



# Hunting for new physics using long-lived particles

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Today I'll bring you a fresh perspective on our LLP program and an update on some of the work ATLAS is doing now and towards Run 3

# Dark matter!

Cosmological evidence  
is the only positive  
confirmation of DM  
we currently have!

What we know about  
dark matter:

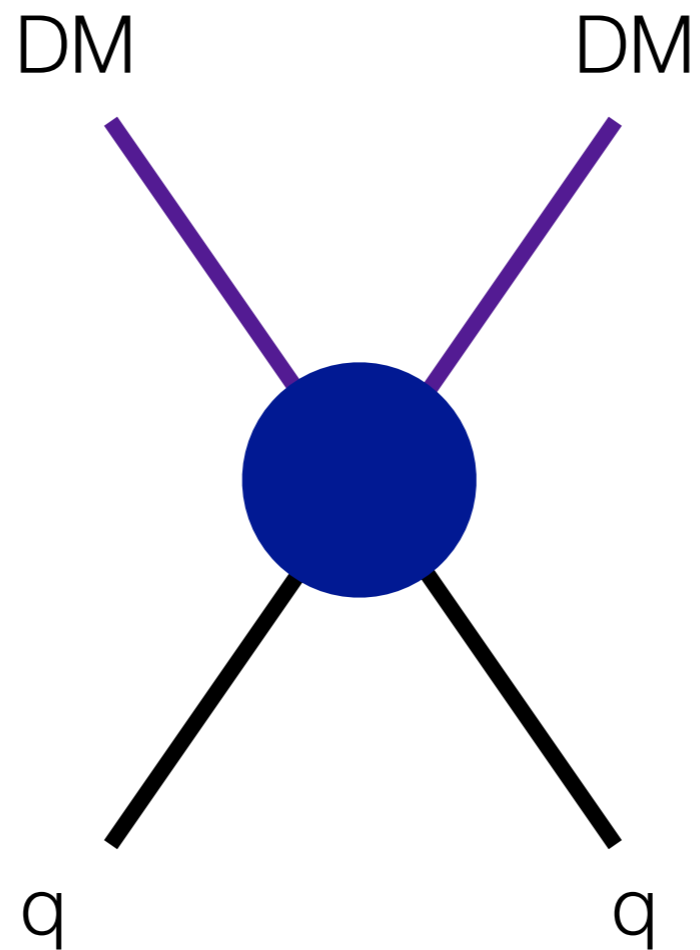
- Long lifetime
- No EM charge
- Specific relic density

What we don't know:

- Mass
- How it connects to  
the Standard Model

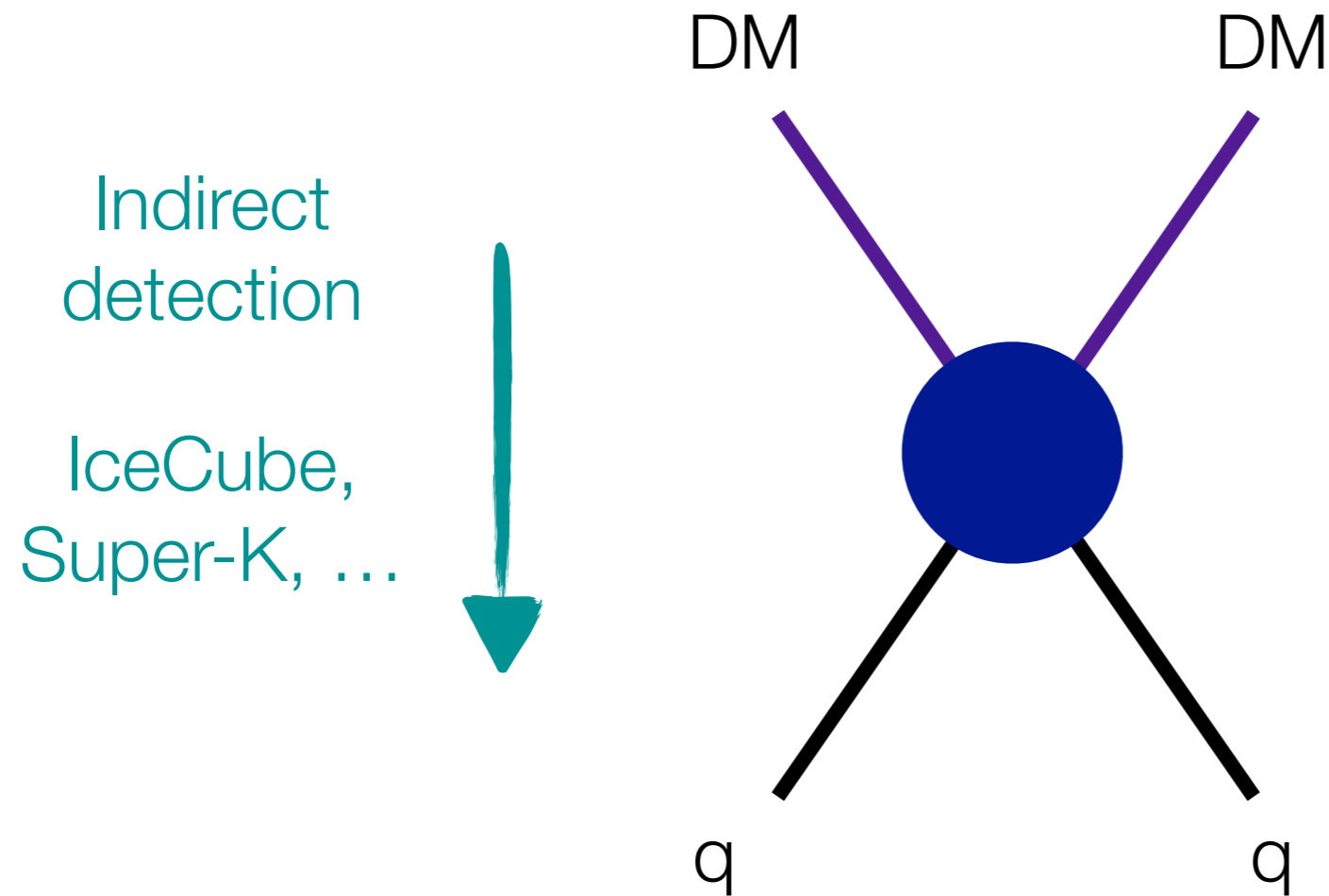
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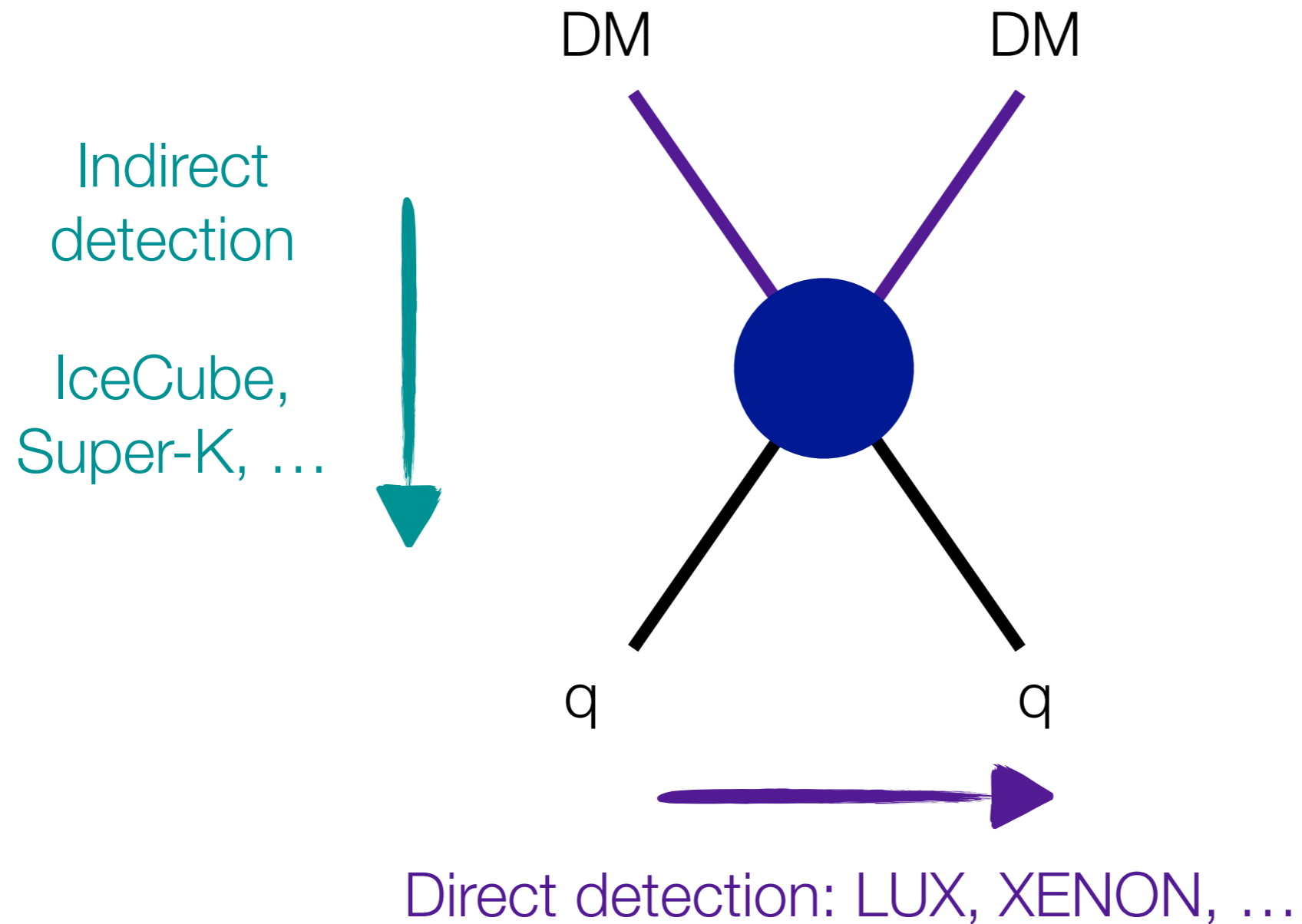
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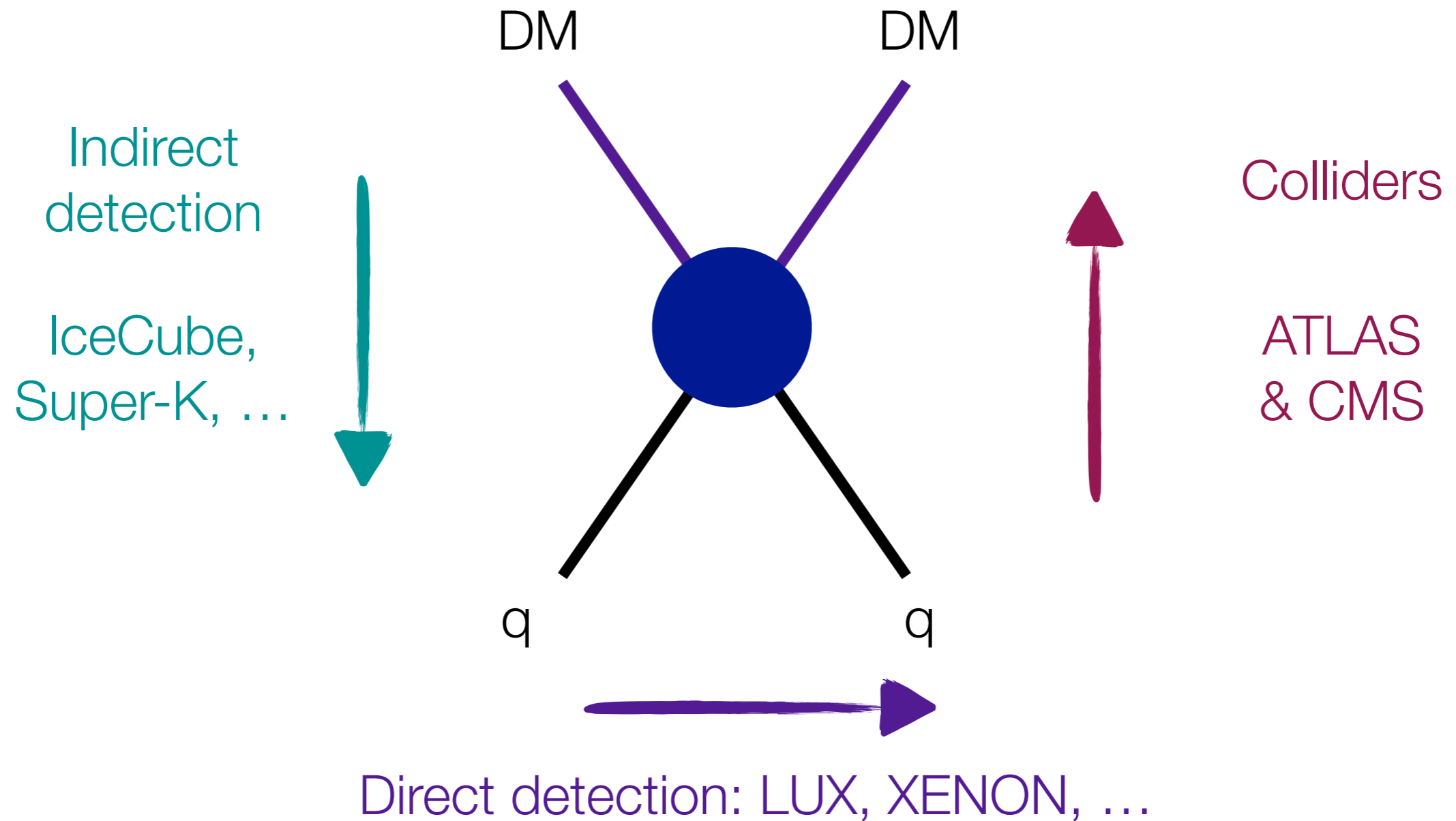
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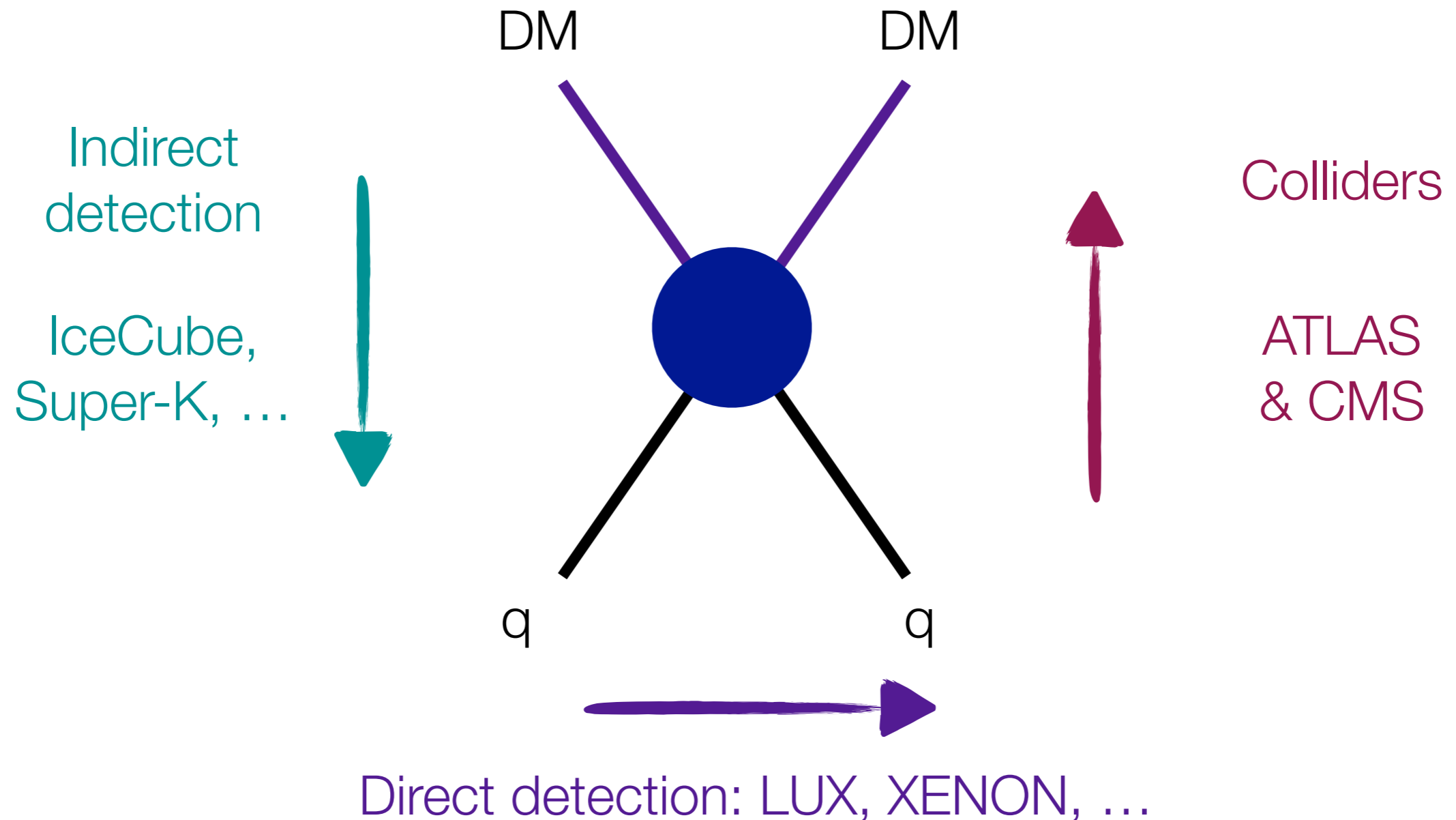


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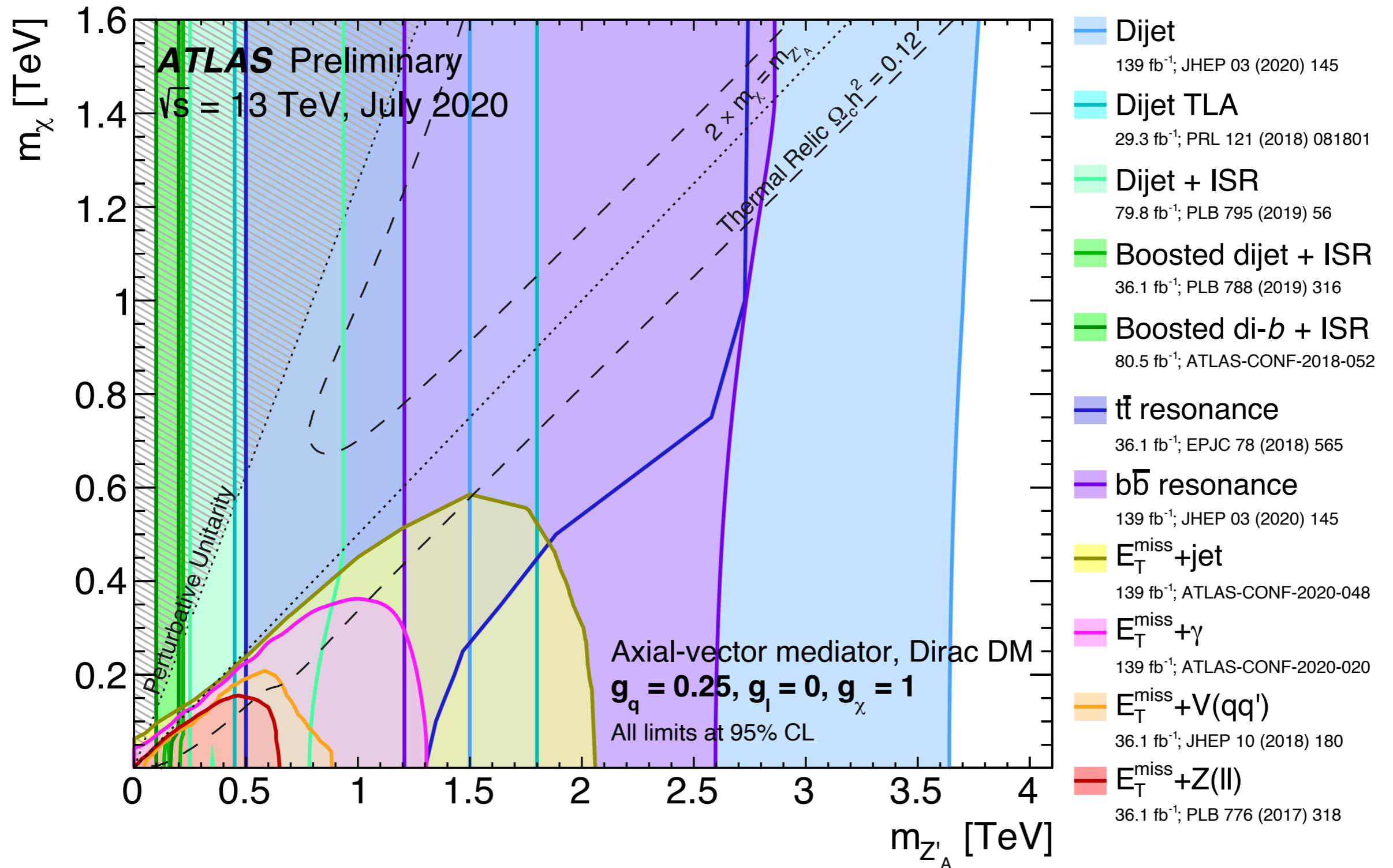


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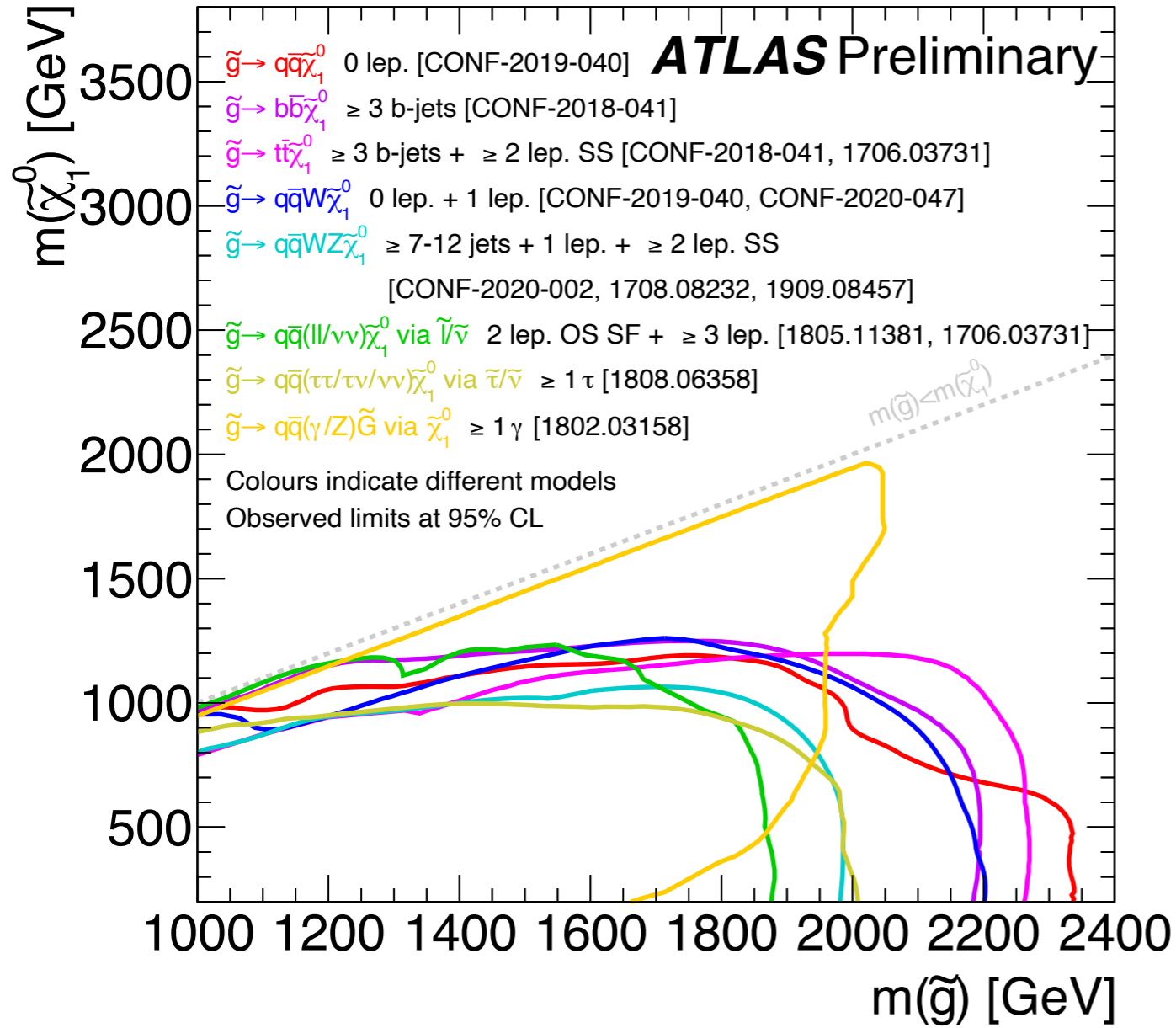


If there is some interaction with the Standard Model, at a moderate energy scale, → then we should be able to produce DM at the LHC!

# LHC dark matter limits today

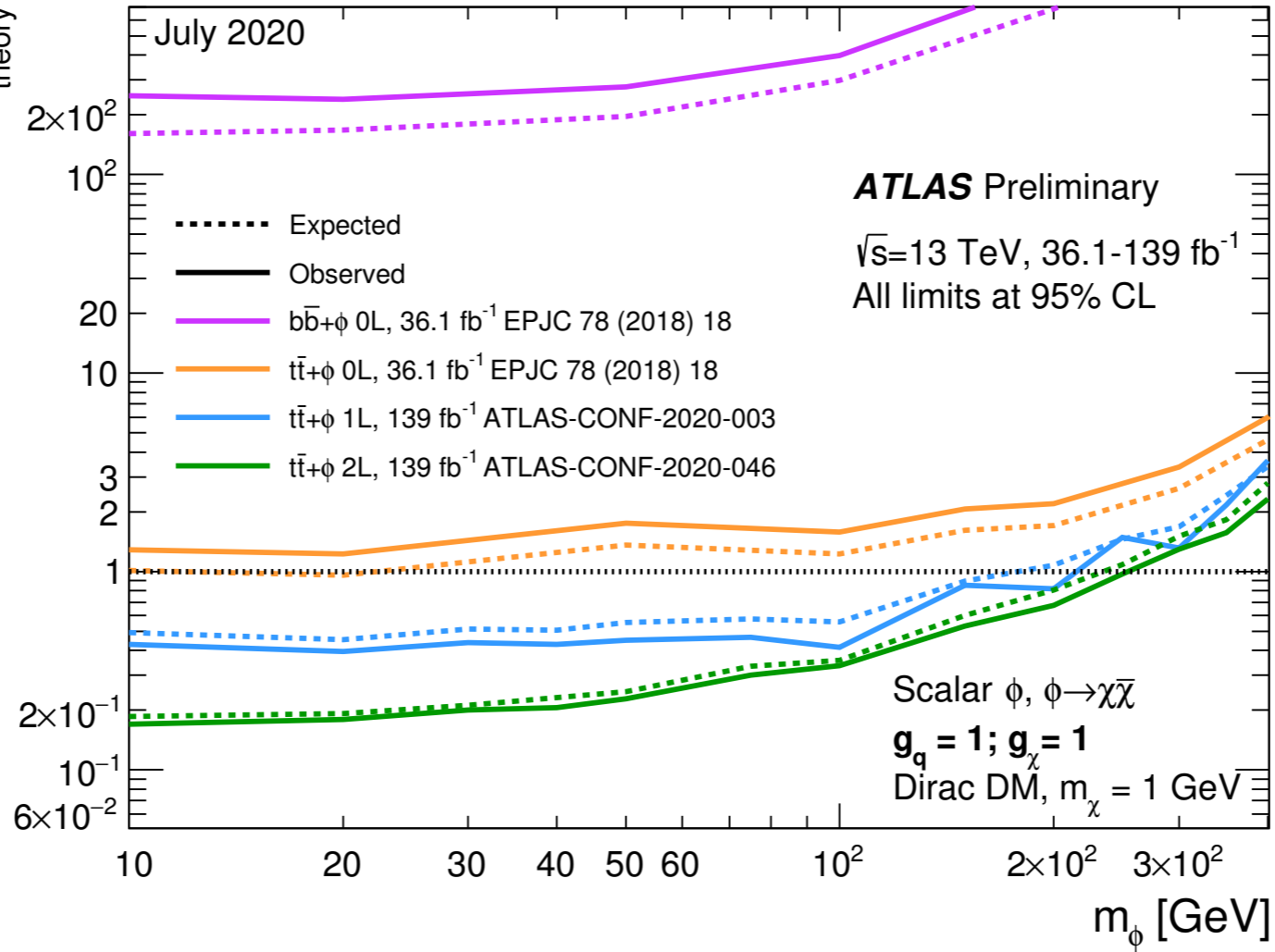
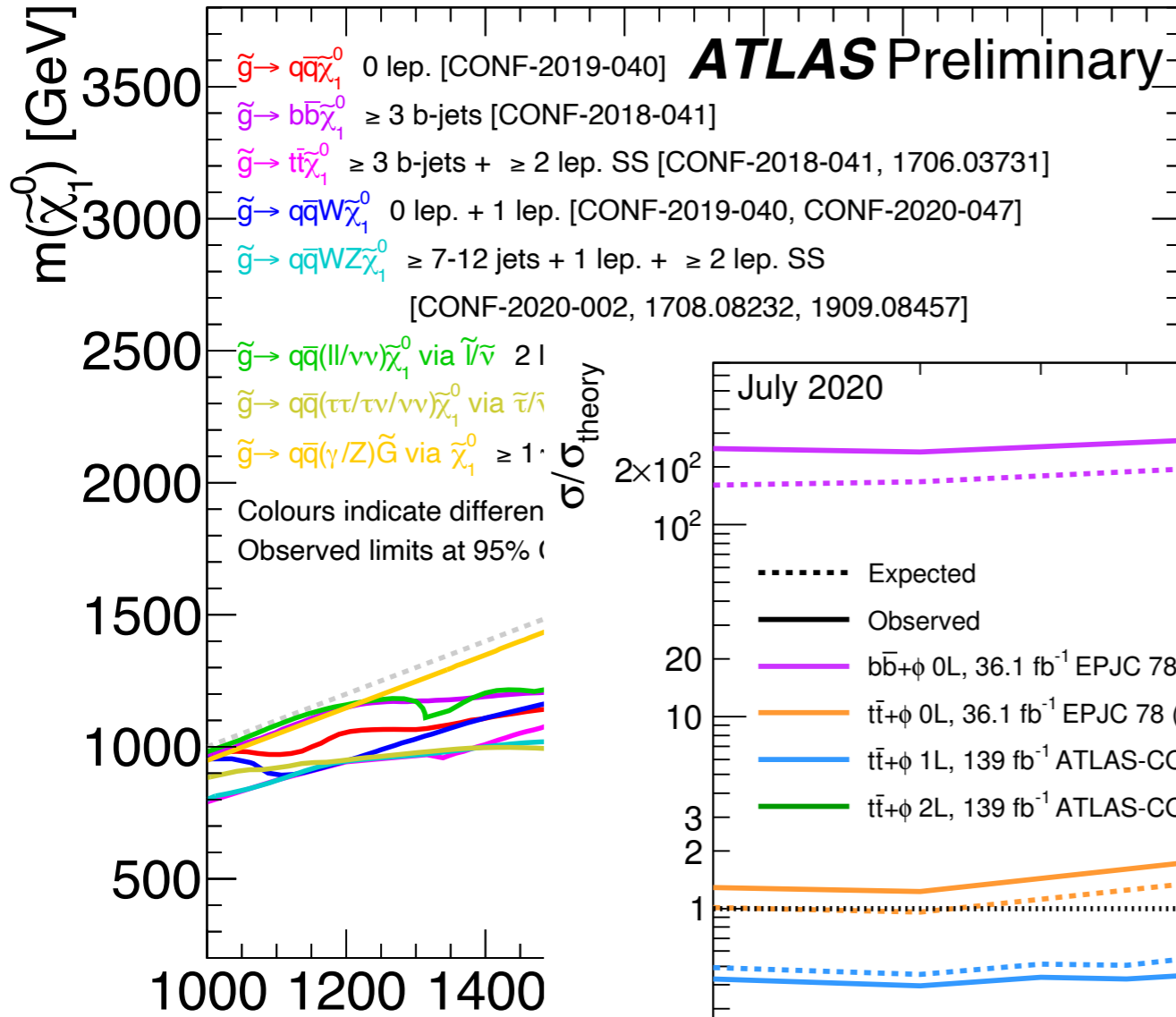


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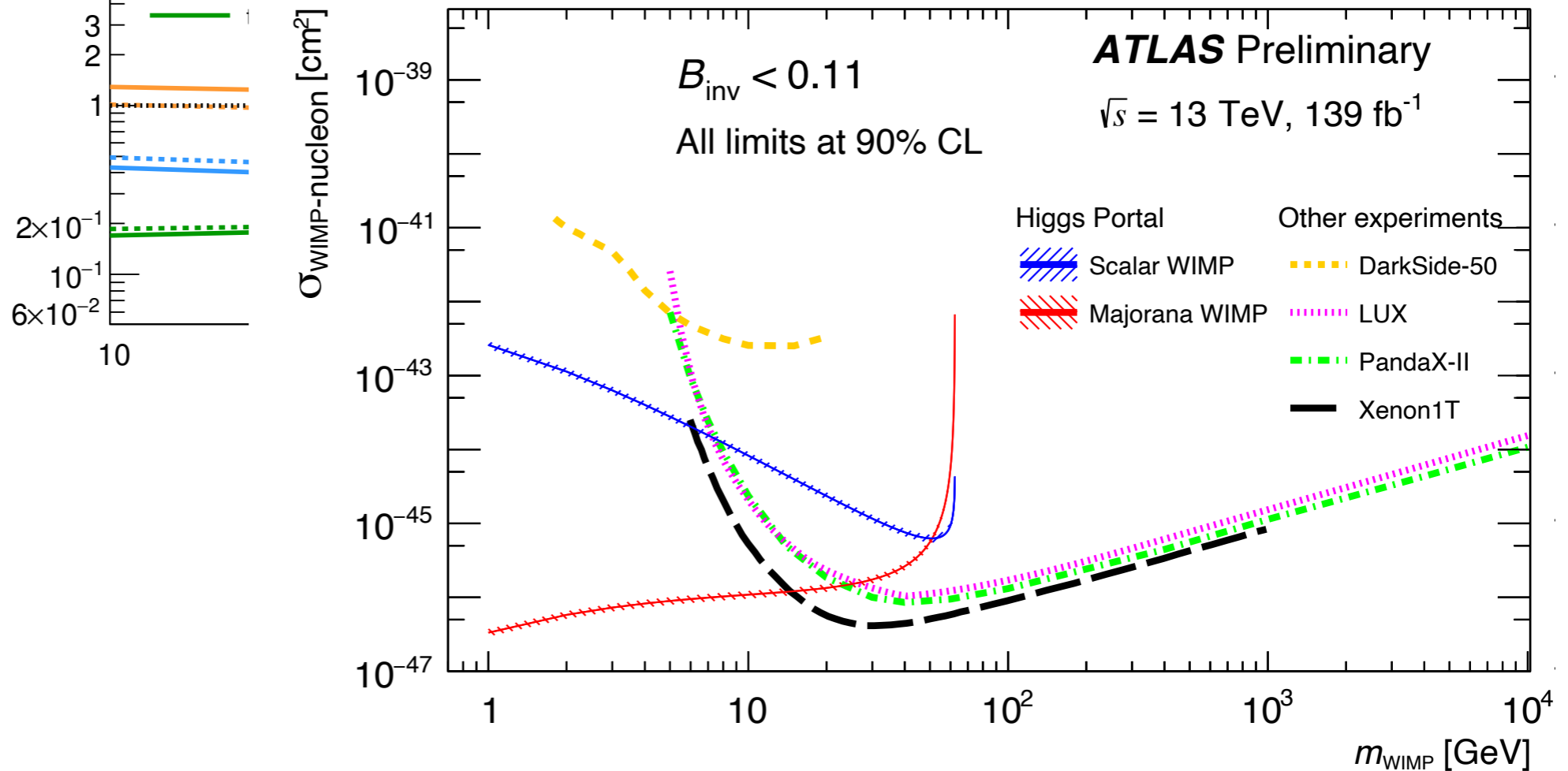
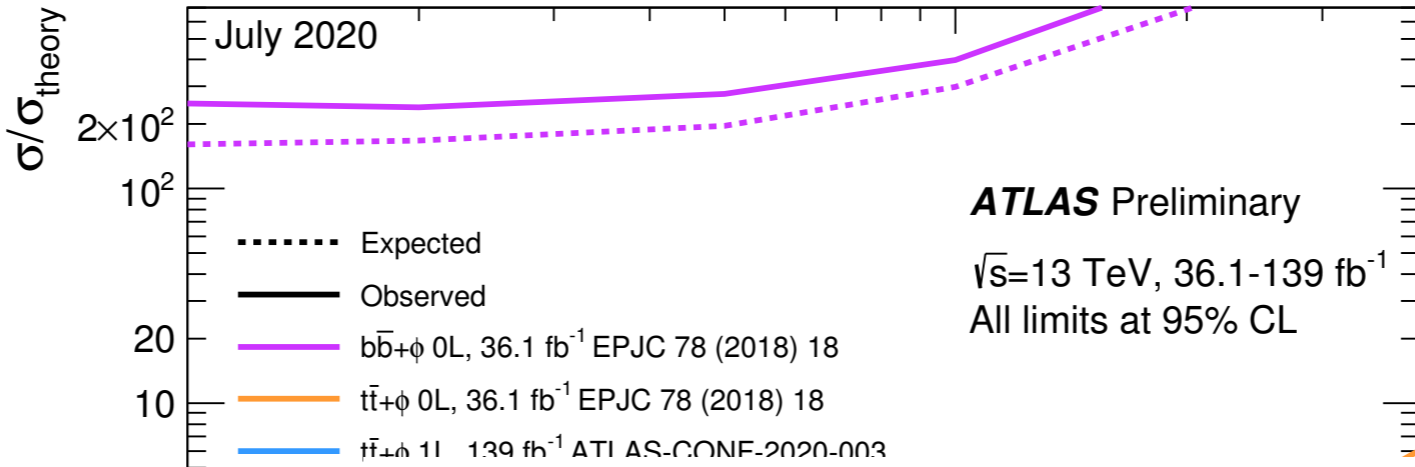
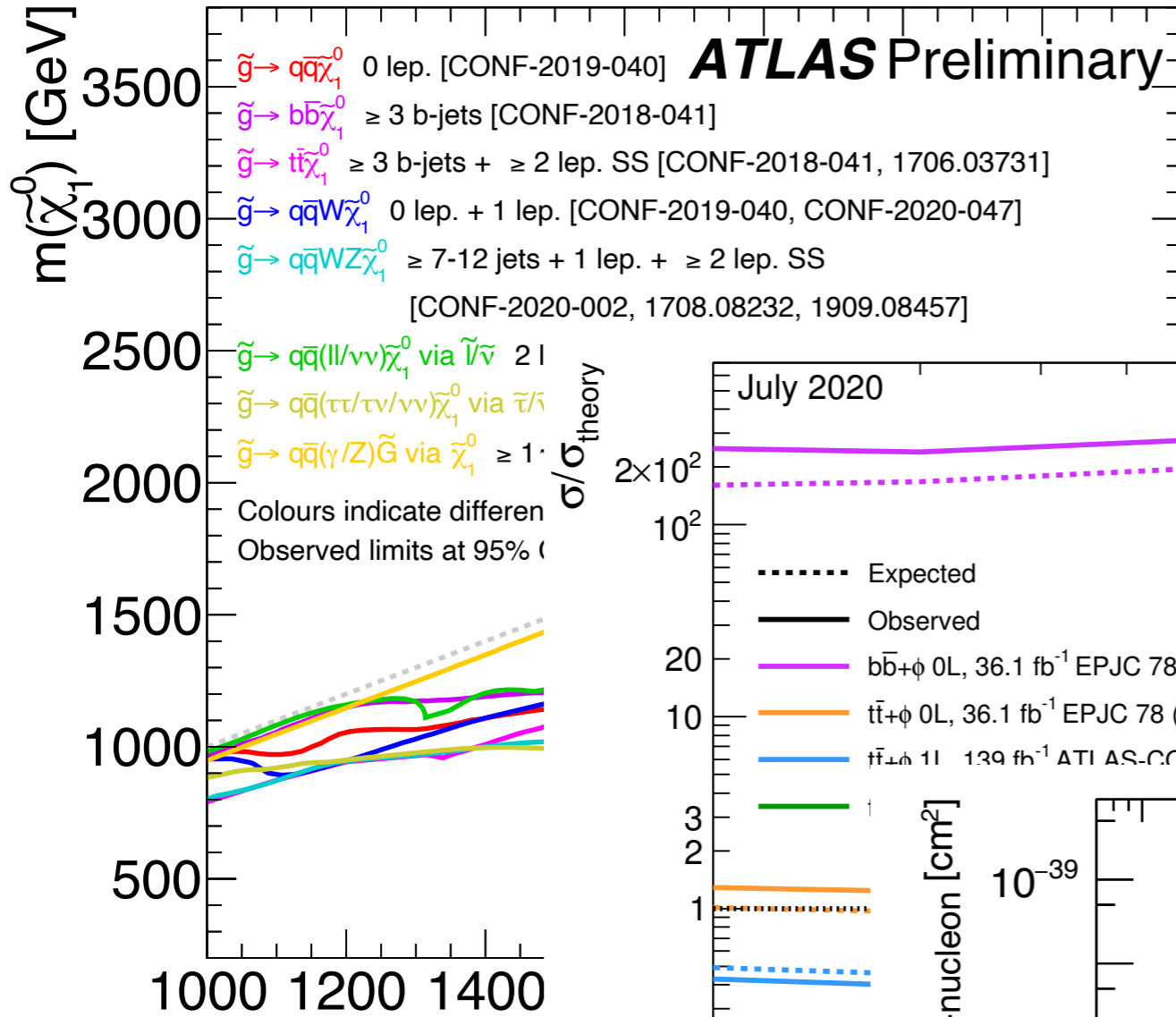


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Extra dimensions	ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$	0 $e, \mu$	1-4 j	Yes	36.1	$M_D$ 7.7 TeV	$n = 2$ 1711.03301
	ADD non-resonant $\gamma\gamma$	2 $\gamma$	-	-	36.7	$M_S$ 8.6 TeV	$n = 3$ HLZ NLO 1707.04147
	ADD QBH	-	2 j	-	37.0	$M_{\text{th}}$ 8.9 TeV	$n = 6$ 1703.09127
	ADD BH high $\sum p_T$	$\geq 1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 j$	-	3.2	$M_{\text{th}}$ 8.2 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$ , rot BH 1606.02265
	ADD BH multijet	-	$\geq 3 j$	-	3.6	$M_{\text{th}}$ 9.55 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$ , rot BH 1512.02586
	RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2 $\gamma$	-	-	36.7	$G_{KK}$ mass 4.1 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$ 1707.04147
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW/ZZ$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	$G_{KK}$ mass 2.3 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$ 1808.02380
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WV \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$	1 $e, \mu$	2 j / 1 J	Yes	139	$G_{KK}$ mass 2.0 TeV	$k/\overline{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$ 2004.14636
	Bulk RS $g_{KK} \rightarrow tt$	1 $e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	36.1	$g_{KK}$ mass 3.8 TeV	$\Gamma/m = 15\%$ 1804.10823
	2UED / RPP	1 $e, \mu$	$\geq 2 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	36.1	KK mass 1.8 TeV	Tier (1,1), $\mathcal{B}(A^{(1,1)} \rightarrow tt) = 1$ 1803.09678
Gauge bosons	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$	2 $e, \mu$	-	-	139	$Z'$ mass 5.1 TeV	$\Gamma/m = 1.2\%$ 1903.06248
	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2 $\tau$	-	-	36.1	$Z'$ mass 2.42 TeV	1709.07242
	Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow bb$	-	2 b	-	36.1	$Z'$ mass 2.1 TeV	1805.09299
	Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow tt$	0 $e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 2 J$	Yes	139	$Z'$ mass 4.1 TeV	2005.05138
	SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	1 $e, \mu$	-	Yes	139	$W'$ mass 6.0 TeV	1906.05609
	SSM $W' \rightarrow \tau\nu$	1 $\tau$	-	Yes	36.1	$W'$ mass 3.7 TeV	1801.06992
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$ model B	1 $e, \mu$	2 j / 1 J	Yes	139	$W'$ mass 4.3 TeV	$g_V = 3$ 2004.14636
	HVT $V' \rightarrow WV \rightarrow qq qq$ model B	0 $e, \mu$	2 J	-	139	$V'$ mass 3.8 TeV	$g_V = 3$ 1906.08589
	HVT $V' \rightarrow WH/ZH$ model B	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	$V'$ mass 2.93 TeV	$g_V = 3$ 1712.06518
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WH$ model B	0 $e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 2 J$	-	139	$W'$ mass 3.2 TeV	$g_V = 3$ CERN-EP-2020-073
LRSM $W_R \rightarrow tb$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	$W_R$ mass 3.25 TeV	1807.10473	
LRSM $W_R \rightarrow \mu N_R$	2 $\mu$	1 J	-	80	$W_R$ mass 5.0 TeV	$m(N_R) = 0.5 \text{ TeV}$ , $g_L = g_R$ 1904.12679	
CI	CI $qqqq$	-	2 j	-	37.0	$\Lambda$ 21.8 TeV $\eta_{LL}$	1703.09127
	CI $\ell\ell qq$	2 $e, \mu$	-	-	139	$\Lambda$ 35.8 TeV $\eta_{LL}$	CERN-EP-2020-066
	CI $tttt$	$\geq 1 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	$\Lambda$ 2.57 TeV $ C_{4t}  = 4\pi$	1811.02305
DM	Axial-vector mediator (Dirac DM)	0 $e, \mu$	1-4 j	Yes	36.1	$m_{\text{med}}$ 1.55 TeV	$g_q=0.25, g_\chi=1.0, m(\chi) = 1 \text{ GeV}$ 1711.03301
	Colored scalar mediator (Dirac DM)	0 $e, \mu$	1-4 j	Yes	36.1	$m_{\text{med}}$ 1.67 TeV	$g=1.0, m(\chi) = 1 \text{ GeV}$ 1711.03301
	VV $\chi\chi$ EFT (Dirac DM)	0 $e, \mu$	1 J, $\leq 1 j$	Yes	3.2	$M_*$ 700 GeV	$m(\chi) < 150 \text{ GeV}$ 1608.02372
	Scalar reson. $\phi \rightarrow t\chi$ (Dirac DM)	0-1 $e, \mu$	1 b, 0-1 J	Yes	36.1	$m_\phi$ 3.4 TeV	$y = 0.4, \lambda = 0.2, m(\chi) = 10 \text{ GeV}$ 1812.09743
LQ	Scalar LQ 1 <sup>st</sup> gen	1, 2 e	$\geq 2 j$	Yes	36.1	LQ mass 1.4 TeV	$\beta = 1$ 1902.00377
	Scalar LQ 2 <sup>nd</sup> gen	1, 2 $\mu$	$\geq 2 j$	Yes	36.1	LQ mass 1.56 TeV	$\beta = 1$ 1902.00377
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	2 $\tau$	2 b	-	36.1	$LQ_3^u$ mass 1.03 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^u \rightarrow b\tau) = 1$ 1902.08103
	Scalar LQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen	0-1 $e, \mu$	2 b	Yes	36.1	$LQ_3^d$ mass 970 GeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^d \rightarrow t\tau) = 0$ 1902.08103
Heavy quarks	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Ht/Zt/Wb + X$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	T mass 1.37 TeV	SU(2) doublet 1808.02343
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Wt/Zb + X$	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	B mass 1.34 TeV	SU(2) doublet 1808.02343
	VLQ $T_{5/3} T_{5/3}   T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt + X$	2(SS) $\geq 3 e, \mu \geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	$T_{5/3}$ mass 1.64 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt) = 1, c(T_{5/3} Wt) = 1$ 1807.11883	
	VLQ $Y \rightarrow Wb + X$	1 $e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	Y mass 1.85 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(Y \rightarrow Wb) = 1, c_R(Wb) = 1$ 1812.07343
	VLQ $B \rightarrow Hb + X$	0 $e, \mu, 2 \gamma$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	79.8	B mass 1.21 TeV	$\kappa_B = 0.5$ ATLAS-CONF-2018-024
	VLQ $QQ \rightarrow WqWq$	1 $e, \mu$	$\geq 4 j$	Yes	20.3	Q mass 690 GeV	1509.04261
Excited fermions	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow qg$	-	2 j	-	139	$q^*$ mass 6.7 TeV	only $u^*$ and $d^*$ , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$ 1910.08447
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\gamma$	1 $\gamma$	1 j	-	36.7	$q^*$ mass 5.3 TeV	only $u^*$ and $d^*$ , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$ 1709.10440
	Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow bg$	-	1 b, 1 j	-	36.1	$b^*$ mass 2.6 TeV	1805.09299
	Excited lepton $\ell^*$	3 $e, \mu$	-	-	20.3	$\ell^*$ mass 3.0 TeV	$\Lambda = 3.0 \text{ TeV}$ 1411.2921
	Excited lepton $\nu^*$	3 $e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	20.3	$\nu^*$ mass 1.6 TeV	$\Lambda = 1.6 \text{ TeV}$ 1411.2921
Other	Type III Seesaw	1 $e, \mu$	$\geq 2 j$	Yes	79.8	$N^0$ mass 560 GeV	$m(W_R) = 4.1 \text{ TeV}, g_L = g_R$ ATLAS-CONF-2018-020
	LRSM Majorana $\nu$	2 $\mu$	2 j	-	36.1	$N_R$ mass 3.2 TeV	1809.11105
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	2,3,4 $e, \mu$ (SS)	-	-	36.1	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 870 GeV	DY production 1710.09748
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau$	3 $e, \mu, \tau$	-	-	20.3	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 400 GeV	DY production, $\mathcal{B}(H_L^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau) = 1$ 1411.2921
	Multi-charged particles	-	-	-	36.1	multi-charged particle mass 1.22 TeV	DY production, $ q  = 5e$ 1812.03673
	Magnetic monopoles	-	-	-	34.4	monopole mass 2.37 TeV	DY production, $ g  = 1g_D$ , spin 1/2 1905.10130

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partial data

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full data

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Mass scale [TeV]

\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

†Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

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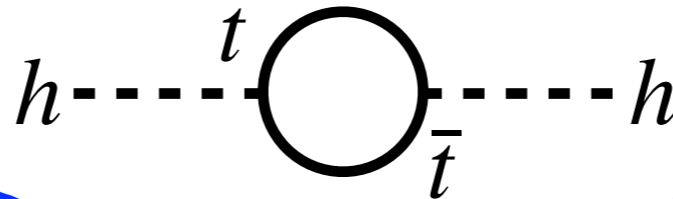
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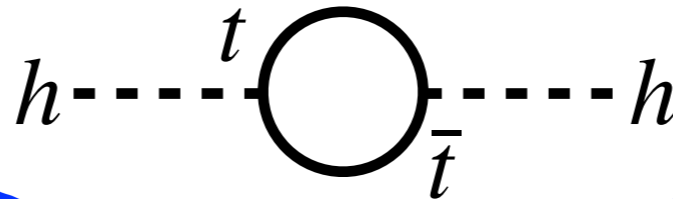
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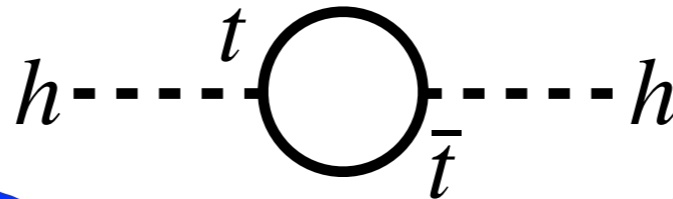
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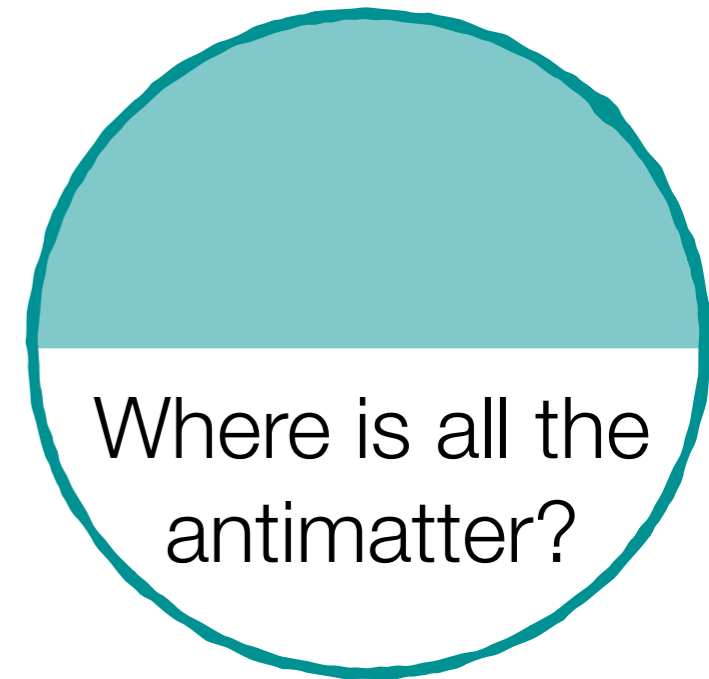
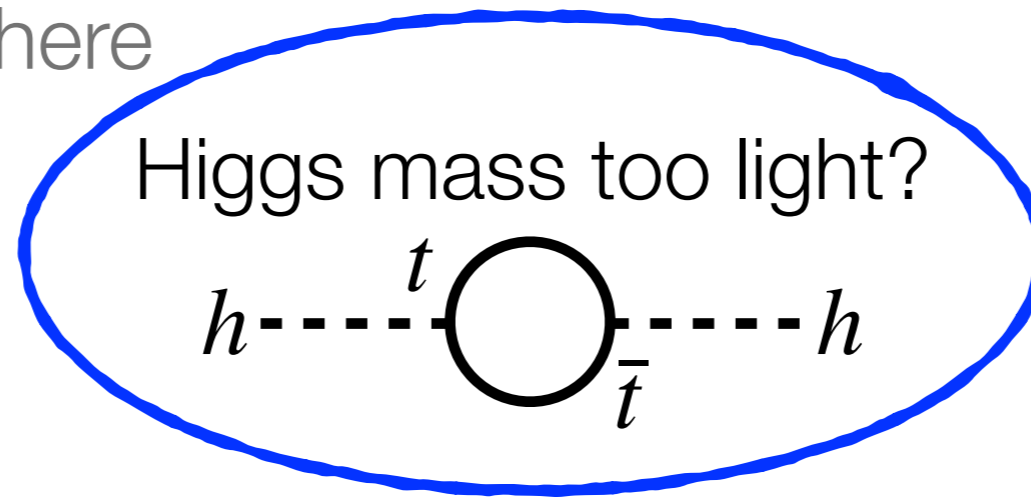
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- In case 1, not much we can do about it. But we have all the power in case 2! Need to understand where else to look.

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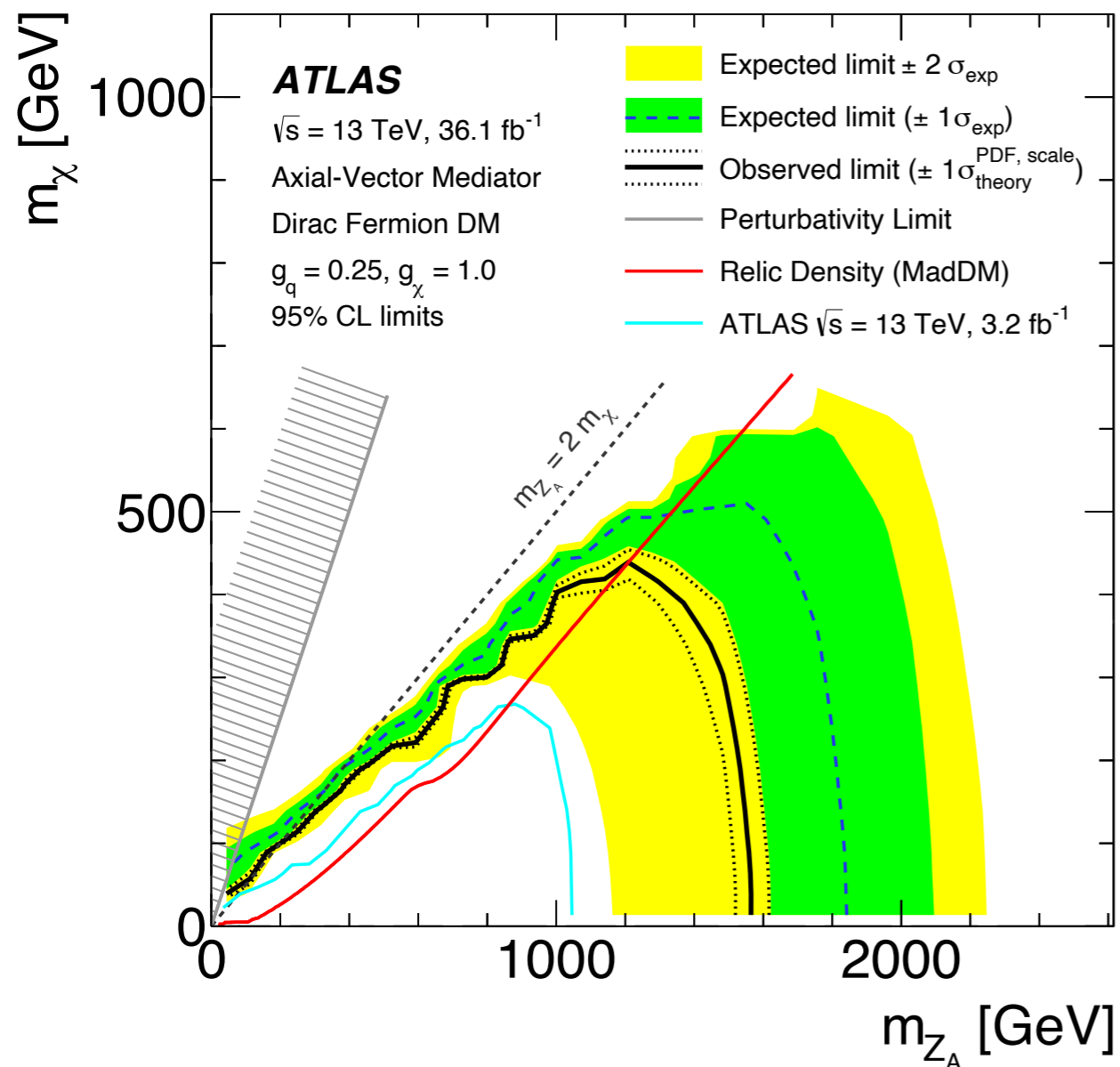
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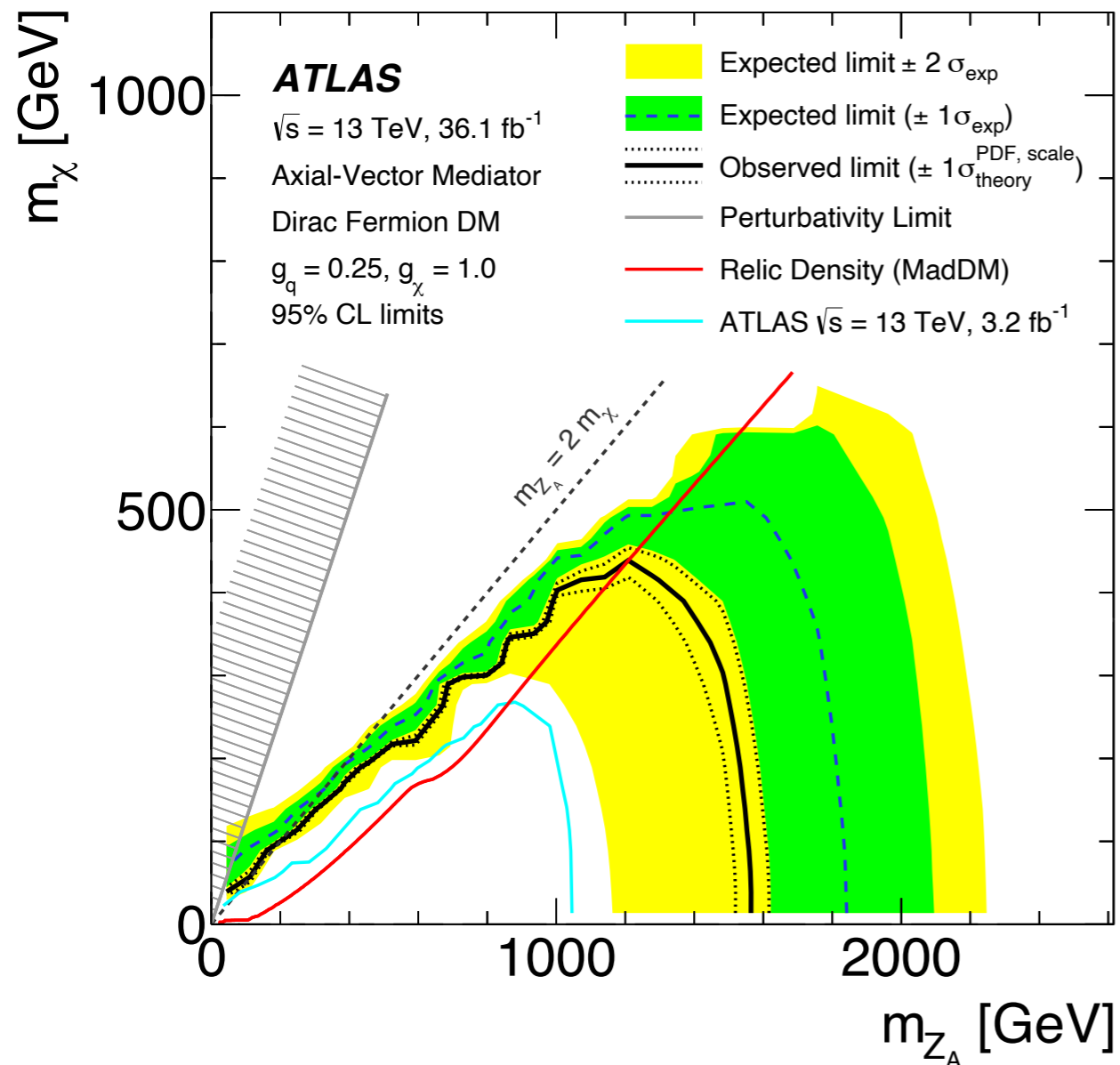
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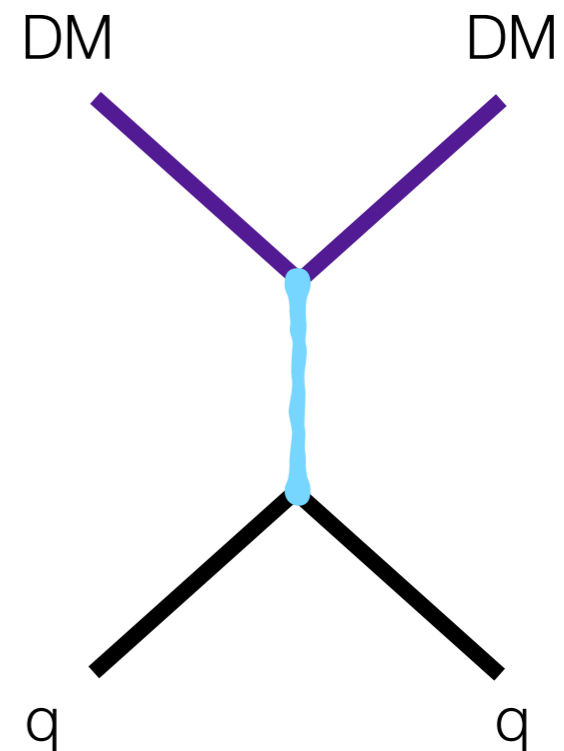
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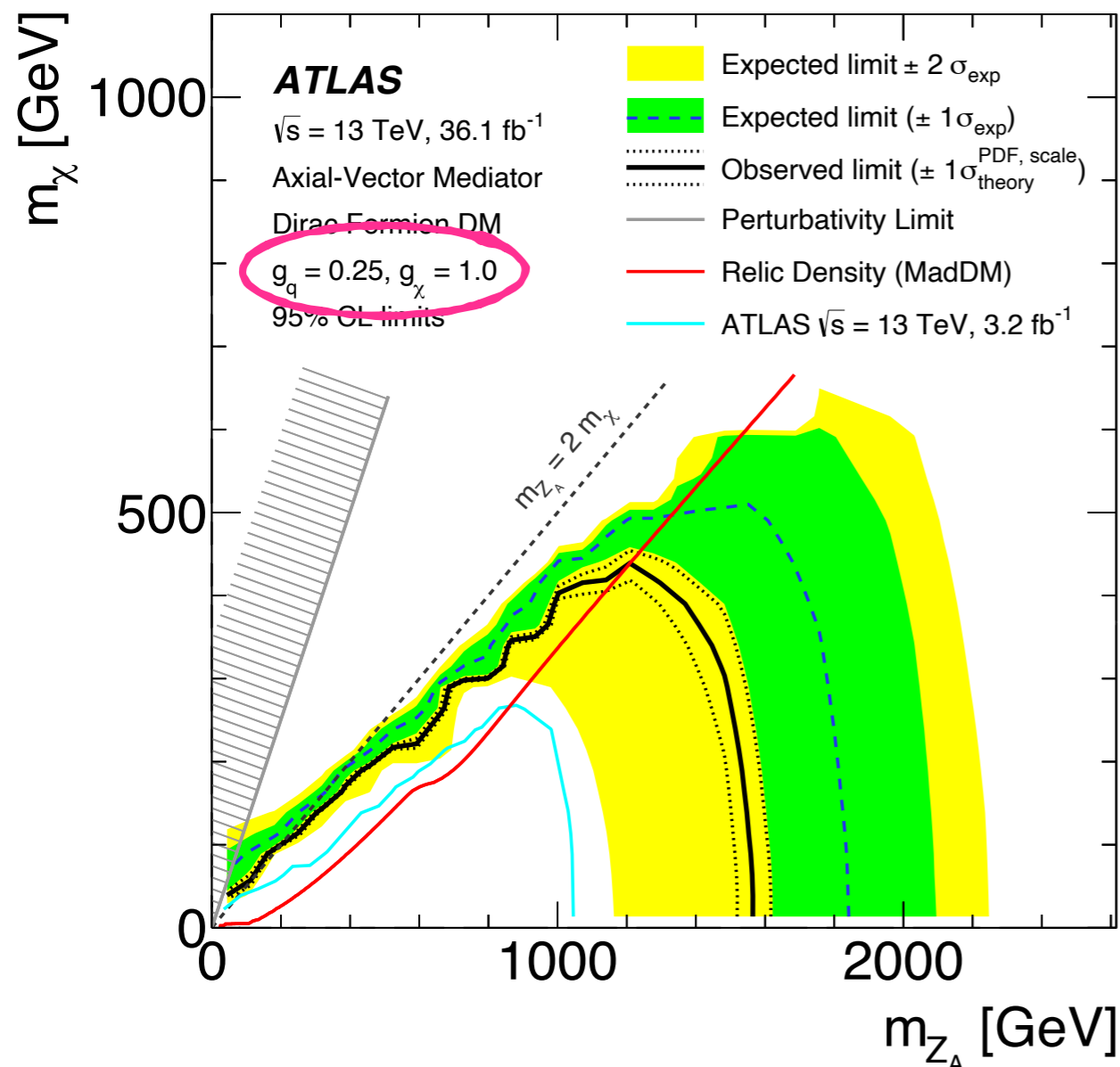
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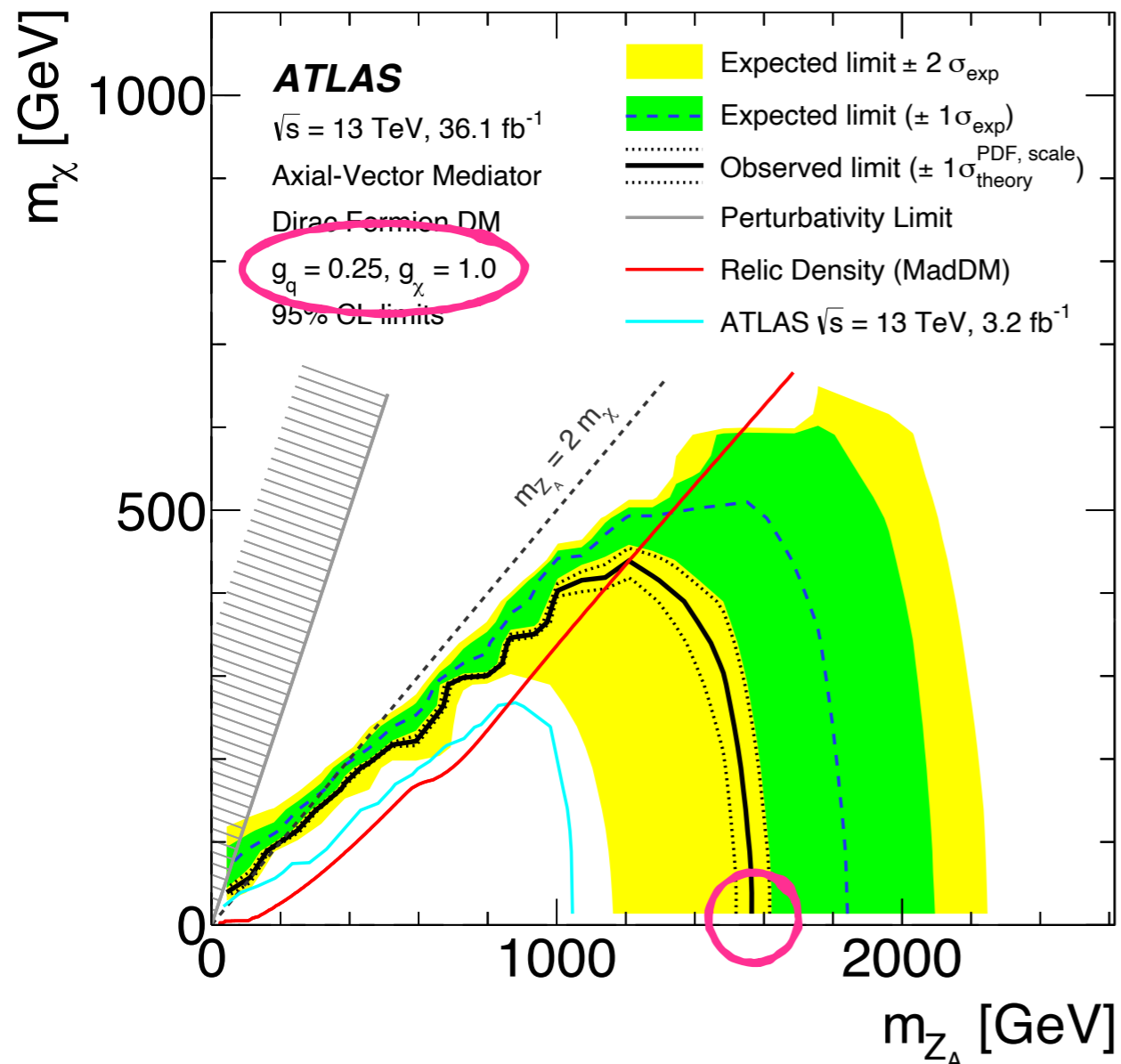
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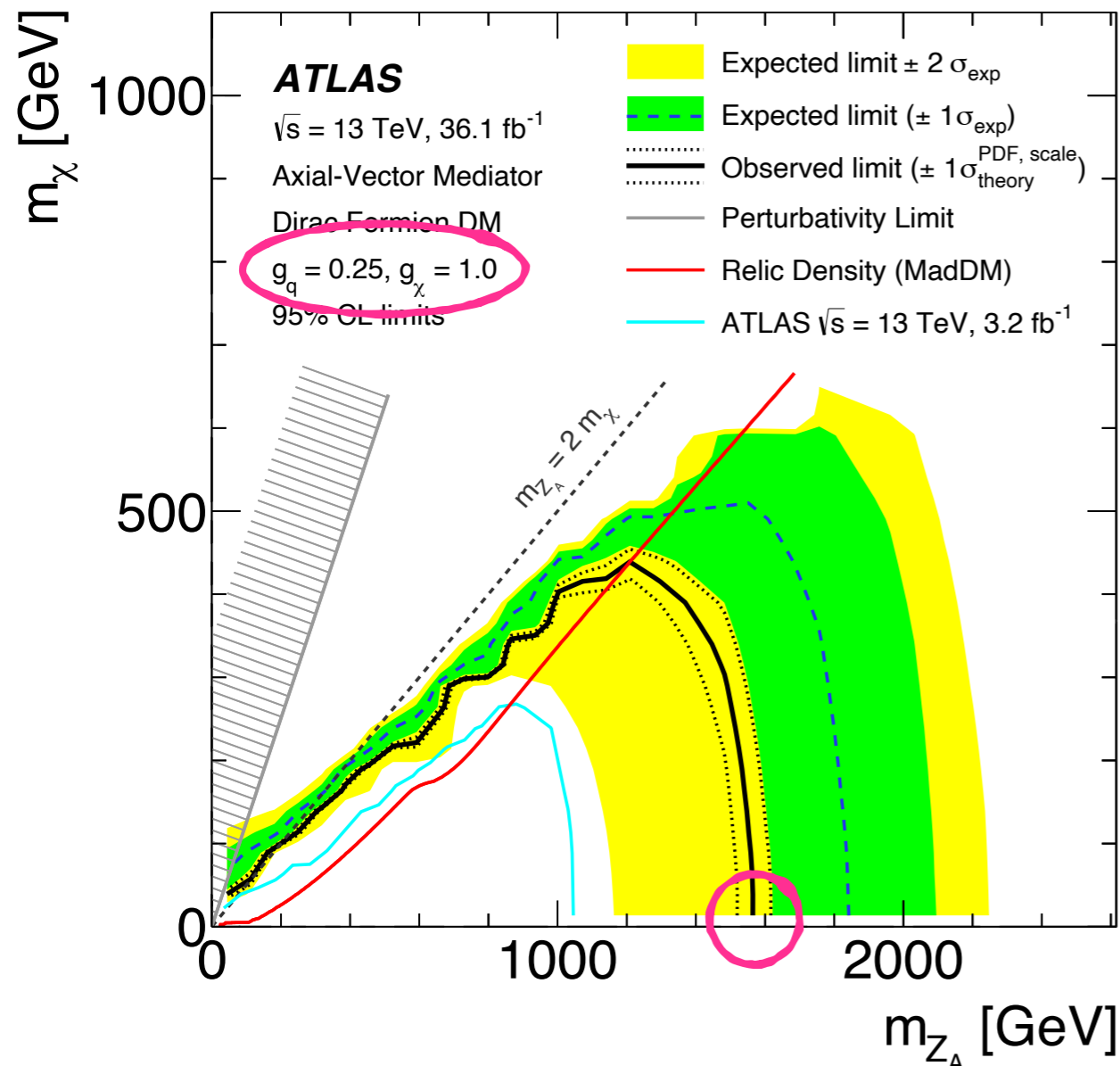
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- There is still lots of room for dark matter, just in more complicated scenarios!

