



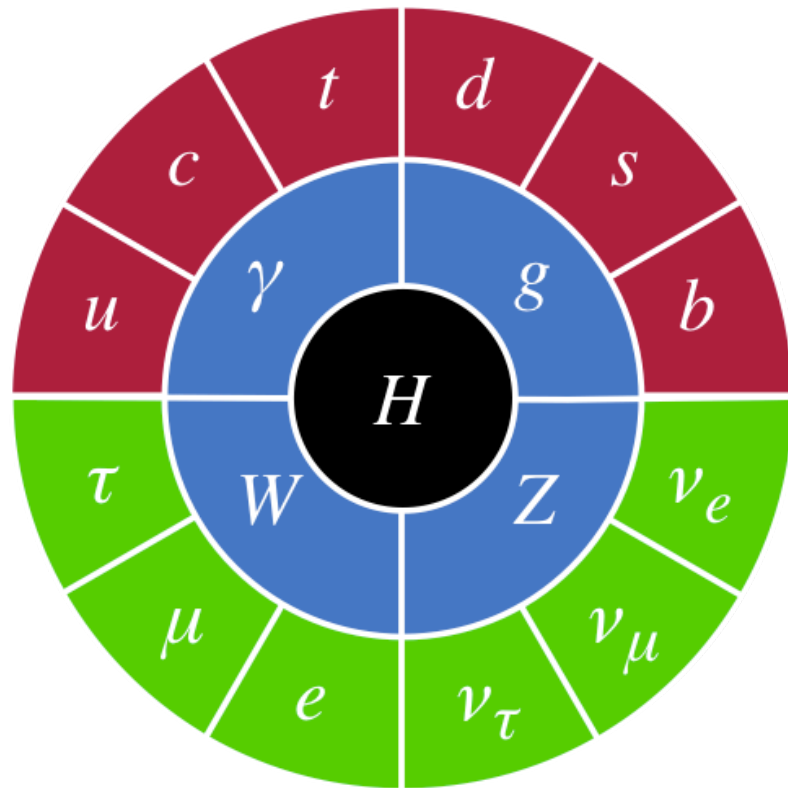
Probing the lifetime frontier with the ATLAS detector

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Particle physics check-in: how are we doing?

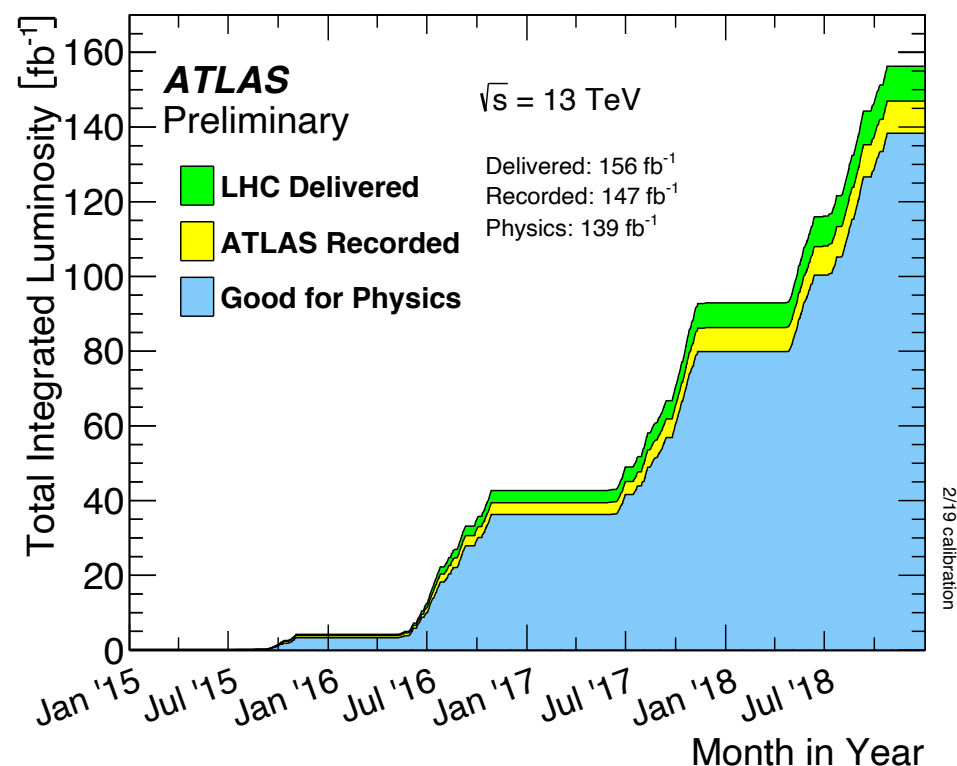
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Higgs discovery at LHC Run 1 completed our picture of the **Standard Model**

But we believe this picture is **not yet final**: observational and theoretical issues need resolution

Searches for **beyond-Standard-Model physics** a core element of LHC programme

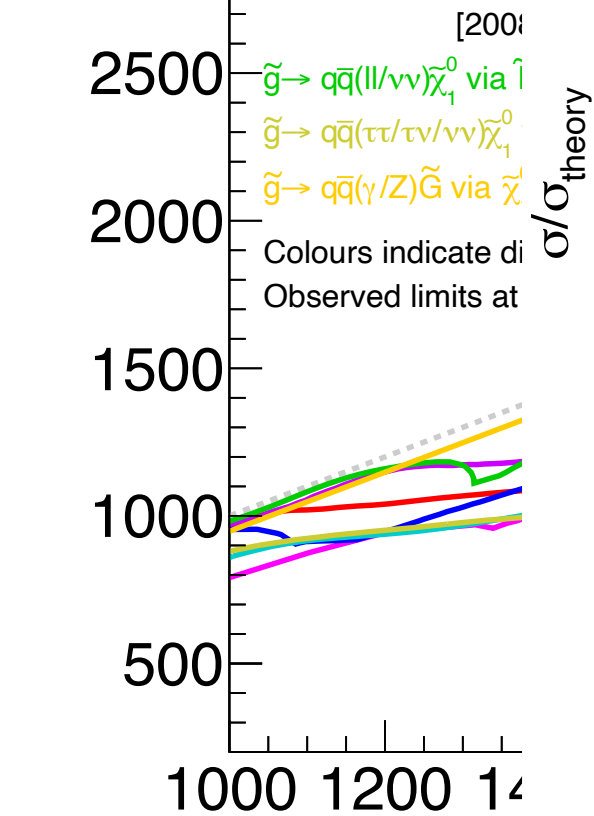
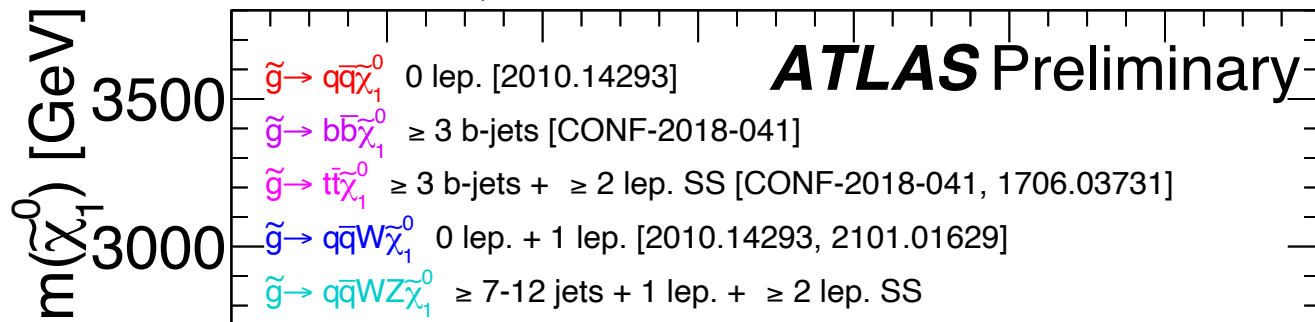


Run 2 provided **139 fb⁻¹ of 13 TeV data** for us to analyse

To date, **40 ATLAS papers** on BSM searches with full Run 2 dataset!

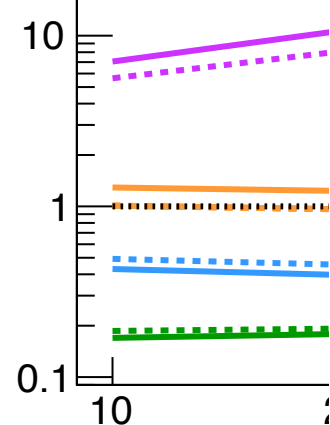
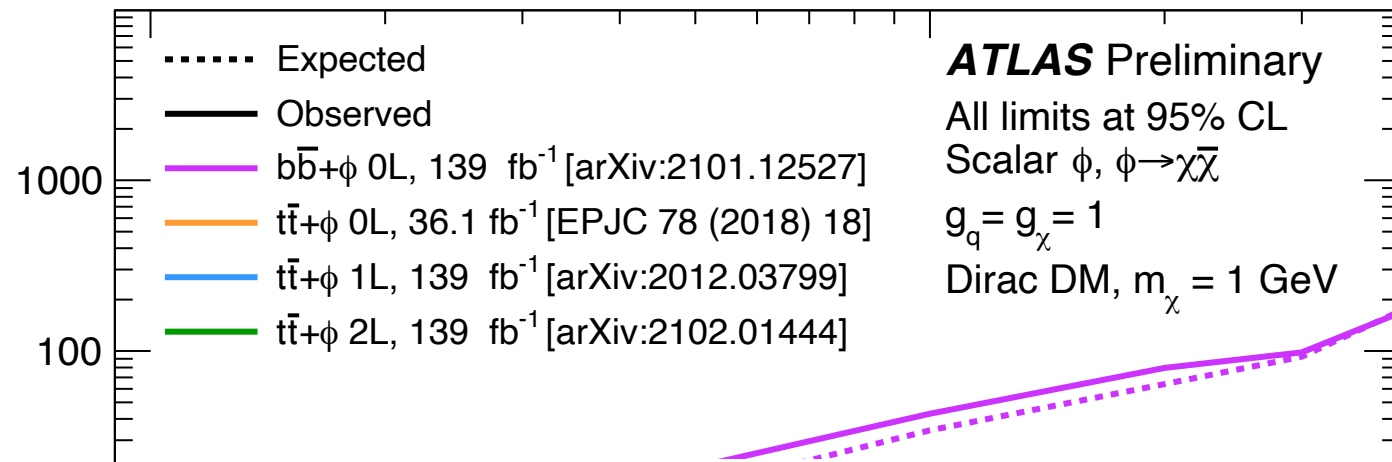
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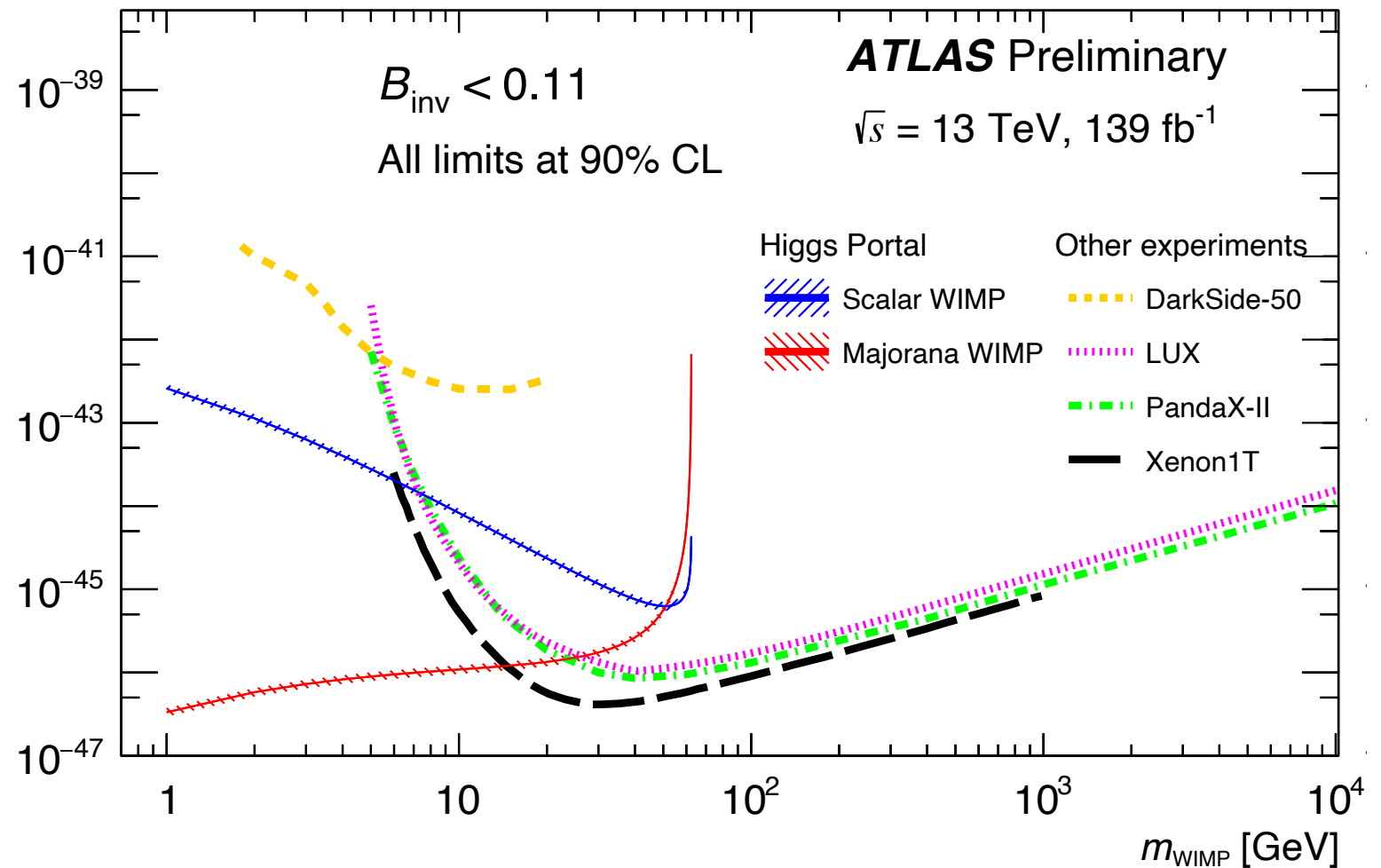


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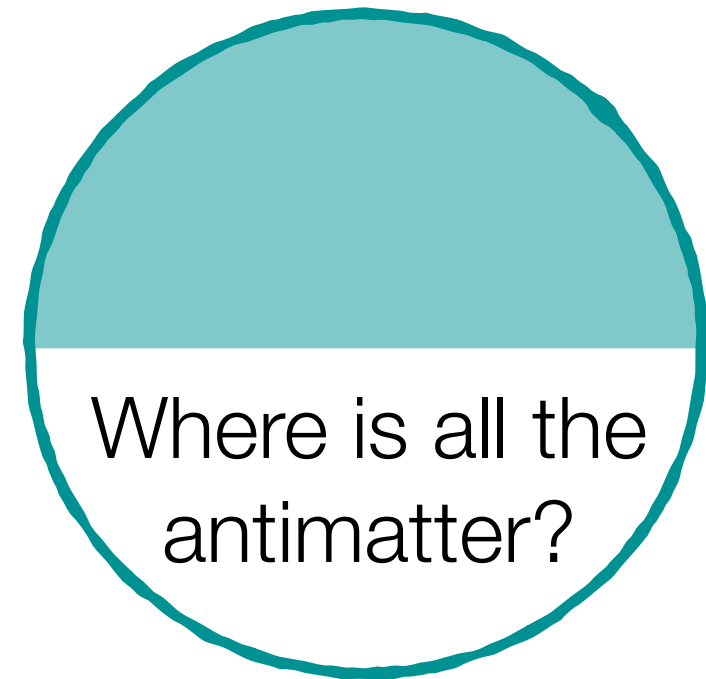
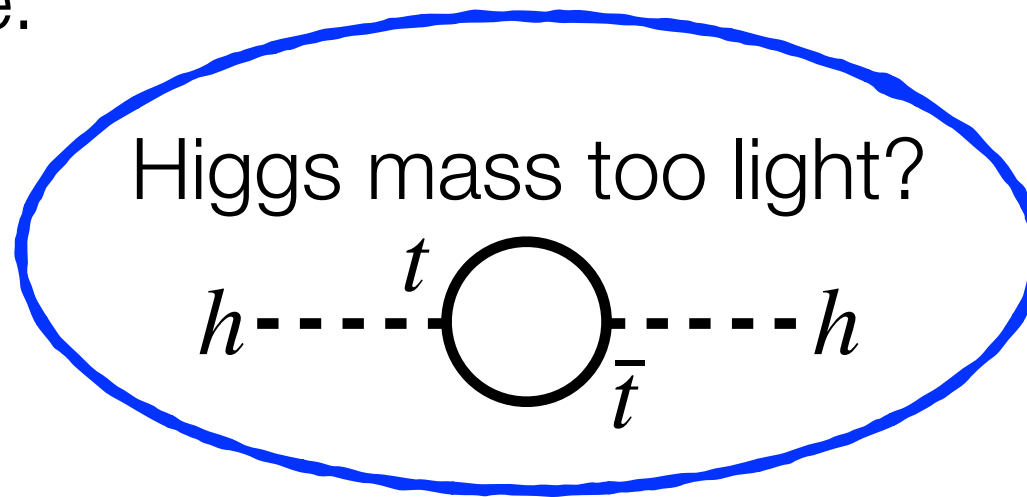


$\sigma_{\text{WIMP-nucleon}}$ [cm²]



Where is the new physics?

We **know** it's out there:



We still have **as many reasons to expect new physics** as before
the LHC turned on

So why haven't we found it yet? A couple possible reasons

1. It is above the scale accessible by the LHC
2. It isn't where we have been looking

What if it is just **very hard to see**?

How we do our searches

Search program follows a common sense approach:

Start simple - low complexity, high reward - and **work our way up**

By end of Run 2, ATLAS is increasingly focusing energy on various well-motivated but **more complicated targets**

Low-mass, low cross section signals

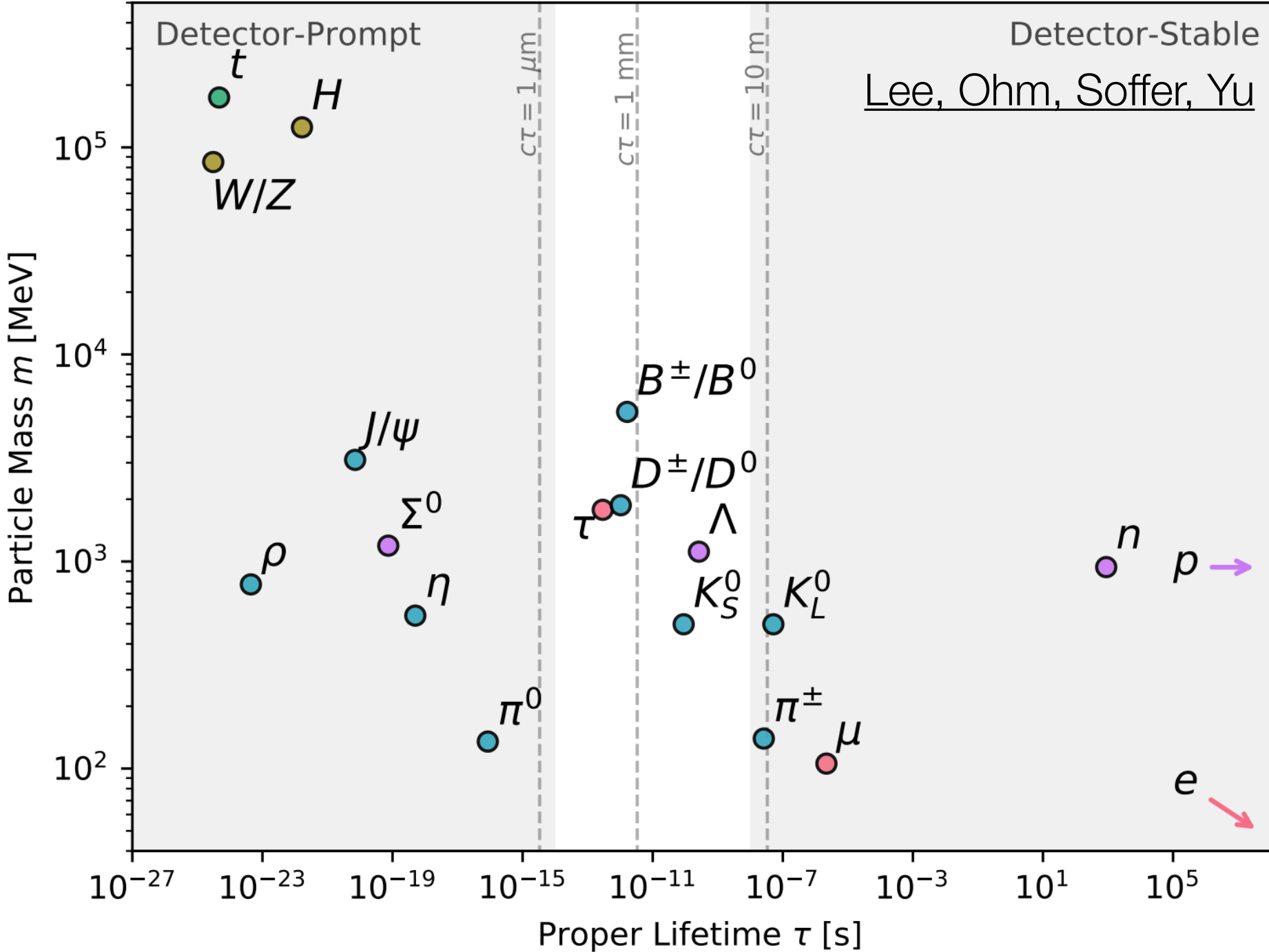
Signals with interference

Very soft final states

Giant backgrounds

Non-prompt decays

Standard Model particles exist over a great range of proper lifetimes



So too can particles beyond the Standard Model!

Origins of long lifetimes

Small couplings

e.g. SM lepton
flavour violation

Limited phase
space

e.g. K_{short} vs K_{long}
lifetimes

Decays via
heavy particle

e.g. μ to e via off-
shell W

Long lifetimes in the BSM world

Small couplings
e.g. R-parity
violating SUSY

Limited phase
space

e.g. compressed
SUSY scenarios

Decays via
heavy particle
e.g. heavy
neutrinos

(Parts of) the LLP world

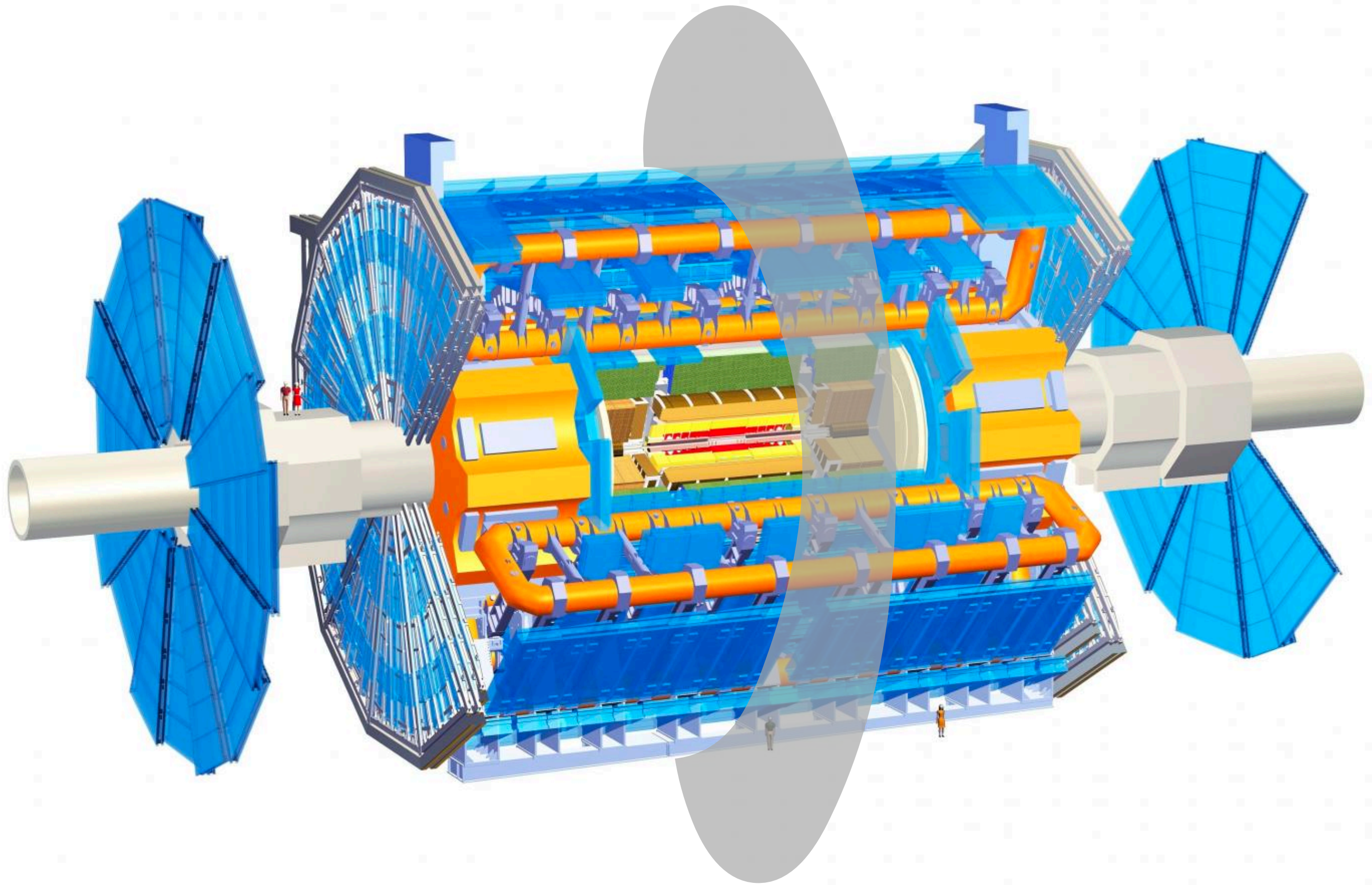
Any model with small couplings, small mass splittings, or decays via off-shell particles can result in long lived particles (LLPs)

Split SUSY,
GMSB,
compressed EW,
...

Long lived
particles

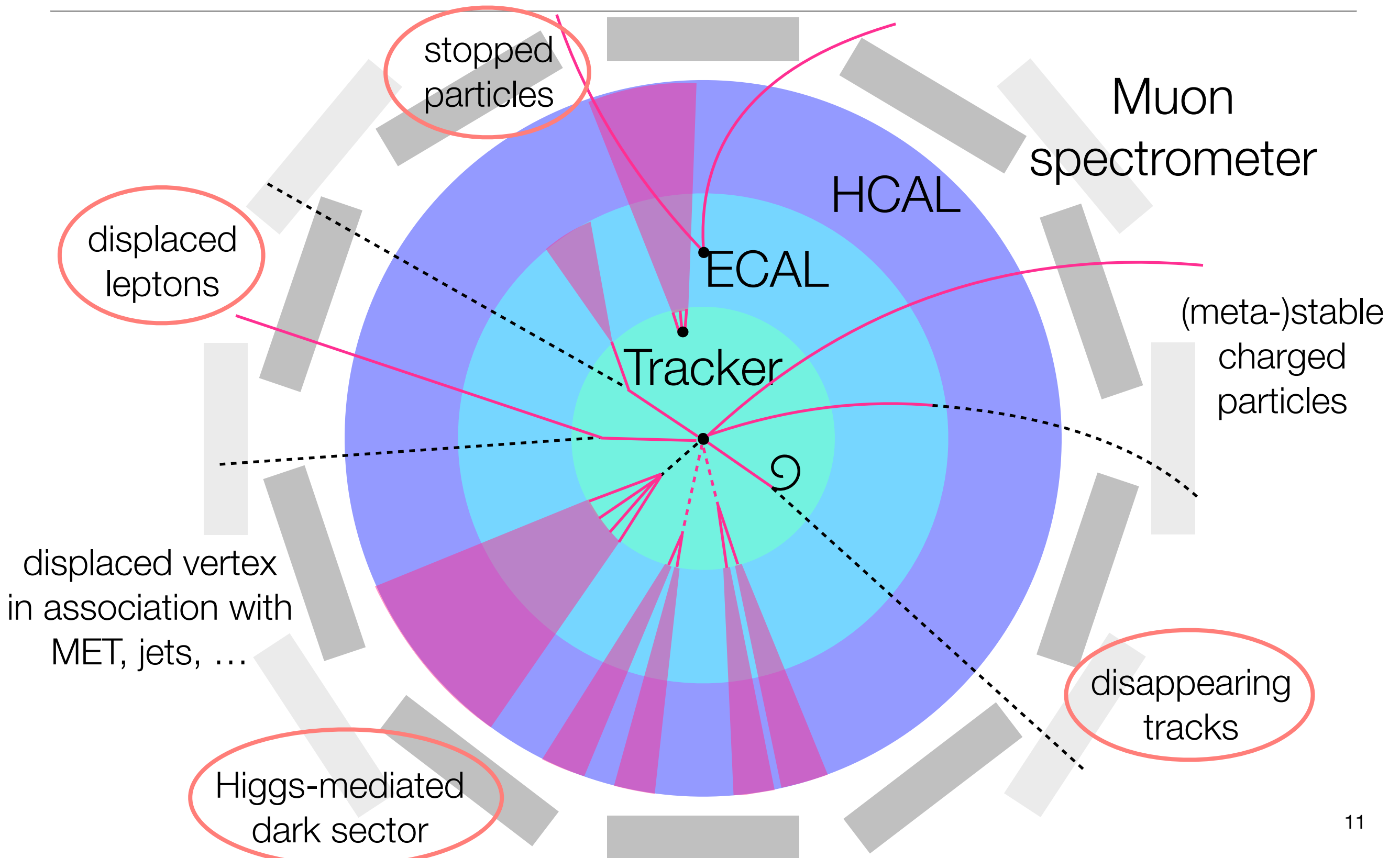
Dark matter:
Asymmetric,
freeze-in, co-
annihilation, ...

Portals +
broader dark
sector (HNLs,
axions, Z_d , ...)

