

Austrian Roadmap Round Table Meeting

# **BSM searches at HL-LHC and beyond**

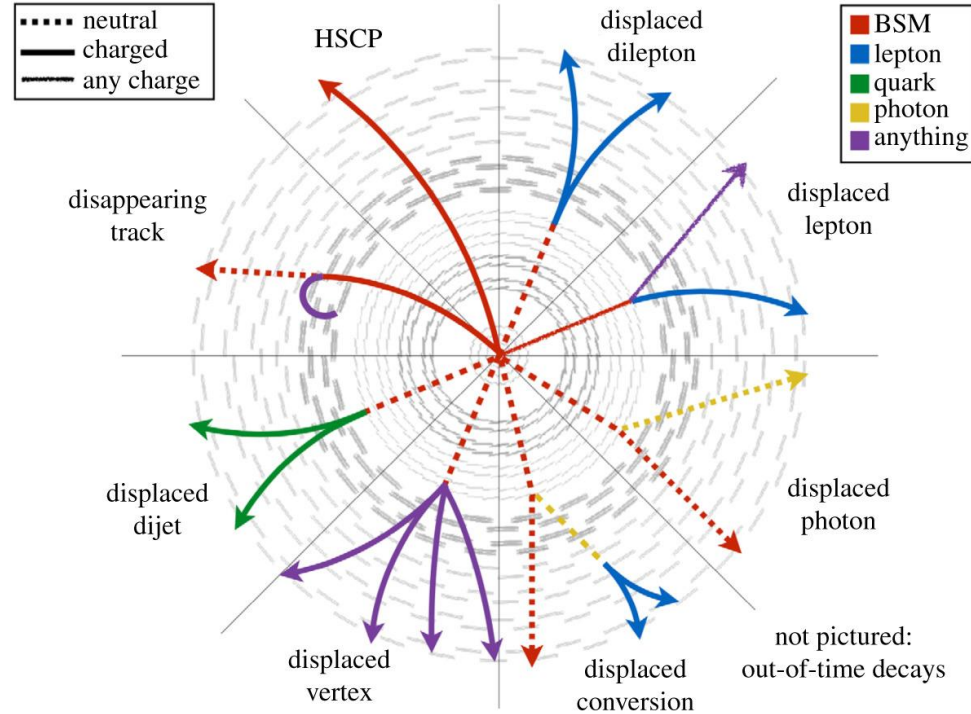
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# BSM searches for long-lived particles @ CMS

- Long-lived particles (LLPs): most exciting searching frontier now!
- LLP searches are **challenging**
- But they give **unique opportunities** for R&D
- New ideas applied at **any level** (reconstruction, trigger, analysis techniques)
- **Current activities**: Run 2 + Run 3 LHC
- **Mid-term activities**: HL-LHC
- **Long-term activities**: Future colliders
- **Synergies** with other groups



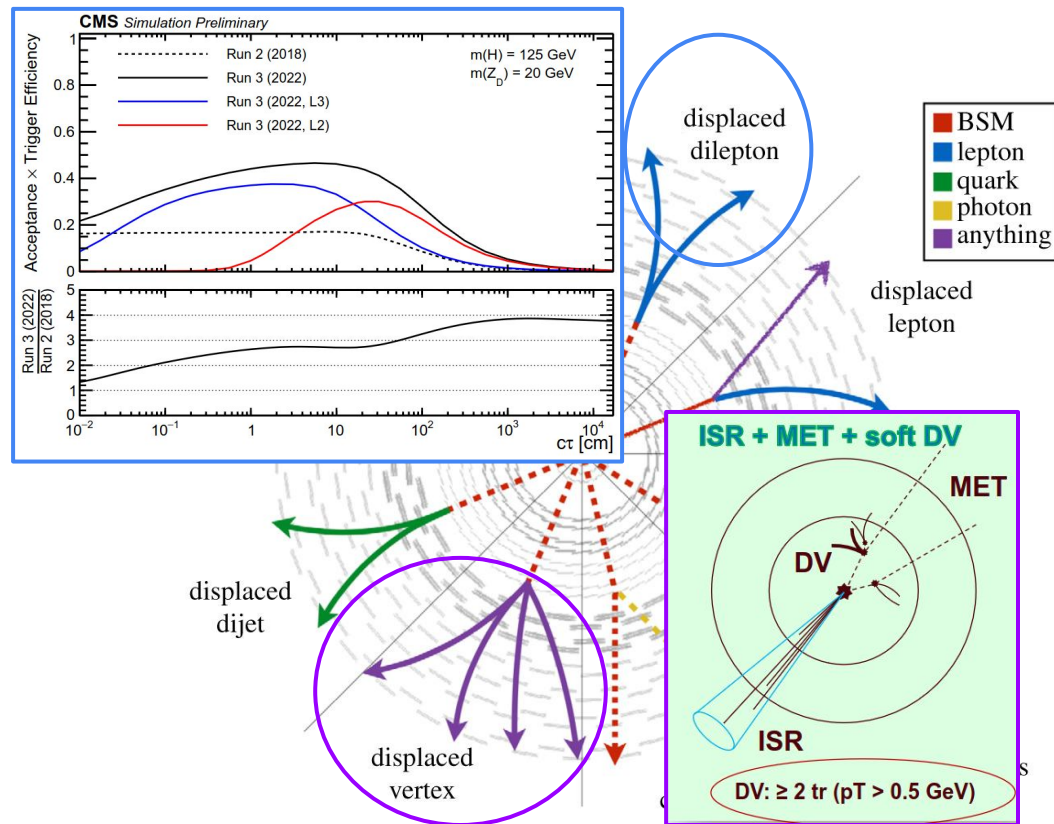
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## Displaced dimuons

