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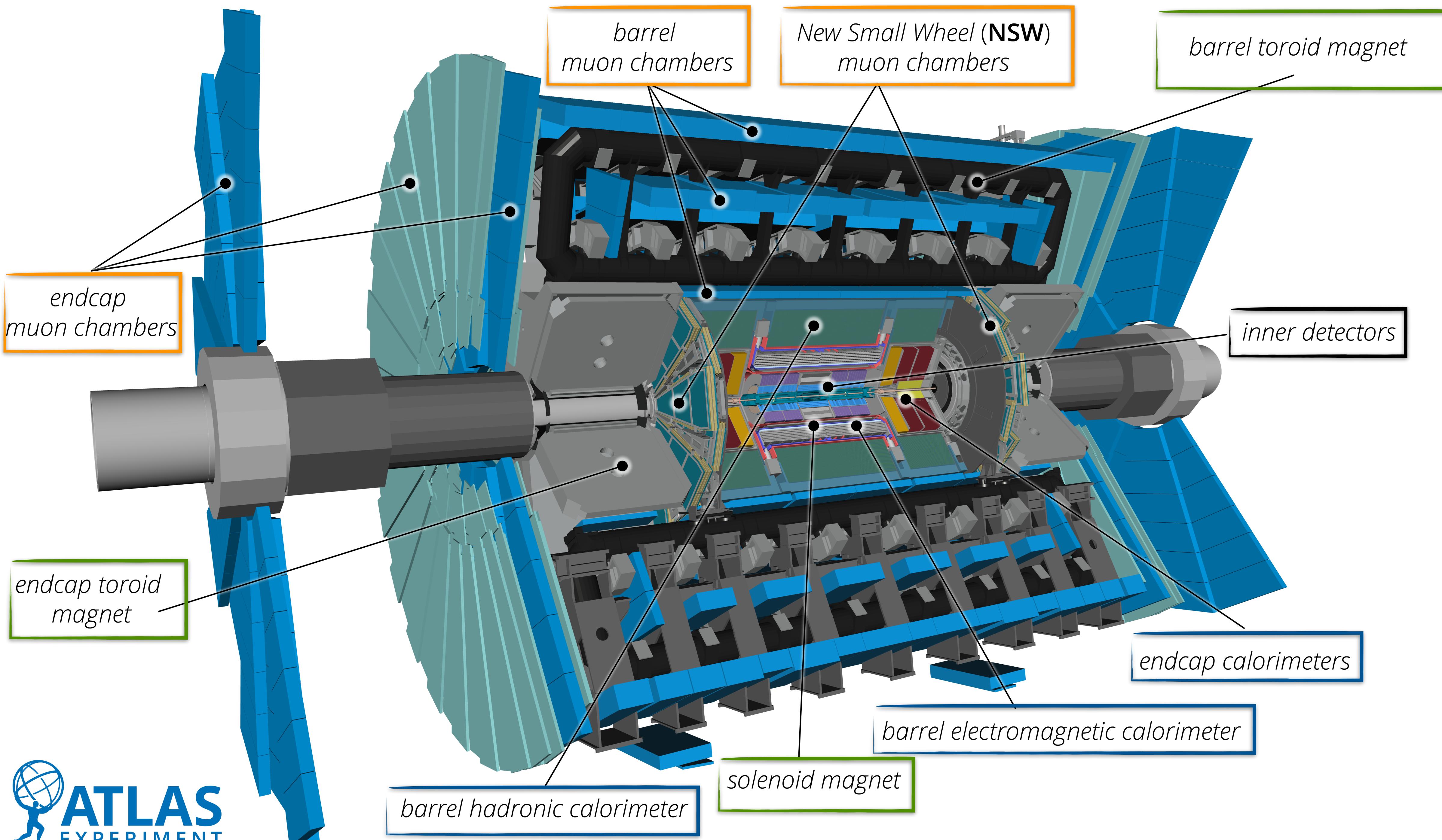
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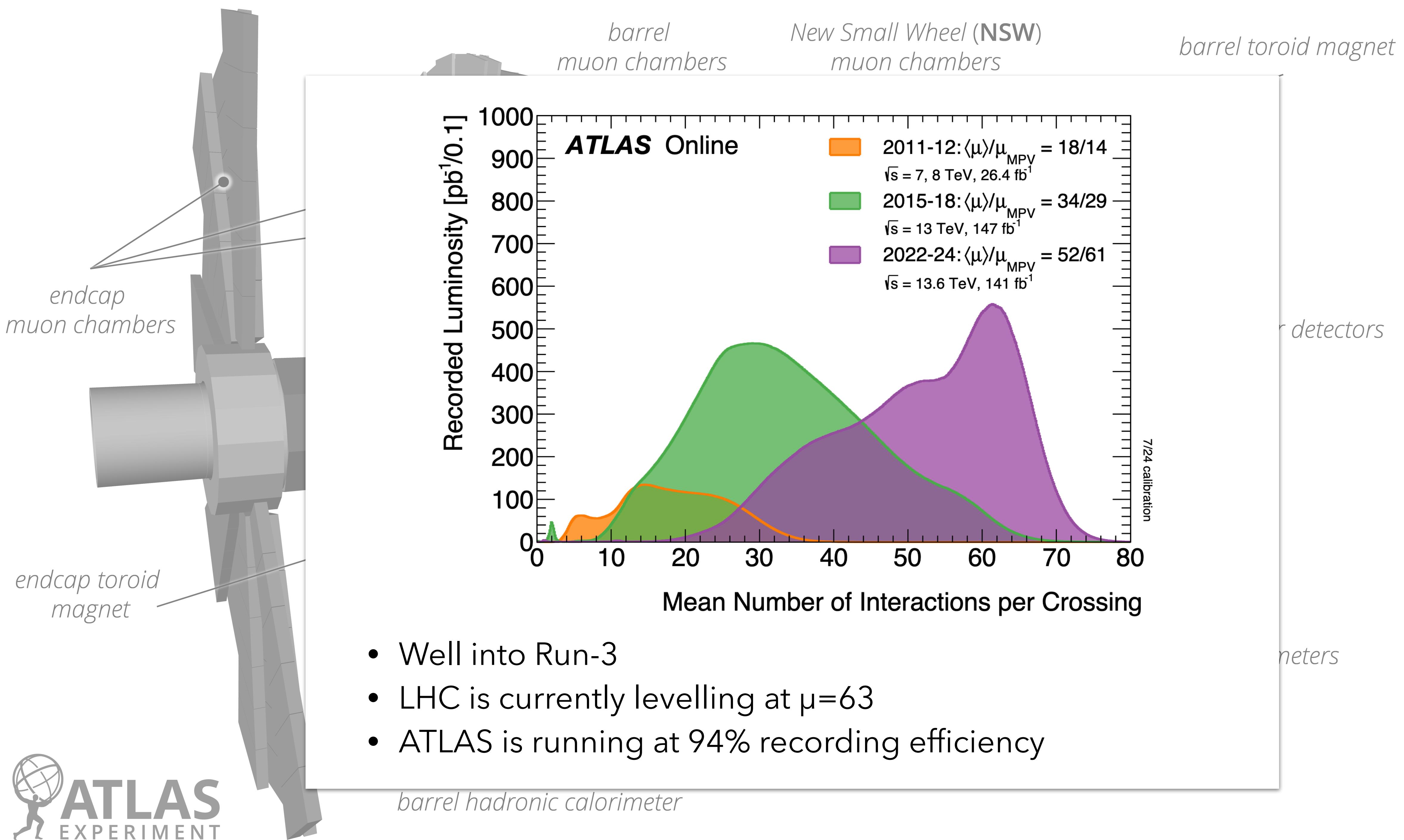
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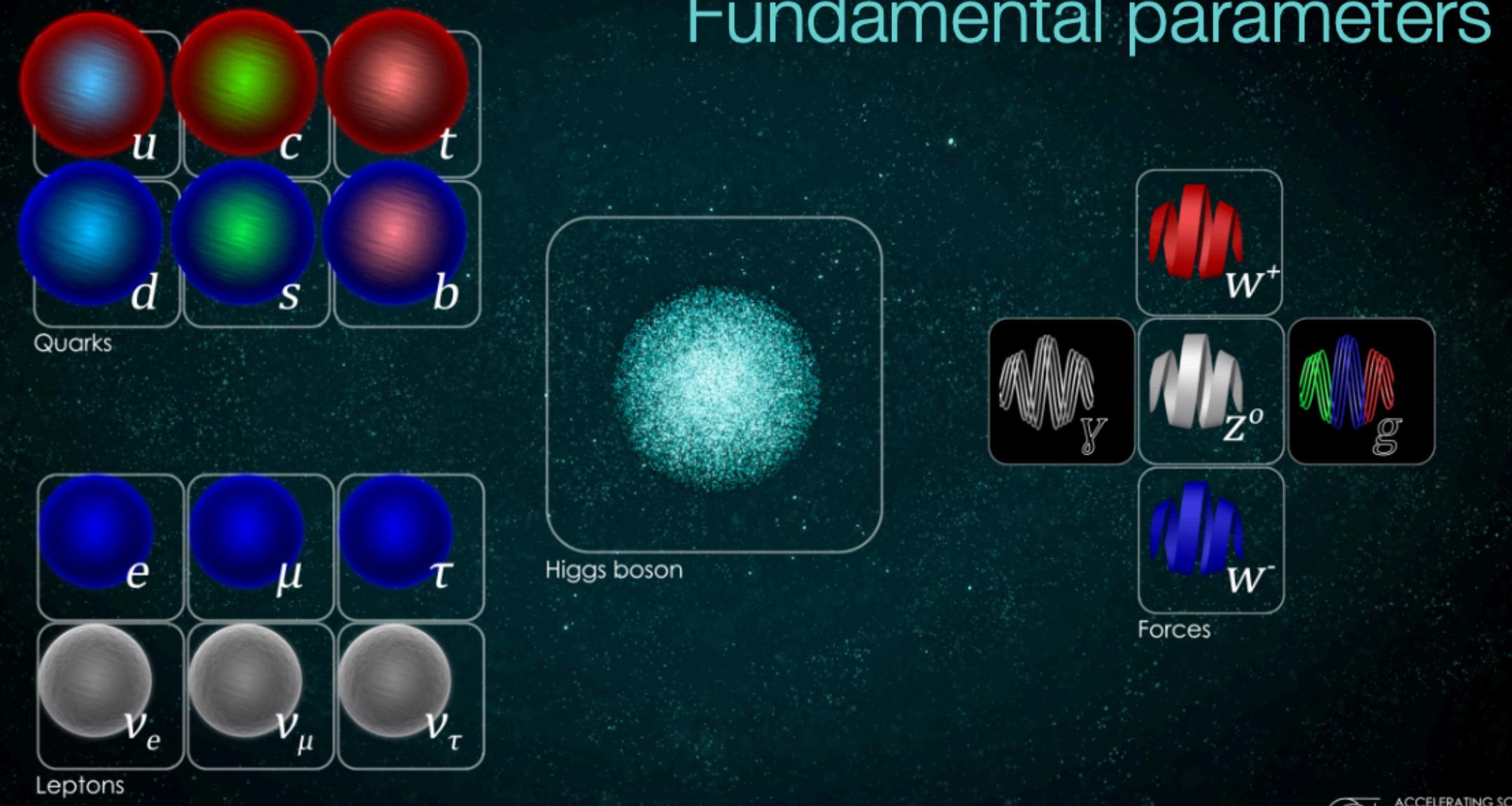


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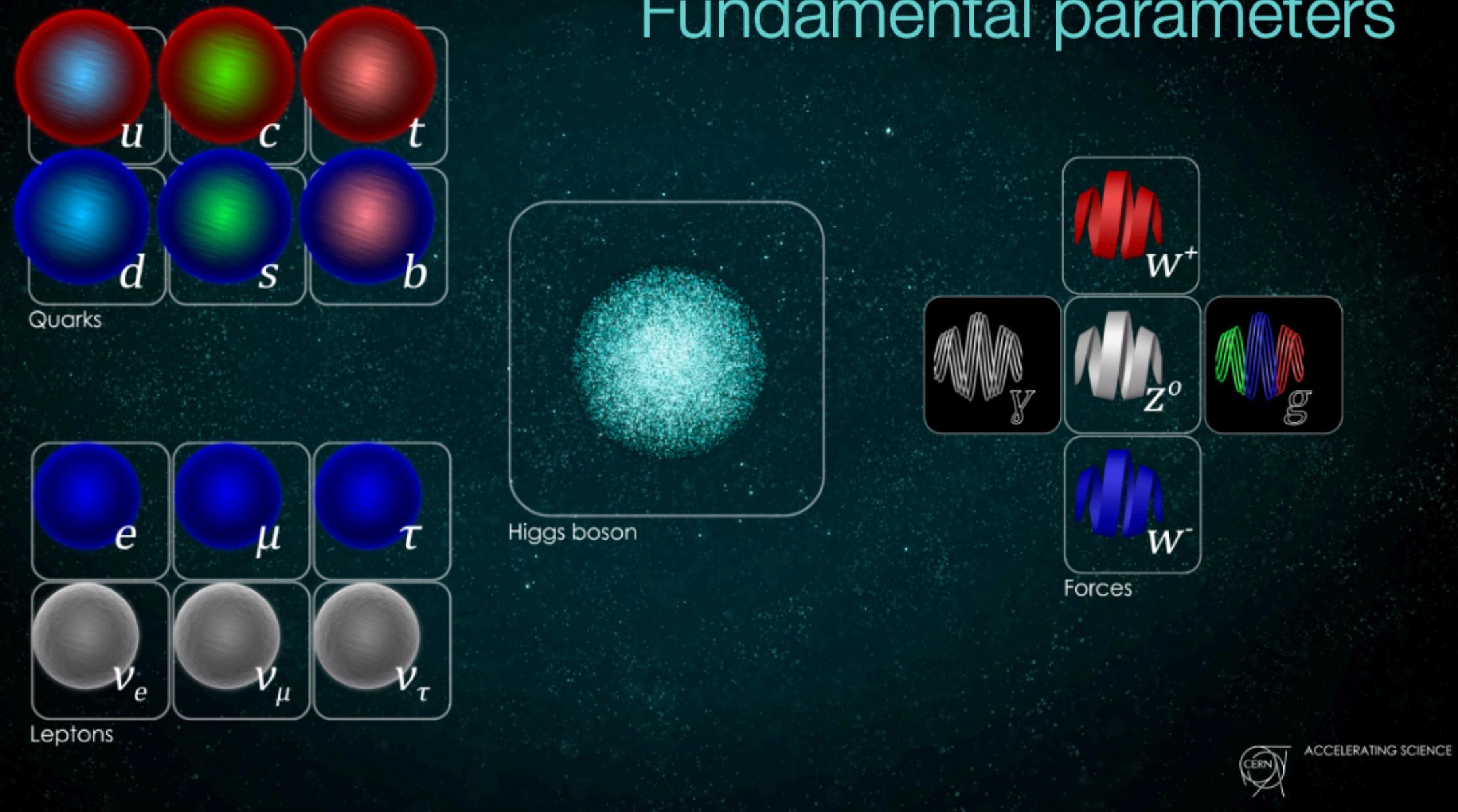


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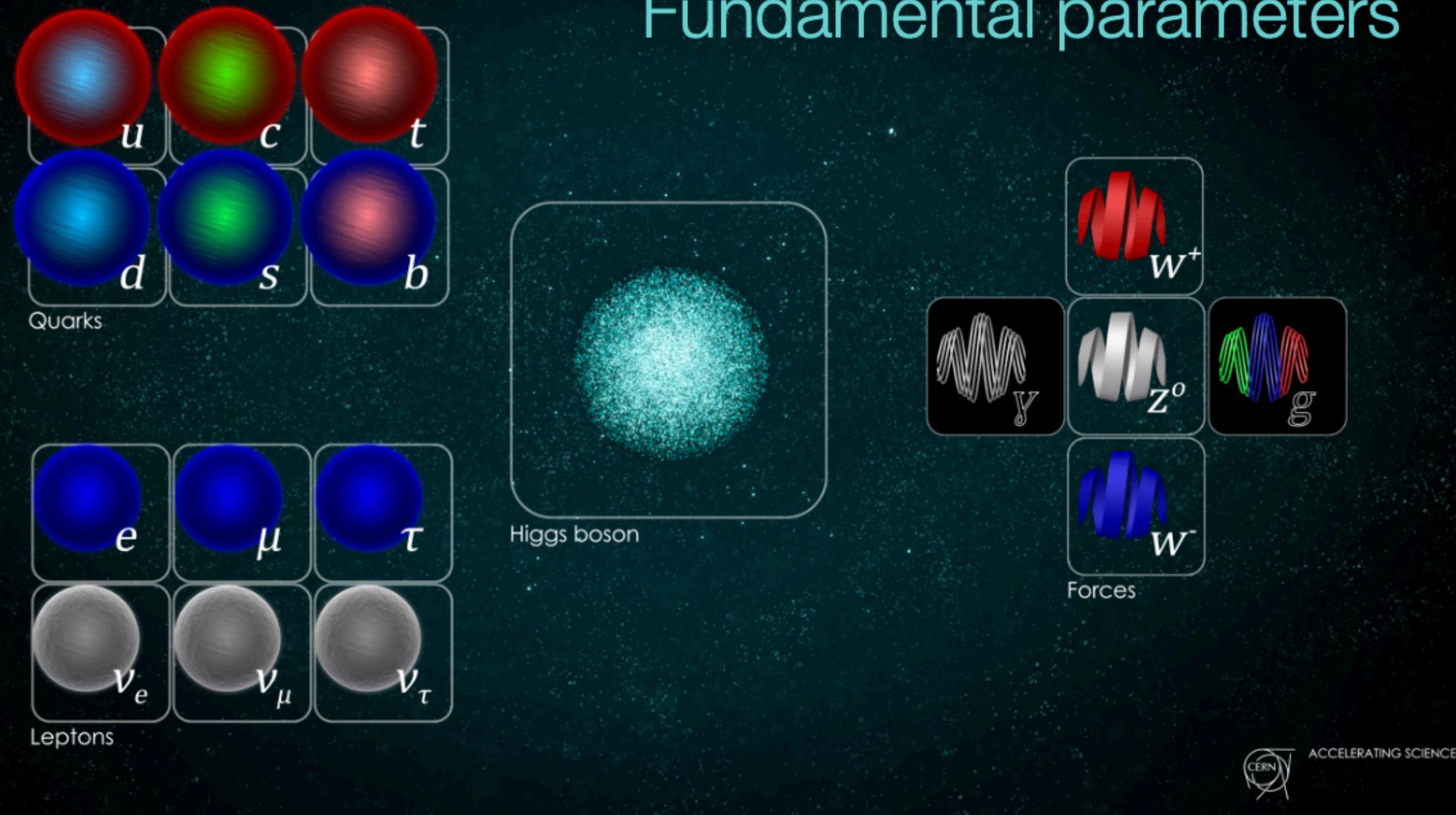
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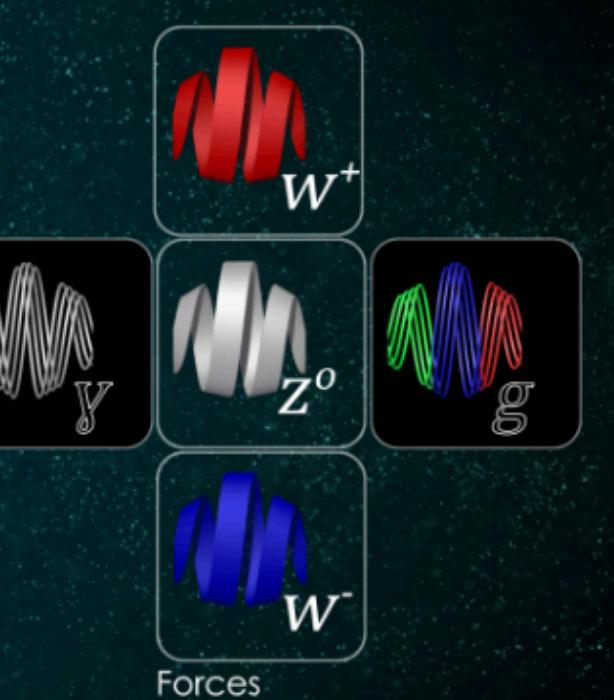
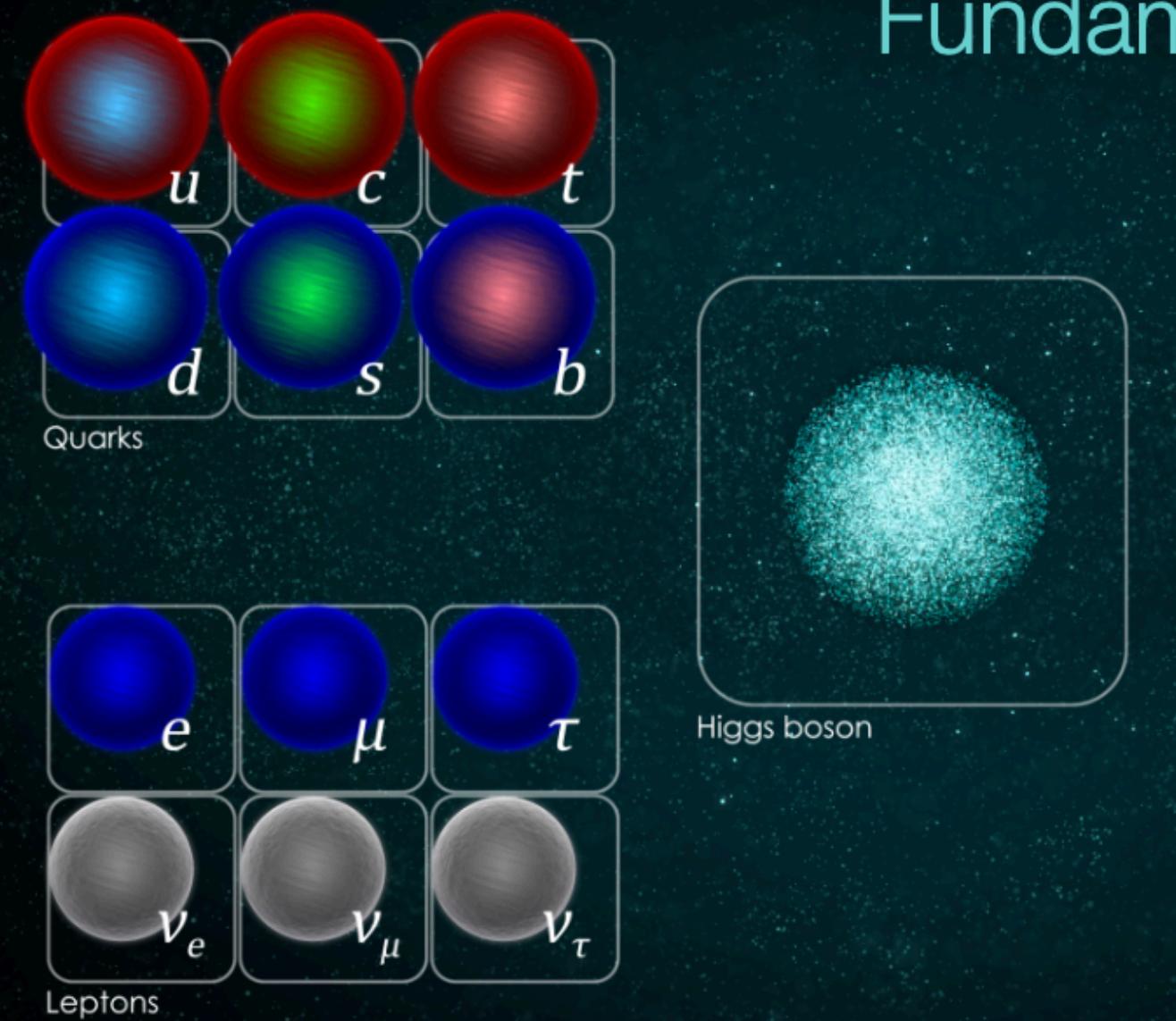
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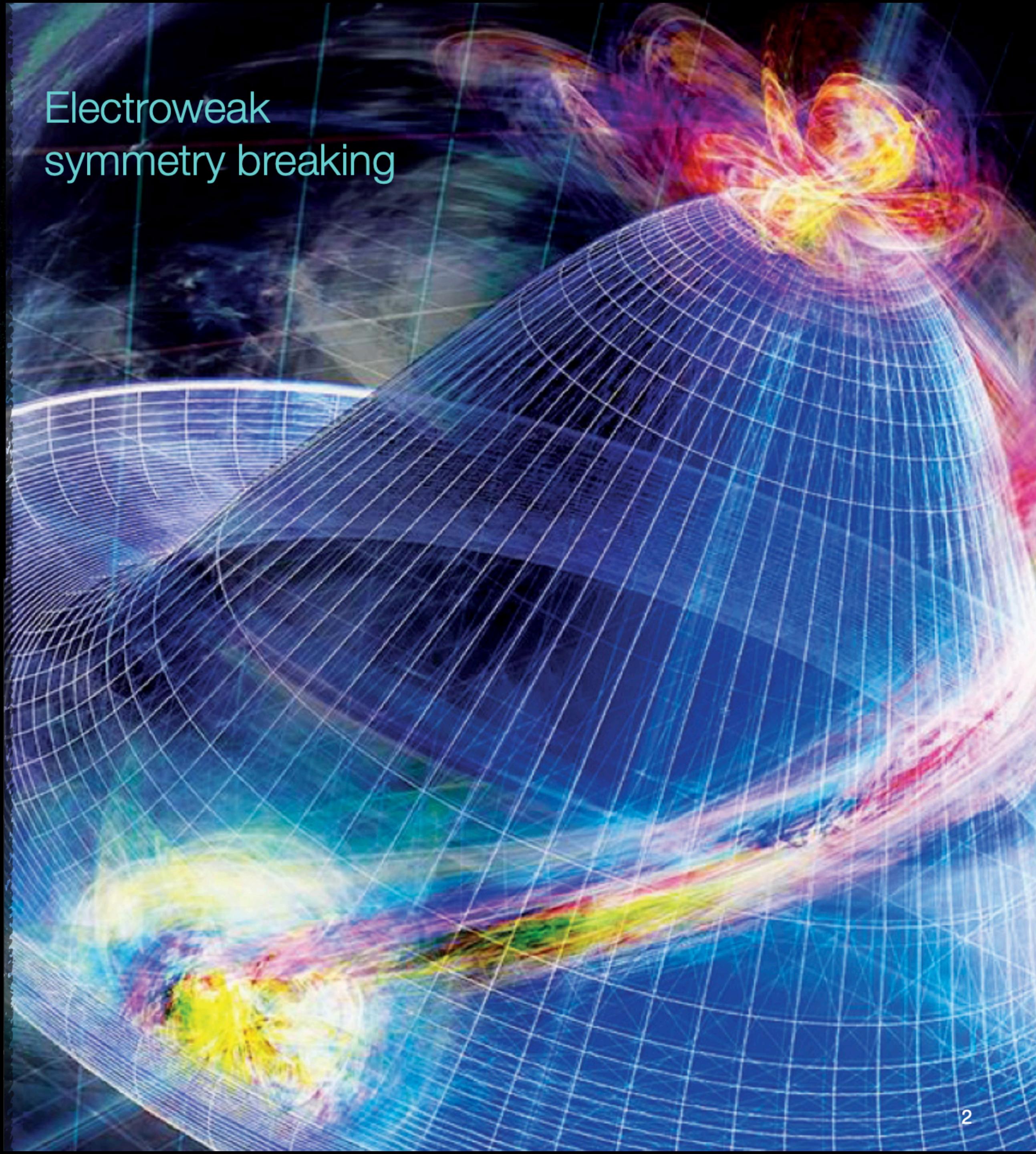
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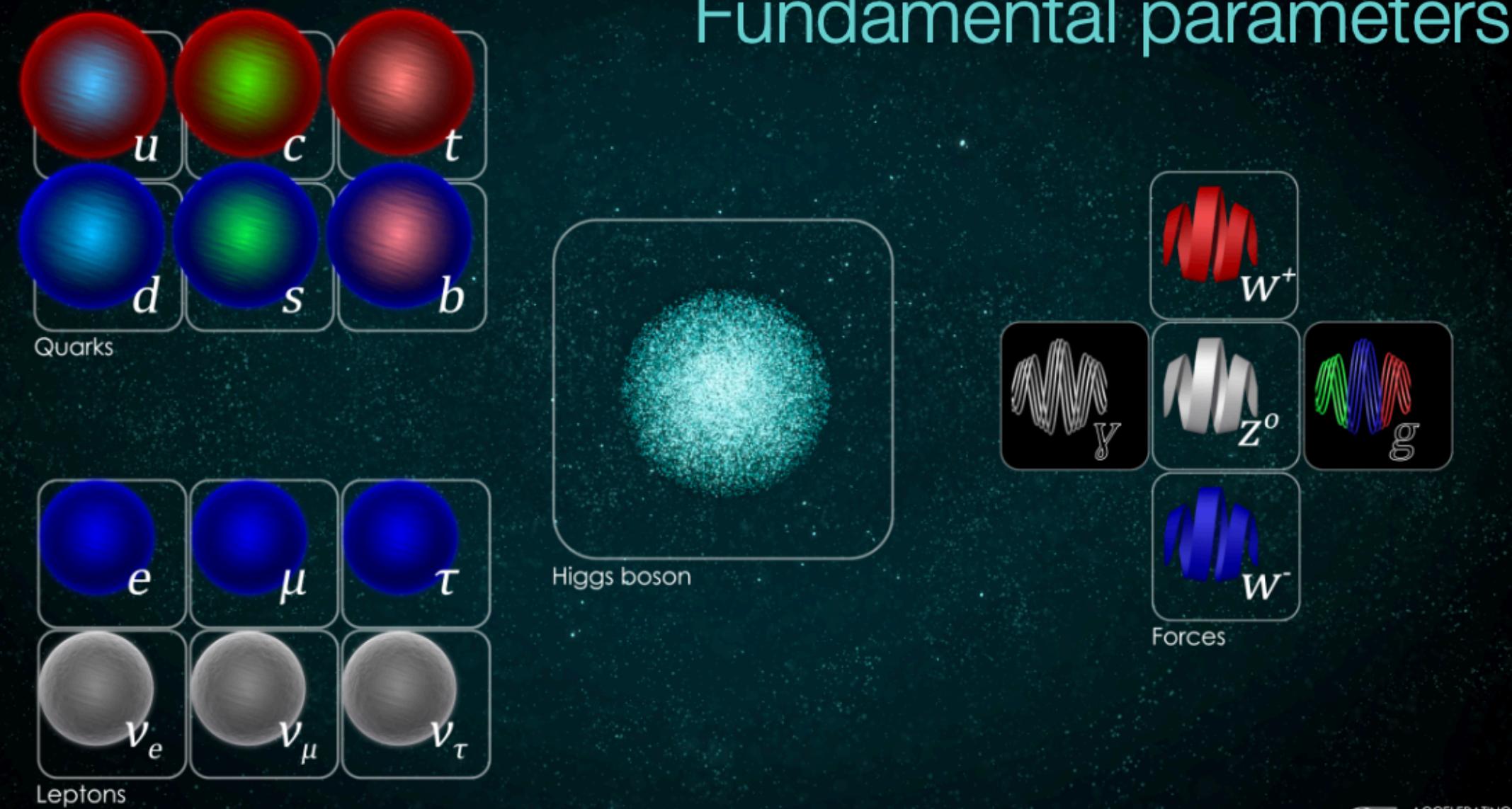


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Electroweak symmetry breaking



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Dynamics and symmetries

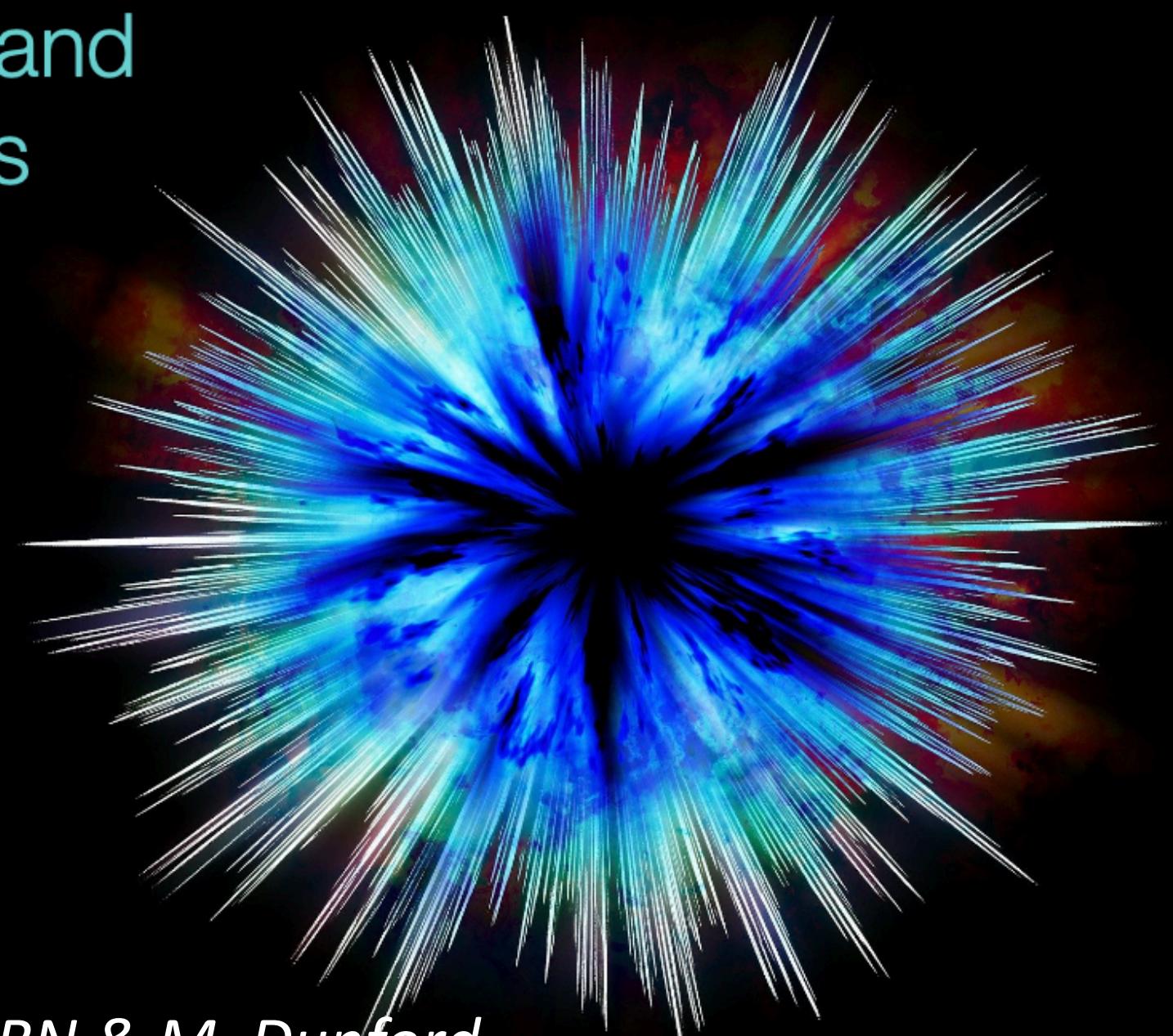
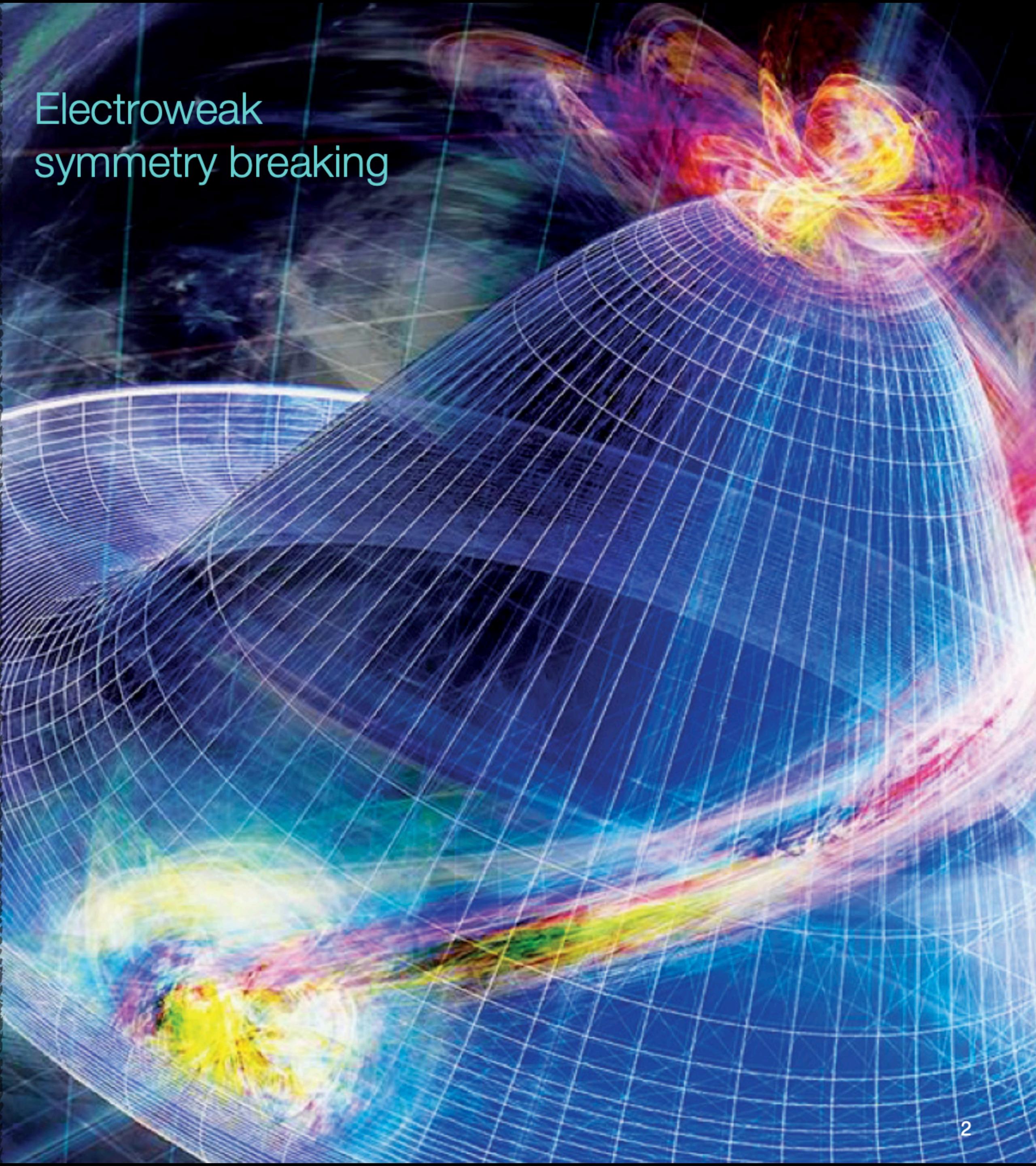


