



# Exotica and Dark Matter searches

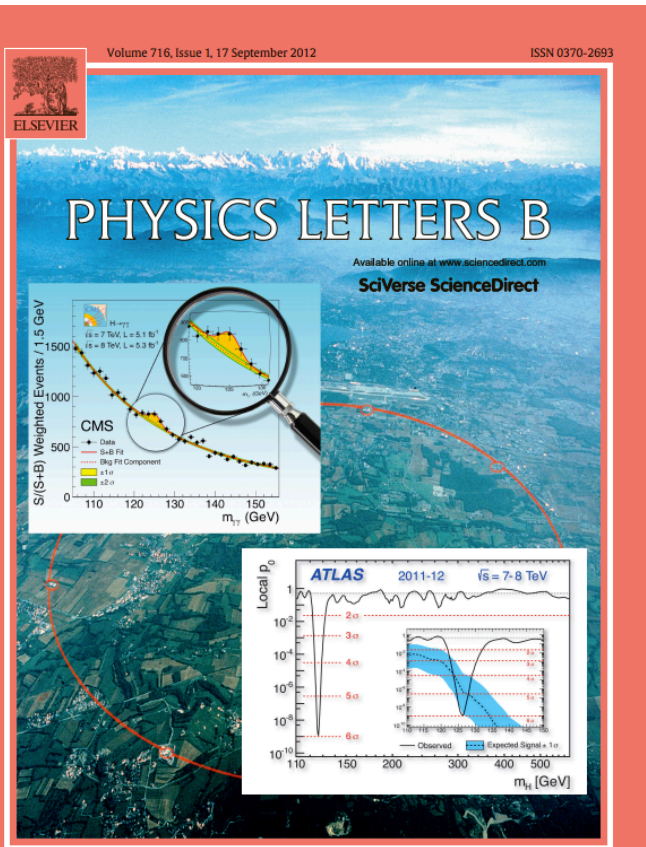
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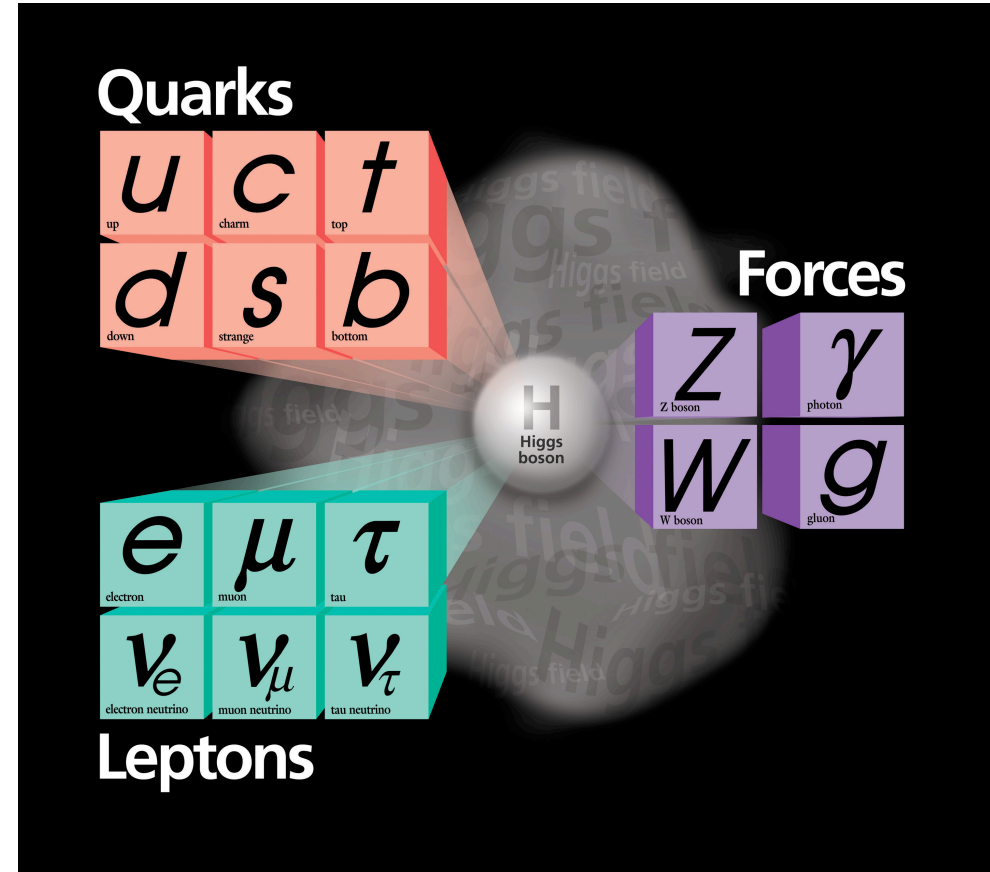
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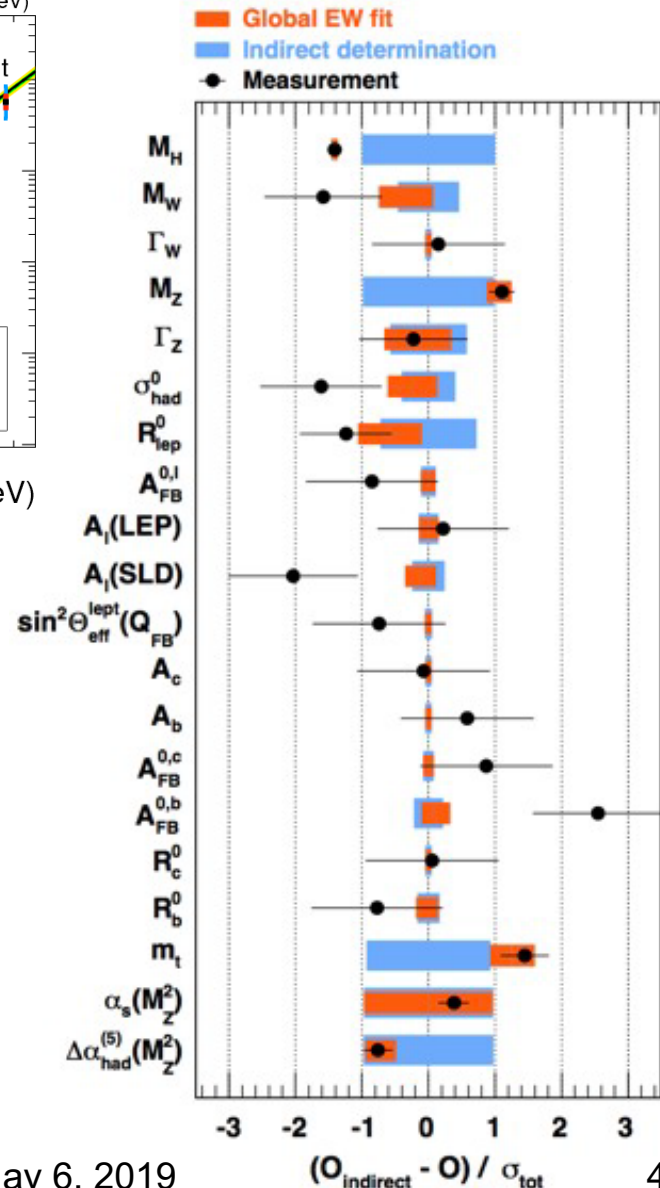
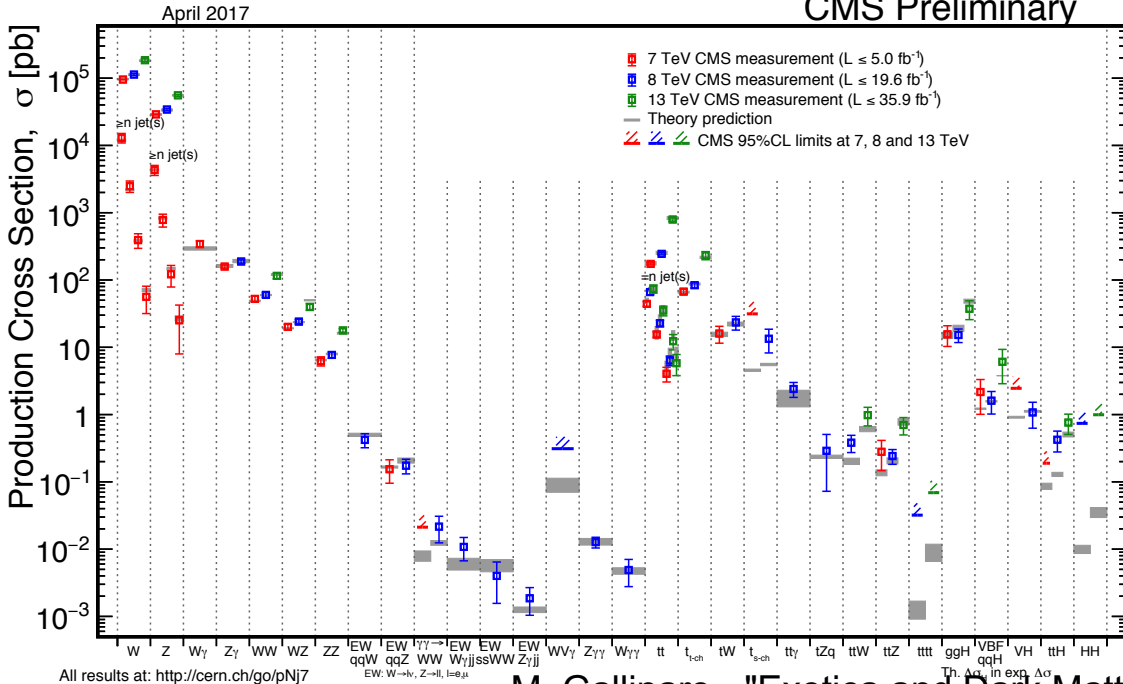
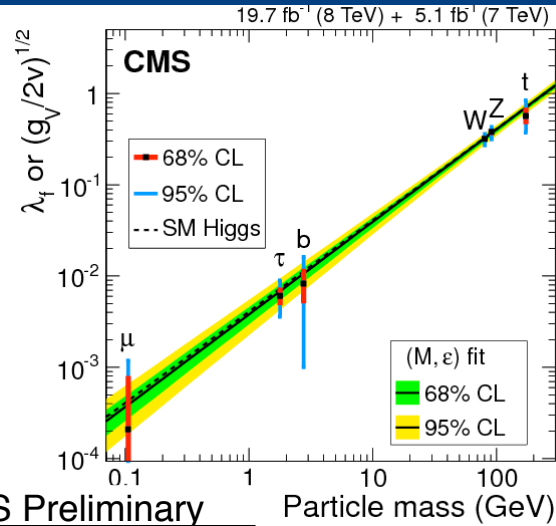
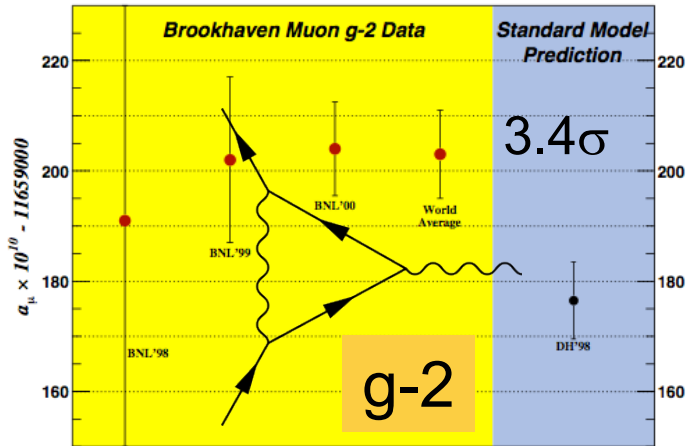
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# Standard Model theory of everything?

- Discovery of the Higgs boson marks the triumph of the SM
- However, even with the inclusion of the Higgs boson, SM is an incomplete theory



# Tests of the SM



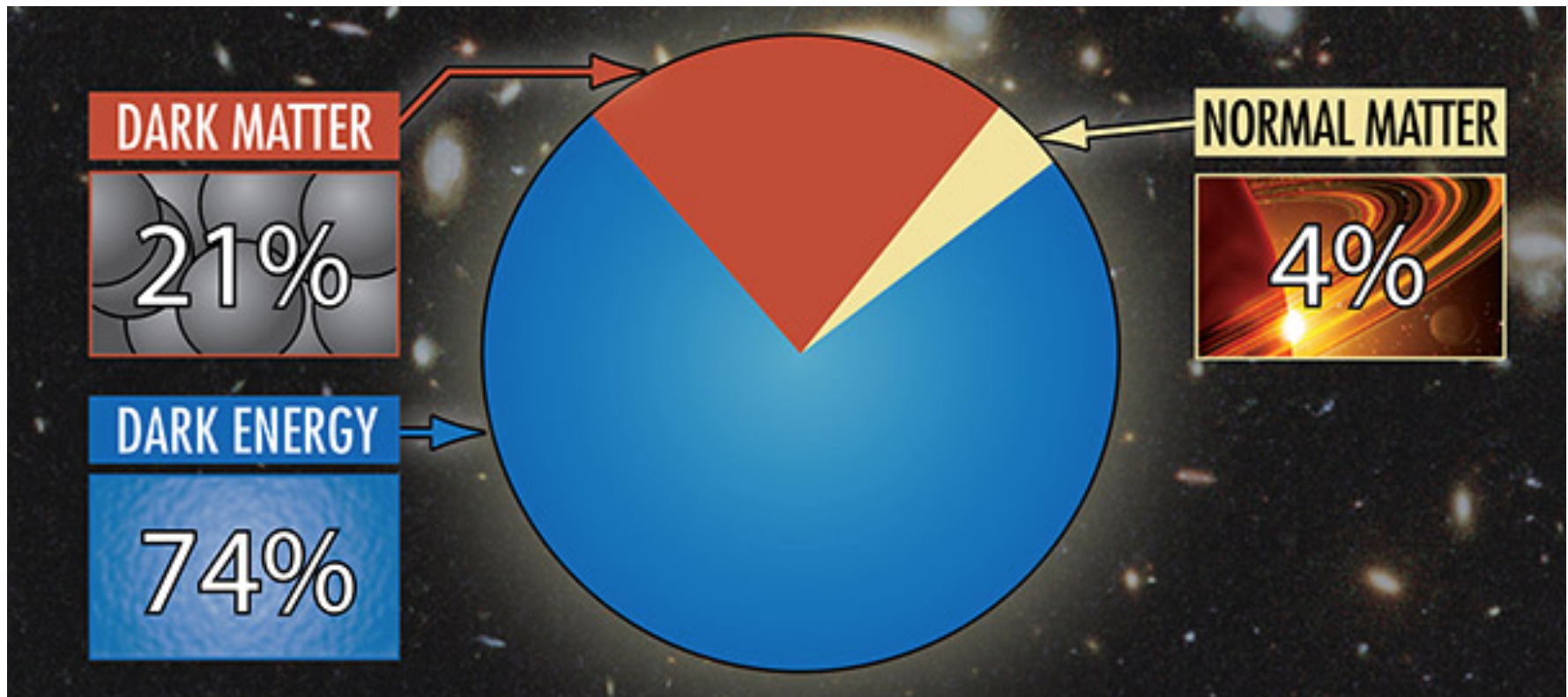
# Beyond the Standard Model

The SM answers many of the questions about the structure of matter. But SM is not complete; still many unanswered questions:

- a) Why do we observe matter and almost no antimatter if we believe there is a symmetry between the two in the universe?
- b) What is this "dark matter" that we can't see that has visible gravitational effects in the cosmos?
- c) Are quarks and leptons actually fundamental, or made up of even more fundamental particles?
- d) Why are there three generations of quarks and leptons? What is the explanation for the observed pattern for particle masses?
- e) How does gravity fit into all of this?

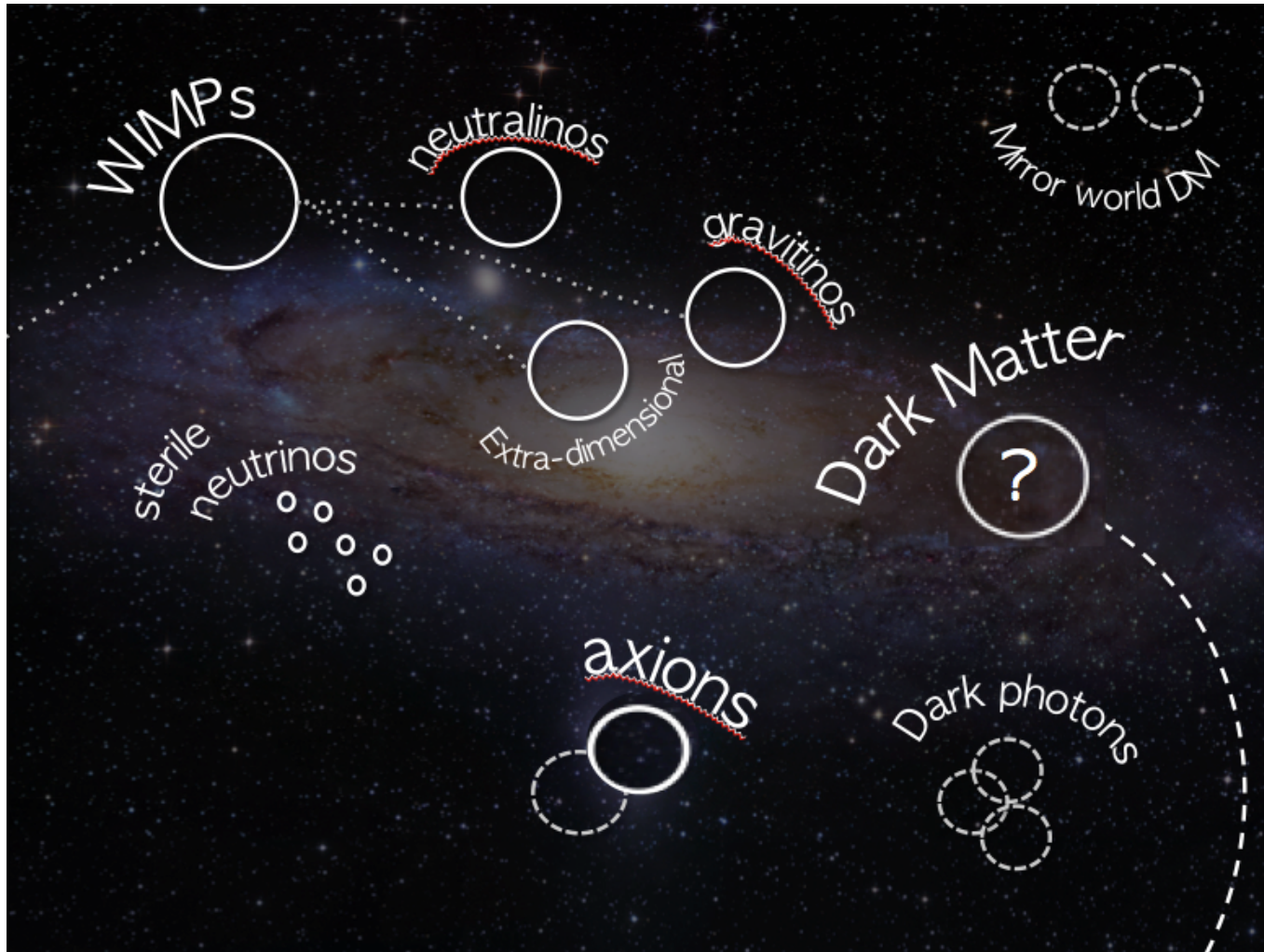
# Dark matter and energy

- What is that accounts for 96% of the Universe?  
Nobody knows.
- It is one of the greatest mysteries of Science



# What can we look for?

A crowded field. At the LHC we can search for some of these



# How?

- Search for new phenomena
- Look for New Physics
- **Indirect searches**
  - precision measurements, event properties, etc.
- **Direct searches**
  - resonances, specific final states, model-(in)dependent searches, etc.
- Production and decay rates, event characteristics, advanced tools





# Dark Matter

## What is it?

- DM does not interact electromagnetically
- DM interacts gravitationally

Visual map



# Dark Matter (cont.)

## Why is it interesting?

- We do not see it...but we feel it

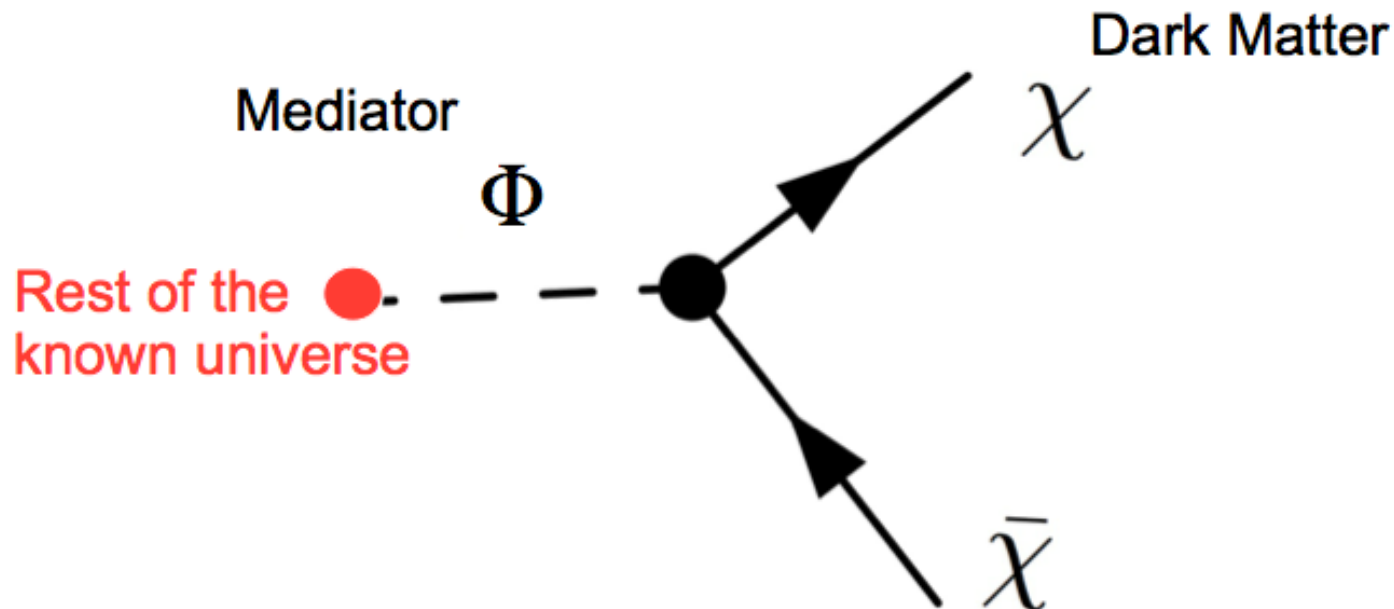
Mass map



# Dark Matter (cont.)

## How do we find DM?

- Need to understand how it interacts with Universe
- Traditionally through a mediator
- Yields at least two new particles

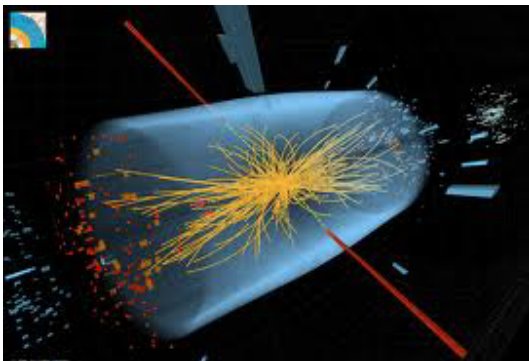
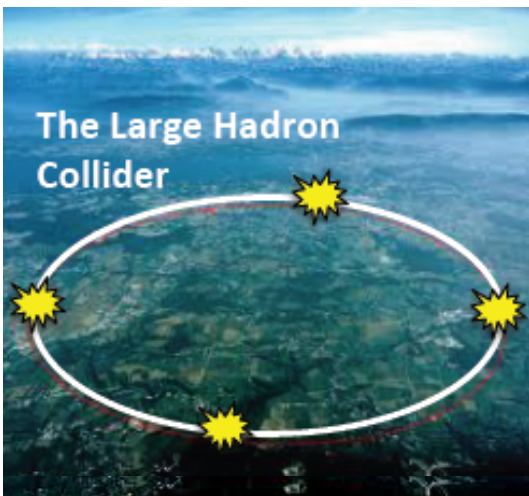


# Searching for DM

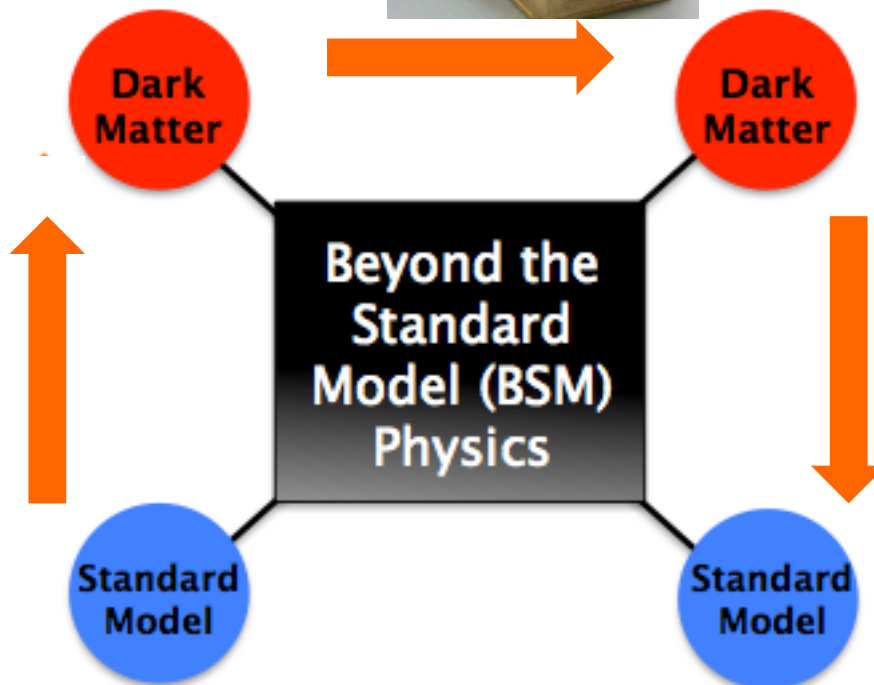
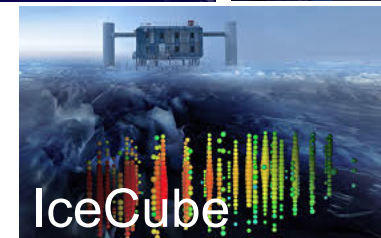
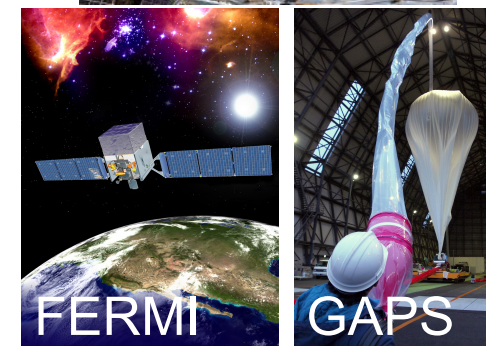
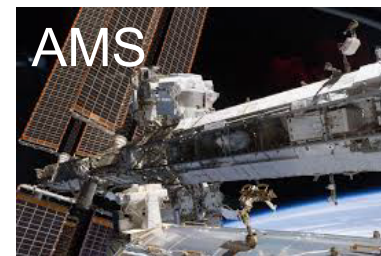
## Direct Detection



