

Search for Long-lived Particles with Muon Detector Showers

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Introduction

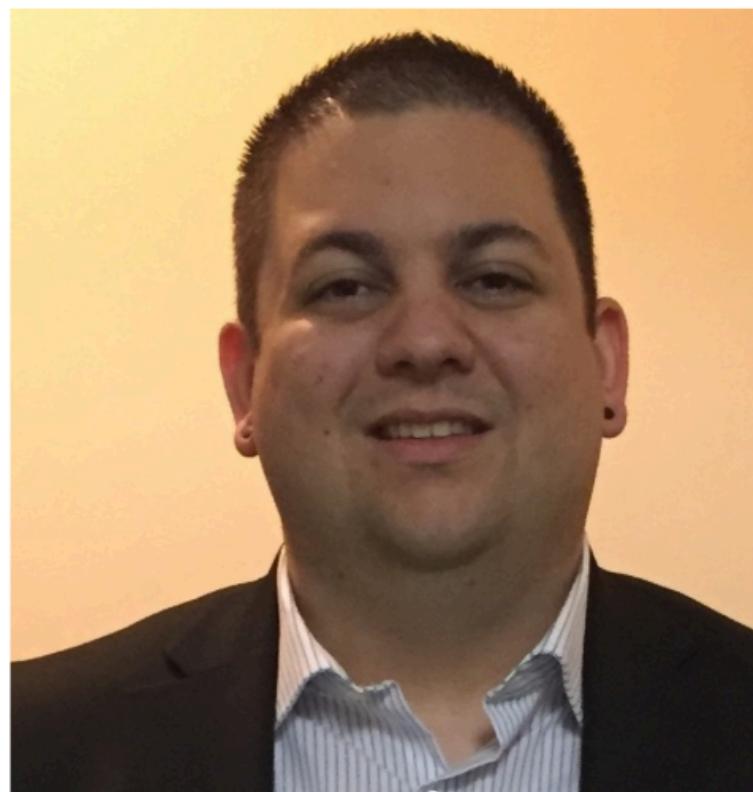
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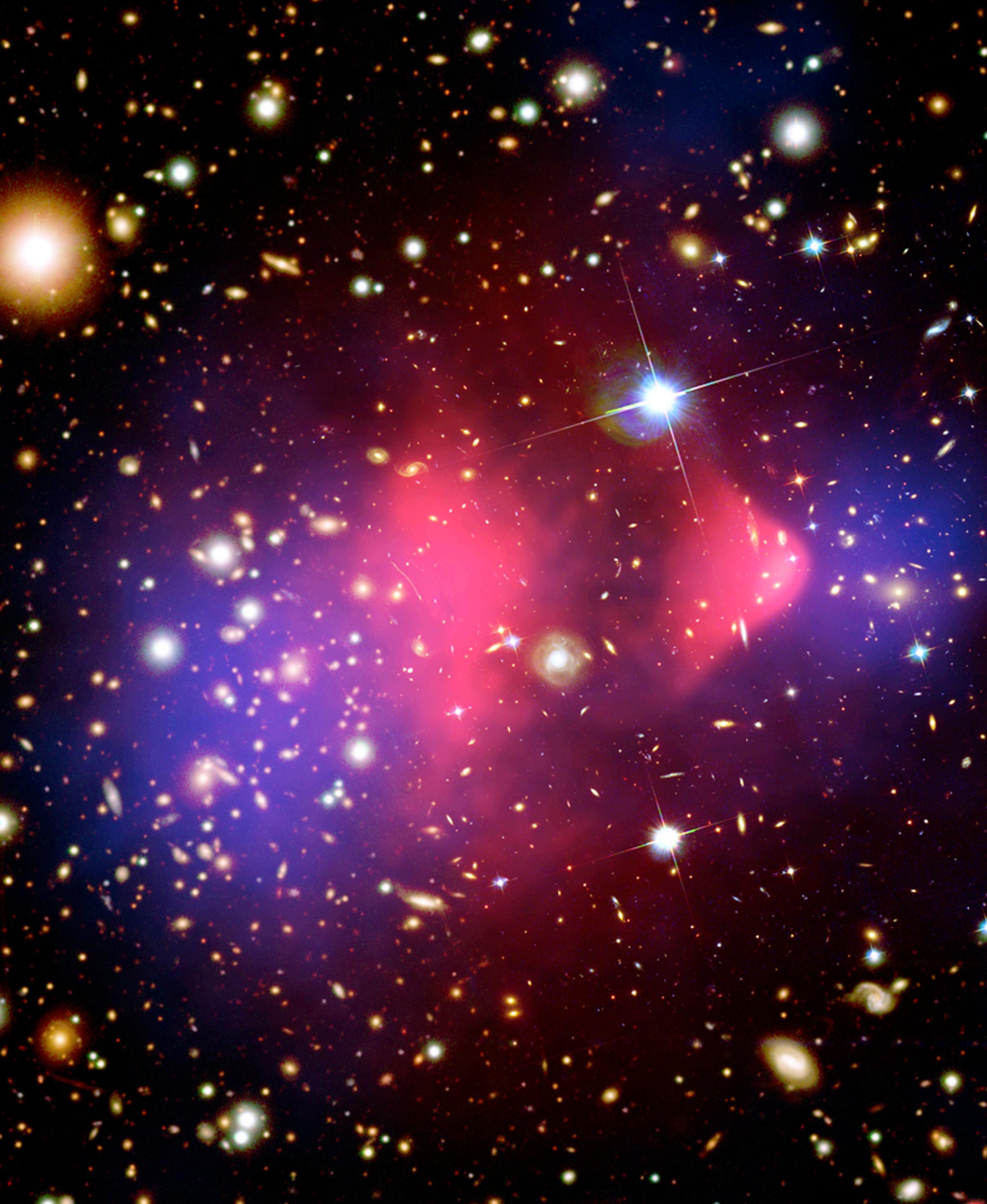
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Tell us about yourself

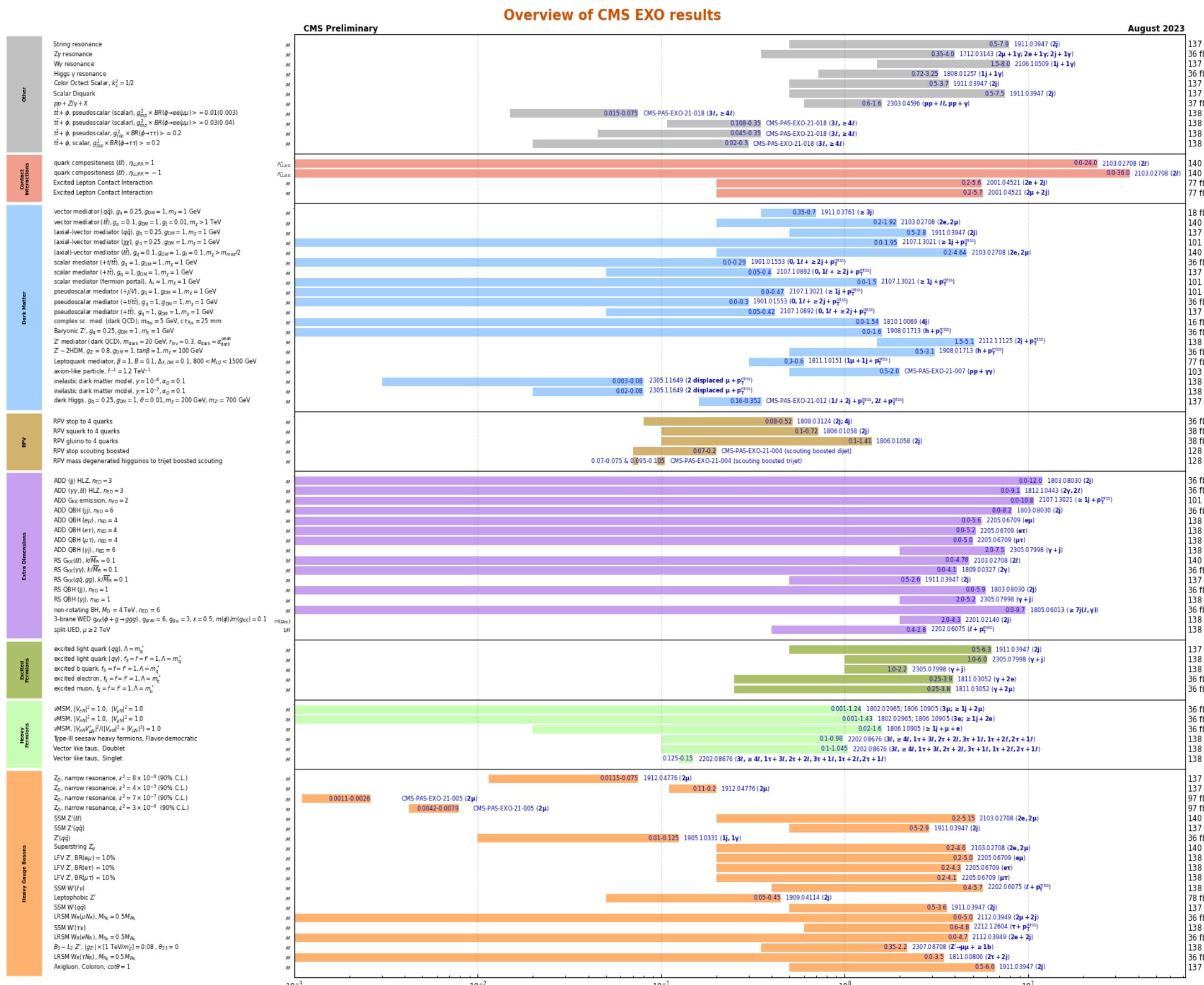
- What year are you in?
- Any experience with data analysis? What will you/are you working on?
- What do you hope to get out of CMSDAS?
- Comments/questions?

Physics Beyond the Standard Model

- Ample evidence of phenomena that the standard model cannot fully explain:
 - Dark matter
 - Massive neutrinos
 - Light Higgs
- LHC is a unique place to directly search for new physics
 - Highest energy accelerator
 - High intensity collisions



New Physics Searches at the LHC



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Model	ℓ, γ	Jets \dagger	E_T^{miss}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Limit	Reference
Extra dimen.						
ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$	0 e, μ, τ, γ	1 – 4 j	Yes	139	11.2 TeV	n = 2
ADD non-resonant $\gamma\gamma$	2 γ	–	–	36.7	8.6 TeV	n = 3 HLZ NLO
ADD OBH	–	2 j	–	139	9.4 TeV	n = 6
ADD BH multijet	–	≥ 3 j	–	3.6	9.55 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$, rot BH
RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2 γ	–	–	139	4.5 TeV	$k/\bar{M}_P = 0.1$
Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW/ZZ$	multi-channel	–	–	36.1	2.3 TeV	$k/\bar{M}_P = 1.0$
Bulk RS $g_{KK} \rightarrow tt$	1 e, μ	≥ 1 b, ≥ 1 J/2	Yes	36.1	3.8 TeV	$\Gamma/m = 15\%$
2UED / RPP	1 e, μ	≥ 2 b, ≥ 3 j	Yes	36.1	1.8 TeV	Tier (1,1), $\mathcal{B}(A^{(1,1)}) = 1$
Gauge bosons						
SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$	2 e, μ	–	–	139	5.1 TeV	
SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2 τ	–	–	36.1	2.42 TeV	
Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow bb$	–	≥ 2 b	–	36.1	2.1 TeV	
Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow tt$	0 e, μ	≥ 1 b, ≥ 2 J	Yes	139	4.1 TeV	
SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	1 e, μ	–	–	139	6.0 TeV	
SSM $W' \rightarrow \tau\nu$	1 τ	–	–	139	5.0 TeV	
SSM $W' \rightarrow tb$	–	≥ 1 b, ≥ 1 J	–	139	4.4 TeV	
HVT $W' \rightarrow WZ$ model B	0-2 e, μ	≥ 2 j / 1 J	Yes	139	4.3 TeV	
HVT $W' \rightarrow WZ$ model C	0-2 e, μ	2 j / 1 J	Yes	139	340 GeV	
HVT $Z' \rightarrow WW$ model B	1 e, μ	≥ 2 j / 1 J	Yes	139	3.9 TeV	
LRSM $W_R \rightarrow \mu_N R$	2 μ	1 J	–	80	5.0 TeV	
Cl						
Cl $qqqq$	–	2 j	–	37.0	21.8 TeV	η_{LL}
Cl $\ell^+ l^+ q\bar{q}$	2 e, μ	–	–	139	35.8 TeV	η_{LL}
Cl $eebs$	2 e	1 b	–	139	1.8 TeV	$g_s = 1$
Cl $\mu\bar{\mu}bs$	2 μ	1 b	–	139	2.0 TeV	$g_s = 1$
Cl $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$	≥ 1 e, μ	≥ 1 b, ≥ 1 j	Yes	36.1	2.57 TeV	$ \mathcal{C}_4 = 4\pi$
DM						
Axial-vector med. (Dirac DM)	–	2 j	–	139	3.8 TeV	$g_q=0.25, g_s=1, m(\chi)=10 \text{ TeV}$
Pseudo-scalar med. (Dirac DM)	0 e, μ, τ, γ	1 – 4 j	Yes	139	376 GeV	$g_q=1, g_s=1, m(\chi)=1 \text{ GeV}$
Vector med. Z'-2HDM (Dirac DM)	0 e, e, μ	2 b	Yes	139	3.0 TeV	$\tan\beta=1, g_Z=0.8, m(\chi)=100 \text{ GeV}$
Pseudo-scalar med. 2HDM+a	multi-channel	–	–	139	800 GeV	$\tan\beta=1, g_1=1, m(\chi)=10 \text{ GeV}$
LQ						
Scalar LQ 1 st gen	2 e	≥ 2 j	–	139	1.8 TeV	$\beta = 1$
Scalar LQ 2 nd gen	2 μ	≥ 2 j	–	139	1.7 TeV	$\beta = 1$
Scalar LQ 3 rd gen	1 τ	2 b	–	139	1.49 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^{\tau} \rightarrow b\tau) = 1$
Scalar LQ 3 rd gen	0 e, μ	≥ 2 j, ≥ 2 b	–	139	1.24 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^{\tau} \rightarrow tv) = 1$
Scalar LQ 3 rd gen	≥ 2 e, $\mu, \geq 1$ τ	≥ 1 j, ≥ 1 b	–	139	1.43 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^{\tau} \rightarrow tr) = 1$
Scalar LQ 3 rd gen	0 e, $\mu, \geq 1$ τ	≥ 2 j, ≥ 2 b	–	139	1.26 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^{\tau} \rightarrow bv) = 1$
Scalar LQ mix gen	0 e, $\mu, \geq 1$ τ	≥ 2 j, ≥ 2 b	–	139	2.0 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(U_1 \rightarrow tp) = 1, Y-M \text{ coupl.}$
Vector LQ mix gen	2 e, μ, τ	≥ 1 b	–	139	1.96 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^{\tau} \rightarrow bt) = 1, Y-M \text{ coupl.}$
Vector LQ 3 rd gen	–	–	–	139	–	$\mathcal{B}(LQ_3^{\tau} \rightarrow bt) = 1, Y-M \text{ coupl.}$
Vector-like fermions						
VLC $TT \rightarrow Zt + X$	2e/2 $\mu/\geq 3$ e, μ	≥ 1 b, ≥ 1 j	–	139	1.46 TeV	$SU(2) \text{ doublet}$
VLC $BB \rightarrow Wt/Zb + X$	multi-channel	–	–	36.1	1.34 TeV	$SU(2) \text{ doublet}$
VLC $T_{5/3} \rightarrow T_{5/3} T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt + X$	2(S)/3 e, μ	≥ 1 b, ≥ 1 j	Yes	36.1	1.64 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(T_{5/3} \rightarrow Wt) = 1, c(T_{5/3}/Wt) = 1$
VLC $T \rightarrow Ht/Zt$	1 e, μ	≥ 1 b, ≥ 3 j	Yes	139	1.8 TeV	$SU(2) \text{ singlet}, \kappa_T = 0.5$
VLC $Y \rightarrow Wb$	1 e, μ	≥ 1 b, ≥ 1 j	Yes	36.1	1.85 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(Y \rightarrow Wb) = 1, c(Wb) = 1$
VLC $B \rightarrow Hb$	0 e, μ	≥ 2 b, ≥ 1 j, ≥ 1 J	–	139	2.0 TeV	$SU(2) \text{ doublet}, \kappa_B = 0.3$
VLL $t' \rightarrow Zt/H\tau$	multi-channel	≥ 1 j	Yes	139	898 GeV	$SU(2) \text{ doublet}$
Extd. ferm.						
Excited quark $q^+ \rightarrow qg$	–	2 j	–	139	6.7 TeV	only u^+ and d^+ , $\Lambda = m(q^+)$
Excited quark $q^+ \rightarrow q\gamma$	1 γ	1 j	–	36.7	5.3 TeV	only u^+ and d^+ , $\Lambda = m(q^+)$
Excited quark $b^+ \rightarrow bg$	–	1 b, 1 j	–	139	3.2 TeV	$\Lambda = 4.6 \text{ TeV}$
Excited lepton $\tau^+ \rightarrow \tau^*$	2 τ	≥ 2 j	–	139	4.6 TeV	$\Lambda = 4.6 \text{ TeV}$
Other						
Type III Seesaw	2,3,4 e, μ	≥ 2 j	Yes	139	910 GeV	$m(W_L) = 4.1 \text{ TeV}, g_L = g_R$
LRSM Majorana v	2 μ	≥ 2 j	–	36.1	3.2 TeV	$DY \text{ production}$
Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm$	2,3,4 e, μ (SS)	various	Yes	139	350 GeV	$DY \text{ production}$
Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	2,3,4 e, μ (SS)	–	–	139	1.08 TeV	$DY \text{ production}$
Multi-charged particles	–	–	–	139	1.59 TeV	$DY \text{ production}, \mathbf{q} = 5e$
Magnetic monopoles	–	–	–	34.4	2.37 TeV	$DY \text{ production}, \mathbf{q} = 1g_D, \text{spin } 1/2$

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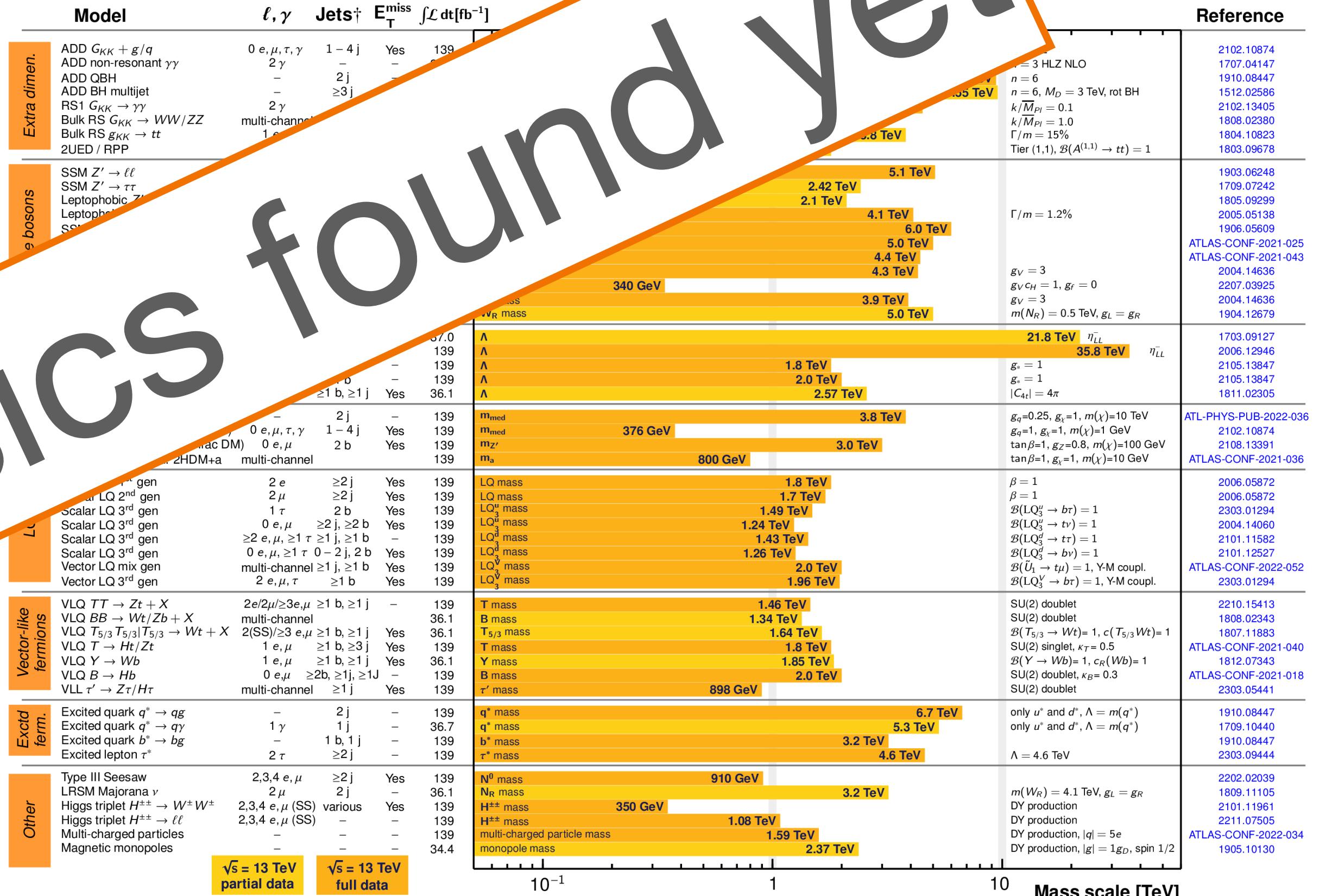
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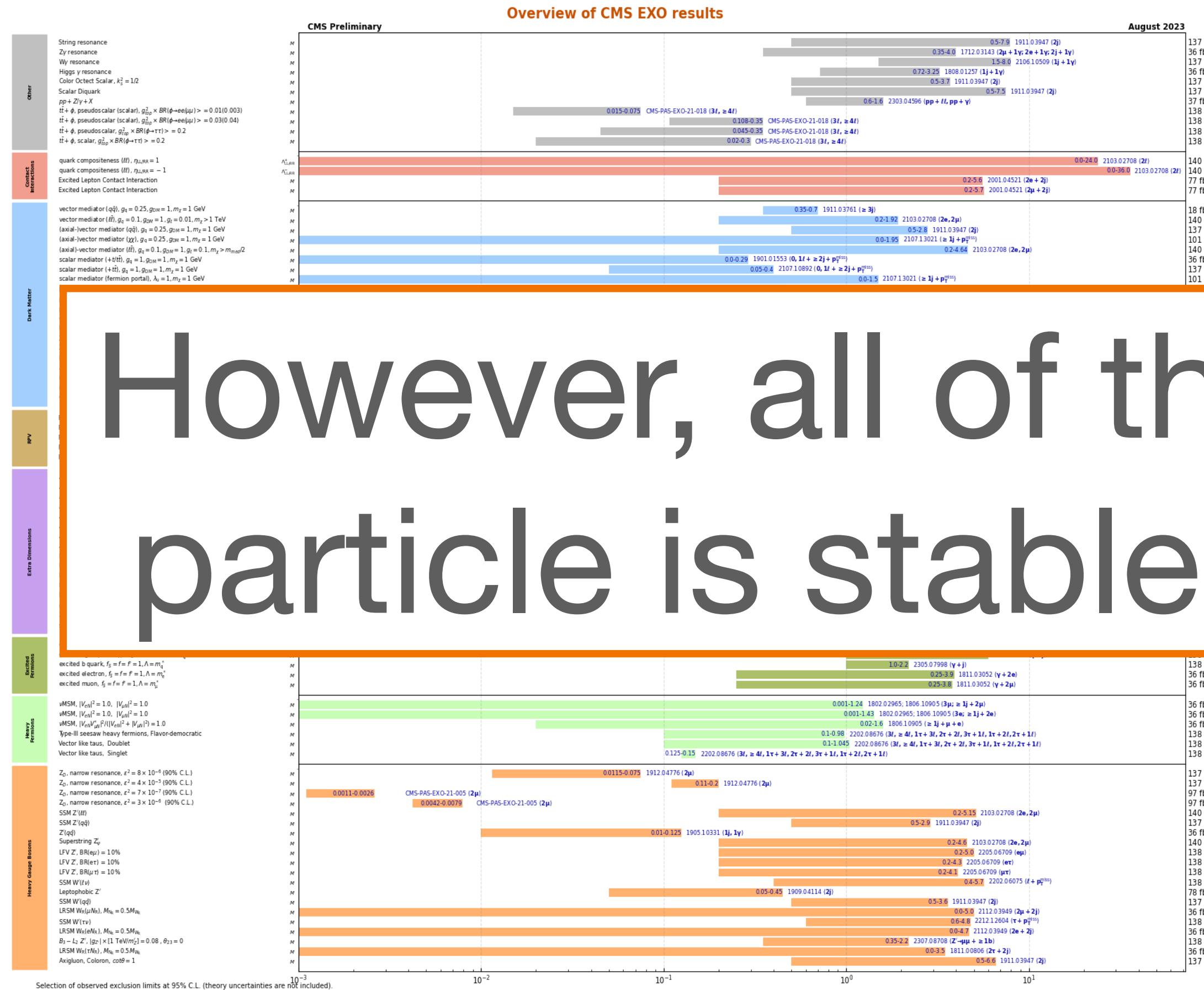