# What if we've been thinking too simplistically?

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How to get the right amount of dark matter in the universe



Freeze-out scenarios:  
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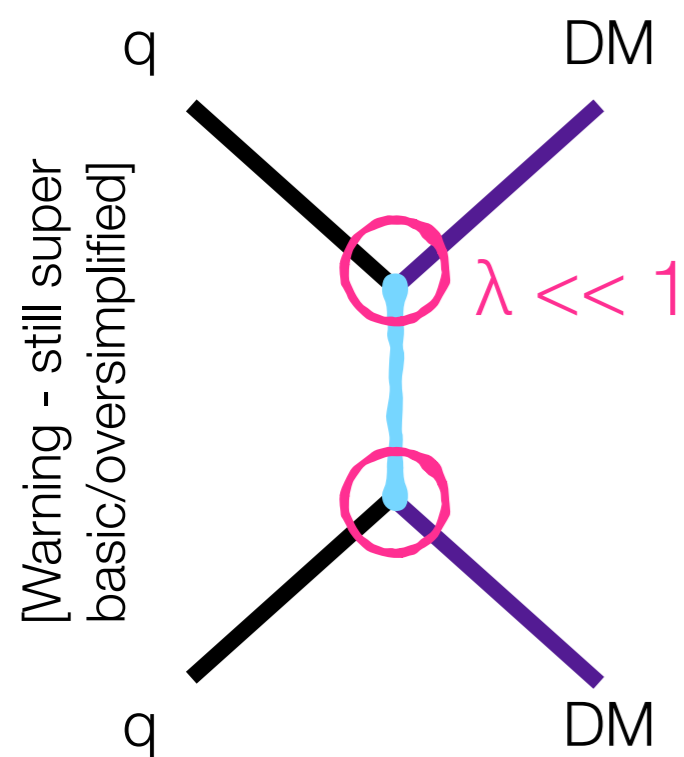
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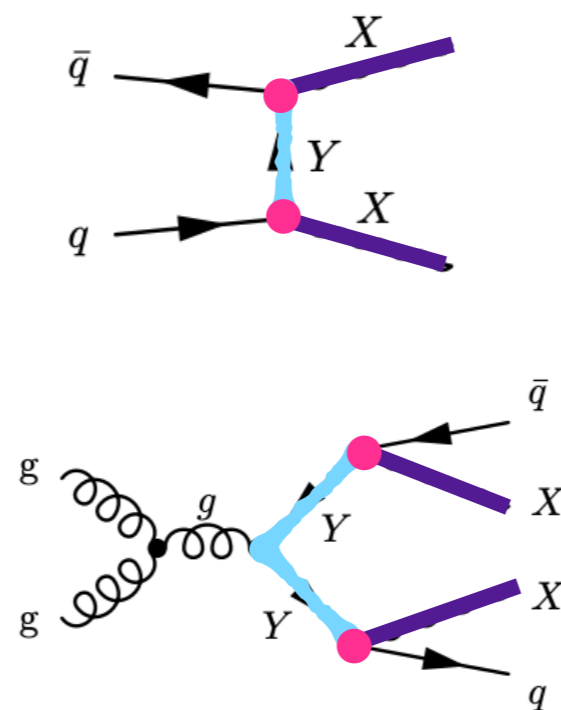
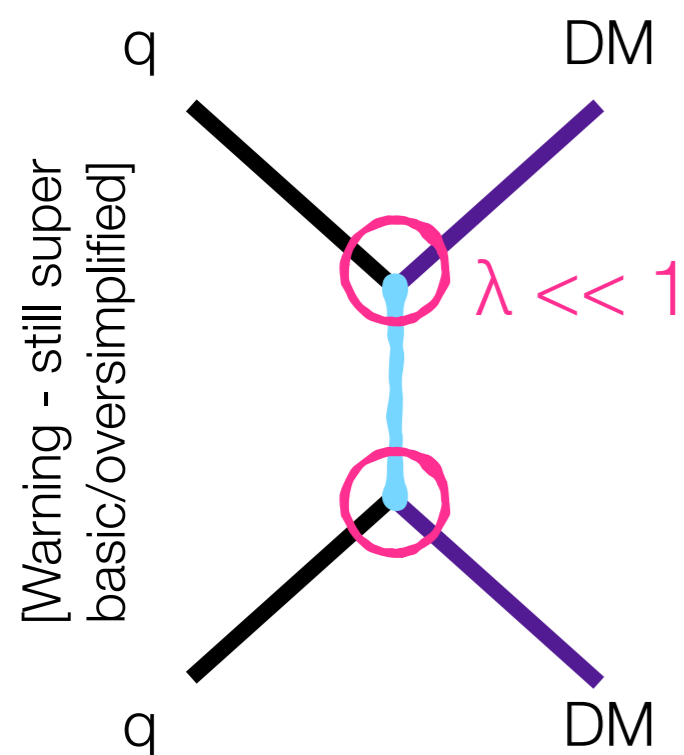
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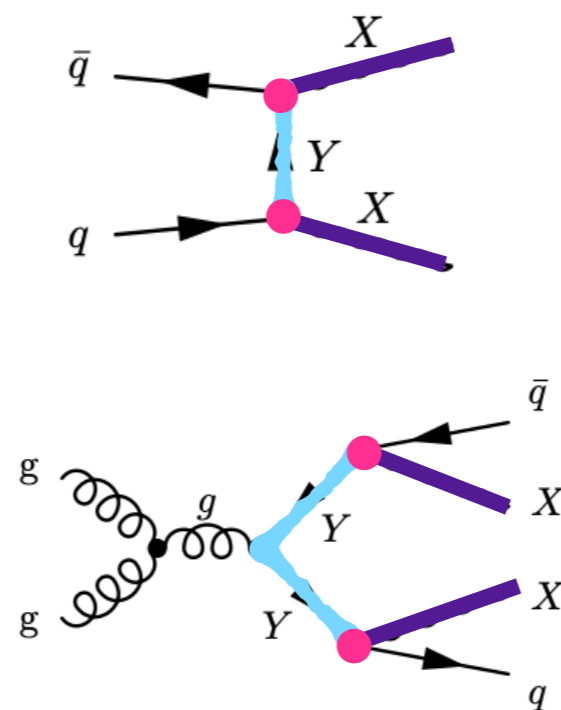
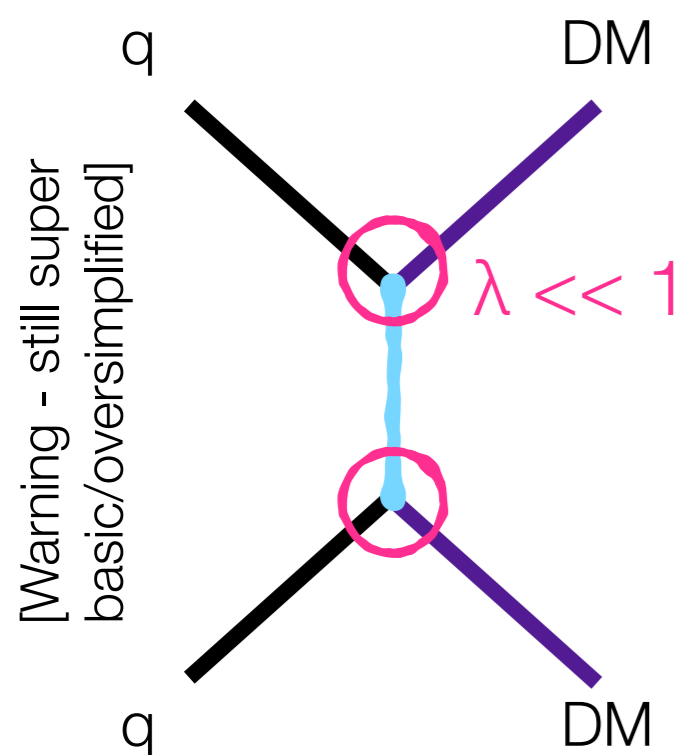
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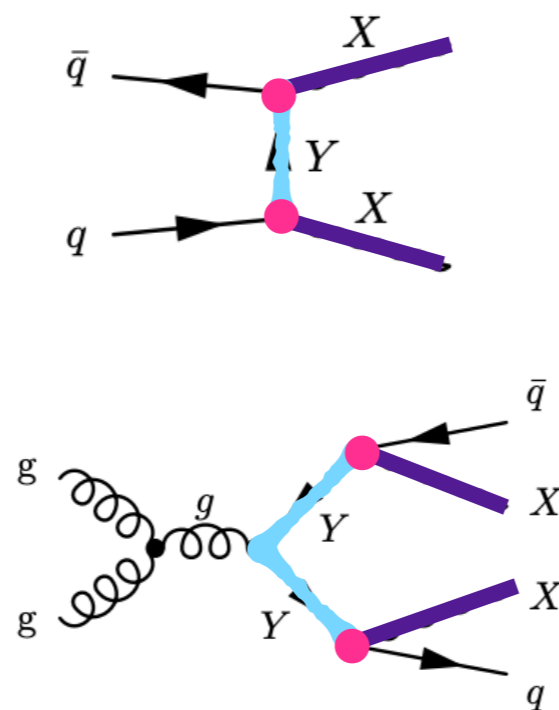
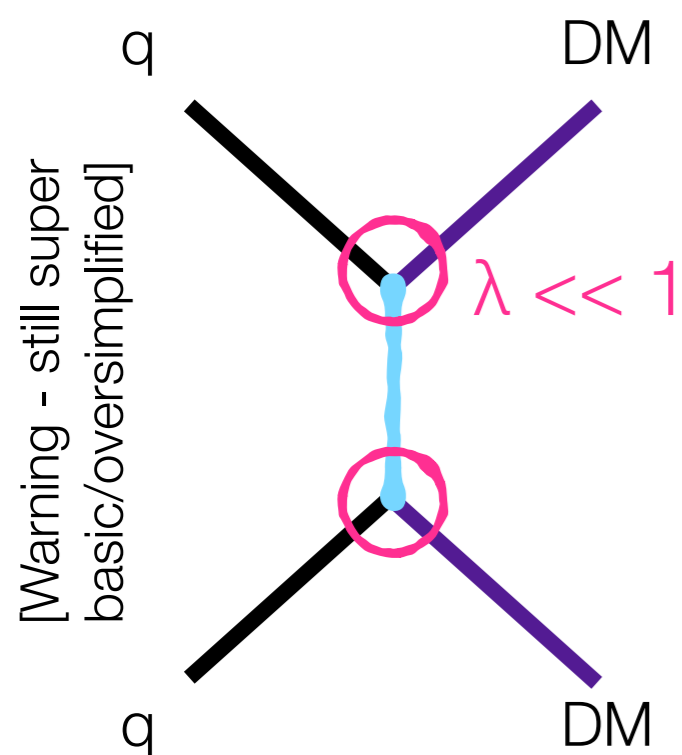
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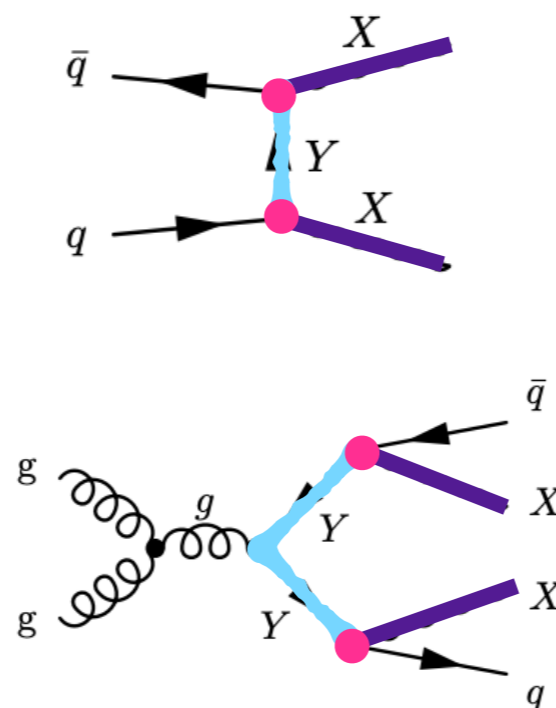
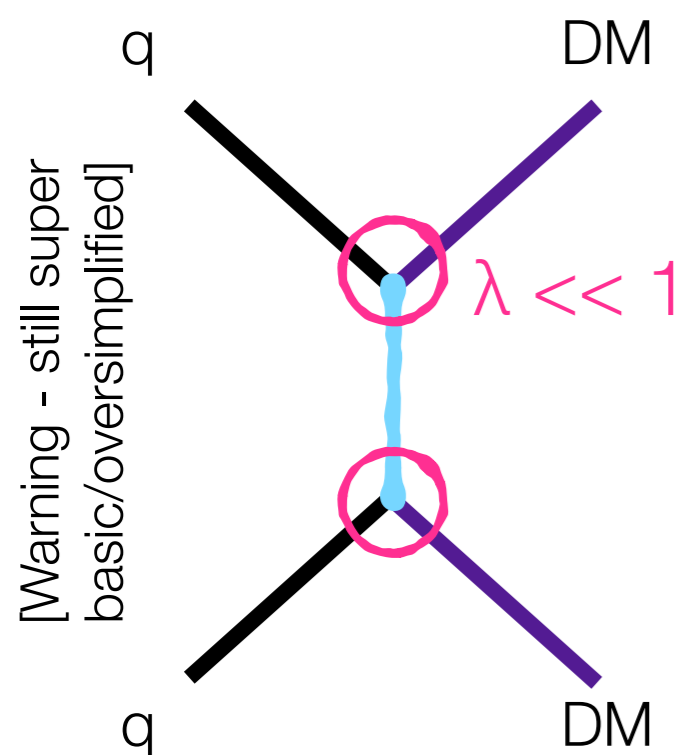
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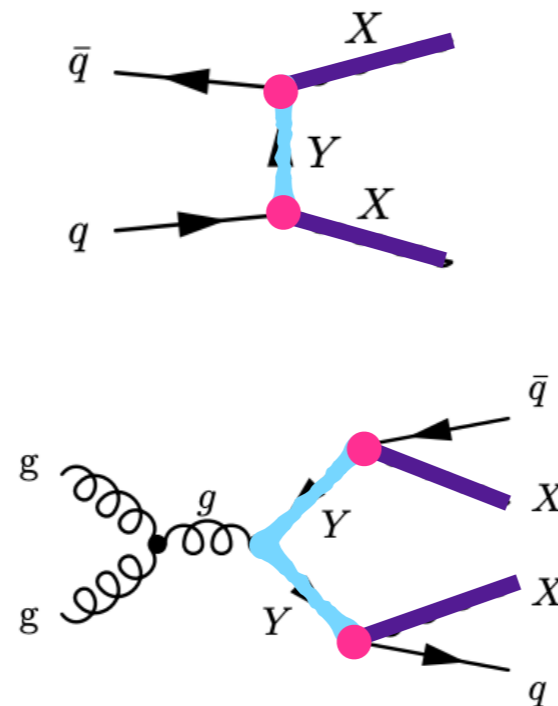
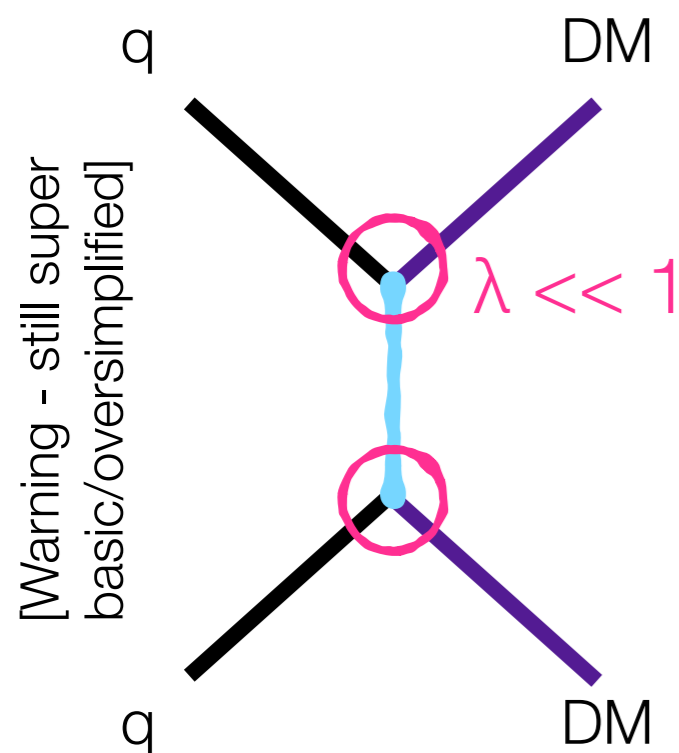


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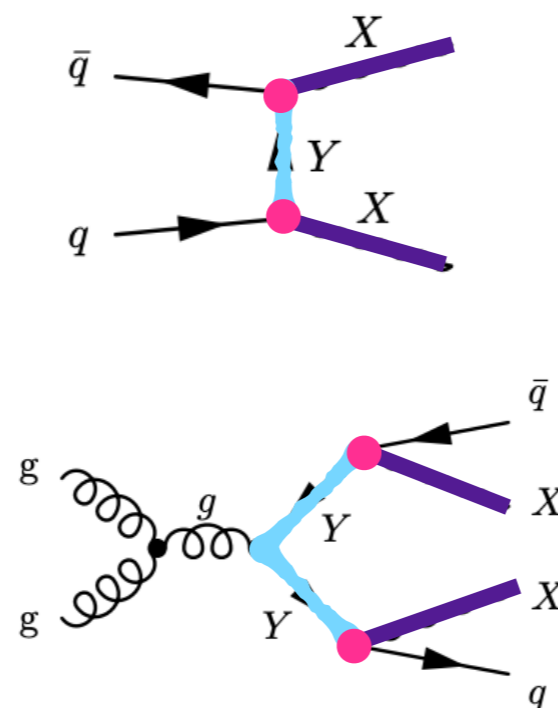
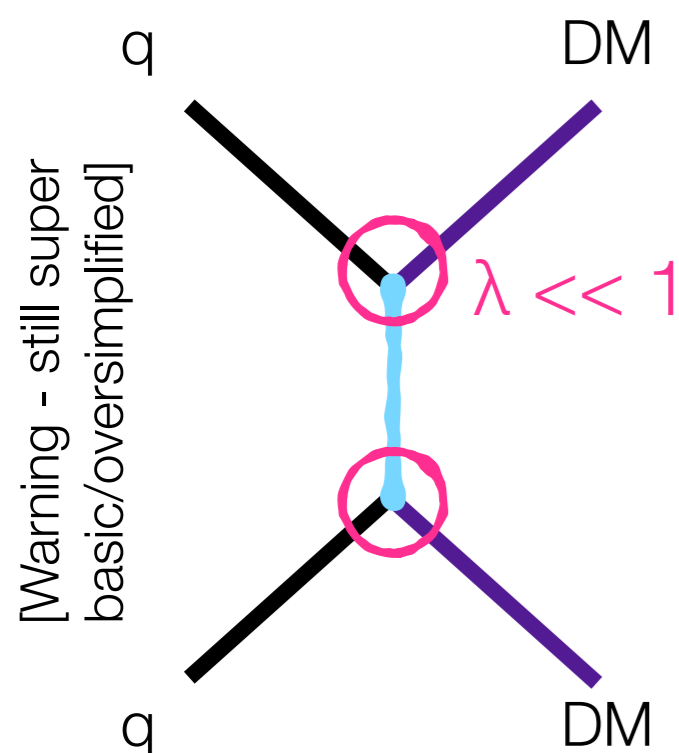
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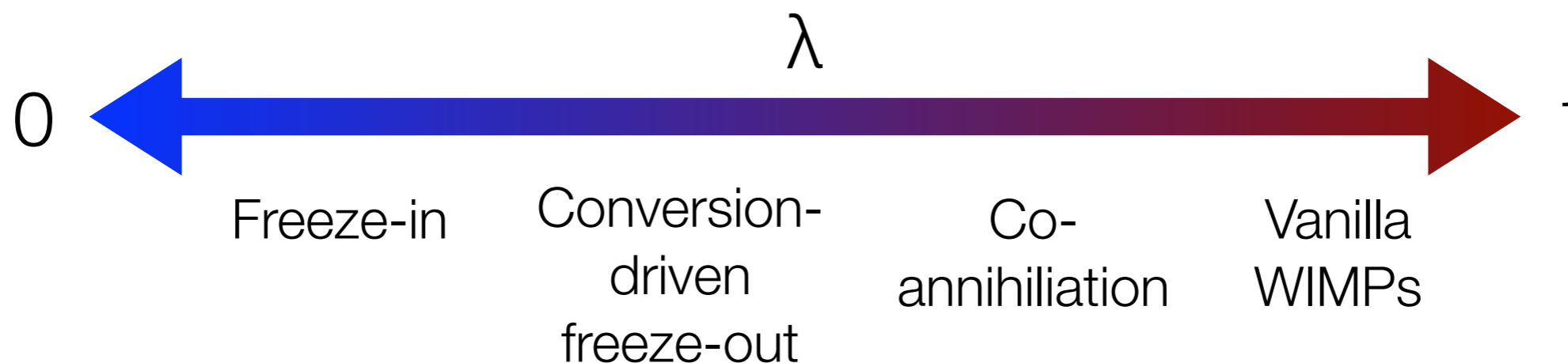


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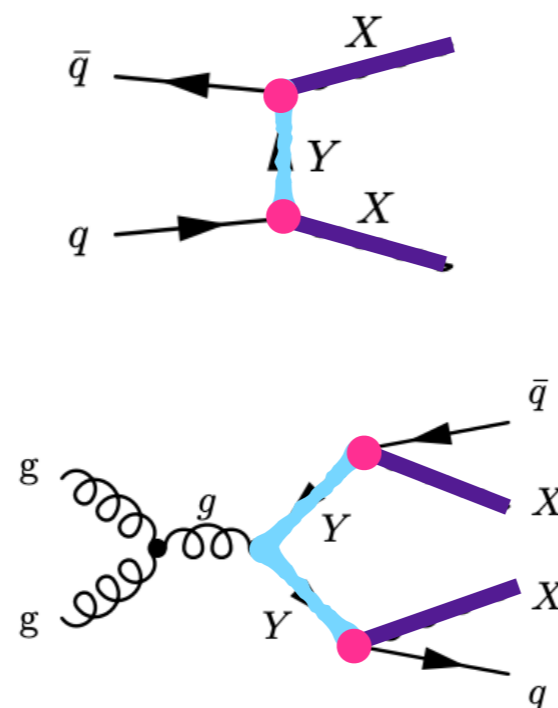
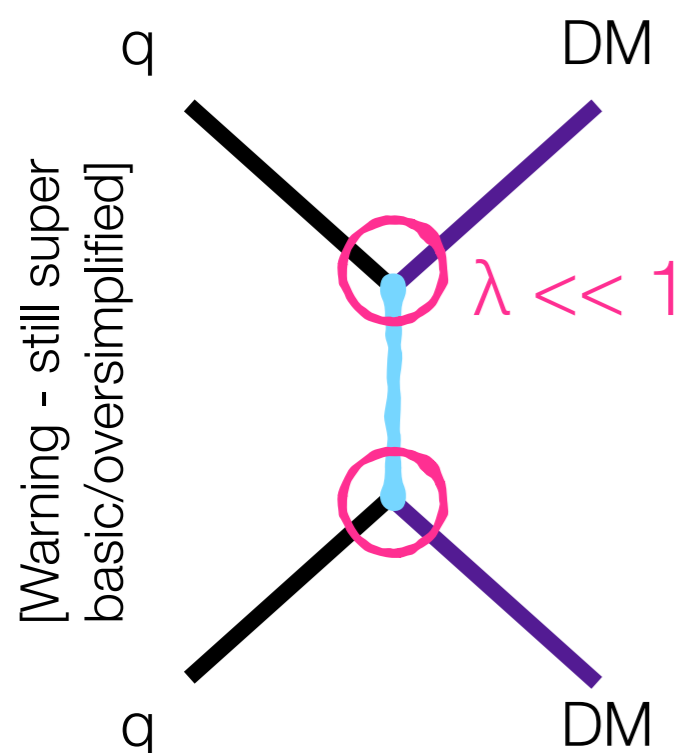
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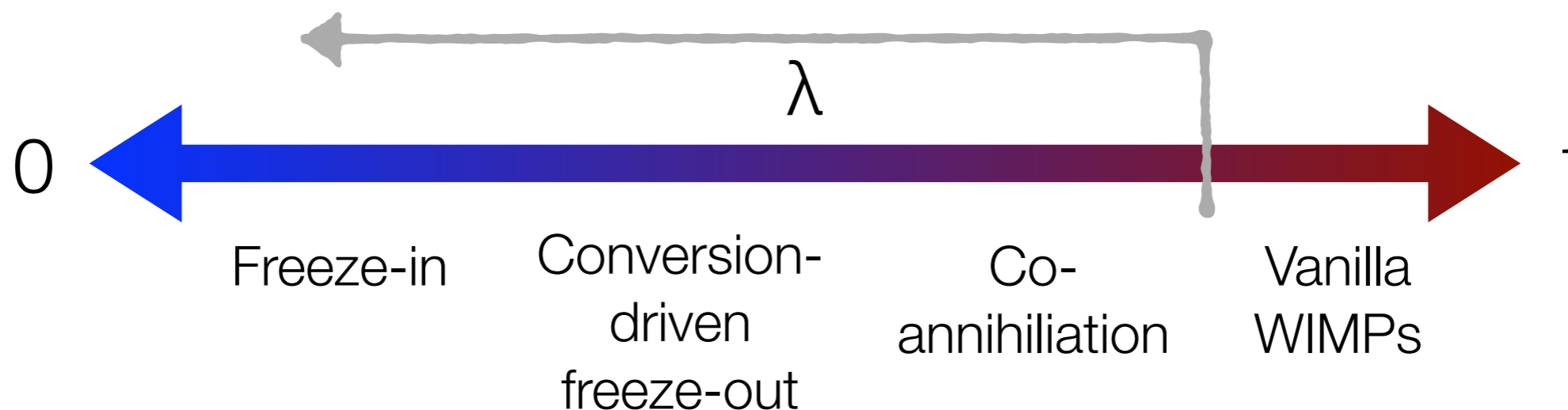


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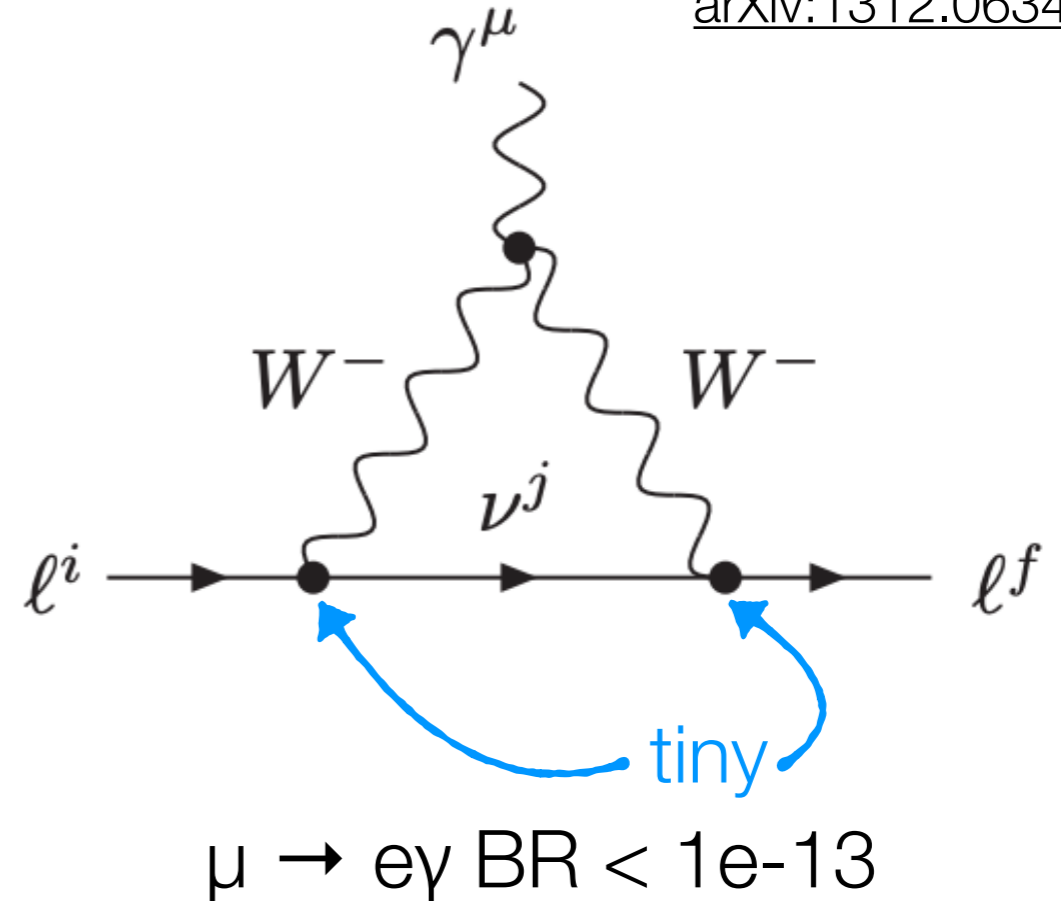
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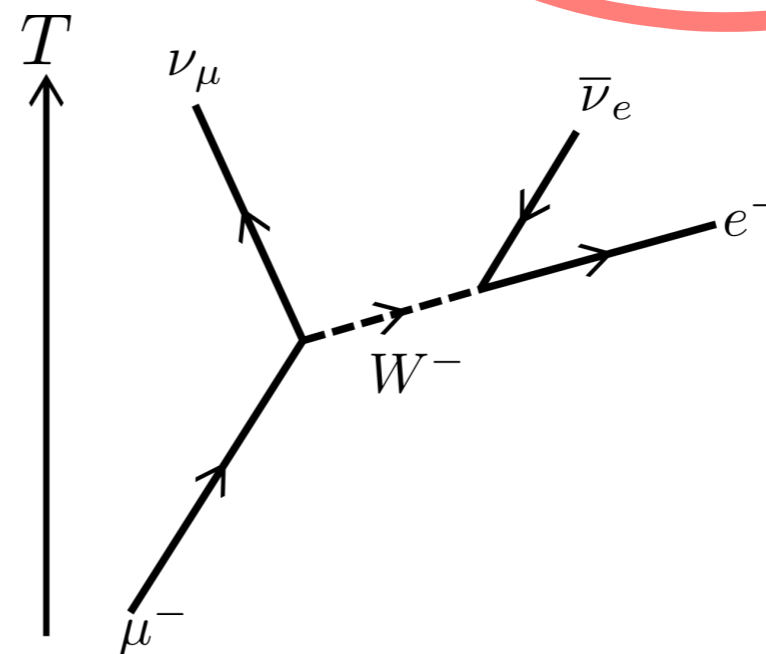
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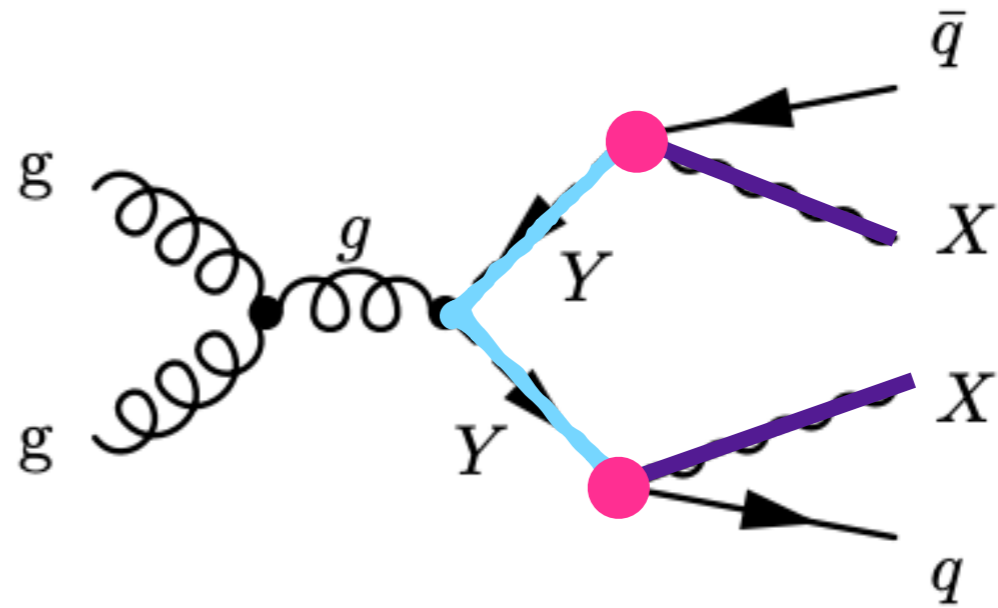
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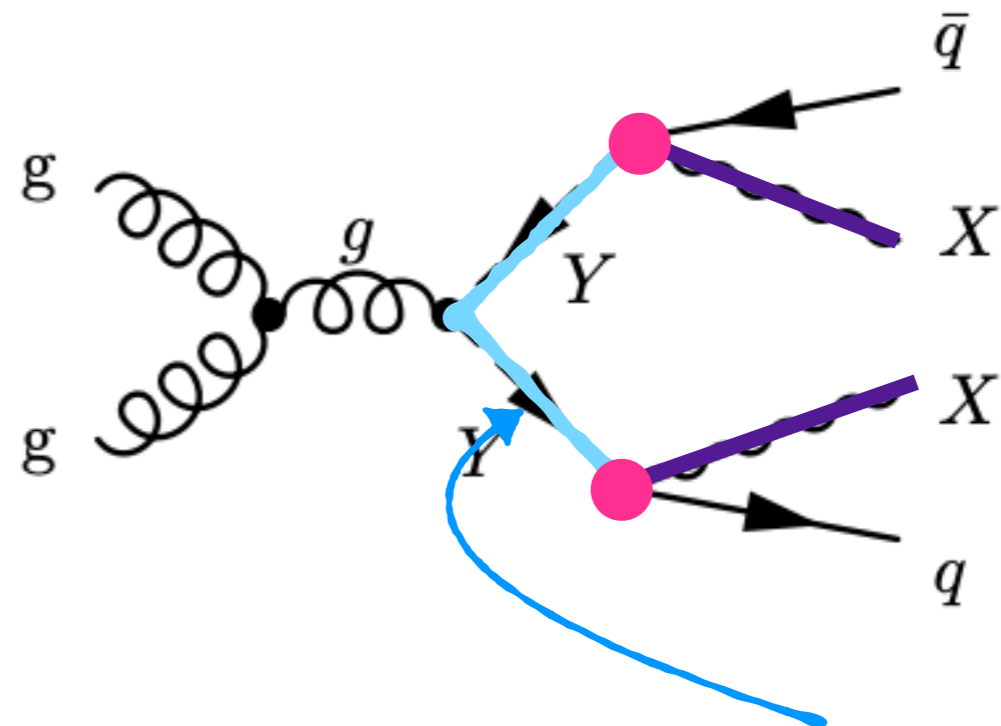
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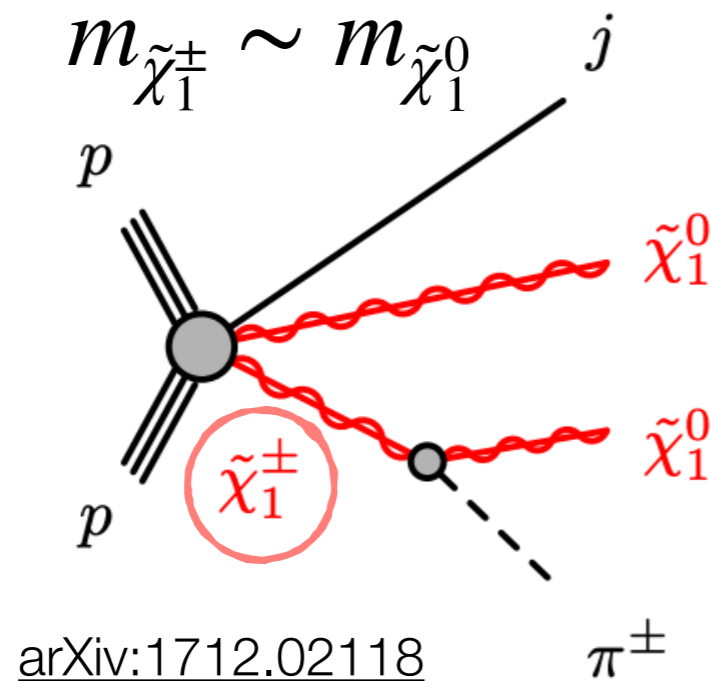
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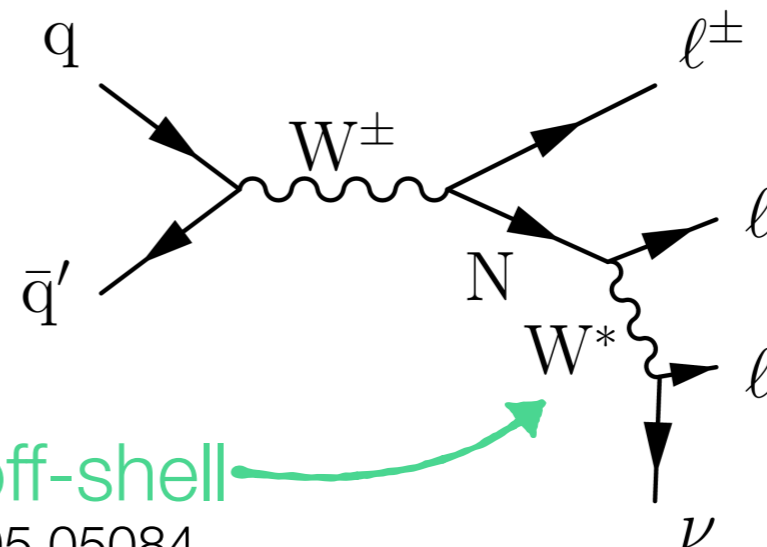
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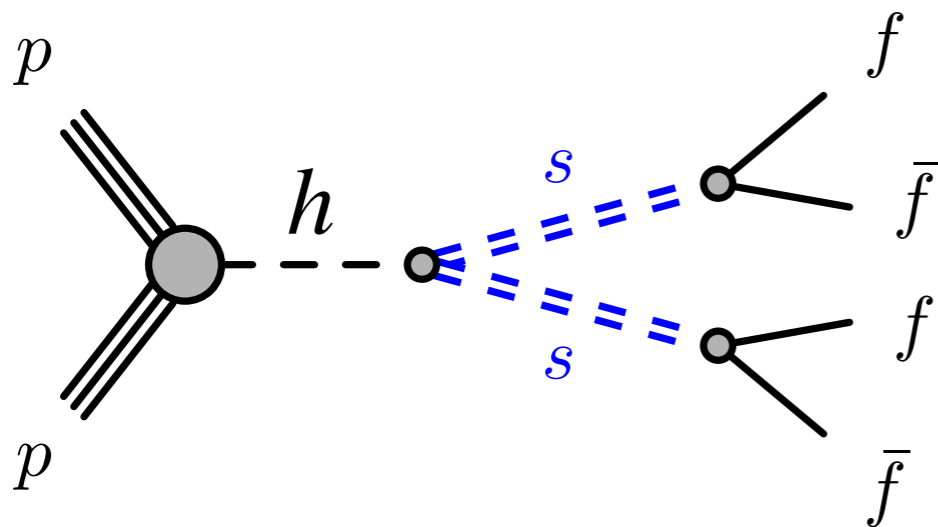
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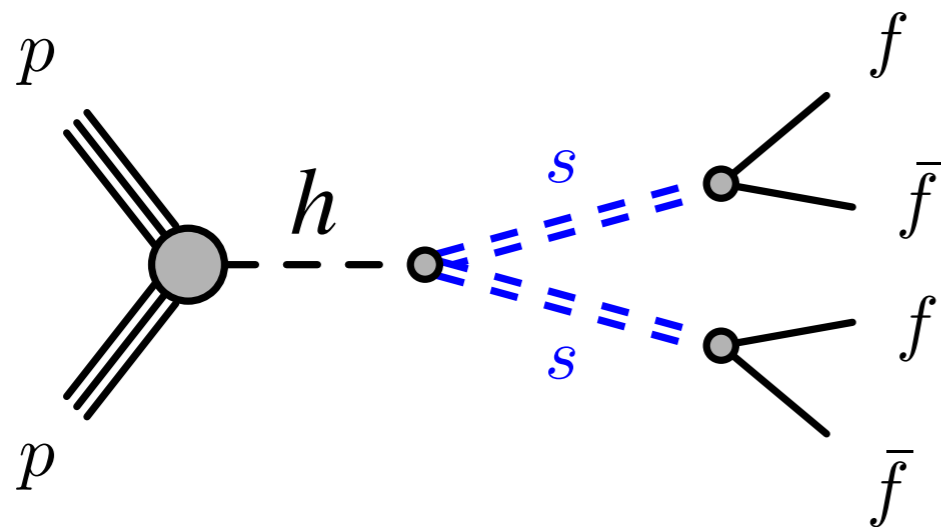
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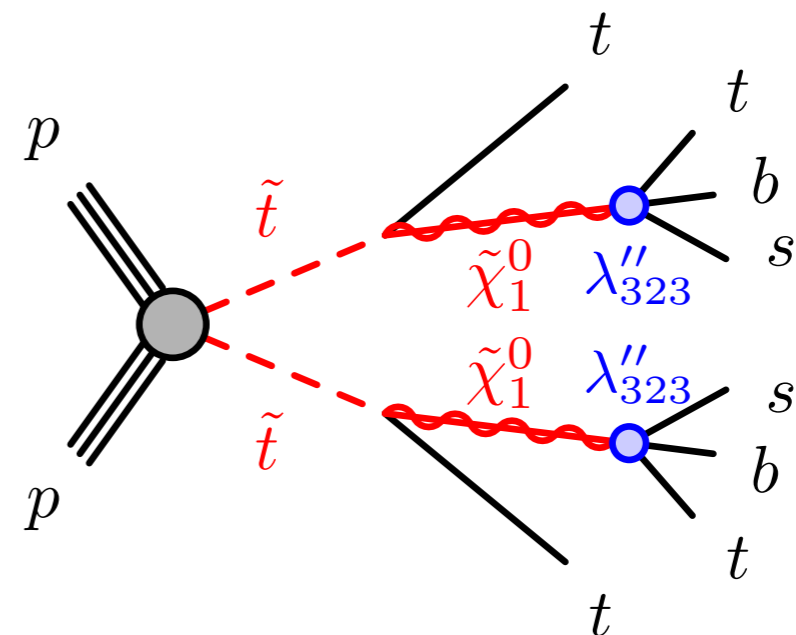
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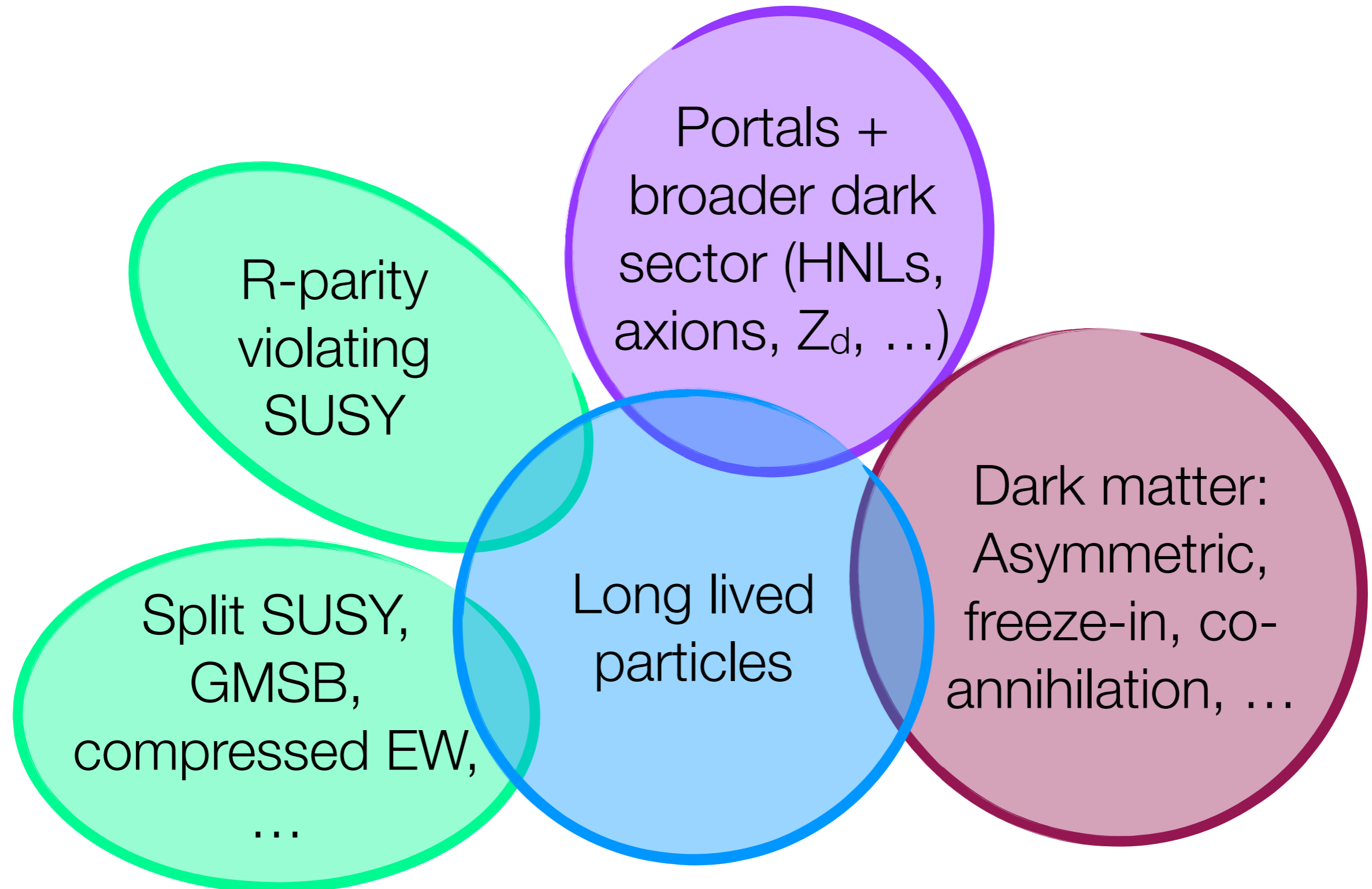
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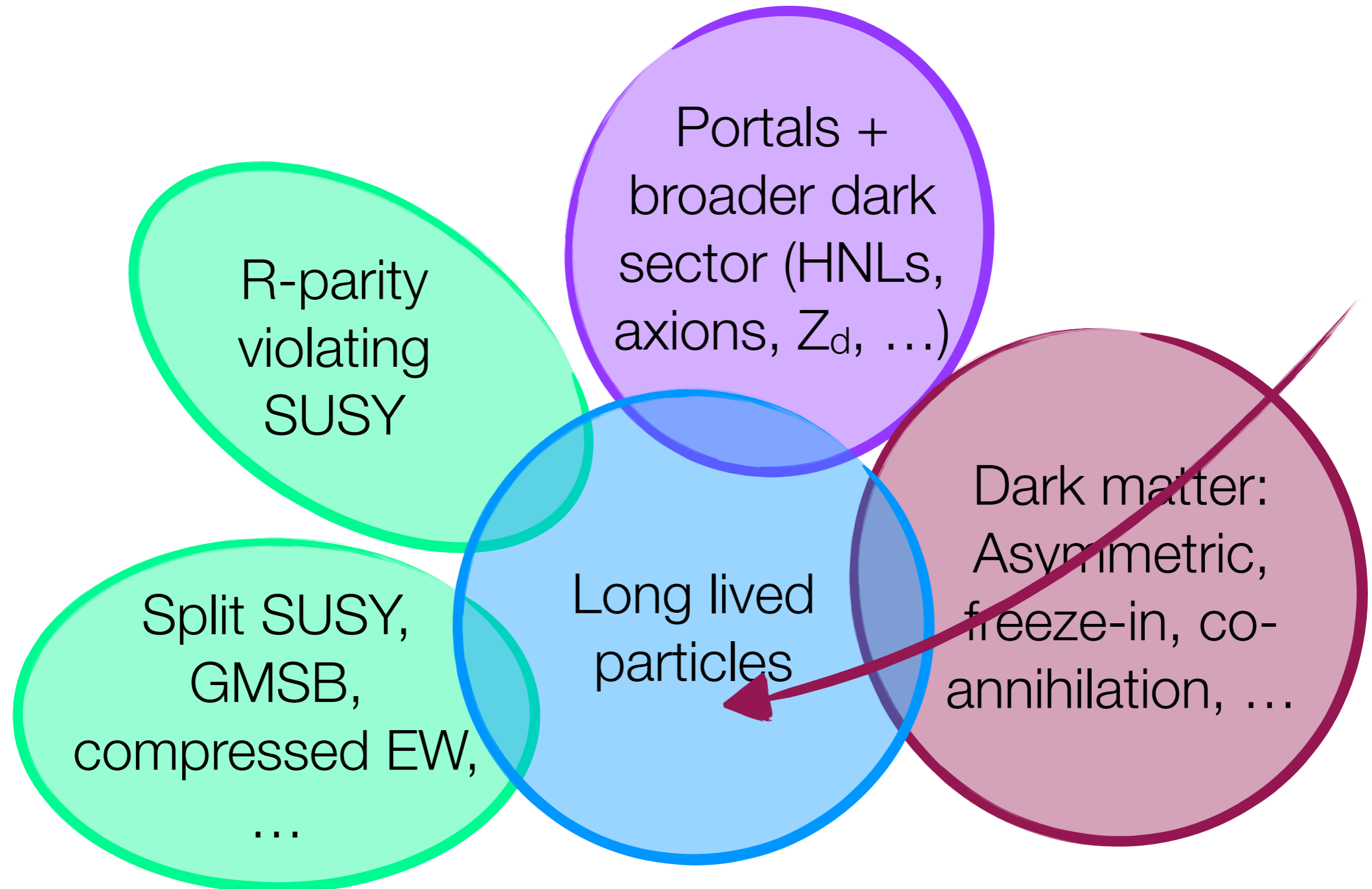
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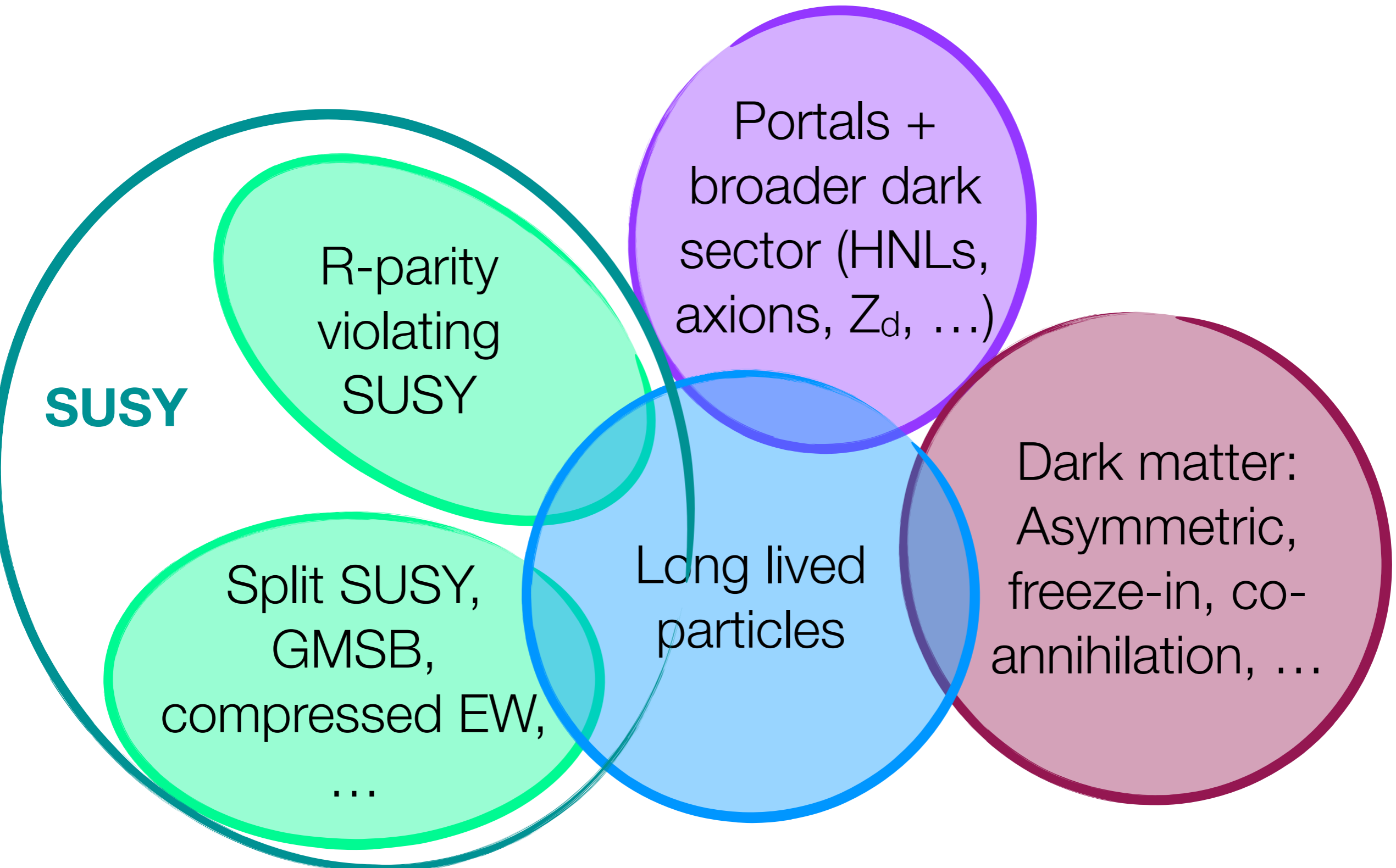
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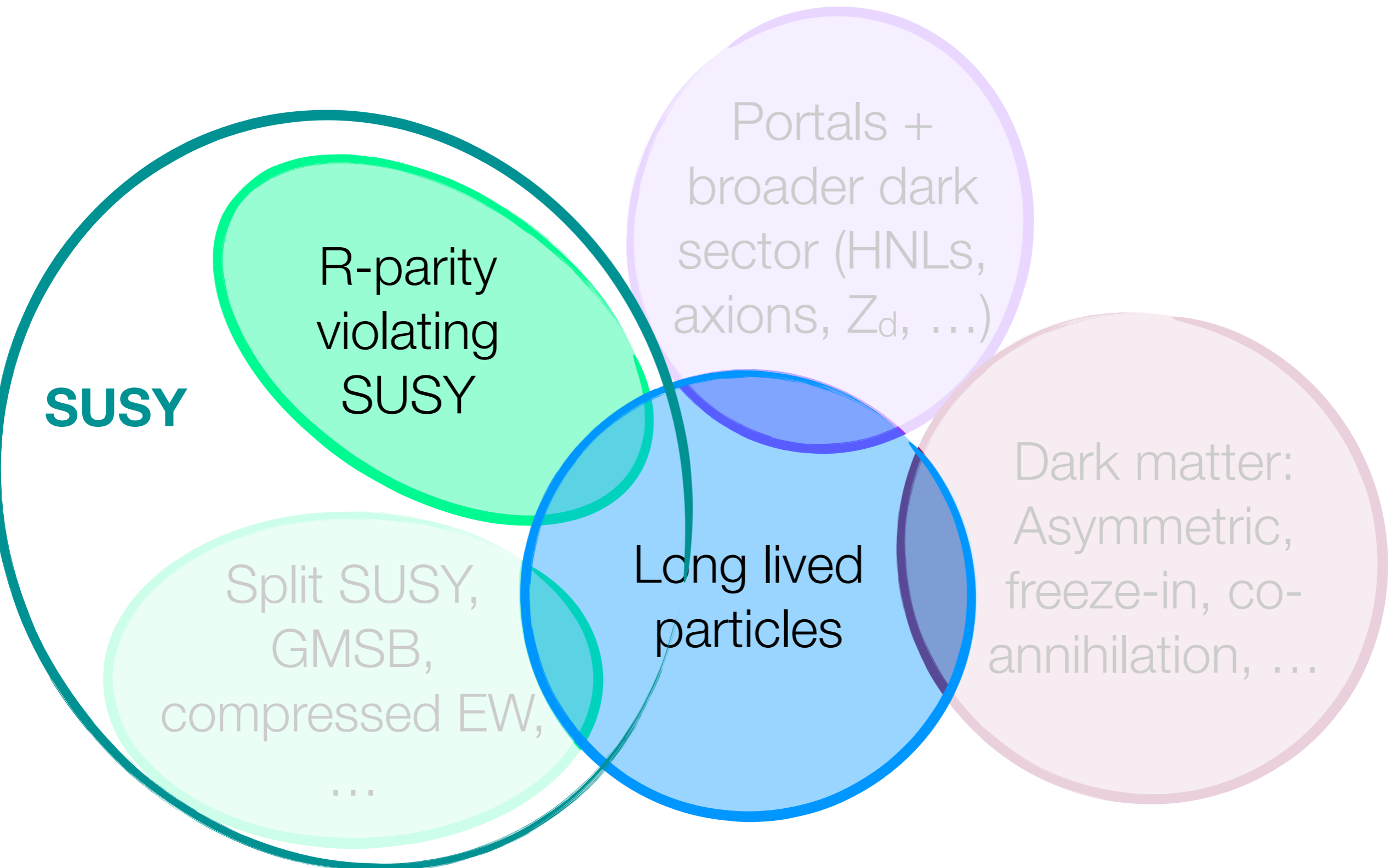
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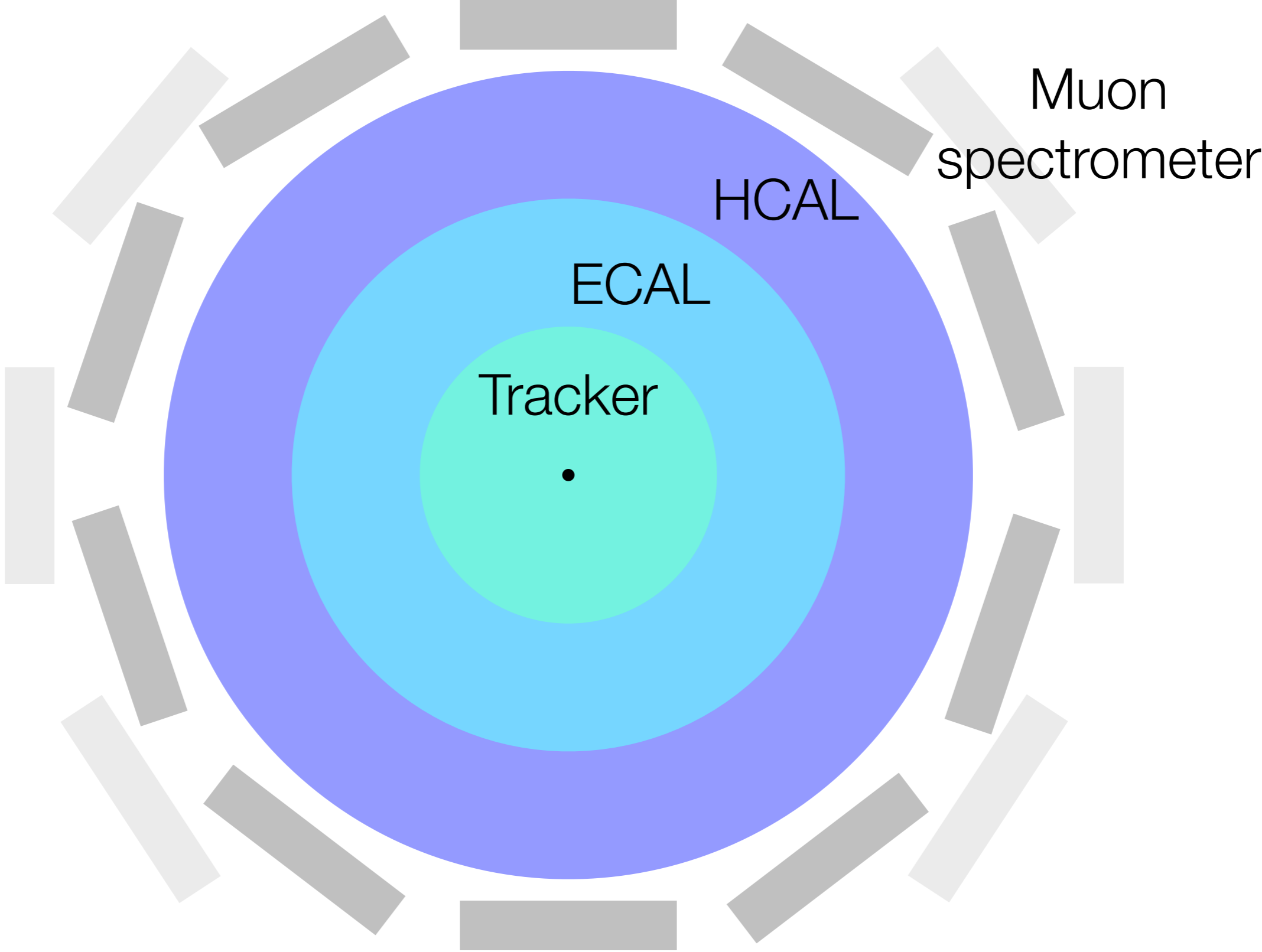
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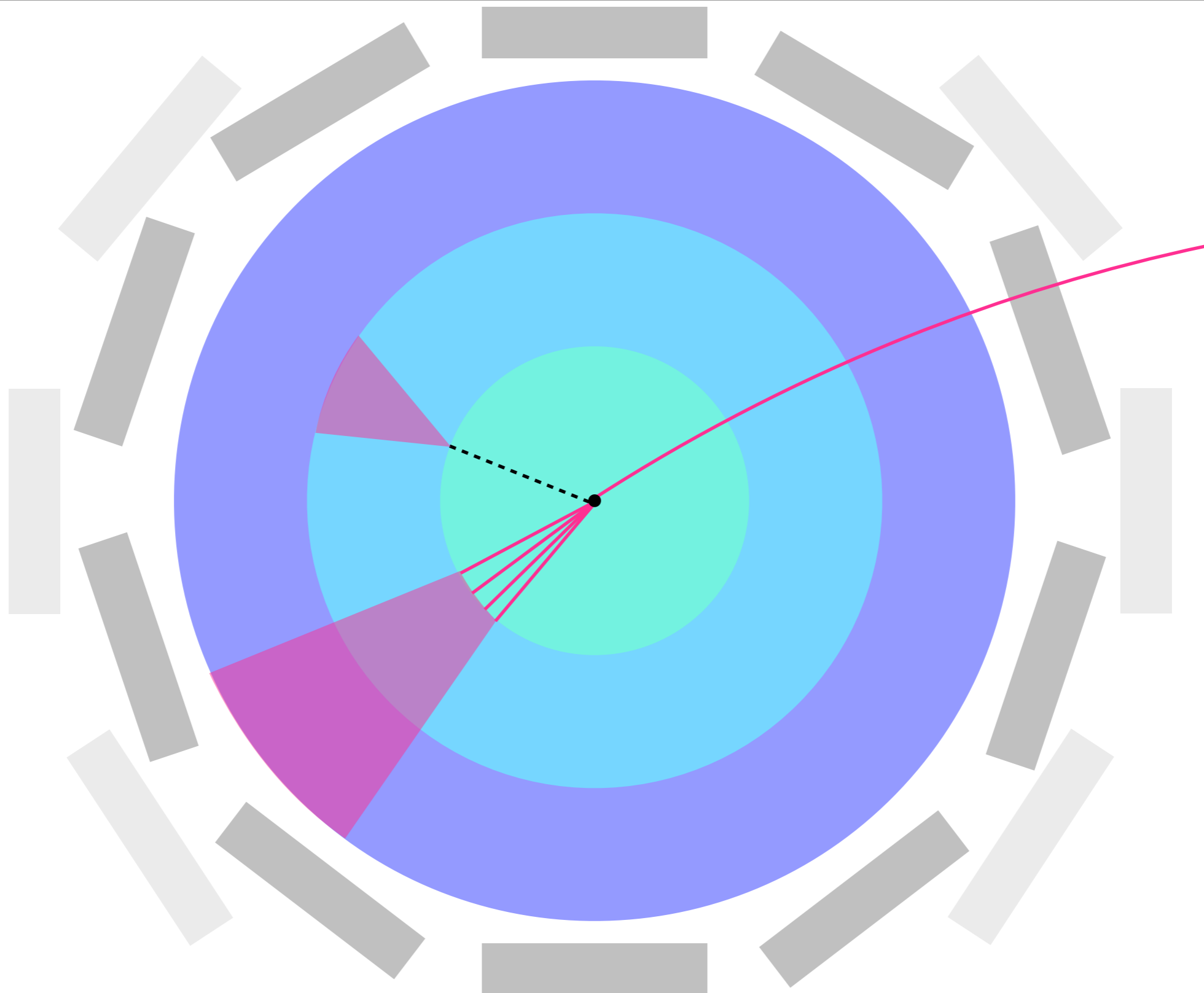
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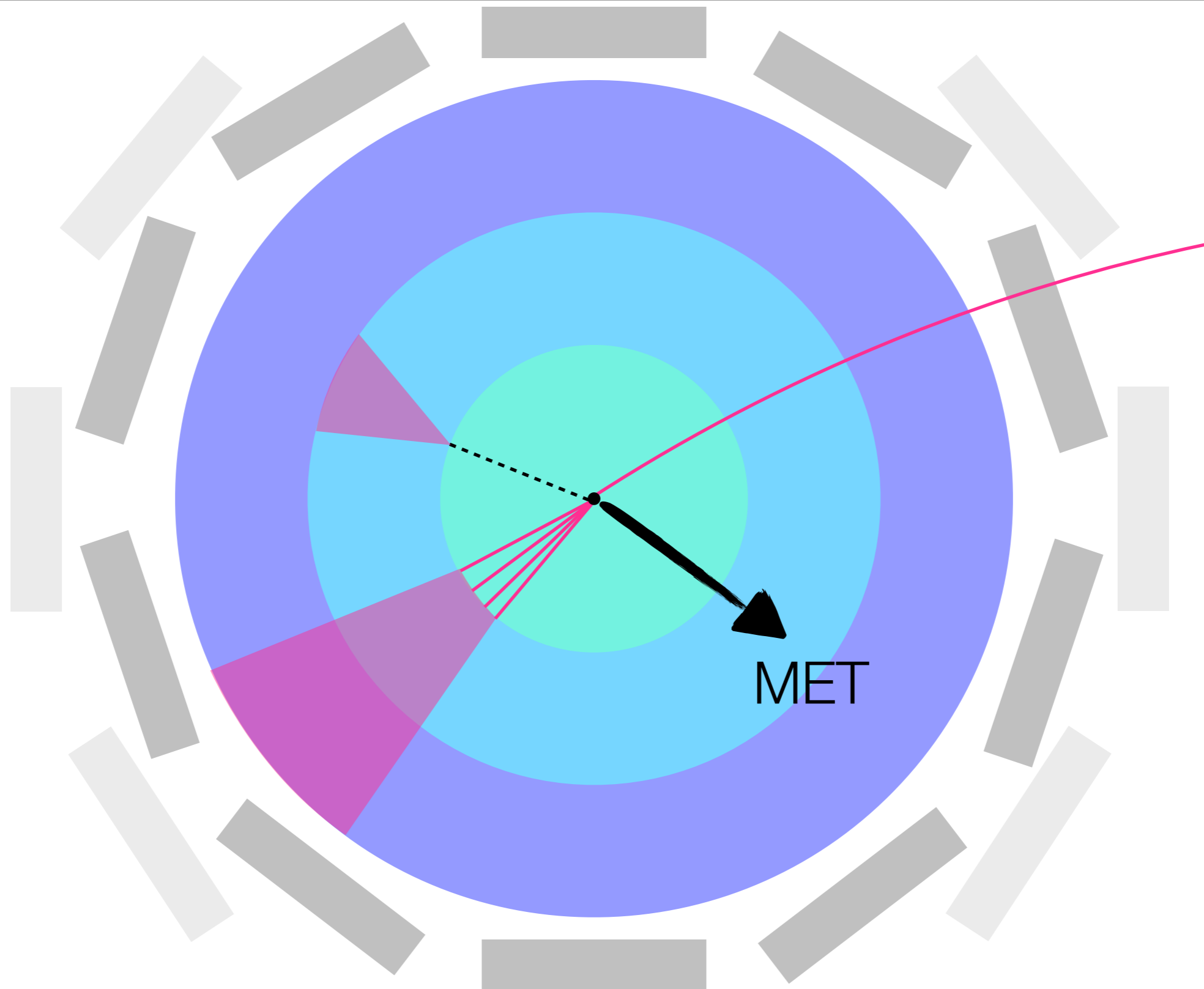
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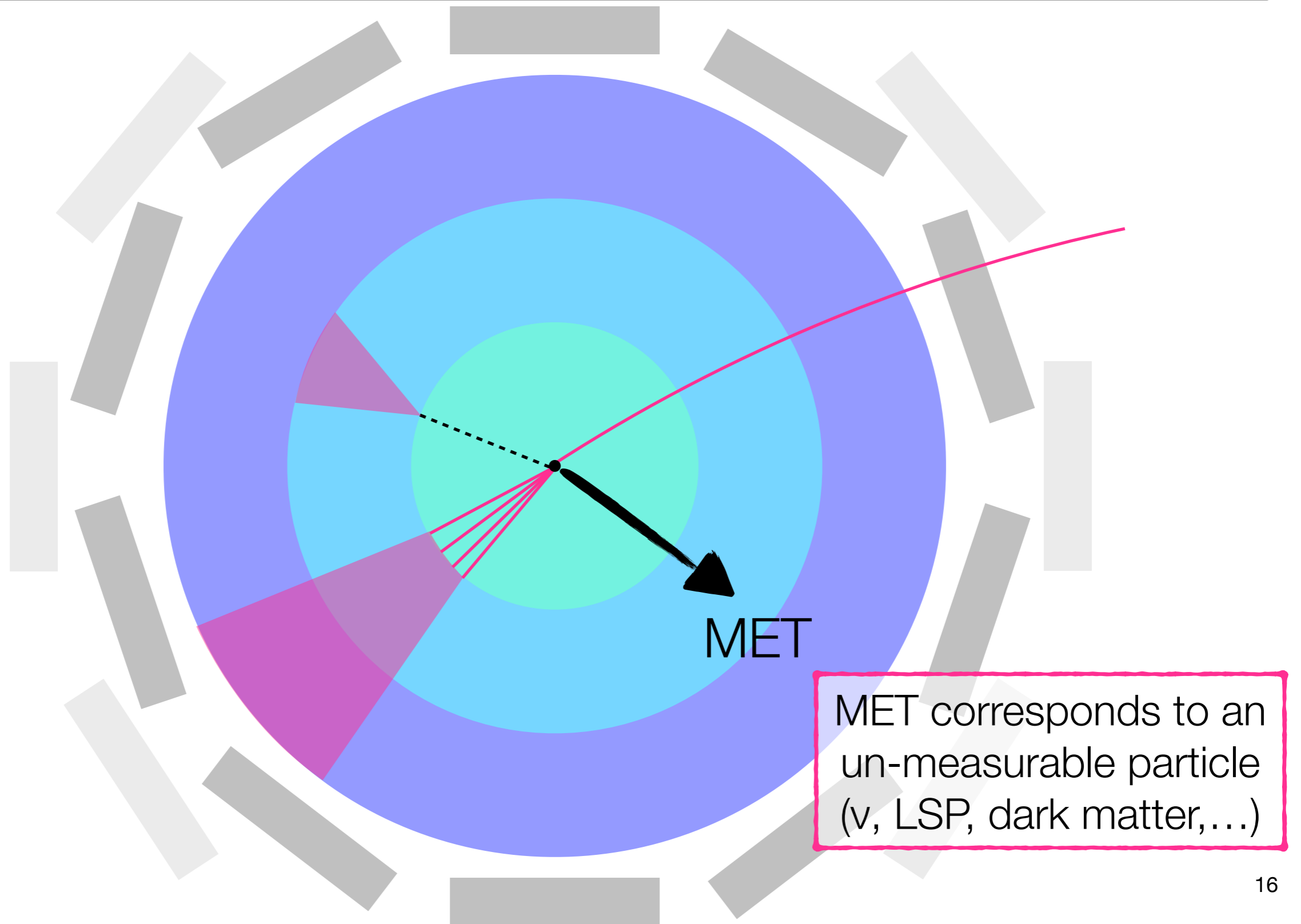
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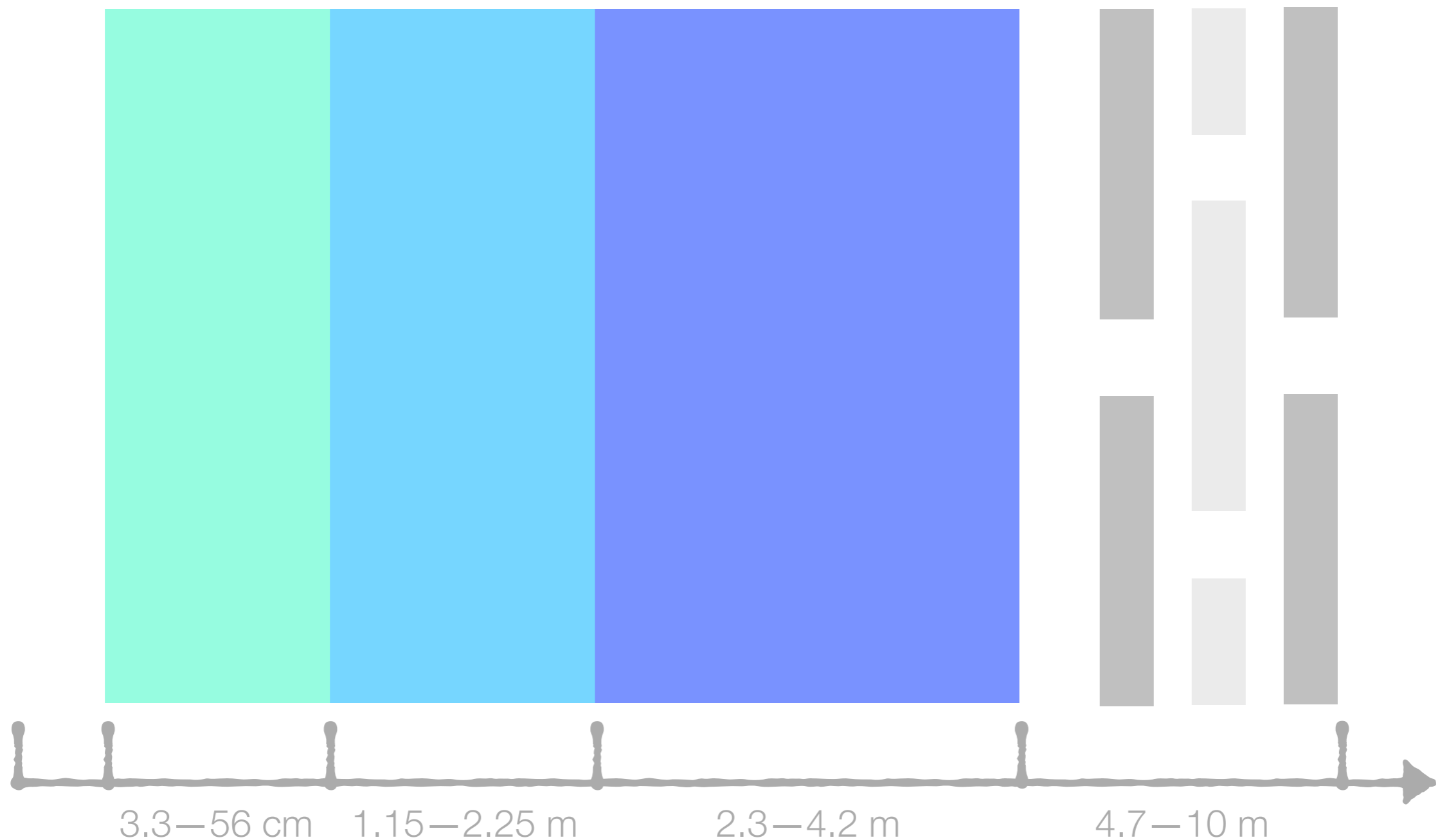
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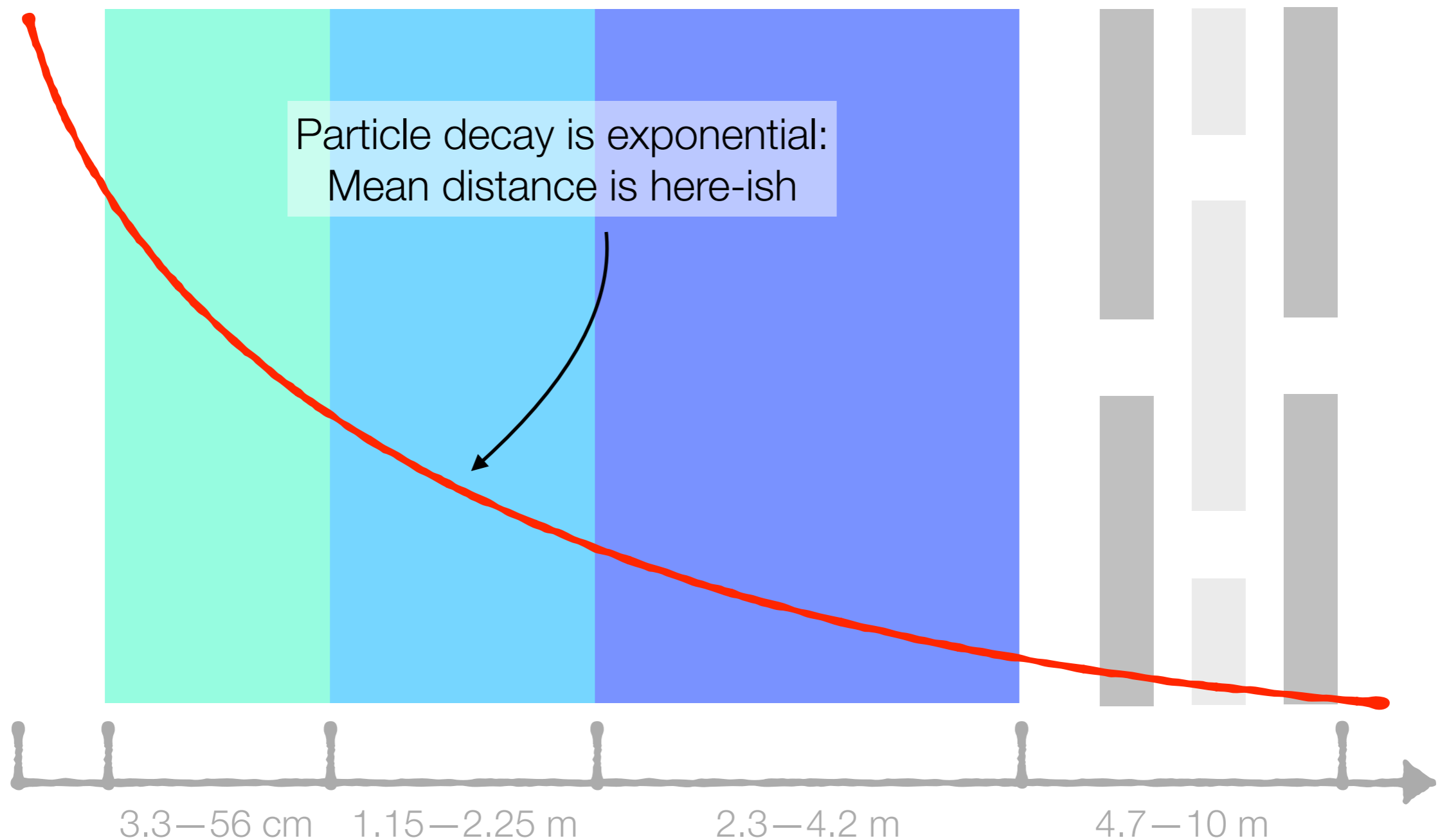
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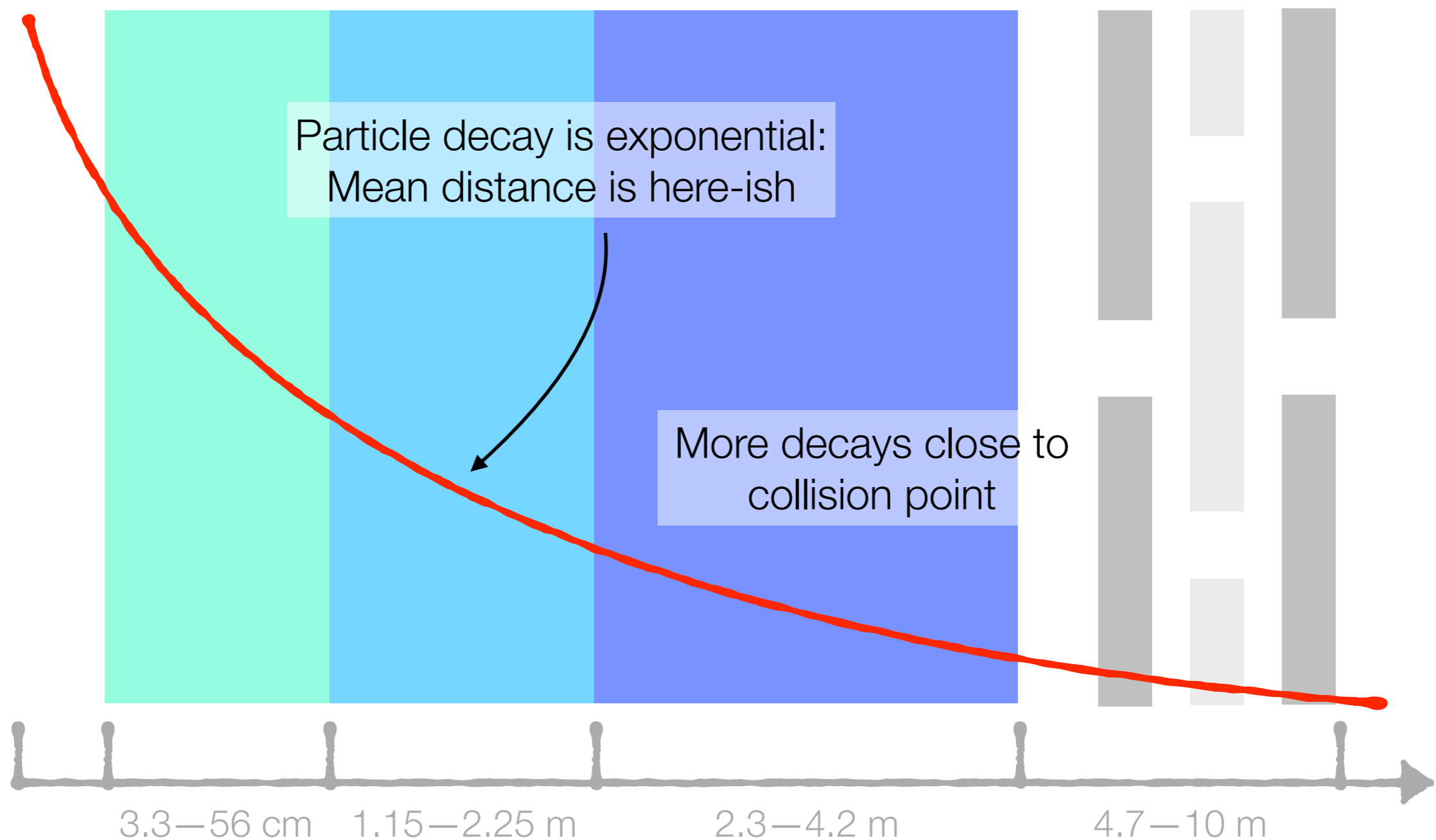
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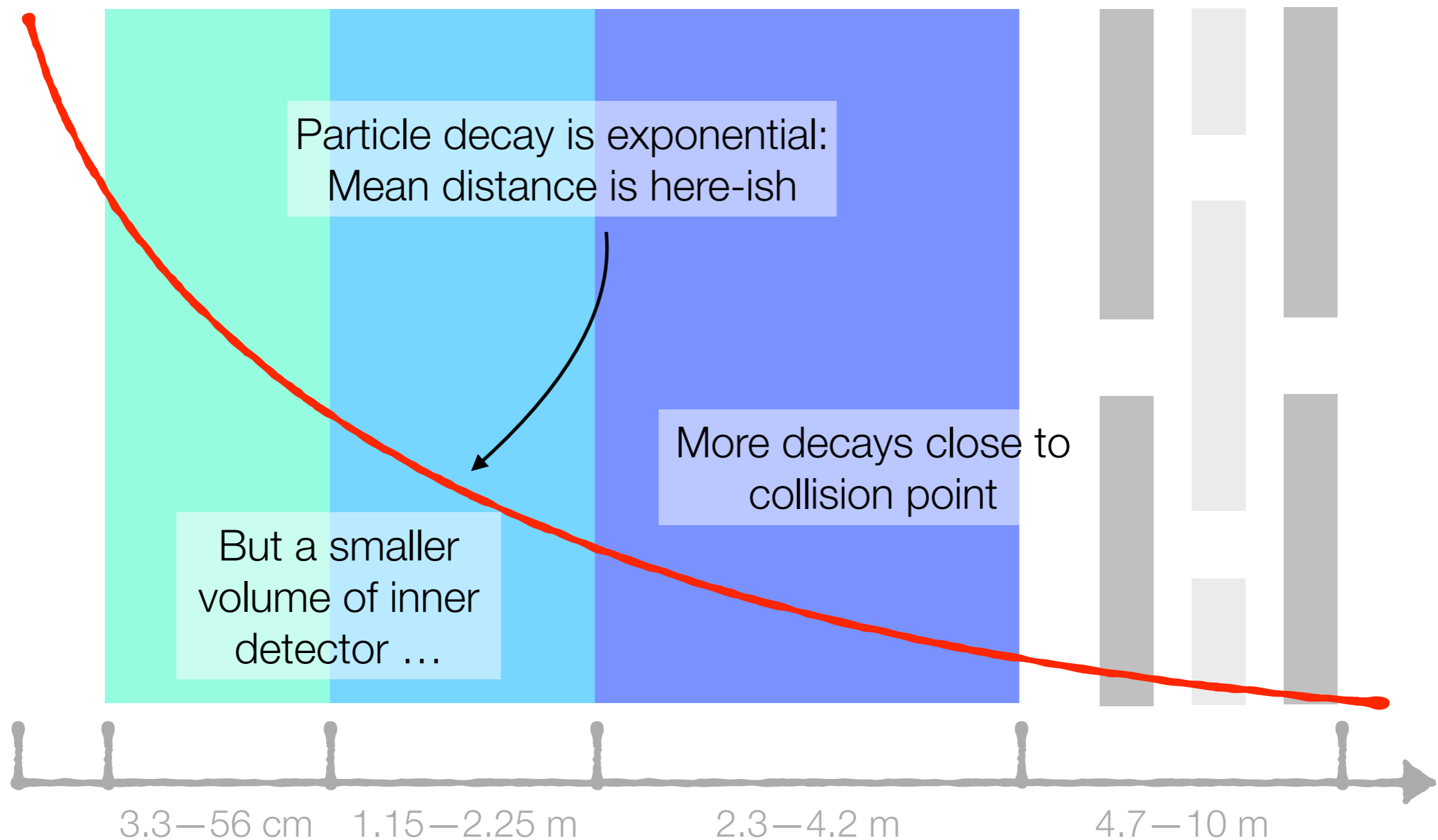
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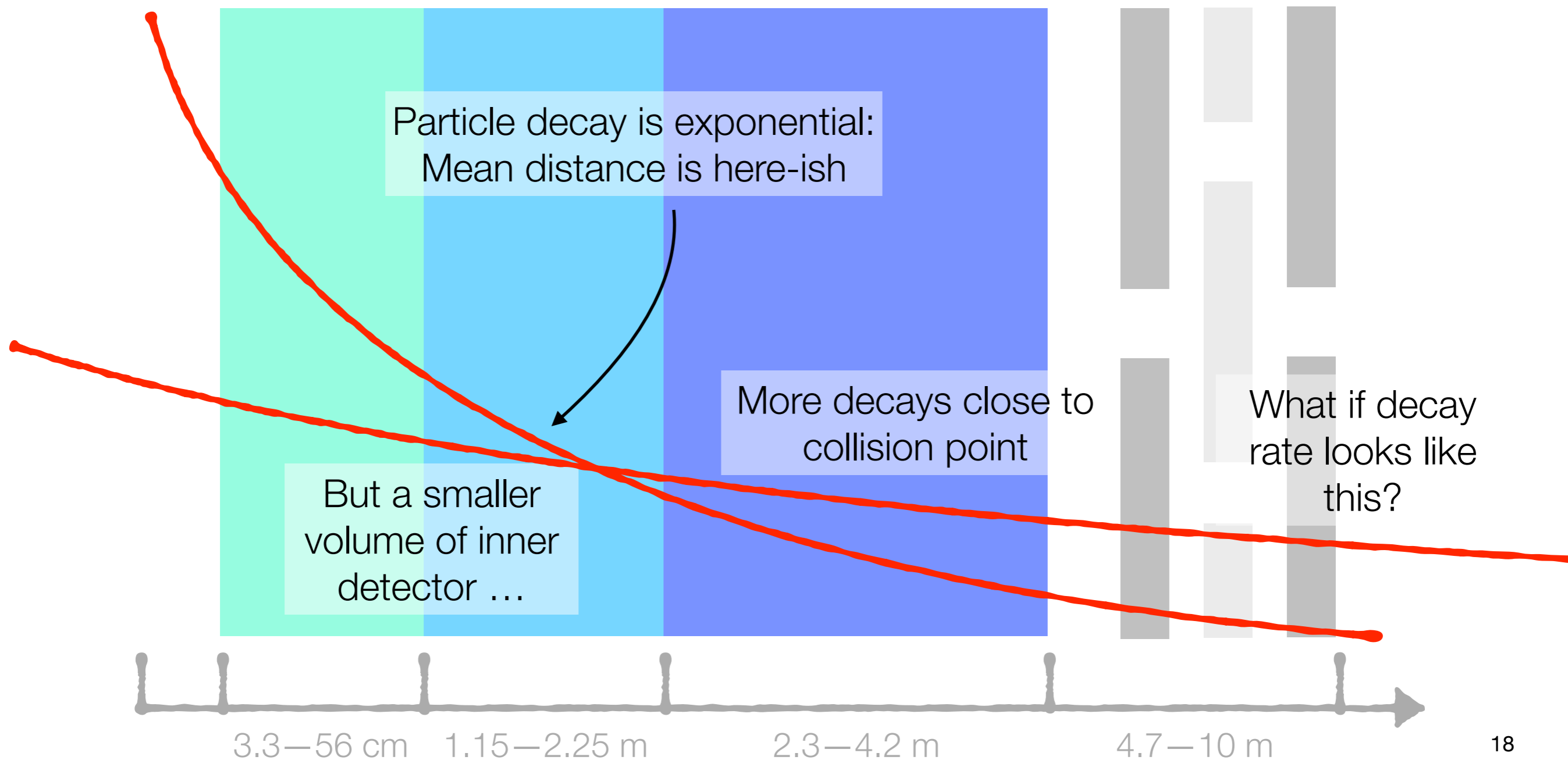
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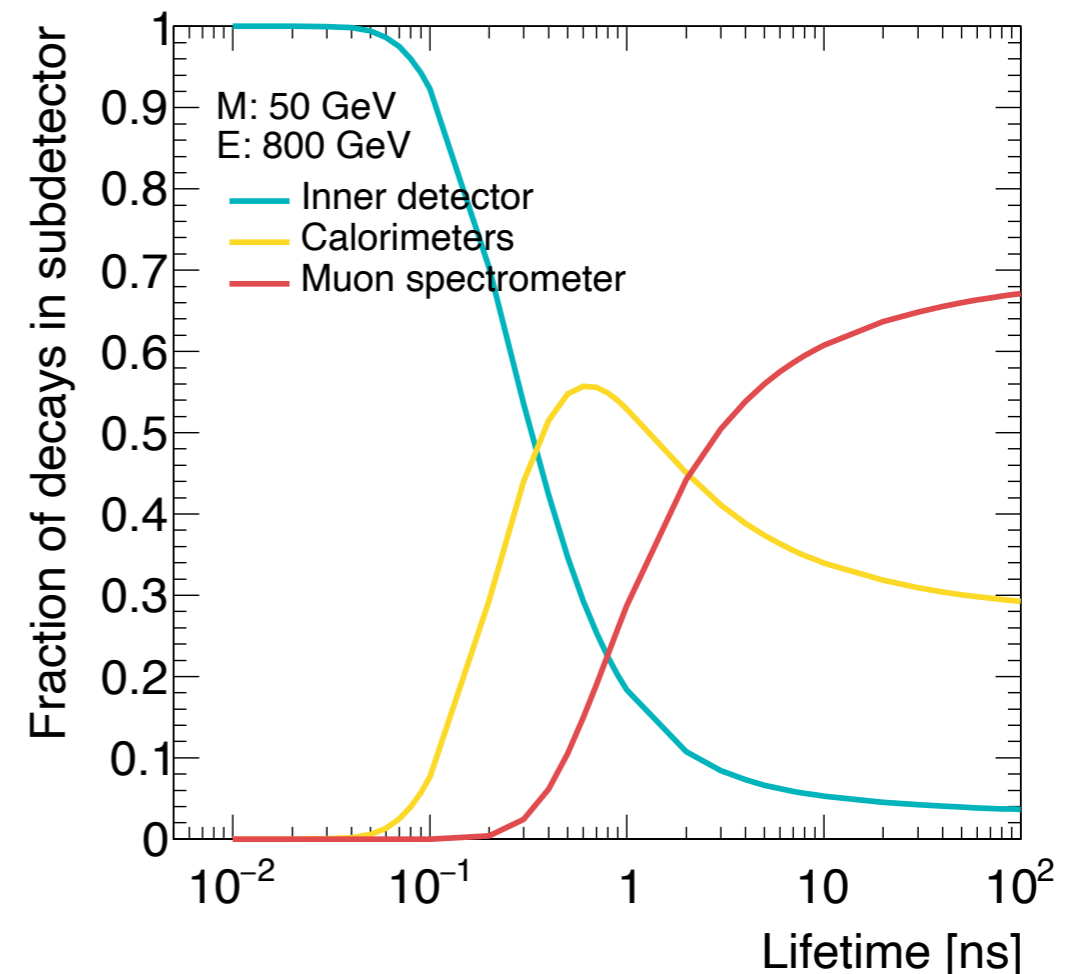
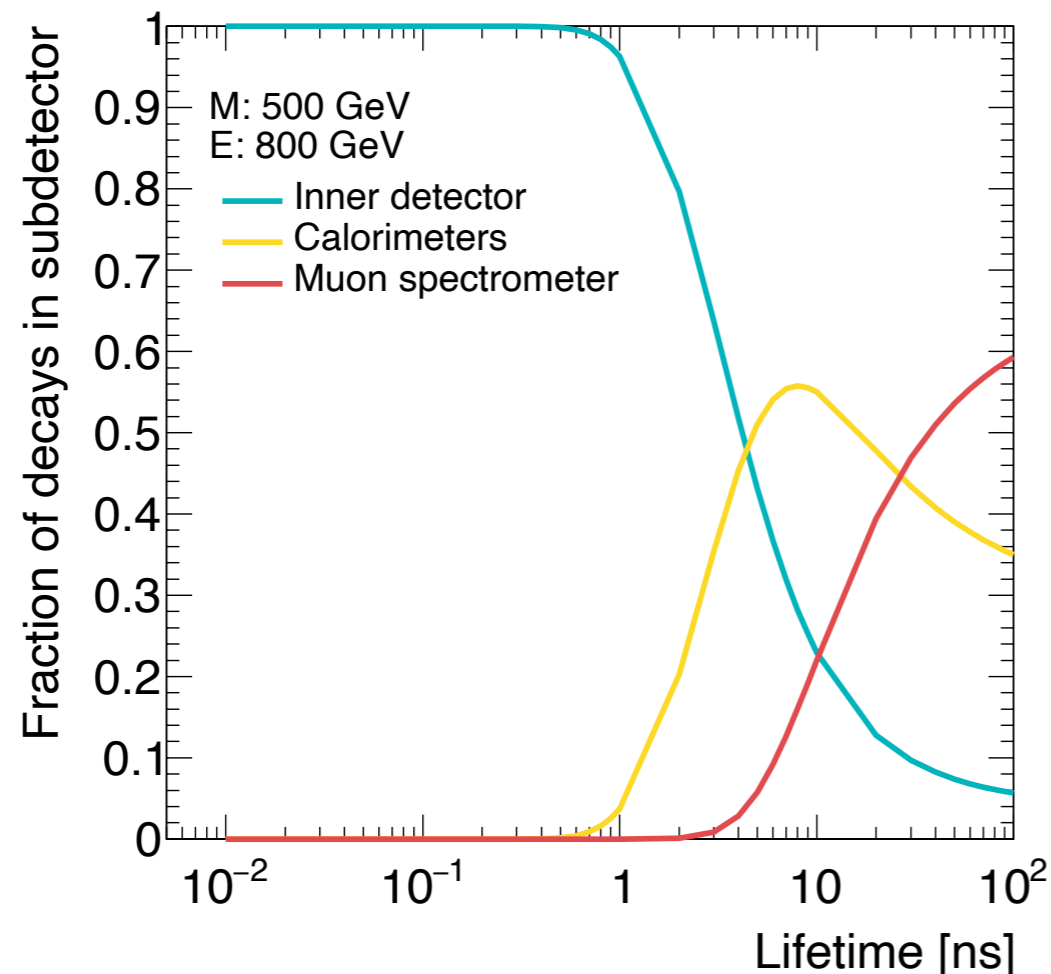


