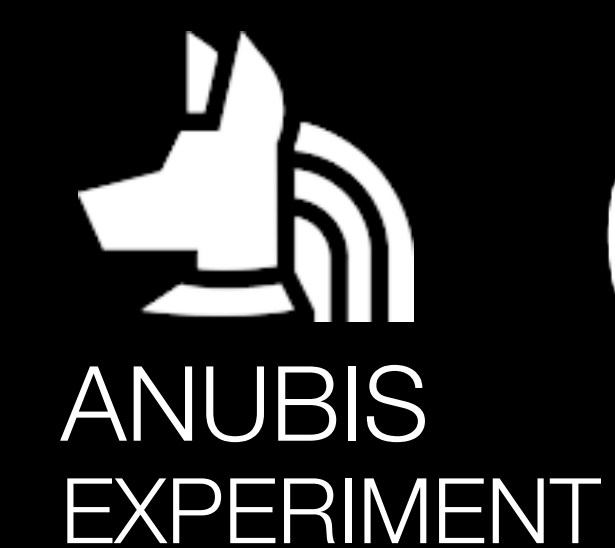


# ANUBIS

future large-scale application

of RPC detectors

Oleg Brandt for ANUBIS

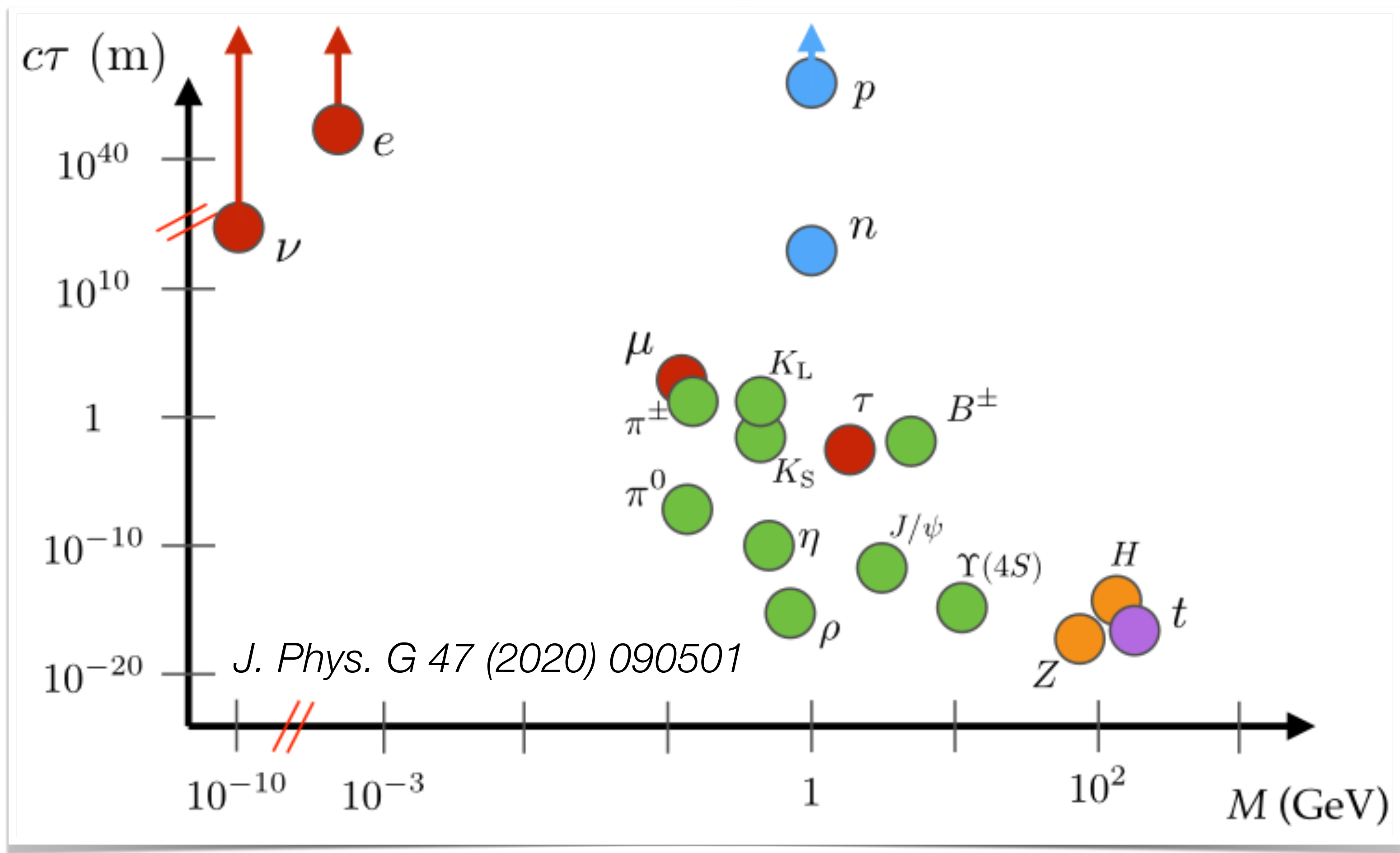




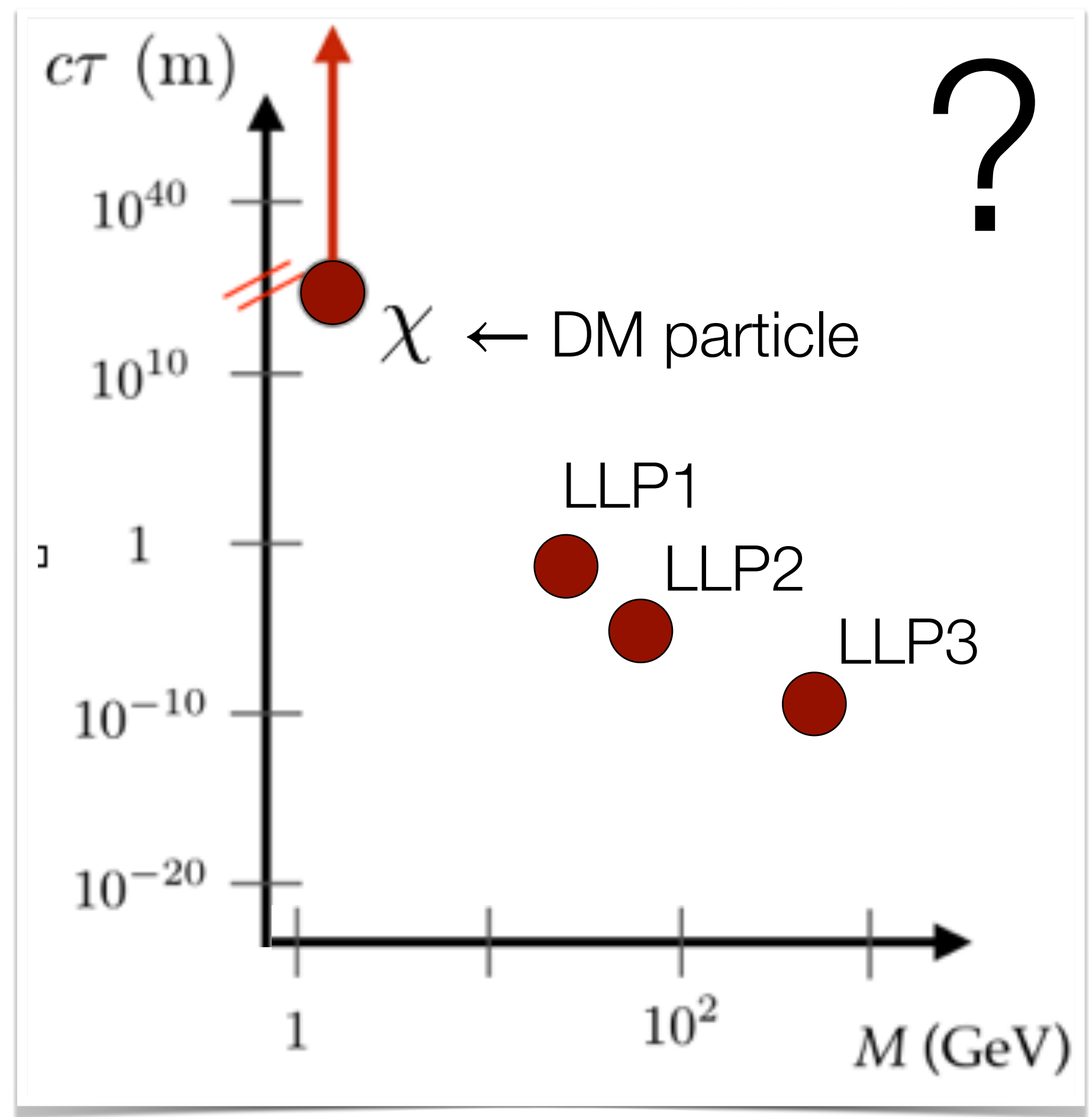


What if the Dark Sector is non-trivial?

SM sector



Dark Sector



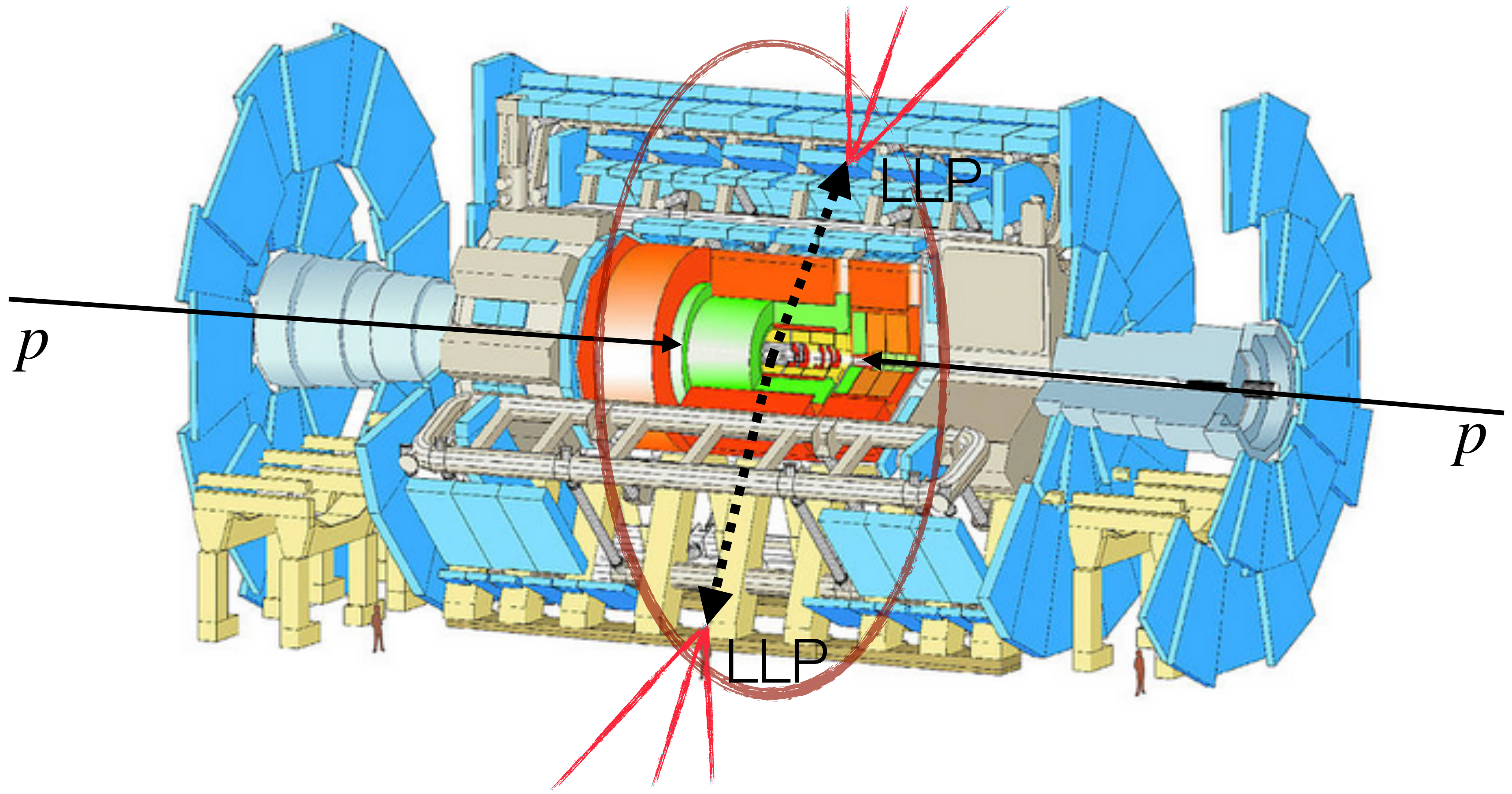
[ Long-lived particle (LLP) signatures ubiquitous in many other BSM scenarios like e.g. baryogenesis ]





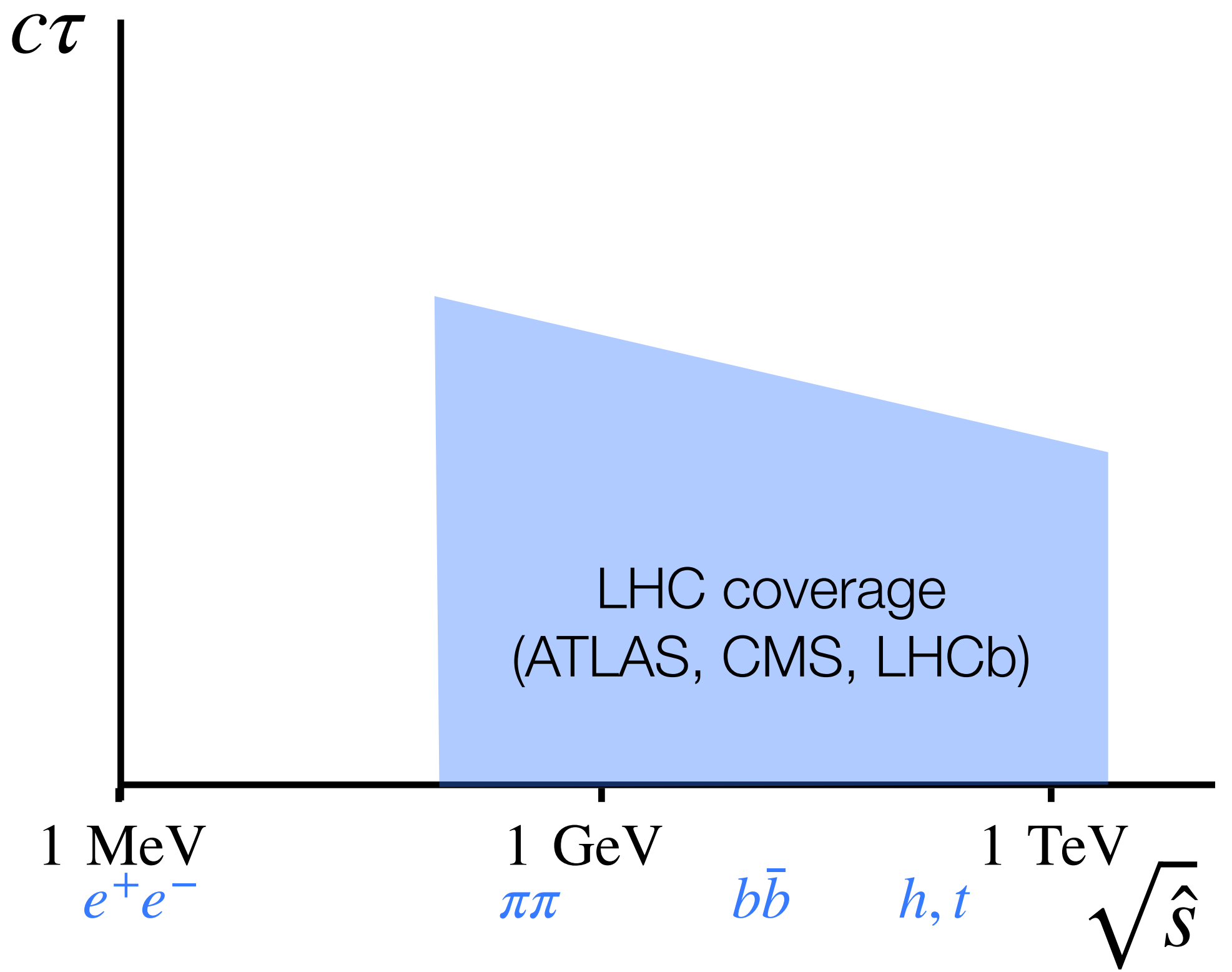
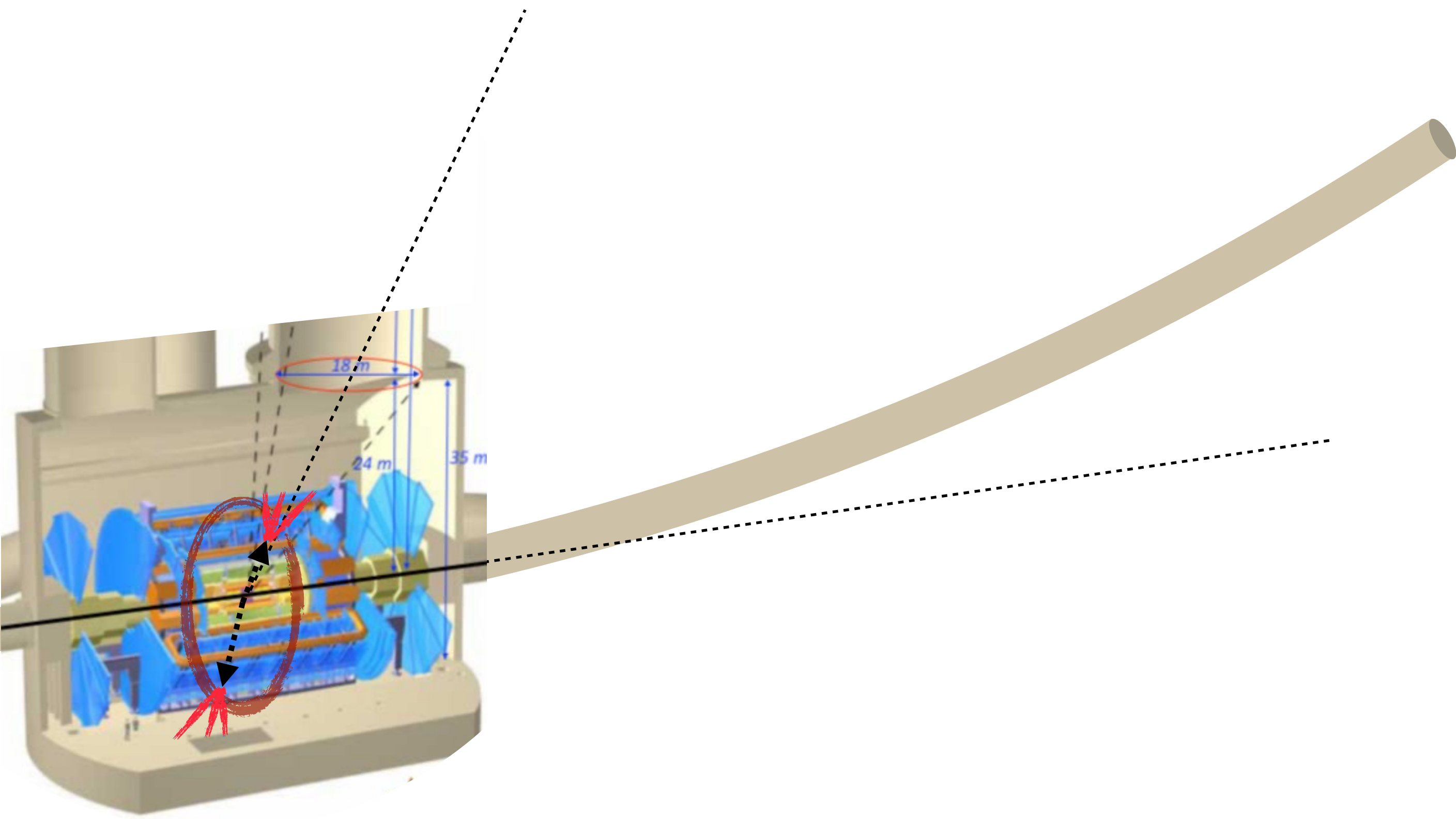
A multitude of smoking gun signatures emerges...

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- typically instrumental backgrounds



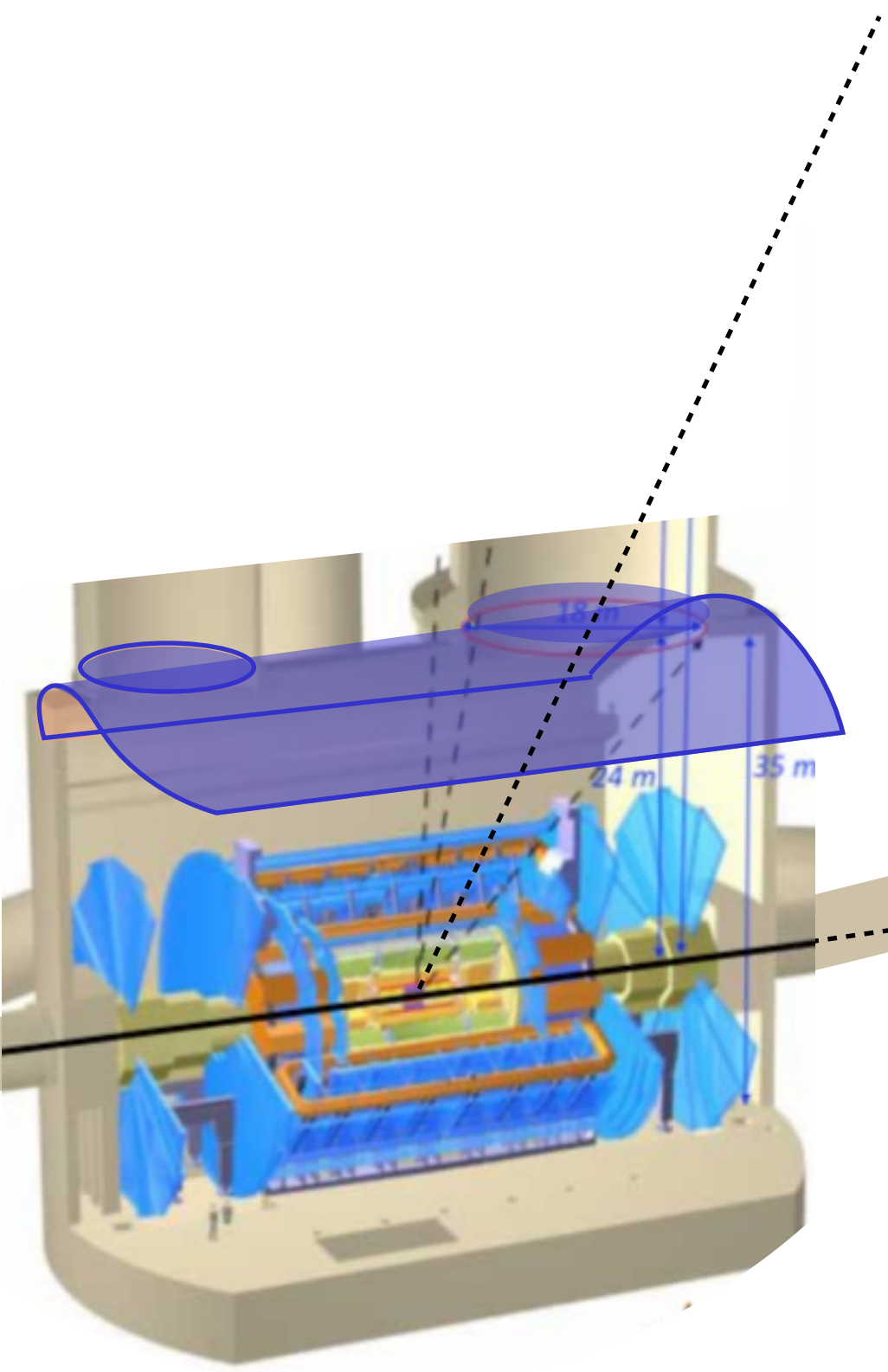


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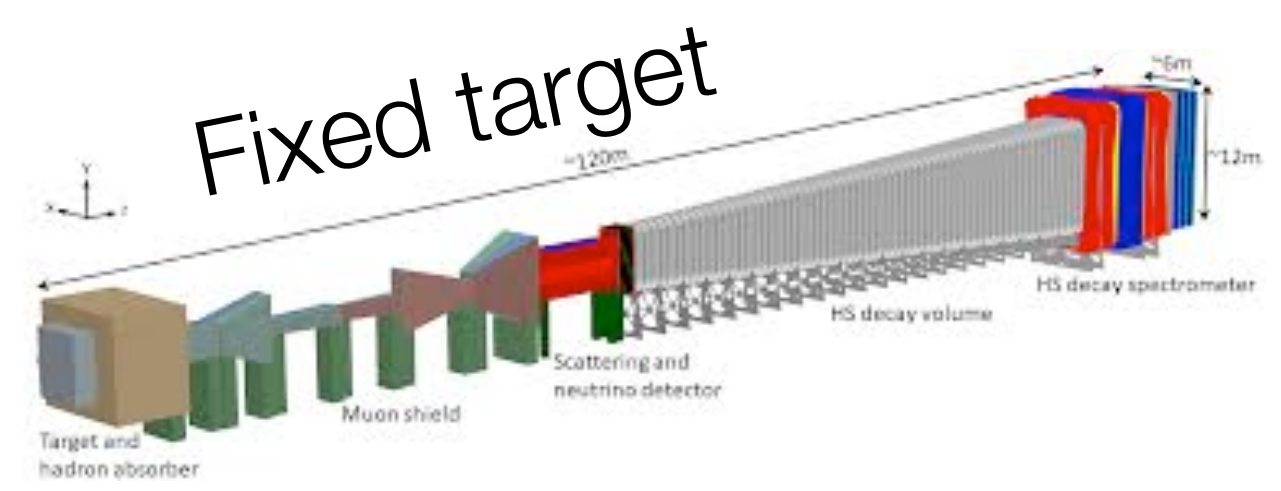
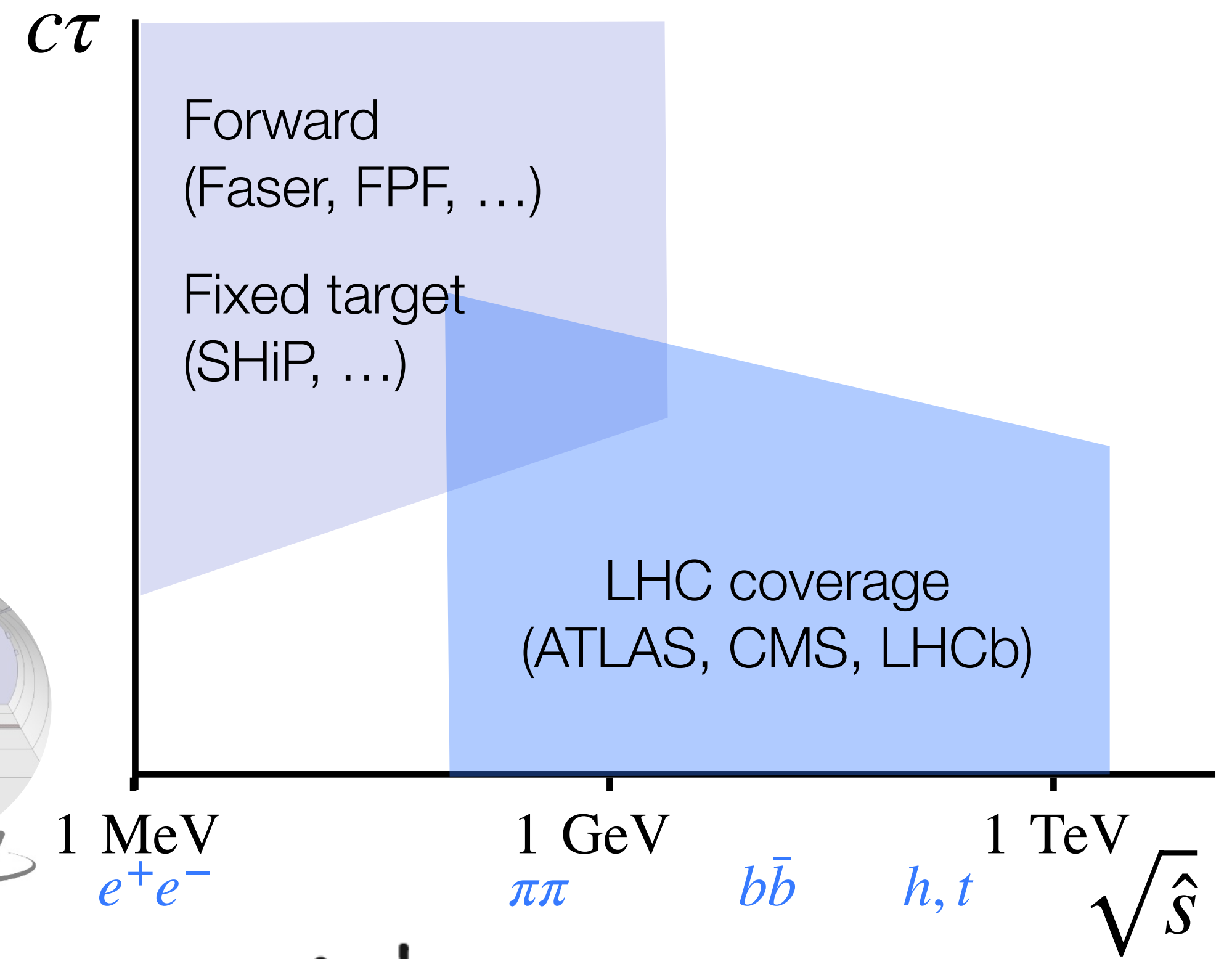




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→ light mediators, ALPs





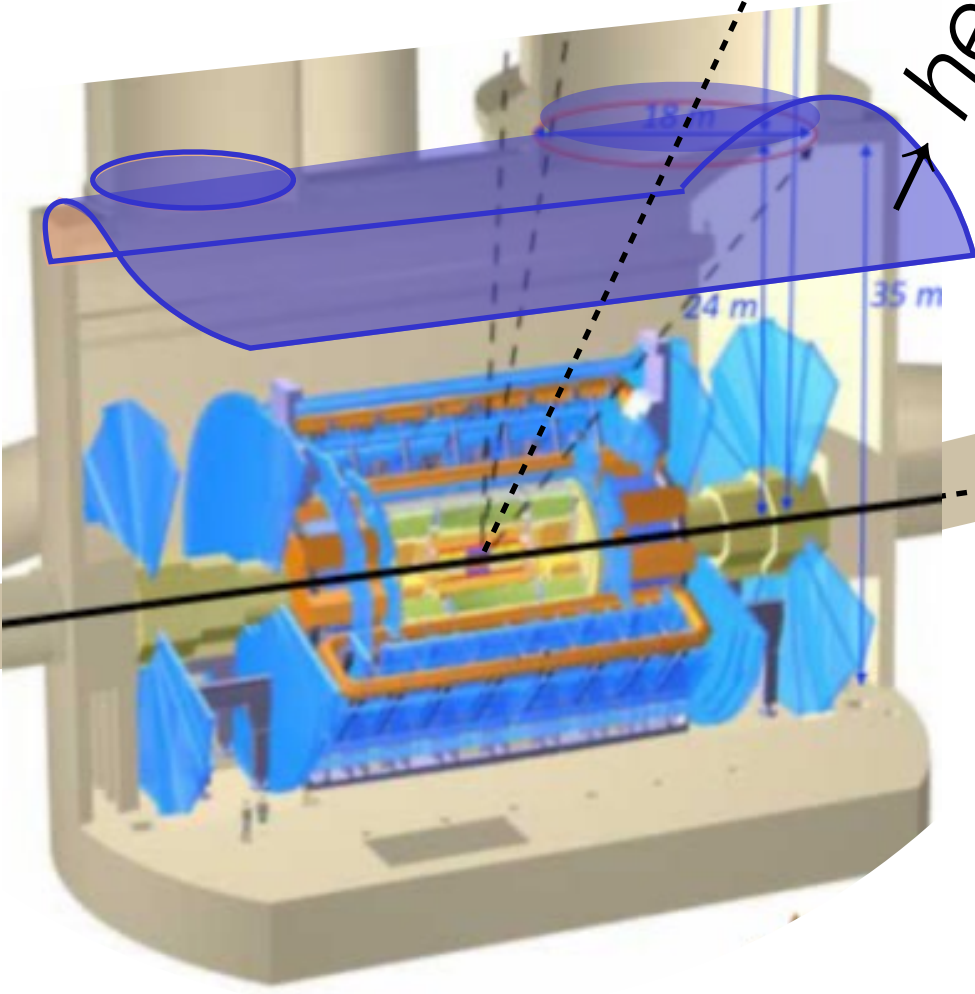
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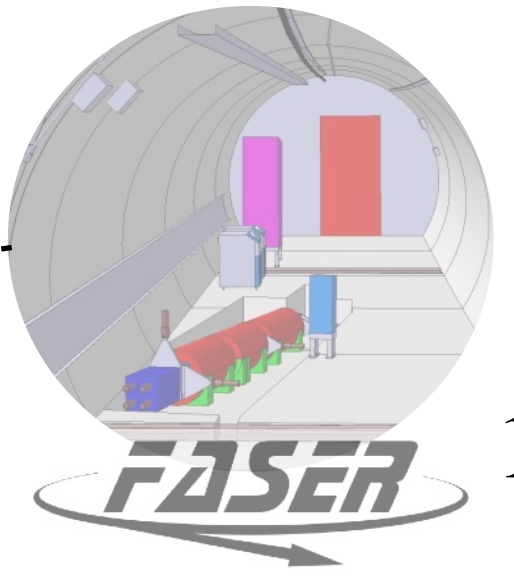
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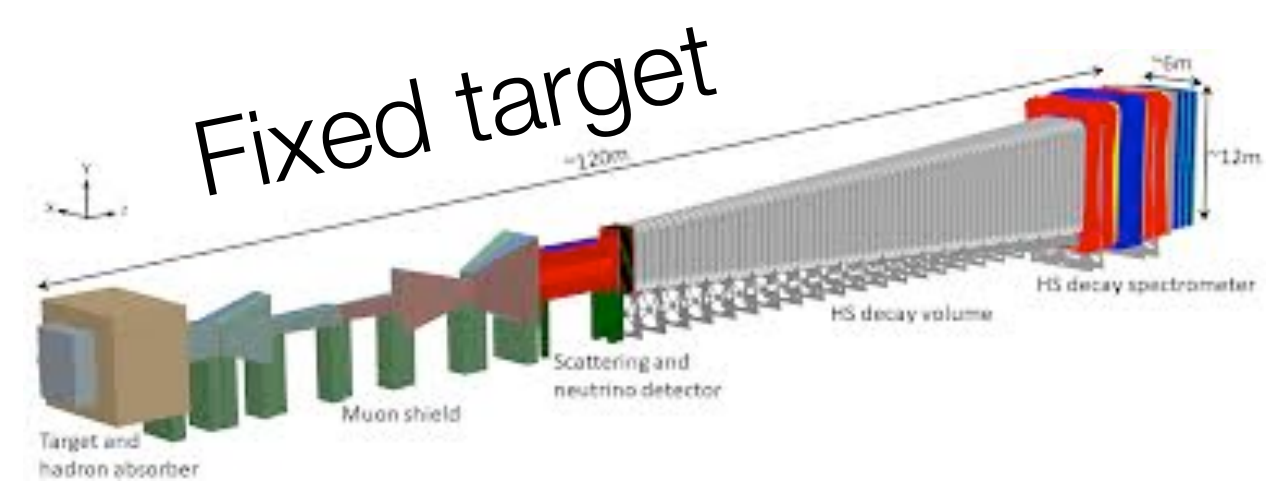
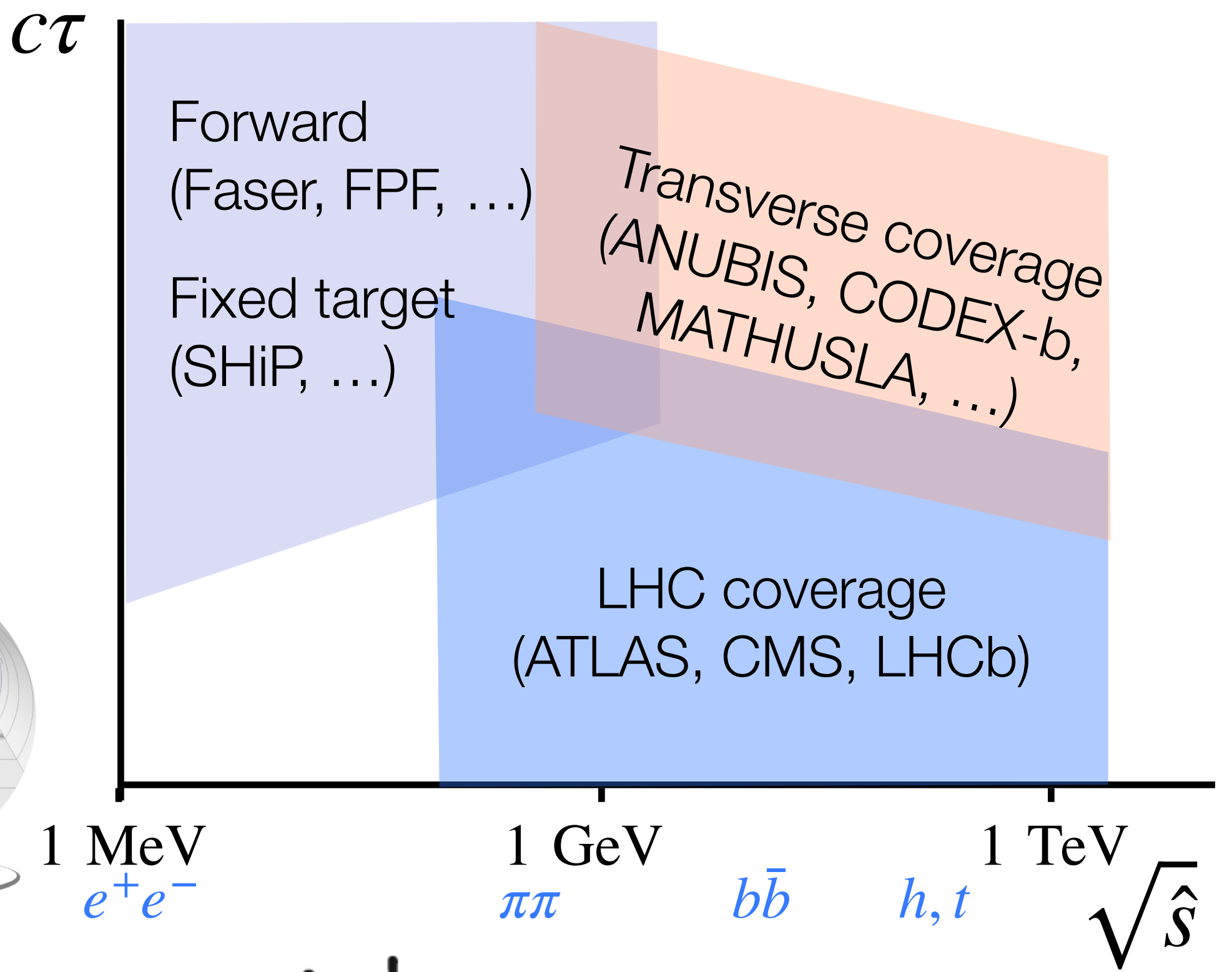
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e.g. Higgs



