

# Closeout and taking stock

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Searching for long-lived particles at the LHC:  
*Third workshop of the LHC LLP Community*  
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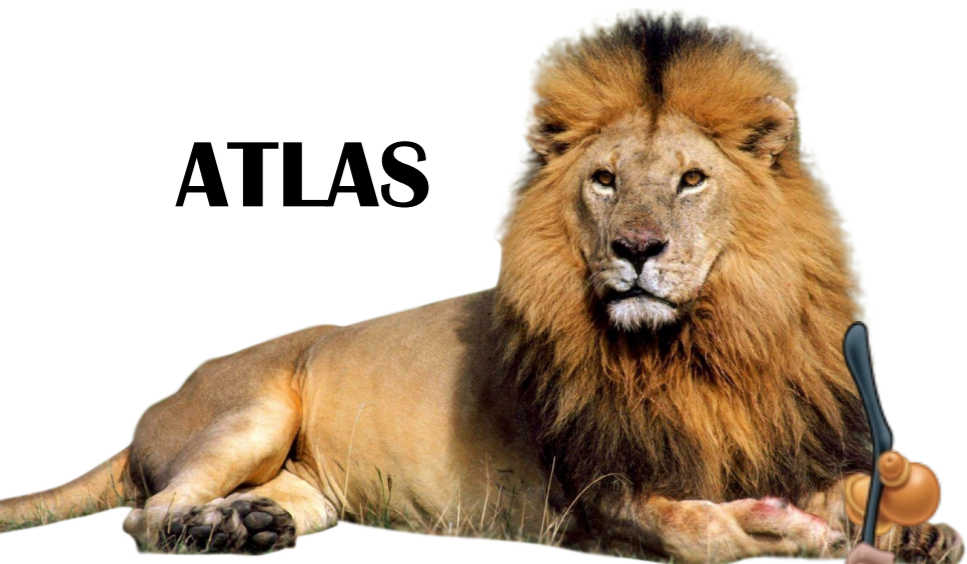
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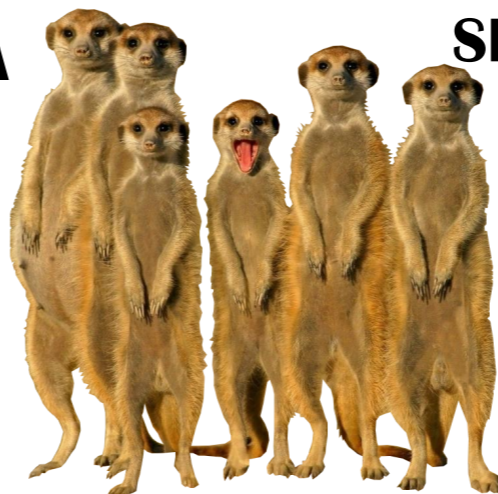
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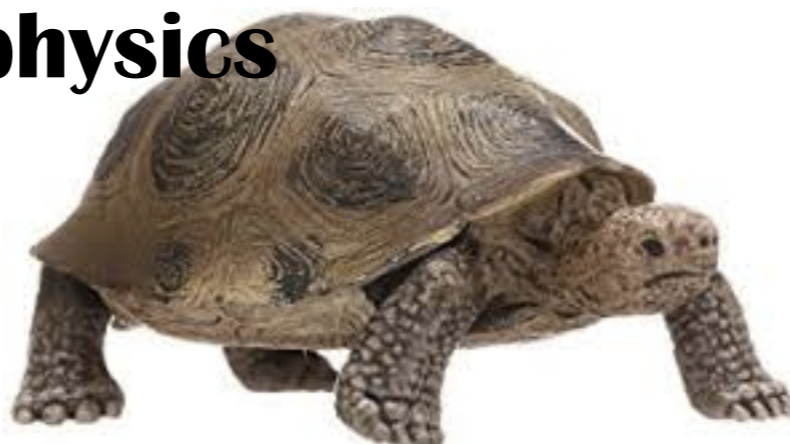
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**LHCb**

- ◆ Very productive and useful workshop (as usual)
  - ➔ Not my intention to summarize all of it here!
  - ➔ Will try to avoid you missing your flight!
- ◆ Instead, will try to present some ideas that caught my attention
  - ➔ Not ATLAS/CMS or theory person: different perspective?
  - ➔ Focus in global aspects
  - ➔ Apologies in advance for the omissions (>40 talks!)
  - ➔ And  everyone for your participation!  
+ material and ideas stolen!

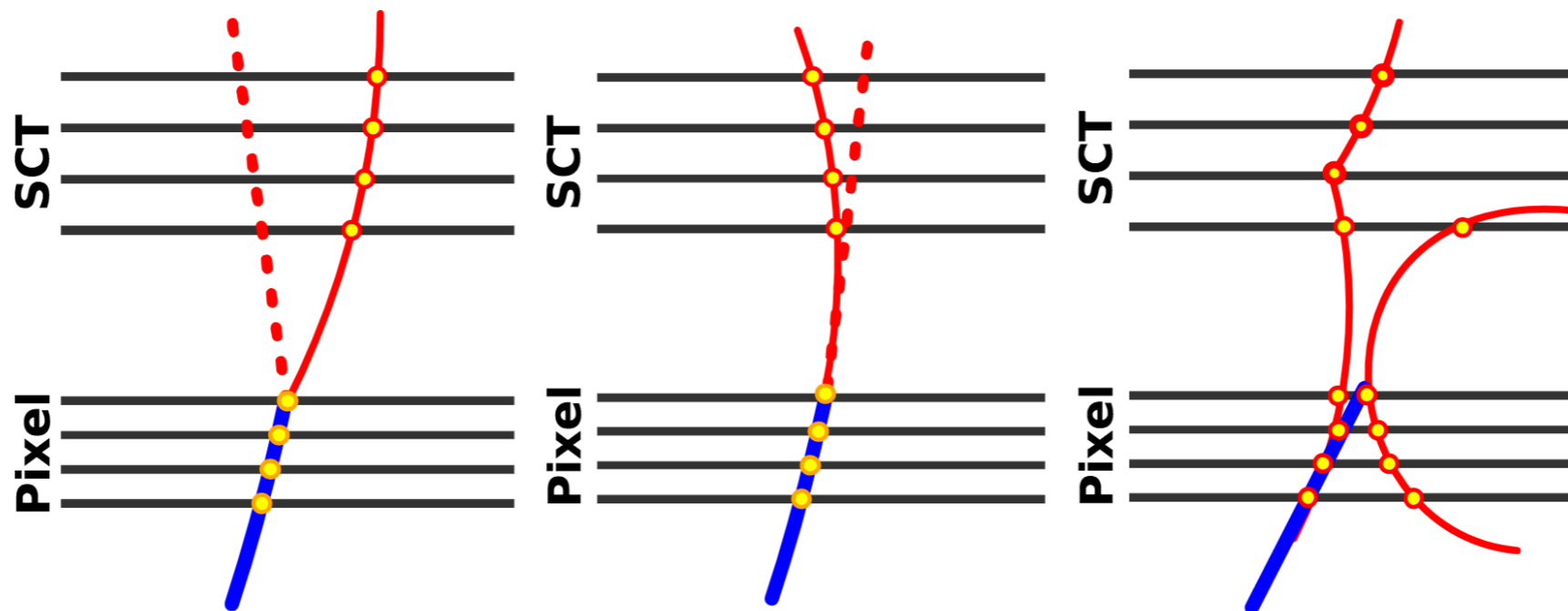


- ◆ Dealing with **backgrounds**, common problems, common solutions?

Disappearing Tracks:  
Backgrounds

Will be **worse** from Run 3 on!  
Machine Learning?  
Session for next workshop?!

**ATLAS**



Hard hadronic interactions

Lepton emitting hard photon

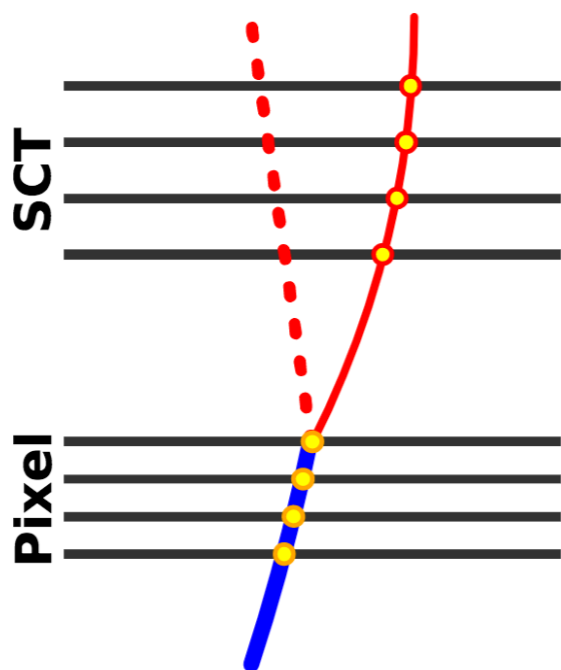
Random combination of hits

**Roloff**

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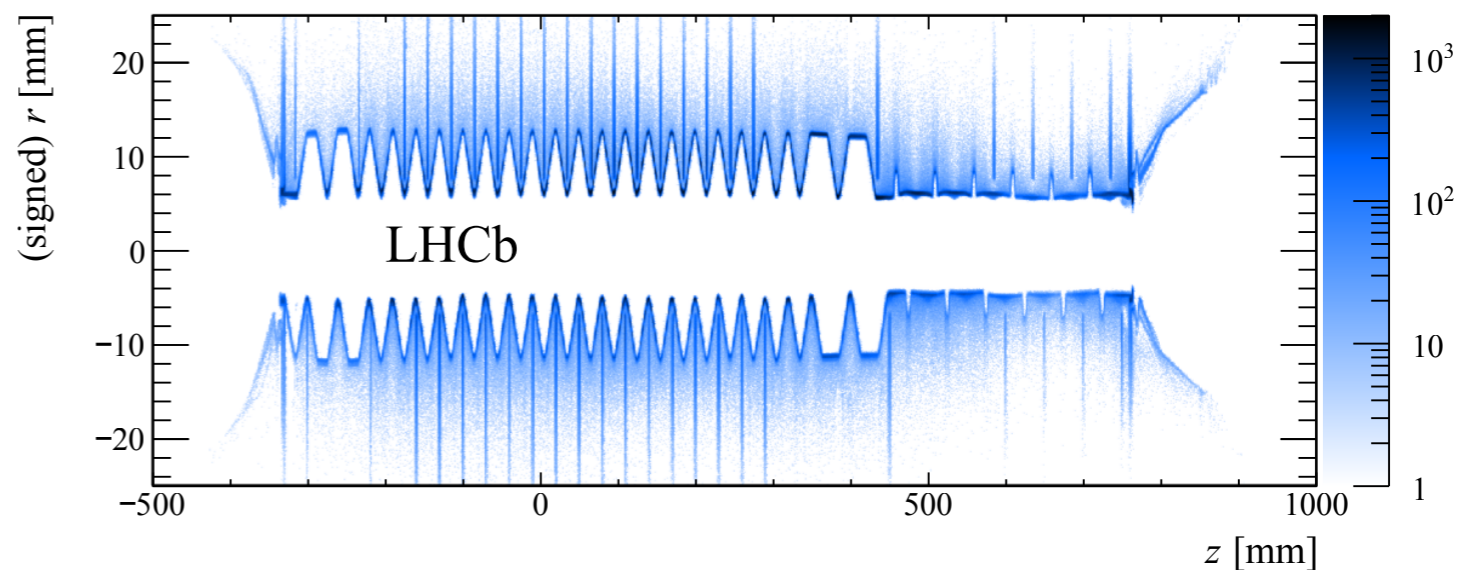