- Run 2 + first Run 3 search at CMS!  
[http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/JHEP05\(2024\)047](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/JHEP05(2024)047)
- Significant improvements thanks to trigger expertise at HEPHY!
- **Synergy with CMS groups** (UCLA, Oviedo, IFCA Santander, BU, CIEMAT, Rice) and **AT theory** (Graz)

## Soft displaced vertices

- Uncovered and challenging phase-space
- Advanced machine-learning techniques (graph networks and transformers) to cluster soft tracks and tag displaced vertices
- Working on Run 2 + Run 3 CMS data analysis
- **Synergy with US groups** (Virginia, Cornell, Rutgers) and **ML HEPHY** (C. Krause)



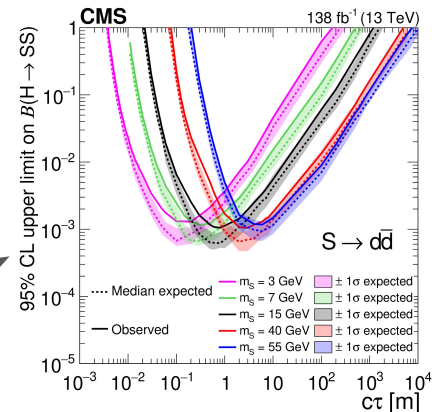
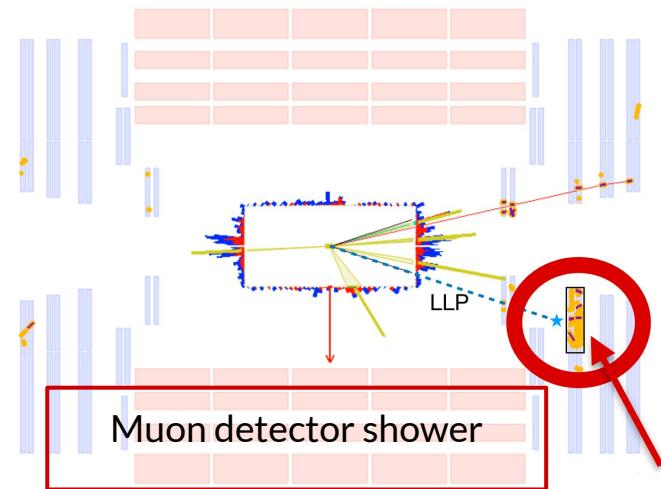
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LLPs in the muon system ( $c\tau > 1$  m)

- CMS muon gas chambers + passive material act as sampling calorimeter
- Signature: high multiplicity of hits, **muon detector showers (MDS)**
- Sensitive to hadronic showers ( $bb$ ,  $dd$ ,  $K^+K^-$ ,  $K^0K^0$ ,  $\pi^+\pi^-$ ), EM ( $\pi^0\pi^0$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $e^+e^-$ ), or both ( $\tau^+\tau^-$ )
- Sensitive to sub-GeV LLP masses

- Run 3 (2022): **dedicated MDS trigger!**
  - x20 efficiency w.r.t. Run 2 unspecific trigger approach

- **Synergy with US-DE groups** (Fermilab, Caltech, UCSD, Hamburg)



Run 2 publications:

[PRL.127.261804](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.08567) (forward muon system)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.01898> (subm. PRD)

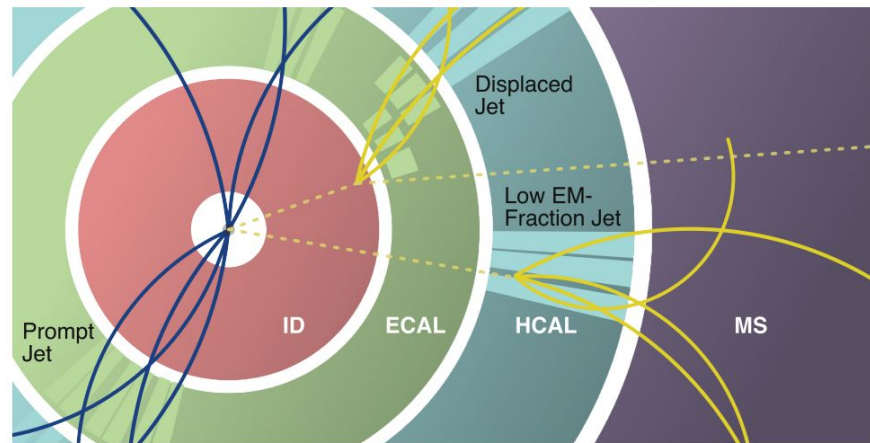
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Extend to displaced decays at radius  $\sim 1-3$  m:

- **ECAL crystals** provide timing  $\rightarrow$  measure **delay** wrt p-p collision
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MDS, calorimeter and combinations:

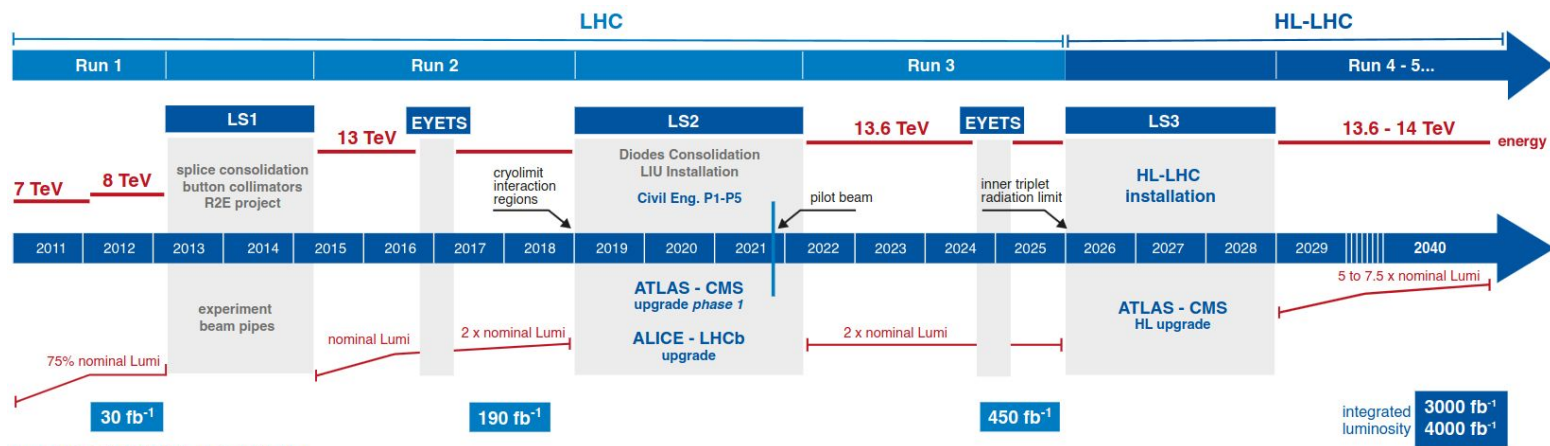
- Probe models with rich phenomenologies **not (fully) explored!**
  - Heavy Neutrinos in B-L models
  - Dark showers in QCD-like dark sector



- Use case for advanced ML techniques (**synergy with ML group C. Krause**)
- **Synergy with AT theory groups** (already established with S. Kulkarni in Graz + HEPHY, TU and UVie)

# High Luminosity (HL) LHC project

<https://home.cern/science/accelerators/high-luminosity-lhc>

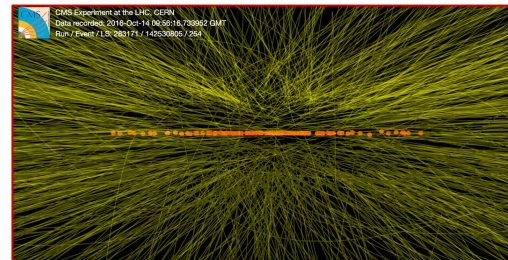


## HL-LHC TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT:



“HL-LHC aims to crank up the performance of the LHC to increase the potential for discoveries after 2029”

- Unprecedented luminosity up to  $7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  (x7.5 wrt LHC)
- Expected  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  proton-proton (p-p) collisions for CMS
- Unprecedented challenges due to simultaneous p-p collisions (**pileup**, PU):
  - Run 3 (2023): PU 52; HL-LHC: PU 200!
  - Higher occupancy, trigger rates, detector irradiation
- Existing detectors require upgrades to cope with HL-LHC! (CMS Phase-II)



<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2231915>



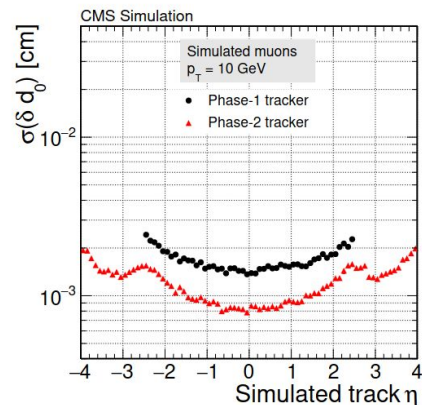
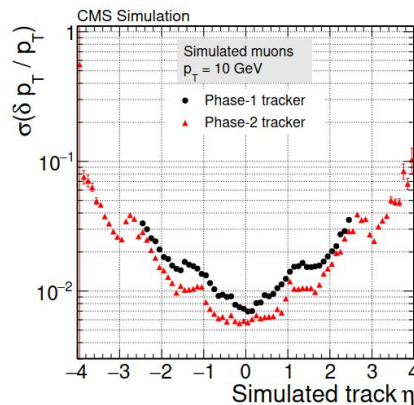
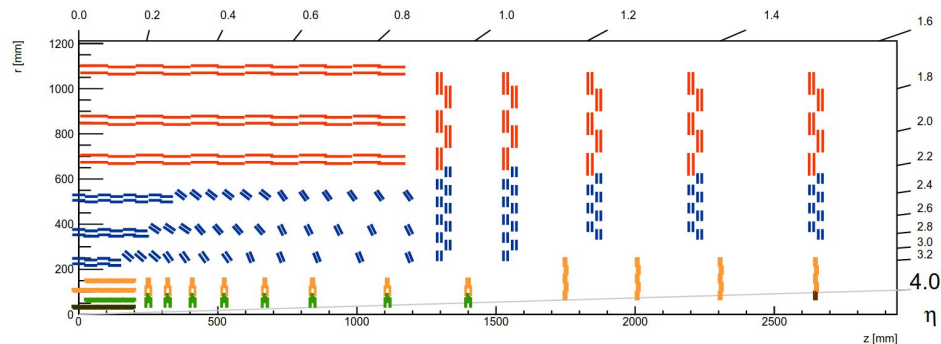
# CMS Phase-II: tracker & BSM opportunities

## Complete exchange of Outer Tracker

- Enhanced granularity, radiation tolerance
  - Combined with inner tracker: enhanced discovery potential!
    - Extended coverage in endcaps
    - Reduced material budget
    - OT designed to be included in hardware level trigger
- improved momentum/impact parameter resolution  
 → impact on searches for LLPs!

