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Real-time analysis at the LHC

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF LHC DATA

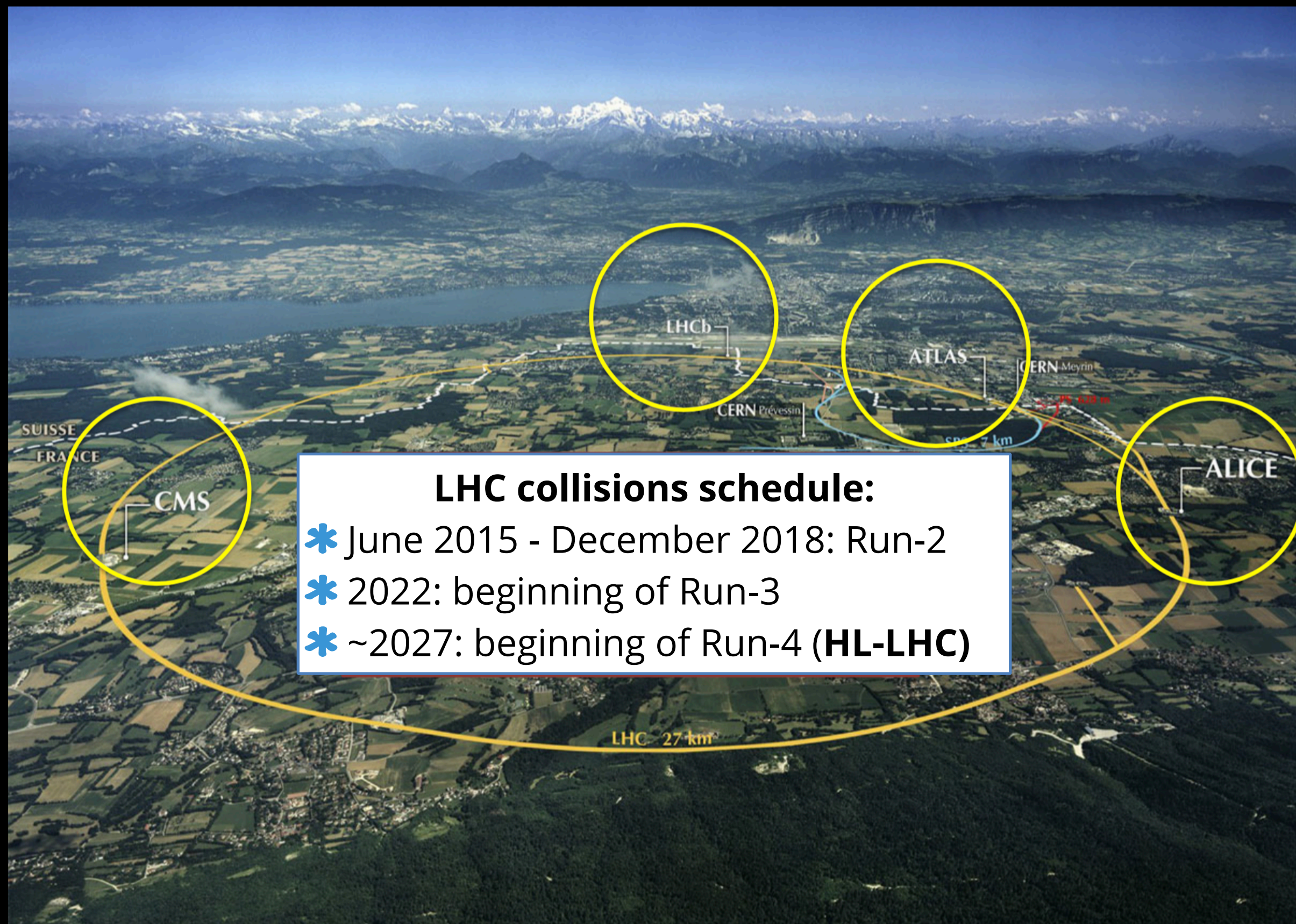
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Outline

- The Large Hadron Collider and its experiments
- How/why making the most of the data
- Dark matter searches with *real-time analysis*
- Real-time analysis beyond LHC/high energy physics

Introduction

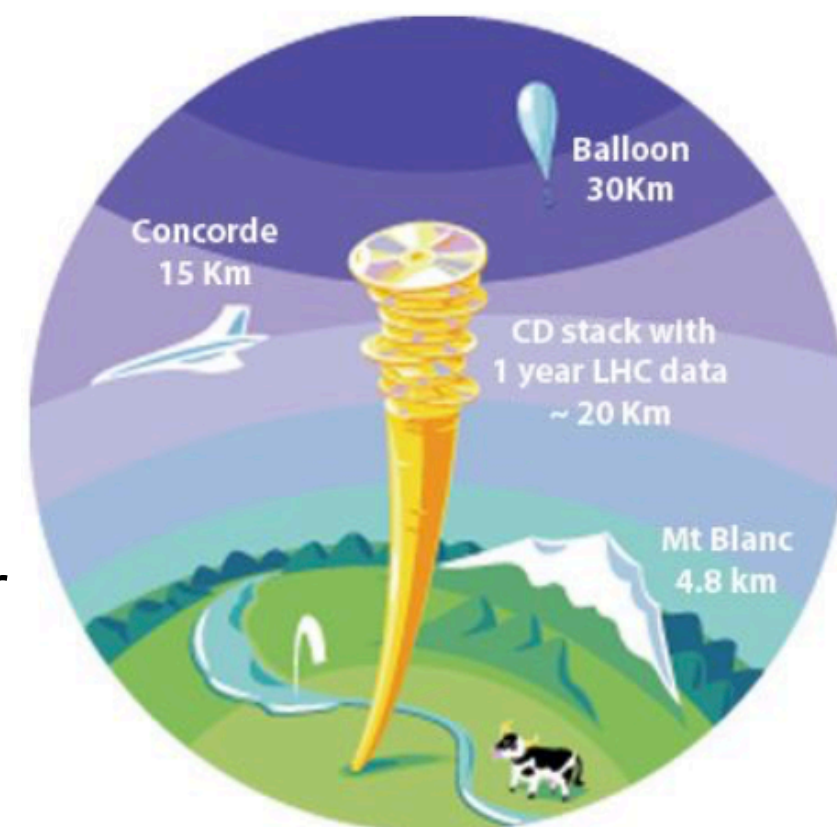


LHC collisions schedule:

- * June 2015 - December 2018: Run-2
- * 2022: beginning of Run-3
- * ~2027: beginning of Run-4 (**HL-LHC**)

Challenge: selecting interesting data at the LHC

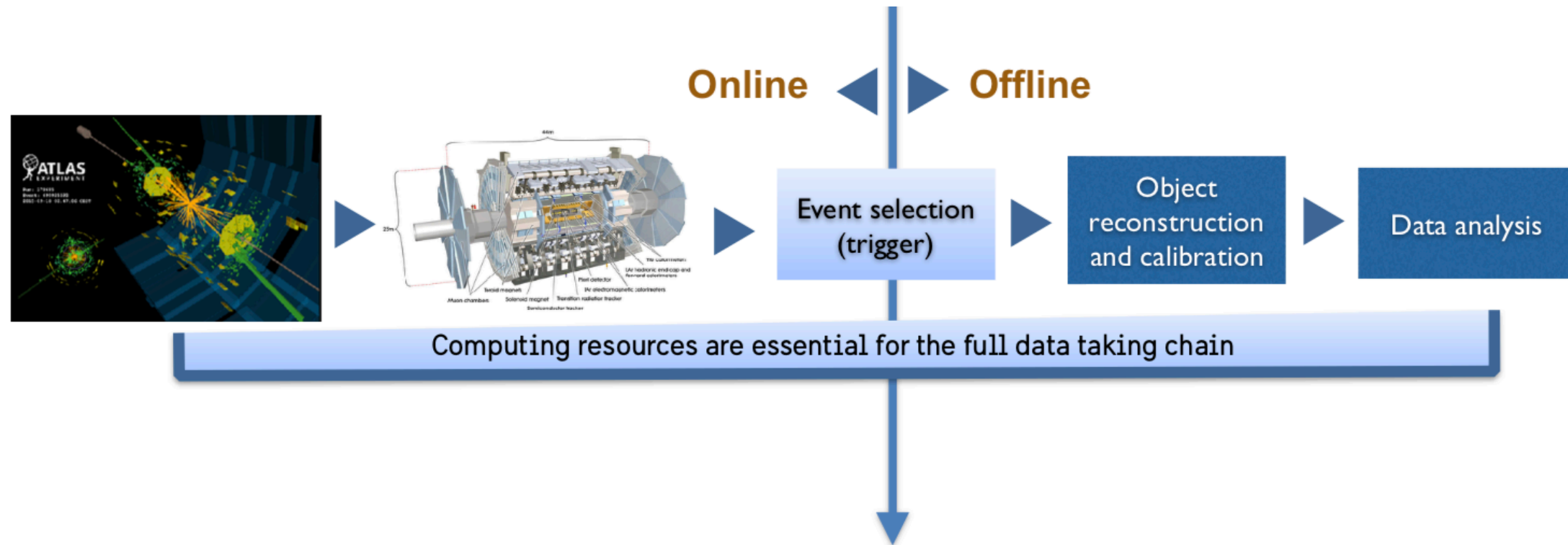
- If everything was recorded at the LHC:
 - up to 30 million collisions/second (MHz)
 - 1-1.5 MB/data per collision
 - $30 \text{ MHz} * 1 \text{ MB} = 30 \text{ TB/s}$
 - $30 \text{ TB/s} * 10^6 \text{ s/year (day \& night)} \sim 0.05 \text{ ZB/year}$
- **facebook**
 - 600 TB/day \sim 200 PB/year [[Facebook 2014](#)]
 - **“There’s always a bigger fish”**
[C. Tully’s talk @ siRTDM18]
- But bigger fish also have bigger money...
cost-effectiveness important for scientific instruments!



This picture is after selection of “interesting” data:
with all data, the stack of CDs reaches to the moon

LHC experiments need to select “interesting” events
in real-time (milli/microseconds)

Trigger and data acquisition chain



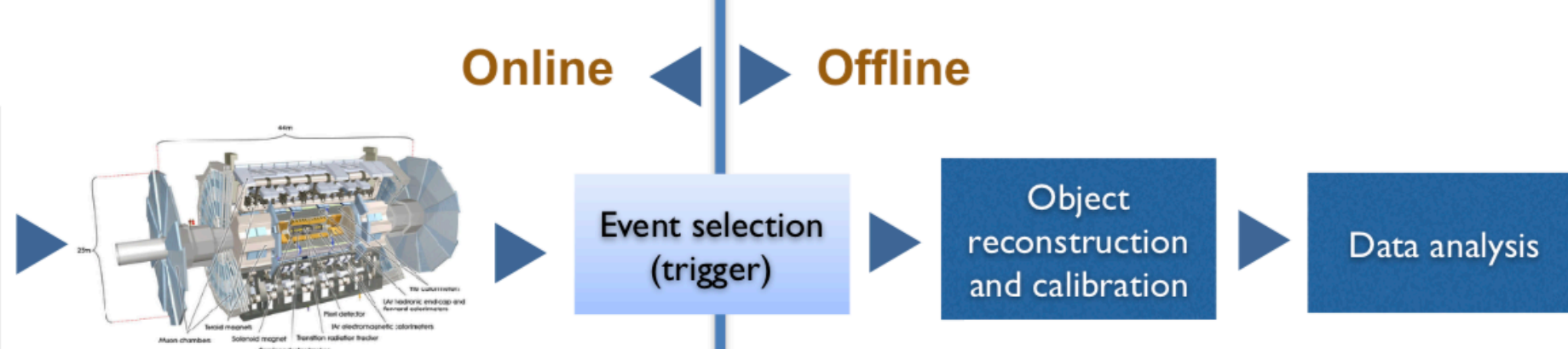
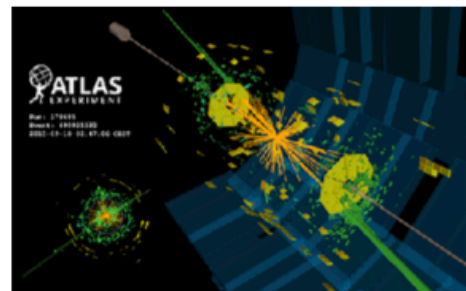
Trigger and data acquisition: select interesting events

First step: **fast hardware selection (Level 1)**

ATLAS/CMS data taking rate: 100 kHz

Second step: **computer farm (High-Level Trigger)**

ATLAS/CMS data taking rate: 1 kHz



Data
I like

...maybe discoveries?

*Data I would
have used to
like if I had
been a data
hipster*

Data
you like

What we can record in full after the trigger

Data ~nobody likes

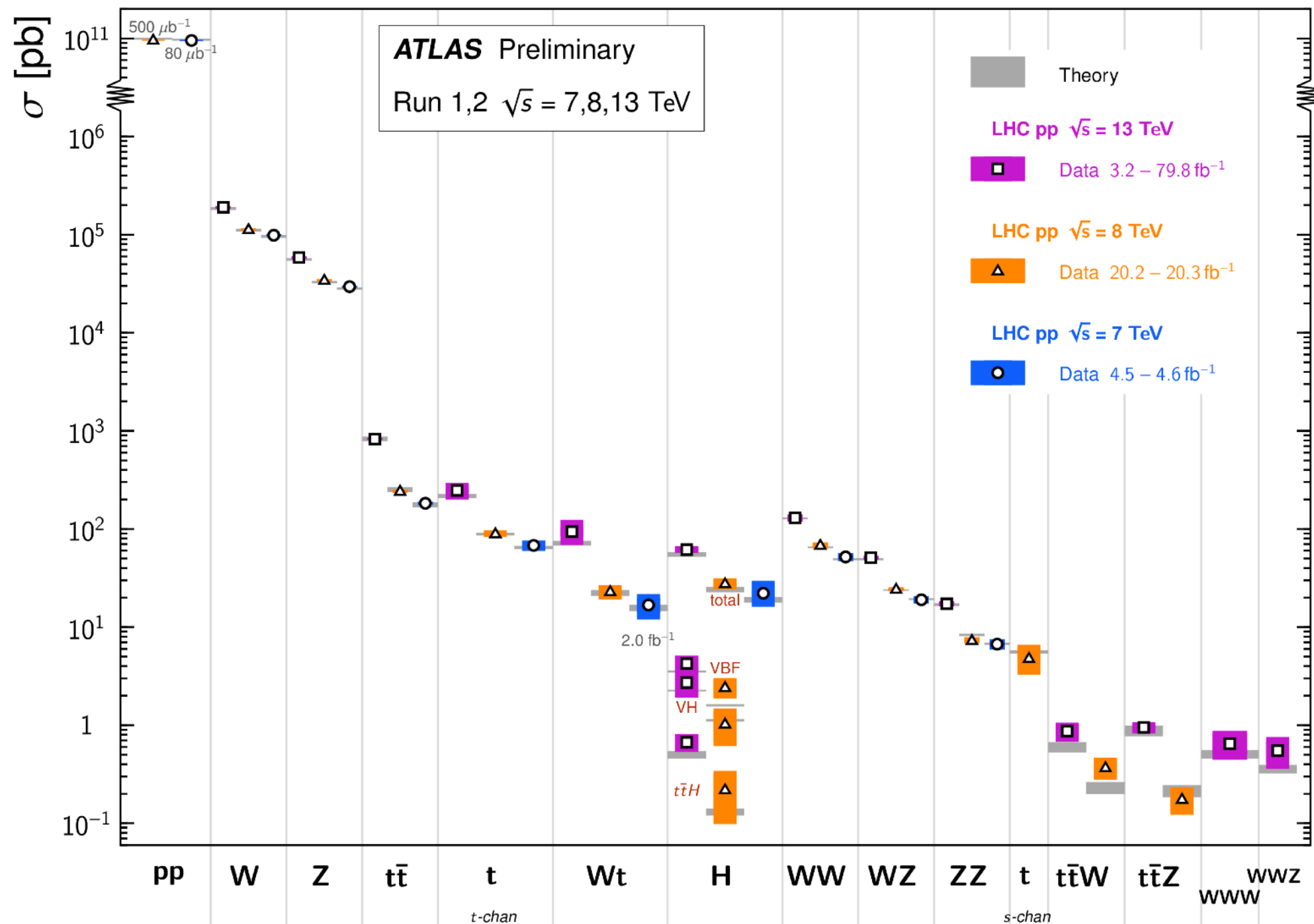
Data
produced
by the
LHC

(multiplied by large
number)

This works for a number of LHC measurements (& searches...)