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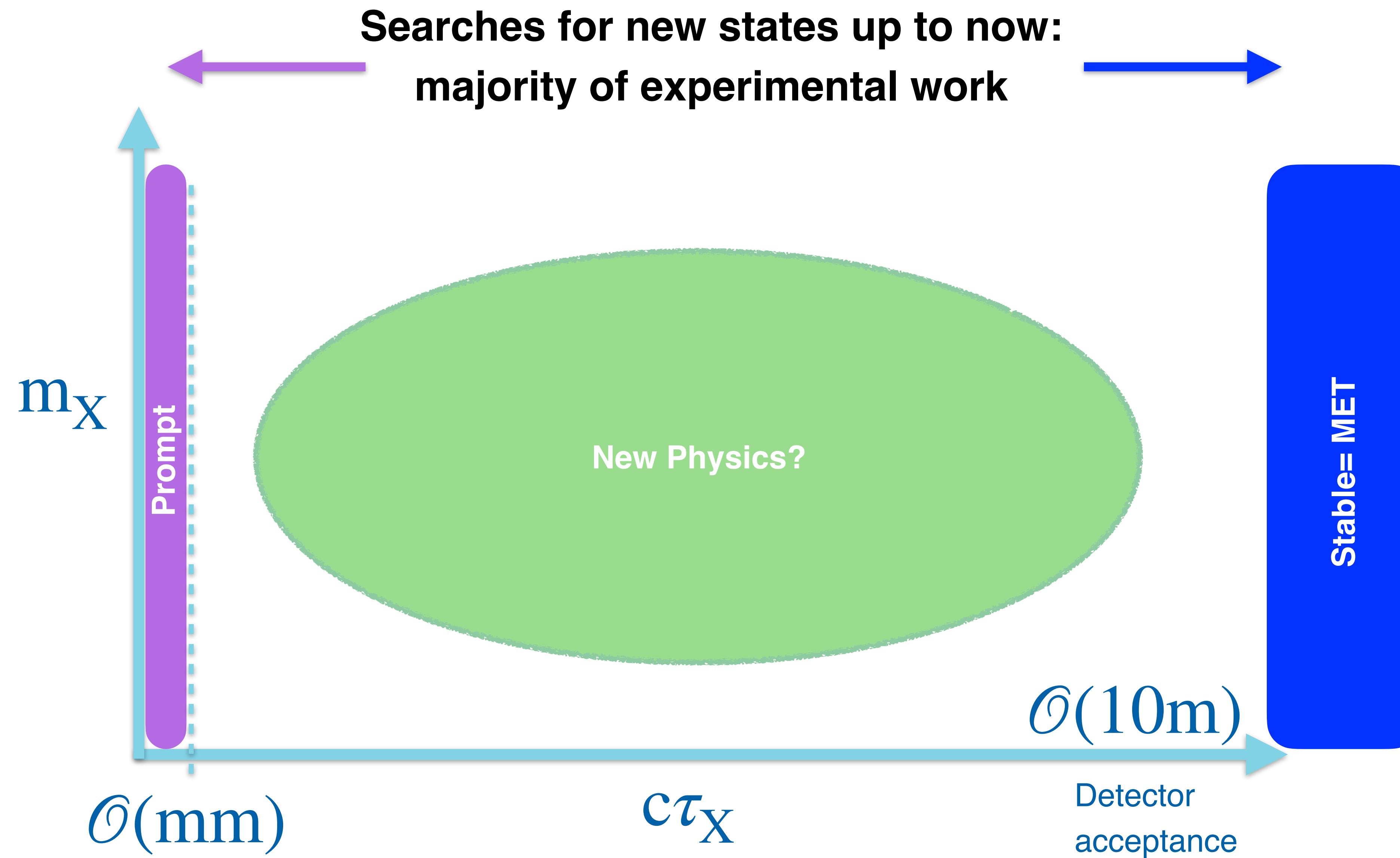
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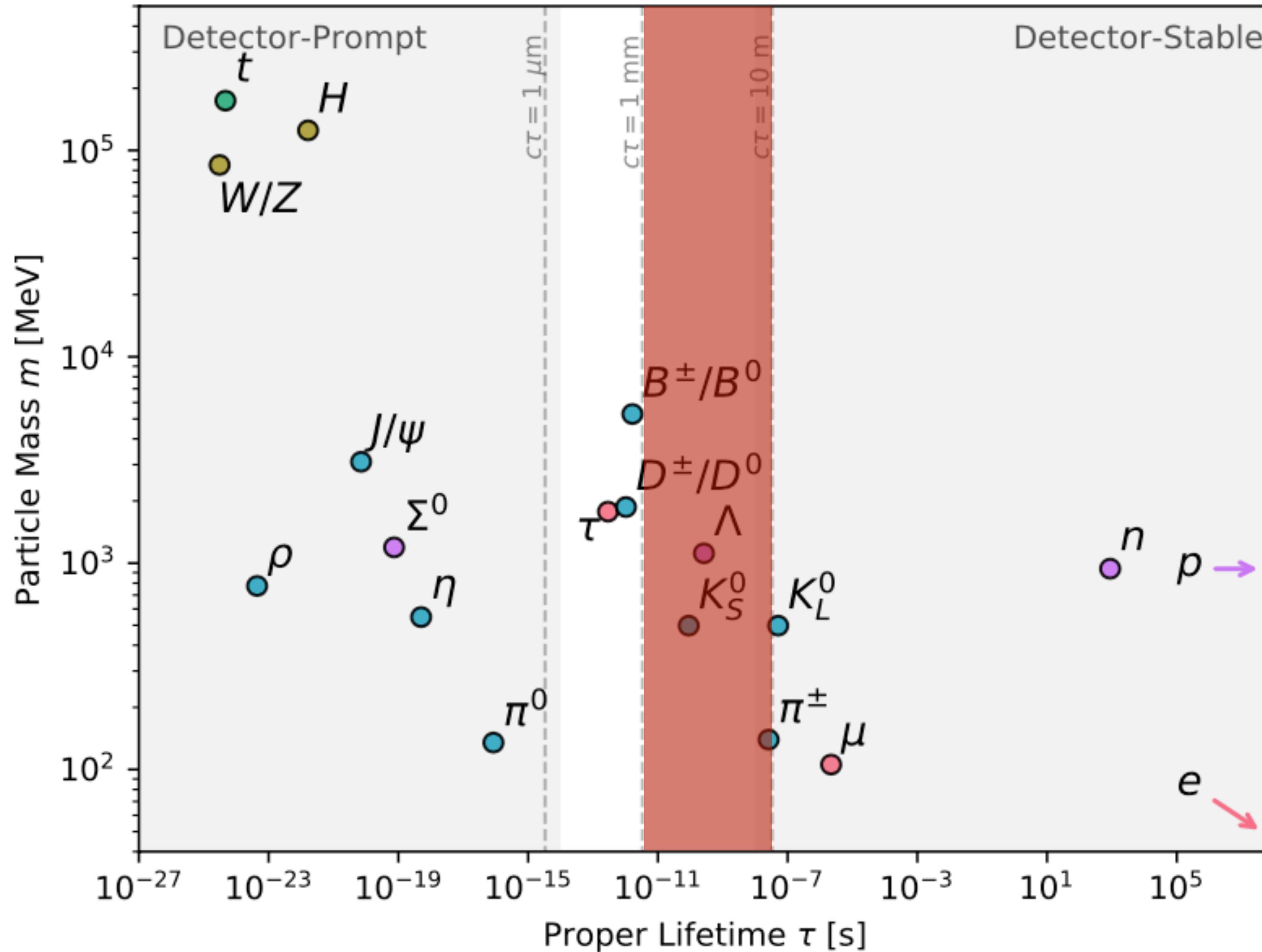
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New Physics at LHC: Long-lived particles



Long-Lived Particles in the SM

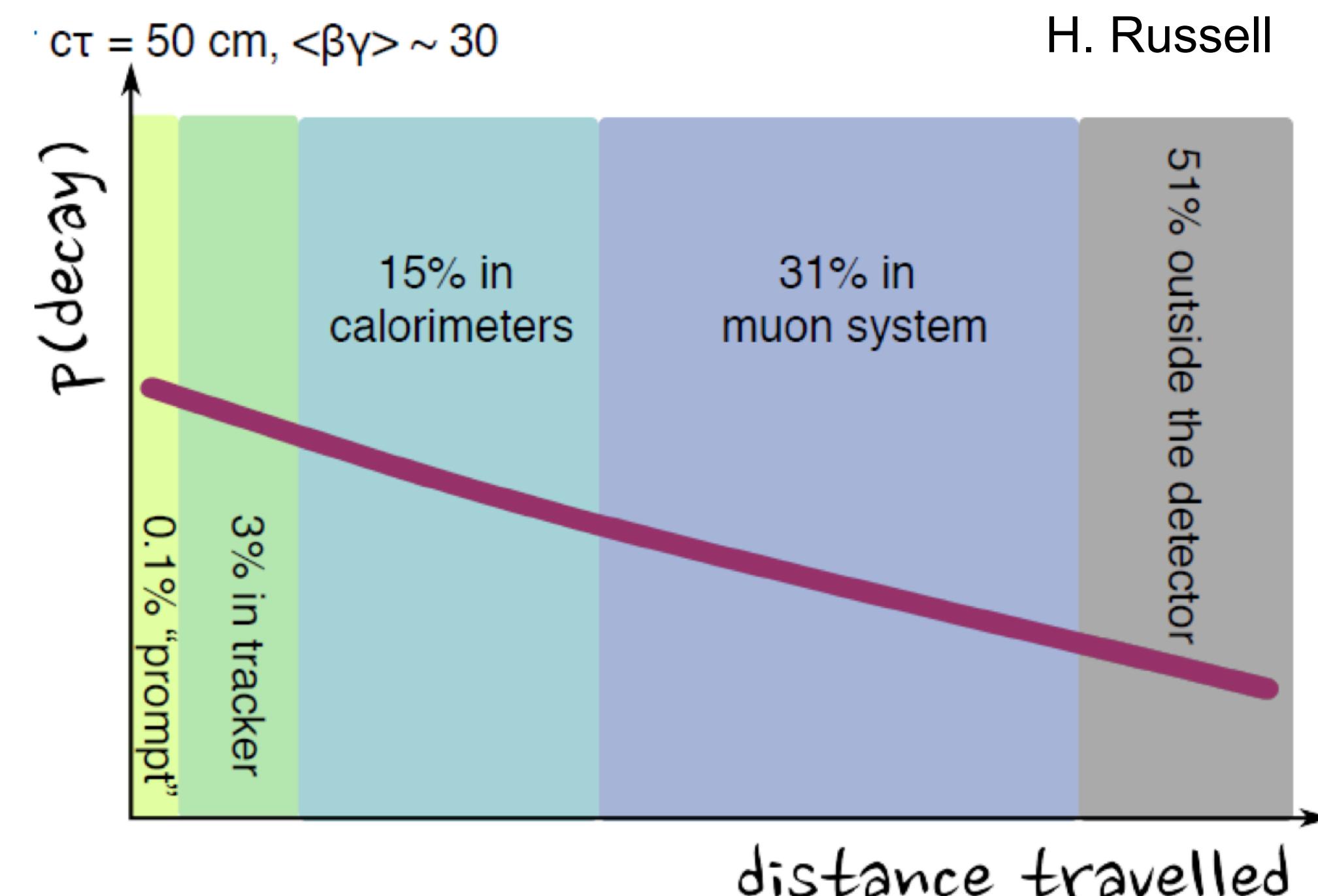
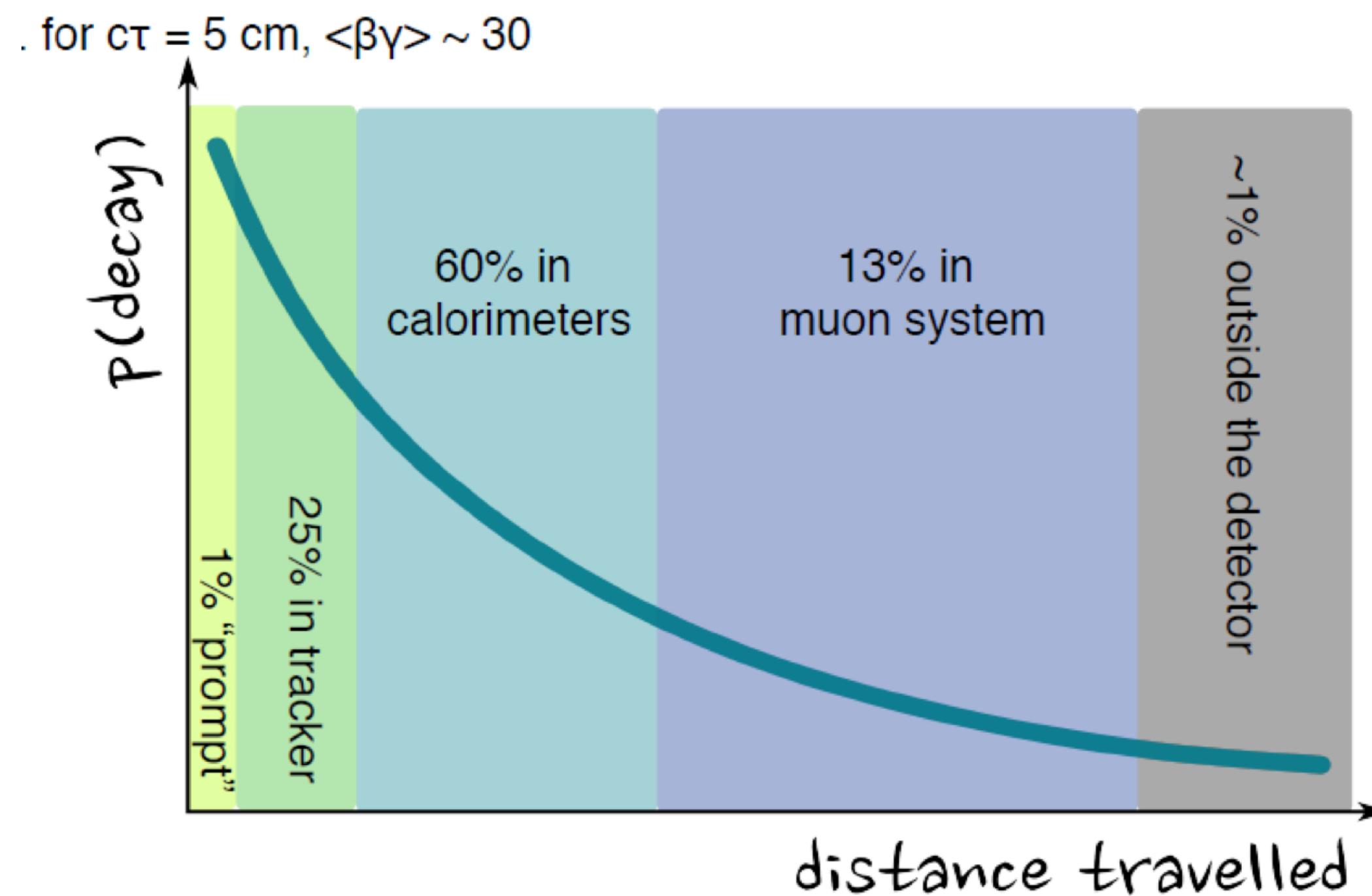


- Small coupling
- Massive mediator
- Small phase space

Same mechanisms apply to
LLPs in BSM theories

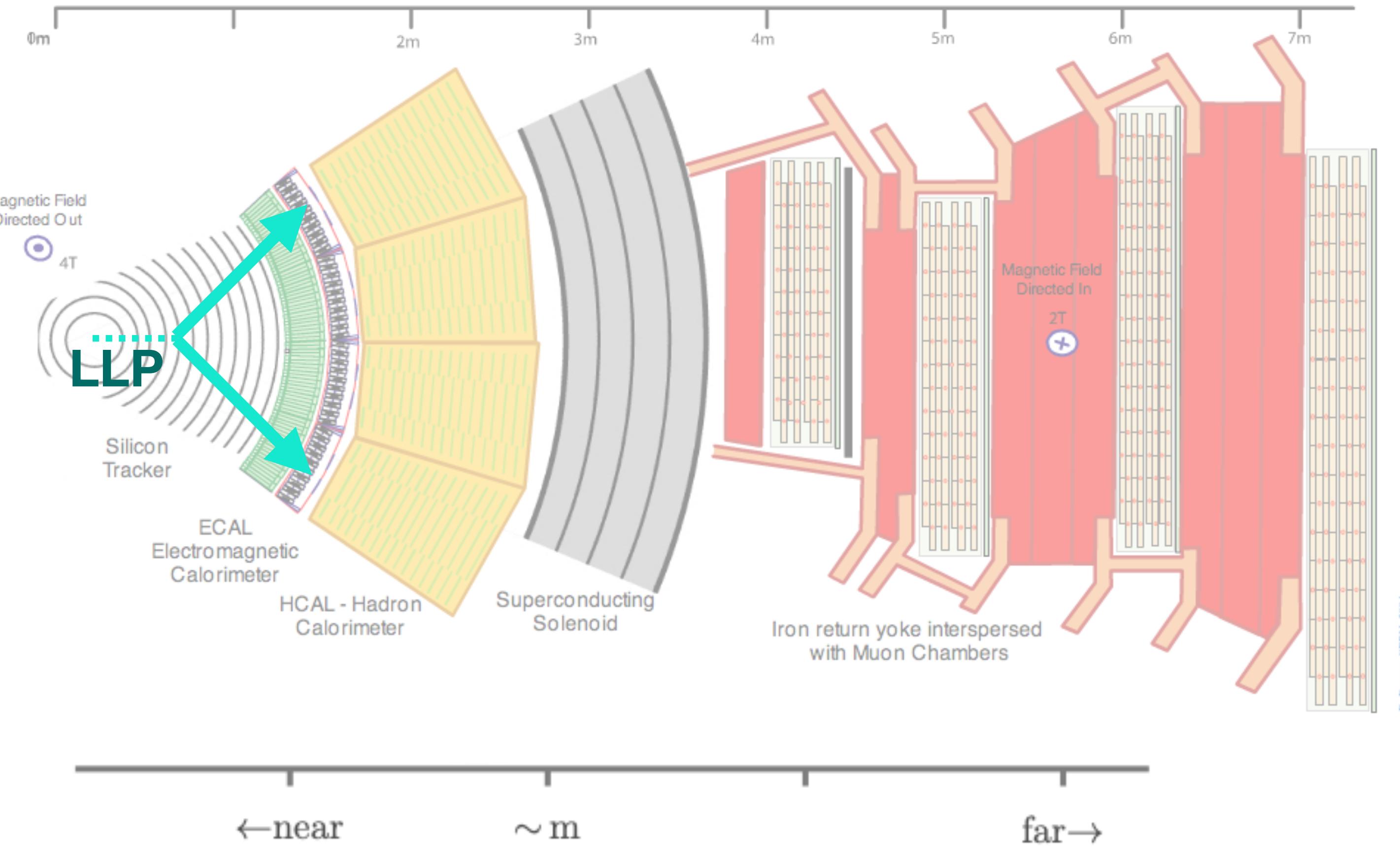
LLP Decay Region

$$\text{distance travelled} = \beta\gamma \times c\tau$$



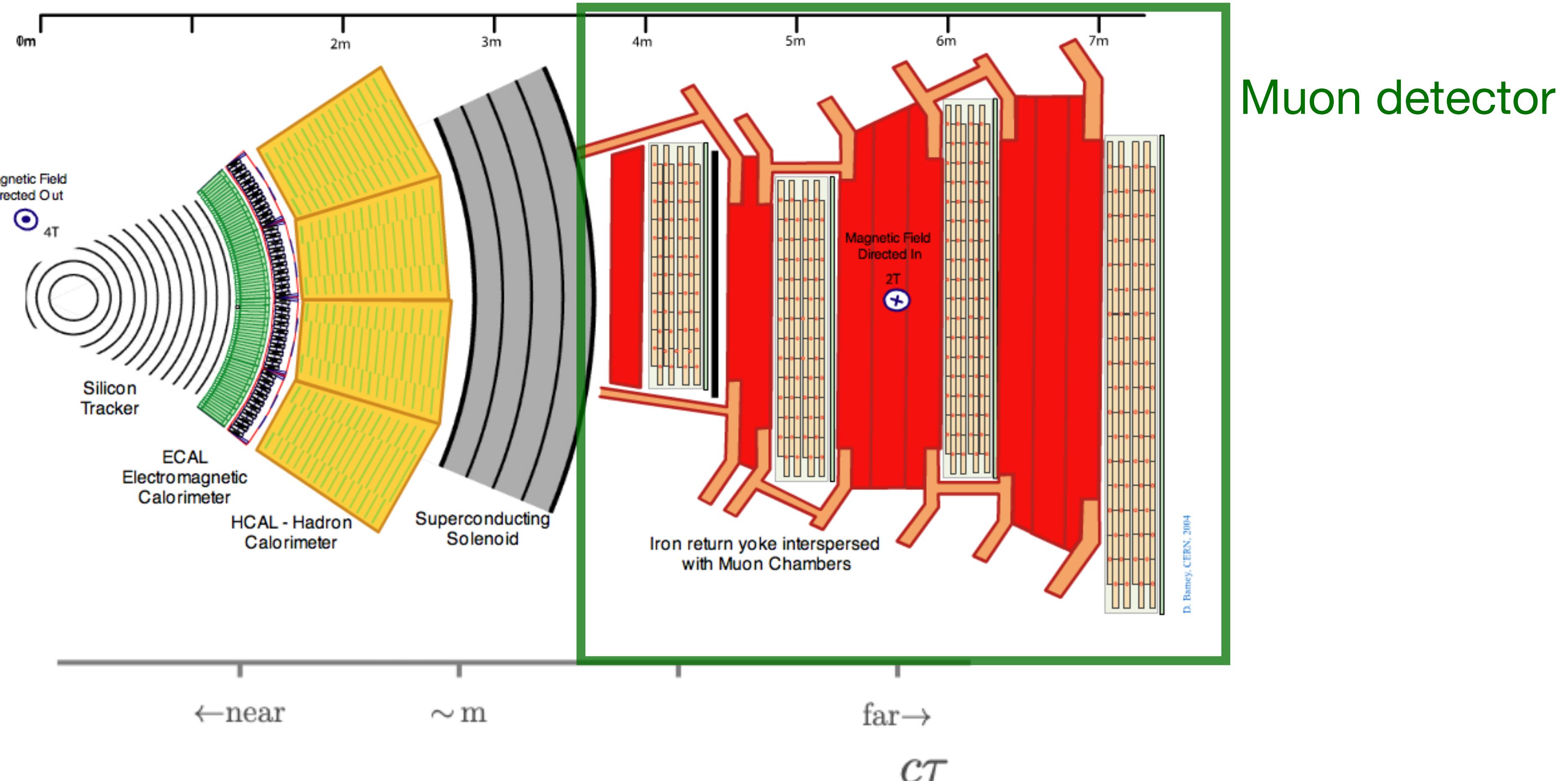
- Search strategy strongly depends on proper lifetime and boost of LLP
- Every sub-detector is important