## HEPHY involvement:

- Concluded: development studies of the sensors; final design and wafer layout; procurement process
- Definition+supervision of Quality Assurance Campaign to produce ~29.000 sensors
- Sensor production ~95% (last shipments from HPK soon this summer)



# CMS Phase-II: HGCal & BSM opportunities

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2311394>

New Highly Granularity Calorimeter (HGCal) in endcaps

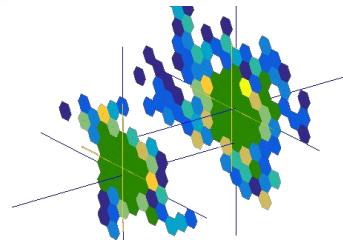
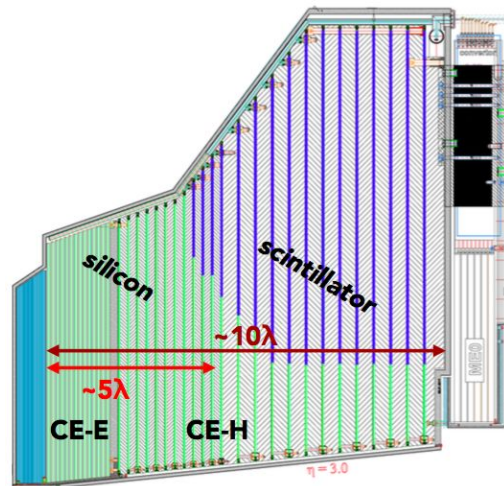
- 5D imaging calorimeter: position + energy + time (30 ps)
- Increased radiation tolerance, granularity
- Silicon modules (600 m<sup>2</sup> 8" wafers) + scintillator tiles with SiPM

HEPHY involvement:

- Completed: development and prototyping of radiation hard silicon sensors
- Production at about 40%
- Participate in Quality Assurance campaign

HGCal shower reconstruction:

- Challenging yet engaging task: heterogeneous detector, heterogeneous computing + machine learning
- Time resolution → new opportunities in calorimeter-based LLP signatures! (forward calorimeters not used so far!)
- **Synergy with detector group + ML group + Fermilab**



<https://waredieb.github.io/test-deploy/>

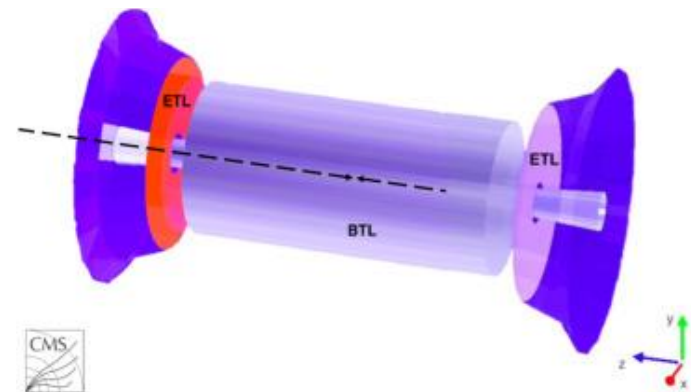
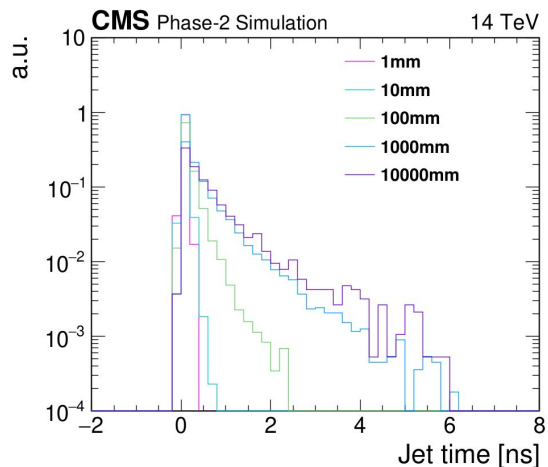
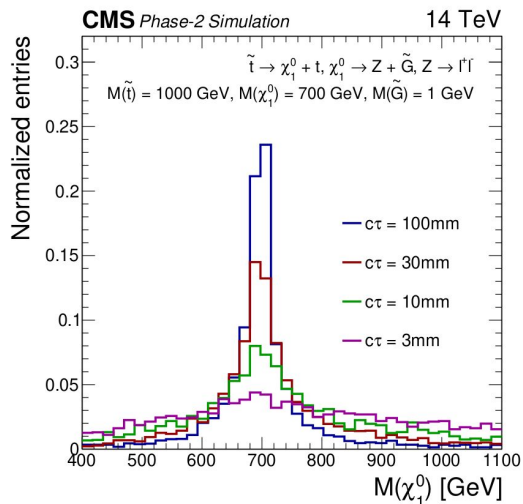


# CMS Phase-II: MTD & new ideas

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2667167>

MIP Timing Detector in the barrel:

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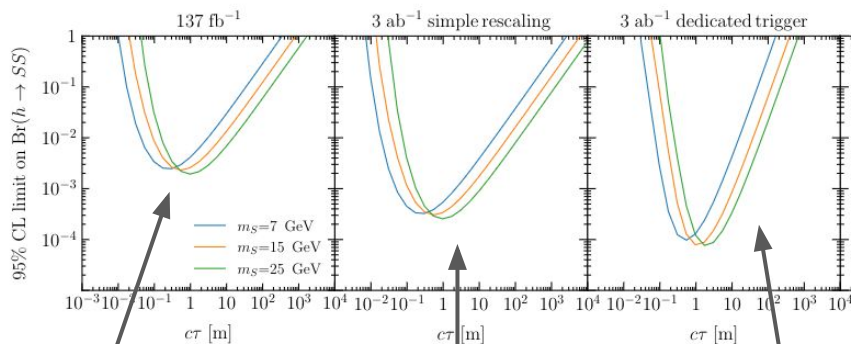
- MTD + HGCal  $\rightarrow$  full coverage of barrel and endcaps!

