



# Designing collider analyses and reinterpreting the results of the LHC

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# New physics at the LHC

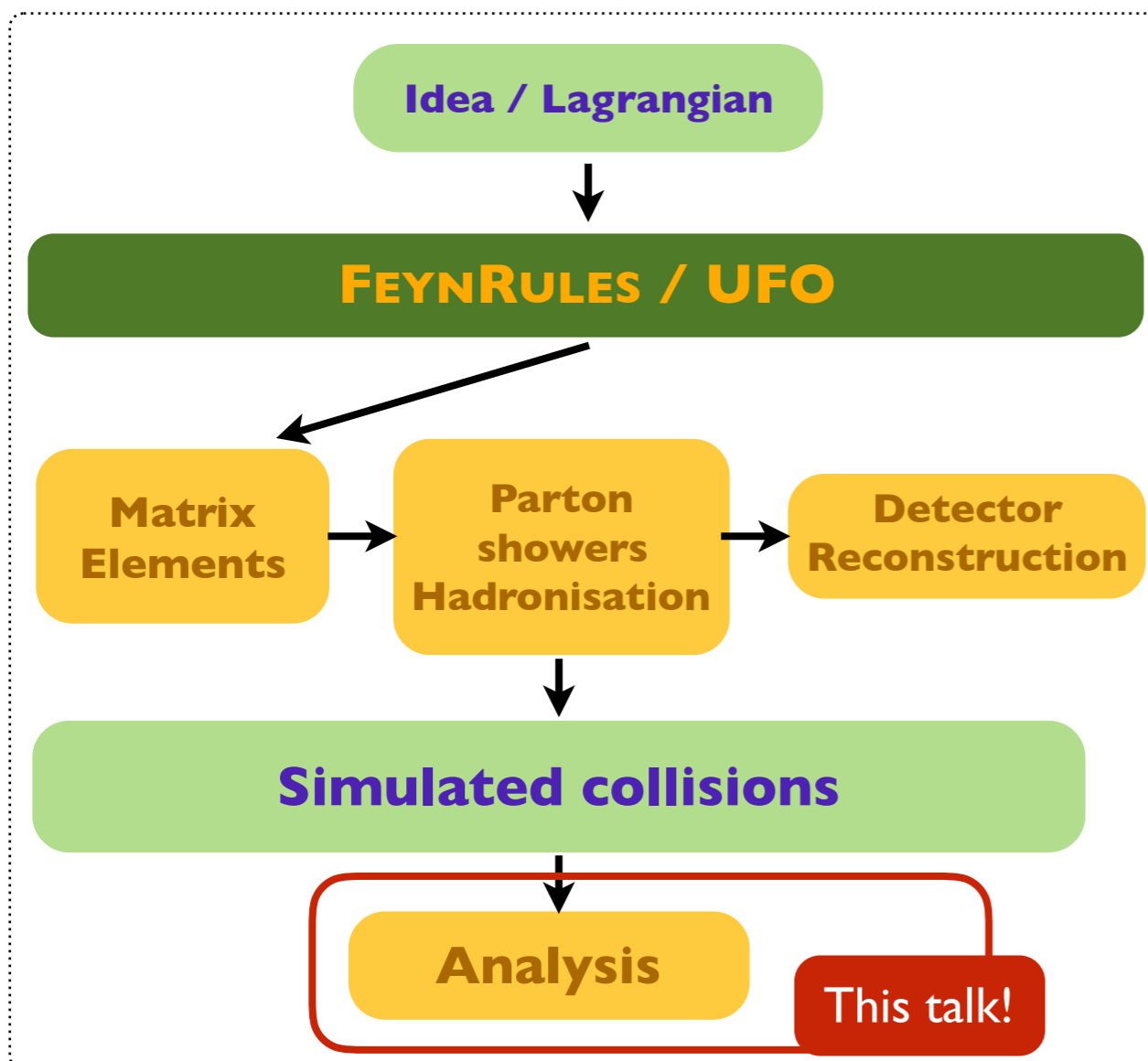
- ◆ Path towards the characterisation of new physics
  - ♣ Fitting and interpreting deviations
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- ◆ More on the new physics nature at the LHC
  - ♣ Fitting deviations by new physics signals
    - Reinterpretation of LHC results (confronting models to data)
  - ♣ Designing new analyses to probe new ideas
    - from signal and background predictions

# Making new physics a standard

[ Christensen, de Aquino, Degrande, Duhr, BF, Herquet, Maltoni & Schumann (EPJC 11) ]

## ◆ Tools connecting an idea to simulated collisions



### ❖ From Lagrangian to model files

- ★ FEYNRULES
- ★ UFO

### ❖ Matrix element generation

- ★ MG5\_AMC → predictions at LO/NLO

### ❖ Parton showers / hadronisation

- ★ PYTHIA

### ❖ Detector simulation

- ★ DELPHES 3 / MADANALYSIS 5

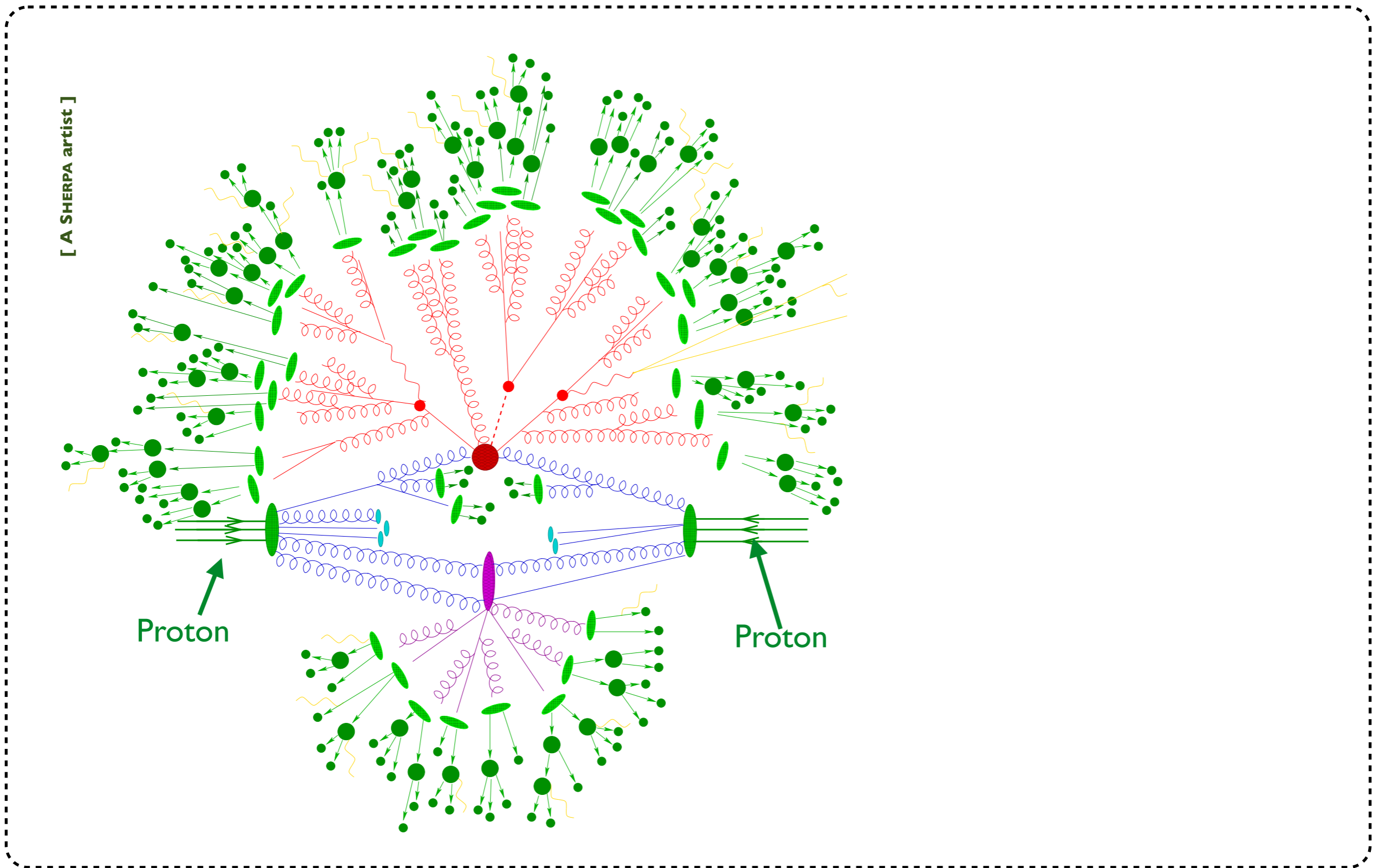
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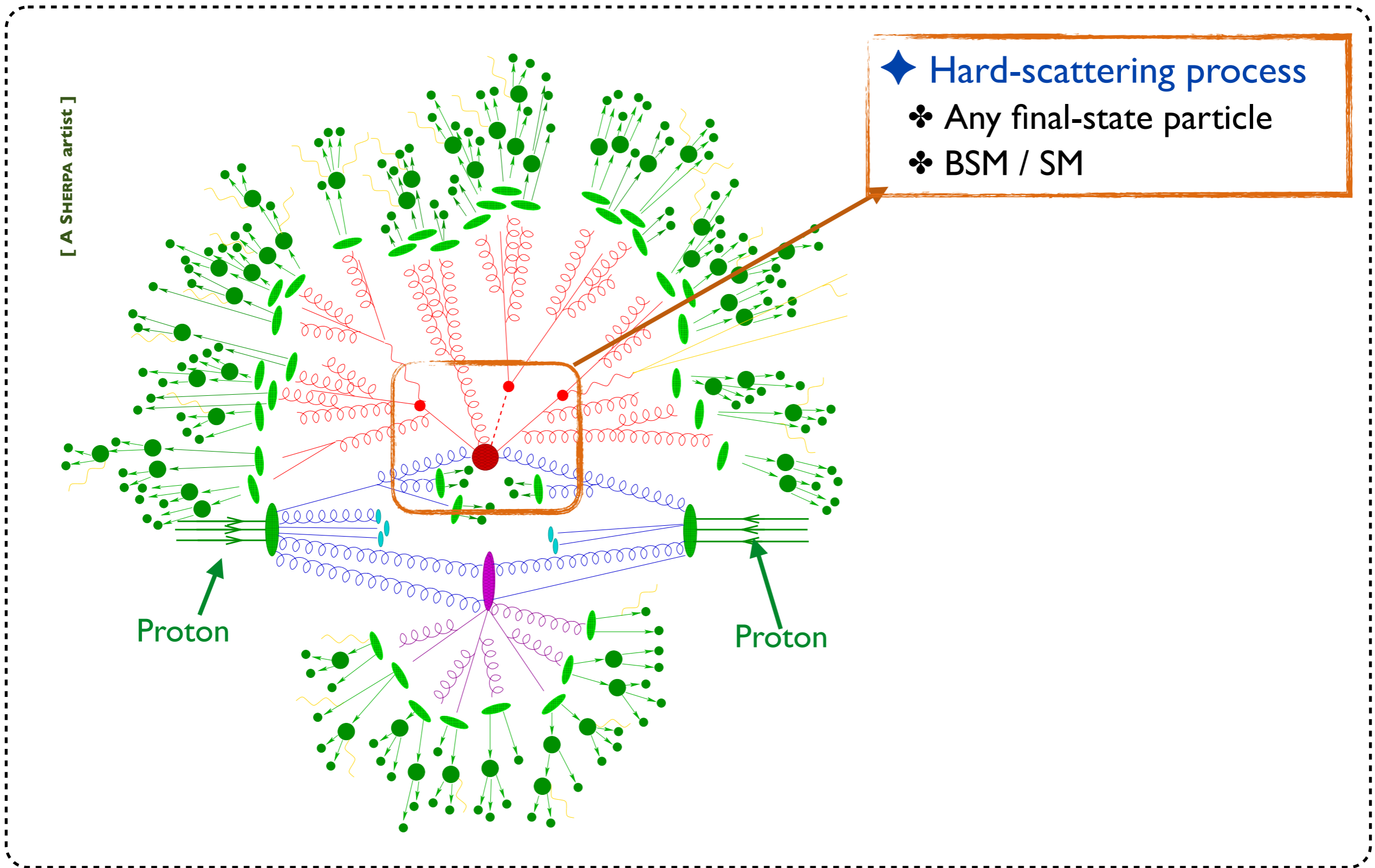
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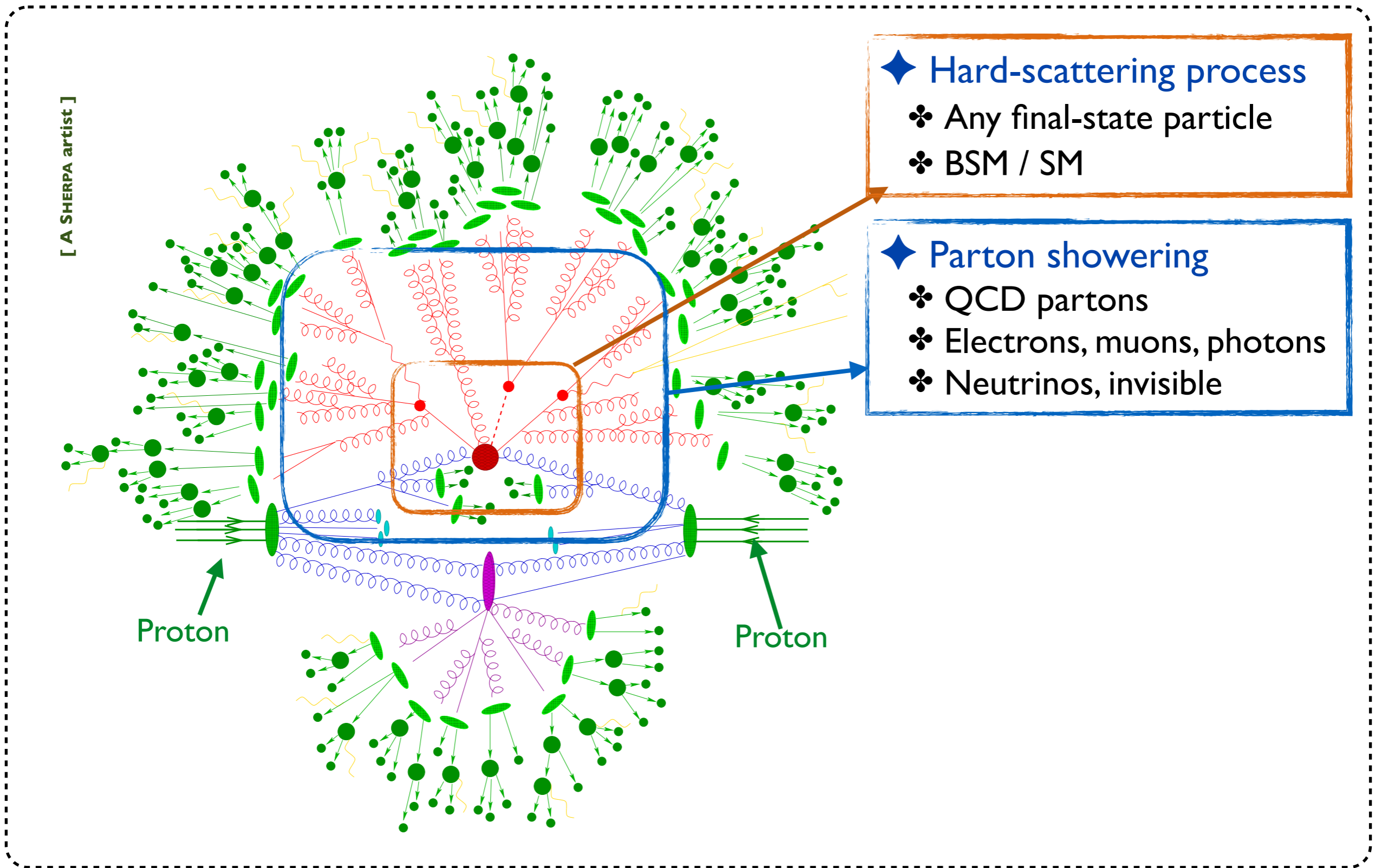
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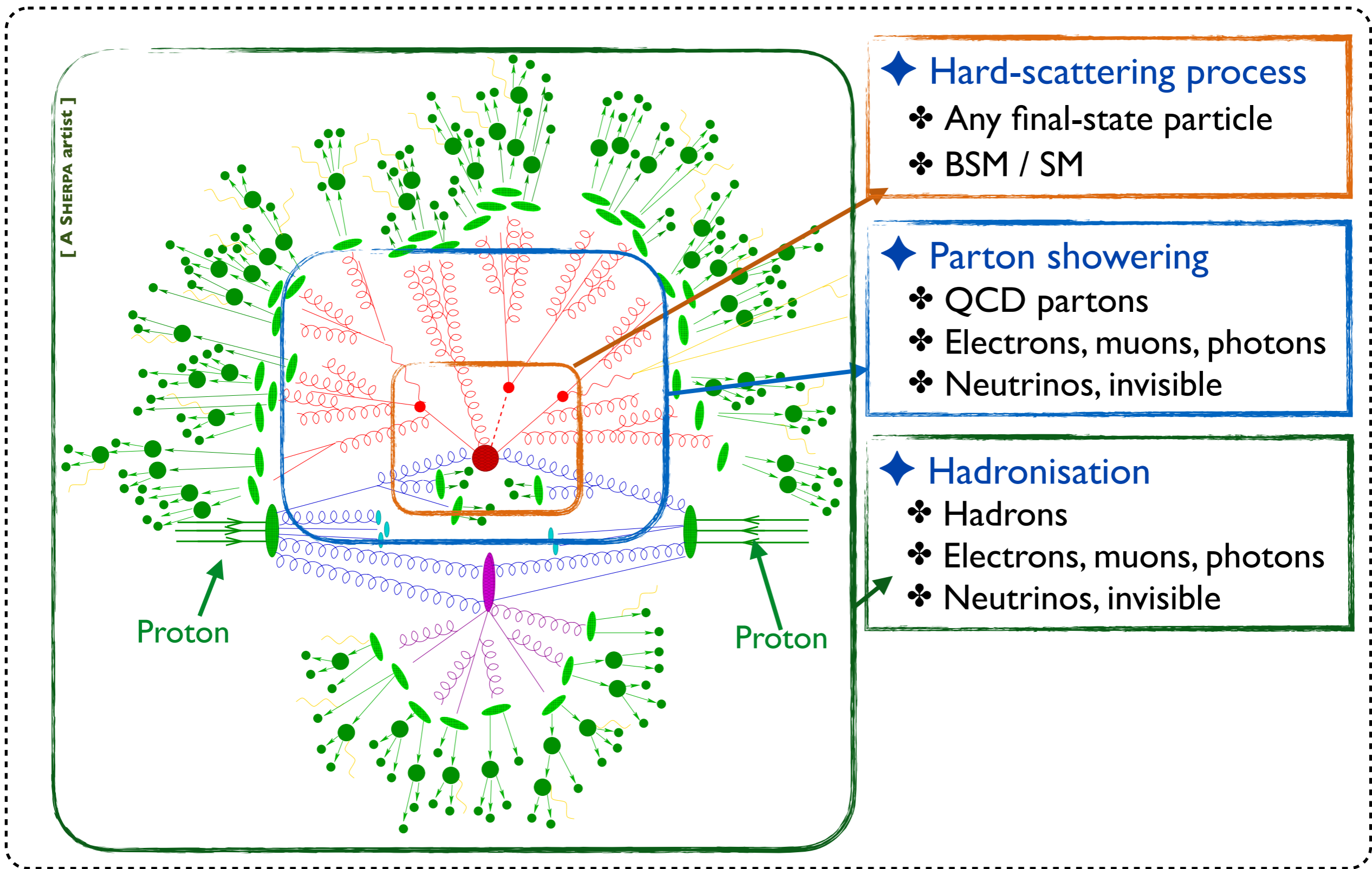