LLP Landscape in CMS



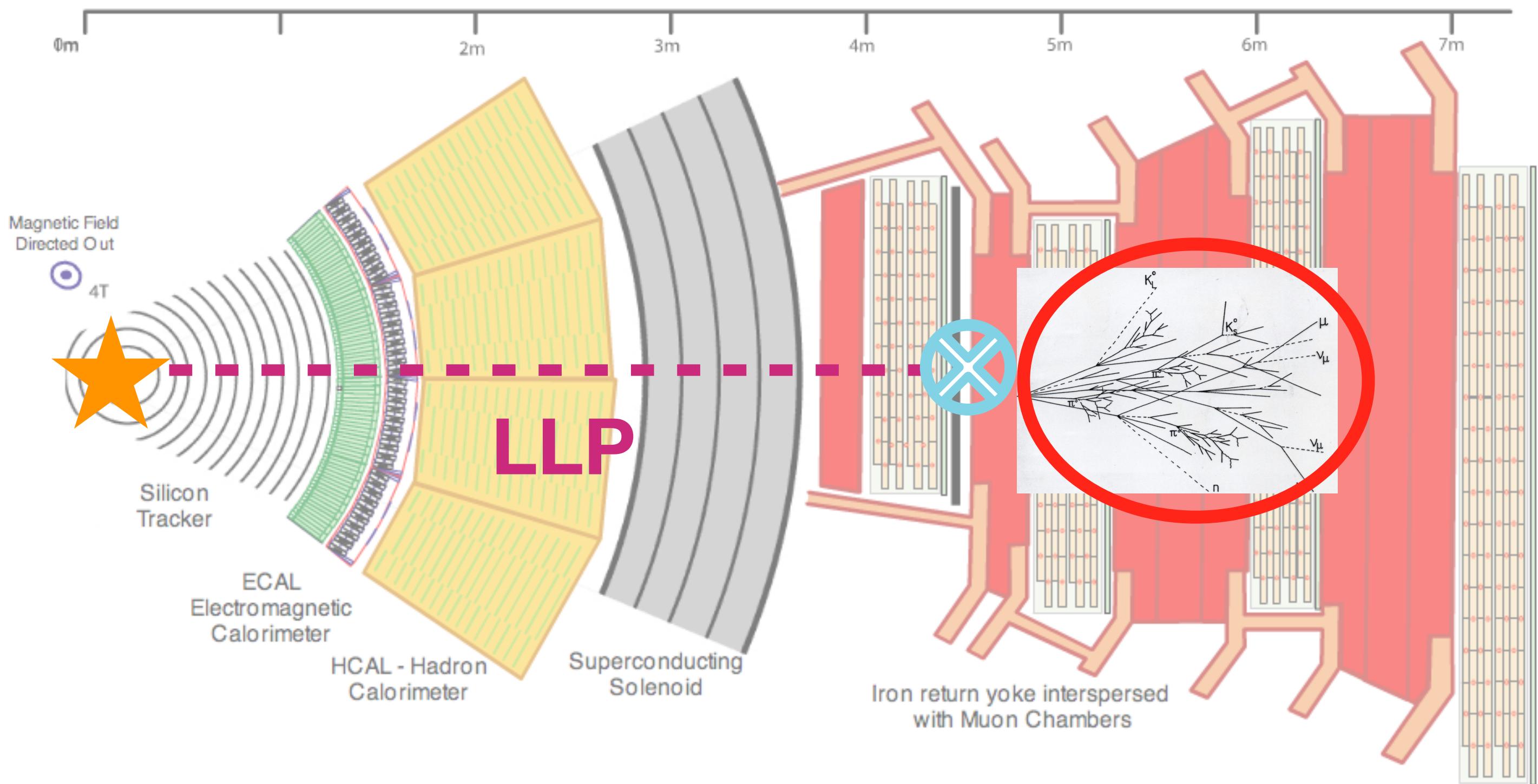
- CMS has excellent discovery reach for $c\tau < 1\text{m}$ and $M_{\text{LLP}} > 50 \text{ GeV}$
- Enabled by precision tracker: displaced vertices

Close gaps in search coverage



Searches for light LLP with large $c\tau$ using LLP decays in the muon detector

Search for LLPs in Decaying in CMS Muon System

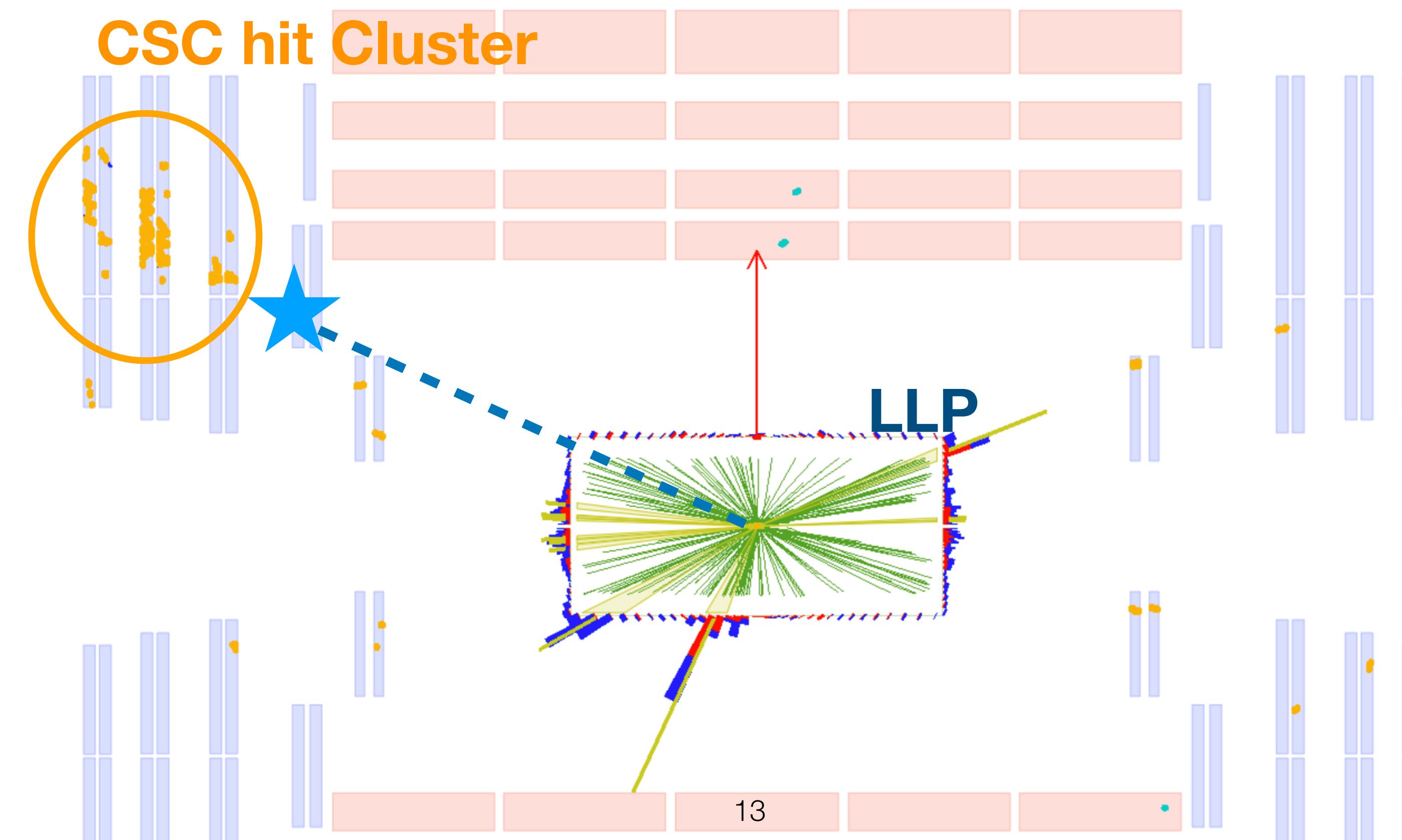


LLP decay results in
particle shower with **large
hit multiplicity**

- Covers decays far away from IP (sensitive to large $c\tau$)
- Excellent **background suppression** from shielding material
- Steel interleaved with active chambers → **sampling calorimeter**

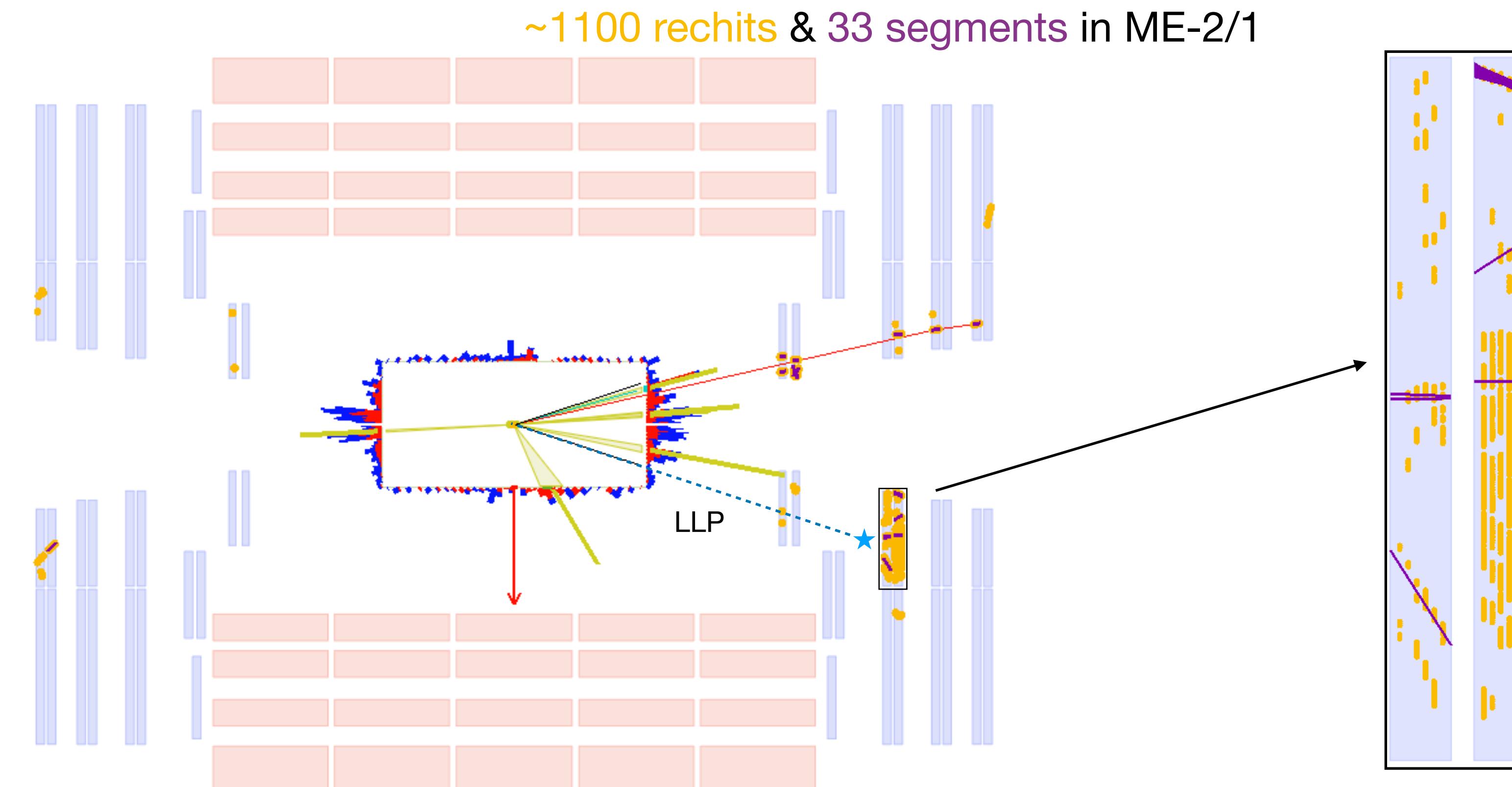
Search for LLPs with Muon Detector Showers

- Large **cluster of hits (>100 hits)** in the muon system with no jets or tracks
- **Unique signature** due to the presence of steel in the CMS muon system
- First search in CMS that uses this novel signature: [EXO-20-015](#)



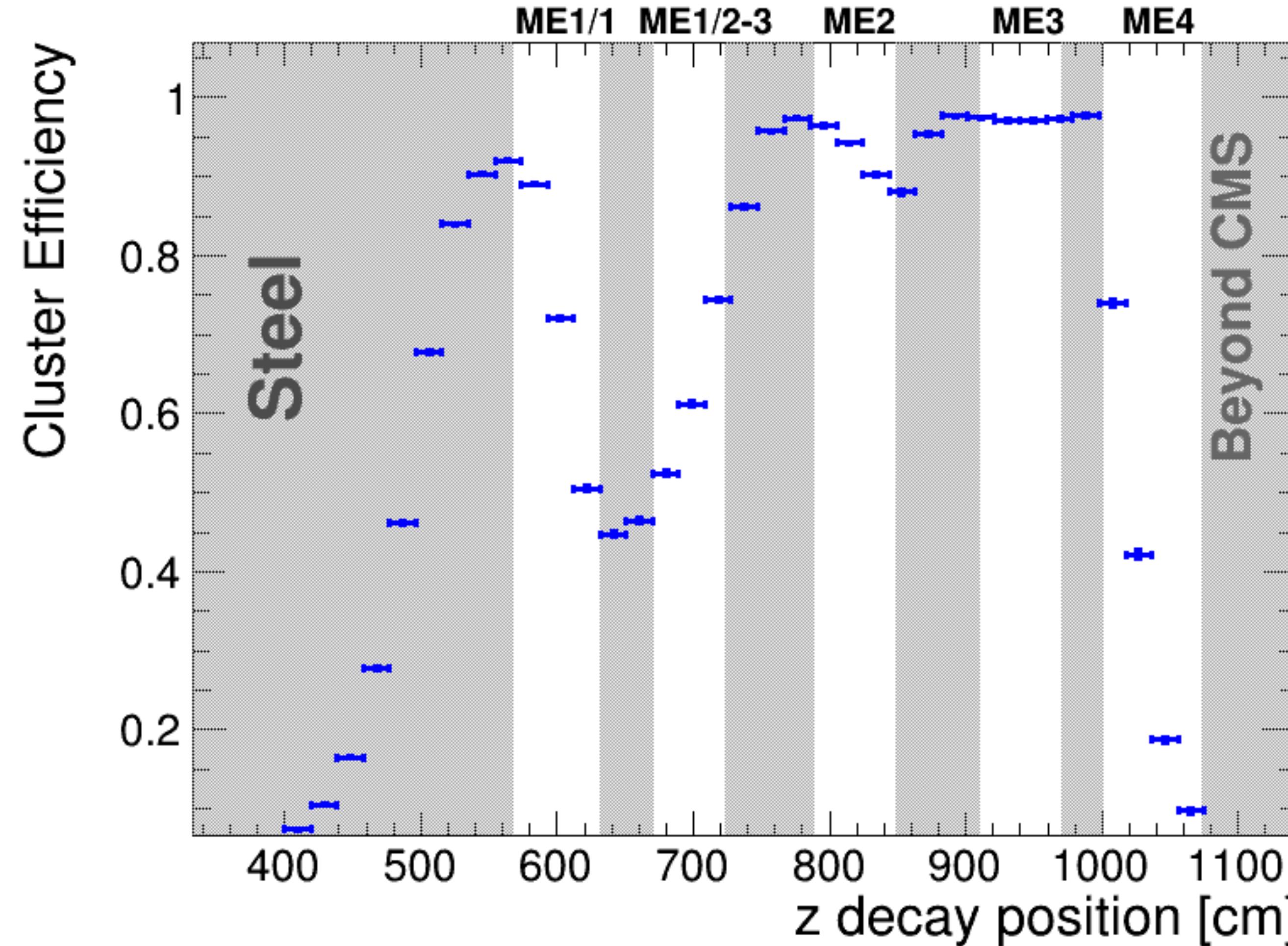
Reconstruction for MDS

- The standard reconstruction sequence in the muon system is optimized for muons rather than high-multiplicity showers
- More optimal to use **Rechits that only exist in RAW-RECO data format**
- **Cluster rechits to efficiently reconstruct muon detector shower (MDS)**



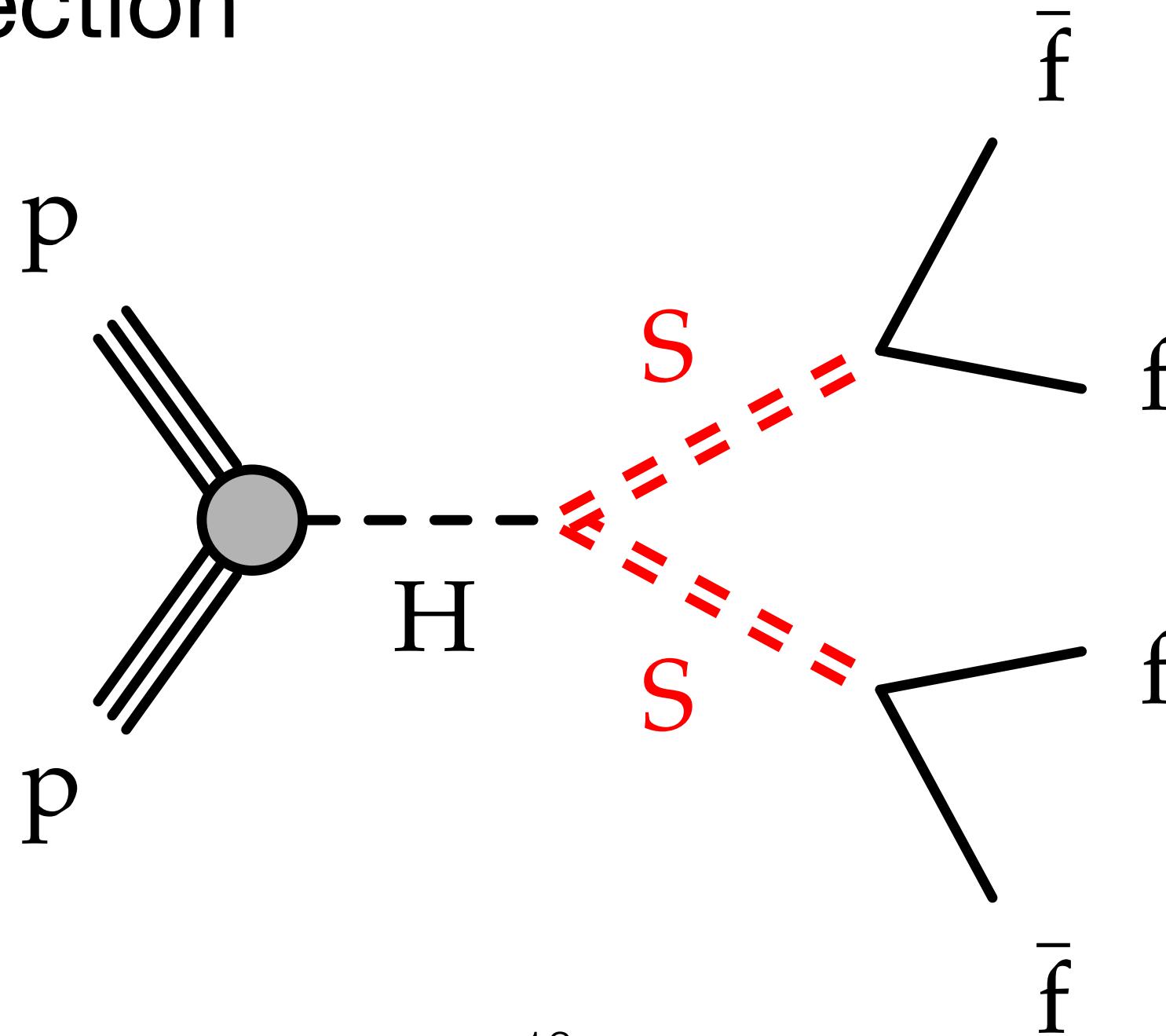
Reconstruction for MDS in Endcap

- Reconstruction efficiency depends on the LLP decay position



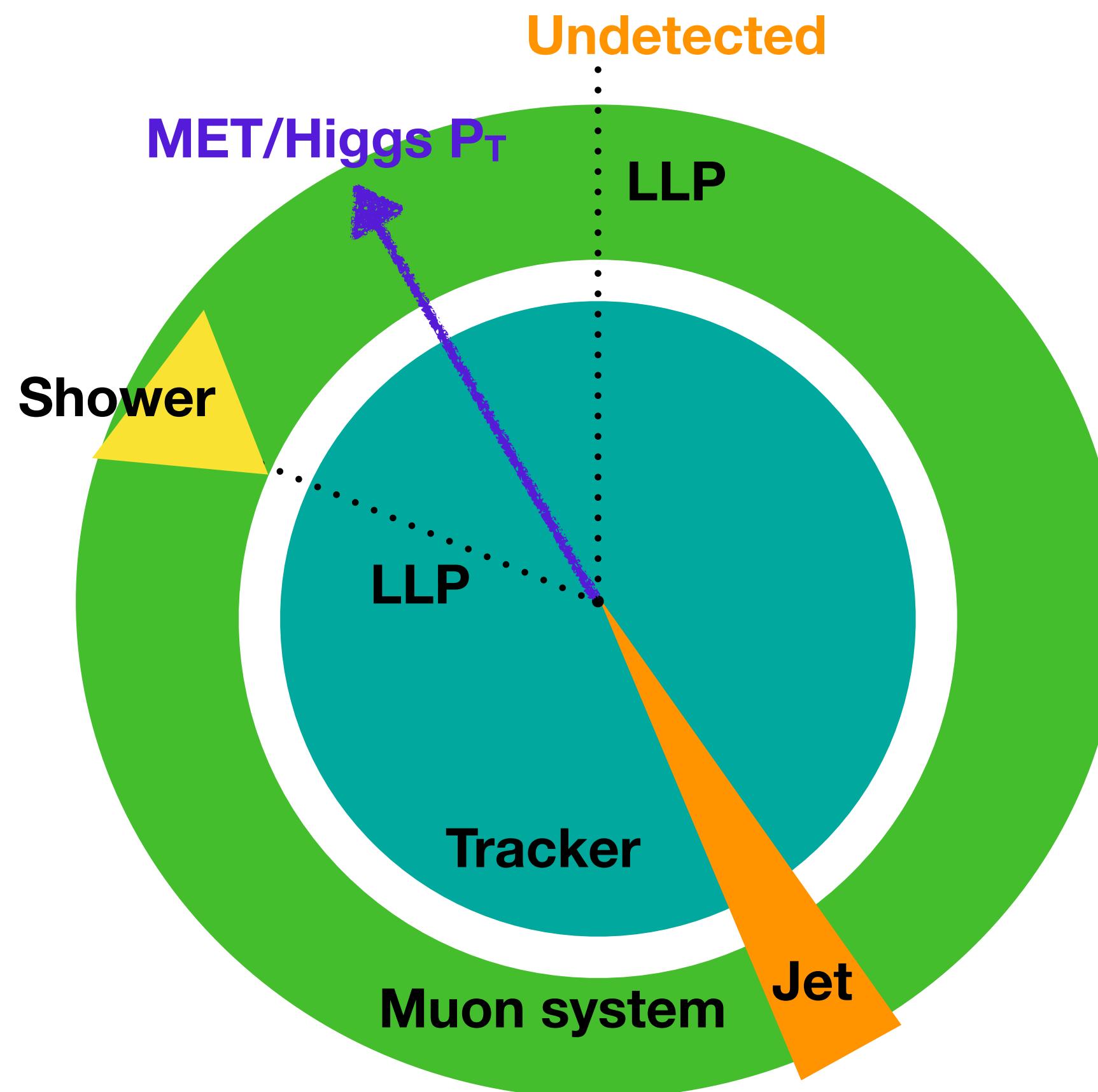
Benchmark Signal Model

- While this signature is model-independent, to develop an analysis strategy we use Higgs-portal to scalar LLP production as the benchmark model
- This LLP benchmark is difficult to detect because:
 - No stable WIMPs to produce large MET
 - No high-mass resonances decaying to high p_T final state objects
 - Low production cross section