# LLPs @ HL-LHC: sensitivity projections

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.06109>

- Much to gain from extending MDS and SDV at HL-LHC!

## Higgs $\rightarrow$ SS (LLPs) with MDS in endcaps

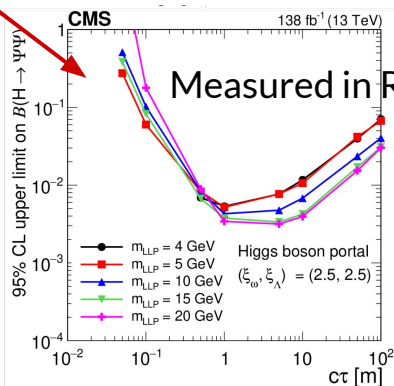
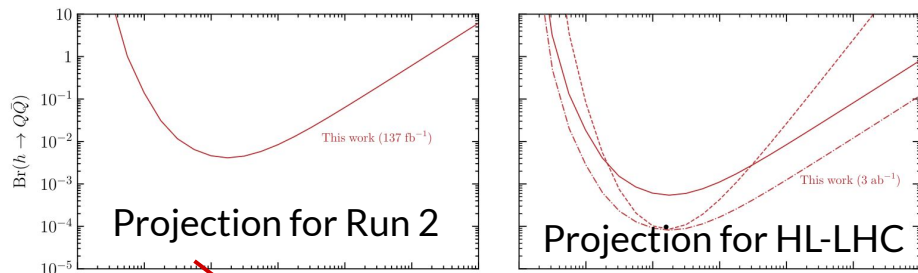


Run 2 analysis

Rescaled to HL-LHC

HL-LHC + new trigger  
(Run 3)

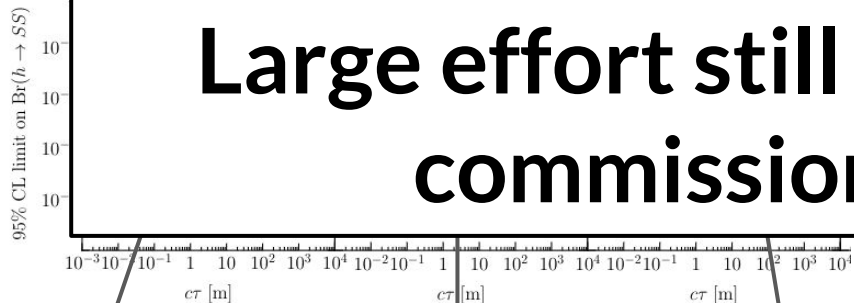
## Dark showers with MDS in endcaps



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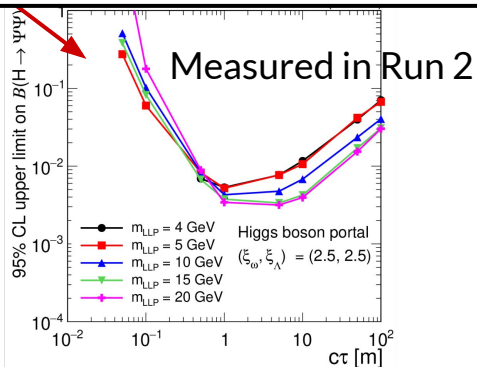
# We need to fully exploit the HL-LHC!

## Large effort still required to build and commission CMS Phase-II!



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# LLPs @ future colliders

LLP priority list @ future colliders:

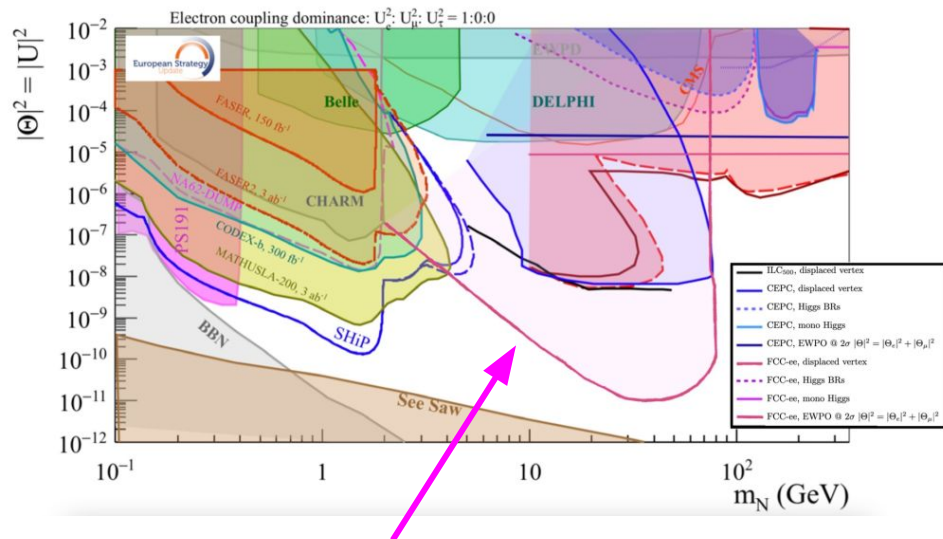
- Heavy neutral leptons
- Axion-like particles
- Exotic Higgs decays