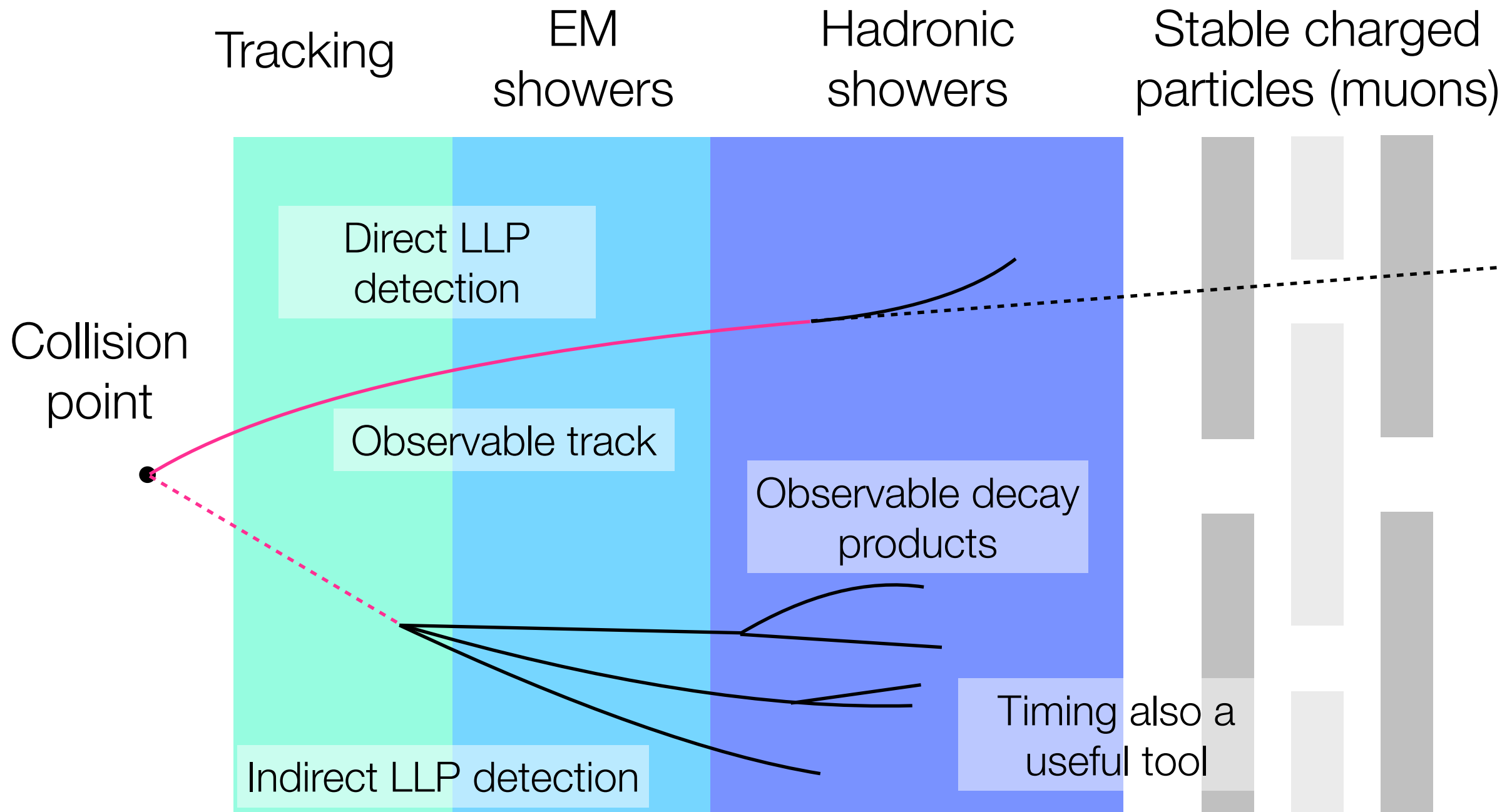


ATLAS Experiment

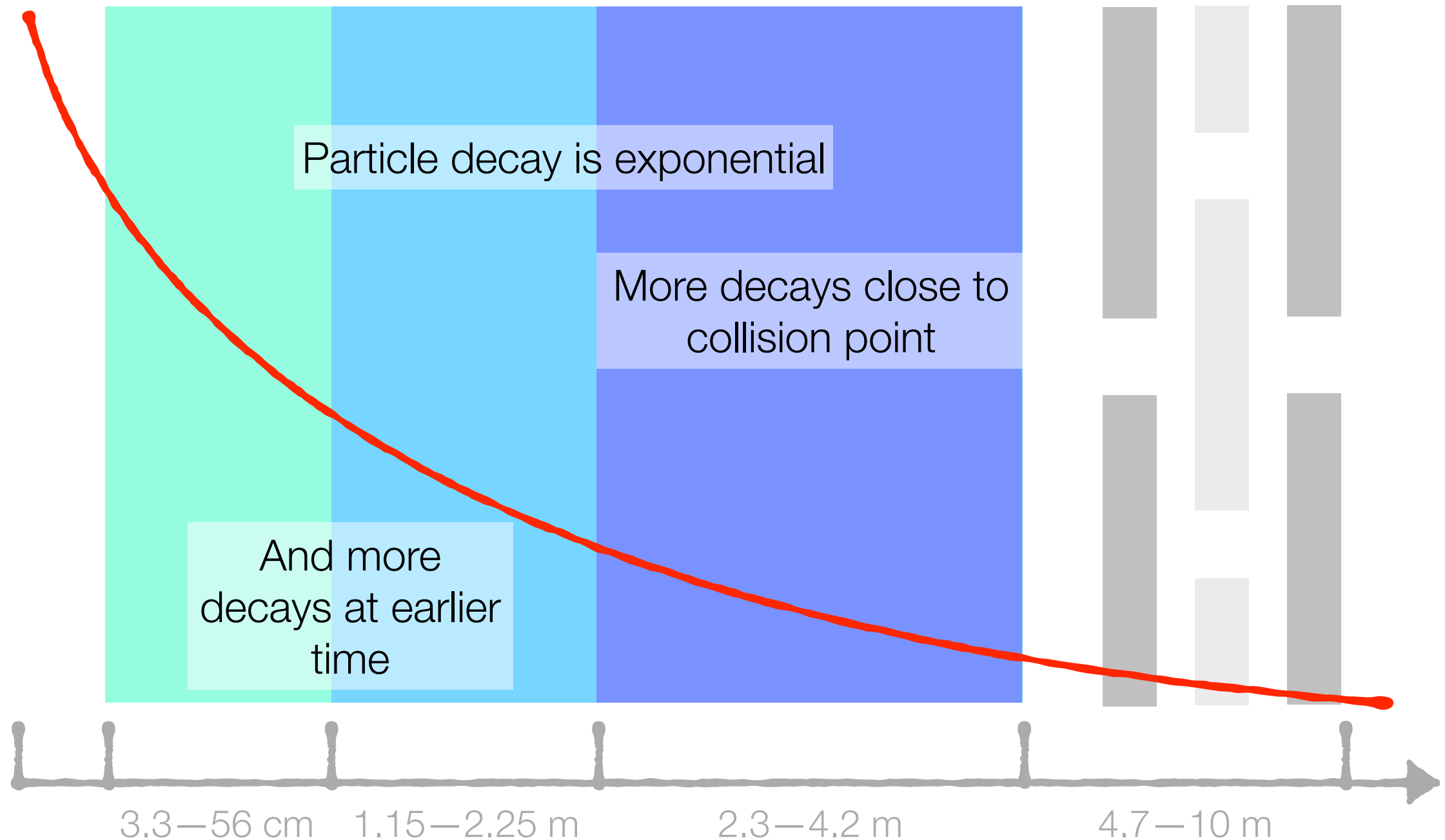
What would new long-lived physics look like?



How do we use our detectors for these searches?

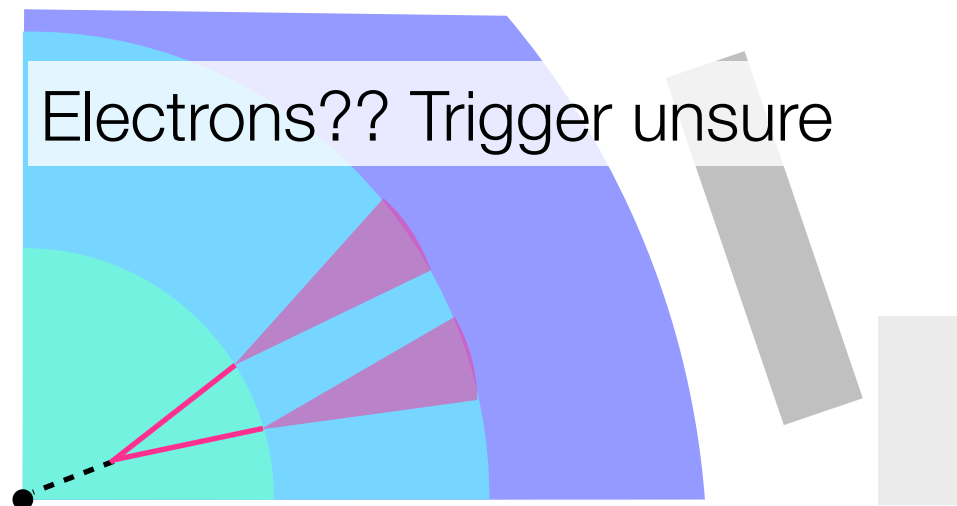


Exponential nature of decays



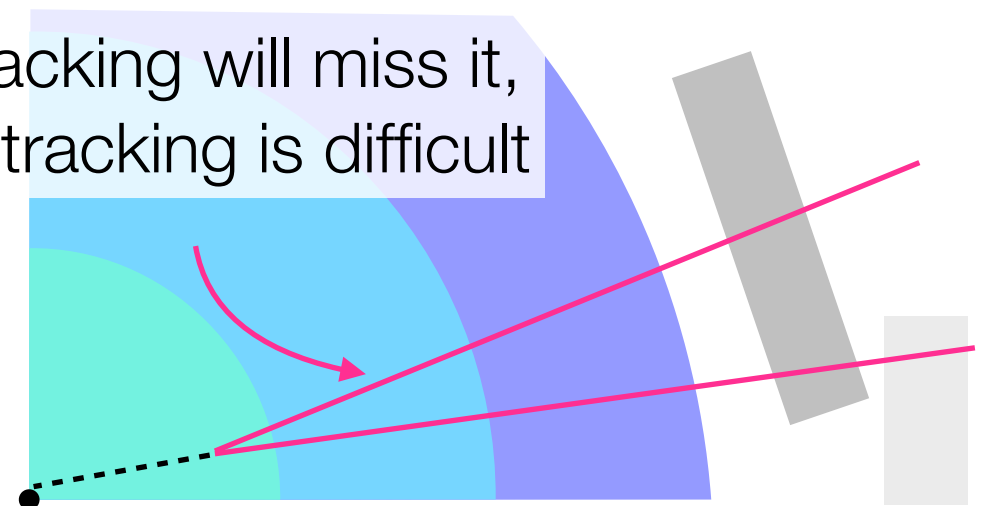
What makes LLPs so hard?

Triggering



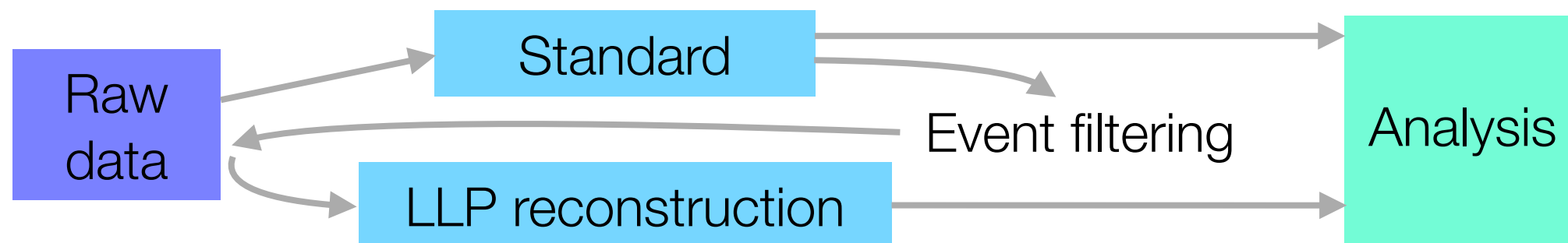
Special reconstruction needs

Standard tracking will miss it, specialised tracking is difficult



Backgrounds: non-standard and non-simulated

Data flow



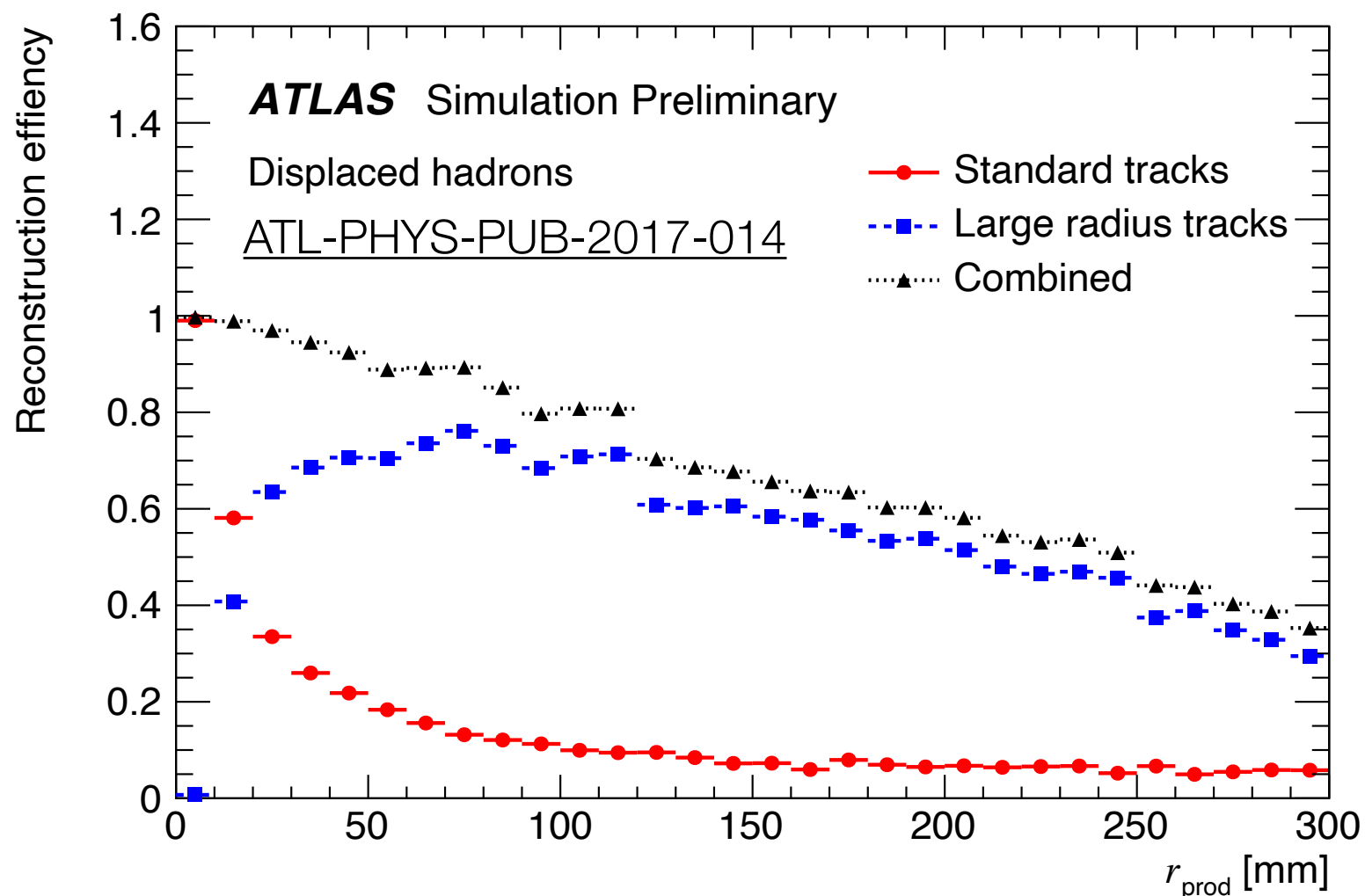
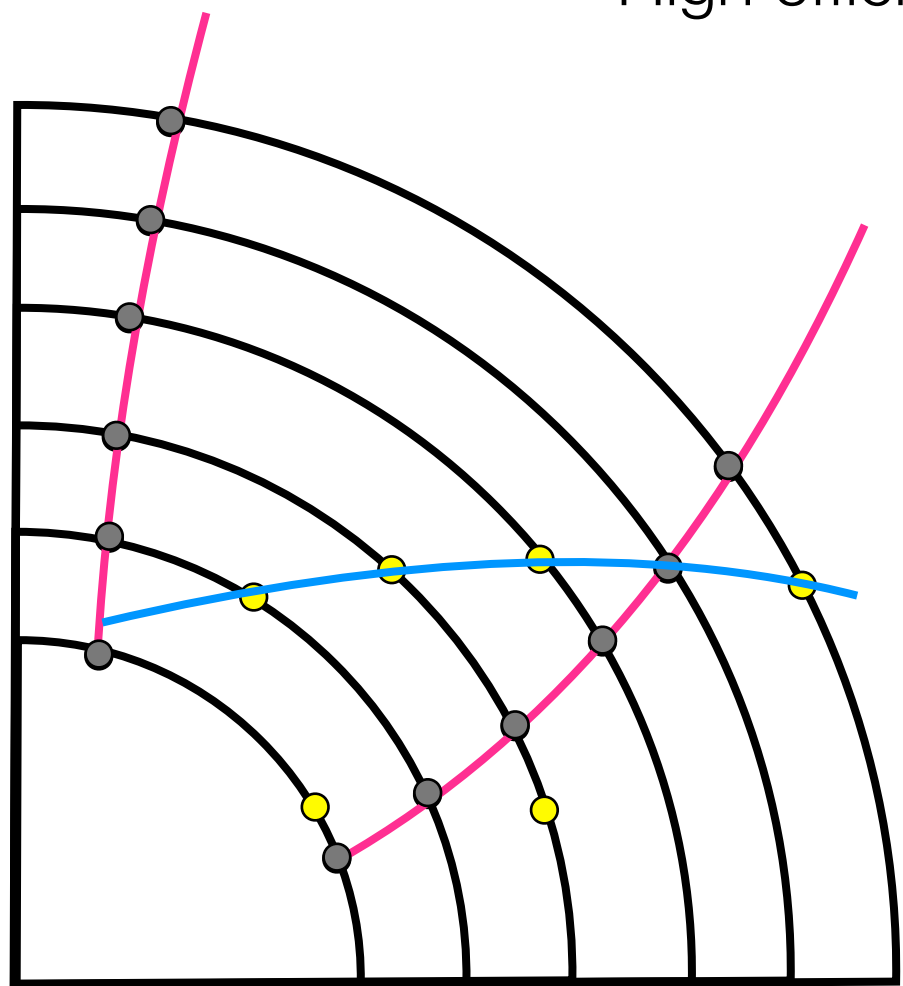
Reconstructing displaced tracks in ATLAS

Standard track reconstruction in ATLAS considers only prompt tracks

For selected subset of events, run dedicated “large radius tracking” (LRT)

LRT runs as a second pass on hits not used by prompt tracking

High efficiency and high fake rate in Run 2



Understanding backgrounds

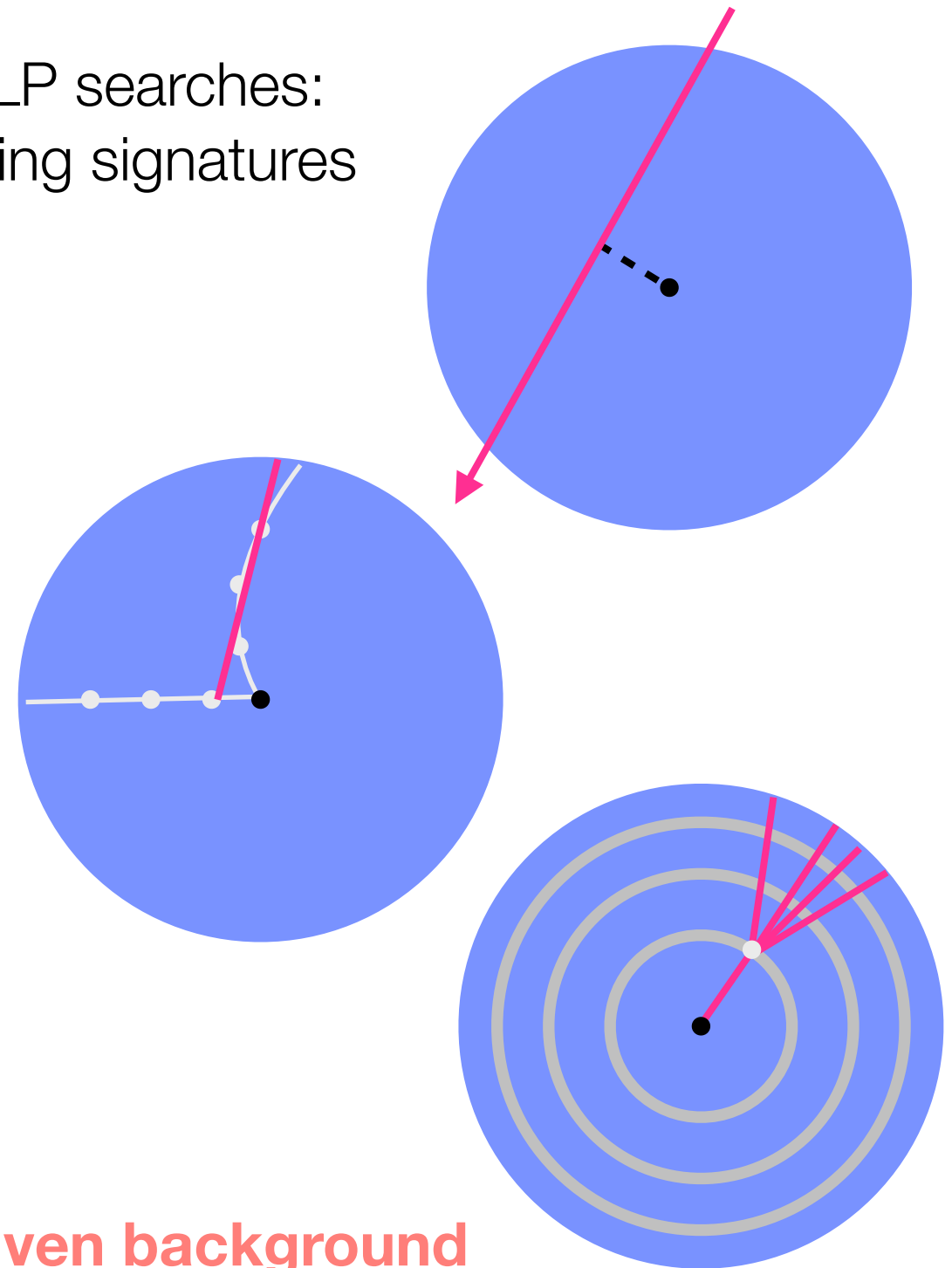
Small and/or **unusual backgrounds** for LLP searches:
~no simple Standard Model processes imitating signatures

Backgrounds do include:

- Cosmic muons
- Mis-reconstructed SM objects (fake tracks, pileup contamination, ...)
- Material interactions in detector components
- Beam-induced backgrounds

For almost all background contributions, no possibility of simulating them well

So you will see **fully data-driven background estimates** for ~all LLP searches!



Today

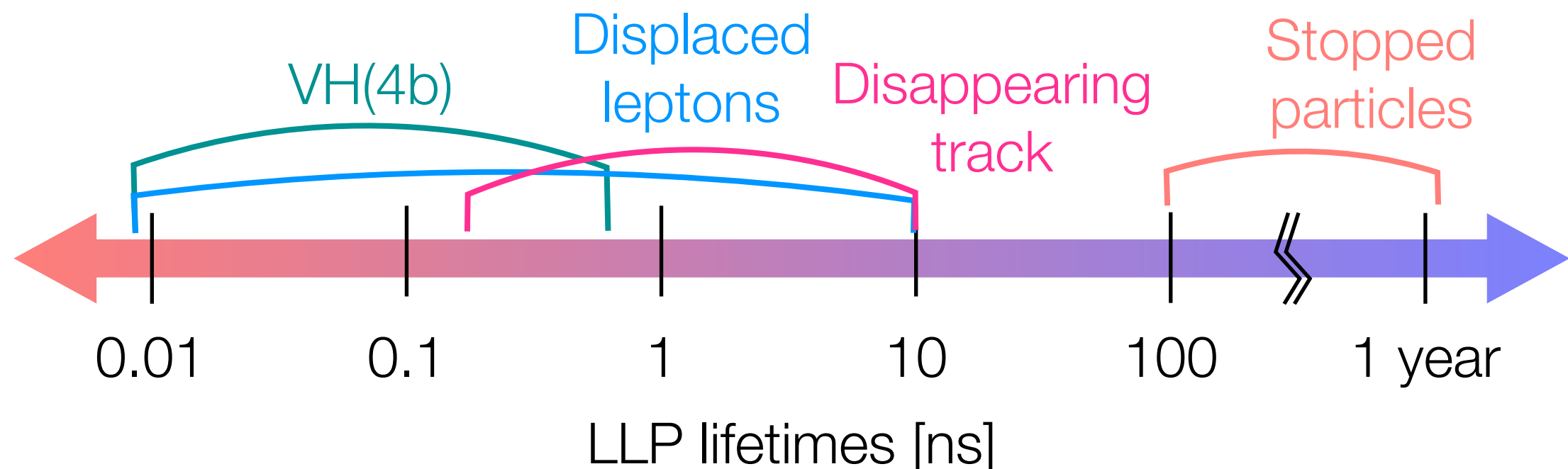
Presenting **four analyses** looking for long-lived particles in ATLAS

Three use **indirect detection**, one uses **direct detection**

Three rely on unusual **track-based signatures**

Range of **trigger solutions**, including loose triggers and use of associated production

All four have fully **data driven** background estimates



Long-lived $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow bbbb$

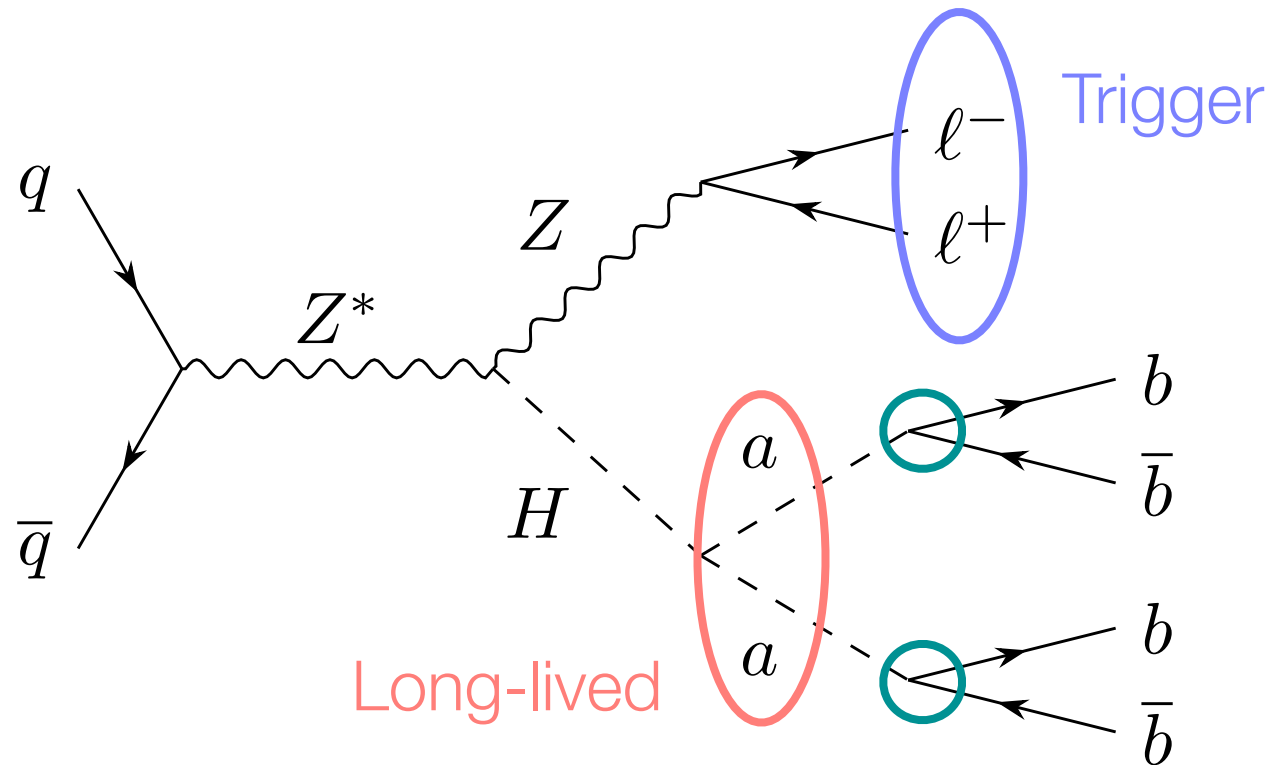
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Analysis concept

Motivation: uncoloured + neutral LLPs produced in SM Higgs decay

- Neutral naturalness (signatures e.g. light glueballs)
- scalar/pseudoscalar mediators to a dark sector

When decays proceed via H, expect Higgs-like BR for decay products



Benchmark: **pseudoscalars**,
 $15 < m_a < 55 \text{ GeV}$,
 $10 \text{ mm} < c\tau < 1 \text{ m}$

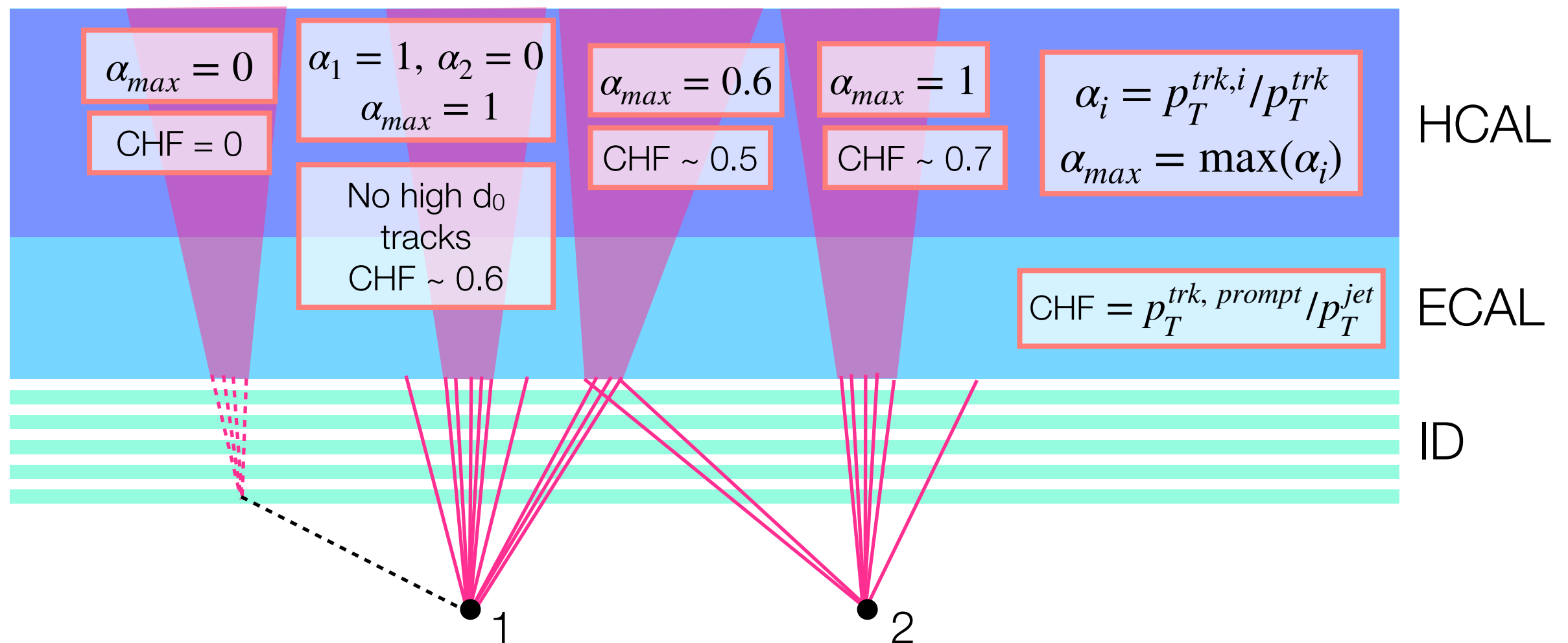
Higgs production mode: ZH
 allows **single lepton trigger**,
 two lepton final state
 minimises QCD backgrounds

Final state jets are **soft, displaced**
 Require 2+ displaced vertices

Displaced jets

Jets from pseudoscalar decay will be **displaced**

To identify interesting events in filter, only **prompt tracks** available



Signal jets: low α_{max} , low CHF

They should also have associated displaced **vertices**...