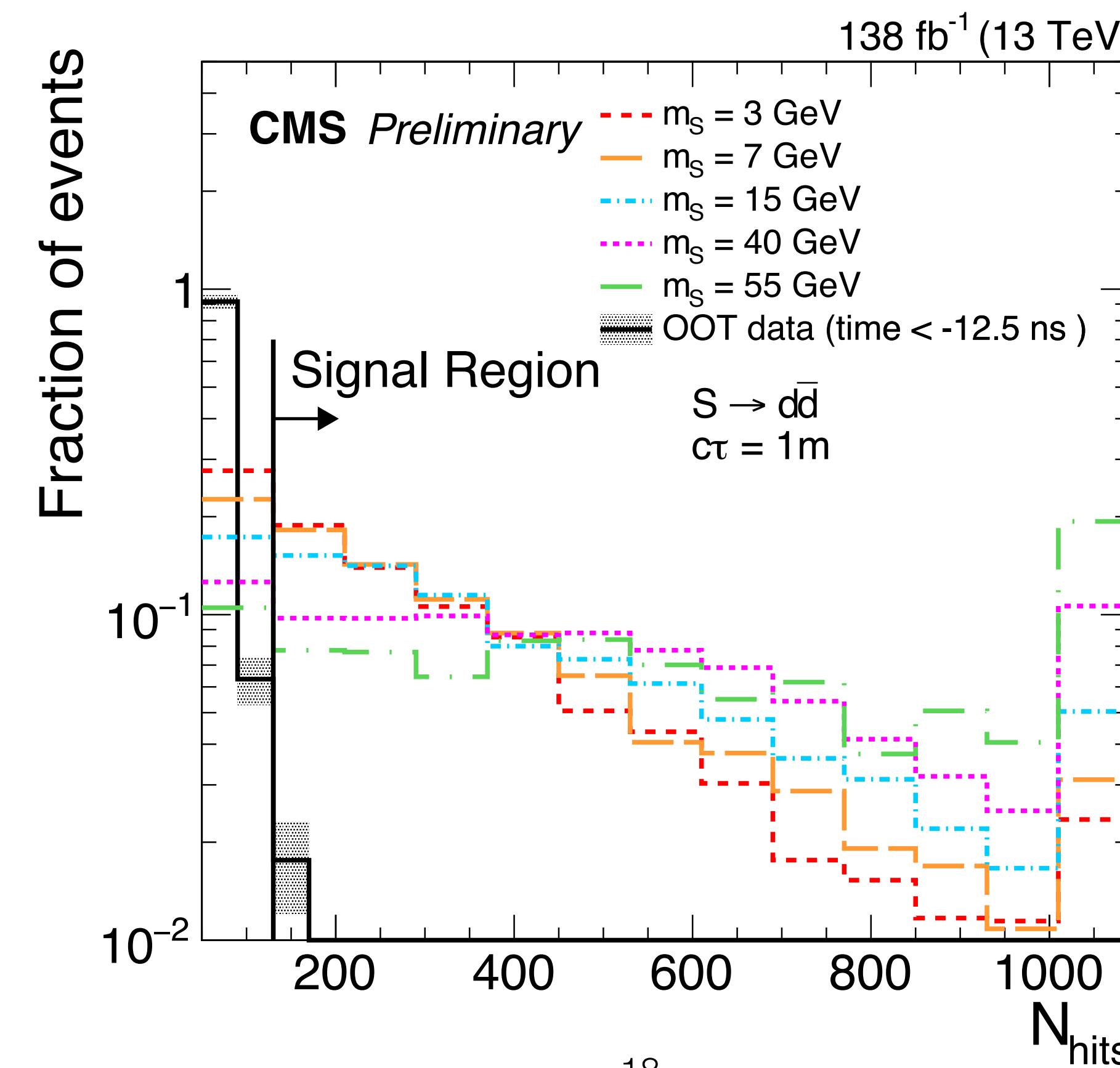
Trigger Strategy

- Trigger on **MET** due to lack of dedicated trigger in Run2 (signal efficiency is ~1%)
- New dedicated trigger implemented for Run3



Analysis Strategy

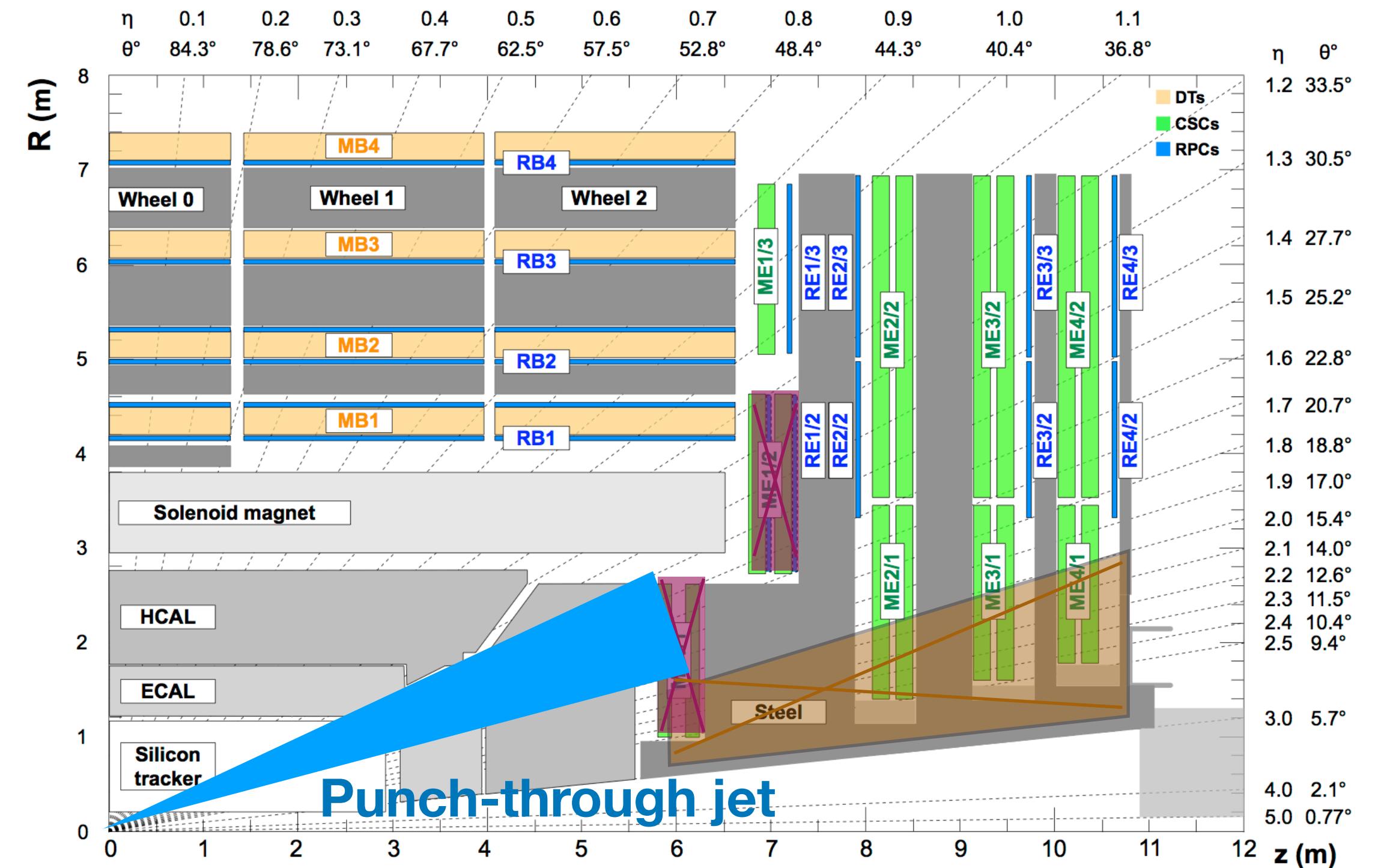
- **Event selection:** select high MET ($\text{MET} > 200 \text{ GeV}$) and boosted Higgs phase space
- Focus on **endcap muon detector** in this exercise and apply cluster-level selections to achieve 10^6 background rejection
- N_{hits} serves as the main discriminator



Cluster ID

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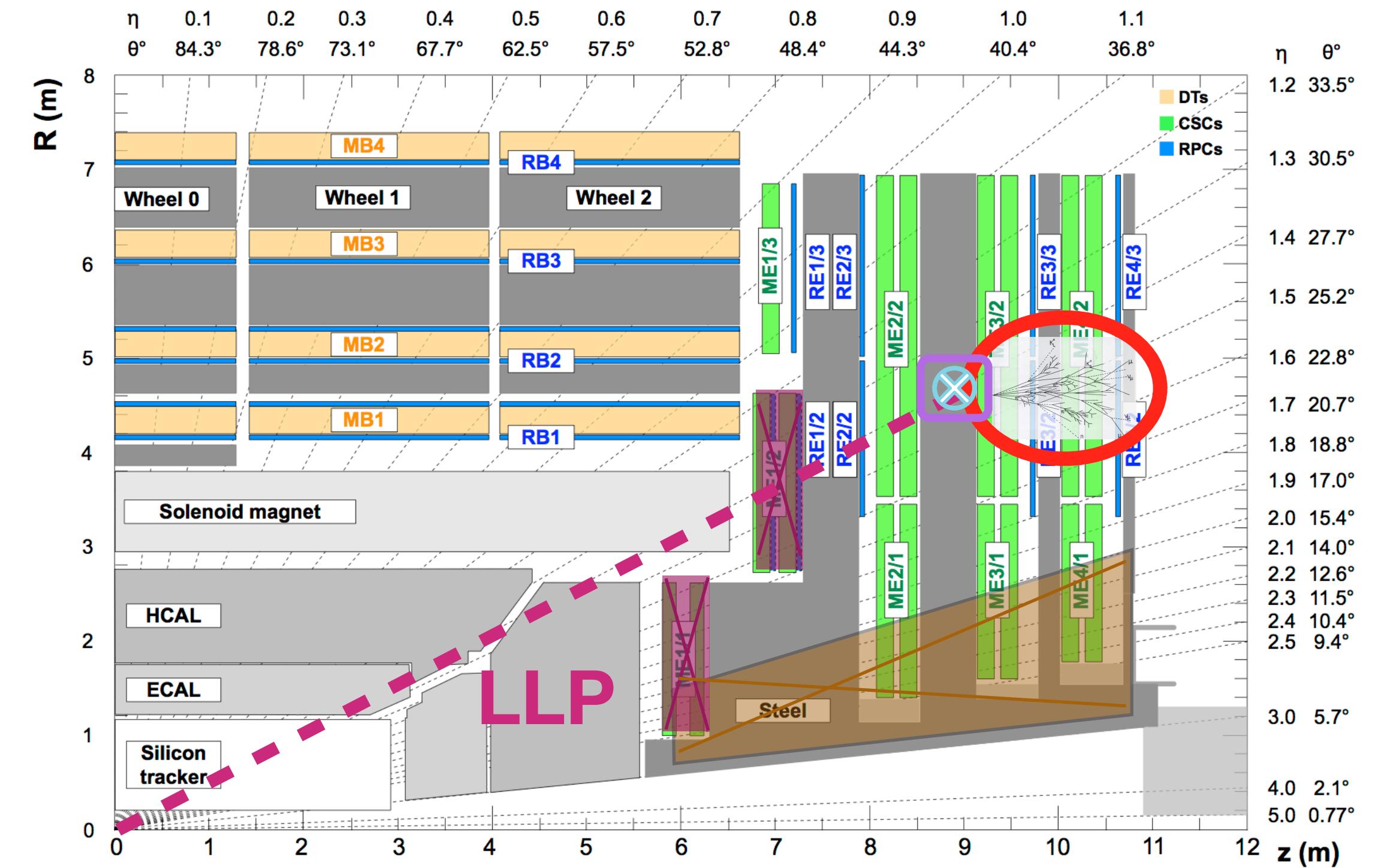
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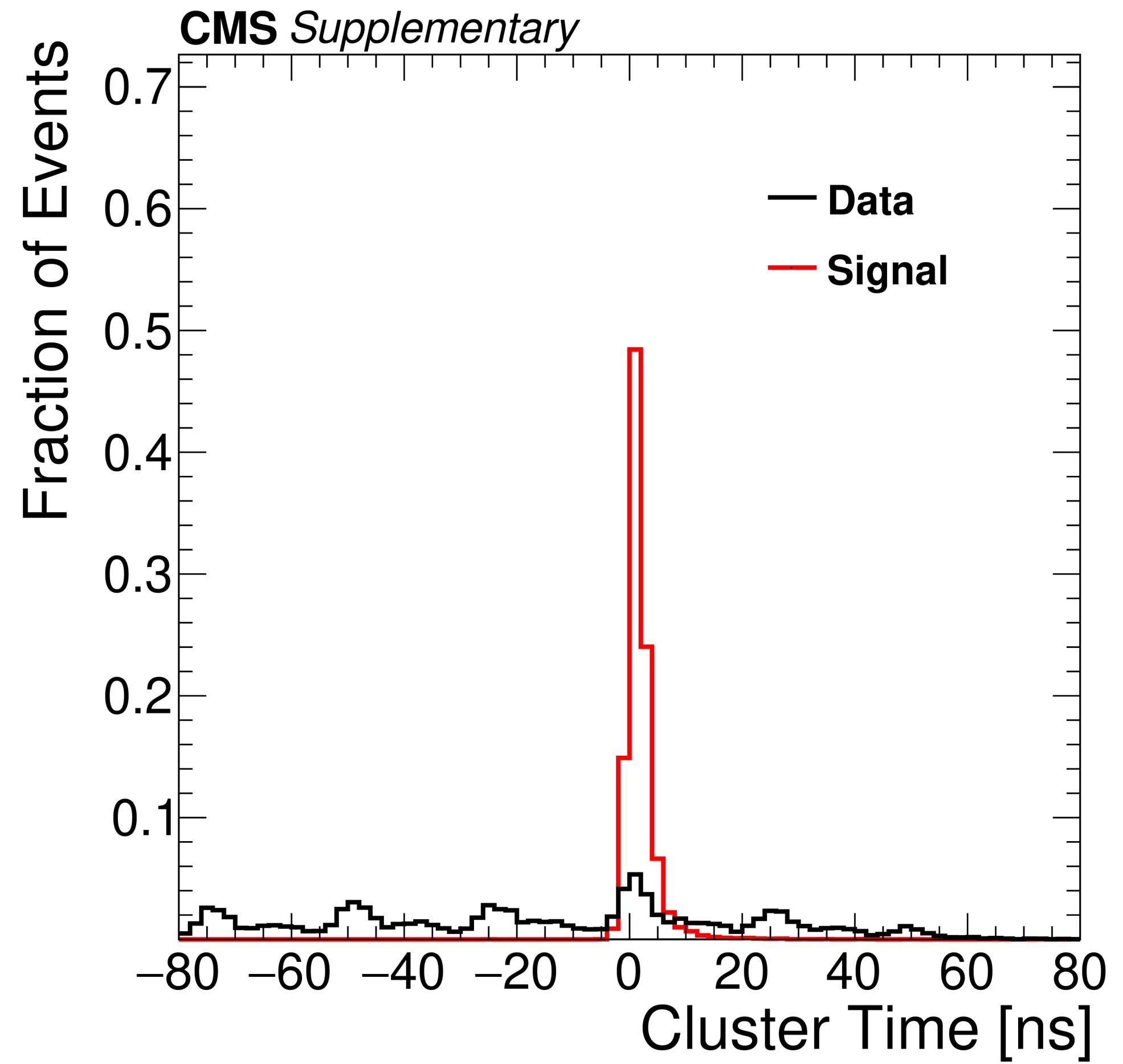
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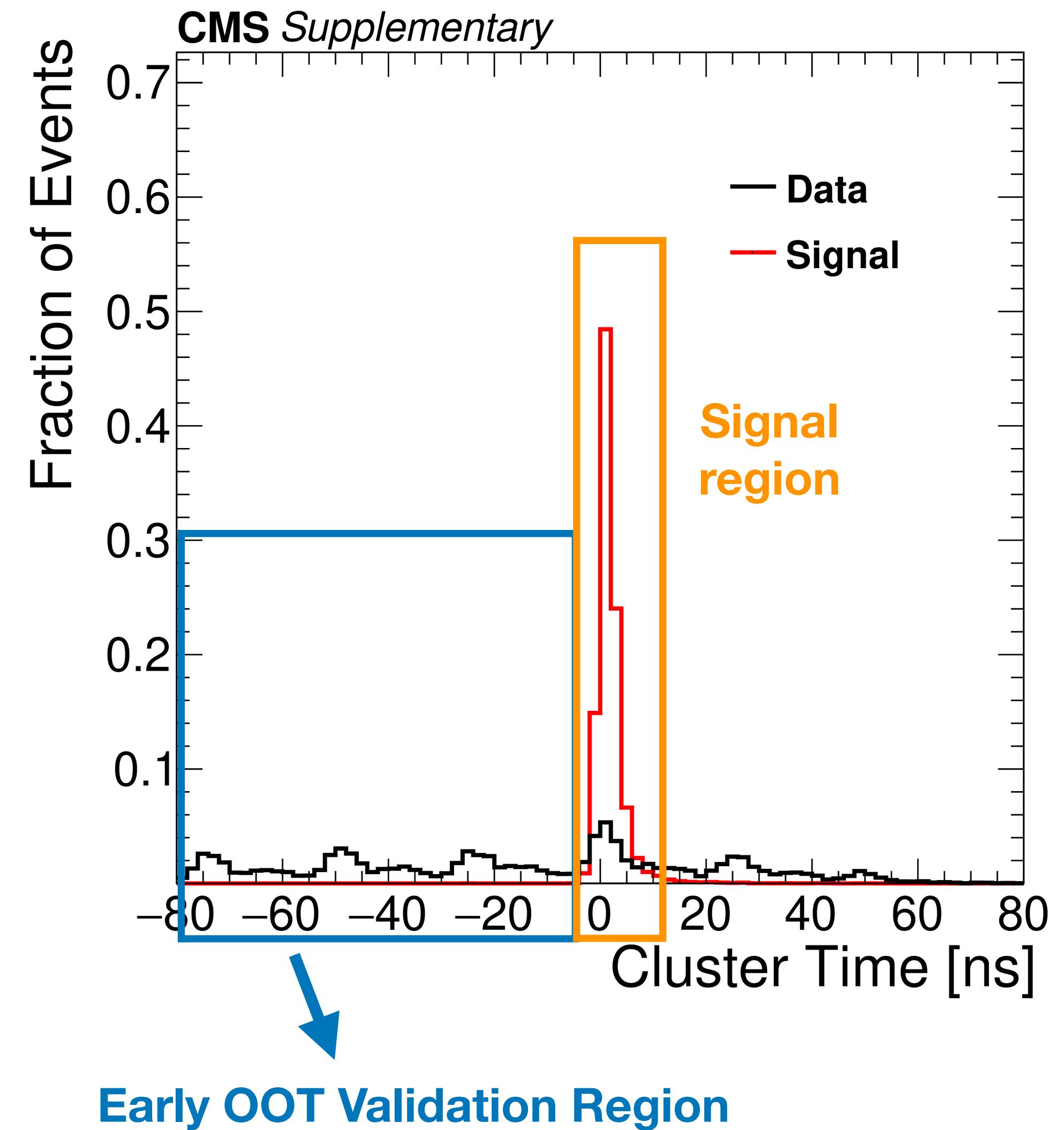
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- **5x background rejection** by requiring clusters to be in-time
- Define an **early OOT region for background estimation**



