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# **Barrel muon trigger upgrade and Long Lived Particle searches at ATLAS**

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# Phase-2 ATLAS Upgrade Challenges

- HL-LHC  $L=7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  : 7.5 times original ATLAS design => harsh conditions with pileup up to 200 inelastic collisions per bunch crossing

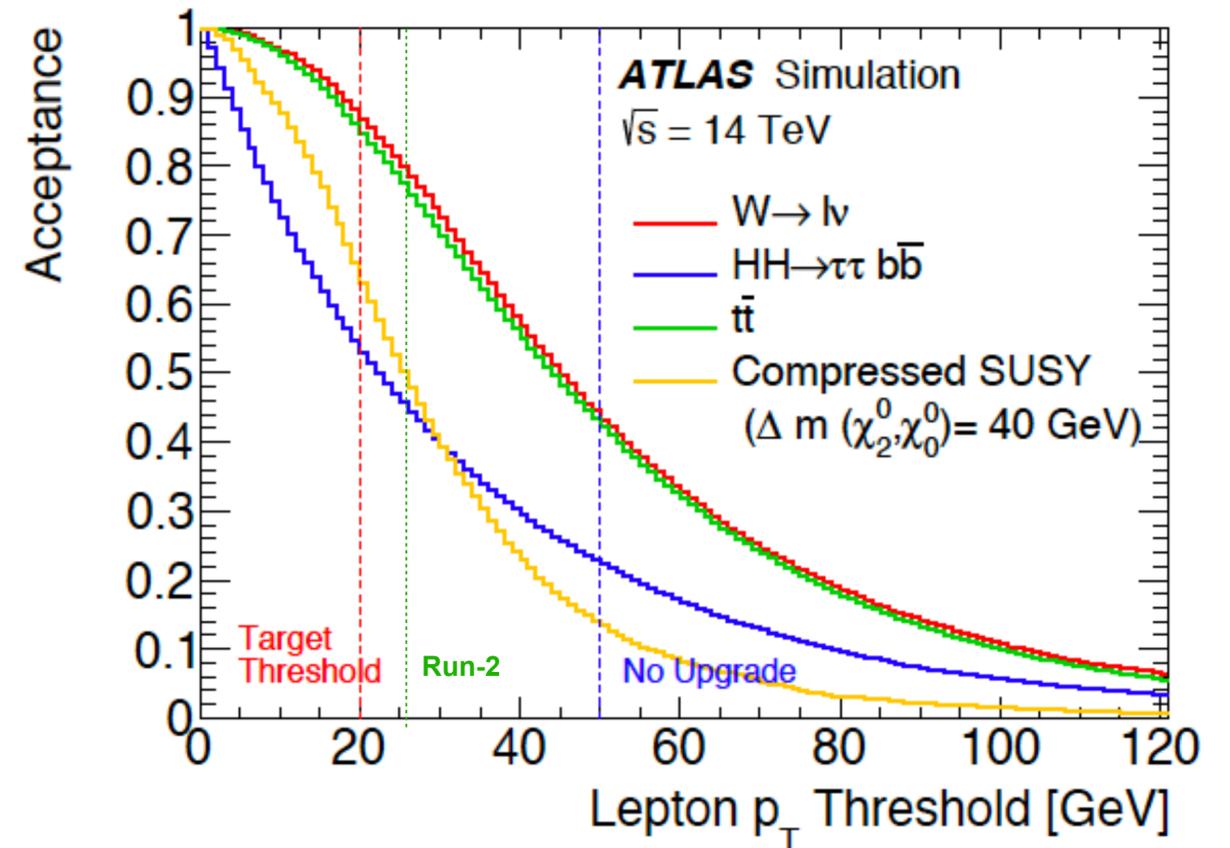
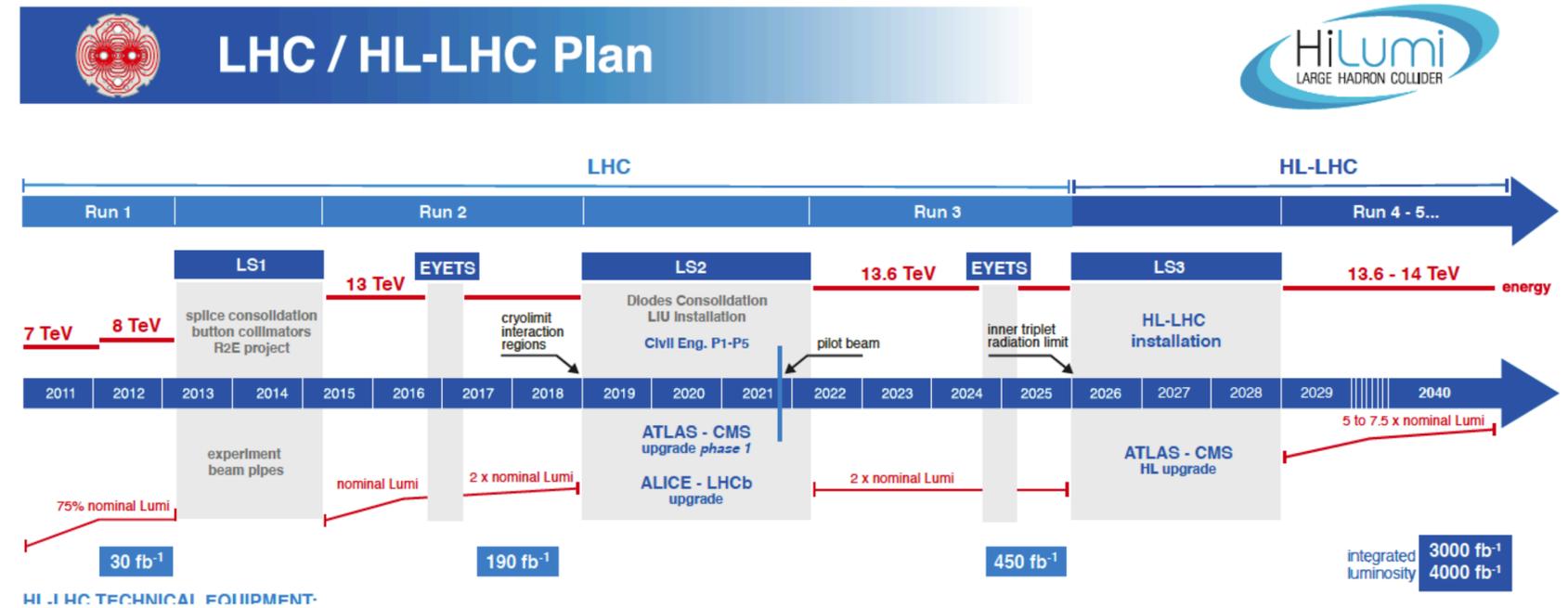
- $\int L = 4000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  : 4 times original ATLAS design  
=> Radiation ageing of detectors !

- Experiment lifetime extended from 10 to approximately 30 years:  
=> Keep technologies up to date  
=> Robustness and maintenance

- Trigger challenges :

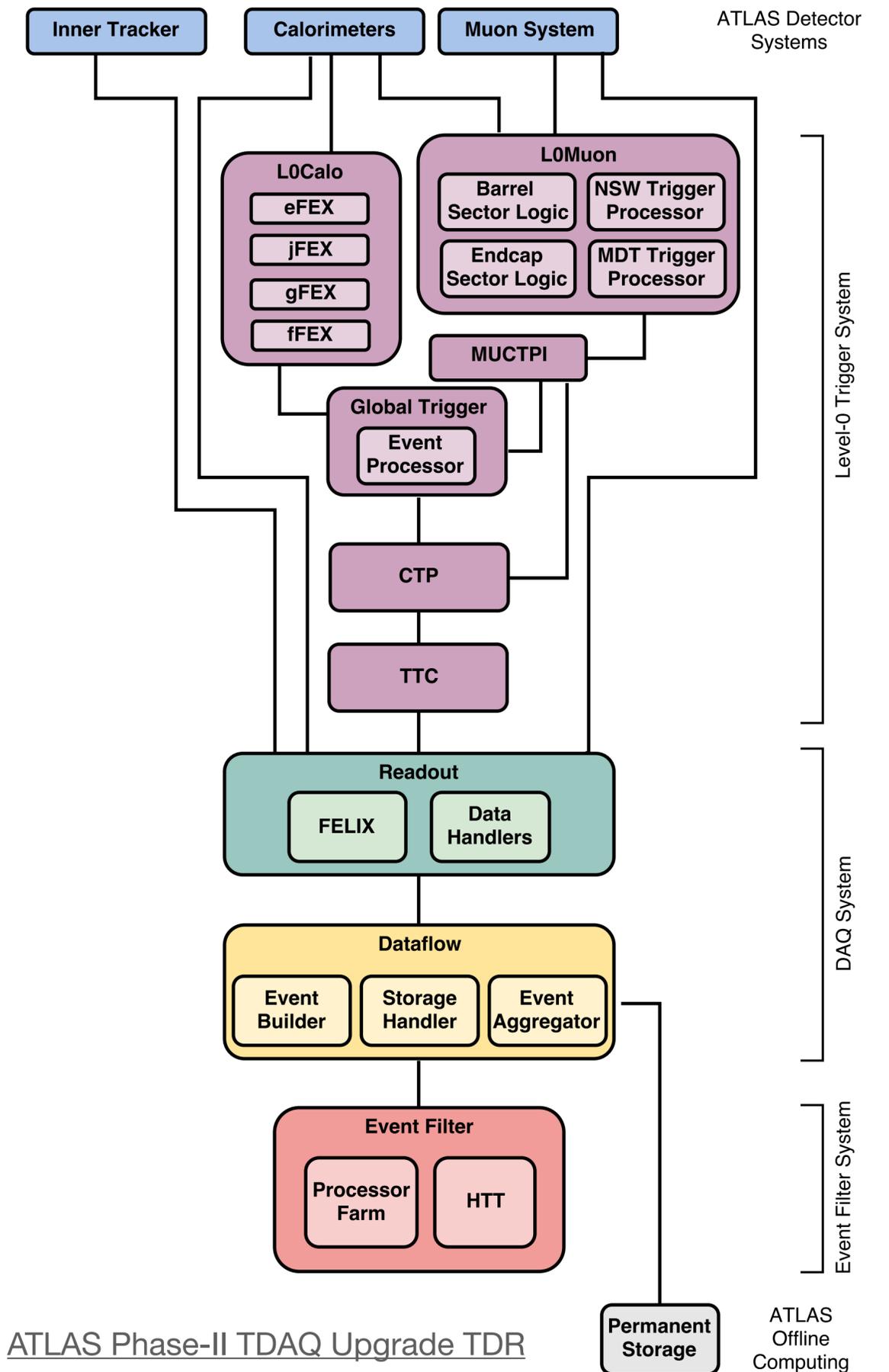
Keep lepton  $p_T$  thresholds low without increasing rates too much is crucial to exploit the high luminosity potential

Add bandwidth for multi-jet at relatively low- $E_T$  for di-Higgs searches and other signatures



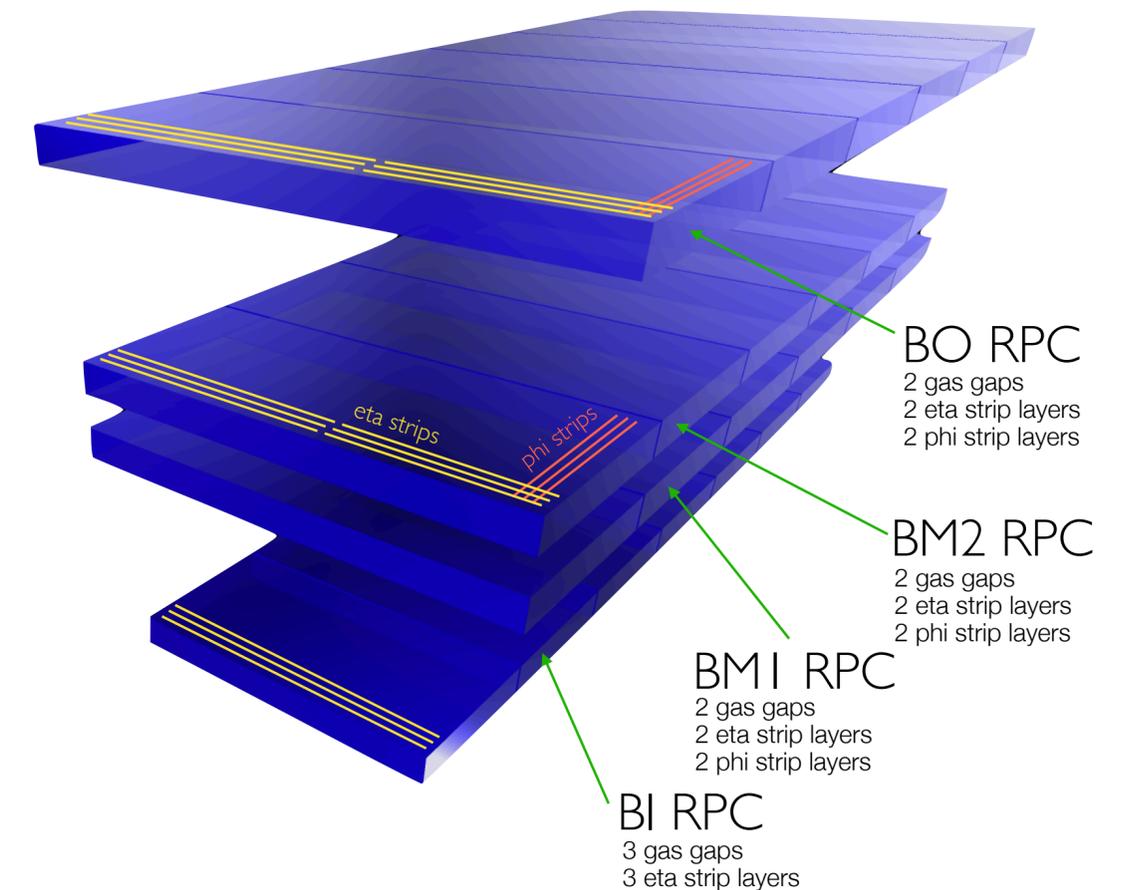
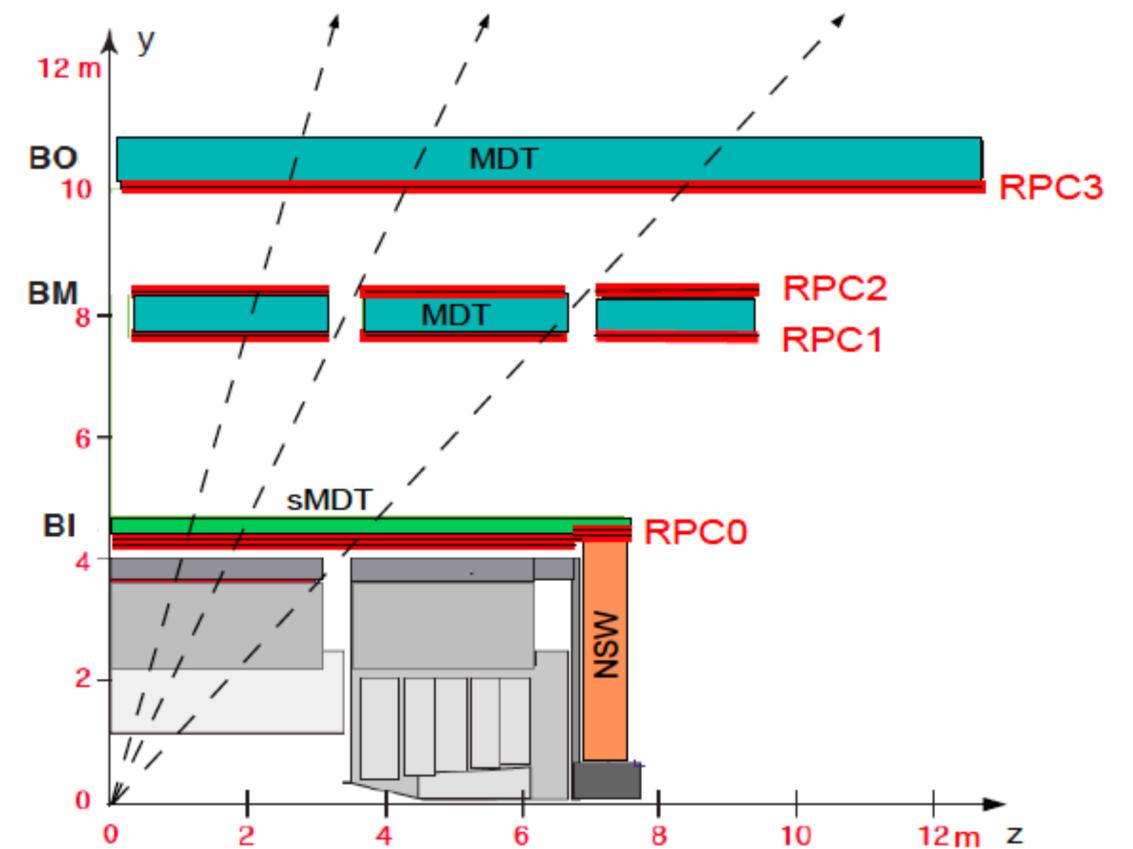
# The ATLAS Trigger and DAQ schema for HL-LHC

