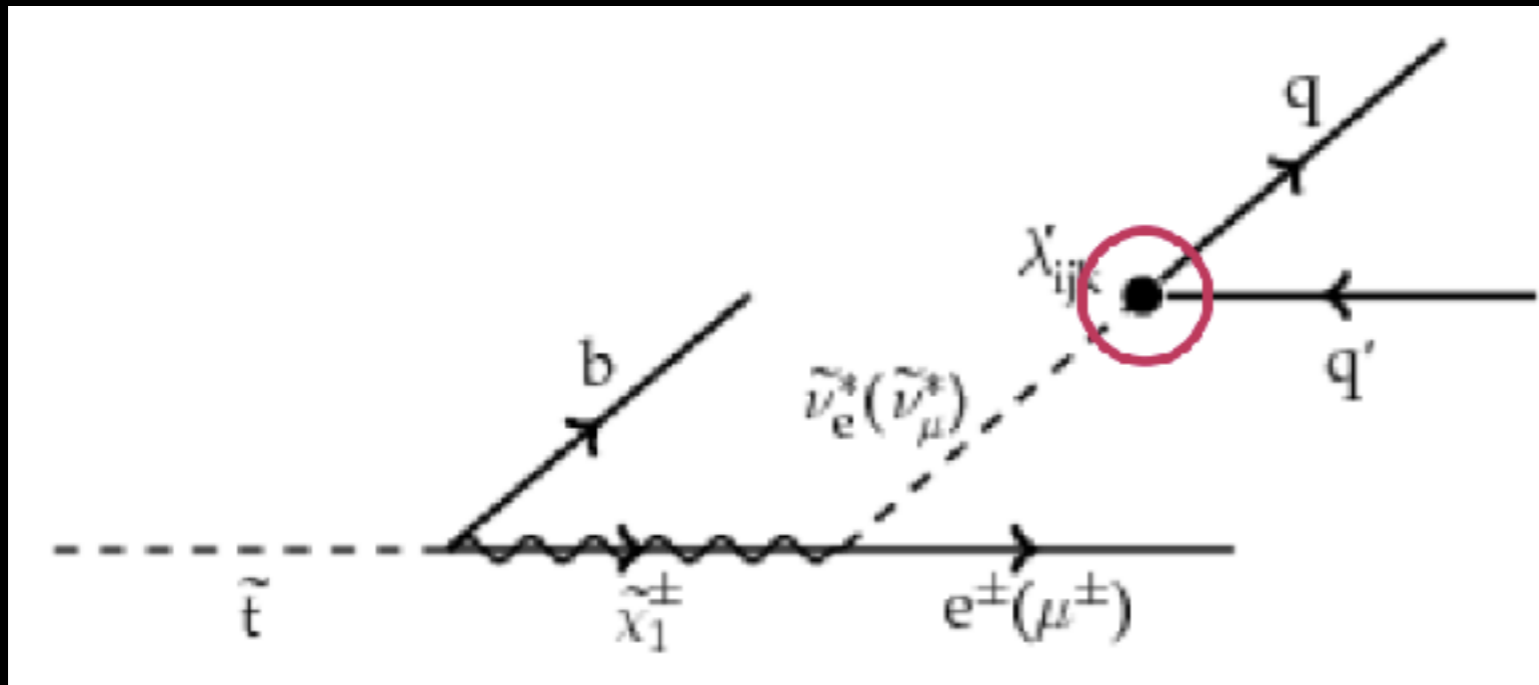
Higgs mixing with hidden sector scalar



Higgs decaying to dark sector fermions which decay to dark photons and lepton-jets

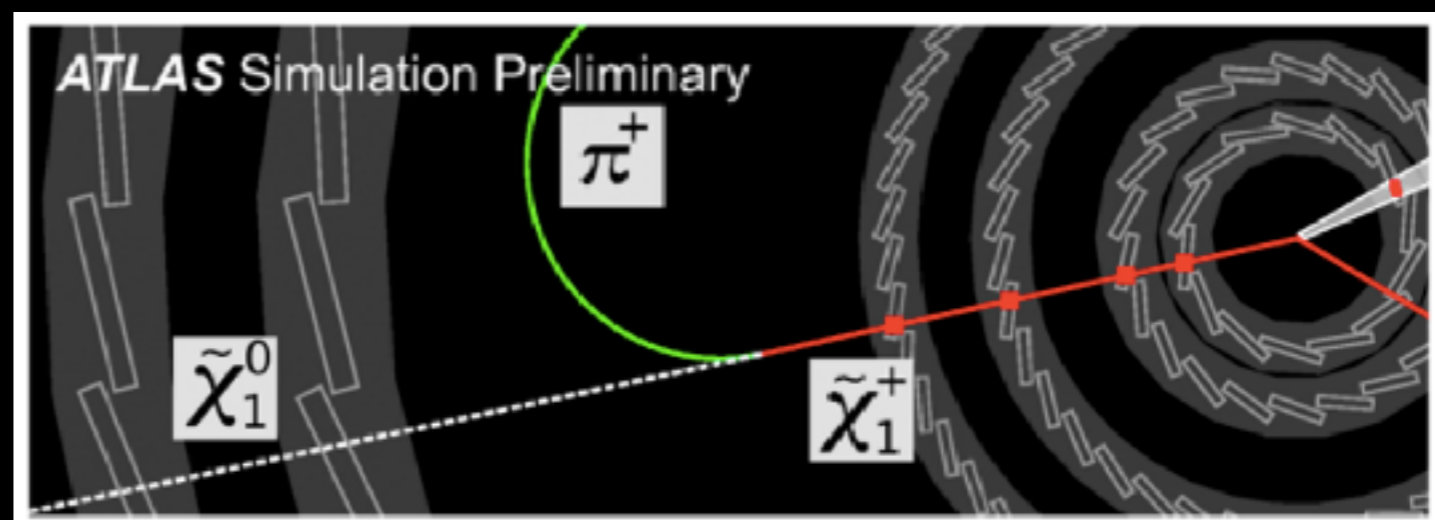
- Can use Higgs VBF and associated production modes for triggering on additional prompt objects

# BSM example: RPV SUSY

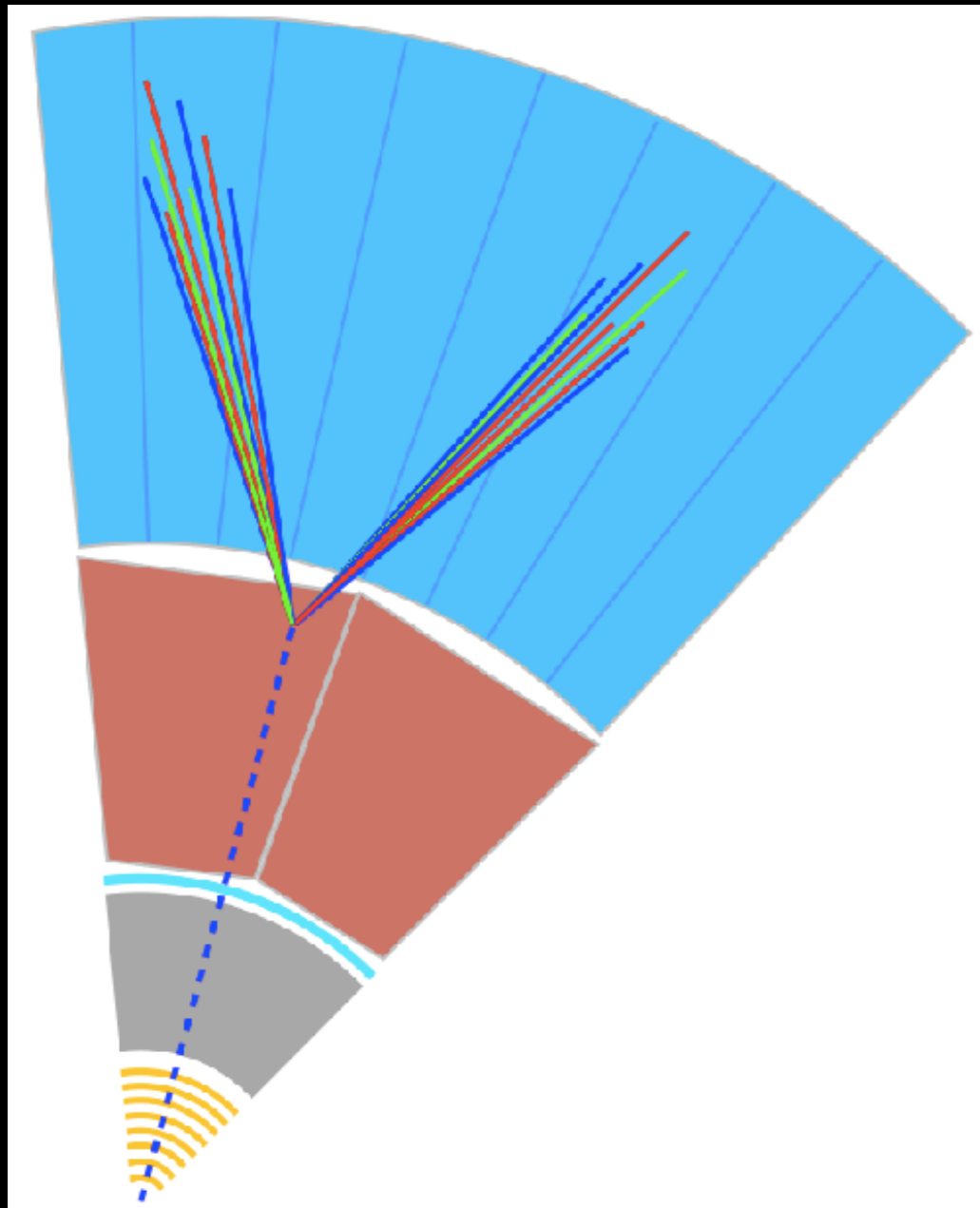


$$|\lambda| < 10^{-8}$$

Electroweak symmetry gives degeneracy of NLSP and LSP masses if little mixing between Higgsino / gauginos



# Long-Lived Particle Basics



We have done LLP searches at the LHC since the beginning, but they've always been marginalized and usually performed by small groups of analyzers

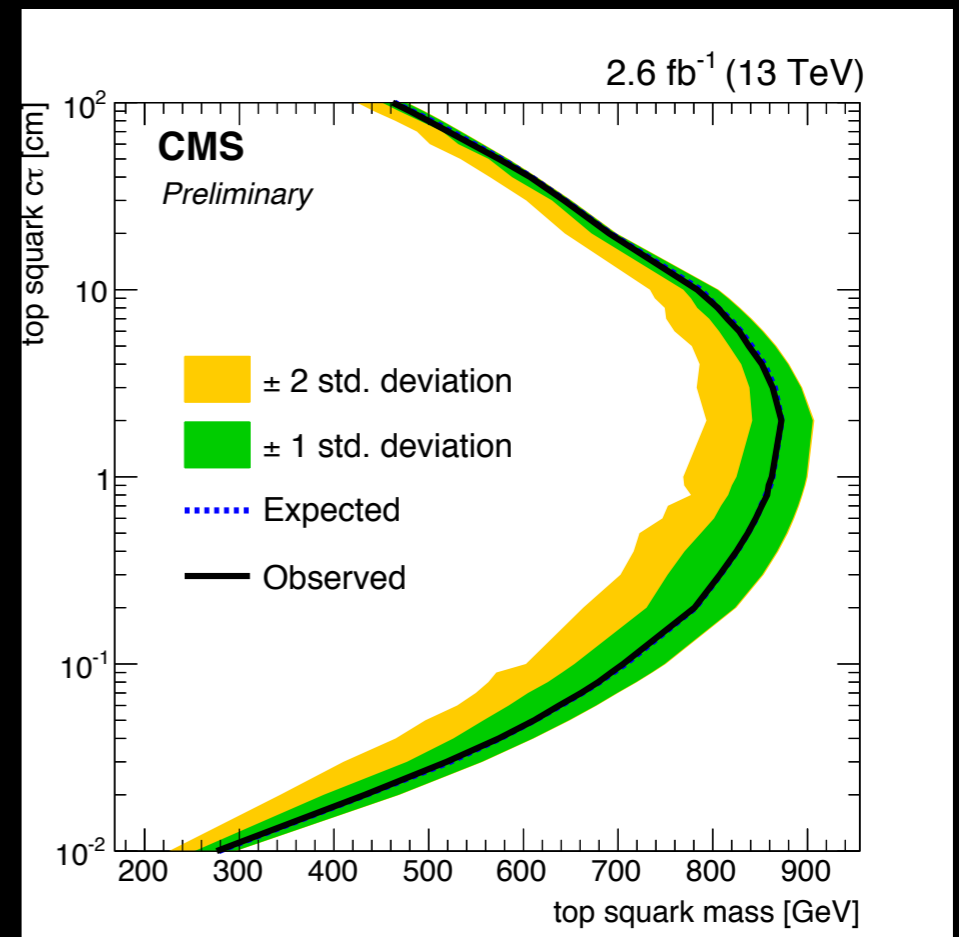
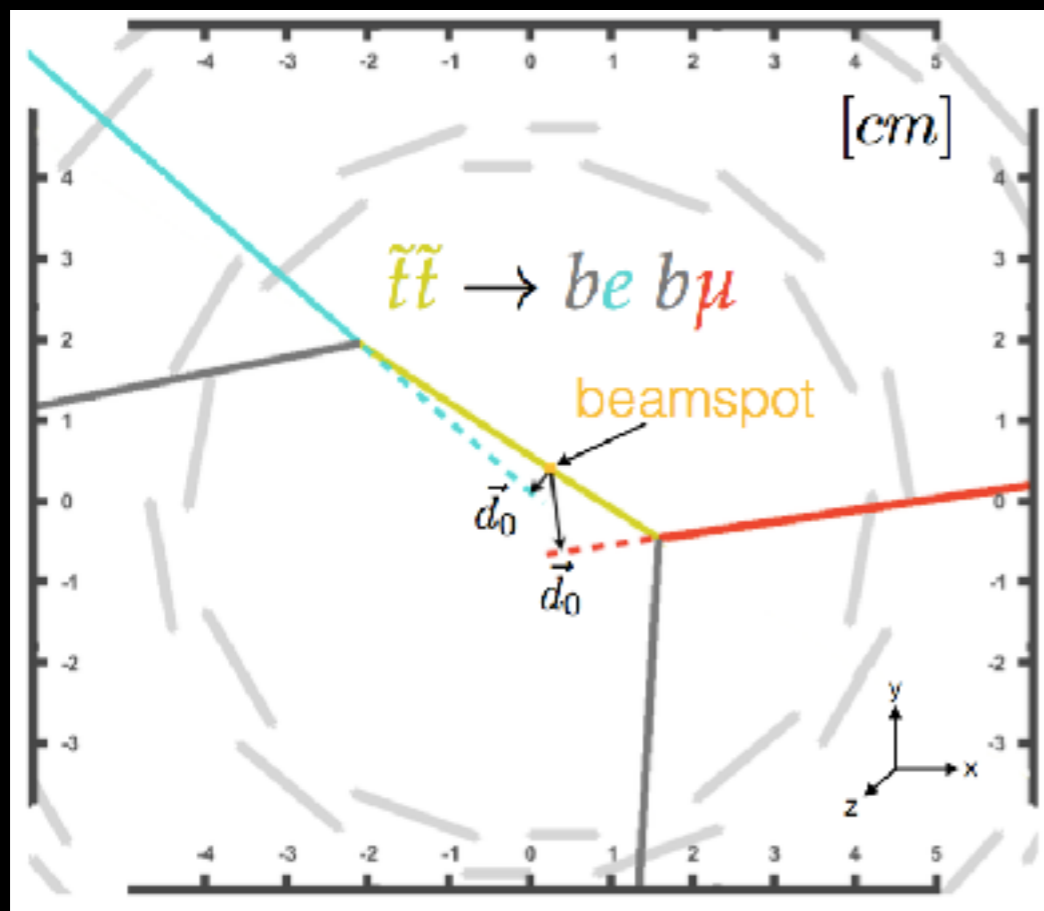
The following are some examples of the kinds of searches we do based on signature with an emphasis on what we're missing

Full discussion requires examination of non-pointing/late photon searches, stopped particles, disappearing tracks, HSCPs — see slides in backup and forthcoming LHC LLP White Paper

# Neutral or charged **LLPs** decaying to leptons

Identifying displaced leptons requires the capacity to find tracks with large impact parameters

- If LLP decay occurs in the inner tracker, can use large- $d_0$  tracking
- CMS has good tracking for such cases by default
- ATLAS runs special re-tracking [ [ATLAS large radius tracking note](#) ] / re-vertexing on a subset of events
- Both approaches require customized triggering strategies



[CMS-EXO-16-022](#)

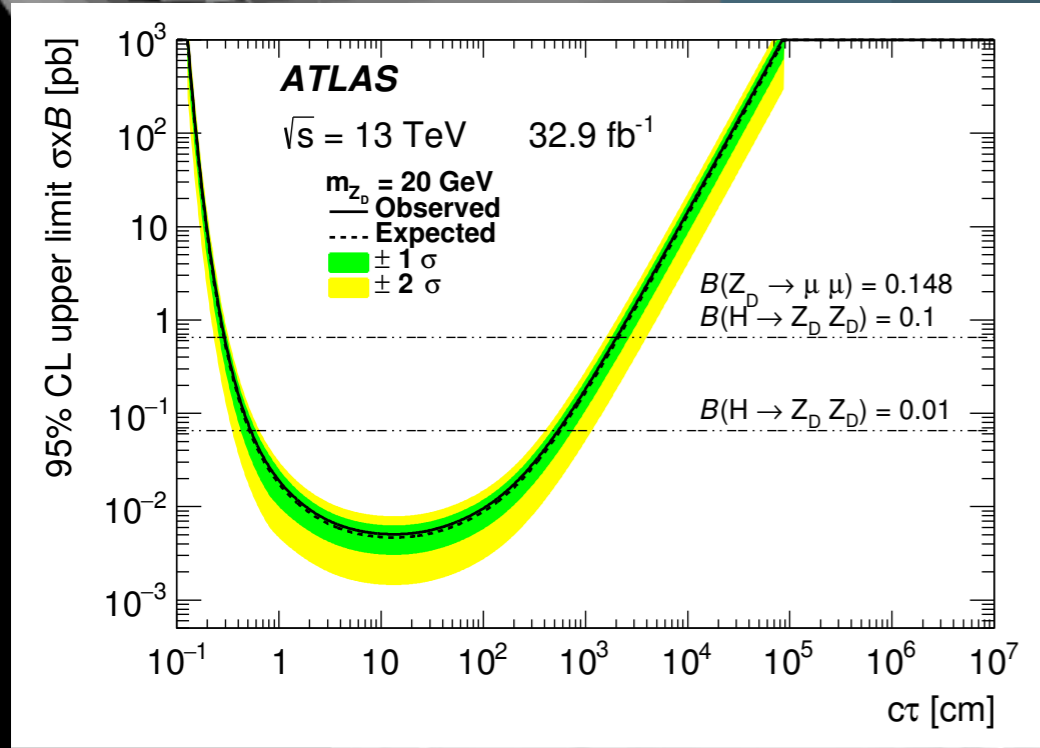
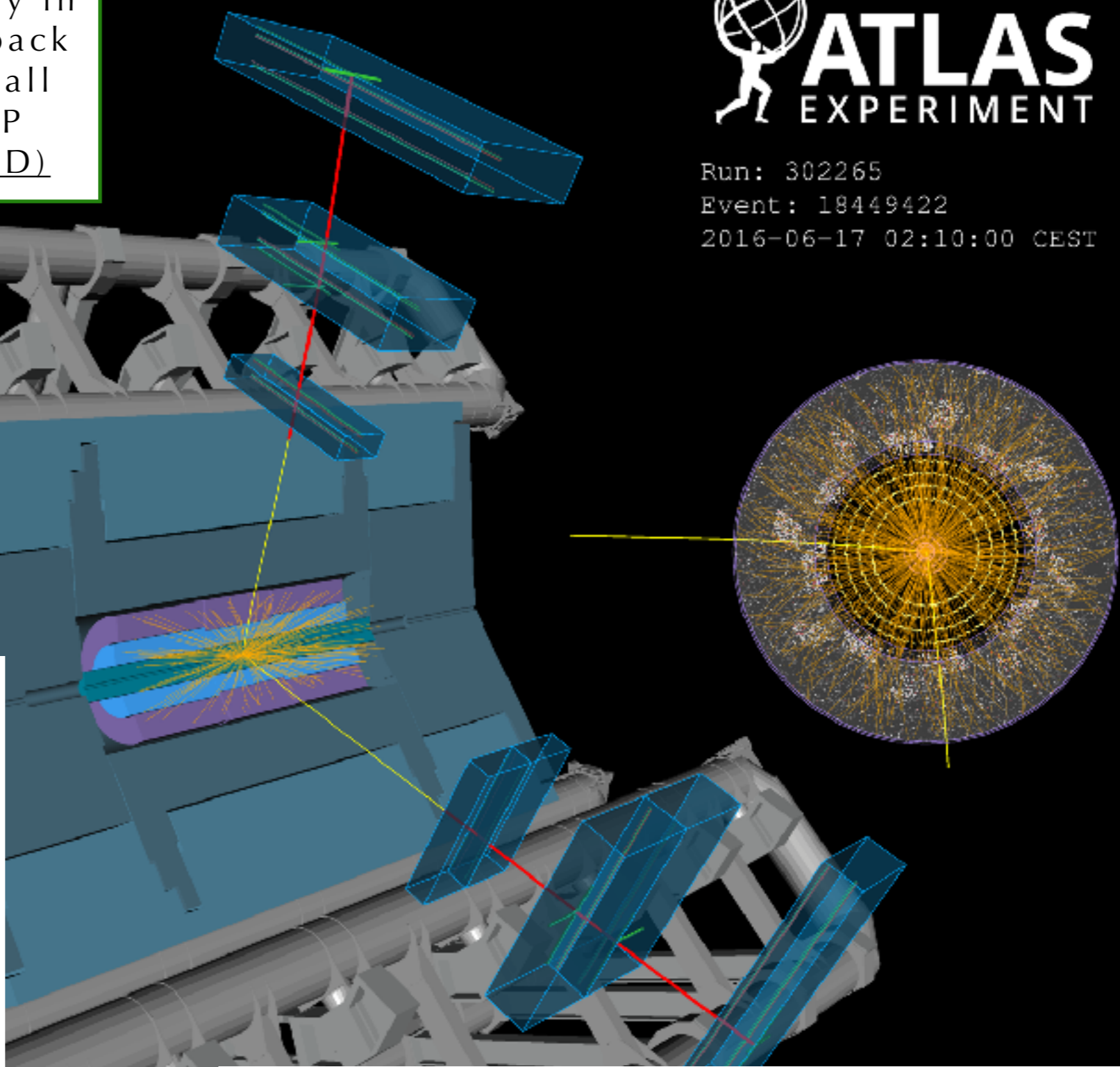
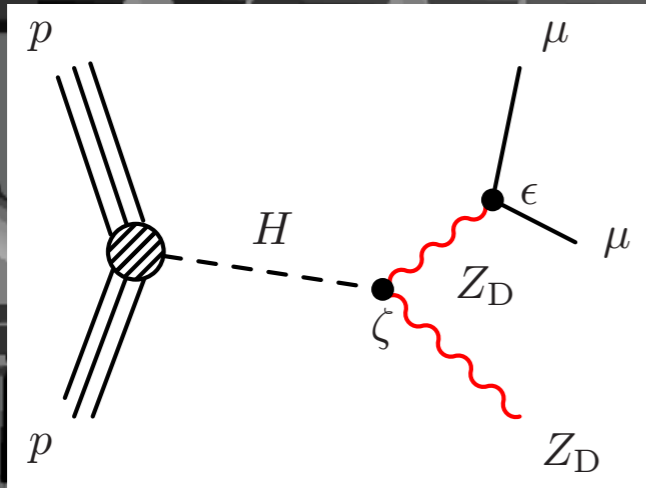


# Neutral or charged LLPs decaying to leptons

Recent ATLAS result using tracks only in the muon system — can still point back toward the interaction point for small displacements of the potential LLP  
[arXiv:1808.03057](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.03057) (submitted to PRD)



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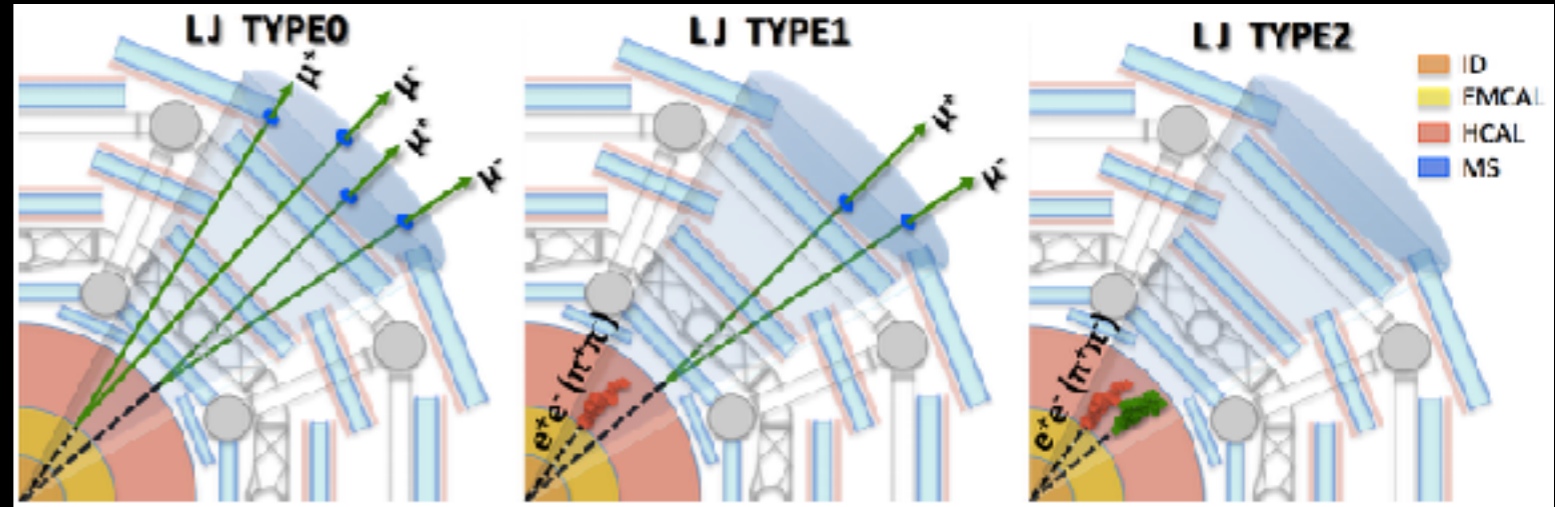


MS-only tracks extrapolated back to di-muon vertex at  $r_{\text{vtx}} = 2.2 \text{ cm}$