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**Roloff,  
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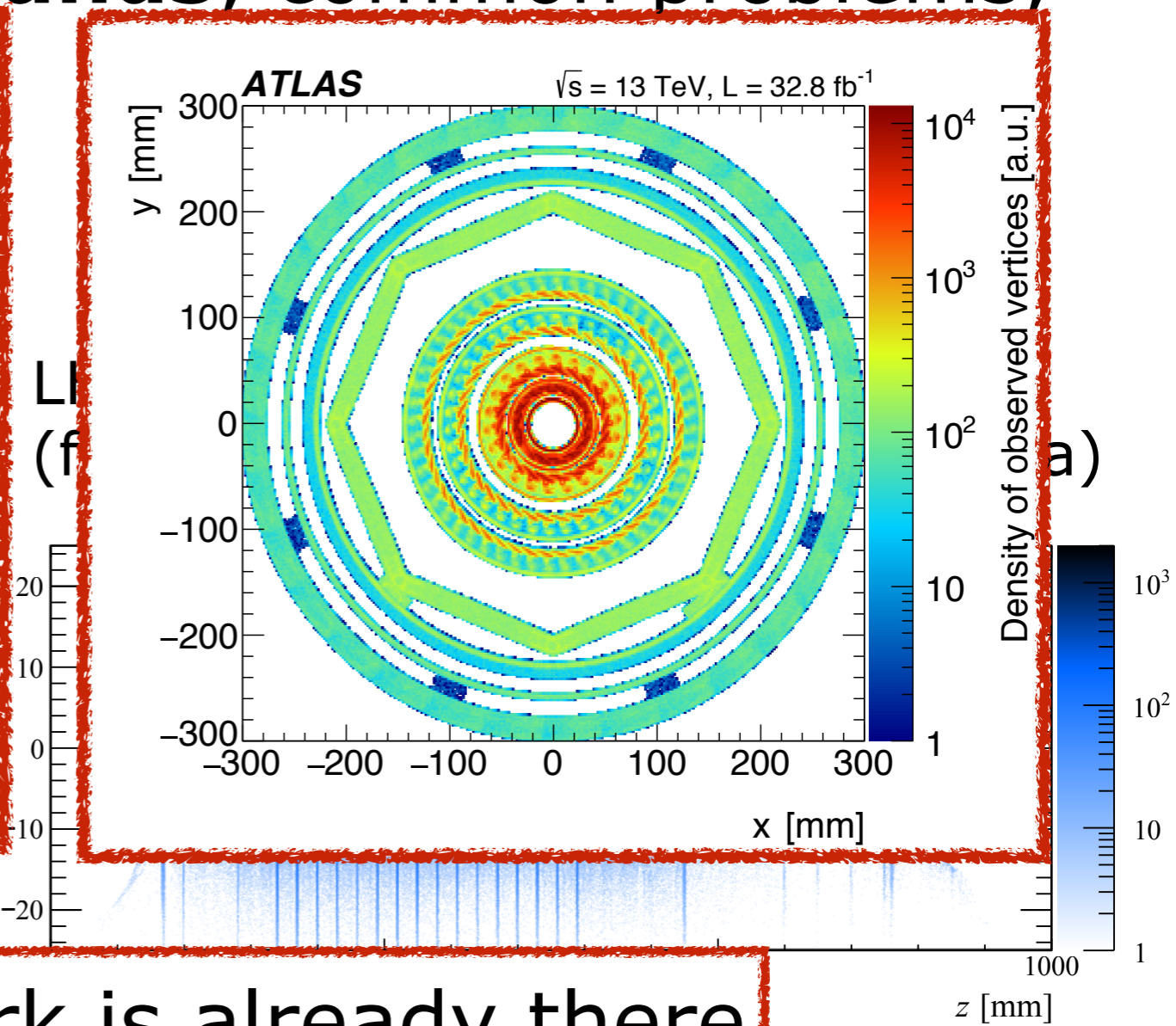
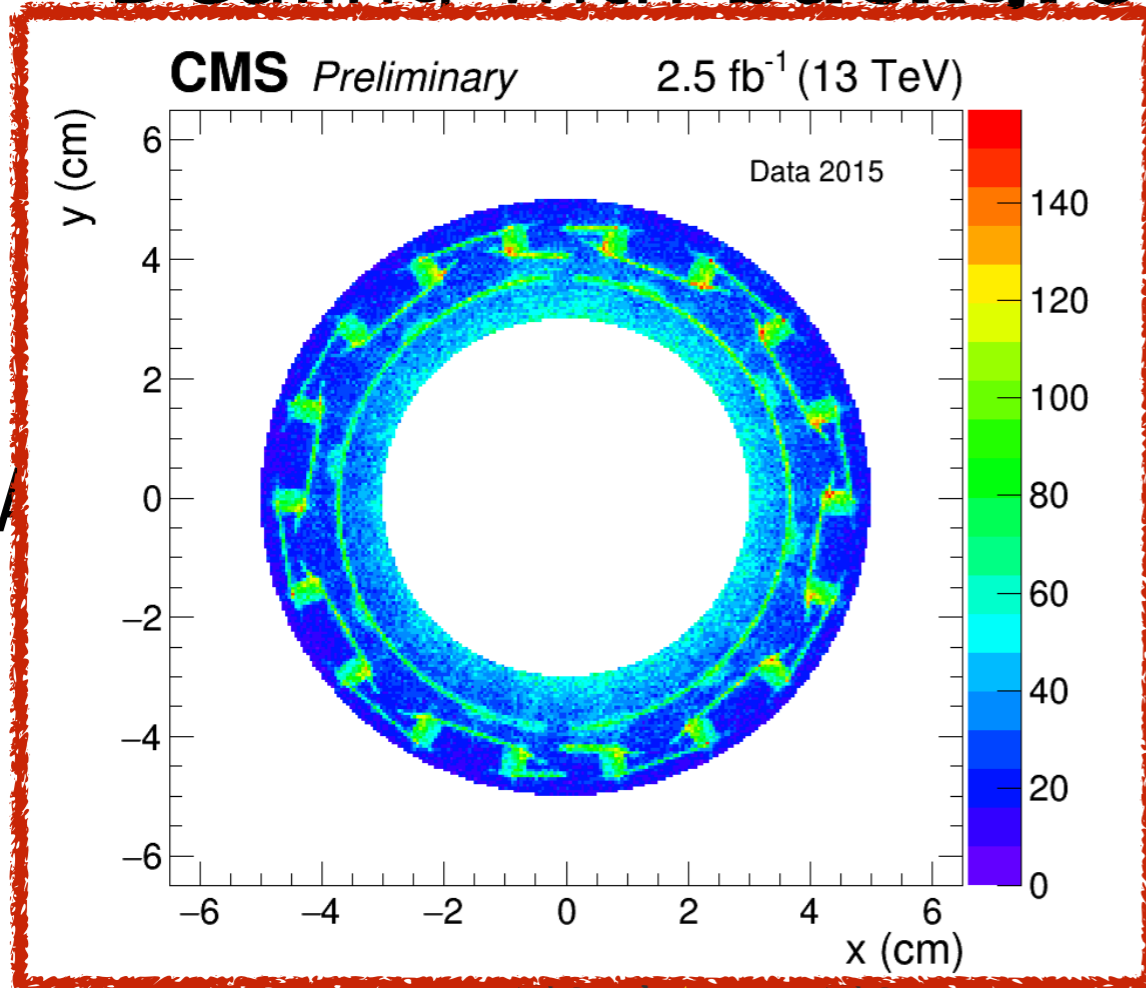
LHCb material map of the VELO  
(from hadronic interactions in data)



Could something similar be  
conceived at ATLAS/CMS?



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Part of the work is already there

**Roloff,  
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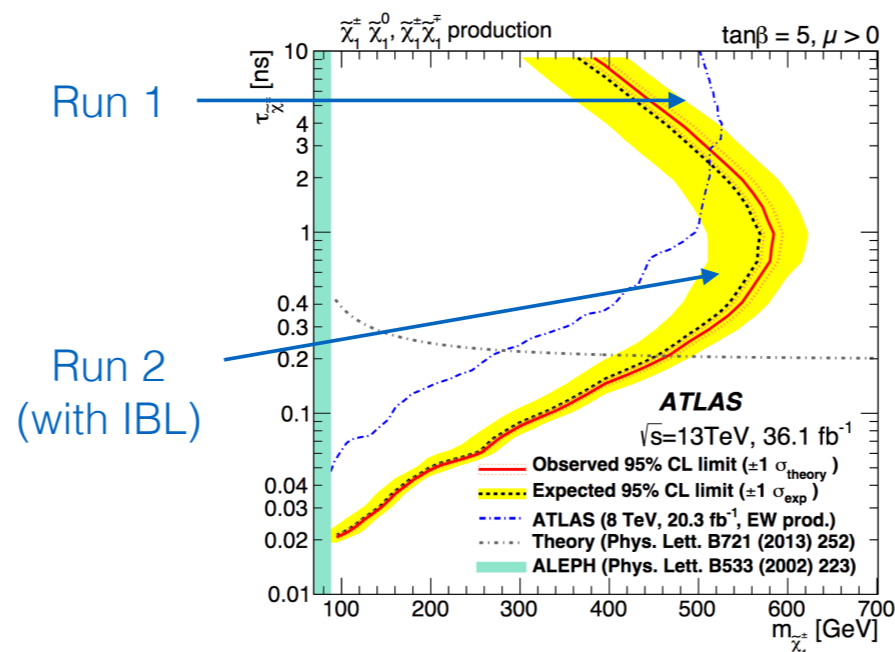
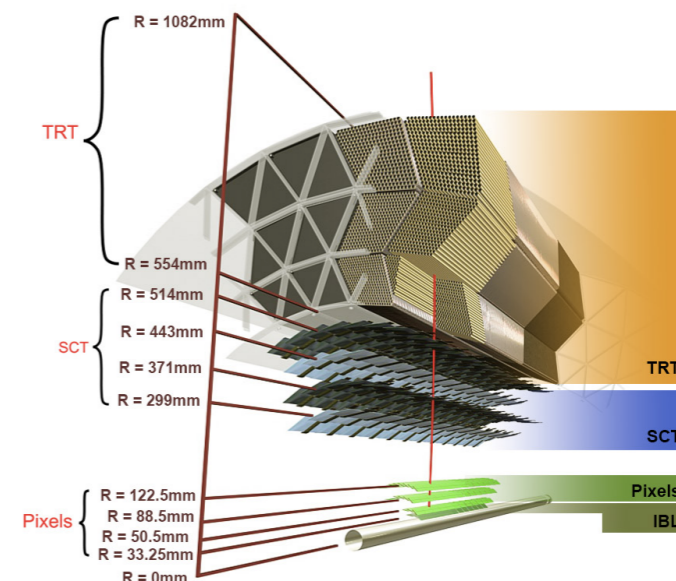
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→ **ATLAS:** Disappearing tracks IBL helped enable reconstruction of shorter tracks than in Run 1 → shorter sensitivity to shorter lifetimes

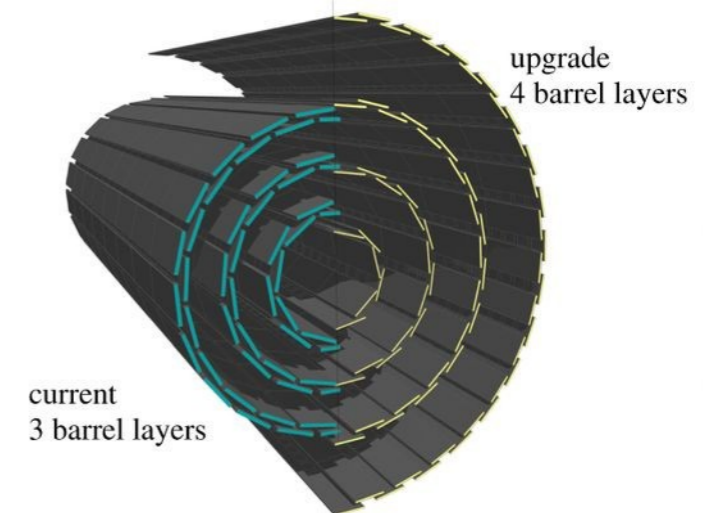


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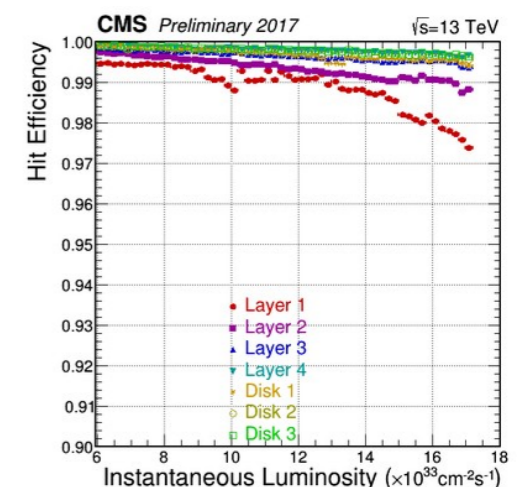
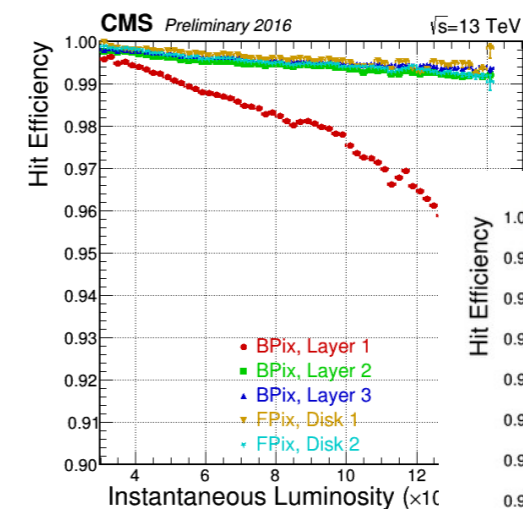


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- **CMS**: 4 instead of 3 barrel layers, and more endcap coverage, first layer at 3cm from the beamline, 4th layer closer to first strip layer



for LL searches even more important, tracking inefficiency as function of luminosity correlates tracking and vertexing efficiencies within events



Lowette

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### → LHCb

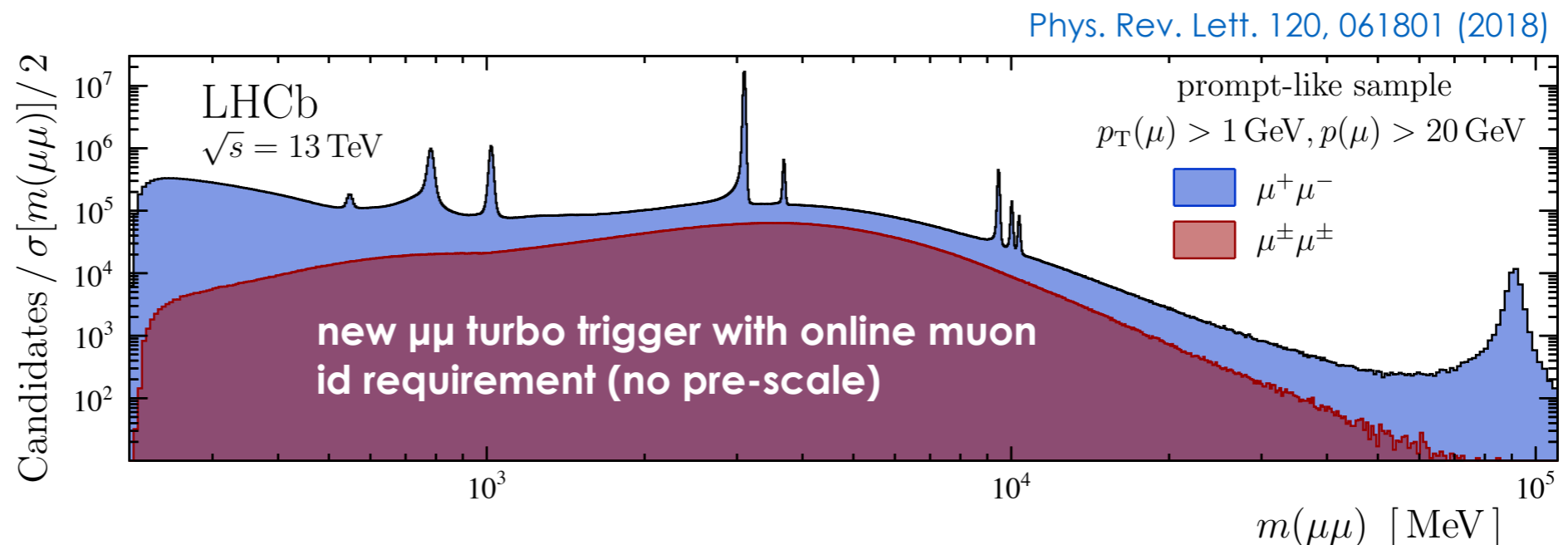
new **turbo** lines since 2015:

- online reconstructed particles stored
- lower level info discarded reducing event size
- output can be directly used for analysis



