

# Search for new physics in CMS in events with jets, leptons and photons in the final state



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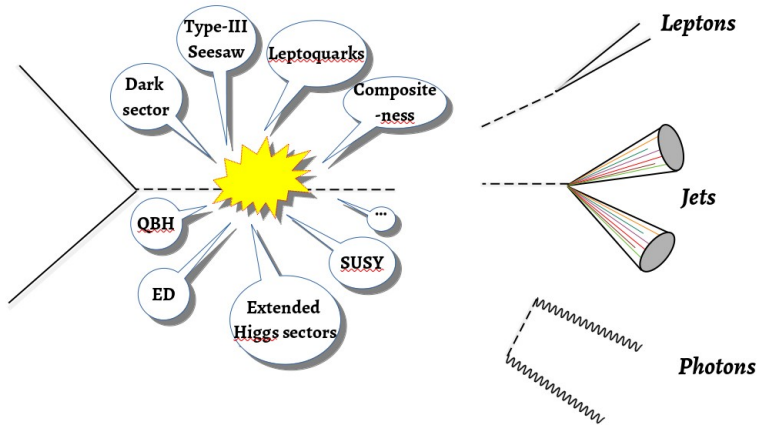
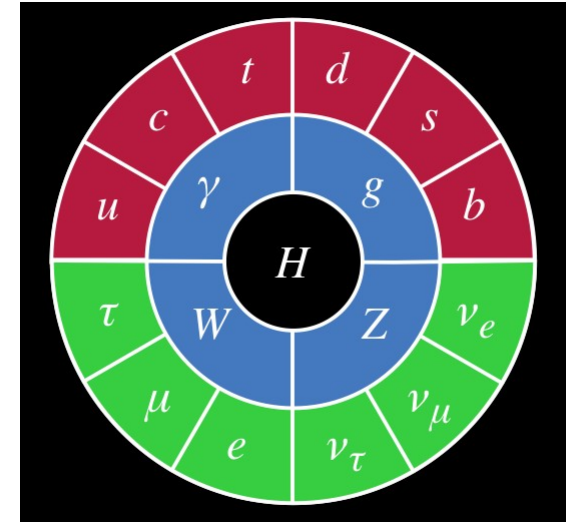


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# Introduction

## Standard Model (SM)

- A very successful theory towards understanding the universe. Unites three out of the four fundamental forces of the nature in an elegant effective field formulation.
- Doesn't completely describe every phenomena such as the existence of dark matter, neutrino oscillations and their small masses, baryon asymmetry, and so on.



## Beyond-SM & signatures

- Many other theories proposed as a solution to complete the puzzle.
- New physics can be produced in collider experiments, and therefore can manifest themselves in final states with leptons, jets, and photons.
- A variety of handles with these simple objects for enhanced signal sensitivity and rejecting SM background. Let's take a look at how...

# Today from CMS-EXOTICA...

...Published results

## Strongly coupled DM CMS-EXO-19-020

- Decaying to semi-invisible jets
- Produced via leptophobic  $Z'$

Dec  
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## Right-handed $W$ boson and a heavy neutrino CMS-EXO-20-002

- Final state with dileptons and dijets

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## Monojet and mono- $V$ (had)

CMS-EXO-20-004

- Energetic jets and large missing transverse energy

Nov  
2021

## Exclusive diphoton production at high mass with tagged protons

CMS-EXO-18-014

- First search!

Oct  
2021

...Preliminary results

## Type-III Seesaw, Vector-like leptons and Scalar leptoquarks

CMS-PAS-EXO-21-002

- Three- and four-lepton final states ( $e/\mu/\tau_h$ )

Aug  
2021

**QBH in  $e\tau/\mu\tau/e\mu$**  CMS-PAS-EXO-19-014

**Dijet** CMS-PAS-EXO-20-008 & **trijet resonances** CMS-PAS-EXO-20-007

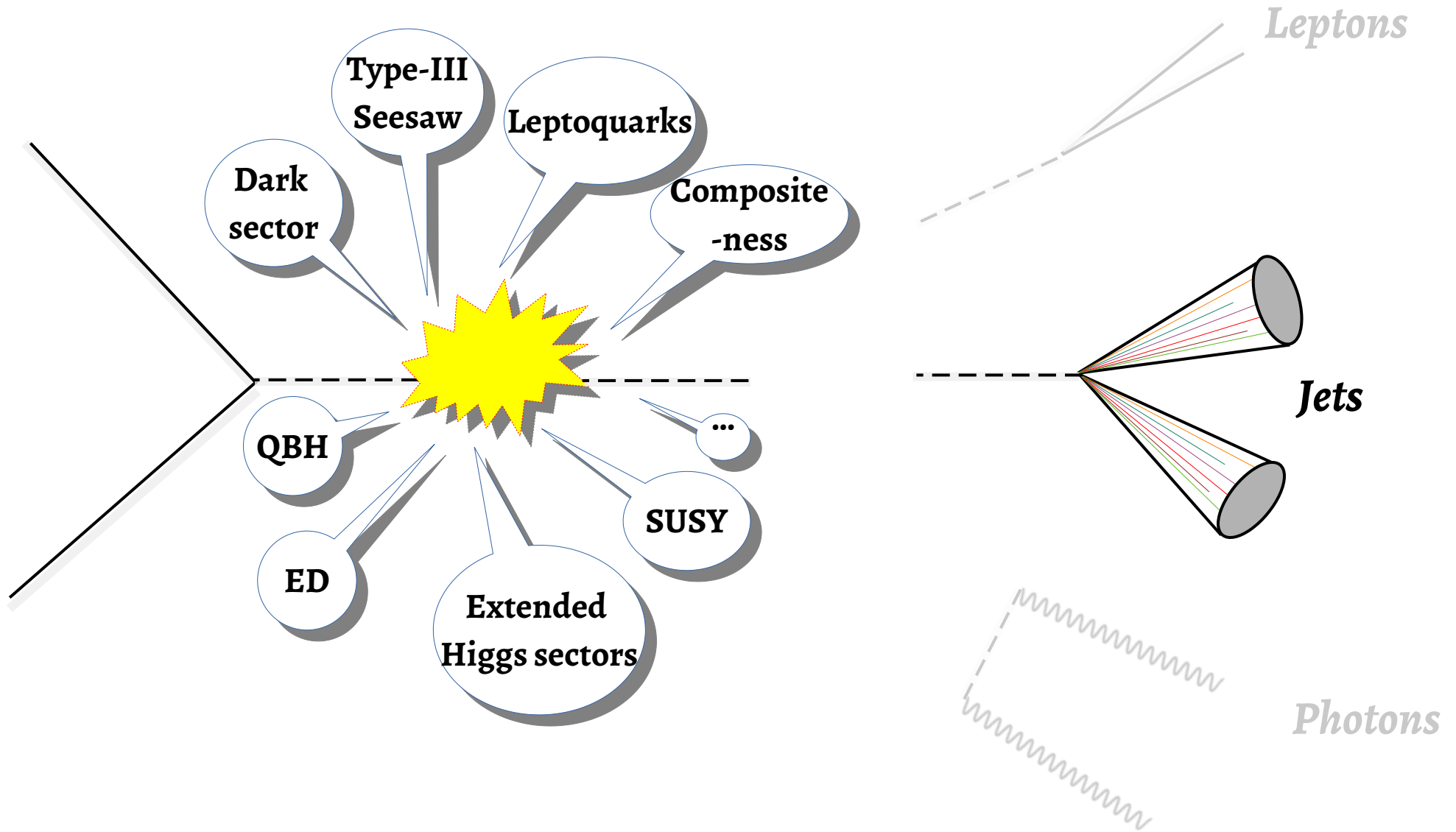
**DM + dark higgs to  $W+W^-$**  CMS-PAS-EXO-20-013

**$W\gamma$  resonances using hadronic decays of lorentz-boosted  $W$  bosons**

CMS-PAS-EXO-20-001

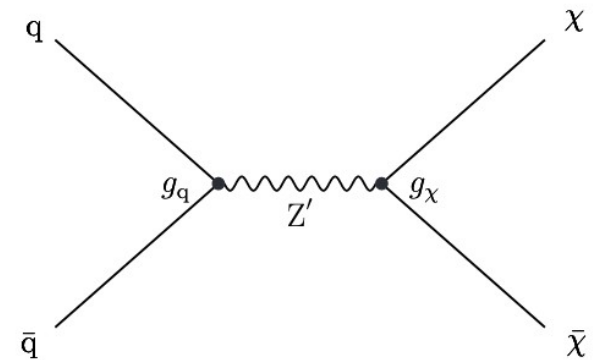
Full list of CMS publications can be found [here](#) (EXO-XX-YYY).

# BSM theories with jets



# Strongly coupled DM

- **New physics:** Search for resonant production of strongly coupled dark matter in proton-proton collisions at 13 TeV
- **Manifests as:** Two “semivisible” jets containing visible SM matter, and invisible dark matter. Hence, missing energy aligned with one of the jets. Produced via a leptophobic  $Z'$  mediator.
- **Production & decay:**  $pp \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$  ( $\chi$  = Dark quarks)
- **Final states:  $jj+\text{MET}$**



**Data analyzed:**  $138 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

**Major SM backgrounds:**

QCD multijet,  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $W(\rightarrow \ell\nu)+\text{jets}$ , and  $Z(\nu\nu)+\text{jets}$

## More about the model

- Dark quarks  $\rightarrow$  unstable or stable dark hadrons ( $\pi_{\text{dark}}, \rho_{\text{dark}}$ ).
- Unstable dark hadrons decay promptly to SM quarks. Stable dark hadrons are DM candidates.
- $r_{\text{inv}} = N_{\text{stable}} / (N_{\text{stable}} + N_{\text{unstable}}) \in [0, 1]$ .
- Leptophobic  $Z'$  signal HV model parameters:  $\sigma_{Z'}(m_{Z'}, g_q)$ ,  $m_{Z'}$ ,  $m_{\text{dark}}$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{dark}}$ , and  $r_{\text{inv}}$ .

# Strongly coupled DM

## Analysis requirements

- Objects:** PF objects with good identification criteria are used. Such as,

### Signal jets

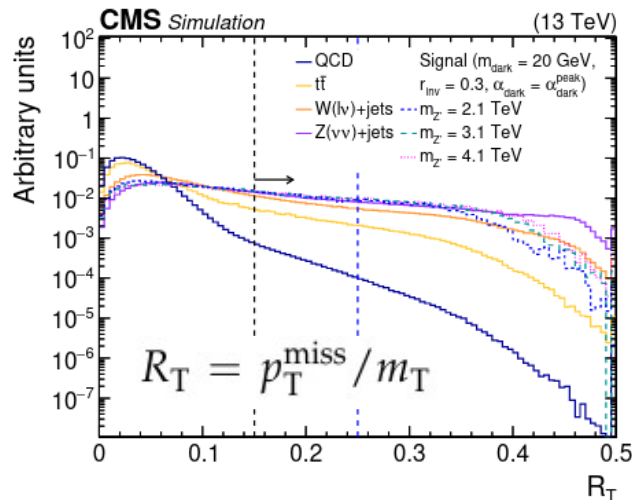
$p_T > 200$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ , AK8. Jet  $p_T$  corrected with PUPPI probability.

### SM or “narrow” jets

$p_T > 30$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 3.0$ , AK4. Area-based PU subtraction.

**Trigger:** A narrow jet with  $p_T > 450$  (500) GeV or  $H_T$  (scalar sum of  $p_T$  of all narrow jets)  $> 900$  (1050) GeV in the year 2016 (2017-2018).

- Event selection:**



Undermeasured jets due to nonfunctional ECAL readout channel ( $c_{\text{dead}}$ ).

Rejects 99% of t-channel QCD dijet events.

$$m_T^2 = [E_{T, JJ} + E_T^{\text{miss}}]^2 - [\vec{p}_{T, JJ} + \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}]^2$$

$$= m_{JJ}^2 + 2p_T^{\text{miss}} [\sqrt{m_{JJ}^2 + p_{T, JJ}^2} - p_{T, JJ} \cos(\phi_{JJ, \text{miss}})]$$

$p_T > 10$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ , isolated. To reject instrumental backgrounds (85%).

