



Searches for long-lived particles at CMS

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• Why searching for Long-Lived particles ?

• Predicted by many BSM models:

- Split SUSY, GMSB, AMSB, pMSSM, Hidden Valley, RPV SUSY, UED, ...
- Long lifetime because of a new symmetry conservation or small decay phase space

• Escape all constrained from prompt particles searches

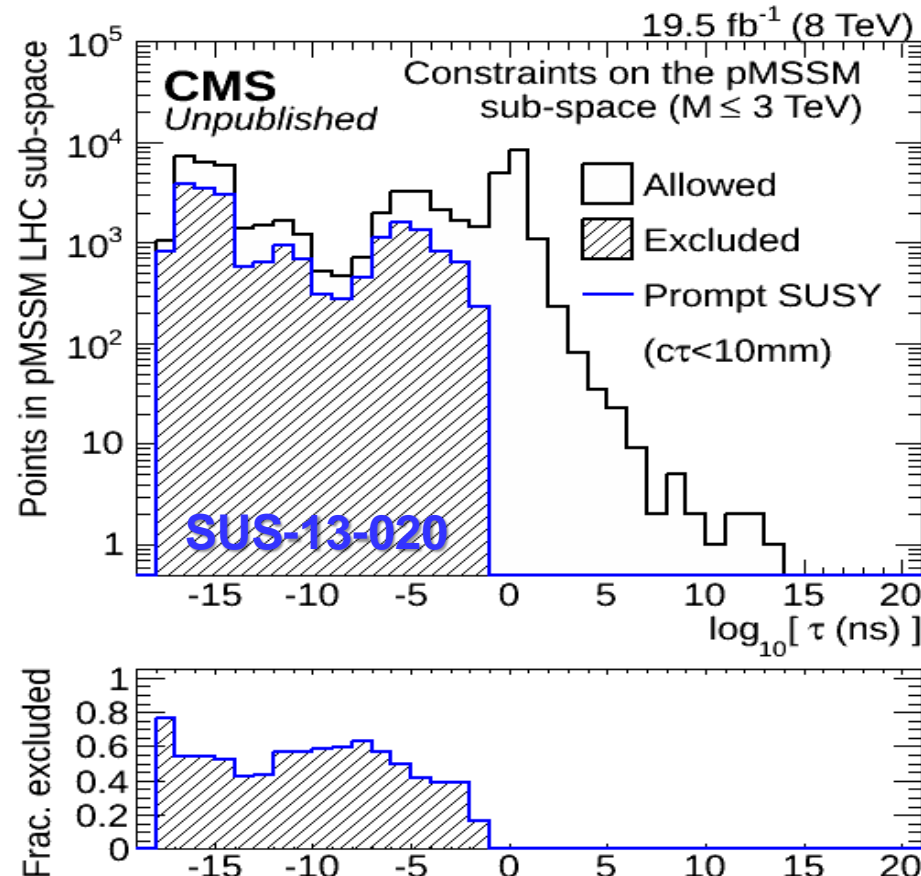
- May explain why SUSY was not yet discovered at the LHC ☺

• Who knows what BSM looks like

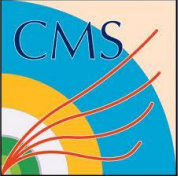
- Model independent searches

• Example with the pMSSM

27% of pMSSM points have the NLSP with $c\tau > 1\text{cm}$...
Completely unconstrained by prompt searches



**Each entry correspond to a point in the 19D pMSSM parameter space
 → each point is a model**



- **Stable or Long lifetime ($c\tau > \sim 1\text{m}$)**

- Stopped particles **New**

[arXiv:1501.05603](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.05603)

- Long-Lived charged particles (HSCP) **New**

[JHEP 07 \(2013\) 122](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.122)

+ [arXiv:1502.02522](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.02522)

- **Short lifetime ($c\tau < \sim 1\text{m}$)**

- Disappearing Tracks **New**

[arXiv:1411.6006](https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.6006)

- Displaced Leptons **New**

[arXiv:1411.6977](https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.6977)

- Displaced Photons **Not shown here**

[j.physletb.2013.04.027](https://arxiv.org/abs/1304.027)

- Displaced Jets **New**

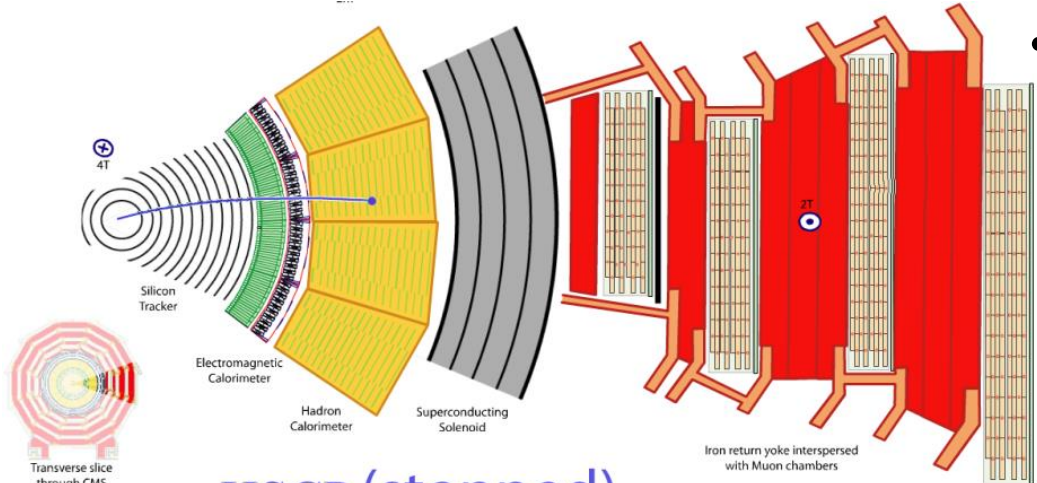
[arXiv:1411.6530](https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.6530)

- Two Displaced e/ μ leptons **New**

[arXiv:1409.4789](https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.4789)

Many new results... but only 15' to described them...

I won't go into the details of the analyses but just flash the results



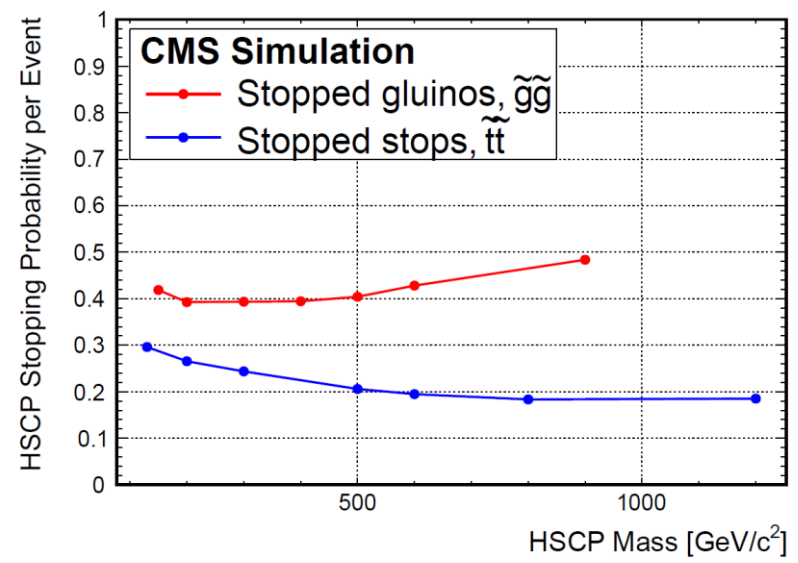
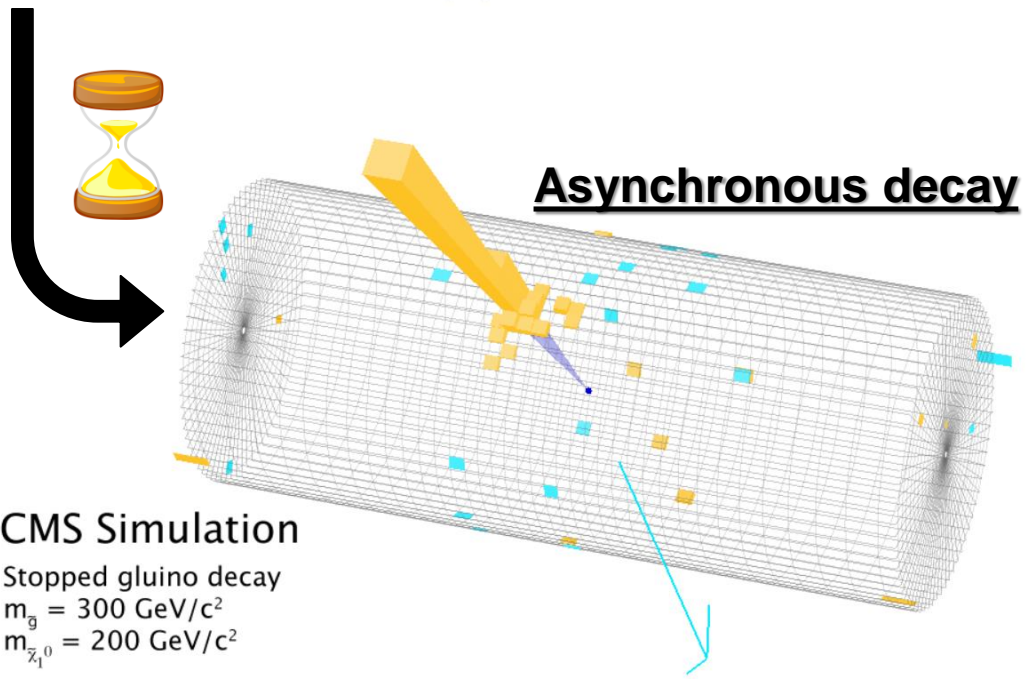
--- HSCP (stopped)

Stopped HSCP Signature

- Energetic cluster in calorimeter coming from the decay of a stopped particle

$$\tilde{g} \rightarrow g\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \text{ or } \tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