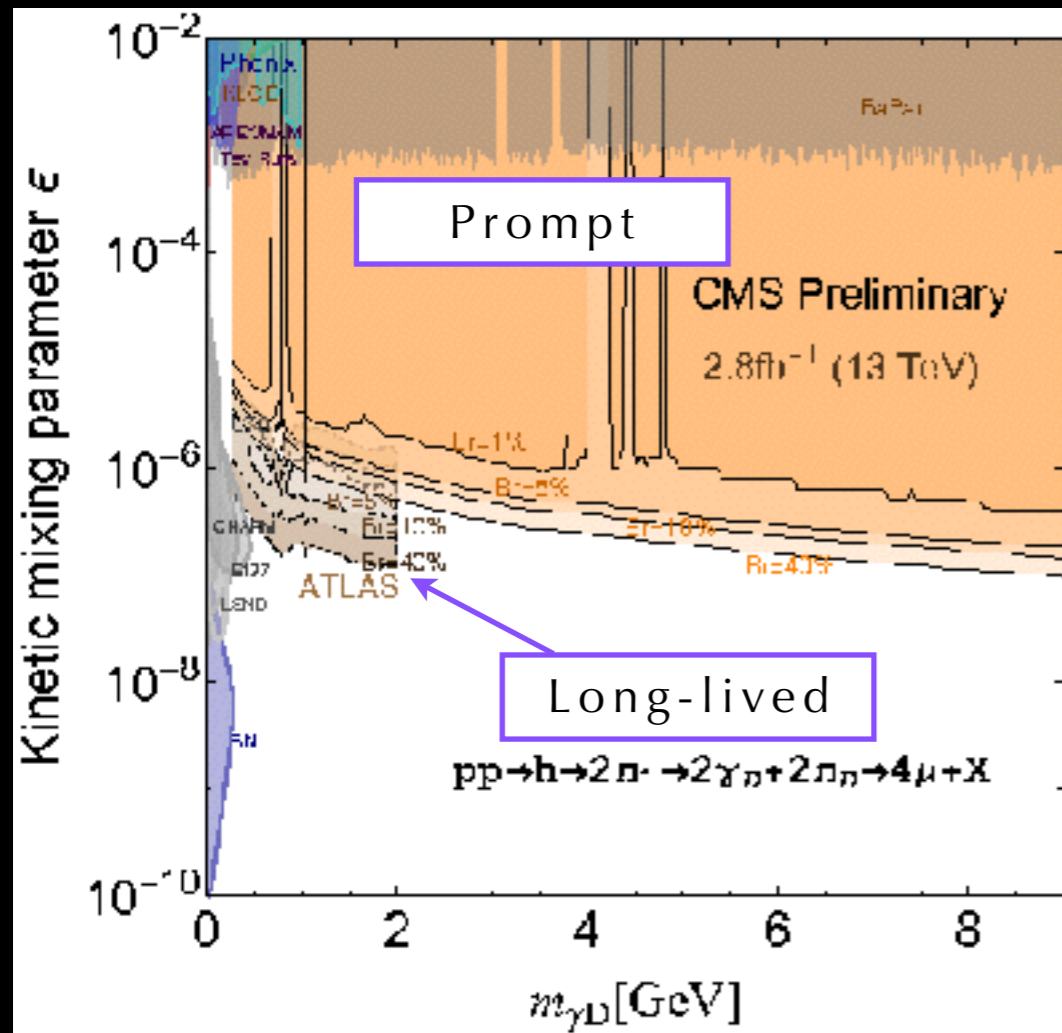
# Neutral $LLPs$ decaying to lepton-jets

Lepton-jet = highly-collimated grouping of leptons from a low-mass, boosted BSM particle like a dark photon /  $Z_{\text{dark}}$

- Confounds standard lepton isolation criteria

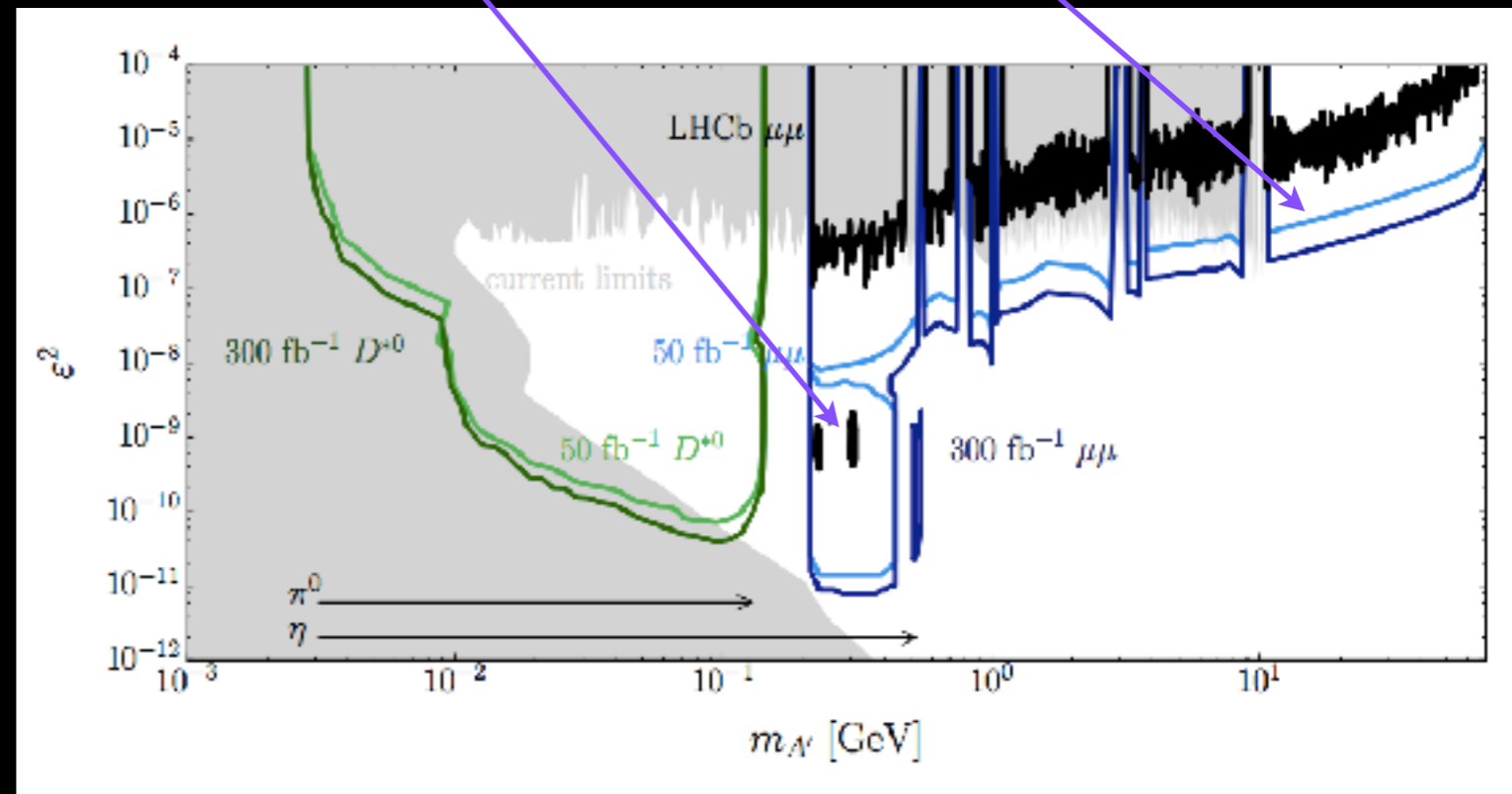


CMS-PAS-HIG-16-035  
ATLAS-CONF-2016-042



LHCb exclusion in never-before-covered LLP space

Projections for LHCb upgrade —  
[arXiv:1808.08865](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.08865) —  
[arXiv:1509.06765](https://arxiv.org/abs/1509.06765)



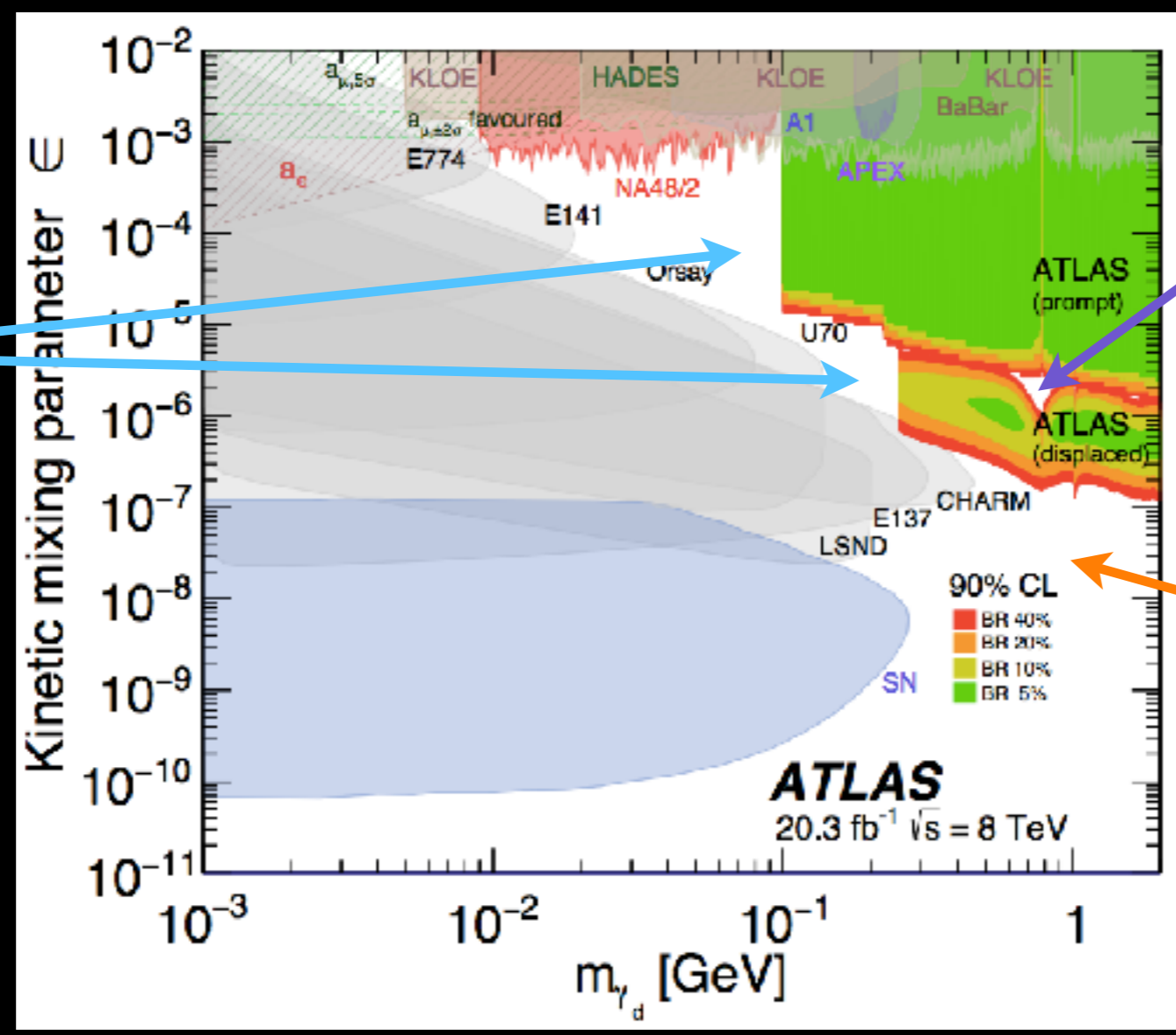
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# Potential discoveries we're missing

## Displaced lepton-jets

- Clearly apparent gaps where a discovery could be hiding
- Run 2 improvements already made (single LJ trigger, etc.)

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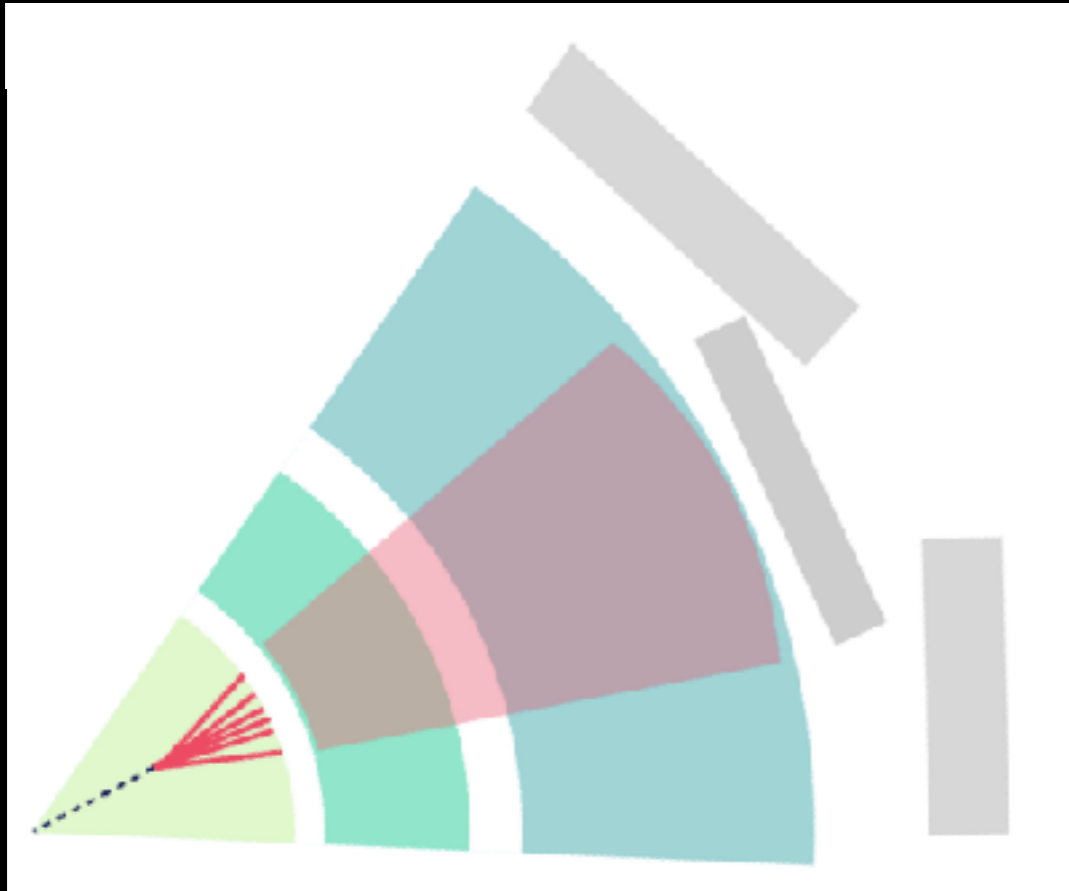
Low-mass:  
New triggers  
for non-  
standard LAr  
deposits

Mass-gap:  
Pion-jets

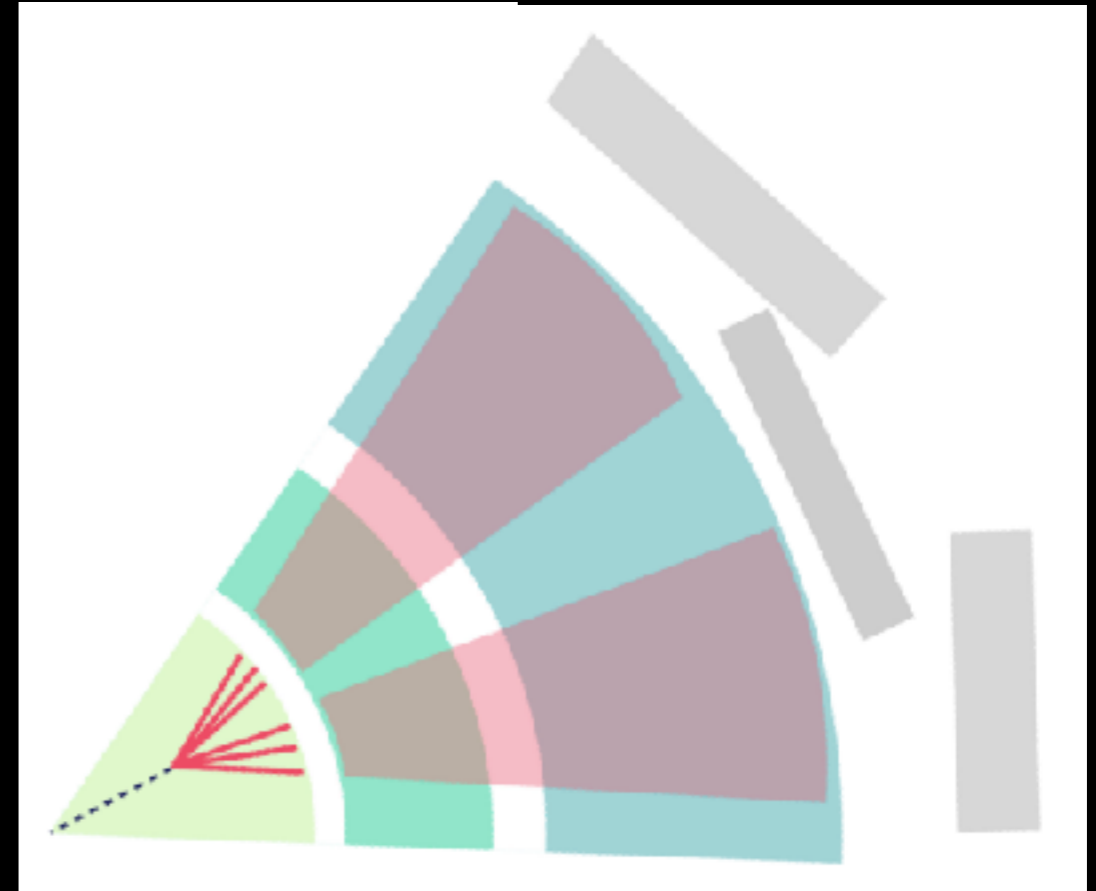
Very-displaced  
region: Need to  
trigger on  
single LLP  
decays

# Neutral **LLPs** decaying to hadrons

The LLP can decay to jets in  
the inner tracker

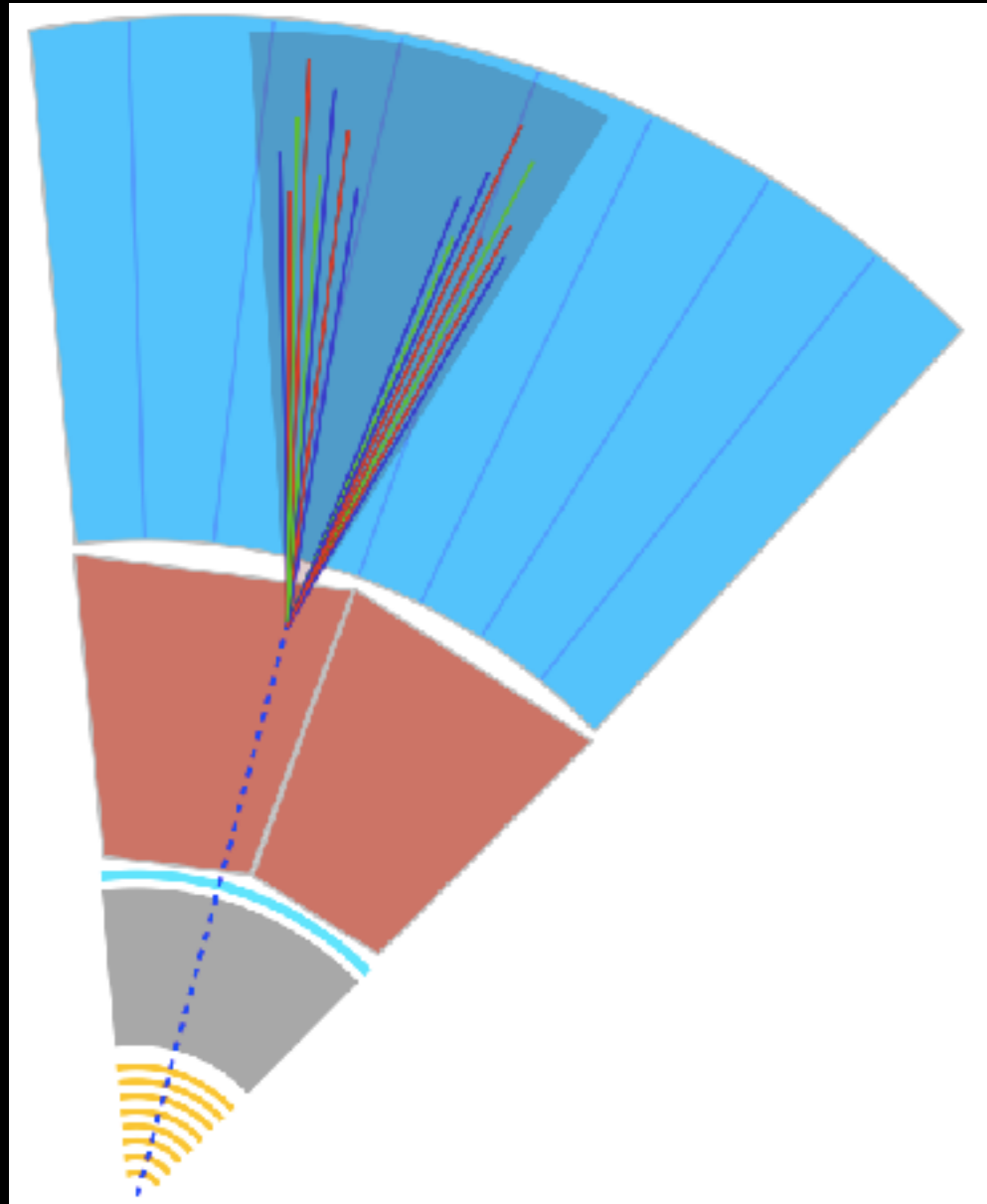


ATLAS approach —  
single multi-track vertex  
(see backup)

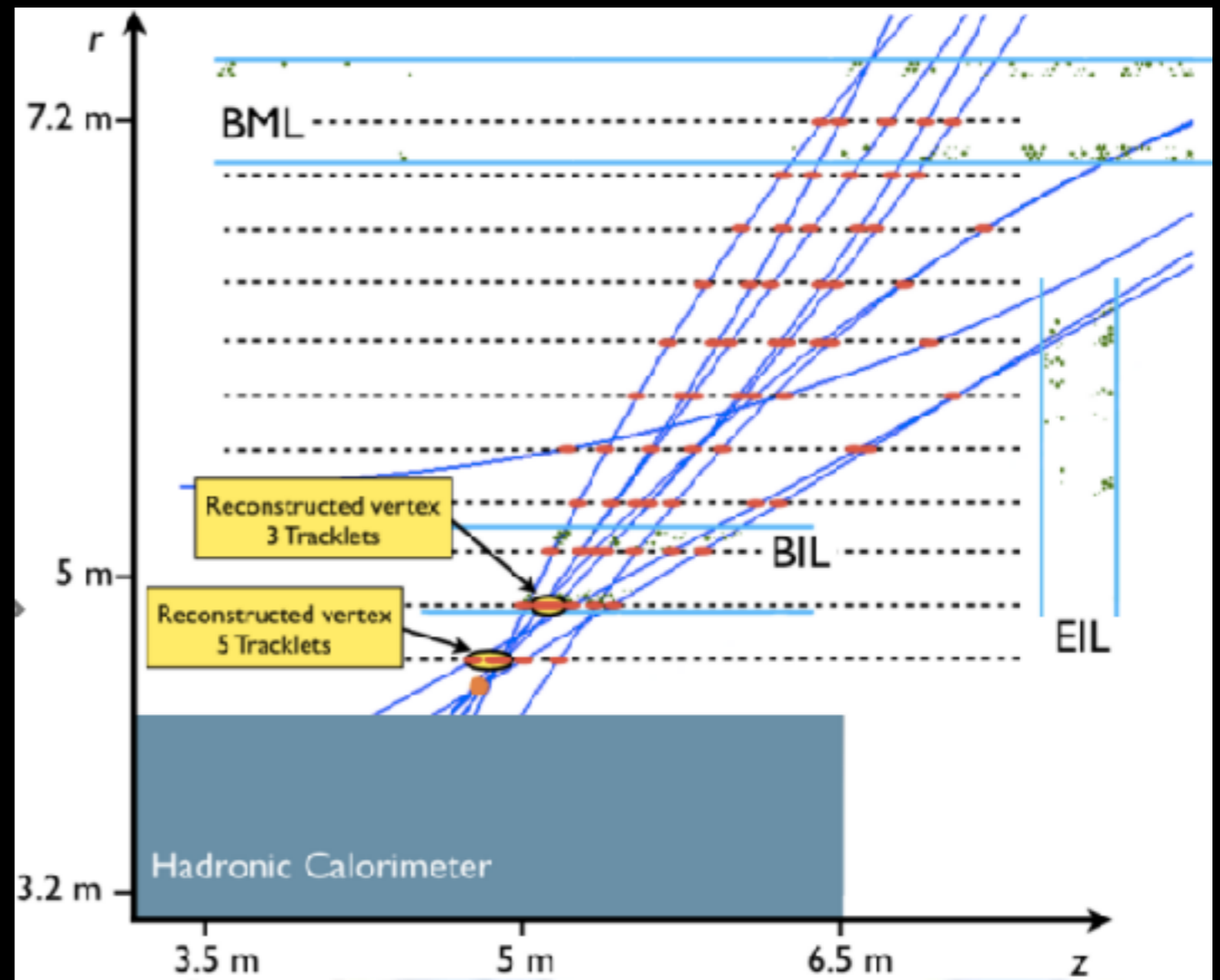


CMS and LHCb —  
displaced vertices with  
jet pairs downstream

# Neutral **LLPs** decaying to hadrons



Or the LLP can decay  
in or just before the  
calorimeter...