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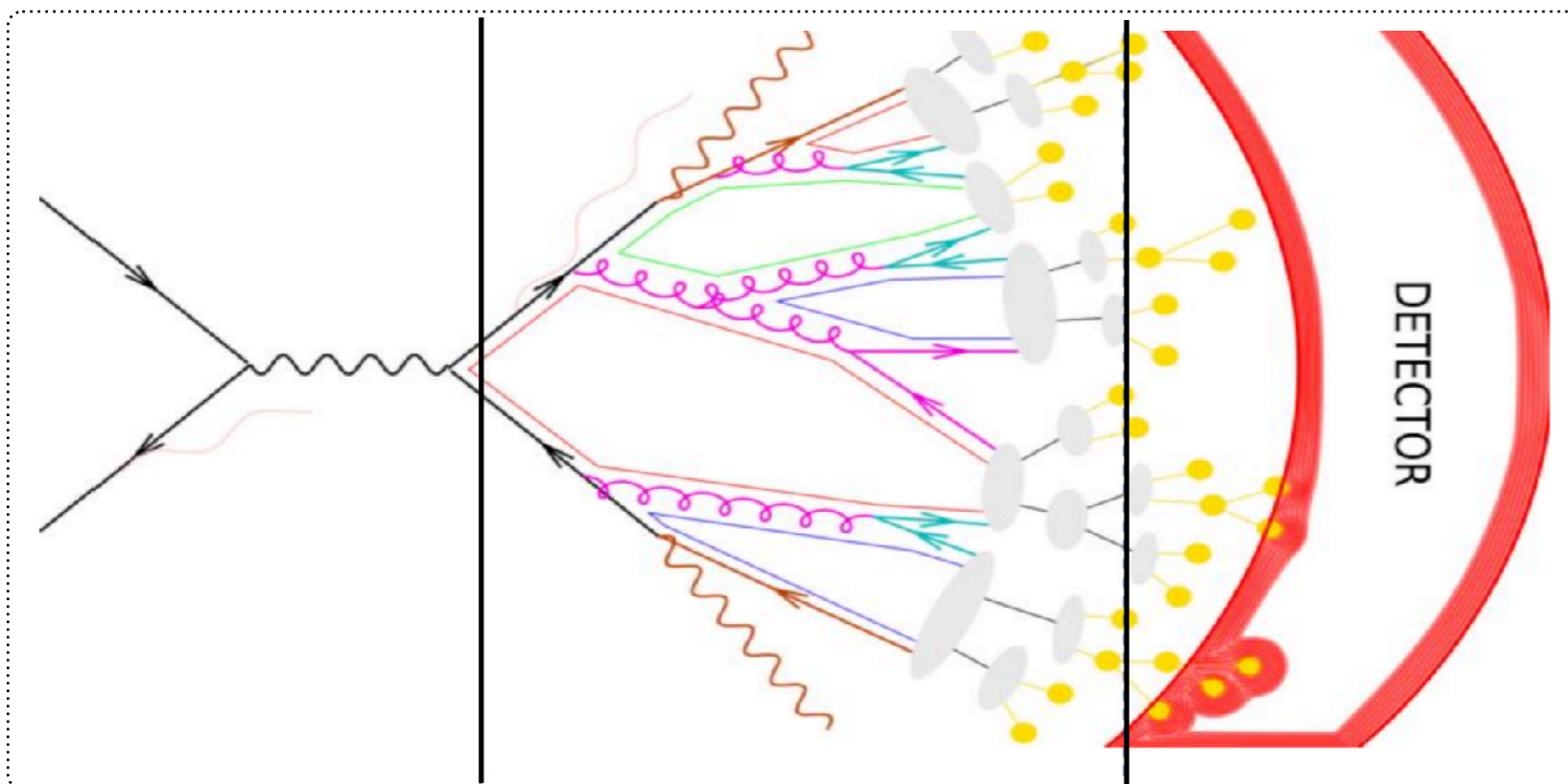