### Preselection requirements

$$p_T(J_{1,2}) > 200 \text{ GeV}, \eta(J_{1,2}) < 2.4$$

$$R_T > 0.15$$

$$\Delta\eta(J_1, J_2) < 1.5$$

$$m_T > 1.5 \text{ TeV}$$

$$N_\mu = 0$$

$$N_e = 0$$

$$p_T^{\text{miss}} \text{ filters}$$

$$\Delta R(j_{1,2}, c_{\text{dead}}) > 0.1$$

### Final selection requirements

Misreconstructed jets. veto  $f_\gamma(j_1) > 0.7$  &  $p_T(j_1) > 1.0$  TeV

HEM failure. veto  $-3.05 < \eta_j < -1.35$  &  $-1.62 < \phi_j < -0.82$  \*

MET close to signal jets.  $\Delta\phi_{\text{min}} < 0.8$

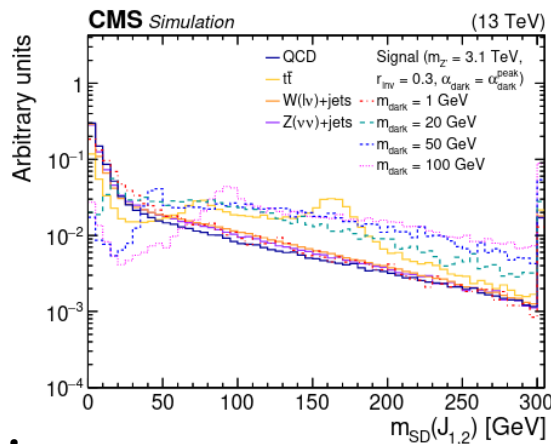
# Strongly coupled DM

## • BDT-based identification of ‘semivisible’ jets:

Total 15 input variables.

**Signal samples for training:** Various scans of  $m_Z \geq 1.5$  TeV,  $m_{\text{dark}} \geq 10$  GeV,  $0.1 \leq r_{\text{inv}} \leq 0.8$ , at various  $\alpha_{\text{dark}}$ . pT-weighted input variable distributions.

**Background samples for training:** QCD + tt in equal proportion.



Category	Input variables
<b>Heavy object identification</b>	N-subjettiness ratios $\tau_{21}$ and $\tau_{32}$ , energy-correlation functions, and soft-drop mass $m_{\text{SD}}$ .
<b>Quark-gluon discrimination</b>	Jet girth $g_{\text{jet}}$ , the major ( $\sigma_{\text{major}}$ ) & minor ( $\sigma_{\text{minor}}$ ) axes, and pT dispersion $D_{\text{pT}}$ .
<b>Flavor and other</b>	Jet-energy fractions: $f_{h\pm}, f_e, f_\mu, f_{h0}$ , and $f_\gamma, \Delta\phi(\text{J}, \text{MET})$ .

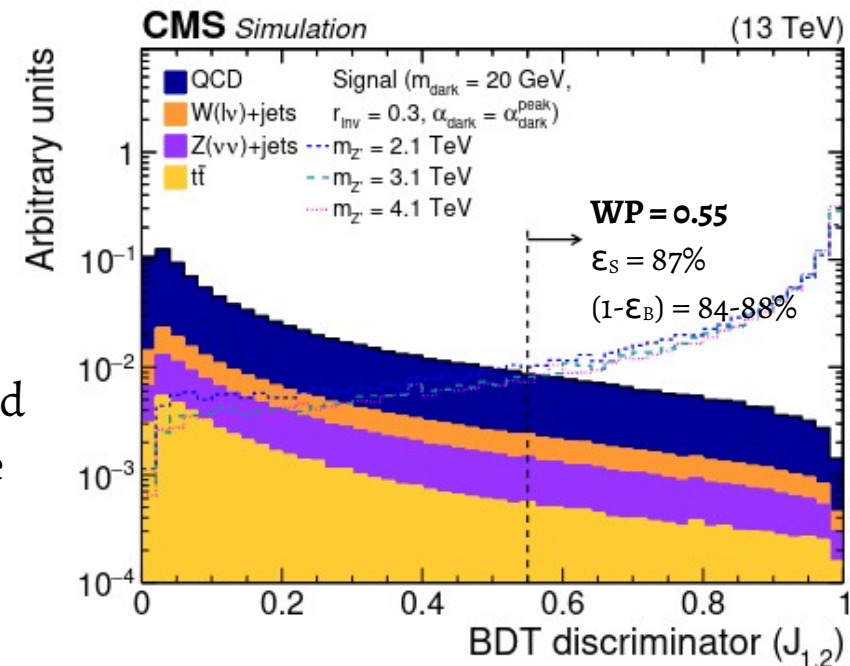
## • Signal regions:

i. Two signal regions for the inclusive search:

**Low- $R_T$  [0.15, 0.25], and High- $R_T$  (>0.25).**  $R_T = p_T^{\text{miss}} / m_T$

ii. For the BDT-based search: Requiring both jets to be tagged as “semivisible” from BDT WP in each of the two inclusive signal regions, known as “**High-SVJ2**” and “**Low-SVJ2**”.

• **Background estimation:** Fit the observed  $m_T$  distribution in each signal region with a functional form following from traditional dijet searches:

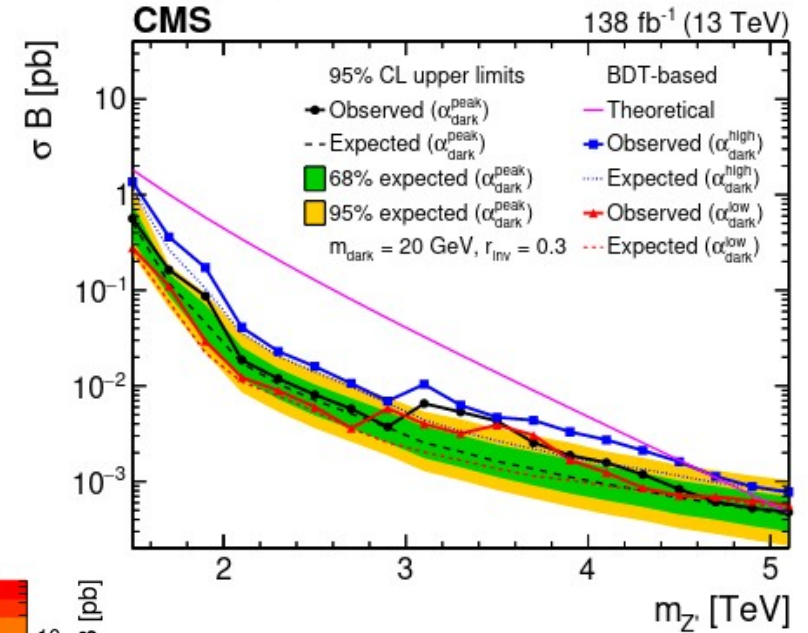
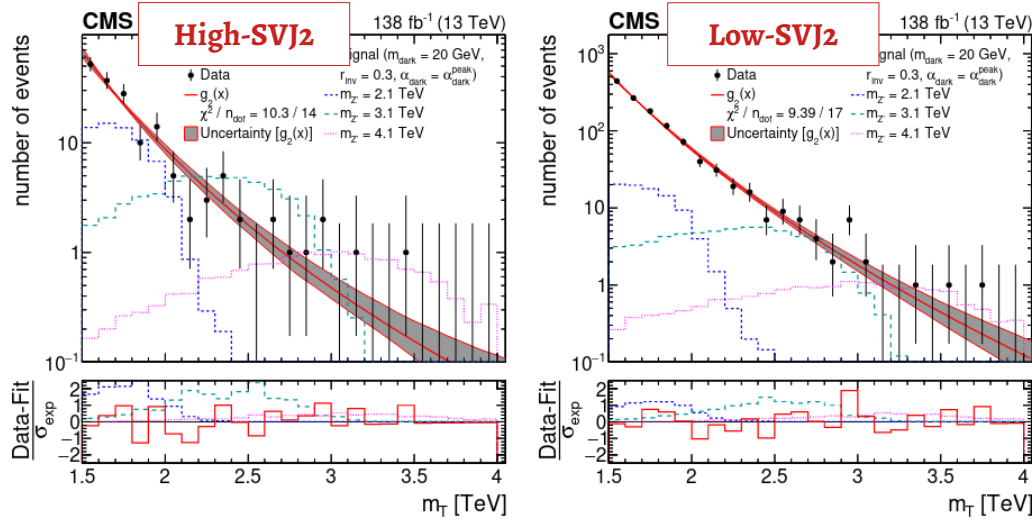
$$g(x) = \exp(p_1 x) x^{p_2 [1 + p_3 \ln(x)]} \quad x = m_T / \sqrt{s}$$


# Strongly coupled DM

## Results:

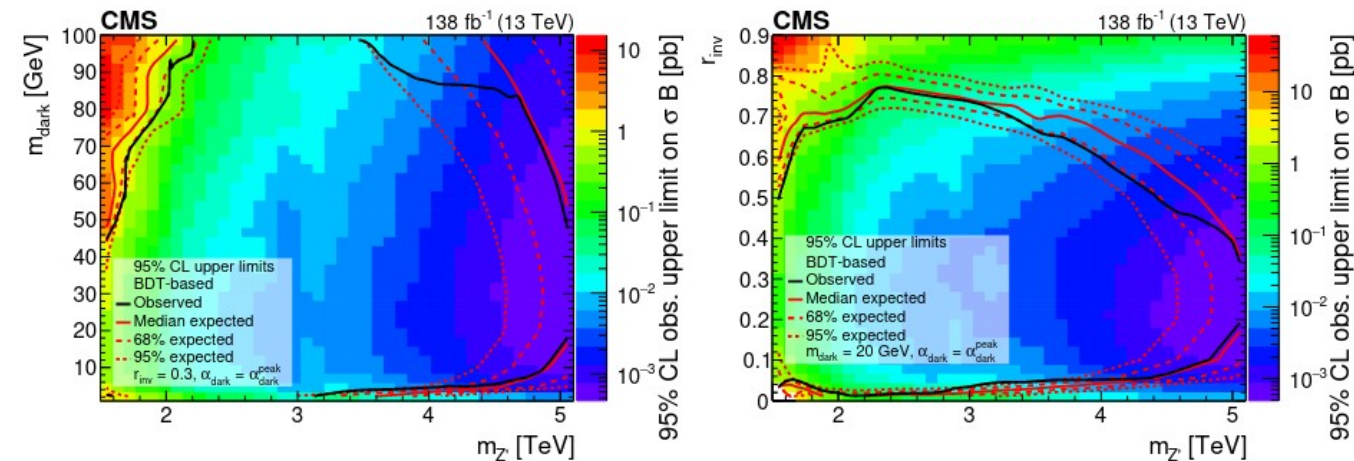
BDT-based signal regions:

The combined likelihood for each pair of signal regions is computed as the product of the likelihood from each bin in the  $m_T$  distributions.



Limits on the effective cross section  $\sigma_Z \cdot \mathcal{B}_{\text{dark}}$  at 95% confidence level (CL) using the modified frequentist CLs approach.

Assuming the  $Z'$  and SM  $Z$  bosons have the same couplings to the SM quarks, these strongly-coupled hidden sector models are excluded for mediator masses of 1.5–5.1 TeV at 95% CL for the *first* time.

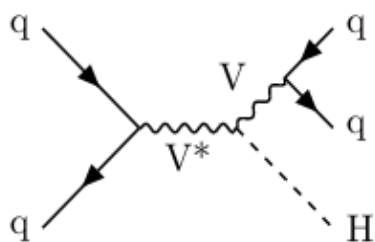


$$r_{\text{inv}} = N_{\text{stable}} / (N_{\text{stable}} + N_{\text{unstable}})$$

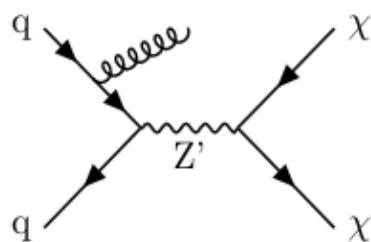


# Monojet, and monoV (hadronic)

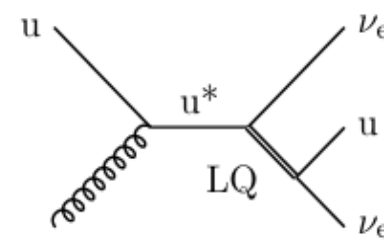
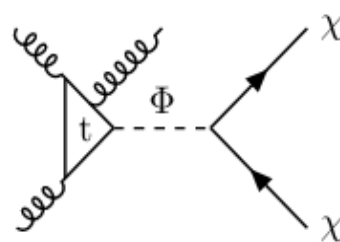
- **New physics:** Search for new particles in events with energetic jets and large missing transverse momentum in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV.
- **BSM models:** DM via “higgs portal”, simplified DM production via new bosonic mediators (spin 0 or 1), and also via “fermion portal”. ADD model of large extra dimensions, and single- as well as pair-produced first generation of leptoquarks (LQ).