<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PUBNOTES/ATL-PHYS-PUB-2020-010/>

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements Status: May 2020



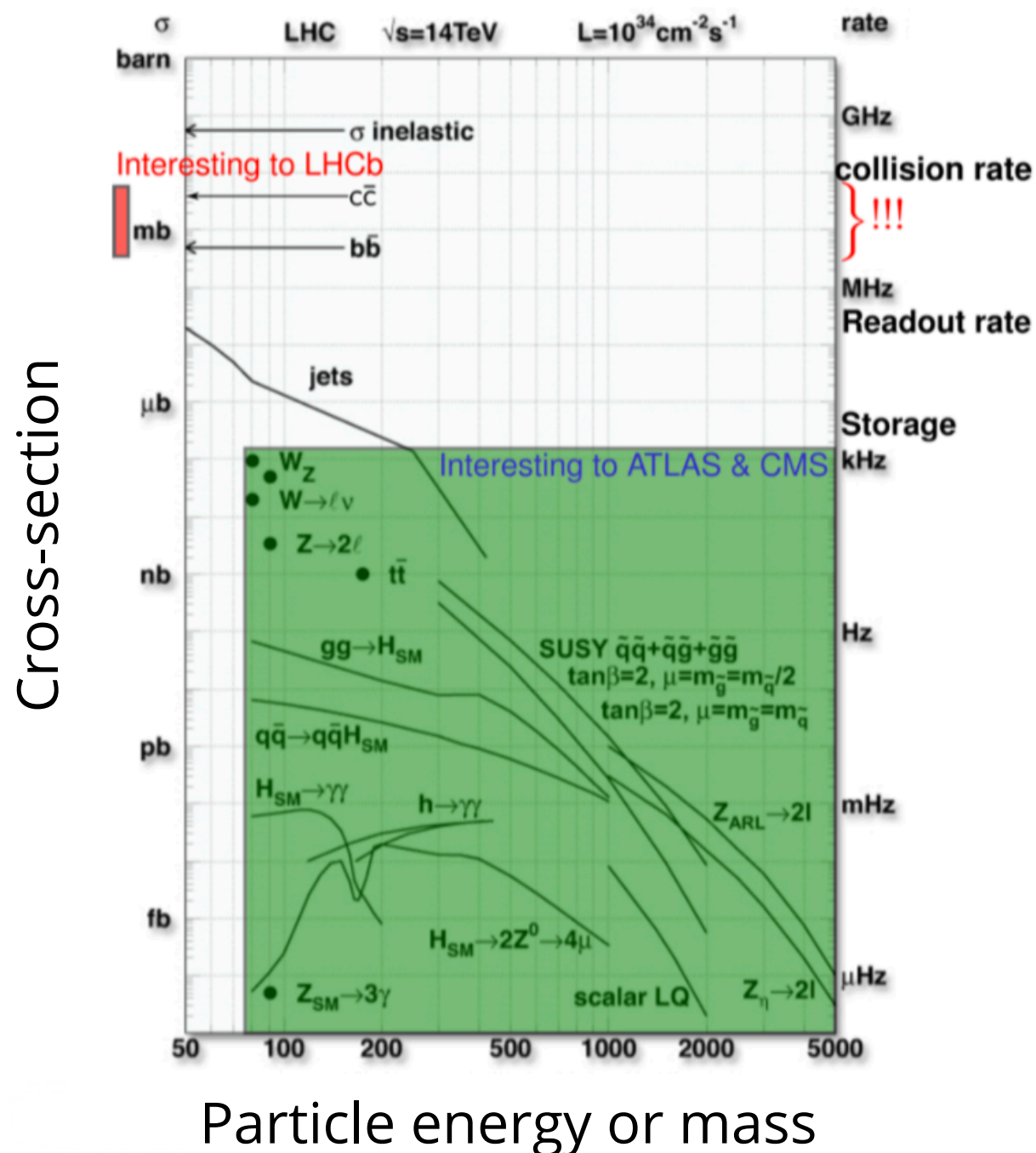
...but are we missing something?



What we can trigger on

What is interesting at the LHC?

J. Stirling / C. Fitzpatrick



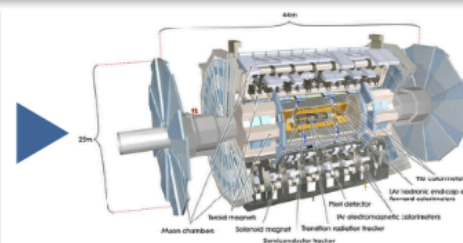
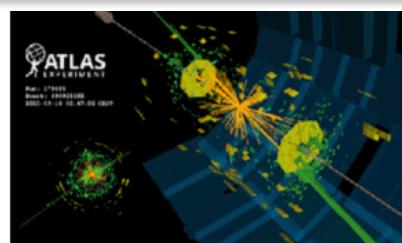
Cross-section * Luminosity
= **number of events produced**

Challenges:

The definition of
"interesting" changes
experiment by experiment

Rare signal processes that
are buried in **high-rate**
backgrounds have to be
discarded

Where are the limitations to record more data?



Event selection
(trigger)

Object
reconstruction
and calibration

Data analysis

Detector readout
to hardware trigger

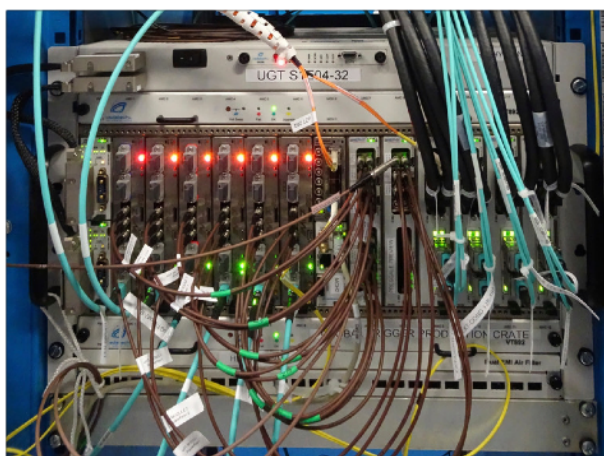


Image from CMS HEPHY

CPU for processing events
(within the software trigger, and in the offline farm)



Image from C. Bernius's talk

Disk/tape to store events



Image from CERN

This talk: how/why overcome them

Alternative data taking,
trigger and analysis workflows

Low-mass resonance decays
(motivated by dark matter & dark sectors)

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- Some LHC experiments aiming for 40 MHz readout for Run-3

Overcome
detector limitations

2. Save data for **further reconstruction, later**

- Periods between data taking can be long...keep as much as possible
- Byproduct: make data & workflows FAIR and sustainable!

Overcome
computing
limitations

3. Analyze as much data as possible, **as fast as possible**

- Requires making **hard choices** on what information to keep for further analysis

4. Make **software/hardware faster**

- Optimize software or use heterogeneous architectures, e.g. FPGAs/GPUs

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- Including **unsupervised searches / novelty detection**

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data parking / selective persistency
(not covered in this talk...but worth mentioning)

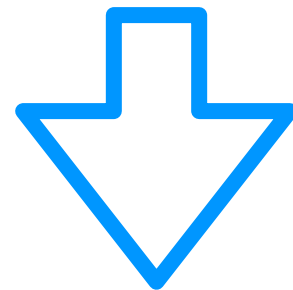
real-time analysis

Real-Time Analysis (RTA)

A paradigm change

Asynchronous data analysis

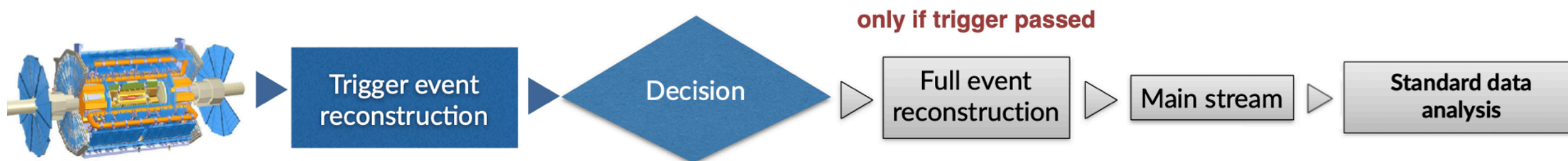
First record data, then reconstruct/analyze it



Real-time data analysis

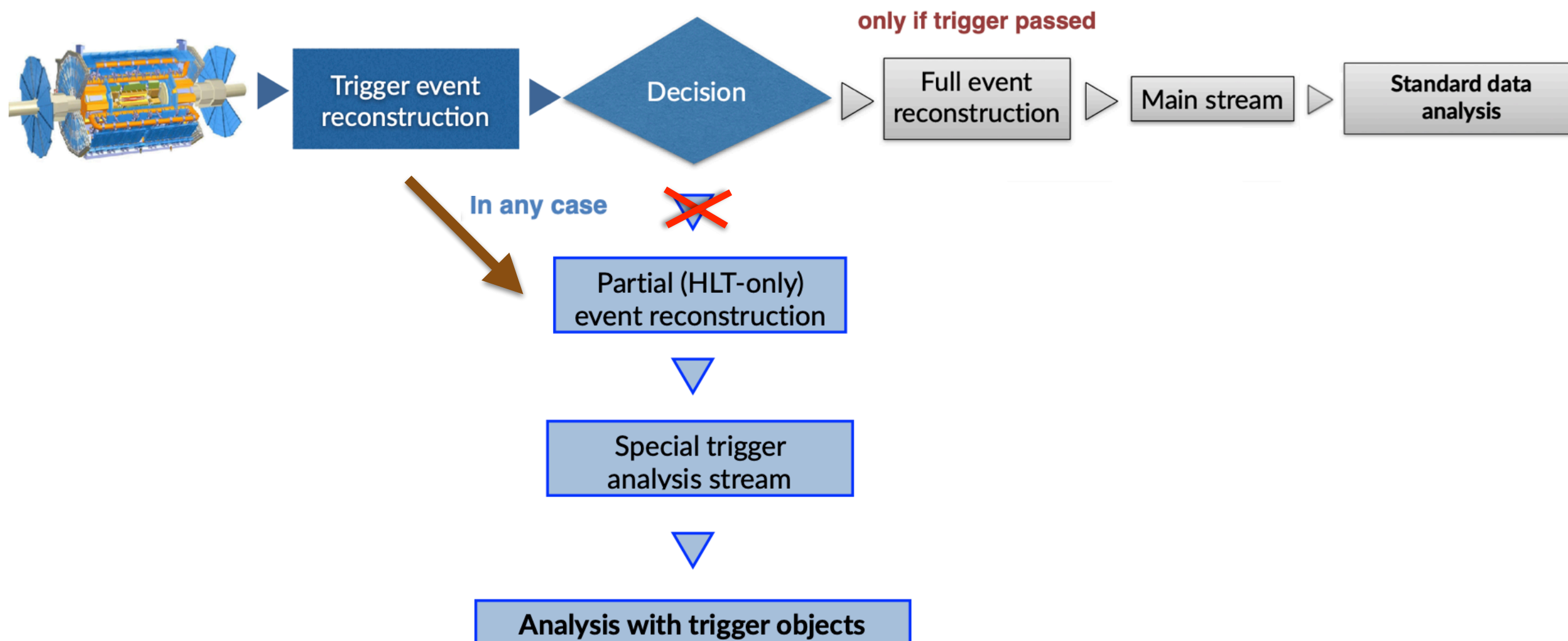
Reconstruct/analyze data as soon as it is read out so that only (**smaller**) final-state objects or histograms need to be stored

Regular trigger & data analysis path

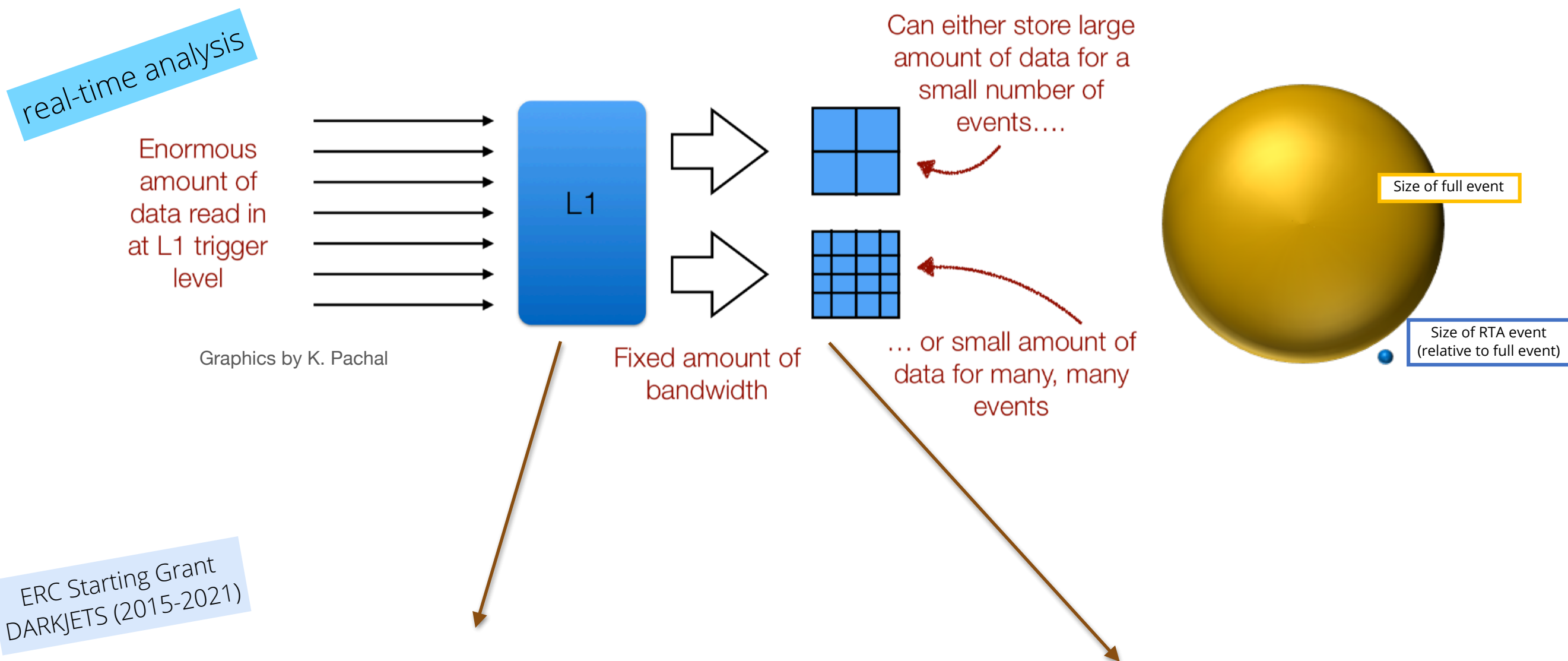


Turbo/Data Scouting/TLA path

[Turbo stream \(LHCb\),](#)
[Data Scouting \(CMS\),](#)
[Trigger-level Analysis \(ATLAS\).](#)



(Near-)real-time analysis of LHC data



Perform as much "analysis" as possible @ HLT

- Reconstruction & calibration
- First preselection to skim "backgrounds"

Reduced data formats:

- Only keep final trigger objects (drop raw data)
- Save only "interesting" parts of the detector
- A combination of the two



More with less: Selective persistency/Partial Event Building

Real-time analysis is necessary for searches that would otherwise have been impossible due to trigger constraints

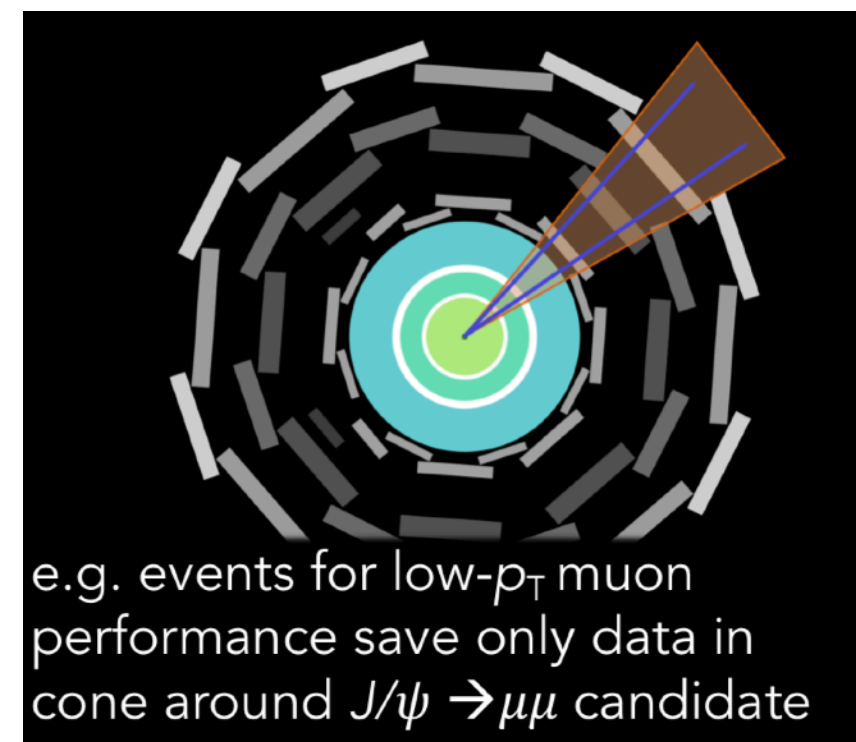
Traditional offline analysis still required for a number of searches/final states where all raw information is needed (but we could do better)