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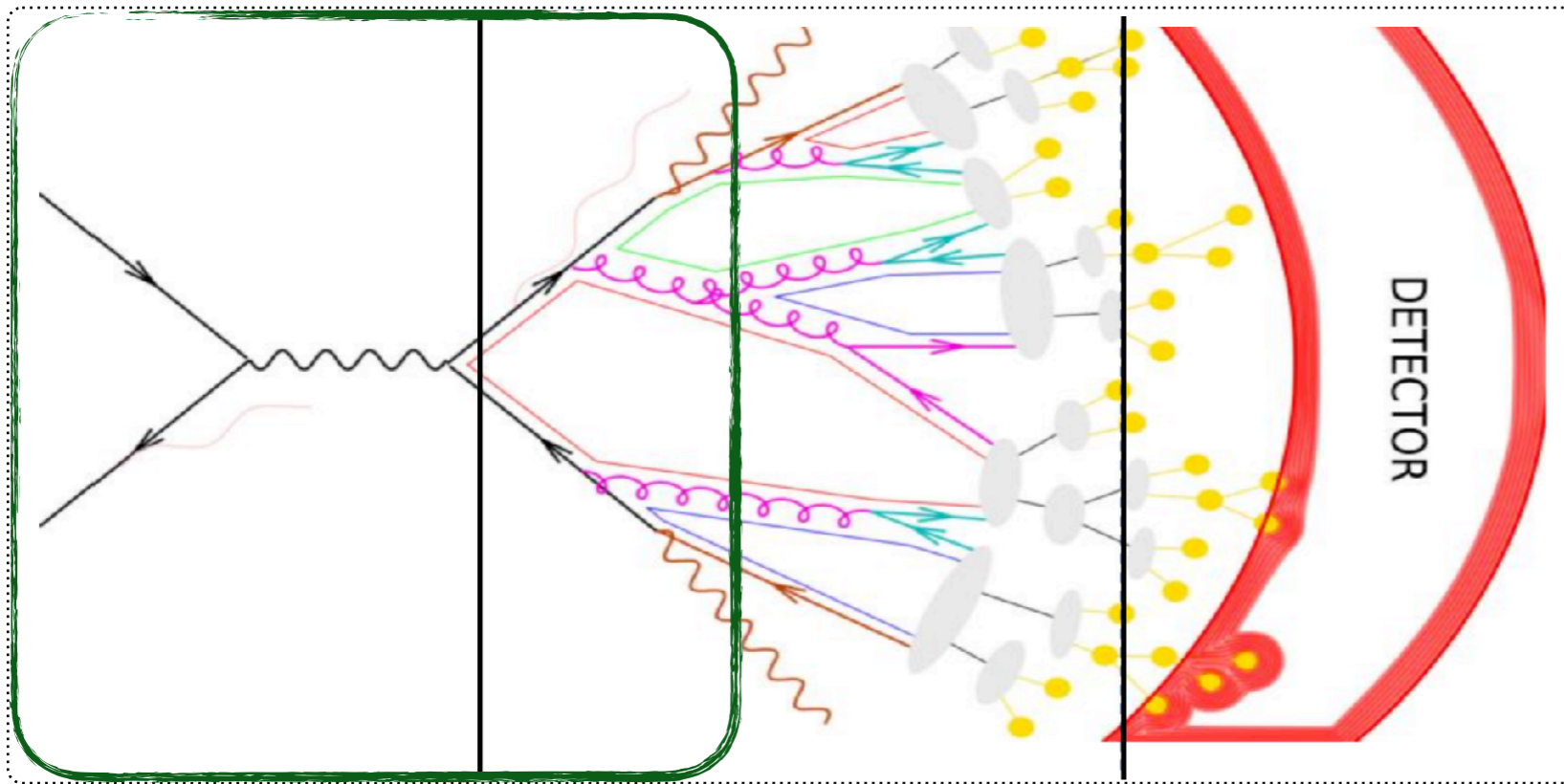
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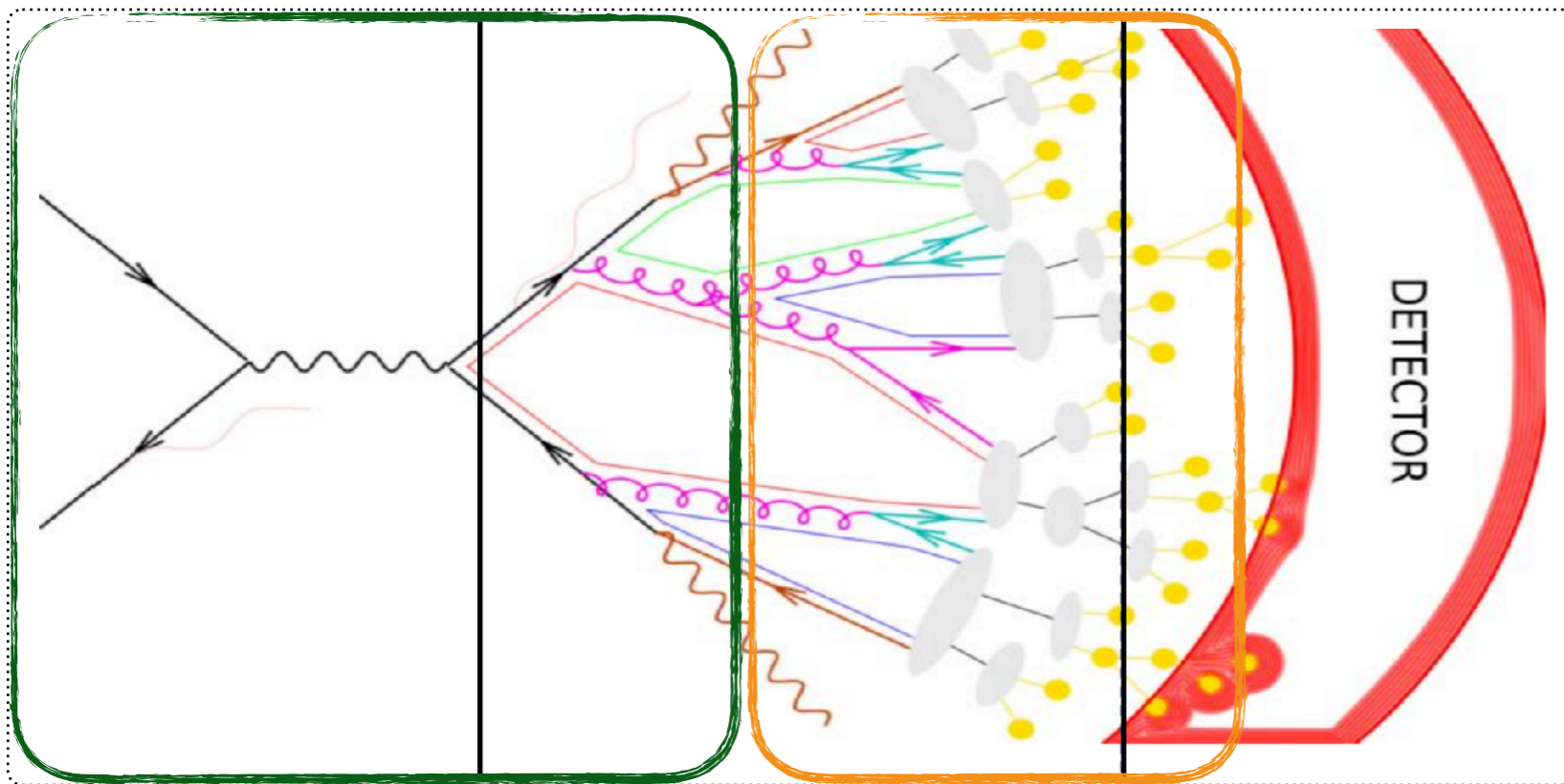
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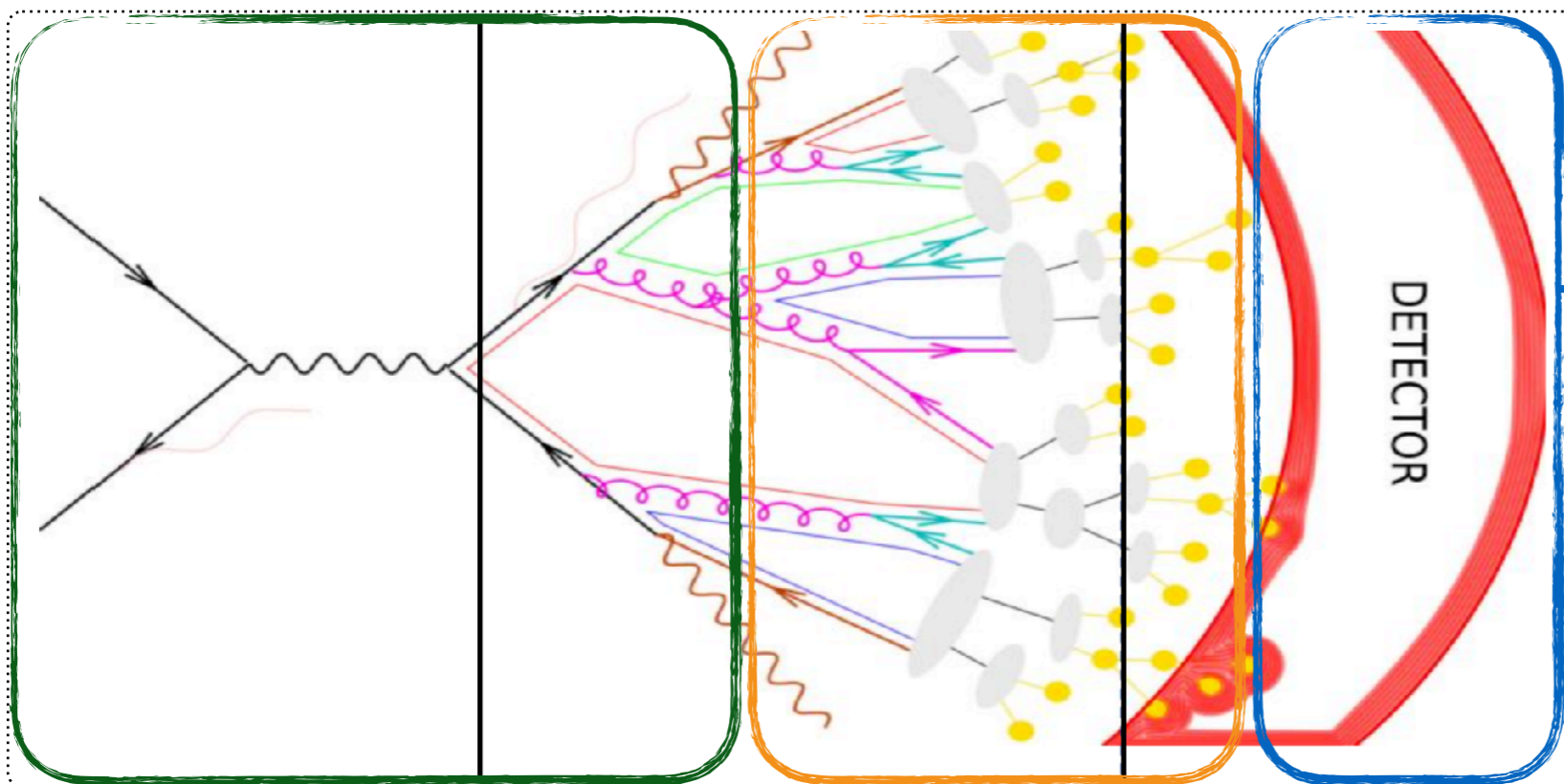
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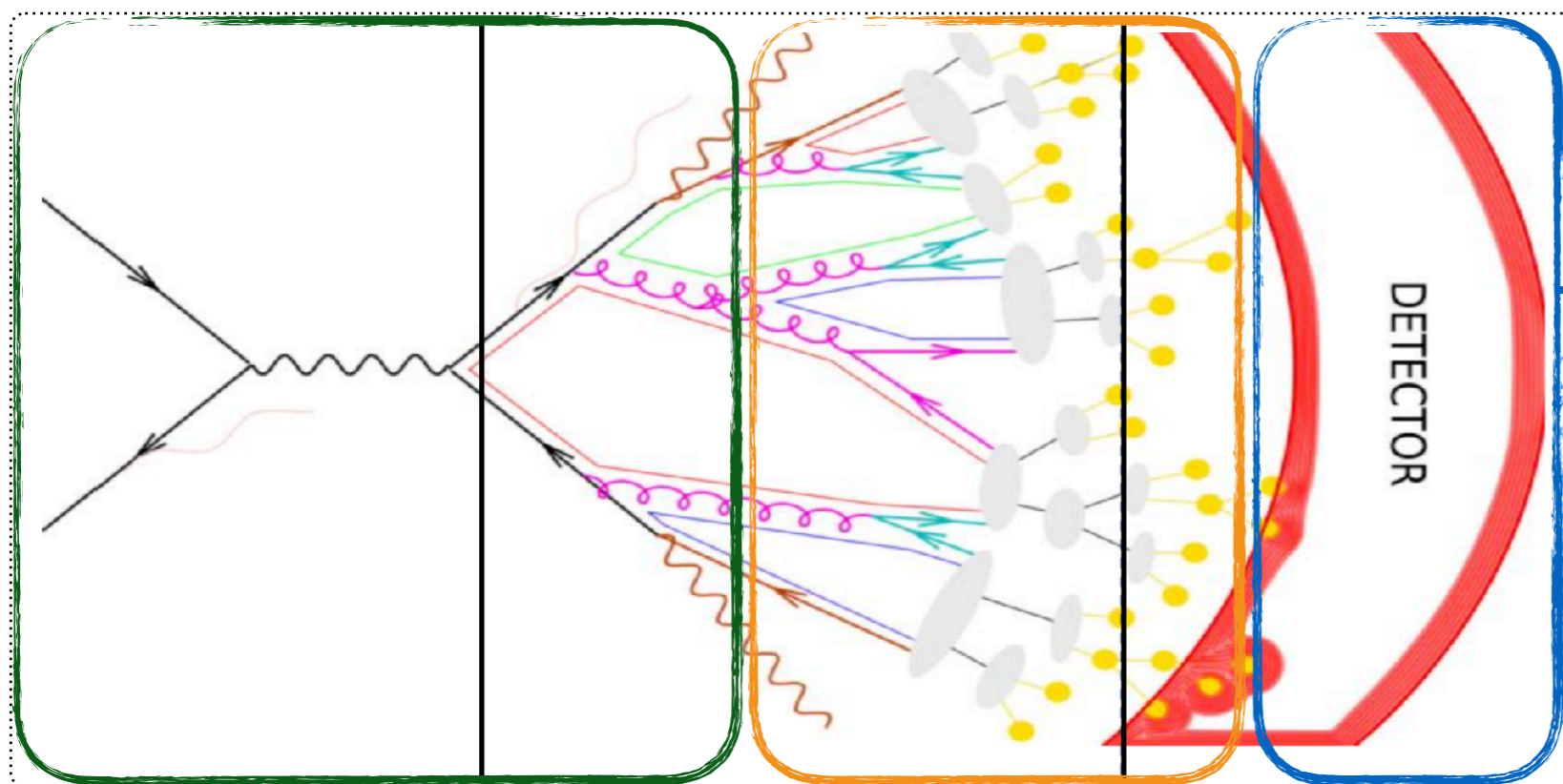
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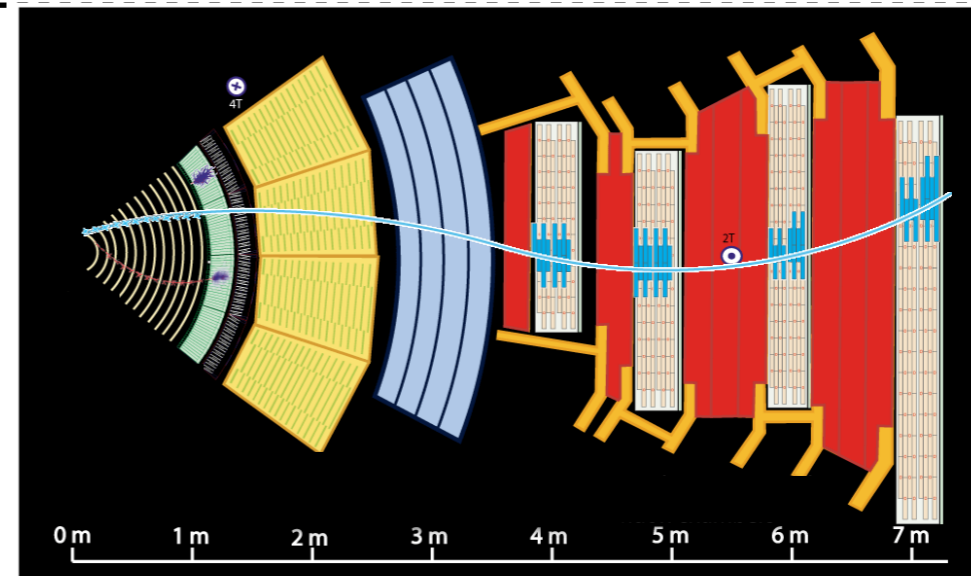
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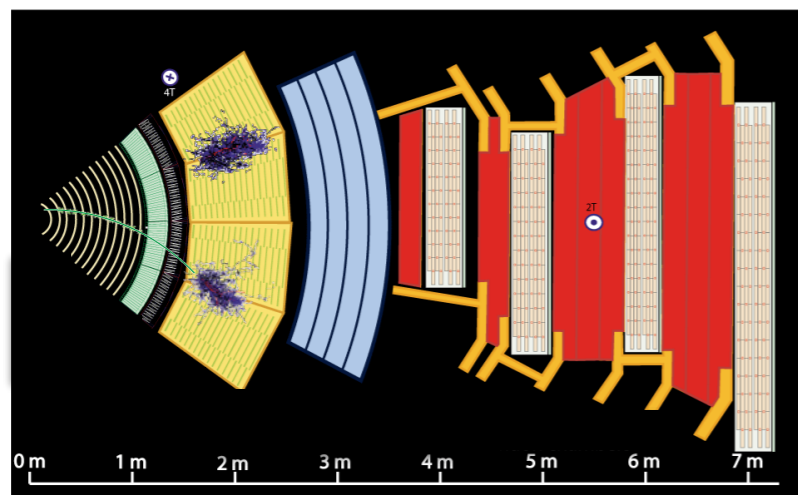
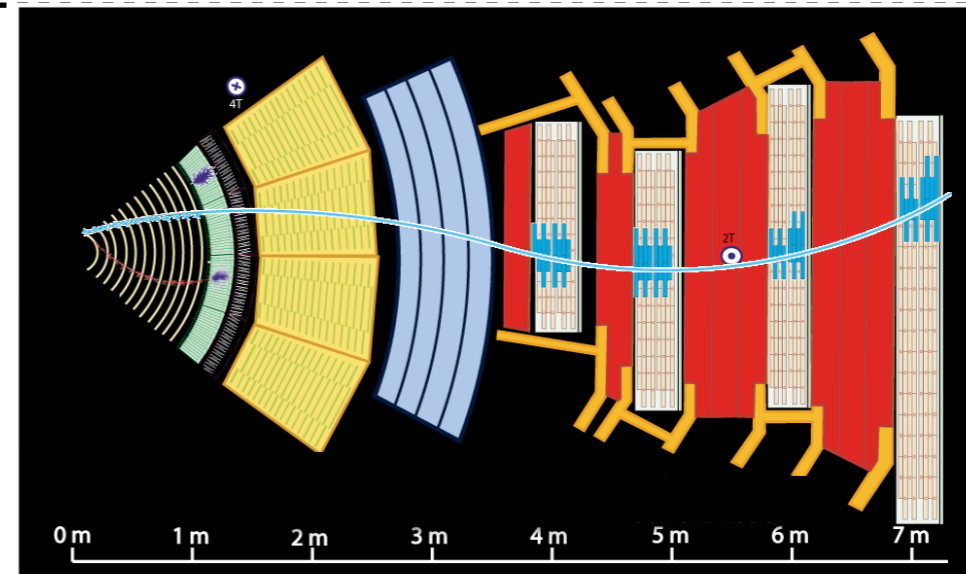
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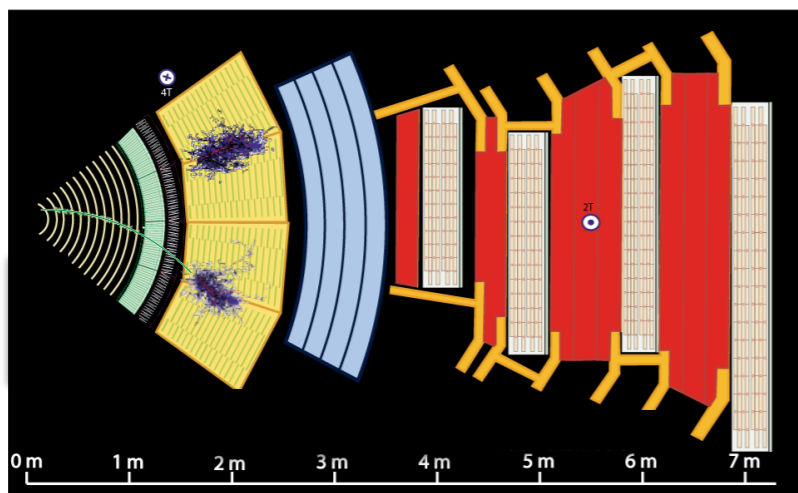
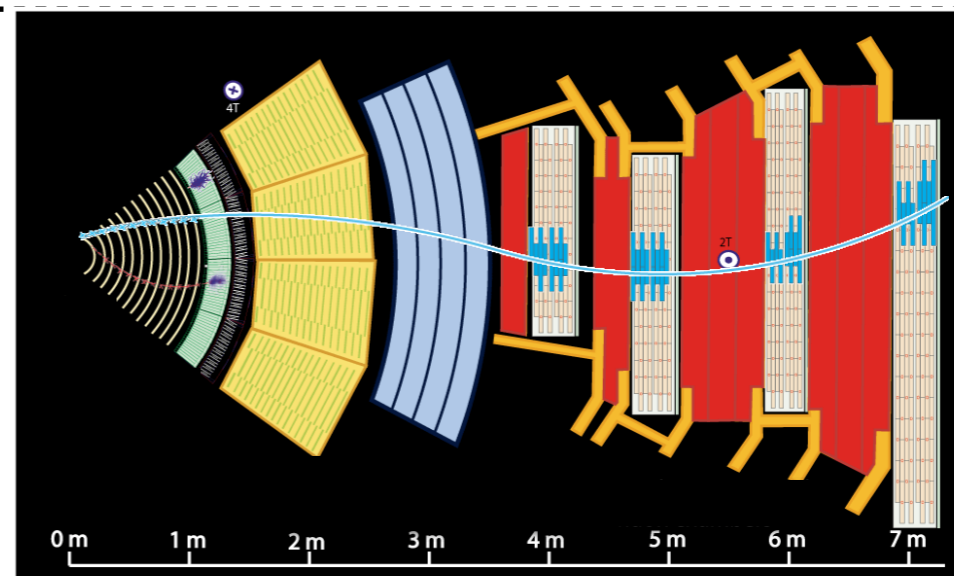
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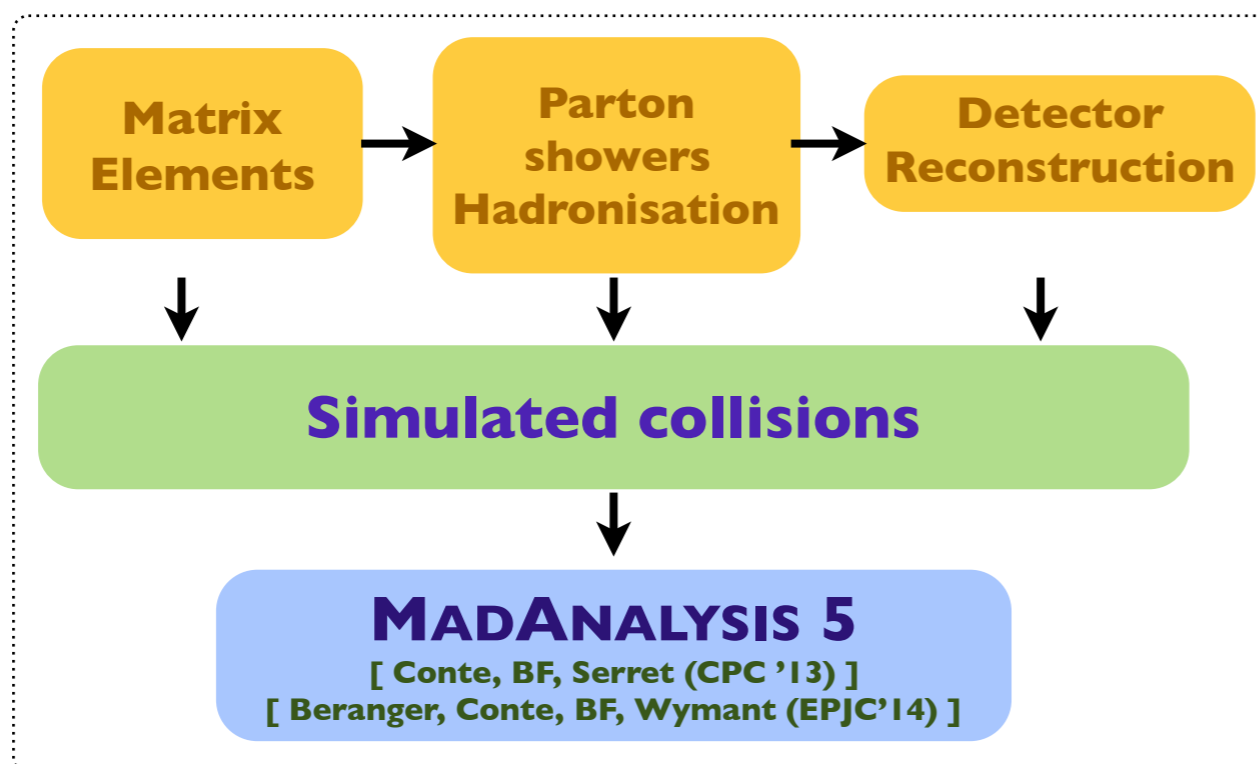
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- ❖ Collider physics made easy
- ❖ Intuitive commands  
 $\rightarrow$  **PYTHON** interface
- ❖ Analysis **behind the scenes**  
 $\rightarrow$  C++ black box
- ❖ **Human readable output**

