

The background of the slide is a complex, abstract representation of particle physics. It features numerous blue, metallic-looking spheres of varying sizes, some of which are connected by thin, curved lines that resemble orbits or paths. The overall aesthetic is clean and scientific, with a color palette dominated by shades of blue and white. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular area in the center.

# Particle physics progress through precision and innovation

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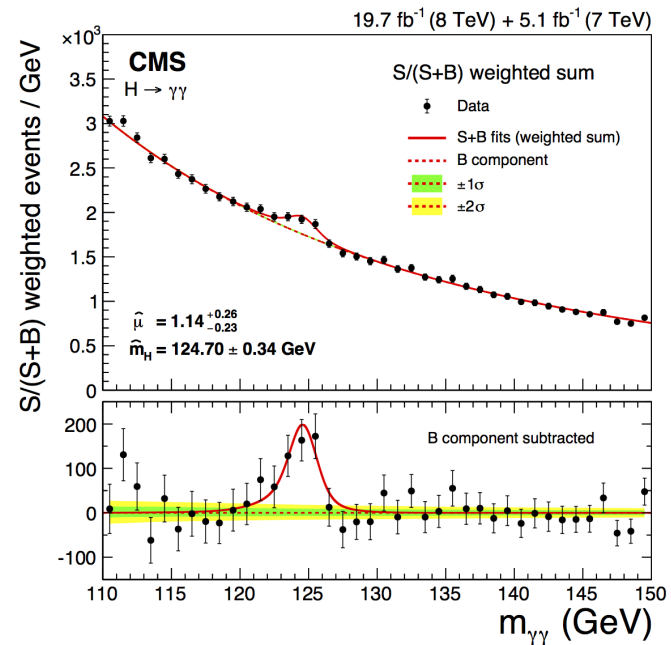
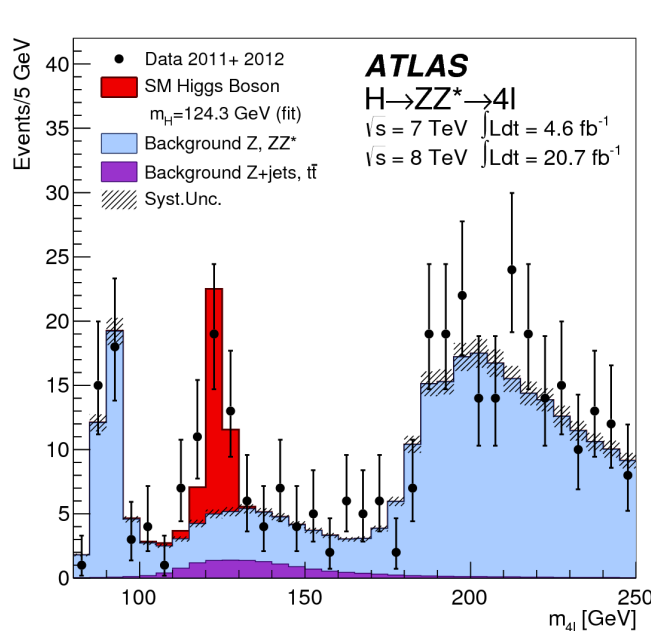
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# Particle physics

- Particle physics seeks to answer two basic questions:
  - What are the **fundamental** constituents of matter?
  - What are the **fundamental** interactions between them?
- And particle physicists are inventing new instruments and approaches to address these questions

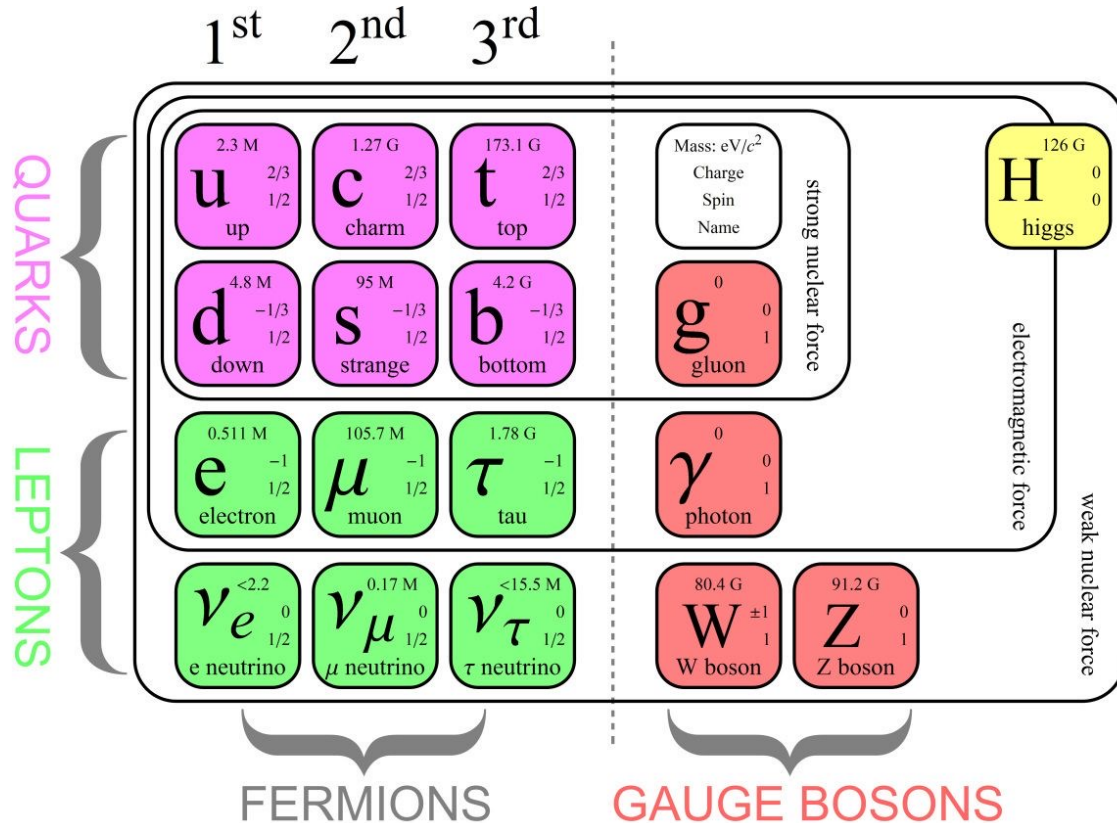
# Last piece of the puzzle: Higgs boson

- underlying theory developed and a new particle predicted in 1962-1964
- expected range for Higgs boson mass **motivated and defined the LHC parameters**



- Higgs boson discovered in 2012!

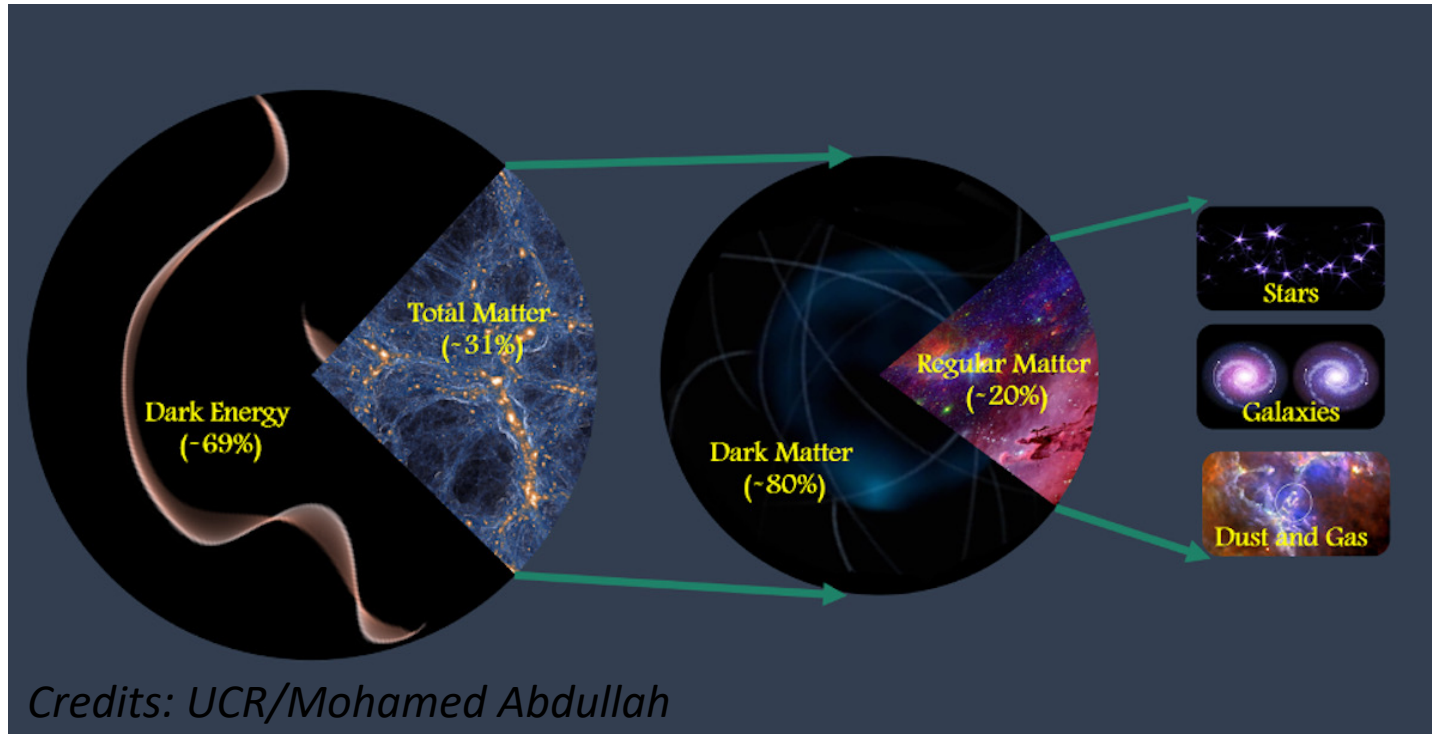
# Standard model of particle physics



- is complete now:
  - 3 generations of matter particles, identical apart from their mass
  - carriers for 3 forces
  - Higgs mechanism for particle mass
- works very well for all observed in the lab phenomena:
  - several tensions here and there exist



# Why particle physicists do not stop?

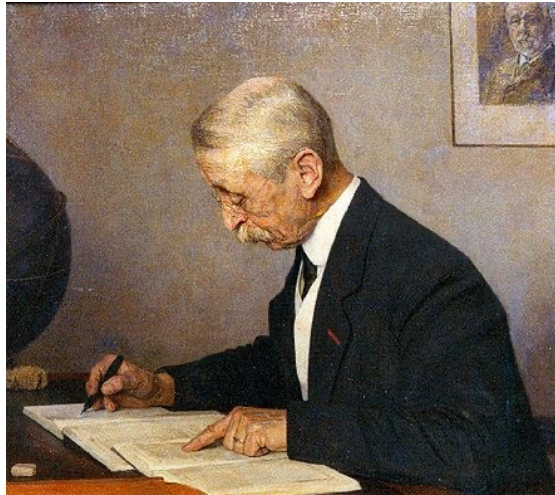


- standard model accounts for about 5% of the content of the universe
- dark matter is “discovered” more than 100 years ago – and still no explanation for its nature

- + there are many more arguments of why standard model of particle physics is not an ultimate theory

**All those motivate numerous “new physics” searches**

## > 100 years of DM?



J.C. Kapteyn

“First Attempt at a Theory of the Arrangement and Motion of the Sidereal System”

*Astrophysical Journal* 55 302, [doi:10.1086/142670](https://doi.org/10.1086/142670)

**May 1922**

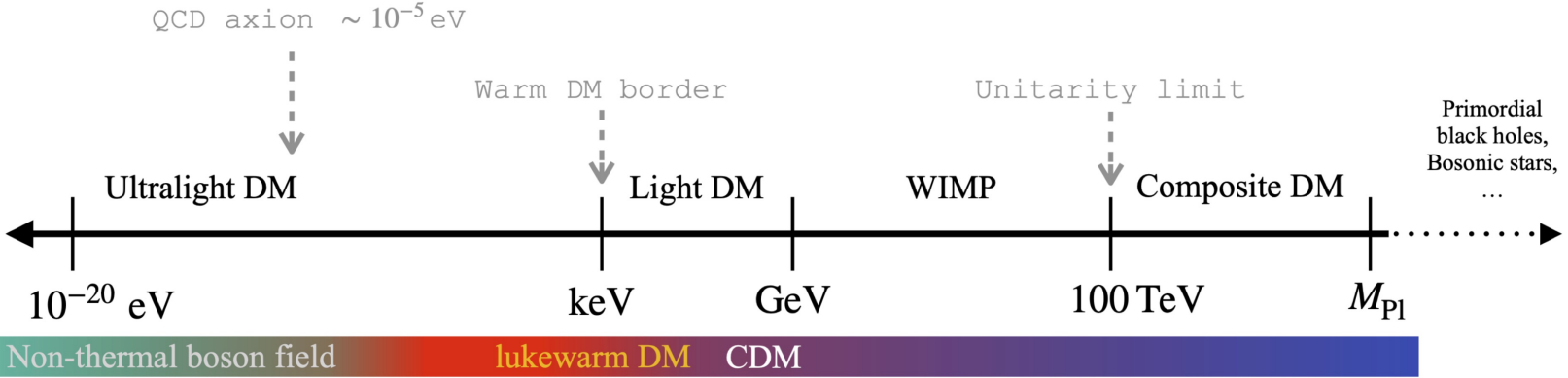
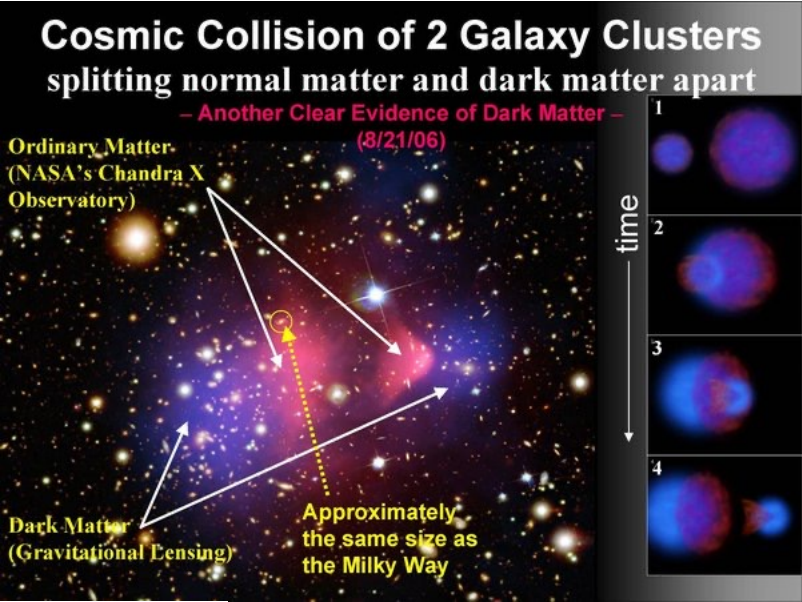
the relative velocity is also in the plane of the Milky Way and about 40 km/sec. It is incidentally suggested that when the theory is perfected it may be possible to determine *the amount of dark matter* from its gravitational effect. (5) The *chief defects*

45 years before the formulation of the SM in its modern form

... and DM still is a mystery!

# Unknown matter is around us

- Ordinary Matter:
  - successfully explained by the Standard Model of particle physics
- Dark Matter:
  - has properties incompatible with known particles
  - requires new fundamental particles to exist
  - **allowed mass range spans orders of magnitude**



Where is “new physics”?

Is the million-dollar question...



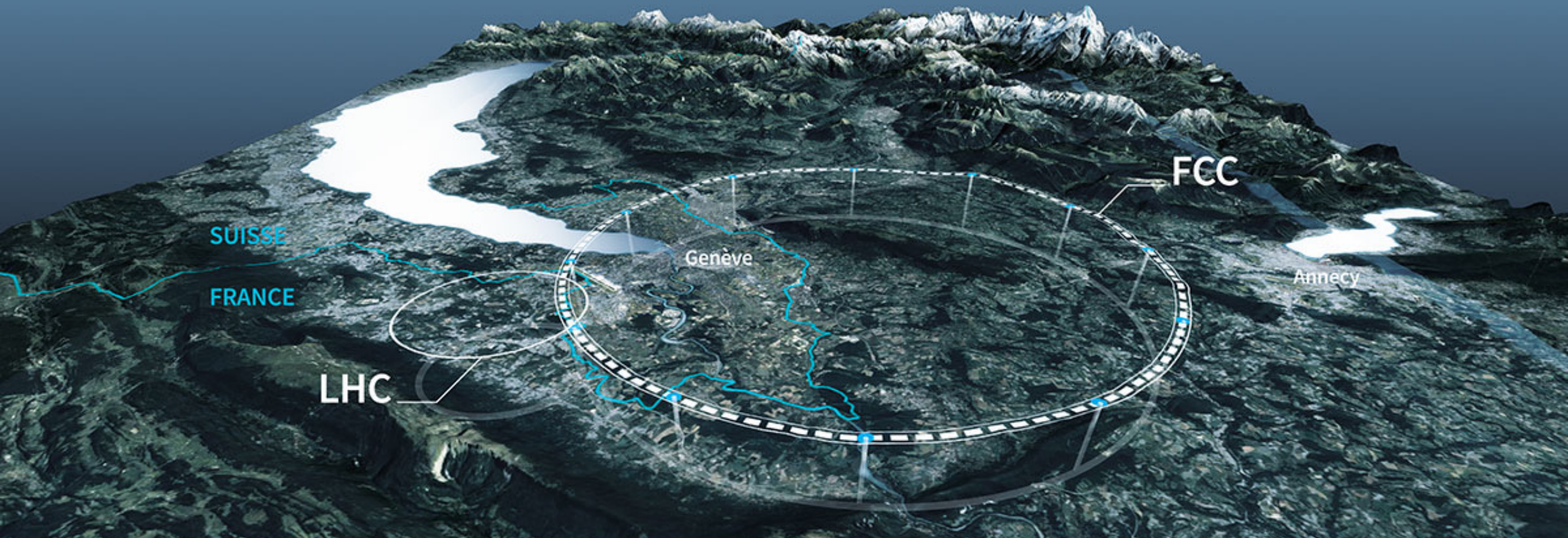
# Where is “new physics”?

Is the million-dollar question...

or 11.0 million Swedish kronor to be more precise

according to <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/about/the-nobel-prize-amounts/>





Now I realize it is more like  
20 BCHF question...



# LHC and detectors: our main tool now

First idea in 1976

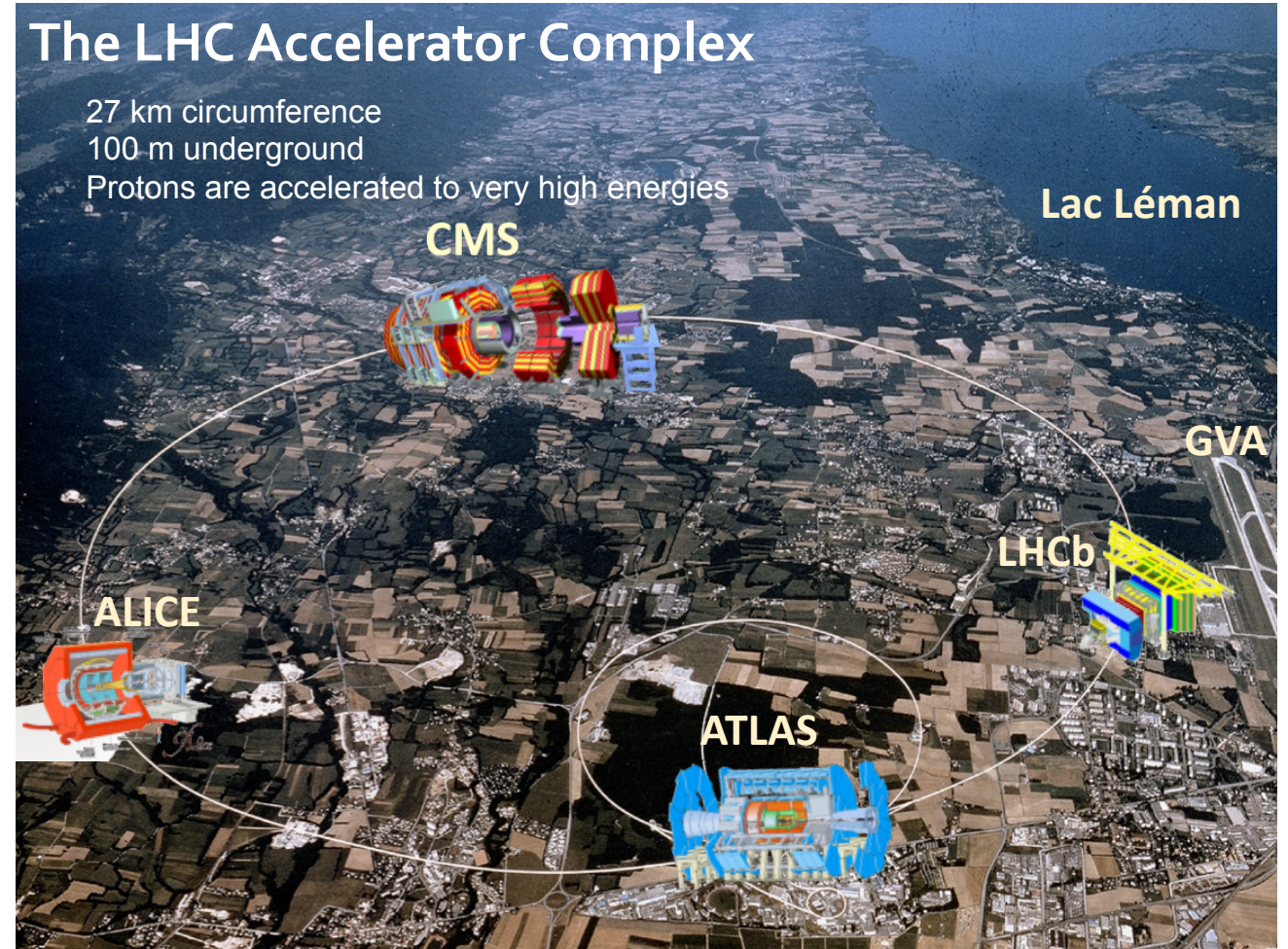
Approved for construction in 1994

Started stable operation in 2009

Planned to run till ~2040

**Basically like a star for astrophysicists**

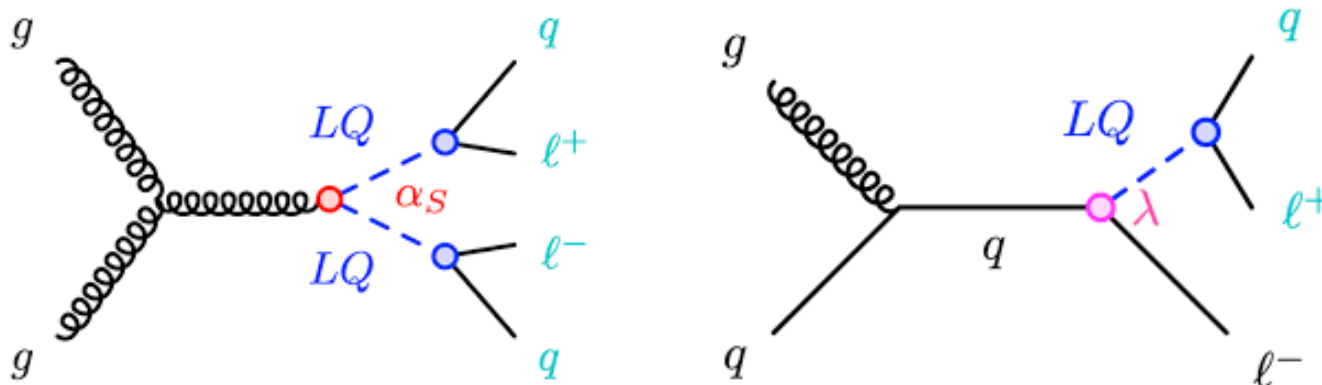
**⇒ need to explore all possibilities it provides!**



# Energy frontier: heavy particles search

- New particles can be produced in  $pp$  collisions:

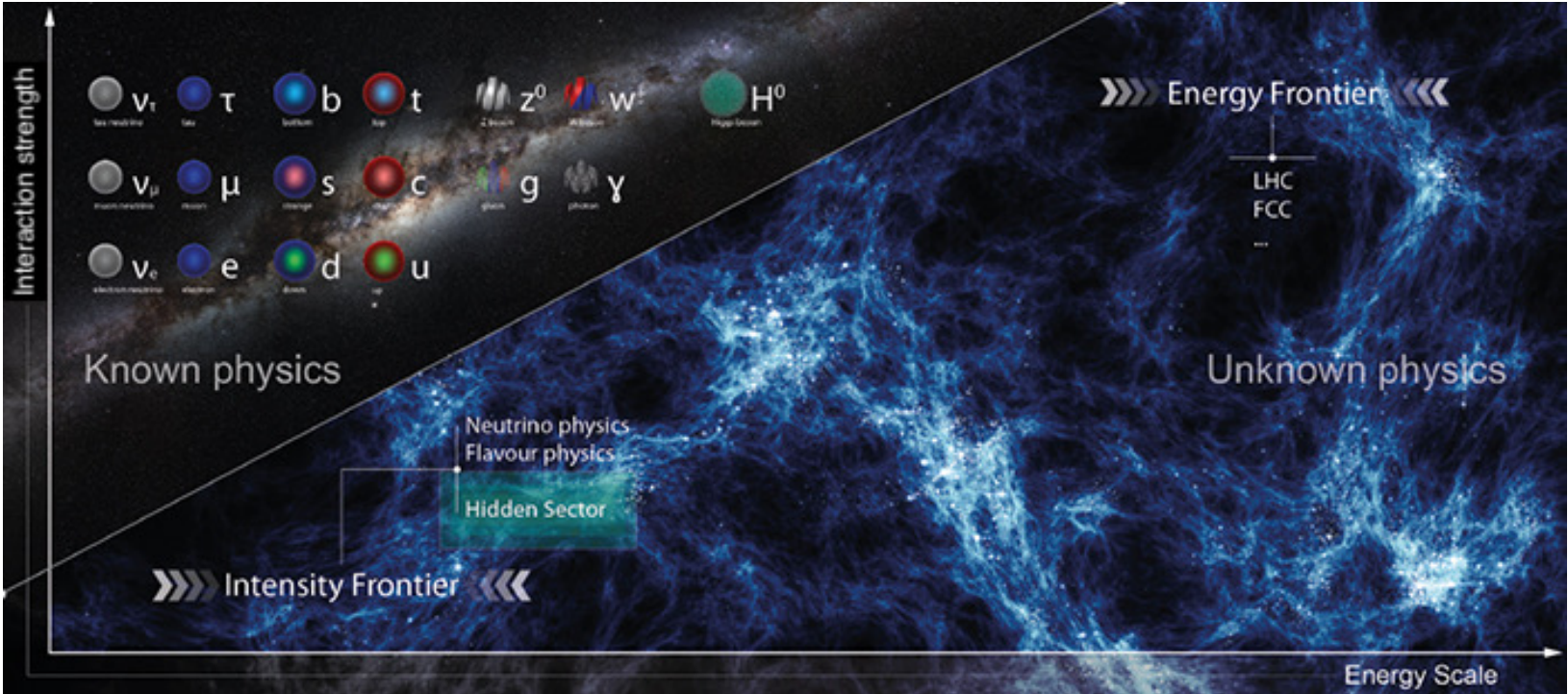
$4\pi$  general-purpose detector



- need high enough energy of colliding beams
- can require a lot of data if the production rate is low
- searched for with general-purpose ATLAS and CMS experiments



# Research goals: global picture

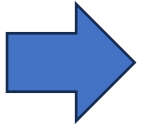


New particles are too heavy to be produced



Look for modification of rare processes

New particles couple too feebly to SM

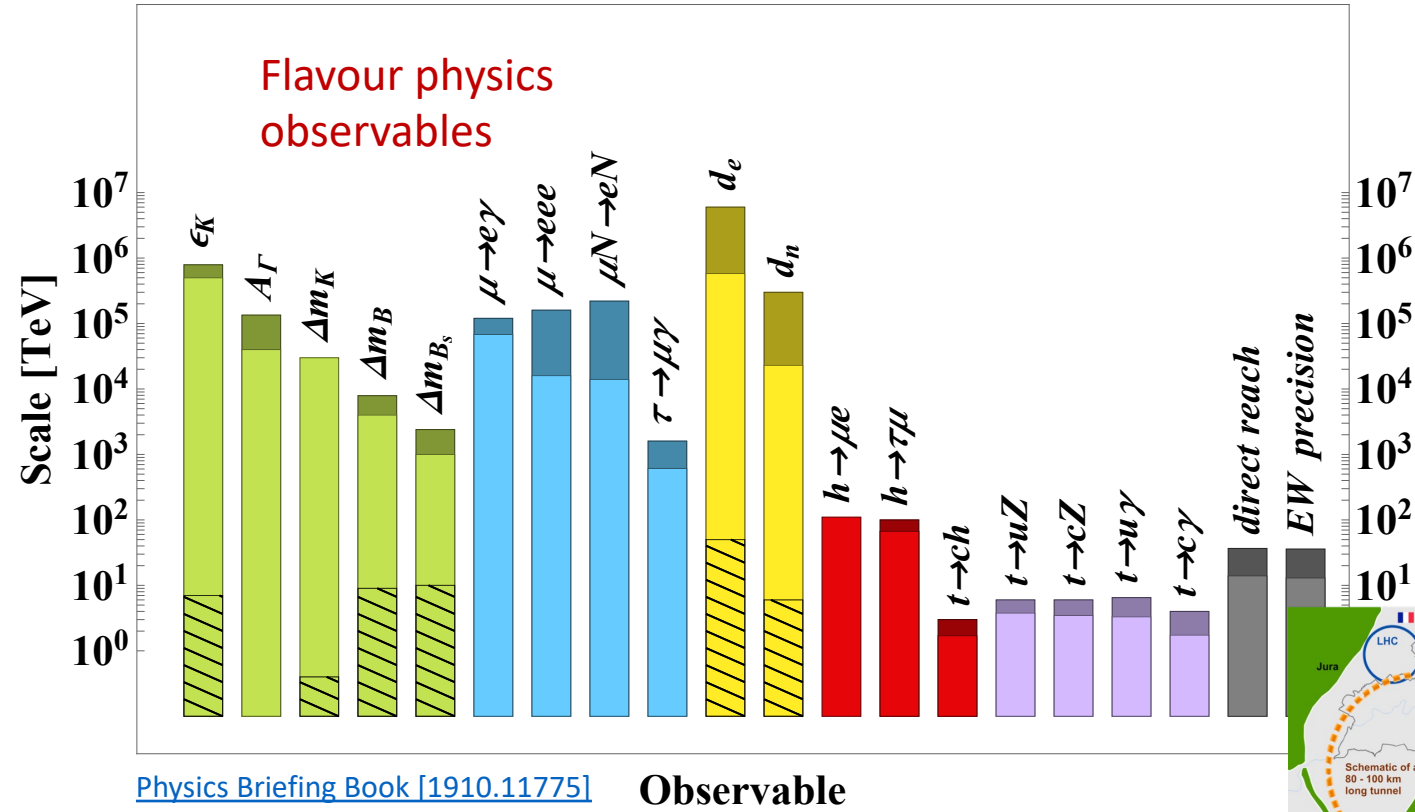
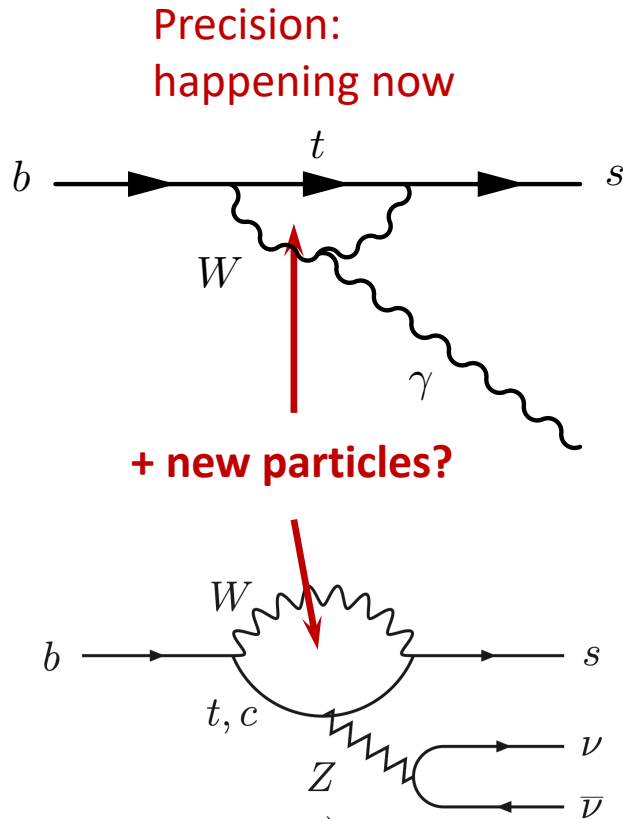


Search for new long-lived particles (LLPs)

# Precision measurements track record

- Uncertainty principle in the works:
  - heavy particles affect lower energy processes: can probe very high scales in SM-suppressed transitions
- High-scale mass sensitivity in suppressed processes:
  - Absence of  $K_L \rightarrow \mu\mu \Rightarrow$  charm quark (Glashow, Iliopoulos, Maiani, 1970)
  - $\epsilon_K \Rightarrow$  existence of 3<sup>rd</sup> generation (t, b quarks) (Kobayashi, Maskawa, 1973)
  - $\Delta m_K \Rightarrow m_c \sim 1.5 \text{ GeV}$  (Gaillard, Lee; Vainshtein, Khriplovich, 1974)
  - $\Delta m_B \Rightarrow m_t \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}$  (direct bound in 1987: 23 GeV)  $\Rightarrow$  large CPV and FCNC
- Now smallness of neutrino masses is the guide?
- And/or scout for other “anomalies”!