Partial Event Building / Selective Persistency as a middle way:
save raw data && trigger objects only in the regions of interest, re-reconstruct later

[H. Russell, EPS-HEP 2019,](#)

Customizable output data @ LHCb:

- keep trigger objects only (7 kB)
- **keep trigger objects + "on-demand" raw and/or reco in selected regions (< 200 kB)**
- keep everything (200 kB)



HSF Trigger & Reco / Institut Pascal discussion, July 2016:

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/835074/>

data parking / **selective persistency**



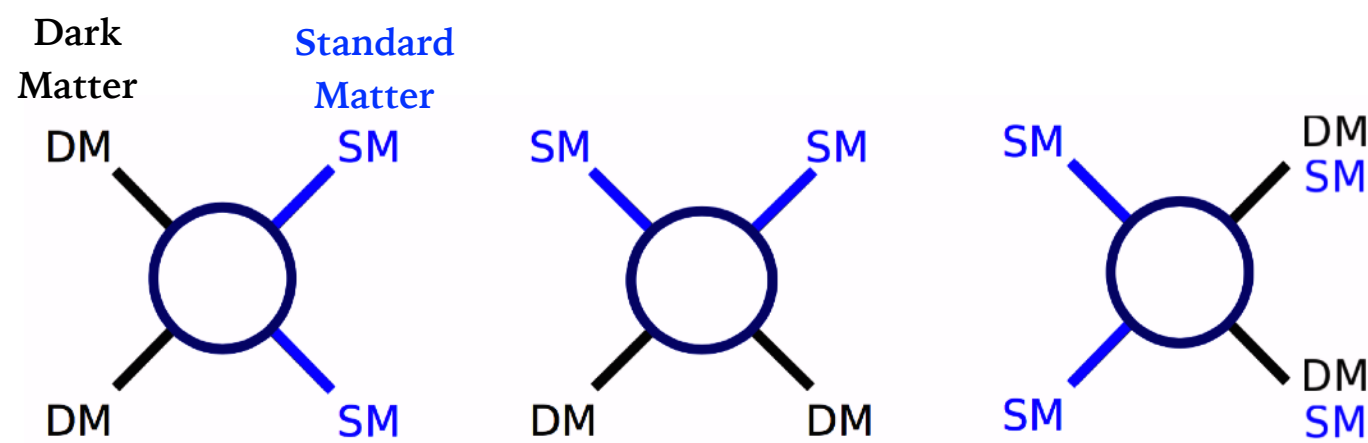
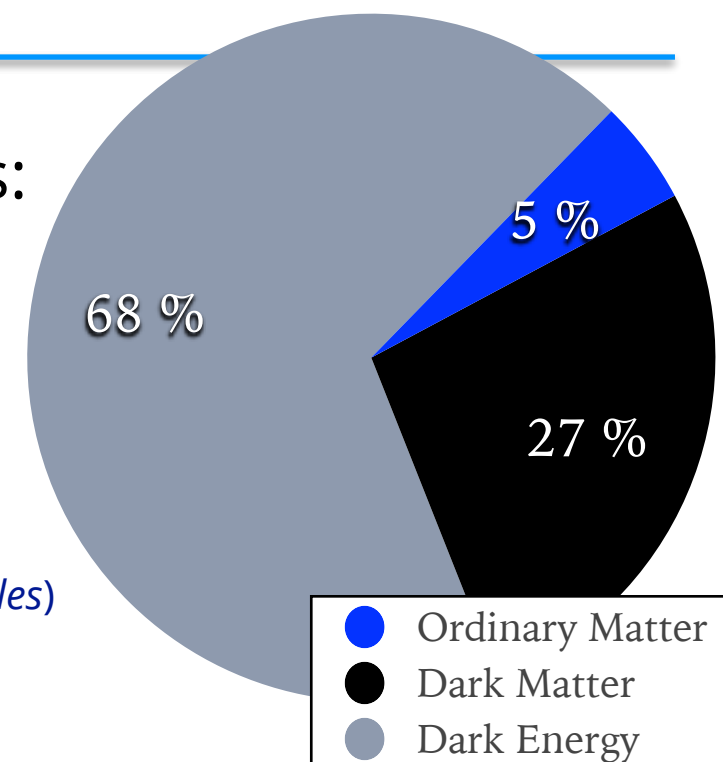
Physics use cases for real time analysis

The need for dark matter

Empirical **problem** in the Standard Model of Particle Physics:
[arXiv:0704.2276v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/0704.2276v1)
 no explanation for **Dark Matter**

A possible **solution**, guided by **relic density**:
 invisible **Dark Matter particles** in the **\sim GeV-TeV scale**

(including but not limited to one of the most studied DM hypotheses: *Weakly Interacting Massive Particles*)



Indirect Detection

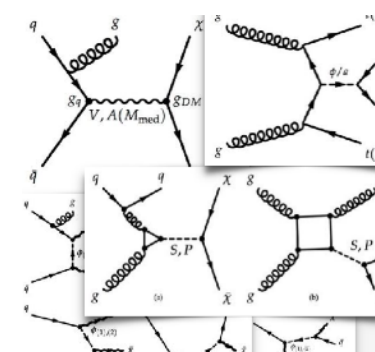
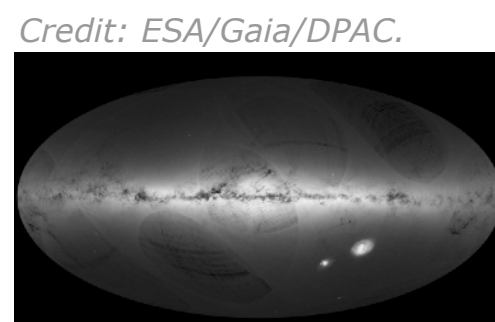
Direct Detection

Colliders & accelerators

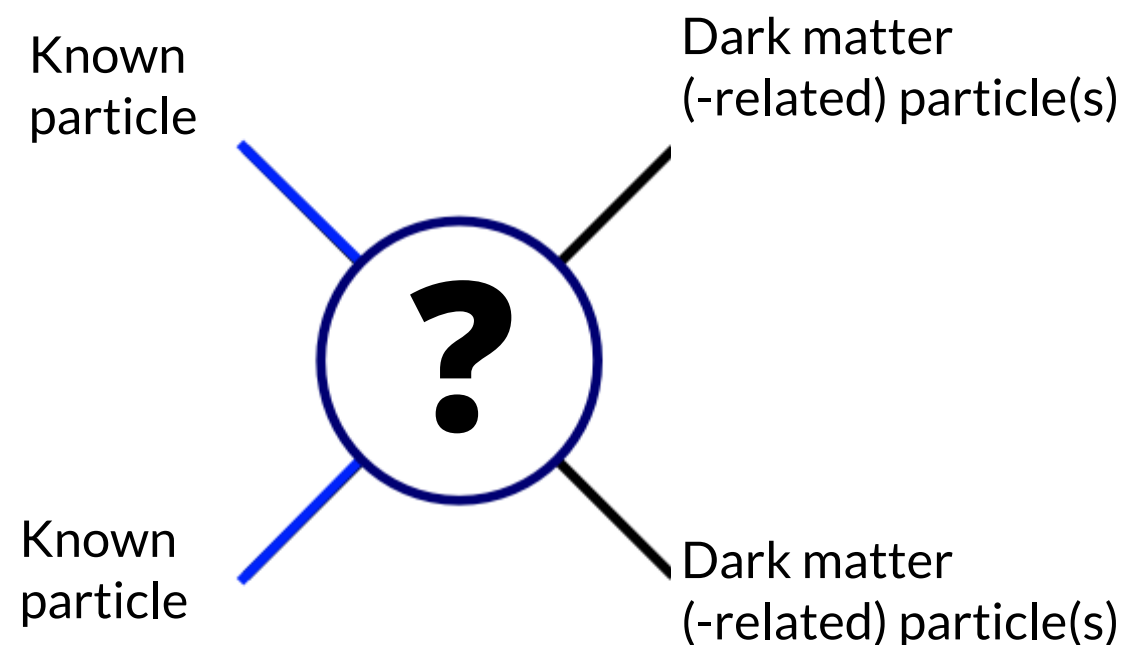
Astrophysics

Theory

Complementary experimental strategies & inputs



Recreating dark matter/dark sectors in the lab: challenges



Trying to stay
as **model-agnostic** as possible,
while exploiting what the **LHC** is good at:
focus on the presence of a **resonance**
(alongside EFTs/more complete theories)

added bonus: resonance searches are bread&butter
at colliders → robust analysis toolkit available

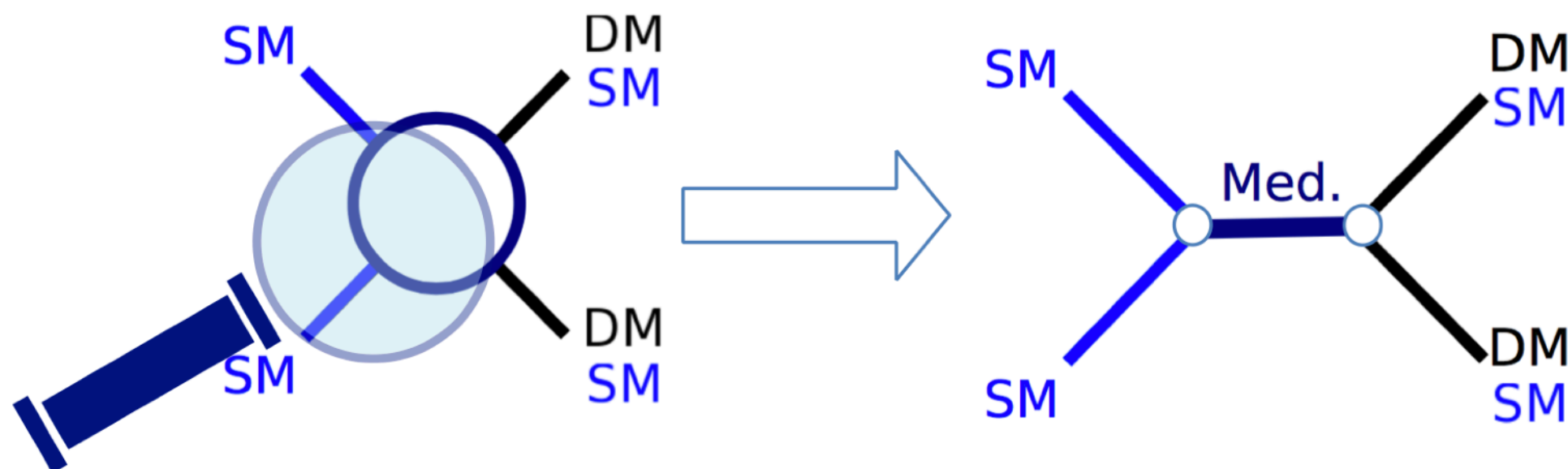
Challenges:

1. This kinds of processes are very **rare**
2. Many other processes may look the same (→ large **backgrounds**)
3. Often **we don't know** how the resonance decays look like

These challenges can be met
with non-standard workflows!

Dark matter mediators at the LHC

If there's a force there's a mediator:
(in this case, with axial vector couplings)



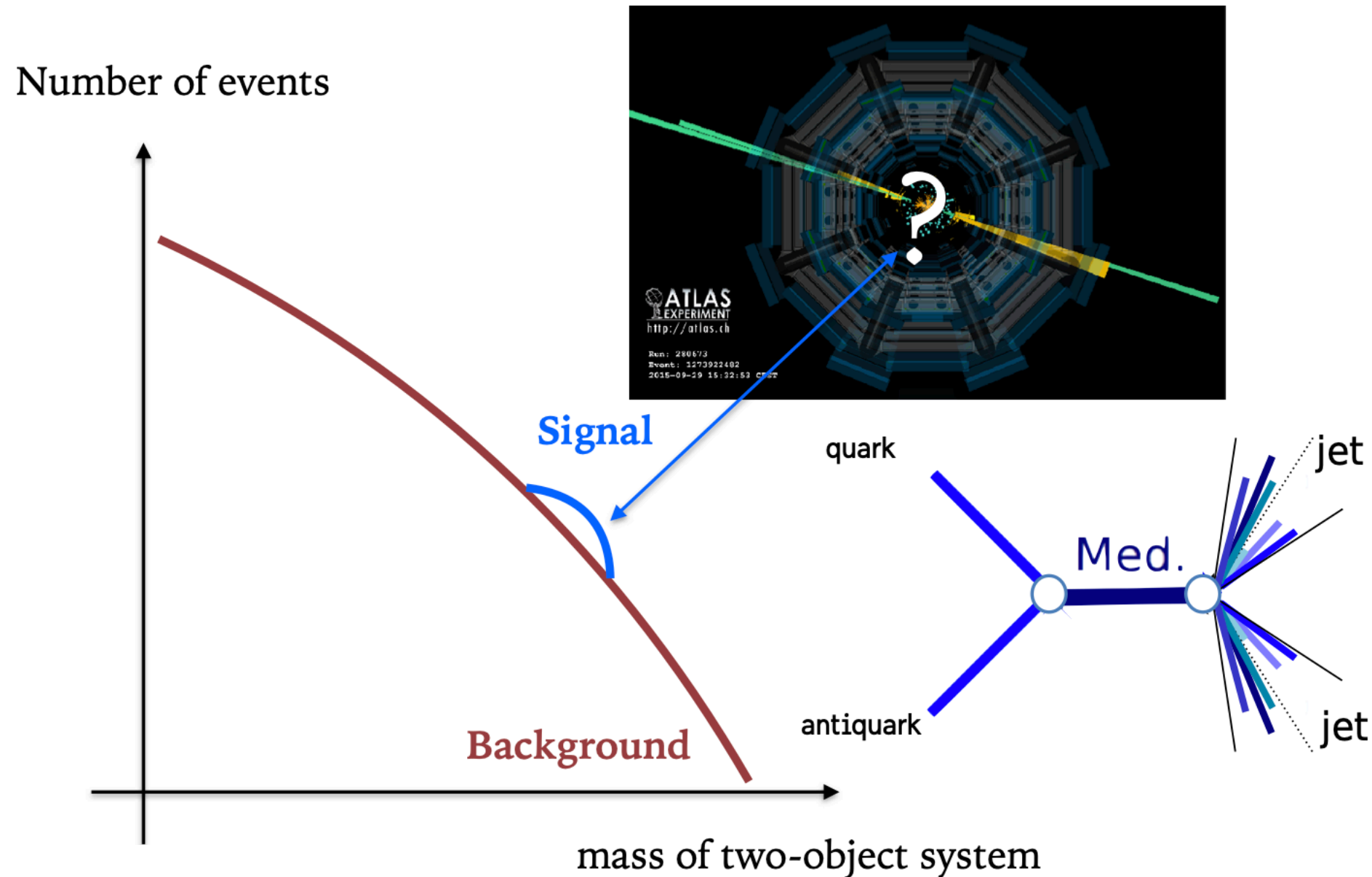
For this kind of models to be consistent with relic density:
mediators should have **low masses**

Caveat: very simple picture

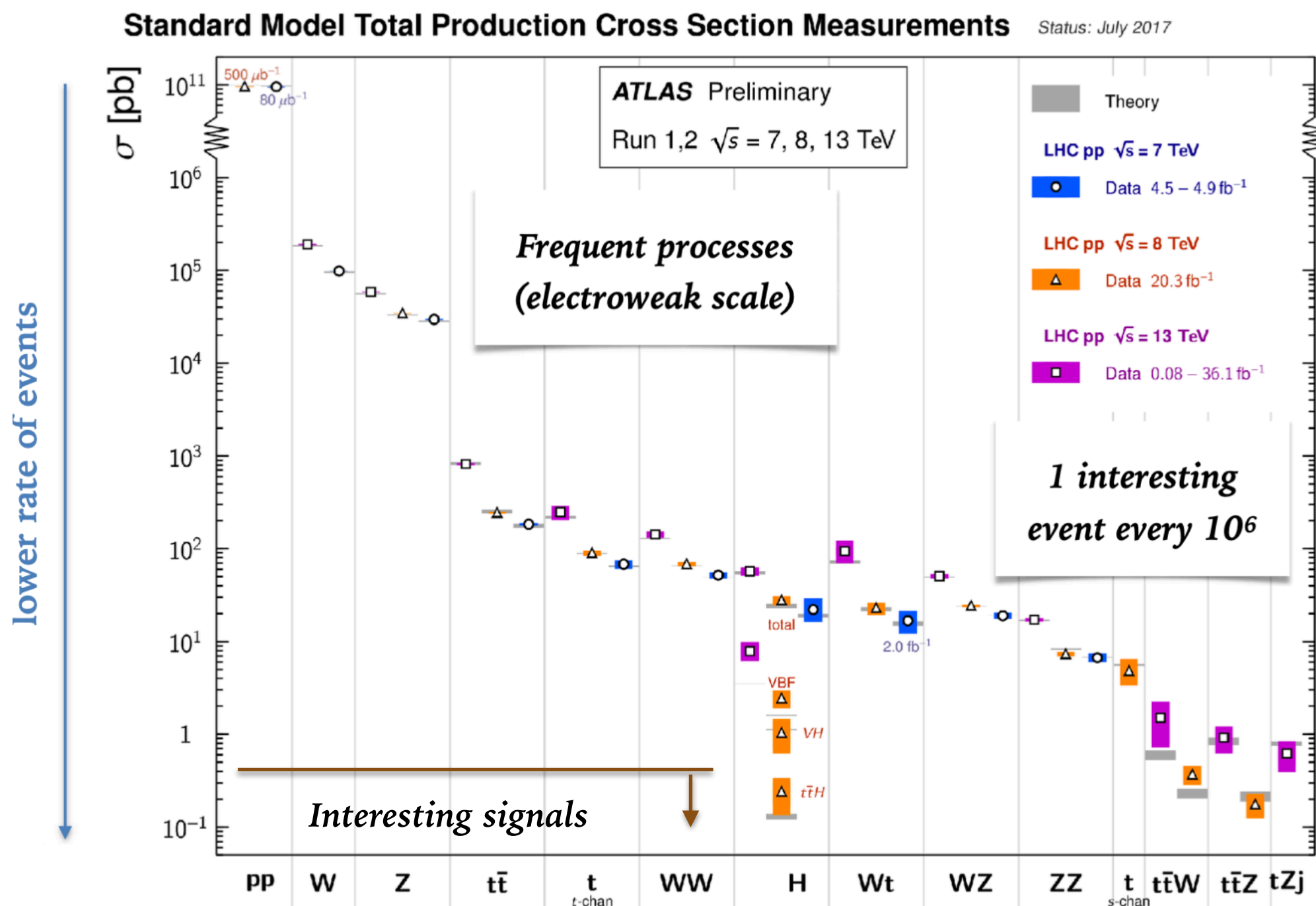
See e.g. [DESY's "Puzzle of Dark Matter" workshop talks](#) for more

How would new particles manifest?

