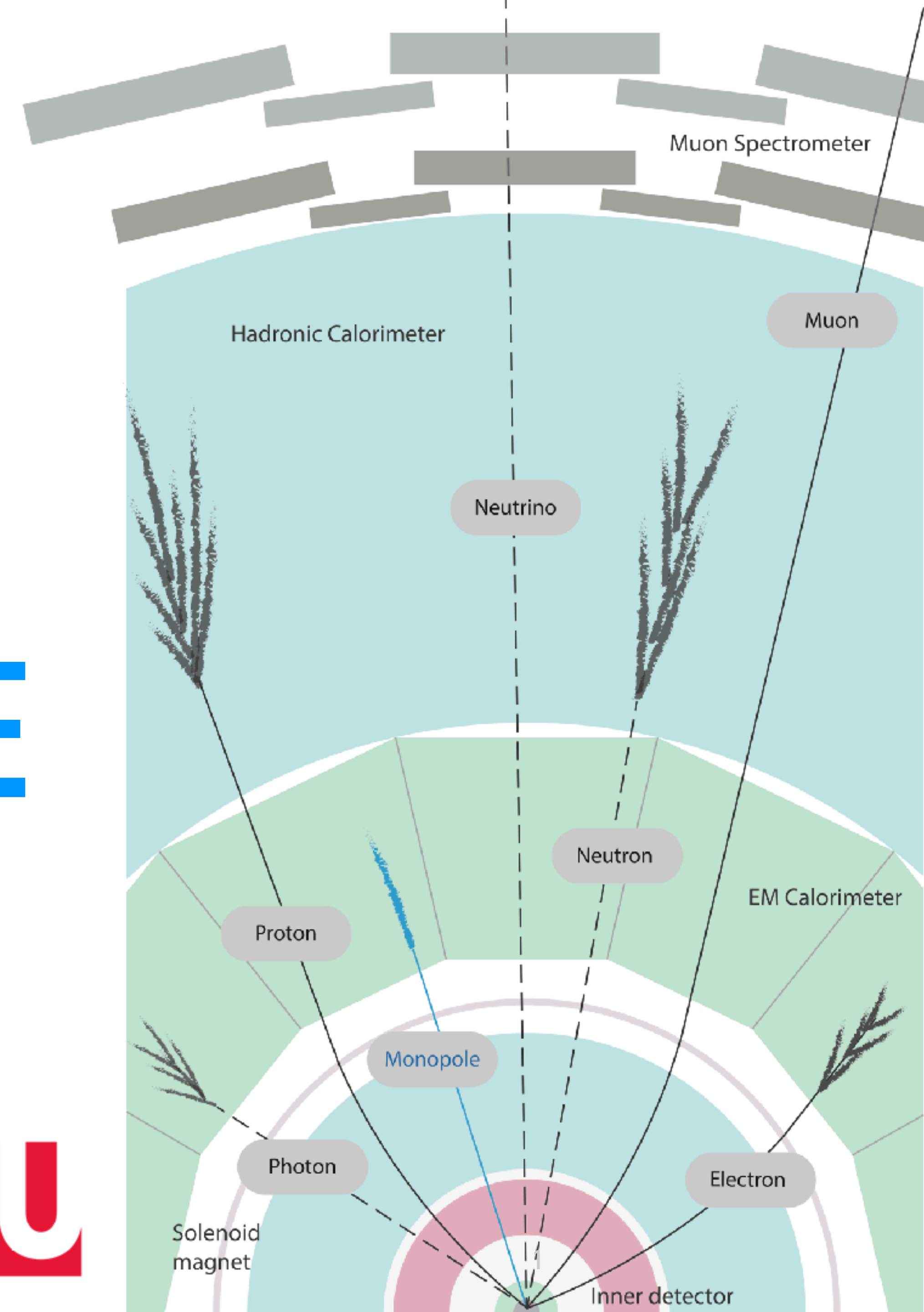


MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATION IN THE SEARCH FOR A **MAGNETIC MONOPOLE** IN ATLAS

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OVERVIEW – TL;DR

- Search for magnetic monopoles in the ATLAS detector
- Pileup conditions in Run 2 affect the discriminating power of one of our signal selection variables
- Random Forest Classifier introduced in the hopes of increasing signal efficiency
- This results in improvement for higher mass monopoles, but reduced signal efficiency in lower mass monopoles

MOTIVATION

- Dirac Magnetic Monopoles (Quantum electrodynamics) [see Dirac]:
 - Explain electric charge quantization
 - Symmetry (electric-magnetic fields) in Maxwell's equations

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon_0} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \rho_m$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \left(\mathbf{j}_m + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right)$$

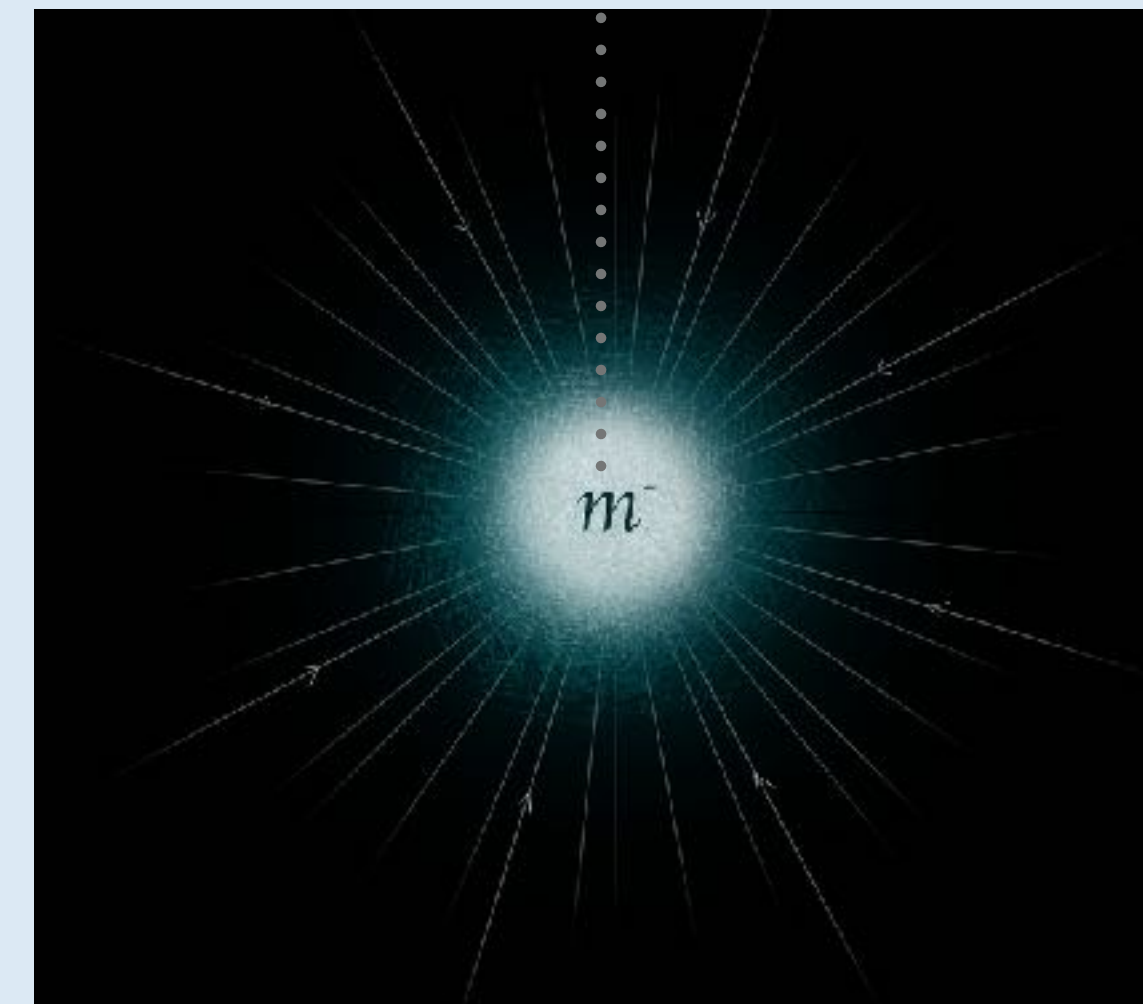
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \left(\mathbf{j}_e + \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Dirac string is unobservable if:

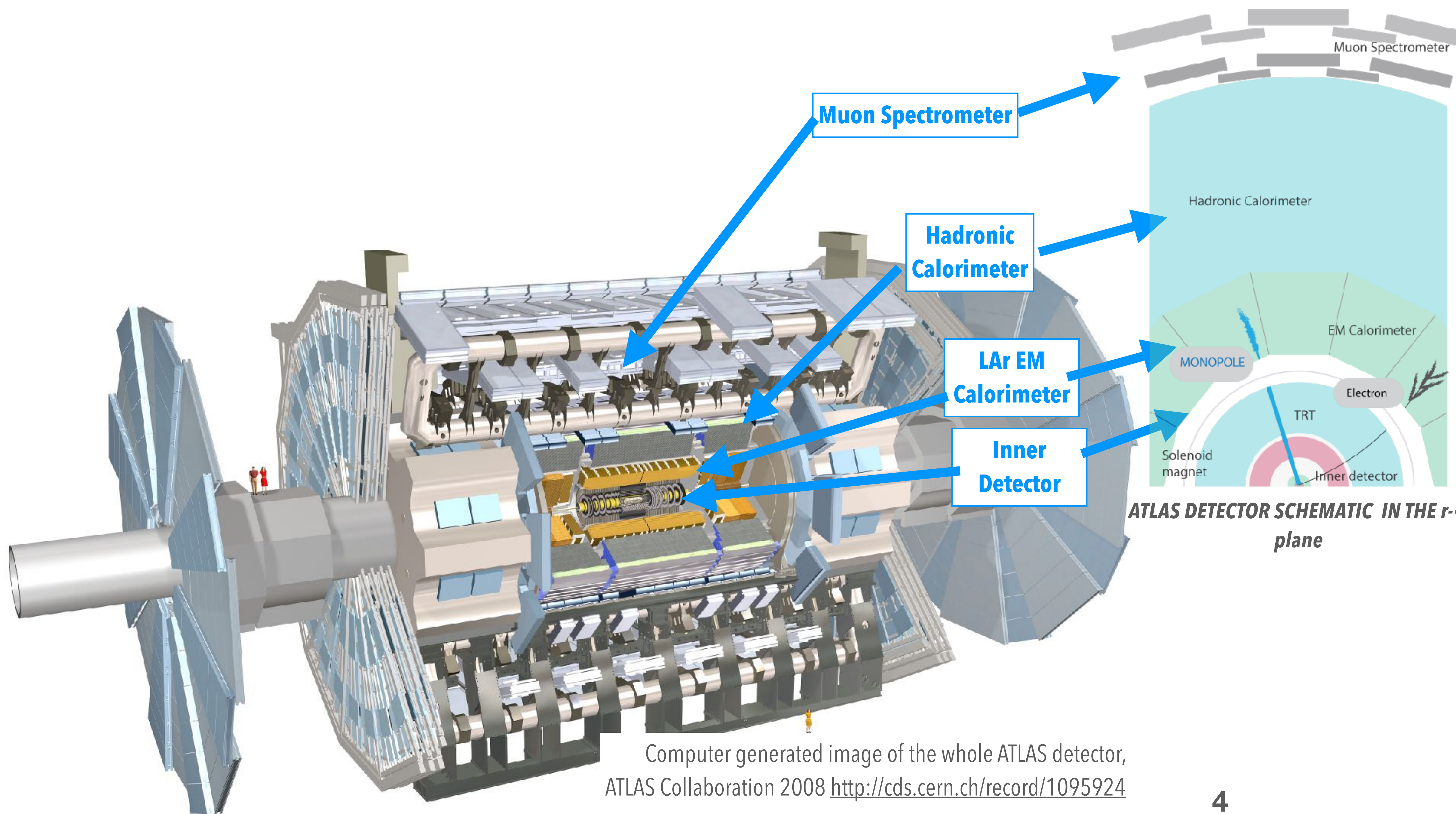
$$g_D = \frac{1}{2\alpha} = 68.5$$

$$\frac{q_m q_e}{\hbar c} = \frac{N}{2}$$

$$q_m = N g_D e c$$



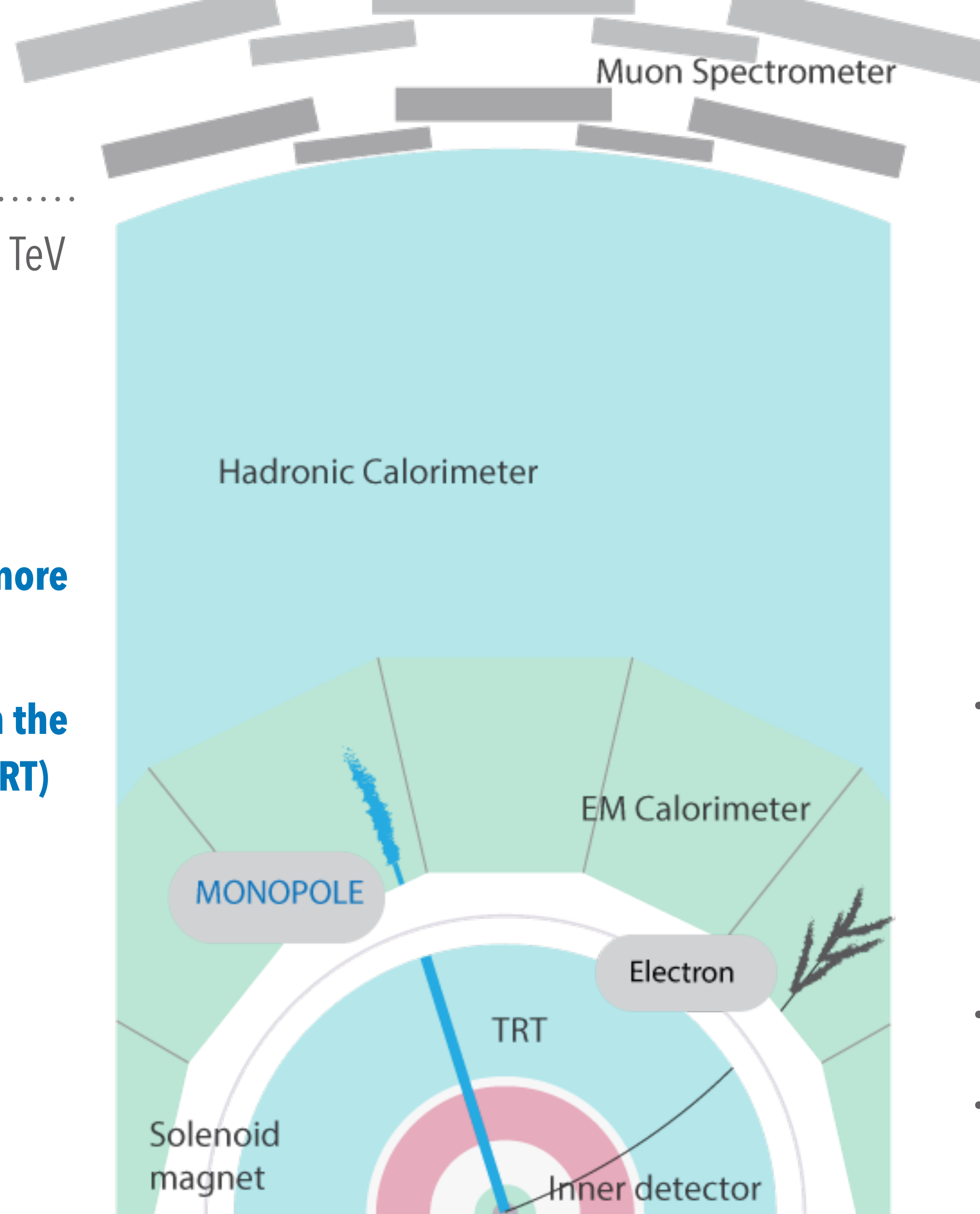
- Magnetic monopole: Fundamental particle with magnetic charge " q_m "
- Static source of radial magnetic field.
- **Stable** due to magnetic charge conservation.



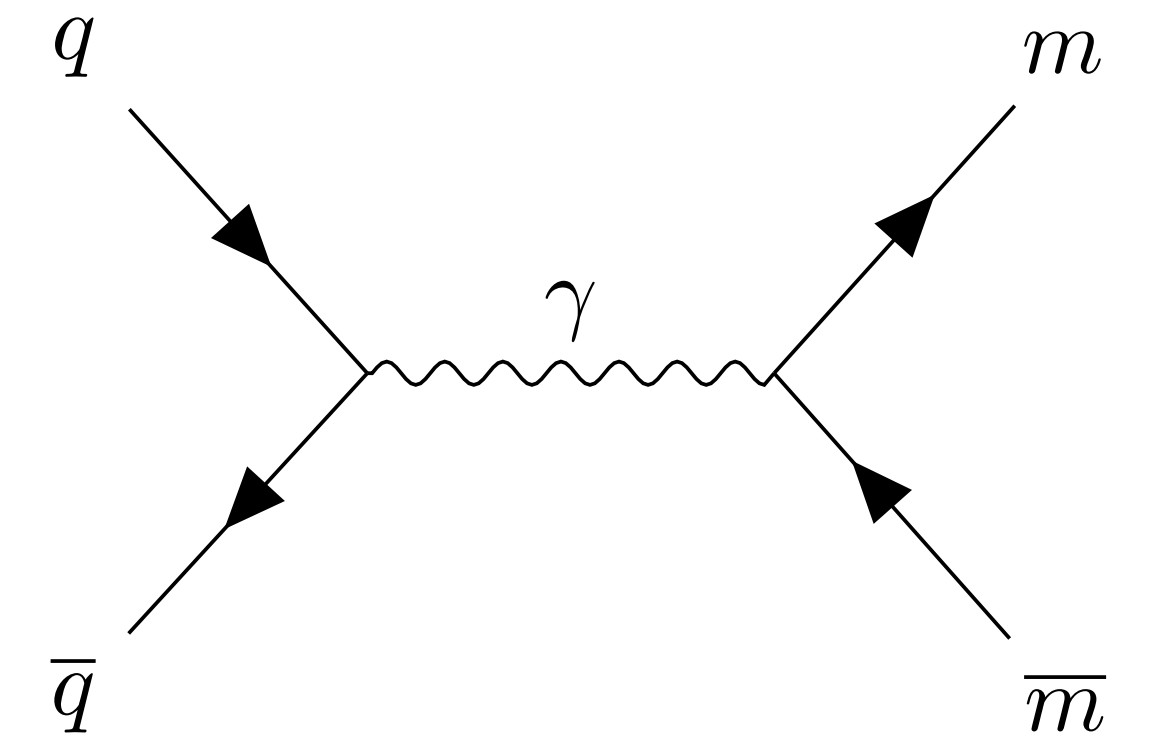
Computer generated image of the whole ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration 2008 <http://cds.cern.ch/record/1095924>

METHOD

- **ATLAS detector:** LHC (Run 2) 13 TeV pp collisions, 137 fb⁻¹
 - $m_m < 4 \text{ TeV}$
- **Ionization** of the medium
 - Energy loss $\propto \text{charge}^2$ **~4700 x more ionizing than proton!**
 - **Many large energy deposits in the Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT)**
 - **Stops before muon system, mostly before Hadronic Calorimeter**
 - **Monopoles don't produce a shower in ATLAS LAr EM Calorimeter**



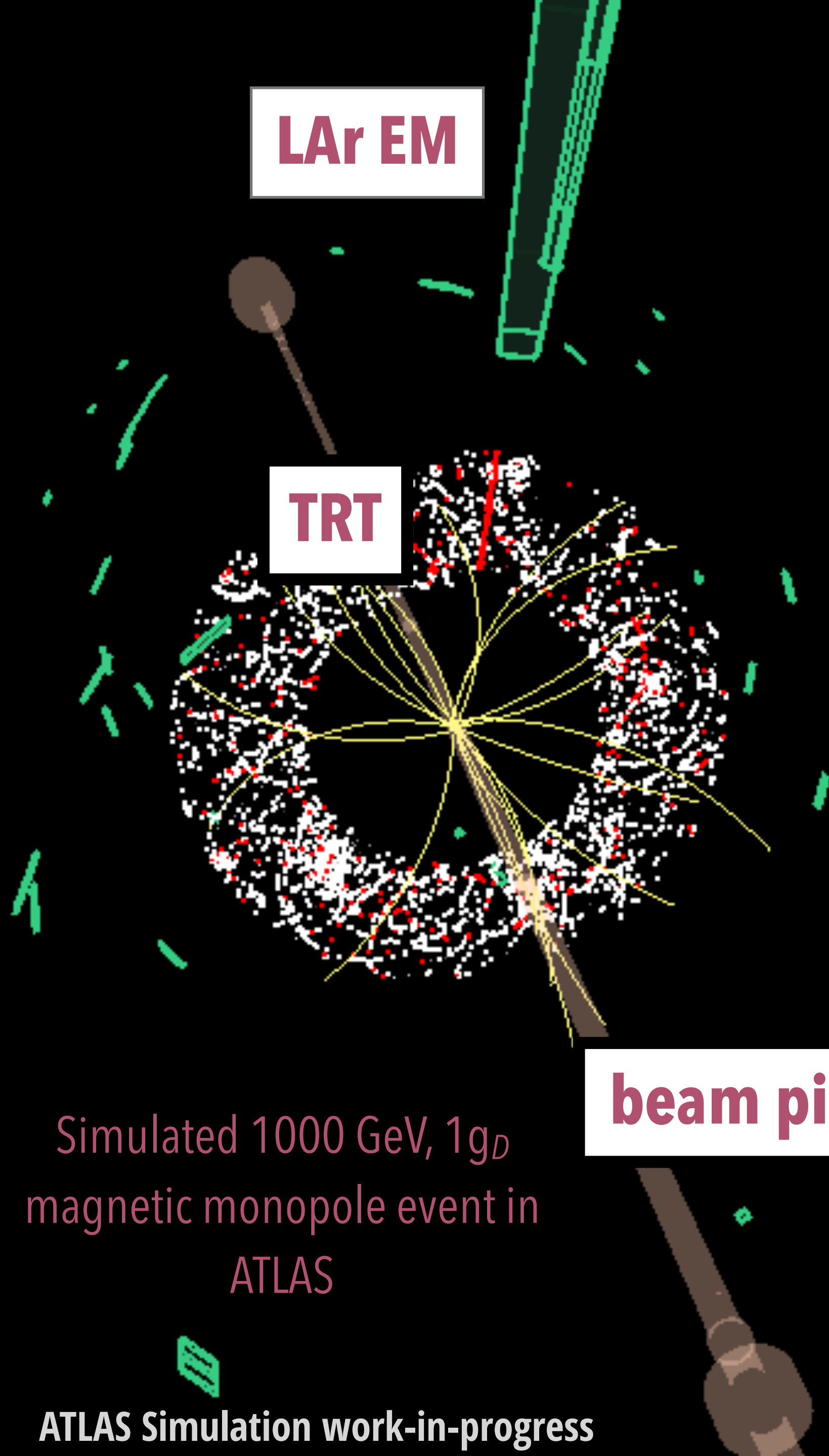
ATLAS DETECTOR SCHEMATIC IN THE r - Φ plane



Feynman-like diagrams for Drell-Yan magnetic monopole pair production.

- **Drell-Yan (DY)** pair production dictates kinematic distributions and predicted cross sections.
 - **Spin 0 and 1/2** monopoles
- Monopole: $|g| = 1 g_D, 2 g_D$
- Masses considered: Between 0.2 and 4 TeV.

SIGNAL DISCRIMINATING VARIABLES:



Simulated 1000 GeV, 1g_D magnetic monopole event in ATLAS

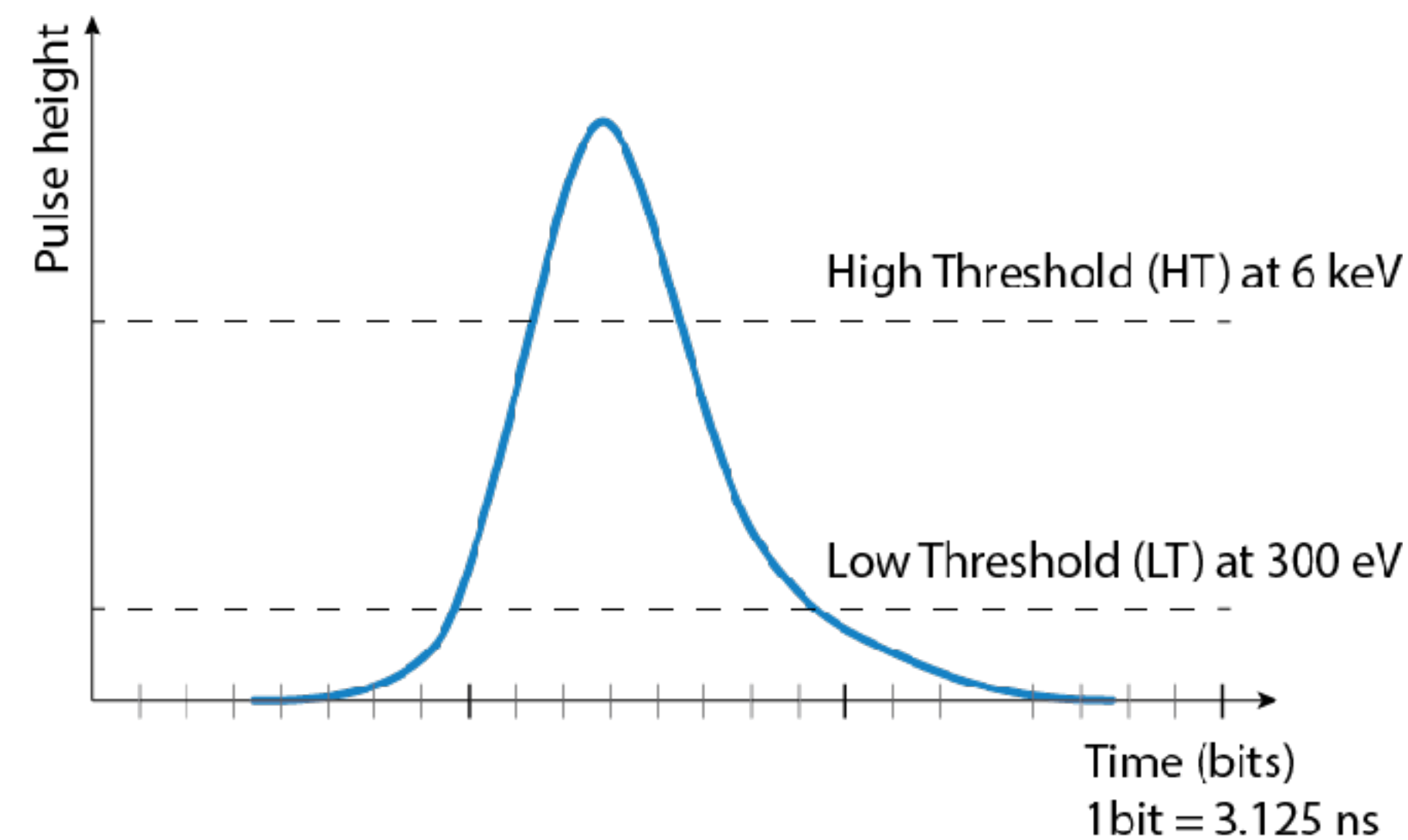
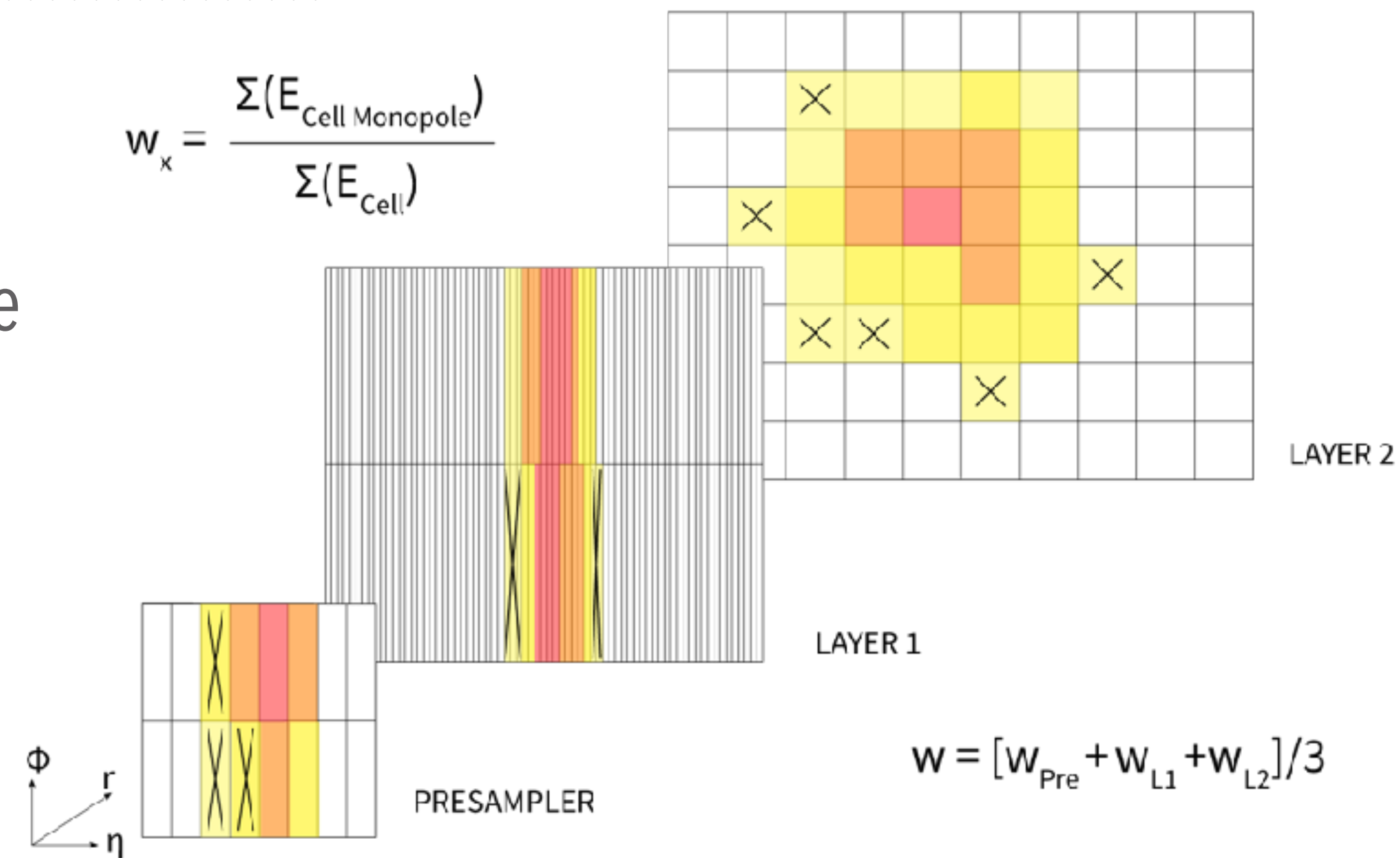
ATLAS Simulation work-in-progress