**excellent for light dimuons  
(prompt and detached)**

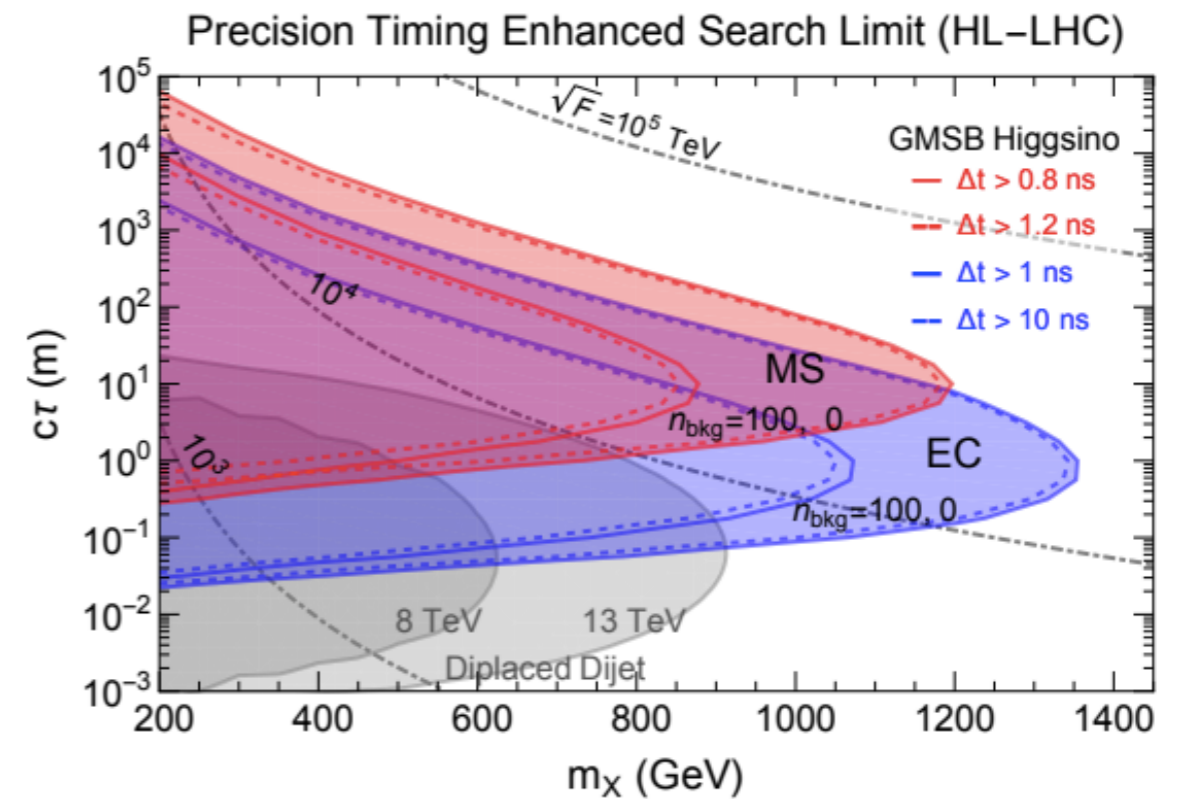
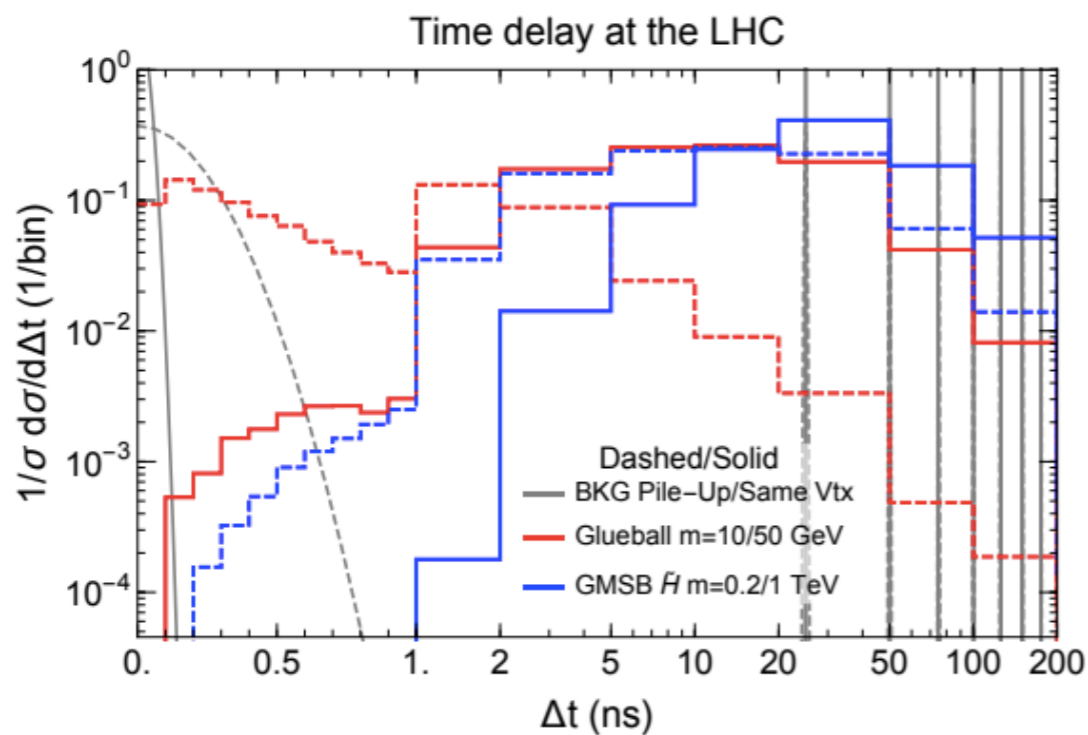
online  $\mu$  id reduces rate of double misid from  $\pi$



Dall'Occo



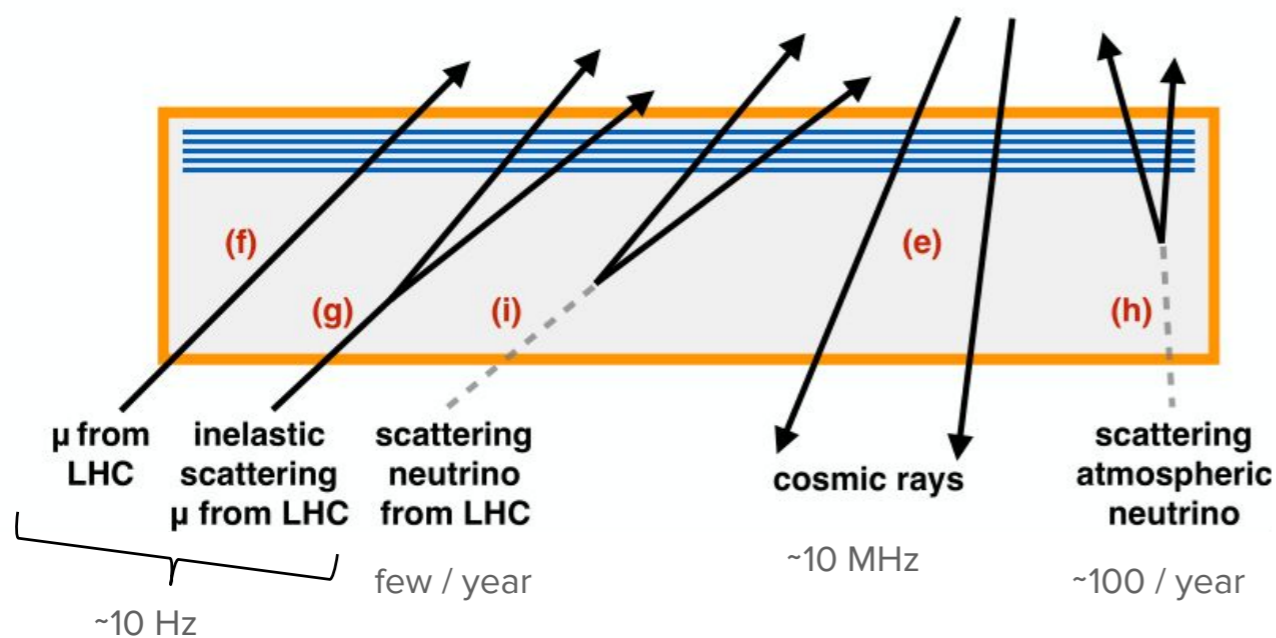
- ◆ More in the long term: Brand new proposal to make use of timing! Heavy LLPs are slower..
  - ➔ Great discrimination against background → enhanced sensitivities



Liu

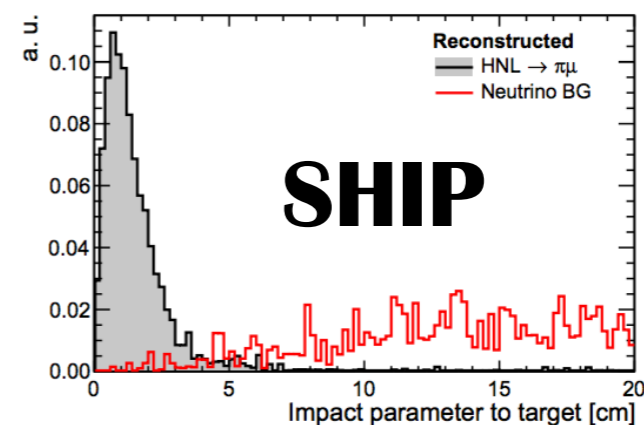
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**Curtin, Proffitt, Reddi**

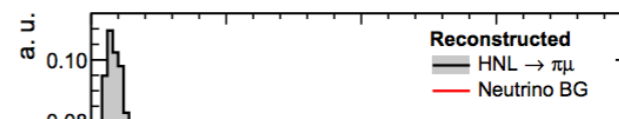


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In general, on-site tests with prototypes will be very helpful to verify how realistic these assumptions are!



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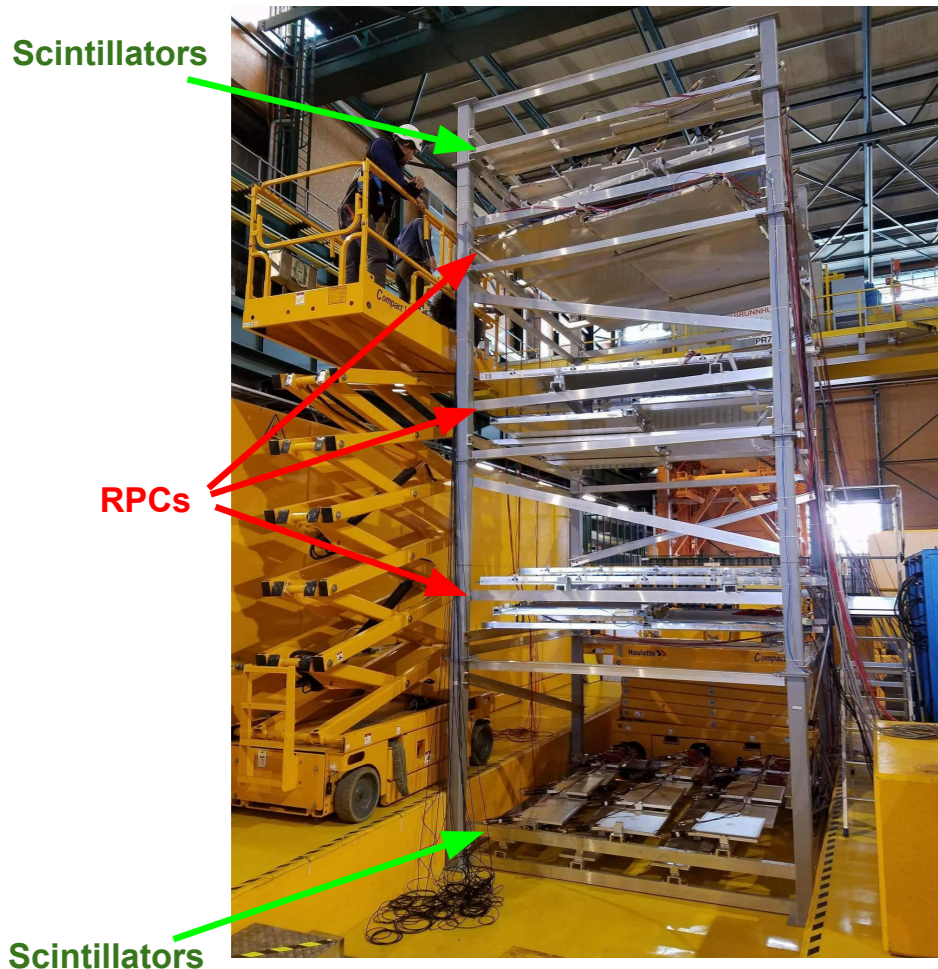
**Mathusla**

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- ◆ Great news: in several cases, first tests already starting!