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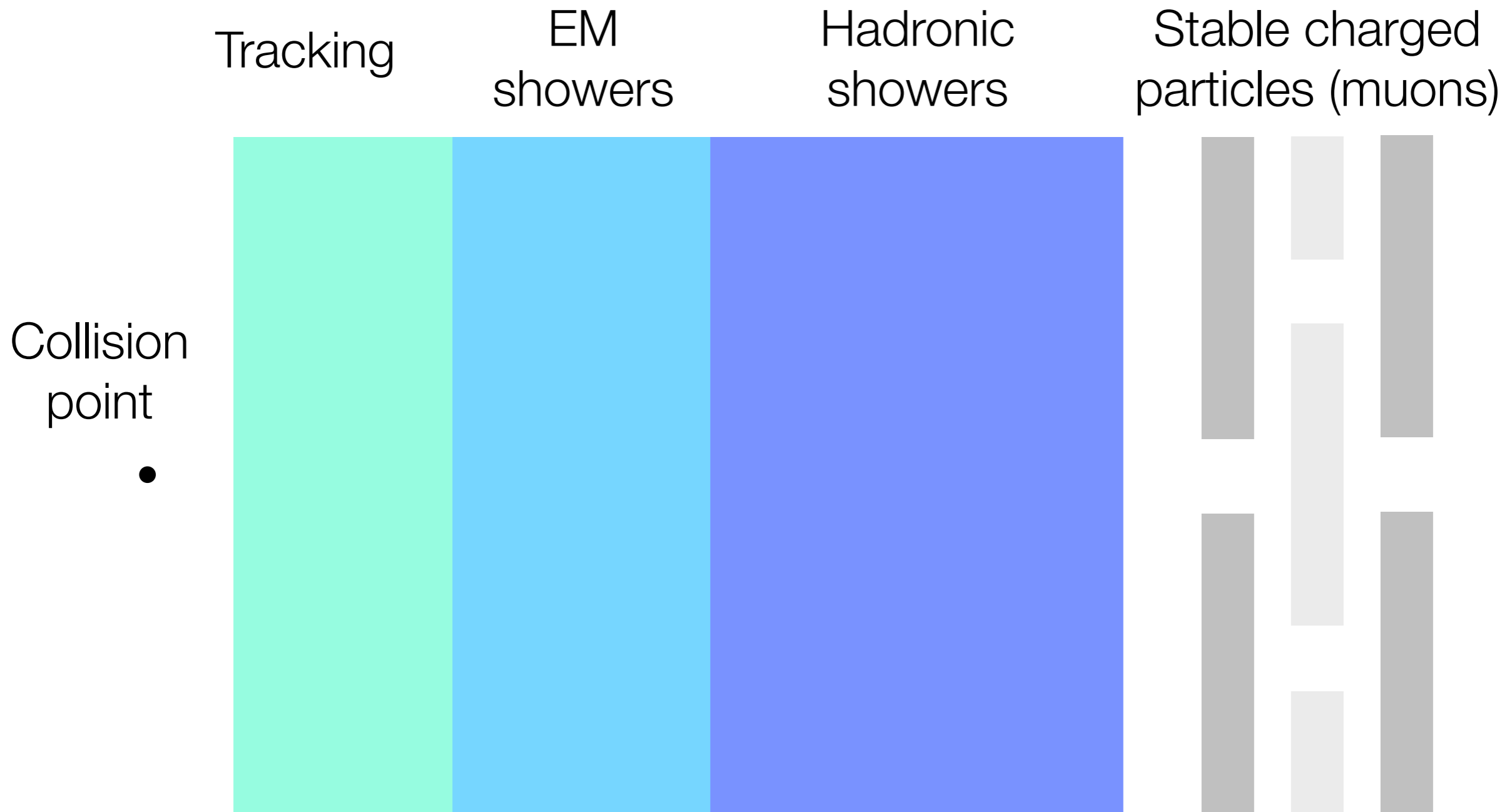
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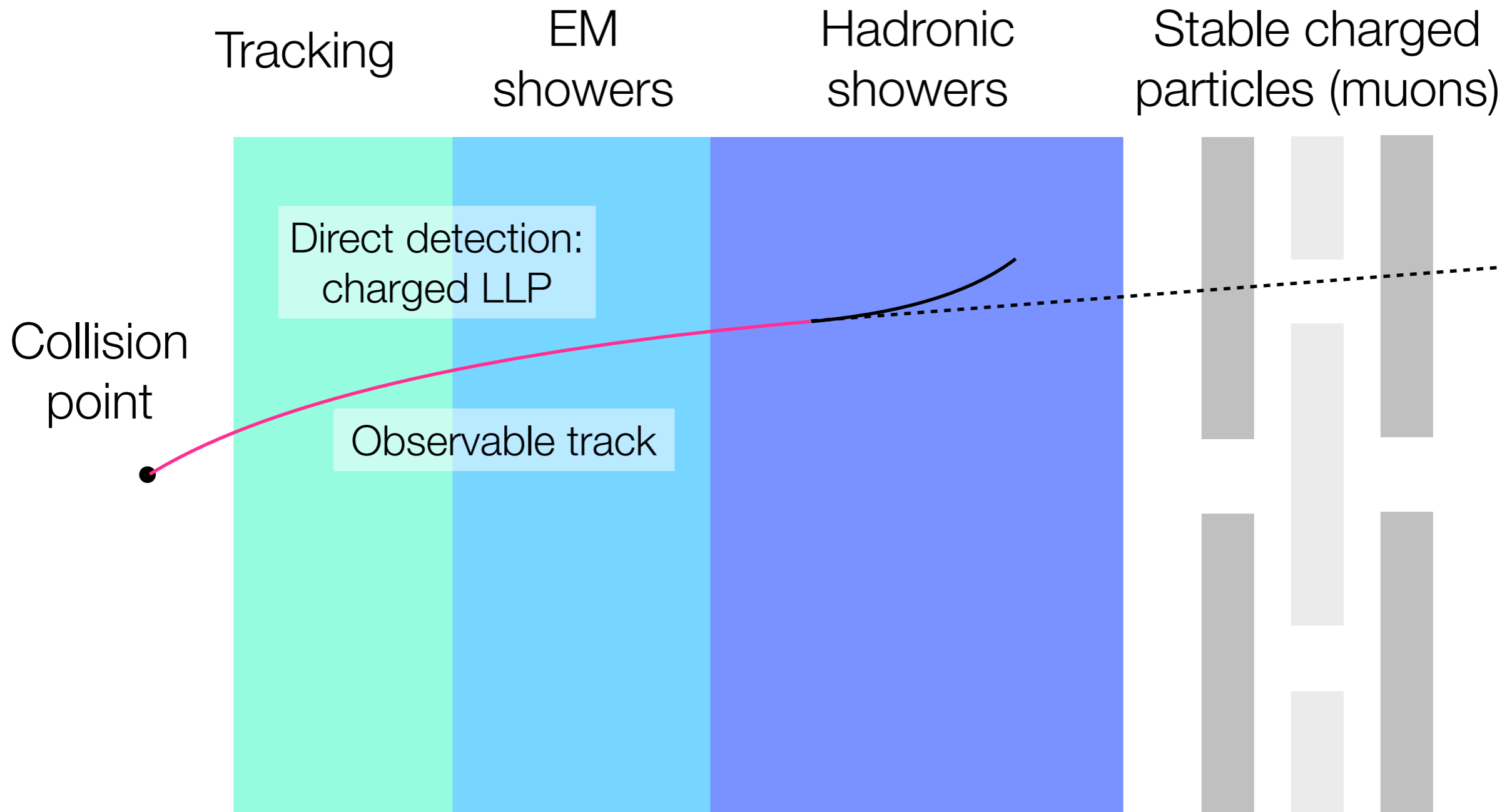
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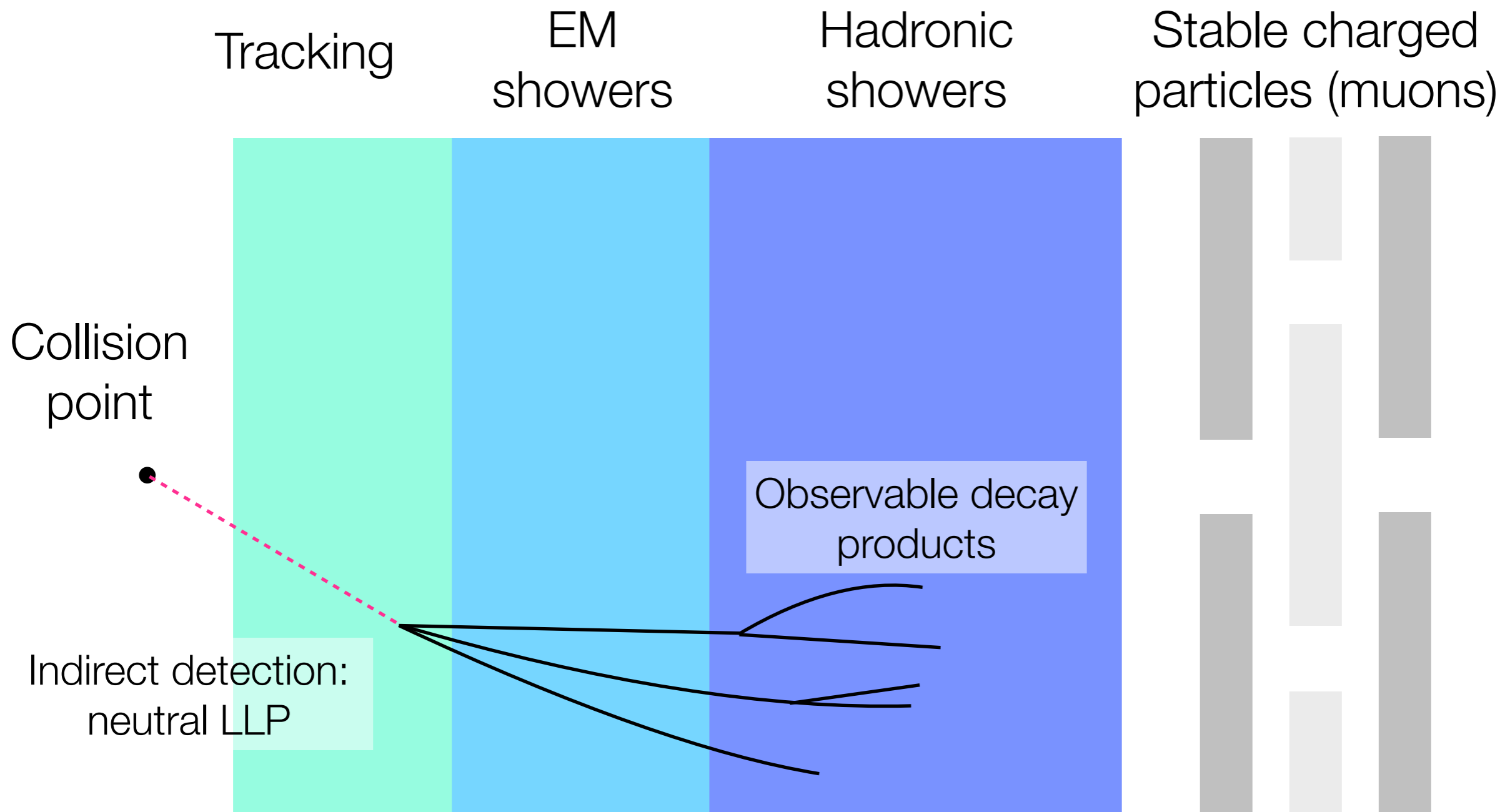


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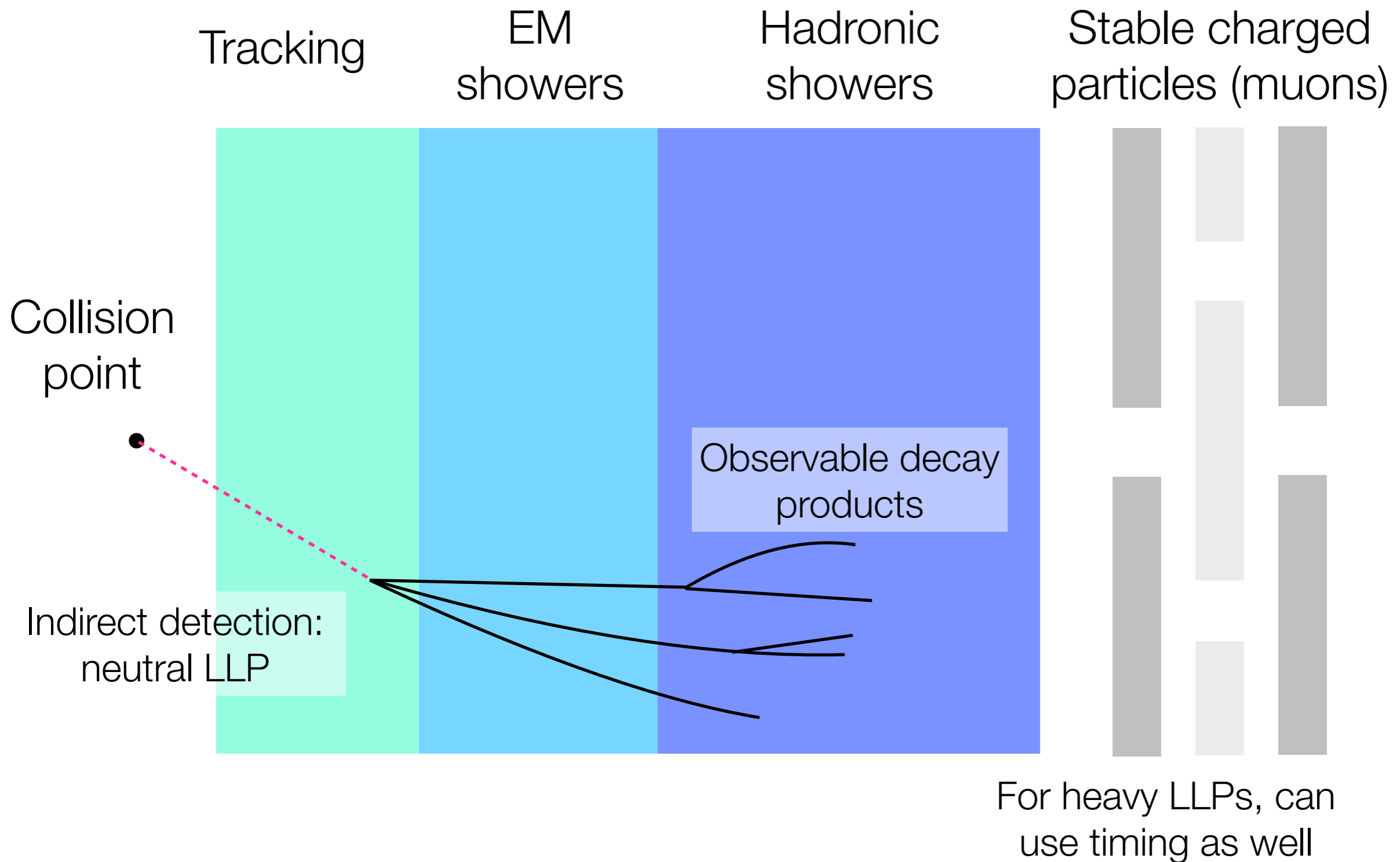




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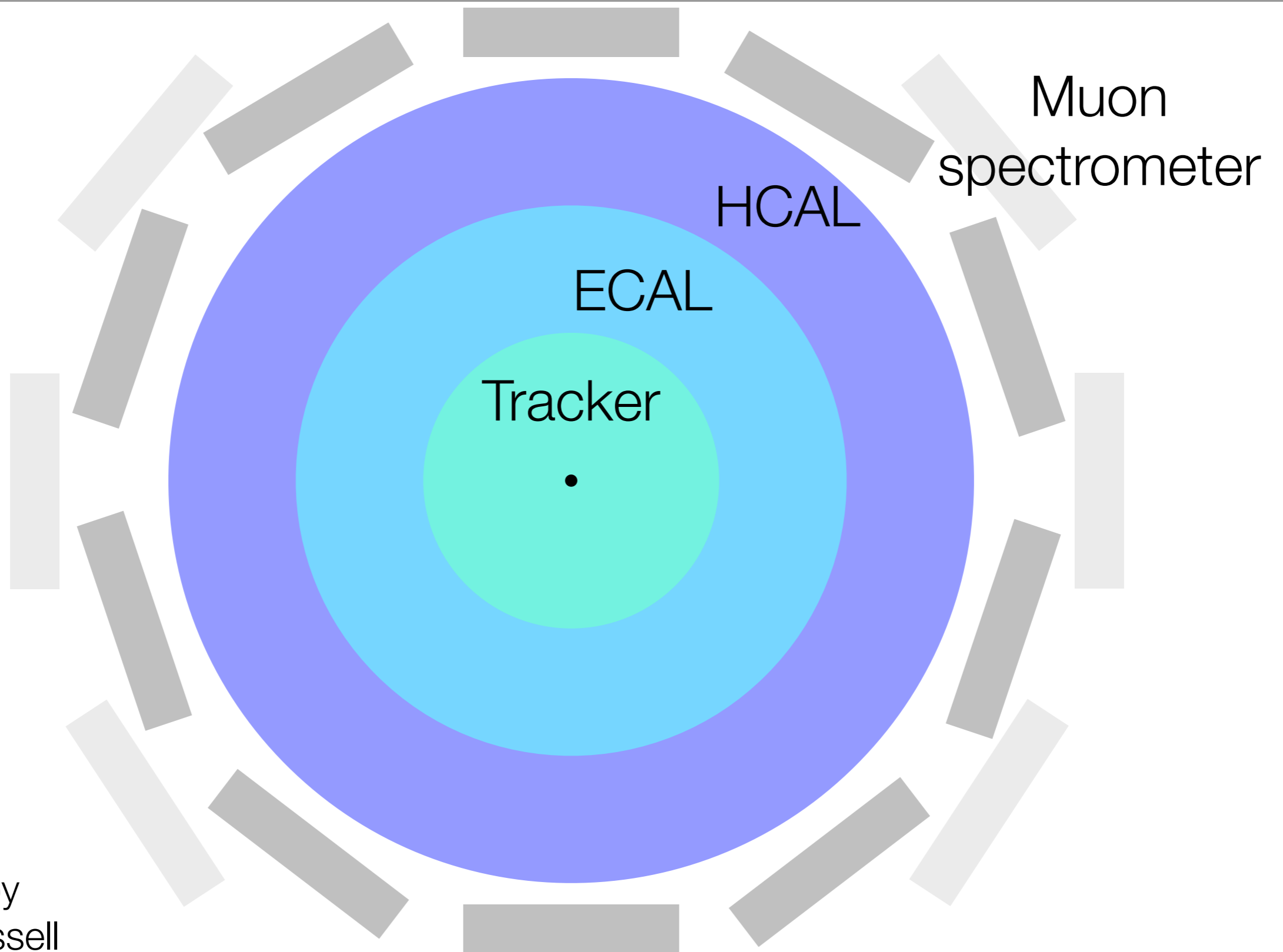


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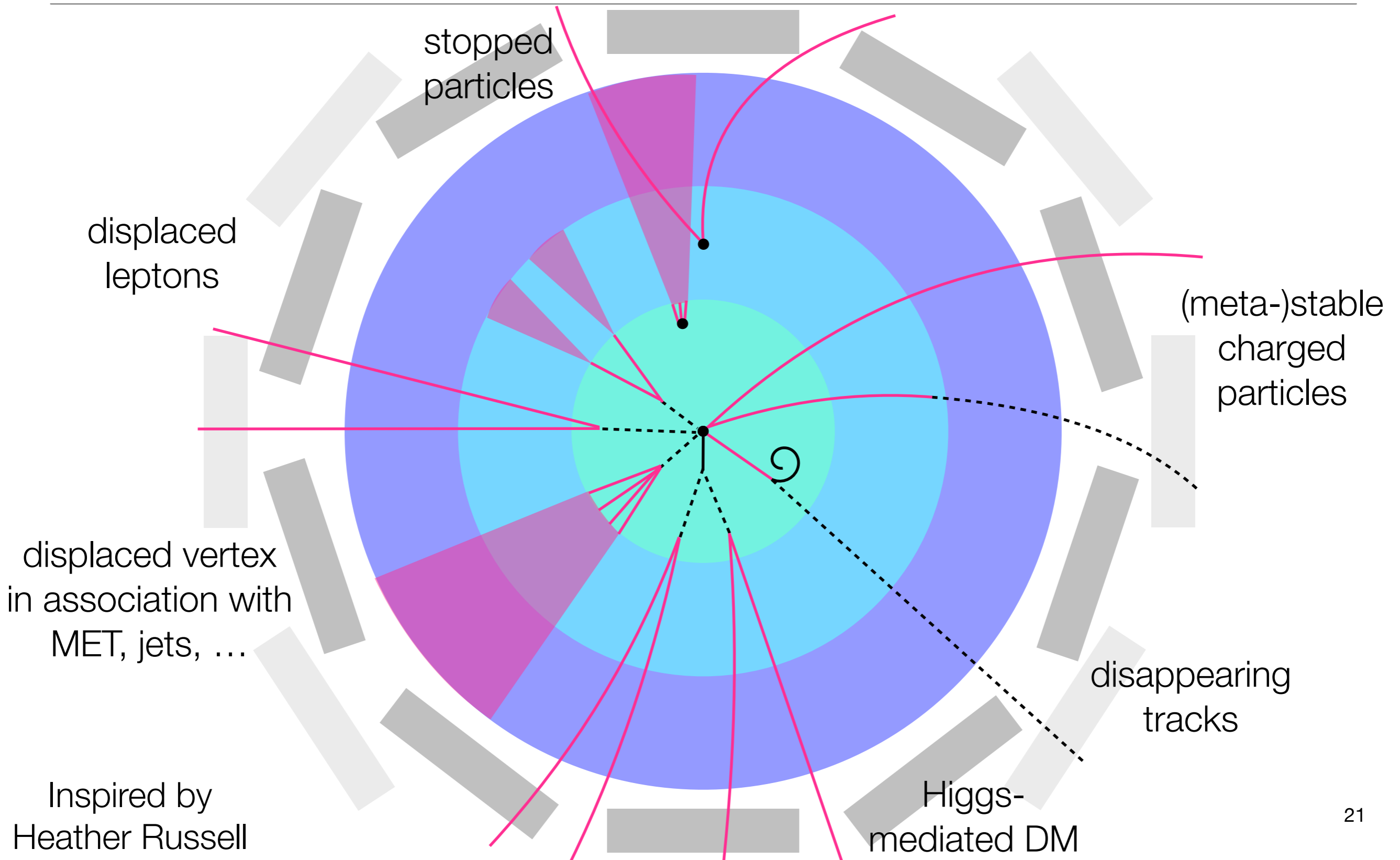


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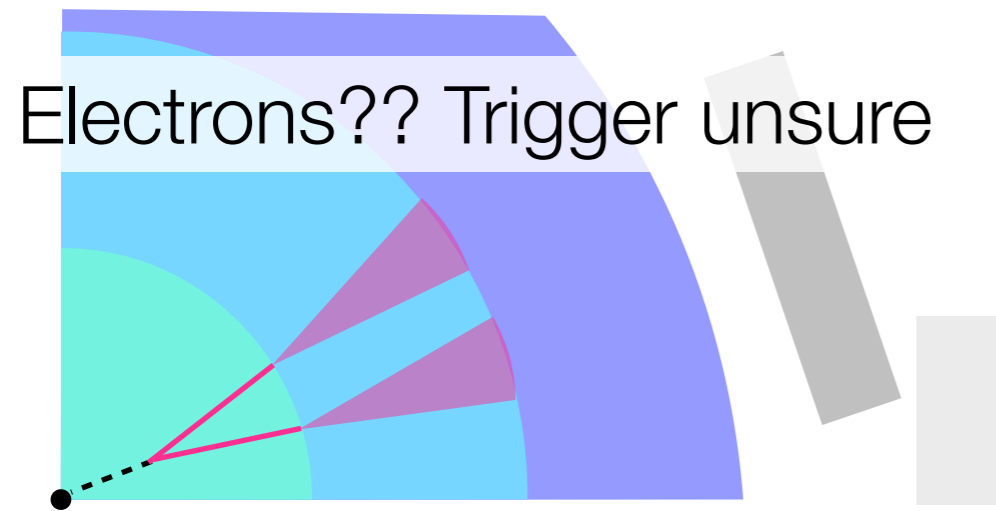
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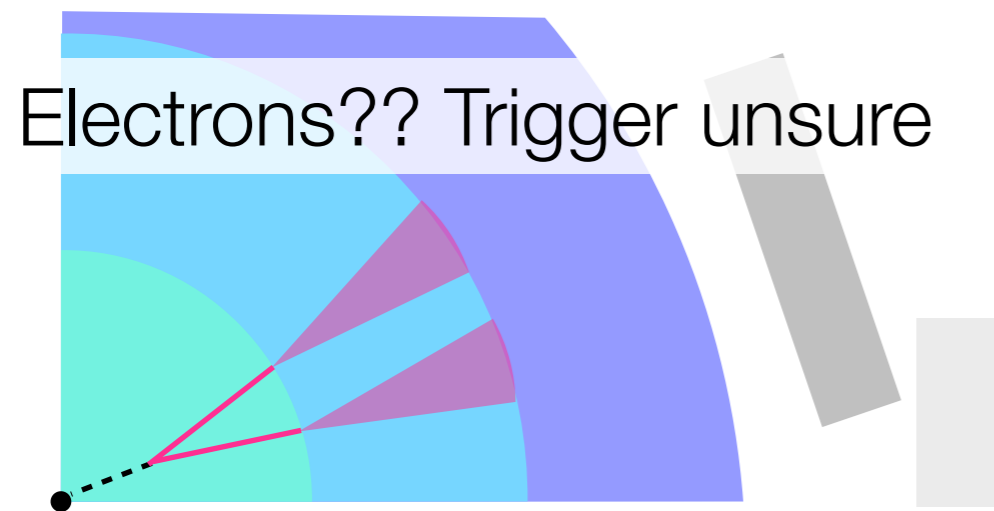
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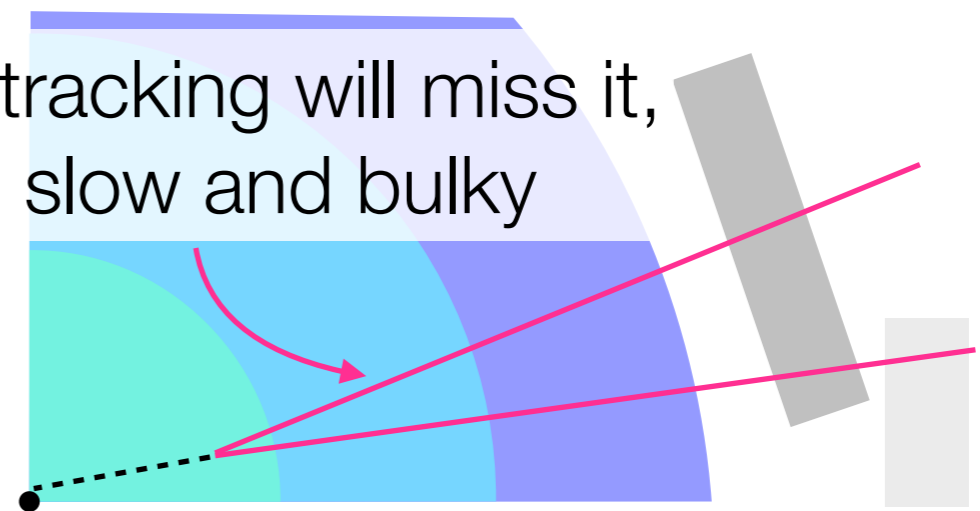
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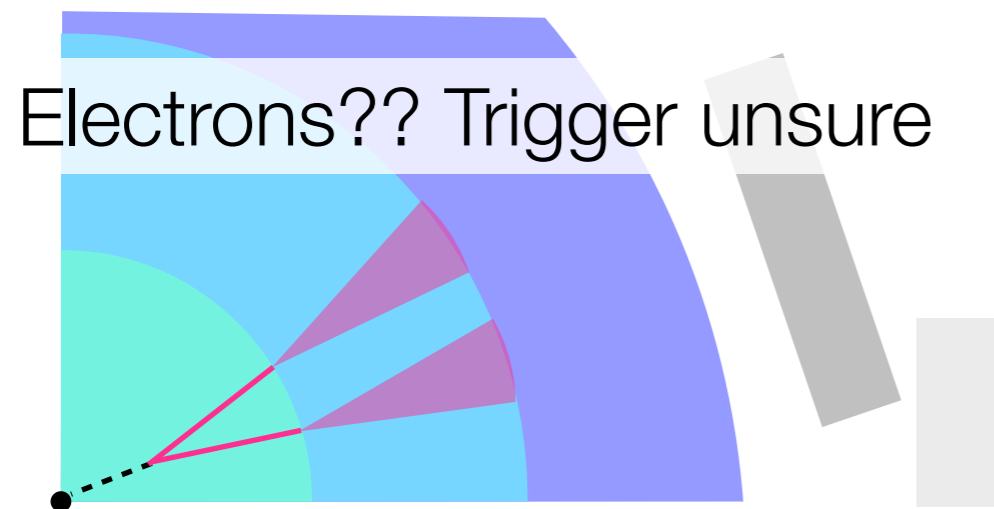
Standard tracking will miss it,  
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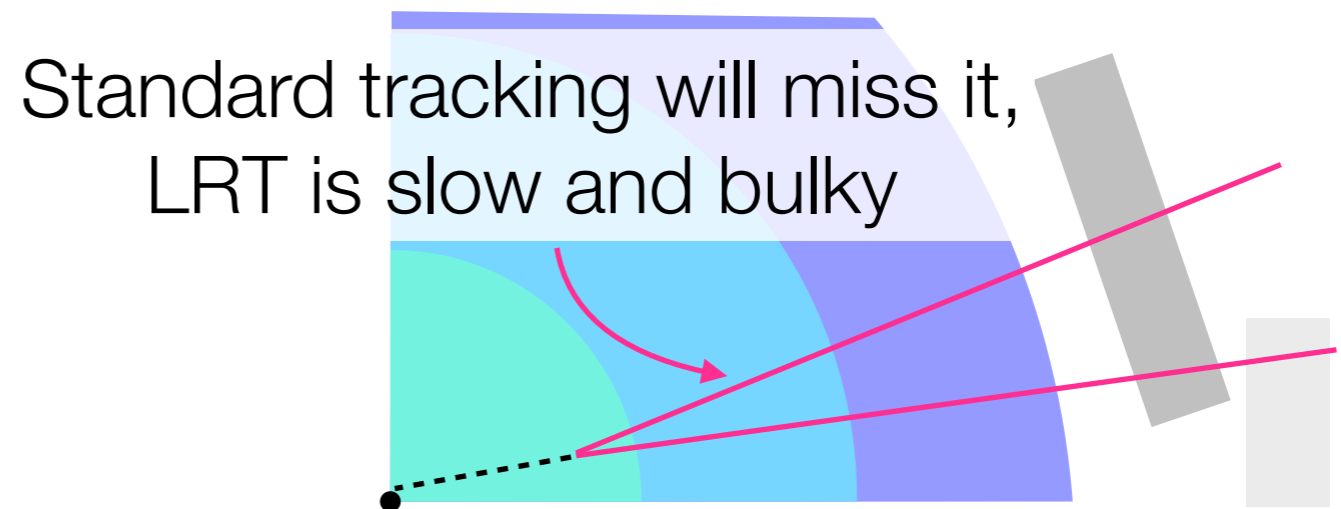
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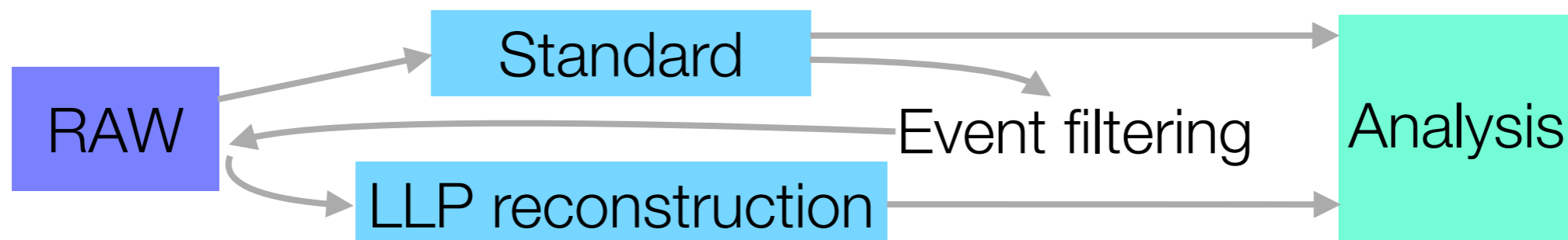
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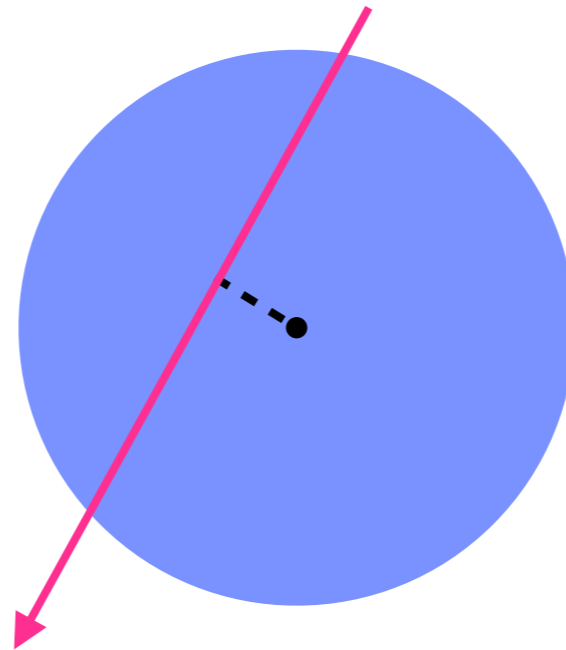
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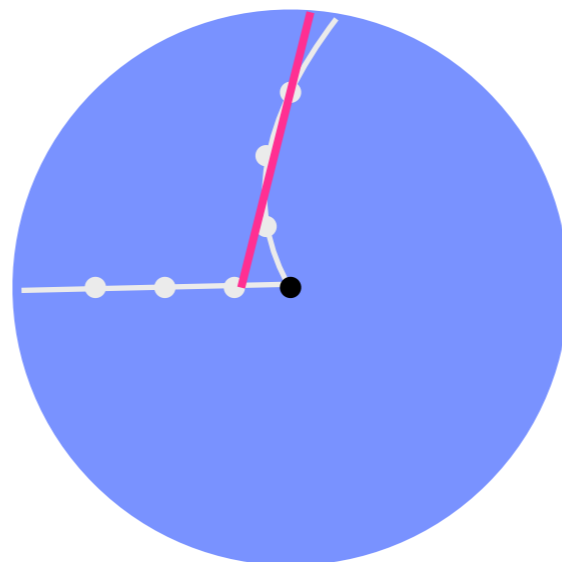
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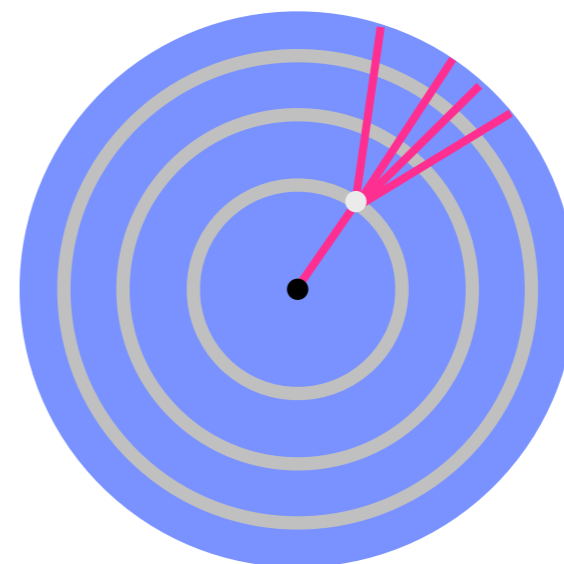
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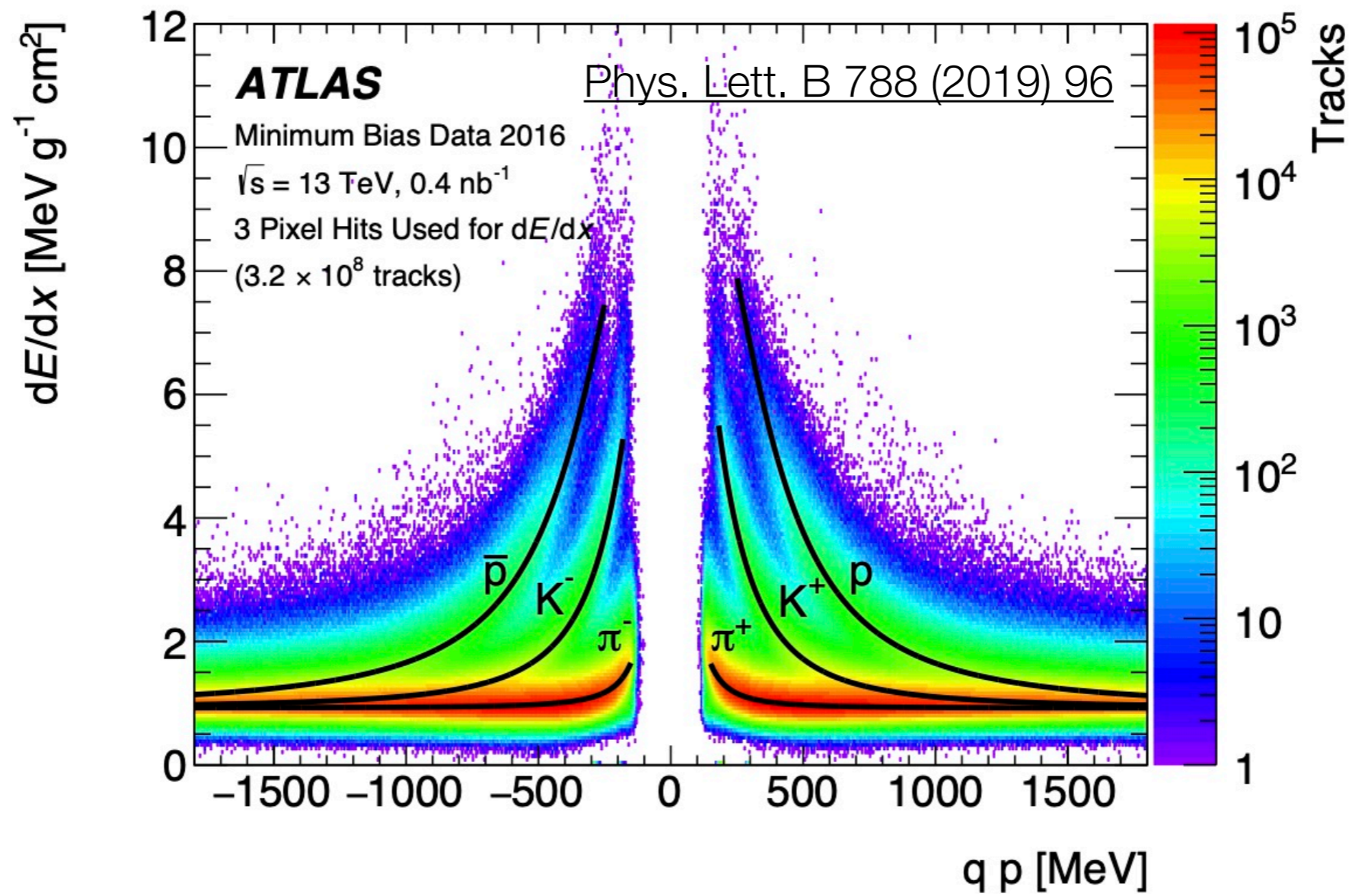
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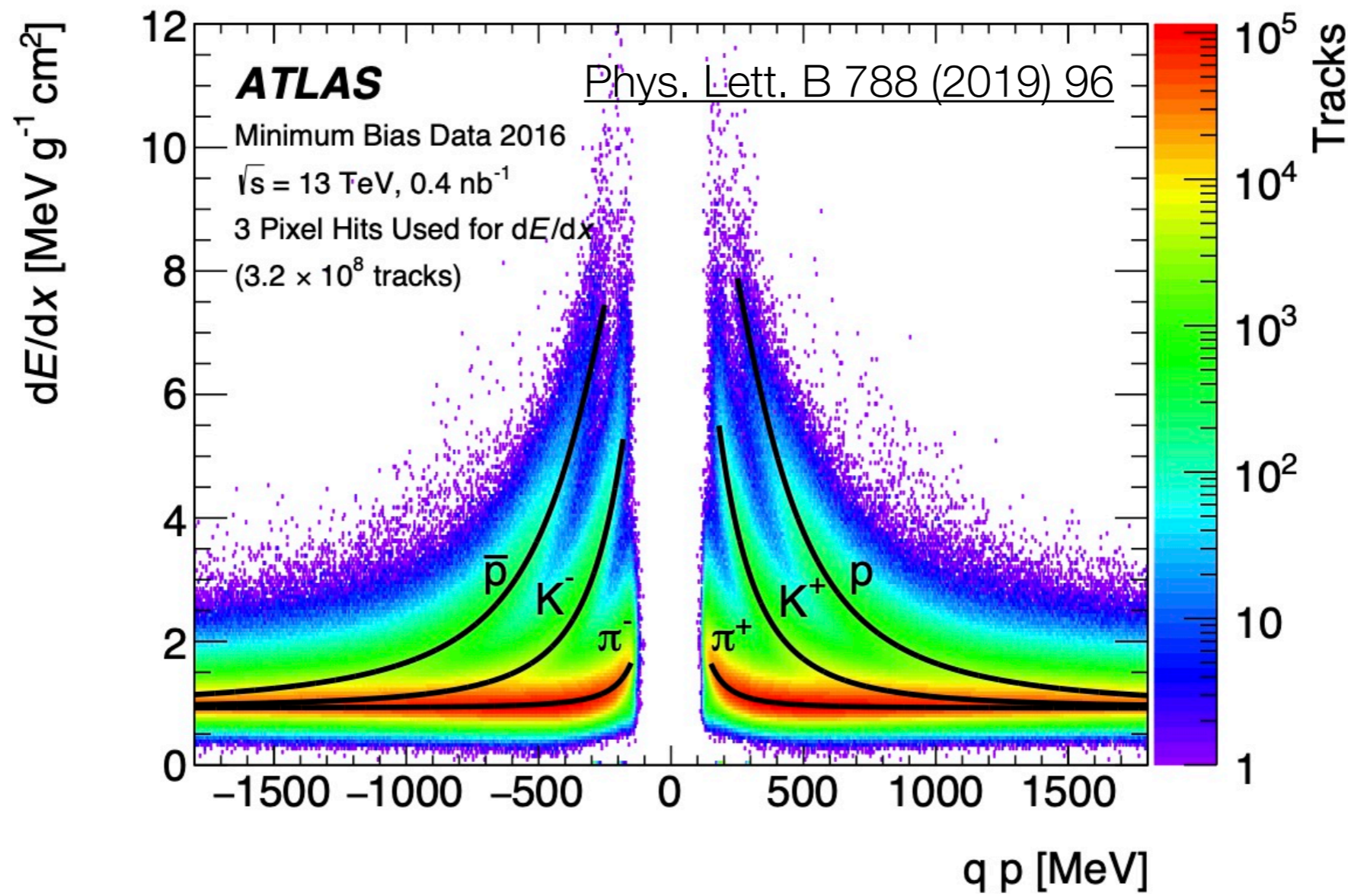
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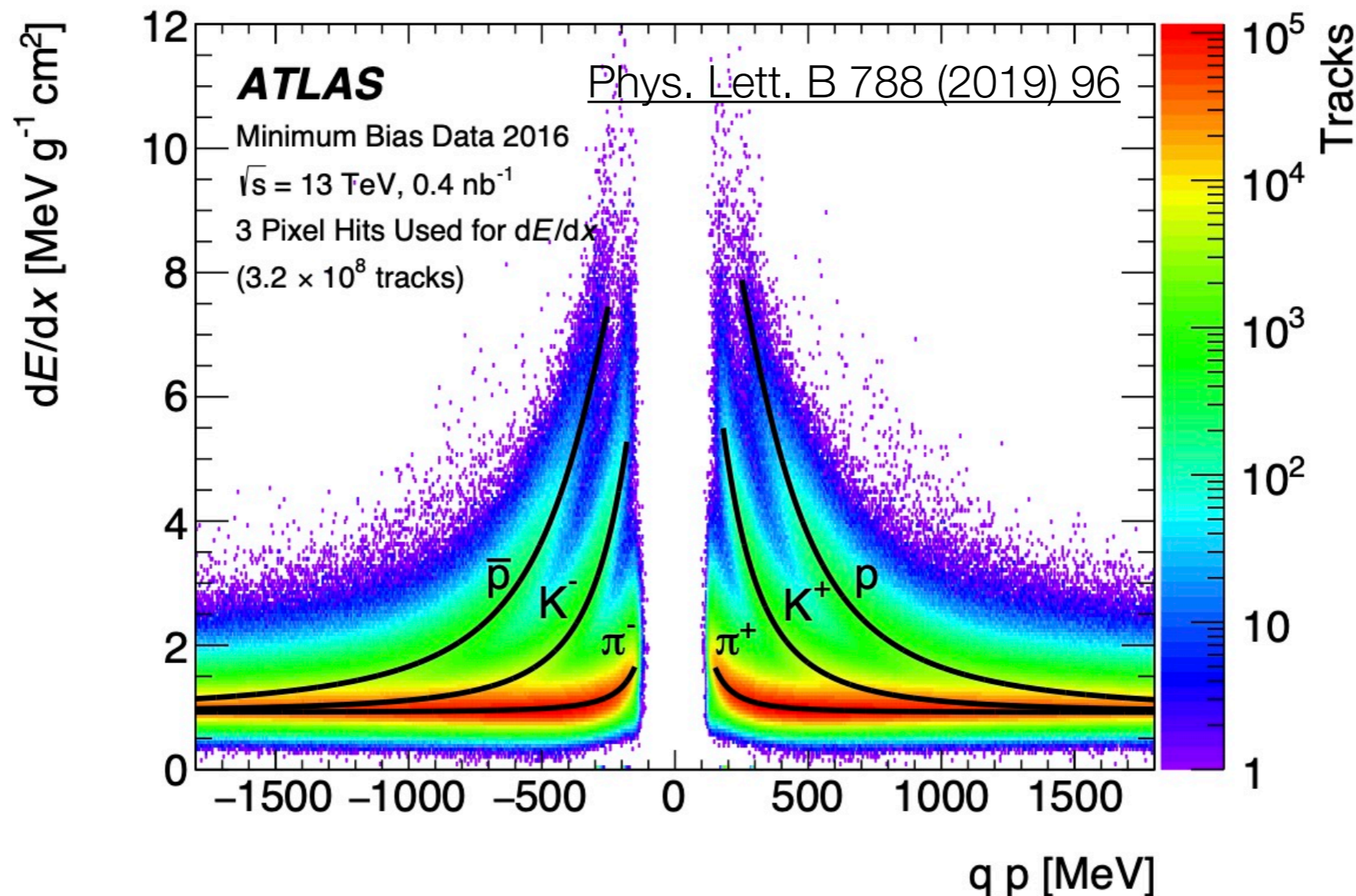


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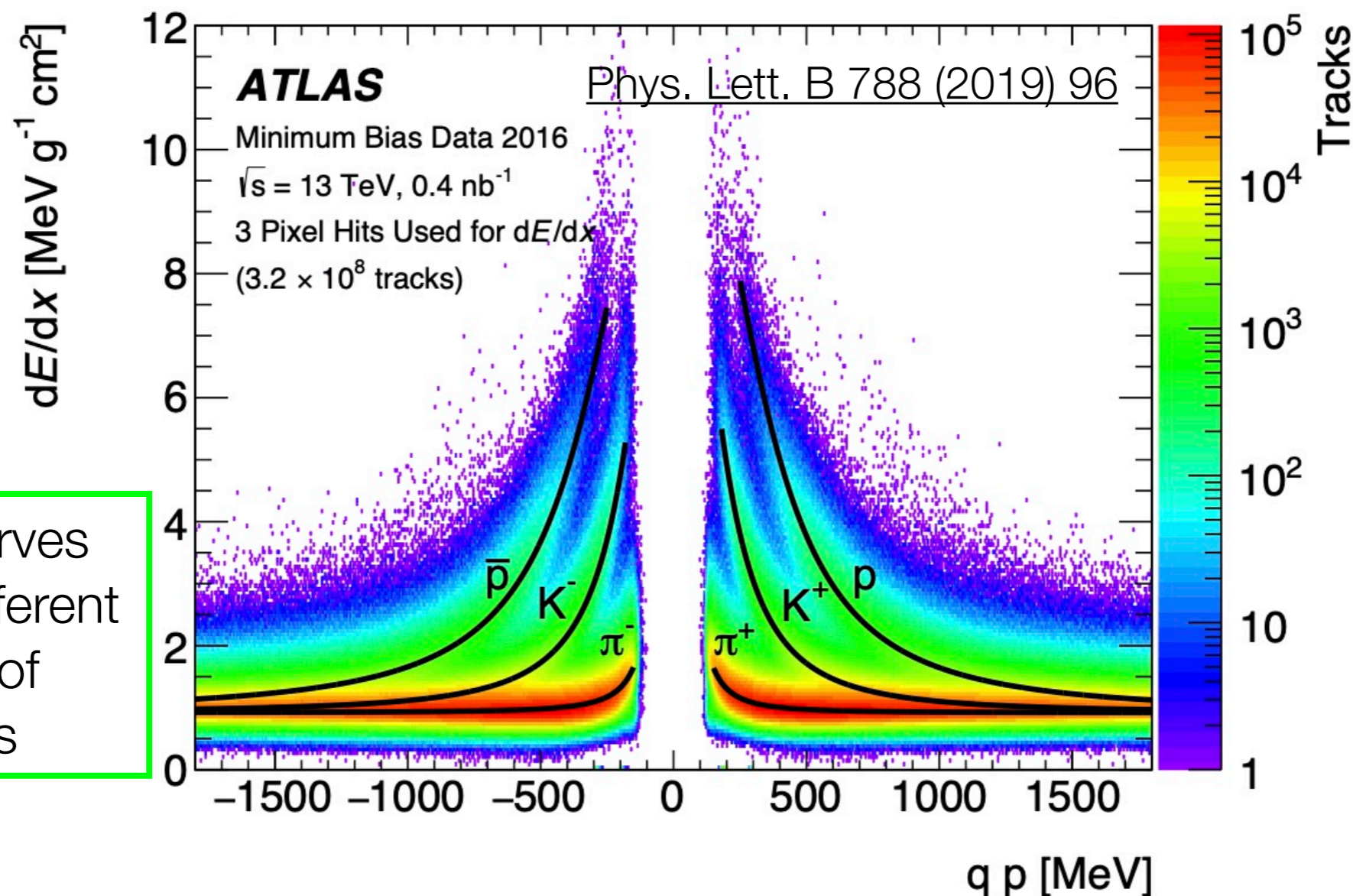


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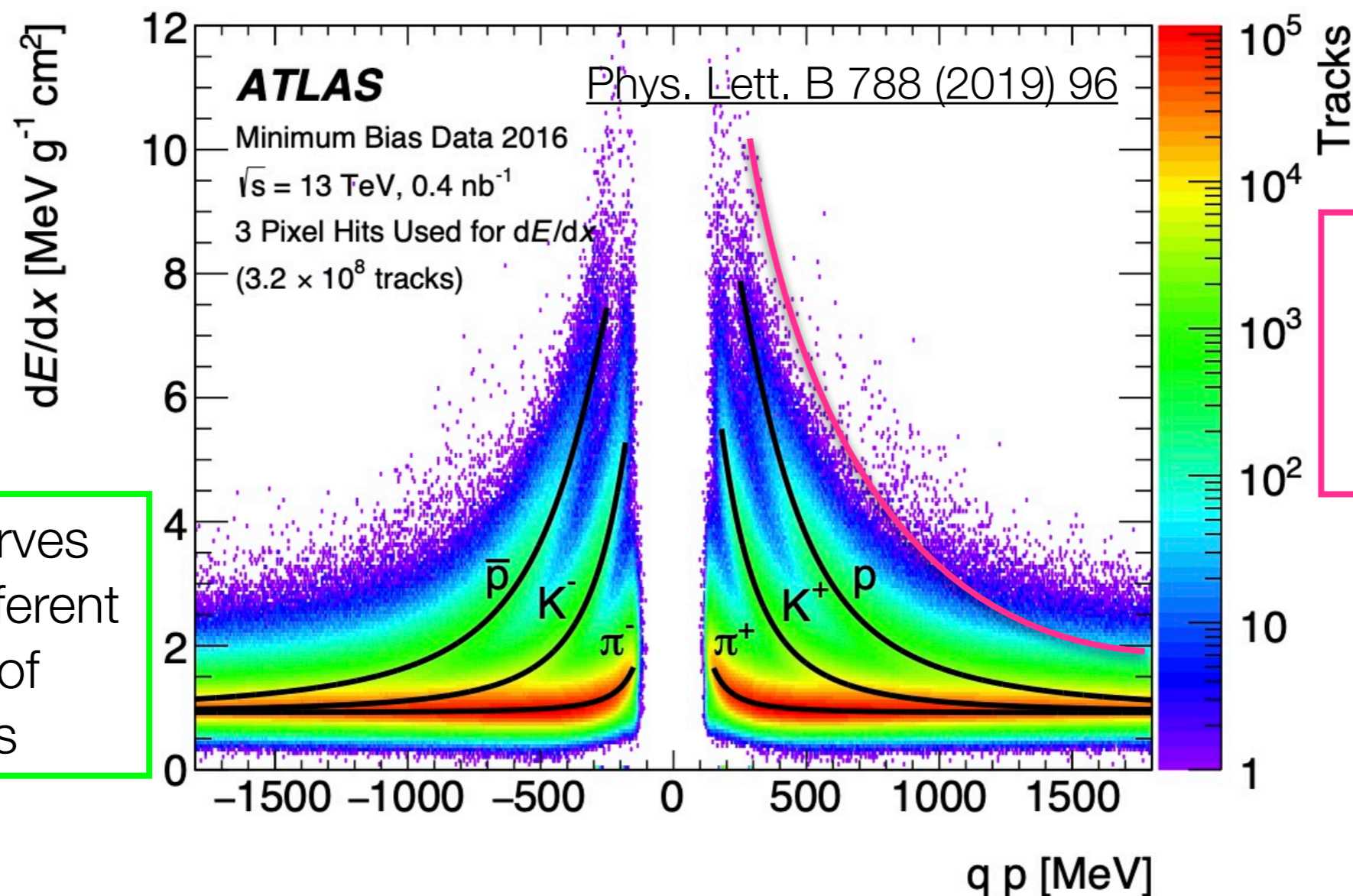
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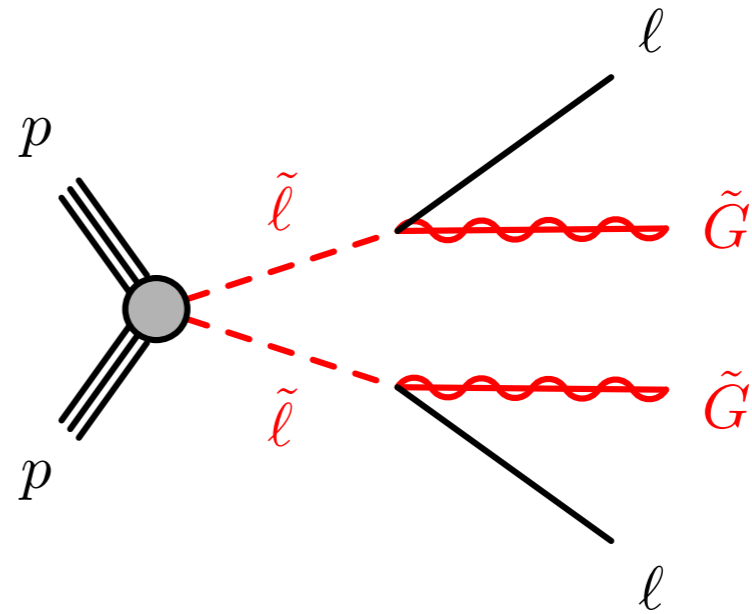
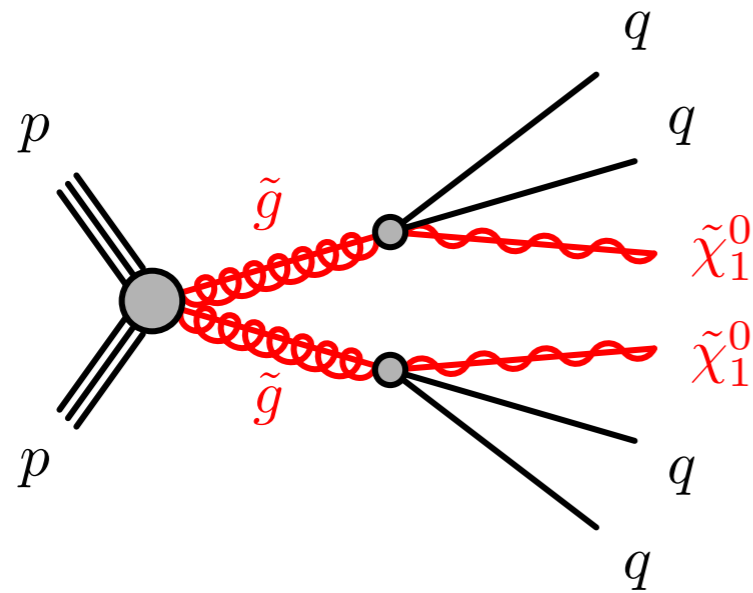


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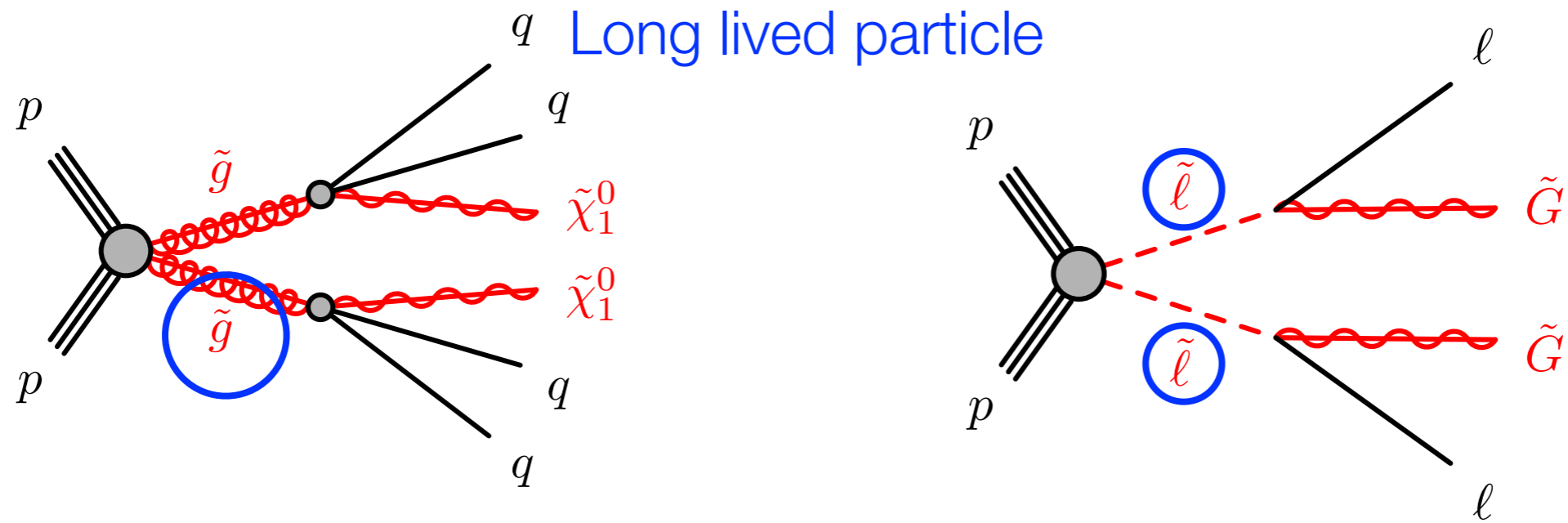
New heavy charged particle could be out here!

