

# Au-delà du Modèle Standard aka BSM

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## BSM @LHC session introduction:

- Theoretical framework
    - The standard model of particle physics
    - Beyond the standard model
  - Experimental apparatus:
    - LHC and detectors (ATLAS & CMS)
- } *Presented by Giulia*
- } *Presented by Marta*

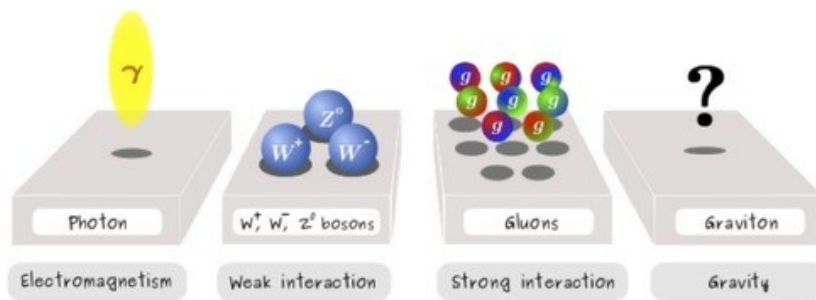
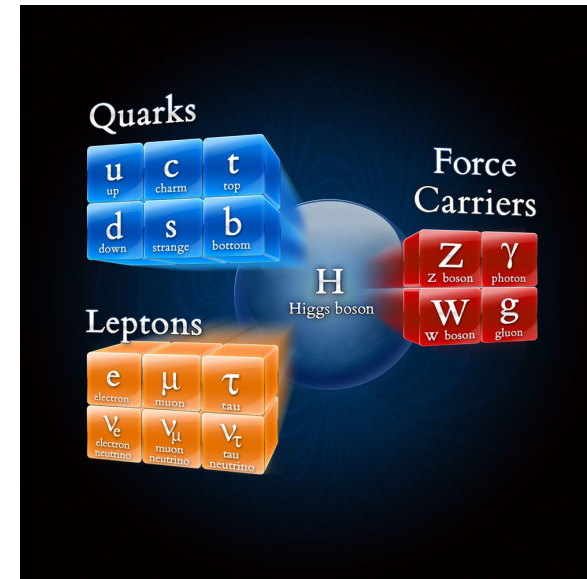
## BSM @LHC searches at DPhP:

- Giulia's research:
  - Experimental tests of the Minimal Standard Model of neutrinos with the CMS experiment at the LHC
- Marta's research:
  - Dark matter searches in VBF processes with the ATLAS detector:
  - *Focussing here on the invisible decay of the Higgs boson, I am also working on minimal DM models*

- The Standard Model of particle physics:
  - explains how the **fundamental particles** interact, governed by **four fundamental forces**
  - developed in the early 1970s, has successfully explained almost all experimental results and precisely predicted a wide variety of phenomena

**Fermions** = **quarks** and **leptons** (spin  $1/2$ ):

- each group consists of six particles paired in 3 “generations”
- all stable matter in the universe is made from particles that belong to the first generation



**Bosons** = mediators of fundamental interactions (particles of matter transfer discrete amounts of energy by exchanging bosons with each other)

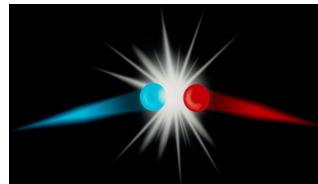
**Higgs Boson:** gives mass to vector bosons and other particles

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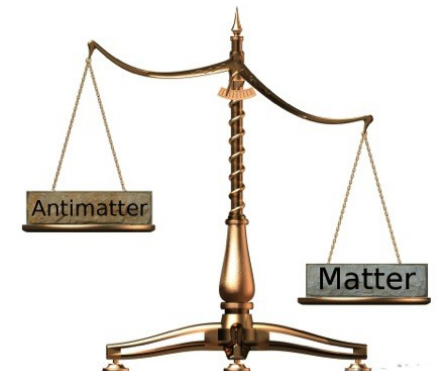
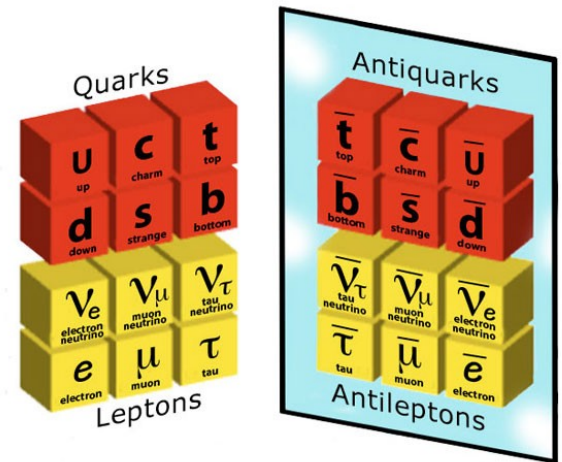
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- **Antiparticle** = fundamental particle with **opposite charges**

- **Annihilation** of matter and antimatter if in contact

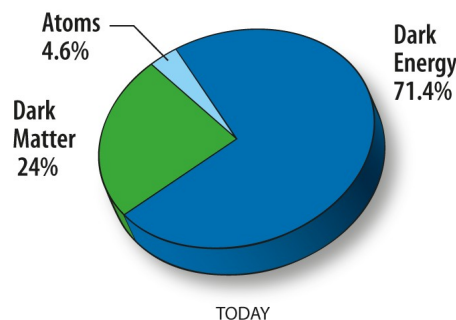


- After Big Bang **equal amounts of matter and antimatter** but now prevalence of matter
  - **break of symmetry** due to some unknown mechanism in the early universe

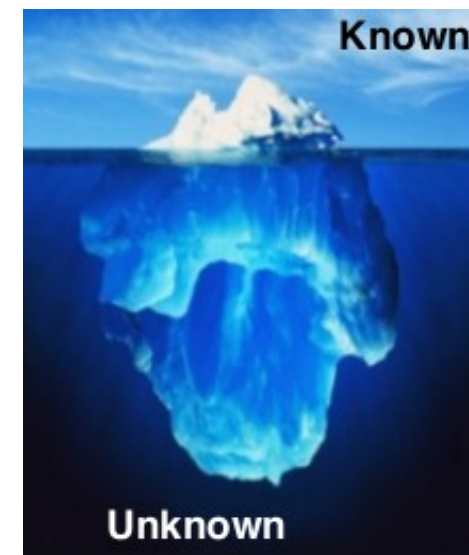


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- The Universe is made of:



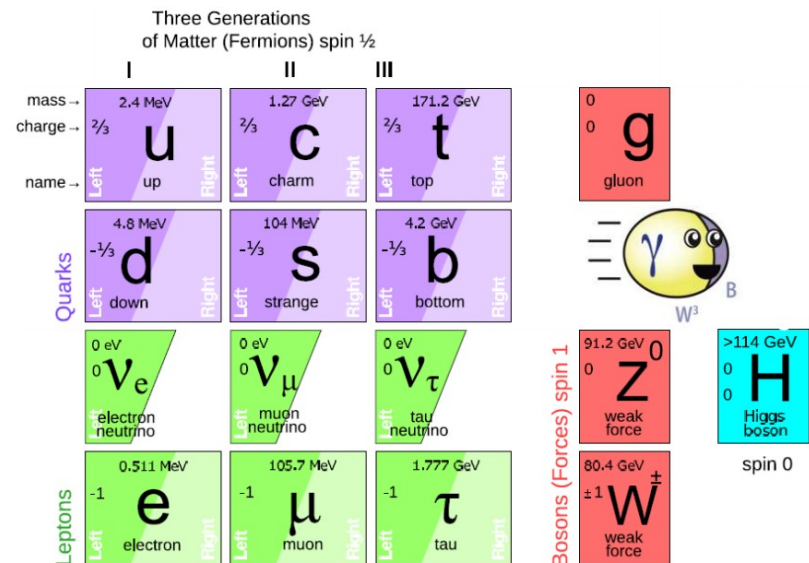
- Astrophysical and cosmological measurements tell us that **Dark Matter is out there** but:
  - is a new particle → its identity and physical properties are still **unknown**
  - **does not interact with the electromagnetic force** → extremely hard to spot



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    - “What is **dark matter**?”
    - “Why are there three generations of quarks and leptons and with such a **different mass scale**?”
    - “Why only **family of  $\nu_L$  and not  $\nu_R$** ?”,

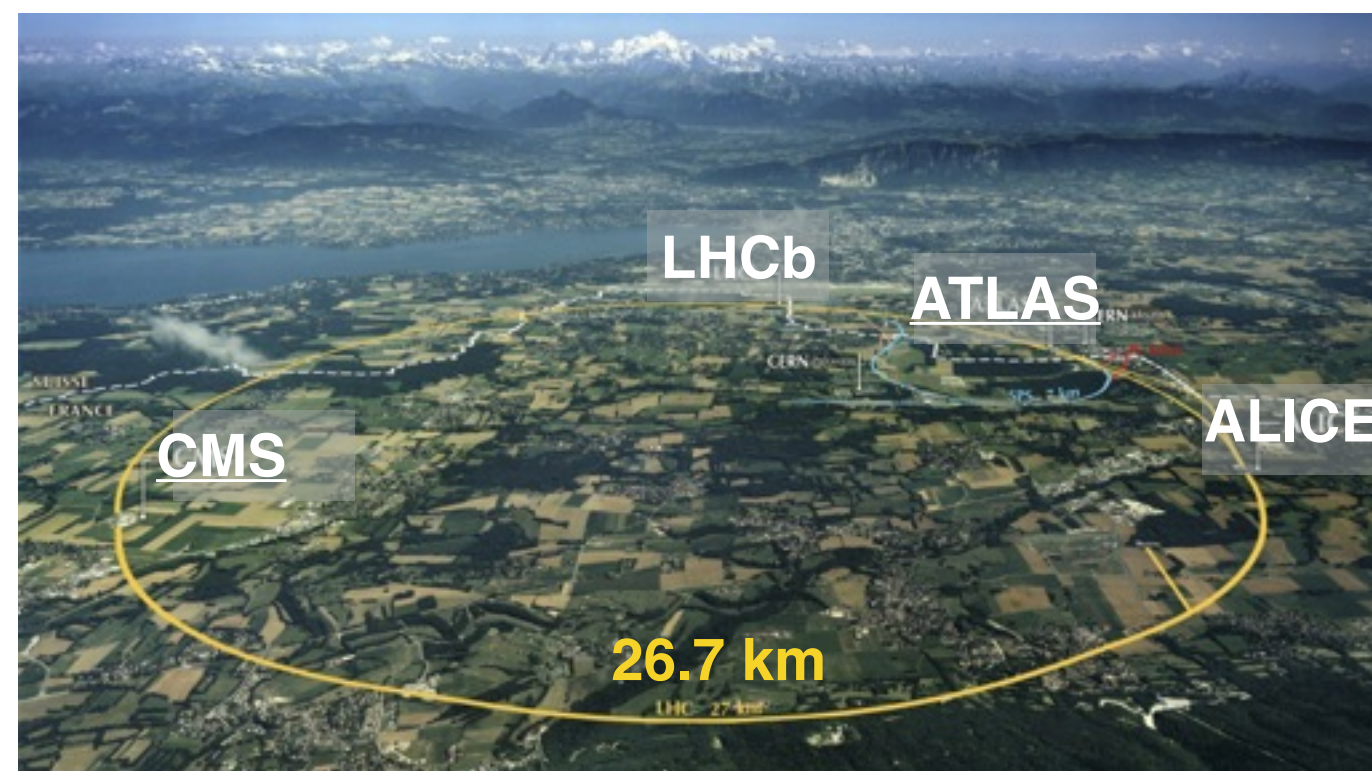
“Are there also  $\nu_R$ ?”