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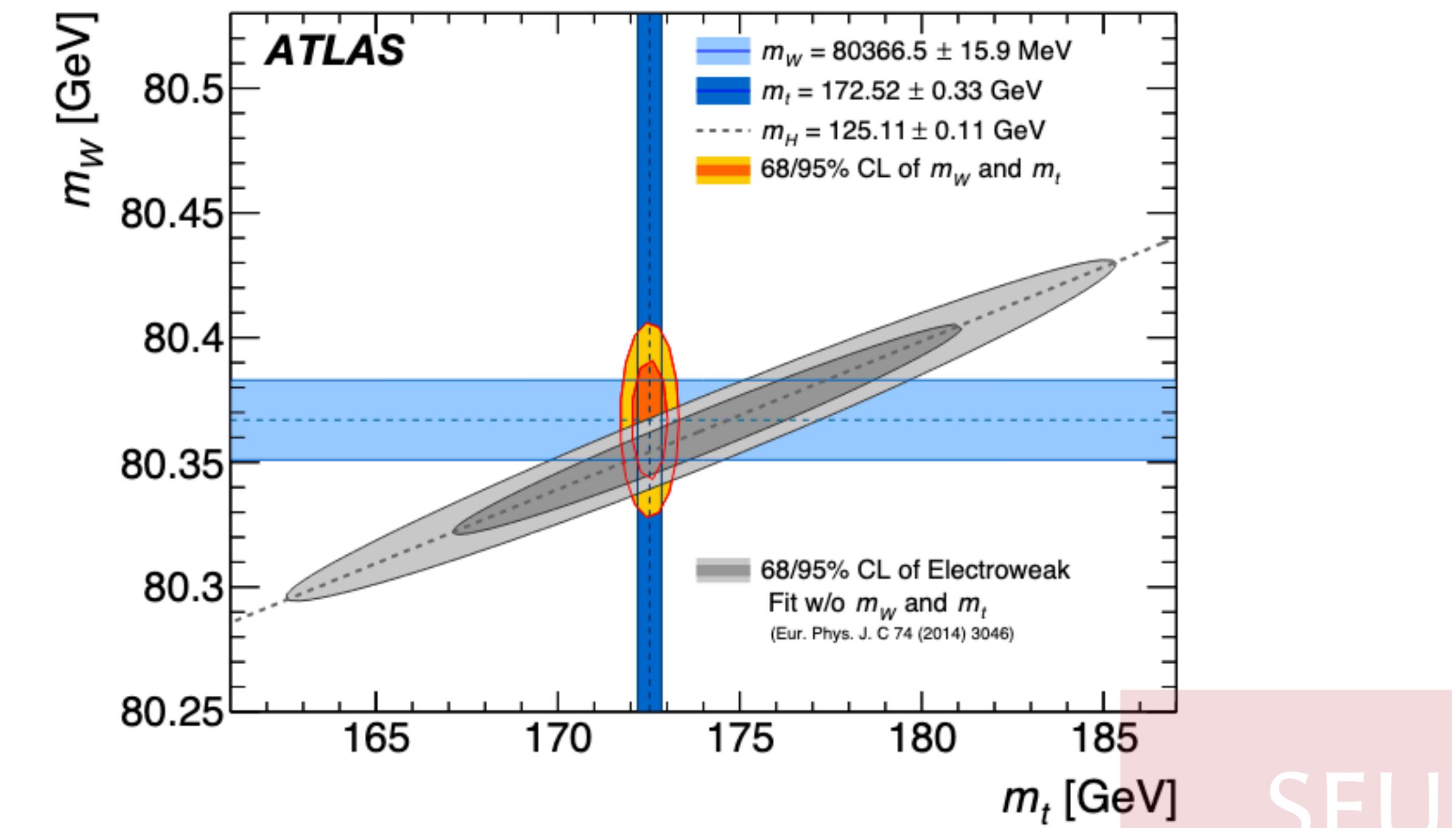
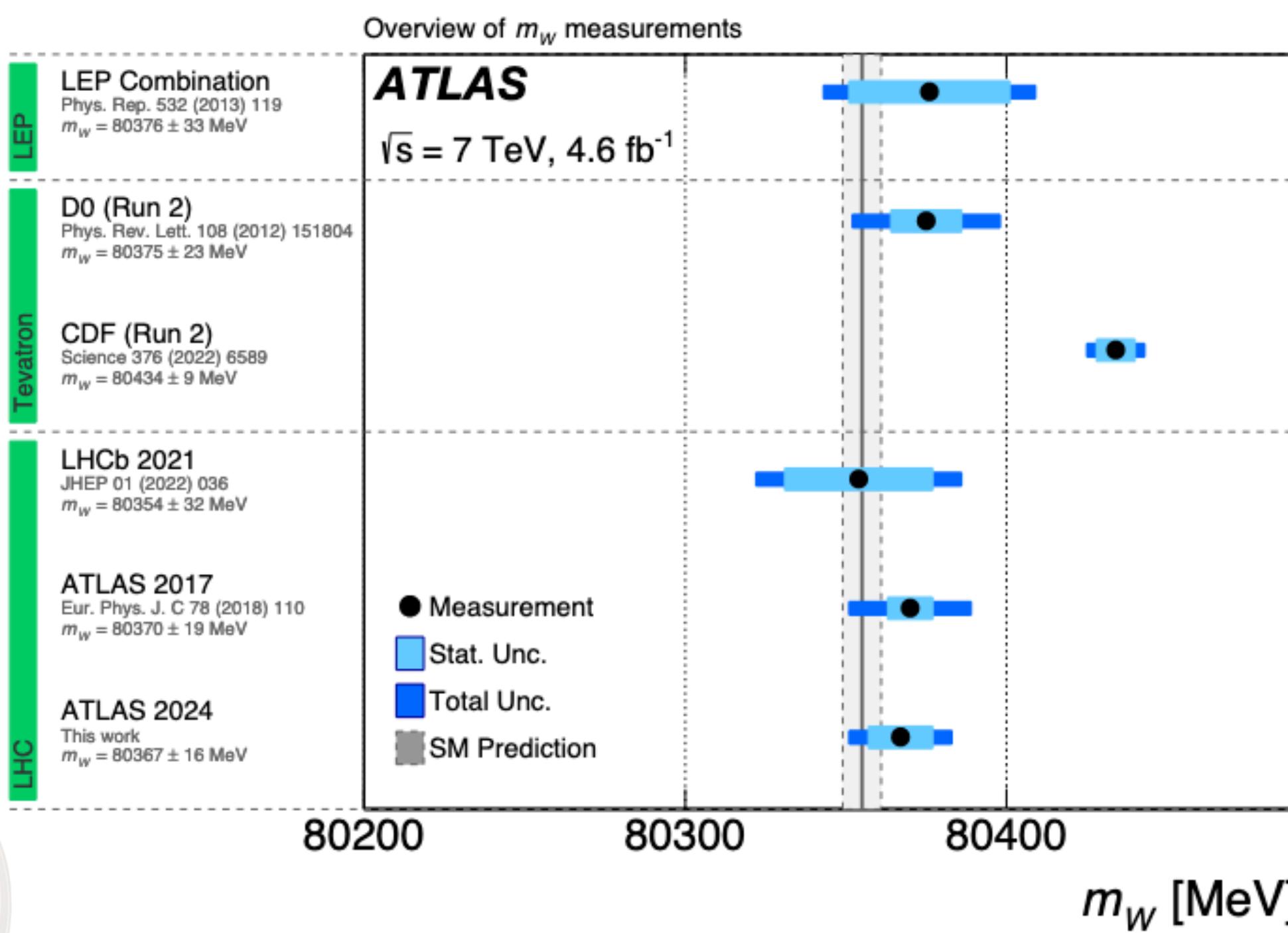


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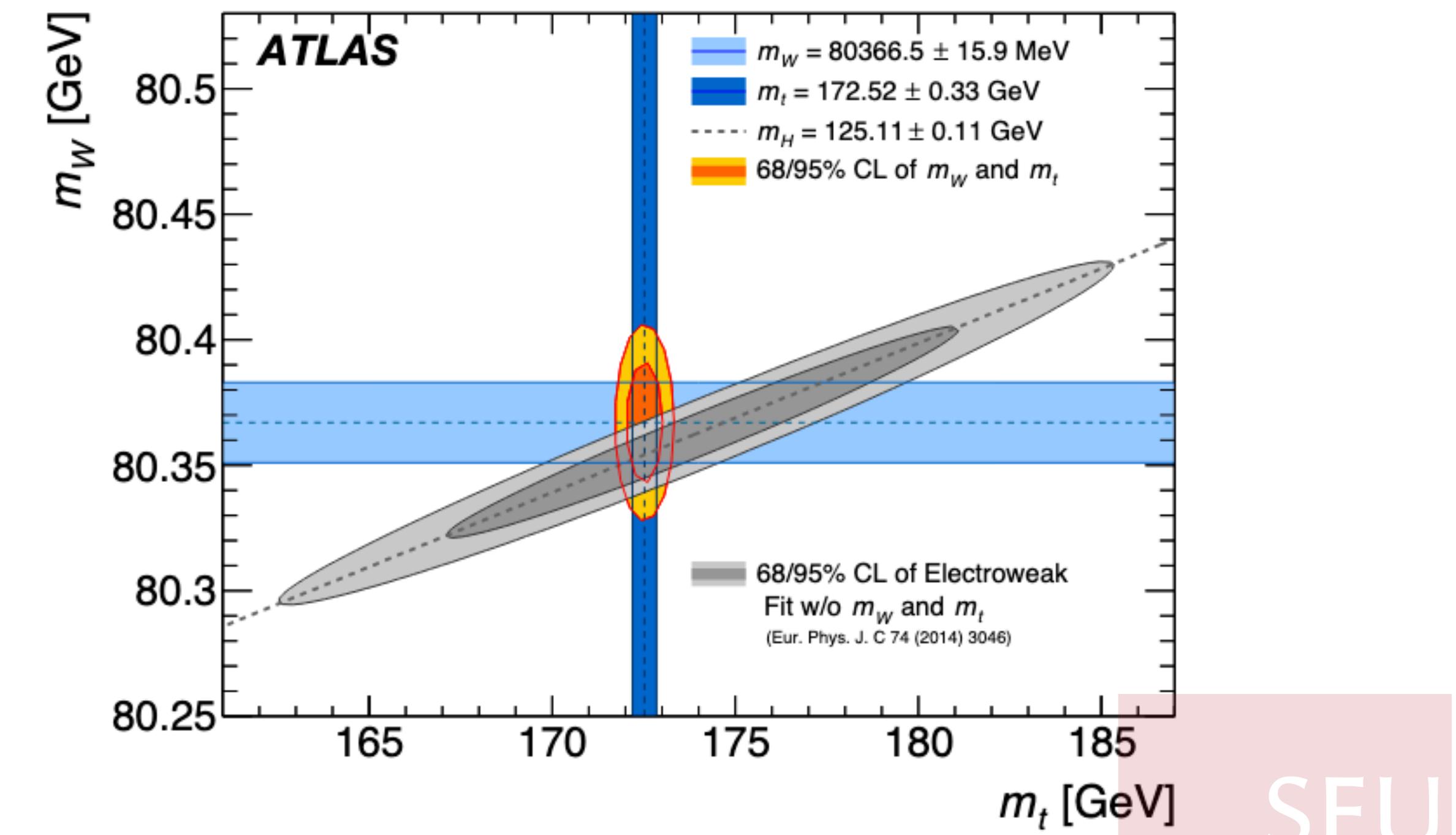
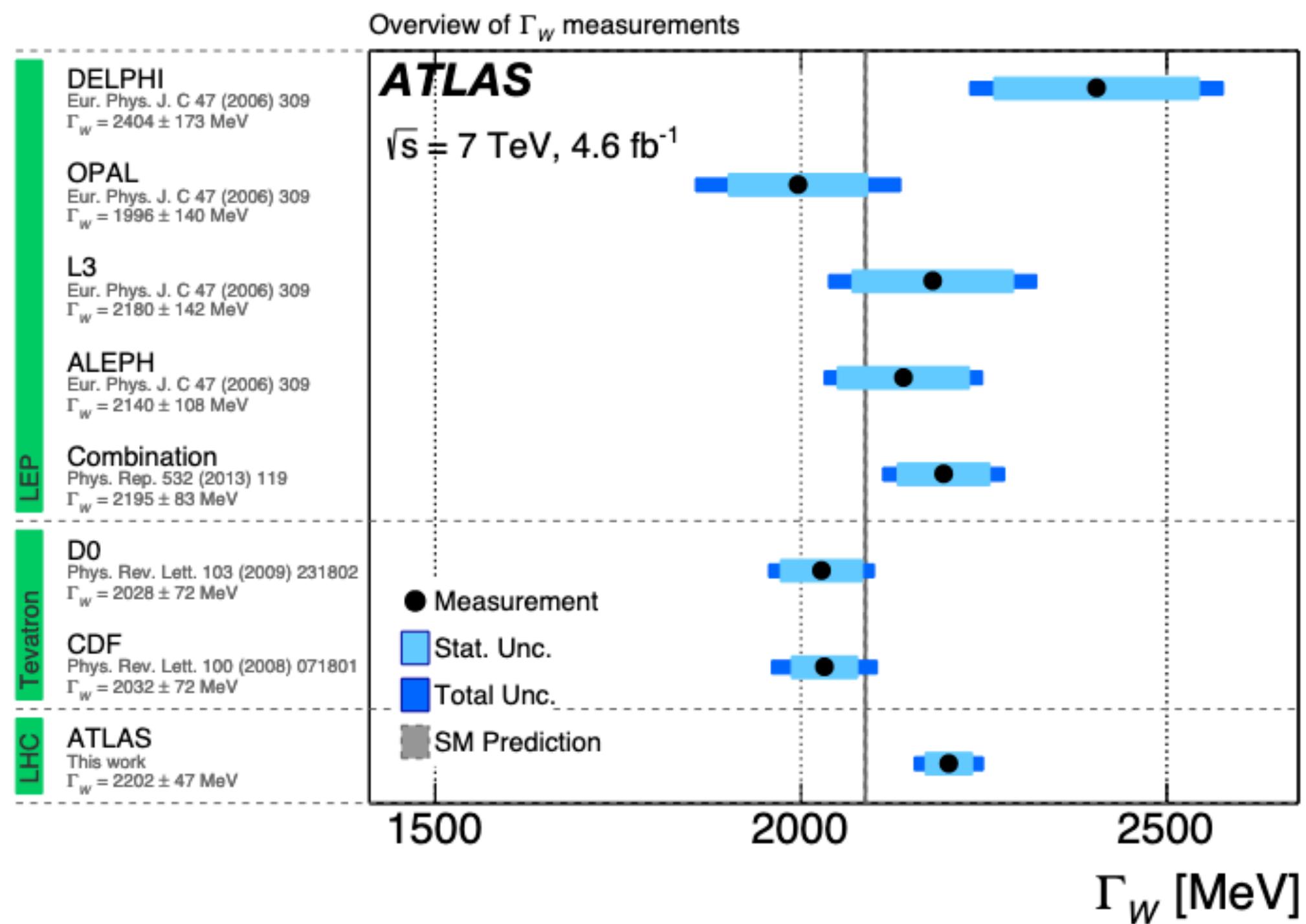


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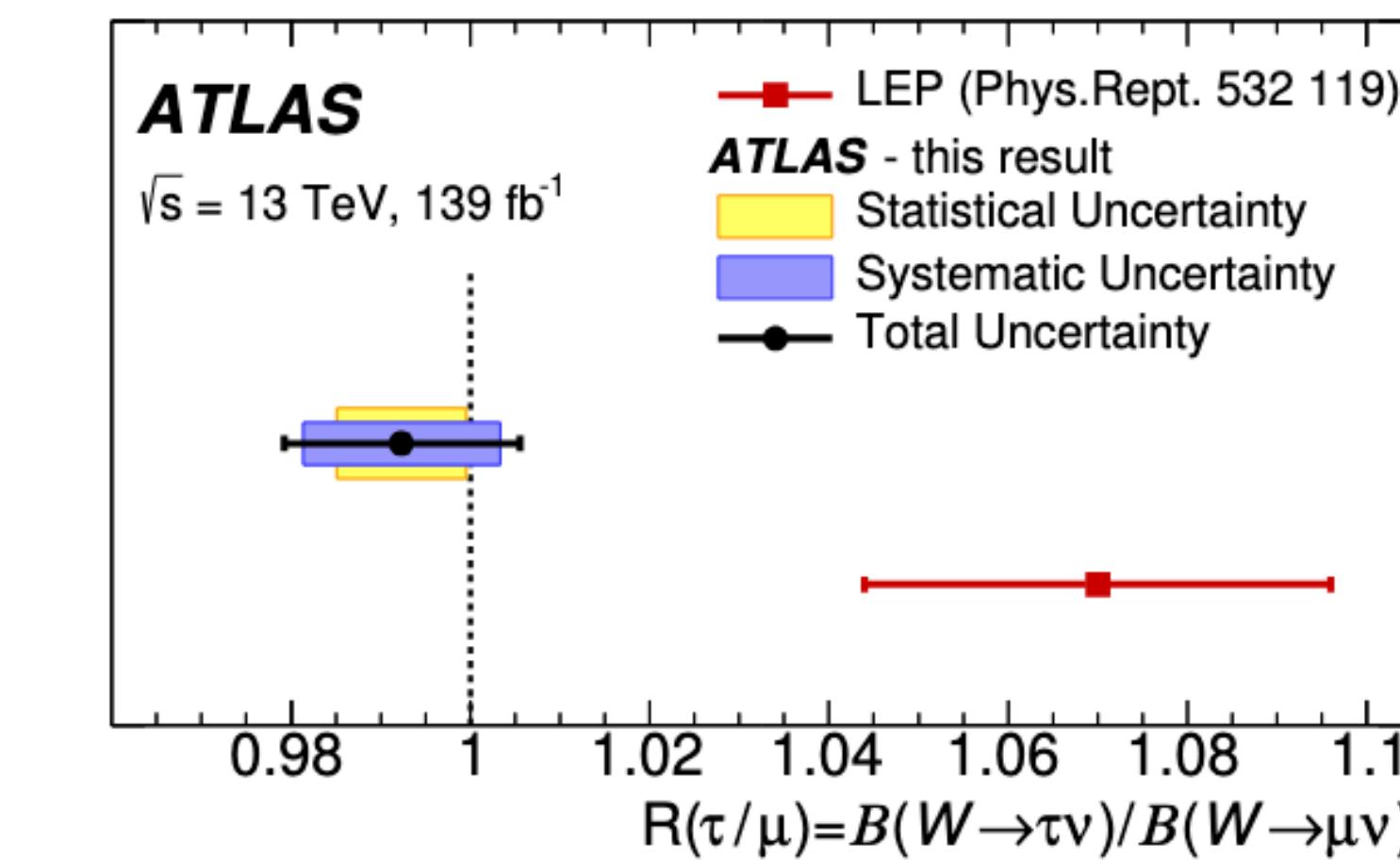
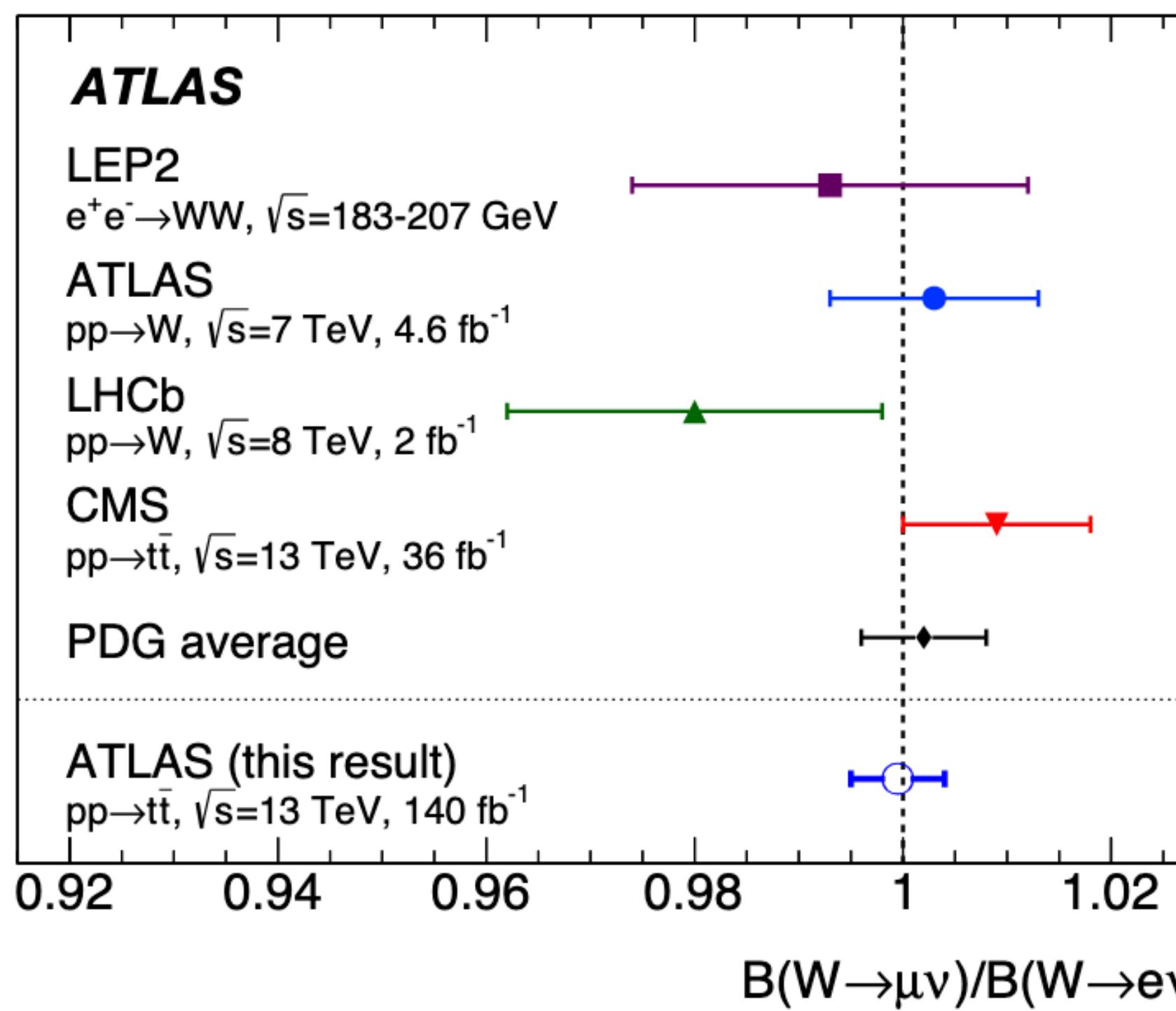


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## Lepton universality:

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 (Nature 17 (2021) 7)

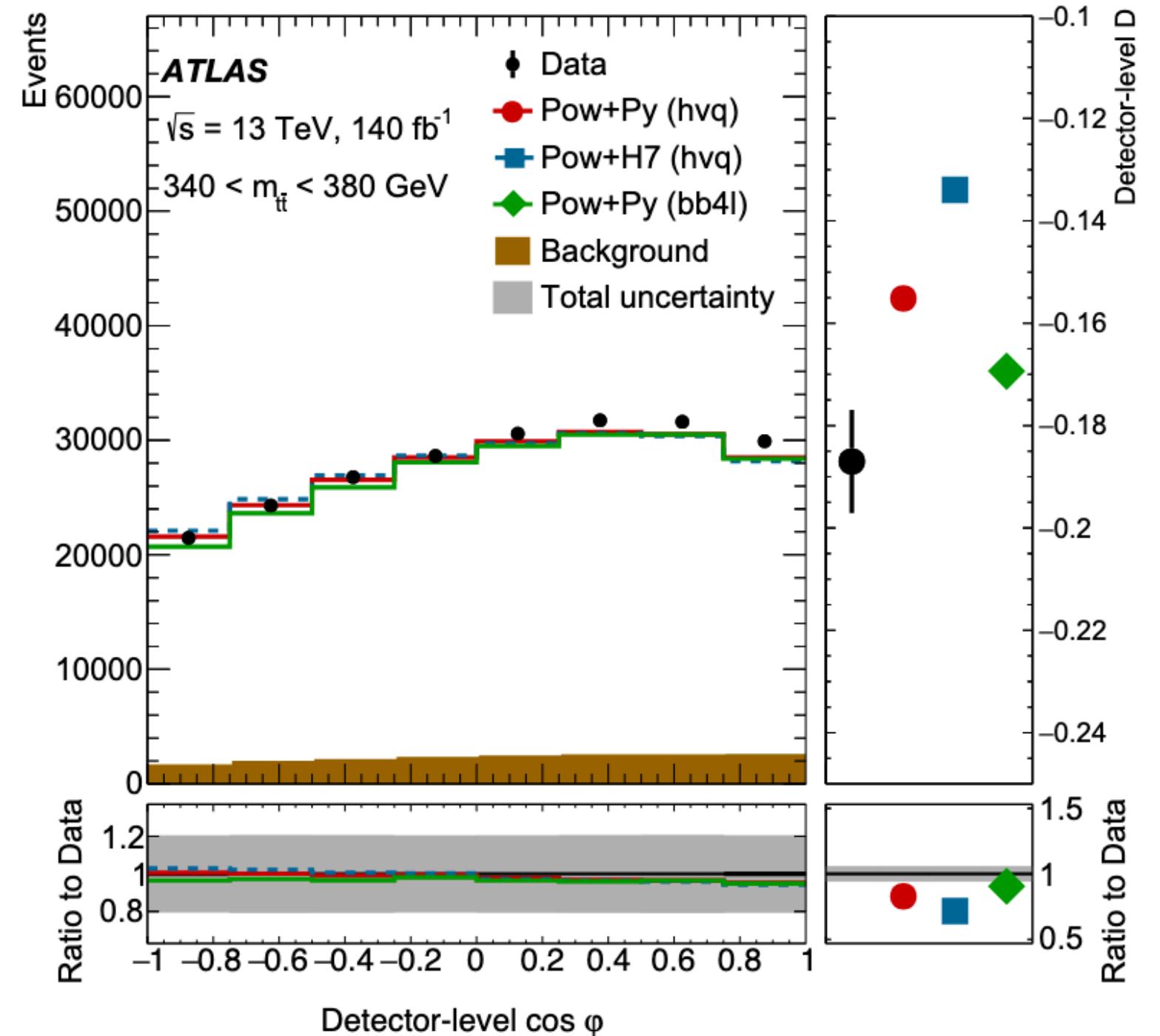
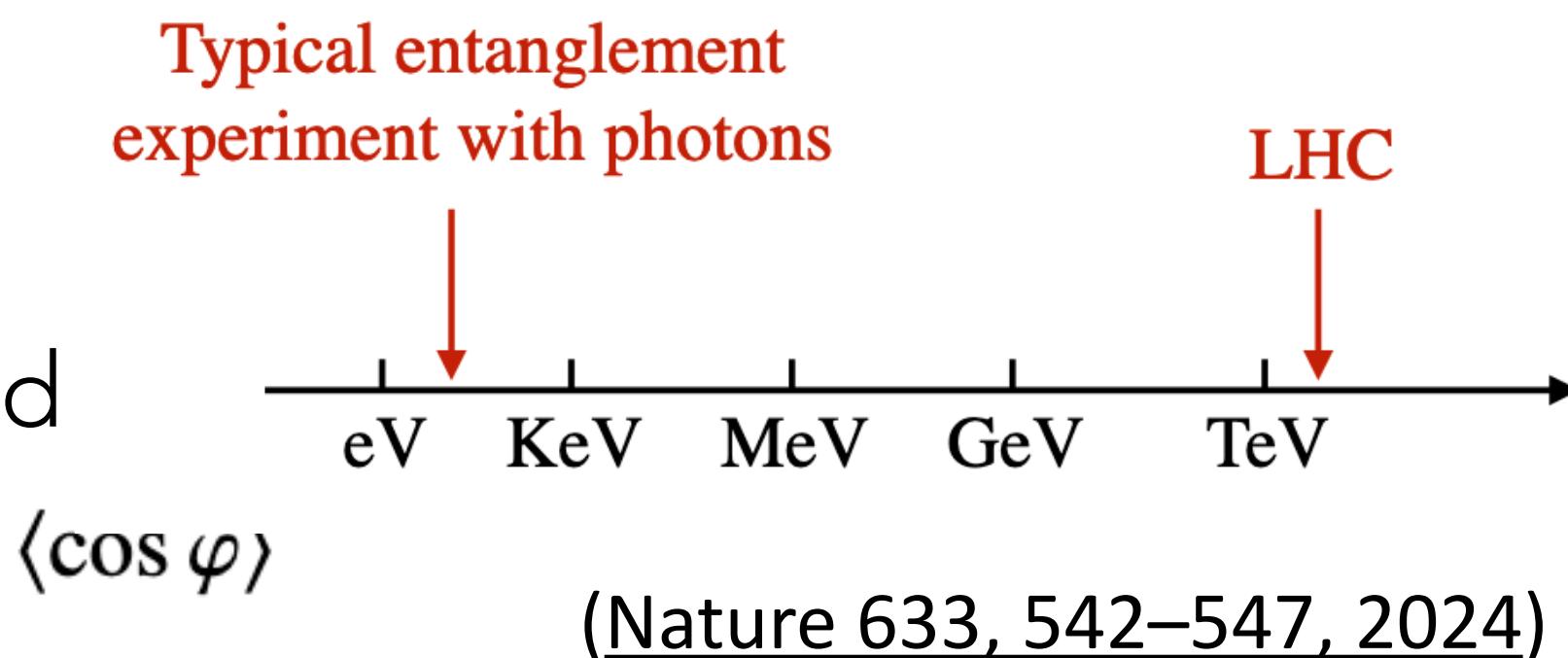
- Probed in W decays to electrons and muons from top-pairs
- 0.45% precision —> more precise than current world average  $R_W^{\mu/e} = 0.9995 \pm 0.0045$
- This complements previous result with taus  $R(\tau/\mu)$



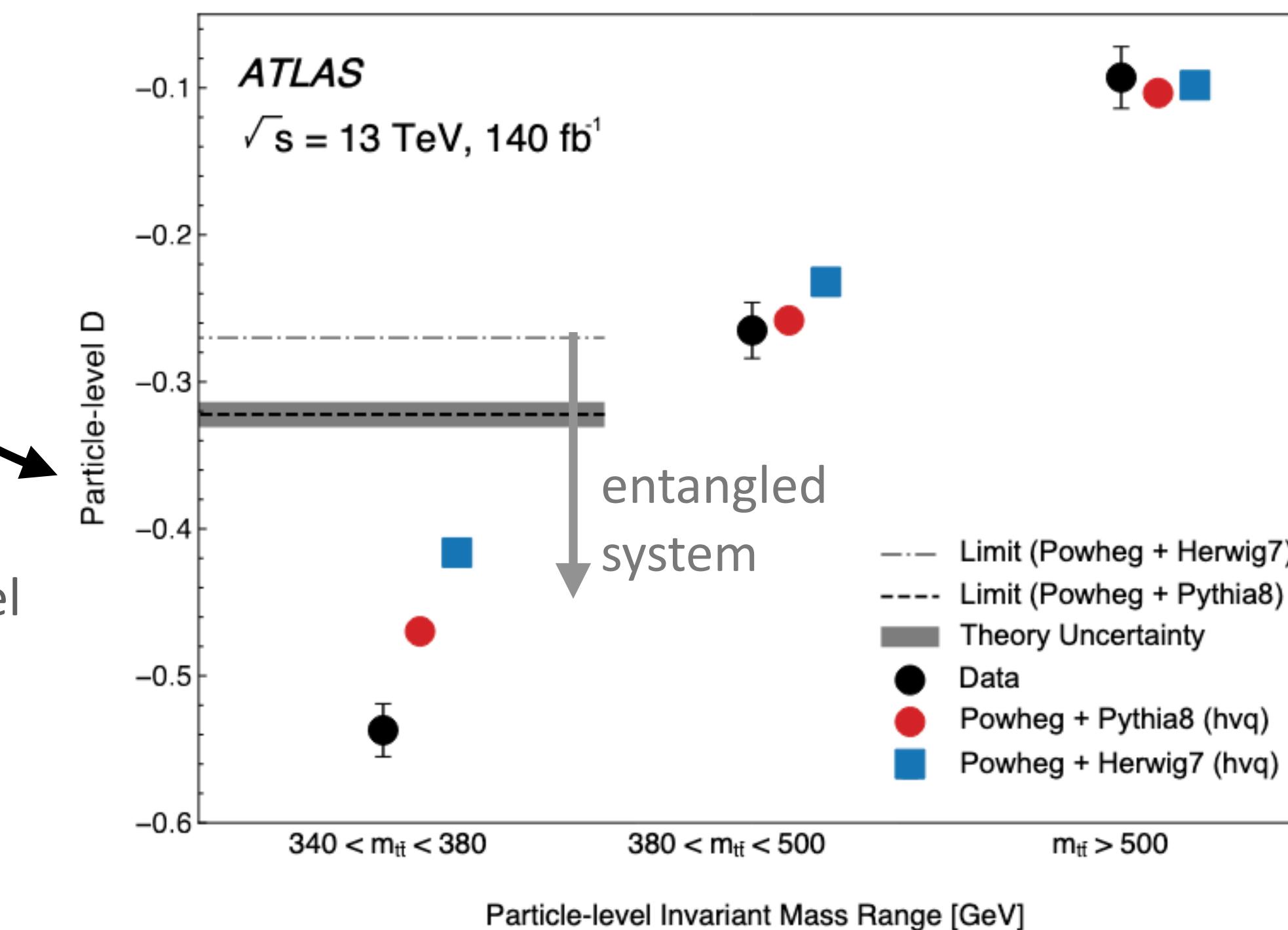
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## First observation of quantum entanglement at high-energy:

- Probed via spin correlations in top-pair events (two-qubit system)
- A correlation marker is inferred from the angle between the charged leptons in their parent top- and antitop-quark rest frames  $D = -3 \cdot \langle \cos \varphi \rangle$



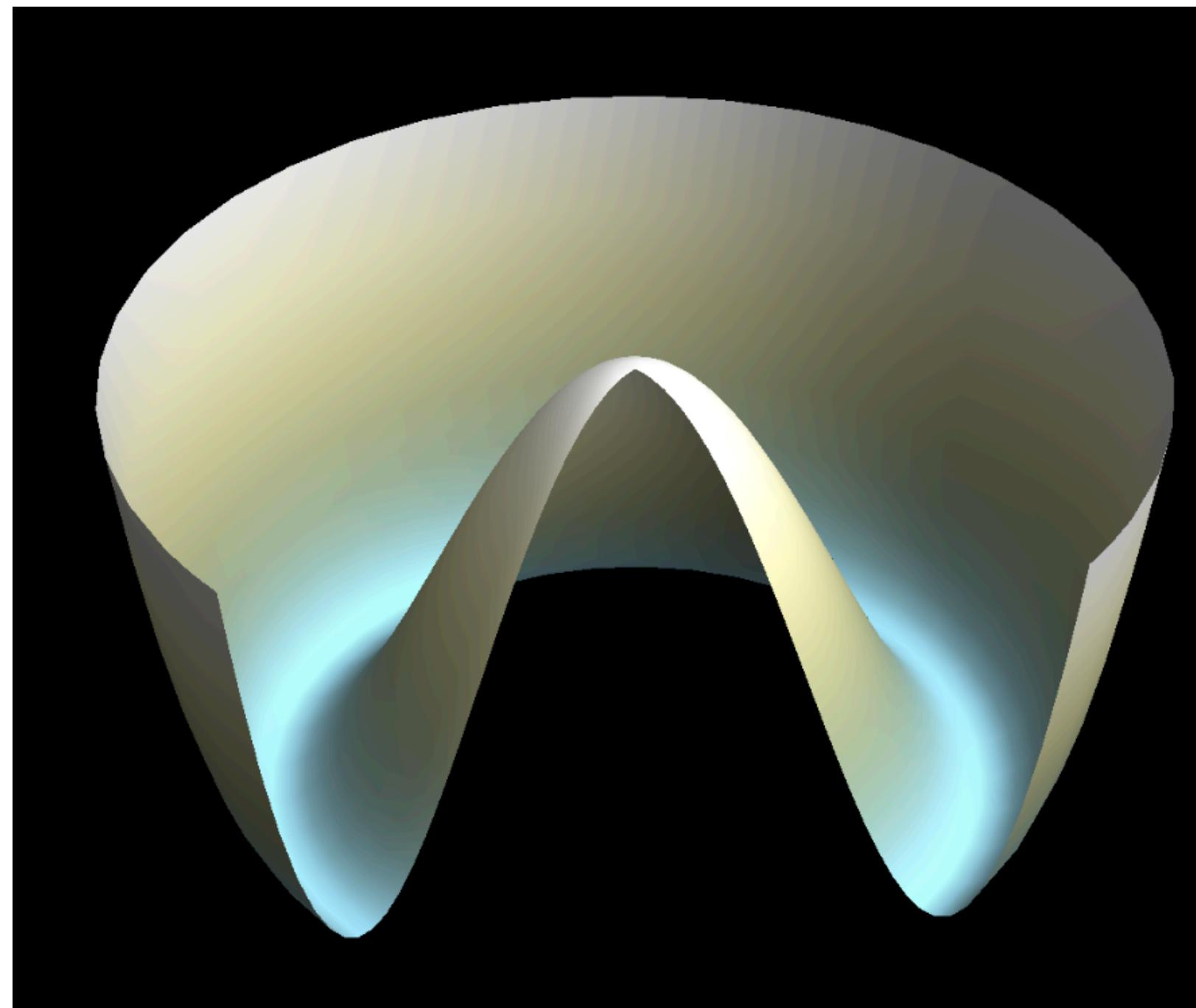
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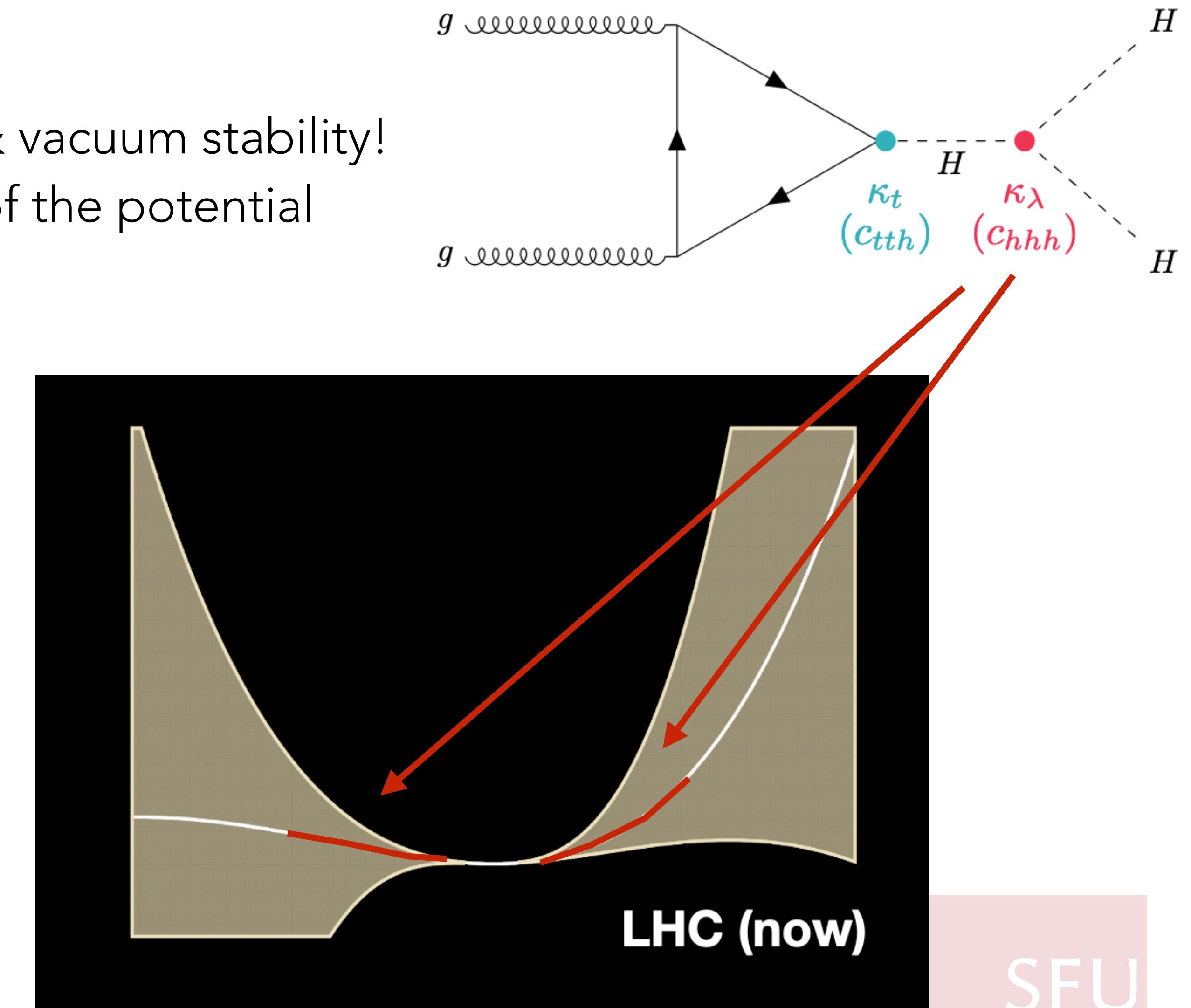
## Higgs couplings and self-coupling

- Learn about electroweak phase transition & vacuum stability!
- Self coupling allows us to trace the shape of the potential away from the Higgs mass



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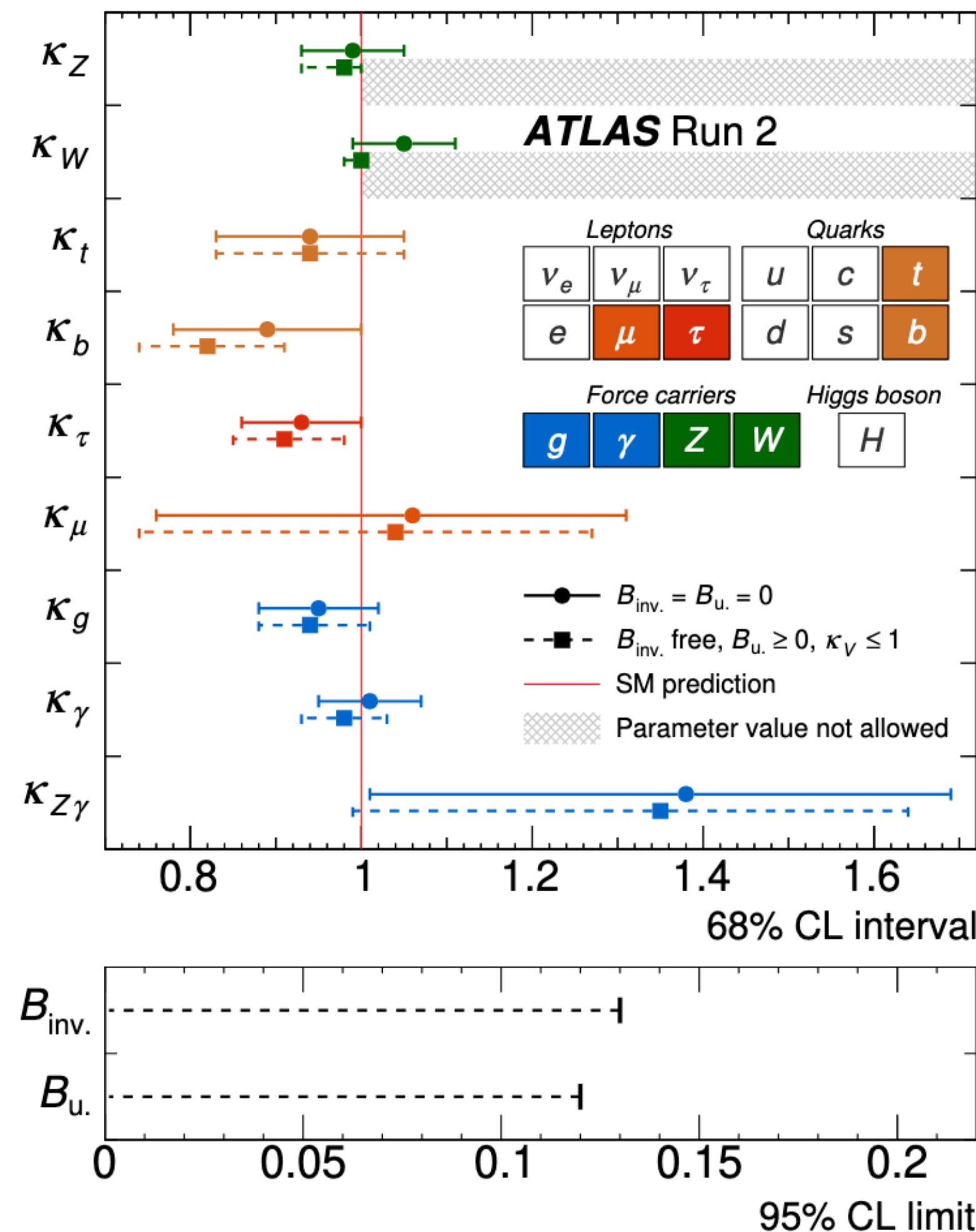
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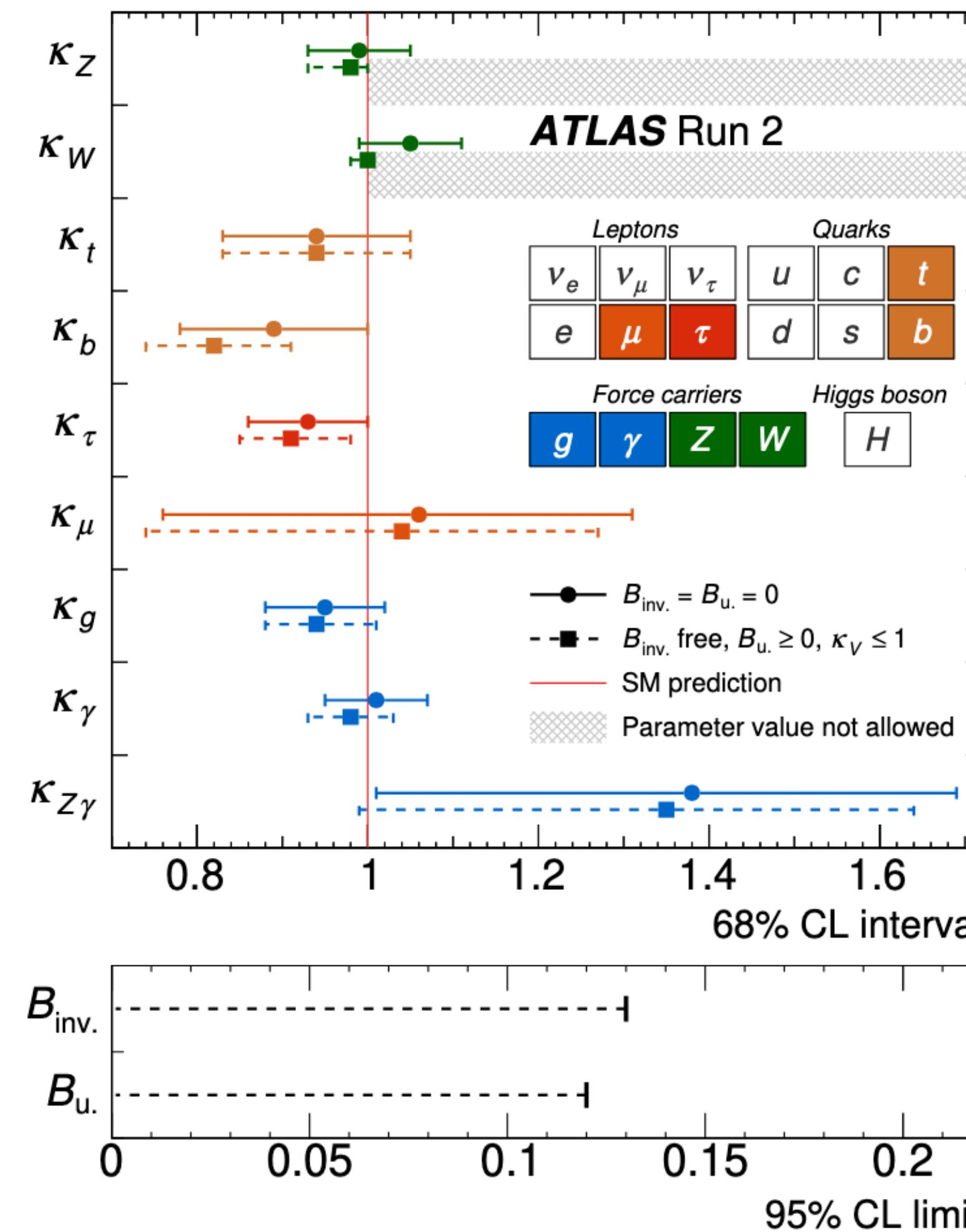
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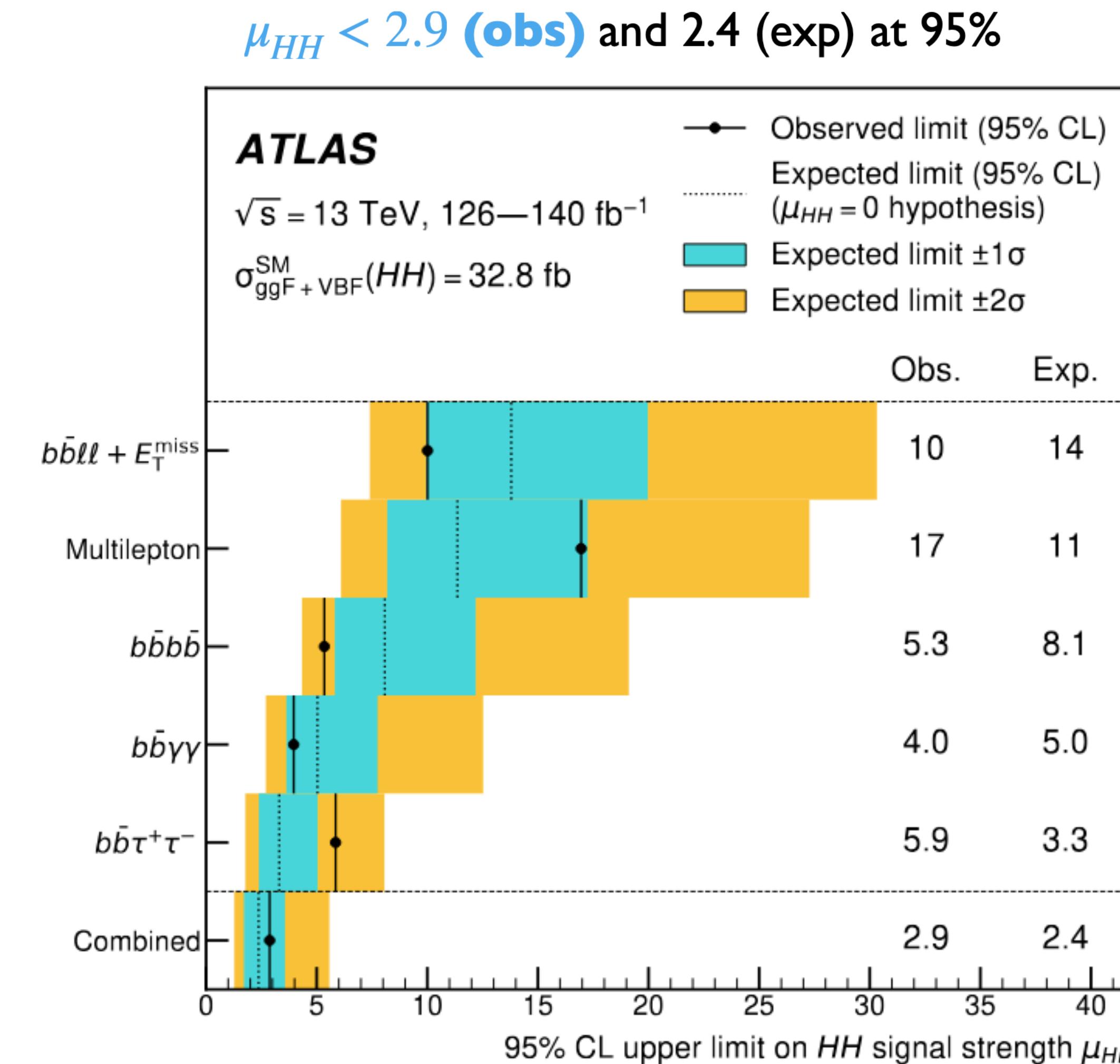
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- Upper limit on Di-Higgs coupling

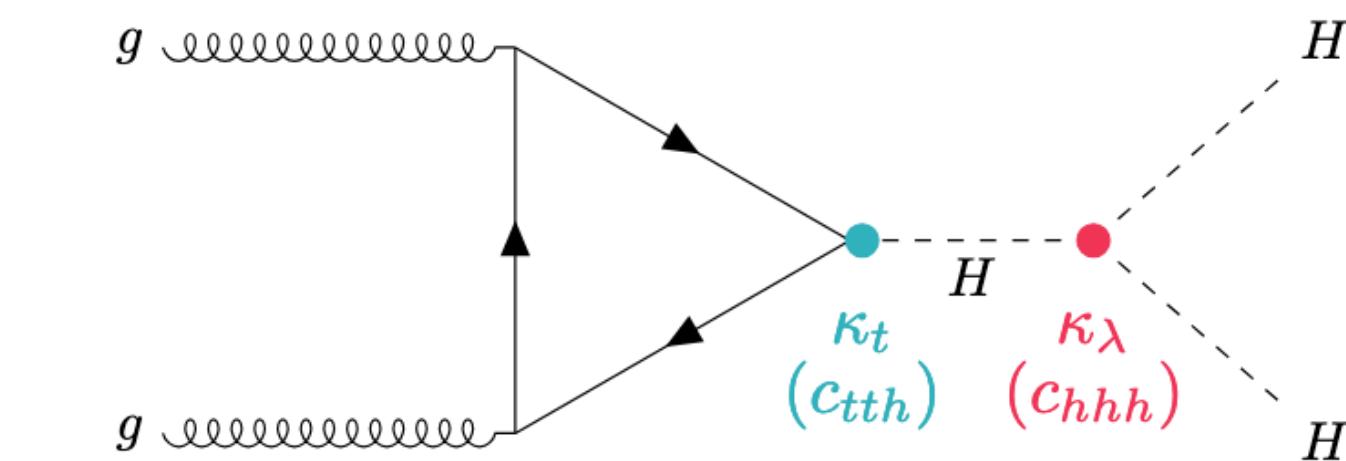


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## Higgs couplings and self-coupling

- HL-LHC goal — Observation of Higgs self-coupling
- B-tagging plays a crucial role



Improvements to identification yielding impressive gains to boost precision on top of (& until) HL-LHC!!

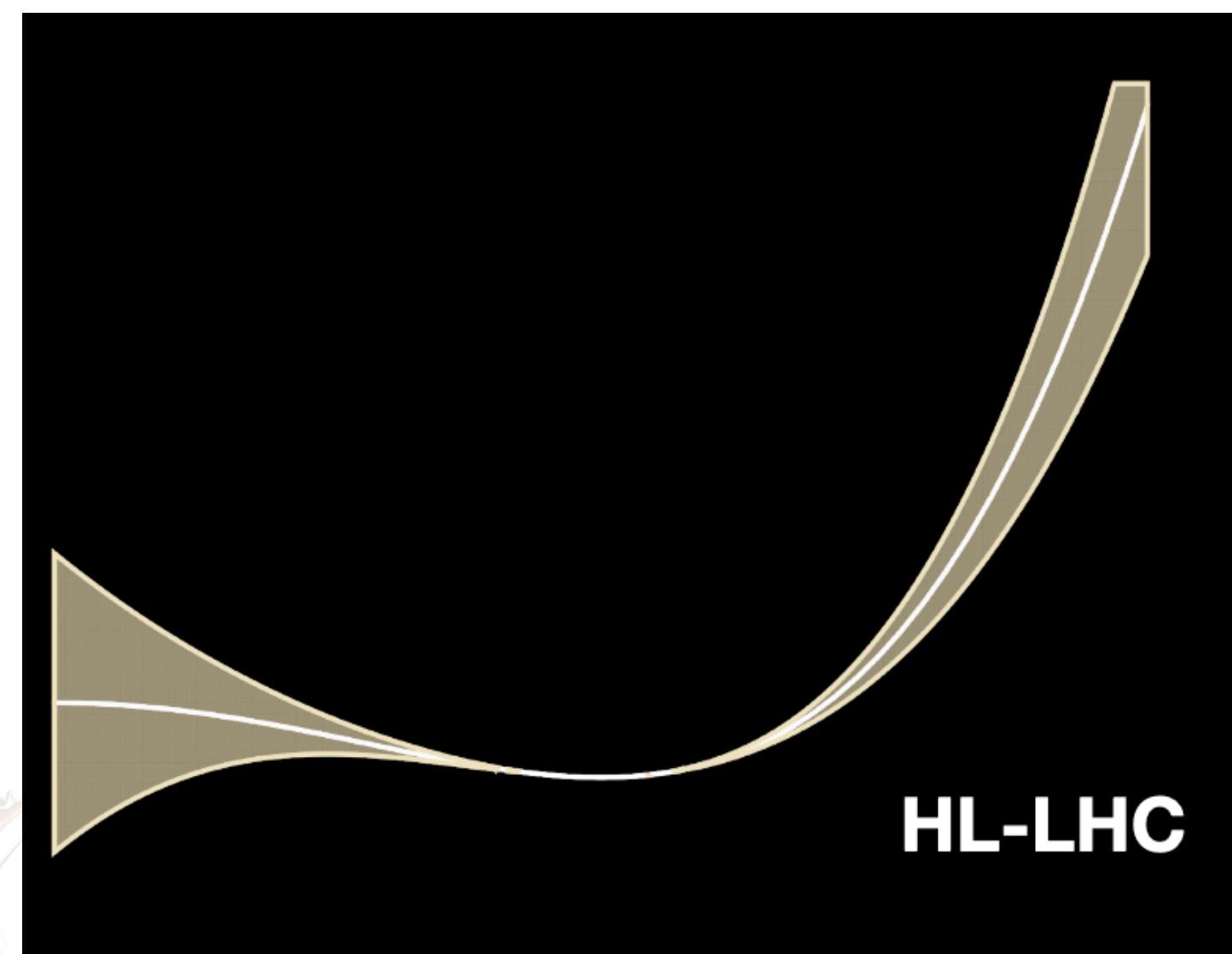
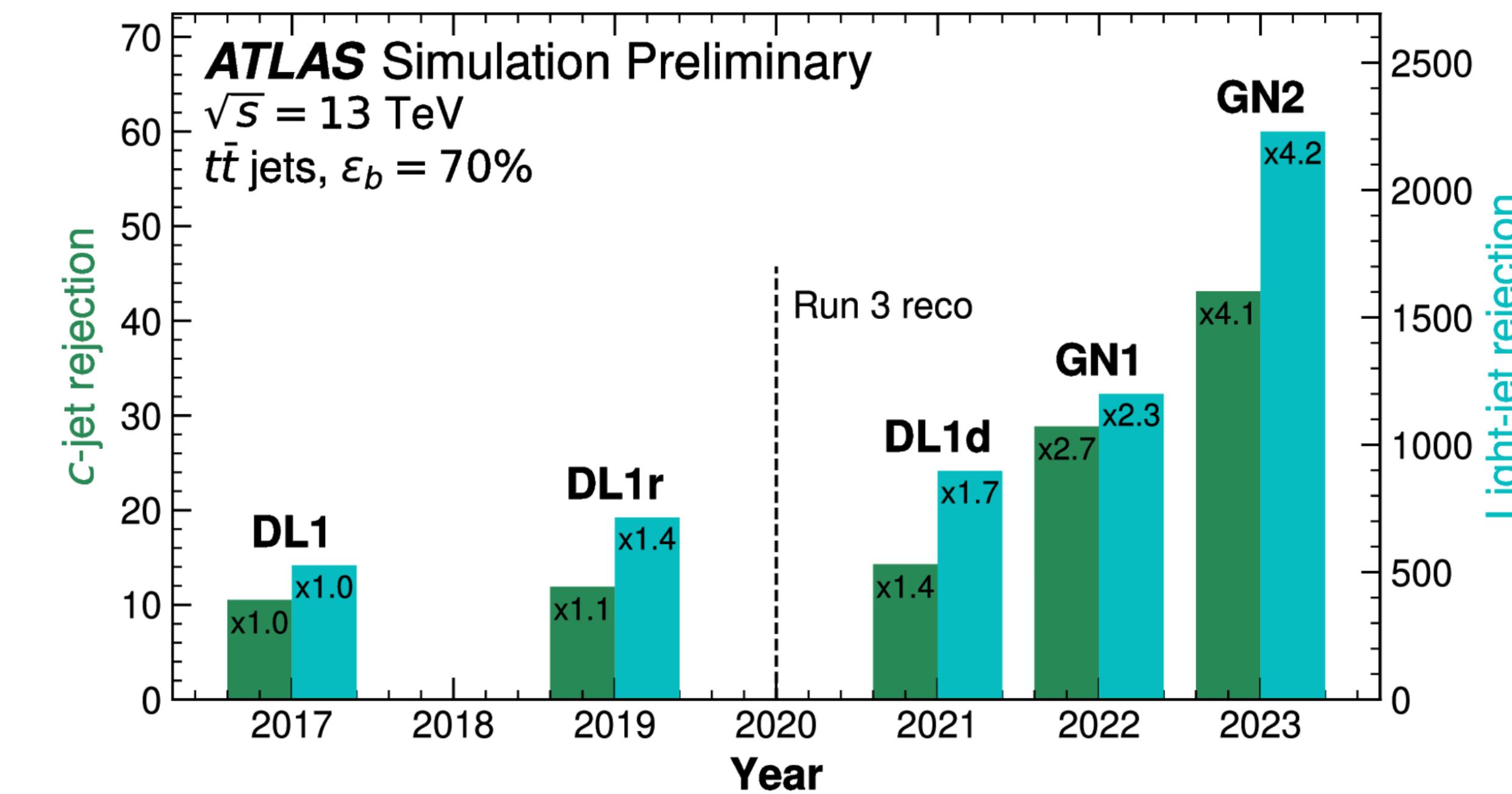
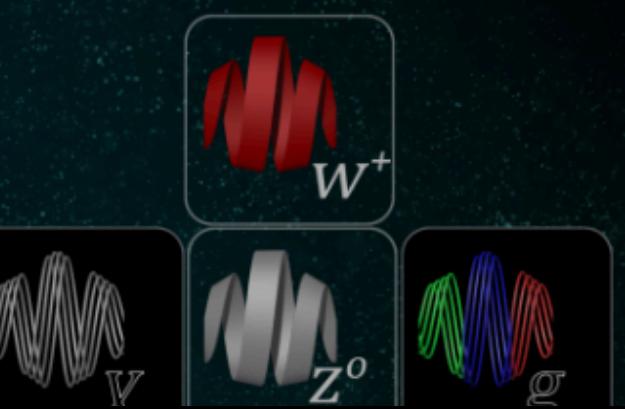
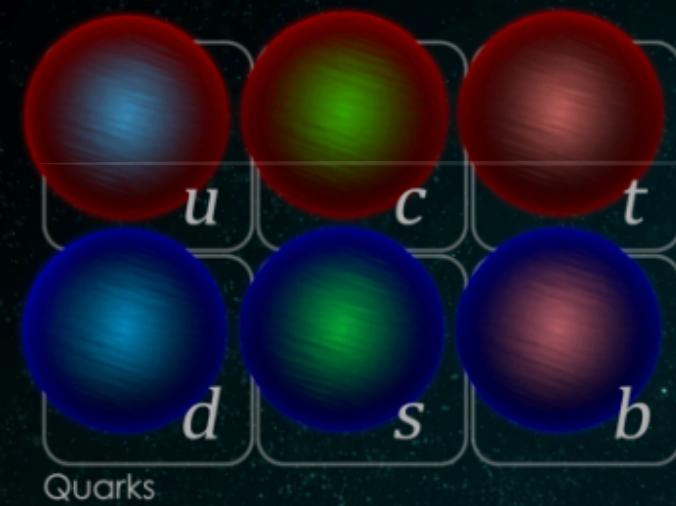


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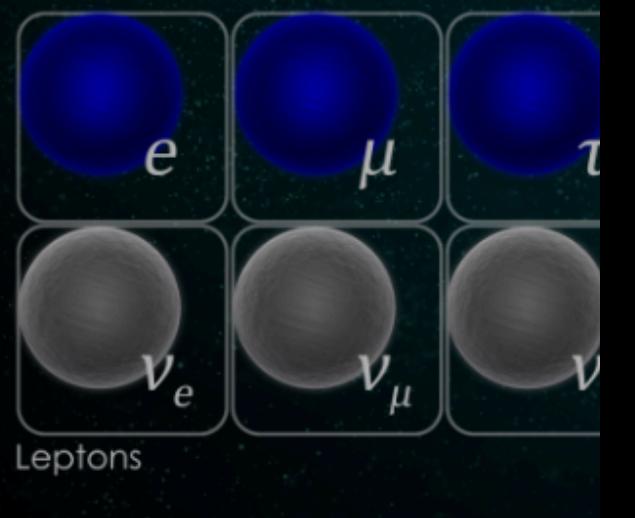


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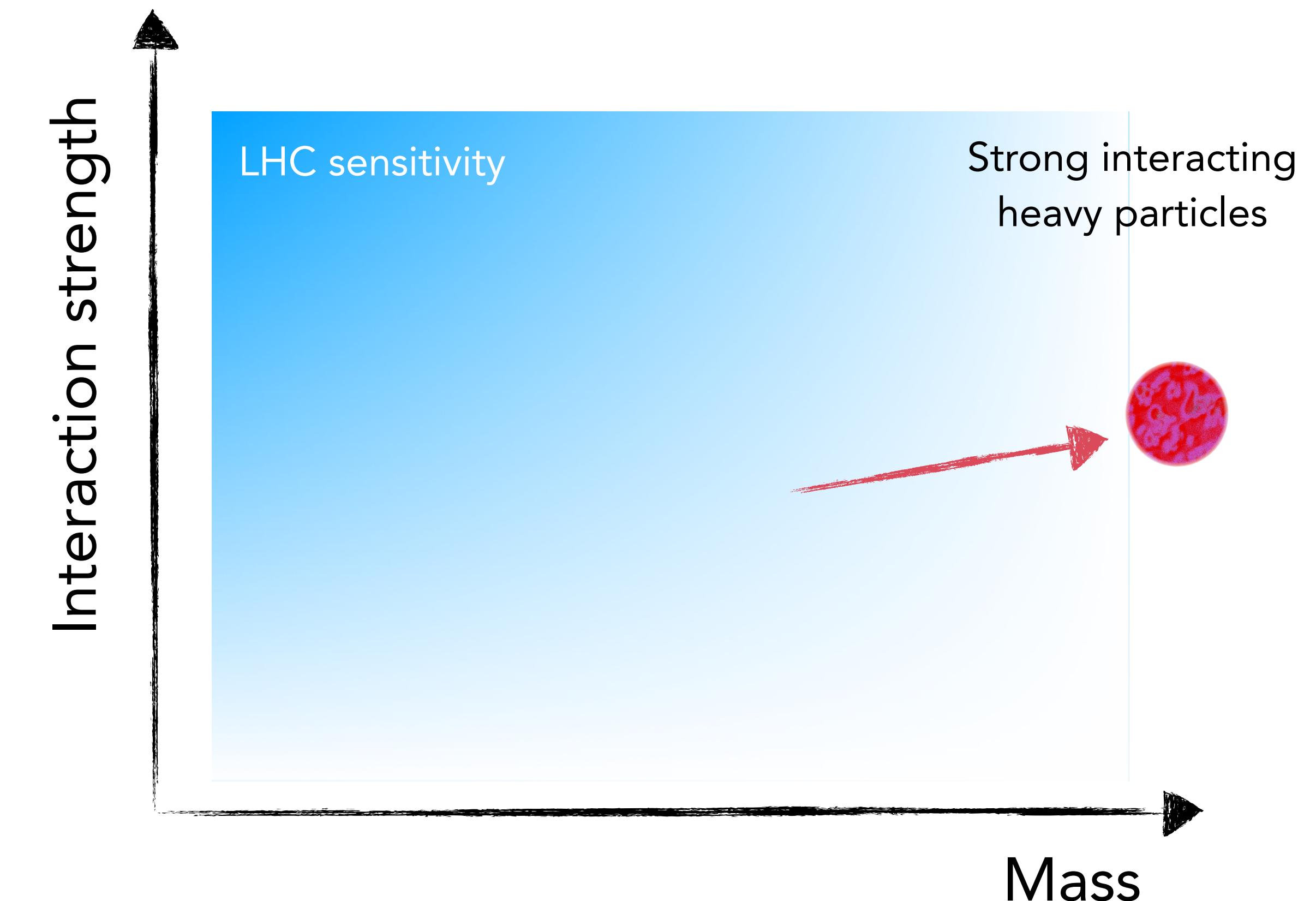
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- 1) *Testing all details of the Standard Model!*
- 2) *Searching for New Particles and Forces!*