# Rare processes – test-ground for unknown

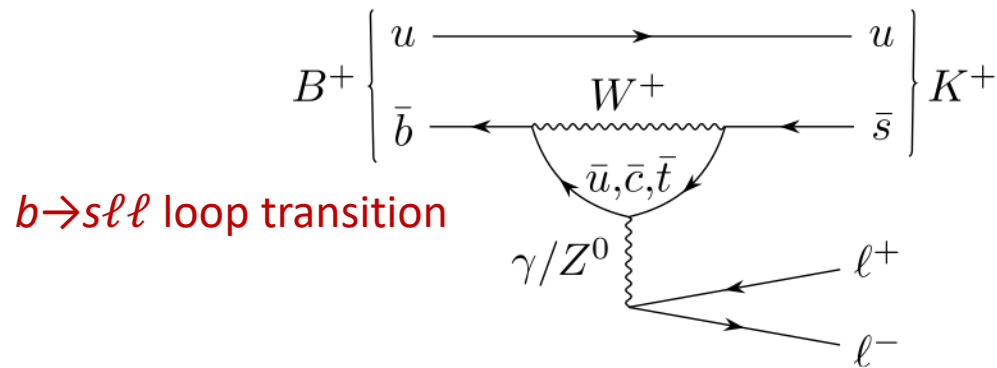


Far, far in the future...

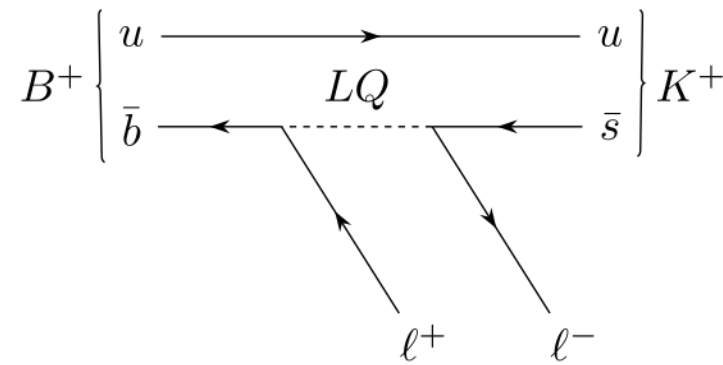
# Energy frontier $\Leftrightarrow$ precision measurements

- Recent new hopes:

## Standard model:



## New interaction: leptoquark LQ



- the  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \ell^+ \ell^-$  decay is very suppressed in the SM ( $10^{-8}$  of all  $B^+$  decays)
- requires a dedicated detector able to fish out such a rare process from the very high-rate proton collision data – LHCb!



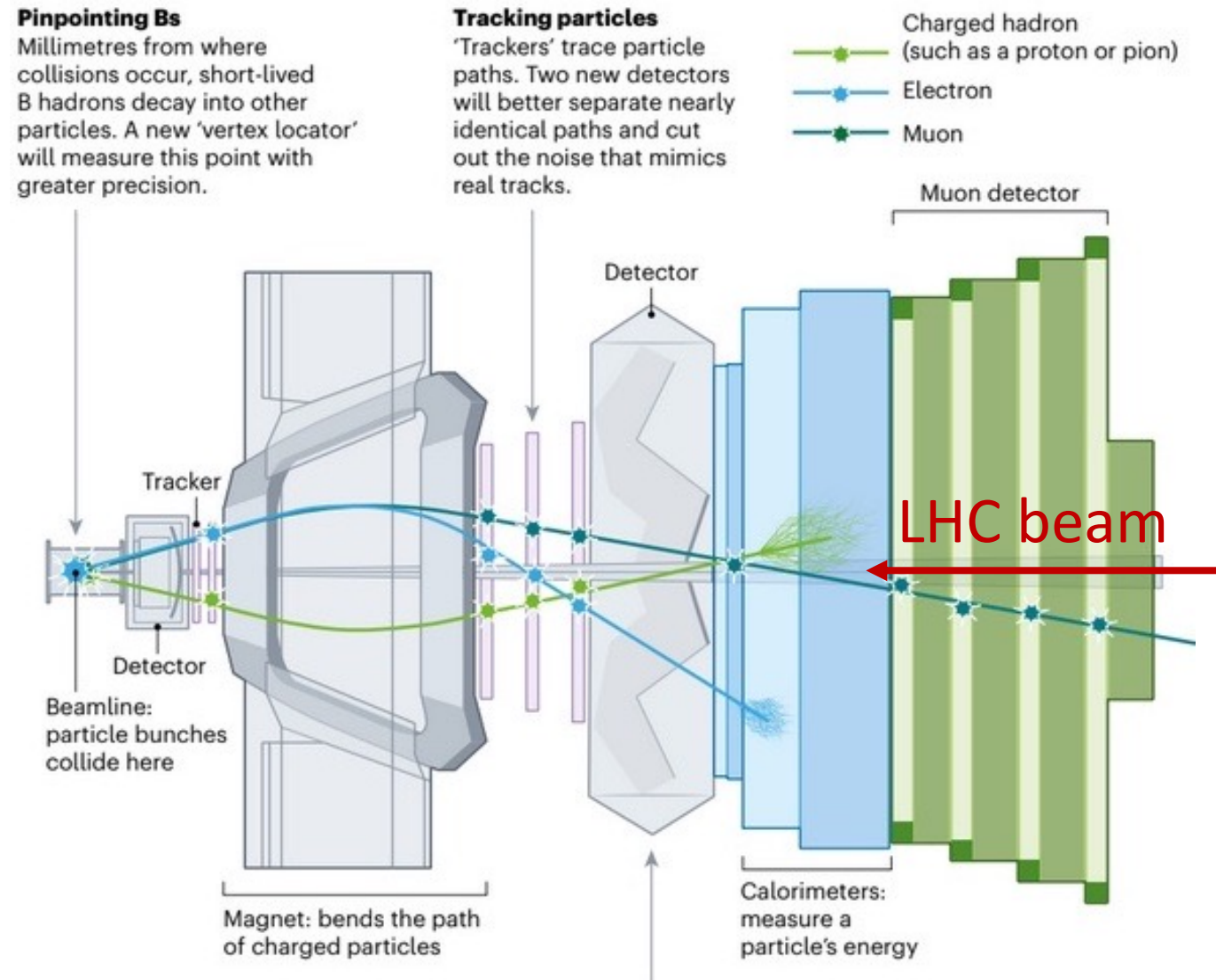
# LHCb detector

Forward detector optimized for  $b$  hadrons

Should operate in a very busy environment

Composed of:

- precise vertex detector to distinguish pp collision point and hadron decay vertices
- **tracker** and magnet to measure momenta of charged particles
- **calorimeter** to identify electrons and photons and measure their energy
- Cherenkov detectors to distinguish between species of charged particles
- **muon detector** to identify muons



LHCb: top view

[Credits: CERN](#)

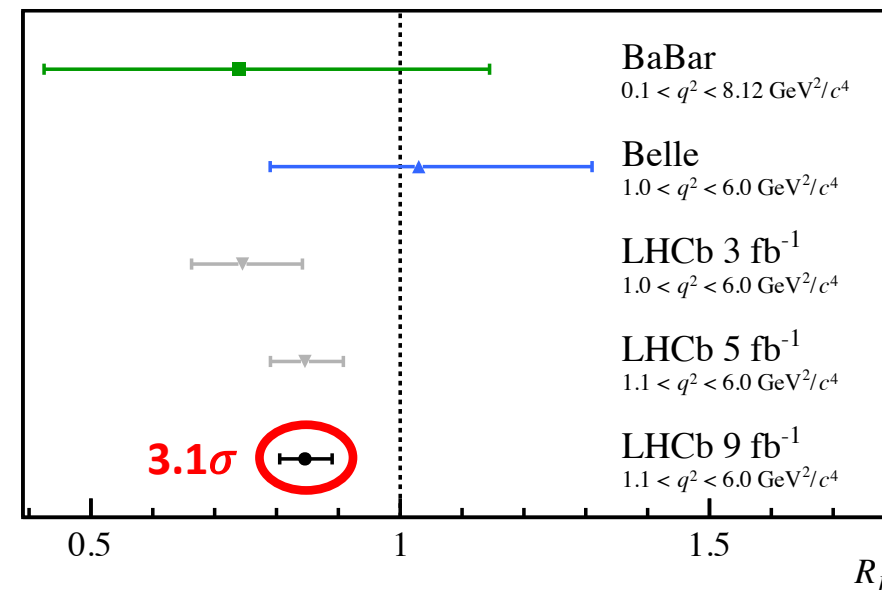
# Lepton universality tests

- for theoretically precise observables, construct ratios:

$$R_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+)} \bigg/ \frac{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K^+)}$$

- $R_K$  should be equal to 1 in the SM
- but decays to muons looked suppressed – a hint towards *lepton universality violation or possible new interaction!*

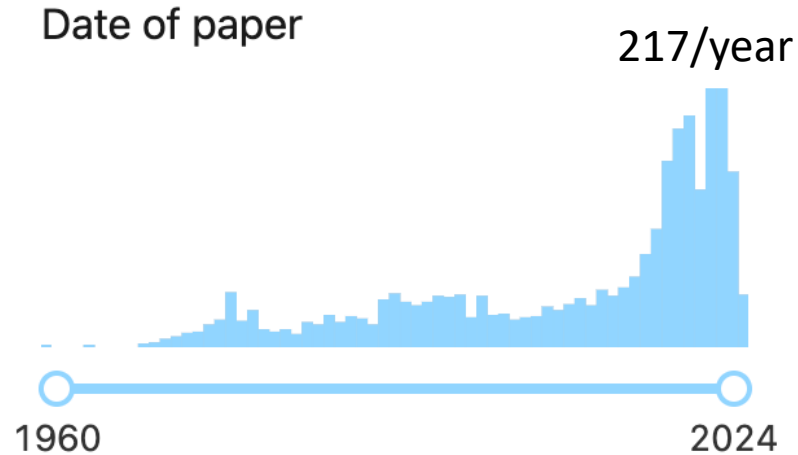
$B^\pm$  decays to  $K^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$  look suppressed wrt  $K^\pm e^+ e^-$



[Nature Phys. 18 \(2022\) 3](#)

# Tests of lepton universality

All “lepton universality” papers:



- over 2k papers in total
- over 94k citations

## LHCb papers ranked by citation number as of May 2024

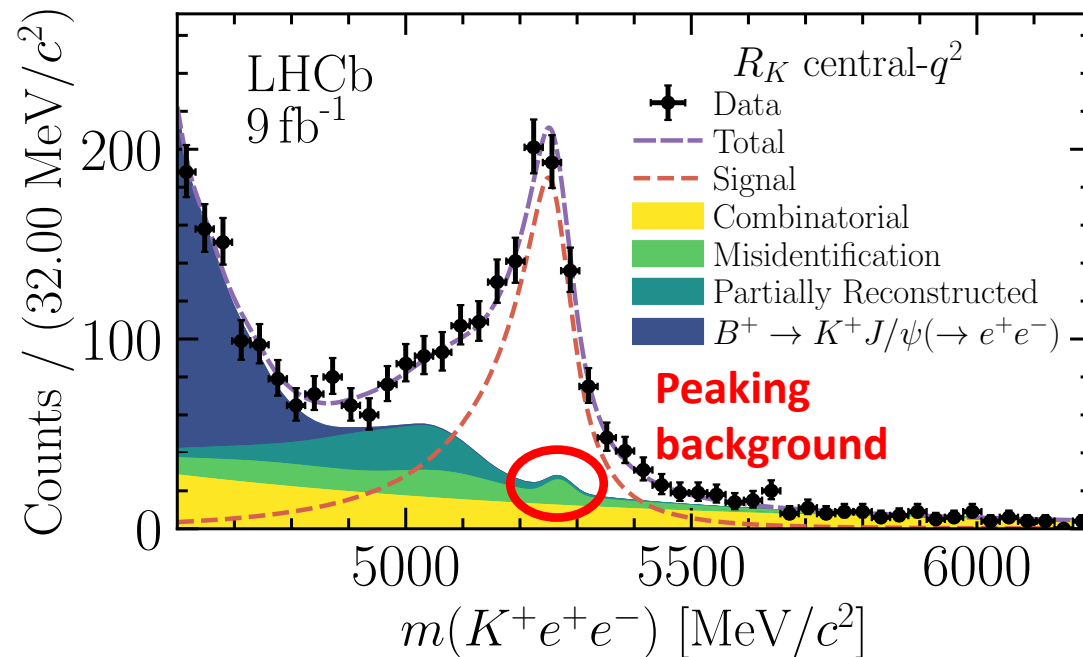
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# Lepton universality restored in $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ ratios

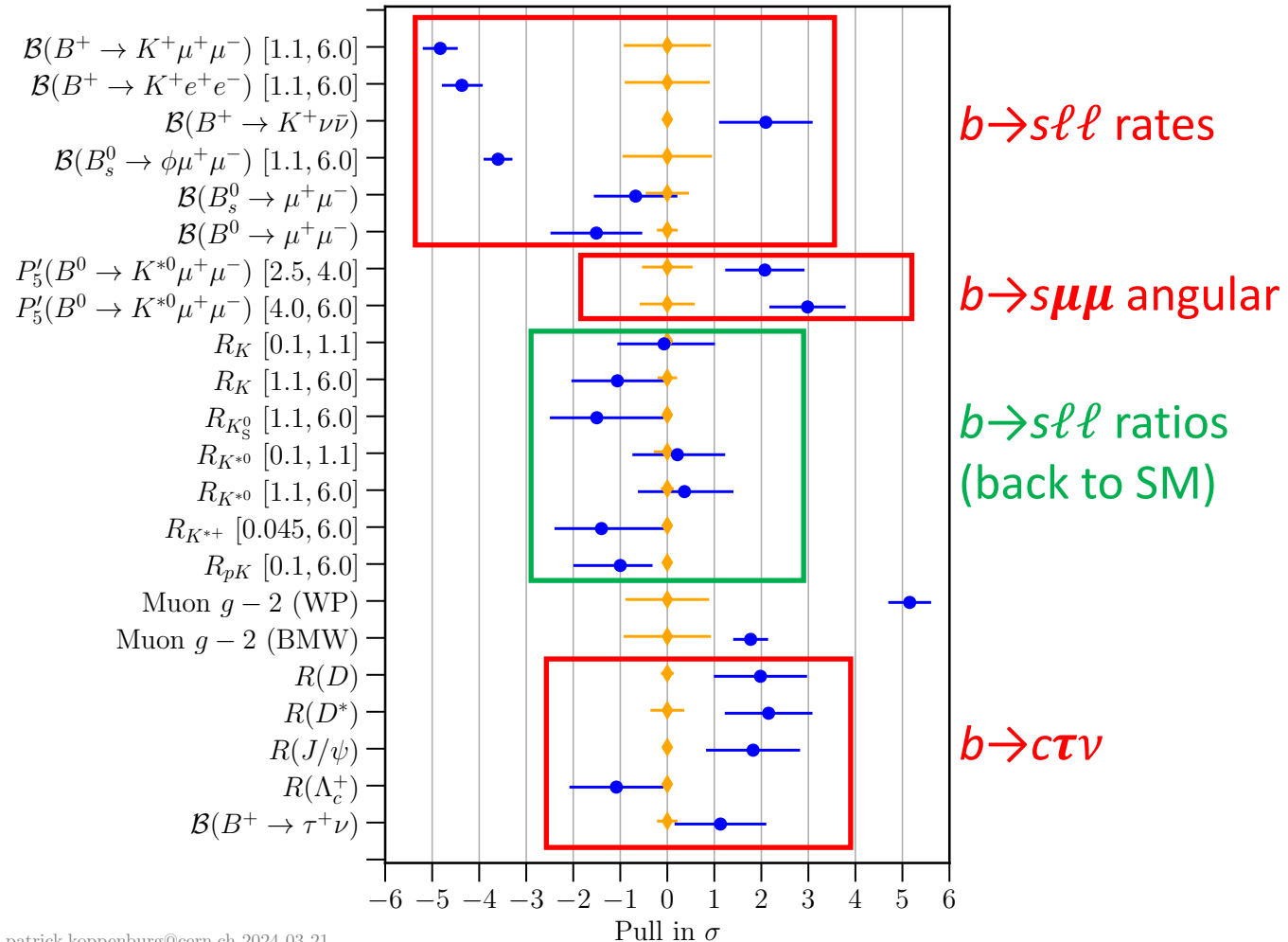
## Reconstructed $B^+$ mass in $K^+e^+e^-$ mode



- new combined analysis finalized at the end of 2022
- hadron to electron misidentification appeared to be important
- proposed a dedicated data-driven method to reliably estimate this background
- the new measurement is consistent with the SM within  $0.2\sigma$

# Lepton puzzles are not over

Orange: theory unc.; blue: experiment



- other observables in the  $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$  transitions exhibit tensions with the SM
- some enhancement of  $b \rightarrow c \tau \nu$  decays vs  $b \rightarrow c \mu \nu$
- follow-up and complementary measurements are in the works!

# Special attention to the third generation

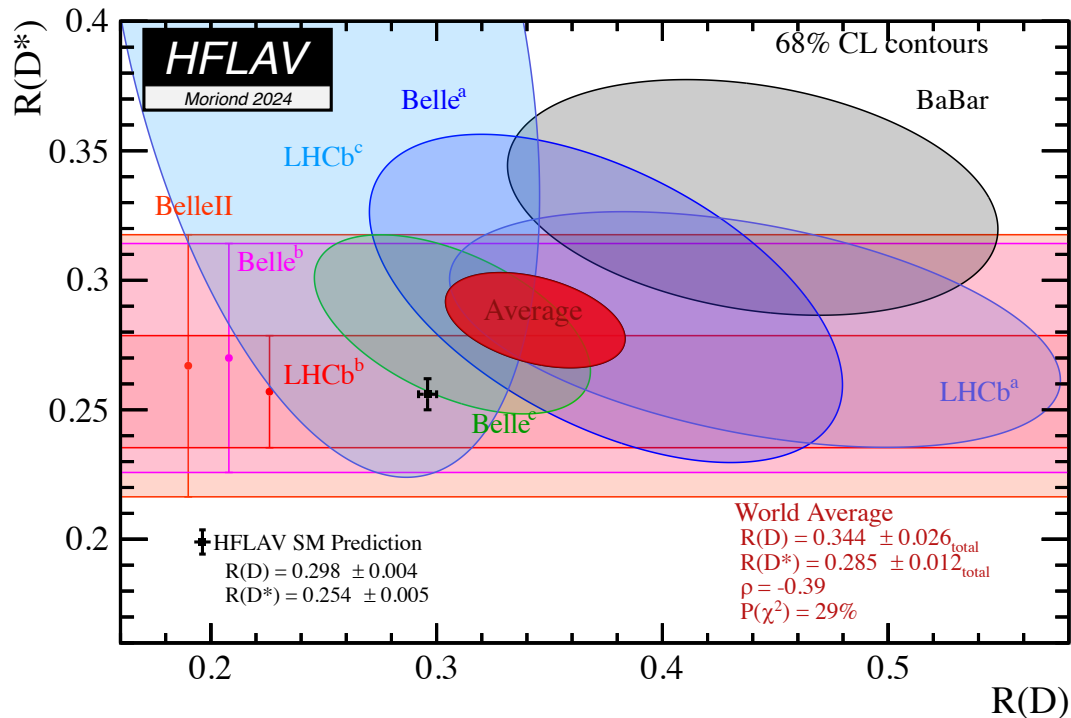
$C \times  V_{ts}   V_{td} $	$C \times  V_{ts} $	$C \times  V_{cb} $	$C$	$C \times  V_{ub}   V_{td} $
$B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu)$	$B(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \nu)$	$R[D^{(*)}]$	$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \tau \tau)$	$\sigma(\nu^\tau N \rightarrow N' \tau)$
	<p><i>excess over SM prediction</i></p>	<p><i>excess over SM prediction</i></p>	<p><i>excess over SM prediction</i></p>	



# Flavor observables

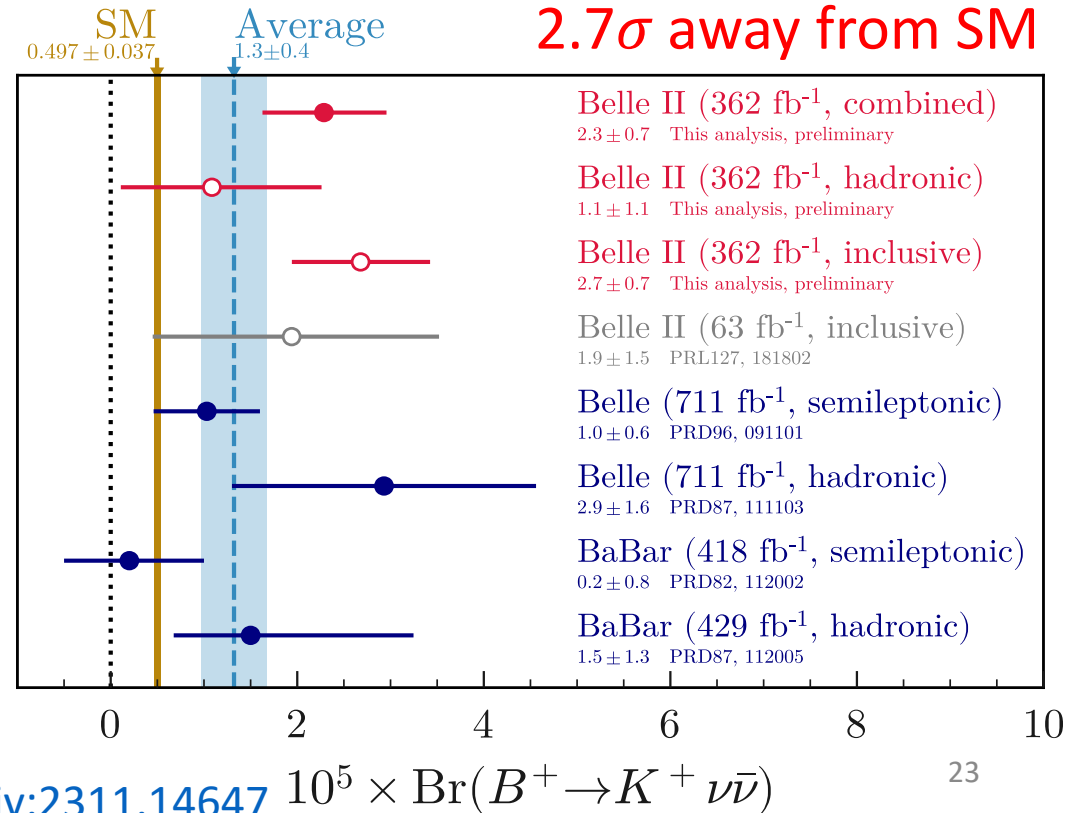
- persisting anomalies in  $R(D)$  and  $R(D^*)$  and recent enhanced evidence for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  motivate BSM models coupled to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

$R(D)$  and  $R(D^*)$ :  $3.2\sigma$  away from SM



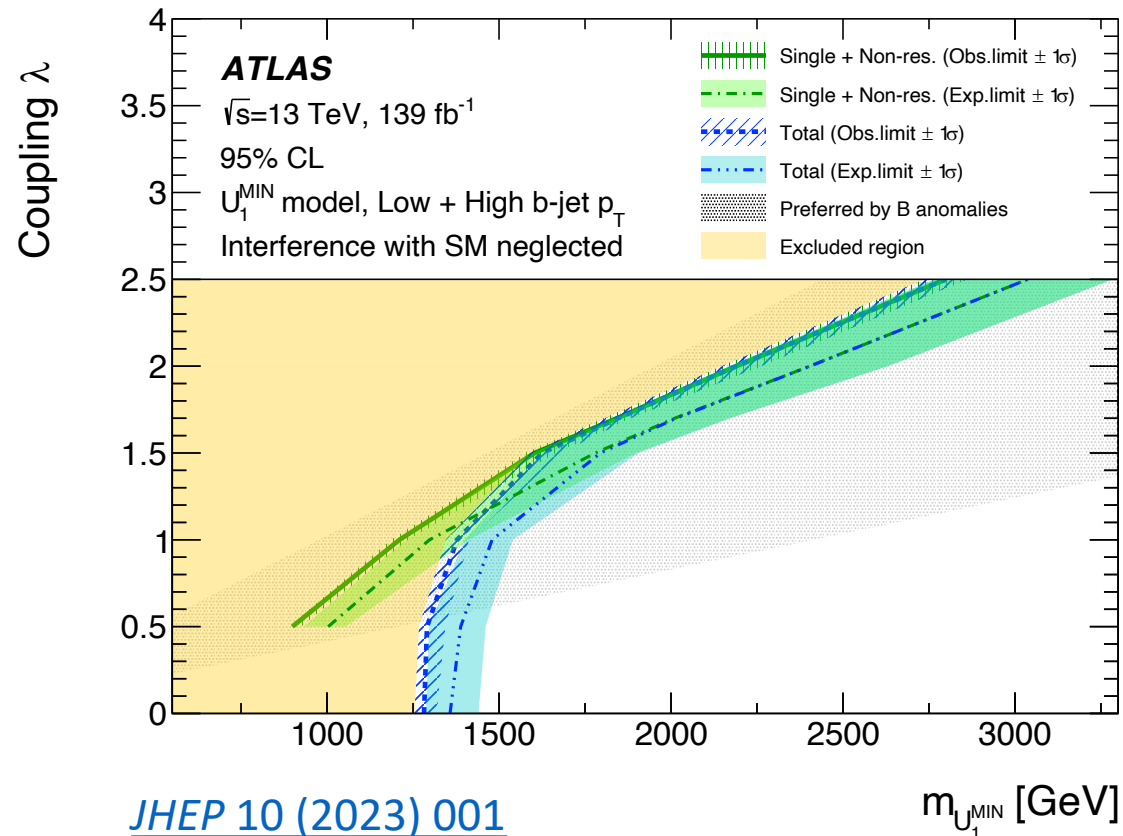
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$ :

$2.7\sigma$  away from SM

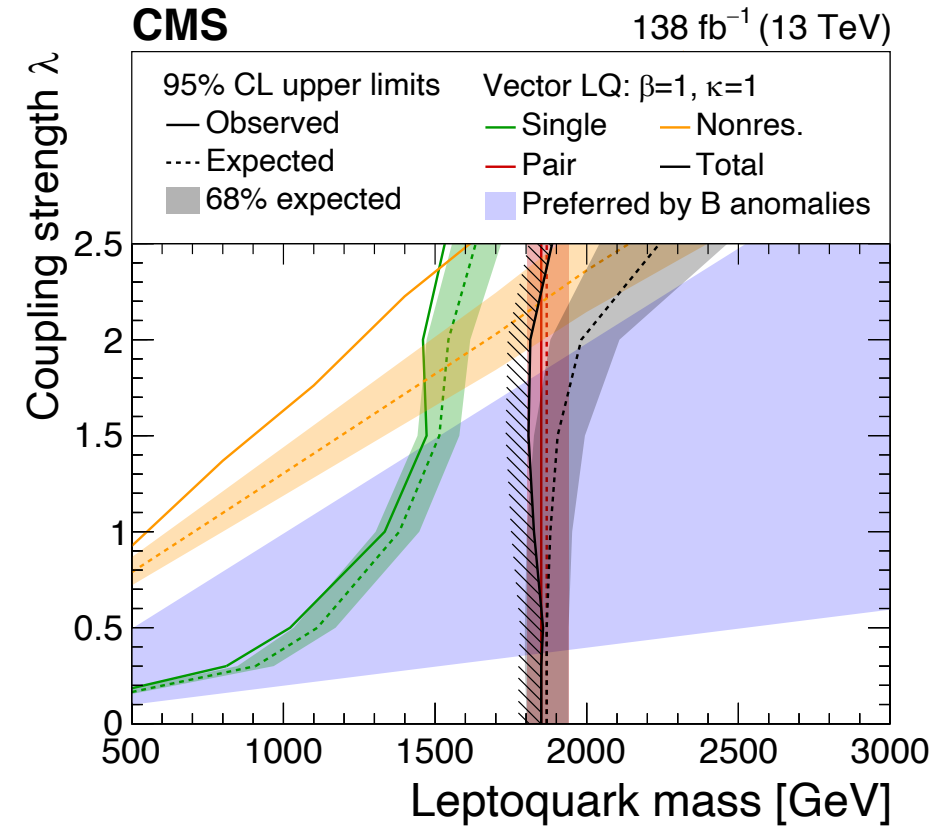


# Direct $pp \rightarrow \tau\tau$ production

1 $\sigma$  away from SM



2.8 $\sigma$  away from SM



[arXiv:2308.07826](#)

# Prospects with existing facilities

$C \times  V_{ts}   V_{td} $	$C \times  V_{ts} $	$C \times  V_{cb} $	$C$	$C \times  V_{ub}   V_{td} $
$B(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$	$B(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu})$	$R[D^{(*)}]$	$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \tau\tau)$	$\sigma(\nu^{\tau} N \rightarrow N' \tau)$
Now [NA62]: $\Lambda > 1.7 \text{ TeV}$ $\delta B=5\%$ [HIKE]: $\Lambda > 4.7 \text{ TeV}$	Now [Belle-II]: $\Lambda > 1.3 \text{ TeV}$ $50ab^{-1}$ [Belle-II]: $\Lambda > 3.6 \text{ TeV}$	Now [HFLAV]: $\Lambda > 0.6 \text{ TeV}$ $50ab^{-1}$ [Belle-II]: $\Lambda > 1.2 \text{ TeV}$	Now [ATLAS]: $\Lambda > 1.2 \text{ TeV}$ $3ab^{-1}$ [HL-LHC]: $\Lambda > 1.7 \text{ TeV}$	Now: — $\delta\sigma=5\%$ [future ?]: —