→ new information from experiments at the LHC will help us to find more of these missing pieces





- We are both analyzing data produced by the **Large Hadron Collider**, the **largest and highest energy** particle accelerator in the world
- **Large**: Installed in 26.7 km underground tunnel, at CERN, Geneva.
- **Hadron** : Designed to collide **proton beams**



- **Collider** : Two separate beams run in opposite directions and collide in 4 **dedicated collision points** where experiments are built
- Currently **running at 13 TeV** ( $10^{12}$  eV) c.m.e.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- Why so **Large**?
  - The maximum energy is related to its size
- Why **Hadrons**?
  - to be accelerated particles need to be charged
  - in a circular collider heavy particles (protons) have less energy loss synchrotron radiation w.r.t light ones (electrons)
  - lots of interesting physics! see later
- Why a **Collider**?
  - in a collision the energy is the sum of the energies of the two beams
  - the same beam on a fixed target would produce a collision of much less energy



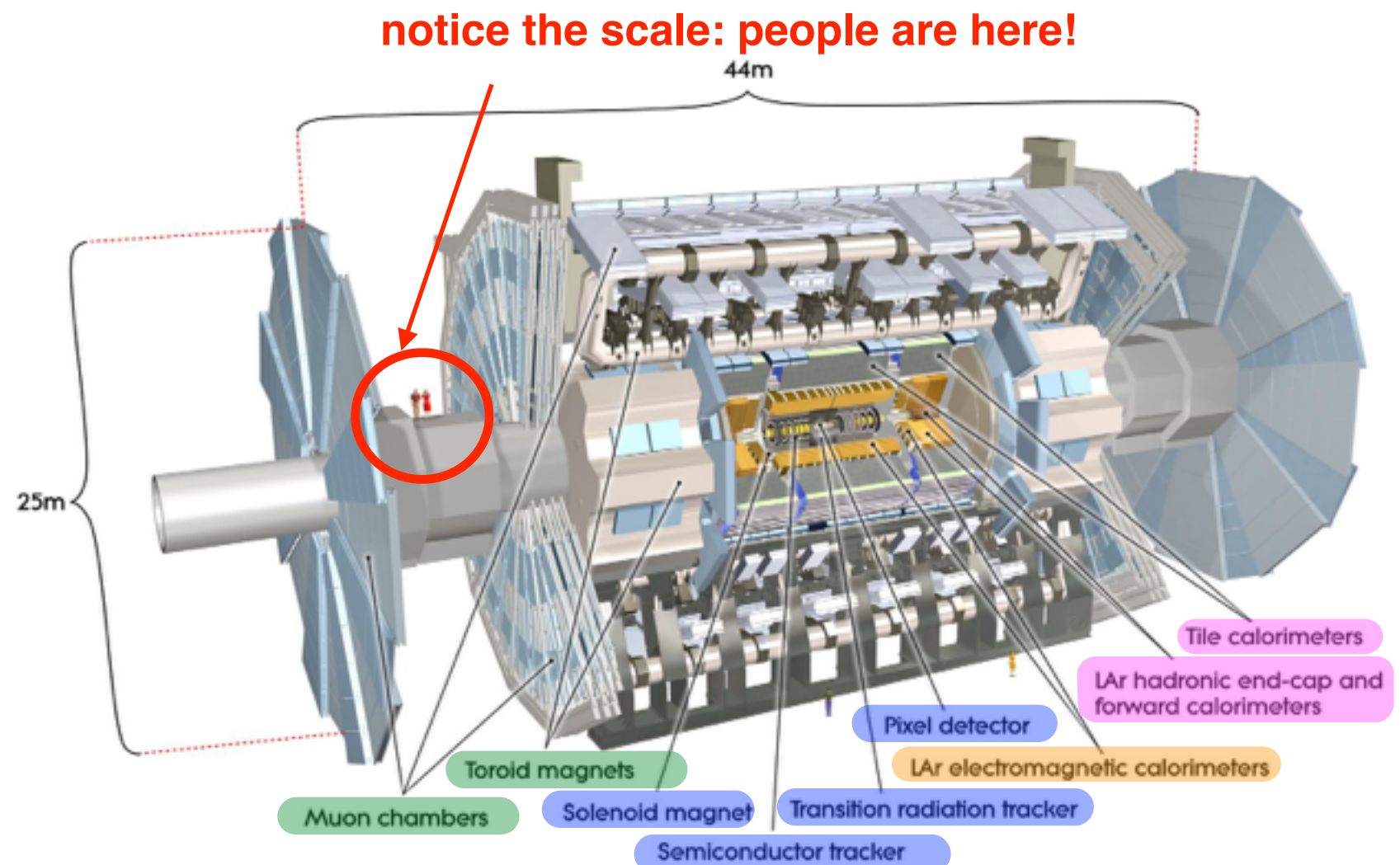
- For each collision we need to identify all the different particles that are produced

## —> How ?

- make sure that the *known* (\*) particles interact in the detector
- distinguish particles through their interactions with matter

=> **several subdetectors** devoted to detect different kind of interactions

- Inner detector
- Electromagnetic calorimeter
- Hadron Calorimeter
- Muon Spectrometer

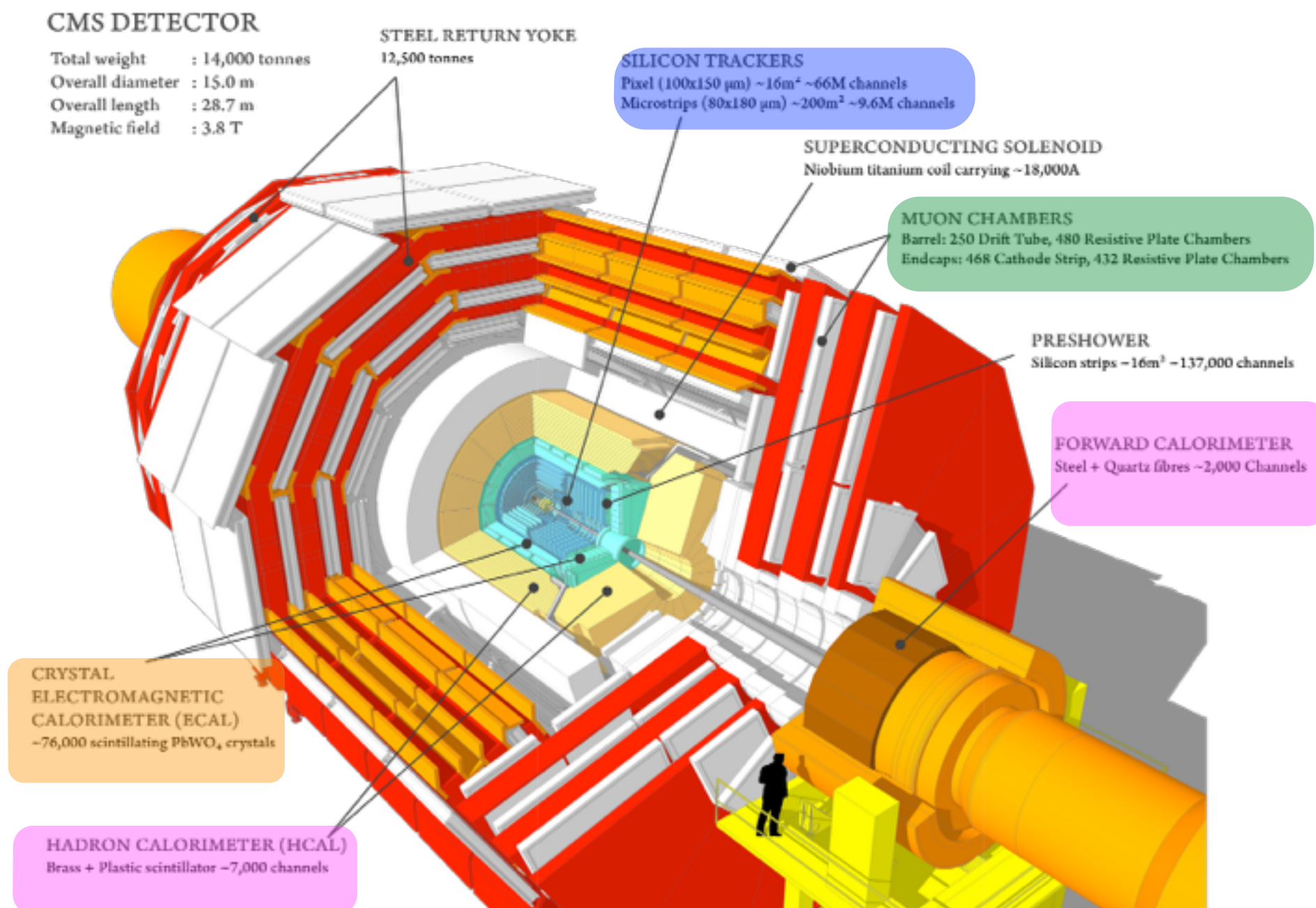


(\*) well, apart from neutrinos! (see later)