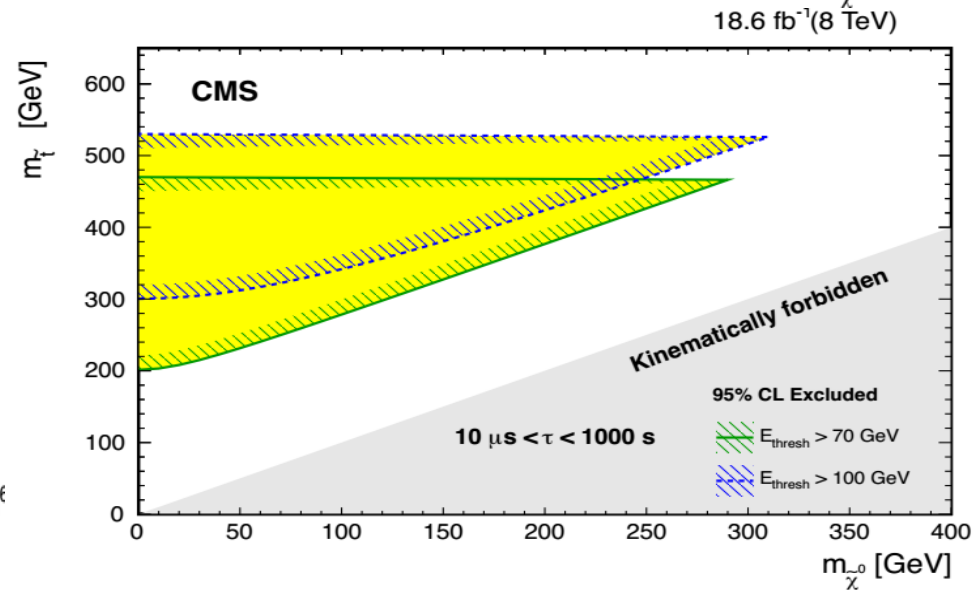
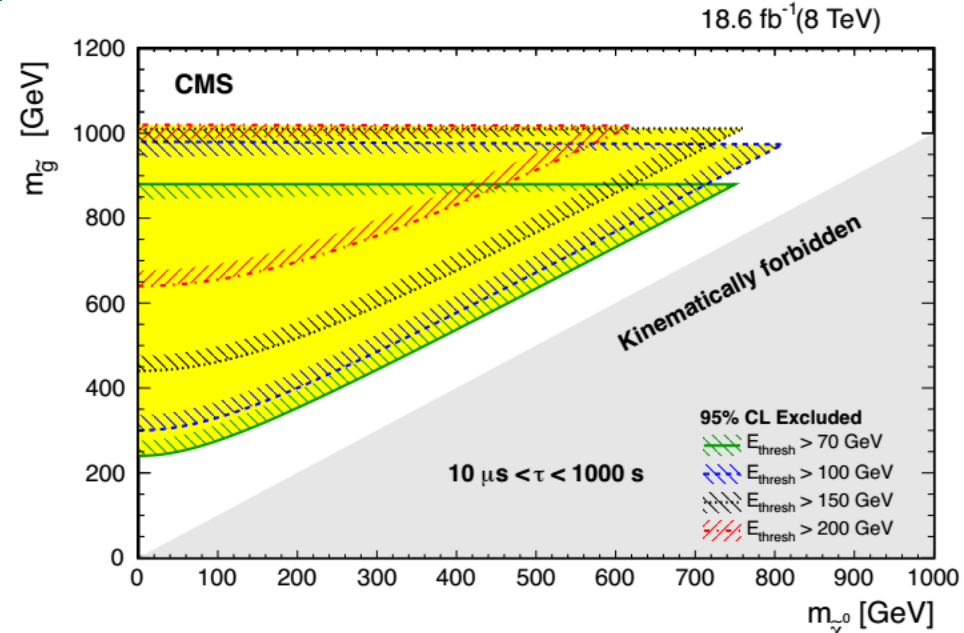
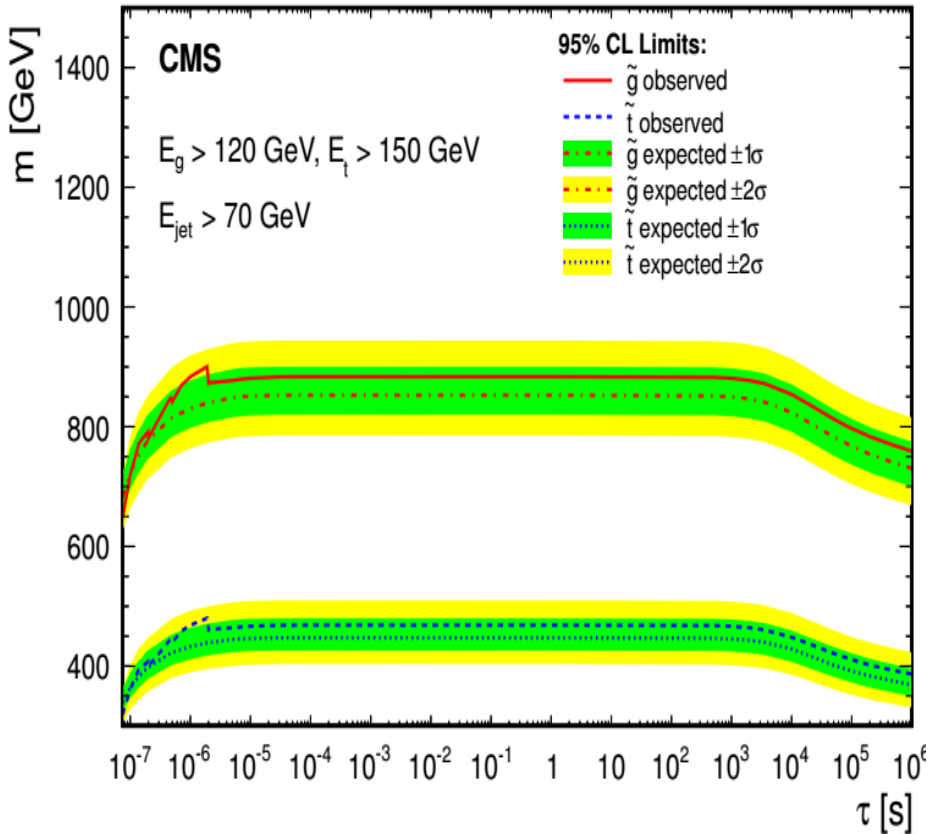
- Asynchronous
→ No p-p collisions produced
- Backgrounds: cosmics, beam halo instrumental (noise) backgrounds



Constraints are set on stops/gluinos over 13 order of magnitudes in the lifetime

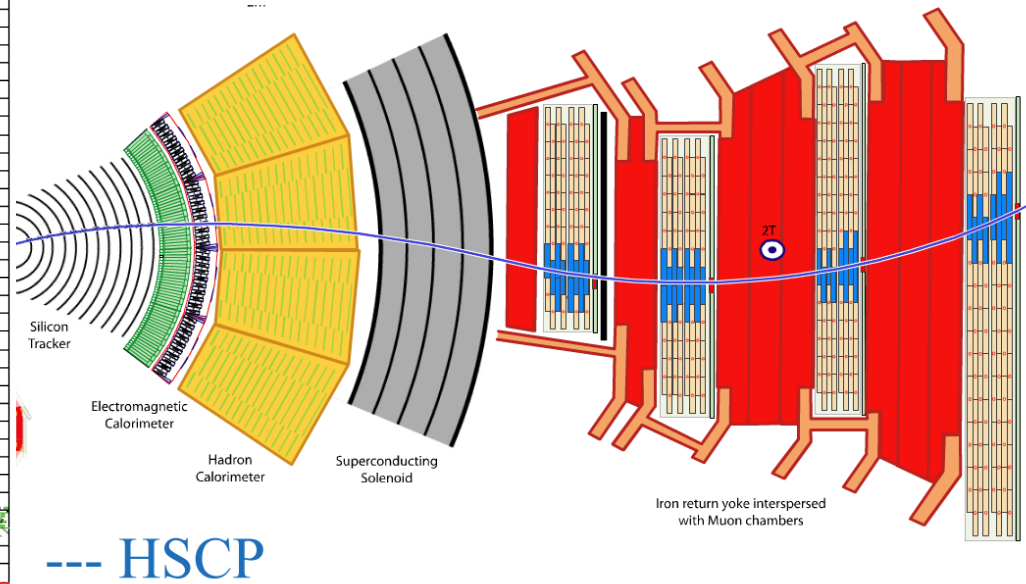
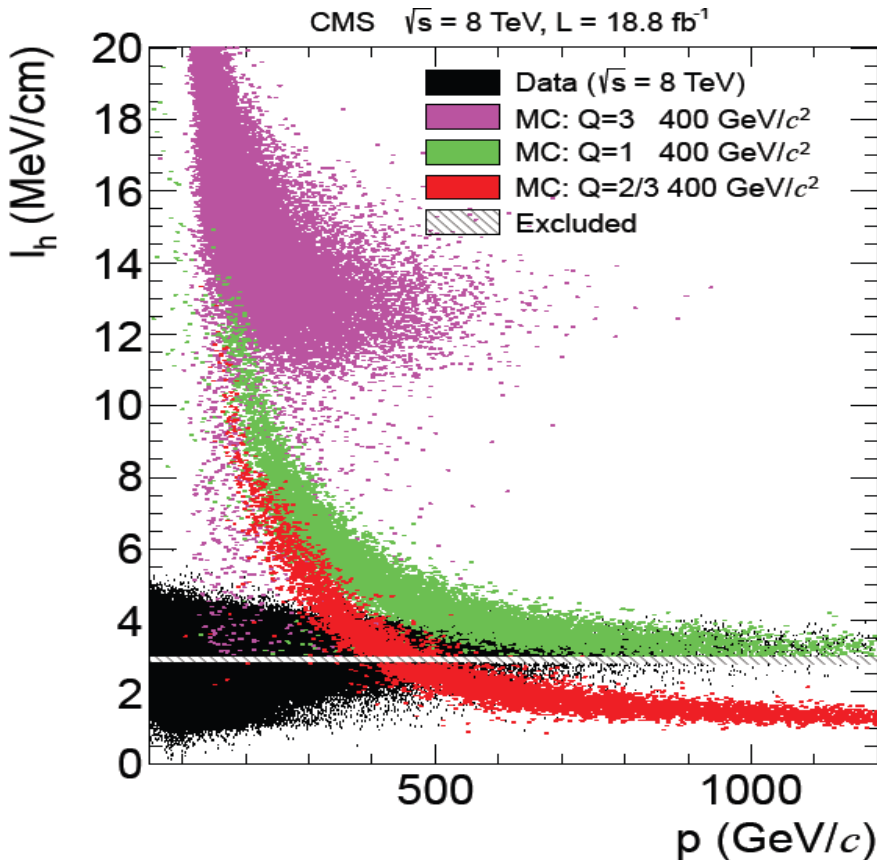
Model independent limits provided for different jet pT thresholds.