**MAT-USA**



**MilliQan**



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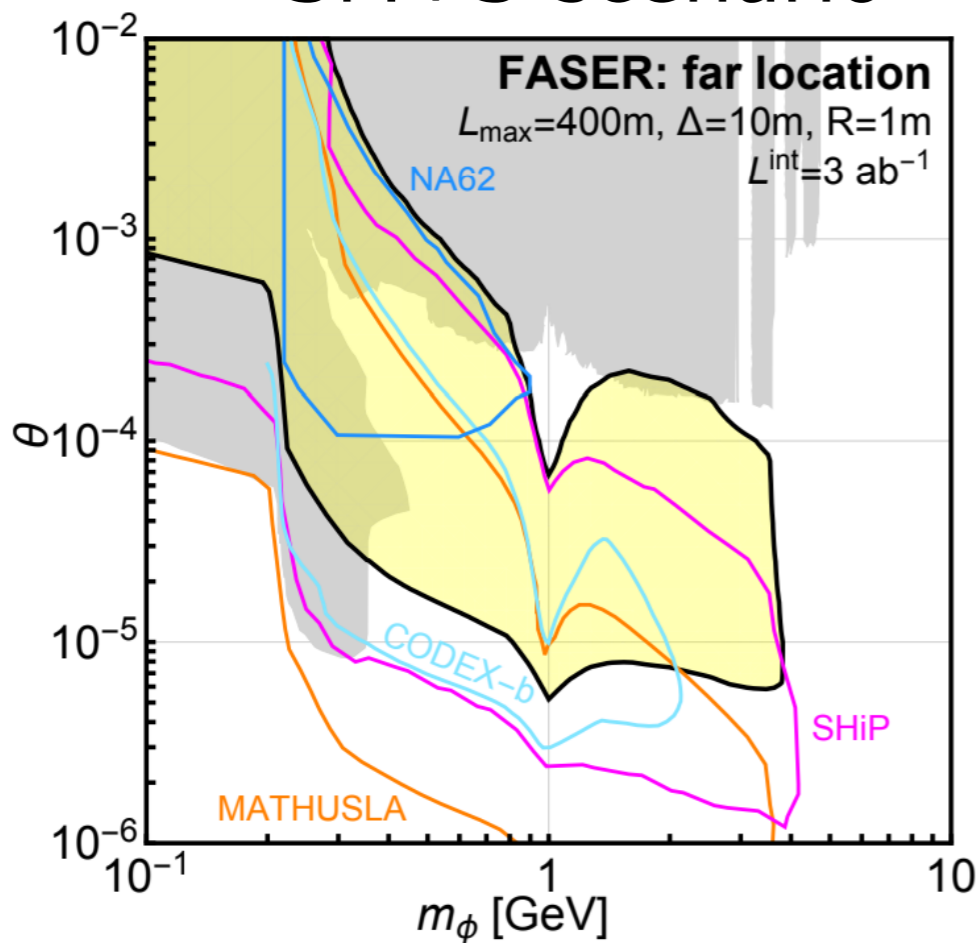


**Proffitt, Hill, Dey**

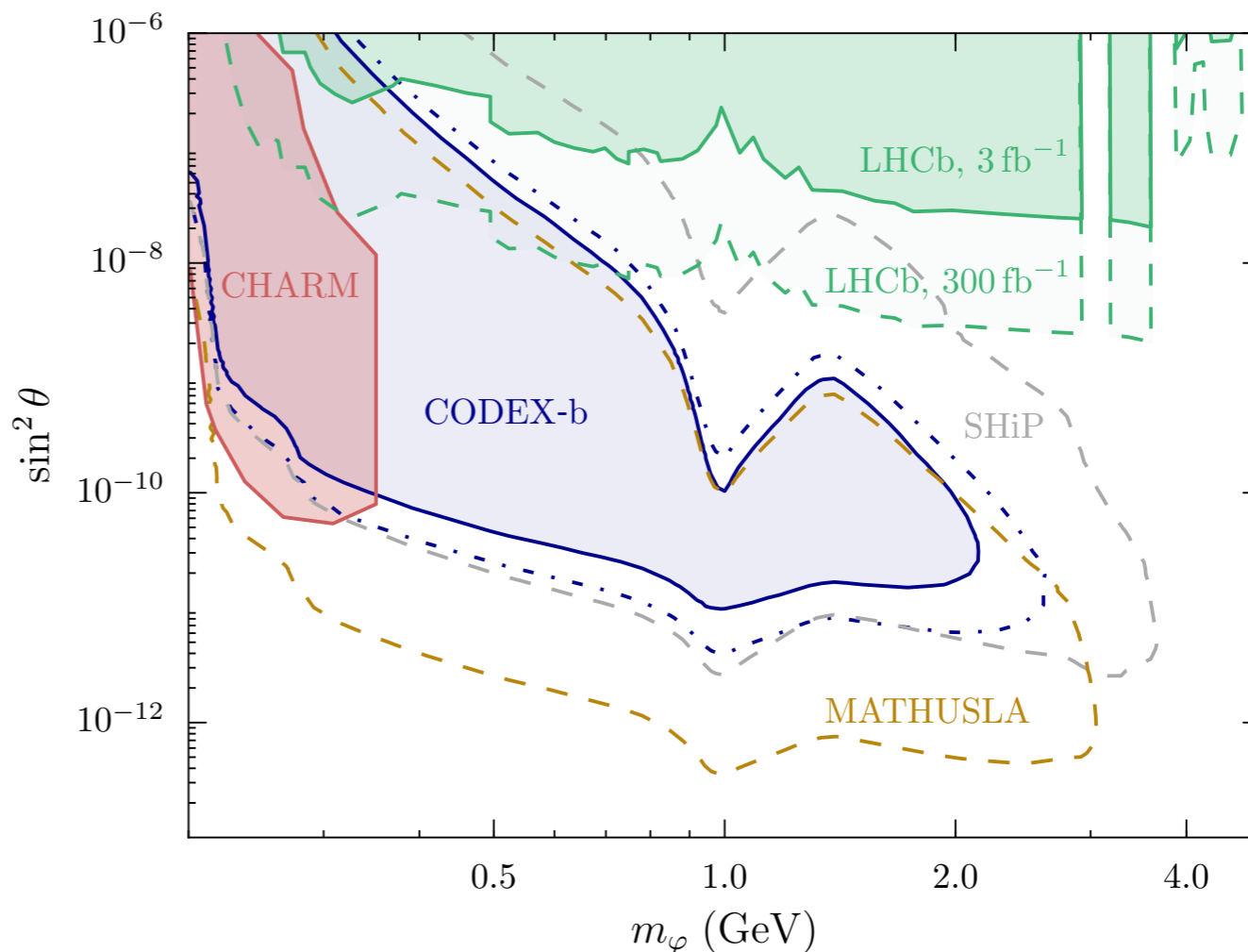
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## SM+S scenario



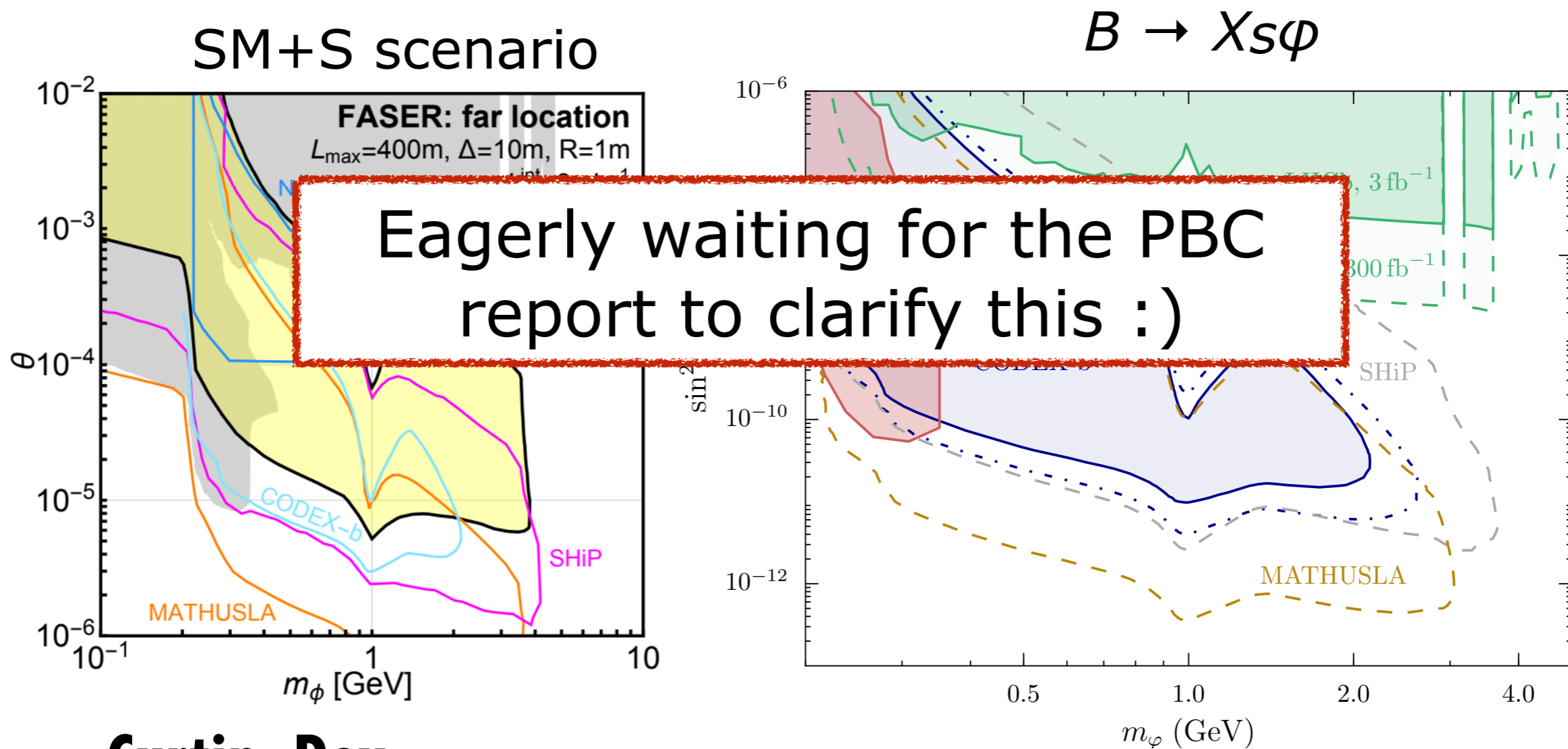
## $B \rightarrow Xs\phi$



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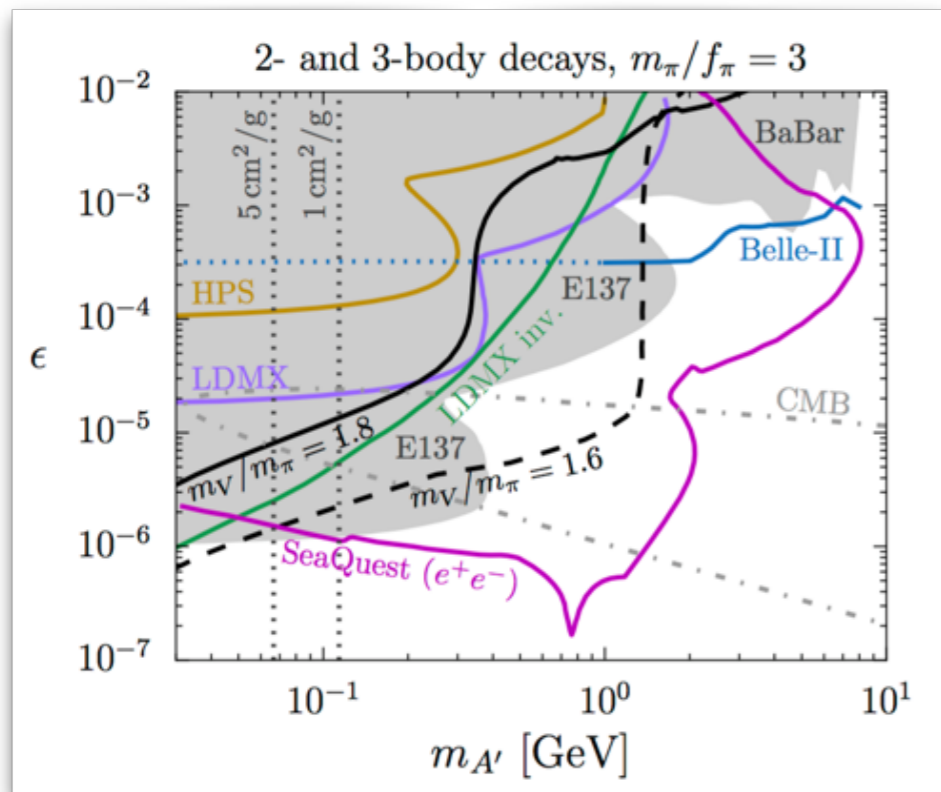
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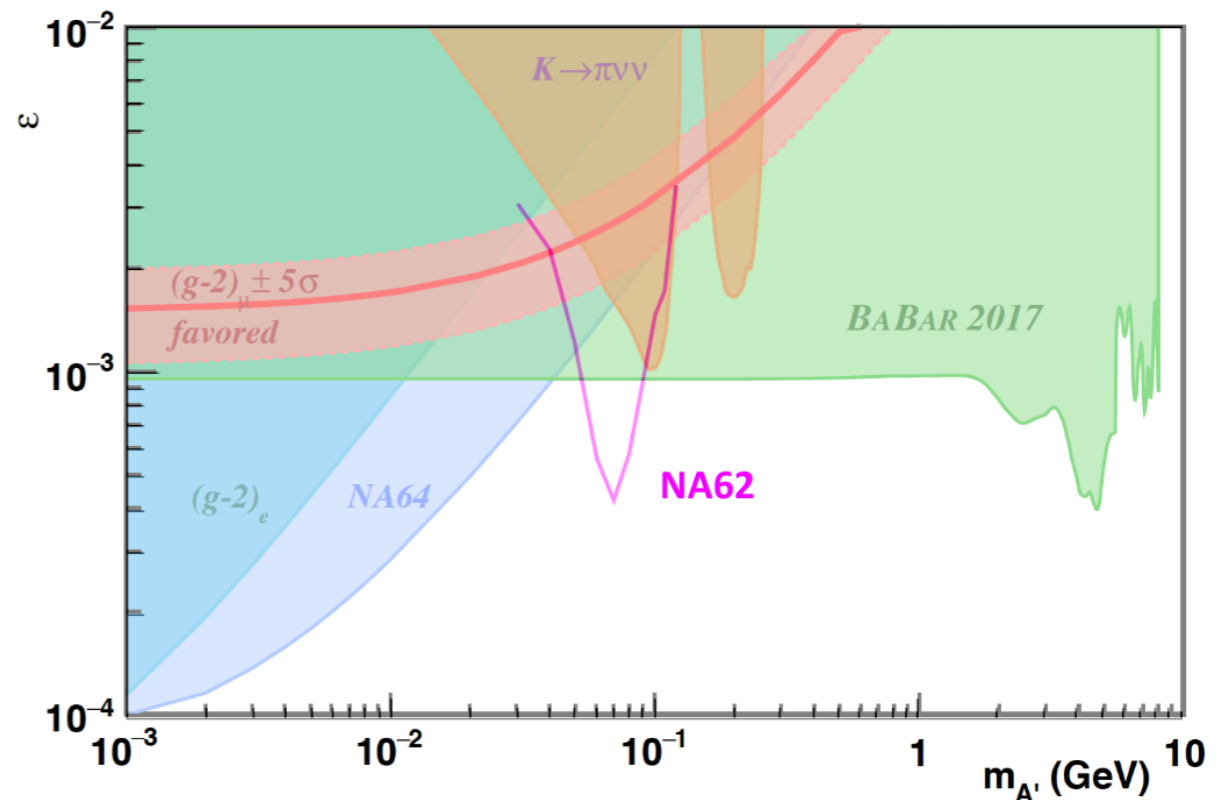
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SIMPS