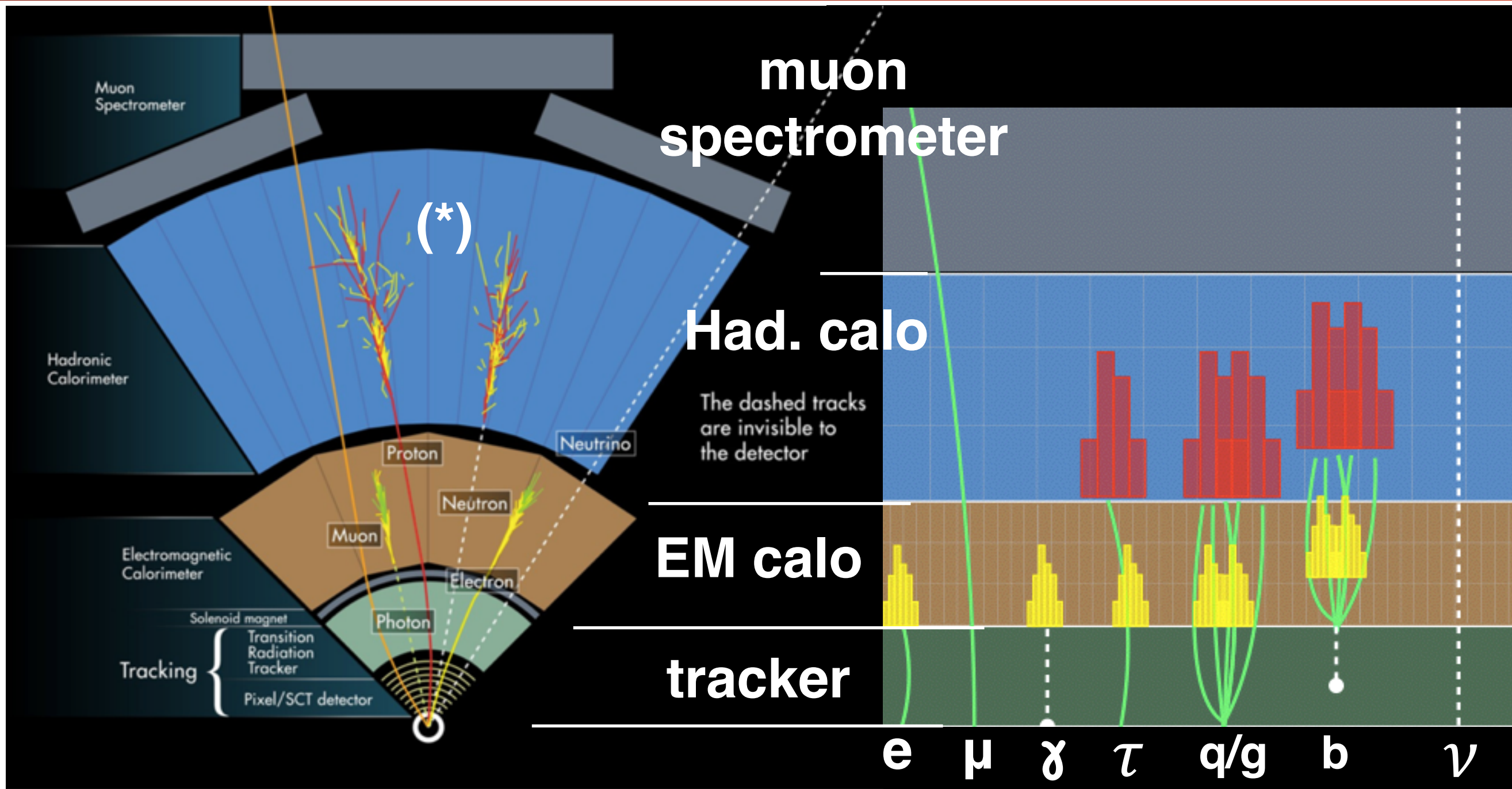


## CMS philosophy is the same

- Inner detector
- Electromagnetic calorimeter
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(\*) taus, quarks, gluons are seen in the detector as **jets** (collimated bunches of hadrons flying roughly in the same direction)

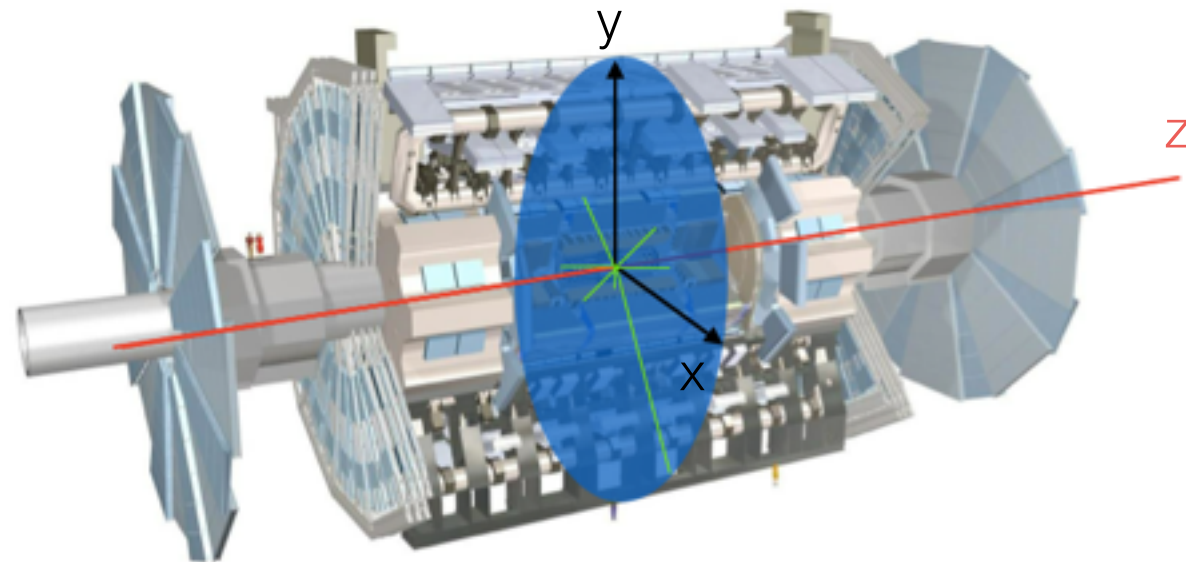
- What about neutrinos and the other “invisible” particles such as Dark Matter?
- How do we detect them?

Neutrinos (*and Dark Matter particles*) escape the detector without any trace, they are invisible to the detector

**=> How can we detect them?**

- We infer their existence from an **imbalance in the transverse momentum!**
  - *if they recoil against something*

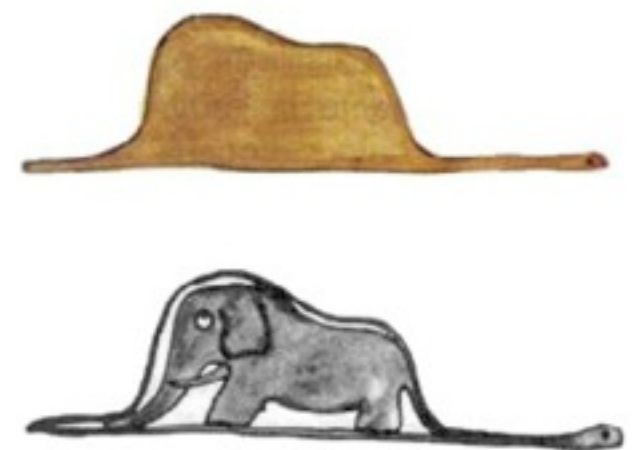
In the transverse plane, the kinematics is closed and energy and momentum are conserved



$$\sum P_{x(y)}(\text{What we do not see}) + \sum P_{x(y)}(\text{What we see}) = 0$$

$$\sum P_{x(y)}(\text{What we do not see}) = - \sum P_{x(y)}(\text{What we see})$$

$$E_{\text{miss } x(y)} = - \sum p_{x(y)i}$$



*infer the presence of invisible particles from what we see in the detector*



*E<sub>miss</sub> in Nobel Prize in Physics 1984*



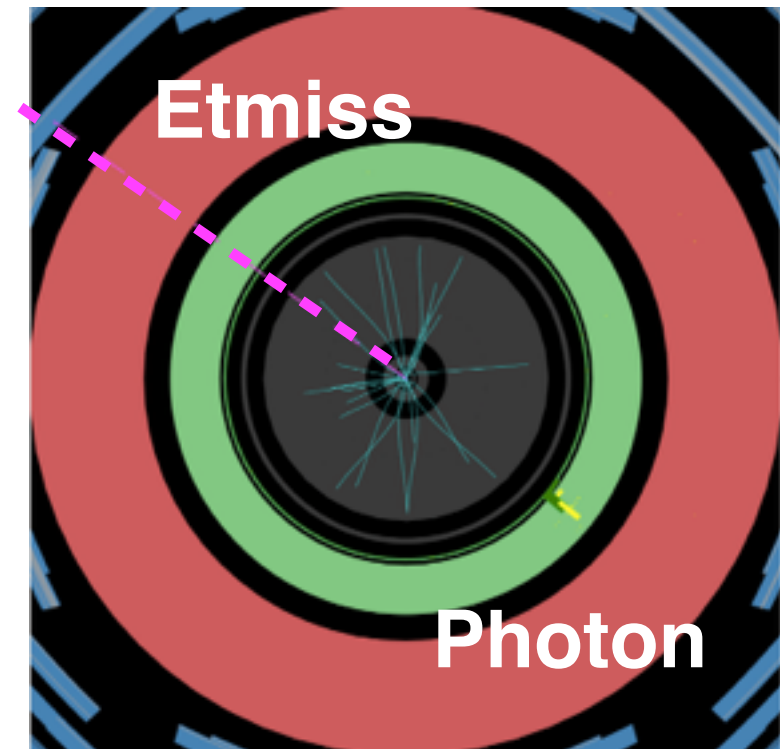
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## Some warnings:

- ⚠ Nearly full coverage of the detector is needed to reconstruct all the objects
- ⚠ Both “hard objects” and “soft signals” (*unassociated tracks/deposits in calorimeter*) have to be taken into account:

$$E_{\text{miss}}^{x(y)} = - \sum_{\text{hard}} p_{x(y)i} - \sum_{\text{soft}} p_{x(y)j} \quad \Rightarrow \text{different algorithm depending on how you build the soft term}$$