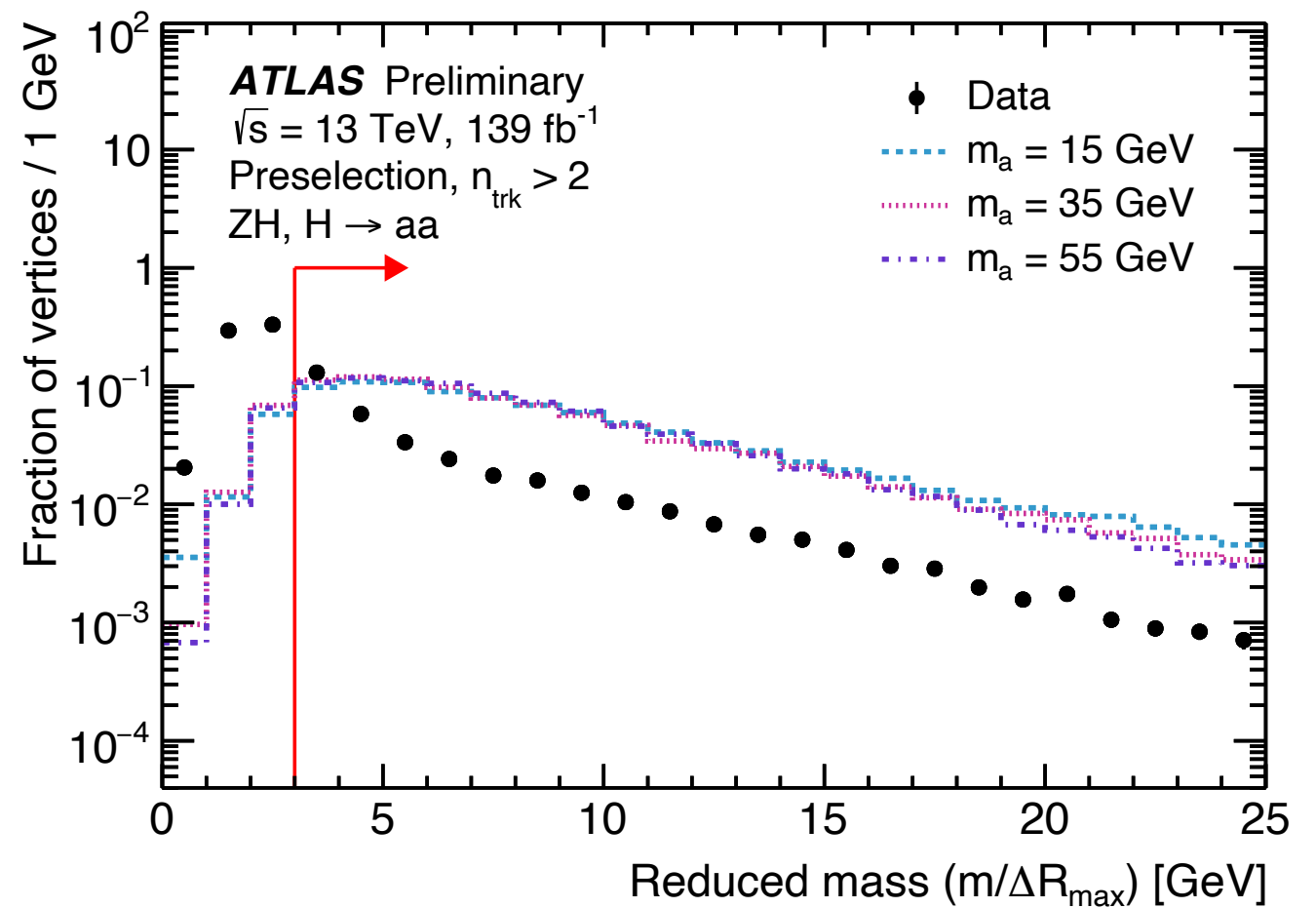
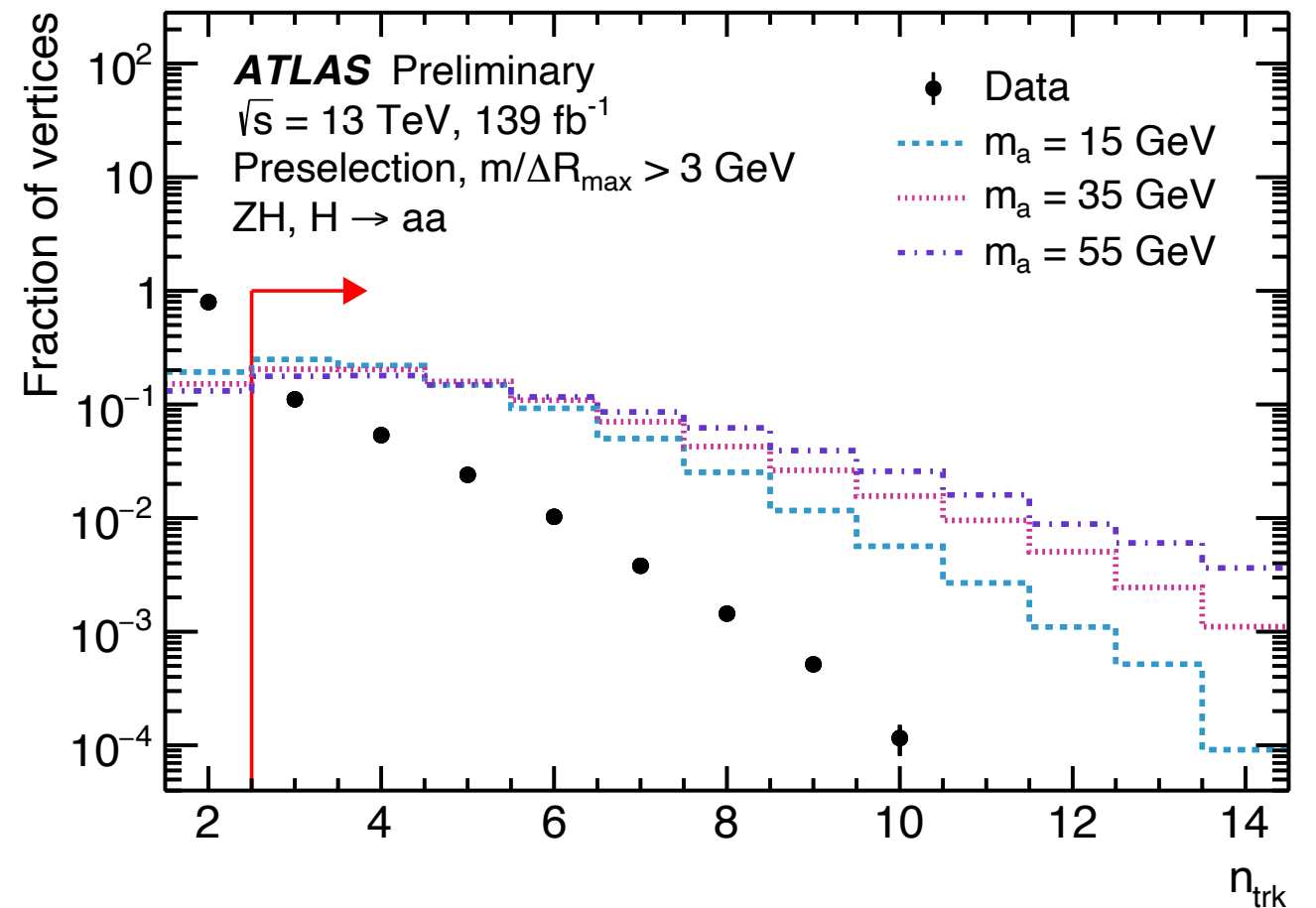
Displaced vertices

Vertices reconstructed from both standard and large-radius tracks

Reject vertices **in material**

Suppress **SM LLP backgrounds** by requiring vertices with **3+ tracks**

Suppress **accidental crossings** with vertex “reduced mass” > 3 GeV



Analysis selection summary

“Filter” selections for specialised reconstruction

- 1 good prompt lepton, $p_T > 25$ GeV
- ≥ 2 central jets, where ≥ 1 must have:
 - Very small CHF, or
 - Very small α_{\max}

- Photon $p_T > 160$ GeV
- OR
- 2 photons, $p_T > 60$ GeV
- ≥ 2 jets, no leptons

2 leptons compatible with Z mass
 ≥ 2 jets

Pre-
selection

Signal region

≥ 2 selected DVs
associated to
diff. jets

Control region

0 or 1 selected
DV's associated
to diff. jets

Validation region

Control region used
for background
estimation

Estimating the backgrounds

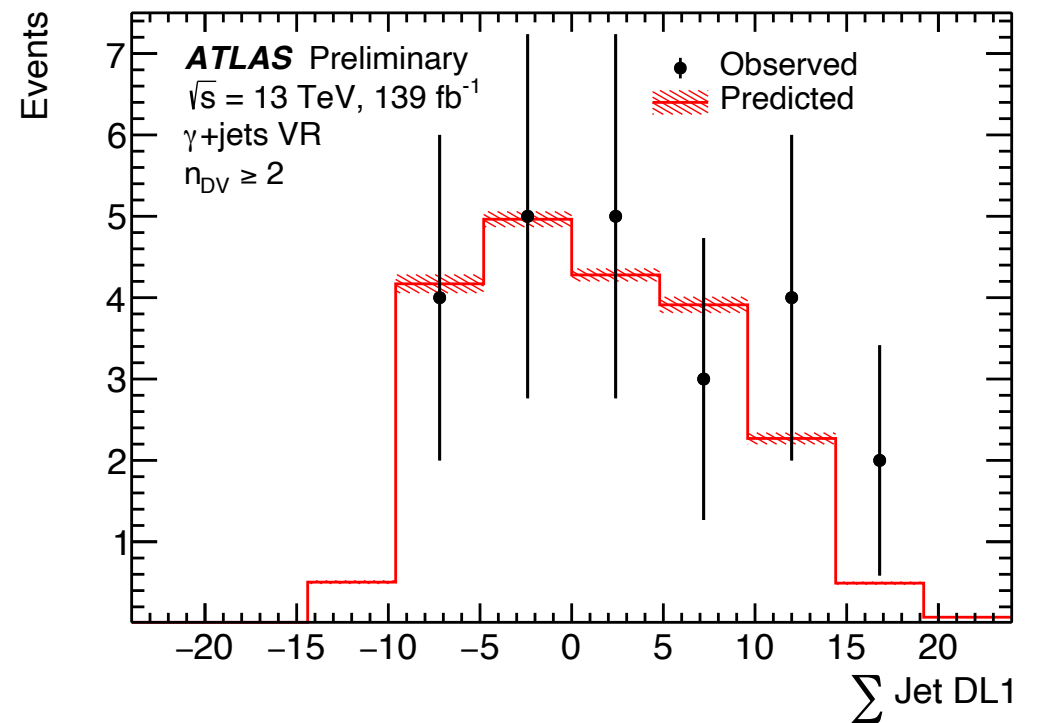
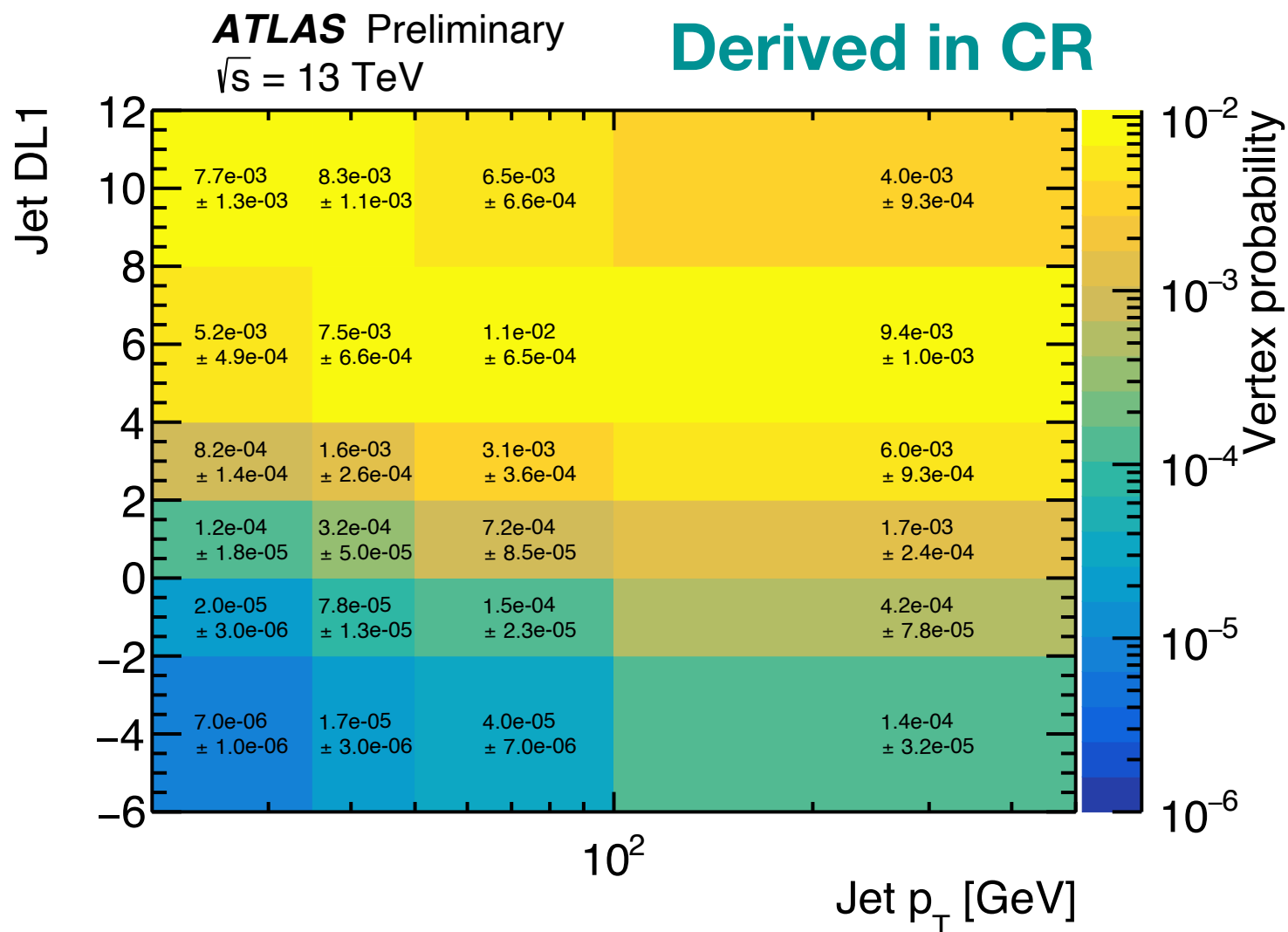
Known: probability of jet containing a DV increases with p_T and with **heavier flavour**

B-tagger trained on mass, kinematics, lifetime of heavy flavour jets:

Higher b-tag score \rightarrow higher rate of DVs

Calculate probability of event containing N DVs based on p_T , DL1 of all jets

All pre-selected events
 \times
 $P(nDV) \geq 2$
 = background prediction

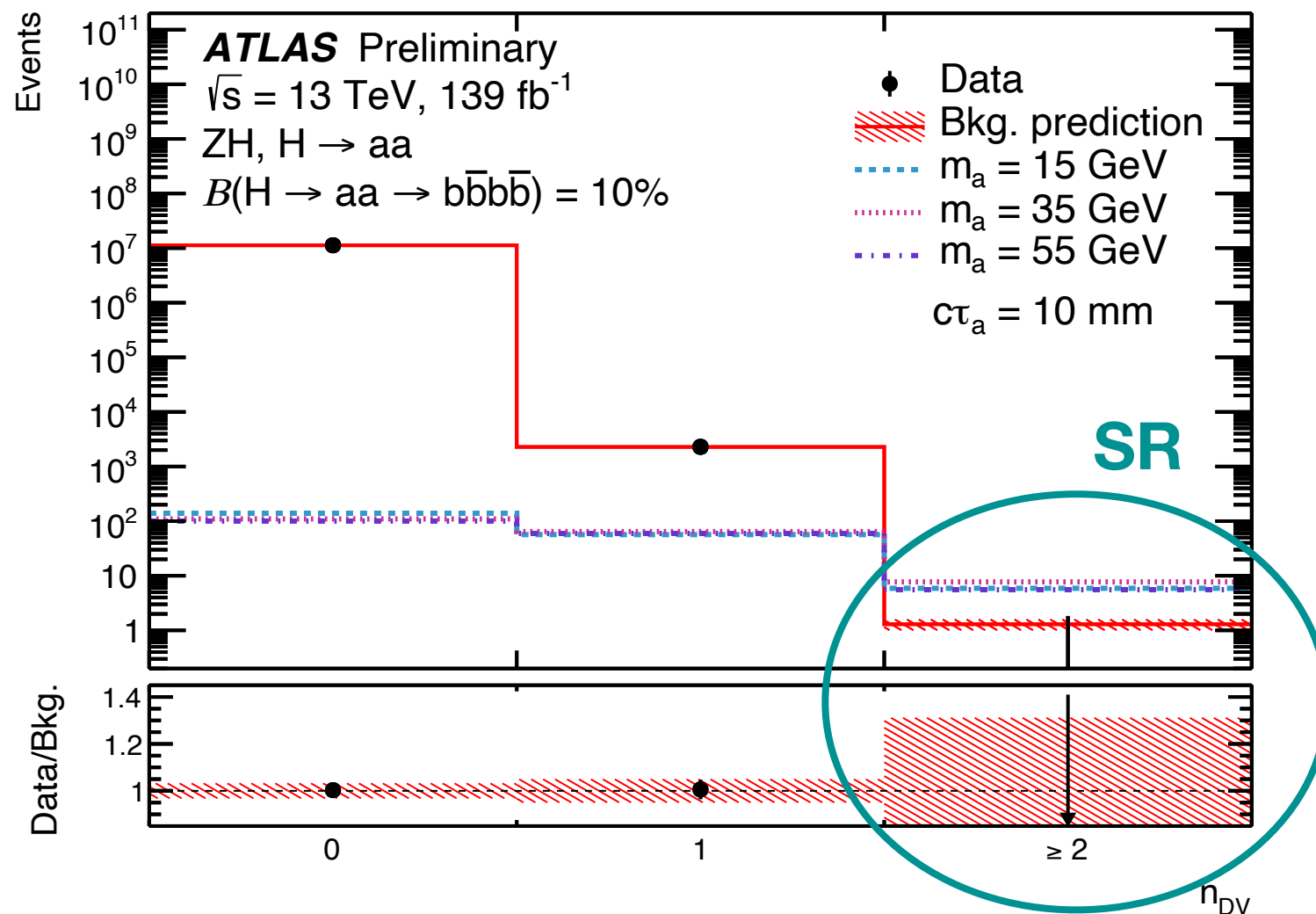


Results

Background prediction: 1.30 events

Stat. uncertainty from pseudoexperiments in p_T , DL1 map: 0.08 events

Syst. uncertainty from validation region closure: 0.27 events



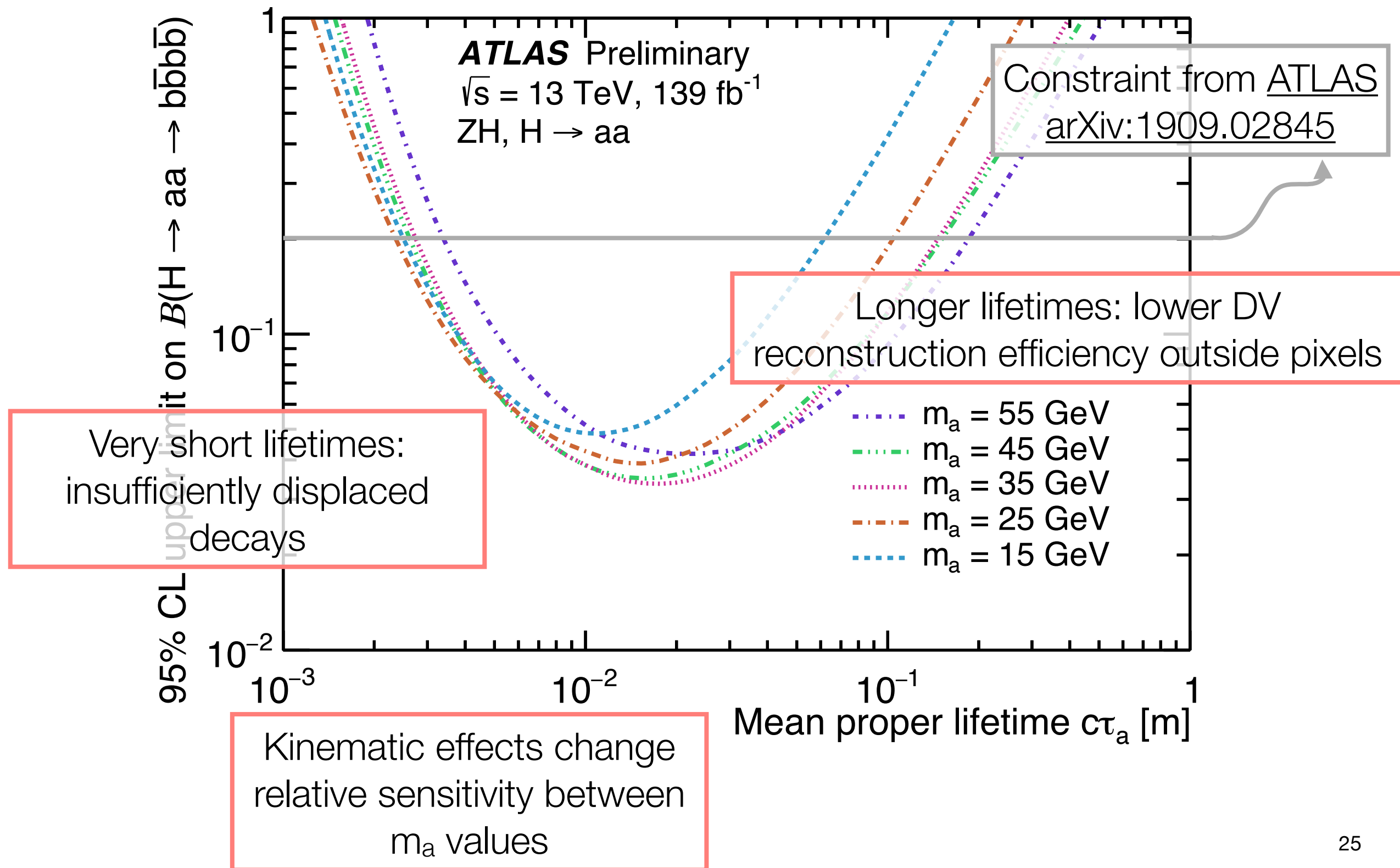
Leading signal uncertainties

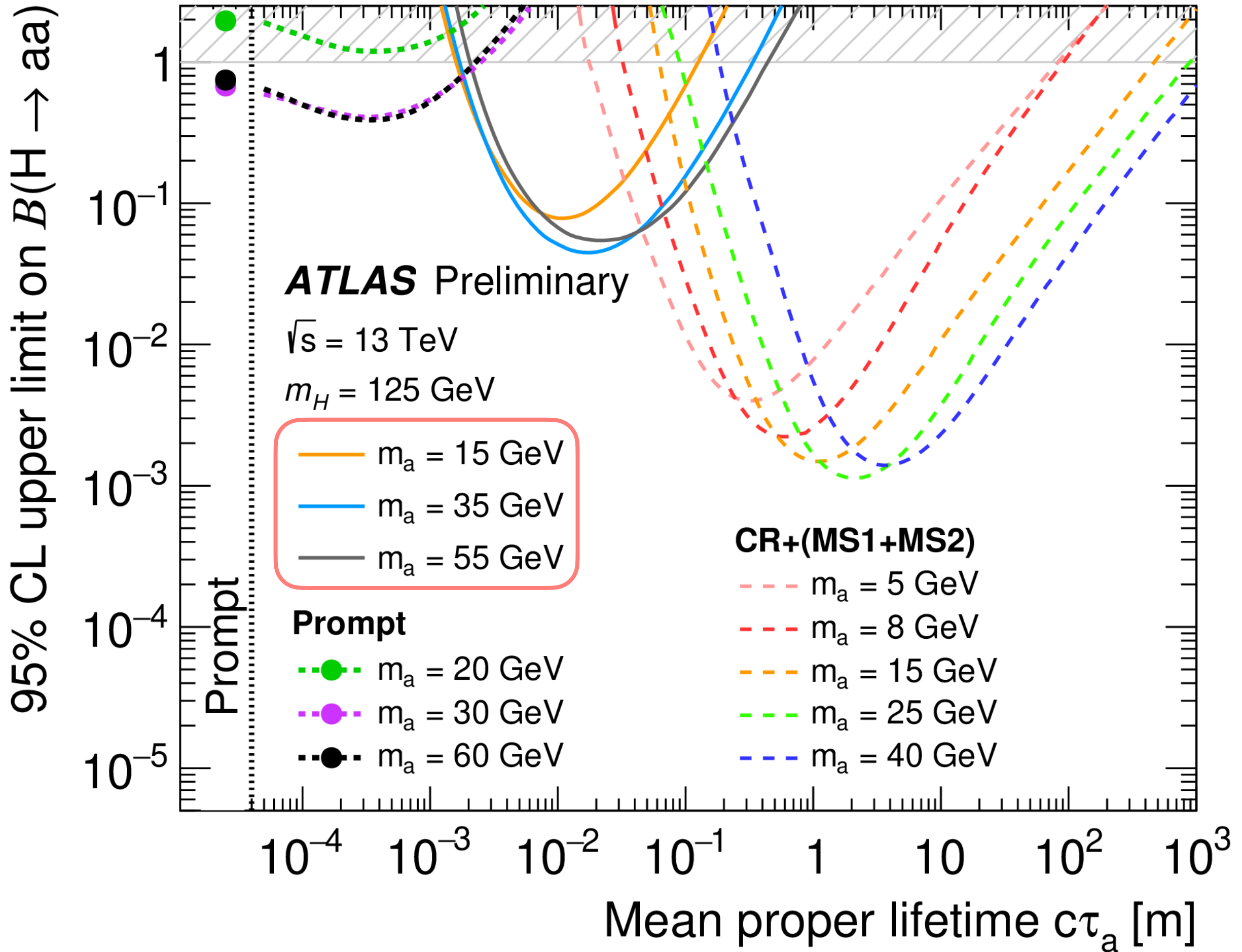
Mis-modelling of LRT; its effects on vertexing efficiency

Filter efficiency

Theory

Limits on Standard Model $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$





Displaced leptons

[arXiv:2011.07812](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.07812)

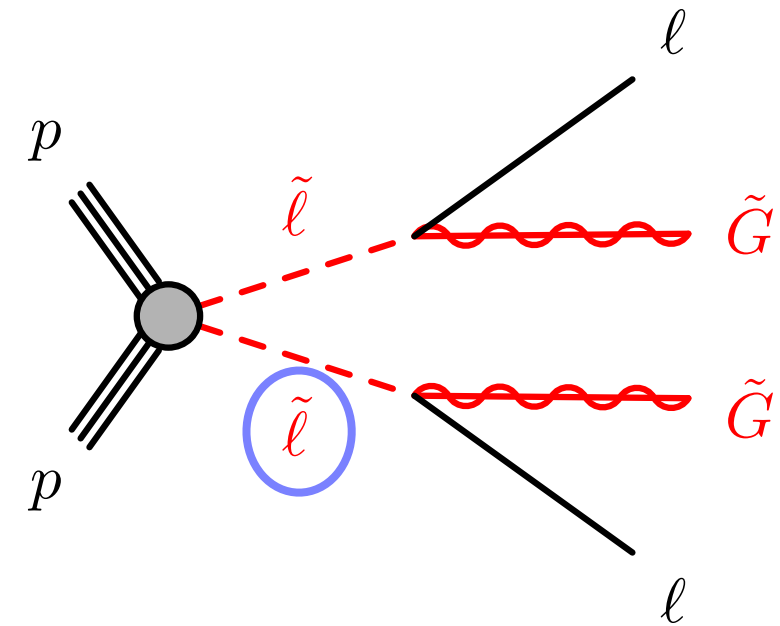
Analysis concept

Quite general search for **two light leptons** that do not point to the primary vertex

No vertex between leptons required

Benchmark model: **sleptons** in GMSB model

Small coupling to gravitino gives \tilde{l} a **long lifetime**



Trigger?