- **Concentrated high energy** deposition in the LAr EM calorimeter.

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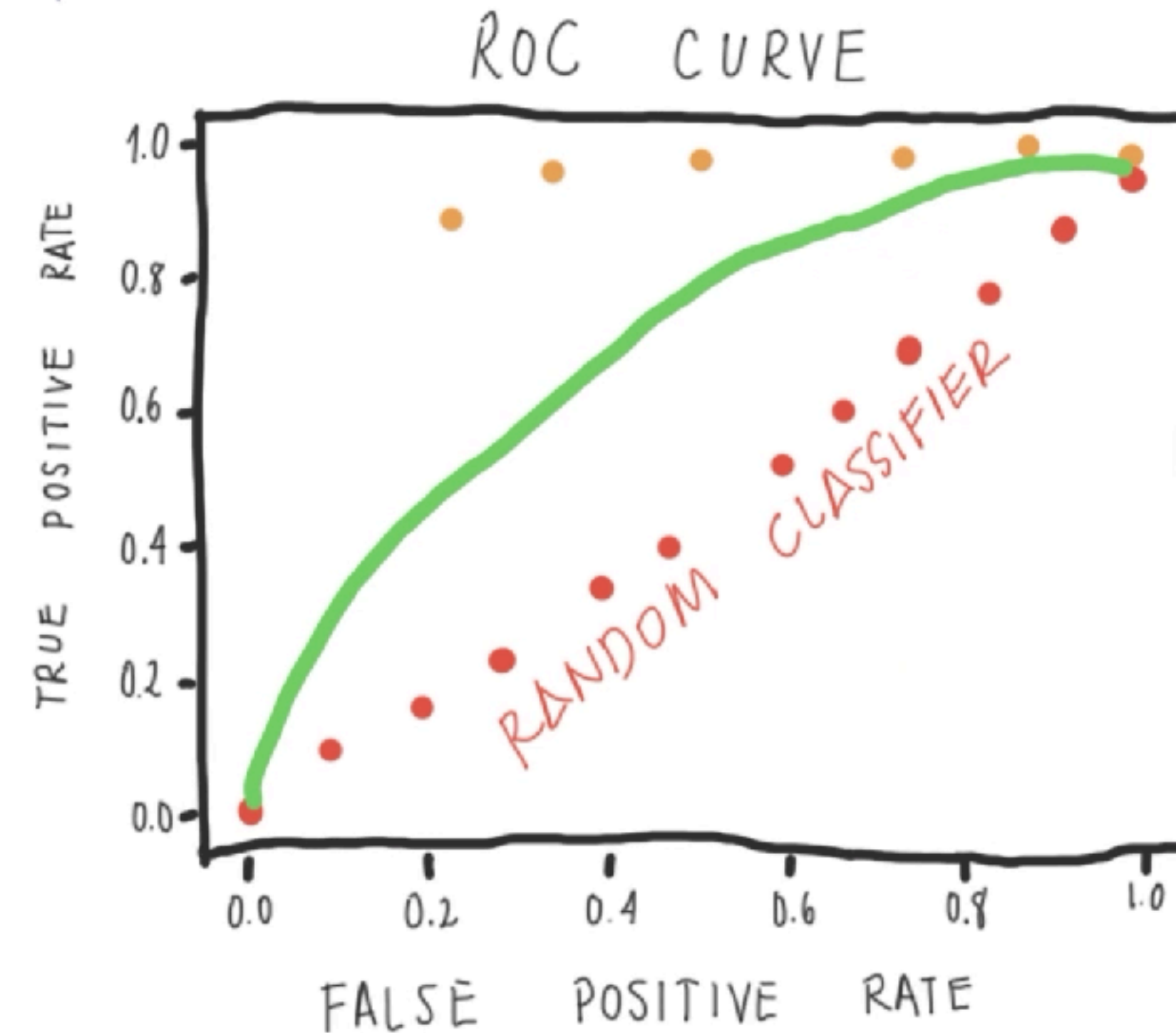
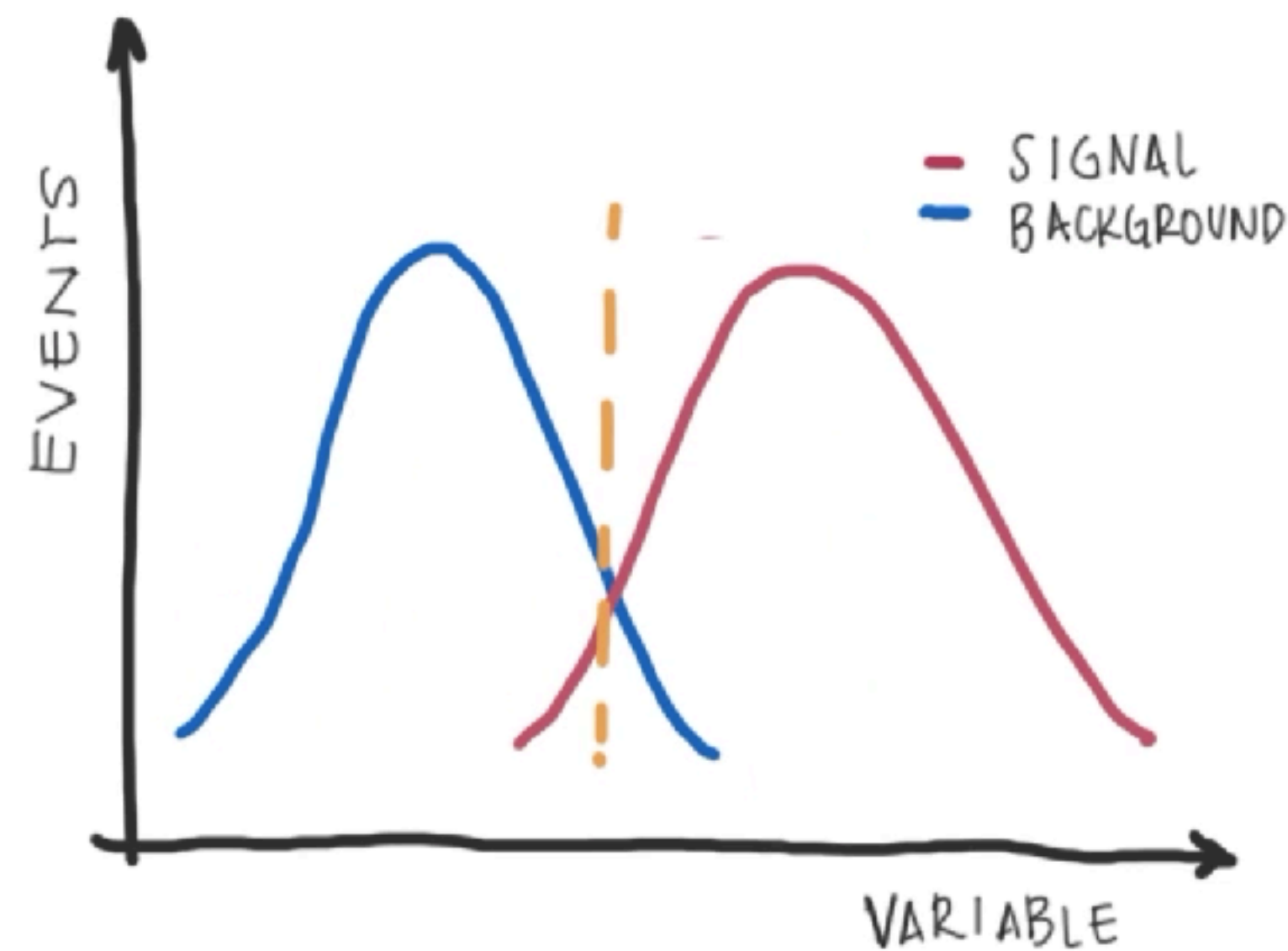
- Many large energy deposits in the TRT observed as **TRT High Threshold hits**