New particles: resonant excess (bump) over Standard Model background



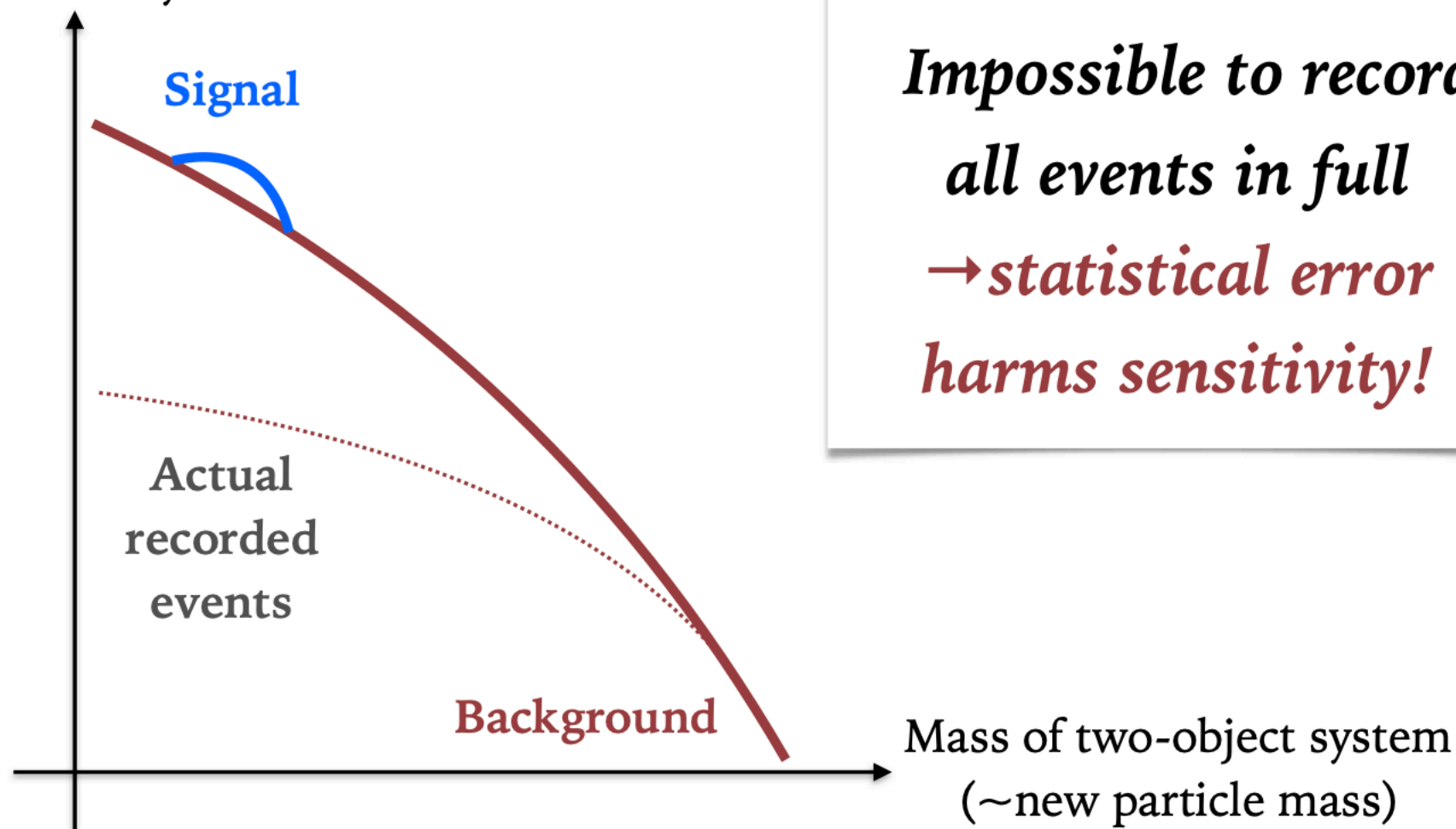
Another look at the Standard Model



Challenges for new particle searches

Main challenge for resonance searches: large backgrounds
and signal that looks very much like background

Number of events
produced by the LHC



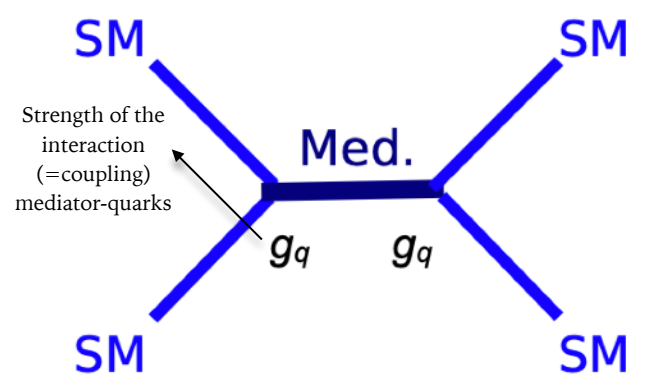
Example: dijet decays of DM mediators

Selecting interesting events works for most of the LHC physics program...

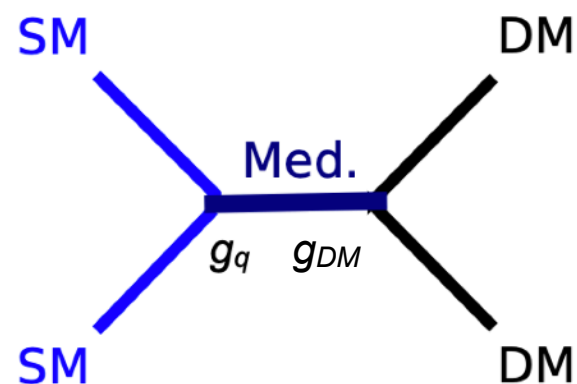
...but it is **not optimal** for rare processes with high-rate backgrounds:

we cannot record and store all data, and trigger **discards both background and signal**

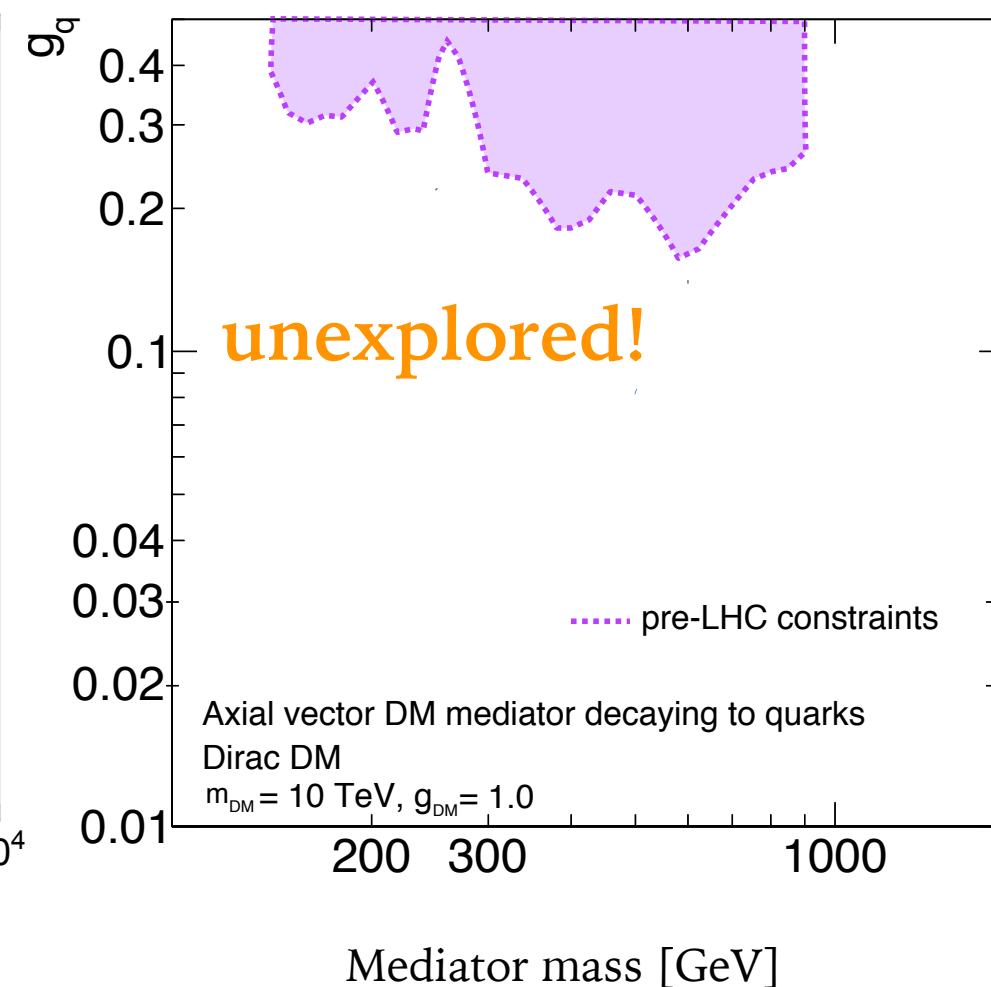
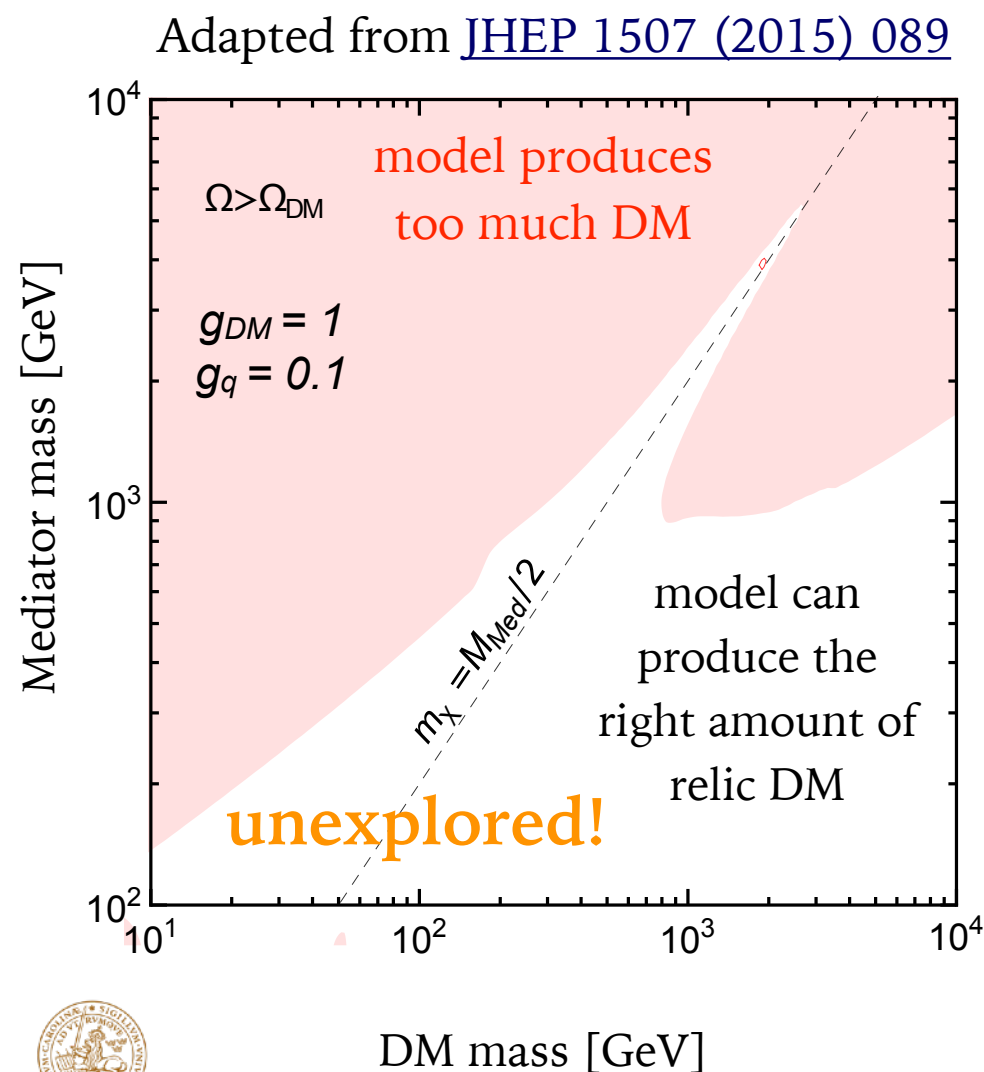
This prevented us from being sensitive to low-mass DM mediators decaying into jets