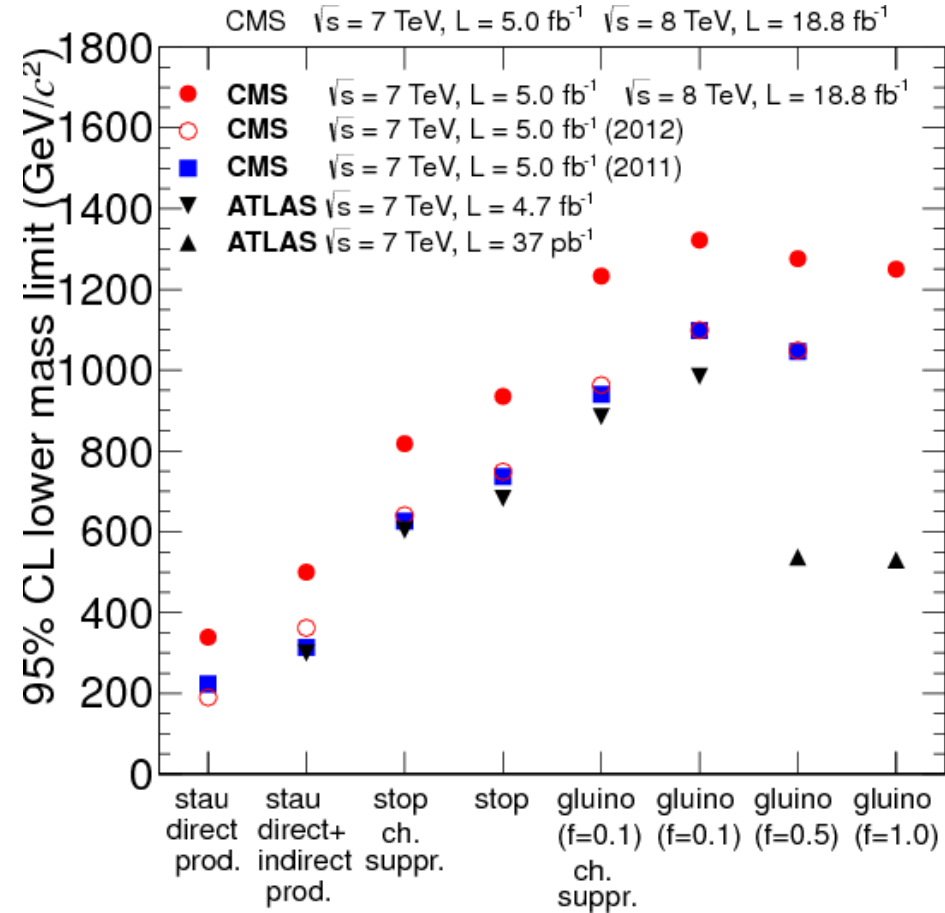
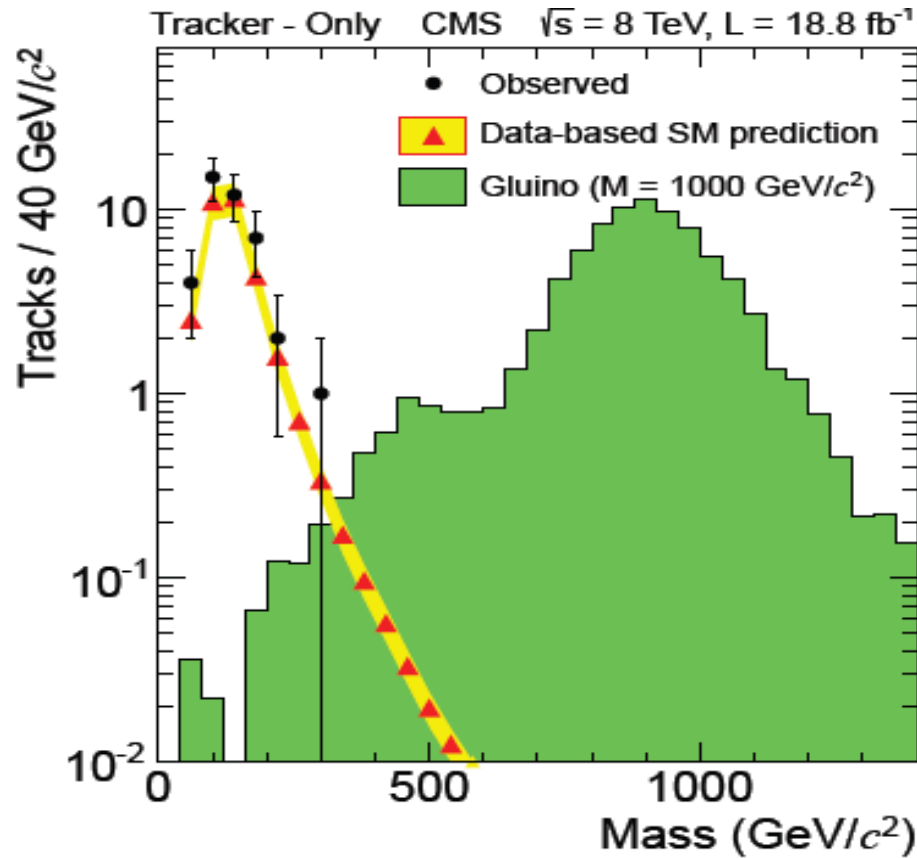
18.6 fb⁻¹(8 TeV)



High p_T Track with low velocity

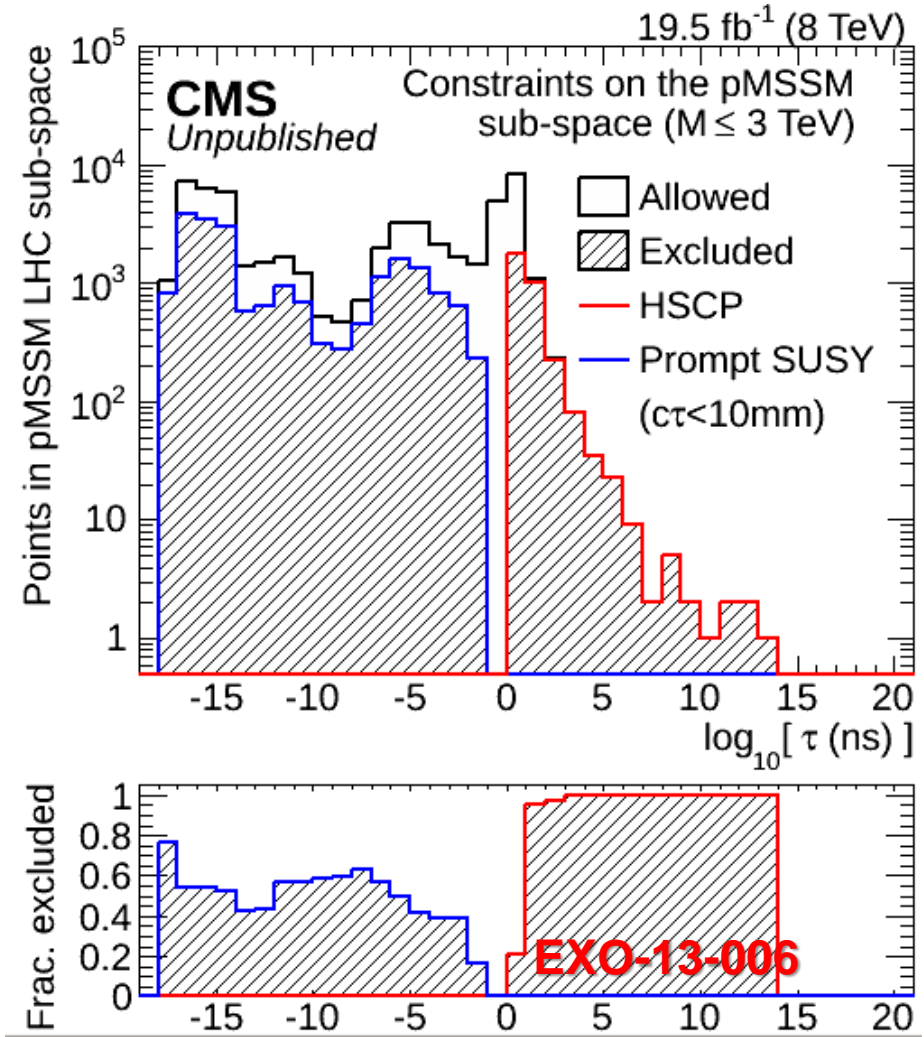
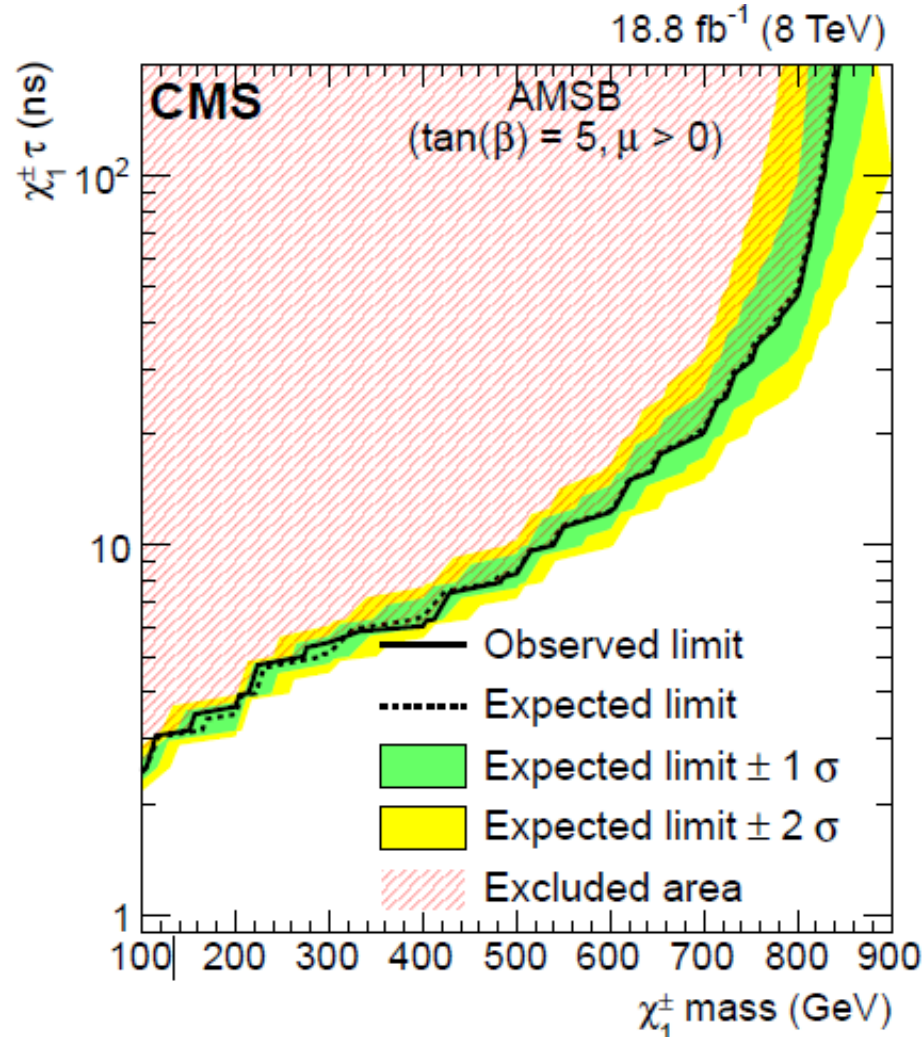
- Signature : Muon or Tracker track with **high p_T** and **high dE/dx** and **long TOF**
- Sensitivity : long-lived (**$c\tau > \sim 1m$**) particles with **$e/3 < |Q| < 8e$**
 - **Stops, Gluinos, Staus, Charginos, other species of leptons**





