

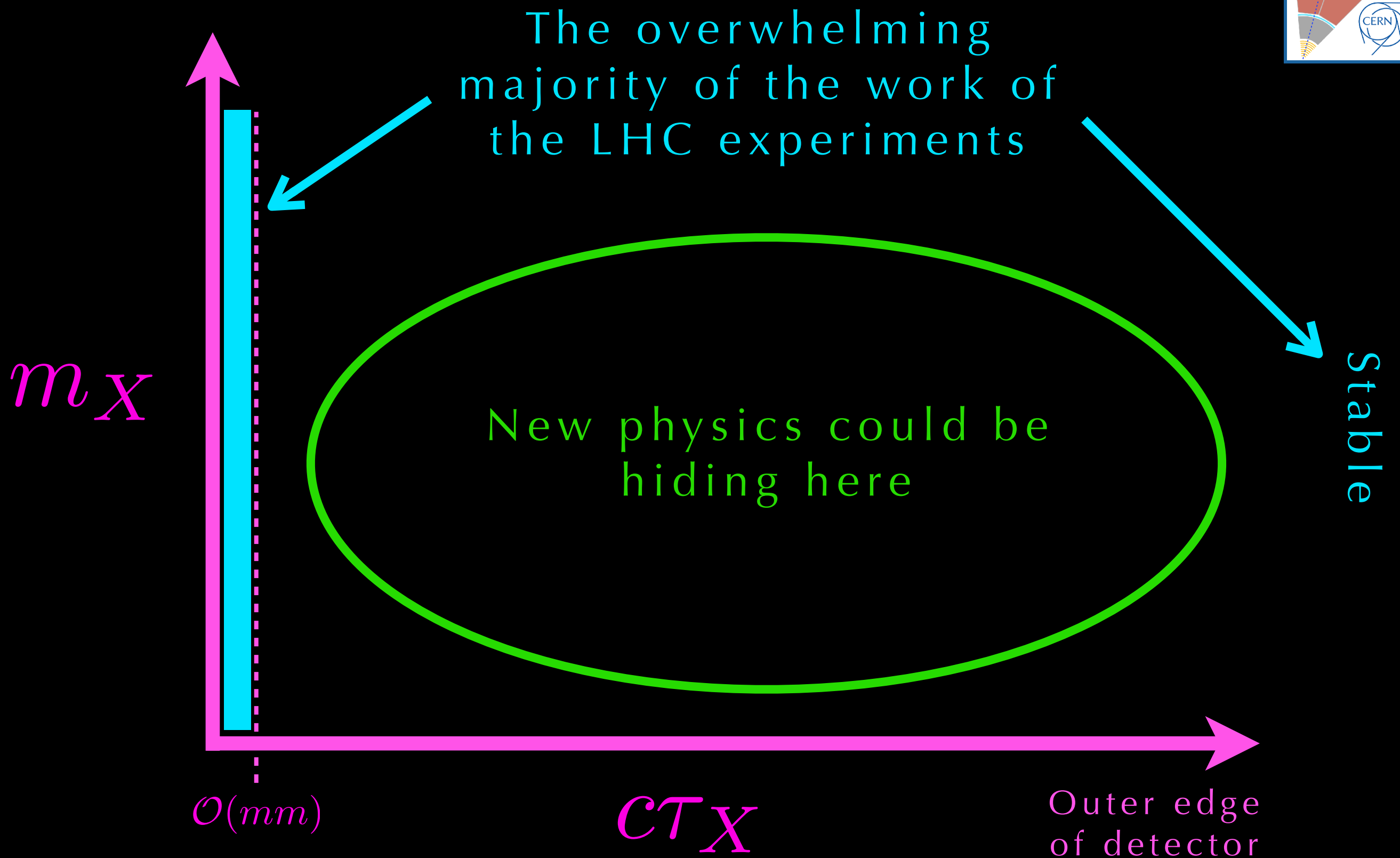
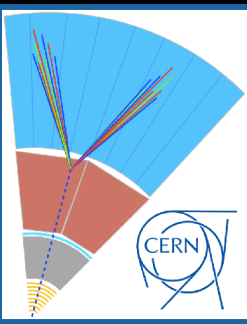
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The LHC **Long-Lived Particle** Community

New Physics with Displaced Vertices

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- ☐ Elementary or composite Higgs?
- ☐ Is it alone or does the Higgs have siblings and cousins?
- ☐ Origin of couplings to fermions?
- ☐ Coupling to dark matter?
- ☐ Connection to hidden sectors?
- ☐ Does it violate CP?
- ☐ Cosmological EW phase transition?

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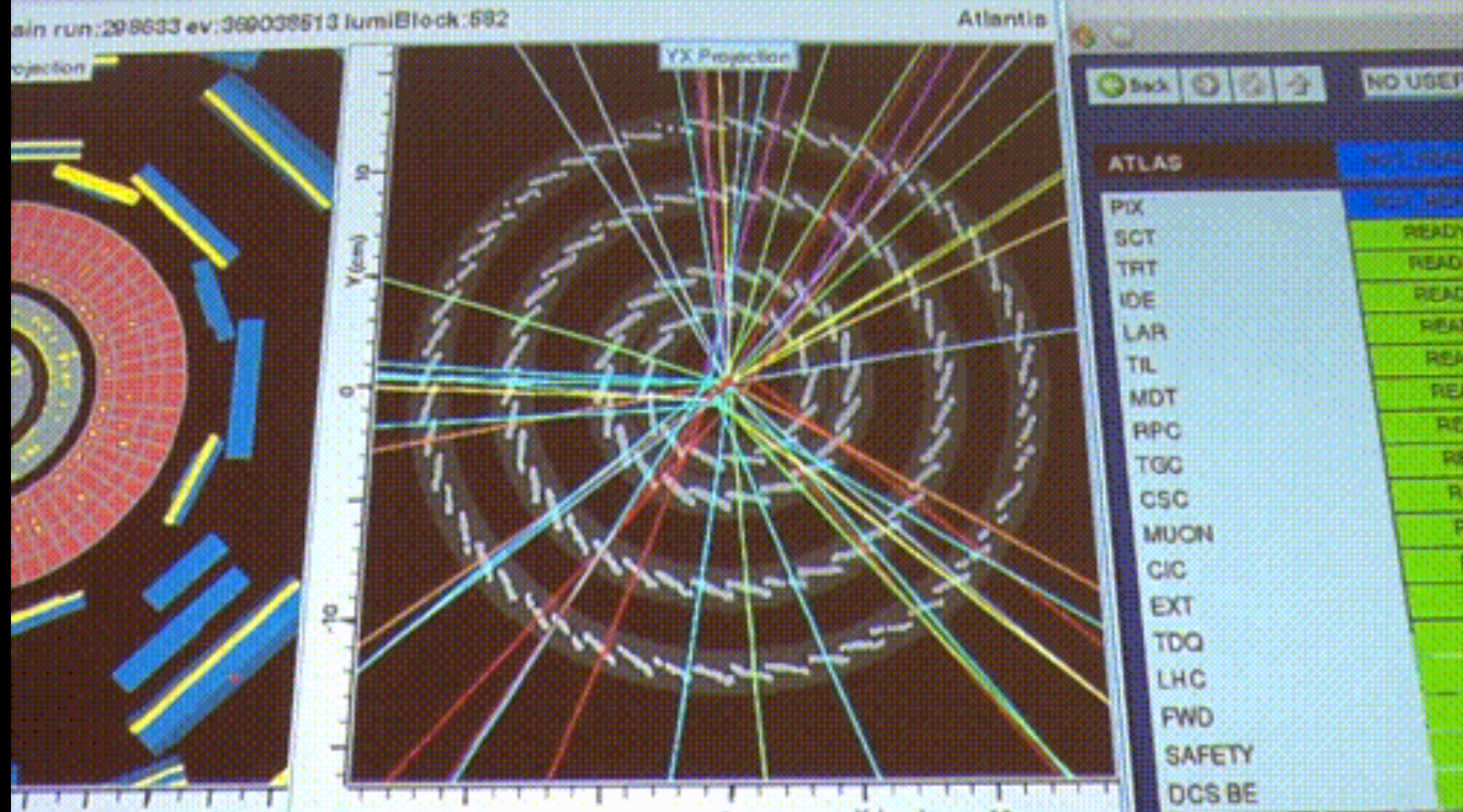
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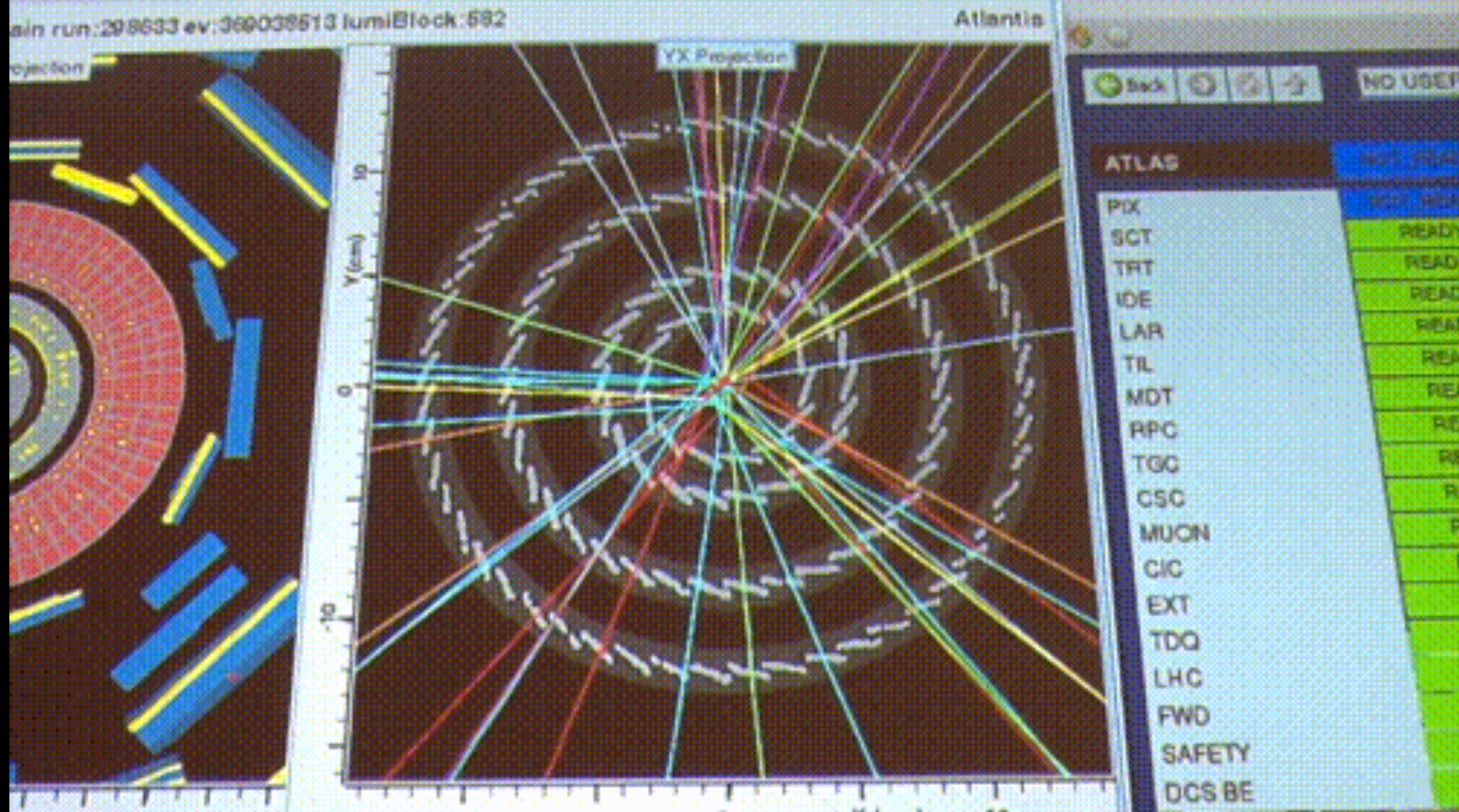
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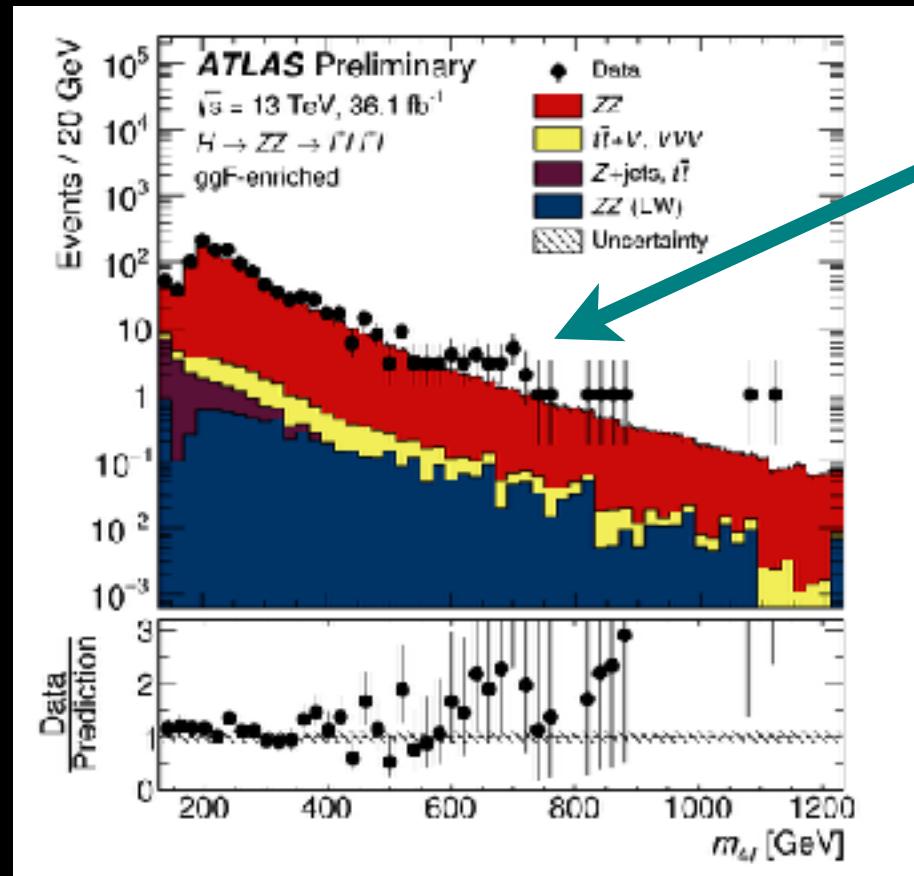






# New physics at the LHC in 2017

Our current extensive look at 13 TeV yields impressive agreement with Standard Model expectations and no huge, immediate resonances or excesses



There are no more guarantees and no ace-in-the-hole motivations.

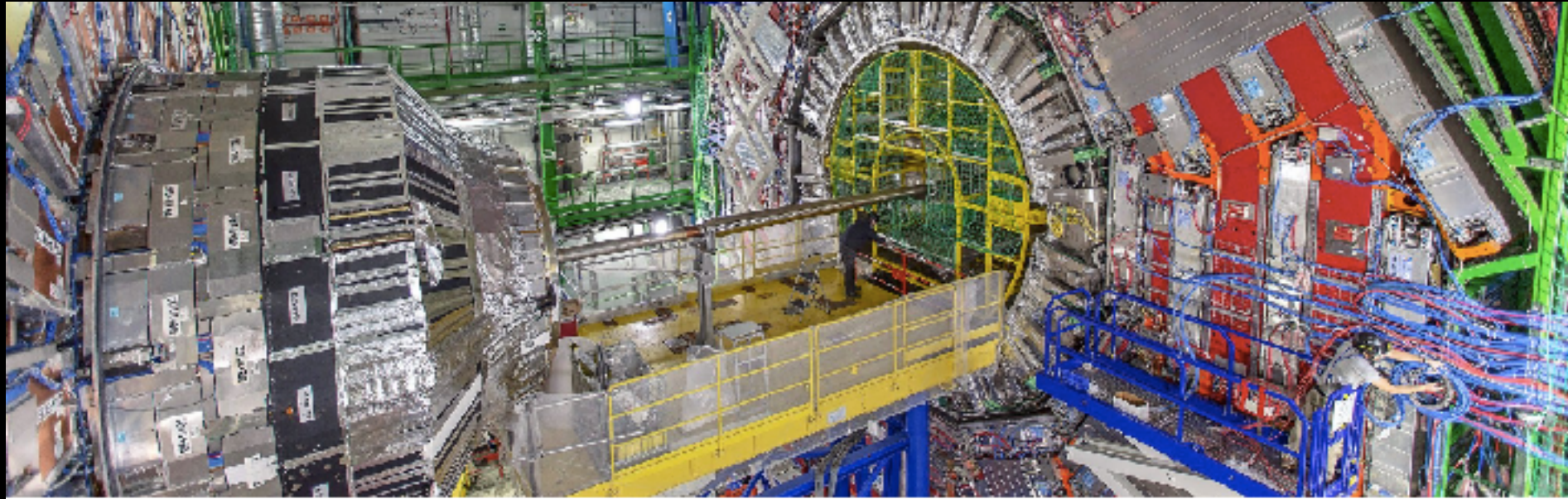
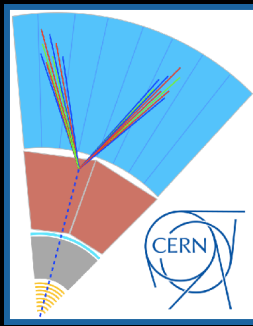
We must shift from theory-driven search strategies to signature-driven ones.

We would certainly love some old-school theoretical guidance, but we don't really have it (WIMP miracle in tension, lack of plain vanilla SUSY, lack of twenty-jet events filled with strong gravity, etc.)

What do we have? Some of the most sophisticated devices ever built.  
How do we extend their reach into new physics parameter space?

And how do we shape the attitude of the outside world, as well?