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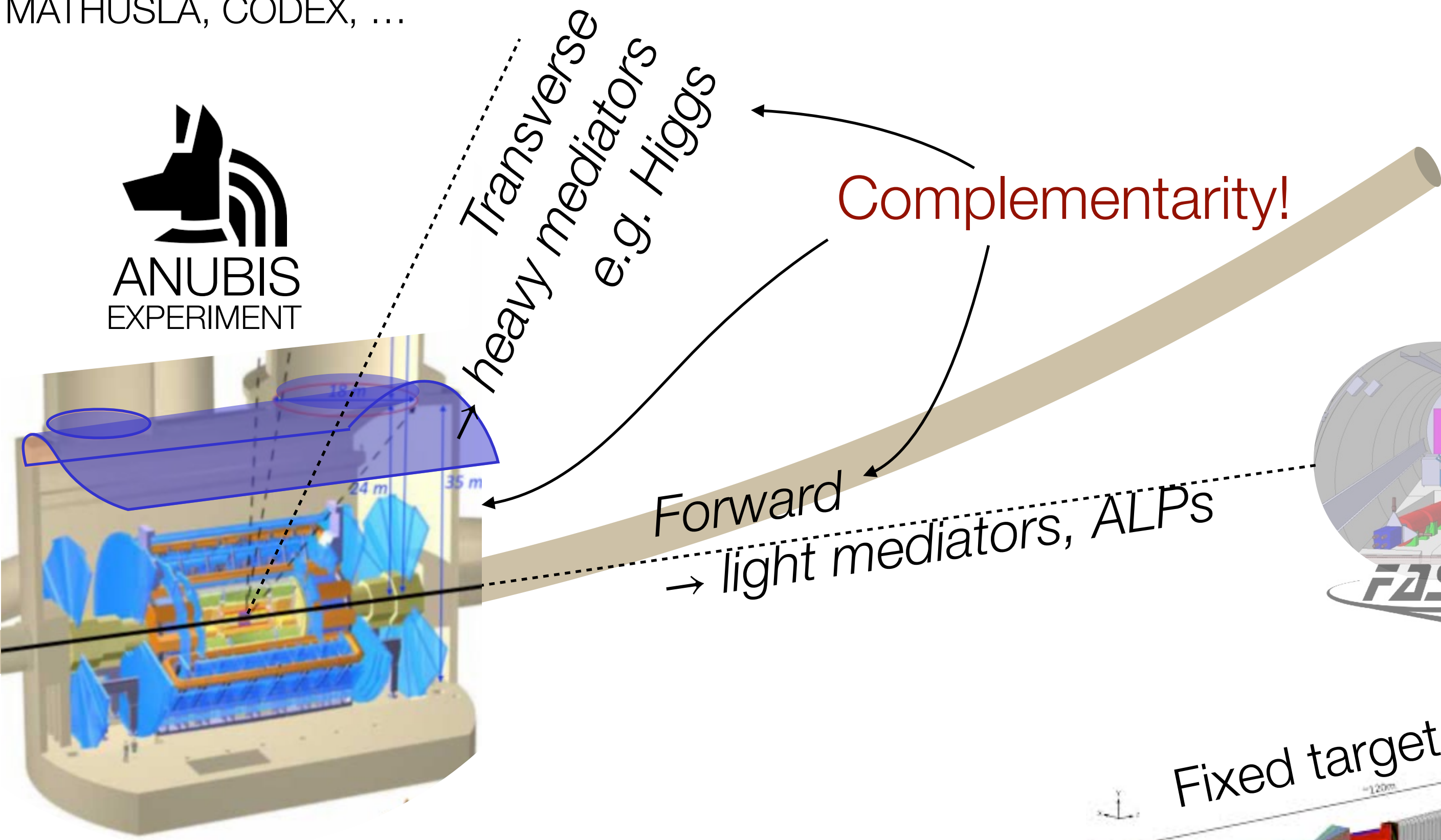




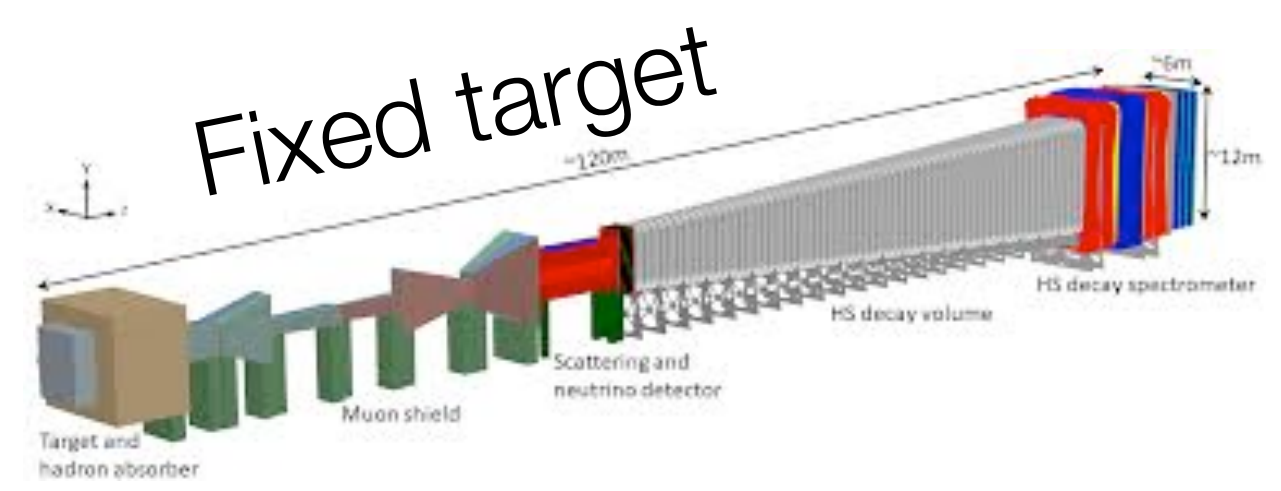
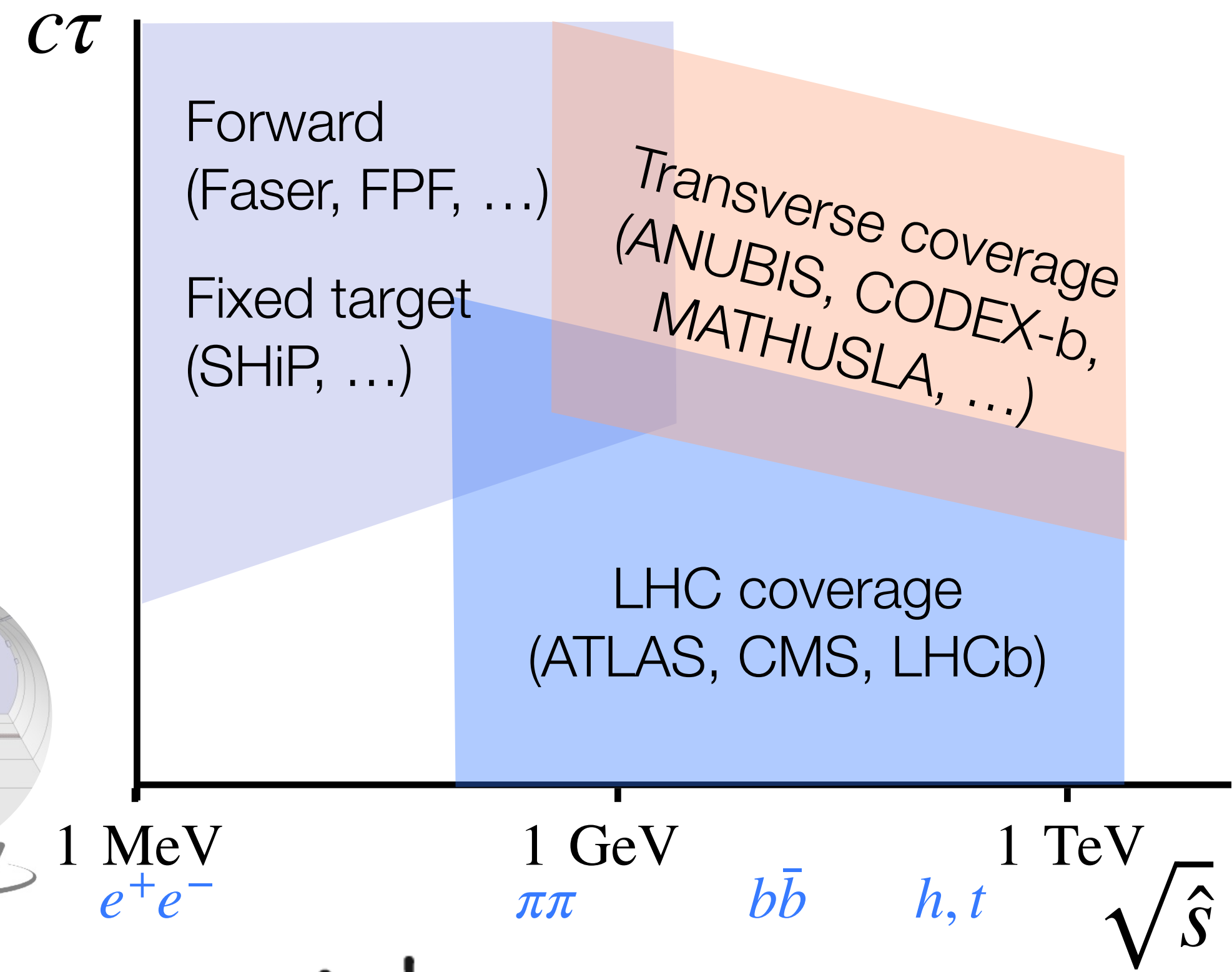
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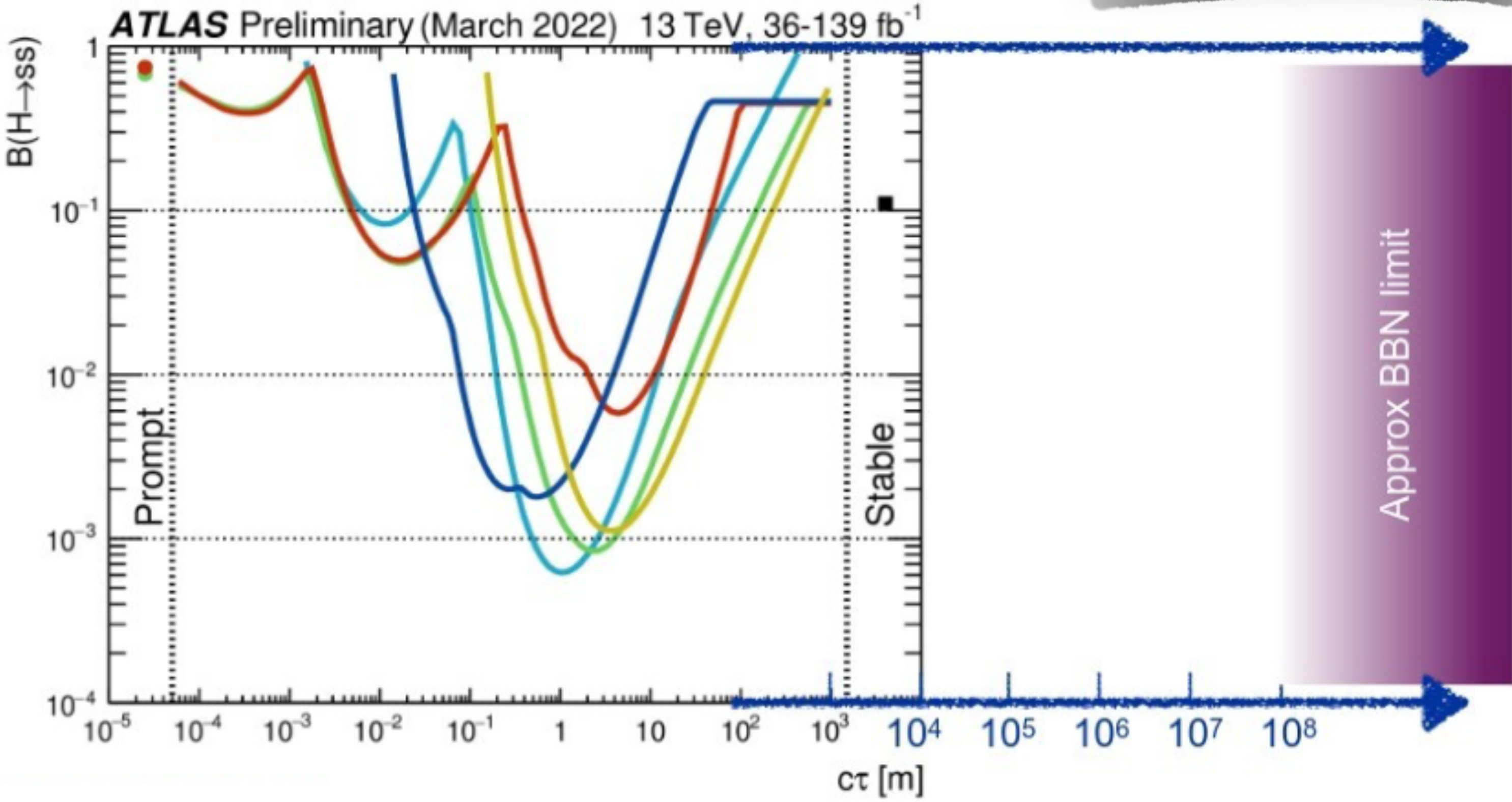
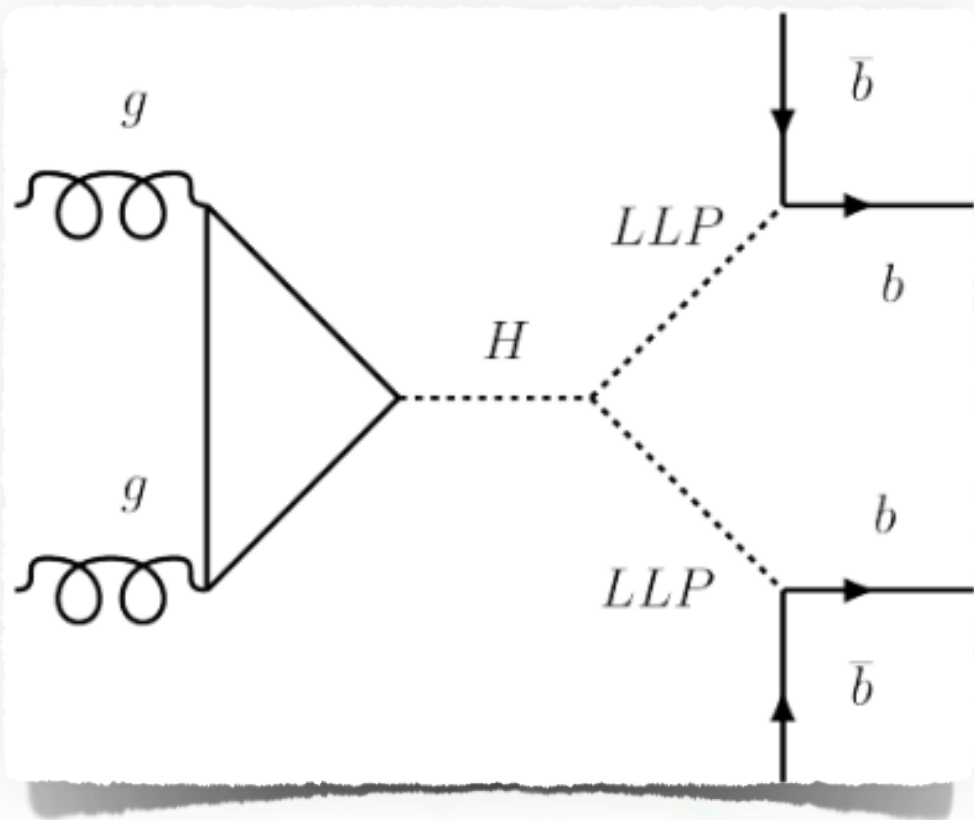
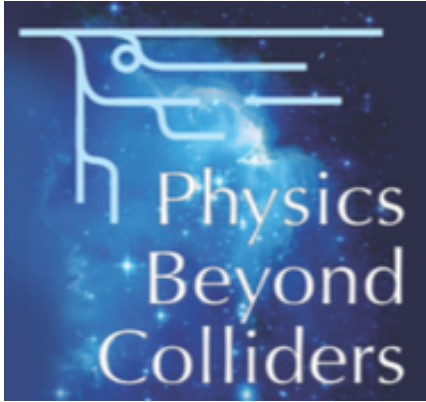






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- Extend fiducial volume
- Use ATLAS as active veto  
→ harvest sensitivity!

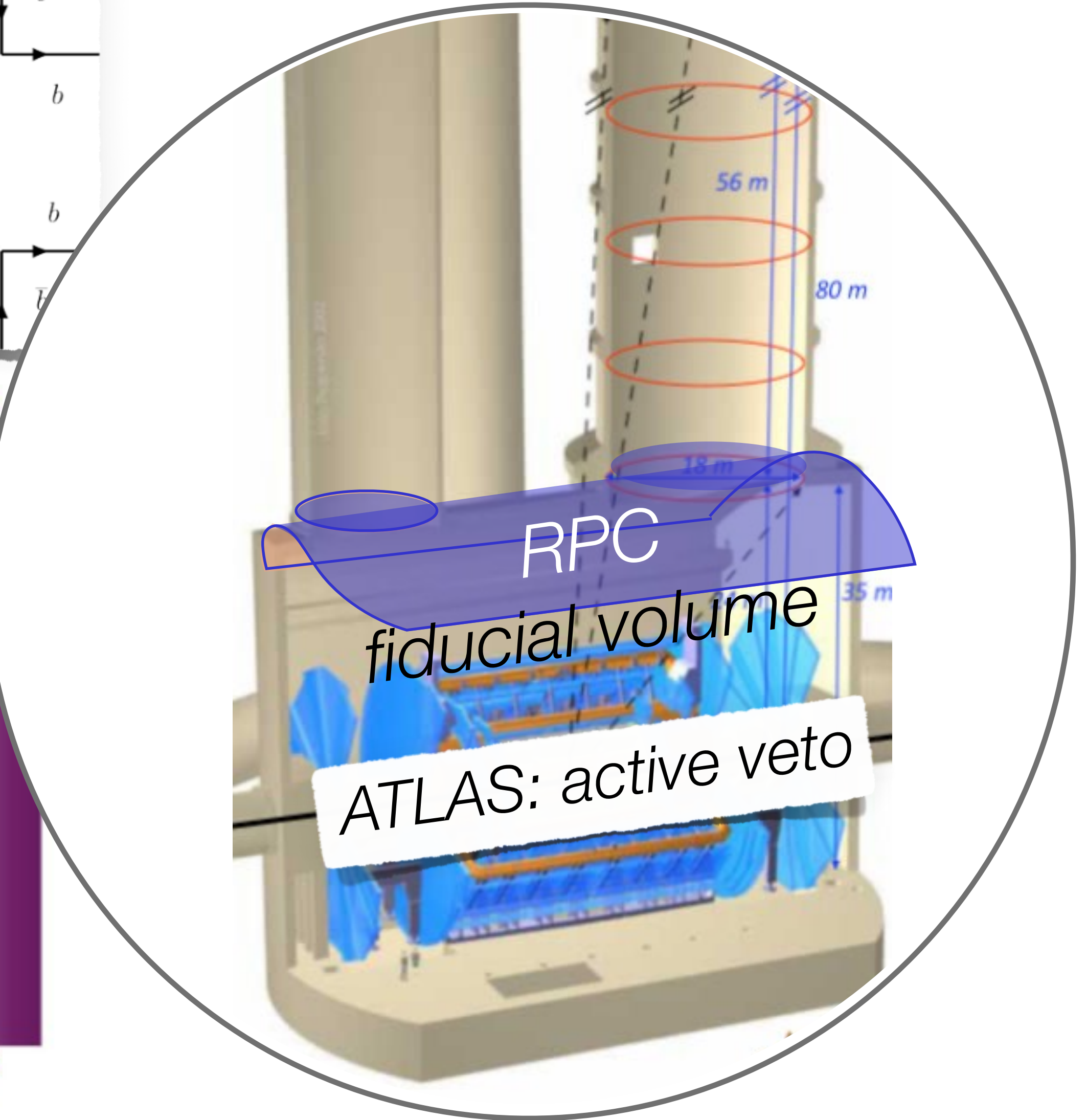
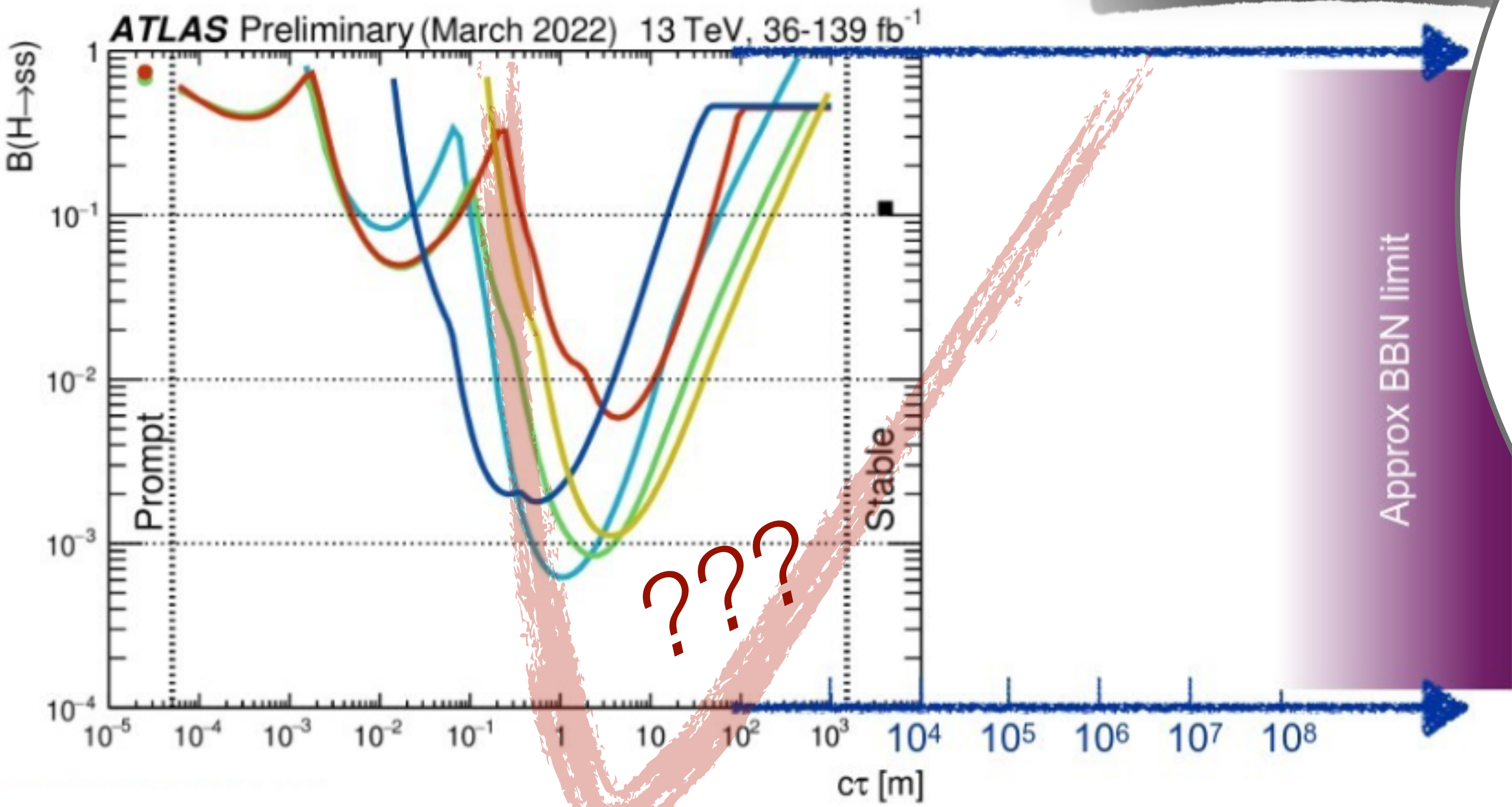
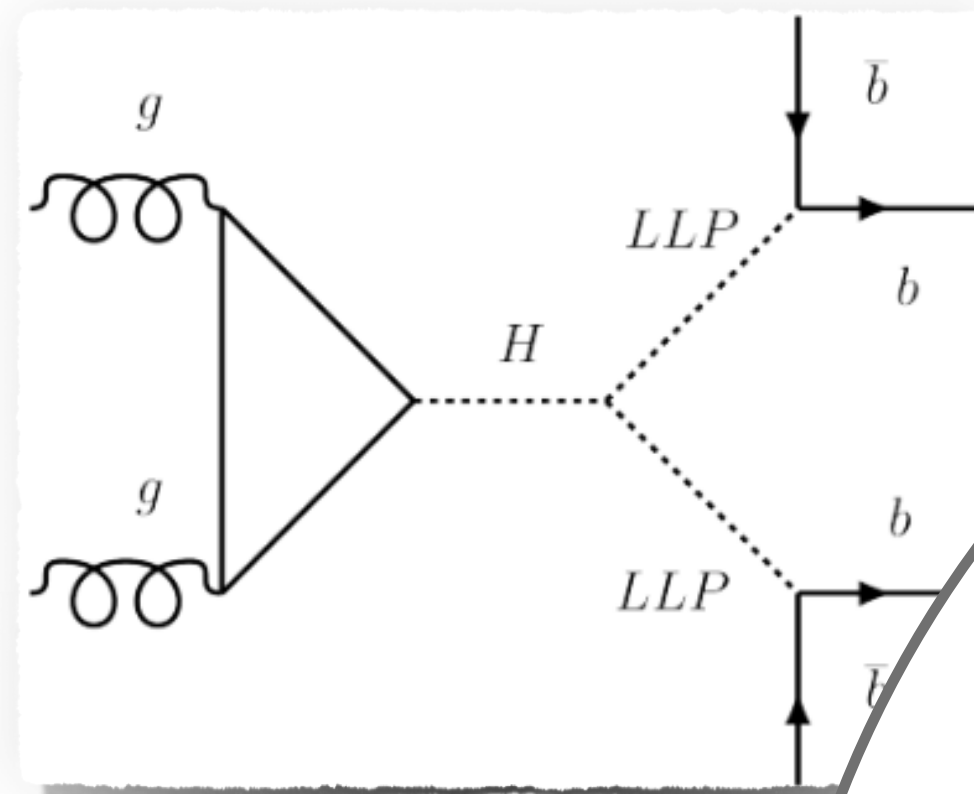
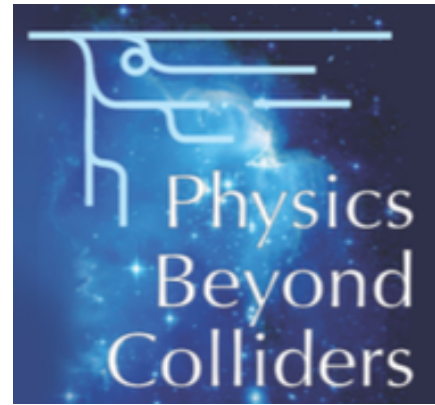


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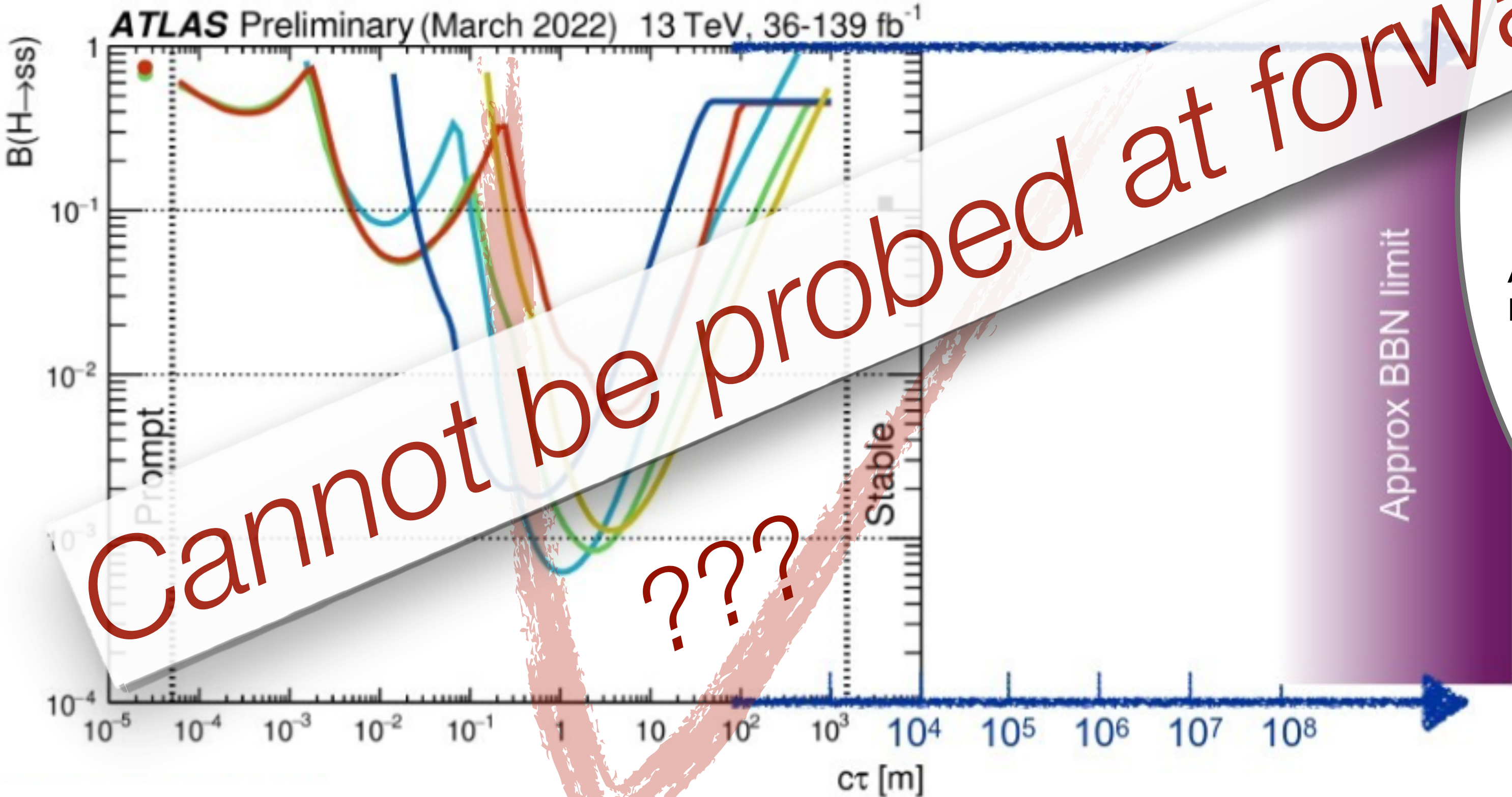
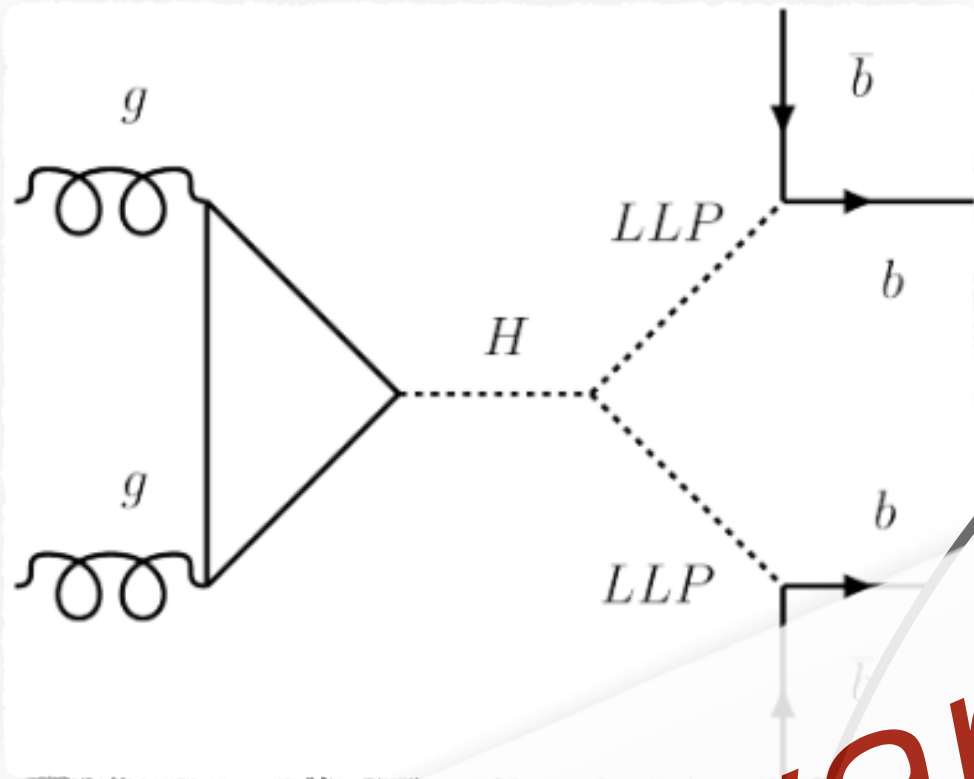
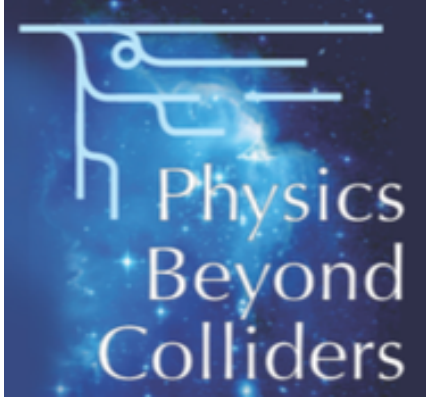