## Particle Colliders

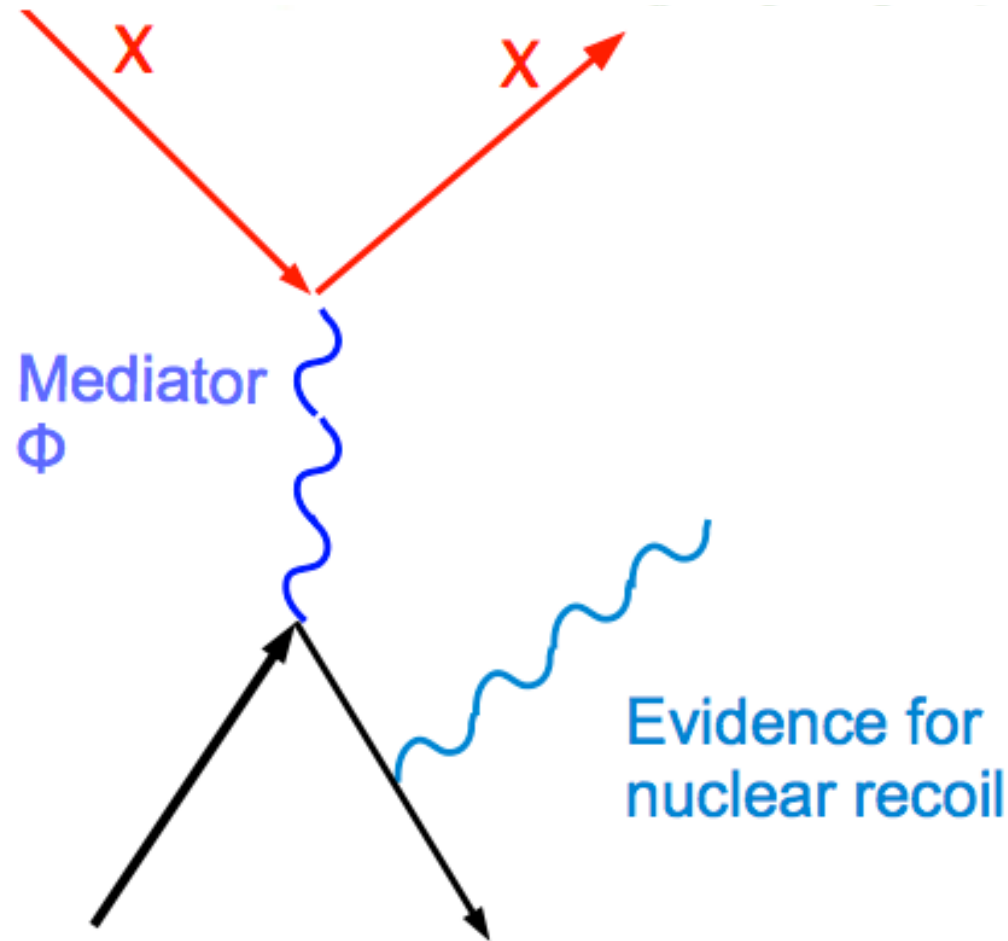


## Indirect Detection



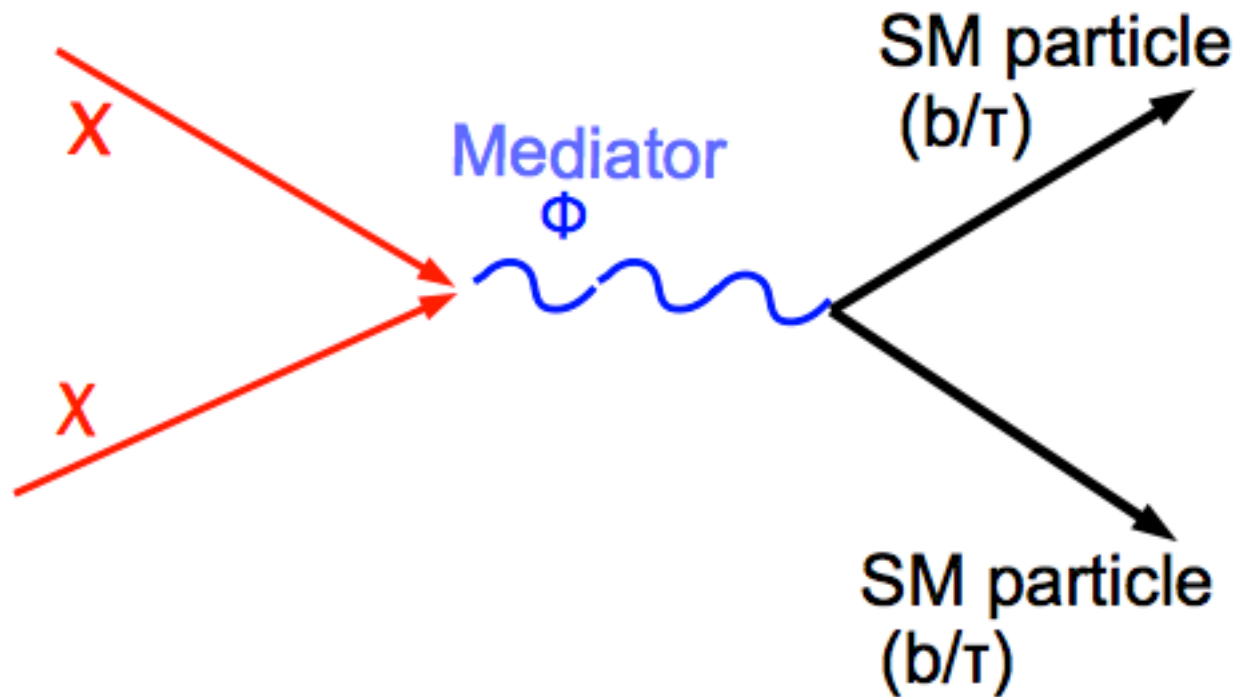
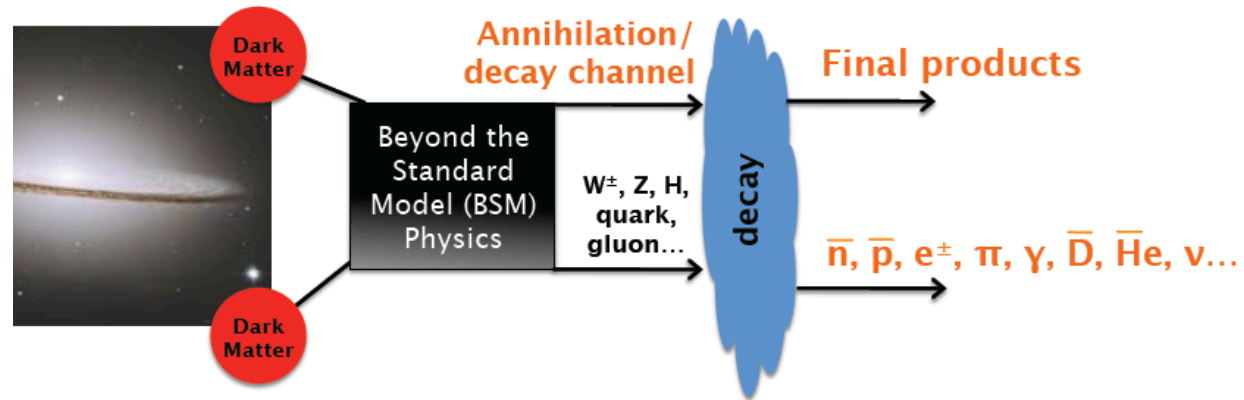
# How do we find it: @underground

- Through a nuclear recoil



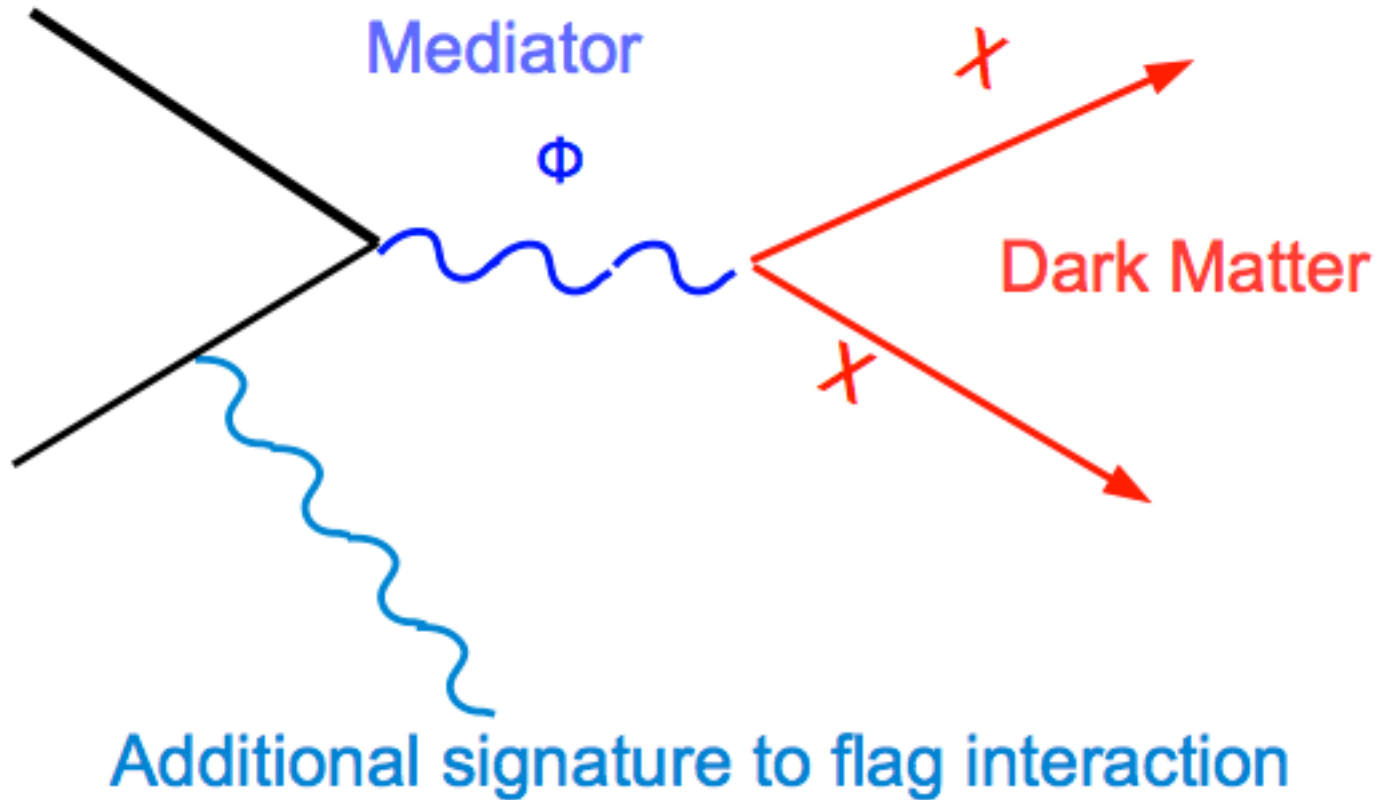
# How do we find it: @Space

- Through annihilation
  - Cosmic rays from DM



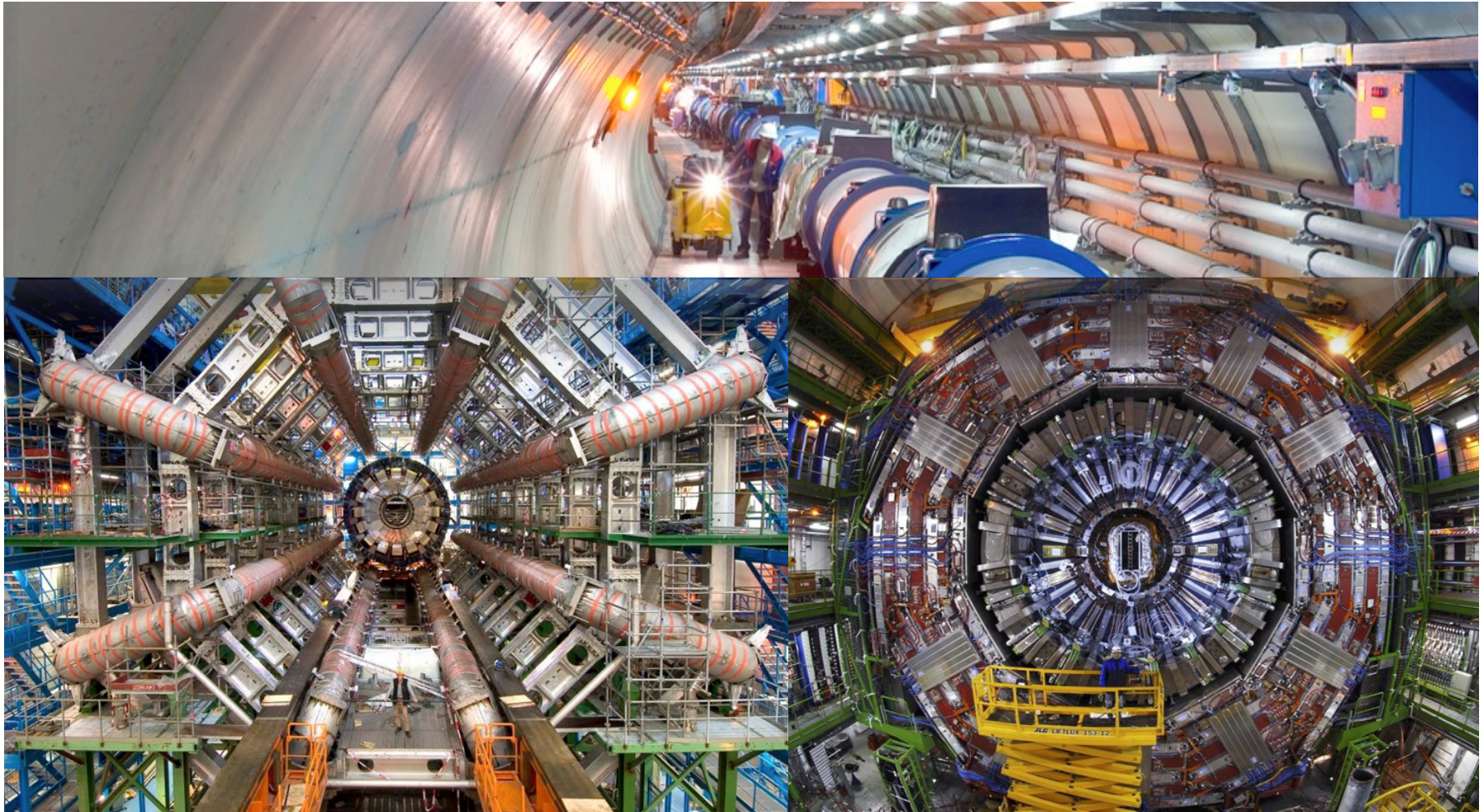
# How do we find it: @LHC

- Produced it through a mediator



# DM at the LHC

- CMS/ATLAS experiments **not** designed for DM searches

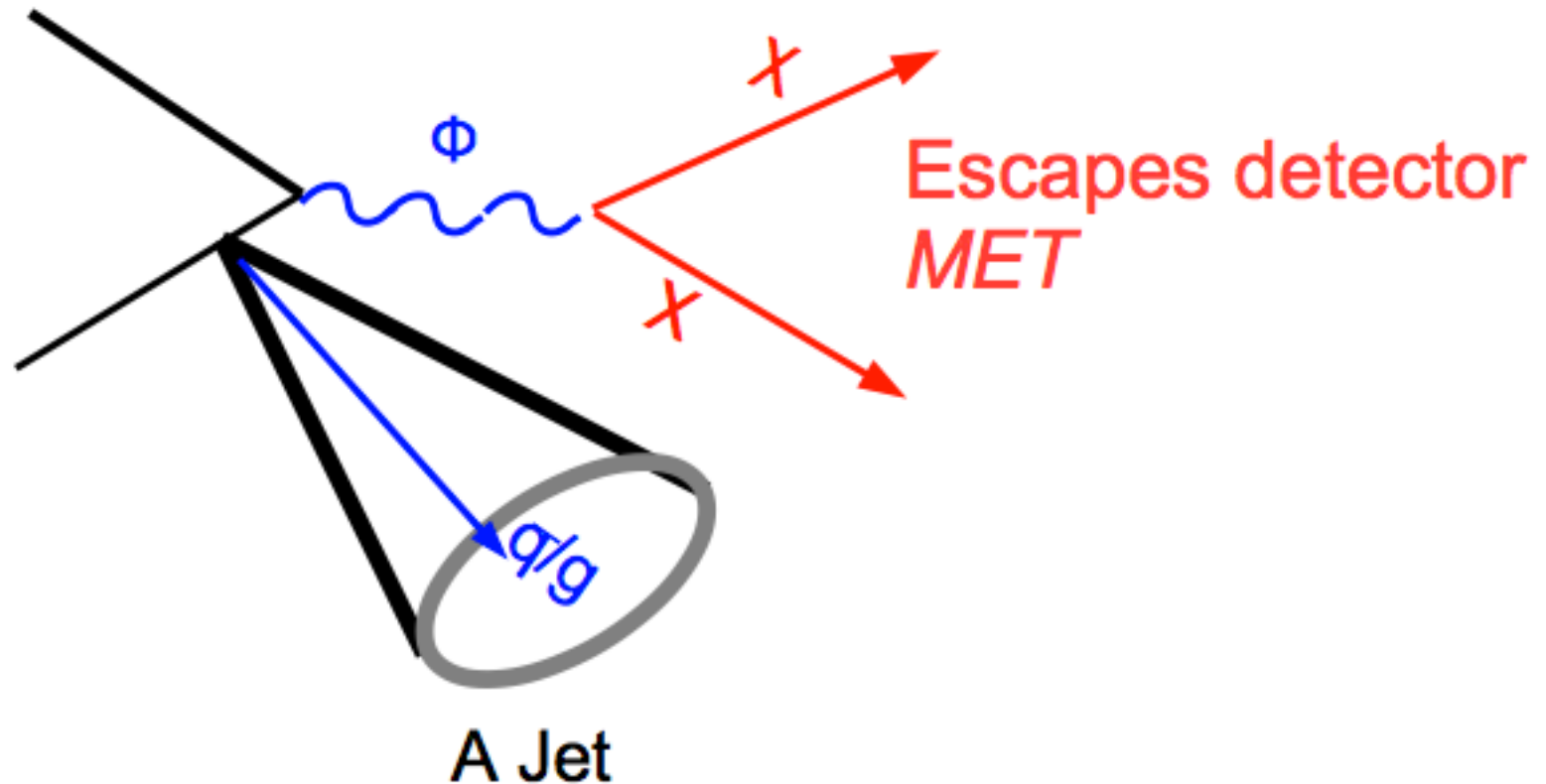




# DM searches at LHC

How do we find DM at the LHC?

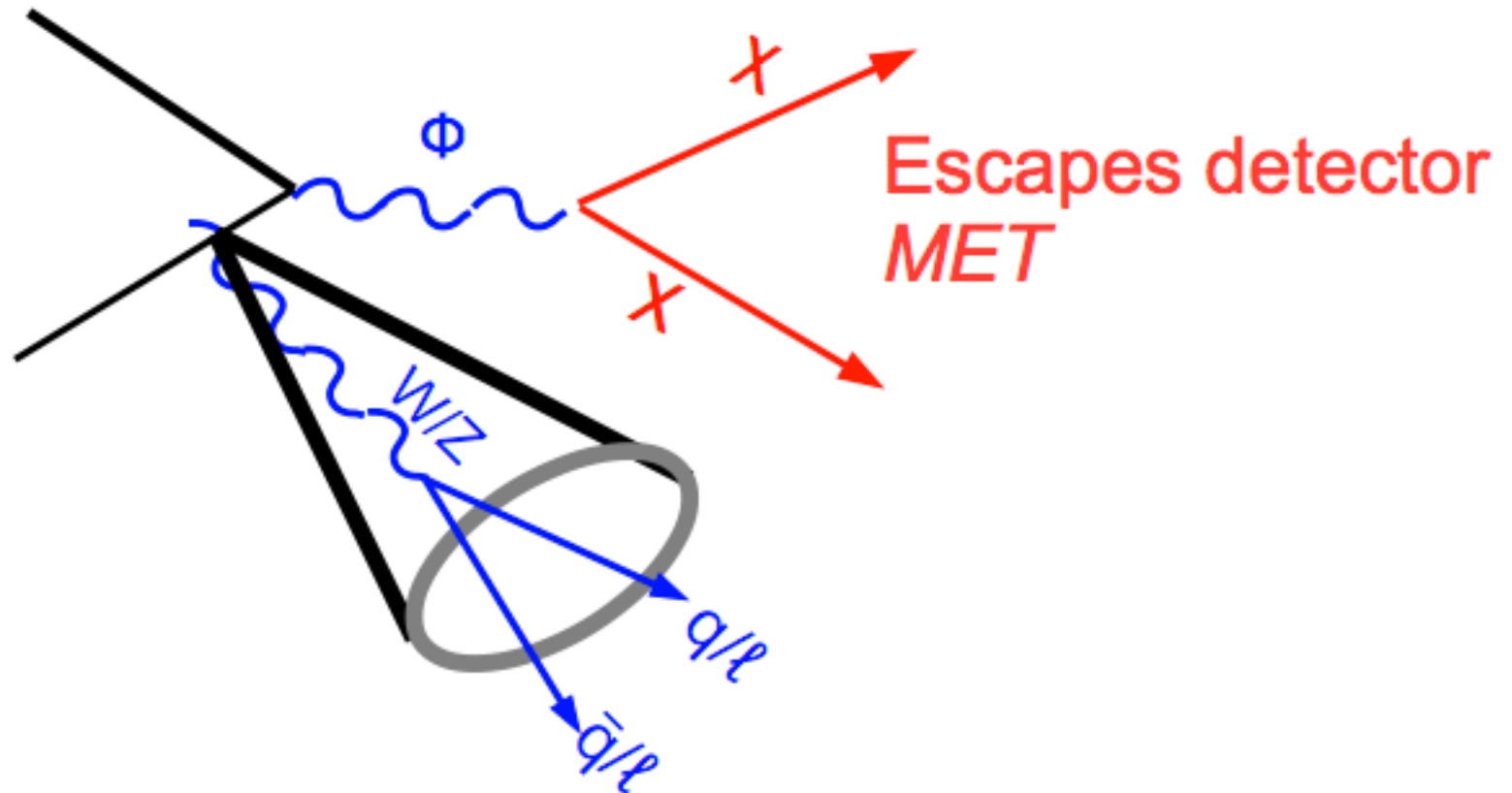
- DM production gives MET signature



# DM searches at LHC

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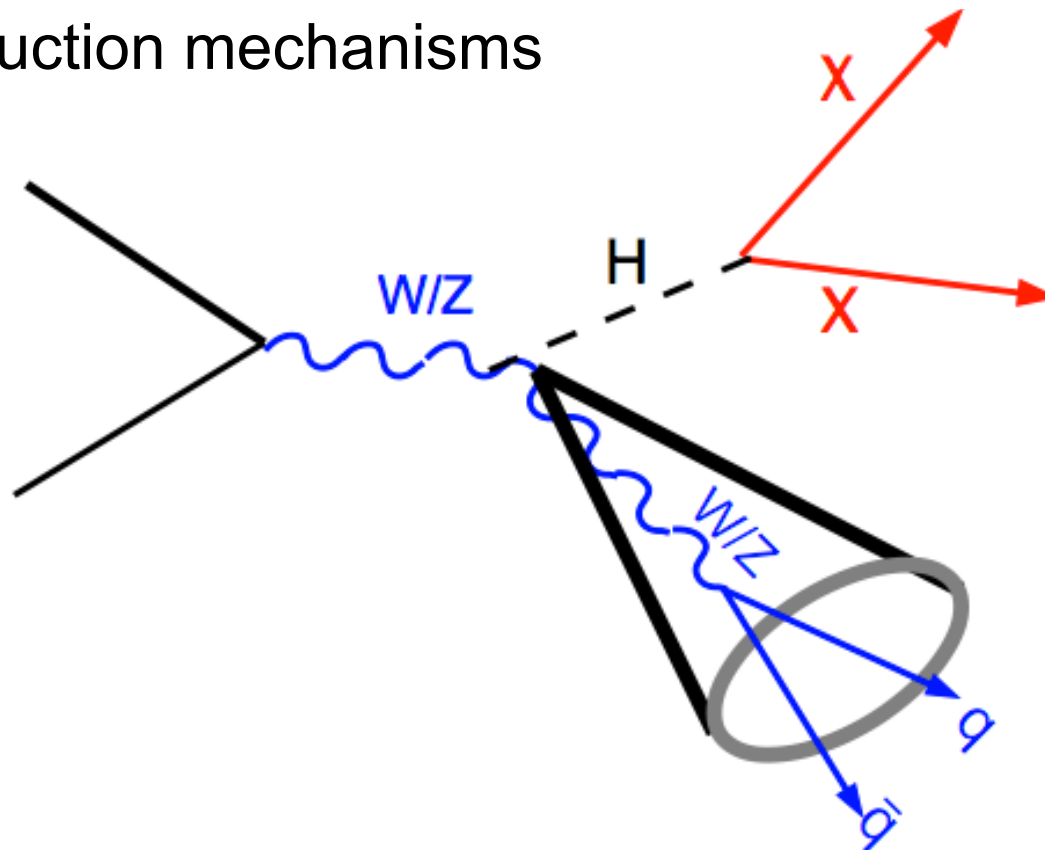
- Mono-V: Tag events with a boson



# DM searches at LHC

How do we find DM at the LHC?