We have the expertise to cover the entire phase-space:

- Displaced tracks and vertices
- Delayed objects with calorimeter timing
- Showers in the muon system, displaced muons

Synergies and perspectives:

- Reconstruction strategies → CMS legacy
- FCC-ee detector design → stronger focus on tracking → benefit from  $e^+e^-$  knowledge in **Belle II** group!
- Opportunity to expand searches in the Higgs sector (FCC-ee as Higgs factory) → **AT theory groups** (Graz, HEPHY, TU and UVie)



HNLs with **displaced vertices!**

ECFA report <https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.07564>

LLP @ FCC-ee snowmass <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.05502>

# Backup

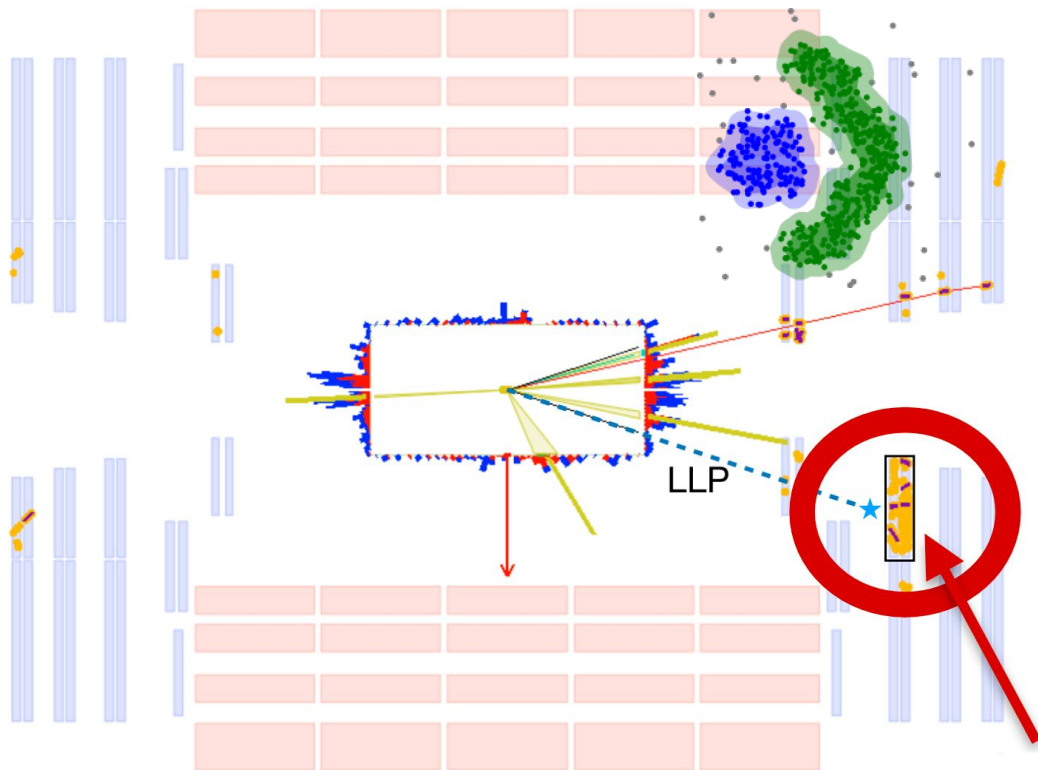
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# LLP decays in muon system

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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DBSCAN>



- Neutral LLPs ( $c\tau > 1$  m) hadronic decays: no tracks, no jets, but showers in muon system
- Passive material (iron/steel) + muon chambers: sampling calorimeter  $\rightarrow$  a shower develops
- Signature: high multiplicity of hits

New reconstructed object: **muon detector showers (MDS)**

- Hits clustered with geometrical clustering algorithms: DBSCAN
- 1 cluster = MDS
- Hits are low-level information (RAW data format, non standard)  $\rightarrow$  challenging to access!

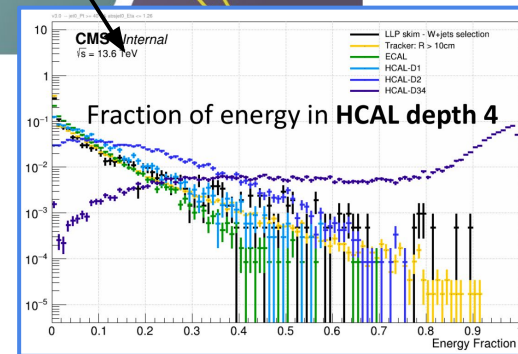
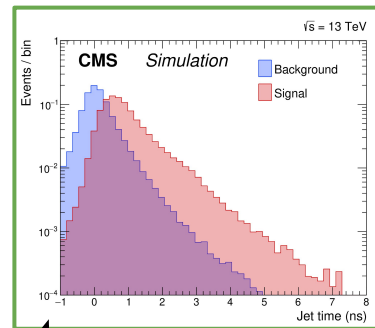
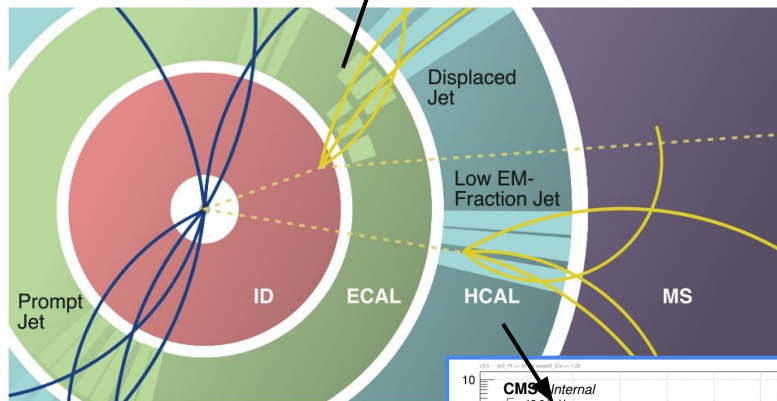
Muon detector shower