- Single level **Level-0 hardware trigger** with an output rate of **1 MHz**, Level-0 readout latency is **10  $\mu$ s**
- Calorimeters and muons front-end **full granularity readout at 40 MHz**
- New **Global Event processor** replaces the current L1Topo and integrates topological functions with additional selection algorithms using information from muons and calorimeters
- Readout based on **FELIX** system for all detectors
- **FPGA-based** boards off-detector, on-detector where possible
- Possible **hardware accelerator** system for **tracking** at the Event Filter
- Goal of better  $e$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\tau$ , jet identification and measurement, at hardware and software trigger levels and offline
- Event Filter output increases from 1 to **10 kHz**



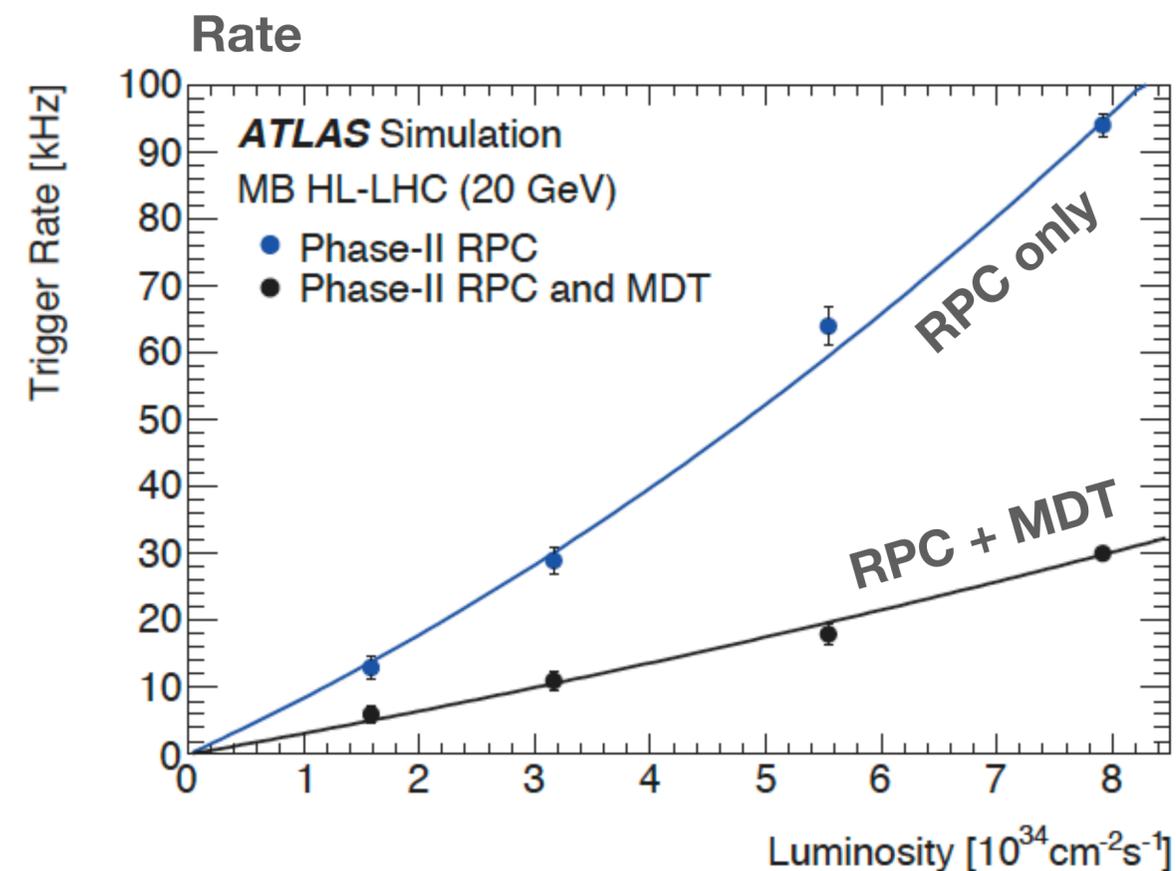
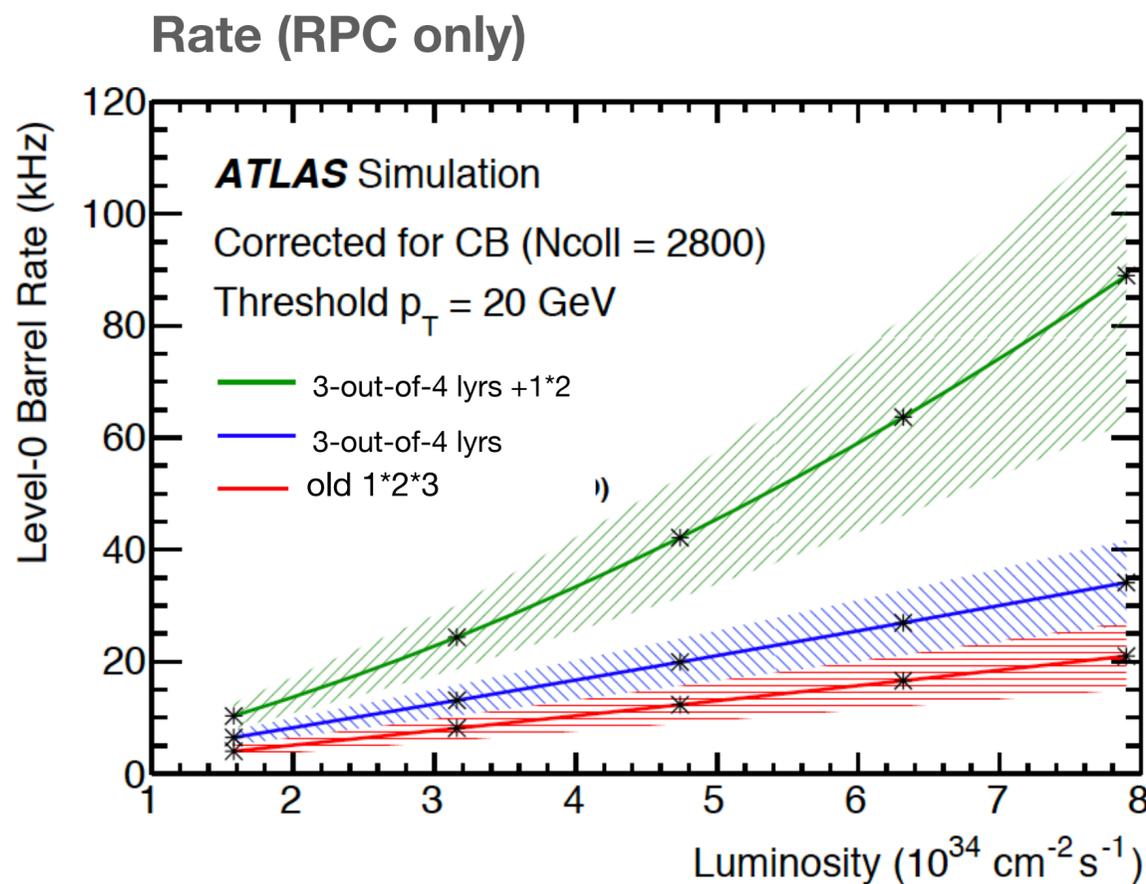
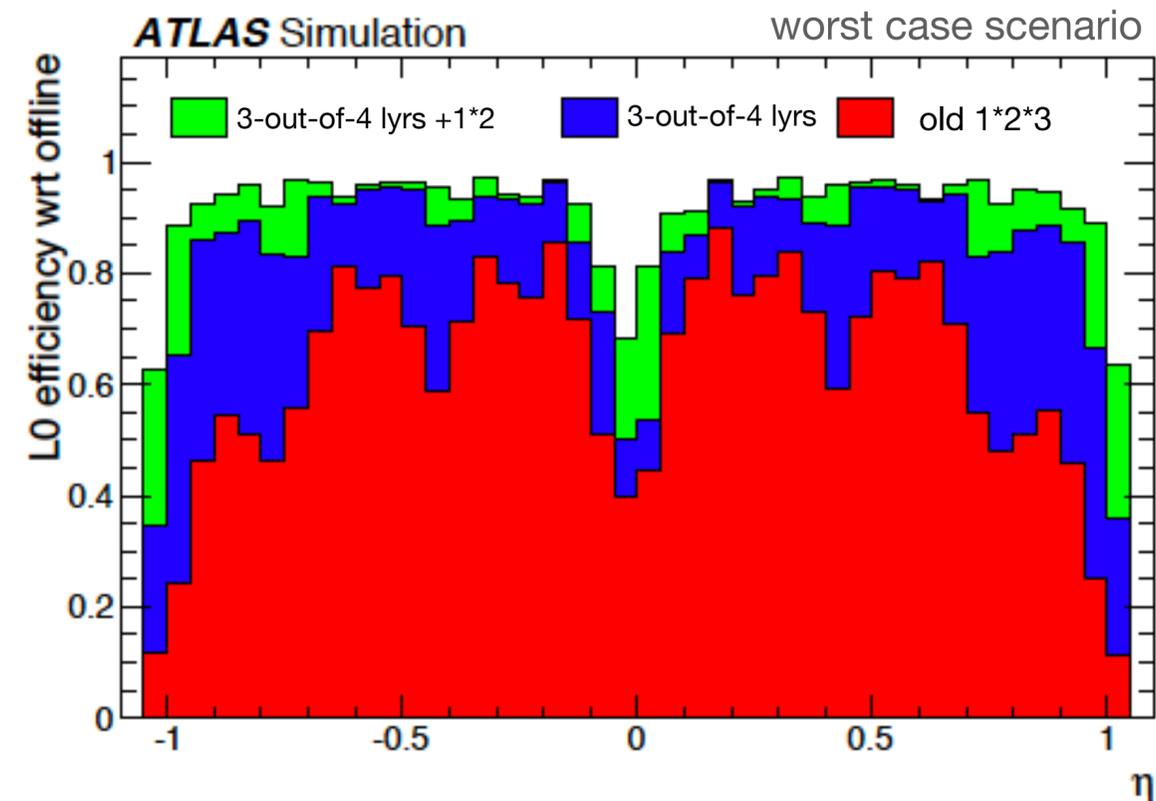
# Barrel Muon Trigger Upgrade

- Current trigger system exploits three doublet RPC detectors layers (RPC1-3)
- Legacy RPCs likely will not be operated at full efficiency at HL-LHC (to limit aging and because of the use of new eco-friendly gas)
- A new Barrel-Inner (BI) triplet layer of new generation RPCs (RPC0) is being added to recover inefficiency and improve geometrical acceptance
- Legacy doublet RPC (middle, BM and outer, BO) have eta-phi strip readout, new BI layer has only eta strips with phi coordinate obtained from time difference of signal readout from both strip ends
- Information from the Hadronic Calorimeter (Tile) cells also made available to L0Muon trigger: (two thresholds given per cell, defining lower and upper m.i.p. range)
- Monitored Drift Tubes (MDTs), not used in current low-level trigger, will be added in L0Muon trigger. L0-MDT processor will be seeded from RPC/TGC trigger candidates, and will provide a refined muon measurement.



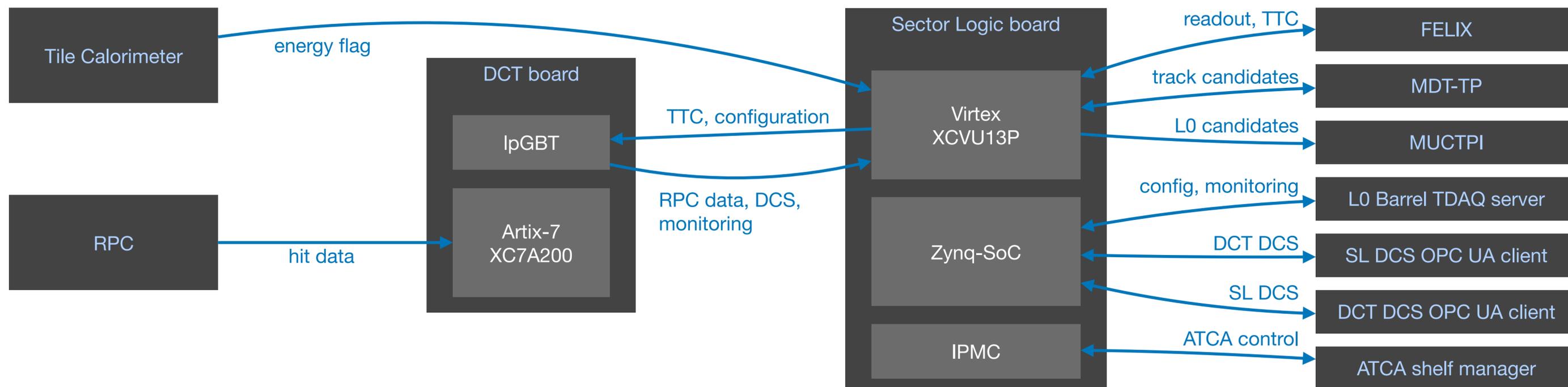
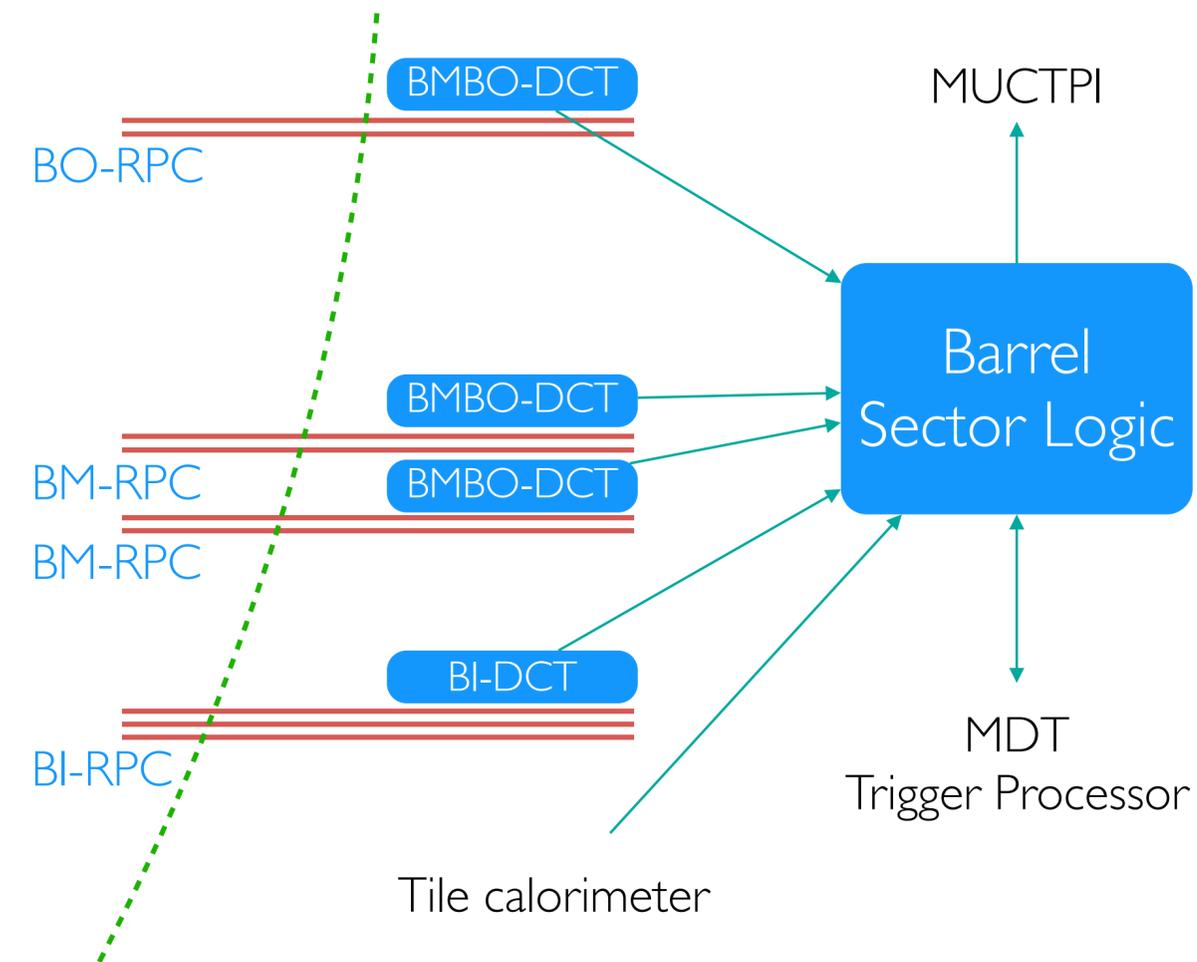
# Barrel Trigger expected performance