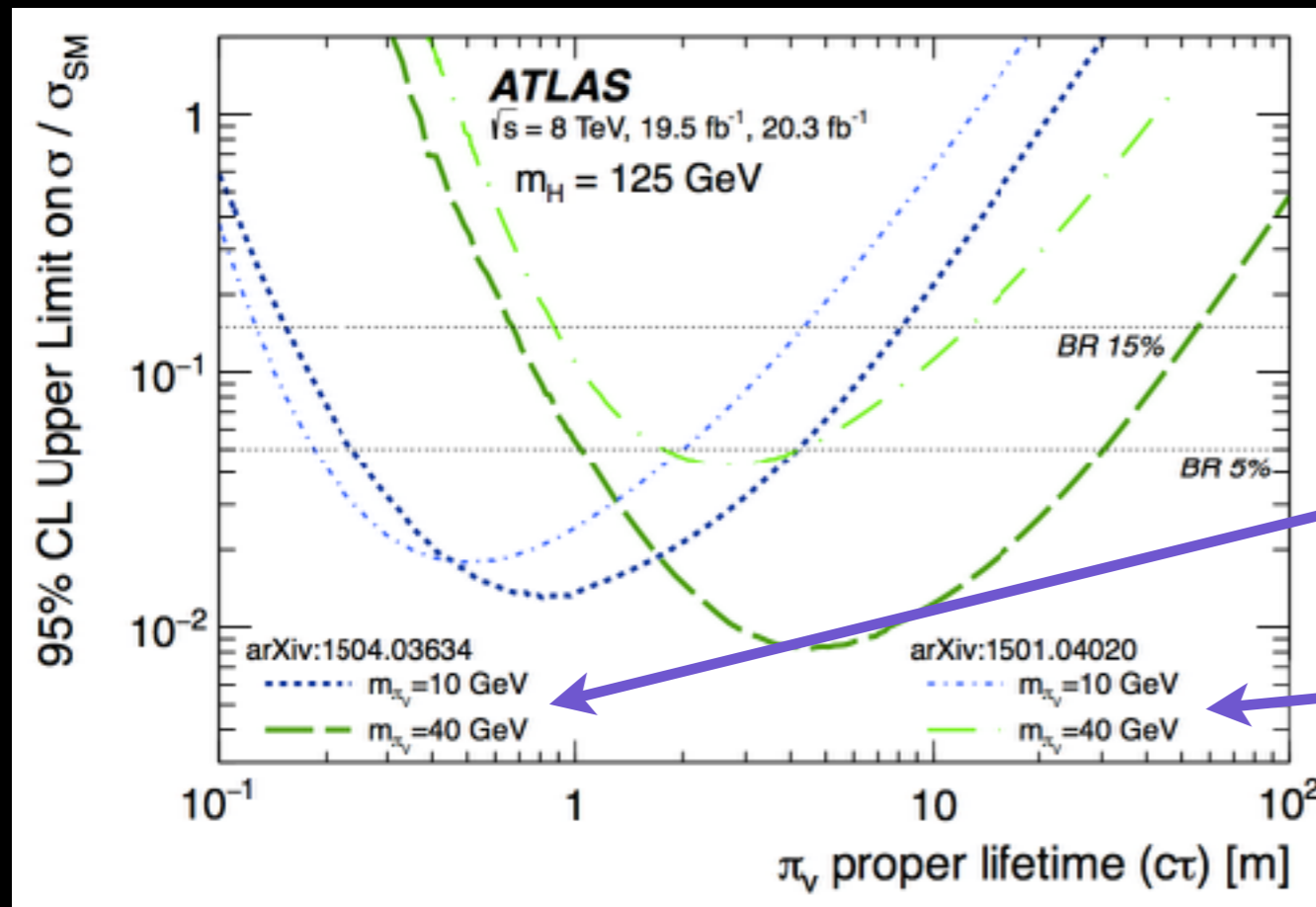


...or only in the MS

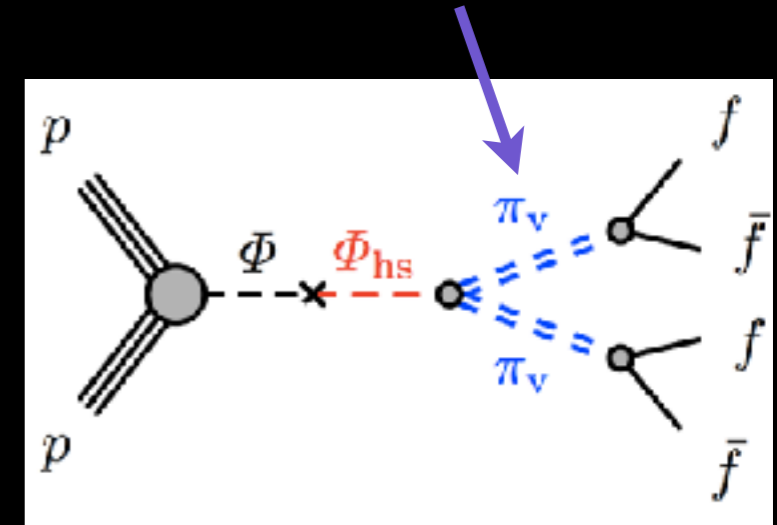
# Neutral LLPs decaying to hadrons

SM-like Higgs  $\rightarrow$  LLPx2  $\rightarrow$  hadronic jets

- Many searches for this already, but there are known limitations
  - What if  $m_{\text{LLP}} < 10\text{-}30$  GeV?
  - What if  $\sim\text{mm} < c\tau < \sim 10$  cm?
- Similar caveats for higher-mass H and LLP scenarios [ see [ATLAS-CONF-2016-103](#) ]



Long-lived  $\pi_\nu$



Decay in either inner detector or muon spectrometer

Decay in or just before the HCal with a special trigger (CalRatio)

How to trigger on these edge or gap regimes?

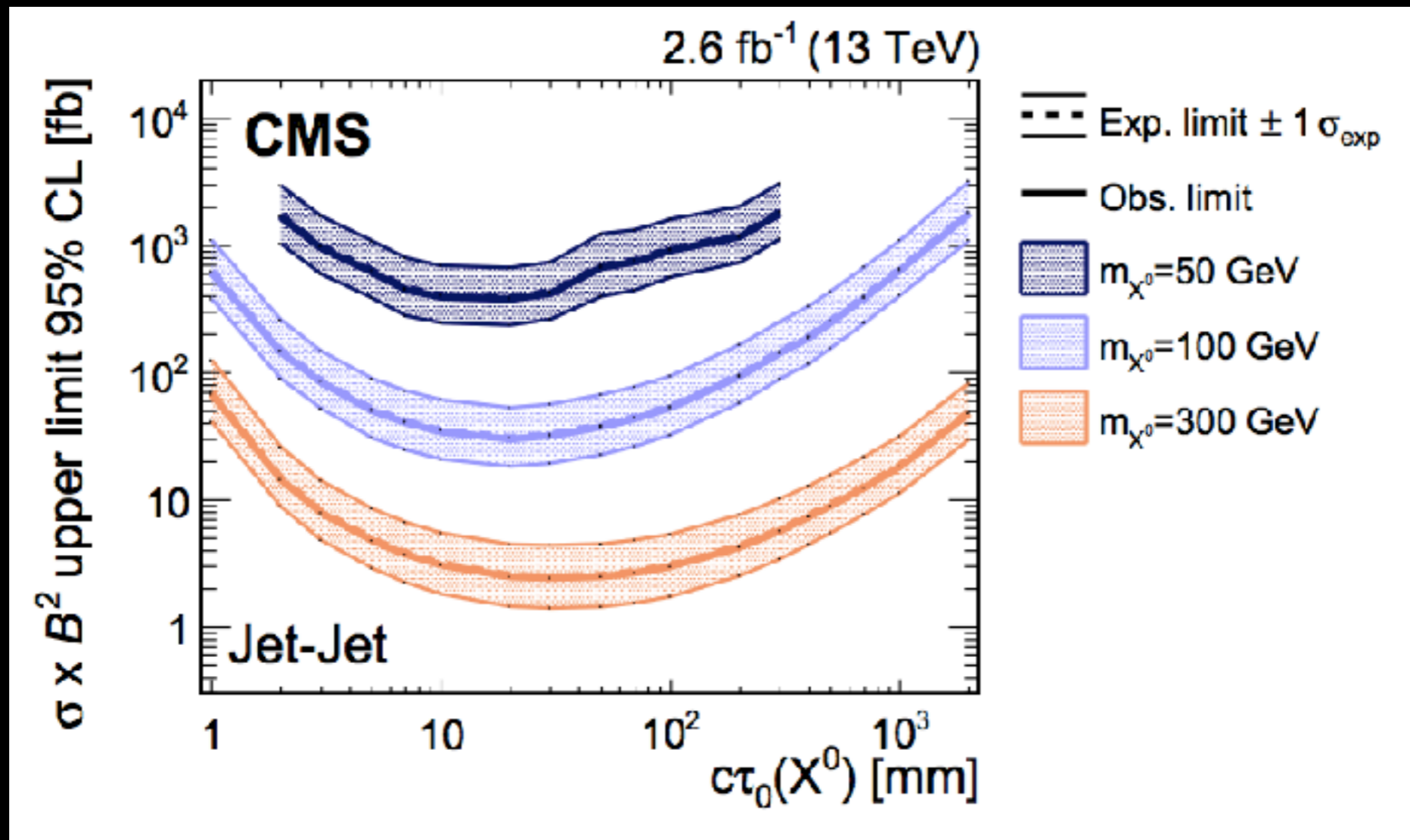
ATLAS: [PRD 92 \(2015\) 012010](#)

[PLB 743 \(2015\) 15-34](#)

# Uncovered LLP realms

Low-mass, low- $p_T$  everything

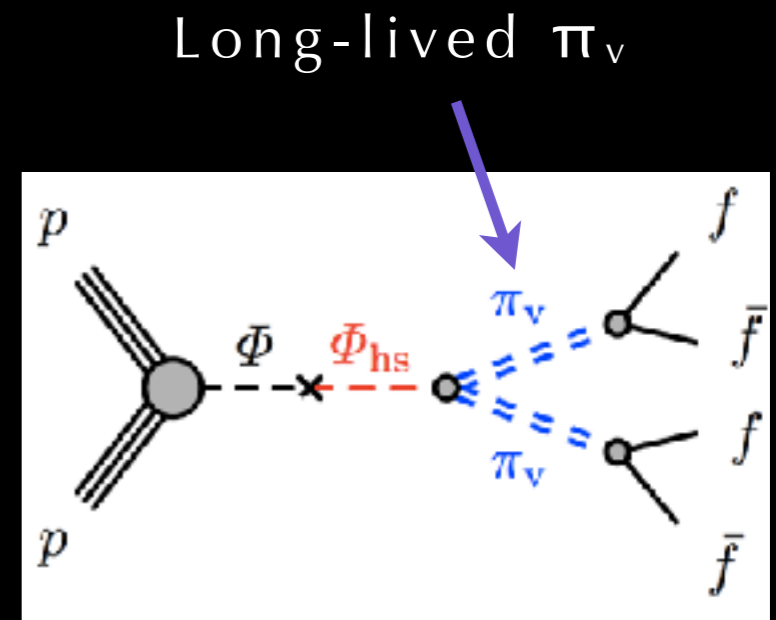
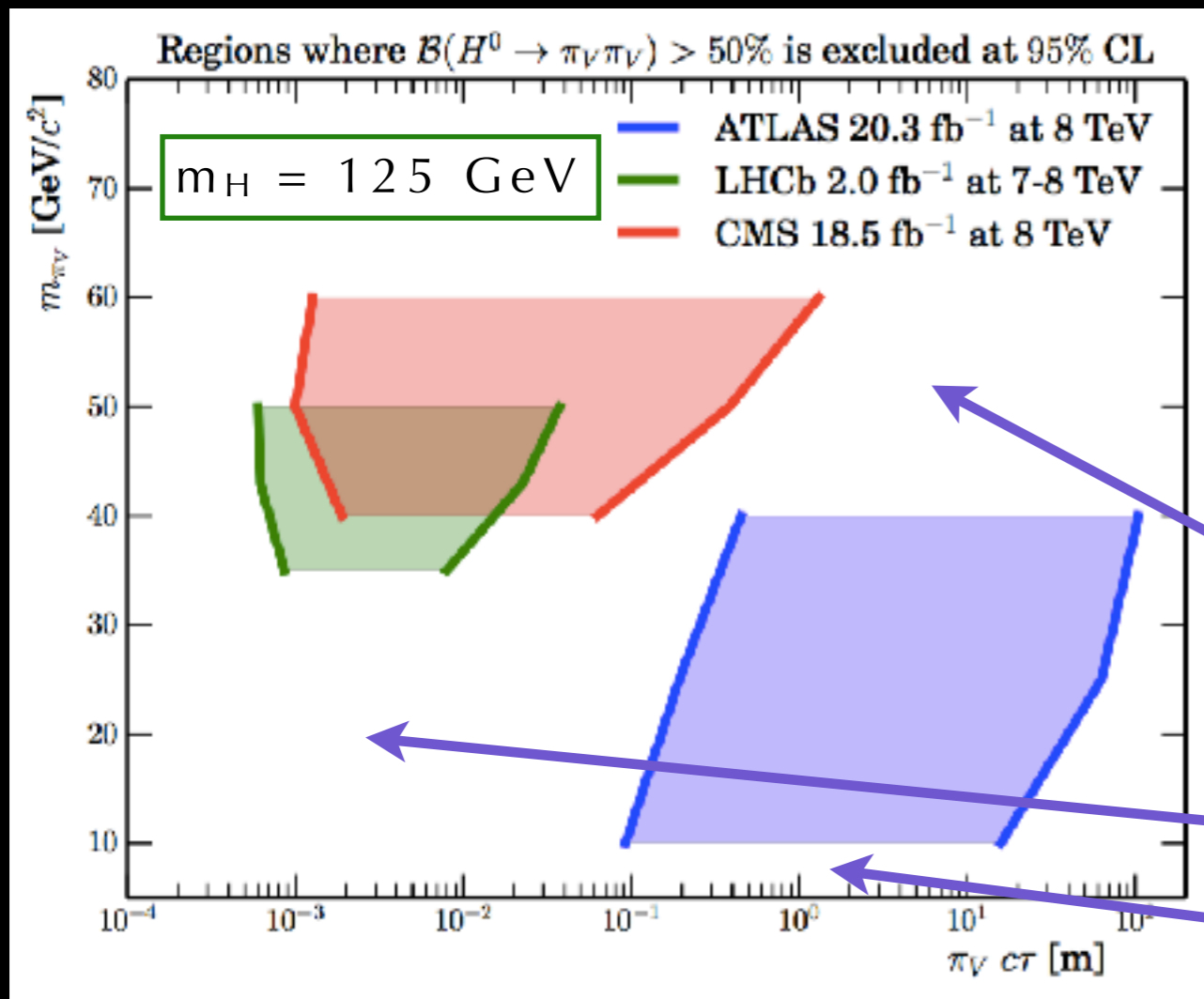
- For pair-produced, long-lived scalars decaying to jets, CMS has an inclusive search: [PLB 780 \(2018\) 432-454](#)
- Same caveat here: What about for smaller masses and lifetimes?



# Uncovered LLP realms

## Comparing searches

- SM-like Higgs  $\rightarrow$  LLPx2  $\rightarrow$  jets
- Big open areas should inspire new triggers, methods to lower thresholds, new ID methods, etc.



A discovery could be hiding here!  
(Model-dependent plot, but illustrative)

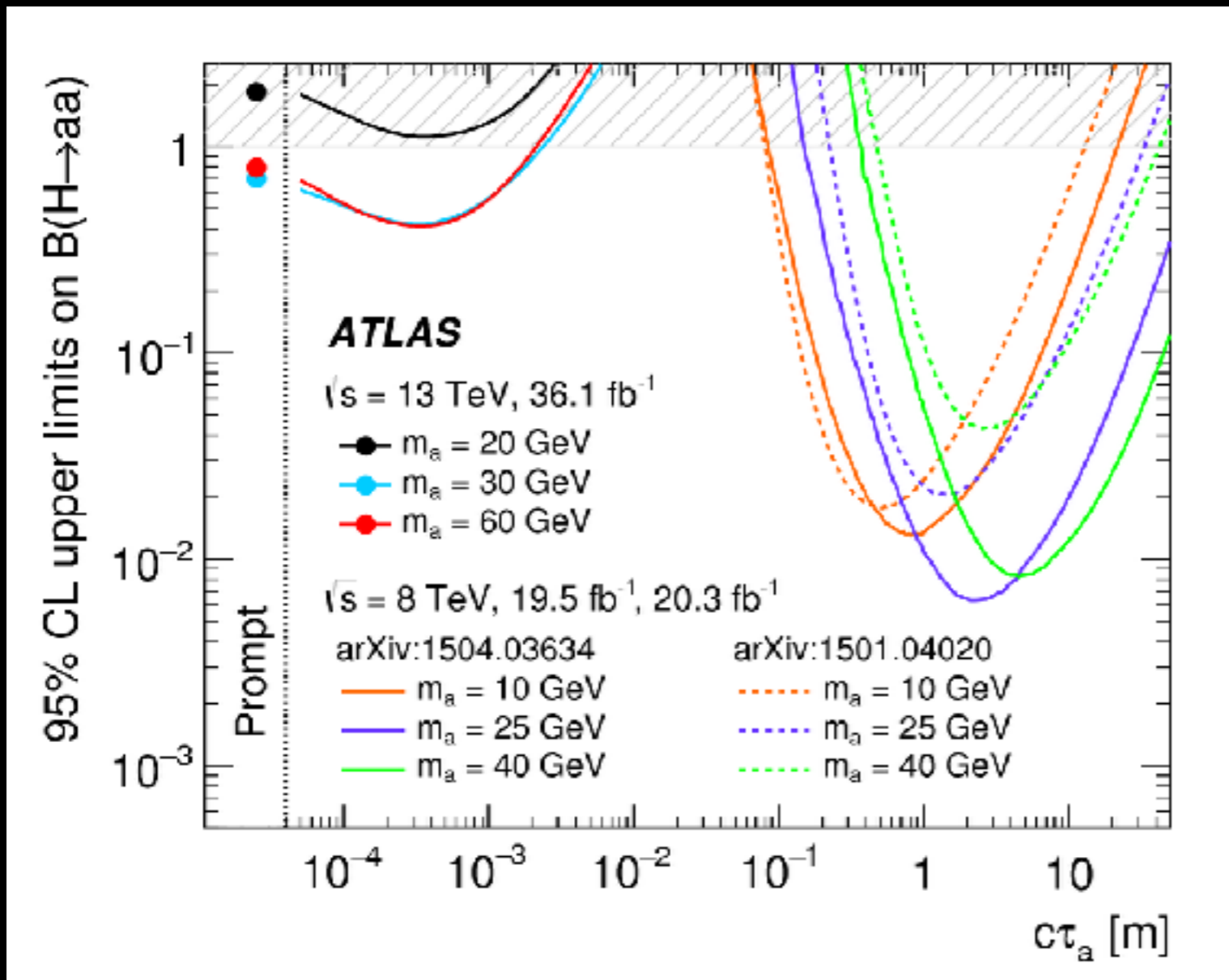
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# Getting-close-to-covered LLP realms

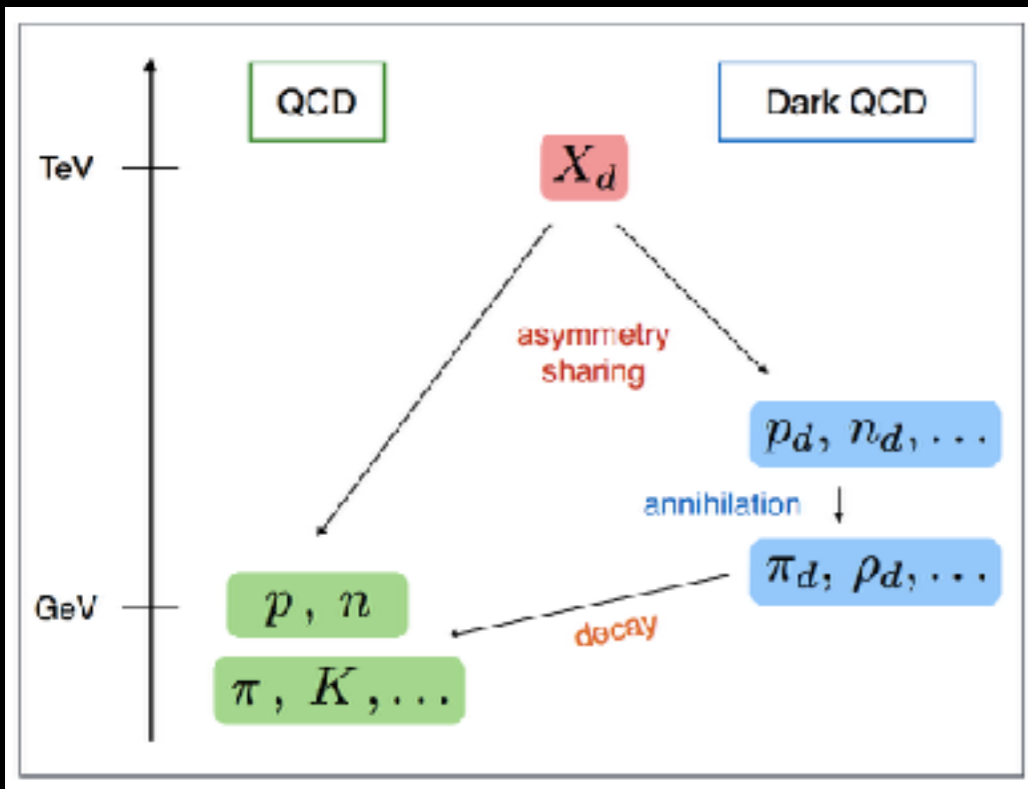
Very short-lived LLPs decaying to jets

- Recent ATLAS search for  $W/Z/h125 \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4b$  for a promptly decaying  $a$ , where an additional limit was set on a scenario with an  $a$  with a non-zero lifetime [ [arXiv:1806.07355](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.07355) ]

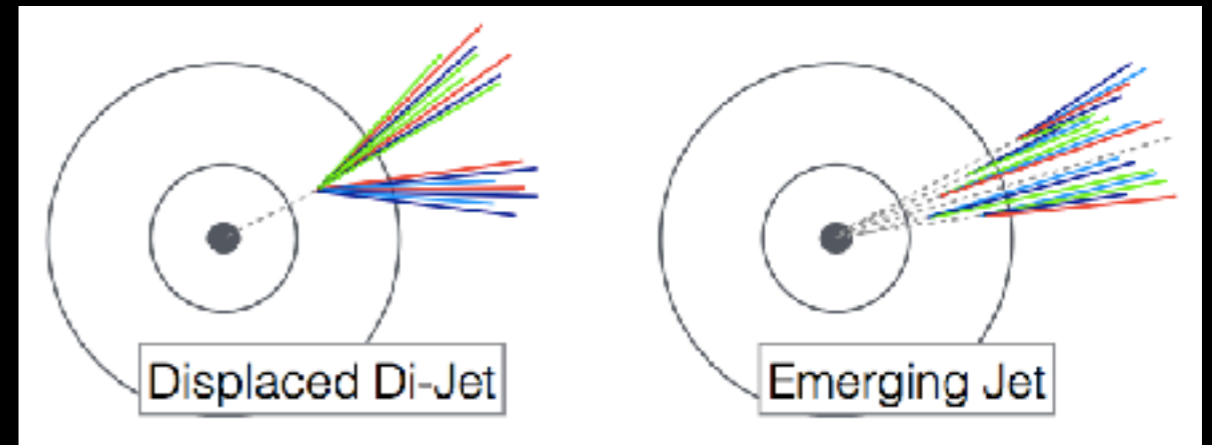


- Essentially required generating some additional simulated samples and calculating a limit, an excellent gain for just a little extra work
- We should encourage all experimentalists doing any search for promptly decaying particles to produce similar plots!

# LLPs from dark QCD-like sectors — emerging jets

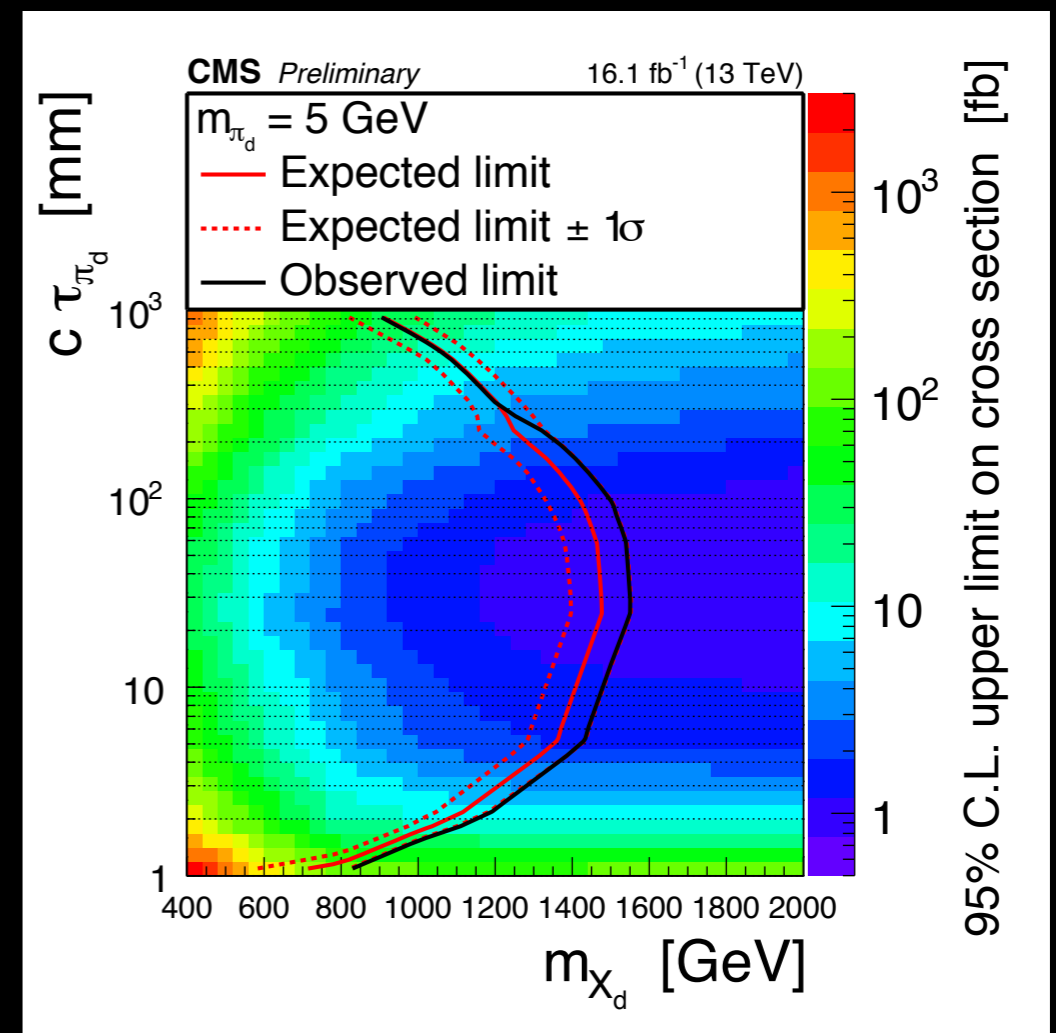
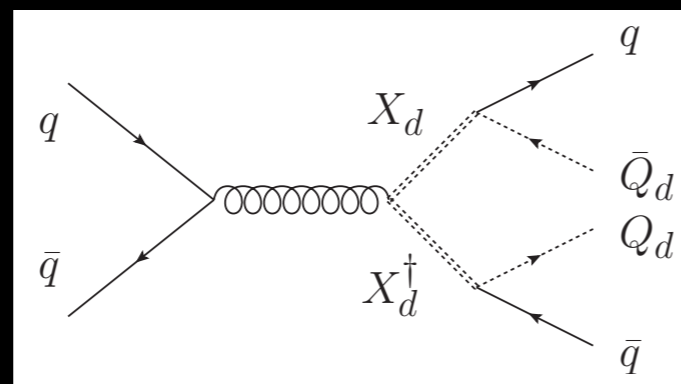


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Dark quarks hadronize first in the hidden sector and, e.g., dark pions then decay to the visible sector via multiple displaced vertices of varying displacements within the same jet object

Thus, this is **neither prompt jets nor a pair of displaced jets** pointing to the same displaced vertex, but to **emerging jets**.