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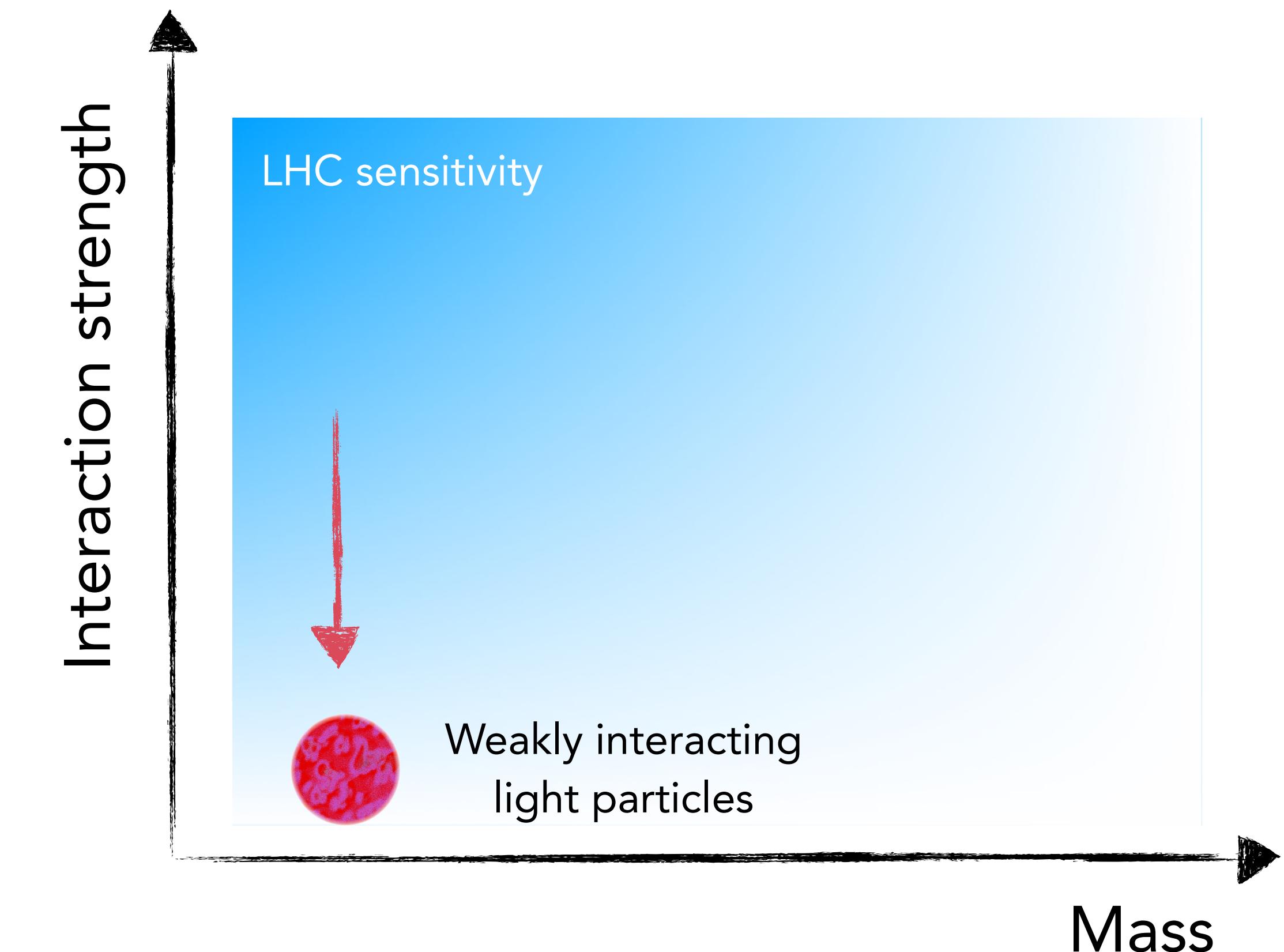
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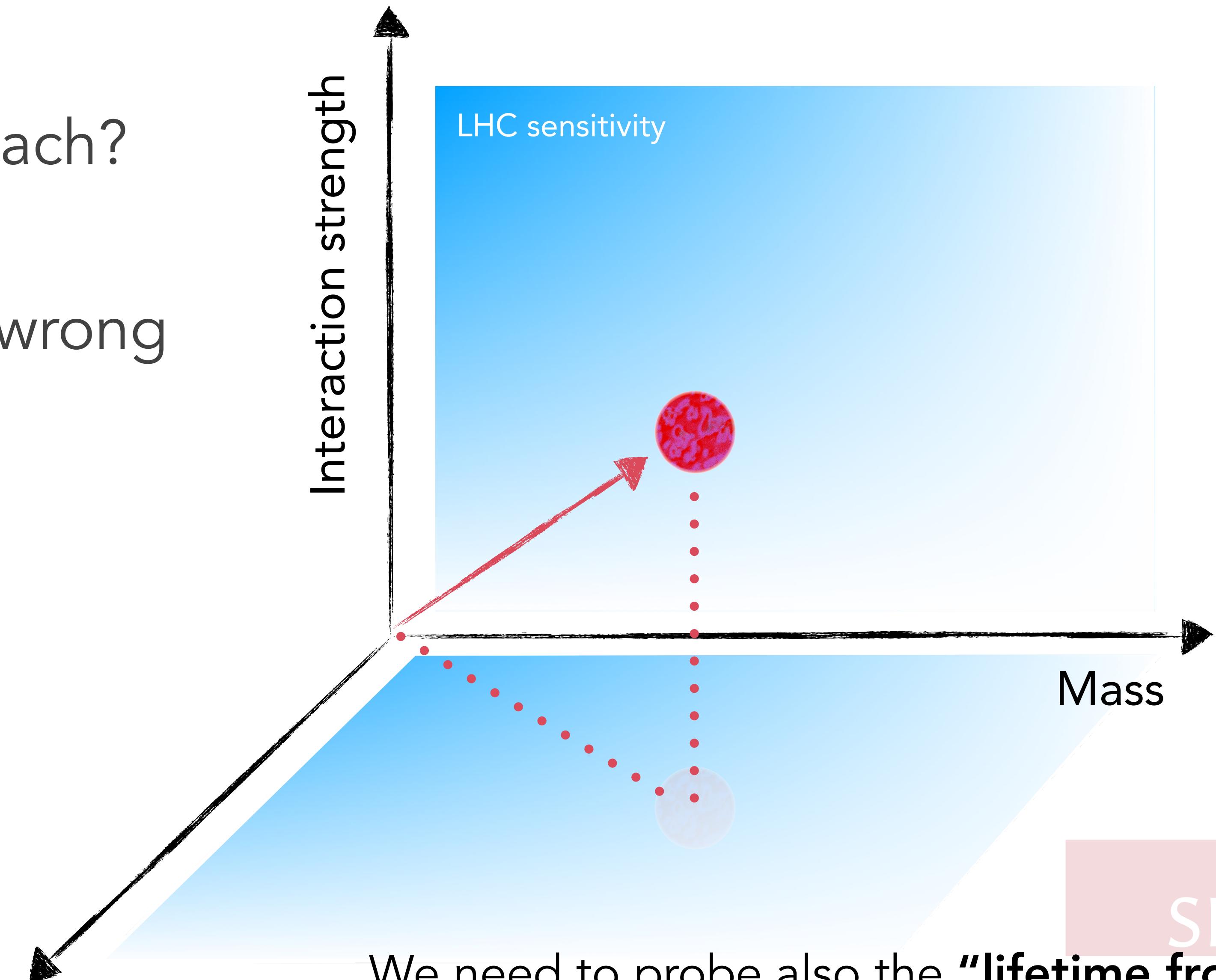


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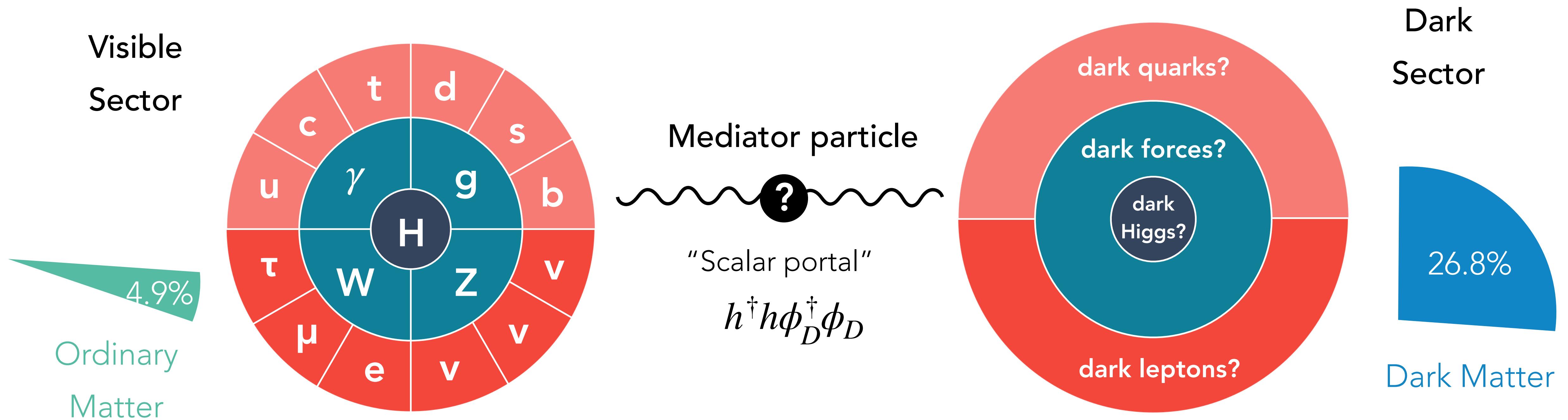
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2. Have we looked in the wrong place so far?

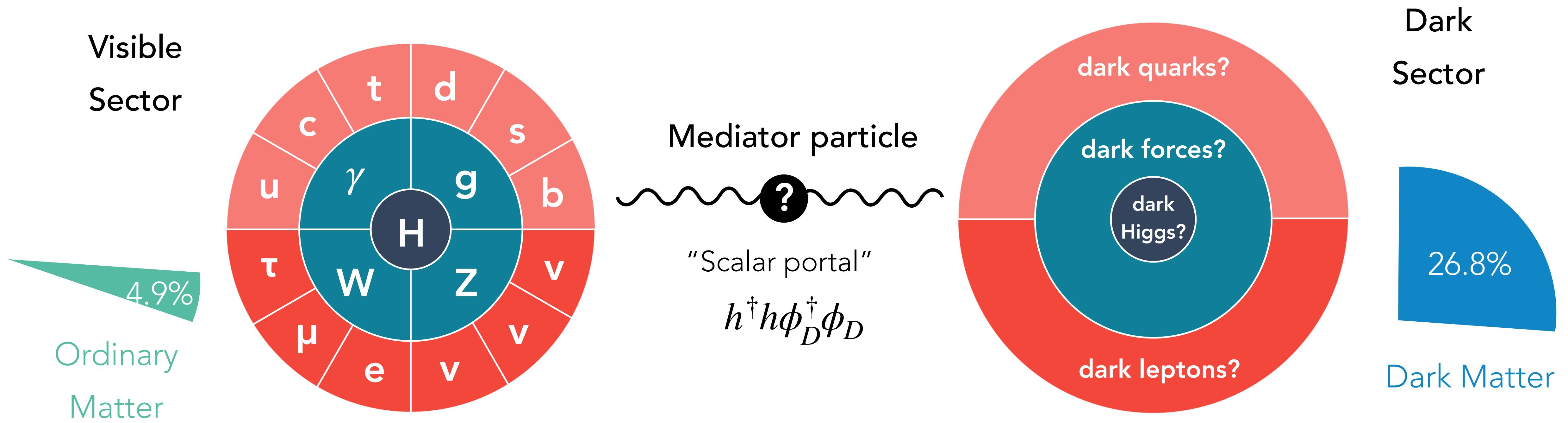


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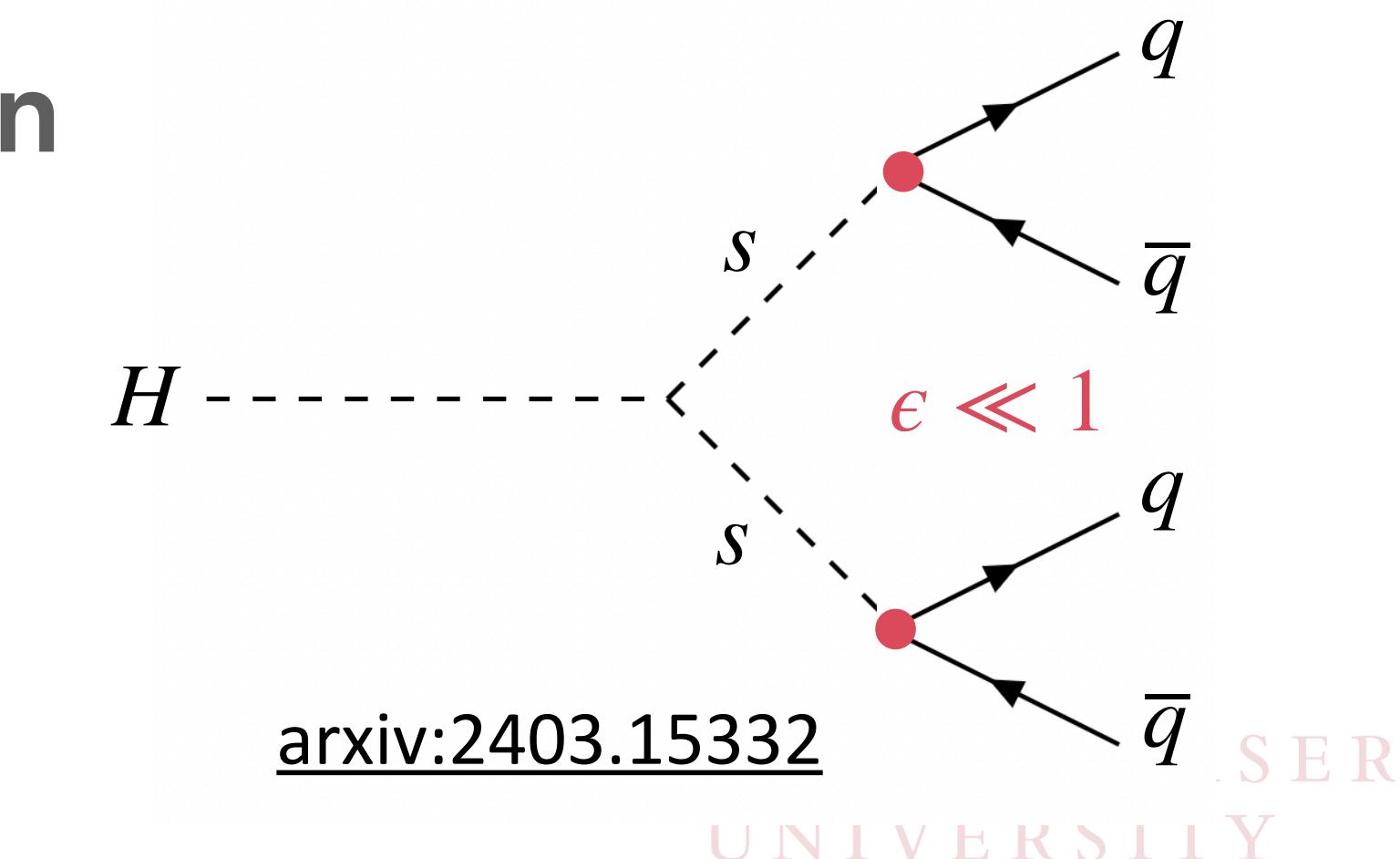


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## Hidden Sector portal — A portal to the Higgs Boson

→ Scalar becomes long lived if couplings to SM particles is very small



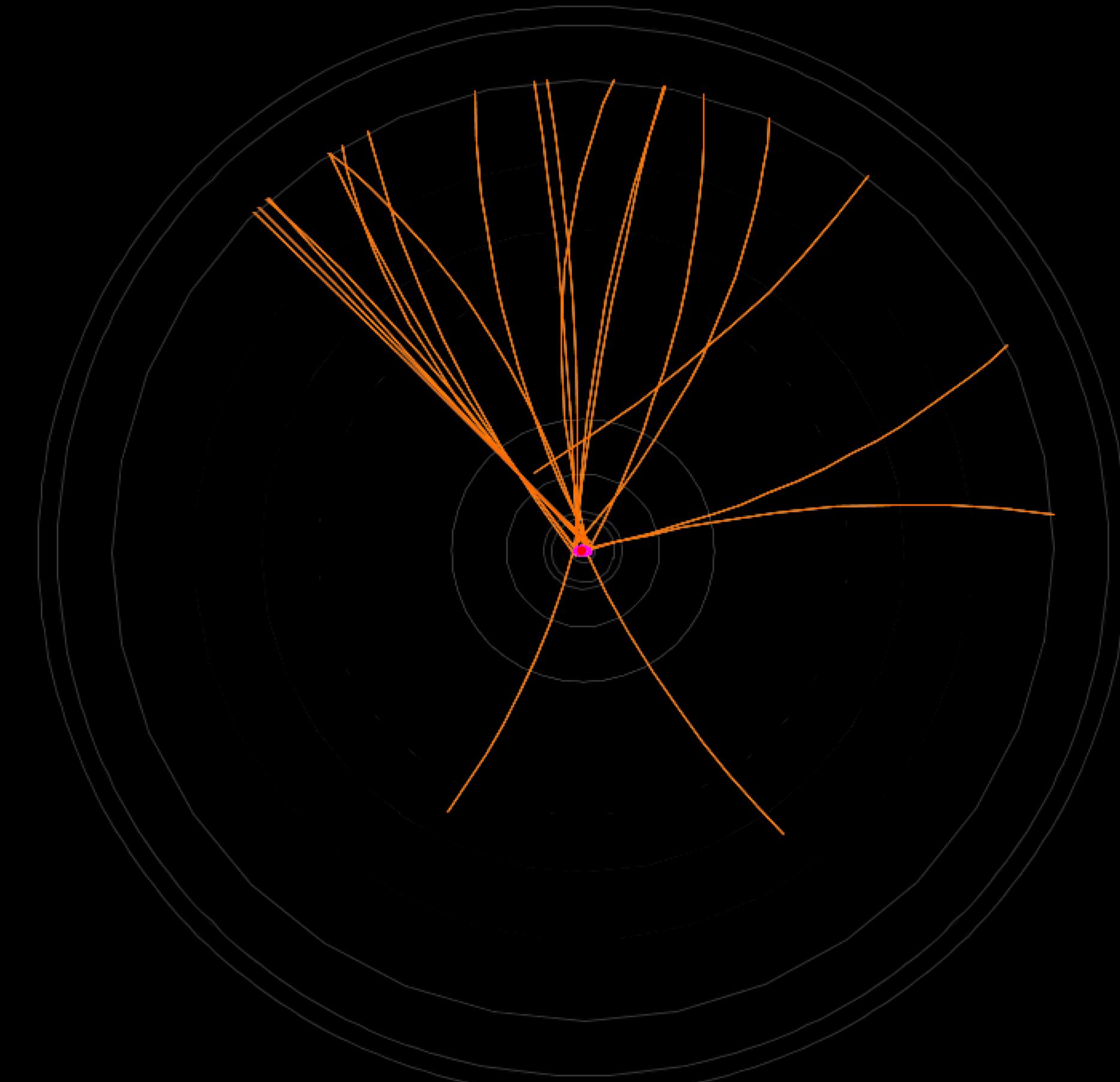
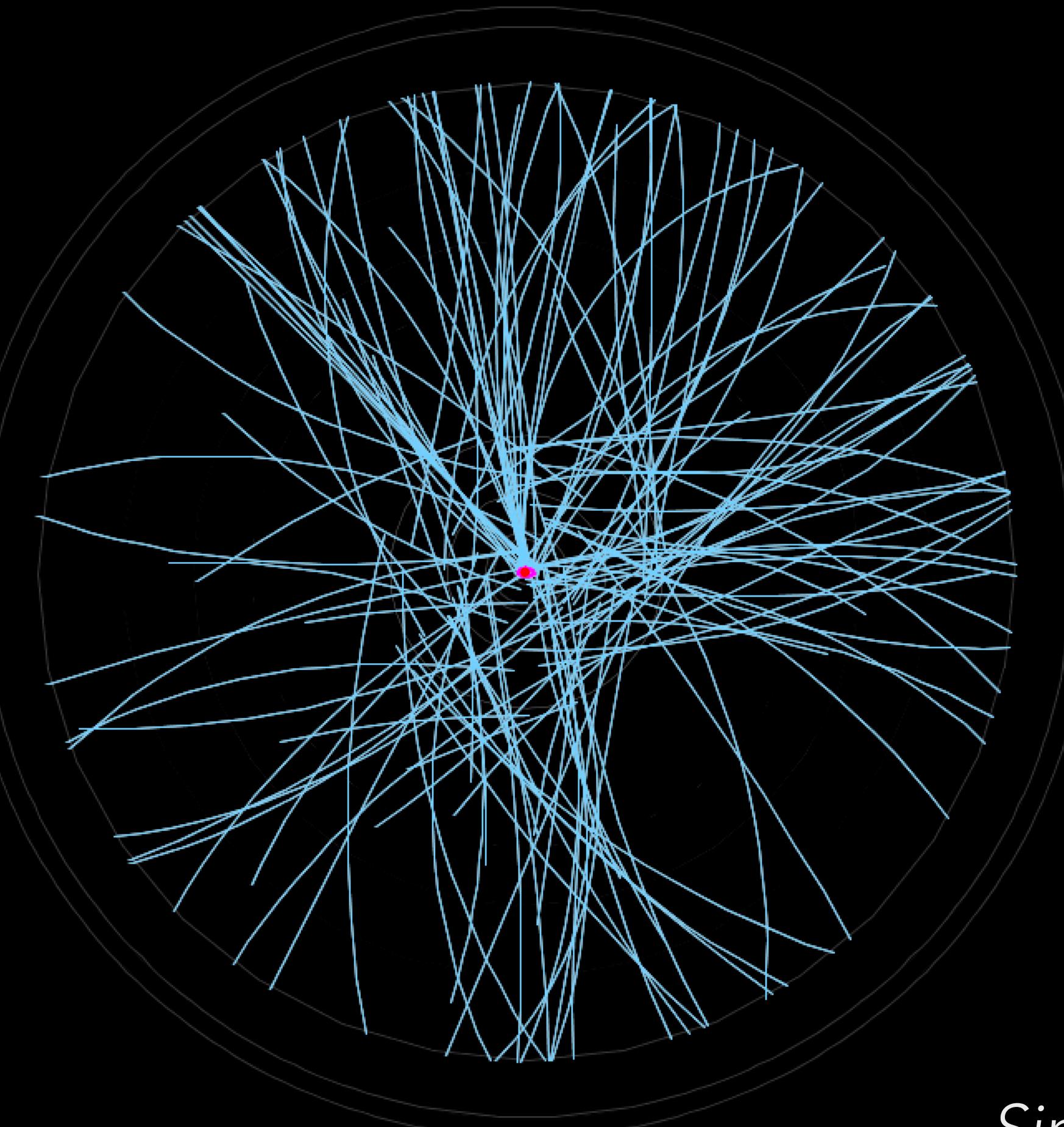
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Simulated signal event



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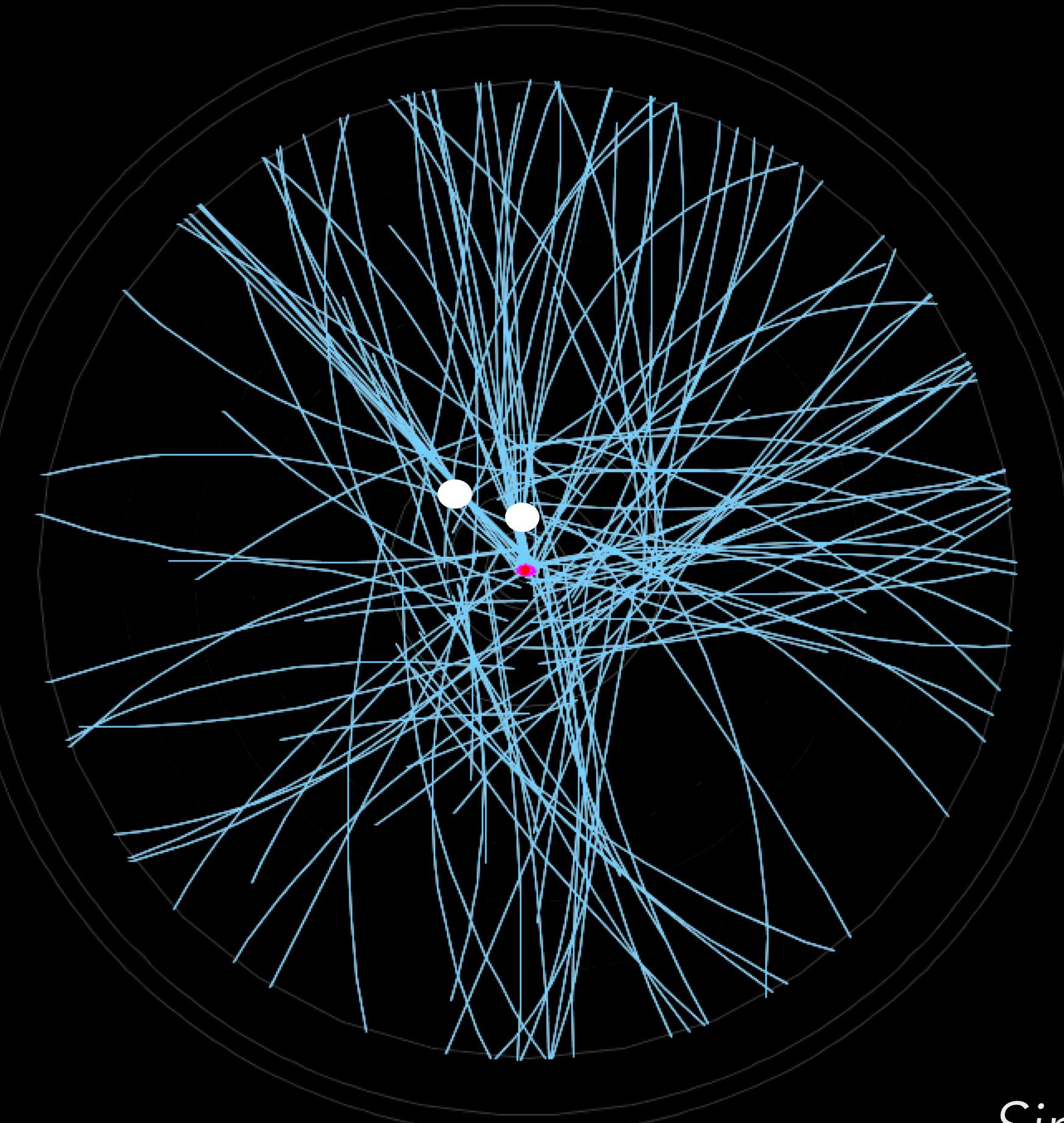
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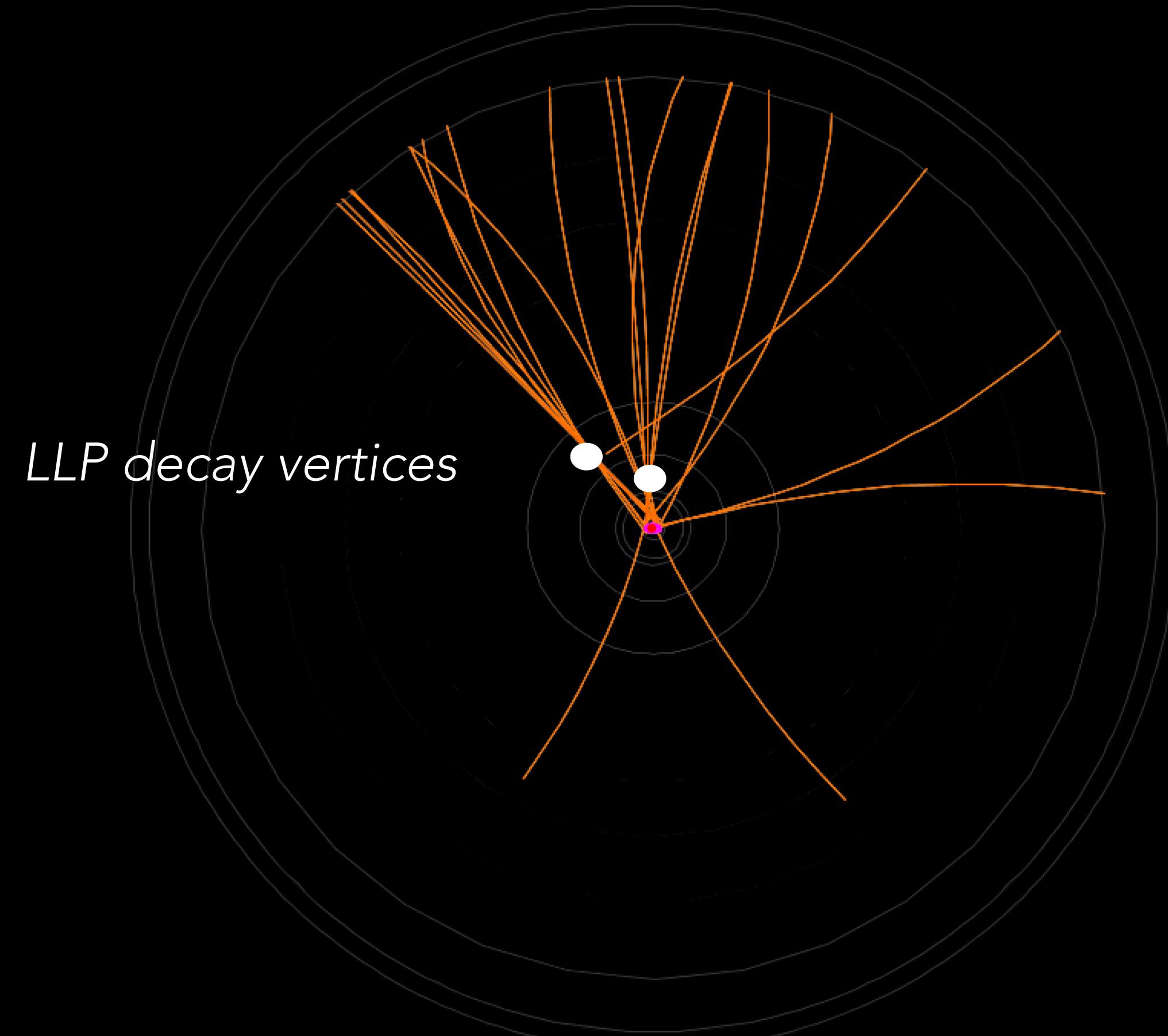
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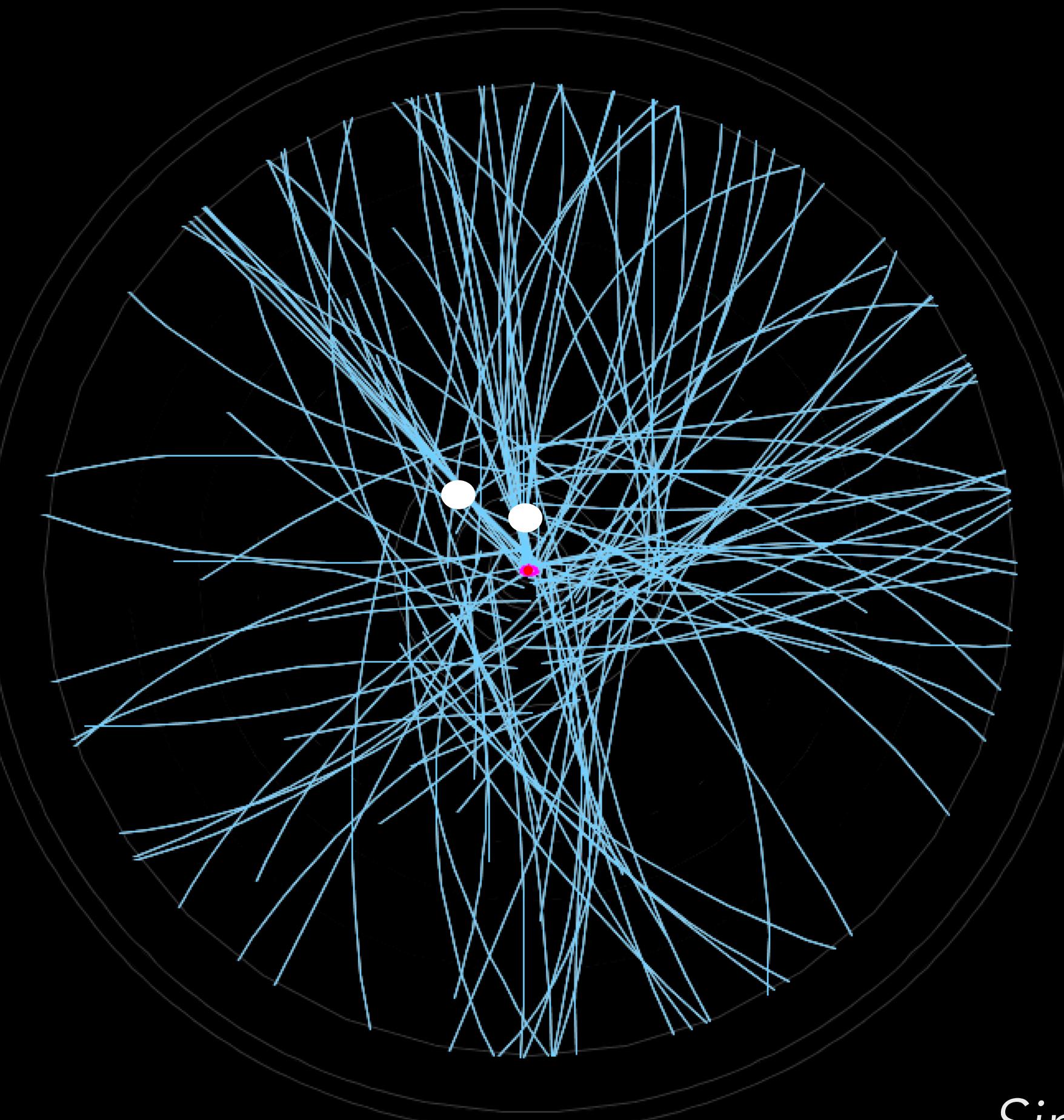
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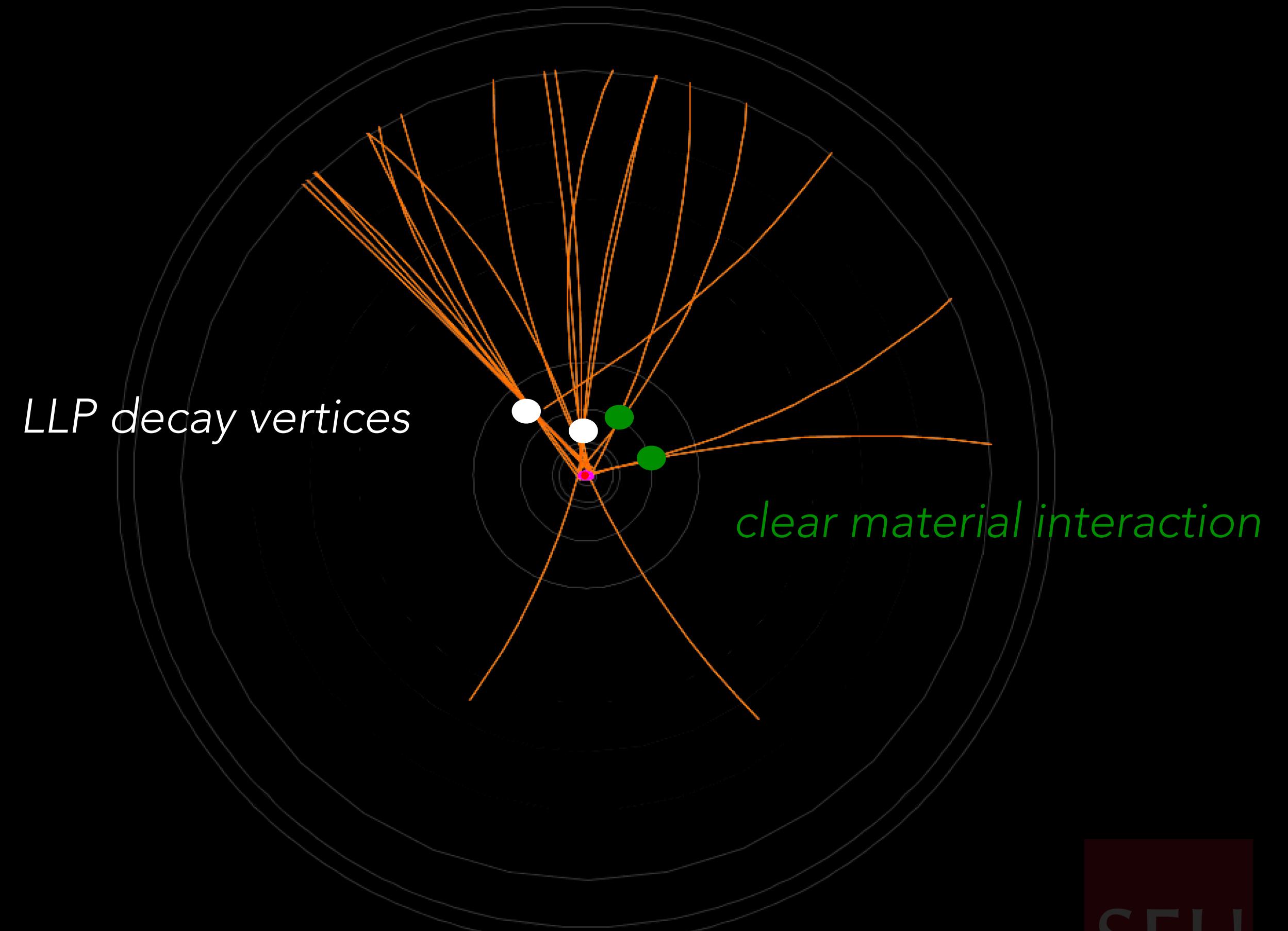
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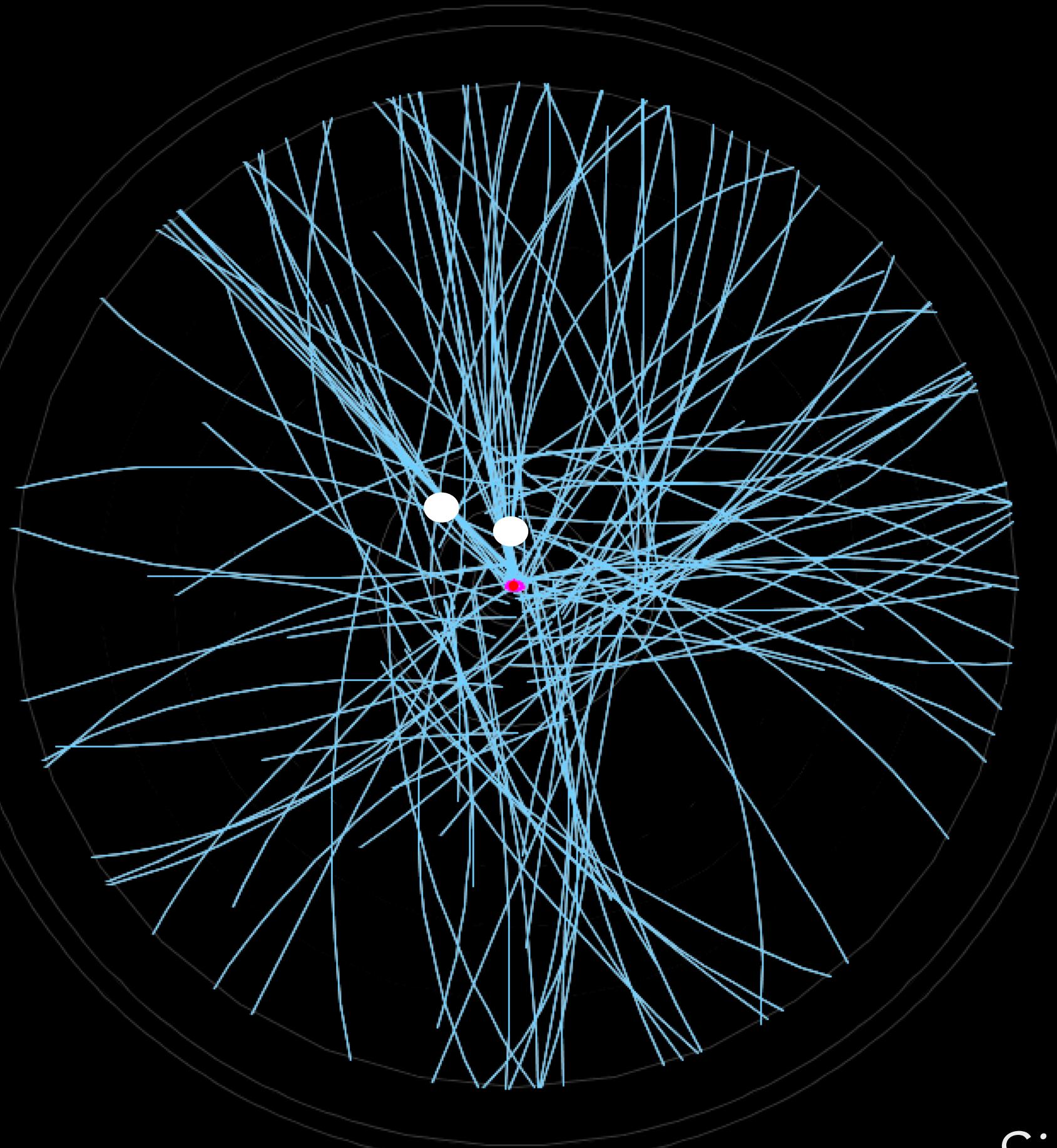
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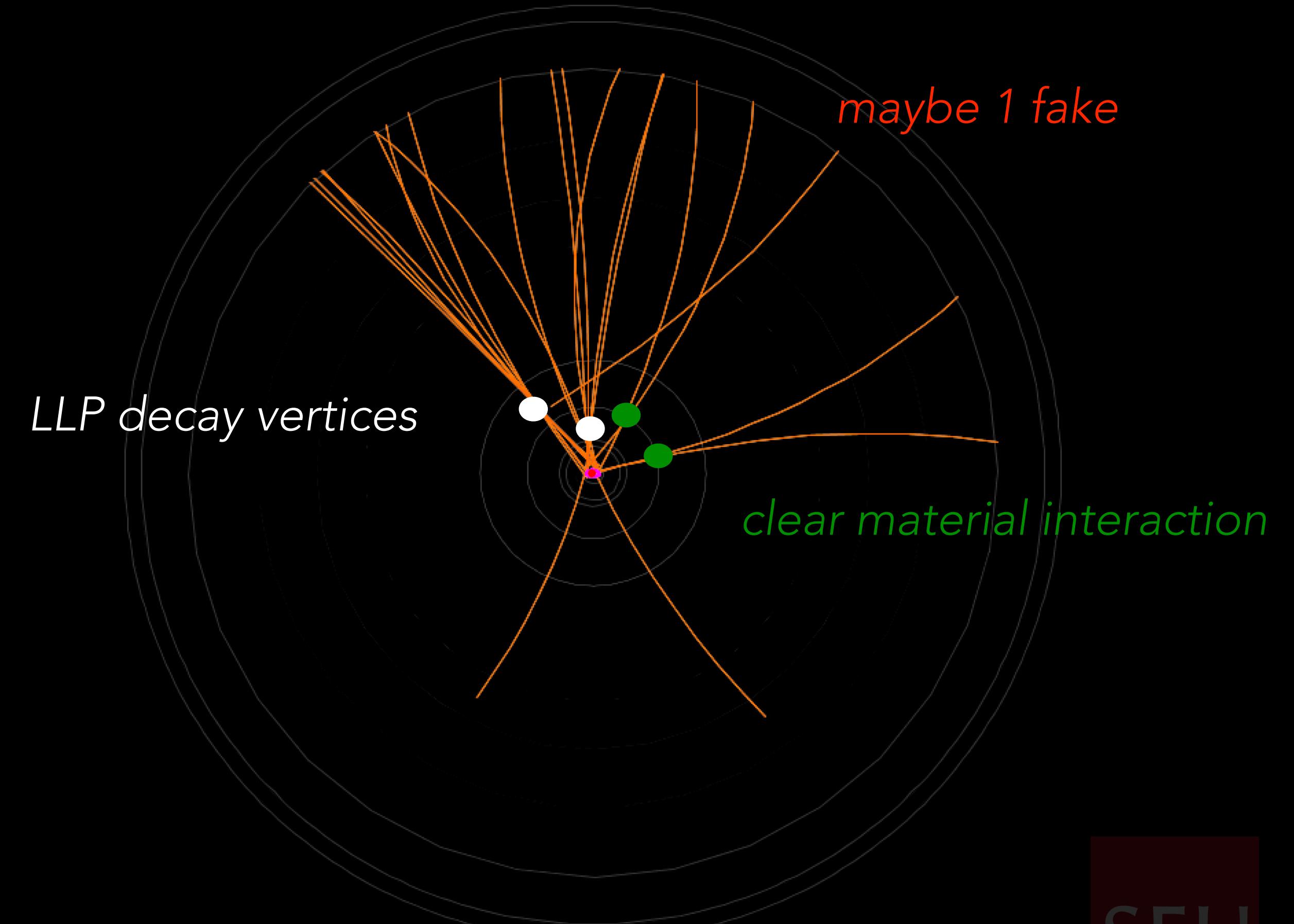
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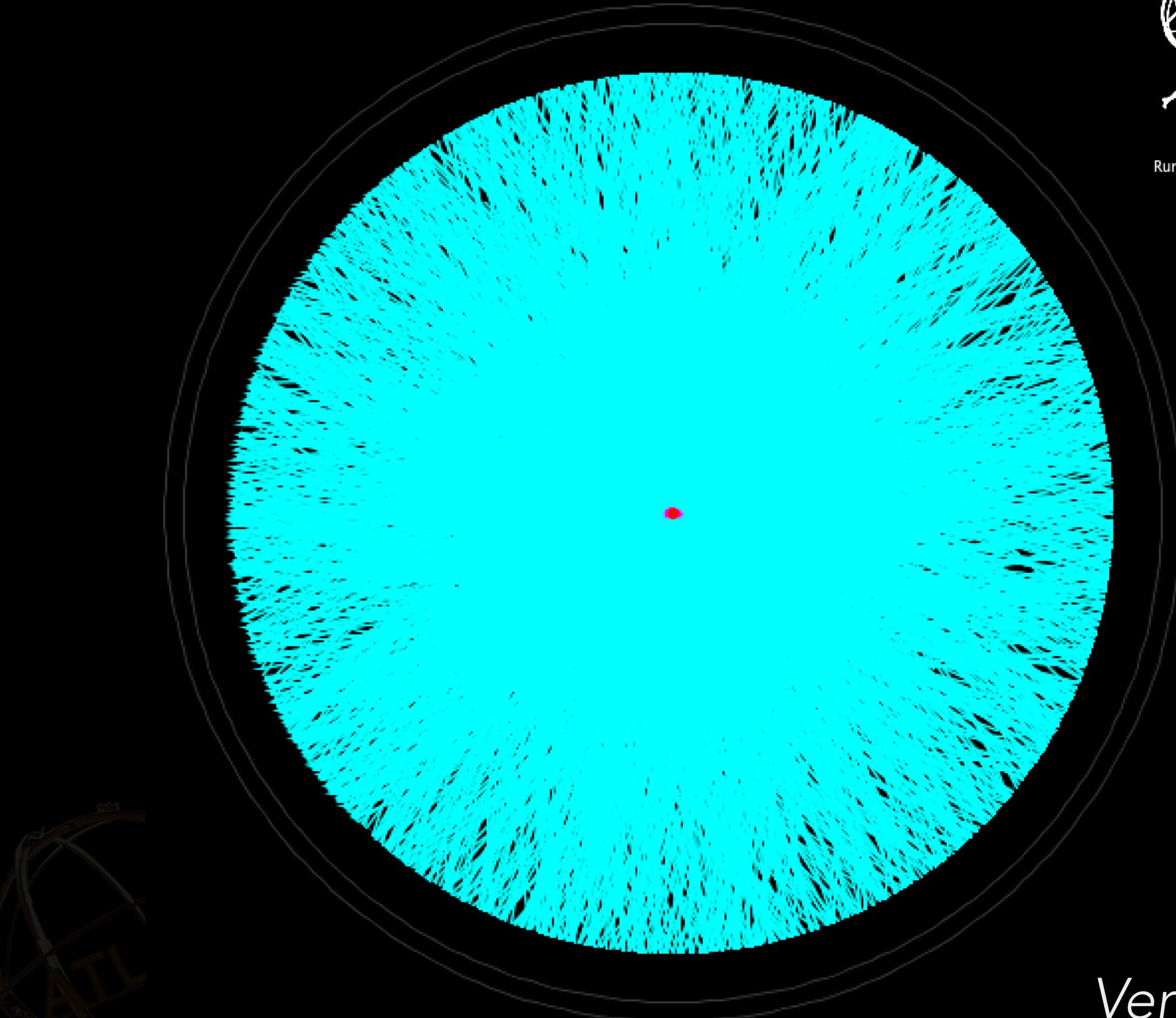
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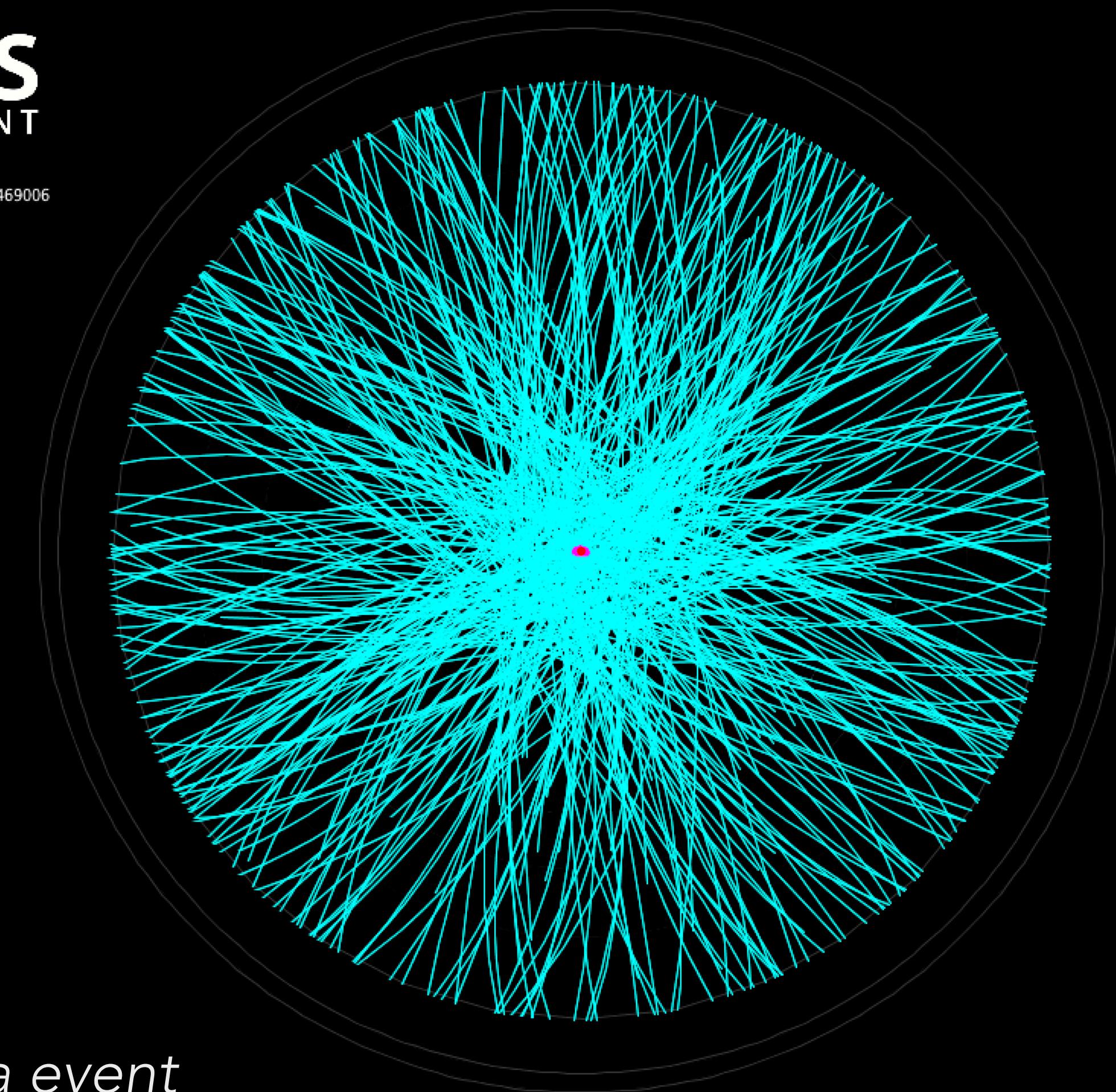
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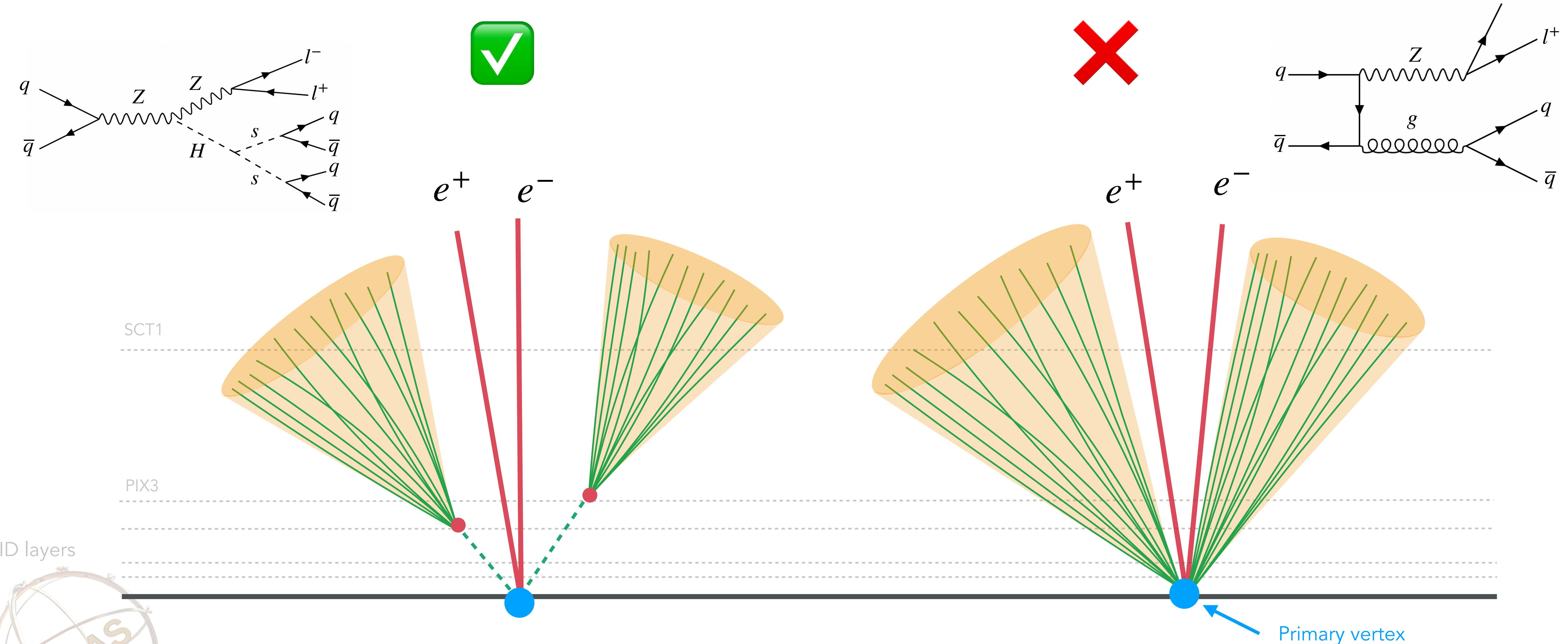
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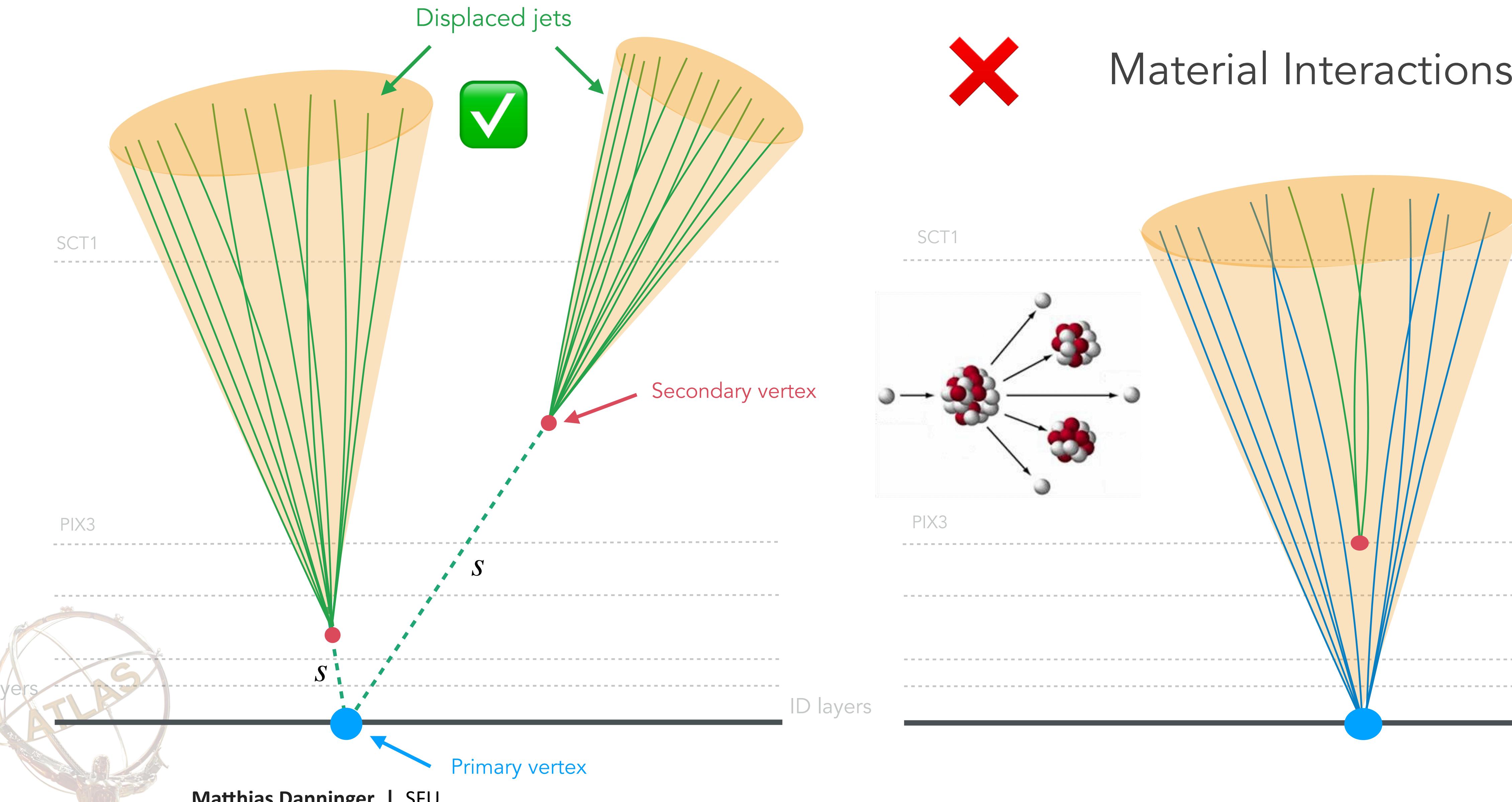
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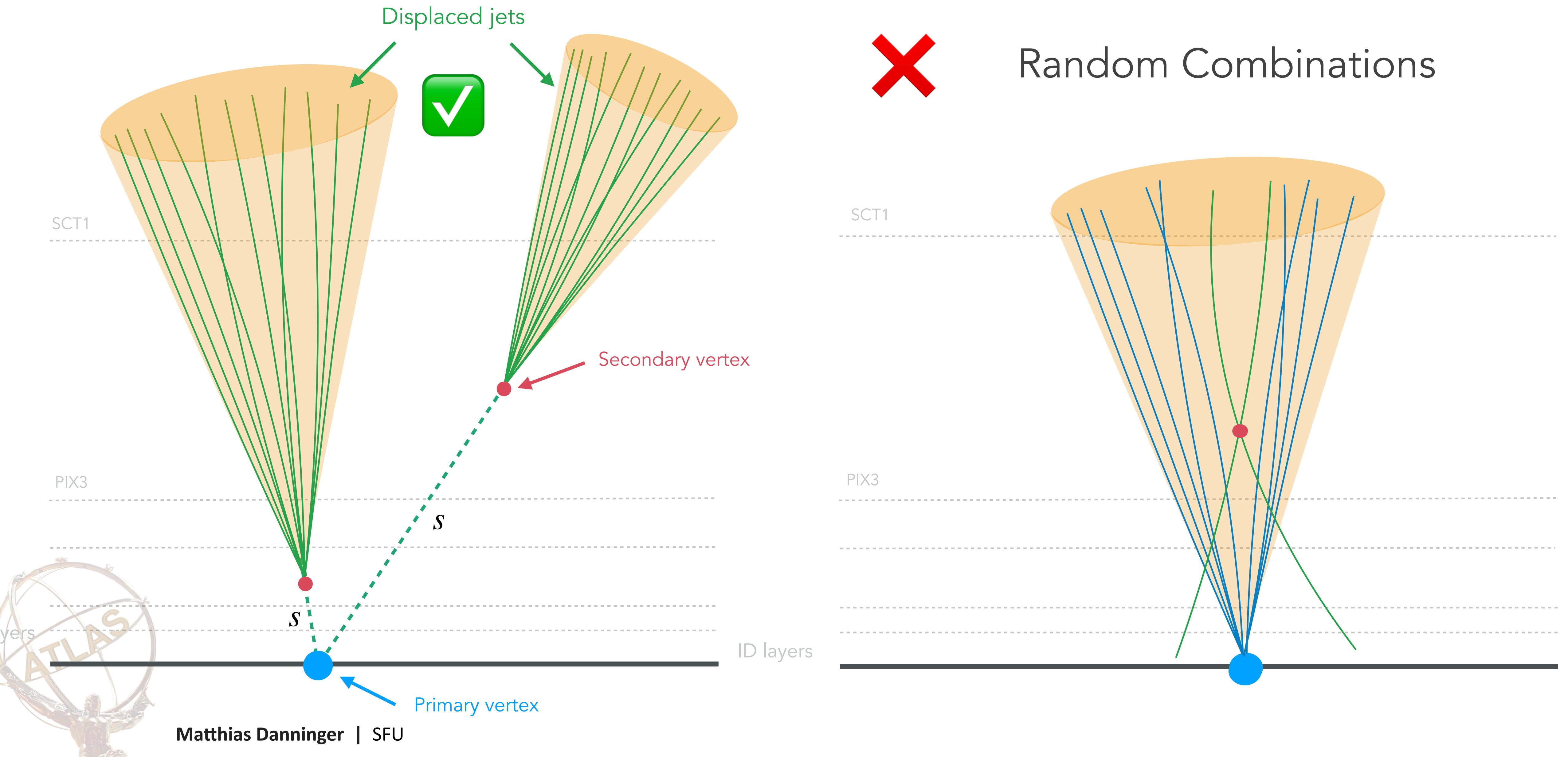
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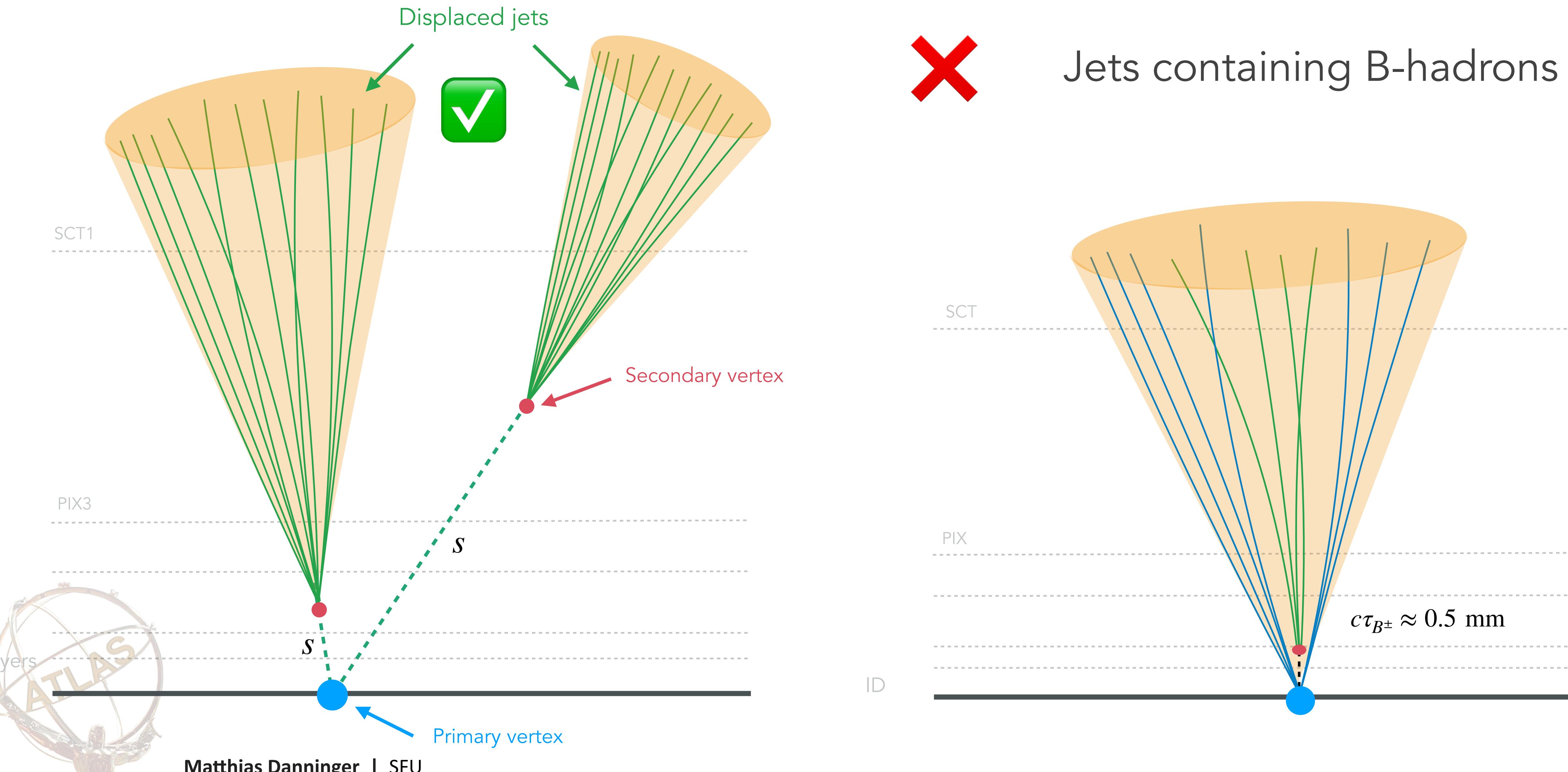
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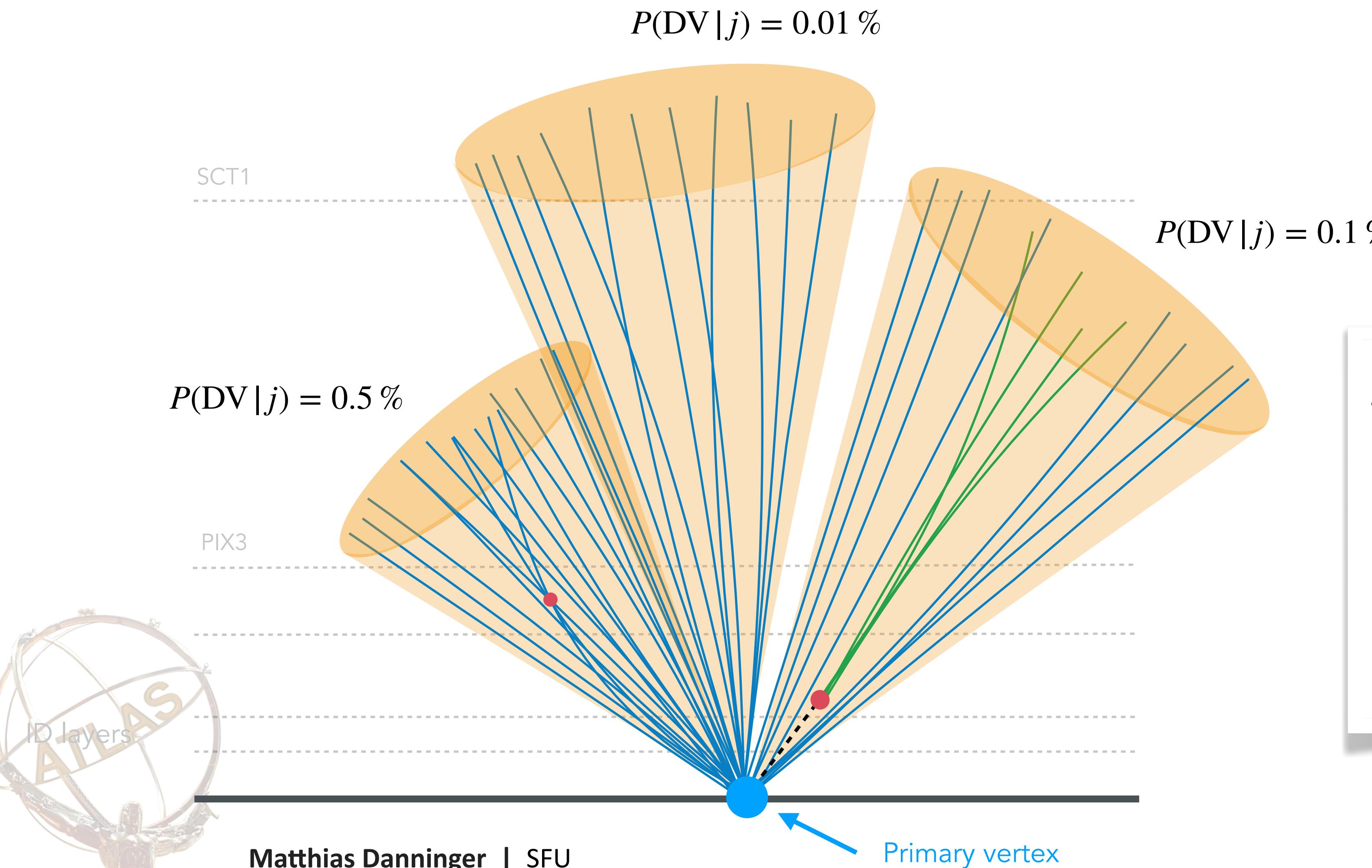
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Simulation not reliable for estimating unconventional backgrounds → need a data-driven approach

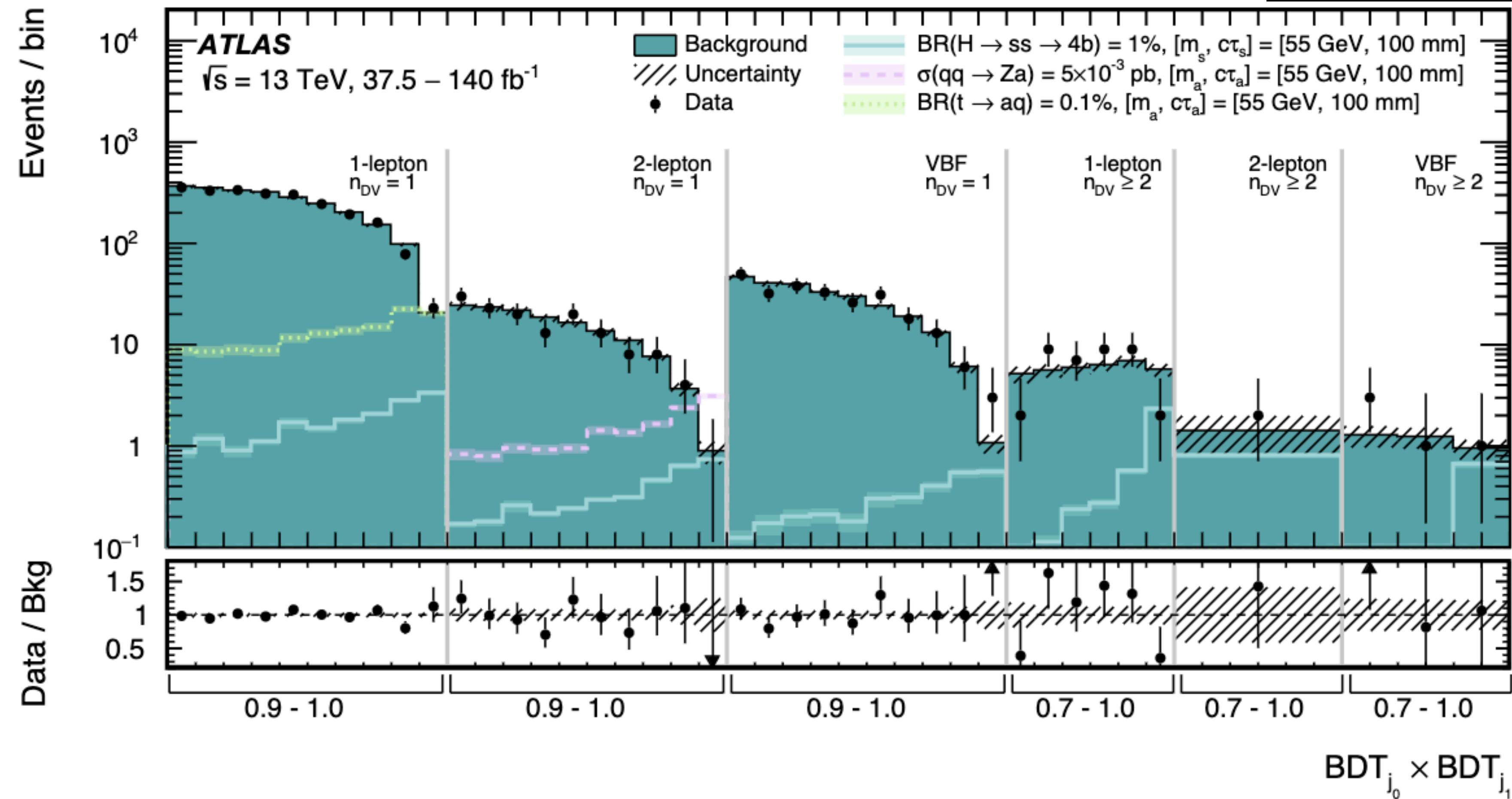
Strategy: measure the probability in data for a given jet to be matched to a displaced vertex



- 3-dimensional parameterization:
- LLP jet classification
  - B-jet classification
  - Jet Momentum

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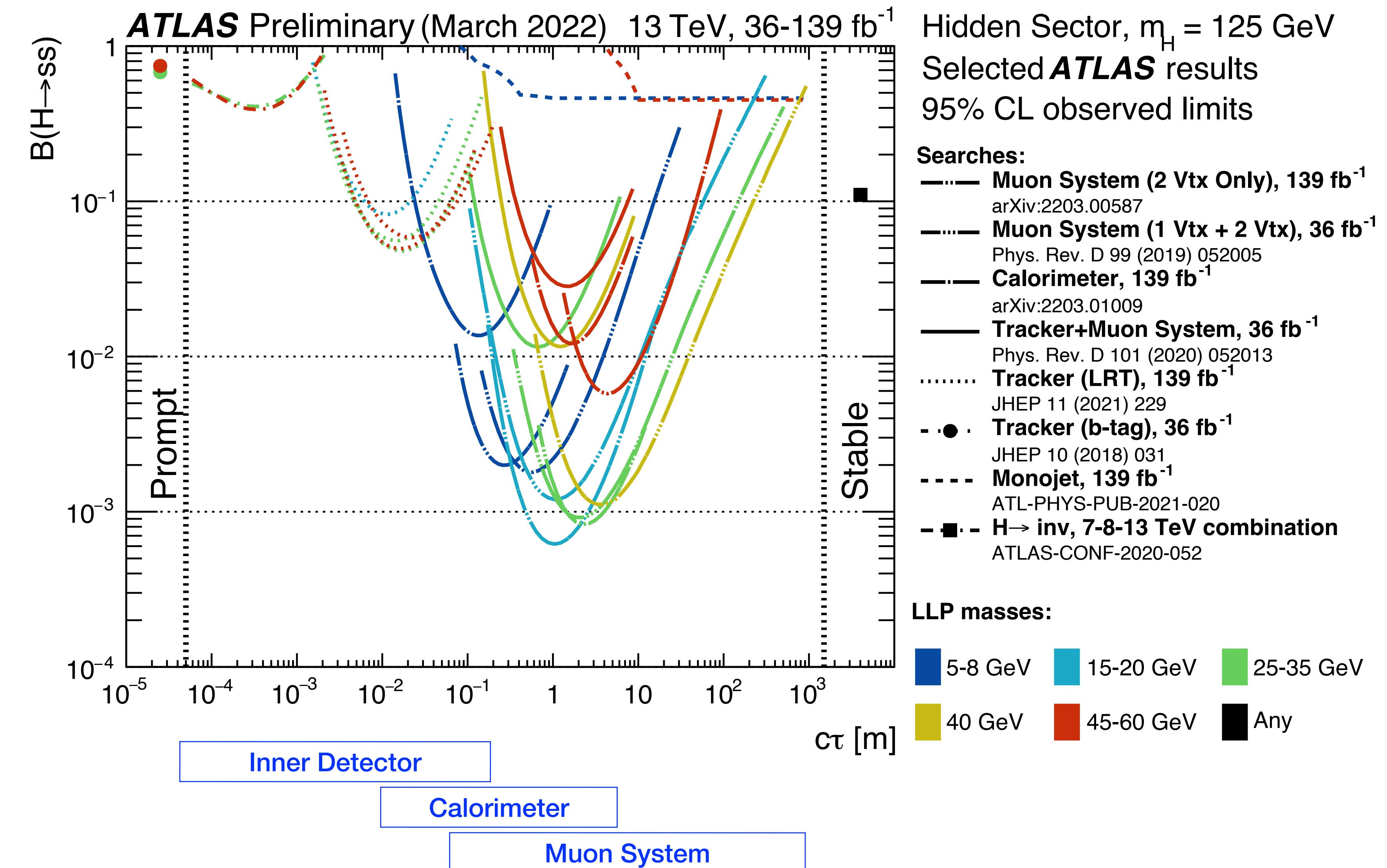
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- Excellent data-driven modelling of SM background
- No significant excess observed



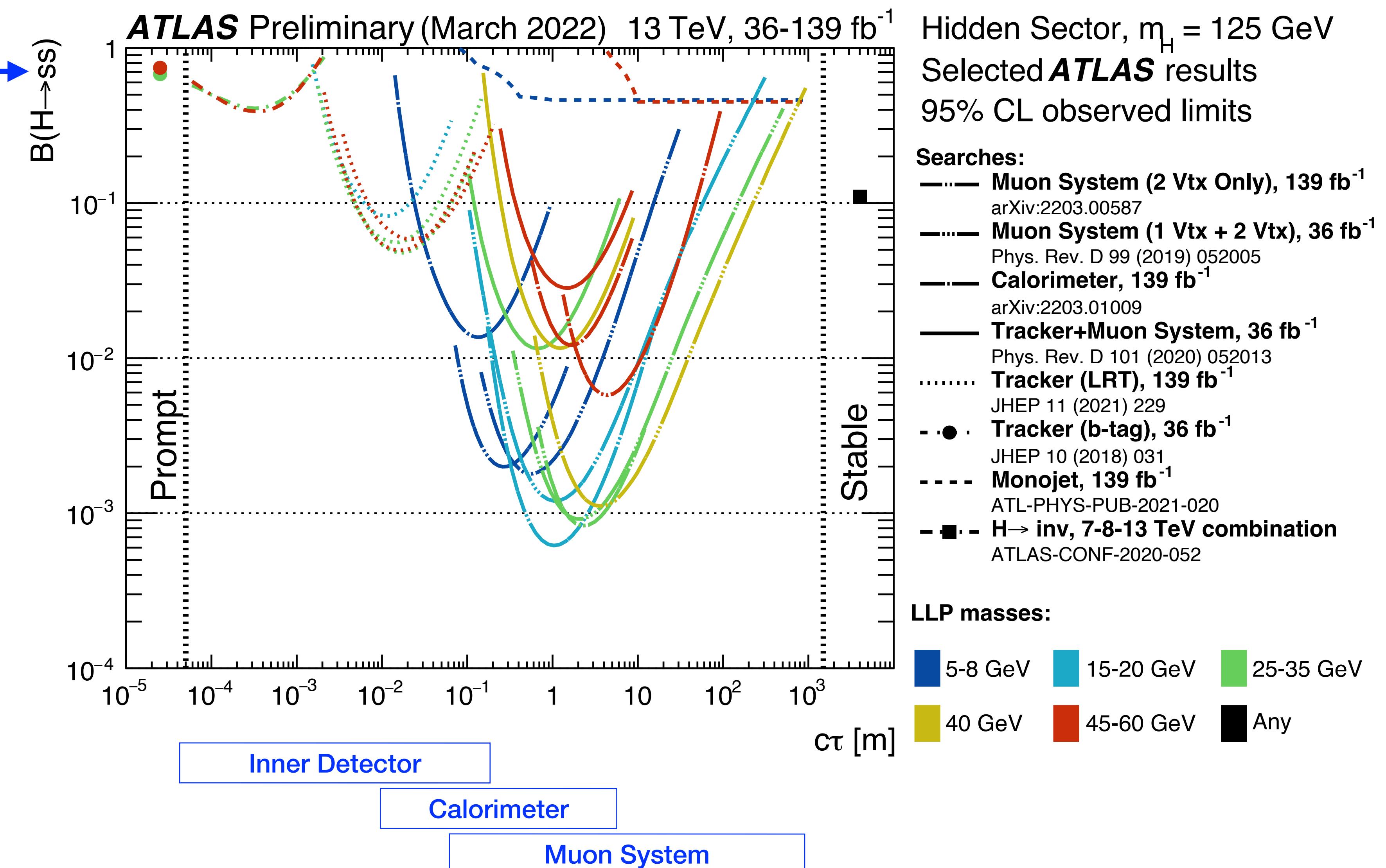
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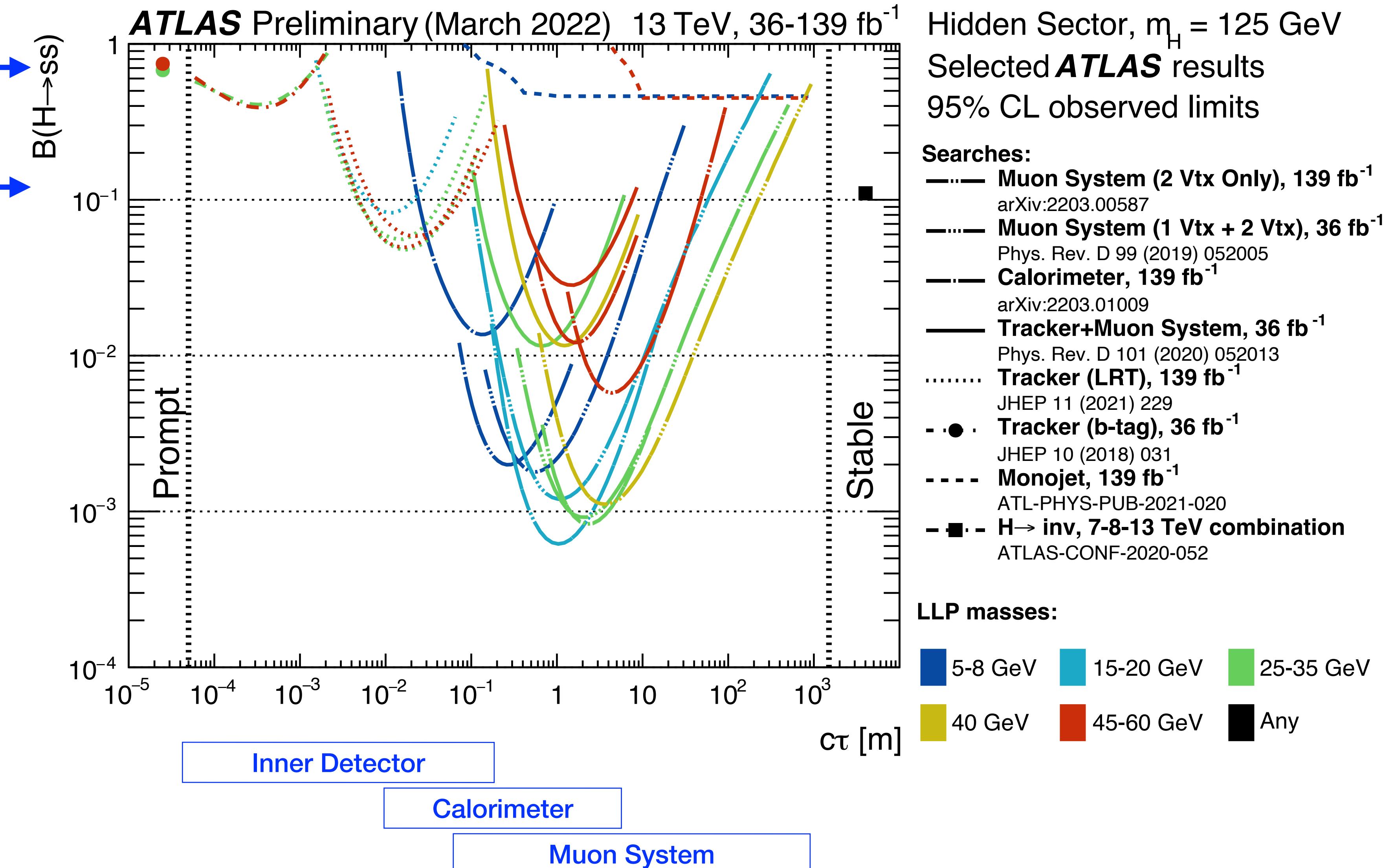


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*Prompt search*

*Higgs measurements*



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- Results prior to latest search with Inner Detector

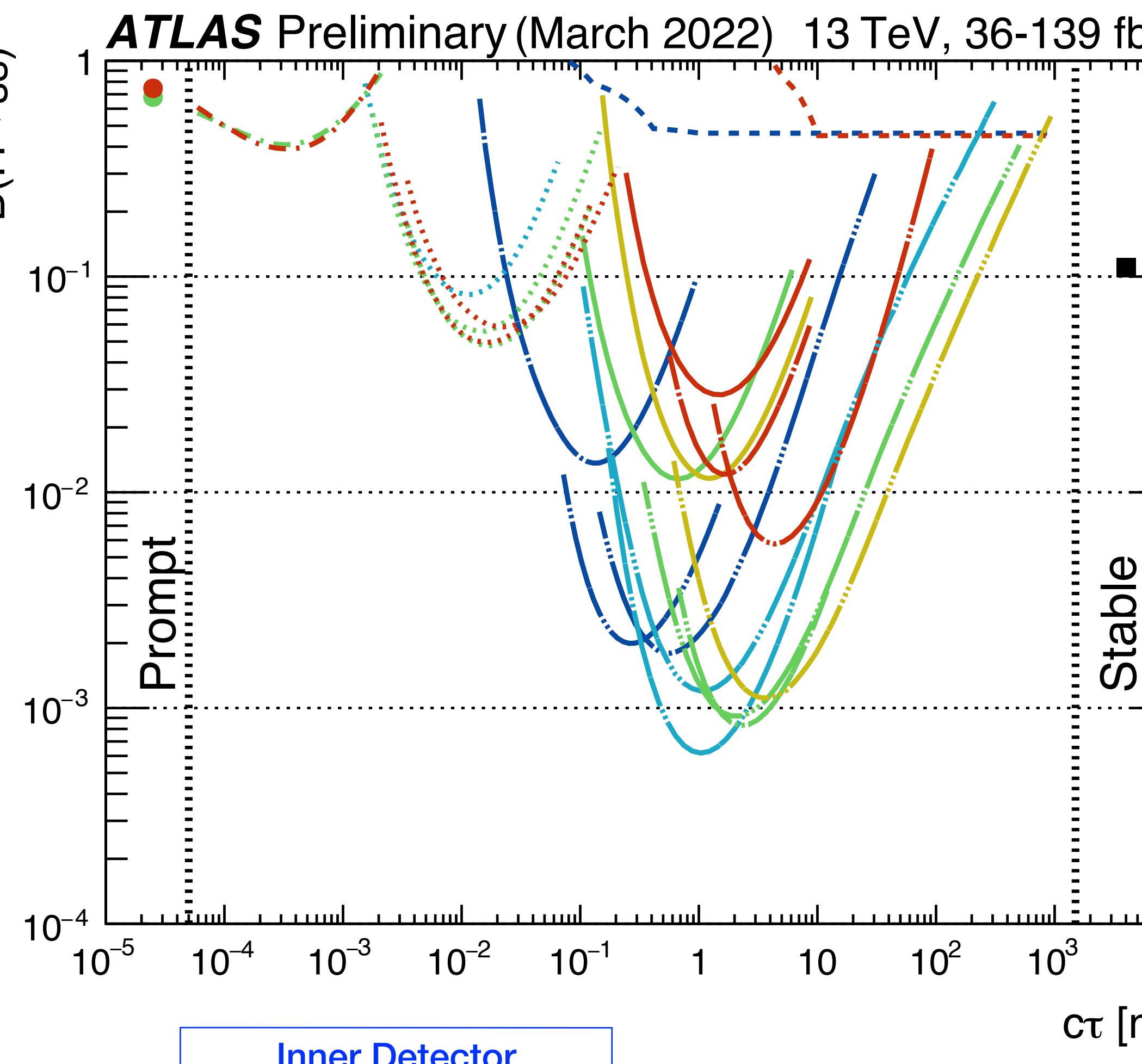
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- 10-40x more sensitive than previous results using the same dataset

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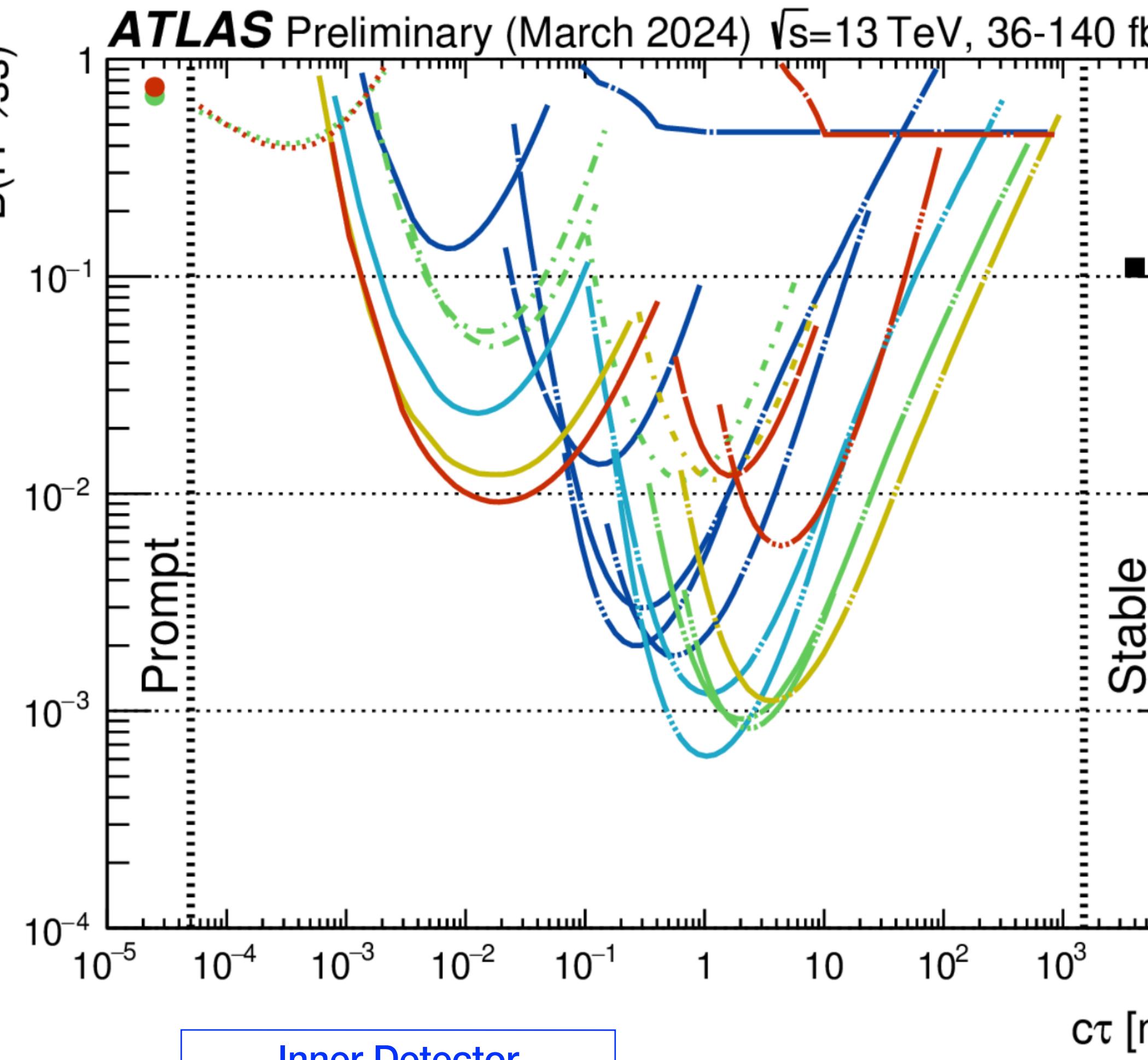
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Inner Detector

Calorimeter

Muon System

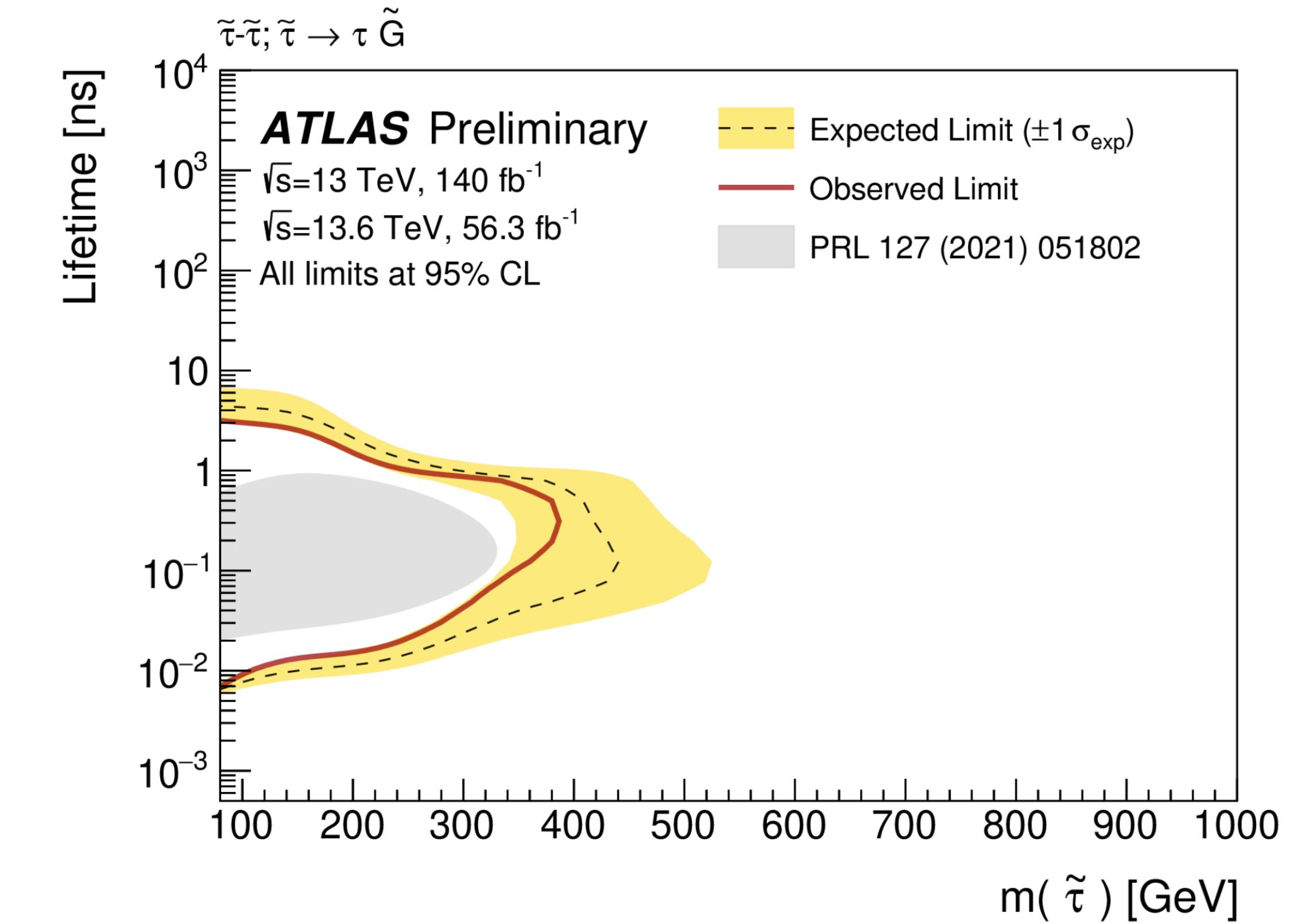
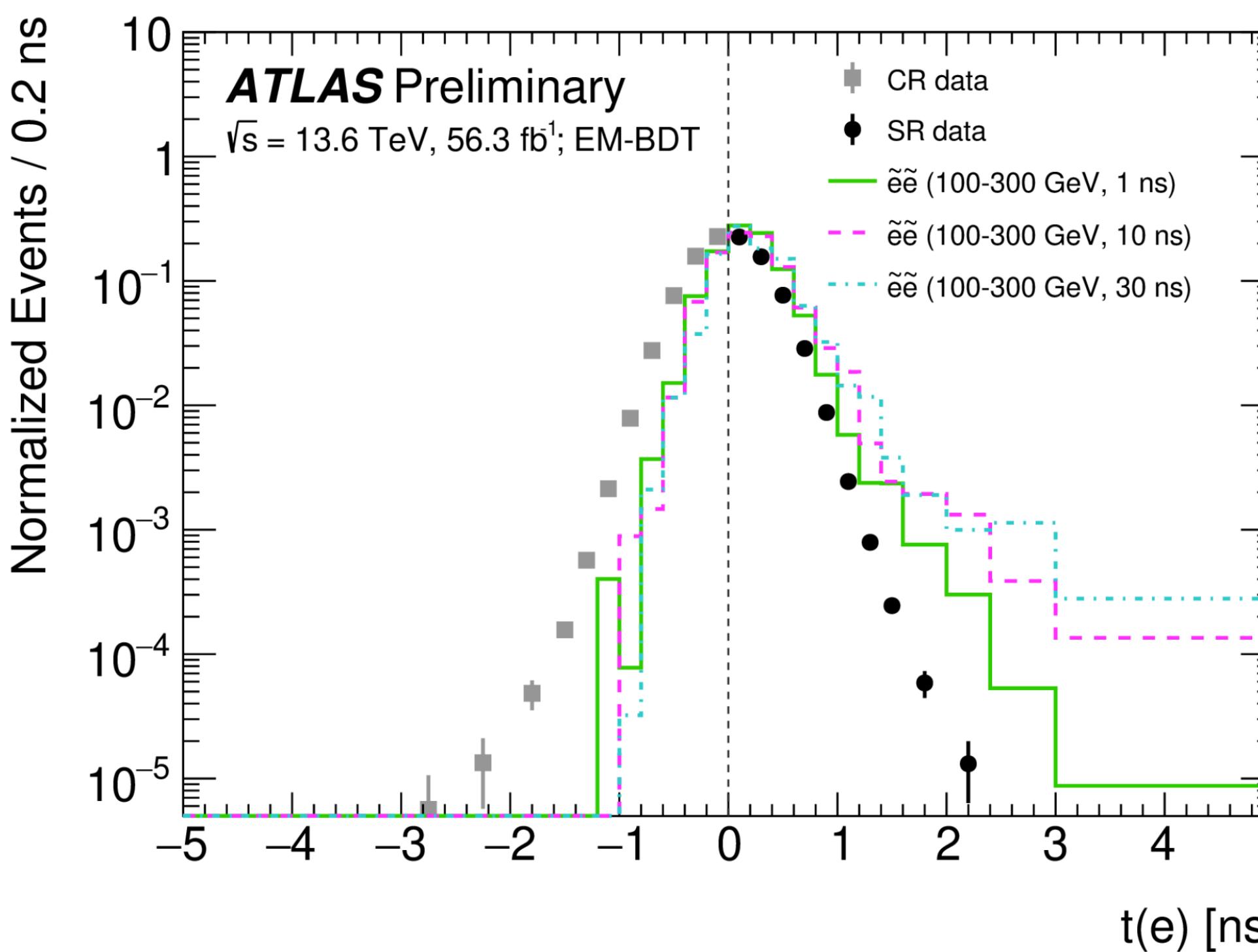
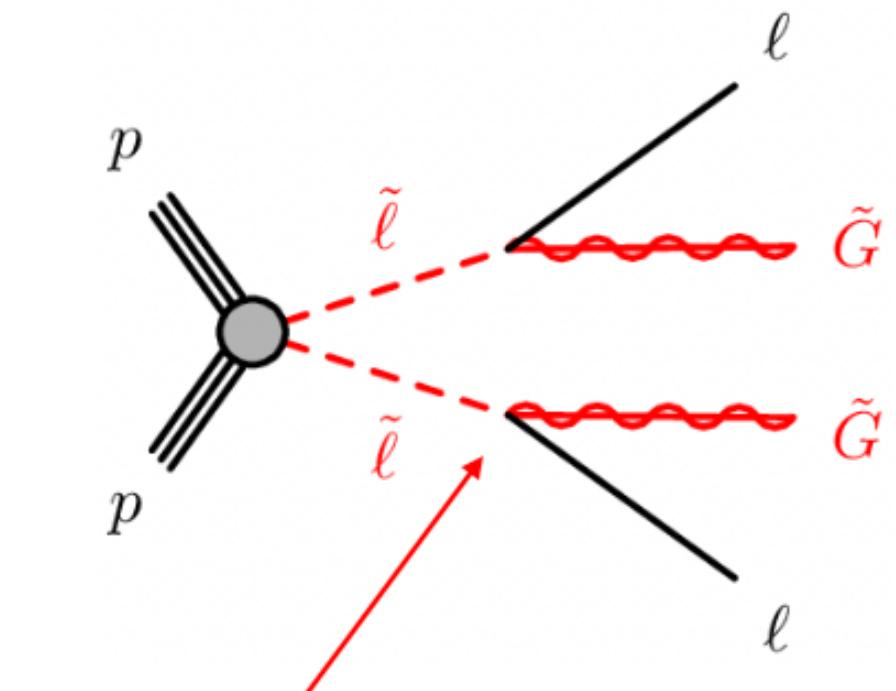


# Long-lived sleptons search

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## Displaced lepton search:

- Run 3 search using new LLP reconstruction (also in the trigger!)
- Precision timing information from calorimeter is used to complement tracking information
- New improved limits also for electron and muon channels

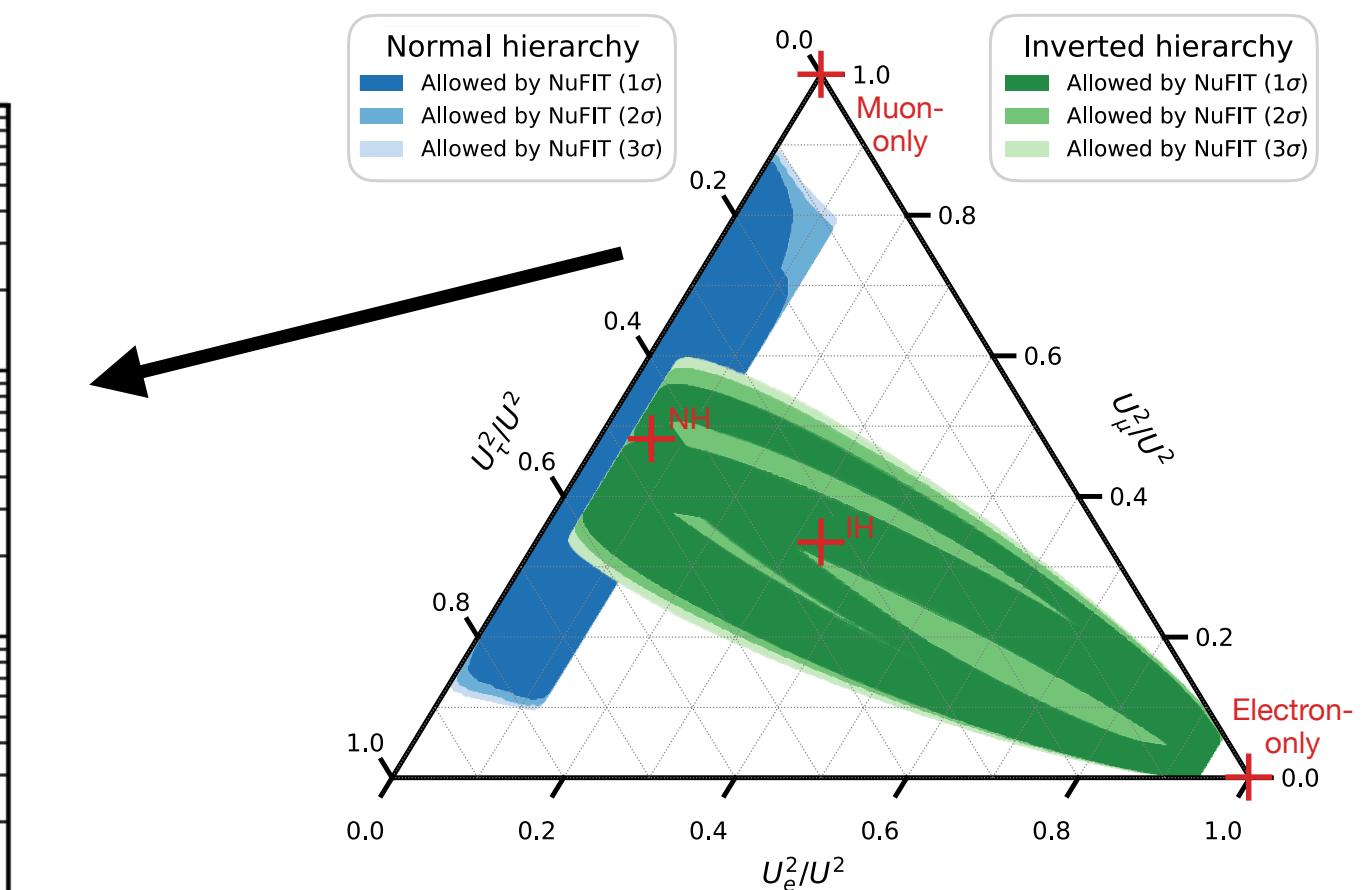
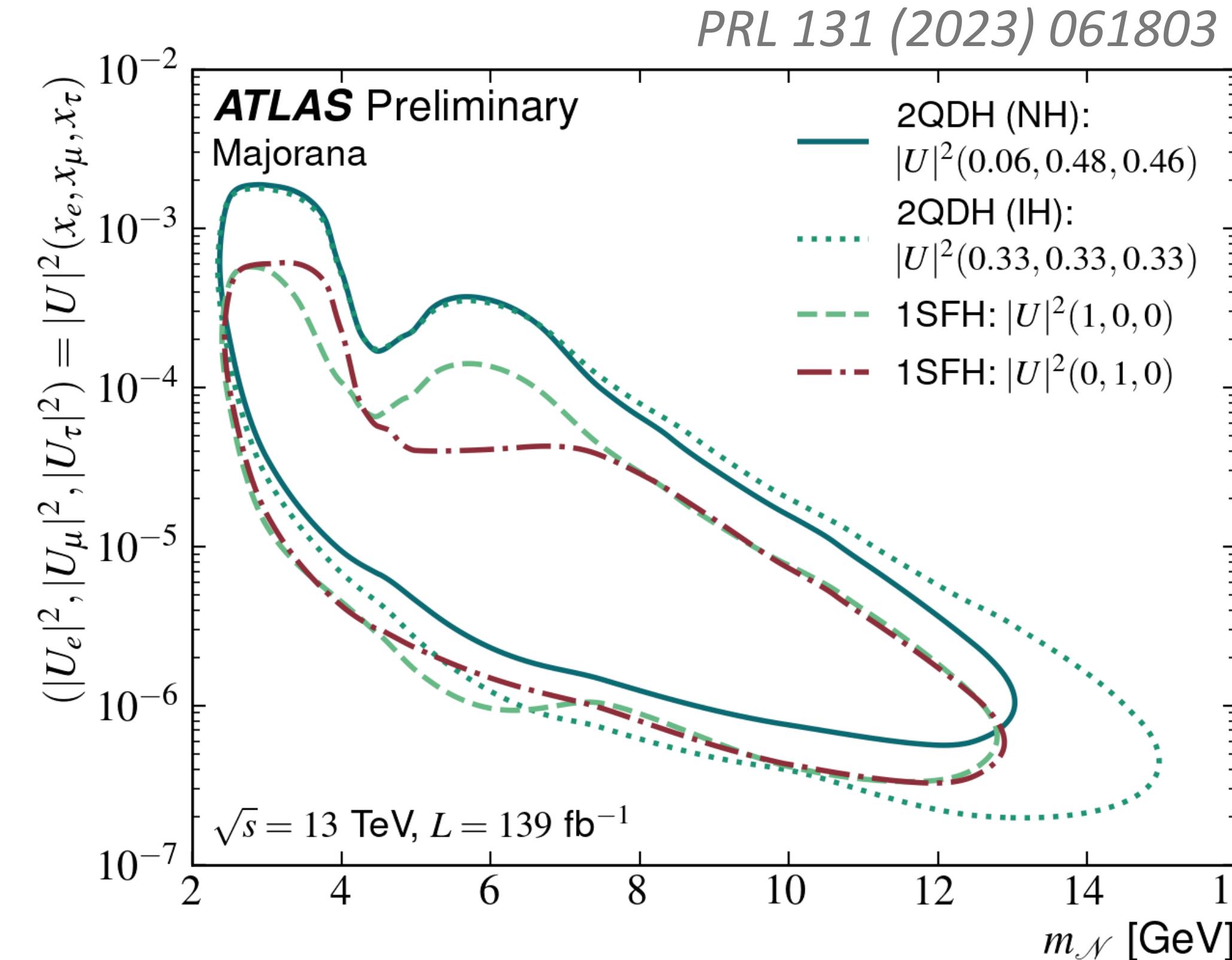
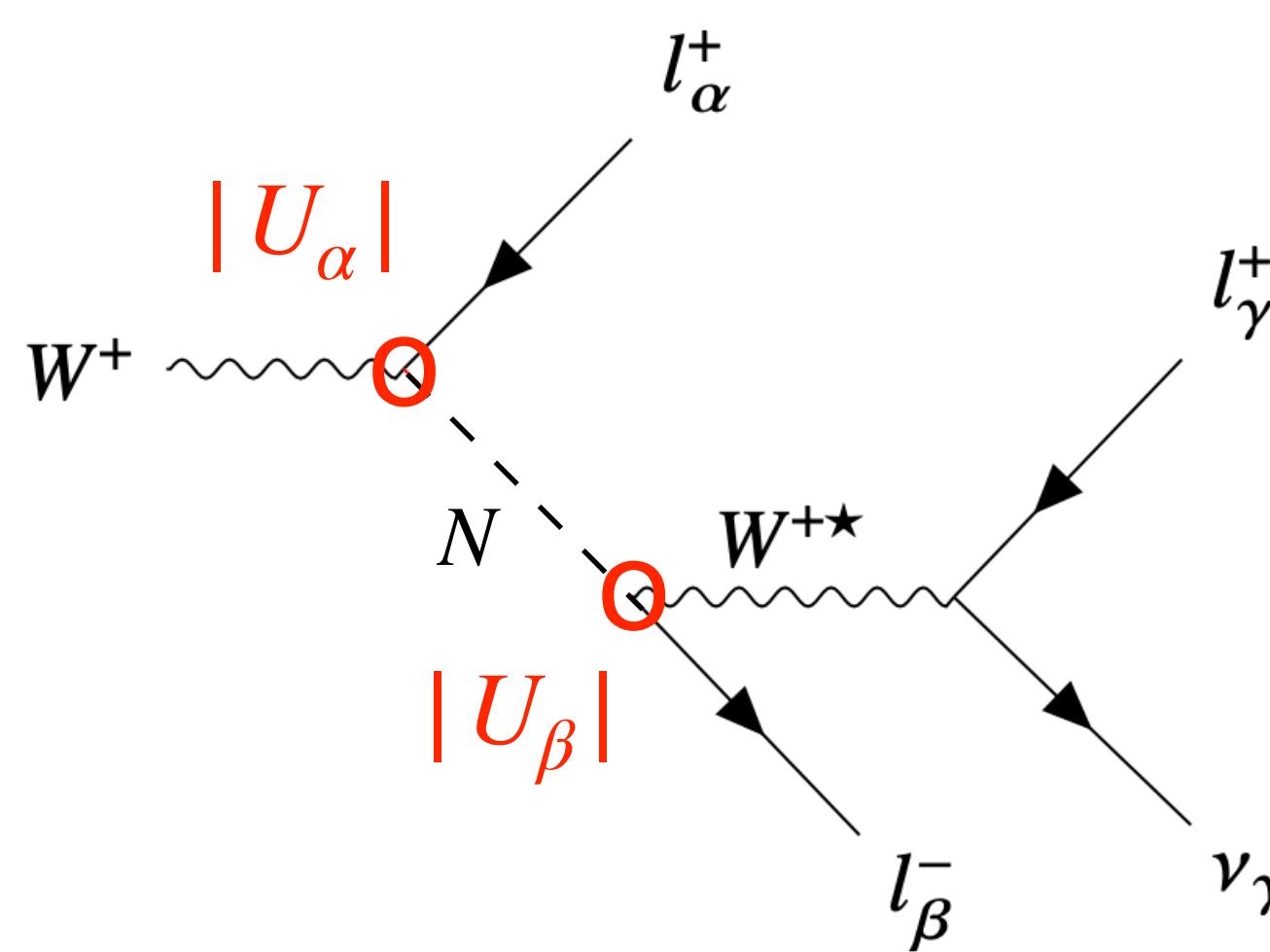


# Heavy Neutrinos — Sterile Neutrinos

→ Sterile neutrino becomes long lived due to off-shell W-decay

arXiv:1301.5516

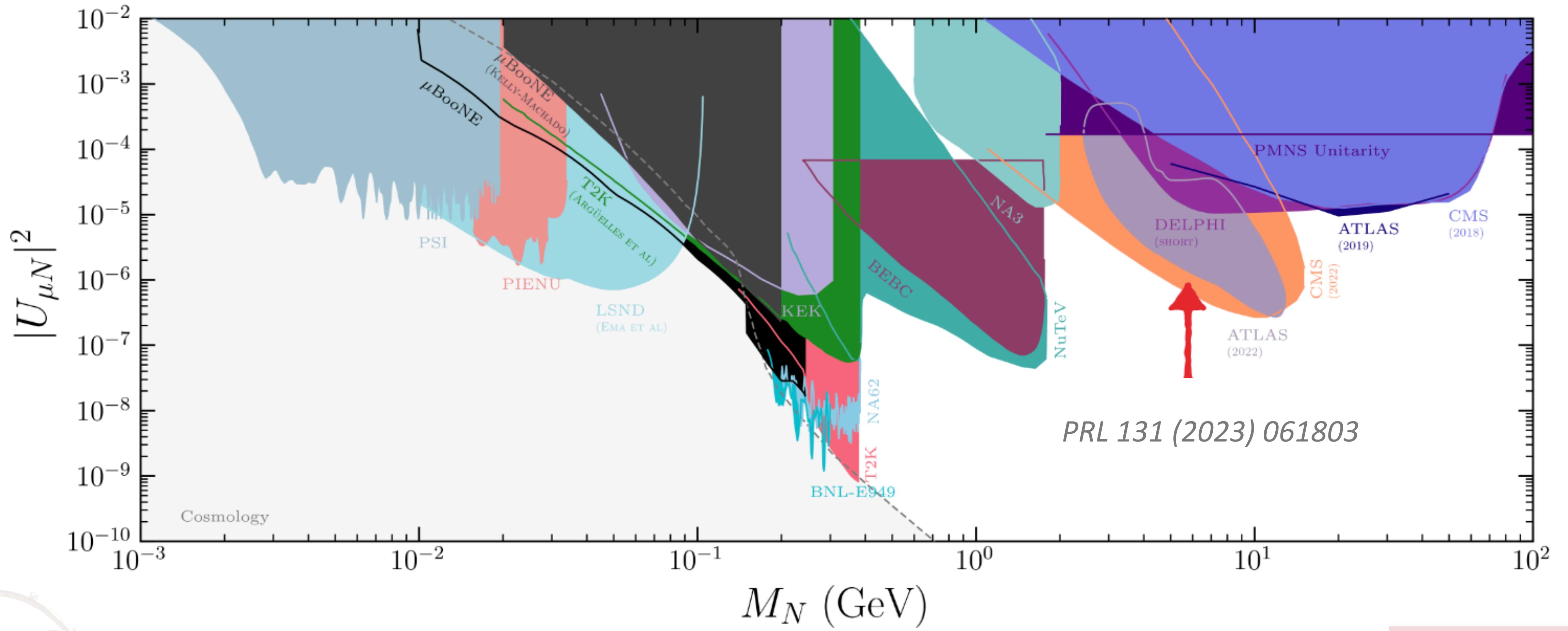
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"Realistic" multi-flavour mixing models consistent with neutrino oscillations data

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→ Complementarity also to neutrino-less double-beta decay experiments



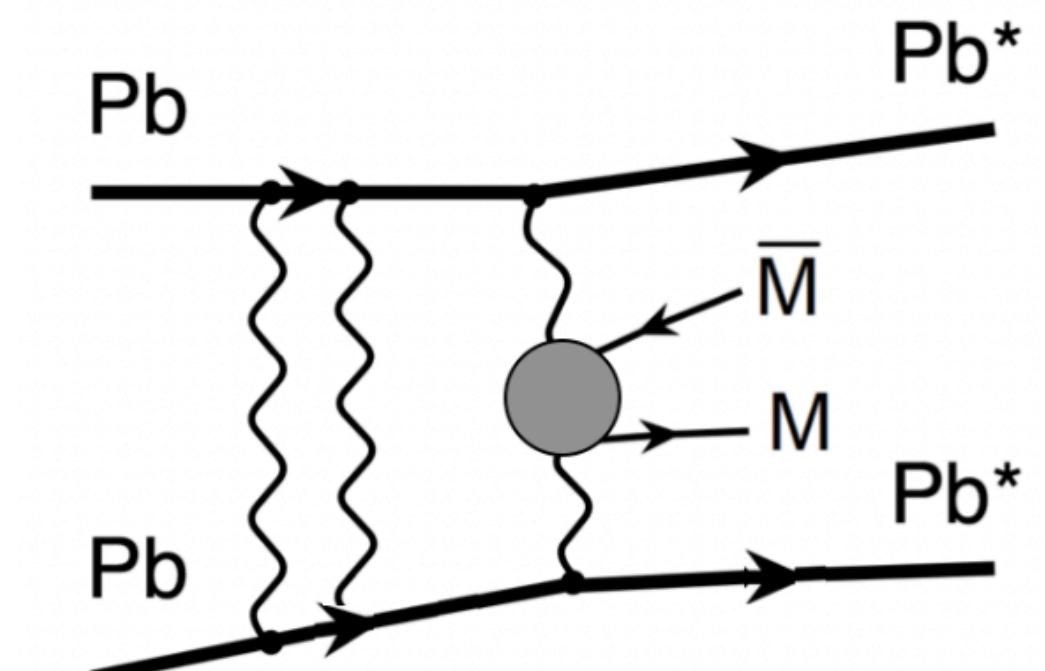
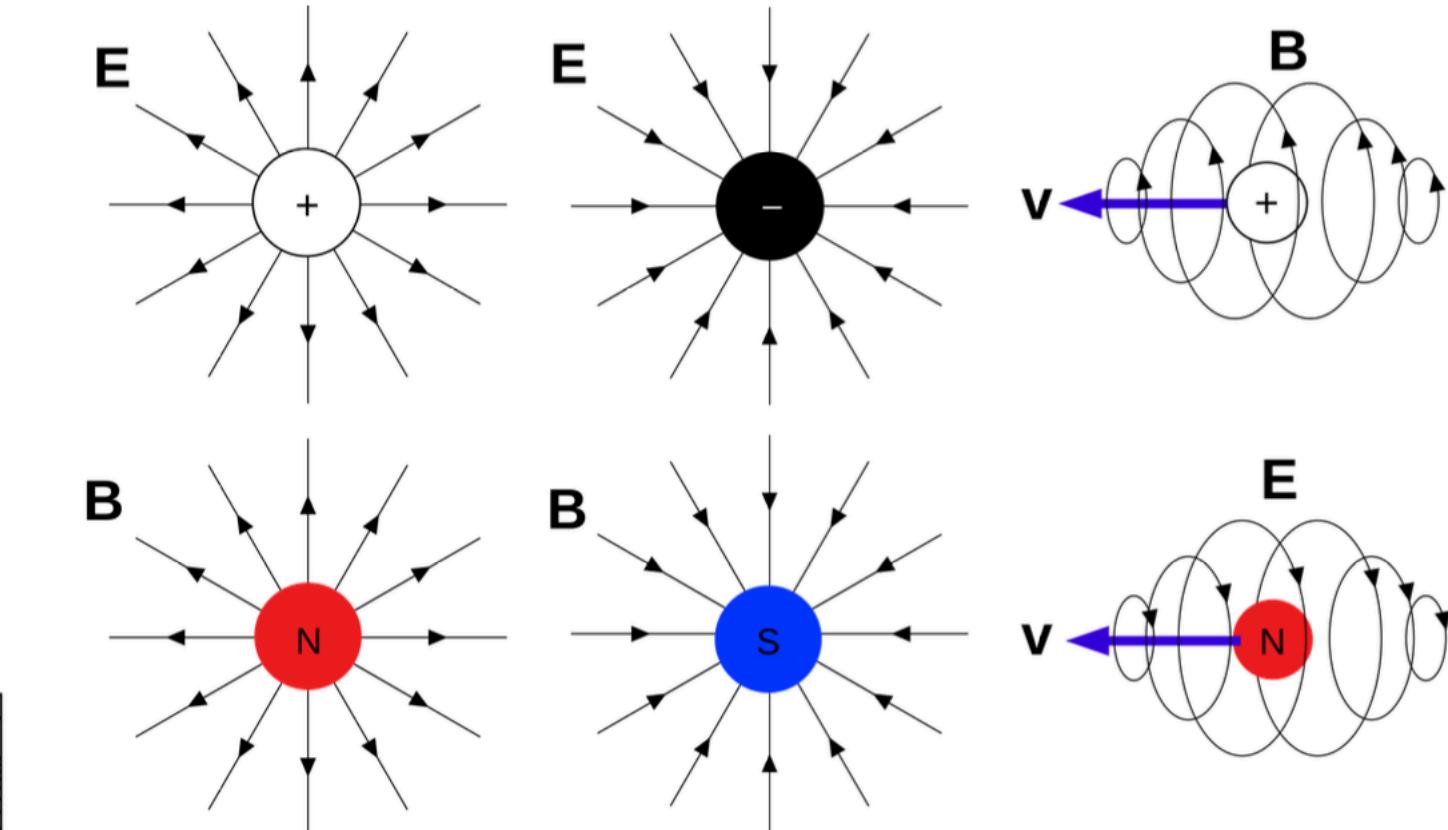
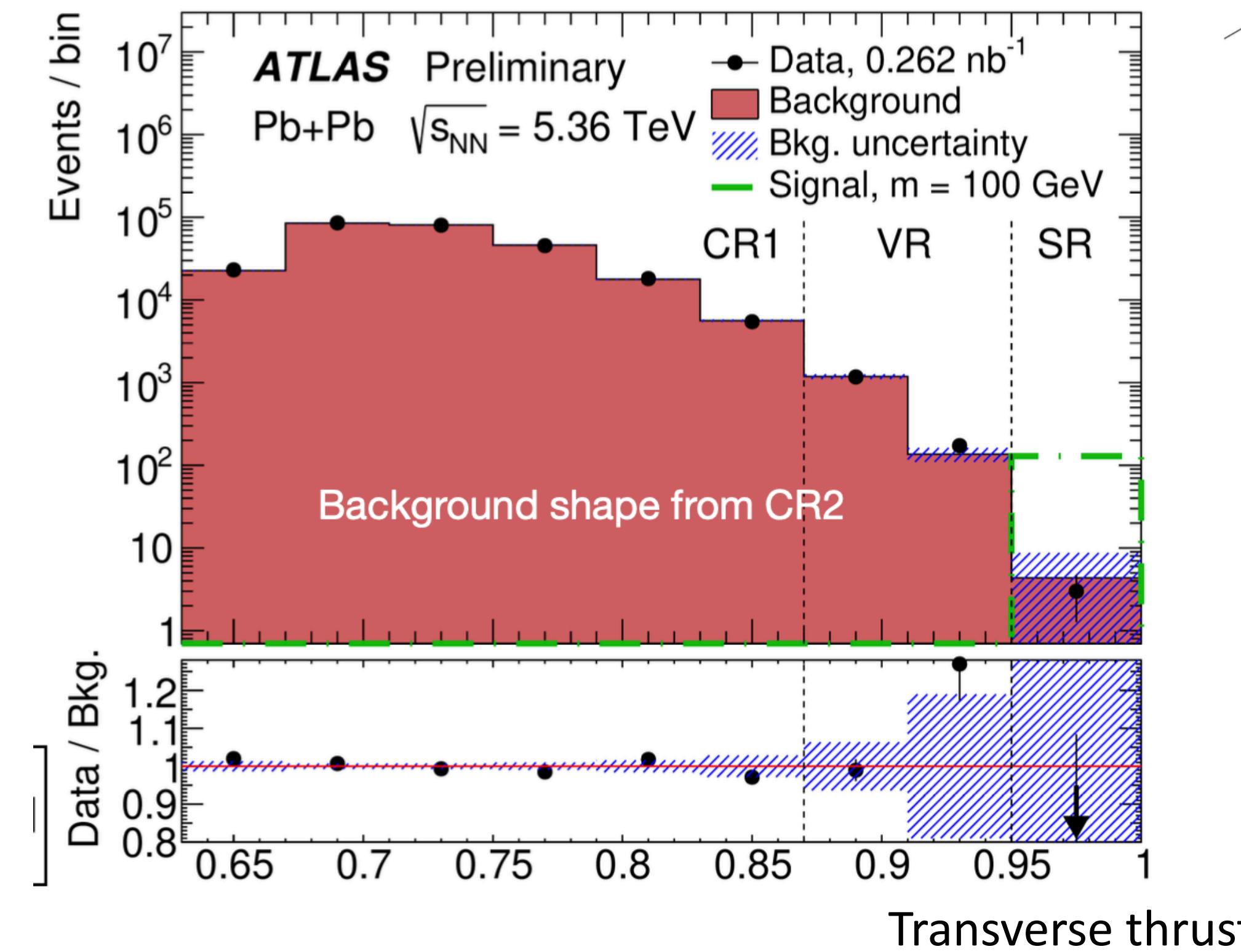
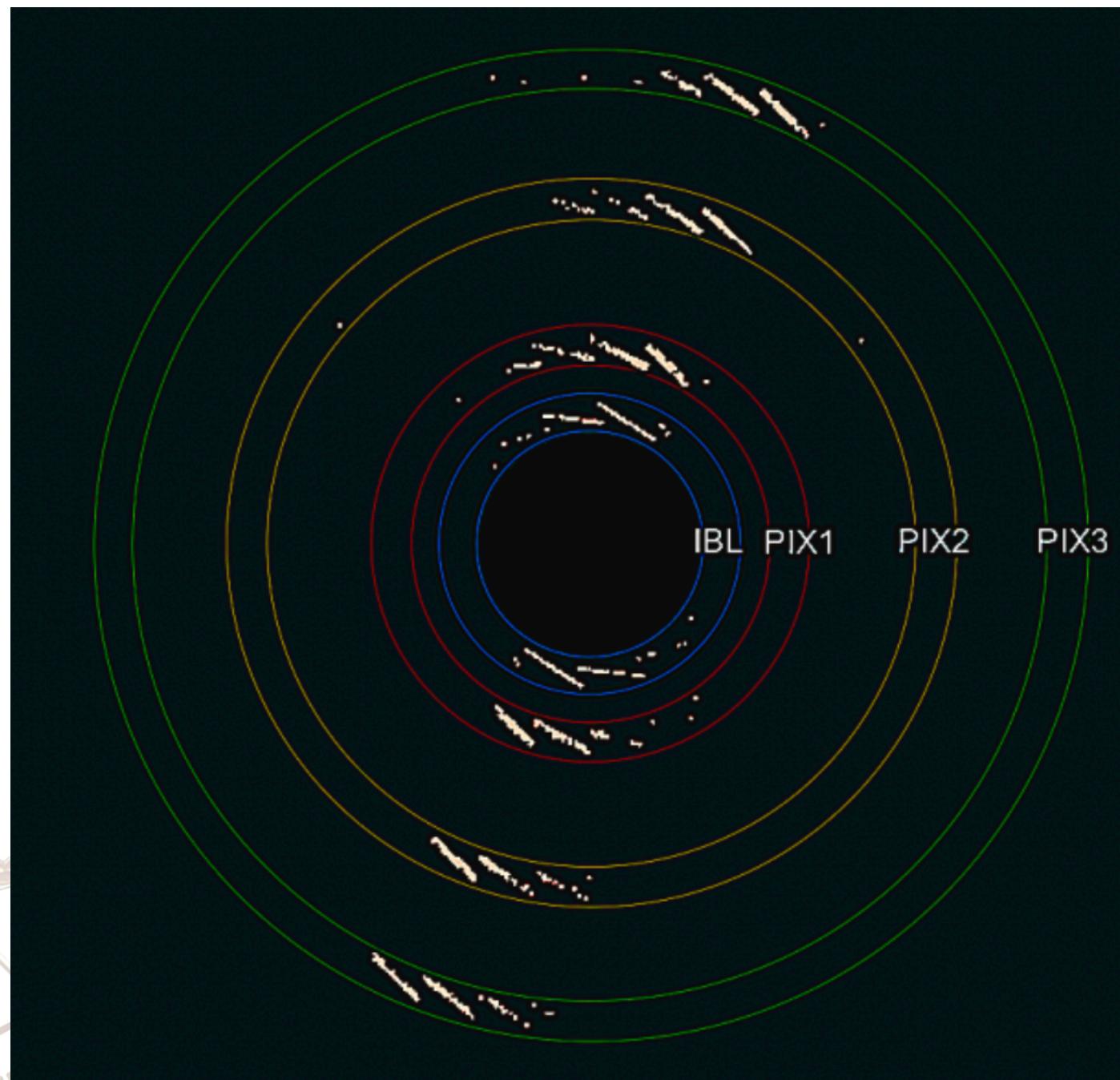
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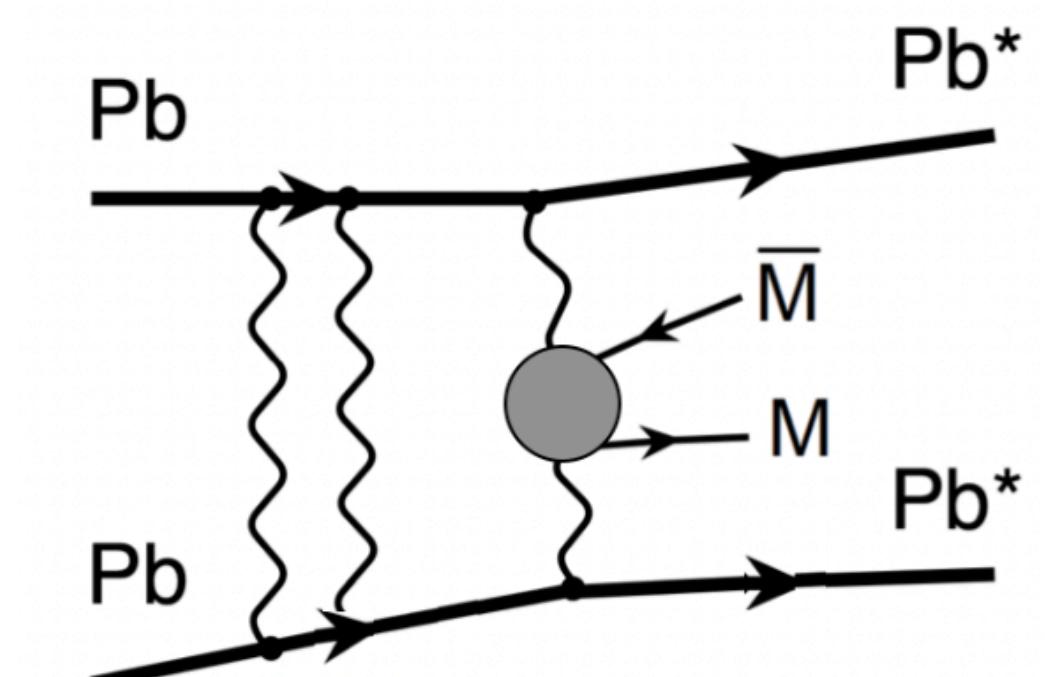
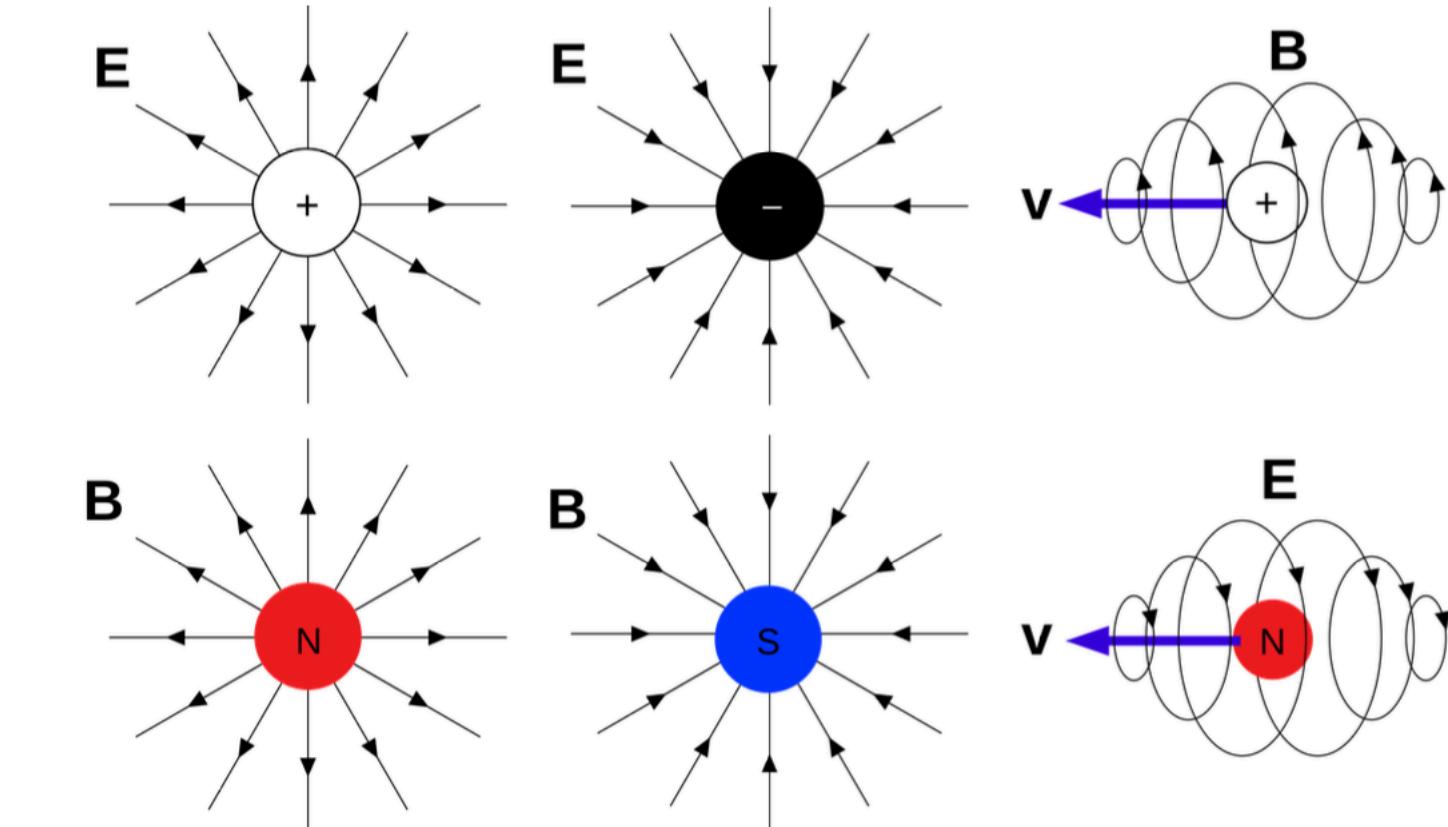
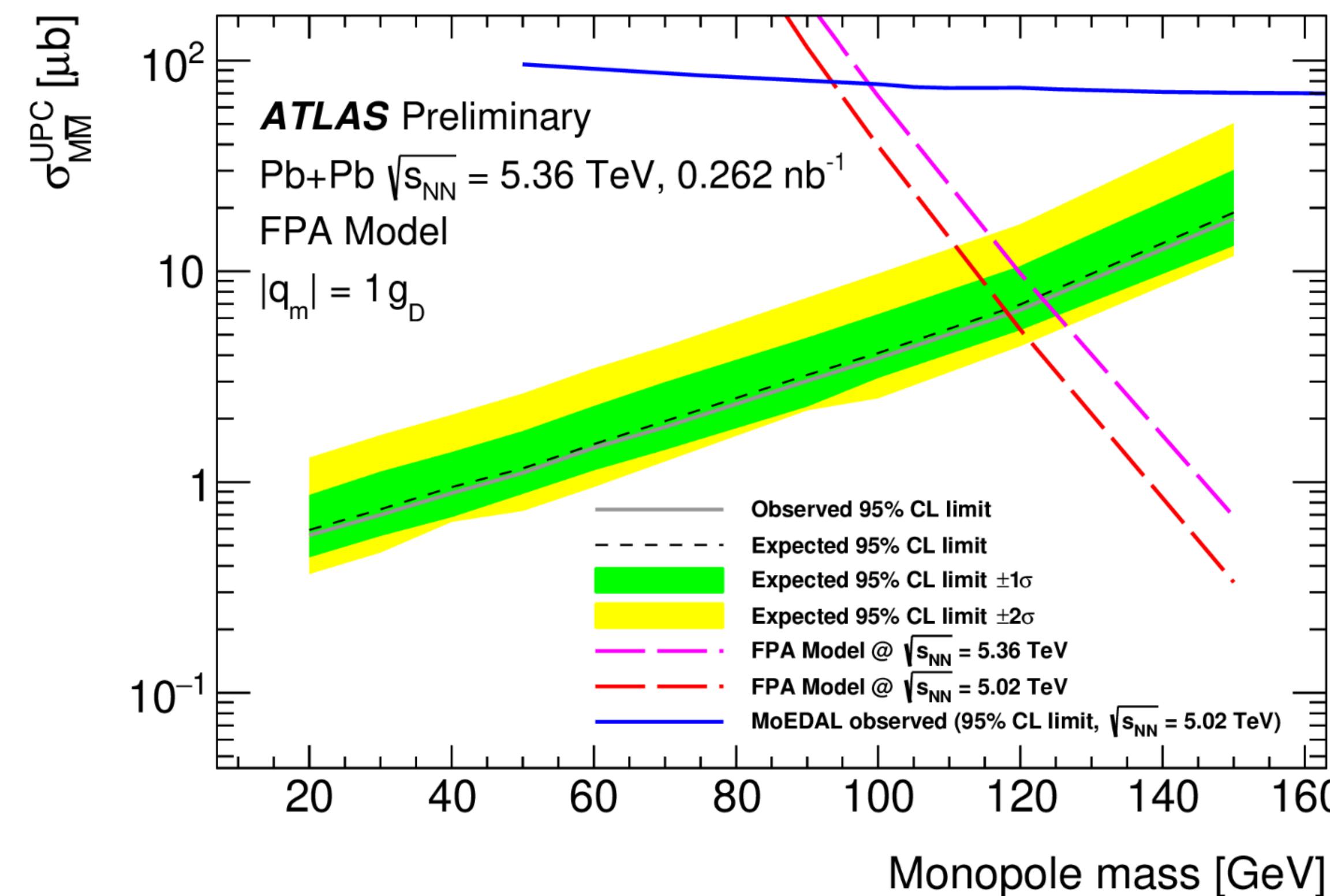
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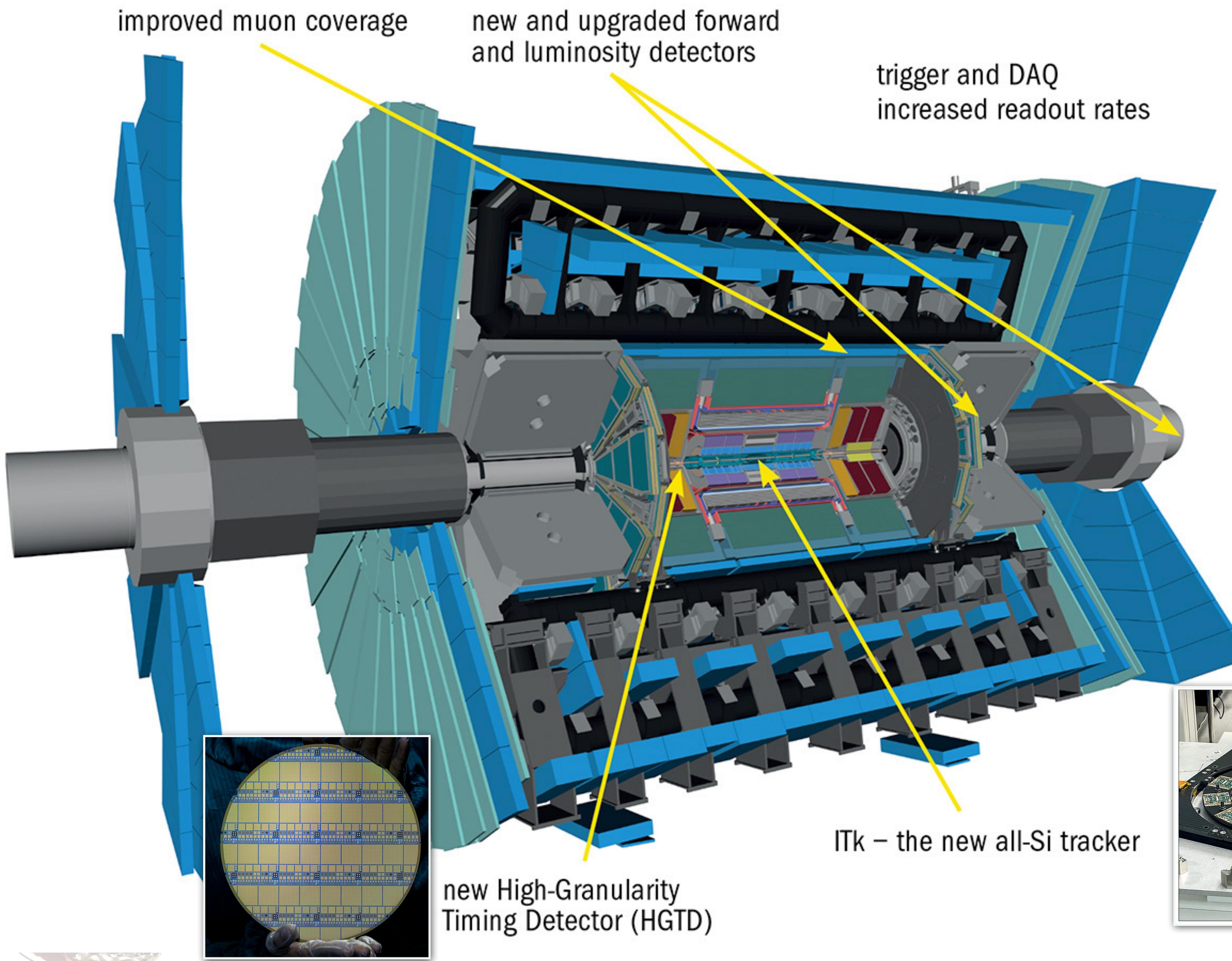
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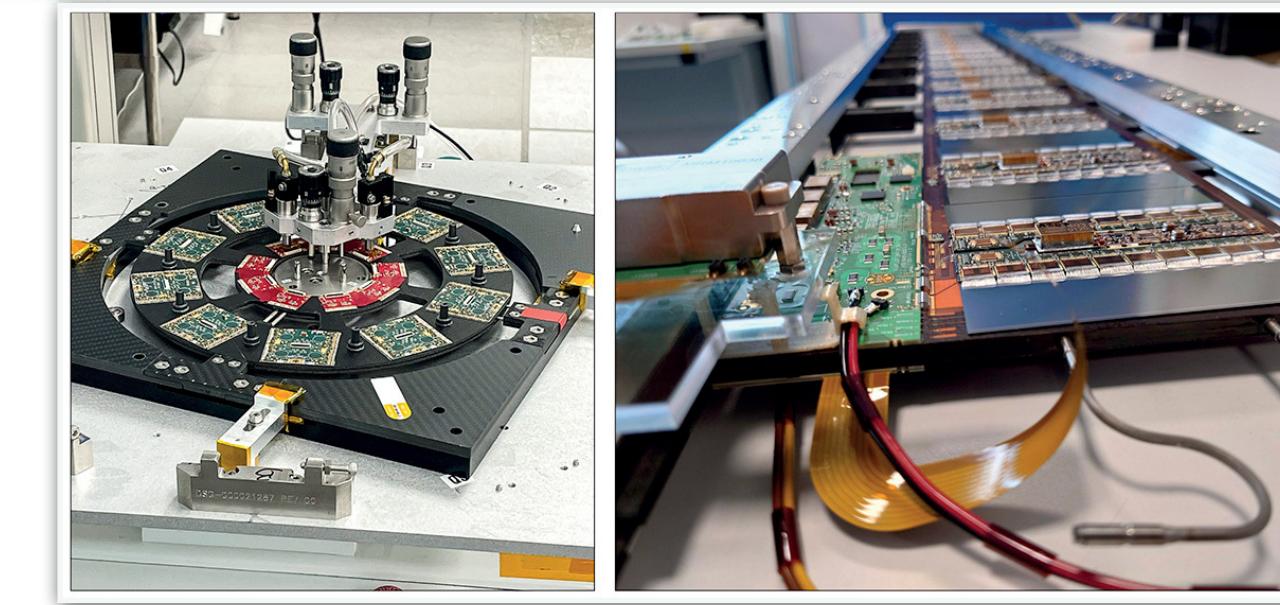
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# The future ATLAS detector for HL-LHC



- Expected HL-LHC int. luminosity is  $3000\text{fb}^{-1}$  ( $\sim 300\text{fb}^{-1}$  end of Run 3)
- Pileup will increase to  $\mu=200$



# Summary

ATLAS is....

- well into Run-3 data taking with excellent performance;
- exploring new areas of phase space to find New Physics;
- exploiting novel performance and analysis techniques to boost performance;
- delivering a suite of high-precision SM measurements.
- making good progress with the Phase-II upgrades;

improved muon coverage

new and upgraded forward  
and luminosity detectors

trigger and DAQ  
increased readout rates

new High-Granularity  
Timing Detector (HGTD)

ITk – the new all-Si tracker



# Backup



An upgraded ATLAS:

New detectors: high-granularity, high-coverage tracker, high-granularity timing detector, muon chambers

Improved trigger, high-performance software & computing, deeply embedded machine learning

A Higgs factory:

400M Higgs bosons in ATLAS & CMS for precise Higgs coupling measurements, access to Higgs self interaction and longitudinal vector boson scattering

Plus significantly increased overall rare & new physics sensitivity

# Understanding fundamental parameters

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## Higgs couplings and self-coupling

- Learn about electroweak phase transition & vacuum stability!
- Self coupling allows us to trace the shape of the potential away from the Higgs mass

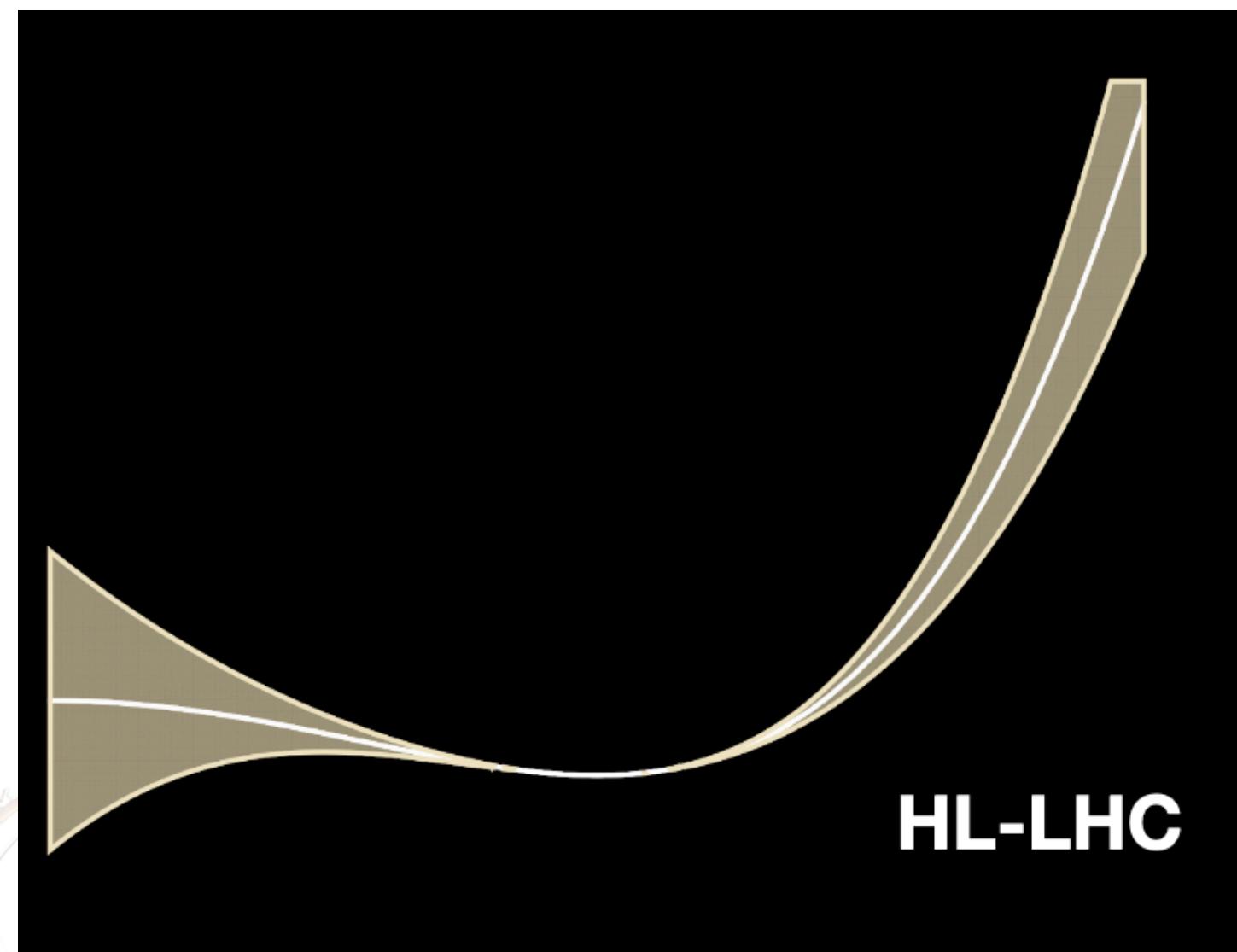
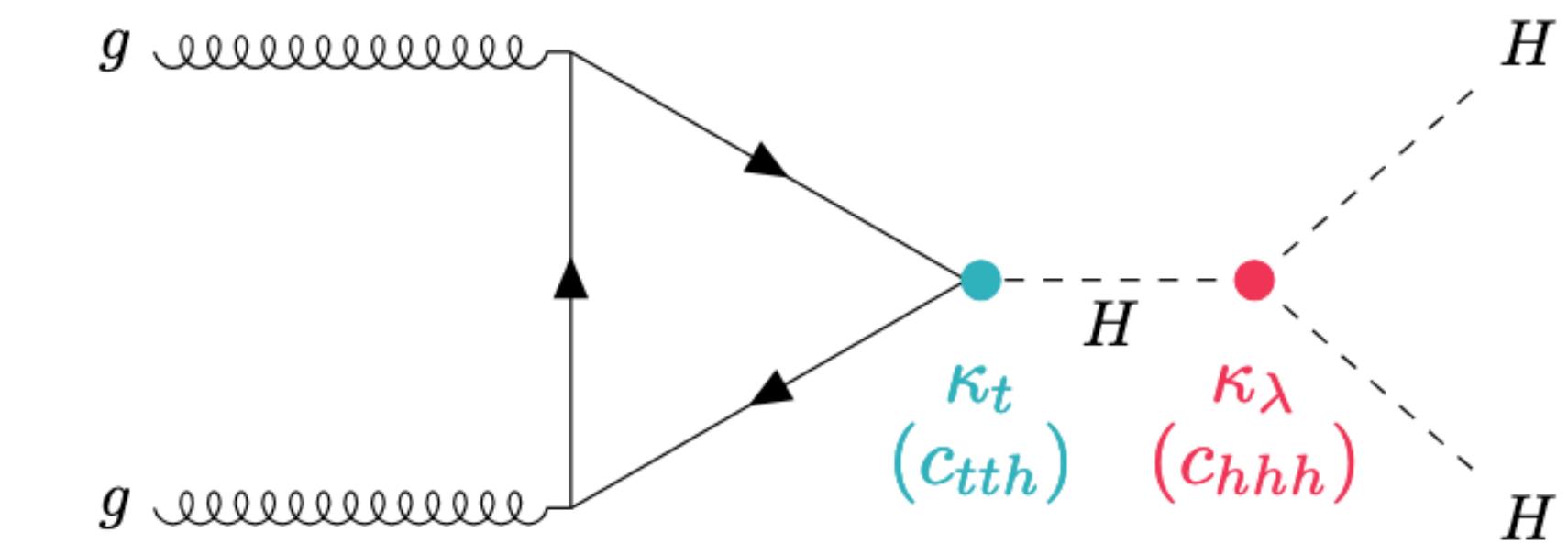
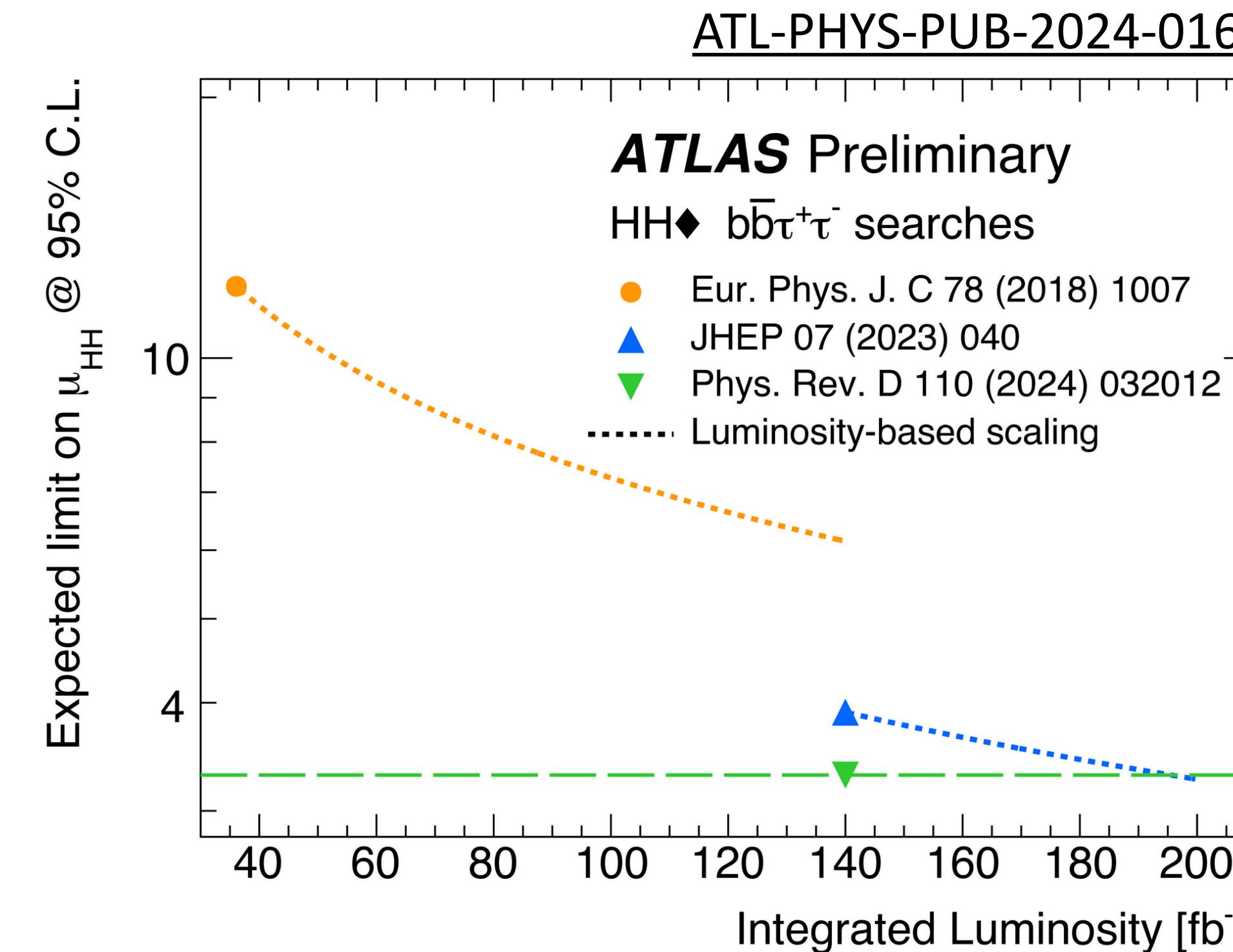


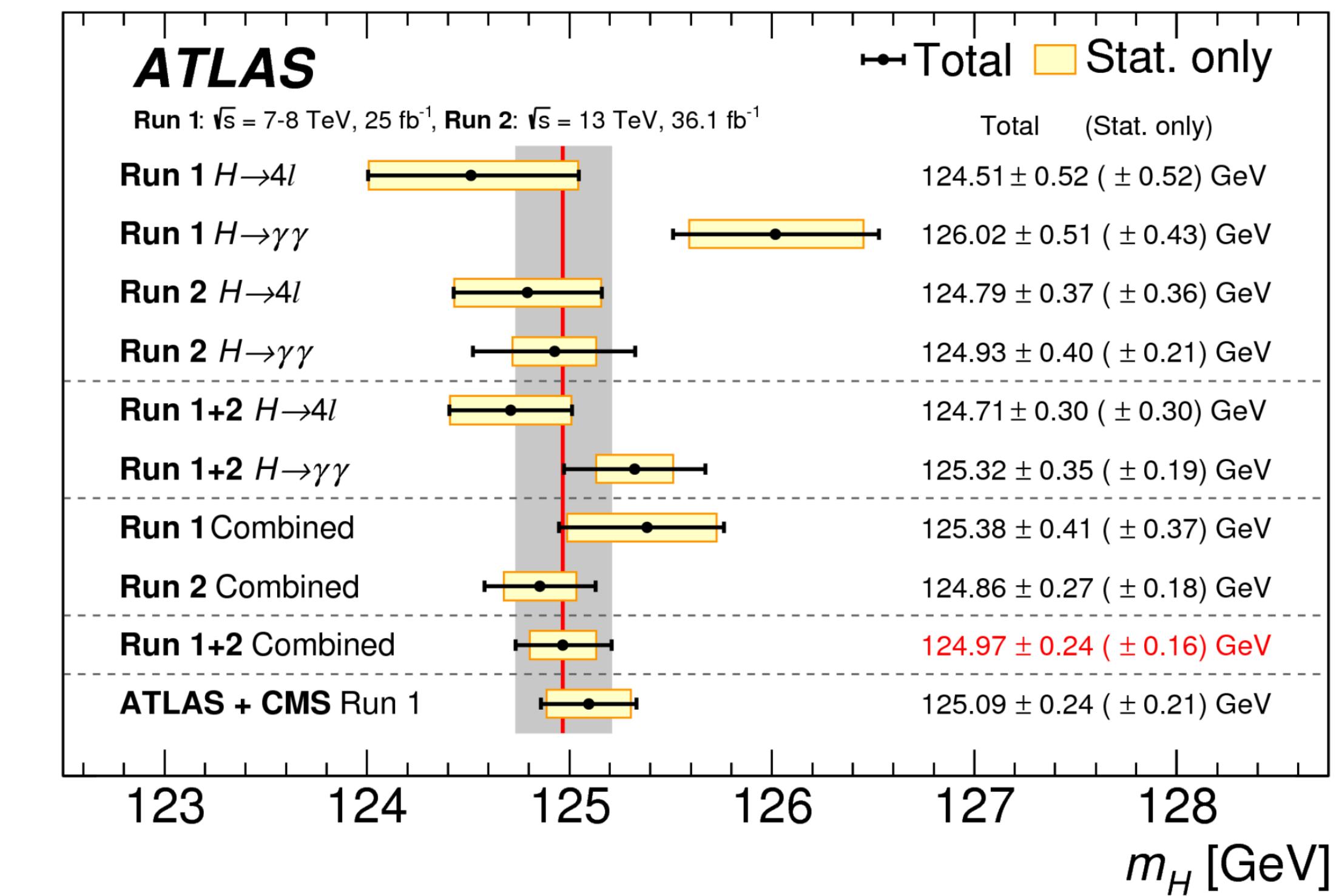
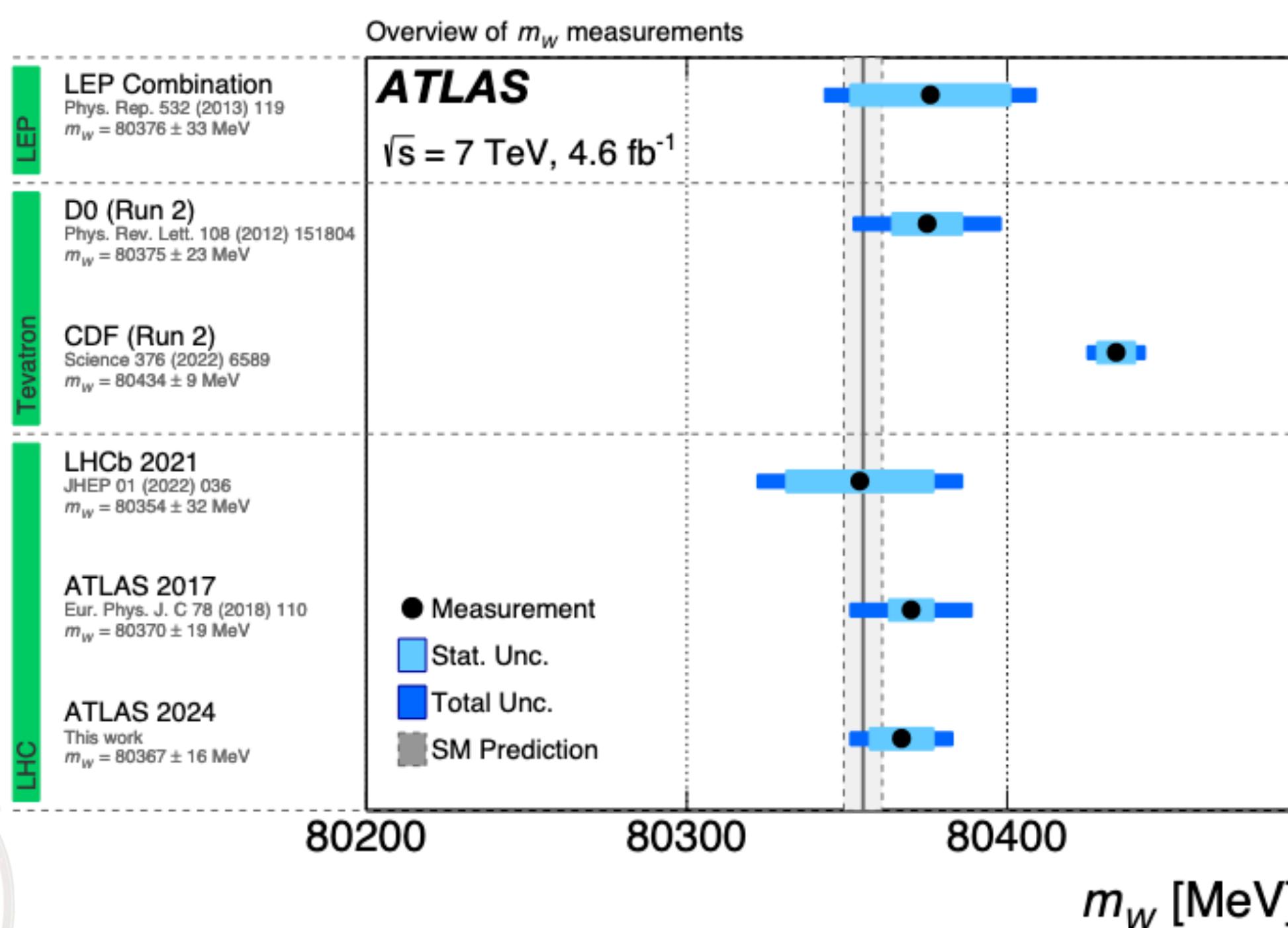
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## Mass measurement precisions:

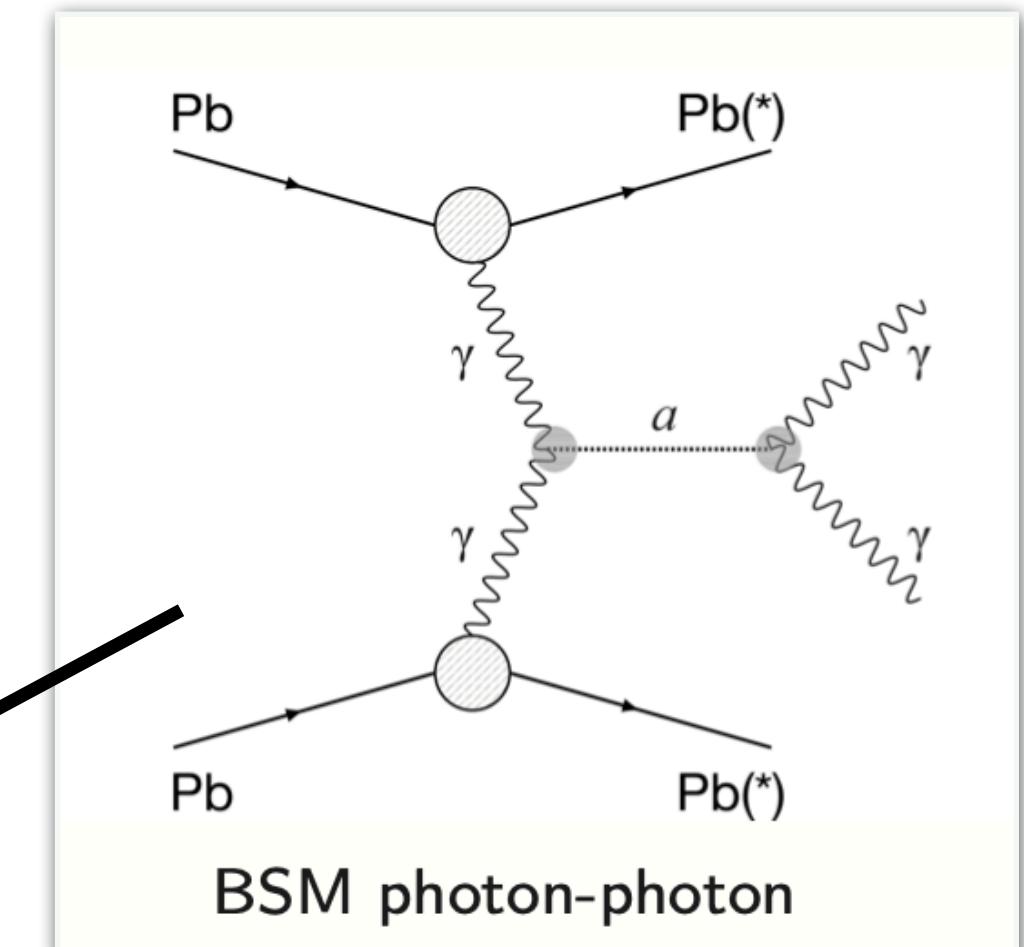
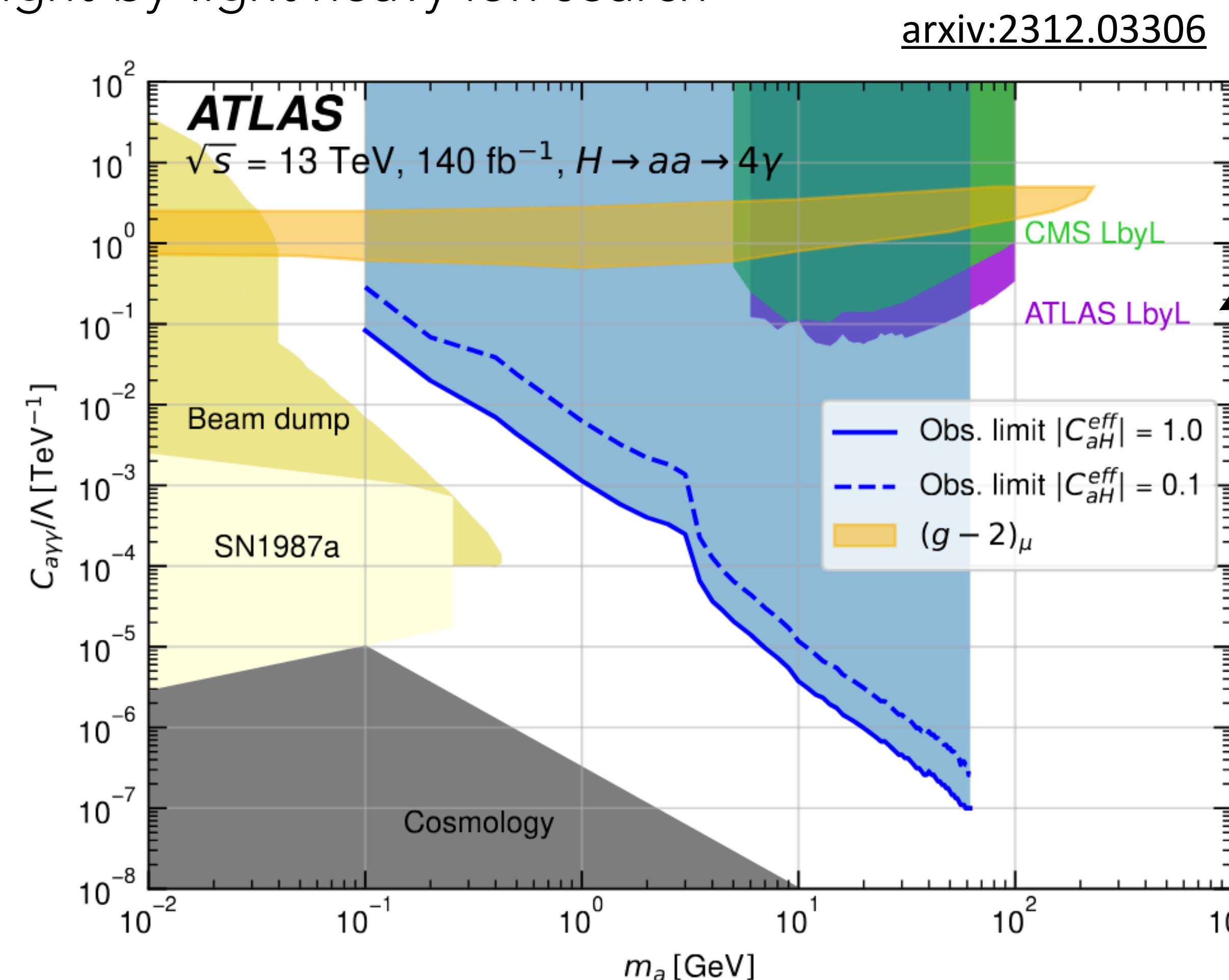
- 0.02% on W mass
- 0.2% on top mass
- 0.09% on Higgs mass



# Axion-like Particles

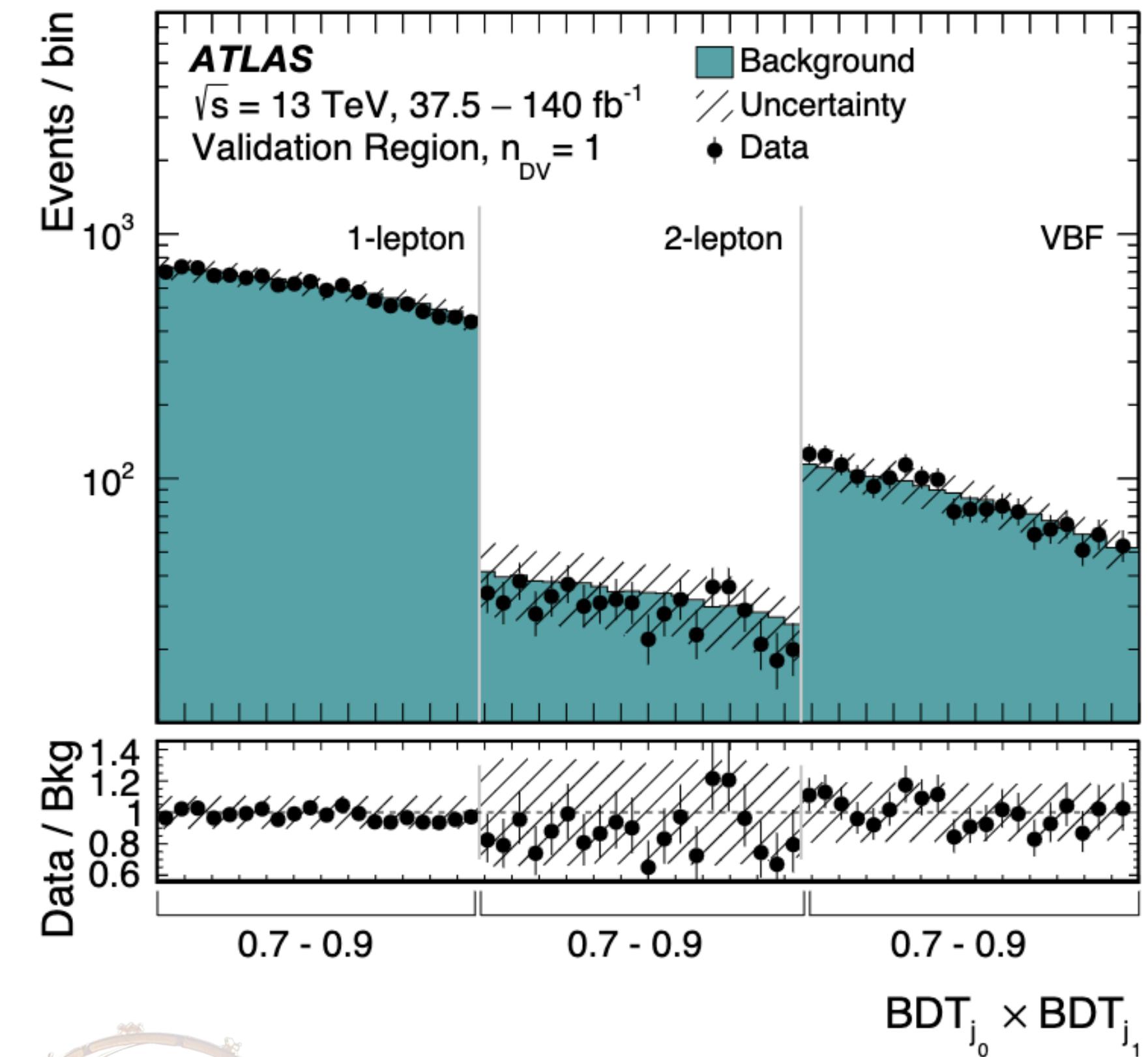
- Search for anomalous Higgs boson decays into two axion-like particles (ALPs)
- 4 photon invariant mass system is reconstructed
- Search is sensitive to long and short lived ALPs
- Complementarity to light-by-light heavy ion search

$$H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma$$



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