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## ◆ NLO cross sections (LO generation, NLO normalisation)

- ❖ Top-antitop pairs  $\approx 33$  pb
- ❖ WW  $\approx 4.2$  pb
- ❖ ZZ  $\approx 0.3$  pb

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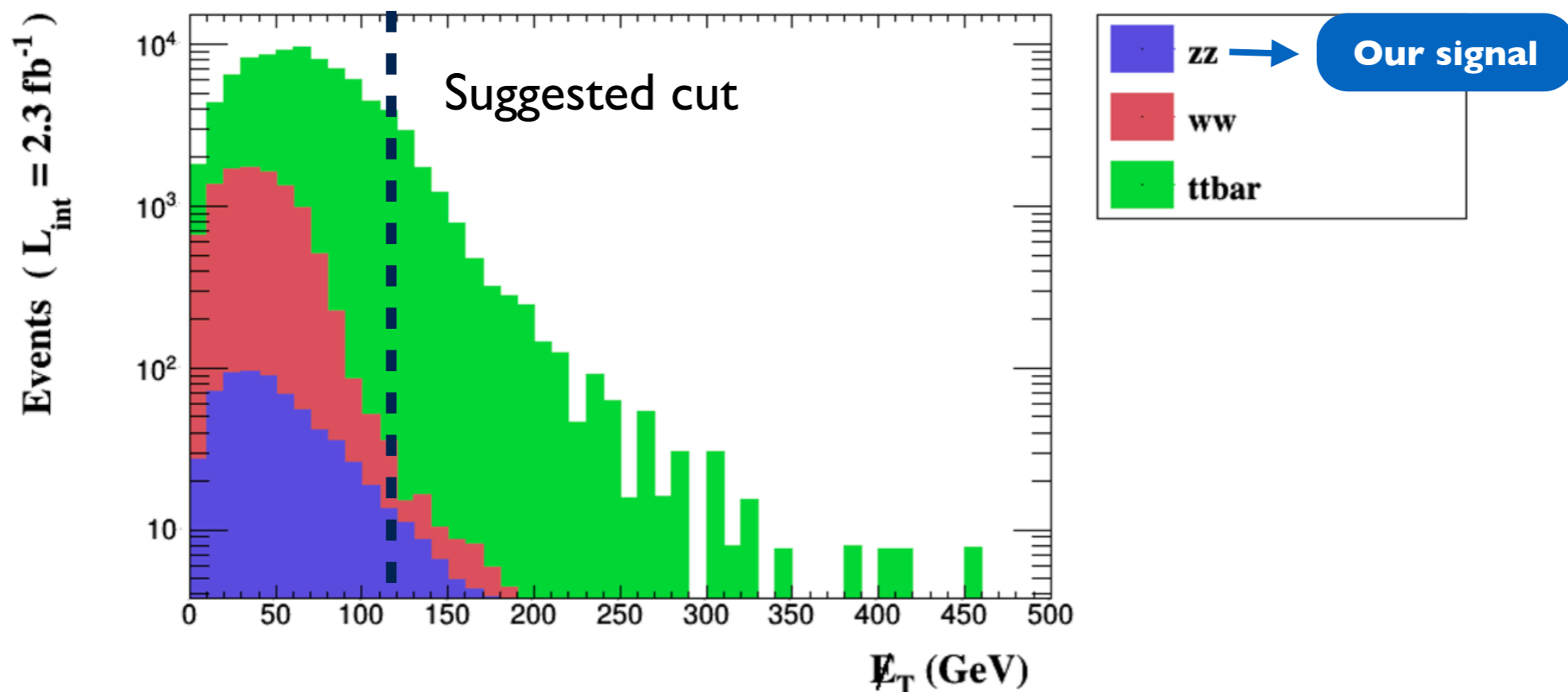
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# Some example: missing energy

## ◆ Missing energy distribution



## ◆ Statistics information for each histogram

Dataset	Integral	Entries / events	Mean	RMS	%Underflow	%Overflow
zz	690	1.0	57.9969	47.37	0.0	0.05
ww	9660	1.0	39.7918	21.81	0.0	0.0
ttbar	75899	1.0	73.7078	39.9	0.0	0.0

# Selection cut

## ◆ Implementing the missing energy cut

$$\cancel{E}_T < 125 \text{ GeV}$$

### How to choose a cut?

- ★ Large signal efficiency
- ★ Small background efficiencies

Dataset	Events kept: K	Rejected events: R	Efficiency: K / (K + R)	Cumul. efficiency: K / Initial
zz	640.80 +/- 6.76	49.20 +/- 6.76	0.9287 +/- 0.0098	0.9287 +/- 0.0098
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## ◆ Signal vs background evolution

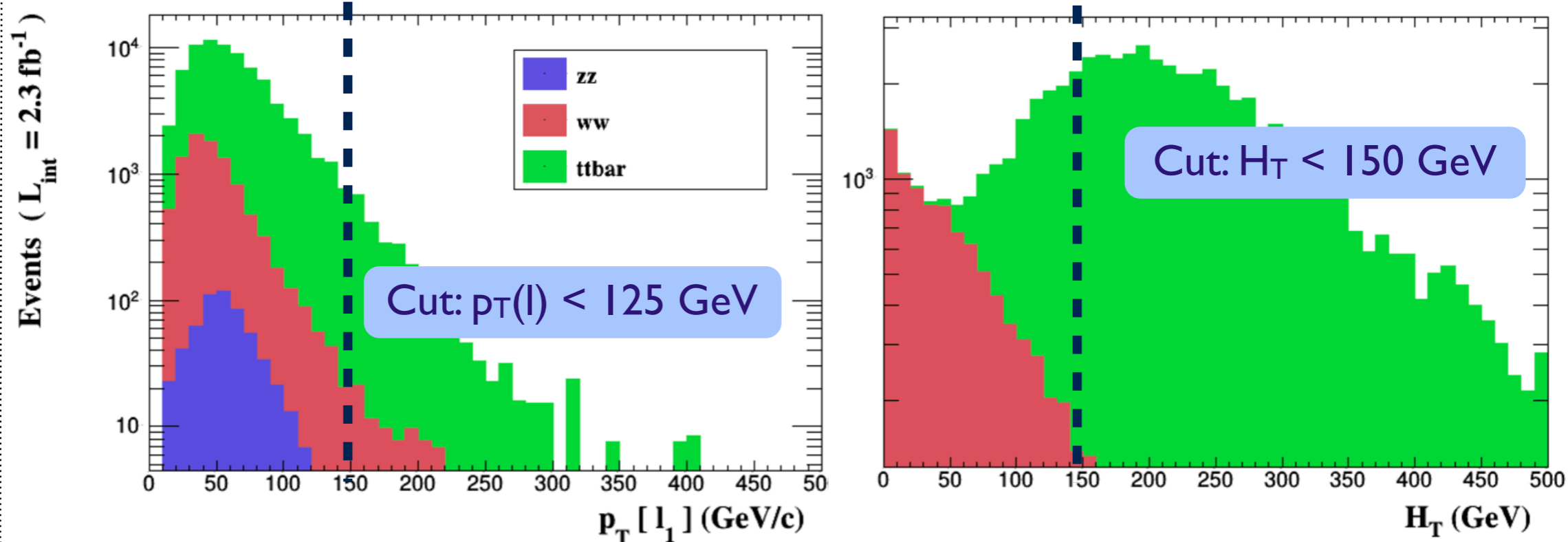
### Cut-flow chart

- How to compare signal (S) and background (B):  $S/\sqrt{S+B}$ .

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Initial (no cut)	690	85559	2.35
Cut 6	640.80 +/- 6.76	78460.1 +/- 80.3	2.278 +/- 0.024

# Other examples for cuts

## ◆ $p_T$ of the leading lepton / total hadronic activity



❖  $H_T$  distribution: the signal is hidden (cf. y-axis range), but at low  $H_T$

## ◆ Cutflow chart after a few cuts

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Cut 7	611.39 +/- 8.35	65997 +/- 121	2.3689 +/- 0.0323
Cut 8	562.3 +/- 10.2	18996 +/- 102	4.0209 +/- 0.0727

# Designing an LHC analysis

## ◆ Defining selection cuts

- ❖ Barely affecting the signal
- ❖ Reducing the background

## ◆ Not excluded signals are hiding in corners of the parameter space

- ❖ Overwhelming background
- ❖ Use of complex variables (e.g. transverse variables, razor)
- ❖ Machine learning



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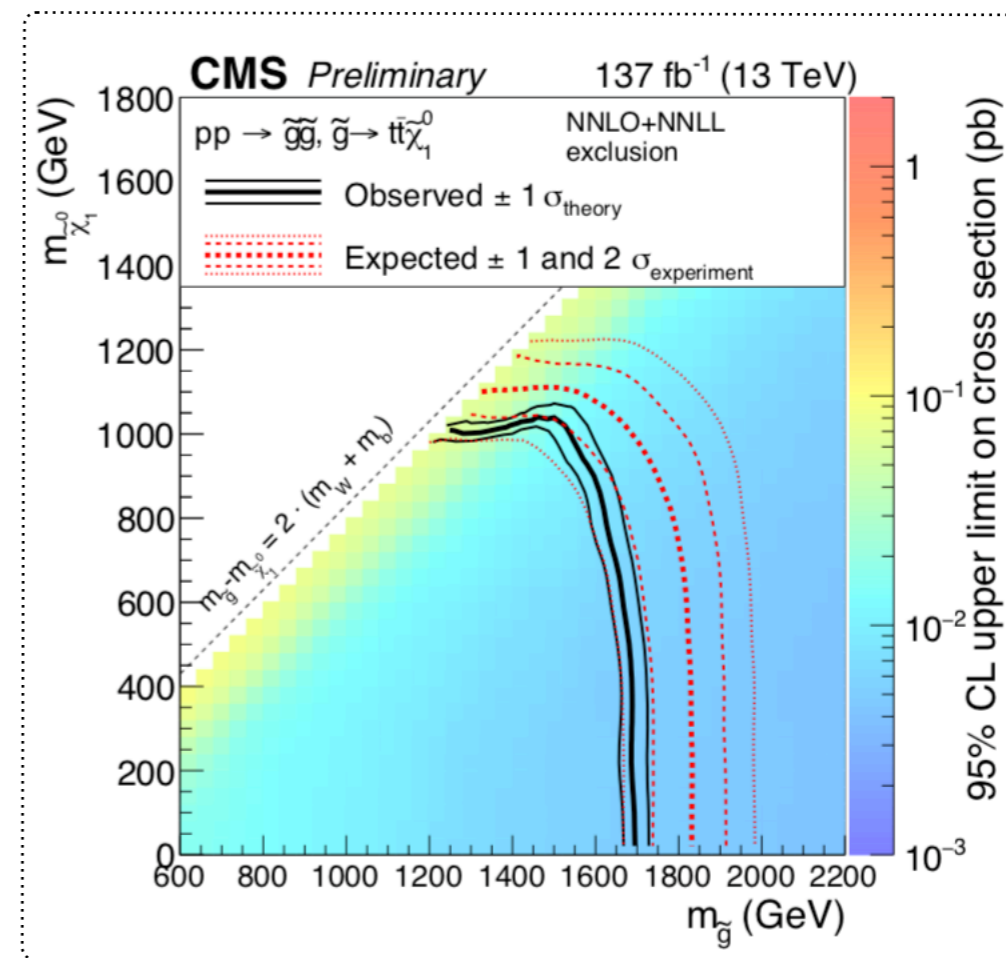
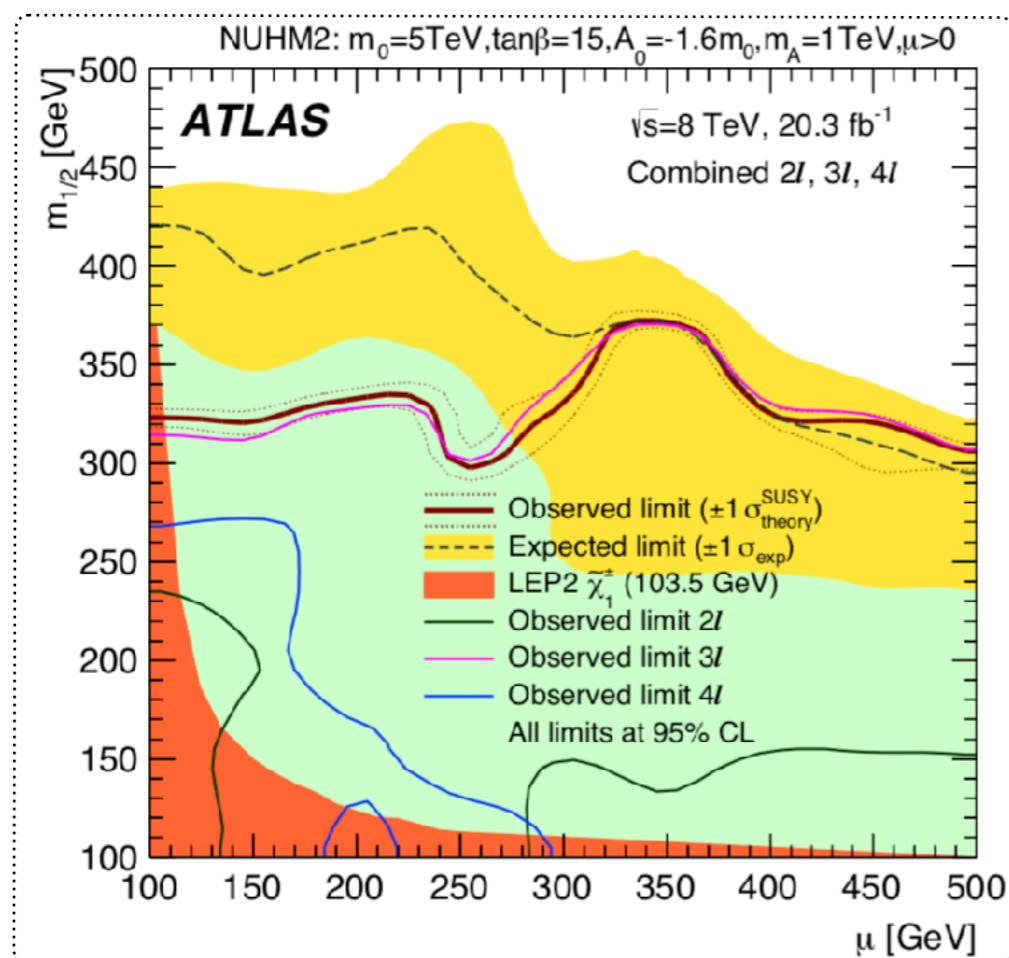
# Reinterpreting the LHC results

