

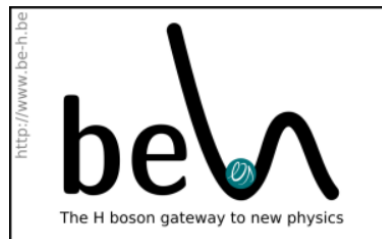
Soft Displaced Leptons at the LHC

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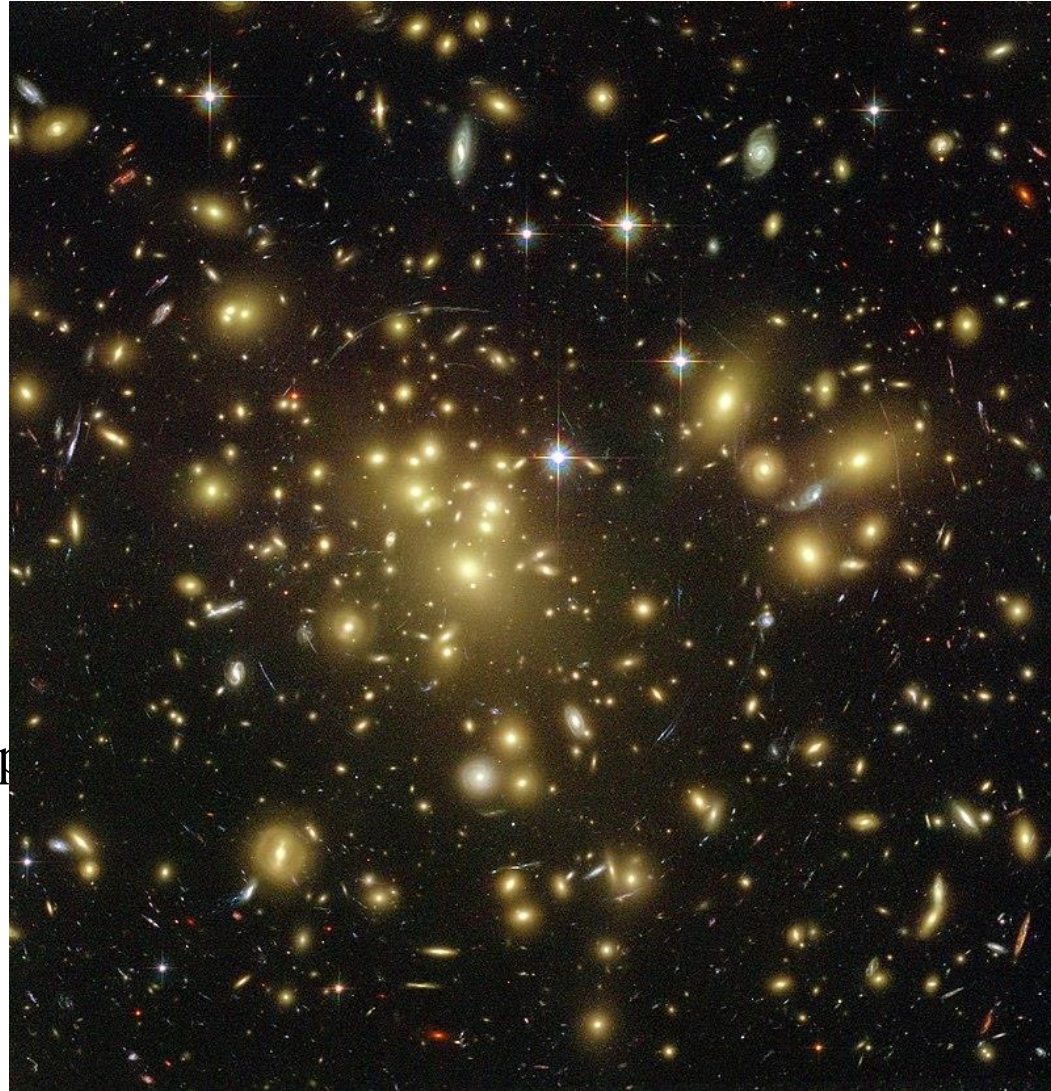
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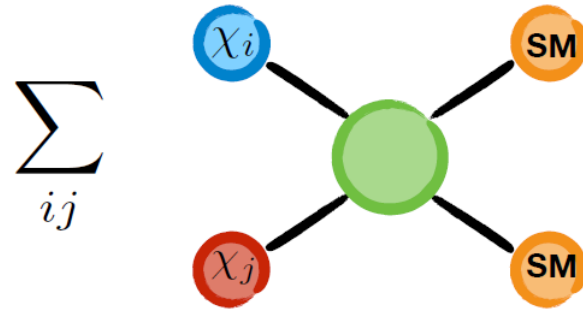