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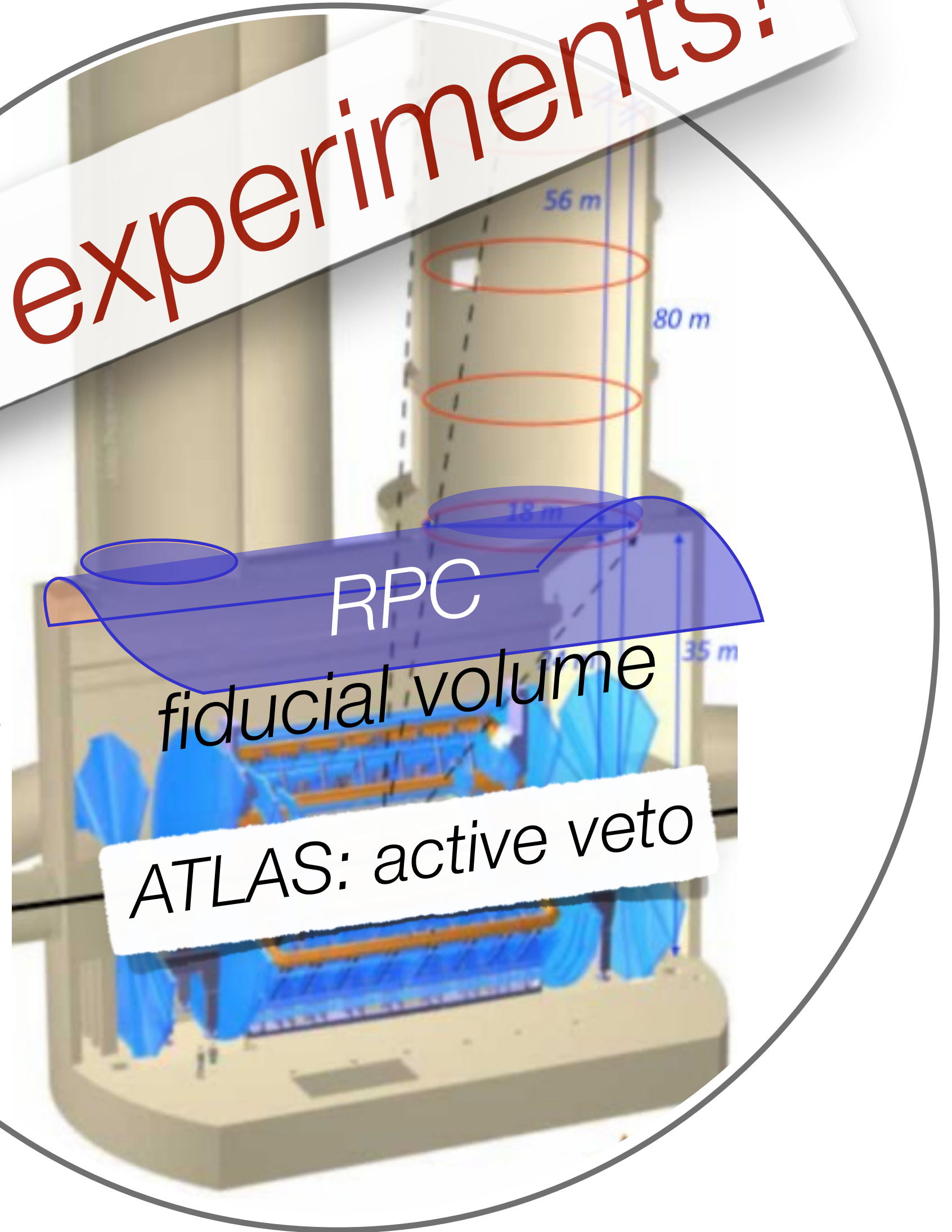




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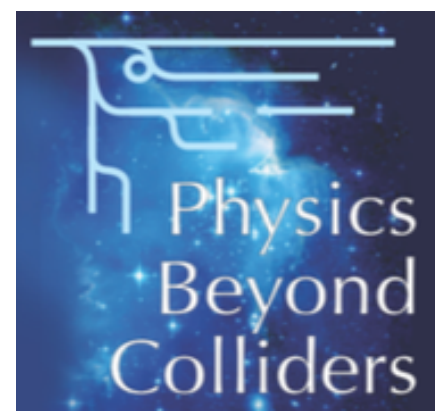
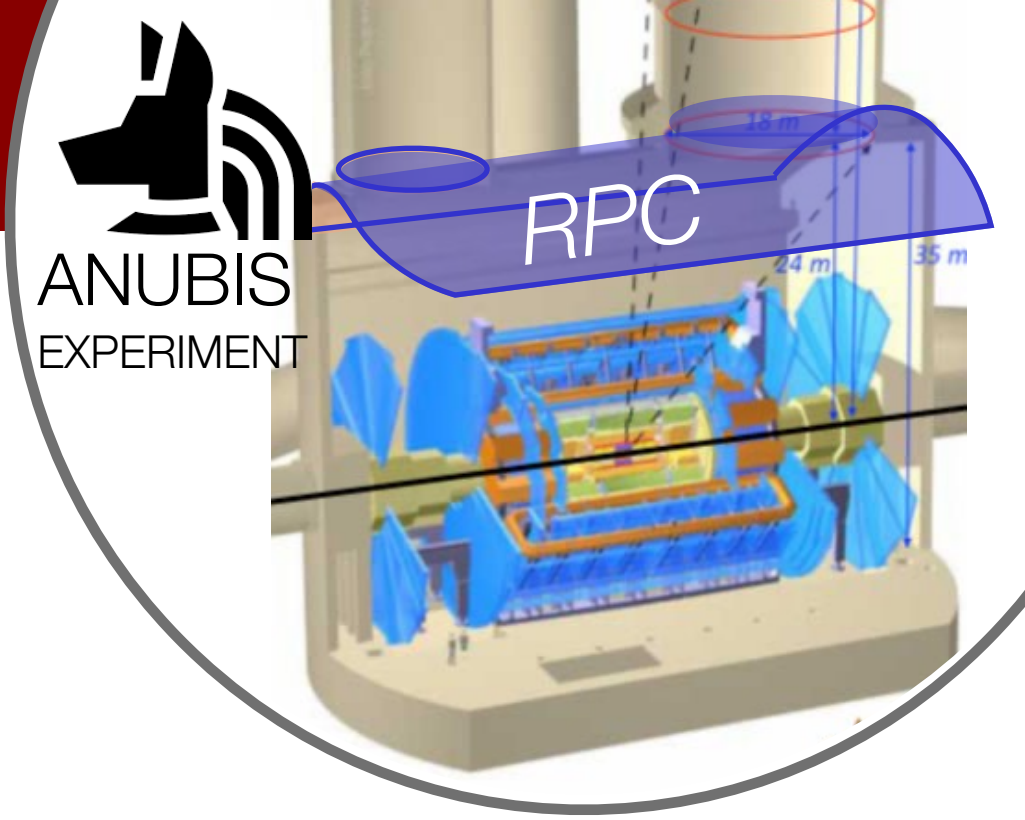
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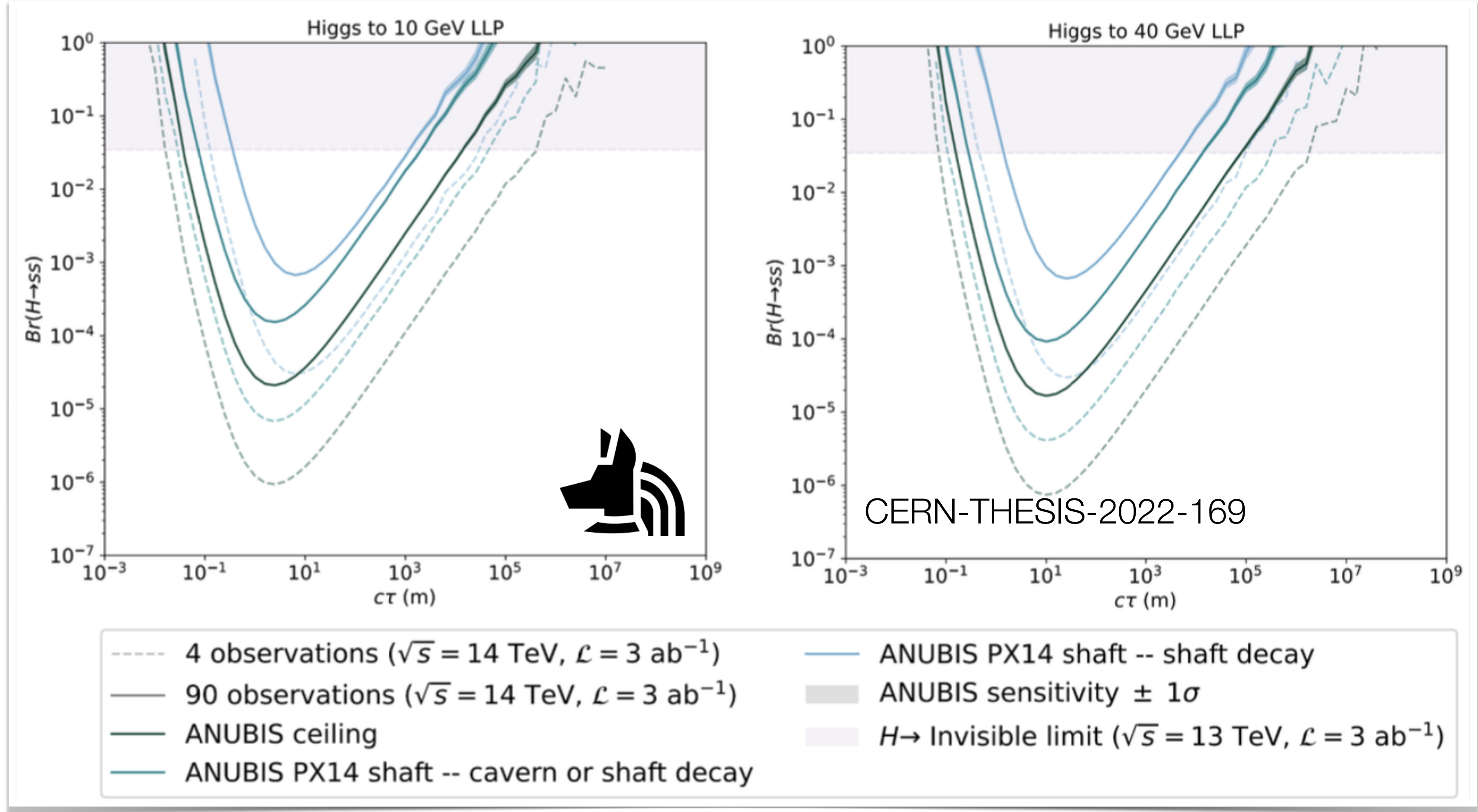


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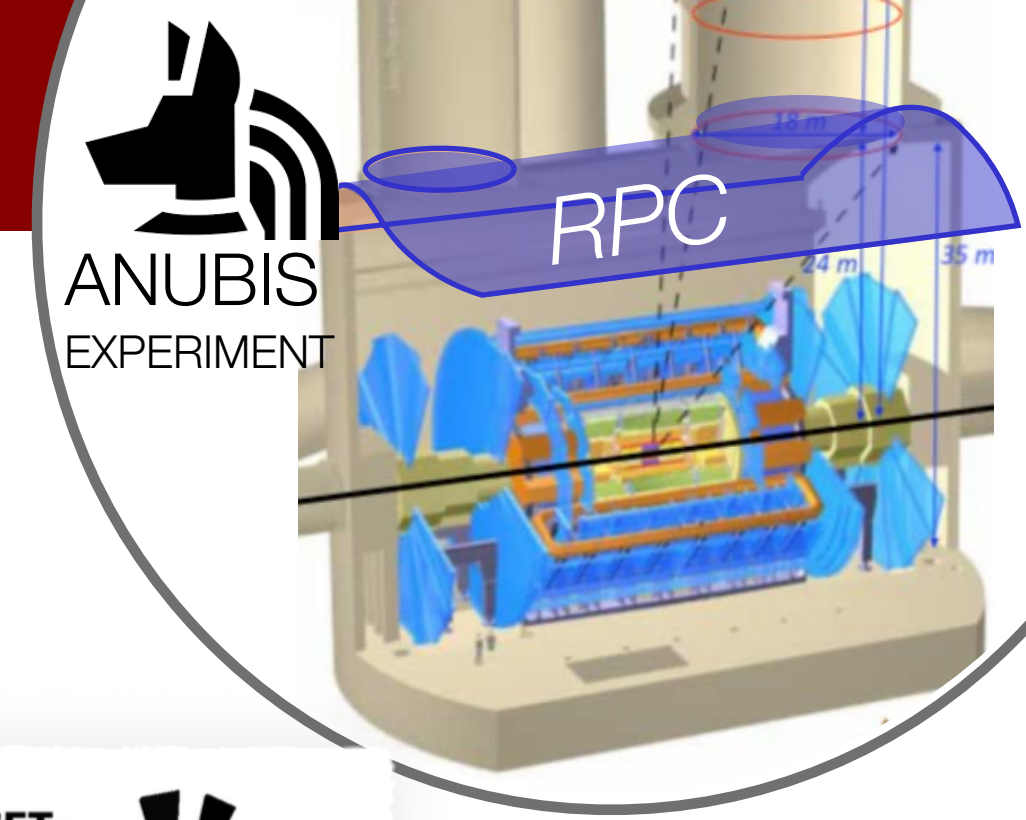
Similar sensitivity:  
 - MATHUSLA (original proposal)  
 - CODEX-b (bit weaker 1 ab<sup>-1</sup>)

PBC model BC5



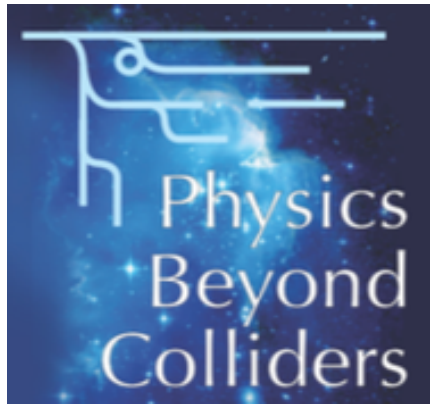


# ANUBIS: SENSITIVITY TO HEAVY NEUTRAL LEPTONS (PBC/FIPS CONTEXT)



- Preliminary results:
  - 4 production modes x 3 final states
  - Good sensitivity to LLPs at light LLP masses!

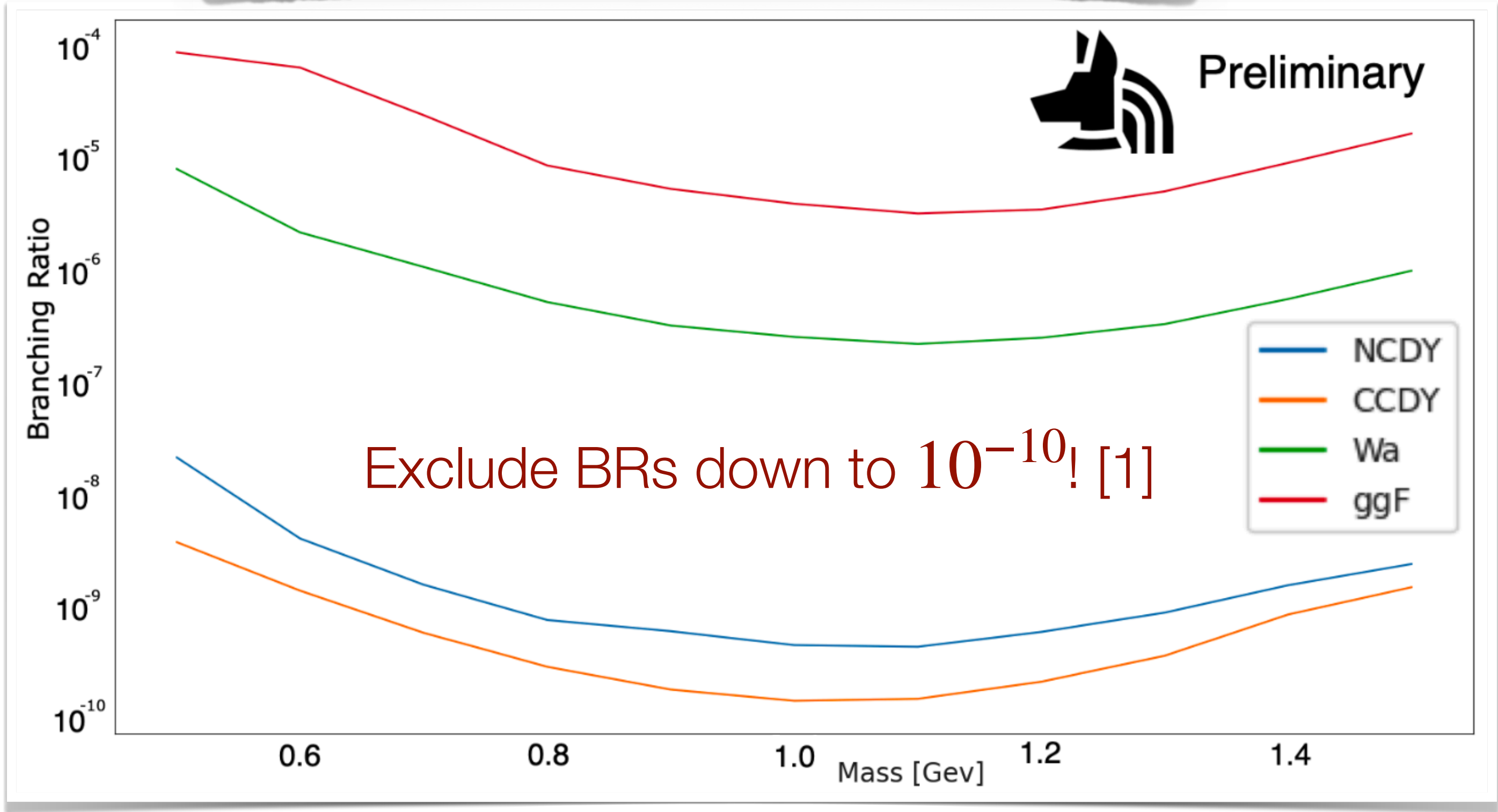
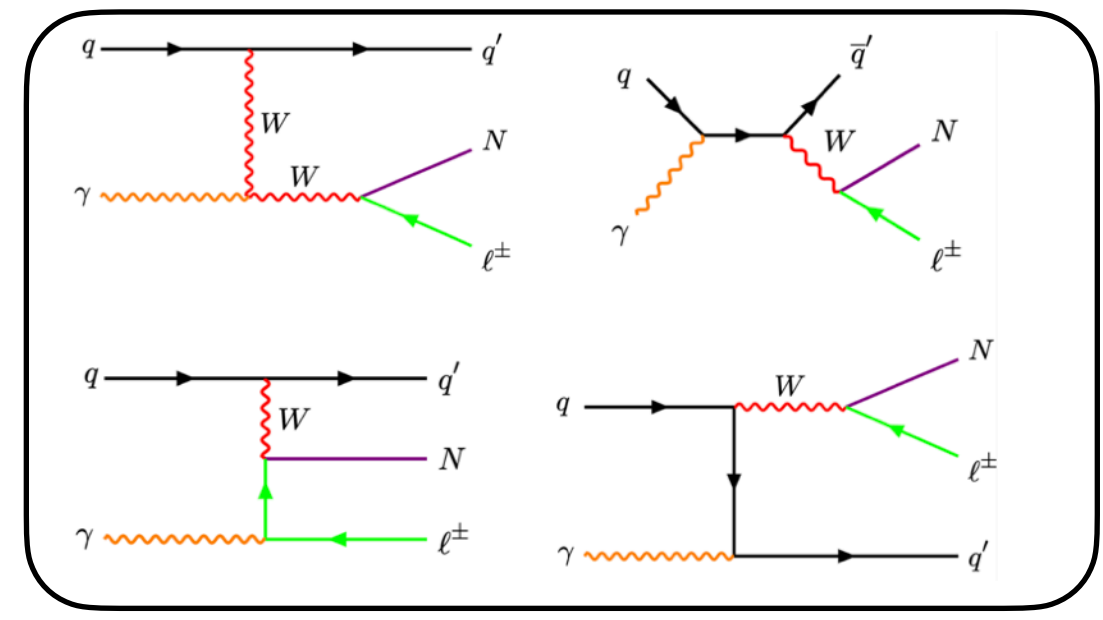
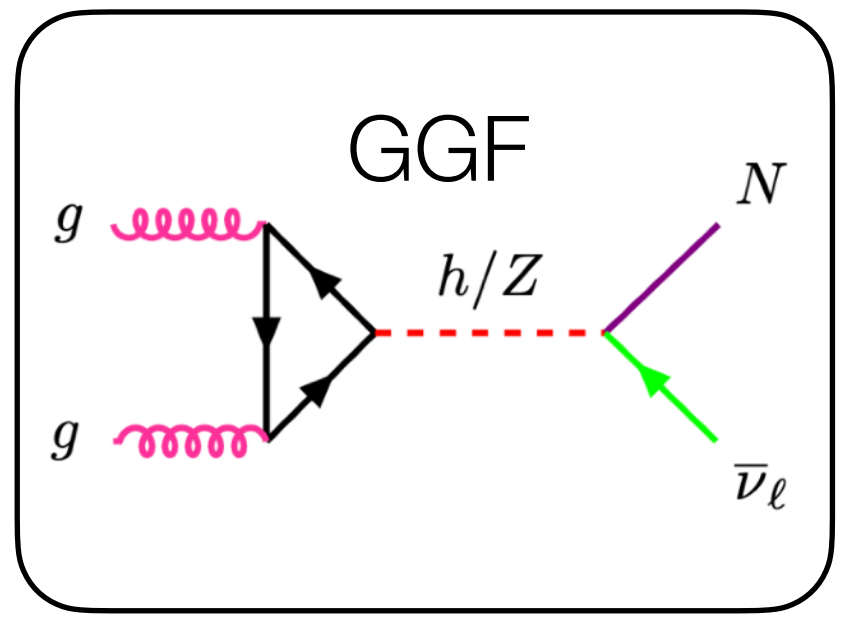
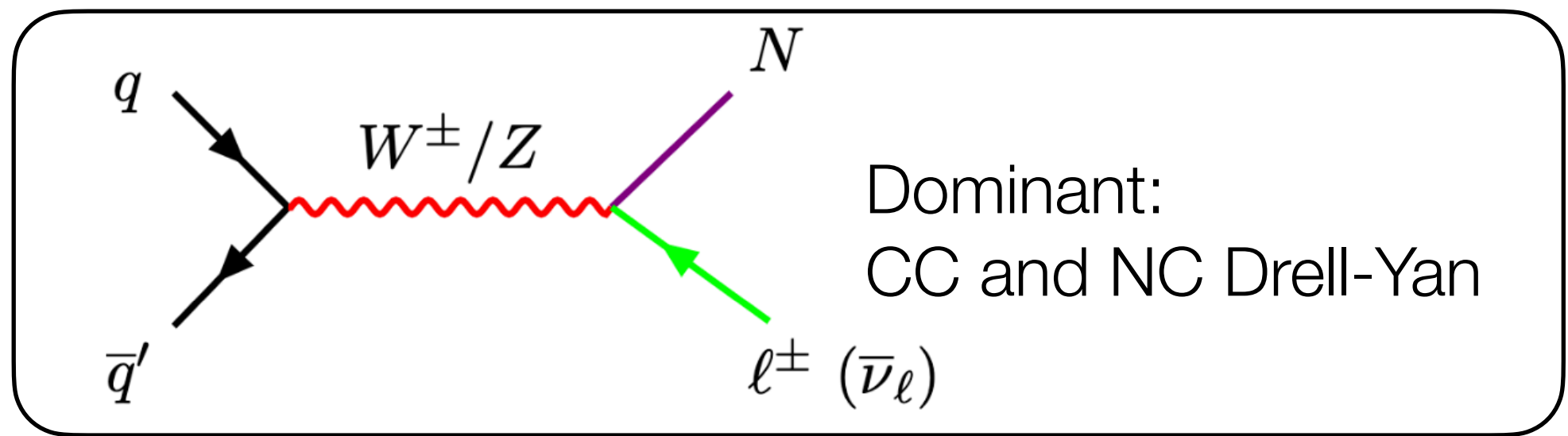
PBC model BC6  
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SET-ANUBIS is a perfect theory collaboration platform

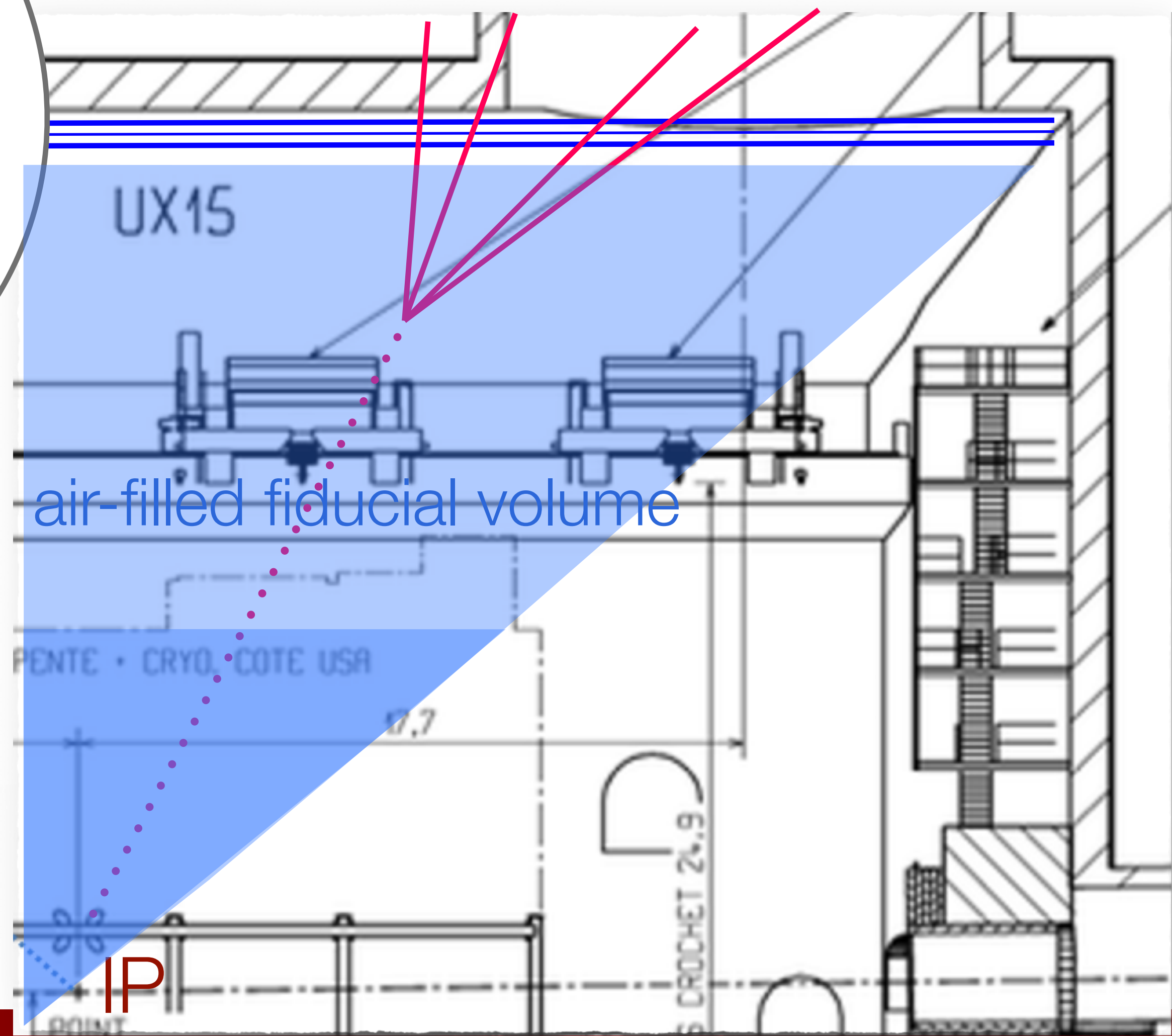
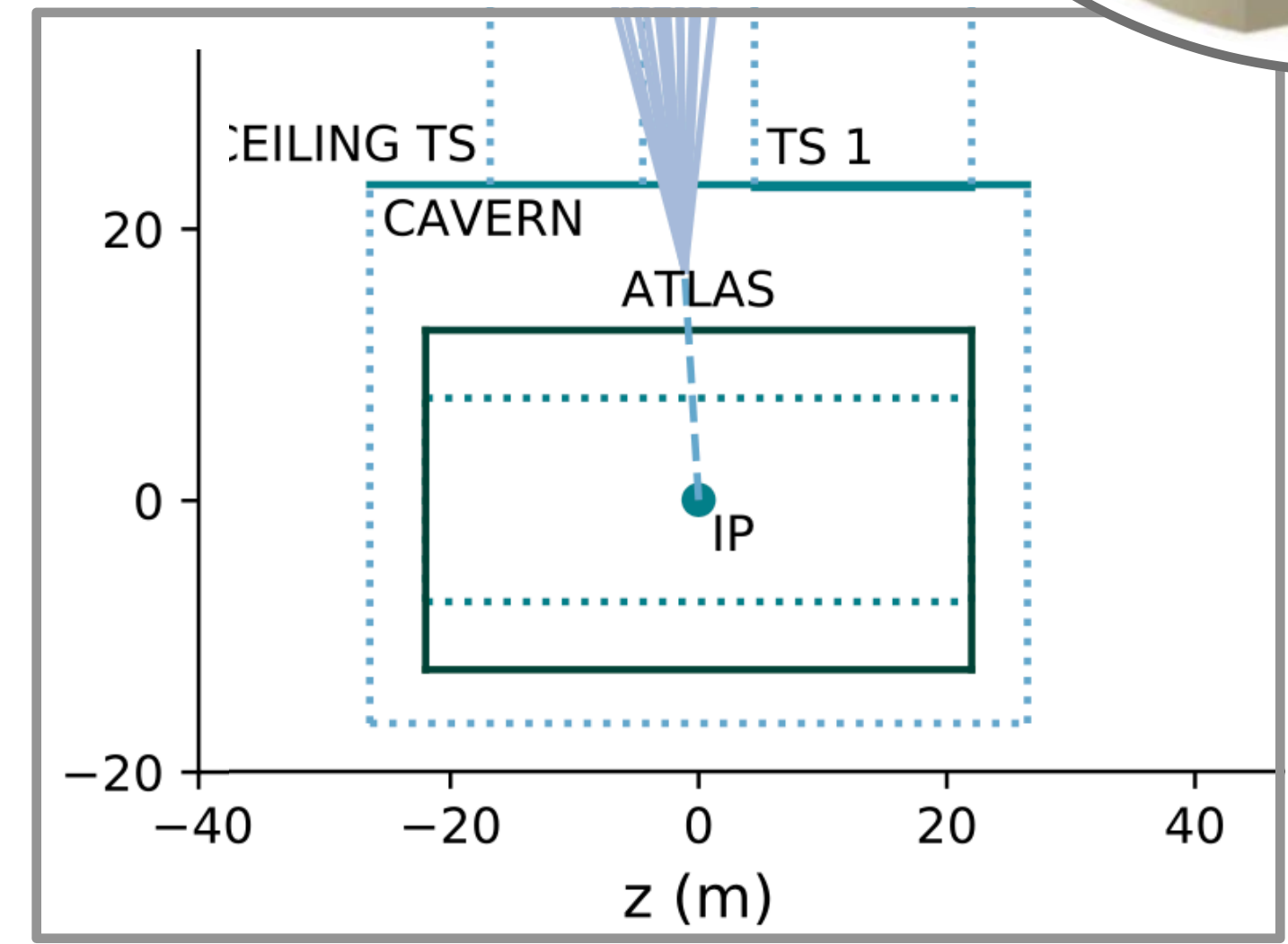
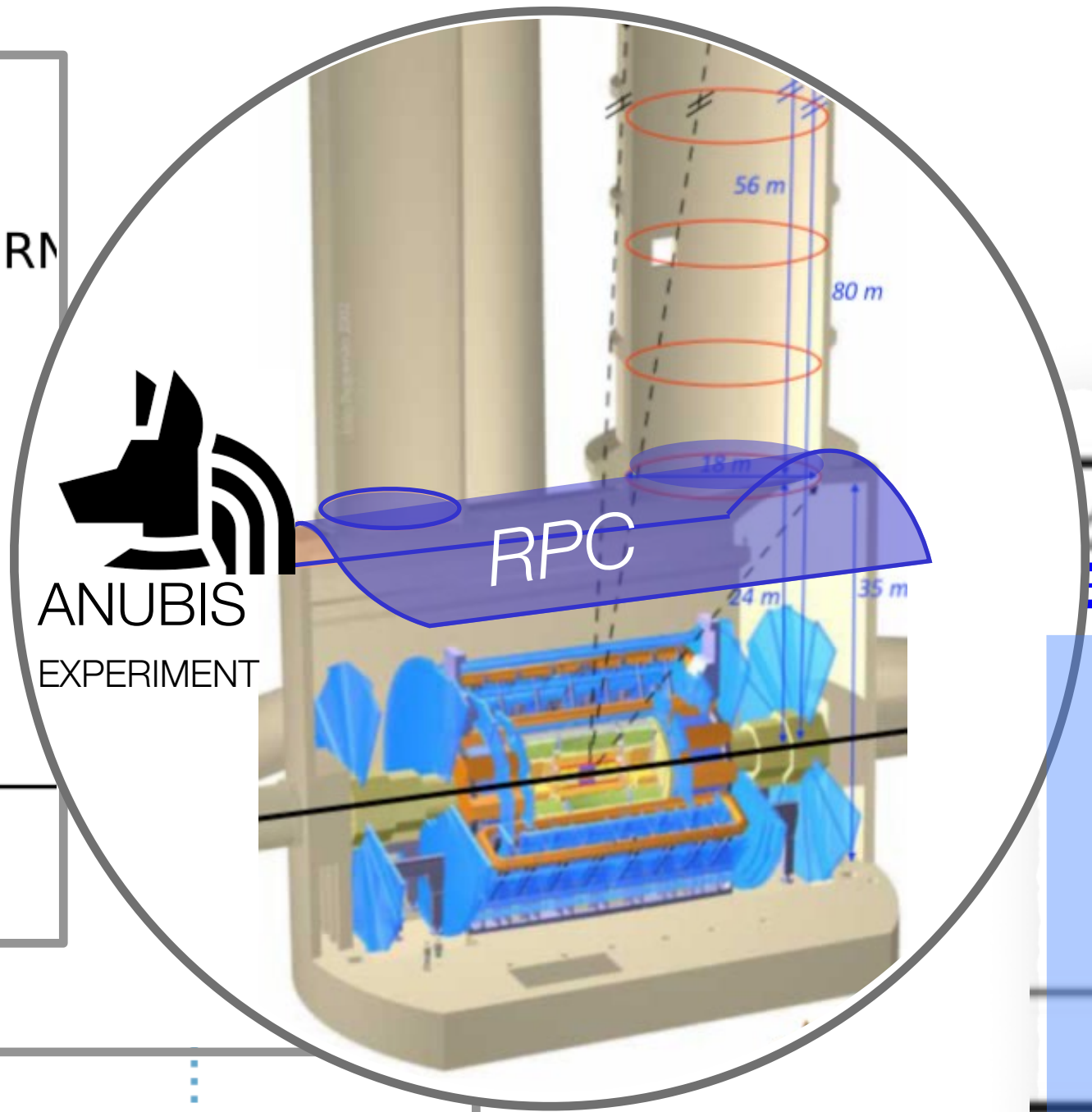
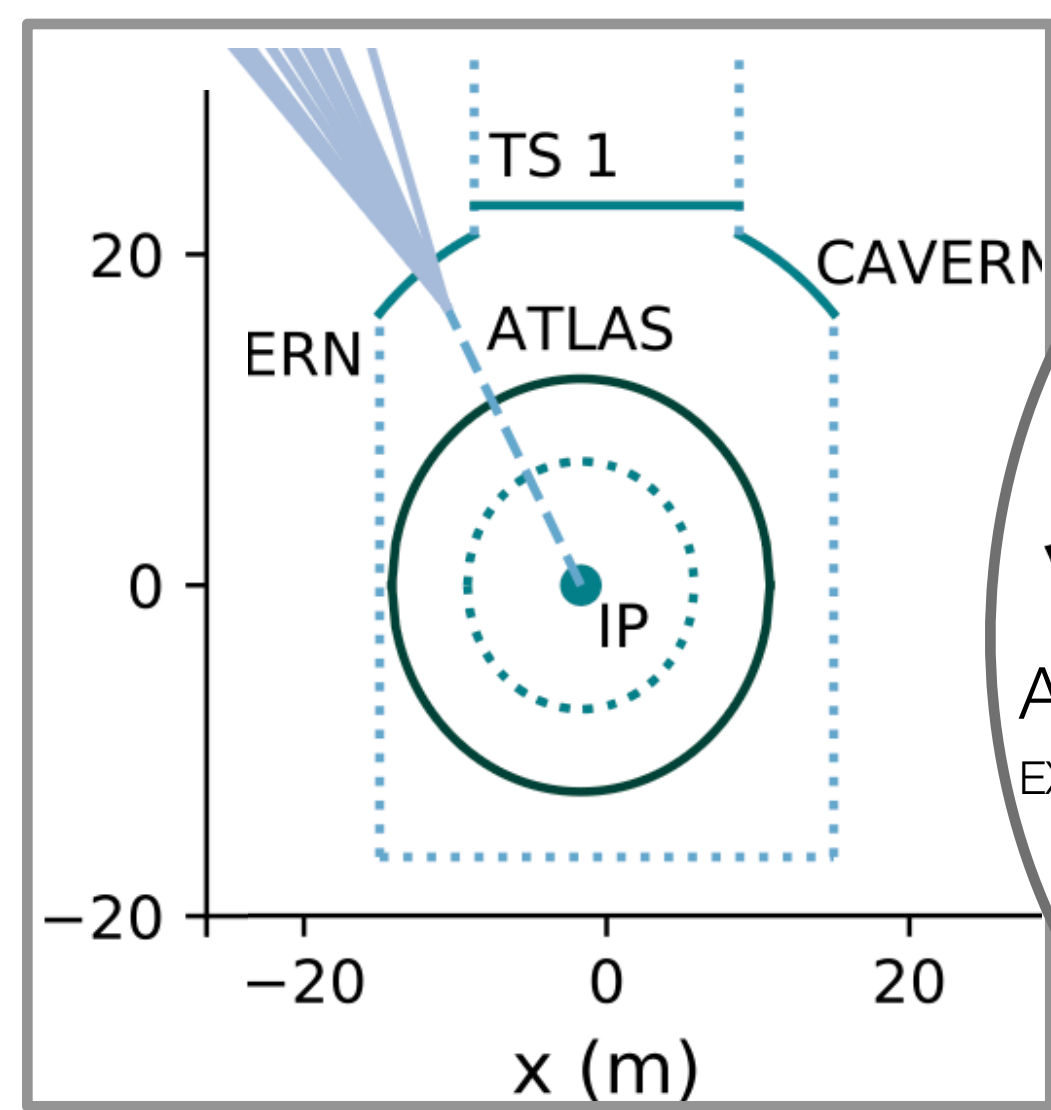