# The paradigm is shifting — you are part of it



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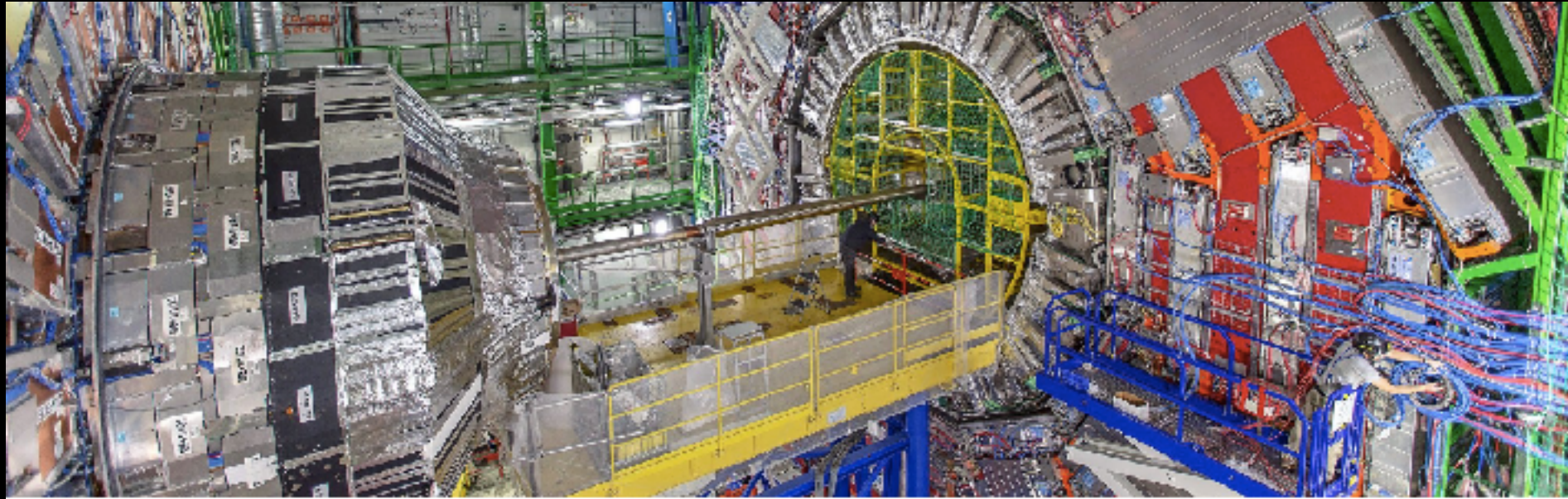
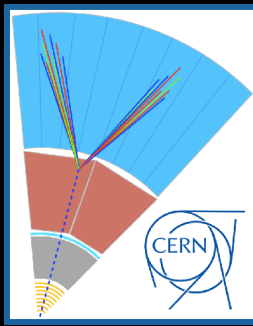
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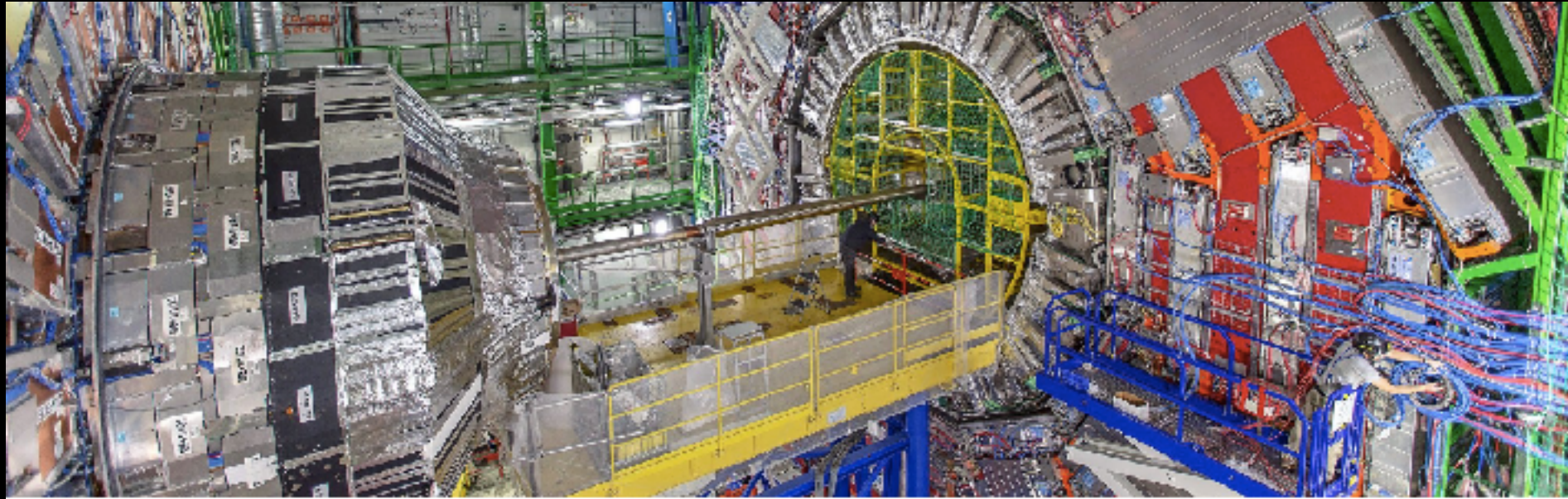
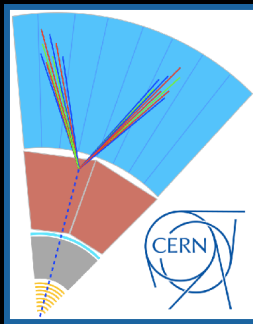
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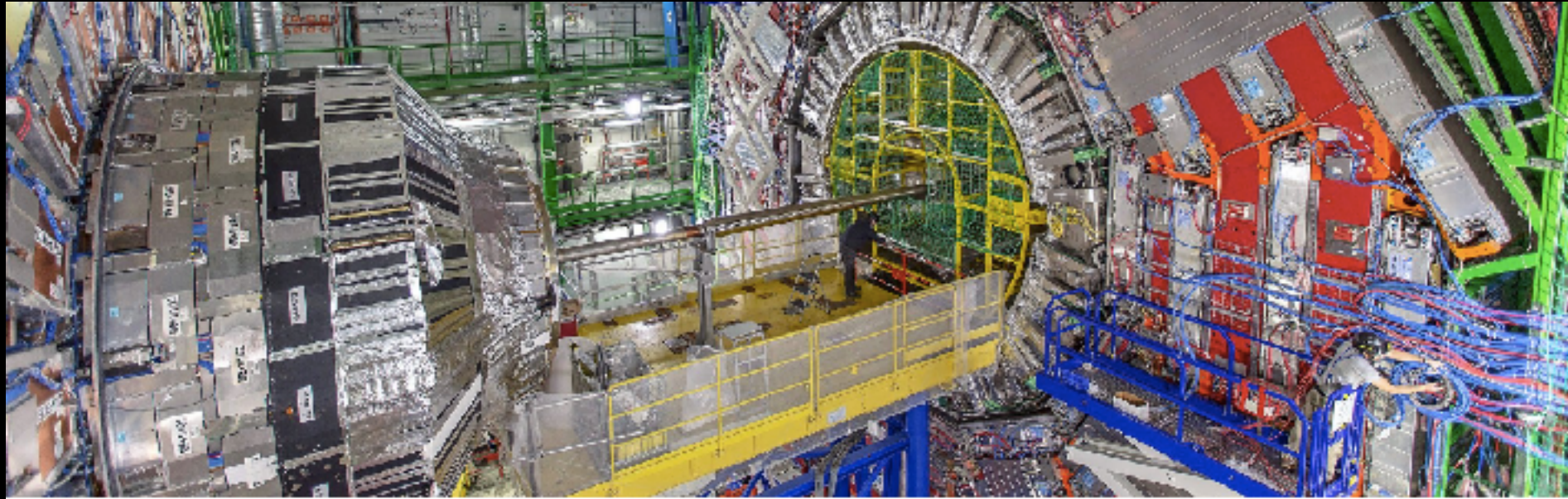
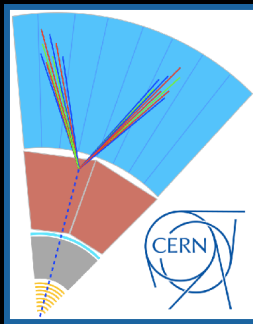
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To: ☐ James Beacham

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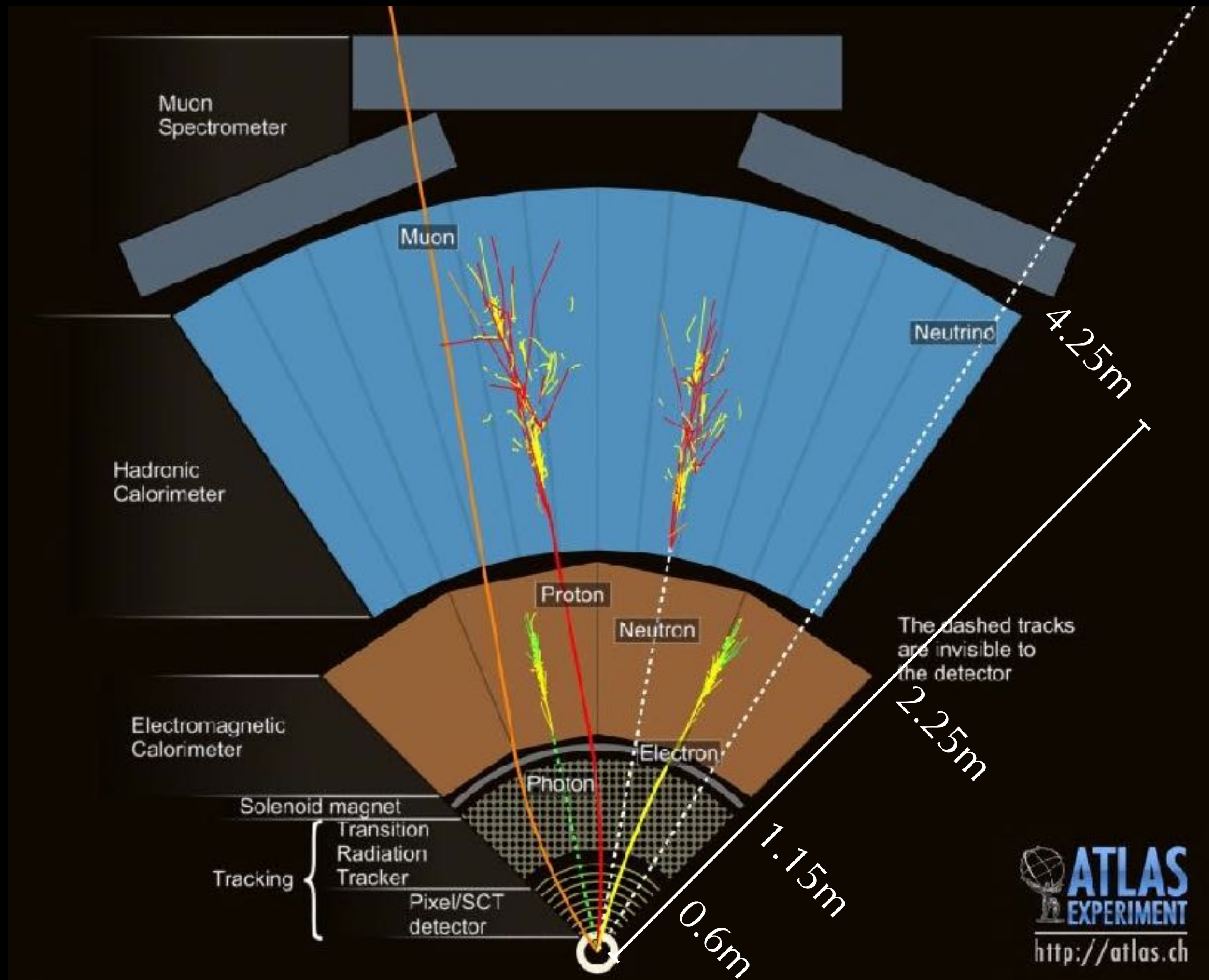
Well said  
Lots of good ideas there but I have to get off my airplane now  
Dennis

Sent from my iPhone

Actions



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What we want:

- To reduce to negligible to chance that we'll miss new physics at the LHC

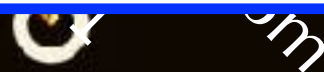
What we have:

- The most sophisticated general-purpose detectors ever built at the highest  $pp$   $\sqrt{s}$  ever used

Shift from **model-first / signature-second** to **signature-first / model-second mindset**

New Physics with Displaced Vertices  
at NCTS?

I like the sound of that.



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# Where is new physics at the LHC?

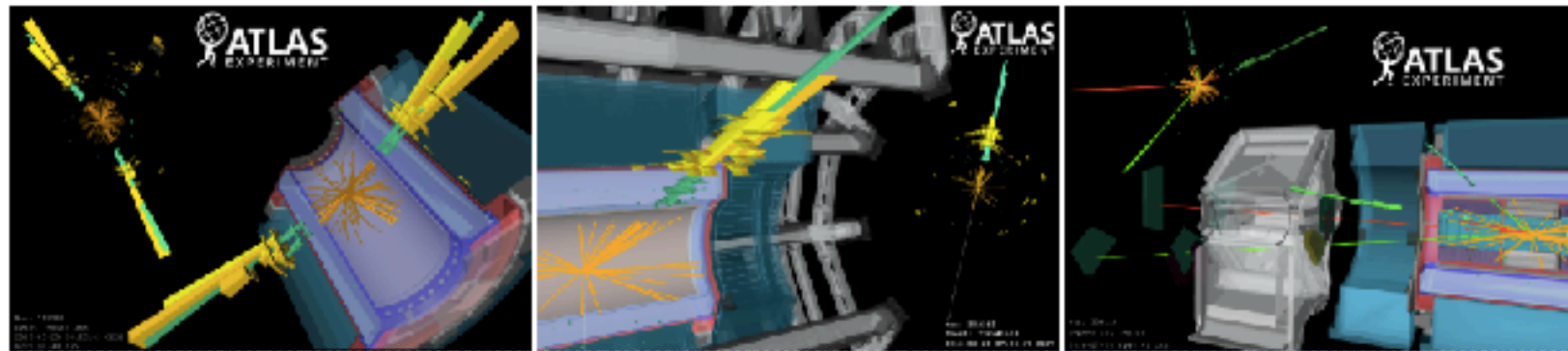


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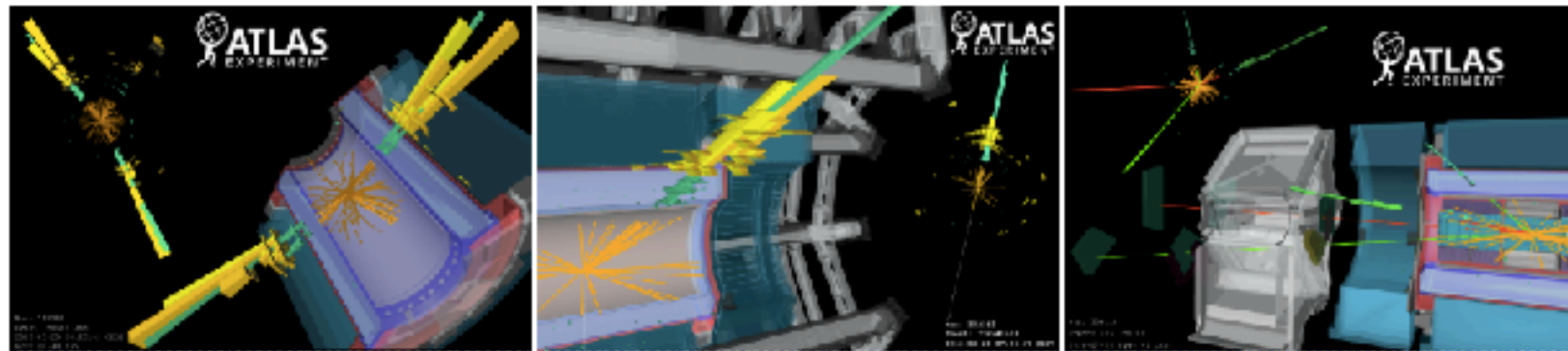


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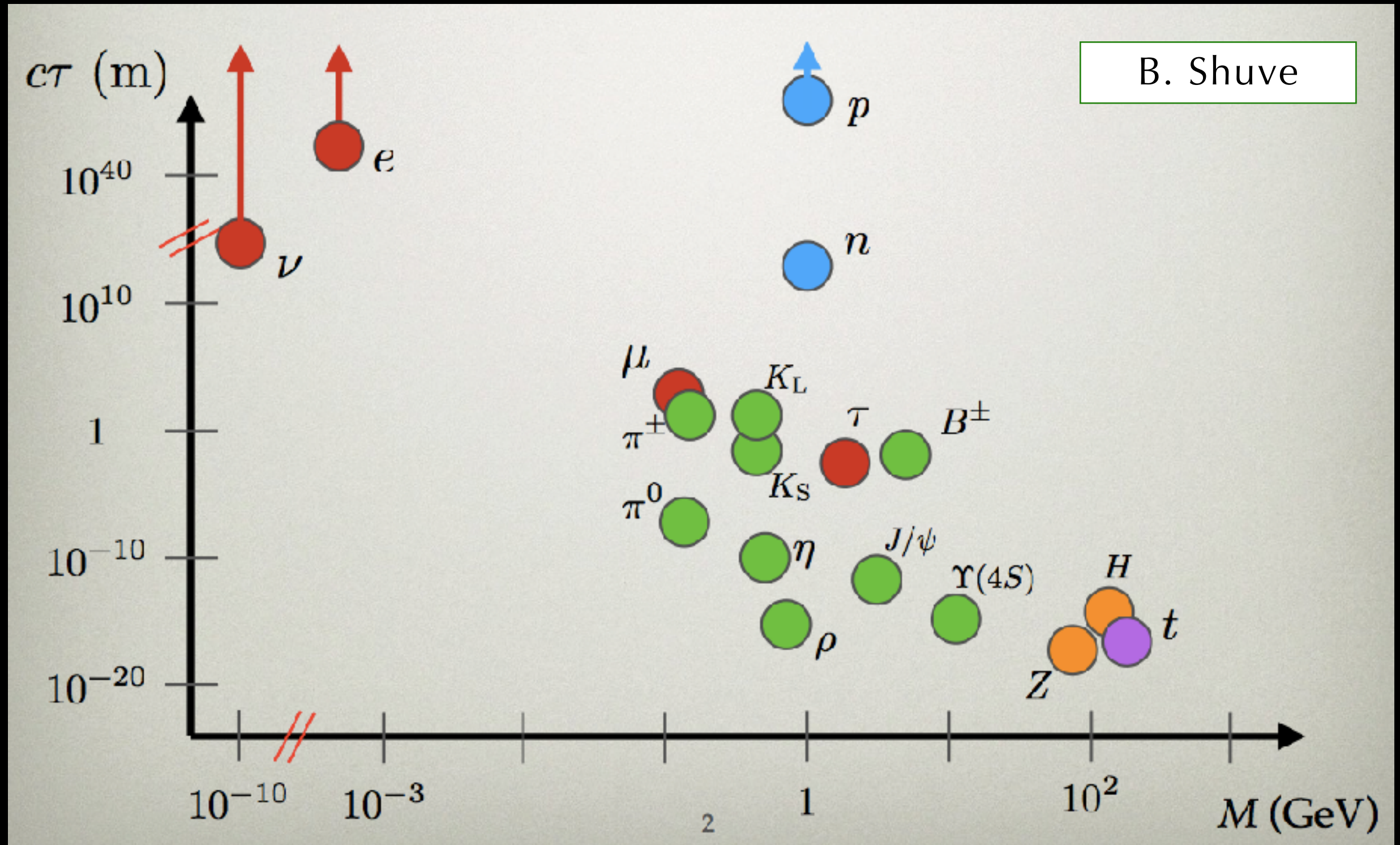
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# Long-lived particles at the LHC — SM & BSM