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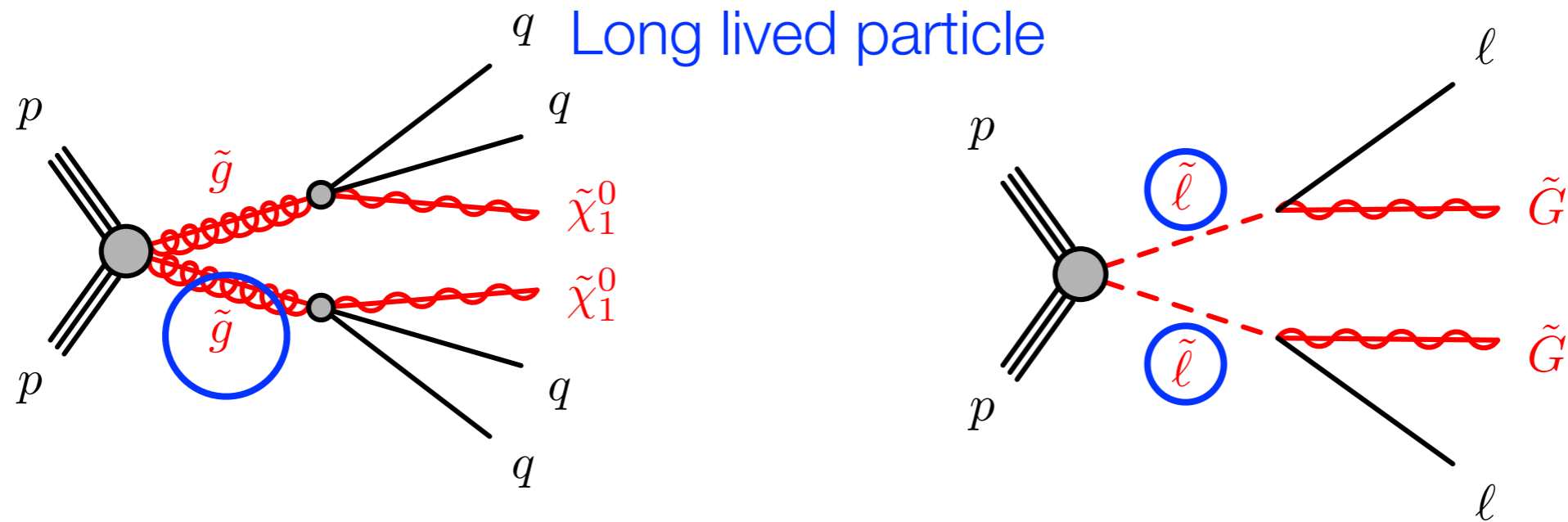
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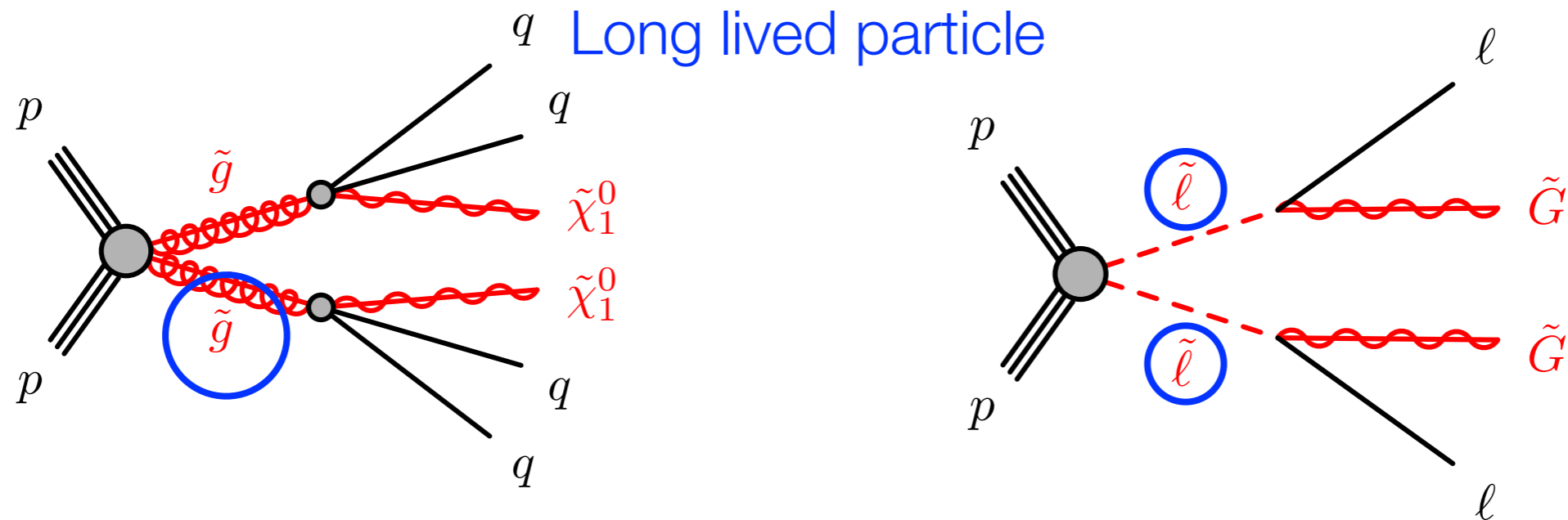


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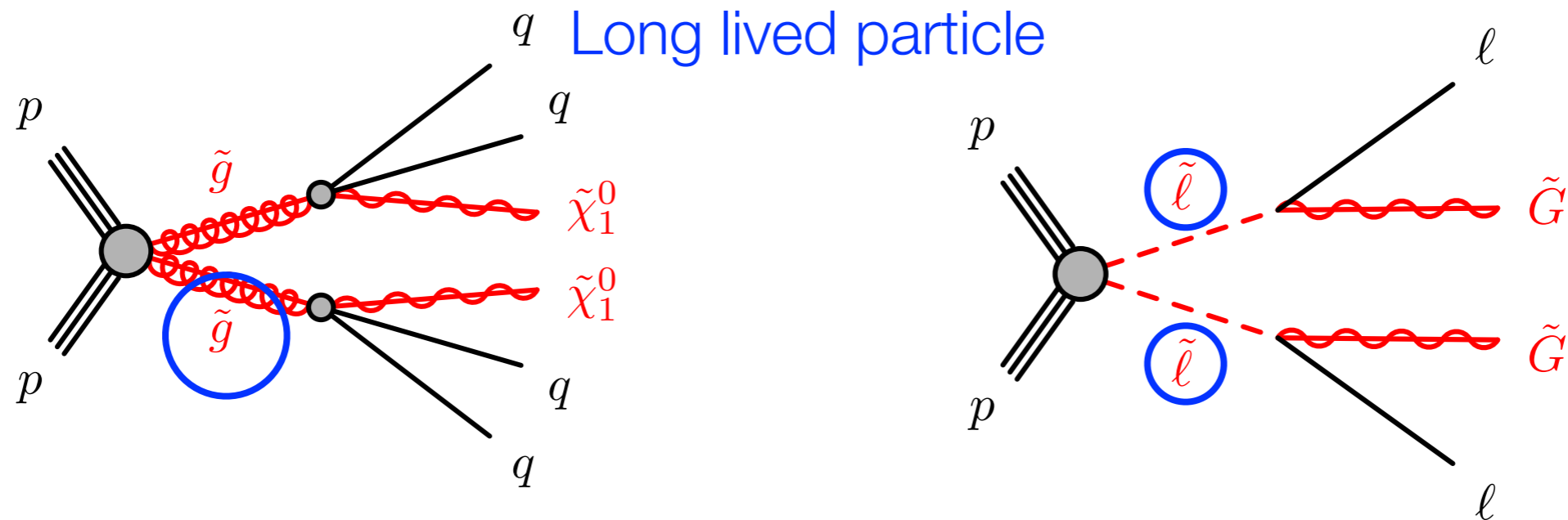
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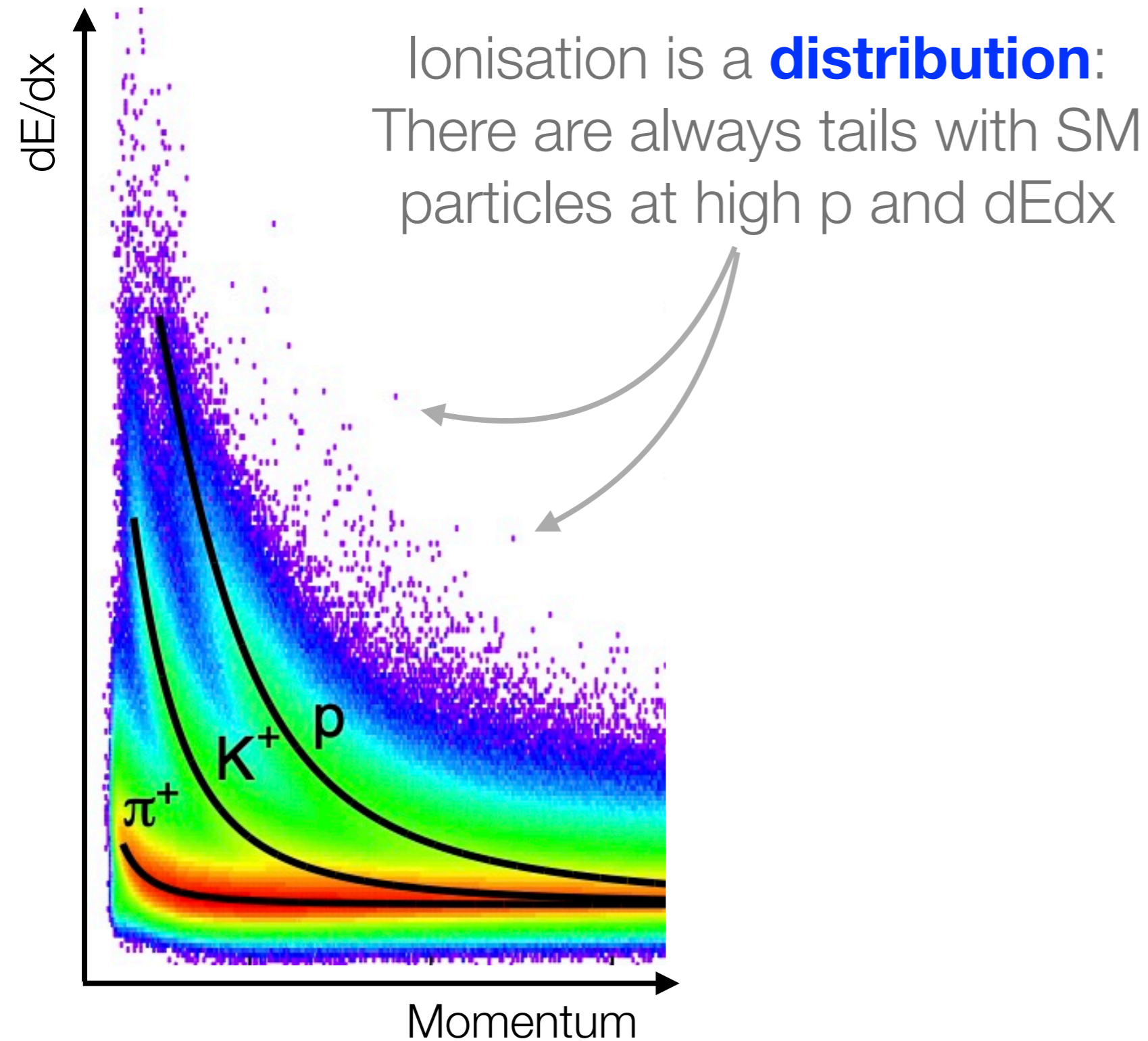


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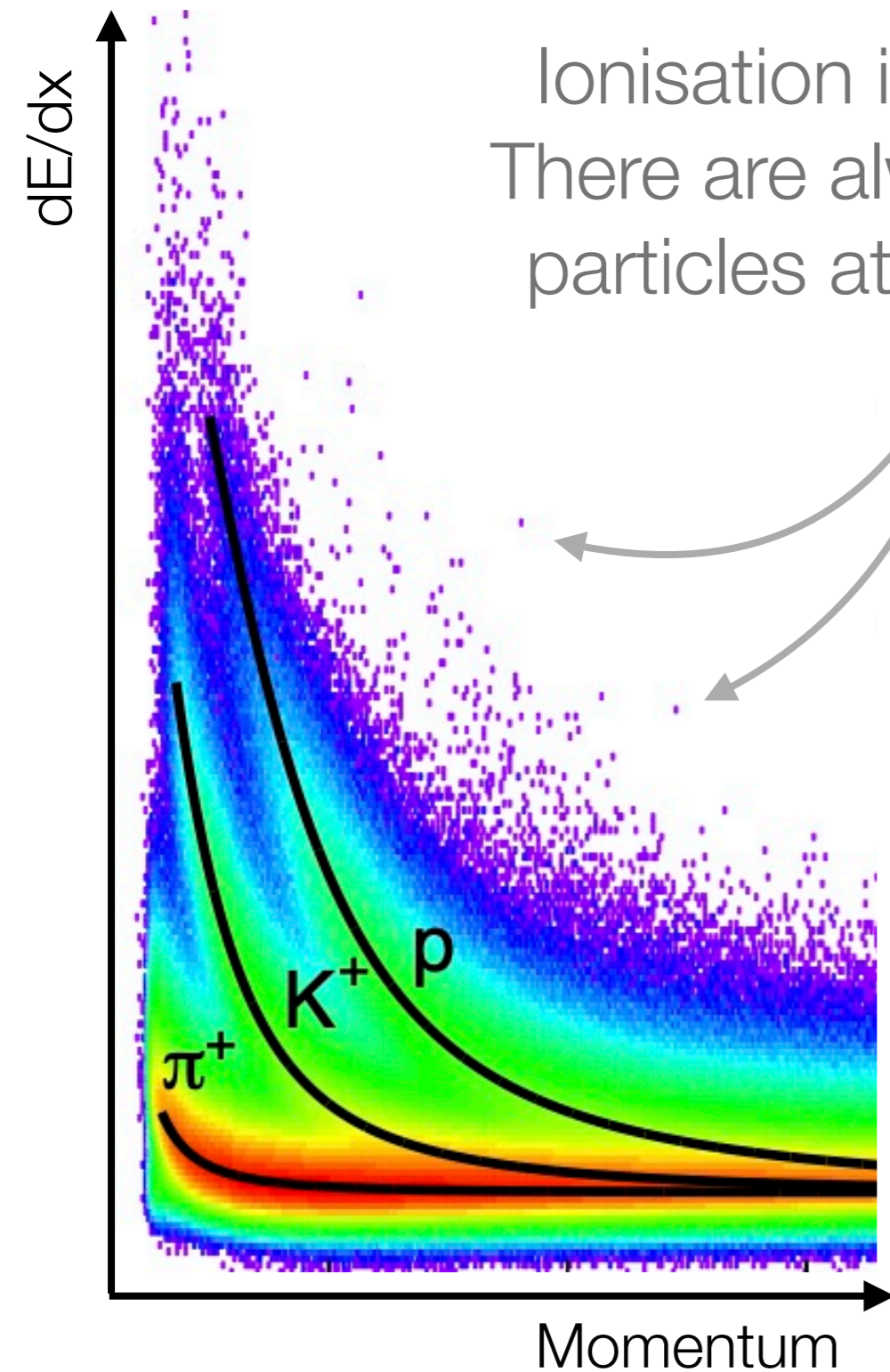
Selection: missing momentum in event, high momentum track with large dE/dx



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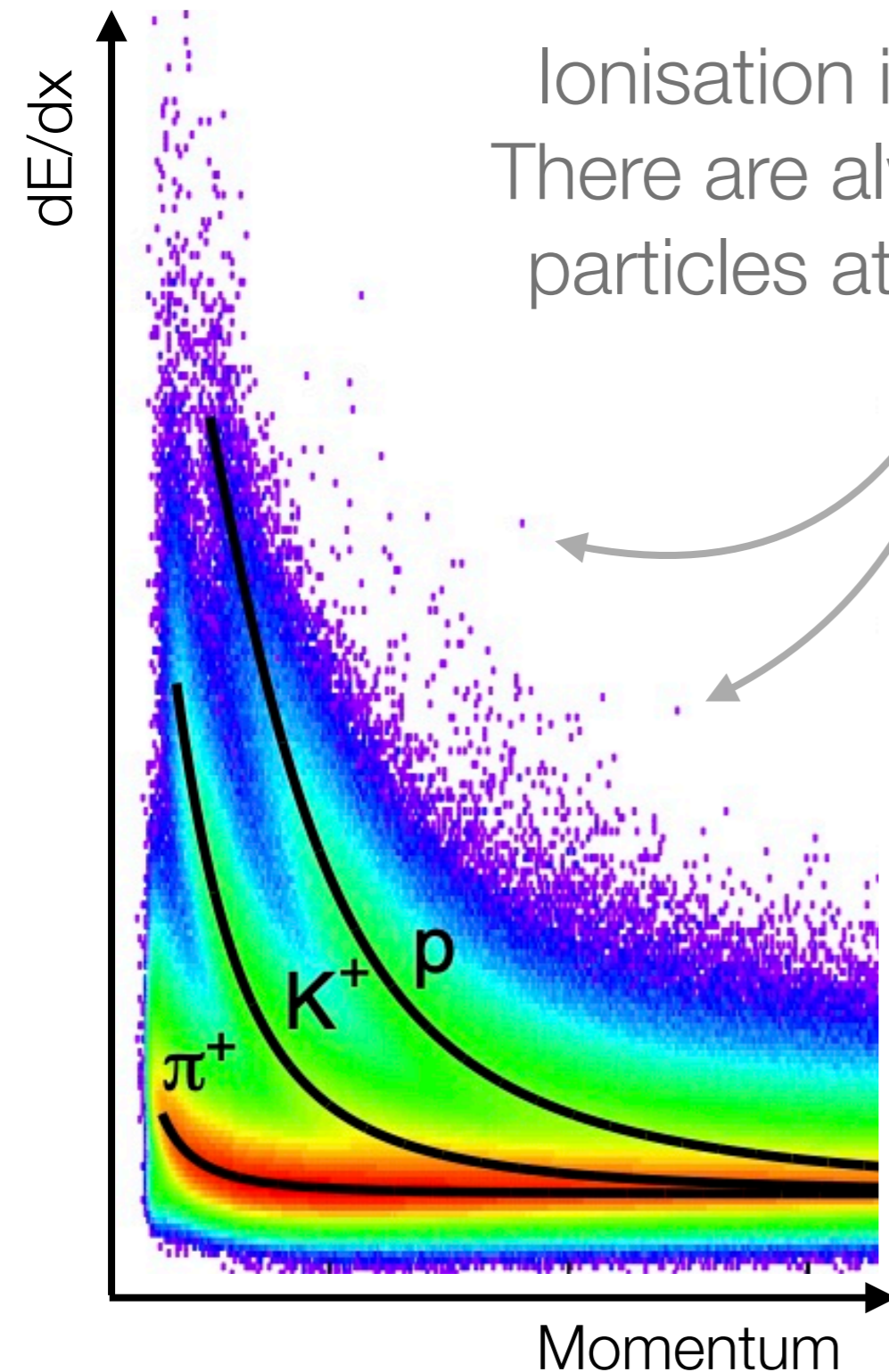
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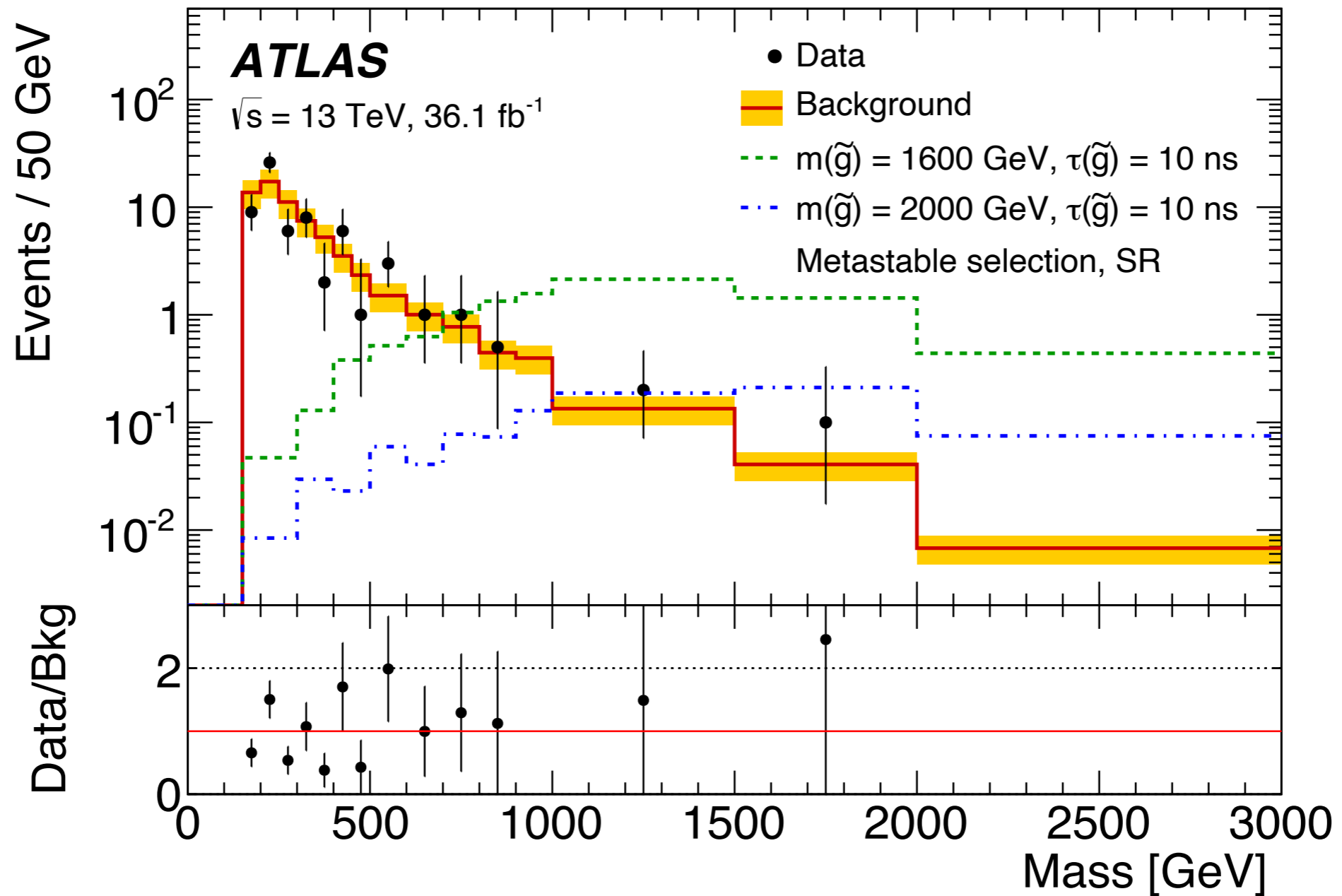
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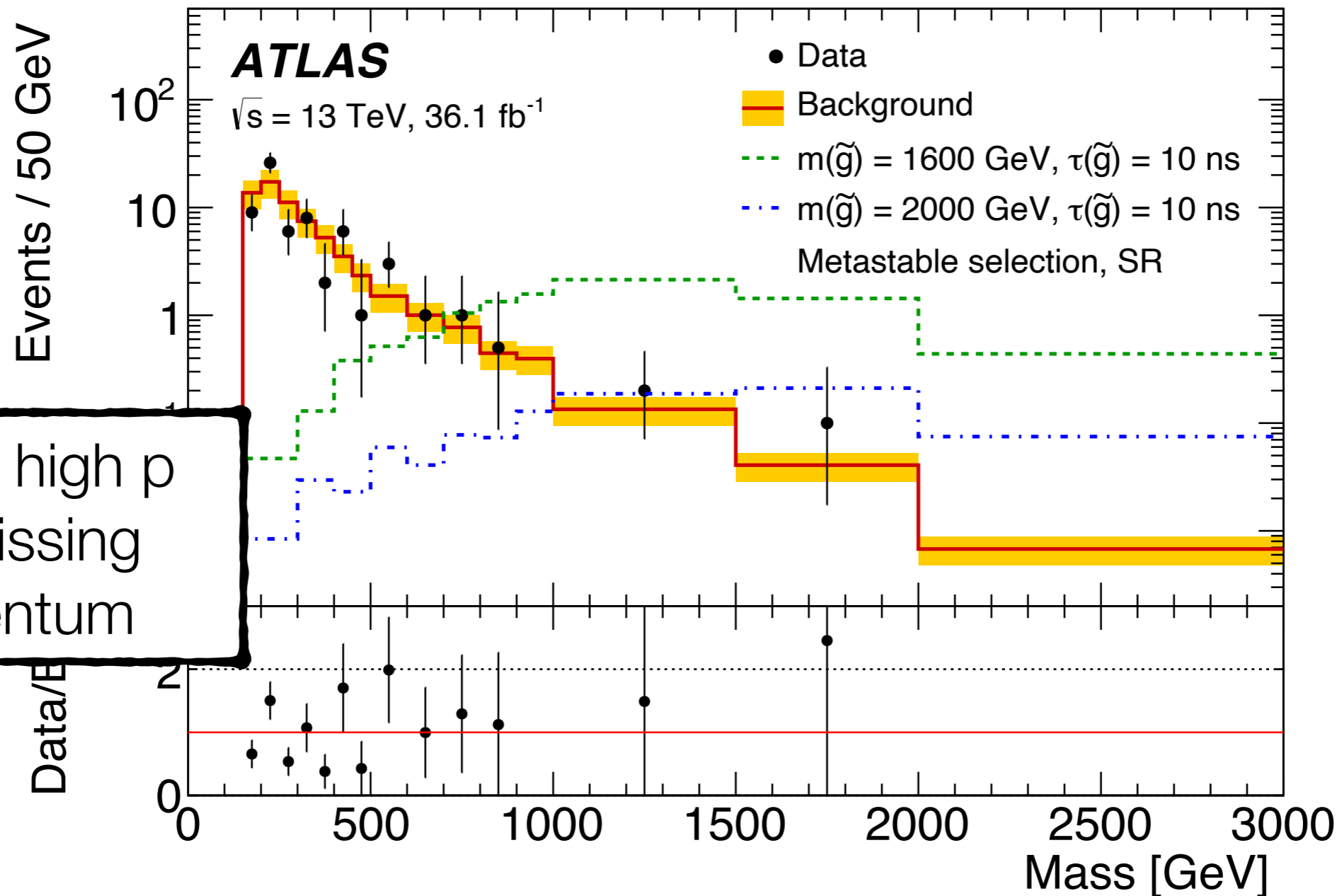
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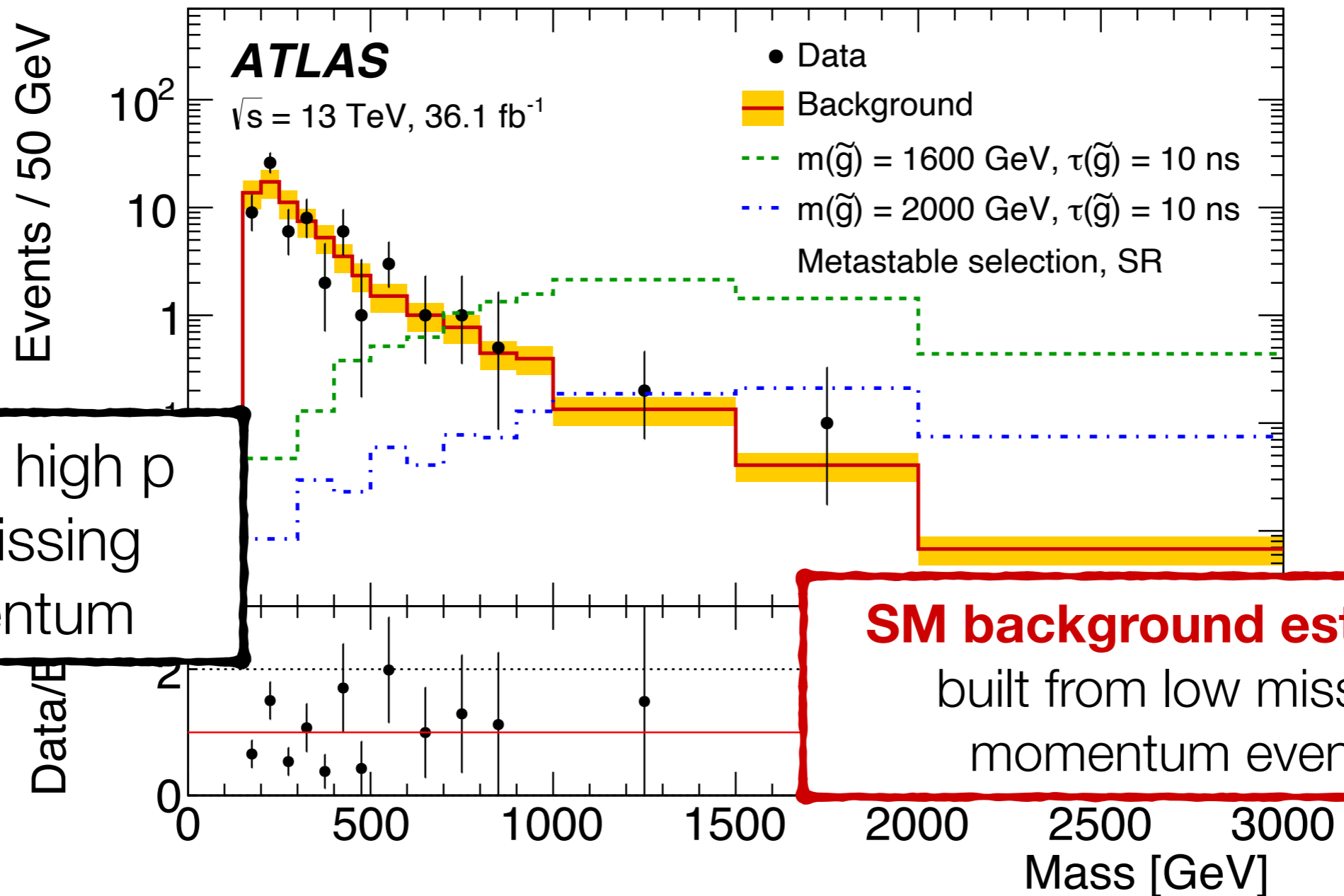
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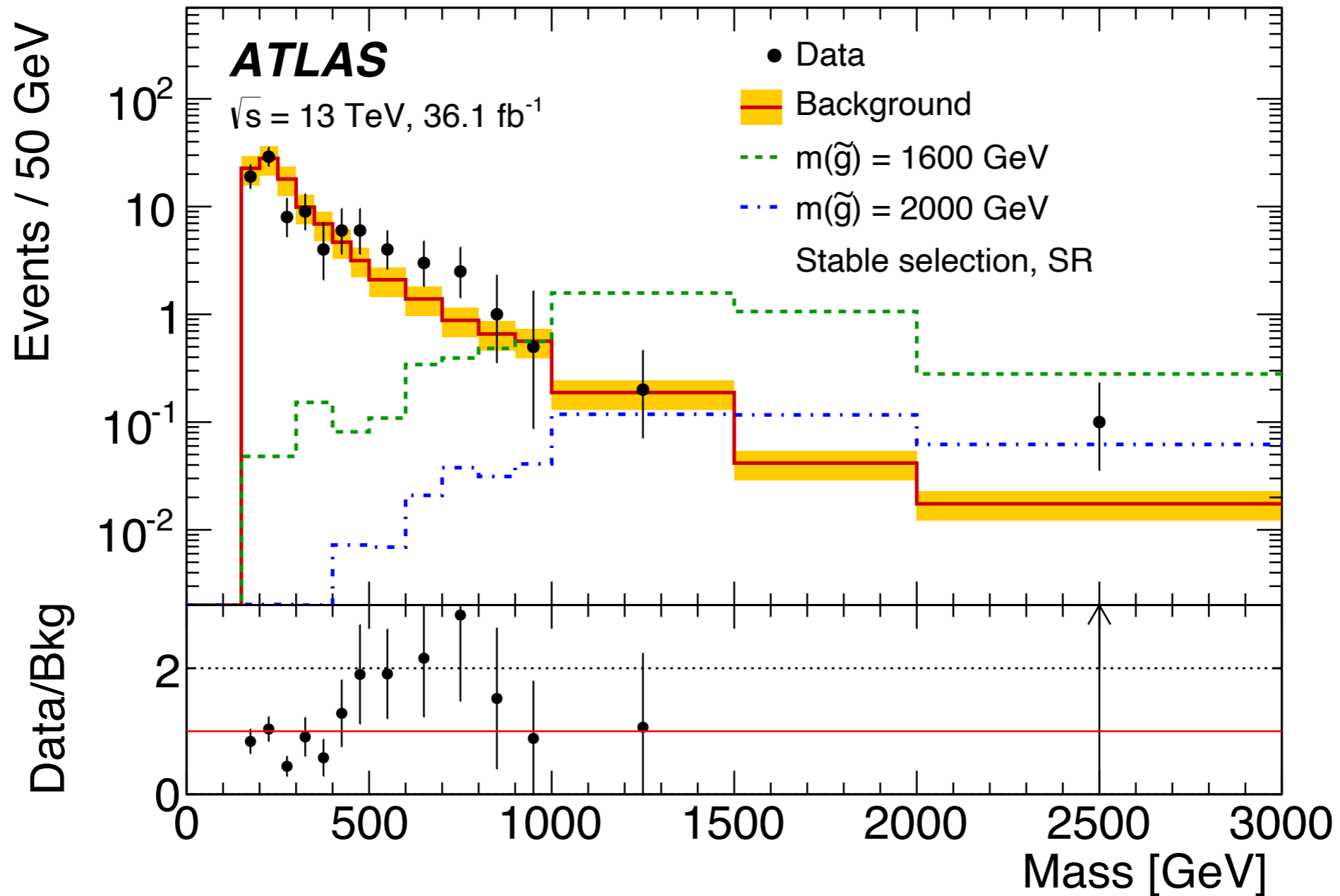
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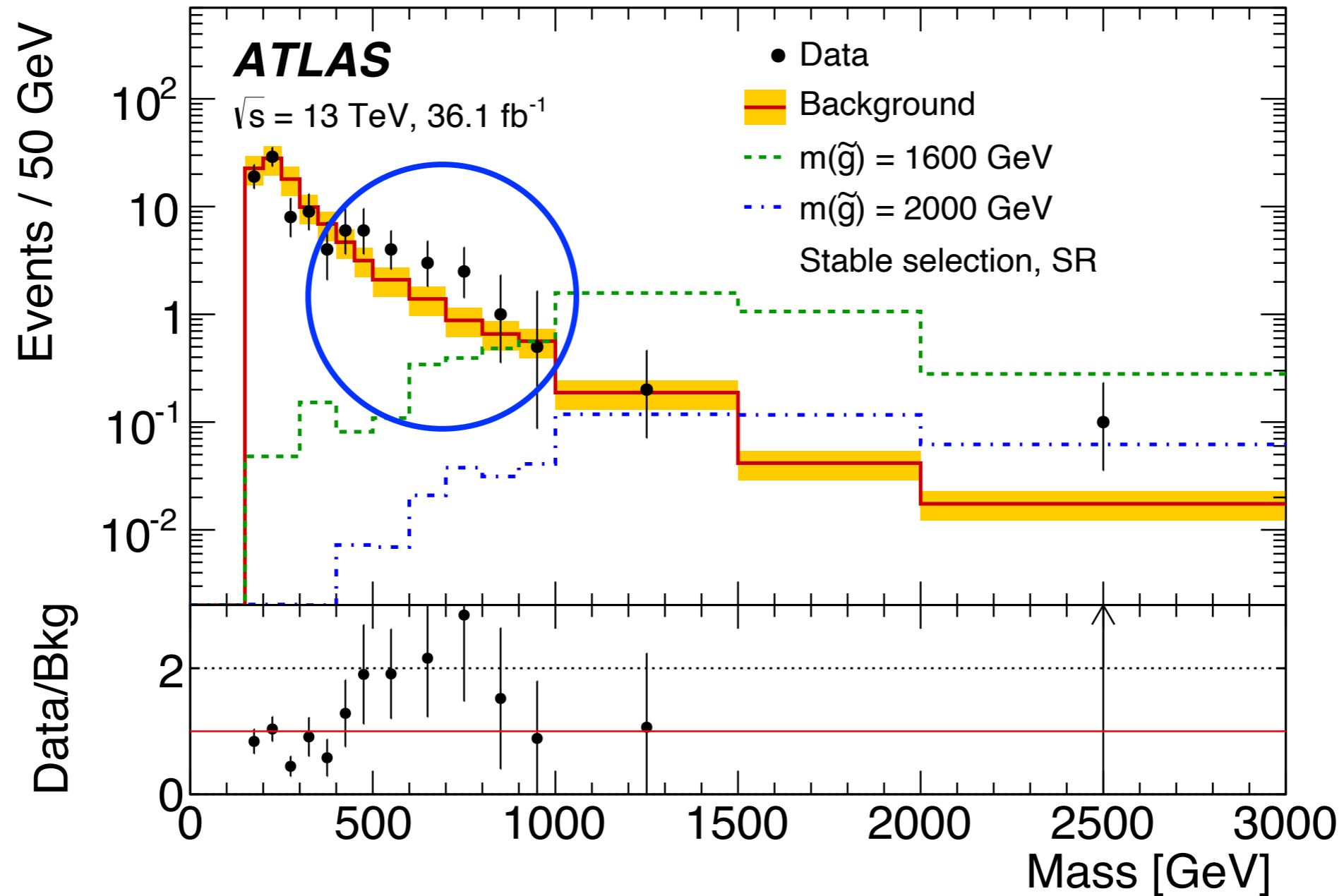
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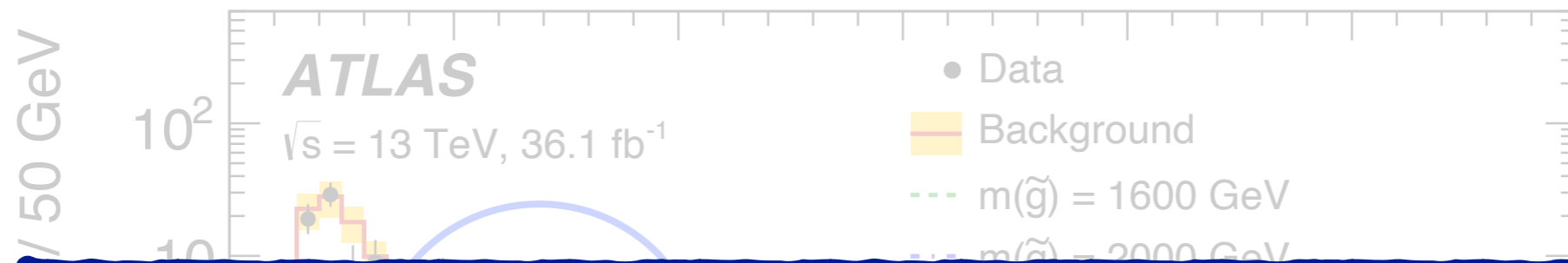
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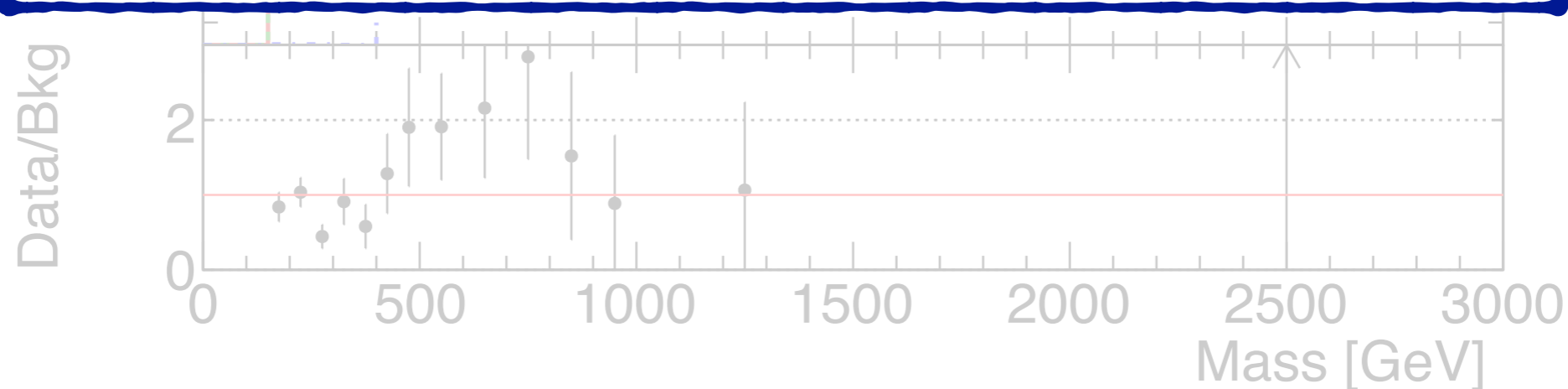


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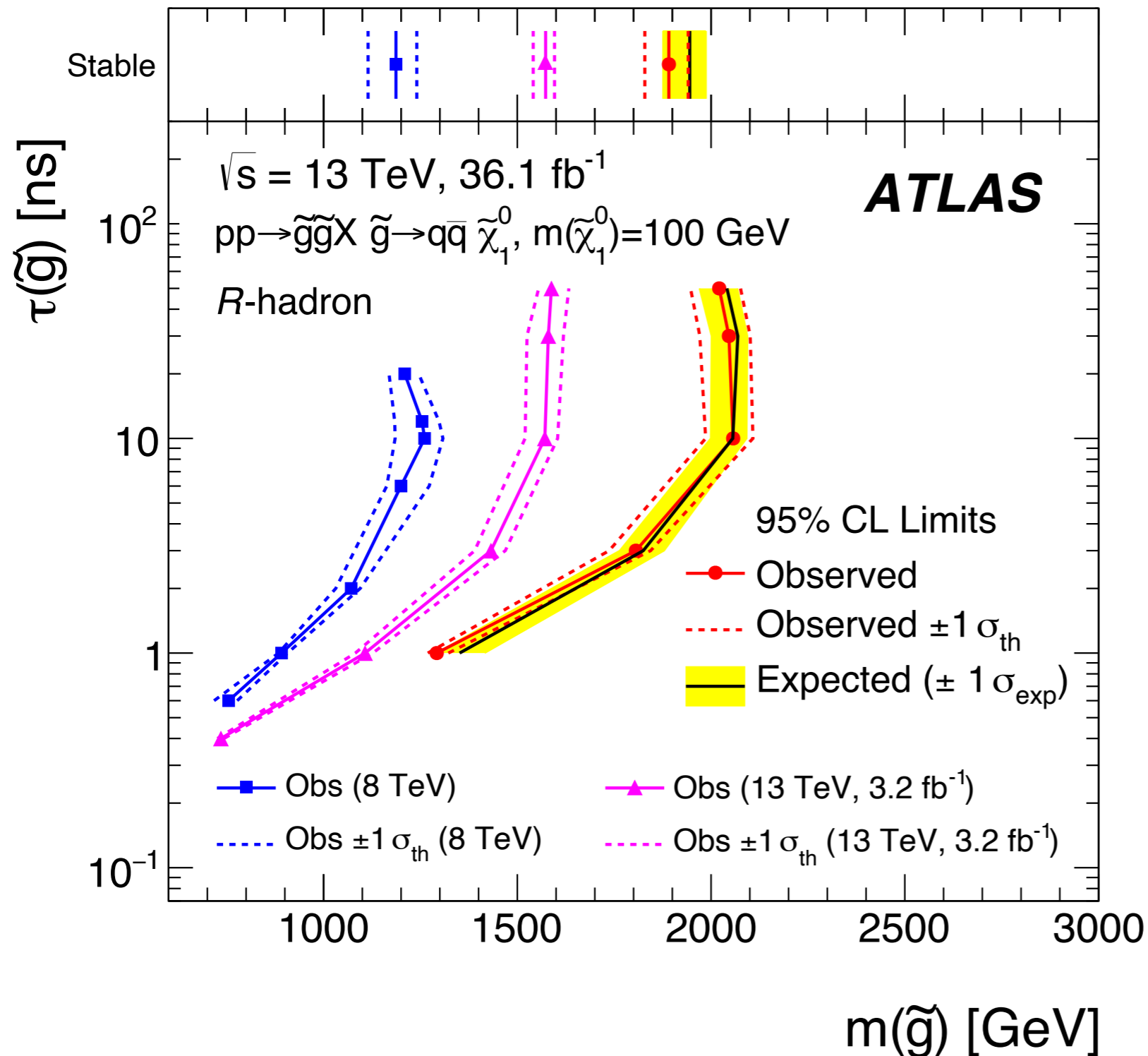


Full Run 2 analysis will have updated selections, more sophisticated background estimation, and improved tracking — **stay tuned!**



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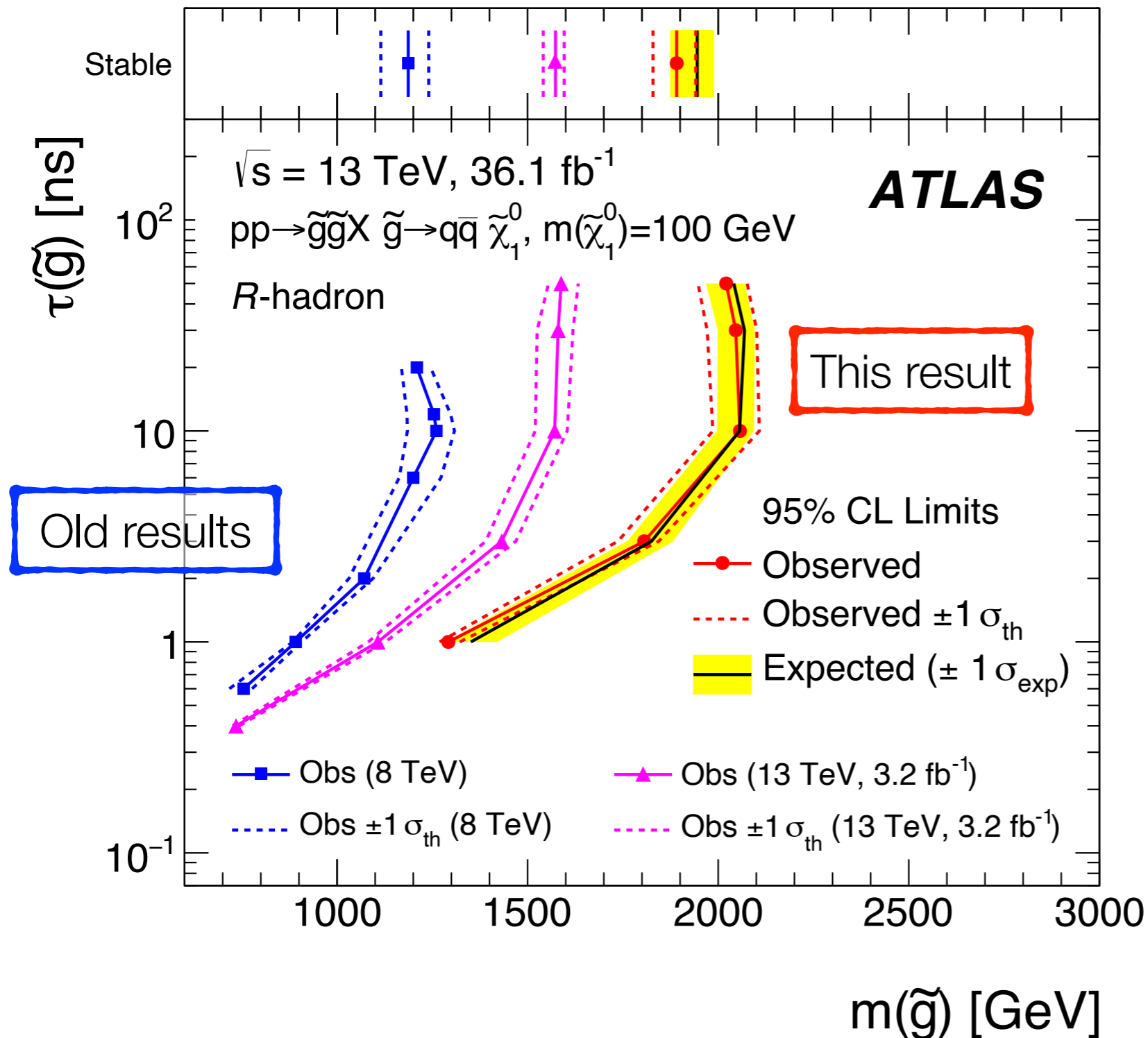
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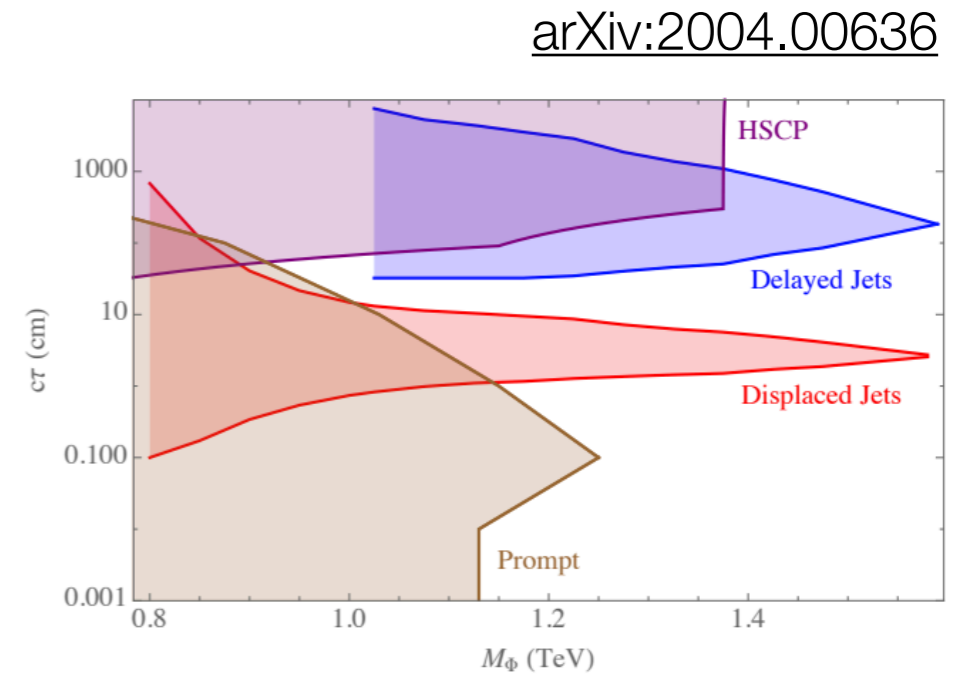
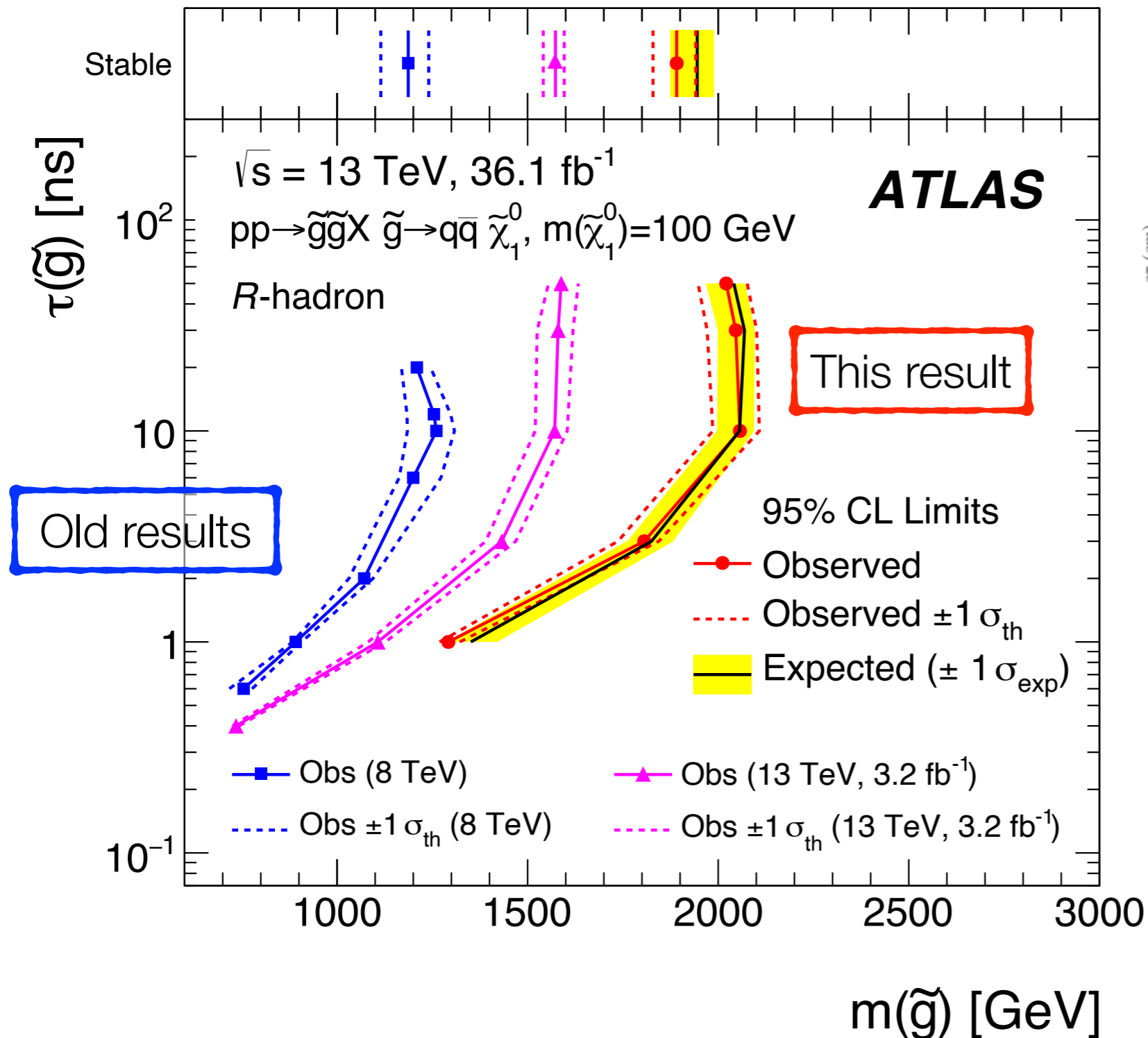
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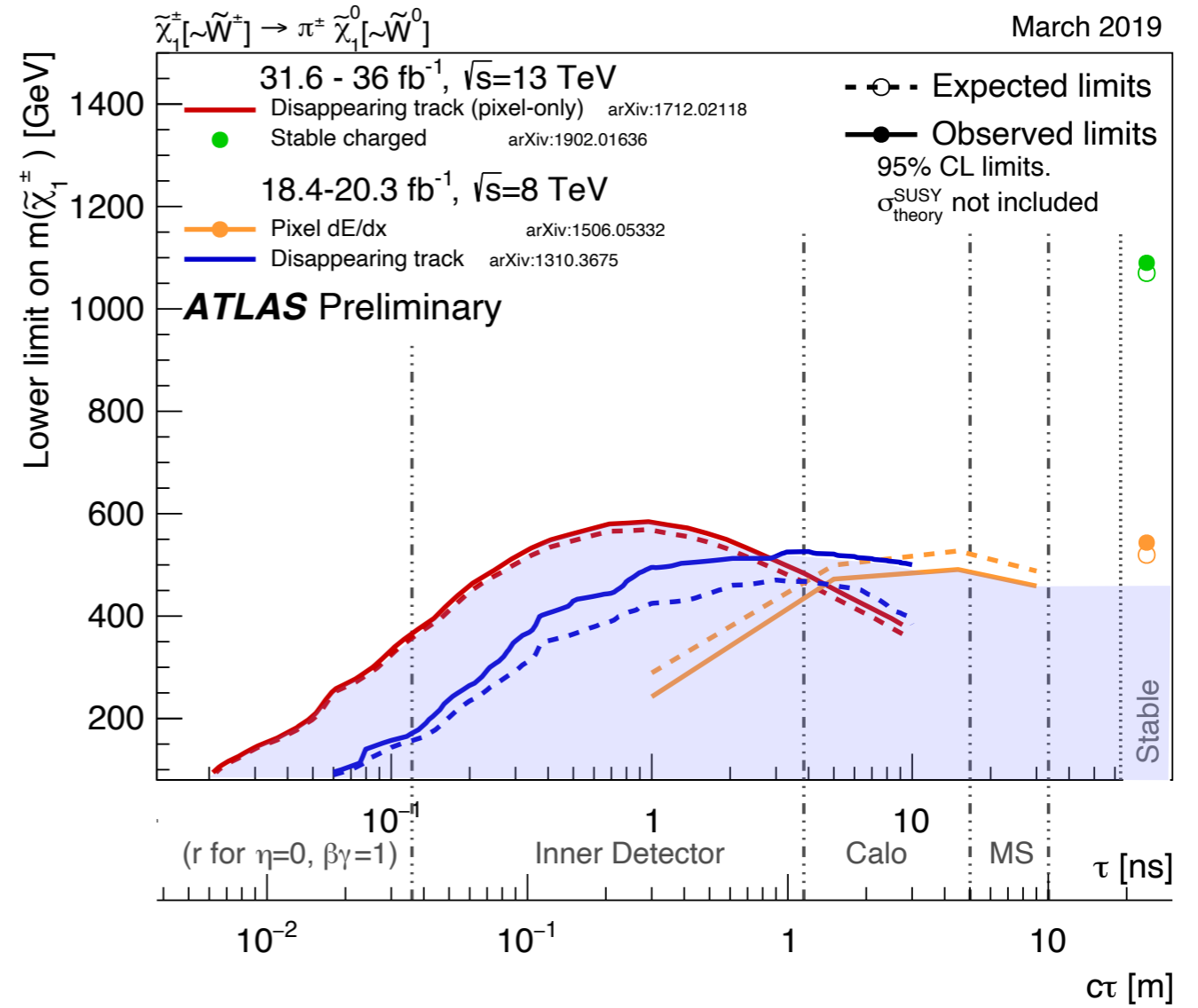
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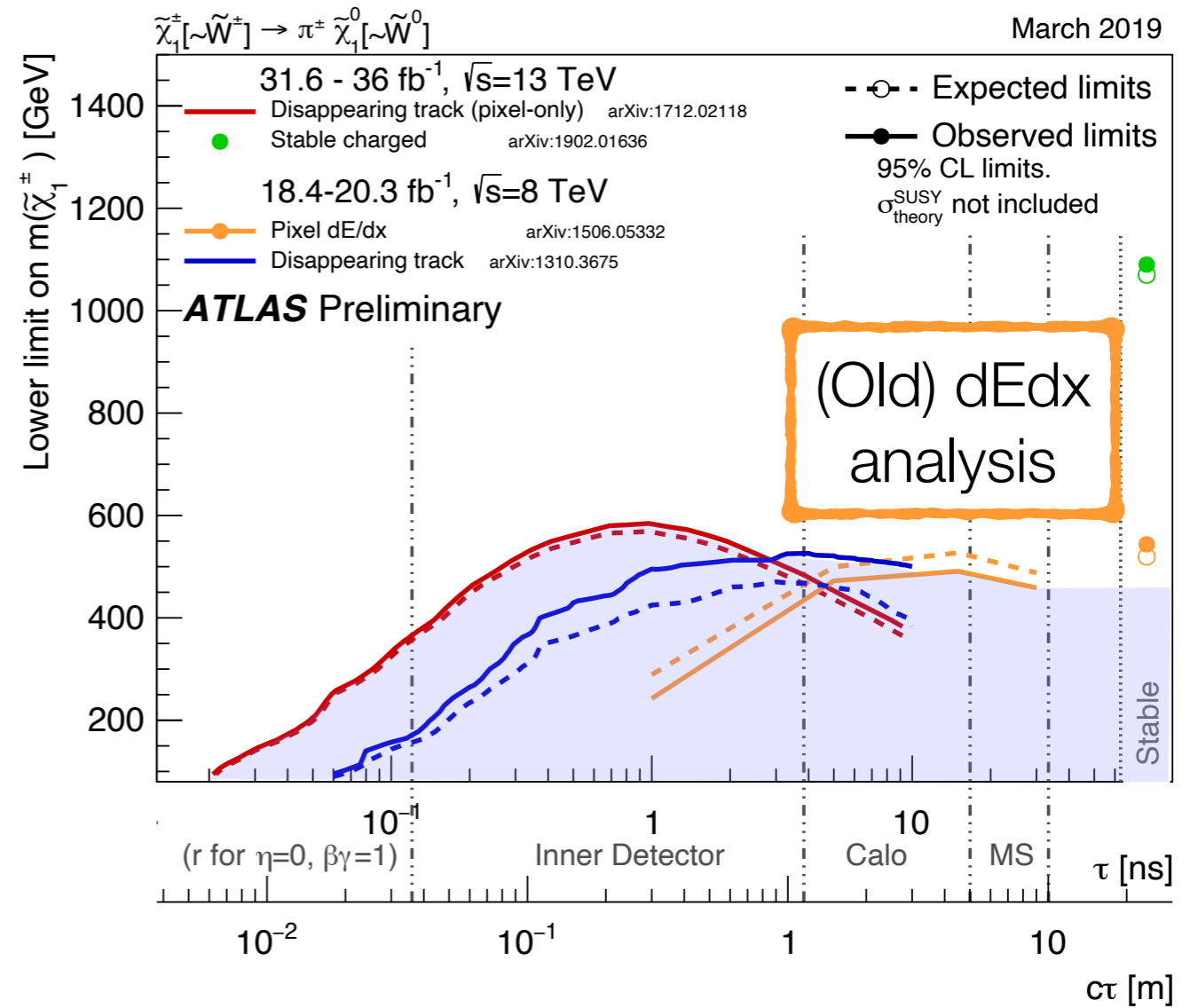
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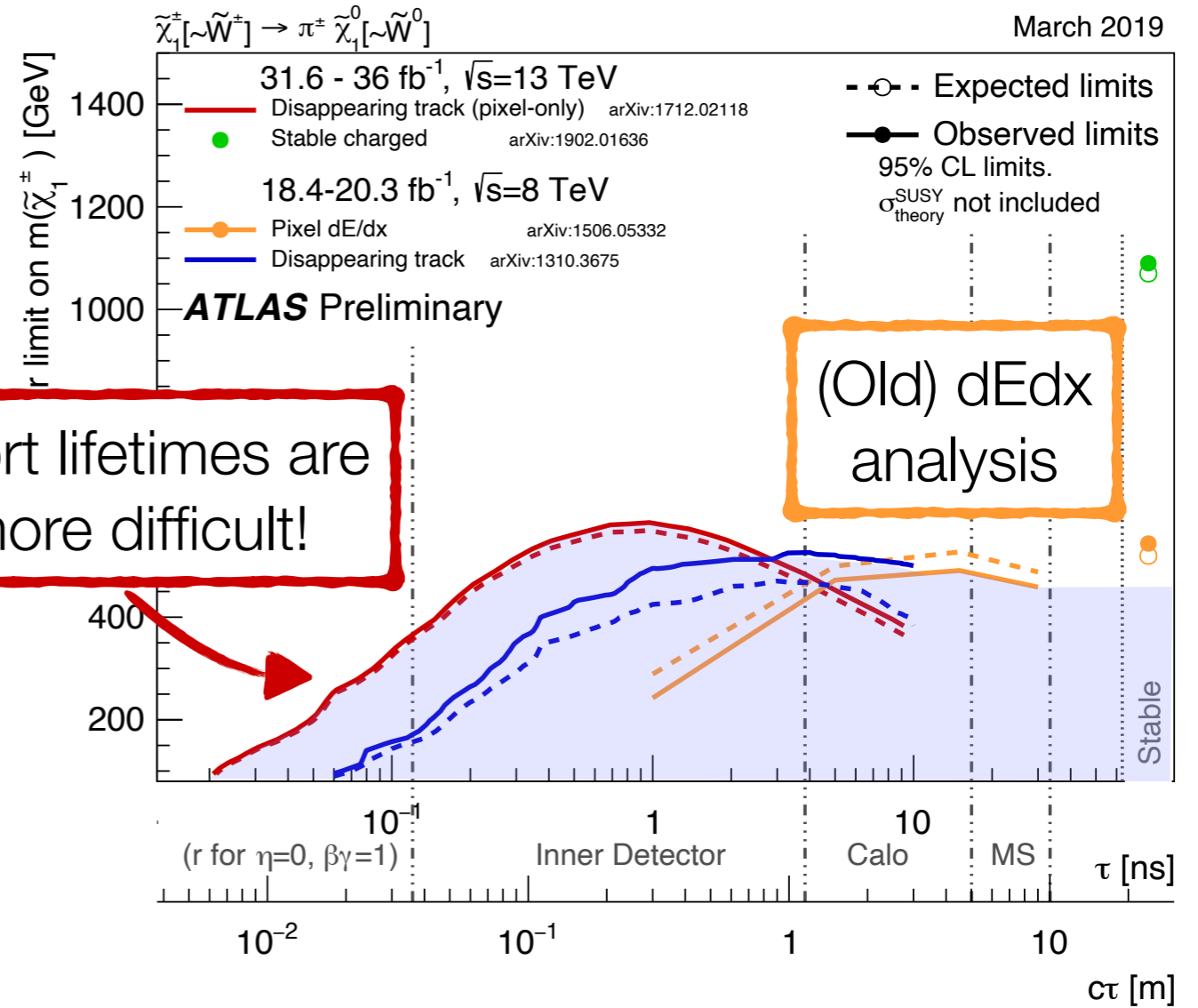
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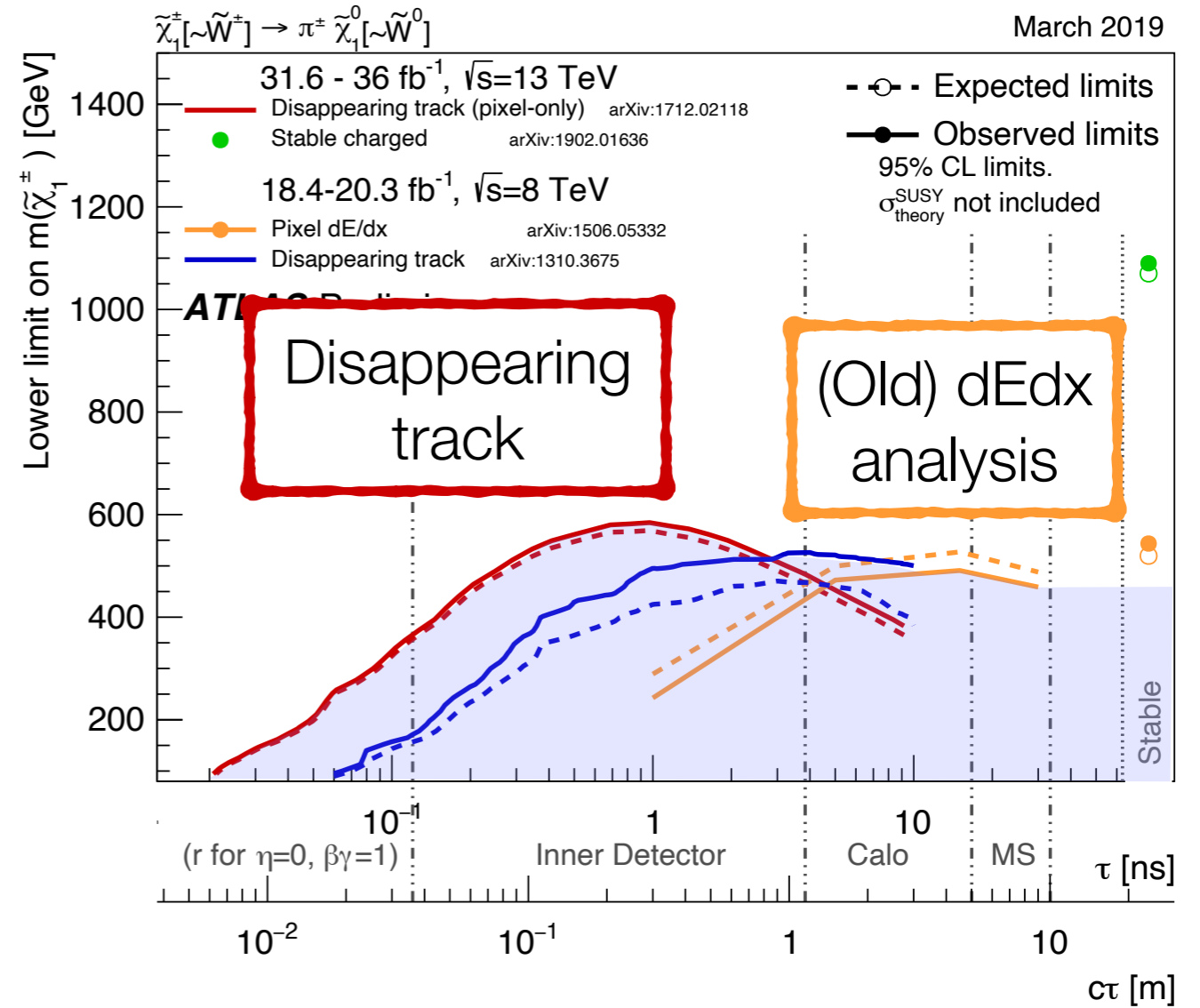
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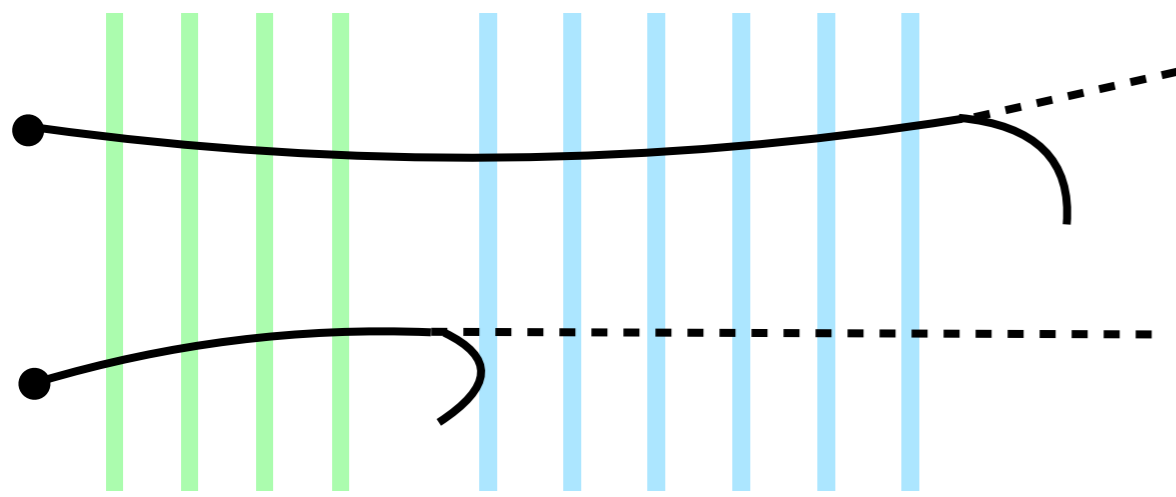




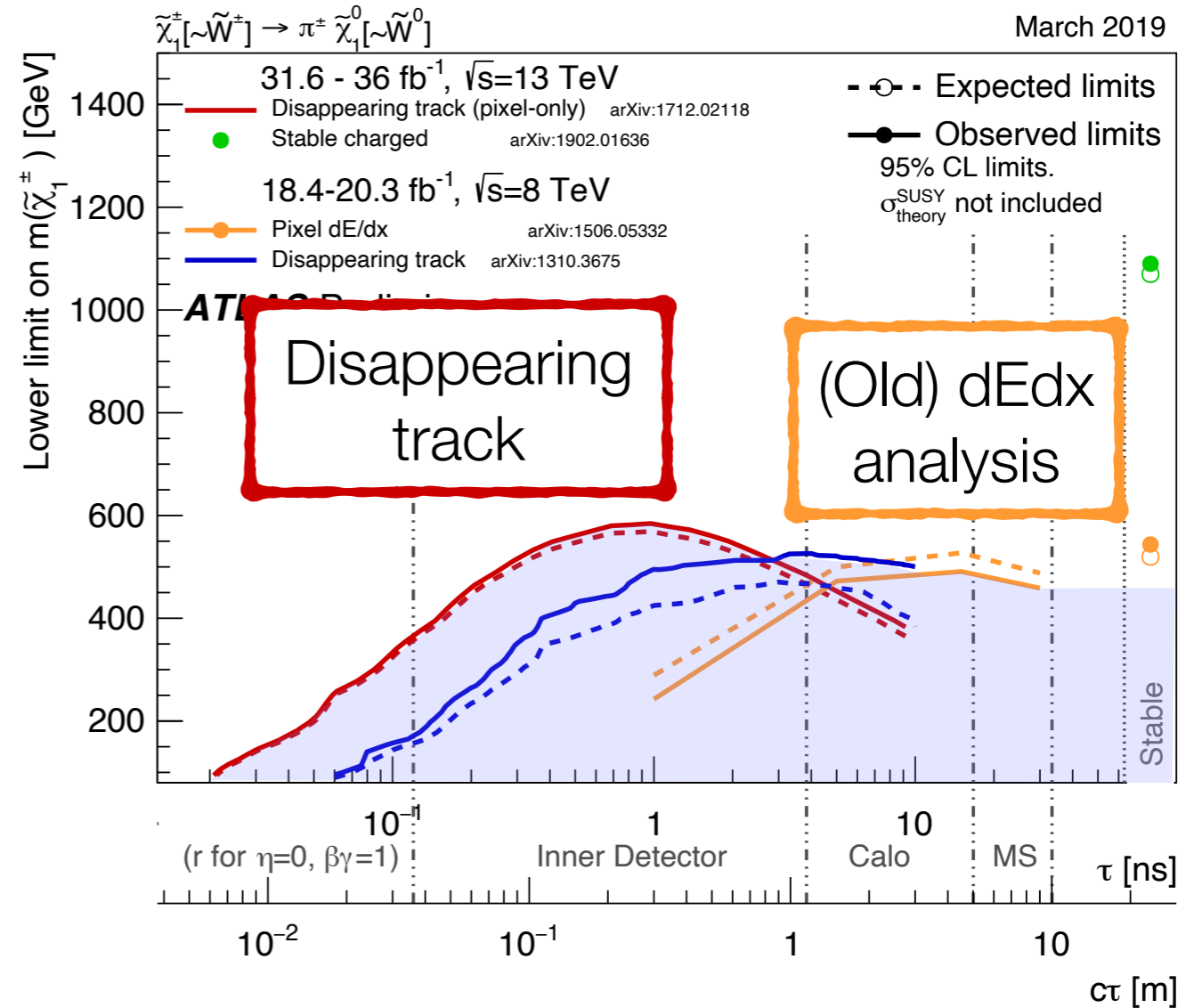
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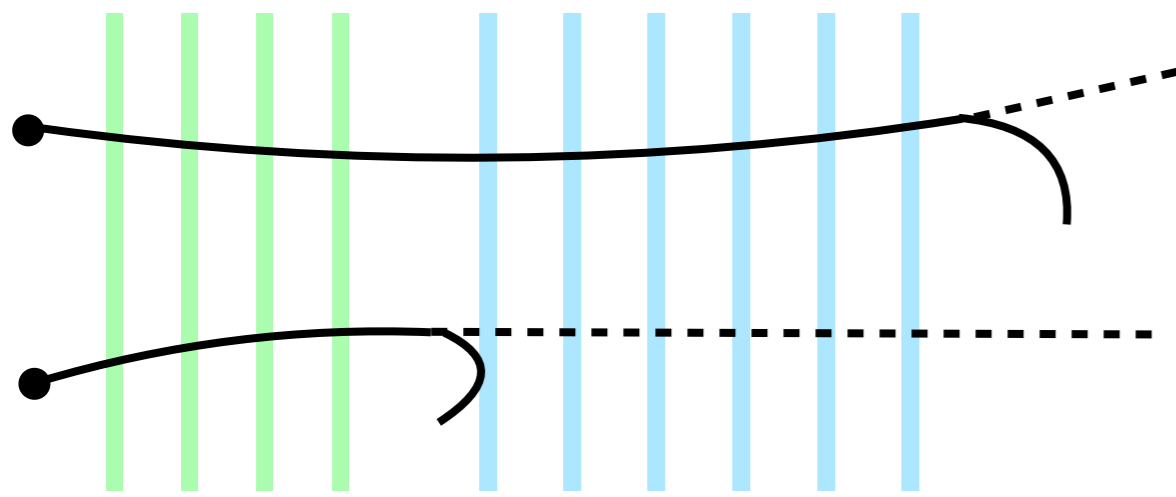
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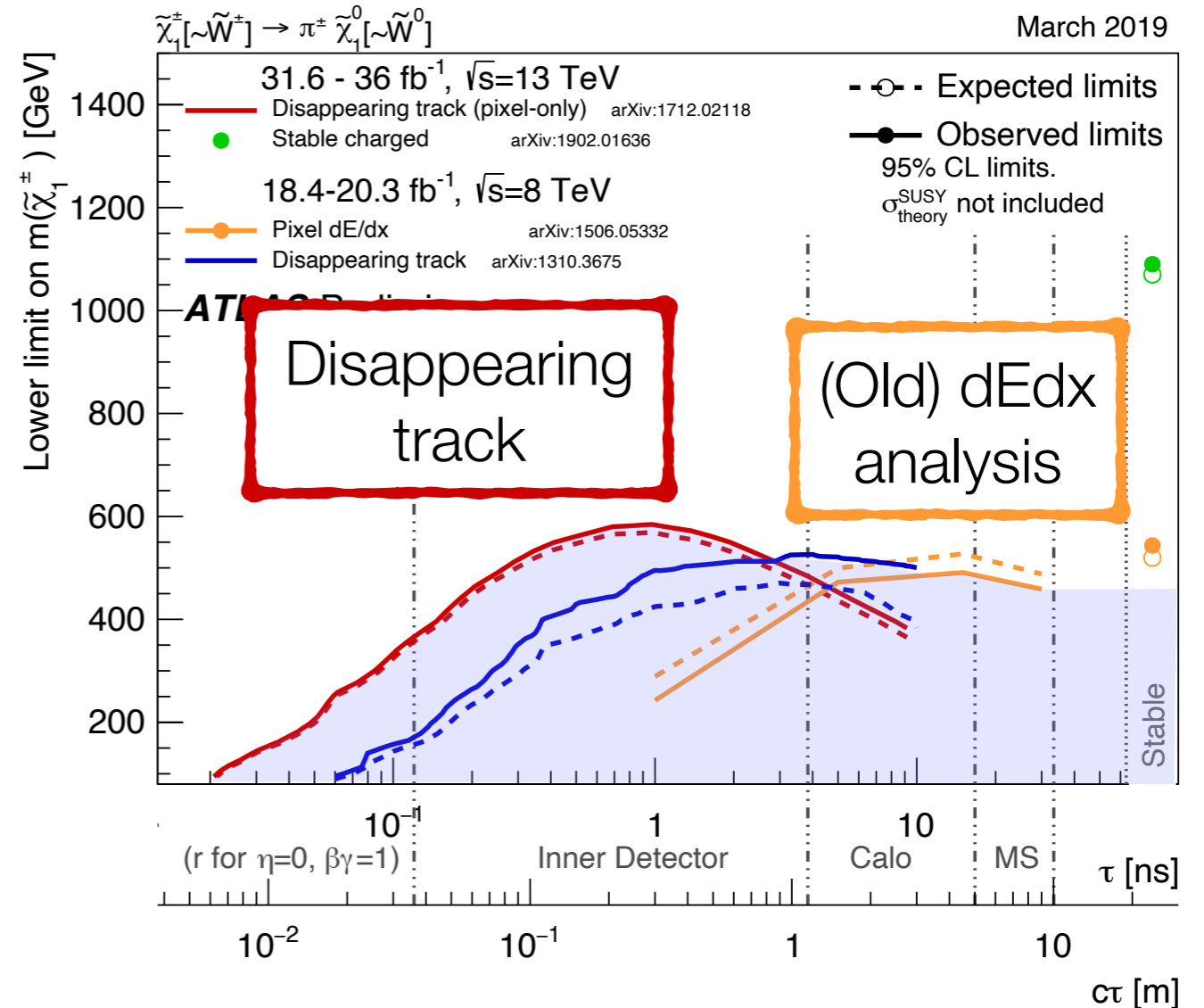
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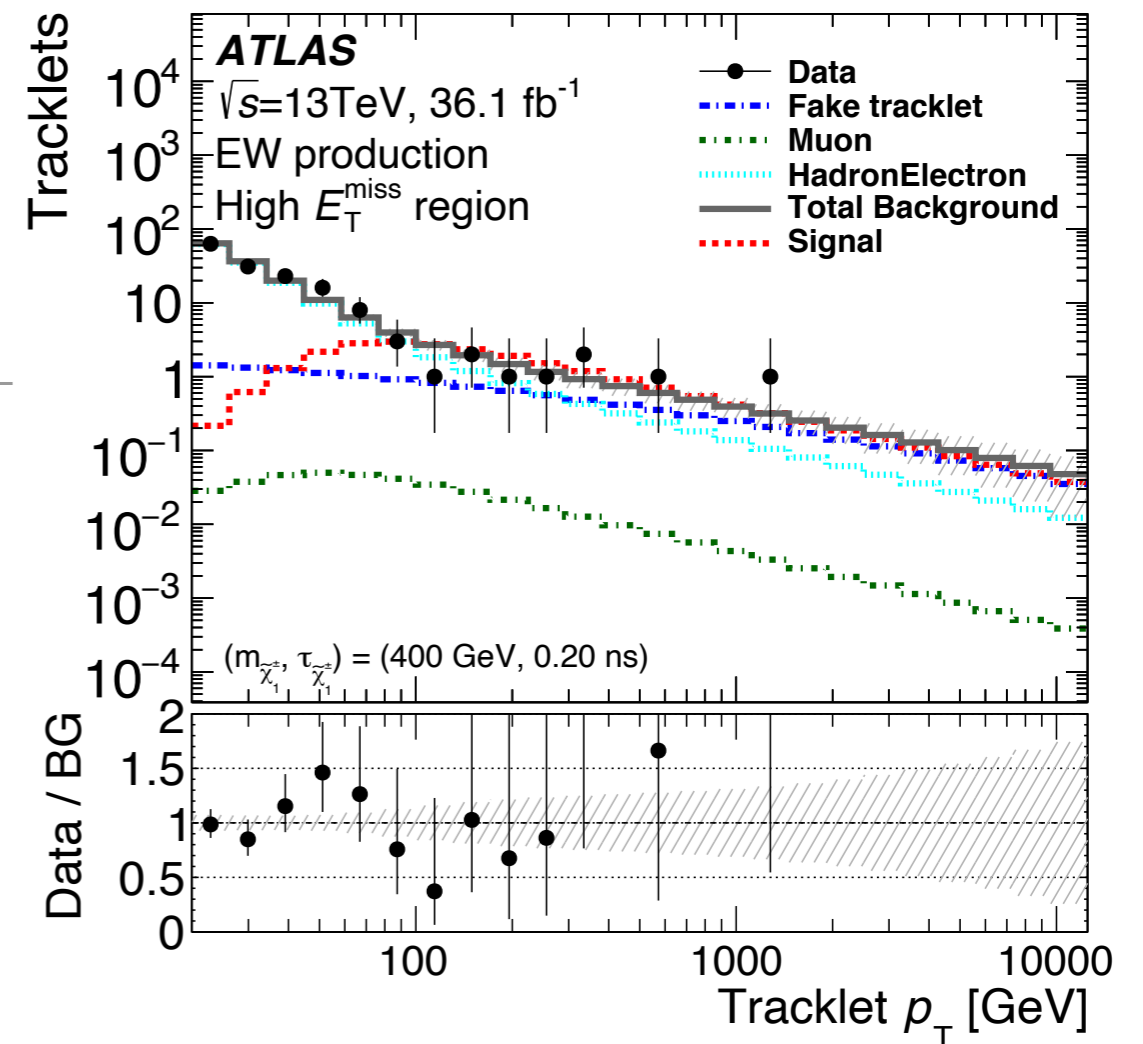
Disappearing track analysis



- Pure wino LSP scenarios naturally predicts a  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  lifetime around 0.2 ns
- Signature: track that vanishes midway through inner detector
- Similar to dEdx, commonly reinterpreted (including covering key range in pure-Higgsino LSP)