- ◆ Exploit the full potential of the LHC (for new physics)
  - ♣ Designing new analyses → probing new ideas Prospectives (based on MC simulations)
  - ♣ Recasting LHC analyses → studying new models The LHC legacy
- ◆ Data preservation in high-energy physics is mandatory
  - ♣ Going beyond raw data → **analyses**
- ◆ Related tools need to be supported by the entire community [ Kraml et al. (EPJC'12) ]
  - ♣ Both **theorists and experimentalists**

# New physics results at the LHC

## ◆ LHC $\equiv$ discovery machine

- ♣ Many ATLAS and CMS searches for new physics
- ♣ Interpretation within popular frameworks and simplified models (SMS)



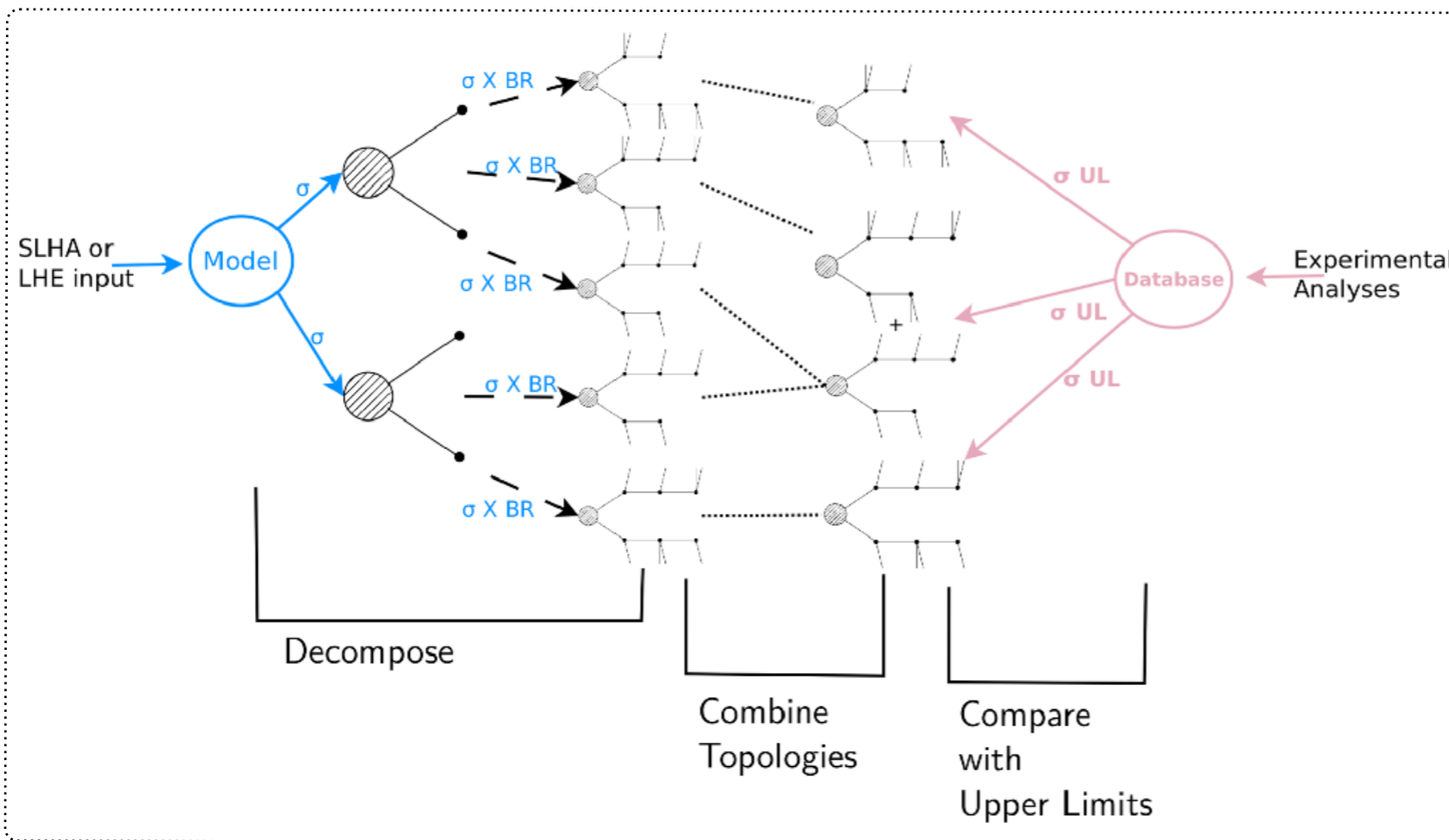
## ◆ Need for reinterpretations in all kinds of models

# Simplified Model Spectra (SMS)

## ◆ The SMS-based reinterpretation framework

- ❖ Decomposition of all signatures of a theory into SMS signatures
- ❖ Fiducial cross sections are calculated on the basis of public **efficiency maps**
- ❖ **Comparisons to published upper bounds are made**

## ◆ Main features



- ❖ **Extremely fast**
- ❖ **Low accuracy**
- ★ Different kinematics
- ★ Asymmetric decays

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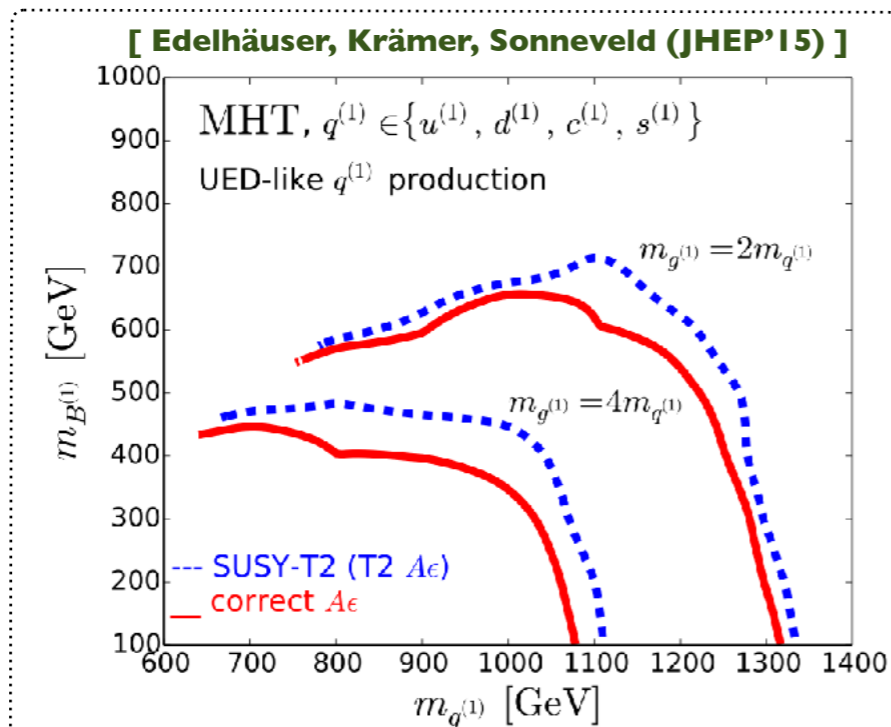
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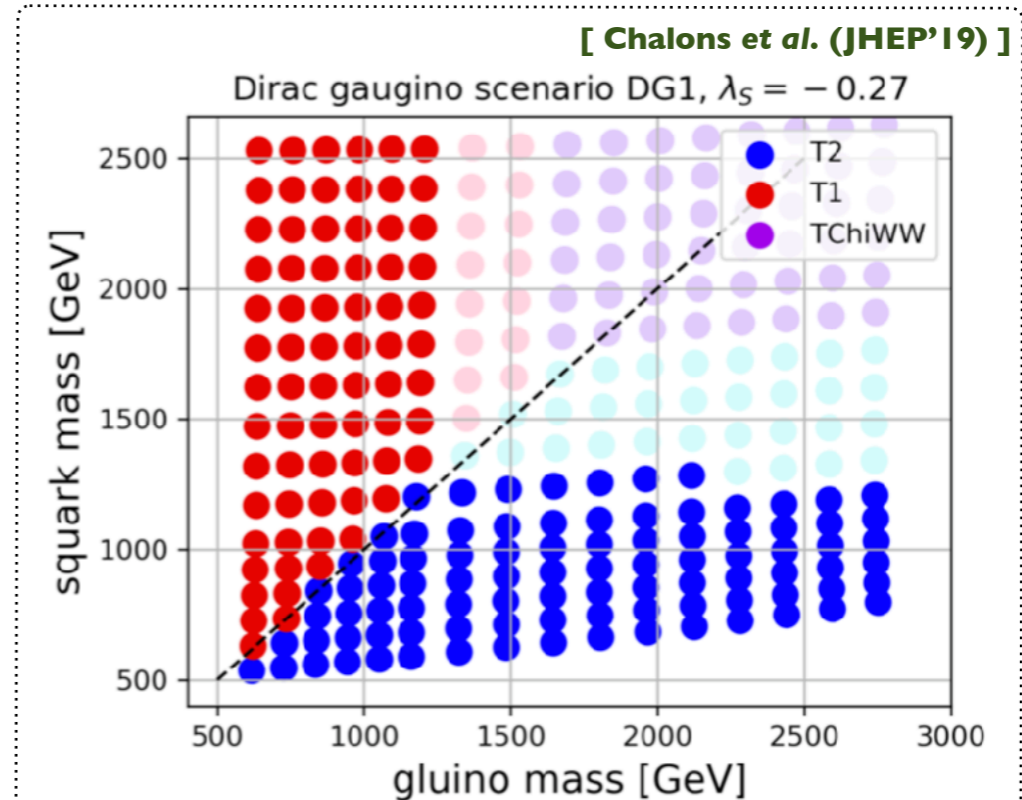
[ Papucci, Sakurai, Weiler & Zeune (EPJC'14) ]

[ Barducci et al. (CPC'15) ]

## Examples



Limitations (using SMOBELS):  
SUSY versus UED



Dirac gauginos with SMOBELS

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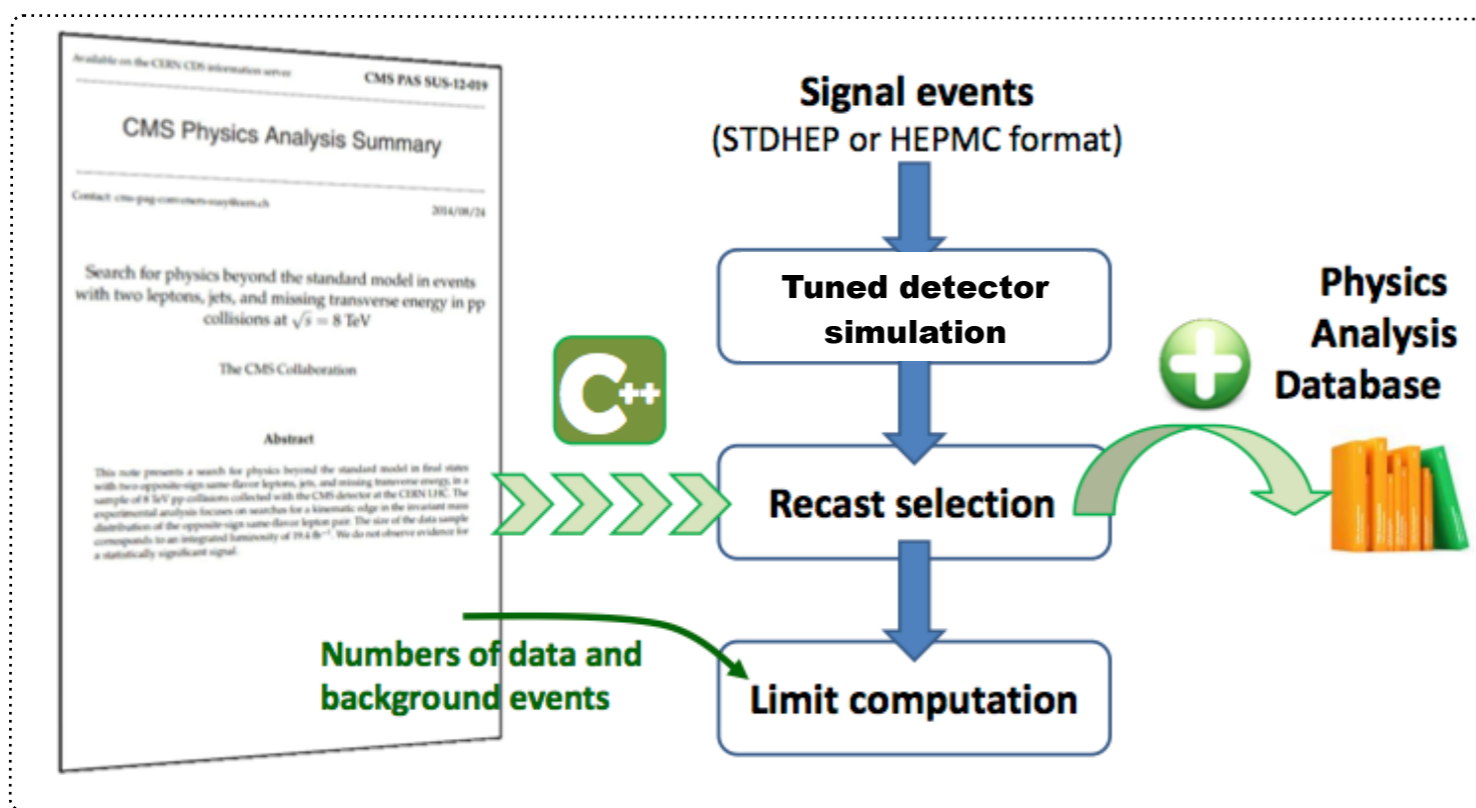
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## ◆ Another recasting strategy




## ❖ 2 options for detector effects

- ★ DELPHES 3 / PGS (resolutions, efficiencies, etc.)
- ★ RIVET / MADANALYSIS 5 (transfer functions)