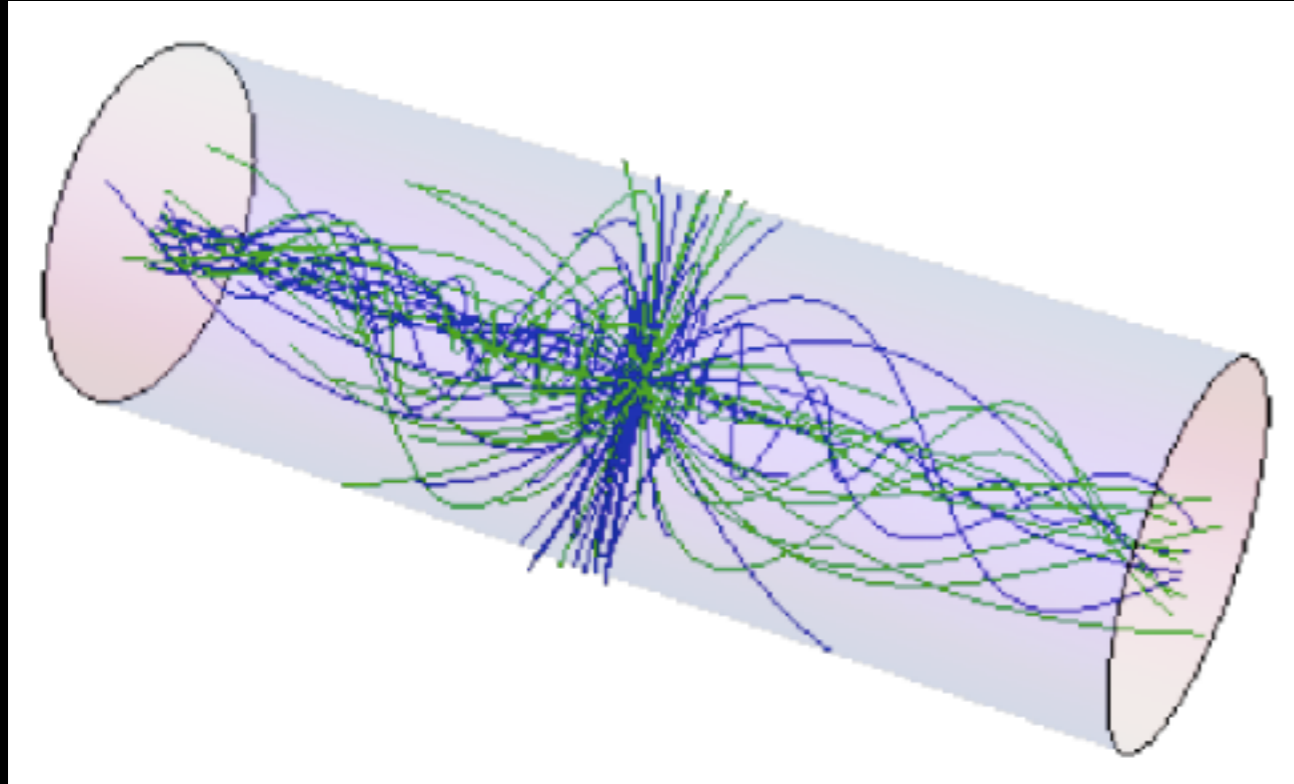
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First results for this dark-QCD model at the LHC — ATLAS search in progress

# Uncovered LLP realms

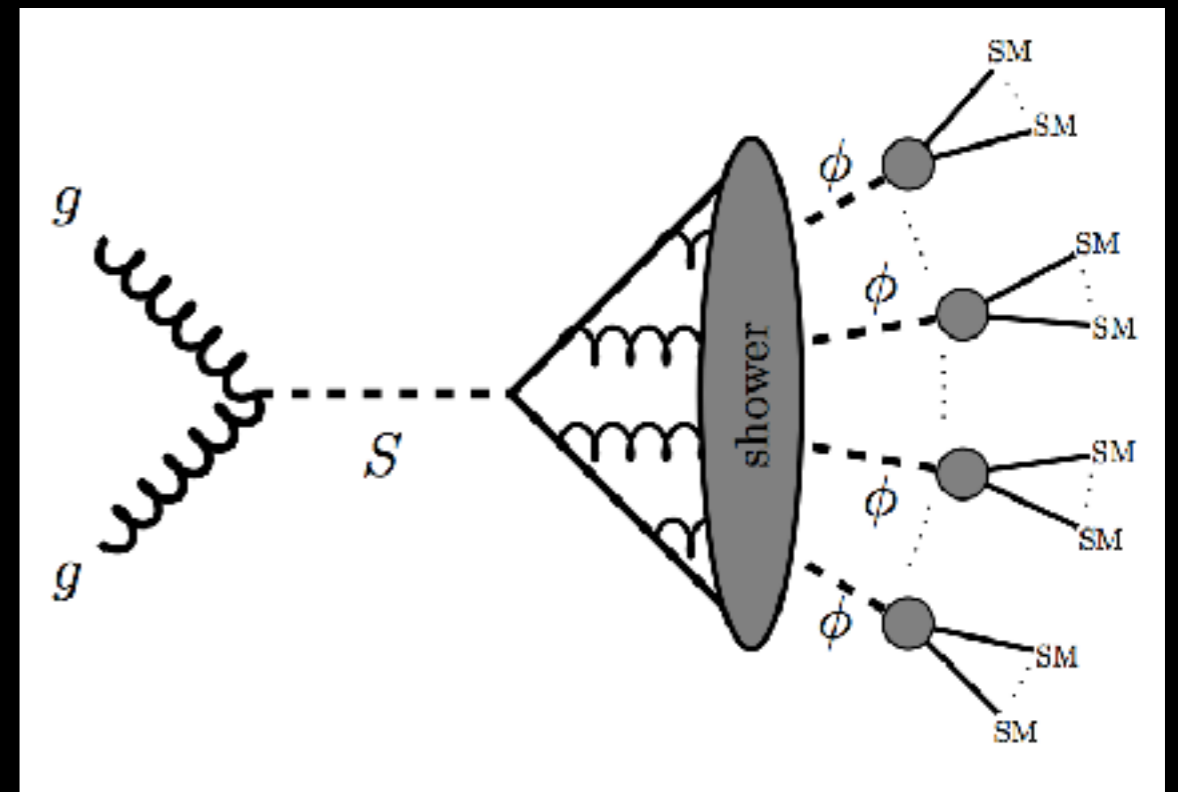
What about the other end of the dark QCD spectrum?

- Very strongly coupled hidden sector yielding a soft radiation pattern in the detector
- **Soft, unclustered energy patterns, or SUEPs:** [JHEP \(2017\) 2017: 76](#)



Hidden valley scenario with confining dynamics — here a strongly coupled regime with a high-mass mediator decaying eventually to a large multiplicity of low-energy SM states

Cylinder is edge of ECal, with  $\sim 100$  very soft electrons and muons swarming around

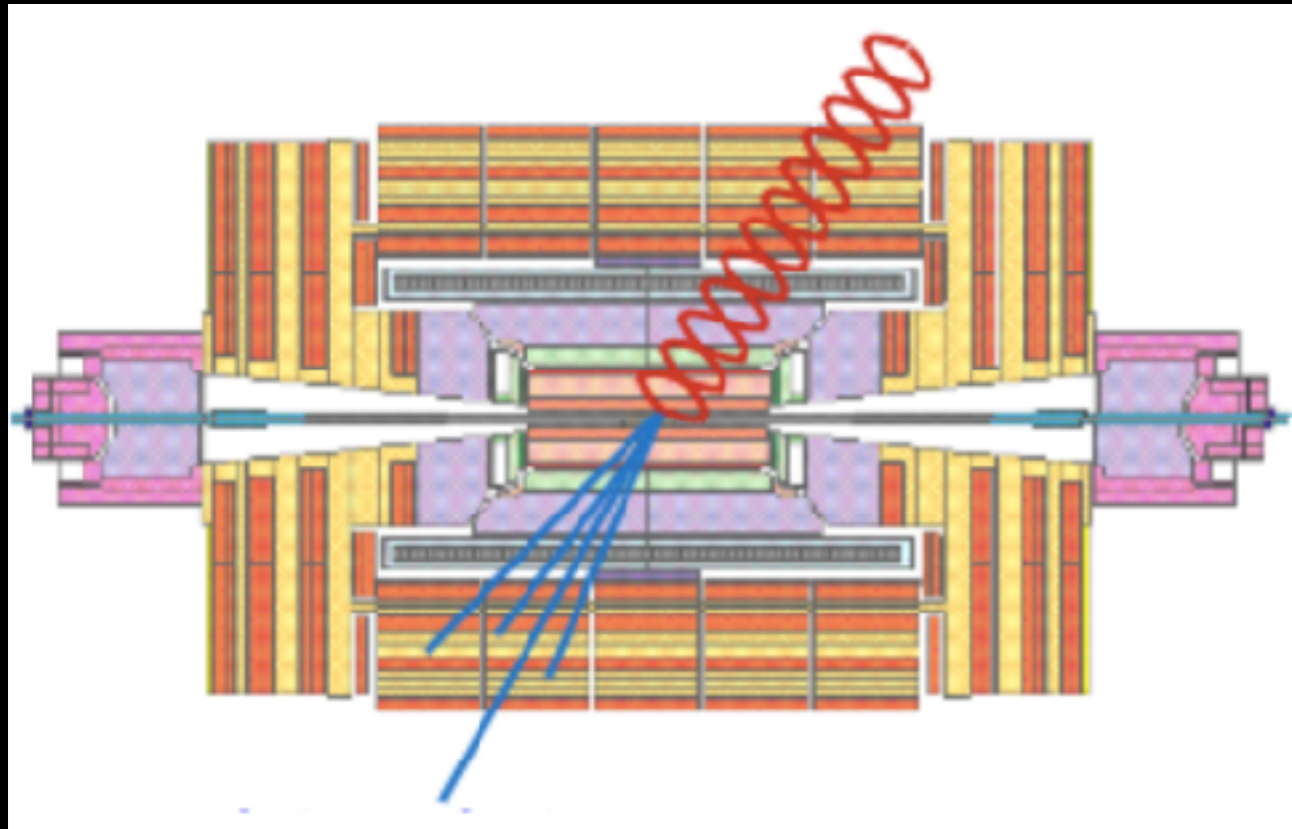


Could a high multiplicity soft muon trigger be useful here?

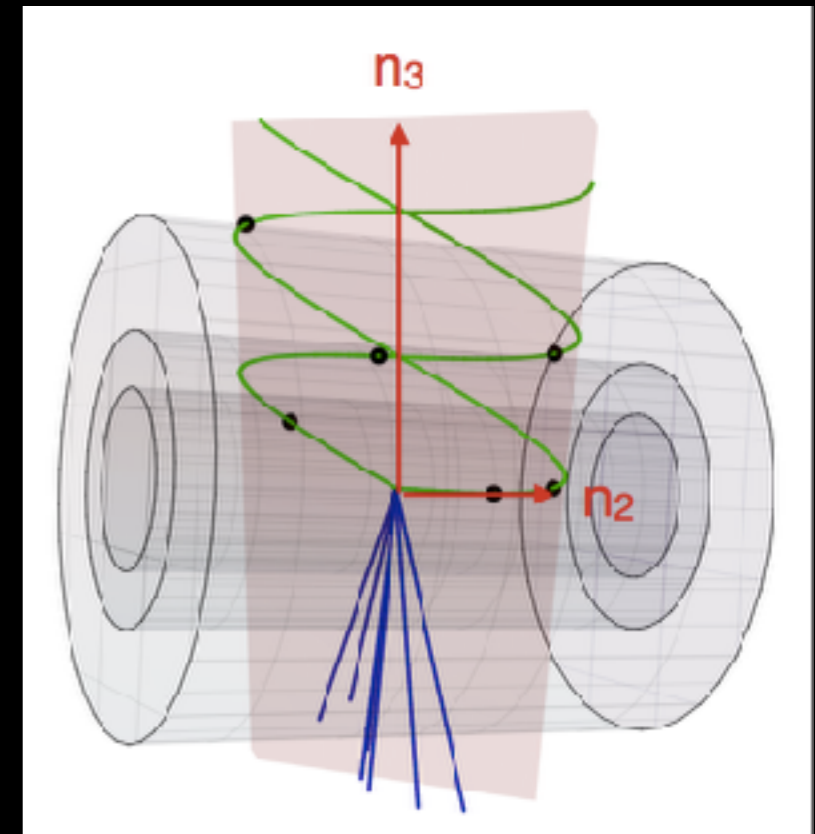
# Uncovered LLP realms

## Non-standard tracks from quirks

- Quirks: Particles charged under new confining gauge group but with masses much greater than the confinement scale  $\rightarrow$  distinct quirk/anti-quirk pairs never form  $\rightarrow$  they oscillate until they annihilate
- As such, they leave a wild, oscillating-pair signature in the detector



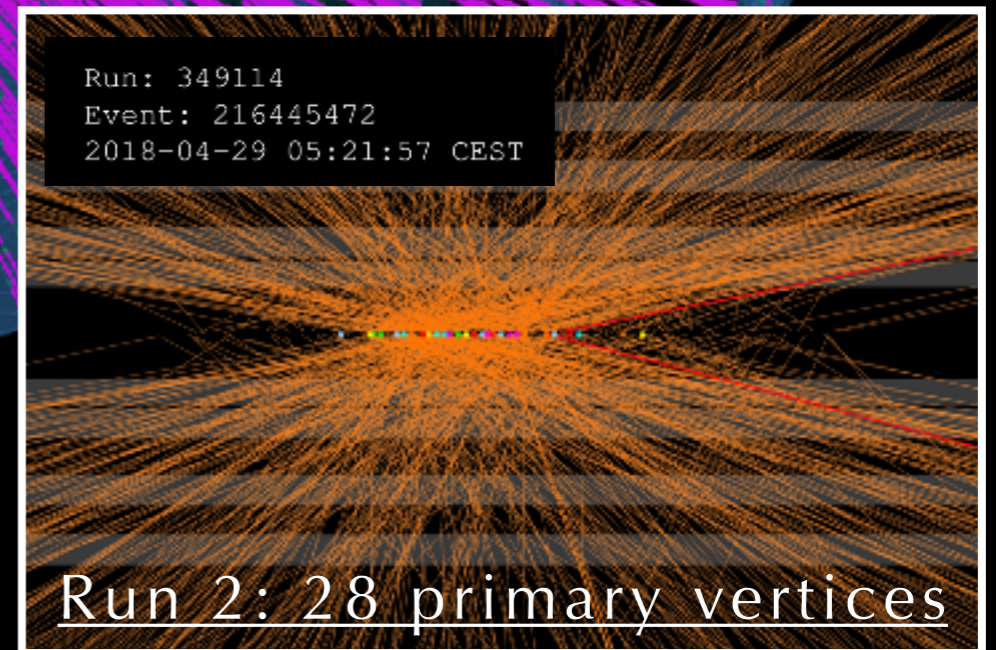
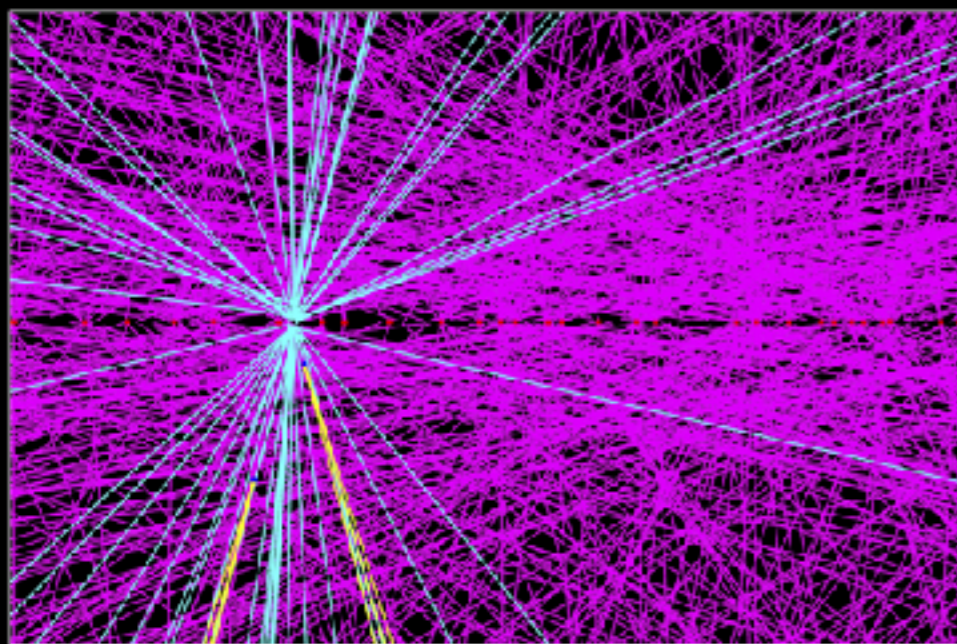
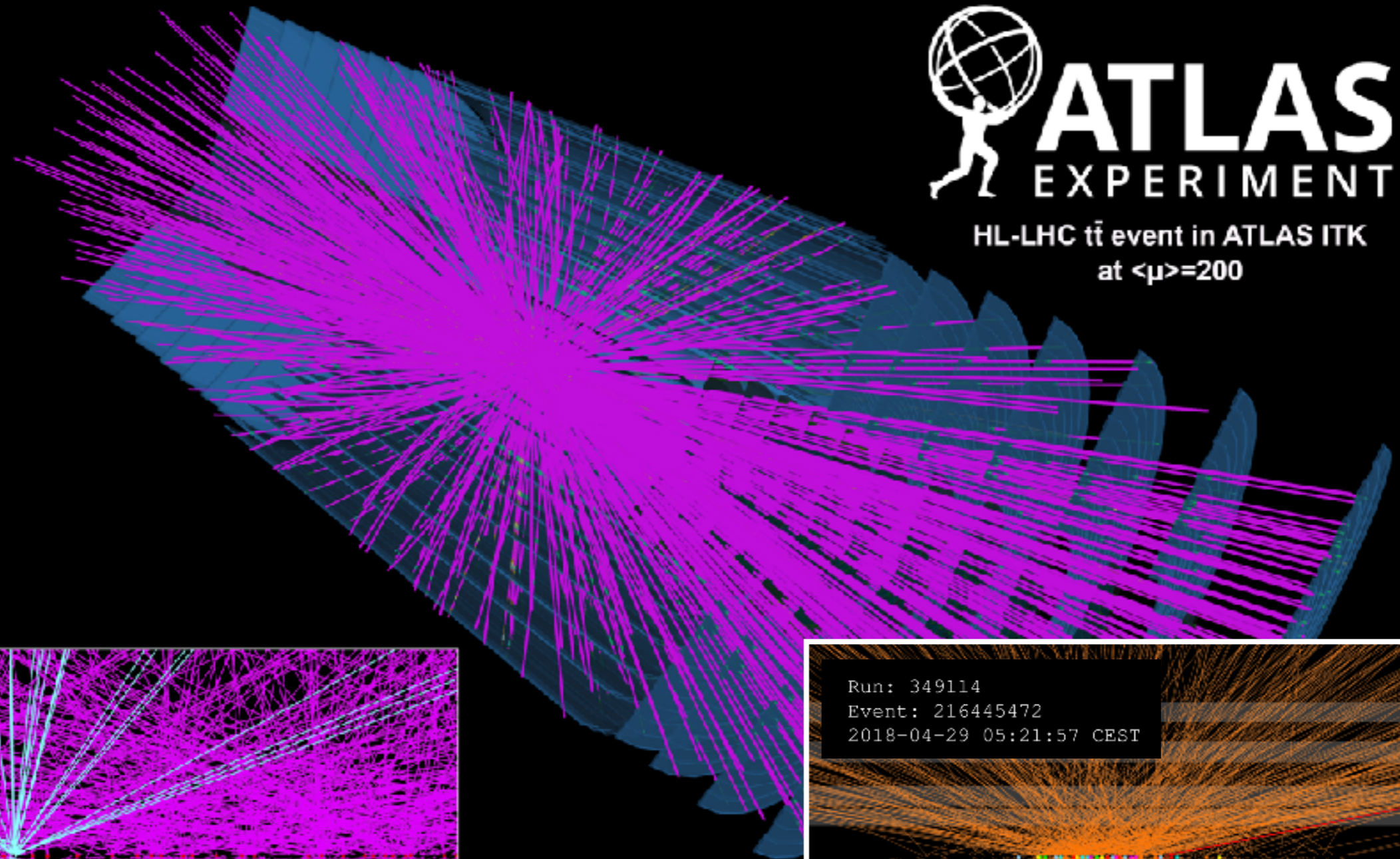
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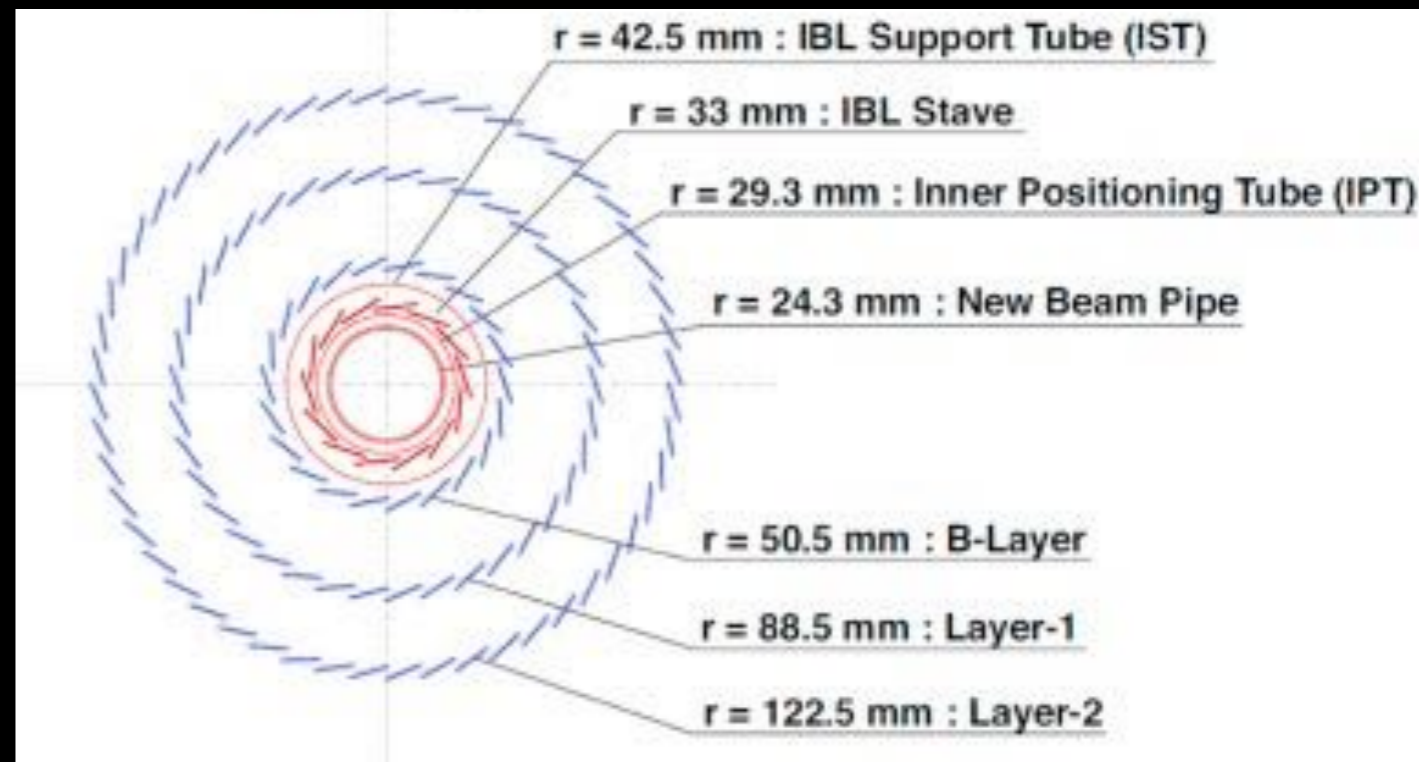
- This is hard, both because standard tracking isn't useful here and because it's difficult to model in Geant4 — only existing search is at [D0](#)

- S. Knapen, et al, proposed a model-independent method of looking for patterns of hits that lay in a plane in the detectors — promising avenue for discovery

# High-luminosity LHC will be a game-changer



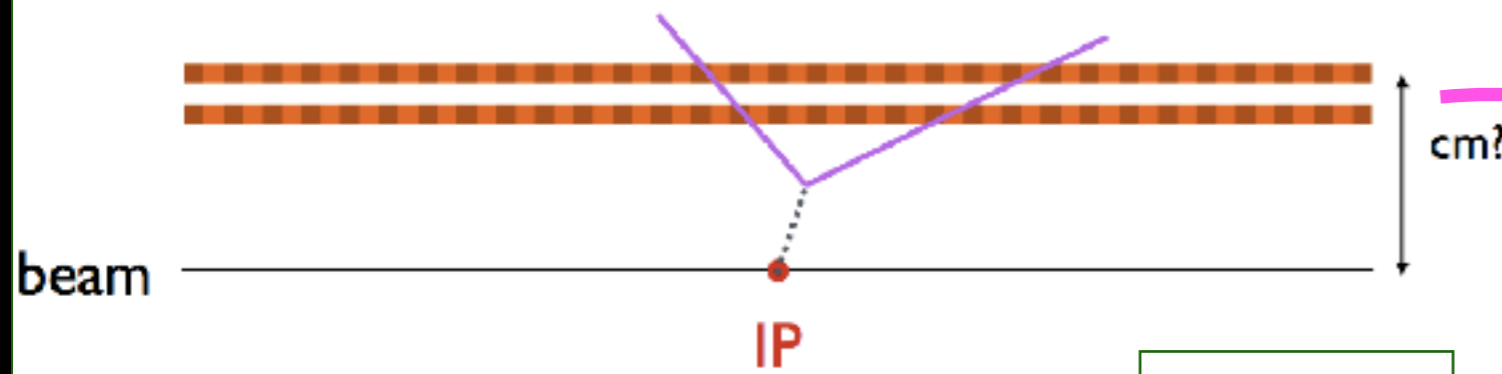
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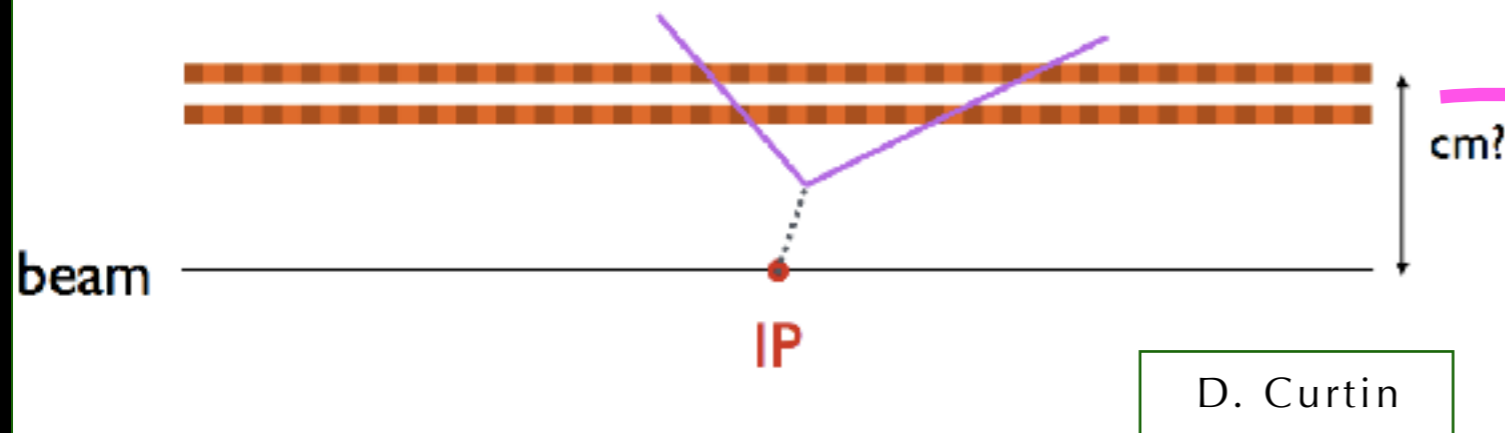
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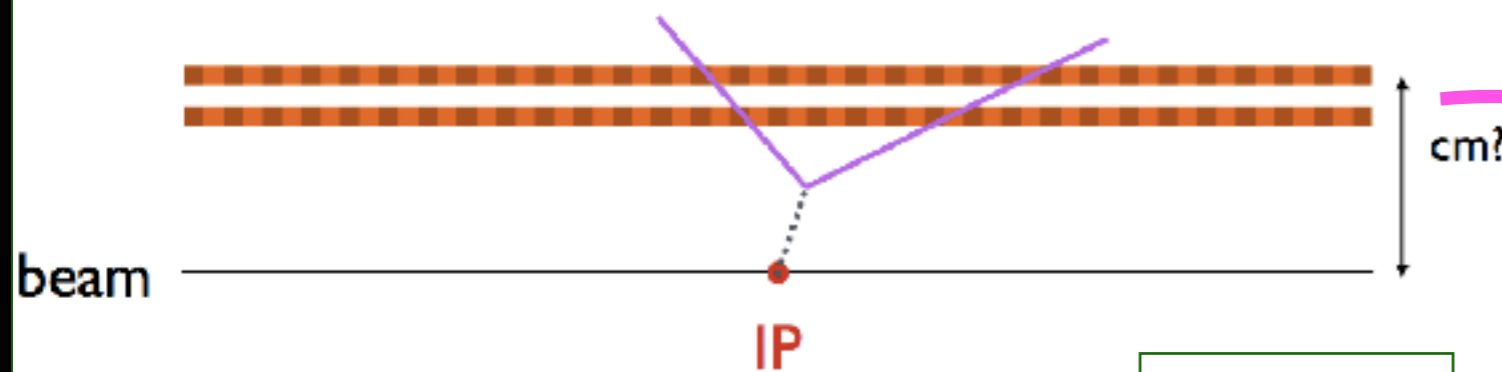