- Mono-V with (pseudo-) scalars
  - Different production mechanisms

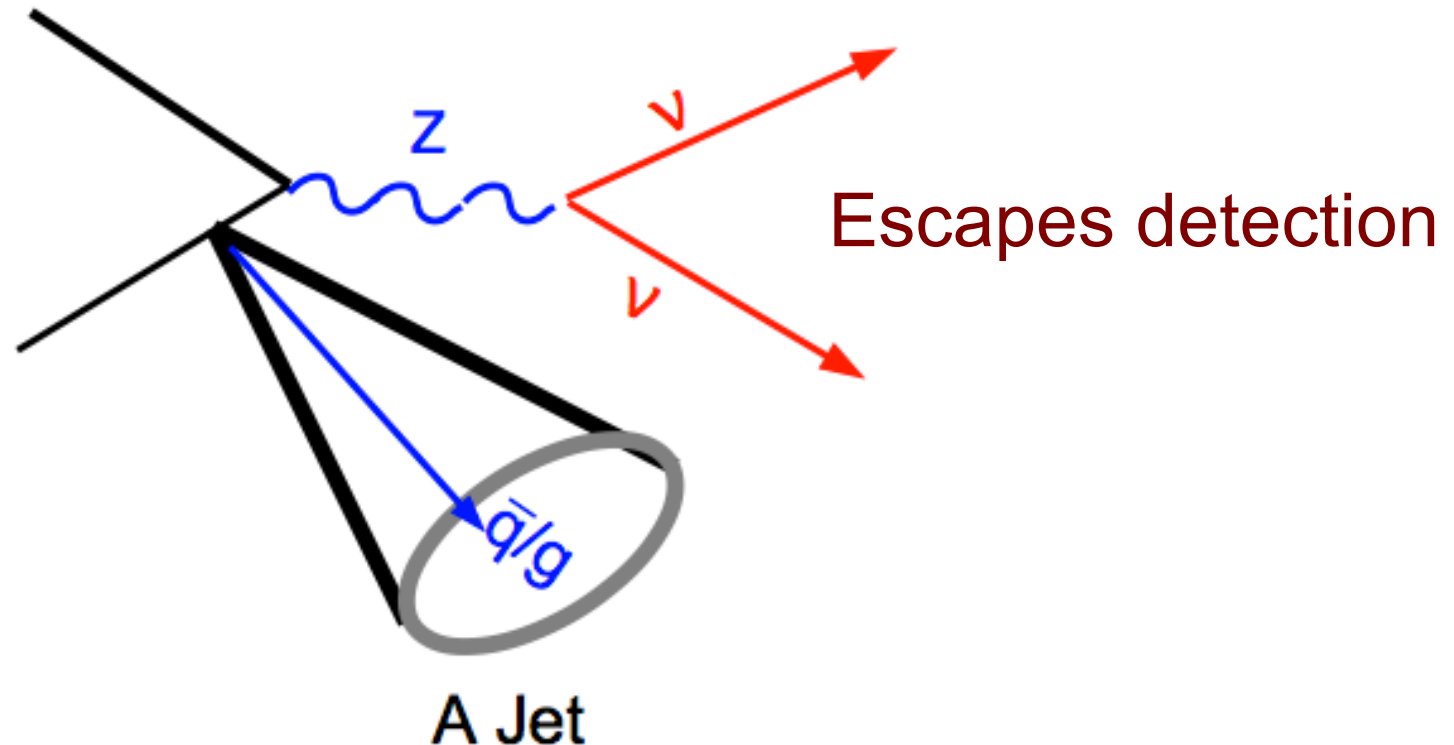


# DM searches: backgrounds

What are the backgrounds?

- $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$

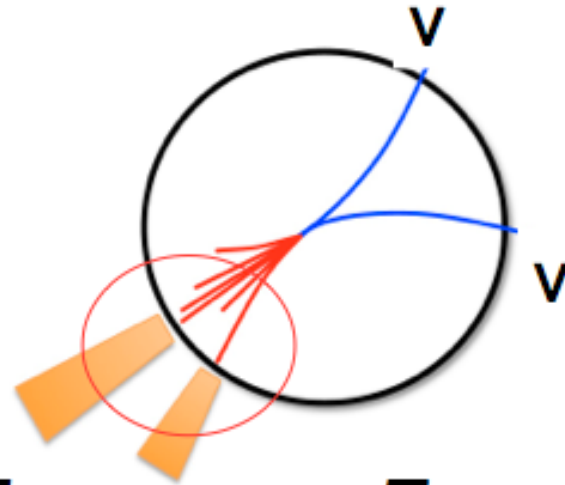
–very similar to signal



# DM searches: backgrounds (cont.)

How to discriminate signal against the background?

- Look for high MET:



Study hadronic recoil

$$MET = -\sum_{\text{All particles}} p_T$$

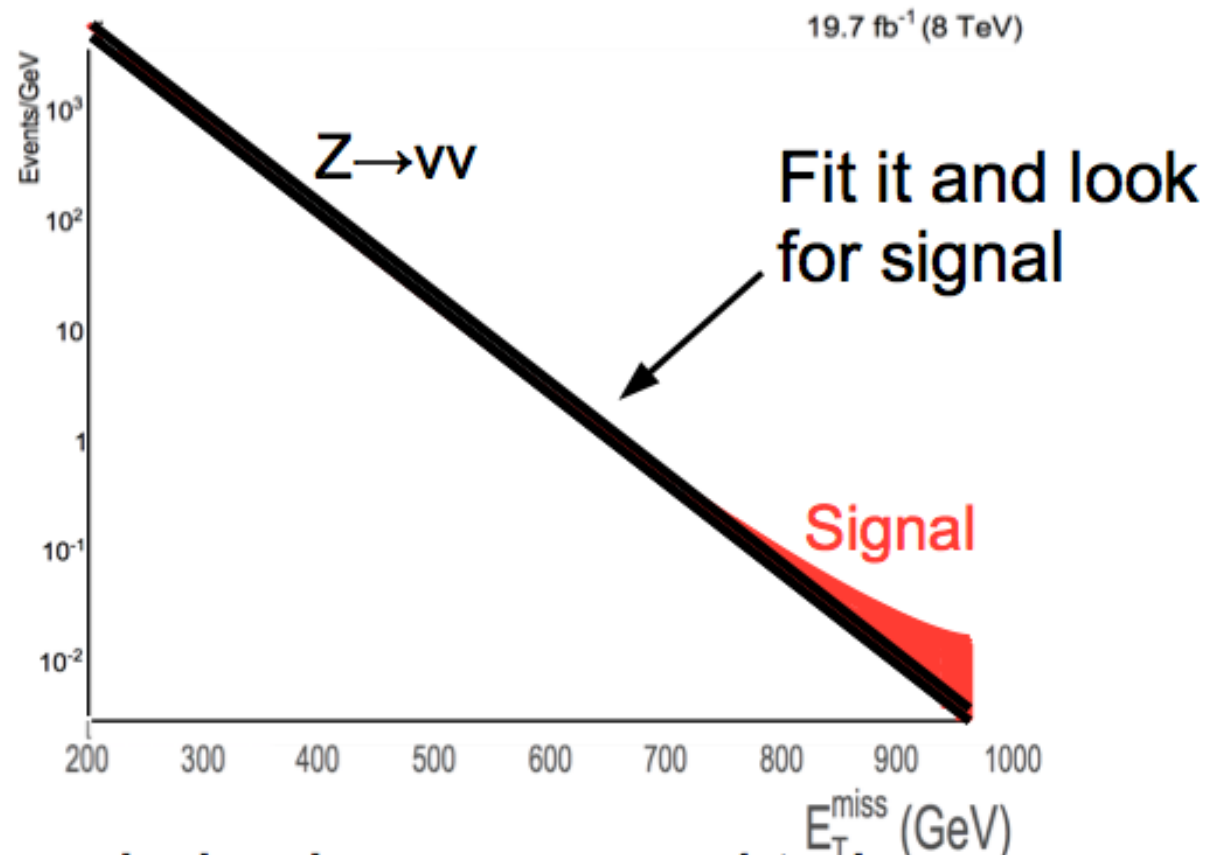
$$MET(Z \rightarrow \nu\nu) = -Z \text{ recoil} + p_T(\nu\nu)$$

$$MET(Z \rightarrow \nu\nu) = -Z p_T$$

# DM searches: backgrounds (cont.)

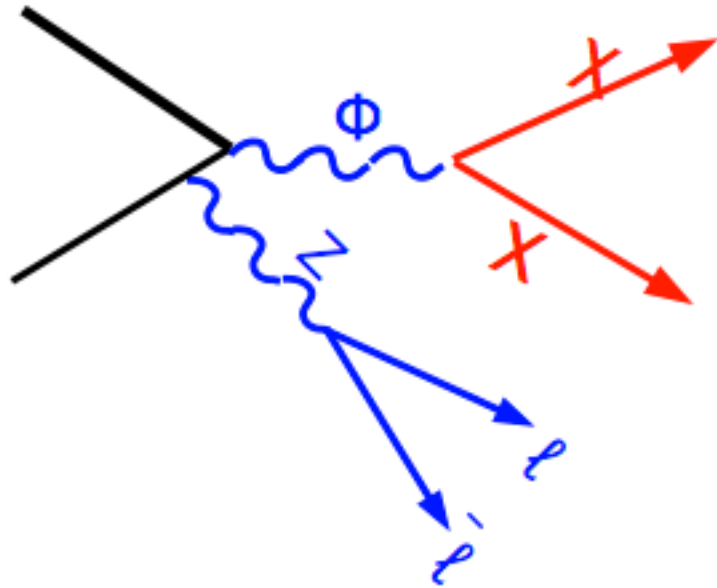
How to discriminate signal against the background?

- Can fit the shape and look for signal

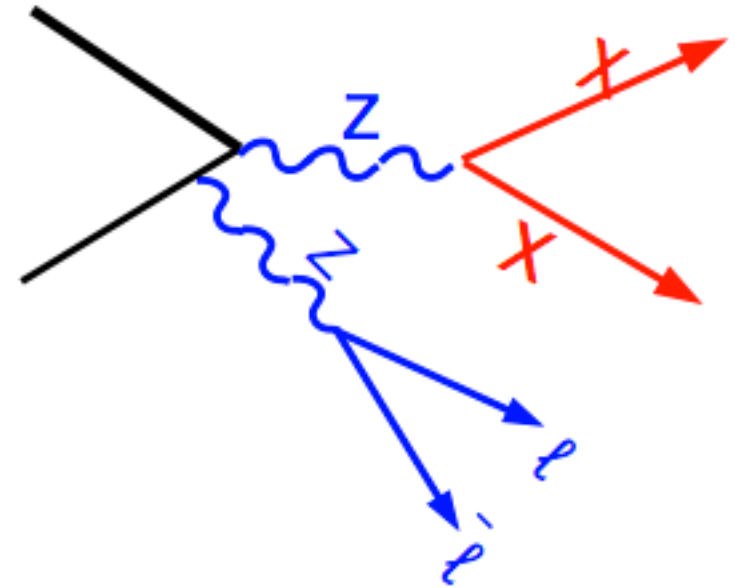


# DM+Z

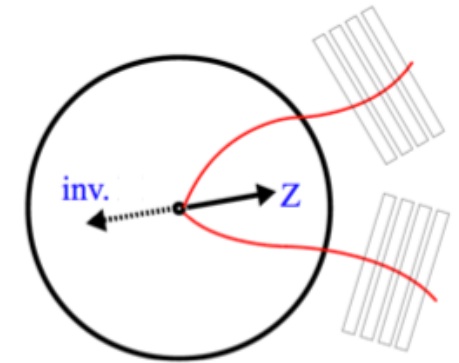
signal



background



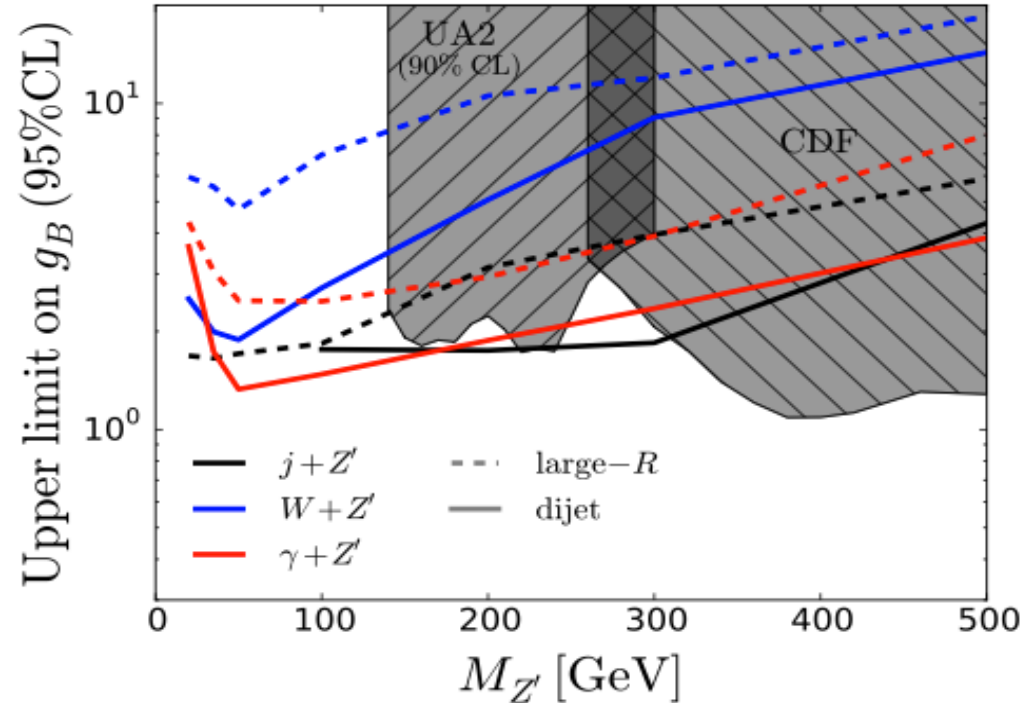
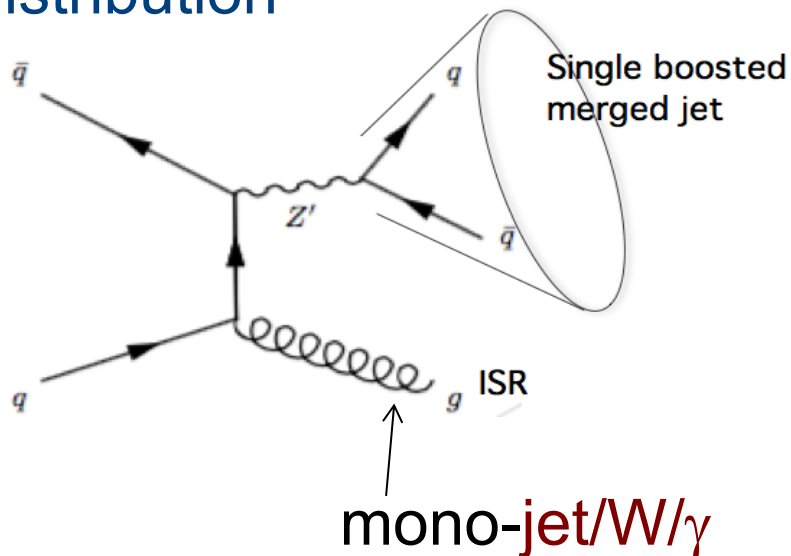
- Main background is from ZZ di-bosons
- Understanding ZZ di-boson pT is critical



# DM+jets (j/V/ $\gamma$ ): Motivation

CMS-EXO-16-030

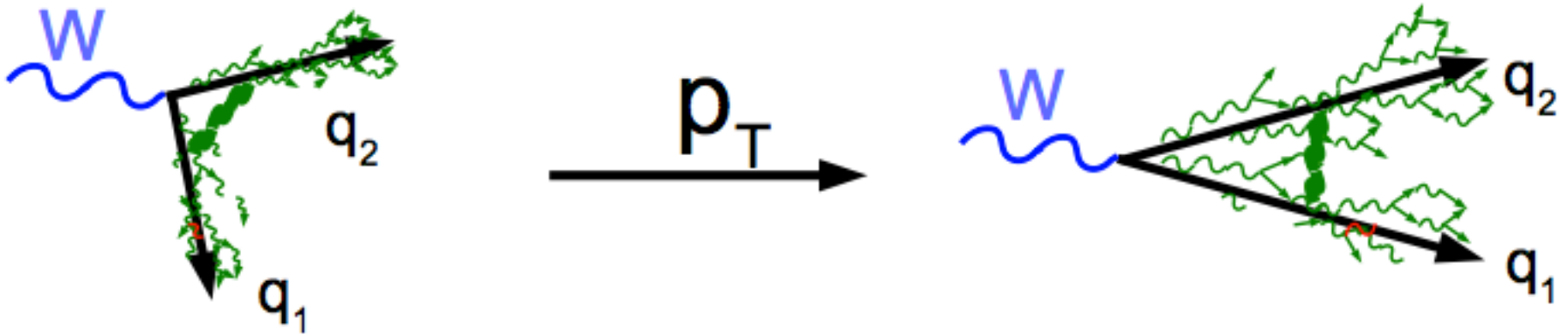
- Search for  $Z'$  leptophobic vector
- Strategy:  $Z' \rightarrow qq$
- Multijet topology with high- $p_T$  jet
- Look at jet substructure
- Search for “bump” in jet mass distribution





# Build a V-tagger

- Two jets are more collimated at high  $p_T$

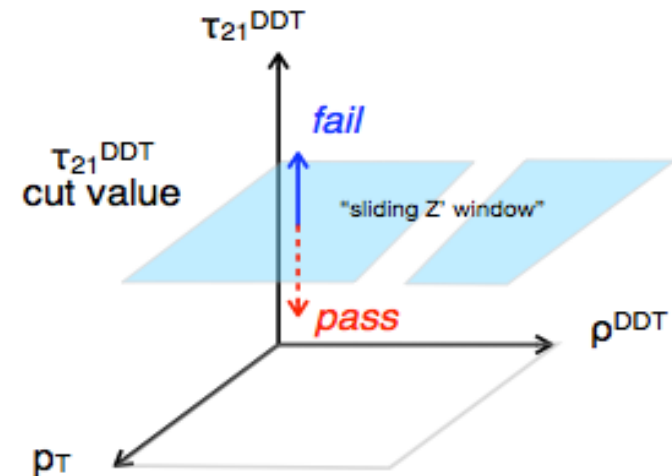
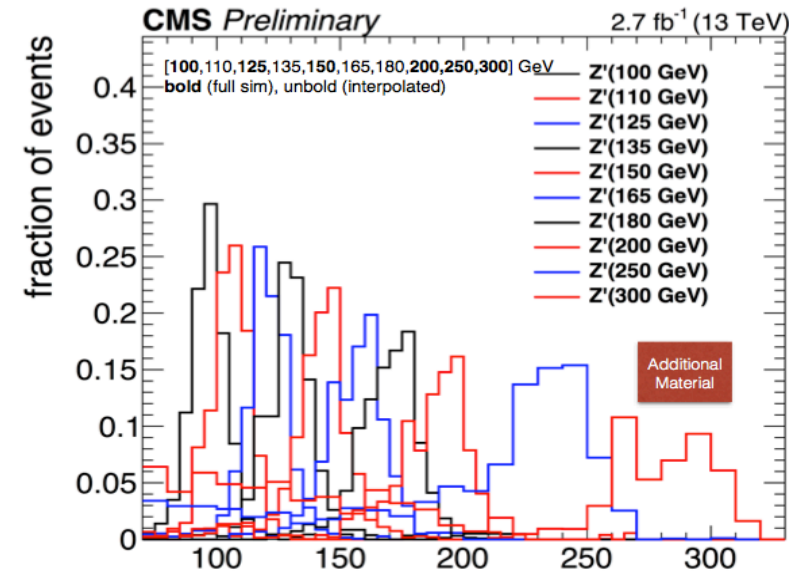


- At **low  $p_T$**  jets are “resolved”
  - Focus on reconstructing di-jets with mass near W mass
- At **high  $p_T$**  get one “fat” jet
  - Focus on identifying one jet with mass near W mass
- Use additional variables to improve discrimination

# DM+jets (j/V/ $\gamma$ ): Analysis

CMS-EXO-16-030

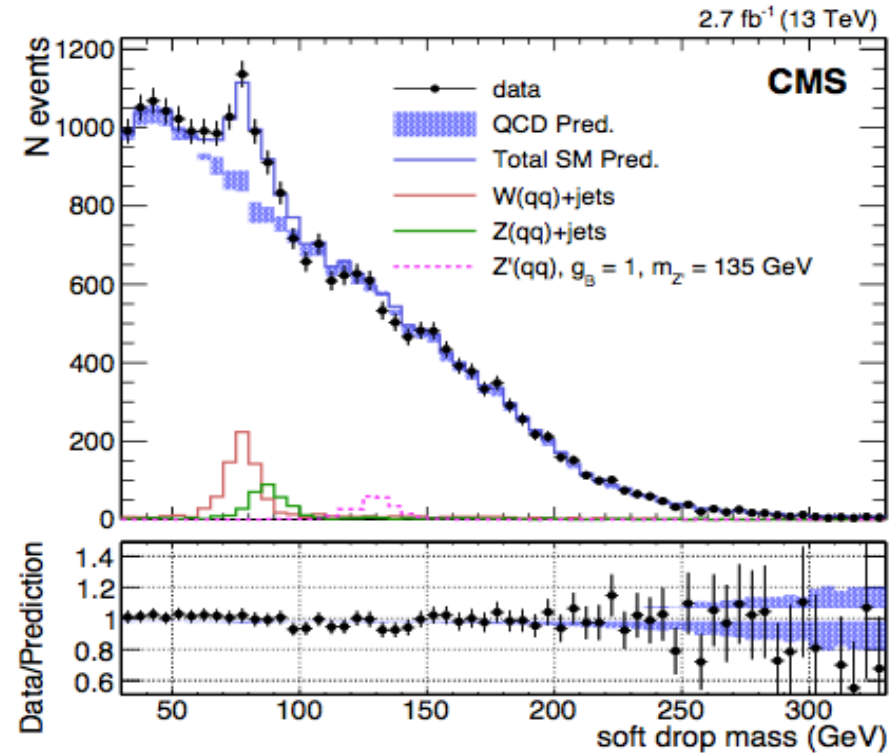
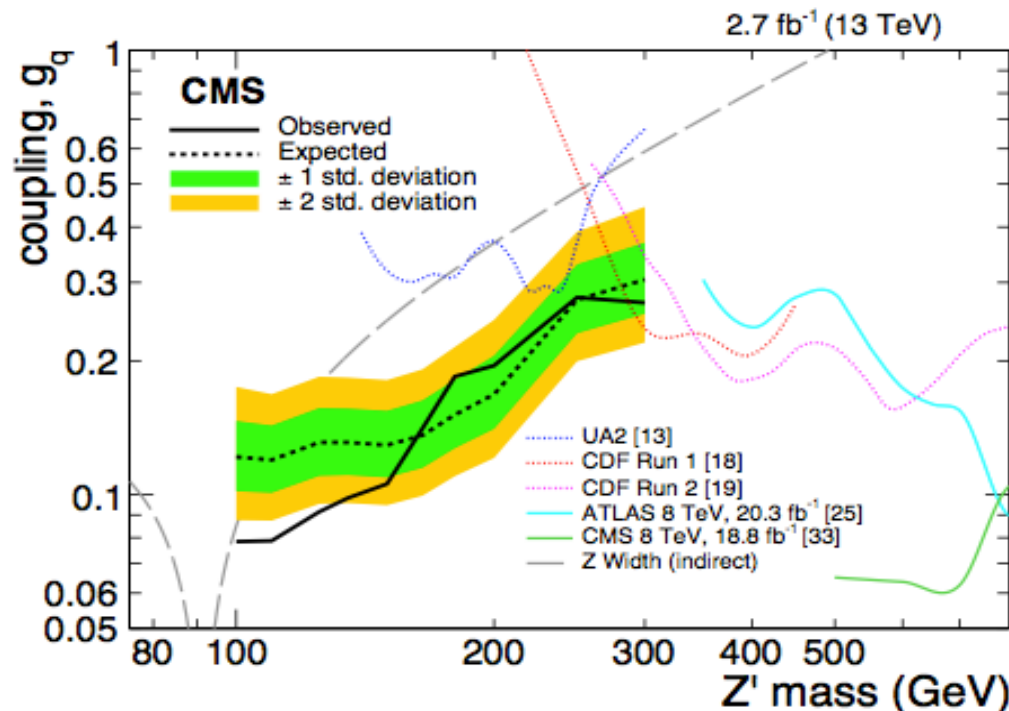
- Signal region
  - $p_T > 500$  GeV
  - $\tau_{21}^{\text{DDT}} < 0.38$
  - lepton veto
- Soft drop mass  $m_{\text{SD}}$ : peaks at  $Z'$  mass
  - removes soft wide-angle radiation from jet
- QCD background estimated from sideband regions in data
- $\tau_{21}^{\text{DDT}}$  n-subjettiness: consistency with 2-prong structure
- $\tau_{21}^{\text{DDT}}$  defines “pass” or “fail” sidebands
  - Use “*transfer function*” from fail to pass region



# DM+jets (j/V/ $\gamma$ ): Results

CMS-EXO-16-030

- Jet has 2-prong sub-structure
- Identify jet substructure using  $\tau_{21}$
- Set limits on light  $Z' \rightarrow qq$  search (most sensitive at  $<140$  GeV)

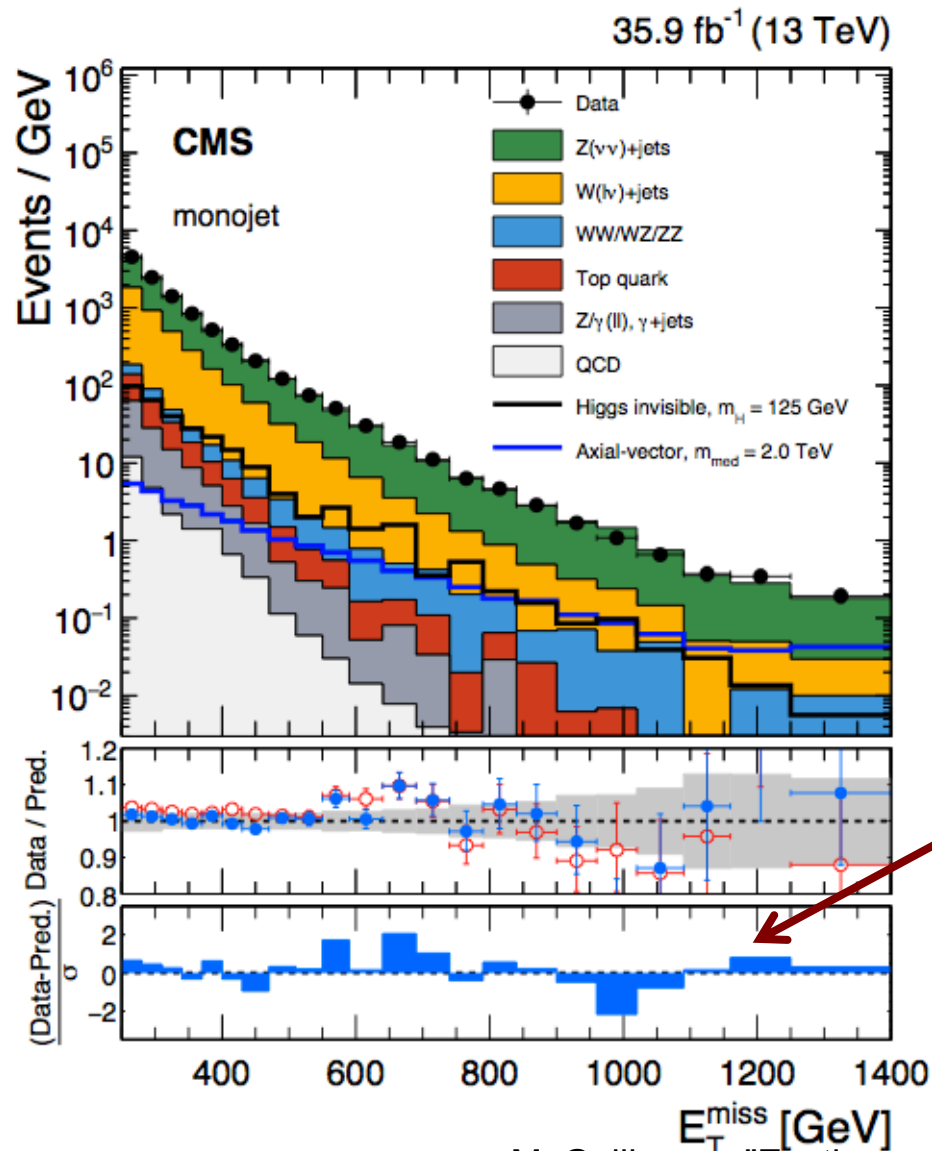


- Search for low-mass boosted dijet resonances
- Explores uncovered regions
- Limits in  $Z'$  mass at low mass