- Best limits to date on several long-lived particle classes
- $M_{\text{Gluino}} > 1322 \text{ GeV}$, $M_{\text{Stop}} > 935 \text{ GeV}$
- First CMS limits on gluino fully hadronizing into gluino balls ($f=100\%$).
- Many more results in [arXiv: 1305.0491](https://arxiv.org/abs/1305.0491)

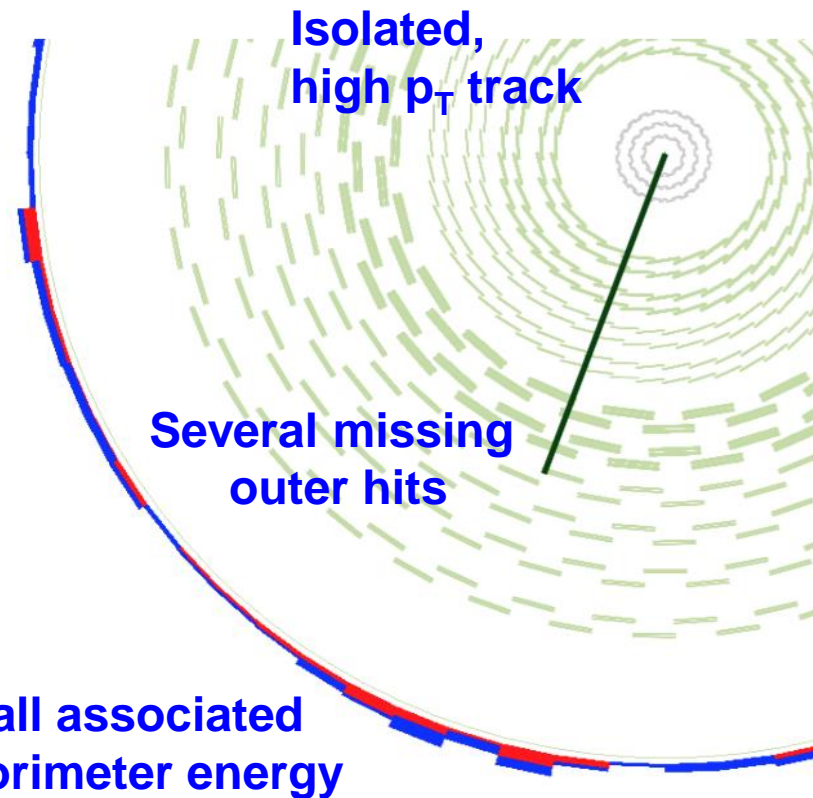
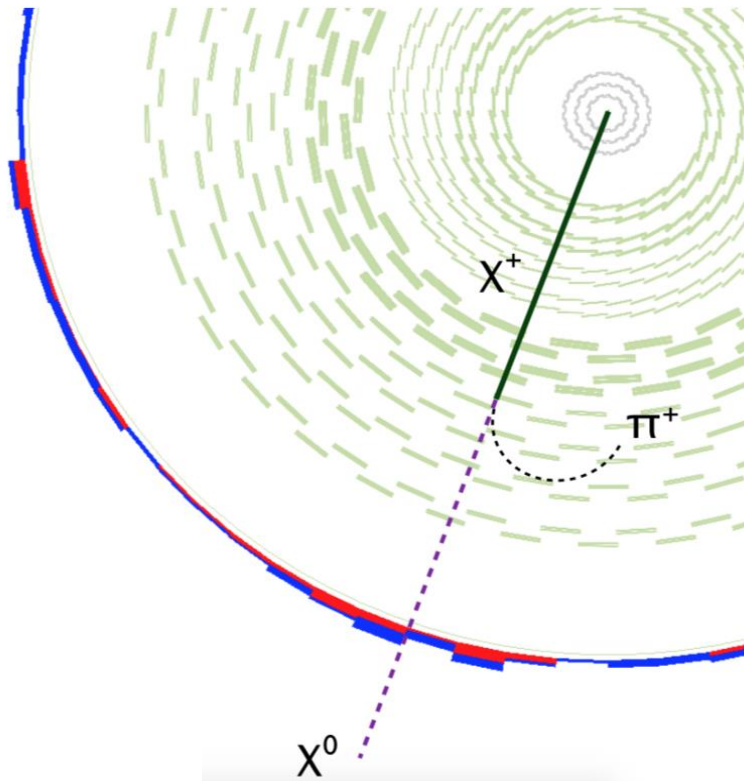
- A fast technique to estimate the CMS sensitivity to LL particles in other BSM models was developed and used to constrained AMSB and pMSSM models
- 96% of pMSSM points with $\tau > 10\text{ns}$ are excluded



AMSB SUSY predicts nearly degenerate neutralino and chargino: $\Delta M \approx 100\text{-}200 \text{ MeV}$
 → Chargino is long-lived and decays to neutralino and a very soft pion

Disappearing High p_T Track

- **Signature** : tracker track with **high p_T** and **missing outer hits** and **small E_{calo}**
- **Backgrounds** : **fake tracks, kinked tracks (bremsstrahlung and nucl. int)**



Small associated calorimeter energy

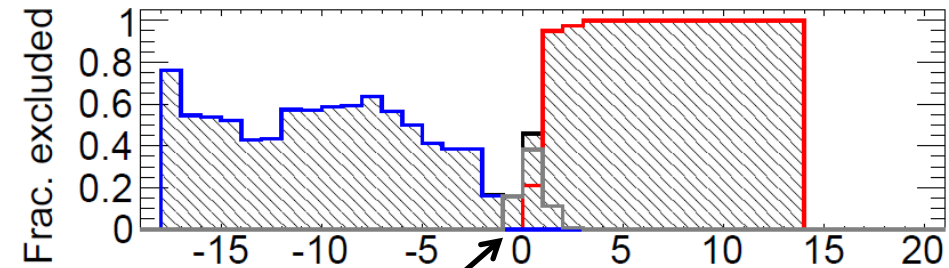
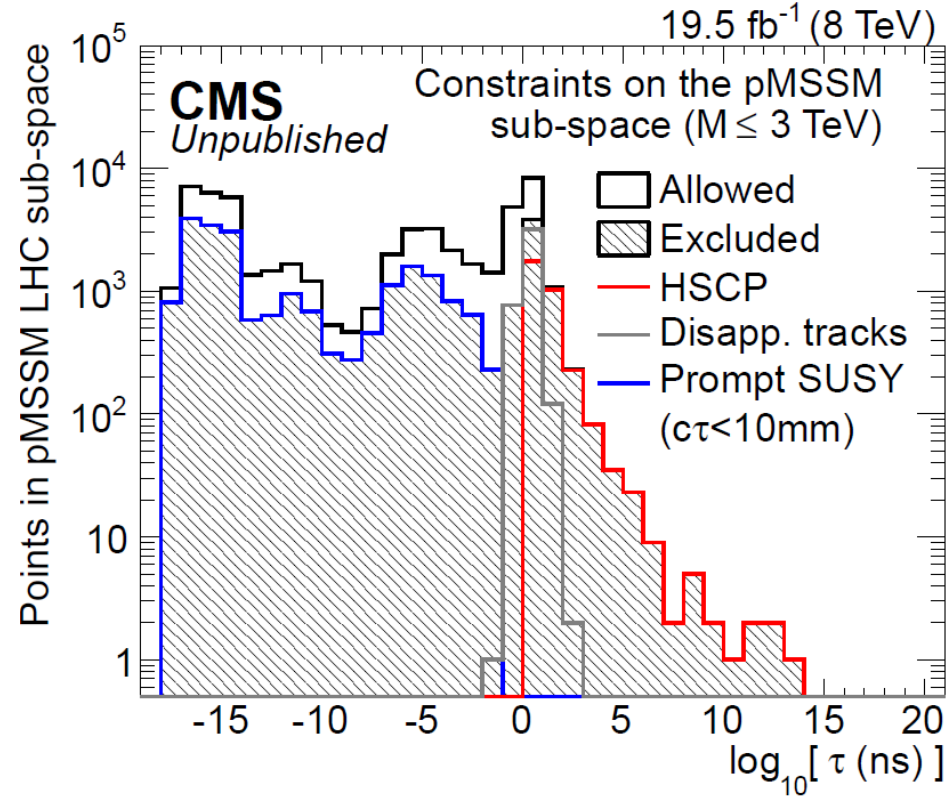
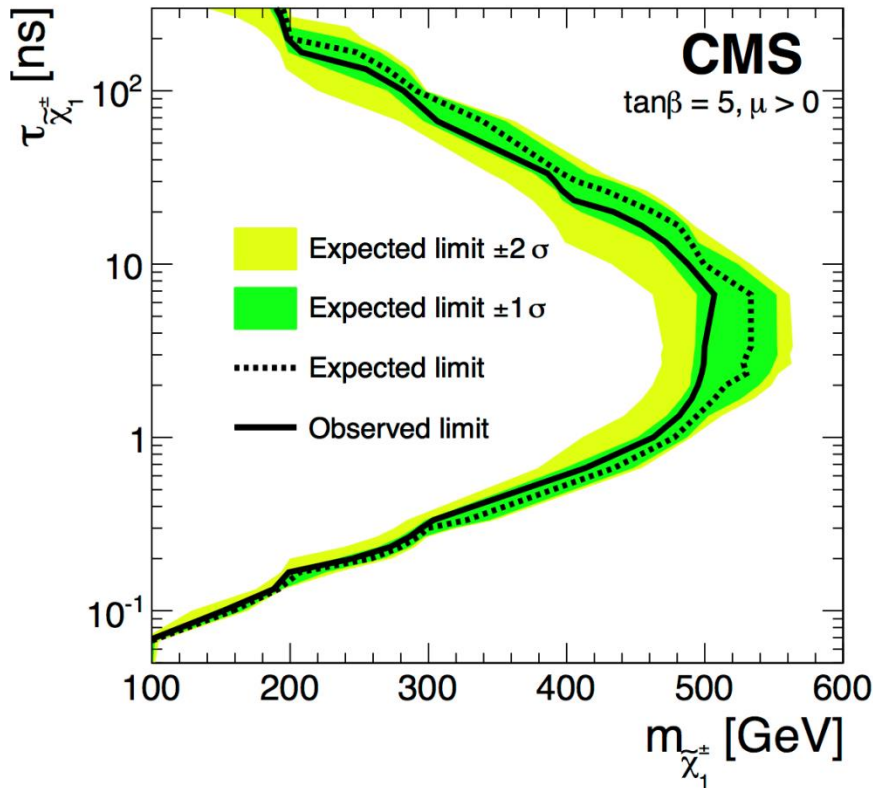
AMSB models with a chargino mass less than 260 GeV, corresponding to a mean proper lifetime of 0.2 ns are excluded