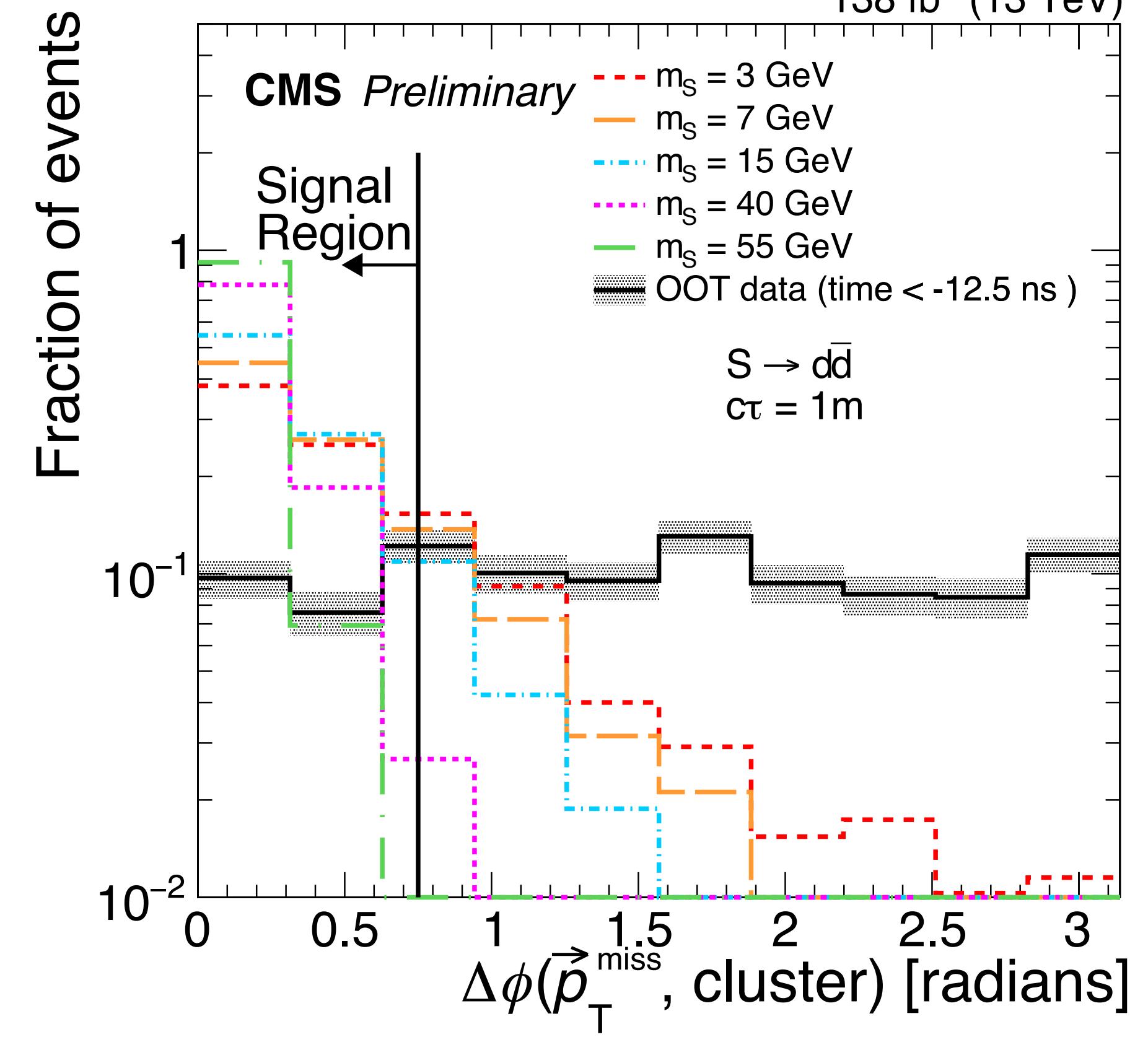
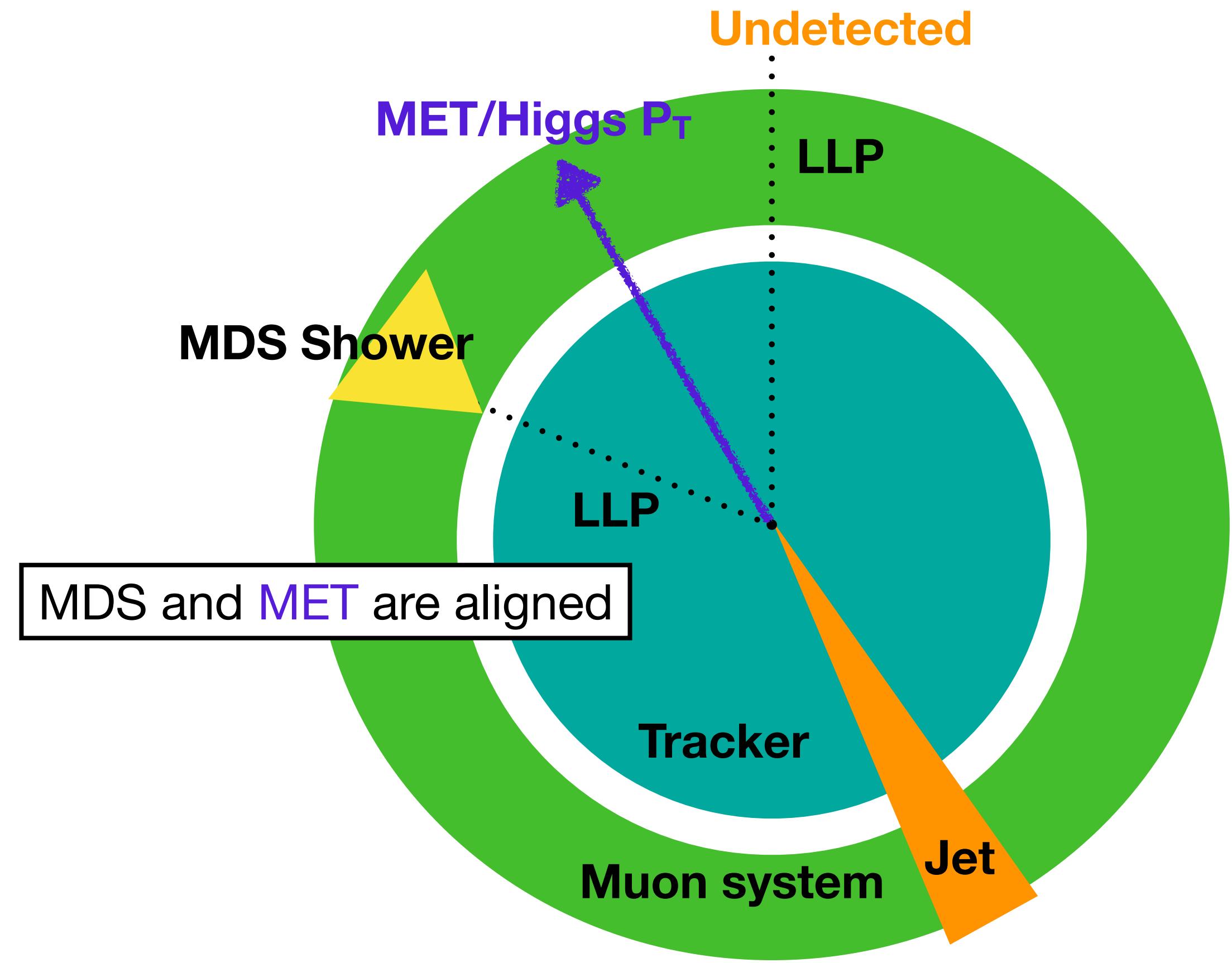
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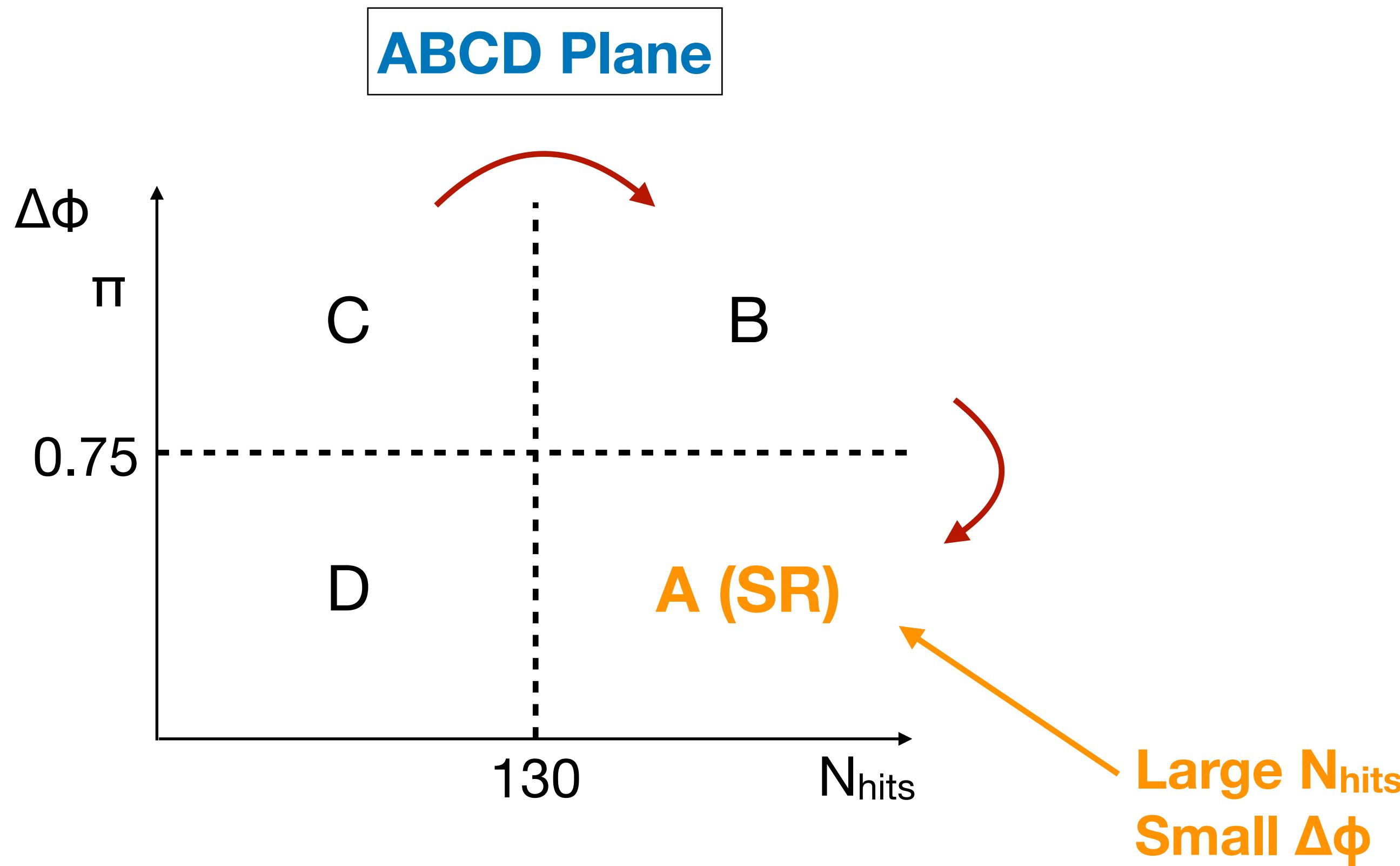


$\Delta\phi(\text{cluster}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$



- $\Delta\phi(\text{cluster}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$ peak at 0 for signal
- Flat $\Delta\phi(\text{cluster}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$ distributions for background:
 - Background clusters are produced from underlying events, while MET is calculated from primary event

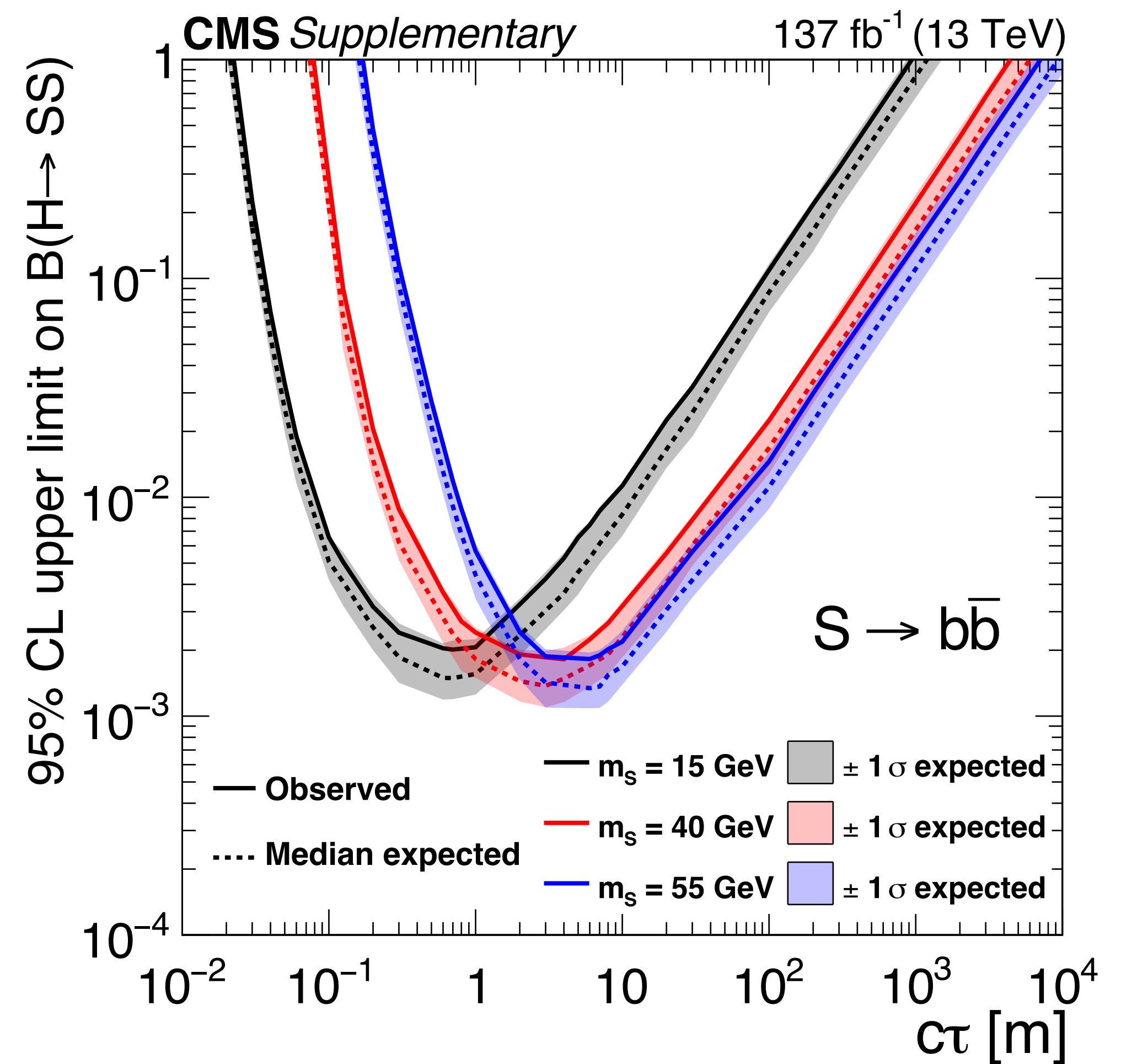
Fully Data-Driven Background Estimation using ABCD



$$A = B \times \frac{D}{C}$$

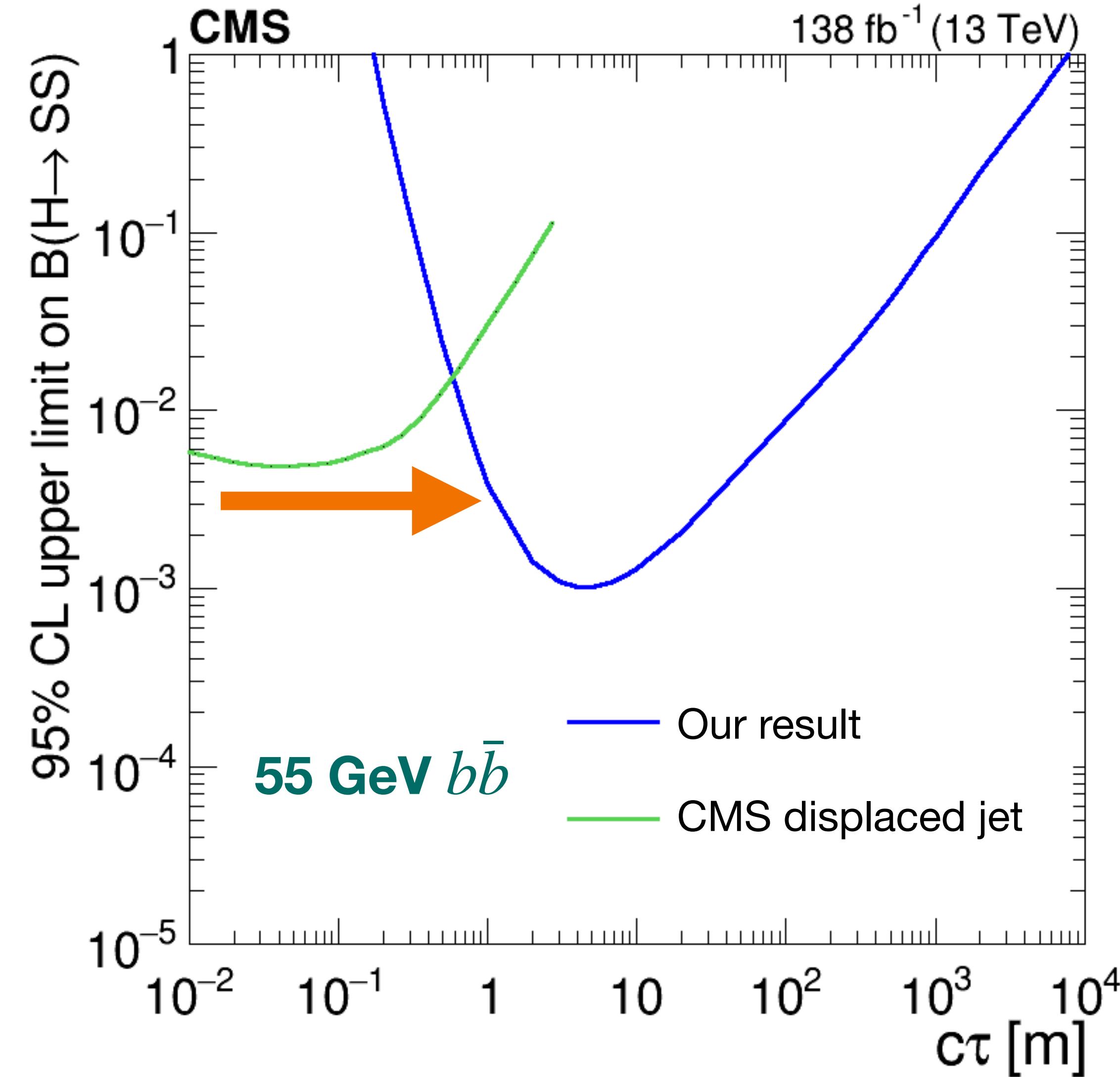
- $\Delta\phi(\text{cluster}, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}})$ and N_{hits} are independent for background
- Background estimation method validated in validation region

Observed and Expected Limits



- No excess above SM background observed: 3 events observed (2 ± 1 bkg predicted)
- Achieve sensitivity to $BR(H \rightarrow ss) = 10^{-3}$ level
- Analysis sensitivity is **independent of LLP masses**

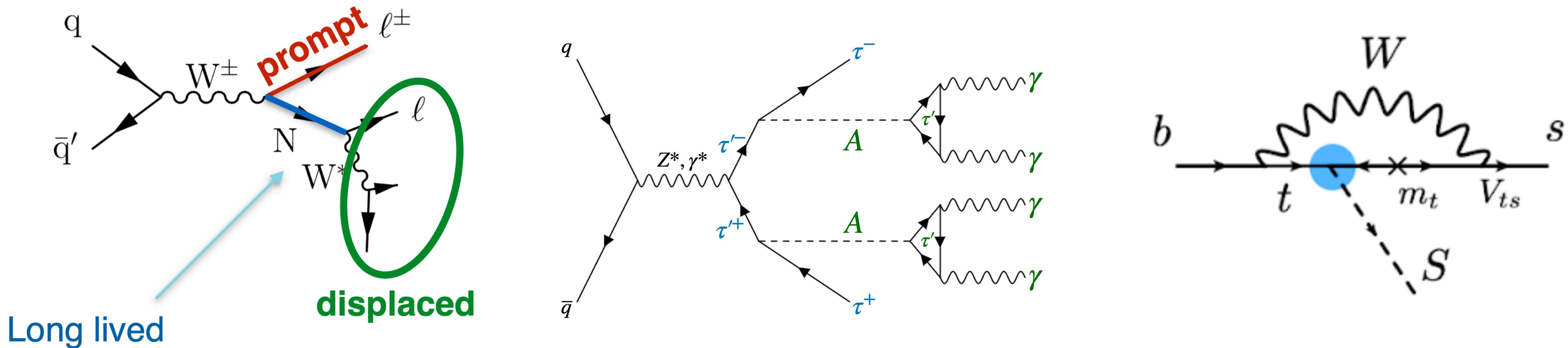
Comparison to Other Searches



Significantly extended the reach to larger LLP lifetime compared to tracker-based searches

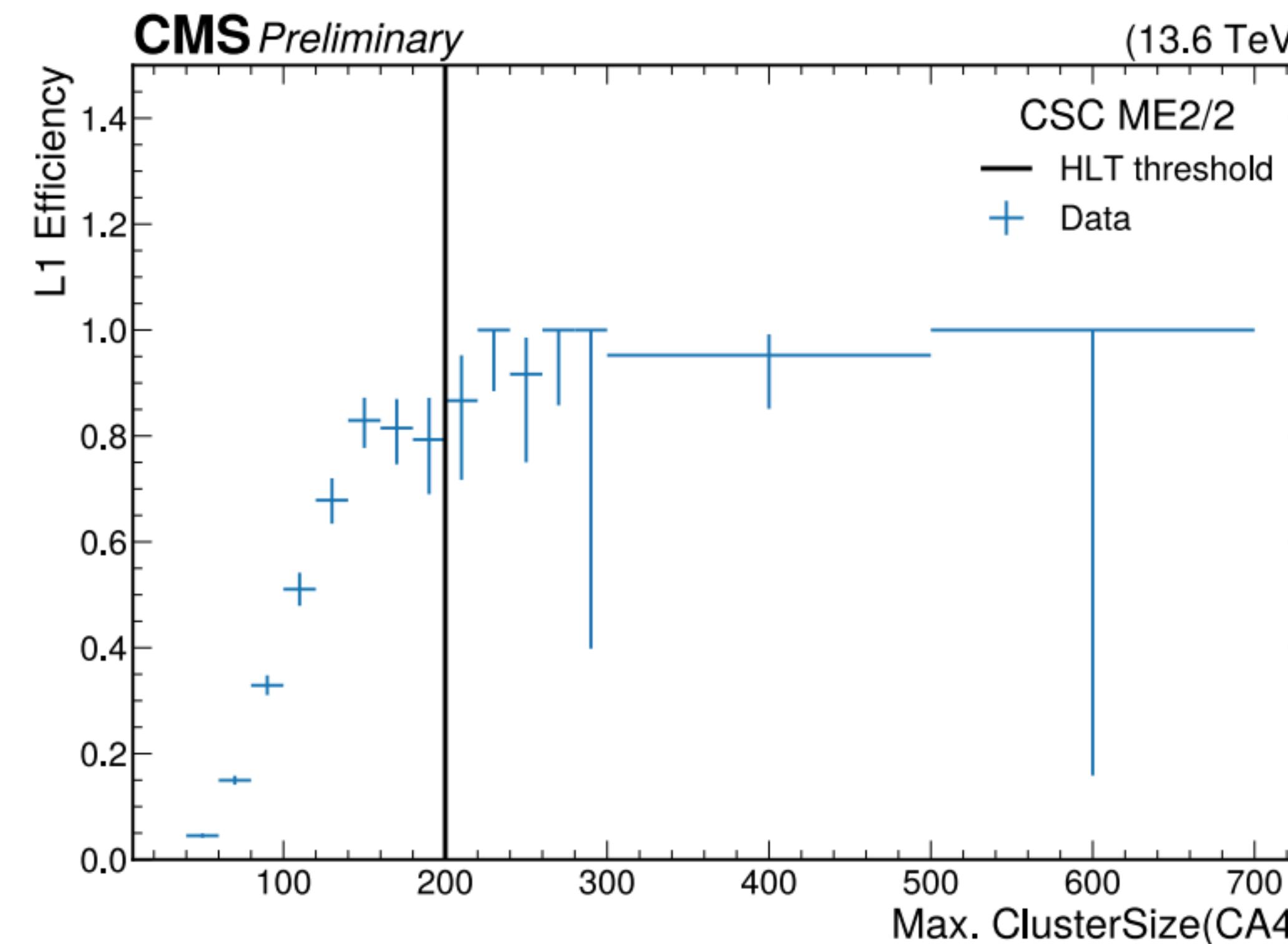
CMS LLP Physics Program with MDS (Run 2)

- Four Run 2 analyses covering a wide range of models:
 - Higgs portal and dark shower with MET dataset ([EXO-21-008](#))
 - HNL with single lepton dataset ([EXO-22-017](#))
 - Vector-like lepton with tau and MET dataset ([EXO-23-015](#))
 - LLP from B decays with B-parking dataset



CMS LLP Physics Program with MDS (Run 3)

- However, Run 2 analyses were trigger limited → new triggers in Run 3 will open up new phase space:
 - New dedicated L1 + HLT trigger implemented in since 2022
 - New trigger with Cosmic and Heavy Ion collisions in 2023
 - Will add more triggers in 2024 (MDS + e, μ, τ, γ)
- Ongoing efforts to analyze new data in Run 3
- **Let us know if you are interested in joining the effort!**



Now Your Turn!