$$f_{HT} = \frac{HT_{hits}}{HT_{hits} + LT_{hit}}$$



ROC CURVES

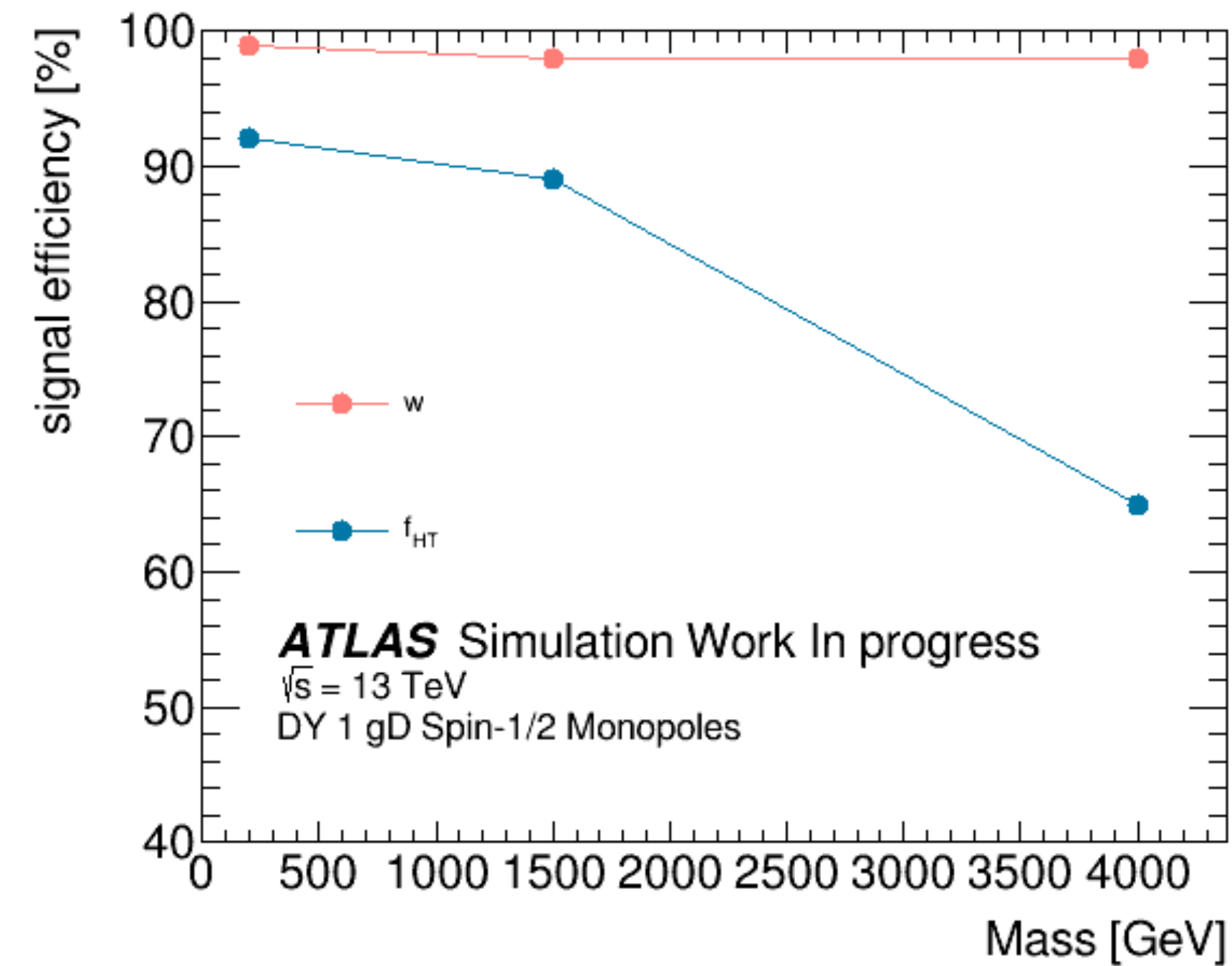
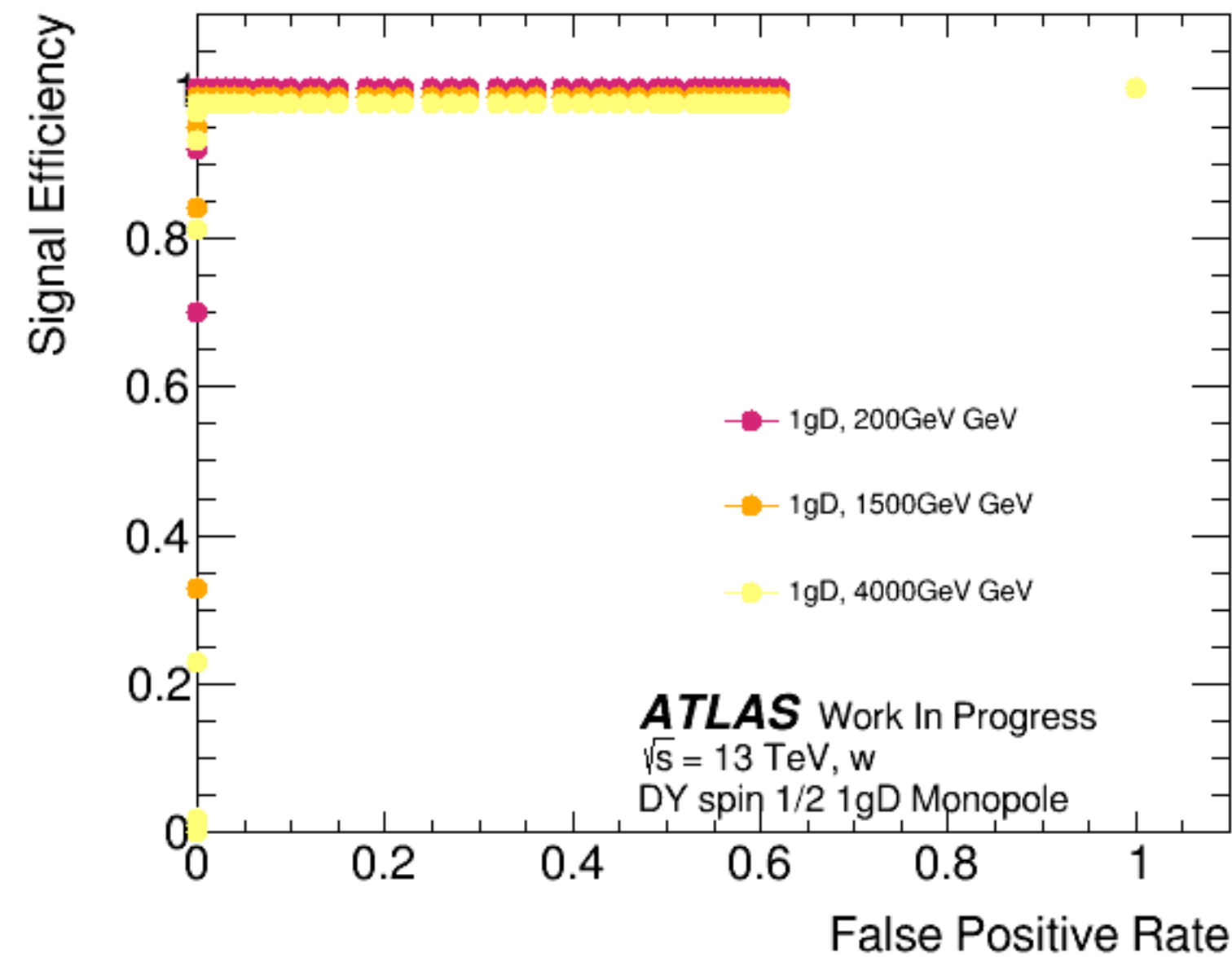
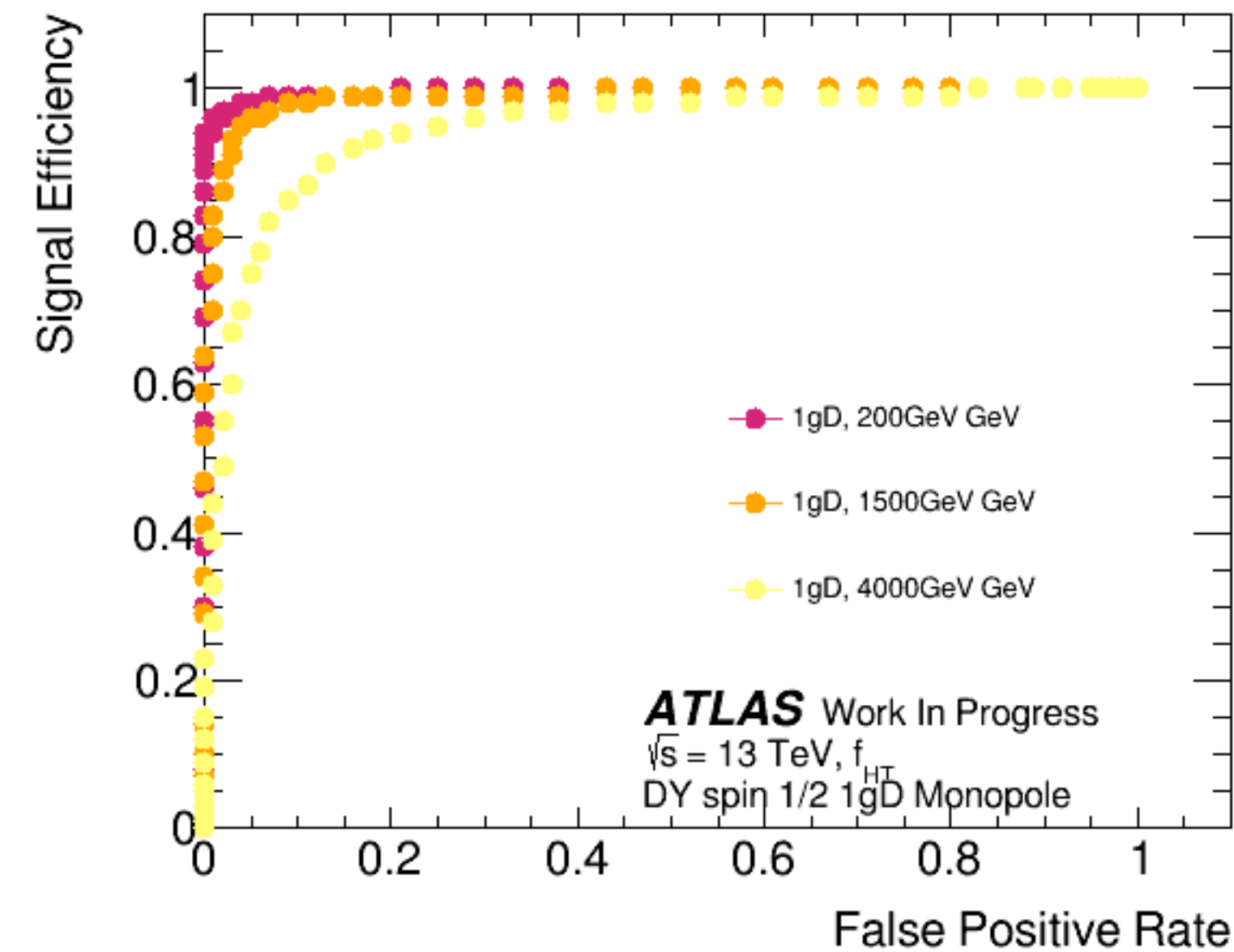
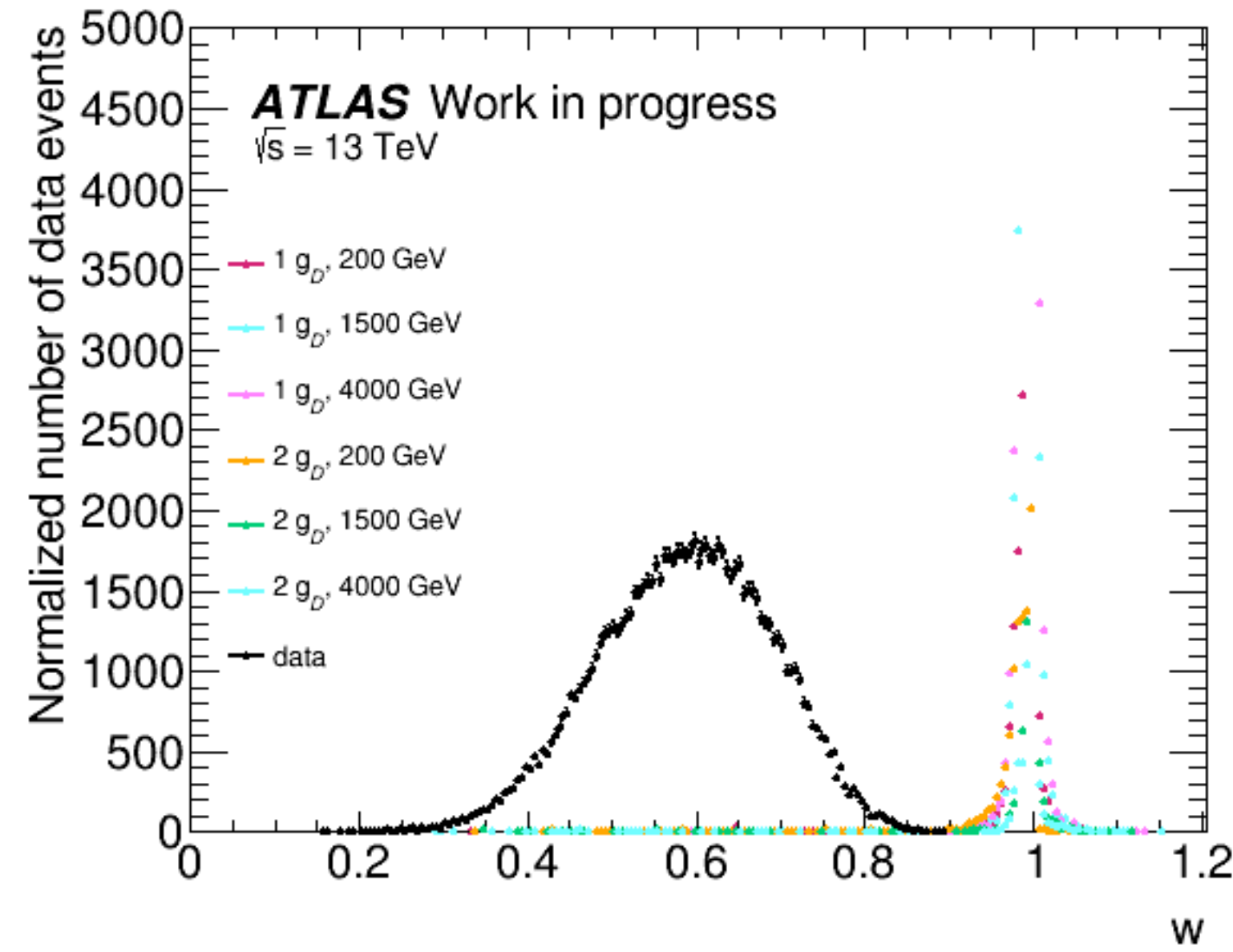
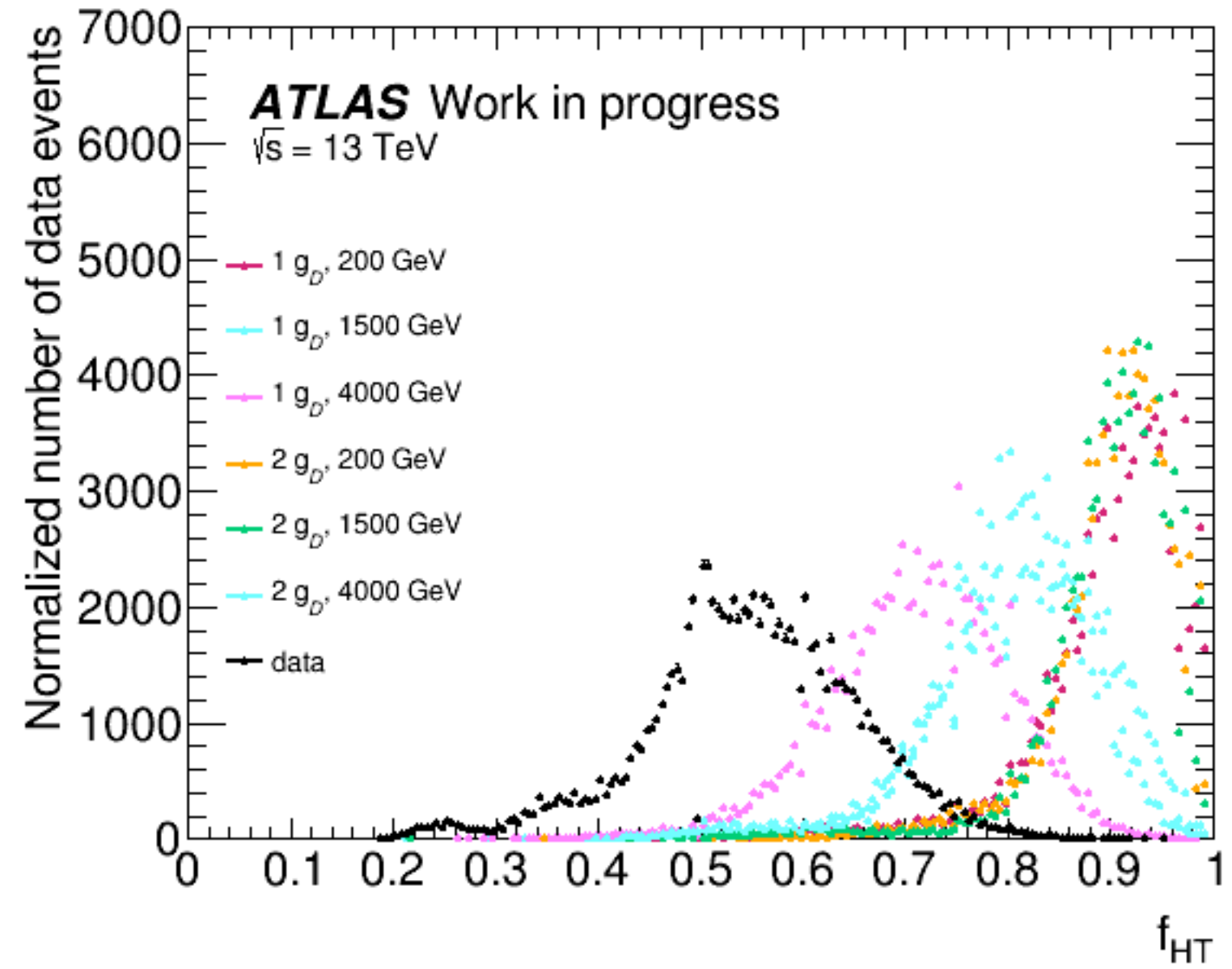
*Receiver Operating Characteristic