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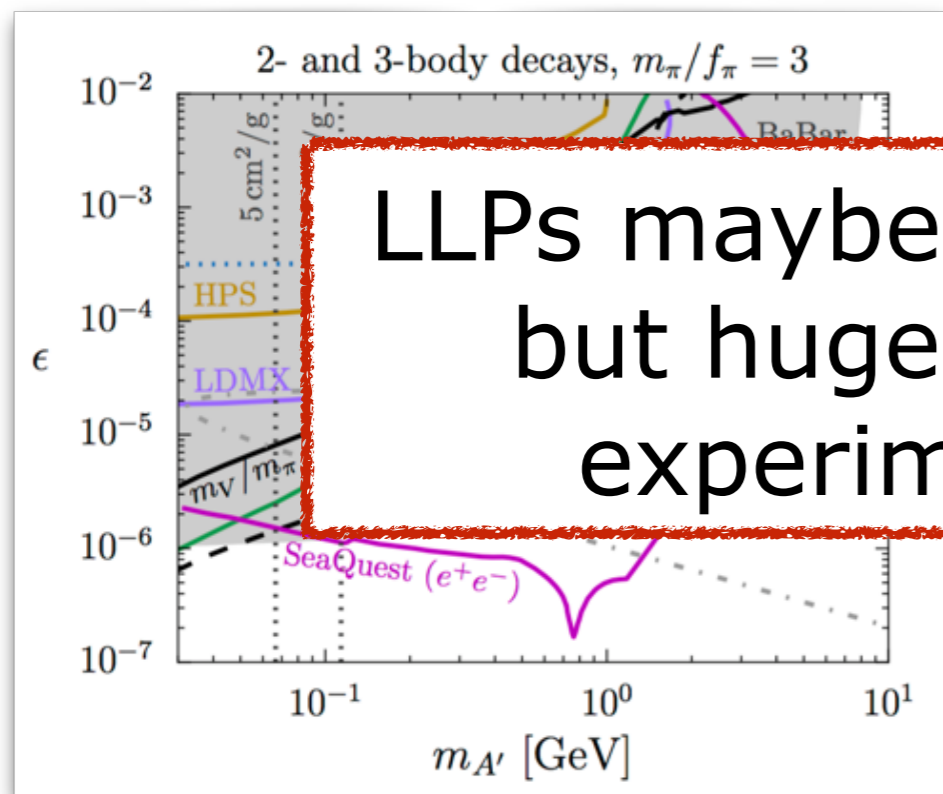
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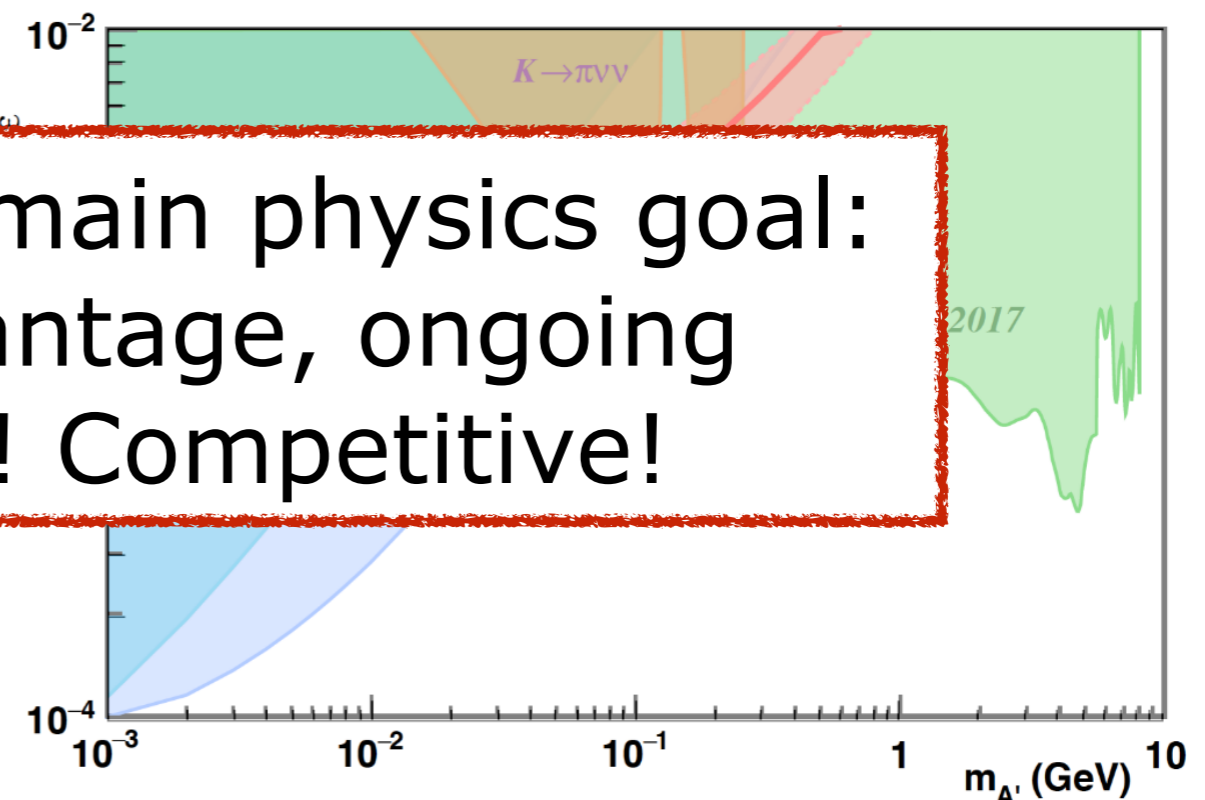
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LLPs maybe not main physics goal:  
but huge advantage, ongoing  
experiments! Competitive!

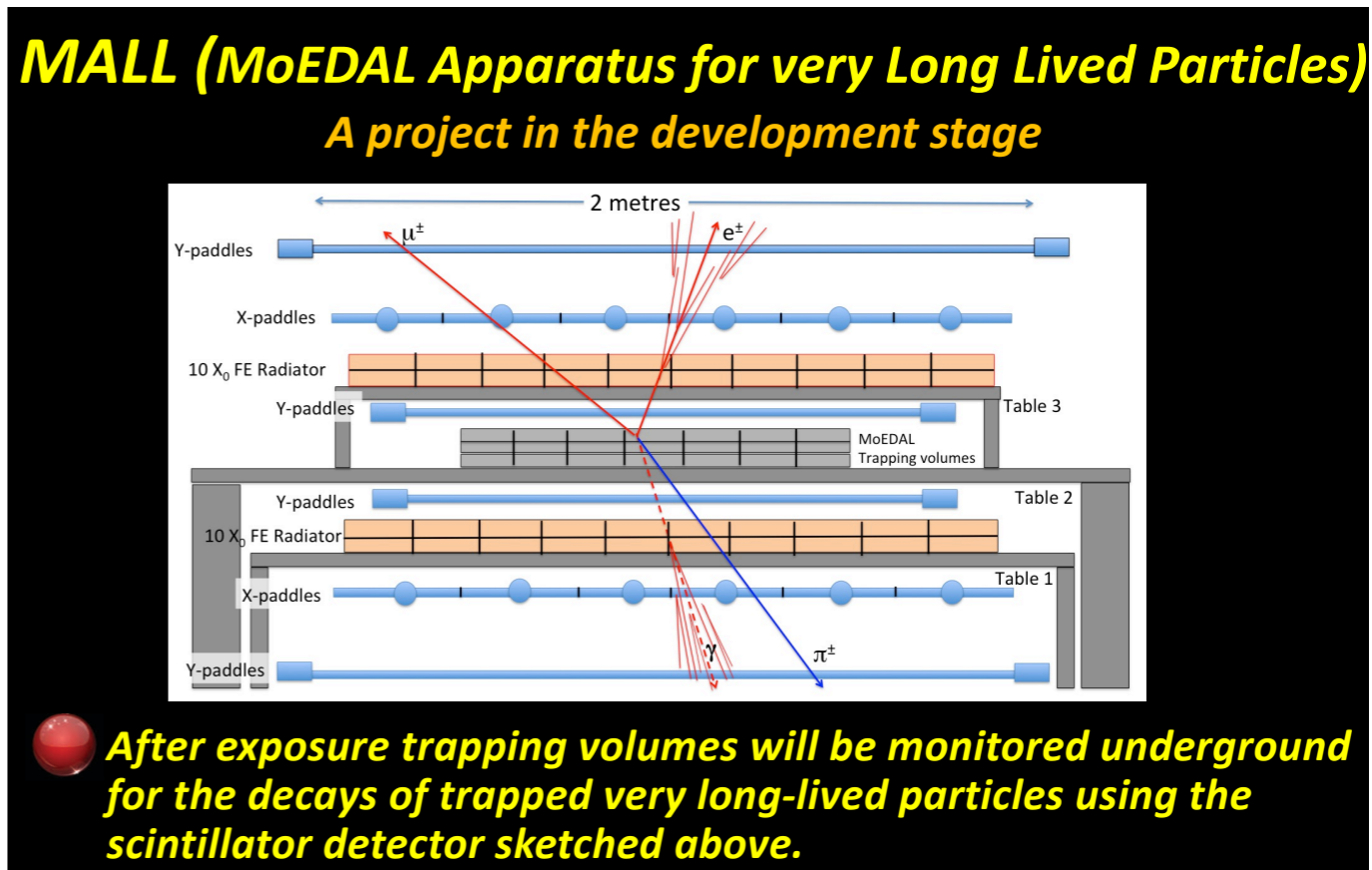
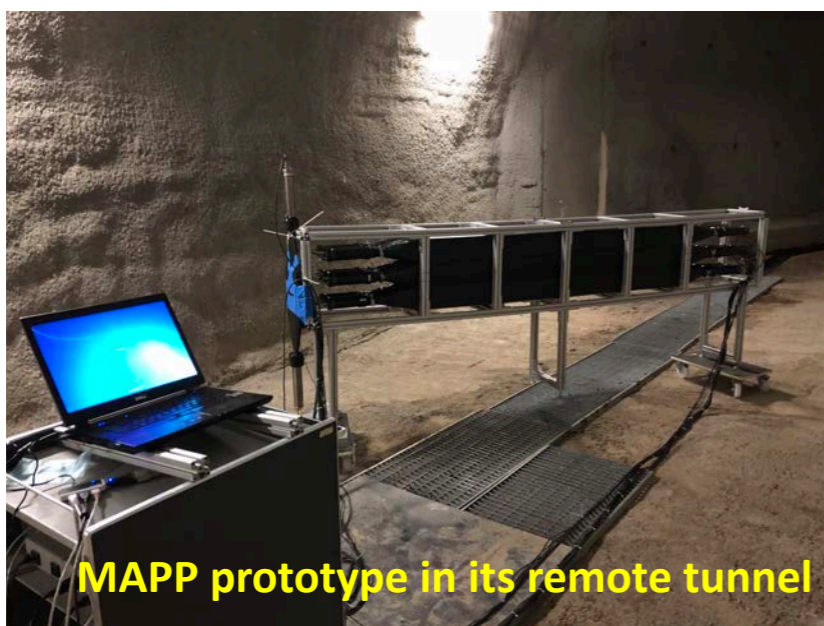
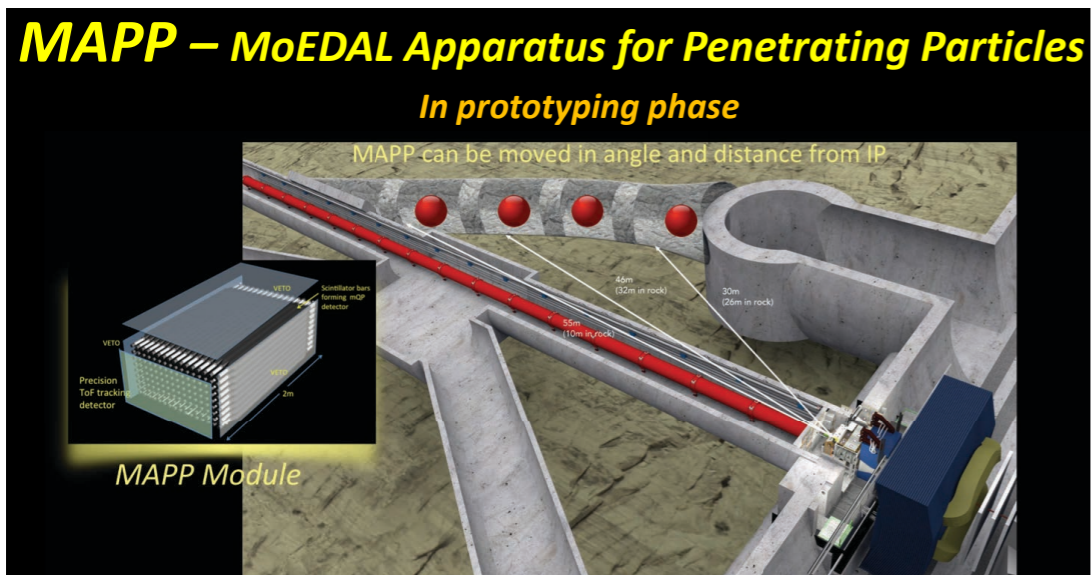
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**Gori, Dobrich**

- ◆ **MOEDAL** already producing results, but not only

Exciting competition with ATLAS!





- ◆ Reinterpretations' **main goal**: Where are the gaps? What other searches could we do?
  - For this we do not need completely accurate results.
  - But it's probably not worth it to "compete" with full experimental analysis
- ◆ Other important goal (to me), compare results from different experiments in similar models.  
 Two examples: **disappearing tracks** (see GAMBIT & CheckMATE) and **dark photons**
- ◆ But what ingredients do we need for this?
  - **At least** provide efficiency maps in every analysis: also useful from the point of view of data preservation

## Reinterpretation Challenges

- One model can generate many different **signatures**
- One signature can come from many **models**

- LLP searches are challenging because:
  - “Standard” objects (electrons, muons, tracks) are not so standard if they come from LLP decay or stable LLP
  - Signal efficiencies hard to model with publicly available simulation
  - Efficiencies can have strong dependence on kinematics, LLP decay position, etc.

+ efficiency tends to be model dependent...