Start filling the gap in pMSSM too

19.5 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV)

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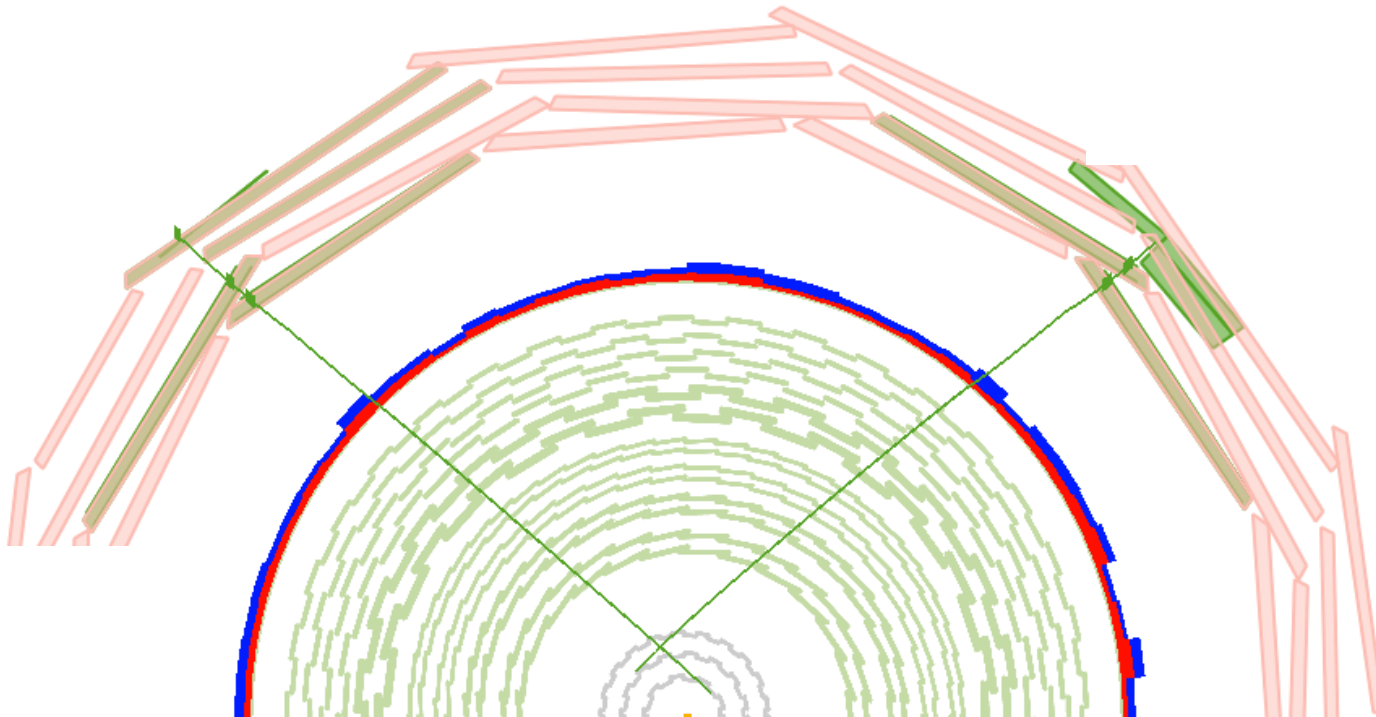
tanβ = 5, μ > 0



Still a gap to fill for intermediates lifetimes

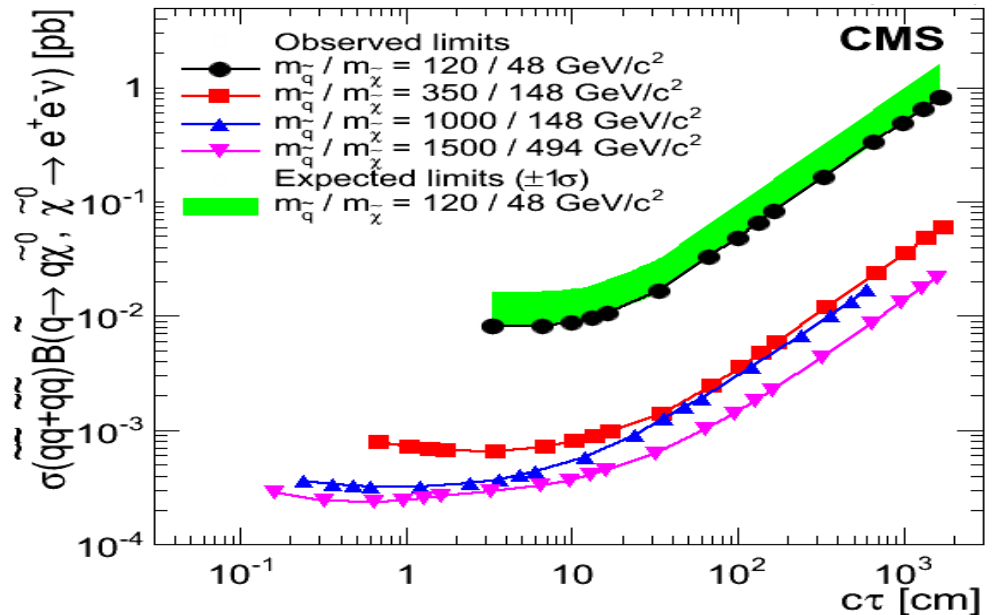
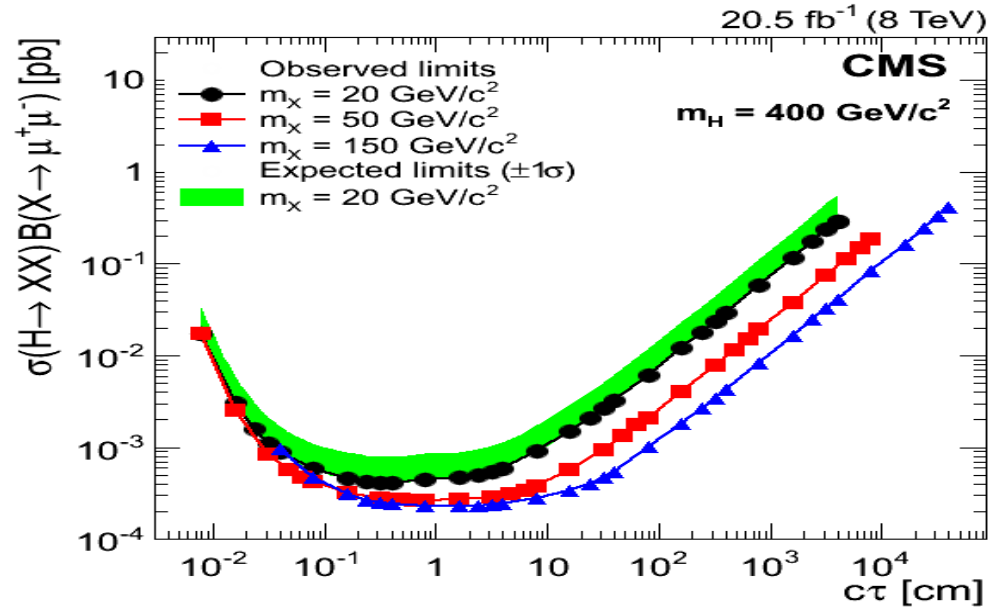
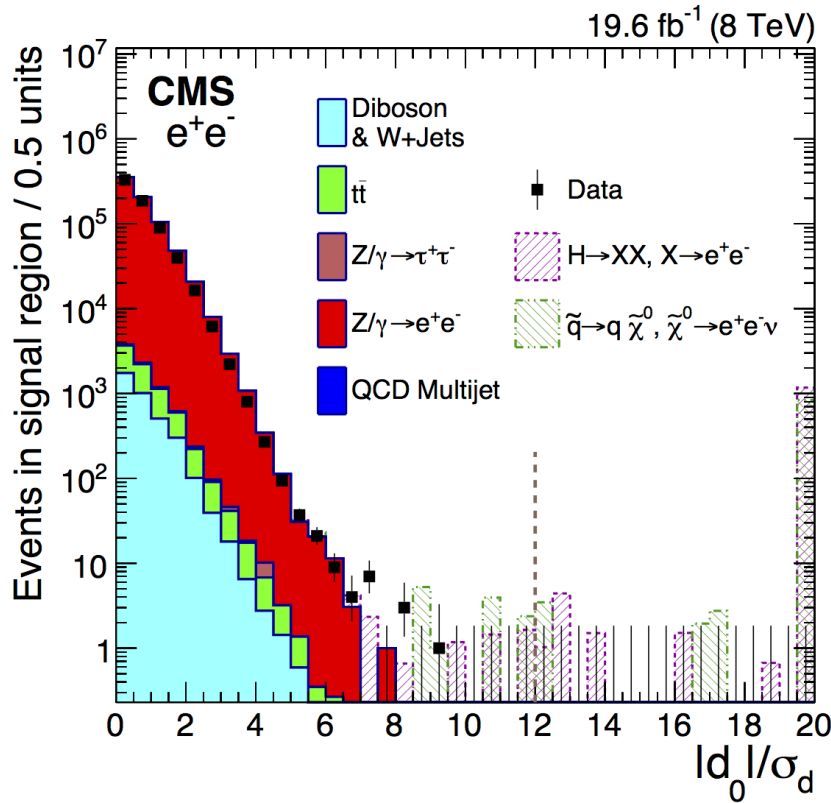
Displaced pair of leptons (ee or $\mu\mu$)

- **Signature** : Displaced vertex \rightarrow use the significance of the displacement
- **Backgrounds** : fake tracks, nuclear interactions, ...
- **Signal benchmark** : **RPV SUSY:** $\tilde{q} \rightarrow (q)\tilde{\chi}^0 \rightarrow \ell\ell\nu$
and h or $H \rightarrow XX$, $X \rightarrow \ell\ell$ where X is long-lived
 (this totally espaces limits from $BR(H \rightarrow \text{Invisible})$)