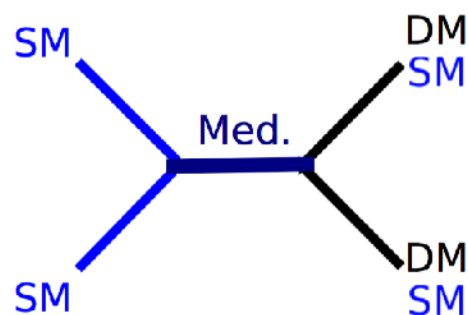
Visible mediator decays



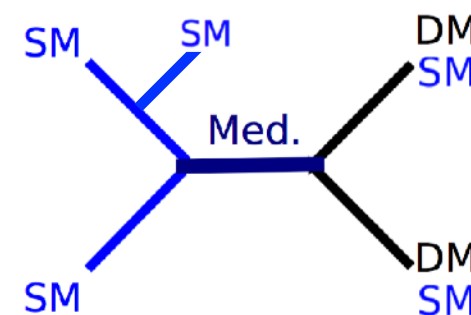
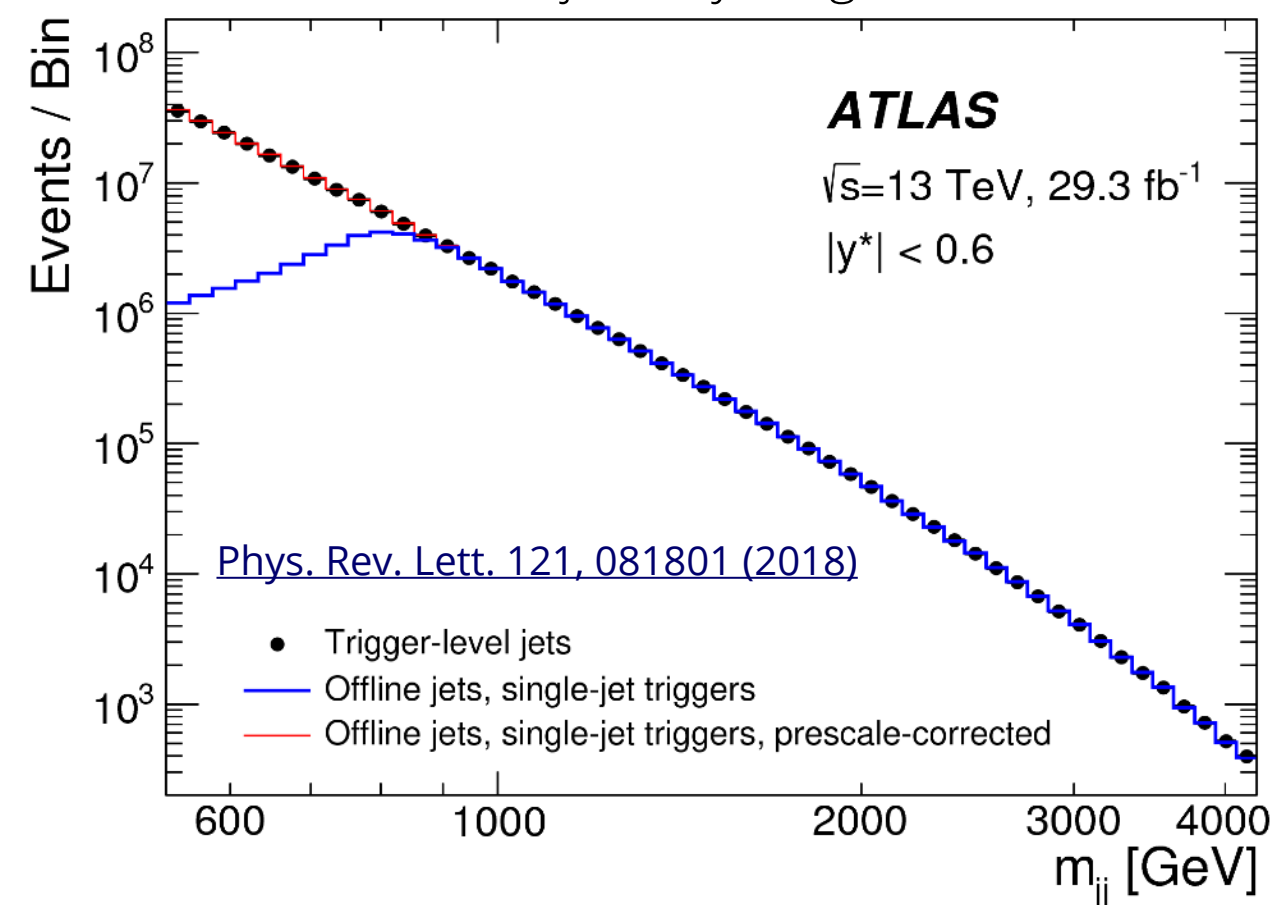
Invisible mediator decays



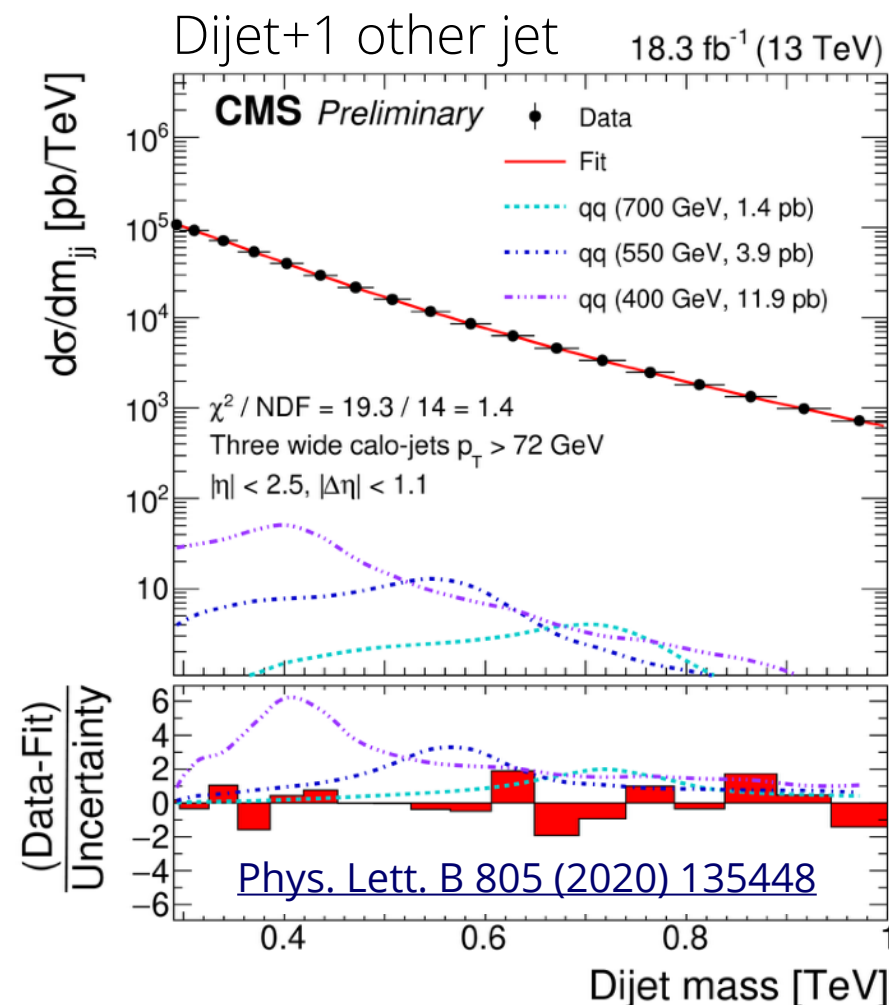
ATLAS/CMS results on DM mediator searches



Dijet+anything



Dijet+1 other jet



Mass reach limitation by hardware trigger...

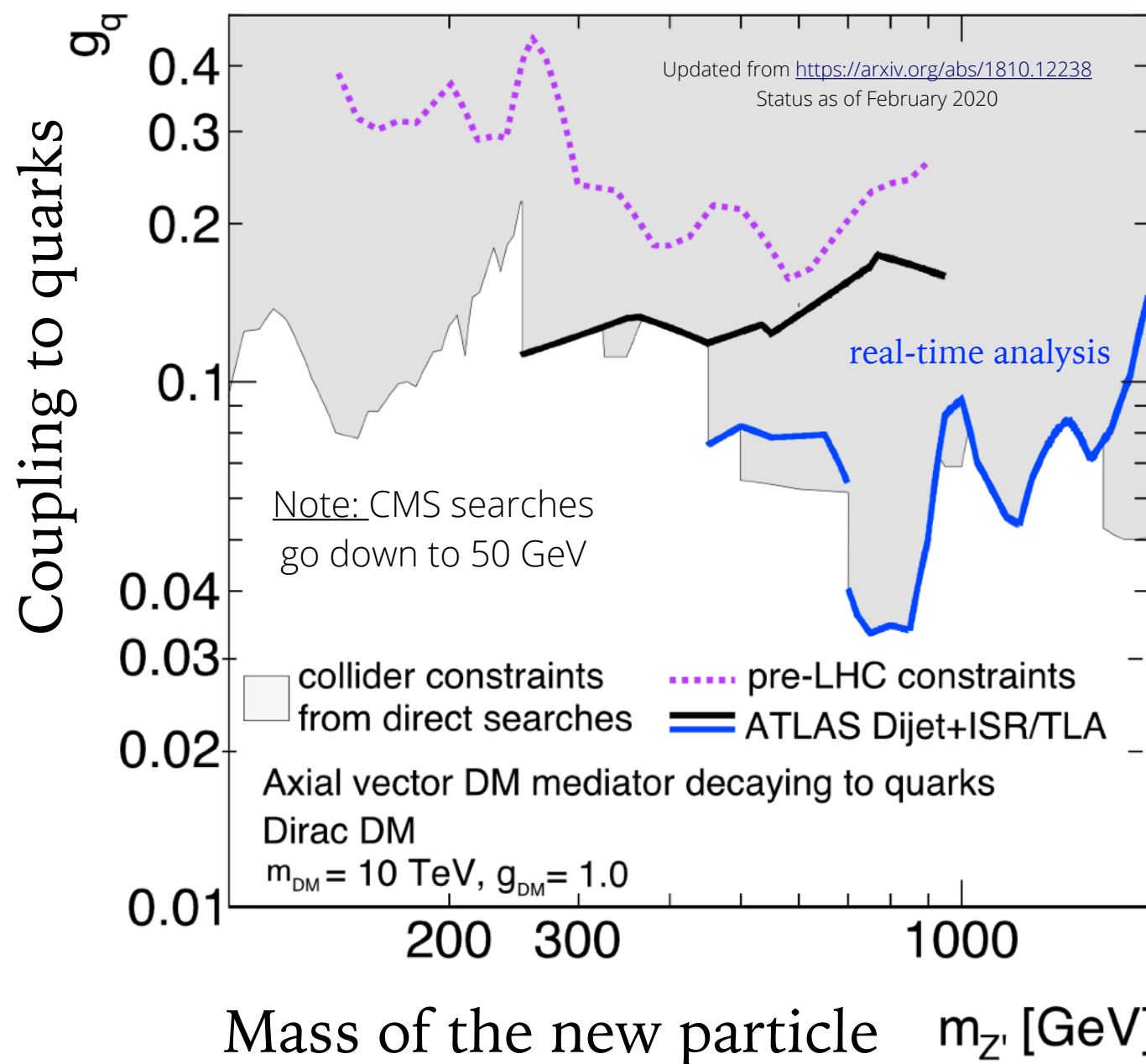
...can also be overcome by choosing other signatures!



CMS and ATLAS are closing the gap at low mediator masses

Summary of public material from ATLAS and CMS, plot by C. Doglioni / W. Kalderon

Apologies for ATLAS-centricity! CMS results are equally sensitive



Real-time analysis beyond HEP

Parallels with astrophysics?

C. Fitzpatrick, LHCb

The trigger



...or how to drink from a firehose



E. Bellm, LSST

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Are we building a
firehose?



The LHC and modern surveys are **data firehoses**

Example: common “big data” problem in large infrastructures

[REALTIME advanced study group](#), Pufendorf Institute for Advanced Studies (2018)

	LHC (ATLAS, 2018)	LHC (ATLAS, 2026)	EuXFEL (2017)
Raw Data Size per event	1 MB	5 MB	8 MB
Events/pulses per second	40 million evts/s	40 million evts/s	27000 evts/s
Potential data generated (before selection)	$\mathcal{O}(100)$ GB/s	$\mathcal{O}(100)$ GB/s	216 GB/s
Event/pulse rate after real-time data level reduction	1000	10000	Not yet implemented
Real-time analysis event rate	Up to 20000 events/s	Not yet implemented	Not yet implemented

Table 1: Data challenges at LHC⁷ and EuXFEL



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Real-time analysis in HEP and industry

- **Big data analysis / real-time analysis**

- Shared tools: machine learning, hybrid computing architectures
- Connections: IT, industry (e.g. Internet-of-Things)
 - data is mostly cheap to record: large datasets in industry as well
 - **time-to-insight** is the key metric

Innovative Training Networks (ITN)
Call: H2020-MSCA-ITN-2020



(funded with LU as coordinator, starting late 2021)

Synergies between **MA**chine learning, **Rea**l **Ti**me analysis
and **Hy**brid architectures for efficient **Ev**ent **Pr**ocessing and decision making
SMARTHEP

SMARTHEP:

International network of high energy physicists and companies for **real-time data analysis**

Main challenge tackled: **how to take decisions, fast and efficiently**

Tools:

- Hardware (FPGA, GPU) & software
- Machine learning to enable fast decisions



Conclusions

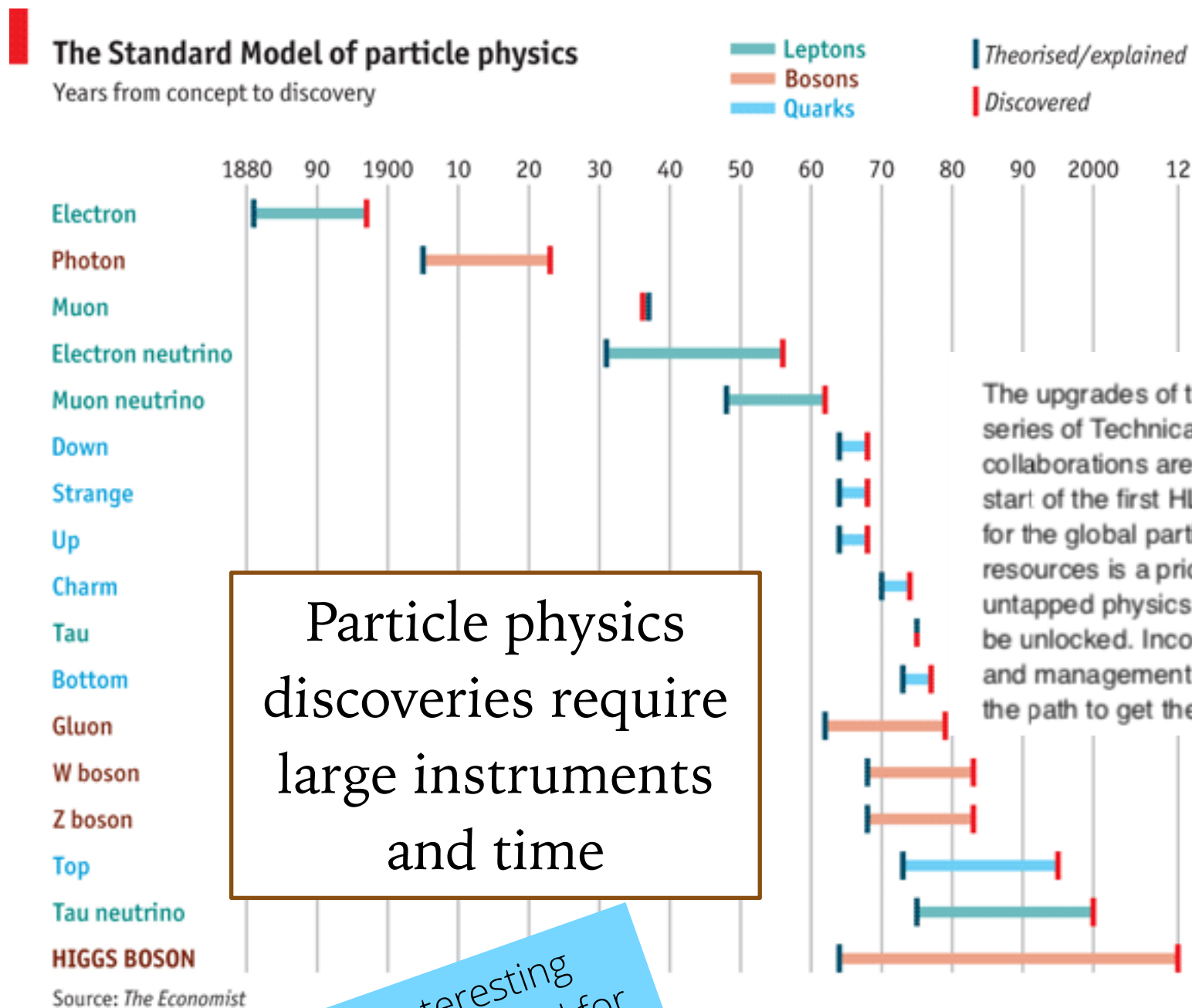
Motivating real-time analysis in HEP

- **Many different theories** can explain the shortcomings of the SM including **low-mass resonances**
 - None of these theories is yet favored by data
 - Very different detector signatures
 - Some of them buried in **high-rate backgrounds**
 - Some of them **rare but very unusual**

Probing for new physics below/at the electroweak scale where many (rare) SM particles are located requires **efficient trigger systems** and **novel data taking** techniques

Making the most of the data: **enabling discoveries**
ensuring these events are recorded and analyzed

What does it take for a discovery? ~~Real~~ Time



Particle physics discoveries require large instruments and time

Many interesting upgrades planned for HL-LHC (and beyond)!

- **We aren't done taking LHC data (10x more expected)**
"low-hanging fruit" checked first, expect surprises

[European Strategy Update, deliberation document](#)

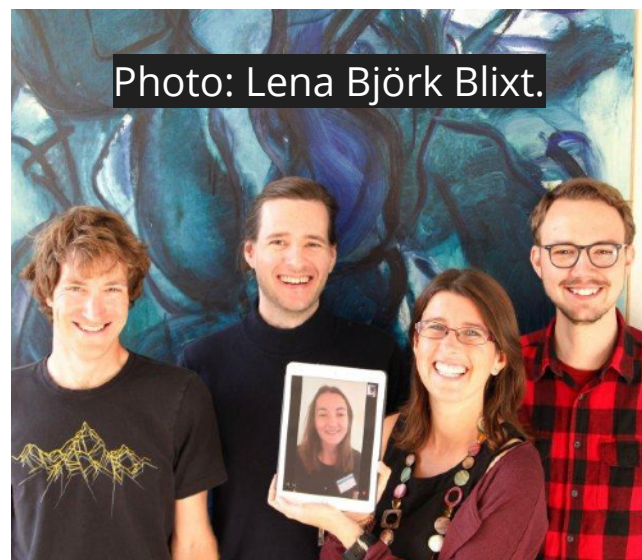
The upgrades of the ATLAS and CMS experiments have been documented in a series of Technical Design Reports and have been approved, and the international collaborations are gearing up to commission these detectors by 2027, the scheduled start of the first HL-LHC run. The timely delivery of these upgrades is a milestone for the global particle physics community, and the continued allocation of adequate resources is a priority. Based on continued innovations in experimental techniques, the untapped physics that is surely awaiting in the third LHC run and the HL-LHC era can be unlocked. Incorporating emerging new technologies into trigger systems, computing and management of big data, reconstruction algorithms and analysis methods is the path to get the best out of these upcoming datasets.