DM via higgs



DM via new bosonic mediators



Single LQ production

- **Manifests as:** Energetic hadronic jets accompanying invisible particles. Jets are derived from initial-state gluon radiation or hadronic decays of energetic SM vector bosons (V).
- **Final states: j+MET**

**Data analyzed:** 101 fb<sup>-1</sup> (+statistical combination of previous 36 fb<sup>-1</sup> result)

**Major SM backgrounds:** QCD multijet, Z→ $\nu\nu$ +jets, W(→ $\ell\nu$ )+jets, and Z( $\nu\nu$ )+jets

# Monojet, and monoV (hadronic)

- Object & event selection:** PF-based  $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$  (>95% trigger efficiency).

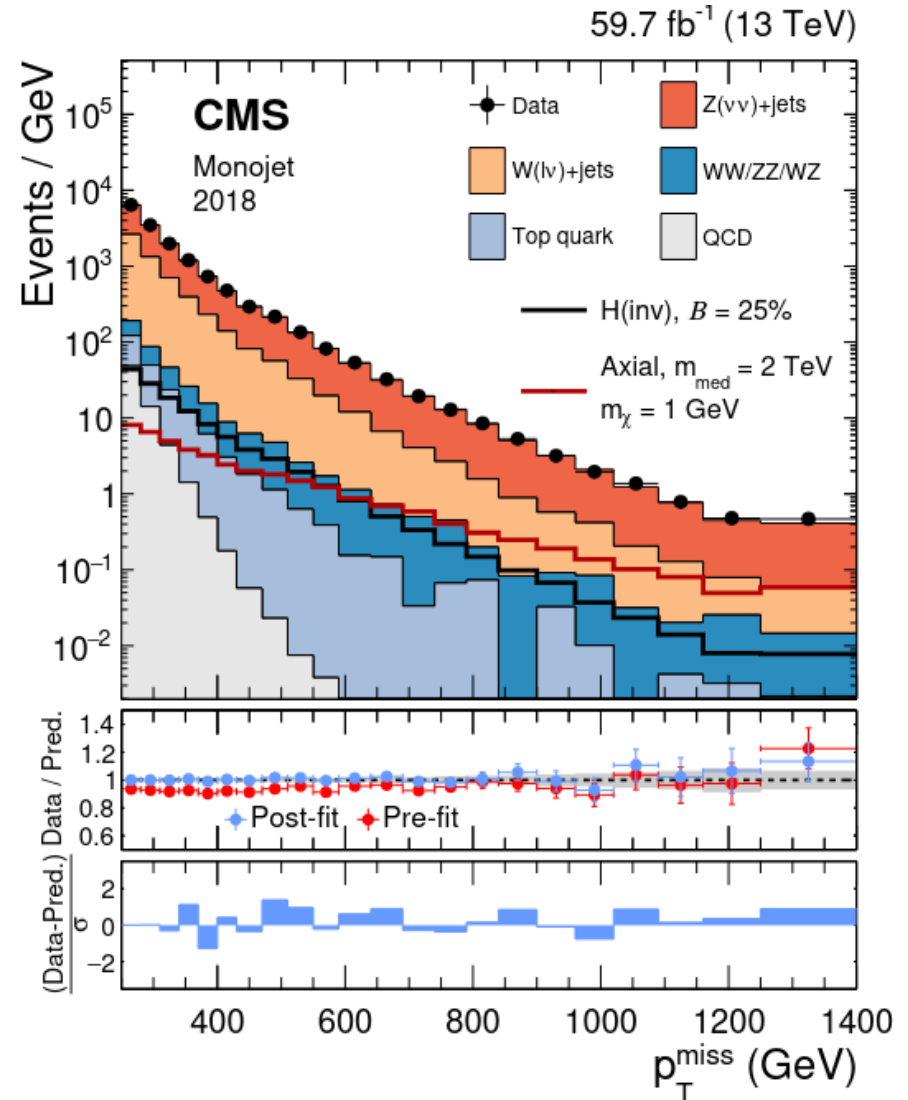
**Trigger:**  $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 120 \text{ GeV}$ . The control samples with electrons selected with single isolated and non-isolated triggers, as well as a single photon trigger (200 GeV).

### Events rejected if:

- Isolated electron (photon) of  $p_T > 10(15) \text{ GeV}$  &  $|\eta| < 2.5$  or  $p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$  &  $|\eta| < 2.4$  muon or  $p_T > 18 \text{ GeV}$  &  $|\eta| < 2.3$   $\tau_h$ .
- AK4 jets with  $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$  &  $|\eta| < 2.4$  “b-tagged” using DeepCSV.
- Azimuthal angle difference requirements on  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  are failed.

### SR (1): Monojet

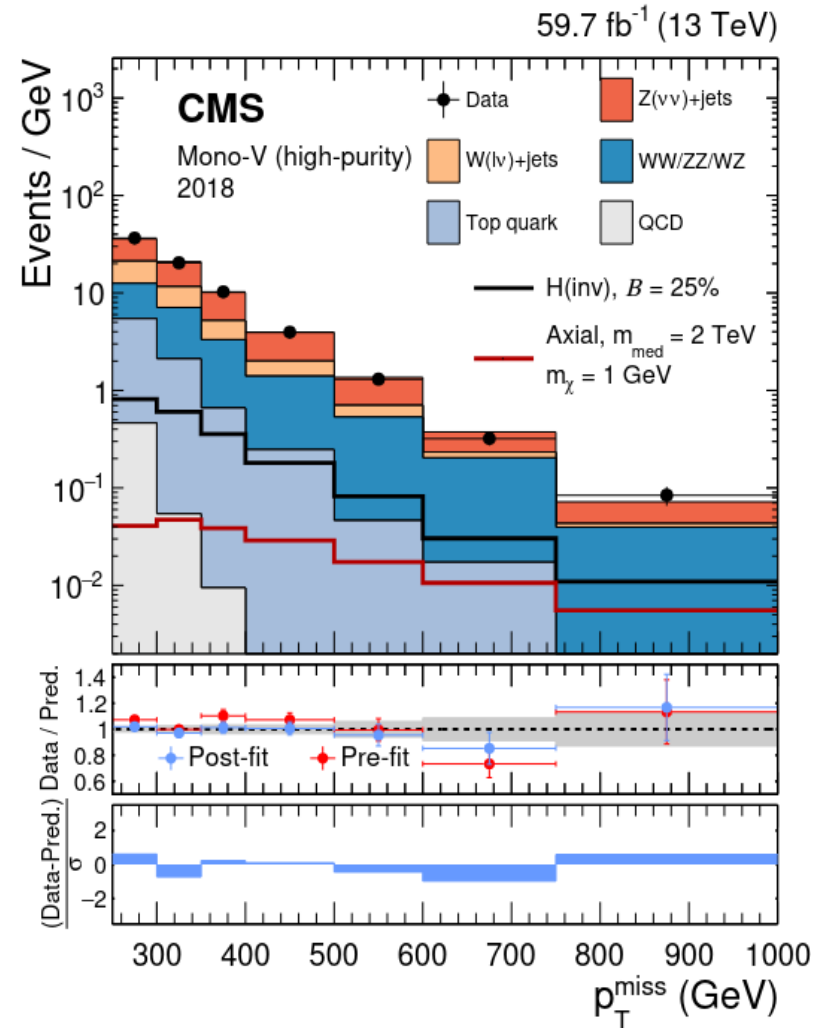
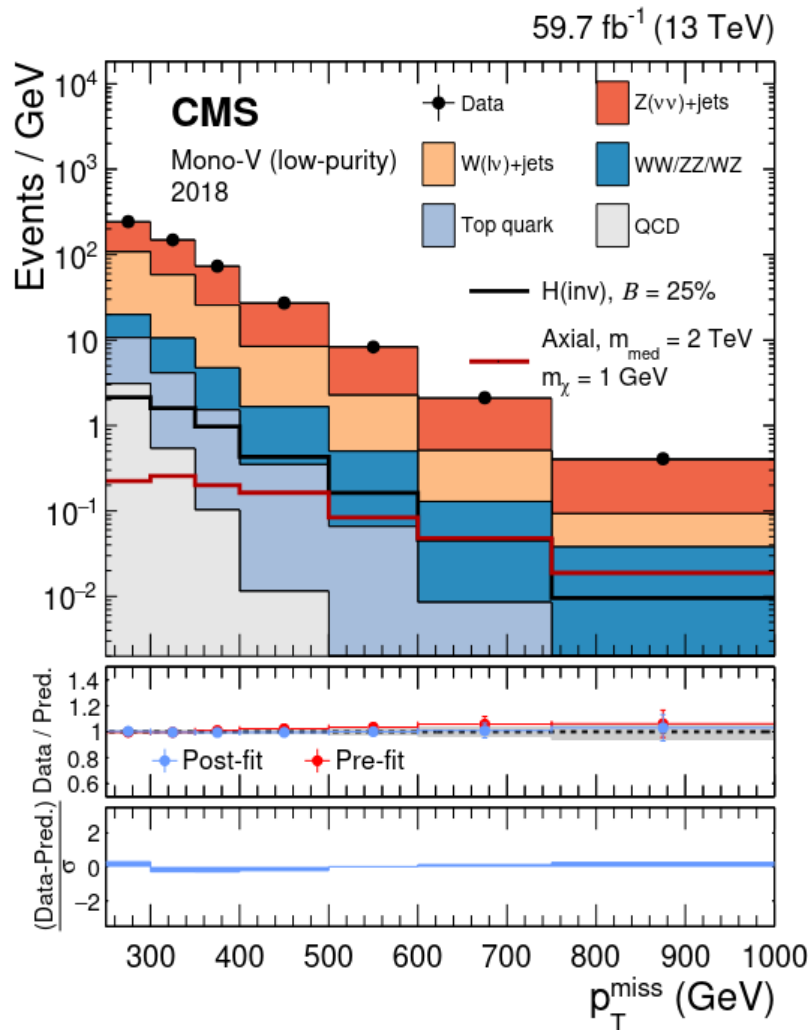
- AK4 jet  $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ .
- Additional quality criteria on the composition of the jet (e.g. charged hadron energy fraction >10%, neutral-hadron energy fraction <80%).



# Monojet, and monoV (hadronic)

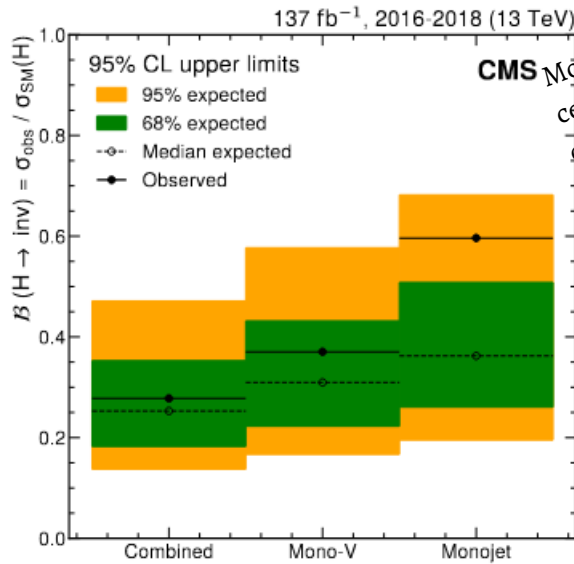
## SR (2): Low-purity and SR (3): high-purity mono-V

- AK8 jet  $p_T > 250$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ . 'V' tagged with DeepAK8 algorithm, and  $65 < m_{SD} < 120$  GeV.
- NN output converted into a binary score (=vector boson score / vector boson + QCD score).