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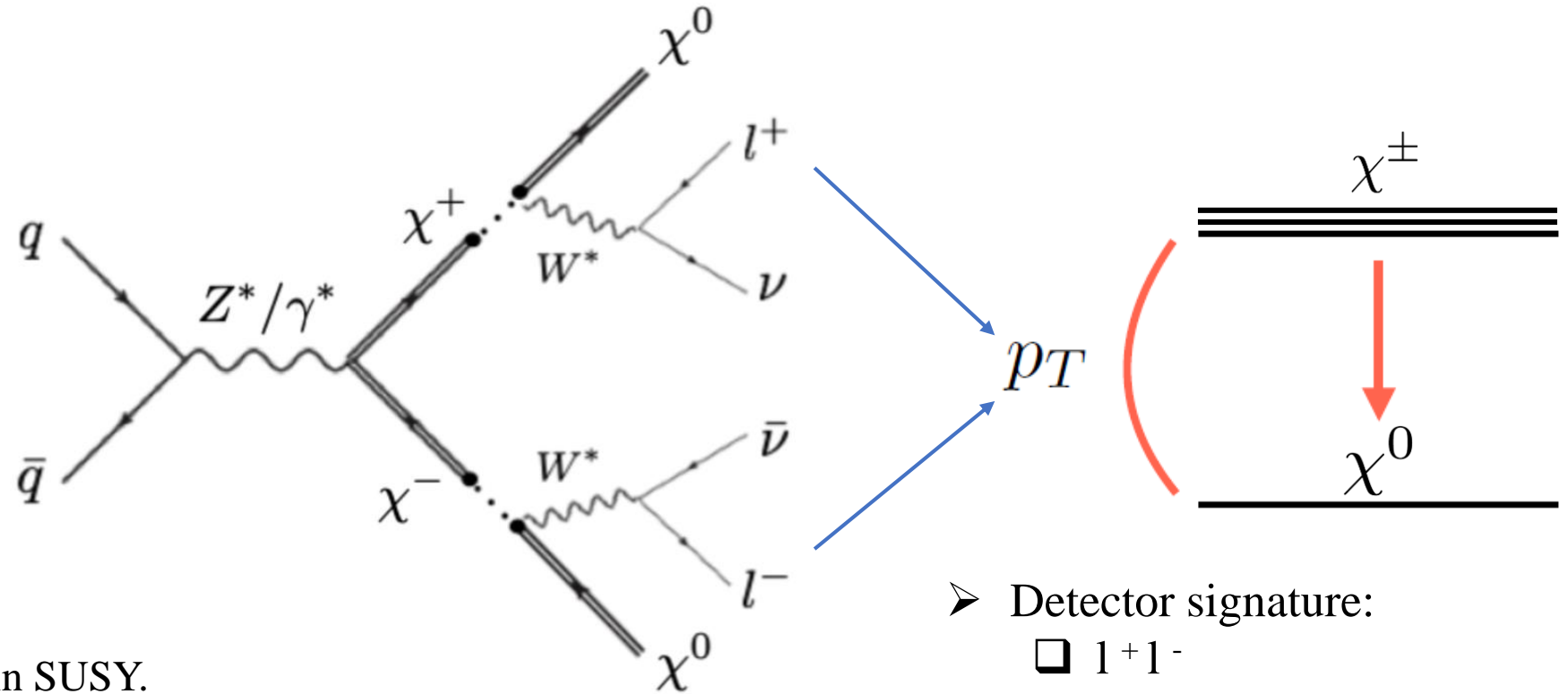
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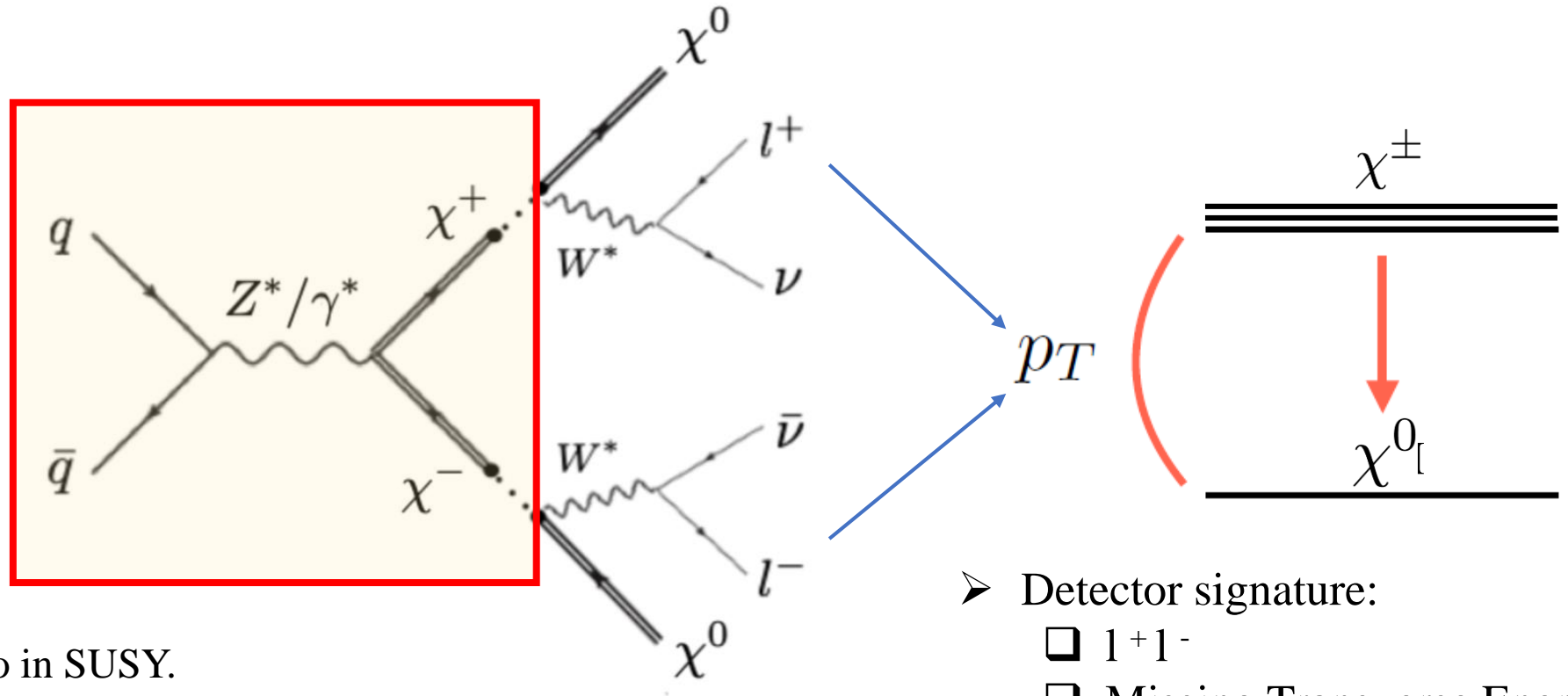
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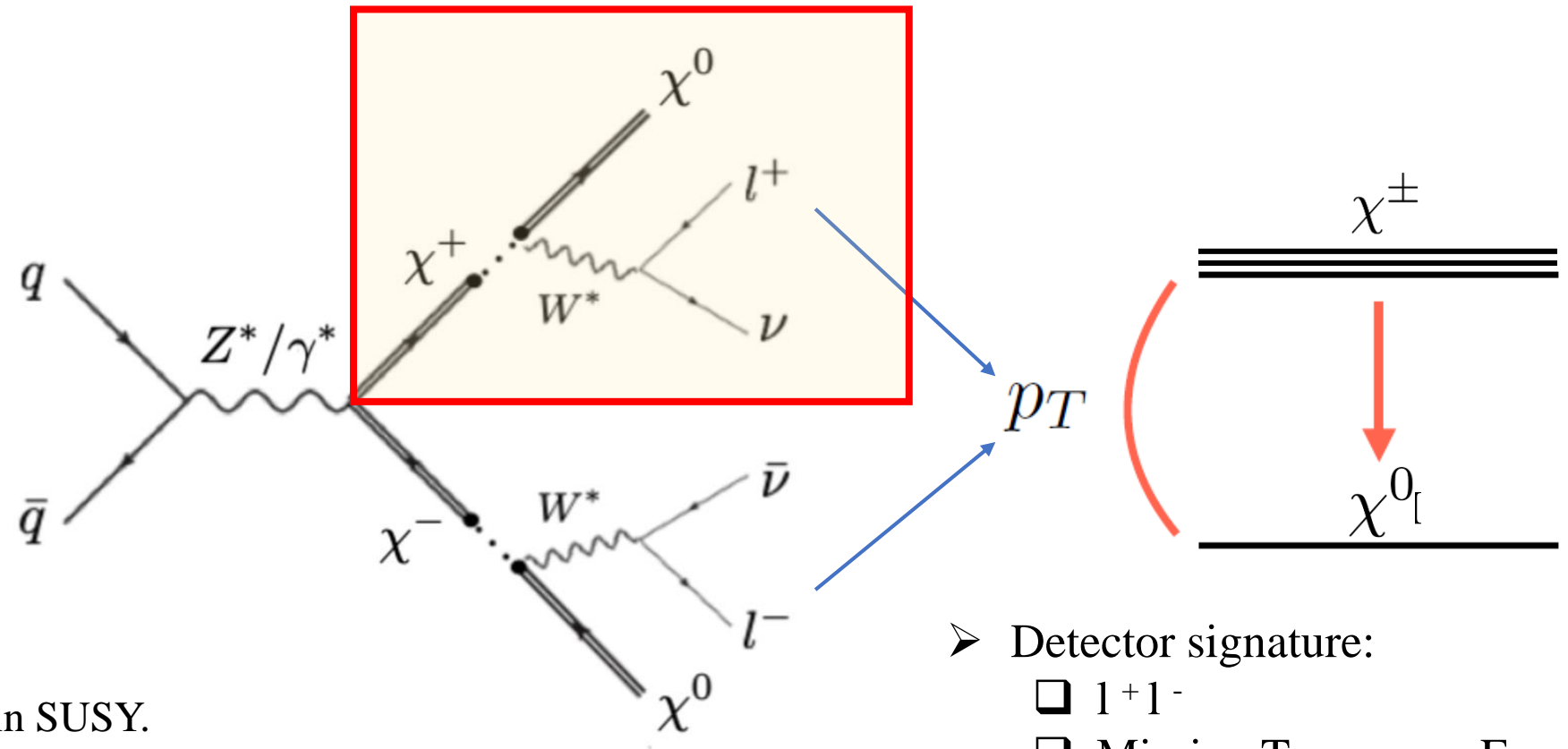
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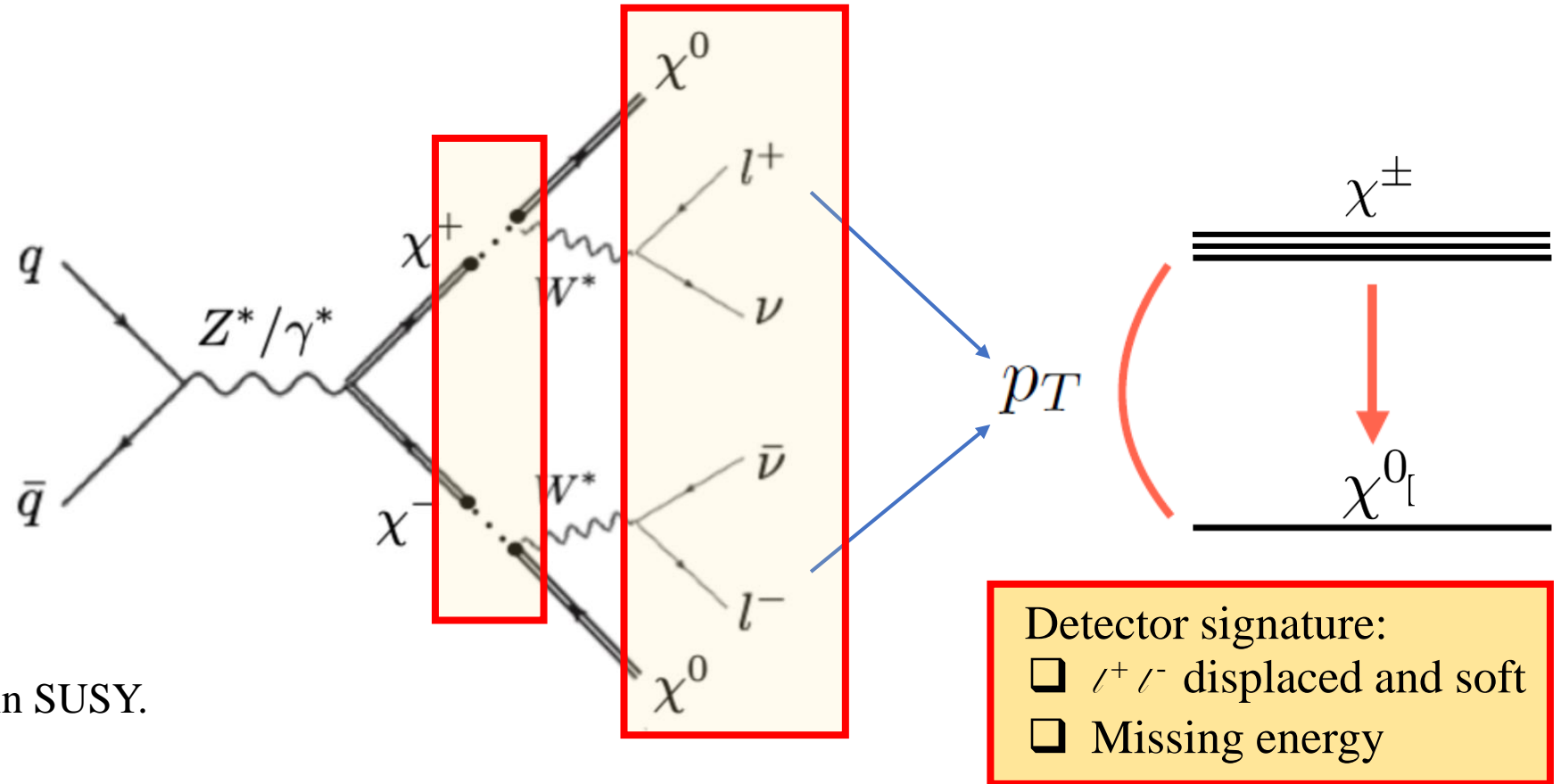
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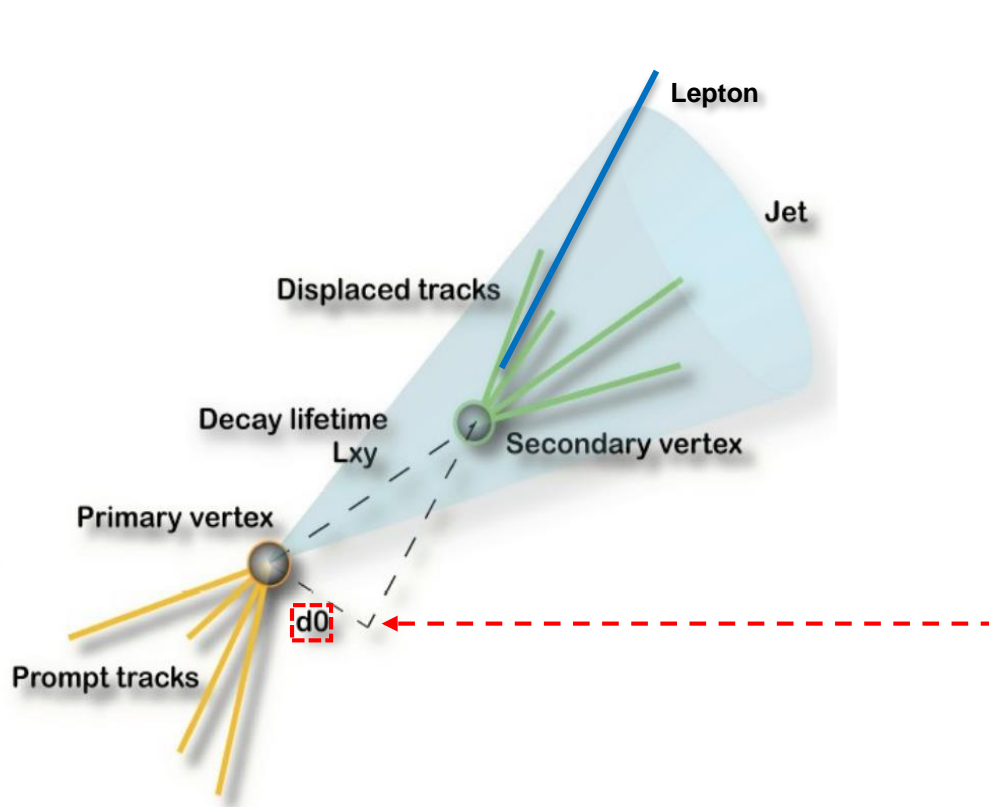