- **Real-time analysis and decision making** cross fields: let's think together and collaborate on tools & infrastructure

[The Economist](#)



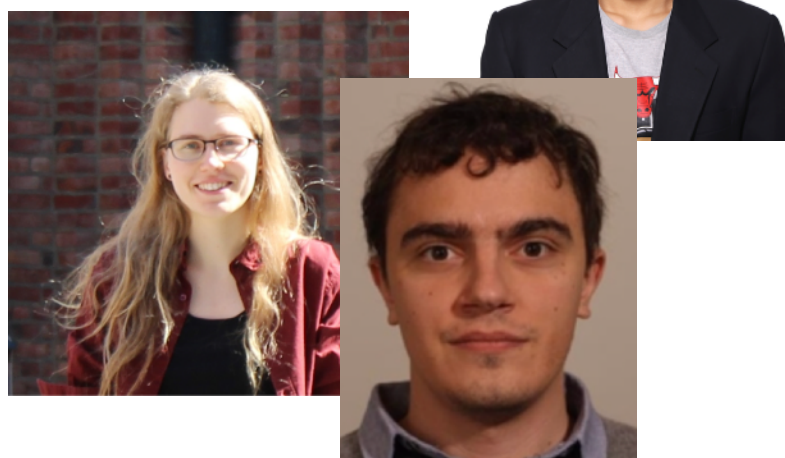
Thanks for your attention from the DARKJETS/TLA team



In the picture from the left:

- Postdocs **William Kalderon** (now BNL), **Jannik Geisen** (not pictured)
- PhD students **Eric Corrigan**, **Eva Hansen** (remote on that day, now @ LHCb Manchester)
- Master's (now PhD) student **Alexander Ekman**
- + Lund Master's and Bachelor's students

DM Complementarity plots:
Isabelle John (Lund, now Stockholm)
Boyu Gao (OSU)
Marco Rimoldi (DESY)



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Backup slides



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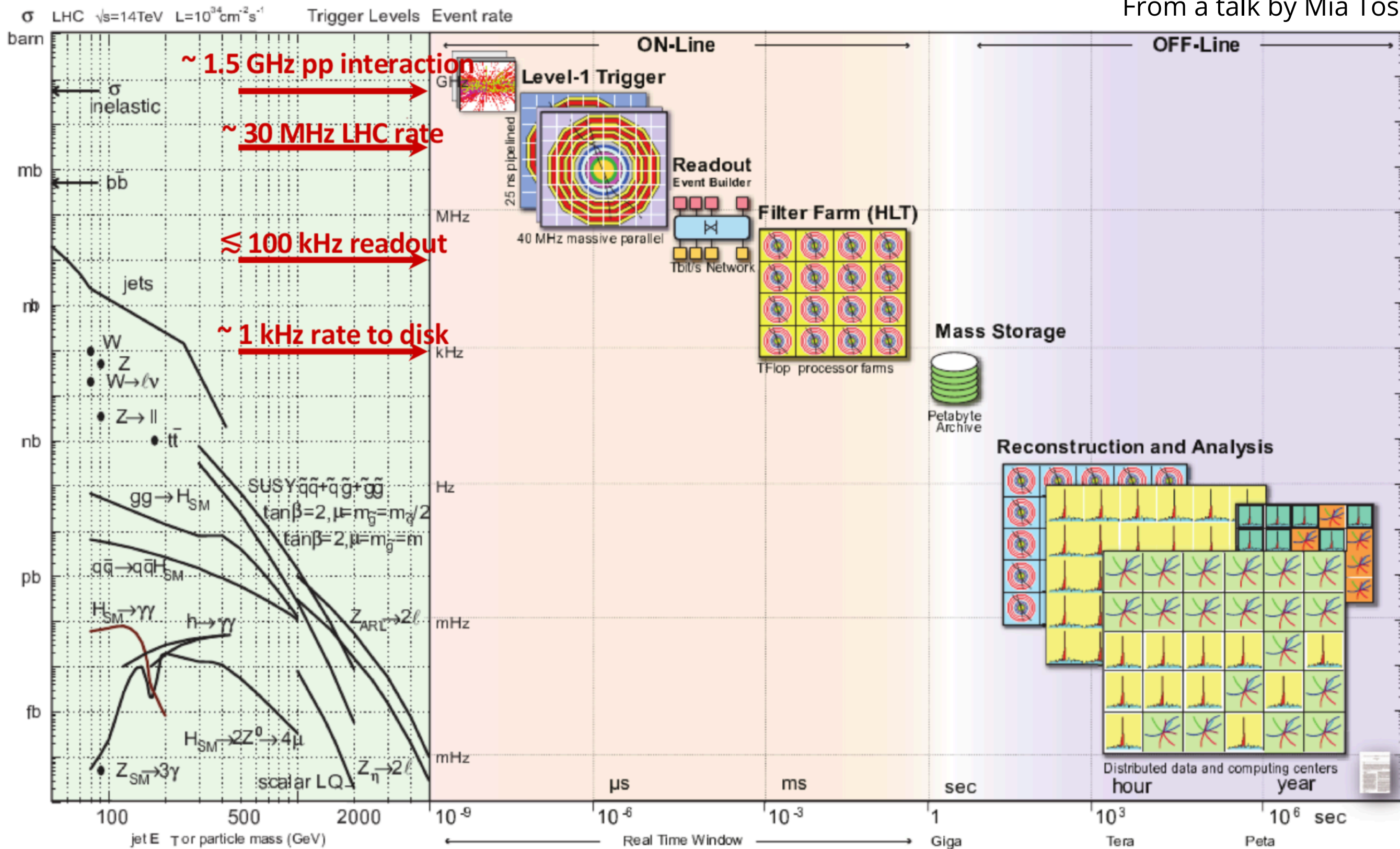
Video: LHC collisions and data selection

CERN-MOVIE-2013-041-001



Real-time analysis, in the CMS trigger

From a talk by Mia Tosi



Which workflow to choose? (a rough guide)

My analysis is limited by HLT and I have *relatively* simple objects/backgrounds

- use **real-time analysis**

I have a real-time analysis going and I am sure I'll discover something

- use partial event building to keep more raw data behind the objects
- use **delayed stream** as a safety net (CMS)

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- use **real-time analysis** and **partial event building** to look into region of interests

My analysis is limited by HLT but I still need the full event

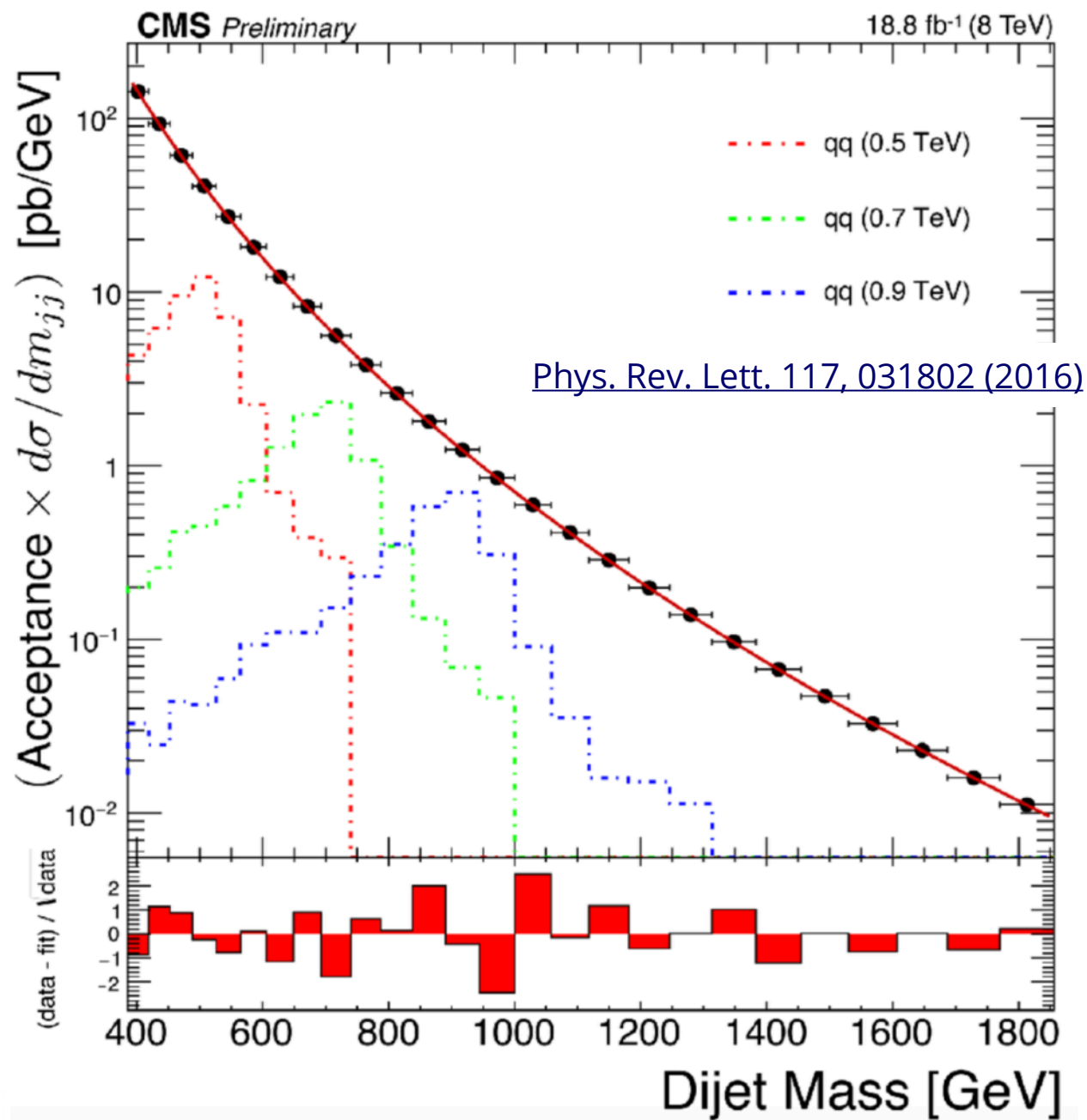
(and I don't mind when I get it)

- use **delayed stream**

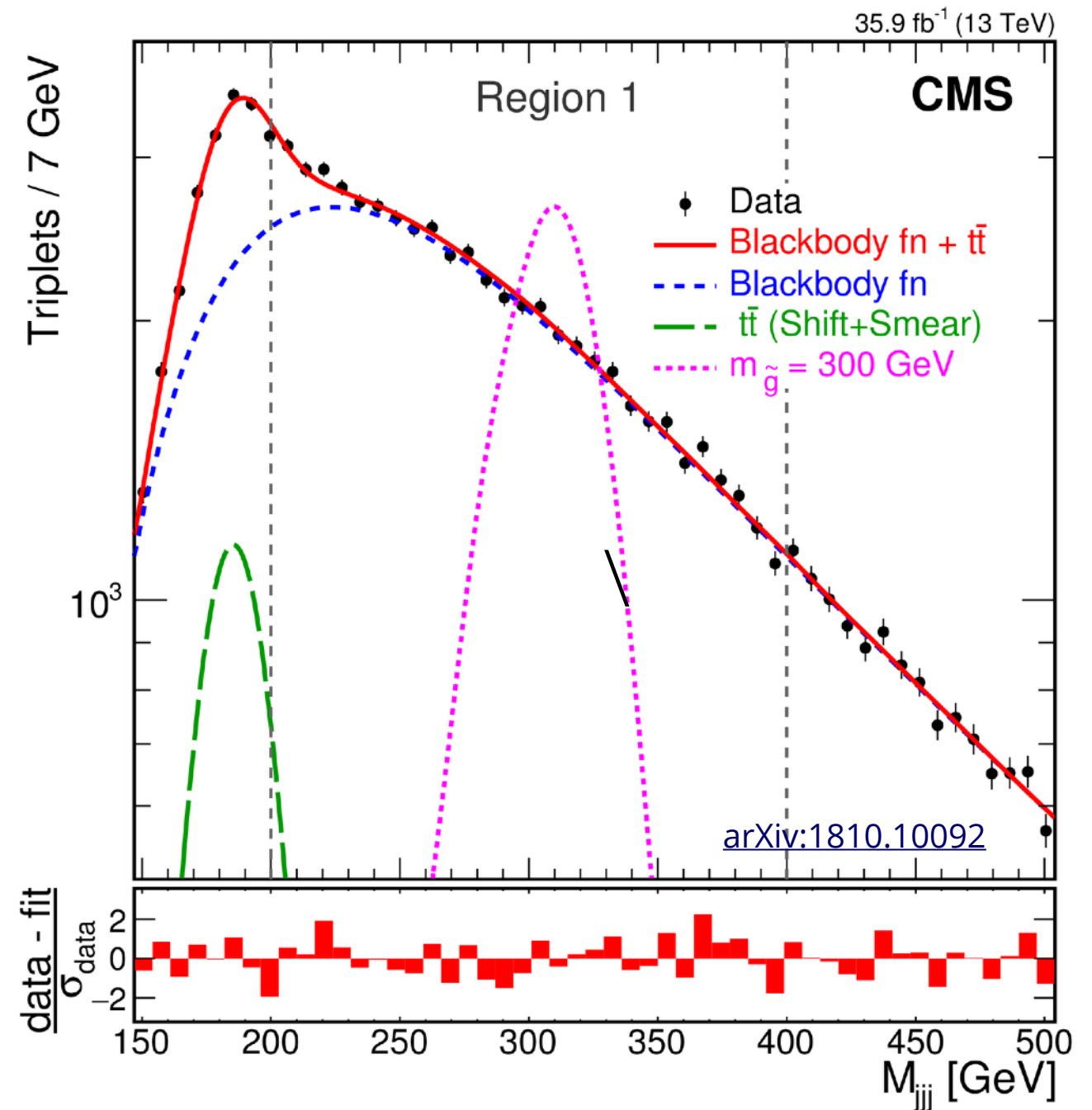


More **CMS** results from jet searches

First results of this technique for dijets at 8 TeV...