**Shuve**

## Reinterpretation Challenges

- Software: MA5 v1.6 + Delphes 3.4.1\_Tracks with 8 TeV CMS tracking performance

Region	$c\tau_{\tilde{t}}$ [cm]	MA5	CMS	Difference [%]
SR-I	0.1	3.89	3.8	2.30
	1	4.44	5.2	14.51
	10	0.697	0.8	12.84
	100	0.0610	0.009	> 100%
SR-II	0.1	0.924	0.94	1.71
	1	3.87	4.1	5.61
	10	0.854	1.0	14.58
	100	0.0662	0.03	~ 100%
SR-III	0.1	0.139	0.16	12.84
	1	6.19	7.0	11.59
	10	4.45	5.8	23.56
	100	0.497	0.27	~ 100%

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not so  
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**Shuve, Conte**



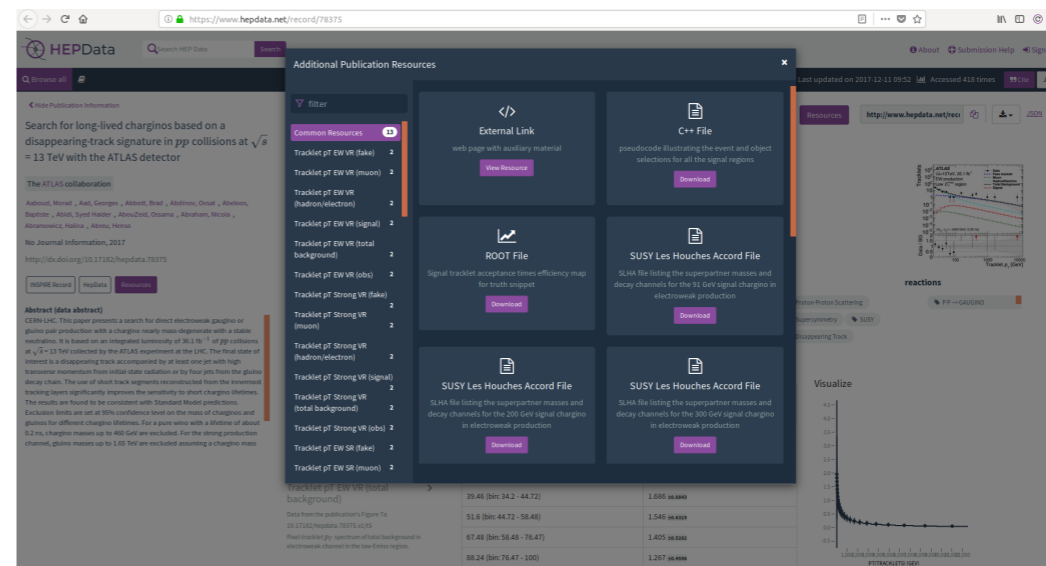
- ◆ More work needed on our (experientialist) side
  - ➔ Challenging, but we should try

List of cuts

Preselection
Event passes standard <a href="#">FilterOutScraping</a> cuts
One good primary vertex
generator electron coming from stop
generator electron with $\eta < 2.5$
generator electron with $v_0 < 4$ cm
generator electron with $v_z < 30$ cm
generator electron with $p_T > 25$ CMS.GeV
⋮

Hmm..

Requires CERN login  
Don't know, but probably 100%



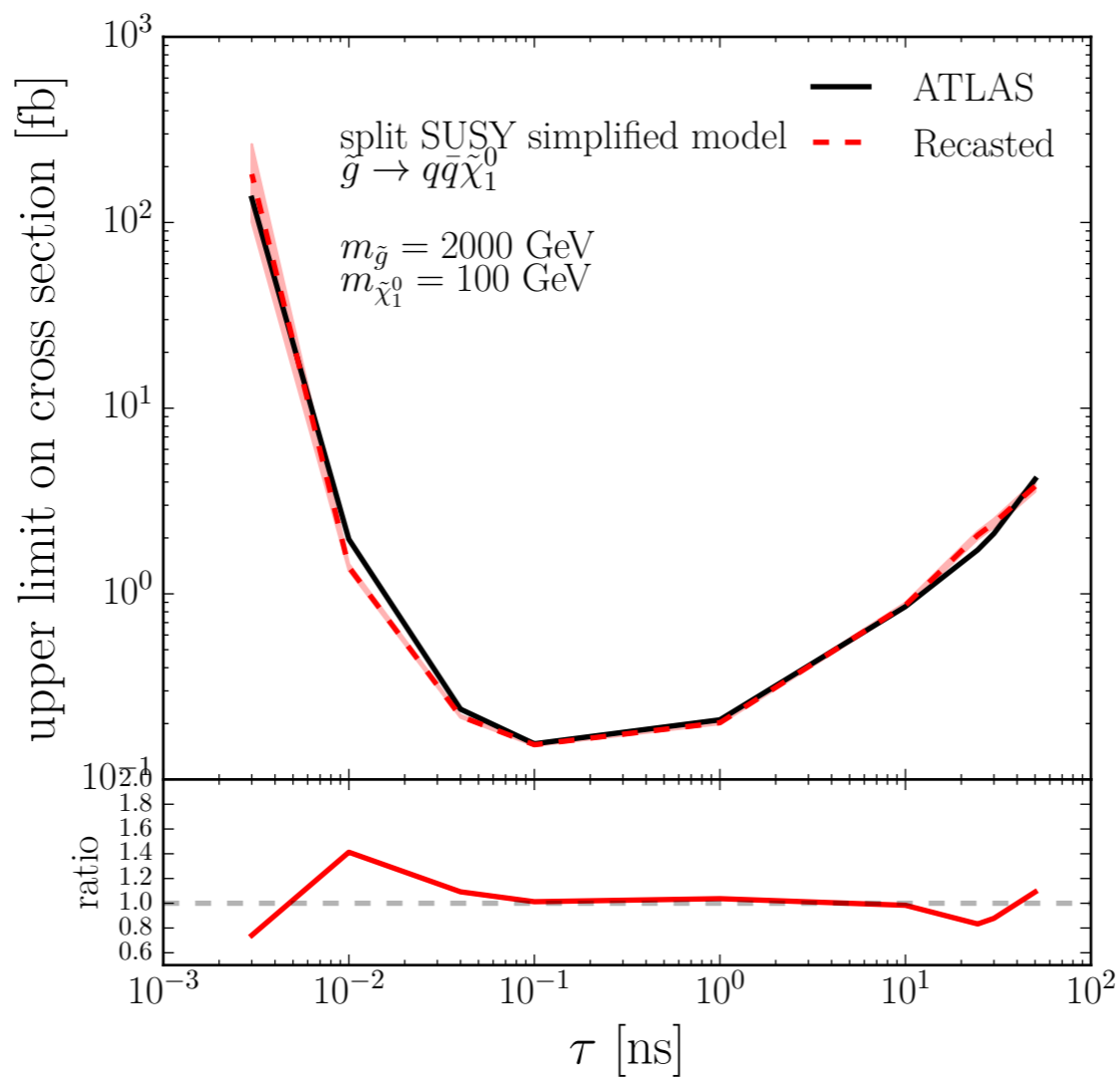
**Desai, Kim**

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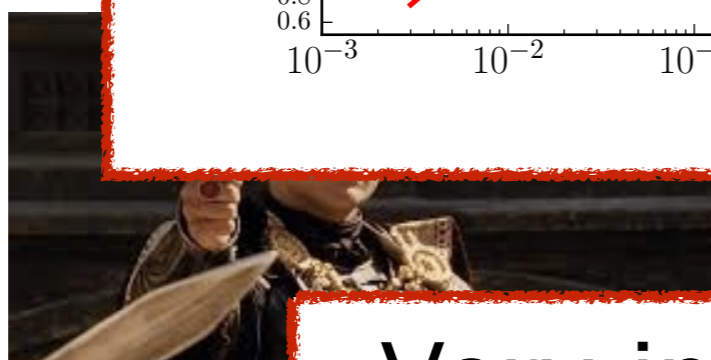
→ Challenge

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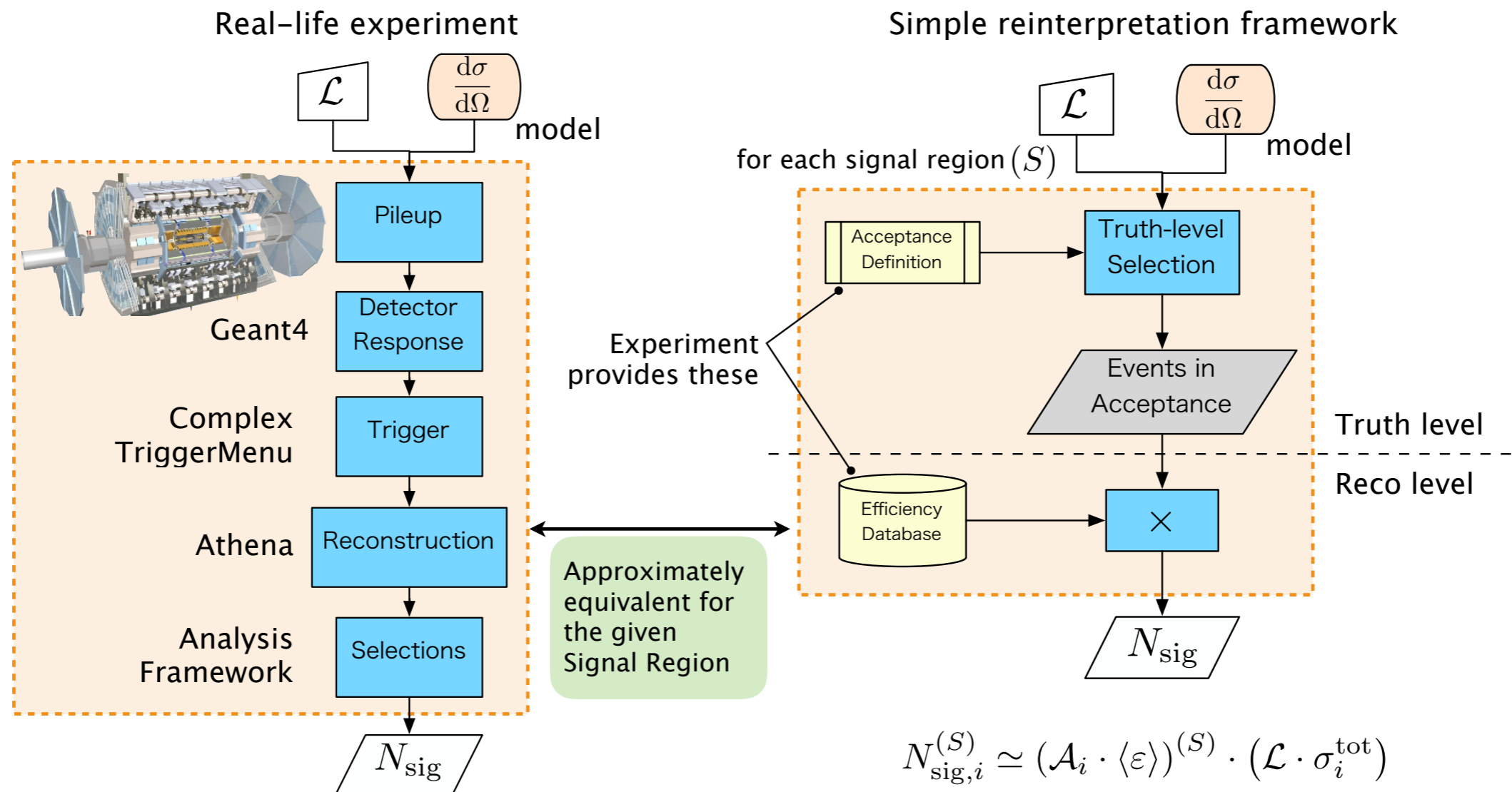
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Very impressive result!

Desai, Kim

- Therefore crucial to provide tools! First step, reinterpretation of own results?

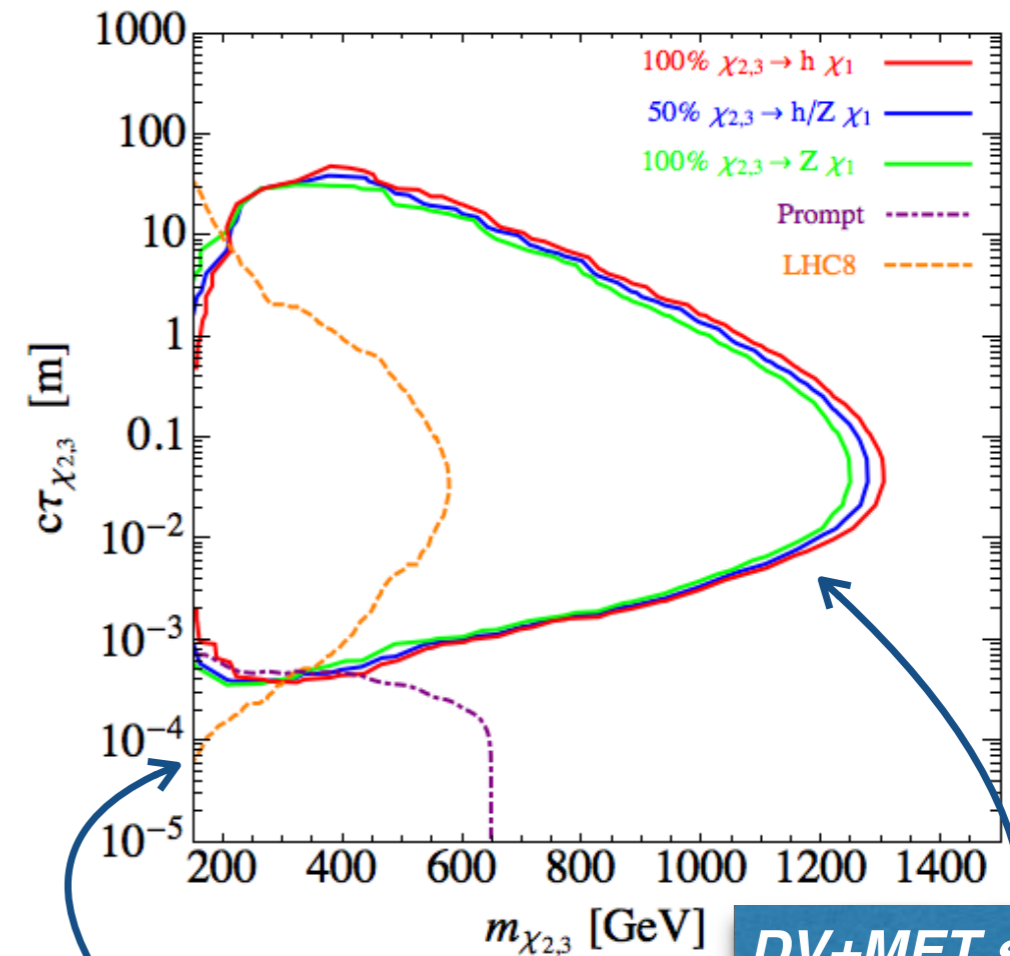




## ◆ Example: Freeze-In Dark Matter

- ➔ Freeze in: alternative mechanism to obtain dark matter abundance
- ➔ It naturally involves small couplings (long-lived particles)
- ➔ Several recasts done: example DV+MET ATLAS