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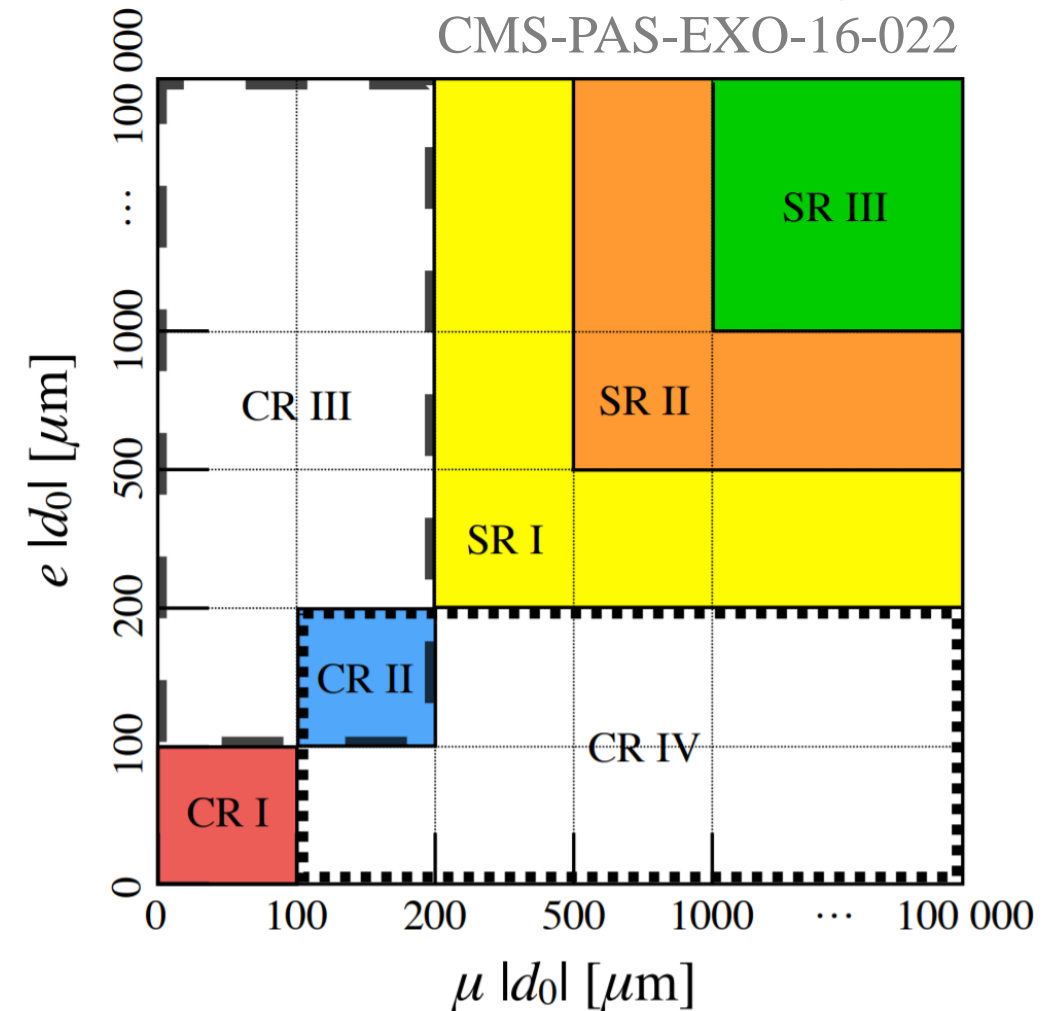
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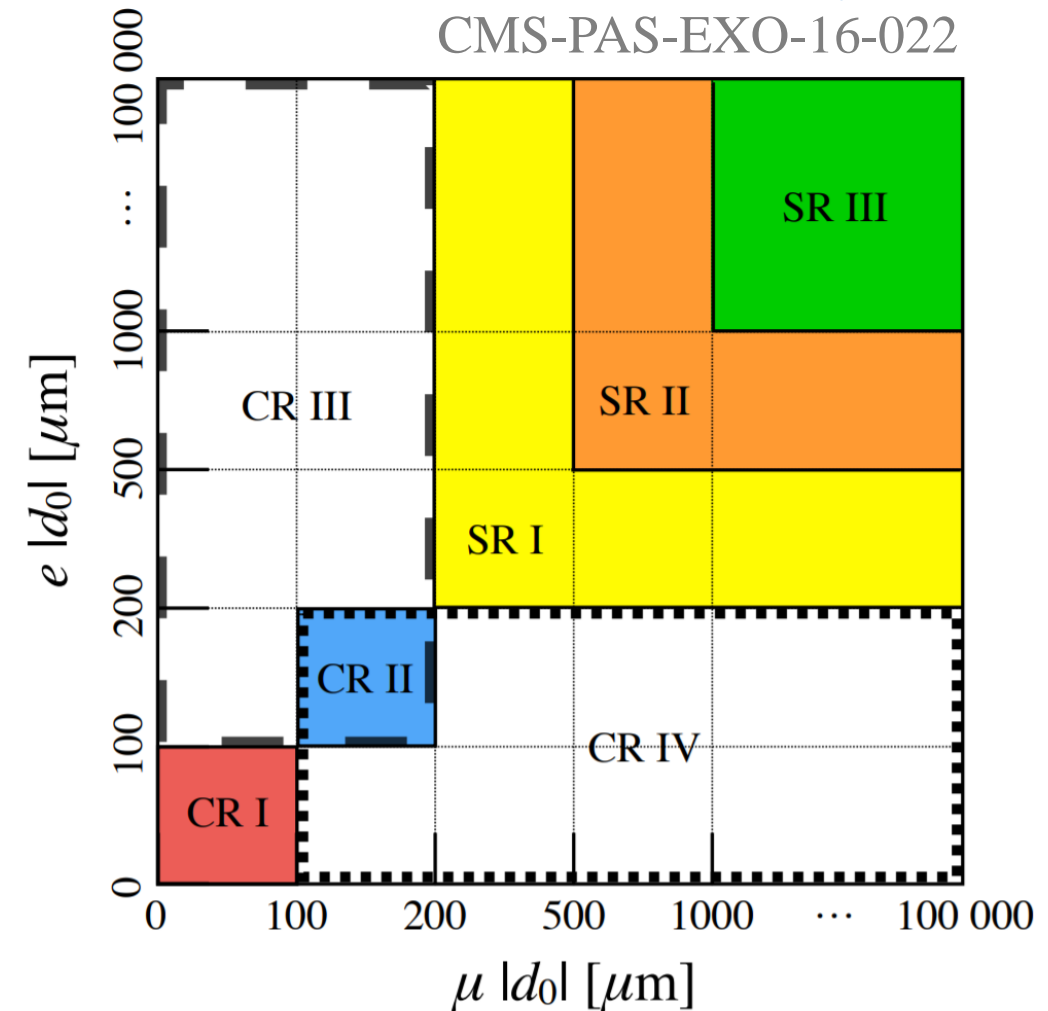
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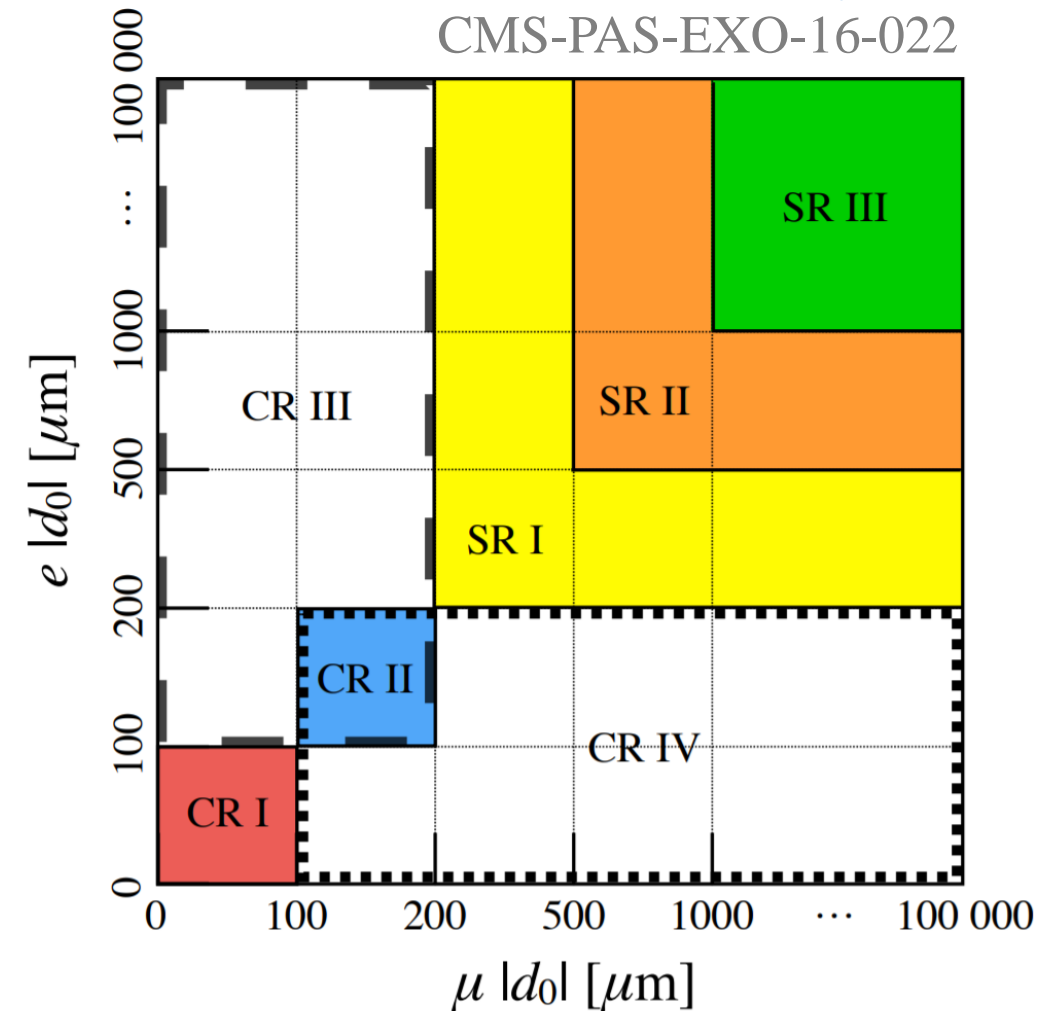
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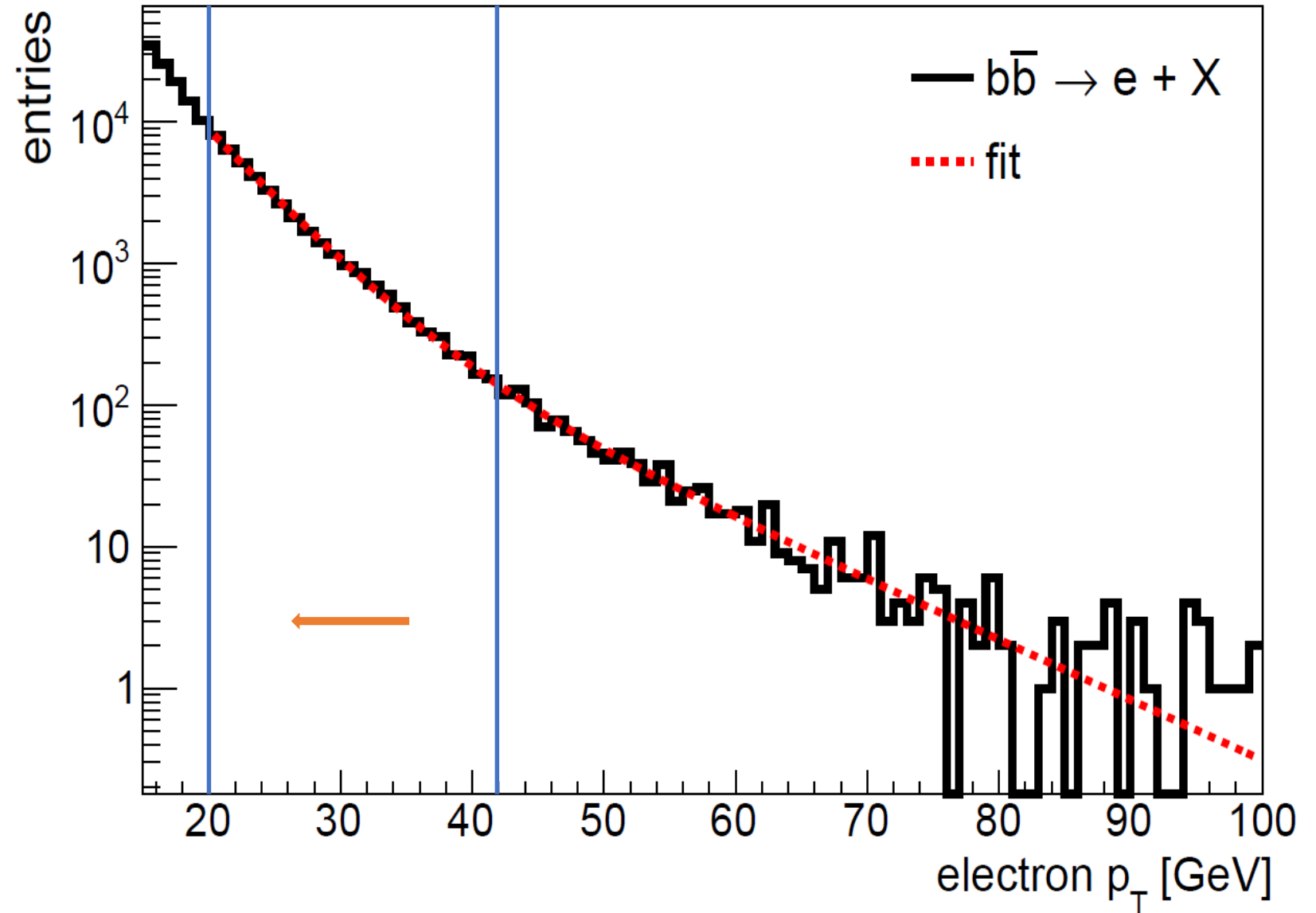