Not MET - keep it general

Use two:

- **Muon spectrometer** signal with no ID track required
- **Single/di-photon (loose)**: again, no requirement placed on matched track

Signal regions

ee | **eμ** | **μμ**

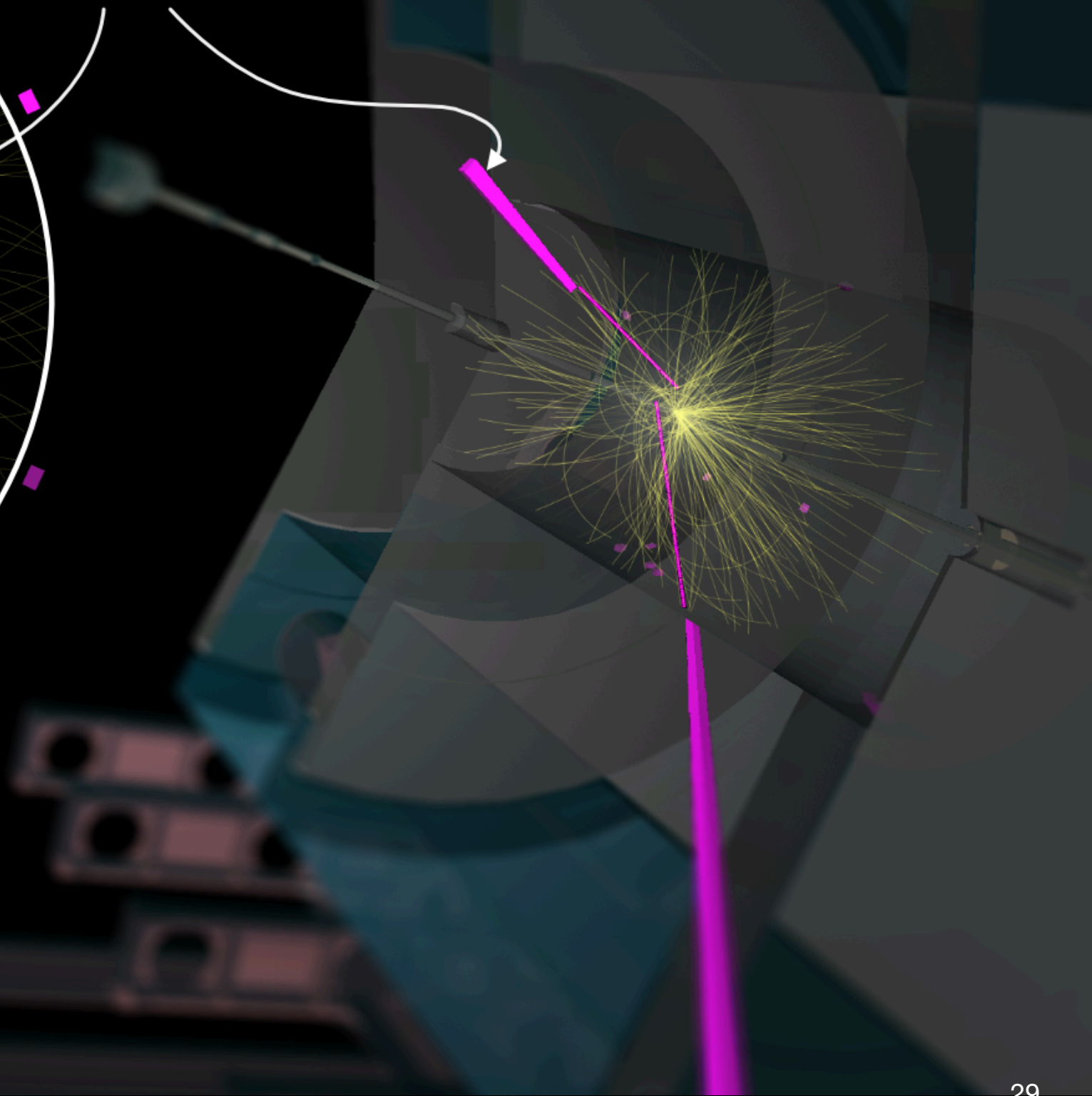
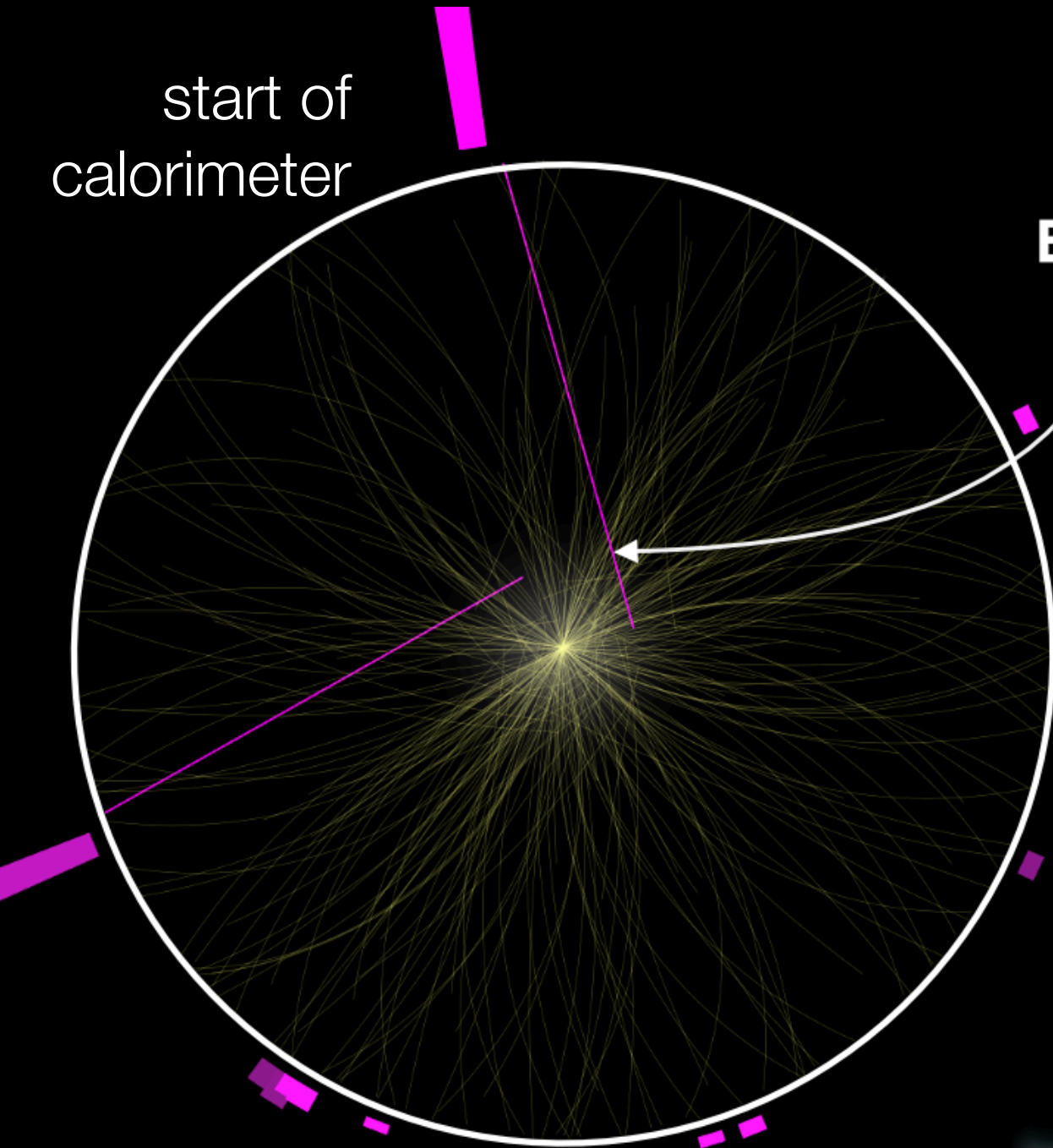
Both leptons $p_T > 65$ GeV

Both leptons $d_0 > 3$ mm

Angle ΔR between leptons > 0.2

start of
calorimeter

Electron



Simulated Signal Event
Selectron Pair Production $\tilde{e} \rightarrow e\tilde{G}$

$m(\tilde{e}) = 500 \text{ GeV}, \tau(\tilde{e}) = 1 \text{ ns}$

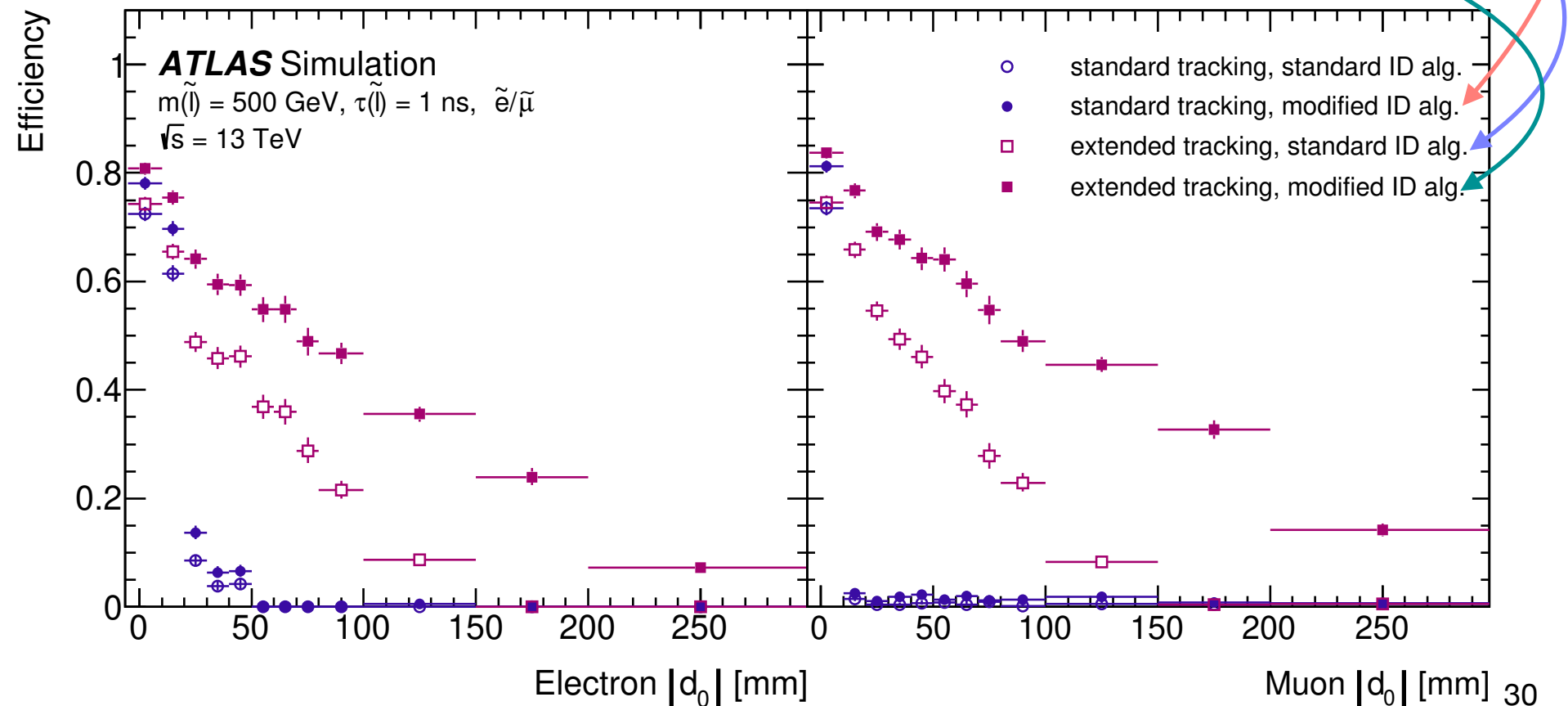
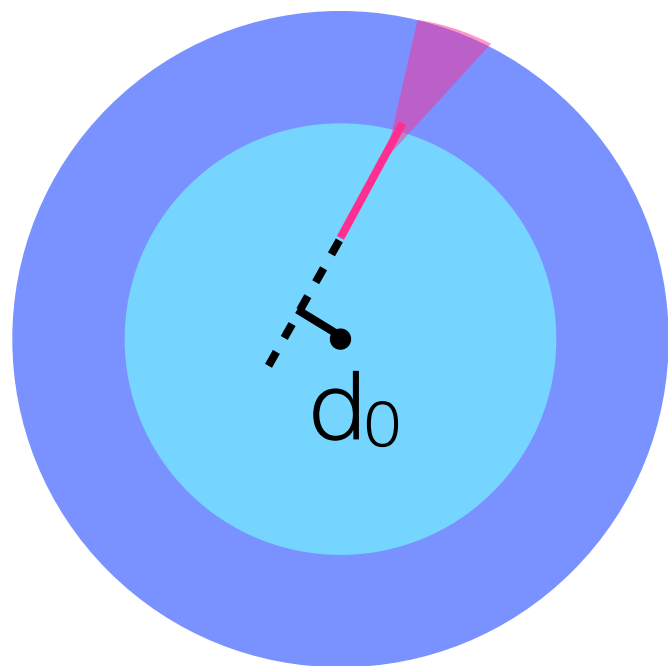
Displaced lepton reconstruction

Default lepton reconstruction assumes leptons point to the PV

Very low efficiency for high d_0 leptons

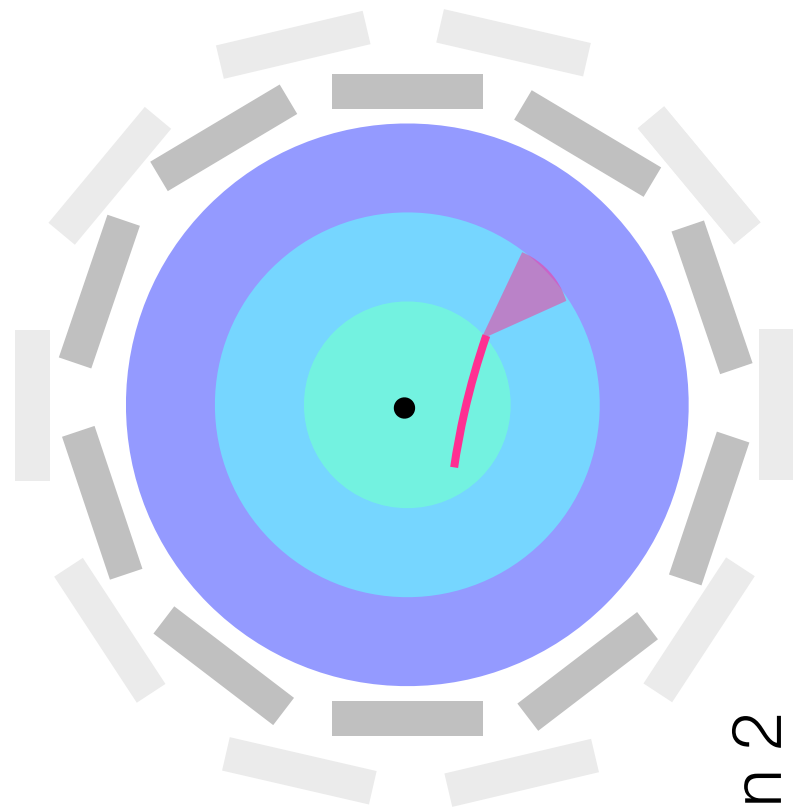
Adding **large-radius tracks** to reconstruction algorithm improves efficiency to ~ 100 mm

Modified reconstruction algorithms remove requirements on d_0 and number of pixel hits



Fakes & heavy flavour decays

Dominant ee and eμ background: fakes



Use “ABCD” estimate

$$N_A = (N_B N_C) / N_D$$

Large-radius tracks prone to **combinatorial fakes**

Fake track can then be **mis-assigned** to calo energy

Poorer quality: inconsistency between track and cluster p_T estimates

Quality of l_1 and l_2 are **independent**

| | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Quality lepton 2 | (C) L1 poor quality | (A) Both leptons good |
| | (D) Both L's poor quality | (B) L2 poor quality |
| | Quality lepton 1 | |

Leptons from **heavy flavour** decay checked separately; negligible

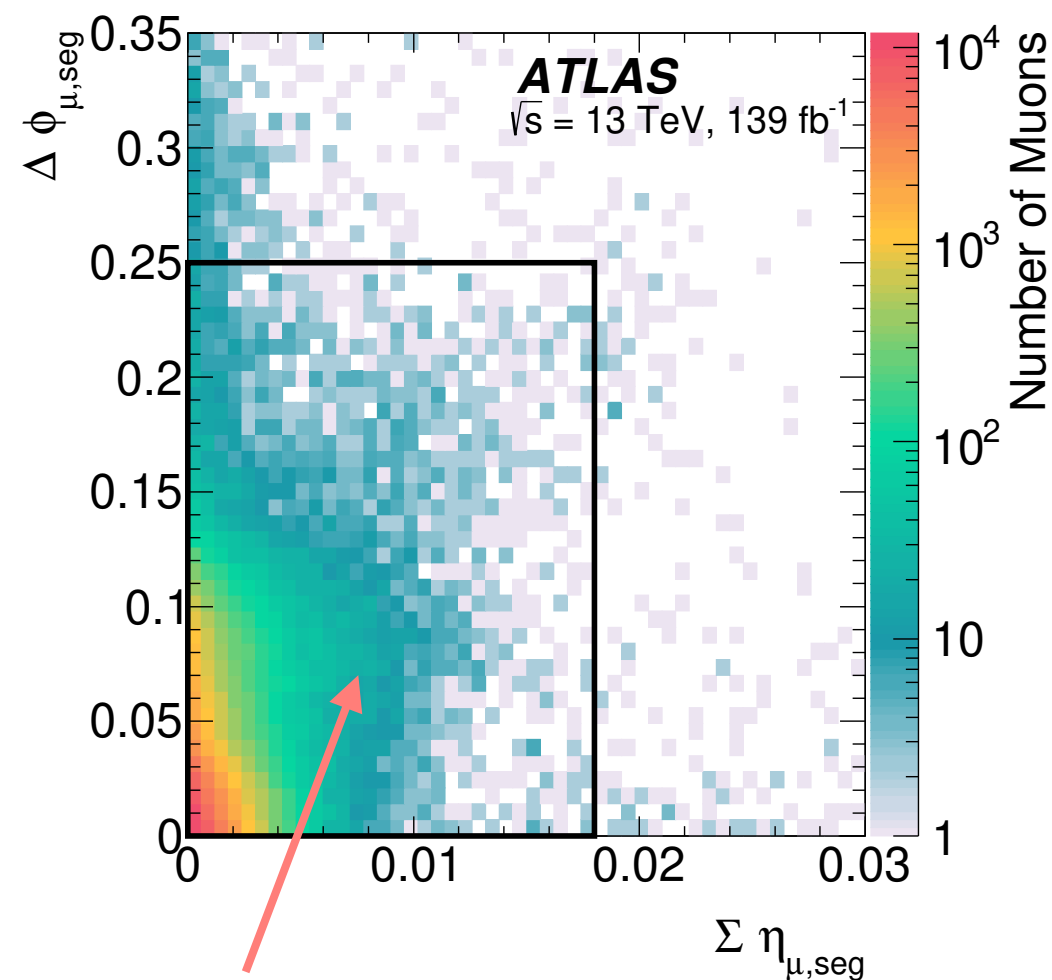
ABCD validated in heavy-flavour-enriched sample

Cosmic muon background

In $\mu\mu$ channel, only significant background is cosmic muons

Reduce:

Estimate:



Muon quality **not correlated** with cosmic tag

Instead, cosmic tag depends on quality of the muon **on the other side of the detector**

Use tag and quality info to create **ABCD-like background estimate**, scaling from number of 1-tagged events

Tagged cosmic muons
99.5%

Signal region
requires zero
tagged cosmic muons

Results

* “lightest supersymmetric particle”

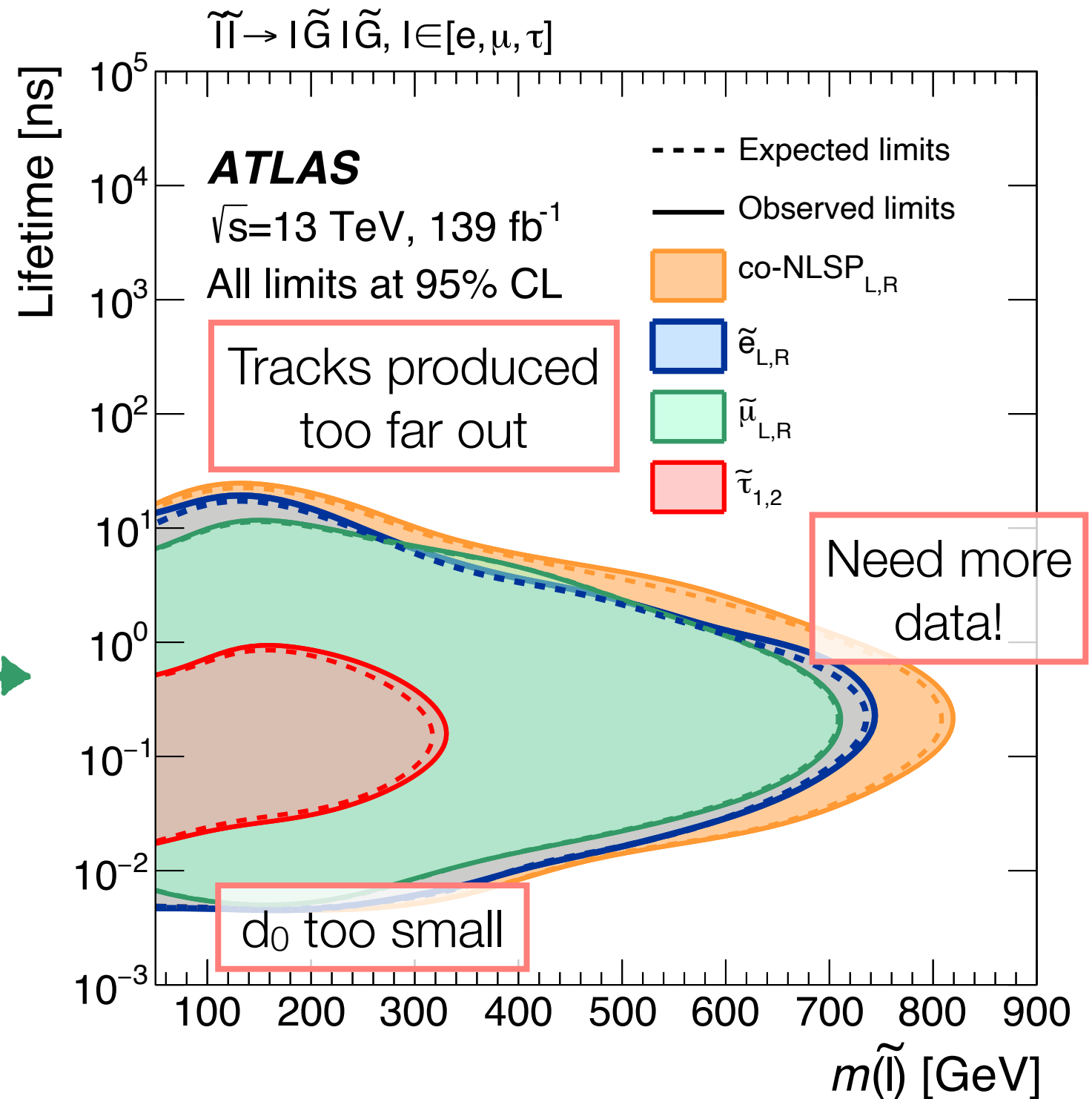
| Region | SR- ee | SR- $\mu\mu$ | SR- $e\mu$ |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fake + Heavy-Flavor | 0.46 ± 0.10 | – | $0.007^{+0.019}_{-0.007}$ |
| Cosmics | – | $0.11^{+0.20}_{-0.11}$ | – |
| Expected Background | 0.46 ± 0.10 | $0.11^{+0.20}_{-0.11}$ | $0.007^{+0.019}_{-0.007}$ |
| Observed events | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Model-independent upper limits: ~ 3 events

Model-dependent limits: staus and co-NLSP* sleptons

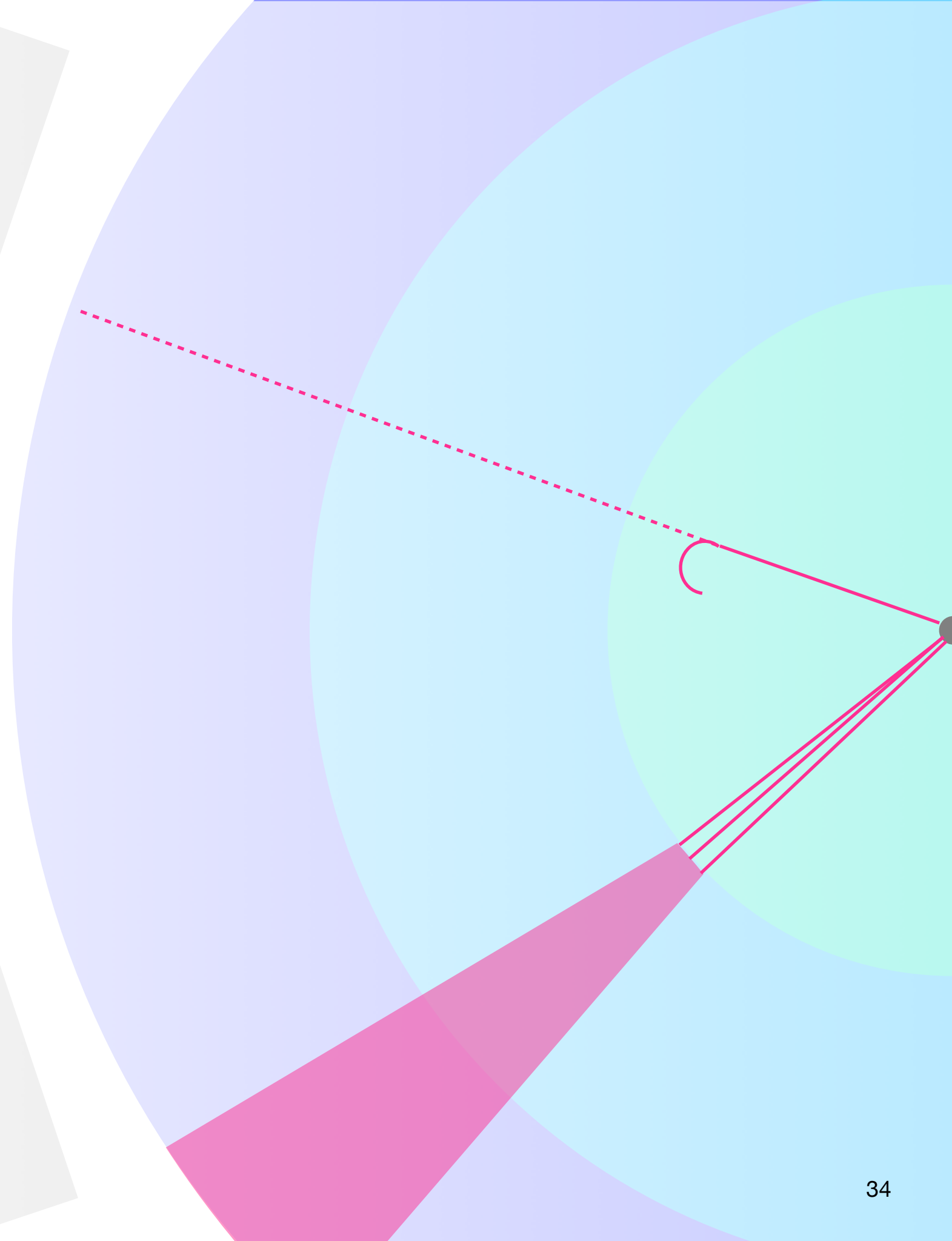
LEP limits (previous best) are up to ~ 65 -90 GeV

All new at the LHC!

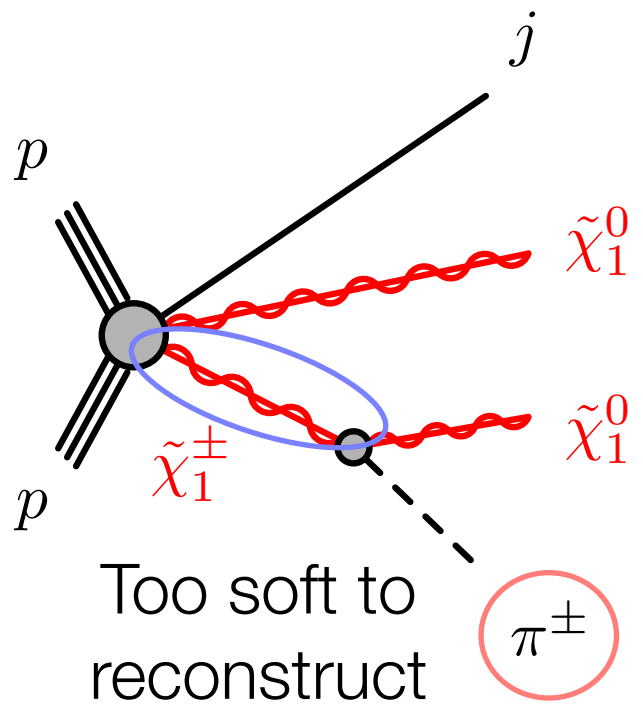


Disappearing tracks

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Analysis concept



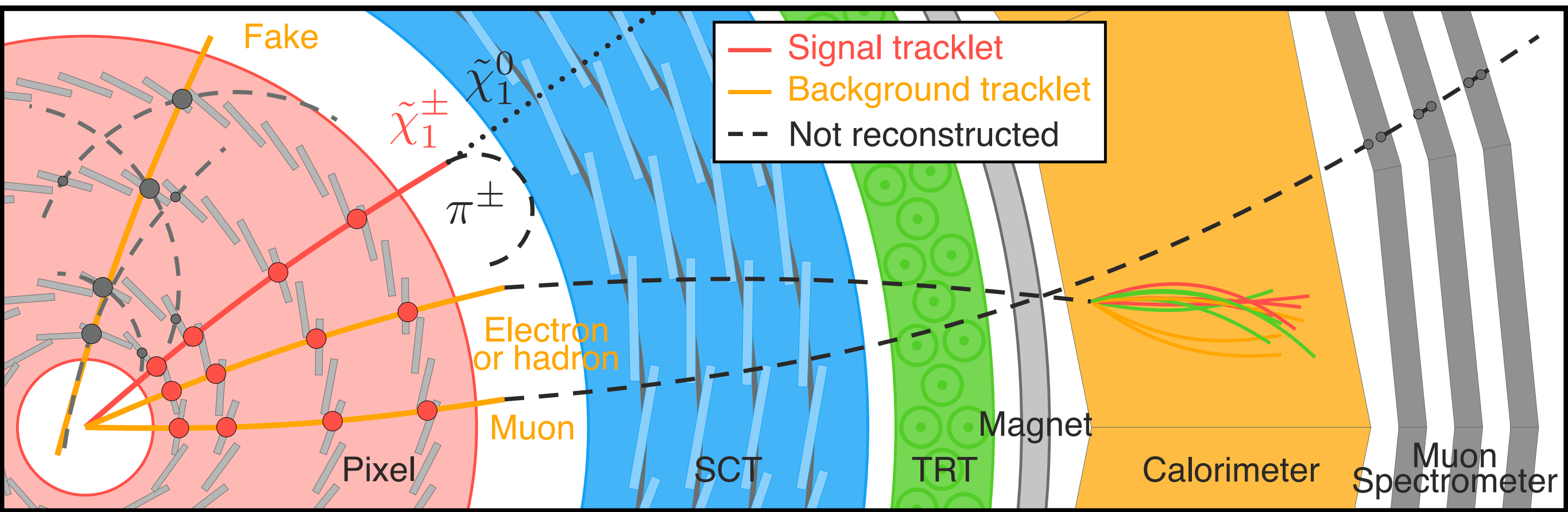
Various SUSY models predict wino or Higgsino LSP

Theoretical prediction of a **very small mass gap** between $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ and $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

Small mass splitting \rightarrow **long lifetime** for $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$

Pure wino:
 $\tau = 0.2 \text{ ns}$
 $c\tau \sim 6 \text{ cm}$

Pure higgsino:
 $\tau = 0.02 - 0.05 \text{ ns}$
 $c\tau \sim 7 - 14 \text{ mm}$



Event selection

Two selections optimised for different production modes
(**electroweak**, **strong**)