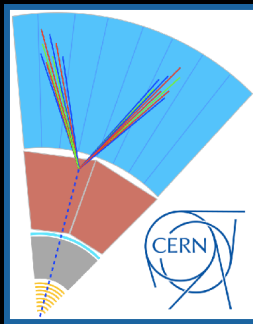


Same principles apply to BSM LLPs, which can **generically appear**

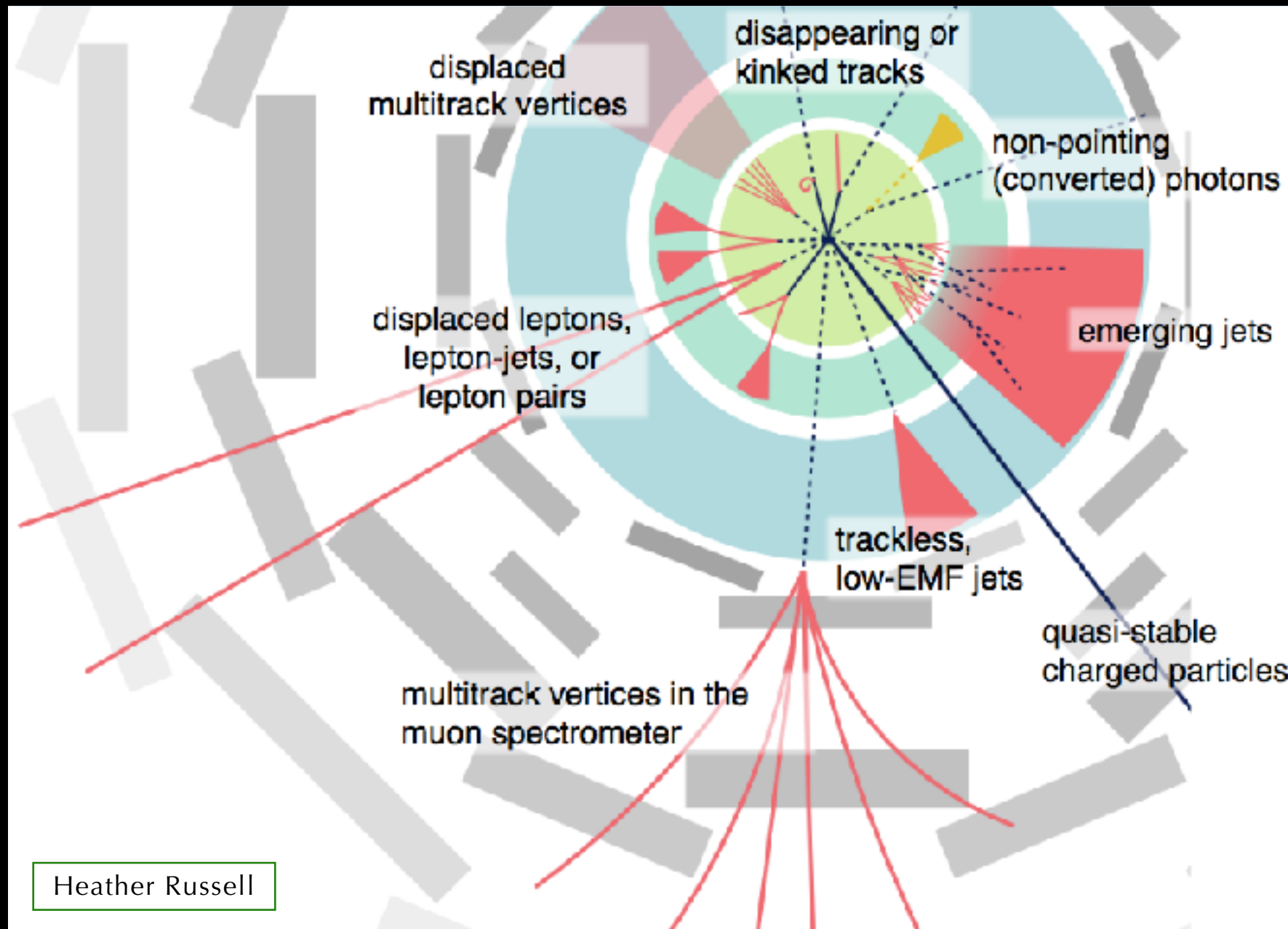
- Lifetime is usually best treated as a free parameter



# The LHC **LLP** Community



We map LLP signature space

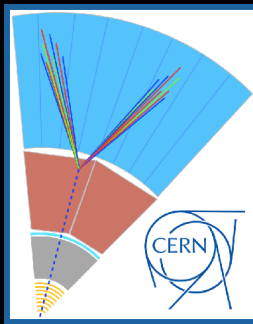


Heather Russell

What exactly do we mean by long-lived particle in the LHC context?

For our purposes, **LLP** = BSM particle with a non-negligible lifetime that dies (gives up all its energy or decays to SM) somewhere in the detector acceptance of LHCb, CMS, ATLAS, MilliQan, MoEDAL, FASER, Codex-b, MATHUSLA, etc.

# The LHC **LLP** Community Initiative



Long-lived particle searches at ATLAS, CMS, LHCb are **difficult**

- Challenging triggering strategies
- Non-standard objects and reconstruction methods
- Baffling backgrounds irrelevant to standard searches for prompt or stable objects
- **Difficult also means fun**, but there's a danger we'll miss a possible discovery because of the atypical nature of these signatures

**One question:**

**How do we best ensure that we don't miss  
BSM LLP signatures for the remainder of the  
LHC program and beyond?**

*Answer:* Construct a *space* for the inter-experiment/theory community to discuss and collect the *results*

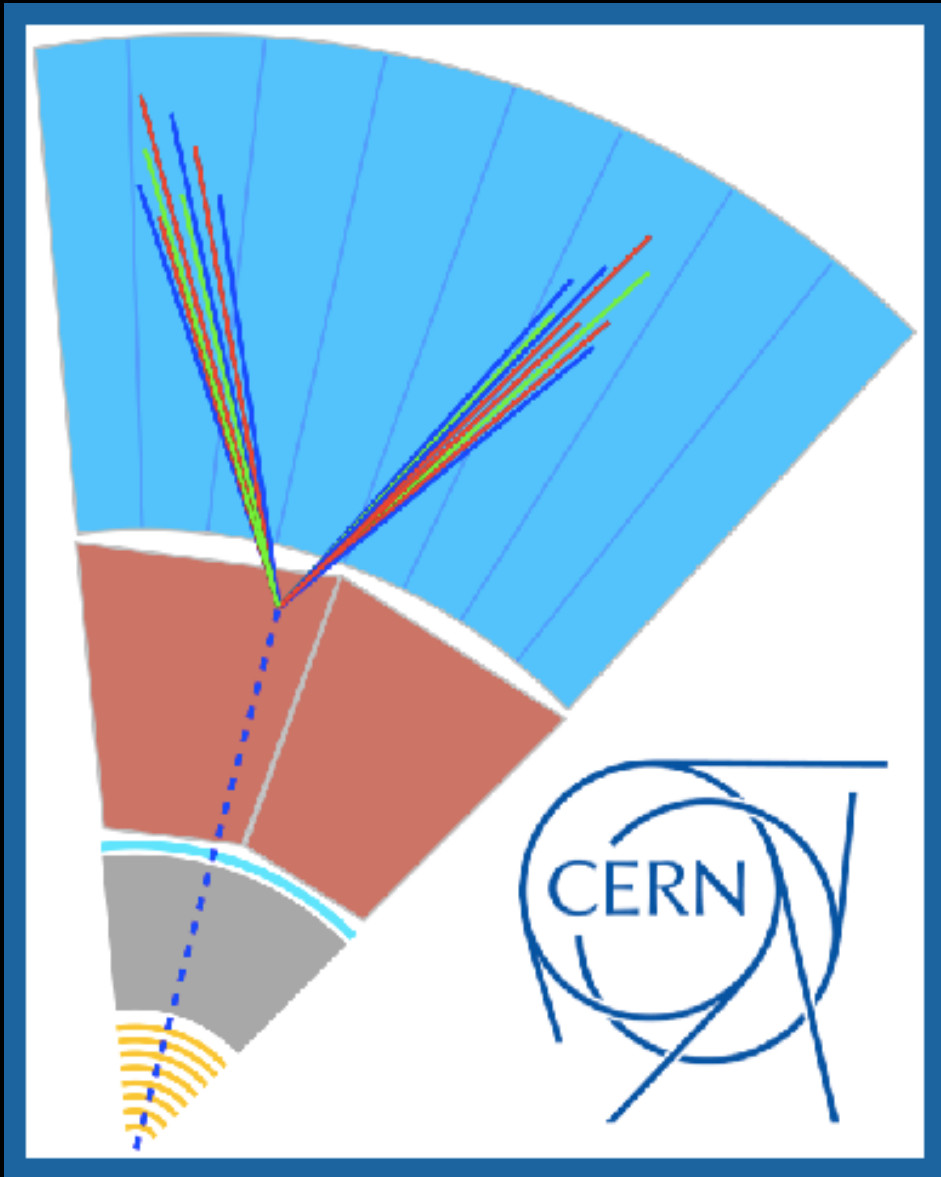
*Space:* Working-workshops

*Results:* White papers and website



# LHC Long-Lived Particle Community

...building on the work of a few prior workshops



...in collaboration with the  
theory/pheno community and  
MoEDAL, milliQan, MATHUSLA,  
FASER, Codex-b, etc.

Workshops — two per year  
Most recent last month:  
LHC LLP May 2018

LHC **LLP** white paper in  
progress now  
(likely public July)

Join the CERN egroup: [lhcllp](mailto:lhcllp@cern.ch)

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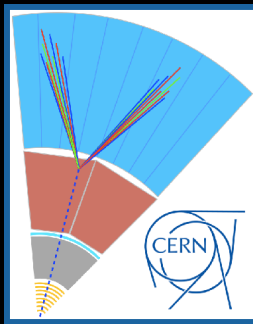
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Many dozens of people working  
for months with the consultation  
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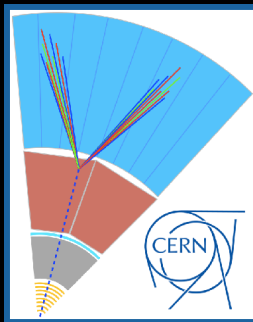
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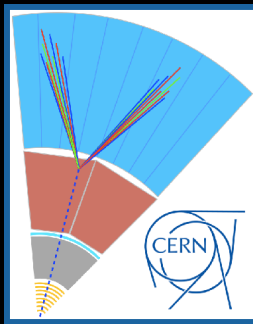
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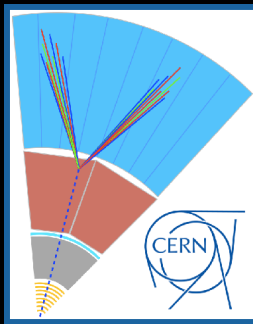
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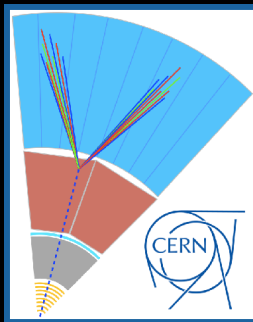
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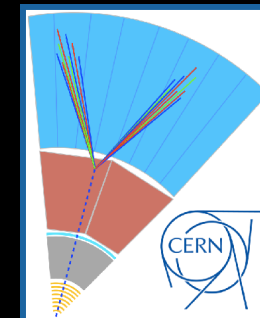
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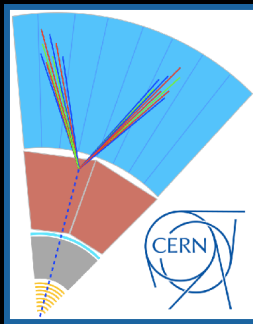
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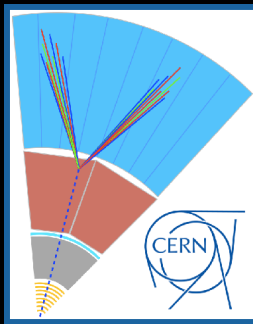
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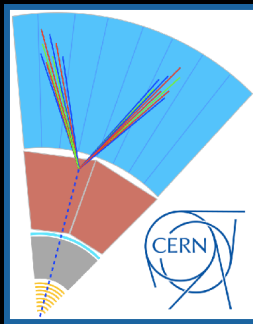
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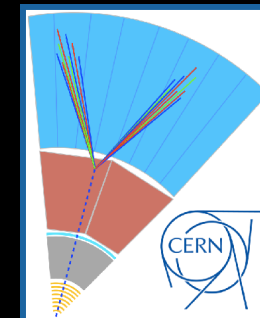
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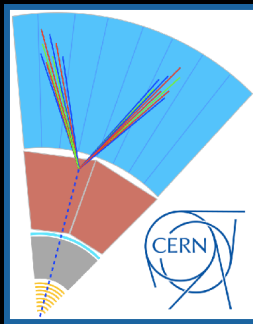
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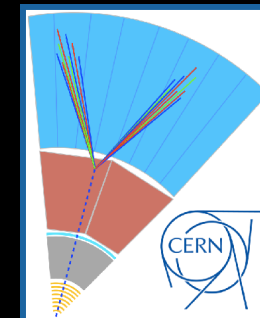
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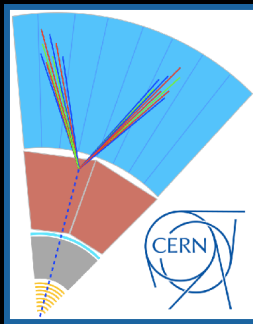
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# White paper: Experimental signature based focus

<https://github.com/jbbeacham/LHCLLP>



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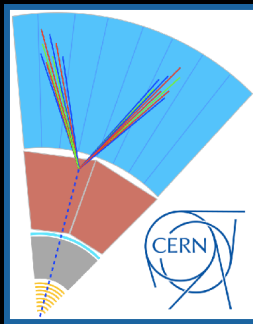
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QCD-like (more or less) dark sectors: What kinds of experimental signatures are between emerging jets and SUEP?

Longer-term work on uncharted territory; still examining how we know what we don't know.



# White paper: Simplified Models chapter



Signature first, model second

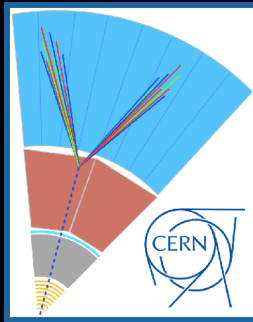
- General classes of motivations that can give rise to LLPs are many
  - Dark photons
  - Hidden valleys
  - R-parity violating supersymmetry
  - Dark QCD-like sectors
  - Heavy neutral leptons
  - Etc.

Instead of probing the parameter space of your favorite model, think about the more generic kinds of ways an LLP could be produced at the LHC interaction points and then how it could appear in the detector

- Much clearer way of comparing searches and noting whether and to what extent certain signatures have been covered
- Creates a useful grammar of LLP signatures/searches across experiment

This kind of focus also makes it easier to point out where experimentalists have opportunities for new searches or to significantly extend the reach of existing searches — new projects with discovery potential!

# Experimental coverage chapter



Excellent work done by the experimental coverage group, spearheaded and edited by José Zurita; for the rest of this talk, a few thoughts about uncovered realms in LLP/DV searches

Chapter functions as both a review of existing LLP-related searches at ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb and a clear enumeration of gaps in coverage, a.k.a., open opportunities for discovery-oriented projects for experimentalists to take on

## 3.2 Overview of Gaps

### 1. All-hadronic

- Use associated object triggers (especially motivated by Higgs like VBF and VH)
- Try to push to lower masses & lifetimes
- Online reconstruction of hadronic displaced objects
- Exclusion limits for displaced hadronic taus. Opportunity for CMS displaced triggers?

### 2. Leptonic

- Intermediate region between low-mass (lepton-jets) and high-mass (resolved ATLAS/CMS searches)
- Continue to push to go to lower masses,  $p_T$  thresholds
- Tau leptons in LLP decay, in particular if they come from ID. Opportunity for CMS displaced triggers?

### 3. Semi-Leptonic

- Low masses (like Majorana neutrino)
- Making sure to cover all flavor combinations (for example, one CMS search only covers  $e^\pm \mu^\mp$ ), as well as same-sign vs. opposite sign leptons
- Trigger on associated objects or use dilepton trigger if there are two LLPs?

### 4. Photonic

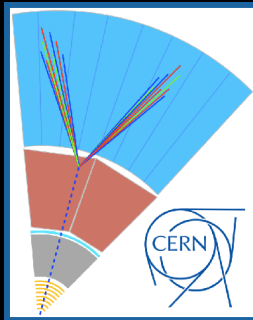
- No coverage for LLPs decaying into  $l\gamma$ ,  $j\gamma$  or without  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ .
- Poor coverage (non-dedicated search) for single  $\gamma$ , only if two jets are present, needs recasting of CMS delayed photon study [186].
- Prompt photons searches useless, as they veto "non-standard" photons.
- No coverage for softer photons.

### 5. Other exotic long-lived signatures

- DTs:  $c\tau \sim \text{mm}$  are very hard to probe. Unclear if ATLAS IBL will be present in HL-LHC run. What is the lowest distance new layers (or double layers) can be inserted at?



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Chapter  
searches  
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Not covered in this talk

- Semi-leptonic decays (ask Giovanna about her excellent new work on how to improve sensitivity to heavy neutral lepton-like signatures in a model-independent way)
- SIMPs, particles with anomalous ionization (monopoles, HECOs, millicharged particles), stopped particles, heavy stable charged particles, disappearing tracks, etc.