- Balance between signal selection (TPR) and background rejection (FPR)
- Area under the curve (AUC) measures discriminating power

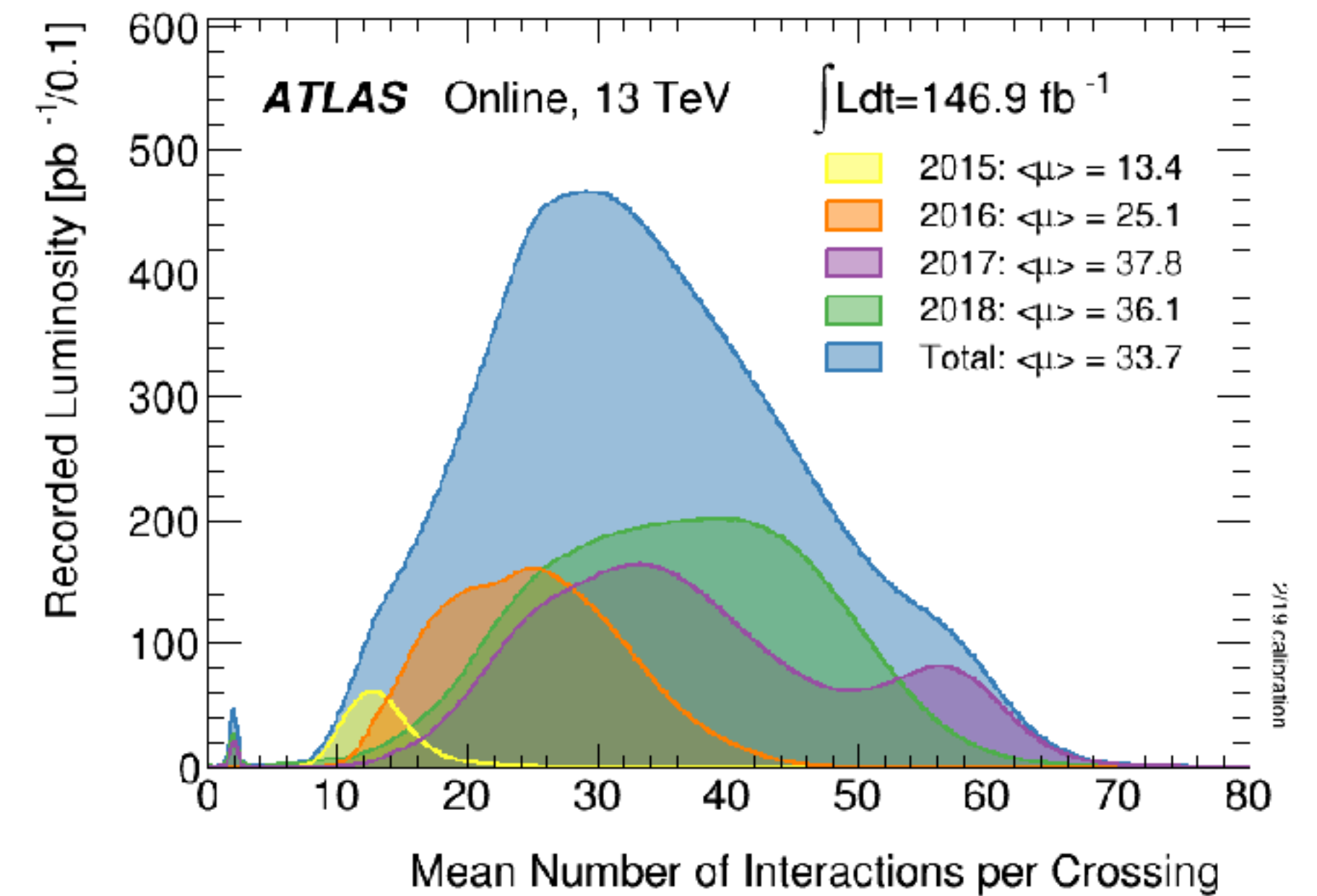
W AND f_{HT} DISCRIMINATING POWER

- w has almost ideal discriminating power!
- The larger the mass, the less we are able to discriminate using f_{HT}

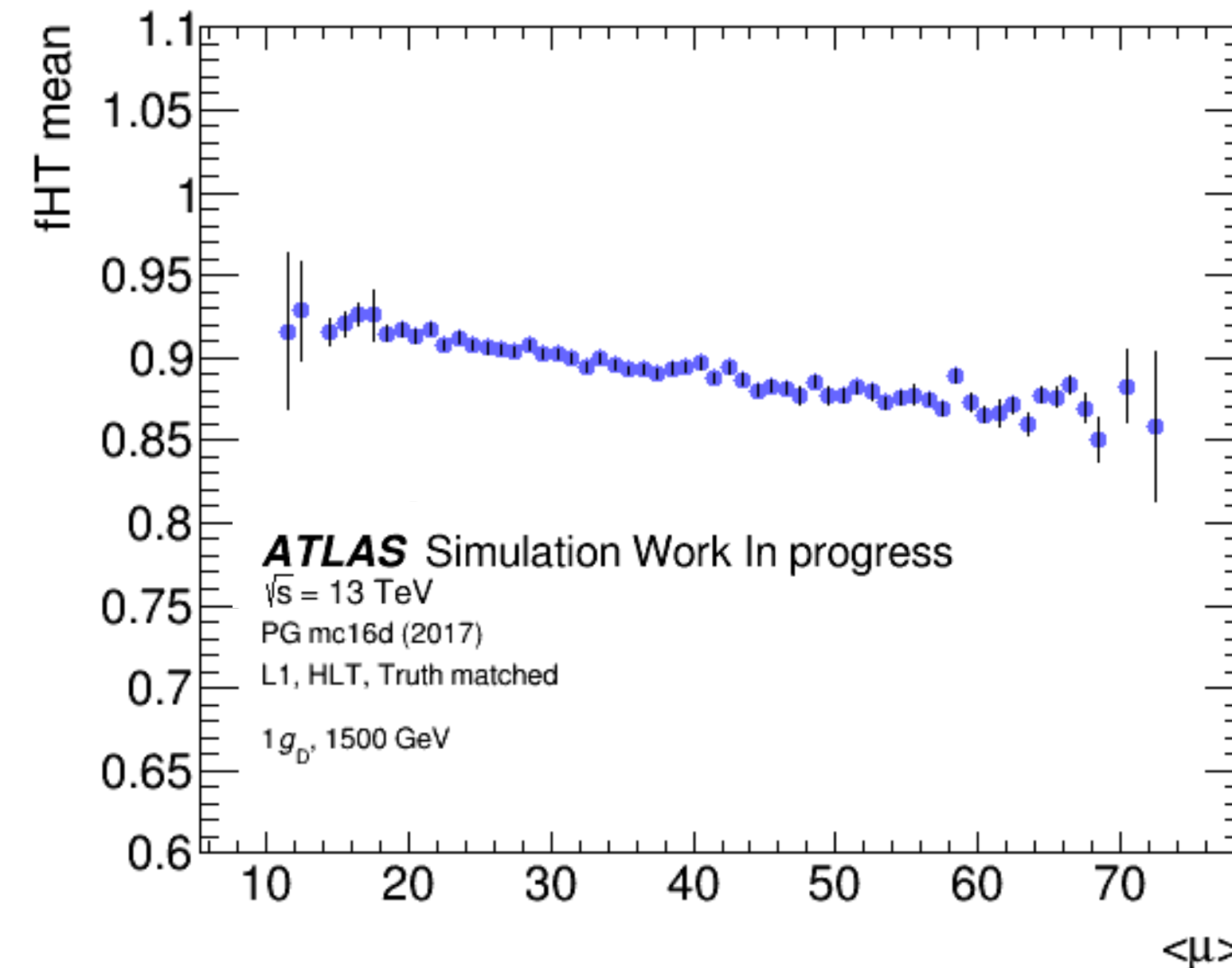


F_{HT} – TRT PILEUP PROBLEM

- Increased number of interactions per bunch-crossing
 - More low threshold hits
- **f_{HT} decreases as a function of the mean number of interactions per bunch crossing $\langle \mu \rangle$**
- Introducing alternative methods to quantify high-threshold hits



Luminosity-weighted distribution of the mean number of interactions per crossing for p-p collisions [see ATLAS Twiki]



f_{HT} IMPROVEMENT THROUGH RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER

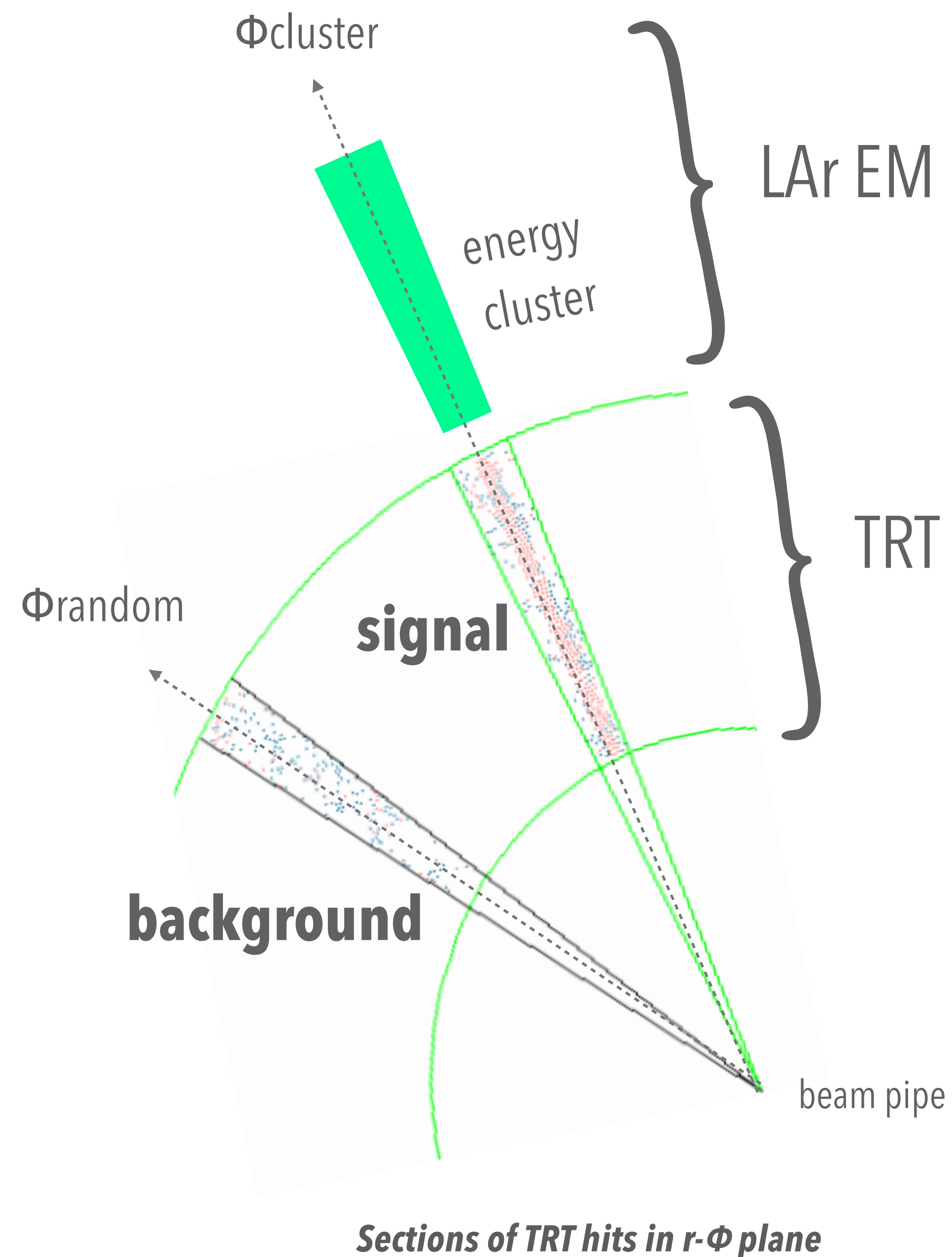
- Train a **random forest (RF) classifier** on a pair of sections called "roads" (one signal, one background) of the TRT for the same event
- Consider only TRT-barrel events

Features

- 2D representation of **HT hits**, **LT hits** and empty straws.