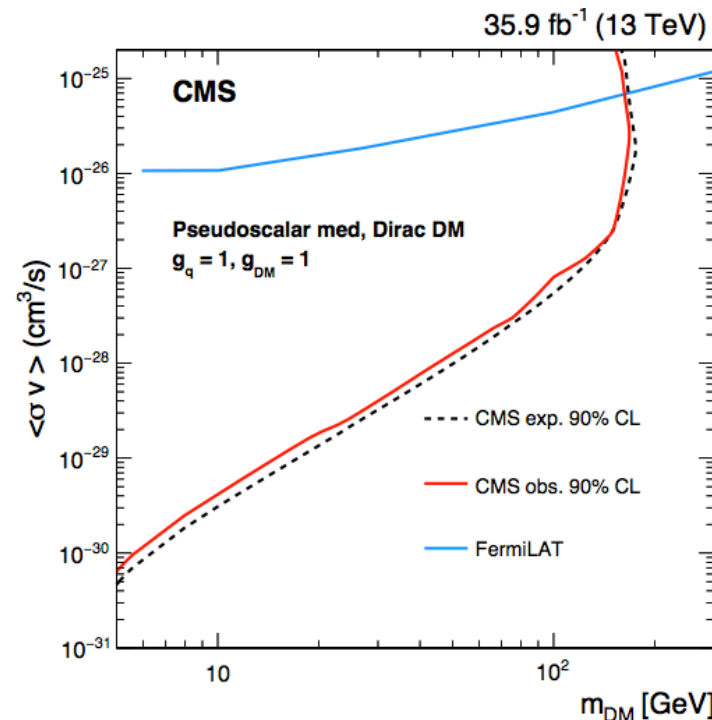
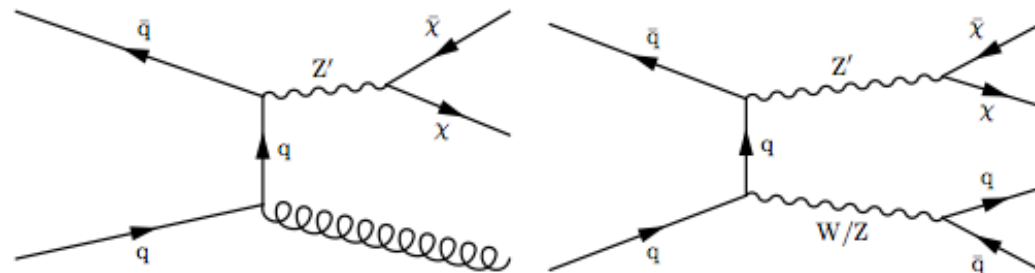
# DM+jet/V

CMS-EXO-16-048

## DM search in mono-jet/V



Need good control of systematics

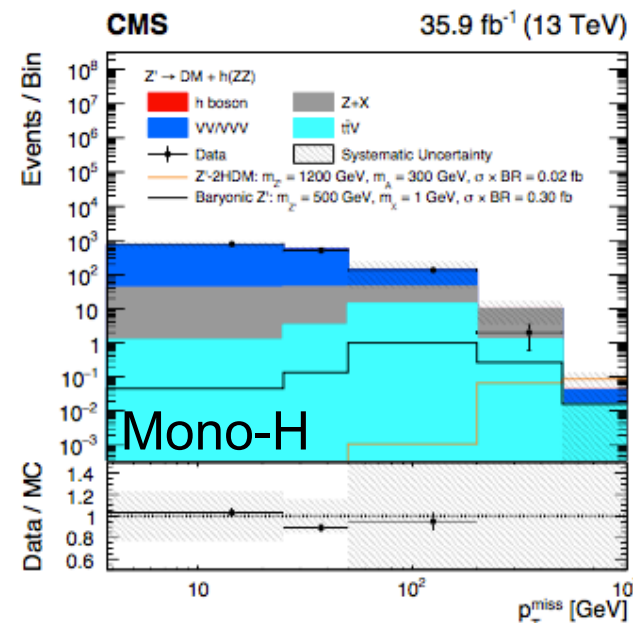
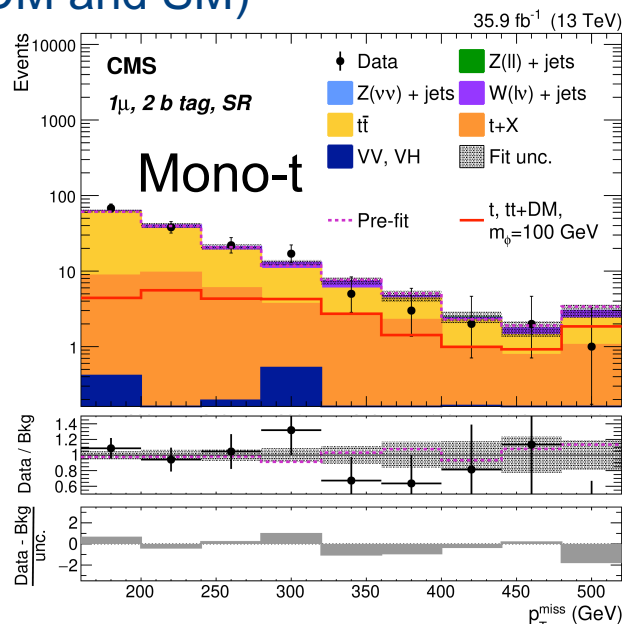
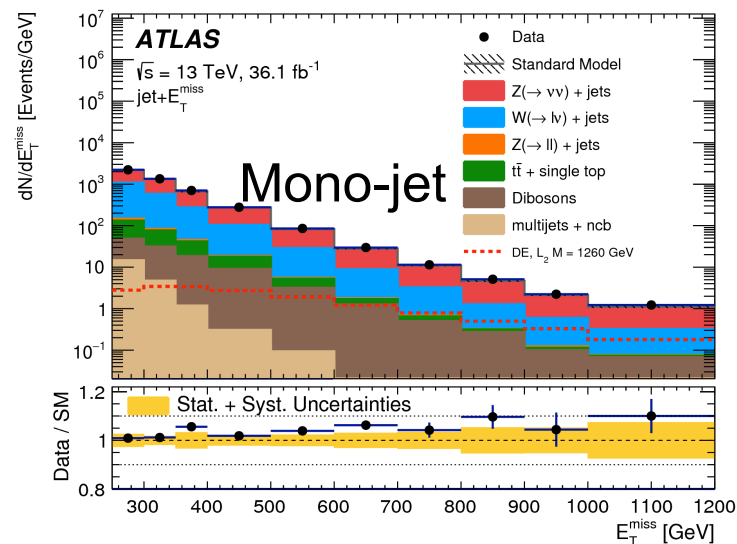
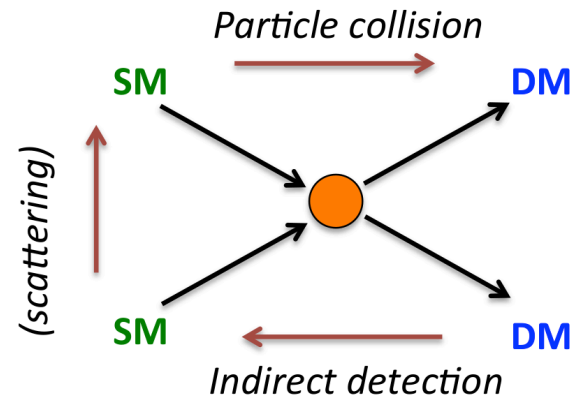




# Dark Matter

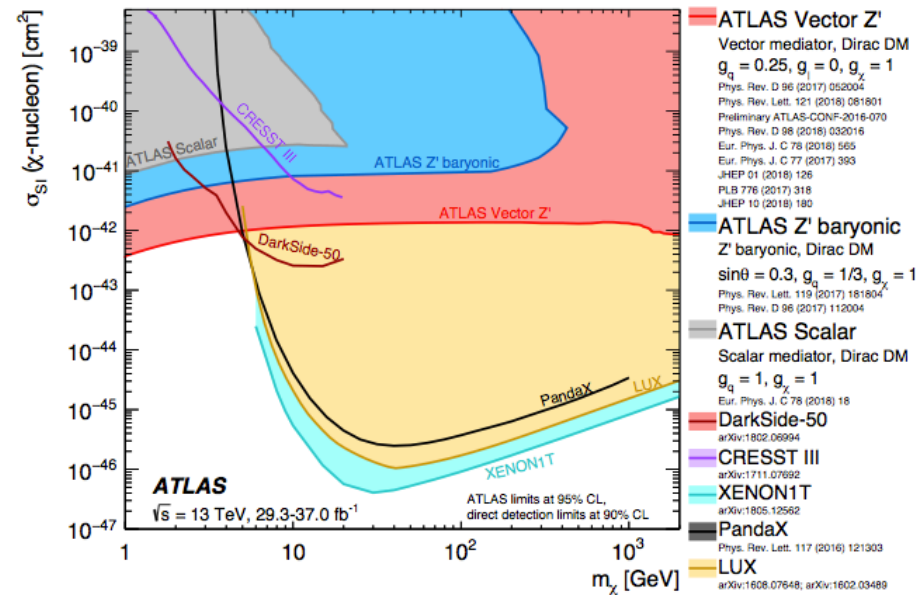
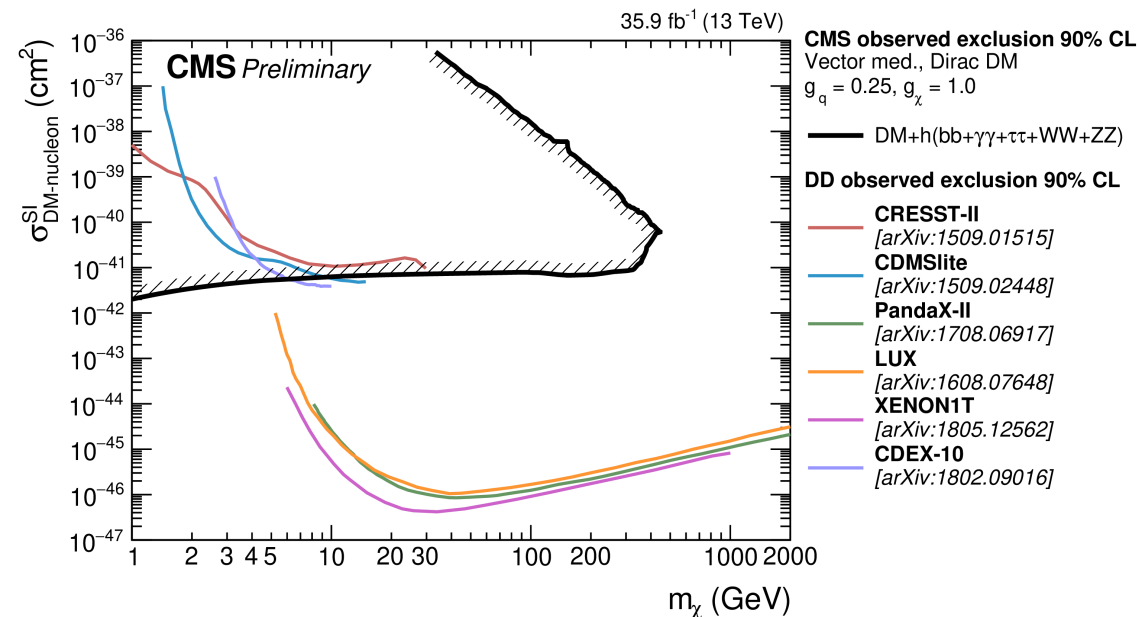
arXiv:1903.01400, arXiv:1901.0155, CMS-EXO-18-009

- Complementarity to direct/indirect searches
- DM particles:
  - interact via spin-0 & spin-1 mediators
  - are undetected (MET) recoiling against SM particle(s)
- Extensive program of mono-X searches (X=jet,  $\gamma$ , lepton, W, Z, t, tt, bb, H)
- No excess observed
- Interpretation through simplified models (DM and mediator masses, couplings to DM and SM)



# Experimental results

- Limits for given couplings between SM and DM interaction
- **Competitive limits at low masses wrt other experiments**

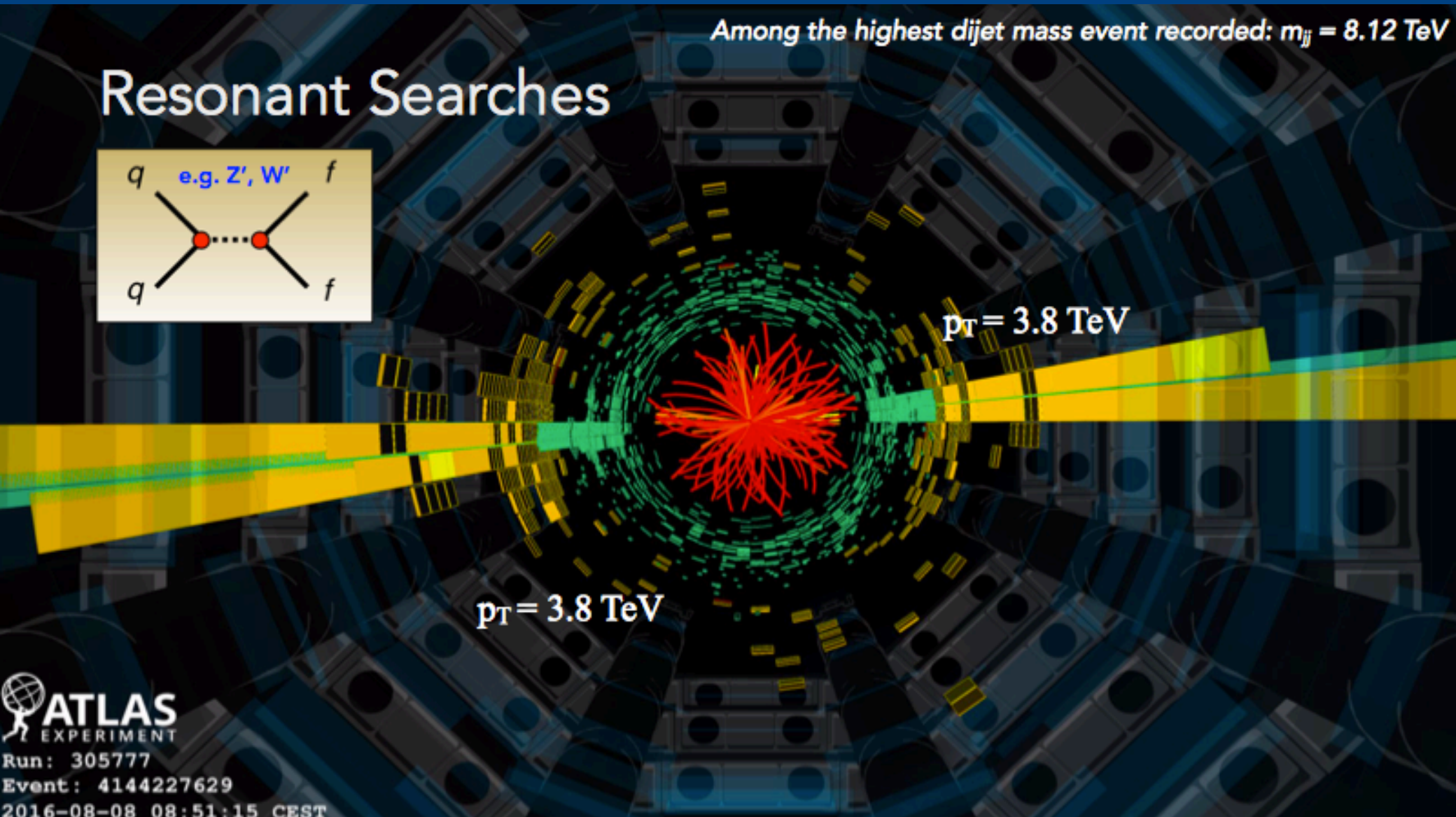
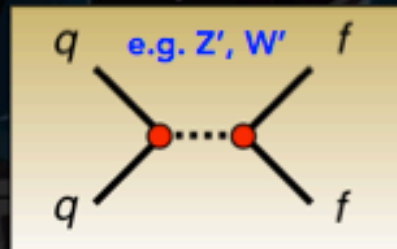


⇒ Collider results complement direct searches for low masses (<5-10GeV)

# Resonant searches

Among the highest dijet mass event recorded:  $m_{jj} = 8.12 \text{ TeV}$

## Resonant Searches



 ATLAS  
EXPERIMENT

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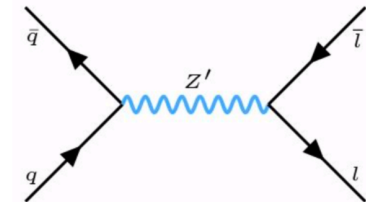
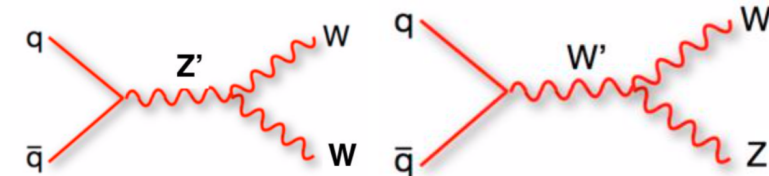
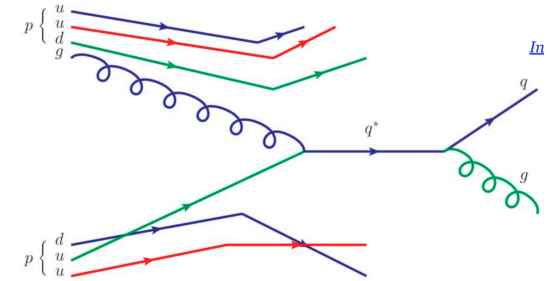
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# BSM models predict new resonances

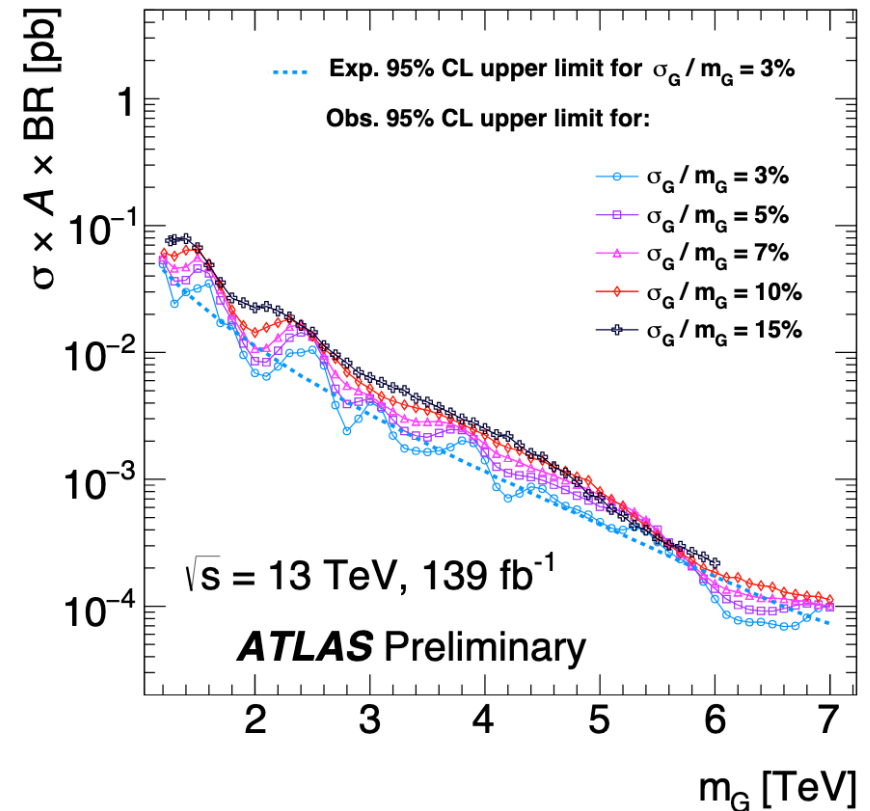
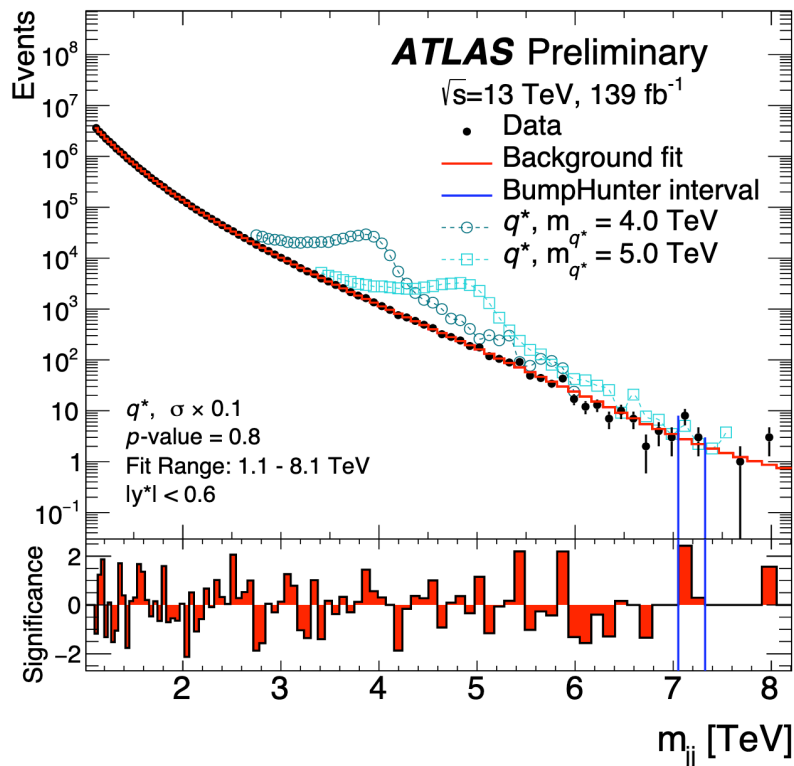
- BSMs predict resonances with spin 0,1,2
- Are quarks fundamental particles?
  - Excited quarks in models of compositeness
- Randall-Sundrum (RS) models
  - Spin-2 graviton (KK-particle)
- Heavy-Vector Triplets
  - Spin-1 resonance
  - Models based on strength of vector boson interactions
- Sequential SM
  - $Z'$  and  $Z$  with same couplings to fermions
  - Width proportional to the mass



# New phenomena in di-jet events

CMS-EXO-17-026, ATLAS-CONF-2019-007

- Searches up to high masses
- QCD predicts a smooth, monotonic decrease in dijet invariant mass
- Search for a localized excess
- No significant excess observed