- A requirement of 3-out-of-4 layers would give good efficiency x acceptance (85%) and low rates (~30 kHz) for a single-muon  $p_T$  threshold of 20 GeV even in the worst case scenario for legacy RPC efficiency
- Looser coincidences (e.g. RPC1-RPC2) can be added, to further increase the efficiency x acceptance to 92%. Once filtered by the L0-MDT the rate of candidates sent to central trigger is still under control.



# The RPC L0 Barrel Muon Phase-2 System

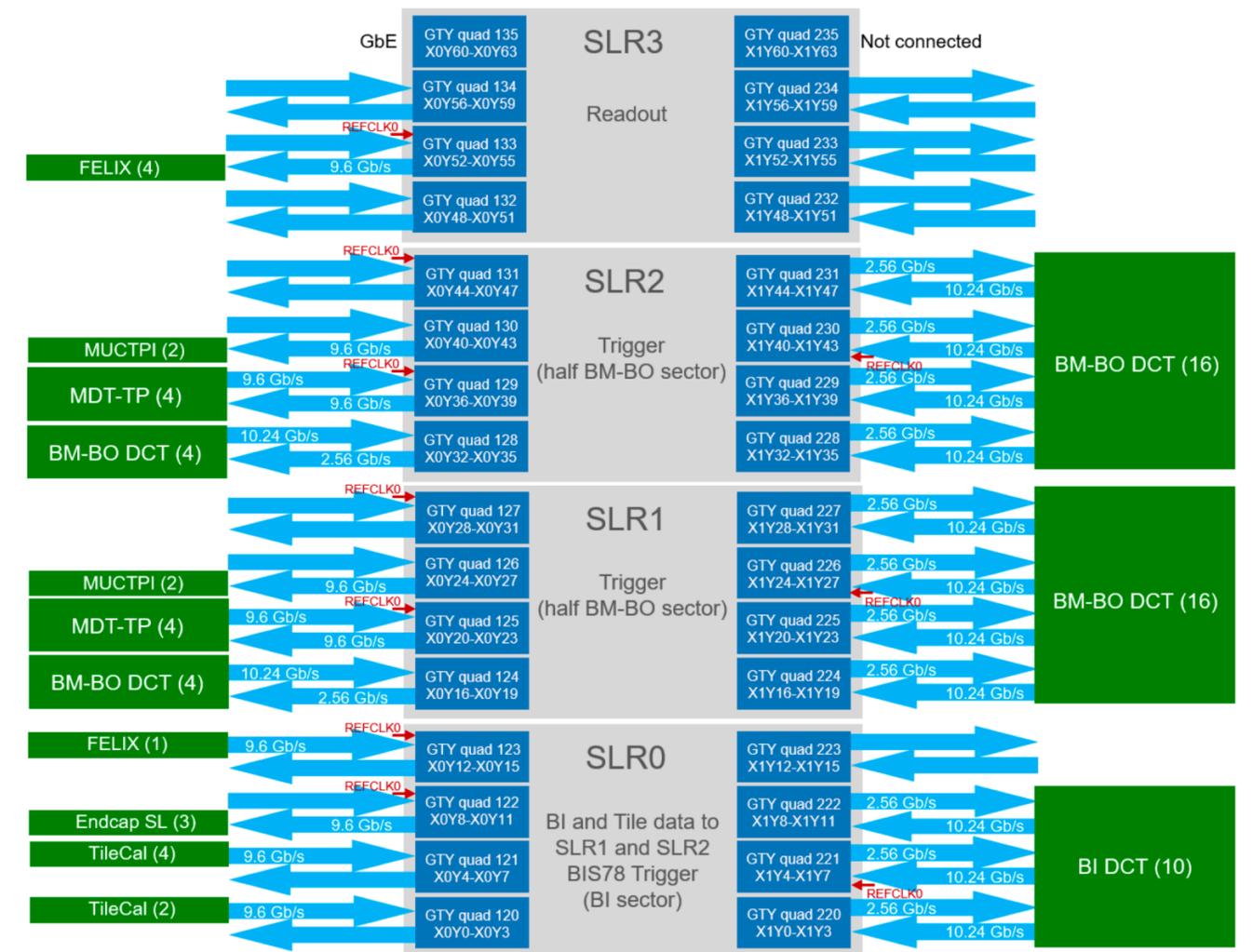
- ~1500 Data Collector and Transmitter (DCT) on-detector boards send hit data via optical link to 32 Sector Logic (SL) boards in counting room.
- Two DCT flavours to interface with different RPC front-end electronics, BMBO for legacy detectors and BI for new ones
- SL : Same hardware as for Endcaps, different Firmware
- All the trigger logic is implemented in the SL FPGA (XCVU13) for maximum flexibility



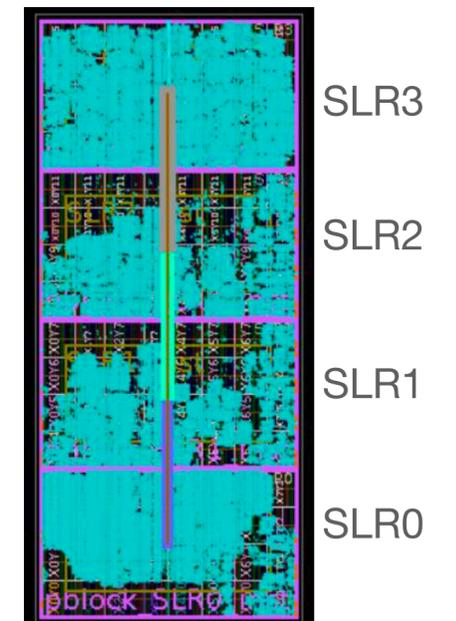
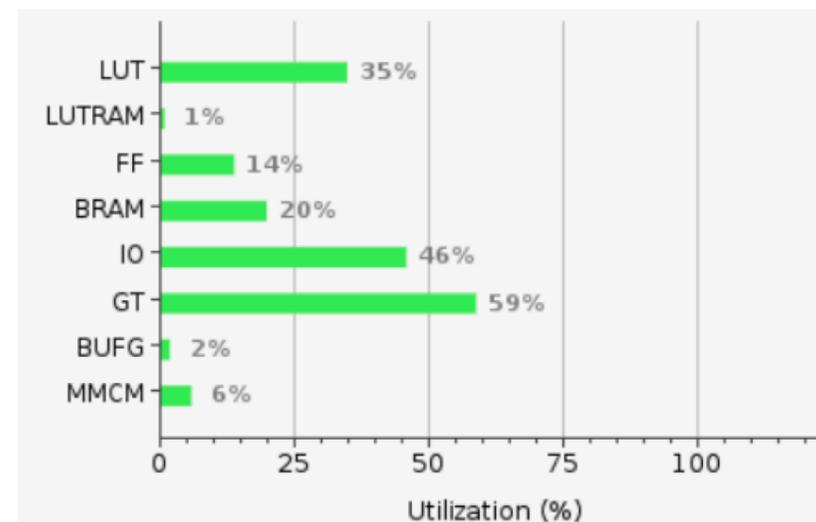
# Current Project Status

- DCT prototypes (BMBO version) with firmware implementing full functionalities have been tested in lab and reading out RPC chambers. Communication between DCT and SL also tested.
- First version of SL FW implemented, including most functionalities: DCT data decoding, phi calculation for inner layer, trigger, readout, etc.
- Careful floor planning of XCVU13 FPGA to spread resources on four Super Logic Regions. Free resources still available in the two SLR (1 and 2) used for the trigger algorithm. While SLR0,3 used for BI and for readout are close to the limit.
- Latency is within requirement, 390 ns from last hit arrived to candidates sent (with hit positions) to L0-MDT processor

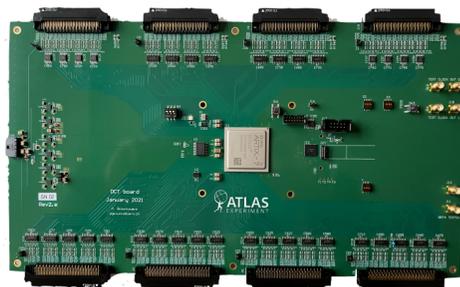
XCVU13 floor planning



XCVU13 resource usage



DCT:  
Italy, Greece

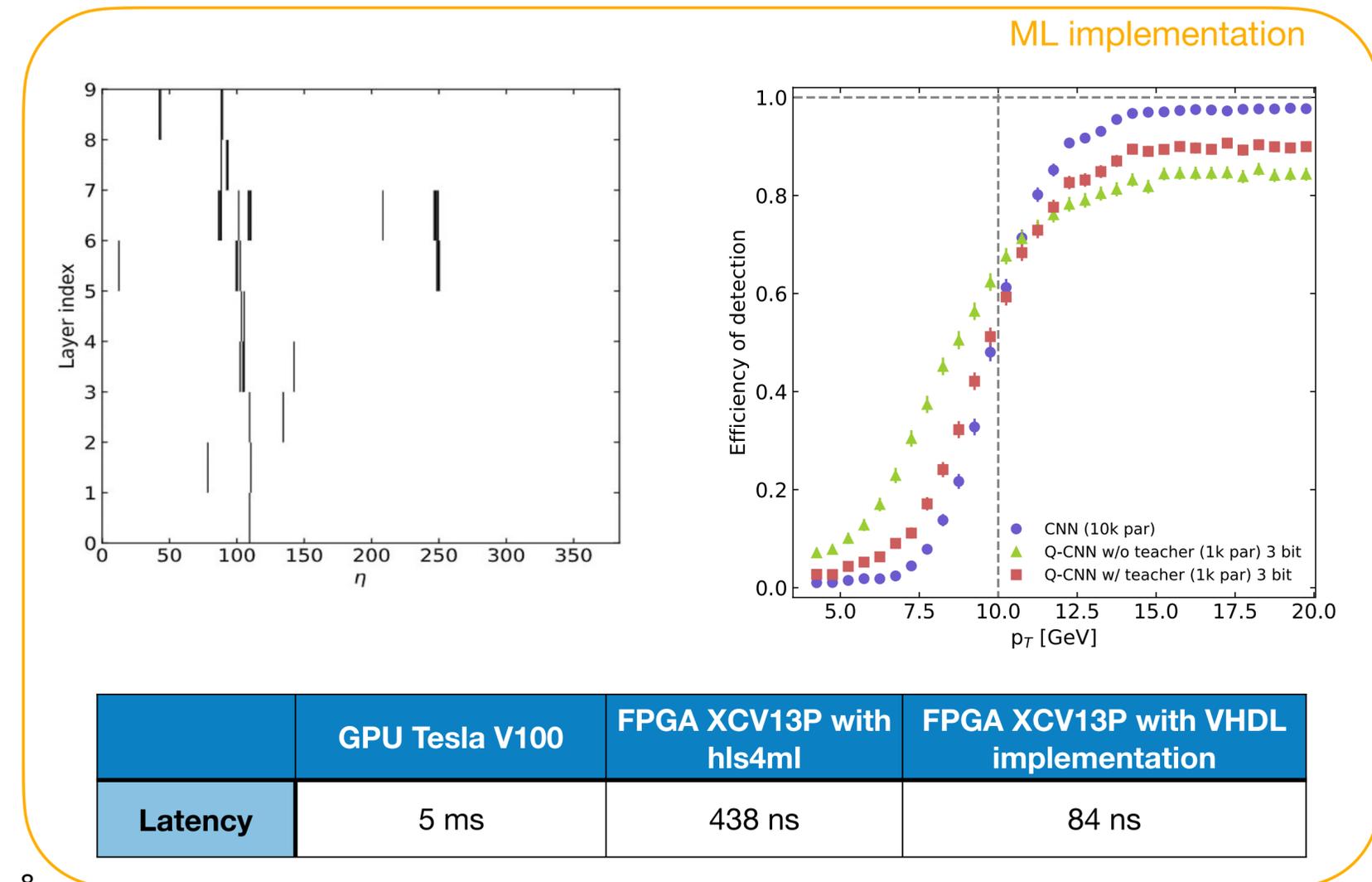
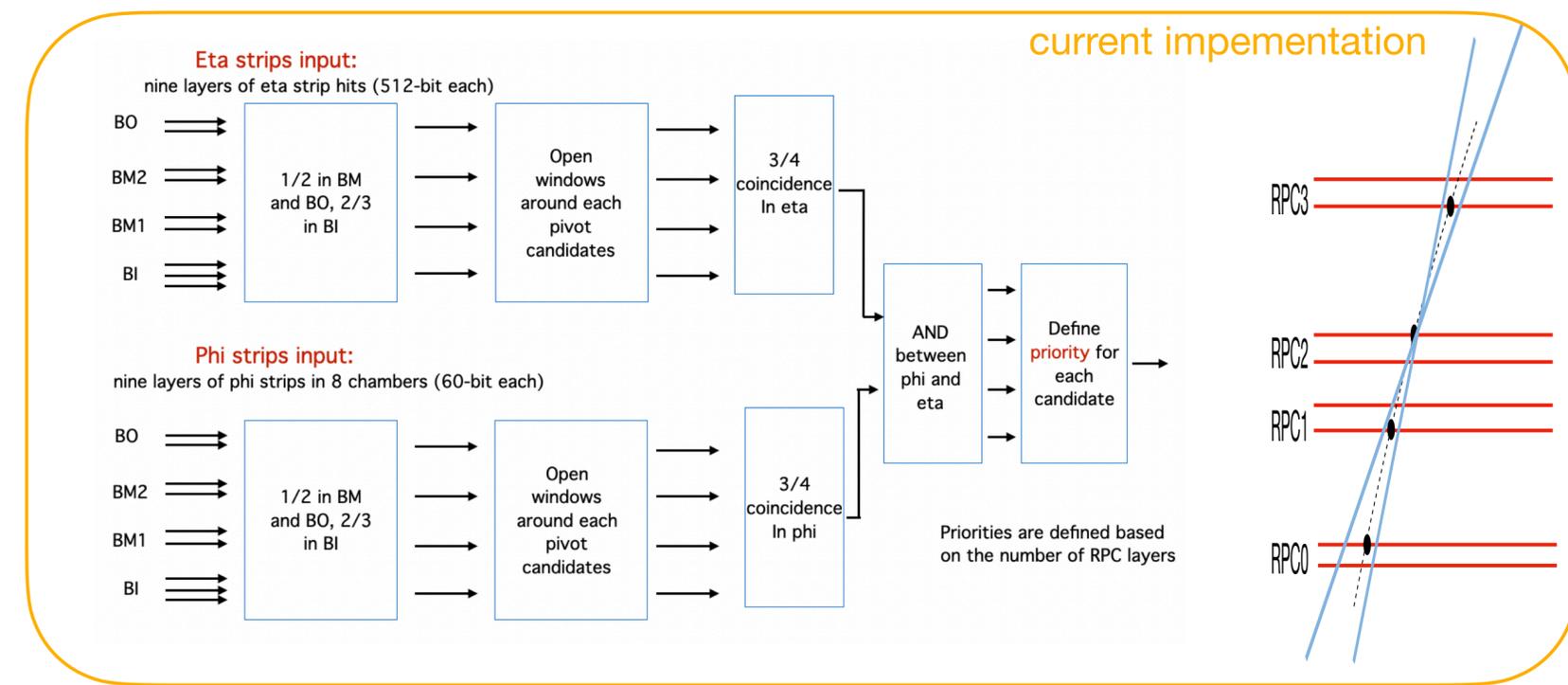