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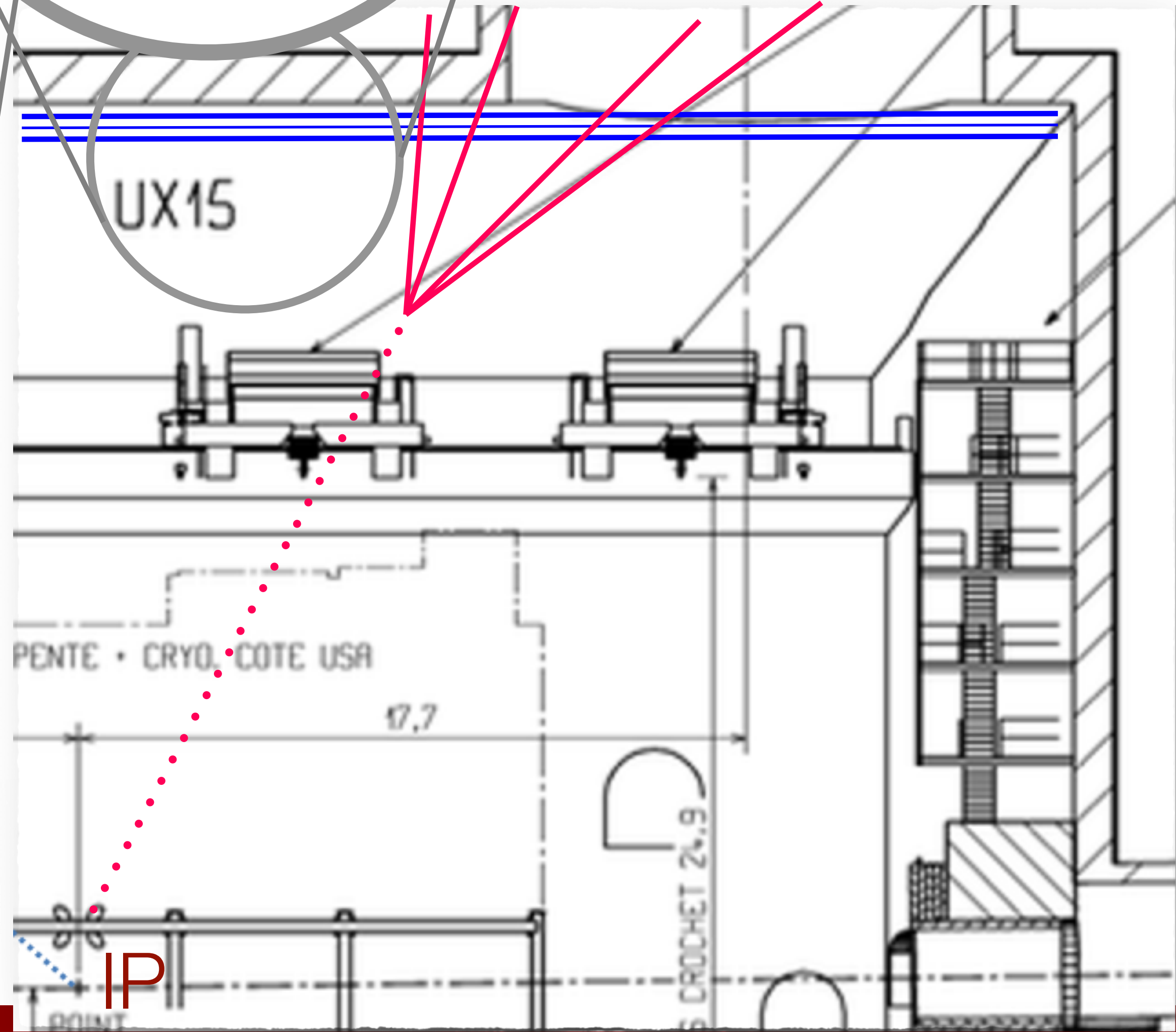
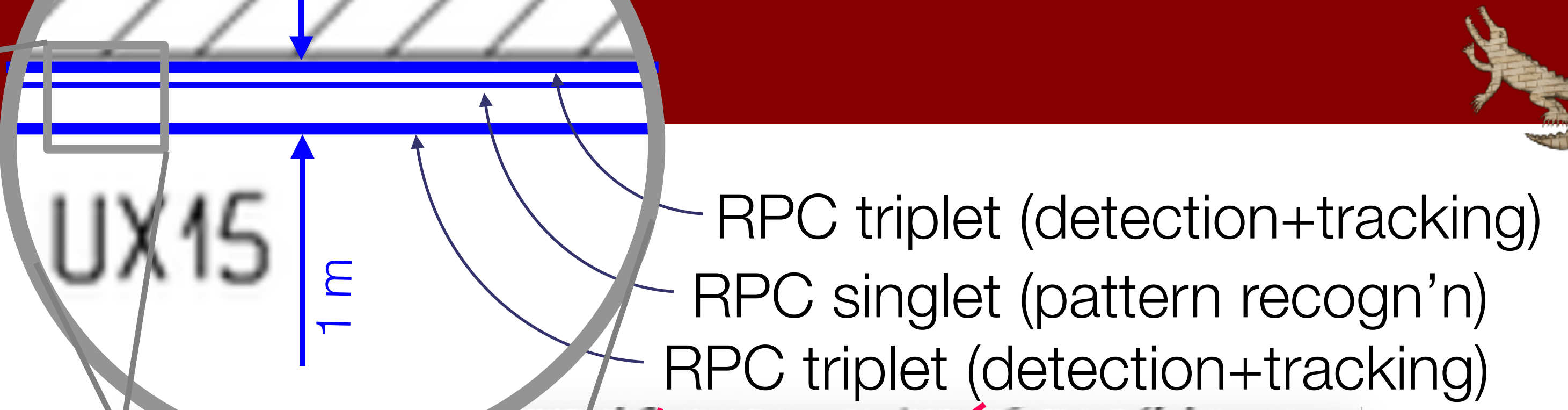
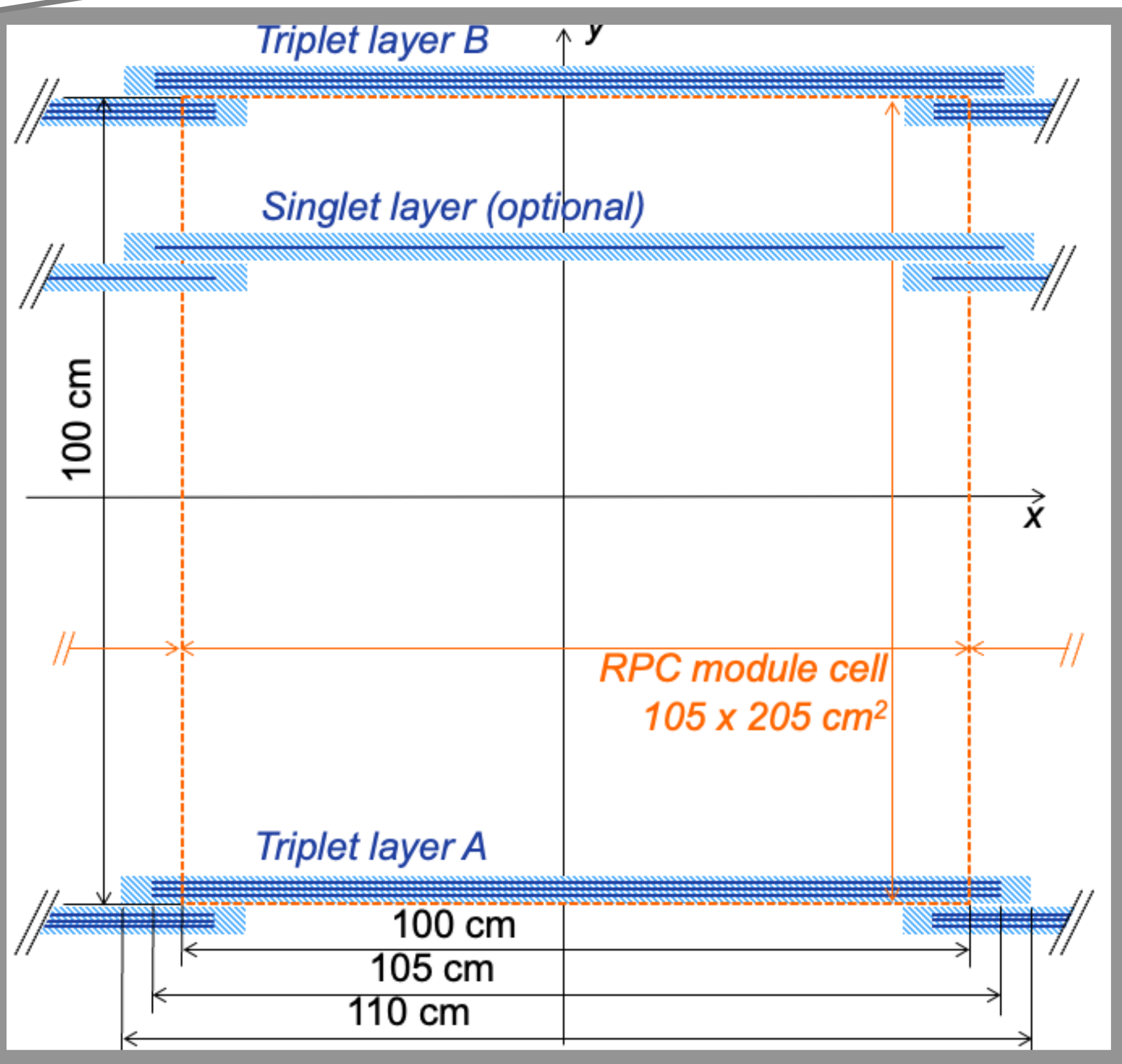


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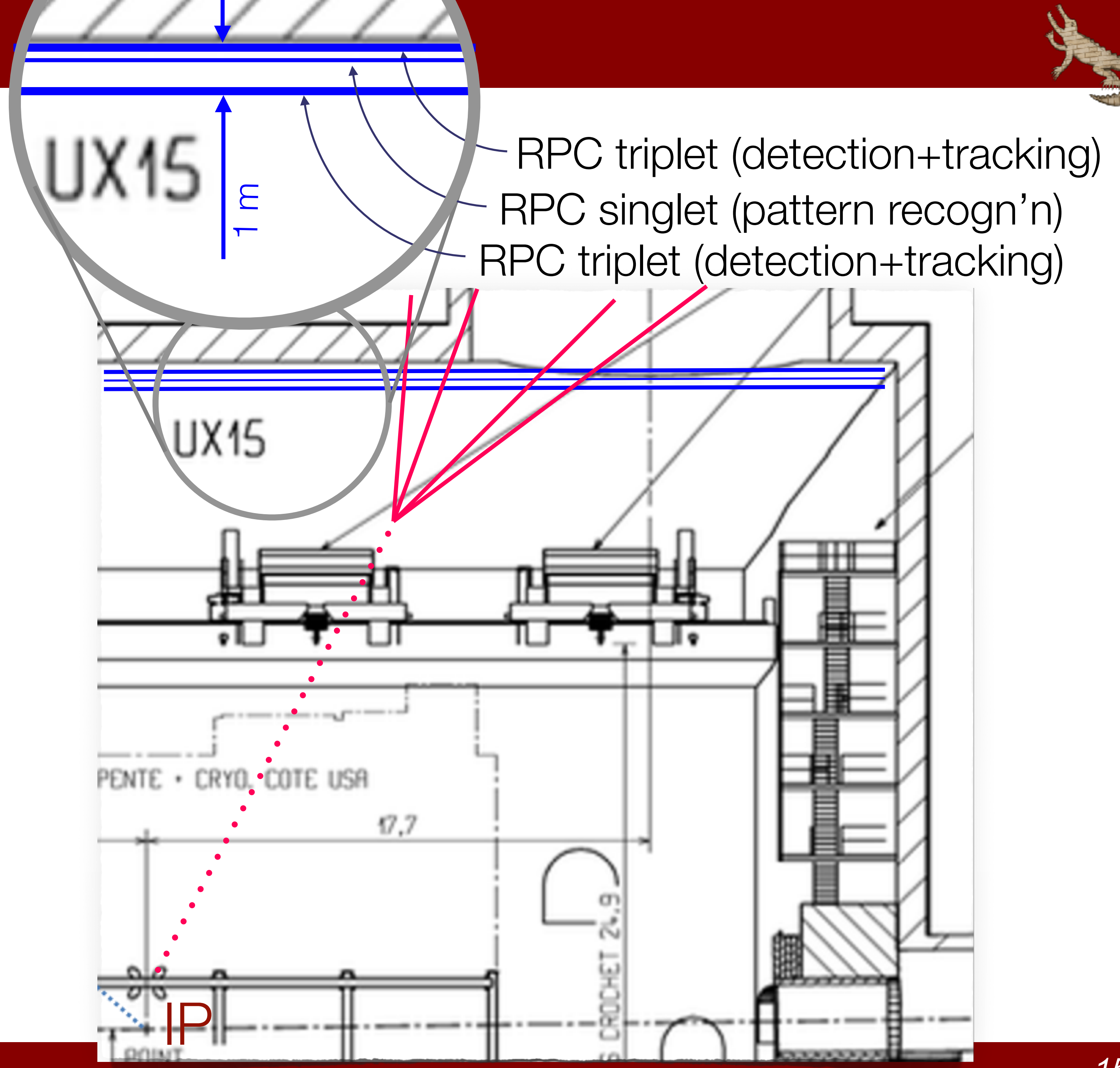


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Per-layer hit efficiency	$\varepsilon \gtrsim 98\%$

### Efficiency:

- Detect signal
- Reject backgrounds







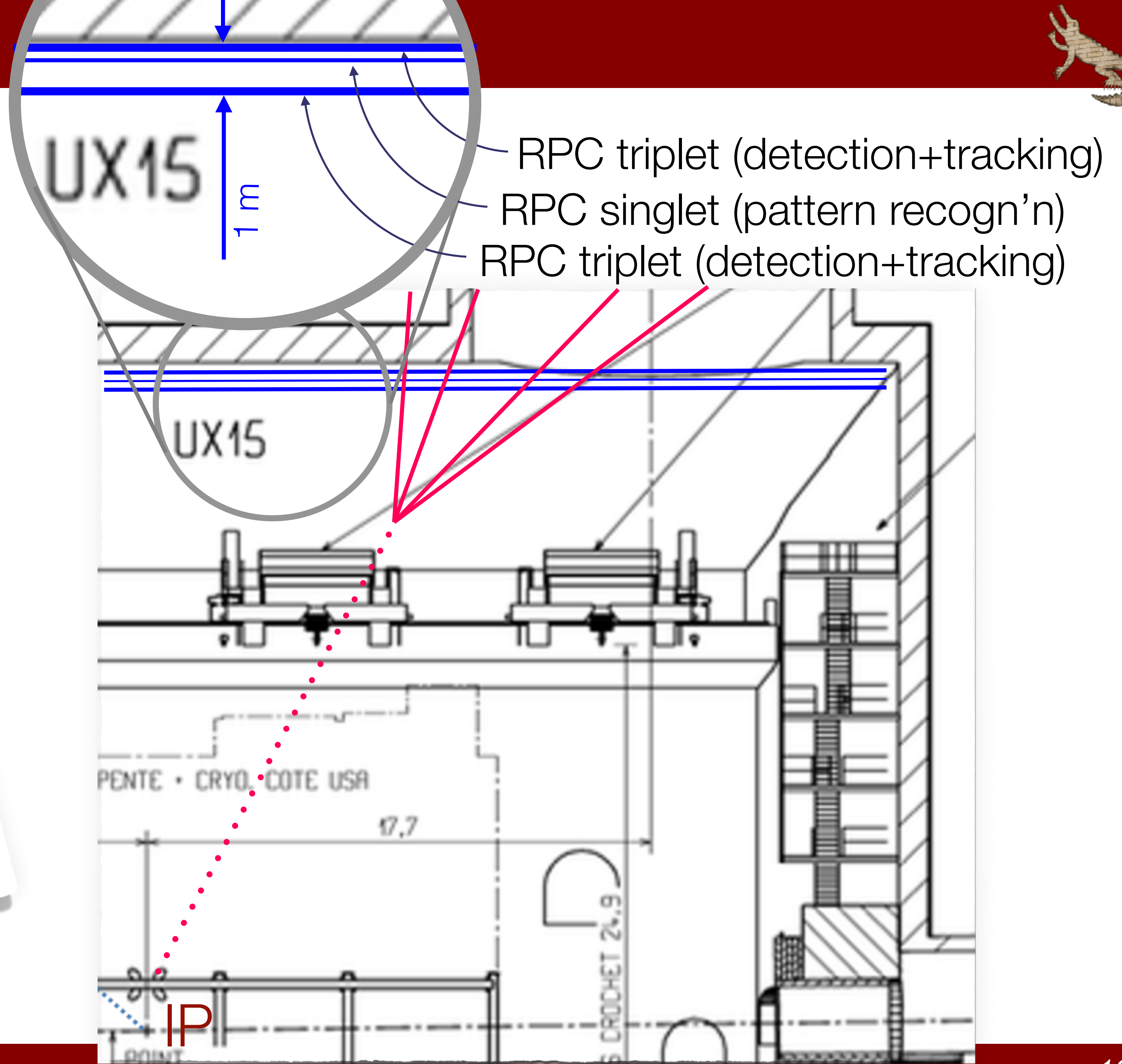
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### Timing:

- Fiducialise volume:  
 $\delta y_{DV} \approx 15 \text{ cm}$
- Eliminate backgrounds  
e.g. cosmics, non-collision
- measure  $\beta$

'For free':  $\delta \beta \lesssim 0.5\%$  (TOF) feasible  
 → unique sensitivity to slow charged  
 LLP BSM particles ( $dE/dx$  excess)





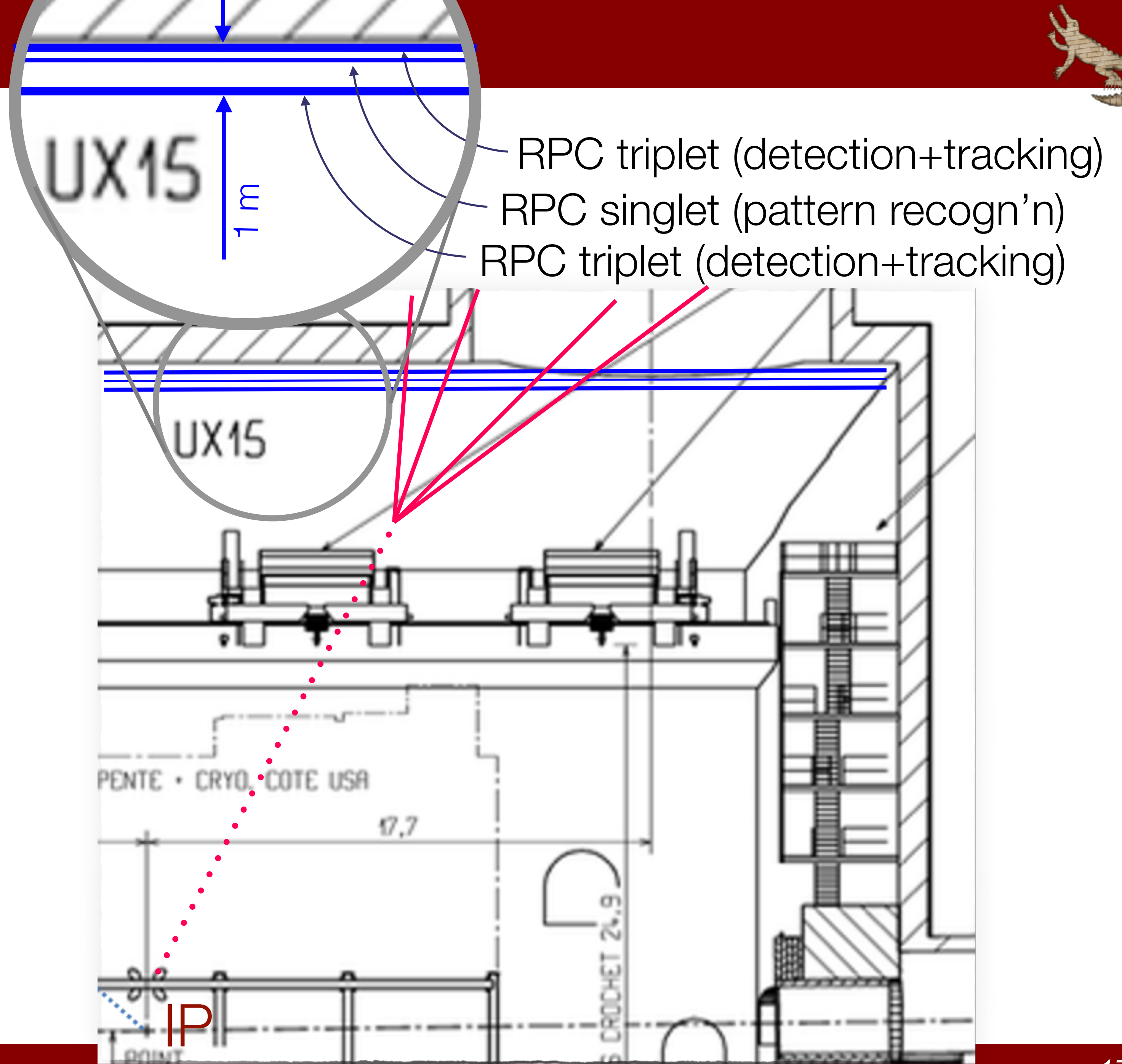


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### Angular & spatial resolution:

- Reconstruct displaced vertices:  
reach  $m_{LLP} \approx K_L$   
for  $m_{\text{mediator}} \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$
- Fiducialise volume





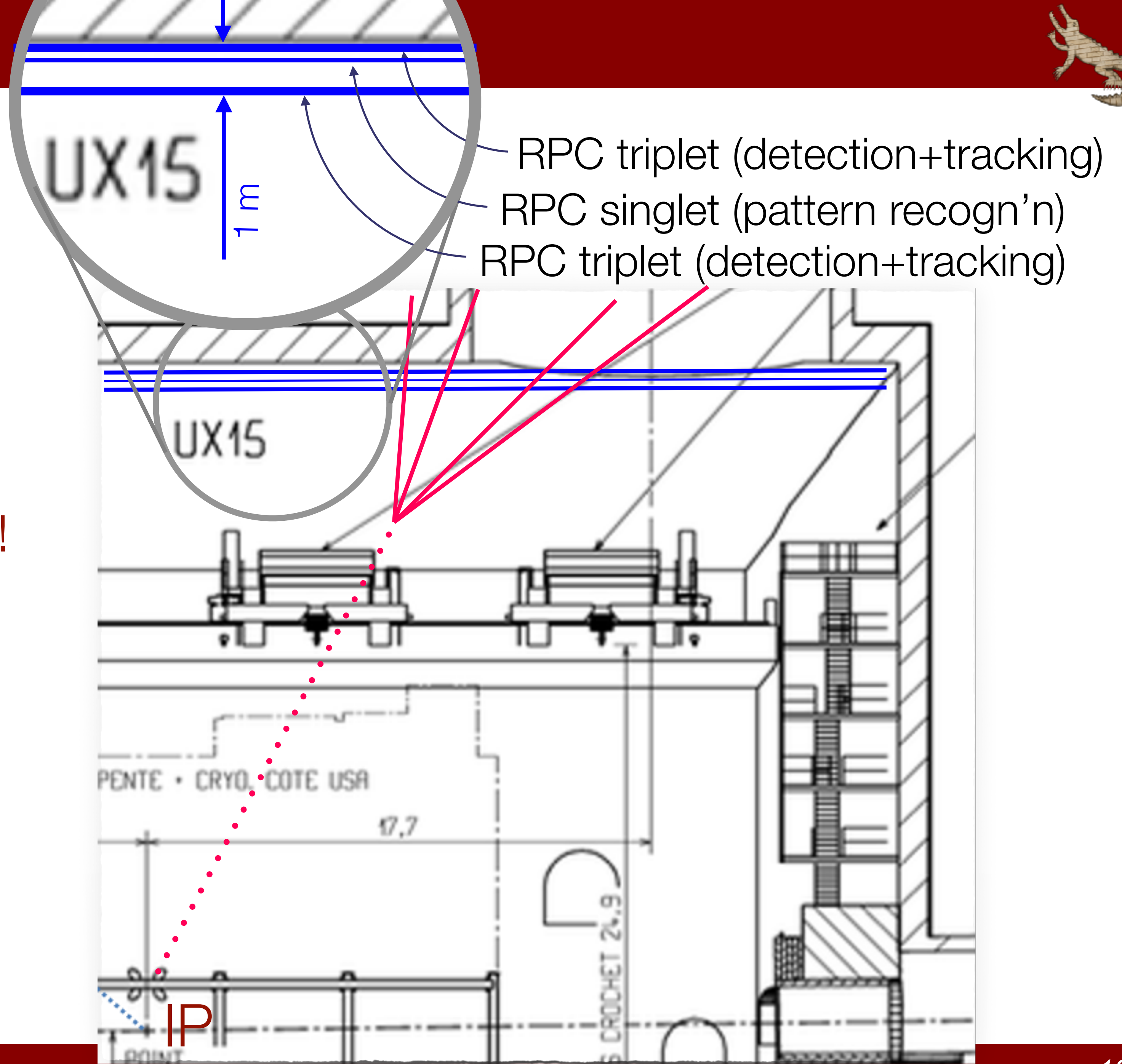
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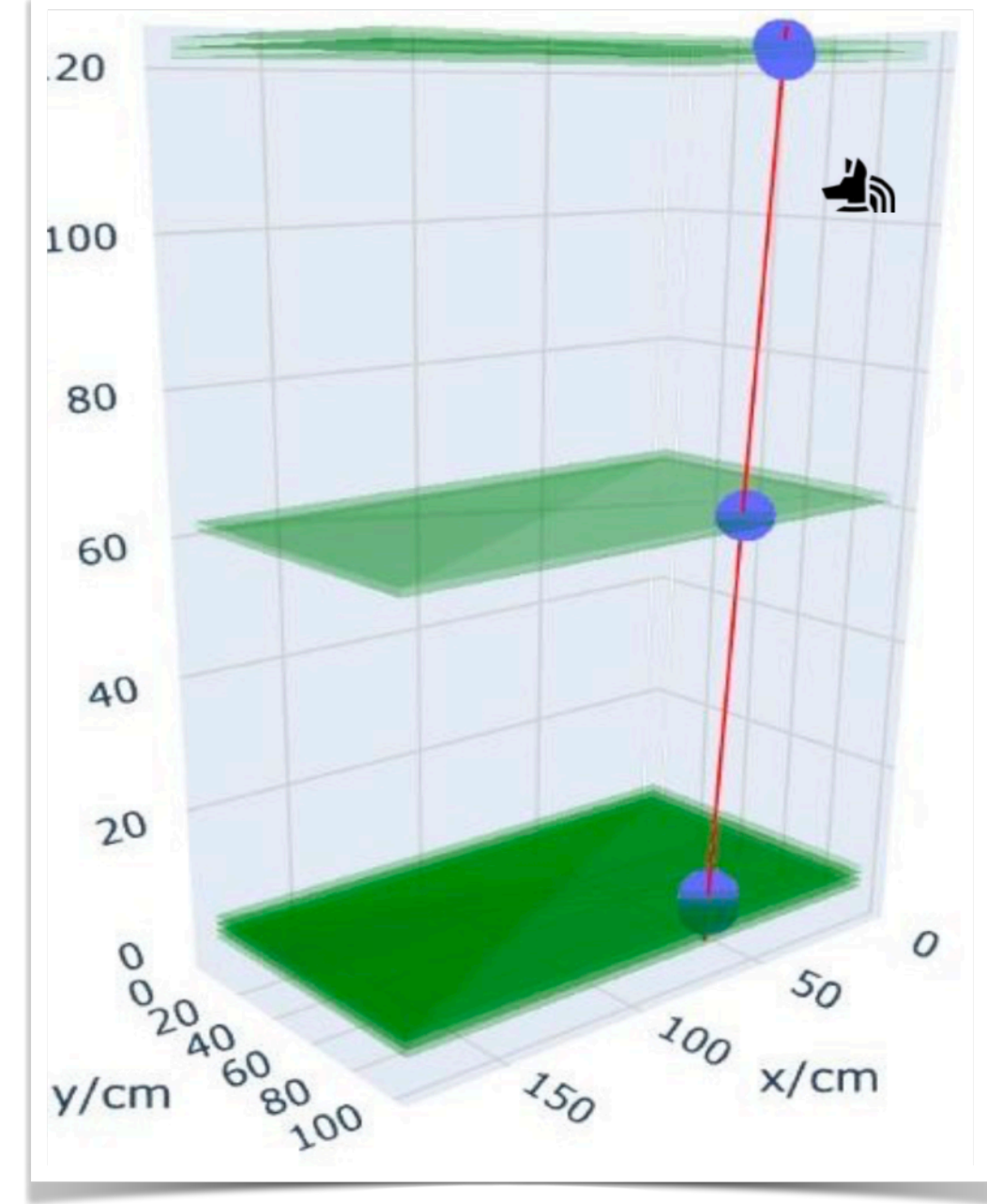
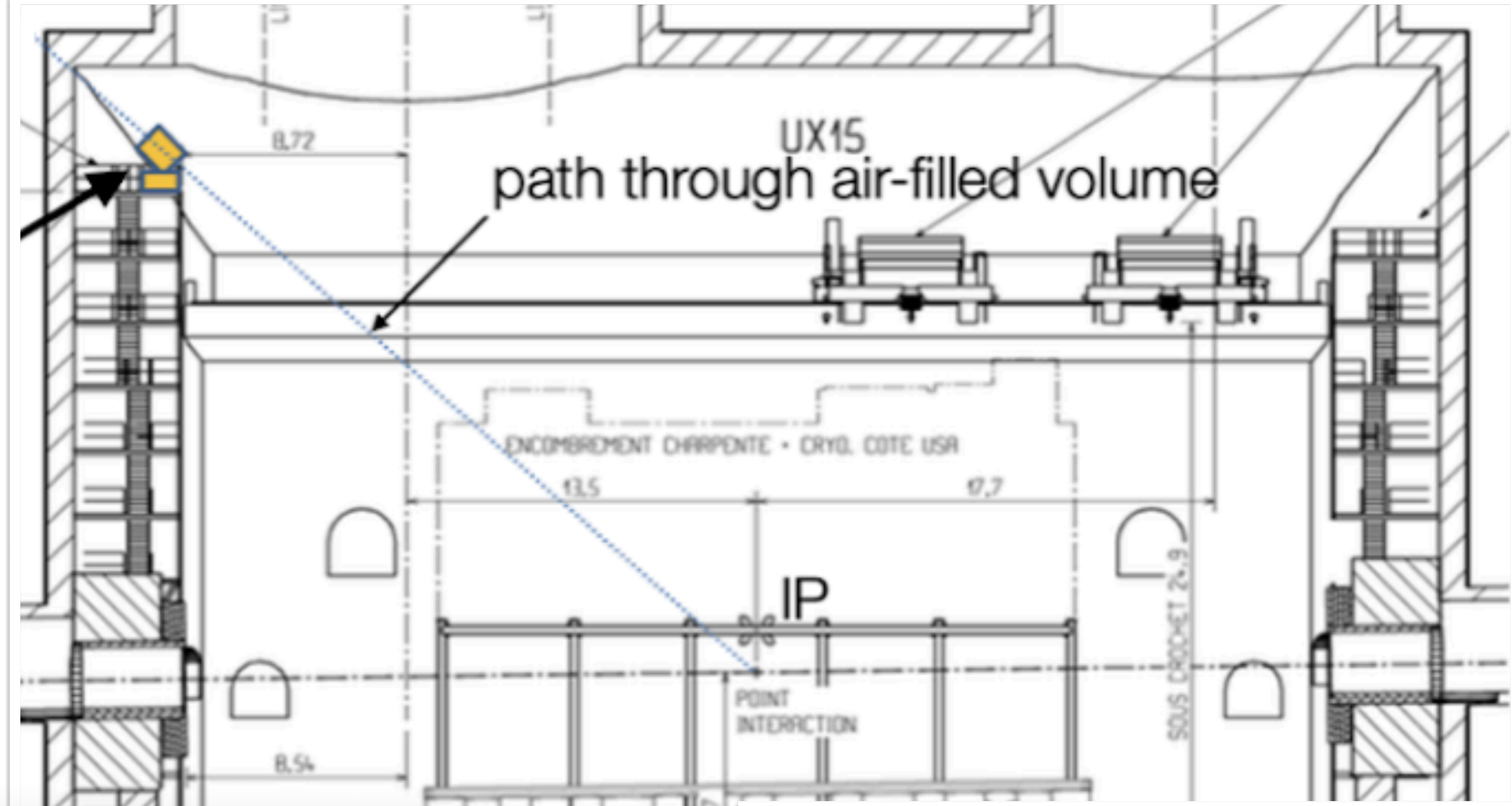
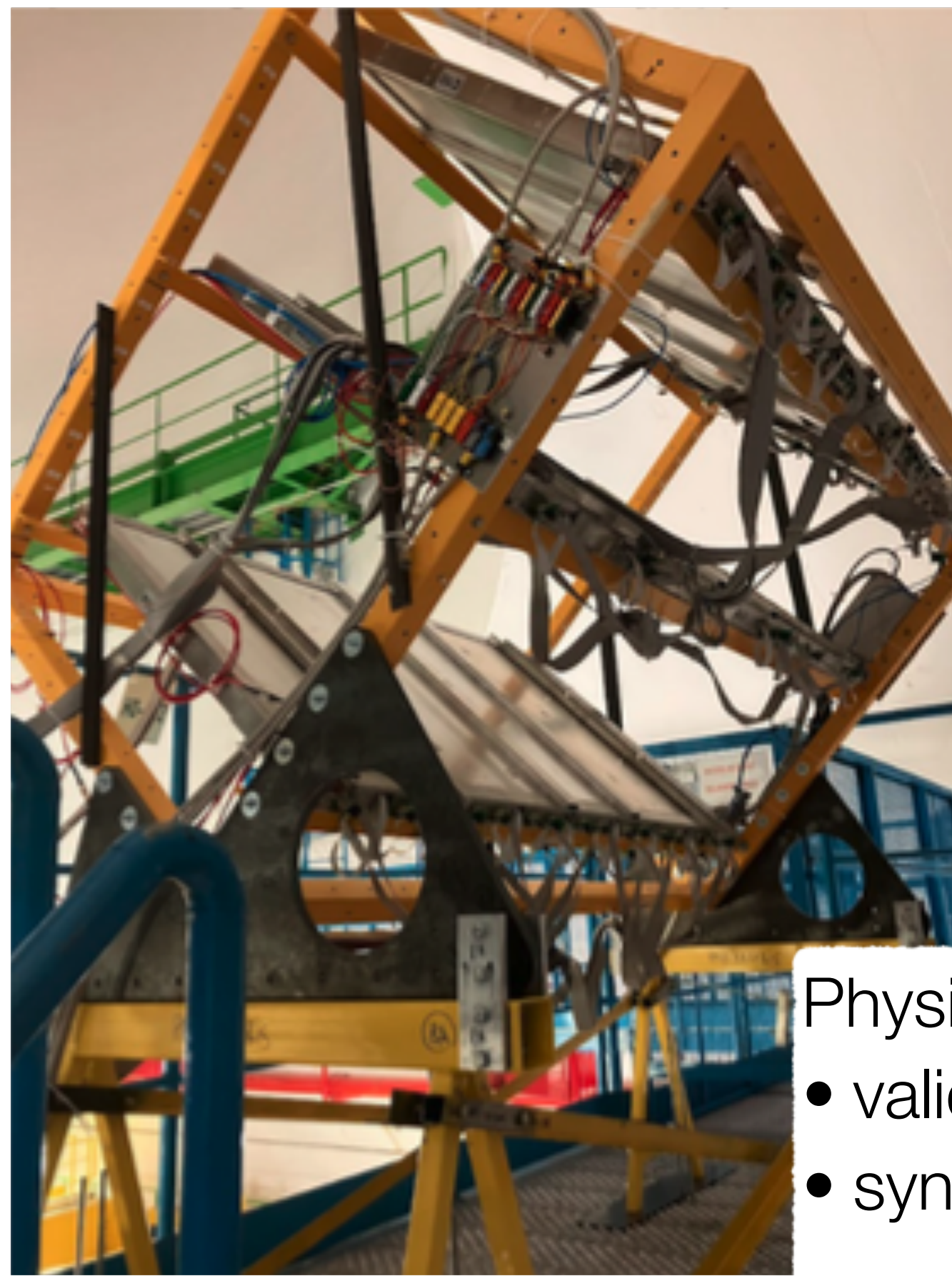