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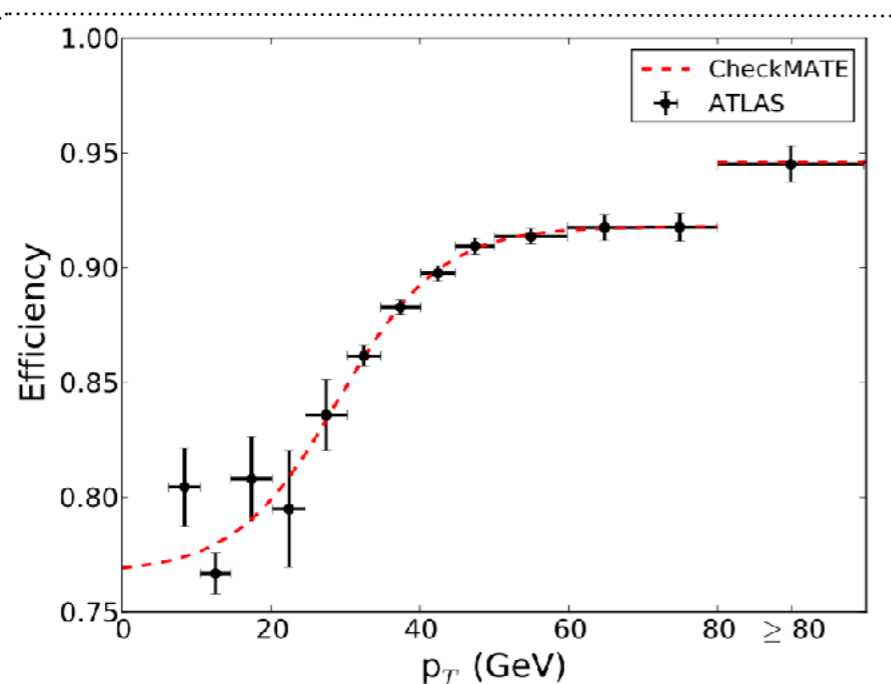
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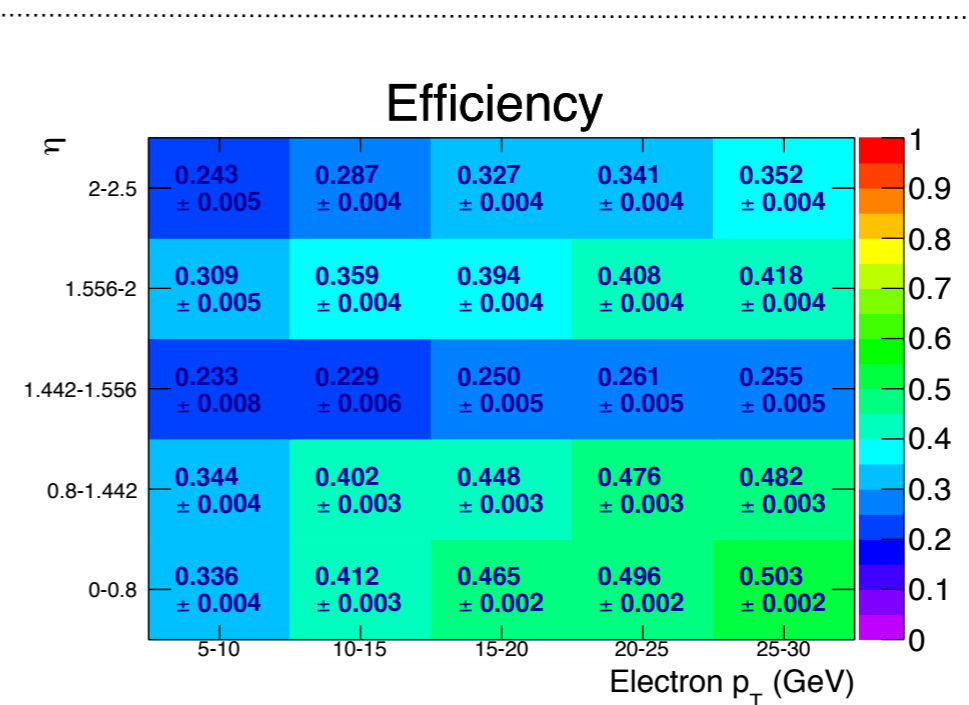
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Medium electron efficiency  
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Soft electron efficiency in  
MADANALYSIS 5 (SFS) and RIVET

# Current existing public programs

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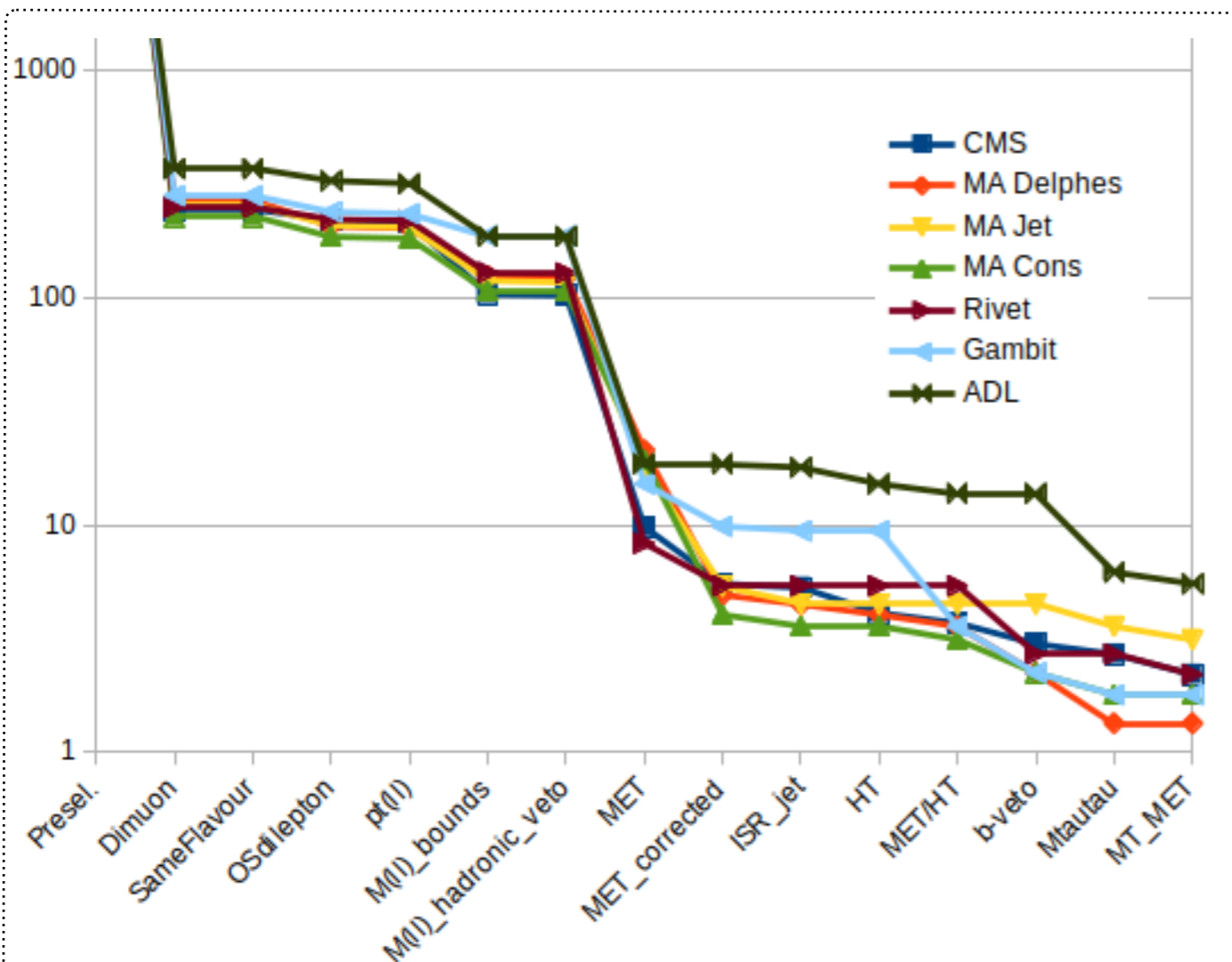
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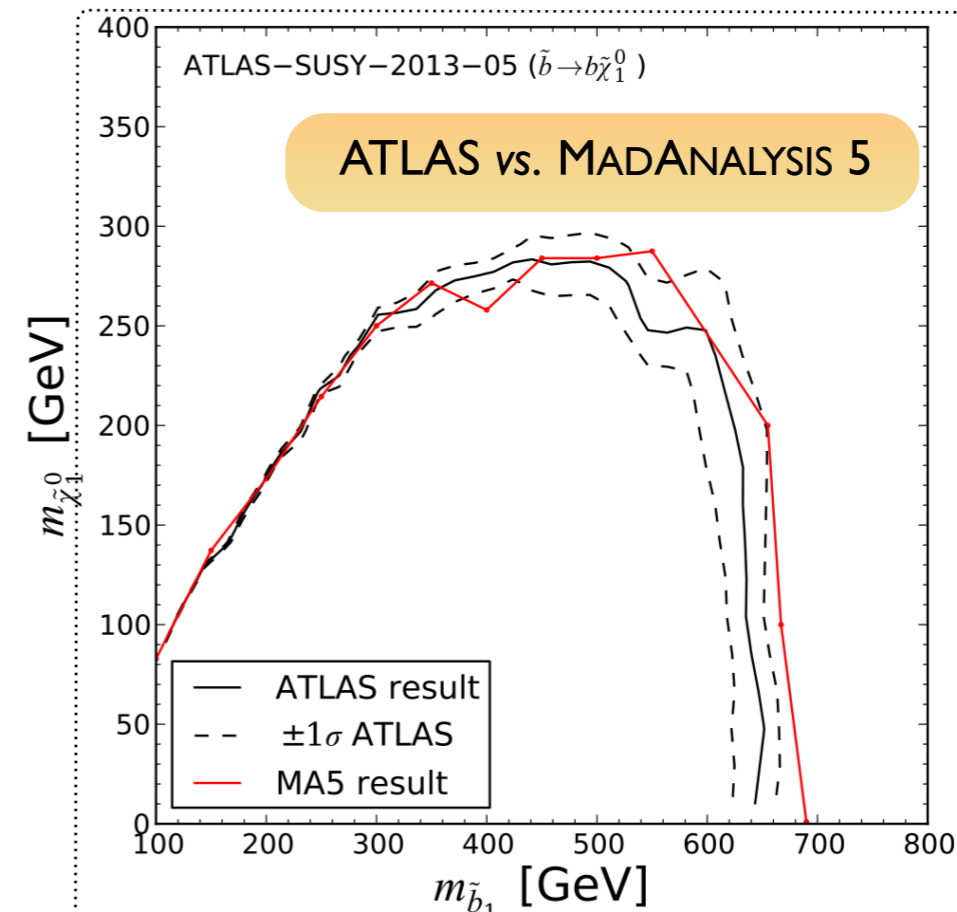
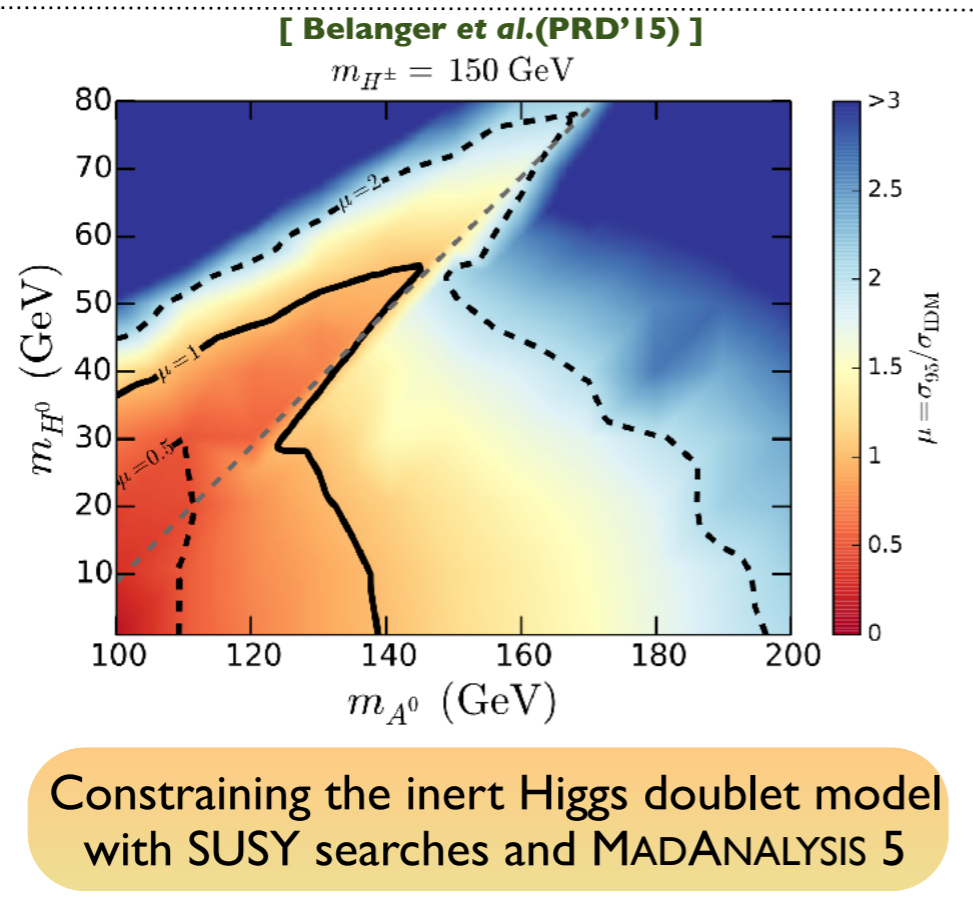


## ◆ Example: LH 2019

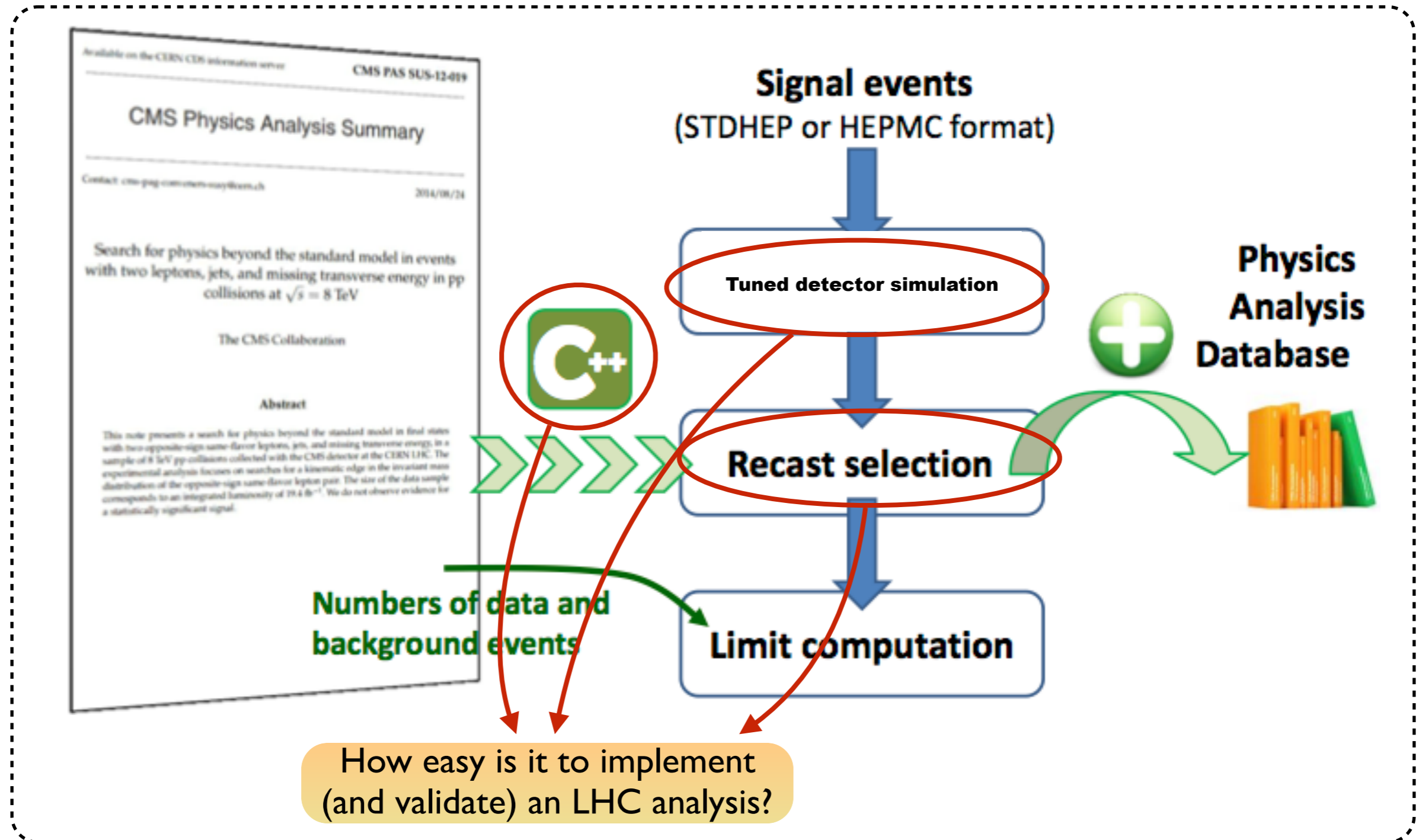
- ♣ CMS-SUS-16-048
- ♣ SUSY with soft leptons  
→ sleptons/ewkinos
- ♣ Reasonable agreement with CMS

Crucial to have different frameworks  
(transfer functions work better)

# More examples



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## ◆ Getting accurate information for a proper validation

- ❖ **Efficiencies** (trigger, electrons, muons,  $b$ -tagging, JES, etc.)
  - ★ Including  $p_T$  and/or  $\eta$  dependence
- ❖ Detailed **cutflows** for some well-defined **benchmark** scenarios
  - ★ Region per region information
  - ★ Exact definition of the benchmarks (spectra)
  - ★ Event generation information (cards, tunes, etc.)
- ❖ **Digitised histograms** (e.g. on HEPDATA)

! Essential  
✗ Often difficult!