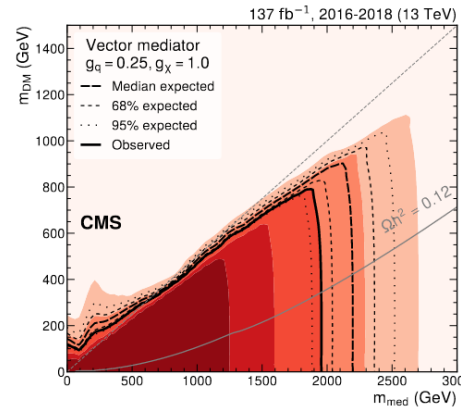


# Monojet, and monoV (hadronic)

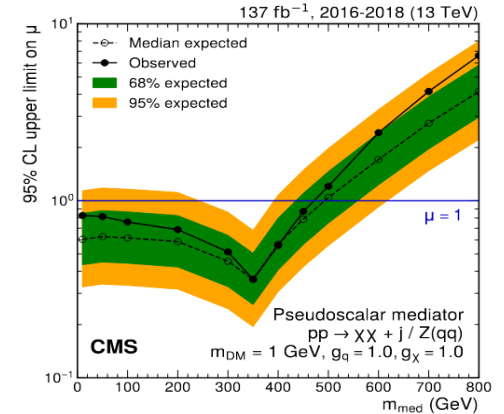
## DM via Higgs-portal interpretation



## Interpretation in a DM simplified model with a colorless mediator

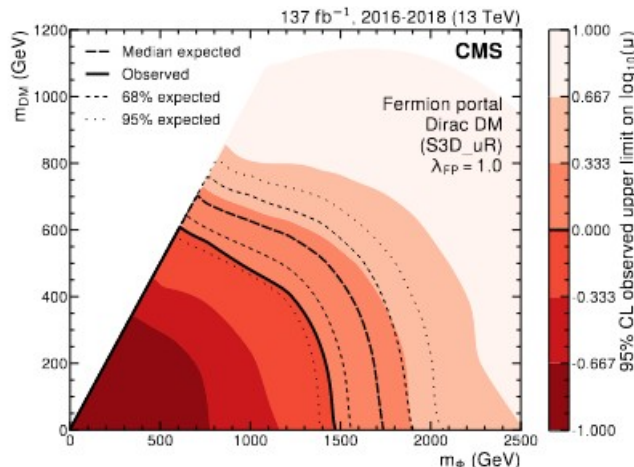


Spin-1 mediator. Combined limits improve previous exclusion of mediator mass by 20%.



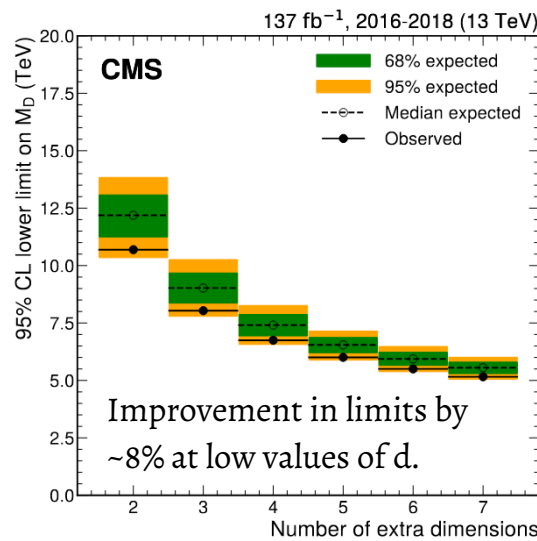
Most stringent constraints on the pseudoscalar spin-0 mediator.

## DM via Fermion-portal interpretation

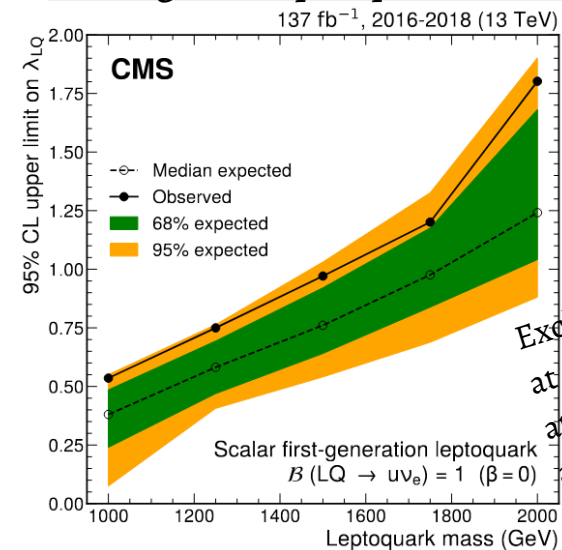


Most stringent constraints on mediator masses of up to 1.5 TeV at low  $m_{\text{DM}}$ .

## ADD interpretation

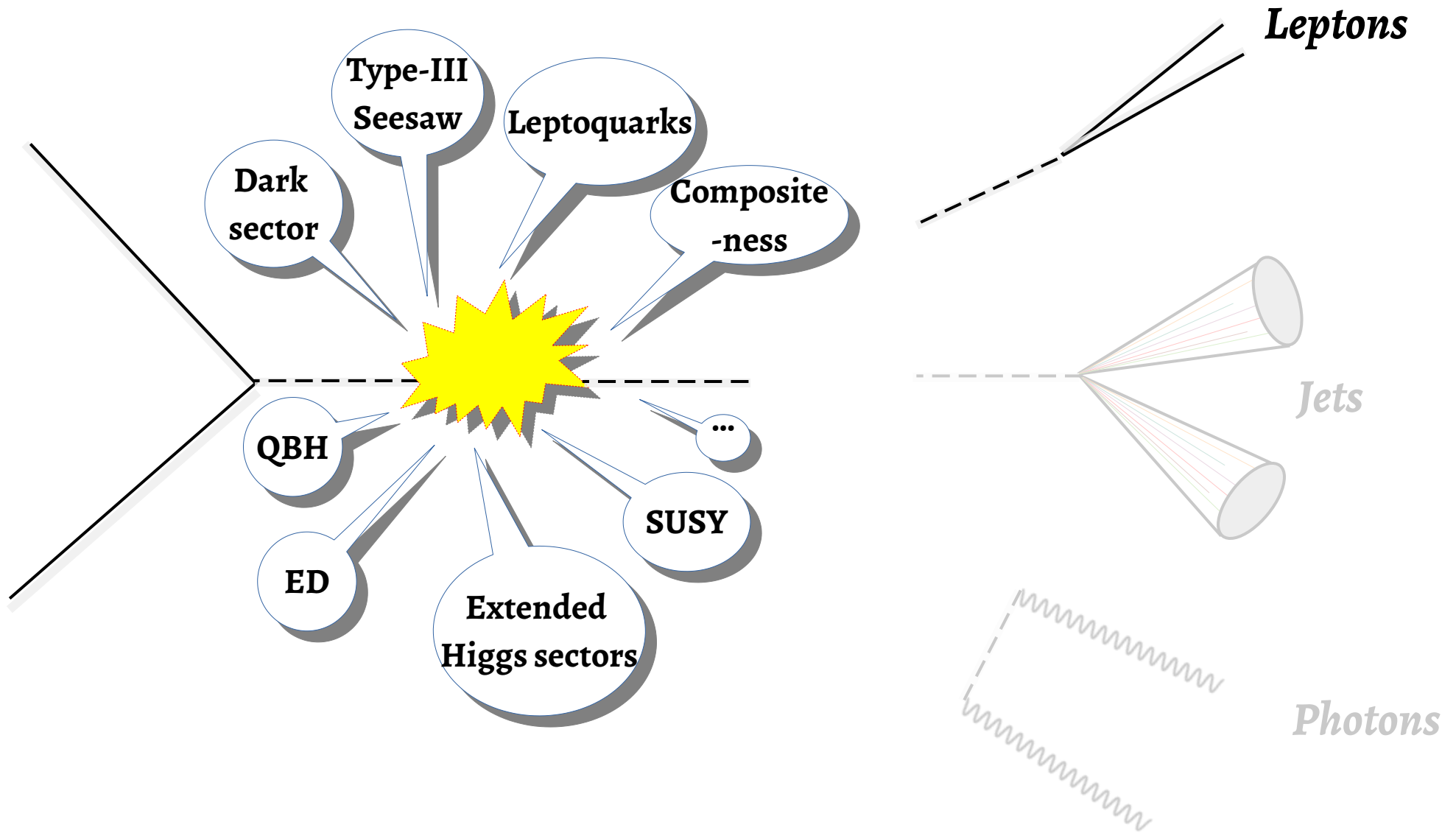


## First-gen. Leptoquark interpretation



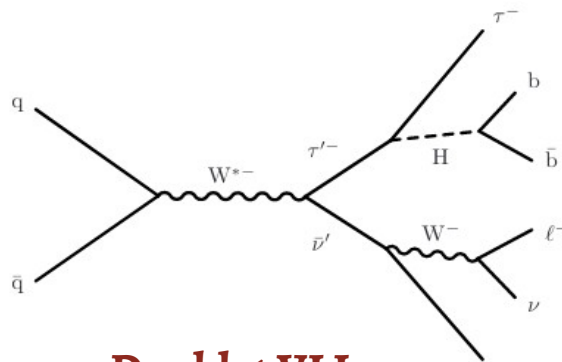
Excluded  $\lambda_{LQ} \sim 0.5$  at  $m_{LQ} = 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $\sim 1.0$  at  $m_{LQ} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$  and  $\sim 1.8$  at  $2 \text{ TeV}$ .

# BSM theories with leptons



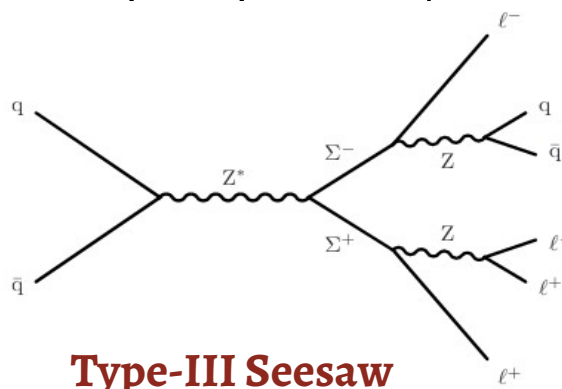
# Multileptons with taus

- New physics:** Inclusive nonresonant multilepton probes of new phenomena at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV.
- BSM models:** Vector-like tau lepton in the doublet & singlet scenario, type-III Seesaw mechanism and pair-produced third-gen. scalar leptoquarks.
- Manifests as:** Final states with multiple leptons ( $e/\mu/\tau_h$ ), b-quark jets and missing energy.