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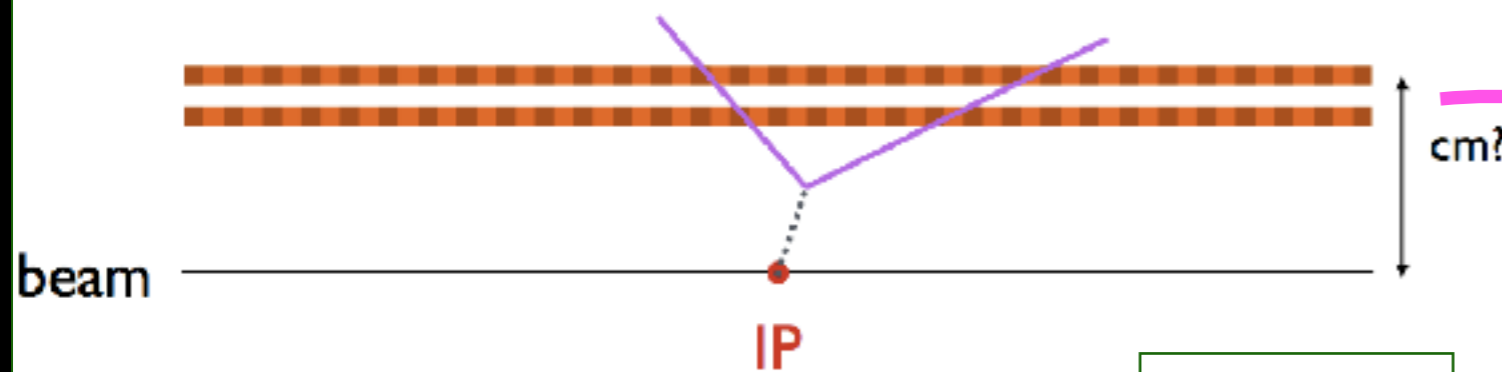
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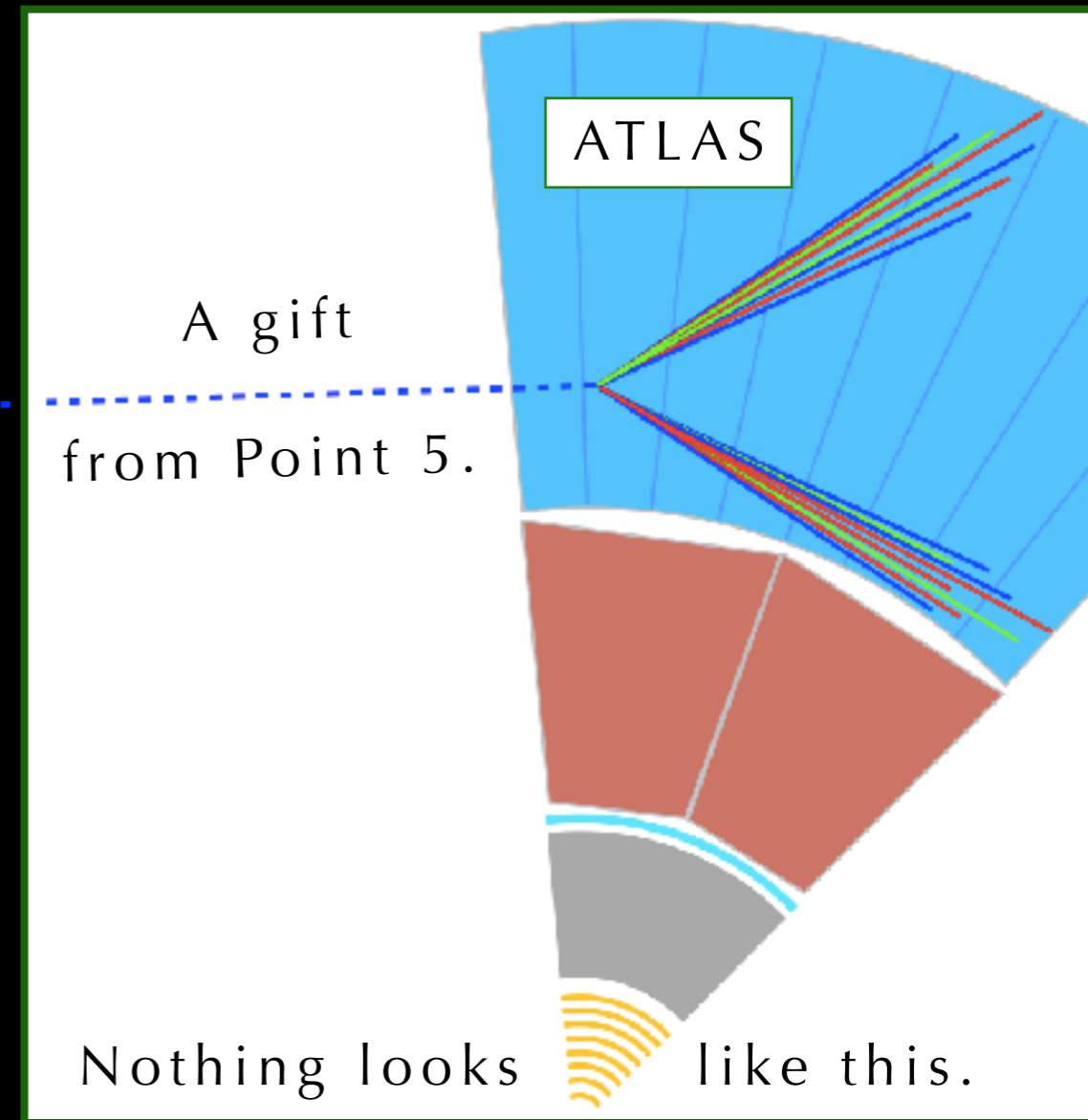
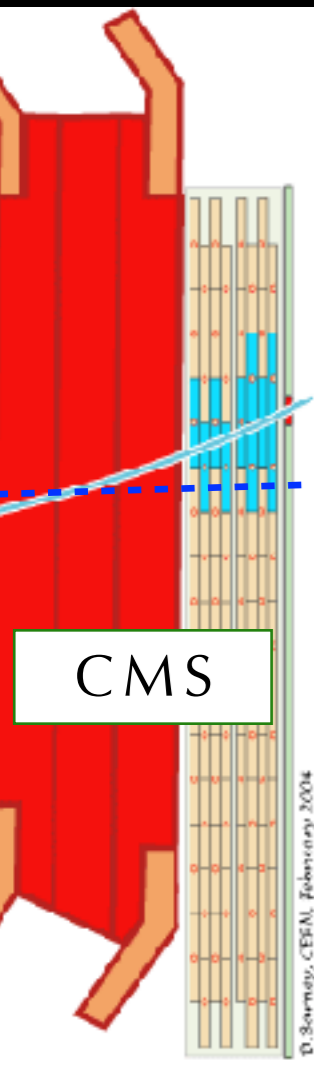
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- Pileup would likely make it useless!
- What about a purposely temporary next-to-beam tracking layer that would only survive a certain integrated luminosity and die?

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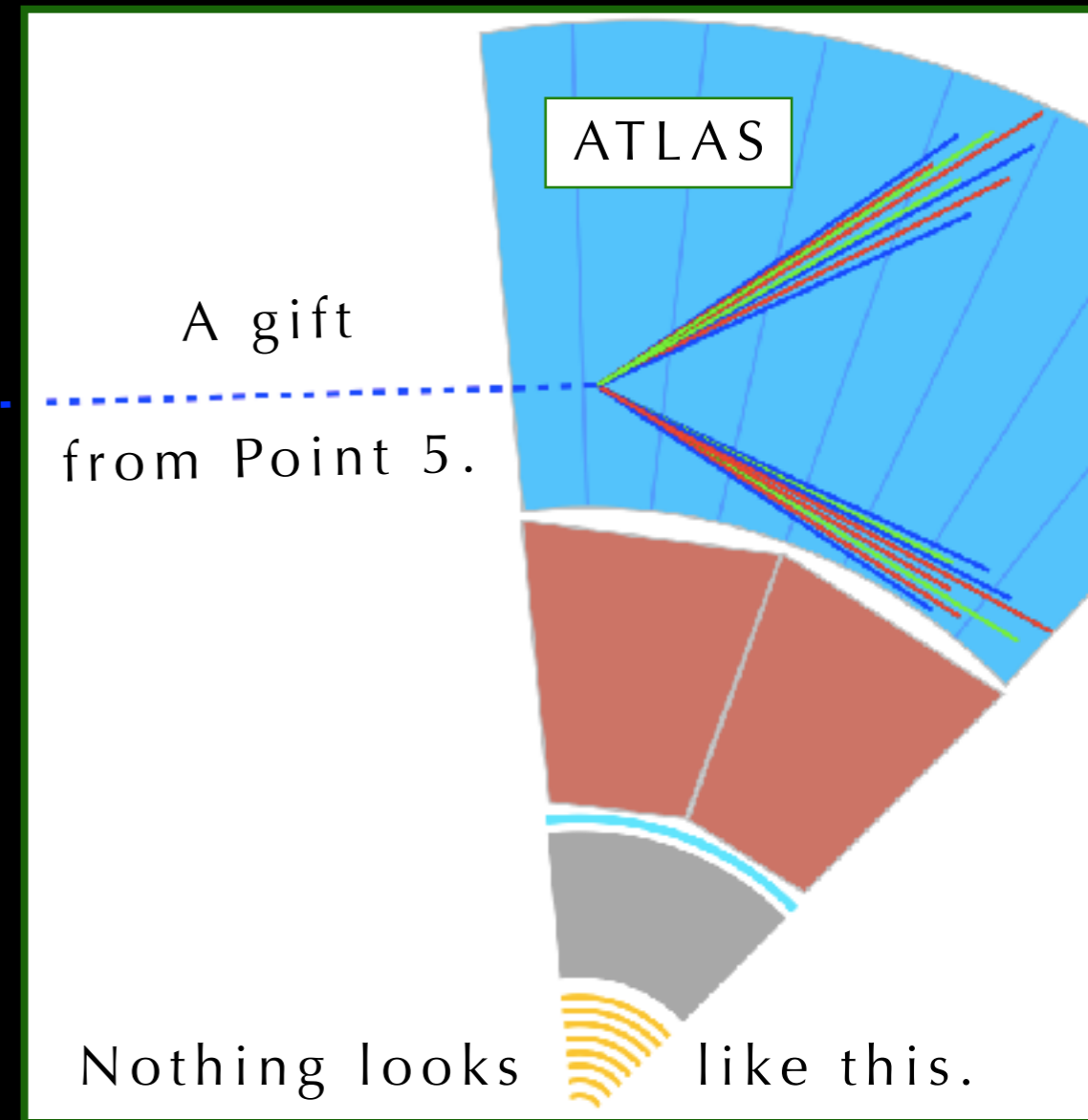
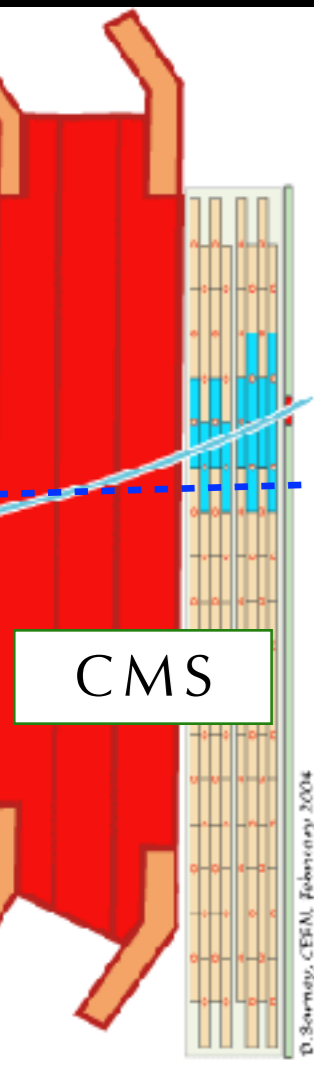


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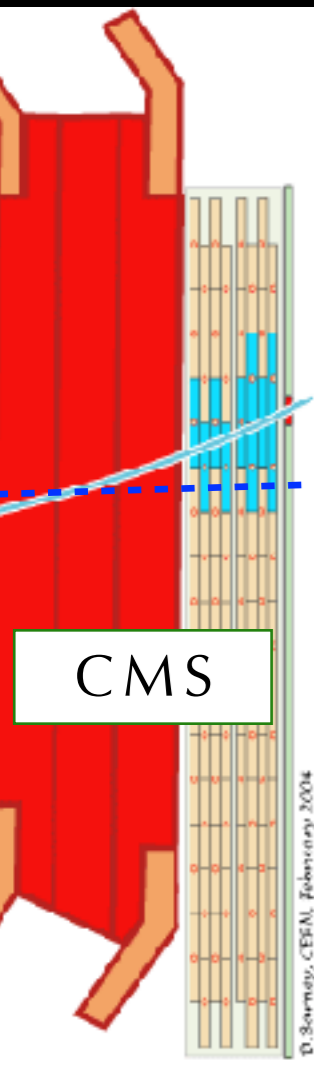
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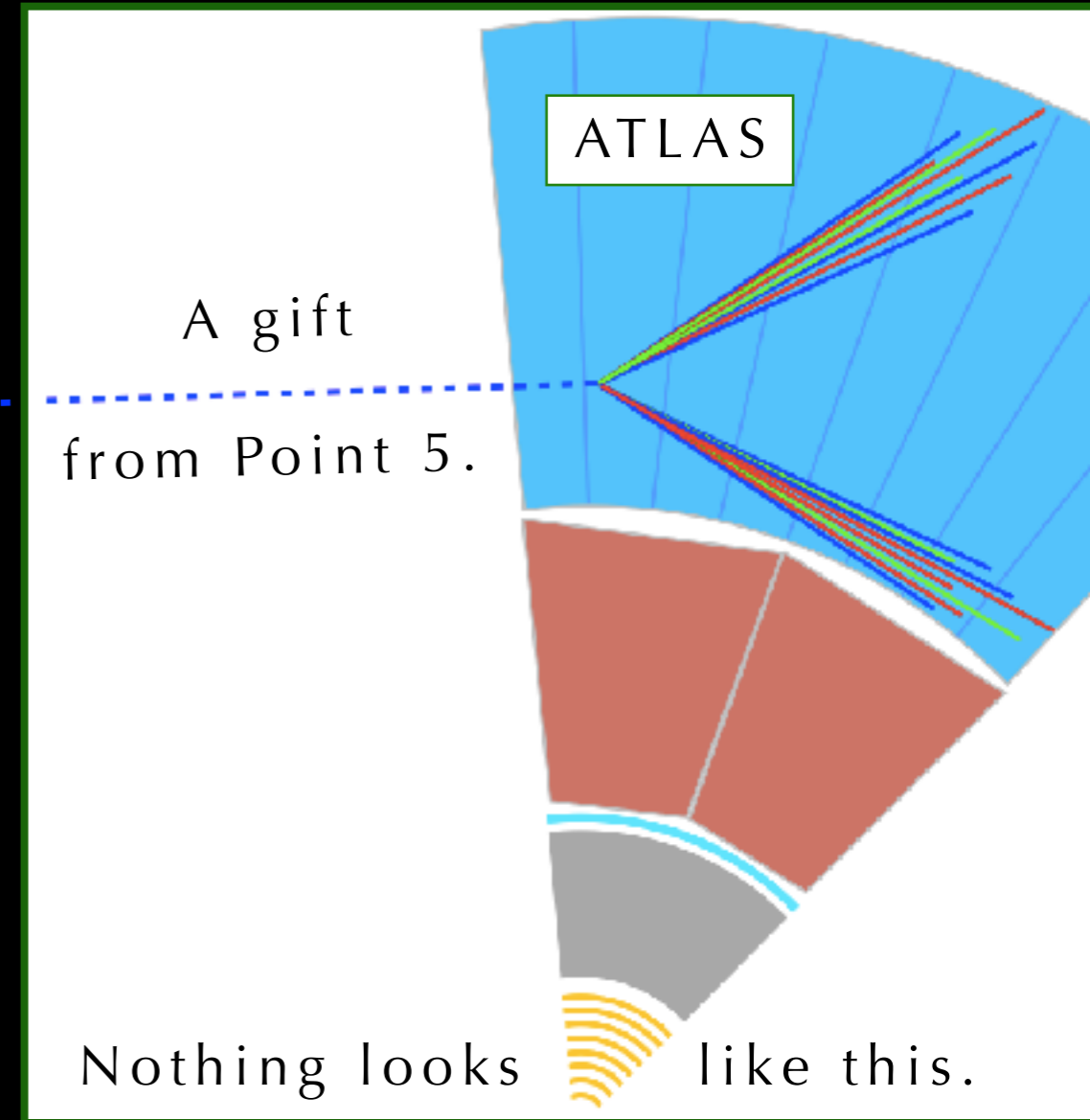
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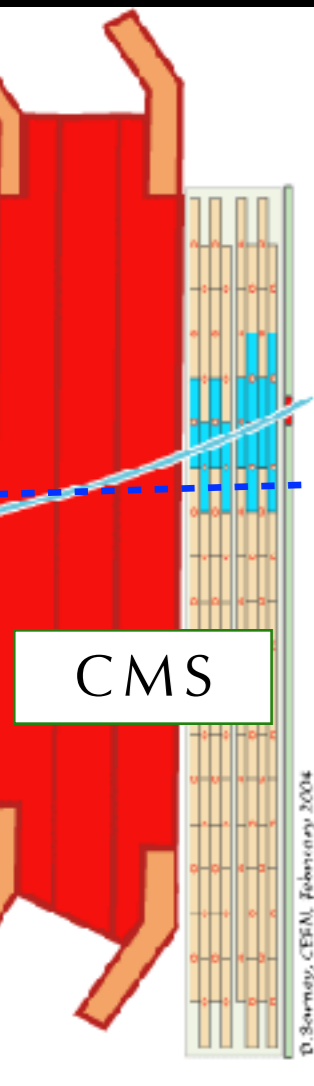
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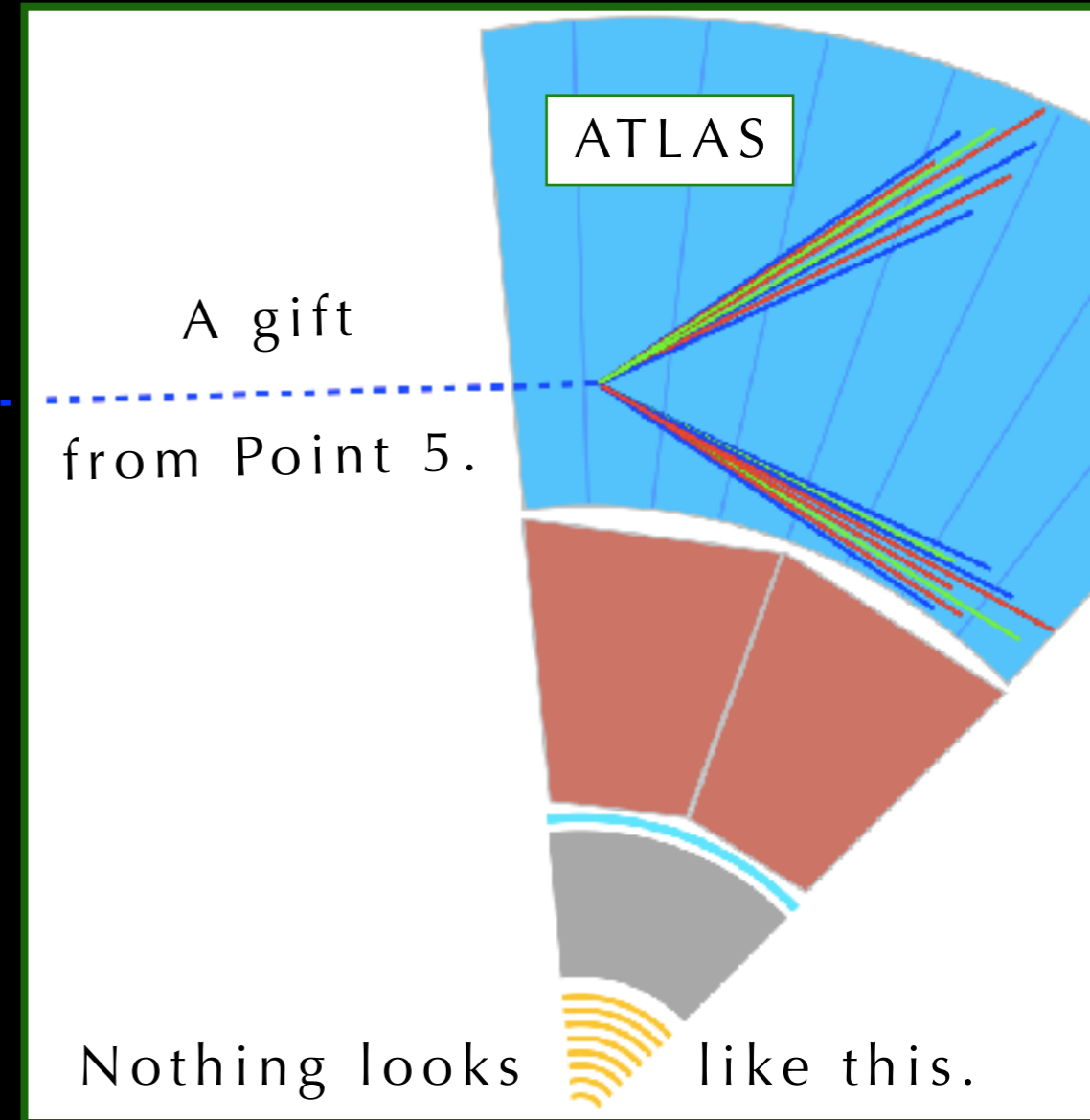
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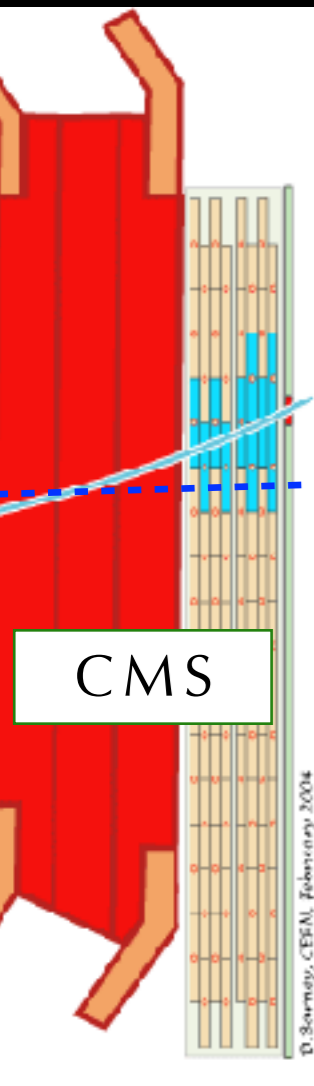
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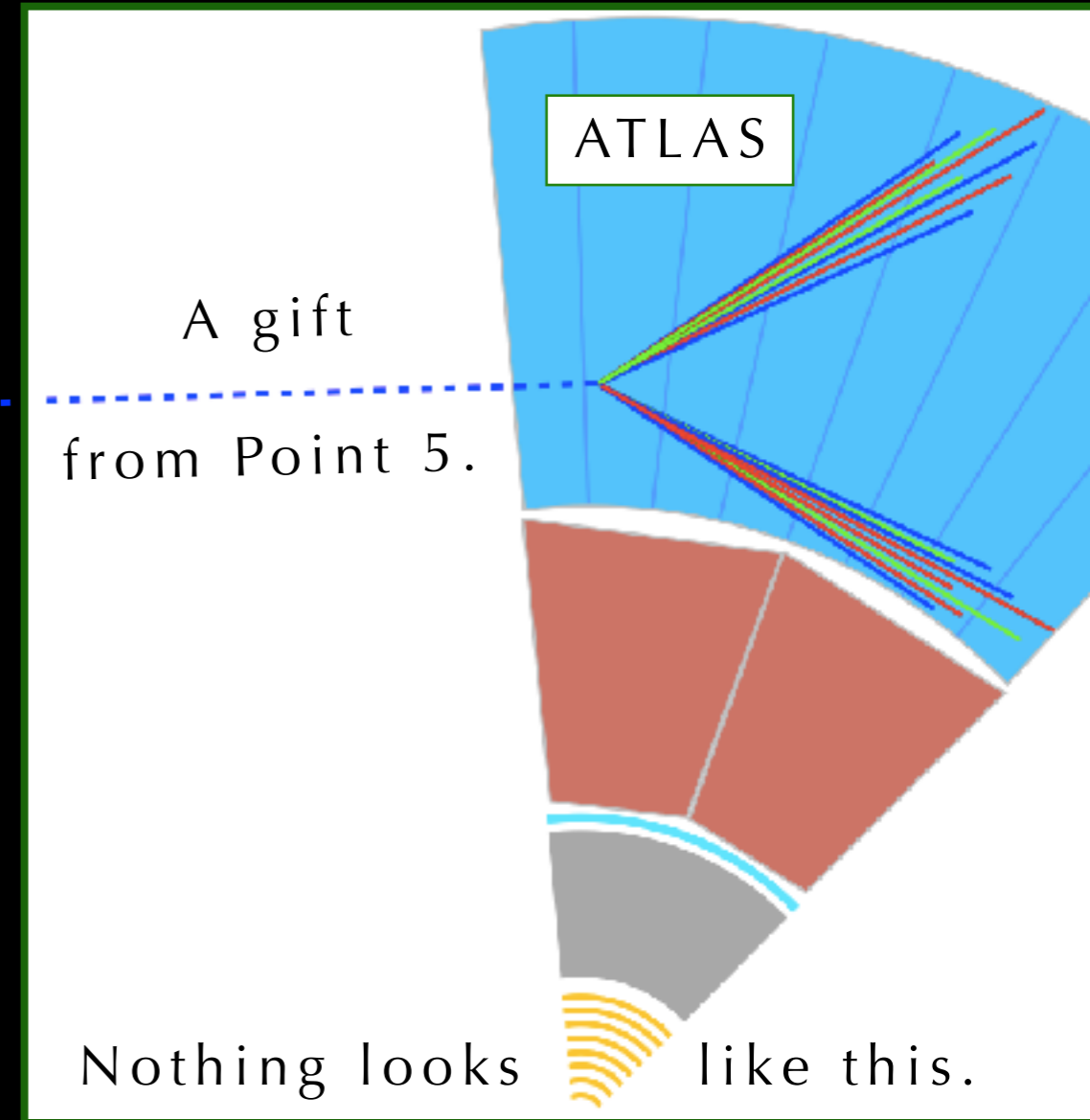
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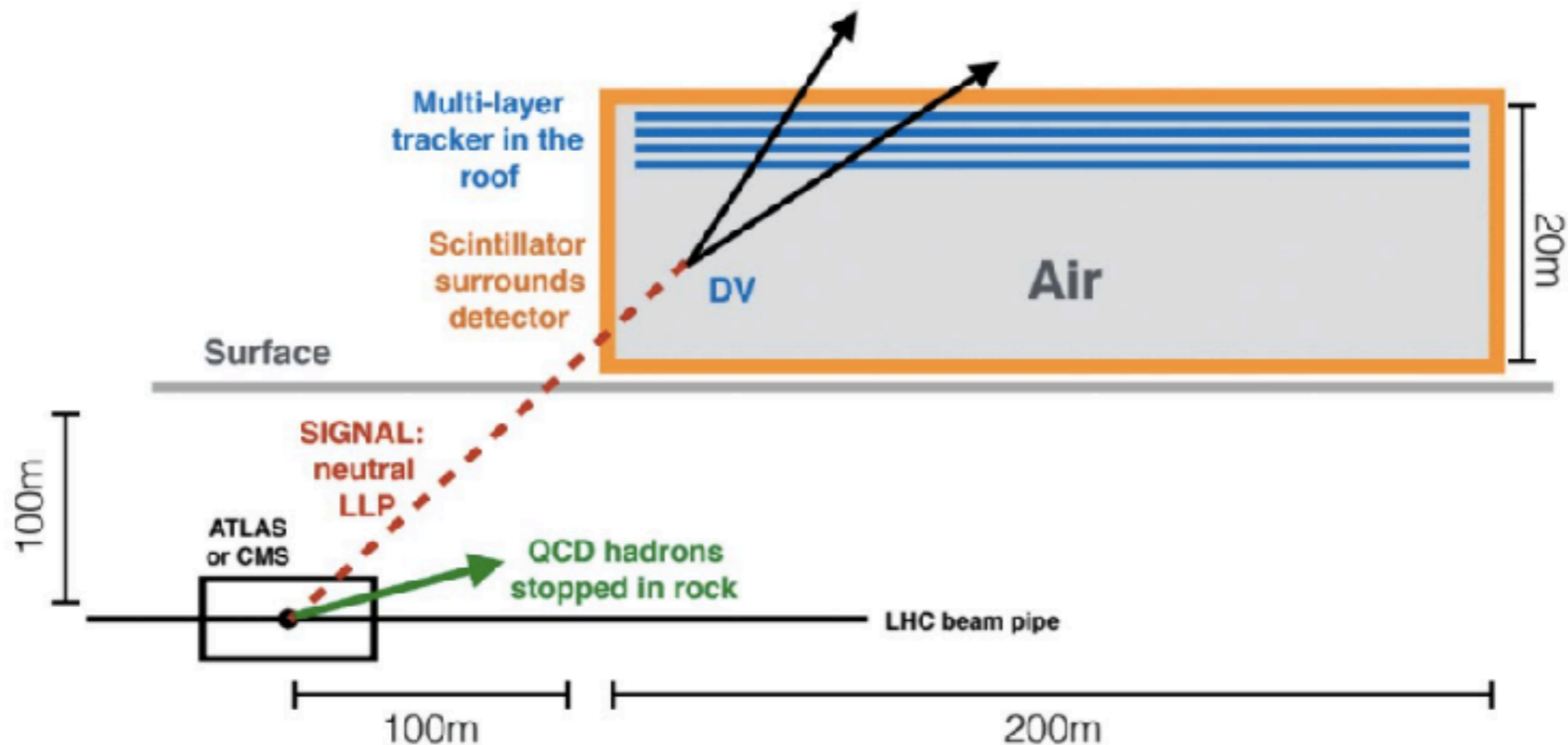
Meade, Nussinov, Papucci, Volansky mentioned this in passing in 2009