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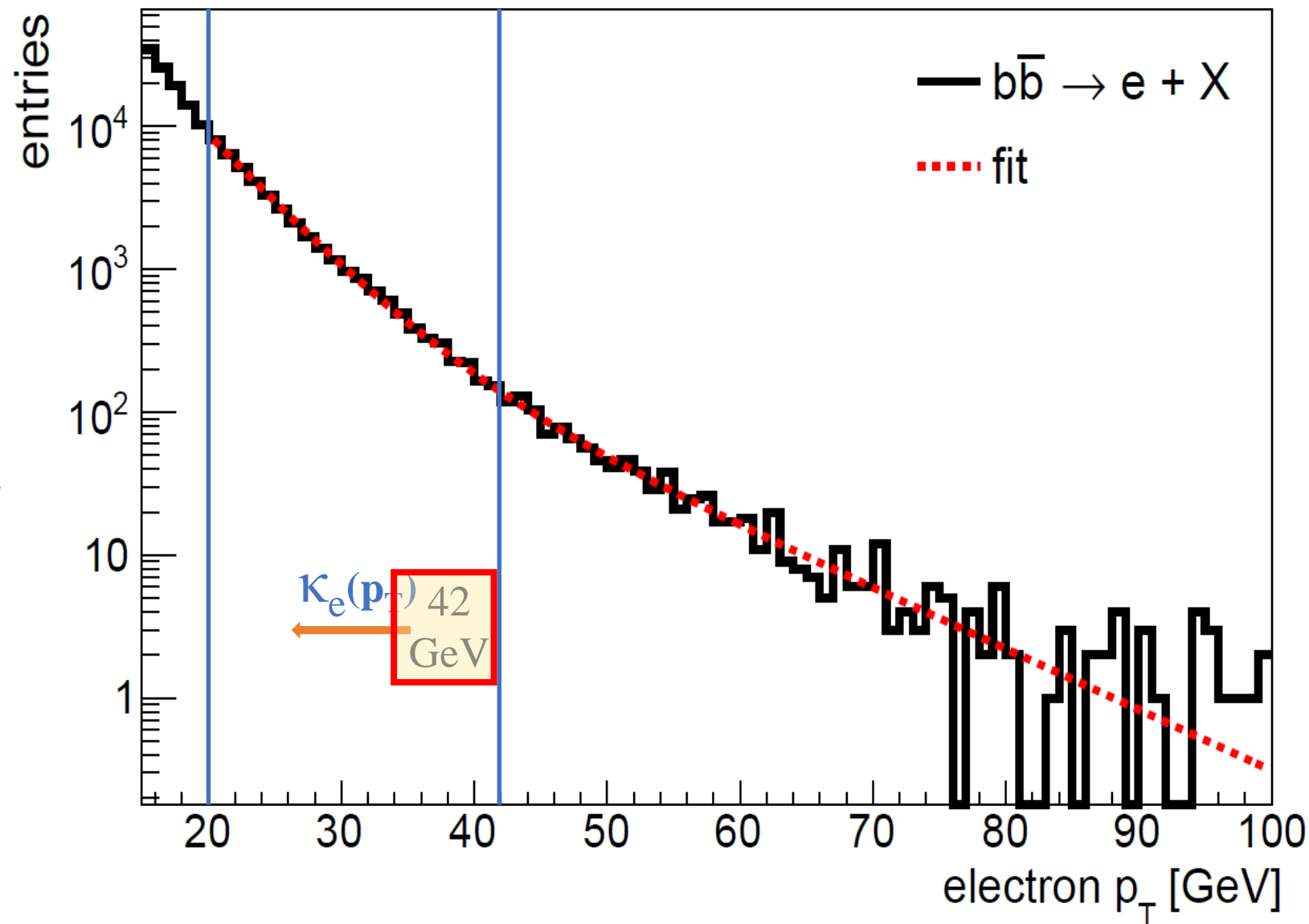
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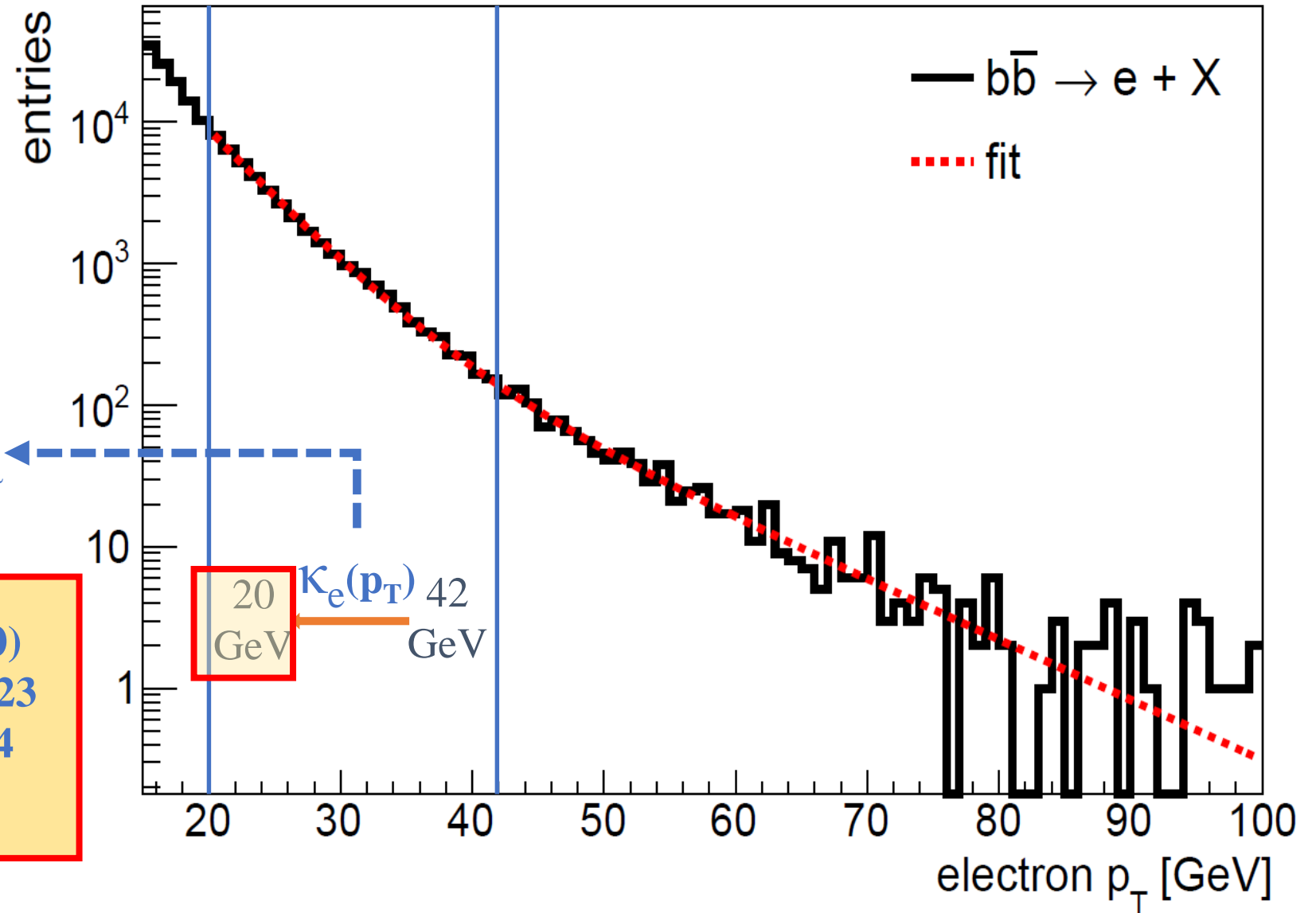
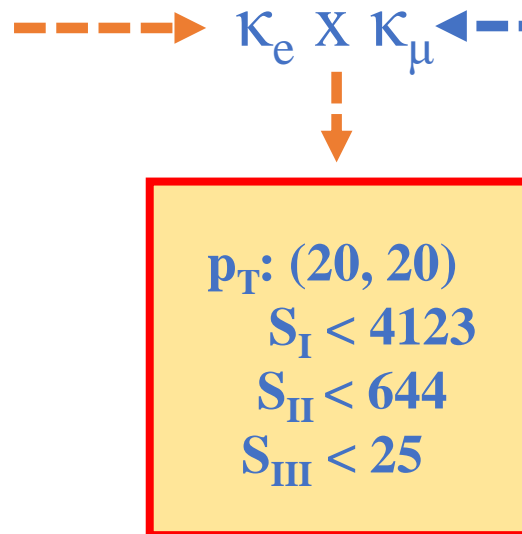
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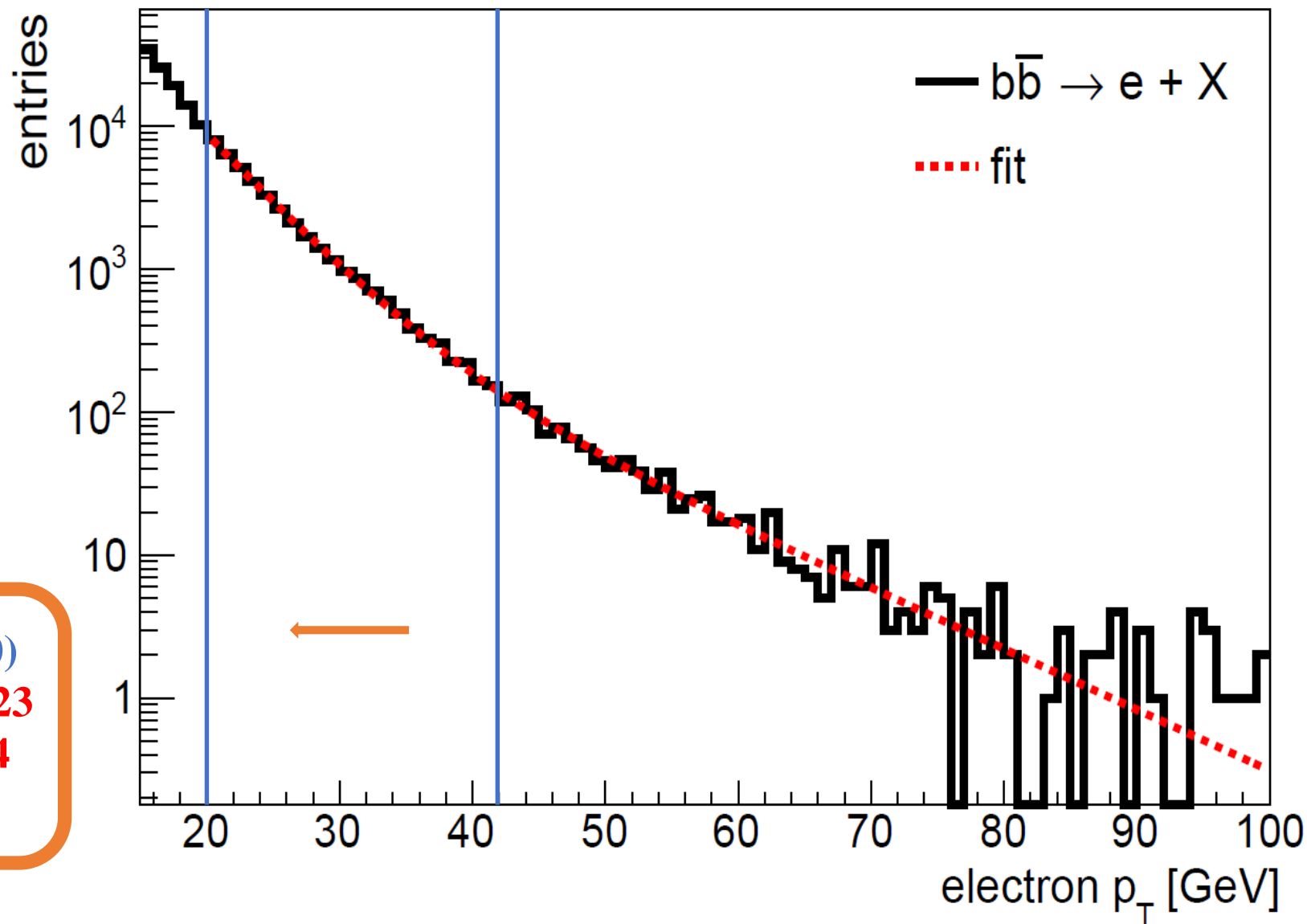
- **Large background!**