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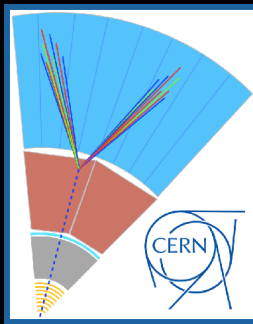
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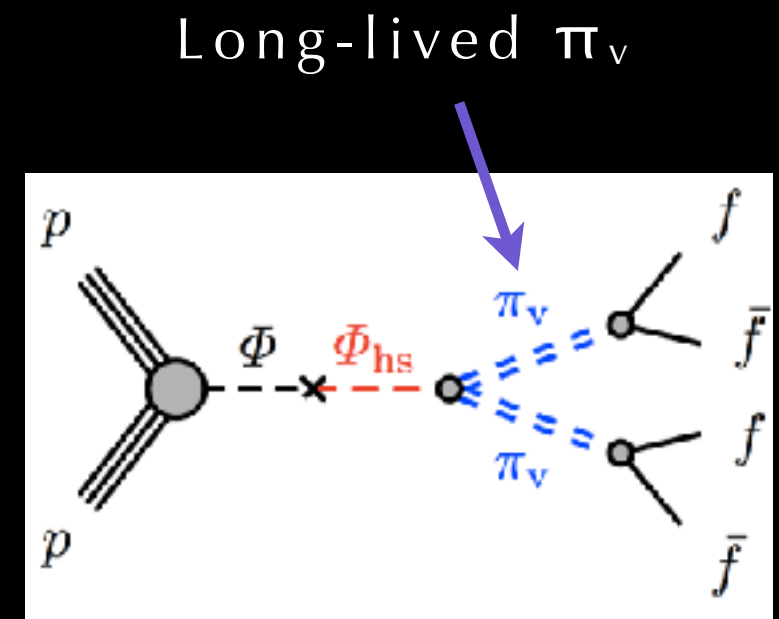
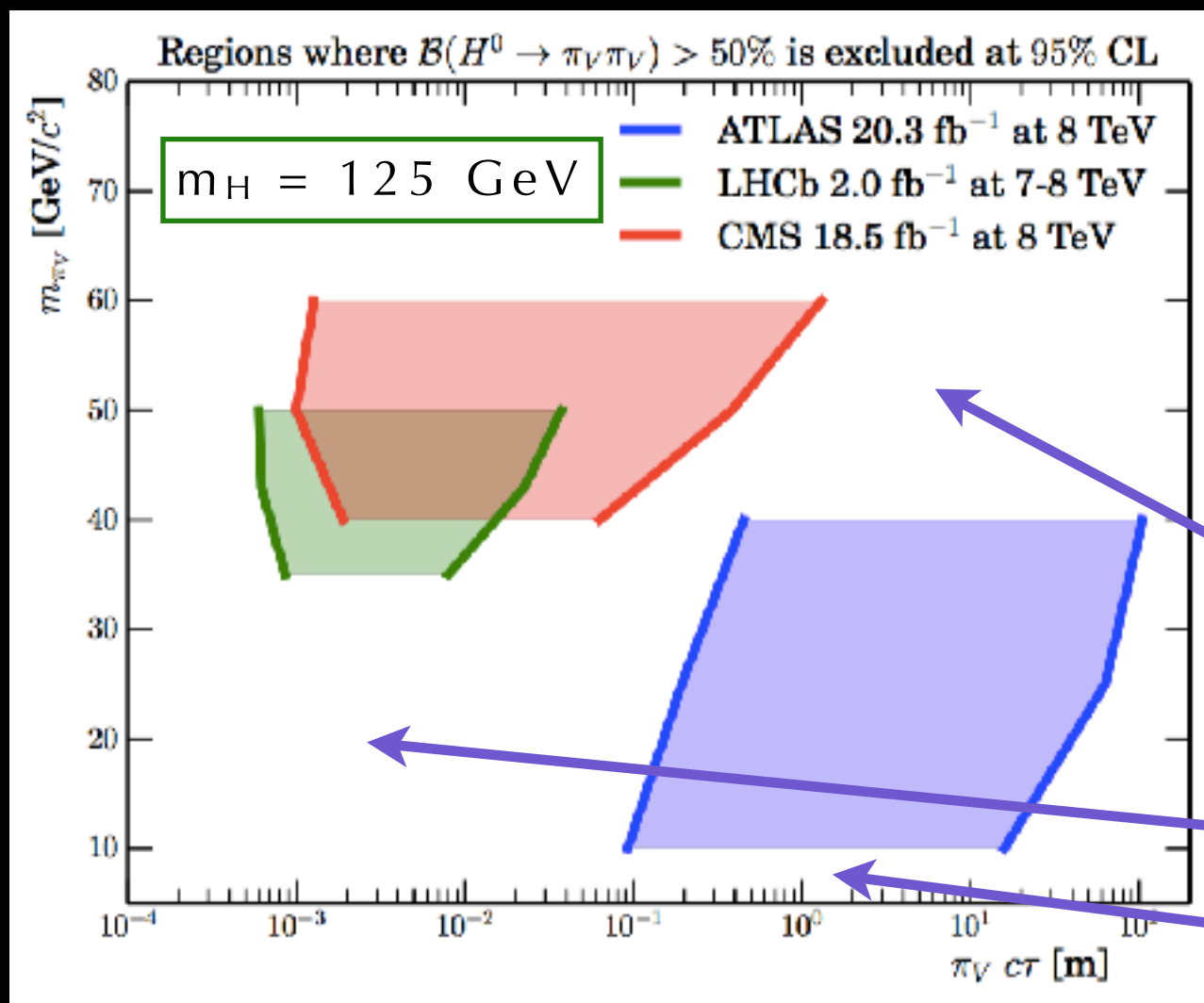
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# Uncovered LLP/DV realms



## Low-mass, low-pT everything

- Start with a simple example everyone loves:  
 $h_{125} \rightarrow \text{LLP} \times 2 \rightarrow \text{jets}$
- Many searches for this already, but there are known limitations
  - What if  $m_{\text{LLP}} < 10\text{-}30 \text{ GeV}$ ?
  - What if  $\sim \text{mm} < c\tau < \sim 10 \text{ cm}$ ?

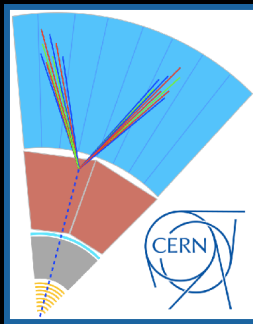


A discovery could  
be hiding here!  
(Model-dependent  
plot, but  
illustrative)

LHCb: [arXiv:1705.07332](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.07332)

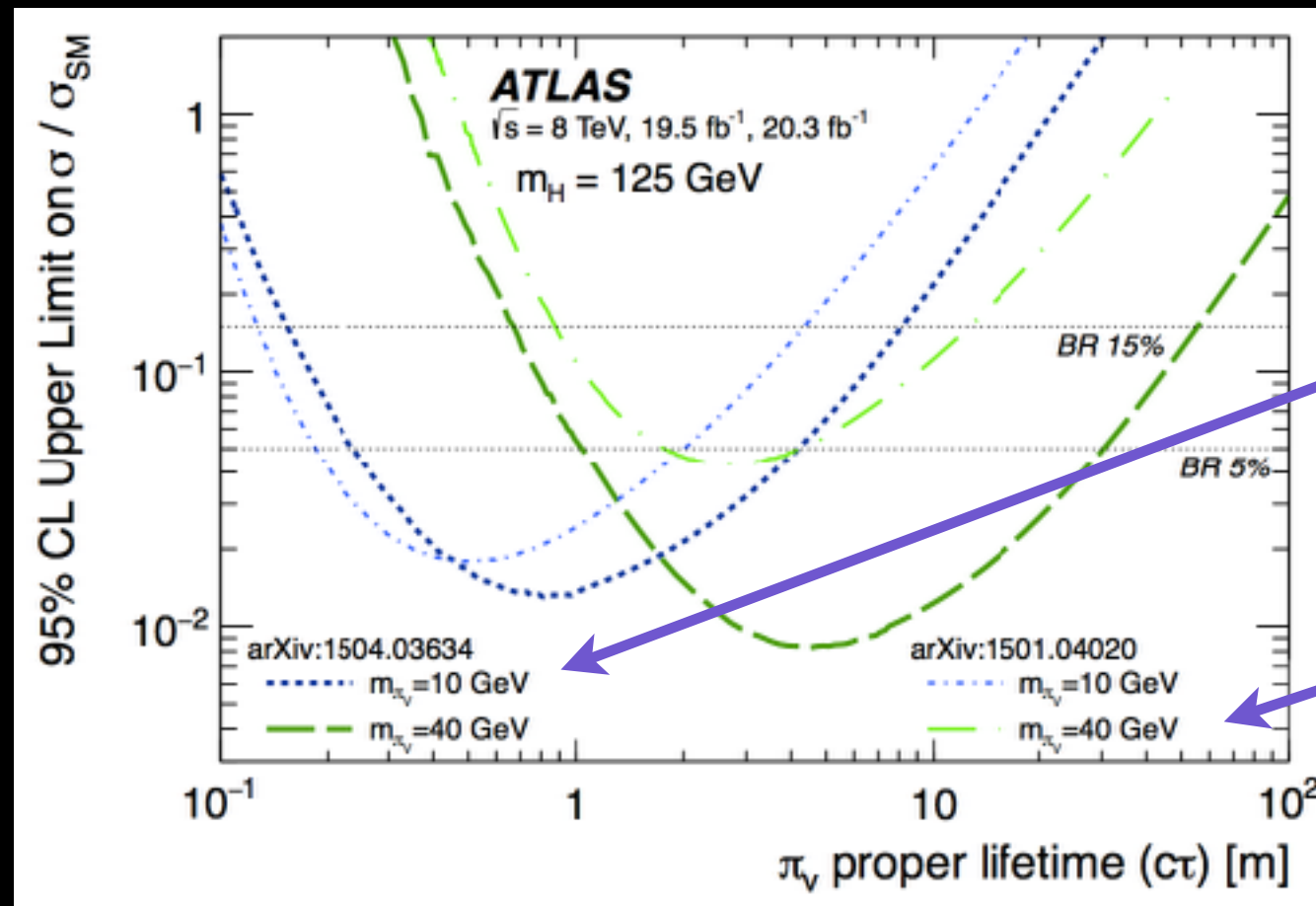
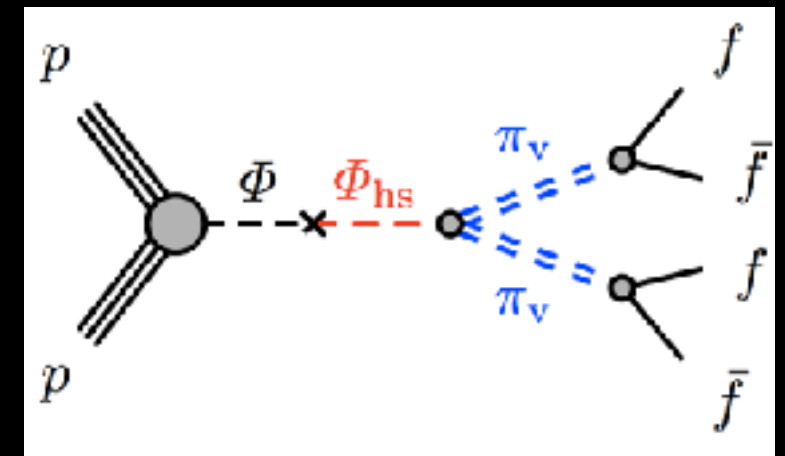


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Decay in either inner detector or muon spectrometer

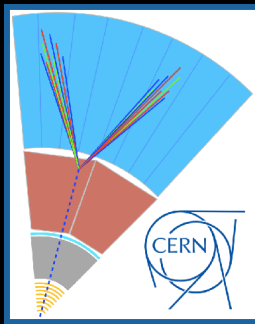
Decay in or just before the HCal with a special trigger (CalRatio)

- How to trigger on these regimes?

ATLAS: [arXiv:1504.03634](https://arxiv.org/abs/1504.03634)

[arXiv:1501.04020](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.04020)

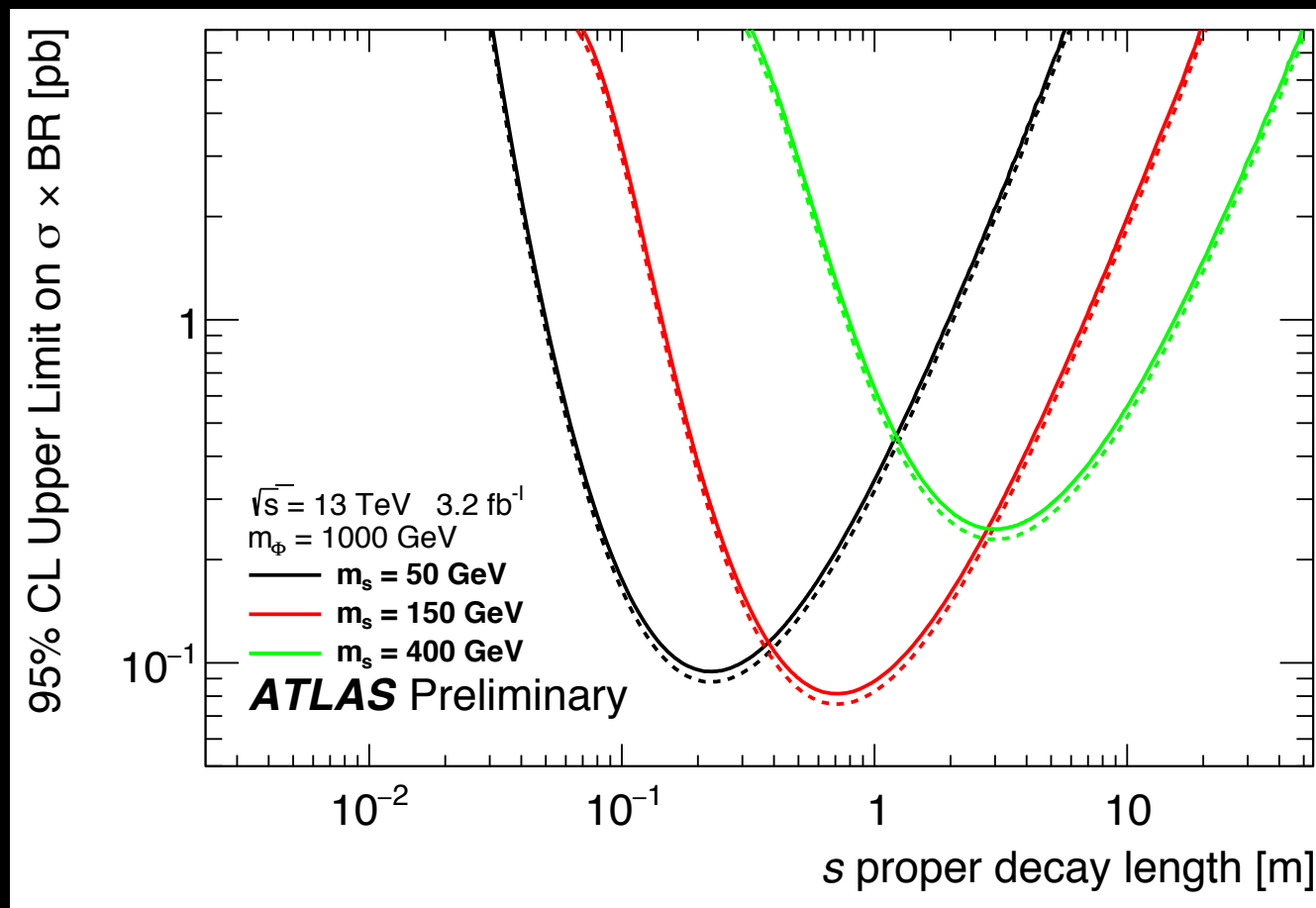
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- Same limitations hold for  $H \rightarrow \text{LLPx2} \rightarrow \text{jets}$ ,  $m_H > 125 \text{ GeV}$
- What if  $m_{\text{LLP}} / m_X < 5\%$ ?
- What if  $\sim \text{mm} < c\tau < \text{a few cm}$ ?

## ATLAS CalRatio for higher-mass scalars



ATLAS-CONF-2016-103

## What about for $m_H < 125 \text{ GeV}$ ?

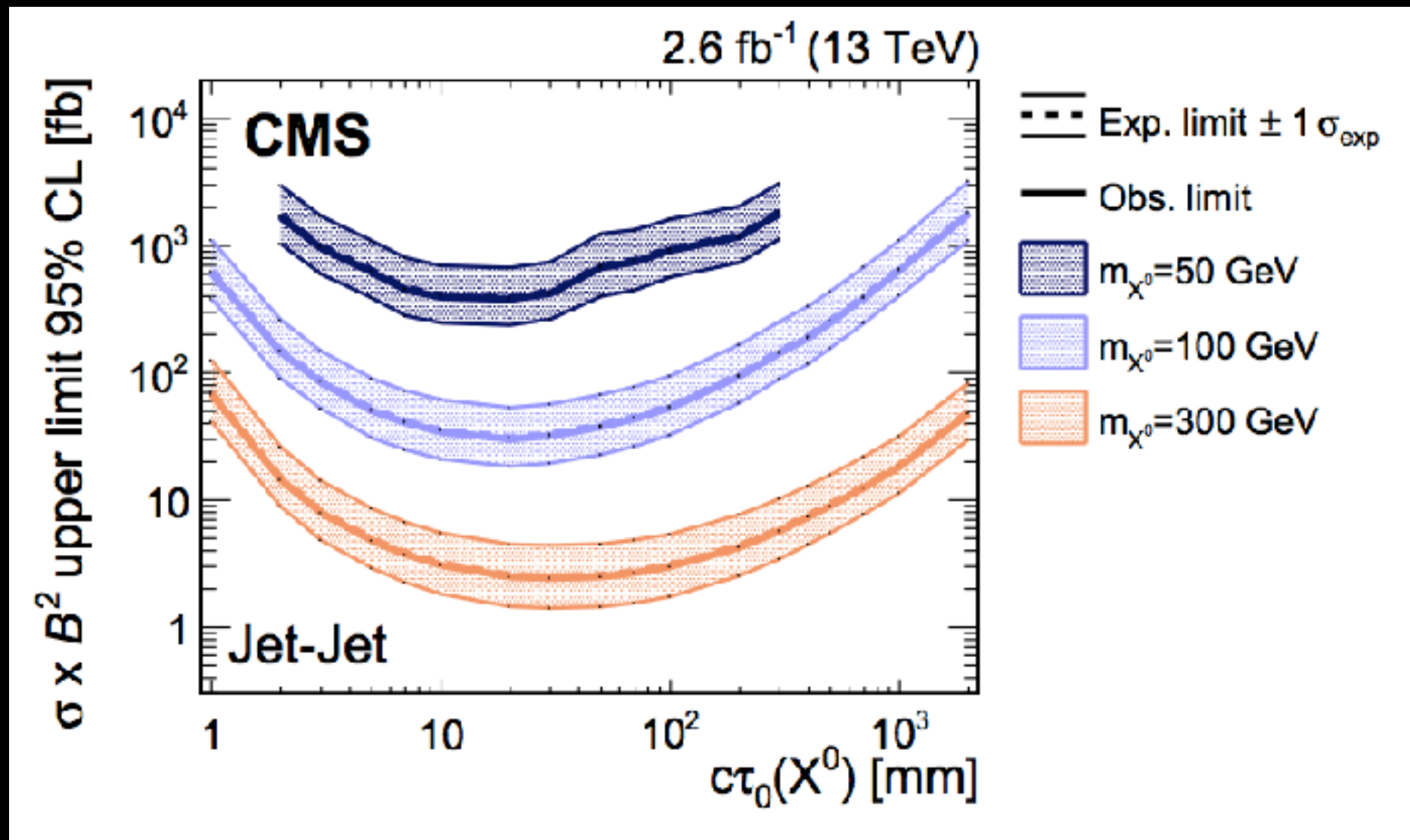
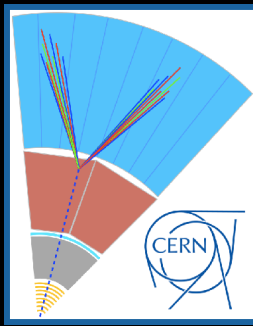
- Low mass  $H$  decaying to low mass LLP decaying to soft hadrons — buried signal
- Thresholds on, e.g., ATLAS CalRatio trigger too high?
- Will ATLAS photon-jets triggers be sensitive to this?
- Could new ideas for inner-detector triggers (e.g., hit multiplicity) catch these events?