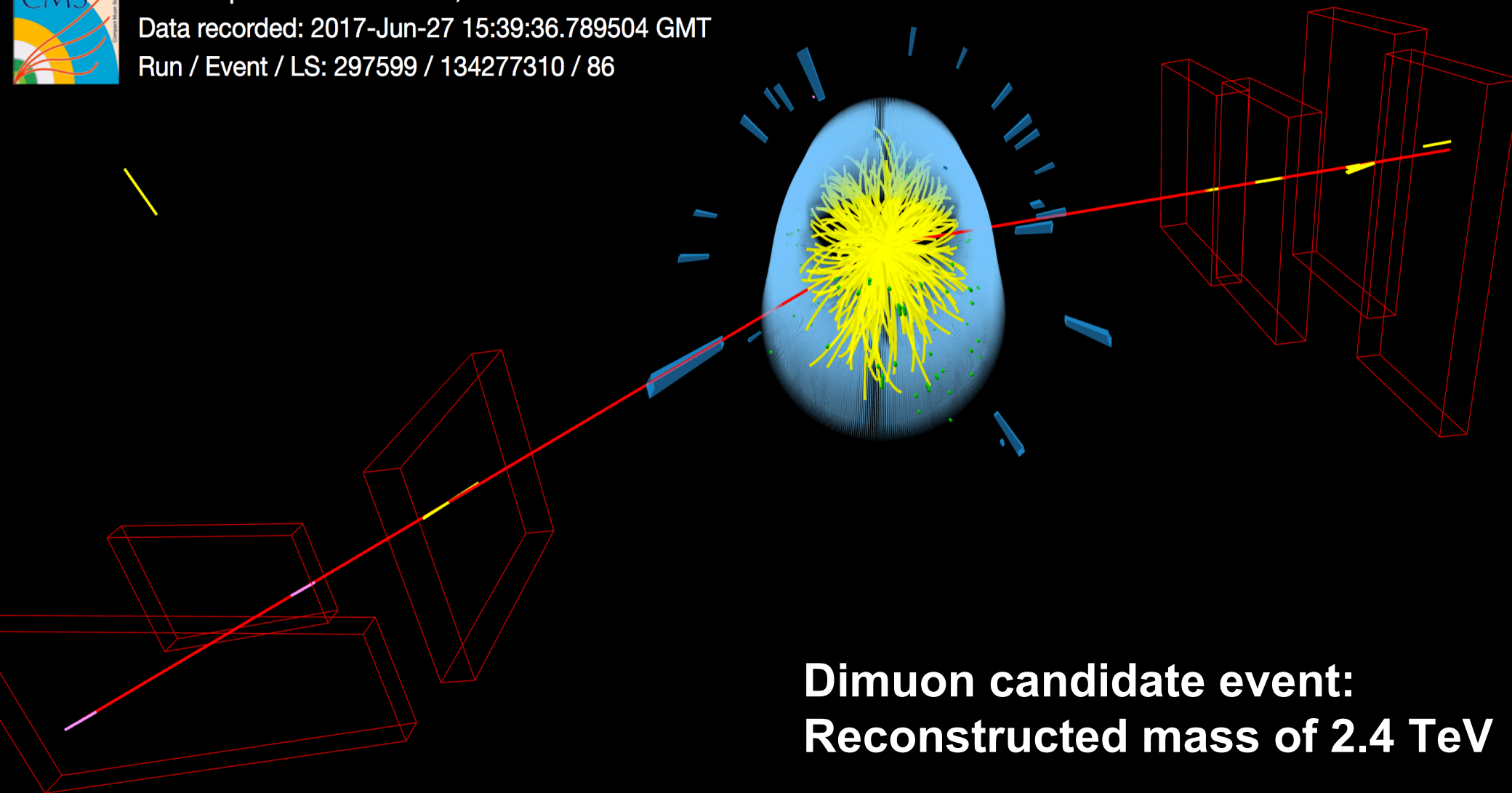
# Searching for dilepton resonances



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN

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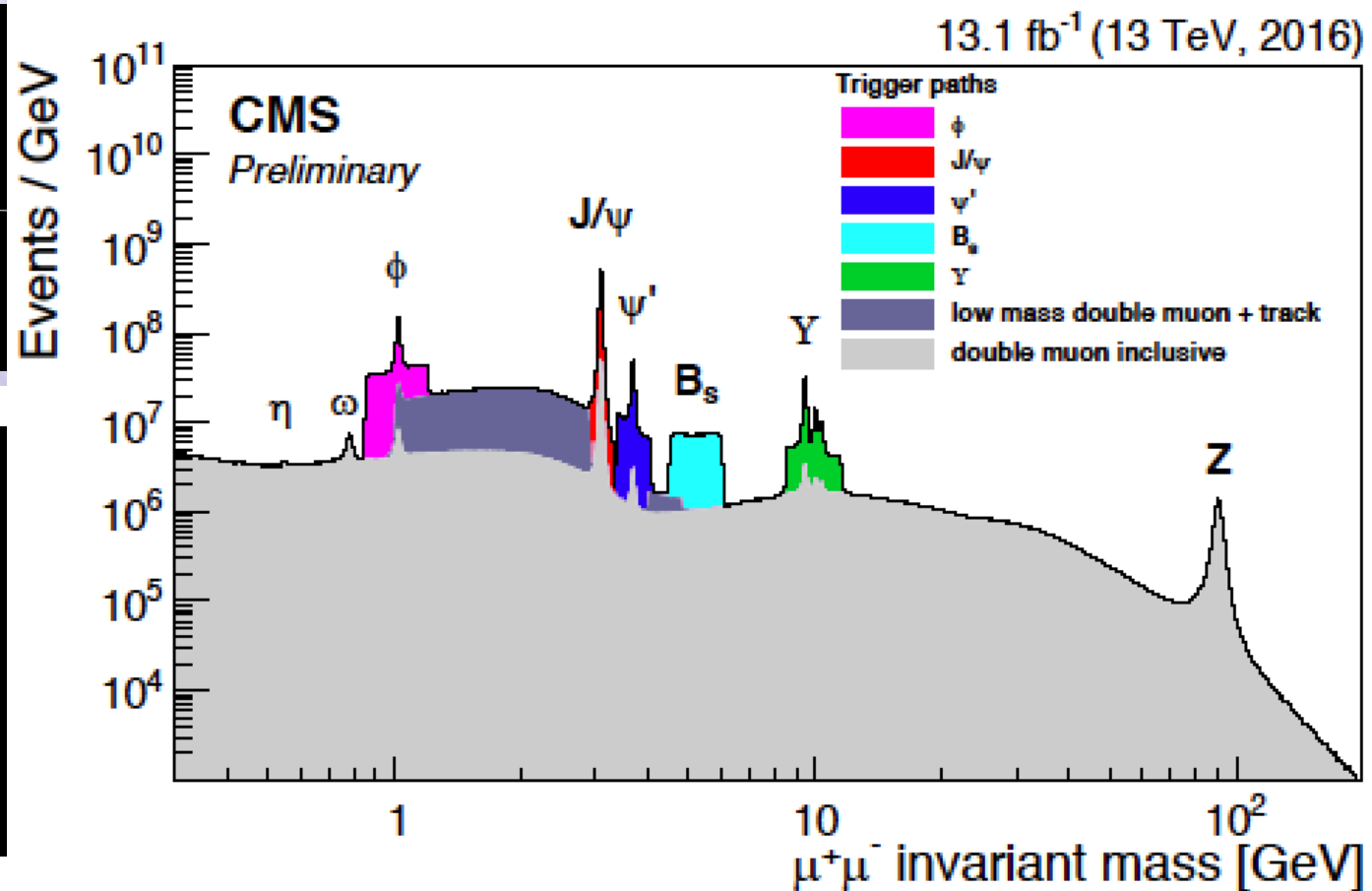
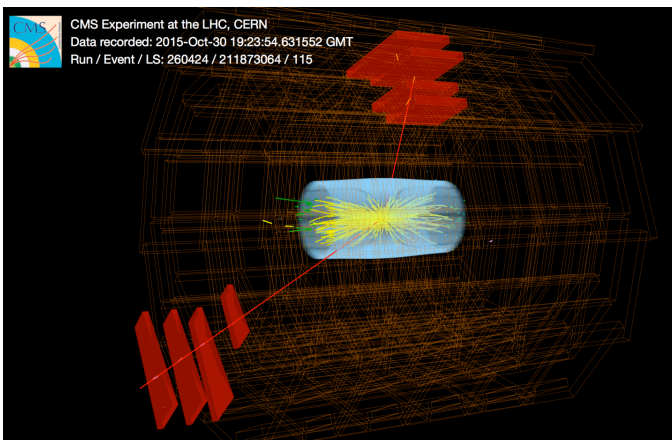
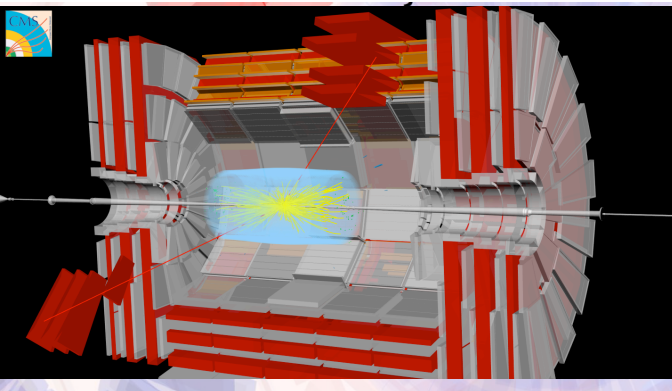
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**Dimuon candidate event:  
Reconstructed mass of 2.4 TeV**

# Di-muon events

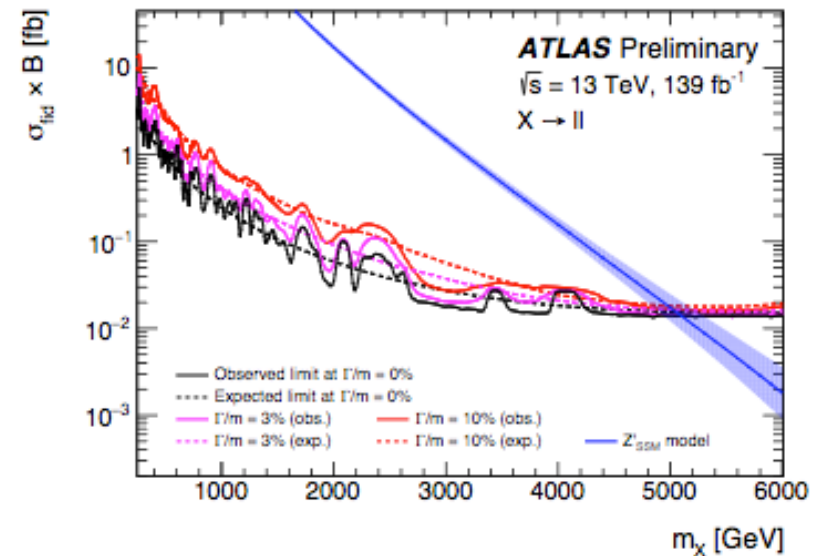
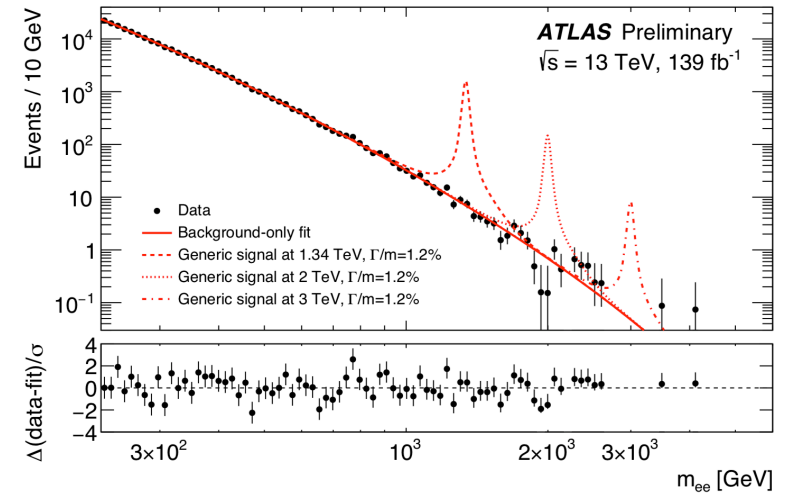
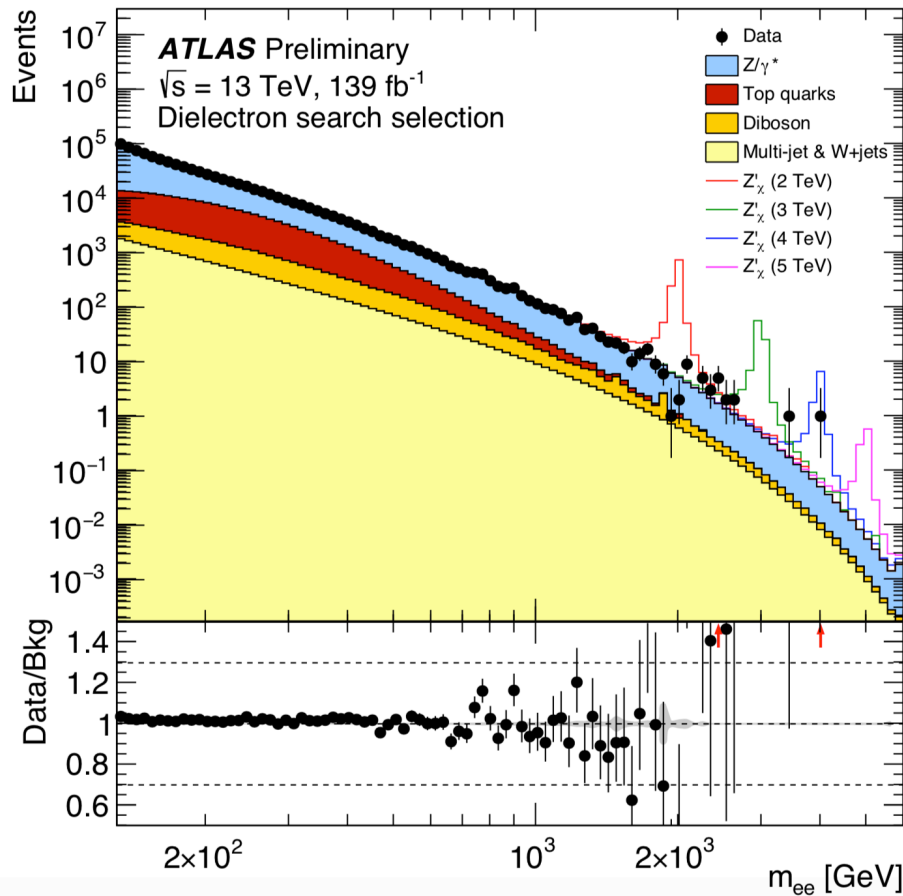
- Di-muon events: a re-discovery of the SM



# Dilepton resonance

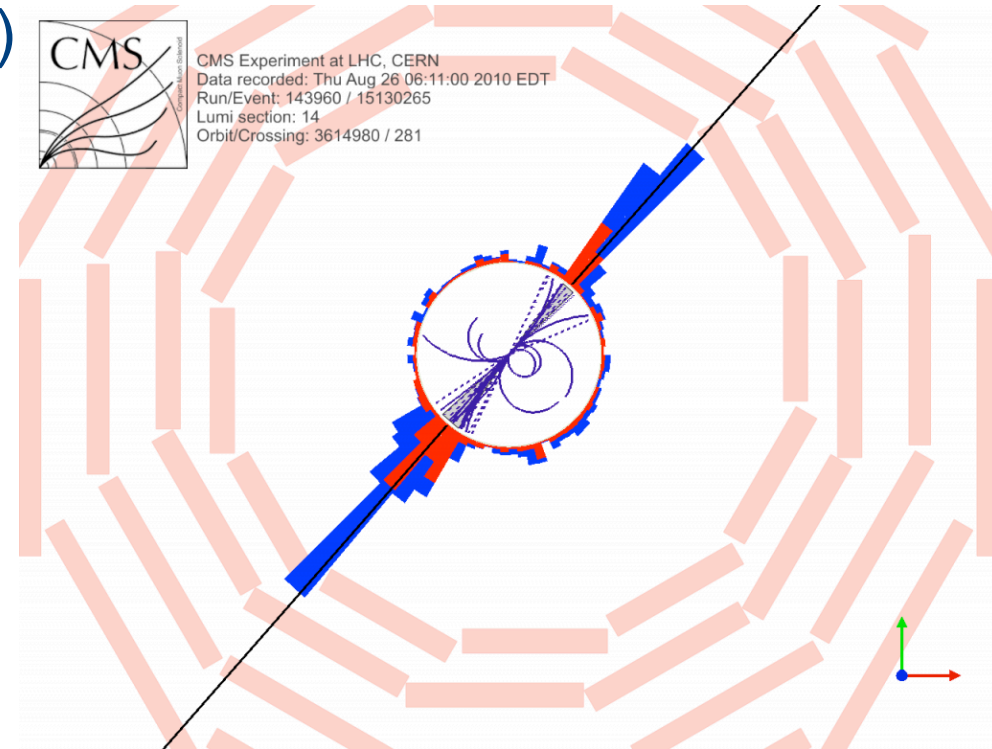
arXiv:1803.06292, ATLAS-CONF-2019-001

- Search for dilepton ( $ee, \mu\mu$ ) resonance



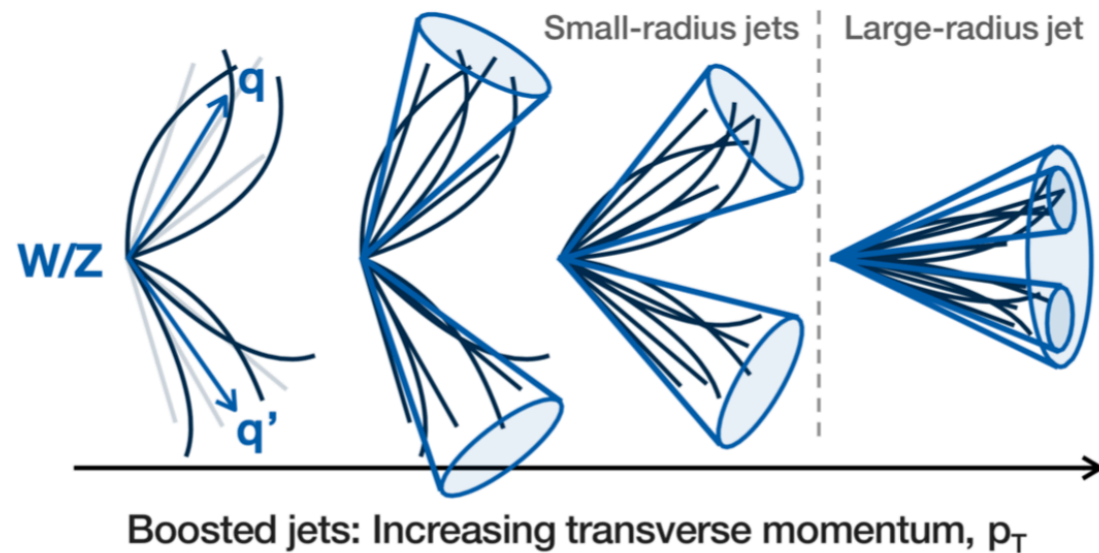
# Search for diboson resonances

- Heavy BSM resonances ( $>1\text{TeV}$ ) may decay into SM bosons (W,Z, H)
- Several final states
- Experimental challenges
  - SM bosons decay mostly to quarks
  - Due to large Lorentz boost, decay products merge into single jet
  - Clustered within a large-cone jet ( $R=0.8$ )
- Look into jet substructure
  - **Jet “grooming”**: get rid of soft jet components from UE/pileup, keep constituents from hard scatter
  - Apply filters (mass drop, pruning, trimming)



# Diboson resonances

- Many potential final states are possible
  - $WW/WZ, ZW/ZZ, VV$
- Hadronic channels with high sensitivity in high mass region

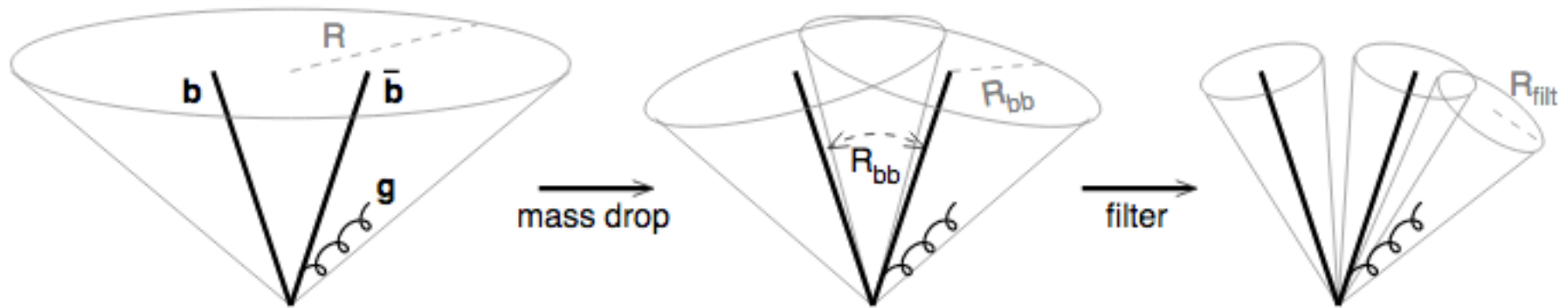


# Jet grooming

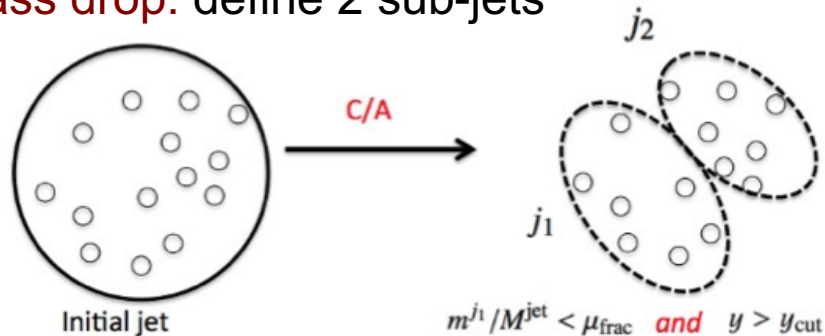
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## Mass drop/filtering

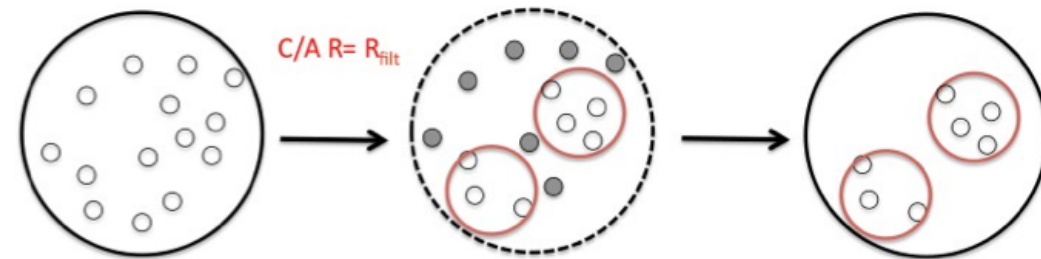
- Identify approx. symmetric sub-jets (with smaller mass than sum)



**Mass drop:** define 2 sub-jets



**Filtering:** re-cluster  $j_1, j_2$  constituents



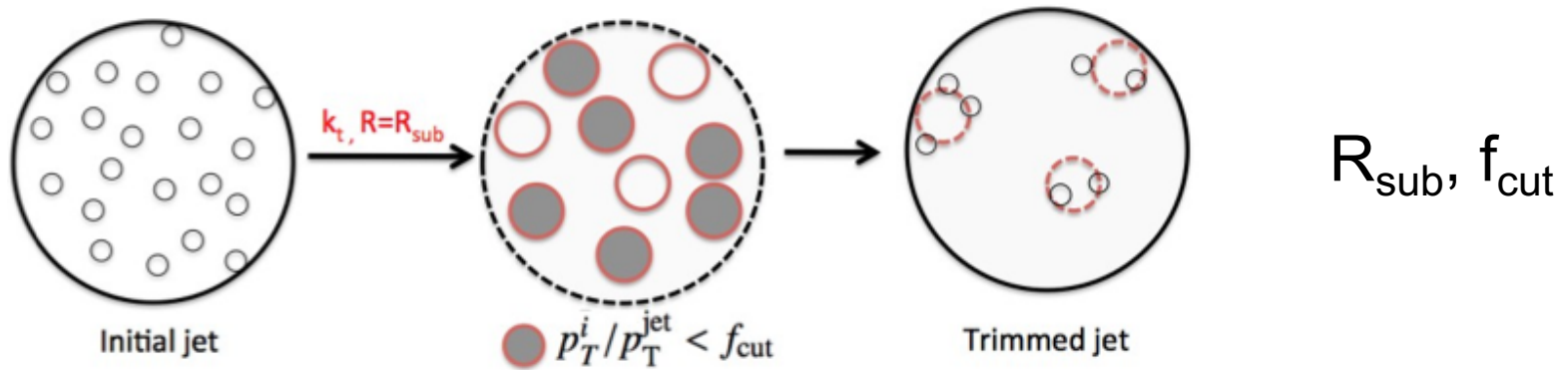


# Jet grooming (cont.)

arXiv:0912.1342, arXiv:0912.0033

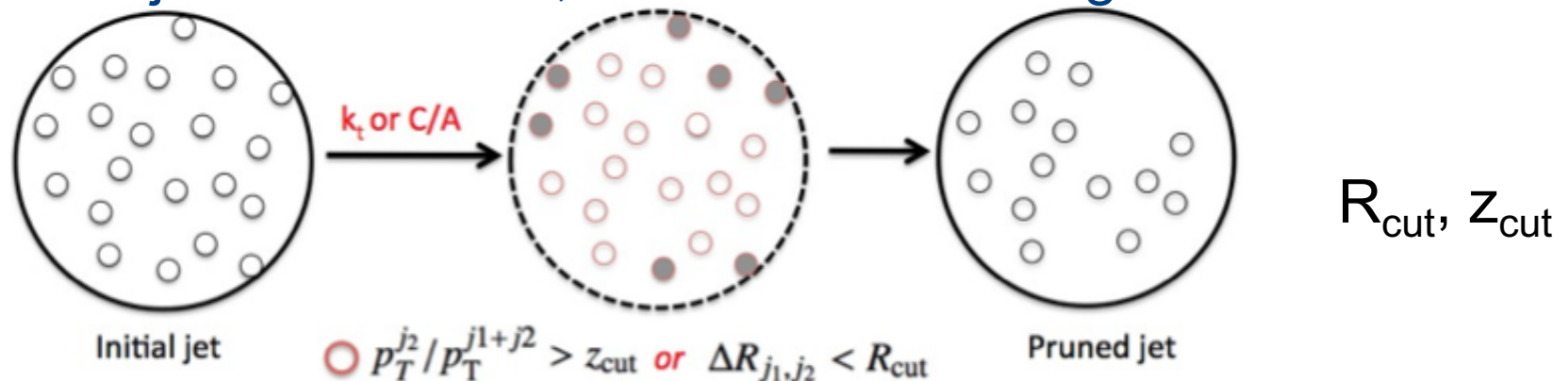
## “Trimming”

- Uses  $k_T$  algorithm to make subjets (subjets with  $p_T^i/p_T < \text{cut}$  removed)



## “Pruning”

- Recombine jet constituents, while veto wide-angle/softer constituents



# W, Z, H reconstruction

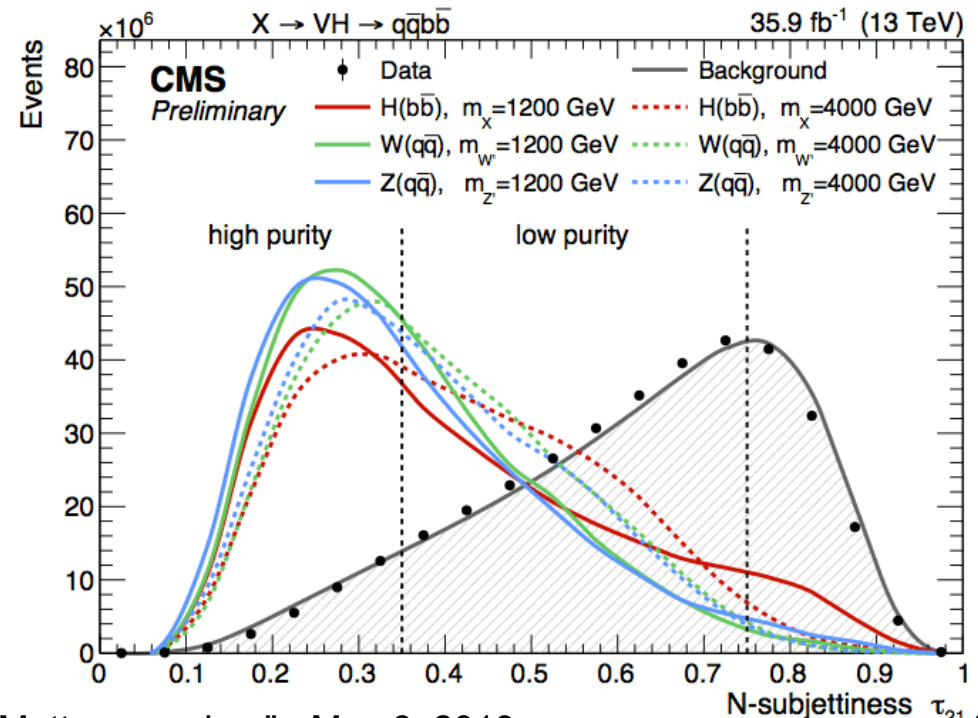
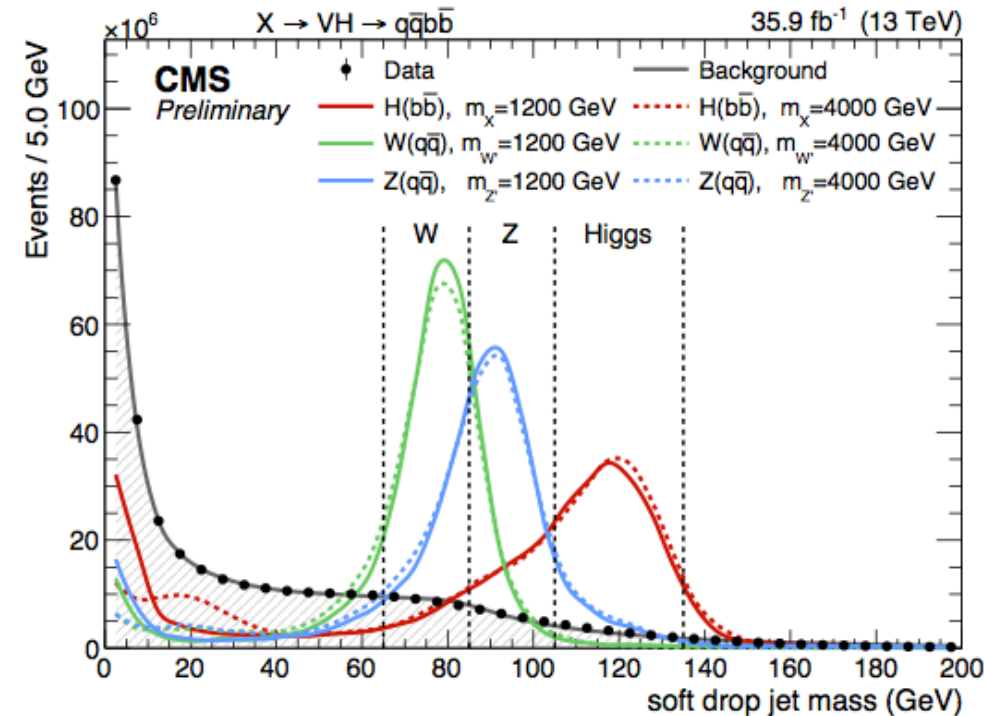
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- Grooming and jet mass