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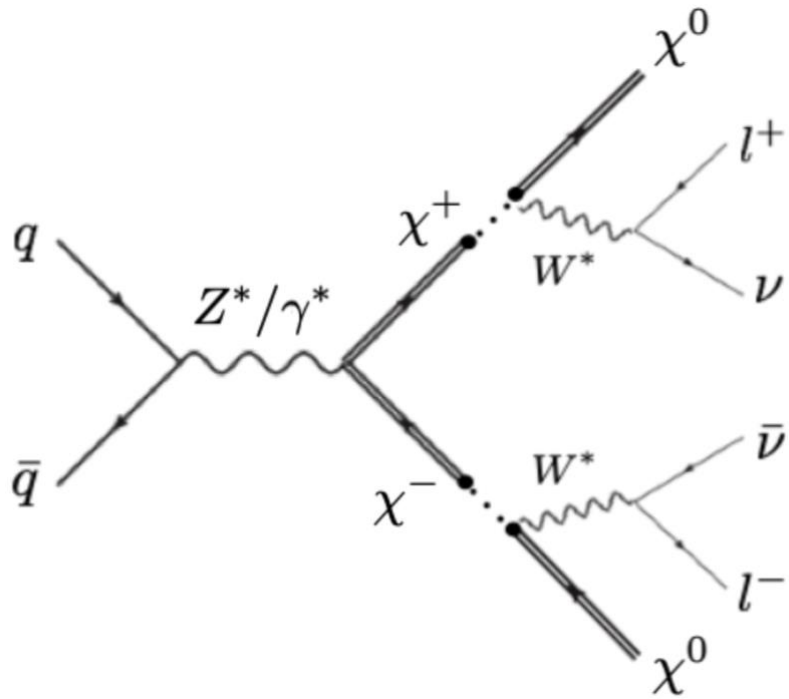
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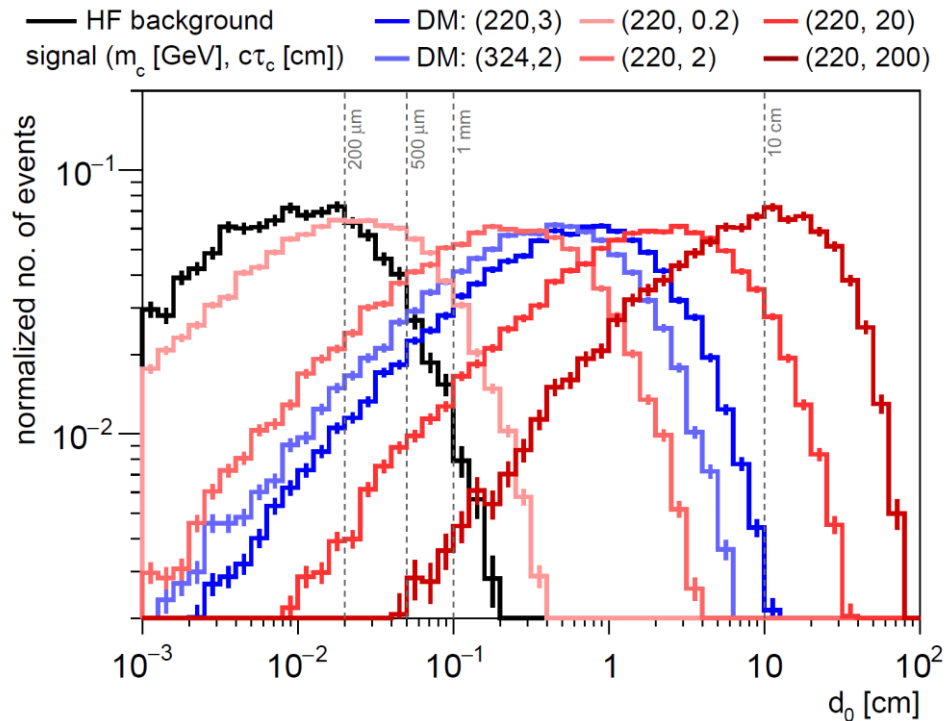
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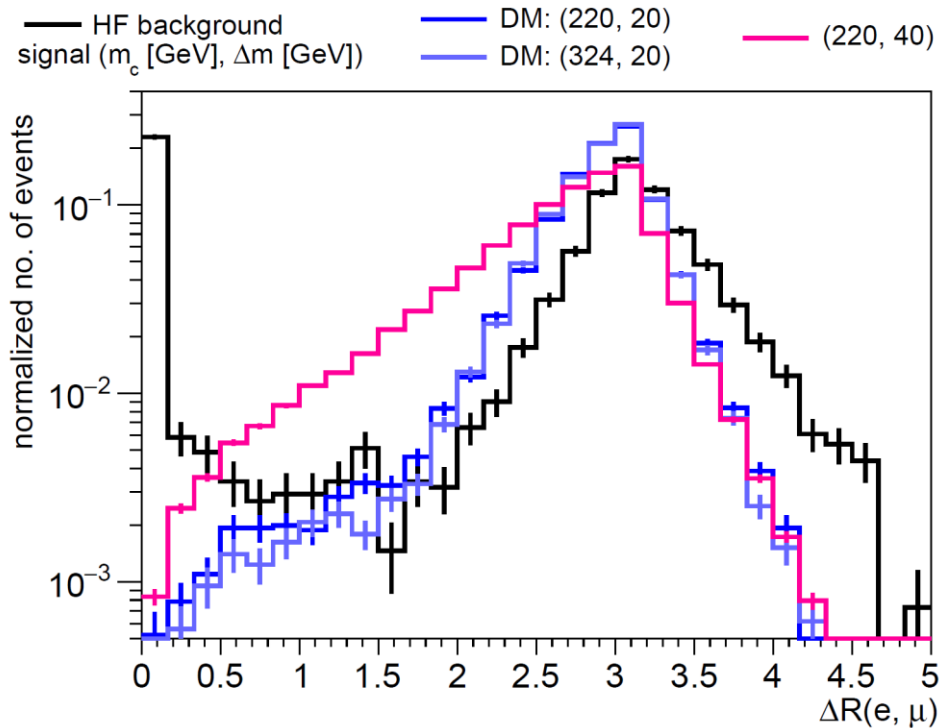
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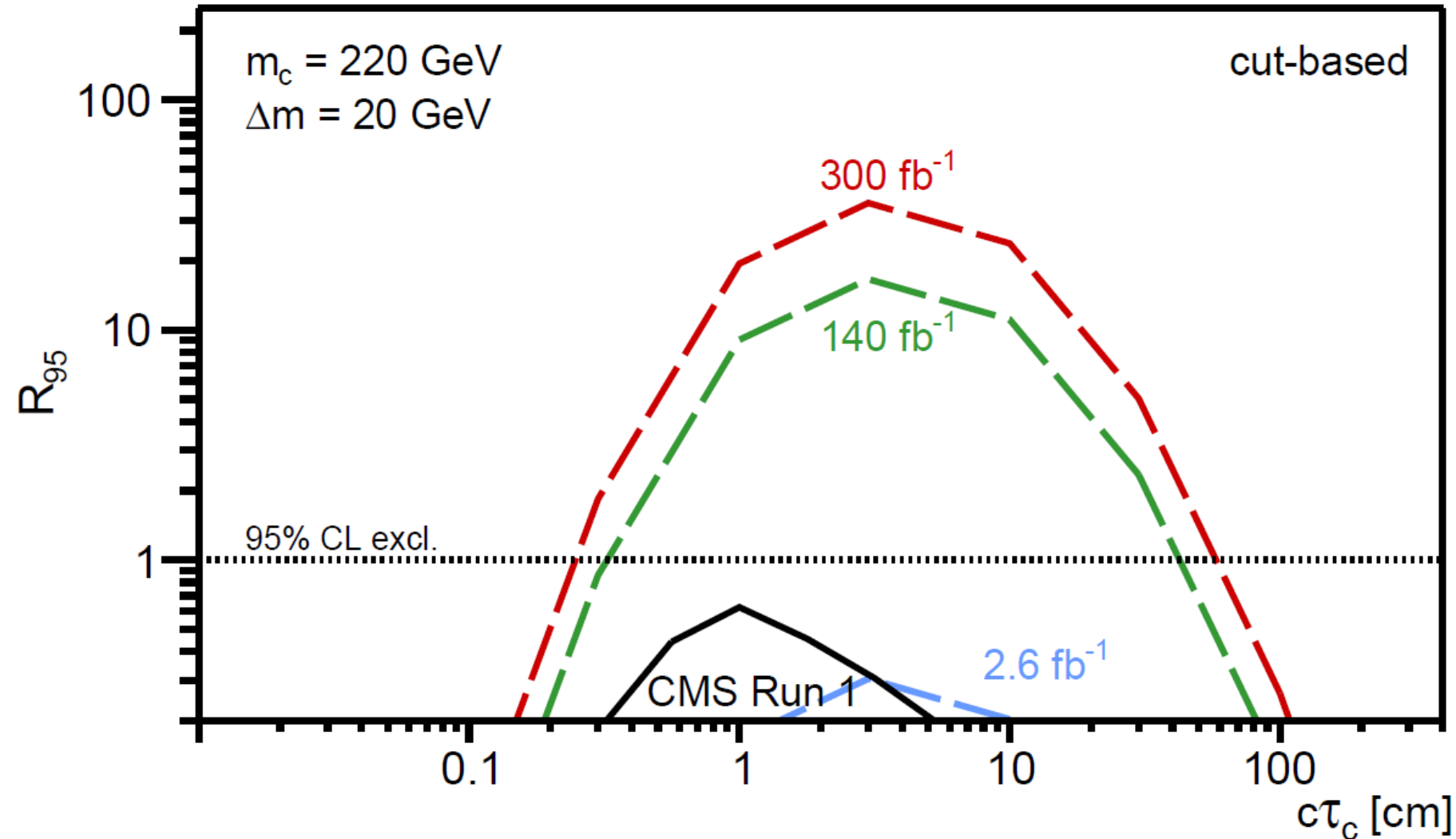
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2	(220, 20, 3)	1.18	1.40	5.55
3	(220, 20, 0.1)	139	37	5.98
4	(220, 20, 1)	174	157	283
5	(220, 20, 10)	32	93	318