# LLP decays in the calorimeters

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# BSM discovery potential

Several exciting BSM not (fully) explored!

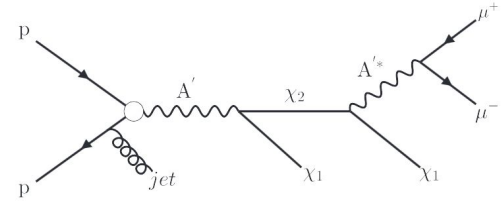
## Inelastic dark matter

- Small mass splitting  $\Delta m(\chi_1, \chi_2)$ , dark photon mediator  $A'$   
Soft final state visible particles collimated to missing energy
- Only muons + missing energy probed at CMS so far

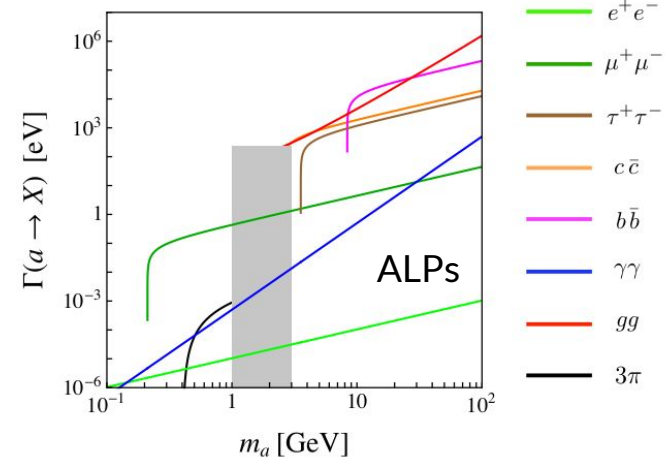
## Axion-Like Particles (ALPs)

- Much phase-space to explore in  $h \rightarrow aa$ ,  $h \rightarrow Za$ ,  $Z \rightarrow a\gamma$  decays
- $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , charged leptons and hadrons; below 1 GeV  $a \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$ 
  - Not possible in inner detector at CMS!
- ALPs produced in exotic top decays  $\rightarrow$  can be LL if  $m_a \sim$  few GeV

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.11649>



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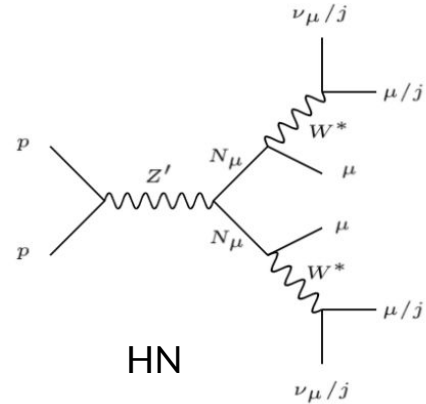


<https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.00443>

# BSM discovery potential

## Heavy Neutrinos (HNs) in B-L models

- $U(1)_{B-L}$ : 3 HNs coupling to heavy  $Z'$  and heavy B-L charged Higgs  $X$
- HNs produced from  $Z'$ ,  $X$  and SM  $H \rightarrow m_{HN}$  up to  $> 100$  GeV
- Rich phenomenology, interesting signatures in calorimeters

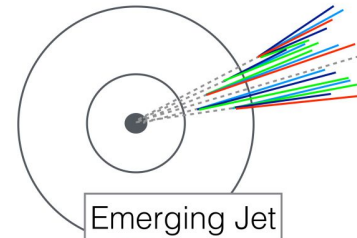


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## Dark showers

- QCD-like dark sector
- Dark partons  $\psi$  through decay of massive mediator  $X \rightarrow \psi\bar{\psi}$   
 $X$ : new scalar/vector, Higgs boson,  $W/Z$
- $\psi$  hadronizes to dark mesons, that decay back to SM and can be LL
- Compelling signature explored at CMS as emerging jets (displaced tracks)
- Much unexplored phase-space accessible with MDS, calorimeter based methods and combinations