SL  
HW: Japan  
FW: Italy



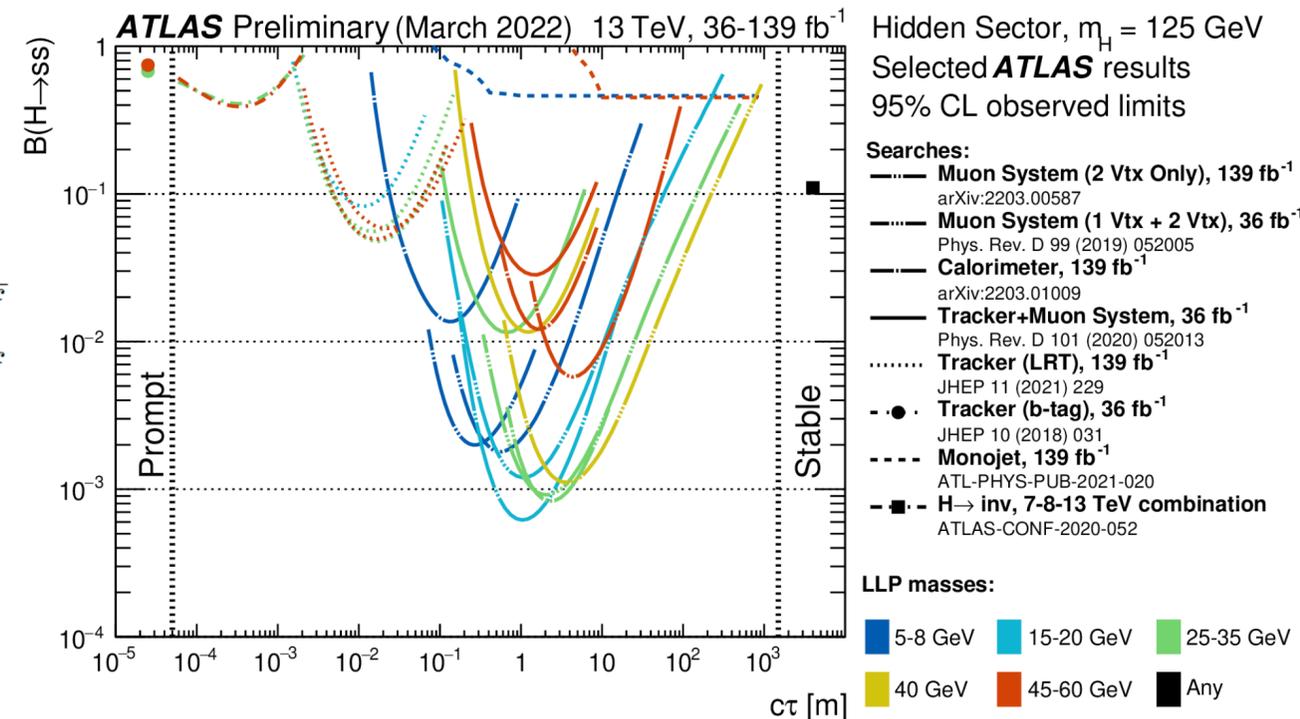
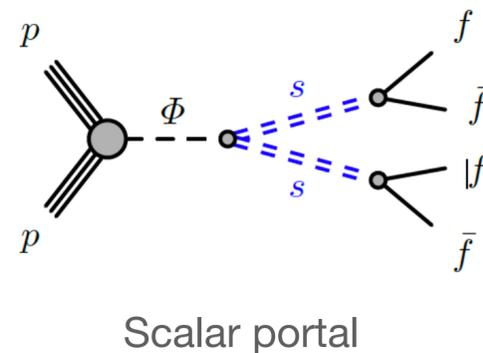
# Trigger Algorithm, Machine Learning ?

- Standard HL-LHC approach is similar to current one (PatFinder): for each hit in a layer, an hit is looked for in the next layers within a pre-computed spatial window defined by the  $p_T$  threshold
- Currently implemented in SL, optimization and performance studies are in progress
- Alternative approach based on ML technique: use images based on hits in RPC layers to feed a CNN [EPJC 81 \(2021\) 969](#)
- Latency requirements and FPGA resources at Level-0 are challenging for standard ML methods, special techniques are required : Knowledge Distillation, Quantization, code written by hand at low-level in VHDL to optimize latency size etc.
- A similar approach by Ospanov et al. [Eur.Phys.J.C 82 \(2022\) 6, 576](#)
- Detailed performance comparison with standard approach will be done to choose the final algorithm

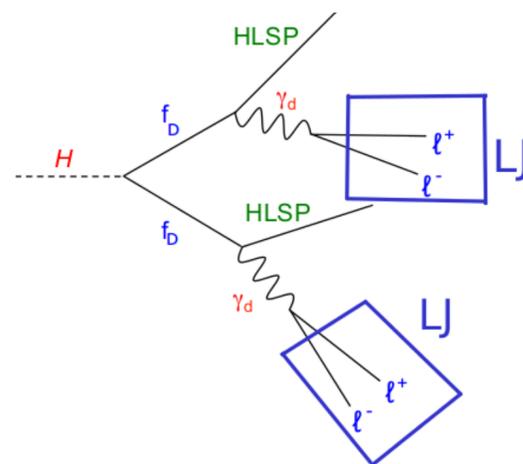


# Searches for Long Lived Particles with ATLAS

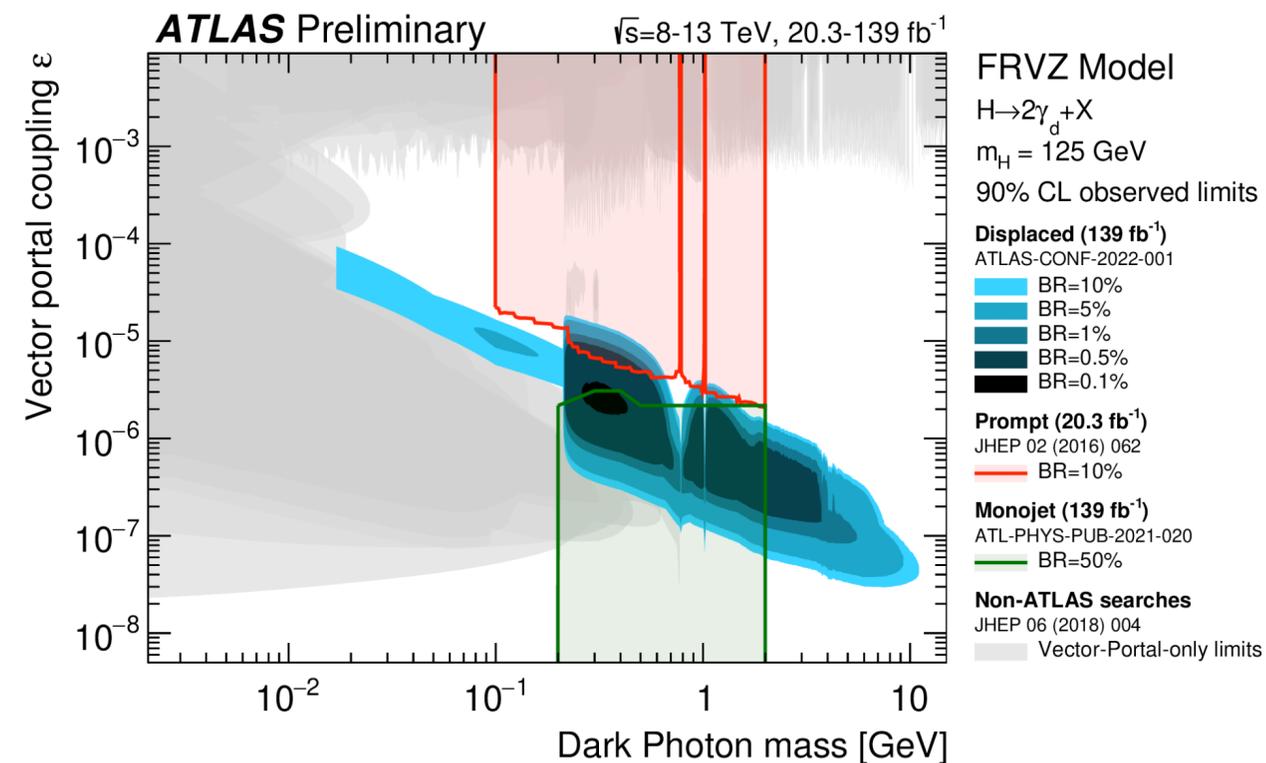
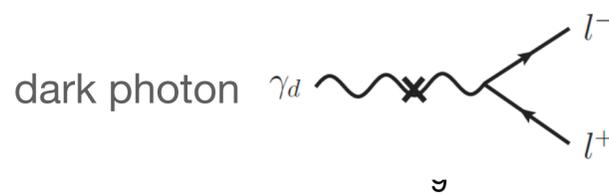
- Several models beyond SM predict Long Lived Particles (LLPs)
- Using a combination of detectors ATLAS searched displaced decays over a wide range of particle masses and decay lengths in Run2 data



- Example 1 : Scalar Higgs Portal, SM Higgs decays in two long-lived neutral scalars which decay back in two SM fermions. Typical signature are vertices with multiple tracks well displaced from IP

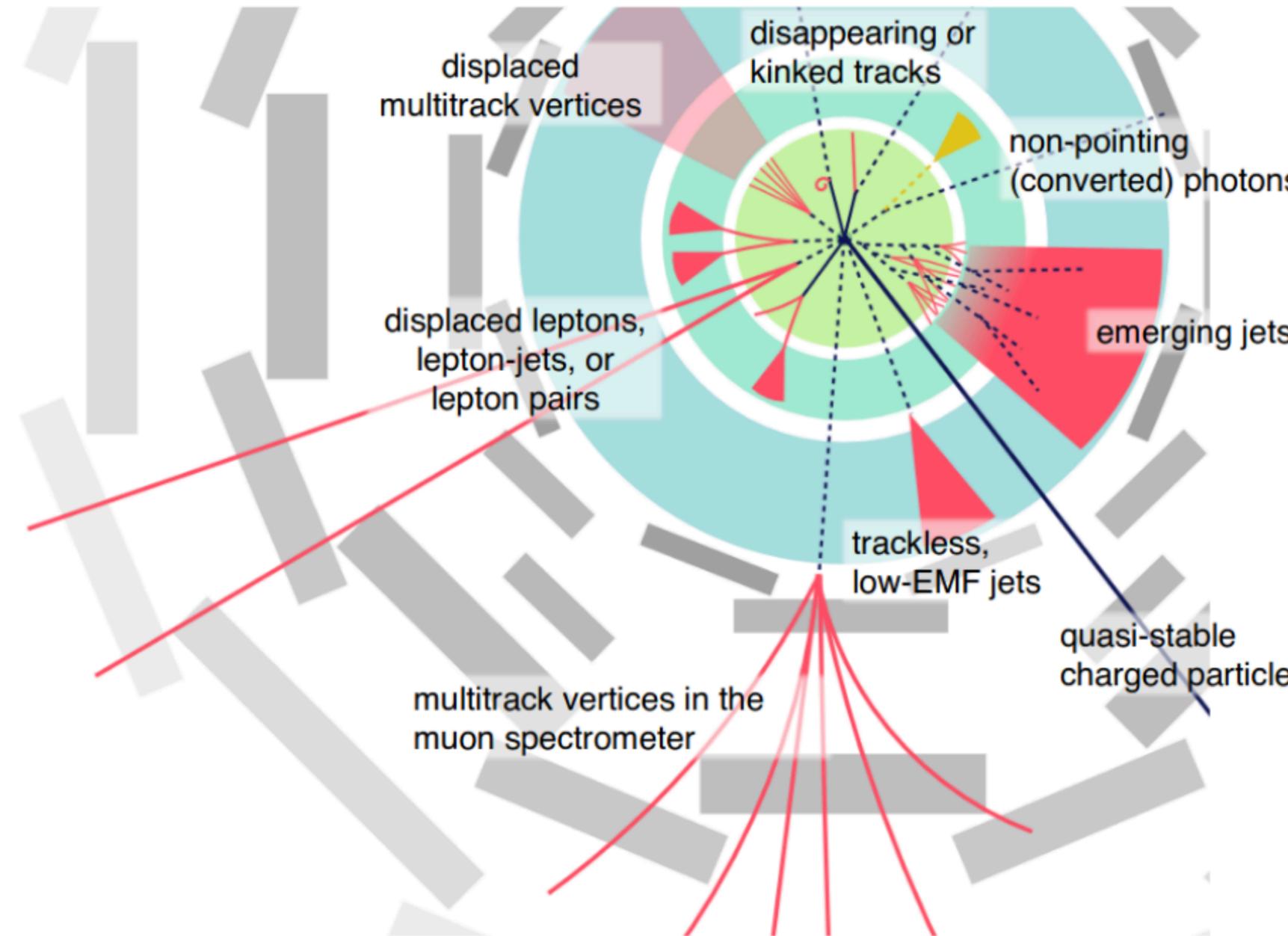


- Example 2 : Dark photons (FRVZ model), produced in Higgs decays, kinematically mix with photon and decay into collimated lepton pairs (lepton jets, LJ)