*i.e. Calorimeter or Track based soft term*



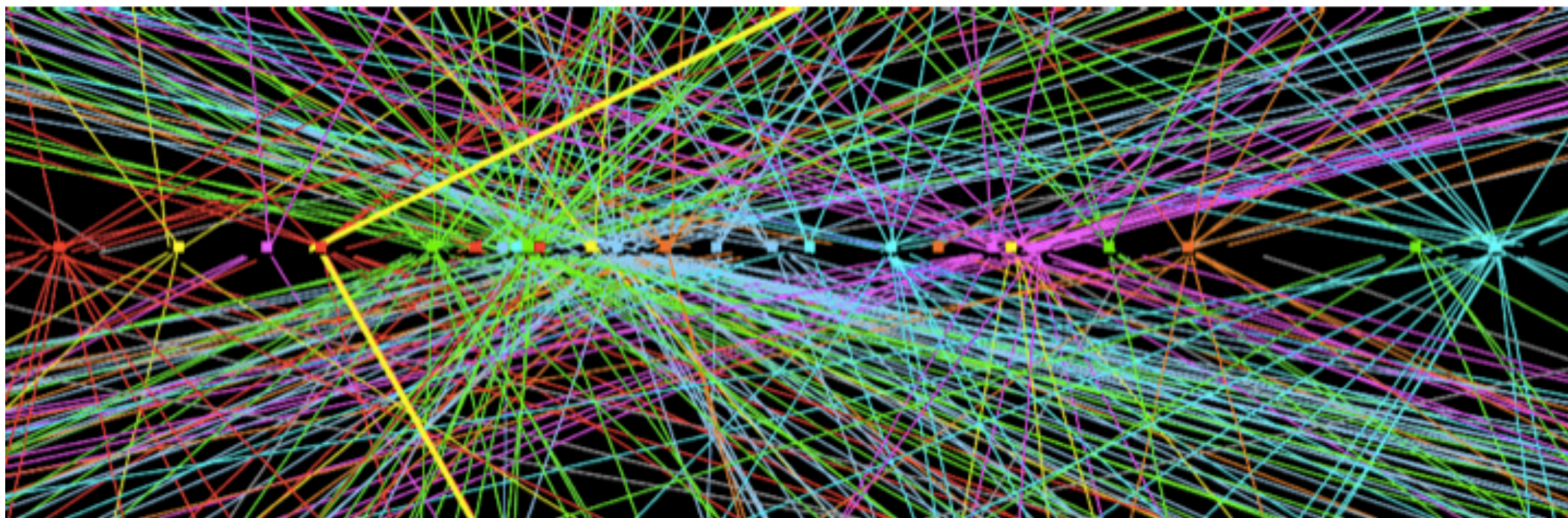
- ⚠ Not only “true”  $E_{\text{miss}}$  caused by non-interacting particles but also fake  $E_{\text{miss}}$ :
  - SM interacting particles escaping the acceptance of the detector or poorly reconstructed $\Rightarrow E_{\text{miss}}$  is an important quantity not only in searches with invisible particles!

*I worked on  $E_{\text{miss}}$  during my 1st year, ask me if you are interested in more details!*

## IN REAL LIFE...

- Each beam consists of  $\sim 3000$  bunches of particles and each bunch contains  $\sim 100$  billion particles
- 25 ns bunch spacing
- About 1 billion particle collisions per second

—> all this is making the environment very busy!!



example of reconstructed vertices in an event

# Experimental tests of the Minimal Standard Model of neutrinos with the CMS experiment at the LHC

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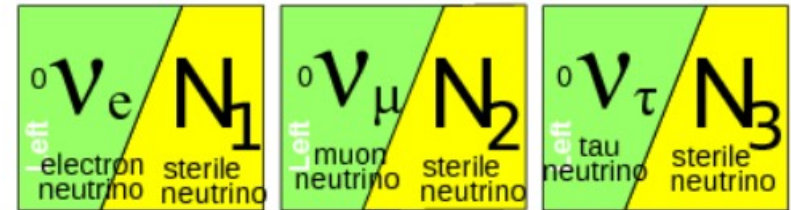
Winner of “2017 Vinci project”

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- This model is a minimal extension of the SM :
  - proposed by T. Asaka and M. Shaposhnikov in 2005
  - it introduces **3 massive right-handed neutrinos** with masses below the electroweak scale ( $\rightarrow$  visible at LHC)
  - the lightest of these 3 neutrinos is proposed as a **dark matter candidate**
  - the heavier two neutrinos can be responsible for the **baryon asymmetry** of the universe
- $\rightarrow$  it can explain some of the unresolved phenomena in particle physics while remaining consistent with the observation of **neutrino oscillations** and cosmological data on **neutrino masses and mixing**

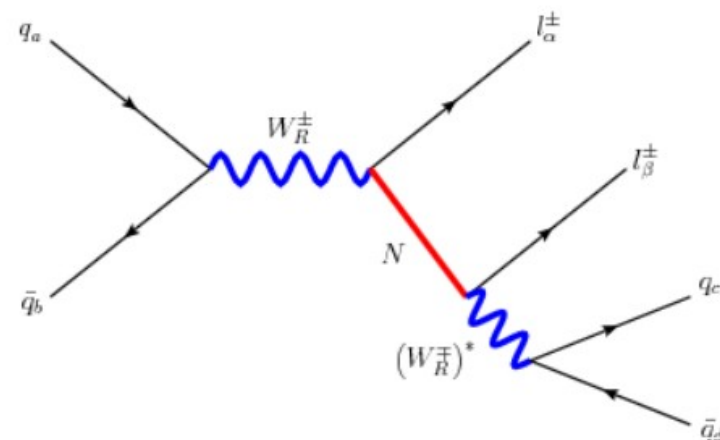
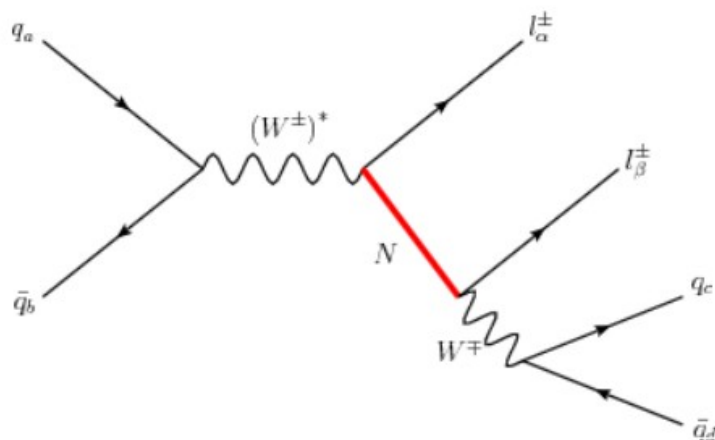


Baryon = hadron  
composed of 3 quarks

The baryon asymmetry refers to the imbalance in baryonic matter and antibaryonic matter in the observable universe

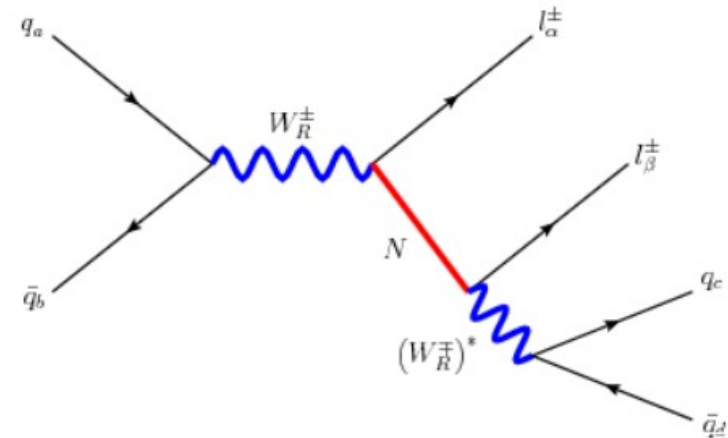
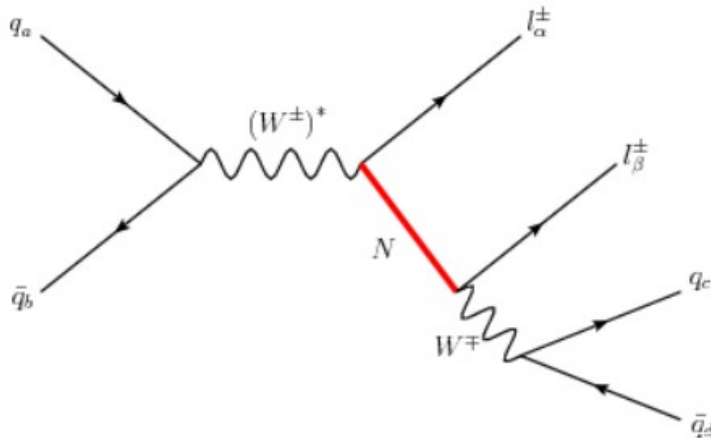
$\rightarrow$  this model could help in gaining a **better understanding of the composition of our universe**

- What are we looking for ?
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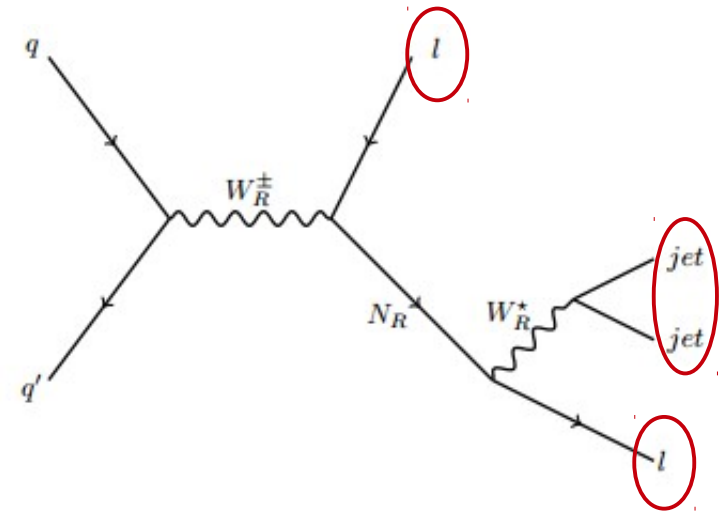