Missing E_T trigger

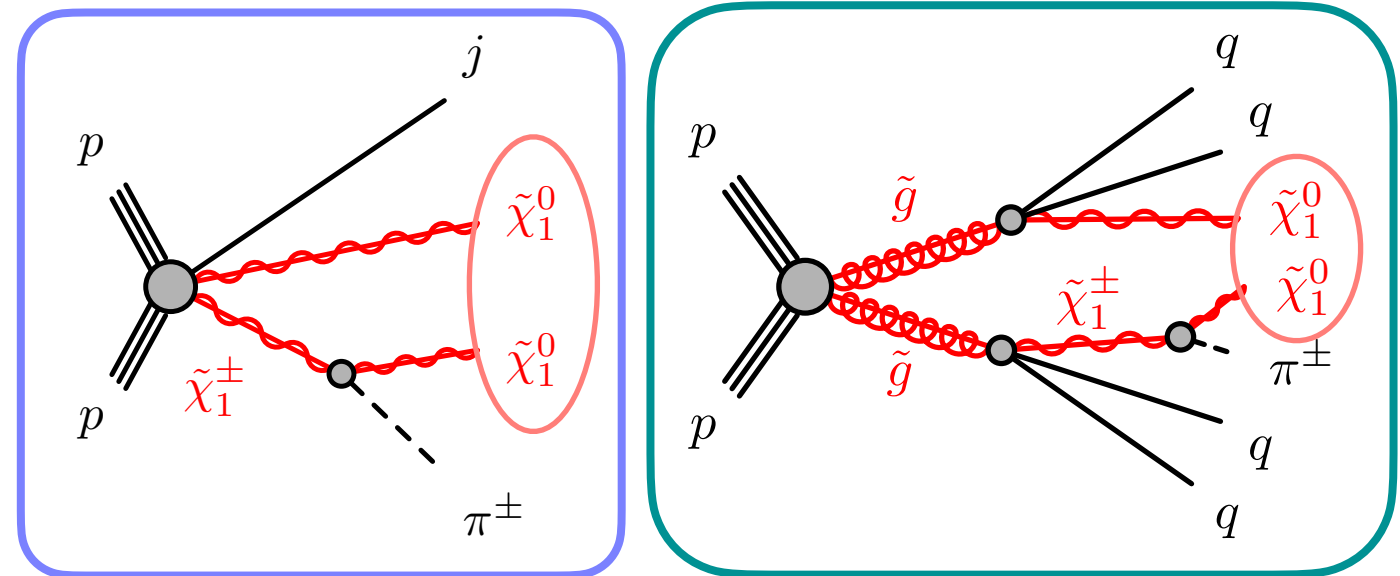
Lepton veto

MET > 200 GeV
≥ 1 jet

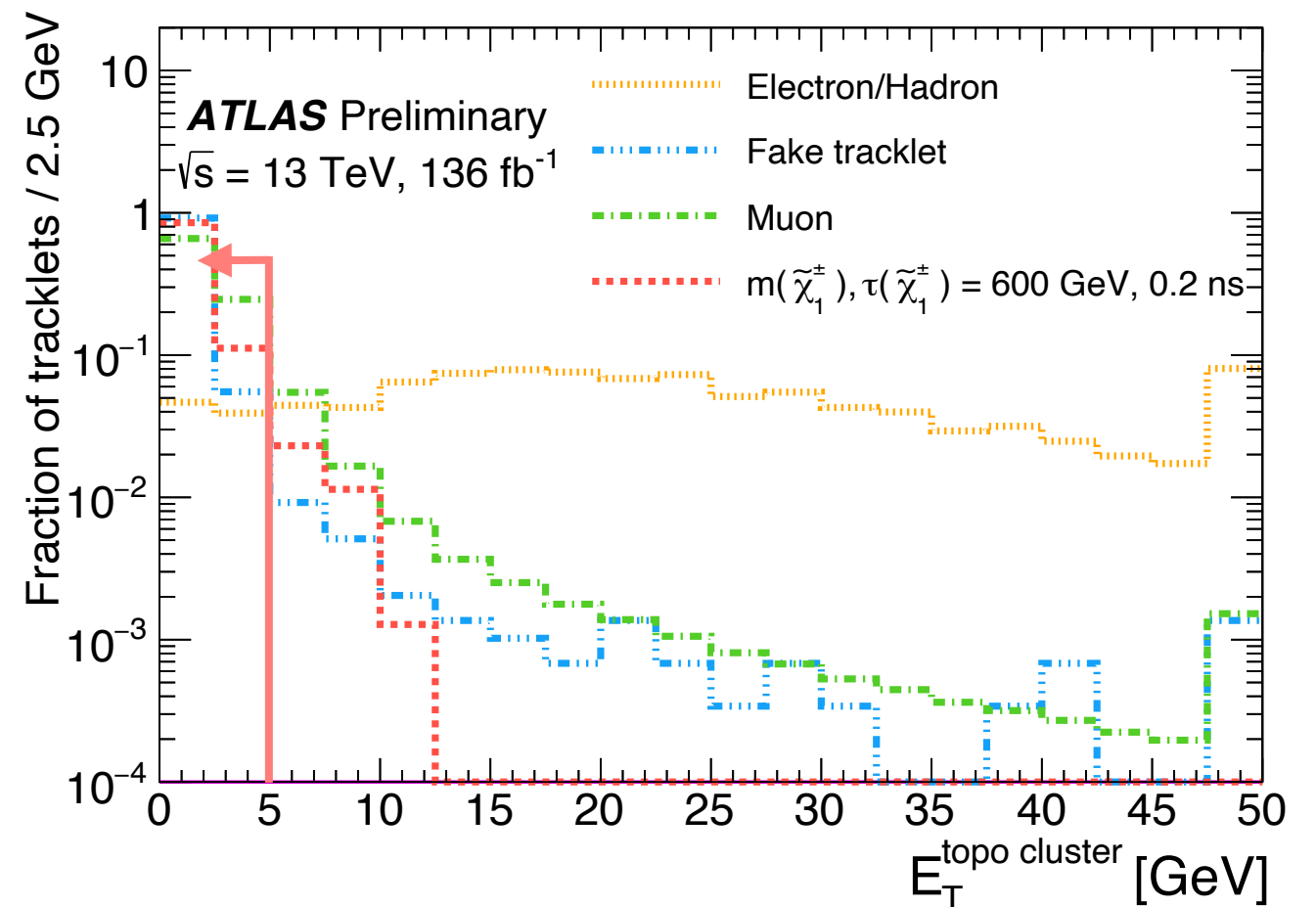
250 GeV
≥ 3 jets

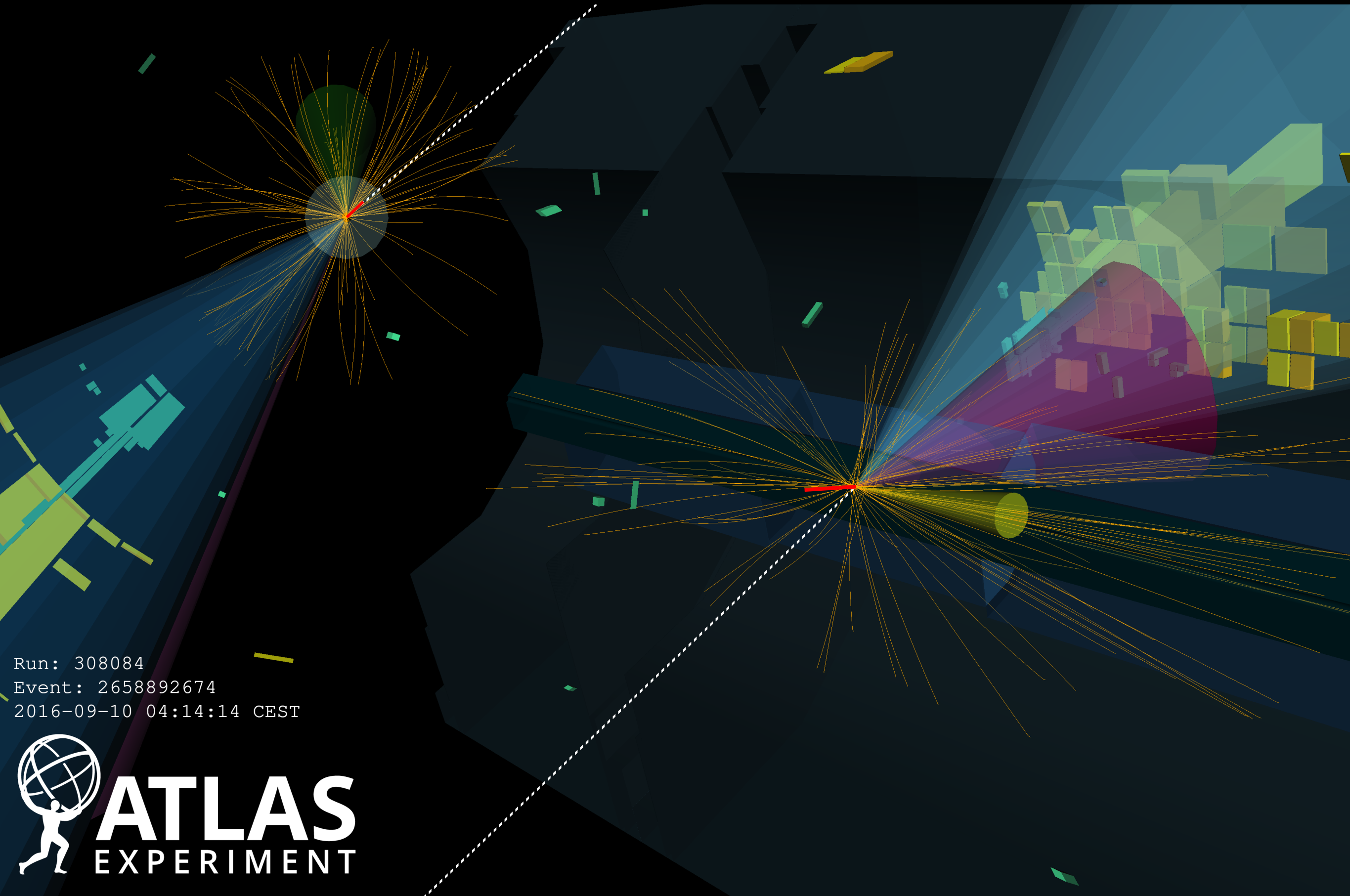
≥ 1 “disappearing” **tracklet**

- 4 pixel layer hits
- No hits in strips
- Good χ^2 quality
- Isolated from other tracks
- Isolated from calorimeter energy



New: calorimeter veto

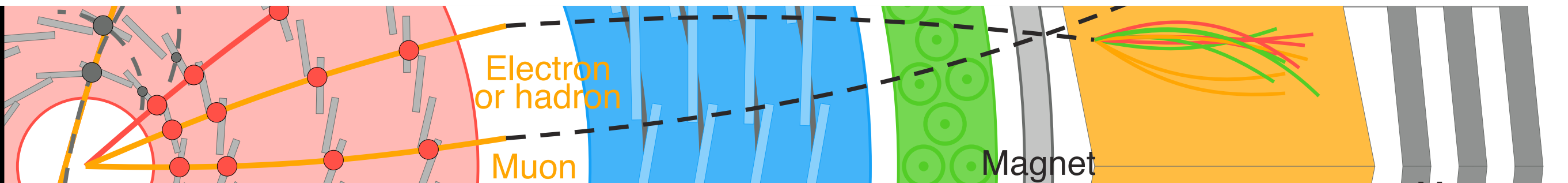




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Event: 2658892674
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Charged particle backgrounds



Lepton or hadron scatters in material or emits hard radiation

Take track p_T templates from control regions

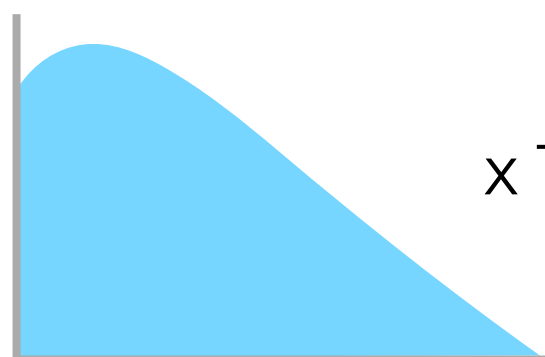
| Electron | Muon | Hadron |
|----------|---------------|--------------|
| Good e | Good μ | Good track |
| No-e MET | No- μ MET | Standard MET |

Make η and $(\phi \parallel p_T)$ dependent **transfer factors**
 Select $Z \rightarrow \ell\ell$ events

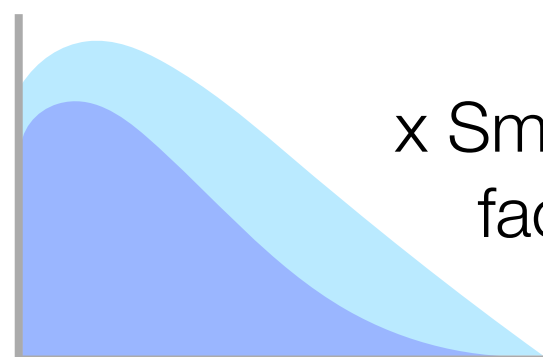
$TF_{\text{pixel-only}}$ = fraction of leptons with only tracklet in inner detector

$TF_{\text{no-cal/MS}}$ = fraction of leptons with good track but no other signal

Make p_T resolution **smearing factor**



x TF

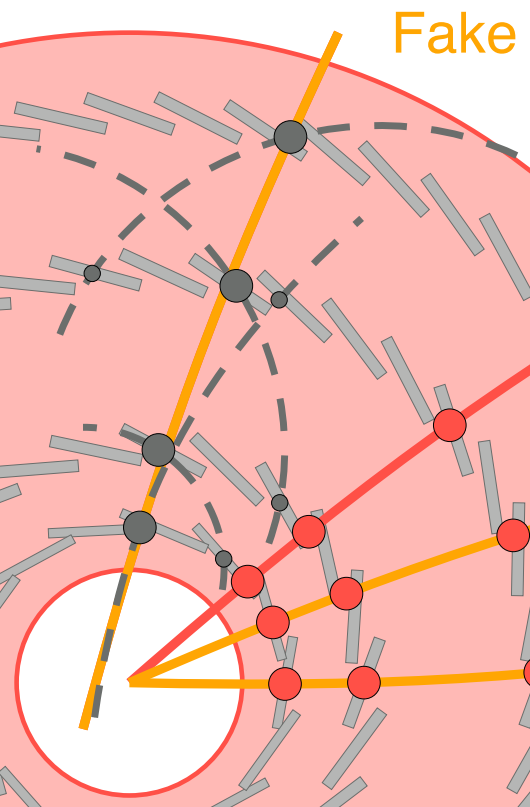


x Smearing factor



Full prediction

Fakes and systematics



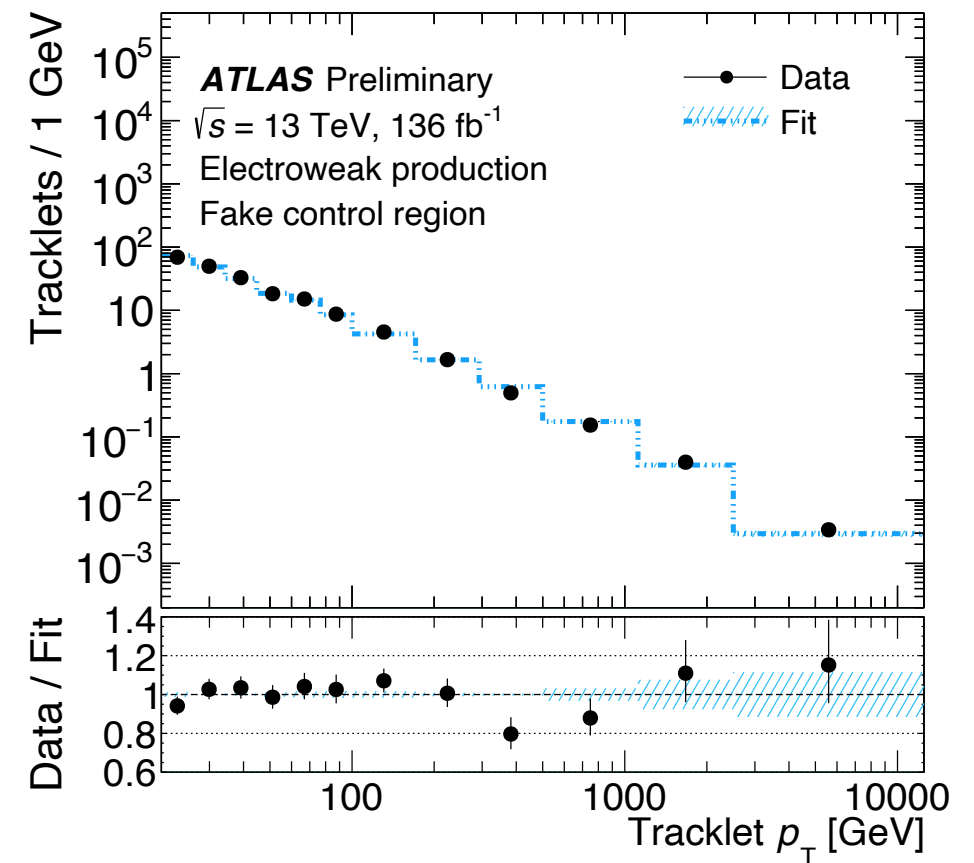
Fake tracks: **random hit combinations**

No need to point to PV

Therefore, **high d_0 tracklets** are fake-enriched control sample

Fit to obtain p_T template

Constrain normalisation with fraction of high-MET events



Background uncertainties

Constraints on fake normalisation
 p_T smearing function

Signal uncertainties

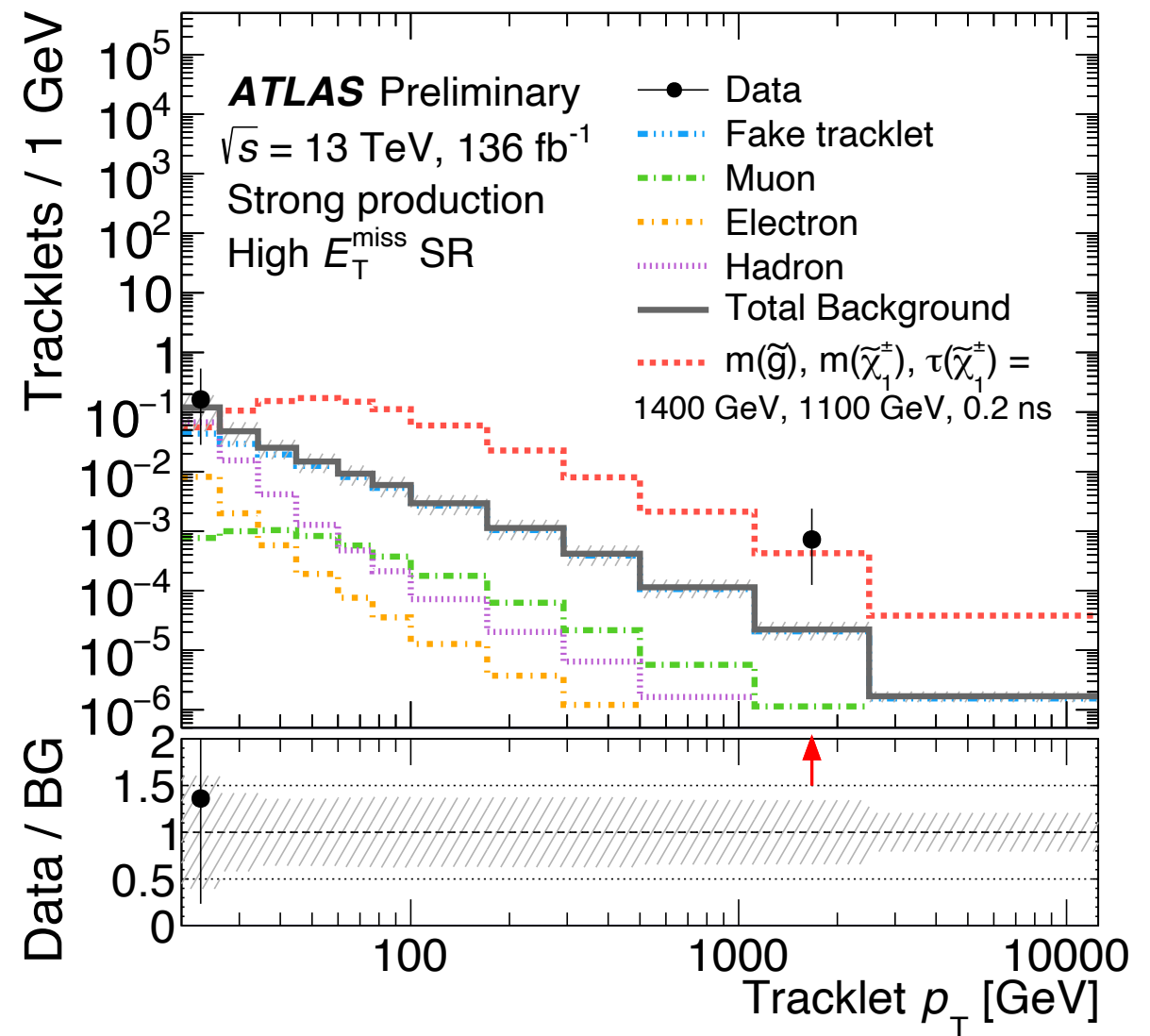
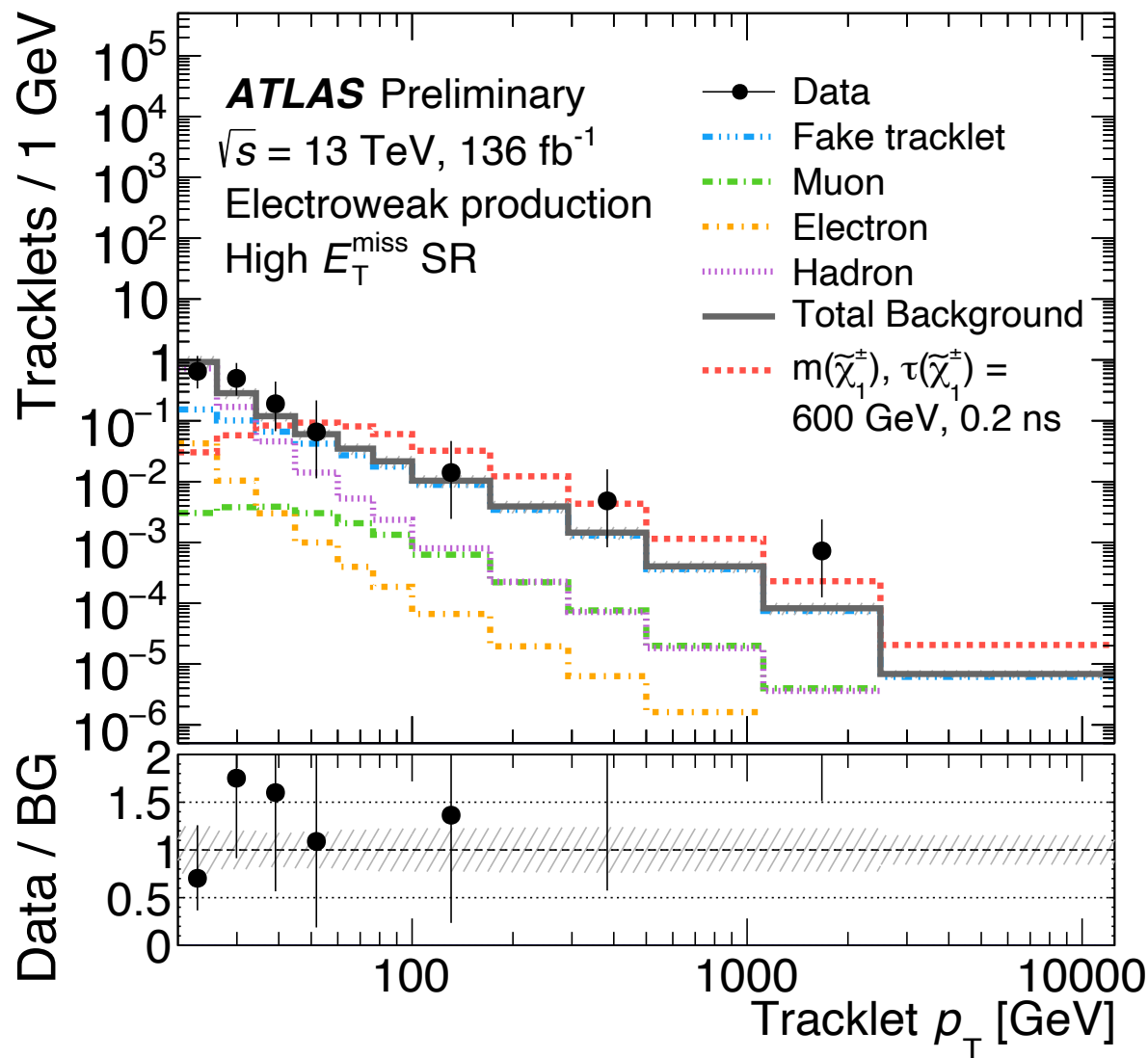
Initial/final state radiation
Tracklet reconstruction efficiency
Jet energy scale & resolution

Results

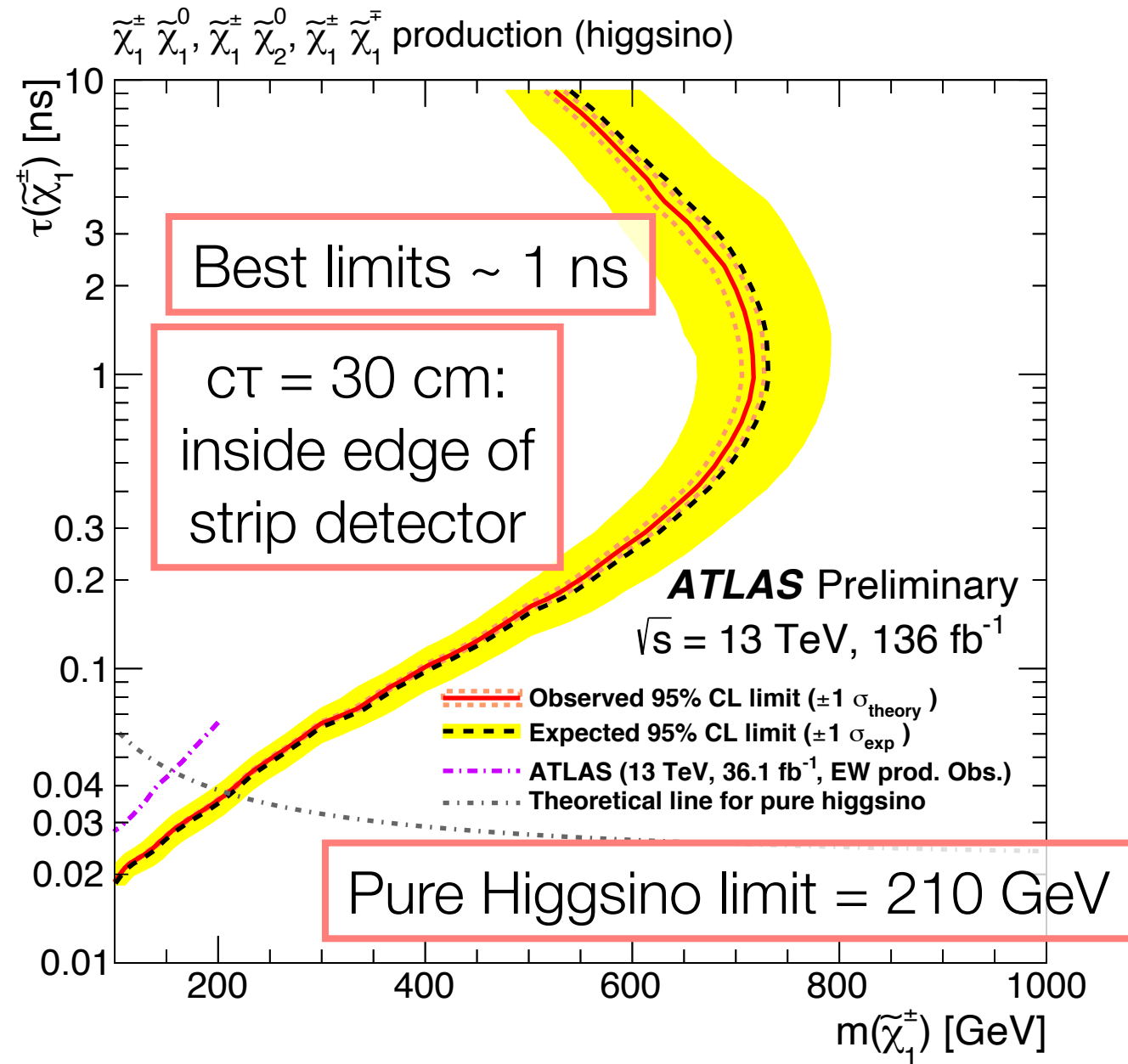
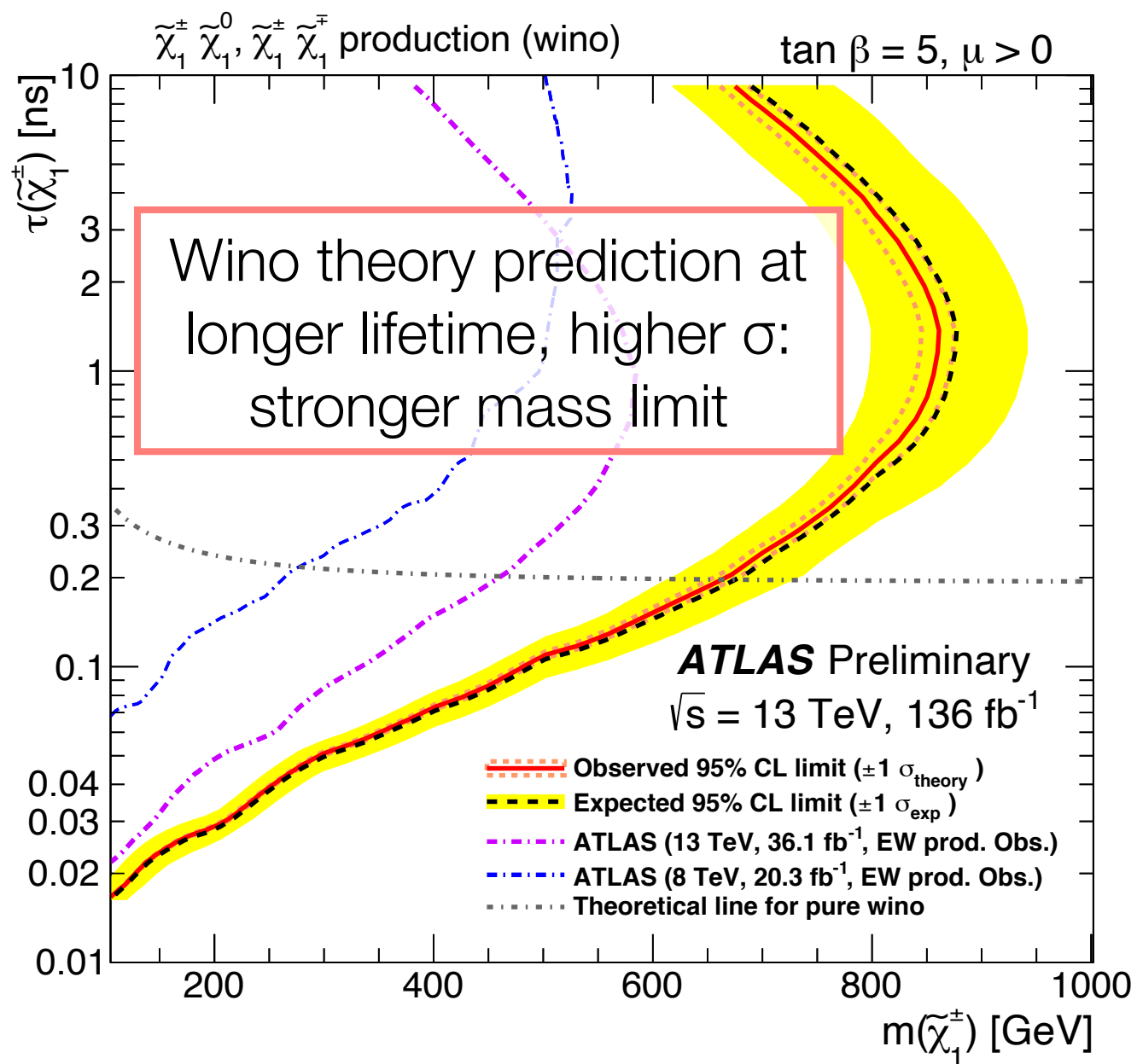
Discovery regions are SRs with tracklet $p_T > 60$ GeV

Full signal regions

| | Electroweak channel | Strong channel |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| | High- E_T^{miss} SR | |
| Fake | 2.6 ± 0.8 | 0.77 ± 0.33 |
| Hadron | 0.26 ± 0.13 | 0.024 ± 0.031 |
| Electron | 0.021 ± 0.023 | 0.004 ± 0.004 |
| Muon | 0.17 ± 0.06 | 0.049 ± 0.018 |
| Total Expected | 3.0 ± 0.7 | 0.84 ± 0.33 |
| Observed | 3 | 1 |



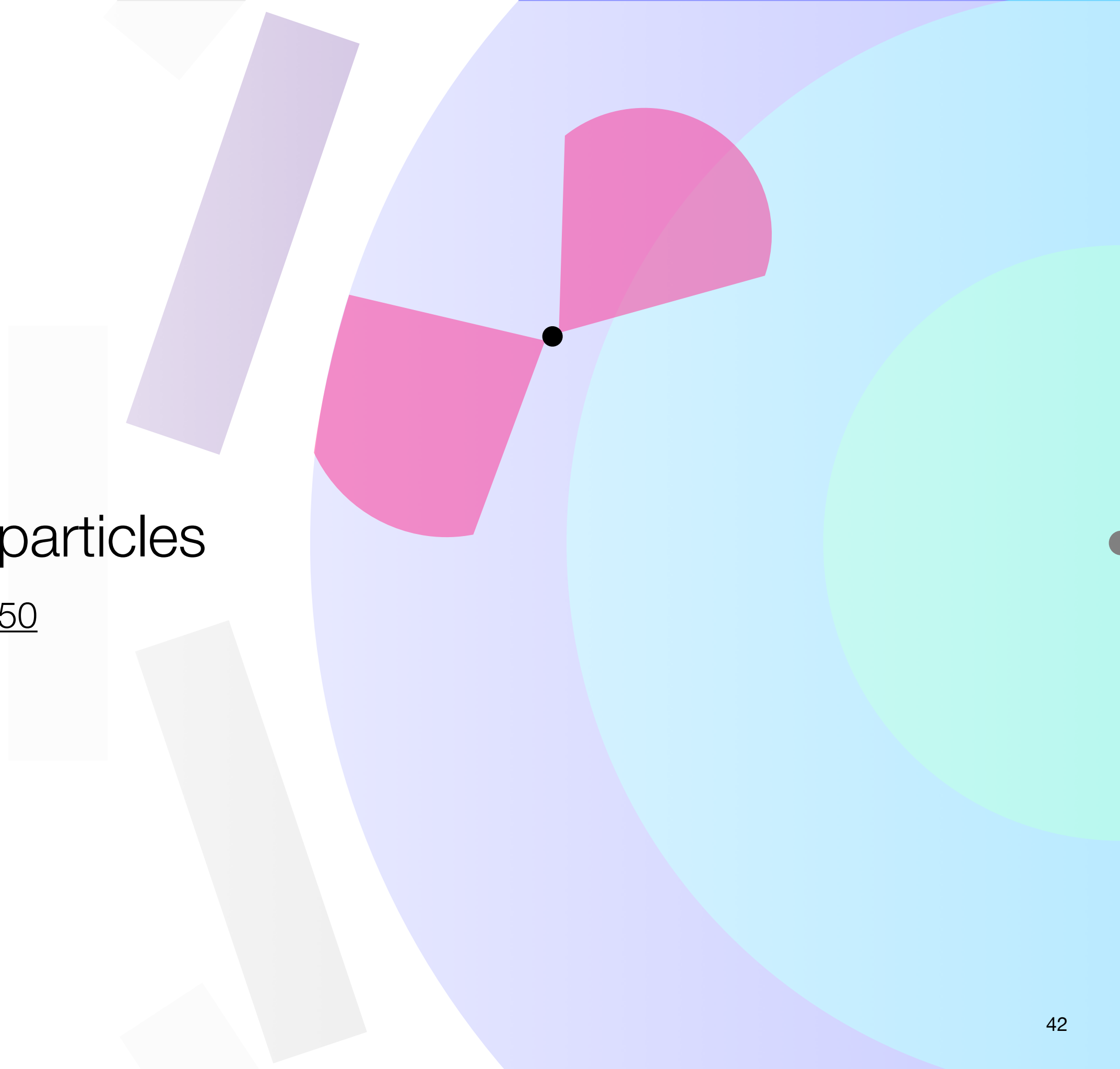
Limits



Compelling dark matter models:
these limits are a meaningful statement on
sub-TeV WIMPs