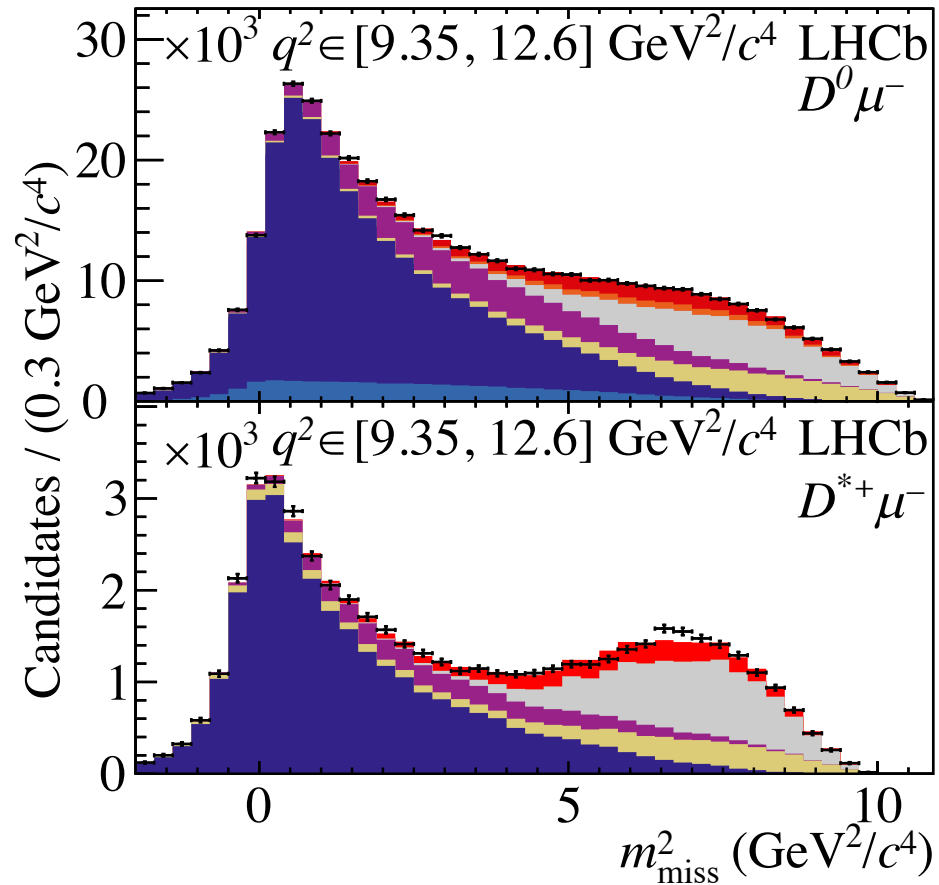
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# Prospects and alternatives

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# LFU tests: $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ to $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$ ratios



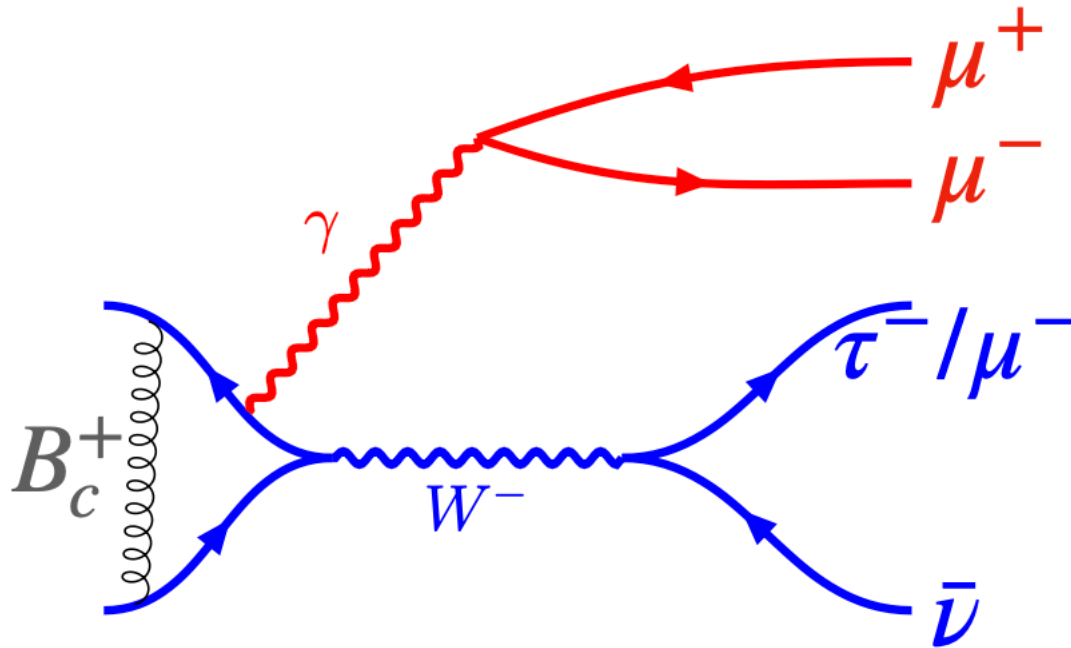
- tensions up to  $3\sigma$  with theory
- measurement which is hard to control



- can go for complementary channels governed by the same transition:
  - $B^+_{(c)} \rightarrow \ell\nu\gamma^*(\rightarrow\ell'\ell')$
- or sensitive to the same new physics:
  - $b \rightarrow s\tau\tau$
- Neither of those observed to date

# $B \rightarrow 3\ell\nu$ : ingredients

Start with  $\gamma^* \rightarrow \mu\mu$



- Soft muon handling and validation of  $\gamma^*$  MC simulation:
  - discover and study  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma^*(\mu\mu)$
  - $\Rightarrow$  done!
- Soft muon/decay in flight separation:
  - develop dedicated muon ID algorithm
  - develop data-driven residual decays in flight estimation
  - discover and study  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi \gamma^*(\mu\mu)$
  - $\Rightarrow$  in preparation

# $J/\psi \rightarrow 4\mu$ observation

- $J/\psi \rightarrow 4\mu$  observed in both samples with large significance ( $\gg 5\sigma$ )

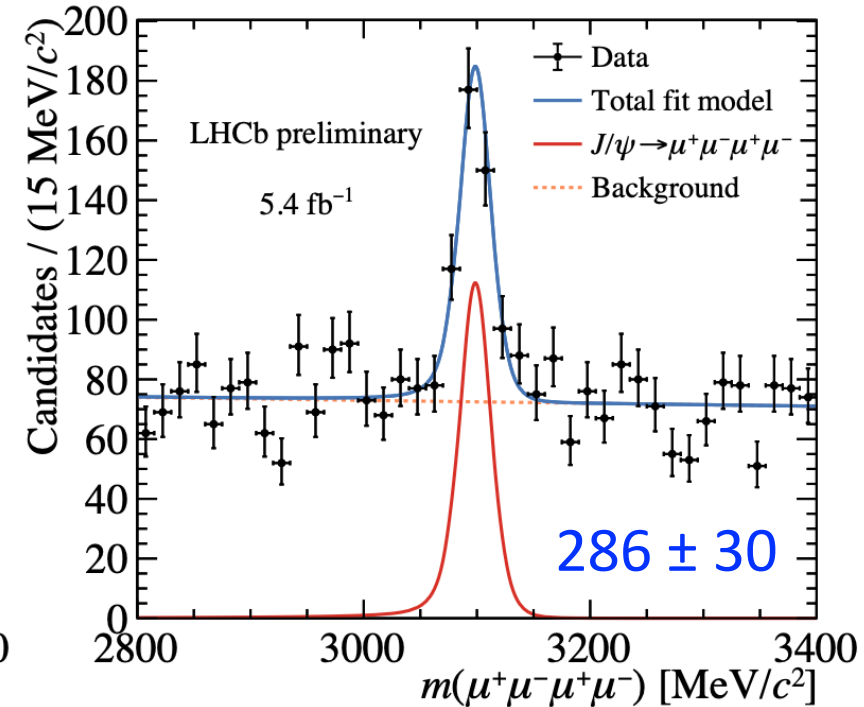
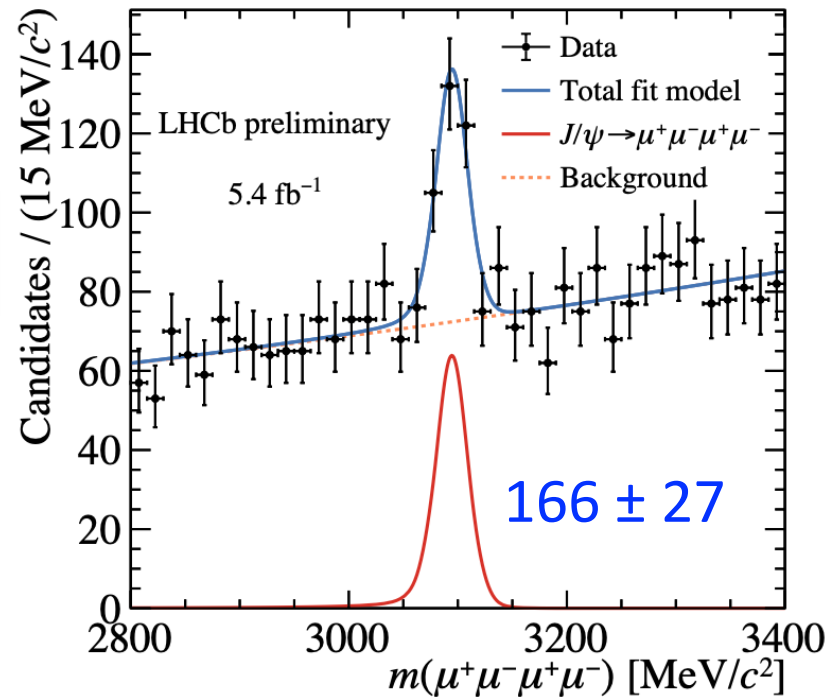
Prompt

Secondary

$$R_{BR} = (1.89 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-) = (11.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$$

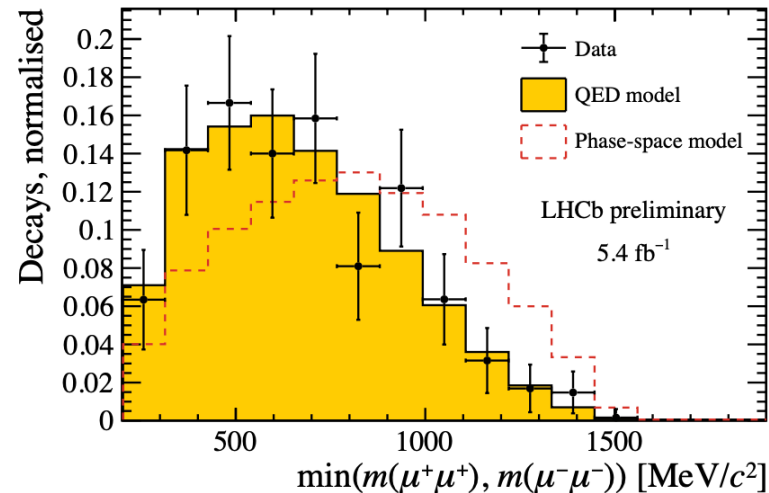
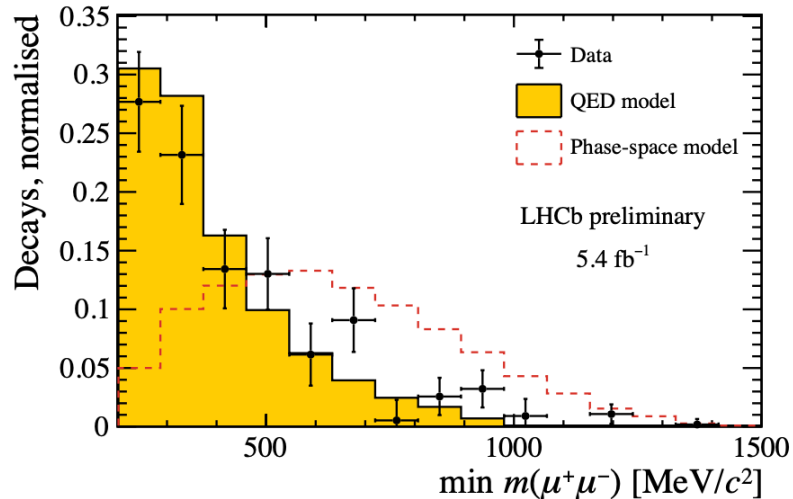
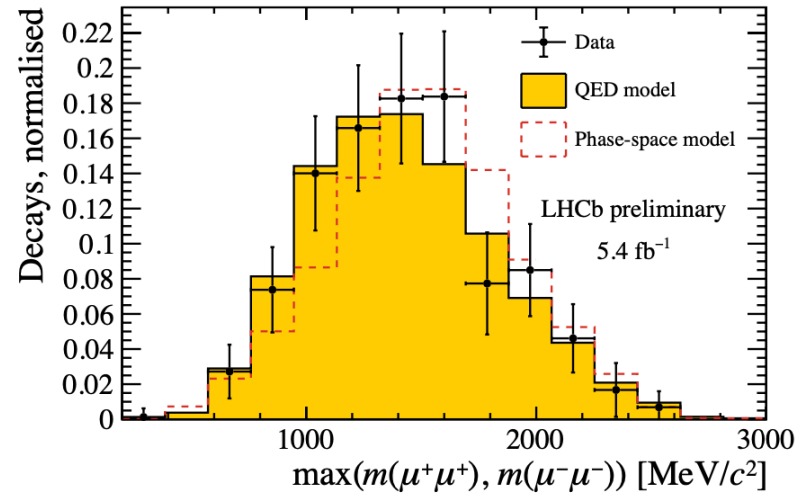
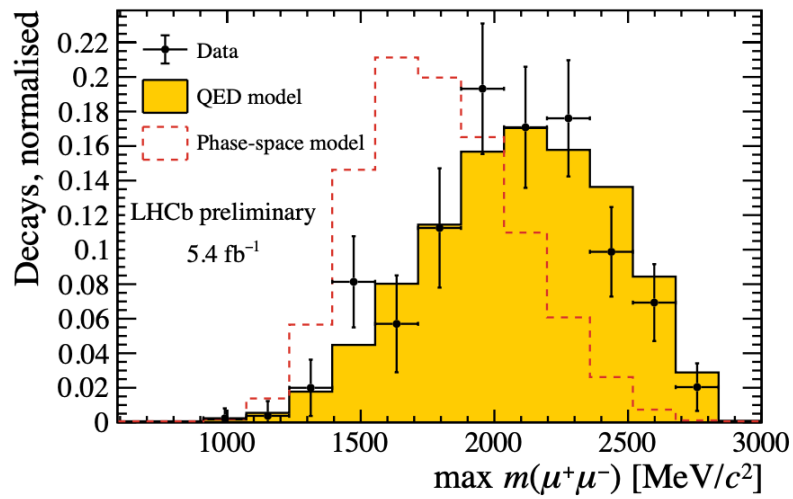
- most precise measurement to date
- consistent with the SM prediction at the level of  $1.4\sigma$





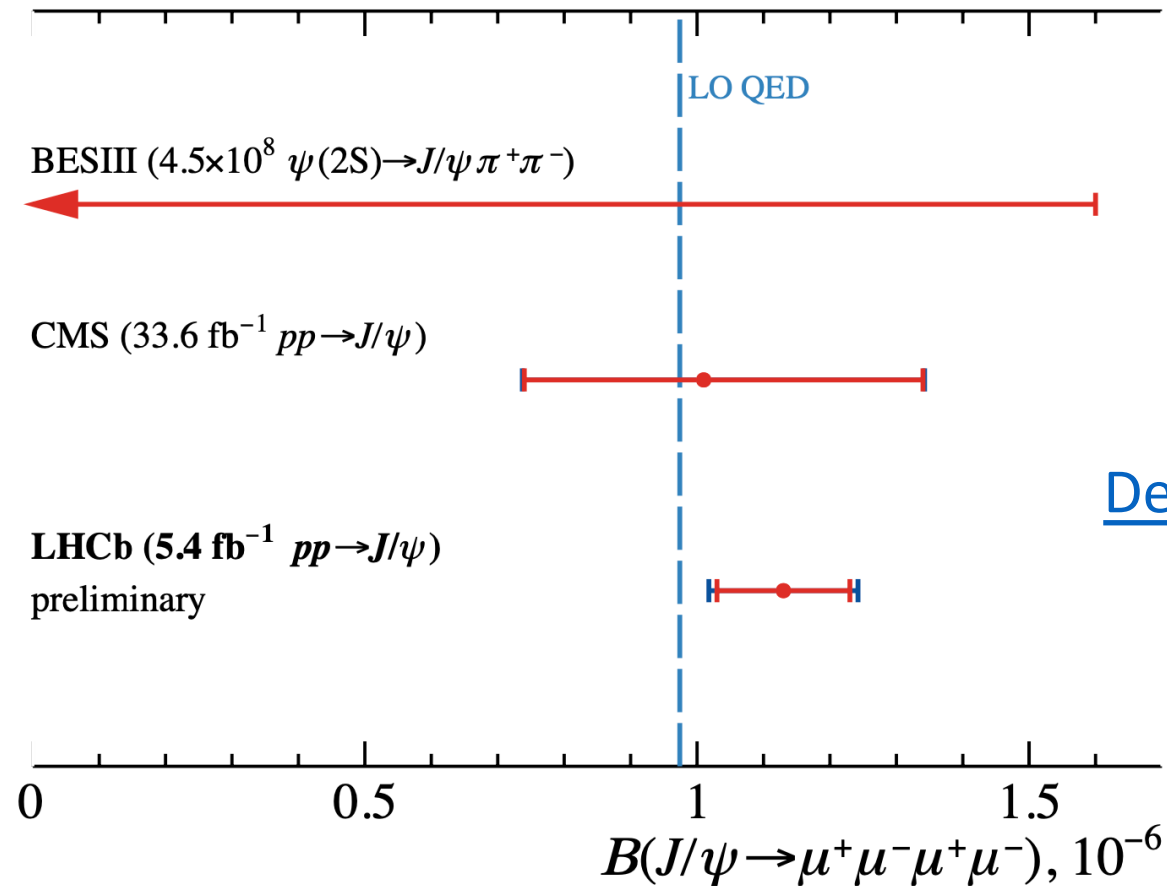
# Kinematic distributions: $\gamma^*(\mu\mu)$ in data and simulation

## Secondary



- size of the sample allows to study kinematic distributions
- found to be consistent with the LO QED model, provided by BES III colleagues
- PHSP model significantly differs

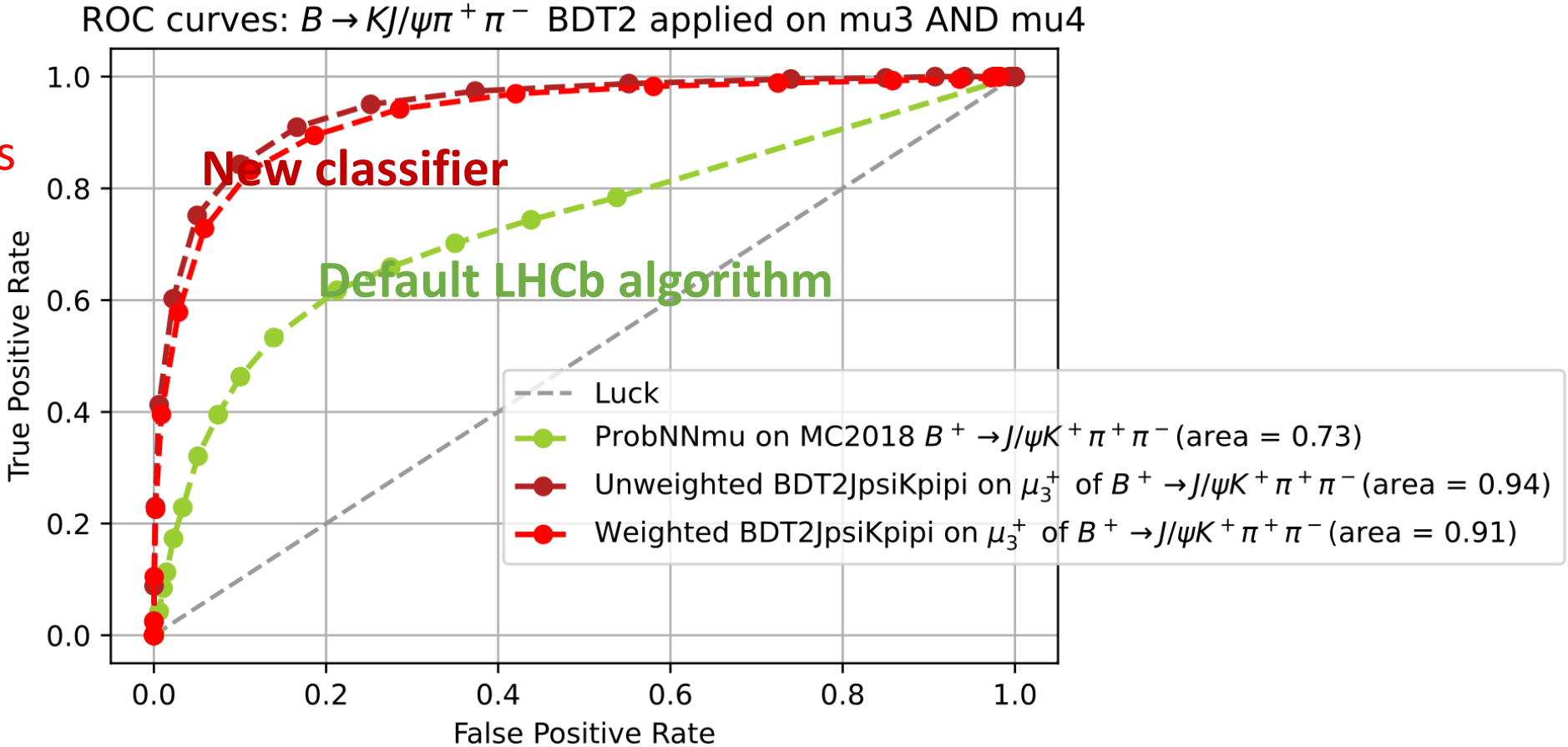
# Existing $J/\psi \rightarrow 4\mu$ measurements summary



[Dedicated LHCb public page](#)

# Next steps: muon identification improvement

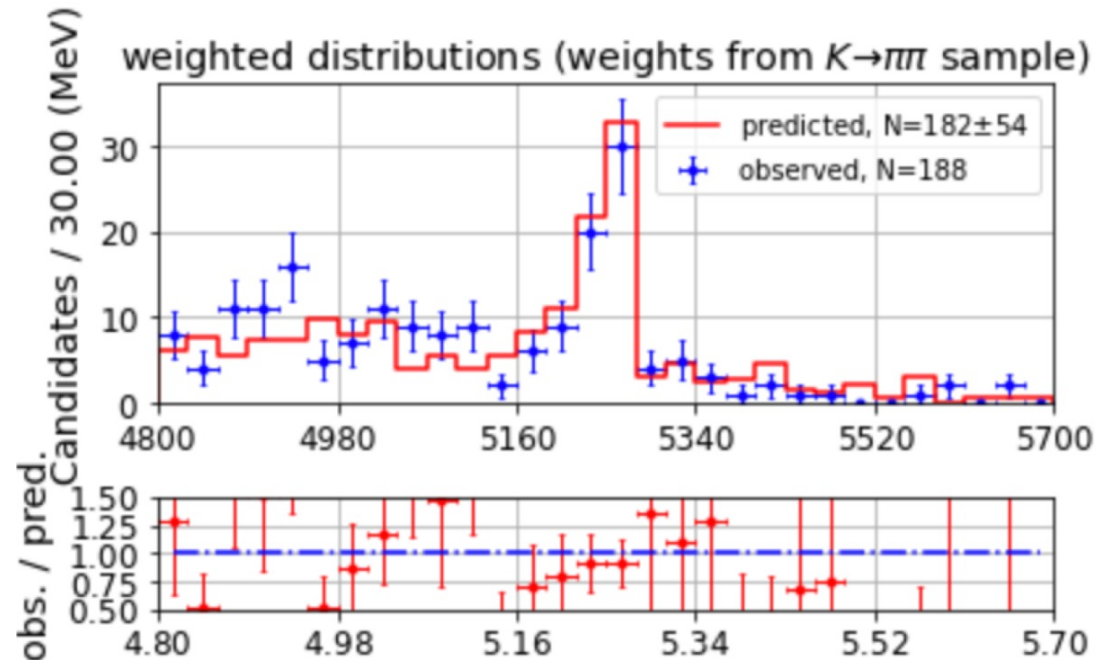
soft muons



pions with signal in muon system (isMuon)

# Residual decays-in-flight estimation

$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi \gamma^* (\mu\mu)$  control sample

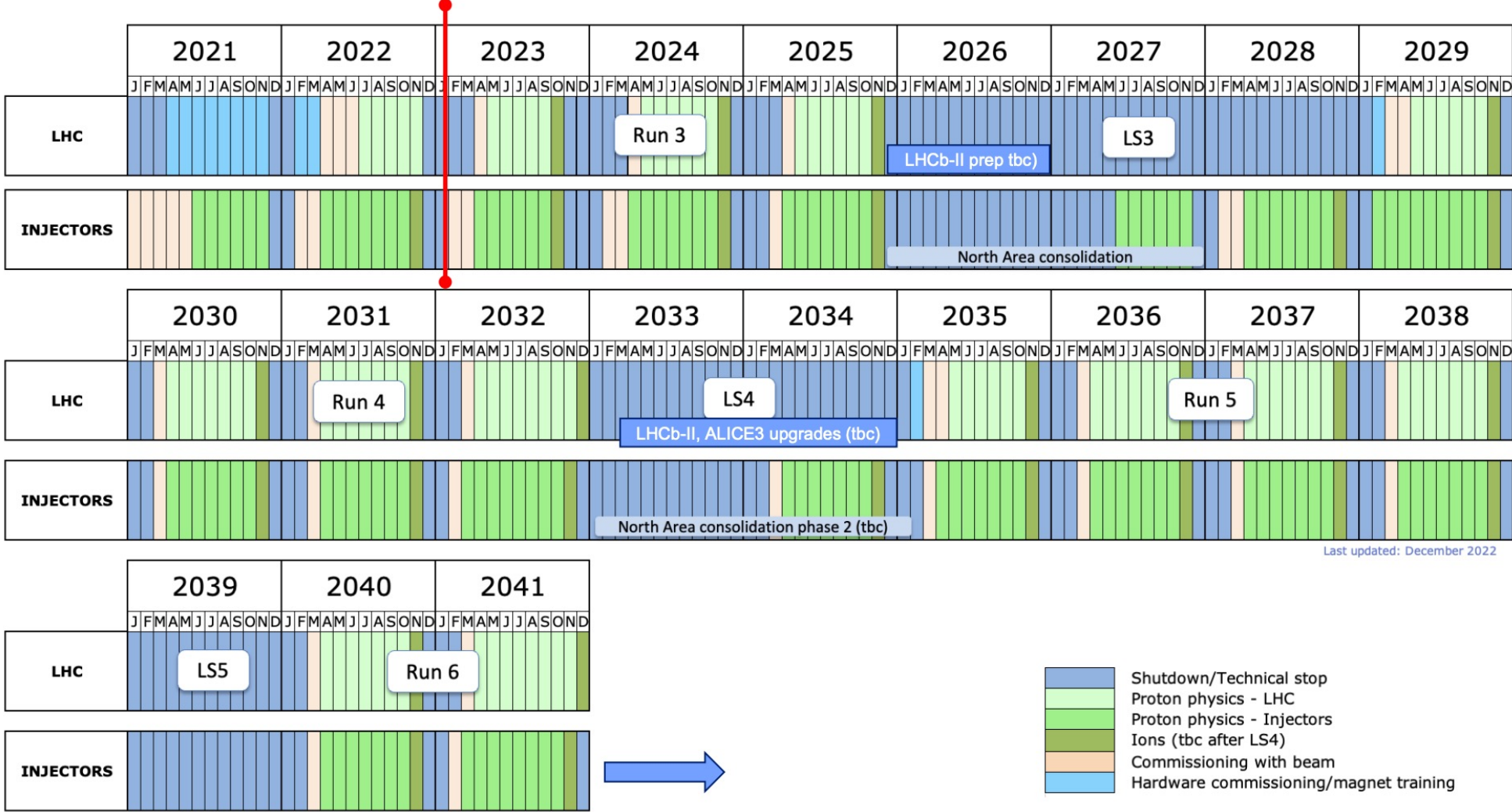


- Control sample (blue points):
  - both muons satisfy isMuon
  - one passes new classifier
  - second fails it
- Red line:
  - prediction of the blue distribution from the sample with both muons failing new classifier (isMuon=1)
  - weights measured in  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

Excellent control of the residual muon misID shape and yield!  
 $\Rightarrow$  vital for  $3\ell\nu$  measurements and anomalies validation

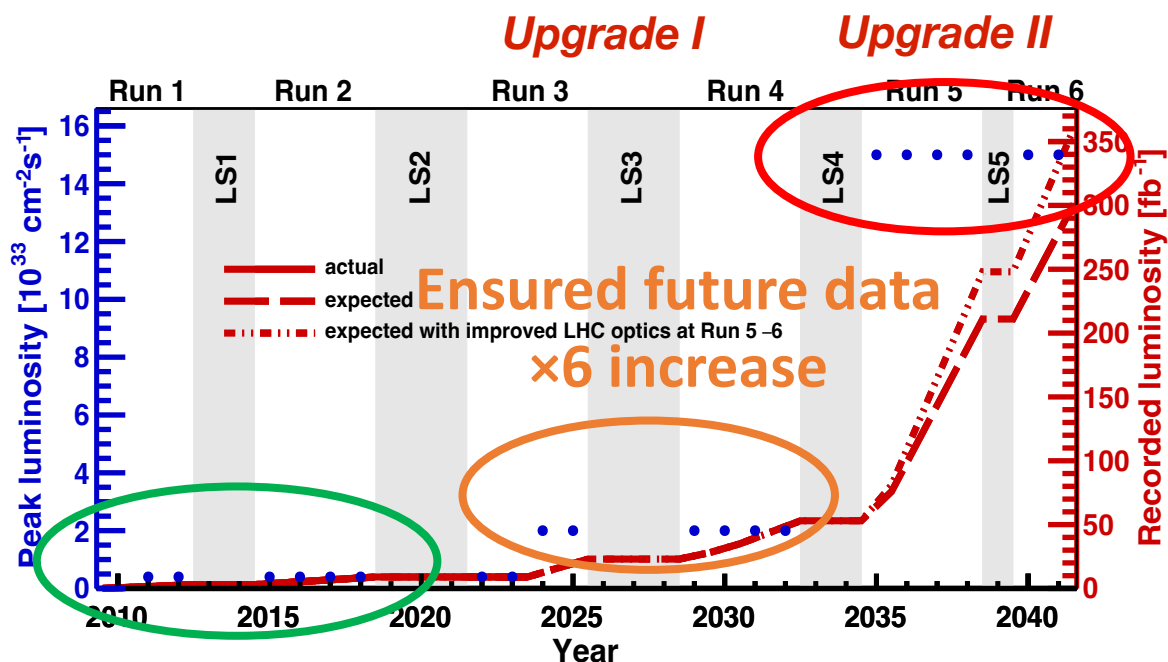


# LHC star is shining for another 20 years



# LHCb endeavor till 2041

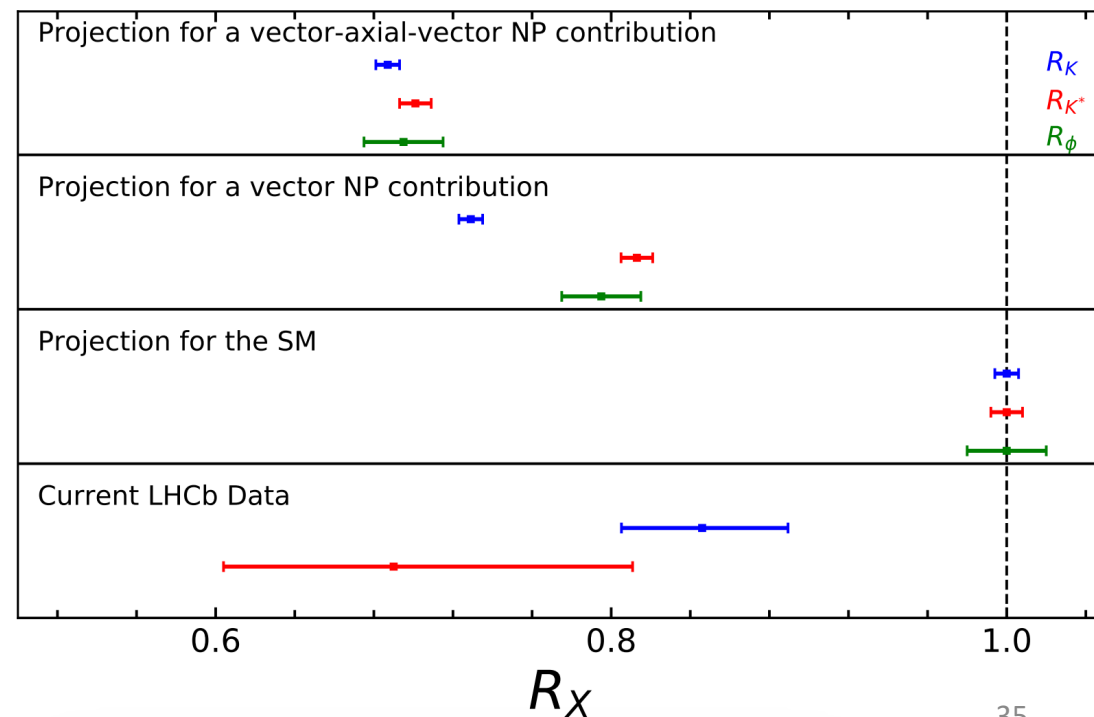
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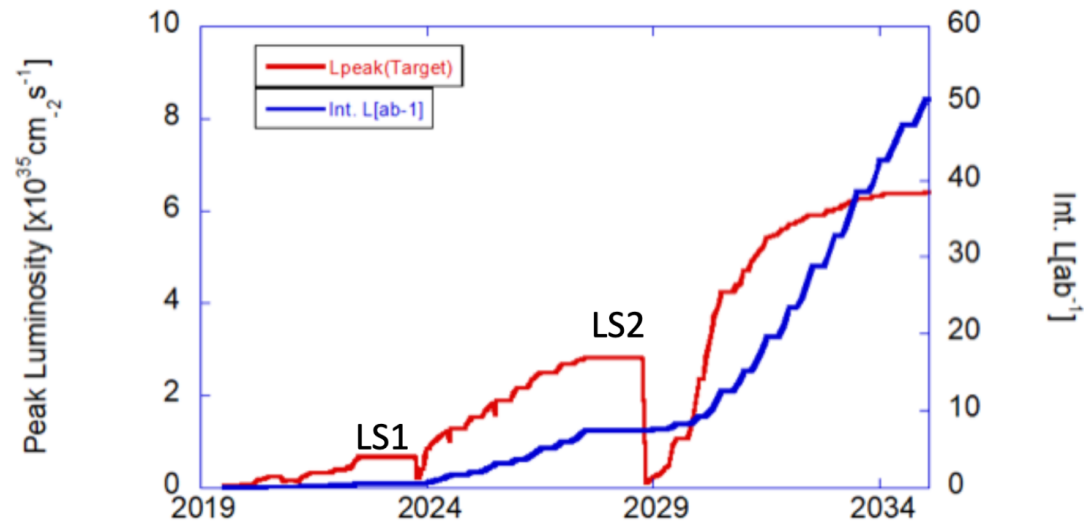
Recorded data