# MATHUSLA: Ultra-long-lived particles

Letter of Intent (July 2018): <https://inspirehep.net/record/1685035>

## Detector design

Simple concept: effectively just a large (mostly empty) box to enclose displaced vertices

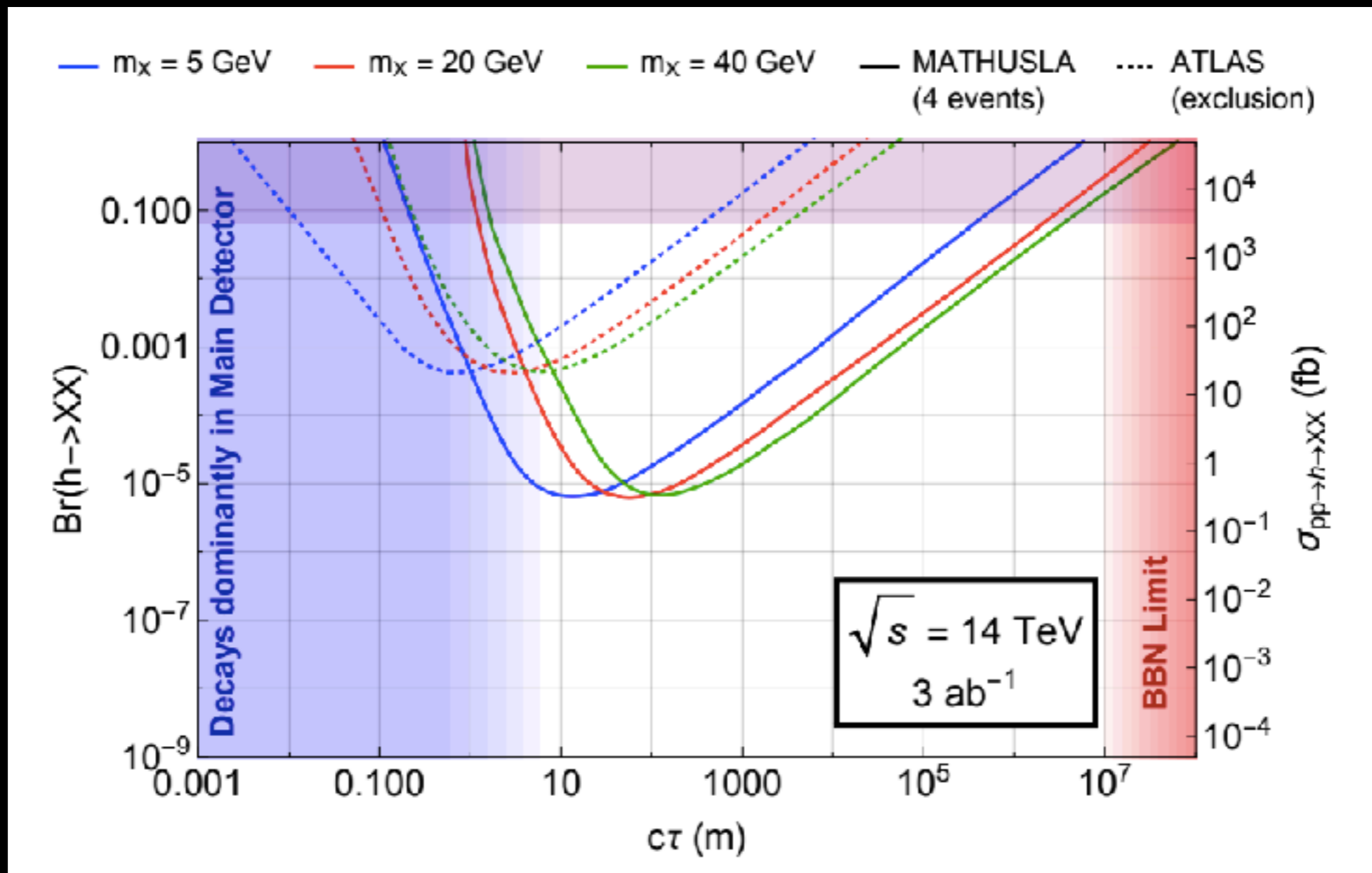


Talk by Mason Proffitt from May 2018



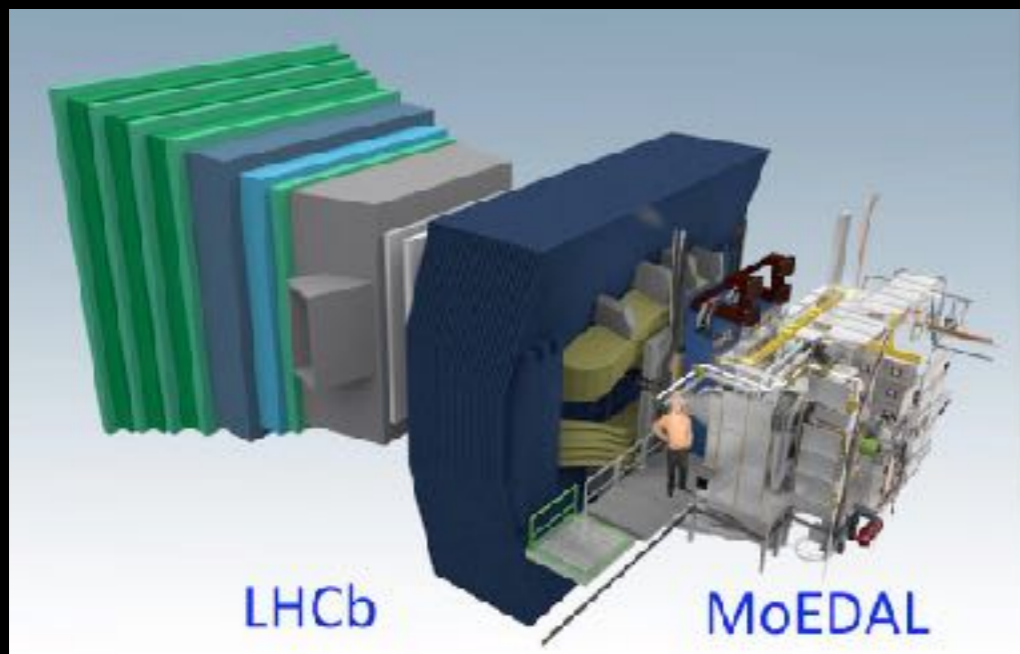
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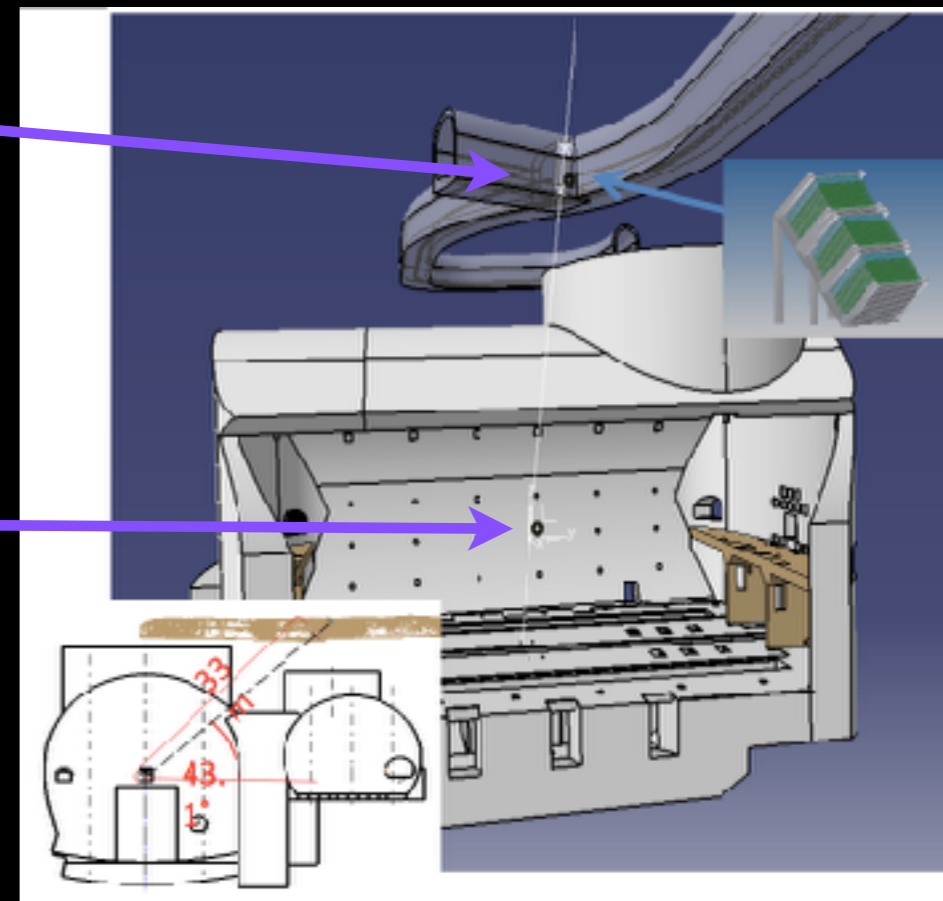
MATHUSLA physics case: [arXiv:1806.07396](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.07396)

Additionally a whole host of other dedicated detectors for LLPs either existing or proposed — [MoEDAL](#), [MilliQan](#), [FASER](#), [Codex-b](#) — and existing or planned experiments that are sensitive to similar long-lived physics — [NA62](#), [SeaQuest](#), [SHiP](#), others

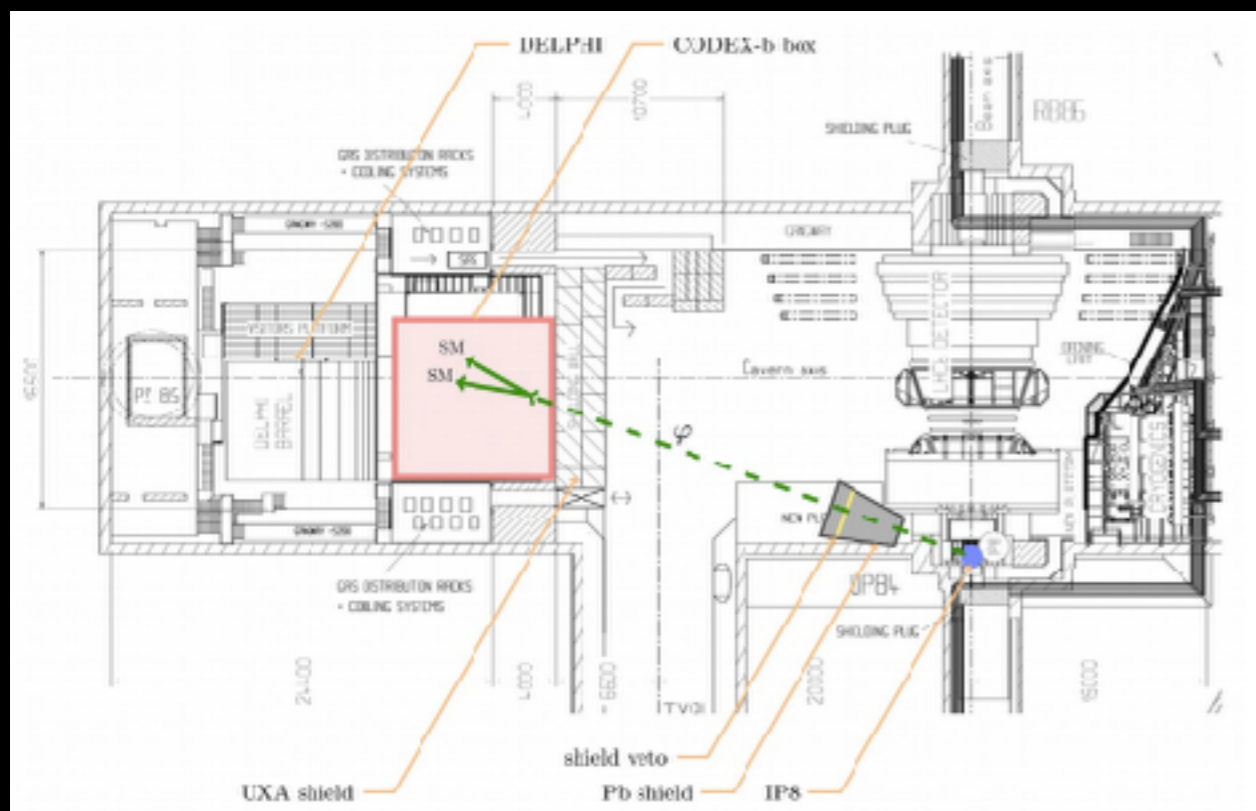


MilliQan

CMS IP



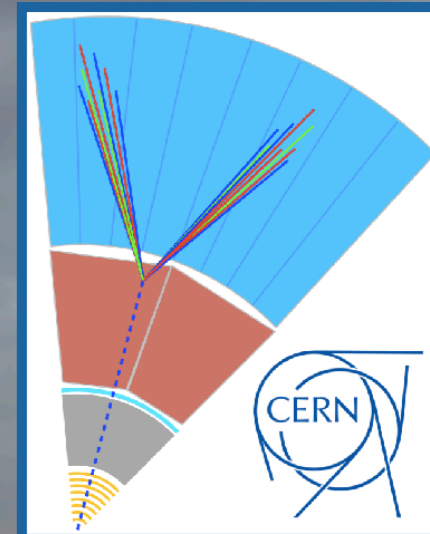
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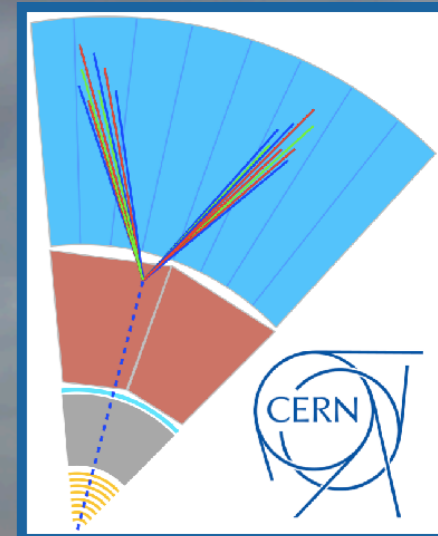
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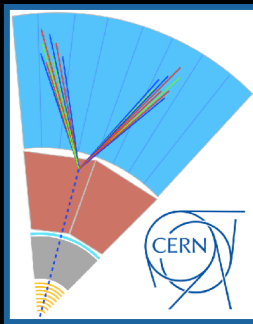
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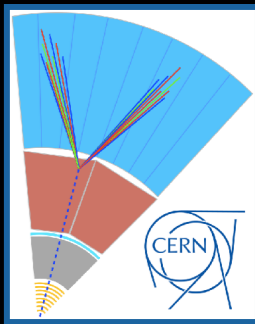
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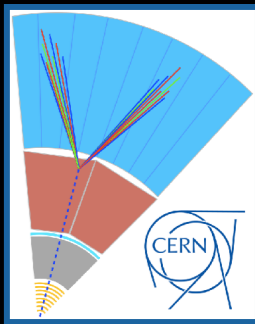
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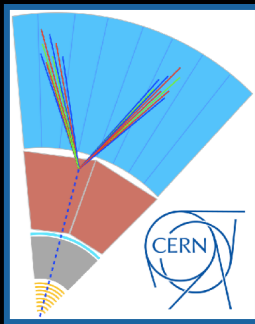
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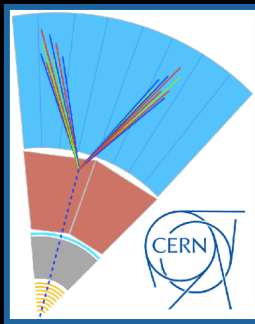


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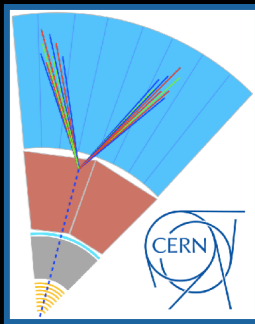
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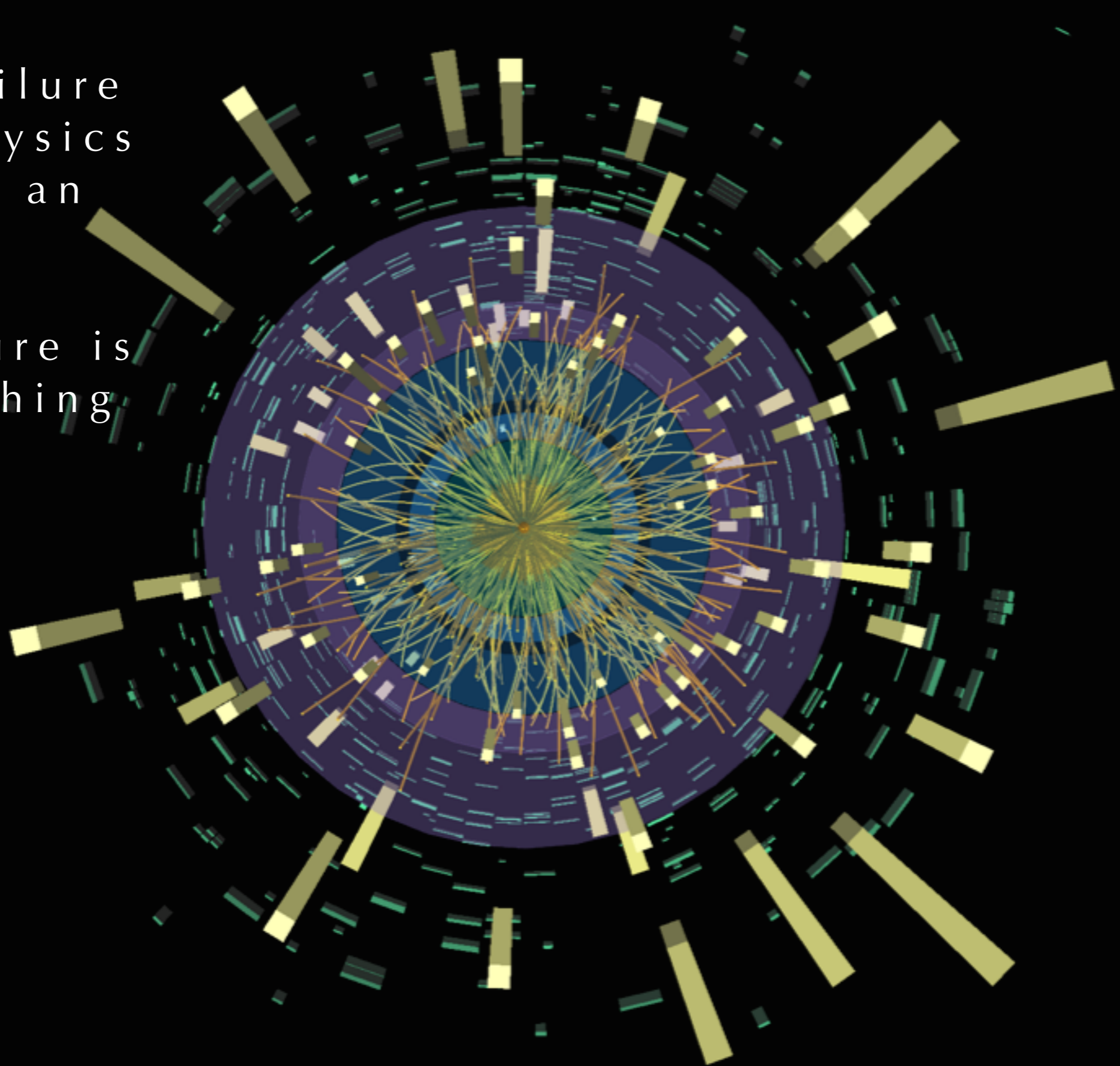
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A critical examination of LLP searches is *vital* to map the future of the LHC's research program!

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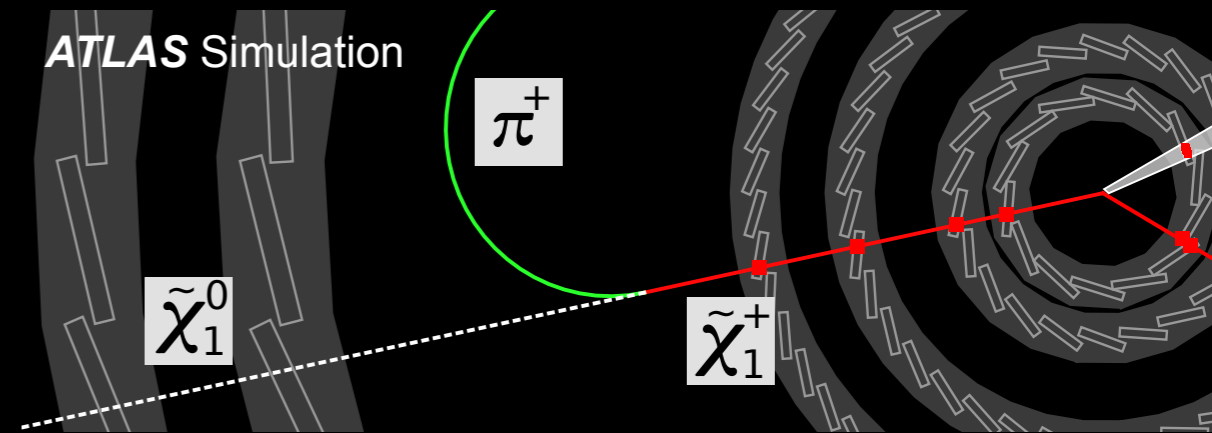


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# Charged $LLPs$ in the inner detector

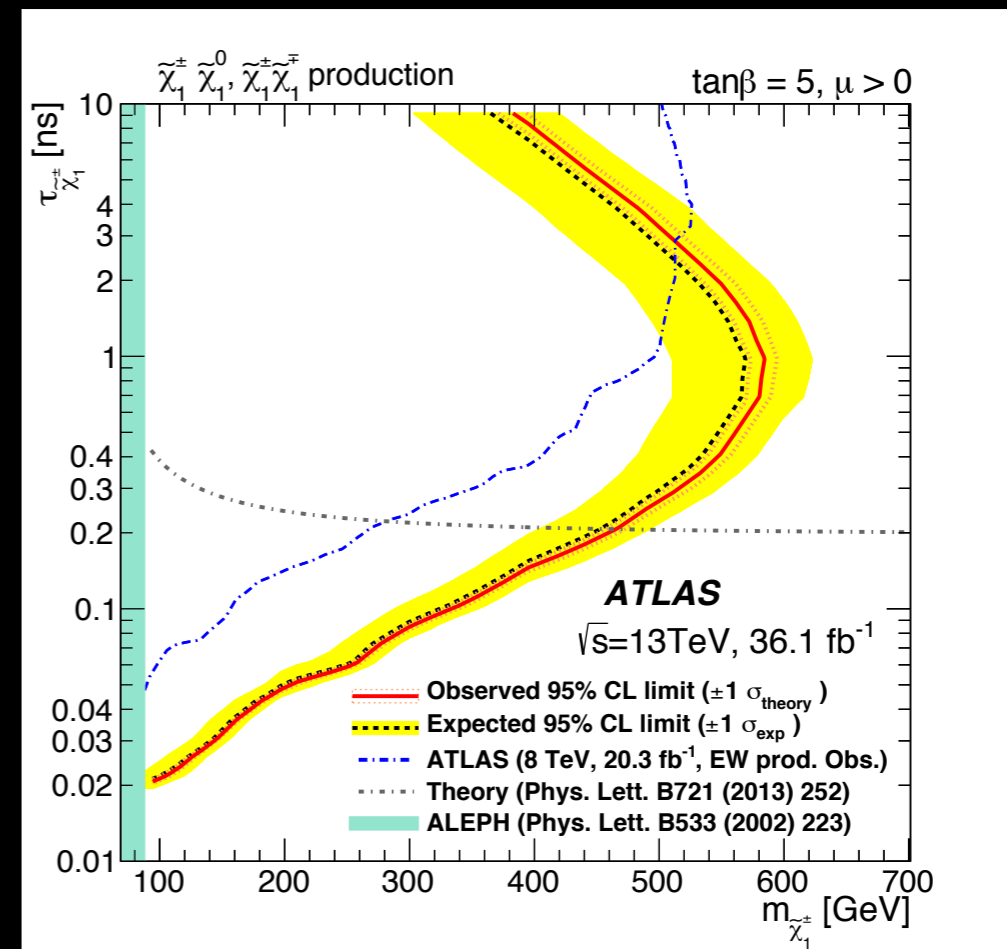
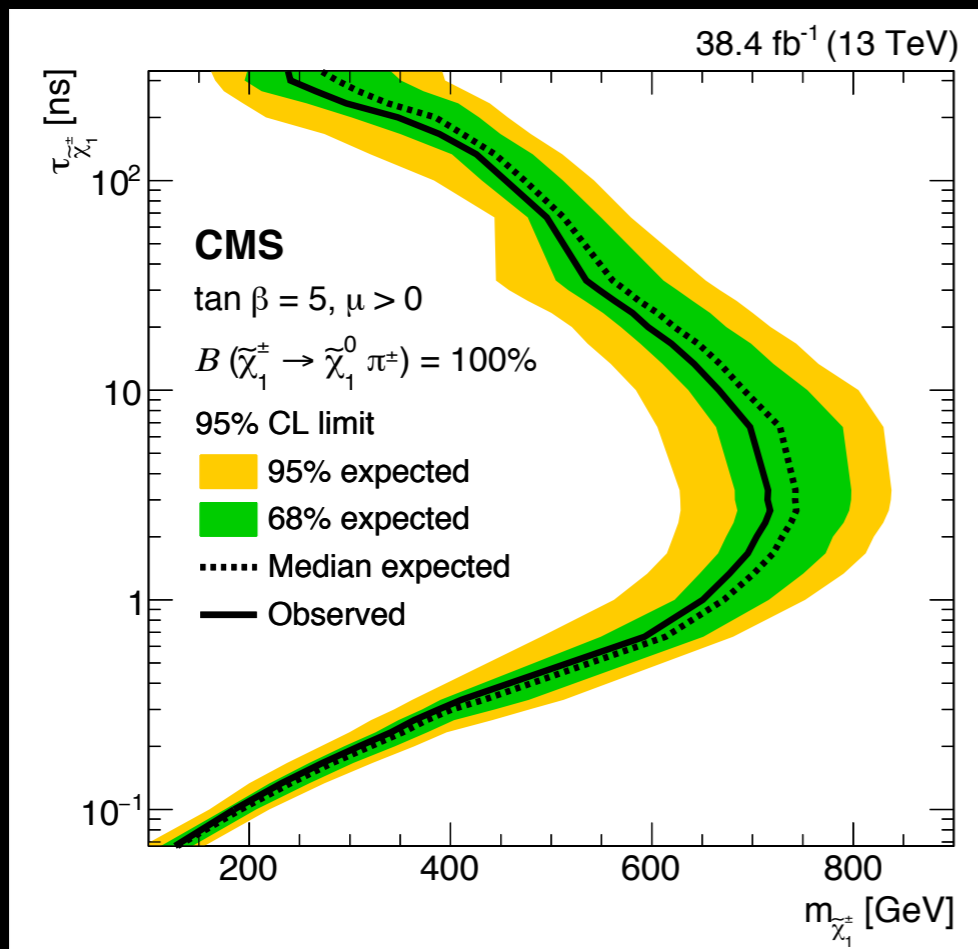
## Disappearing tracks