Discussions with  
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# Implementing a new analysis

## ◆ Picking up an experimental publication

- ❖ Reading
- ❖ Understanding

✓ Relatively easy

## ◆ Writing the analysis code in the tool internal language

✓ Relatively easy

## ◆ Getting accurate information for a proper validation

- ❖ **Efficiencies** (trigger, electrons, muons,  $b$ -tagging, JES, etc.)
  - ★ Including  $p_T$  and/or  $\eta$  dependence
- ❖ Detailed **cutflows** for some well-defined **benchmark** scenarios
  - ★ Region per region information
  - ★ Exact definition of the benchmarks (spectra)
  - ★ Event generation information (cards, tunes, etc.)
- ❖ **Digitised histograms** (e.g. on HEPDATA)

! Essential  
 ✗ Often difficult!

Discussions with  
 experimentalists

## ◆ Comparing theory tools and real life

# Example: CMS-SUS-17-001 in MADANALYSIS 5

[ Bein, Choi, BF, Jeong, Kang, Li & Sonneveld ('18) ]

## ◆ CMS search for dark matter in the $t\bar{t}$ + MET channel

- ✦ Dileptonic final state
- ✦ Cutflows and Monte Carlo information for given benchmarks

## ◆ Validation at a very good level, cut by cut

Cut	$(m_{\tilde{t}}, m_{\tilde{\chi}}) = (750, 1)$ GeV		$(m_{\tilde{t}}, m_{\tilde{\chi}}) = (600, 300)$ GeV	
	CMS	MA5	CMS	MA5
$n(\text{OS } \mu \text{ or } e) = 2$	-	-	-	-
$m_{\ell\ell} > 20$ GeV	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.97
$ m_Z - m_{\ell\ell}  > 15$ GeV	0.95	0.94)	0.89	0.89
$N_j \geq 2$	0.87	0.93)	0.85	0.89
$N_b \geq 1$	0.73	0.84)	0.83	0.83
$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 80$ GeV	0.94	0.95	0.89	0.88
$S > 5$ GeV <sup>1/2</sup>	0.98	0.92	0.96	0.91
$c_1 < 0.80$	0.9	0.97	0.92	0.97
$c_2 < 0.96$	1.0	0.96	1.0	0.94
$M_{T2}(\ell_1\ell_2) > 140$ GeV	0.49	0.42	0.17	0.16
All cuts	0.24	0.25	0.083	0.075

# MADANALYSIS 5 analyses on INSPIRE

- ◆ Re-implementations can be uploaded on INSPIRE
- ♣ DOI are assigned → citations, INSPIRE searches, etc.

Information Citations (2) Files Files are versioned, can be downloaded

### Madanalysis5 implementation of CMS-SUS-17-001

Bein, Samuel; Choi, Soo-Min; Fuks, Benjamin; Jeong, Soomin; Kang, Dong Woo; Li, Jinmian; Sonneveld, Jory

**Description: Cite as:** Bein, S., Choi, S.-M., Fuks, B., Jeong, S., Kang, D. W., Li, J. & Sonneveld, J. (2018). Madanalysis5 implementation of CMS-SUS-17-001 code. doi: [10.7484/INSPIREHEP.DATA.MMM1.876Z](https://doi.org/10.7484/INSPIREHEP.DATA.MMM1.876Z)

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DOI and citations

# The Public Analysis Database of MADANALYSIS

◆ A database with MADANALYSIS 5 implementations of LHC analyses exists

✿ <http://madanalysis.irmp.ucl.ac.be/wiki/PublicAnalysisDatabase>

CMS analyses, 13 TeV

Analysis	Short Description	Implemented by	Code	Validation note	Version
⇒ <a href="#">CMS-SUS-16-033</a>	Supersymmetry in the multijet plus missing energy channel (35.9 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	F. Ambroggi and J. Sonneveld	⇒ <a href="#">Inspire</a>	⇒ <a href="#">PDF</a>	v1.7/Delphes3
⇒ <a href="#">CMS-SUS-16-039</a>	Electroweakinos in the SS2L, 3L and 4L channels (35.9 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	B. Fuks and S. Mondal	⇒ <a href="#">Inspire</a>	⇒ <a href="#">PDF</a>	v1.7/Delphes3
⇒ <a href="#">CMS-SUS-16-052</a>	SUSY in the 1l + jets channel (36 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	D. Sengupta	⇒ <a href="#">Inspire</a>	⇒ <a href="#">PDF</a>	v1.6/Delphes3
⇒ <a href="#">CMS-SUS-17-001</a>	Stops in the OS dilepton mode (35.9 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	S.-M. Choi, S. Jeong, D.-W. Kang, J. Li et al.	⇒ <a href="#">Inspire</a>	⇒ <a href="#">PDF</a>	v1.6/Delphes3
⇒ <a href="#">CMS-EXO-16-010</a>	Mono-Z-boson (2.3 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	B. Fuks	⇒ <a href="#">Inspire</a>	⇒ <a href="#">PDF</a>	v1.6/Delphes3
⇒ <a href="#">CMS-EXO-16-012</a>	Mono-Higgs (2.3 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	S. Ahn, J. Park, W. Zhang	⇒ <a href="#">Inspire</a>	⇒ <a href="#">PDF</a>	v1.6/Delphes3
⇒ <a href="#">CMS-EXO-16-022</a>	Long-lived leptons (2.6 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	J. Chang	⇒ <a href="#">Inspire</a>	⇒ <a href="#">PDF</a>	v1.6_tracks/Delphes3
⇒ <a href="#">CMS-TOP-17-009</a>	SM four-top analysis (35.9 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	L. Darmé and B. Fuks	⇒ <a href="#">Inspire</a>	⇒ <a href="#">PDF</a>	v1.7/Delphes3

⇒ [Delphes card](#) for CMS-EXO-16-010 and CMS-SUS-17-001  
 ⇒ [Delphes card](#) for CMS-EXO-16-012  
 ⇒ [Delphes card](#) for CMS-SUS-16-039  
 ⇒ [Delphes card](#) for CMS-SUS-16-041  
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Dedicated  
DELPHES cards

Code from INSPIRE

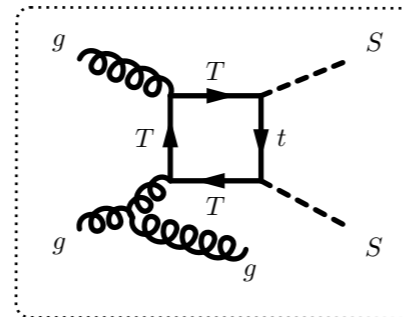
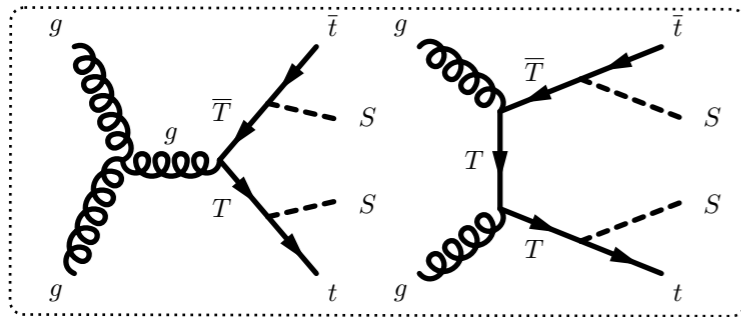
Validation information  
(cutflows, distributions, etc.)

◆ Can be automatically installed within MADANALYSIS 5

# Top-philic scalar dark matter at the LHC

[ Colucci, BF, Giacchino, Lopez Honorez, Tytgat & VandeCasteele (PRD`18) ]

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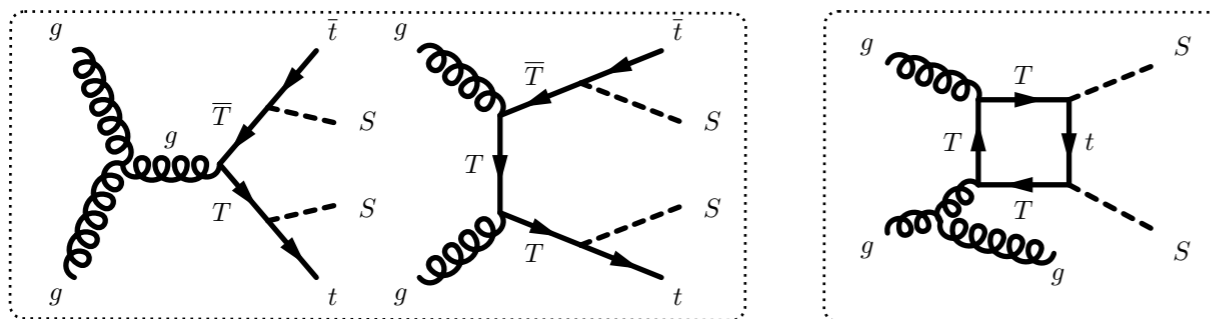
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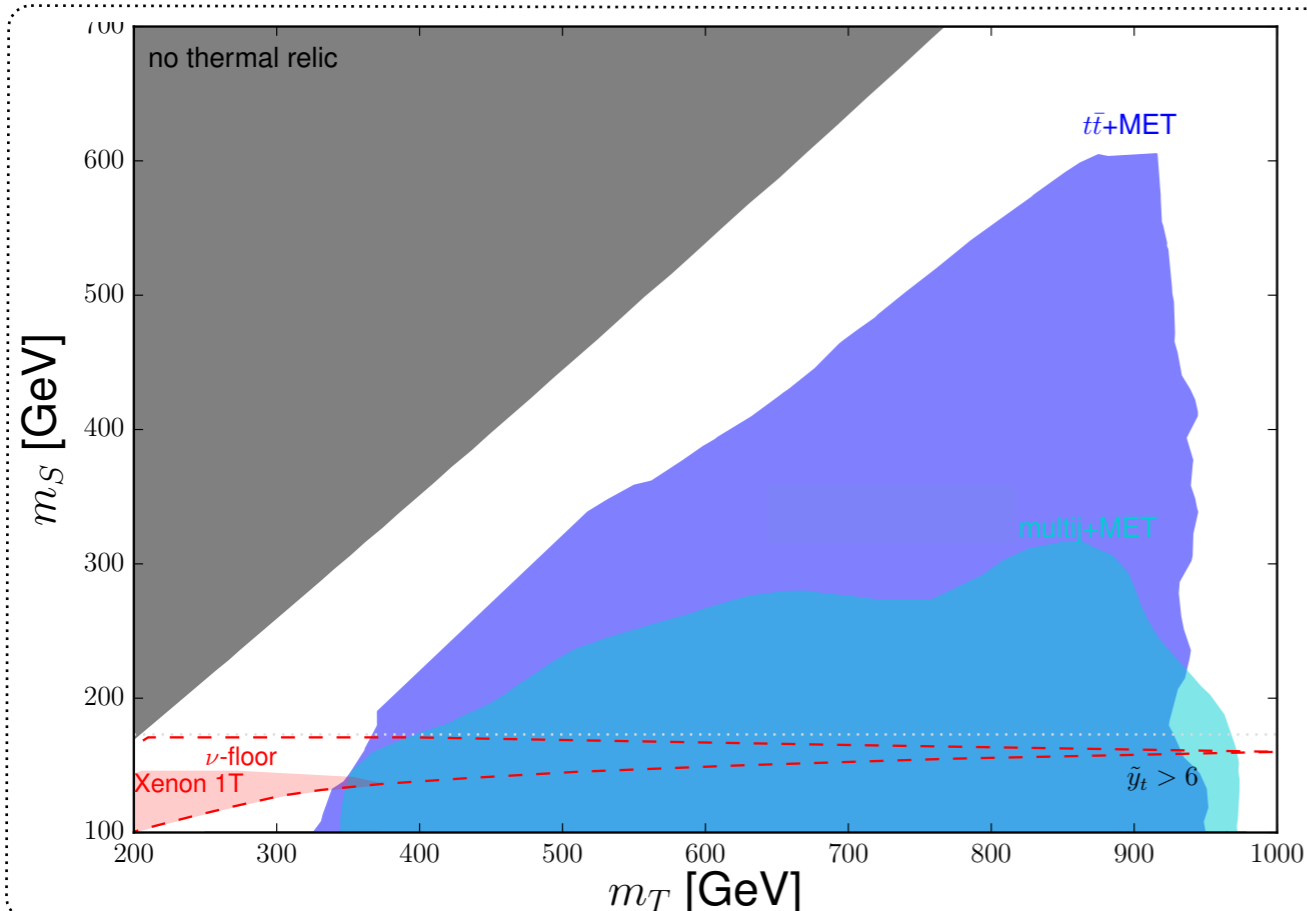
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✦ General features

- ★  $\Gamma_T$  must be larger than  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  (no LLP)
- ★ Bounds independent of the Yukawa  
→ monojet production negligible

✦ Multijet probes

- ★ Monojet-inspired (at least one very hard jet)
- ★ Loss of sensitivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  decay phase space

✦ Top-antitop plus MET

- ★ Well adapted to our topology
- ★ Best constraints (and chance of discovery)

# $t\bar{t}$ +MET constraints on top-philic dark matter

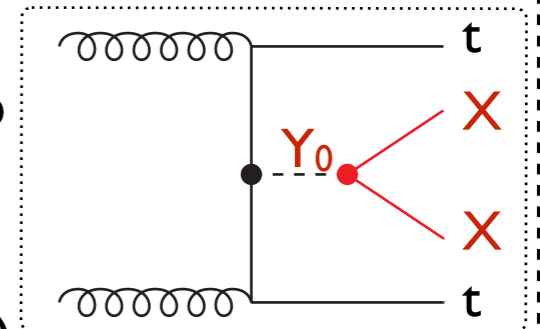
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## ◆ A simplified model for top-philic dark matter

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$$\mathcal{L}_{t,X}^{Y_0} = - \left( g_t \frac{y_t}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{t}t + g_X \bar{X}X \right) Y_0$$