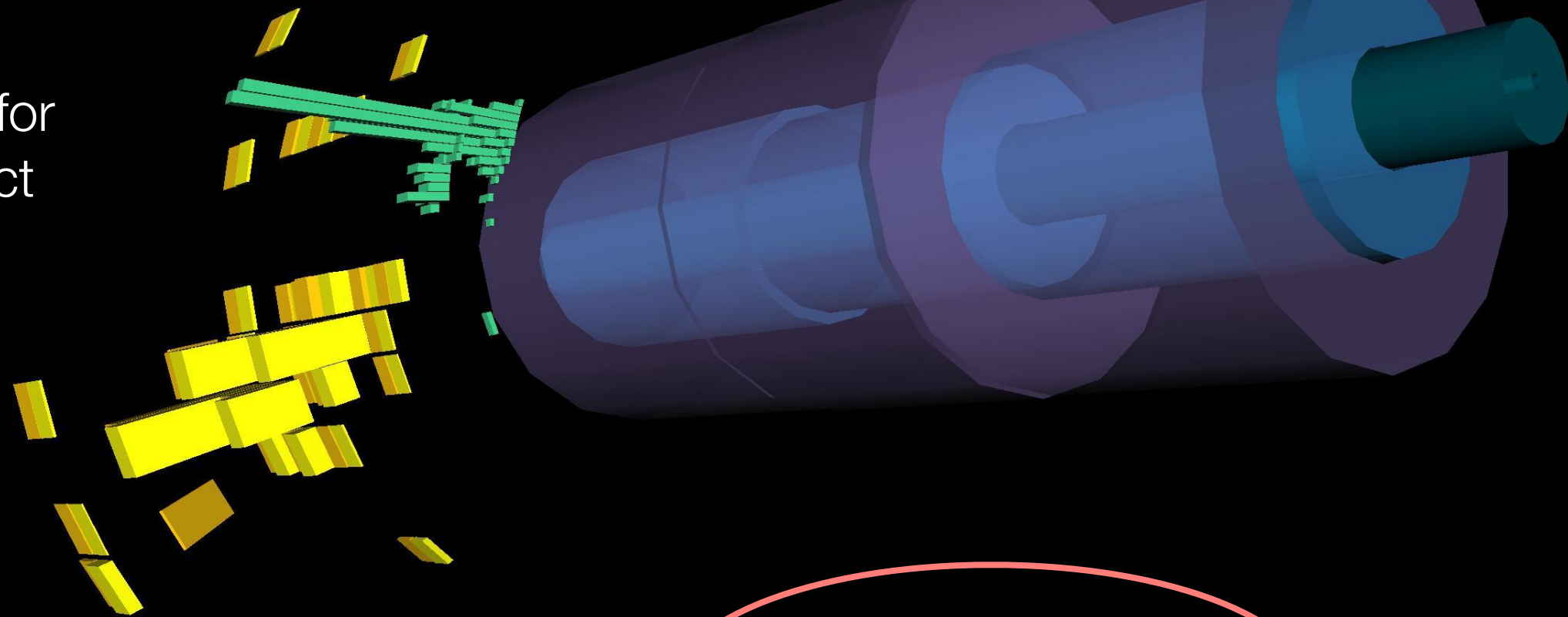
Stopped particles

[arXiv:2104.03050](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.03050)



Target: hadronised long-lived SUSY particles (**R-hadrons**) which stop in the detector, then decay later

Sensitivity general for models that predict stopping



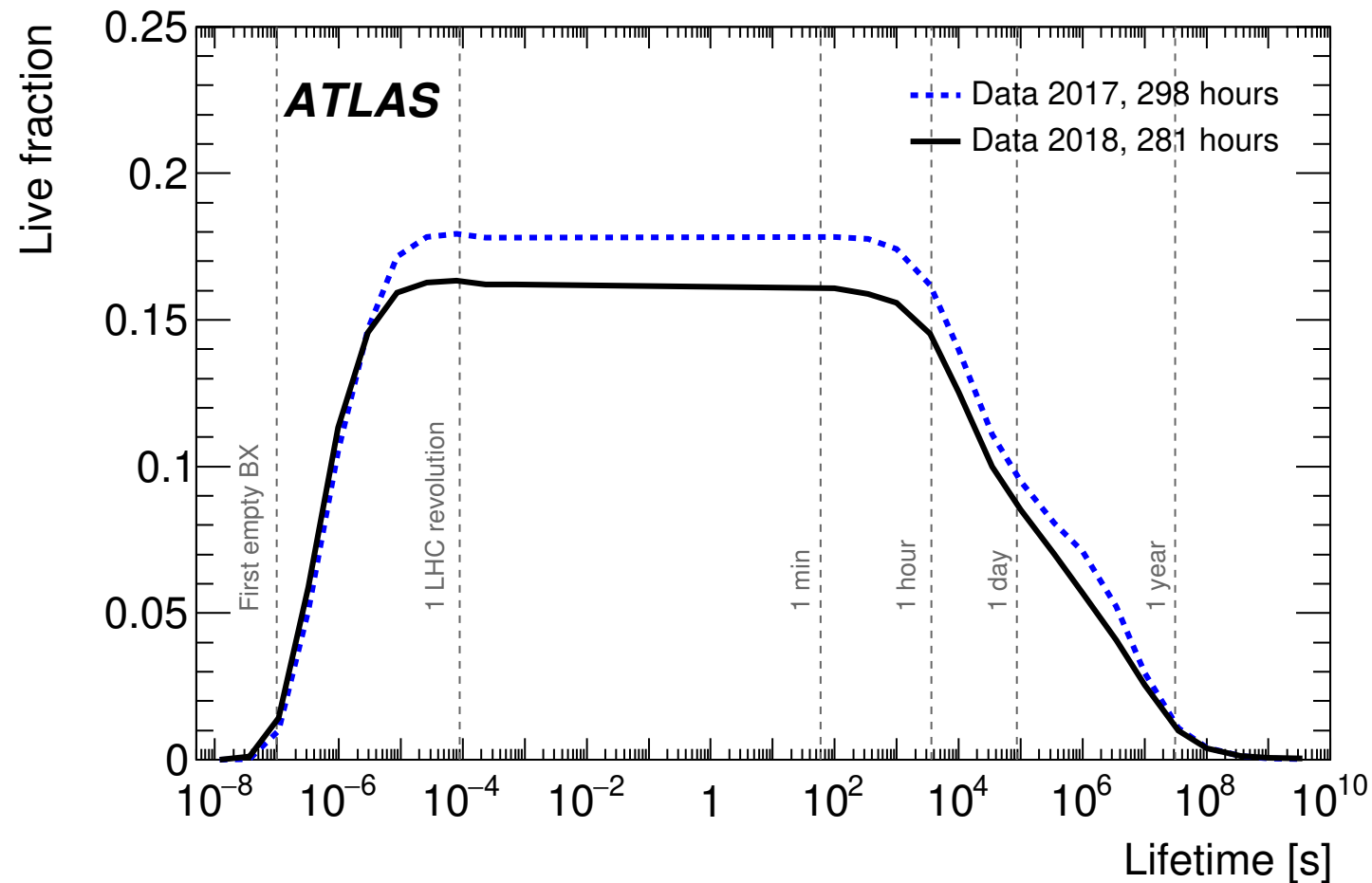
COSMIC RECONSTRUCTION

Search for jets in **empty bunch crossings**

- Low backgrounds
- Low trigger thresholds

Easier to veto cosmic muons

Datasets and regions



Trigger in empty bunch crossings

Signal produced with full bunches; recorded in empty

“**Live time**”: trigger-able time during run

Background \propto live time

Signal \propto live time * luminosity

2015 and 2016: low luminosity, high live time \rightarrow do not add sensitivity

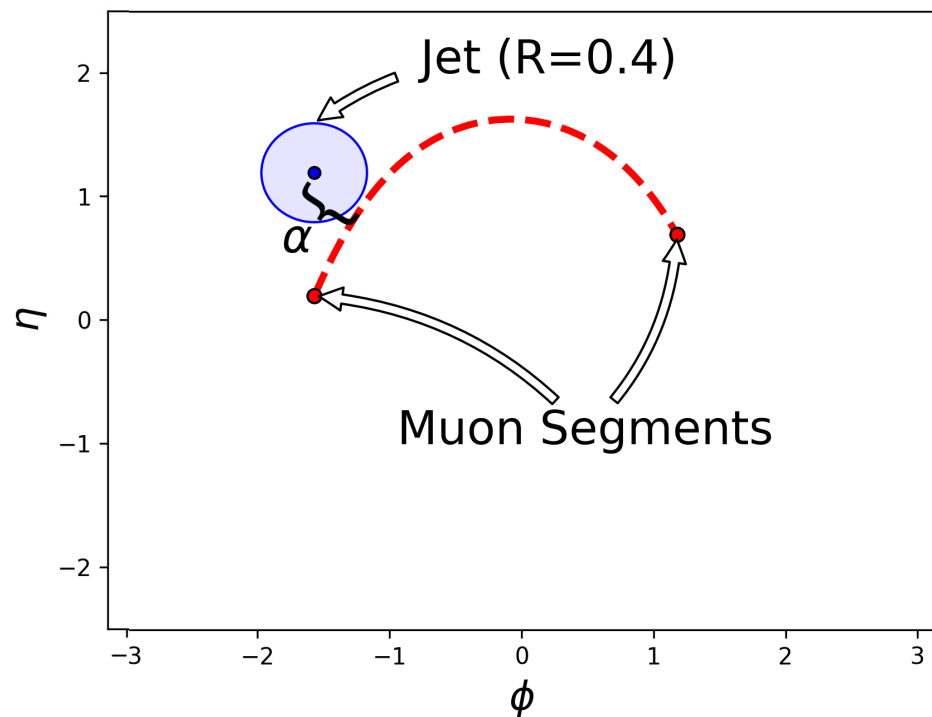
Only analyse 2017 and 2018 datasets

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Search dataset | Empty bunches | } Jet $p_T > 90$ GeV, $ \eta < 2.4$, no PV |
| Cosmic sample | No proton fill | |
| Beam-induced background sample | Unpaired bunches | |

Signal regions: jet $p_T > 150$ GeV; inclusive or $|\eta| < 0.8$

Cosmic backgrounds

Path of cosmic muon in η , ϕ geometrically defined

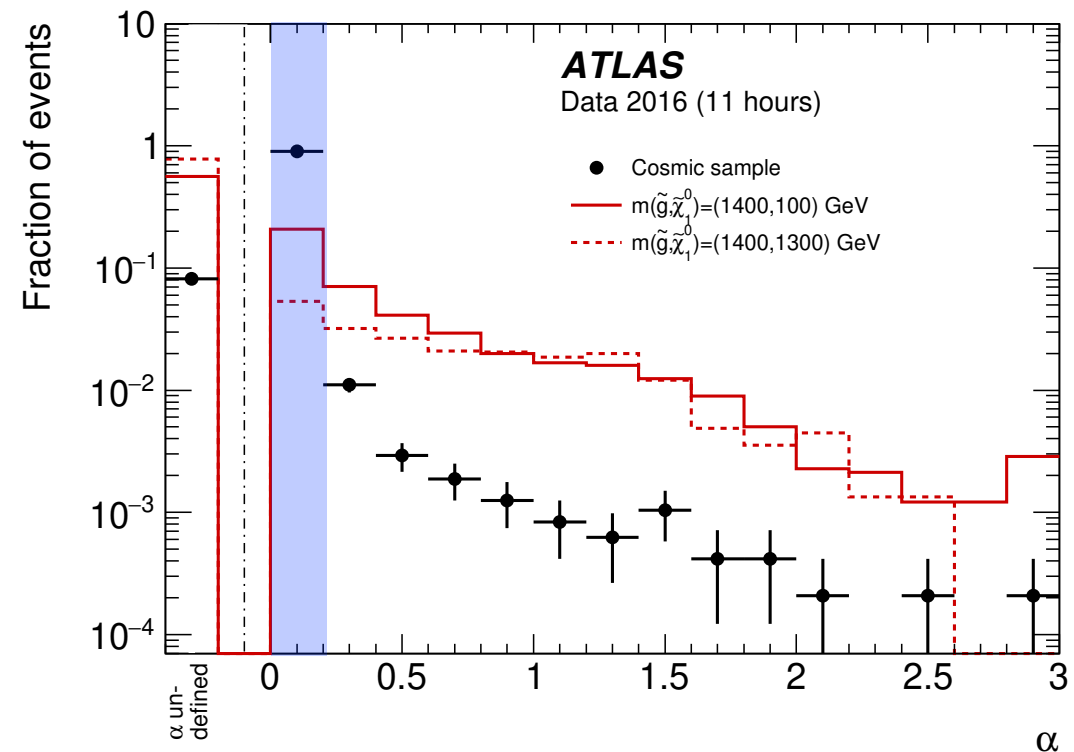


Jet caused by radiating cosmic μ should have **small α**

Reject event:

- If any reconstructed μ
- If α defined and < 0.2

Control region: Search dataset + BIB sample with **$\alpha < 0.2$**



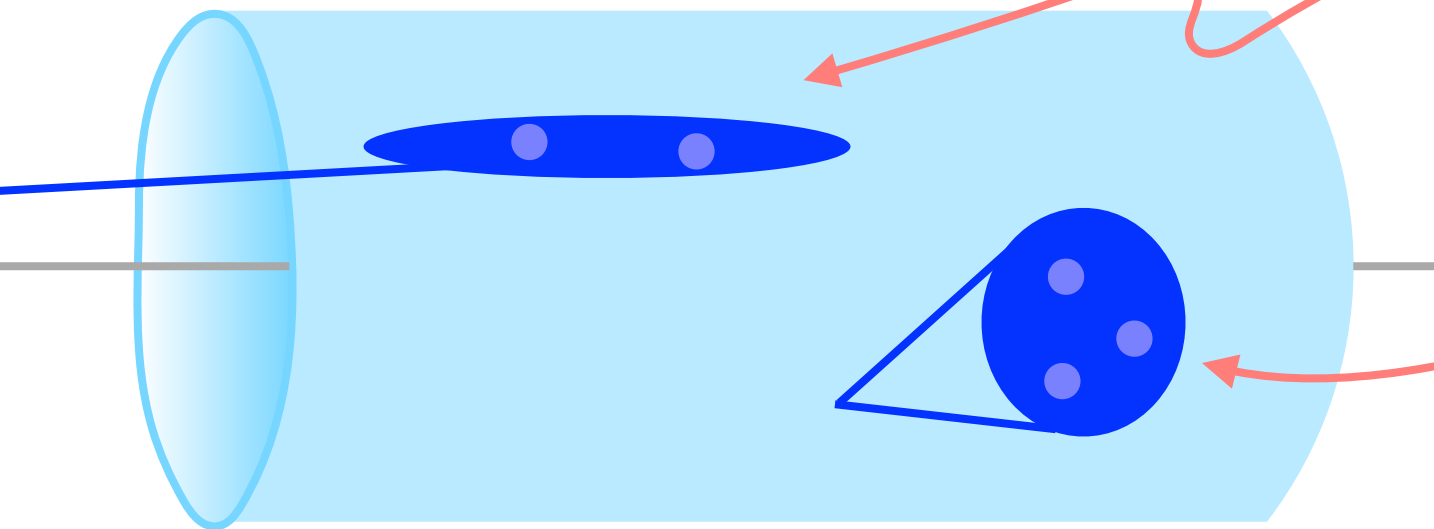
Take jet **p_T spectrum template** from CR; validate in cosmics sample

Normalise with **transfer factor:**

$$F = \frac{N_{\text{cosmics sample}}^{\text{SR-like}}}{N_{\text{cosmics sample}}^{\text{CR-cos-like}}}$$

Beam-induced backgrounds

$$w_\phi = \frac{\sum(\text{abs}(\Delta\phi(\text{jet, constituent})) p_T(\text{constituent}))}{\sum p_T(\text{constituent})}$$

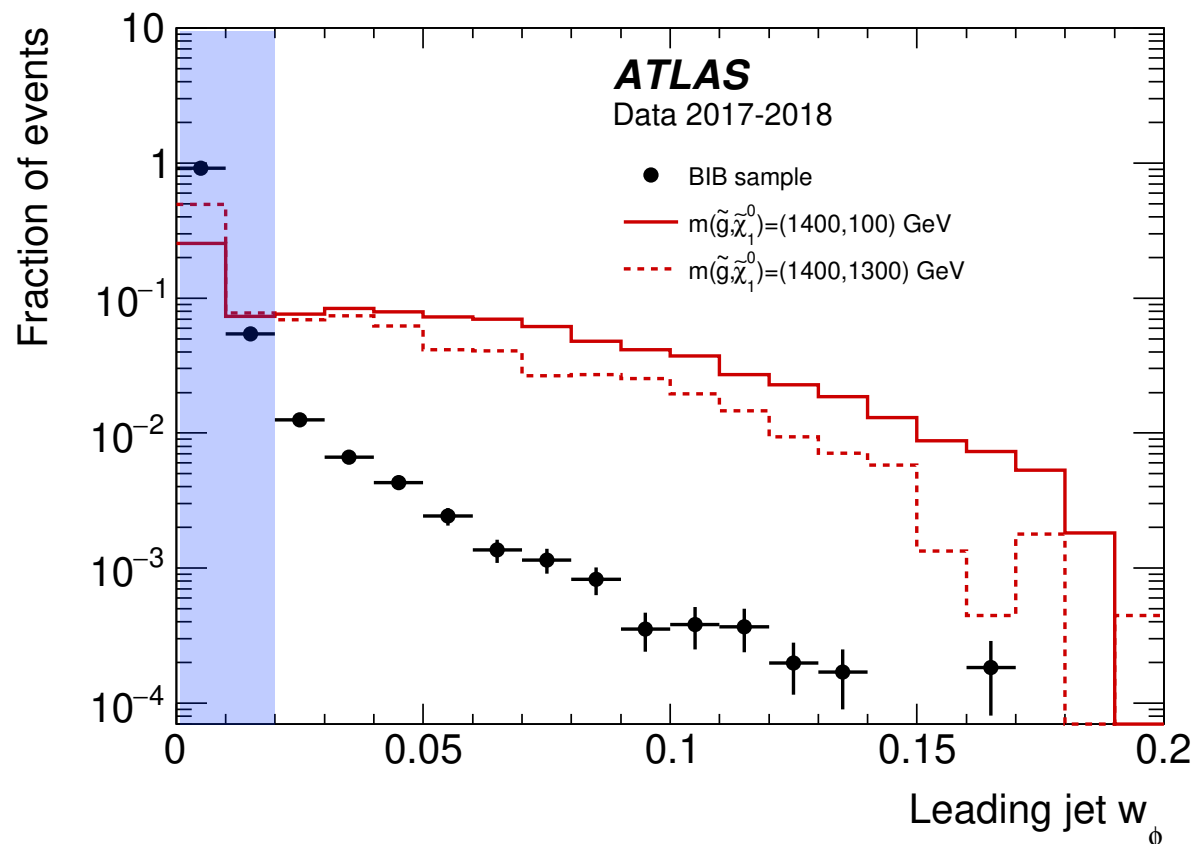


Jet from **beam-induced backgrounds (BIB):**

- Primarily electromagnetic
 - Momentum along beam axis
- small w_ϕ

Jet from **signal:**

- Primarily hadronic
- any w_ϕ



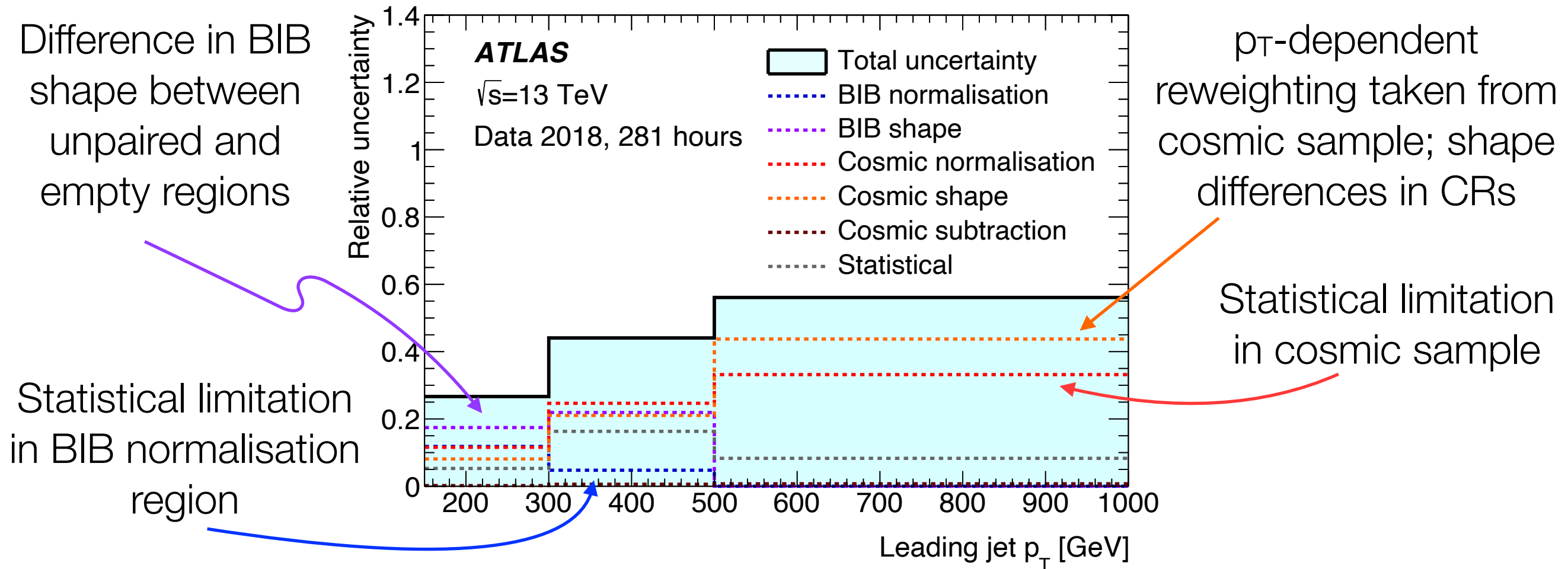
Control region: BIB sample with $w_\phi > 0.01$, cosmics subtracted

Take jet **p_T spectrum template** from CR

Normalise template
in low jet p_T regions

$$90 \text{ GeV} < p_T^{jet} < 150 \text{ GeV}$$

Uncertainties



Leading signal uncertainties

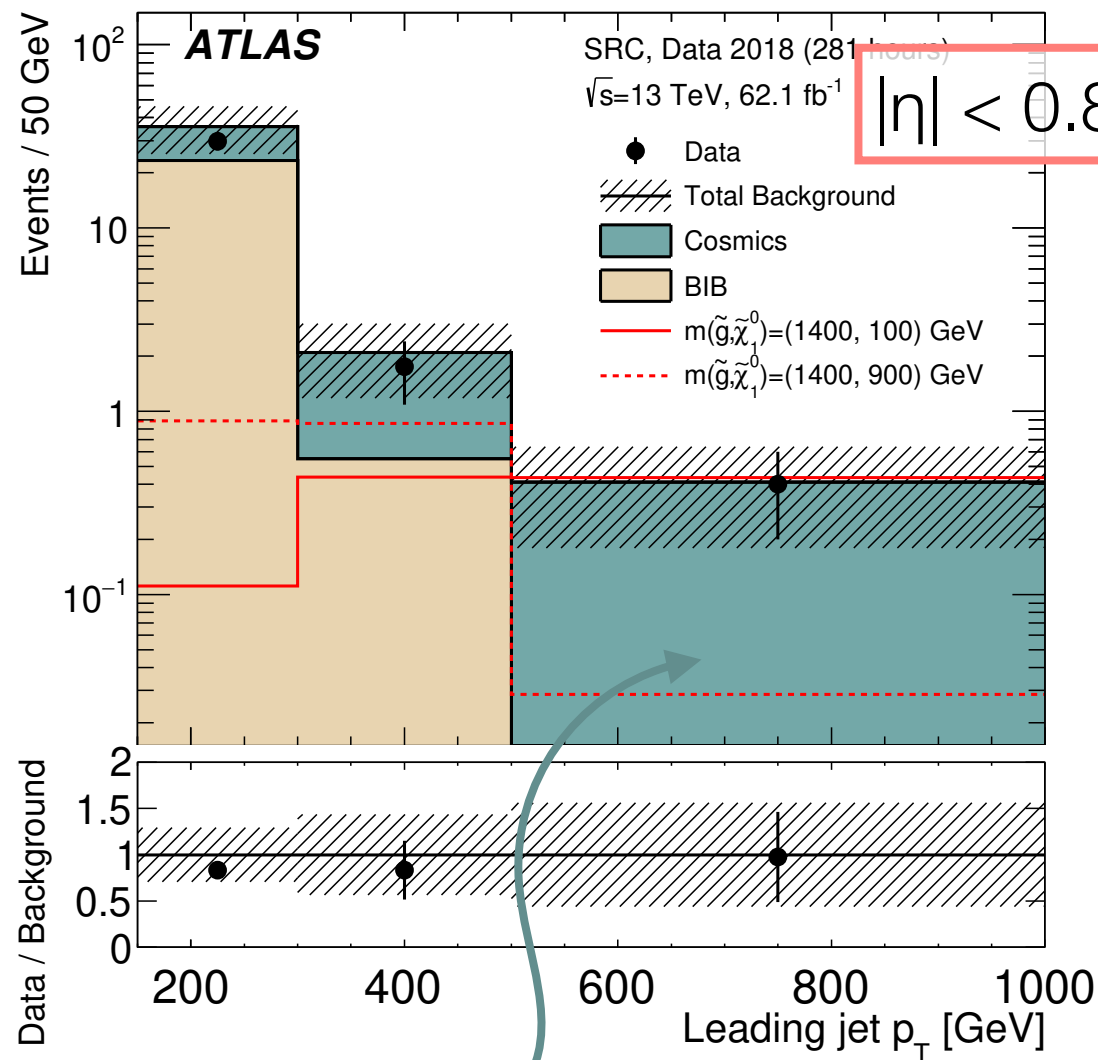
Out-of-time jet occurrences:
5% - 50%

Jet non-projectivity:
12%

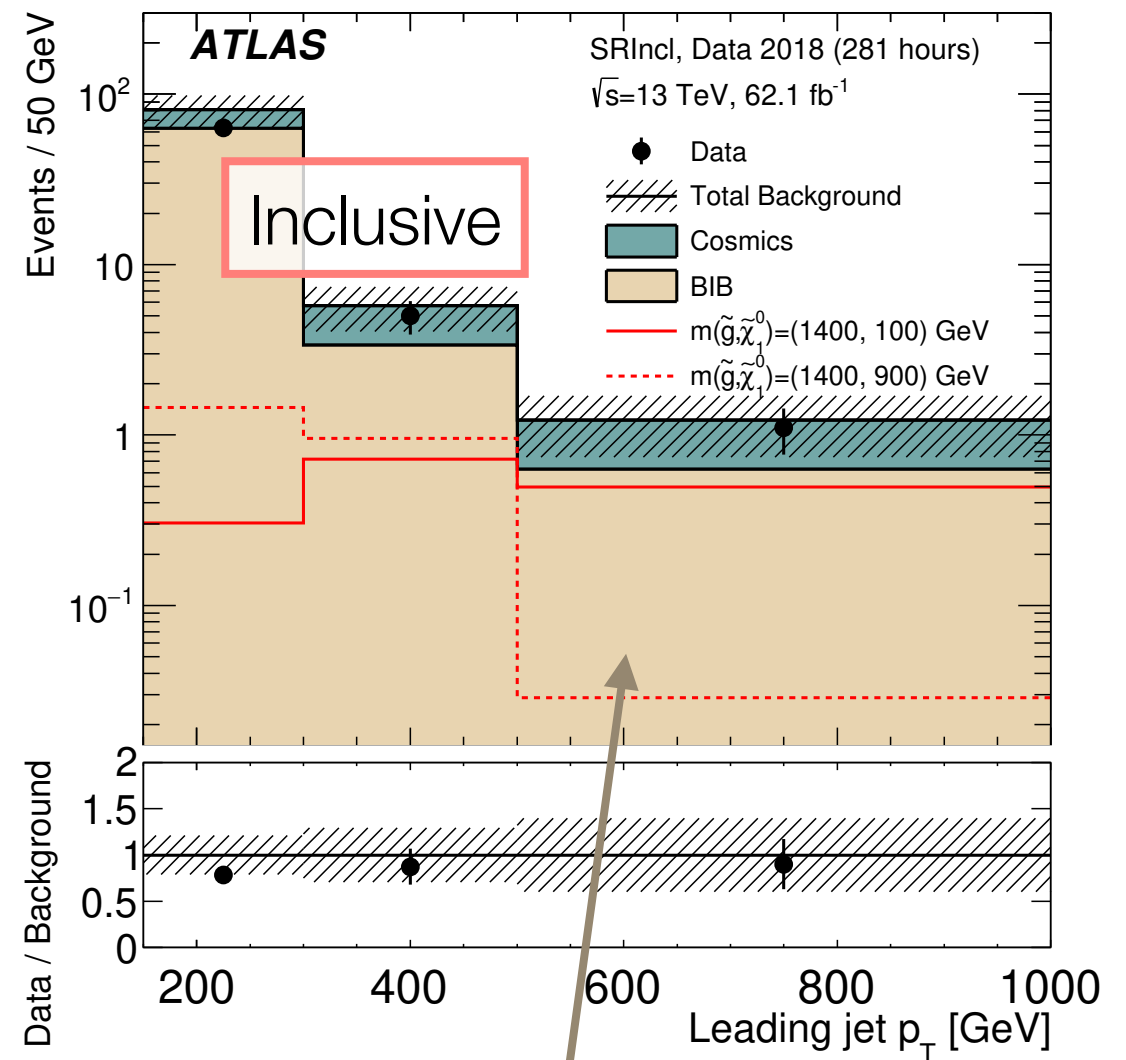
Results

No observed excesses

Great agreement from background estimation

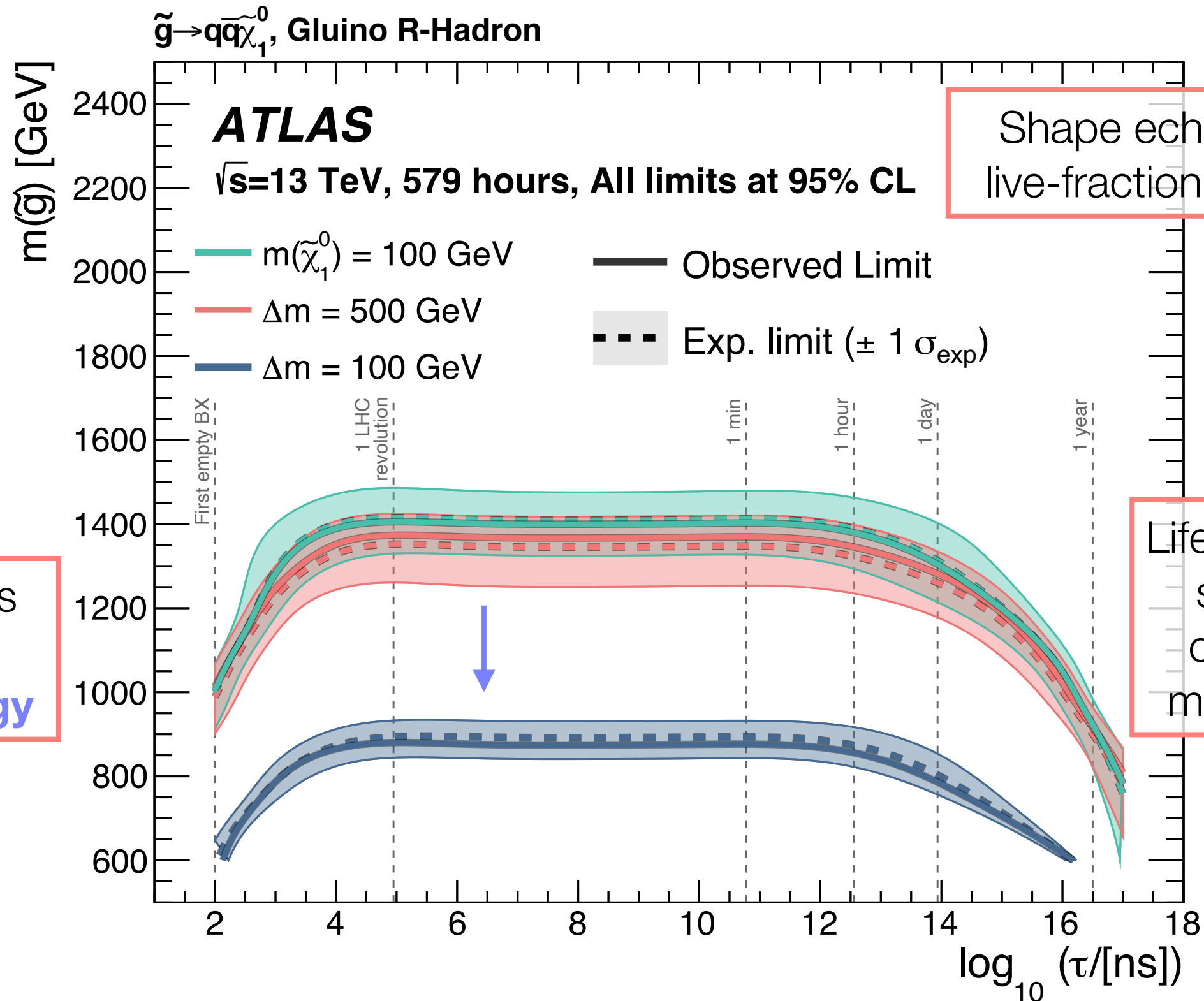


Cosmics dominate central, high p_T jet backgrounds



BIB a greater factor in more forward region

R-hadron limits



Shape echoes
live-fraction plot

Smaller mass
gap = **less
visible energy**

Lifetime limits
span 15
orders of
magnitude!