- Pruning
- soft drop (stable w/pileup, and good jet mass resolution  $\sim 10\%$ )

- Vector boson tagging ( $V \rightarrow qq$ )

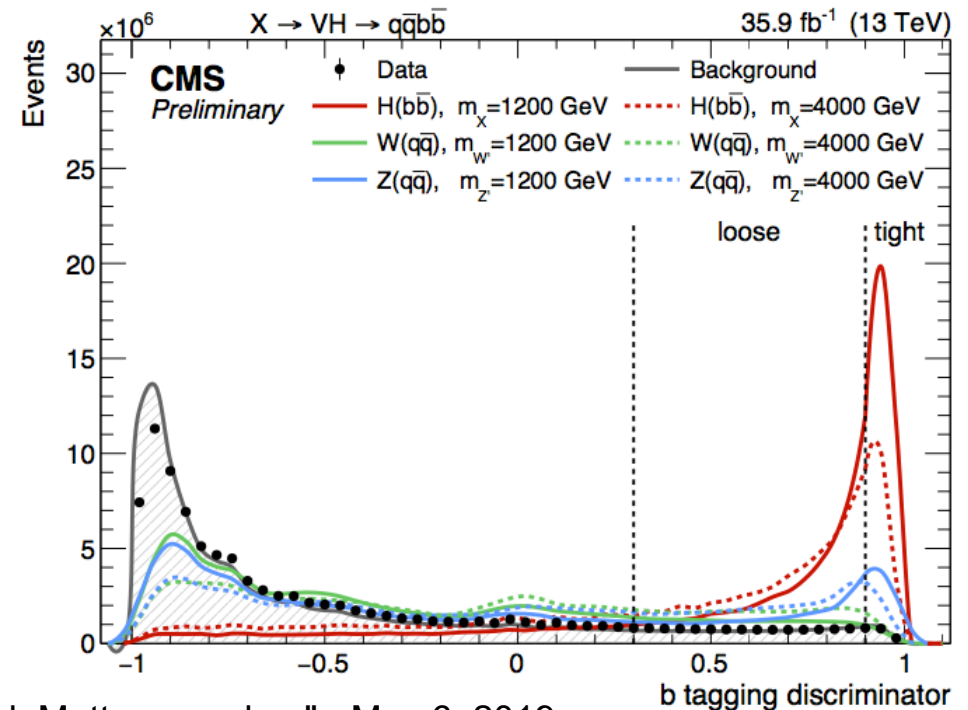
- n-subjettiness  $\tau_{21}$ : how consistent with 2 sub-jets
- Categorization according to purity: high ( $< 0.35$ ) and high ( $> 0.35$ )



# W, Z, H reconstruction (cont.)

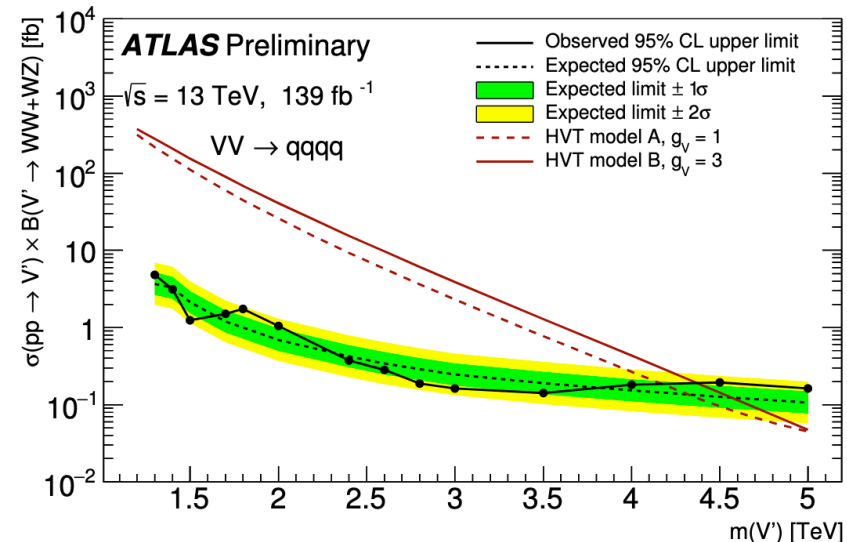
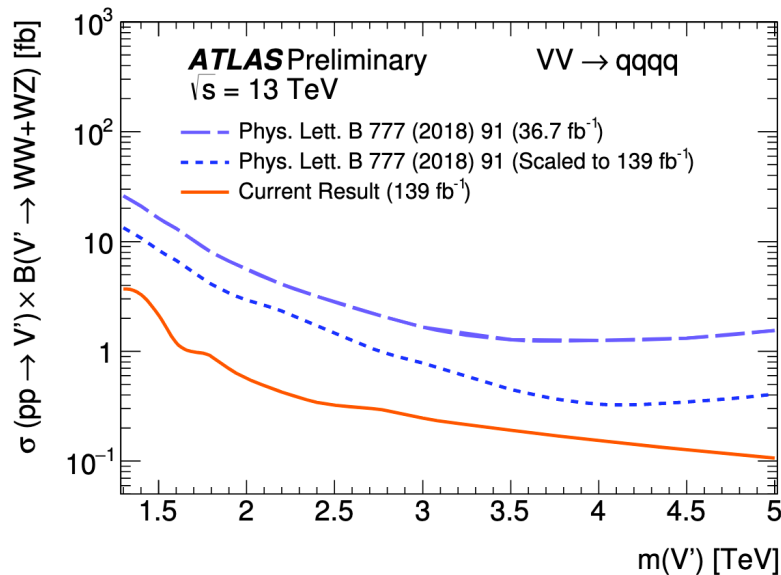
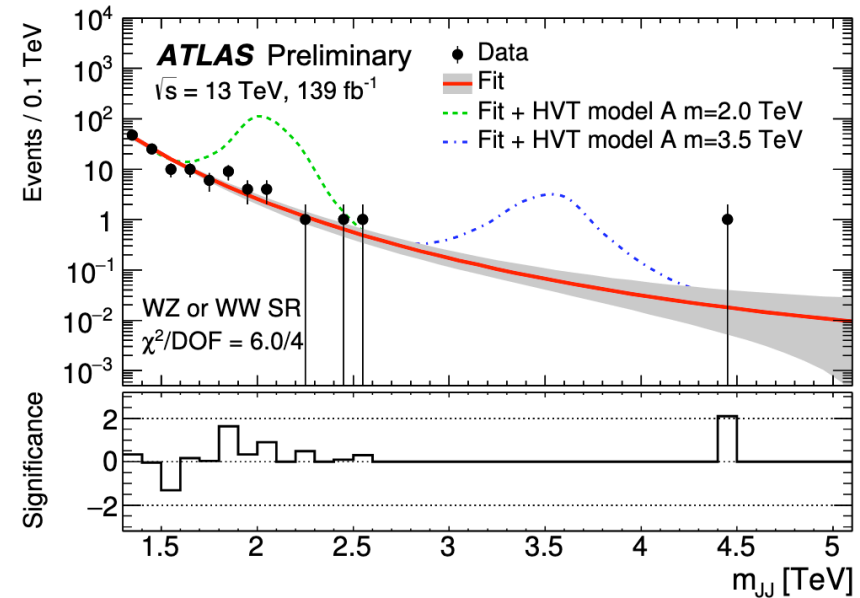
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- Higgs boson tagging ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )
  - Double b-tagging
  - Exploit b-tagging to identify two b-quarks in same jet
  - Soft-lepton information
  - Combines tracking and vertexing in MVA



# Searching for diboson resonances

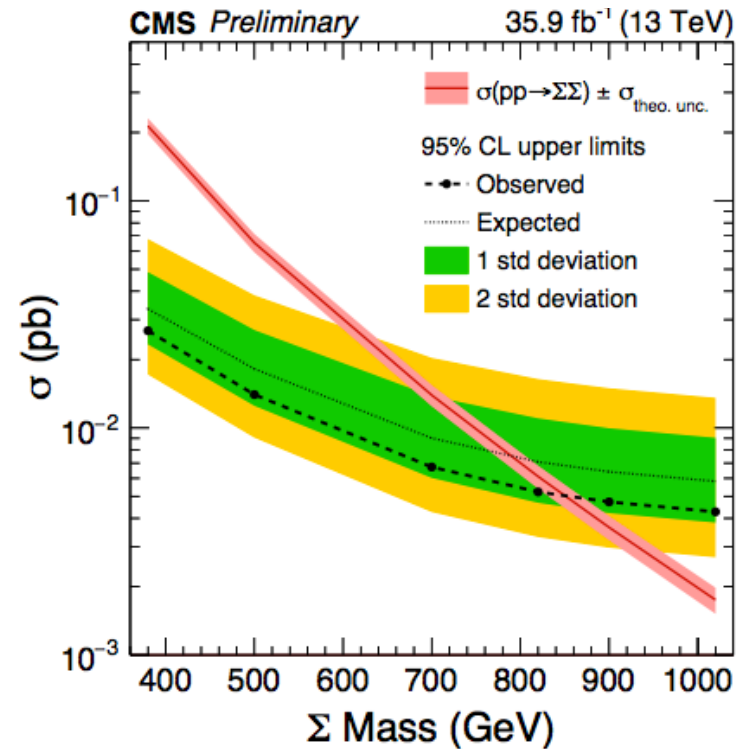
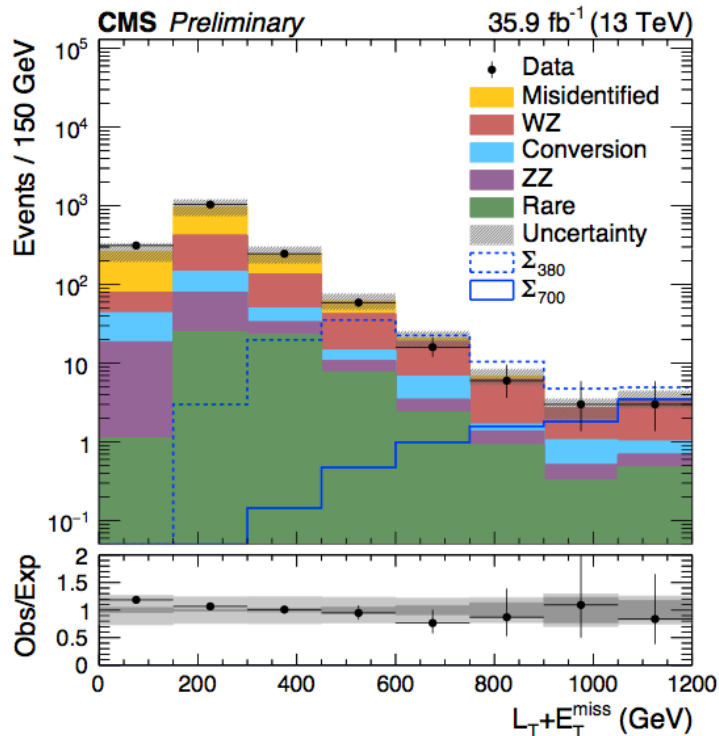
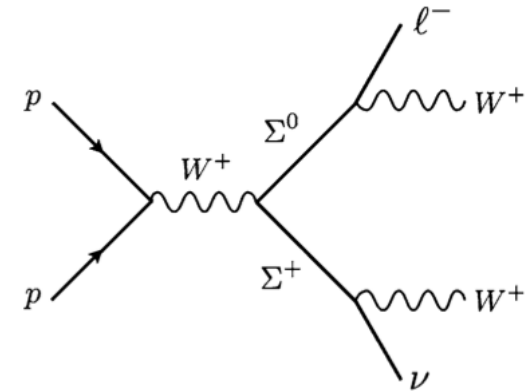
- No significant excess in any of the observed final states
- Exclusion limits: HVT models excluded up to 4.1 TeV, Spin-2 RS models up to 2.8 TeV
- Large improvements due to new methods for jet reconstructions and boson tagging



# Search for multilepton final states

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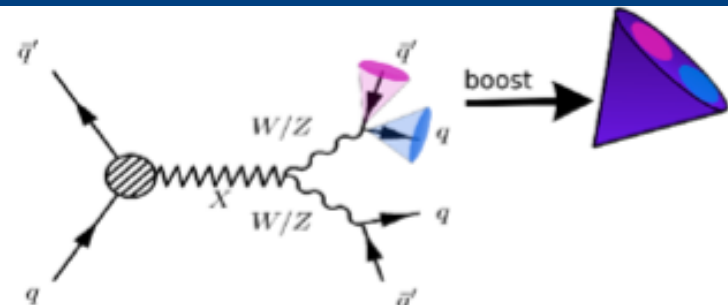
- Type-III extension to SM
- Search for 3 or more lepton final states
- Pair production of  $W/Z/H \rightarrow \Sigma\Sigma$
- Scalar sum of lepton  $p_T$  ( $L_T$ )
- Bin and count ( $L_T + \text{MET}$ )



# $X \rightarrow VV \rightarrow qqqq$

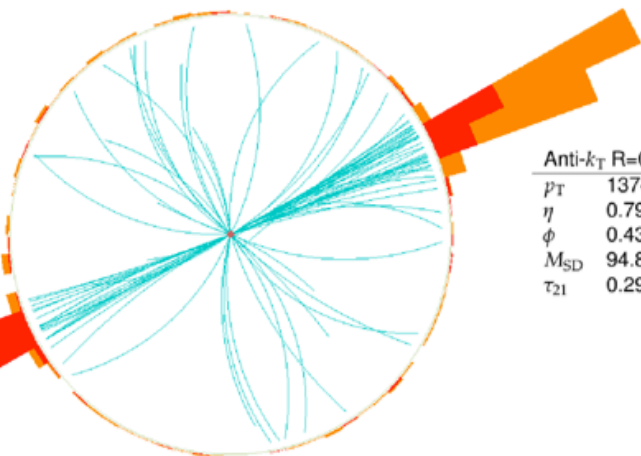
CMS-B2G-17-001

- All hadronic resonance search with single (qV) or double (VV) V-tag
  - At least 2 back-to-back jets  $p_T > 200 \text{ GeV}$
  - Categorization (jet mass,  $\tau_{21}$ )
- Background estimation: “bump hunt” fit data with power law

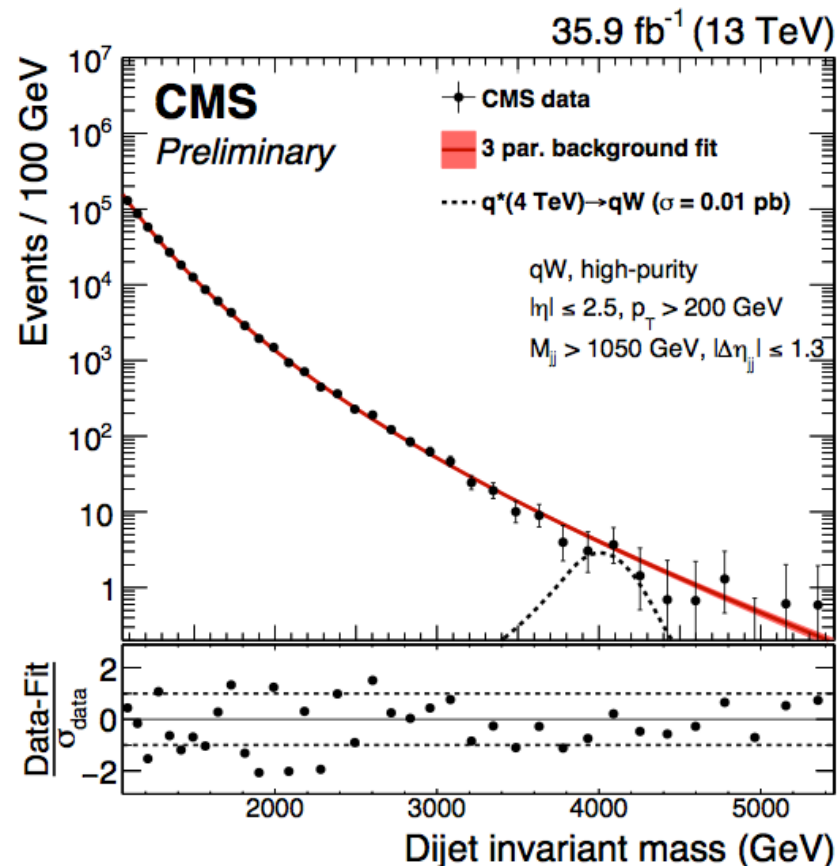


Candidate ZZ event  
Dijet mass: 3.2 TeV

Anti- $k_T$ R=0.8 jet	
$p_T$	1321 GeV
$\eta$	-0.40
$\phi$	-2.71
$M_{SD}$	103 GeV
$\tau_{21}$	0.23



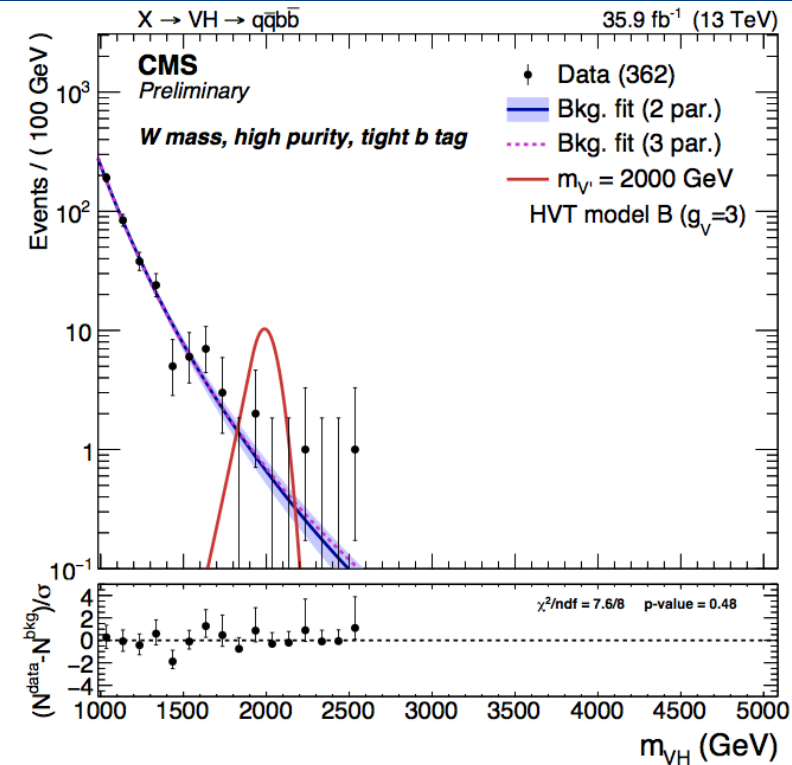
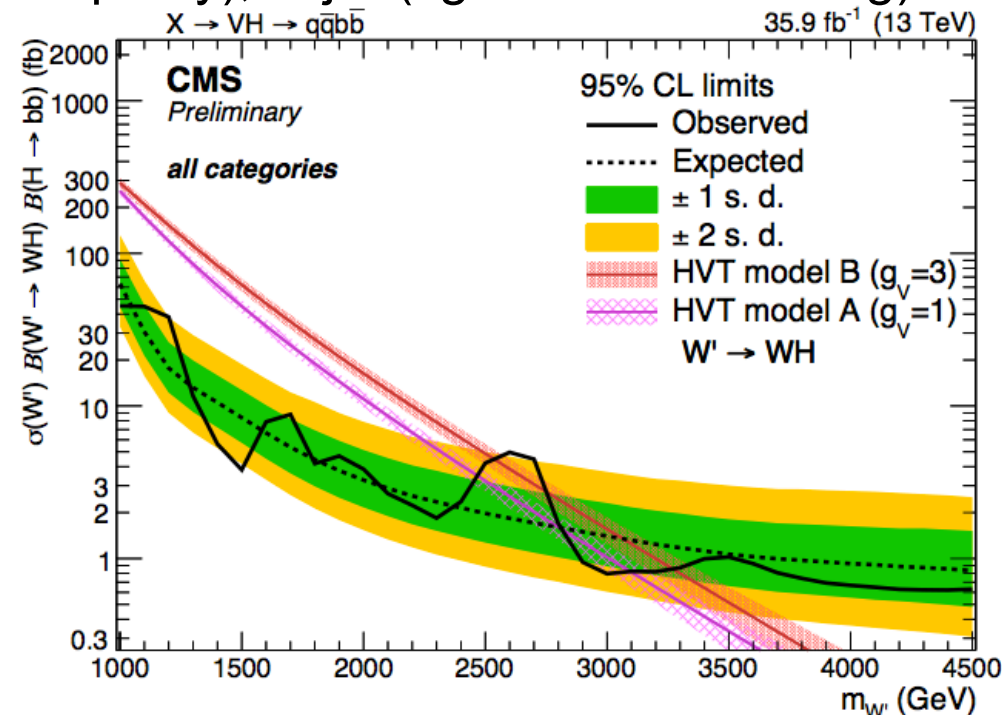
Anti- $k_T$ R=0.8 jet	
$p_T$	1374 GeV
$\eta$	0.79
$\phi$	0.43
$M_{SD}$	94.8
$\tau_{21}$	0.29



# $X \rightarrow VH \rightarrow qqbb$

CMS-B2G-17-002

- All-hadronic search for  $V \rightarrow qq$  and  $H \rightarrow bb$  resonances
  - dedicated identification for  $H \rightarrow bb$  (b-tagging)
- Use categories
  - V-jet mass (W or Z), V-jet  $\tau_{21}$  (high-purity, low-purity), H-jet (tight and loose b-tag)

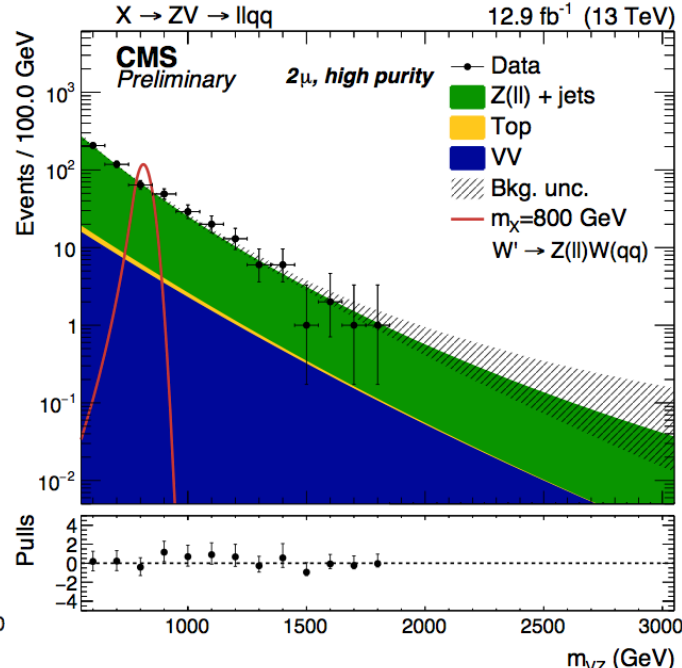
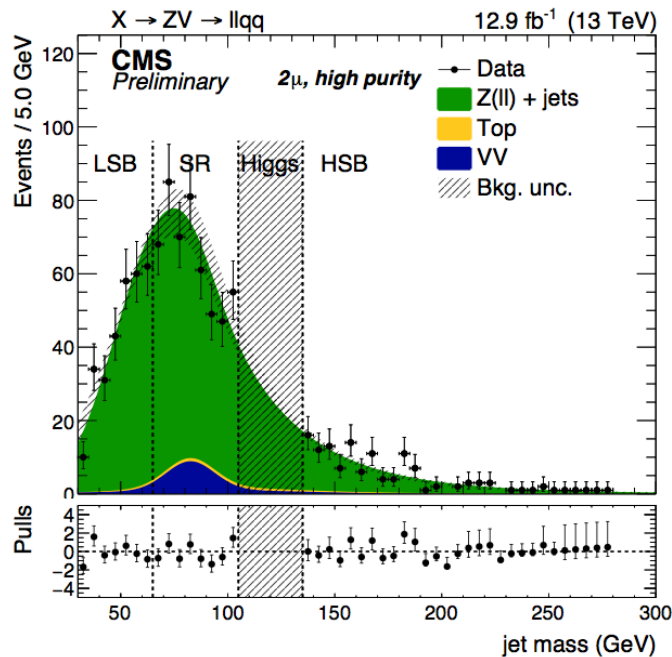
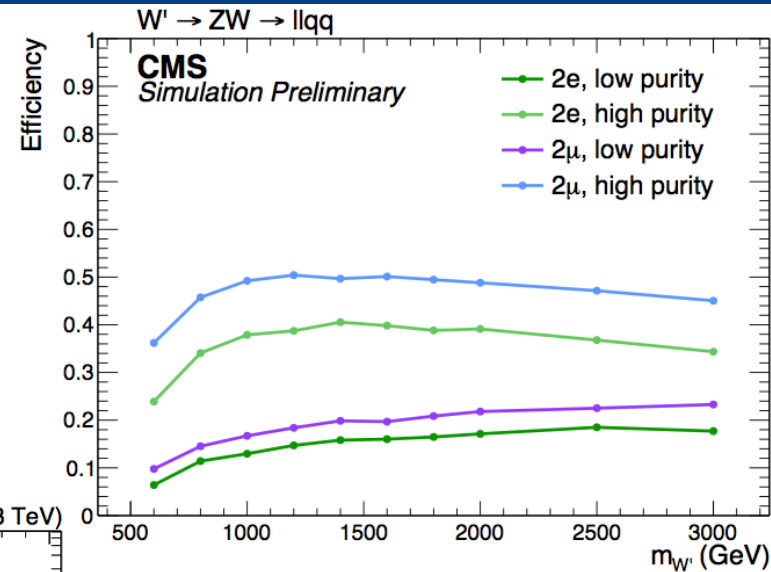


- Similar topology and background estimate to VV resonance search
- No significant excess found in data

# $X \rightarrow ZV \rightarrow \ell\ell qq$

CMS-B2G-16-022

- Search for resonances in  $Z \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$ ,  $V \rightarrow qq$
- Clean final state (leptons)
  - Good mass resolution, good efficiency
- $\tau_{21}$  categorization (HP, LP)
- Parametrize main bkg ( $Z$ +jets), fit to data in sidebands, take shape from MC