**Mariotti, Zaldívar**



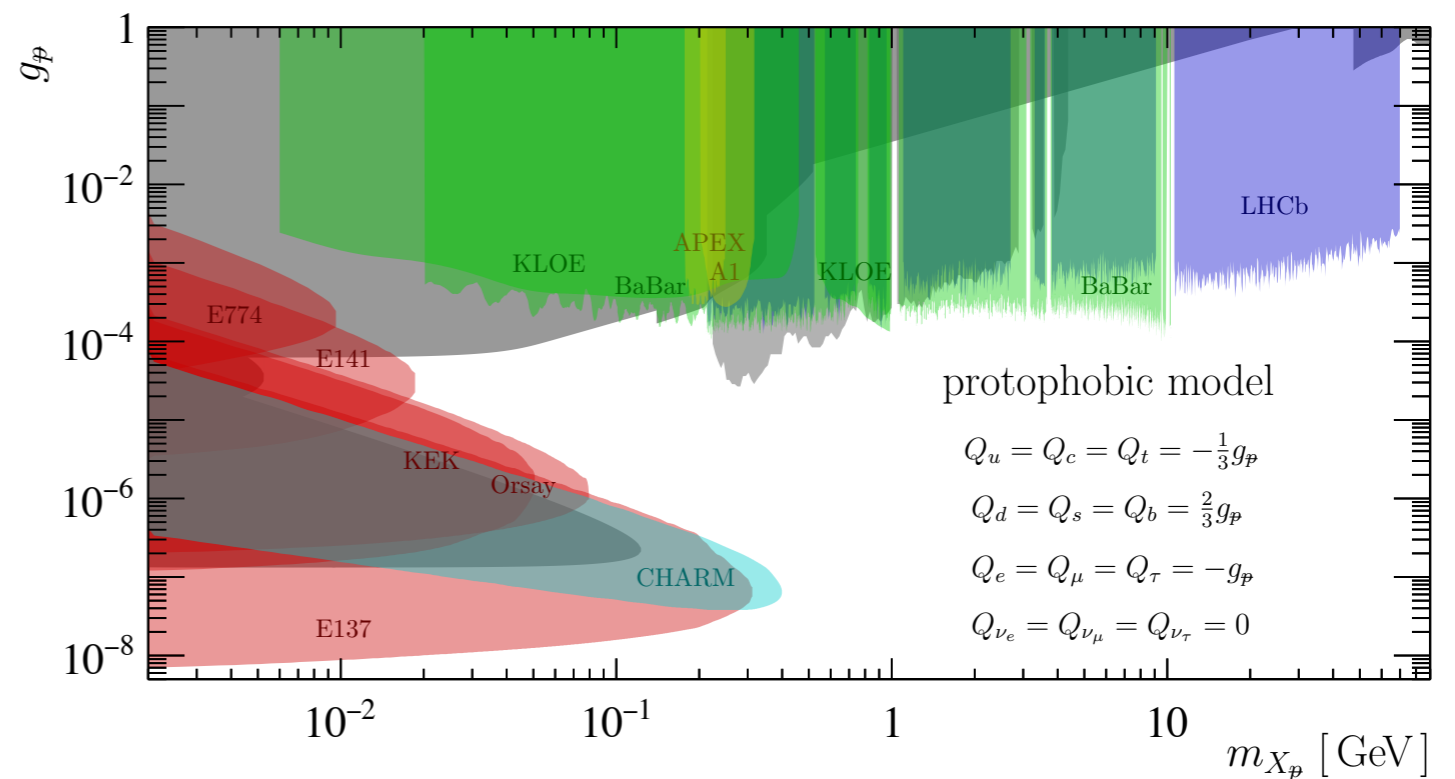
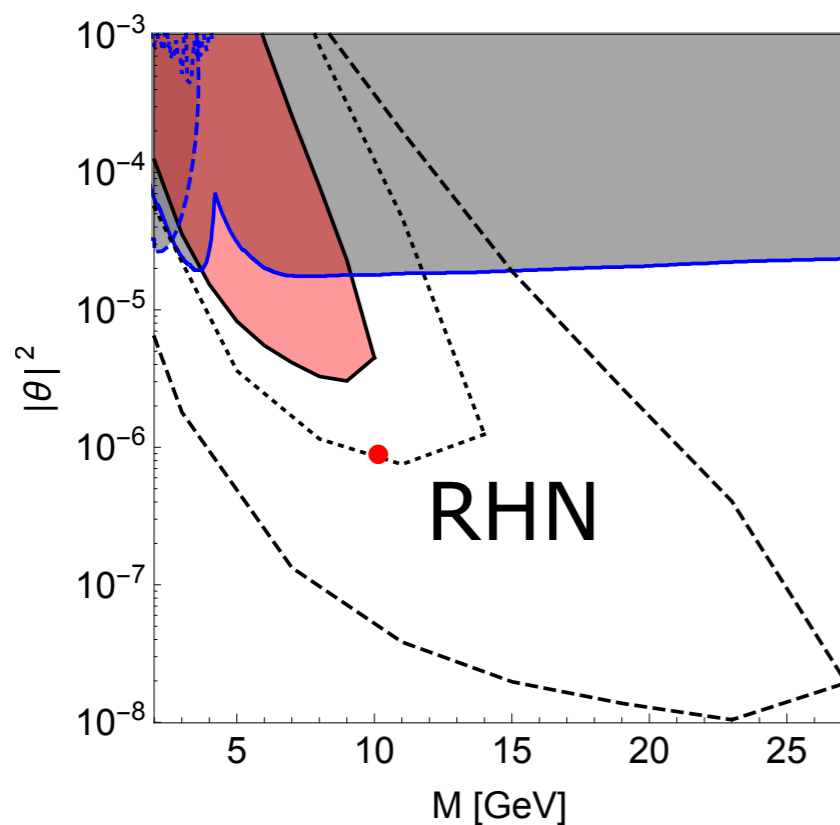
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Z.Liu, B.Tweedie, '15  
CMS PAS EXO-12-038

*DV+MET search  
has strong  
reach on EW  
states in SD-FI*

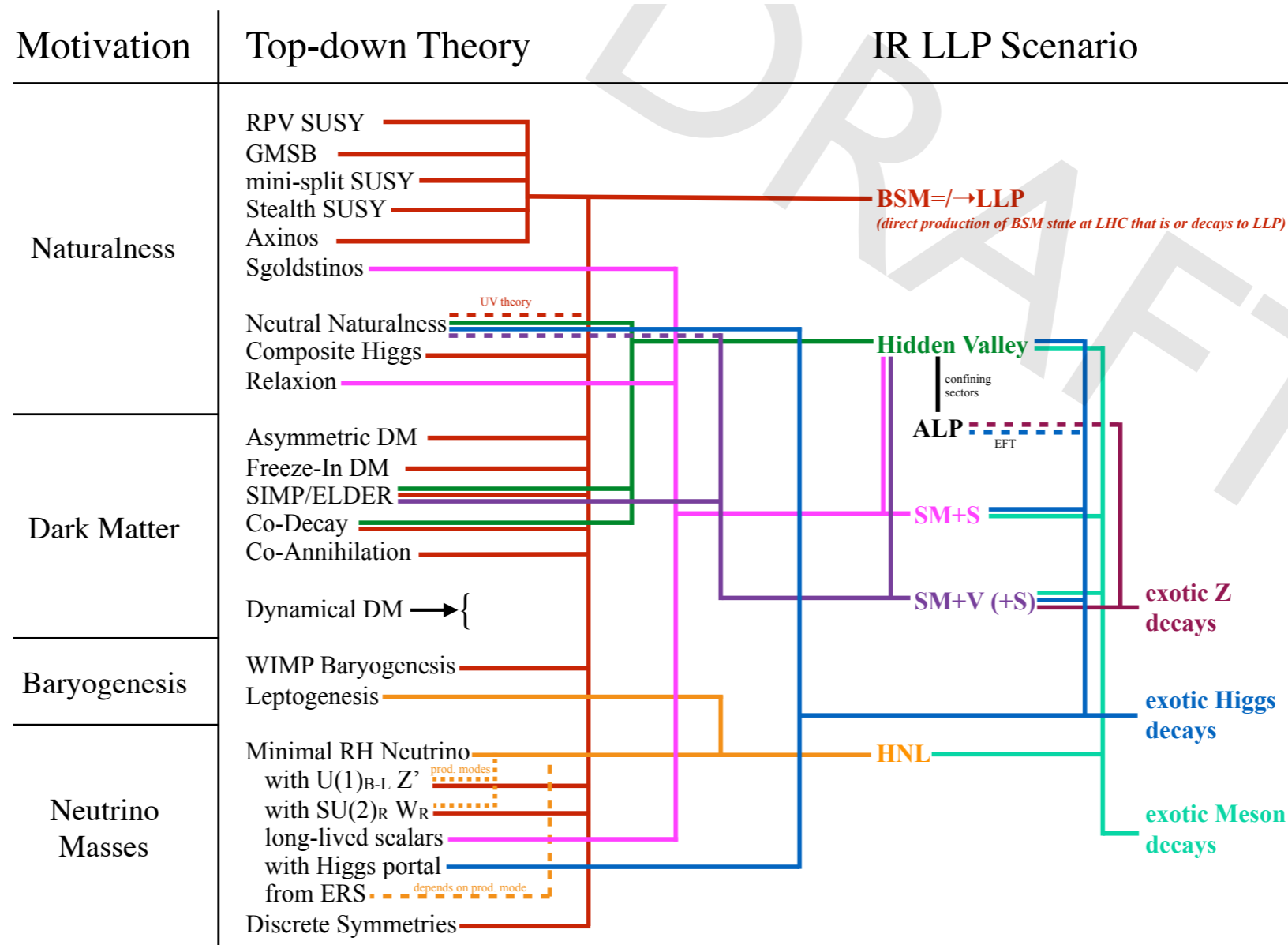
**Other interesting examples: Cottin, Lara, Vogl, Popara, Heisig, DiPetrillo...**

- ◆ I have the feeling that LHCb is behind ATLAS/CMS in providing this kind of tools
  - ➔ Modest effort, but more work needed!
  - ➔ Still, some courageous dared to give it a try



Fischer, Xue

◆ Now I wonder, why didn't we look for LLPs from the very beginning?





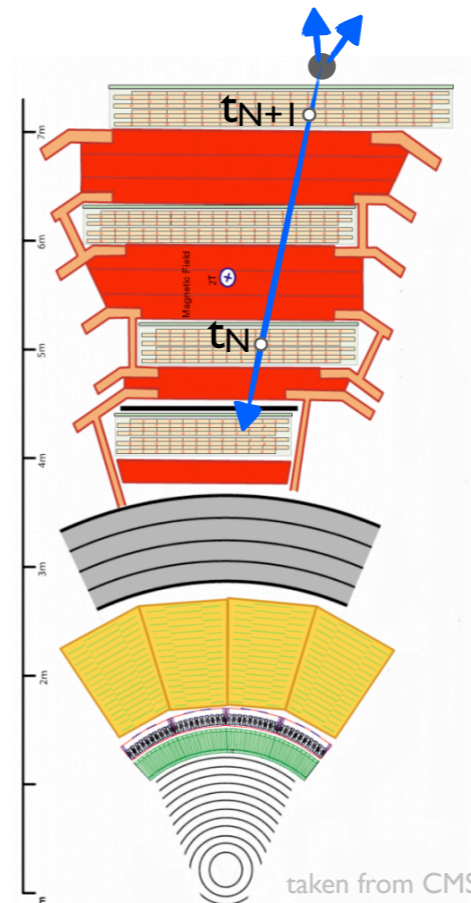
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DPP: sneutrino pair	†	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY
HP: squark pair, $\tilde{q} \rightarrow jX$ or gluino pair $\tilde{g} \rightarrow jjX$	†	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY
HP: slepton pair, $\tilde{\ell} \rightarrow \ell X$ or chargino pair, $\tilde{\chi} \rightarrow WX$	†	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY	SUSY
HIG: $h \rightarrow XX$ or $\rightarrow XX + inv.$	Higgs, DM*	†	Higgs, DM*	RH $\nu$	Higgs, DM* RH $\nu^*$	RH $\nu^*$
HIG: $h \rightarrow X + inv.$	DM*, RH $\nu$	†	DM*	RH $\nu$	DM*	†
RES: $Z(Z') \rightarrow XX$ or $\rightarrow XX + inv.$	Z', DM*	†	Z', DM*	RH $\nu$	Z', DM*	†
RES: $Z(Z') \rightarrow X + inv.$	DM	†	DM	RH $\nu$	DM	†
CC: $W(W') \rightarrow \ell X$	†	†	RH $\nu^*$	RH $\nu$	RH $\nu^*$	RH $\nu^*$

## ♦ Novel signatures for long-lived particles

Very exotic, unconventional signature

- not yet searched for?
- experimentally challenging?



Decay outside detector

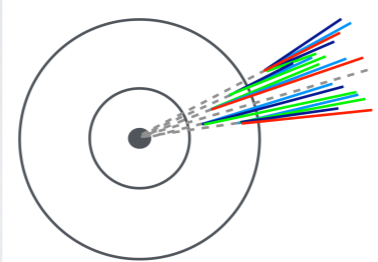
- Extreme scenario
- Only backward-moving particle enters the detector
- Identify backward moving particle by timing
- Potential background is cosmic ray
- Use only lower half of barrel ?

→ Really enjoy this approach, no matter how crazy these signatures may look like!