[7<sup>th</sup> workshop on LHCb Upgrade II](#)

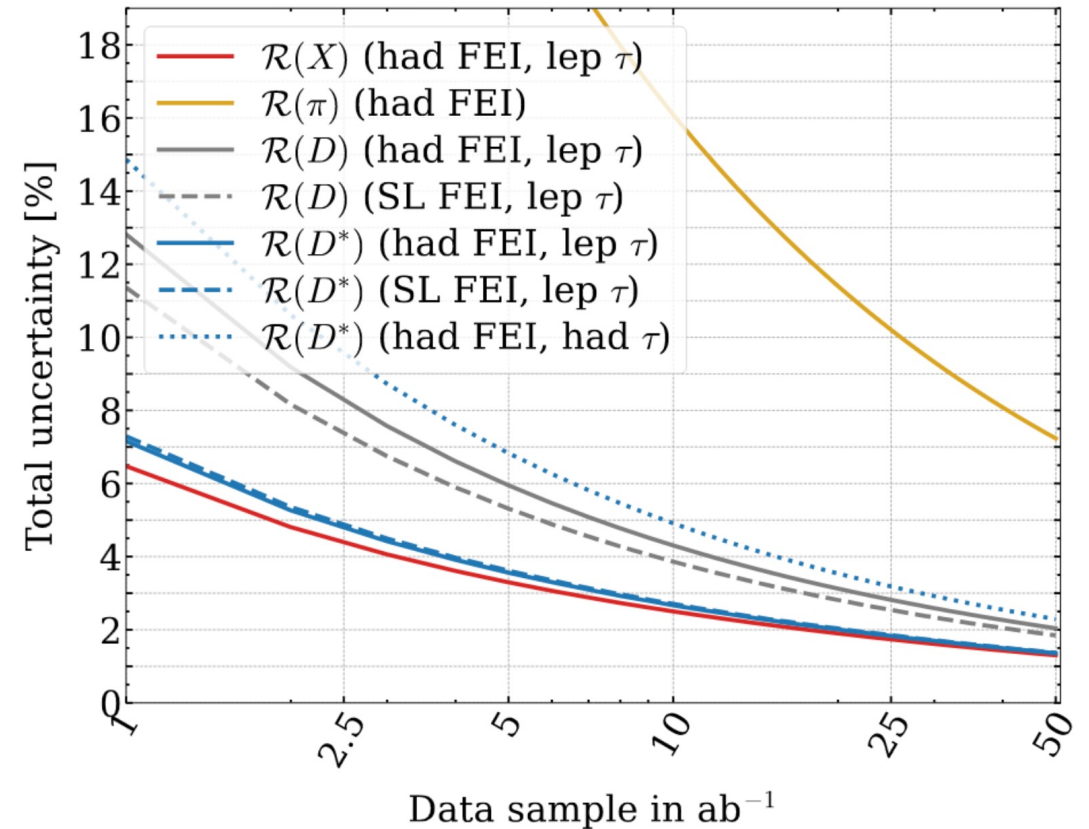
- precision era and LHCb intensity frontier is just starting
- plus an ambitious plan to take data at **even higher collision rate after 2030!**
- LHCb precision era is the chance to find the next energy scale and to better motivate a new large-scale facility beyond the LHC



# LHCb not alone: a highlight of Belle II prospects

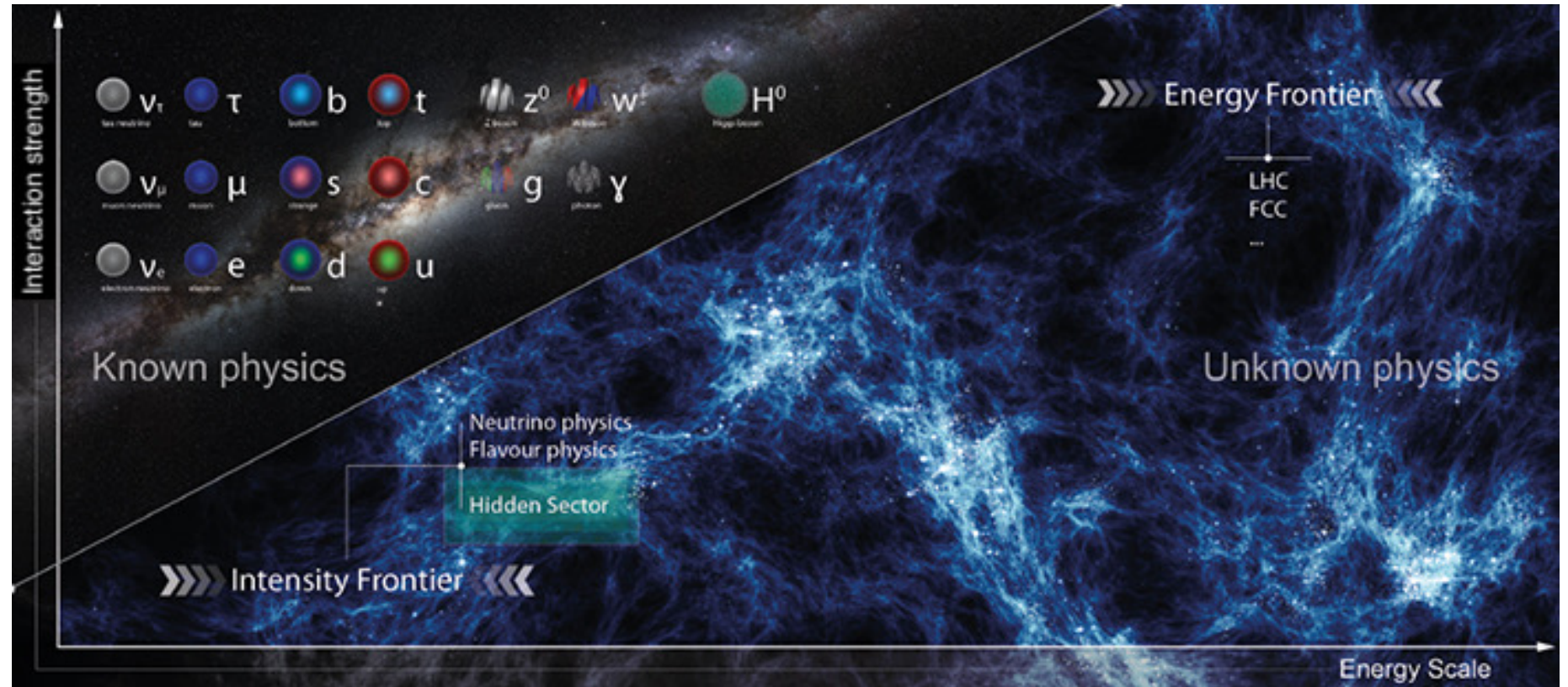


- high hope to observe  $B^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu$  and significantly improve  $B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu$  measurement: both to 10% precision
  - use inclusive tagging developed for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$
  - also include radiative modes  $B^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu \gamma$



Timeline allows to inform future energy frontier!

# Other frontiers to tackle: intensity frontier



New particles are produced too rarely



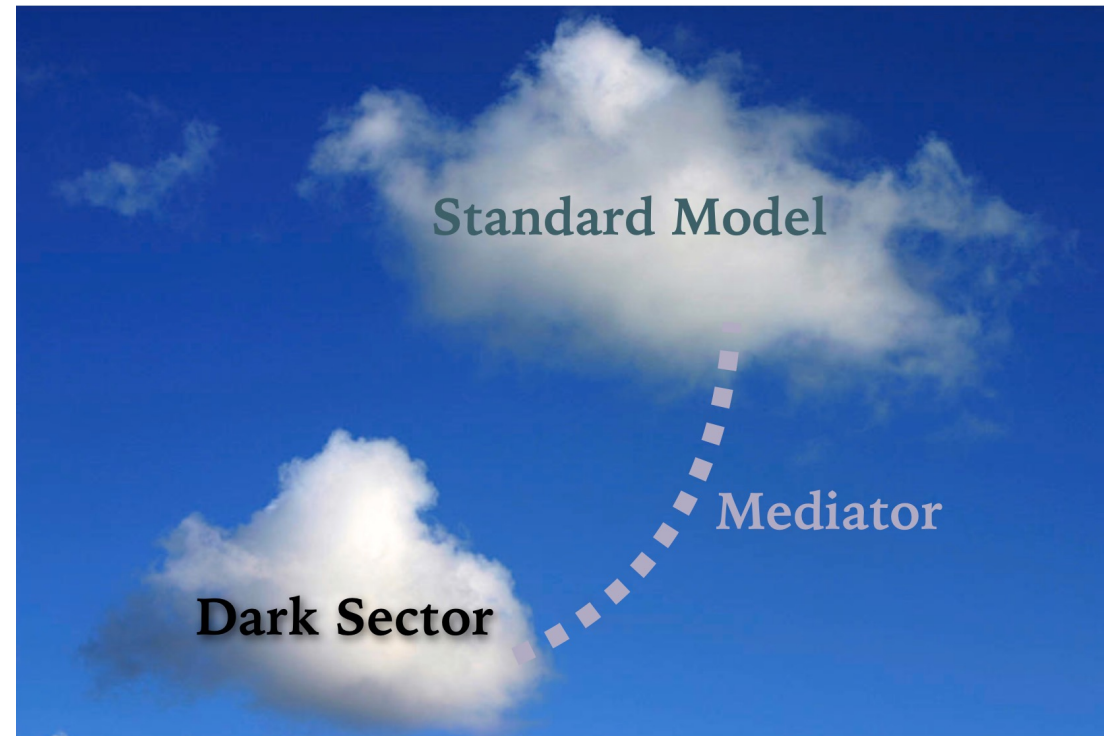
New particles are too heavy to be produced





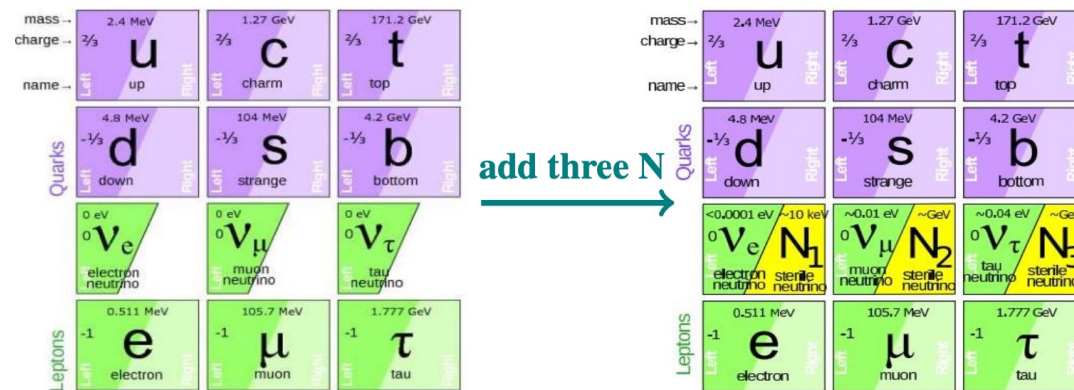
# Feebly interacting particles (FIPs)

- “**new physics**” is cornered by precision measurements and lack of discoveries in direct searches
- can put it into “**dark sector**” which talks with the SM via feeble interaction – much less constrained
- detectors are made of ordinary matter  
⇒ no direct signal from such particles, but exploration of *unusual signatures*:
  - very long-lived particles
  - delayed signals
  - anomalous energy deposits
  - ...



# Heavy neutral leptons (or neutrinos)

- right-handed neutrinos  $N$  are an example of “dark sector”

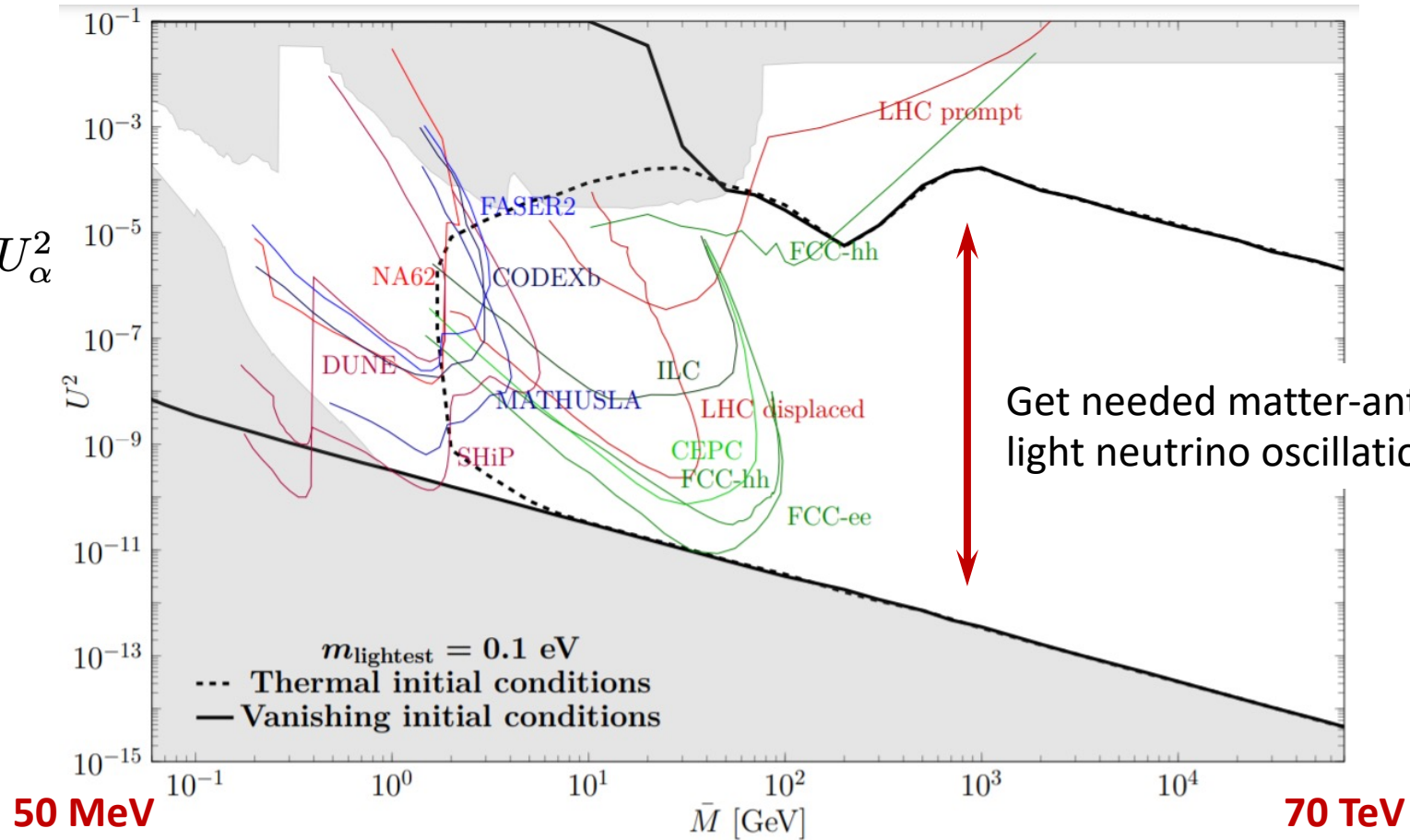


[M. Shaposhnikov et al](#)

- $\nu$ MSM – a minimal extension of the SM with adding  $N_1, N_2, N_3$
- provides a **dark matter particle  $N_1$** :
  - very long-lived, decays as  $N_1 \rightarrow \nu \gamma$
  - debated indirect evidence from astroparticle observations exists*
- $N_2$  and  $N_3$  can explain **matter dominance of the Universe**
- $N_2$  and  $N_3$  can be found with conventional detectors at colliders

# Viability HNL parameter space for testable leptogenesis

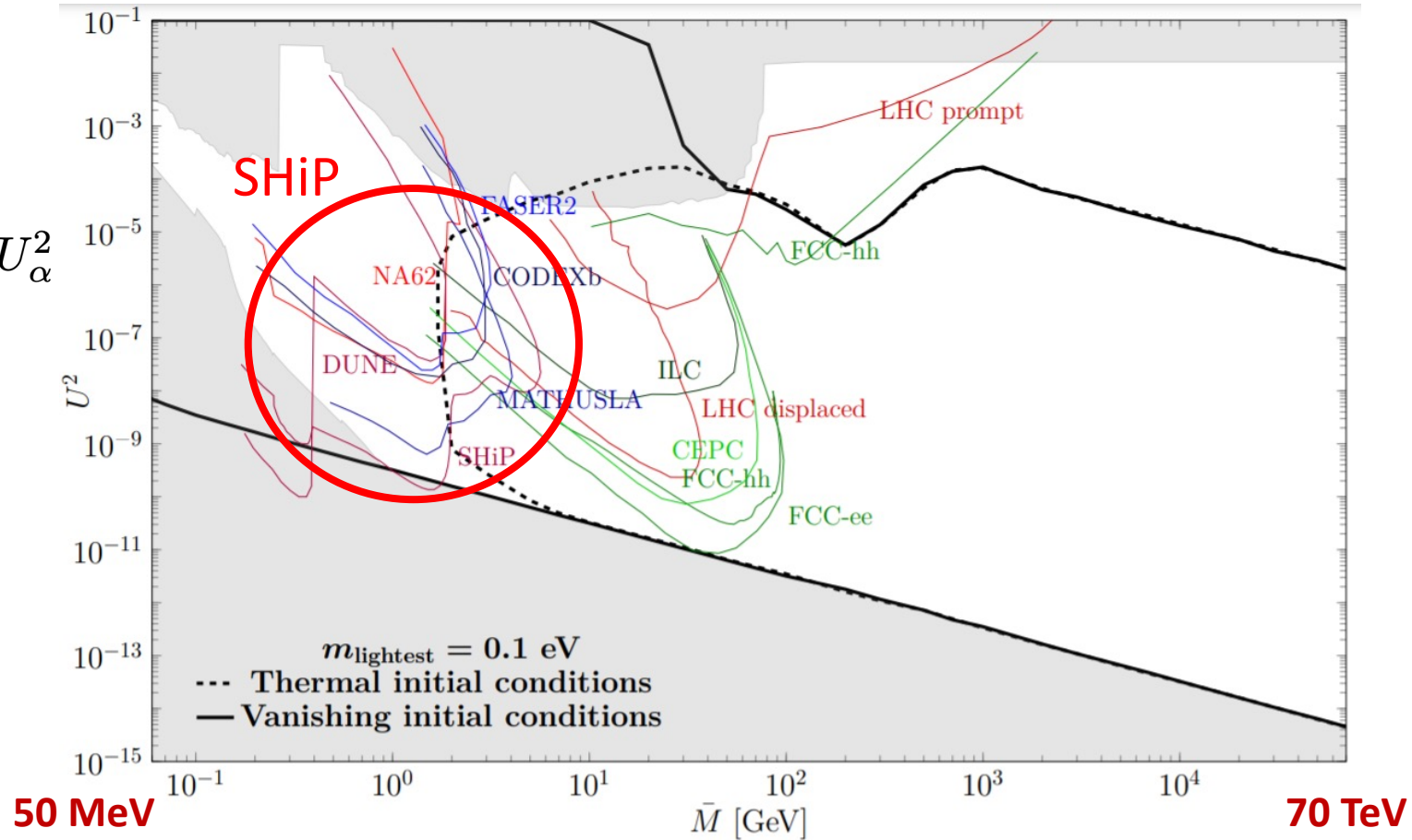
$$U^2 = \sum_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}^2$$



Get needed matter-antimatter asymmetry + light neutrino oscillation data w/o fine-tuning

# SHiP: to be or not to be?

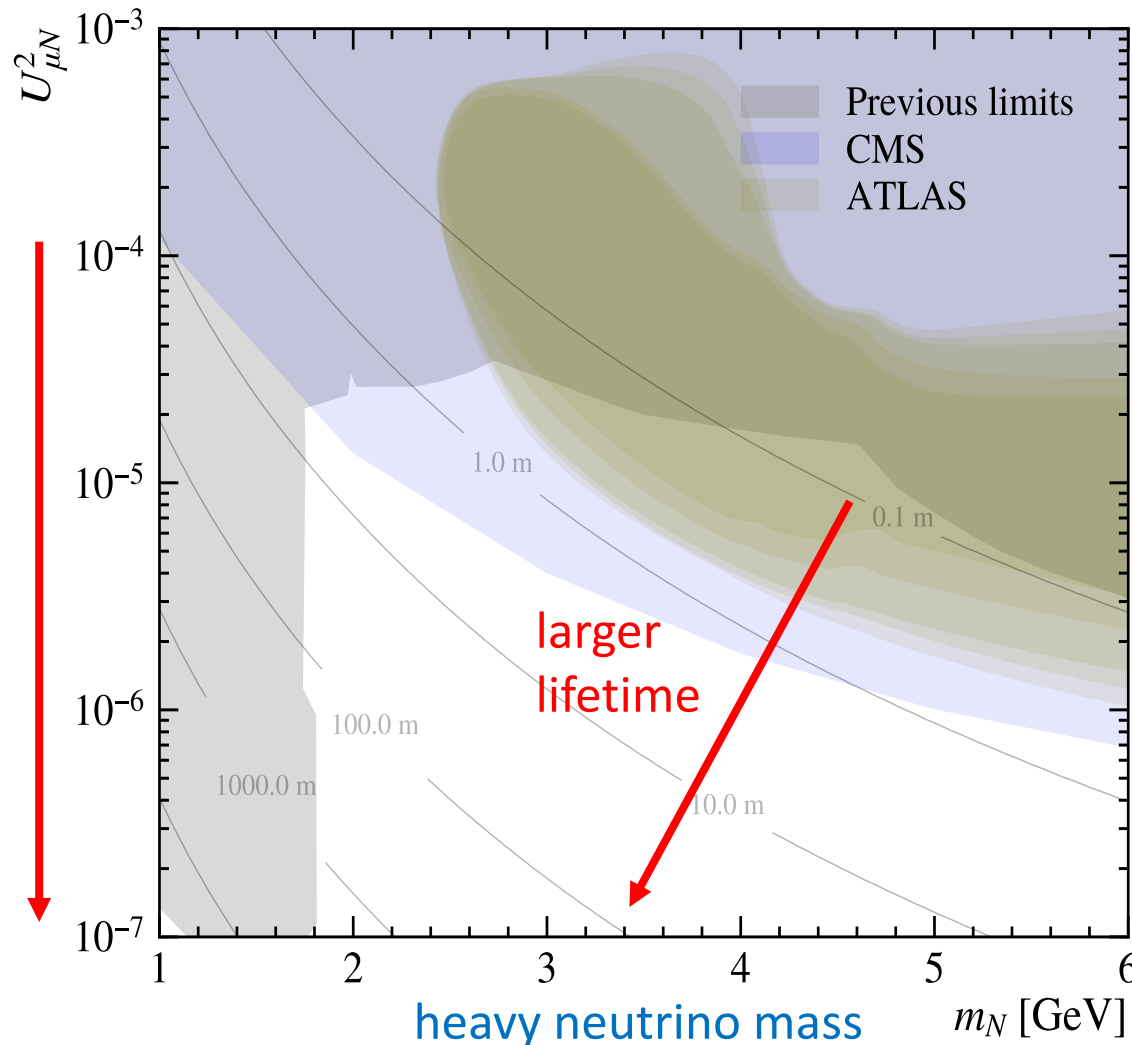
$$U^2 = \sum_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}^2$$



Even if there is FCC, SHiP is the only one closing fully allowed gap below  $5 \text{ GeV}$  (?)

# Possible parameter space of heavy neutrinos

feeble interaction:  
mixing with  
active neutrinos

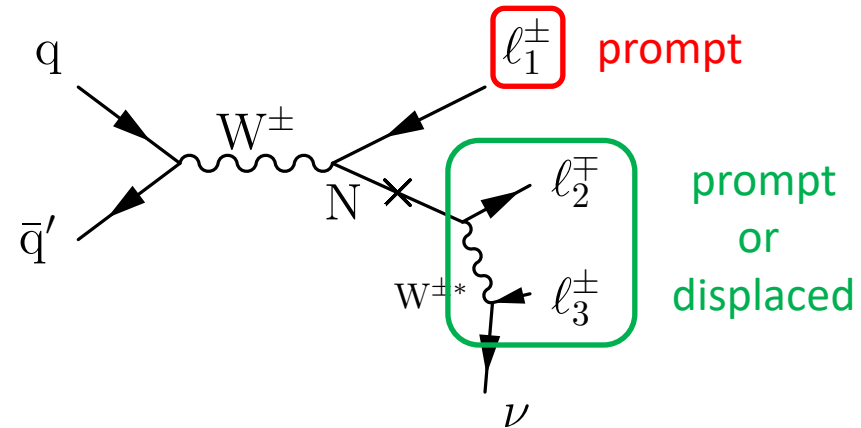
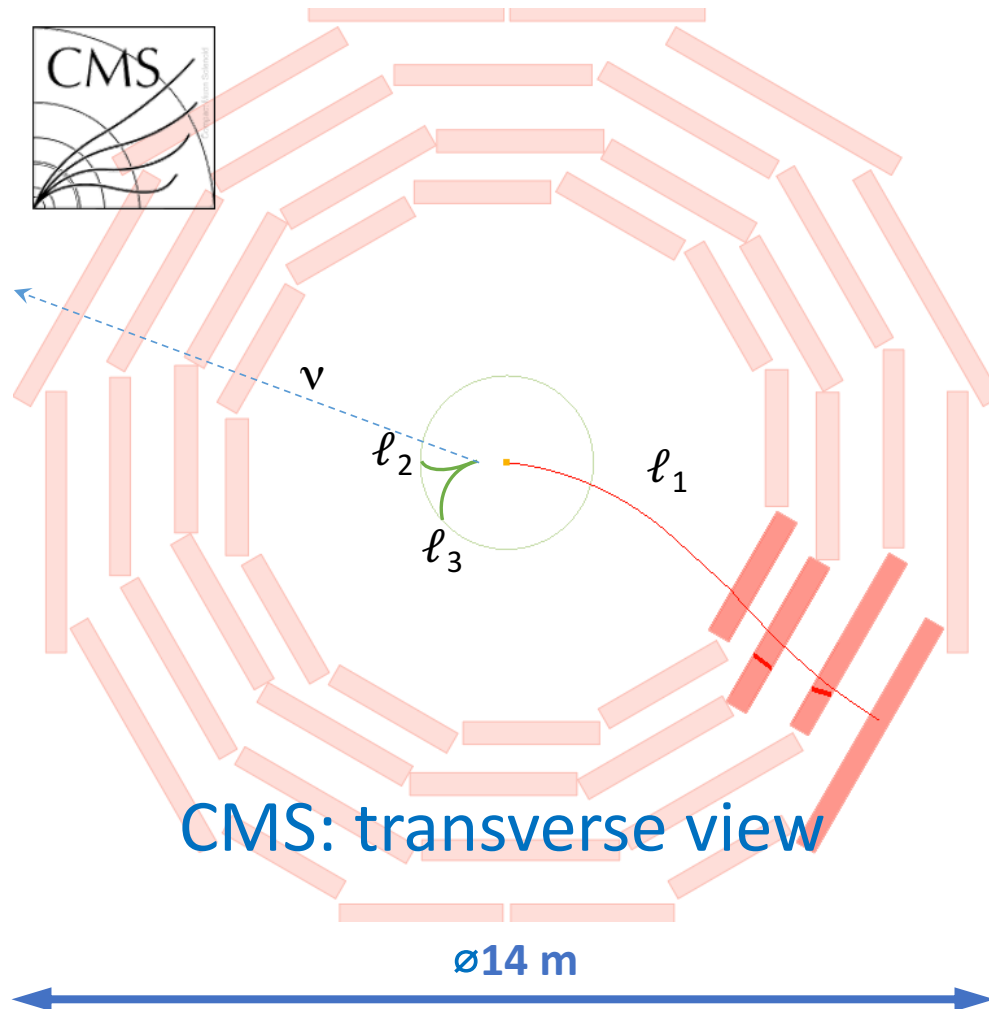


- value of mixing with active neutrinos is constrained from below by very low masses of SM  $\nu$
- can be as low as  $10^{-12}$
- exploring all allowed parameter space is not possible with just one instrument