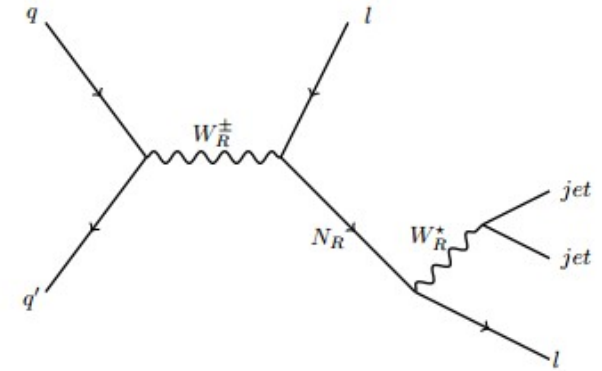
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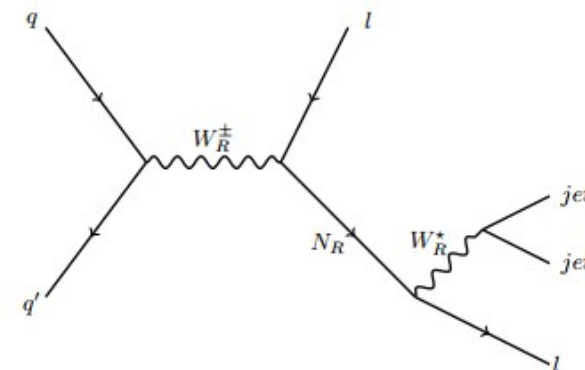
- Early focus of this analysis (easier kinematical case): **search for heavy  $W_R$**  decaying through a  $\nu_R$  and a  $W_R^*$  to **2 same flavour leptons** (electrons or muons) + **2 jets**



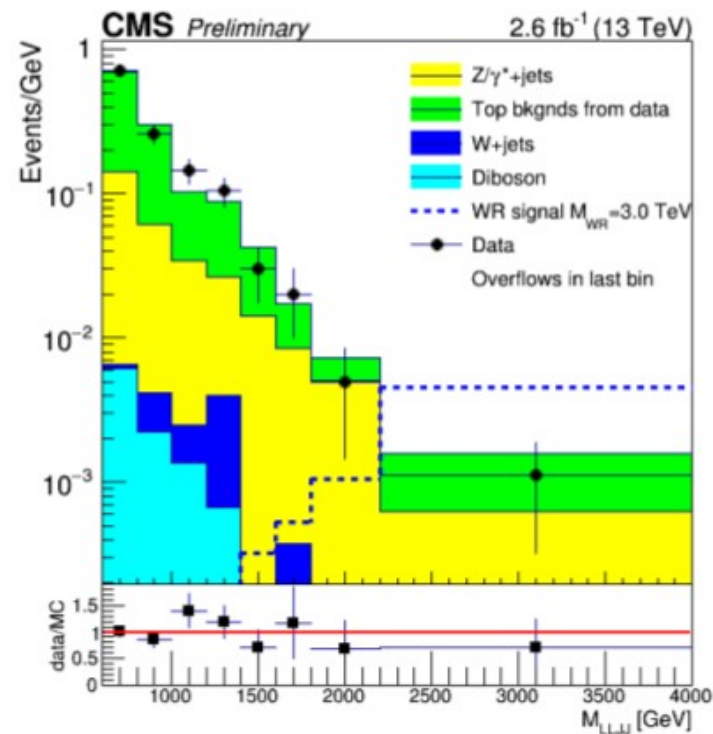
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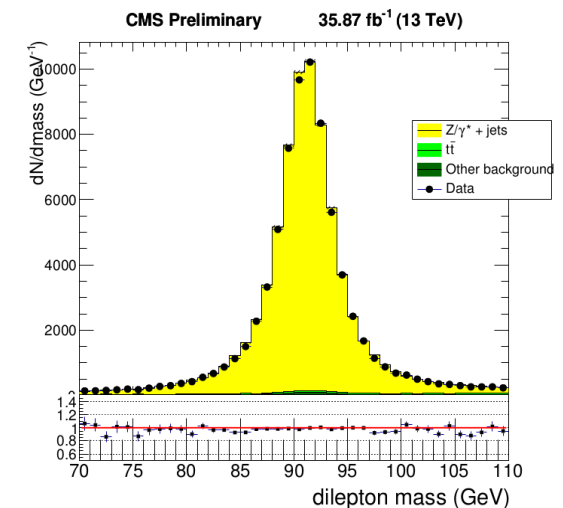
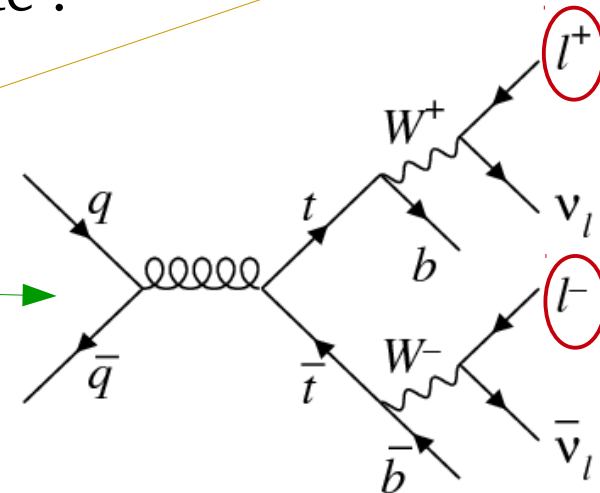
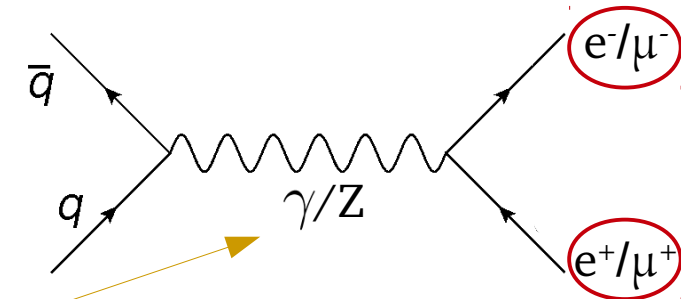
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- Analysis strategy :
  - trigger on 2 high-pT leptons (electrons or muons)
  - **reconstruction of the 4-object mass  $m(\text{lljj})$**  from the two hardest leptons and two hardest jets
  - look for an excess in the  $m(\text{lljj})$  distribution and **set limits on the production** ( $\sigma * \text{BR}$ ) in different  $m(\text{lljj})$  bins

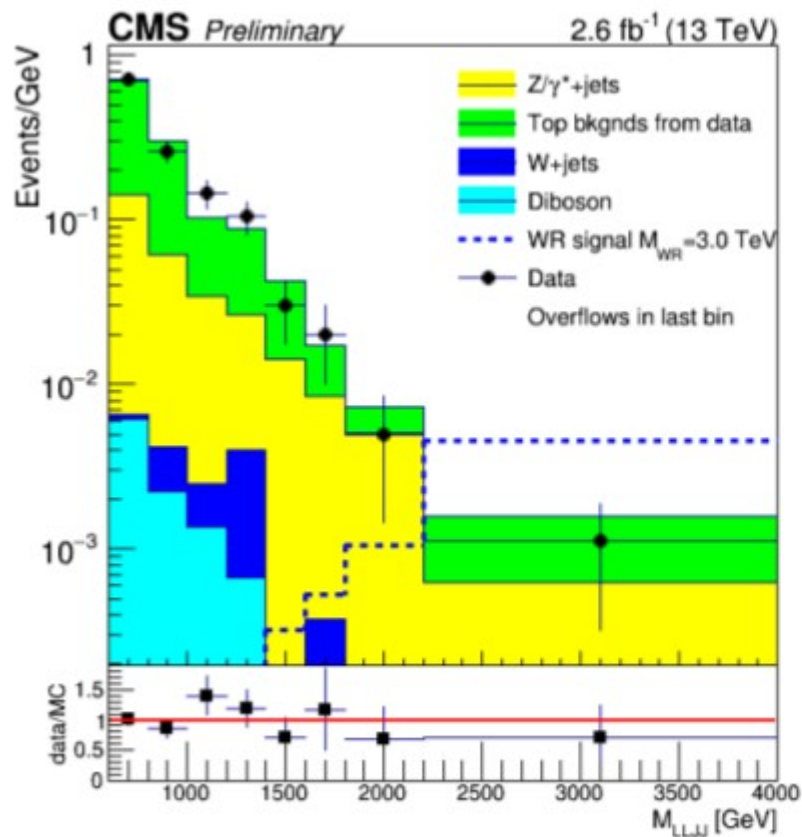


- **2 signal regions :**
  - 2 electrons or 2 muons
- Some processes have the same final state :
  - main backgrounds :
    - **Drell-Yan** ( $\sim 70\%$ )
    - **TTbar** ( $\sim 30\%$ )
  - additional backgrounds :
    - W+jets** ( $< 1\%$ ), **diboson** ( $\sim 0.8\%$ ), **singleTop**
  - estimated from simulated samples or with data-driven methods
- **Agreement** of data with simulated samples **verified in control regions** with selections orthogonal to the ones for signal region

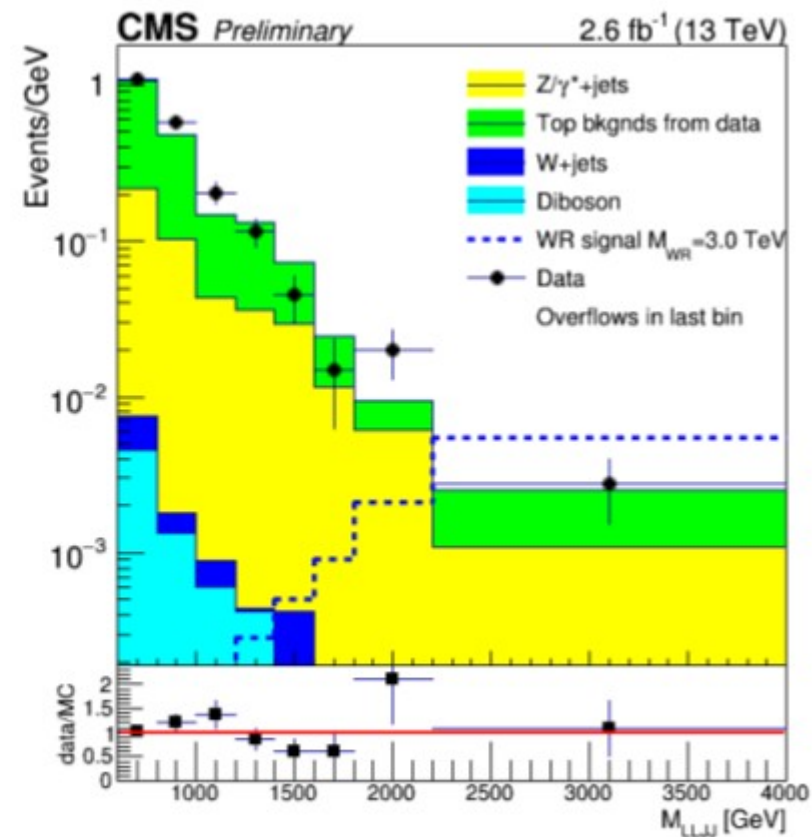


- Results with 2015 data @13 TeV ( $\sim 2.6 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) already public
- 2016 analysis being approved
- **No clear excess** seen in the  $m(\text{lljj})$  invariant mass distribution