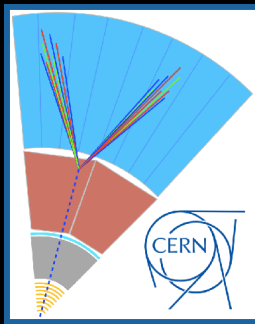
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## Low-mass, low-pT everything

- What about pair-produced, long-lived scalars decaying to jets?
  - CMS has a good inclusive search: [PLB 780 \(2018\) 432-454](#)
  - What about for smaller masses and lifetimes?

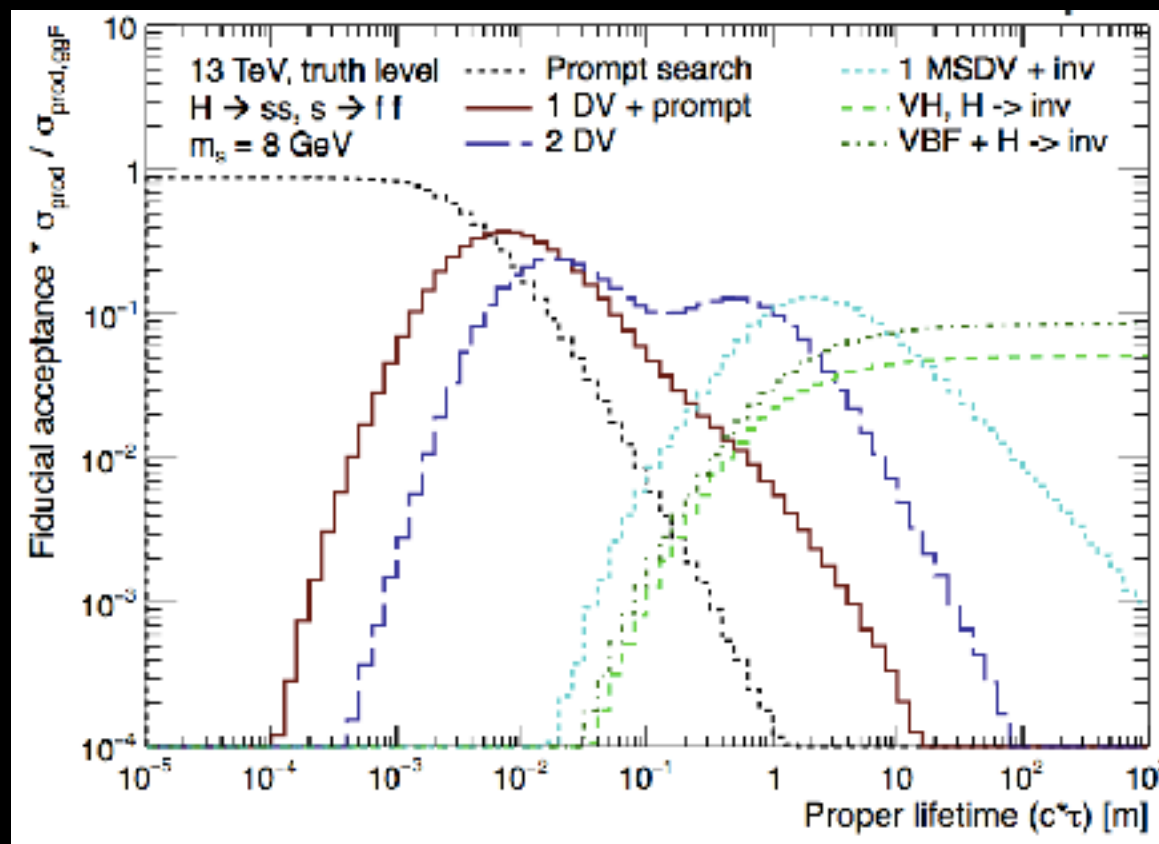


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Very short-lived LLPs decaying to jets

- Still unclear how some of our searches match together
  - E.g.,  $h125 \rightarrow xx \rightarrow 4b$ , for  $x$  either prompt, for which searches exist (for associated production), or fairly long-lived ( $c\tau > \text{a few mm}$ ), for which searches also exist (for primarily  $ggH$ )



H.Russell truth study

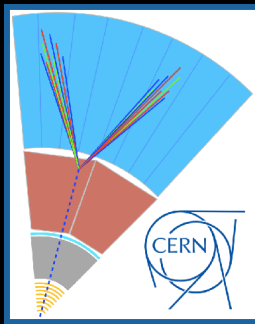
- How big is the gap between these two? ATLAS central recasting of prompt to non-negligible but still small lifetime version public very soon



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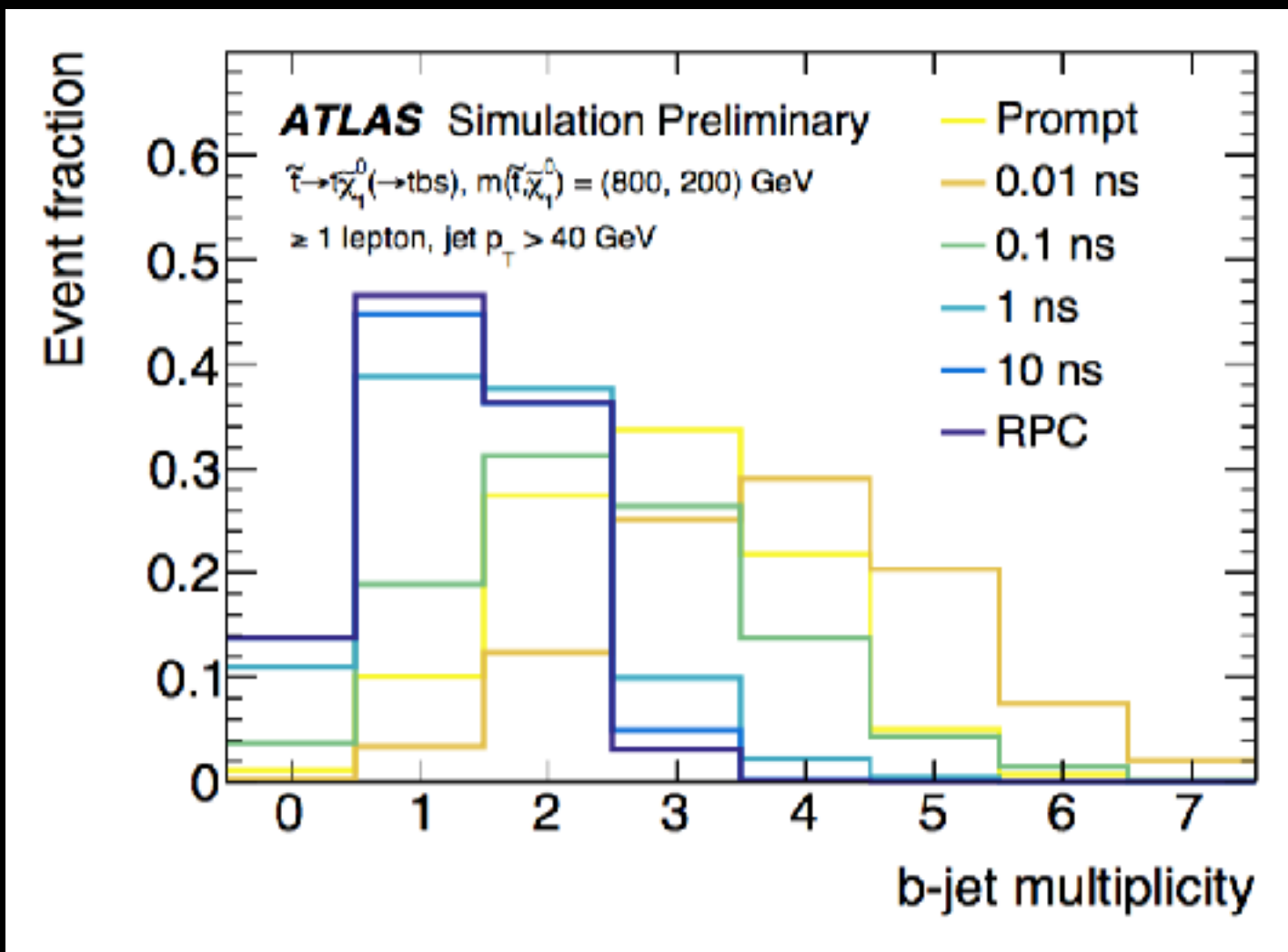
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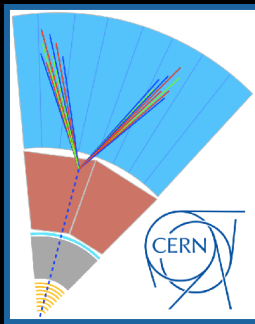
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- Experimental collaborations need to do these studies centrally
- ATLAS SUSY group recently did this for a few RPV-meets-RPC searches: [ATLAS-CONF-2018-003](#) [ [Karri Folan DiPetrillo talk](#) ]
- Need to do the same in a comprehensive way for h125

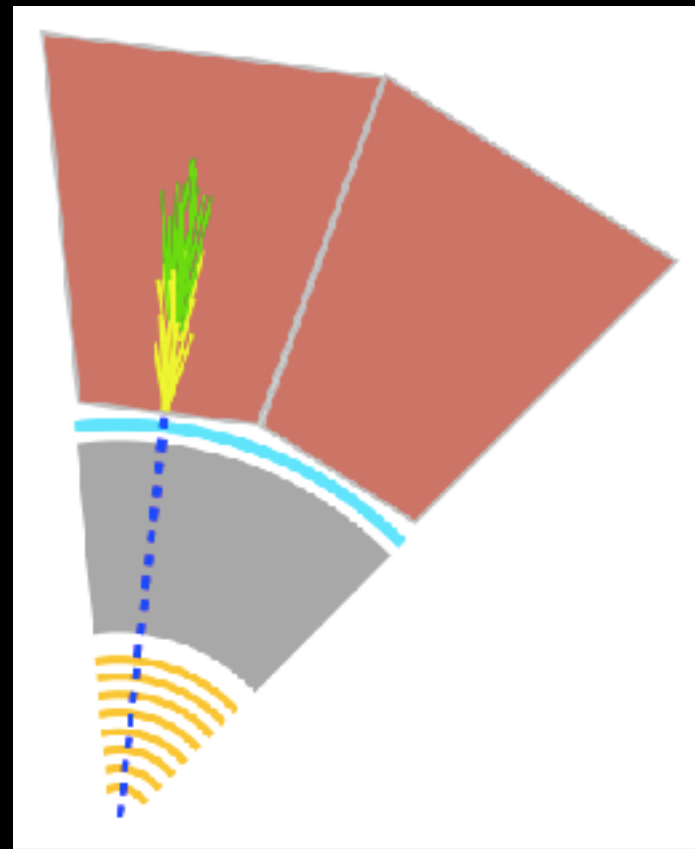
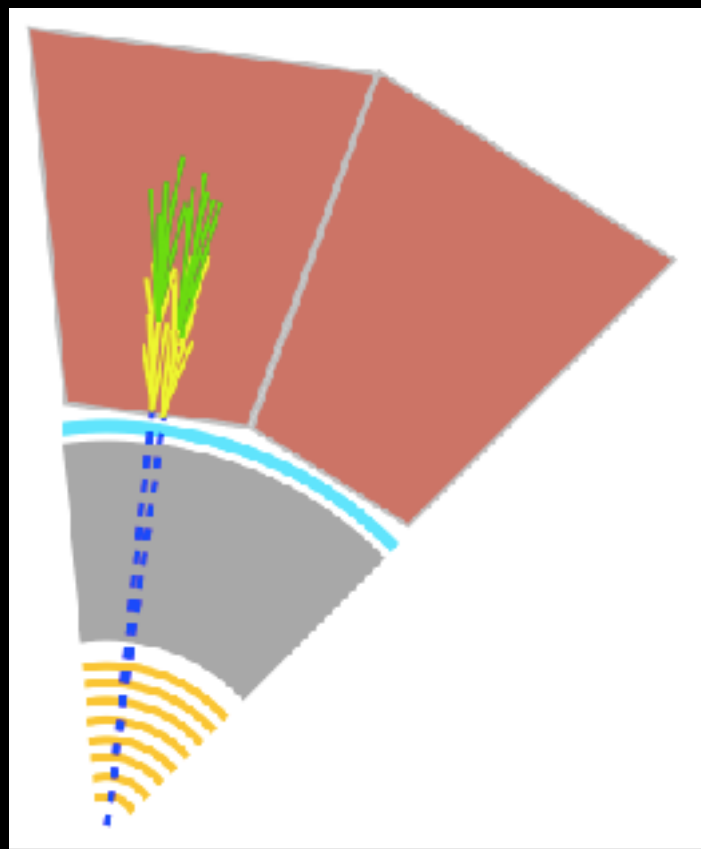


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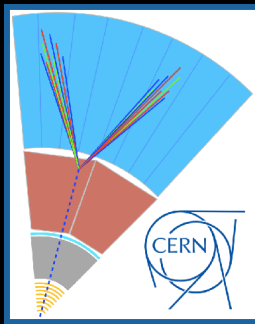
## Photon-related signatures

- From, e.g., axions / ALPs, or  $h_{125} \rightarrow \text{LLPx2} \rightarrow \{\text{photons or electrons}\}$
- Most existing LLP-related photon searches are for non-pointing or late photons in a rather model-dependent context: GMSB with a neutralino decaying to a gravitino and a photon
- Searches require a large amount of MET



- How do we target different kinds of non-standard photon (or electron) signatures that could be evidence of LLPs?
- Essentially looking for atypical blobs of energy in the ECal with little to no energy in the HCal — photon-jets triggers could help here

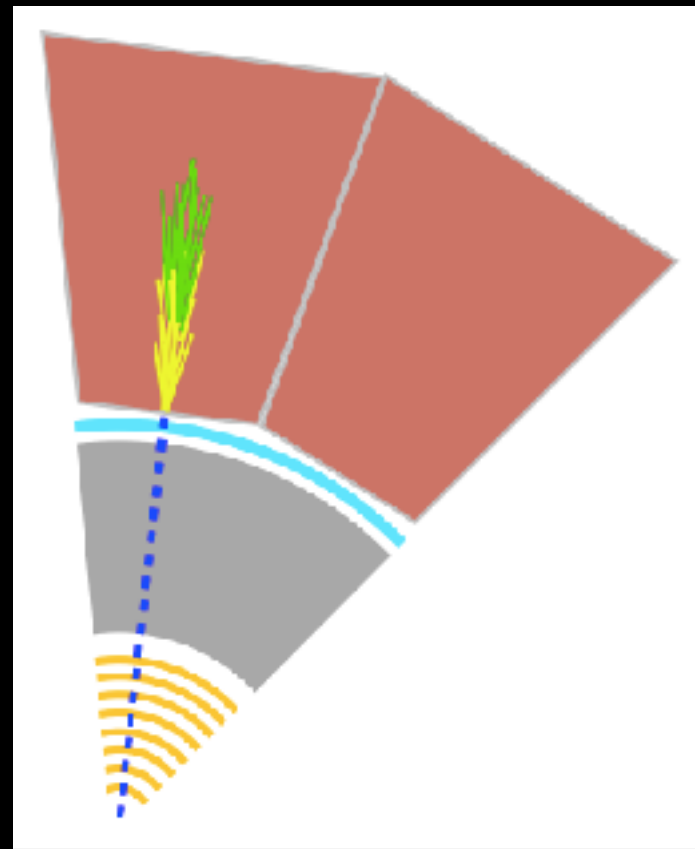
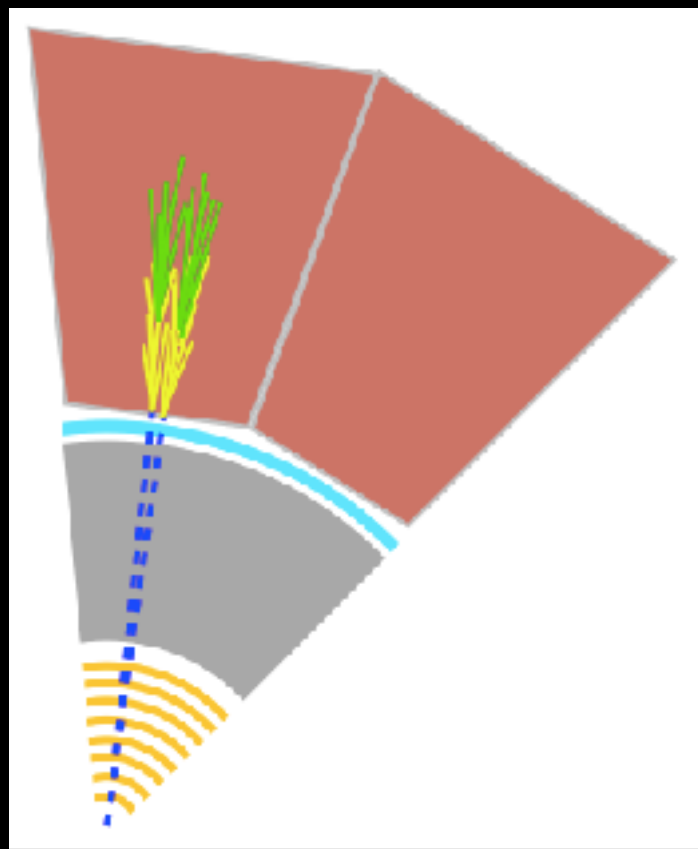
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## Photon-related signatures

Challenge is extending to lower mass LLPs, softer deposits

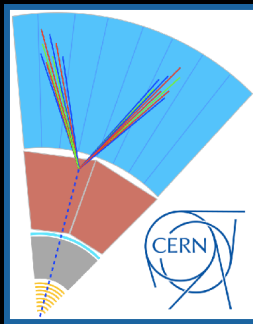
- Trigger rate limited by energy of two deposits ( $\sim 20$  GeV)
- Typically mitigated for individual photons with hadronic isolation (also good here) or ring isolation (not good here)



- Can use substructure at HLT in ATLAS — this could help lower ECal deposit thresholds
- What are the CMS capabilities here?