- BSM LLP is a charged particle that decays to a very soft SM particle and a neutral particle that escapes the detector
- Signature is a track with too few hits to be considered a standard track — a tracklet



CMS: [JHEP 08 \(2018\) 016](#)

ATLAS: [JHEP 06 \(2018\) 022](#)



Proposed tracking upgrades for the HL-LHC era will likely improve sensitivity to lower lifetimes

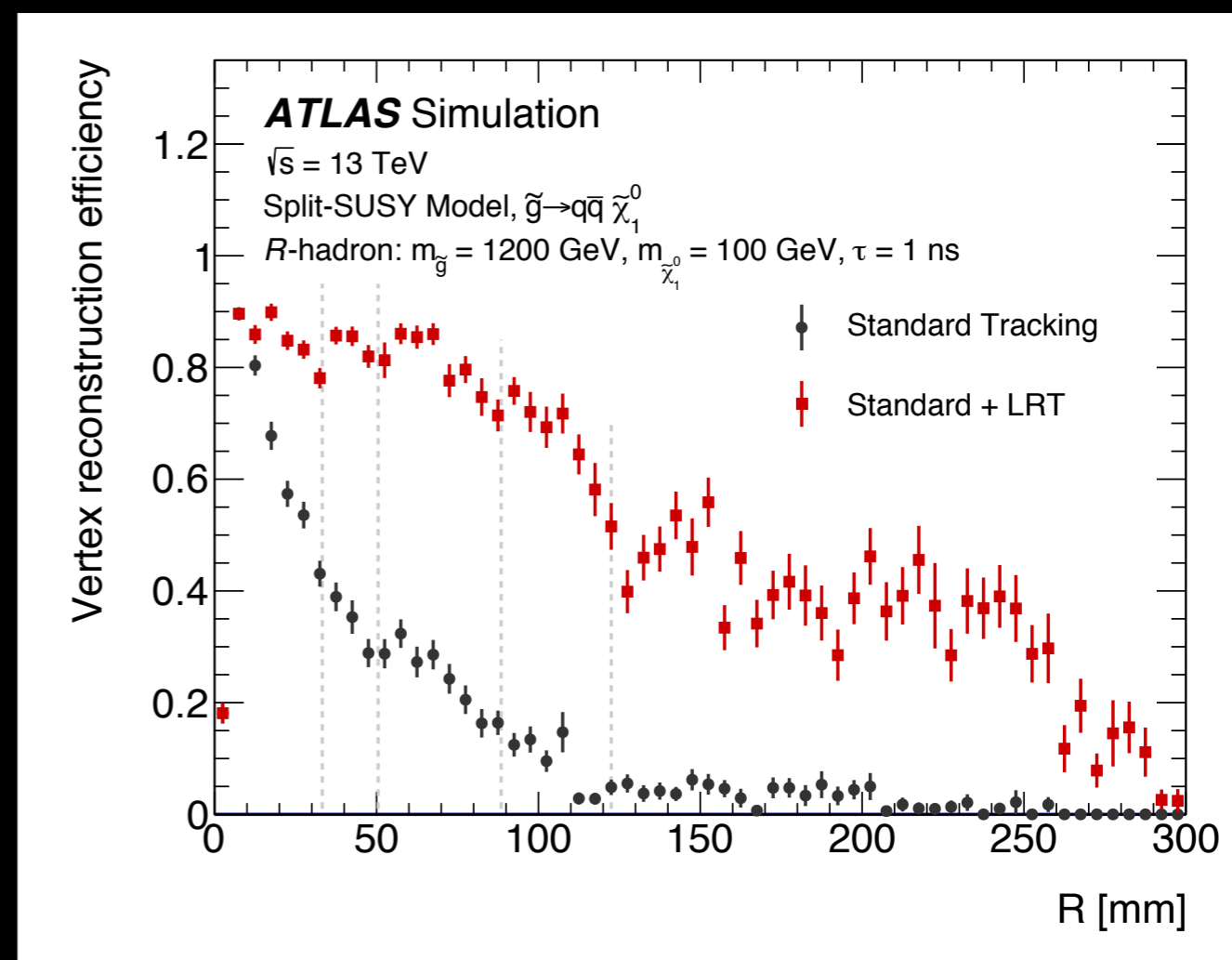
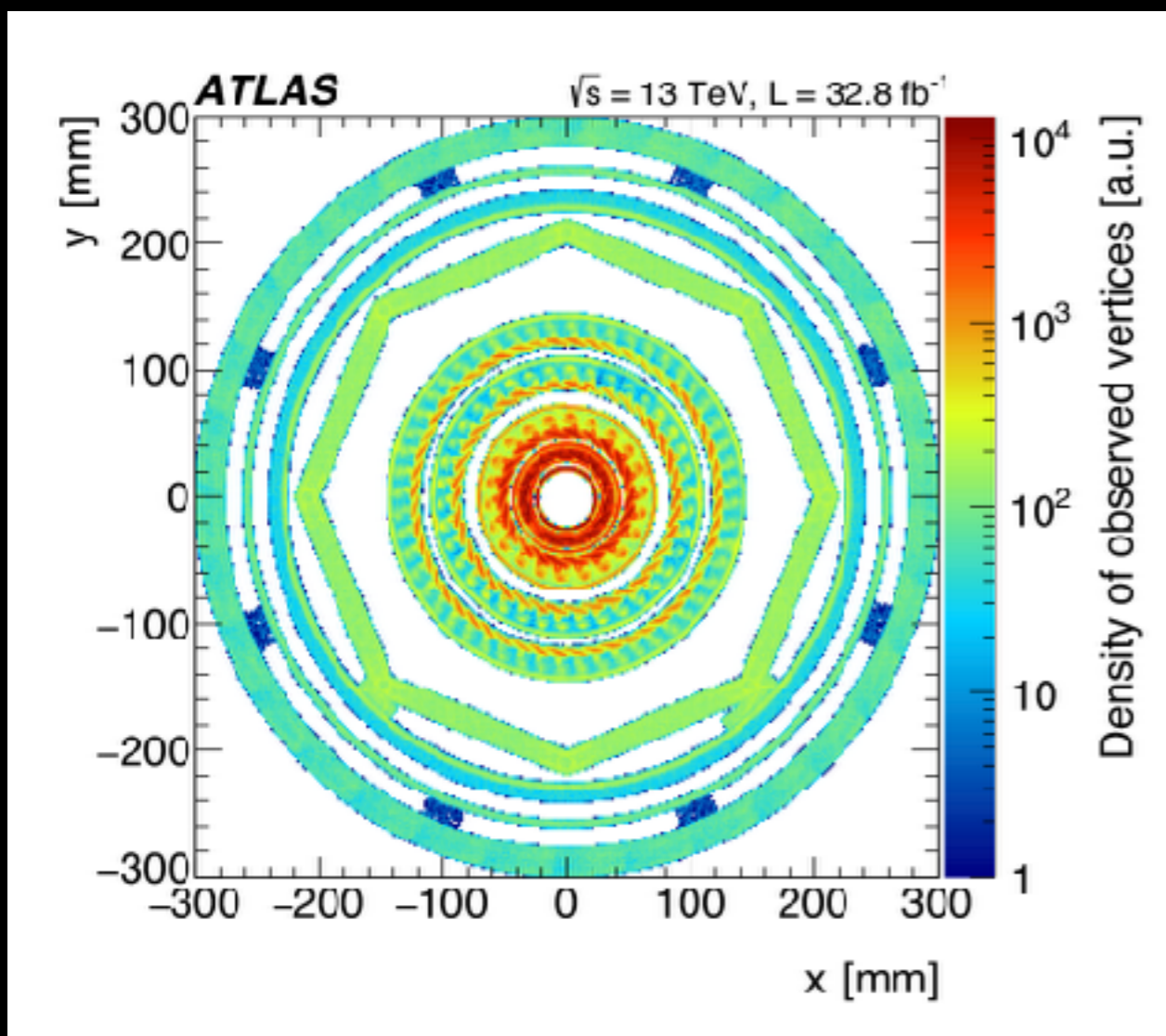
# Single displaced vertex in the inner detector

ATLAS search targeting events with one displaced vertex in the inner detector with five tracks plus a large amount of missing energy

- Uses ATLAS large-radius tracking (LRT)
- Many supplementary efficiency plots provided as auxiliary material

[PRD 97, 052012](#)

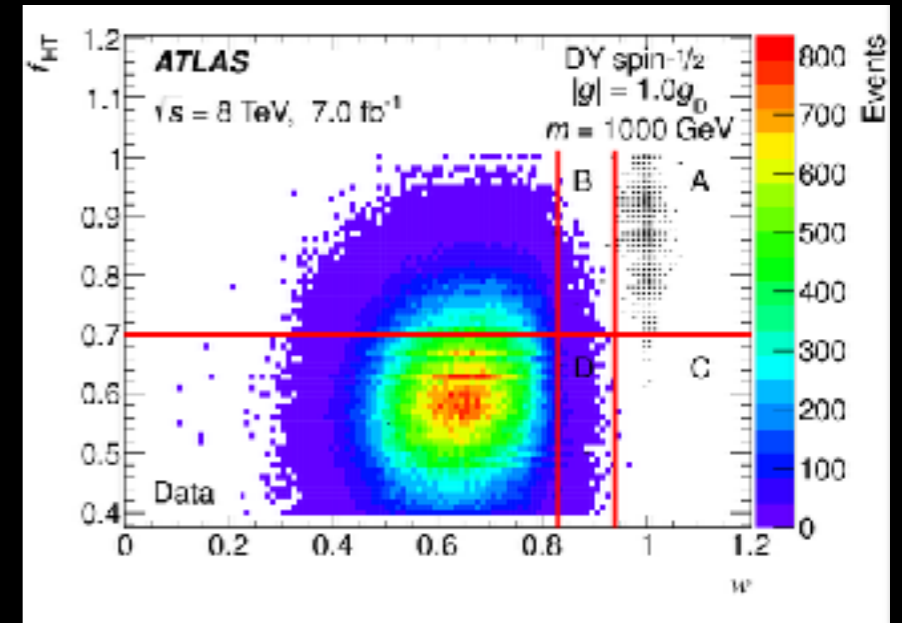
Auxiliary: [SUSY-2016-08](#)



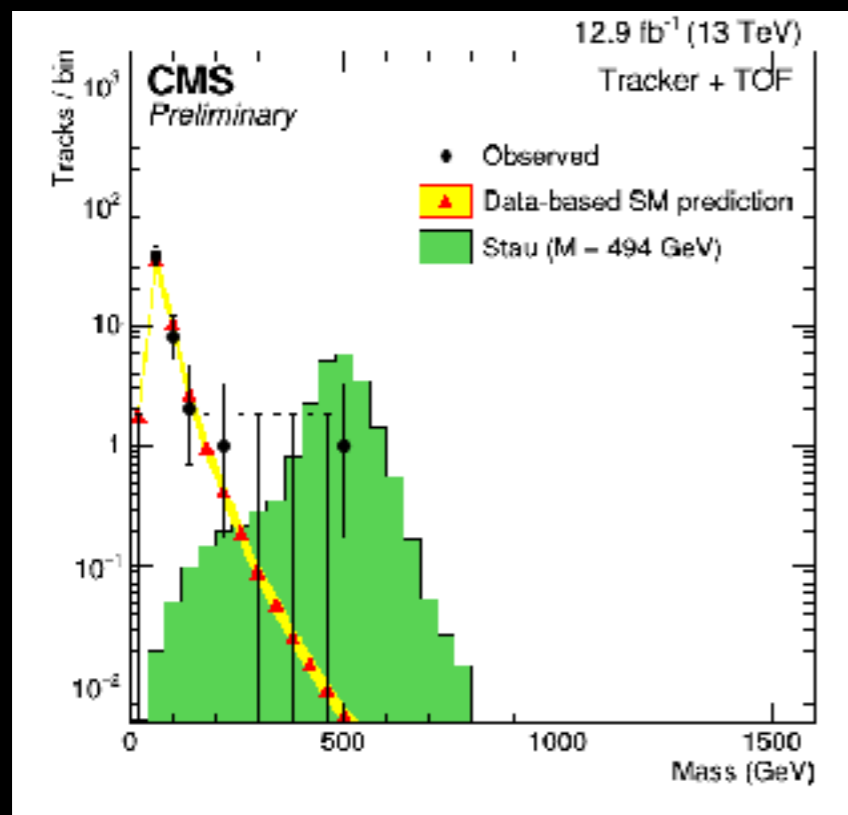
# Charged **LLPs** throughout the detector

Heavy, stable charged particles

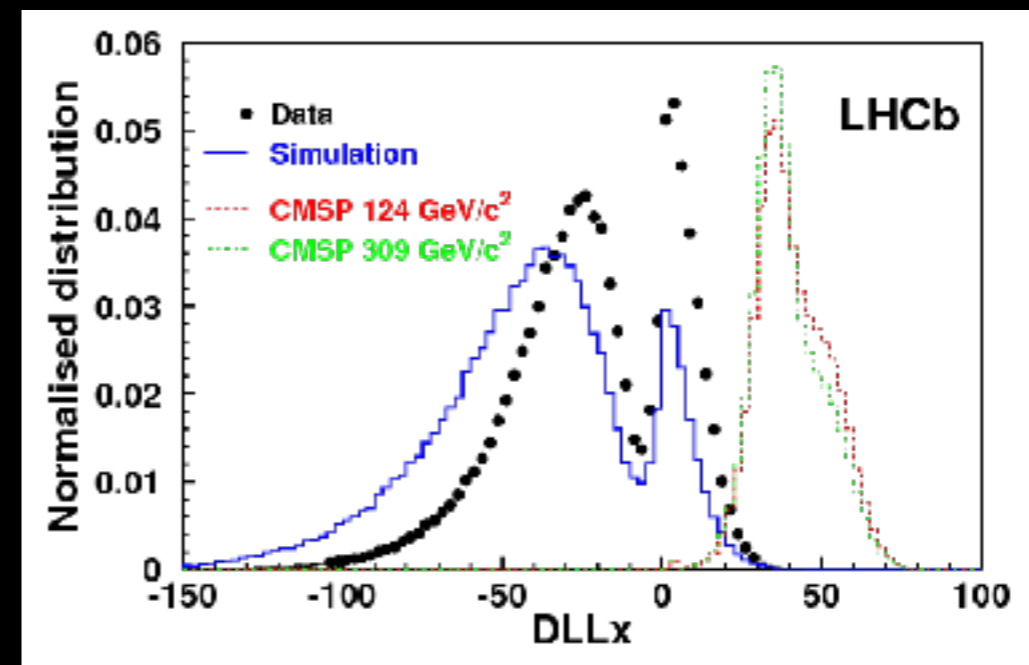
- They propagate through the detector like muons, but leave behind a very non-muon-like signature
- Can move much at speeds much slower than the speed of light or leave high ionization
- ID them via atypical ways that the charged particle interacts with the detector material



ATLAS [ [PRD 93, 052009 \(2016\)](#) ]  
search for high electric charge  
objects such as monopoles



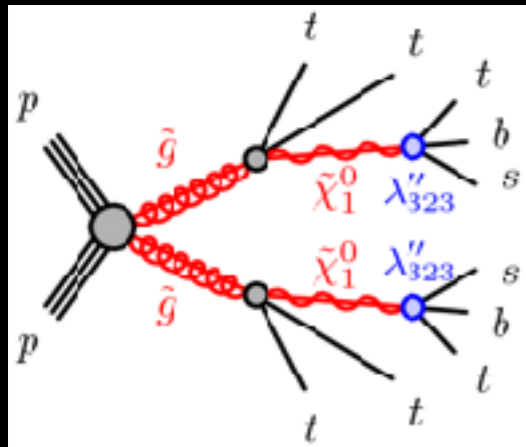
CMS [ [CMS-EXO-16-036](#) ] — exploiting time  
of flight discrimination using muon system  
and increased energy loss in silicon tracker



LHCb [ [EPJC \(2015\) 75: 595](#) ] — utilizing  
an estimator of the absence of Cherenkov  
radiation in RICH detectors

# Getting-close-to-covered LLP realms

Connecting results of searches for promptly-decaying new particles and LLPs



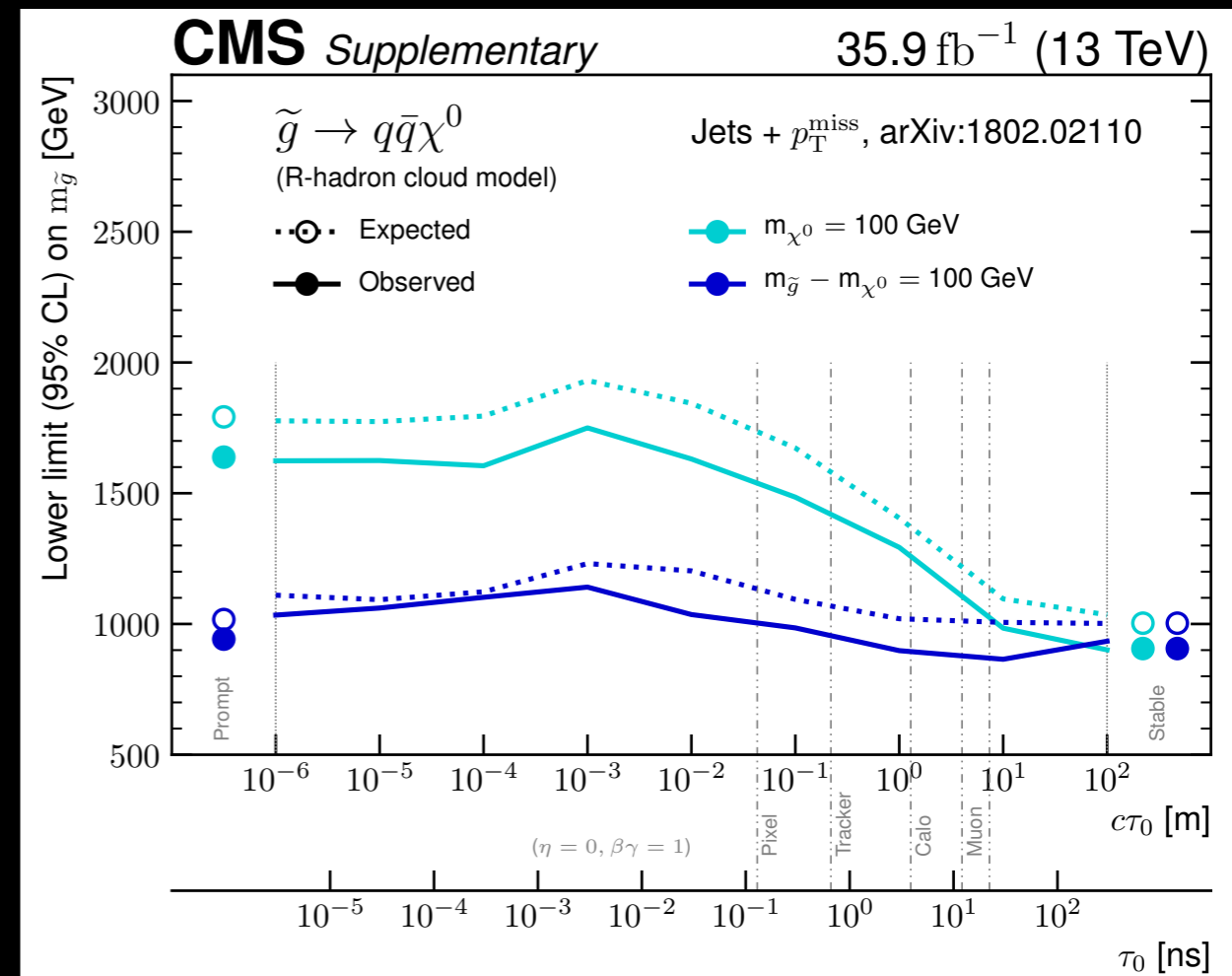
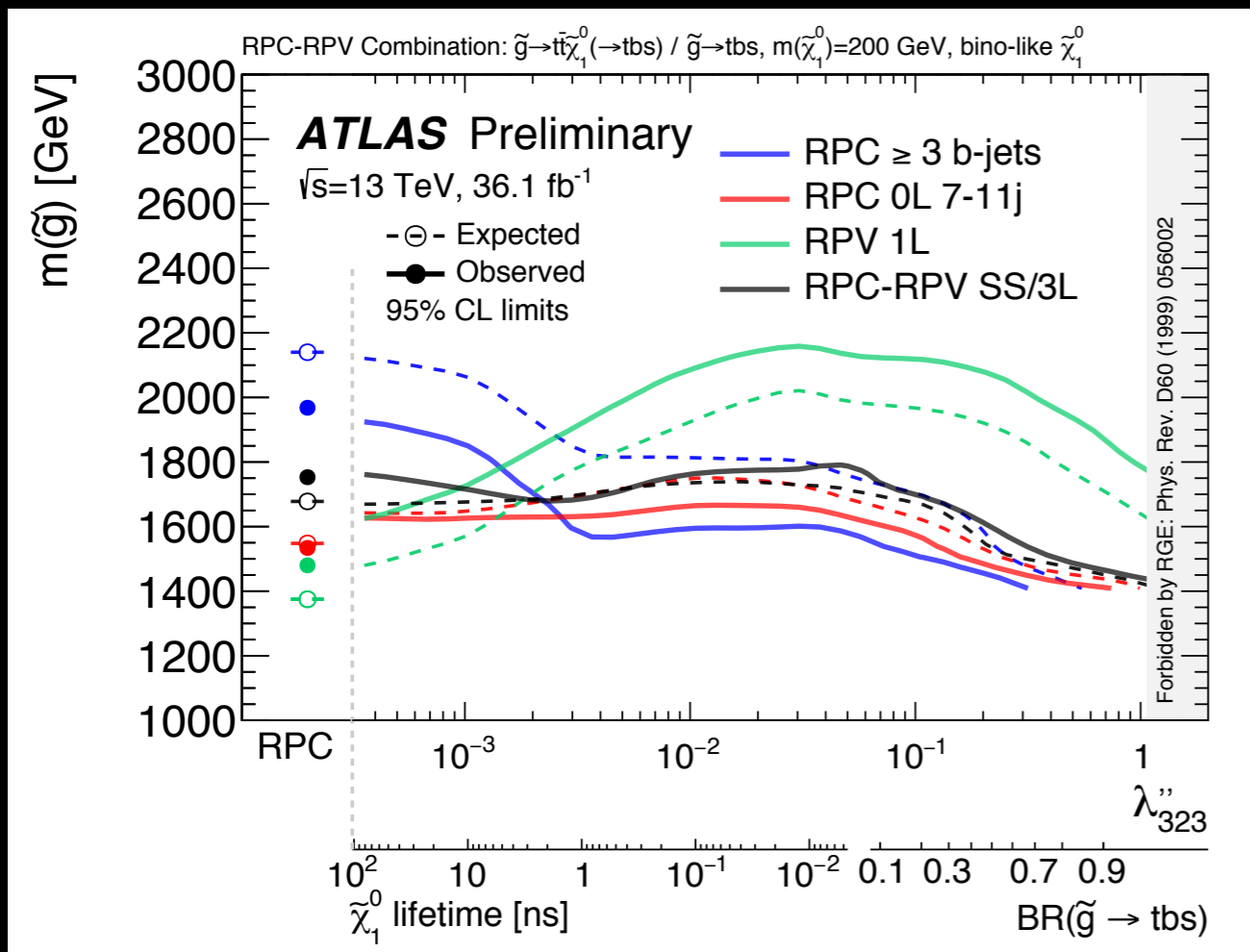
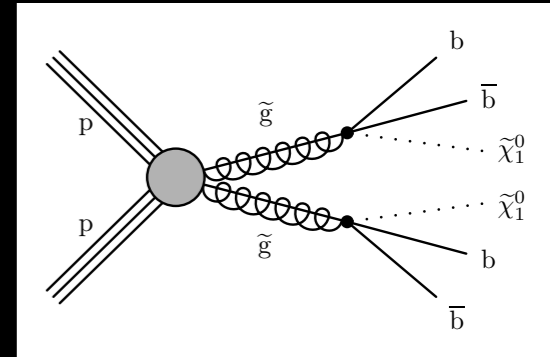
ATLAS recently did a dedicated re-interpretation for a few RPV-meets-RPC searches:

[ATLAS-CONF-2018-003](#)

[ [Karri Folan DiPetrillo talk](#) ]

CMS also did something similar in the context of a SUSY search for jets + missing energy:

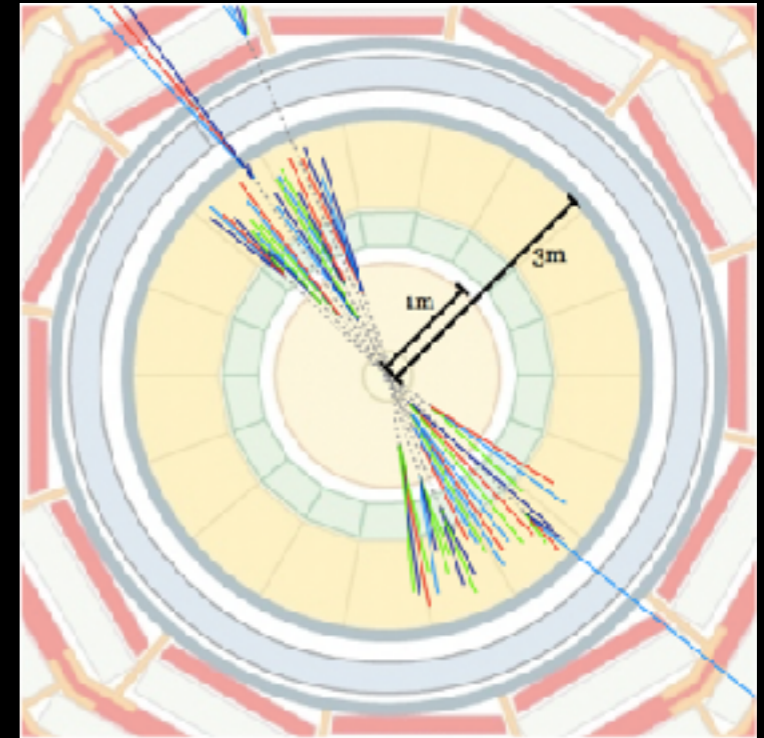
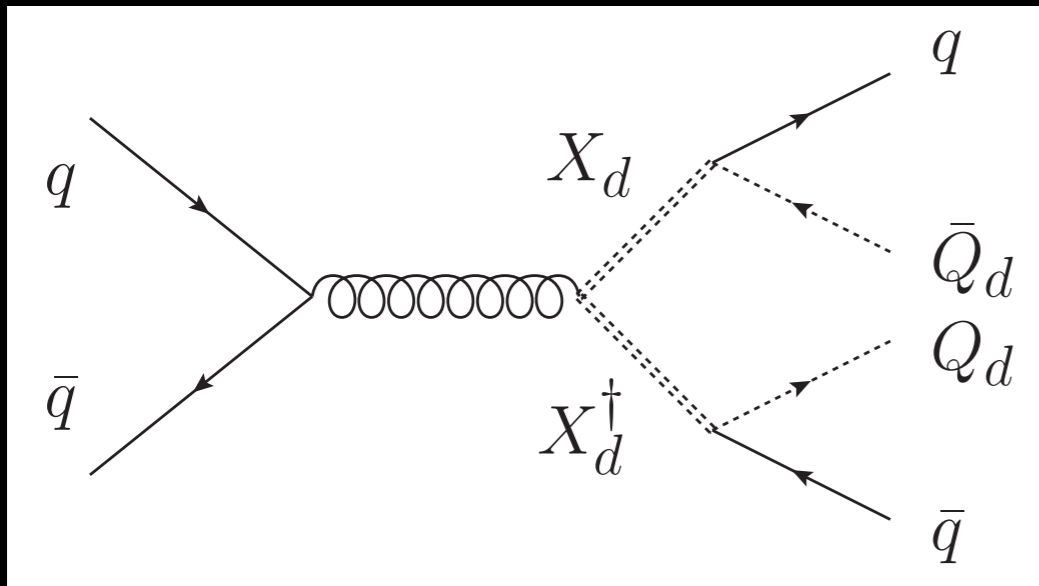
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# Starting-to-be-addressed LLP realms

Atypical jets and jets with non-standard tracks

- Hidden sectors with strongly coupled dynamics — dark QCD
  - Pencil-like jet regime — **emerging jets**



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Dark QCD

- > dark quarks
- > hadronization into dark mesons in the hidden sector, some of which eventually decay to the SM
- > dark pions w/variable lifetimes
- > jets w/multiple displaced vertices / tracks in a single jet or event

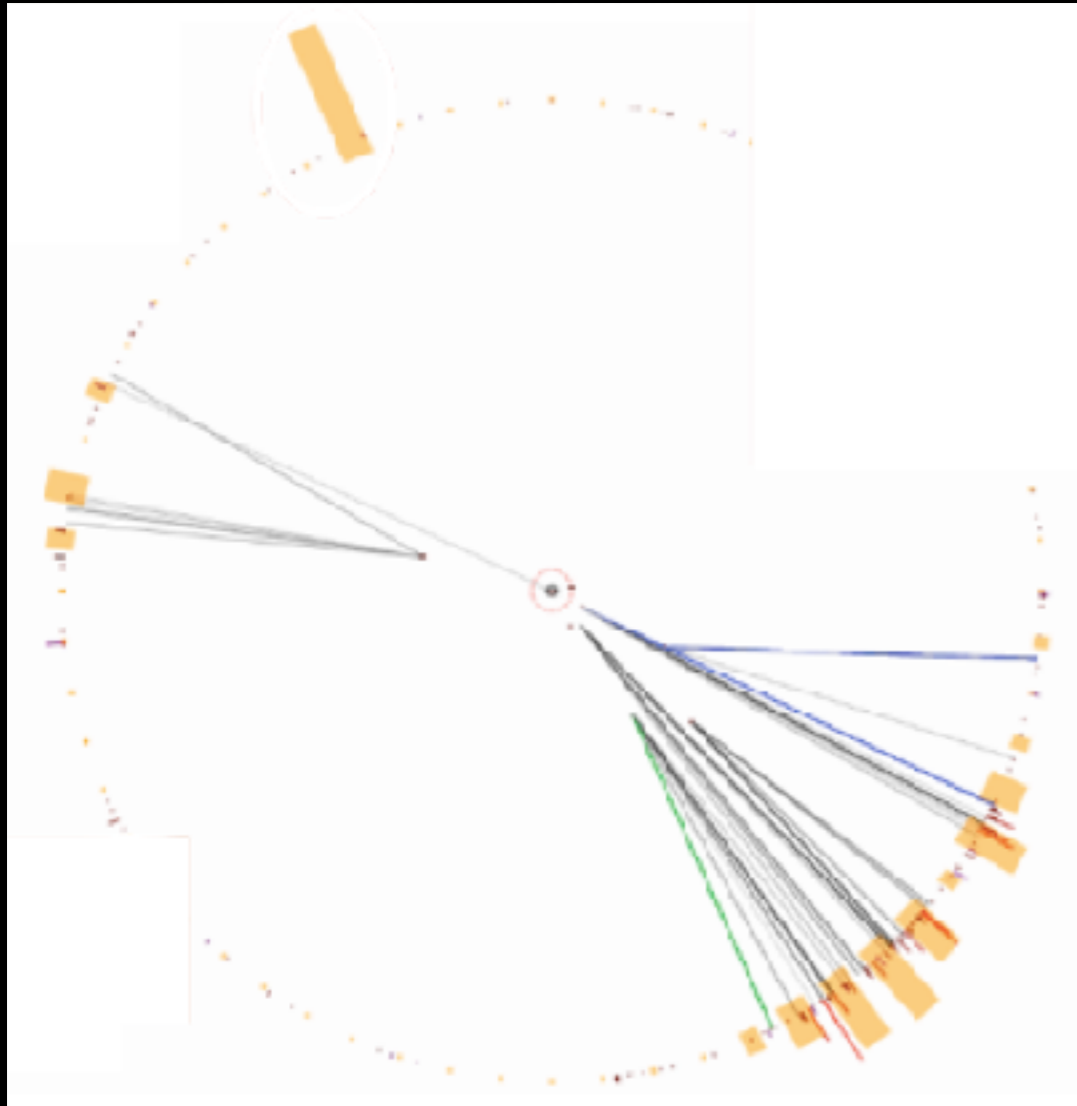


# Uncovered LLP realms

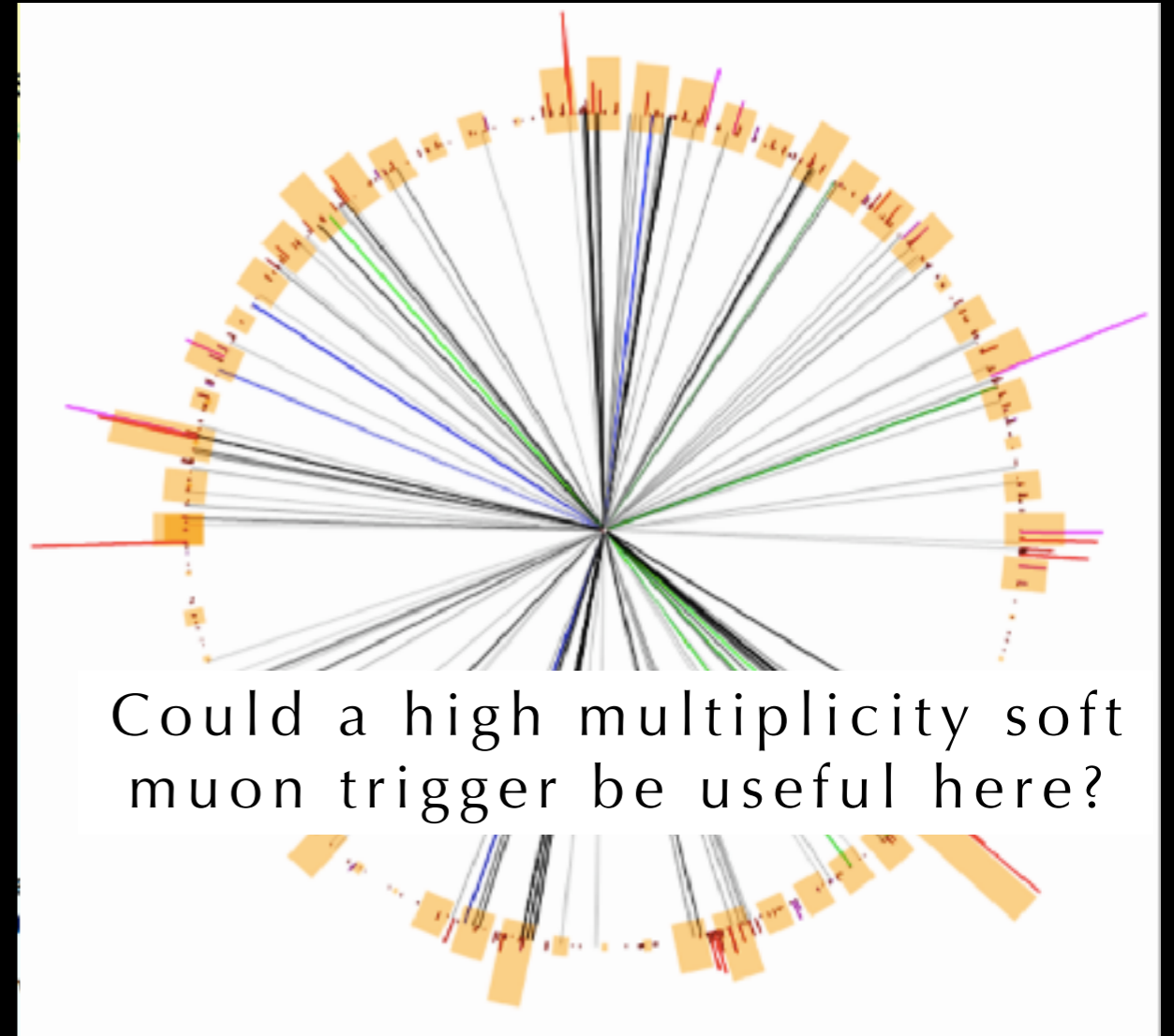
How to interpolate between these two regimes?

- What's the phenomenology?

Emerging jets —  
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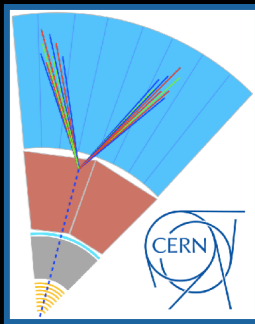


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Images by M. Strassler [ e.g., a talk from 2007 ]

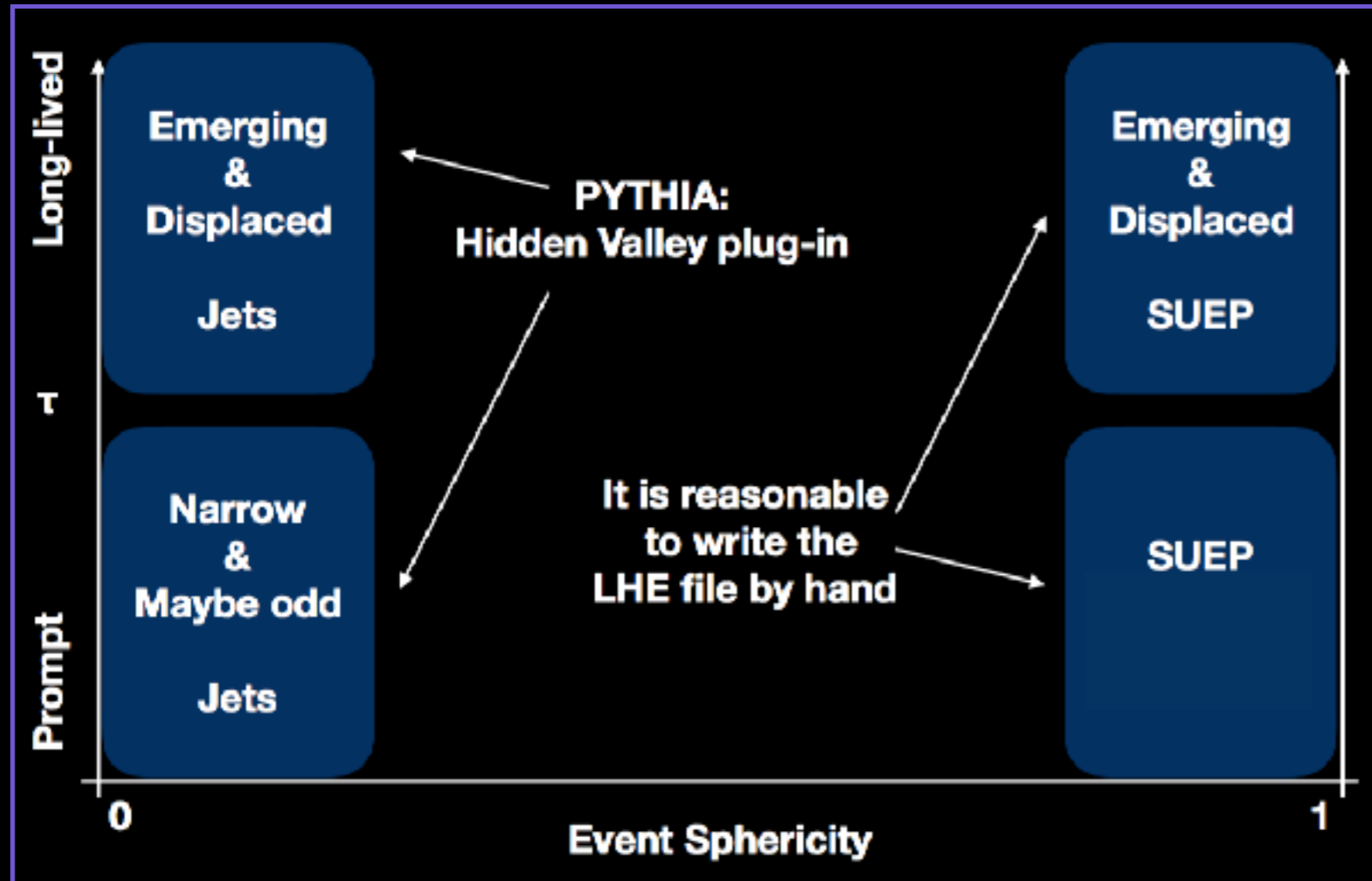
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- Hidden sectors with strongly coupled dynamics — dark QCD
  - **Between jets and SUEPs** — this is where *we really don't know what we don't know*

Jakub Scholtz

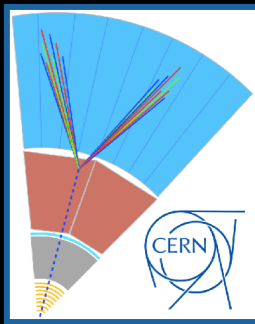


Dark showers working group (Knapen, Shelton, Scholtz, Stolarski, Linthorne, Freytsis, Reece, Cesarotti, et al) began investigating this in earnest last year — many unknowns w.r.t. phenomenology resulting from any of the methods used for any of these regimes!  
[ [Summary from Trieste](#) ]

- How do we model these?

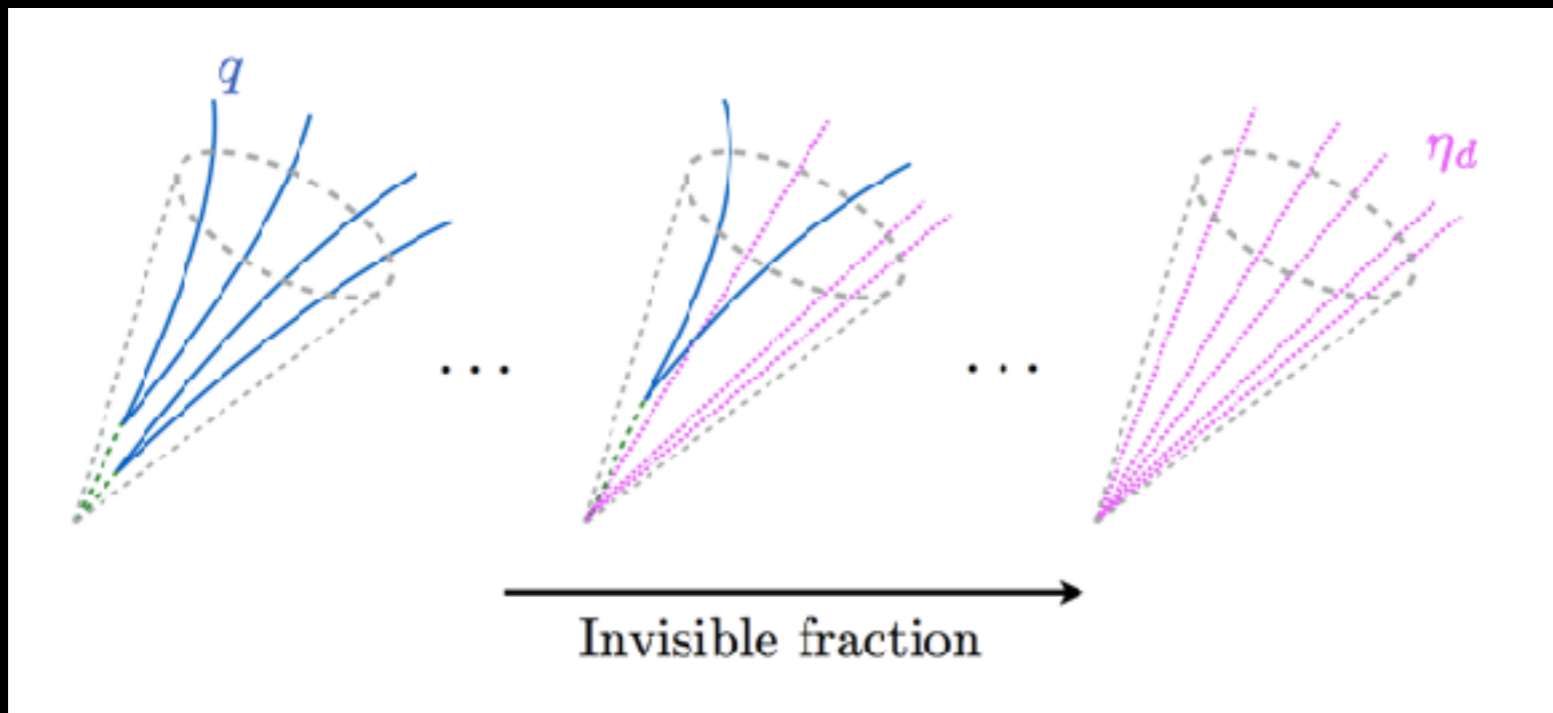
- Does it make sense to interpolate some key distributions between the edge cases and generate events based upon these?
- Strassler: “Has anyone even tried to validate the Pythia Hidden Valley module?”  
[ [Talk at our CERN workshop in May 2018](#) ]
- Perhaps displaced-vertex gun approach would simply work best

# Uncovered LLP realms



Atypical jets and jets with non-standard tracks

- Hidden sectors with strongly coupled dynamics — dark QCD
  - One version of in-between — **semi-visible jets**
  - Jet of visible matter + dark matter from, e.g., hidden valleys

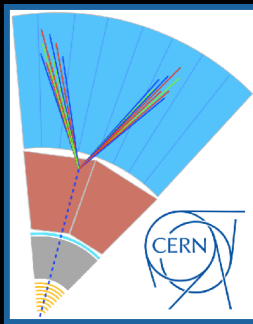


Talk by Mishra-Sharma at Trieste  
LHC LLP Workshop

Neither an emerging jet (where there's no sizable MET) nor a completely detector-invisible object

- Looking for a di-jet-like resonance with jets wider than QCD and non-zero MET
  - Cohen, Lisanti, Lou, Mishra-Sharma pointed out this discovery avenue we may be overlooking: [arXiv:1707.05326](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.05326)

# Uncovered LLP realms



## Between jets and SUEPs

- Intriguing approach by C. Cesarotti and M. Reece: Abandon the SU(N) scheme, use a model for dark shower with more control using AdS/CFT correspondence where they look at KK modes to understand hidden sector hadrons

## Extra Dimensions

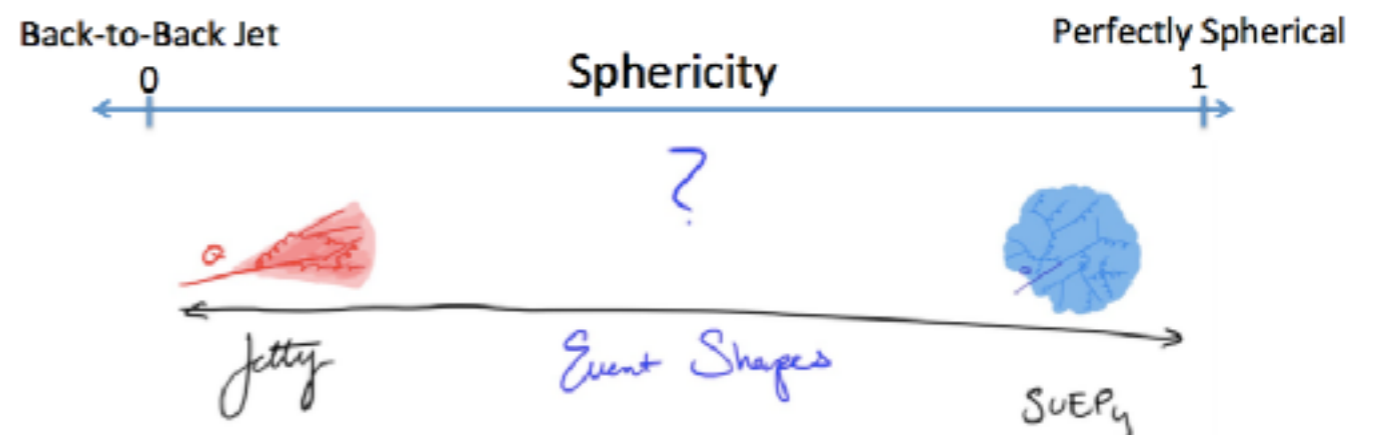
- Toy to build intuition for **SUEP-to-Jet** problem
- Extra **finite 5<sup>th</sup> dimension** ( $x^\mu, z$ )
- **Warp space** with  $\Lambda_5 < 0 \rightarrow$  AdS (RS1)
- Boundary on interval: UV, IR cutoffs
- **AdS/CFT** to calculate hidden sector **dynamics**

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^2 (\eta^{\mu\nu} dx_\mu dx_\nu + dz^2)$$

C. Cesarotti [talk](#)  
in Trieste

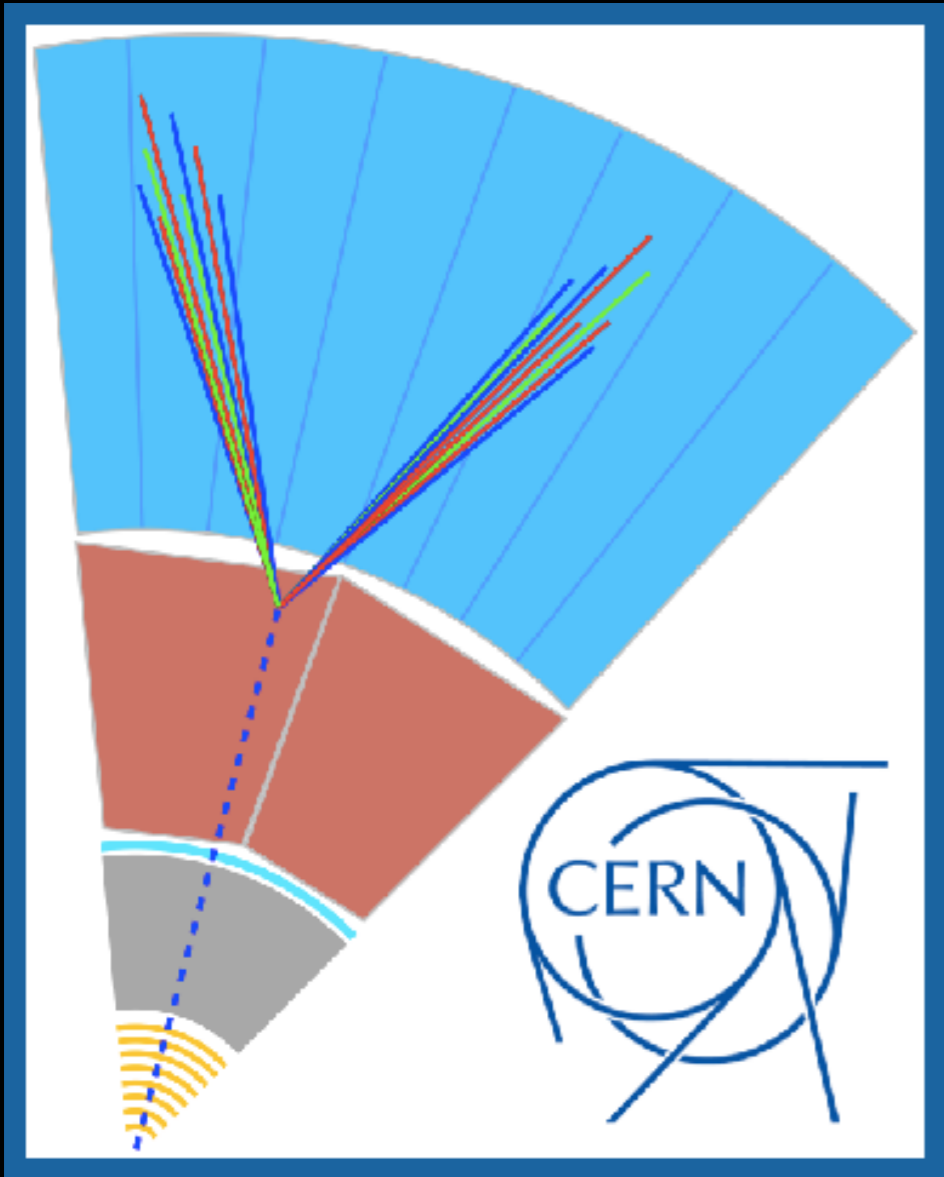
Promising way to  
interpolate pheno  
between the two regimes

## Sphericity of KK Modes



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...building on the work of a few prior workshops



...in collaboration with the theory/pheno community and MoEDAL, milliQan, MATHUSLA, FASER, Codex-b, etc.

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Most recent:  
LHC LLP May 2018

LHC **LLP** white paper in progress now  
(likely public November)

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