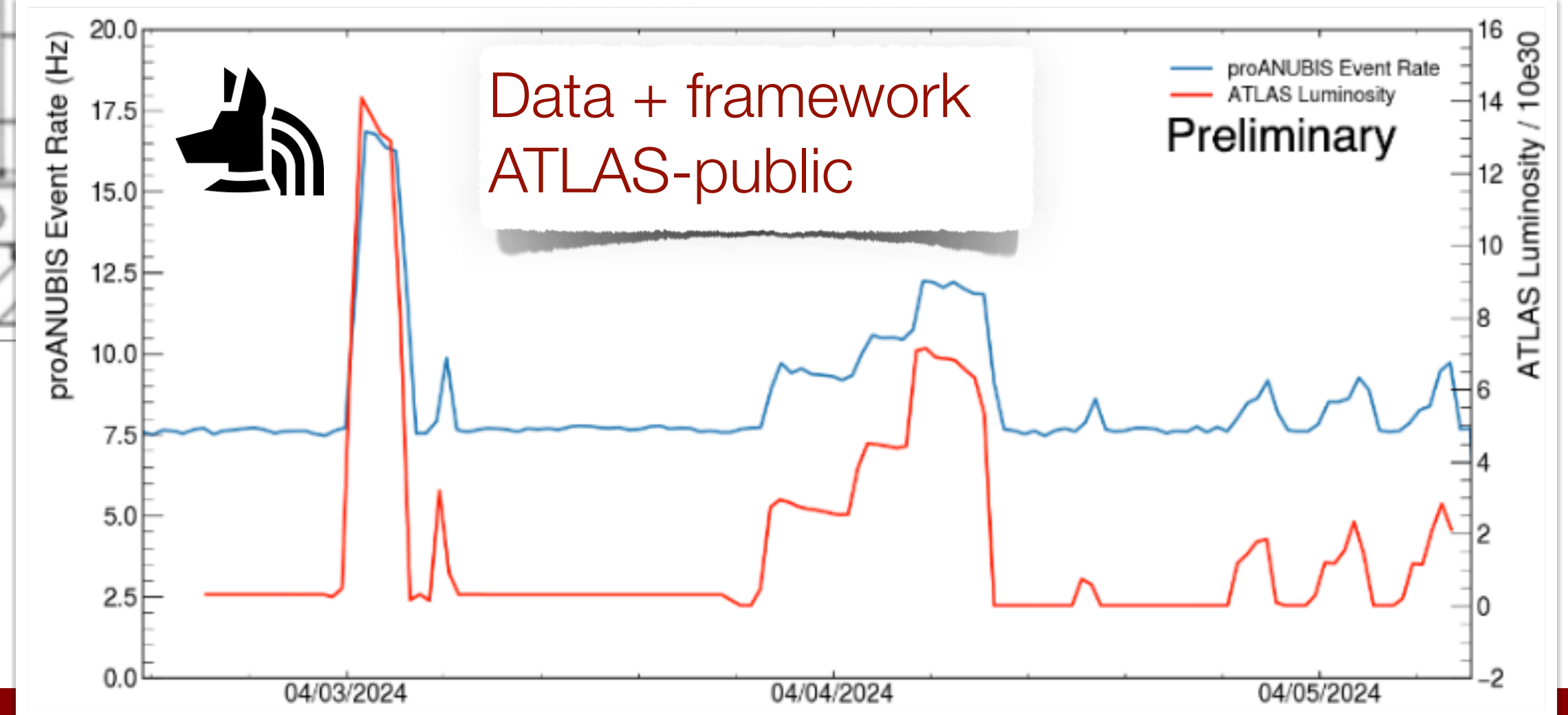


## PROANUBIS DEMONSTRATOR

→ Aashaq's [TALK](#)

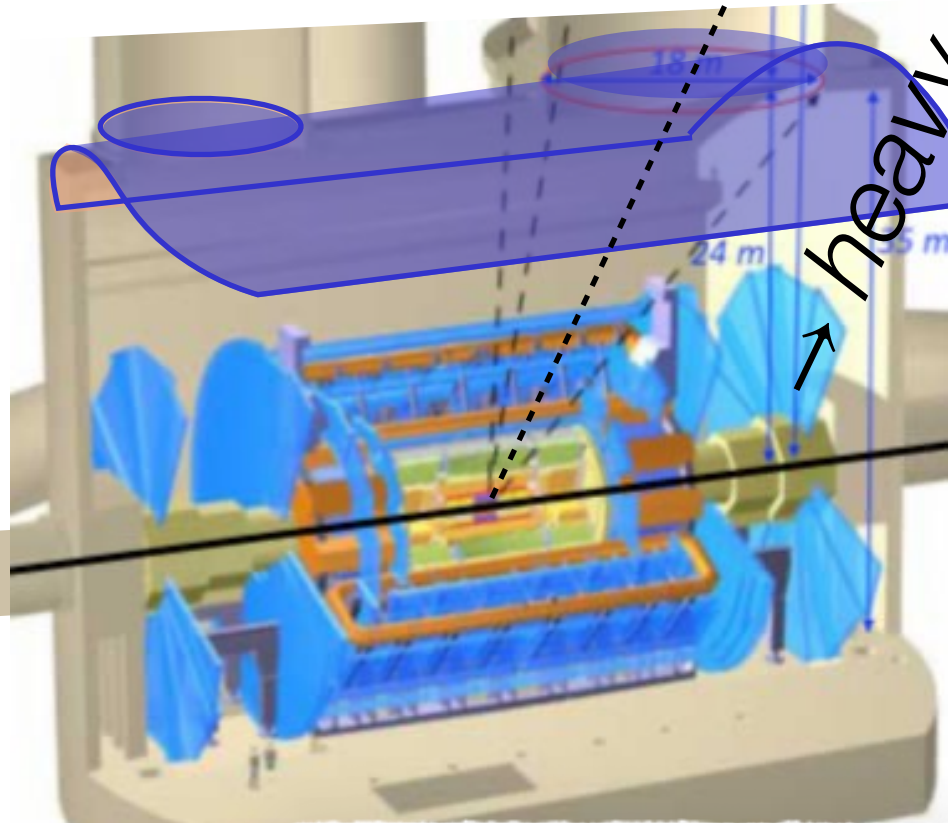


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- validate technology
  - synchronise w/ ATLAS
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# SUMMARY & OUTLOOK



**Complementarity!**

Transverse heavy mediators e.g. Higgs

Forward light mediators, ALPs

ANUBIS can probe scenarios that other experiments are not sensitive to!

→ Complementarity to:

- general purpose detectors (e.g. CMS)
- forward detectors (e.g. FASER)
- beam dump experiments (SHiP)

→ Full HL-LHC exploitation imperative!

• Great progress towards ANUBIS detector:

- Coarse geometry concept finalised
- GeoModel for Geant4 in progress
- Data-taking with proANUBIS:
  - 79.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> collected, 83 % uptime
  - DAQ system upgrade for 2025
- Analysis of proANUBIS data:
  - muon ID with proANUBIS & ATLAS
  - hadrons from punch-through jets

Aashaq's TALK

- Hardware R&D for the full detector
  - Daisy-chaining, data concentration, low-GWP gas, pitch optimisation

• → Welcoming new experimental collaborators!

• Progress w/ sensitivity projections for PBC & FIPs

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ANUBIS collaboration:  
→ unique opportunity to join an exciting project with a unique discovery potential (until FCC)  
→ interesting hardware project with non-trivial electronics component after Phase II



*Gaseous detector R&D, DRD1: FCC long-term goal*

- 2033+: FCC detector construction & exploitation
- 2035+: Run 5 full ANUBIS+ATLAS data taking
- 2033+: bulk ANUBIS deployment in cavern (LS4)
- 2030+: Run 4 partial ANUBIS data taking
- 2028+: partial ANUBIS deployment in cavern (LS3)
- 2026+: ANUBIS detector R&D (electronics, R/O) engineering for cavern deployment
- 2025: proANUBIS data analysis, Letter of Intent
- 2024: PBC model #7 (#8, #9), proANUBIS data taking
- 2023: finalise geometry, PBC model #6, proANUBIS
- 2022: seed funding for proANUBIS
- 2021: ANUBIS location & prototype conception
- 2020: proANUBIS sensitivity studies
- 2019: ANUBIS conception





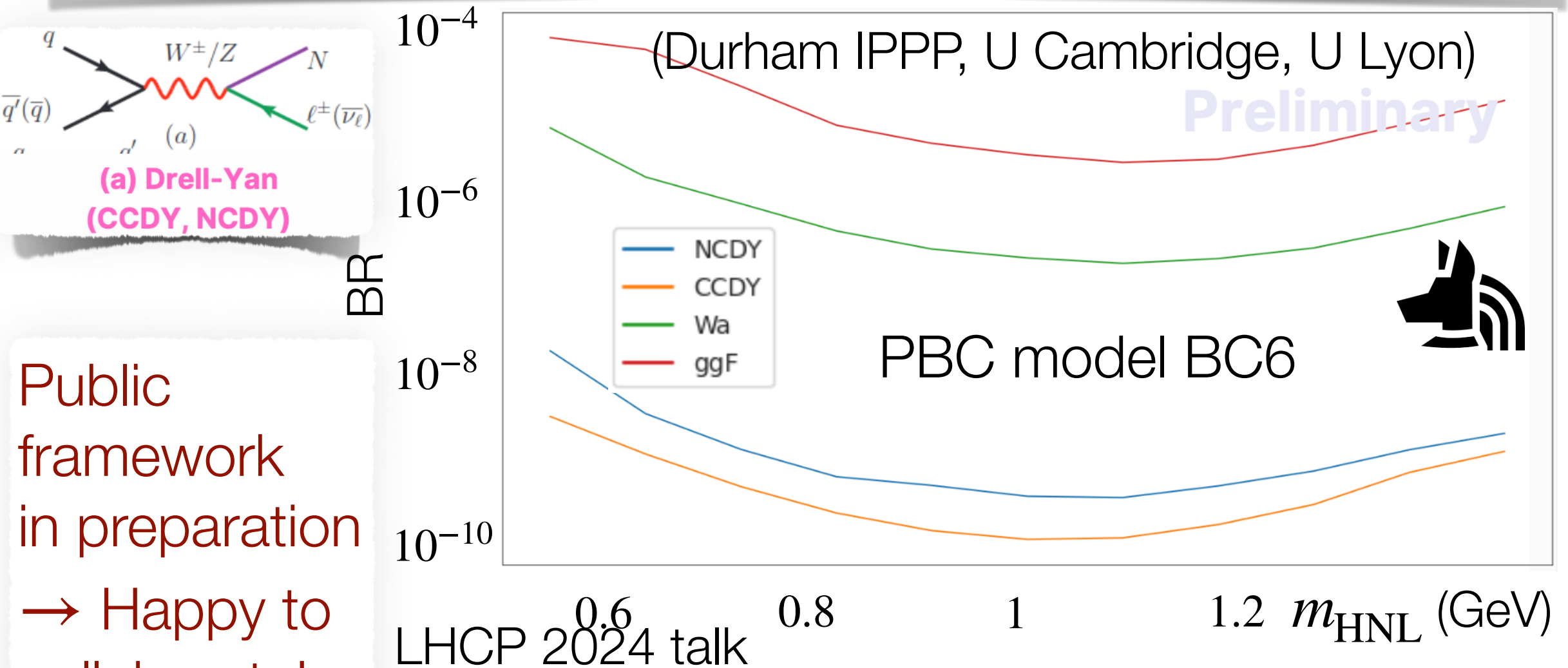
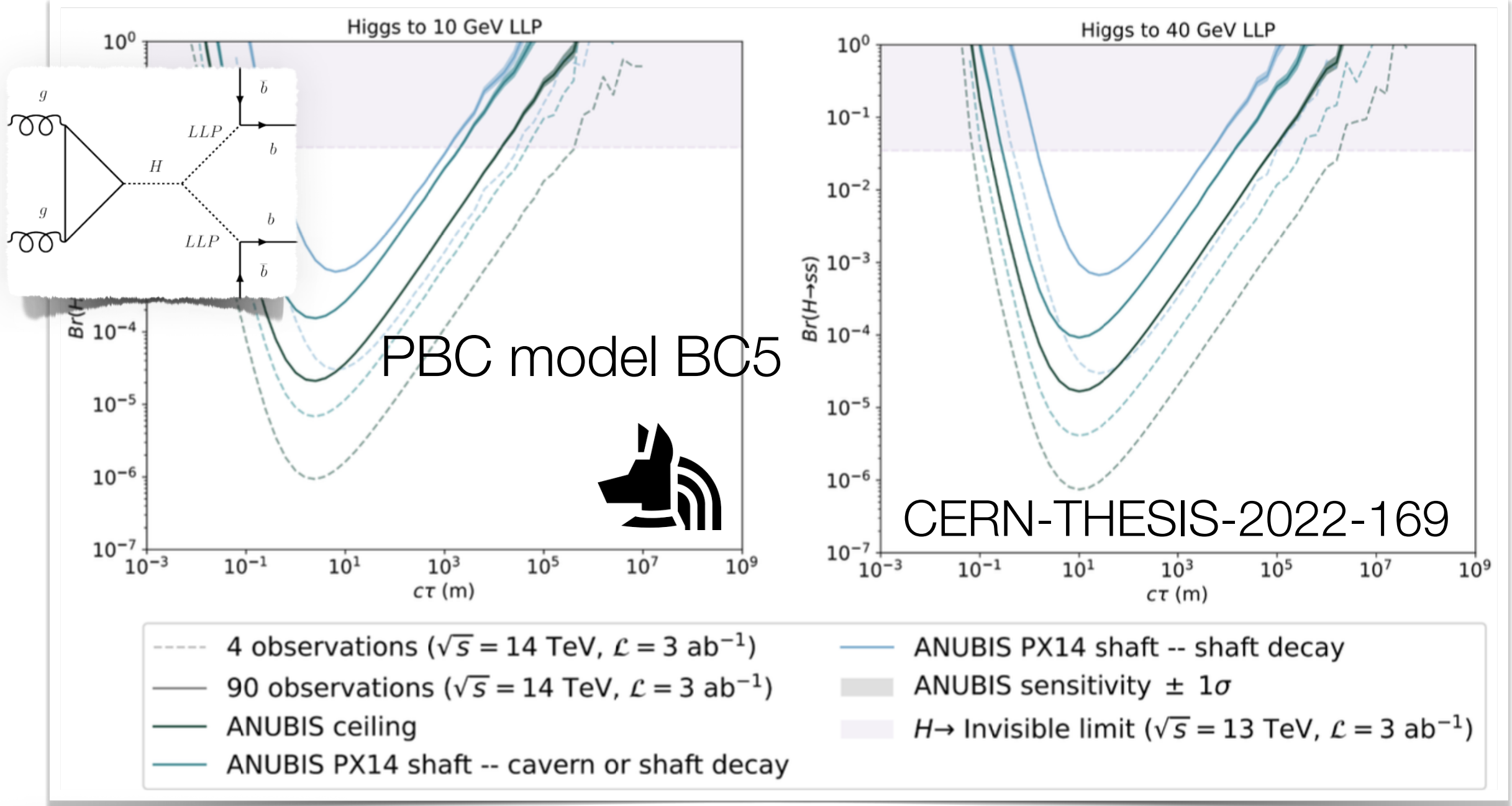
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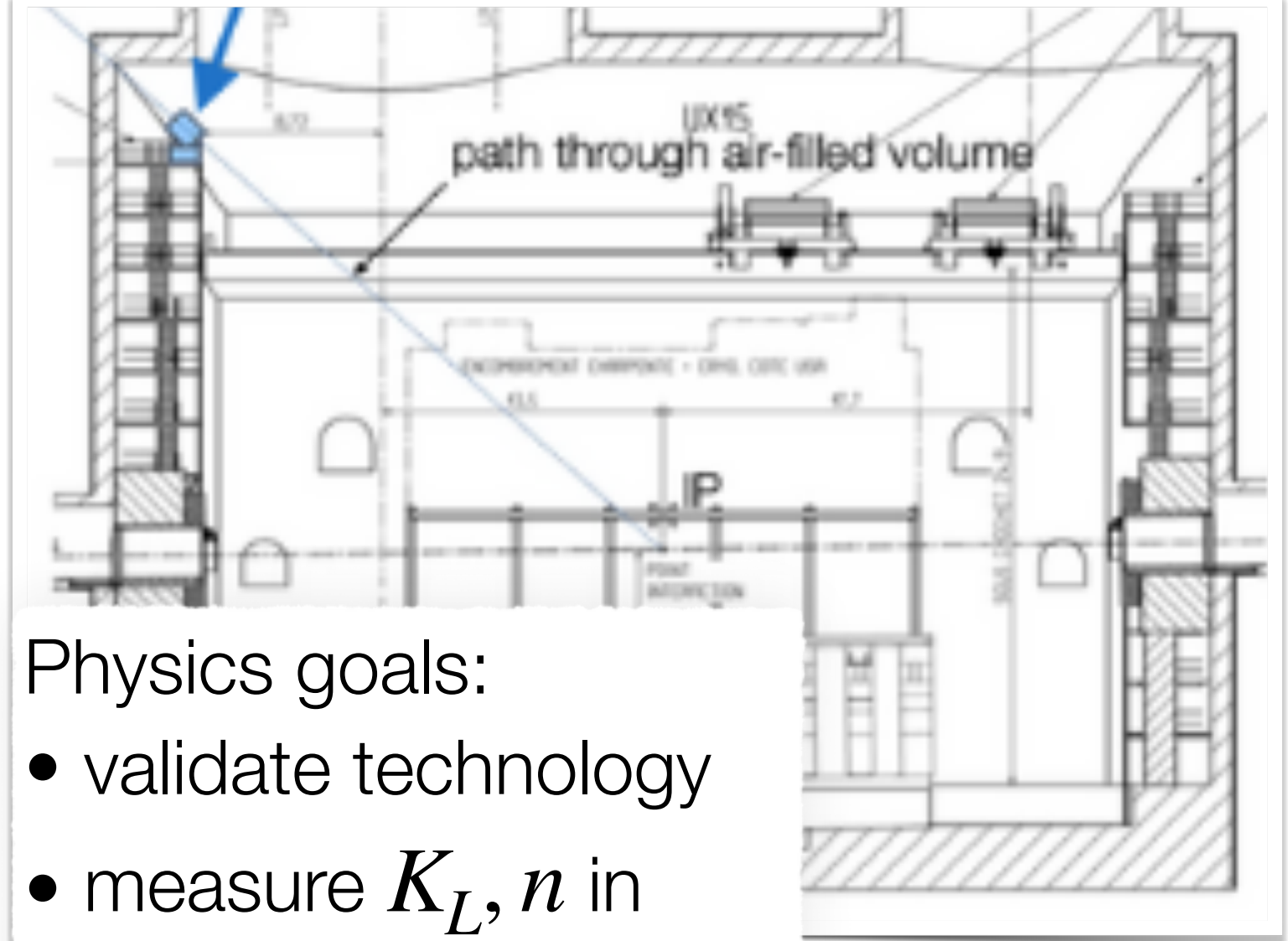




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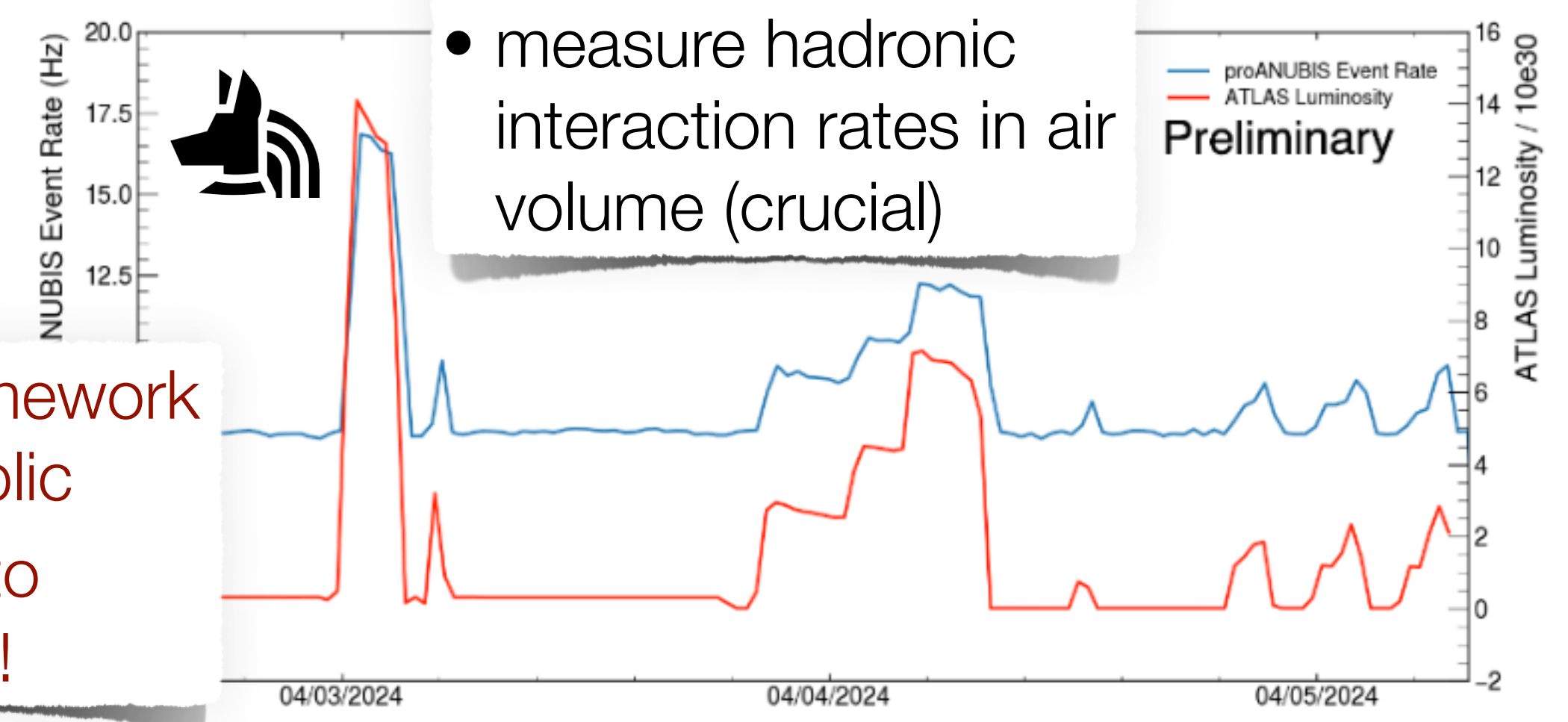


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Data + framework ATLAS-public  
→ Happy to collaborate!





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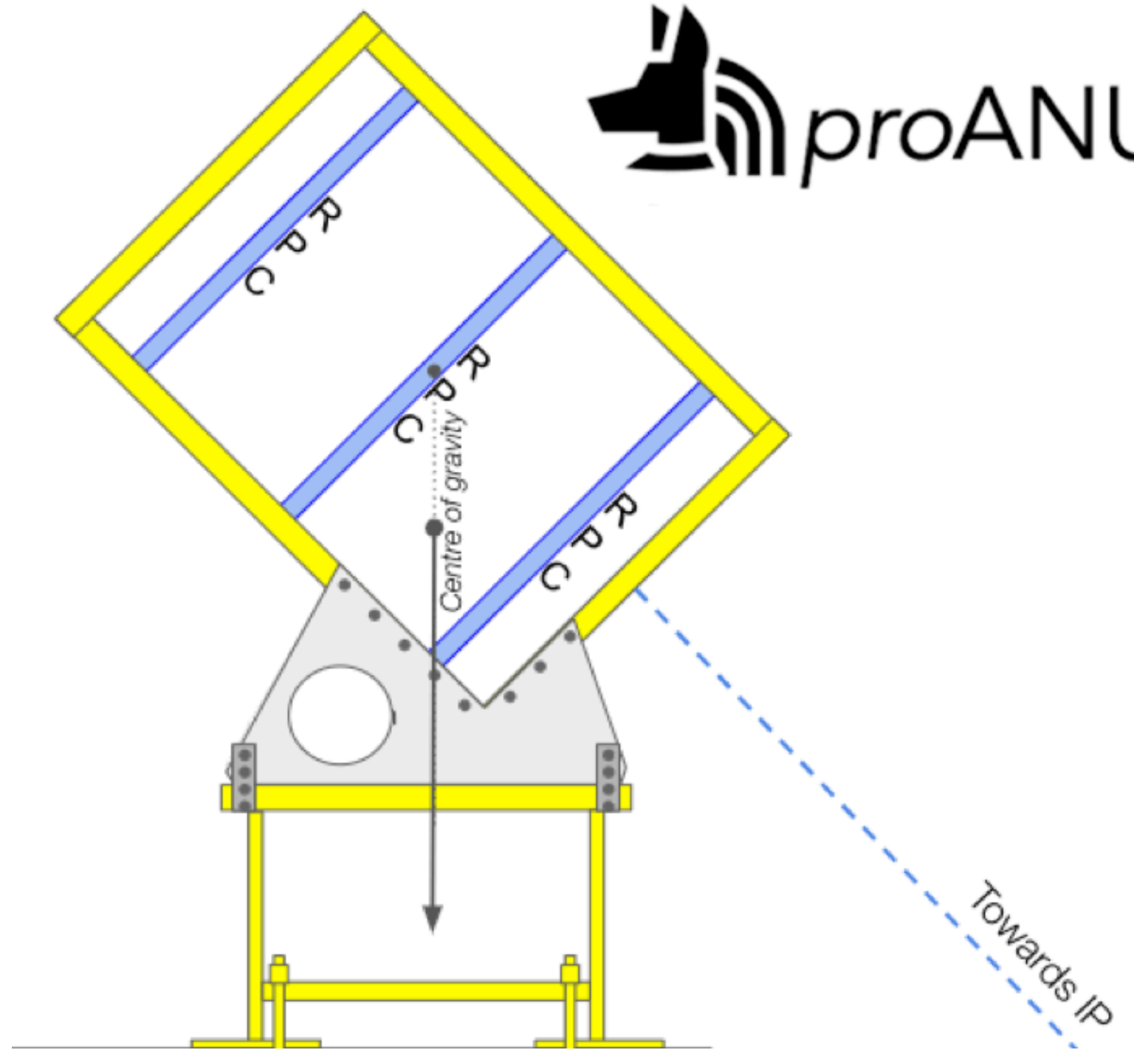




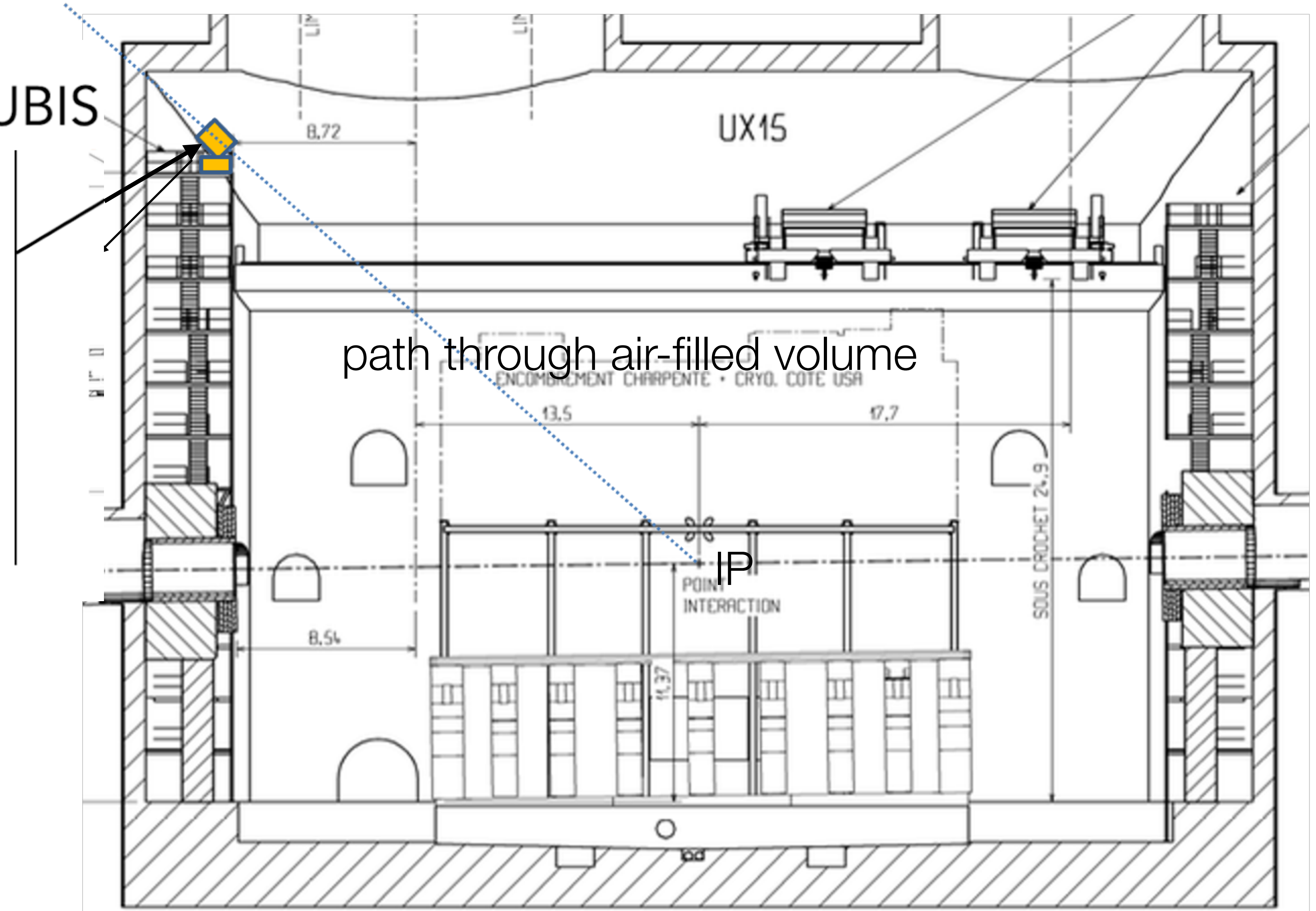
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# proANUBIS location: similar to ANUBIS



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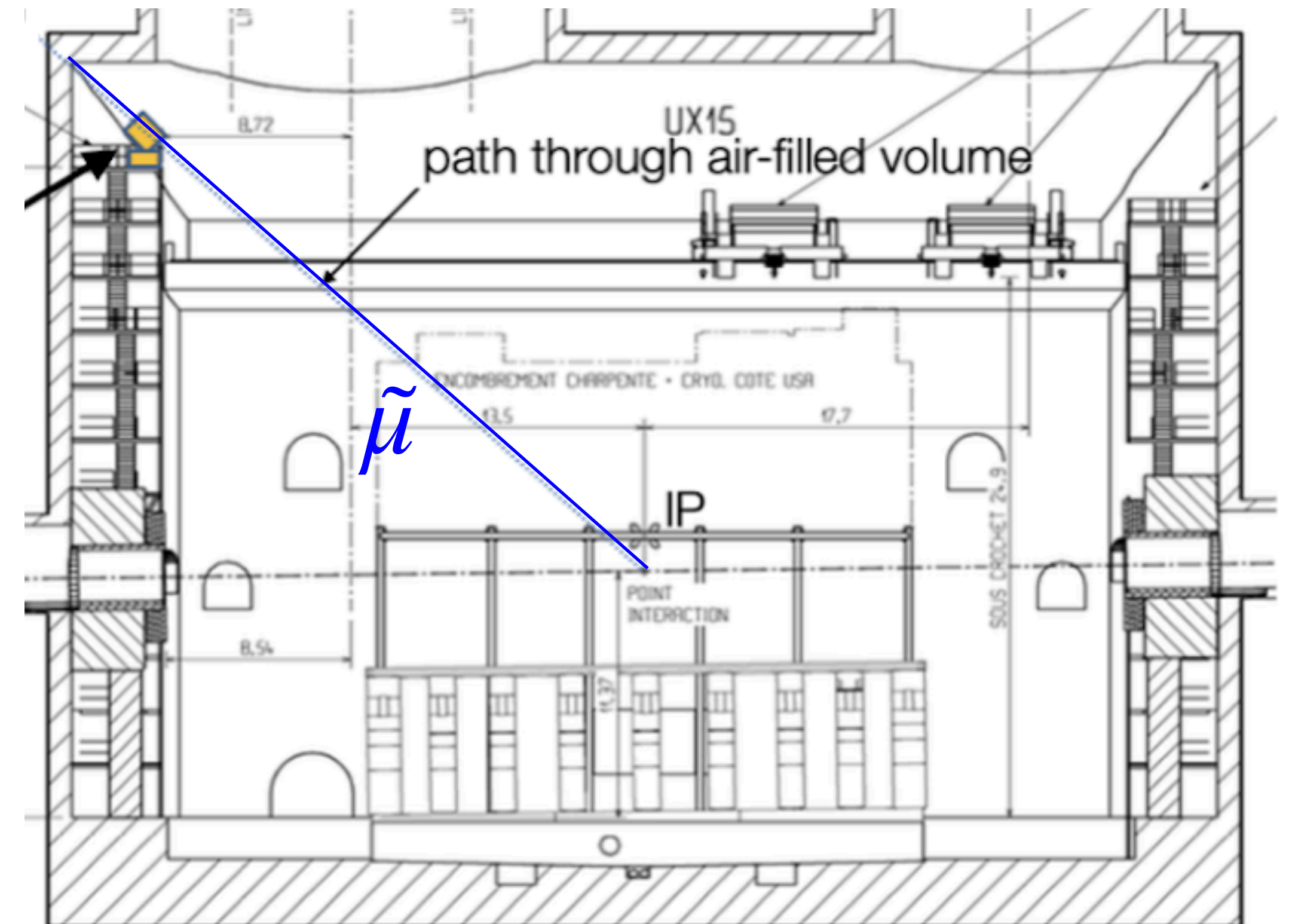