- ♣ **Could be probed with  $t\bar{t}$ +MET events (CMS-B2G-14-004)**





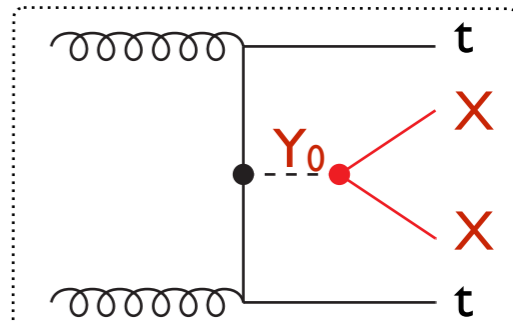
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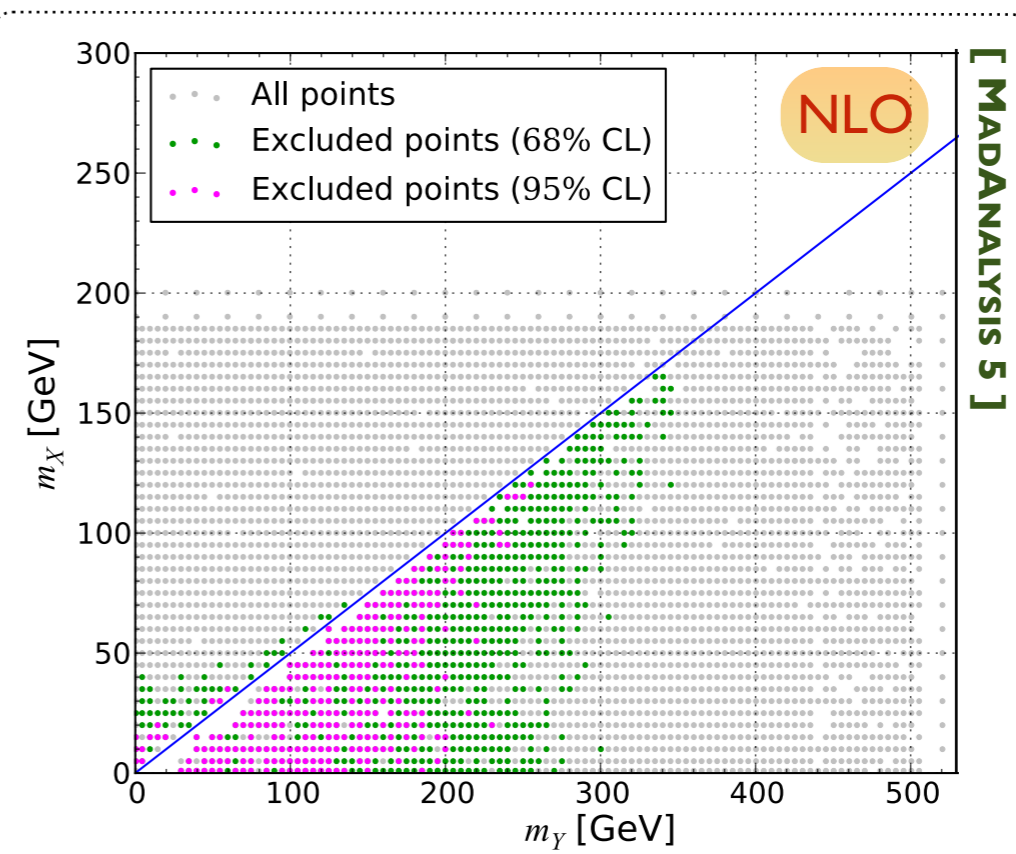
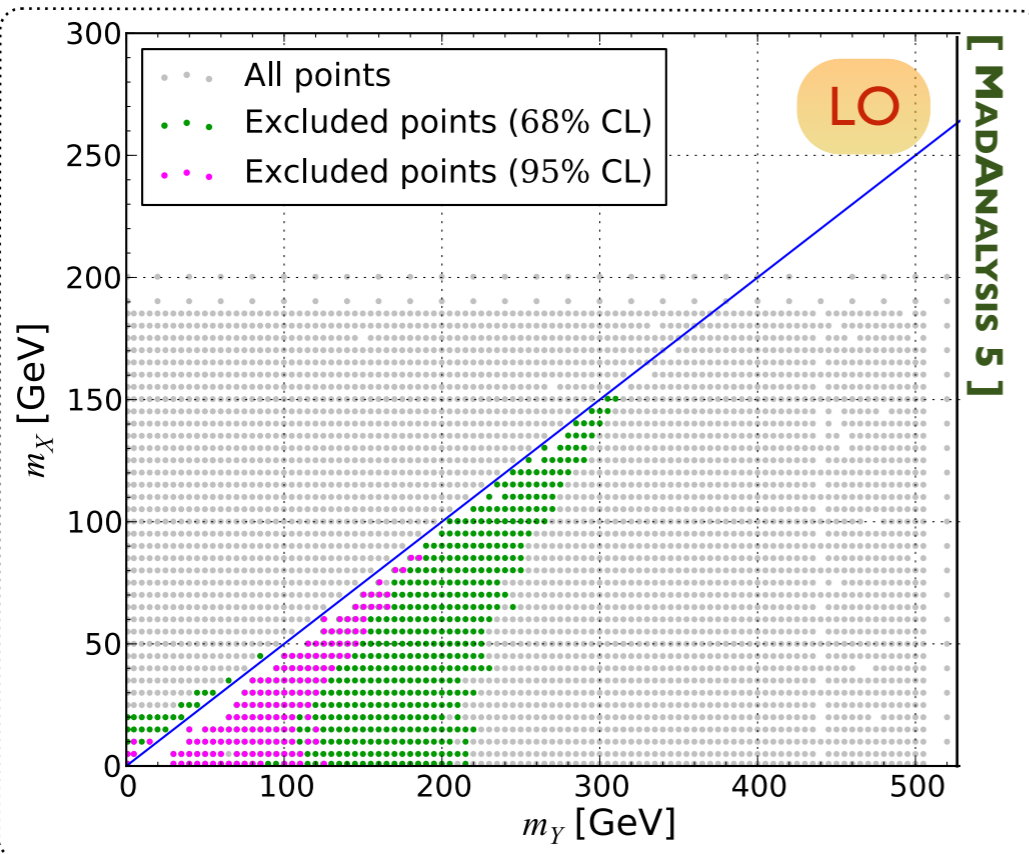
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## ◆ For central scales: mild (but visible) NLO effects on the exclusions



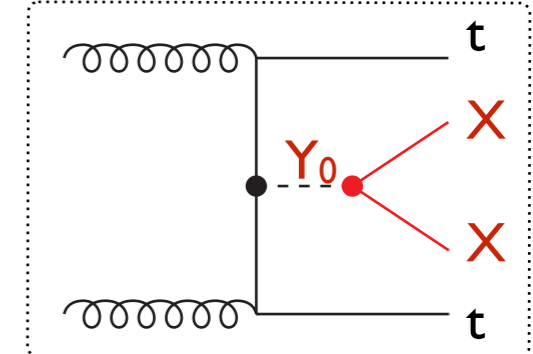
- ♣ How is the picture changing when including scale variations?

# NLO effects on a CLs: top-philic dark matter

[ Arina, Backovic, Conte, BF, Guo et al. (JHEP'16) ]

## ◆ There are theoretical uncertainties on a CLs number

	$(m_Y, m_X)$	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}$ [pb]	CL <sub>LO</sub> [%]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$ [pb]	CL <sub>NLO</sub> [%]
I	(150, 25) GeV	$0.658^{+34.9\%}_{-24.0\%}$	$98.7^{+0.8\%}_{-13.0\%}$	$0.773^{+6.1\%}_{-10.1\%}$	$95.0^{+2.7\%}_{-0.4\%}$
II	(40, 30) GeV	$0.776^{+34.2\%}_{-24.1\%}$	$74.7^{+19.7\%}_{-17.7\%}$	$0.926^{+5.7\%}_{-10.4\%}$	$84.2^{+0.4\%}_{-14.4\%}$
III	(240, 100) GeV	$0.187^{+37.1\%}_{-24.4\%}$	$91.6^{+6.4\%}_{-18.1\%}$	$0.216^{+6.7\%}_{-11.4\%}$	$86.5^{+8.6\%}_{-5.5\%}$



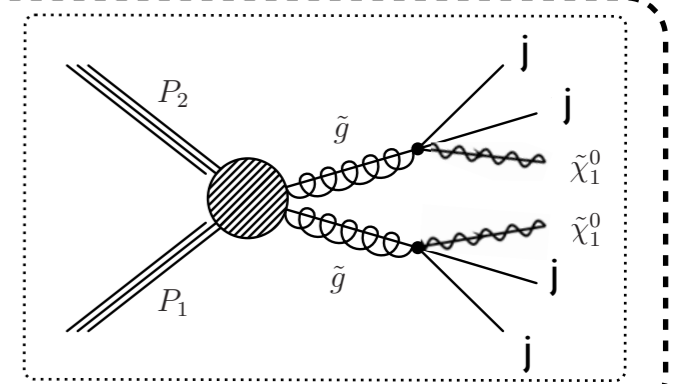
- ❖ An excluded point (95% CL) may not be excluded when accounting for errors
- ❖ The CLs number can increase / decrease at NLO
- ❖ **The error band is reduced**

# Impact of the uncertainties $\leadsto$ future colliders

[ Araz, Frank & BF (1910.11418) ]

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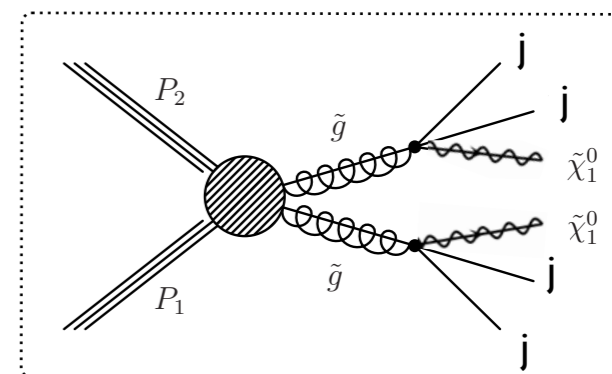


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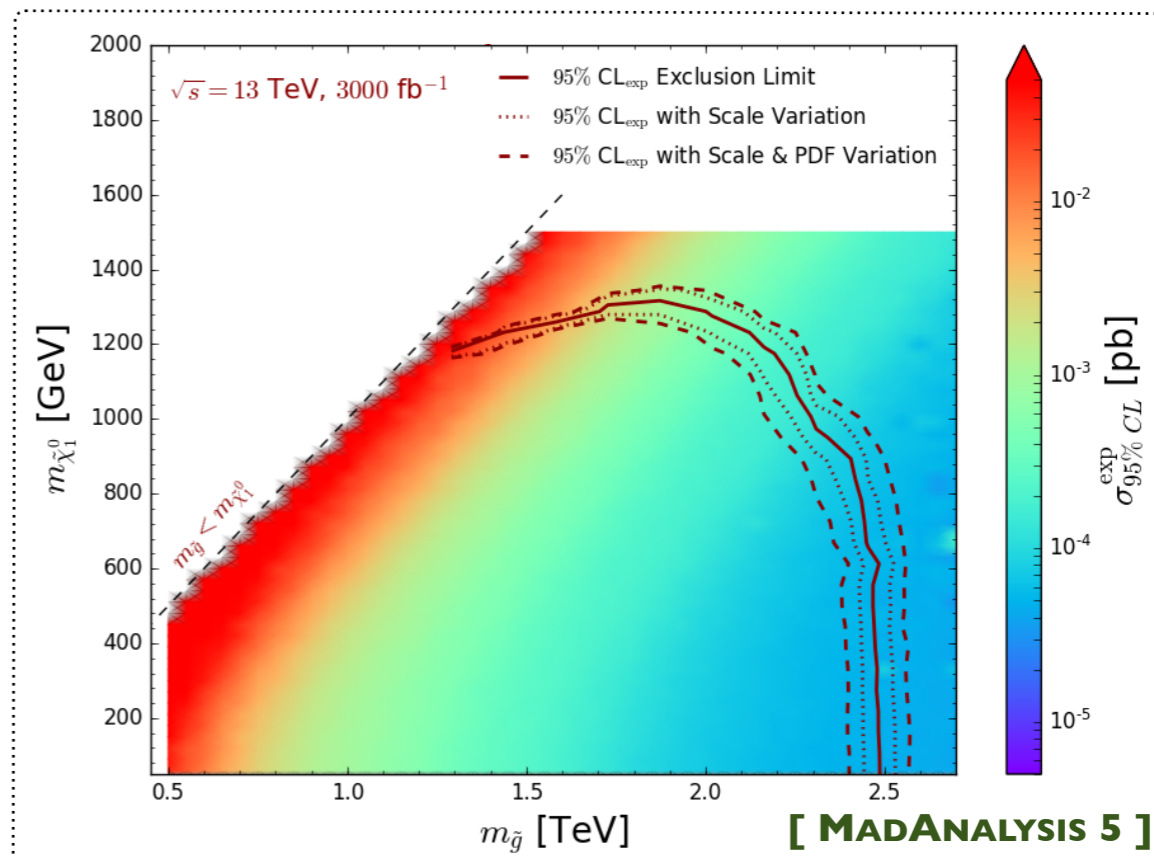
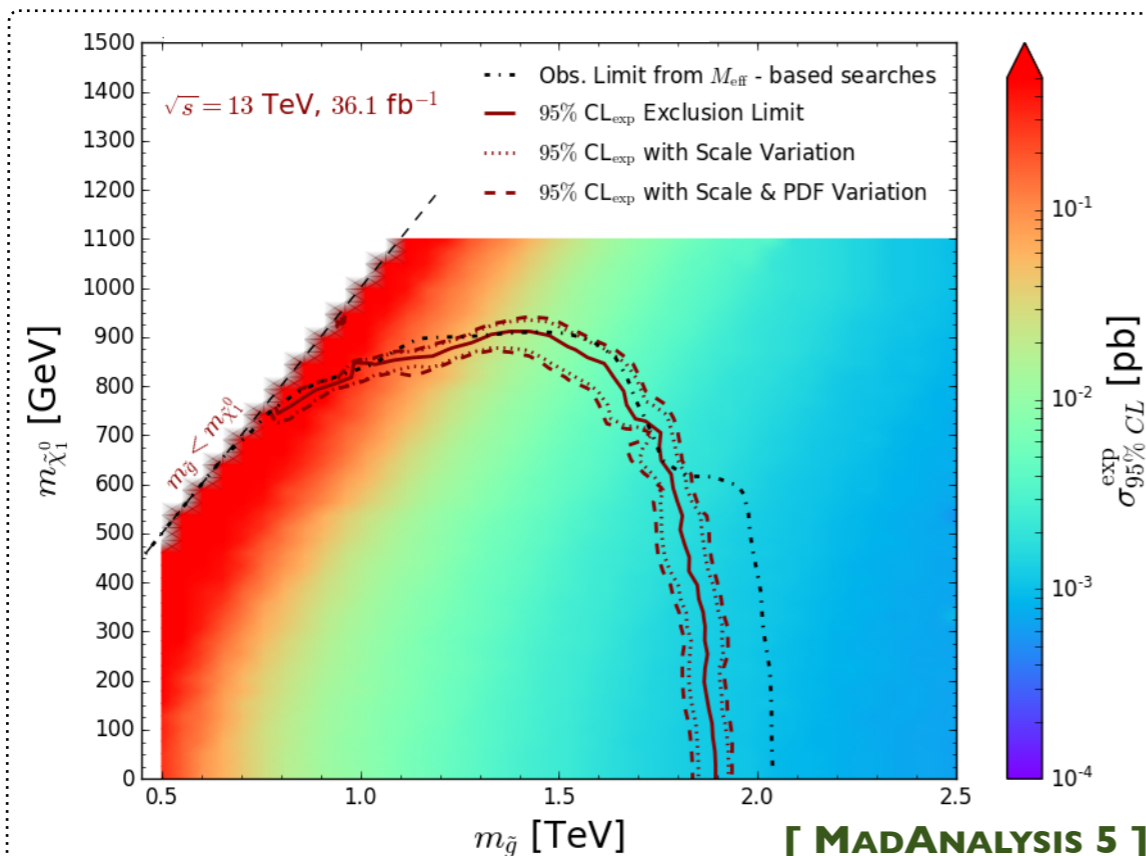
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## ◆ Recasting ATLAS multijet + MET analysis (ATLAS SUSY 2016-07)

- ♣ Left: reproduction of the ATLAS results (LO-merged;  $\sigma_{\text{NLL/NLO}}$ ) with NLO signals
- ♣ Right: extrapolation for HL-LHC  $\leadsto$  **impact of the errors**



# Outline

1. Introduction
2. Designing a phenomenological analysis at colliders
3. LHC recasting
- 4. Summary**

# Summary

## ◆ Designing analysis at collider is an art

- ❖ Current constraints  $\rightarrow$  BSM is hiding
- ❖ Use of clever methods to suppress the backgrounds (without killing the signal)
- ❖ Machine learning is routine

## ◆ The LHC legacy

- ❖ It is crucial to be able to reinterpret the LHC results in any theoretical context
- ❖ This is a very active field of the last few years: several tools are available
- ❖ **Reproducibility** is the ability of an entire experiment to be reproduced, (possibly by an independent theoretical study)