6	(220, 20, 100)	1.35	2.15	31
7	(220, 40, 1)	1067	980	1826
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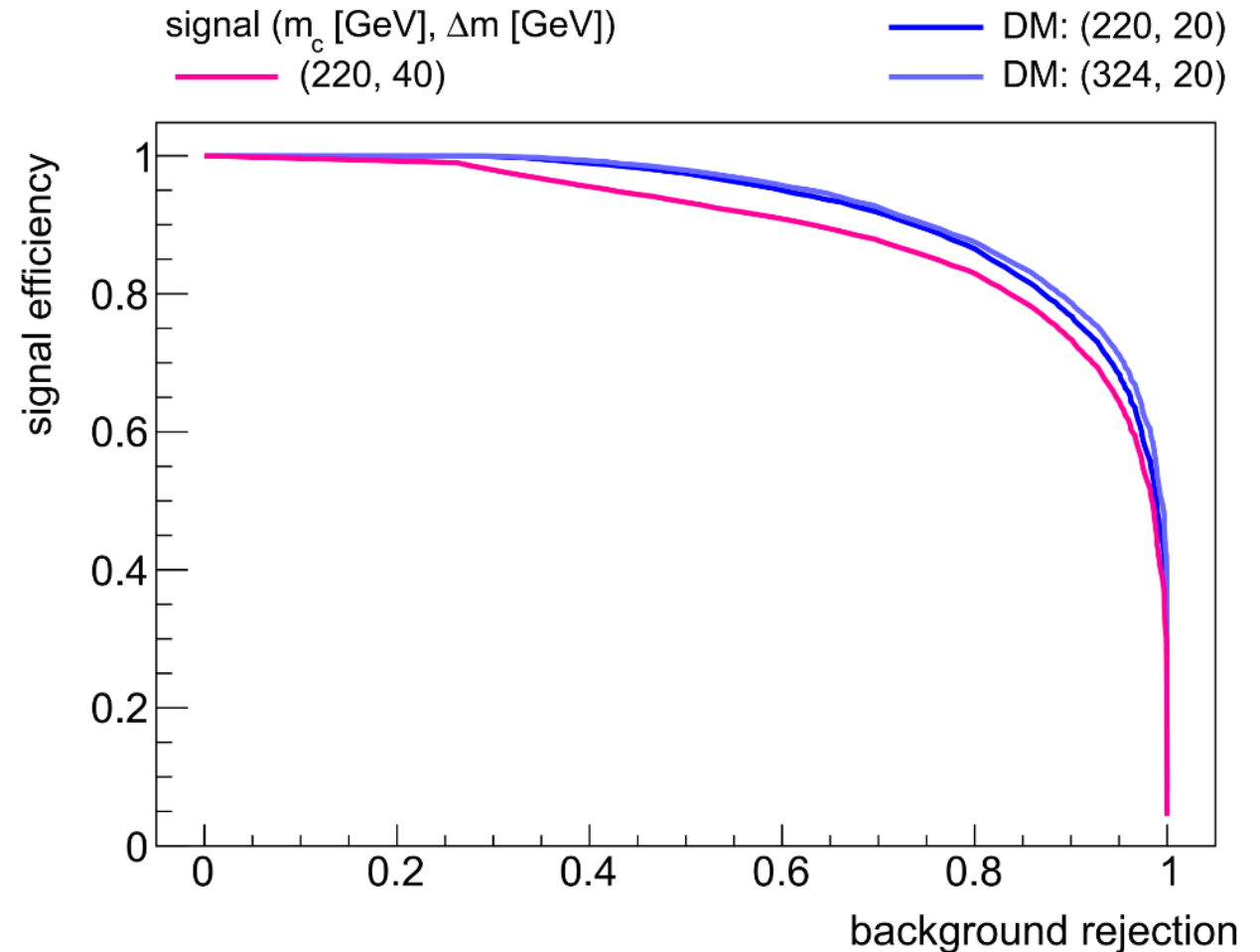
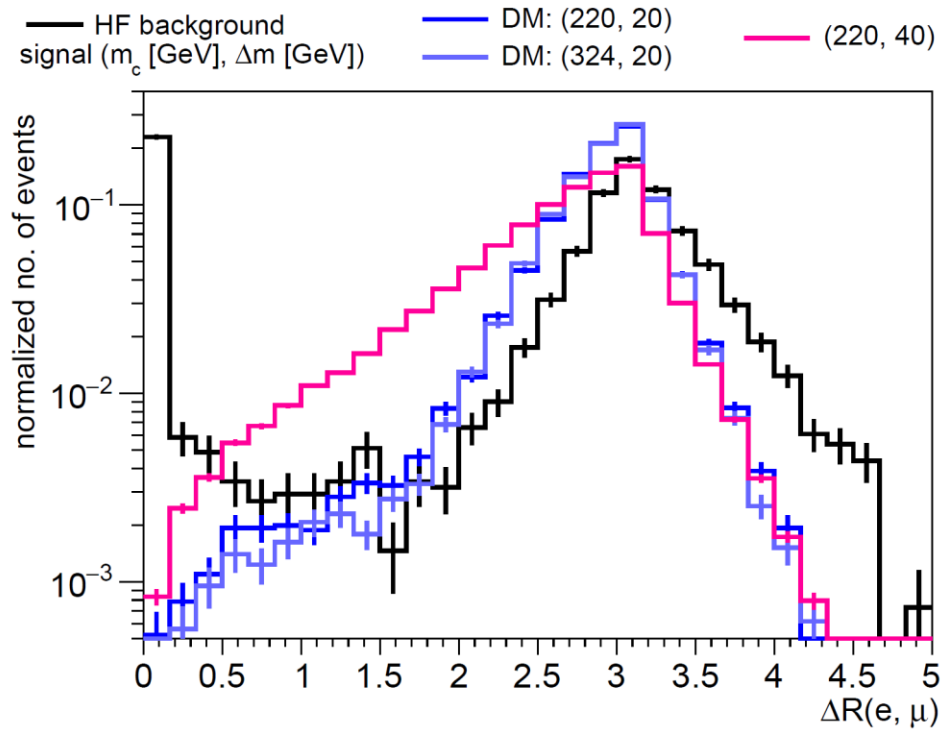
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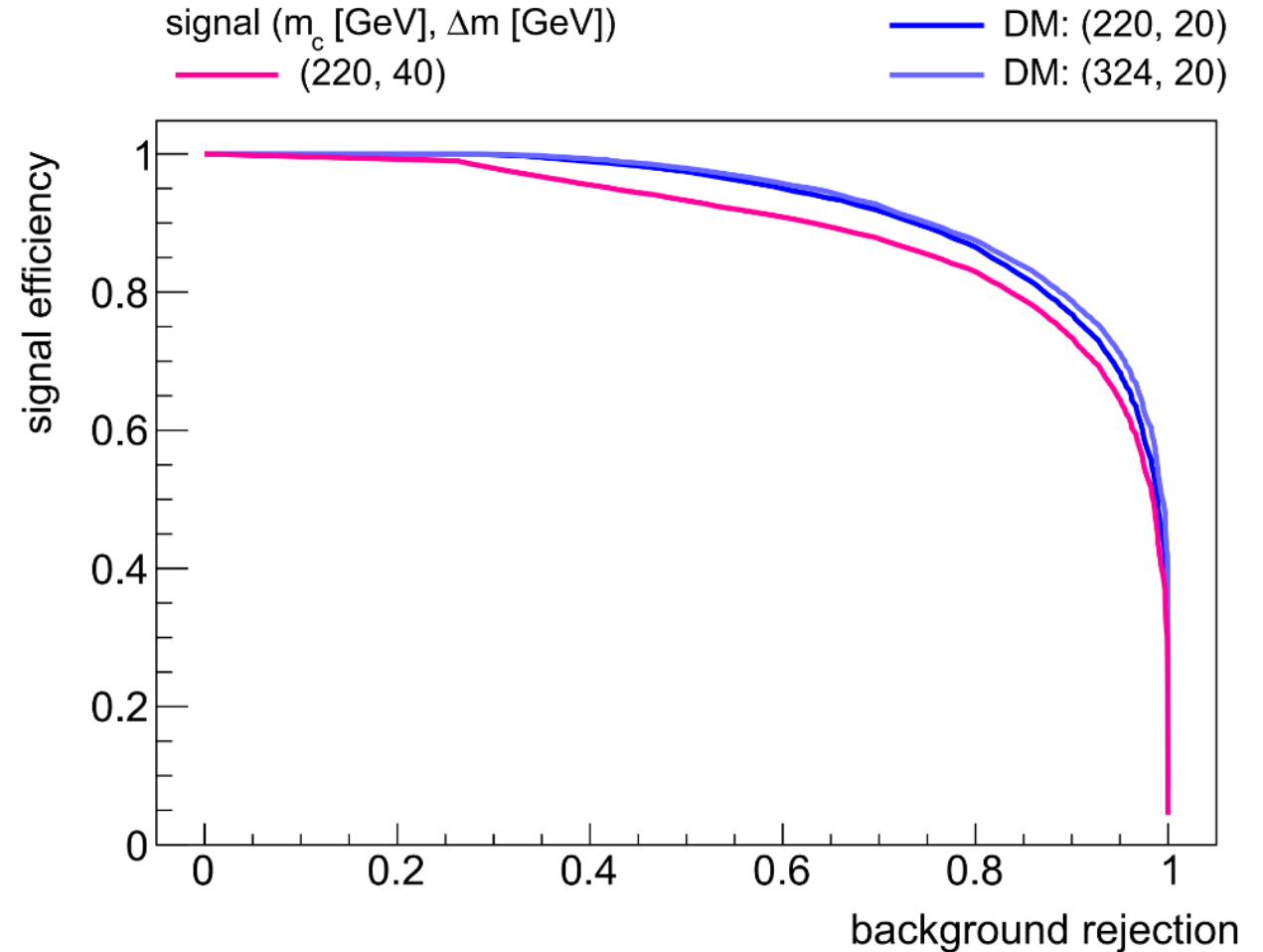
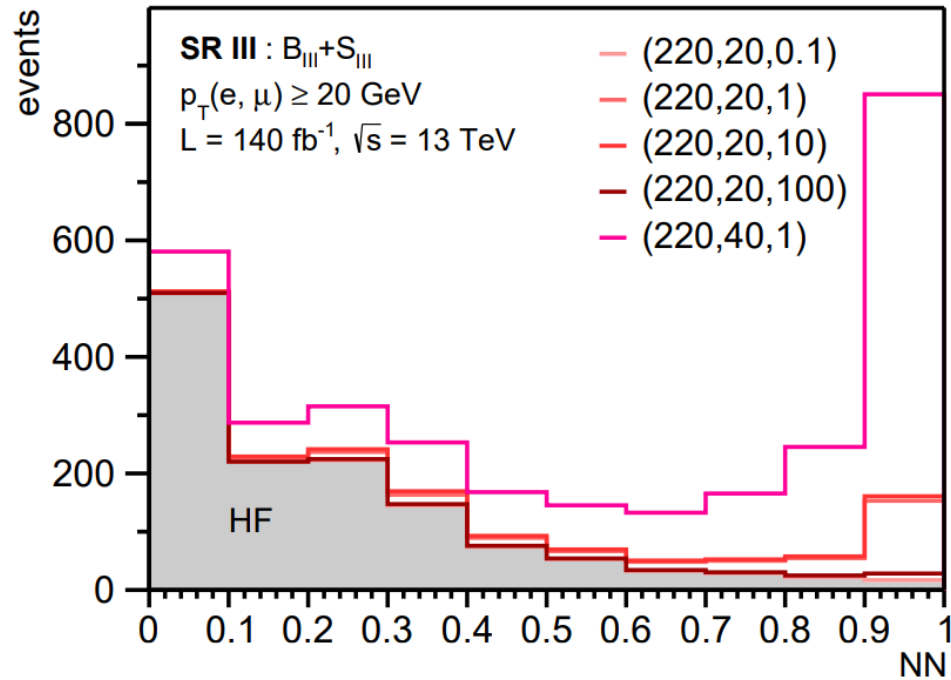
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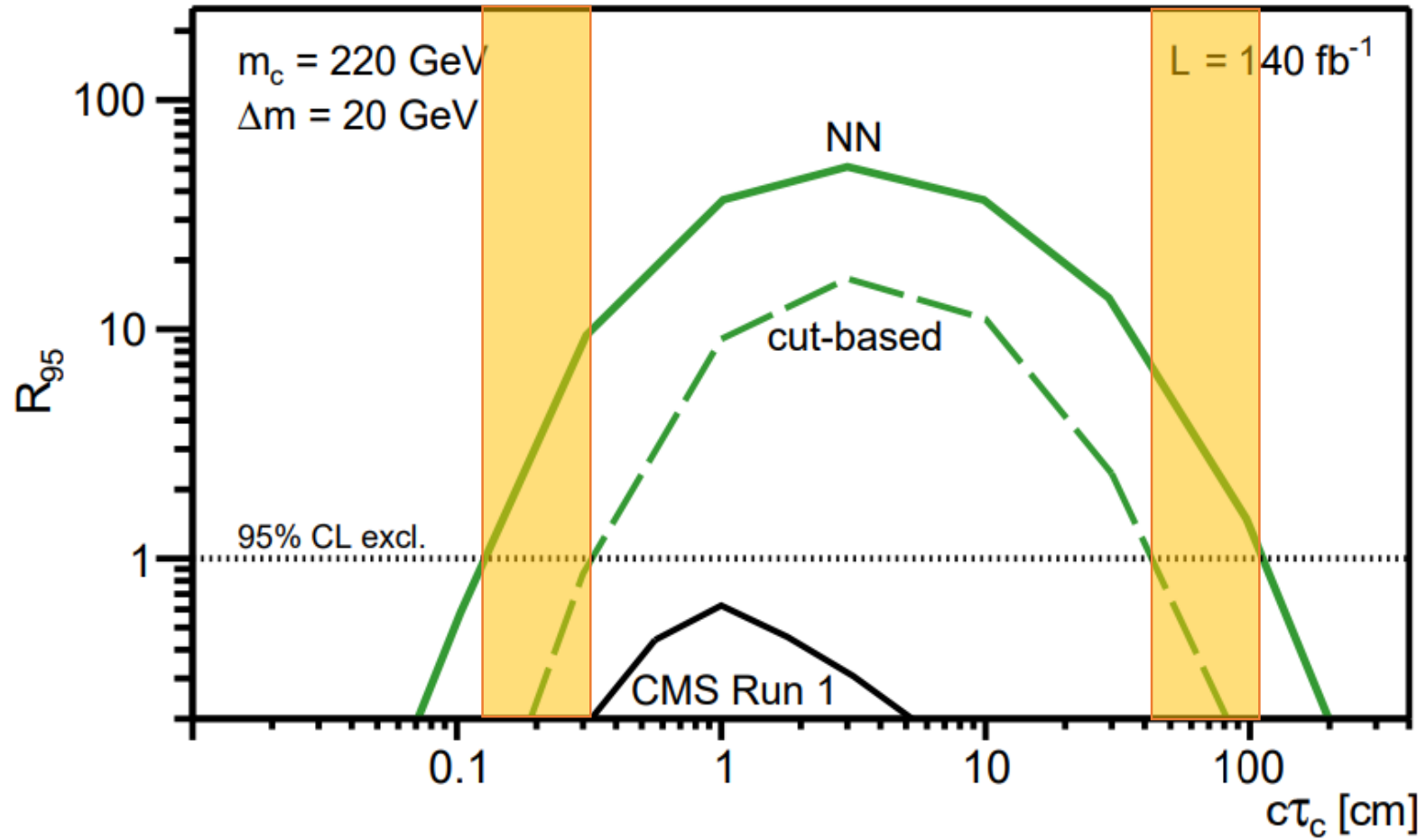
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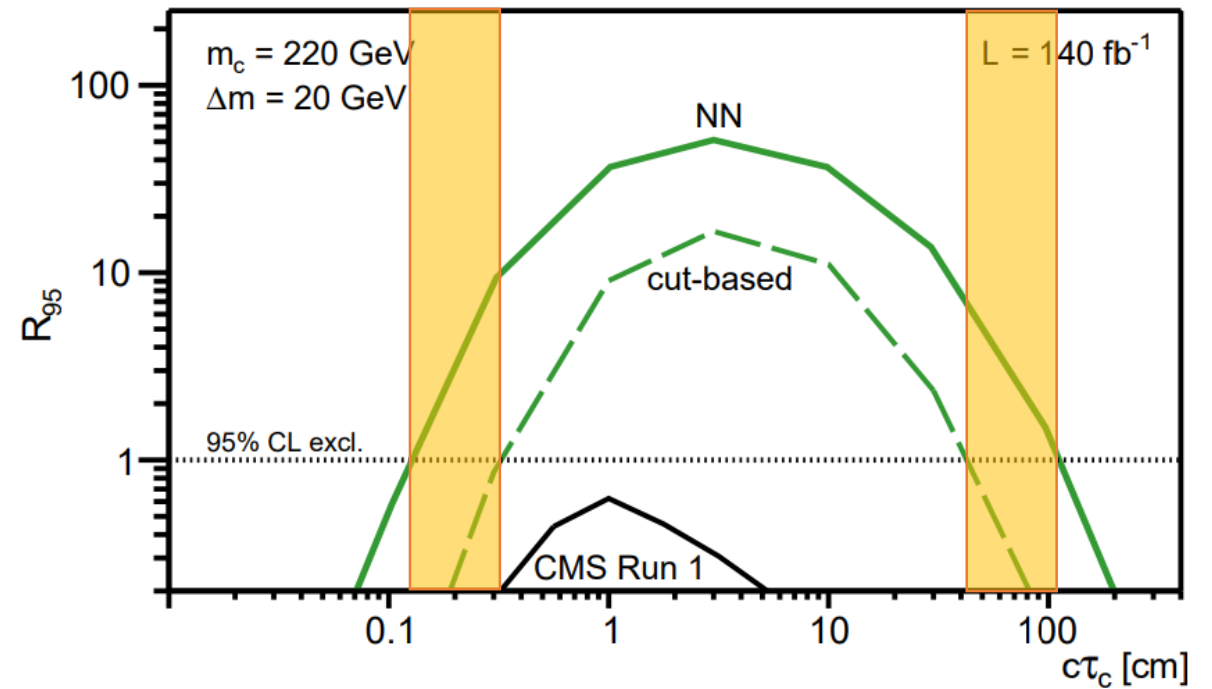
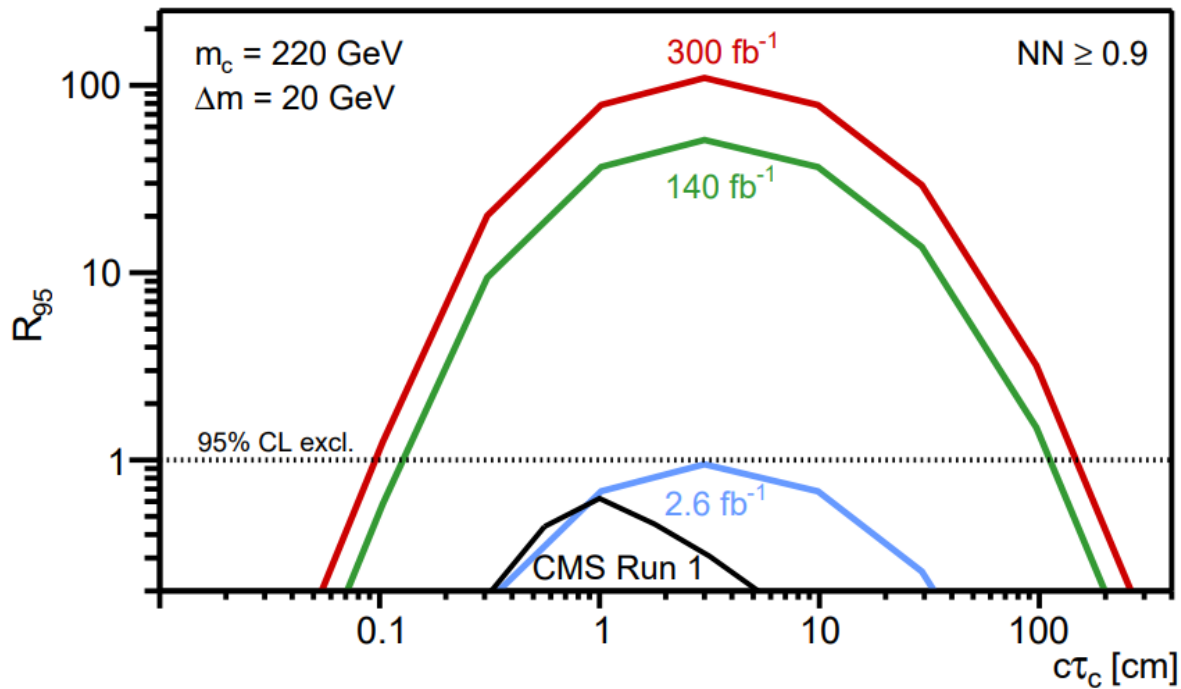