# proANUBIS in Run 3



- Performance goals:
  - Commissioning
  - hit+track efficiency
    - Cosmics
    - pp collisions
- Synchronise ATLAS + proANUBIS
  - Time-stamp events with CTP clock
- Identify events with muons (triggered by single- $\mu$  trigger)
- Track extrapolation to ATLAS
- Measure tracking efficiency:

$$\varepsilon = \mu_{\text{ID proANUBIS}} / \mu_{\text{ID ATLAS}}$$

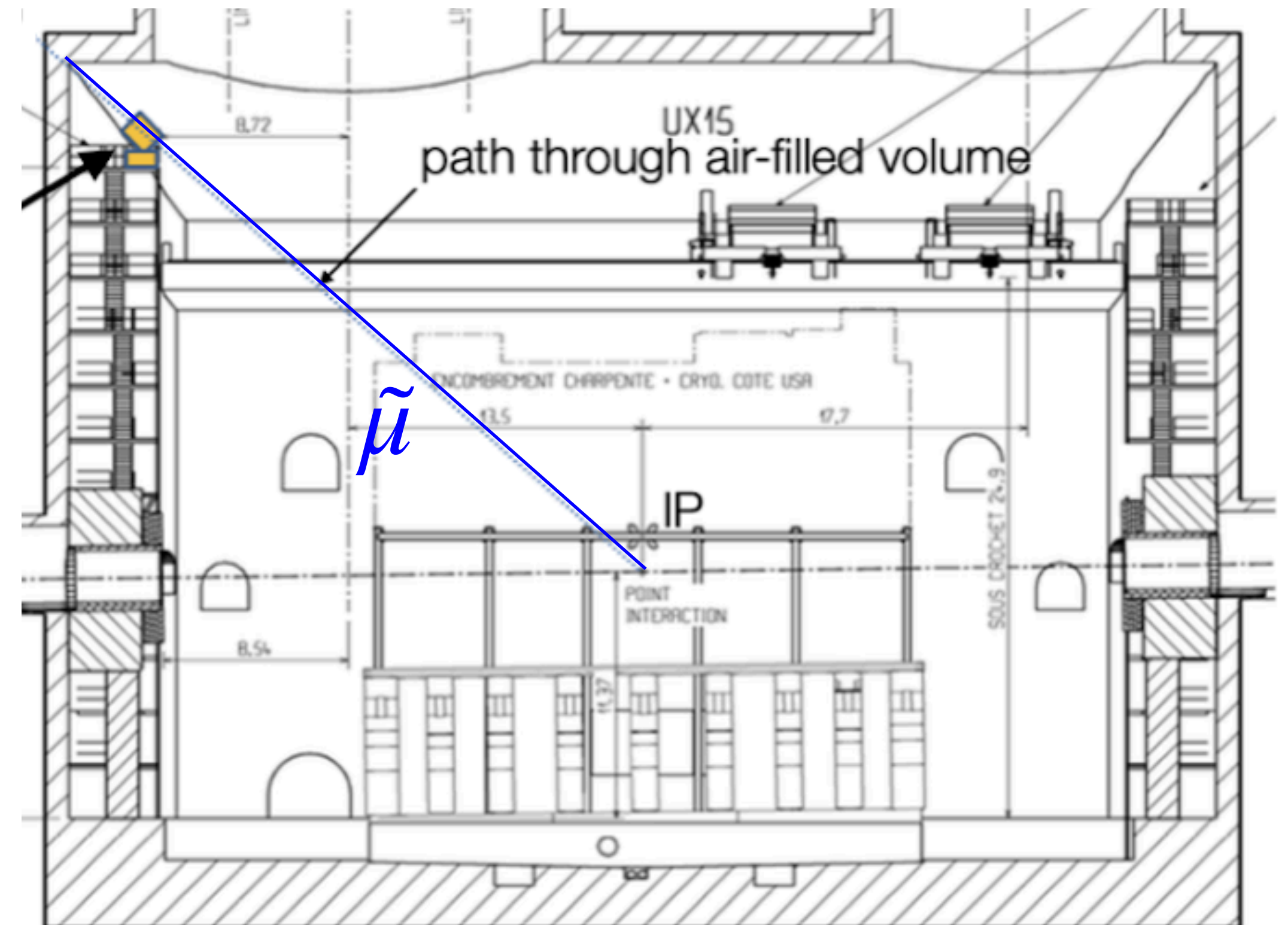




# proANUBIS in Run 3



- Physics goals:
  - Measure rate of charged hadrons from punch-through jets
    - $\rightarrow$  same  $\epsilon_{\text{reco}}$  as for  $\mu$ ?
- Punch-through enriched region:
  - jet pointing towards proANUBIS
- Background-enriched region:
  - jet as above, aligned with  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$

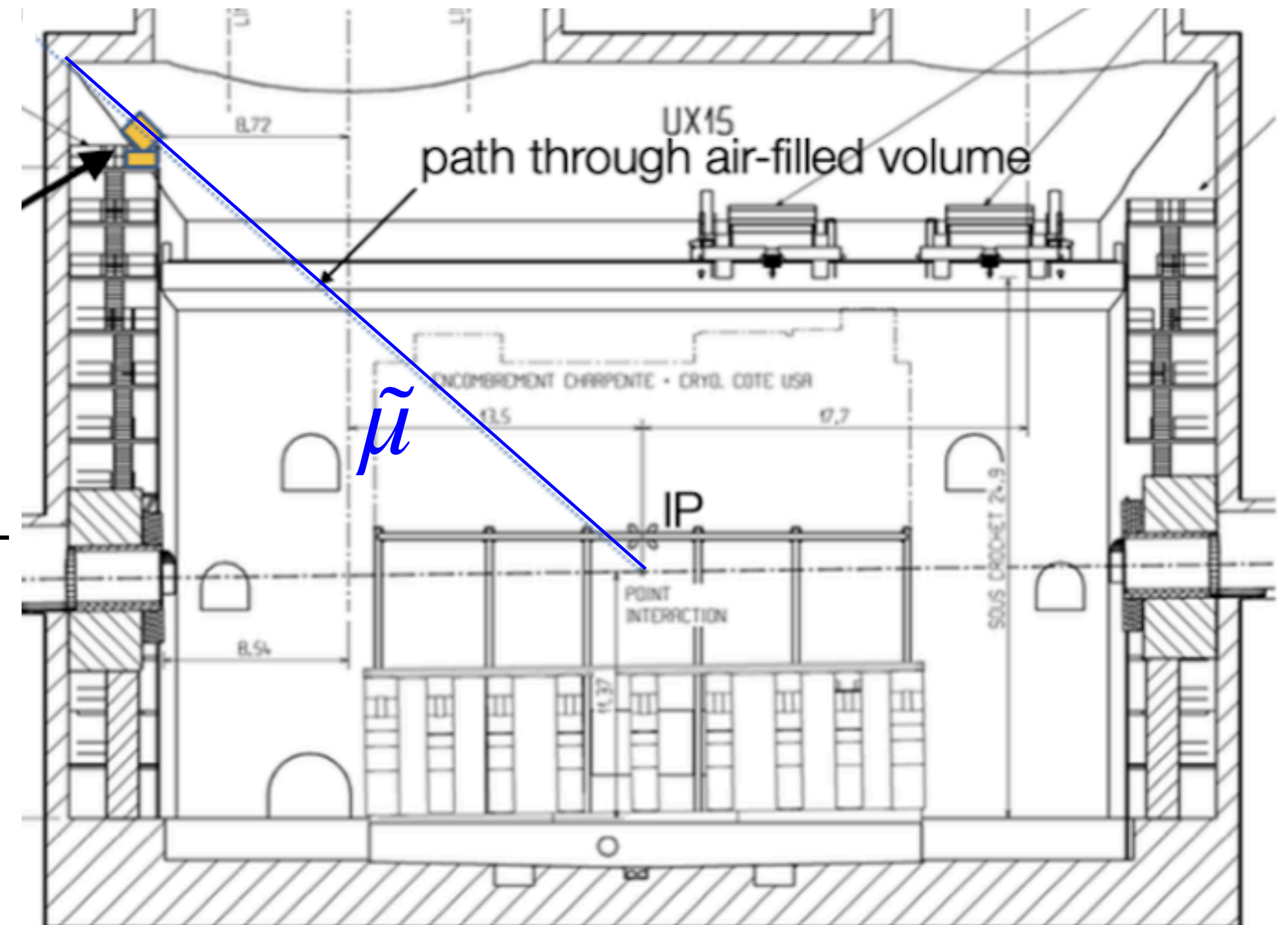




# proANUBIS in Run 3



- Physics goals
  - Measurements in punch through-enriched region
    - Measure rate of charged hadron interactions with material:
      - material-dense (steel)
      - air
    - Measure rate of  $K_L, n$  in background-enriched region
      - material-dense (steel)
      - air
  - Good handle to validate Geant4 simulations!







# Background studies for ANUBIS





# Aside: angular resolution

- Consider decay into two particles — this is the most challenging case!
  - Higher multiplicity → easier reconstruction & (even) lower backgrounds
- Assume mediator at EW scale (e.g. 125 GeV Higgs):

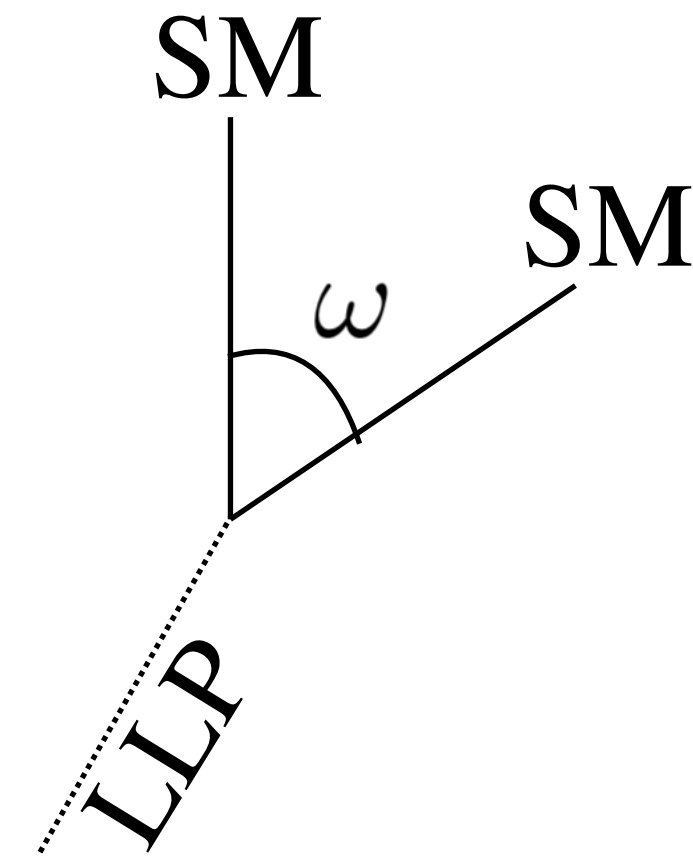
$$m_{\text{med}} \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$$

- Average boost from pure kinematics:

$$\frac{m_{\text{med}}}{2m_{\text{LLP}}} \implies m_{\text{LLP}} \approx \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{med}} \cdot \omega$$

- Assume symmetric LLP decay

$$\delta\omega \approx \sqrt{2} \cdot \delta\alpha$$







# ANUBIS: backgrounds

ATLAS detector for background reduction:

- passive shield:  
calorimeter depth  $\sim 10$  nuclear interaction lengths  $\lambda_I$
- *active veto*:  
high- $p_T$  neutral SM LLPs ( $n, K_L$ ) typically come from energetic jets  
and give no large  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$

Almost background-free by requiring  $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 30$  GeV

Require isolation in  $\Delta R(DV, x)$  from inner detector tracks, calorimeter jets, muon spectrometer tracks

→ Active veto by *ANUBIS triggering the readout of ATLAS*

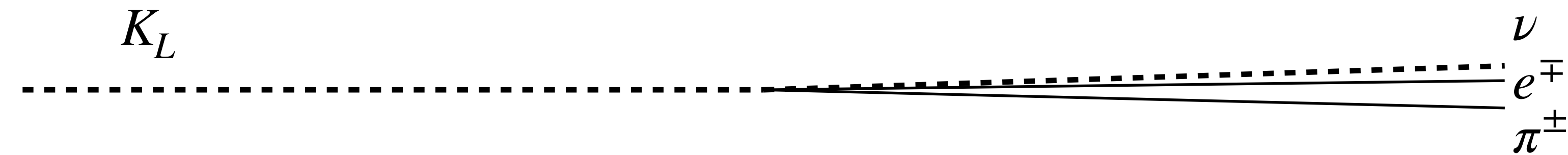




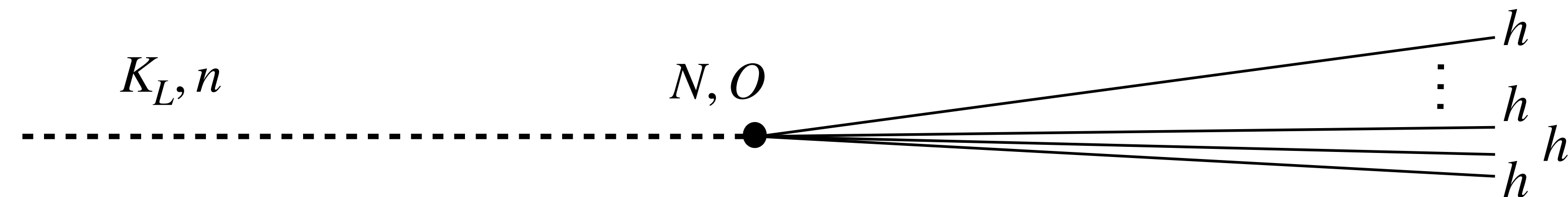
# ANUBIS: backgrounds

Two main background mechanisms to enter the signal region:

- Decay ( $K_L$  only,  $c\tau \approx 14$  m):



- easy to discriminate:  
2 charged, collimated tracks
- Hadronic interactions of  $n, K_L$ :



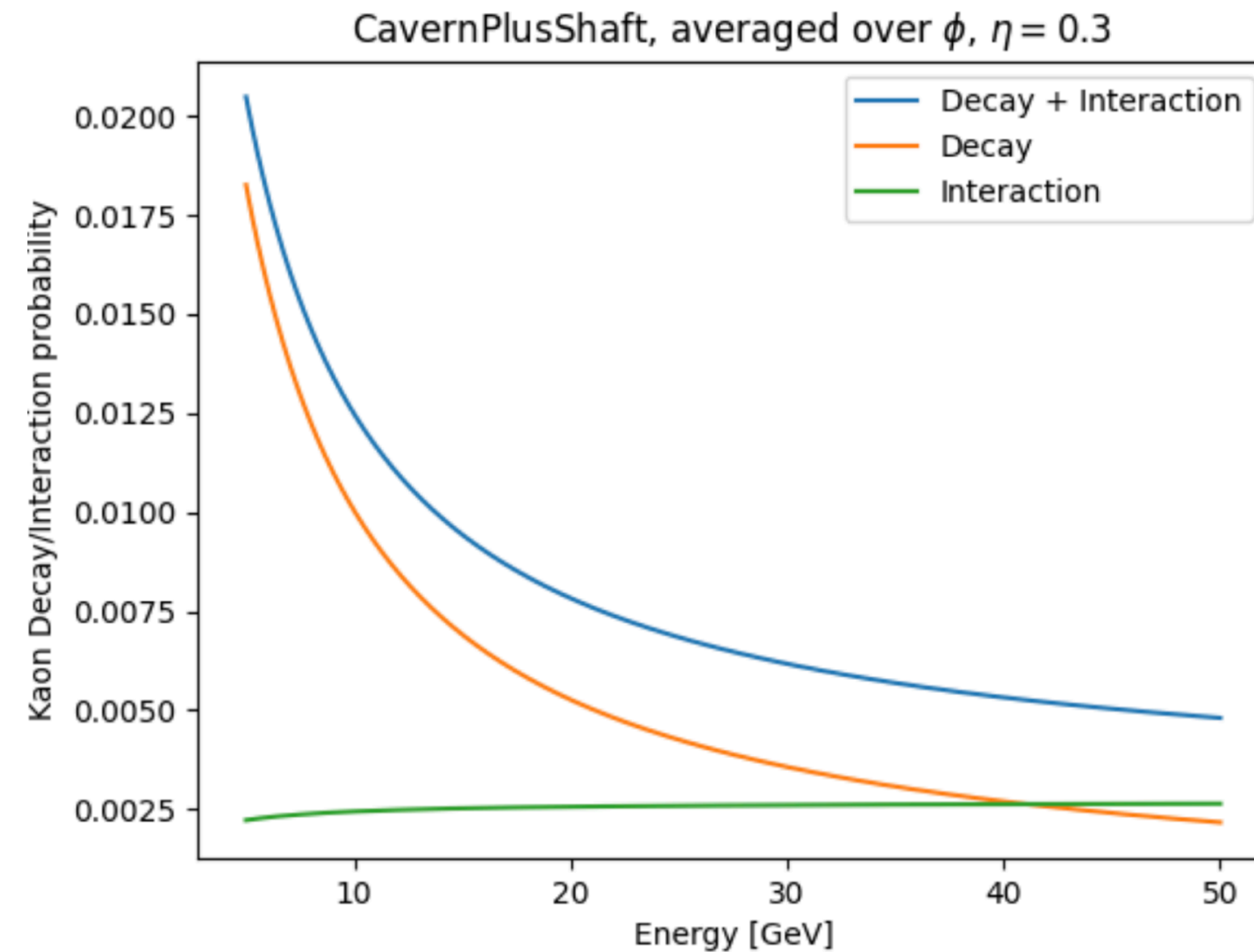
- Decimate by fiducialising the signal region for LLP decays:
  - accept vertices from **air-filled** region only ( $\Lambda_{\text{free}} \approx 800$  m)



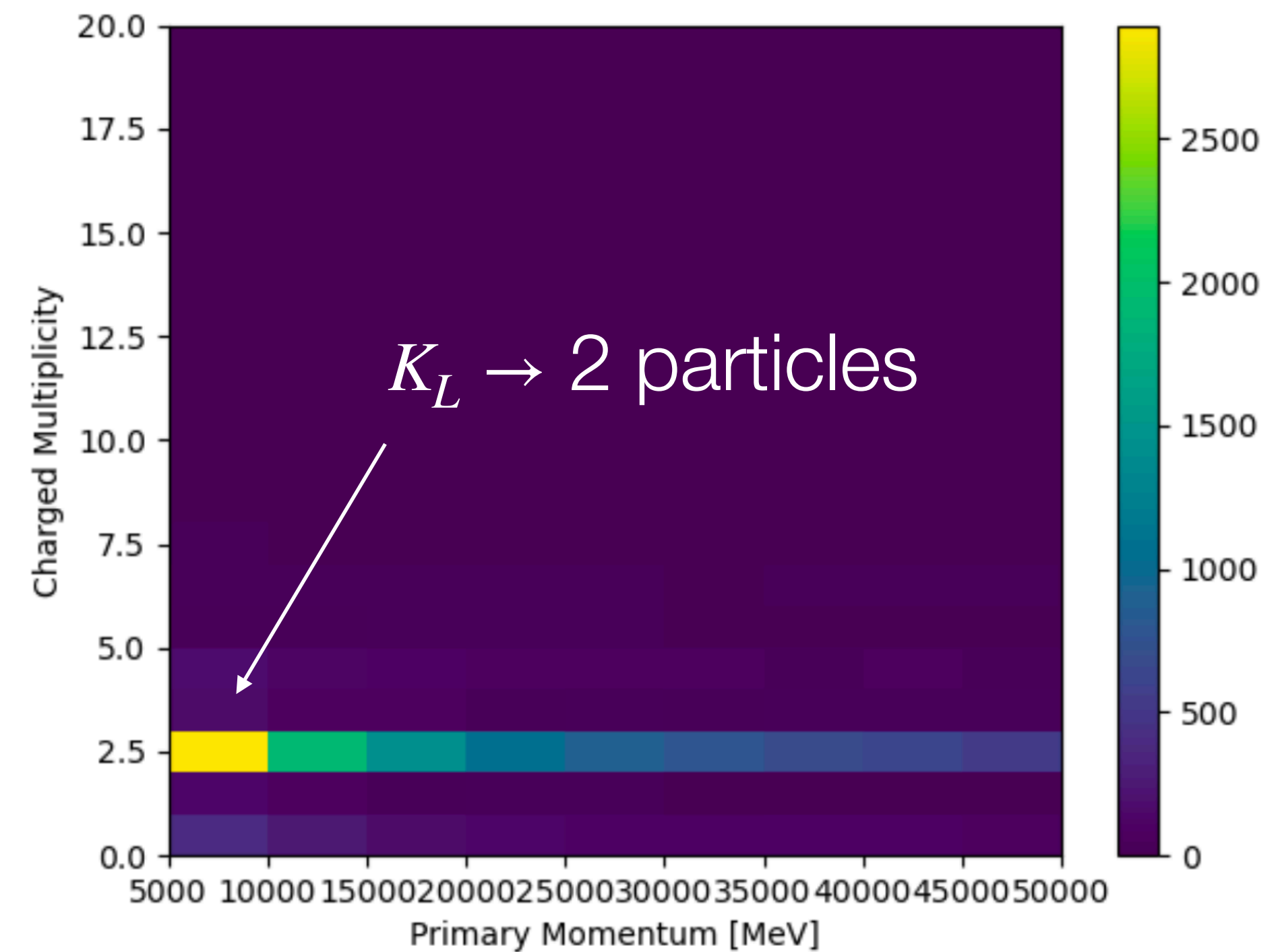
# ANUBIS: backgrounds: $K_L$



Decays typically dominate:



Detailed Geant4 studies:  
 $K_L, n$  with  $E = 5, 10, \dots, 50$  GeV  
on cylinder of air of 100 m depth

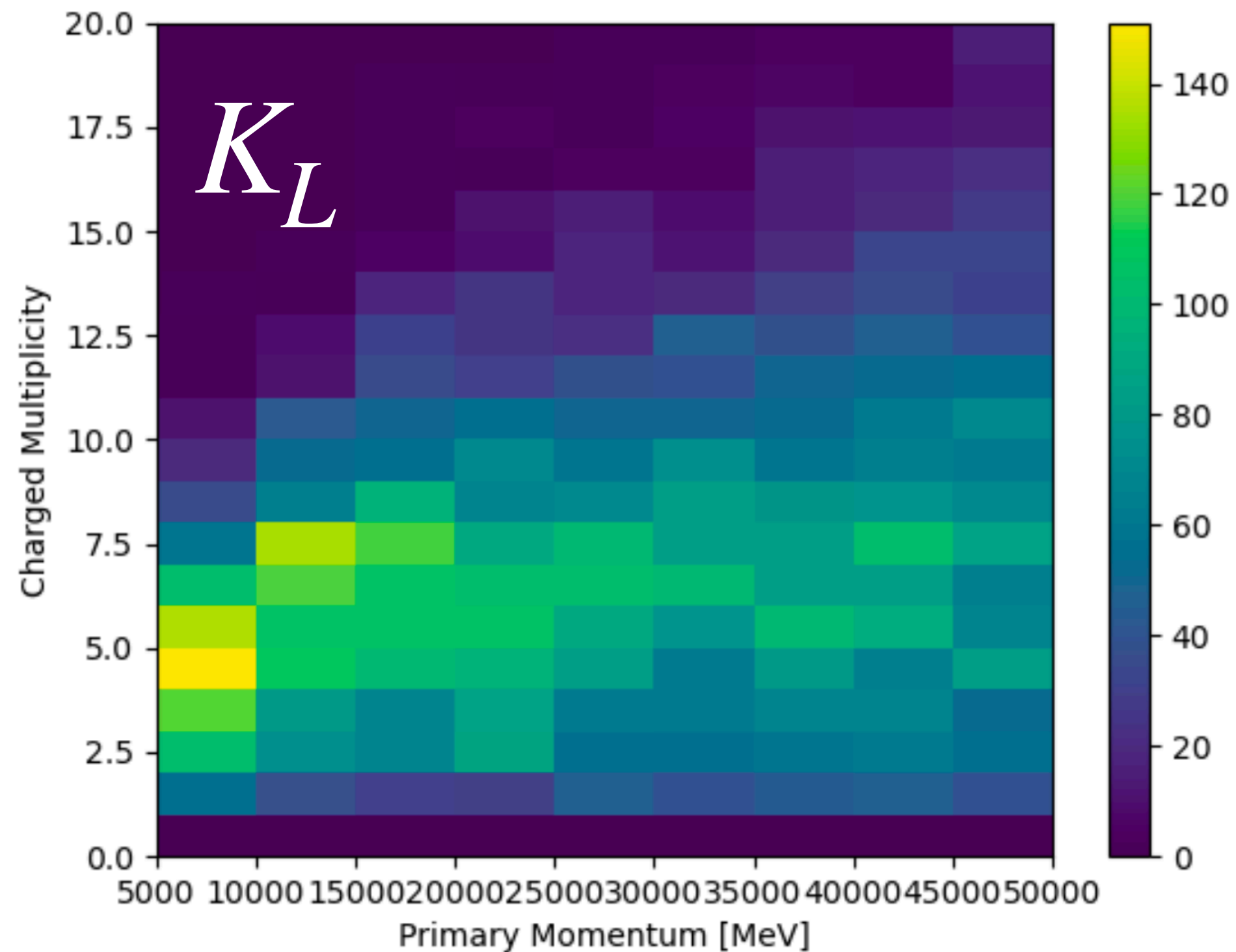




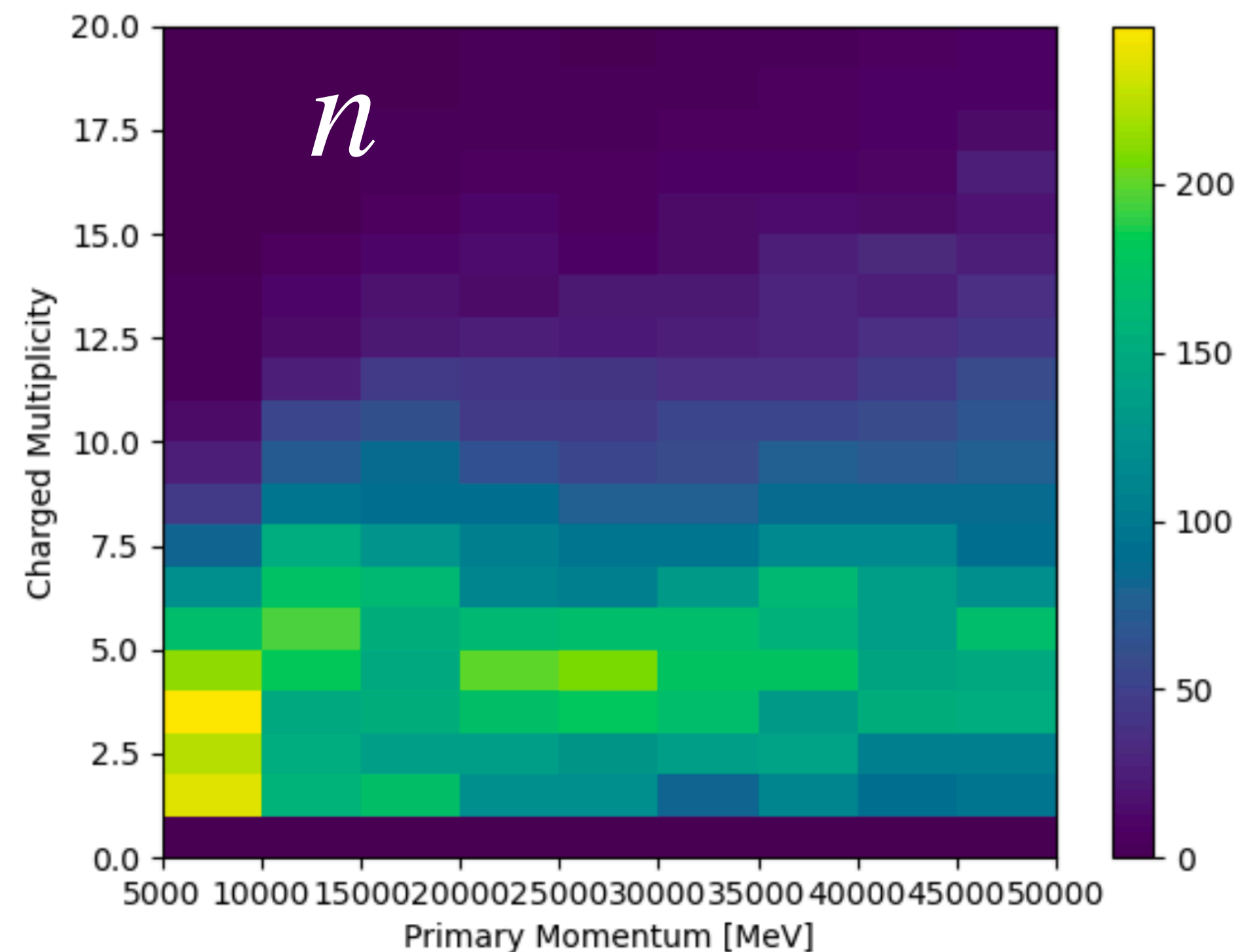
# ANUBIS: backgrounds



Hadronic interactions as background from Geant4 studies



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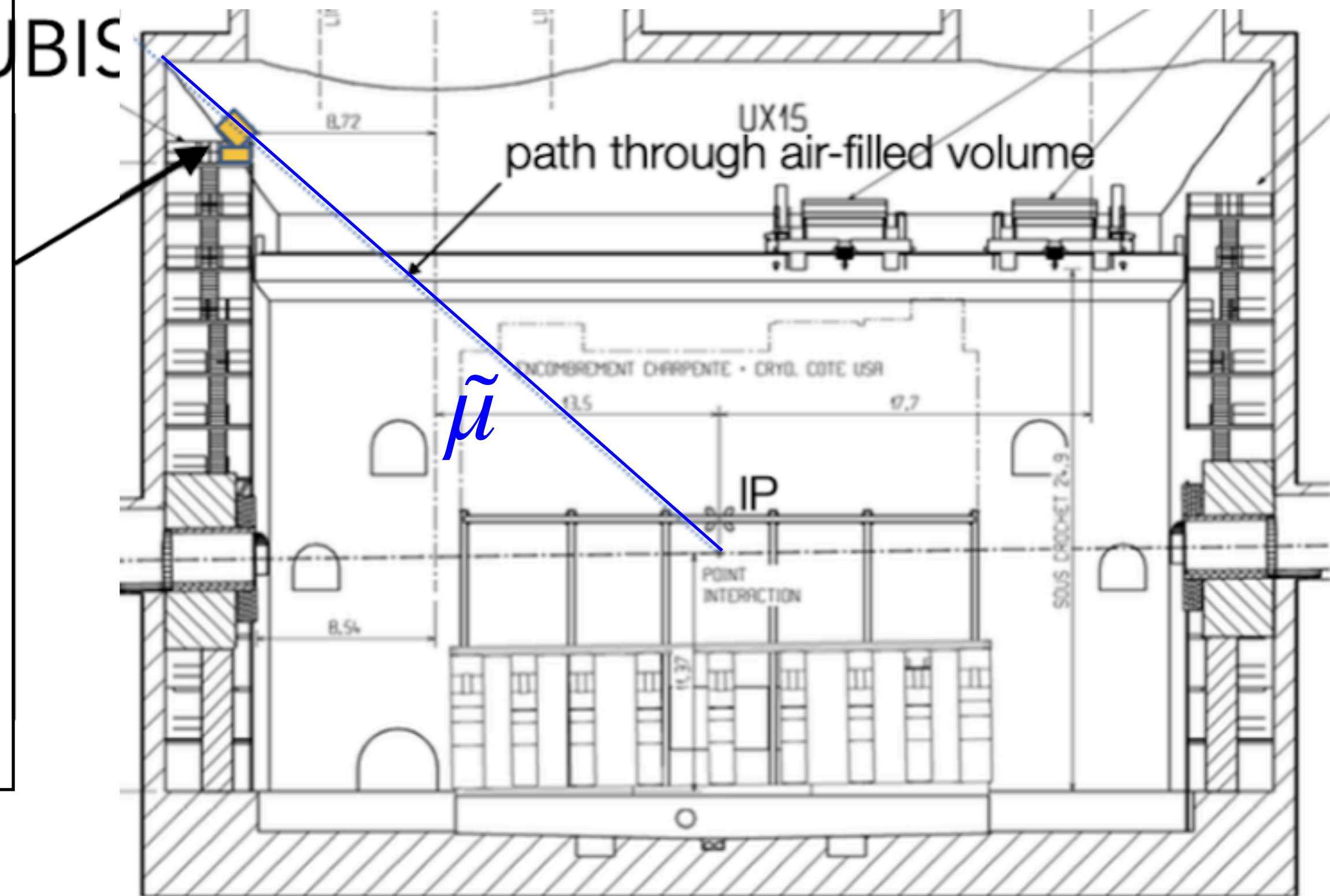
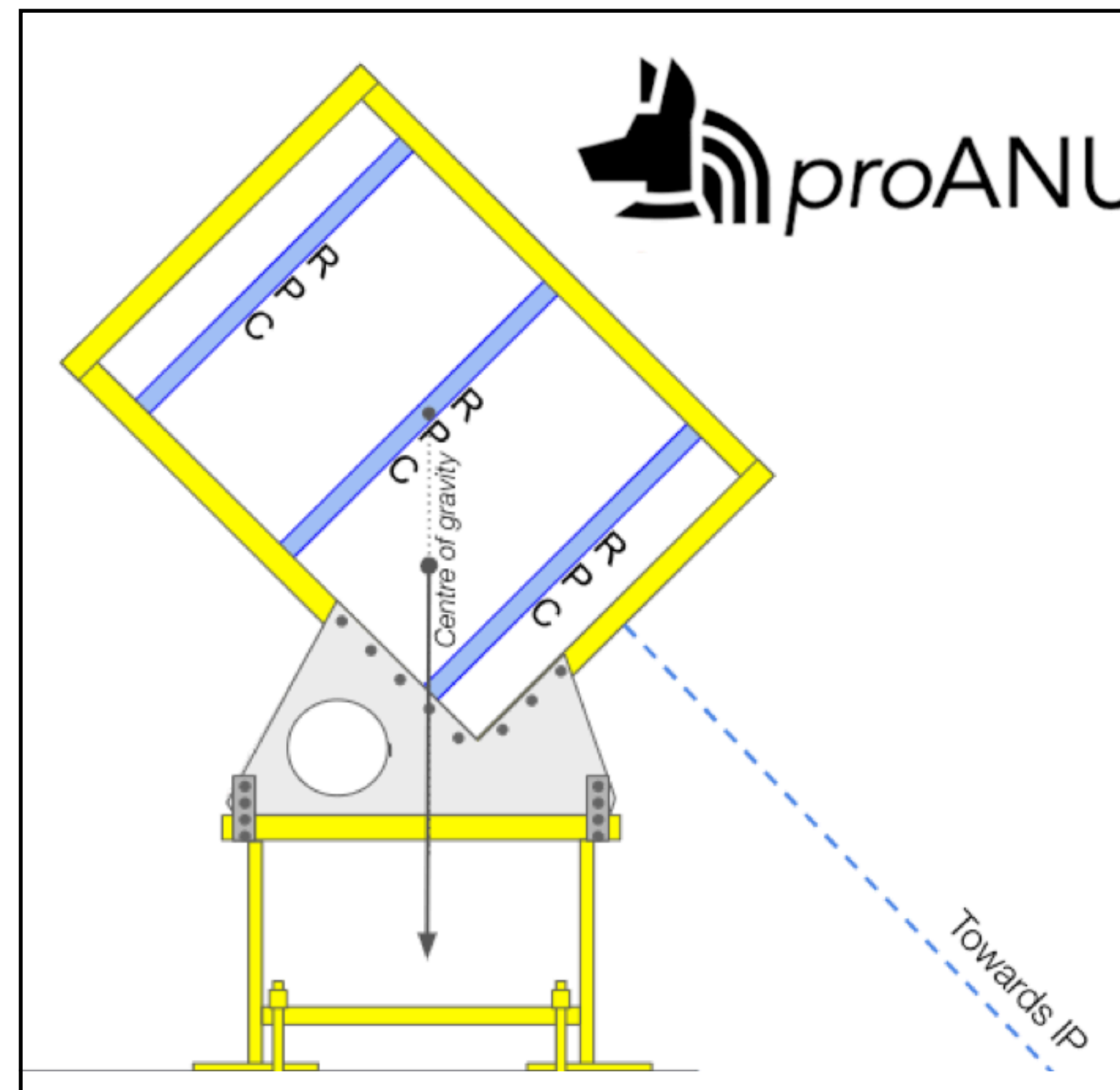


Unique sensitivity of proANUBIS  
to whacky new BSM models?



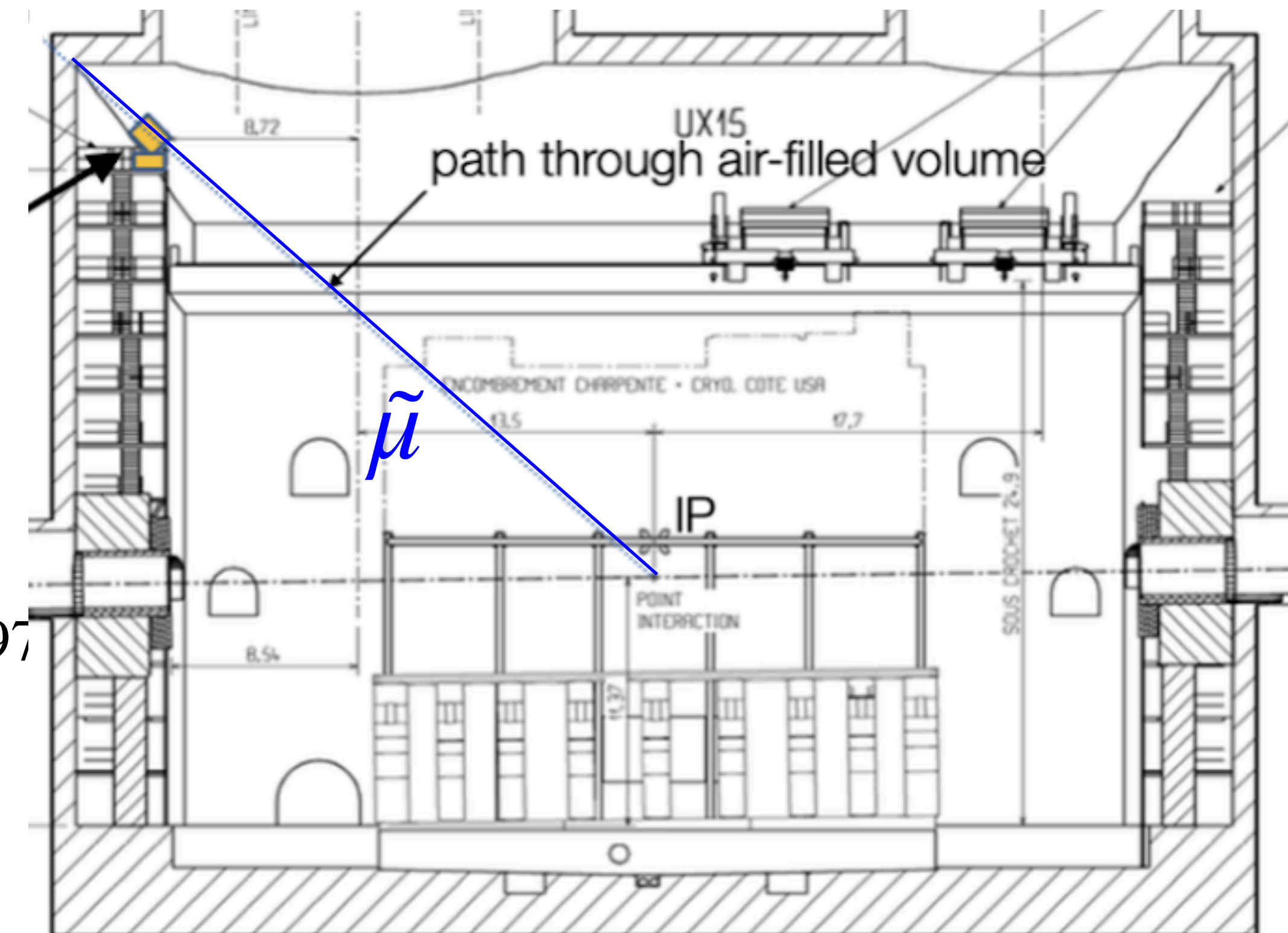


- Tracking station element — two RPC triplets of  $\sim 1 \times 2$  m, 1 m apart
- **Measure fluxes** in PX14 shaft & **correlate** to ATLAS (Run 3)
- Is there any unique BSM sensitivity for proANUBIS?