- Learn about general properties of particle lifetimes
- Reconstruct MDS from rechits
- Study and apply cluster-level selections to reject background
- Estimate background with fully data-driven ABCD method
- Statistical analysis to produce limit on $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \text{SS})$ for different LLP lifetimes
 - By creating datacards, running higgs Combine and plotting the limits
- Present your result at the Mini-Symposium on Friday!

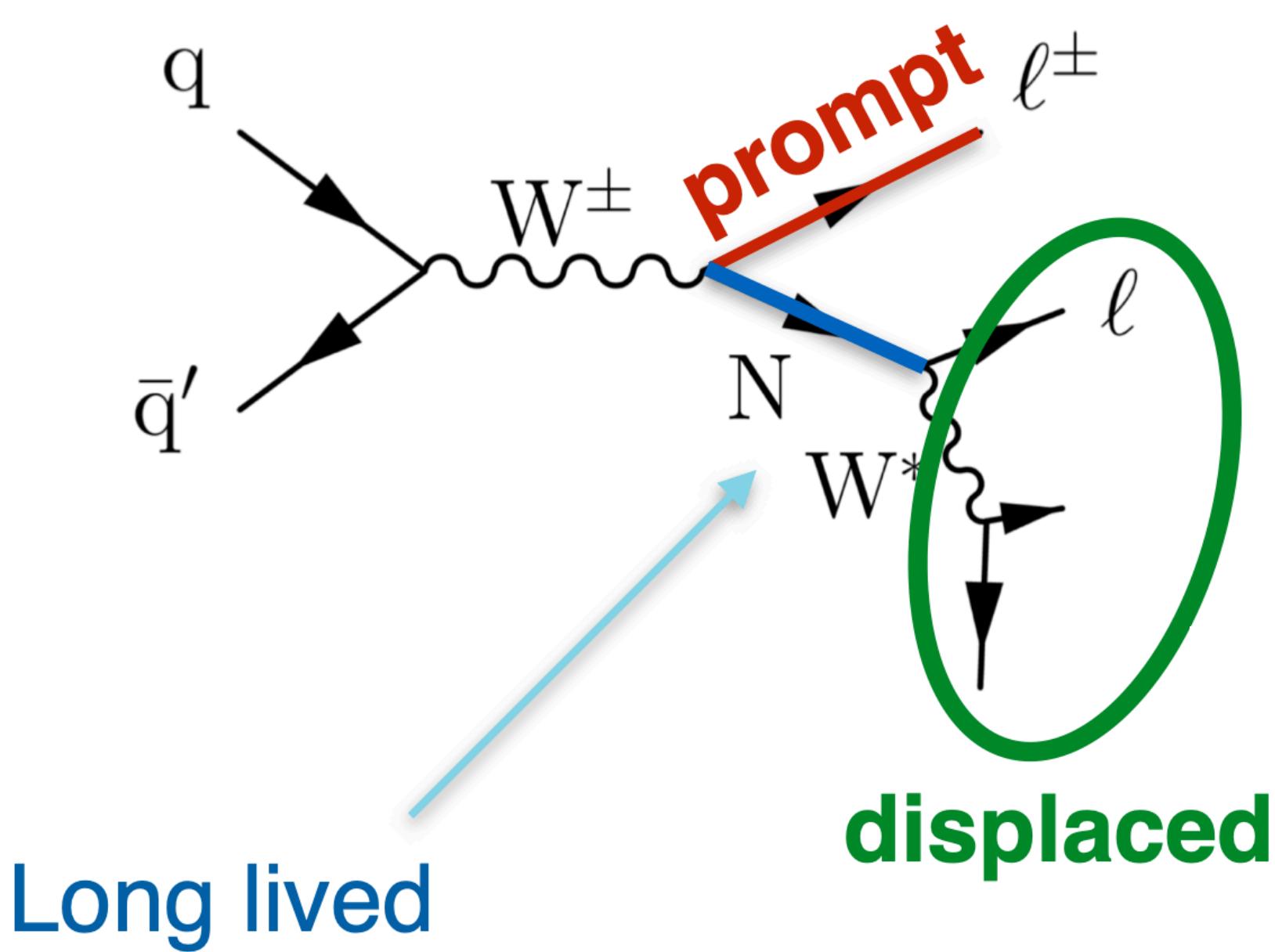
Schedule

	Setup	Download files required for the lesson
00:00	1. Introduction	Why do we search for long-lived particles? Why do we use muon detectors? What signatures are we looking for?
00:30	2. Long-lived Particles (LLPs)	What is a long-lived particle? What is a particle proper decay lengths and lab frame decay lengths? How often does an LLP decay in the muon detectors?
02:40	3. MDS Reconstruction	What is Muon Detector Shower (MDS)? How are MDS reconstructed?
06:10	4. Analysis Strategy	What trigger do we use? What selections do we make to select for signal clusters and reject background clusters? What are the remaining background compositions for MDS?
08:25	5. Background Estimation	What are the source of background for MDS? How do we estimate the background contribution?
09:25	6. Results and Statistical Analysis	What is the unblinded result? How to constrain the ABCD relationship for background in datacards?
12:25	7. Event Display (optional)	How to make event displays of interesting signal simulation?
13:25	Finish	

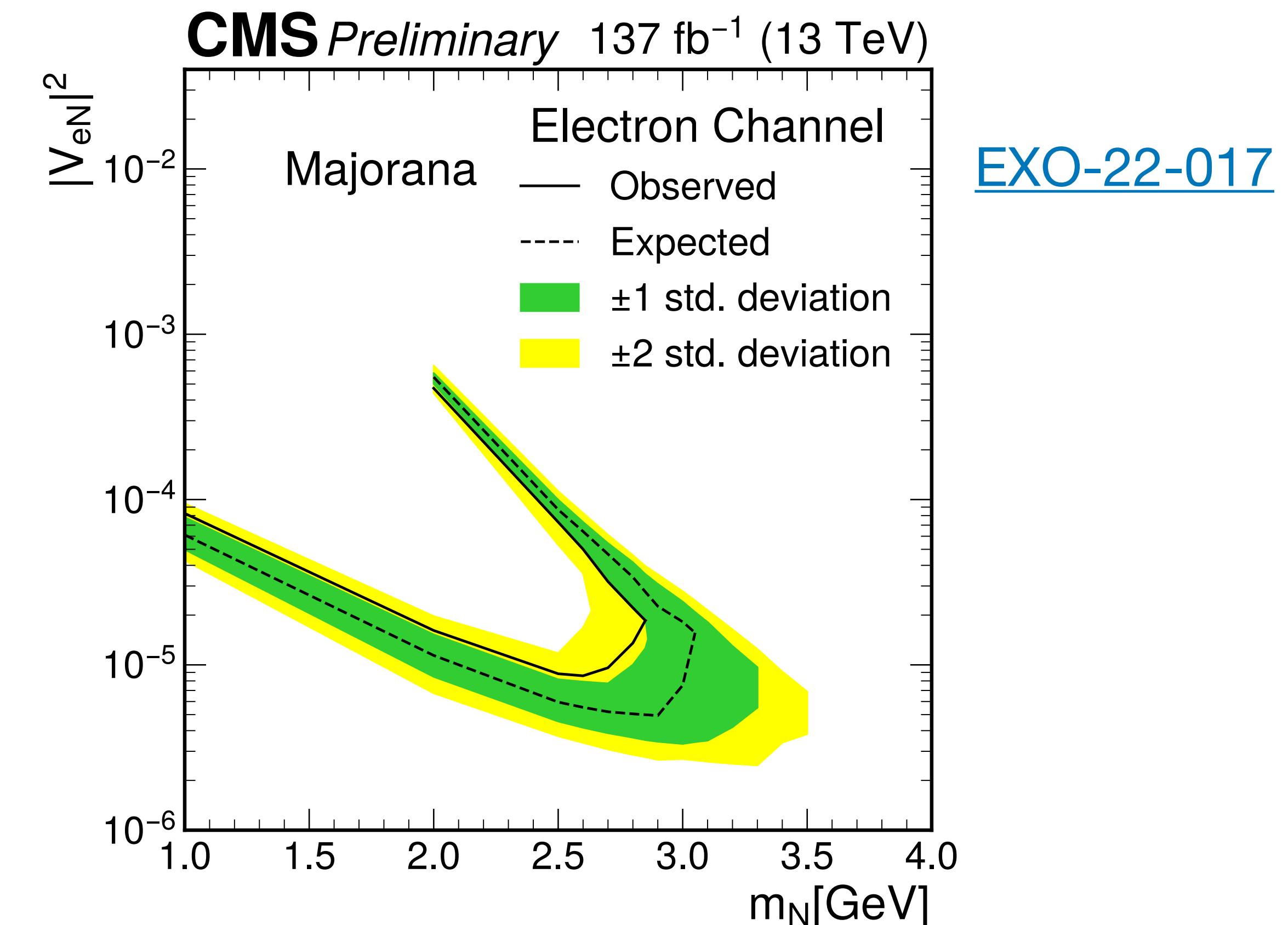
Backup Slides

Search for Heavy Neutral Leptons with MDS

- Search for HNL decay in muon system in association with a **prompt and triggering electron or muon**
 - Sensitive to all visible HNL energy: particle showers from the **displaced lepton and inclusive W*** **decays**
 - Extend sensitivity to **smaller mass and mixing angle**
- New dedicated trigger in Run 3 would enable sensitivity for tau-type HNLs

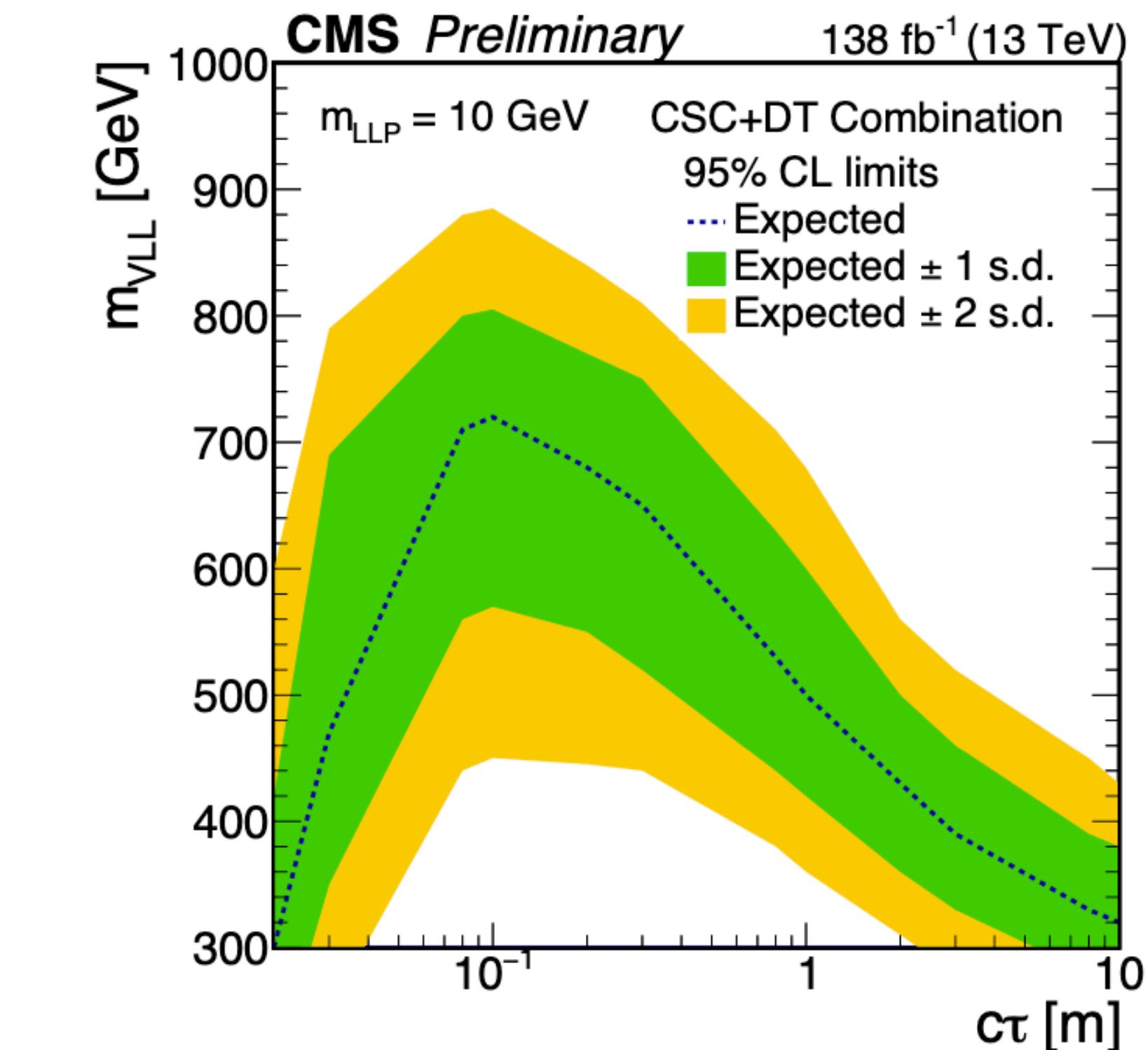
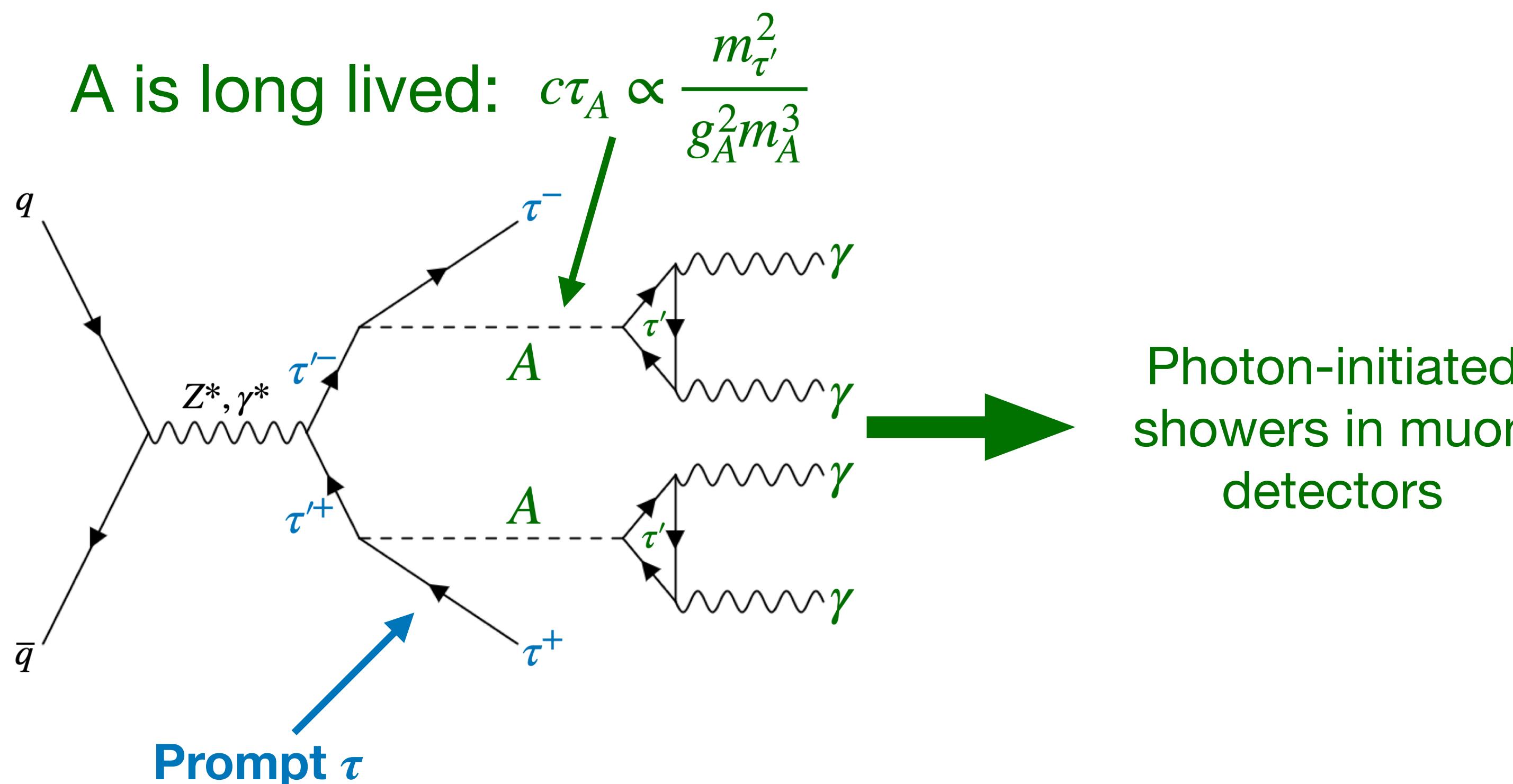


$$c\tau_N \propto \left(\frac{1\text{GeV}}{m_N}\right)^5 \left(\frac{0.1}{|V_{LN}|^2}\right) [\text{mm}]$$



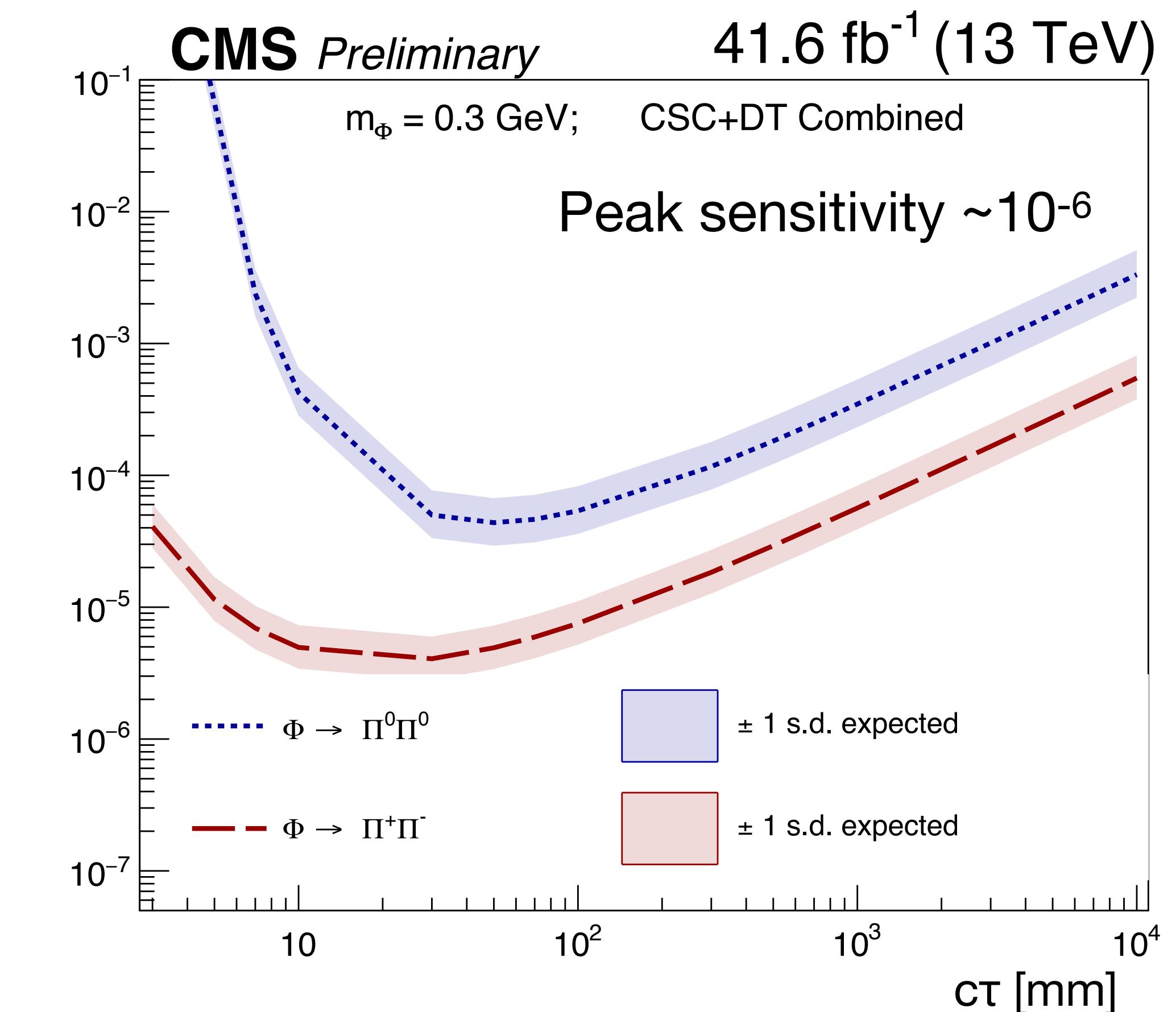
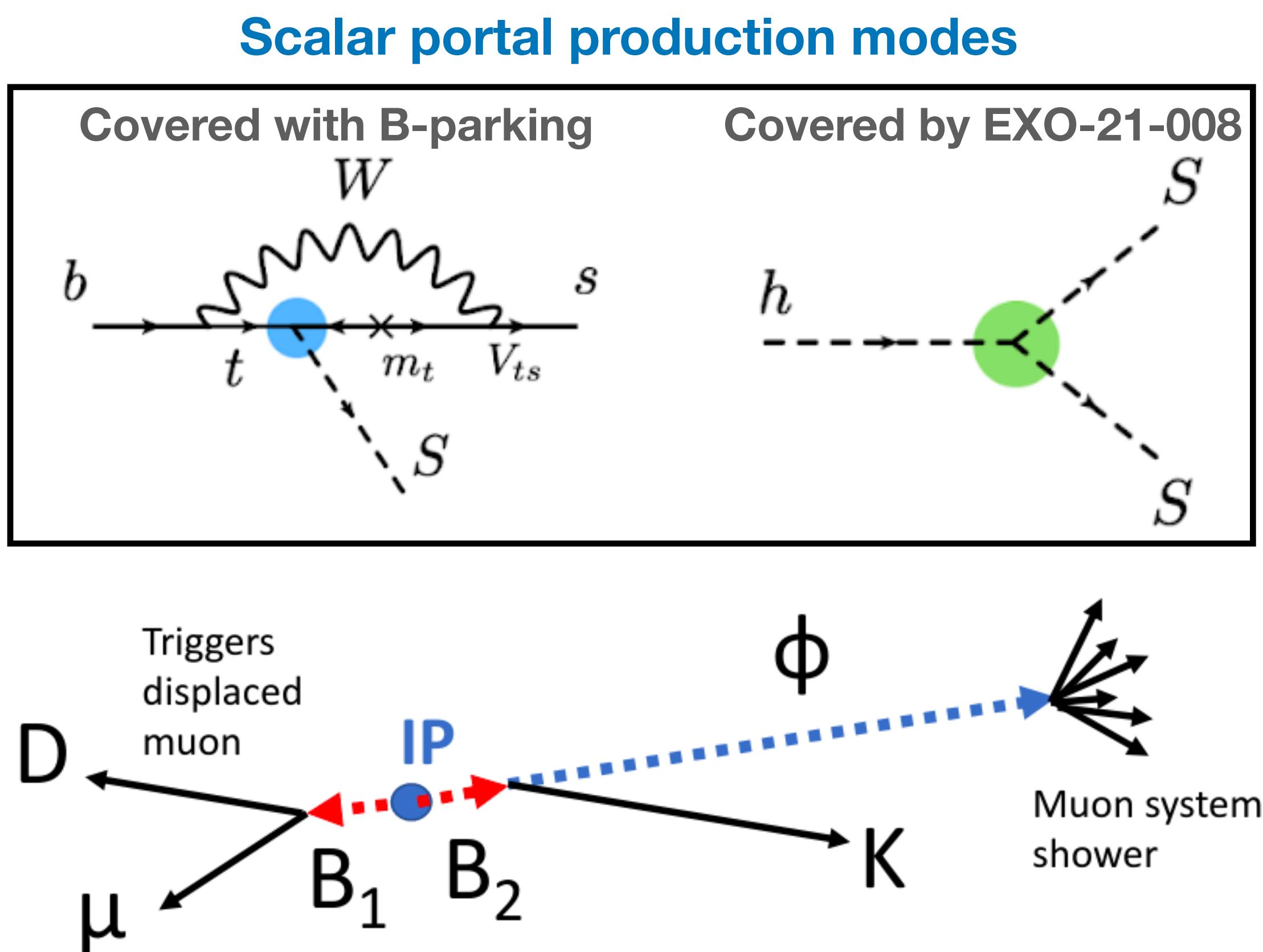
Search for Vector-like Leptons with MDS