...now also extended to three-jet searches



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Customizable output data @ LHCb:

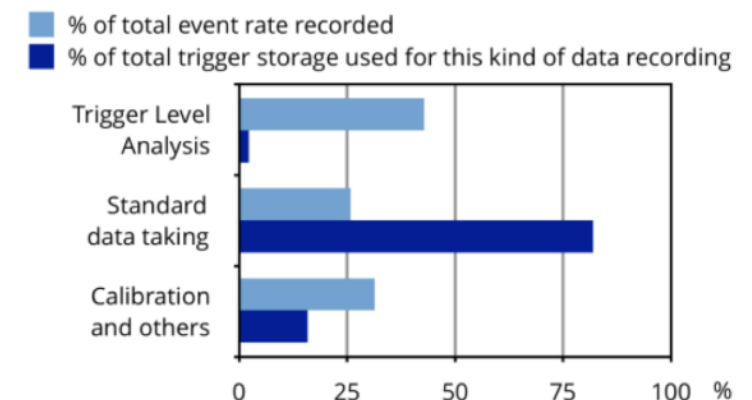
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Objects and data sizes @ CMS:

Stream	Rate (Hz)	Event Size	Bandwidth (MB/s)
PhysicsMuons	420	0.86 MB	360
PhysicsHadronsTaus	345	0.87 MB	300
ScoutingCaloMuon	4580	8.9 KB	40
ScoutingPF	1380	14.8 KB	20

Selected CMS stream rate, event size, and bandwidth at the beginning of LHC Fill 7334 (23 Oct. 2018, $L \approx 1.5 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)

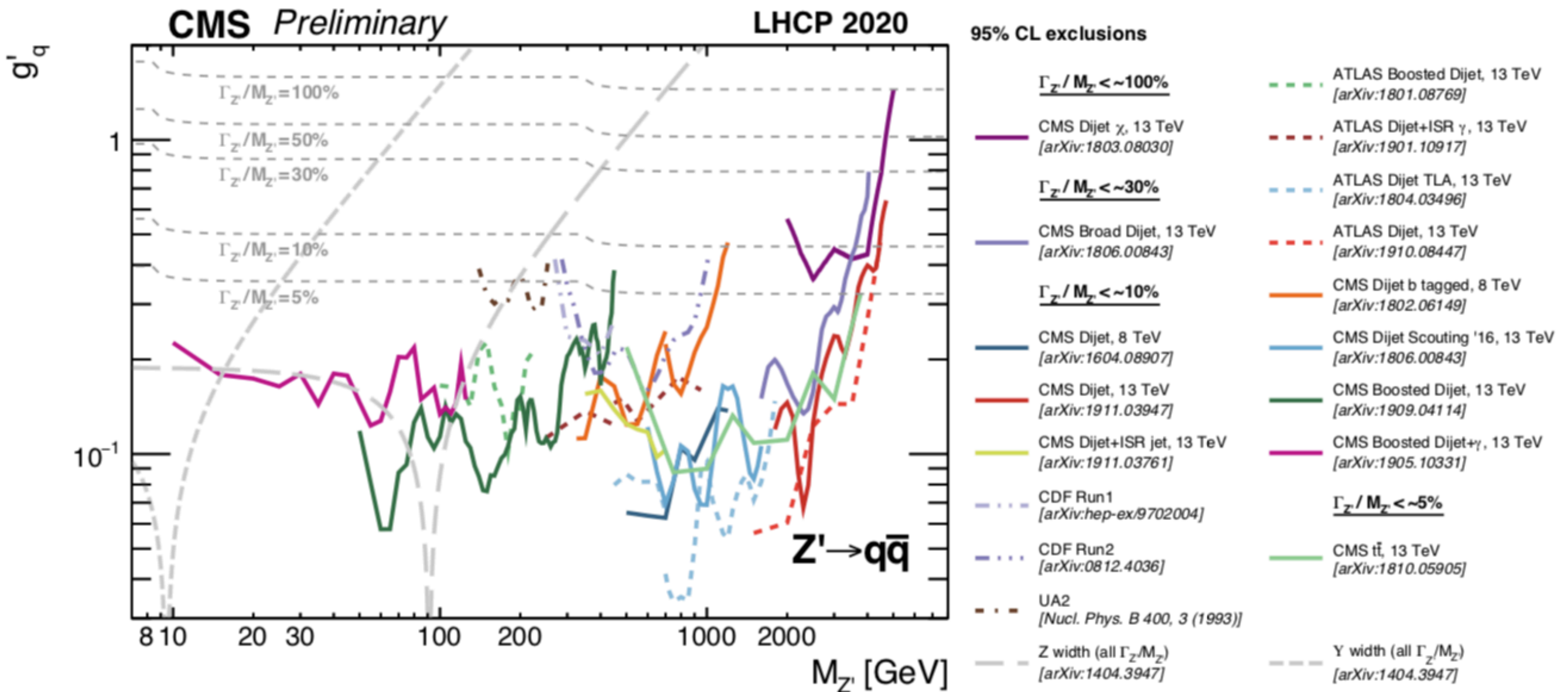
Data sizes @ ATLAS:



[Information from ATLAS Trigger Operation plots, 2017](#)

JLab HSF workshop session on RTA: [LHCb](#), [ALICE](#), [ATLAS](#), [CMS](#)

Mediator mass-coupling summary plot



Are trigger jets good enough?

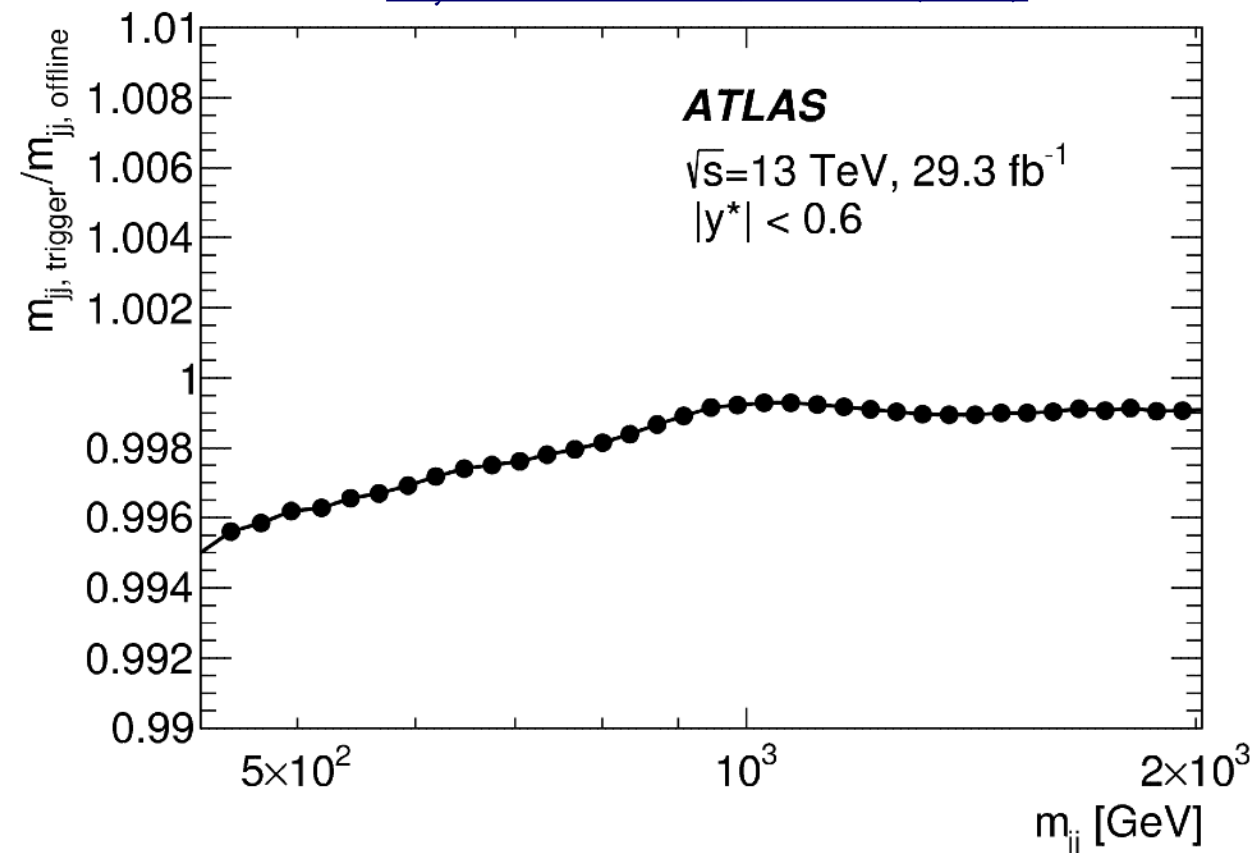
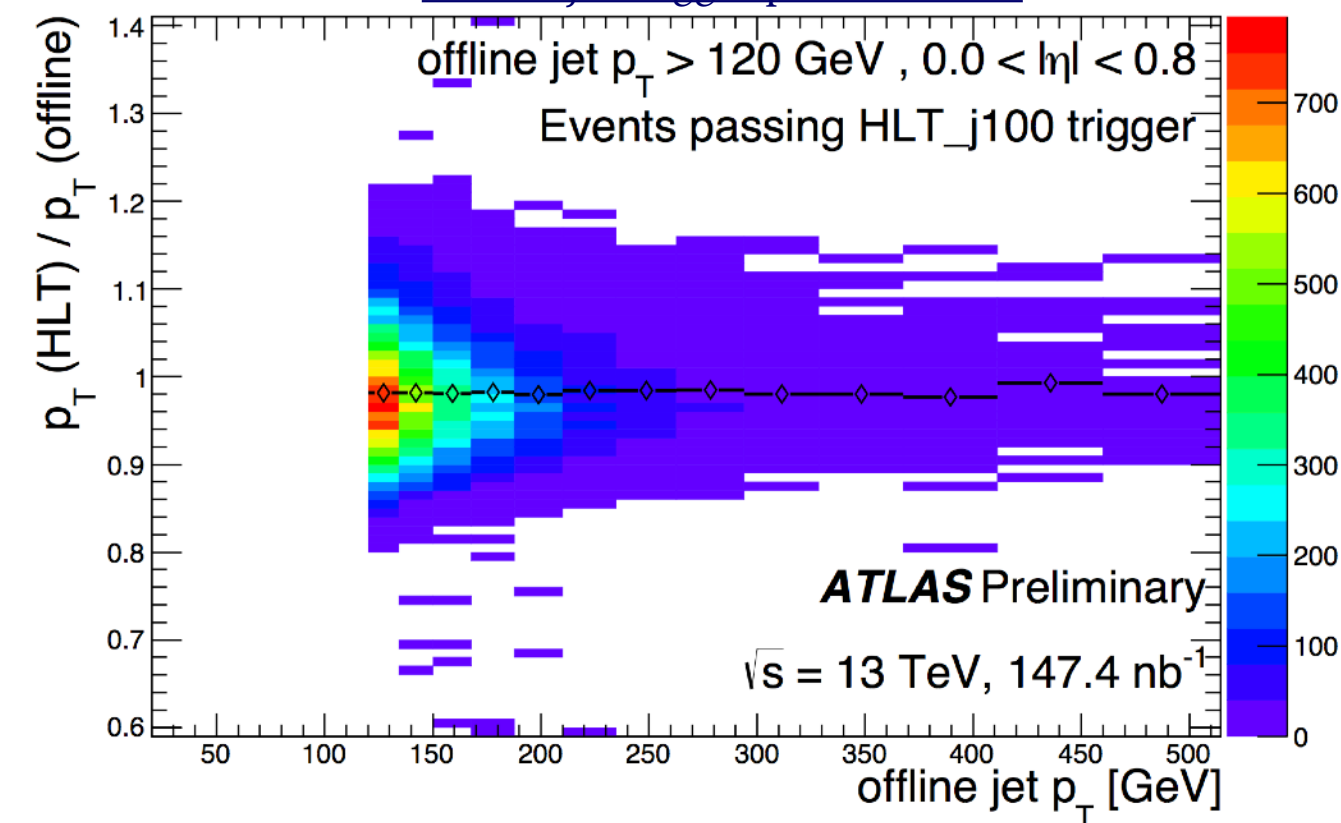
...they have to be, to be able to detect very small signals!

September 2015 (interview)

May 2017 (paper submission)

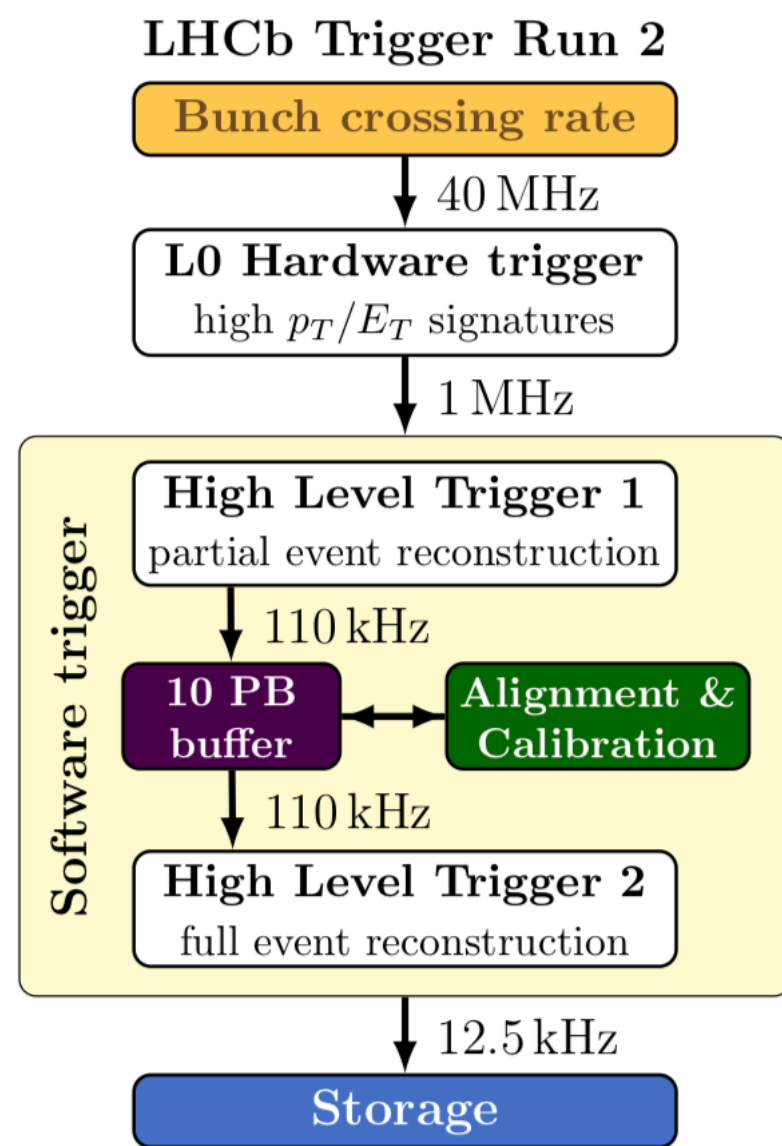
[ATLAS jet trigger public results](#)

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 081801 \(2018\)](#)

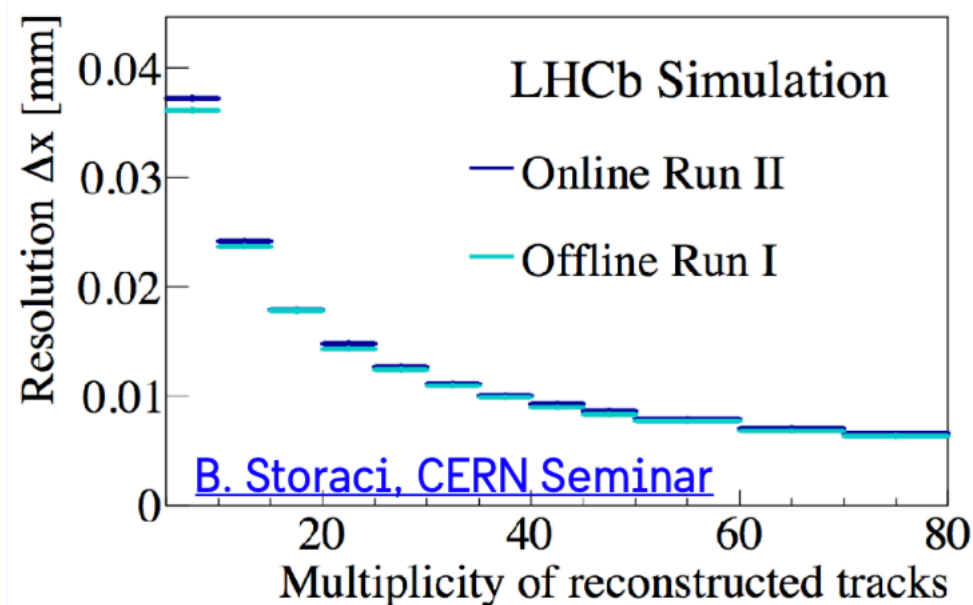
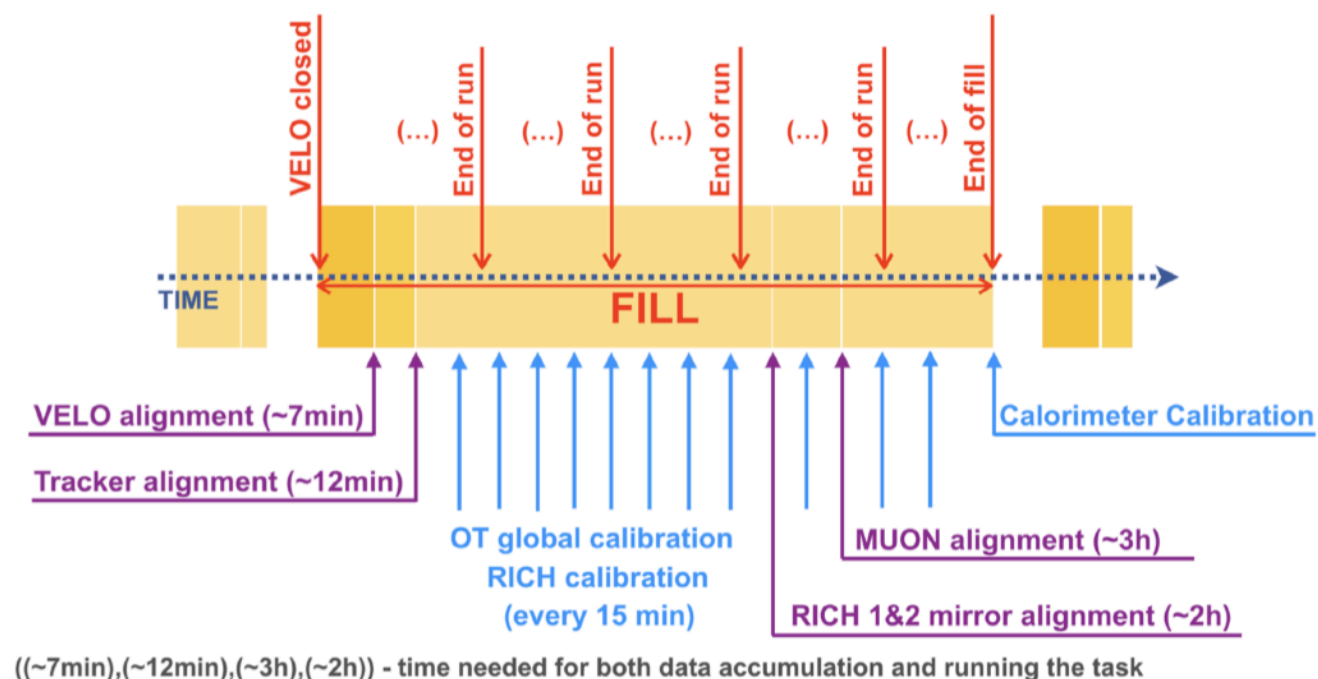