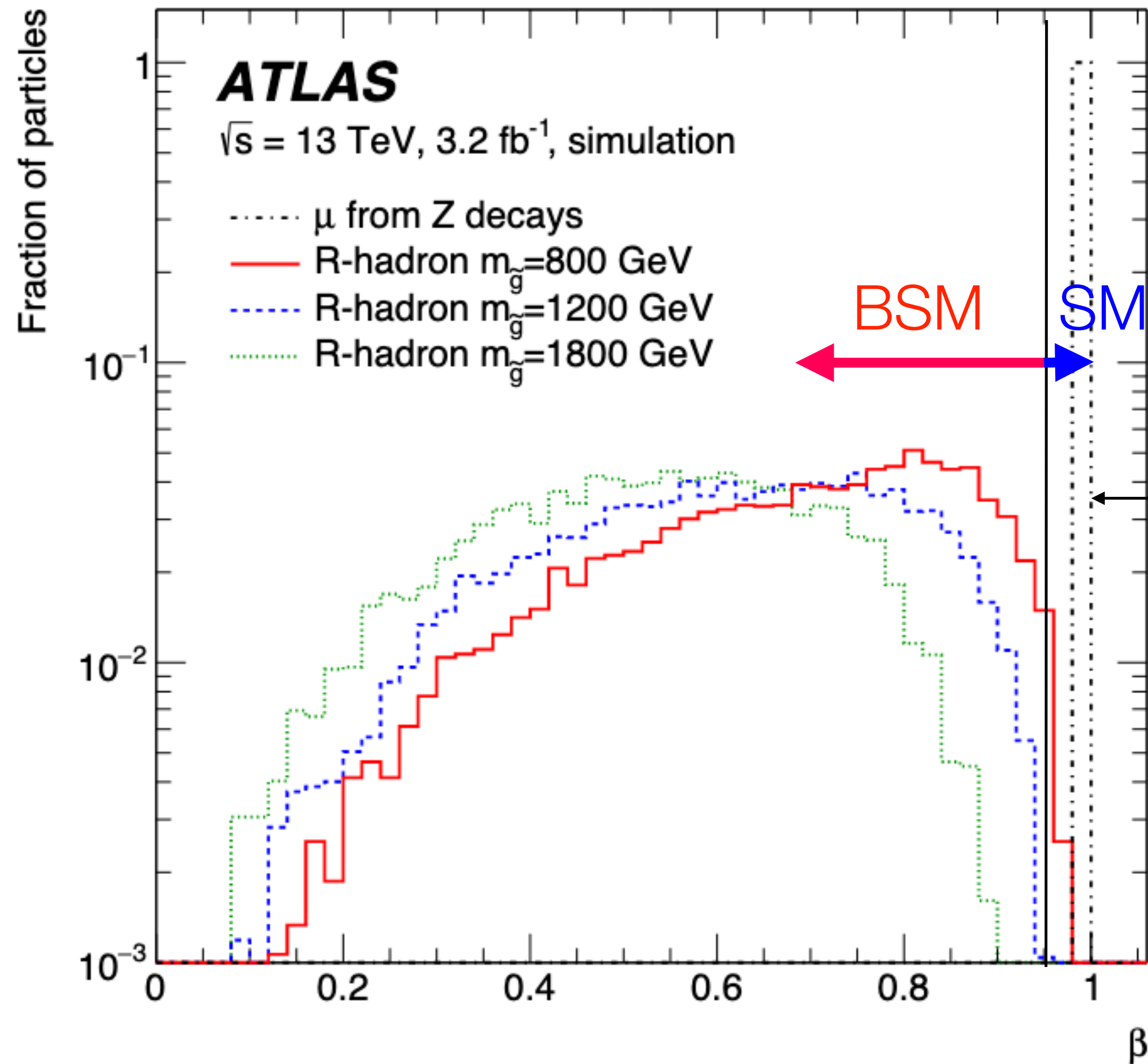




- Can we explore some uniquely accessible phase space?
- Example signature:
  - massive “muons”  $\tilde{\mu}$ : look like SM  $\mu$  in the detector, but smaller  $\beta$  due to much larger mass (e.g.  $m_{\tilde{\mu}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ )
  - ATLAS: difficult to probe if  $\beta \simeq 1$  ( $\beta$  resolution 2%)
  - proANUBIS has better chances:
    - larger distance from interaction point (ToF)
    - better timing precision (<300 ps)
      - $\rightarrow$  Resolution on velocity  $\beta$  of  $\delta\beta \approx 0.3\%$ !
      - $\Rightarrow$  **measurable difference** between  $\beta = 1$  and  $\beta = 0.997$
- **Models where precision in  $\beta$  can be leveraged???**







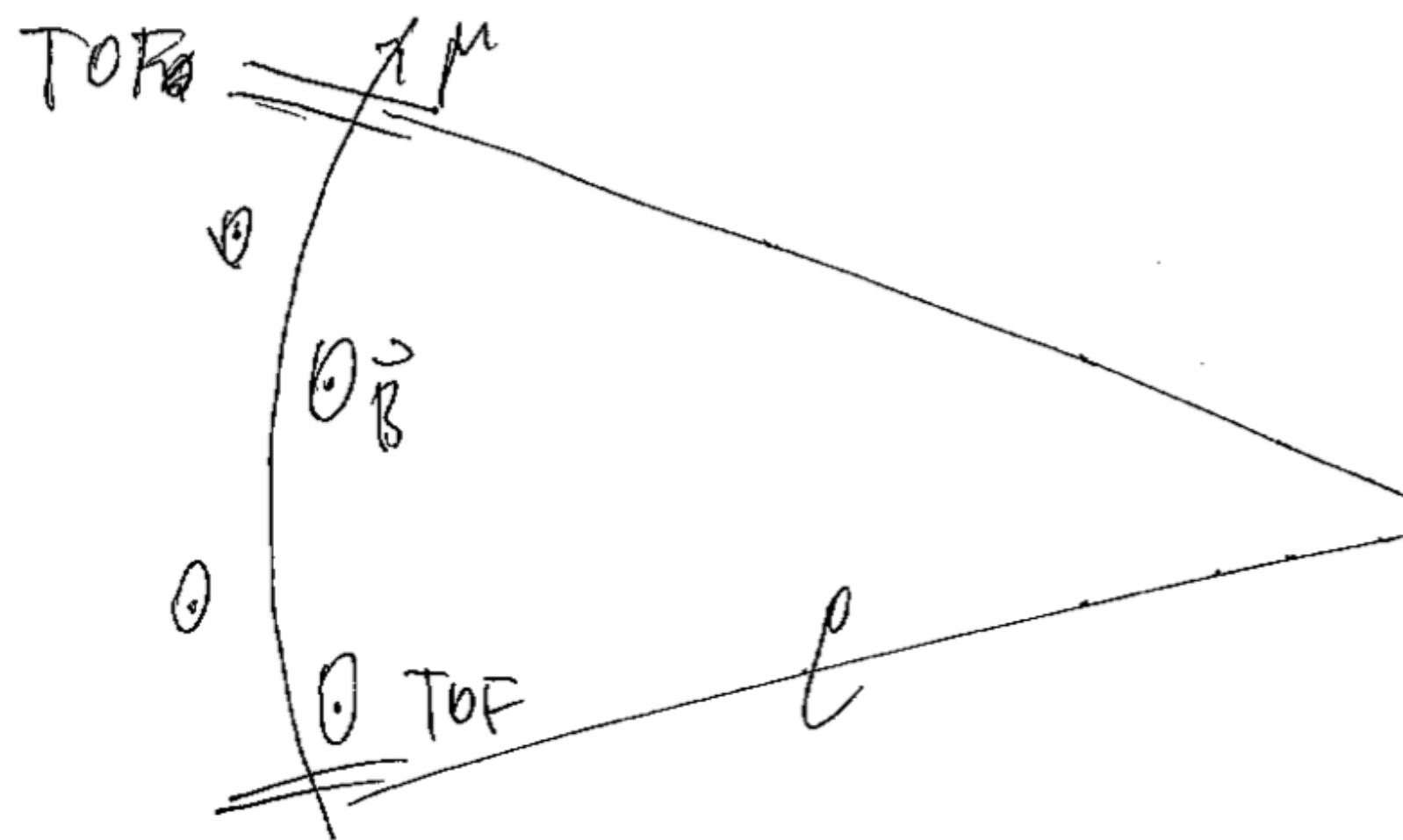
Note:  
 Plot is truth-level!  
 After reconstruction,  
 this peak would be  
 smeared with the detector  
 resolution:

- $\delta_\beta \approx 0.02$  for ATLAS
- $\delta_\beta \approx 0.003$  for proANUBIS



- massive "muons"  $\tilde{\mu}$ : look like normal SM  $\mu$  in the detector, but smaller  $\beta$  due to much larger mass (e.g.  $m_{\tilde{\mu}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ )

Testing for A massive "muons" with ANUBIS



TOF: determine  $\beta$   
[and  $\gamma$ ]

Get momentum  $|\vec{p}| =: p$   
from magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ :

$$\frac{1}{R} = q \frac{B}{p} \leftarrow \text{known}$$

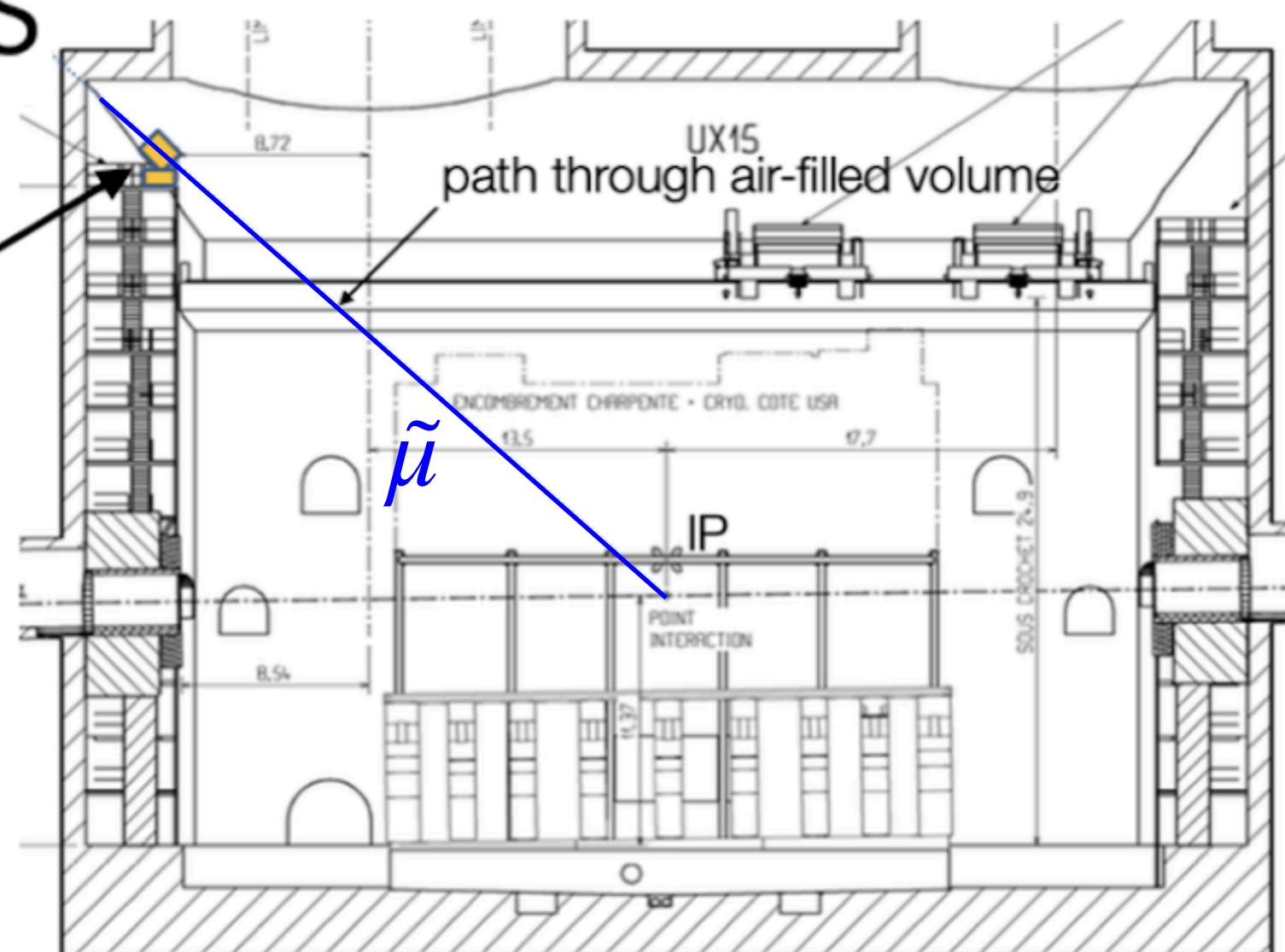
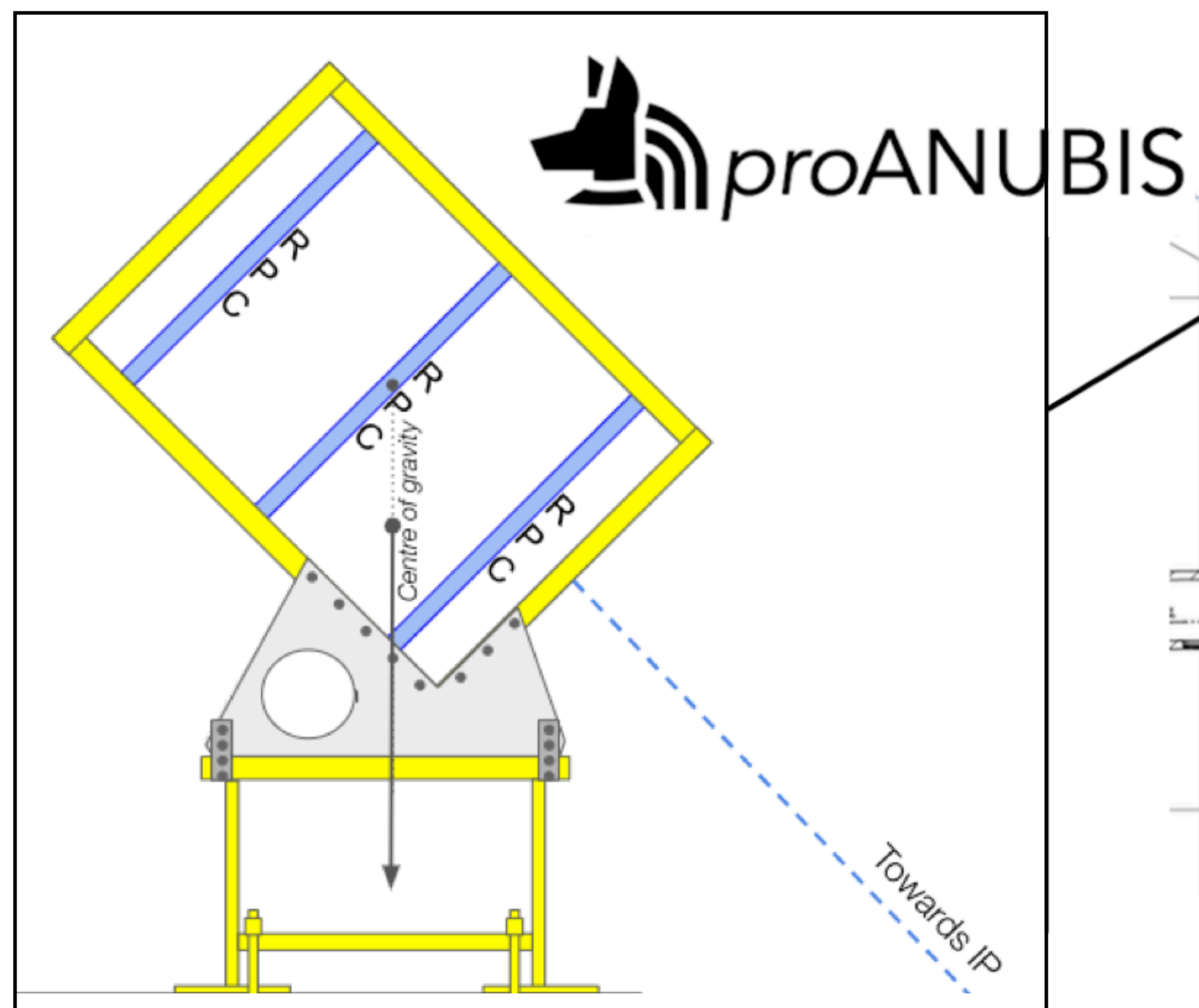
$\rightarrow$   $\frac{1}{R}$  measure  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{p}{q}$

get from TOF

$\Rightarrow$  can determine  $\frac{q}{m}$

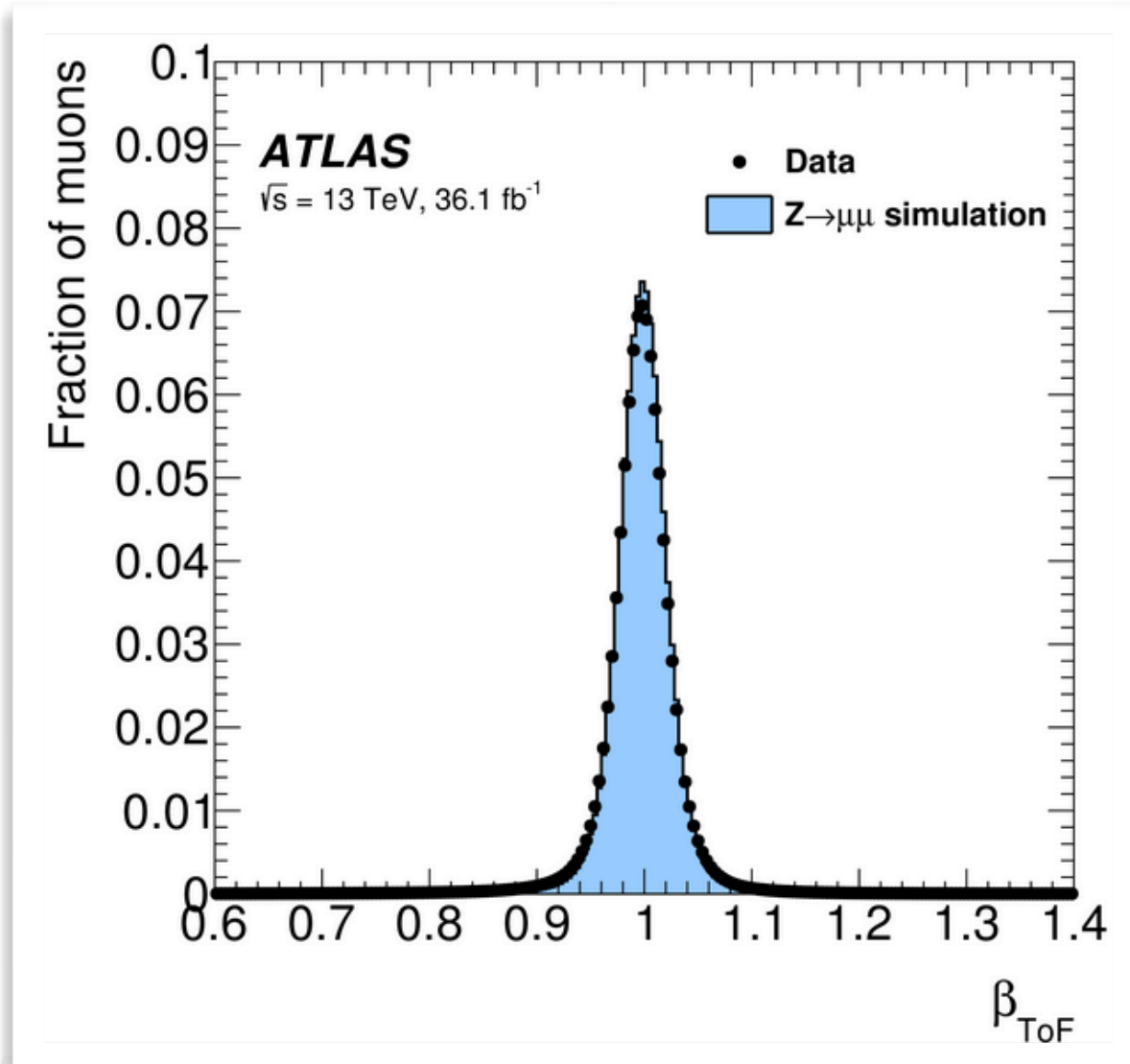
or  $\underline{m}$  when assuming  $q = q_e$



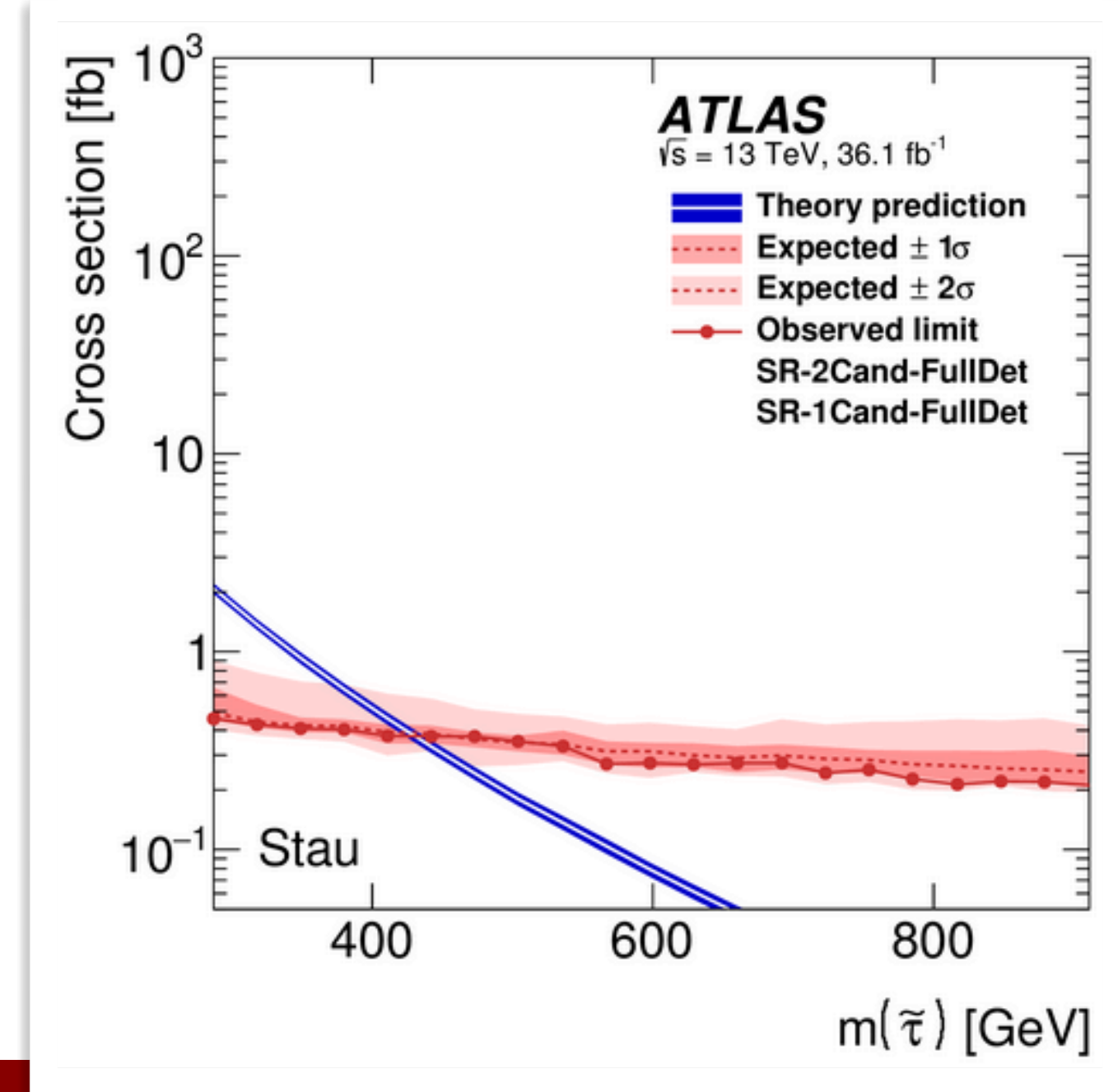
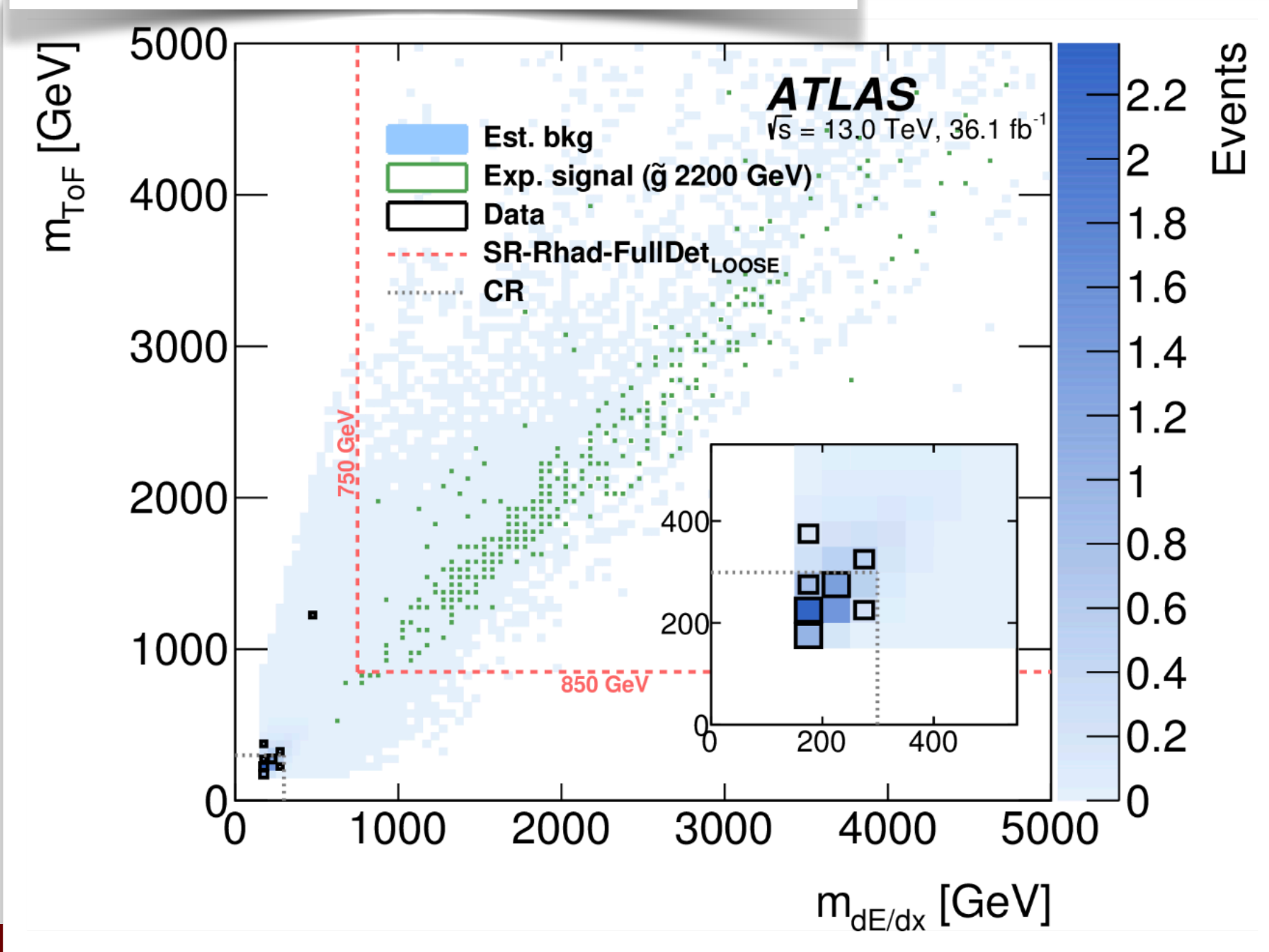


- Solid angle coverage:  
 $2 \text{ m}^2 / 25 \text{ m}^2 \approx 0.08$
- Large integrated luminosity:  
 $\approx 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in Run 3
- Superb velocity / ToF meas't:  
 $\delta_\beta = 0.003$

# Search for heavy charged long-lived particles in the ATLAS detector in 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> of proton–proton collision data at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV



A search for heavy charged long-lived particles is performed using a data sample of 36.1 fb<sup>-1</sup> of proton–proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV collected by the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider. The search is based on observables related to ionization energy loss and time of flight, which are sensitive to the velocity of heavy charged particles traveling significantly slower than the speed of light. Multiple search strategies for a wide range of lifetimes, corresponding to path lengths of a few meters, are defined as model-independently as possible, by referencing several representative physics cases that yield long-lived particles within supersymmetric models, such as gluinos/squarks (*R*-hadrons), charginos and staus. No significant deviations from the expected Standard Model background are observed. Upper limits at 95% confidence level are provided on the production cross sections of long-lived *R*-hadrons as well as directly pair-produced staus and charginos. These results translate into lower limits on the masses of long-lived gluino, sbottom and stop *R*-hadrons, as well as staus and charginos of 2000 GeV, 1250 GeV, 1340 GeV, 430 GeV and 1090 GeV, respectively.







# Overview of sensitivity to HNLs

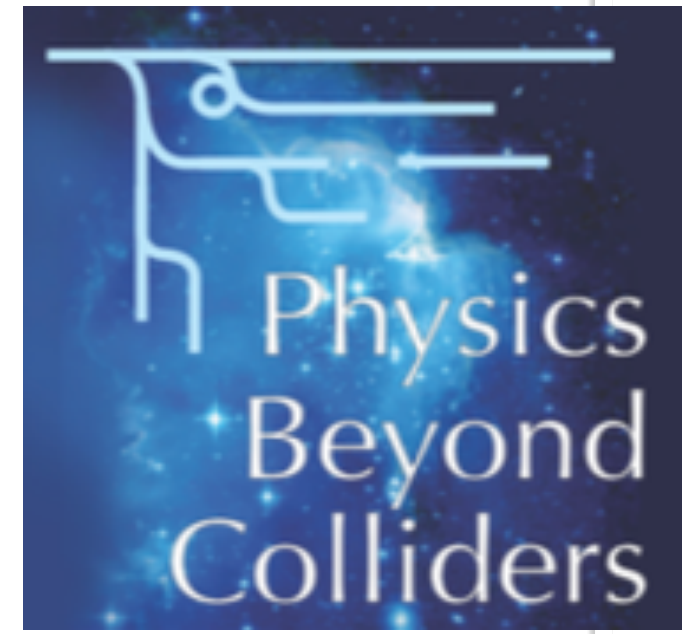


- Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNL) / RH neutrinos: natural feature in models relating to small  $\nu$  mass
  - e.g. Type-I Seesaw [2,3].