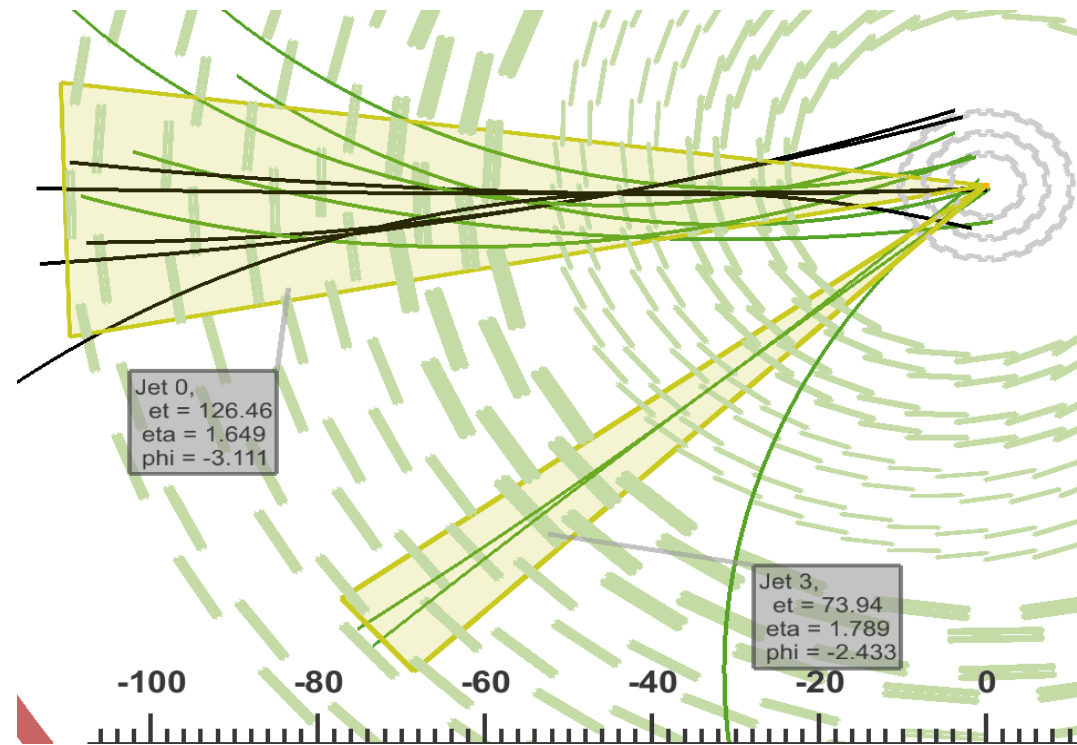
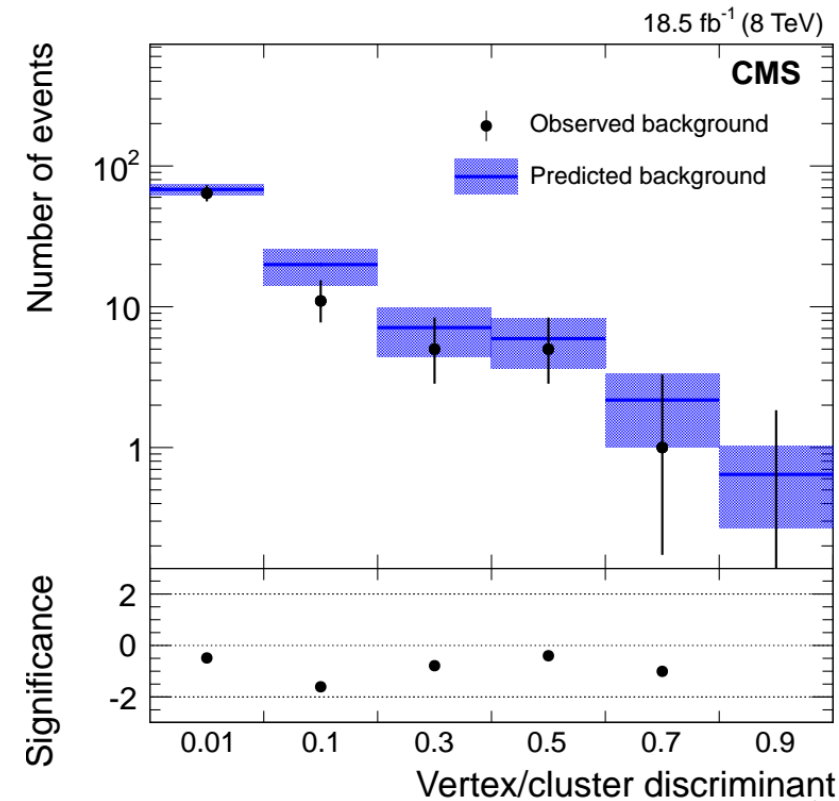
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As model independent as possible...

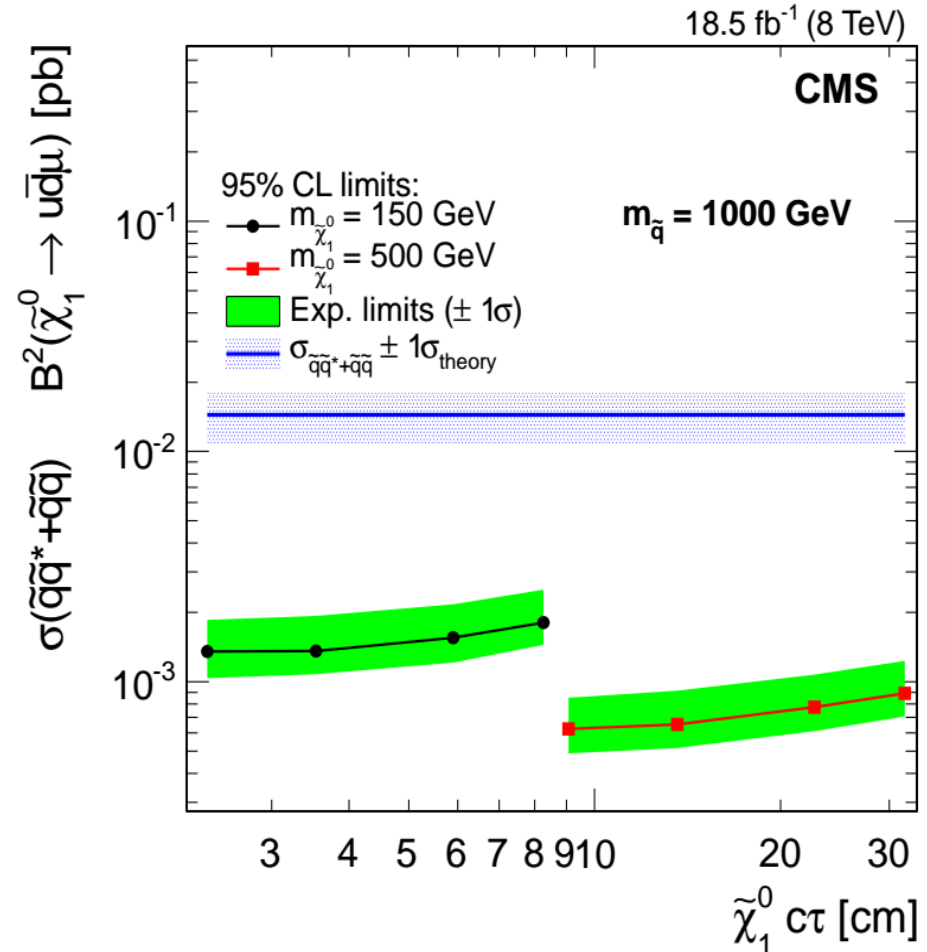
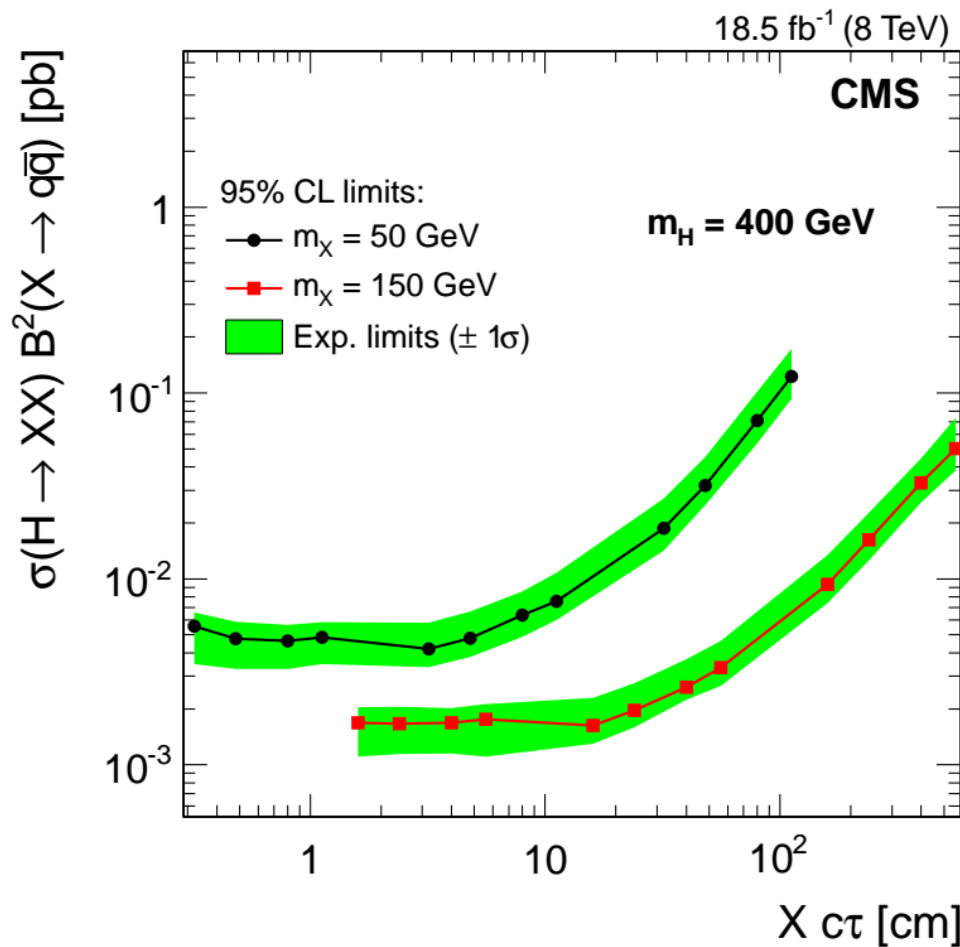


Displaced pair of jets

- **Signature** : Displaced vertex → use a vertex discriminant for S/B separation
- **Signal benchmark** : **RPV SUSY: neutralino → u d v**
and **H → XX, X → qq** where X is long-lived

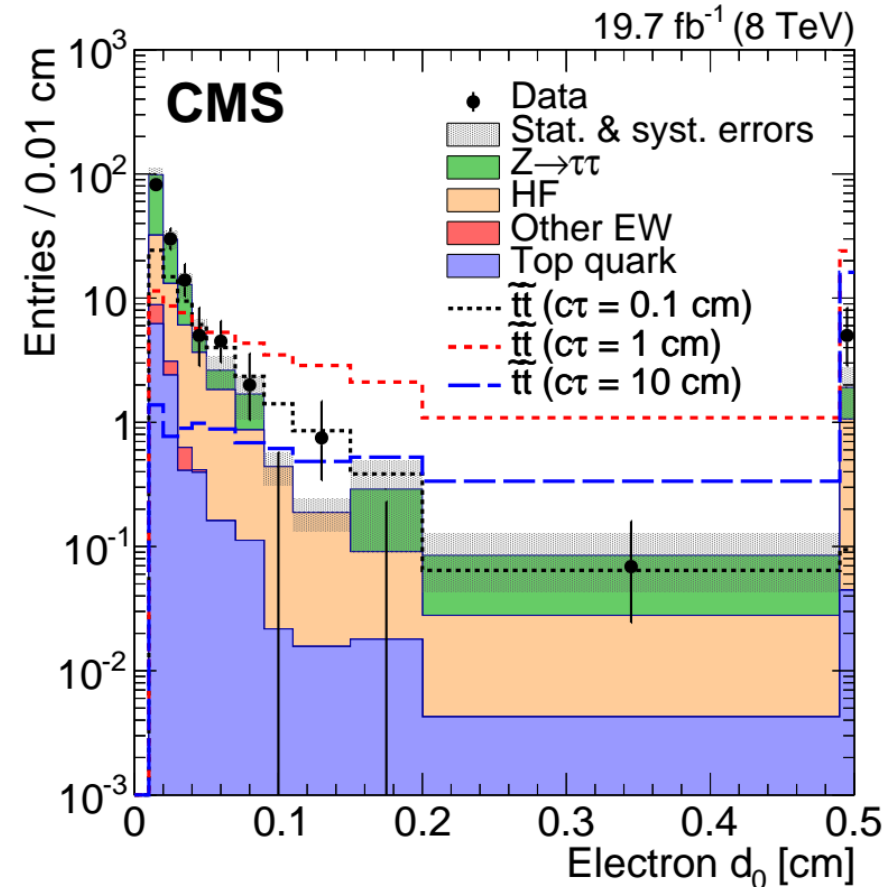
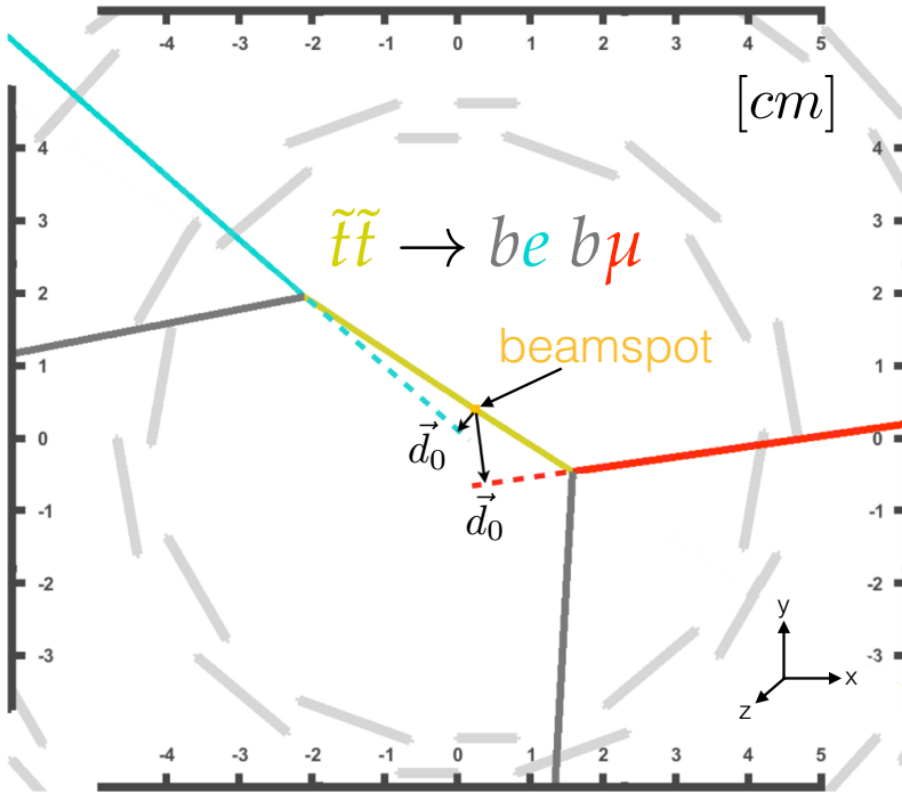


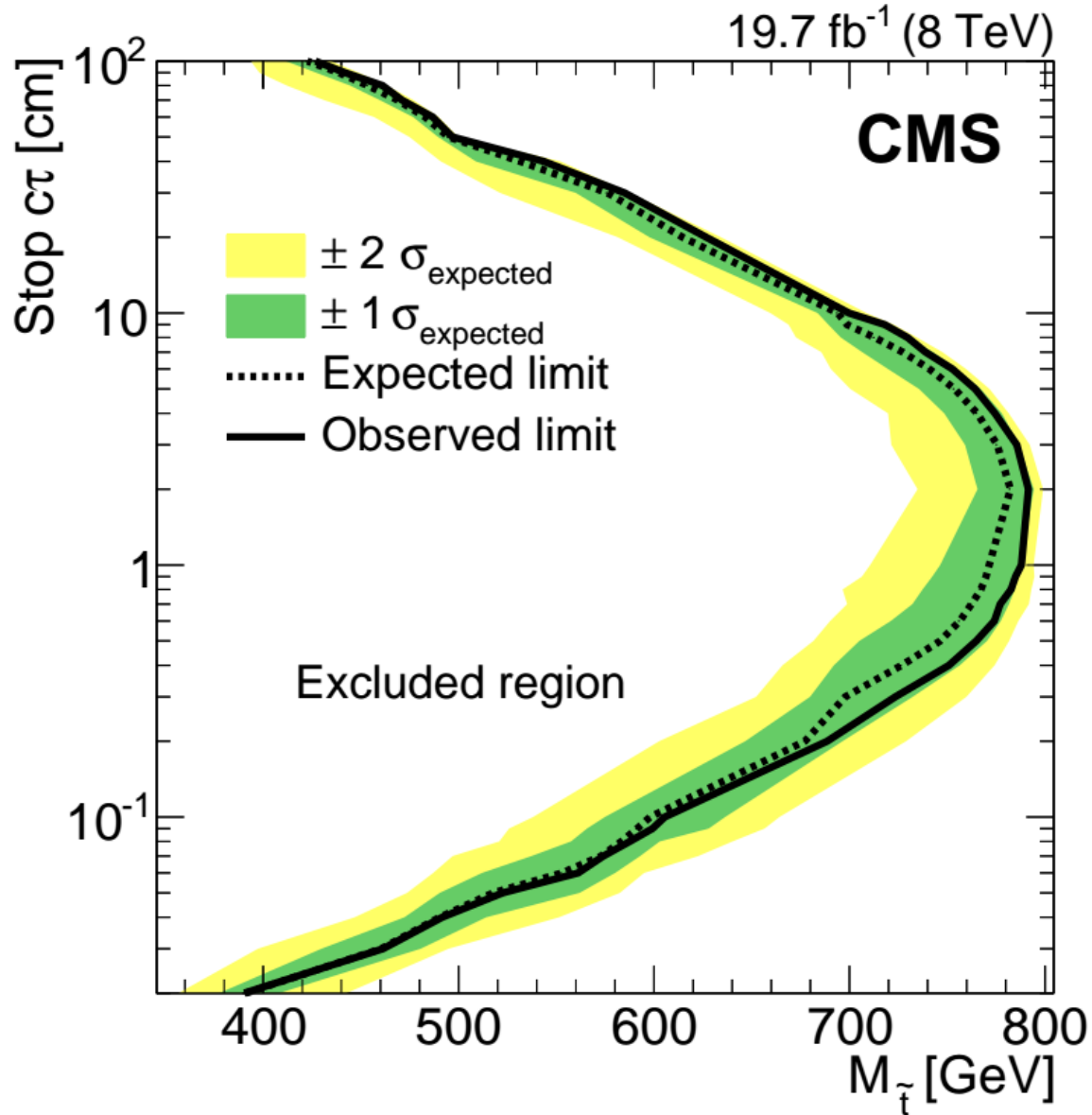
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- **Signature** : electron and muons originating from two displaced vertex
focus on displacement from $200\mu\text{m}$ to 2 cm
- **Signal benchmark** : $\text{stop stop} \rightarrow \text{eb } \mu\text{b}$
- **Backgrounds**: $\text{tau leptons and Heavy flavor quarks (b/c)}$

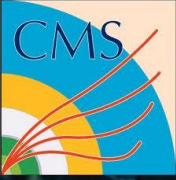
CMS Simulation





- **CMS has a strong research program for Long-lived particles**
- **A large variety of signatures have been used,**
 - **Stopped objects** (in calorimeters)
 - **Special tracks** (dE/dx, TOF, missing hits)
 - **Displaced objects** (photons, leptons and jets)
- **Constrains set on a large variety of models**
 - **Split SUSY, GMSB, AMSB, pMSSM, Hidden Valey, RPV SUSY, etc...**
- **Model independent results**
 - **For most case, we provide techniques to evaluate the acceptance of the CMS analyses to other BSM models**
- **More details, plots and results on**

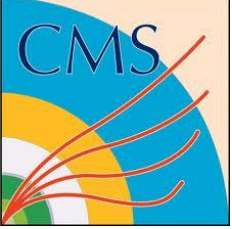
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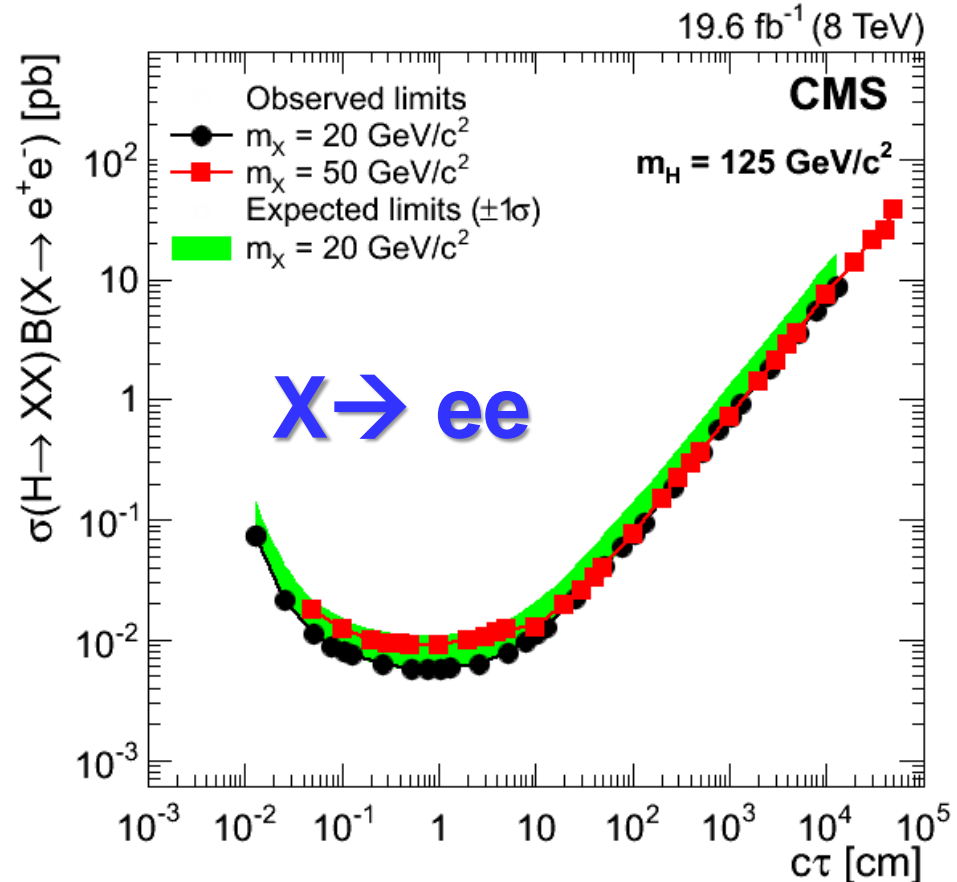
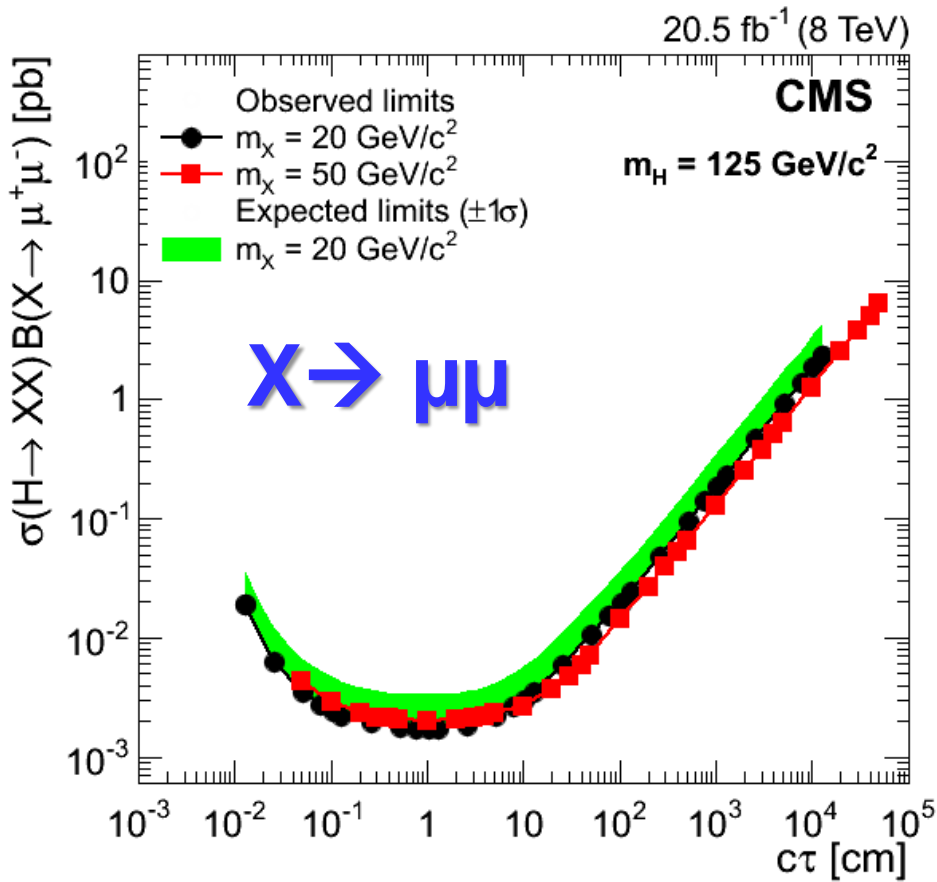
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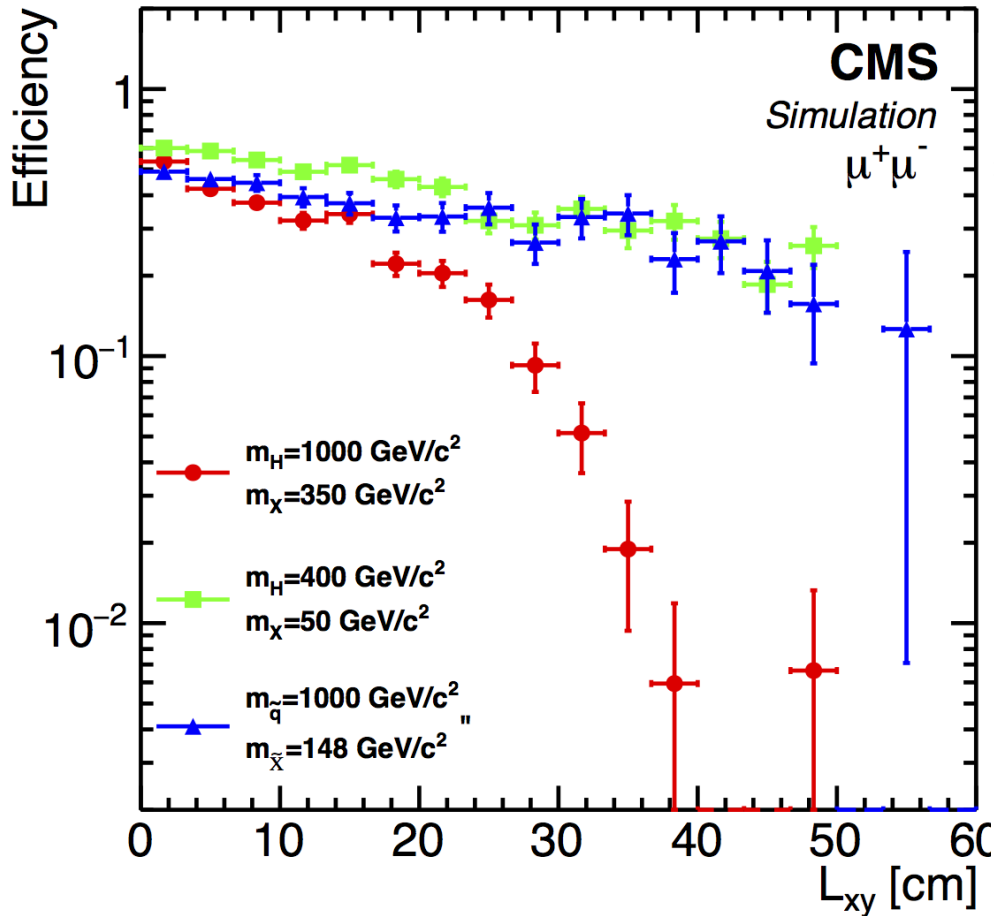


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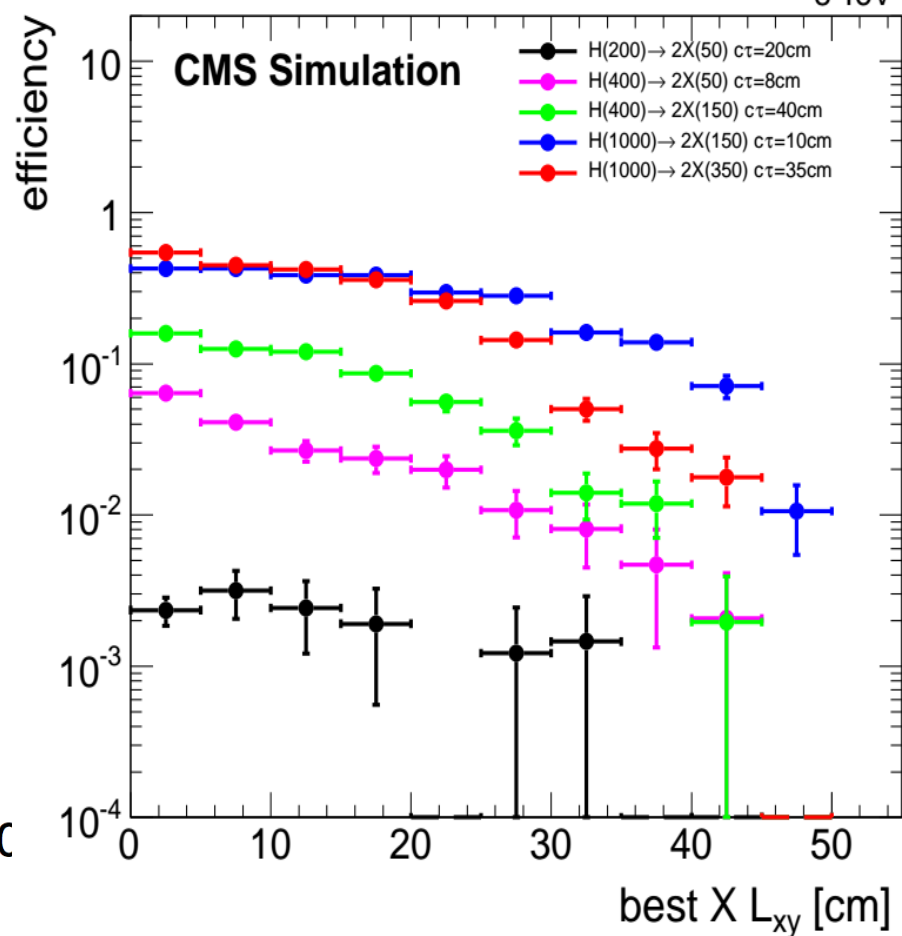


Backups





$X \rightarrow \mu\mu$



$X \rightarrow qq$