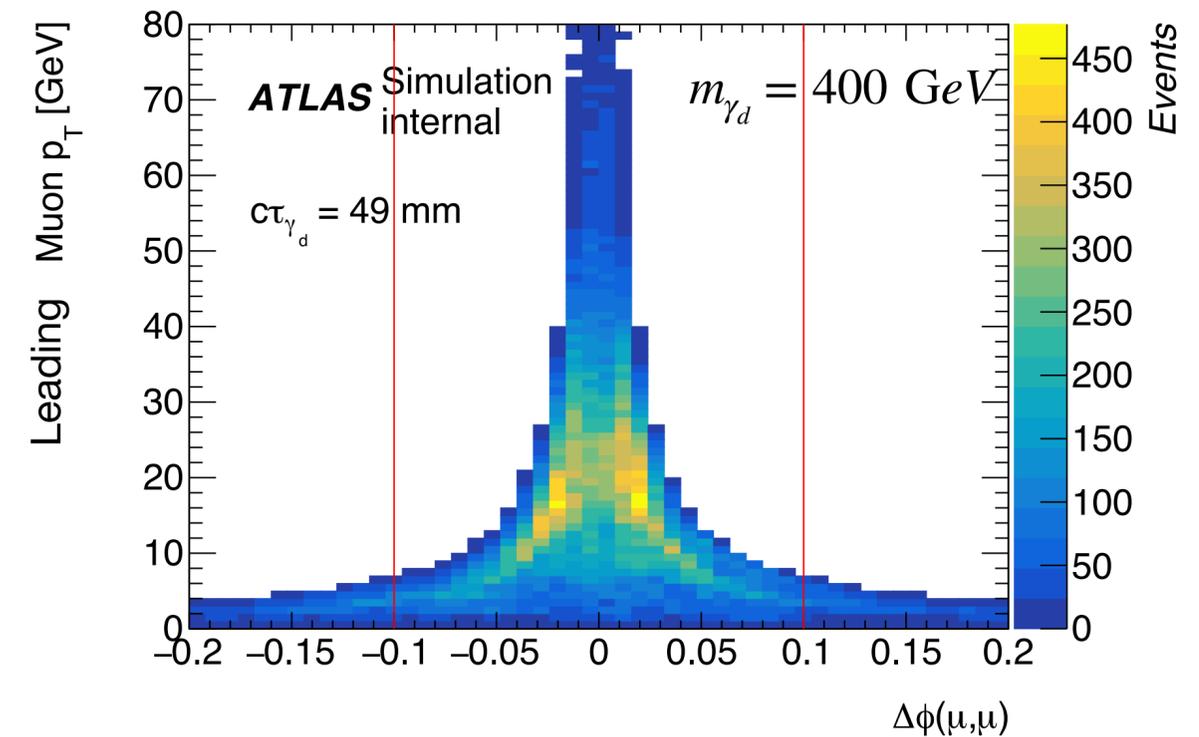
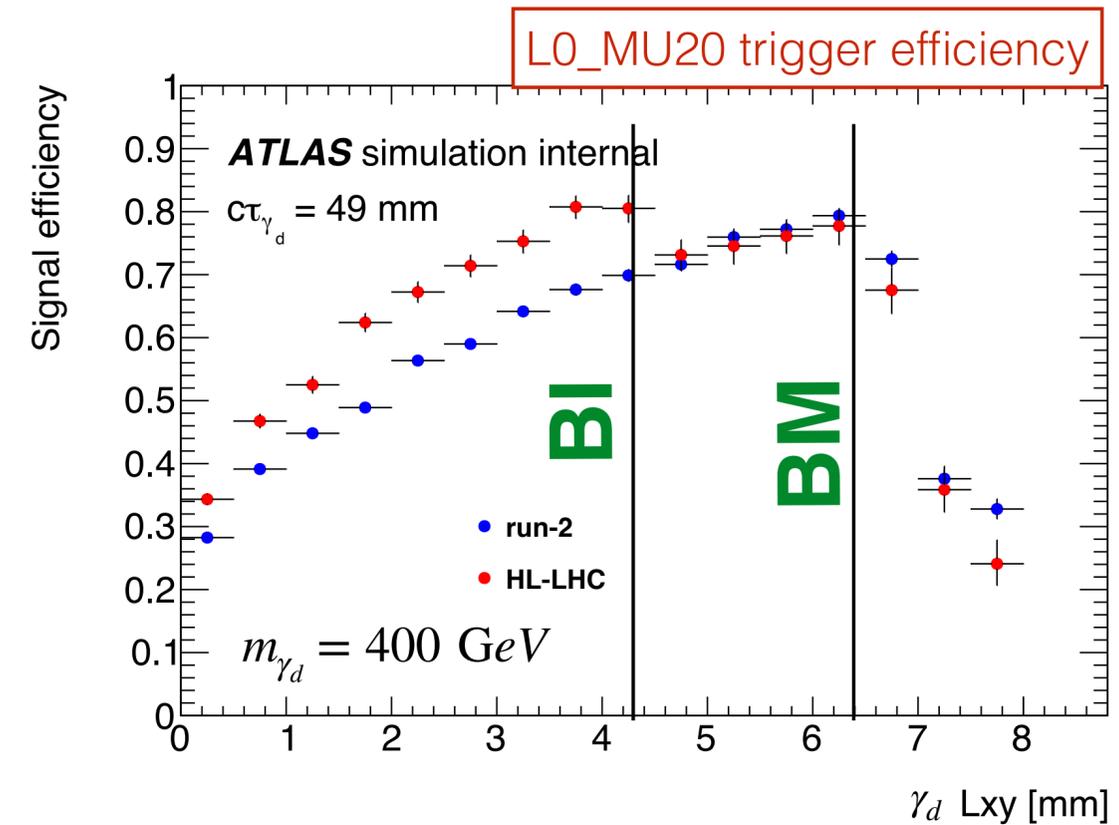
# Searches for Long Lived Particles with the ATLAS Muon System

- The ATLAS muon system is a very large "almost" empty volume instrumented with trigger and precision tracking chambers: very good for looking at displaced decays of Long Lived Particles (LLPs)
- Several nice results have been published
- Will we be able to trigger on these exotic channels at HL-LHC ?



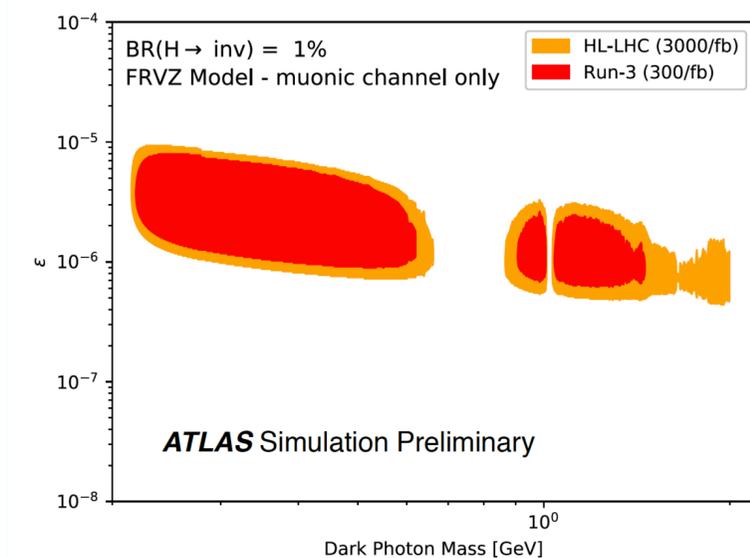
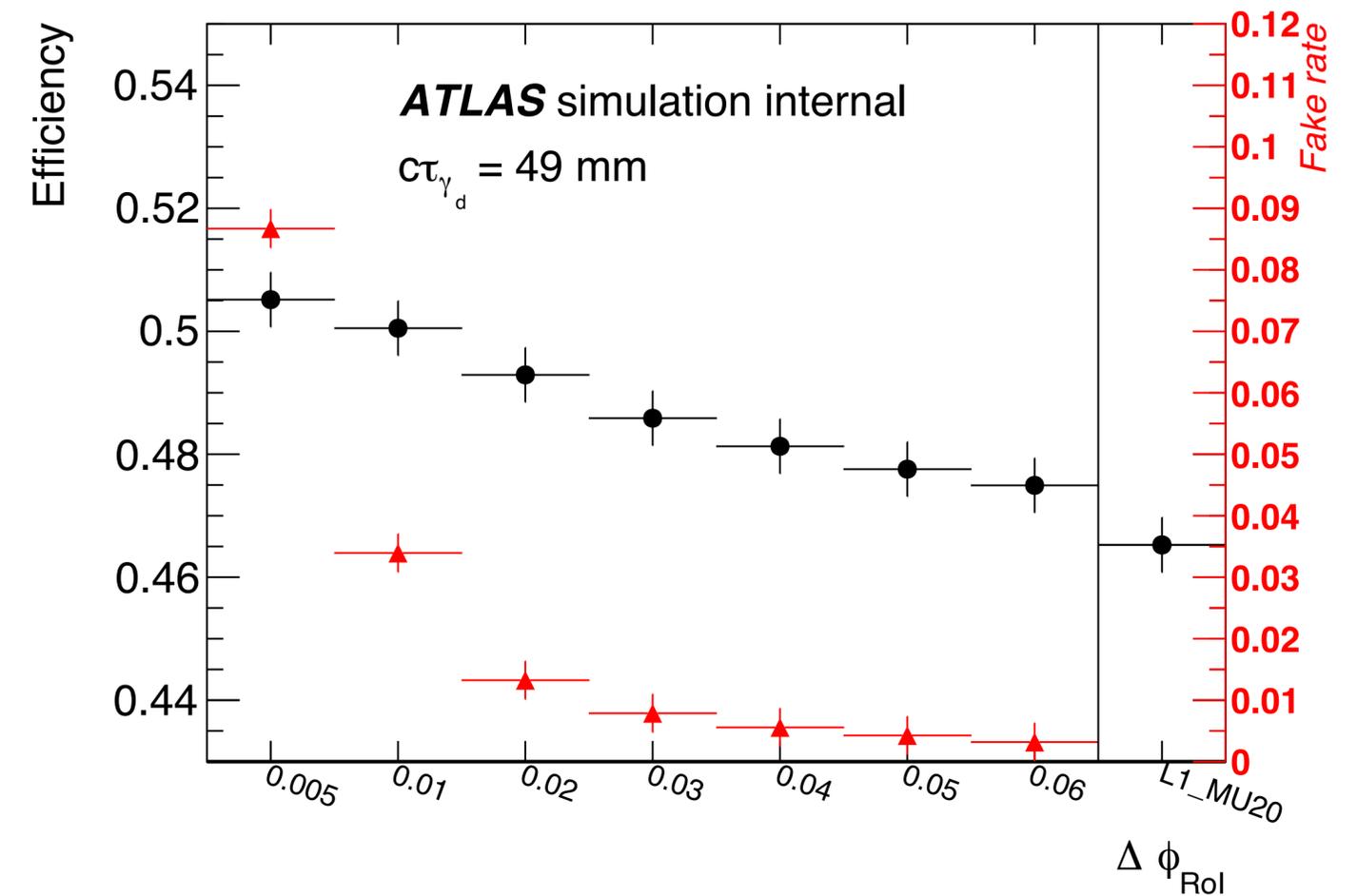
# Triggering on lepton jets at HL-LHC

- Study of triggers for lepton-jets at HL-LHC: ATL-PHYS-PUB-2019-002
- Single muon trigger efficient for lepton jets up to  $L_{xy}=7$  m, slightly improved wrt to Run-2
- Muon pairs can be very collimated and/or of moderate  $p_T$
- We studied a triggers for collimated di-muons (similar to B-physics triggers but without invariant mass cuts)