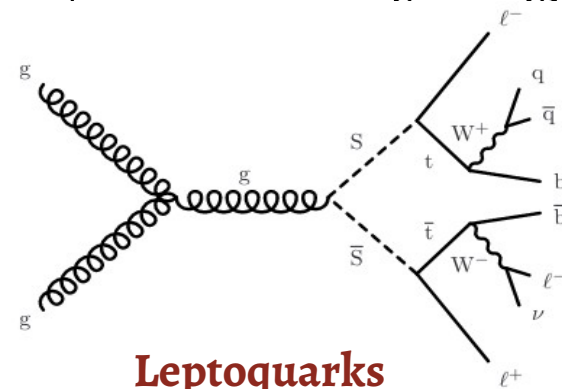


**Doublet VLL**

Poster presentation [here](#)



**Type-III Seesaw**



**Leptoquarks**

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Major SM backgrounds:

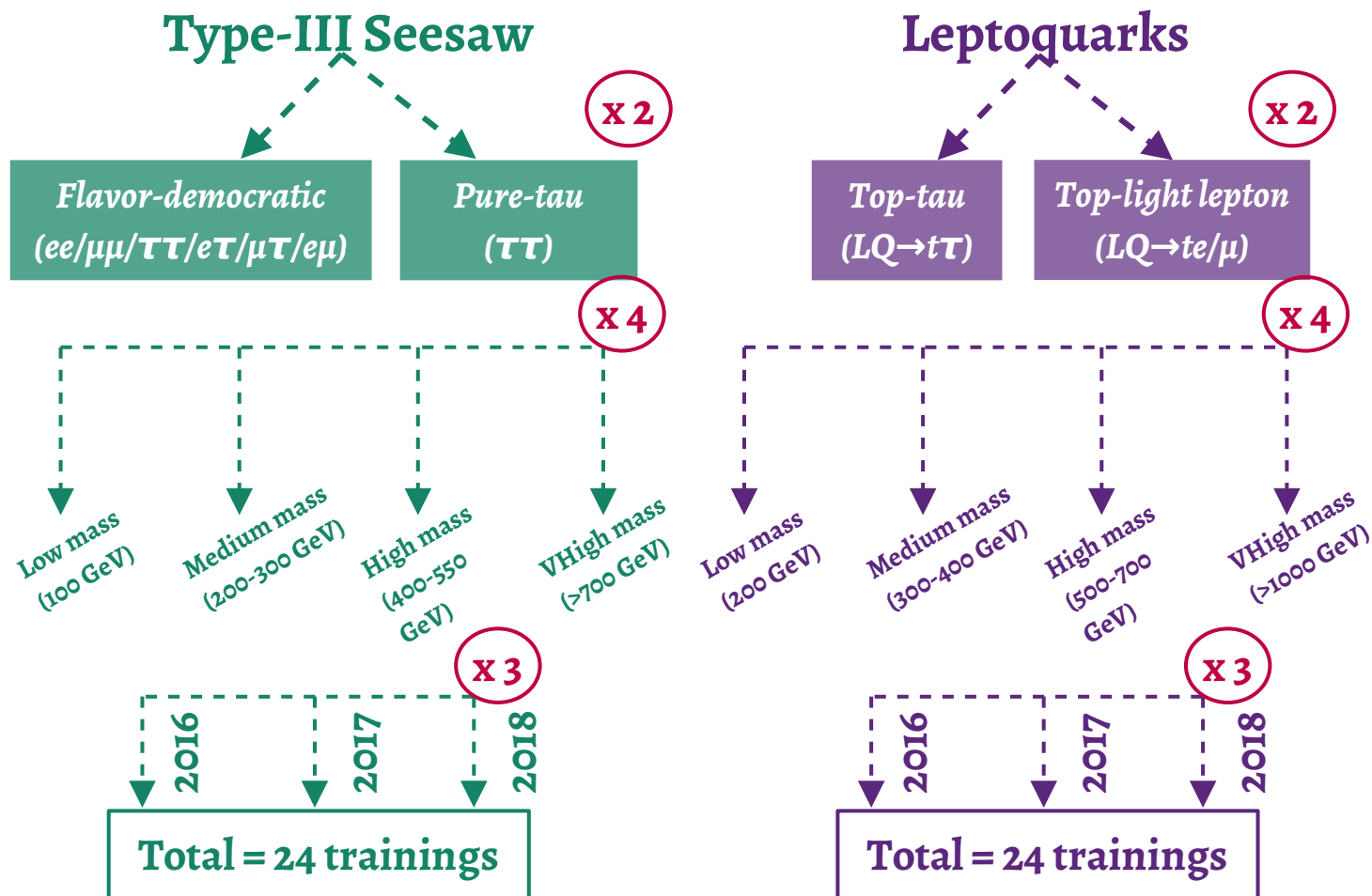
- WZ, ZZ, Zγ, ttZ (irreducible).
- Misidentified leptons from jets, or arising from heavy flavor decays (reducible).

• Final states:

Objects	$1l$	$2l$	$3l$	$4l$
$0\tau_h$	-	-	$3l$	$4l$
$1\tau_h$	-	$2l1\tau_h$	$3l1\tau_h$	$4l$
$2\tau_h$	$1l2\tau_h$	$2l2\tau_h$	$3l1\tau_h$	$4l$
$3\tau_h$	$1l3\tau_h$	$2l2\tau_h$	$3l1\tau_h$	$4l$

# Multileptons with taus

- **Model-dependent search:** 57 distinct BDT trainings. Input variables are lepton properties, global event variables, angular distributions, and invariant & transverse masses (total 48).



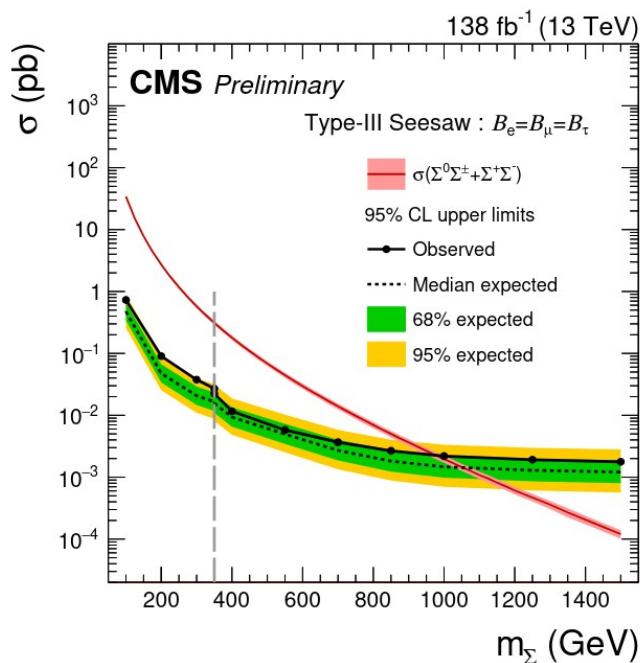
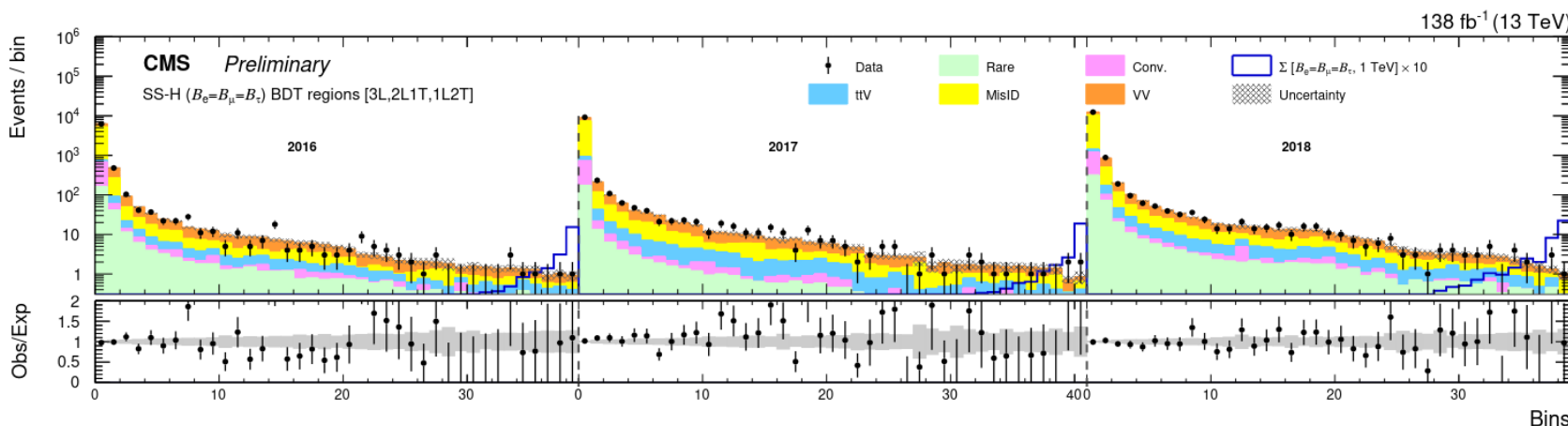
One BDT output spectra per training; **“adaptive” binning** (stretch high end BDT score, compress low end BDT score).

+ 9 VLL trainings

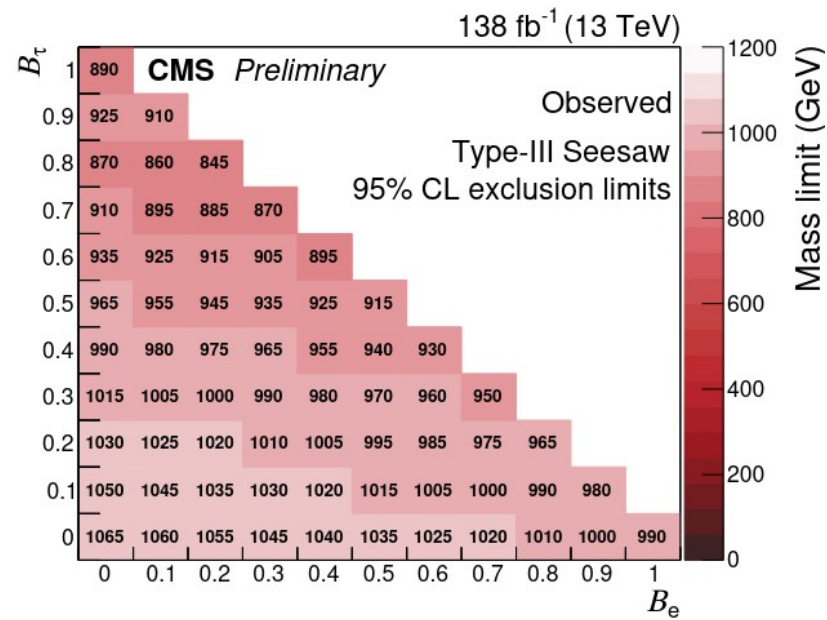
# Multileptons with taus

## Type-III Seesaw results:

SS-H ( $B_e=B_\mu=B_\tau$ )  
BDT signal  
region bins in  
 $3l, 2l1\tau_h$  and  
 $1l2\tau_h$  channels.



- Seesaw fermions excluded below 980 GeV ( $B_e=B_\mu=B_\tau$ ), 990 GeV ( $B_e=1$ ), 1065 GeV ( $B_\mu=1$ ), and 890 GeV ( $B_\tau=1$ ).
- Improvement by a factor of 100 in cross section limit for mixing to taus!!
- *Best* constraints from LHC at all branching ratios.



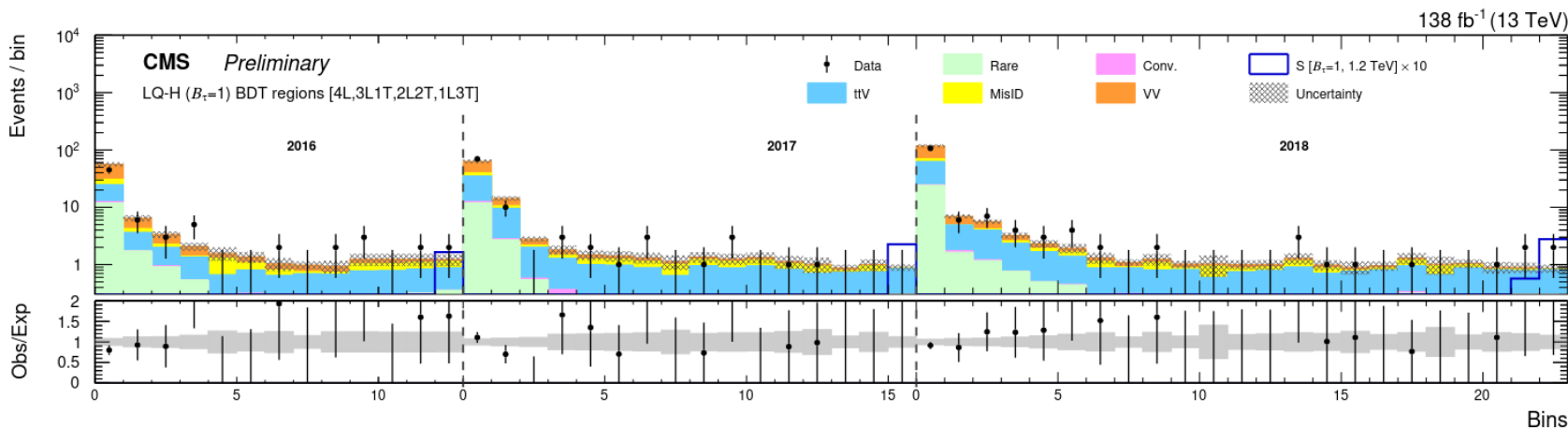
2D mass exclusion limits on the seesaw fermions in the  $B_e$ - $B_\tau$  plane ( $B_e+B_\mu+B_\tau=1$ ).