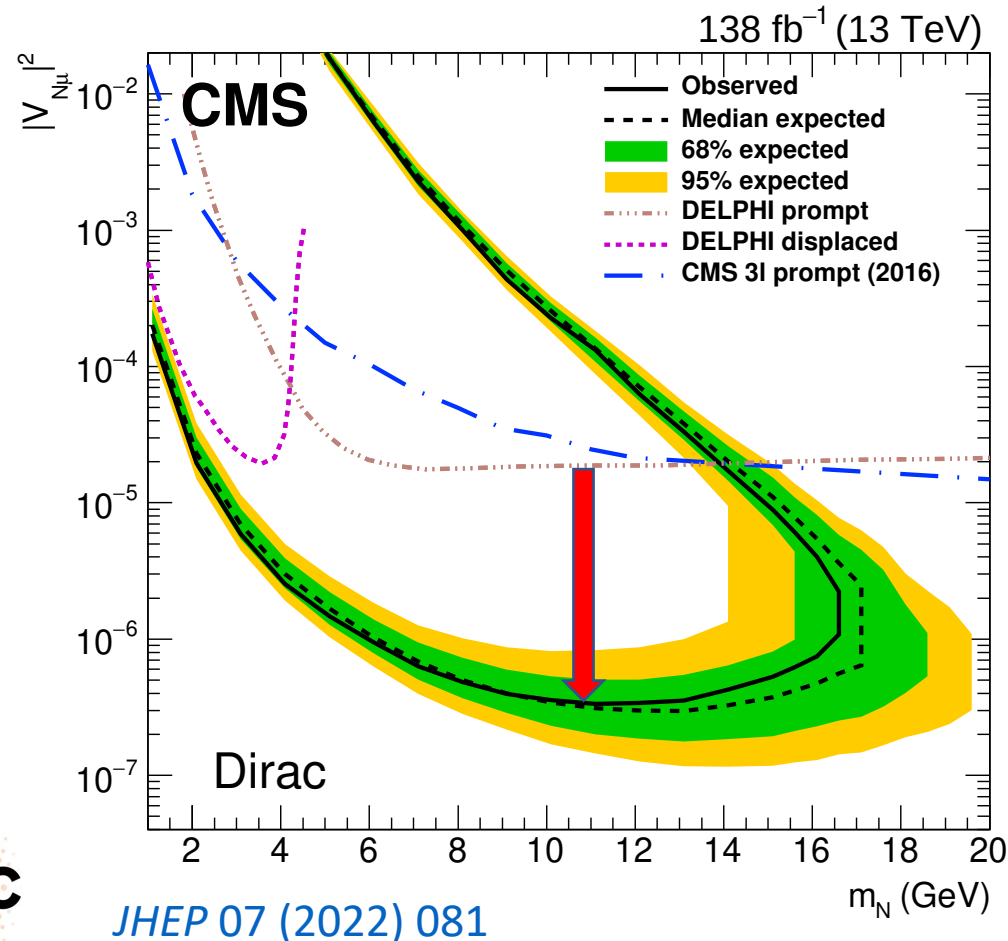


# $N_2$ or $N_3$ signatures in the detector



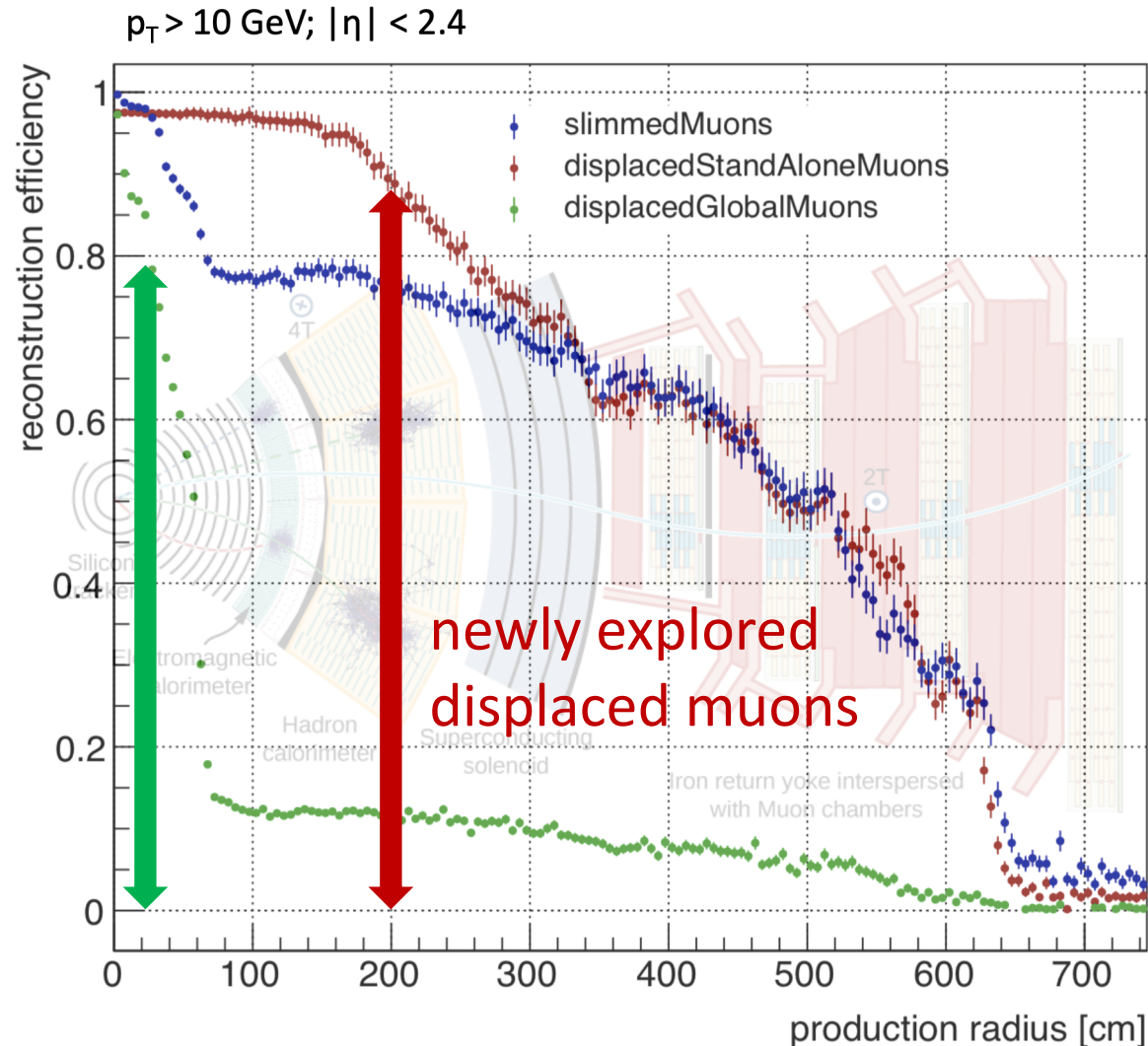
- produced as SM neutrinos – in electroweak decays of SM particles
- decays either close to production point (**prompt**) or after having travelled some distance (**displaced**)

# Long-lived N search with CMS



- developed a dedicated search at CMS with displaced leptons
- needed to use unconventional reconstruction techniques and develop new background estimation methods
- improvement by 2 orders of magnitude over the previous results

# Pushing the detector capabilities



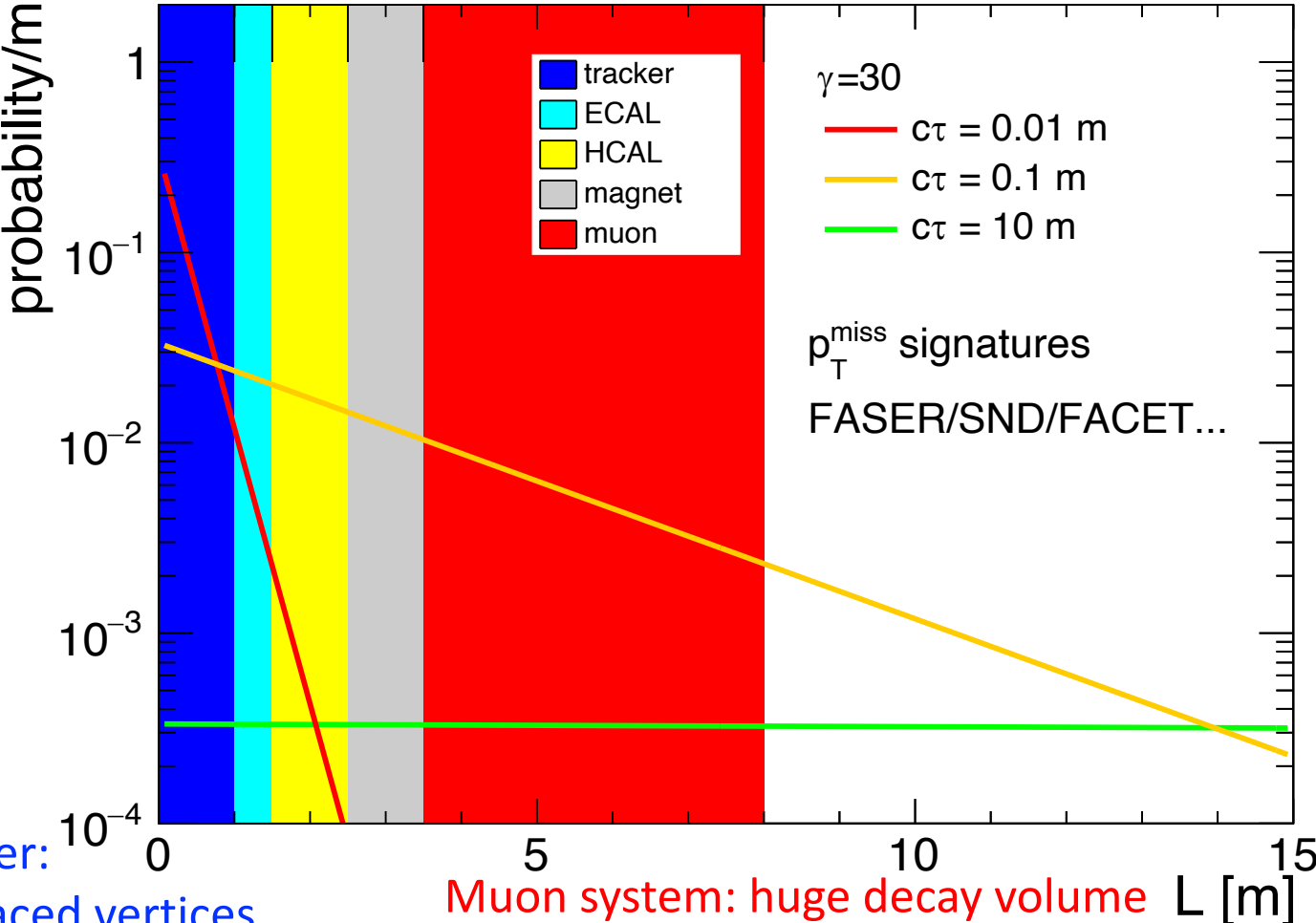
currently used  
displaced muons

newly explored  
displaced muons

- now exploring much larger decay volume: up to several m
- using the muon detectors only – the longest and the farthest from the collision point

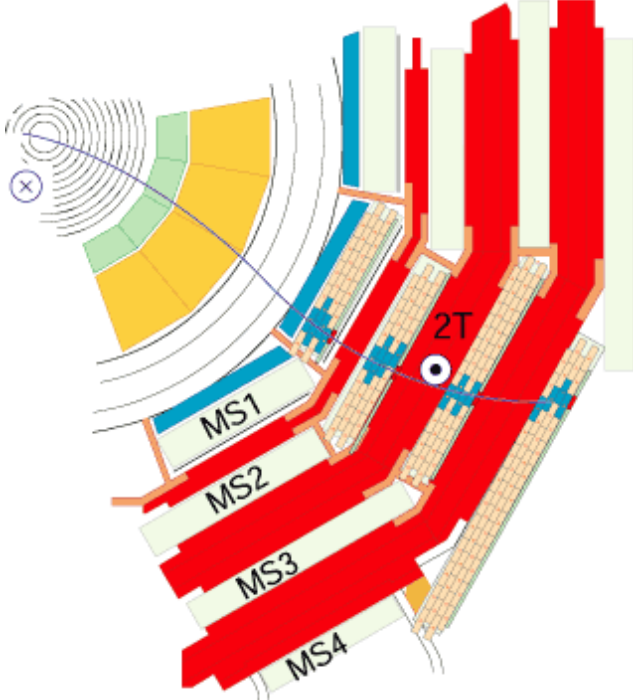


# Limitations for existing LHC experiments



Tracker:  
displaced vertices,  
O(1 m)

Muon system: huge decay volume  
and shielding with other detectors  
O(5 m)

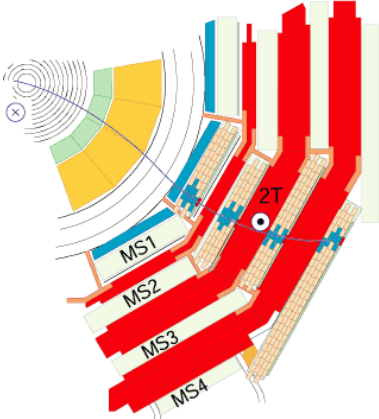
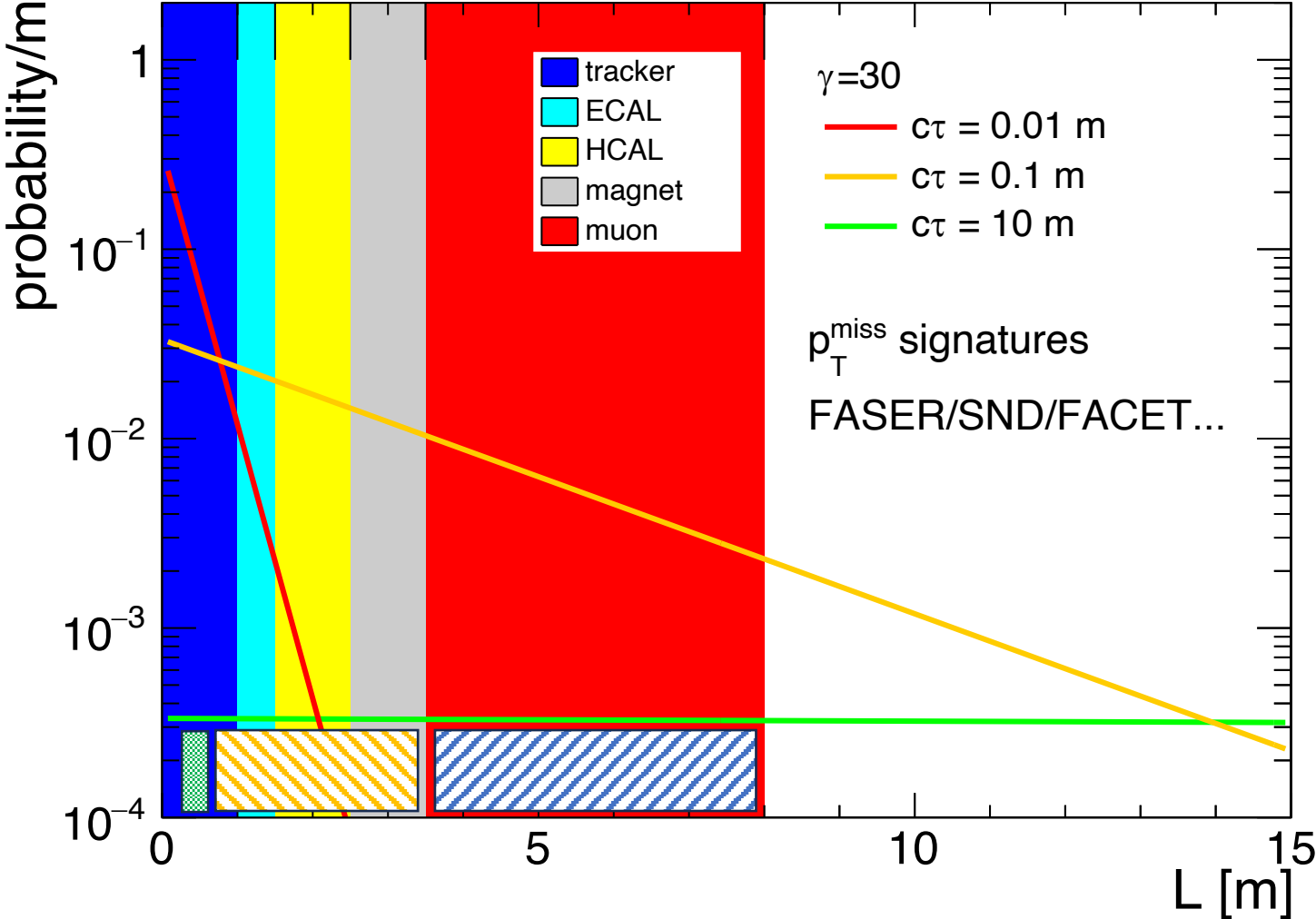


- next unconventional step: use **muon system** to look for large energy deposits!

# Decay volume for HNLs @ LHC

Decay volume of

- displaced vertices
- standalone muons
- muon detector showers



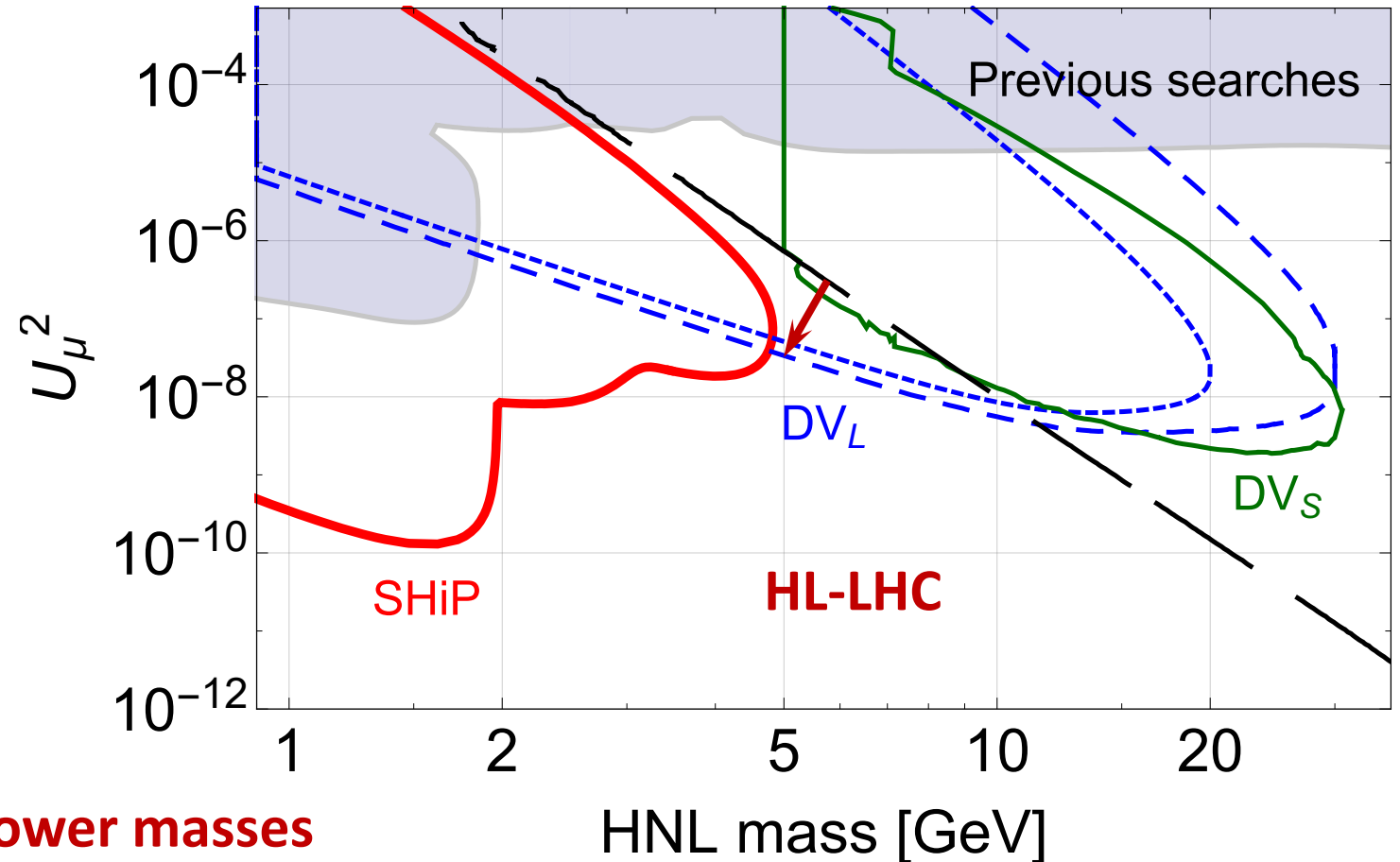


# Displaced vertices in the tracker vs with standalone muons @ LHC

Sensitivity of

- displaced vertices ( $DV_S$ )
- standalone muons ( $DV_L$ )
- muon detector showers

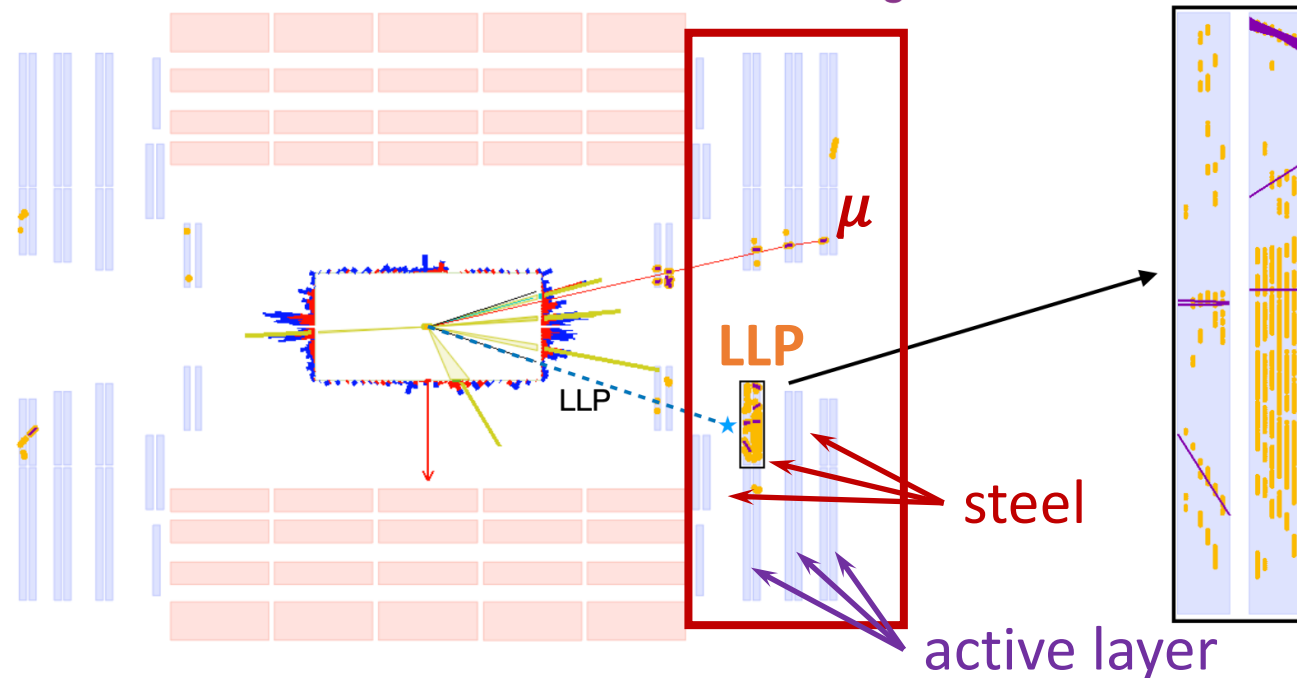
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**Lower masses**  
**Lower couplings**



# Muon detector showers (MDS) @ CMS

## Example event display of a LLP signal event

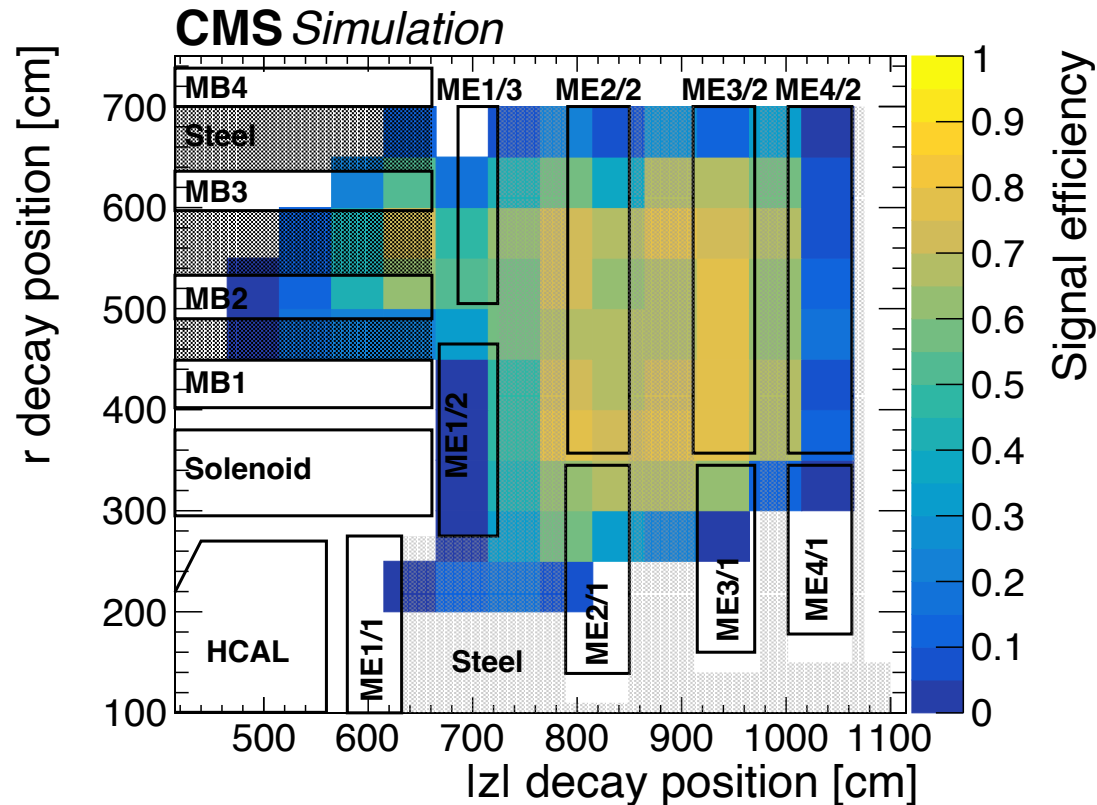
**CMS Simulation** ~1100 rechits & 33 segments in ME-2/1



Muon detector

- FIP traverses the detector and decays in the muon system
  - signal is proportional to the FIP energy rather than its mass
- muon detector acts as a sampling calorimeter
- low SM background as only muons typically survive there
- muons have much lower hit multiplicity than FIP-induced hadronic/EM shower – clear signature for a trigger

# Muon detector showers (MDS): ATLAS/CMS

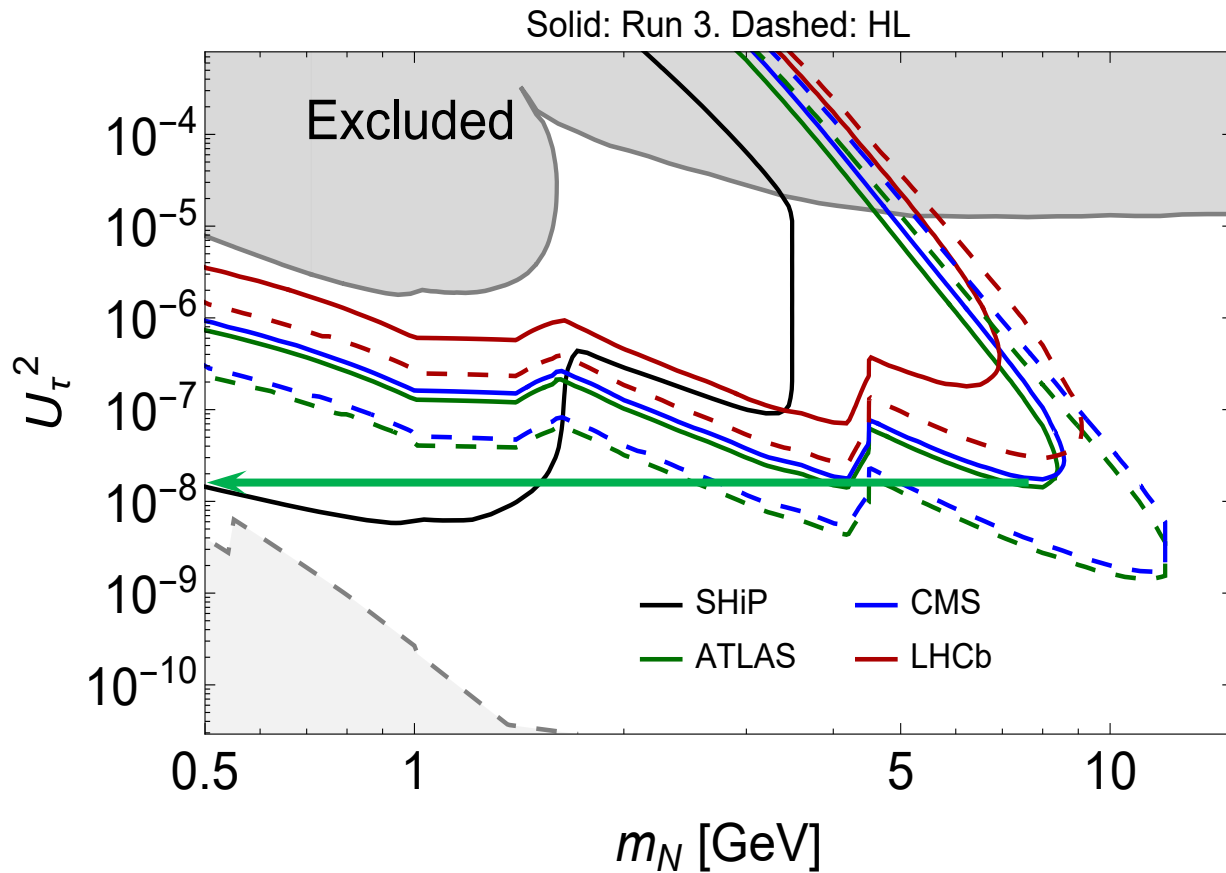


- signature sensitive to **all visible non-muonic decays (no final state suppression)**
- efficiency depends on the decay vertex and FIP energy:
  - if decay happens at the beginning of steel layer, the shower can be absorbed before reaching the sensitive layer
- → in future detectors, can optimize absorber thickness to be also sensitive to a typical spectrum of FIPs (e.g. at the FCC-ee/-hh)

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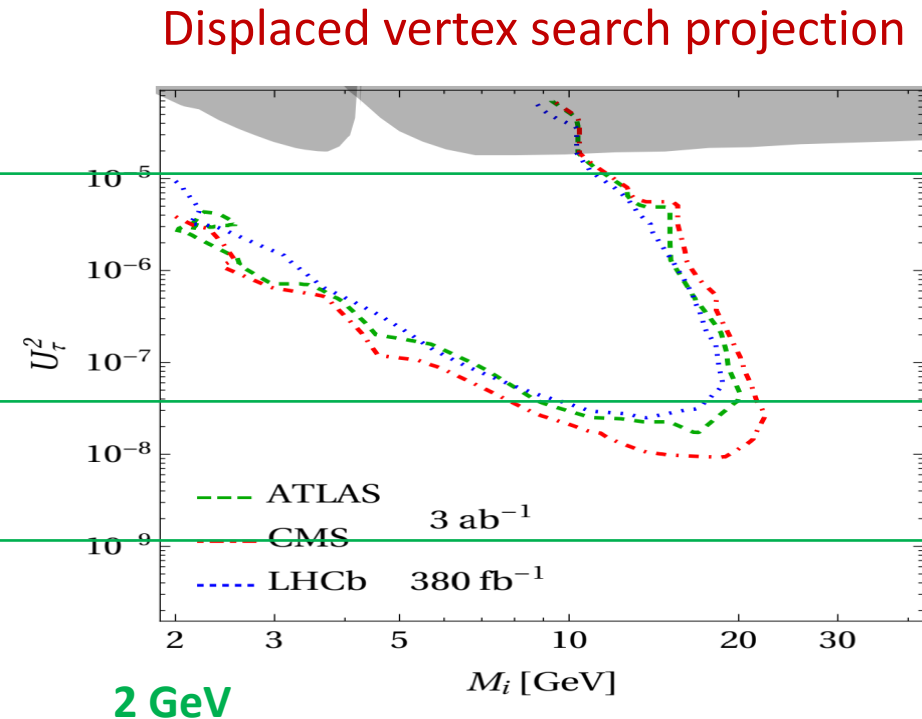
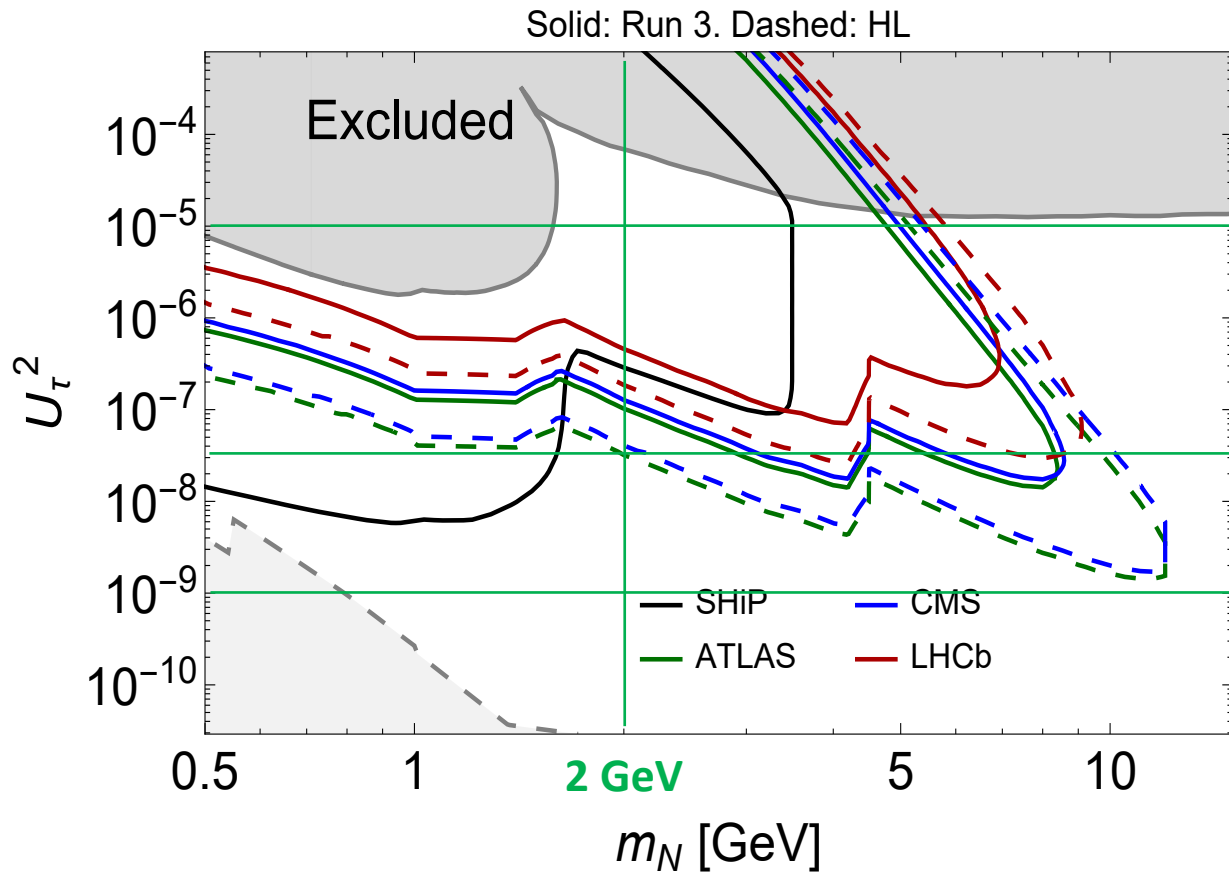
# If triggering on MDS is accessible at (HL-)LHC