Labels

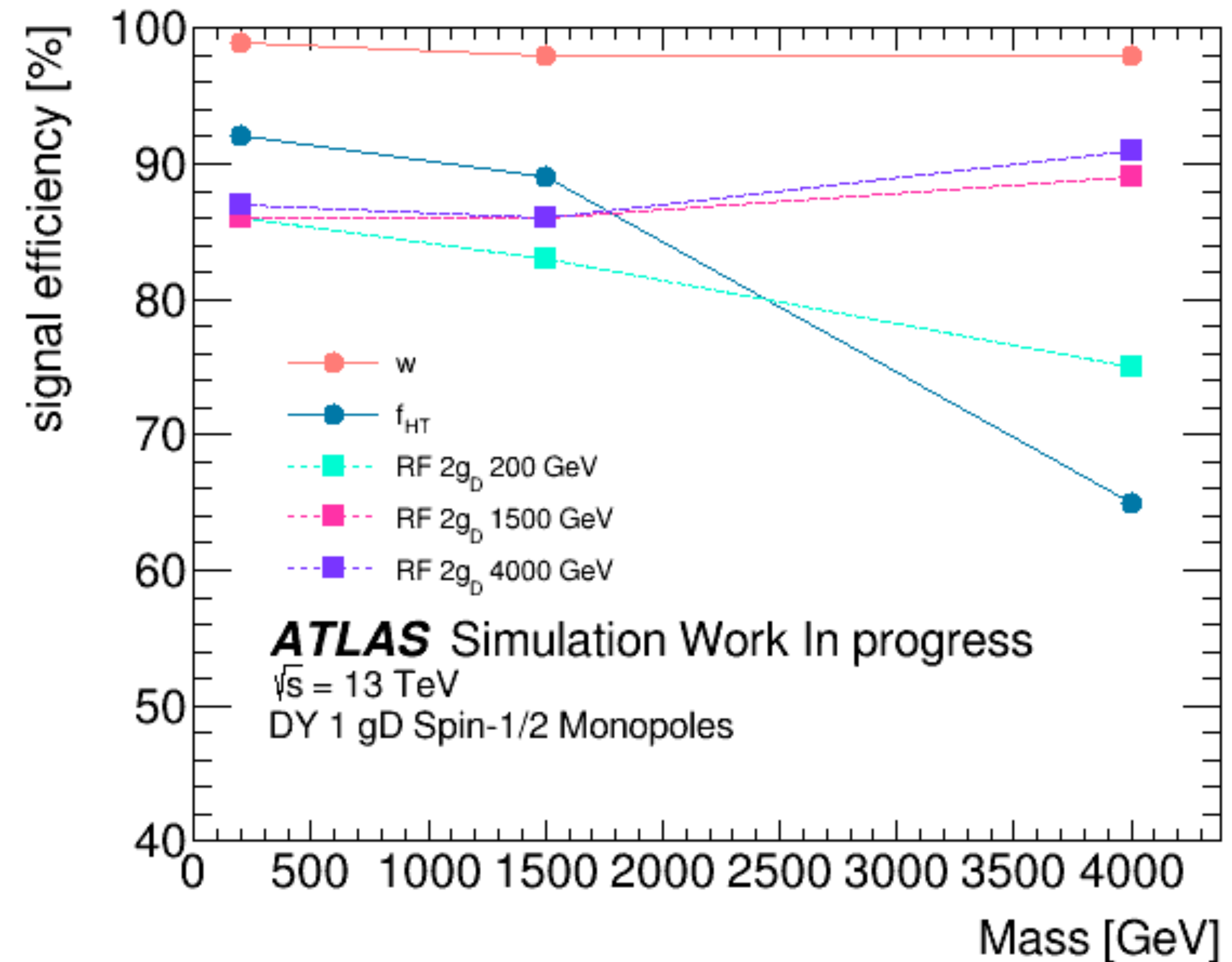
- **signal** = section $|\Phi_{cluster}| < 4\text{mm}$
- **background** = section $|\Phi_{random}| < 4\text{mm}$



Sections of TRT hits in $r-\Phi$ plane

Results

- Training and testing on limited Monte Carlo Drell-Yan samples of different masses and charges ($2g_D$)
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FINAL REMARKS AND OUTLOOK

- We successfully trained a Random Forest Classifier to discriminate TRT roads with monopole-like signals in the TRT
- This classifier improved selection efficiency of preselected Drell-Yan spin 1/2, $1 g_D$ monopoles of mass 4000 GeV between 10% and 26%
- In the future, we will train in a combination of samples of different masses and charges
- We will also test if the classifier performs better at higher $\langle \mu \rangle$ conditions.

THANK YOU!

BACKUP

HIGHLY IONIZING PARTICLES

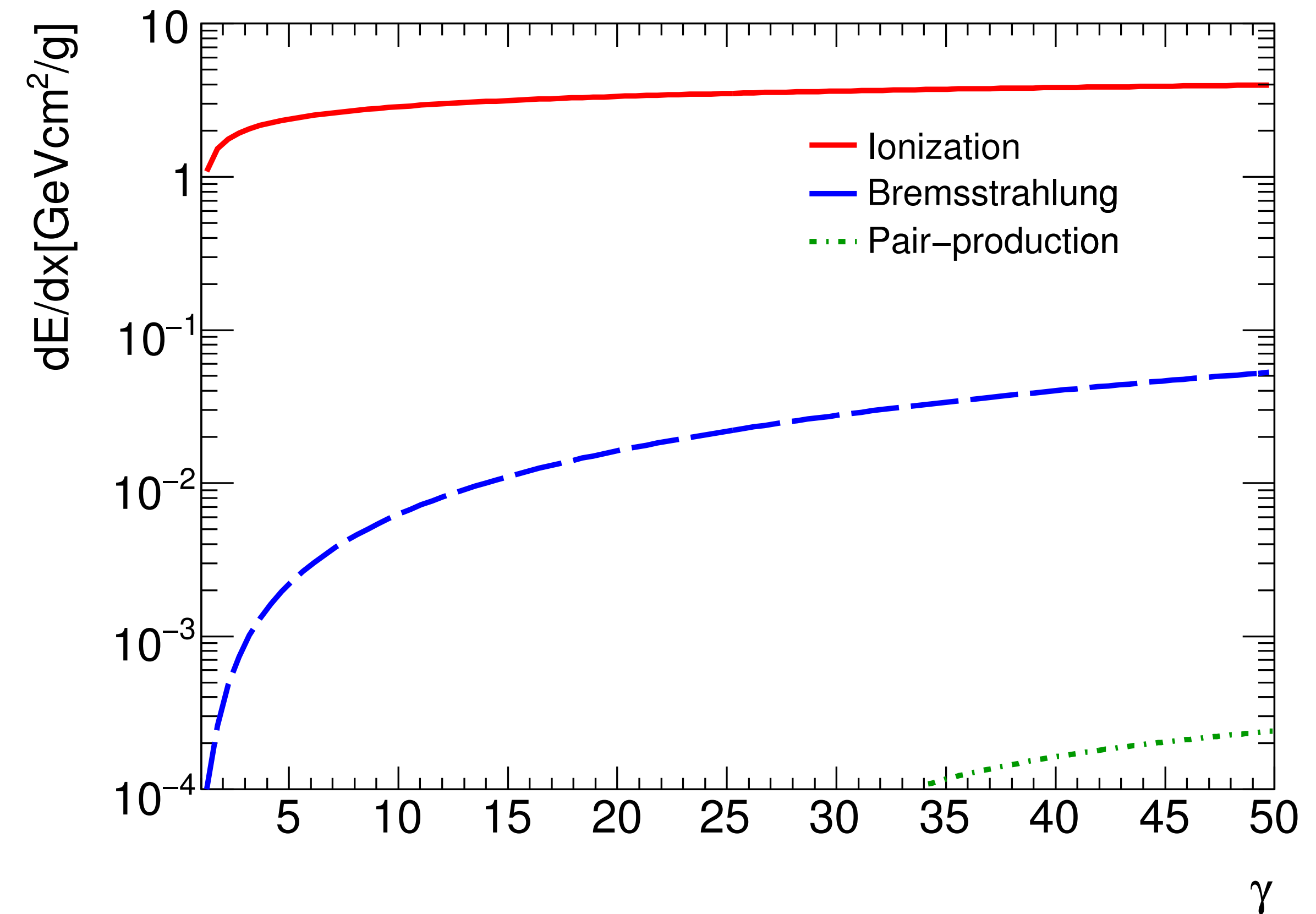
$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi e^4 z^2 N_e}{m_e c^2 \beta^2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I} \right) - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} \right]$$

HECOs: Bethe-Bloch

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{4\pi e^2 g^2 N_e}{m_e c^2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I} \right) + \frac{k(g)}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\delta}{2} - B(g) \right]$$

Magnetic Monopoles: Bethe-Ahlen see Ahlen et al.

- Electrons in the presence of a magnetic monopole would experience an interaction proportional to $g\beta$
- Bremsstrahlung energy losses go as $1/M$, where M is the mass of the monopole ($\sim \text{TeV}$)
- Pair production is less likely due to the kinematics of these monopoles ($\gamma < 10$)



Energy loss per unit distance as a function of the Lorentz factor for a $1g_D$ 1500 GeV monopole in LAr. [Palacino, Gabriel.](#)

BREMSSTRAHLUNG

Bremsstrahlung

$$-\frac{dE_{rad}}{dx} = \frac{16NZ^2e^2g^4}{3\hbar mc^2}$$

Ionization

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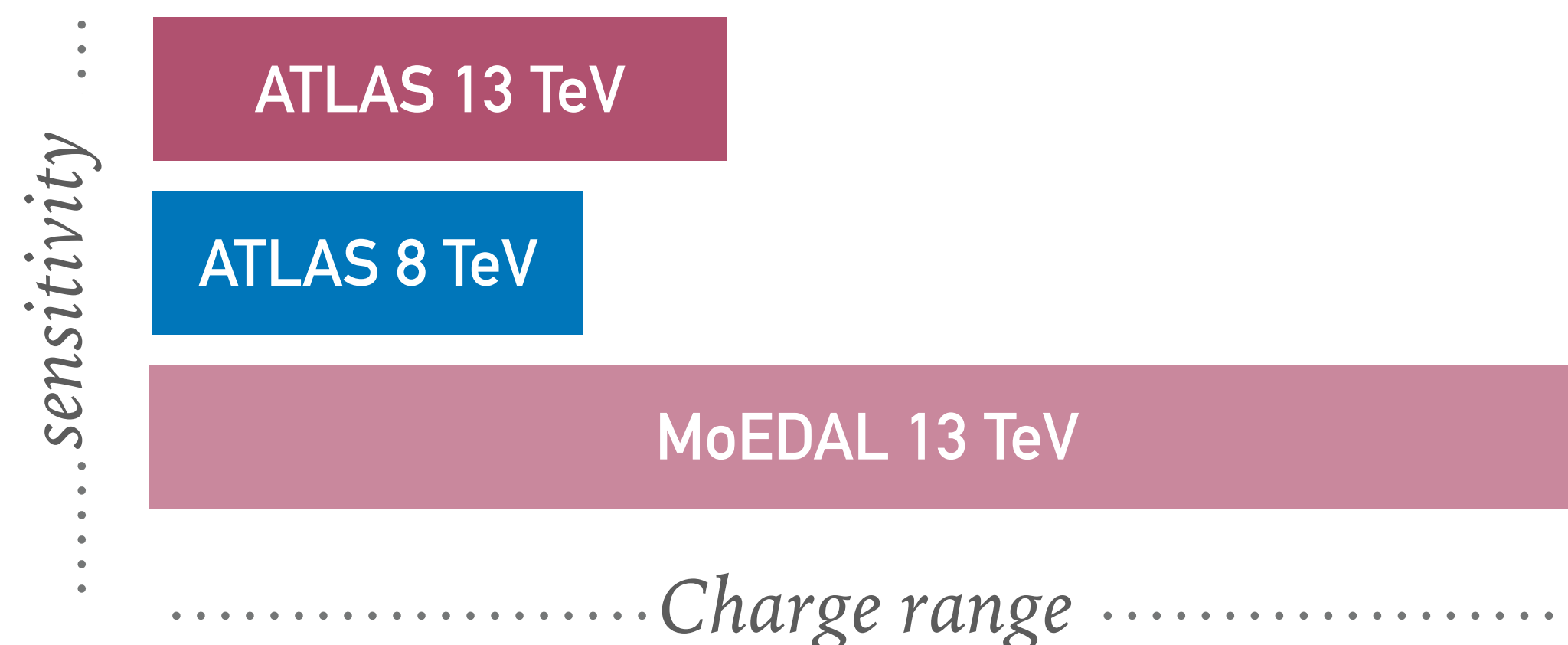
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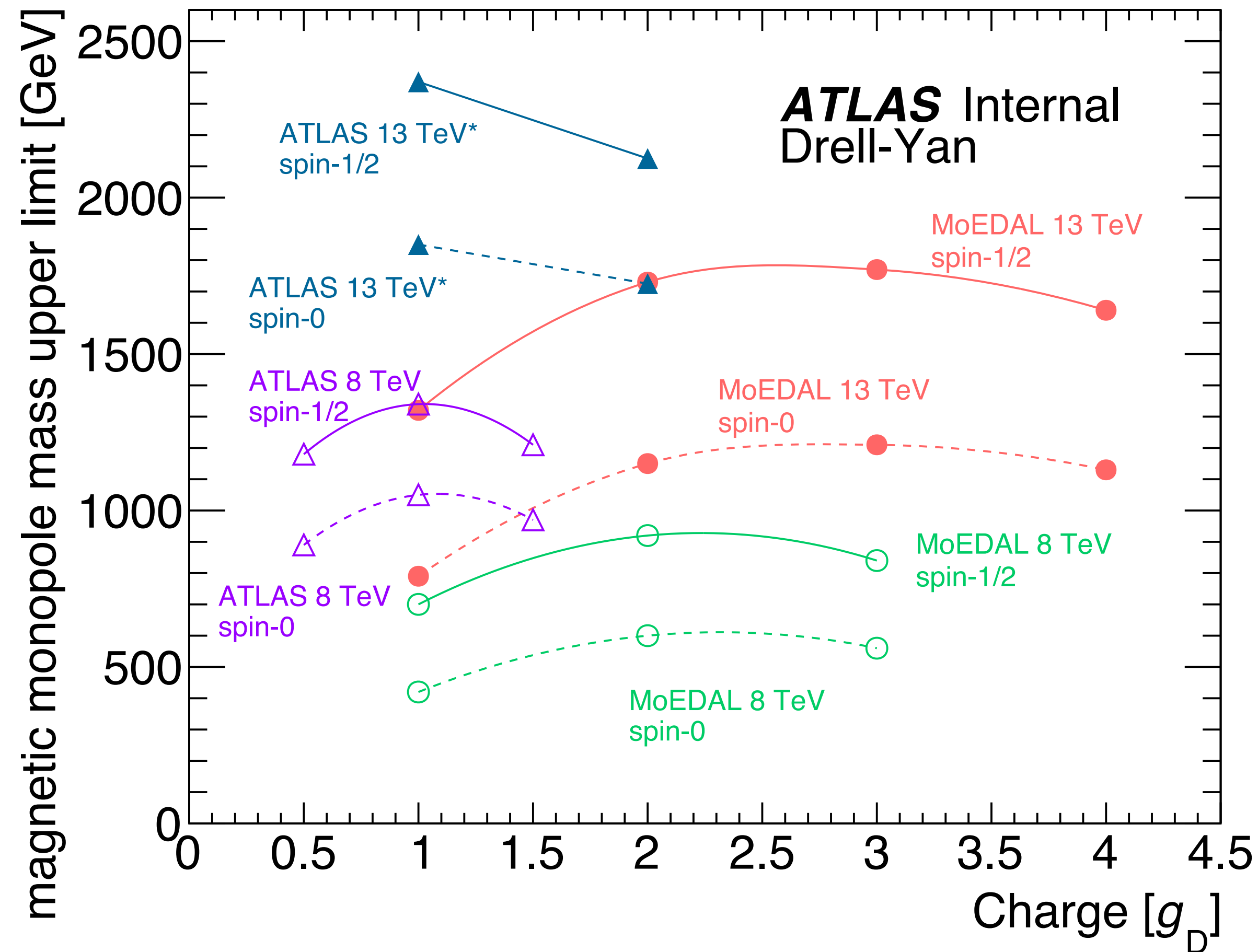
$$\frac{m_e}{m} \approx 10^{-7}$$