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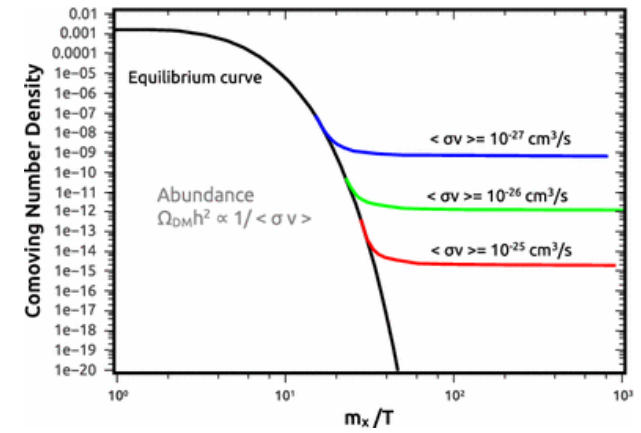
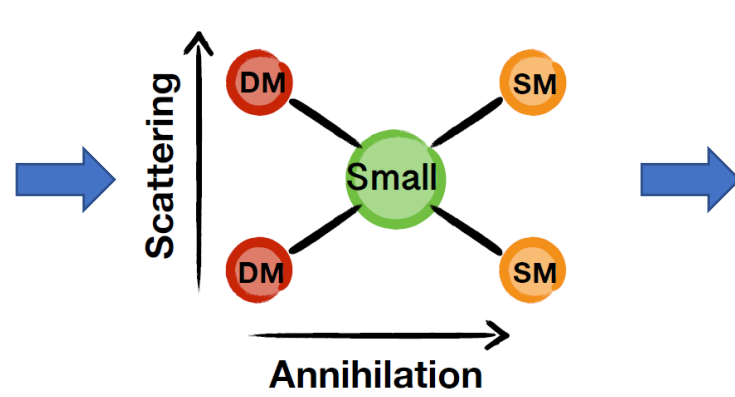
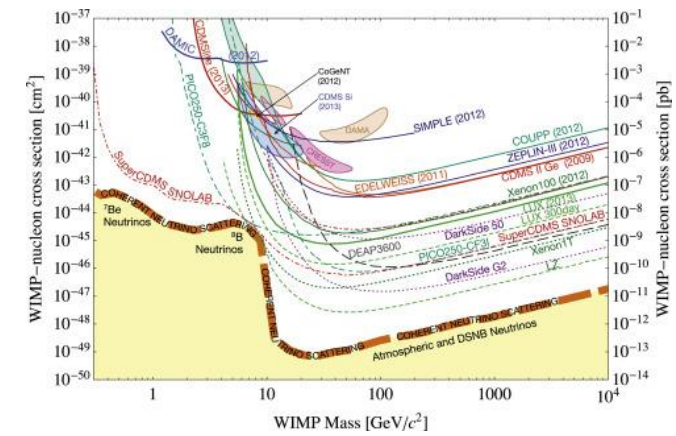