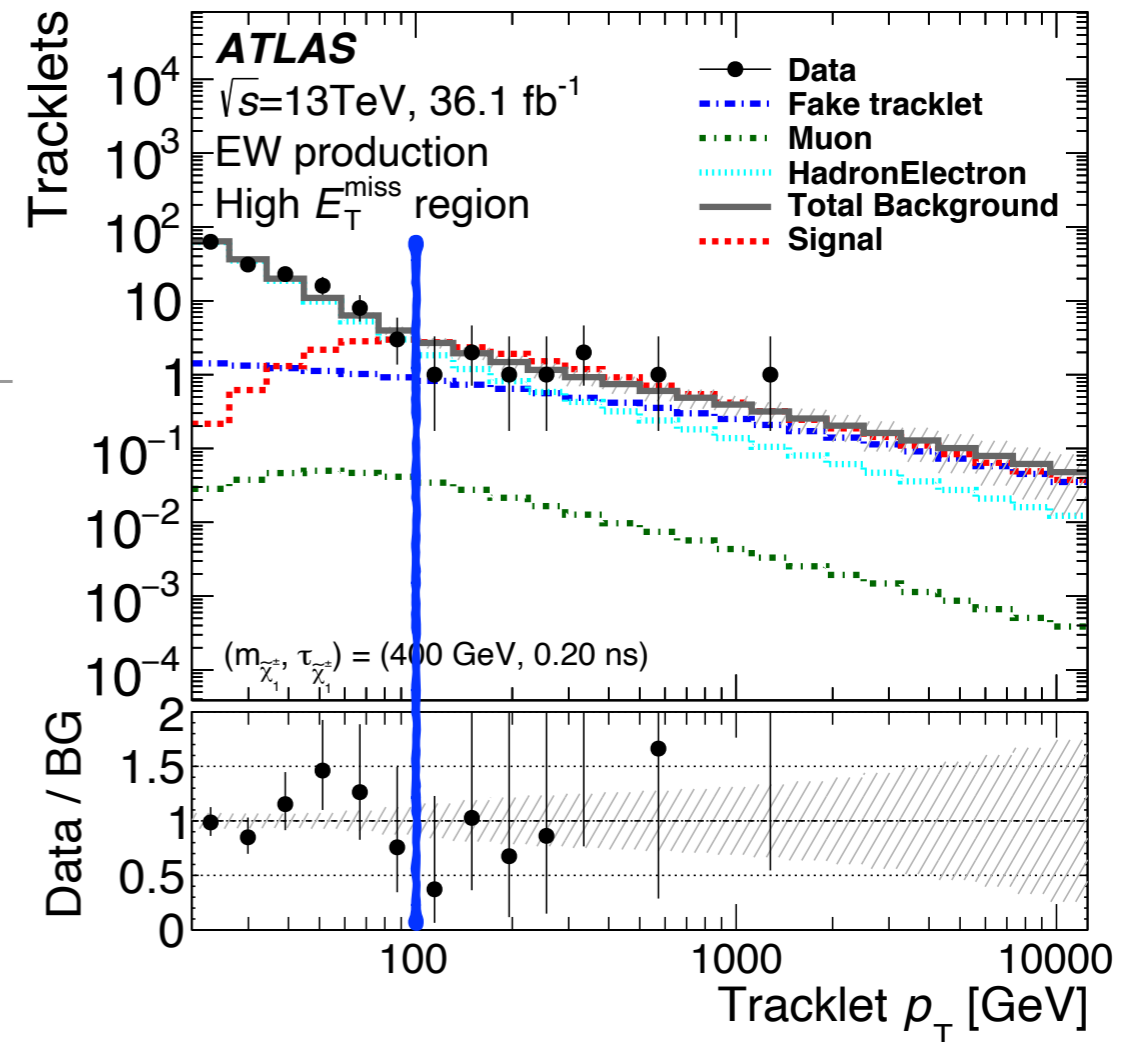
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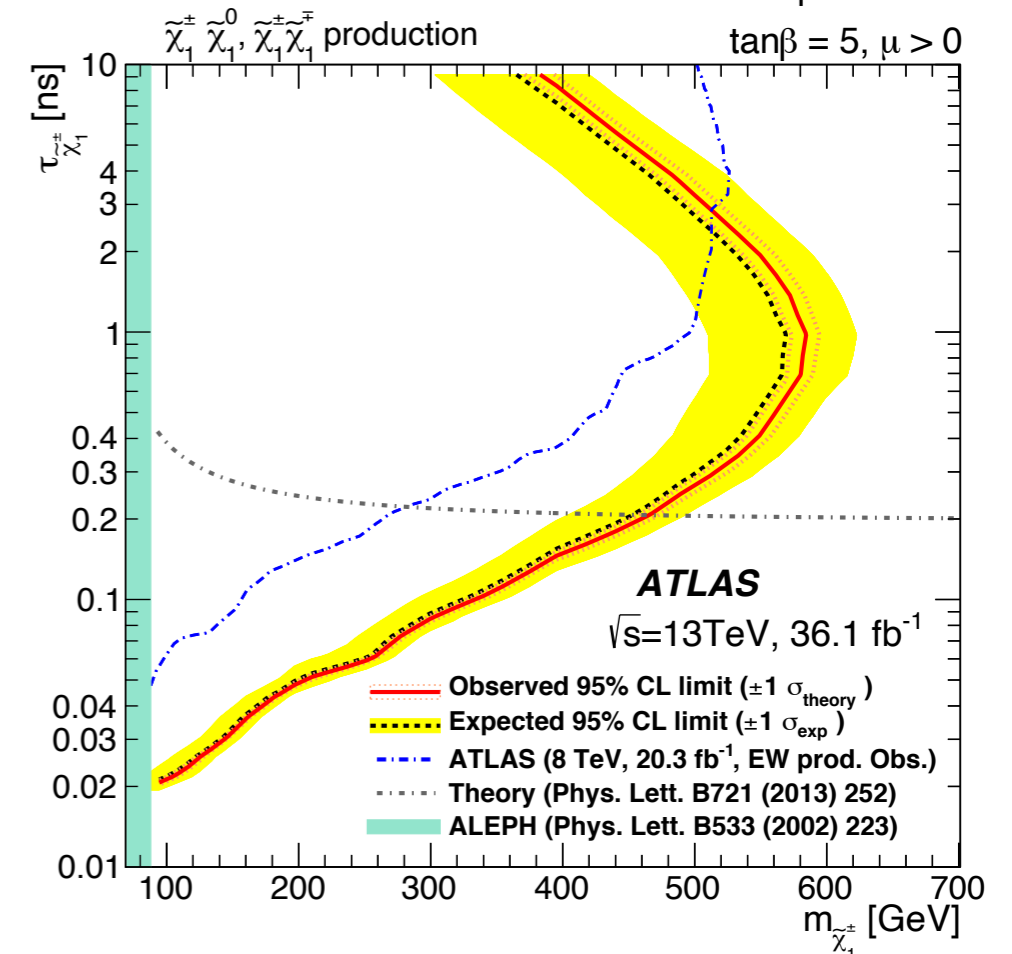
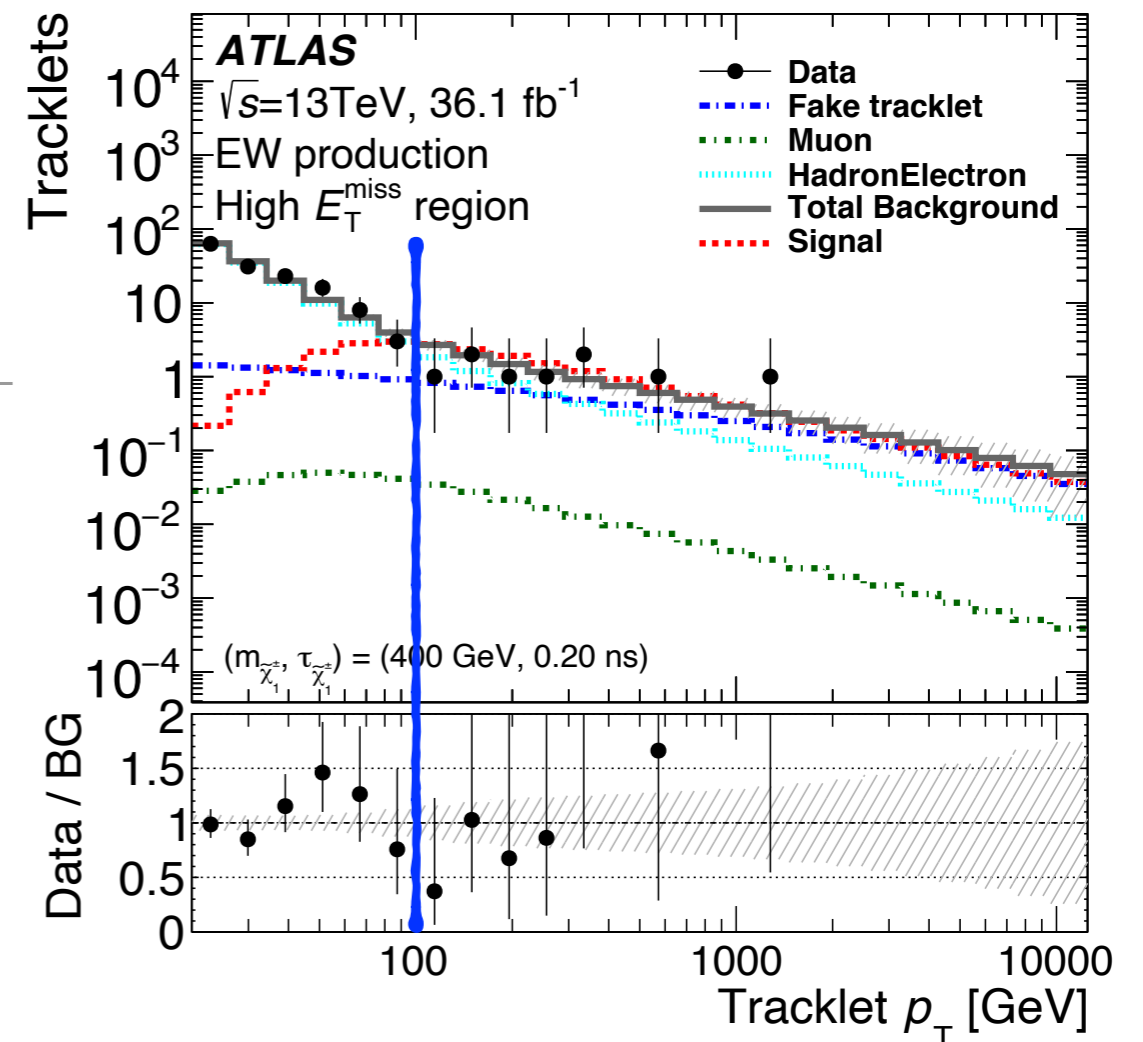
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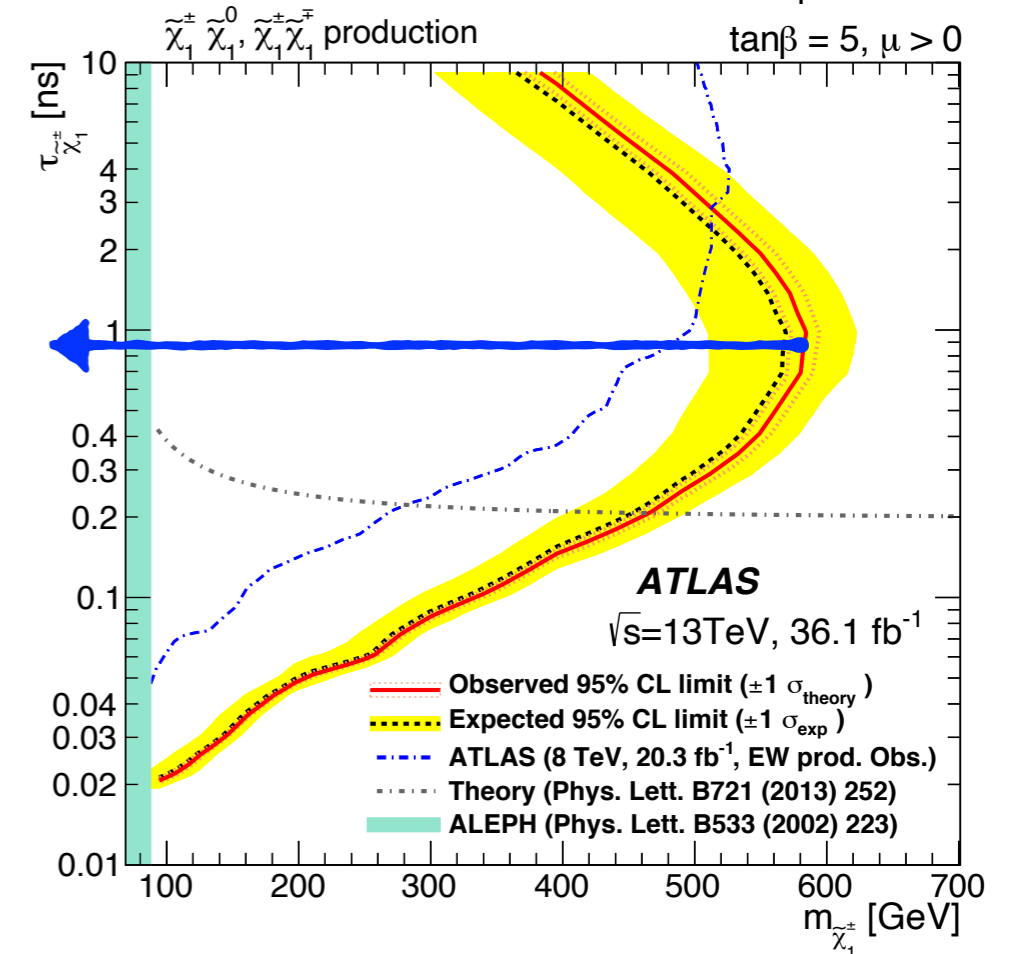
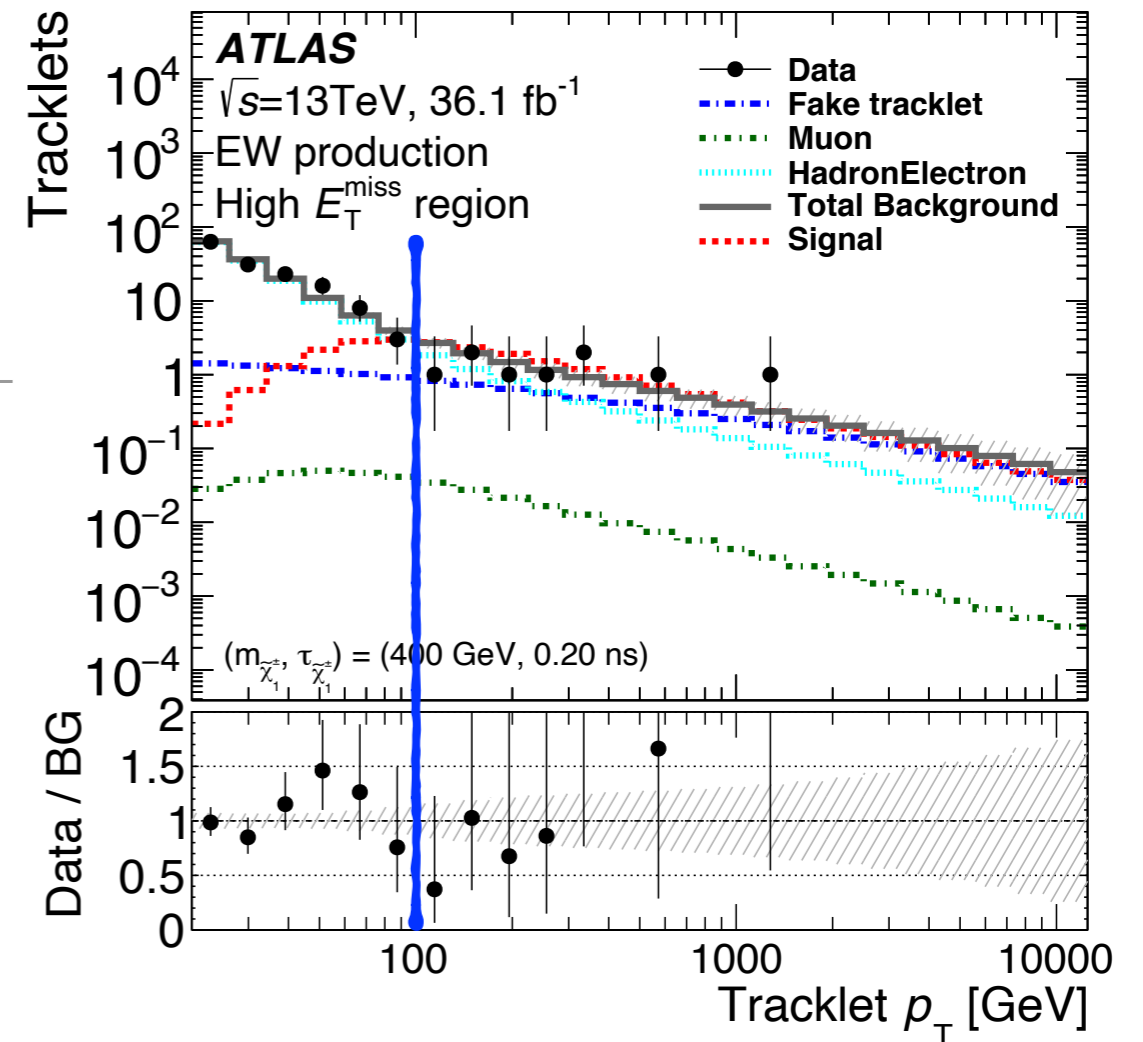
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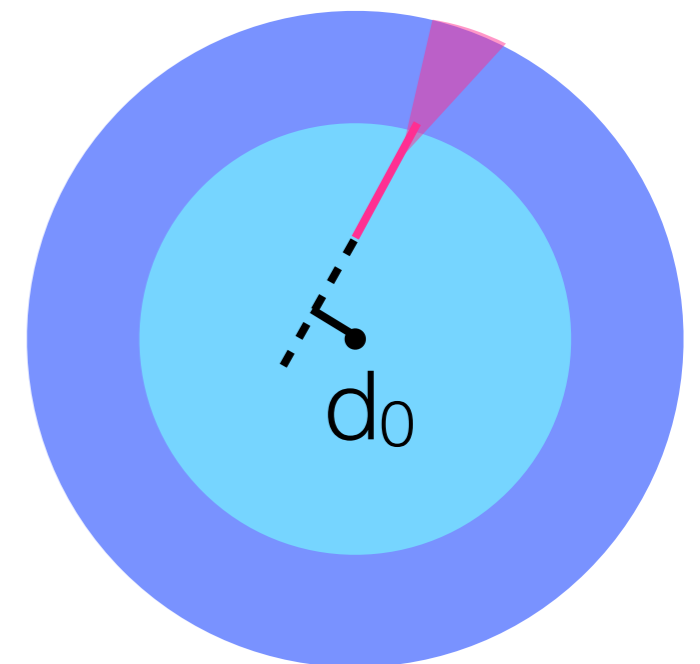
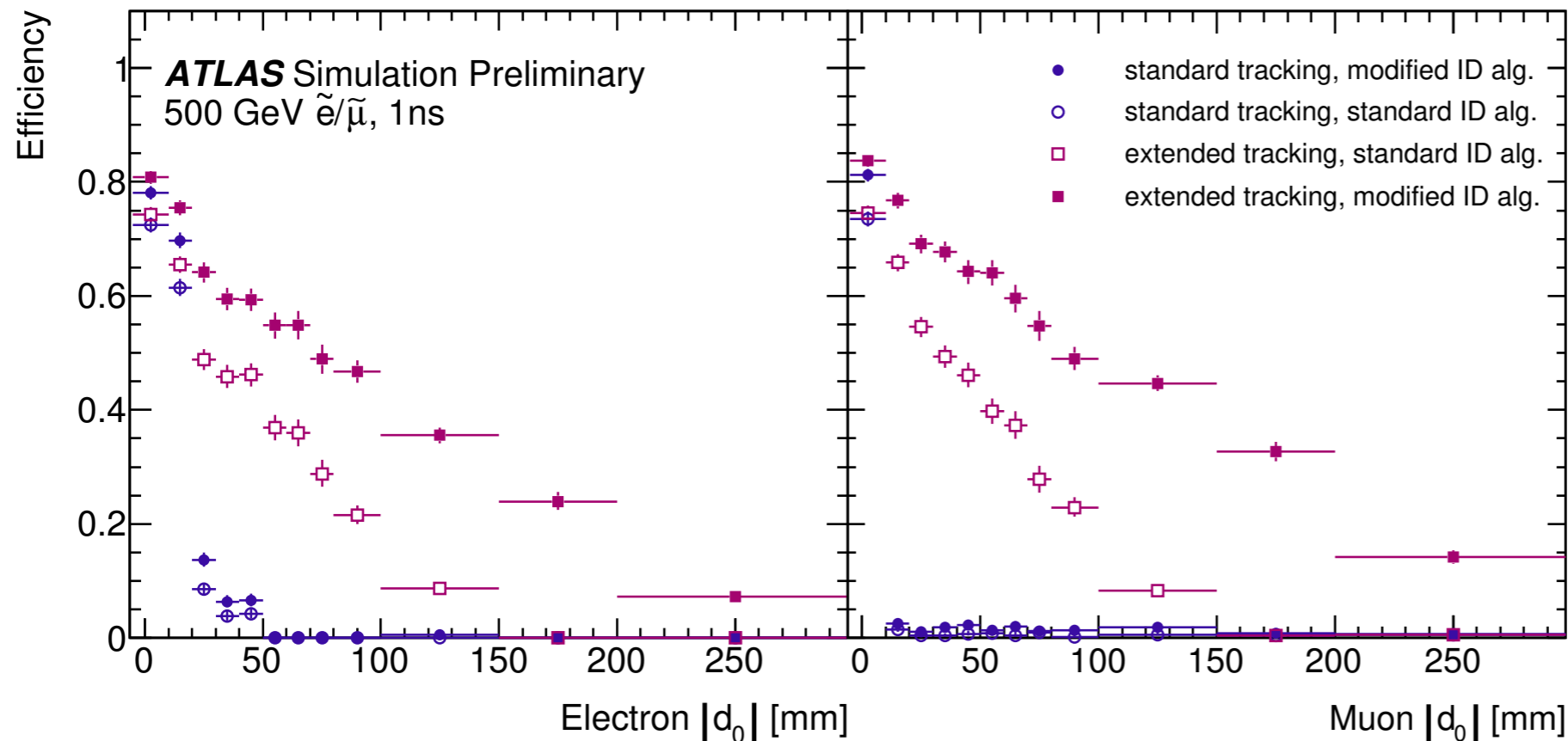
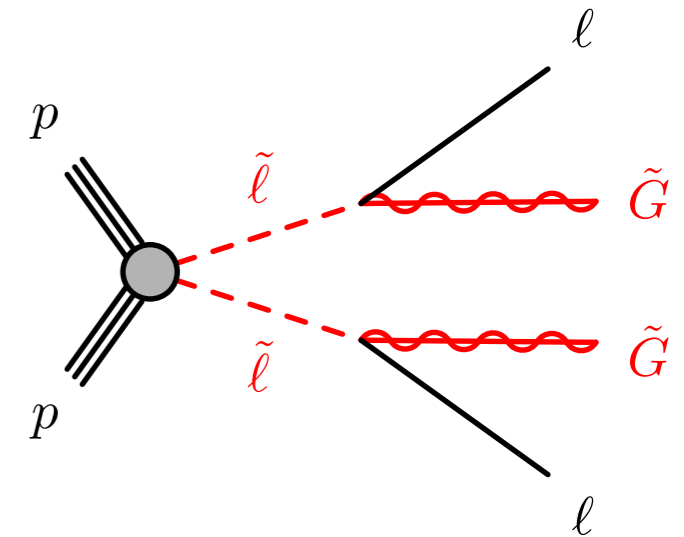
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New!  
Public last  
week for ICPPA

- Search for two light leptons (3 SRs:  $ee$ ,  $\mu\mu$ ,  $e\mu$ ) not originating from the collision point
- Requires special “large radius” tracking for displaced objects, customised electron and muon identification

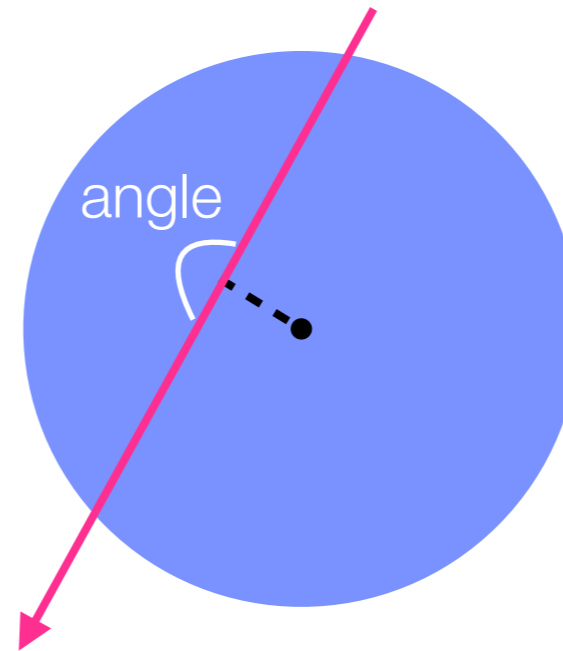


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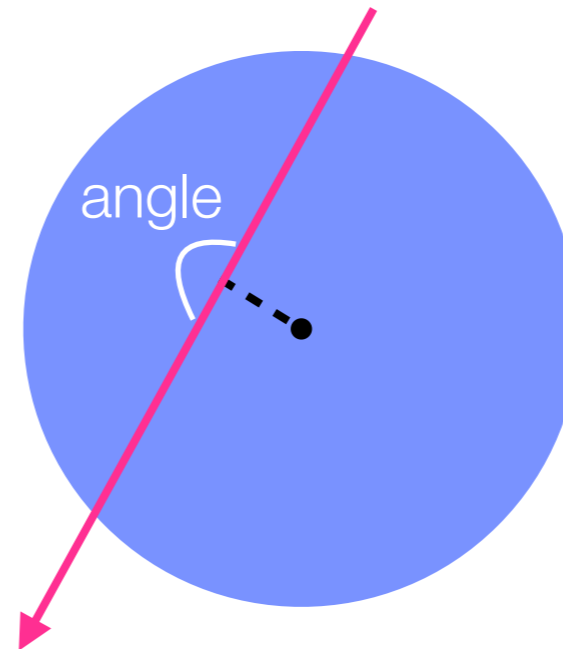
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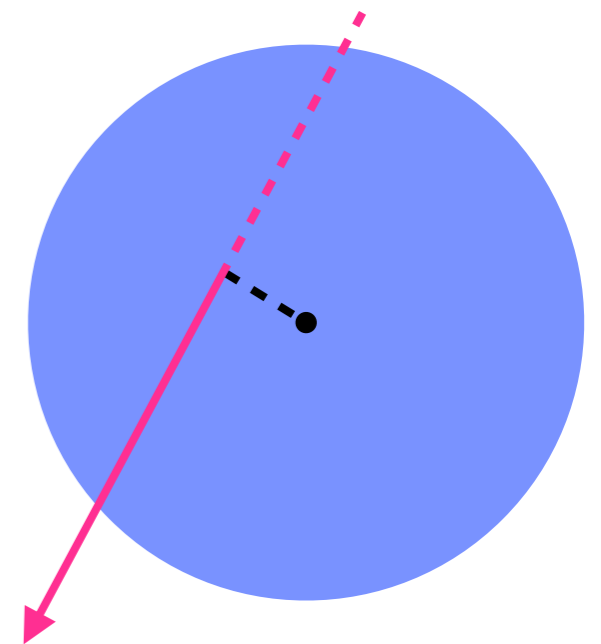
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Measure probability of tagging each half of cosmic muon

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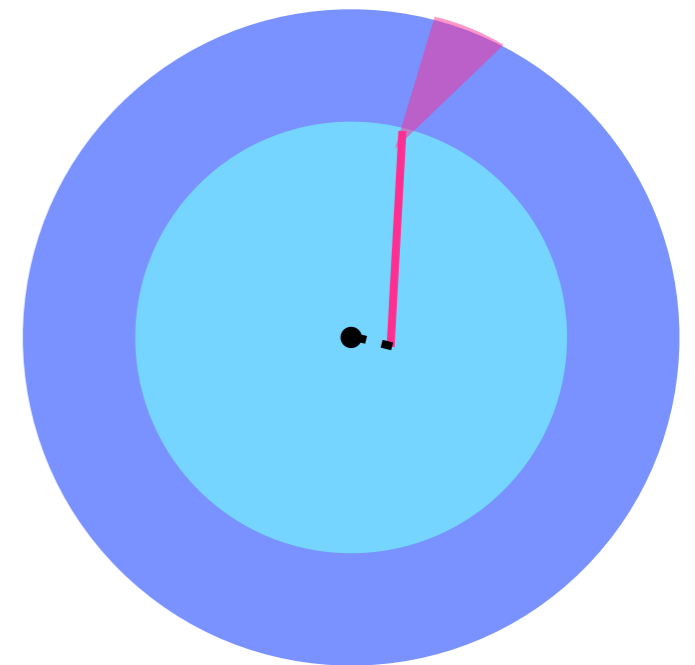
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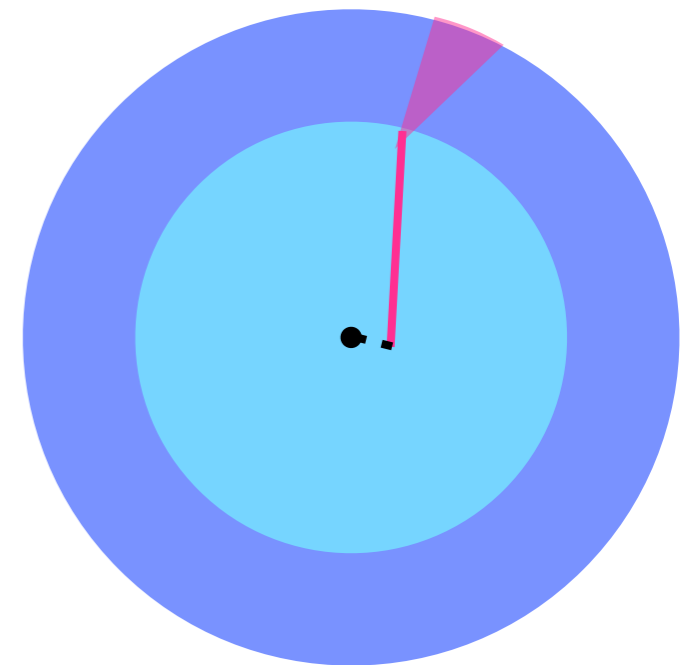
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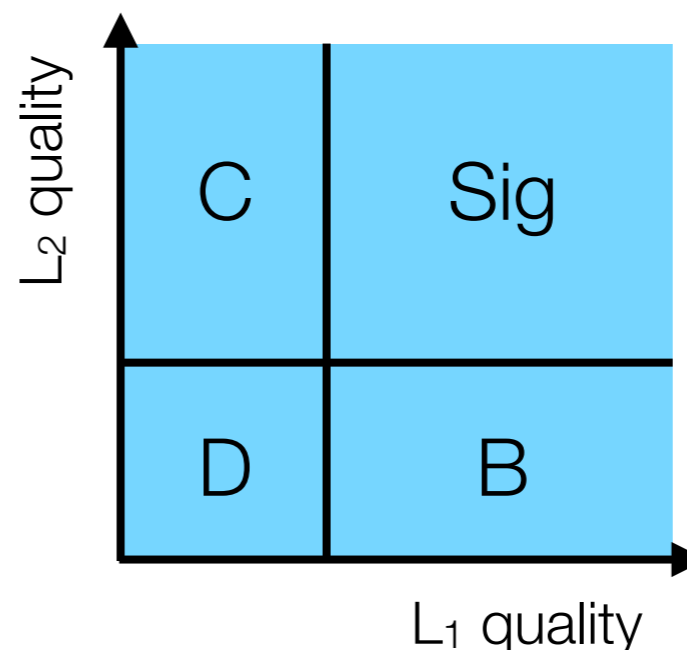
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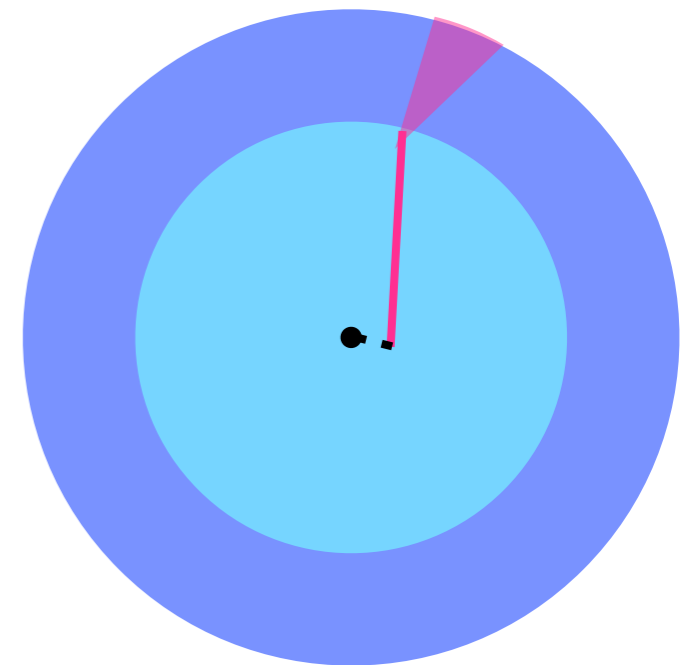
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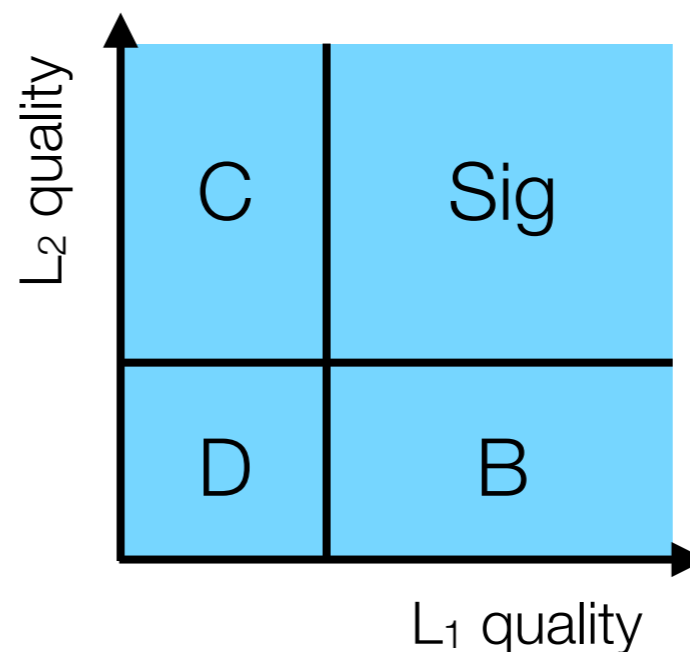
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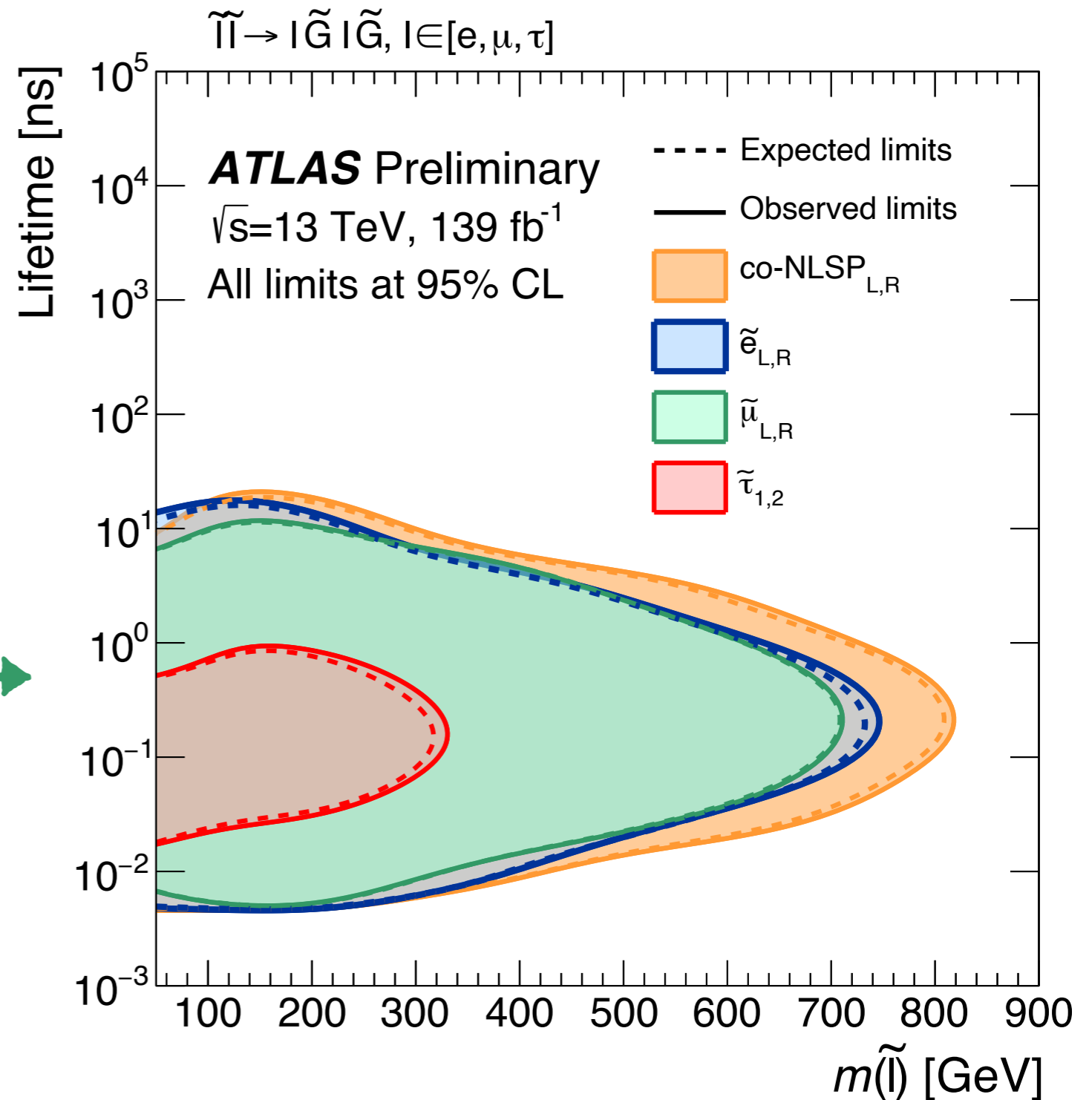
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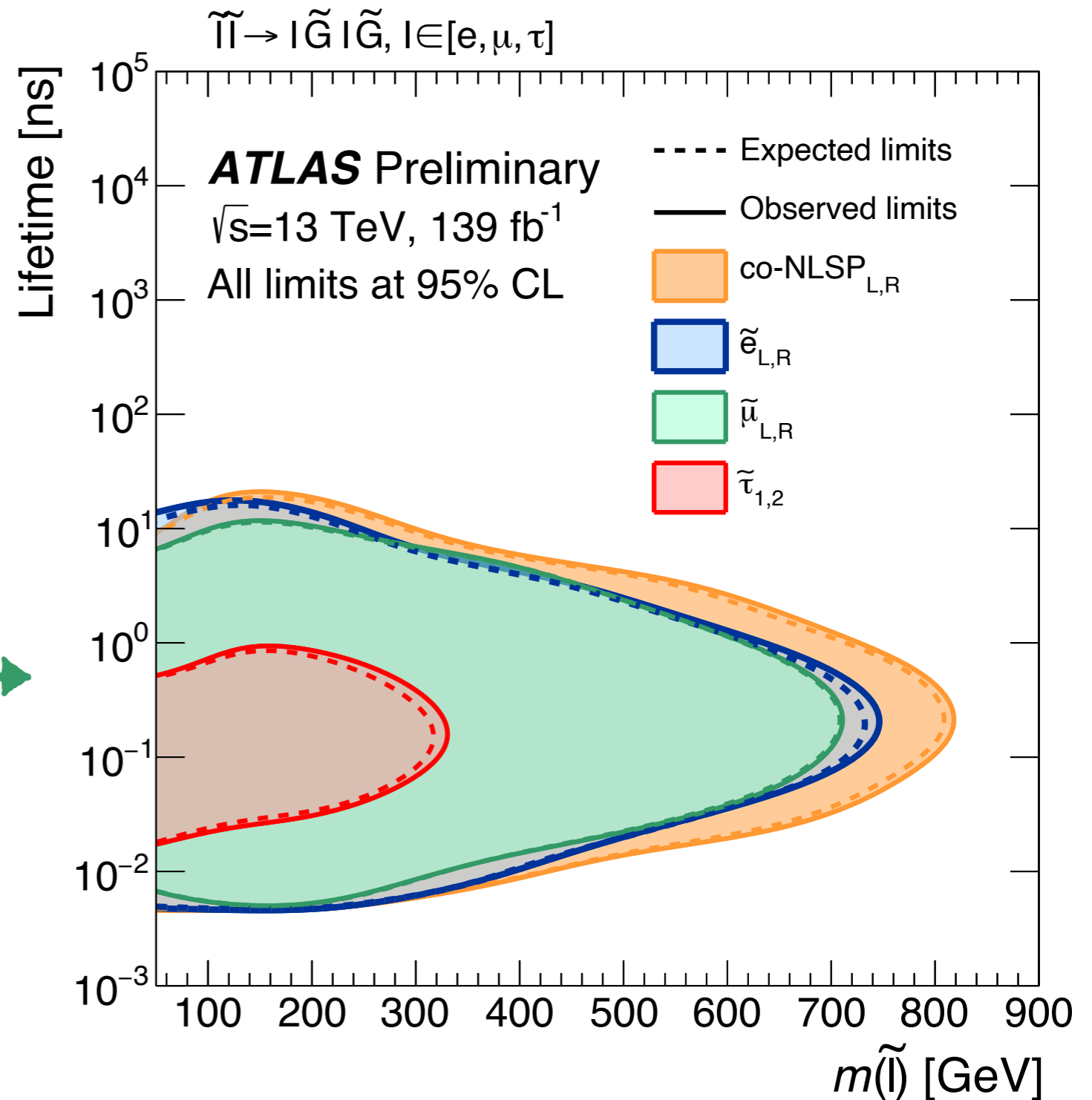
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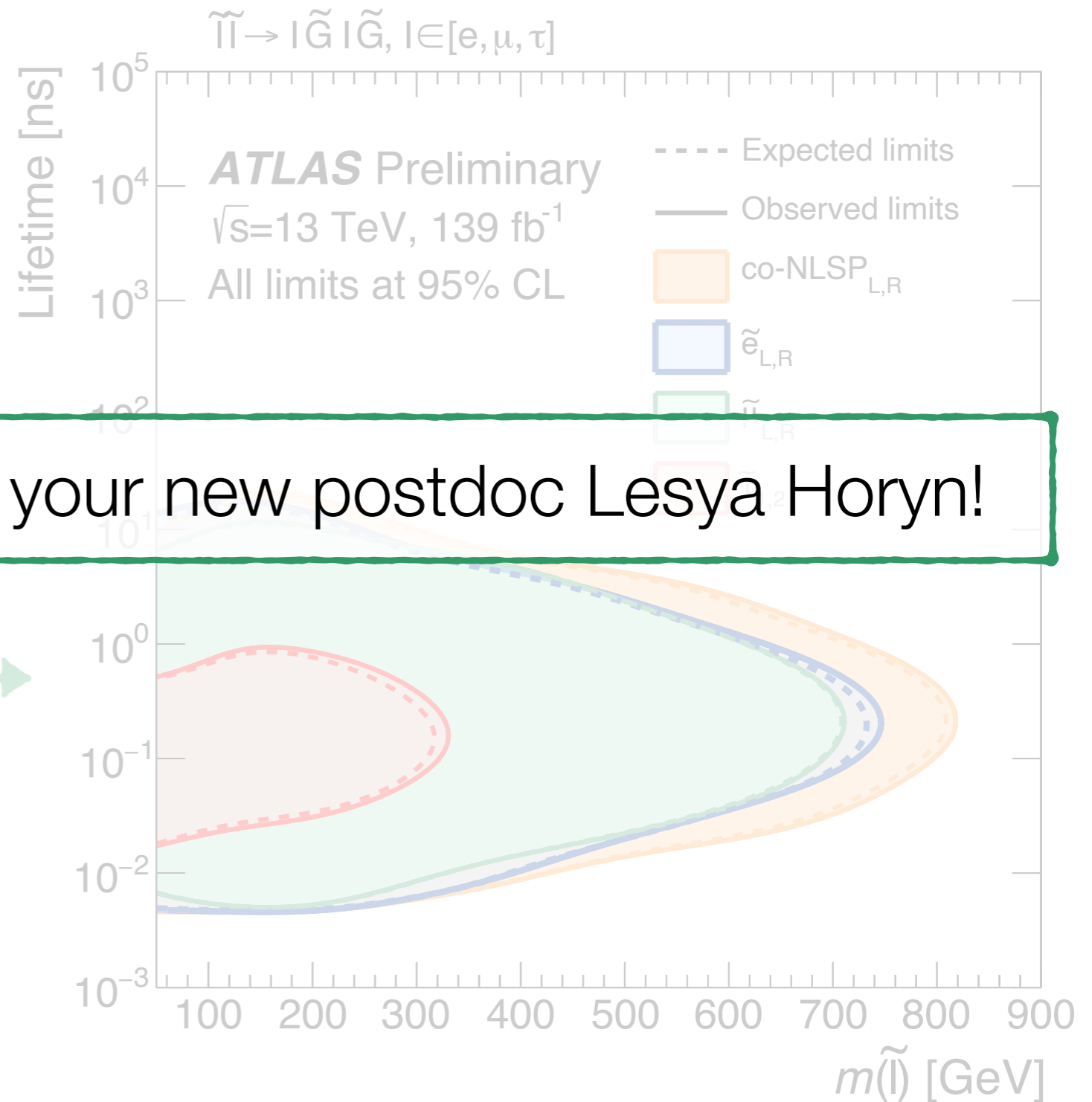
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# Why LLP searches are the right target for Run 3

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- When we decide to do any search, must consider a couple factors:
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  - **Motivated by theory**: we already know LLPs are strongly motivated in many BSM models
- We should look **somewhere effective**
  - Look for targets which will benefit most from **increasing datasets**
  - Find **opportunities** where the LHC dataset and our technical abilities give us the most power, so work invested will yield better results
  - Prioritise “**discovery potential**”!
  - LLPs are a great candidate for effectiveness as well

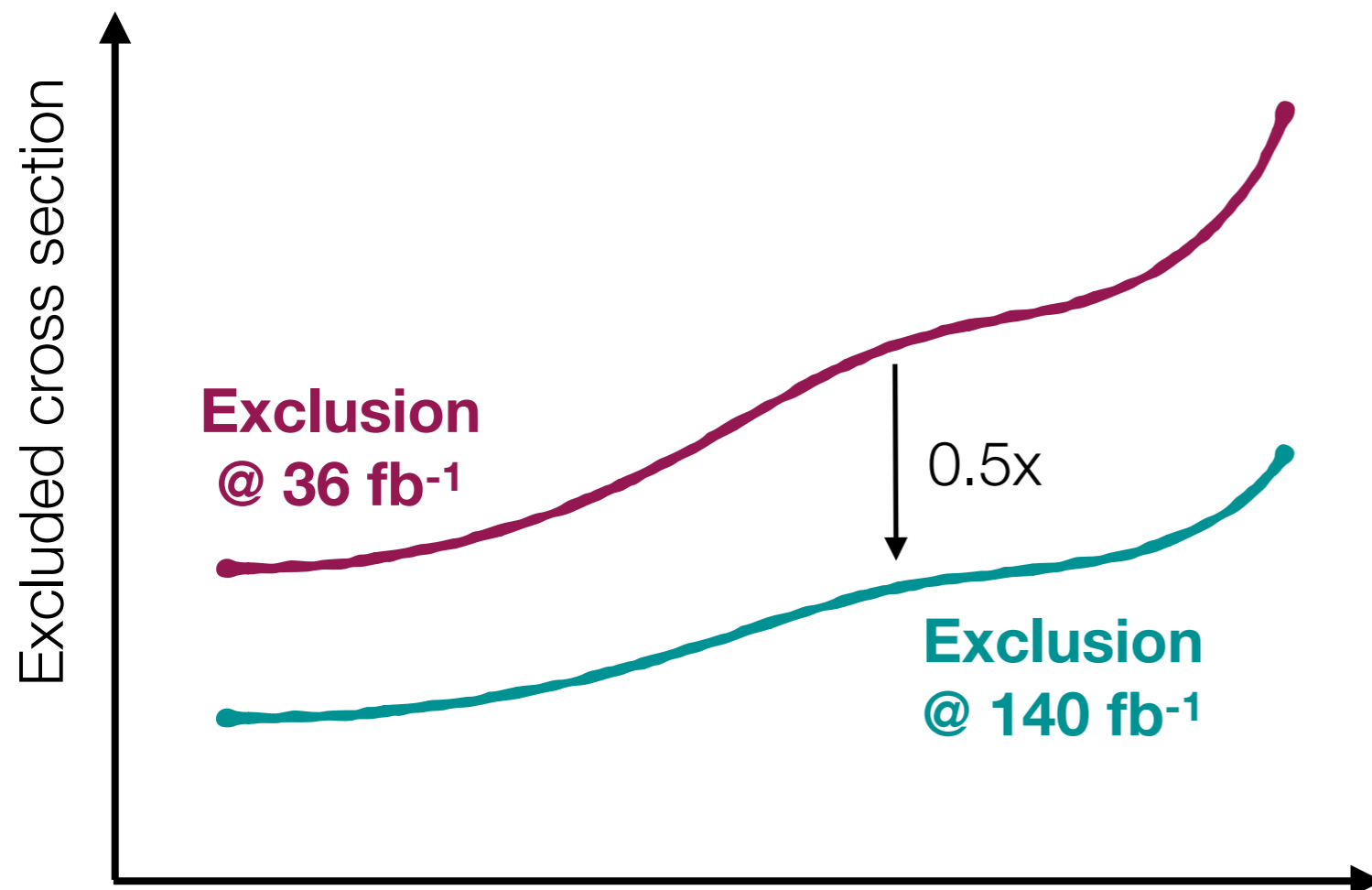


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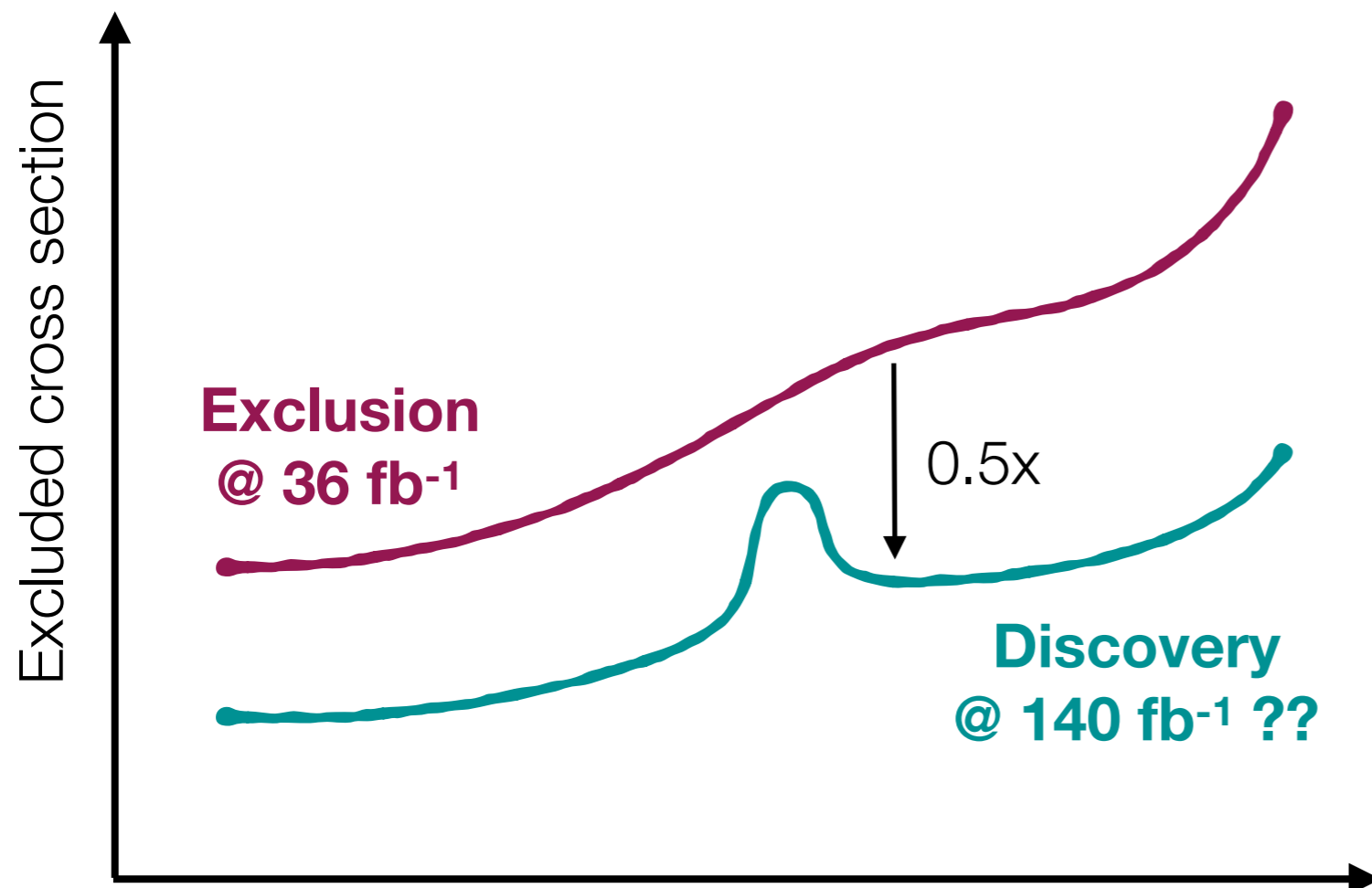


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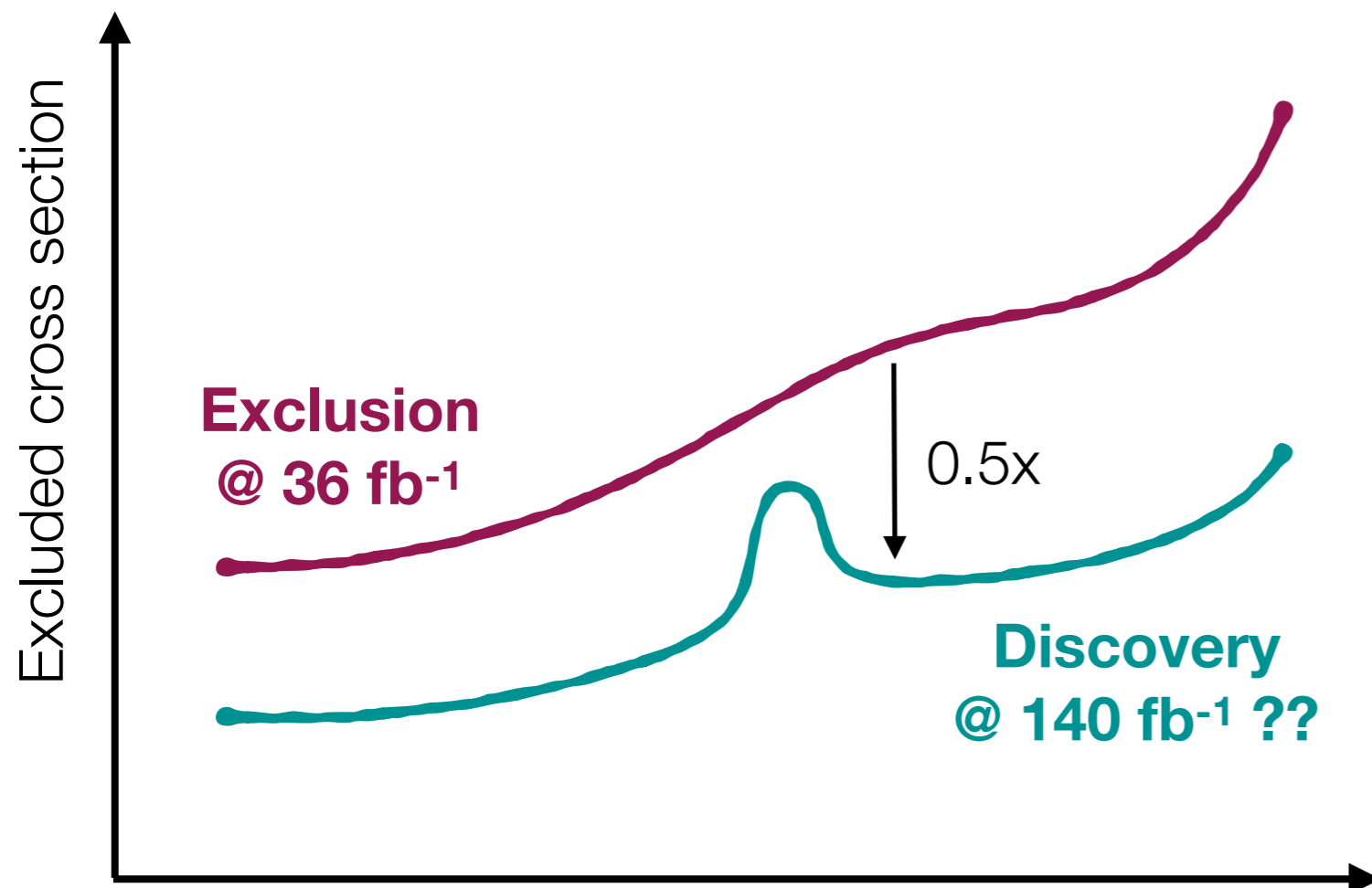


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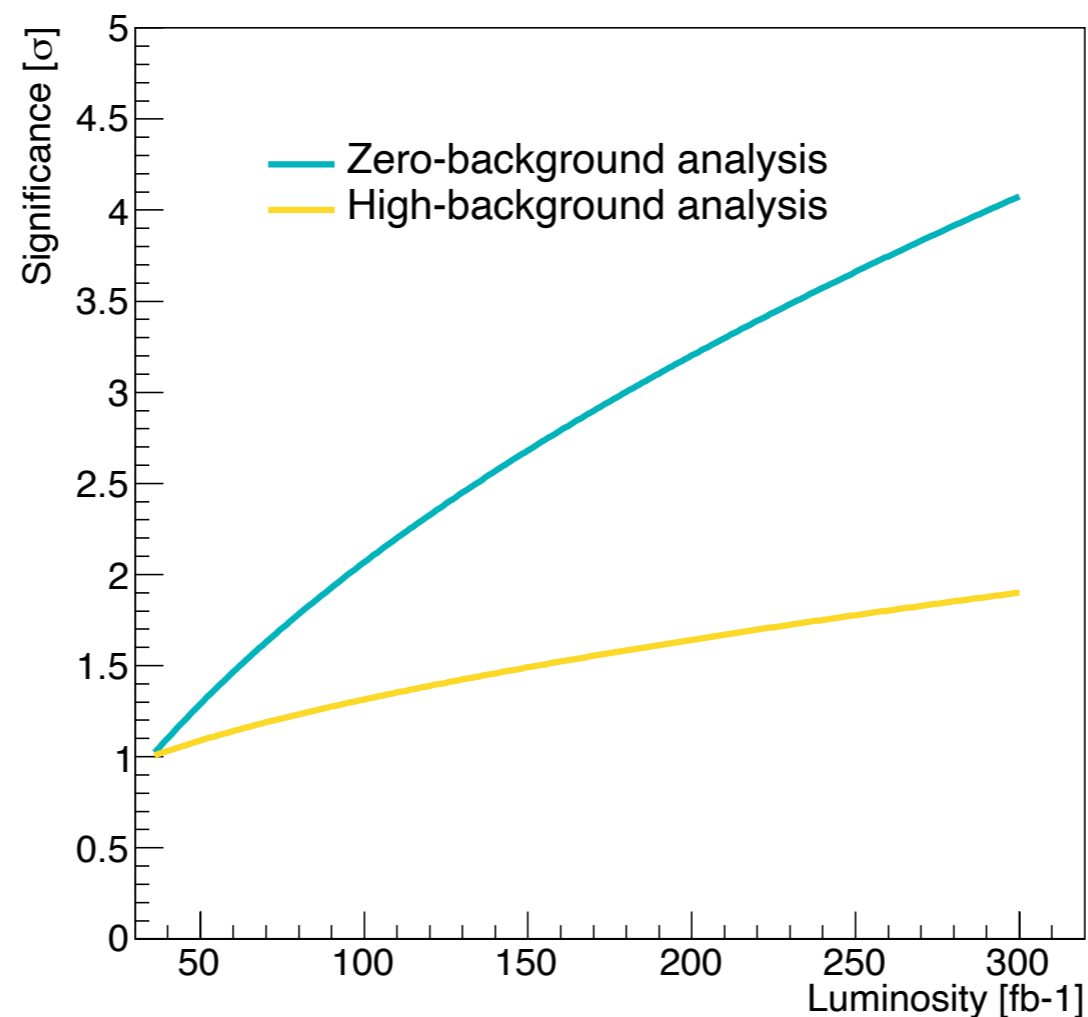
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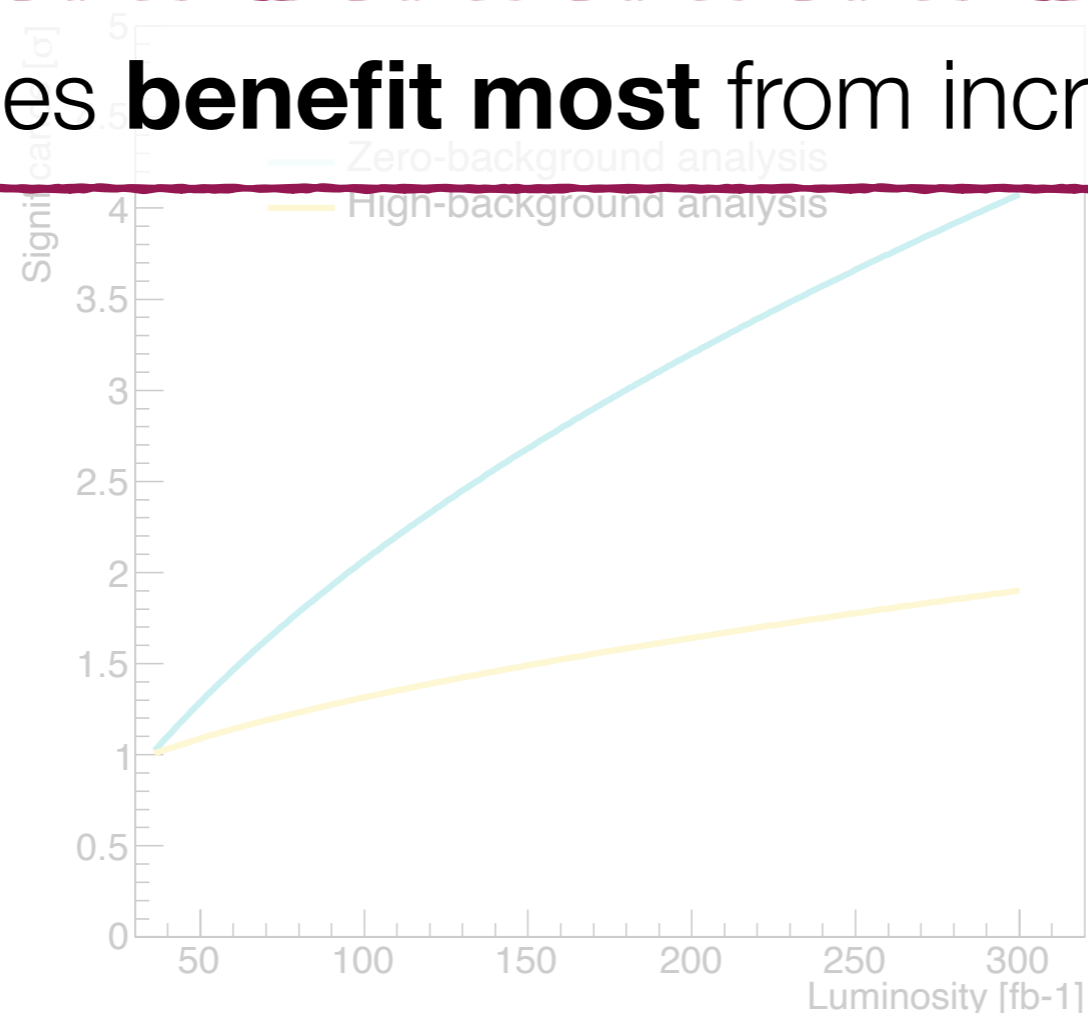
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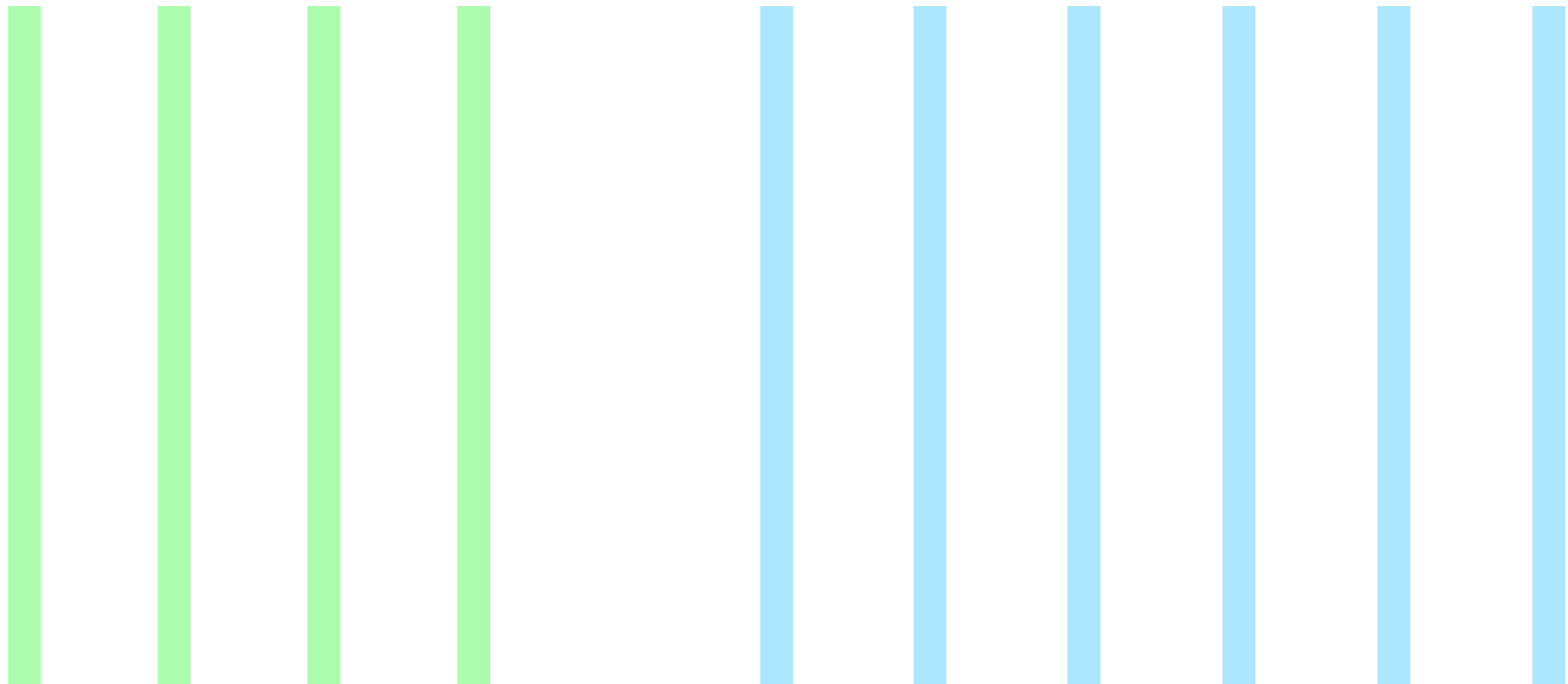


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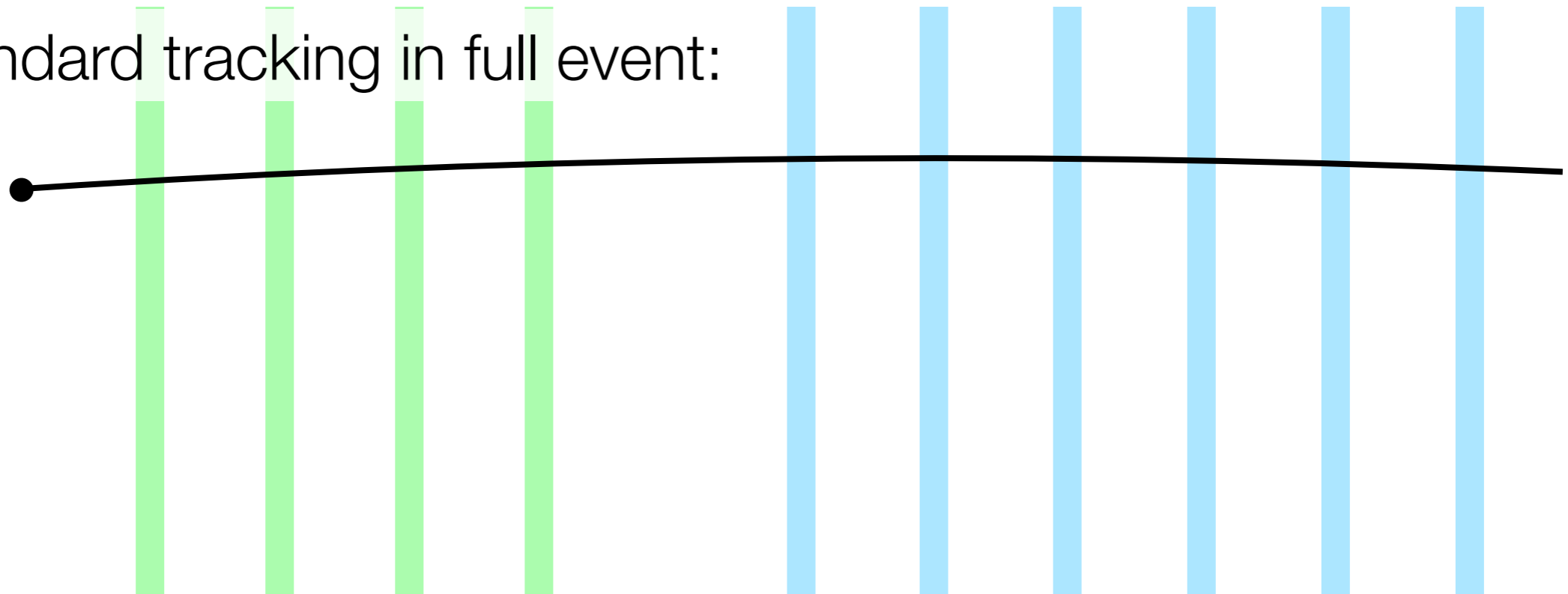


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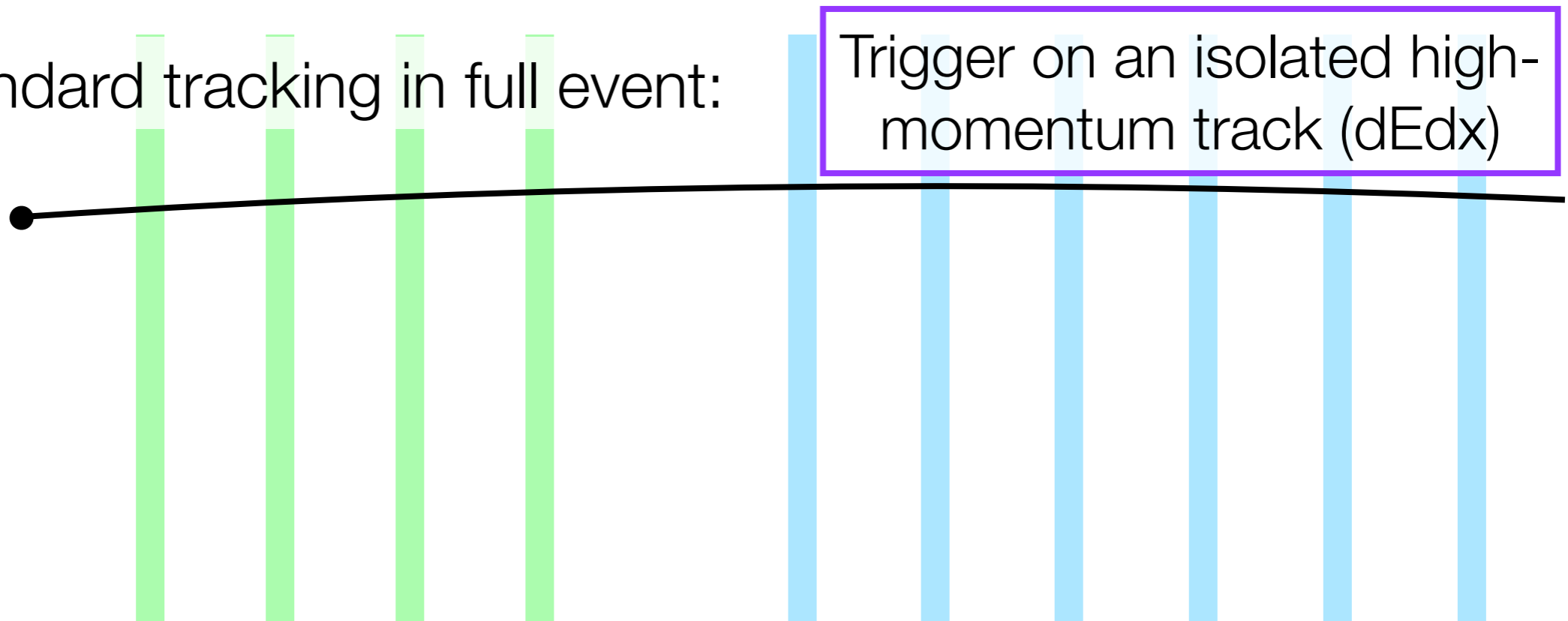


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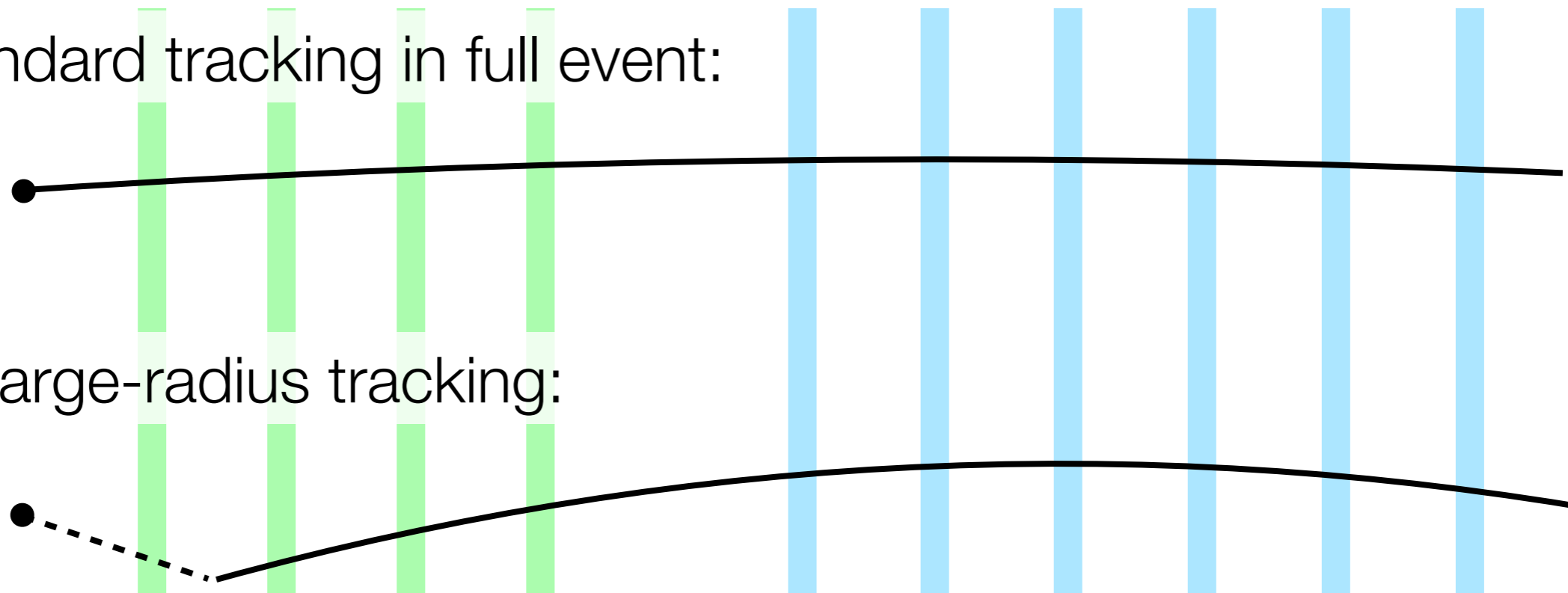


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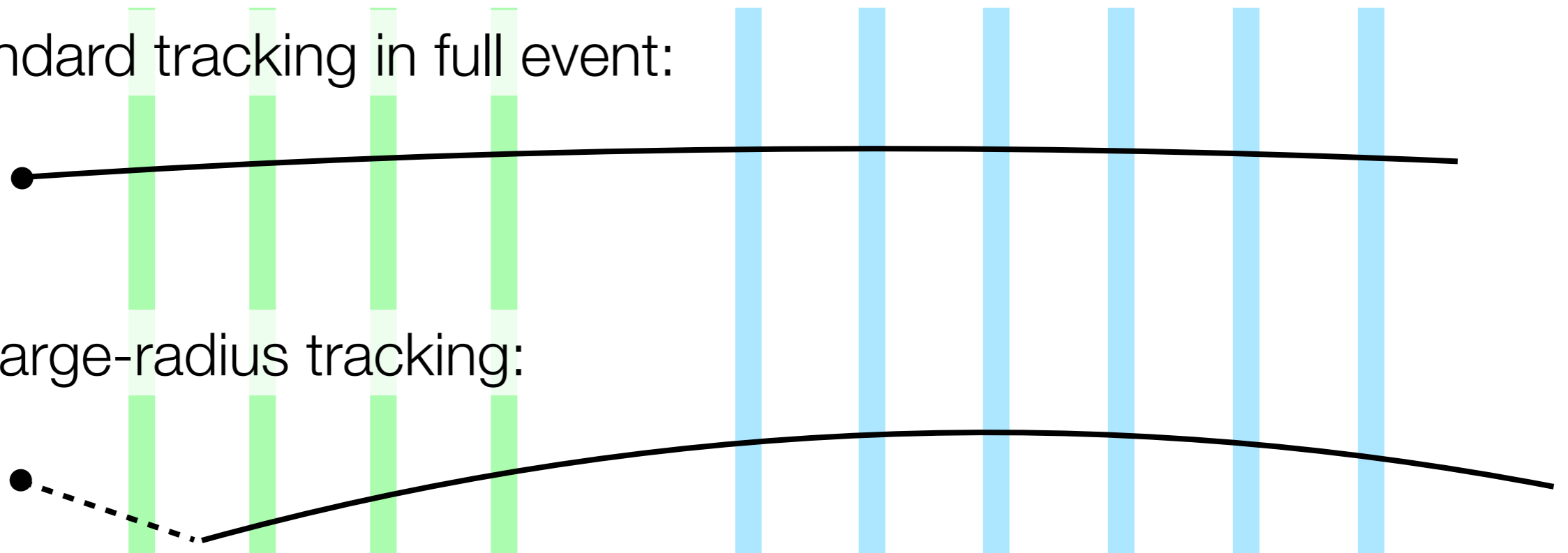
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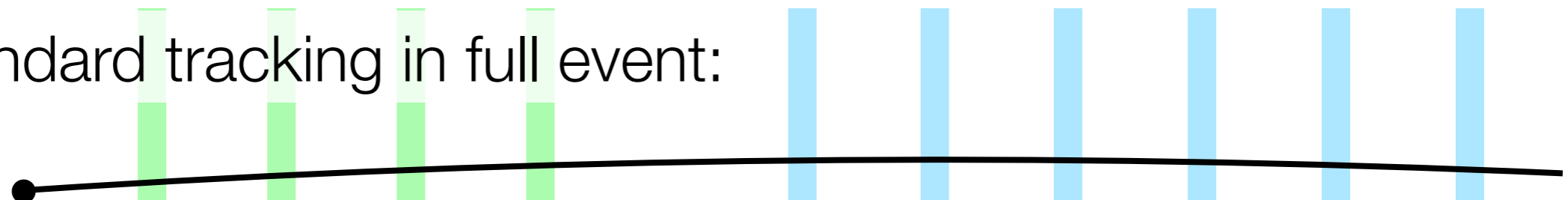