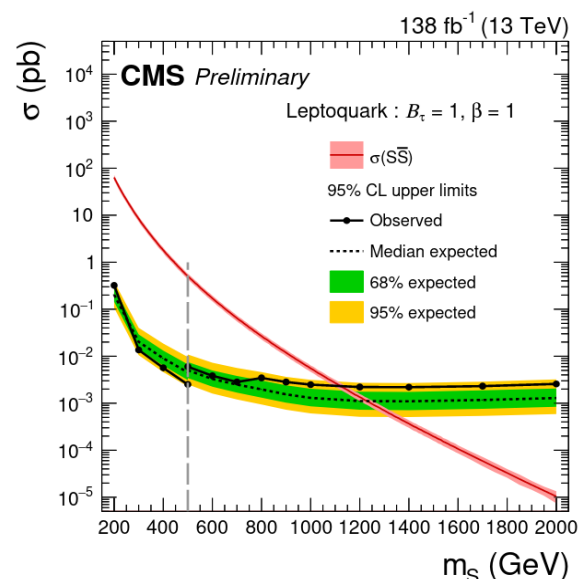
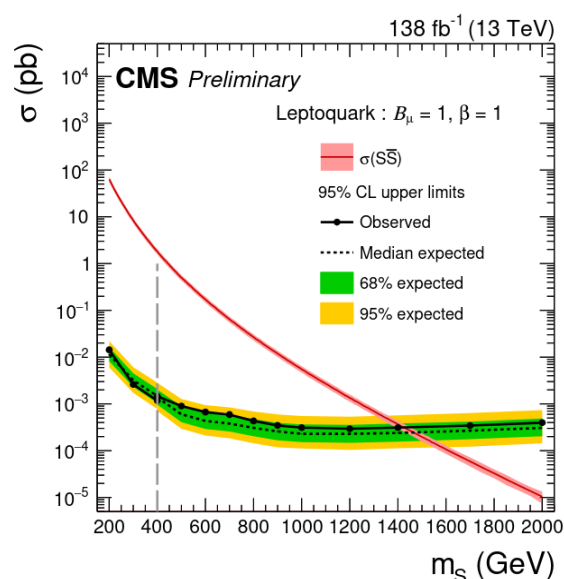
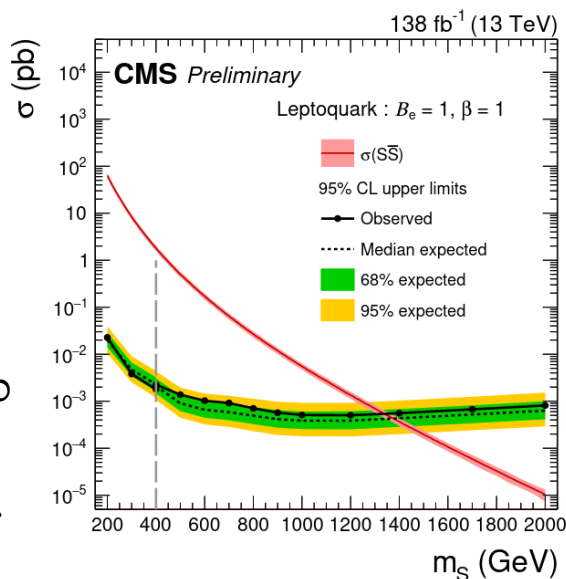
# Multileptons with taus

## Third-gen. Leptoquarks results:

LQ-H ( $B_\tau=1$ ) BDT signal region bins in  $4l$ ,  $3l1\tau_h$ ,  $2l2\tau_h$  and  $1l3\tau_h$  channels.

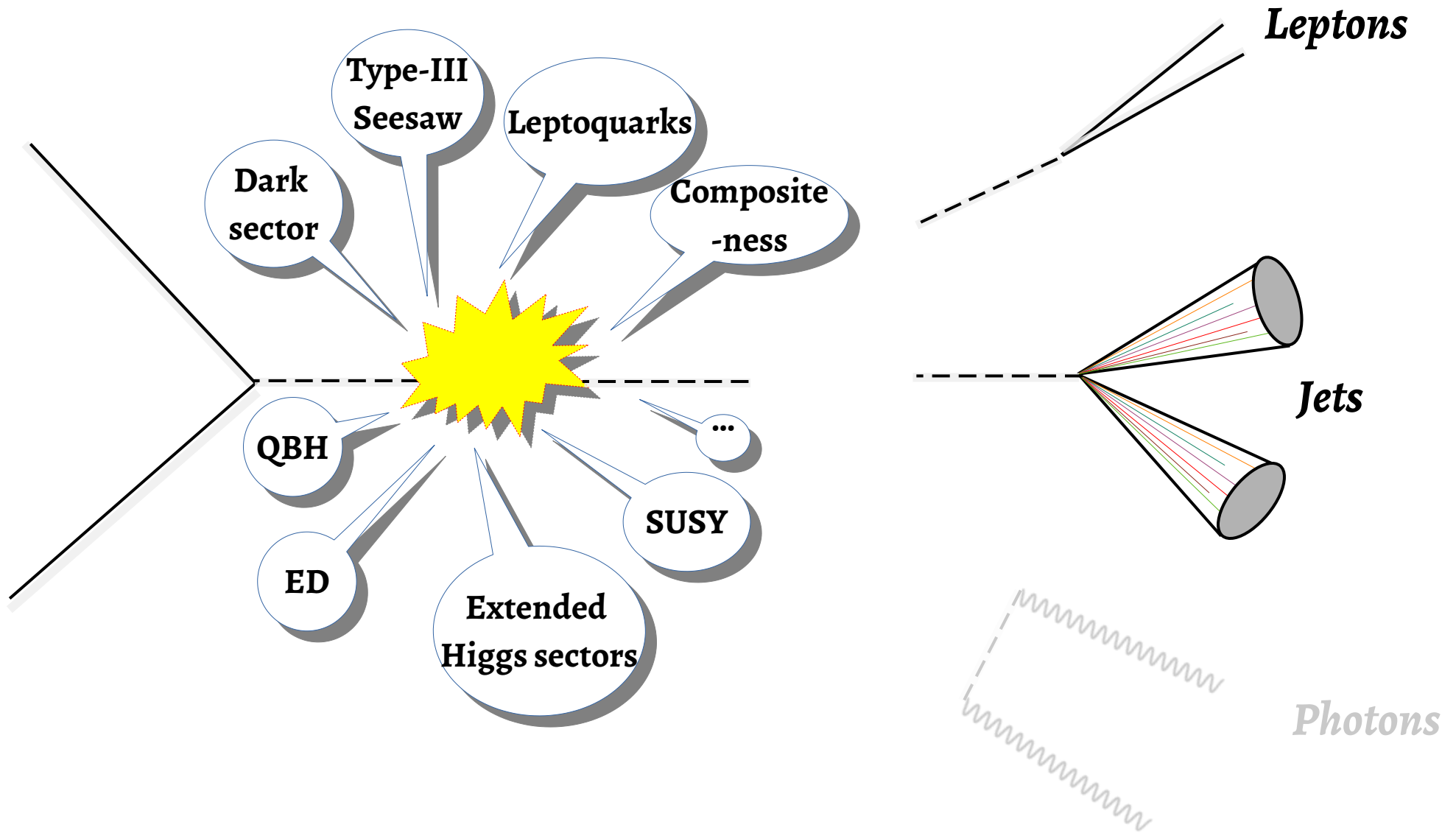


Excluded LQ below 1120 GeV (top + tau), 1340 GeV (top + electron), and 1420 GeV (top + muon) coupling scenario.



- **First** constraints from CMS on LQ  $\rightarrow$  top+e coupling.
- **First** direct multilepton search for LQs. Comparable sensitivity with the dilepton results.

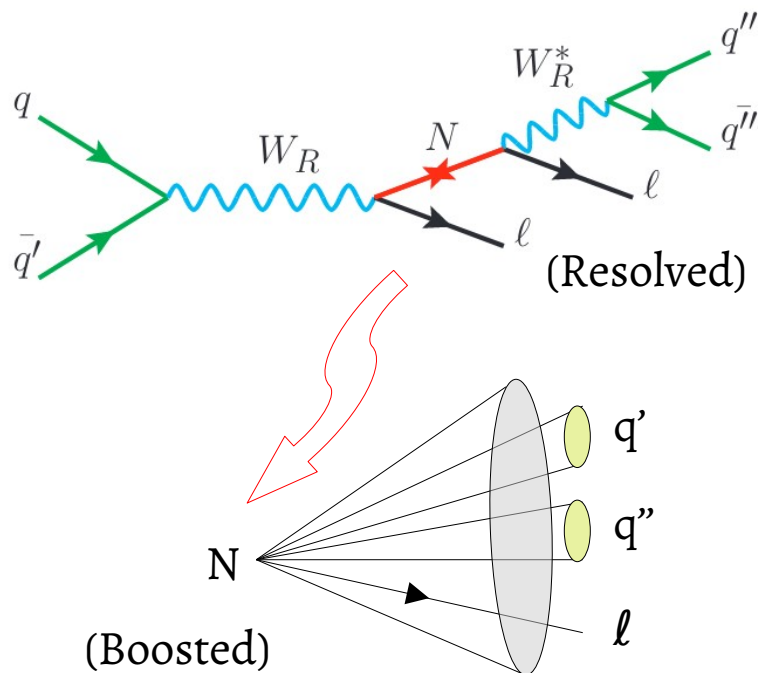
# BSM theories with leptons & jets



# $W_R$ and a heavy neutrino

- **New physics:** Search for a right-handed  $W$  boson and a heavy neutrino in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV.
- **About the model:**  $W_R$  resulting from a right-handed  $SU(2)$  group of the left-right symmetric models (LRSM). These models explain parity violation as the consequence of spontaneous symmetry breaking at a multi-TeV mass scale. Also, provides an explanation for the small mass of SM neutrinos through seesaw mechanism via a heavy right-handed neutrino ( $N$ ).

- **Final states:**  
 $ee+jj$ ,  $\mu\mu+jj$  (resolved)  
 $e+j$ ,  $\mu+j$  (boosted)



## “Resolved” jets

$p_T > 40$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ , AK4 CHS jets.

## “Boosted” jets

$p_T > 200$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ , AK8,  
PUPPI.  $M_{SD} > 40$  GeV.  $LSF_3 > 0.75$ .

## Leptons

$ee$  ( $\mu\mu$ )  $p_T > 60, 53$  GeV,  
 $|\eta| < 2.4$ . Isolated within a  
cone of 0.3.

**Data analyzed:**  $138 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

**Major SM backgrounds:**  $DY+jets$ ,  
dileptonic  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $tW$  (estimated from  
simulation, and modeling is  
corrected using CRs).