RELEVANCE OF THIS STUDY

- Magnetic Monopole has not been observed.
- LHC might be producing them.
- We have data: ATLAS experiment collects valuable “all purpose” data.
- Complements other Dirac Magnetic Monopole searches:



RECENT MONOPOLE SEARCHES AT THE LHC



MoEDAL: “exposed to [...] proton-proton collisions at the LHCb interaction point [...] searching for induced persistent currents”

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Full Run 2 (13 TeV)

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Full Run 1 (8 TeV)

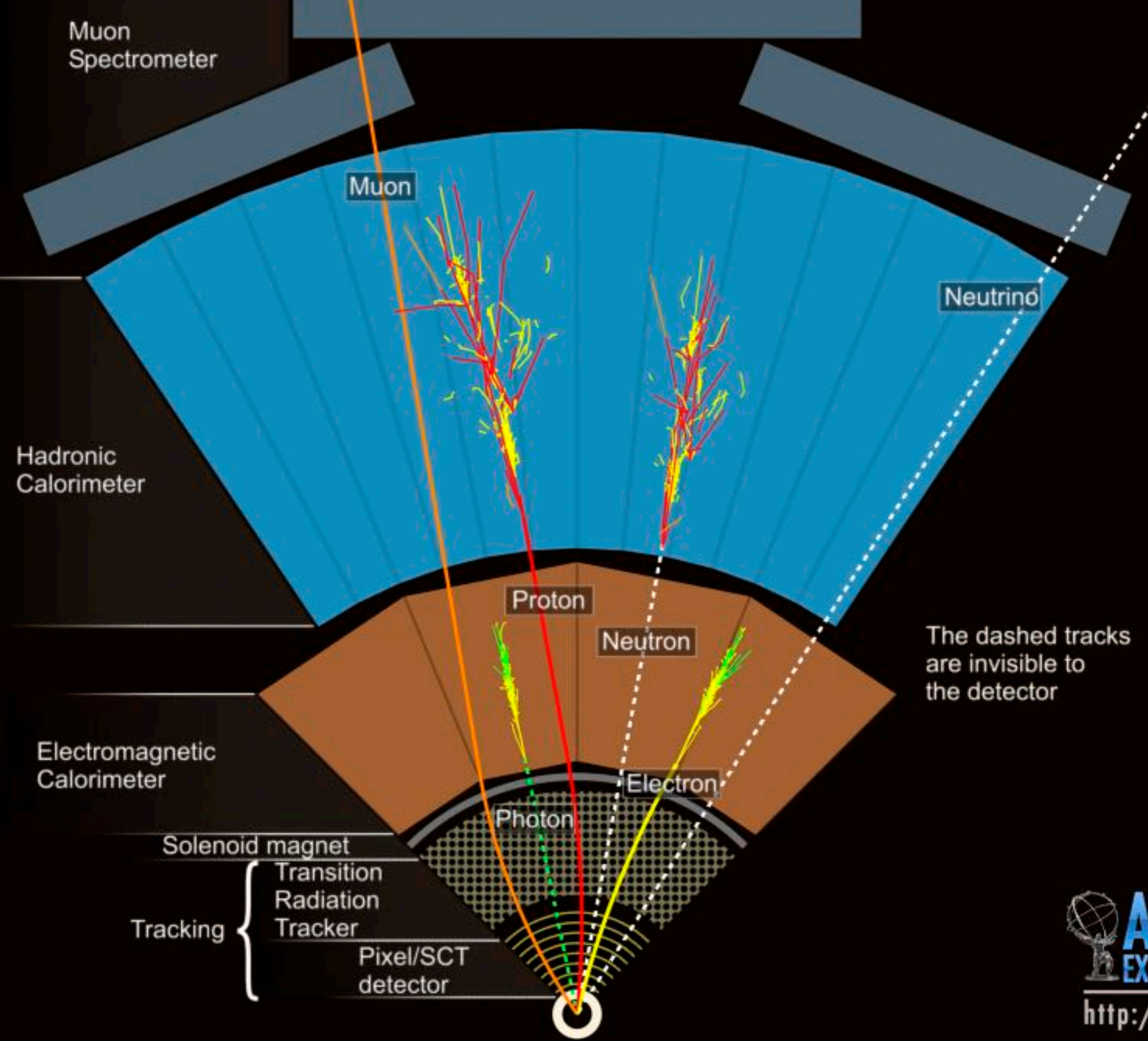
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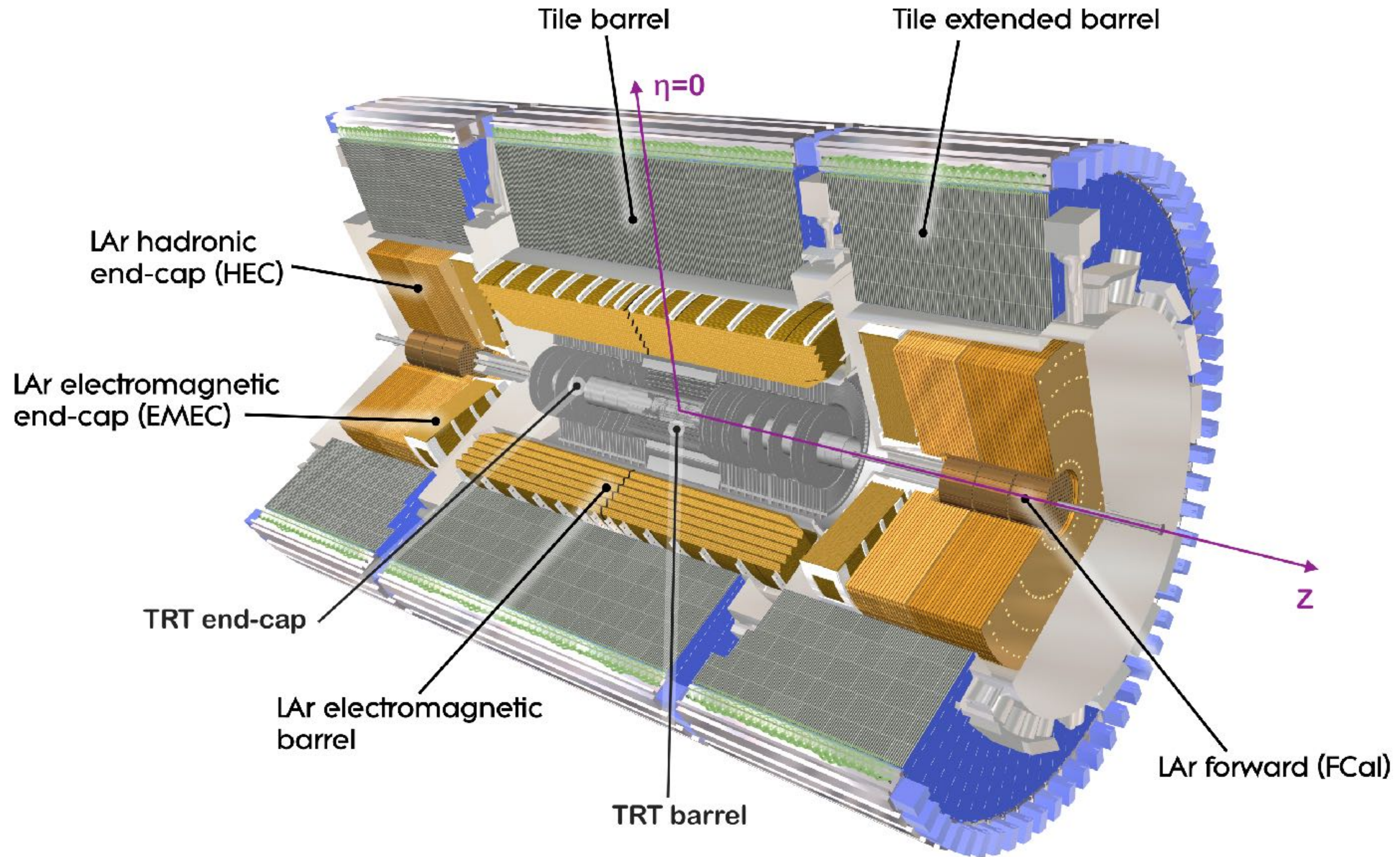
Partial Run 2 (13 TeV) analysis