Conclusions

Conclusions

Long-lived particles are a well motivated search target at the LHC

They pose **interesting challenges** for reconstruction and performance

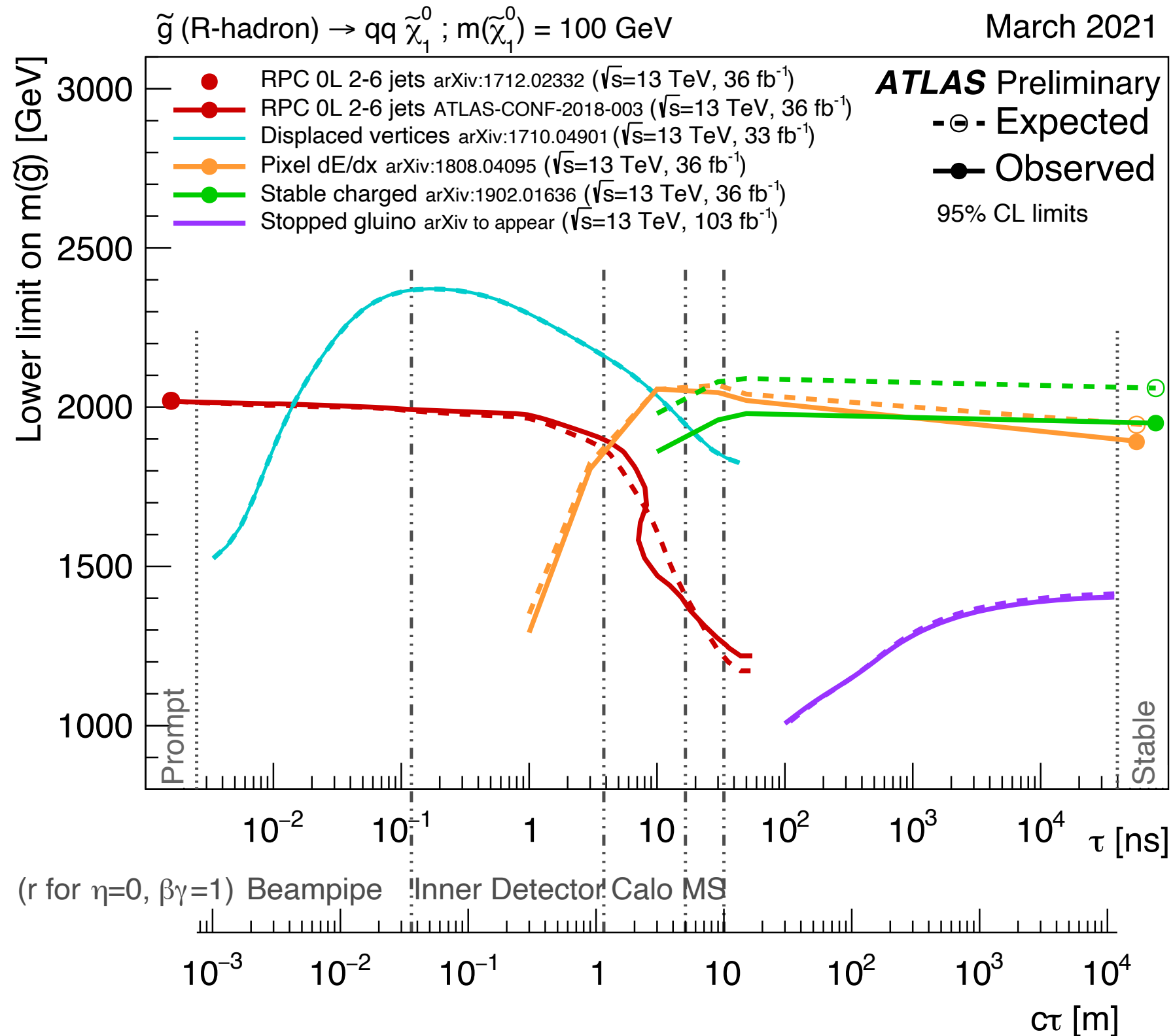
Exciting new results shown today:

- First ever ATLAS searches in **V(H→4b)**, **displaced leptons** signatures
- Significantly improved sensitivity in **disappearing track** signature
- First ATLAS **stopped particle** search in 13 TeV data

More results still to come from Run 2, and we are looking forward to new LLP opportunities in Run 3!

Backup

Why standard searches don't suffice



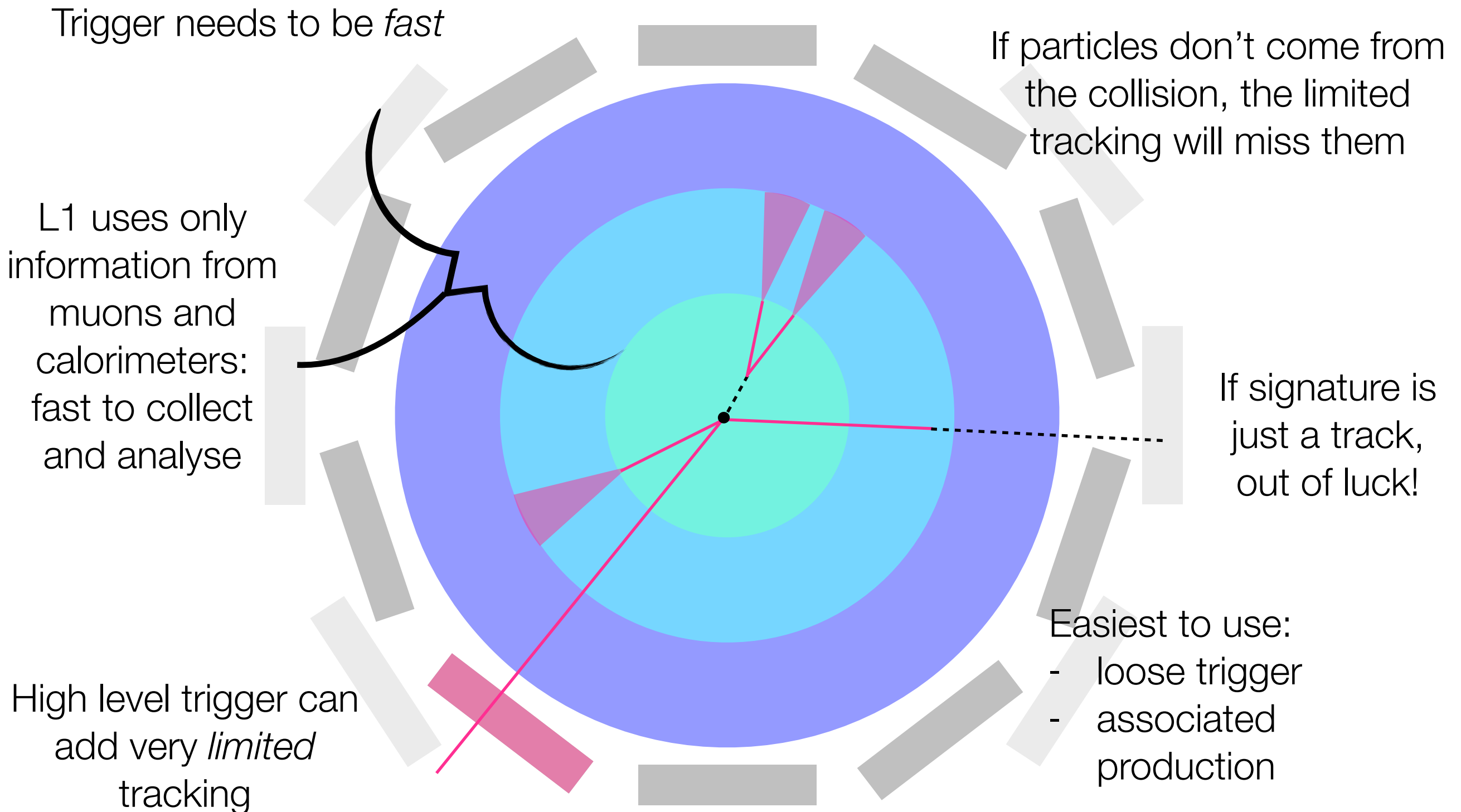
Connecting lifetime to location

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

- $c\tau$ = simple distance metric. Order 30cm for $\tau = 1$ nanosecond
- Lorentz boost $\beta\gamma = p/M$. Ranges from ~ 0.8 or 0.9 for really heavy particles to ~ 30 for really light ones.
- What distance travelled counts as “displaced” varies with the resolution of the detector system being used!
 - Tracker d_0 and z_0 resolution ~ 0.02 - 0.1 mm while ECal pointing resolution ~ 50 mm
 - Timing resolution also relevant for some subsystems/searches

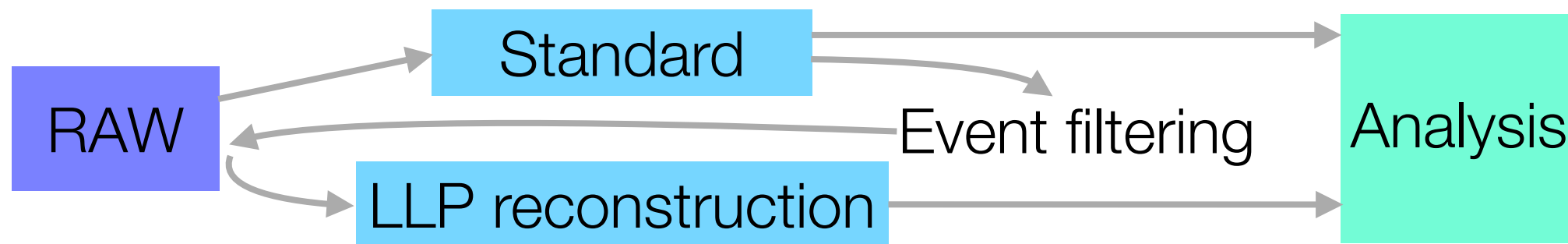
Values of $\tau \sim 10^{-13}$ to 10^{-7} seconds are “long-lived particles”

Triggering and long-lived particles



Data flow in ATLAS

Run 2:

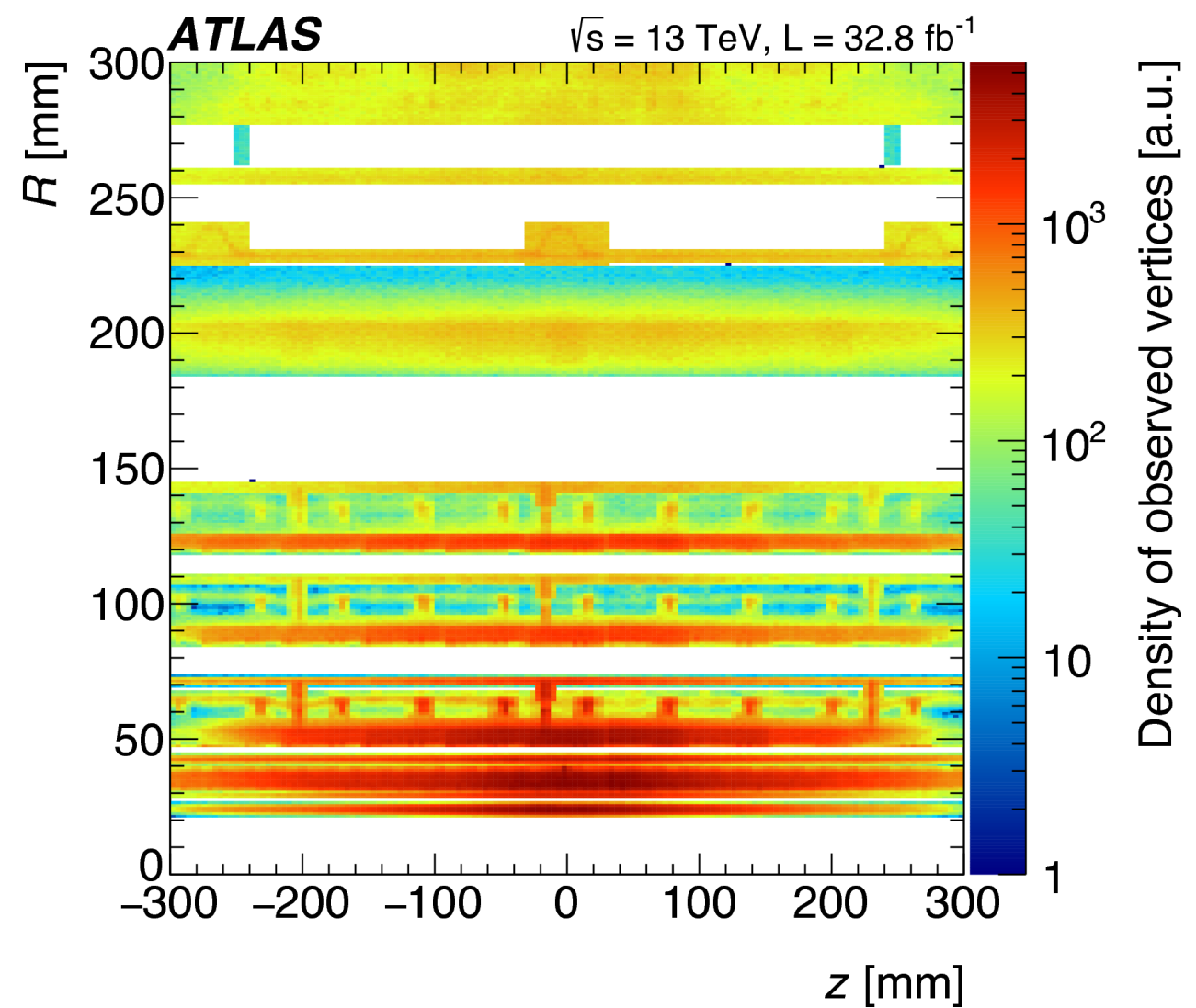
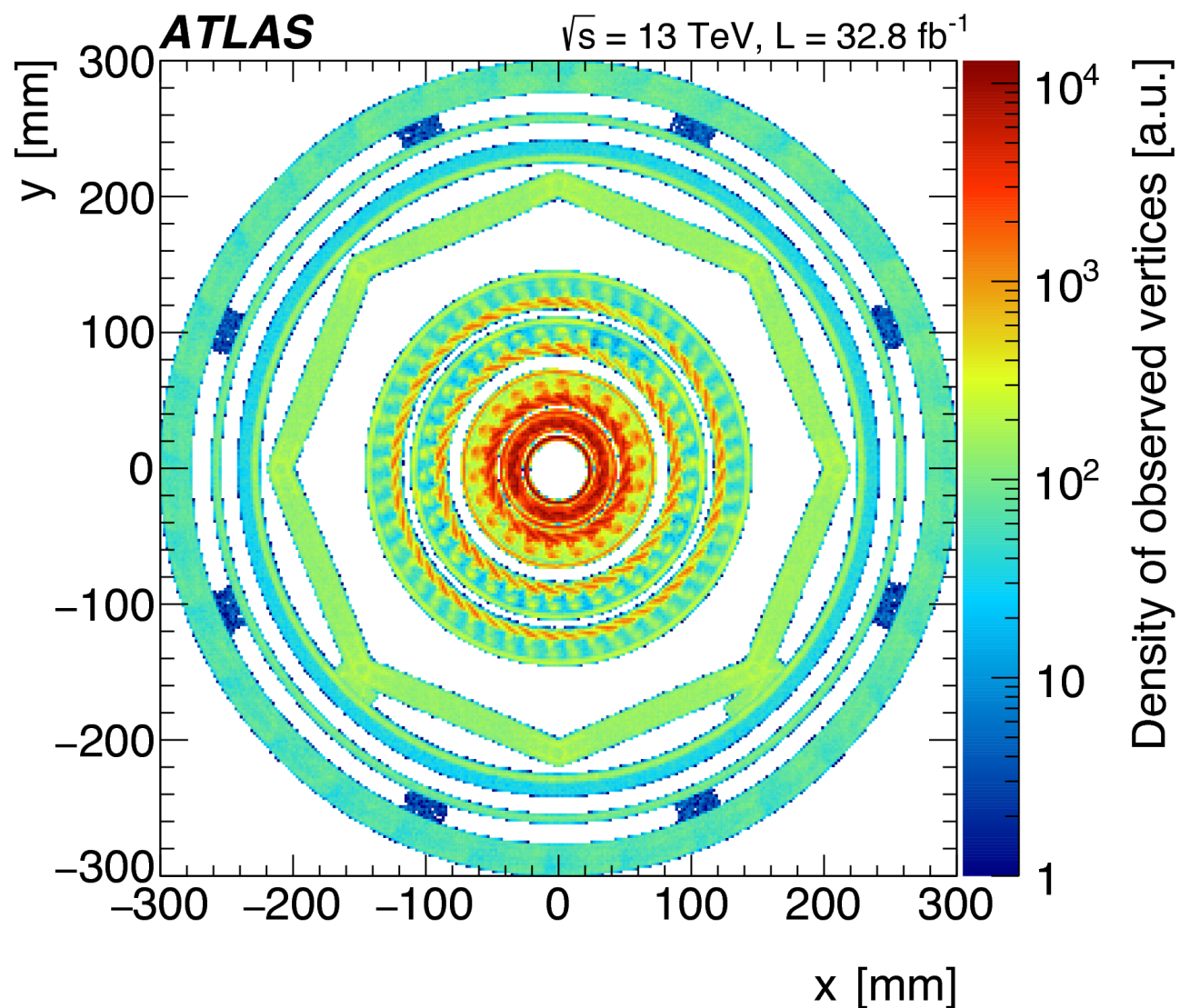


- Due to size of large-radius tracking output, was impossible to run on all events
- Filtering step used information in standard reconstruction to pick events which would be processed with LRT - essentially acts as a second trigger with signal efficiency < 1
- Filter requirements constrain what can be done in LLP analyses at present. Moving to a tidier model for Run 3

Material veto for DVs

VH(4b)

- Material map taken from ATLAS [SUSY-2016-08](#) (displaced vertices)



- L1 has an implicit d_0 requirement as hardware was designed to reconstruct muons coming from the PV. No effect until $|d_0| \sim 50$ mm and then it begins to impact efficiency a little, but the effects are quite small
- HLT requirement: not checking for a track, therefore inclusive of having or not having one. No d_0 selection.

Cosmic veto details

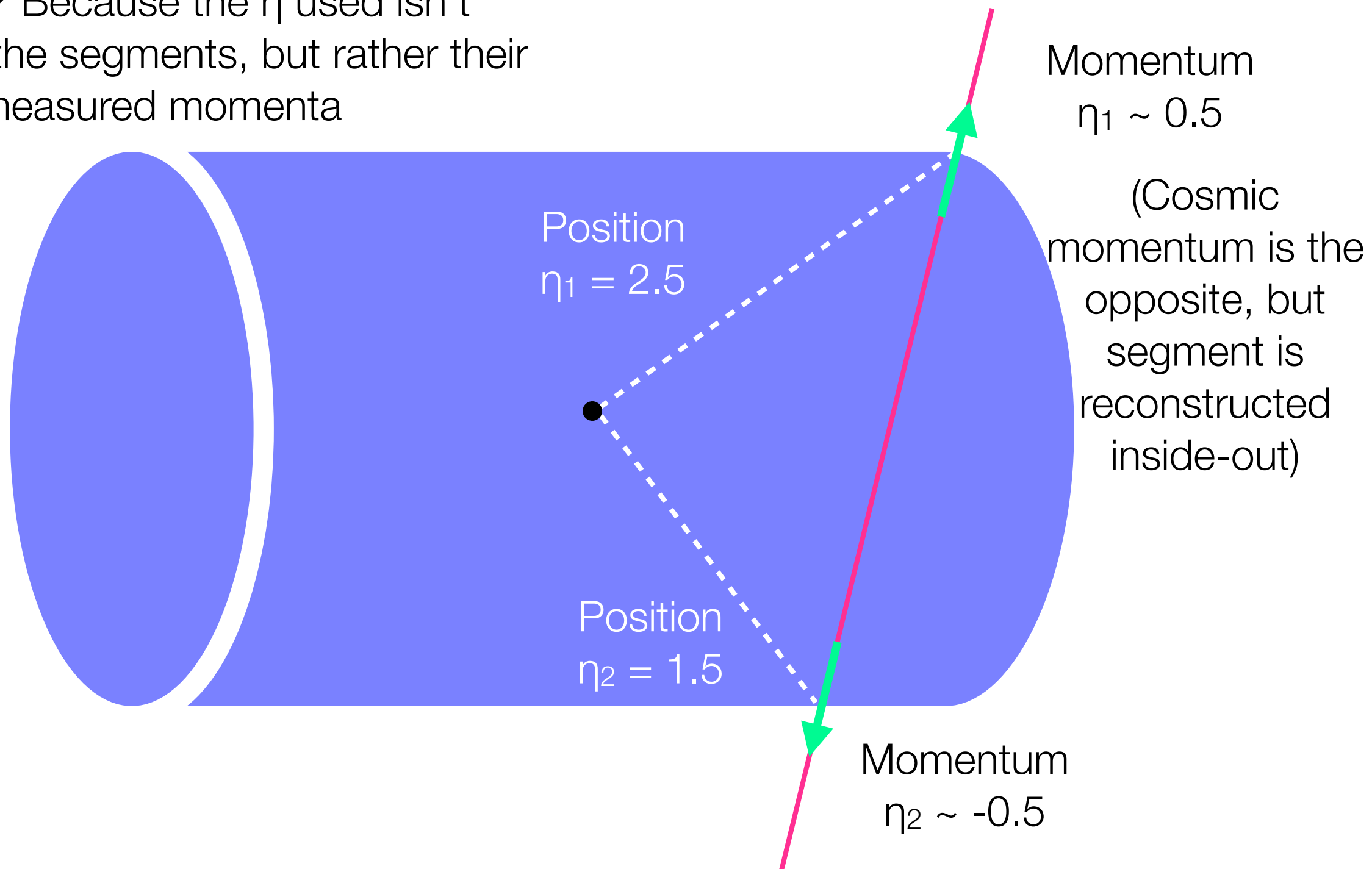
Displaced leptons

- ~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 η/ϕ 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

Cosmic veto details

Displaced leptons

Why $\Sigma\eta$? Because the η used isn't position of the segments, but rather their measured momenta

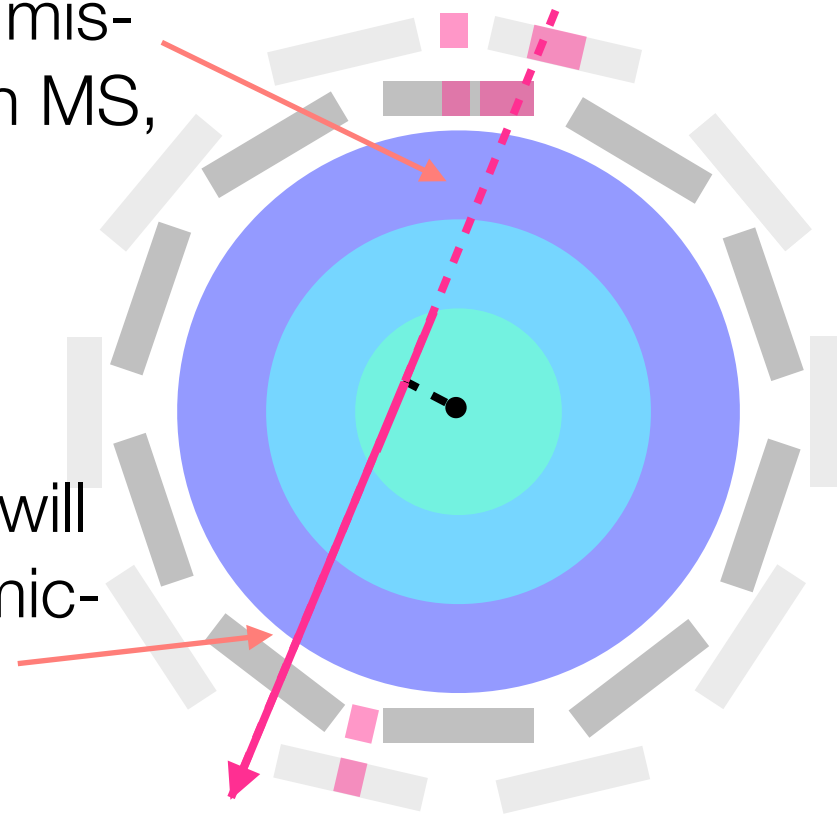


Cosmic estimate details

Displaced leptons

If this muon is sufficiently mis-measured in MS,

This muon will not be cosmic-tagged



If both are mismeasured but of good quality, neither one will be cosmic tagged → enter SR

Muon quality **not correlated** with tag

$$N(\text{SR}) = N(1 \text{ bad } \mu, \text{ no tag}) * \frac{N(1 \text{ good tagged } \mu)}{N(1 \text{ bad tagged } \mu)}$$

Systematics

Displaced leptons

| Background | Uncertainty | Value [%] |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>ee</i> : fakes and heavy-flavor | statistical | 18 |
| | isolation non-closure | 11 |
| | fakes non-closure | 6 |
| | total | 22 |
| <i>eμ</i> : fakes and heavy-flavor | statistical | +257 / -129 |
| | isolation non-closure | 92 |
| | fakes non-closure | 8 |
| | total | +273 / -159 |
| <i>μμ</i> : cosmic muons | statistical | +180 / -95 |
| | R_{good} $ d_0 $ dependence | 38 |
| | estimate variable | 16.5 |
| | R_{good} definition muon | 13 |
| | total | +185 / -104 |

Validation results: ABCD

Displaced leptons

| VR- ee -fake | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Variable used in the estimate | ID track χ^2/n_{DOF} | number of missing layers | both |
| Estimate | 1372 ± 85 | 1320 ± 95 | 1356 ± 49 |
| Observed | 1440 | 1440 | 1440 |

| VR- ee -heavy flavor | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| $(p_{\text{T}}^{\text{track}} - p_{\text{T}}^e)/p_{\text{T}}^e$ | > -0.5 | > -0.9 |
| Estimate | 1.85 ± 0.28 | 23.5 ± 1.9 |
| Observed | 0 | 26 |

| VR- $e\mu$ -fake | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Estimate | $1.9^{+1.8}_{-1.0}$ |
| Observed | 2 |

| VR- $e\mu$ -heavy flavor | | |
|---|----------|------------------------|
| $(p_{\text{T}}^{\text{track}} - p_{\text{T}}^e)/p_{\text{T}}^e$ | > -0.5 | > -0.9 |
| Estimate | - | $0.38^{+0.37}_{-0.32}$ |
| Observed | 0 | 1 |

Region definitions

Disappearing track

| Signal region | Electroweak production | Strong production |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of electrons and muons | 0 | |
| Number of pixel tracklets | ≥ 1 | |
| E_T^{miss} [GeV] | > 200 | > 250 |
| Number of jets ($p_T > 20$ GeV) | ≥ 1 | ≥ 3 |
| Leading jet p_T [GeV] | > 100 | > 100 |
| Second and third jet p_T [GeV] | – | > 20 |
| $\Delta\phi_{\min}^{\text{jet}-E_T^{\text{miss}}}$ | > 1.0 | > 0.4 |

| Signal production channel | Electroweak production | | Strong production | |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | 0.2 ns | 1.0 ns | 0.2 ns | 1.0 ns |
| $\tau\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$ | | | | |
| E_T^{miss} trigger | 770.8 ± 6.8 | 775.3 ± 5.2 | 3177 ± 22 | 3177 ± 22 |
| Lepton veto | 769.4 ± 6.8 | 774.2 ± 5.2 | 3165 ± 22 | 3165 ± 22 |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 200$ GeV | 394.5 ± 5.2 | 390.9 ± 4.0 | – | – |
| $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250$ GeV | – | – | 1852 ± 17 | 1852 ± 17 |
| Leading jet $p_T > 100$ GeV | 389.7 ± 5.2 | 384.9 ± 4.0 | 1848 ± 17 | 1848 ± 17 |
| Third jet $p_T > 20$ GeV | – | – | 1834 ± 17 | 1834 ± 17 |
| $\Delta\phi_{\min}^{\text{jet}-E_T^{\text{miss}}} > 0.4$ | 366.7 ± 5.0 | 362.3 ± 3.9 | – | – |
| $\Delta\phi_{\min}^{\text{jet}-E_T^{\text{miss}}} > 1.0$ | – | – | 1578 ± 16 | 1578 ± 16 |
| Pixel tracklet selection ($p_T > 60$ GeV) | 8.6 ± 0.6 | 27.3 ± 0.8 | 16.0 ± 1.3 | 105.0 ± 3.3 |