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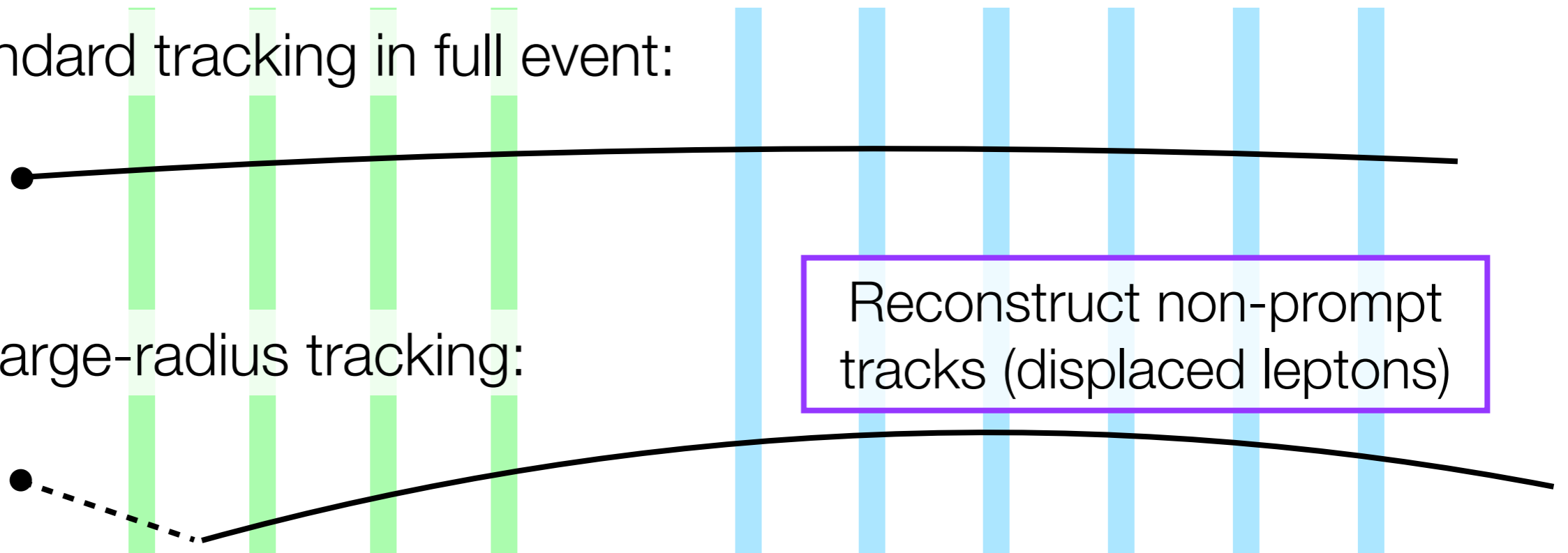
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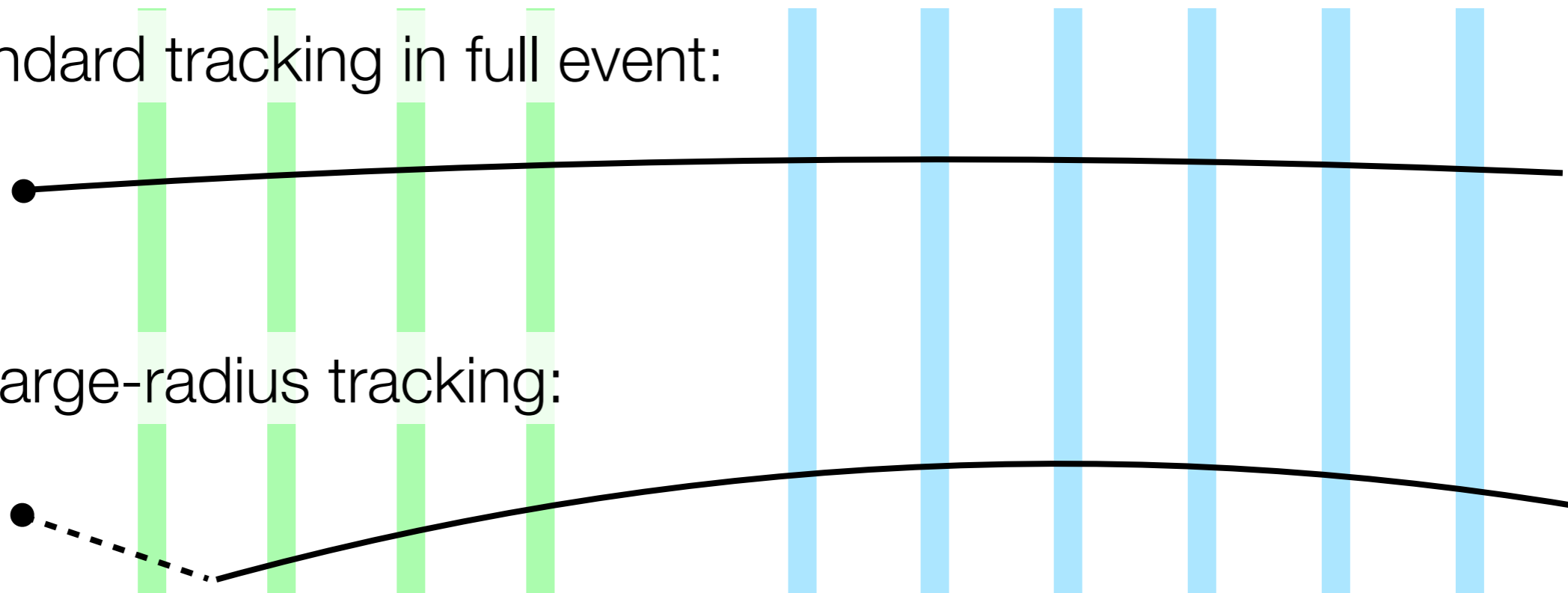


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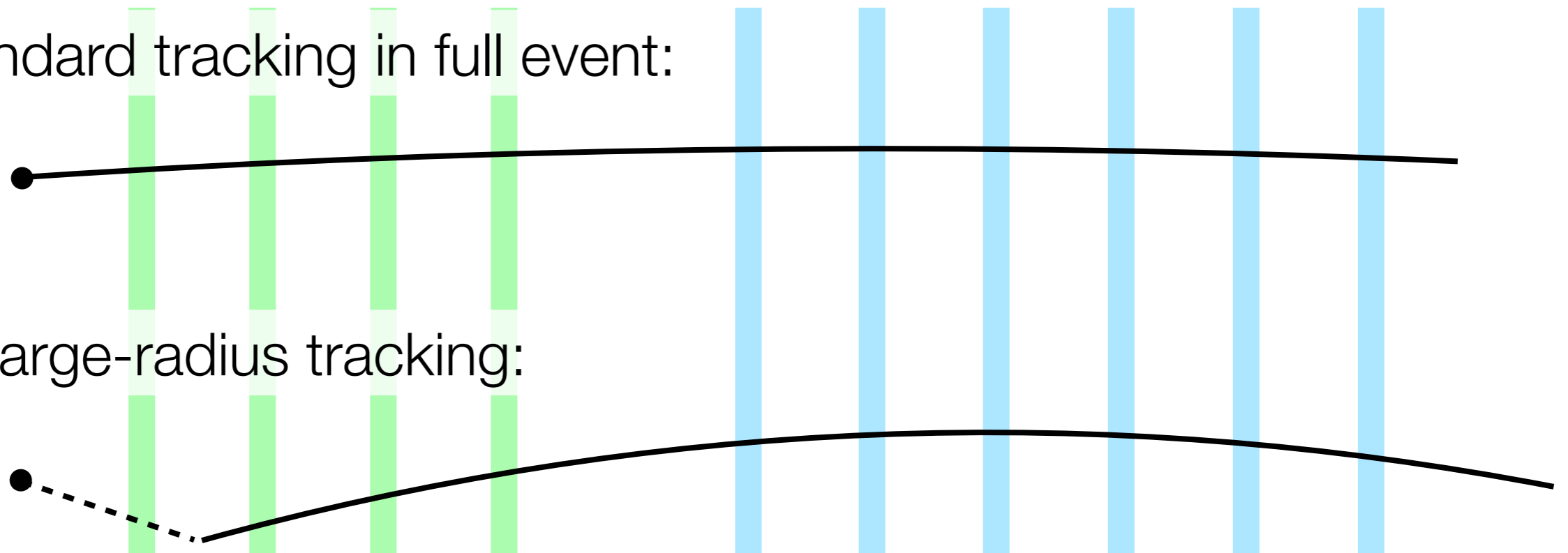
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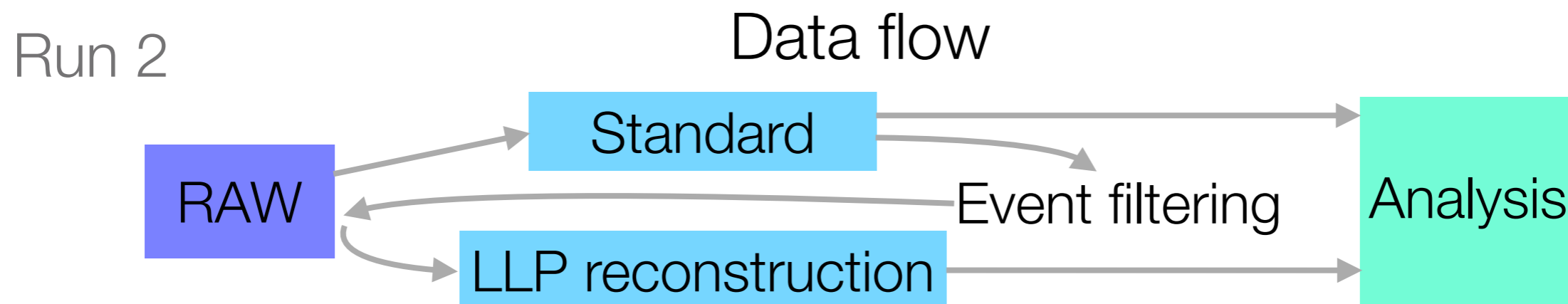


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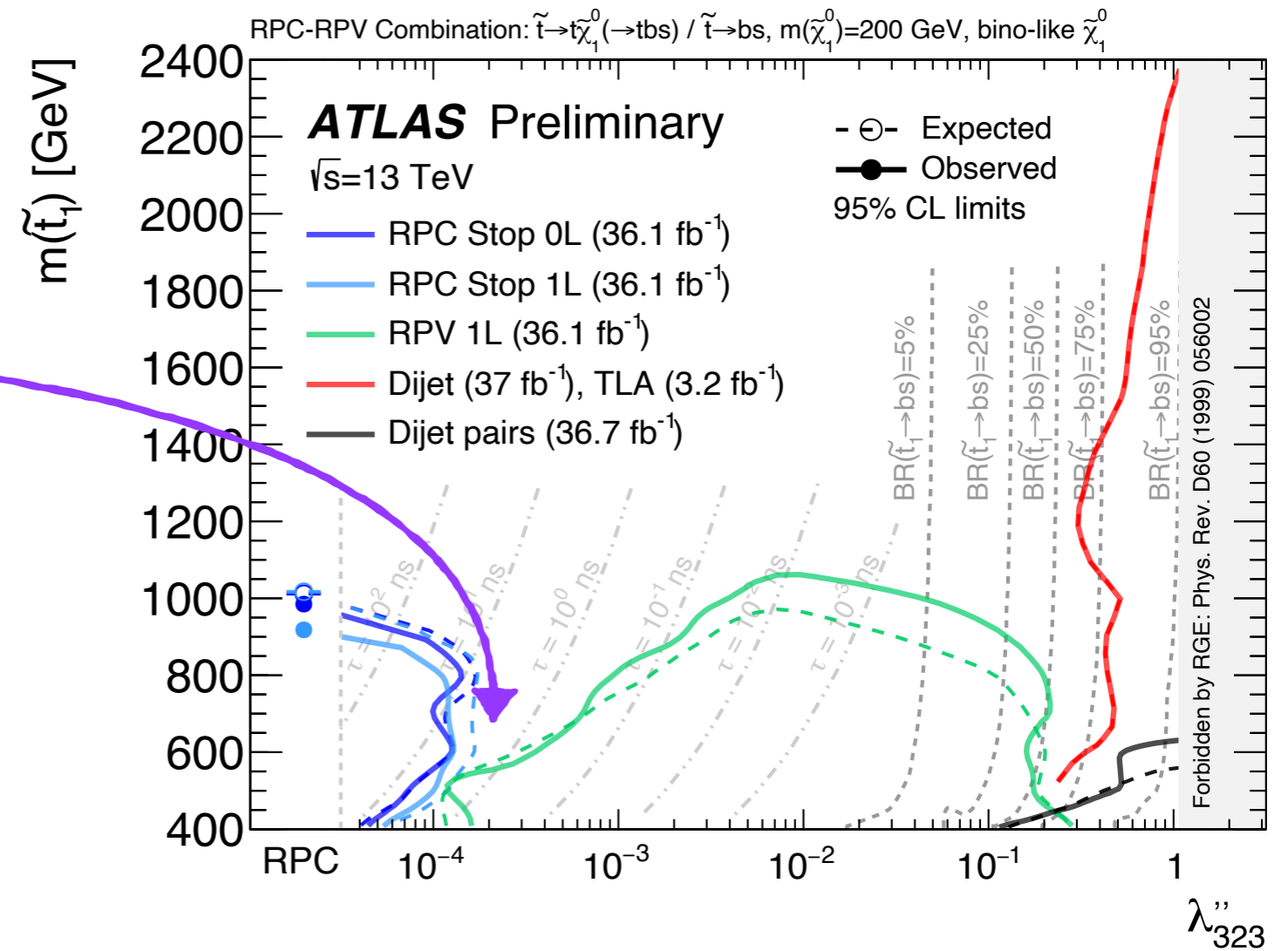
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- Due to size of large-radius tracking output, was impossible to run on all events
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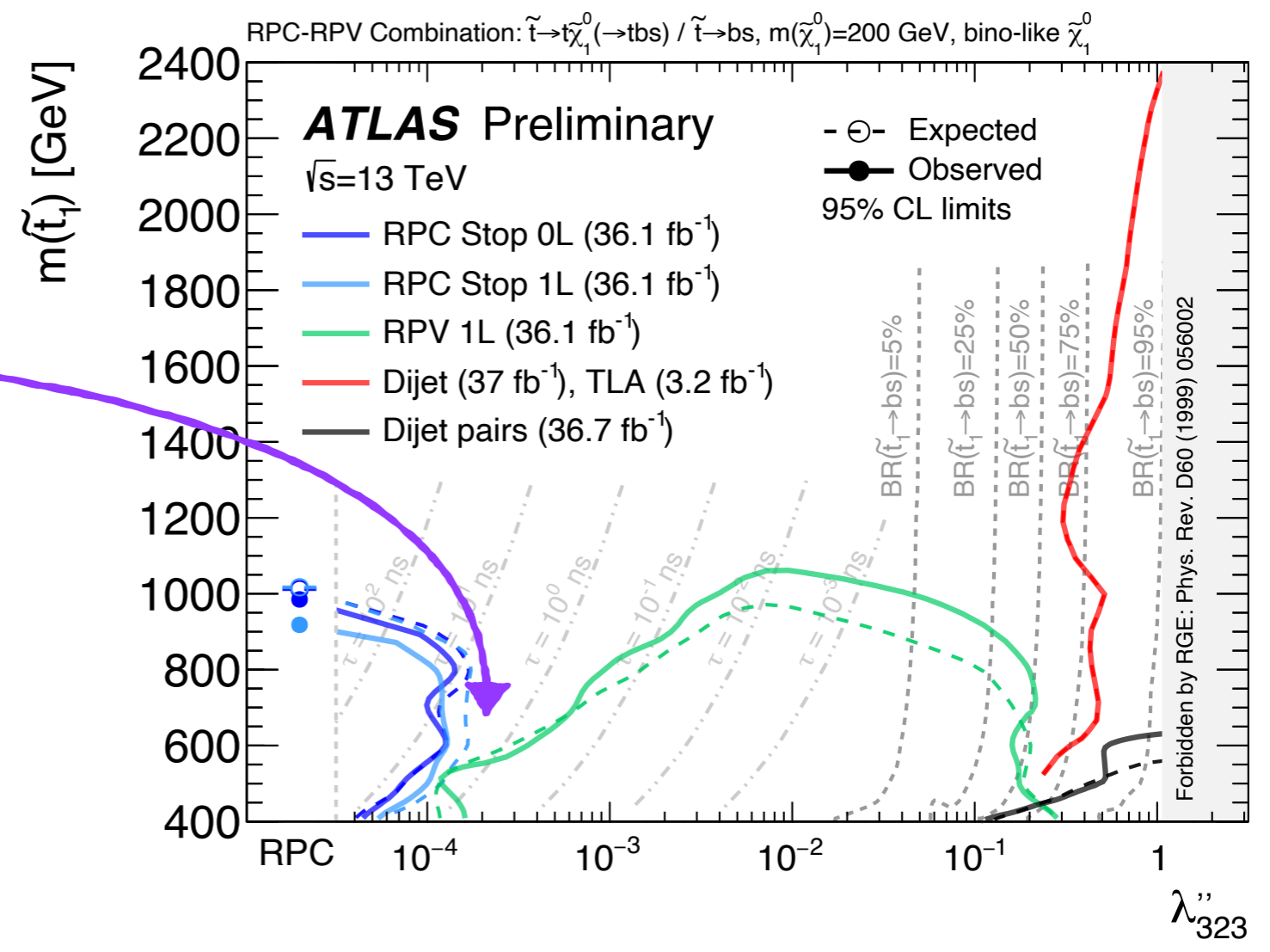
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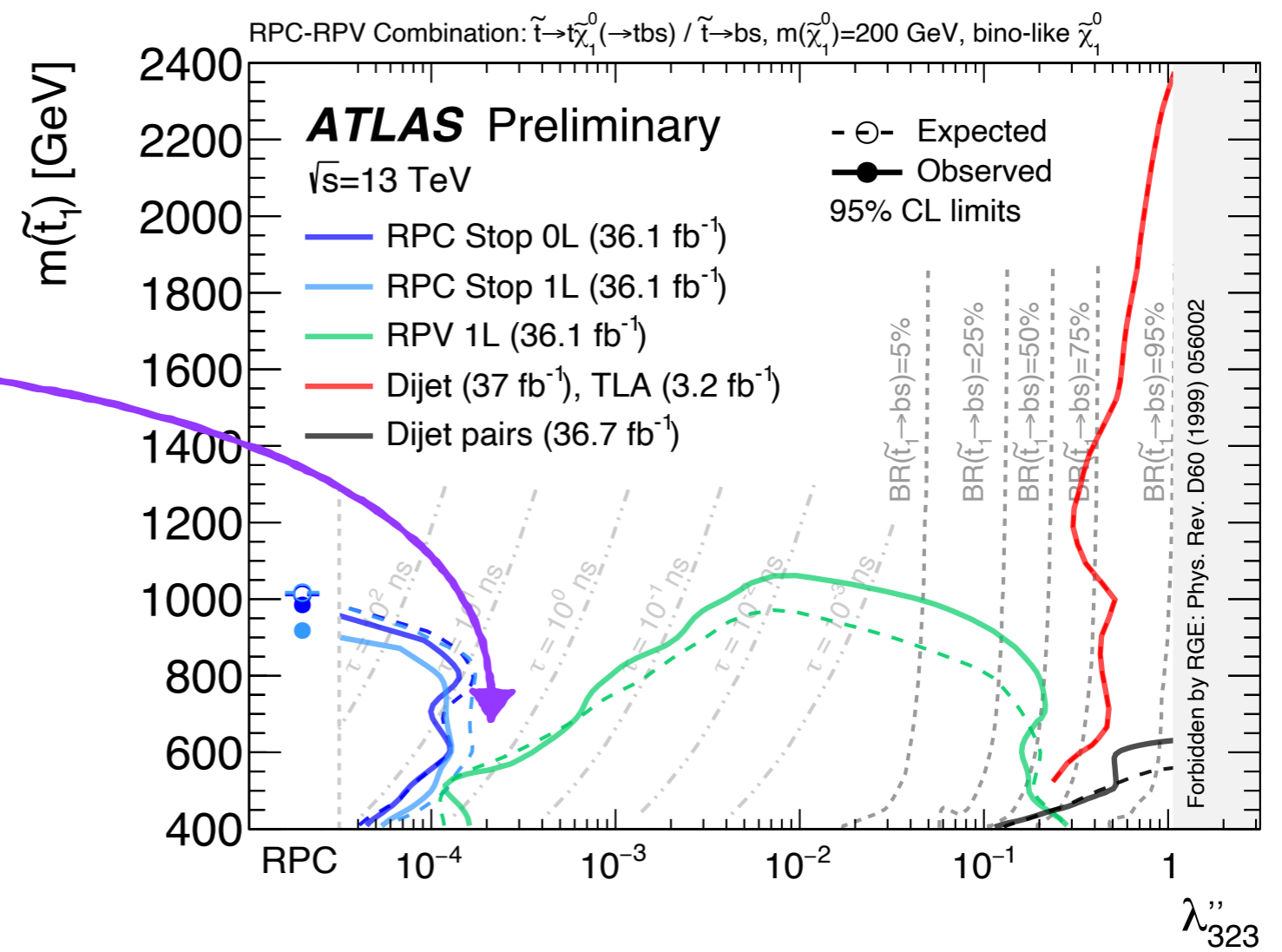
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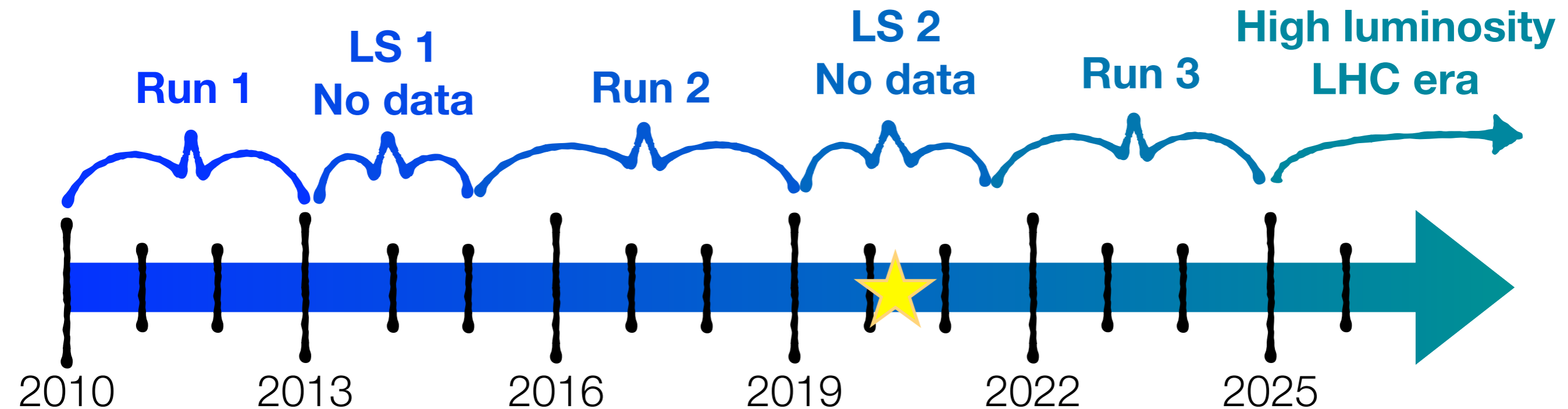
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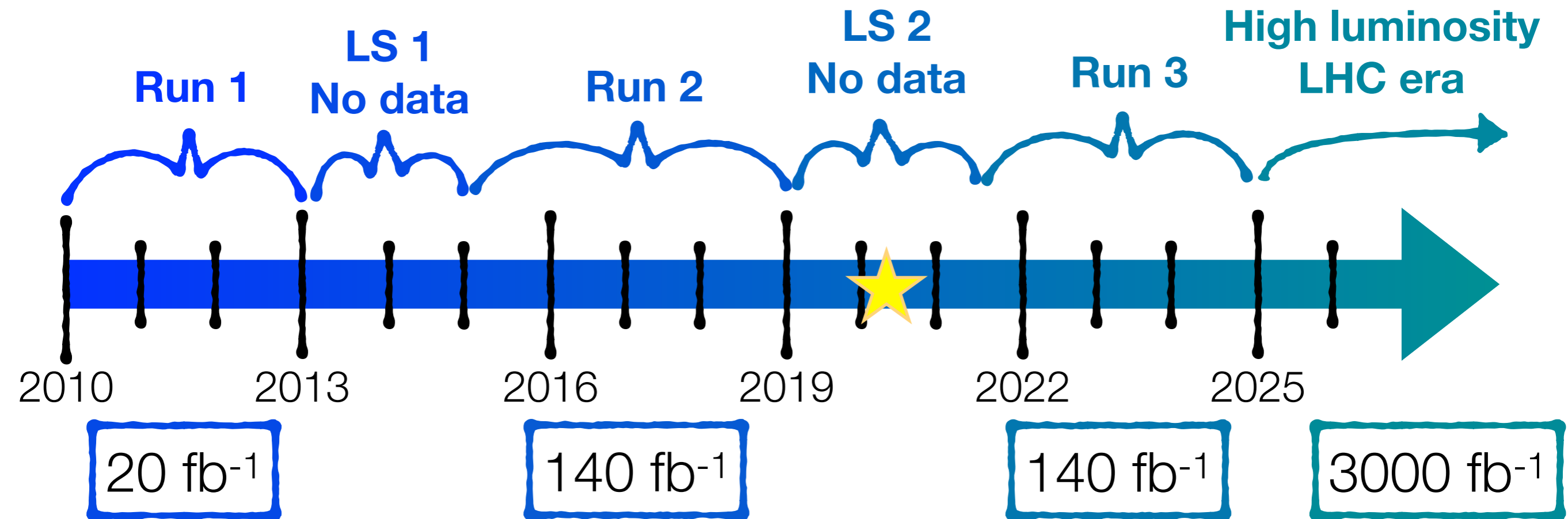
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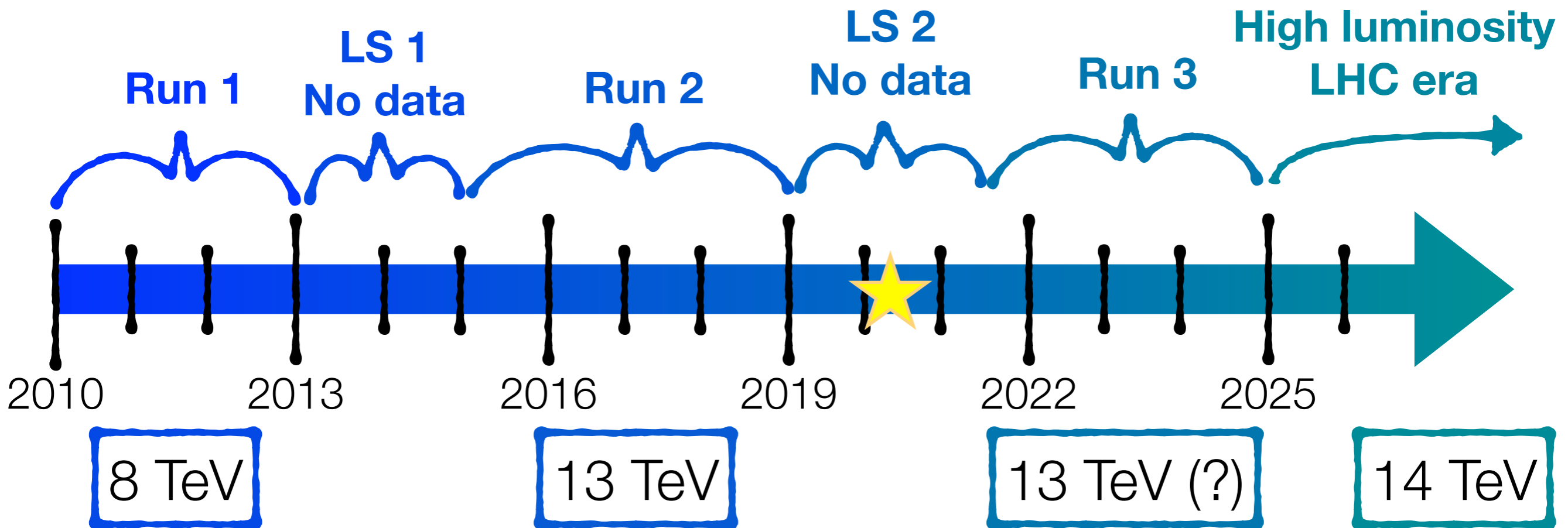
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- Measure in “inverse femtobarns”: more fb<sup>-1</sup> = more data

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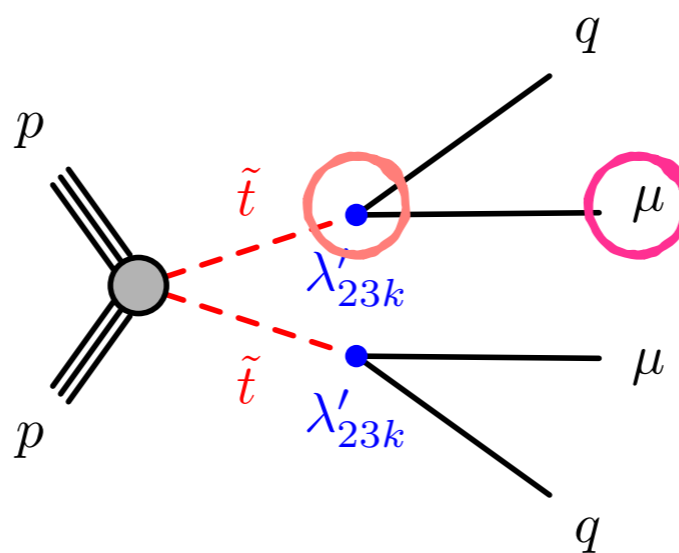
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- Center of mass energy: “TeV”
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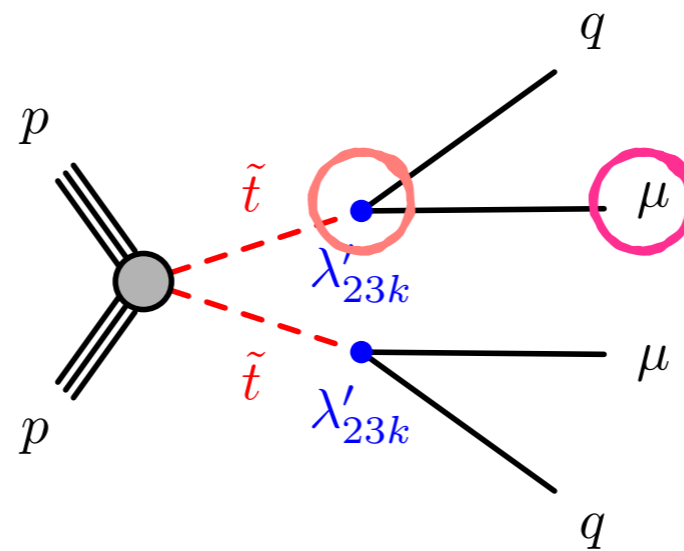
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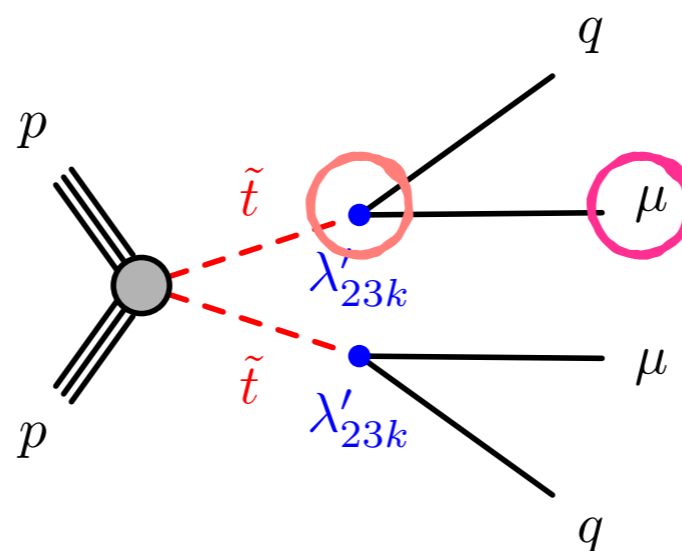
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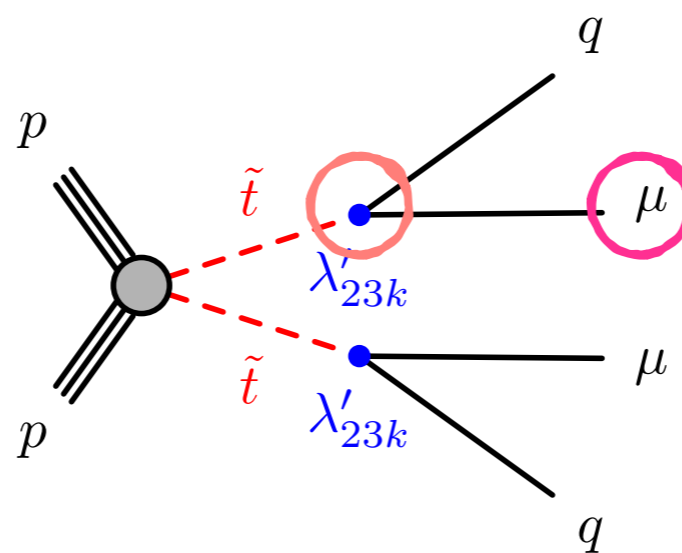
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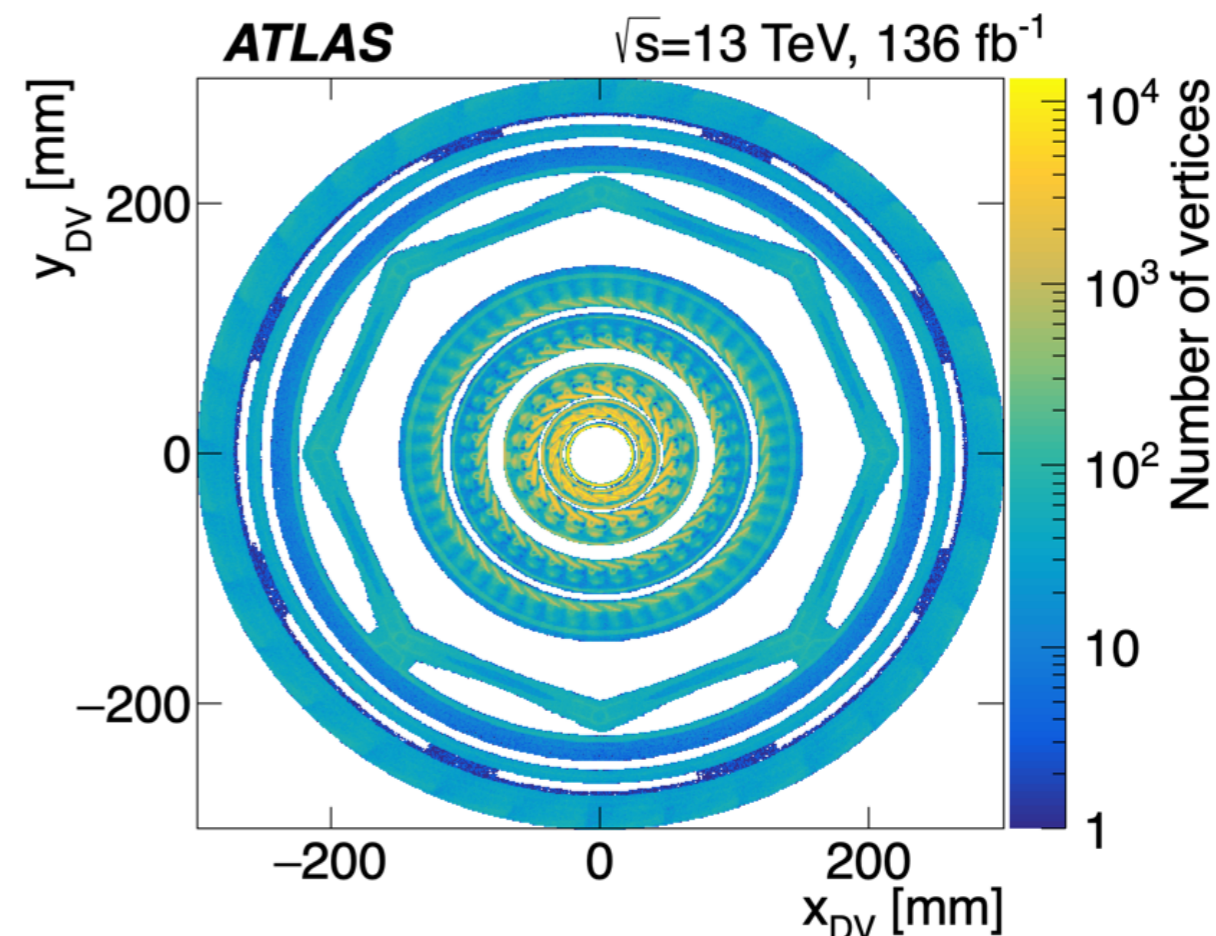
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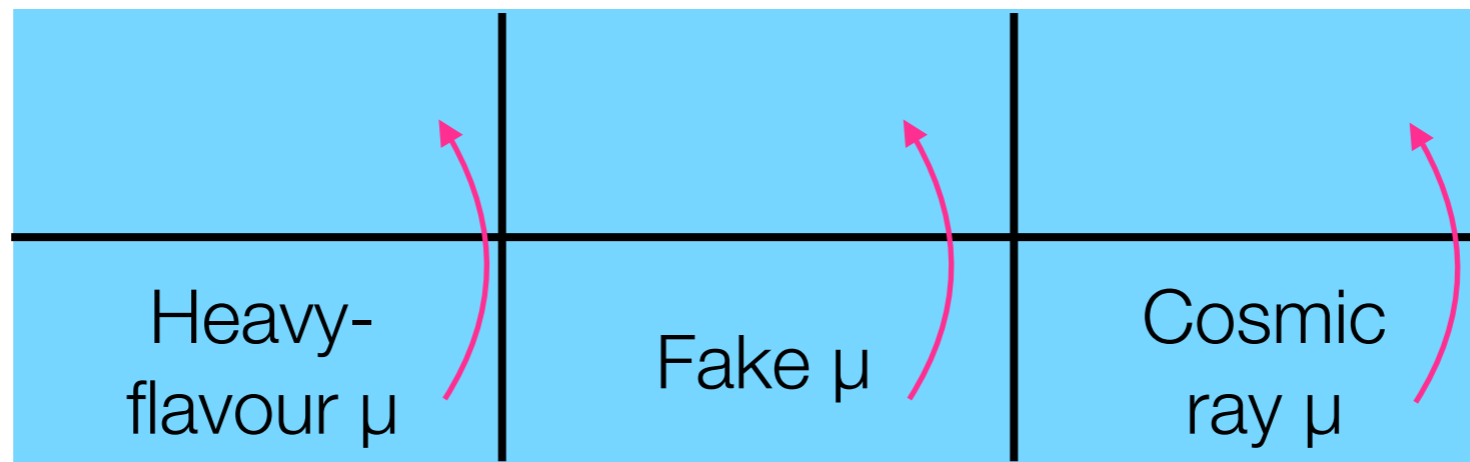
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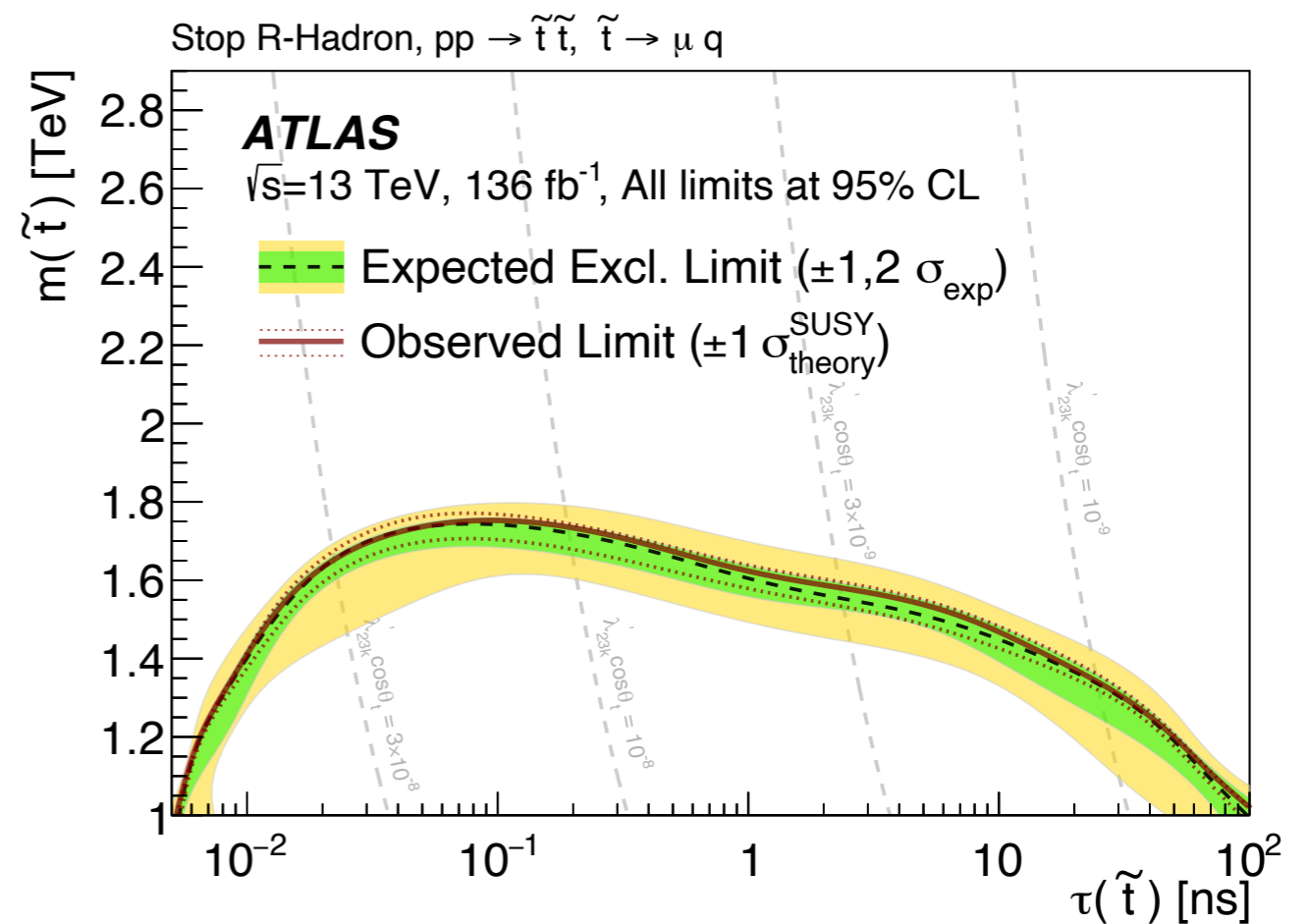
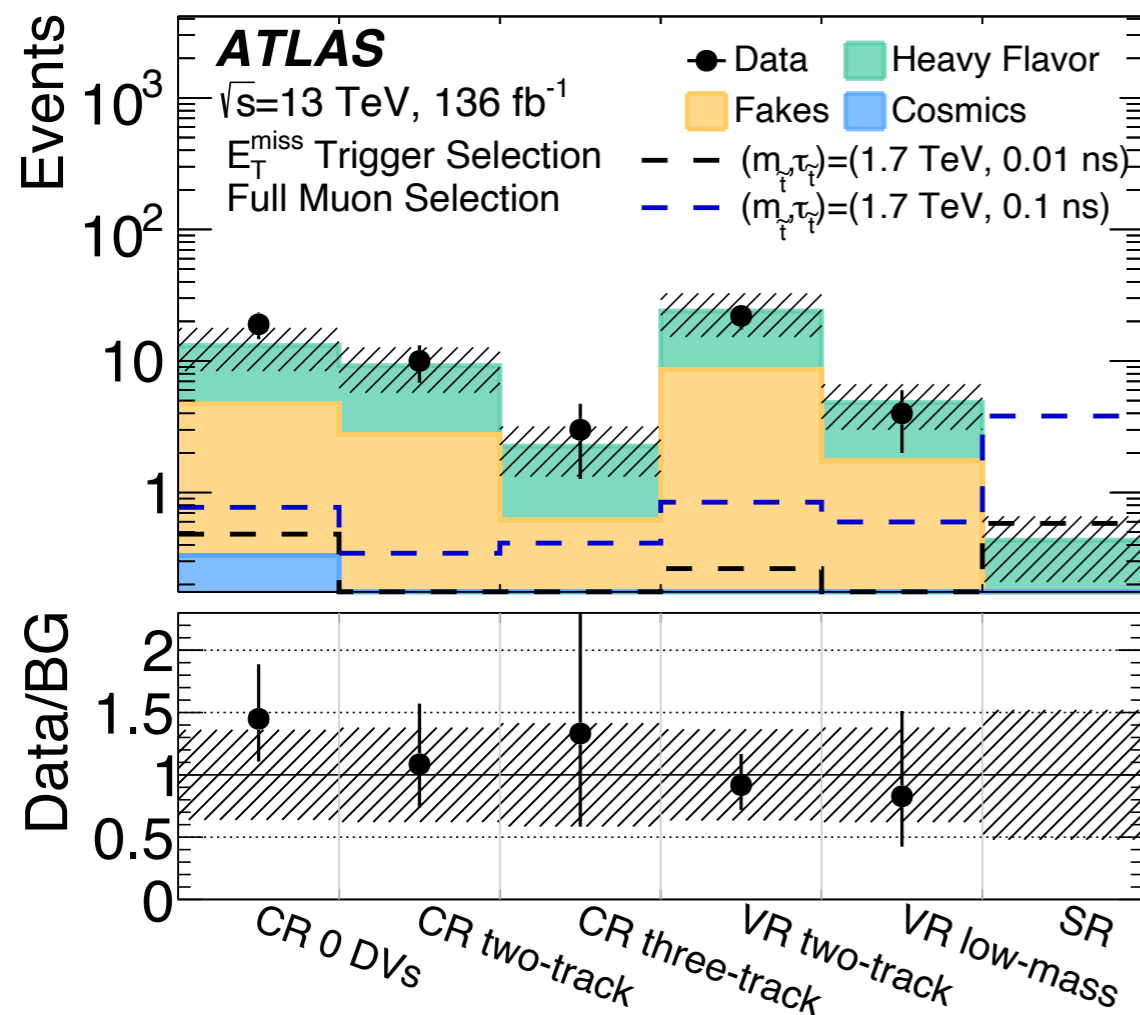


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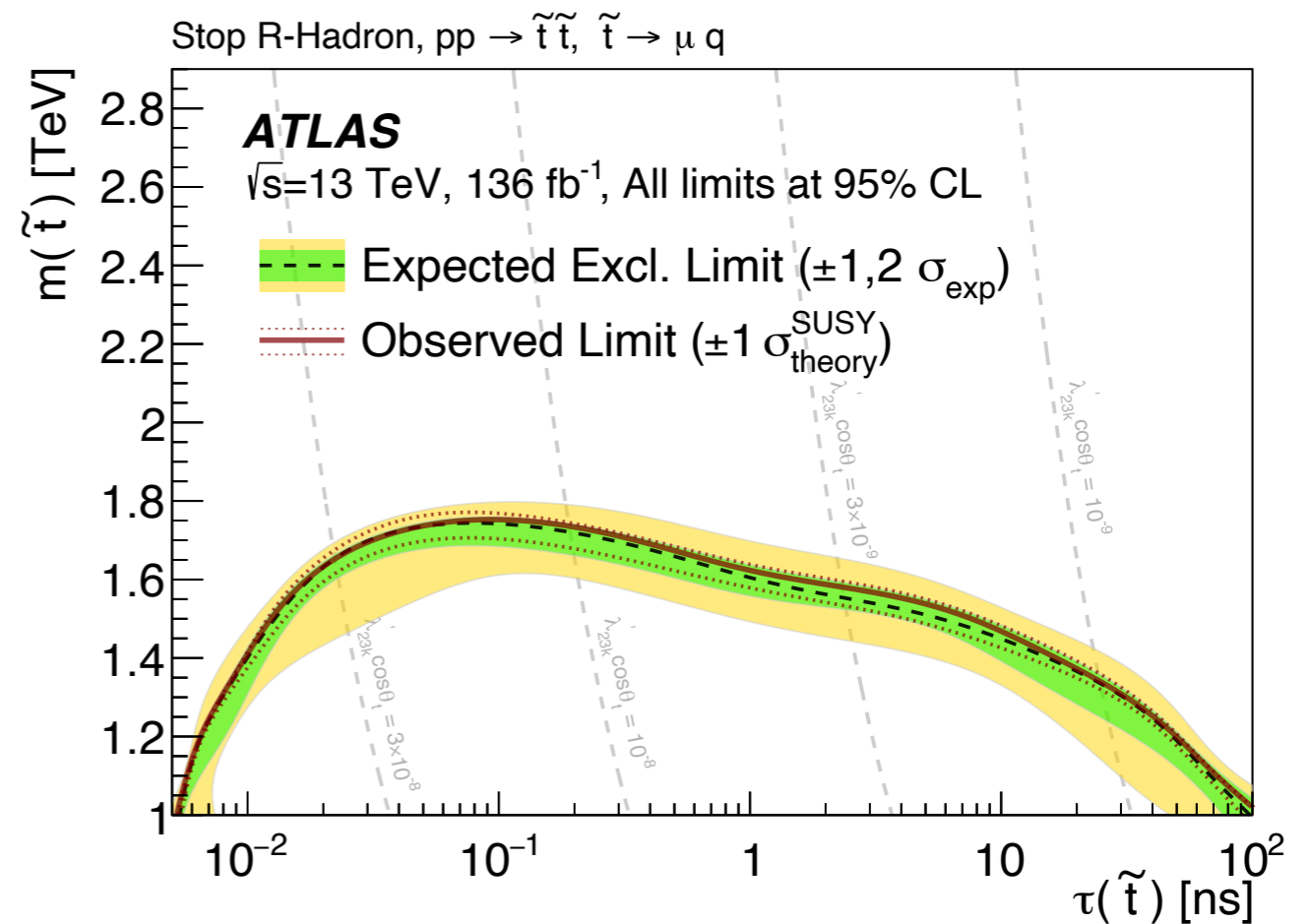
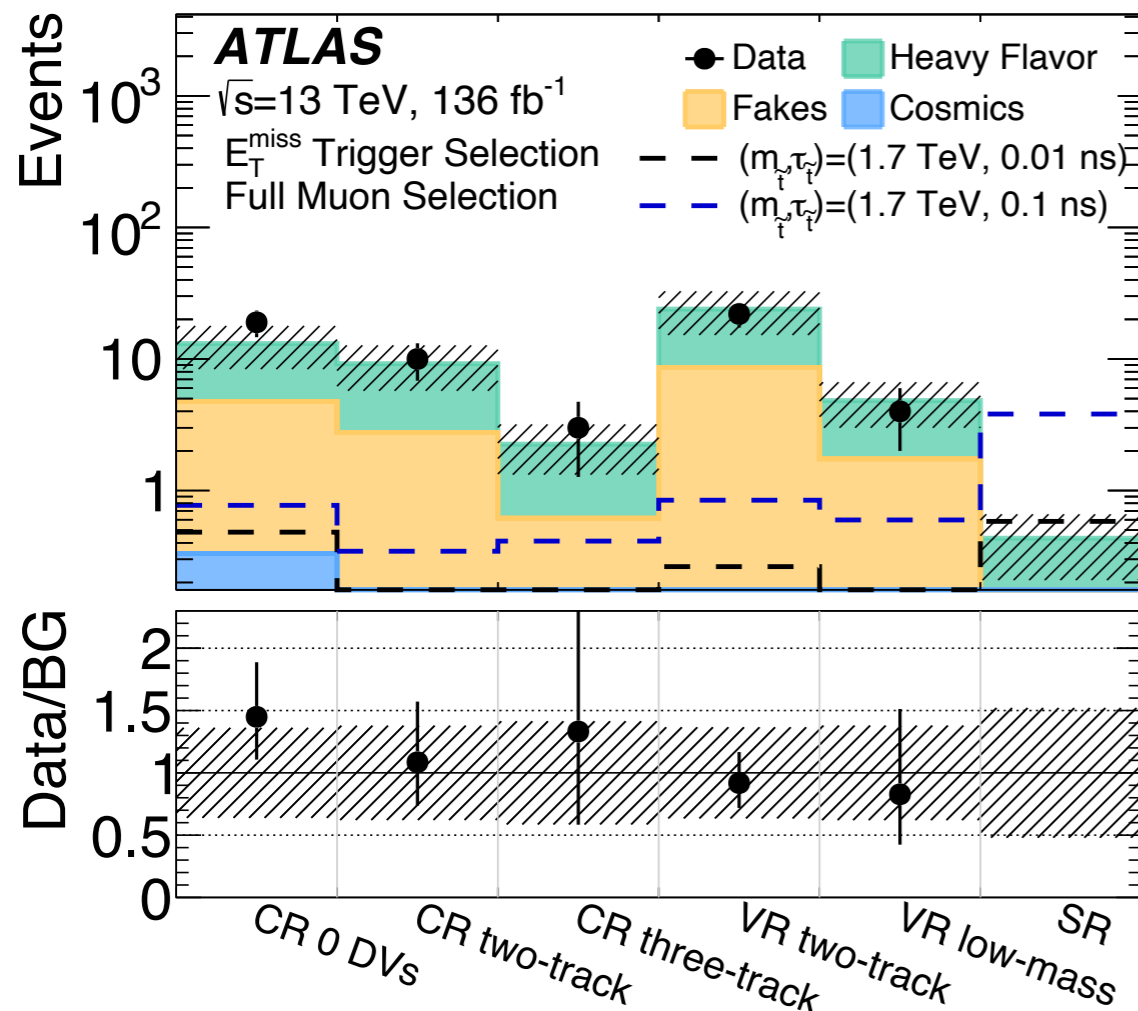
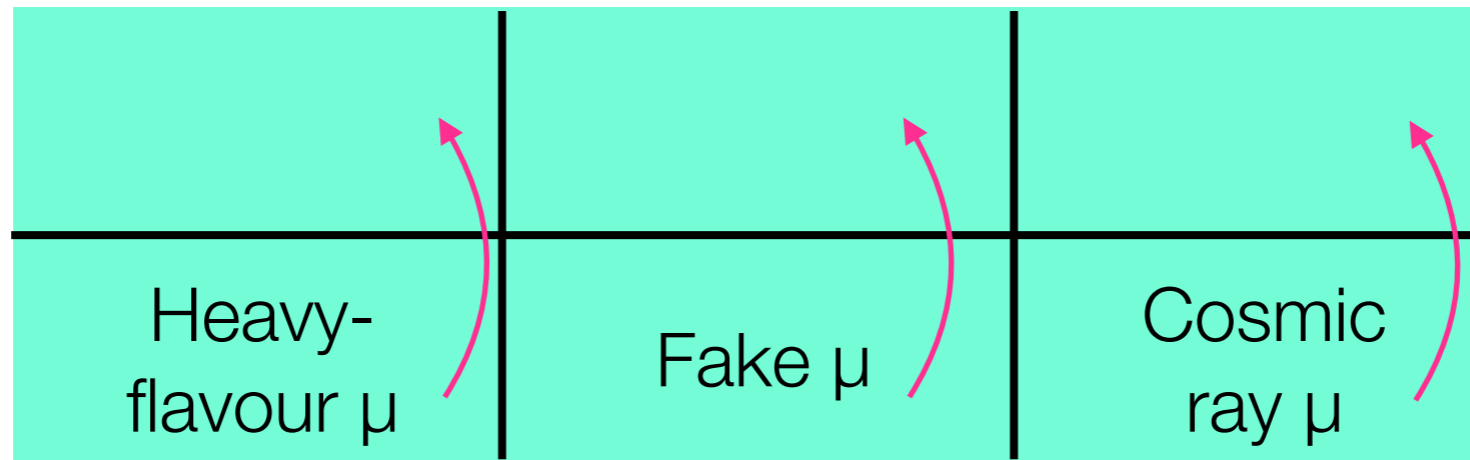


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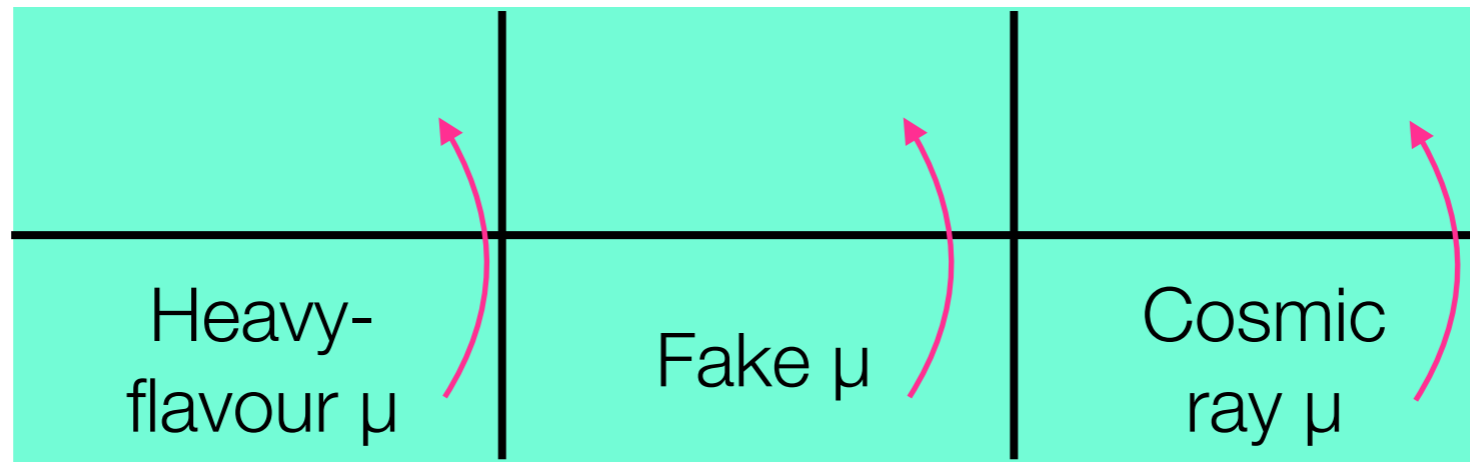
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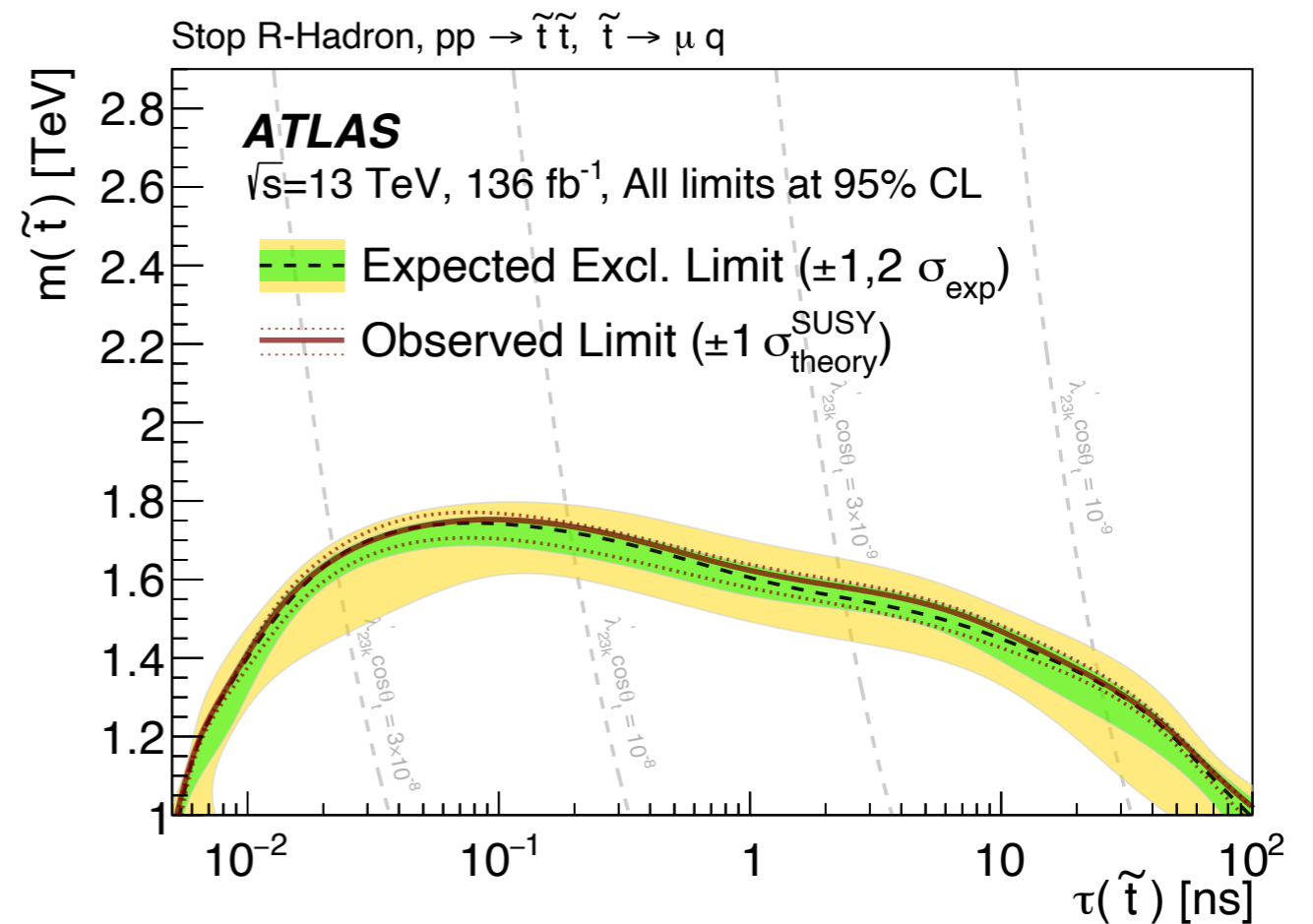
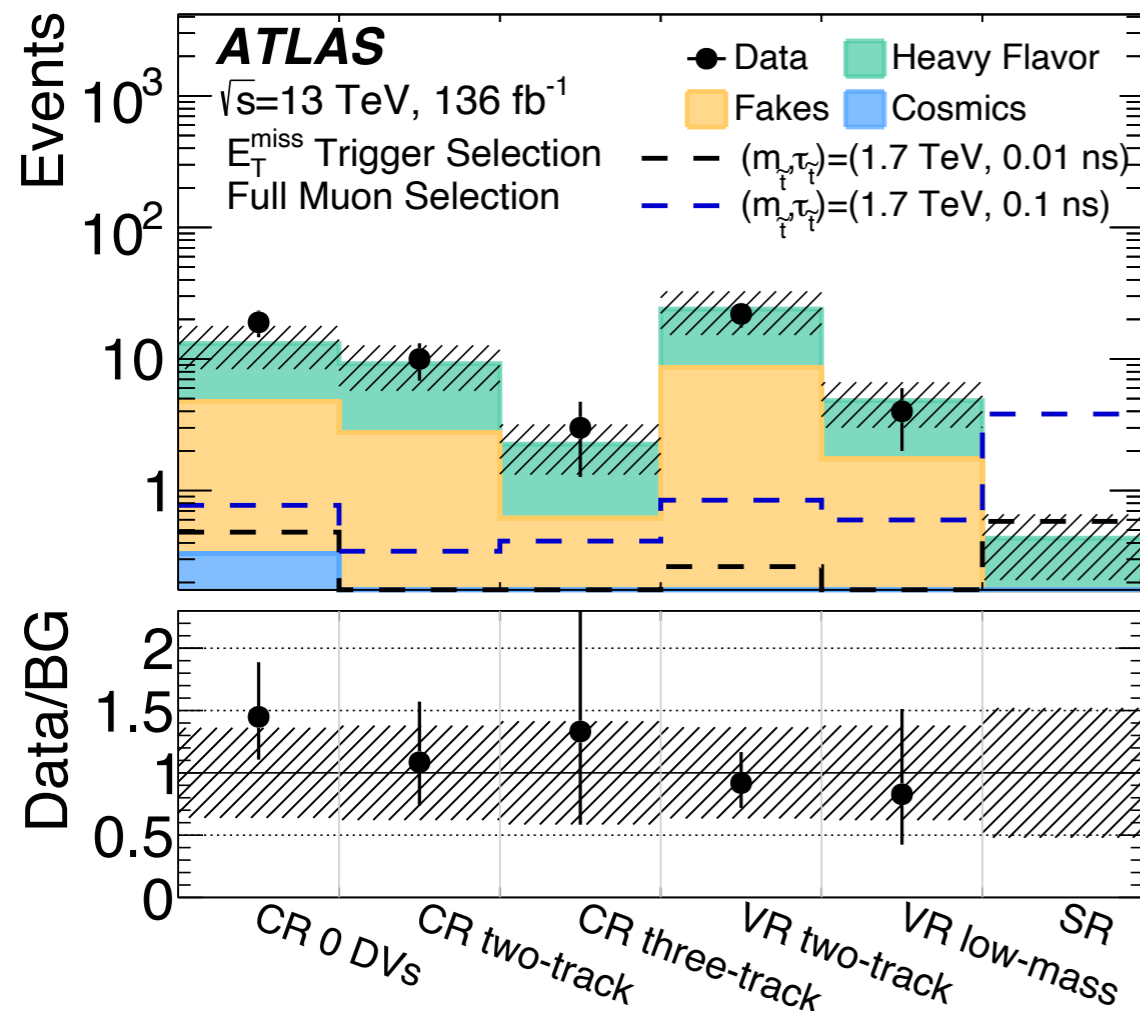


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Background estimate!



# Improving analysis targeting

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- LLP analyses fairly simple at this point and target signals not necessarily most important for Run 3
- **dEdx**: optimise for lighter signals; add two-track signal region to improve targeting of SUSY-specific models
- **Disappearing track**: attempting to target even shorter lifetimes
- **Displaced leptons**: optimise directly for staus, focusing on lowering lepton  $p_T$  threshold, add 1 displaced lepton + 1 tau SR
- **In general**: move away from long-lived squarks/gluinos and target direct EWK production instead

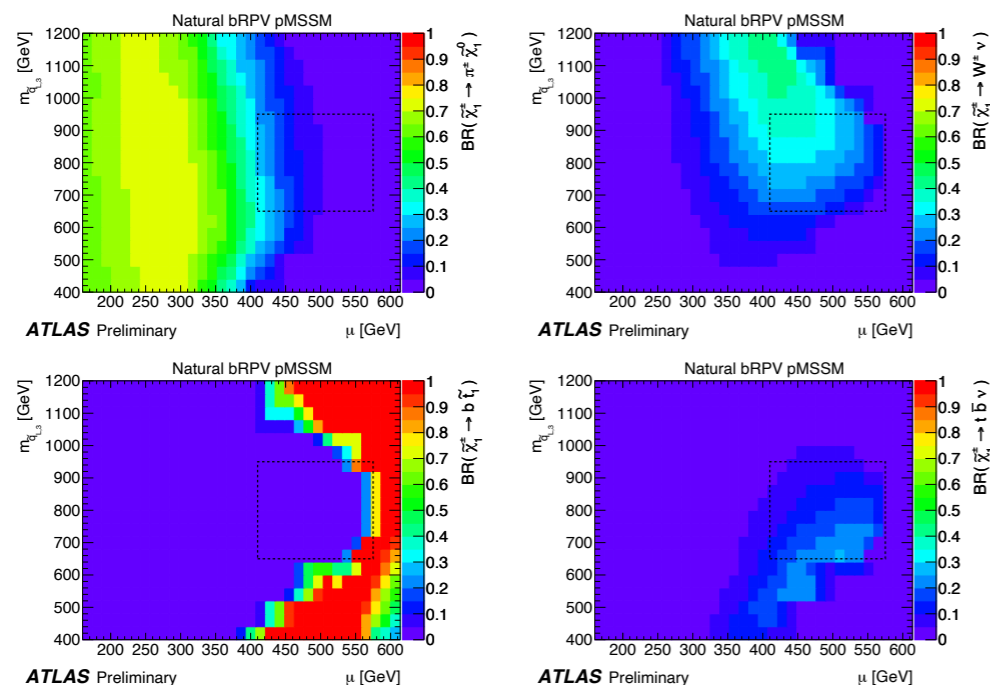
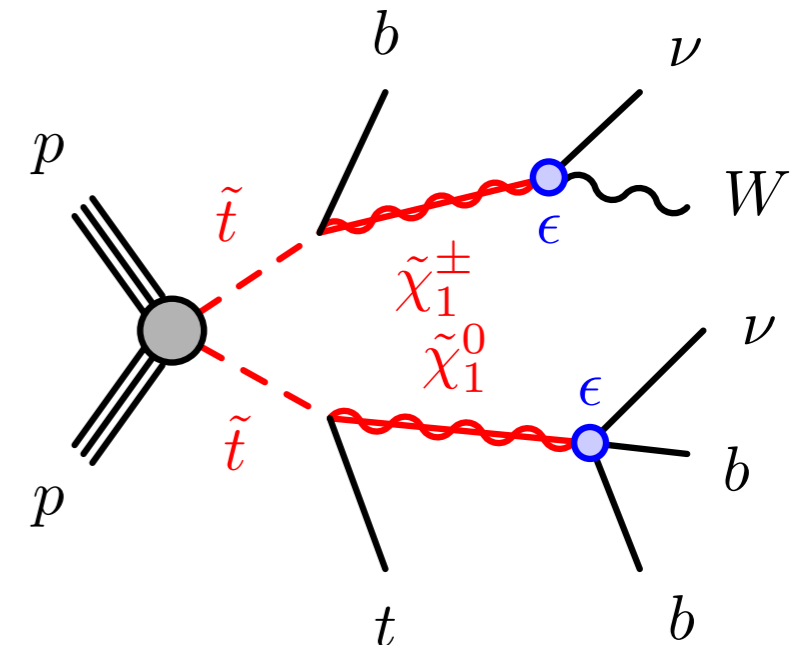
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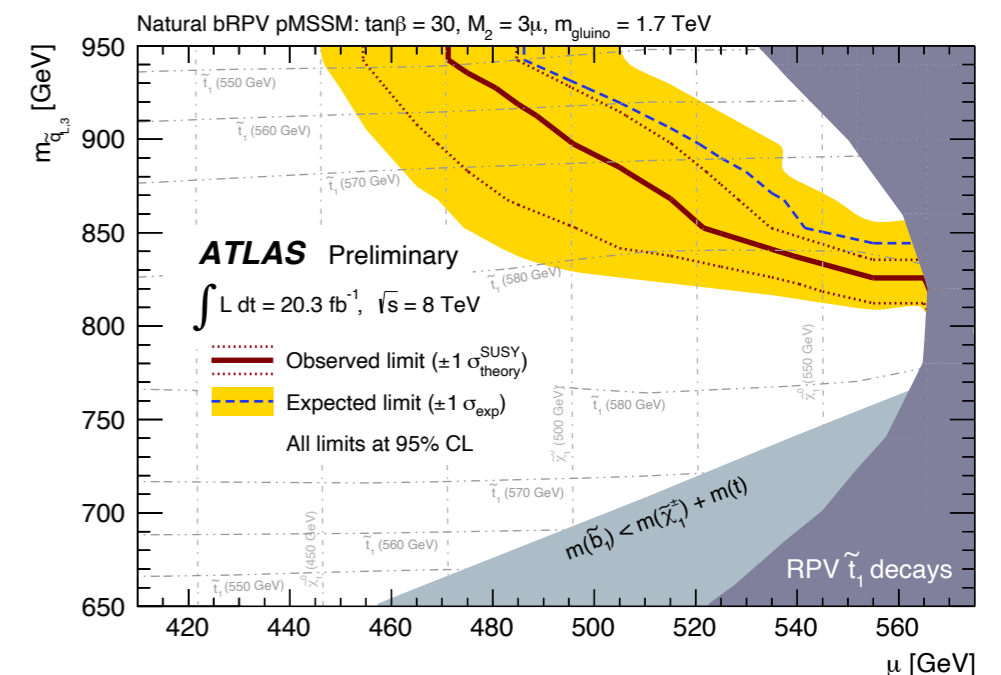
- Representative interactions between Higgsinos/leptons and Higgses/sleptons

- $\tilde{\chi}^0 \rightarrow \ell^\pm W^\mp, \nu Z$
- $\tilde{\chi}^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm Z, W^\pm \nu$

- Get neutrino masses automatically
- Can convert terms between bilinear and trilinear depending on basis, so other analyses have implications here and vice-versa

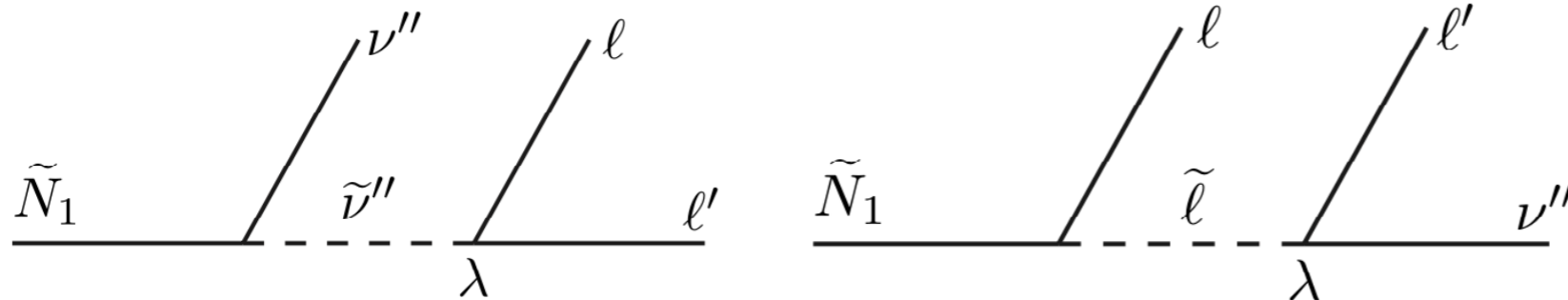


Run 1 summary:  
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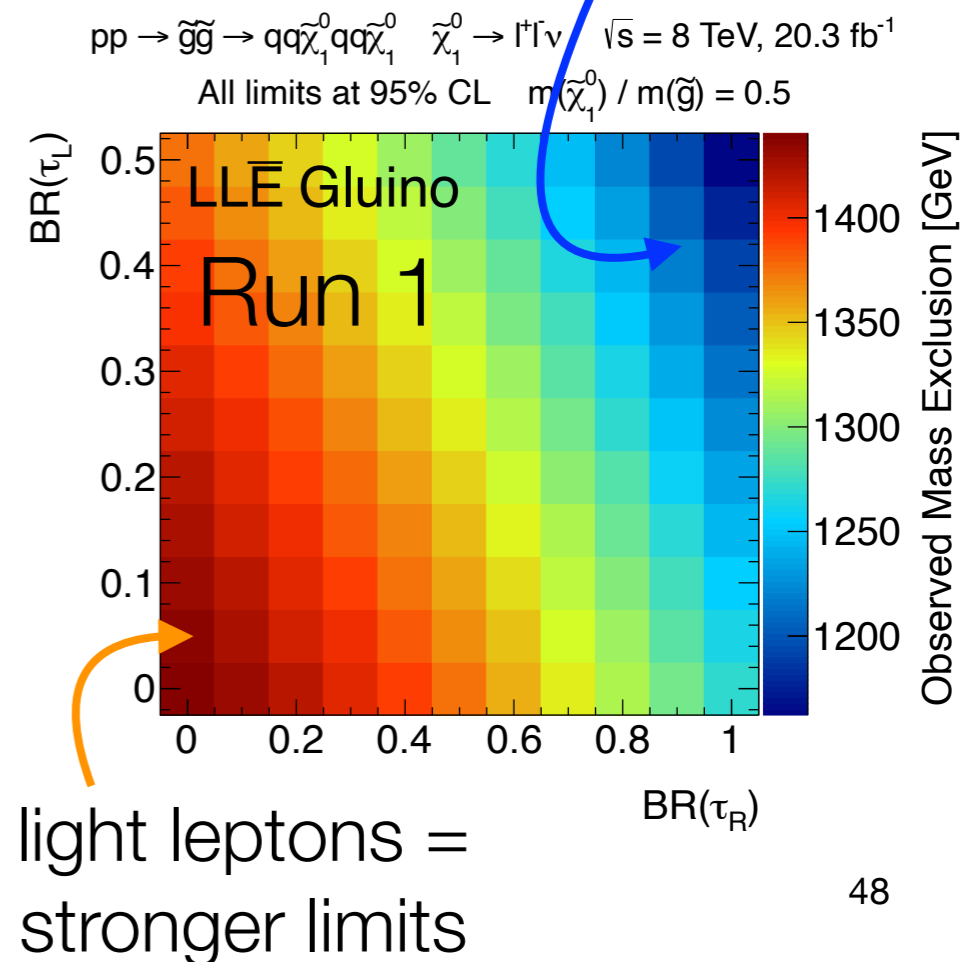
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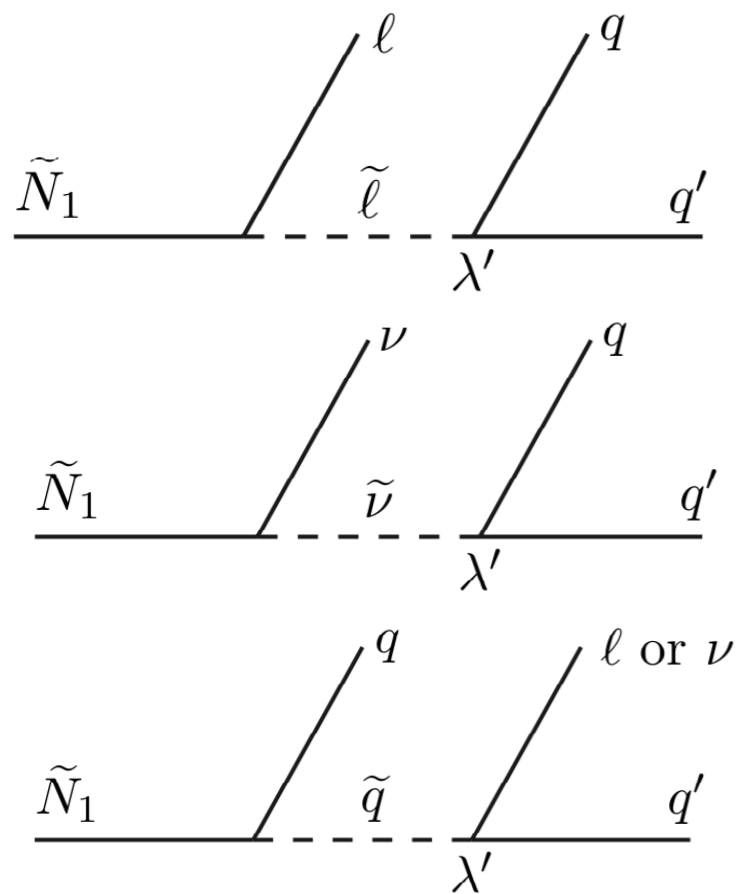
Primes indicate flavour indices: determine different combinations of leptons

- LSP decays to leptons via sneutrino/slepton
- Very small  $\lambda$ : get nonzero lifetime for intermediate particle and we'll see displaced lepton pairs (covered by dilepton DV) or one displaced, one prompt (should be some coverage from exotics HNL? Displaced leptons?)
- Medium  $\lambda$ : lots of prompt leptons in the final state. Constraints from electroweak 3L and 4L analyses

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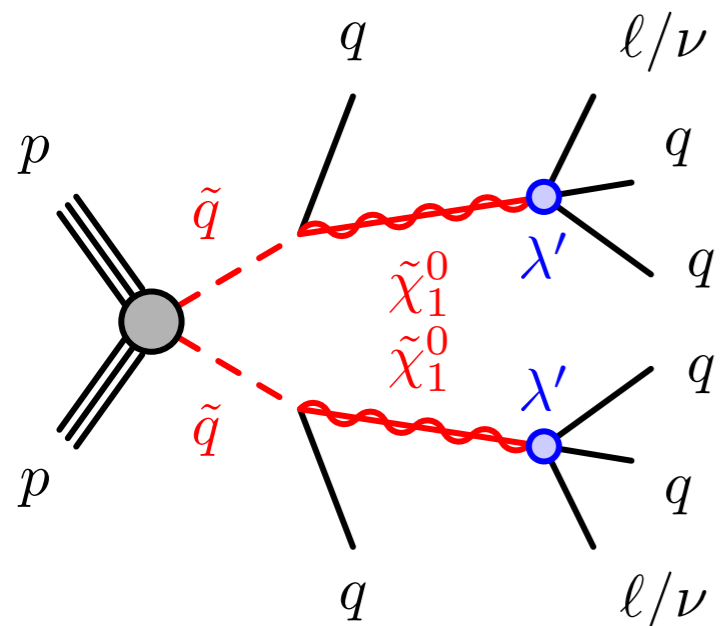


# Leptons and jets, L-violating LQD: $\lambda'$

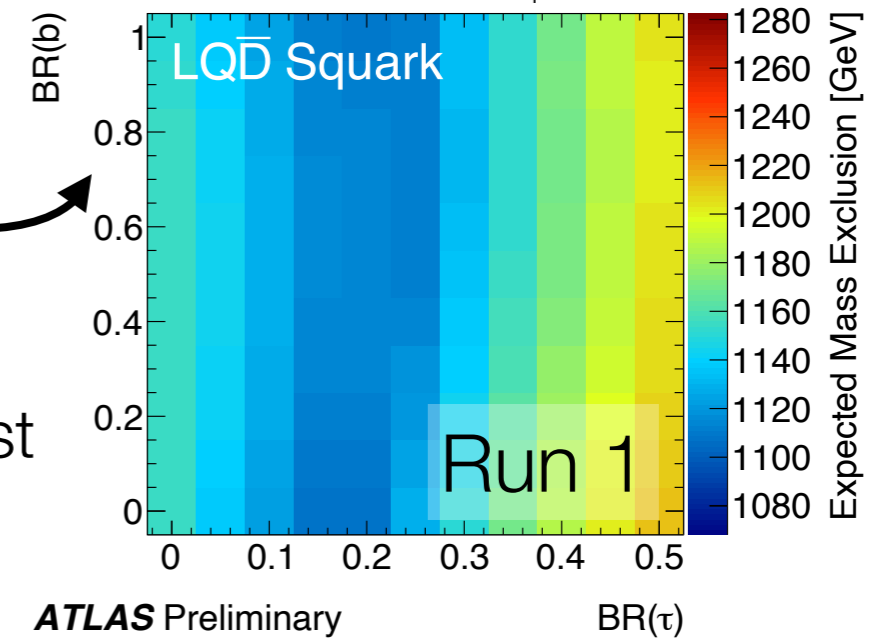


Analysis reach varies with final state flavours...