- Back-of-an-envelope estimate for HNLs in  $\tau$ -dominant scenario:
  - HNLs produced in W, Z, B, D decays
  - coupling only to tau
  - visible decays within muon system (endcaps for CMS)
  - assume 70% detection eff-cy
- Sensitivity of  $10^{-8}$  with Run 3 data!
- 2-3 orders of magnitude better than existing results

# If triggering on MDS is accessible at (HL-)LHC

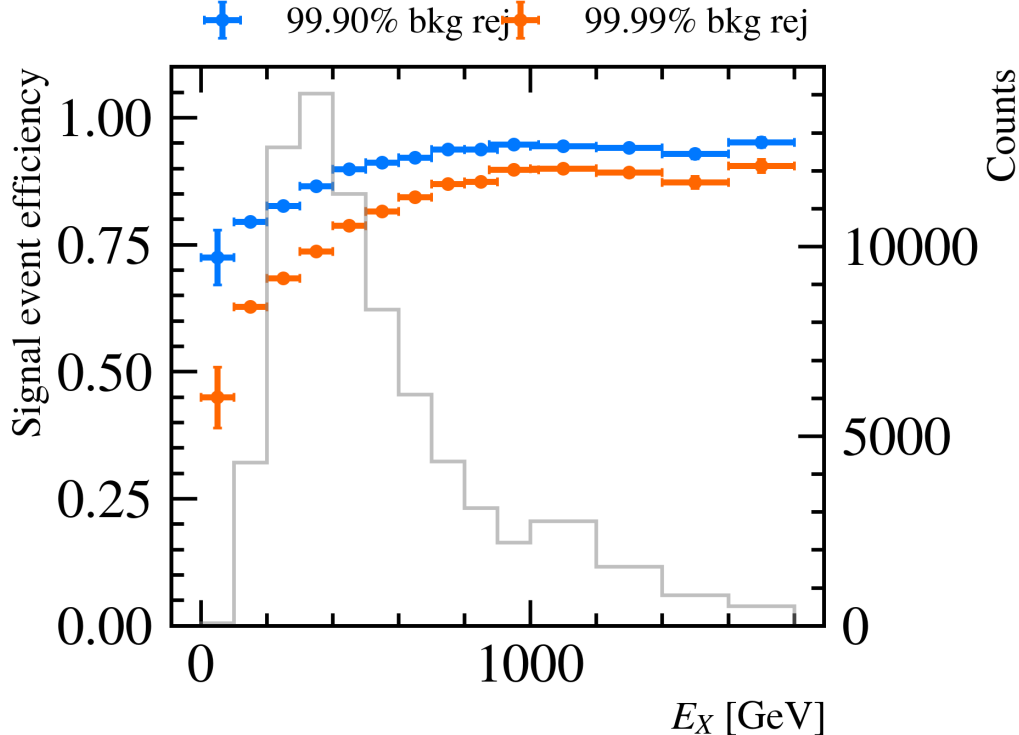
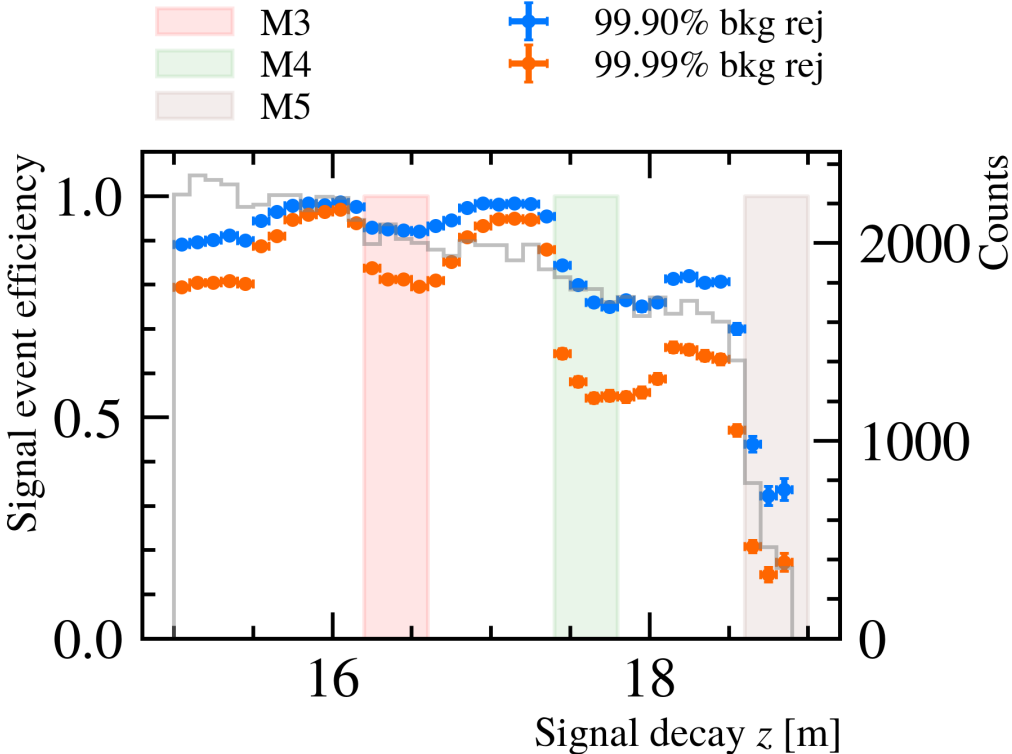
At low masses  $\times 10^{2-3}$  better than projections with more conventional techniques



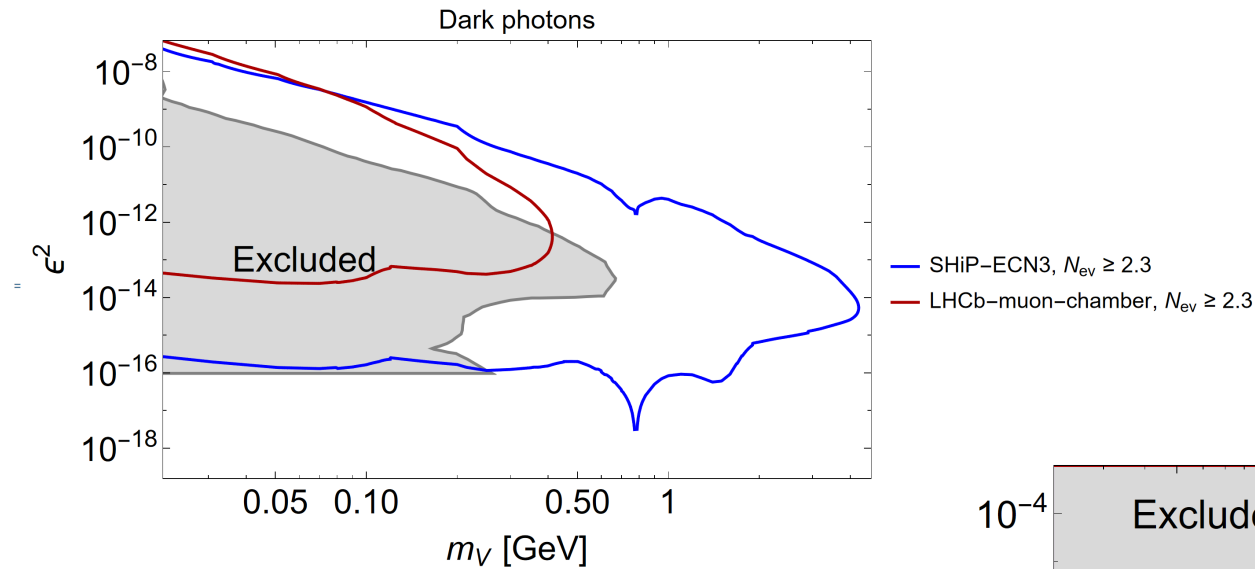


# Muon detector showers in LHCb HLT2

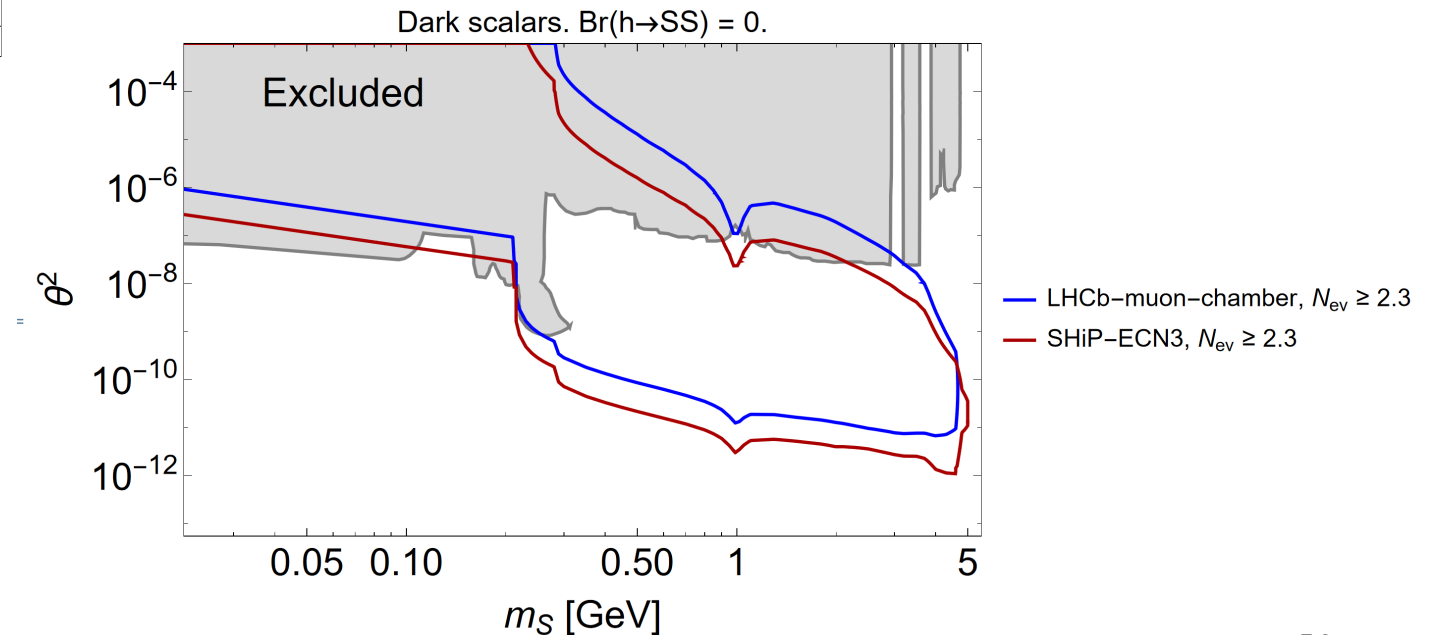
Profit from the absence of hardware trigger in LHCb  
Put anomaly detection based on normalized autoencoder directly into HLT:



# Potential LHCb sensitivity to other LLPs



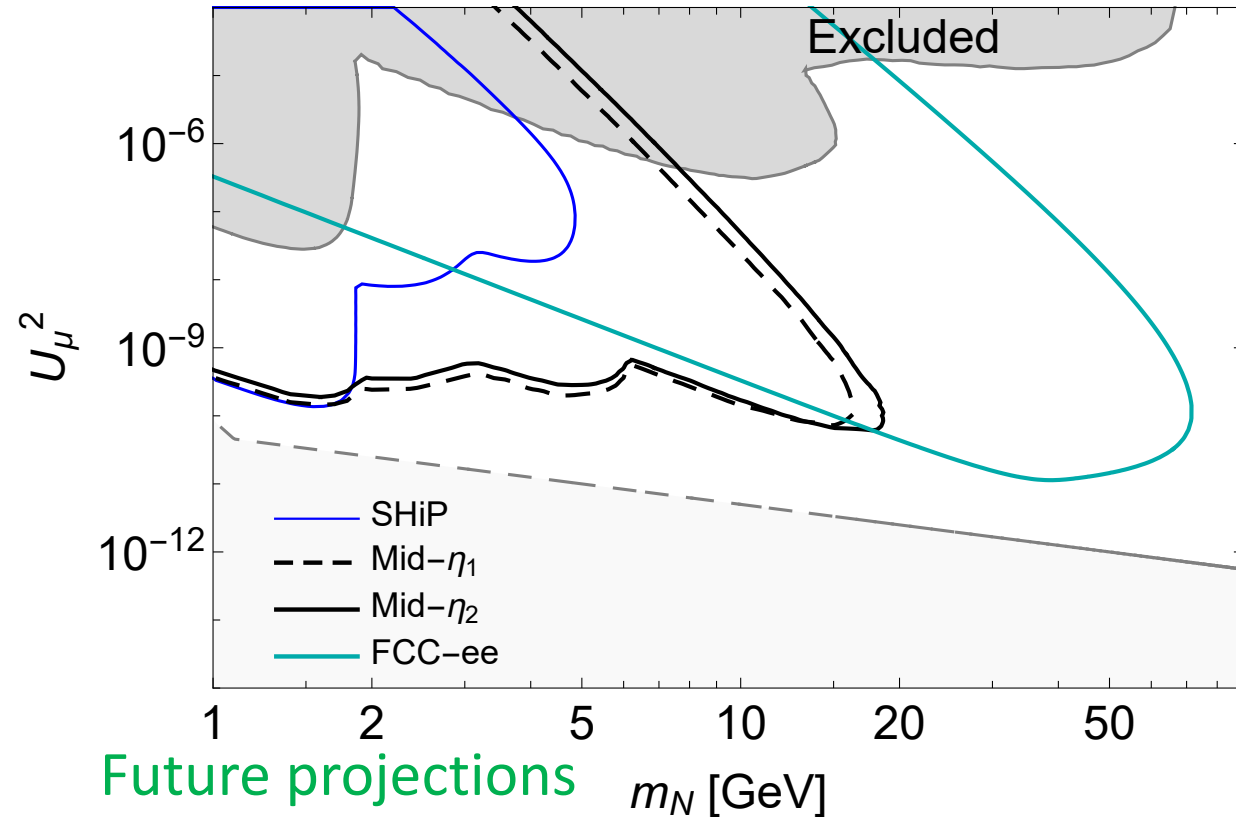
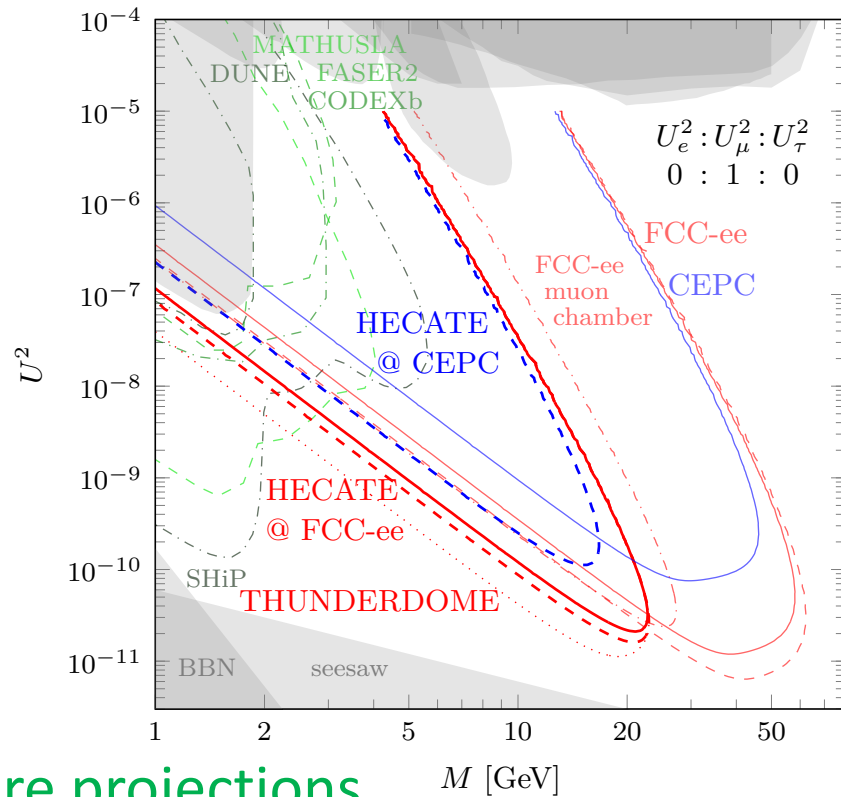
- LHCb offers unique possibilities for low-mass FIPs produced in the forward regime!



# Very far in the future: HNLs at FCC-ee/-hh

**FCC-ee** [Eur. Phys. J. C 81 \(2021\) 6](#)

**FCC-hh** [JHEP 01 \(2023\) 042](#)



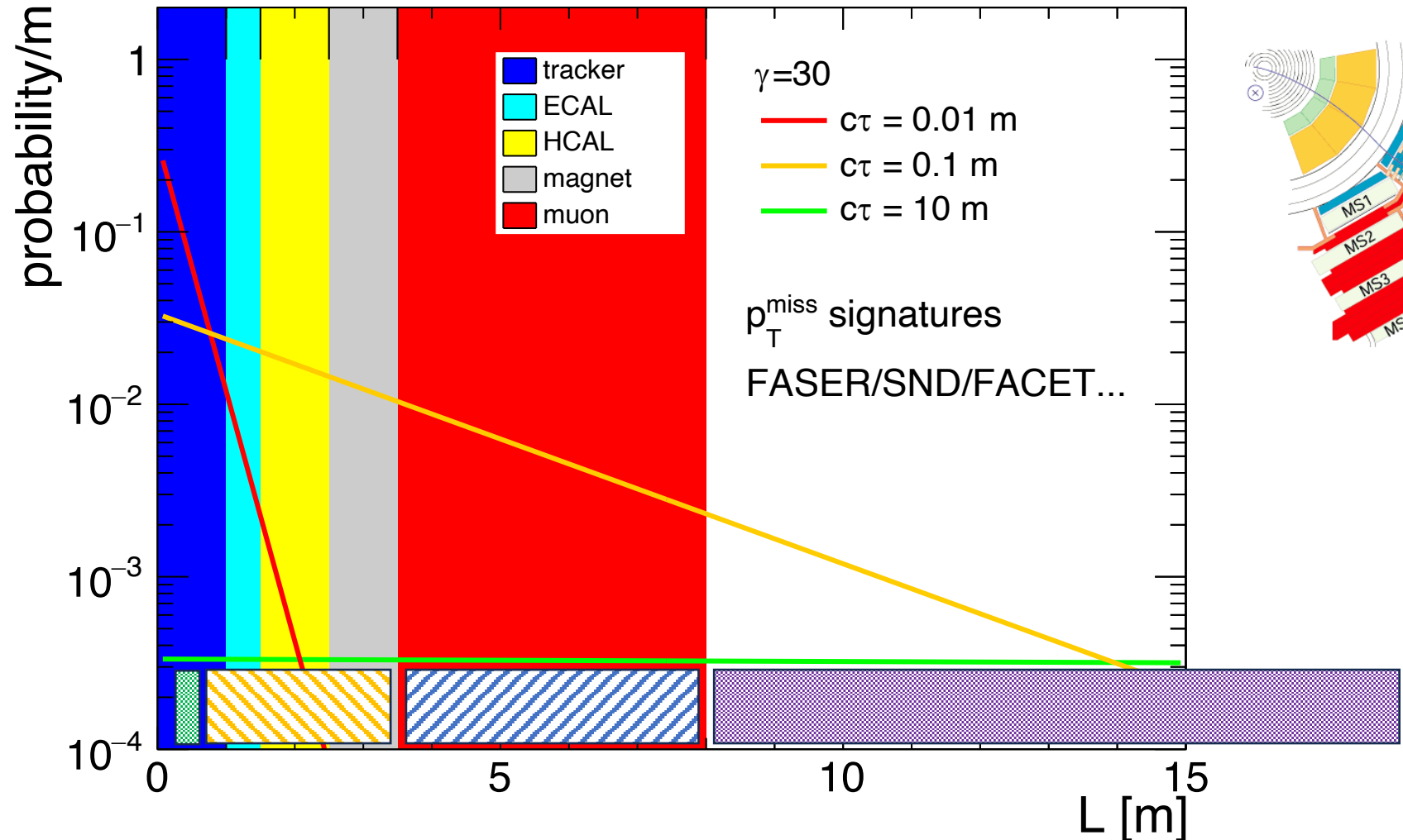
Future projections

Future projections

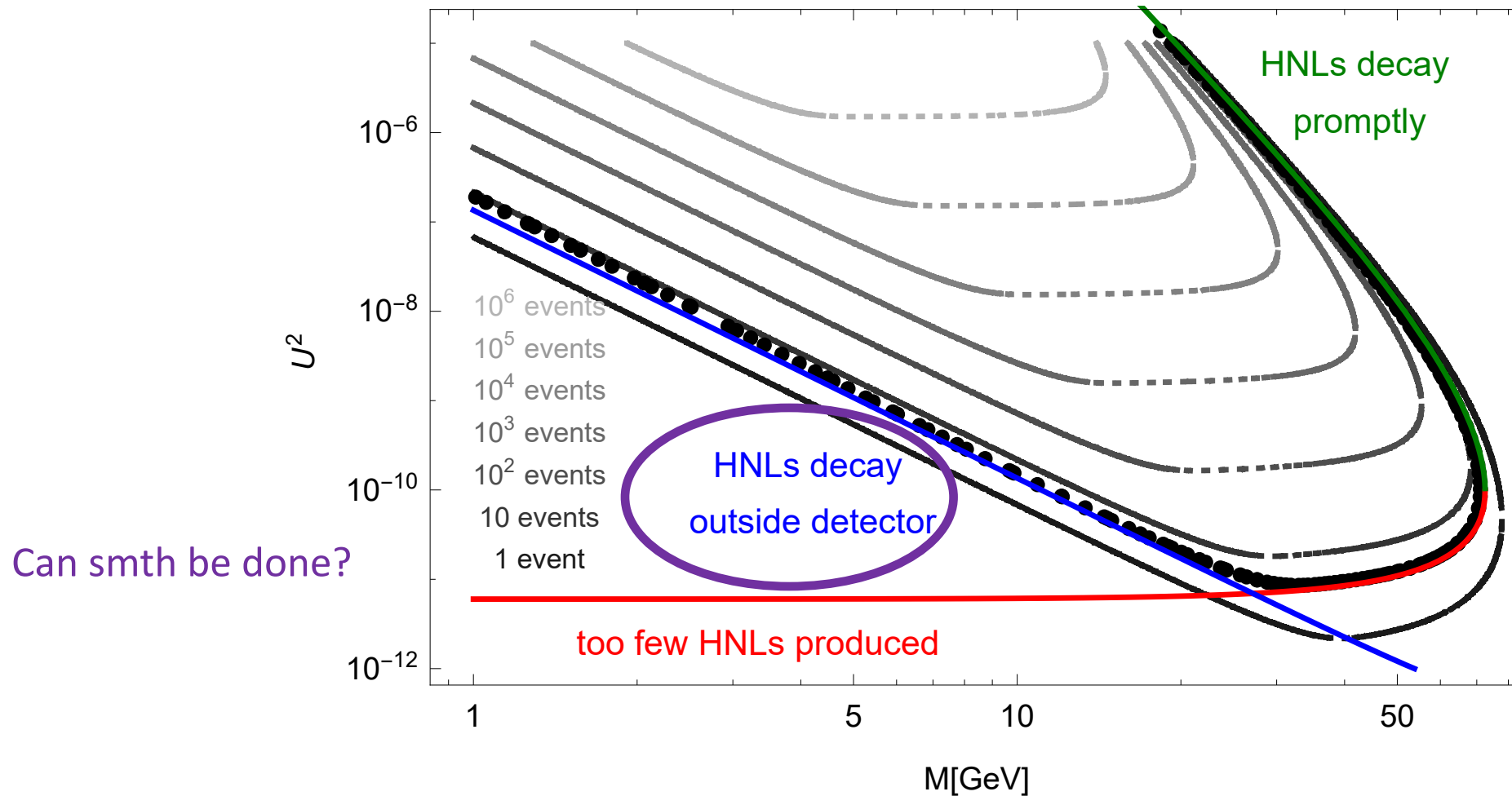
Proposals for the LLP detectors on the walls of the FCC experimental caverns

# Another subdetector usage for HNLs @ LHC ?

- Decay volume of
- displaced vertices
  - standalone muons
  - muon detector showers
  - missing particle?

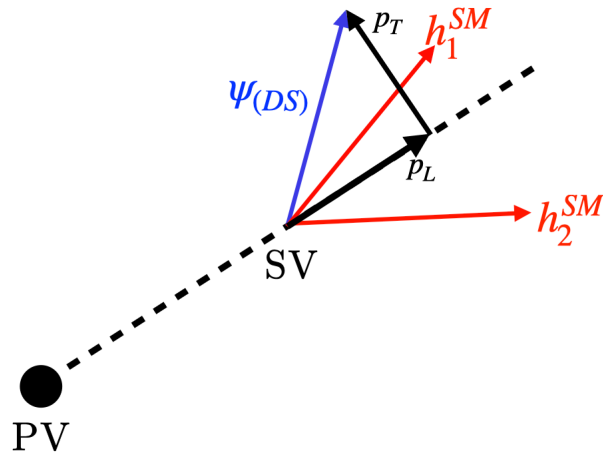


# HNLs escaping detector



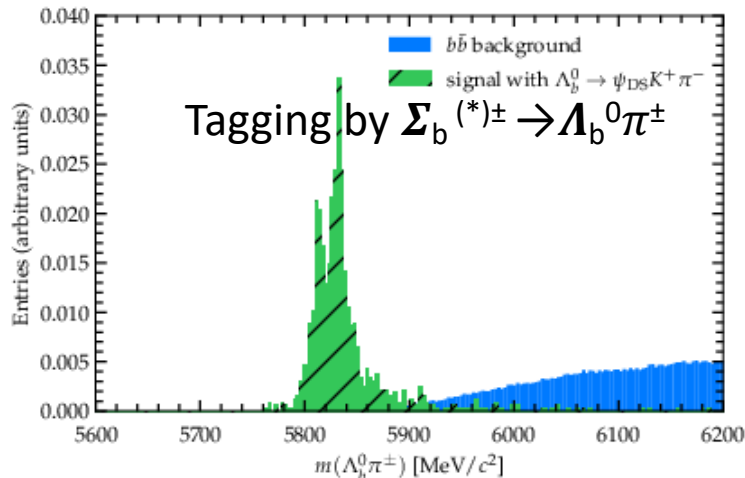


# “Stable” low-mass particles: $P_T^{\text{miss}}$ @ LHCb

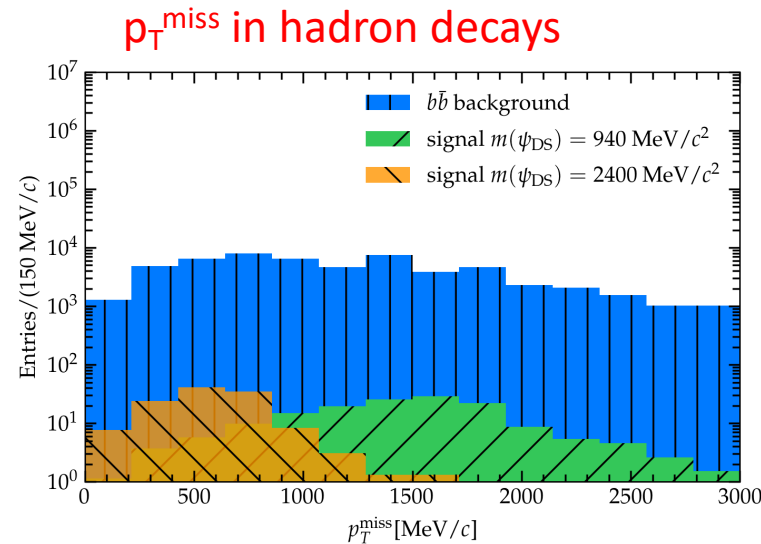


Proposal to use fully reconstructed decay vertices to infer missing particles:

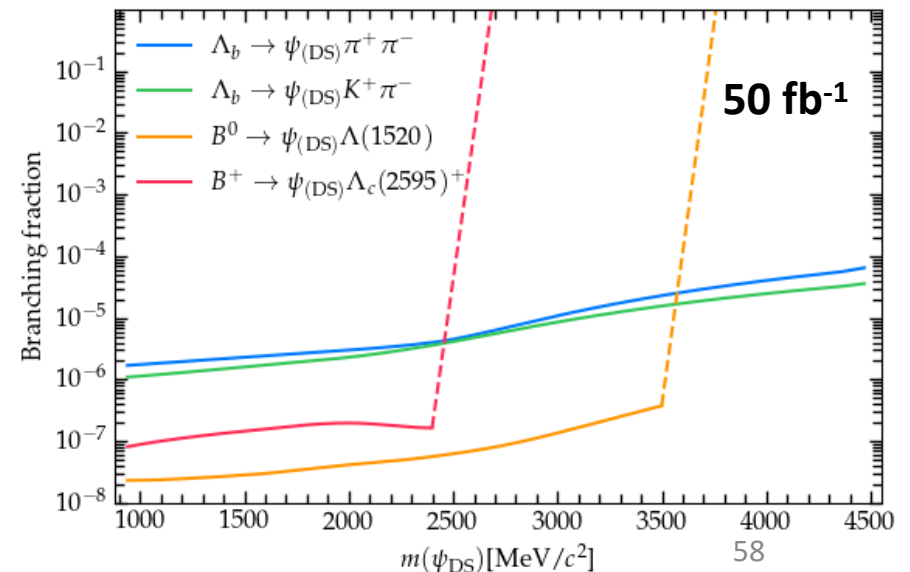
- non-hermetic detector but excellent vertex resolution
- look for **missing momentum** in hadron decays!
- get access to much lower masses: 1-5 GeV



[Eur.Phys.J.C 81 \(2021\) 964](#)

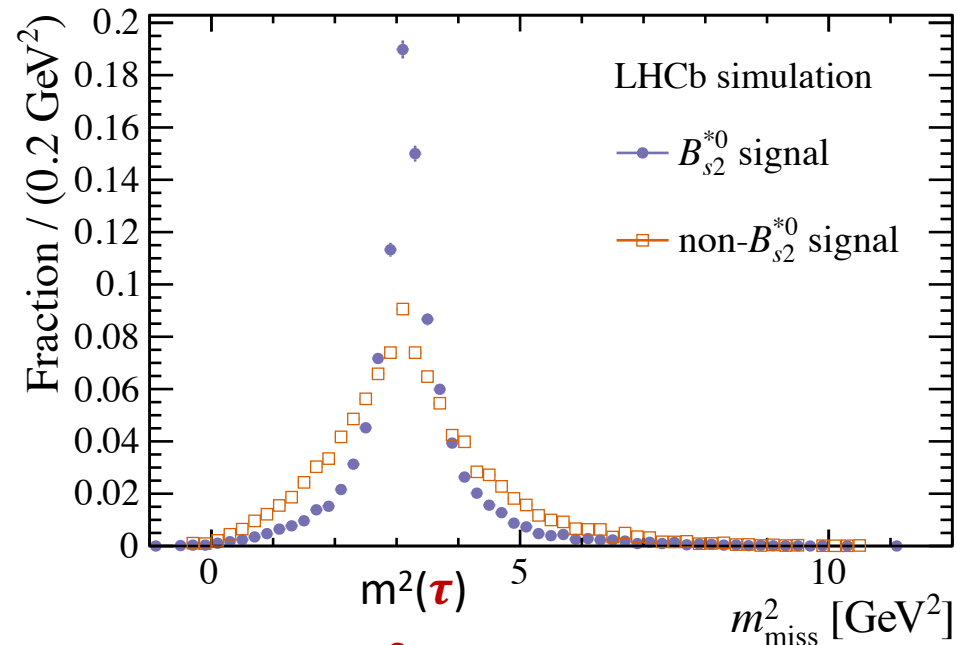


Systematic uncertainty is a challenge!