# Lepton-jet dimuon trigger

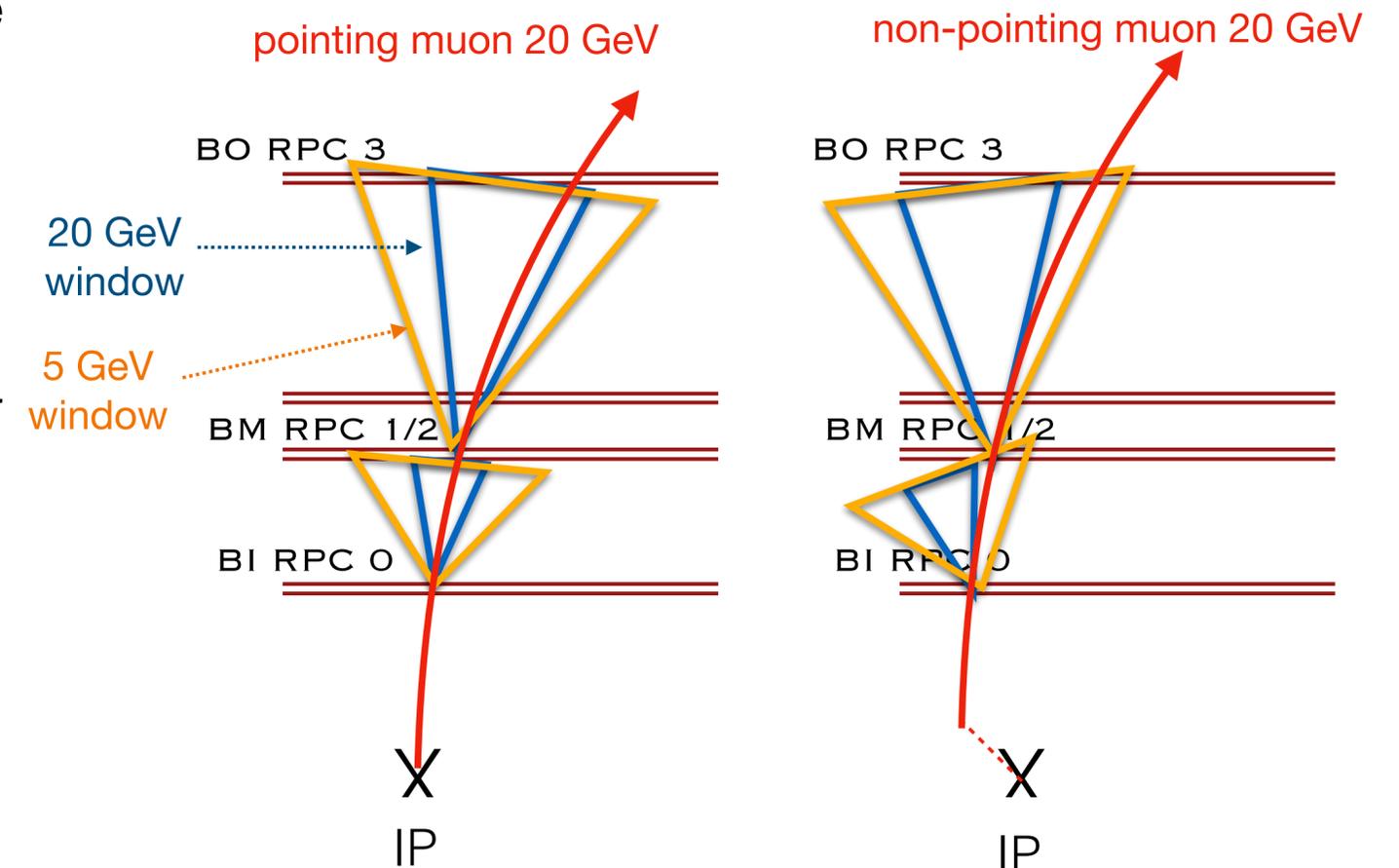
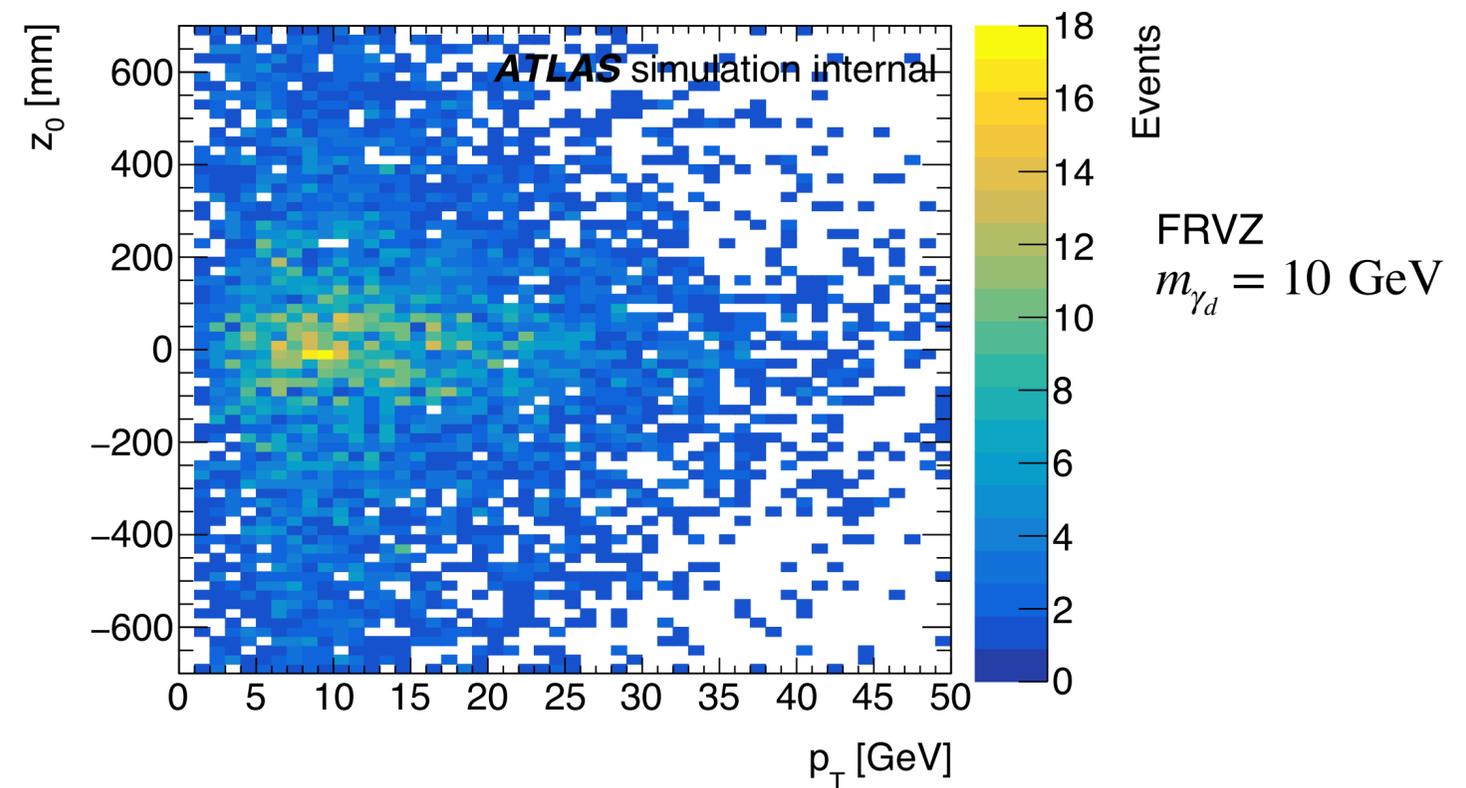
- A simple collimated dimuon trigger
- At very low  $\Delta\Phi(\mu, \mu)$  fakes originating from single muon reconstructed as a muon pair
- chosen working point  
 $\Delta\Phi(\mu, \mu) > 0.01, p_T(\mu_1) > 10 \text{ GeV}, p_T(\mu_2) > 5 \text{ GeV}$
- Implementation in firmware to be studied
- Study of physics reach at HL-LHC (simple extension of Run-2 analysis, further improvements expected from re-optimization for high-pileup conditions) : the excluded lifetime range is significantly extended



Excluded $c\tau$ [mm] muonic-muonic	Run-2	Run-3	HL-LHC	HL-LHC + Collimated dimuon trigger
BR( $H \rightarrow 2\gamma_d + X$ )=10 %	$2.2 \leq c\tau \leq 111$	$1.15 \leq c\tau \leq 435$	$0.97 \leq c\tau \leq 553$	$0.97 \leq c\tau \leq 597$
BR( $H \rightarrow 2\gamma_d + X$ )=1 %	-	$2.76 \leq c\tau \leq 102$	$2.18 \leq c\tau \leq 142$	$2.13 \leq c\tau \leq 148$

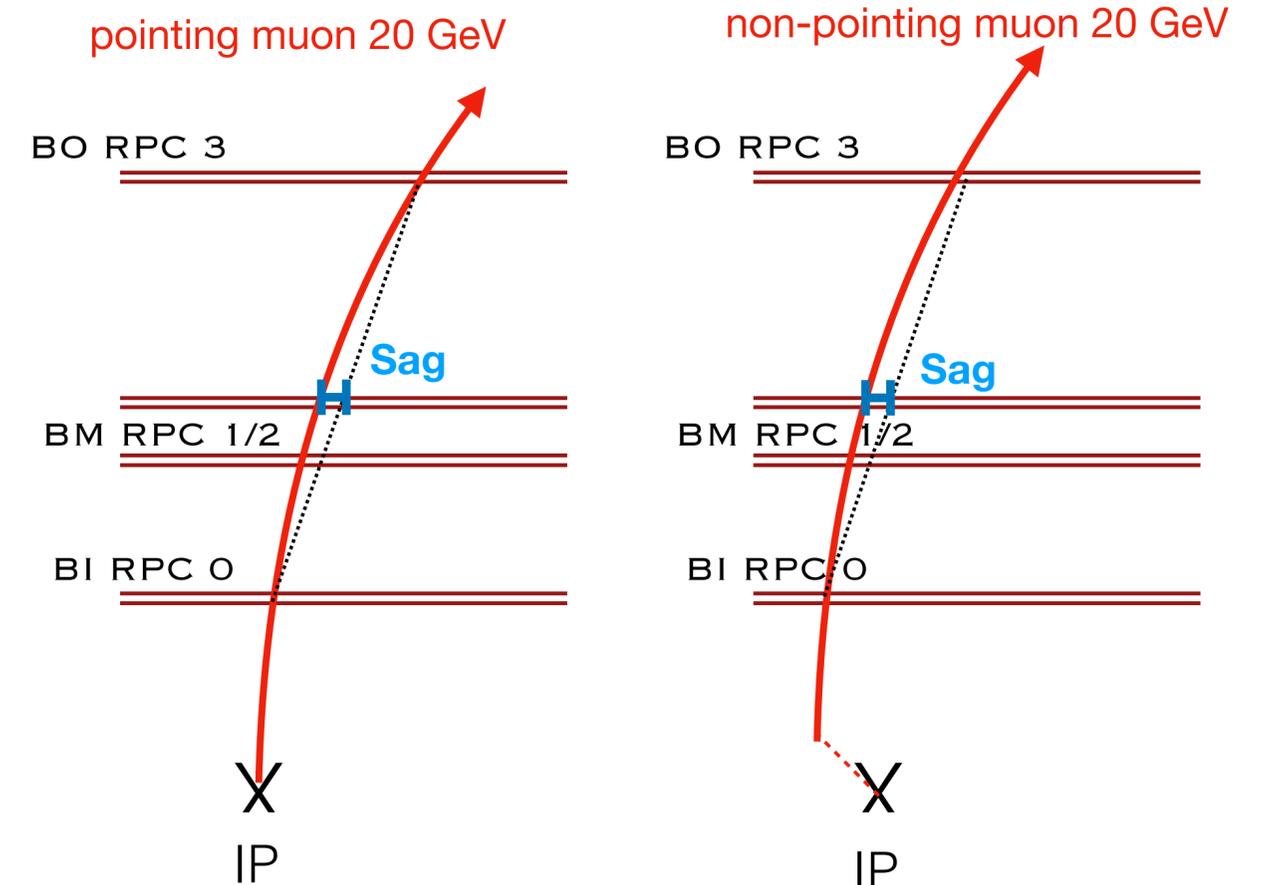
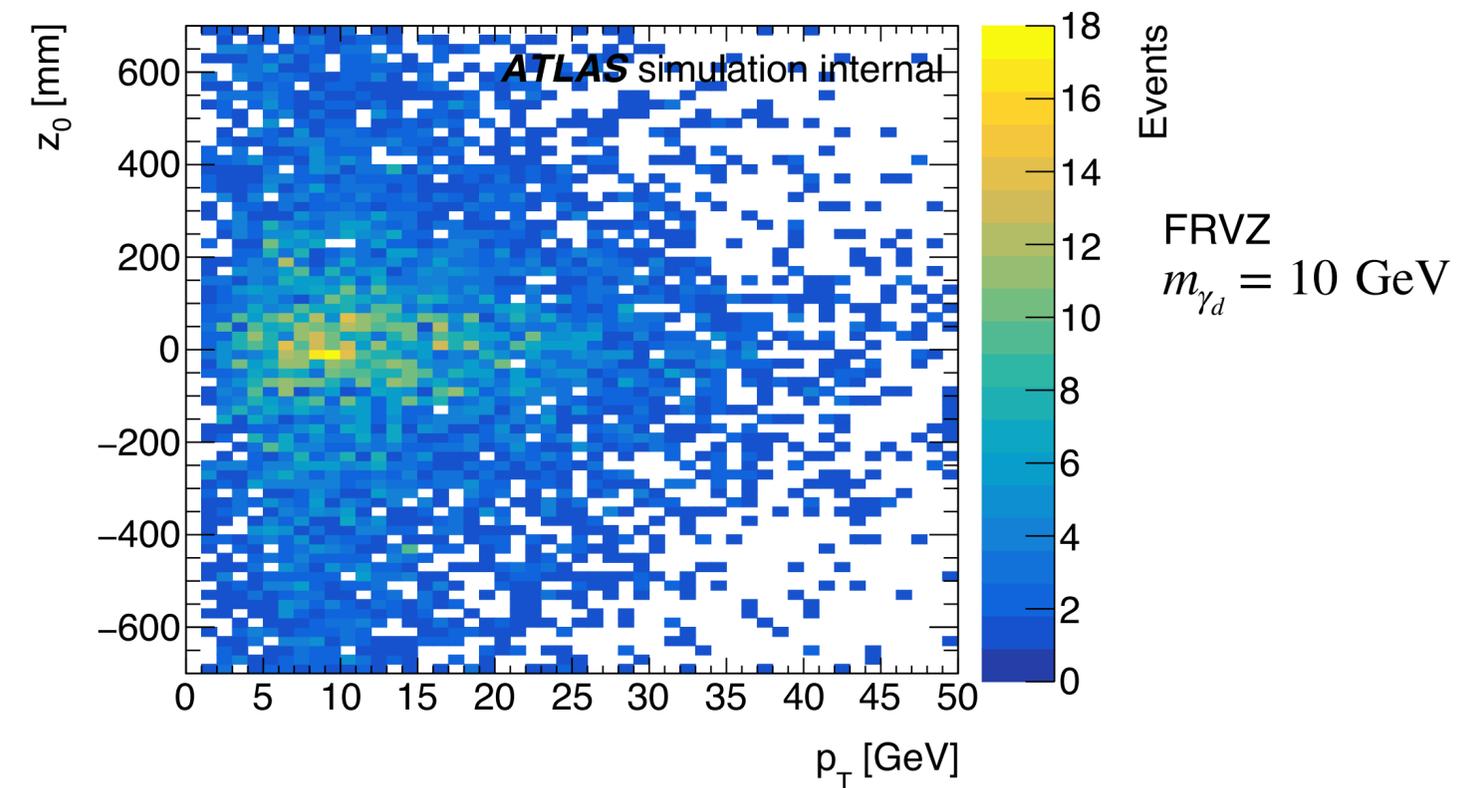
# Muons from heavy long-lived objects

- Long-Lived particles may also be heavy
- E.g. an heavy dark Z can be produced in Drell-Yan via kinematic mixing or in processes or with the FRVZ mechanism
- In this case the muons are not pointing to IP
- standard L0Muon Barrel trigger spatial coincidences assume tracks pointing to IP, will loose these signals !
- Study to use loose spatial coincidences for good candidates with hits in  $\geq 3$  RPC Layers (including inner and outer ones)
- loose coincidence windows: pointing 5 GeV threshold for eta view and "fully open" coincidence within a trigger phi sector ( $2\pi/32$ )