- EXO-23-015: Novel VLL signature at the LHC, targeting difficult photon decay mode:
Two prompt τ 's and two electromagnetic LLP decays in muon system
- MDS + τ_h analysis strategy is complete and documented in AN
- Promising sensitivity to VLLs masses up to 700 GeV
- Analysis currently going through object review, targeting Moriond 2024



Search LLPs from B Decays with MDS

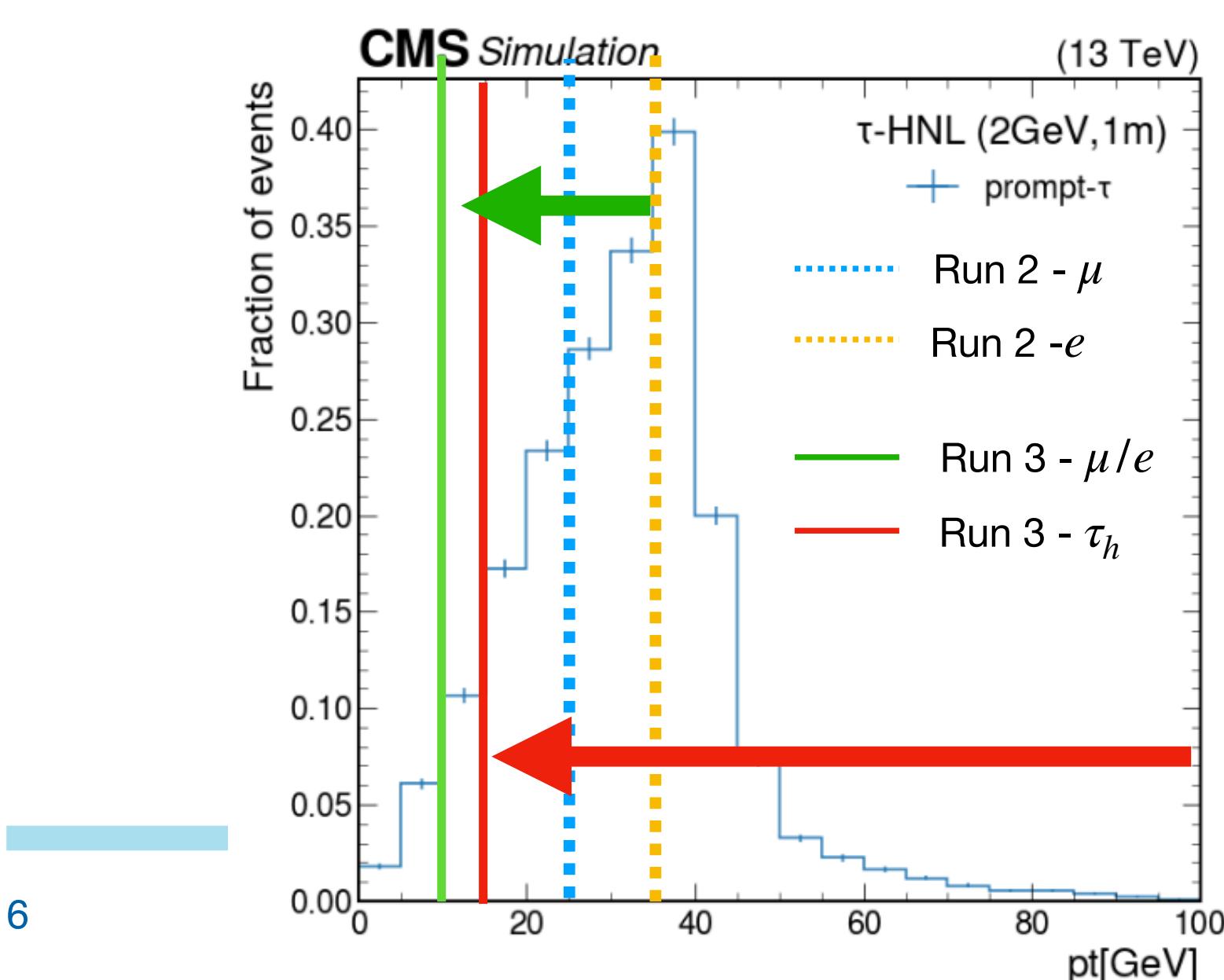
- B-parking dataset: ~ 10 billion $B\bar{B}$ events recorded end of 2018 triggering on a single, displaced muon
- The triggering muon originates from the "tag-side" B that undergoes a $b \rightarrow \mu X$ decay. **The "signal-side" B decay is inclusive → enable searches for LLPs produced from B decays**
- Wrapping up background estimation and documentation in the AN, aim to send first draft of AN to conveners by end of the year (More details in Aram's talk)



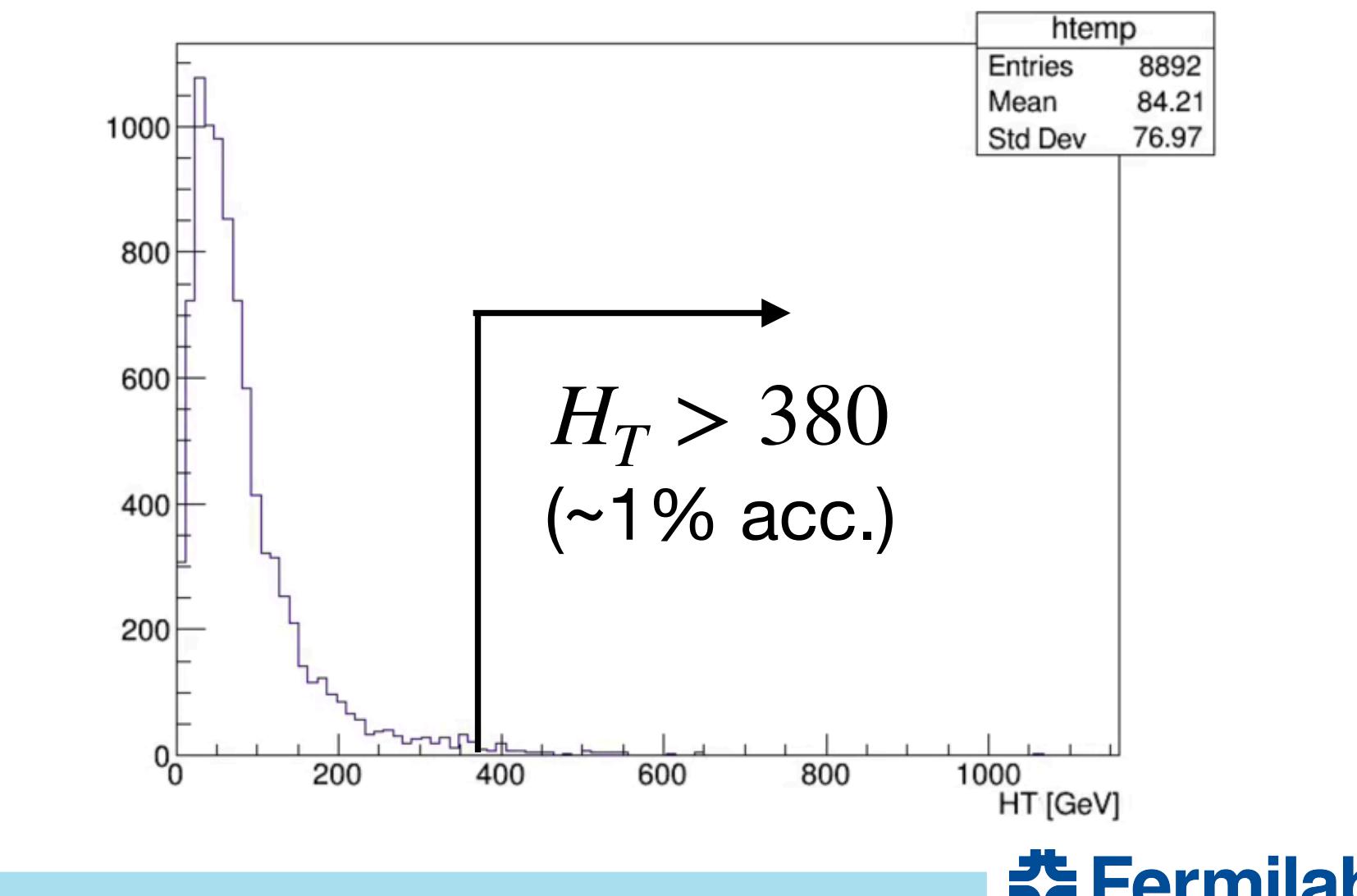
Physics Impact

- Run 2 HNL acceptance limited by high lepton pT threshold - especially for tau-HNL
 - New triggers accept **17% (Muon) / 114% (Electron) / ~400% (tau)** more signal events w.r.t Run 2
 - Lower lepton pT + cluster selections included in new trigger
 - **New hadronic channel alone gives 3-4x** more signal than $\tau \rightarrow (e/\mu)$ combined
- GMSB EWK-SUSY model gains **~3x** signal acceptance
 - Run 2 acceptance is limited by high HT threshold

HNL : MDS + $e/\mu/\tau$



EWK-SUSY : MDS + γ



Cross trigger proposal summary

- Minimal cluster selection then varied pT threshold on X
- Common “Cluster50” selection:
 - ME11/12 veto
 - “in-time” cluster: $-5\text{ns} < t < 12.5\text{ns}$
 - ≥ 50 hits
- Total rate of all 4 paths **~10 Hz**
- Minimal overlap with single MDS path ($n\text{Hit} > 200+$)
- Exploring further improvements:
 - Mu5/Ele5/Tau10 with tighter cluster size cut
 - Use PNet ID for tau instead of DeepTau

Common Run 2 analysis cuts

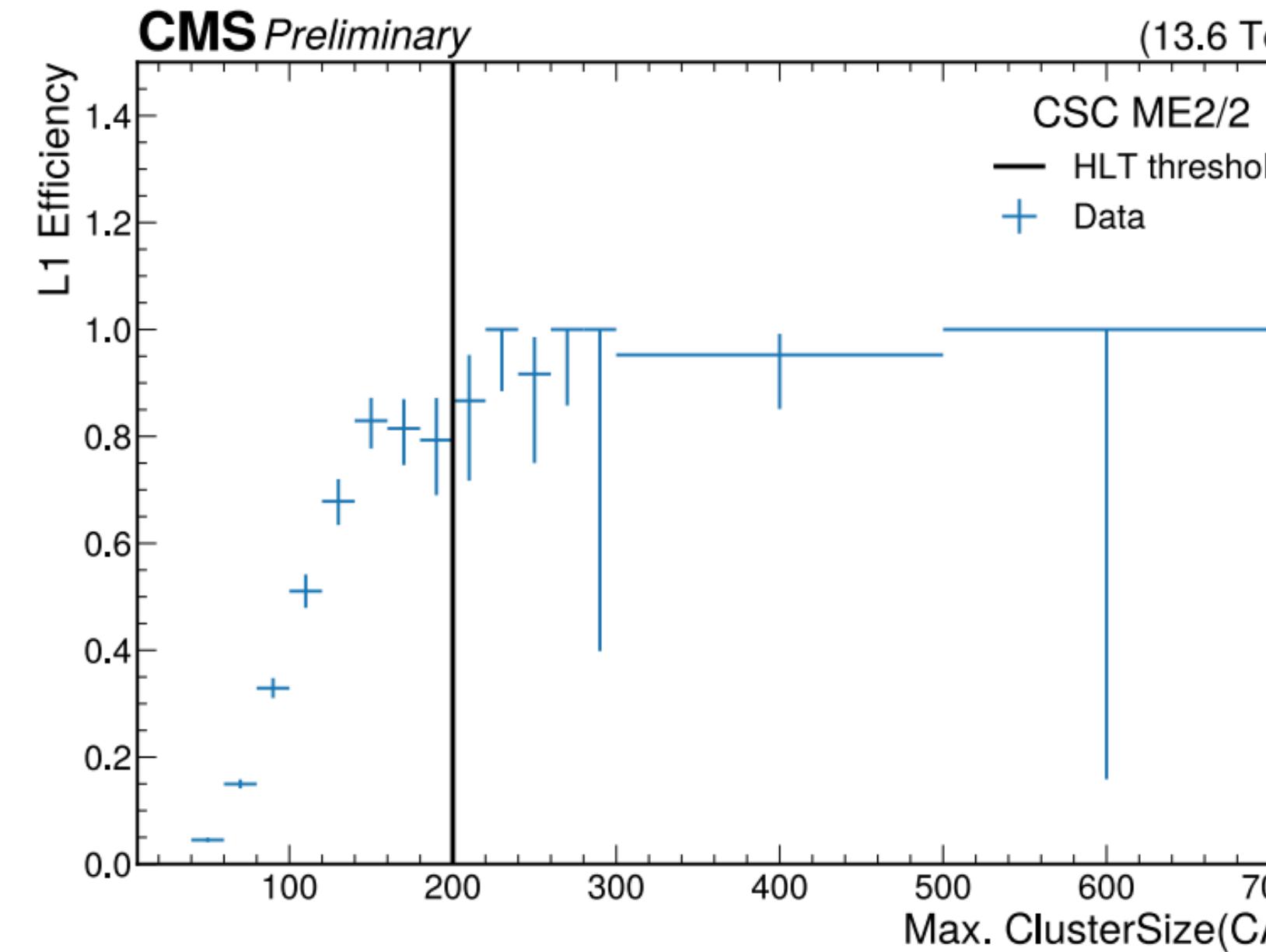
Total ~10 Hz

	L1 seed	Cluster selection	Additional	Rate @PU70
MDS + e	L1_SingleMuShower_nominal	Cluster50	pT > 10 GeV, Loose CaloID	2.4 Hz
MDS + mu	L1_SingleMuShower_nominal	Cluster50	pT > 10 GeV	6.1 Hz
MDS + tau	L1_SingleMuShower_nominal	Cluster50	pT > 15 GeV, Medium DeepTauID	2.9 Hz
MDS + gamma	L1_SingleMuShower_nominal	Cluster50	pT > 30 GeV, Loose CaloID	0.03 Hz



New L1 Seed for MDS in CSC

- For Run 2, triggering on prompt associated objects or MET (only 1% efficiency for higgs portal)
- New L1 CSC shower seed (L1 rate ~ 2 kHz) commissioned as of 2022E
 - Select for a large number of cathode and anode-wire hits in CSC chambers
- **High L1 efficiency measured w.r.t. offline object**
- New HLT paths targeting single + pair-produced LLPs

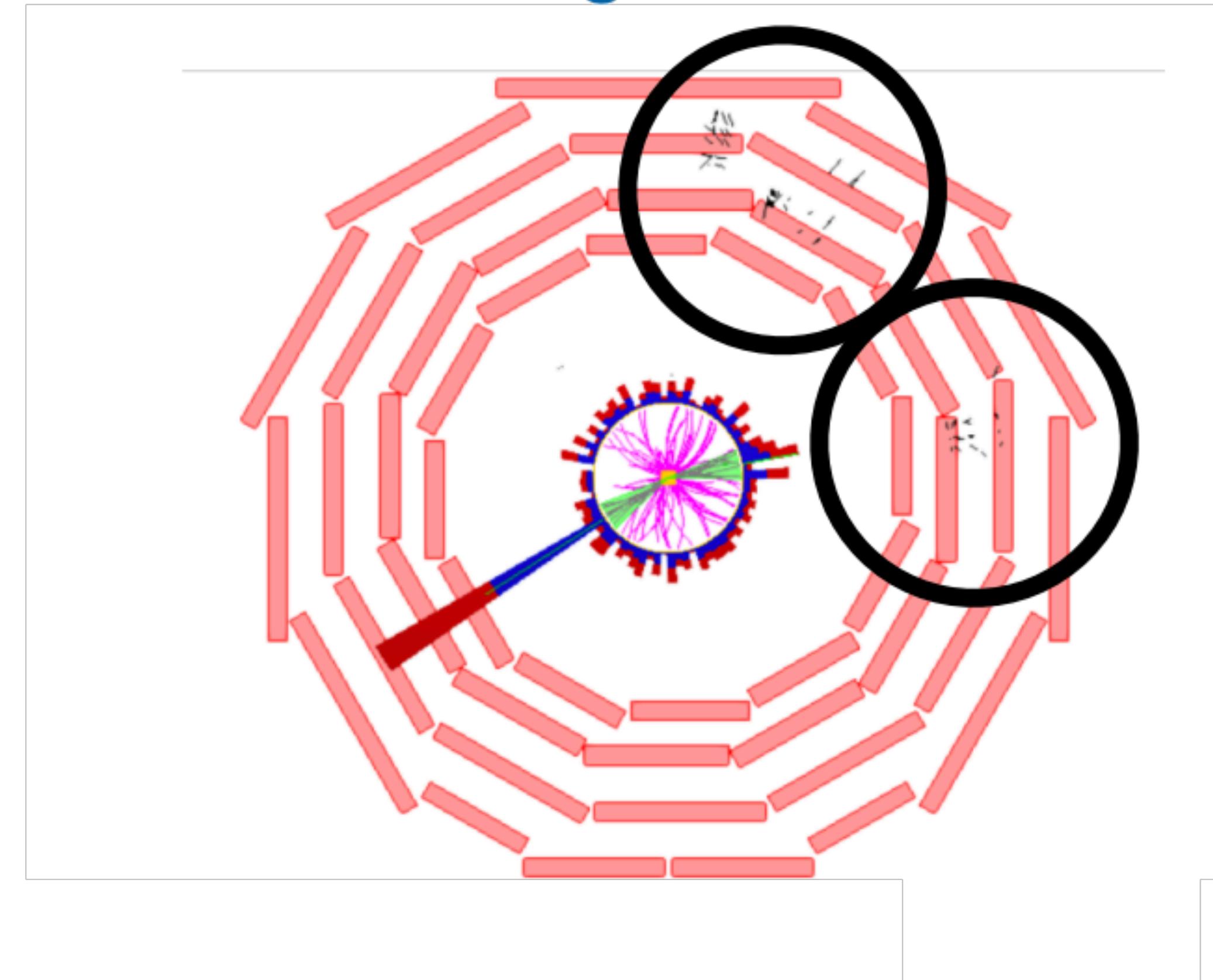


Muon Shower Triggers in 2023

- New double shower L1 trigger in 2023
 - L1 seed + HLT path with lower thresholds (L1_TwoMuShower_Loose)
 - Targets models with pair-produced LLPs and enable searches with very low background
 - Expect adding **10-25%** extra signal efficiency on top of single MDS trigger
 - Active for ~ 1/3 of 2023 pp-data

	ME13	ME21	ME22	ME31	ME32	ME41	ME42
Anode Loose	14->7	56->23	28->12	55->21	26->12	62->25	27->12
Cathode Loose	-	33->14	-	31->12	-	34->14	-