(Note the change in y-axis scale)

LHCb online vs offline reconstruction



[arXiv:1812.10790](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.10790)



Real-time data analysis
requires real-time detector alignment and calibration, in computing farm

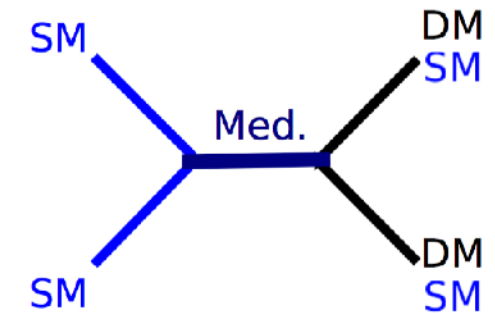
This is also done in **ATLAS** and **CMS**

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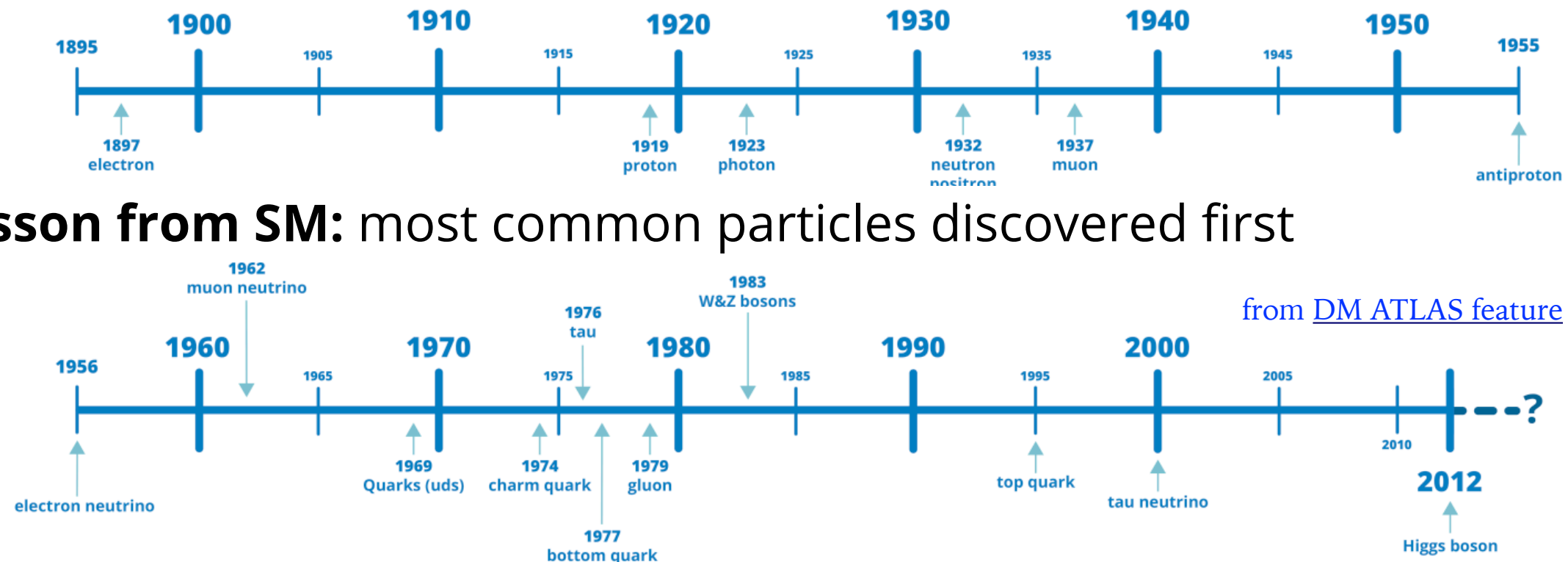
Choice of benchmarks

<https://abstrusegoose.com/406>

"Why should we choose/believe the simplest models?"
"Do we think DM is all made of a single WIMP model?"
 (not really...see dark sectors!)



Key particle discoveries



- **Lesson from SM:** most common particles discovered first

from [DM ATLAS feature](#)

- Even simple models can encapsulate **relevant experimental characteristics** representing wider classes of theories

as long as we are aware that they can be more rare than what we choose as example



Possibilities for cross-talk in collaborative environments

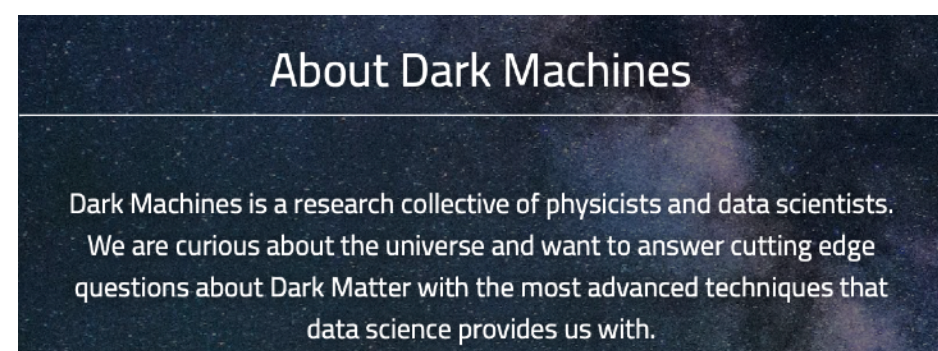
- **High Energy Physics Software Foundation**

- Not only LHC experiments
- Forum for physicists with interest in software for HEP
- Instrumental for creation of [IRIS-HEP](#) NSF effort
- Working groups including [trigger & reconstruction](#)
 - [Website](#)
 - Mailing list: hsf-forum@googlegroups.com (google group)



- **DarkMachines**

- Collective of astro/particle physicists interested in machine learning tools for dark matter
- Various (self-organized) efforts, including unsupervised searches
 - [Website](#)
 - [Subscribe to main mailing list](#)

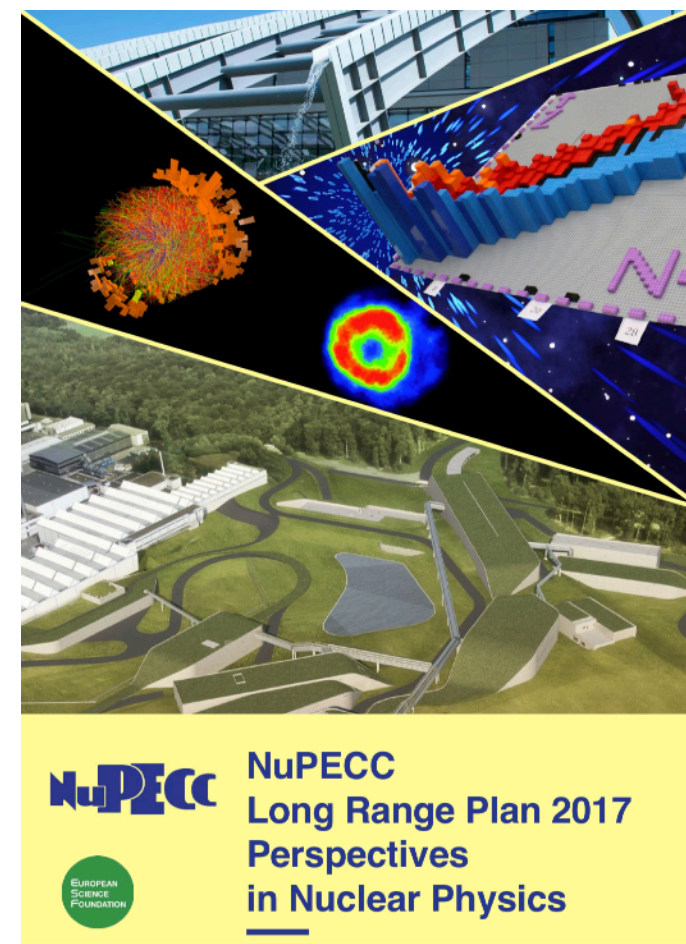
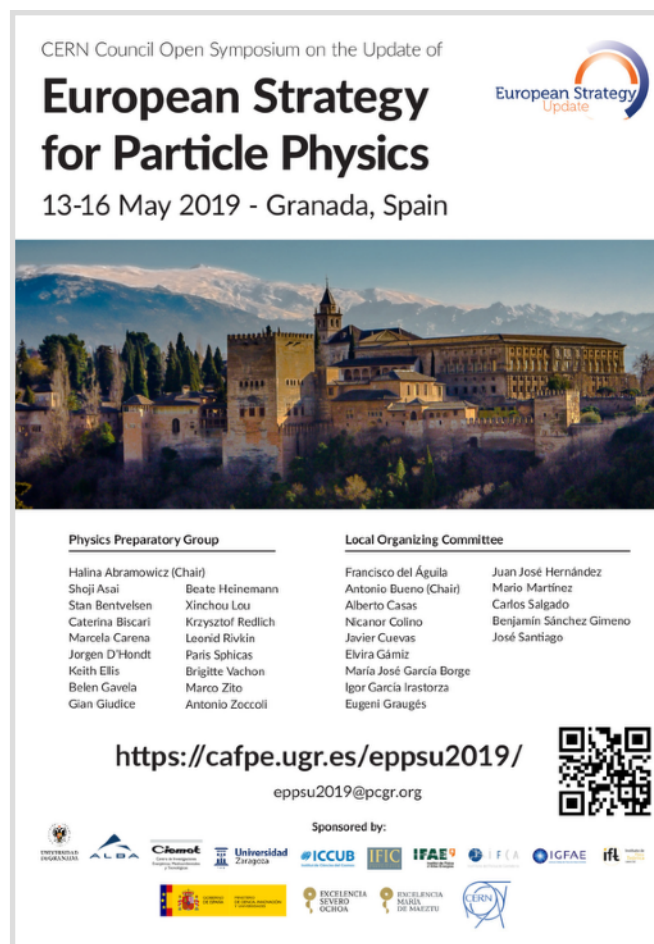


Finding synergies

Astroparticle (APPEC)



Particle (ECFA) Nuclear physics (NuPECC)



Astroparticle, particle and nuclear physics in Europe have **strategies and plans** that **recognize the importance of synergies** between the different fields



US: *Snowmass* effort has started, (for *DM at Colliders* WG:

European Research Council
Established by the European Commission

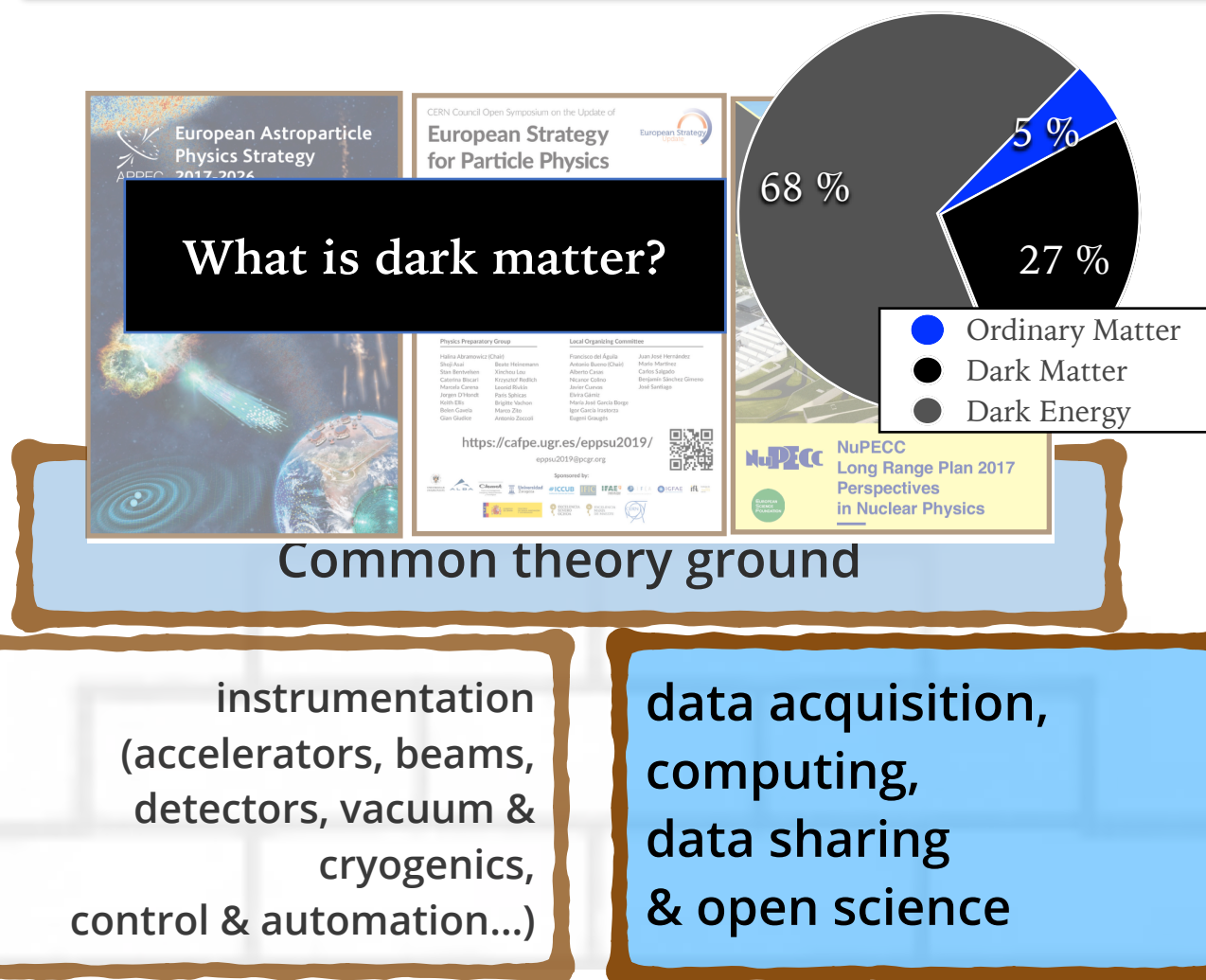
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Foundations needed to exploit synergies



Talk at EPS-HEP / ECFA session 2019, [CERN EP Newsletter](#)

[Slides from European Strategy Update release, 19/06/2020](#)



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5. Synergies with neighbouring fields

Particle and Astroparticle Physics

- Synergies exist at the level of infrastructure, detectors, computing, interaction models and physics goals (ex.: neutrinos, dark matter, cosmic rays and gravitational waves)
- The need to foster these synergies has been clearly identified in the national inputs

Two ongoing projects focused on Dark Matter searches & interpretation

JENAS EoI: Initiative for Dark Matter in Europe and beyond: Towards facilitating communication and result sharing in the Dark Matter community (iDMEu)

[https://indico.cern.ch/event/869195/ESCAPE newsletter APPEC newsletter](https://indico.cern.ch/event/869195/ESCAPE%20newsletter%20APPEC%20newsletter)

build a discussion platform and tools to facilitate collaboration of existing groups/efforts on **dark matter searches** and **interpretation**



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**Towards a Dark Matter
Test Science Project**

[ESCAPE Progress Meeting, 2020](#)

software & data


compare **end-to-end analysis workflows** for WIMP searches, towards their implementation in a common **Software Catalogue** and as input to the design of the **European Open Science Cloud**



Real-time analysis (well) beyond HEP

Welcome to our REALTIME ASG blog! We're a group of researchers interested in real-time data acquisition and decision making as well as open data working as an Advanced Study Group 2019-2020 at the Pufendorf Institute for Advanced Studies.



- **Connections to astrophysics**
 - Real-time alerts for interesting events
- **Connections to accelerator beams / physics / engineering**
 - Beam steering, “triggering” for synchrotron and laser experiments
 - Sharing of technology, hybrid architectures (FPGA/GPU)
- **Connections to social sciences & law**
 - Real-time data deposition promotes open data and credibility of science
 - Implications for treatment and ownership of data treatment
 - Sharing of tools (versioning / data persistency)
-  about the [REALTIME](#) Advanced Study Group

open to discuss further collaborations!