Electrons

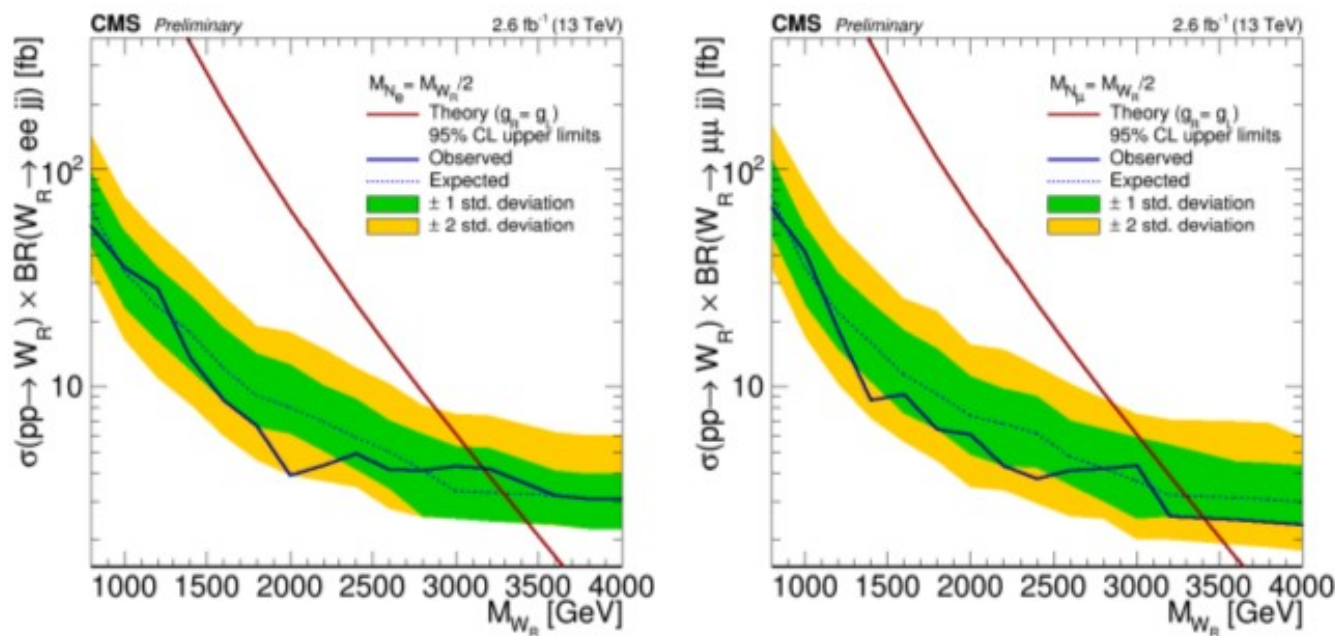


Muons





- Limits on  $W_R$  boson production are calculated using the number of observed events, expected background events and signal events in each mass window
- $W_R$  mass excluded up to **3.3 (3.5) TeV** in electron (muon) channel



- New results with 2016 data @13 TeV will be **published soon** !
- More to come: more challenging final states (Shaposhnikov's neutrinos)



**Searches for Dark Matter particles in VBF processes**  
**with the ATLAS detector**

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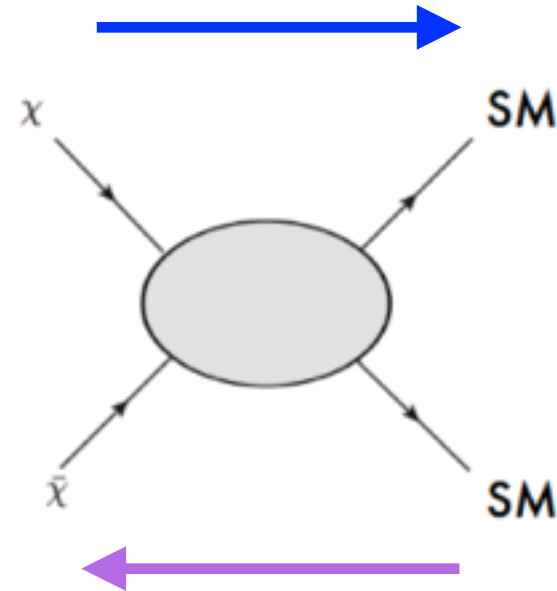
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- Three main approaches to look for DM

## INDIRECT DETECTION

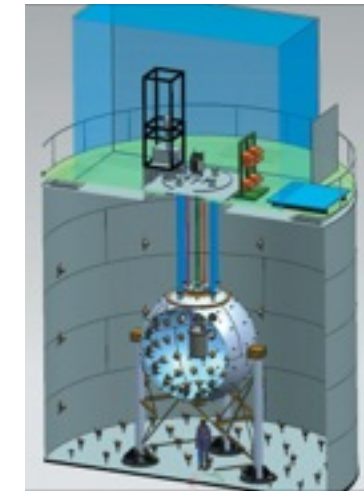
*look at its annihilation products*



**COLLIDERS SEARCHES** *produce it at colliders*

## DIRECT DETECTION

*look for its scattering with nuclear matter*



## COLLIDER DARK MATTER SEARCHES

There are different strategies:

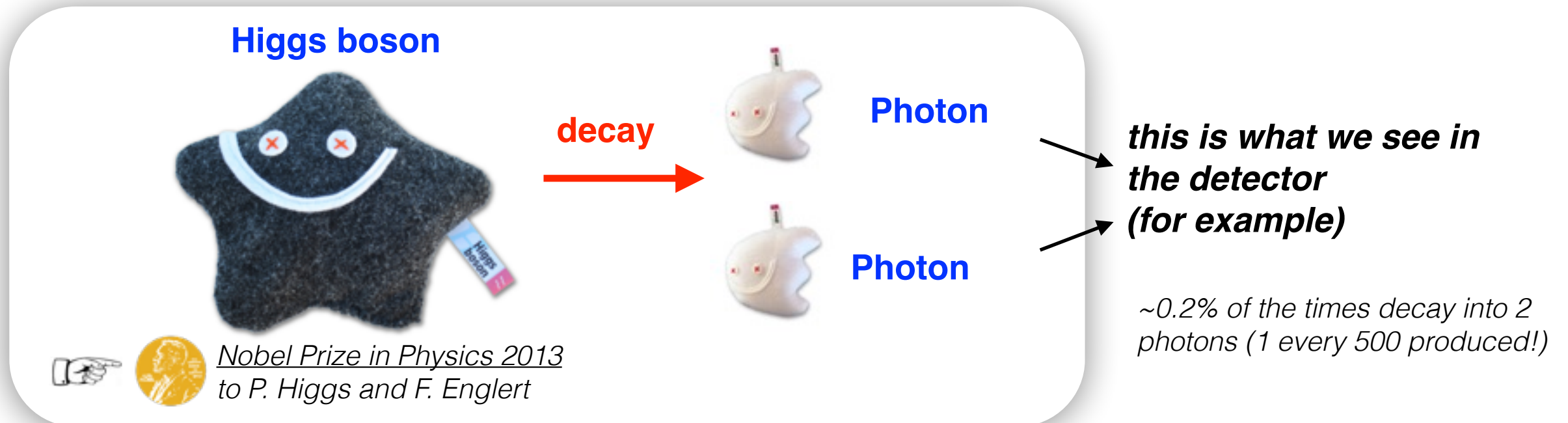
- look for particles and decays predicted by specific theories
- more model independent searches



focusing  
on this  
during the  
talk

- Scenarios where the dark matter has a coupling to a Higgs boson can be tested at the LHC searching for an **invisible decay** mode **of the 125 GeV Higgs Boson**

- at 13 TeV, one Higgs boson is produced in 1 billion collisions
- once produced, the Higgs boson rapidly decays and is detected by identifying its decay products:

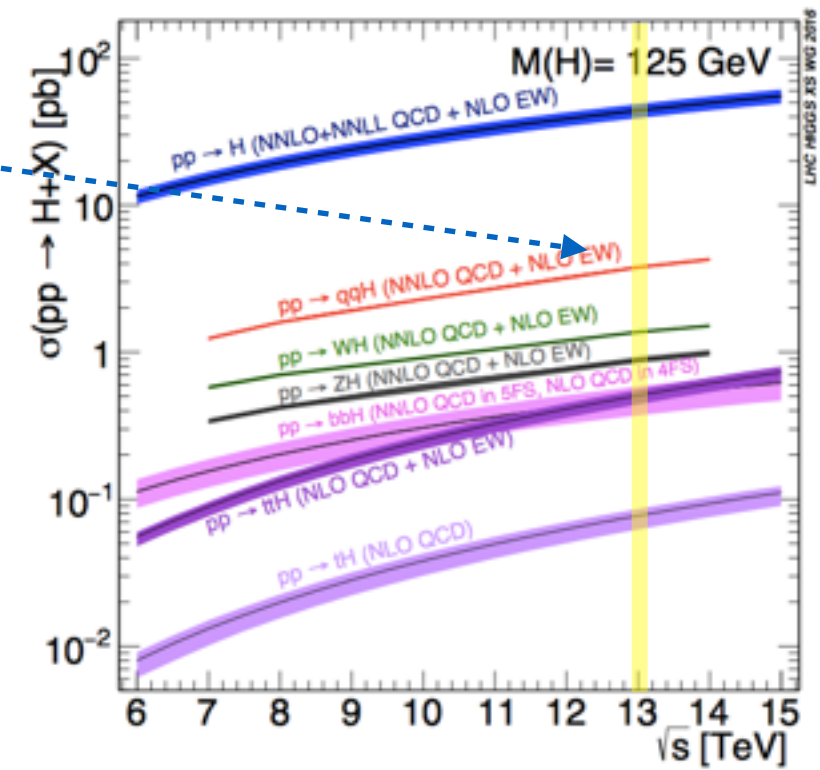
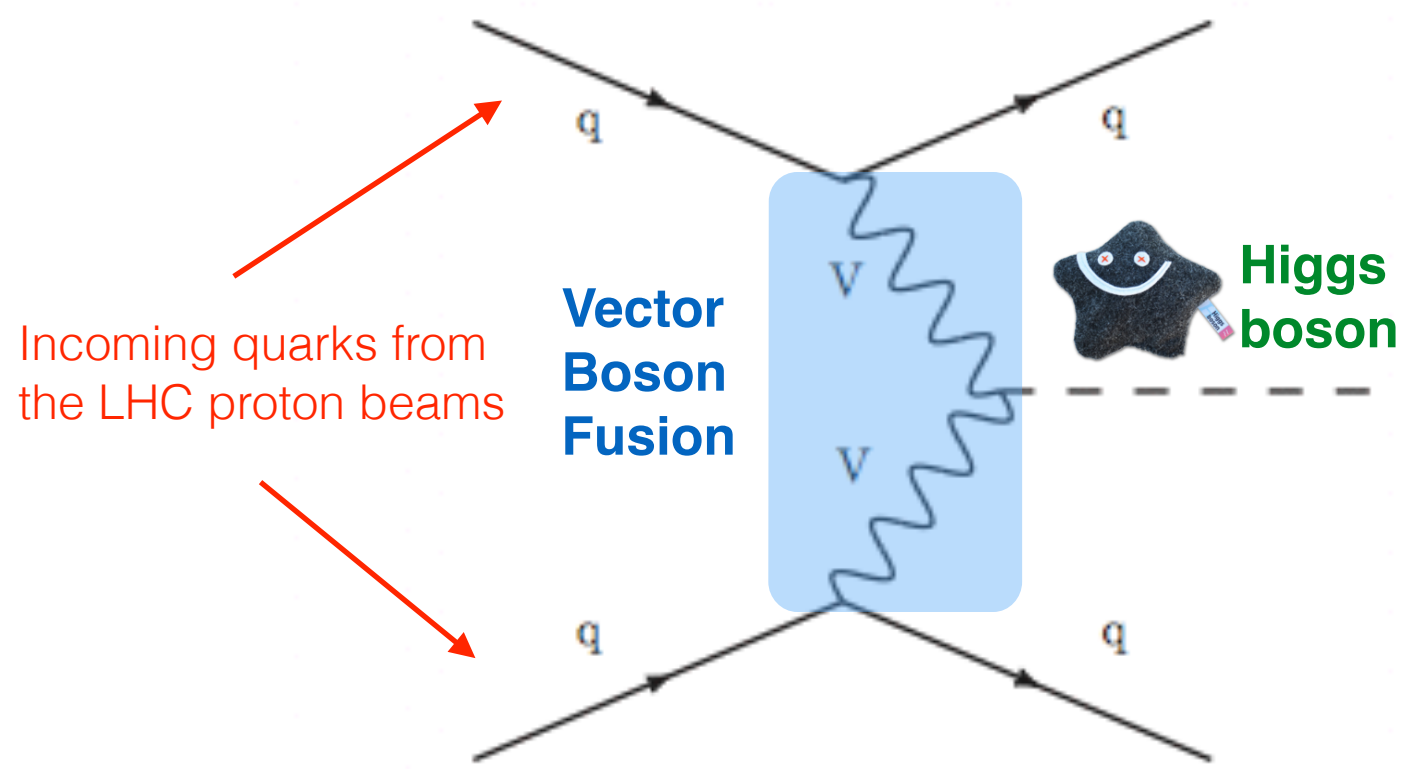


- The Higgs boson we found in 2012 is very SM like
- > but still there is an **open window for the Higgs invisible decay!**

... well, **what does it mean?**

- There is still the possibility that the Higgs decay into feebly interacting (“invisible to the detector”) particles
- These particle can be dark matter particles

- How can we look for the invisible decay of the higgs boson?
- The most sensitive channel is the **Vector Boson Fusion** mode:
  - second highest Xsec
  - clear signature



cross sections for the different Higgs production modes

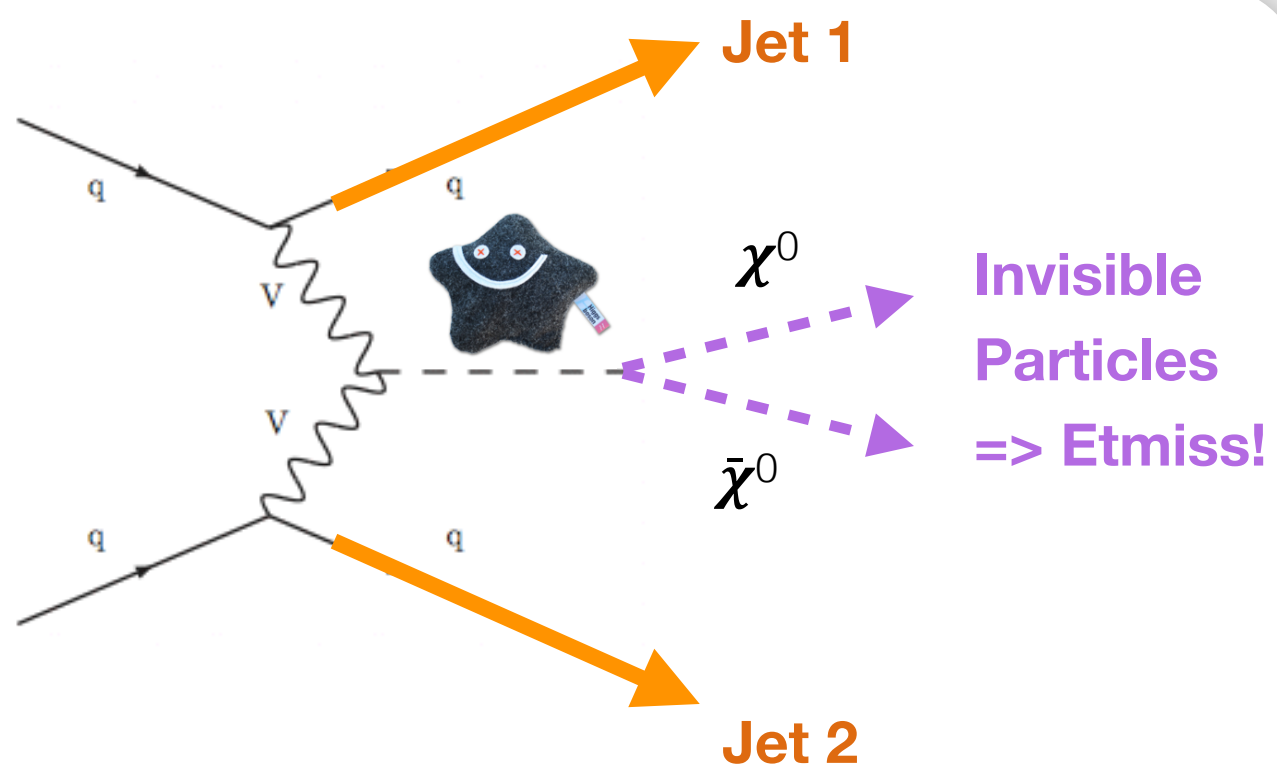


## Why a clear signature?

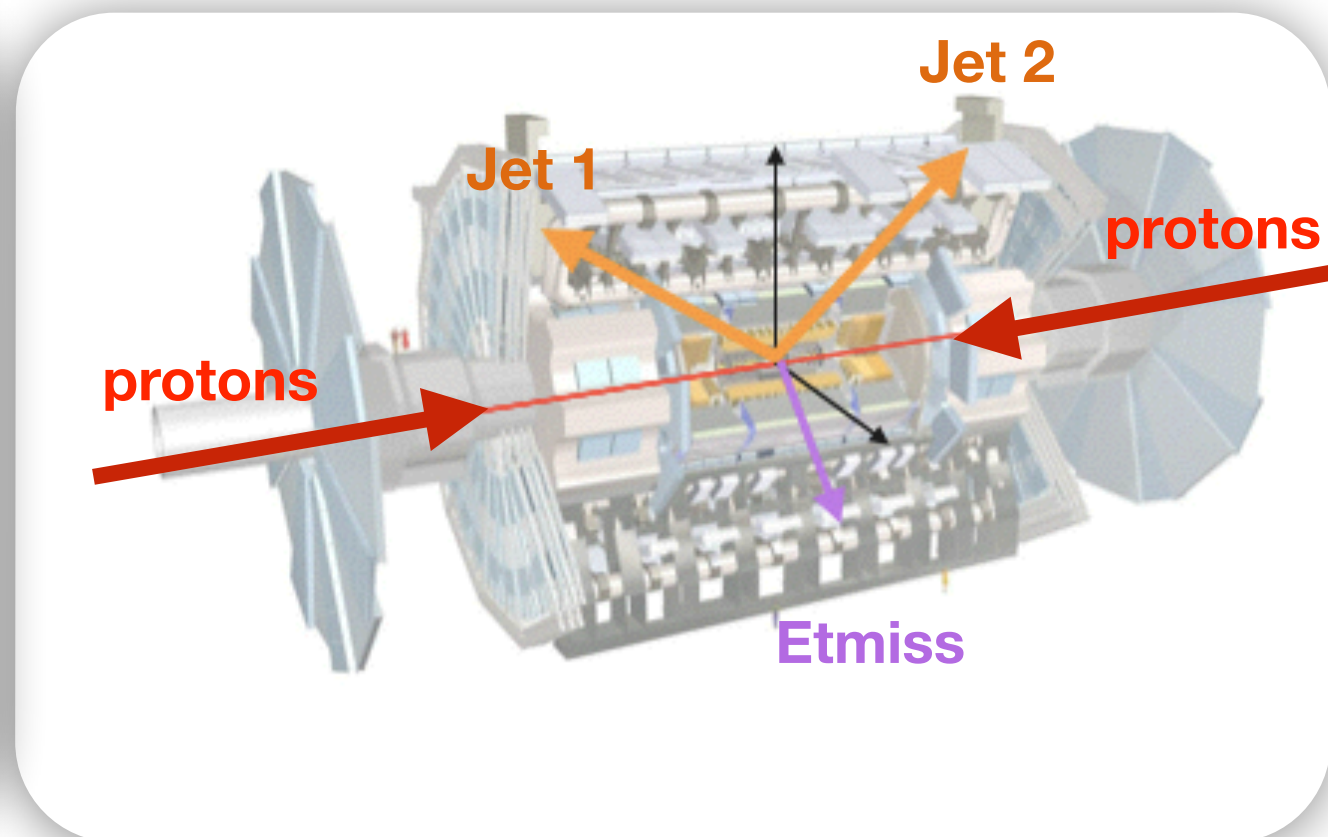
### FINAL STATE:

- defined by **2 jets separated in eta**, **large invariant dijet mass** and **large E<sub>miss</sub>**

### at fundamental level

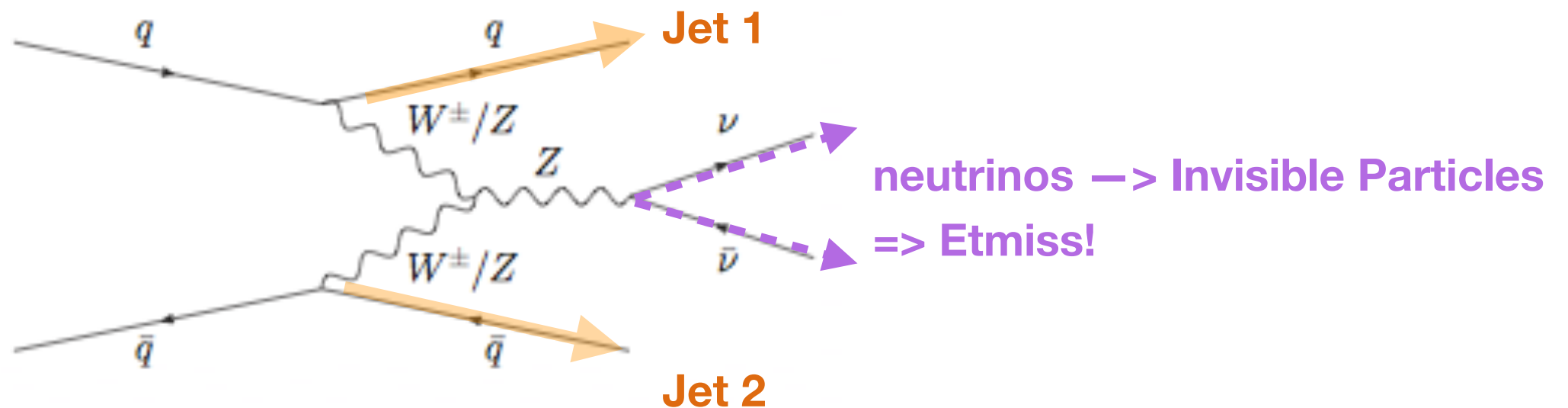


### in the detector



**This is a quite challenging analysis:**

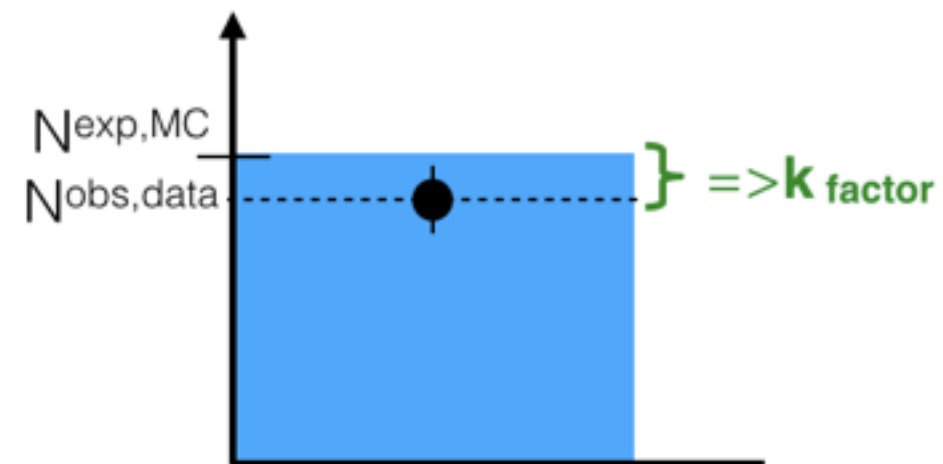
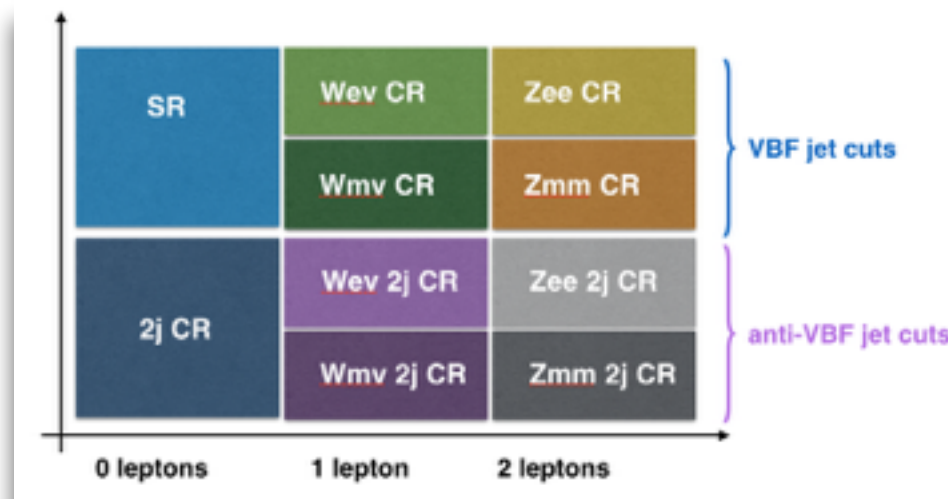
- Lots of SM processes have the same final state



- Events with two jets, passing the analysis requirements, can come from QCD processes
  - .... very hard to deal with!
- We are in a corner of the phase space:
  - VBF jets are forward, even outside of the tracker acceptance!

## Background estimation and limit setting:

- We define Control regions (CR) enriched in W/Z events
- We define scale factors  $k$  to match the number of events in data and MC
- We extrapolate in the signal region the backgrounds using the fitted scale factors



- This is done with a simultaneous fit in SR and CRs for background estimation and limit setting by constructing a likelihood function as:

$$L_{\text{reg}}[\mu|N_{\text{obs}}] = \text{Poiss}(N_{\text{obs,reg}} | \underbrace{\mu}_{\text{signal strength}} \times N_{\text{sig,MC,reg}} + \underbrace{k_{Z/W}}_{\text{scale factor for W and Z processes}} \times N_{\text{W/Z,MC,reg}})$$

SR, CRs

- Set a limit on  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \text{inv})$  ( $\mu$ )

- Lots of interesting physics is possible @LHC
- ATLAS and CMS are very important experiments built to improve our understanding of the nature at fundamental level
- Dark Matter **searches** can be carried out **at colliders** which are potentially dark matter factories
- An important analysis is the search for the **invisible decay of the Higgs boson**
- The best constrain comes from the **VBF channel**
  - **It is quite challenging because of the peculiar topology**
  - I have shown you the idea of the analysis
  - unfortunately I cannot show you any plots/results since it is not yet public



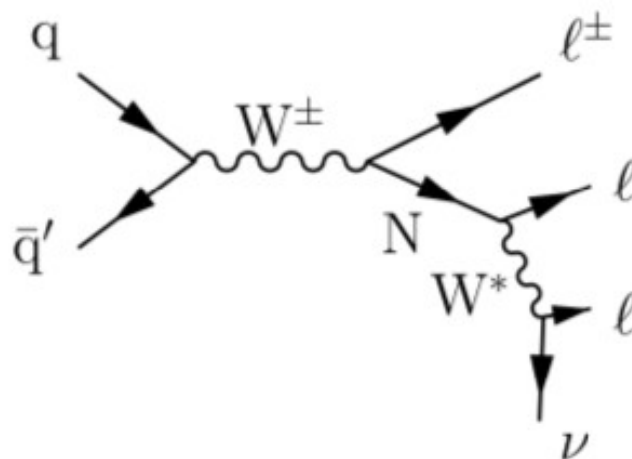
**Stay tuned! results will (hopefully)  
come soon!**



BACKUP



- Extension of the analysis : study of the  $\nu$ MSM
  - considering 3l (prompt) decays of HNL ( $m_N > 100$  GeV)
  - using all combinations of electrons/muons
  - selecting 3 leptons with  $p_T$  thresholds as low as allowed by the current triggers
  - search at low ( $m_N < m_W$ ) and high ( $m_N > m_W$ ) mass



- **Signal region :**
  - $p_T > 60$  (53) GeV for leading (subleading) lepton
  - $p_T > 40$  GeV for both jets
  - $|\eta| < 2.4$  for leptons and jets
  - $R > 0.4$  between all final state particles
  - $M_{lljj} > 600$  GeV (define the search region)
  - $M_{ll} > 200$  GeV (to suppress DY)
- **Flavor Control Region** (ttbar background estimate):
  - same selections of signal region but **1 electron and 1 muon** required
- **Low di-lepton mass CR :**
  - same as signal region but  $M_{ll} < 200$  GeV
- **Low 4-object mass CR** (general data/MC agreement) :
  - same as signal region but  $M_{lljj} < 600$  GeV
- **T&P CR** (check scales, smearings, measure SF for DY) :
  - fire dedicated TnP triggers
  - $80 \text{ GeV} < M_{ll} < 100 \text{ GeV}$

- **Signal region** (blinded) :
  - 1 region for the **electron channel** (2 electrons required)
  - 1 region for the **muon channel** (2 muons required)
- Two main backgrounds :
  - **Drell-Yan** (~ 70 %):
    - estimated from simulation
    - SF = data/MC ratio determined in **T&P CR** near Z peak
    - cross-check in **low di-lepton mass CR**
  - **TTbar** (~ 30 %):
    - estimated from data in dedicated **flavor CR** (1electron + 1 muon required) = signal free CR (under assumption of lepton flavor conservation in decay chain)
    - Scale events from flavor CR, accounting for different lepton efficiencies ( $e, \mu$ ) estimated on simulation
      - $N_{ttbar}(data) = N_{ttbar}(MC) * N_{e\mu jj}(data) / N_{e\mu jj}(MC)$
- Additional backgrounds : **W+jets** (< 1 %), **diboson** (~0.8 %), **singleTop**

- Excess of 2.8 sigma observed in electron channel (absent in muon channel) for  $mW_R \sim 2\text{TeV}$  with data @8 TeV
- Regions in the  $(mW_R, mN_R)$  mass space are excluded at 95% confidence level
- $mW_R$  excluded up to 3.0 TeV for both channels