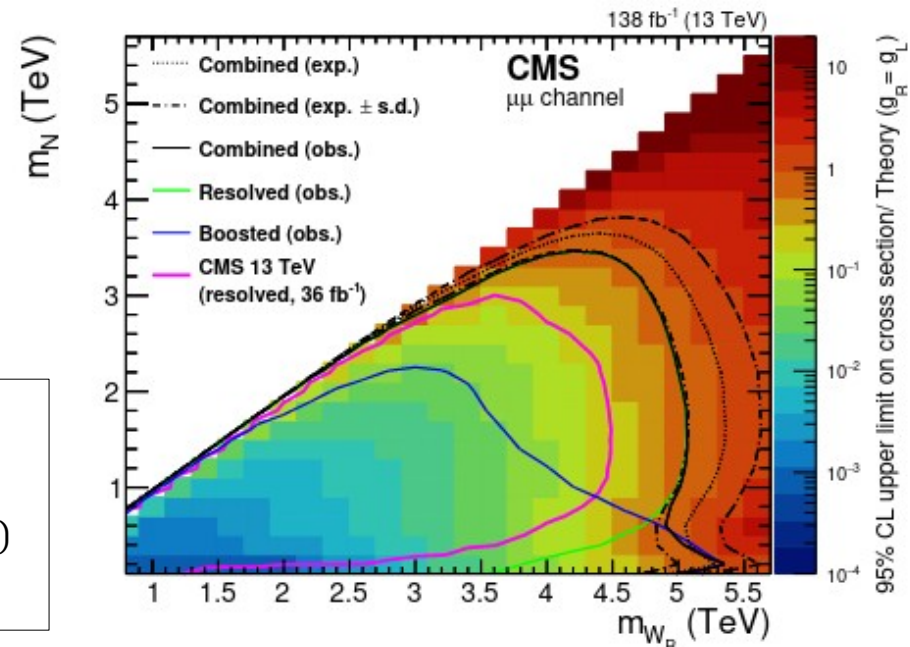
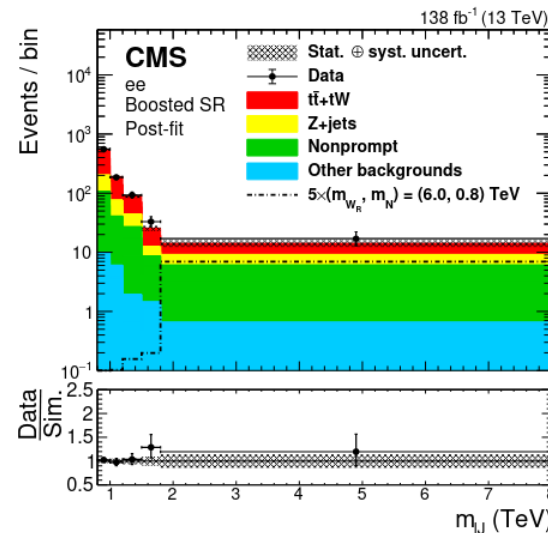
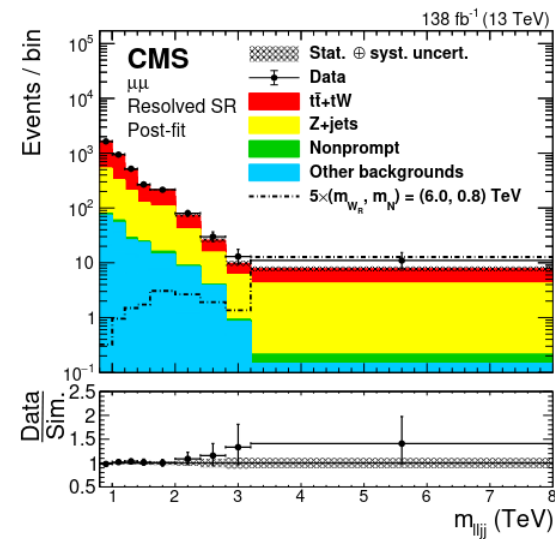
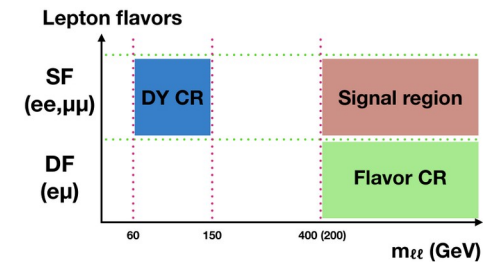
# $W_R$ and a heavy neutrino

• **Event selection:**

**Resolved topology**  $\rightarrow$   $ee$  ( $\mu\mu$ ) +  $jj$ ,  $\Delta R$  between all objects  $> 0.4$ . Veto events with 2+ leptons. Leading two AK4 jets are used.  $M_{\ell\ell} > 0.4$  TeV.

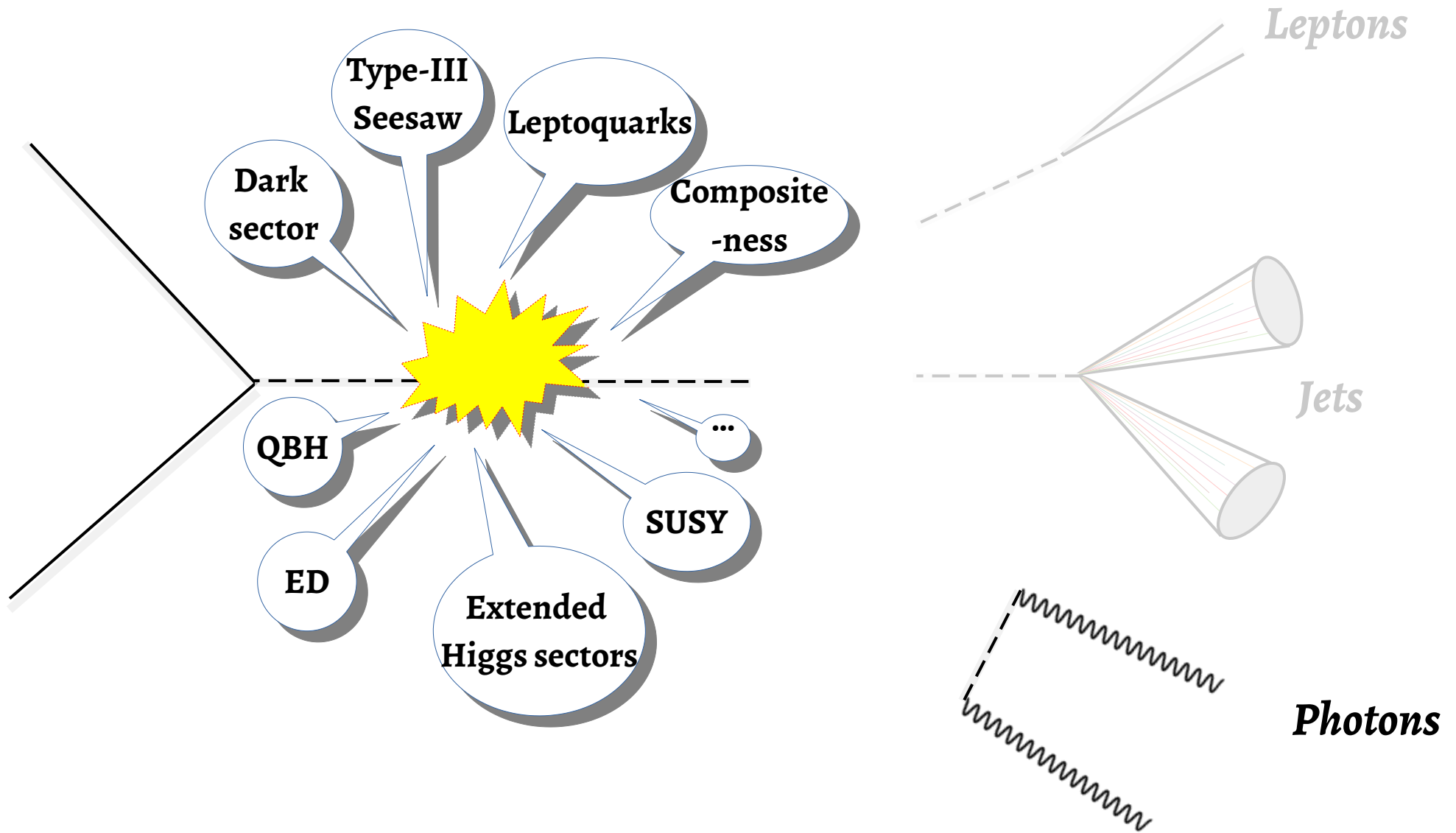
**Boosted topology**  $\rightarrow$   $e$  ( $\mu$ ) +  $j$ ,  $\Delta\phi(\ell, j) > 2.0$ . Subleading lepton removed, falls inside the AK8 jet cone.  $M_{\ell j} > 0.2$  TeV.

• **Results:**



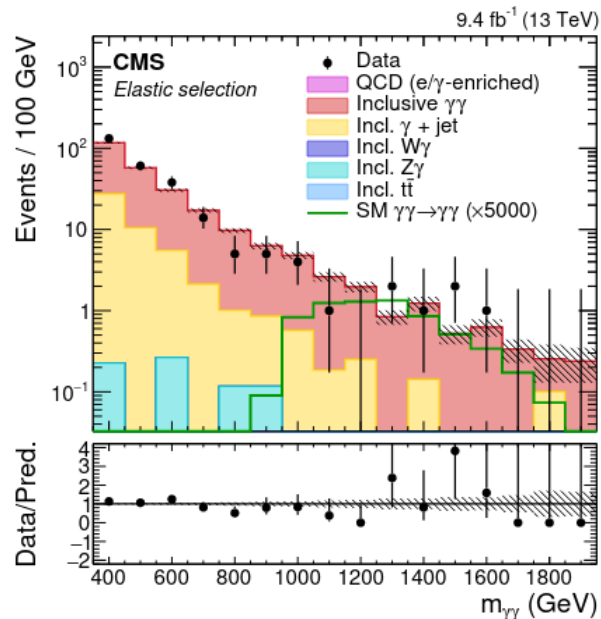
- For  $m_N = m_W/2$ ,  $W_R$  observed to be excluded below 4.7 (5.2) TeV for the  $e$  ( $\mu$ ) channels.
- For  $m_N = 0.2$  TeV,  $W_R$  excluded in the phase space up to 4.8 (5.0) TeV for the  $e$  ( $\mu$ ) channels.

# BSM theories with photons



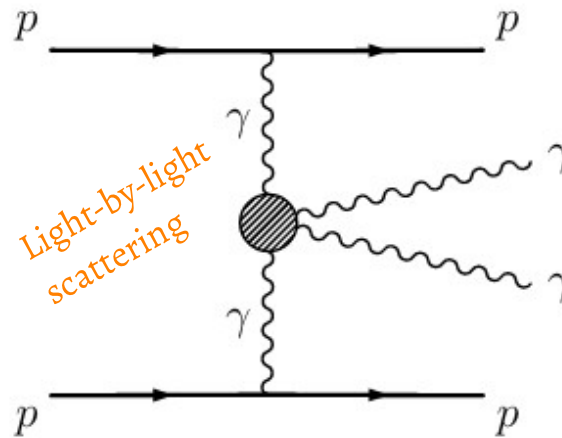
# Exclusive diphoton with tagged protons

- **New physics:** First search for exclusive diphoton production at high mass with tagged protons in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV.
- **Manifests as:** Two-photon production via photon exchange, with both protons intact. Effective extension of the SM Lagrangian, leading to dimension-8 term for four-photon coupling.
 
$$L_8^{\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma} = \zeta_1 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} + \zeta_2 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\rho} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\sigma\nu}$$



**Data analyzed:** 9.4 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected in 2016 by CMS and TOTEM.

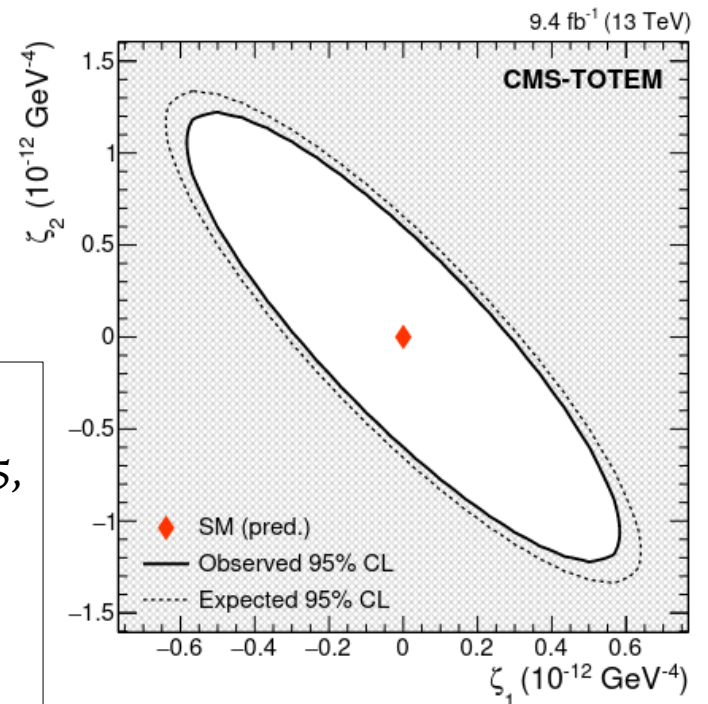
**Major SM backgrounds:** Inclusive γγ, Wγ, Zγ, and γ+jet.



**Event selection:**  
 Photons with  $p_T > 75$  GeV,  $|\eta| < 2.5$ ,  
 $m_{\gamma\gamma} > 350$  GeV.  
 Diphoton acoplanarity,  
 $a = 1 - |\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma}/\pi| < 0.005$ .

$$|\zeta_1| < 2.88 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-4} (\zeta_2 = 0),$$

$$|\zeta_2| < 6.02 \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-4} (\zeta_1 = 0).$$

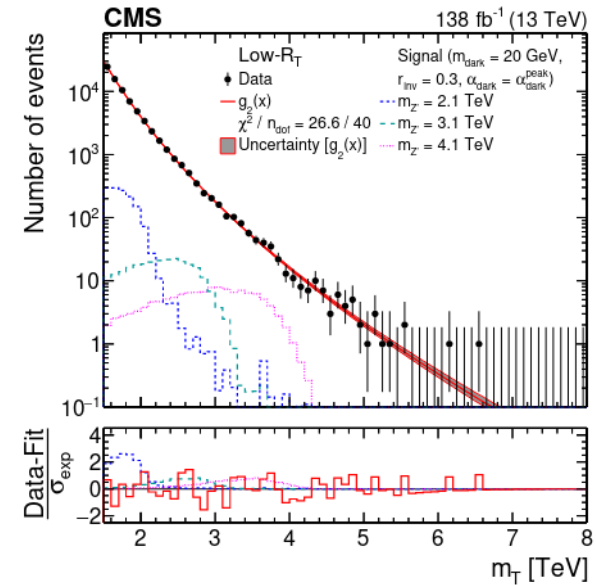
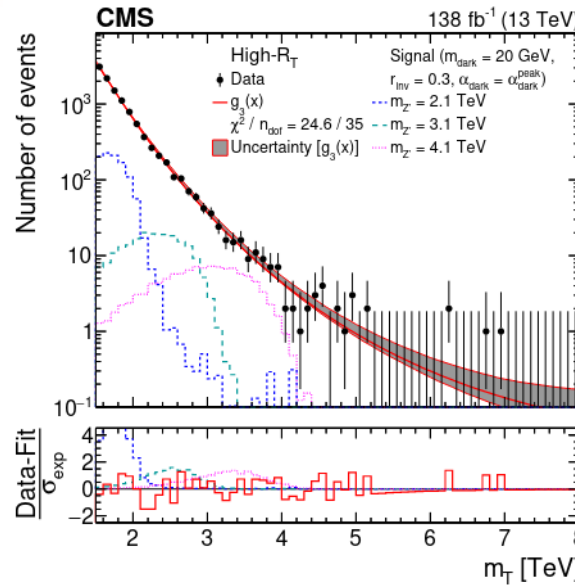


# Scope for reinterpretation

## Strongly coupled DM (arXiv:2112.11125)

- Inclusive signal regions doesn't rely on the details of jet substructure.
- Hence, can be applied to many signal models with a resonance producing jets aligned with  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$ .

HEPDATA record for this analysis.



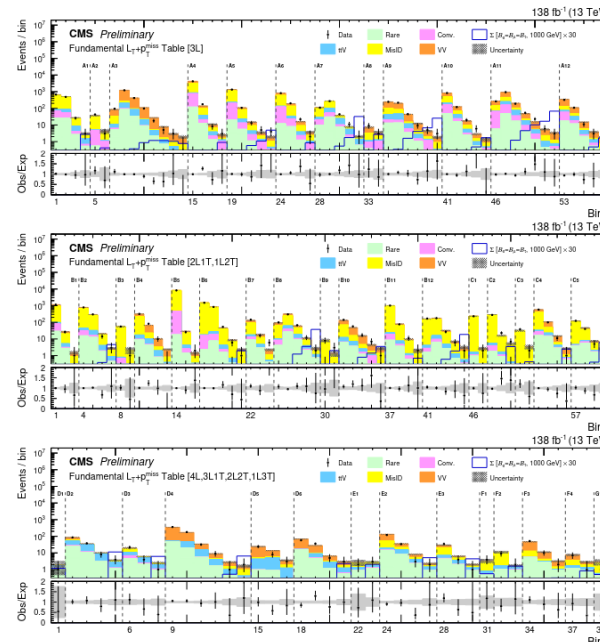
## Multilepton with taus (CMS-PAS-EXO-21-002)

- Fundamental 43 model-independent categories:

		OSSF0		OSSF1				OSSF2			
		BelowZ	AboveZ	SS	OnZ	BelowZ	AboveZ	MixedZ	Single-OnZ	Double-OnZ	OffZ
3L	Low $p_T/M_T$	A1*		A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	—	—	—
	High $p_T/M_T$	A7*		A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	—	—	—
2L1T	Low $p_T$	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	—	—	—	—
	High $p_T$	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	—	—	—	—
1L2T		C1	C2	C3	—	C4	C5	—	—	—	—
4L		D1*			D2	D3*			D4*	D5	D6
3L1T		E1*			E2	E3*			—	—	—
2L2T		F1*			F2*			—	F3	—	F4
1L3T		G1*			—	G1*		—	—	—	—

- Additional dimensionality from b tagged jets,  $H_T$ , and  $p_T^{\text{miss}}$  – advanced scheme (204 categories)!

HEPDATA in preparation.



15 SRs (combined 2016–2018) in  $L_T+p_T^{\text{miss}}$ .

257 SRs in  $S_T$ , and 2415 SRs in an advanced scheme!

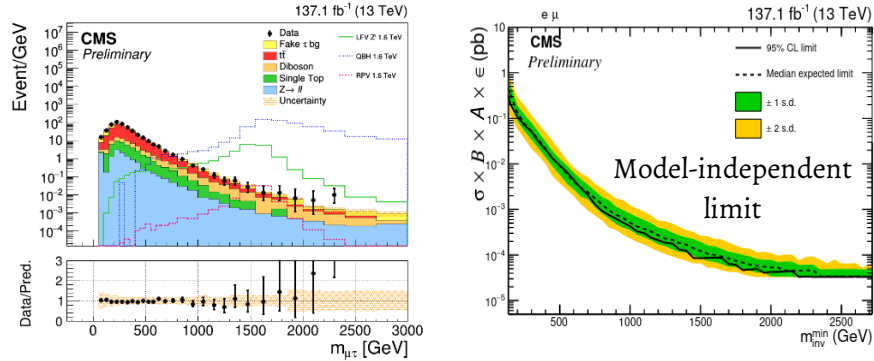




# A few more highlights from CMS-EXO...

## QBH, LFV Z', RPV $\tau$ sneutrino in $e\mu$ , $e\tau$ , $\mu\tau$

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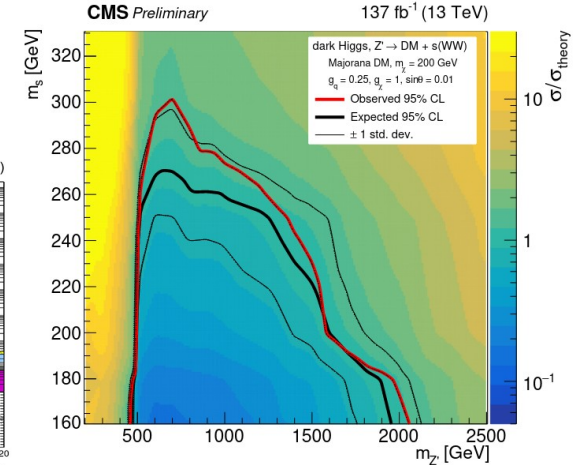
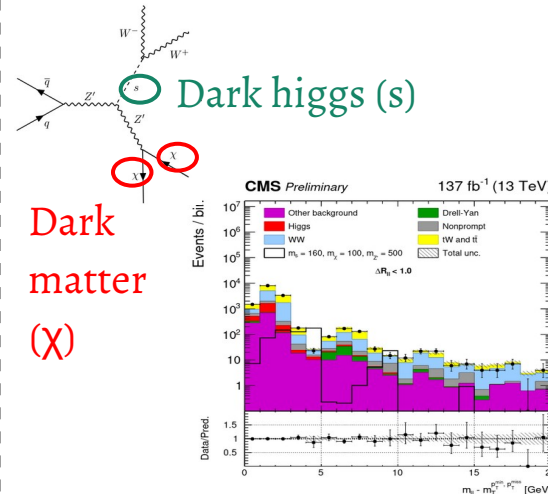


Channel	RPV (TeV)		Z' (TeV)	QBH (TeV)
	$\lambda = \lambda' = 0.01$	$\lambda = \lambda' = 0.1$		
$e\mu$	2.2 (2.2)	4.2 (4.2)	5.0 (4.9)	5.6 (5.6)
$e\tau$	1.6 (1.6)	3.7 (3.7)	4.3 (4.3)	5.2 (5.2)
$\mu\tau$	1.6 (1.6)	3.6 (3.7)	4.1 (4.2)	5.0 (5.0)

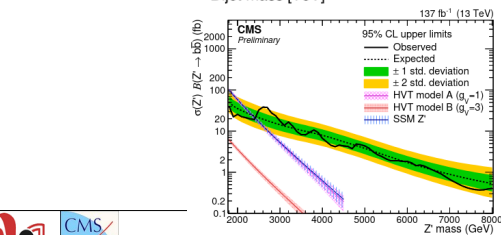
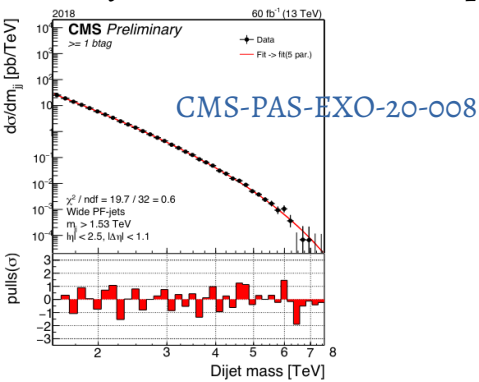
Best collider limits on these models to date.

## DM + dark higgs $\rightarrow W+W-$ ( $\rightarrow ll\nu\nu$ )

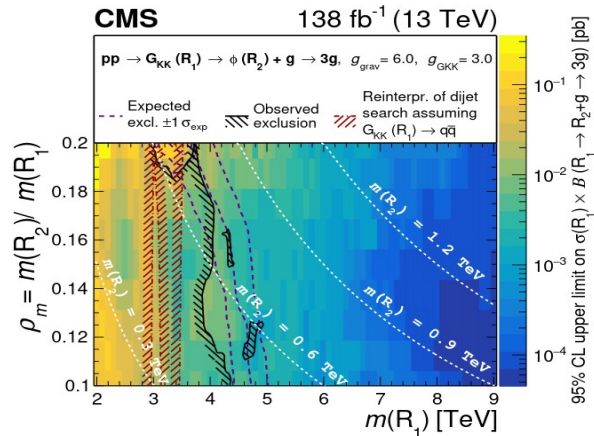
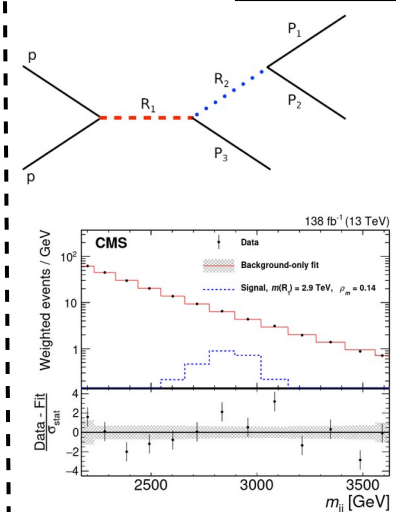
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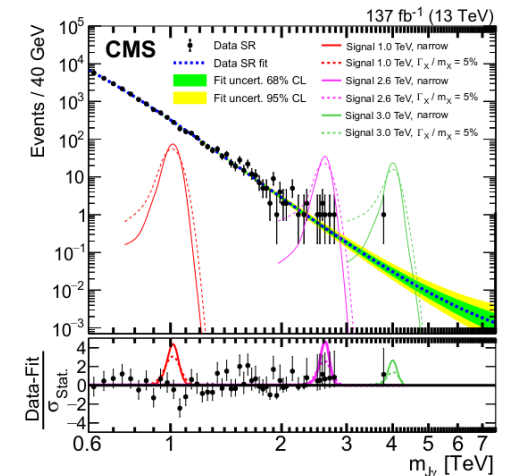
## Heavy resonances to b quark pair



## High mass trijet resonances with boosted dijet resonances



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W $\gamma$  resonance  
arXiv:2106.10509