# Science fiction idea: $M_{\text{miss}}$ ?

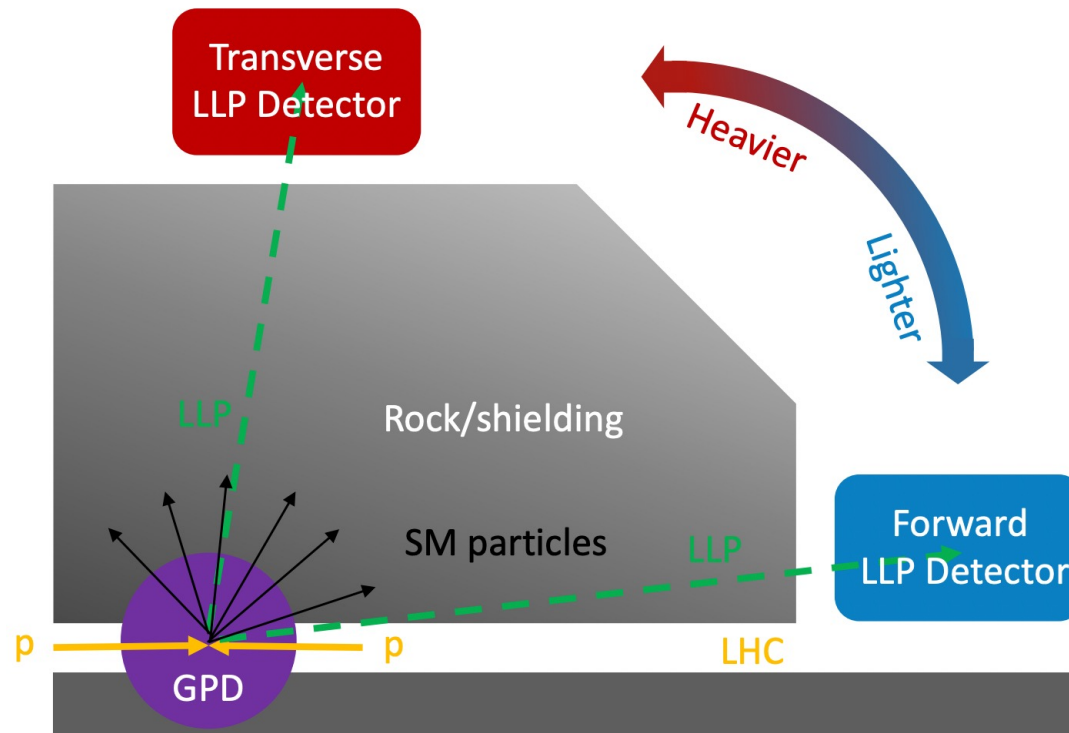
Looking for  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^- \tau^+$



Tagging by  $B_{s2}^{*0} \rightarrow B^+ K^-$

- missing mass used in the LHCb search for LFV decays with  $\tau$ :
  - $B^+$  momentum computed from its flight direction and known  $m(B^+K^-)$
  - missing  $\tau$  4-momentum is computed as  $P(B^+) - B(K^+\mu^-)$
- can be applied for HNLs at FCC?
  - fully inclusive for HNL decays
  - suppressed by  $B_{s2}$  cross section
  - can consider  $B \rightarrow D \rightarrow \text{HNL}$  chains
  - needs hadron identification and excellent vertex resolution!

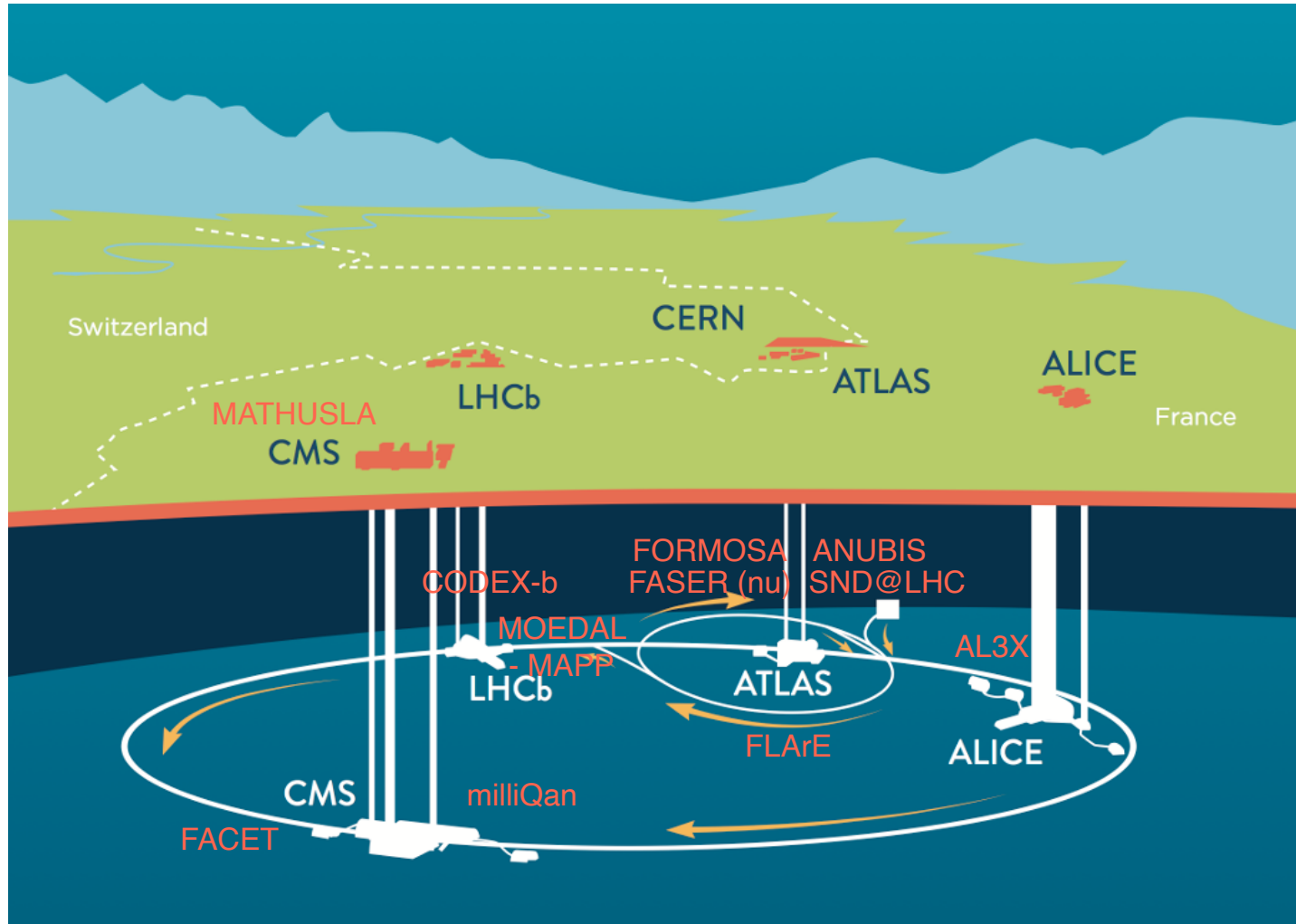
# Meanwhile: new instruments proposals



[Credits: Carl Gwilliam](#)

- Location:
  - using available LHC interaction points
  - relying on mostly existing infrastructure
- Shielded from the collision point:
  - no SM background
  - can have large decay volume
  - no need for trigger
- **Forward LLP detectors:**
  - light mediators (dark photon, ...)
- **Transverse LLP detectors:**
  - heavy mediators (H, Z, W, ...)

# Proposals and realizations



- Existing:
  - FASER( $\nu$ )
  - **SND@LHC**
  - MOeDAL
  - MAPP-1
  - milliQan demonstrator
- Planned:
  - CODEX-b
  - MATHUSLA
  - MAPP-2
  - ANUBIS
  - FORMOSA
  - FLArE
  - FACET
  - milliQan
  - AL3X
  - FASER2
  - AdvSND

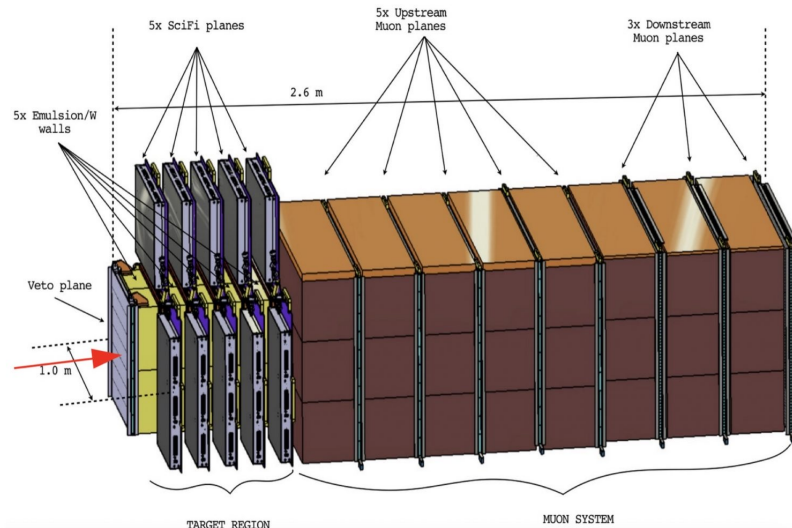
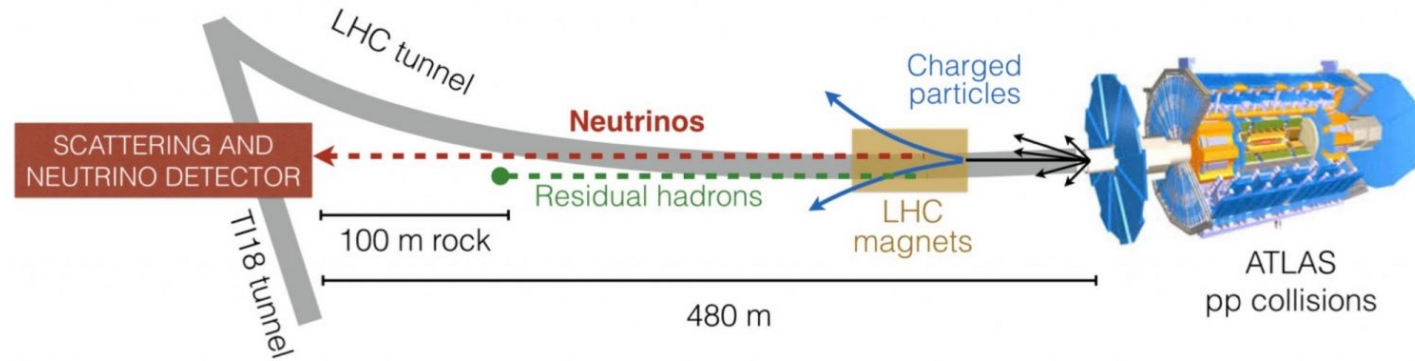
# SND@LHC:

## Scattering and Neutrino Detector at the LHC



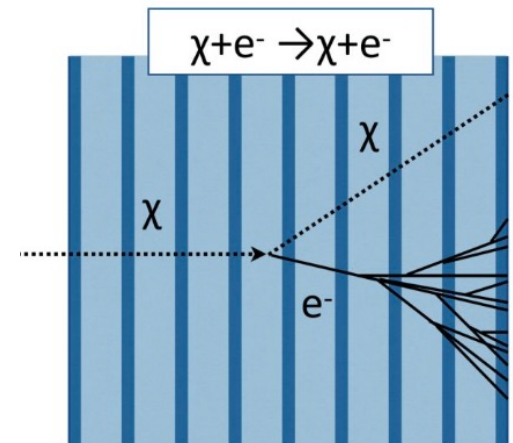
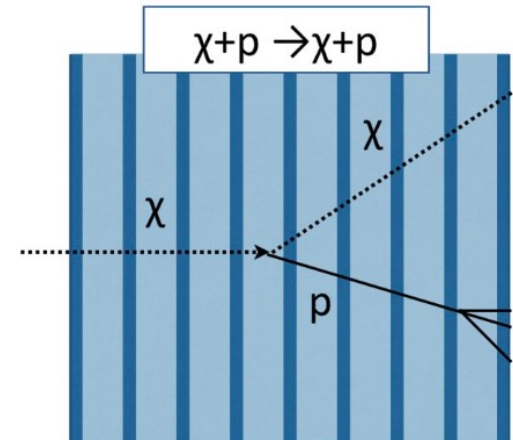
Scattering and Neutrino Detector at the LHC

480 m from the ATLAS collision point



new hybrid off-axis detector for:

- SM neutrino measurement
- FIPs searches





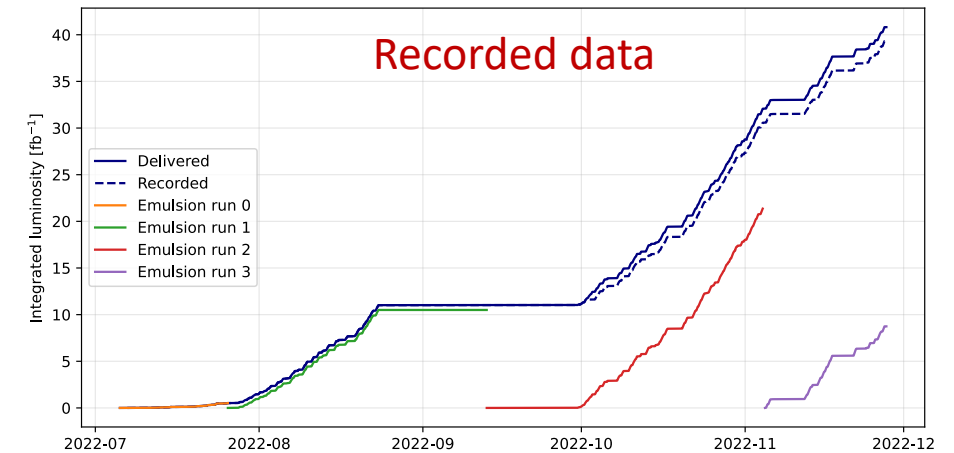
# SND@LHC in the tunnel



Scattering and Neutrino Detector  
at the LHC



## Started data-taking in 2022

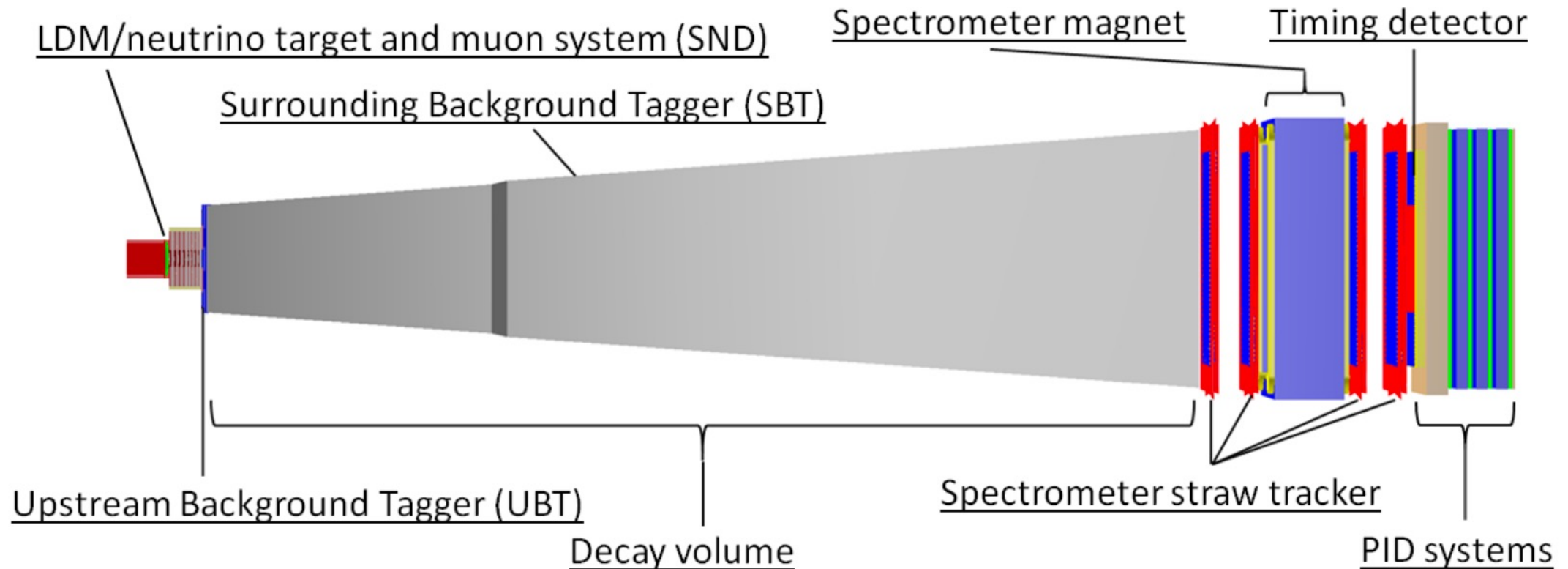


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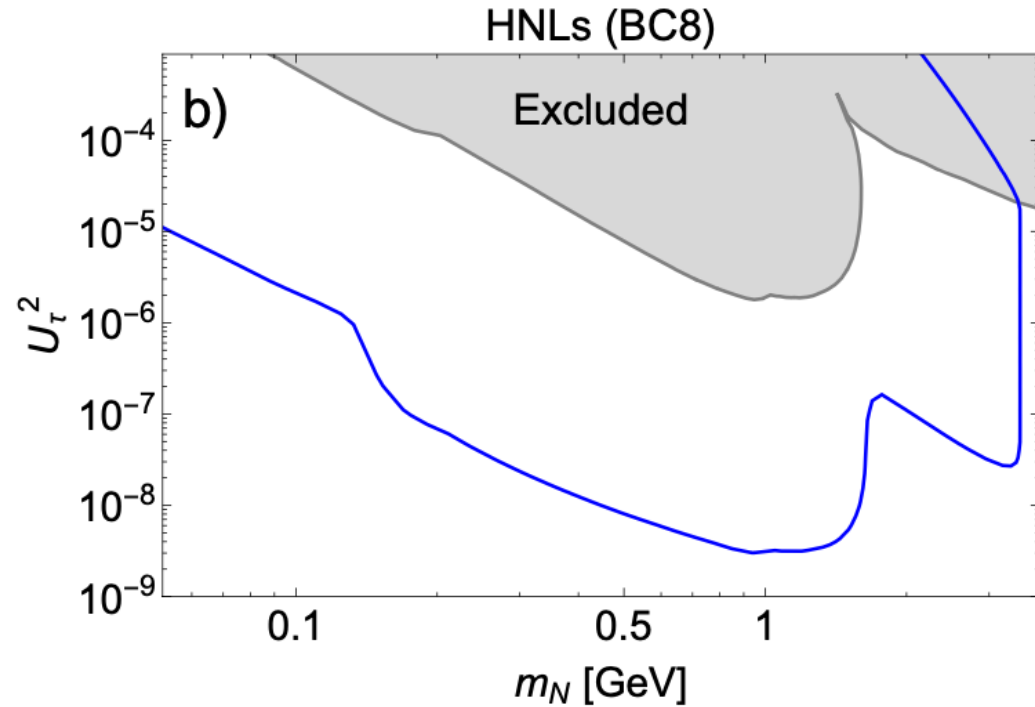
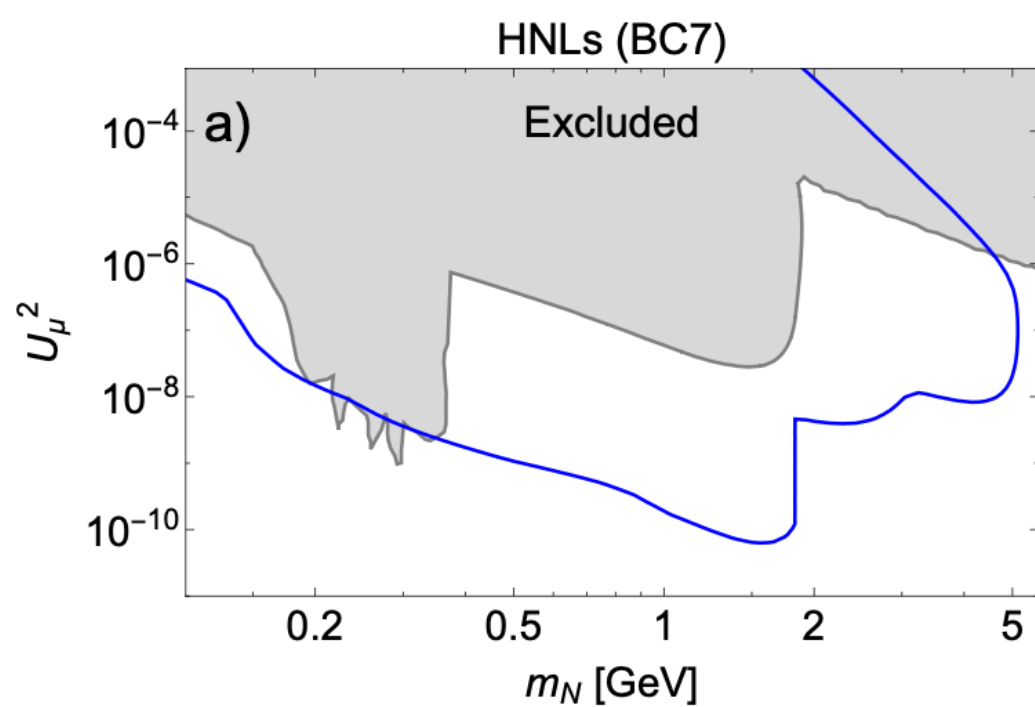
- already detected first neutrinos!
- first data are being analyzed
- data-taking planned till 2025

# And finally: SHiP happens!



# SHiP sensitivity to HNLs

- Ultimate facility to discover HNLs (or other FIPs) with masses below 5 GeV:



# SHiP (neutrino) physics with the SND

Physics programme:

- $\nu_\tau, \nu_\mu, \nu_e$  cross section measurement
- parton distribution functions
- $V_{cd}$  measurement
- neutrino magnetic moment
- lepton universality
- + light dark matter searches

Expected neutrino flux and number of interactions:

	$\langle E \rangle$ [ GeV ]	beam dump	$\langle E \rangle$ [ GeV ]	SND target acceptance	$\langle E \rangle$ [ GeV ]	CC DIS interactions
$N_{\nu_\mu}$	2.6	$5.4 \times 10^{18}$	8.4	$1.5 \times 10^{17}$	40	$8.0 \times 10^6$
$N_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}$	2.8	$3.4 \times 10^{18}$	6.8	$1.2 \times 10^{17}$	33	$1.8 \times 10^6$
$N_{\nu_e}$	6.3	$4.1 \times 10^{17}$	30	$1.3 \times 10^{16}$	63	$2.8 \times 10^6$
$N_{\bar{\nu}_e}$	6.6	$3.6 \times 10^{17}$	22	$9.3 \times 10^{15}$	49	$5.9 \times 10^5$
$N_{\nu_\tau}$	9.0	$2.6 \times 10^{16}$	22	$1.0 \times 10^{15}$	54	$8.8 \times 10^4$
$N_{\bar{\nu}_\tau}$	9.6	$2.7 \times 10^{16}$	32	$1.0 \times 10^{15}$	74	$6.1 \times 10^4$

# SHiP $\tau$ neutrino physics

- “double-kink” topology:
  - detector with superior vertex and tracking capabilities: [emulsion or Si-based spectrometer](#)
- event/shower shape variables:
  - $\nu_\tau$  interaction vertex
  - $\mu$  momentum
  - hadronic shower energy and shape measurement
  - $\Rightarrow$  [absorber interleaved with tracking sensitive layers, e.g. SciFi mats](#)

Number of reconstructed taus with emulsion:

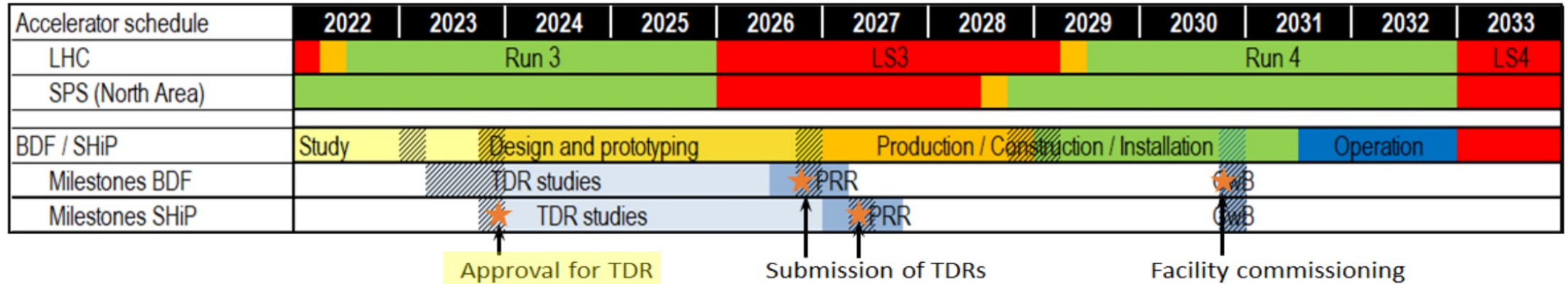
Decay channel	$\nu_\tau$	$\bar{\nu}_\tau$
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	$4 \times 10^3$	$3 \times 10^3$
$\tau \rightarrow h$	$27 \times 10^3$	
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	$11 \times 10^3$	
$\tau \rightarrow e$	$8 \times 10^3$	
total	$53 \times 10^3$	

$\Rightarrow$  relevant for NP searches and lepton universality tests!



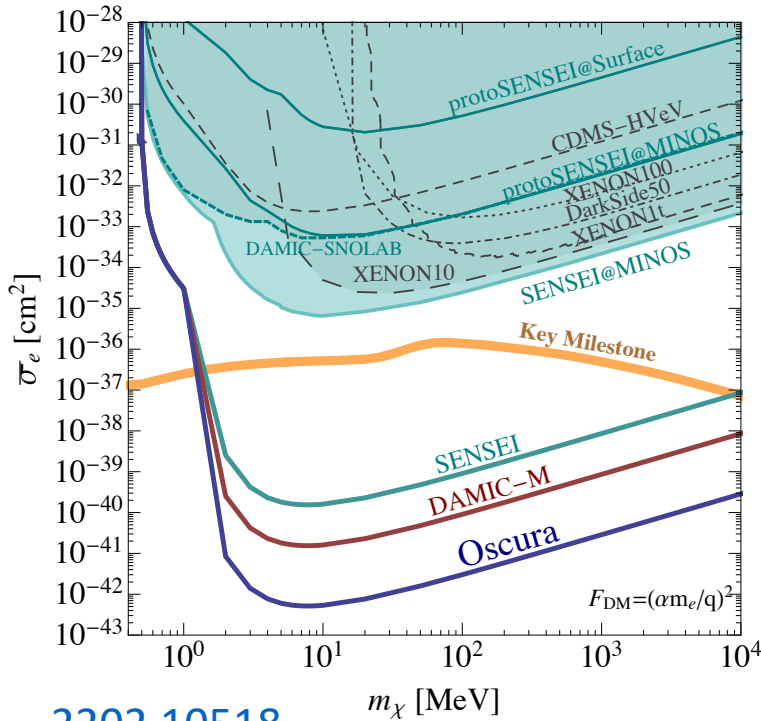
# SHiP timeline

## Overall timeline

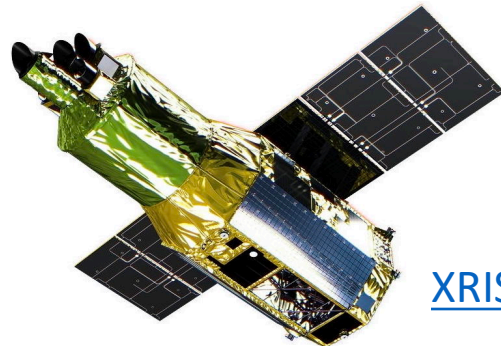


- planning towards SHiP realization is happening now
- expect first operation as early as 2031
- possibility to have staged approach for detector subsystems
- target of  $6 \times 10^{20}$  PoT is achieved in 15 years of nominal operation:
  - it is necessary that SPS delivers beams after the stop of HL-LHC

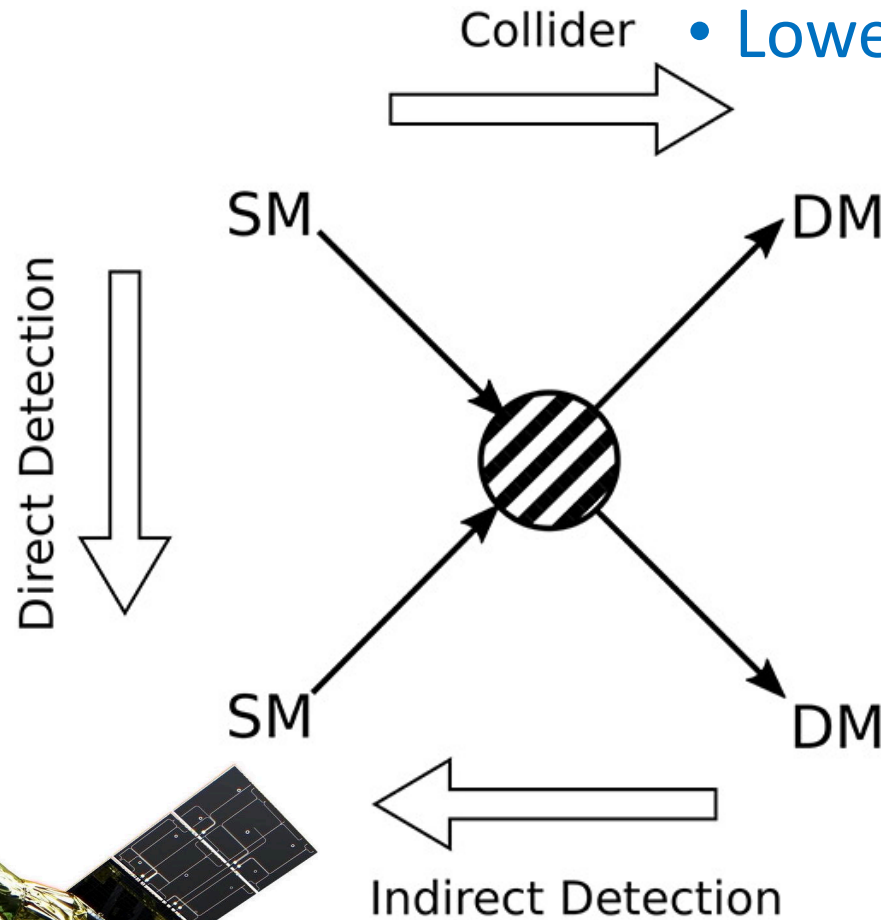
# Independent source of news: Astrophysics frontier