Systematic breakdown

Disappearing track

| | Electroweak channel [%] | Strong channel [%] |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| r_{ABCD} | 5.2 | 0.9 |
| r_{CD} | 3.2 | 0.6 |
| σ in signal p_T smearing function | 2.9 | 0.1 |
| α in signal p_T smearing function | 1.7 | 0.2 |
| p_0 parameter in the fake background p_T function | 0.3 | <0.1 |
| p_1 parameter in the fake background p_T function | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Normalization of muon background | 0.6 | <0.1 |
| Normalization of electron background | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| α in muon p_T smearing function | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| σ in muon p_T smearing function | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| α in electron p_T smearing function | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| σ in electron p_T smearing function | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| α in hadron p_T smearing function | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| σ in hadron p_T smearing function | 0.6 | 0.2 |

| | Electroweak channel [%] $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} = 600 \text{ GeV}$ | Strong channel [%] $m_{\tilde{g}} = 1400 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} = 1100 \text{ GeV}$ |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Cross-section | 7.6 | 14 |
| Initial/final state radiation | 8.4 | 5.1 |
| Jet energy scale | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| Jet energy resolution | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| Jet vertex tagging efficiency | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| Pile-up modelling | 0.7 | <0.1 |
| E_T^{miss} soft term | 0.4 | <0.1 |
| Trigger efficiency | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Tracklet reconstruction efficiency | 5.9 | |
| Luminosity | 1.7 | |
| Total | 11 | 8.1 |

Region definitions

Stopped particle

| Region | Data sample | Number of muons | Leading jet p_T [GeV] | α | Leading jet w_ϕ | Leading jet $ \eta $ |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Central signal region | | | | | | |
| SRC | Search sample | 0 | 150–300 300–500 > 500 | > 0.2 | > 0.02 | < 0.8 |
| Inclusive signal region | | | | | | |
| SRIncl | Search sample | 0 | 150–300 300–500 > 500 | > 0.2 | > 0.02 | < 2.4 |
| Central discovery regions | | | | | | |
| DRC-150 | Search sample | 0 | > 150 | > 0.2 | > 0.02 | < 0.8 |
| DRC-300 | (2018 data only) | | > 300 | | | |
| DRC-500 | | | > 500 | | | |
| Inclusive discovery regions | | | | | | |
| DRIncl-150 | Search sample | 0 | > 150 | > 0.2 | > 0.02 | < 2.4 |
| DRIncl-300 | (2018 data only) | | > 300 | | | |
| DRIncl-500 | | | > 500 | | | |
| Central control and normalisation regions | | | | | | |
| CRC-cos | Search sample & BIB sample | ≥ 1 ($ \eta < 1.4$) | > 90 | < 0.2 | > 0.02 | |
| CRC-bib | BIB sample | 0 | > 90 | > 0.2 | > 0.01 | < 0.8 |
| NRC-bib | Search sample | 0 | 90–150 | > 0.2 | > 0.02 | |
| Inclusive control and normalisation regions | | | | | | |
| CRIncl-cos | Search sample & BIB sample | ≥ 1 ($ \eta < 1.4$) | > 90 | < 0.2 | > 0.02 | |
| CRIncl-bib | BIB sample | 0 | > 90 | > 0.2 | > 0.01 | < 2.4 |
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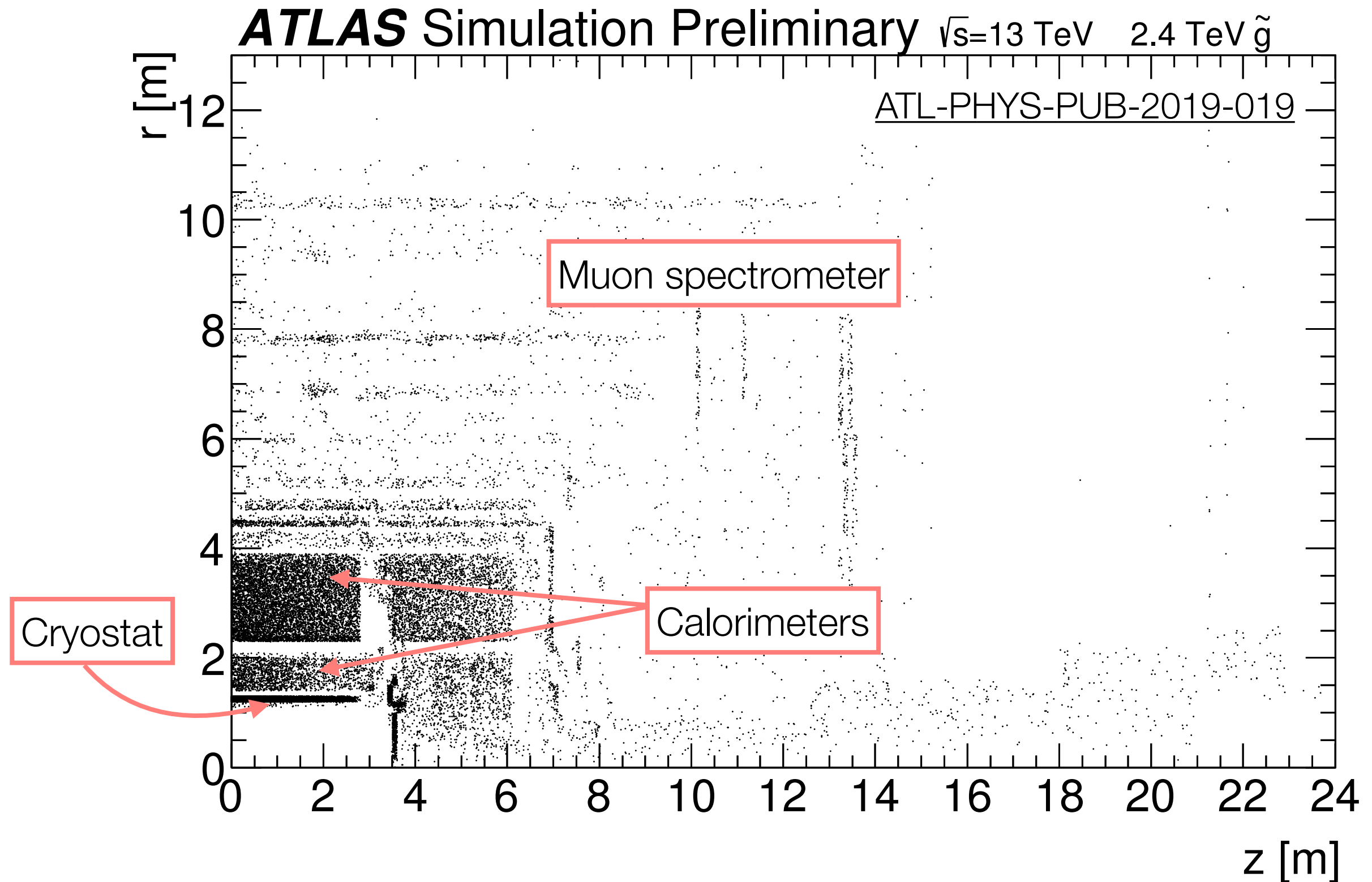
Jet cleaning

Stopped particle

- Standard cuts kept
 - LAr noise burst suppression (large fraction of jet energy in cells with poor signal shape quality, most of jet in EM calorimeter)
 - Hadronic endcap spikes (poor quality jets largely in the endcap)
 - Beam halo rejection (jets with large negative energy and large energy fraction in single calorimeter layer)
- Custom cuts
 - HEC noise and beam-induced background: reject jet with too high a fraction of energy in HEC
 - Pre-sampler noise: reject jet if calorimeter layer with highest E is in presampler
 - Isolated LAr activity: majority of energy is in LAr and is in either single layer or single jet constituent

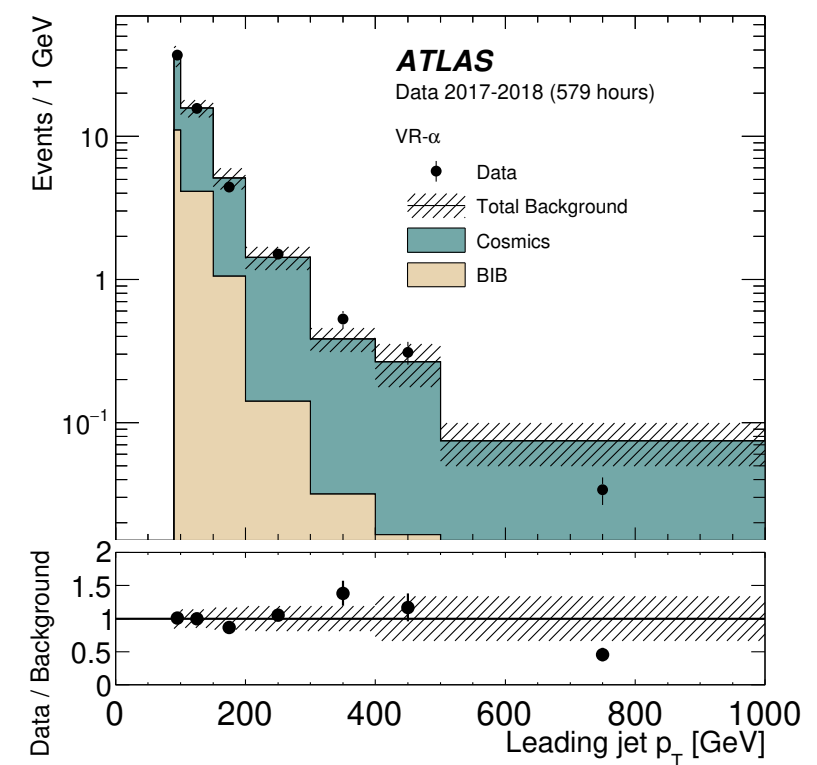
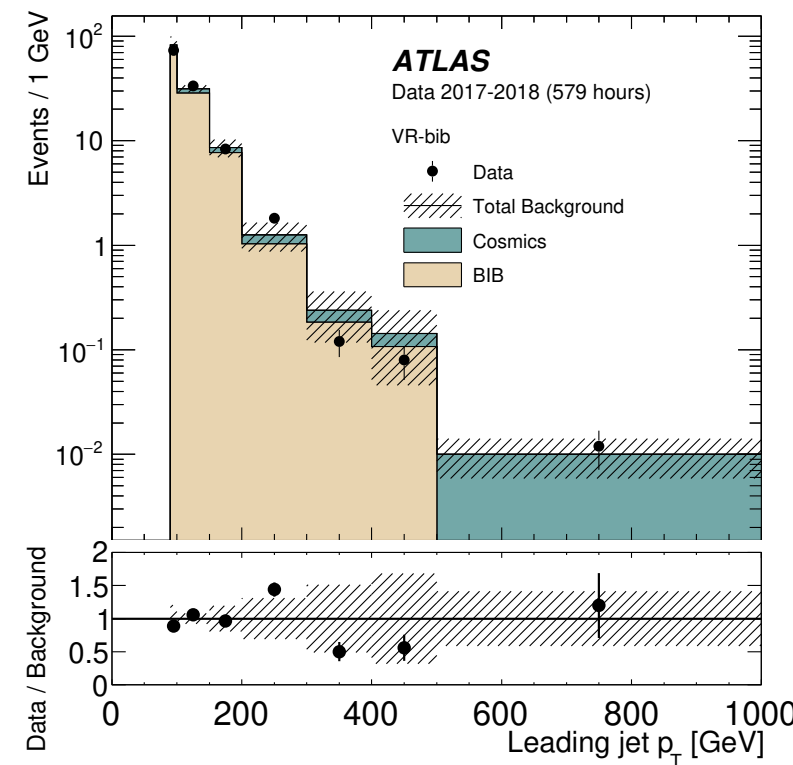
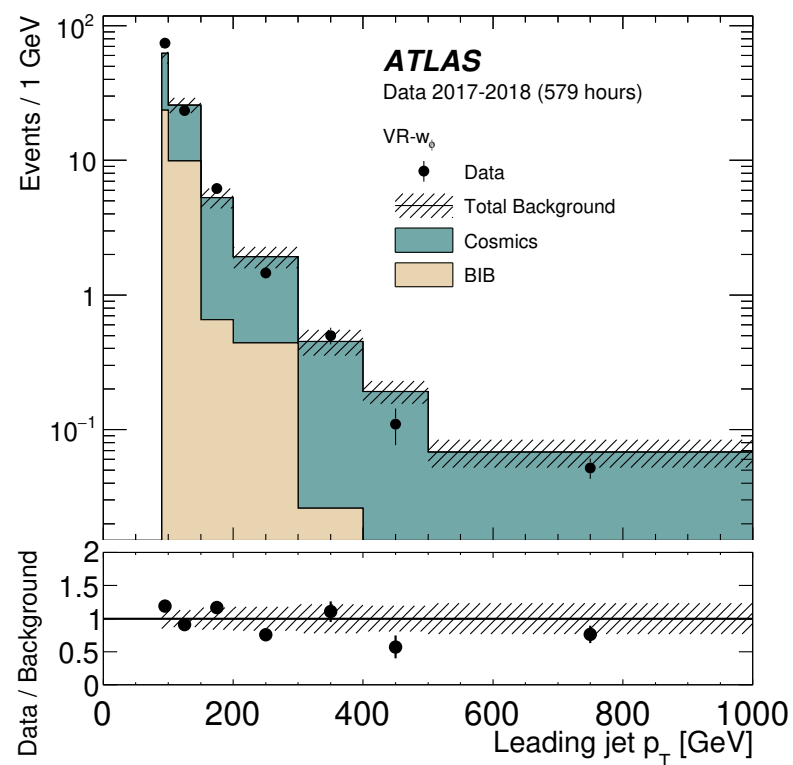
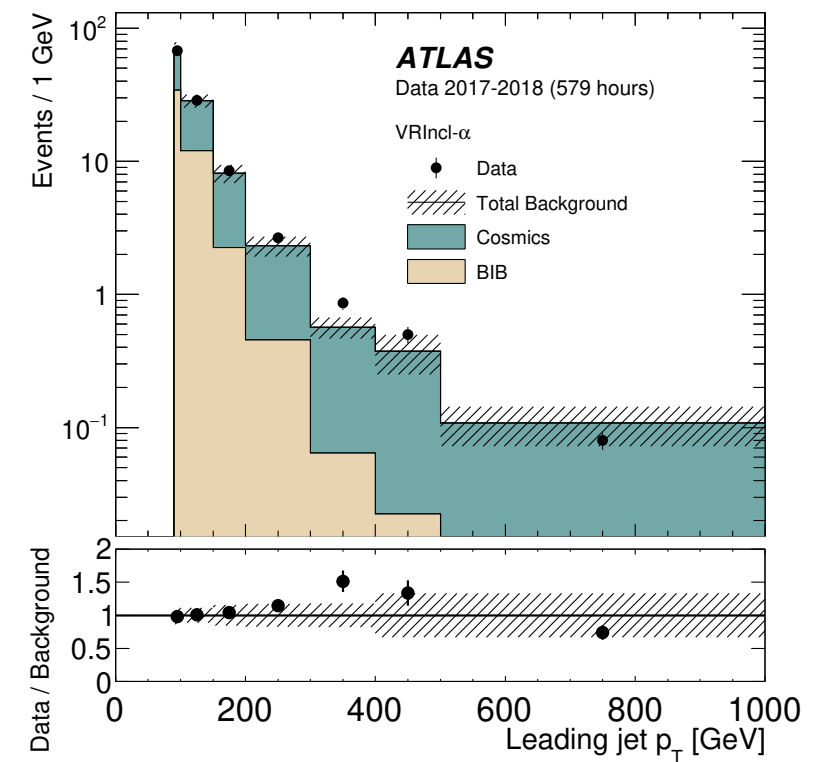
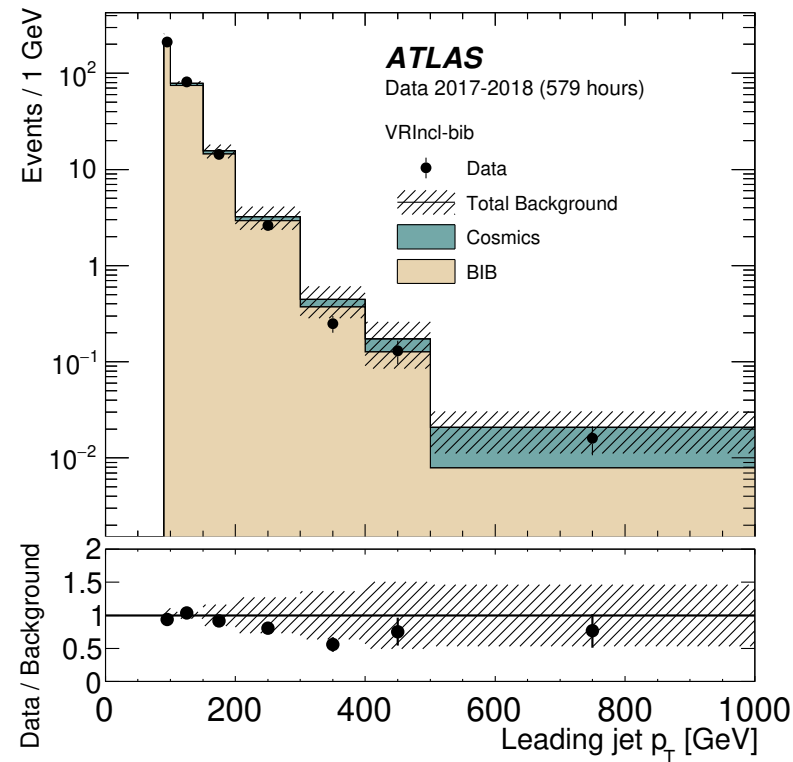
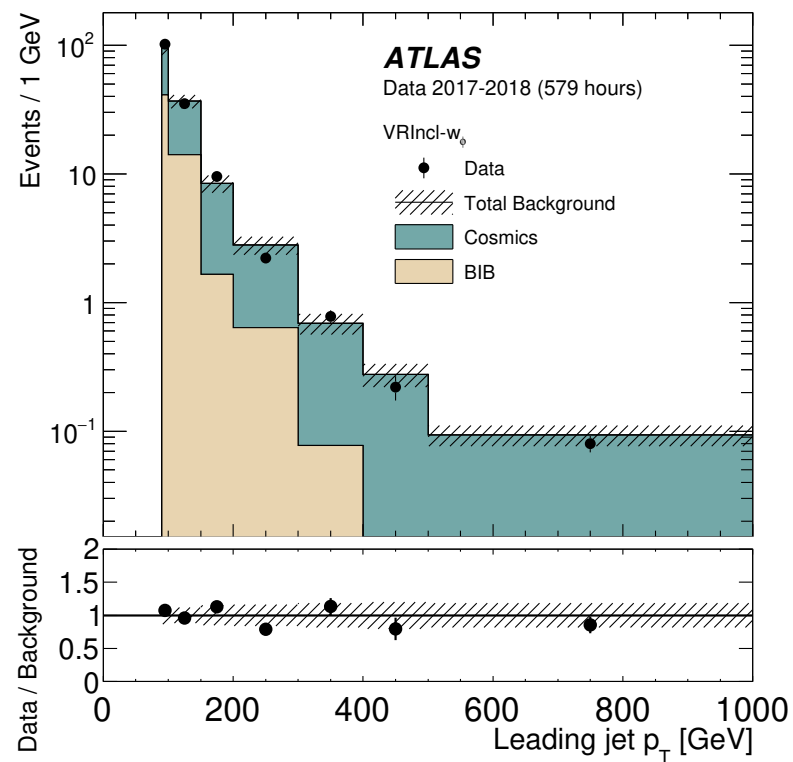
Stopping locations

Stopped particle

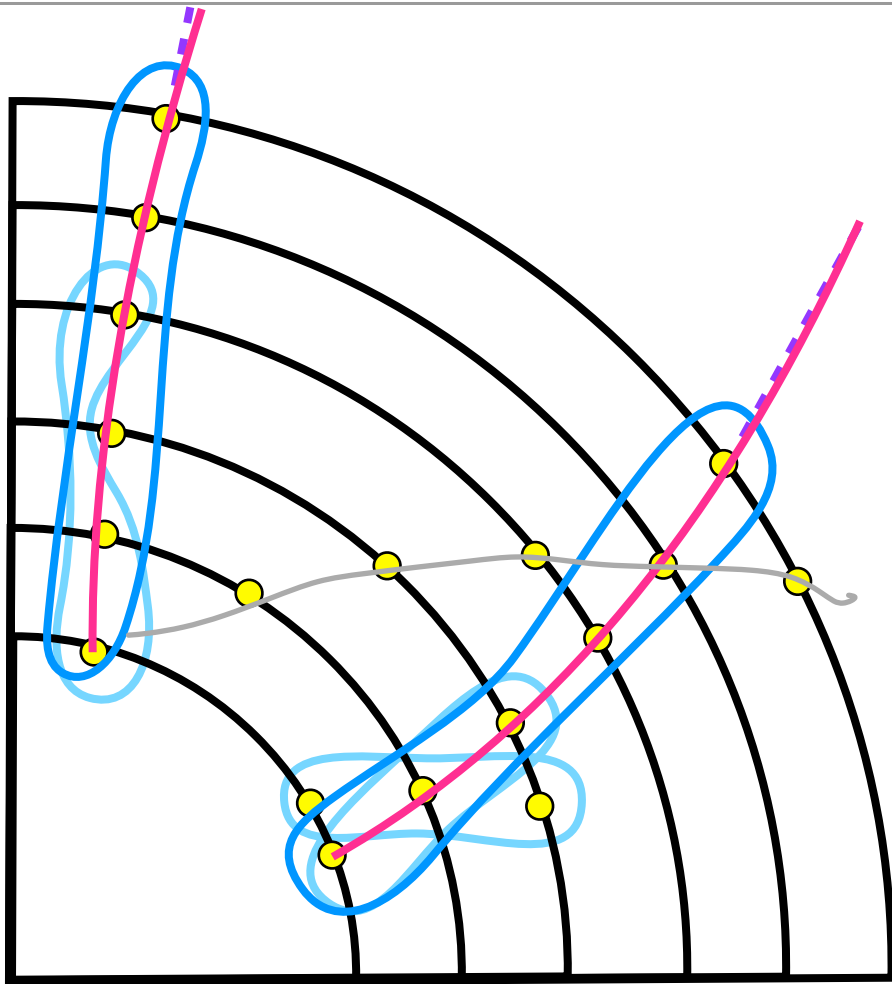


Background validation

Stopped particle



How does track reconstruction work? ATLAS

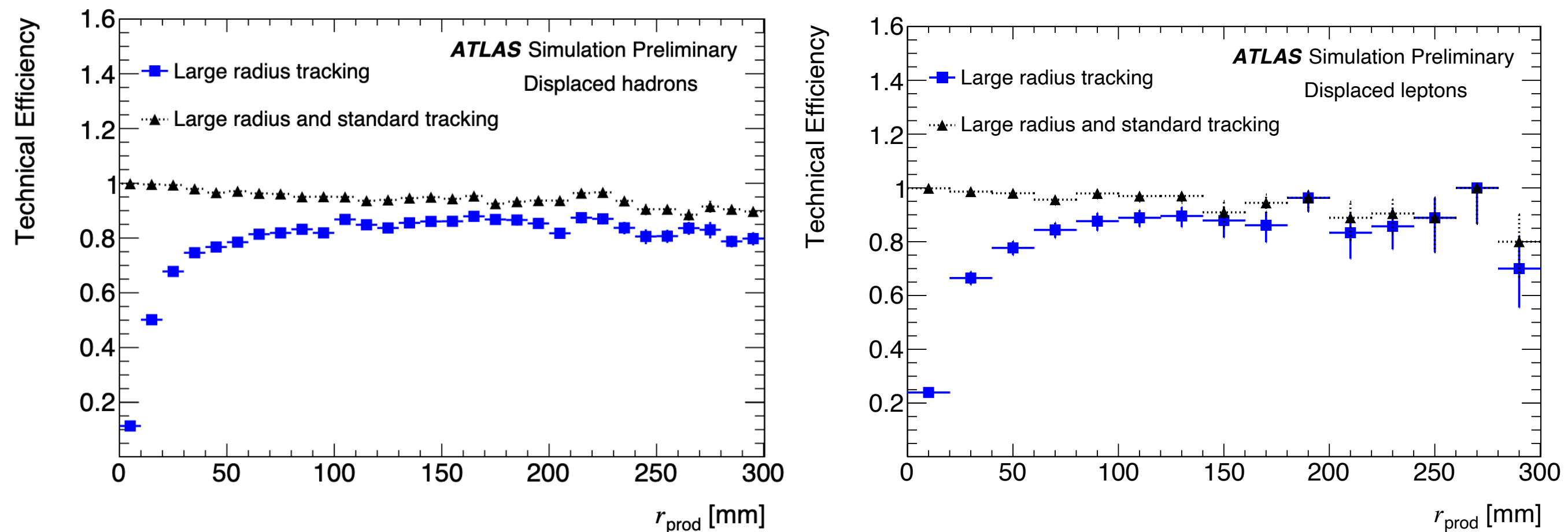


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Next: outside-in starts from TRT seeds and extrapolates backwards. Both restrict candidates to near PV.

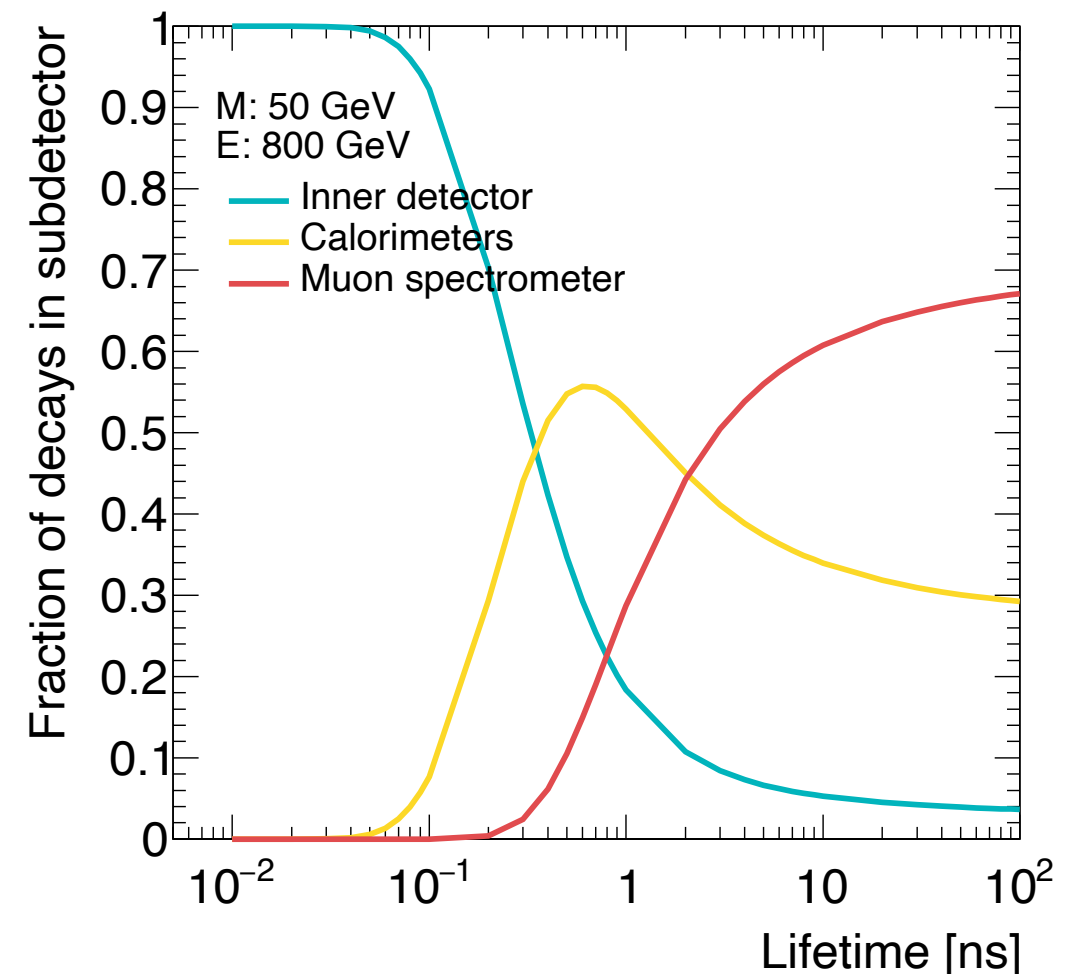
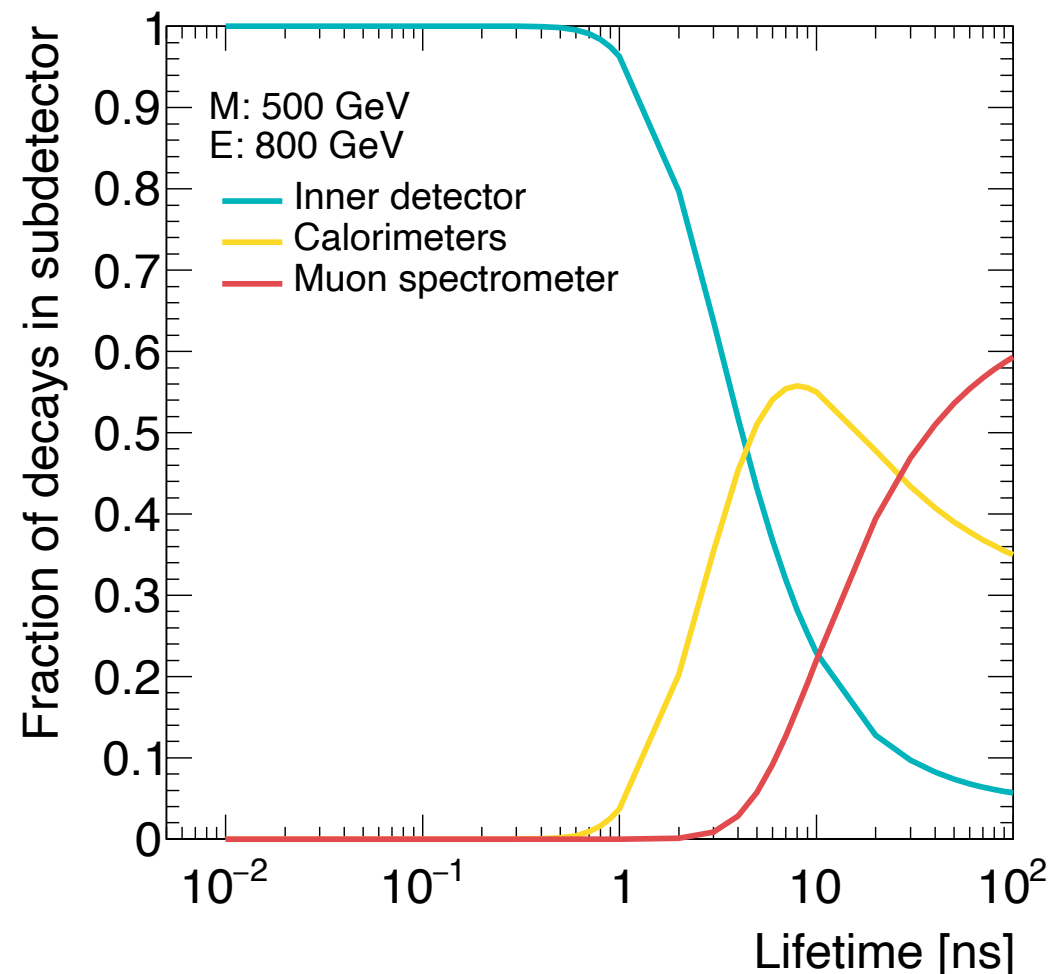
- Inside-out tracking (ATLAS primary)
 - Find **seeds** (pixel detector only) using 3-hit groups.
 - **Extend** seeds to strips detector layers with combinatorial Kalman filter
 - Assess track candidates: χ^2 , number of holes, number of shared hits, etc. Throw away suboptimal ones
- **Extend to TRT**
- **Refit with all points** to get best track parameters

Large-radius tracking performance details



Technical efficiency: efficiency of reconstructing truth particles that leave sufficient hits in the ID that they are expected to be reconstructable

Different detector systems for different targets



- Lighter particles have higher $\beta\gamma$ and so travel farther for the same lifetime
- Muon spectrometer becomes useful for many Higgs-portal-style signatures
- For target masses > order 100 GeV and shorter lifetimes, **inner detector is critical**