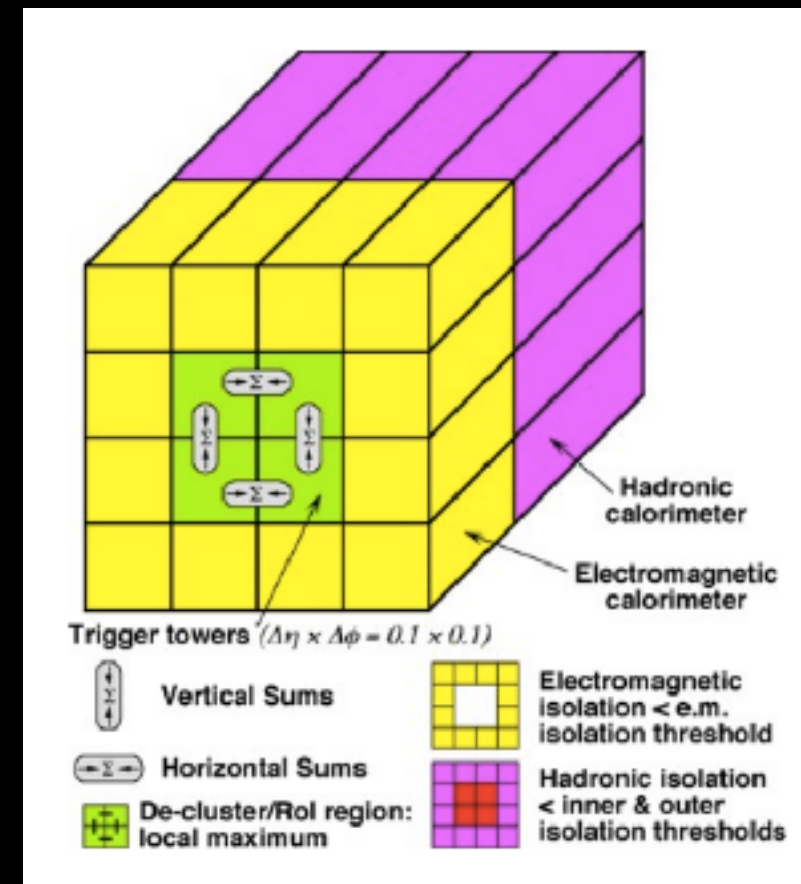
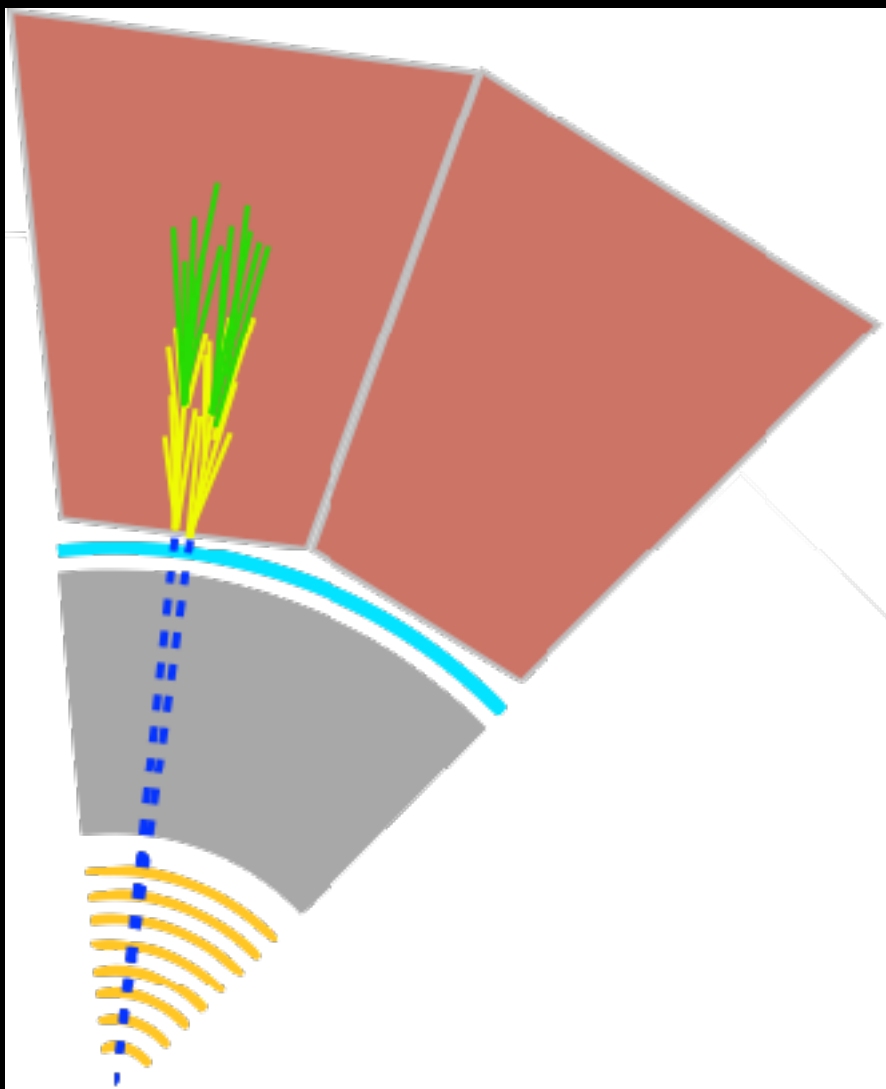
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## How to trigger on photon-jets?

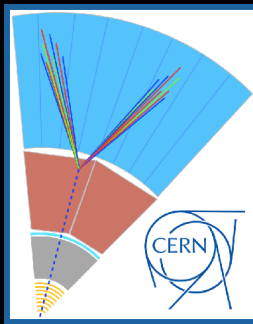
Signature:

- An ugly blob of energy in the electromagnetic calorimeter
- Little-to-no energy in the hadronic calorimeter



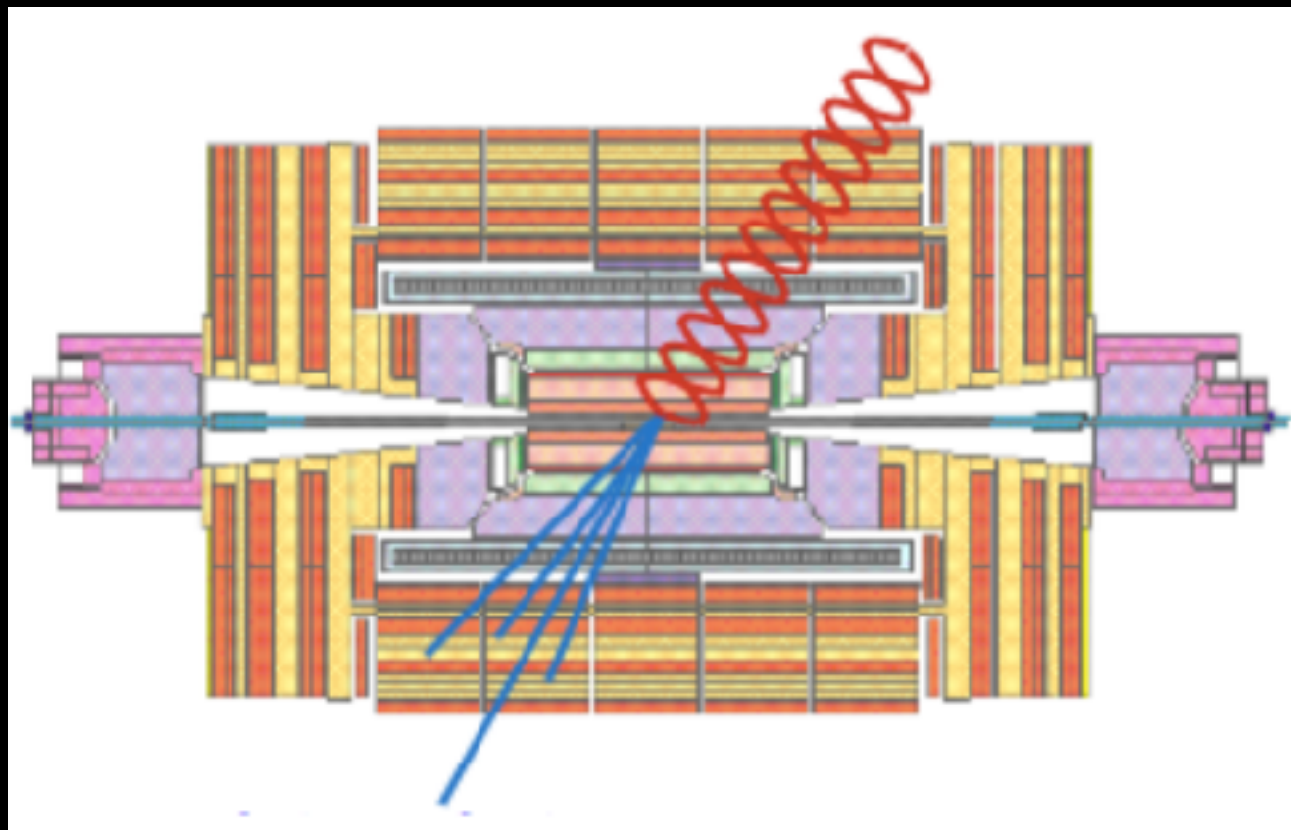
- Too wide to be an isolated photon and be caught by standard high-level photon triggers
- Use hard veto on HCal activity and possibly jet substructure variables applied to ECal-only objects
- Some combination of extra techniques are necessary to ensure the trigger rate doesn't get too high — still to be determined what this would do for LLP signatures for, e.g., soft electron or photon decays from low-mass LLPs

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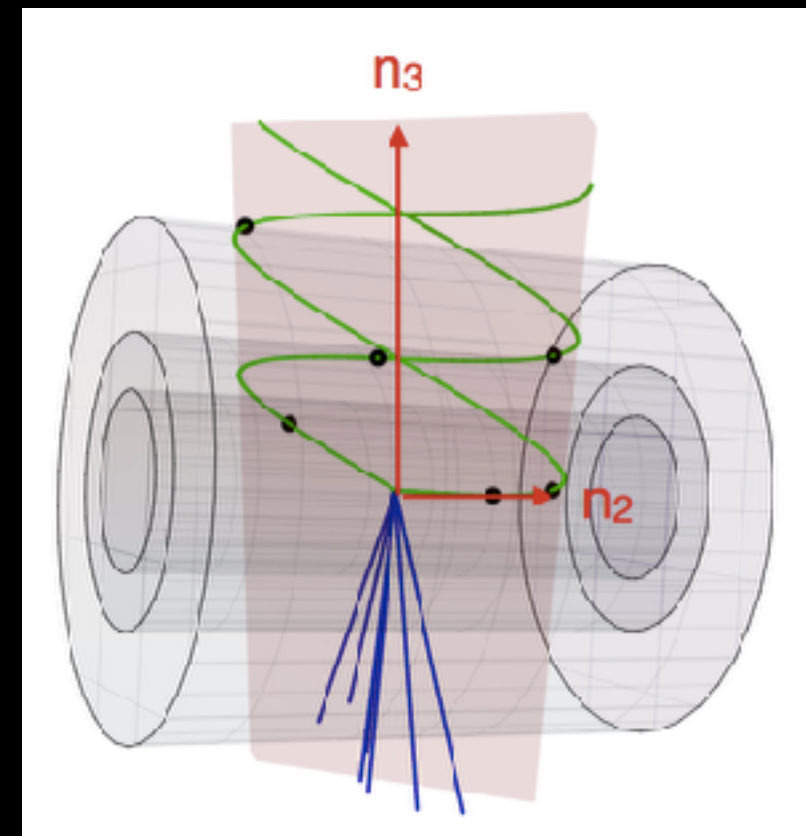


## Non-standard tracks from quirks

- Quirks: Particles charged under new confining gauge group but with masses much greater than the confinement scale  $\rightarrow$  distinct quirk/antiquirk pairs never form  $\rightarrow$  they oscillate until they annihilate
- As such, they leave a wild, oscillating-pair signature in the detector



Talk by  
Knapen at  
Trieste LHC  
LLP  
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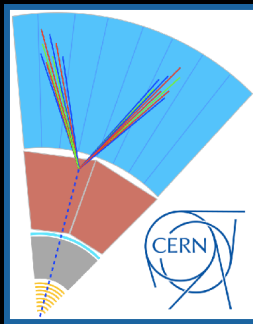


- This is hard, both because standard tracking isn't useful here and because it's difficult to model in Geant4 — only existing search is at D0

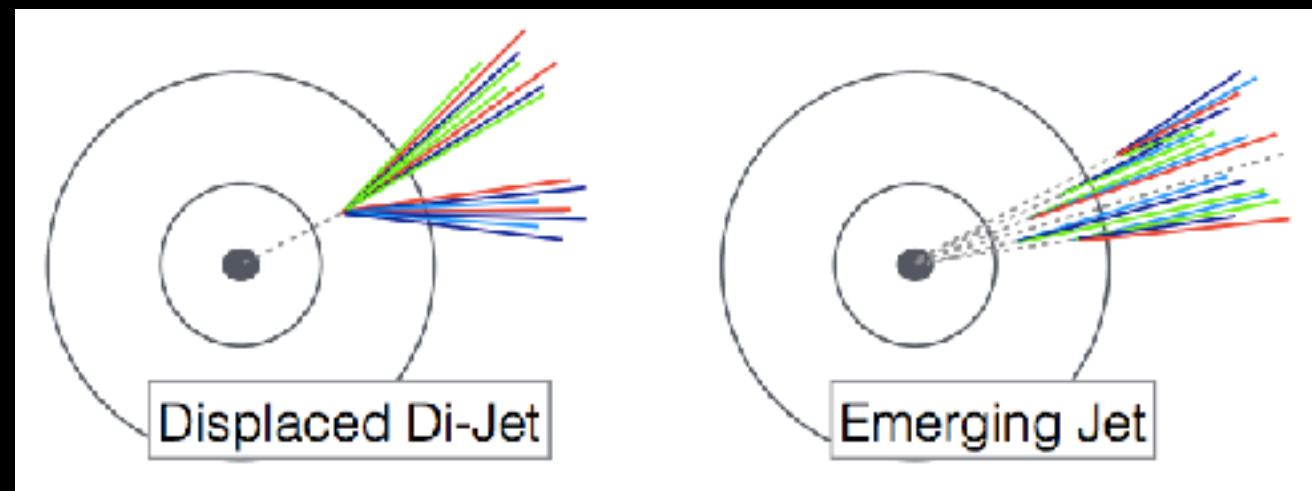
- S. Knapen, et al, proposed a model-independent method of looking for patterns of hits that lay in a plane in the detectors — promising avenue for discovery



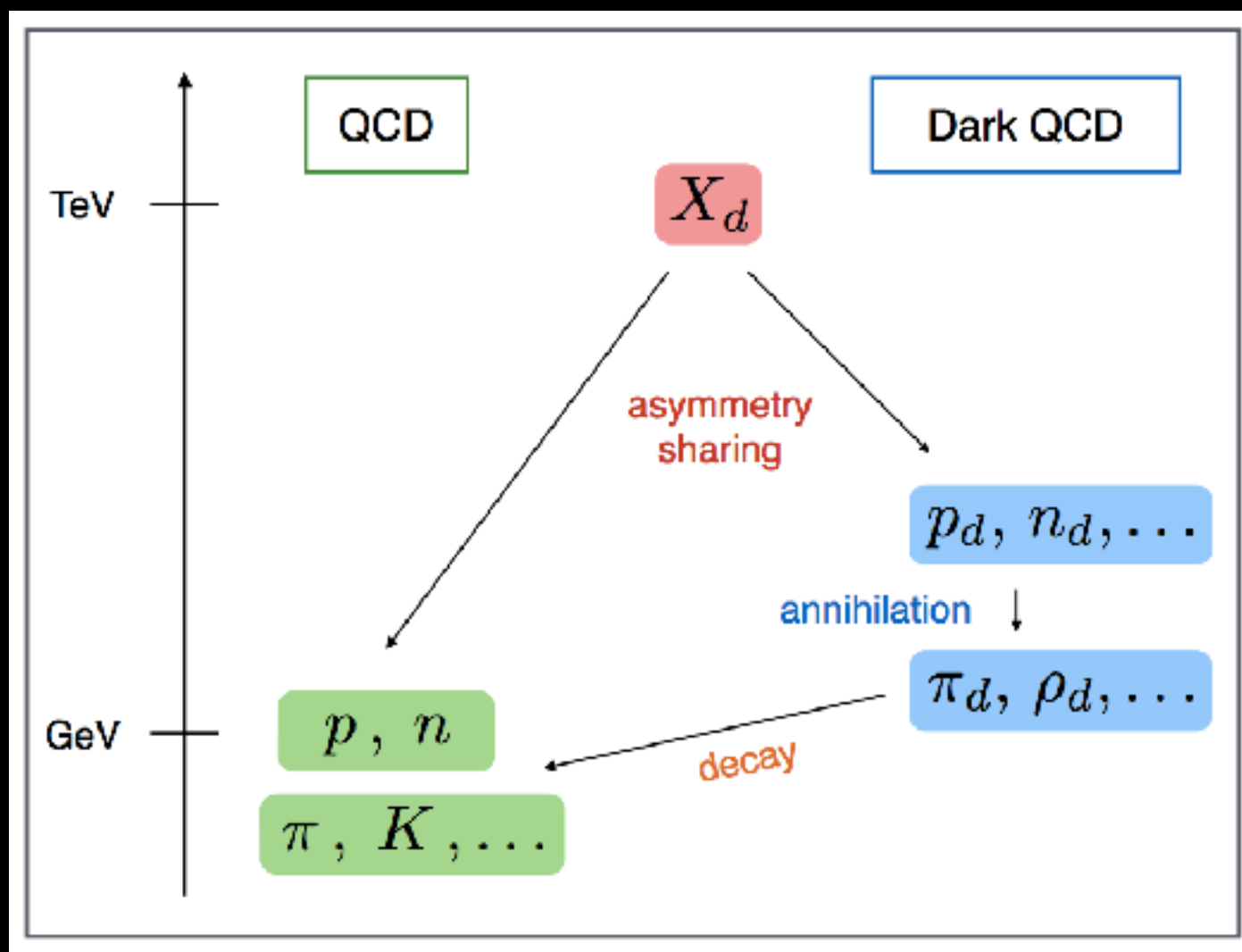
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Why should beyond-the-Standard Model physics be simple, like a  $U(1)$  symmetry?  
What about dark QCD?