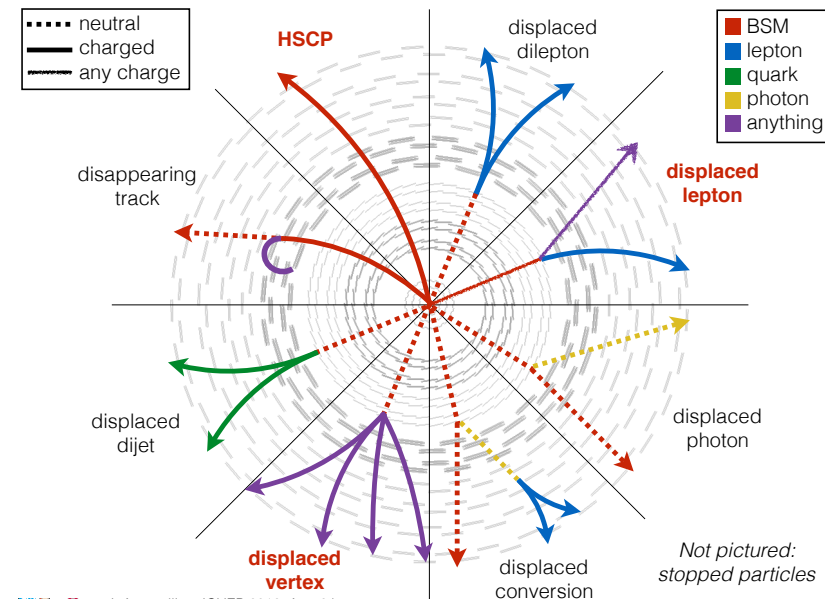
[2202.10518](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.10518)



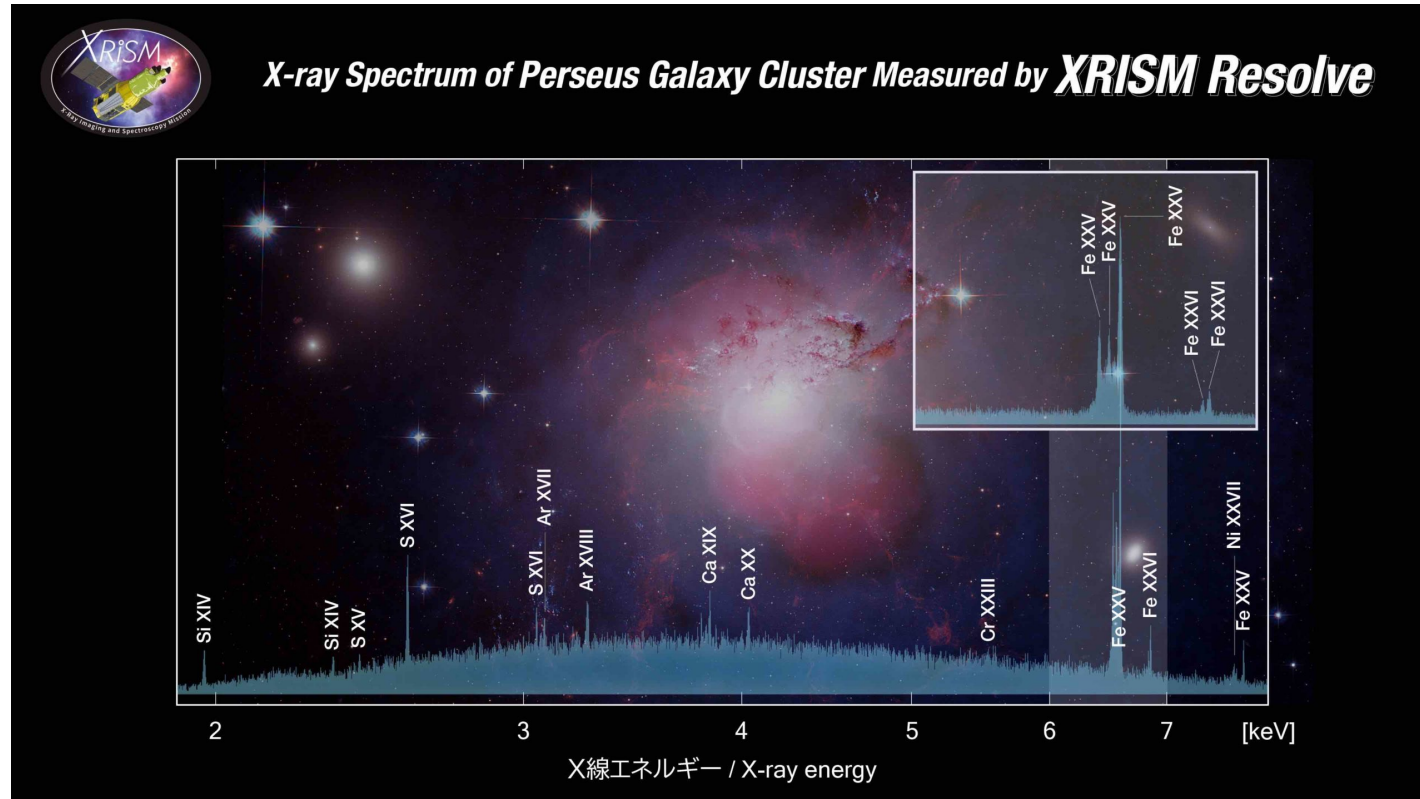
[XRISM](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.10518)



- Lower DM and mediator masses
- Long-lived mediators
- Decaying DM



# XRISM: operating in nominal phase

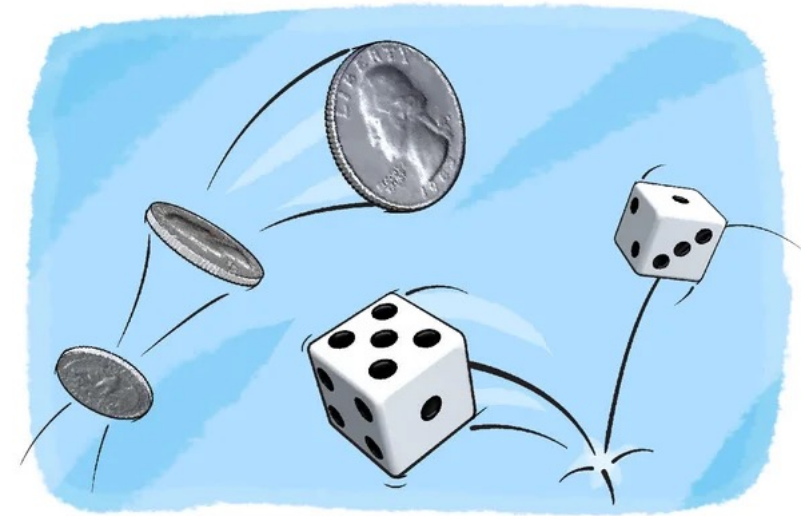


- is there a 3.5 keV line?
  - contested reports of a possible evidence of **DM** →  $\nu\gamma$
- the answer might be around the corner already!
  - XRISM achieves 5 eV resolution in the necessary energy range

<https://www.xrism.jaxa.jp/en/topics/news/990/>

# Next decade is crucial

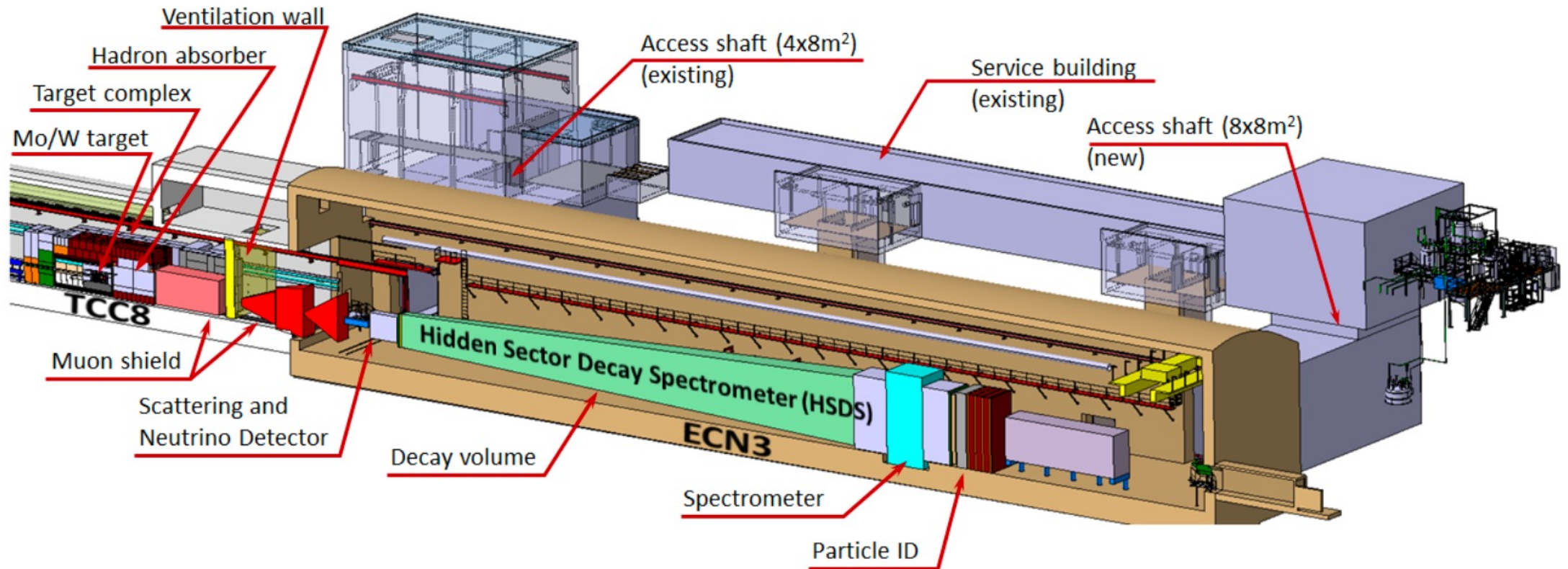
- Unique opportunity to open a window to new energy scale through **precision** with **LHCb** and Belle II experiments
- An **ultimate FIP search** experiment can start operating: **SHiP @ ECN3**
- Influx of **astrophysical measurements** can corner the DM mass scale
- And we have a decision on the next **Higgs boson factory** to make!
- While no guaranteed path to discovery, we have several promising venues to explore and to determine a new energy scale!



Extra slides

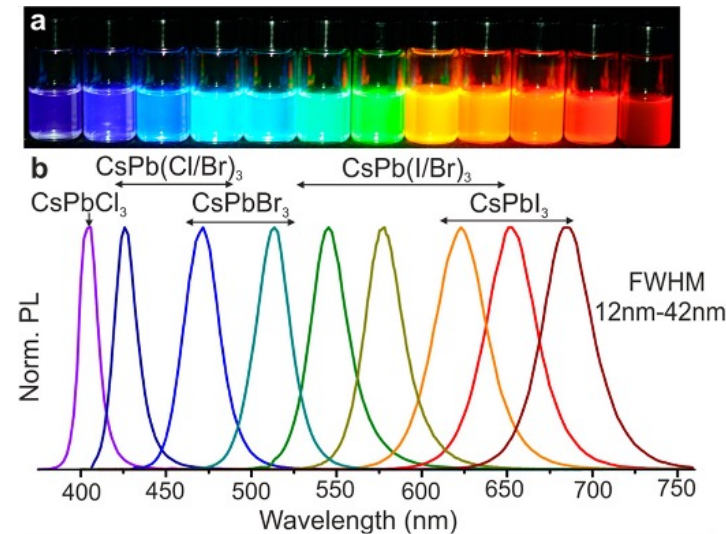


# SHiP @ ECN3

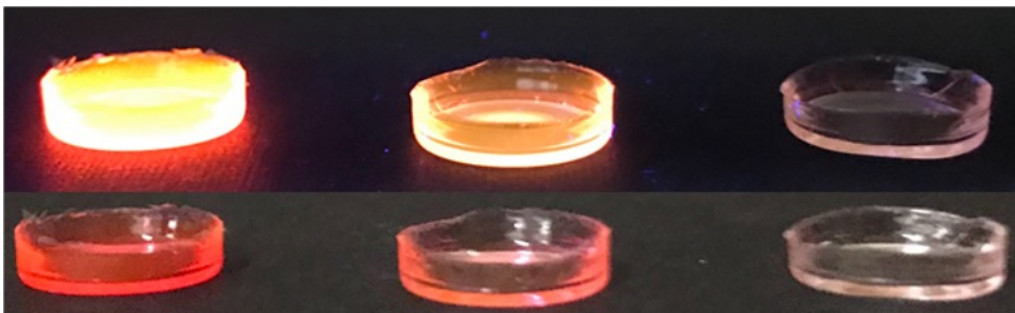




# Long-term scintillator R&D



- collaboration with Kevin Sivula and Colin Jeanguenat from chemistry
- aim to develop new fast, radiation hard, high-light-yield scintillator for future applications
- they succeeded to enhance the dye-sensitized scintillators by anchoring it to the perovskite nanocrystals
- we are measuring samples light yield and attenuation length
- potentially can expand collaboration to colleagues at CERN (in the scope of ECFA DRD4)

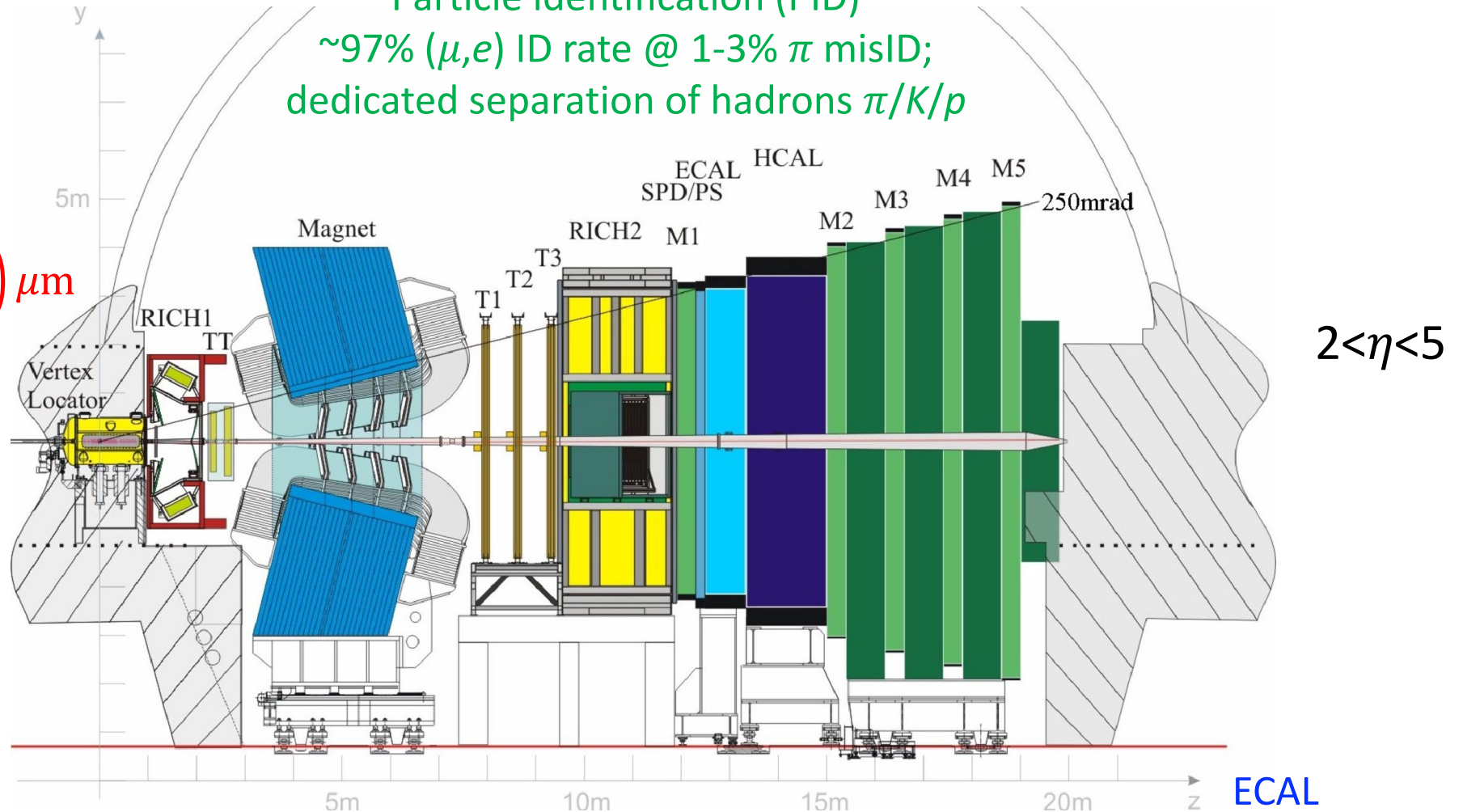


# The LHCb detector

Particle identification (PID)  
 ~97% ( $\mu, e$ ) ID rate @ 1-3%  $\pi$  misID;  
 dedicated separation of hadrons  $\pi/K/p$

$$\sigma_{IP} = \left( 15 + \frac{29}{p_T(\text{GeV})} \right) \mu\text{m}$$

VELO



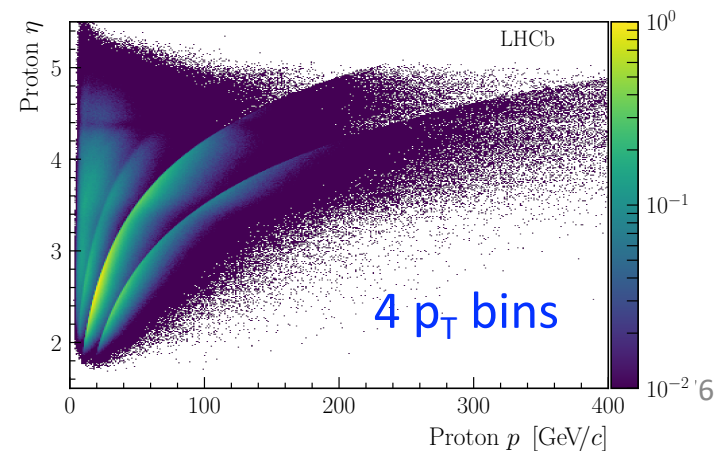
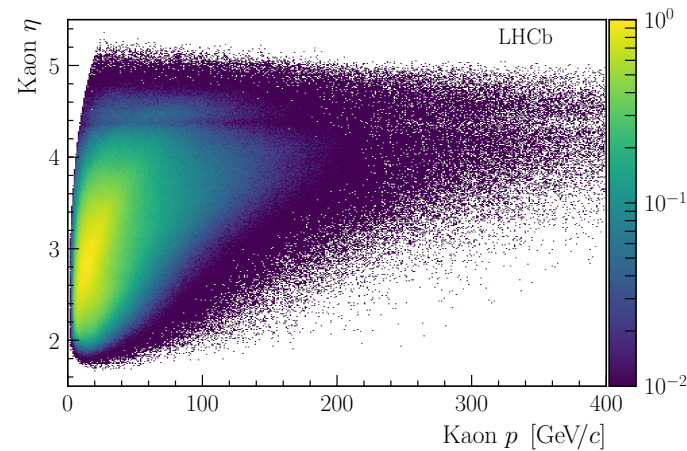
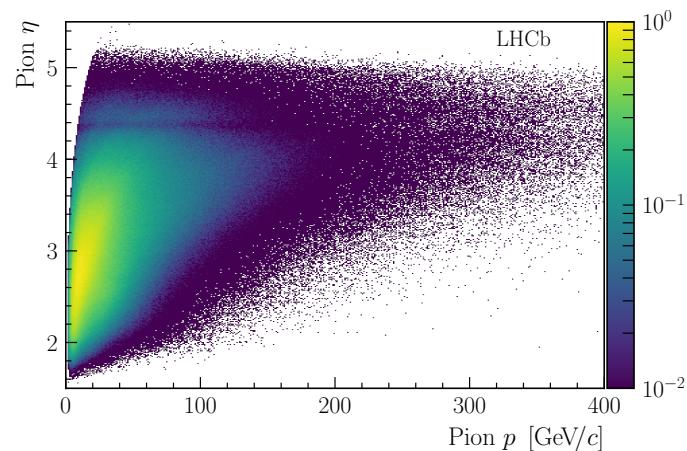
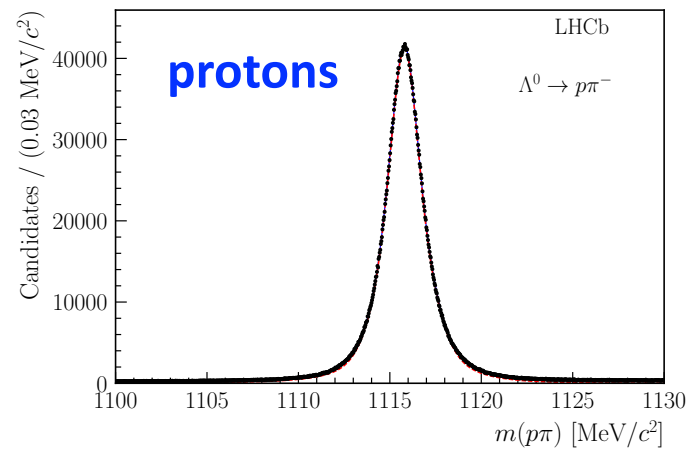
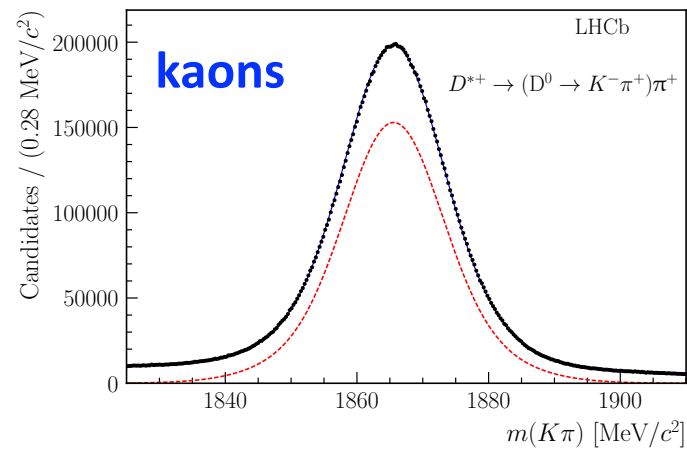
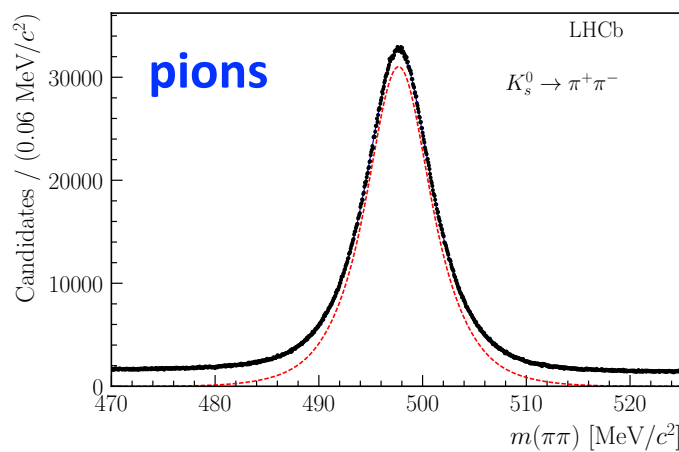
tracking system  
 $\sigma_p/p = 0.5...1.0\%$

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 1\%$$

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# Rare decays: background control is crucial

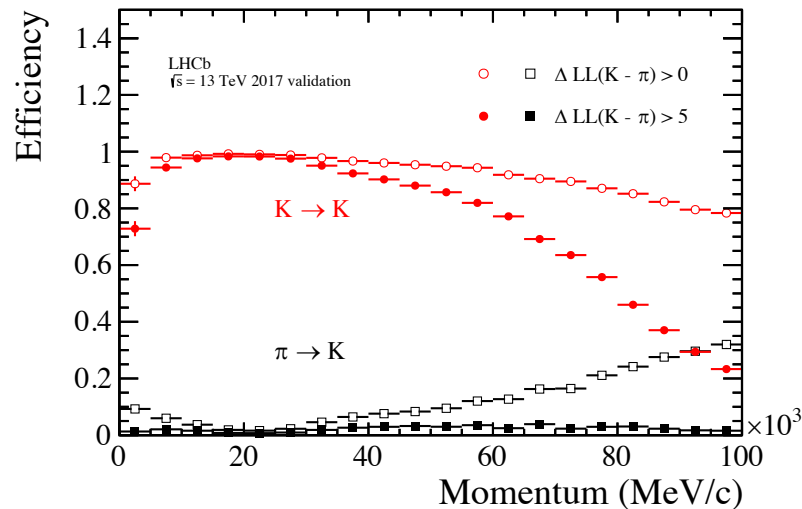
- Large calibration samples are collected with dedicated triggers and used for:
  - calibration of PID algorithms to correct MC simulation for data/MC differences
  - measurements of misidentification rates for data-driven estimates of peaking backgrounds



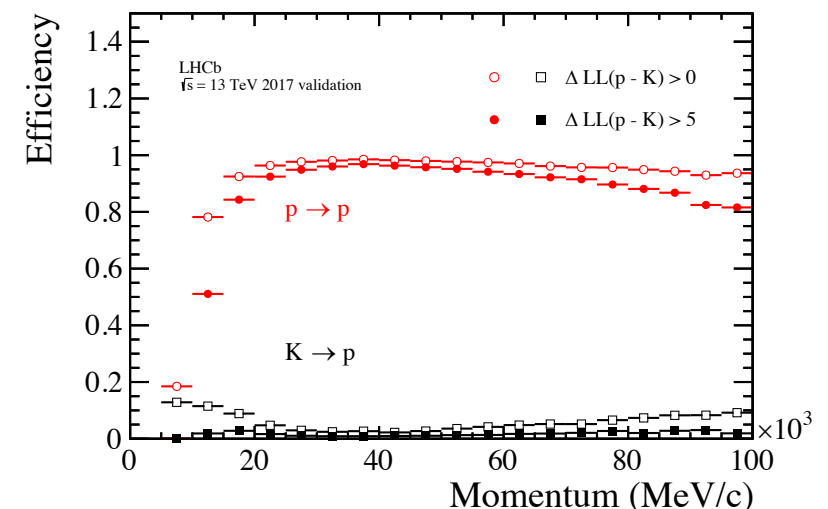
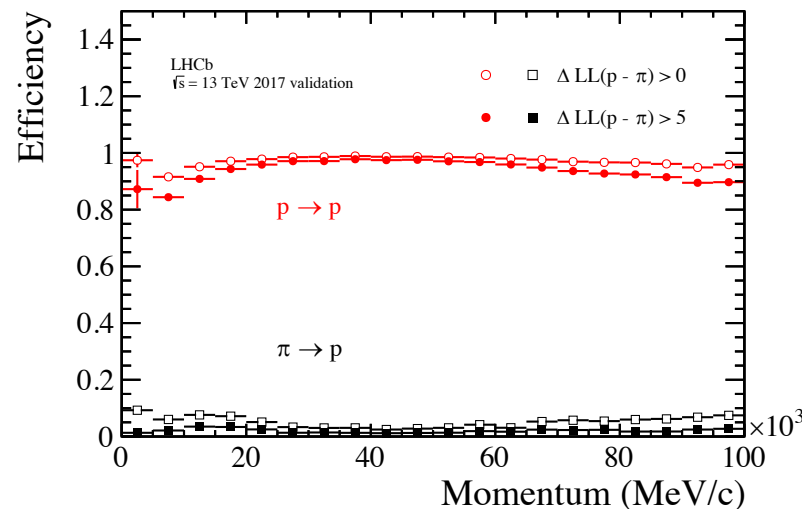
# Performance of charged hadrons identification

- Very good discrimination power over wide kinematic ranges for hadrons:

kaons



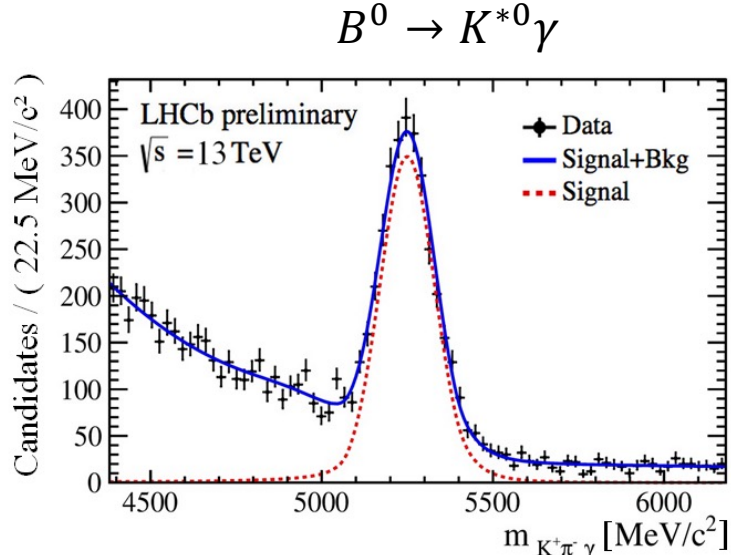
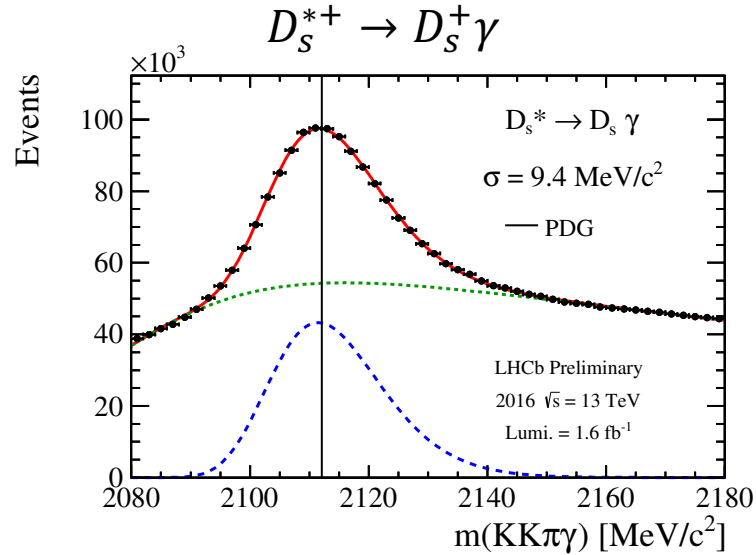
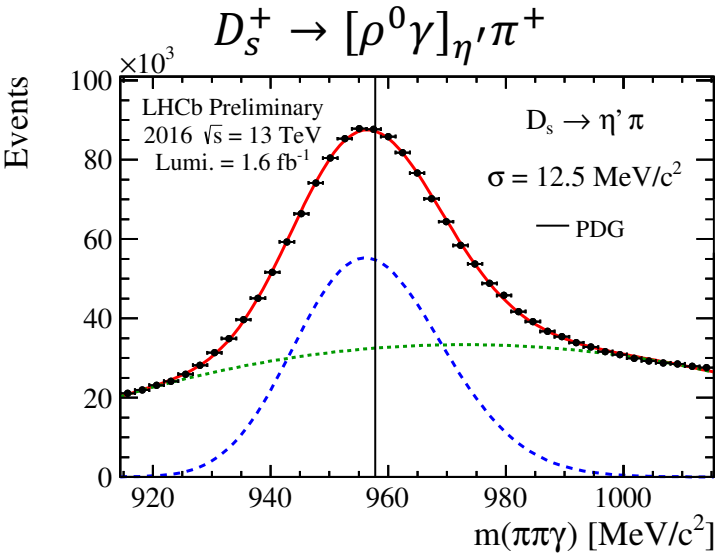
protons



# Neutral calibration samples

- multivariate classifiers combine variables describing energy deposits in the calorimeter subdetectors
- discriminate photons from hadrons, electrons and high-energy neutral pions

## photons



# Performance of photon identification

- Three different neural networks trained with simulation to separate photon signatures from other species:
  - $\gamma$  vs. hadron: IsNotH
  - $\gamma$  vs.  $e^+e^-$ : IsNotE
  - $\gamma$  vs.  $\pi^0$ : IsPhoton
- **Signal**: reconstructed photon candidates matching the generated photons ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}\gamma$ )
- **Background**:
  - electrons: reconstructed photons matching generated electrons ( $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}e^+e^-$ )
  - non-electromagnetic: reconstructed photons not matching to photon or electrons