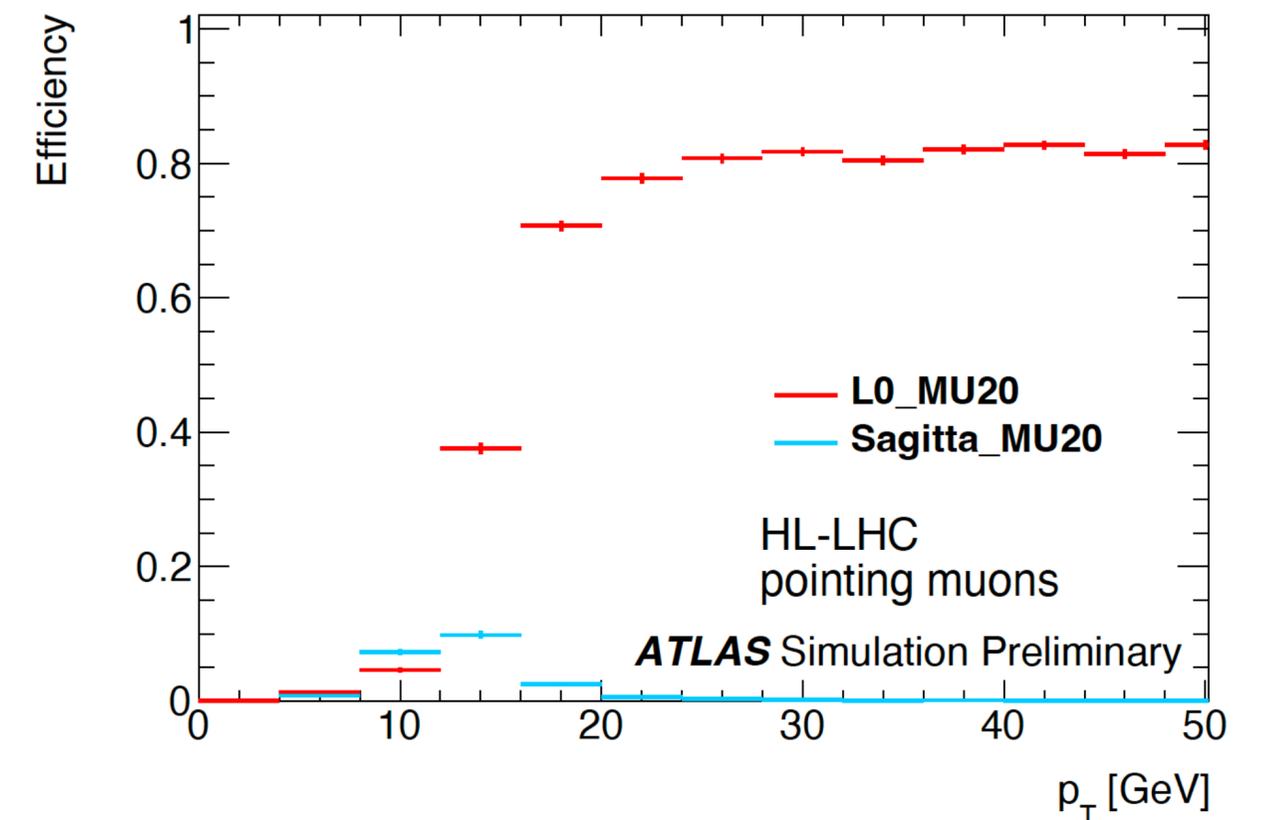
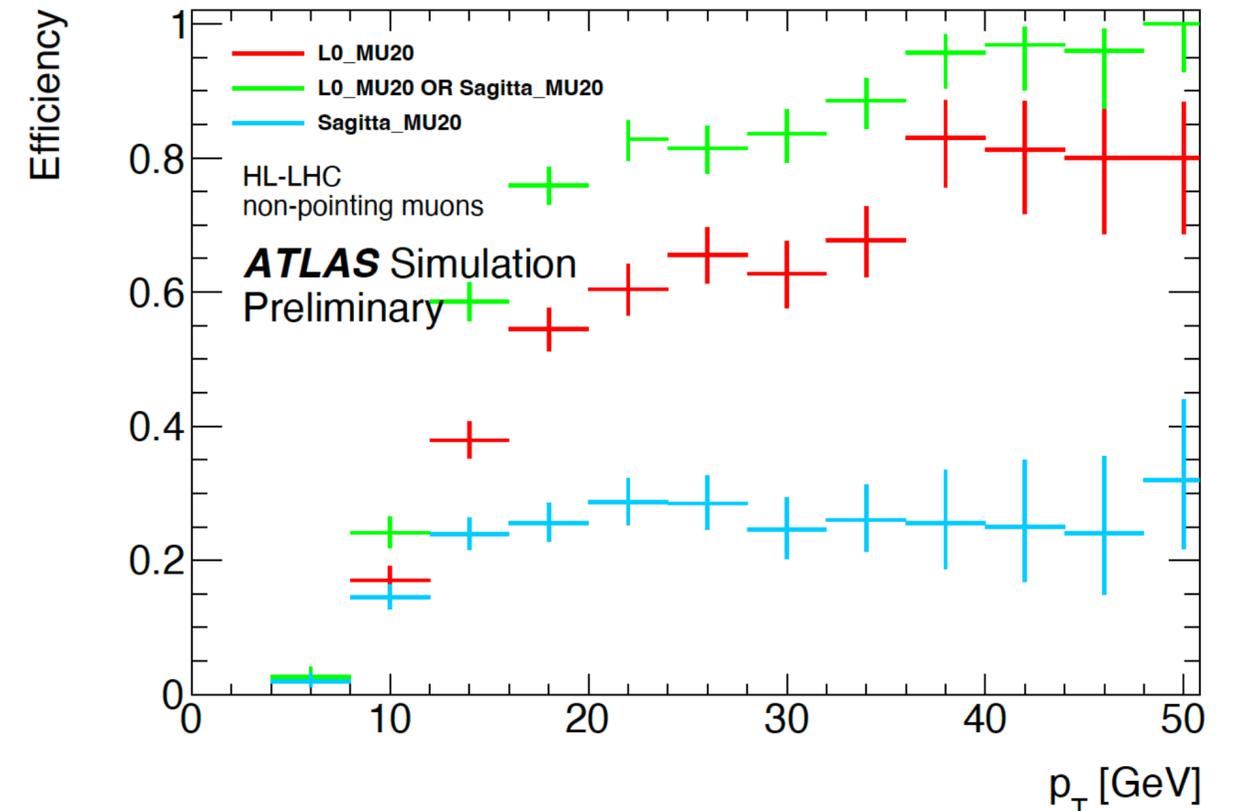
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- Add a cut on sagitta calculated exploiting inner-middle-outer layers



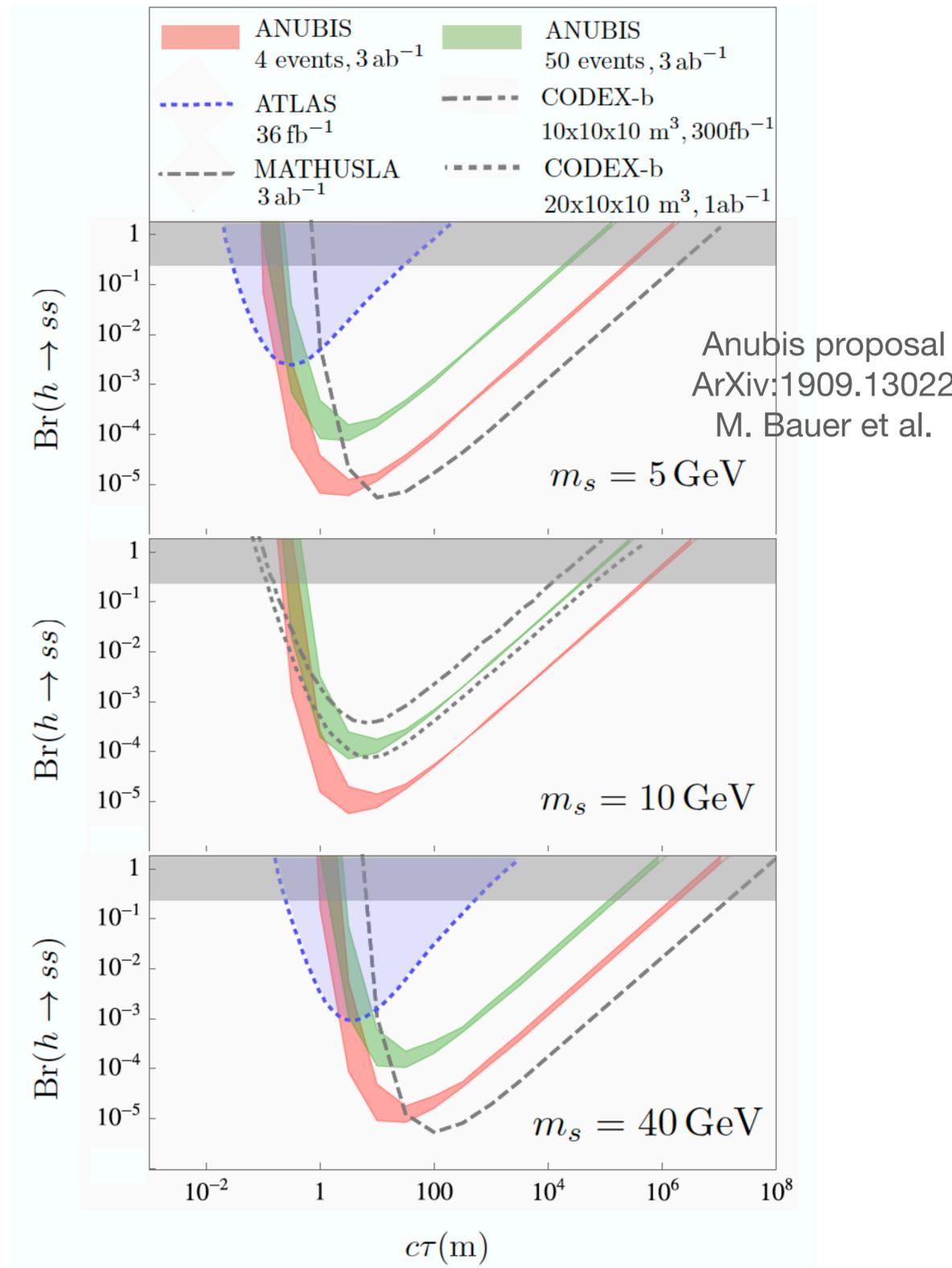
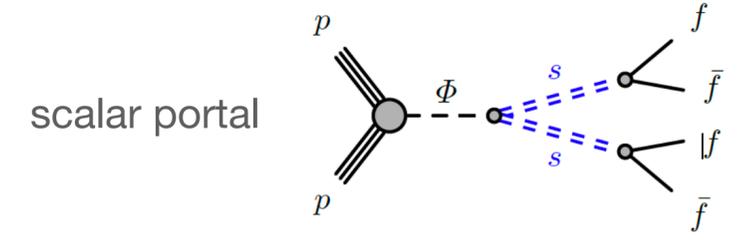
# Heavy long-lived objects : performance

- Significant improvement in efficiency over standard single muon triggers (+20% for FRZV model with 10 GeV dark photon).
- Some residual efficiency on medium-pT pointing muons
- Actual implementation in firmware to be studied.
- Sag calculation could be implemented as a post-processing, in parallel to L0-MDT algorithm as  $\text{sag} = (\eta_3 + \eta_0)/2 - \eta_2$



# LLPs with high multiplicity vertices in the Muon Spectrometer

- Dedicated experiments have been proposed at LHC to search for displaced vertices from neutral LLPs
  - MATHUSLA : large tracking system on surface near ATLAS or CMS
  - CODEX : a screened off-axis tracker near LHCb
  - ANUBIS : a tracker in the ATLAS cavern shaft
  - FASER : very forward (in operation !)
- All share a (more or less) large decay volume with tracking stations
- Why not using the ATLAS Muon system itself ?, it has a large decay volume all around the IP
- In fact it has been used in Run-2...

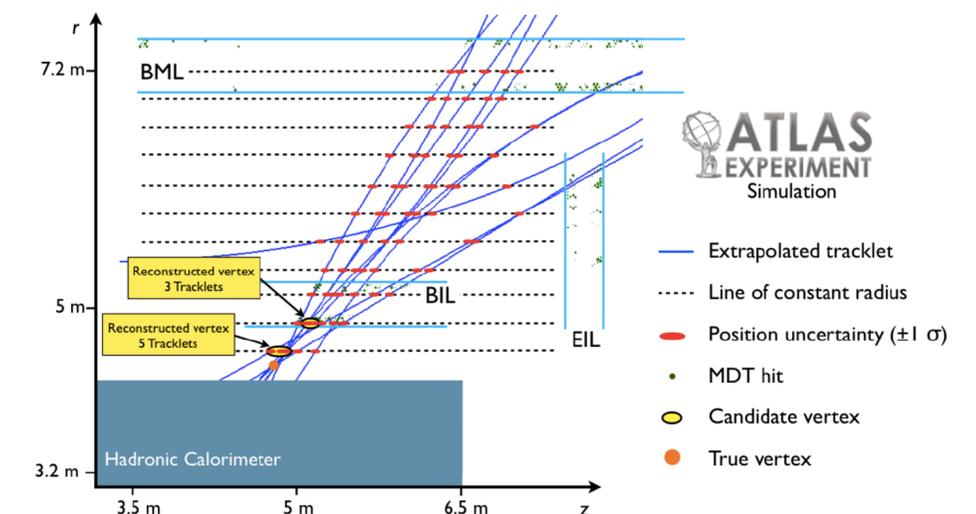
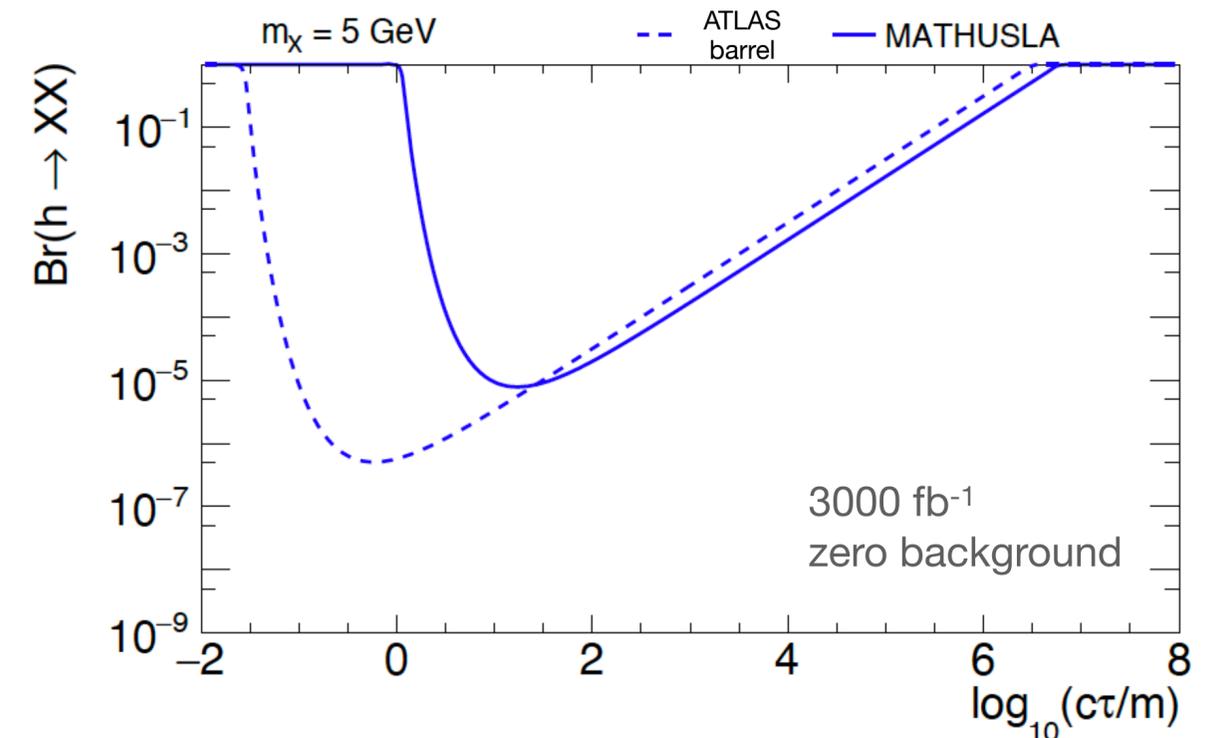


$$P_{decay} = e^{-\frac{L_{min}}{bc\tau}} - e^{-\frac{L_{max}}{bc\tau}}$$

# Vertices in the Muon Spectrometer

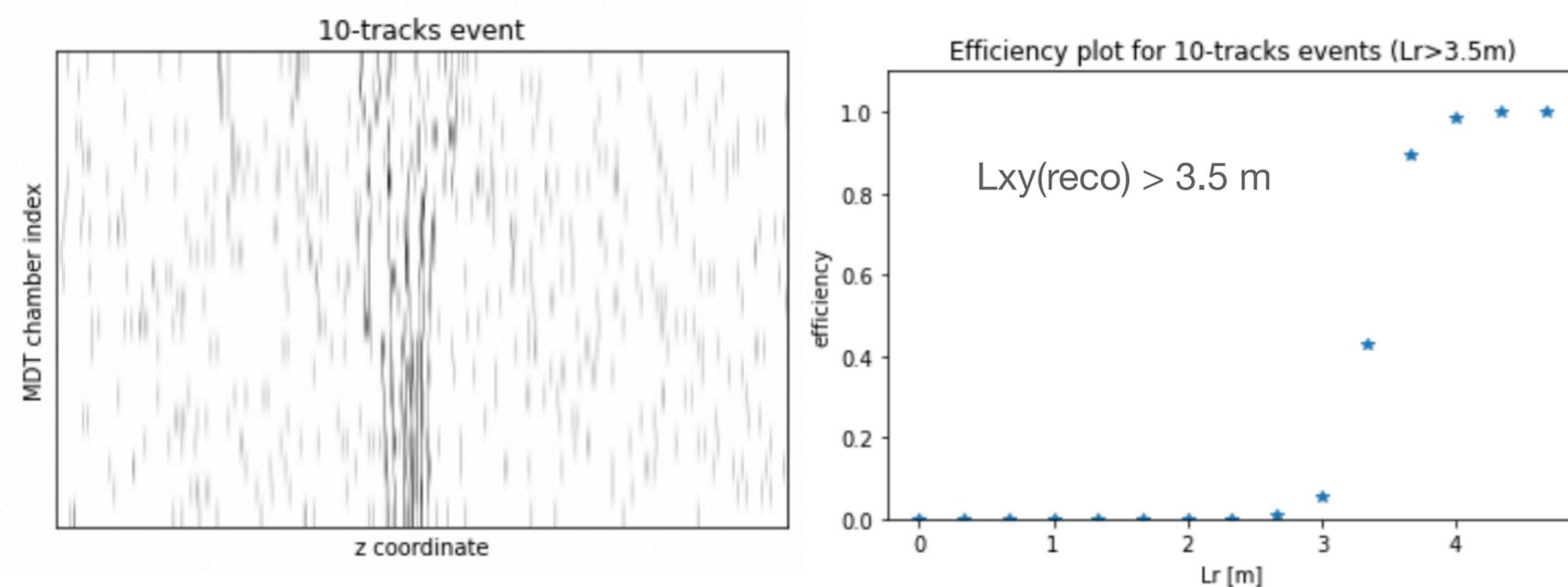
- Thanks to the very large angular acceptance and the depth of the ATLAS spectrometer, ATLAS is very competitive in terms of acceptance, as can be seen with a simple calculation
- The main limitation of Run-2 analyses was background.
- To remain close to zero background, two vertices had to be required, at the cost of hugely reduced acceptance at high ctau (both objects need to decay in the fiducial volume)
- The most difficult backgrounds are jets leaking from calorimeters, either mis-reconstructed as displaced or producing showers inside the Muon System. There room to improve: vetoing on calorimeter deposits before the Muon Spectrometer, excluding vertices originating from regions with with materials, improving precision of sec. vertices reconstruction. All this would require the development of some new technology
- Whether ATLAS could be competitive with proposed experiments will be clear only after a careful estimate of backgrounds (from all experiments) and ATLAS is the only one approved => it's worth trying