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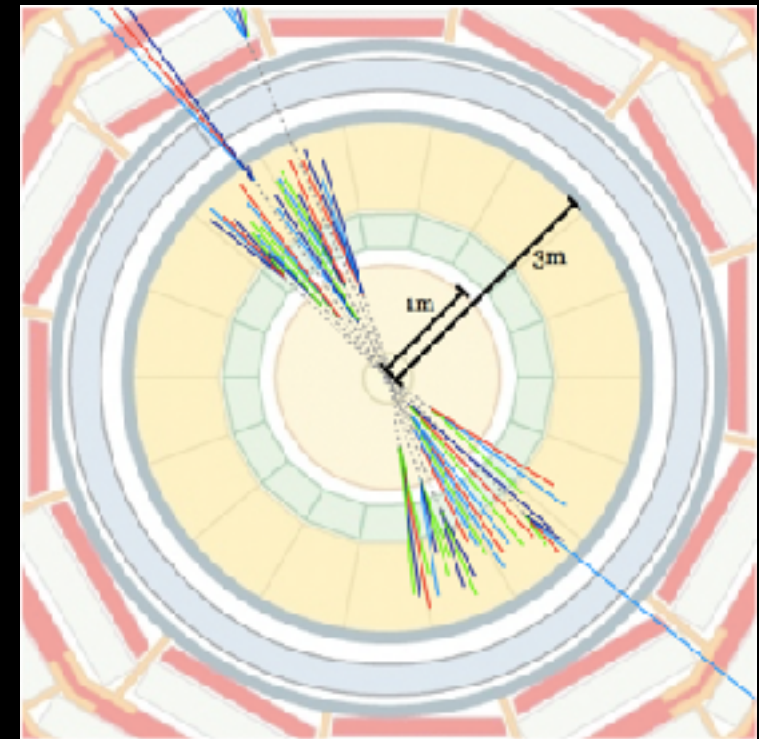
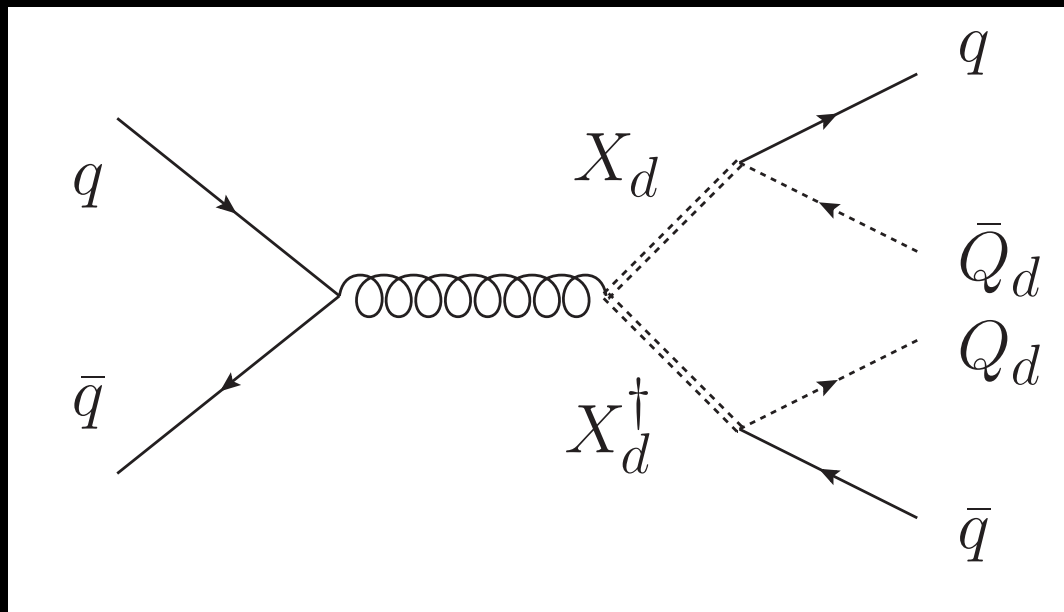
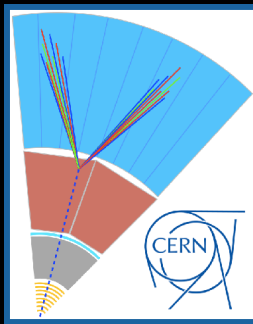


One corner of dark-QCD-like models: **A novel LHC signature** where dark or hidden sector quarks decay to the visible sector via multiple displaced vertices of varying displacements within the same jet object. Pair-produced dark quarks then give rise to **neither prompt jets nor a pair of displaced jets** pointing to the same displaced vertex, but to **emerging jets**.

# Uncovered LLP/DV realms

Atypical jets and jets with non-standard tracks

- Hidden sectors with strongly coupled dynamics — dark QCD
  - Pencil-like jet regime — **emerging jets**



[arXiv:1502.05409](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.05409)

Dark QCD  $\rightarrow$  dark quarks  $\rightarrow$  dark pions w/variable lifetimes  $\rightarrow$  jets w/ multiple displaced vertices / tracks in a single jet or event

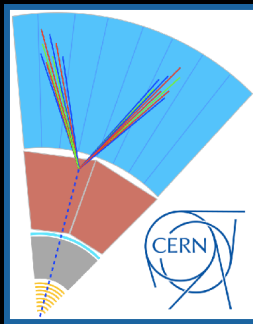
Analysis strategy could target 4-jet signal:  
2 QCD jets + 2 dark-QCD / emerging jets

Emergingness defined per jet or per event? Count number of displaced vertices per event? What if generators don't yield jets with DVs clustered near a jet? How do we trust existing generators to give us reliable pheno?

Searches underway in ATLAS & CMS (see A. Belloni talk on Friday)

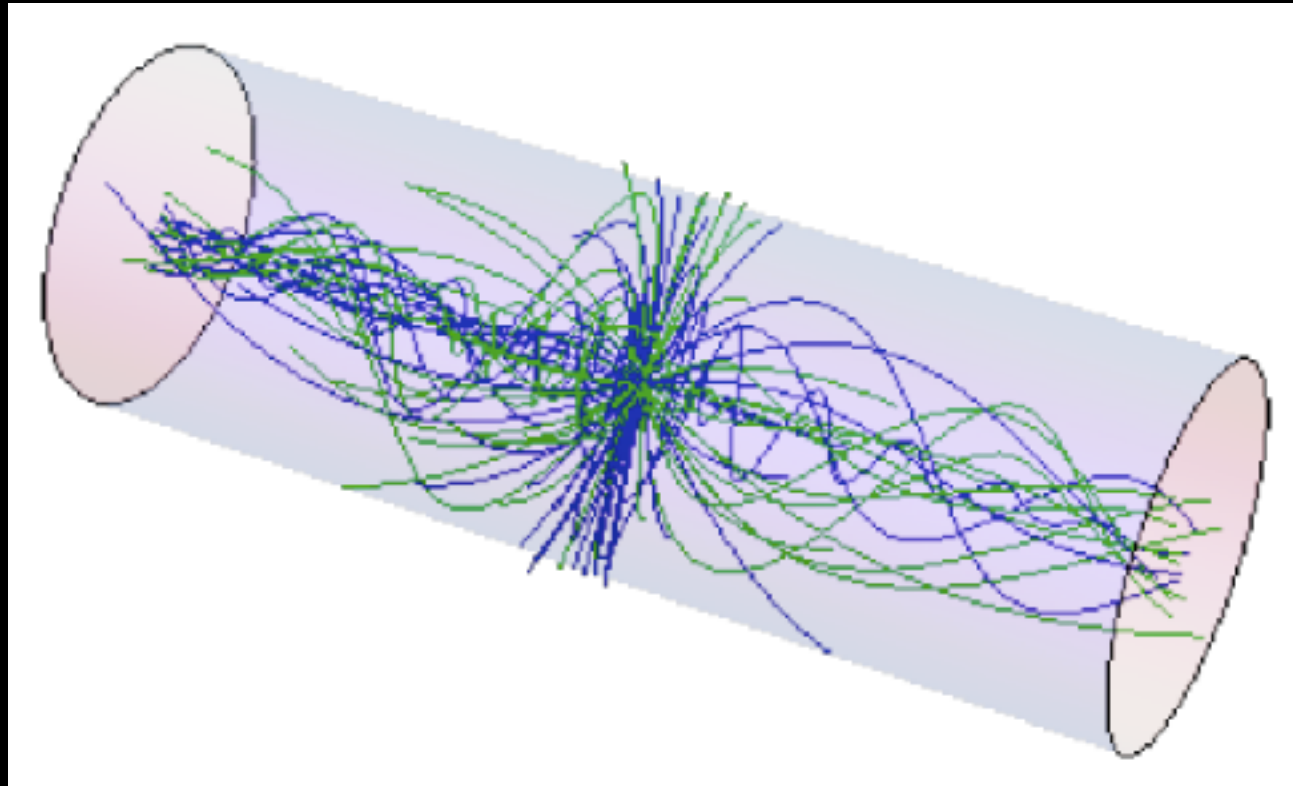


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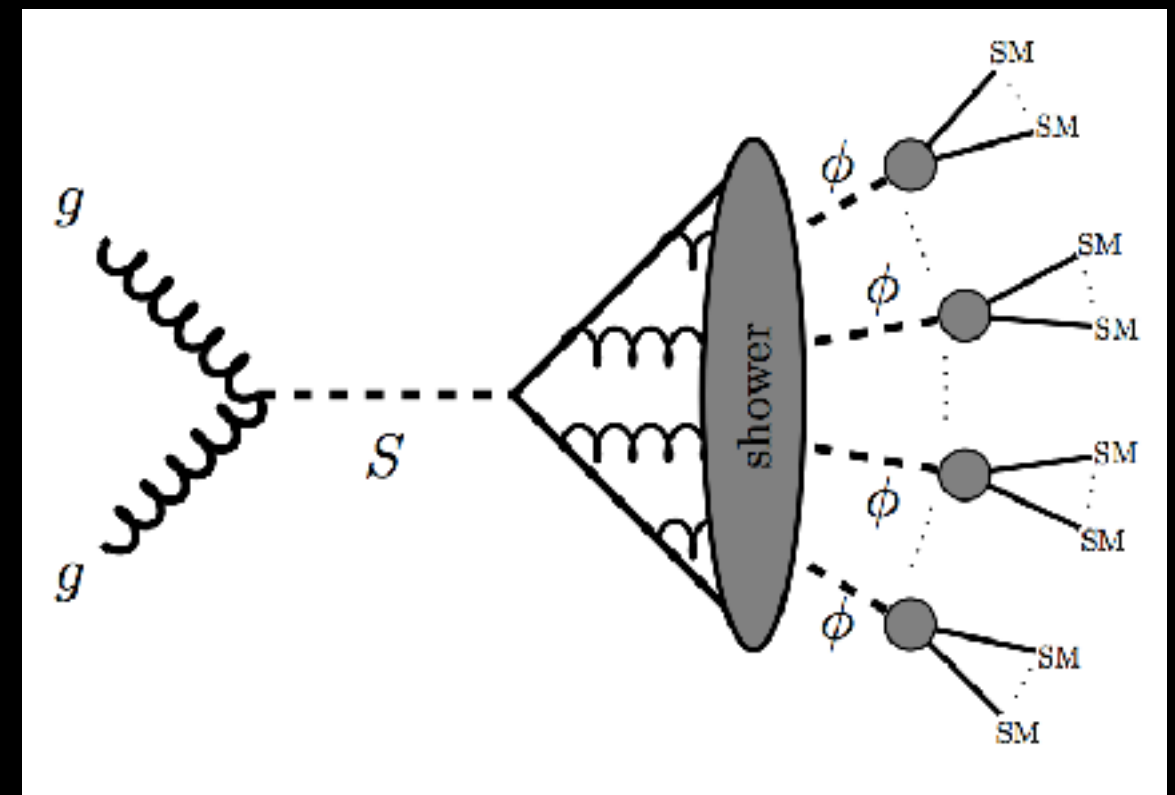
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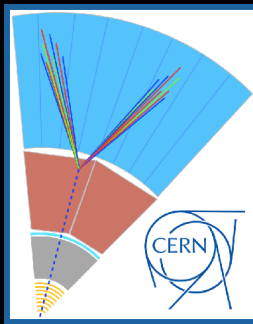


Cylinder is edge of ECal, with  
~100 very soft electrons and  
muons swarming around

Hidden valley scenario with  
confining dynamics — here a  
strongly coupled regime with a  
high-mass mediator decaying  
eventually to a large multiplicity  
of low-energy SM states



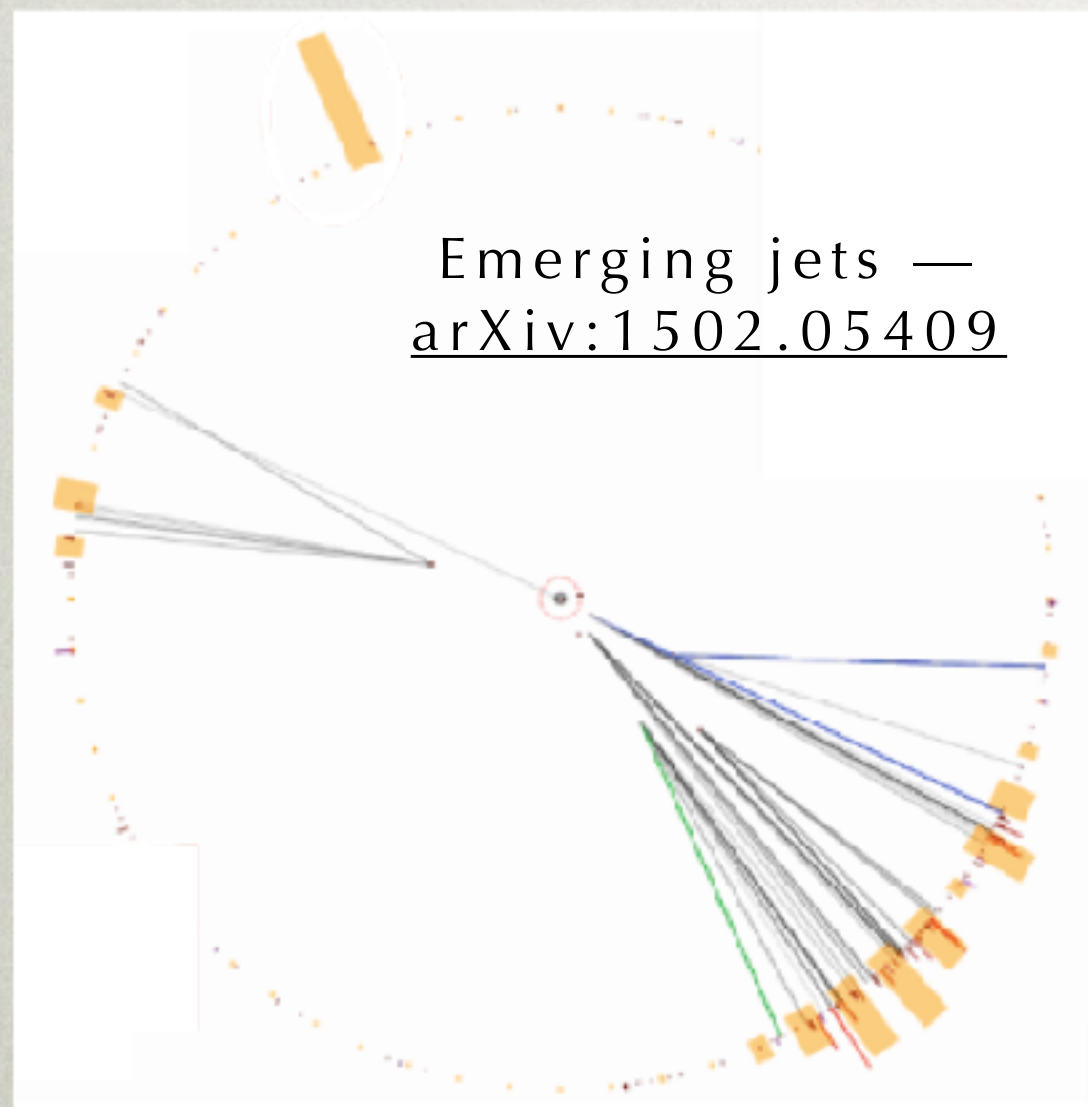
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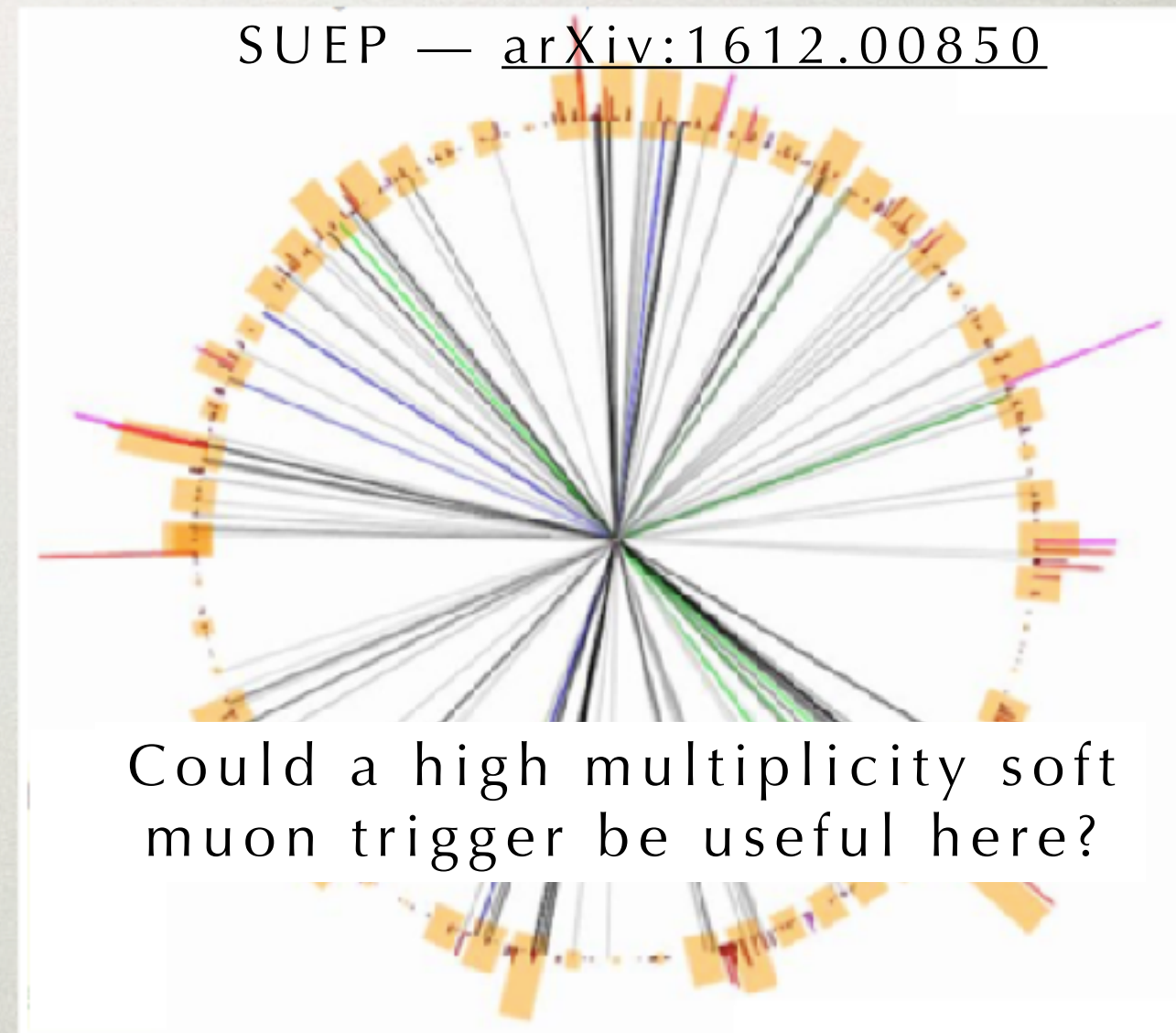
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Schwaller, Stolarski, Weiler 2015