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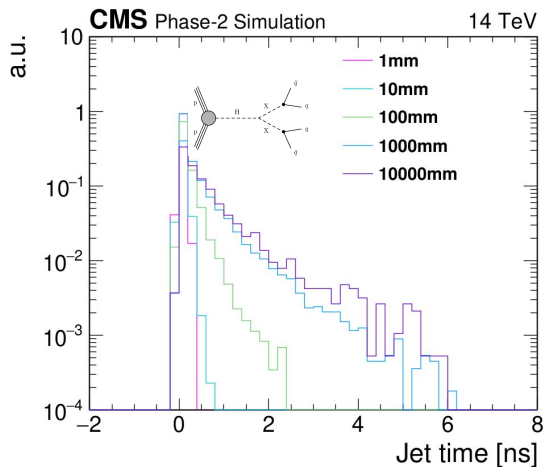
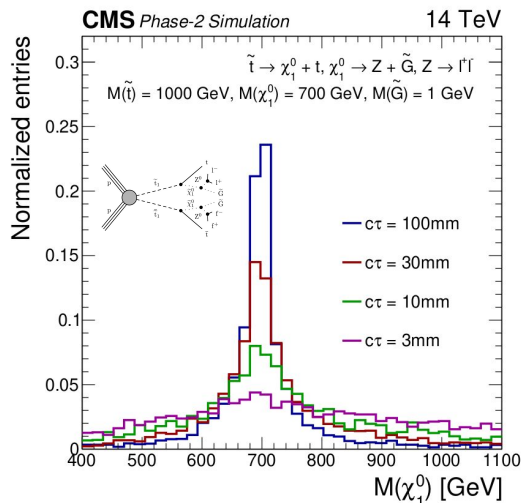
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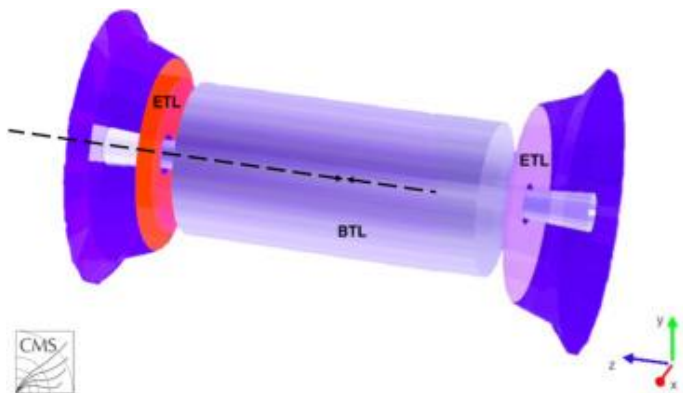
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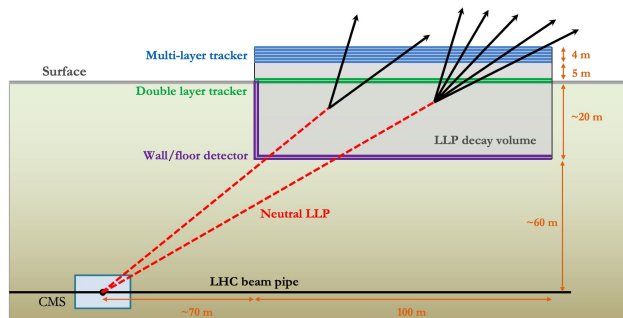


## MDS trigger in the barrel:

- Currently only in forward muon system
- Electronics replacement: x2 acceptance

## Correlated CMS-MATHUSLA analysis

- MATHUSLA can supply triggers to CMS
- Light particles/longer lifetimes



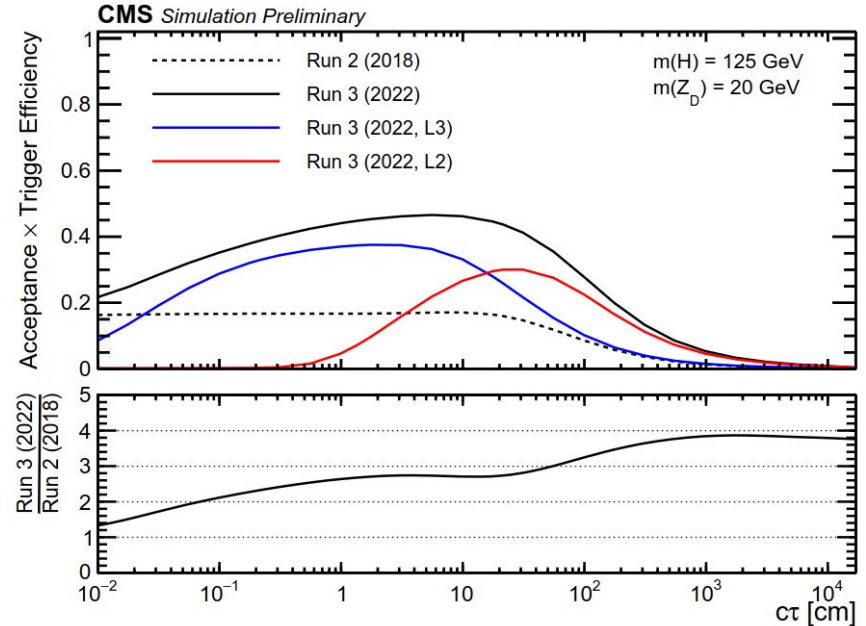
# Run3 LLP new result: displaced dimuons

[EXO-23-014](#)  
[PAS-EXO-23-014](#)

First Run3  
CMS search!

## Displaced dimuons ([EXO-23-014](#))

- New L1T algo to assign  $p_T$  to  $\mu$  from displaced vertex
- Improved HLT algos:
  - Recovers efficiency for tracker  $\mu$ , **x2 better @  $c\tau = 1$  cm**
  - Discard prompt  $\mu \rightarrow$  improves at larger displacement, **x3 efficiency @  $c\tau = 1$  m**



# Run3 LLP new result: displaced dimuons

EXO-23-014  
PAS-EXO-23-014

## Displaced dimuons reconstruction:

- As global  $\mu$  (with tracker): better at lower displacement
- As standalone  $\mu$  (muon system only): better at higher displacement

## First CMS search with Run3 data!

- Achieved similar sensitivity to Run 2 data with only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the luminosity in Run 3 (2022)