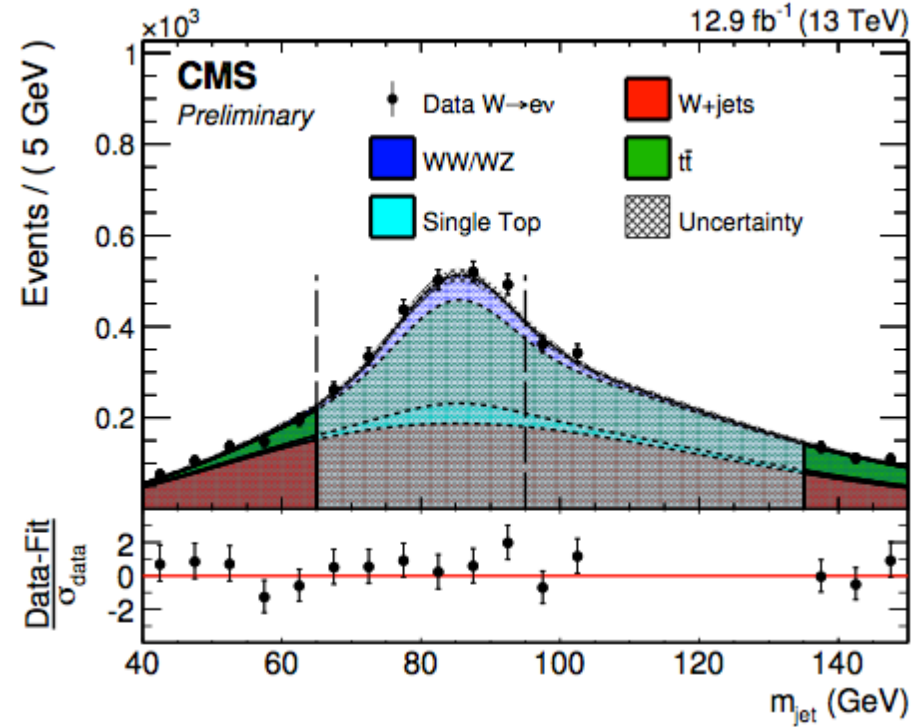
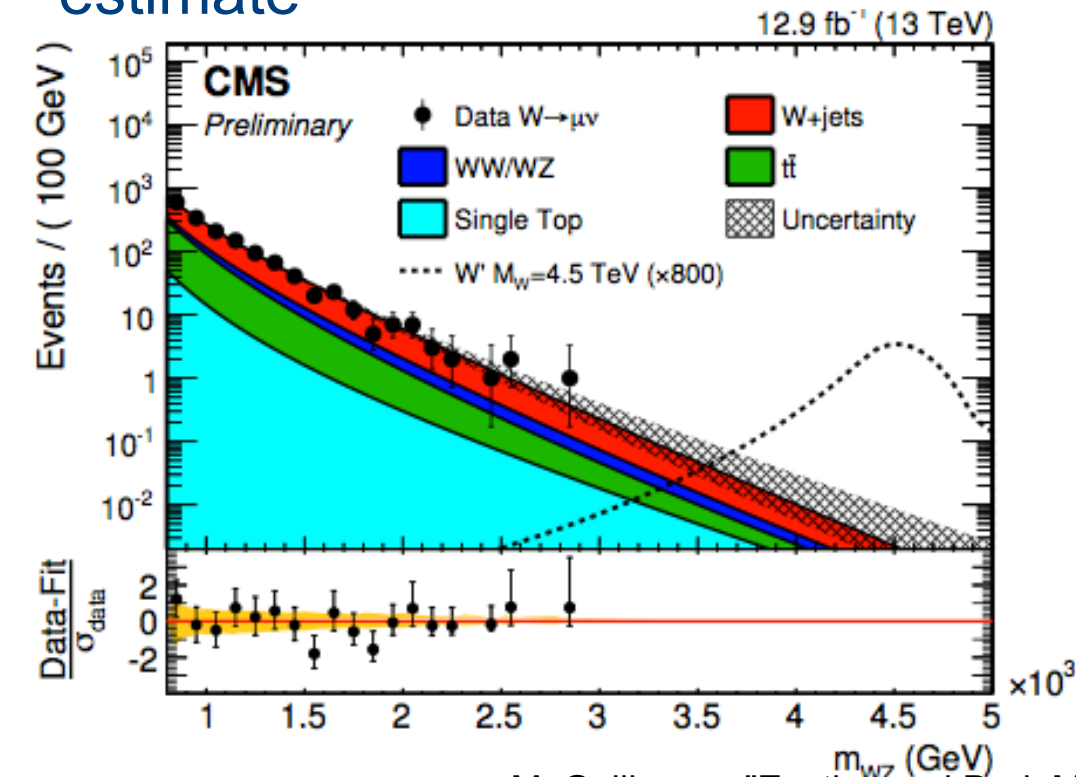
• Data compatible with SM-only hypothesis



# $X \rightarrow WV \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$

CMS-B2G-16-020

- Search for a resonance decaying to  $WV$  in leptonic channel
- Categorization in  $\tau_{21}$  and  $W/Z$  mass
- Sideband+transfer function for bkg estimate



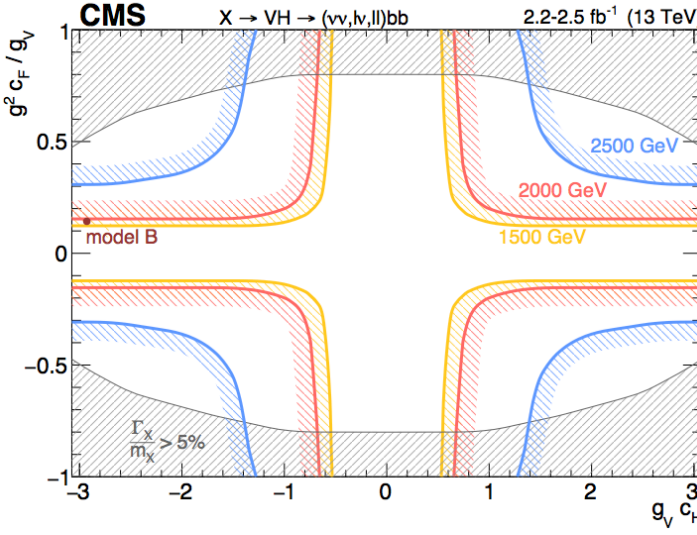
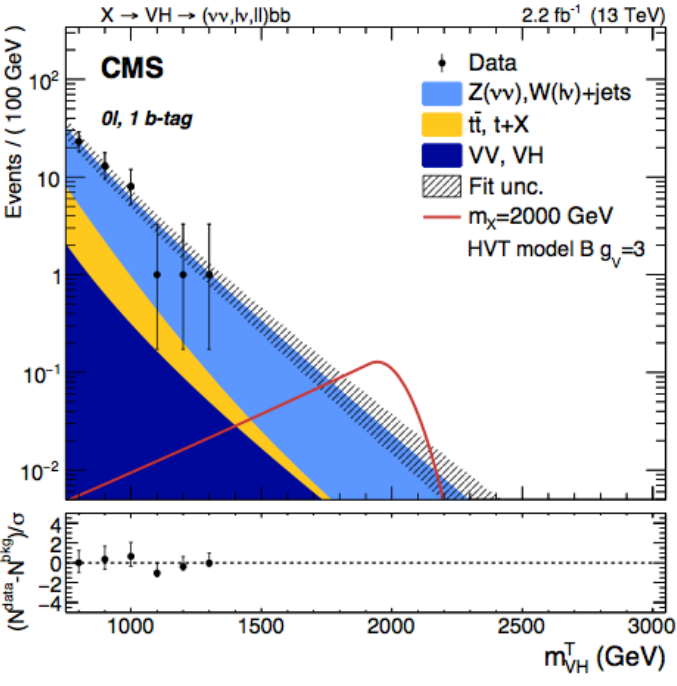
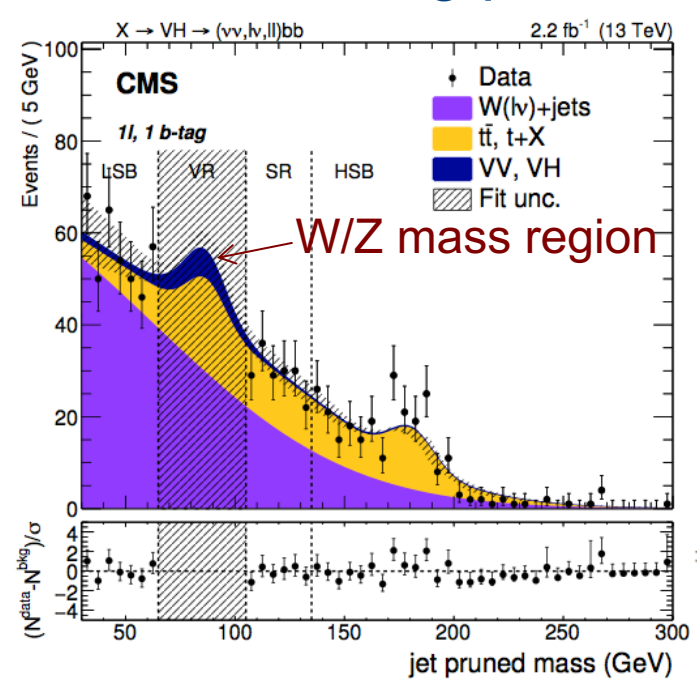
- Similar sensitivity to  $Z(\ell)V(qq)$  search
- Excluded up to 2 TeV

# $X \rightarrow VH \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$

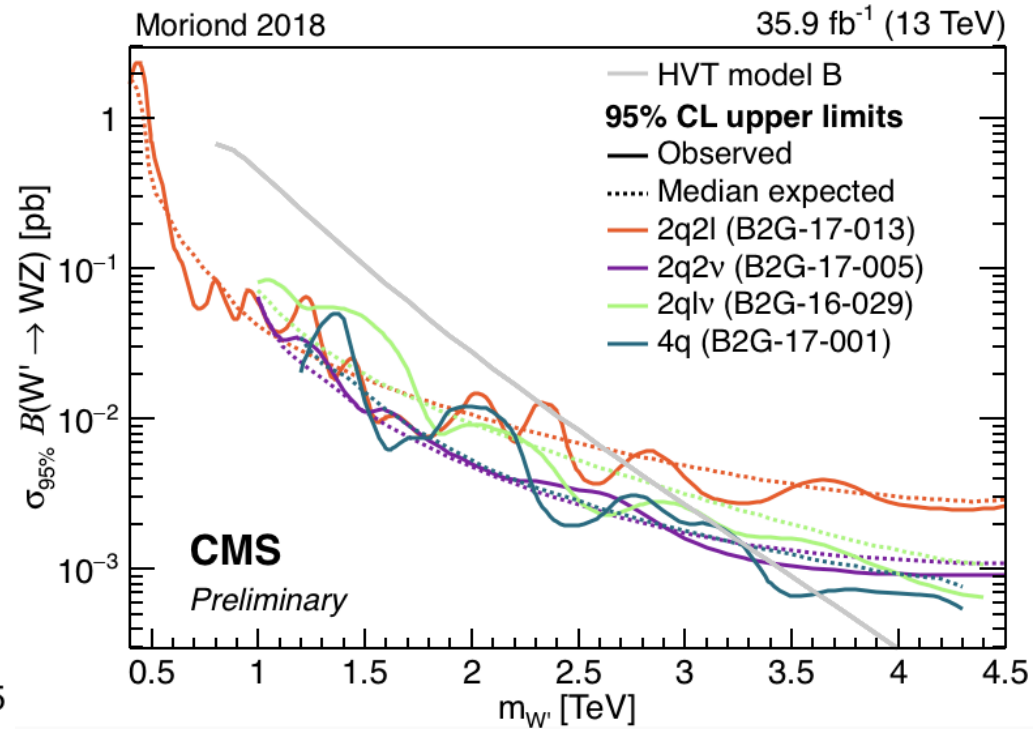
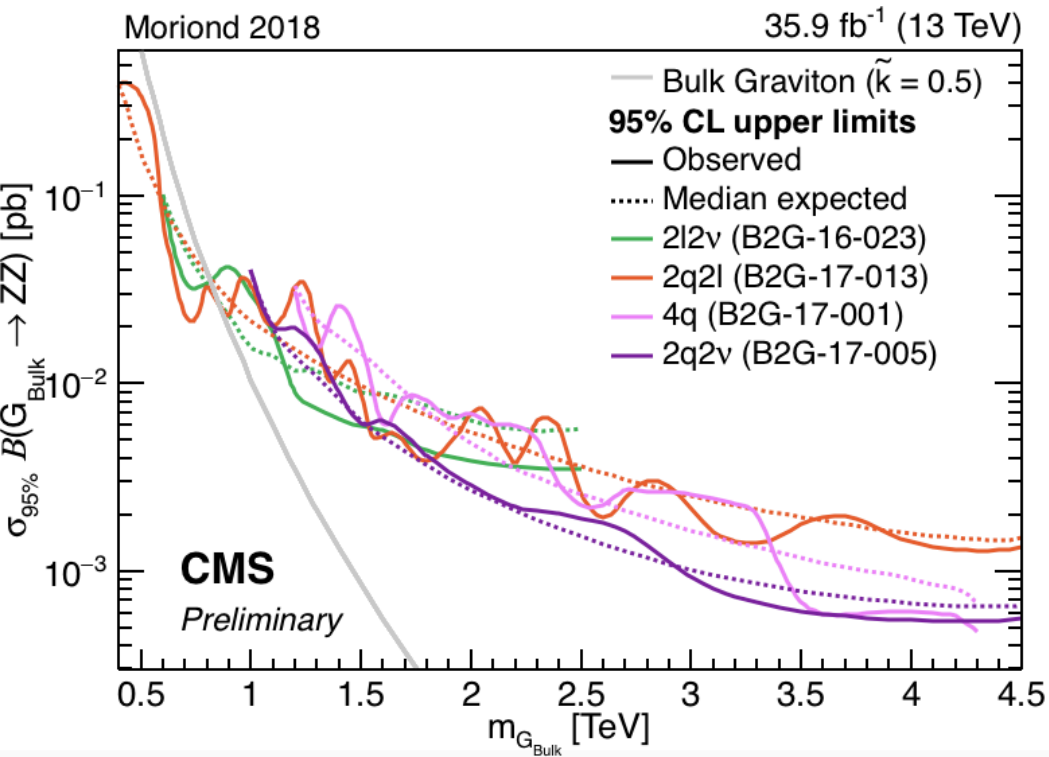
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- Search for a resonance decaying to VH in leptonic channels
  - $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$ : transverse mass  $m_T(VH)$
  - $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$ : top control region
  - $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ : high-efficiency dilepton ID
  - $H(bb)$  b-tagging
- Sideband bkg prediction

- Heavy vector triplet ( $Z'$ ,  $W'$ )
- $g_V, g_H$  ( $c_V, c_F$ ): couplings

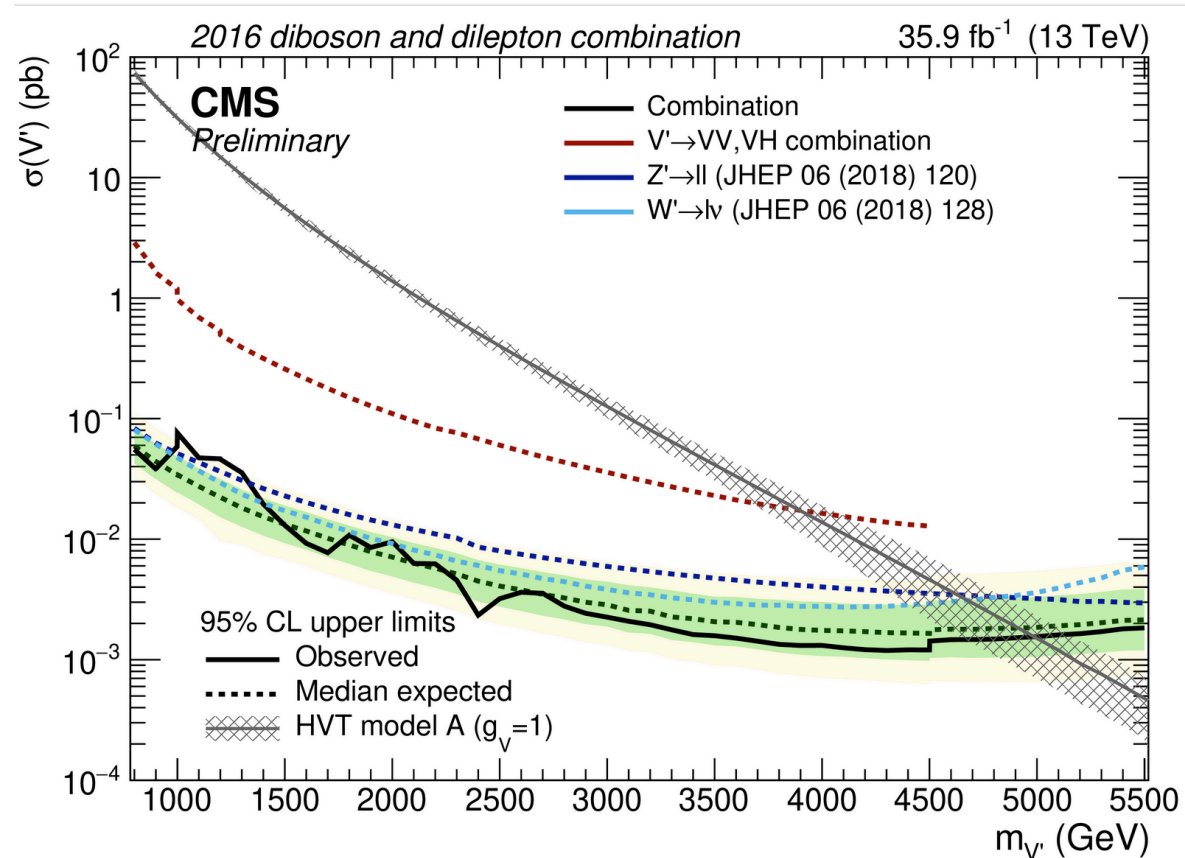


# Combination of diboson searches

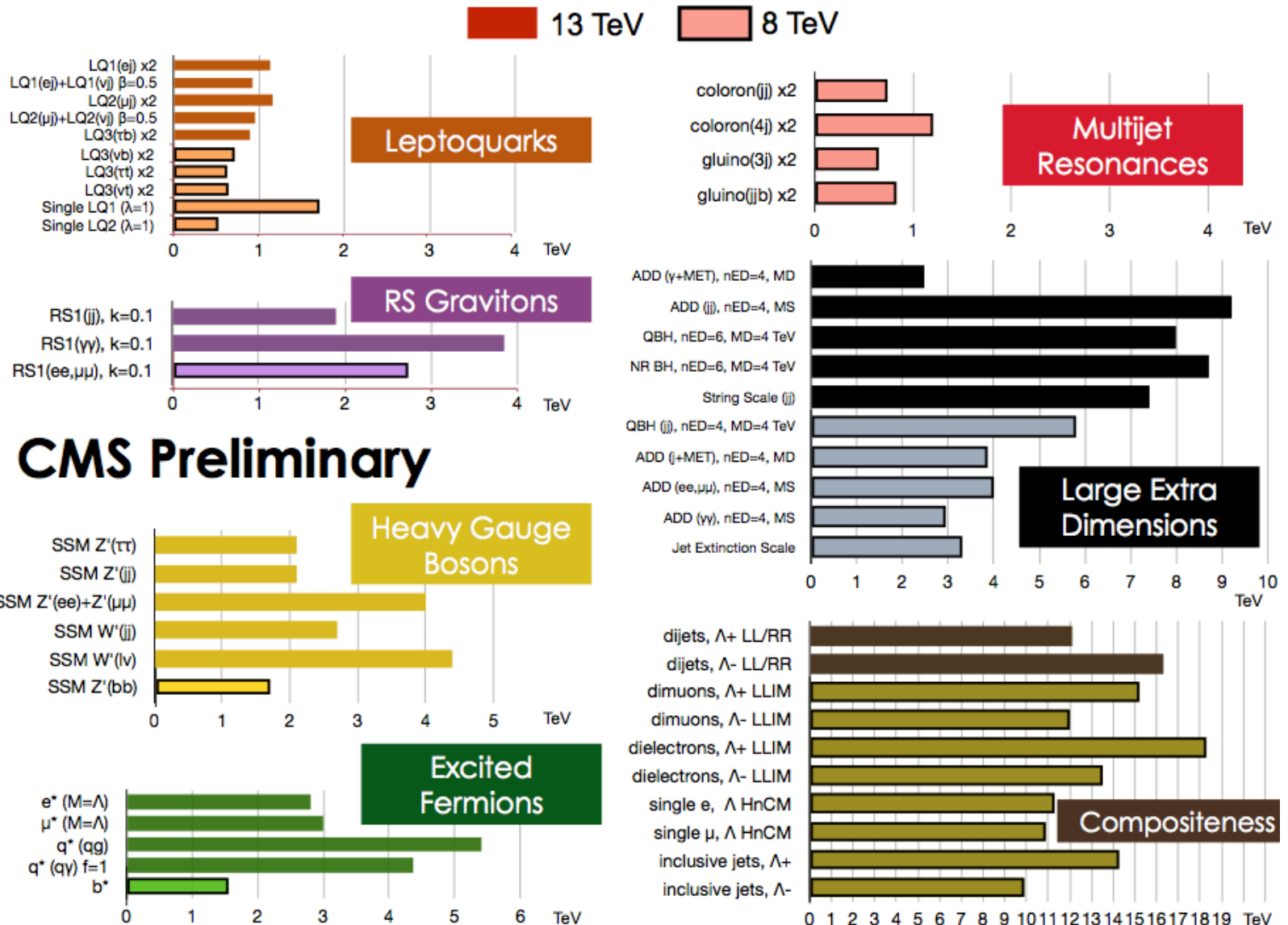


# Combination of resonance searches

- Combination of searches for heavy resonances decaying to boson and lepton final states
- Large gain in statistical combination



# Resonance searches: Summary



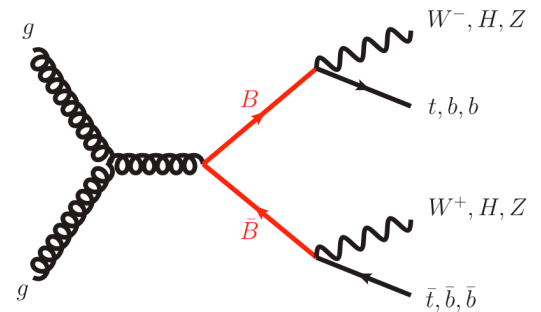
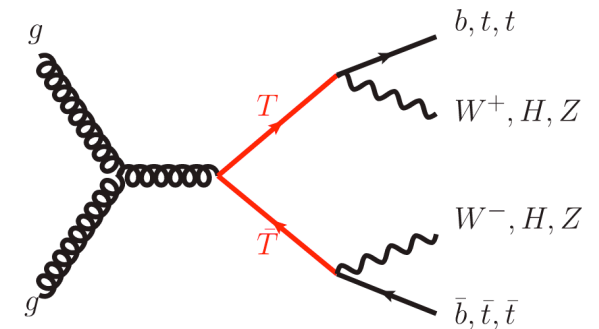
# Vector-like quarks

## Motivation

- Simplest extension allowed in the quark sector
- Spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  fermions with vector coupling
- Can mix with SM quarks and modify their couplings to the  $W/Z/H$  bosons
- Sizeable mixing with 3<sup>rd</sup> family,  $b$  and  $t$

## Properties

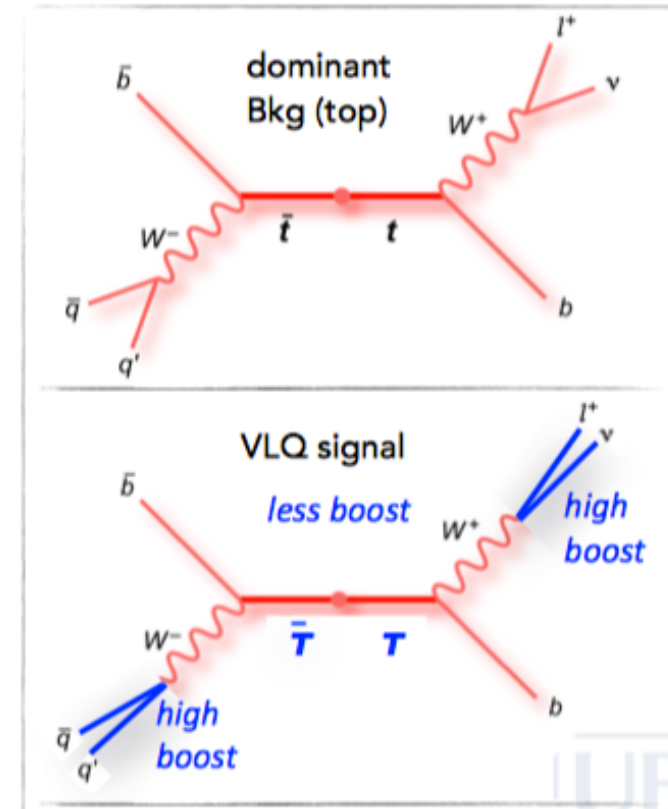
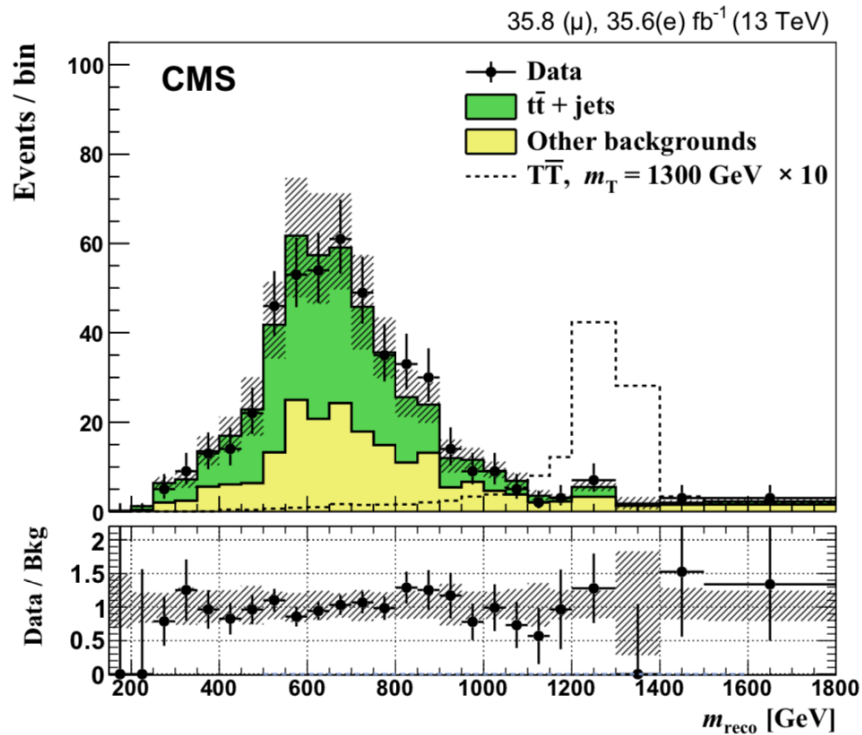
- Produced via strong and EWK interactions
- Mainly pair-produced
- Both CC and NC decay modes



# VLQ searches

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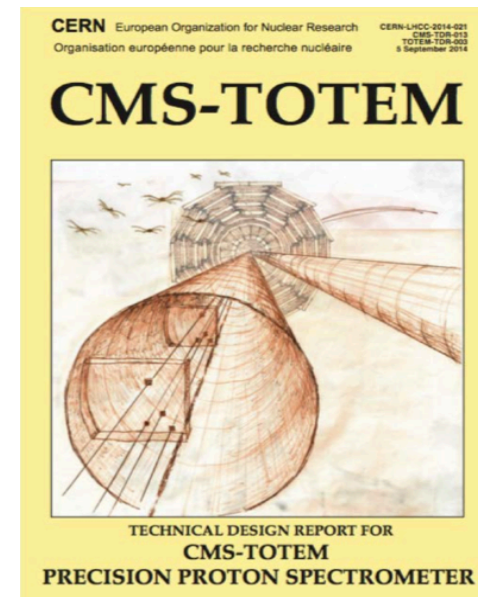
- Search for VLQ pair production decaying to  $WbWb$
- Search in the **boosted regime**
- Can reconstruct the VLQ system



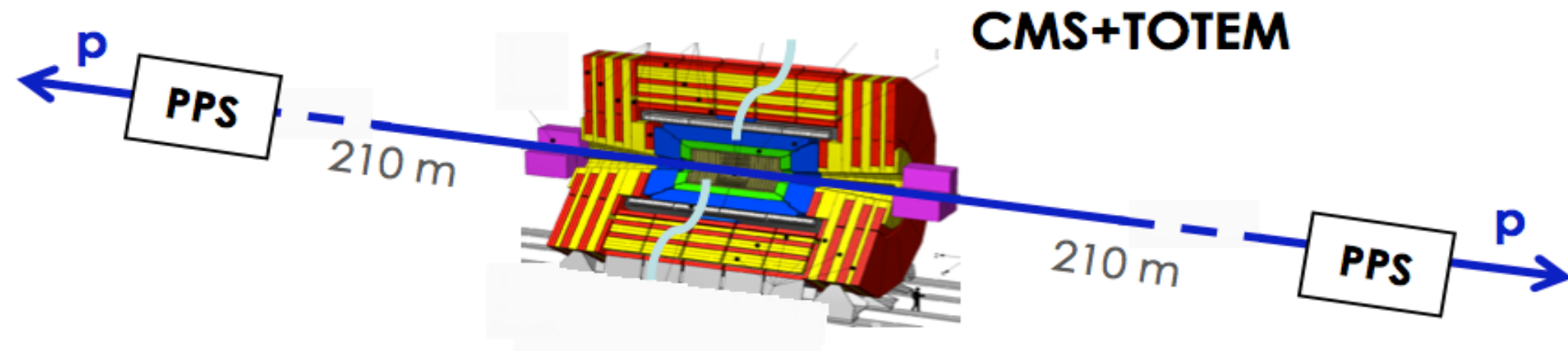
# Looking forward: PPS

CERN-LHC-2014-021

- The Precision Proton Spectrometer is a joint CMS and TOTEM project that aims at measuring the surviving **scattered protons** on both sides of CMS in standard running conditions
- **Tracking** and **timing** detectors inside the beam pipe at ~210m from IP5
- Project approved in Dec. 2014 by LHCC
- Data taking started in 2016 (full scope from 2017)



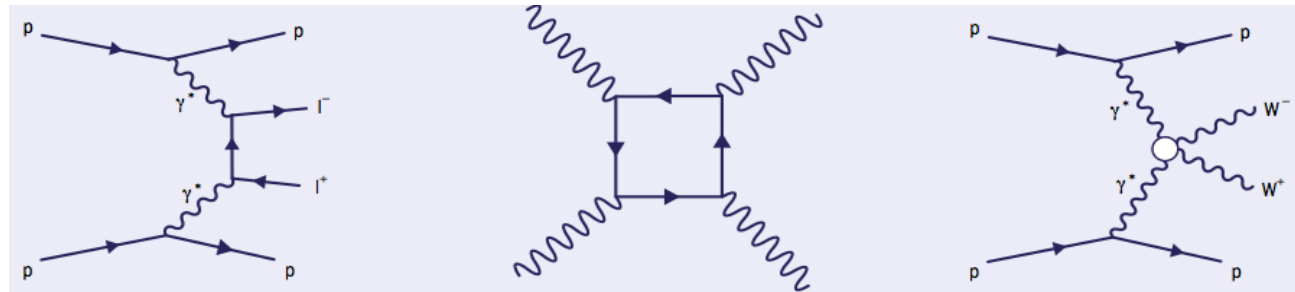
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# PPS physics motivations

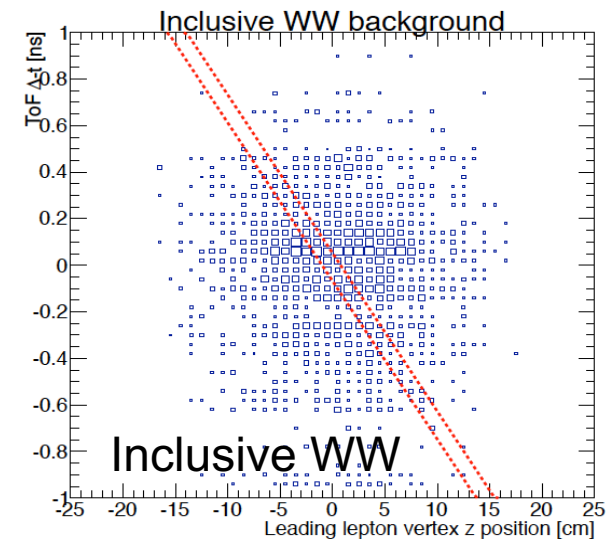
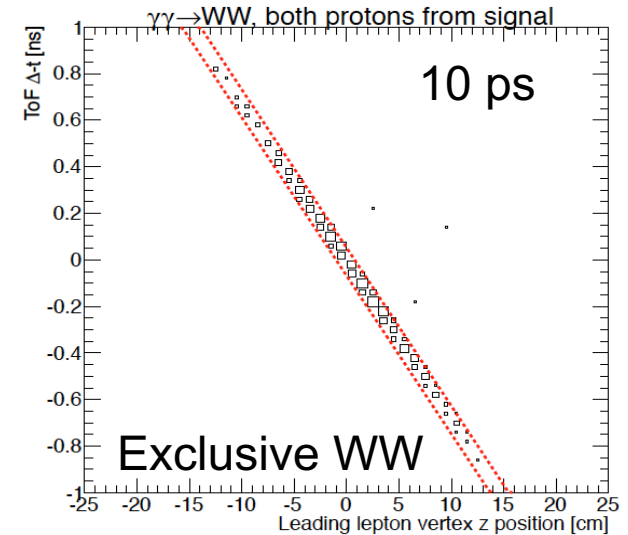
- **Central Exclusive Production**
  - photon-photon collisions
  - gluon-gluon fusion in color singlet,  $J^{PC}=0^+$
- **High- $p_T$  system in central detector, together with very forward protons in PPS**
  - momentum balance between central system and forward protons, provides strong kinematical constraints
  - Mass of central system measured by momentum loss of the two leading protons
- **Gauge boson production by photon-photon fusion and anomalous couplings ( $\gamma\gamma WW$ ,  $\gamma\gamma ZZ$ , and  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ )**
- **Search for new BSM resonances**
- **Study of QCD in a new domain**



# Timing detectors

Use timing to reject pileup background

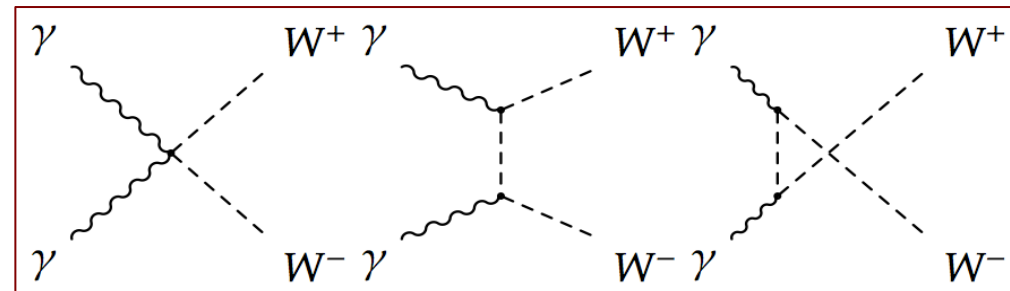
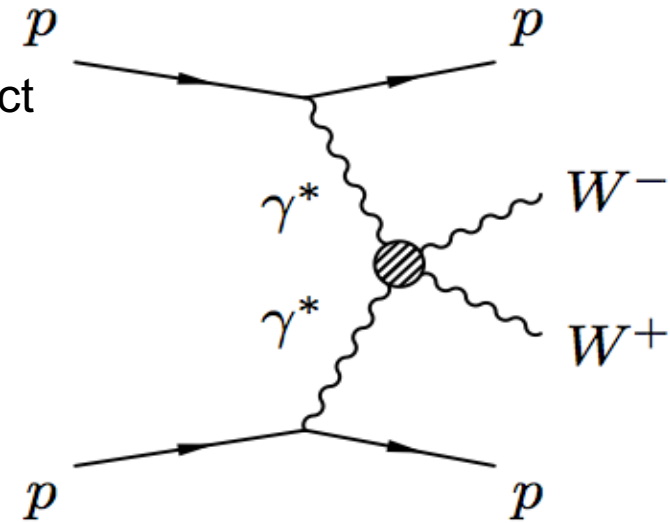
- Two scenarios studied:
  - 10ps and 30ps time resolution
- Baseline: solid state detectors
- Detector options investigated:
  - Diamond sensors
  - Fast silicon sensors (UFSD, HFS)
- Status:
  - Diamond and LGAD detectors installed



# WW production

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- **Study of process:  $pp \rightarrow pWWp$** 
  - Clean process: W in central detector and “nothing” else, intact protons can be detected far away from IP
  - Exclusive production of W pairs via photon exchange: QED process, cross section well known
- **Backgrounds:**
  - inclusive WW,  $\tau\tau$ , exclusive two-photon  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ll$ , etc.
- **Events:**
  - WW pair in central detector, leading protons in PPS
- **SM observation of WW events**
- **Anomalous coupling study**
  - AQGCs predicted in BSM theories
  - parameters:  $a_0^W/\Lambda^2$ ,  $a_c^W/\Lambda^2$
- **Deviations from SM can be large**

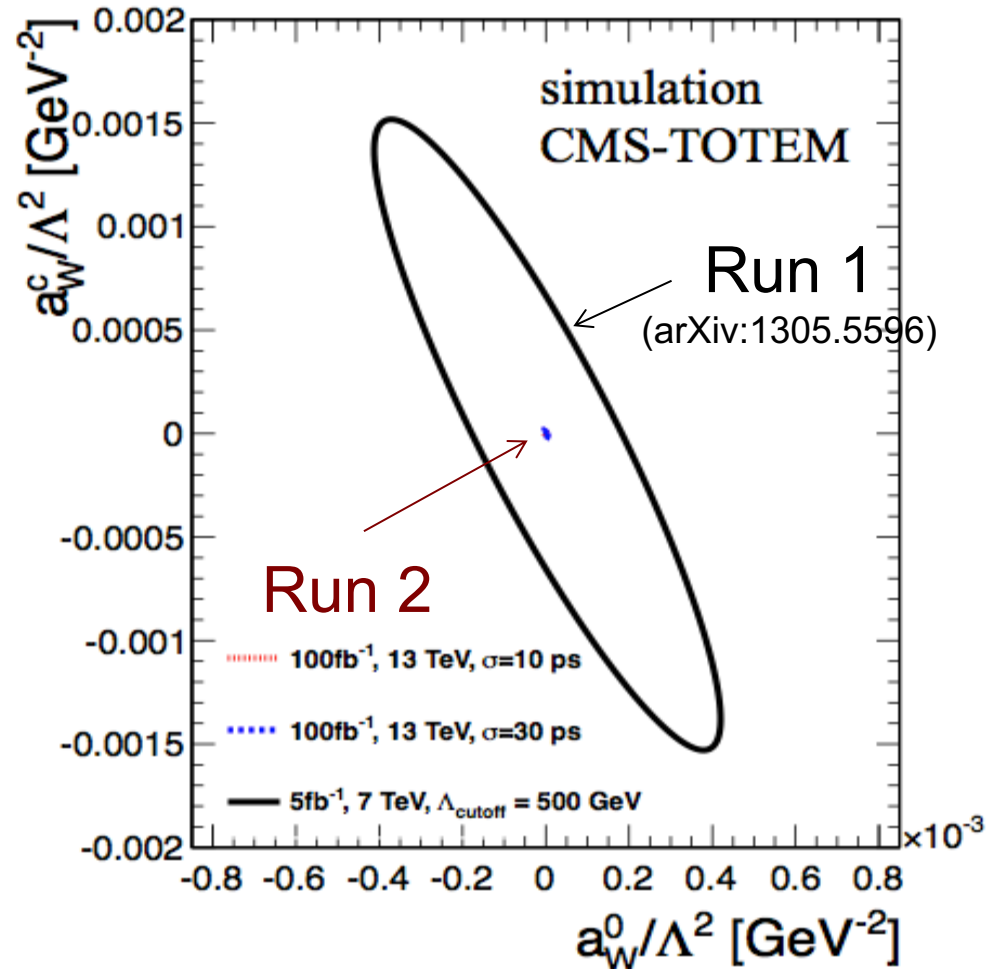
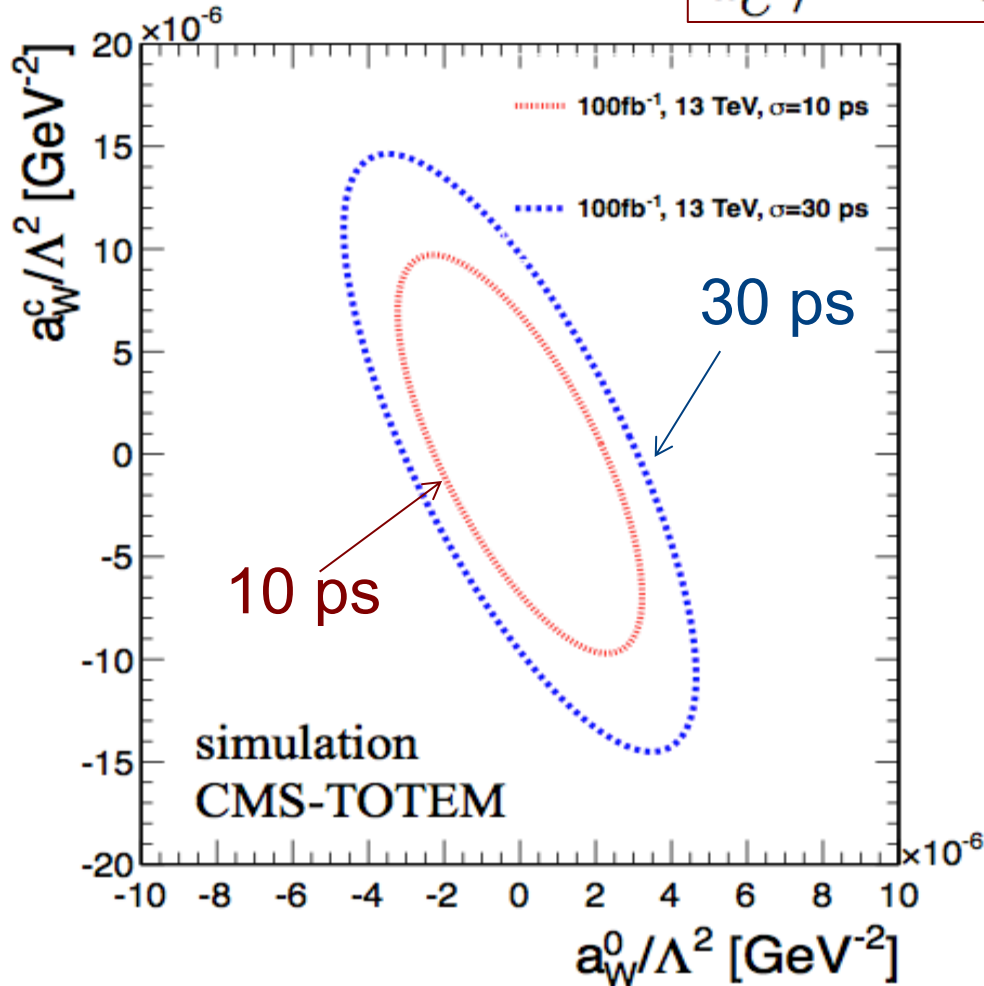


# AQGC expected limits

Expected limits @95%CL:

$$a_0^W / \Lambda^2 = 2 \times 10^{-6} \quad (3 \times 10^{-6}),$$

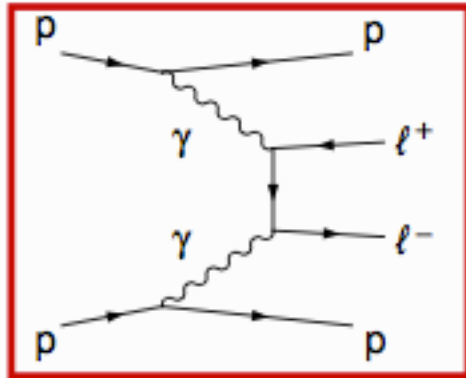
$$a_C^W / \Lambda^2 = 7 \times 10^{-6} \quad (10 \times 10^{-6}).$$



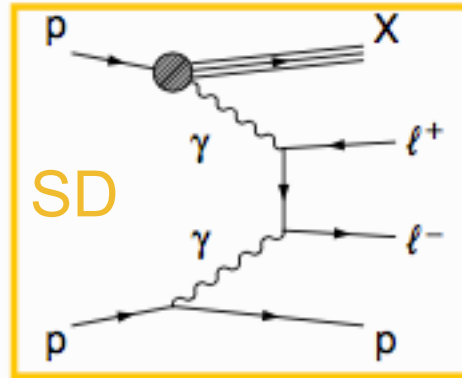
# Exclusive Dileptons

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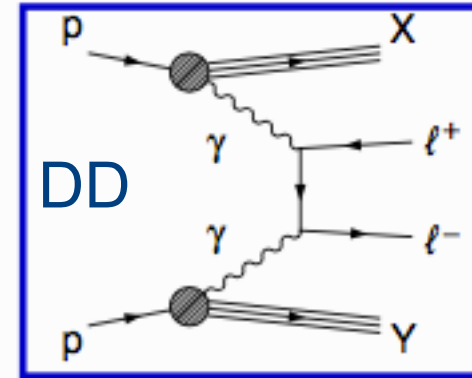
- Study exclusive processes at the EWK scale
- Search for two-photon production of opposite charge lepton pair with forward proton tagging



signal



SD



DD

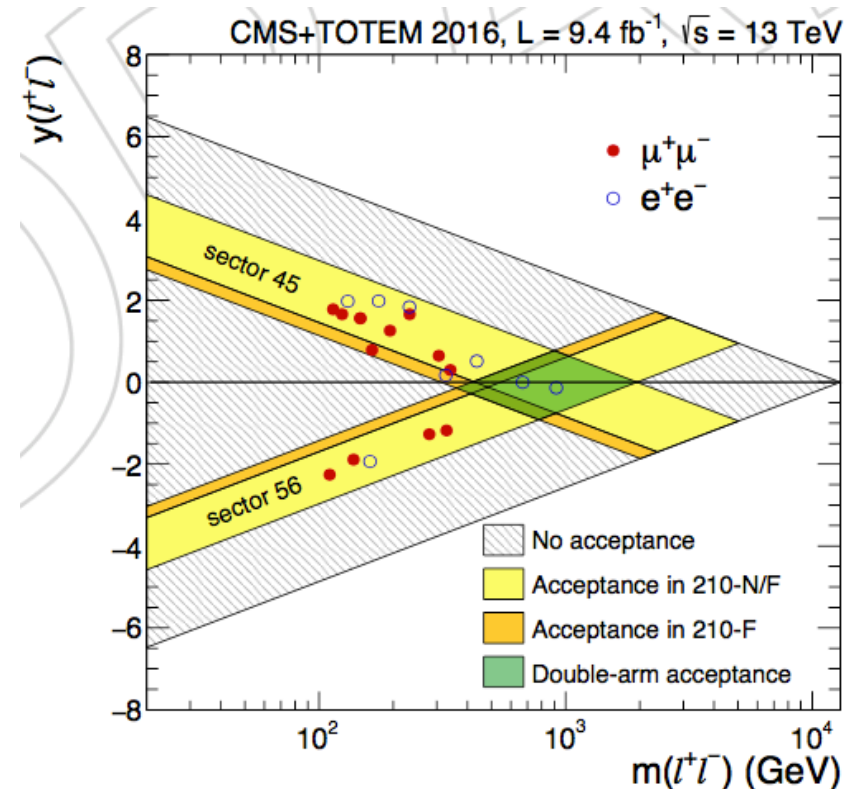
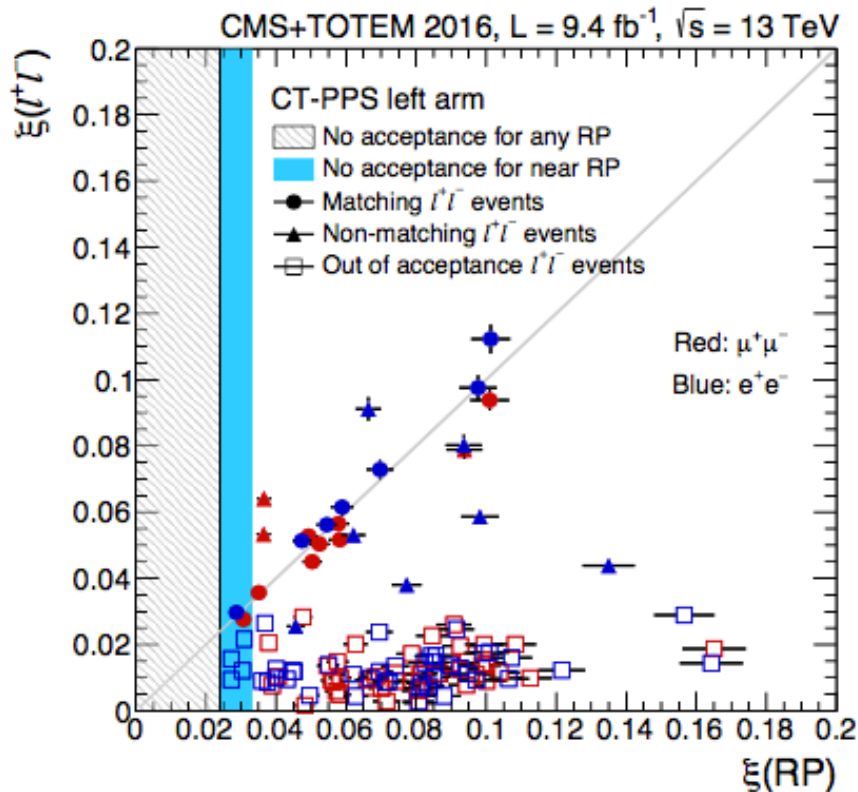
Background: SD, DD, DY, dibosons, PU

- Signal selected with:
- at least one proton tagged, muons, kinematic selection

# Exclusive Dileptons (cont.)

CMS-PPS-17-001

- Correlation between the  $\xi$  values in central system vs RP
- $12\mu\mu$ ,  $8ee$  candidates observed ( $>5\sigma$  over expected bkg)
- First observation of two-photon production of a lepton pair at this mass range



# BSM searches: resonances, etc.

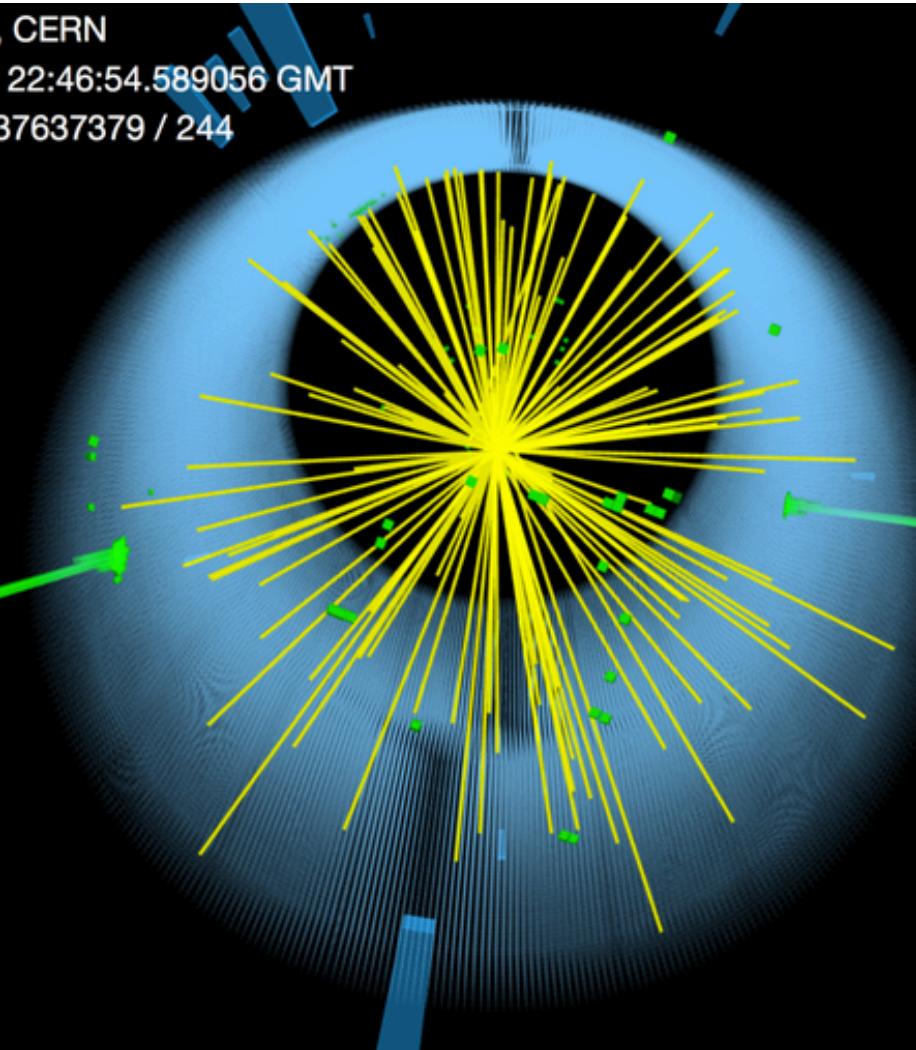
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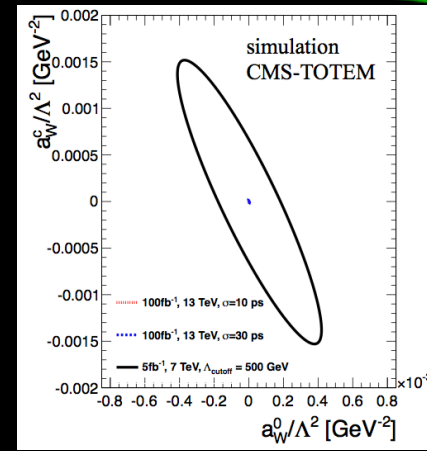
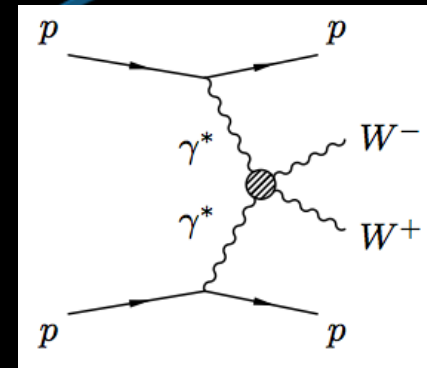
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diphotons at PPS

$\sigma \sim 0.3 \text{ fb}$  a few 'clean' events with 20/fb



exclusive WW production



# Summary

- Excellent consistency of SM but **SM is incomplete**
- Direct and indirect searches for New Physics
  - Collected  $\sim 80/\text{fb}$  @13 TeV in 2015-2017
  - $\sim 300/\text{fb}$  to be collected in the next few years (up to LS3)
- Many studies performed with data collected so far
  - New dedicated algorithms being developed
  - Dark Matter, Exotica, signature-based searches
  - Other BSM searches
- Searches provide **no hints for BSM yet**