... and mass splittings: no Run 1 exclusions for largest splittings

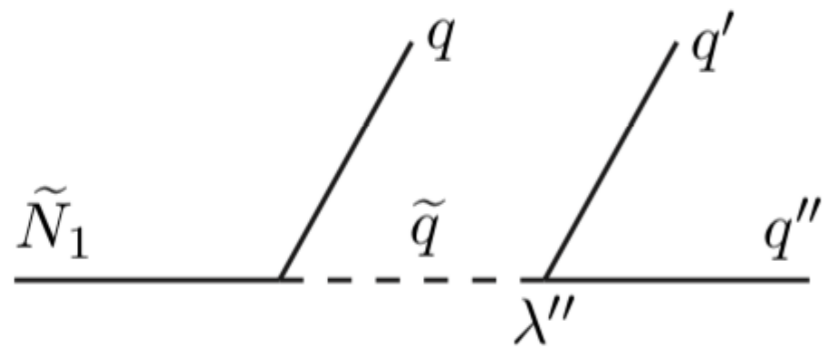


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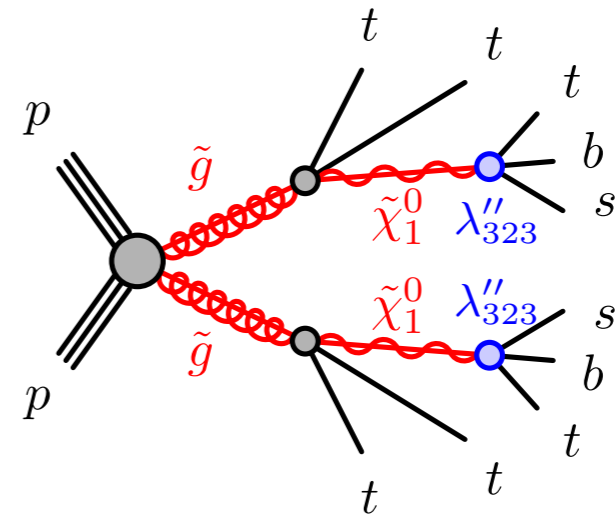


- Couple quarks to leptons and neutrinos: get LSP decay to jets and  $l/\nu$
- Small  $\lambda'$ : long-lived  $N_1$  leads to displaced jets; coverage from DV analyses
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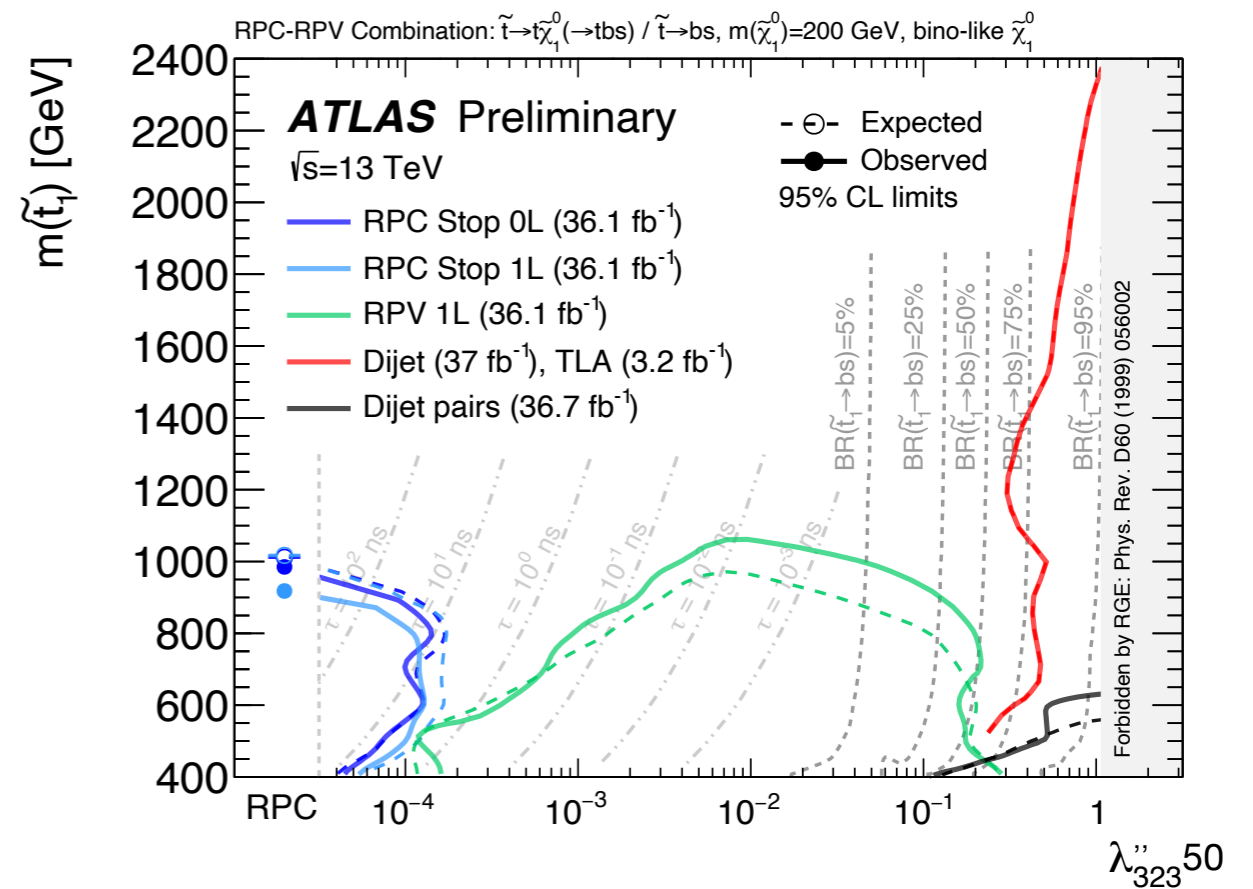
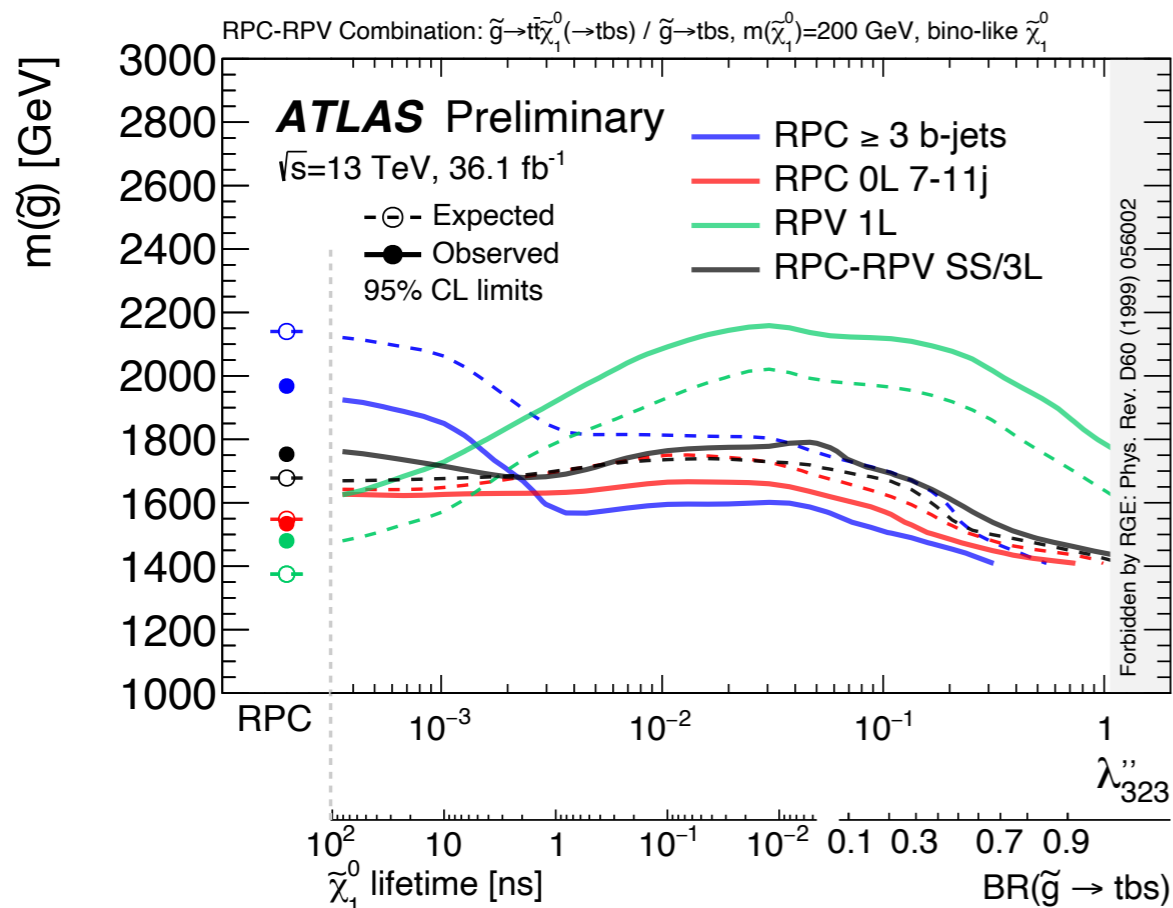
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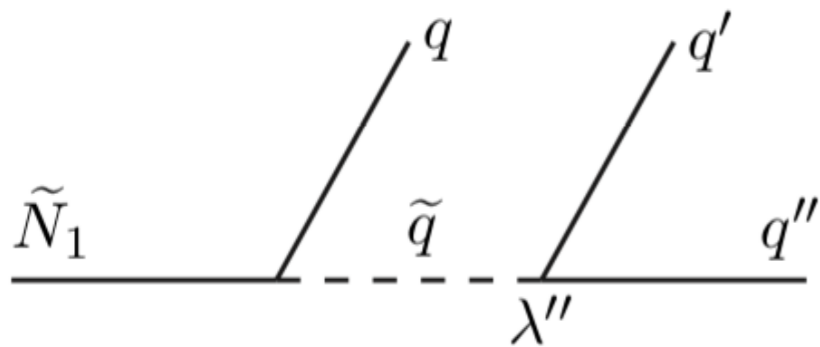
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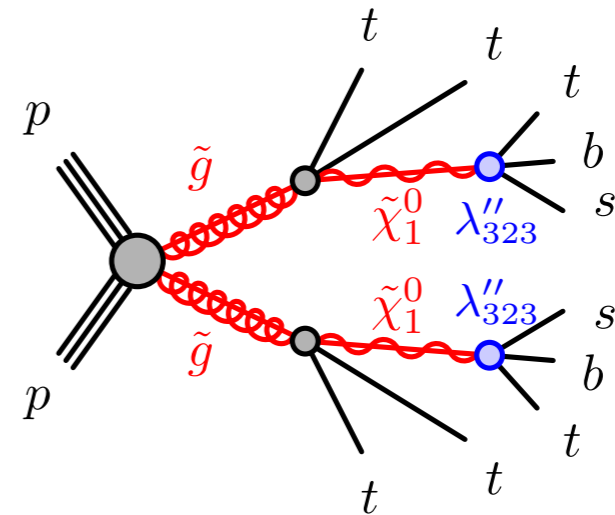
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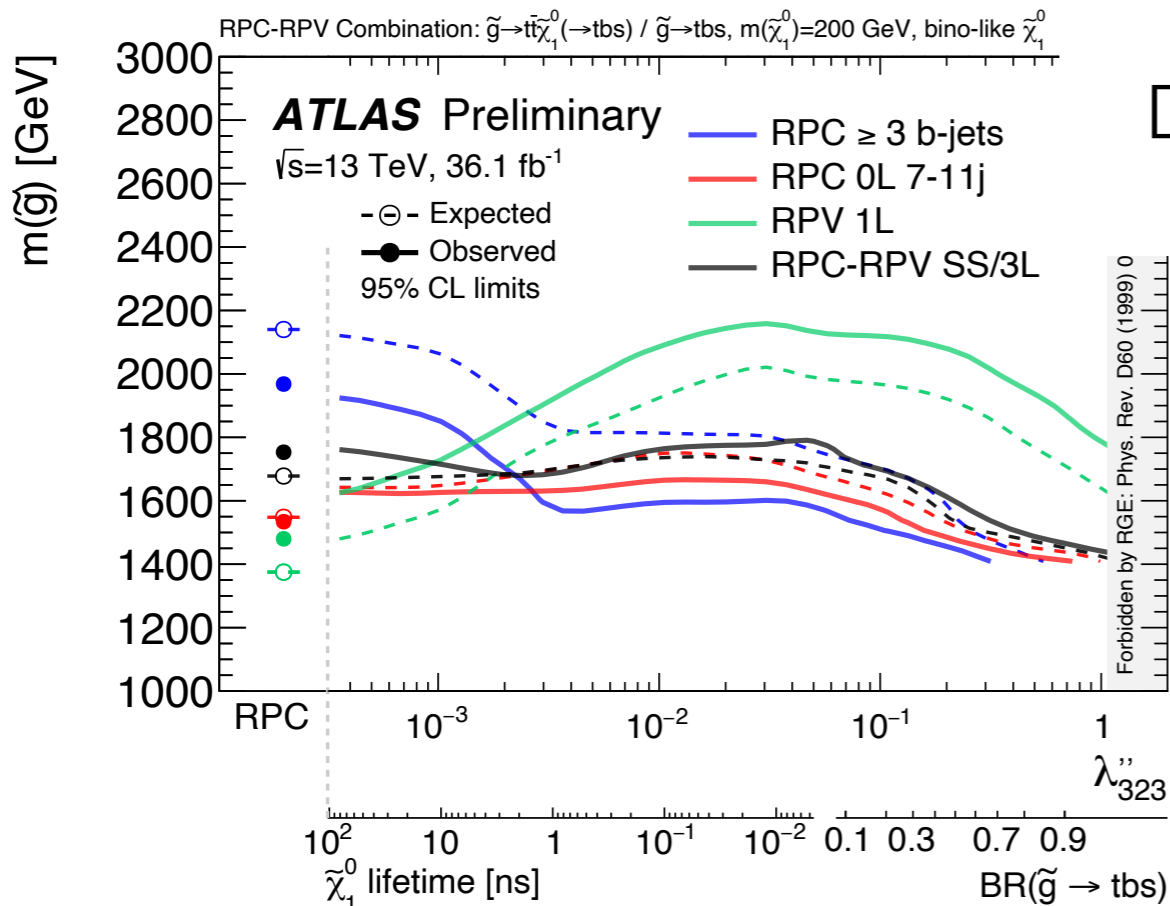
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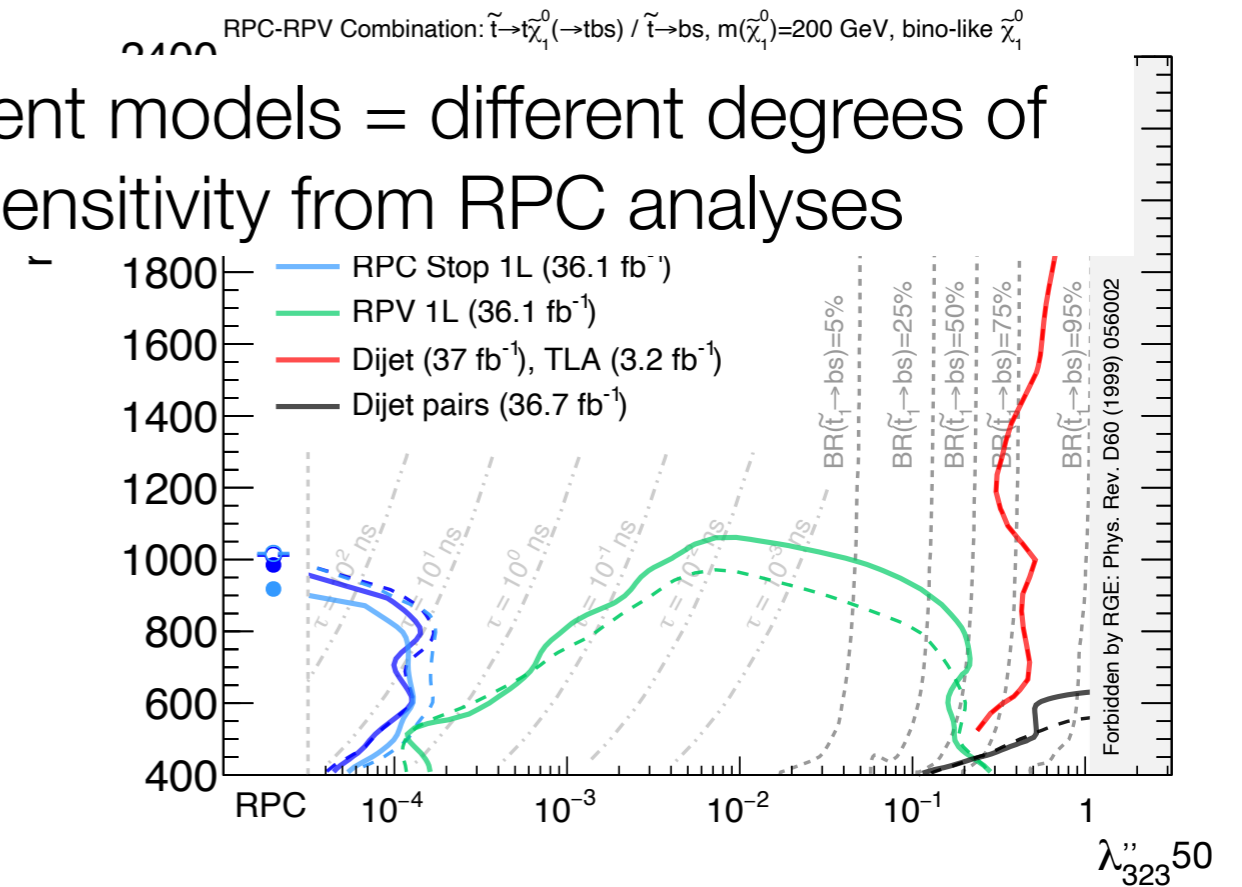
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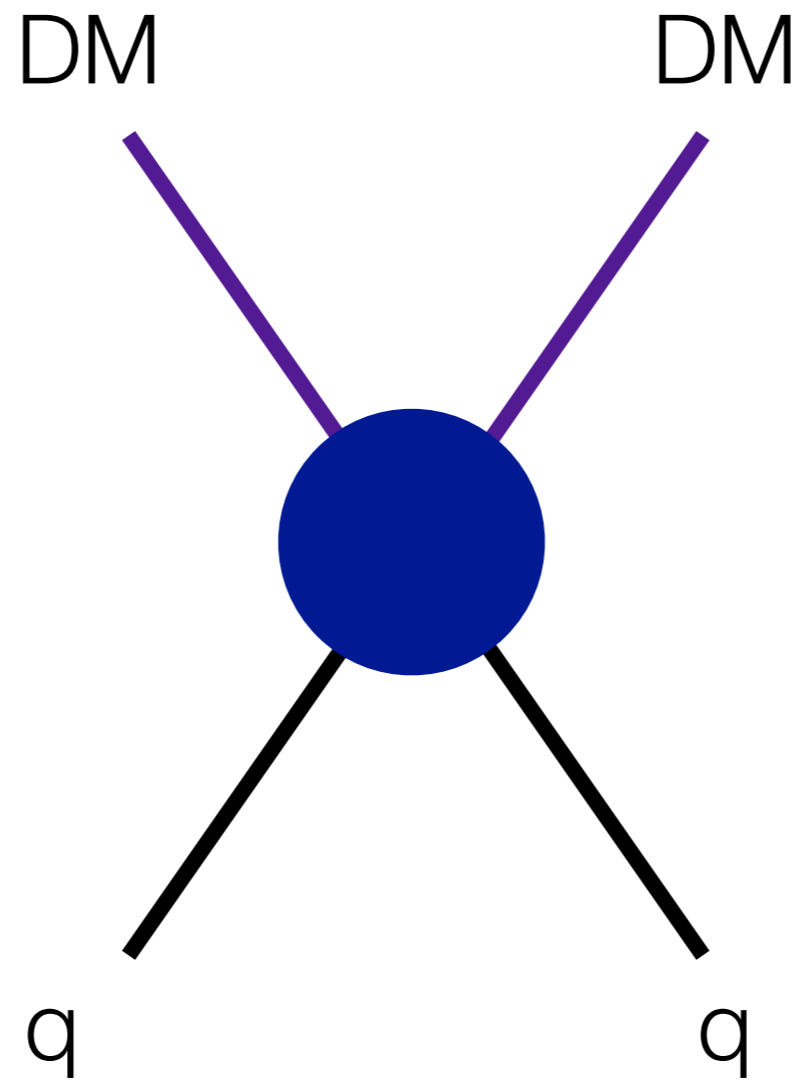


Different models = different degrees of sensitivity from RPC analyses



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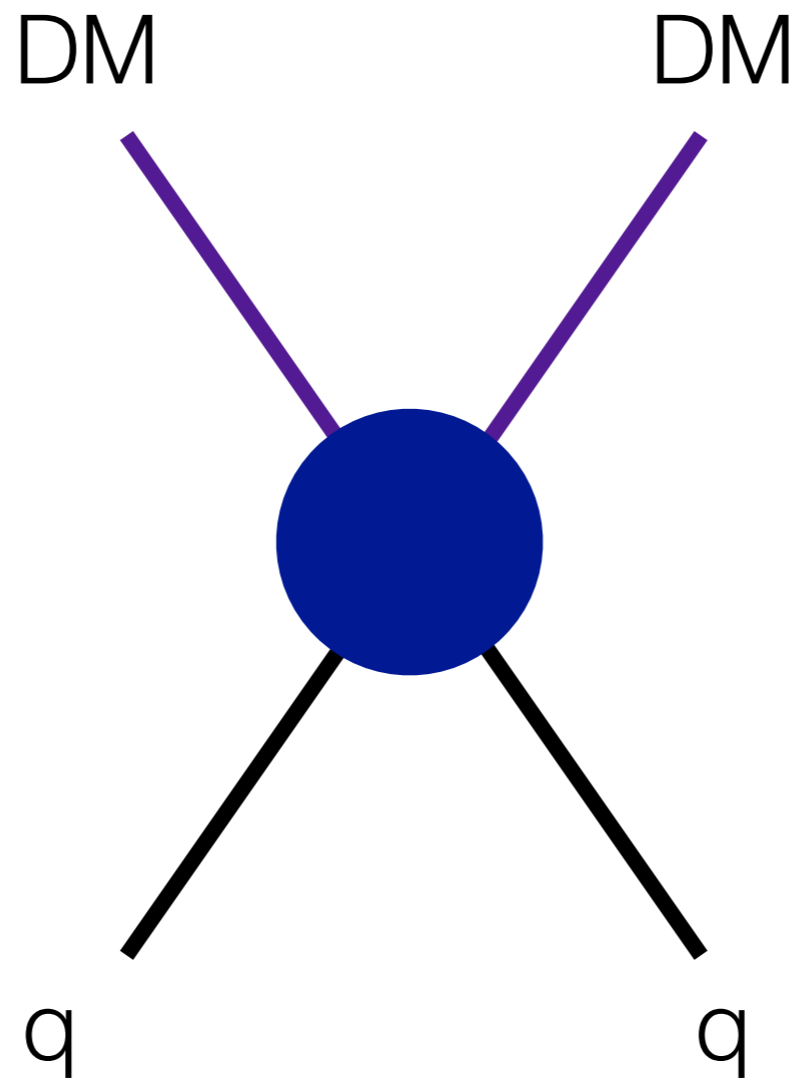
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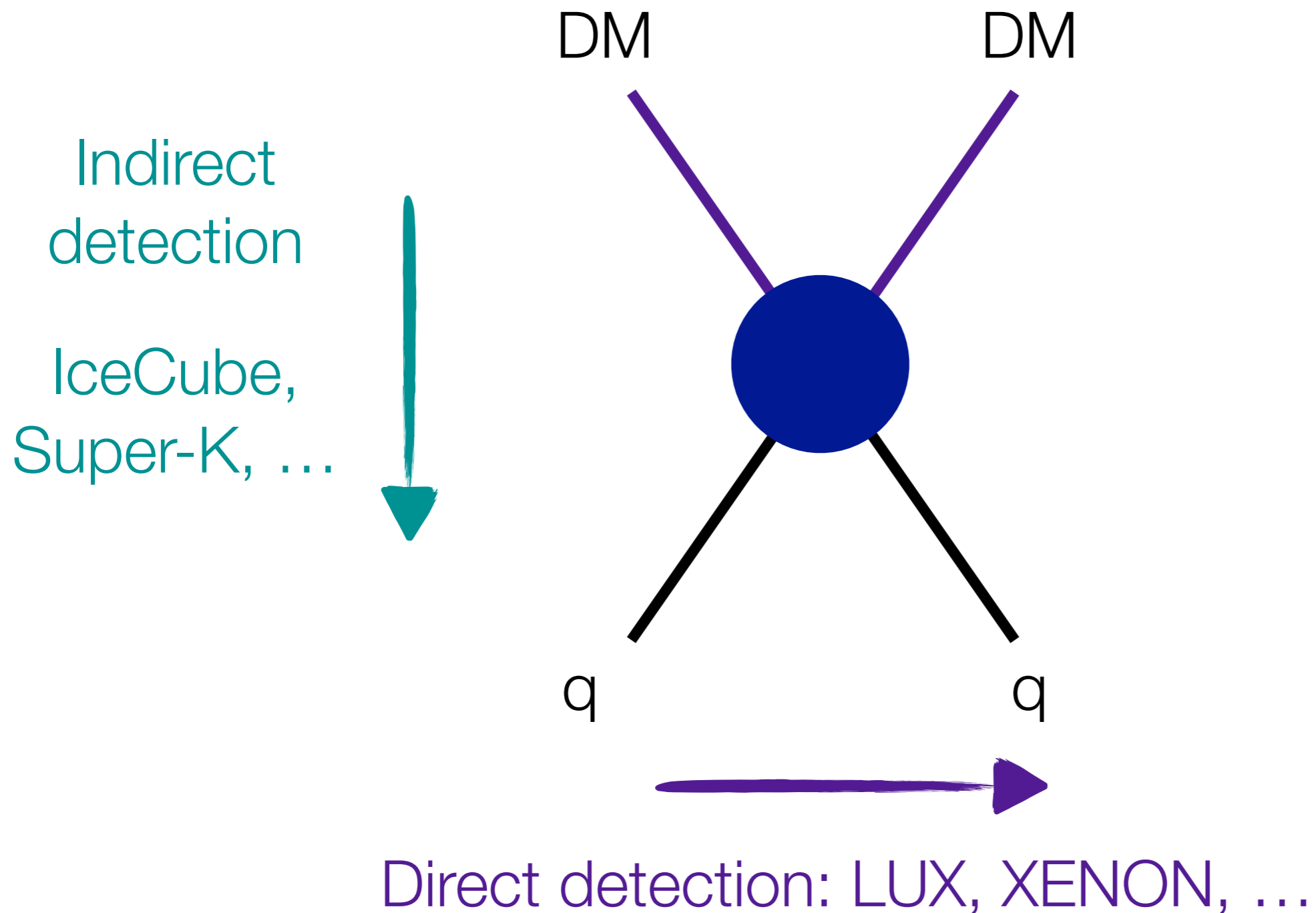
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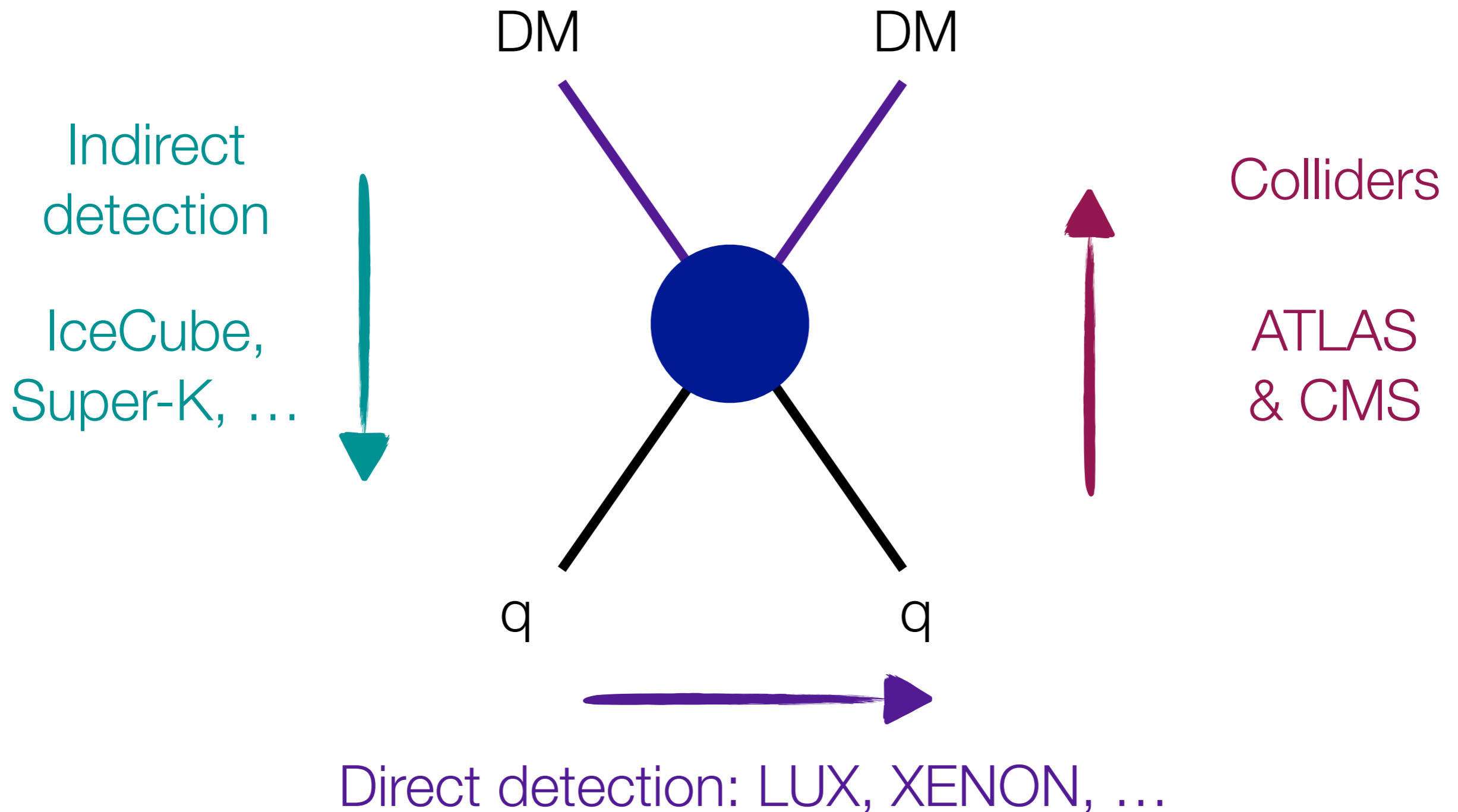
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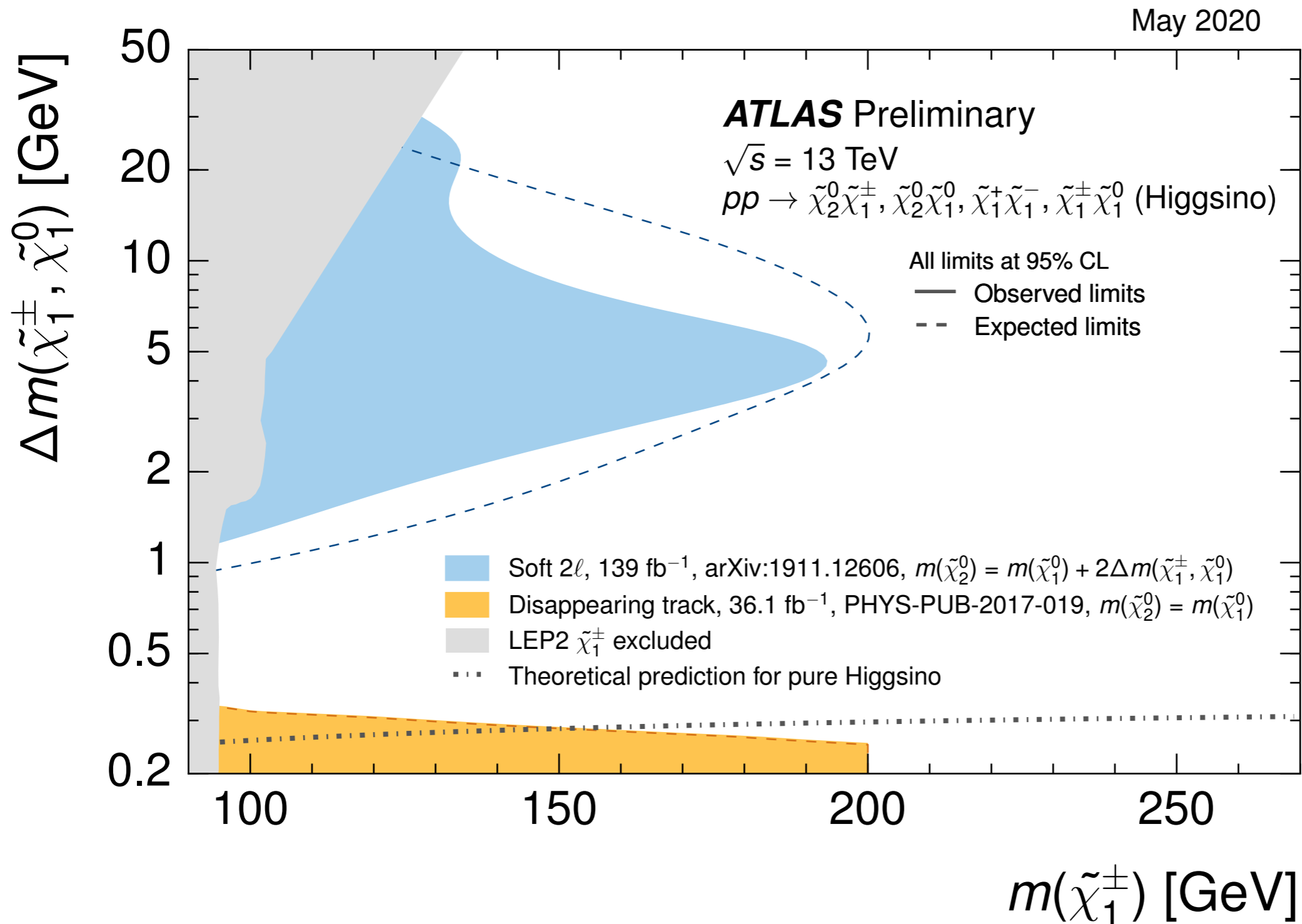


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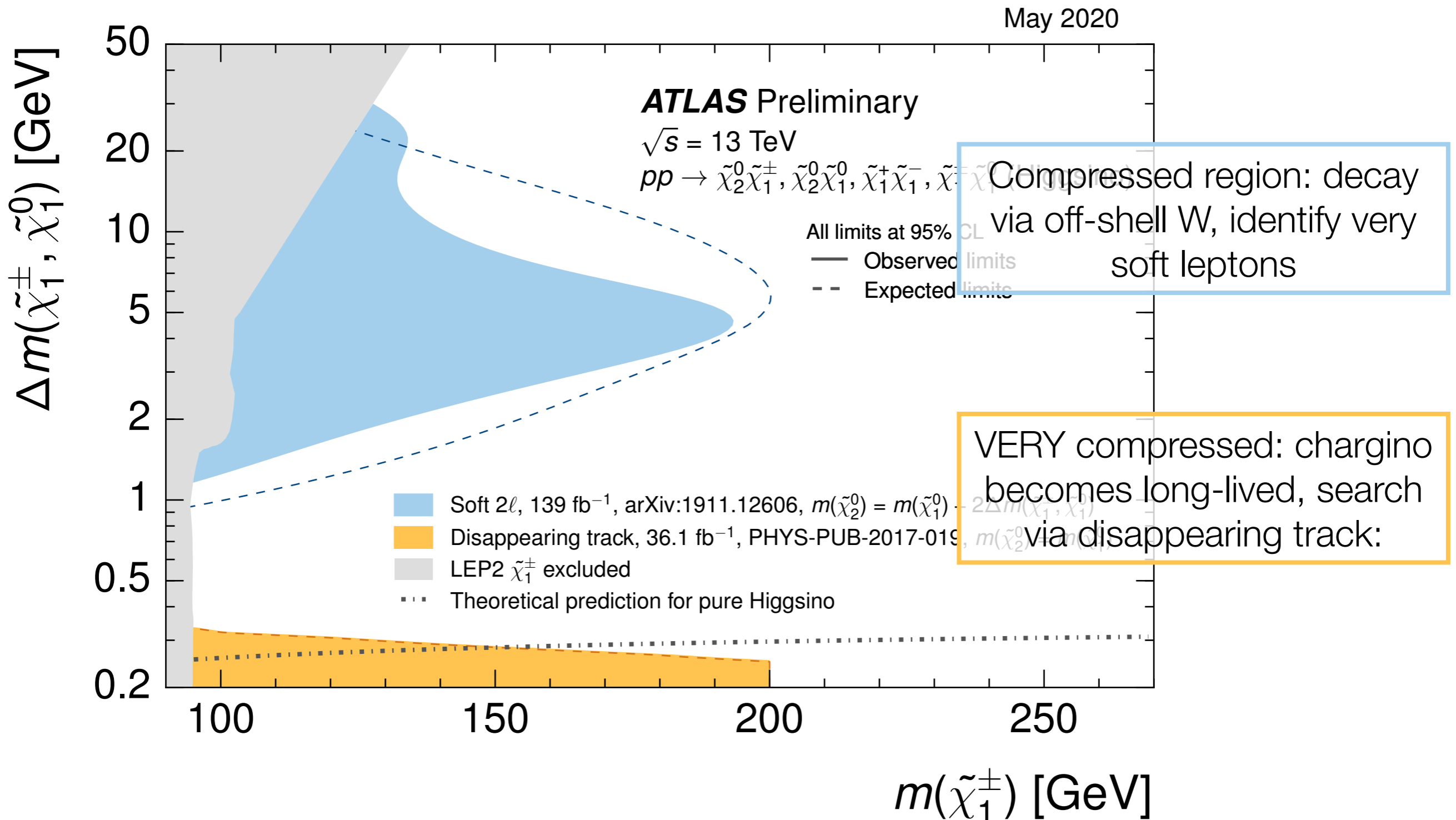
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- Gravitino takes over as most likely dark matter candidate
- RPV would allow its decay, but proportionally to gravitational coupling, and thus the lifetime is really really long
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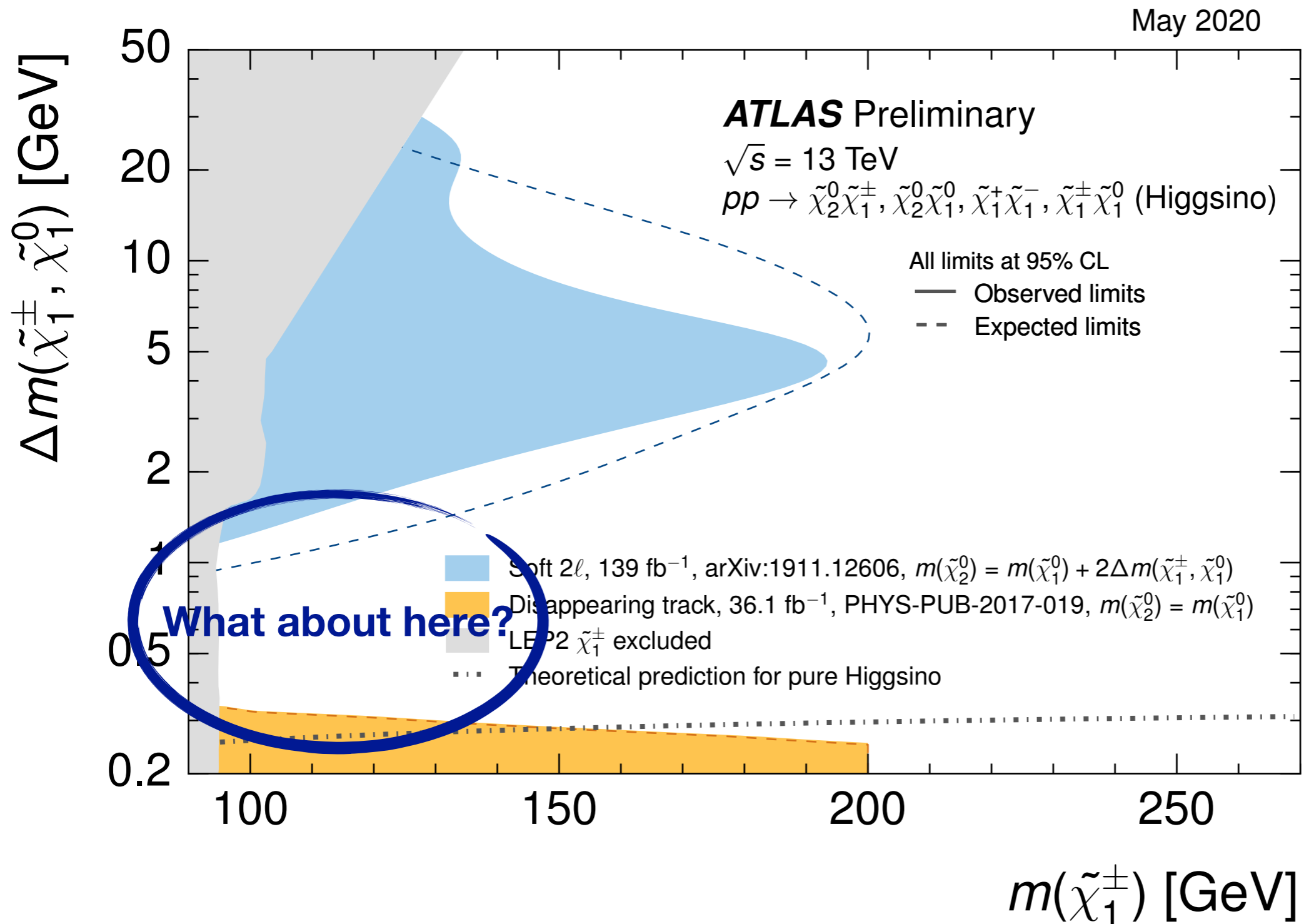
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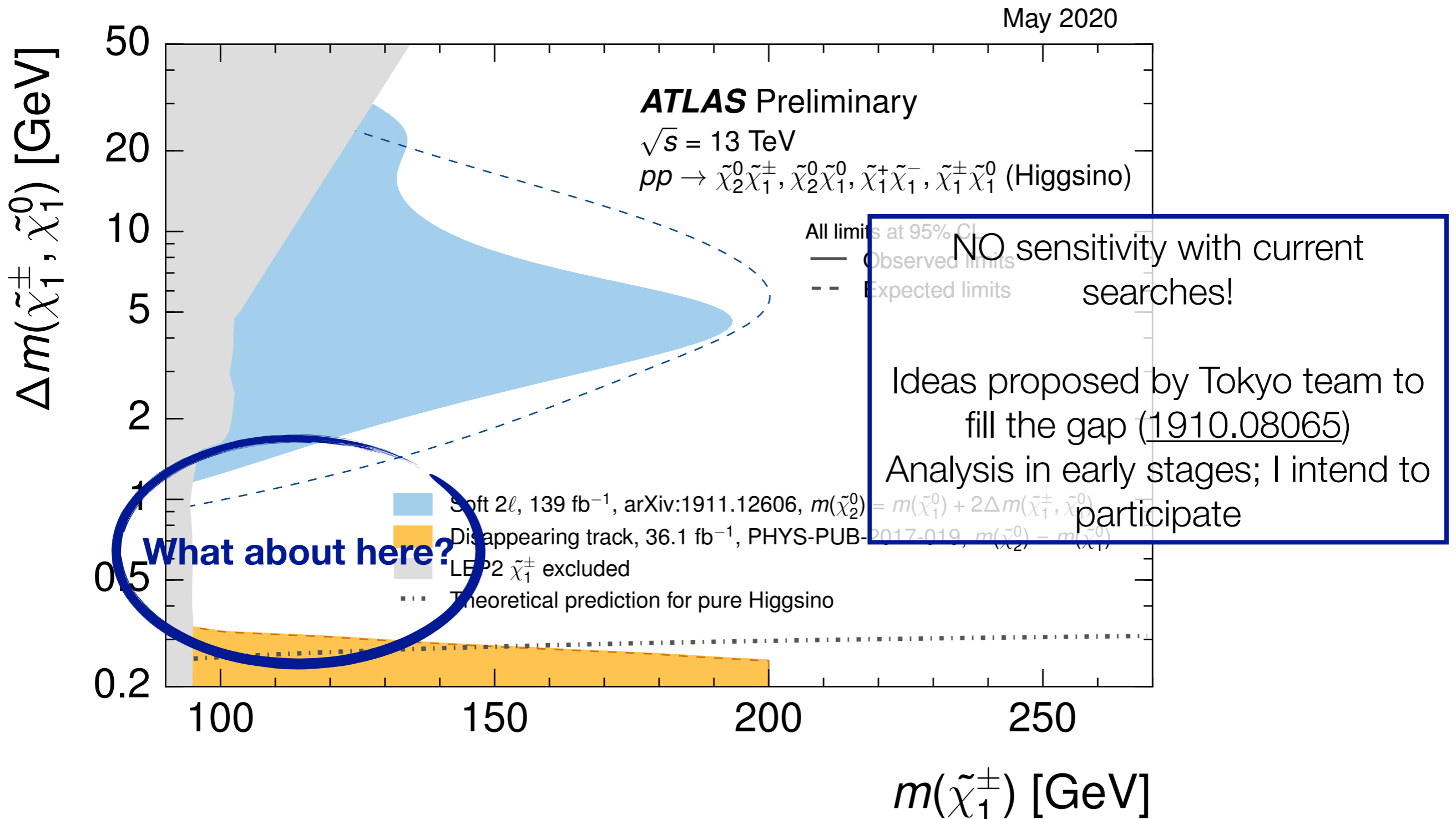
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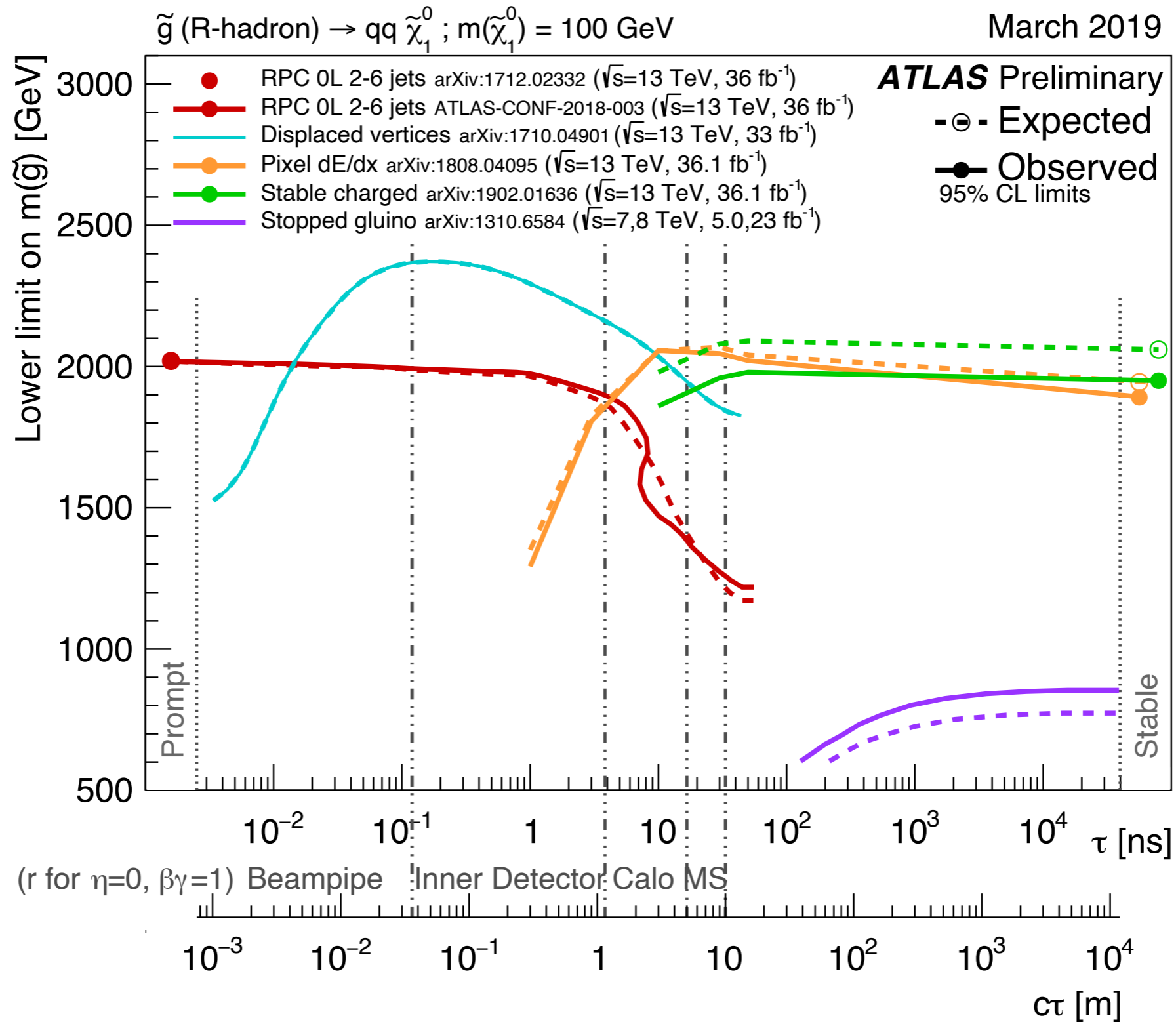
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# Why standard searches don't suffice



# What is a trigger?

Data leaves detector at 40 MHz:  
way more than we can  
process and store!

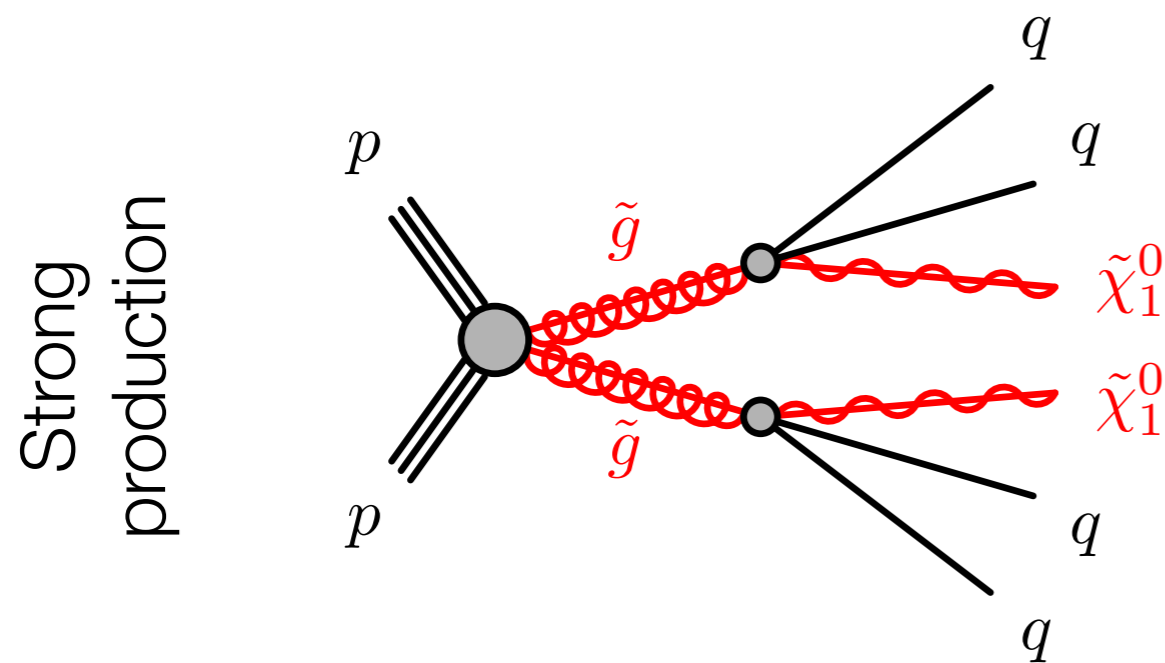
Hardware L1 trigger reduces  
flow to 100 kHz

Software HLT passes  
~1 kHz: 40,000 x less

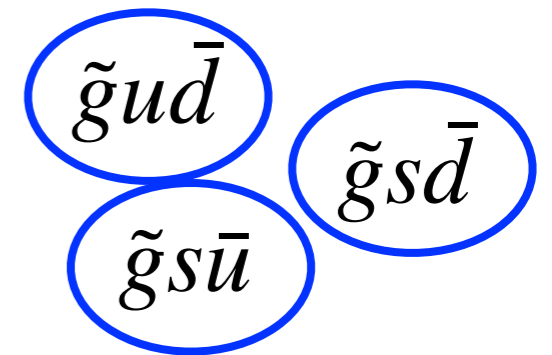
A perfect drop of physics!



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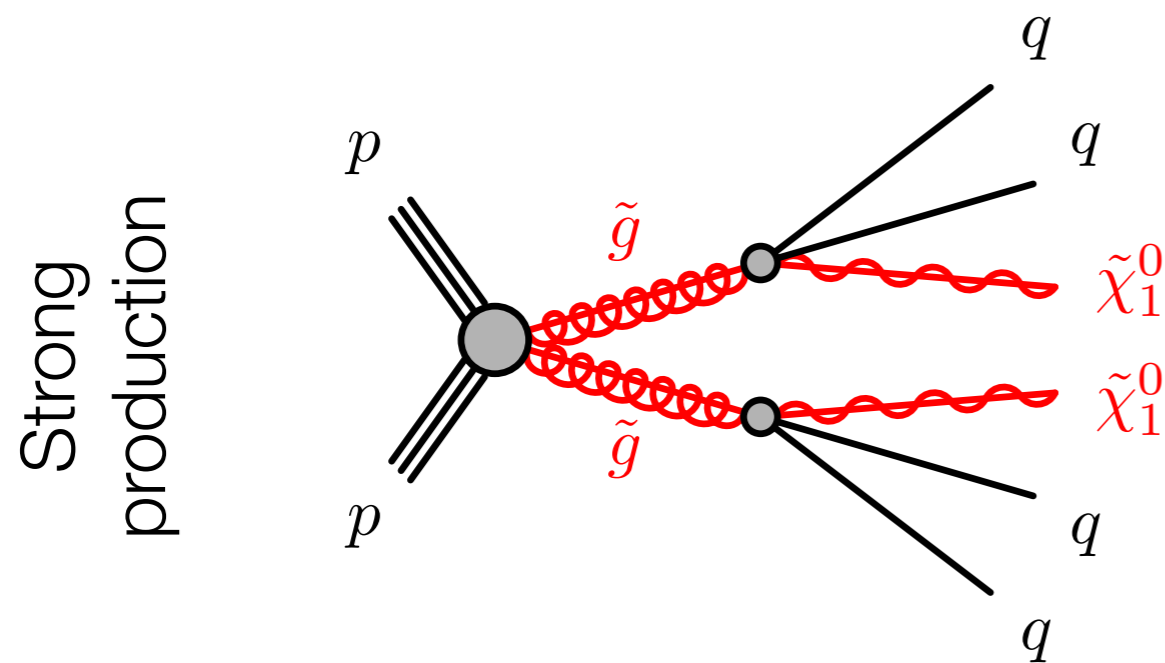
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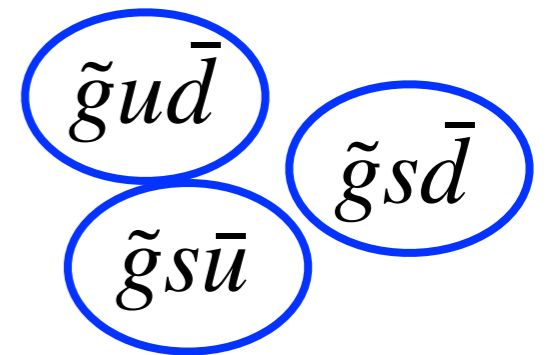


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Our gluino isn't charged... but all strongly charged particles must hadronise

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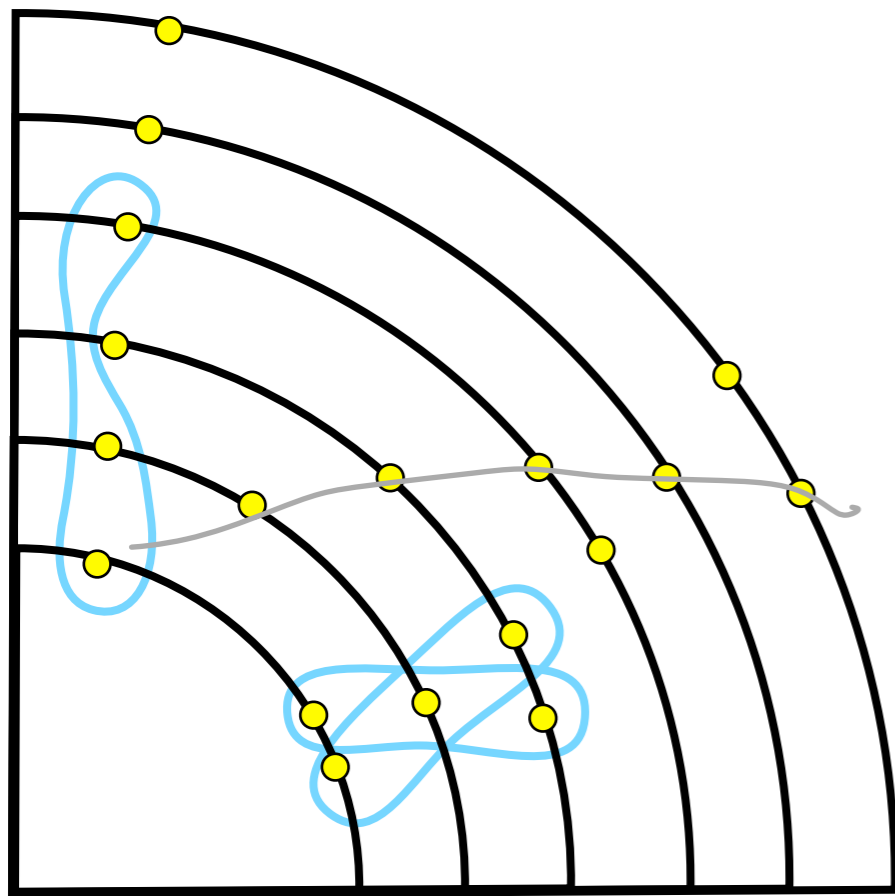
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# Cosmic ray vetos

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- ~70% of cosmic events in ATLAS reconstructed as two muons. Remainder are missing top half (timing identified as backward-going).
- In these cases, use muon spectrometer hits to check opposite a reconstructed muon
  - Use direction from spectrometer hits to do matching, rather than  $\eta/\phi$  w.r.t. origin
- Additional veto for cases where incoming muon would have passed through non-instrumented slice at  $\eta=0$
- Efficiency for eliminating cosmics = 99.7% as tested in cosmic run

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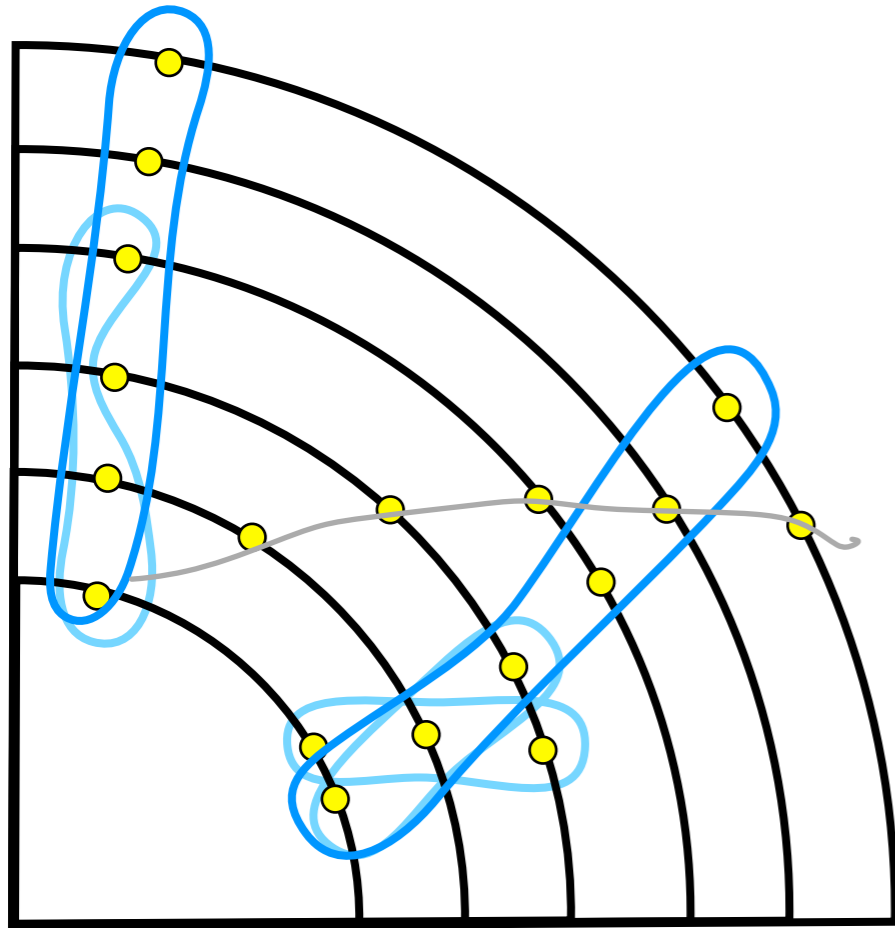


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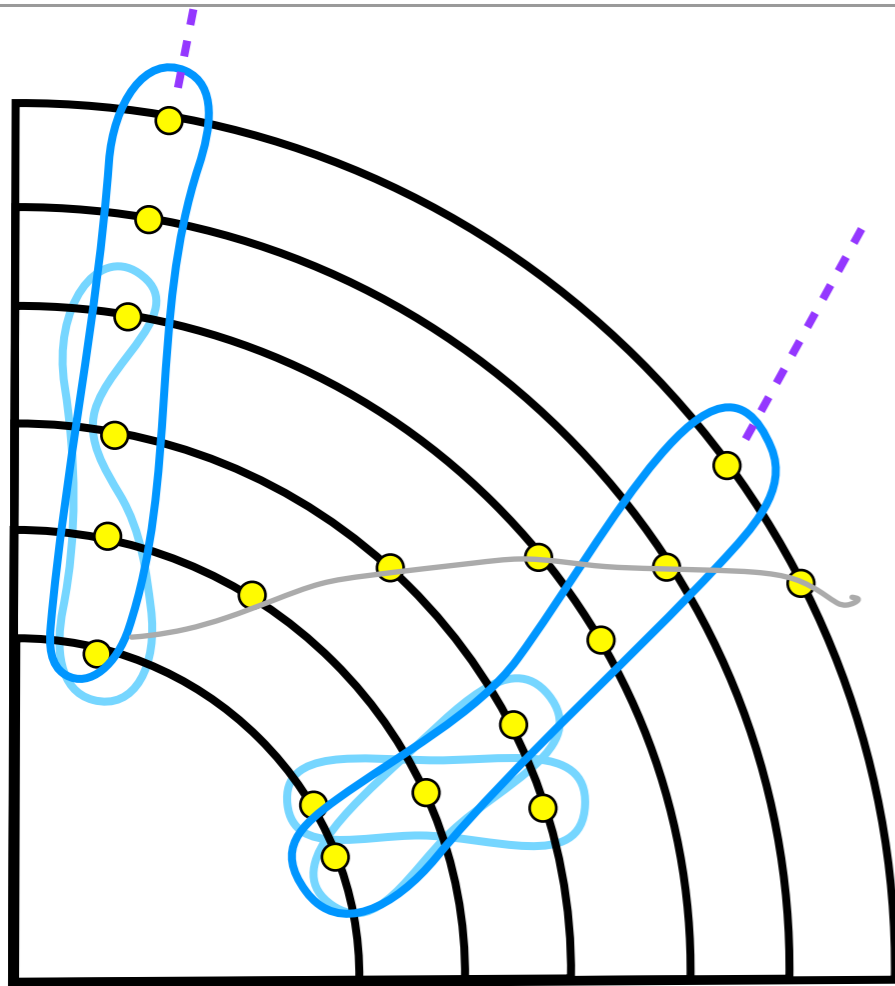


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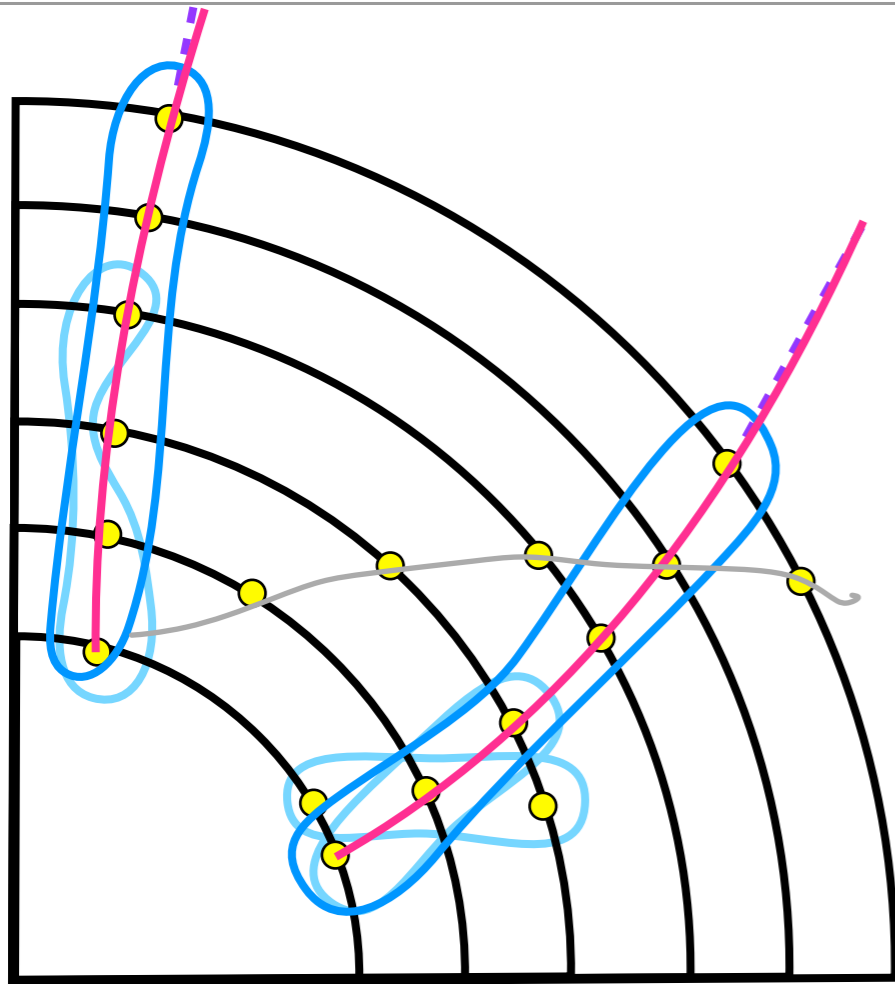


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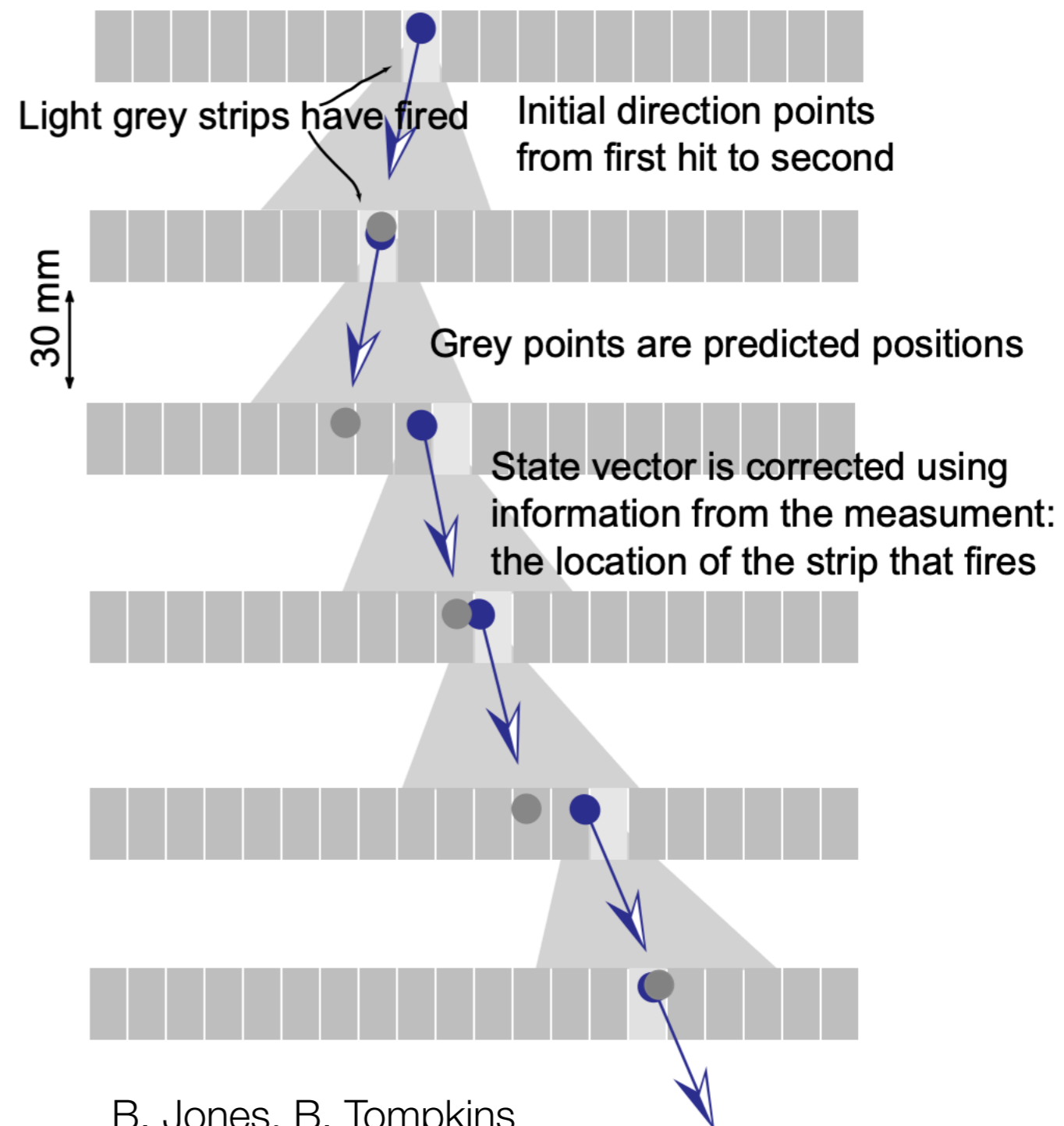
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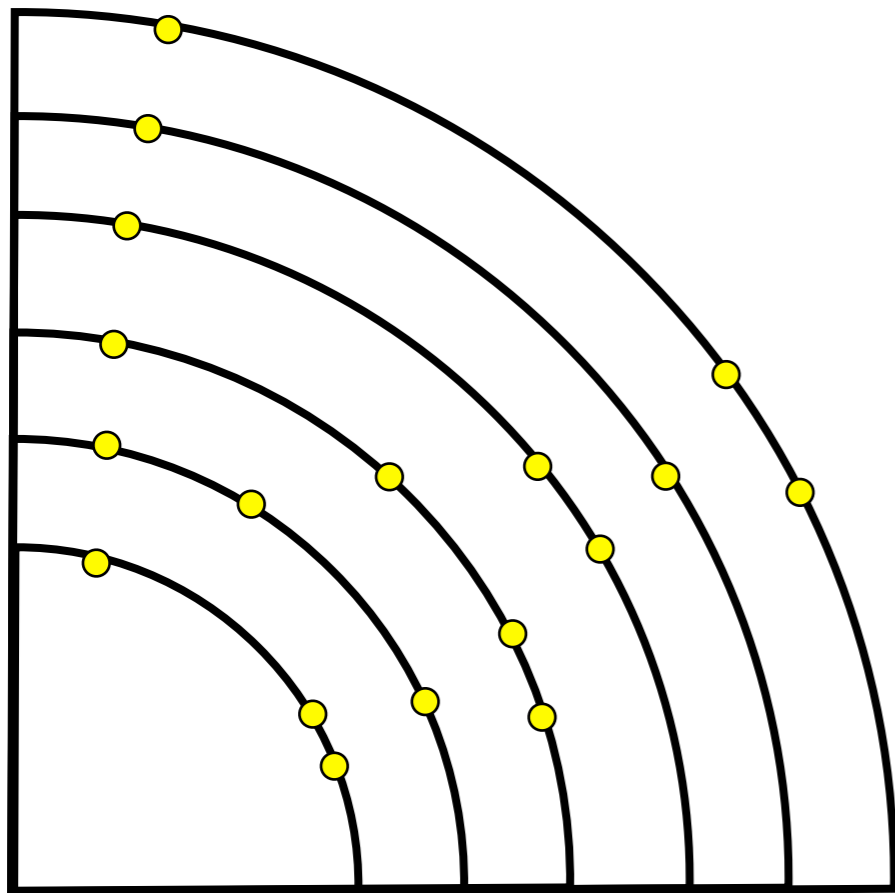
# What's a Kalman filter?

- “Linear quadratic estimation”. Algorithm which uses set of points to predict next point in the set using joint probability distribution of those already observed.
- Prediction step, then once next point is added, taken into account and probability distribution adjusted.