Conclusion and Outlook

- Soft displaced leptons are typical signs of dark matter from co-scattering and co-annihilation.
 - To observe these signatures at the LHC, events with soft leptons need to be selected.
- LHC signal with soft displaced leptons are challenged by large heavy flavour background.
- Multivariate analysis effectively discriminates between signal and HF background.
 - Neural network reduces background by two orders of magnitude.
 - With 140 fb^{-1} $c\tau_c$ values between 2 mm and 2 m can be excluded.
- Analysis with LHC Run 2 data involving displaced lepton and MET.
- Can be discovered with LHC data.
 - Requires cross triggers with lower p_T threshold and other objects.

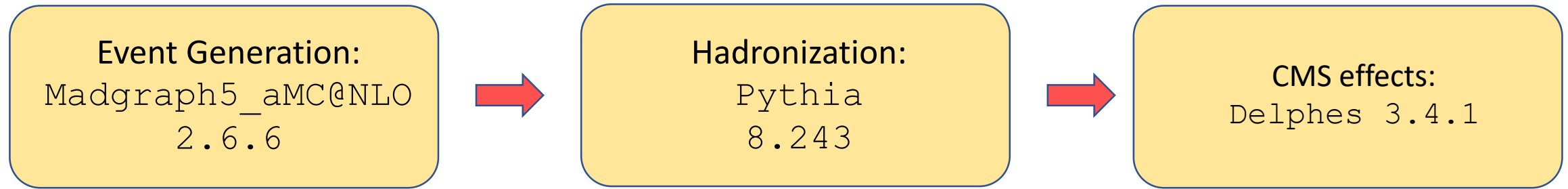
BACK-UP

Higgs portal dark matter



Over-Abundant DM

Standard simulation framework



Event Selection in CMS-PAS-EXO-16-022

Oppositely charged
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➤ Dominant background: **Leptons from heavy flavour jet misidentified as isolated leptons.**

Accuracy of NN classifier