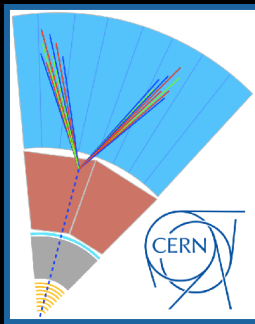
Knapen *et al.*, 2016



Images by M. Strassler



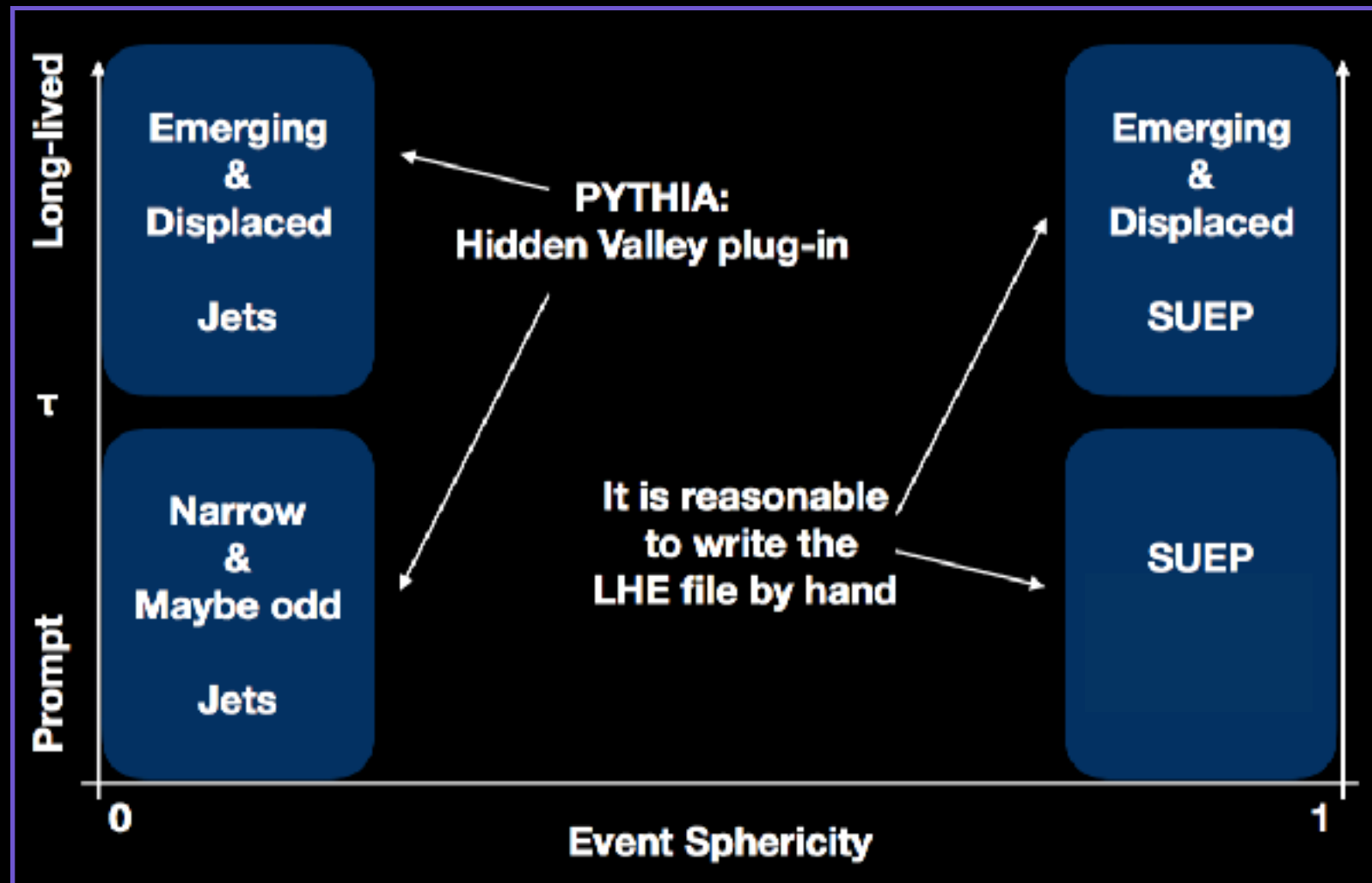
# Uncovered LLP/DV realms



Atypical jets and jets with non-standard tracks

- Hidden sectors with strongly coupled dynamics — dark QCD
  - **Between jets and SUEPs** — this is where *we really don't know what we don't know*

Jakub Scholtz

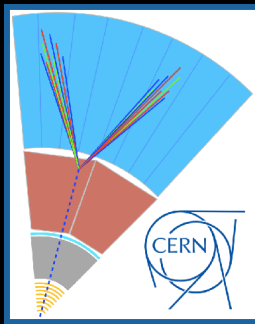


Dark showers working group (Knapen, Shelton, Scholtz, Stolarski, Linthorne, Freytsis, Reece, Cesarotti, et al) began investigating this in earnest last year — many unknowns w.r.t. phenomenology resulting from any of the methods used for any of these regimes!  
[ [Summary from Trieste](#) ]

- How do we model these?

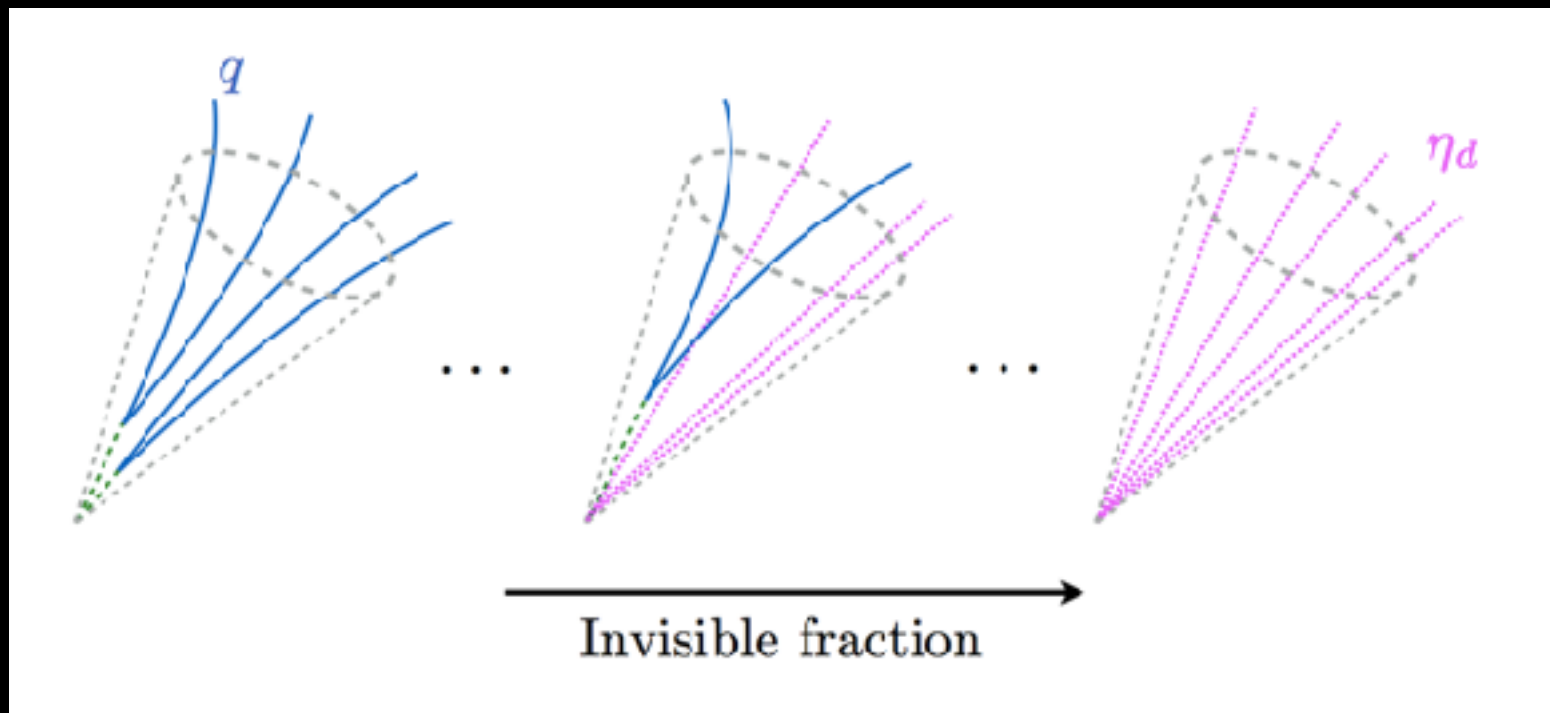
- Does it make sense to interpolate some key distributions between the edge cases and generate events based upon these?
- Strassler: “Has anyone even tried to validate the Pythia Hidden Valley module?”  
[ [Talk last month at our CERN workshop](#) ]
- Perhaps displaced-vertex gun approach would simply work best

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- Hidden sectors with strongly coupled dynamics — dark QCD
  - One version of in-between — **semi-visible jets**
  - Jet of visible matter + dark matter from, e.g., hidden valleys



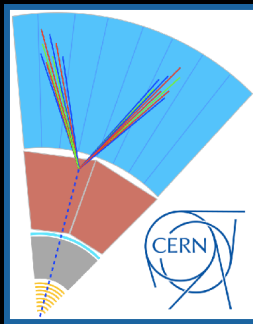
Talk by Mishra-Sharma at Trieste  
LHC LLP Workshop

Neither an emerging jet (where there's no sizable MET) nor a completely detector-invisible object

- Looking for a di-jet-like resonance with jets wider than QCD and non-zero MET
- Cohen, Lisanti, Lou, Mishra-Sharma pointed out this discovery avenue we may be overlooking: [arXiv:1707.05326](https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.05326)



# Uncovered LLP/DV realms



## Between jets and SUEPs

- Intriguing approach by C. Cesarotti and M. Reece: Abandon the SU(N) scheme, use a model for dark shower with more control using AdS/CFT correspondence where they look at KK modes to understand hidden sector hadrons

## Extra Dimensions

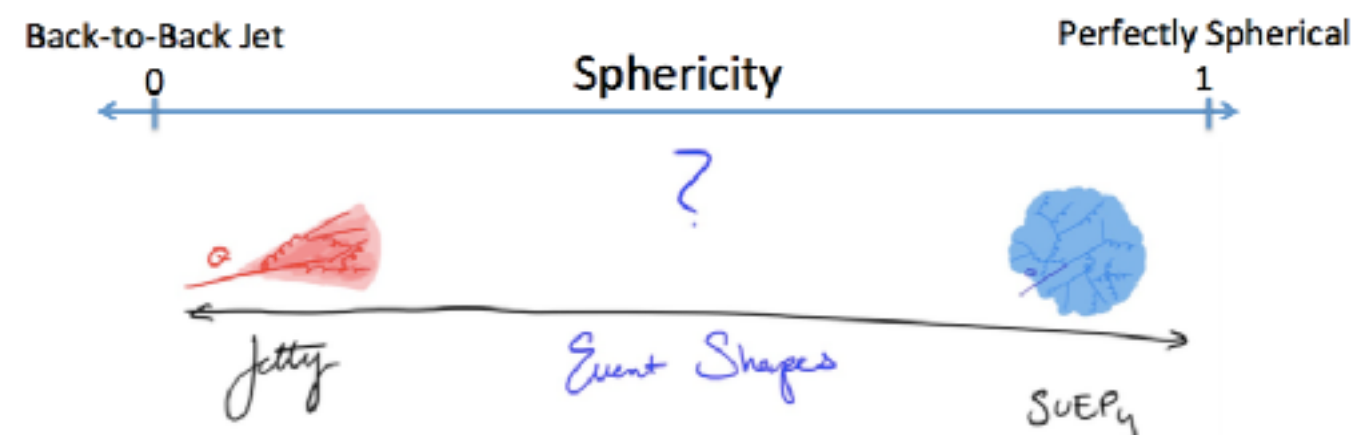
- Toy to build intuition for **SUEP-to-Jet** problem
- Extra **finite 5<sup>th</sup> dimension** ( $x^\mu, z$ )
- **Warp space** with  $\Lambda_5 < 0 \rightarrow$  AdS (RS1)
- Boundary on interval: **UV, IR cutoffs**
- **AdS/CFT** to calculate hidden sector **dynamics**

$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^2 (\eta^{\mu\nu} dx_\mu dx_\nu + dz^2)$$

C. Cesarotti [talk](#)  
in Trieste

Promising way to  
interpolate pheno  
between the two regimes

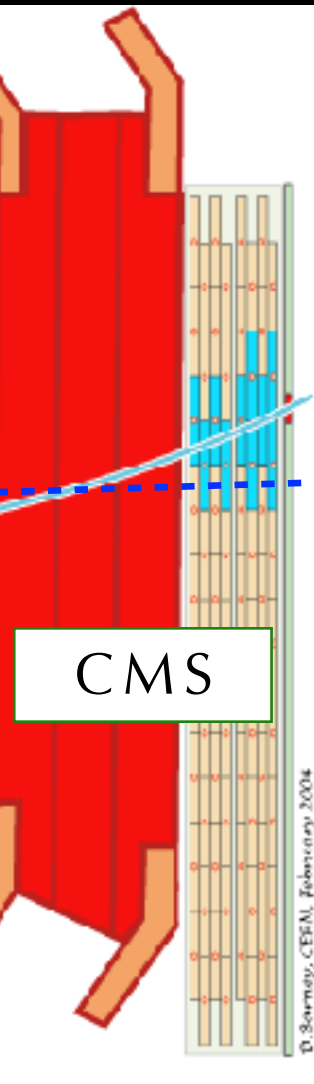
## Sphericity of KK Modes



# Bonus (and ad for MATHUSLA): How do we break things?

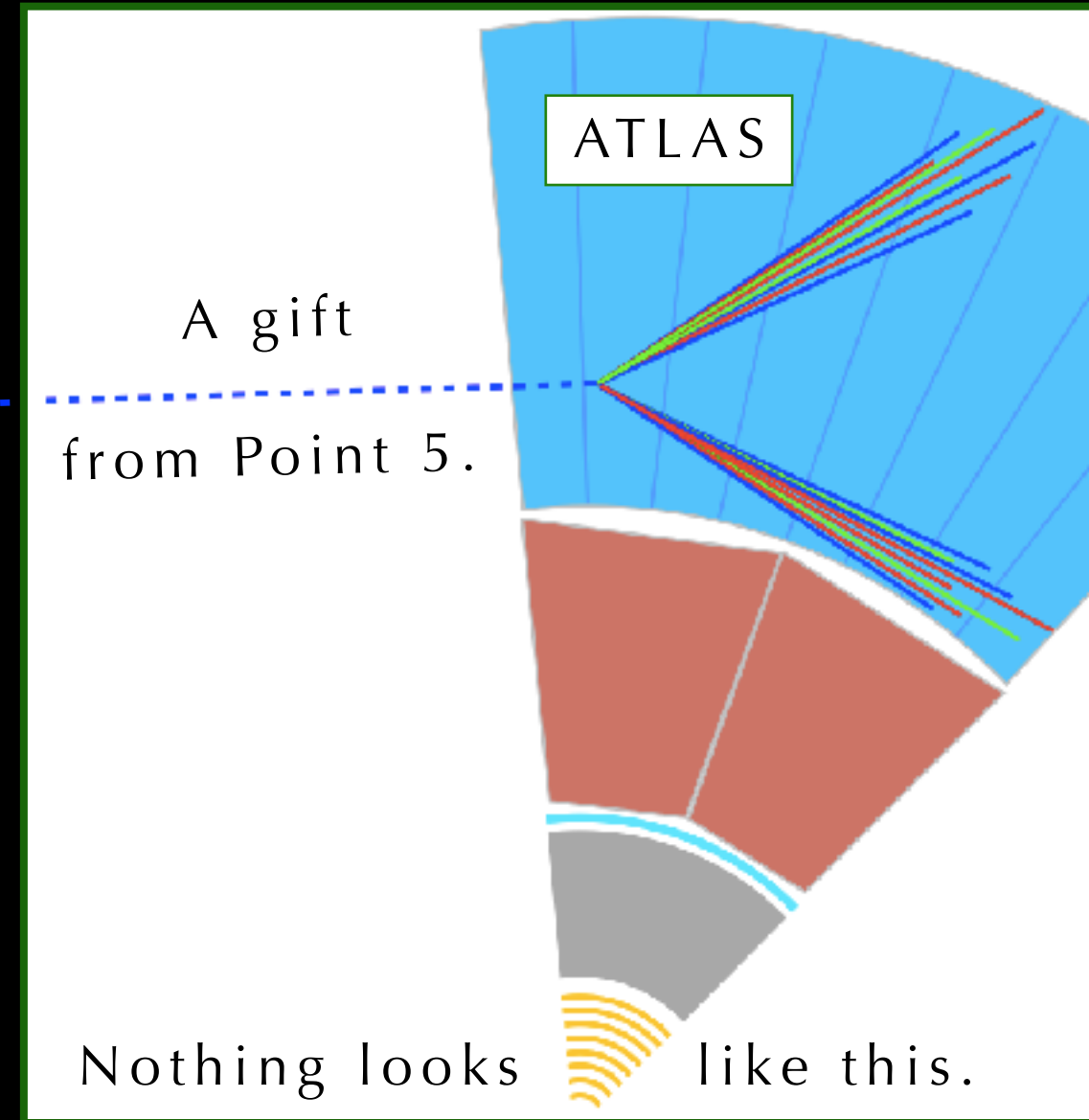
## What are we missing?

- What about nearly-trivial insanities?



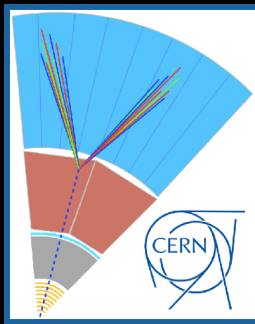
- ATLAS and CMS can each be used as a detector for LLPs produced in the other
- Solid angle coverage is vanishingly small,  $\sim 10^{-7} \dots$   $\leftarrow$  insane
- ...but non-zero. And the signature is so rare that it would immediately show up in unfilled bunch crossings  $\leftarrow$  trivial
- A quizzical use of time? Why not spend a month looking for this and getting a limit, as a proof of concept?
- Remember that the LHC is our only good source of Higgses, Ws, etc., for a very long time.

- Side benefit, speaking of trivial: The result would trivially be featured in the popular science press (cf. MATHUSLA, MilliQan, etc.); reaching the public in novel ways is of utmost importance in 2018



Meade, Nussinov, Papucci, Volansky mentioned this in passing in 2009

# Conclusions



Discoveries could be just around the corner

- LLP and displaced vertex signatures are moving from the edges of our research programs in ATLAS, CMS, and LHCb to benefit from a more coordinated effort to identify uncovered realms
- LHC LLP Community focuses on signature-first / model-second
- Upcoming white paper includes entire chapter on Experimental Coverage, functioning as both a review of the existing searches and an enumeration of gaps in coverage and opportunities for extensions
- Plenty of work to be done — if you're in ATLAS / CMS / LHCb and looking for a novel search or technique to make a large difference in discovery physics, dive in!
- We don't choose where the new physics may be hiding — we only choose to keep exploring
- The nightmare scenario at the LHC is not no-new-physics; it's, "You didn't keep the right events and didn't do the right searches."
  - The LHC LLP Community endeavors to reduce this chance to as small as possible

Workshops like this one right here are *vital* to map the future of the LHC's research program!



There's no failure  
in particle physics  
when you're an  
explorer

The only failure is  
to stop searching

Here's to a  
productive  
and  
invigorating  
workshop!

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