**Mukherjee**

## ◆ Novel signatures for long-lived particles

### FLAVOURED DARK SECTOR

LHC	Fixed Target
Emerging jets for dark pions above about 20 GeV	Hadronically-decaying dark pions with masses 1-5 GeV
	Common decay modes: $\pi_D \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$ $\pi_D \rightarrow K\pi$
Different characteristic length scales for different hadron flavours to emerge	Both NA62 and SHiP will probe interesting parameter space

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## Implications for LLPs

- Multiplicities (total and by particle type) are often unknown
  - Low multiplicity (1!) a big issue for LLPs; need searches covering this case
- Energy distributions for non-perturbative processes are rarely known
  - Slow LLPs raise special concerns; could this dominate??
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- Therefore: **we must search for LLPs in general ways**, not reliant on
  - QCD-like hidden sector dynamics
  - Unreliable and unvalidated MCs
- **LLP searches need a model-independent approach!**

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- The days of “guaranteed” discoveries or of no-lose theorems in particle physics are over, at least for the time being ....
- .... but the big questions of our field remain wild open (hierarchy problem, flavour, neutrinos, DM, BAU, .... )
- This simply implies that, more than for the past 30 years, future HEP’s progress is to be driven by experimental exploration, possibly renouncing/reviewing deeply rooted theoretical bias

Michelangelo Mangano

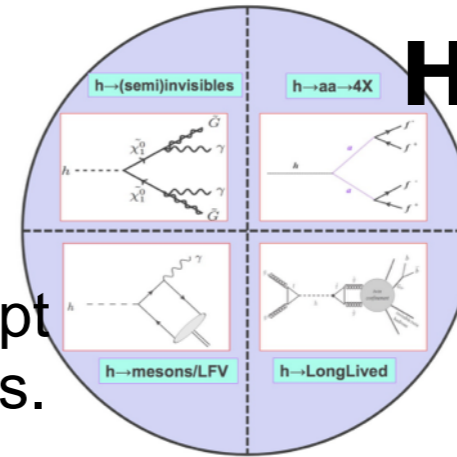
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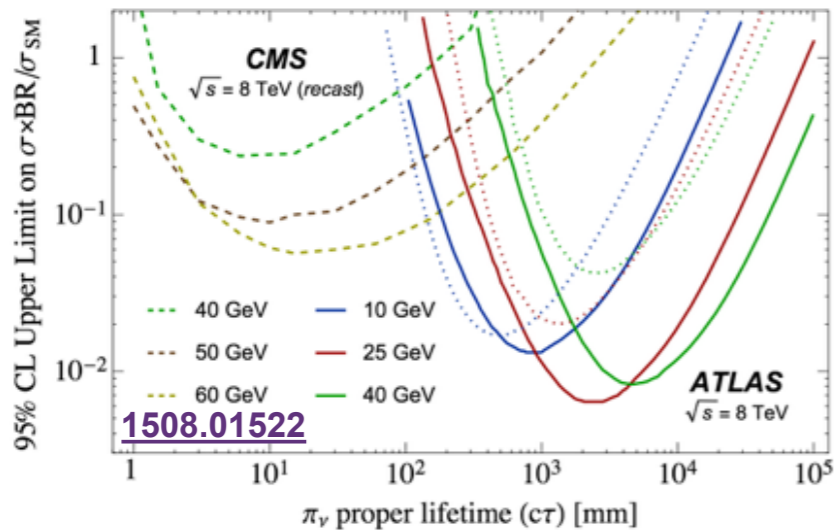


## Ongoing work and new ideas

- From the **Higgs Exotic Decay** group we are encouraging analyses to **re-interpret** their prompt searches in terms of slightly displaced signatures.



## Higgs XS WG



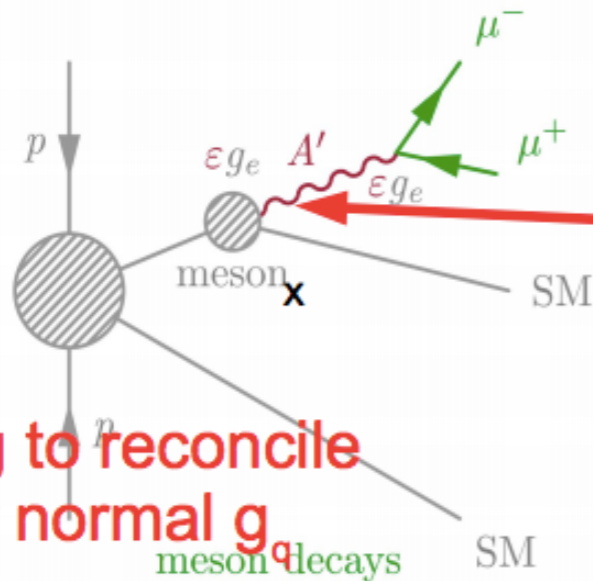
- Probe a region of the phase space “in between” prompt and LL.

- Coordinate the transition between long-lived and prompt searches.



- Big effort ongoing to provide final recommendations on the several fronts and feasibility studies for final states not currently being studied.
- As it has been done for prompt  $h \rightarrow aa$  searches, centralize the different benchmark models and provide recommendations to generate MC, if they don't exist.

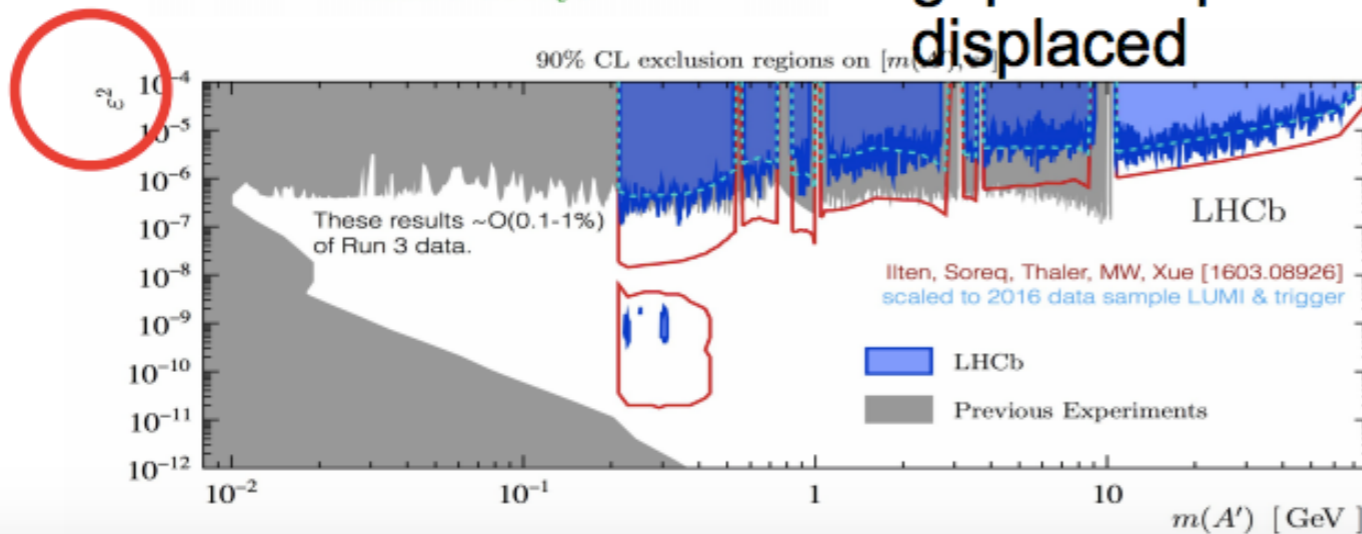
- Dark sector search through the visible decays



Can also be displaced

Working to reconcile with our normal  $g_q$

Dark photon model is one of these models that bridge the gap of displaced and non-displaced



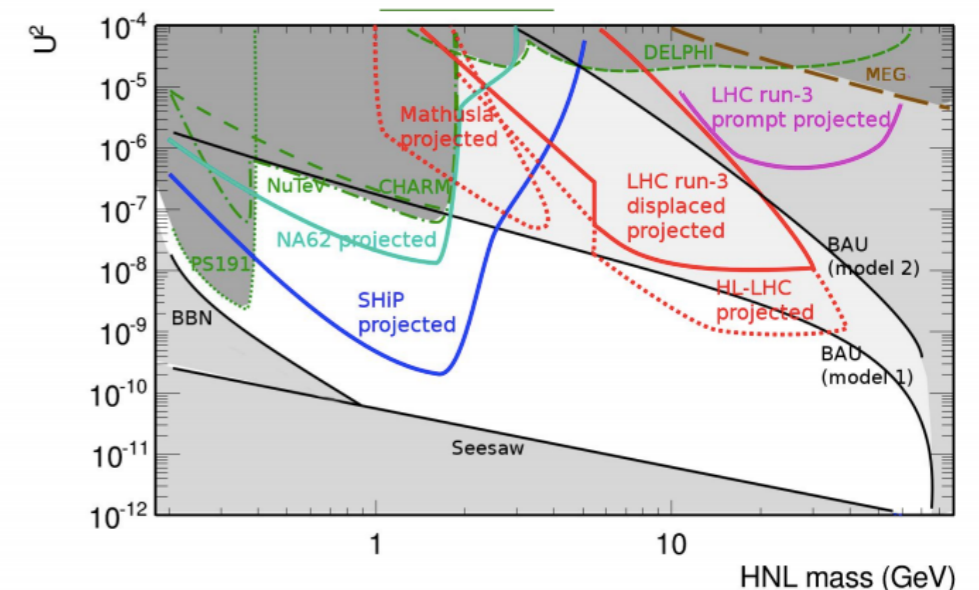
Next meeting on dark photons:  
June 22nd, 14:30

**Harris**

- ◆ Lively discussion in the breakout sessions + elevator pitch session!
- **Blue Sky ideas.** Example of idea: use of new potential crossing points? Infinite money: let's instrument Geneva's sky!
- **Simulation** (+example from elevator pitch): stop very heavy particles in the calorimeter, very high ionization, doesn't rely on the stopped particle to decay
- **HNL:** a lot of interest, Formation of HNL@LLP group should definitely take place!

## The big picture

- LHCb prospects on this plot ?
- Current limits about there: LHCb



**Fischer, Zurita, Shuve, Buttinger**



- ◆ Don't forget it: **we're writing a paper!**
- ➔ Huge effort from many people, now very close to the end!

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<https://github.com/jbbeacham/LHCLLP>

- ◆ **Experimental gaps:** Very good state, but discussion on *taxonomy*...

## Proposals for exotics taxonomy

### Proposal I

- 2) Highly ionizing tracks:
  - a- calo decays: **HSCP**
  - b- HIPS: **monopoles**
  - c-quirks
- 3) anomalous tracks:
  - b1-**disappearing/kinked tracks**
  - b2-emerging tracks: **SIMPS, emerging jets**

- 4) Out of time decays: **SP**

### Proposal II

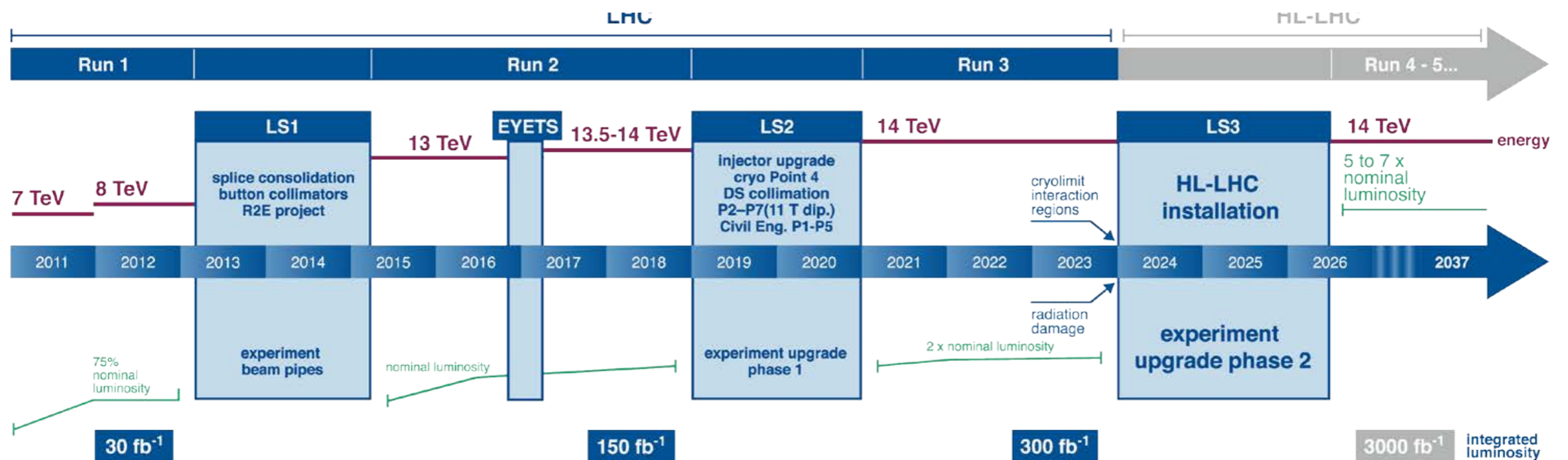
- 2) Highly Ionizing / Calorimeter Signatures:
  - a- Large dE/dx: **HSCP**
  - b- Out-of time decays: **SP**
  - c- Trackless signatures: **SIMPS, emerging jets**
- 3) Unconventional Track Signatures :
  - a- Highly-Ionizing tracks: **monopoles** and **quirks** models
  - b- **disappearing/kinked tracks**

### Proposal III

- 2) In-time exotic long-lived signatures:
  - a- Slow and / or anomalously ionizing tracks (**HSCPs, fractionally charged, quirks, monopoles**)
  - b- **disappearing/kinked tracks**
  - c- **Trackless jets**
  - d- **Emerging jets**
- 3) **Out-of-time** long-lived signatures:
  - a) **OoT** calo
  - b) **OoT** muons

- 2a) could be broken into a bunch of options:
  - a- Slow & highly ionizing tracks (**HSCP & quirks**)
  - b- Low dE/dx (**fractional**)
  - c- Extremely high ionization (**Monopoles**)

- ◆ **Trigger and detector upgrades:** very good progress, some *external* review probably needed



→ Important for dedicated detectors: if you want to be in the paper, please contribute

Can we actually fit ep collider, CLIC here?



After our first look at 13 TeV, our traditional motivation paradigms are fading or dead

The Higgs discovery only answered one open question — does the SM Higgs exist? — and raised a bunch of others!

But these other questions ~~are no longer accompanied by guaranteed discoveries~~ where they ever? :-)

~~Scary~~: Where do we look? **Exciting!**

**Freedom**: Everywhere! We have one of the most sophisticated devices ever built at our disposal, and our job is to push it to its limits, to map out all available experimental object space

This means bold new ideas involving LLPs. 2018 is the perfect time to be bold!

**Beacham**

See you in **Nikhef** !