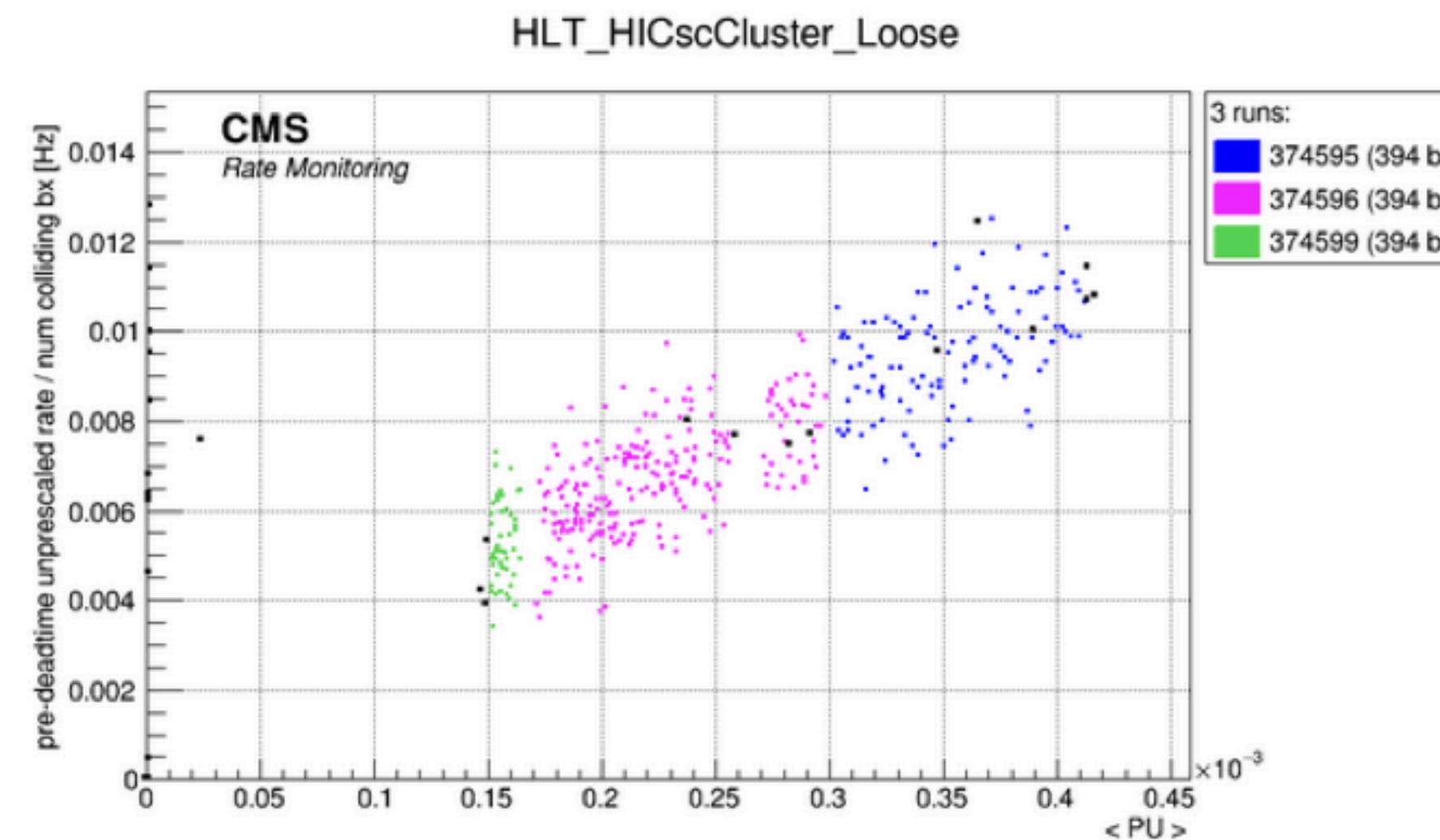
**Double shower events
from signal MC**



Exploring new dataset with MDS

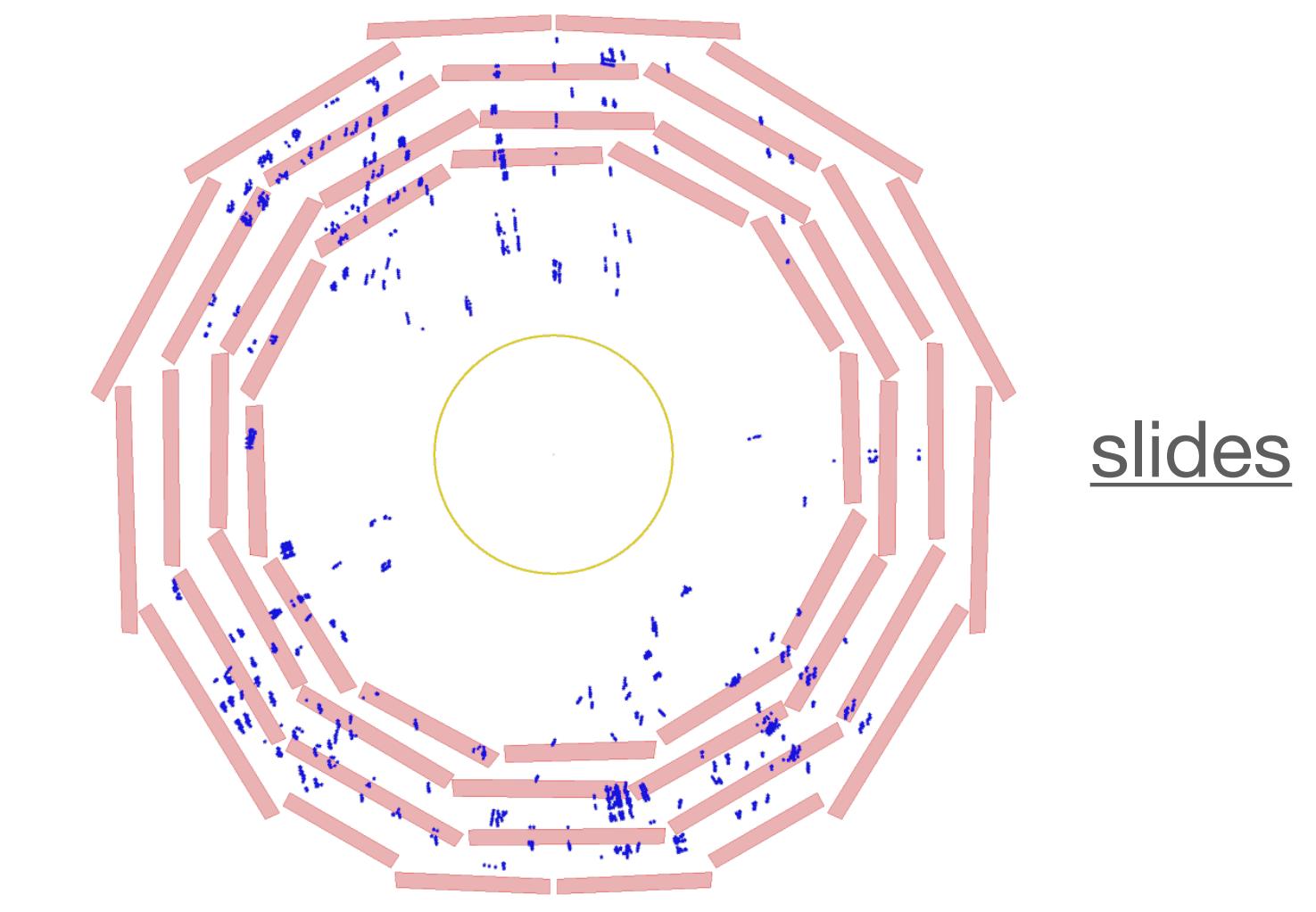
- HMT in Heavy-Ion collision:
 - Extremely low background (L1 thres. set to very close to muon hits)
 - Active for full Pb-Pb run ($1.8/\text{nb}$ ~same as 2018 Pb-Pb run)
 - Exploring HNL decays from b-meson in HI-dataset
- HMT in cosmic:
stopped/trapped LLP searches / background studies / better IceCube?

HMT in Heavy-Ion collision



An event with
13 Clusters!

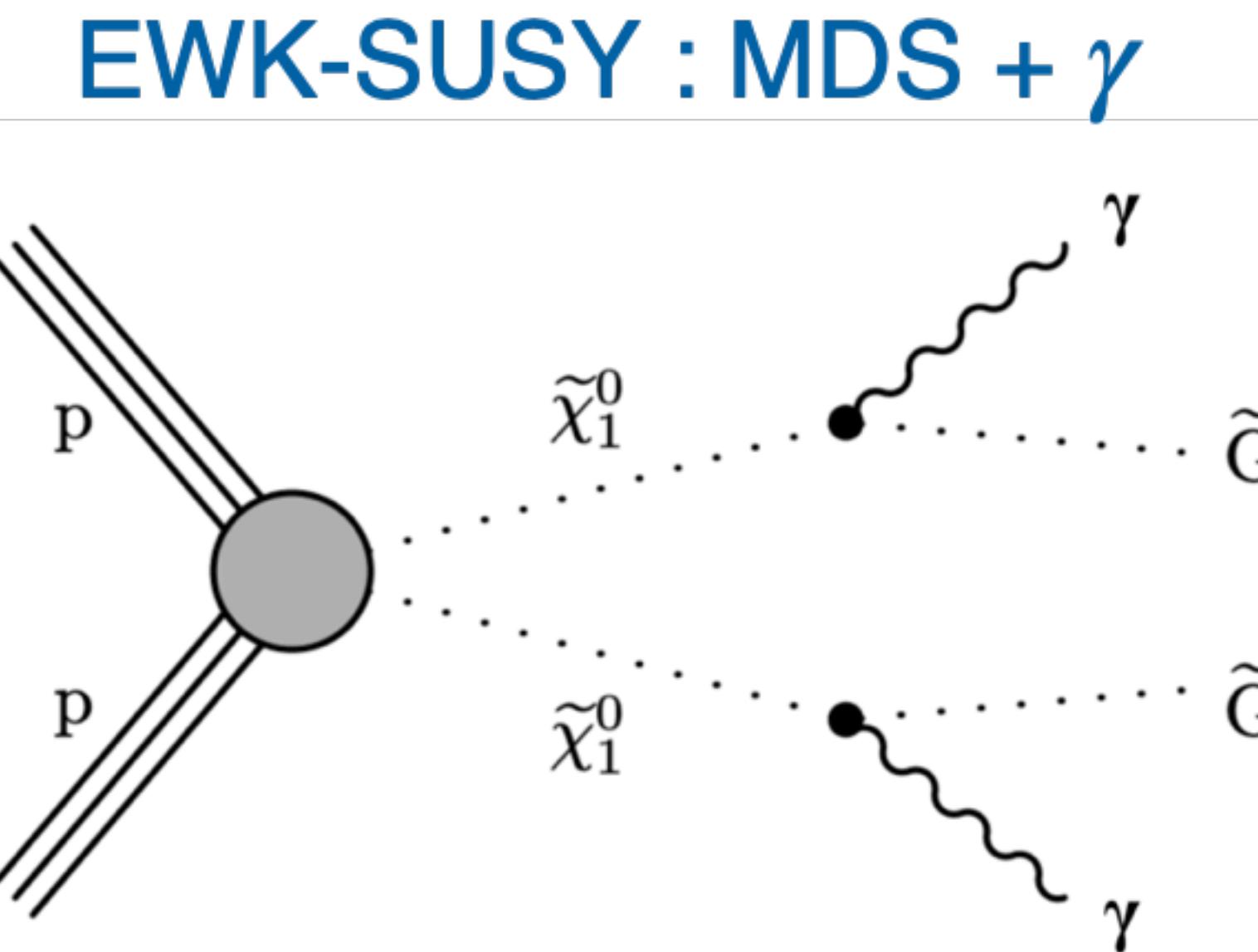
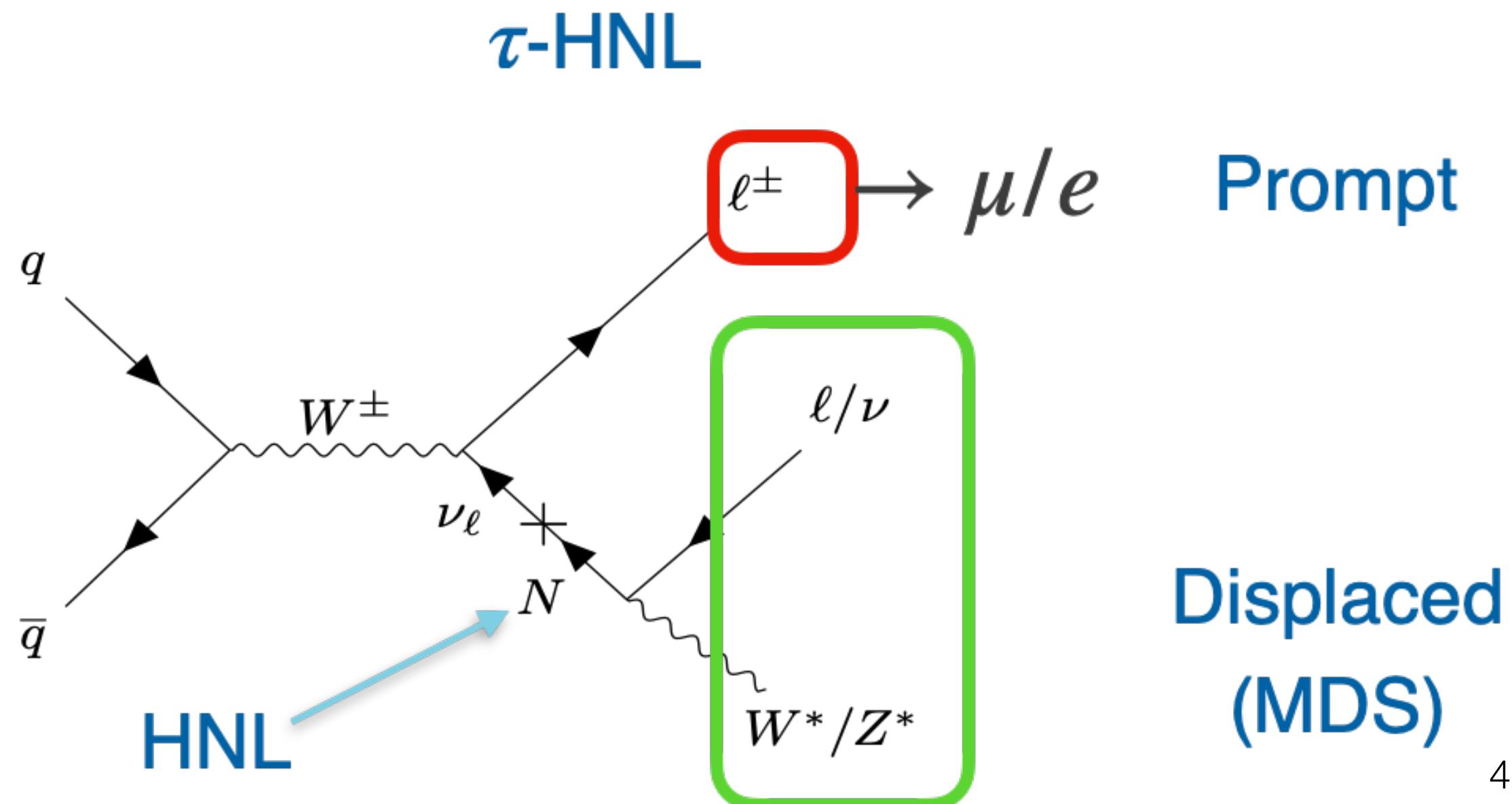
HMT in Heavy-Ion collision
Run: 371290 Lumi Section : 382. Event 6001408



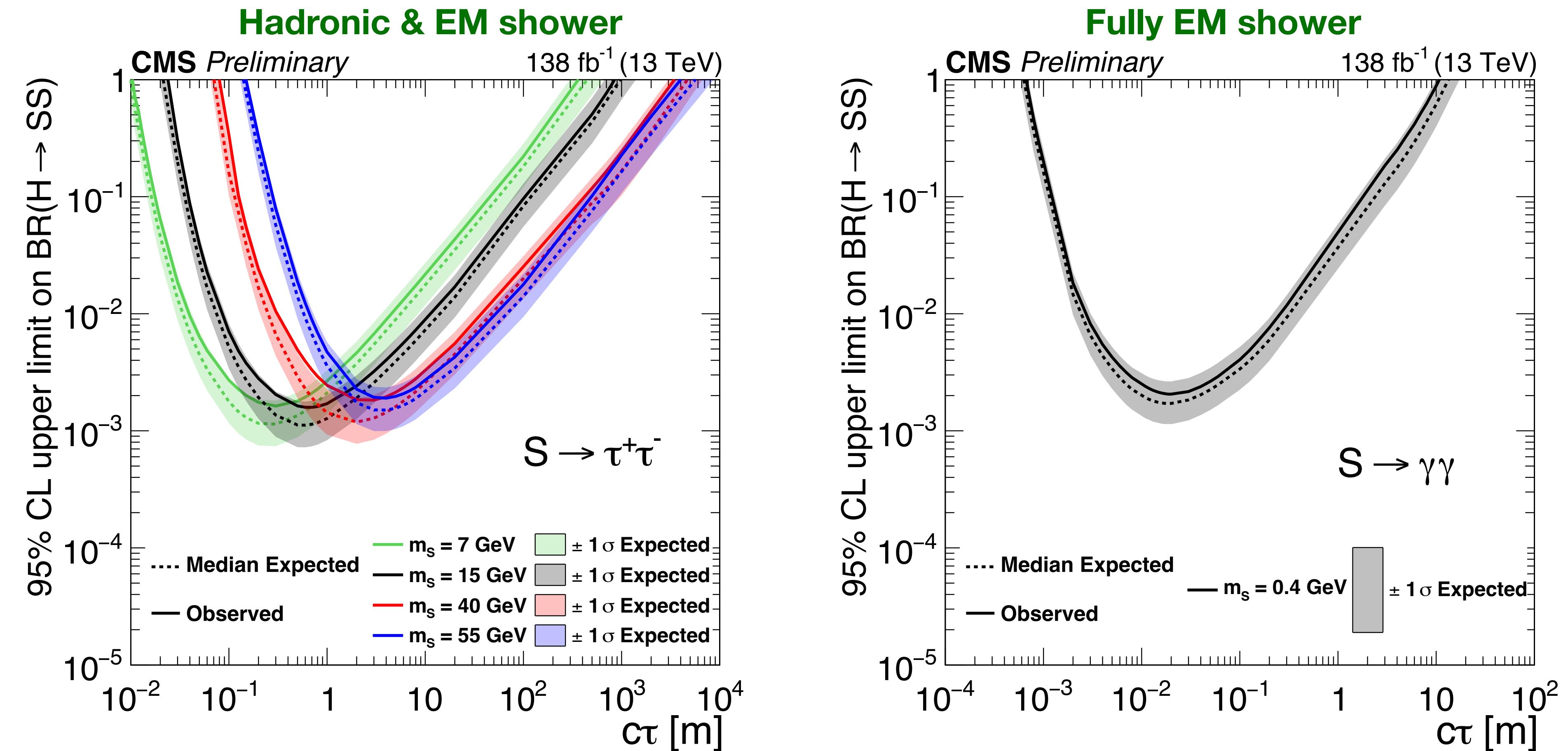
MDS + X ($X = e, \mu, \tau, \gamma$) HLT Paths for 2024

- MDS L1 seed is very effective in background suppression
- Exploit MDS with cross-triggers
 - Sensitive to LLP produced with associated objects
 - Long-lived HNL: $e/\mu/\tau + \text{LLP}$ (Lower prompt lep pT)
 - EWK-SUSY: photon + LLP (No large HT requirement)
 - Signal gain of 17% to $\sim 400\%$ w.r.t Run 2 analysis

More details at
[Trigger deep dive](#)



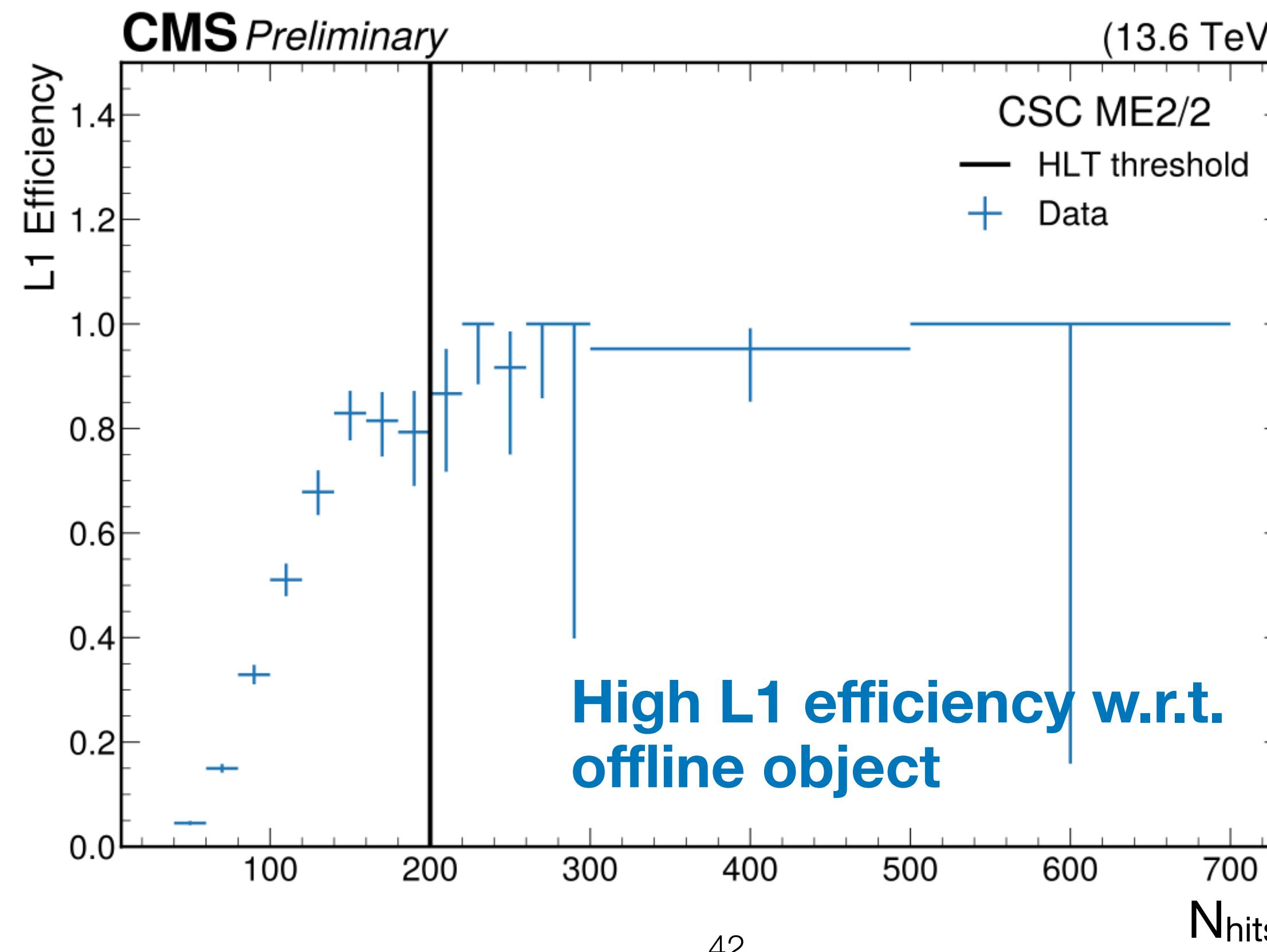
Observed and Expected Limits



- First LHC sensitivity to $\tau^+ \tau^-$ and $\gamma \gamma$ decay modes at $\text{BR}(\text{H} \rightarrow \text{ss}) = 10^{-3}$ level
- First LHC sensitivity to sub-GeV mass LLPs at $\text{BR}(\text{H} \rightarrow \text{ss}) = 10^{-3}$ level

Looking Forward: New Trigger in Run 3

- For Run 2, triggering on MET (only 1% efficiency for higgs portal)
- New L1 seed and HLT paths successfully commissioned in 2022
 - Simple logic at L1 due to limited information and bandwidth
- **Improve LLP efficiency by 10x with respect to Run 2 → potential to reach BR ~ 1e-4 !**



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