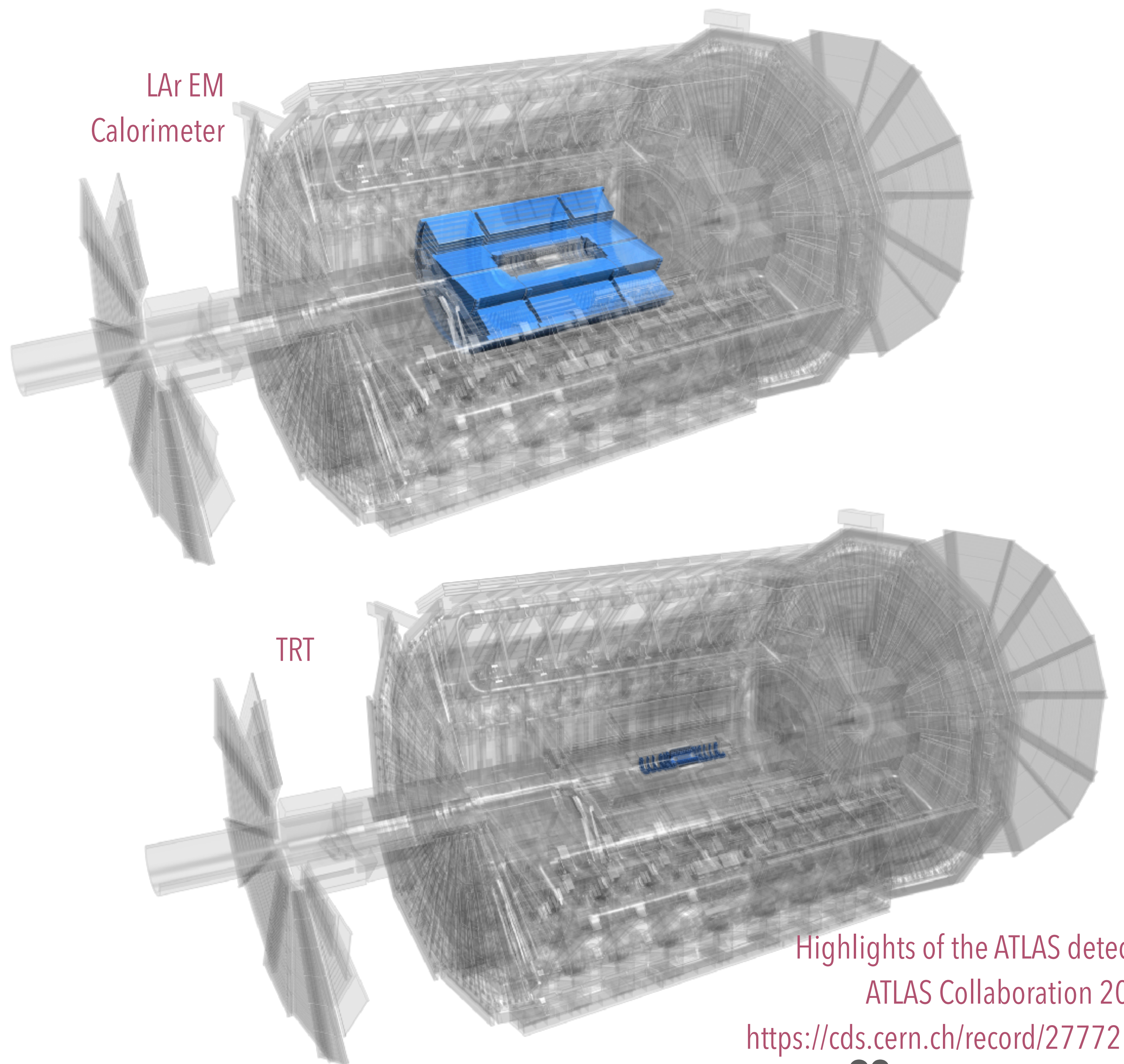
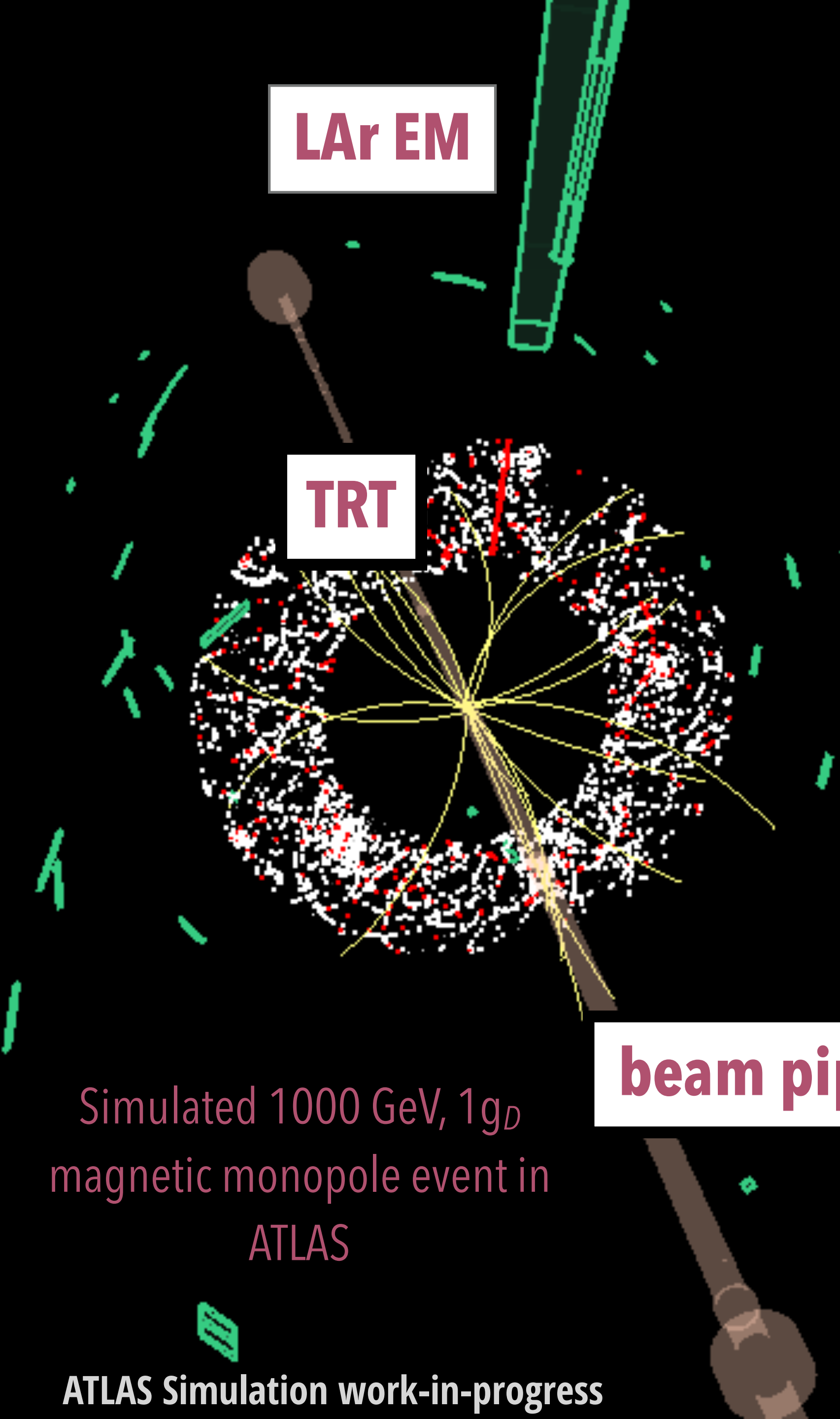
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Full Run 1 (8 TeV)



ATLAS Experiment © 2008 CERN





Highlights of the ATLAS detector
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		200 GeV		1500 GeV		4000 GeV	
		Preselection		1		1	
Training	w	0.99		0.98		0.98	
2gD 200 GeV	TRT information	f_{HT}	RF	f_{HT}	RF	f_{HT}	RF
		0.92	0.86	0.89	0.83	0.65	0.75
2 gD 1500 GeV	TRT information	f_{HT}	RF	f_{HT}	RF	f_{HT}	RF
		0.92	0.86	0.89	0.86	0.65	0.89
2 gD 4000 GeV	TRT information	f_{HT}	RF	f_{HT}	RF	f_{HT}	RF
		0.92	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.65	0.91

SYMMETRY IN MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

In a sense, Maxwell's equations *beg* for magnetic charge to exist—it would fit in so nicely. And yet, in spite of a diligent search, no one has ever found any.

- Griffiths "Introduction to Electrodynamics" p.338

Monopole "Free"

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho_e}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \left(\mathbf{j}_e + \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

With Magnetic charge

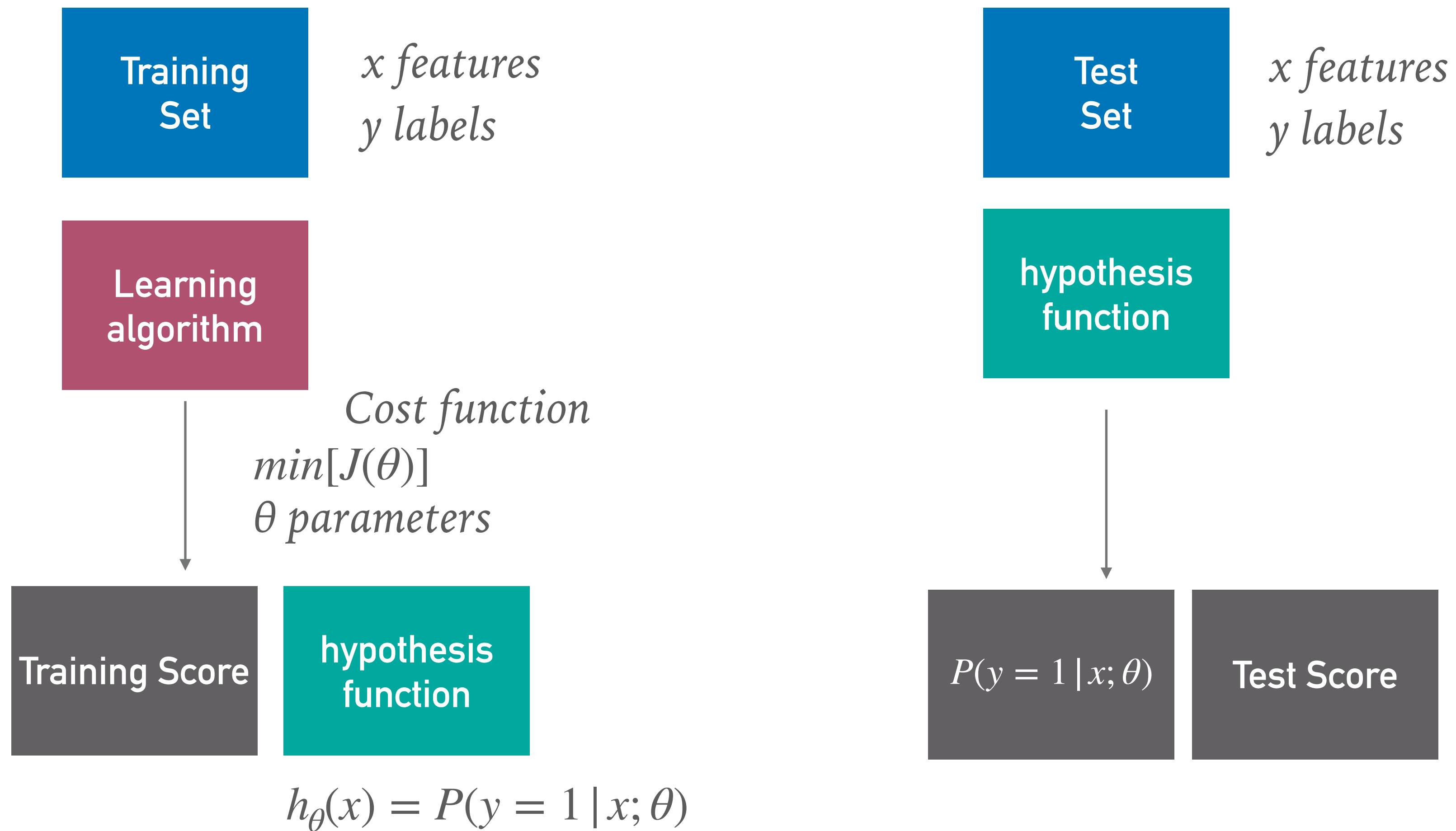
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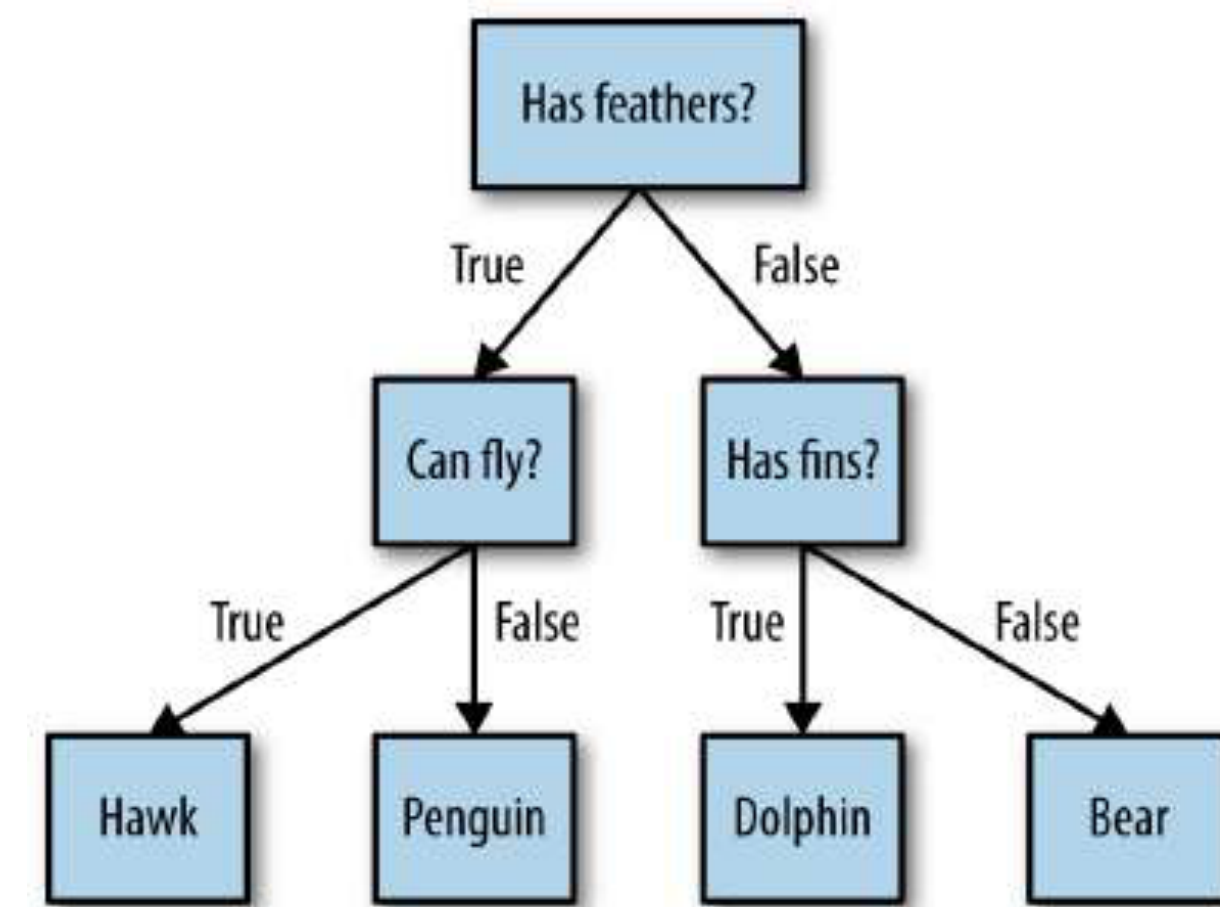
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SUPERVISED MACHINE LEARNING



RANDOM FOREST CLASSIFIER

- Classifiers learn hierarchy of *if/else* questions leading to a decision. These classifiers can be represented as decision trees
- Ensemble methods combine the prediction of one method to improve generalizability and robustness
 - averaging: independent training
 - boosting: sequential training
- **Random Forests** are an averaging method: the combination of the prediction of multiple individual decision trees introducing two sources of randomness:
 - Each tree has a random portion of the training data
 - Each tree "decides" based on a portion of the features
- The resulting predictions are averaged to reduce overfitting.



Decision Tree Classifier. Copyright ~2017 Sarah Guido, Andreas Müller.