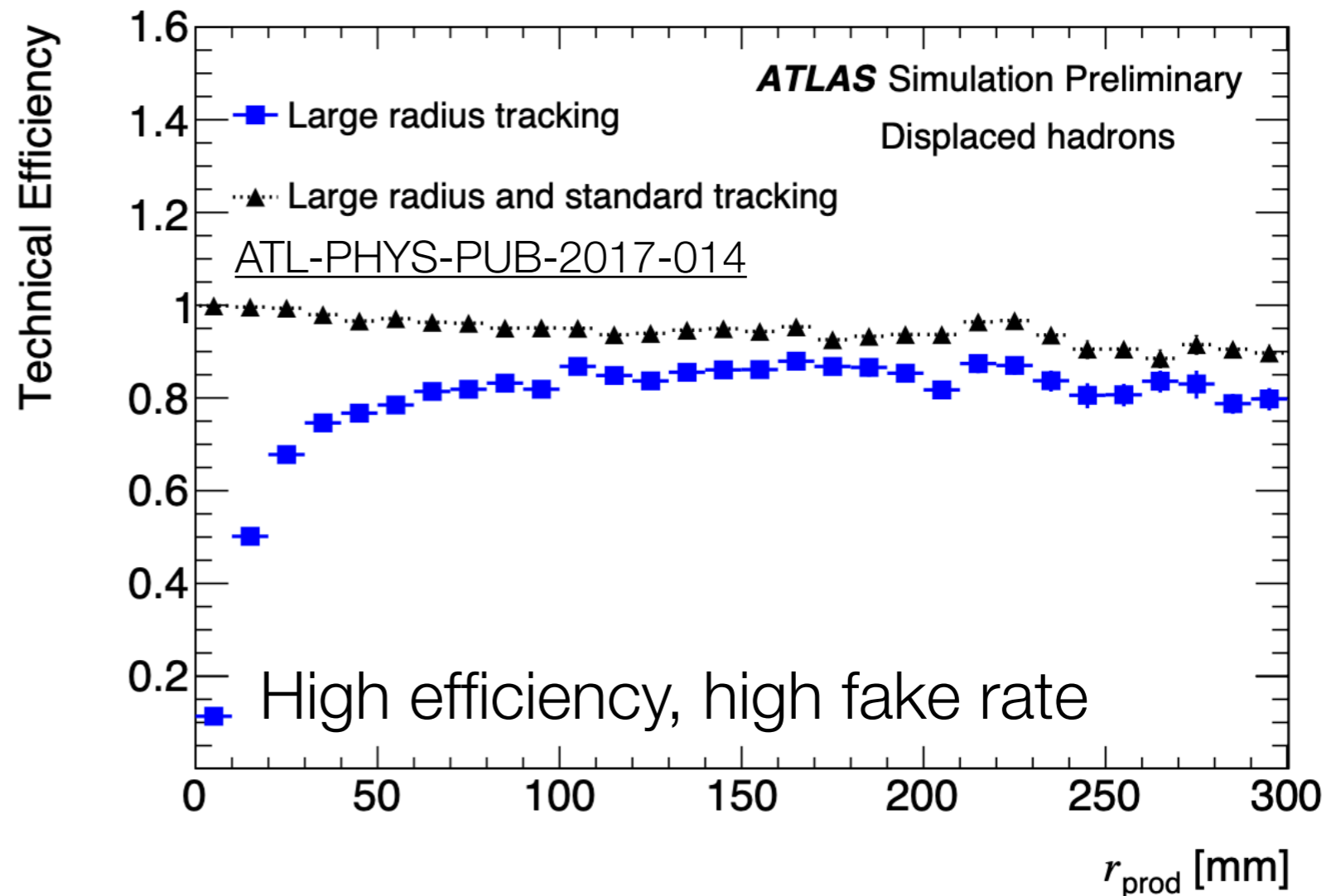


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# Large-radius tracking in ATLAS



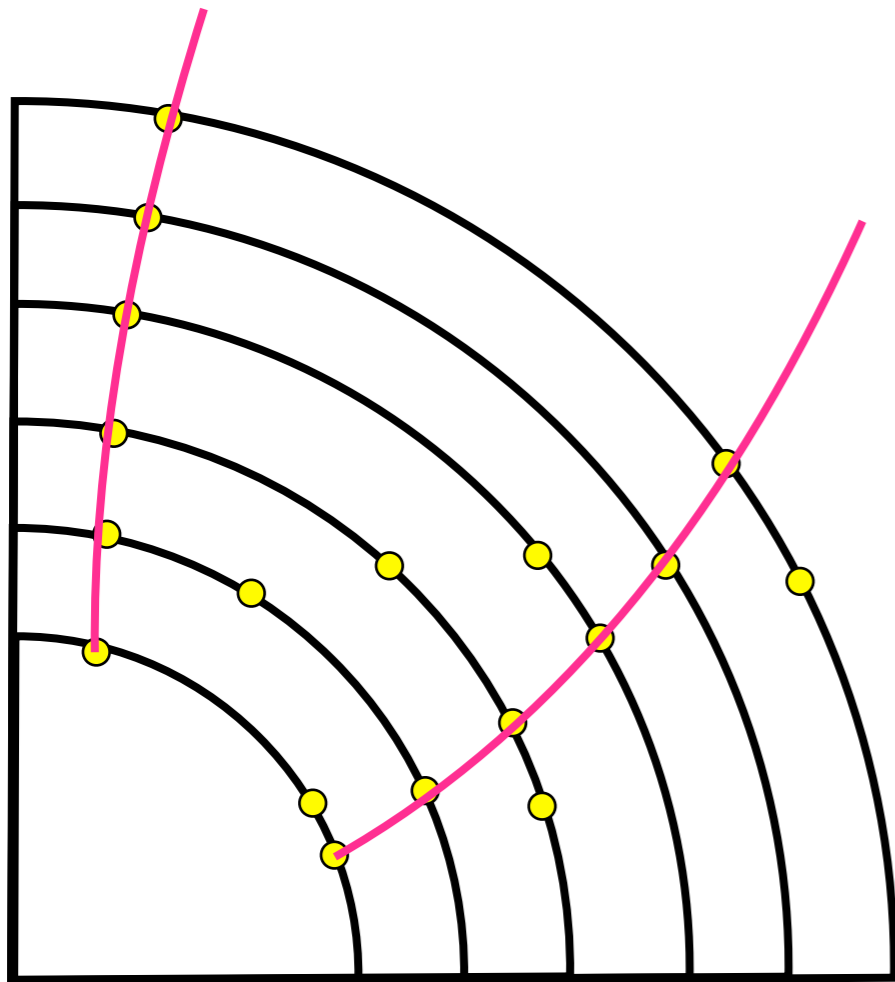
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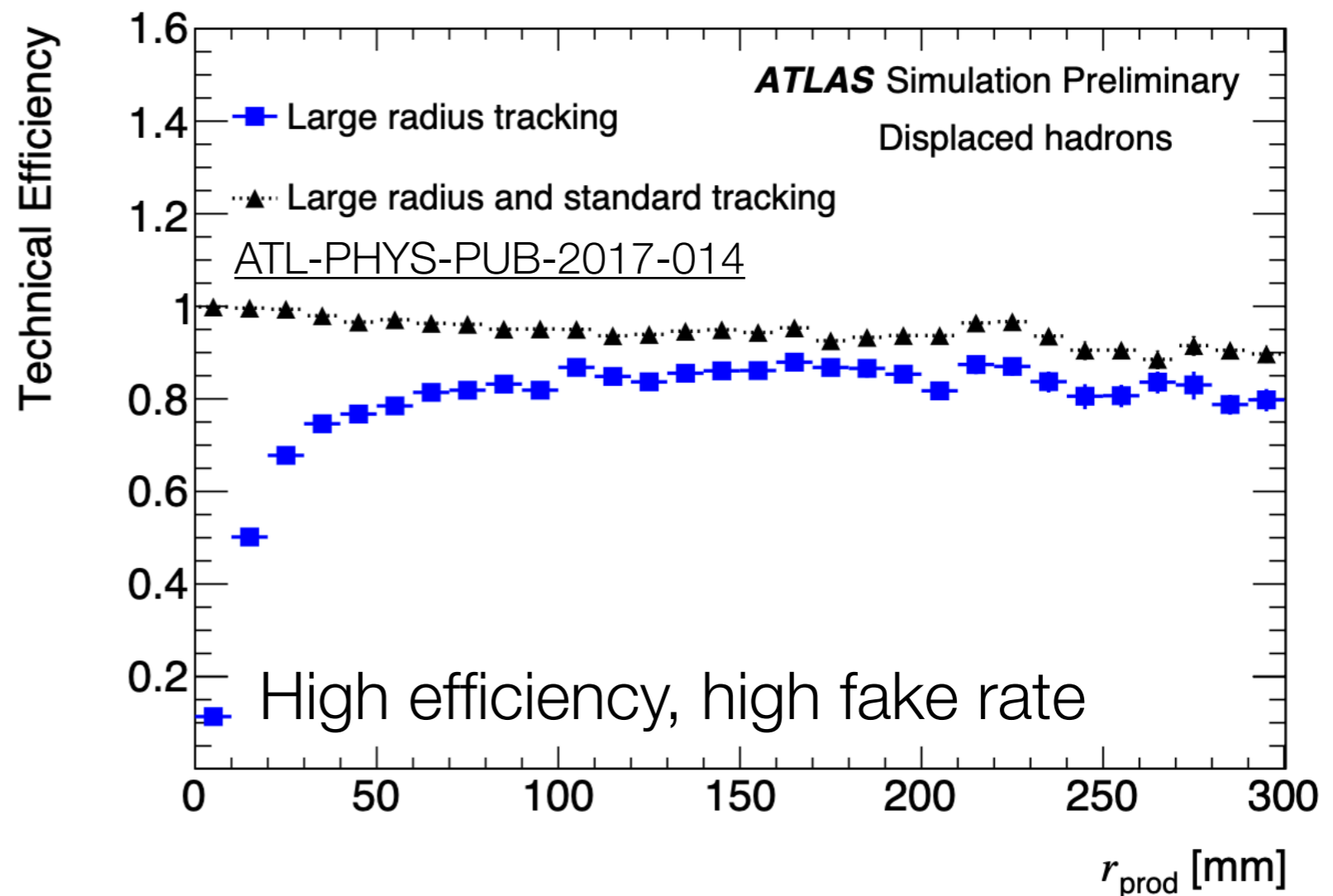
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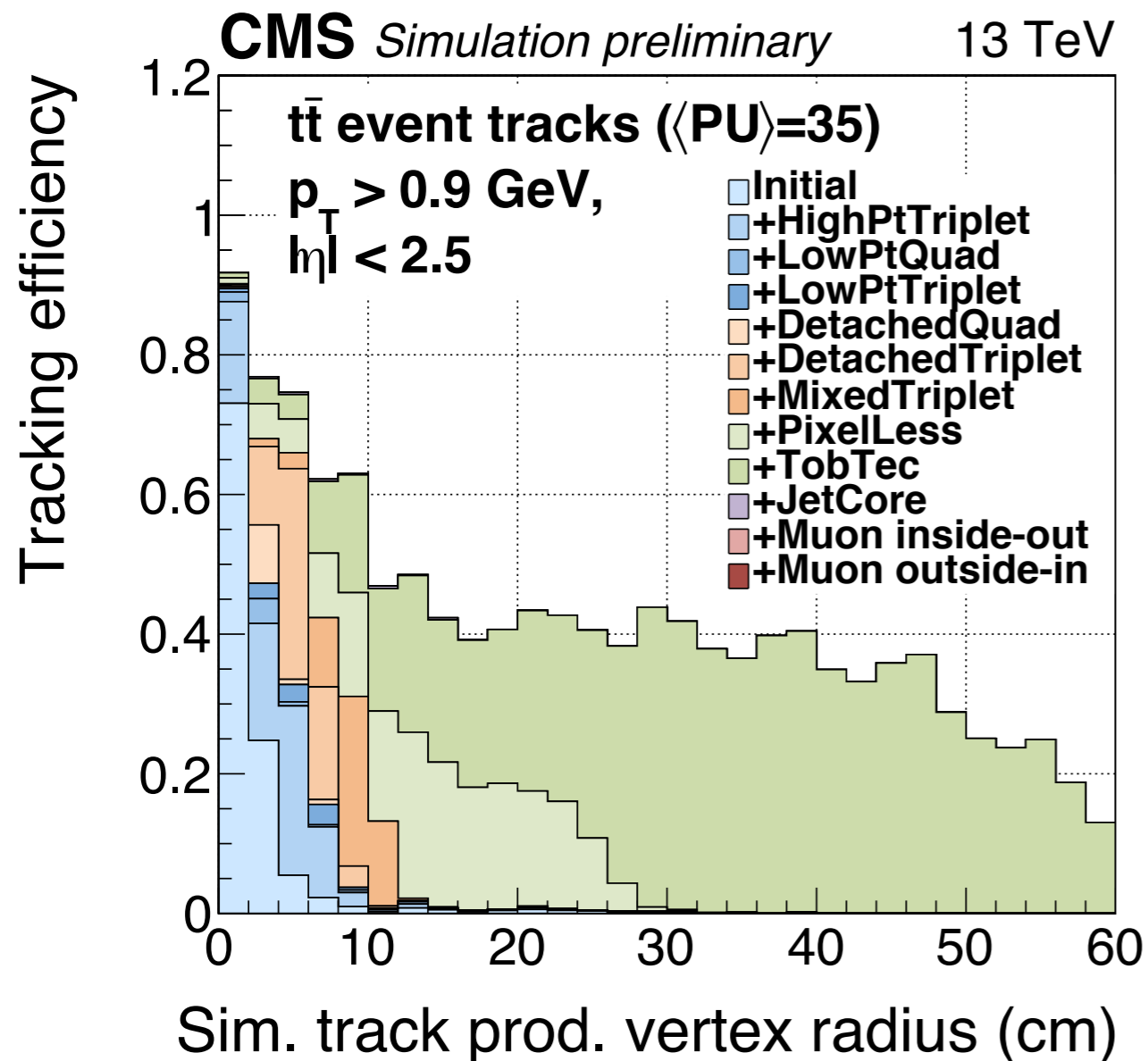
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# Large radius tracking and ATLAS data flow

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- LRT is slow and has a high fake rate: can not run in default reconstruction
- Instead, define filters based on standard reconstruction to identify some fraction of events (currently  $\sim 10\%$ )
- These events are separately reconstructed from RAW with all machinery of interest to long lived particle searches
- Get to keep all tracks selected by LRT, but need to sacrifice some events to keep rates low. Adds a trigger-like layer of inefficiency to analyses requiring LRT

# Large-radius tracking in CMS



Lower efficiency, lower fake rate  
Efficiency sacrifice worth it to  
get to run in all data!

- Large radius tracking run as part of *standard reconstruction* in CMS
- Tracking in 4 steps (seeding, track finding, fitting, selecting good tracks) repeated many times with loosening restrictions. Each pass, used points are removed
- This reduces combinatorics for next pass. Large-radius tracks allowed as late iterations.

# ATLAS track triggers in Run 3

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- Cancellation of FTK project means need to find an alternative form of pileup suppression in Run 3
- Proposal: full-scan tracking above some  $p_T$  threshold (TBD) for events passing jet or MET L1 trigger
- This allows rejection of pileup jet triggered events and more accurate MET
- Tracking in trigger runs within ROIs: even full scan. Identify ROI, use modified fast tracking (different seed finding, fast Kalman filter) to get initial candidates. Offline ambiguity solver produces precision tracks. Probably sacrifice precision tracks in Run 3.
- Tracking in trigger is an opportunity for LLPs - can use MET or jet L1 to seed custom trigger - but it is also a hazard: rejection of jets with tracks not associated to PV could kill displaced signals. Studies ongoing.

# ATLAS track trigger in Runs 4-5

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- HTT (hardware track trigger) current plan but up in the air: details will depend on readout speed of ITk components.
  - Pattern matching in AM chips
  - First and second stage tracking done by FPGAs
- L1Track: 4 MHz rate, can fit tracks with  $p_T > 4$  GeV. First stage fit only, happens in ROI. Can be done on  $\sim 10\%$  of detector.
- Global HTT: Second stage (HLT) tracking to be done in full detector using similar associative memory pattern matching. Can run on  $\sim 10\%$  of events as requested by Event Filter
- Option to replace global HTT with CPUs if performance and computing budget seem comparable

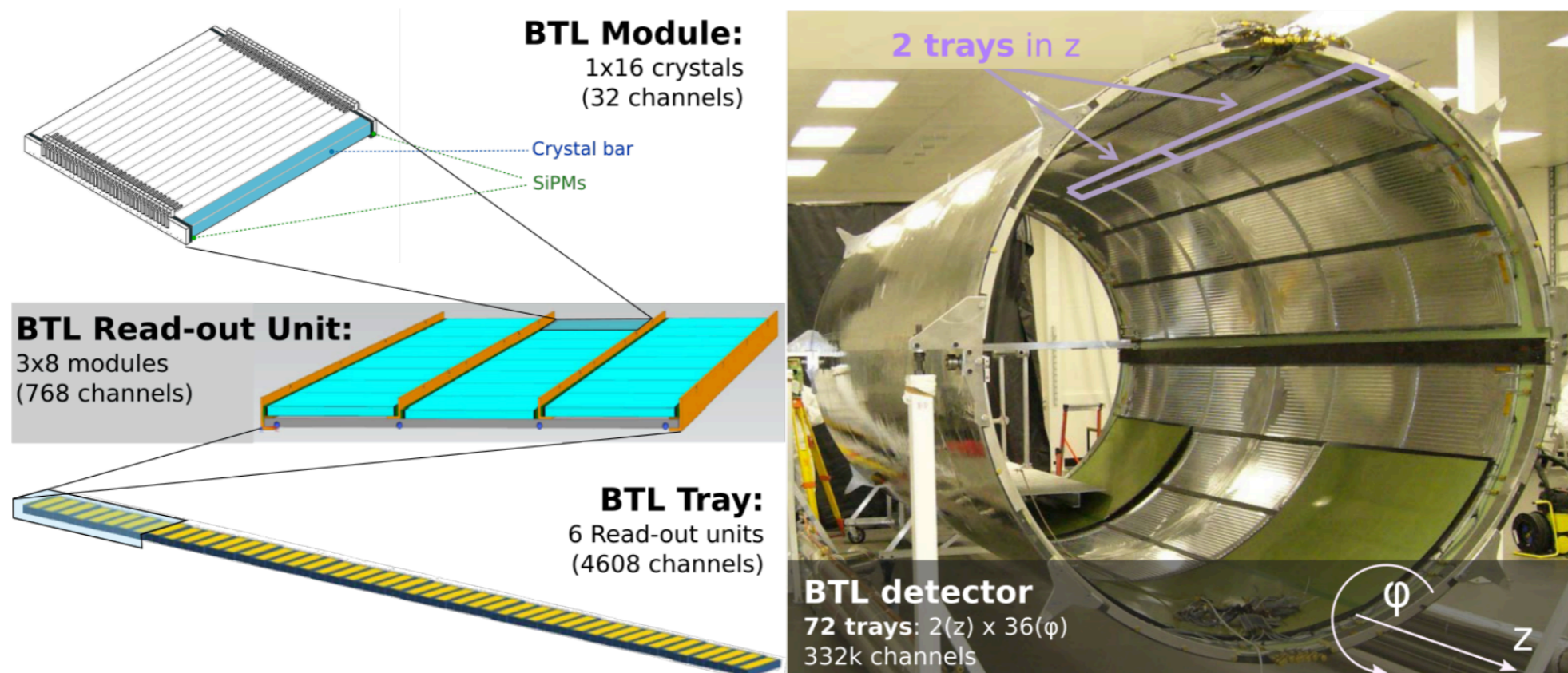
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- Hardware level at run 1: “stubs” in outer tracker
  - Assume we have a track originating from beam and passing through two closely spaced tracking layers. Pass if two hits + beamline compatible with high pT track
  - FPGA-based second stage will extend stubs into track candidates. Two algorithms being tested, so far similar performance: extending stubs geometrically into tracklets, or Hough transforms + Kalman filters.
- Software at HLT
  - Moving to GPUs allows many-thread processing
  - New algorithms plus smart data formatting/accessing tunes for GPUs make most efficient use of it

# MIP timing detector

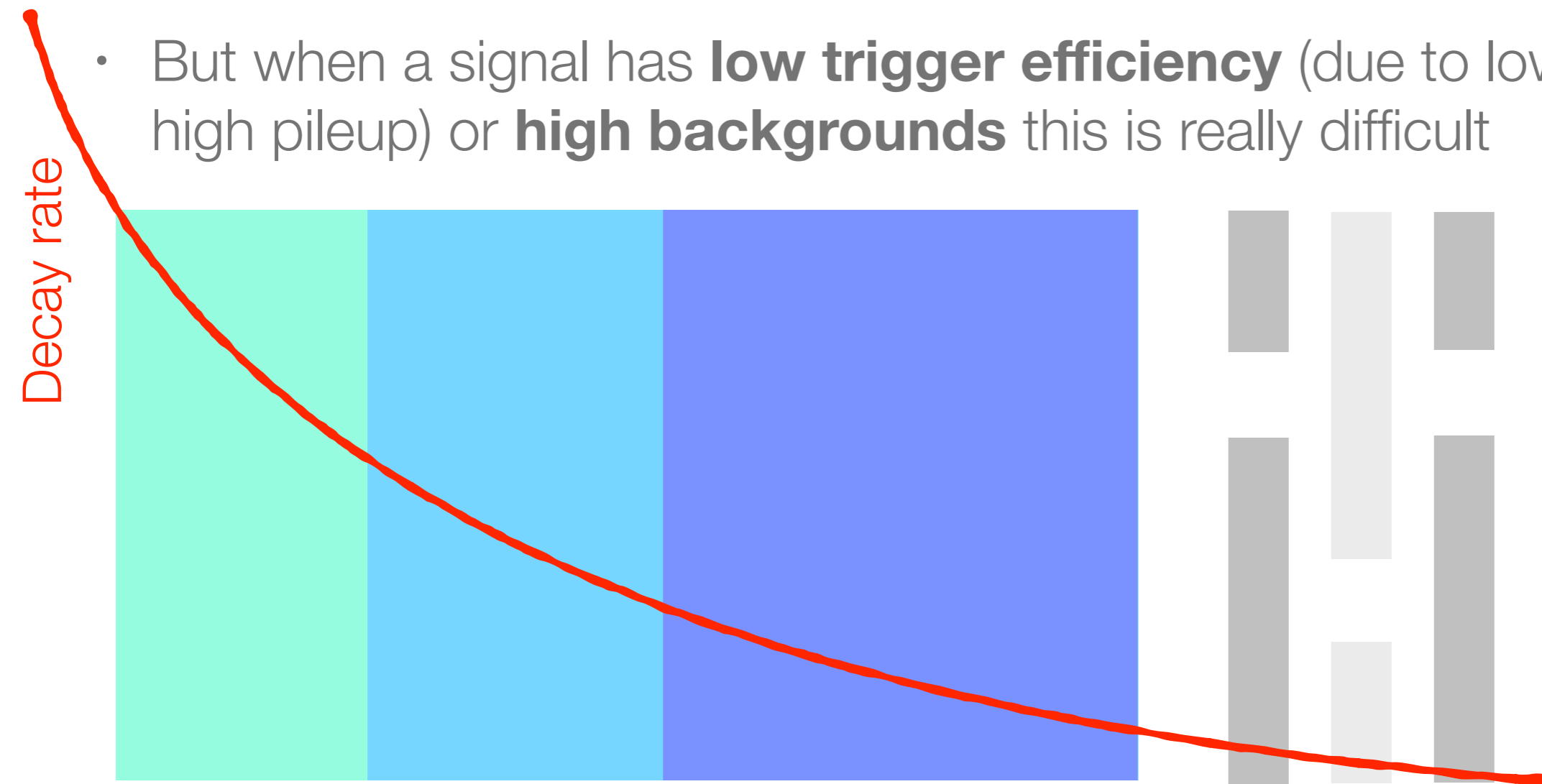
- Resolution  $\sim 30$  ps in timing and  $\sim 3$ mm in z direction
- Barrel coverage (ATLAS only has forward coverage with HGTD): therefore can use for centrally produced LLPs
- Lutetium-yttrium orthosilicate crystals (LYSO) + silicon photomultipliers



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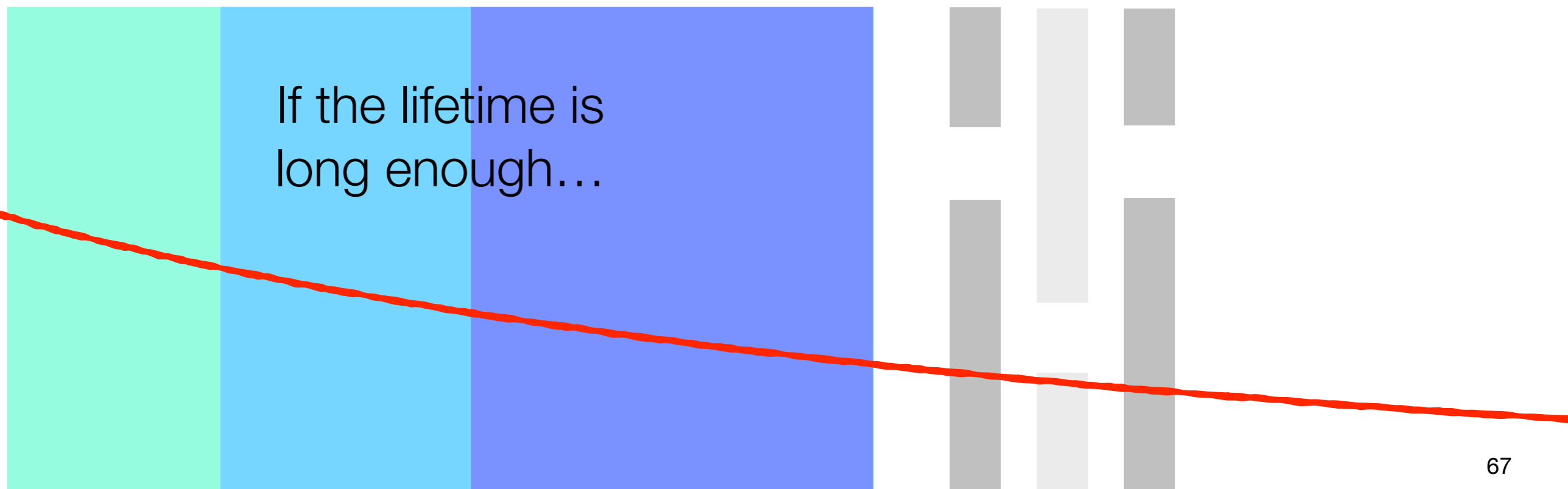


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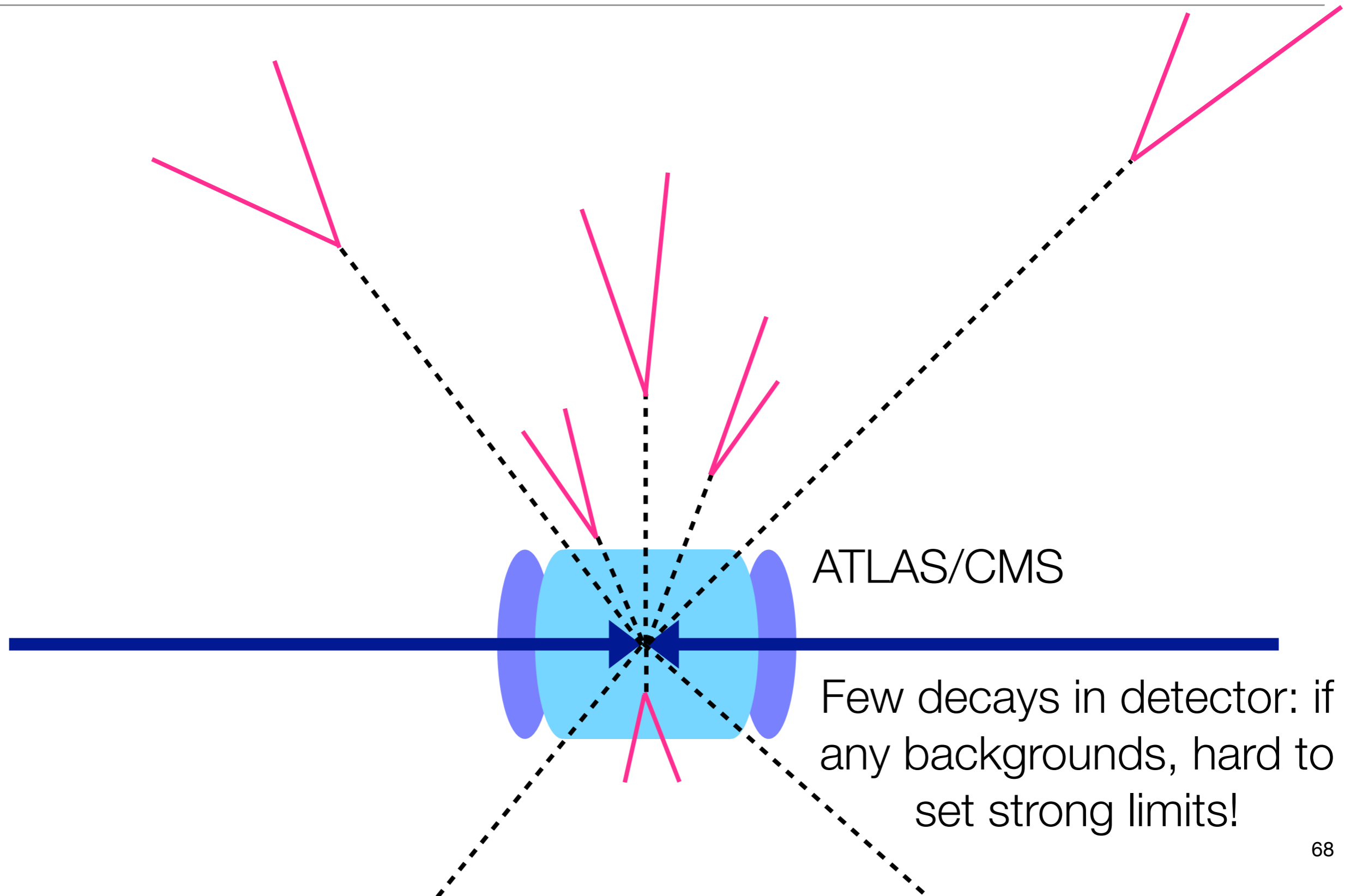
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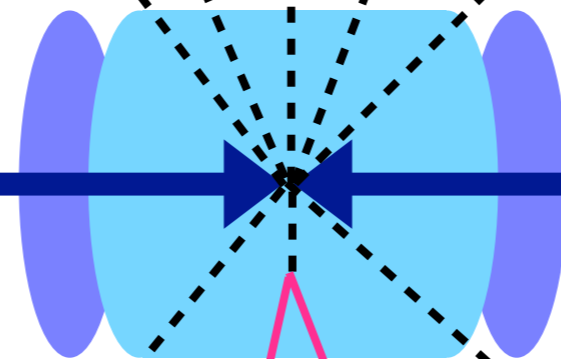
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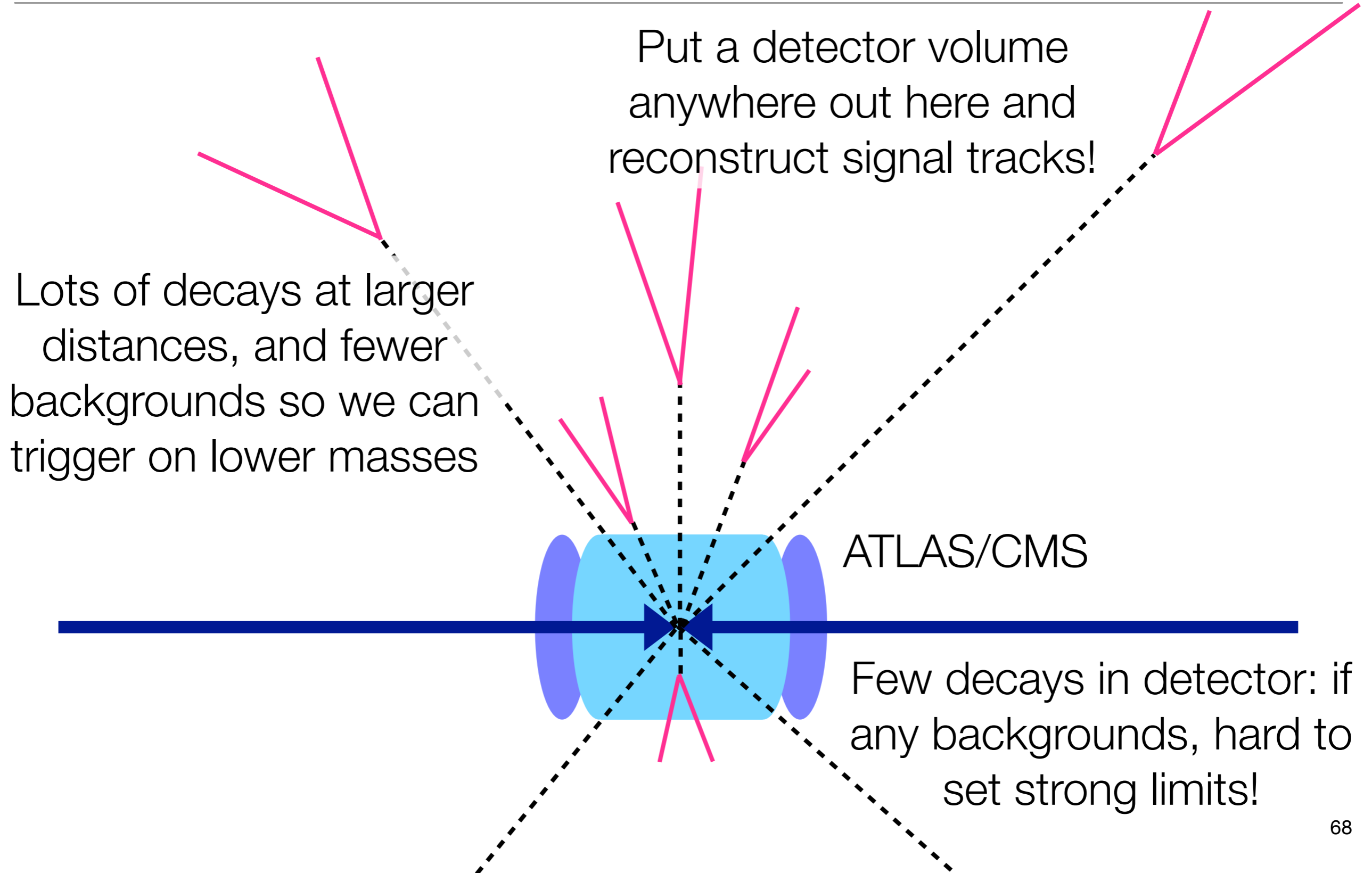
Lots of decays at larger distances, and fewer backgrounds so we can trigger on lower masses



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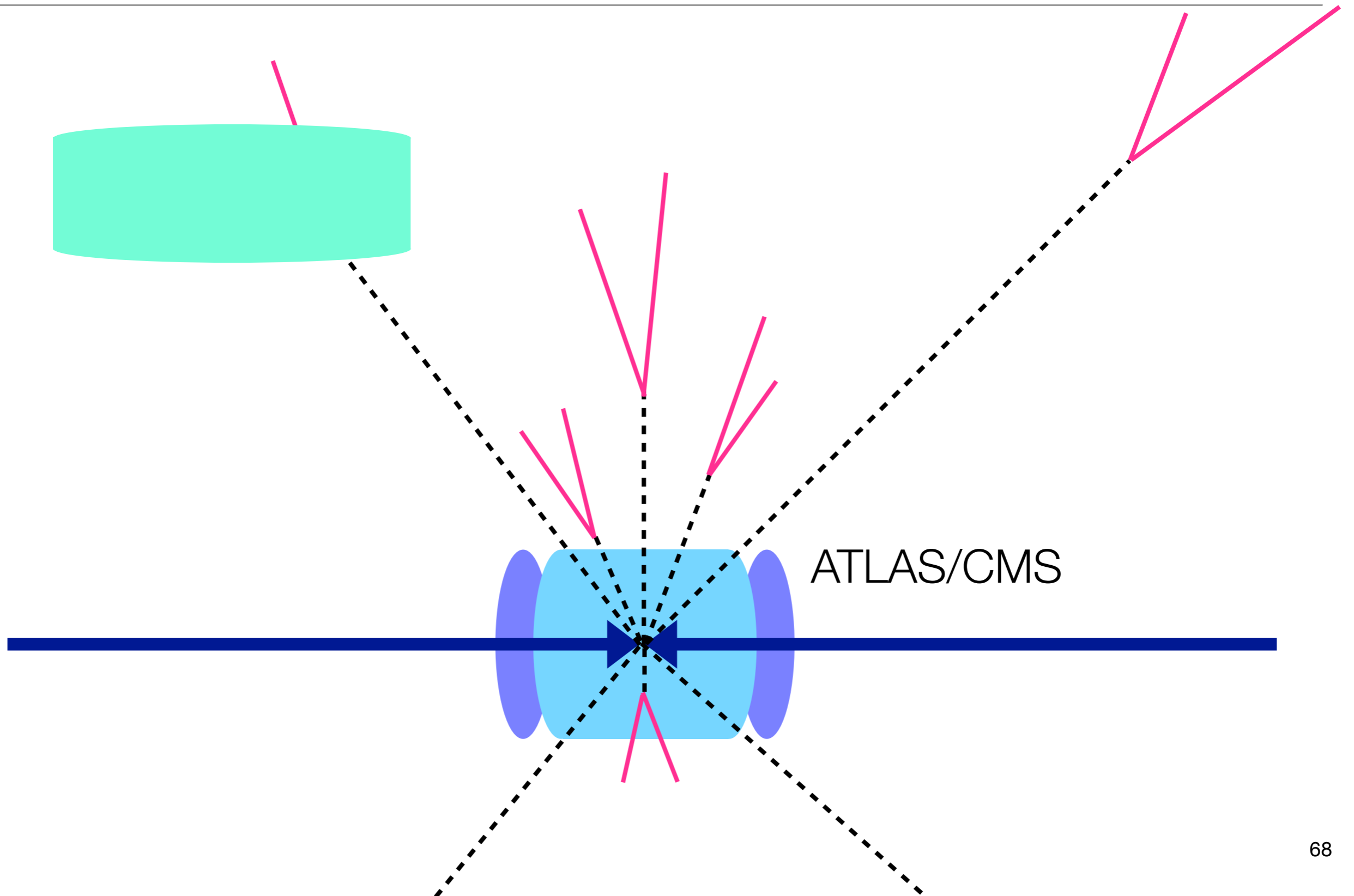
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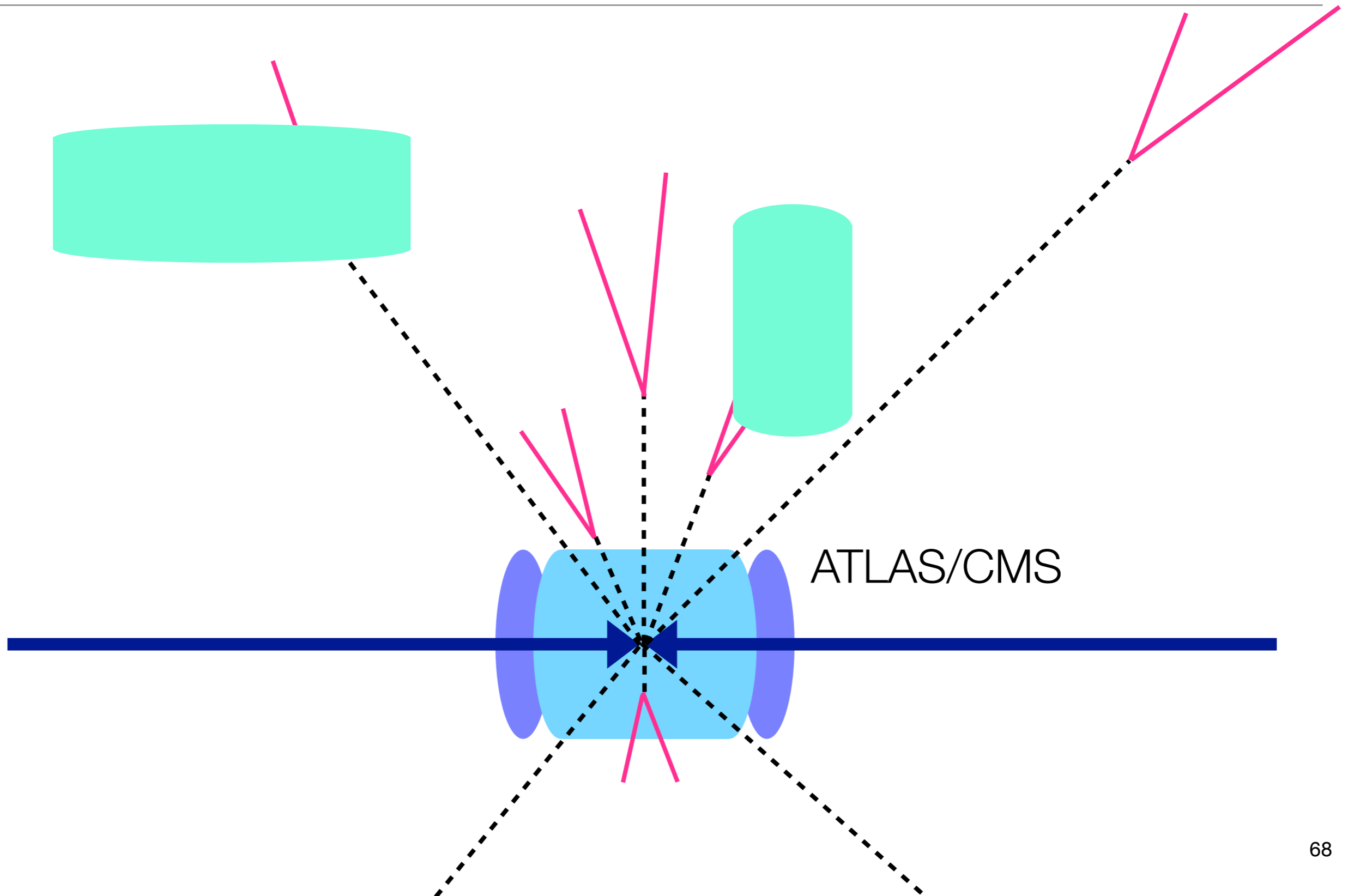
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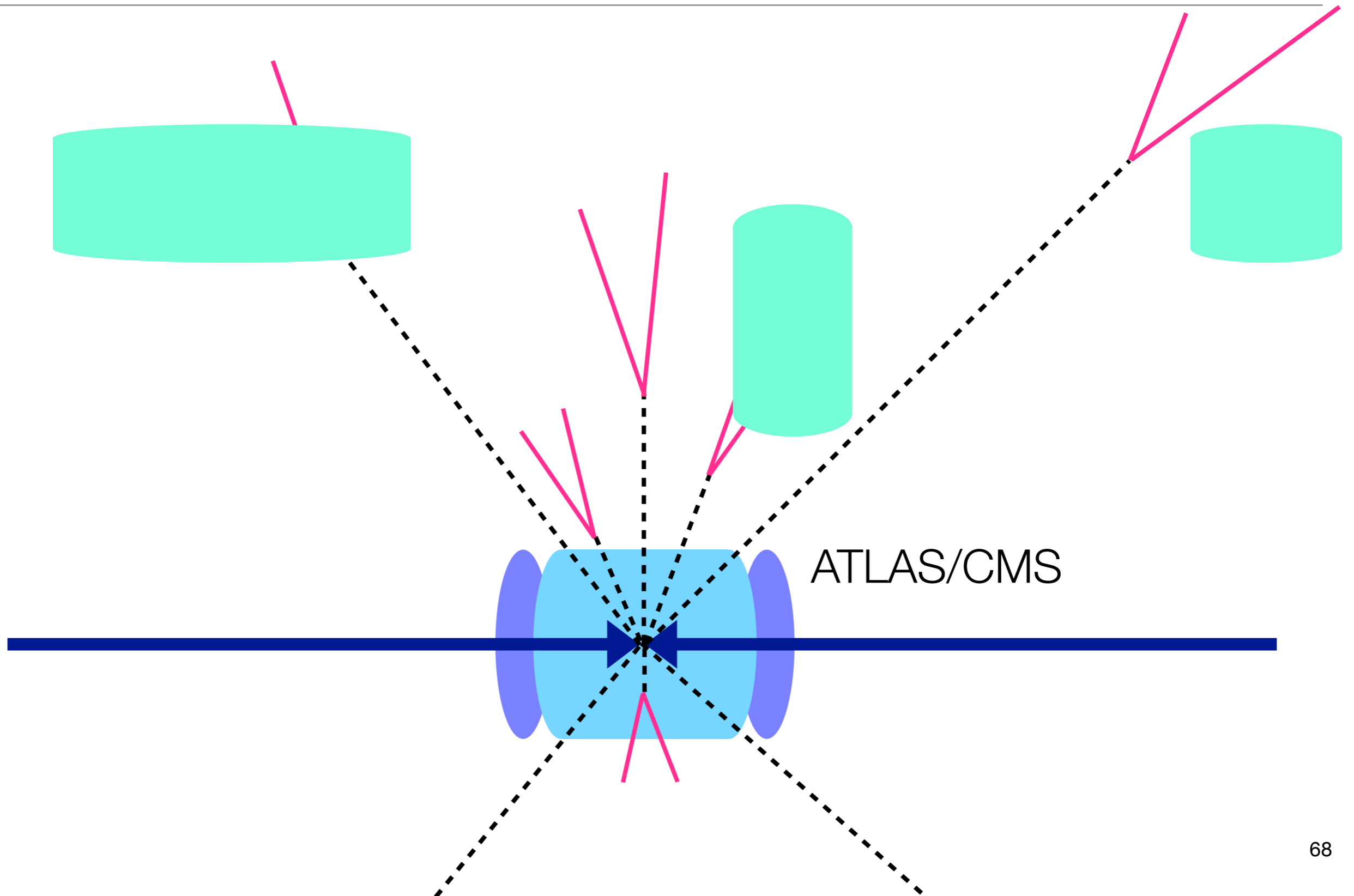
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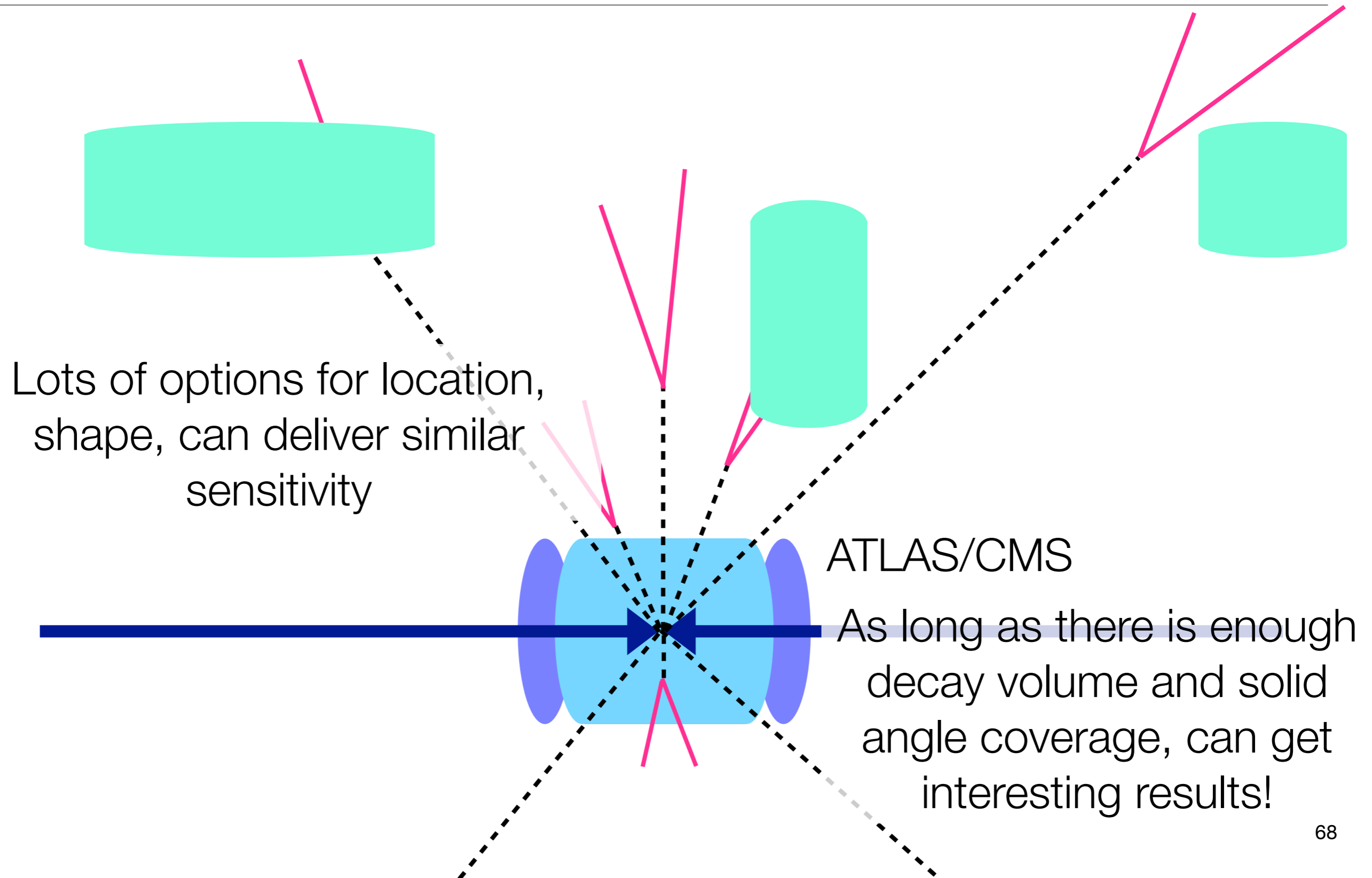
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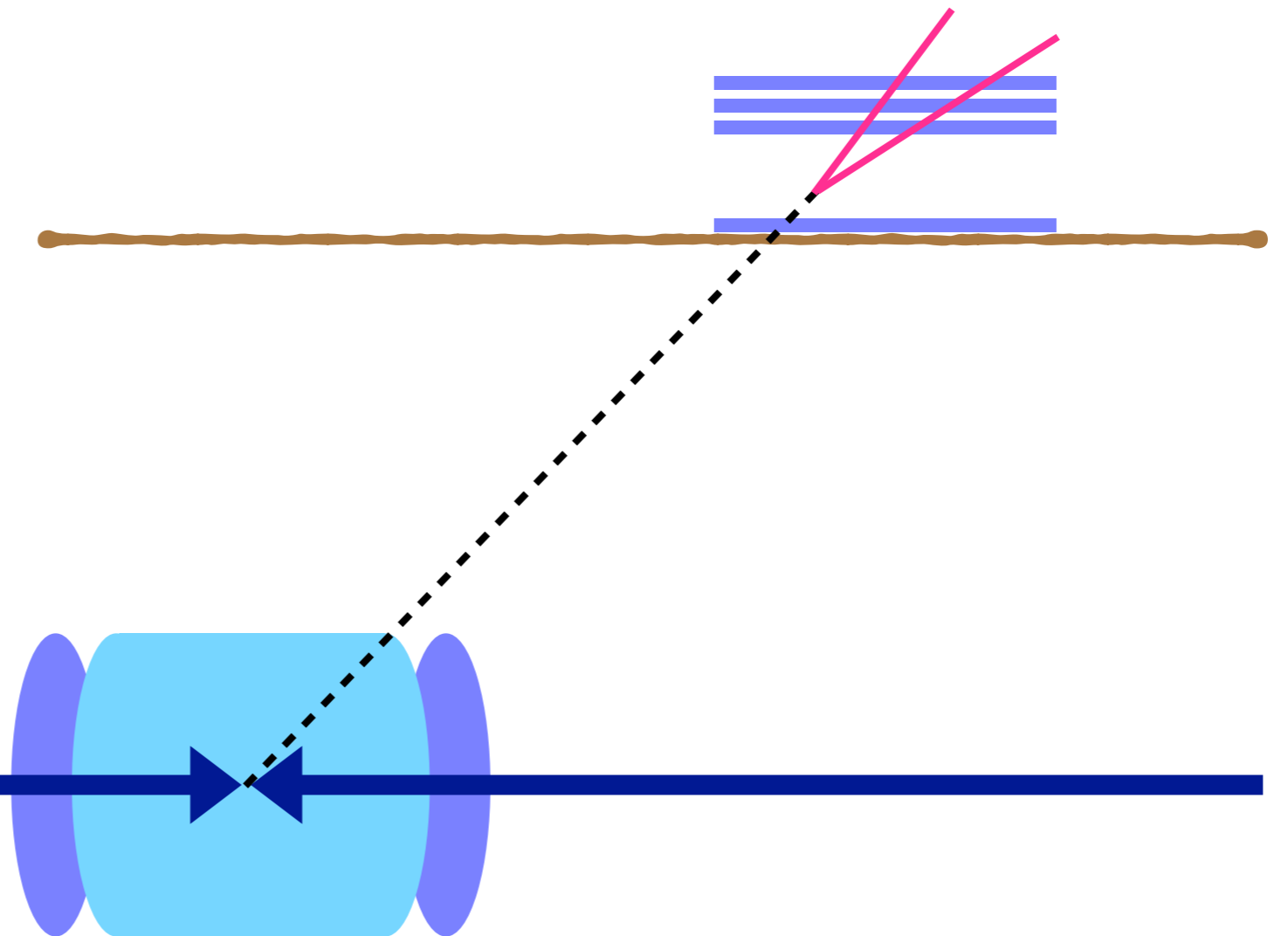
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# Example: MATHUSLA

- Above-ground detector uses plastic scintillators
- Decay volume 20 m deep
- Several tracking layers above, one triggering layer below

([arXiv:1811.00927](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.00927), [arXiv:1901.04040](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.04040))



MATHUSLA is a leading proposal today, with **long lifetime reach** and the bonus opportunity to study **cosmic ray showers**

# FASER

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- FASER experiment now approved by LHCC and moving forward! Only approved dedicated LLP search at LHC.
- Downstream 480m from ATLAS, specialises in sub-GeV signals (e.g. dark photons)
  - Very light signals are produced along the beamline, as opposed to heavier particles which are produced centrally
- Can have a tiny experiment: just 10cm diameter by 5 m long
- Triggering/veto layer, empty decay volume, then 3 tracking layers and an EM calorimeter

Note on dark photons: generic term for neutral vector particle which has some interaction with SM fermions (e.g. kinetic mixing). Considered to have a nonzero but very small mass (viable DM candidate)

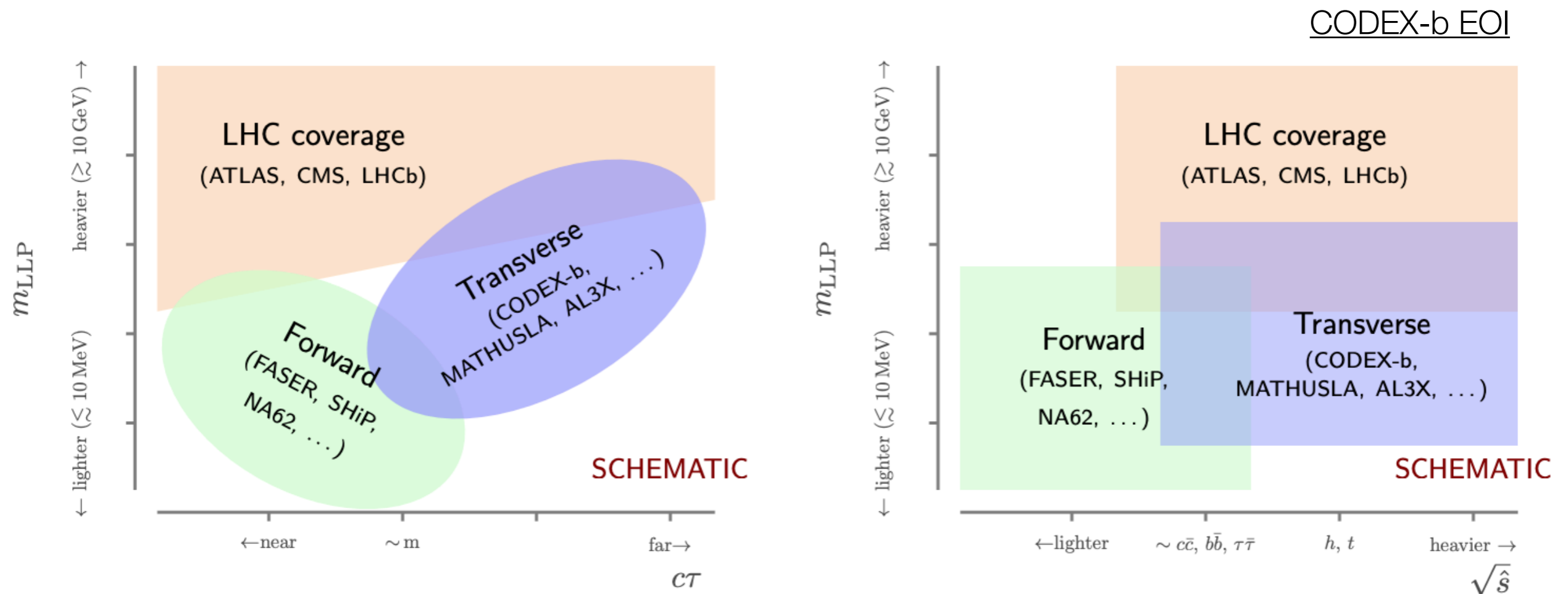
# MATHUSLA

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- Design: nominally 100x100x20 m
  - Modular; can easily scale up or down as needed to fit budget
- Location near CMS site, already discussed
- Technology likely plastic scintillator + SiPM: RPCs considered but gas + high voltage too inconvenient/dangerous
- Cosmic ray backgrounds challenging: down-going easy to veto, but splash back (albedo) requires more work
- However, opportunity for measuring with fine granularity incoming cosmic ray showers also. Physics case document in progress for this.

# MATHUSLA, FASER, SHiP, etc

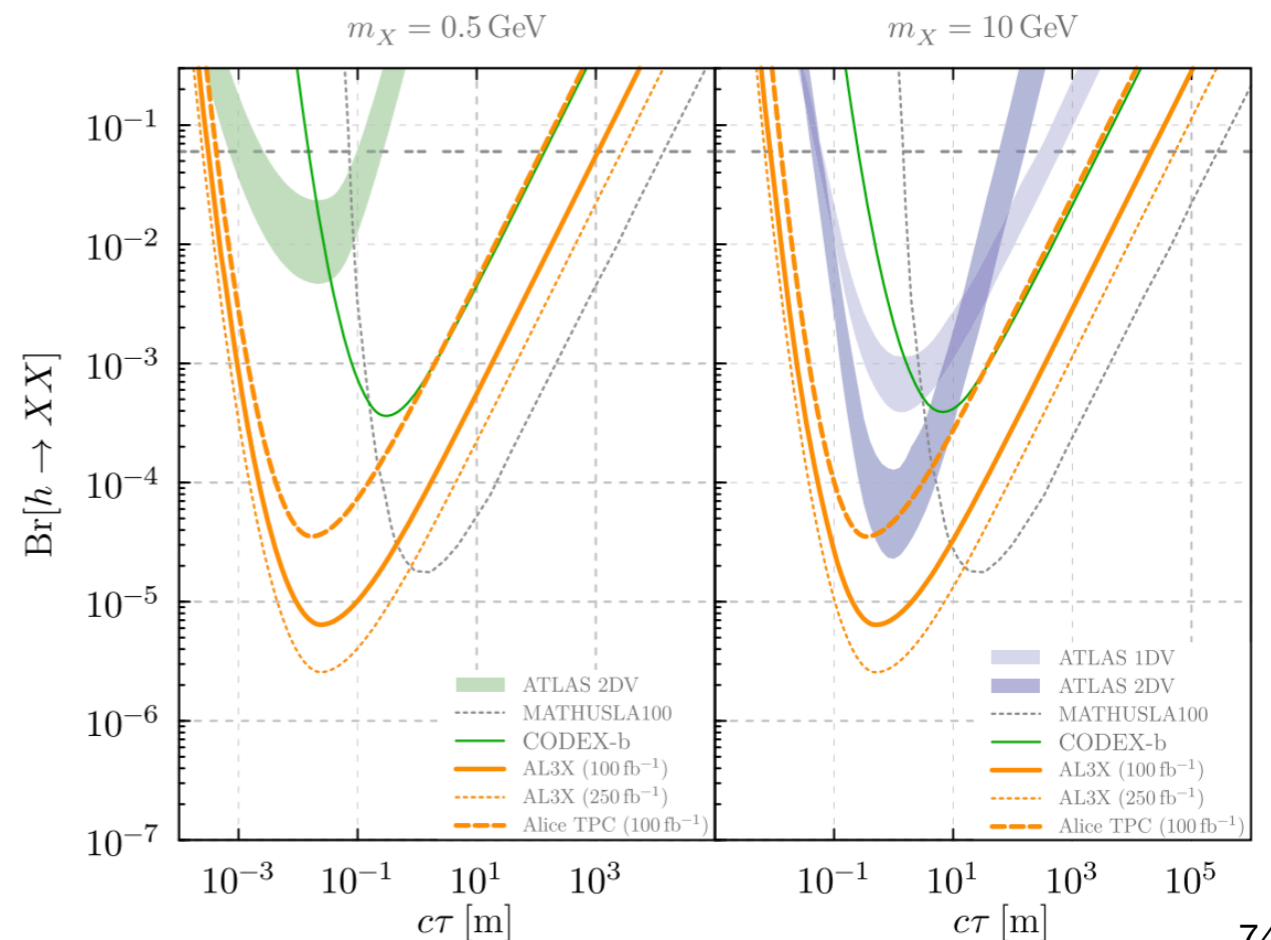
- So many models one could compare in that any specific interpretation would appear biased
- However, can roughly group proposals by type: forward/light and off-axis/heavier. One of each is complementary but more than one per category is not necessary





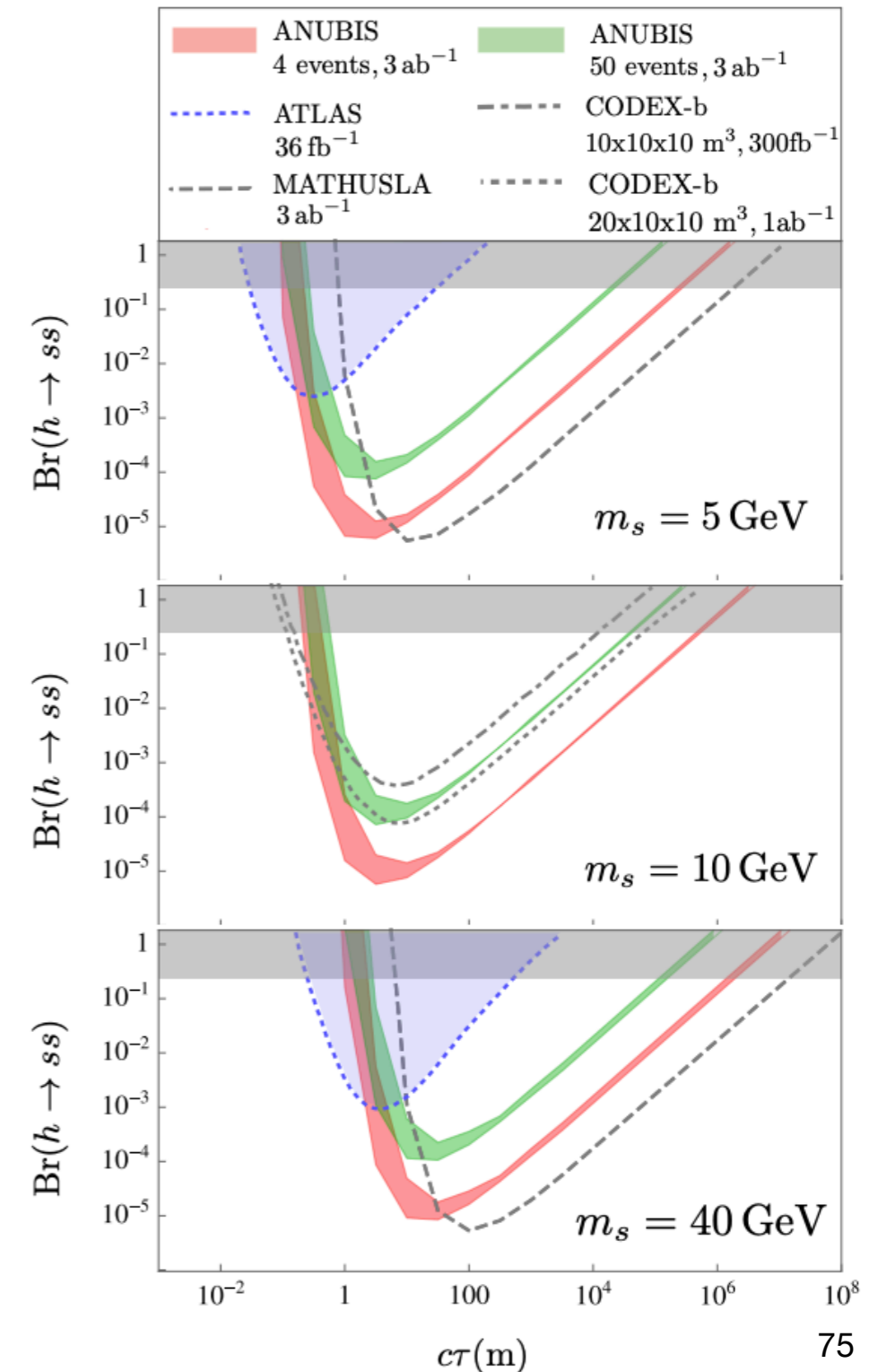
# AL3X

- ALICE has no current plans for Run 5, when LHC heavy ion program likely finished
- AL3X would reuse portions of ALICE detector (particularly time projection chamber and L3 magnet) for a LLP search program during Run 5
- Requires modified IP: move it downstream by  $\sim 11$  m and deliver higher luminosity ( $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ). Add additional shielding between IP and experiment
- Experiment affordable; cost of moving IP to be determined



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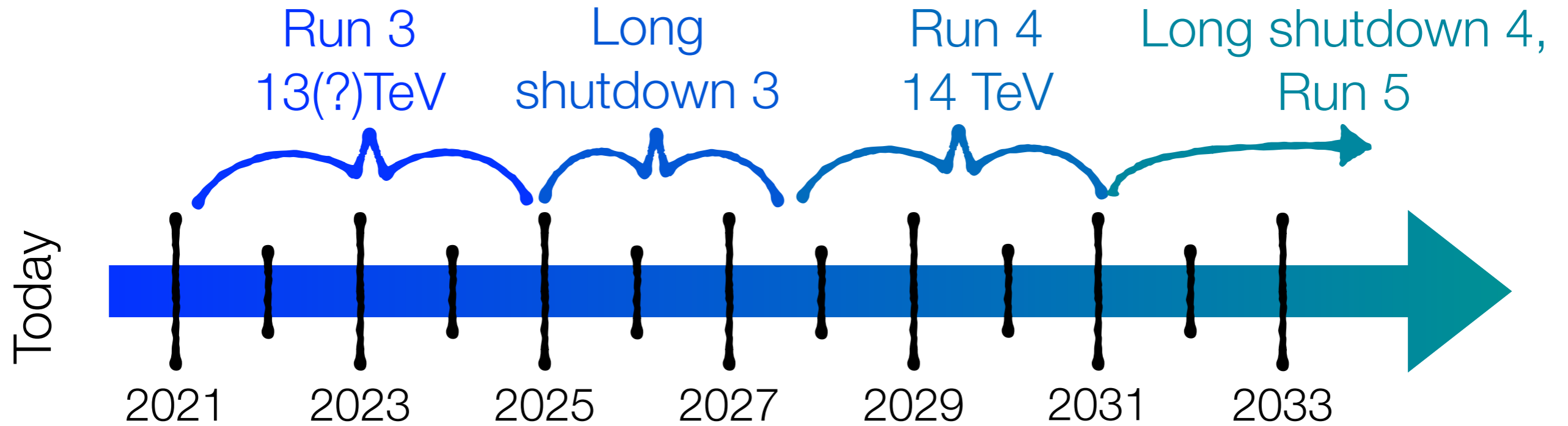
- Instrument ATLAS access shaft with removable layers of tracking detector (RPCs) in order to use shaft as decay volume
- Close enough to integrate with ATLAS beam crossing information
- 18m vertical depth and 18m diameter. Four equally spaced tracking stations
- Coverage comparable to CODEX-b in lifetime and depth
- Budget ~ 10M euros



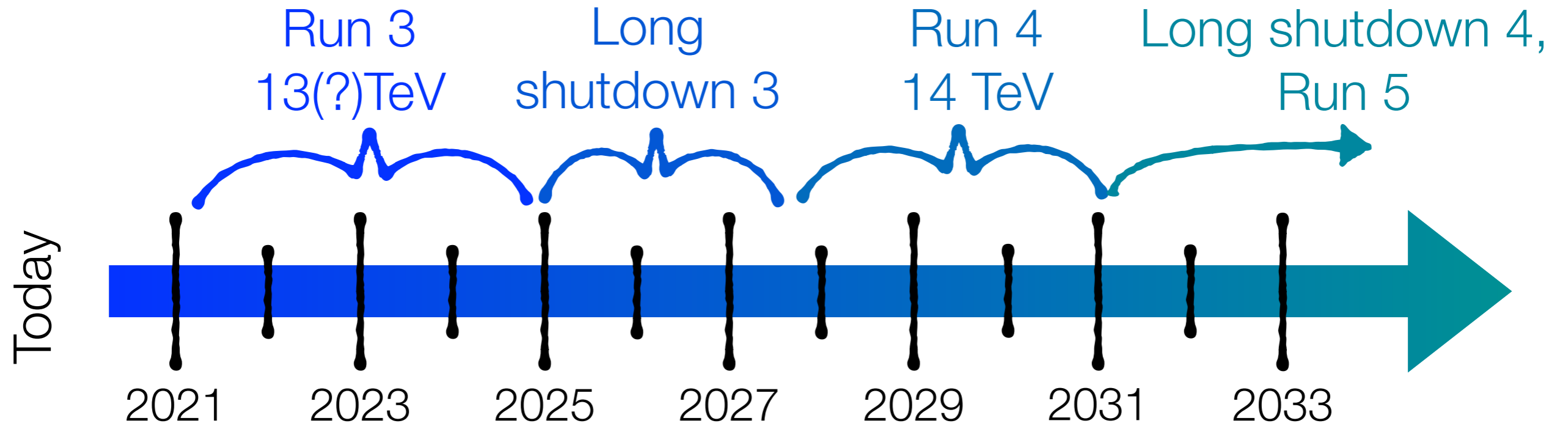


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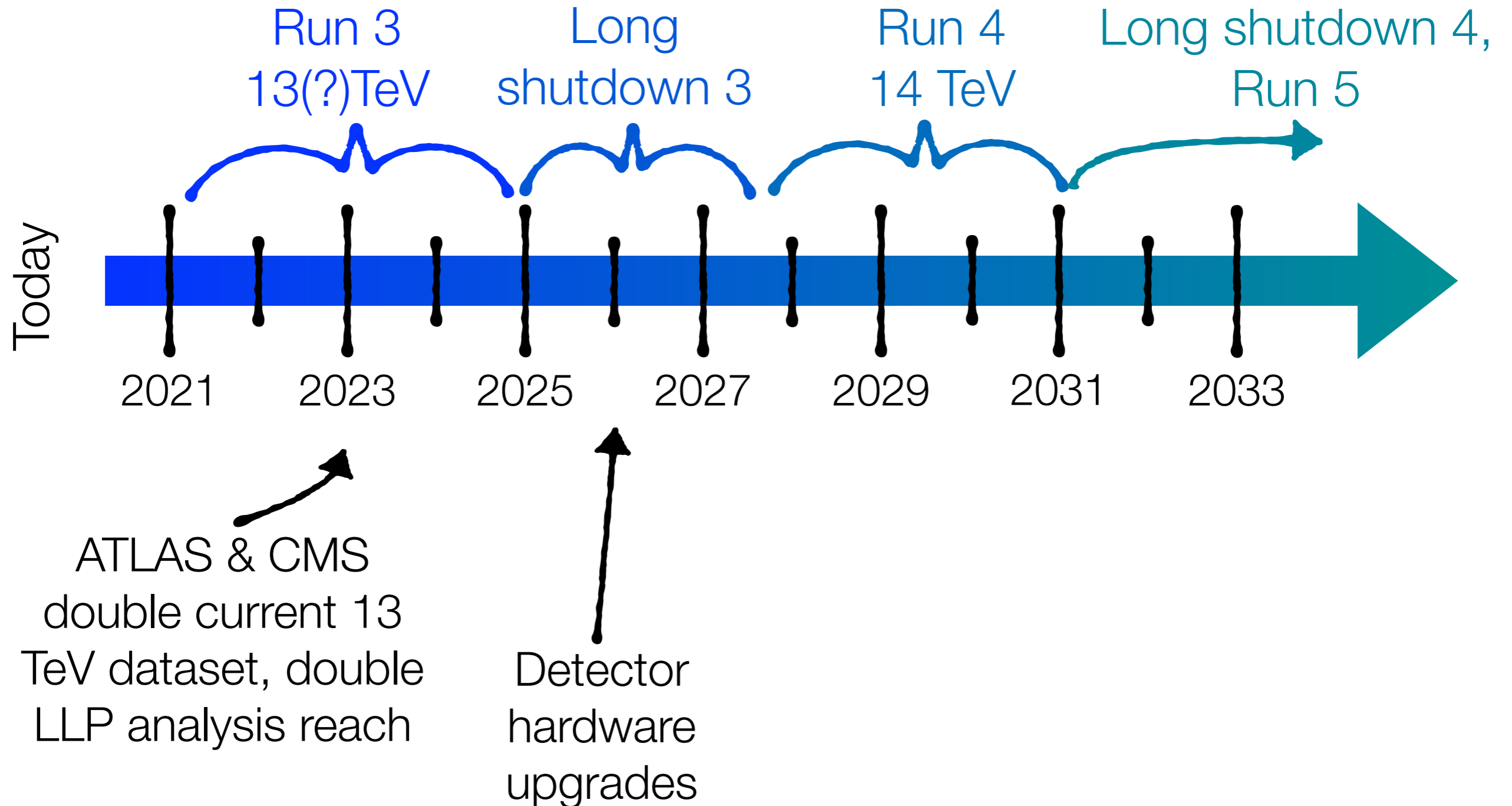
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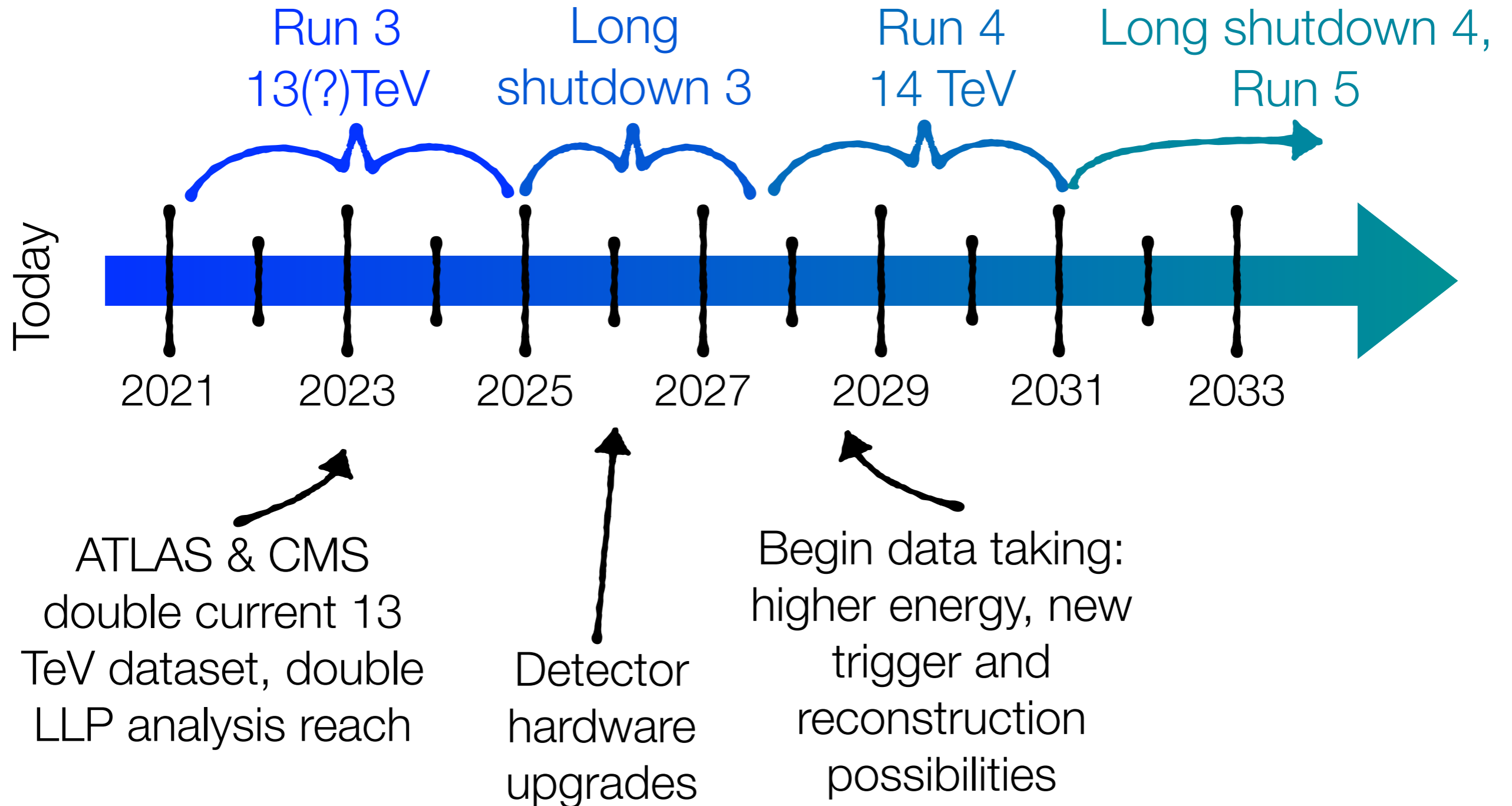
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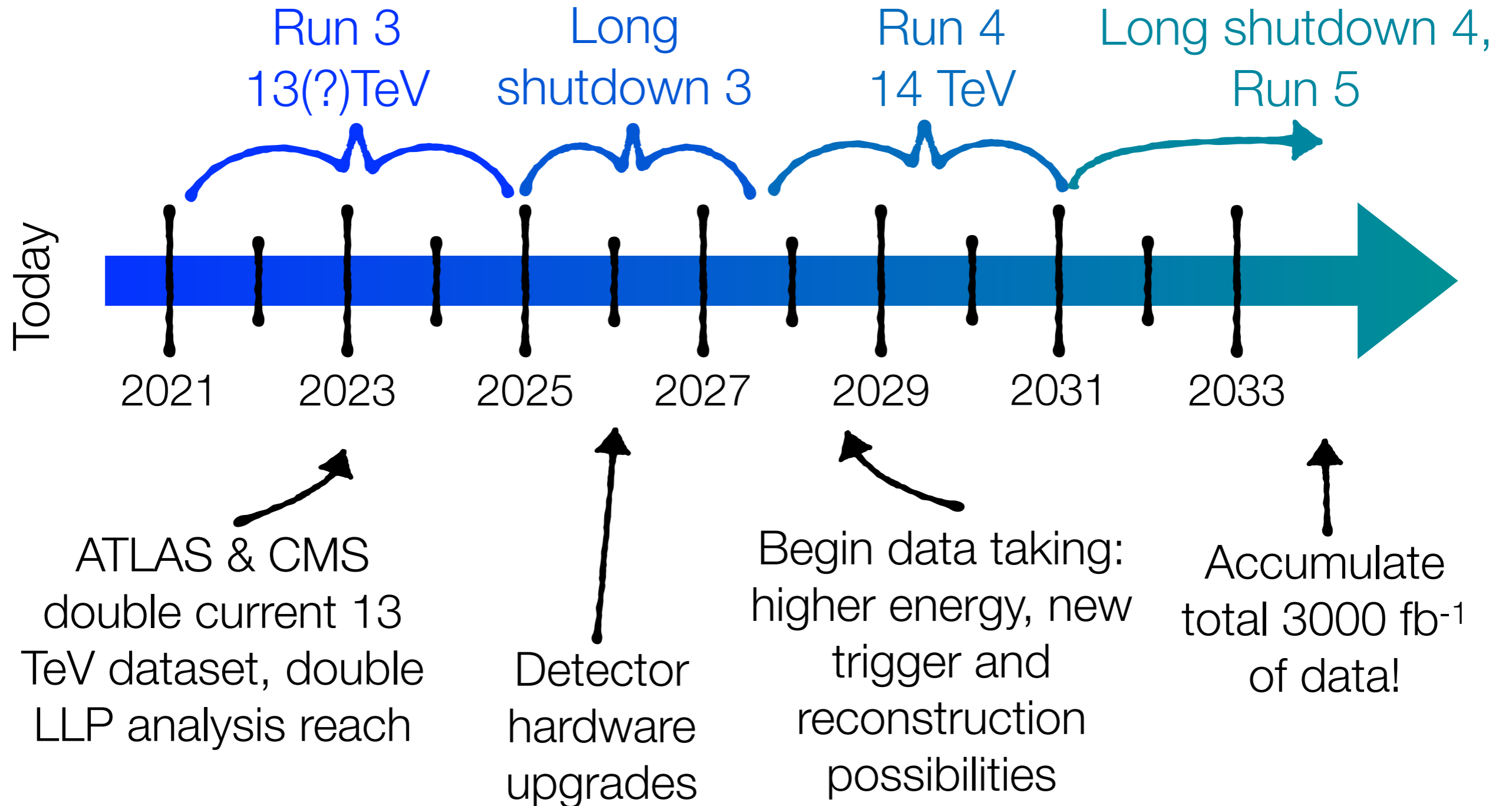
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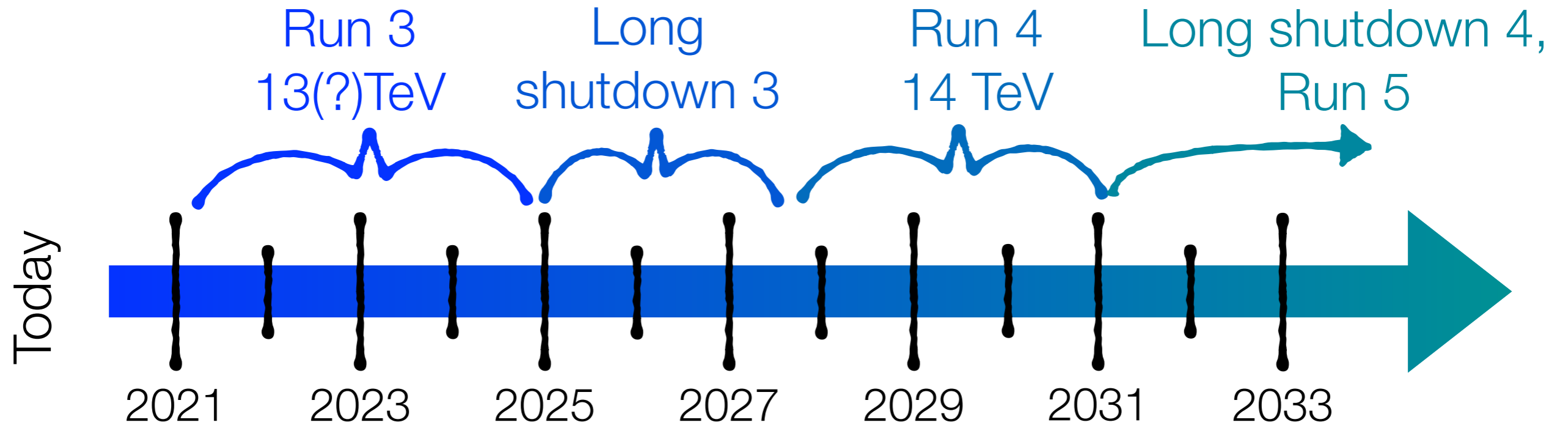
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New LLP detector design finalisation, tests, building, installation, commissioning

New experiment taking data!