	ATLAS (barrel)	MATHUSLA
$\epsilon \times A$	0.20	0.05
$L_{min}$ [m]	5.5	200
$L_{max}$ [m]	9.5	230



# HL-LHC: high multiplicity vertices in the Muon Spectrometer

- At level-0 a trigger on hit multiplicity (possibly with a veto on energy in the Tile Calorimeter) should provide good efficiency and acceptable rate.
- Something more fancy is required in the High-Level Trigger (HLT): we are studying a ML approach to reconstruct multiple track vertices
- CNN using as input images made with hits in RPC and MDT layers from simulated  $\gamma_d \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  and  $\pi_V \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decays with pileup and cavern background
- Good reconstruction of decay distance
- Resources available at HLT may be an issue, we tried an implementation on Xilinx Alveo U50 FPGA accelerator with *Vitis AI*, promising results !



	CPU*	FPGA	Improvement
<b>Memory occupancy (MB)</b>	10.96	2.77	4x
<b>Processing time (fps)</b>	348	694.2 (1 thread) 1909.9 (8 threads)	2x (1thread) 5.5x (8 threads)
<b>Energy consumption (Watt)</b>	135	75	1.8x

\*CPU Intel Xeon E5-2698 @2.2

# Conclusion and outlook

- New ATLAS L0-Muon Barrel trigger for HL-LHC: project progressing well, first prototypes tested
- Some resources may be available for new triggers dedicated to exotic signals, in particular for LLPs
- Some possibilities have been studied:
  - collimated dimuon lepton-jet trigger
  - "sagitta" trigger for muons from displaced verticesall very interesting, detailed firmware-based study to be done next
- Machine Learning techniques tried for L0-Muon single-muon trigger and for higher-level trigger displaced vertices searches, look promising but further studies needed
- Next steps: implement the new exotic triggers in actual hardware

**BACKUP**

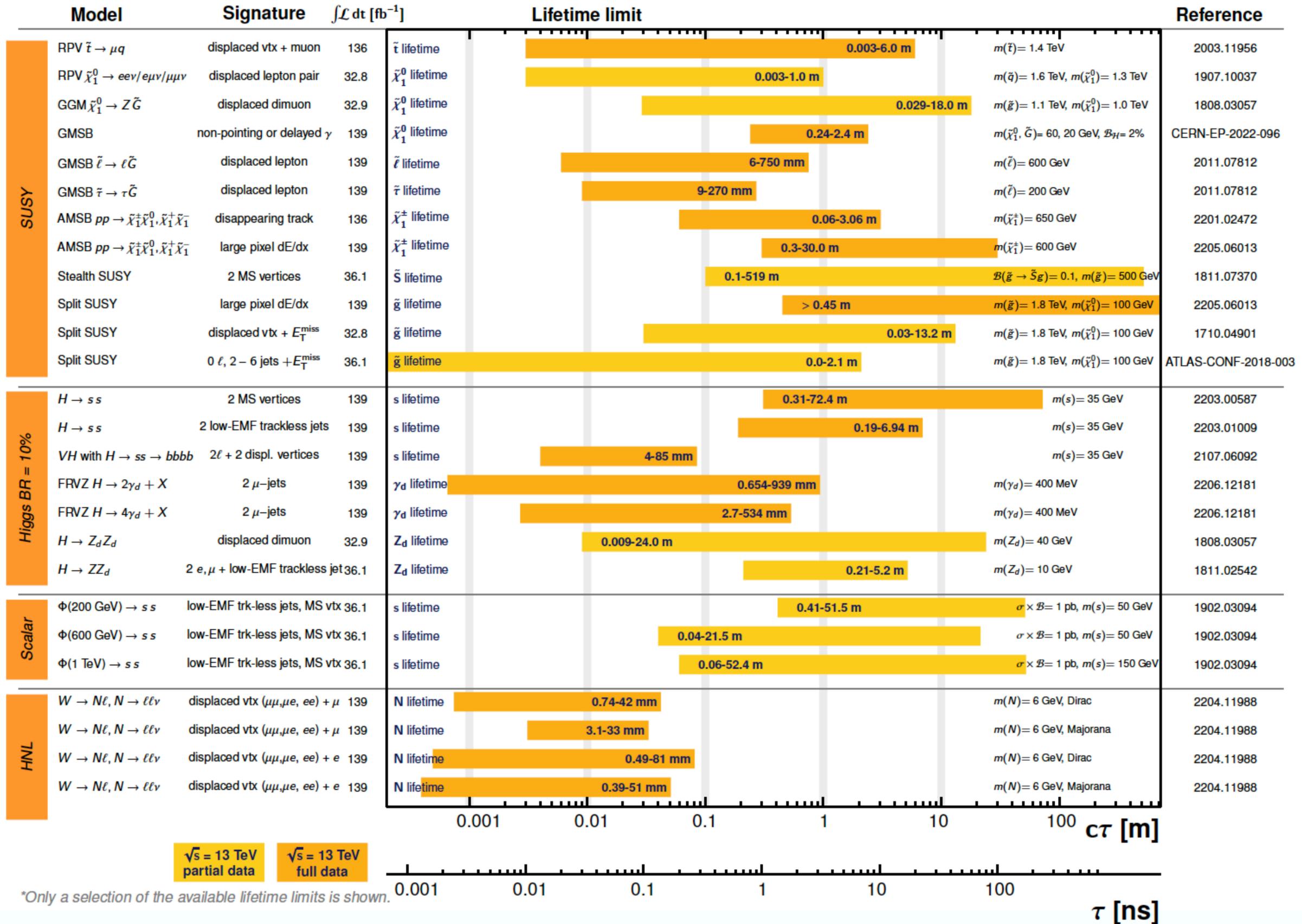
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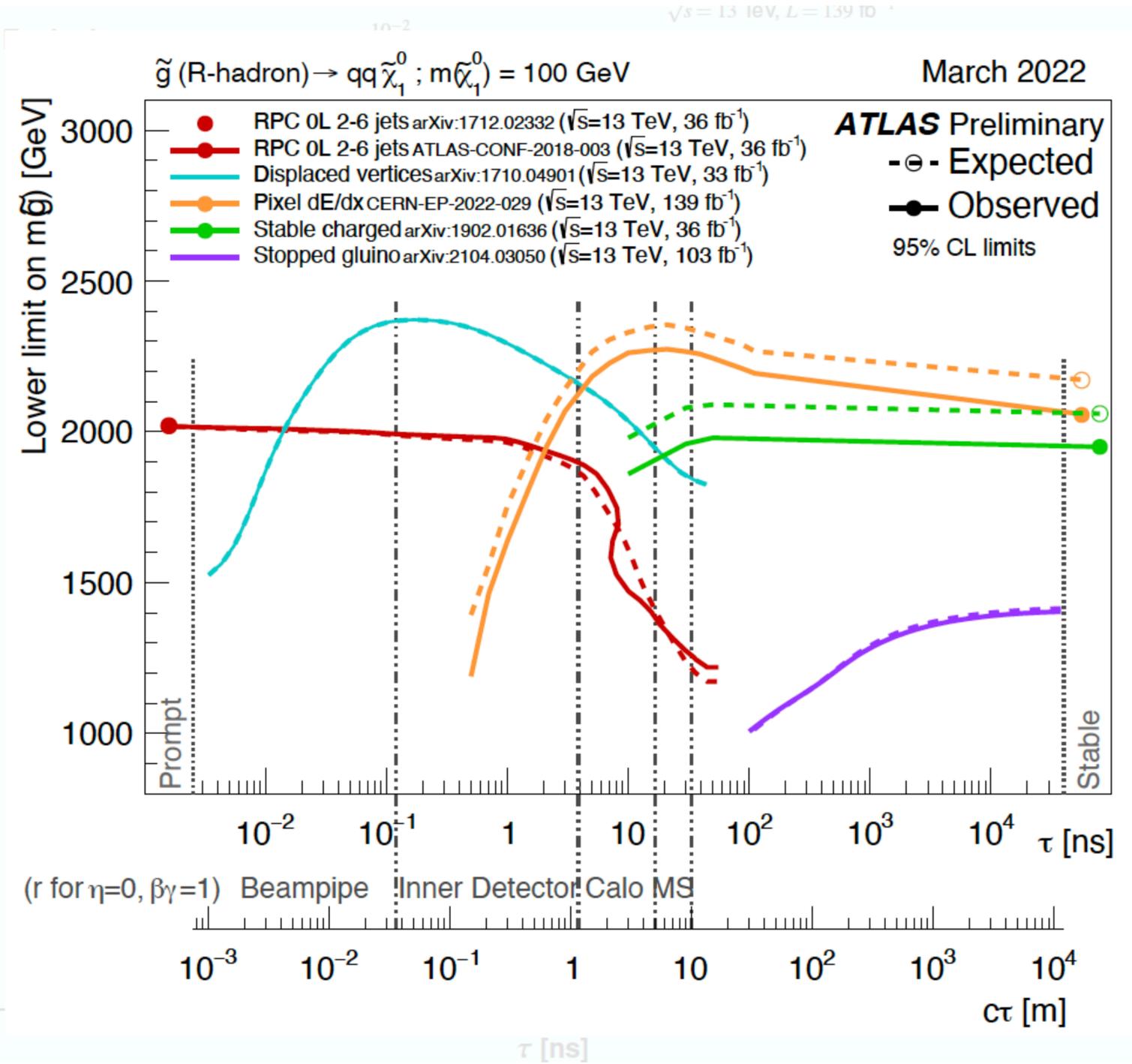
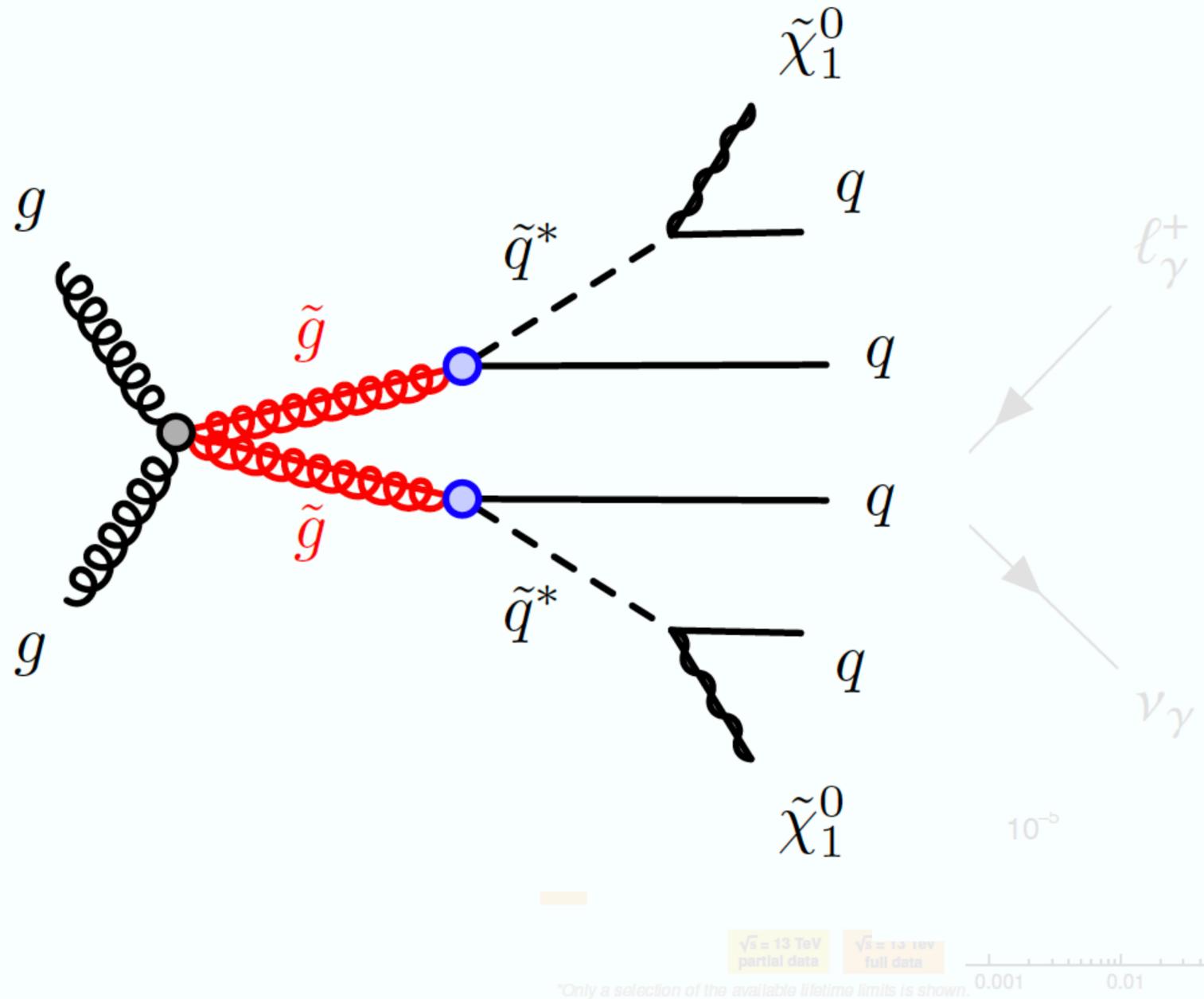
ATLAS Preliminary

$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (32.8 - 139) \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$



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# Lepton jets : models

- Many models of new physics weakly coupled to SM
- A typical example is a "hidden" sector with its U(1) symmetry, including a dark photon  $\gamma_d$  which can mix kinematically with normal photon
- Production can occur through specific "portals", e.g. Higgs portal, or directly via kinematic mixing in Drell-Yan process
- We consider here as a benchmark light  $\gamma_d$  produced via Higgs portal (FRVZ model)
- If mass is low they can only decay in lepton pairs giving rise to collimated, non-prompt lepton jet signatures: lepton jets
- Current limits from ATLAS:

