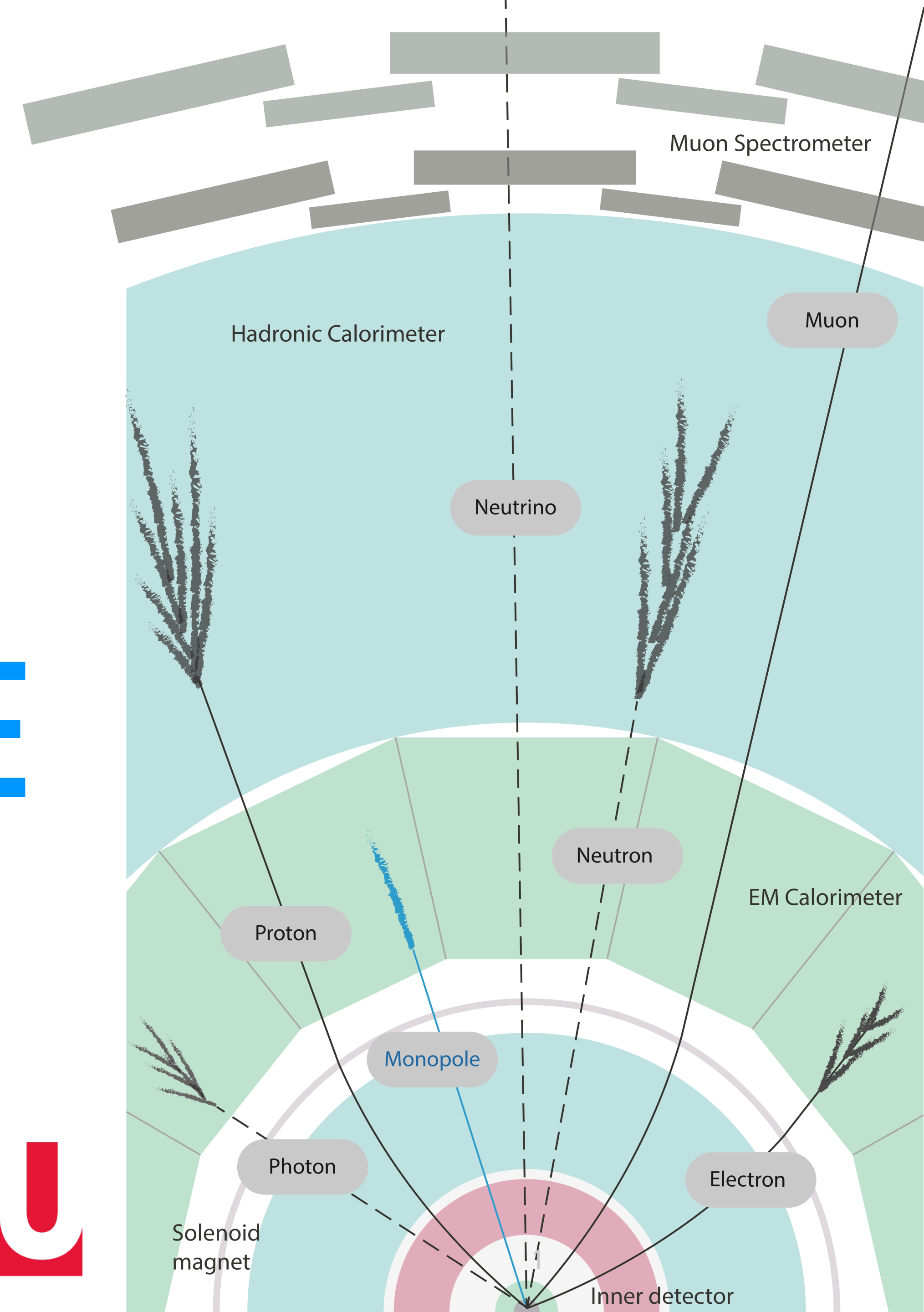


# MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATION IN THE SEARCH FOR A **MAGNETIC MONOPOLE** IN ATLAS

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# OVERVIEW – TL;DR

- Search for magnetic monopoles in the ATLAS detector
- Pileup conditions in Run 2 affect the discriminating power of one of our signal selection variables
- Random Forest Classifier introduced in the hopes of increasing signal efficiency
- This results in improvement for higher mass monopoles, but reduced signal efficiency in lower mass monopoles

## MOTIVATION

- Dirac Magnetic Monopoles (Quantum electrodynamics) [see Dirac]:
  - Explain electric charge quantization
  - Symmetry (electric-magnetic fields) in Maxwell's equations

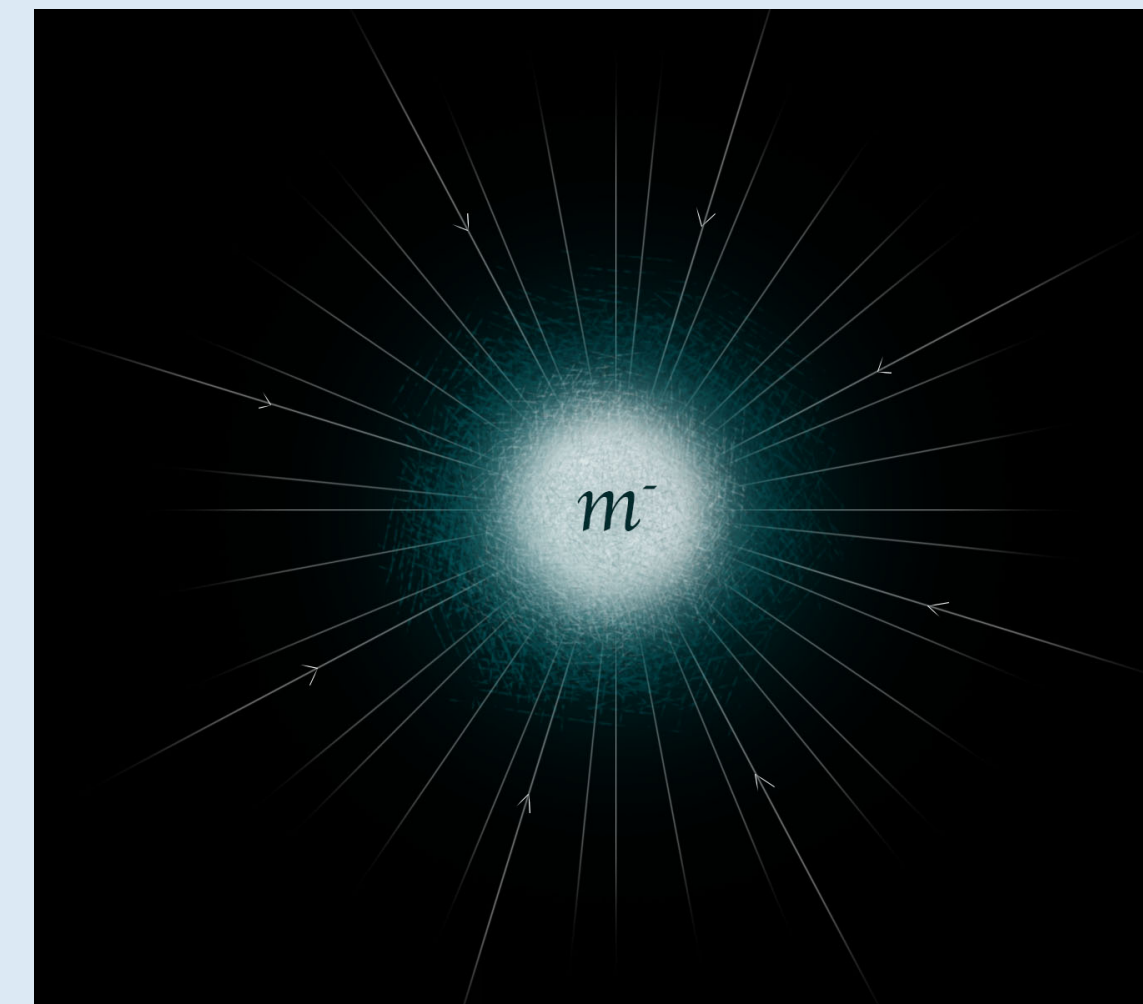
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$$\frac{q_m q_e}{\hbar c} = \frac{N}{2}$$

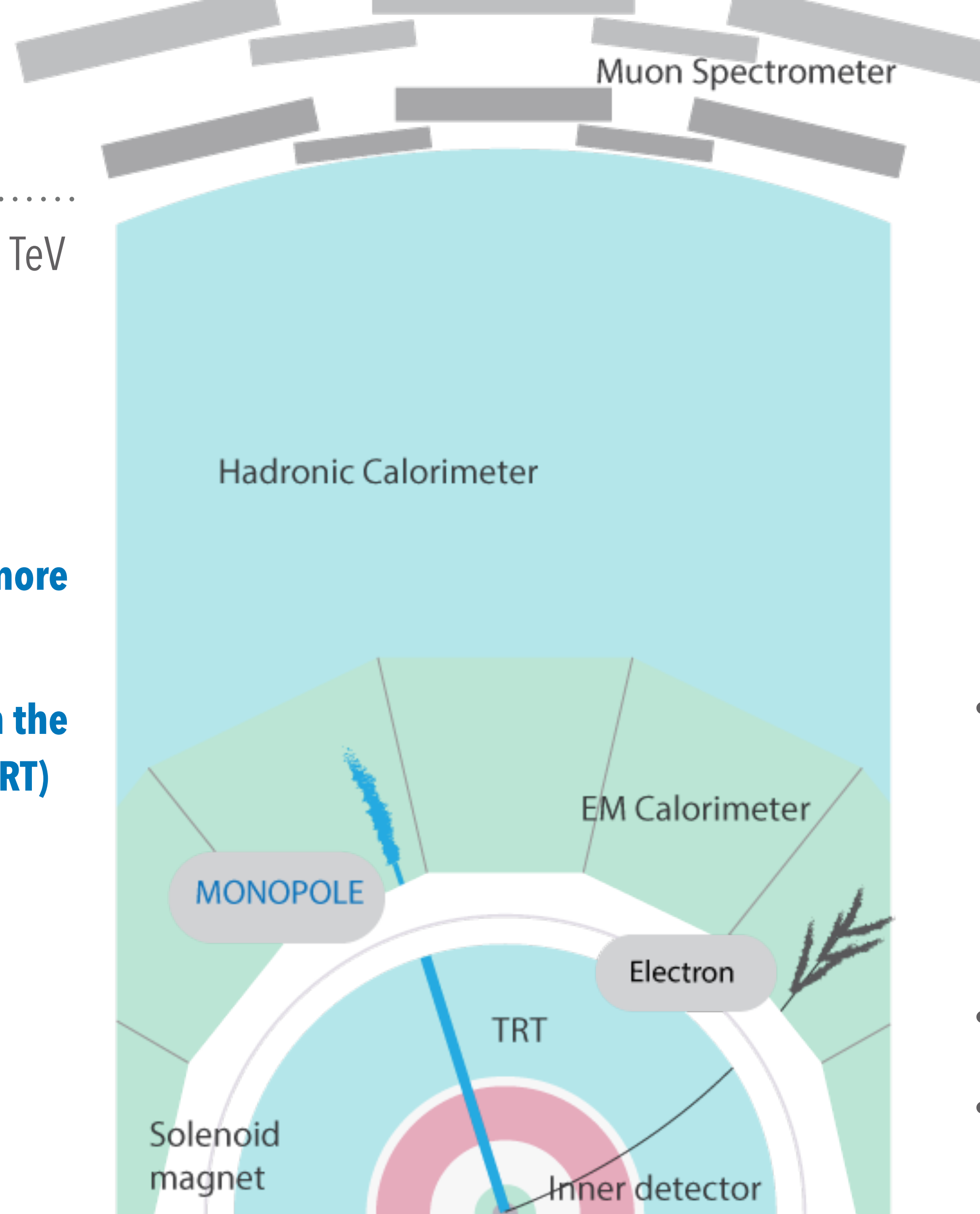
$$q_m = N g_D e c \quad g_D = \frac{1}{2\alpha} = 68.5$$



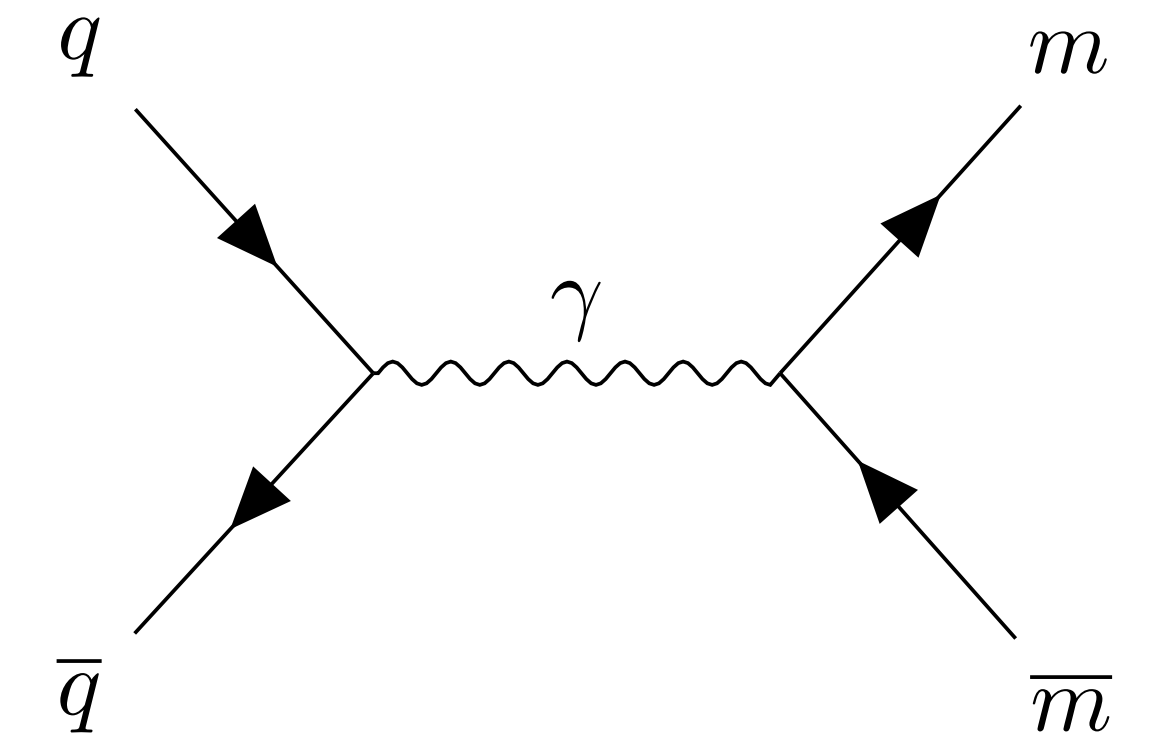
- Magnetic monopole: Fundamental particle with magnetic charge " $q_m$ "
- Static source of radial magnetic field.
- **Stable** due to magnetic charge conservation.

# METHOD

- **ATLAS detector:** LHC (Run 2) 13 TeV pp collisions,  $\sim 130 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - $m_m < 4 \text{ TeV}$
- **Ionization** of the medium
  - Energy loss  $\propto \text{charge}^2$   **$\sim 4700 \times$  more ionizing than proton!**
  - **Many large energy deposits in the Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT)**
  - **Stops before muon system, mostly before Hadronic Calorimeter**
  - **Monopoles don't produce a shower in ATLAS LAr EM Calorimeter**



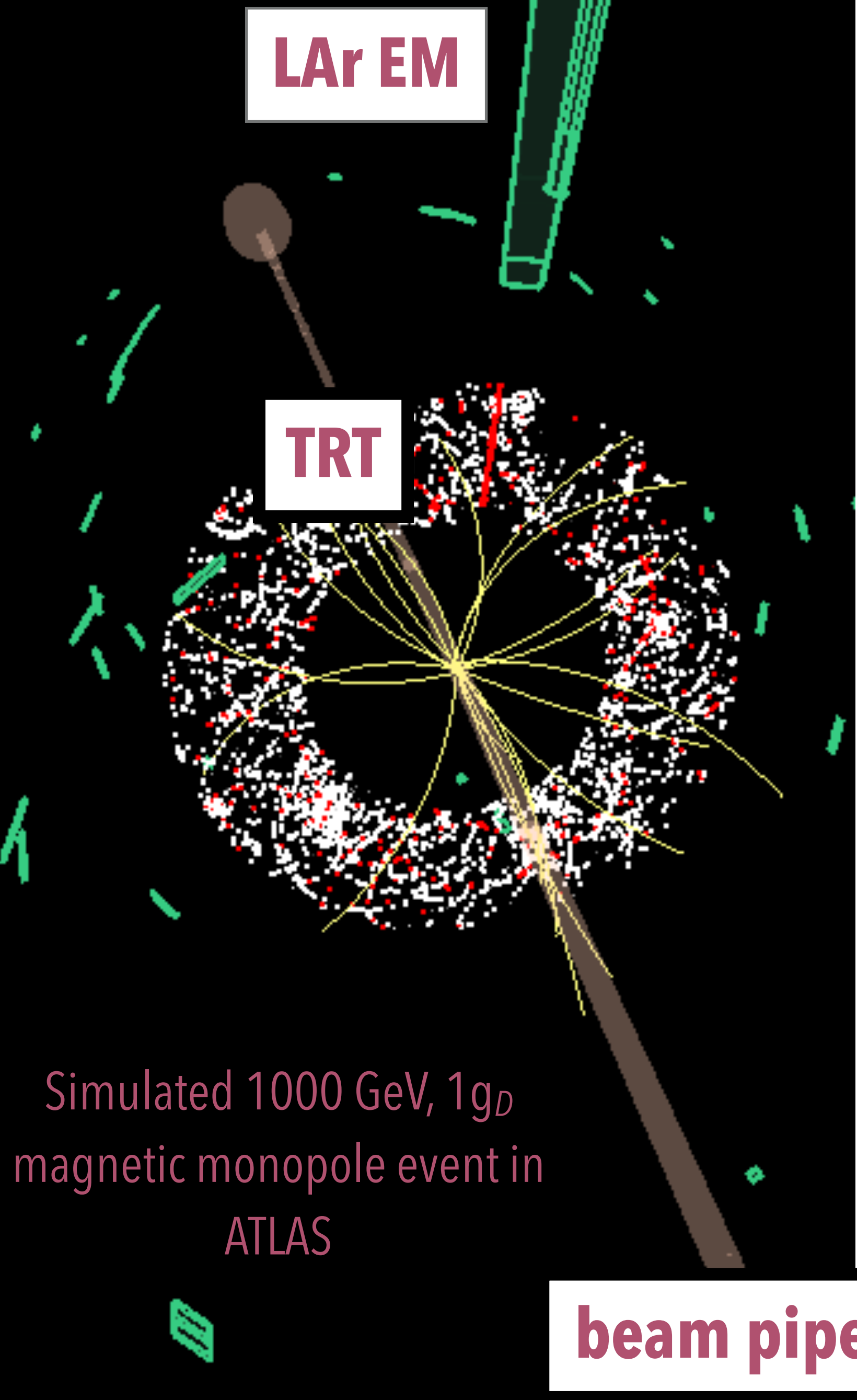
ATLAS DETECTOR SCHEMATIC IN THE  $r\text{-}\Phi$  plane



Feynman-like diagrams for Drell-Yan magnetic monopole pair production.

- **Drell-Yan (DY)** pair production dictates kinematic distributions and predicted cross sections.
  - **Spin 0 and 1/2** monopoles
- Monopole:  $|g| = 1 g_D, 2 g_D$
- Masses considered: Between 0.2 and 4 TeV.

# SIGNAL DISCRIMINATING VARIABLES:

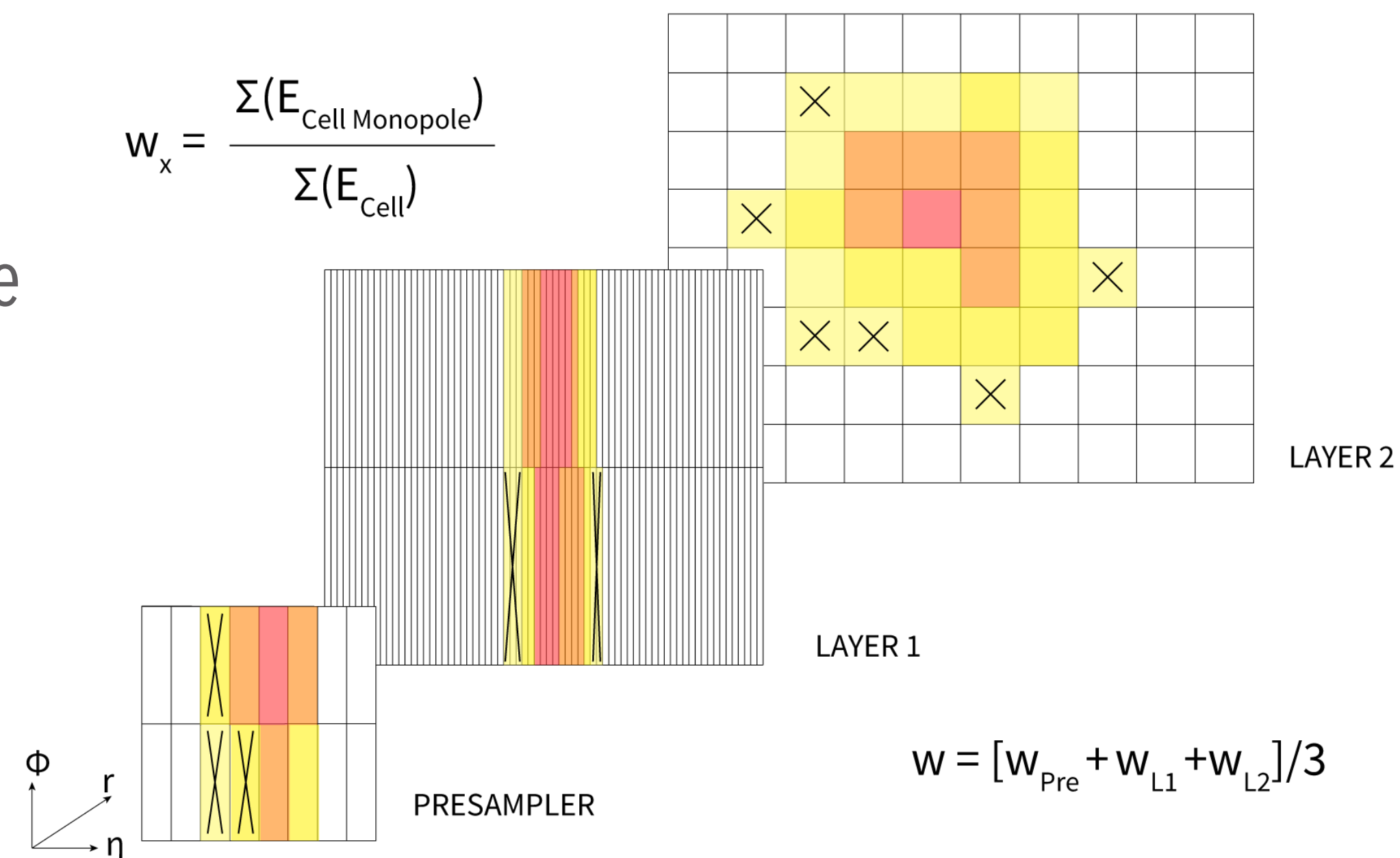


Simulated 1000 GeV, 1g<sub>D</sub> magnetic monopole event in ATLAS

- **Concentrated high energy** deposition in the LAr EM calorimeter.

$W$

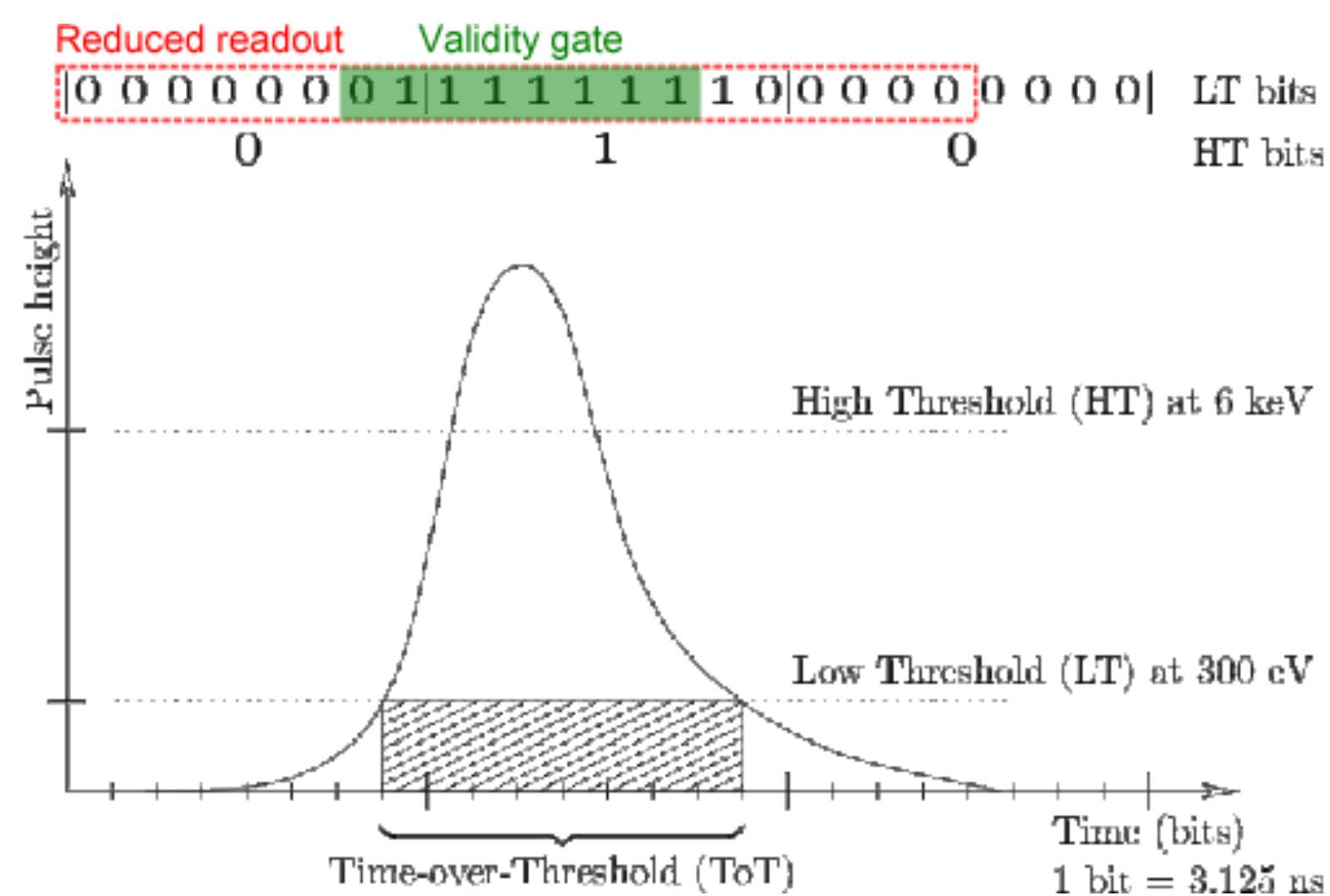
$$w_x = \frac{\sum(E_{\text{Cell Monopole}})}{\sum(E_{\text{Cell}})}$$



$$w = [w_{\text{Pre}} + w_{L1} + w_{L2}] / 3$$

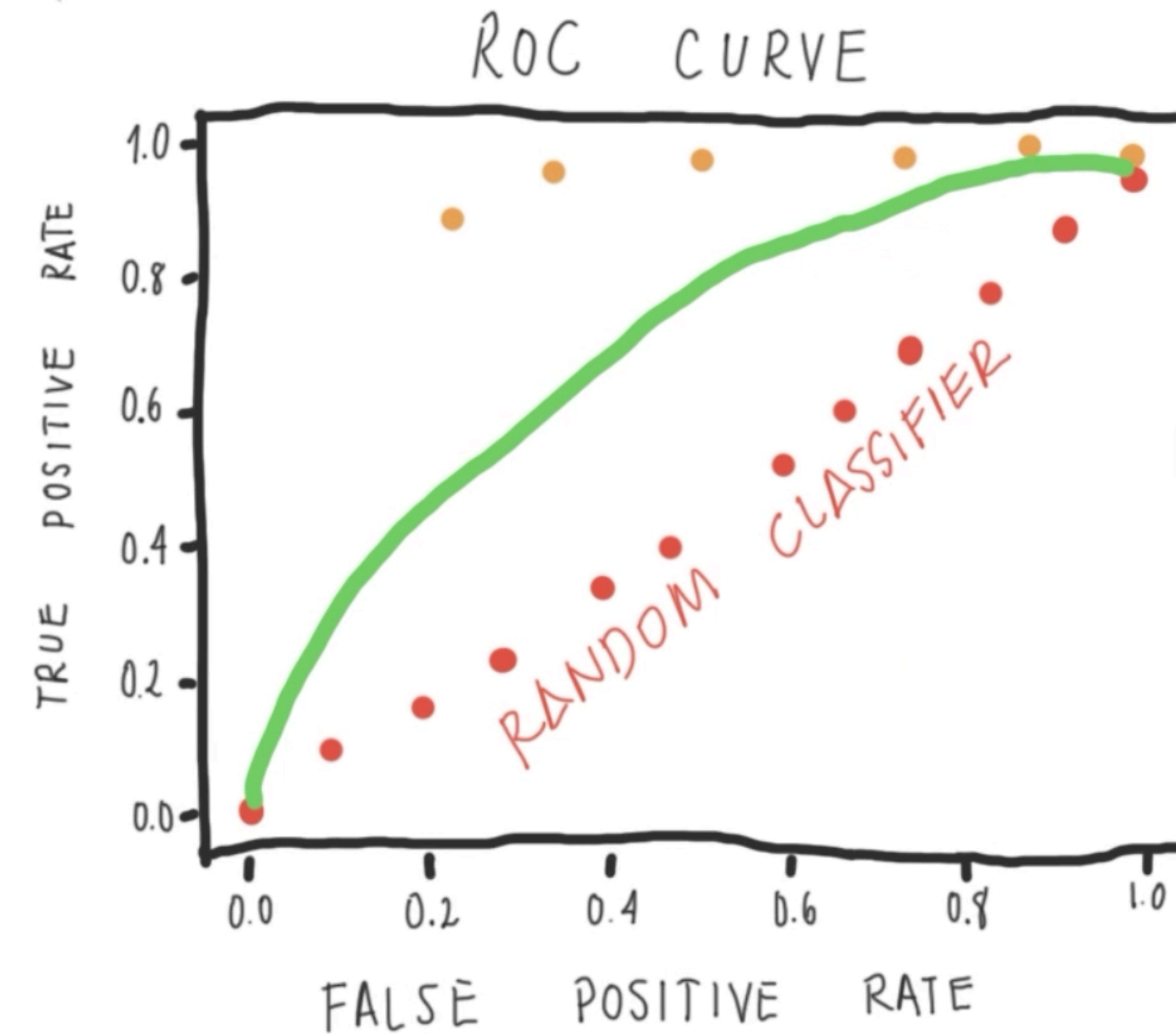
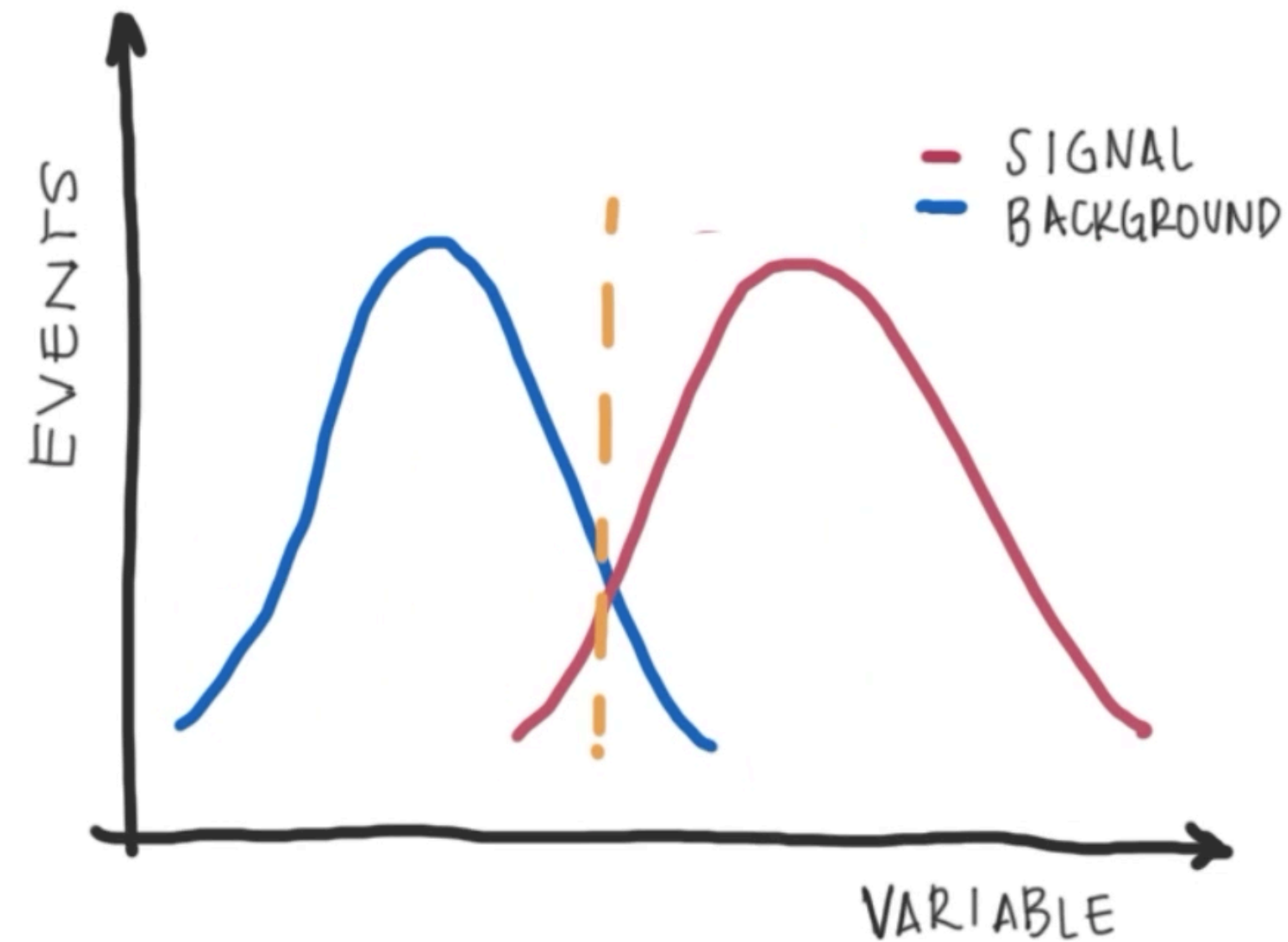
- Many large energy deposits in the TRT observed as **TRT High Threshold hits**

$$f_{HT} = \frac{HT_{hits}}{HT_{hits} + LT_{hit}}$$



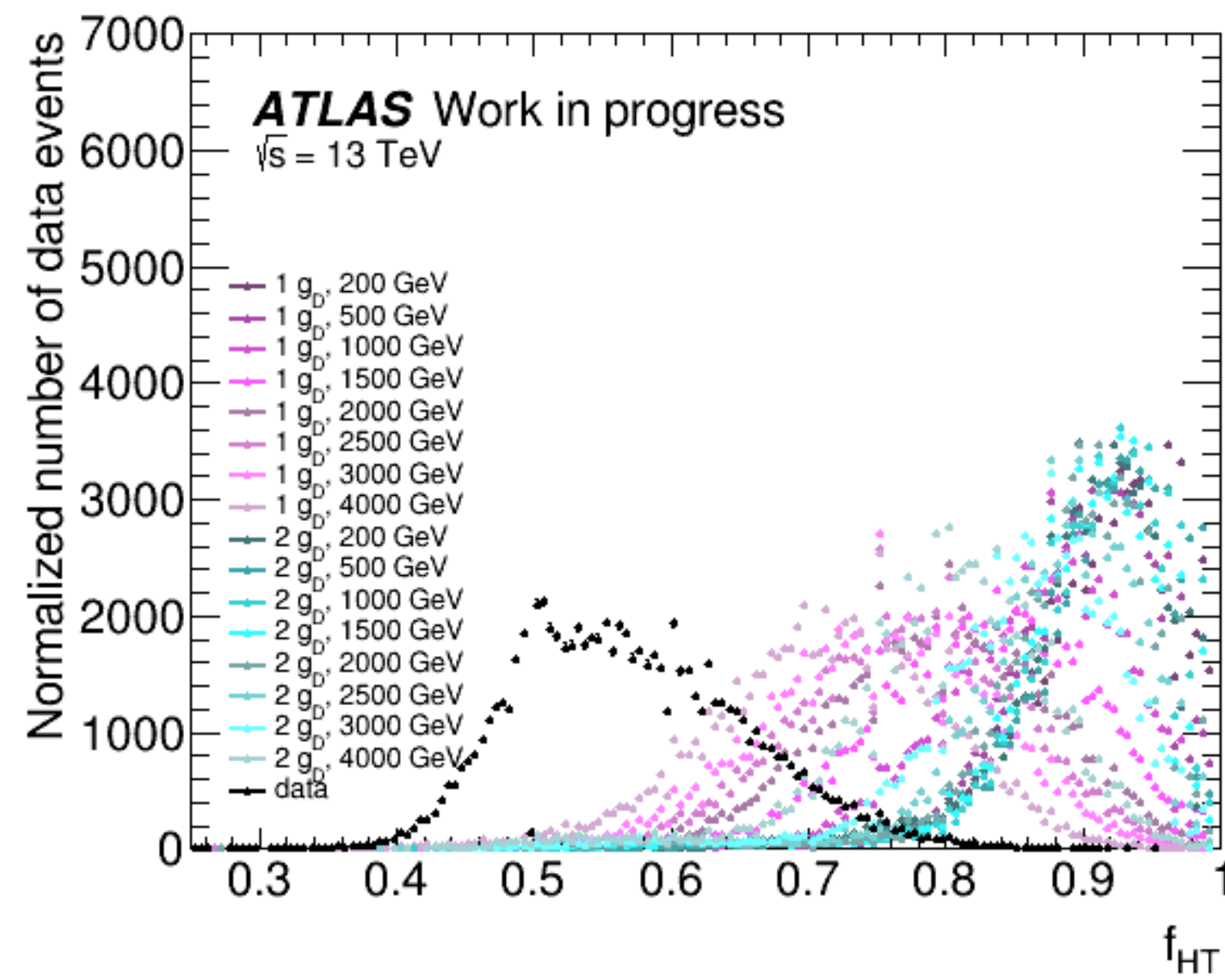
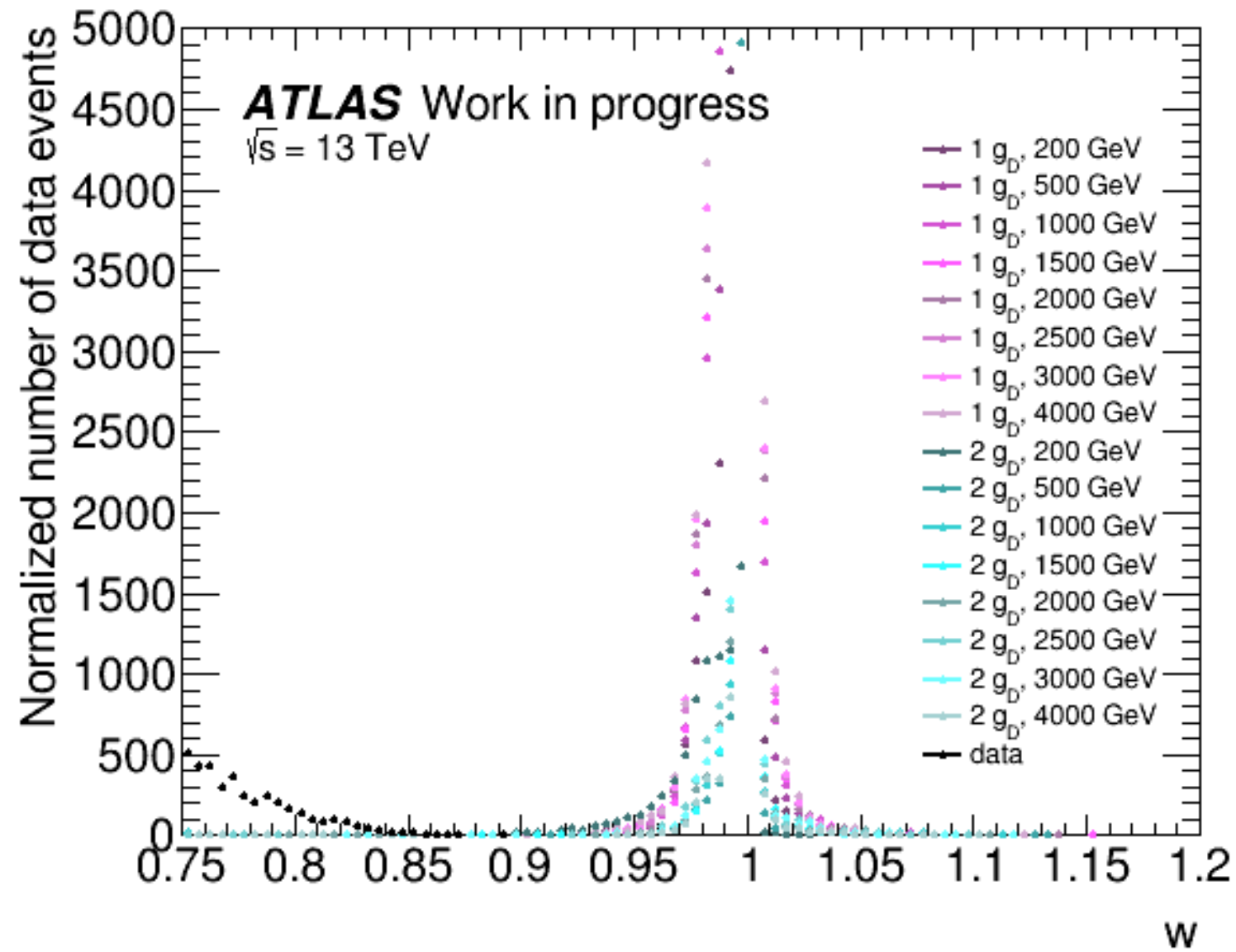
# ROC CURVES

\*Receiver Operating Characteristic

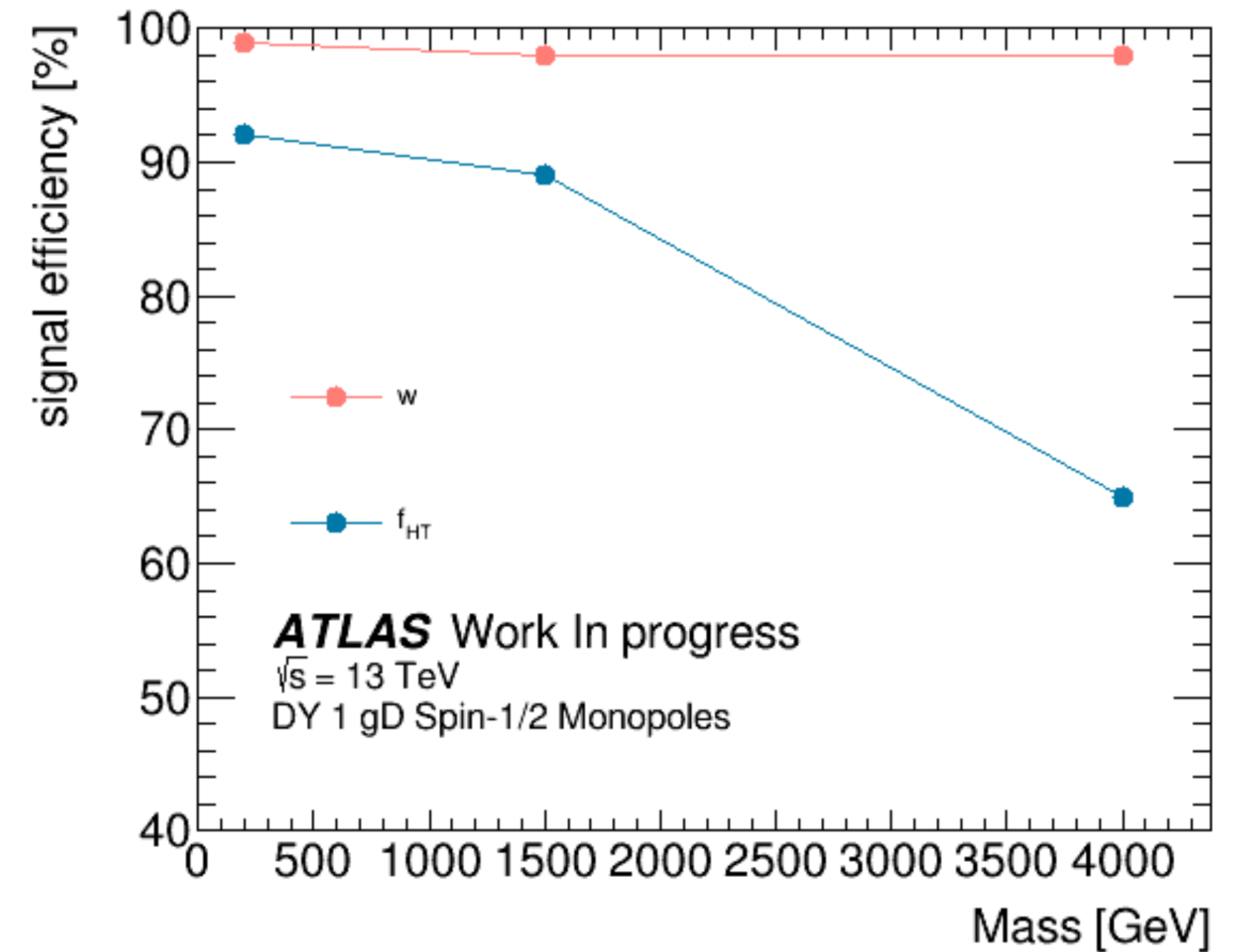
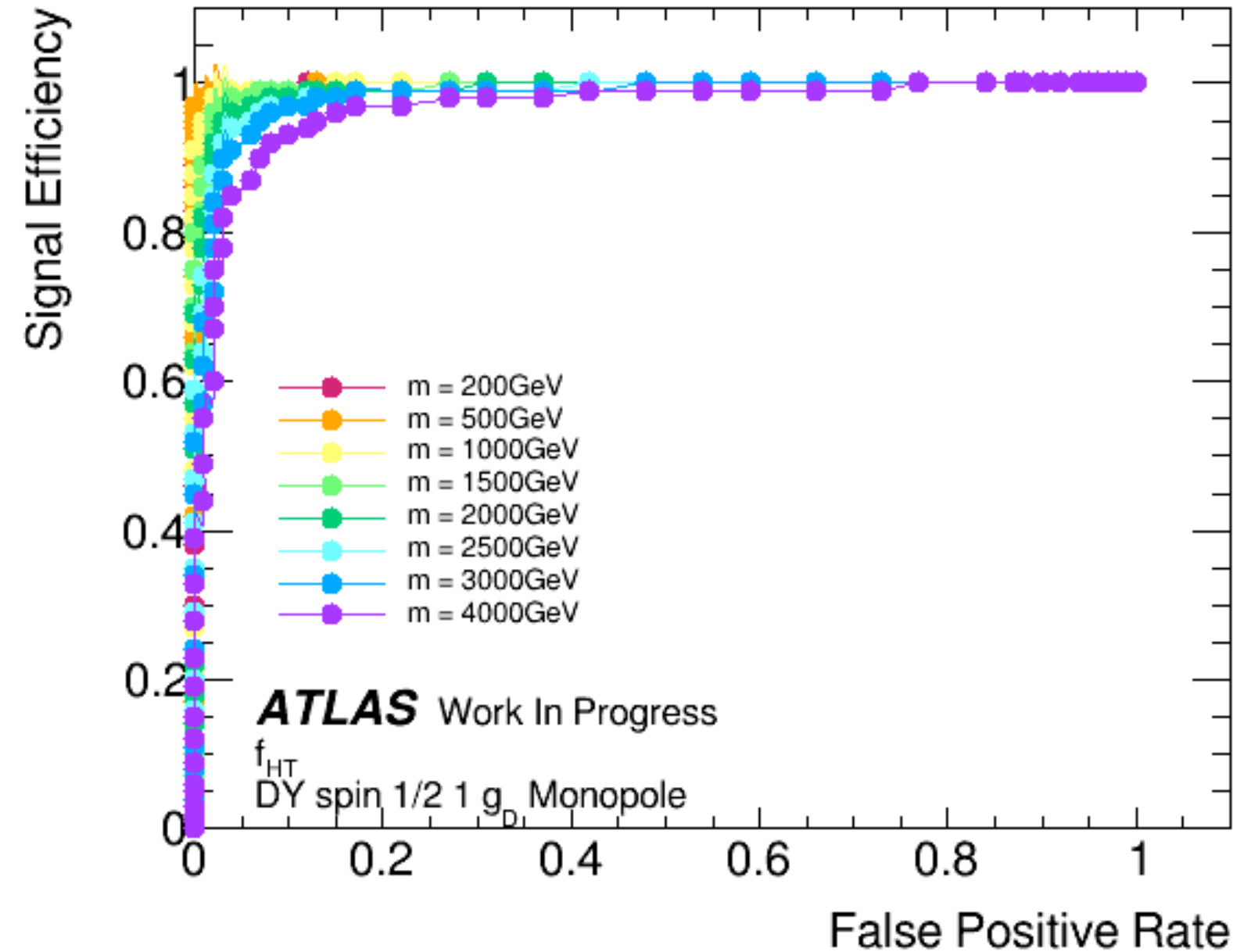
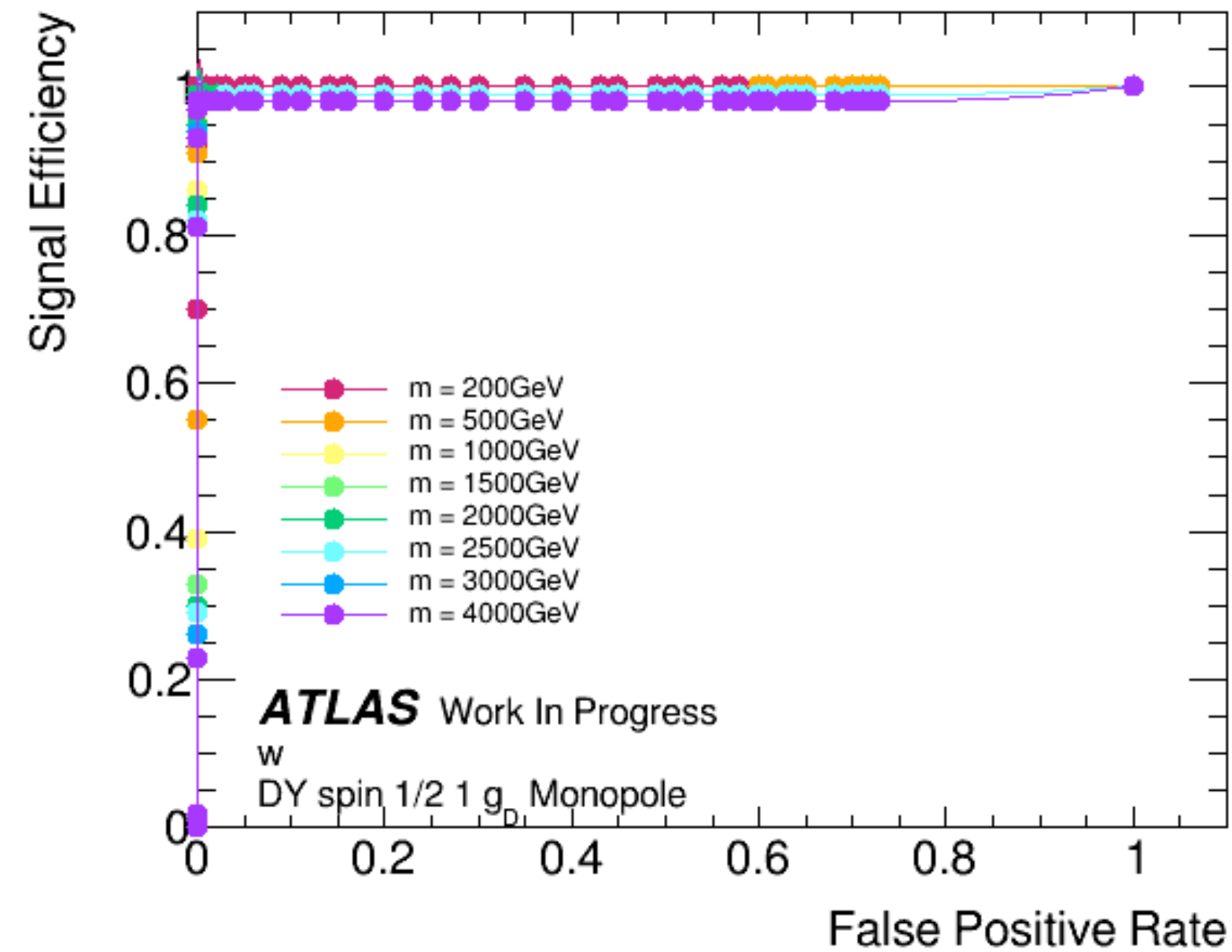


- Balance between signal selection (TPR) and background rejection (FPR)
- Area under the curve (AUC) measures discriminating power

# W AND $F_{HT}$ DISCRIMINATING POWER

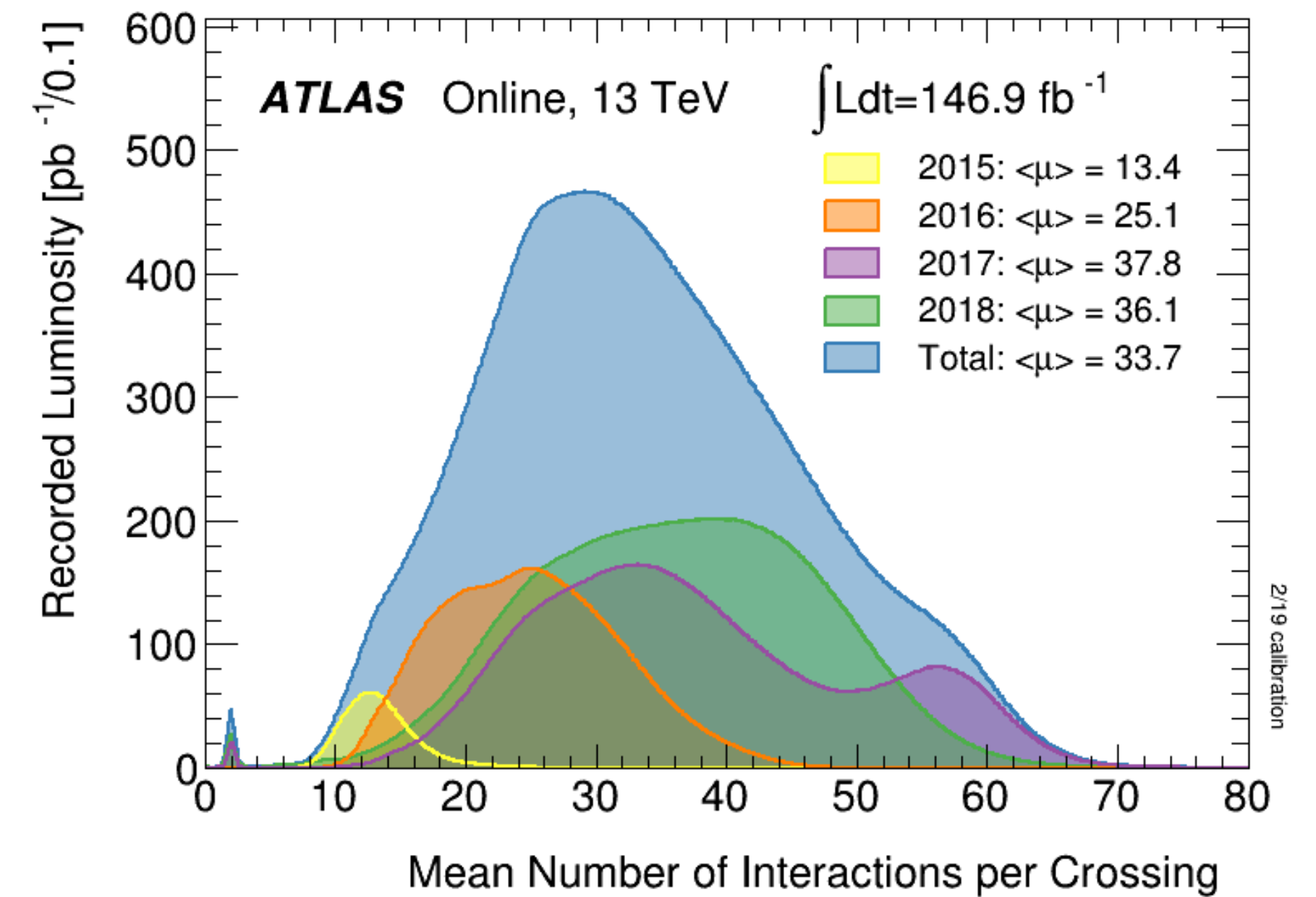


- $w$  has almost ideal discriminating power!
- The larger the mass, the less we are able to discriminate using  $f_{HT}$

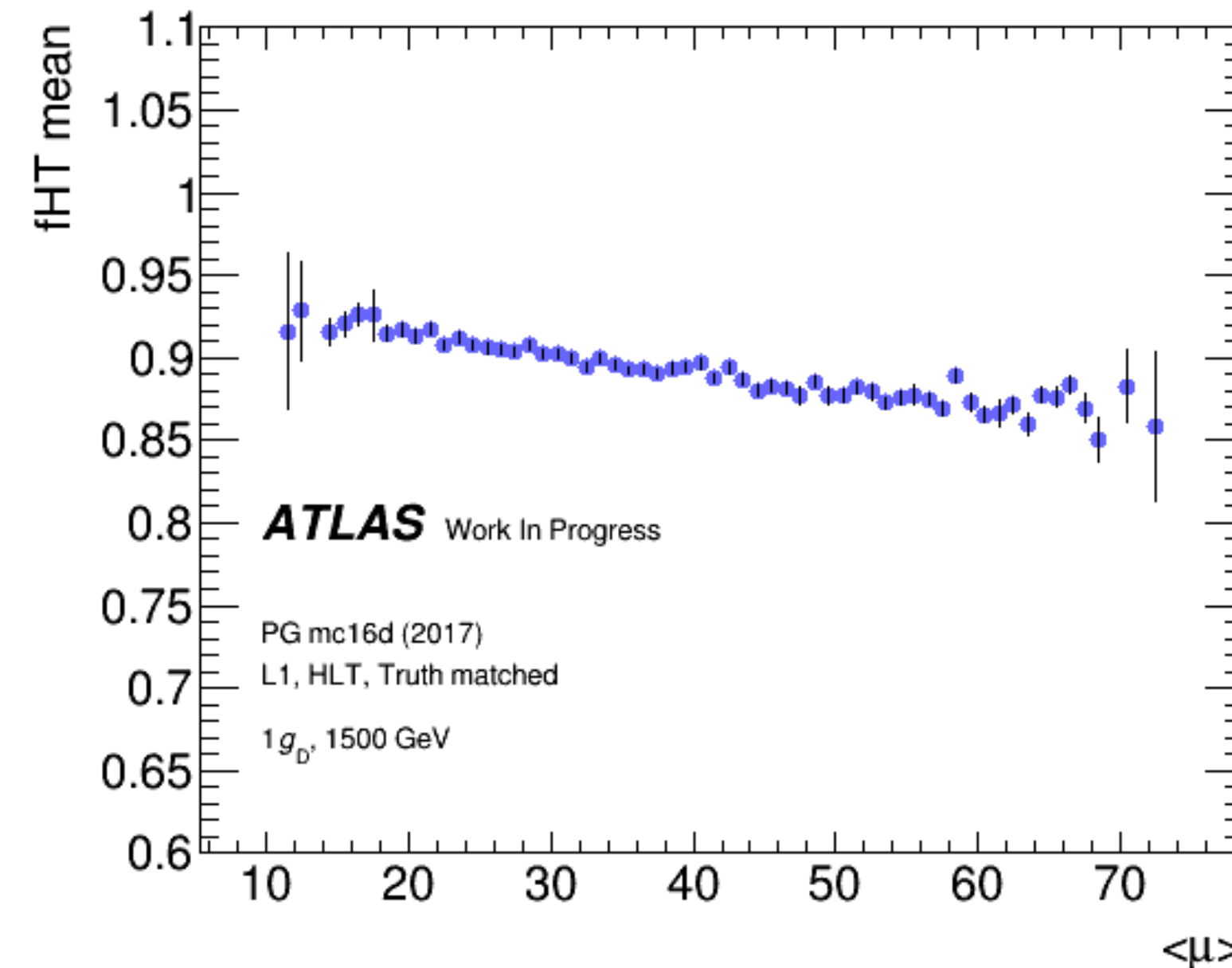


# $F_{HT}$ – TRT PILEUP PROBLEM

- Increased number of interactions per bunch-crossing
  - More low threshold hits
- **$f_{HT}$  decreases as a function of the mean number of interactions per bunch crossing  $\langle \mu \rangle$**
- Introducing alternative methods to quantify high-threshold hits



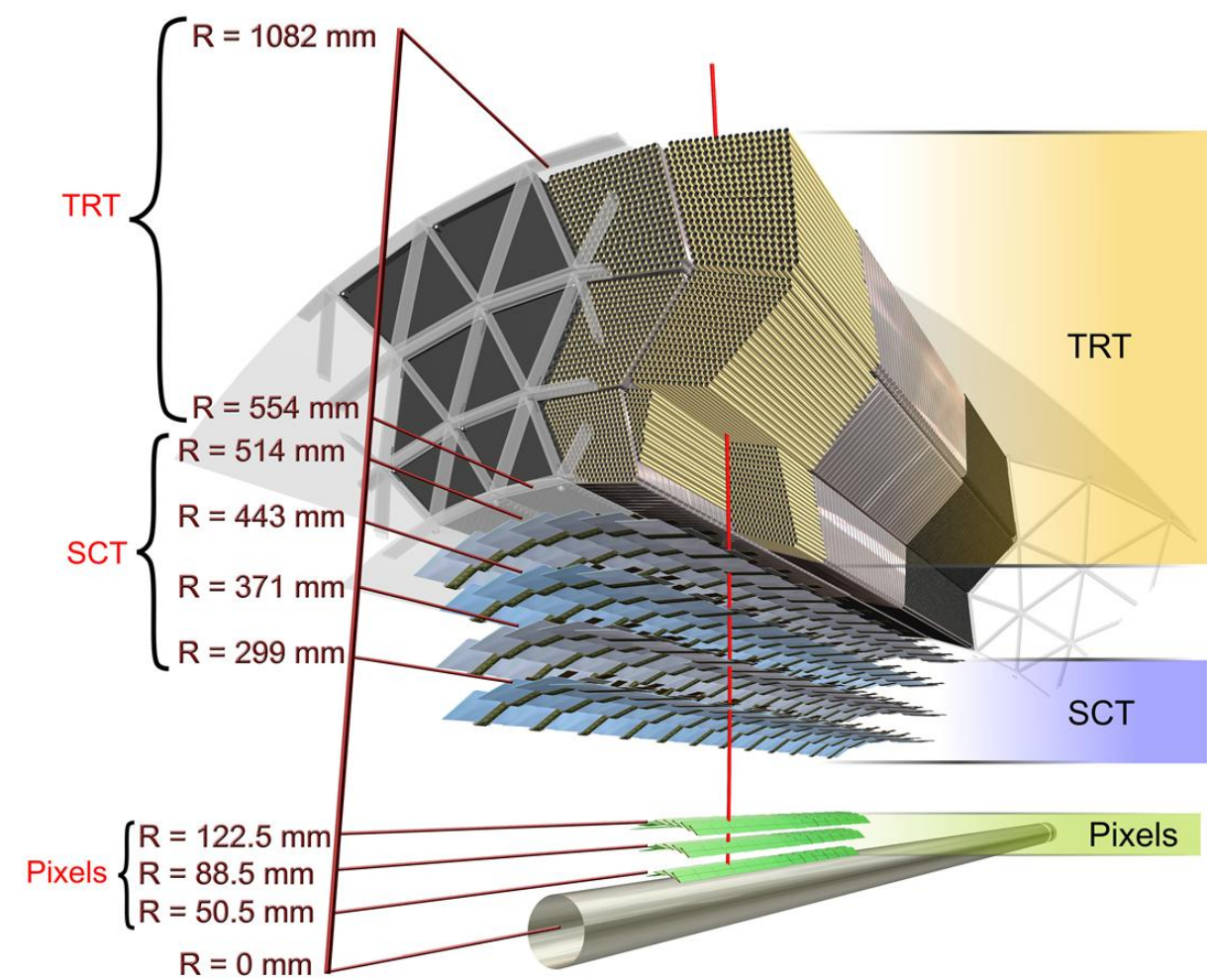
*Luminosity-weighted distribution of the mean number of interactions per crossing for p-p collisions [see ATLAS Twiki]*





# $f_{HT}$ IMPROVEMENT THROUGH RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER

- Train a **random forest (RF) classifier** on a pair of sections called "roads" (one signal, one background) of the TRT for the same event
- Consider only TRT-barrel events



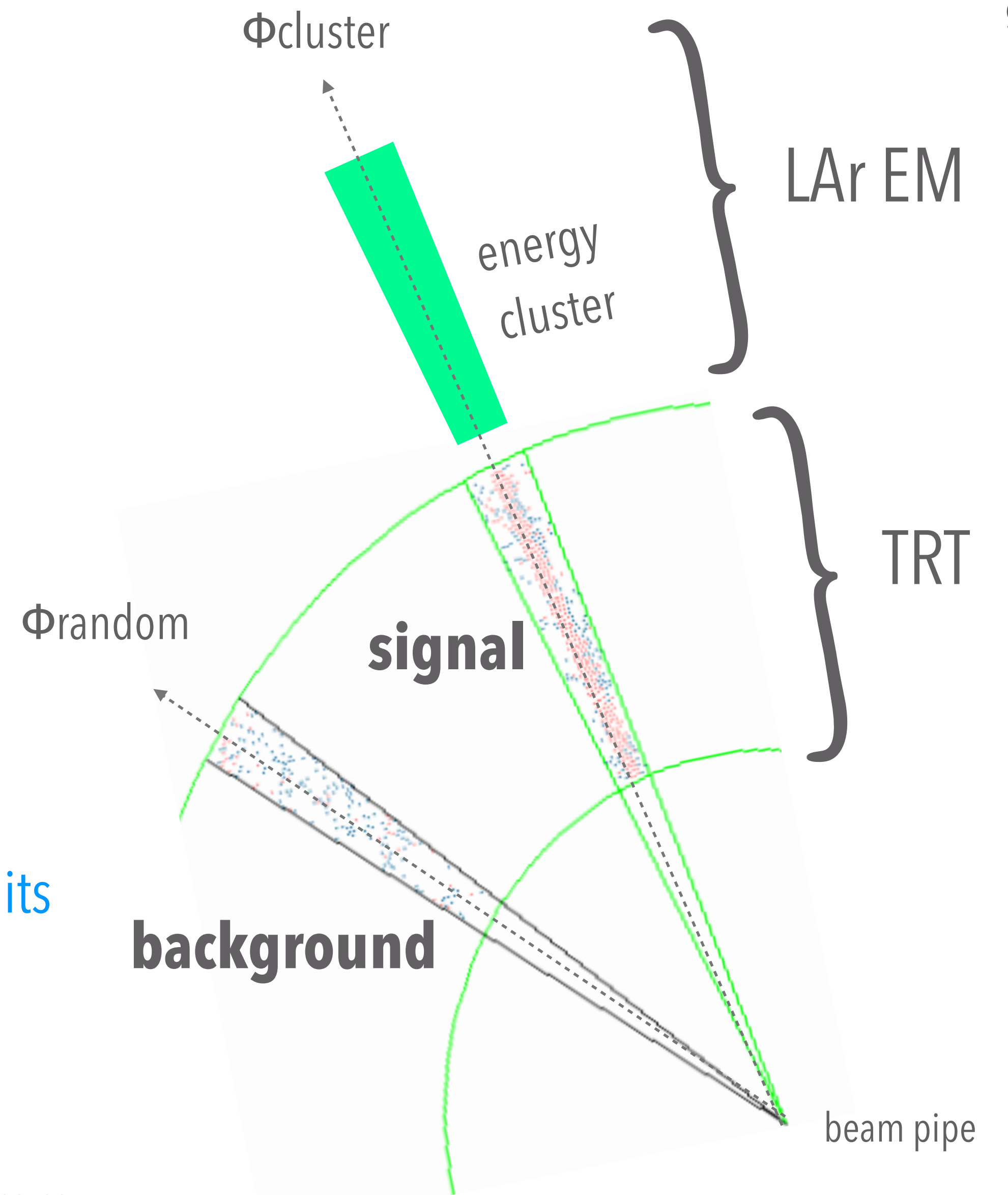
ATLAS Inner Detector barrel  $r-\Phi$  slice

## Features

- 2D representation of **HT hits**, **LT hits** and empty straws.

## Labels

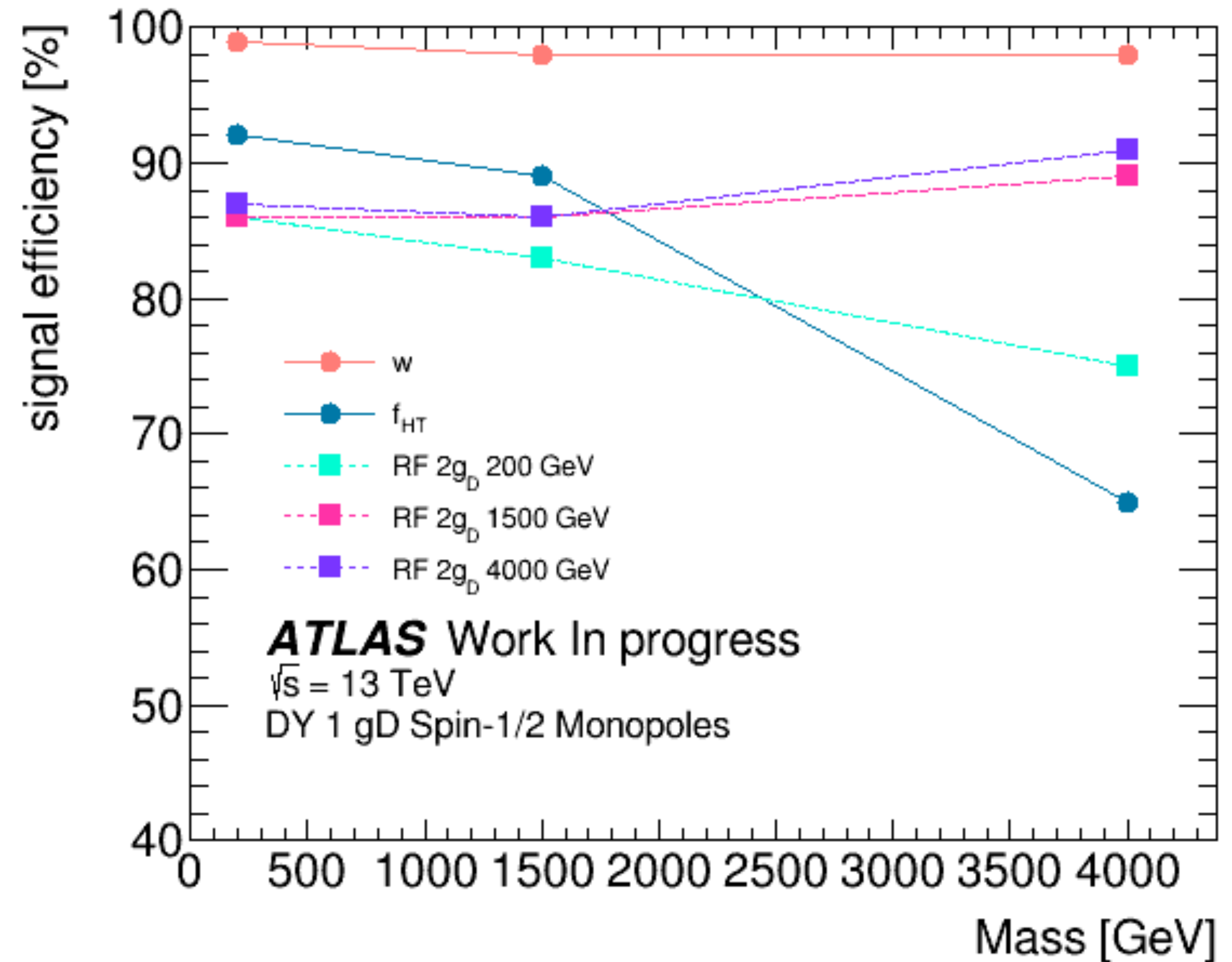
- **signal** = section  $|\Phi_{cluster}| < 4$ mm
- **background** = section  $|\Phi_{random}| < 4$ mm



Sections of TRT hits in  $r-\Phi$  plane

# Results

- Training and testing on limited Monte Carlo Drell-Yan samples of different masses and charges ( $2g_D$ )
  - Less than 5% variability on results
  - Same trends
  - **No under or overfitting** of the model (Train-Test score difference  $< 6\%$ )
- **Area Under the Curve  $> 0.95$**  shows great discriminating power of the Random Forest classifier
- We quantify the loss or gain of signal efficiency using the Random Forest classifier, **large masses benefit from it, while small and mid range do not**



## FINAL REMARKS AND OUTLOOK

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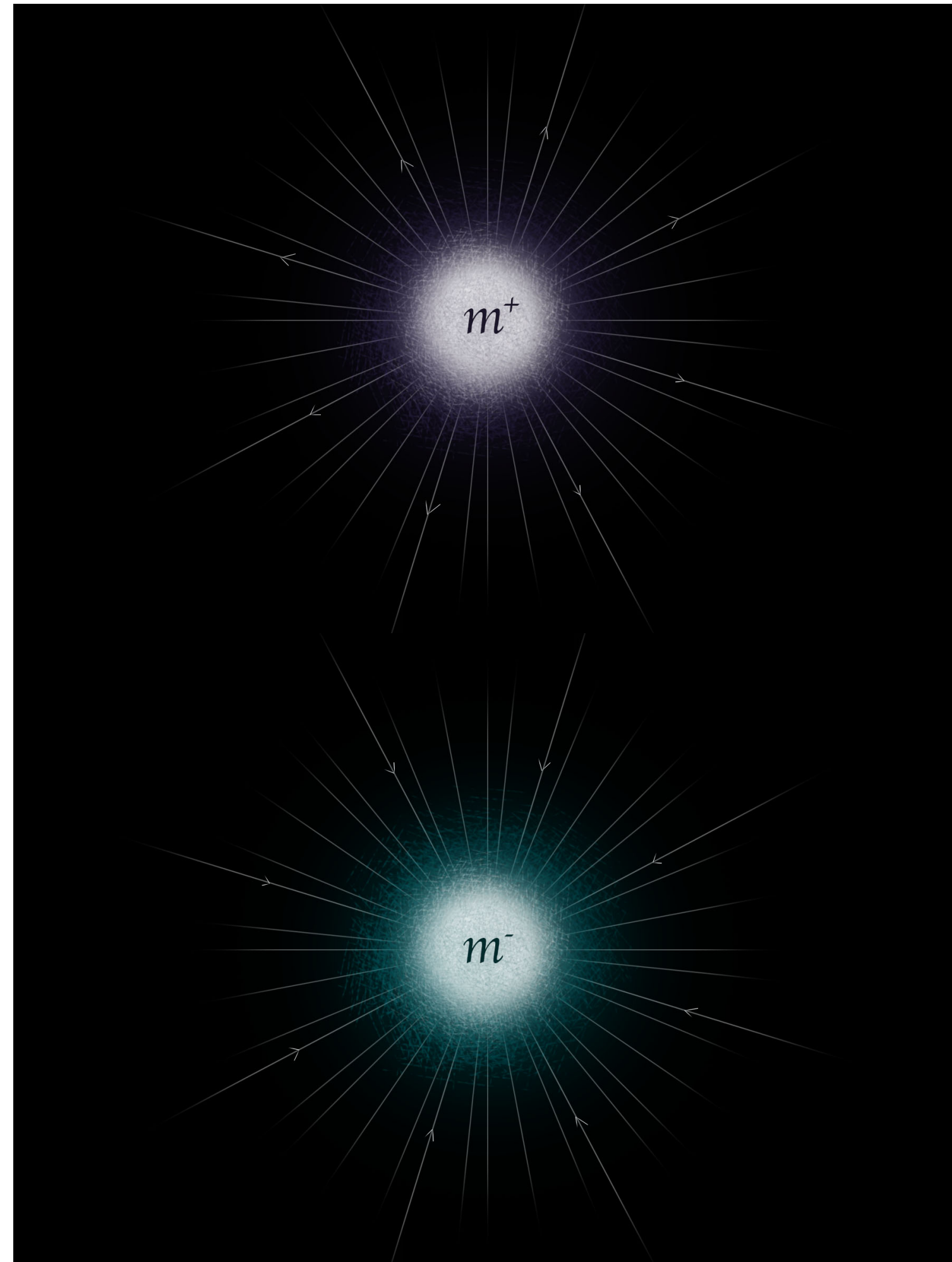
- We successfully trained a Random Forest Classifier to discriminate TRT roads with monopole-like signals in the TRT
- This classifier improved selection efficiency of preselected Drell-Yan spin 1/2,  $1 g_D$  monopoles of mass 4000 GeV between 10 and 26% percent
- In the future, we will train in a combination of samples of different masses and charges
- We will also test if the classifier performs better at higher  $\langle \mu \rangle$  conditions.

# THANK YOU!

# BACKUP

# MAGNETIC MONOPOLE

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- Electric monopole: Fundamental particle with **electric charge "e"**.
- Static source of radial electric field.
- Magnetic monopole: Fundamental particle with **magnetic charge " $q_m$ "**.
- Static source of radial magnetic field.
- **No substructure.**
- **Stable** due to magnetic charge conservation.

# SYMMETRY IN MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

In a sense, Maxwell's equations *beg* for magnetic charge to exist—it would fit in so nicely. And yet, in spite of a diligent search, no one has ever found any.

- Griffiths "Introduction to Electrodynamics" p.338

## Monopole "Free"

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \left( \mathbf{j}_e + \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

## With Magnetic charge

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \rho_m$$

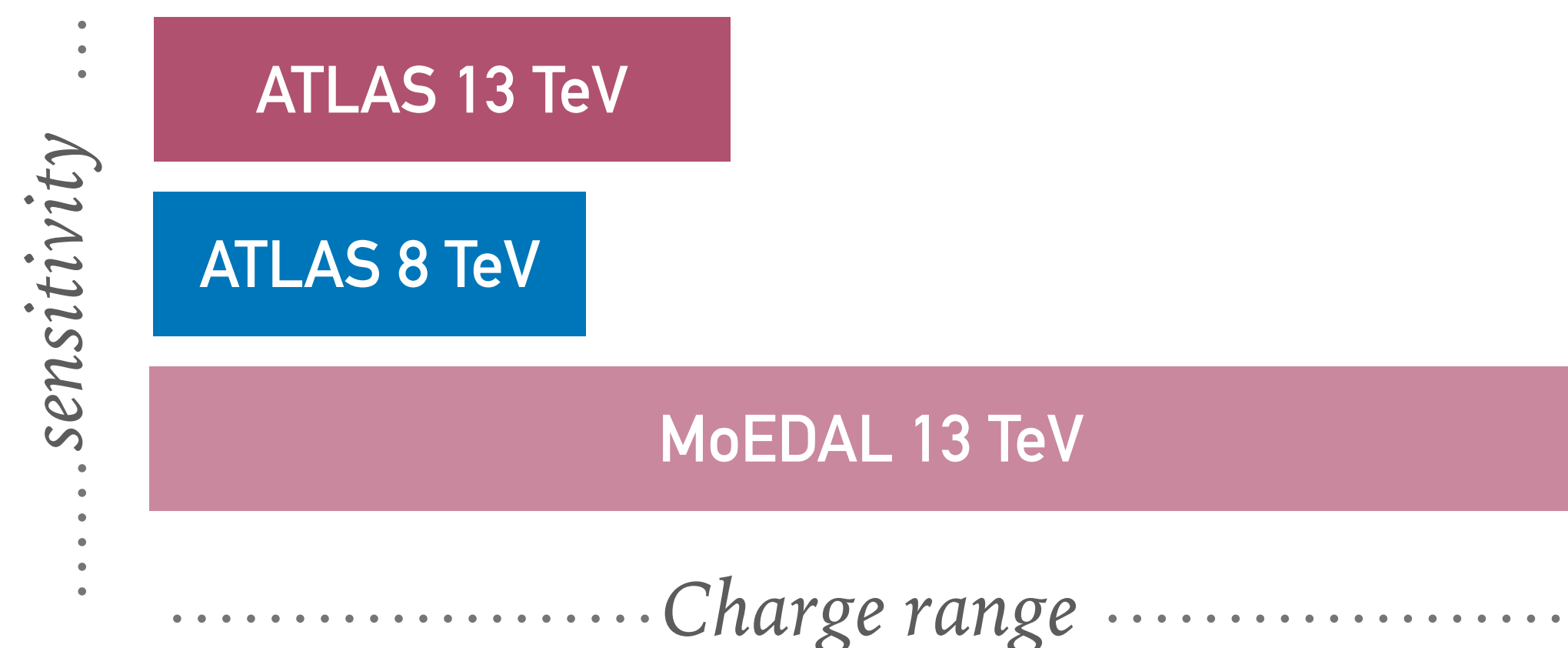
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## RELEVANCE OF THIS STUDY

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- Magnetic Monopole has not been observed.
- LHC might be producing them.
- We have data: ATLAS experiment collects valuable “all purpose” data.
- Complements other Dirac Magnetic Monopole searches:



# HIGHLY IONIZING PARTICLES

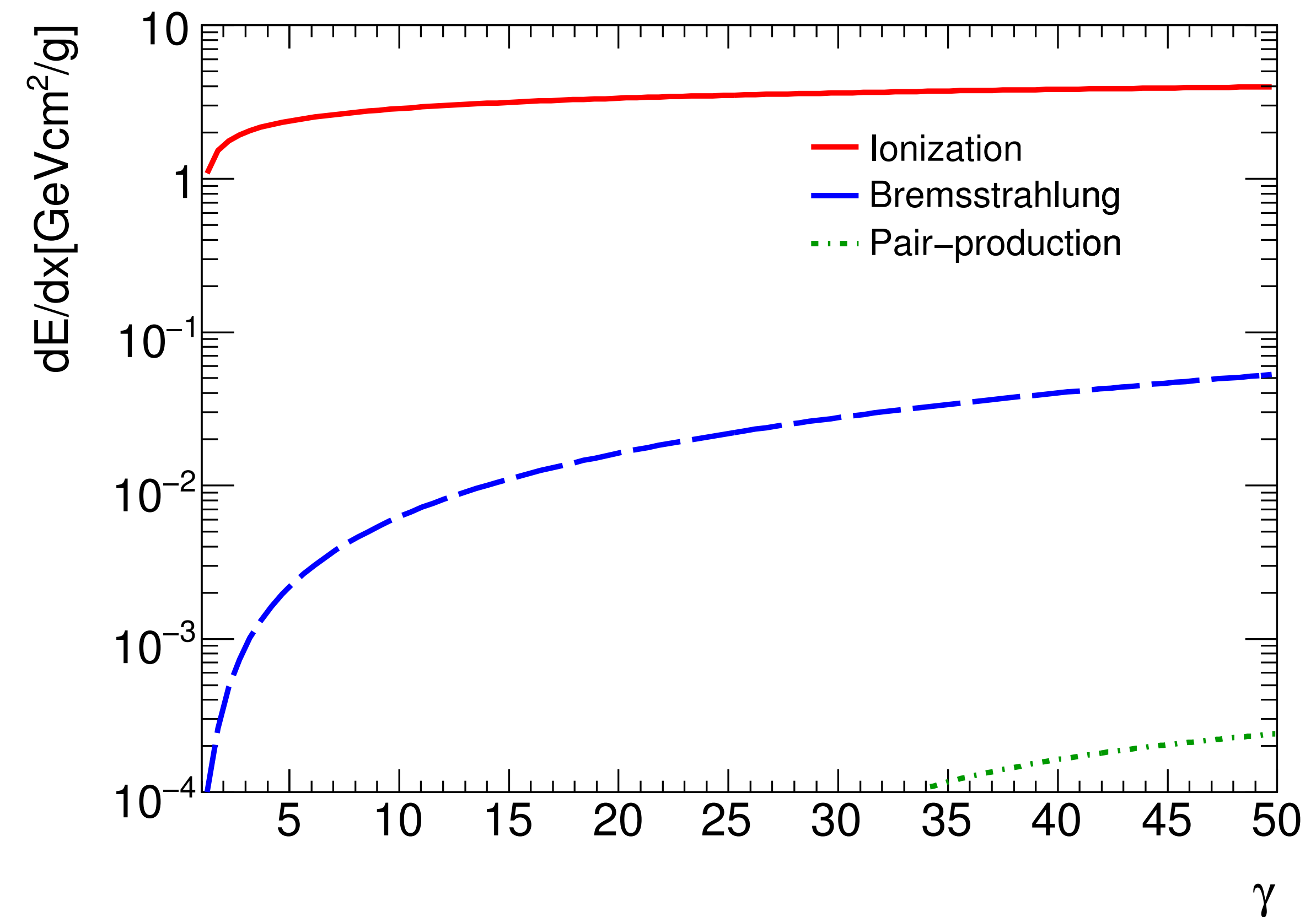
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi e^4 z^2 N_e}{m_e c^2 \beta^2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I} \right) - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} \right]$$

HECOs: Bethe-Bloch

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi e^2 g^2 N_e}{m_e c^2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I} \right) + \frac{k(g)}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\delta}{2} - B(g) \right]$$

Magnetic Monopoles: Bethe-Ahlen see Ahlen et al.

- Electrons in the presence of a magnetic monopole would experience an interaction proportional to  $g\beta$
- Bremsstrahlung energy losses go as  $1/M$ , where  $M$  is the mass of the monopole ( $\sim$ TeV)
- Pair production is less likely due to the kinematics of these monopoles ( $\gamma < 10$ )



Energy loss per unit distance as a function of the Lorentz factor for a  $1g_D$  1500 GeV monopole in LAr.



# BREMSSTRAHLUNG

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*Bremsstrahlung*

$$-\frac{dE_{rad}}{dx} = \frac{16NZ^2e^2g^4}{3\hbar mc^2}$$

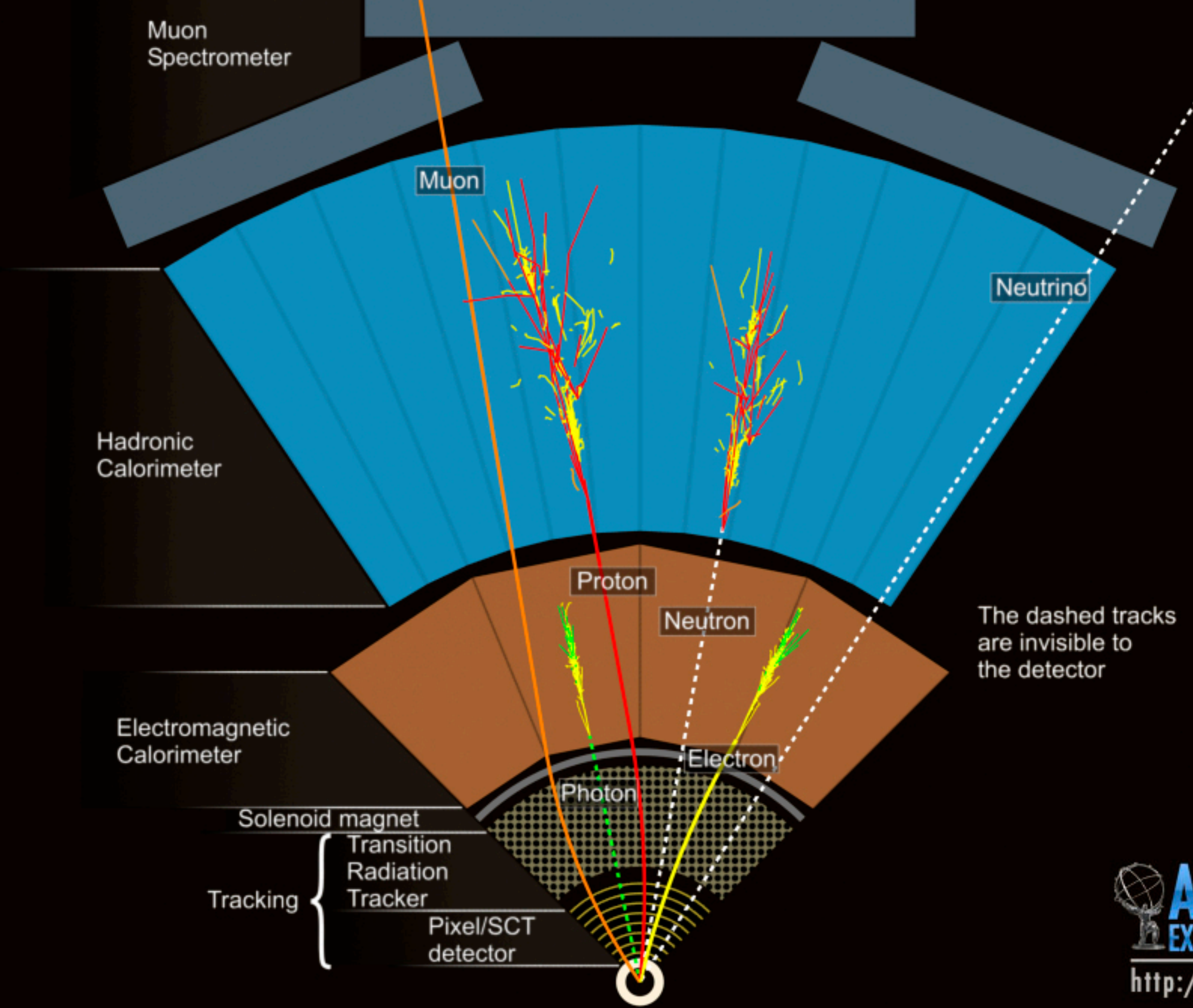
*Ionization*

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$$\frac{dE_{rad}}{dE_I} \approx \frac{4g^2Z}{3\pi\hbar c} \frac{m_e}{m} \approx 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{4g^2Z}{3\pi\hbar c} \approx 10^4$$

$$\frac{m_e}{m} \approx 10^{-7}$$



Muon Spectrometer

Muon

Neutrino

Hadronic Calorimeter

Proton

Neutron

The dashed tracks are invisible to the detector

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

Electron

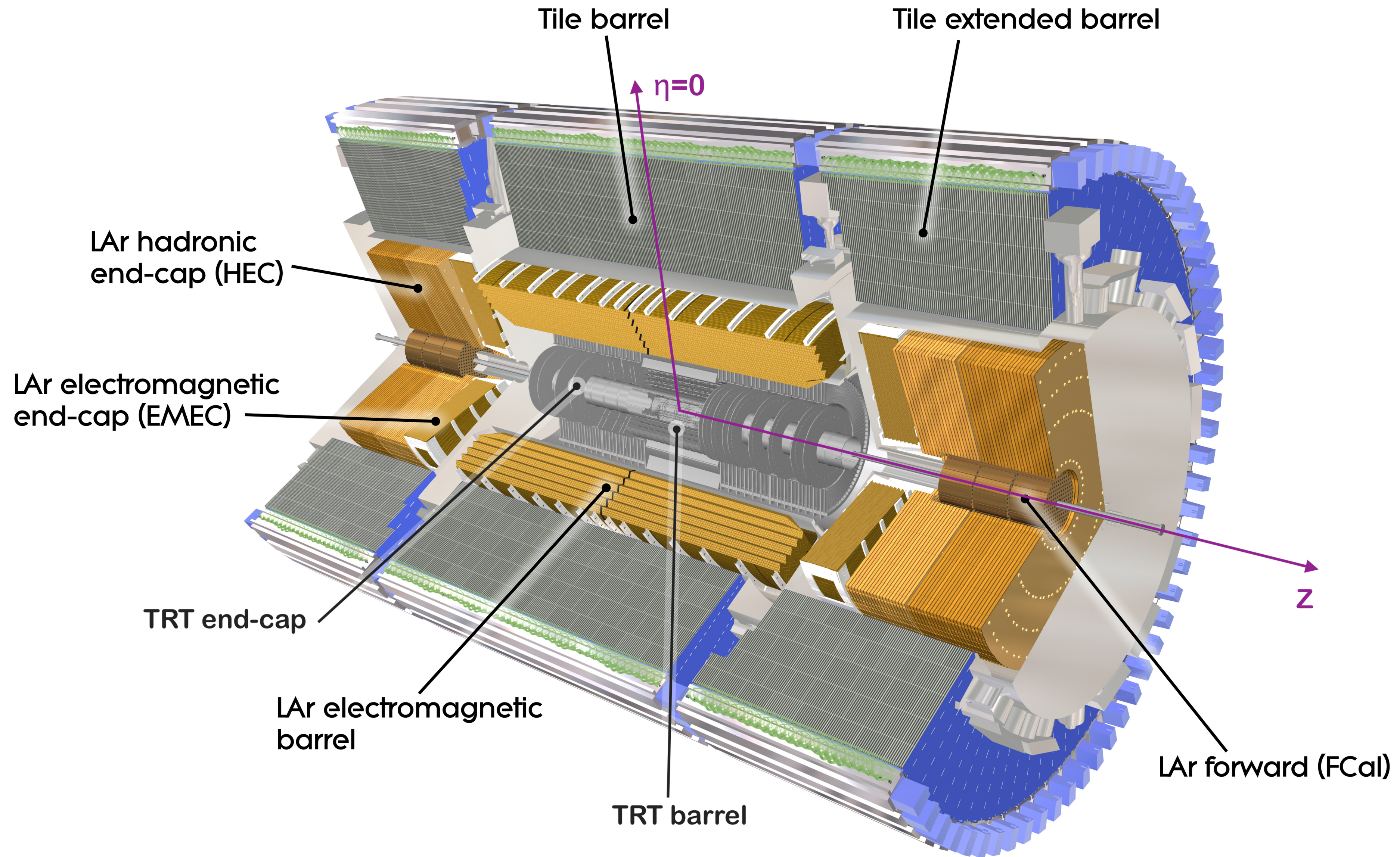
Photon

Solenoid magnet

Tracking {  
Transition Radiation Tracker

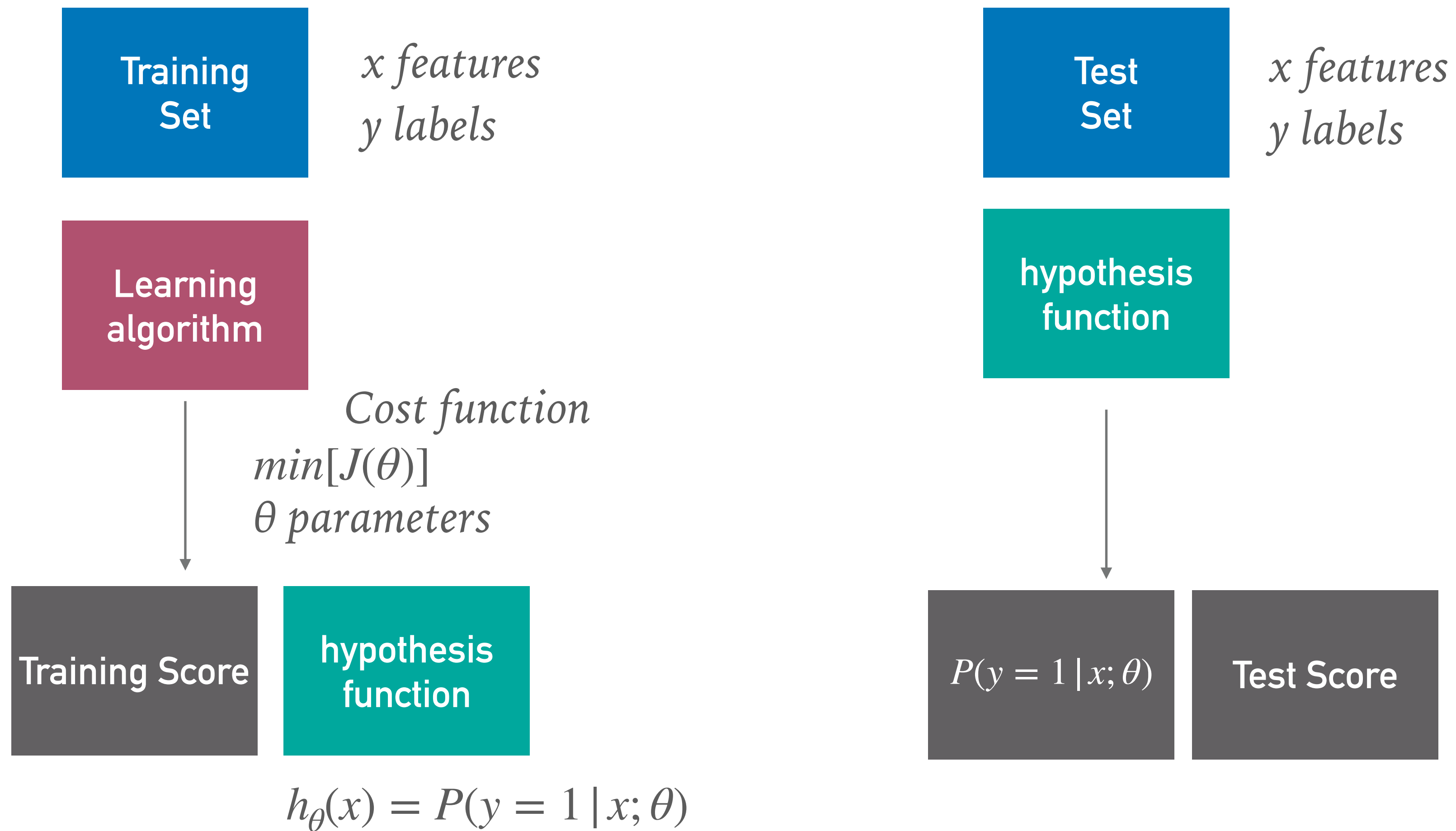
Pixel/SCT detector

ATLAS Experiment © 2008 CERN



# SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING

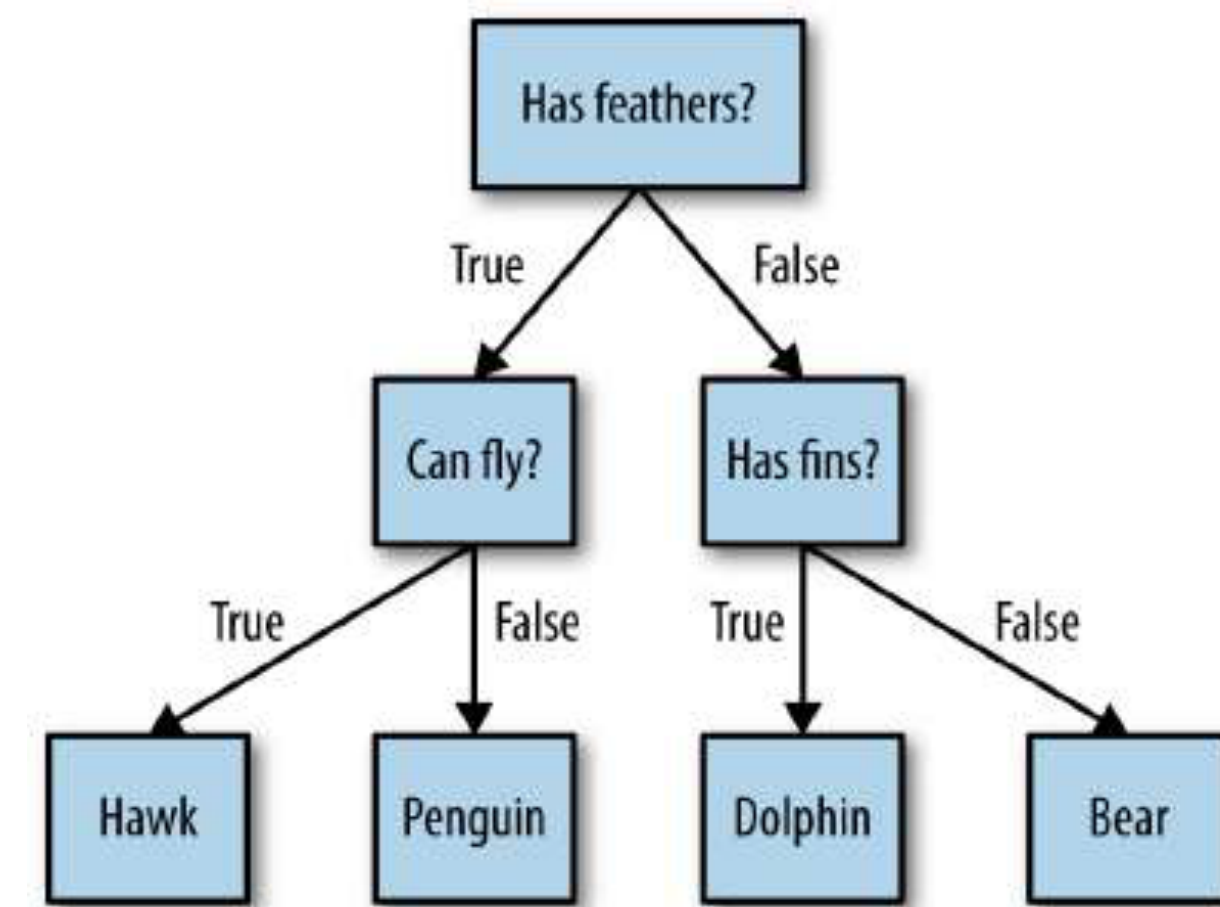
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# RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER

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- Classifiers learn hierarchy of *if/else* questions leading to a decision. These classifiers can be represented as decision trees
- Ensemble methods combine the prediction of one method to improve generalizability and robustness
  - averaging: independent training
  - boosting: sequential training
- **Random Forests** are an averaging method: the combination of the prediction of multiple individual decision trees introducing two sources of randomness:
  - Each tree has a random portion of the training data
  - Each tree "decides" based on a portion of the features
- The resulting predictions are averaged to reduce overfitting.



Decision Tree Classifier. Copyright ~2017 Sarah Guido, Andreas Müller.