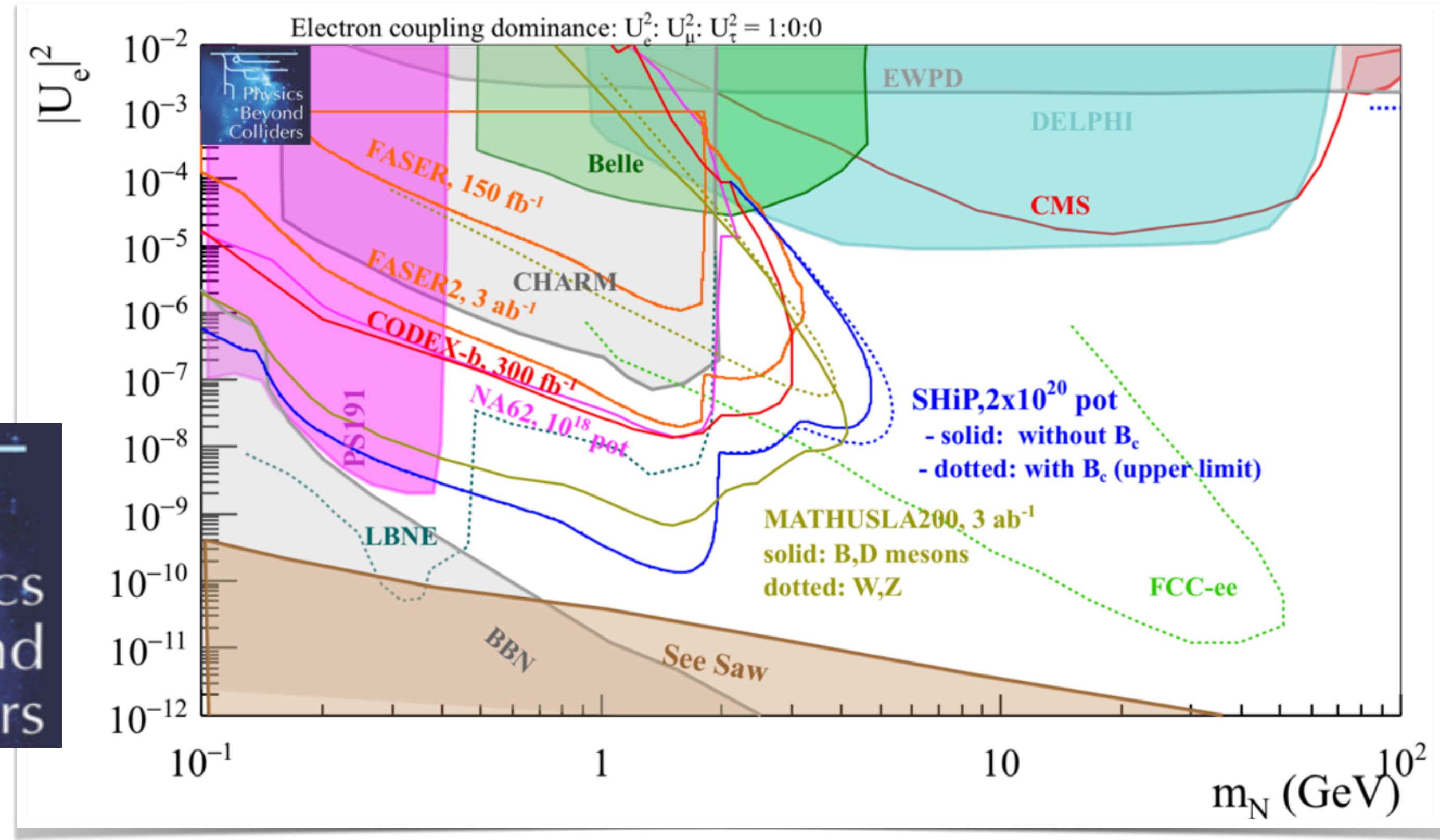
$$\mathcal{L}_N^M = \frac{i}{2} \overline{N_I^R} \not{\partial} N_I^R - y_{I\alpha} \overline{N_I^R} \tilde{\phi}^\dagger L_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \overline{N_I^R} M_{IJ} (N_J^R)^C + \text{h.c.}$$

- $\rightarrow$  HNLs mix with SM neutrinos:
 
$$\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \sum_I U_{\alpha I} N_I$$
  - small HNL- $\nu_{SM}$  mixing  $\rightarrow$  LLP

- HNLs excellent LLP benchmark target
  - Well-defined theoretical framework.
  - Strong physics motivation



- Physics Beyond Colliders (PBC):
  - HNLs feature in 3 / 11 benchmarks suggested by PBC in 2019



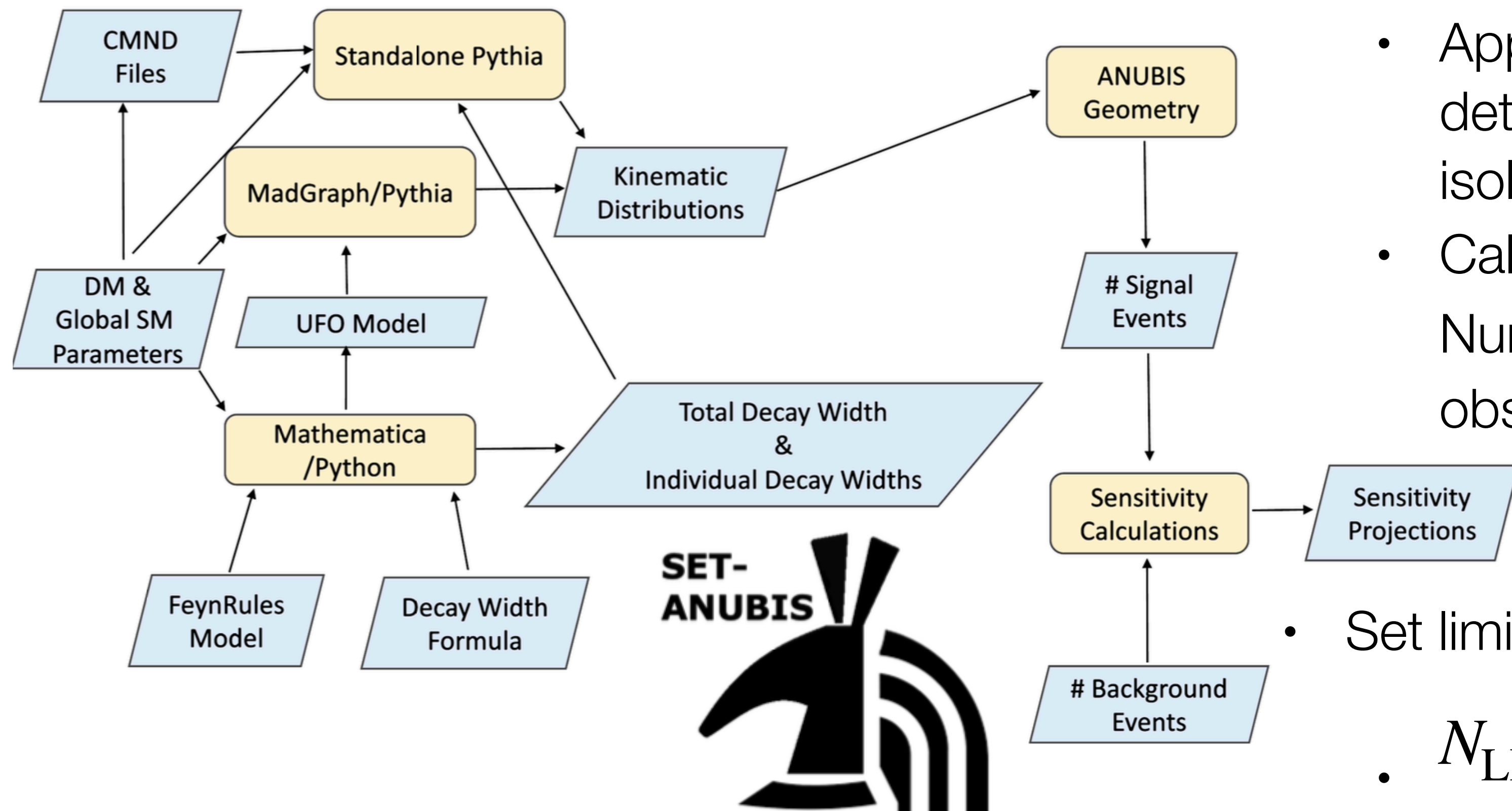
“HNLs ... are one of the simplest extensions of the SM accounting for neutrino masses and mixings, baryogenesis and potentially also dark matter. BC6, BC7 and BC8 correspond to an HNL interacting exclusively with the e,  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  neutrinos, respectively.”





## SET-ANUBIS:

Generic sensitivity study framework



### Methodology:

- Simulate LLP model (MadGraph, Pythia etc.):
- Apply Selection: detector acceptance, background removal e.g. isolation requirements
- Calculate sensitivity: Number of LLP candidates ( $N_{LLP}$ ) required for observation

### Set limits from:

$$N_{LLP} = \mathcal{L}_{HL-LHC} \cdot \sigma_{HNL} \cdot \mathcal{B}_{HNL} \cdot \frac{N_{obs}}{N_{gen}}$$

### Targeted benchmark models:

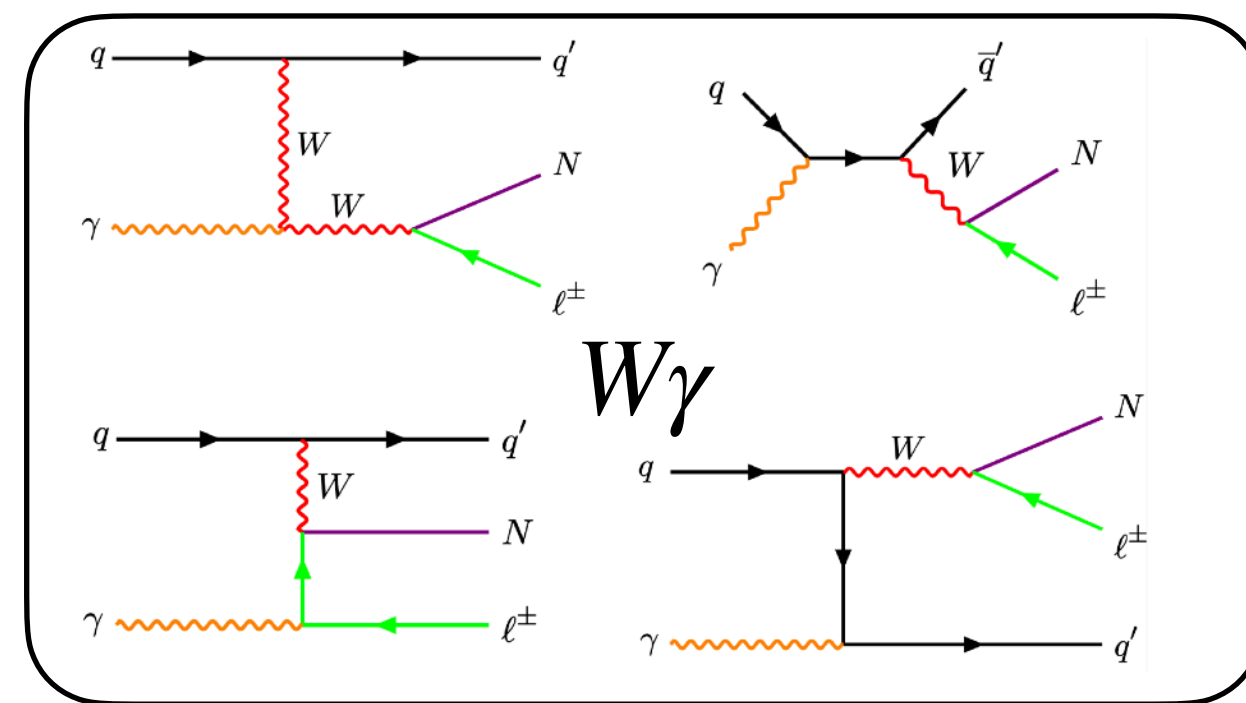
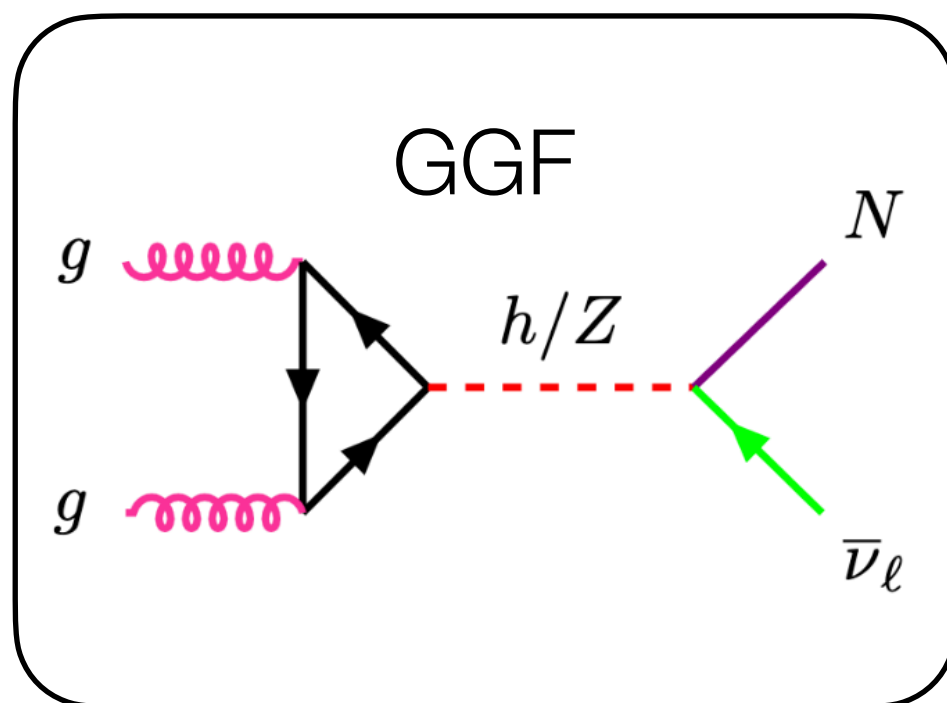
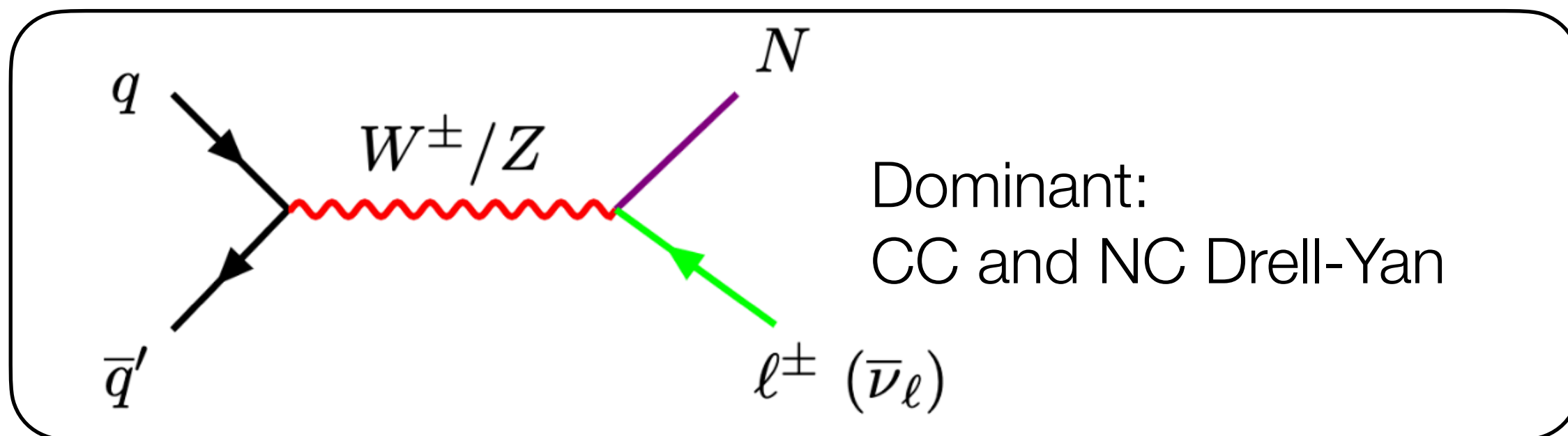
- HNLs (this talk), Dark Scalar [1], Dark Photon, ...
- Primary focus on PBC [2] and FIPs models
- Background-free:  $N_{LLP} \approx 4$  for observation
- Data-driven background estimate [1,3]:  $N_{LLP} \approx 90$  for observation





## Production

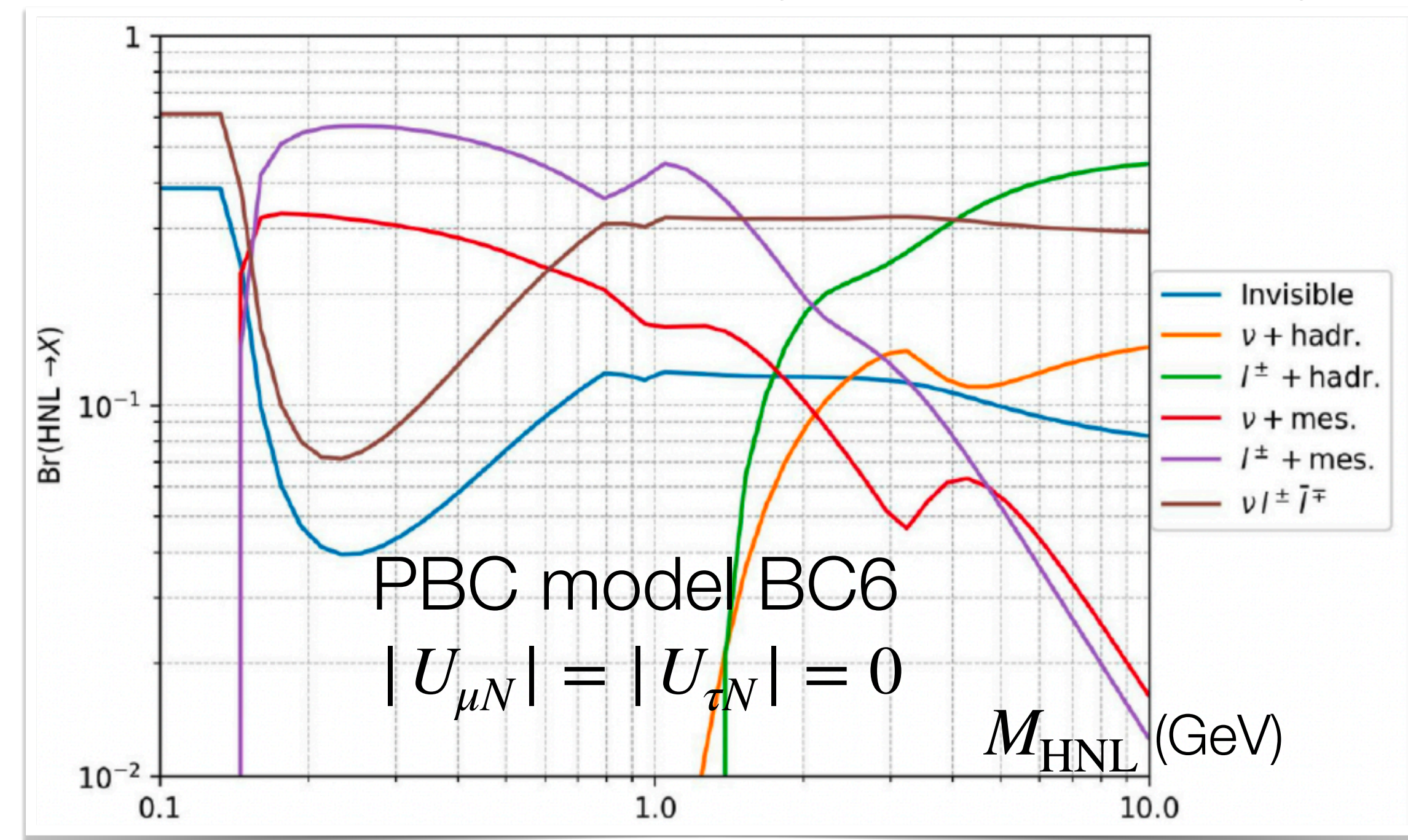
- Focus on electroweak production (MG+Pythia):



- Production from meson decays not as relevant
  - Meson production in/with jets → subject to isolation requirement (being studied w/ Pythia)
- Expect best sensitivity:
  - boosted, high mass HNL from  $W^\pm/Z/H$

## Decay

- Type-I SeeSaw [1,2] for simplicity
- This talk: PBC model BC6
  - only  $|U_{eN}| \neq 0$
- Possible final states (visible to ANUBIS):
  - $N \rightarrow e^\pm q \bar{q}'$ ;  $N \rightarrow \nu_e q \bar{q}'$ ;  $N \rightarrow e^\pm e^\mp \nu_e \dots$

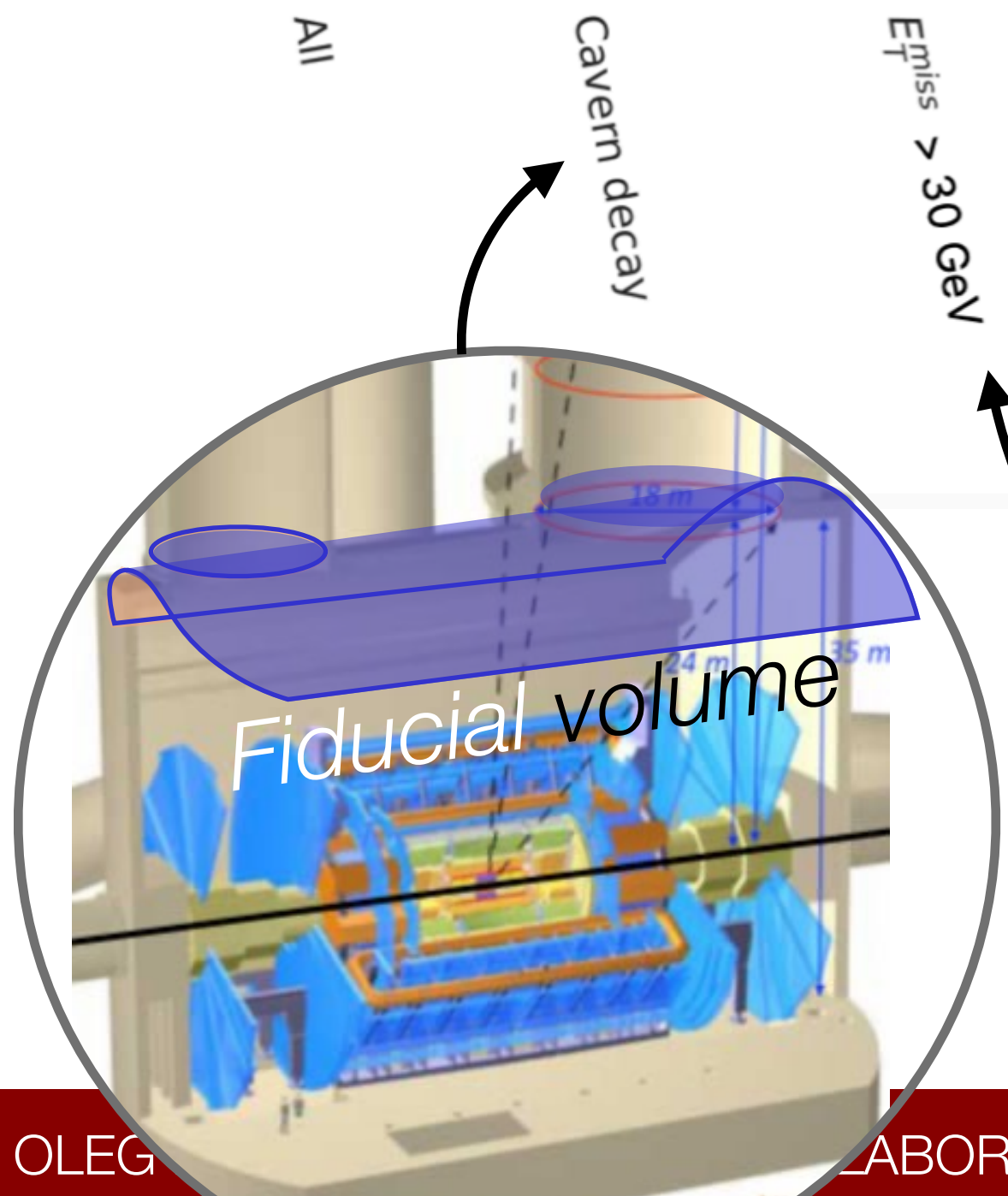
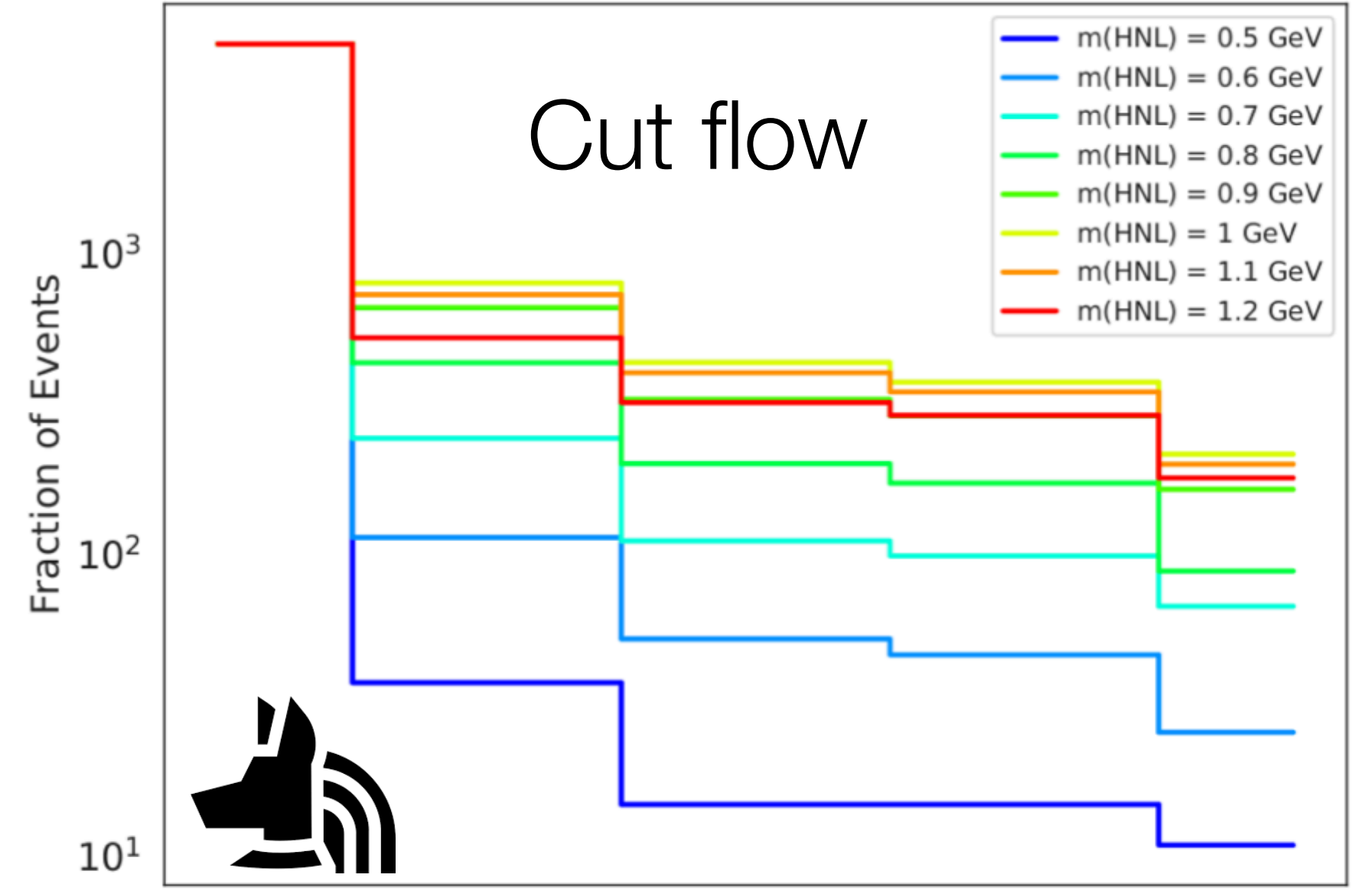


Mathematica for  $\Gamma_N$  calculations [3]





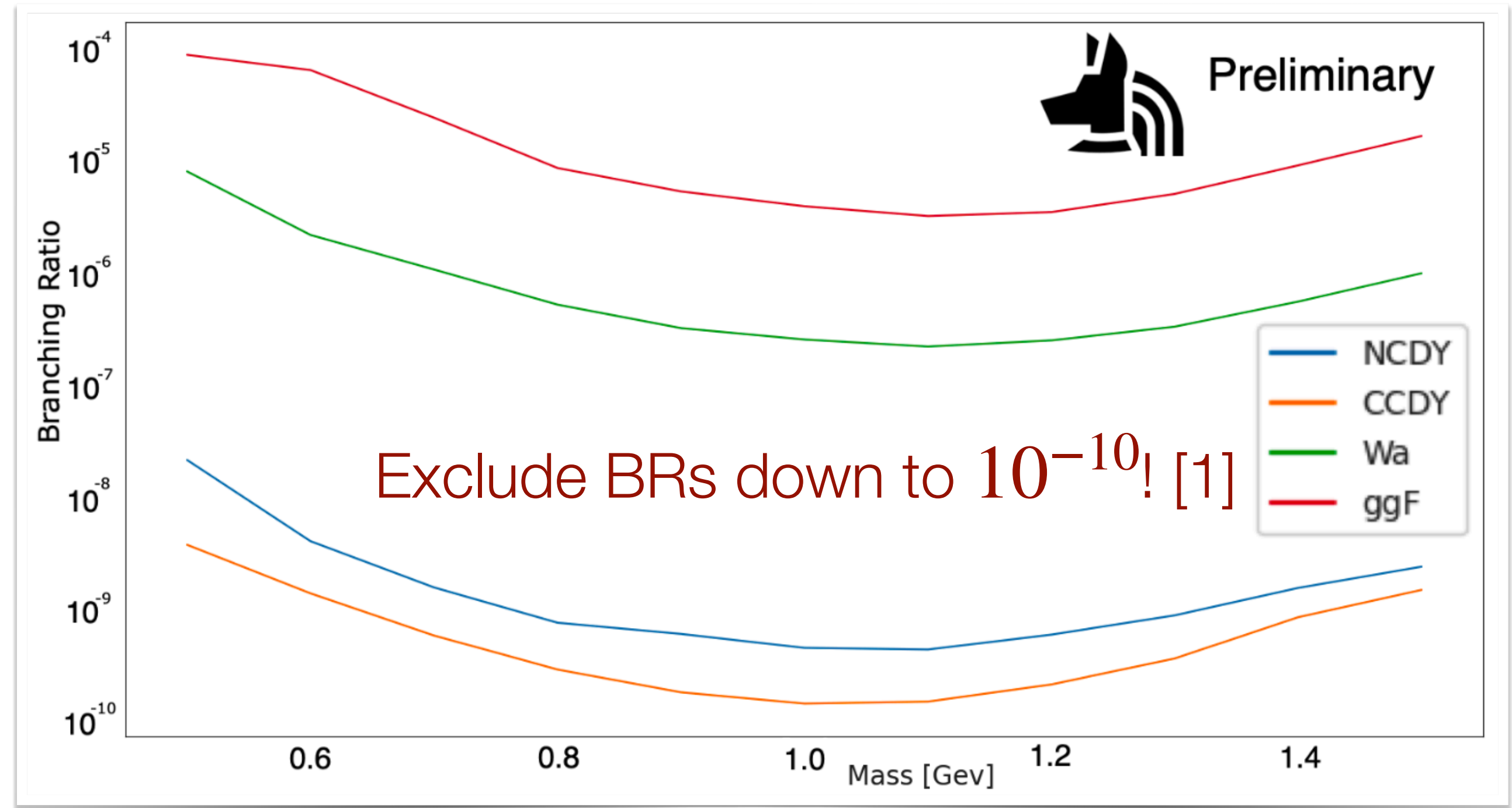
Cutflow: ANUBIS geometry and isolation selections (cumulative)



Active veto through ATLAS:

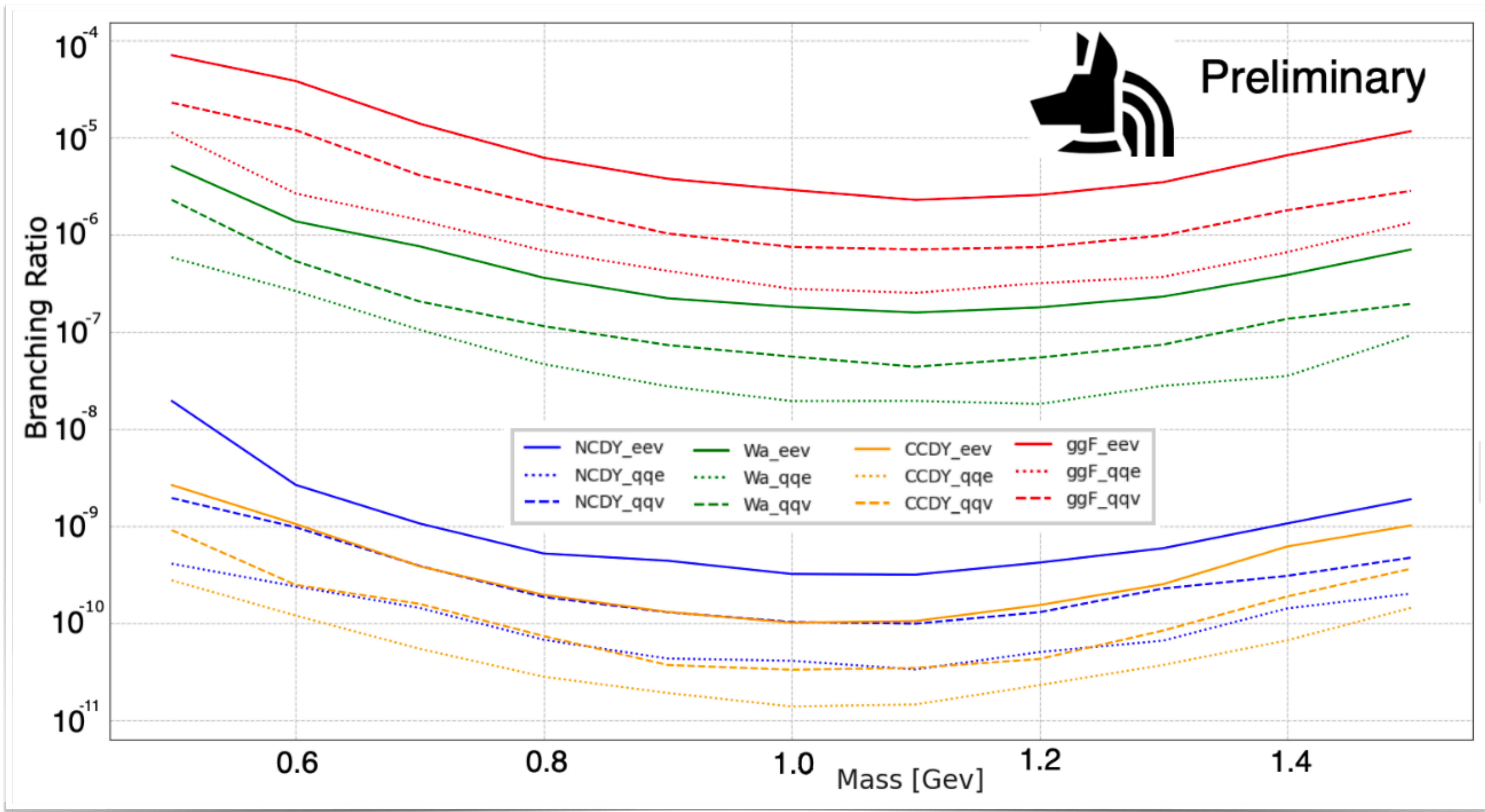
- $K_L, n$  typically produced in/with jets
- isolated LLP candidates!

- Preliminary results:
  - 4 production modes x 3 final states
  - Good sensitivity to LLPs at light LLP masses!



- Next steps:
  - extend  $M_{\text{HNL}}$  to  $[0.1, 10]$  GeV
  - Recast into  $(\text{BR}, c\tau)$  and  $(|U_{eN}|^2, M_{\text{HNL}})$
  - 2nd and 3rd generation couplings (BC7+8)

[1]  $|U_{eN}| = 1$ , background free scenario







LHCP talk (Anna Mullin, [LINK](#))

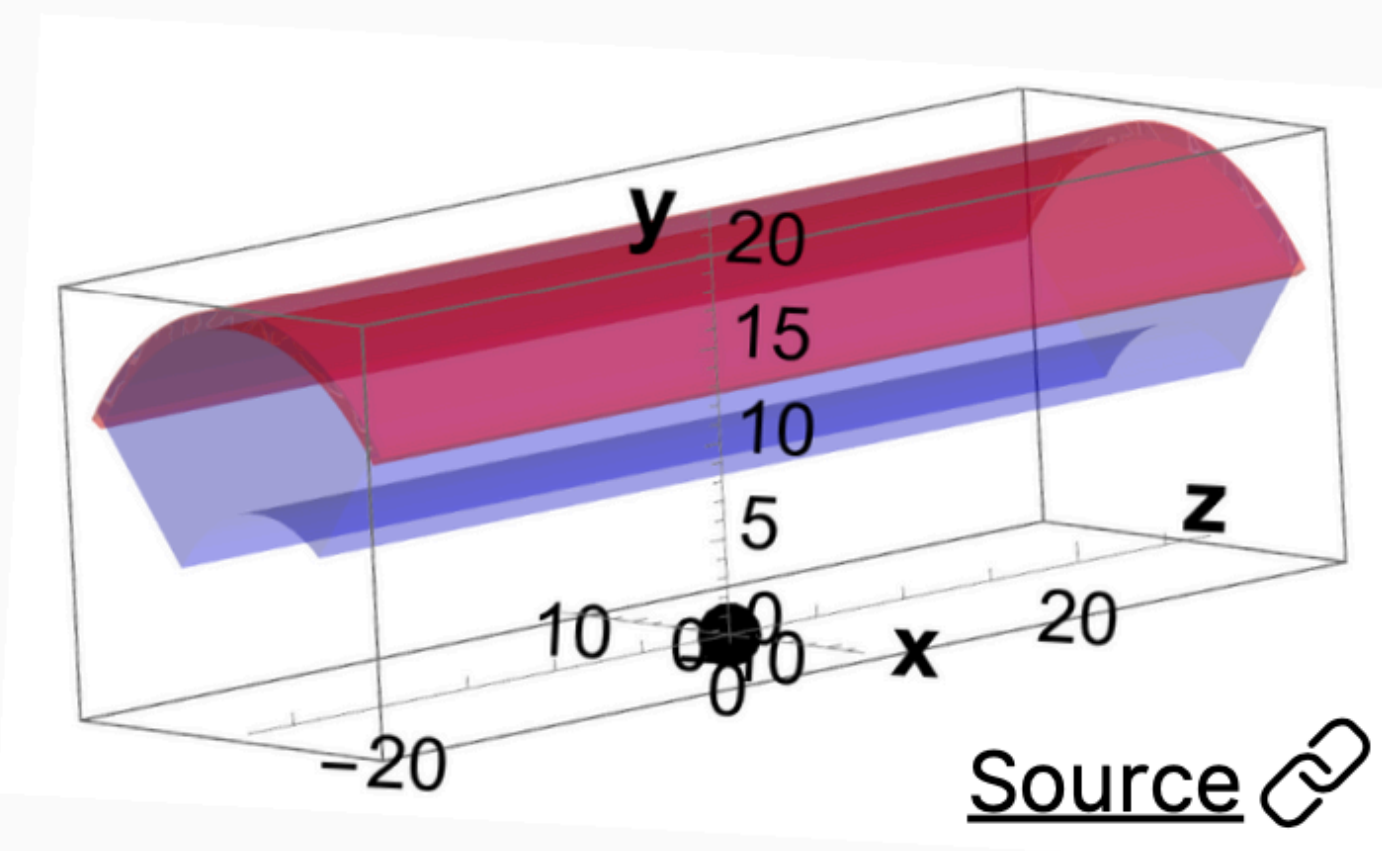
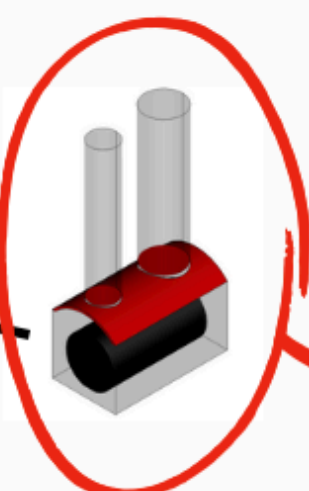
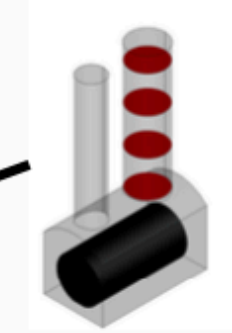
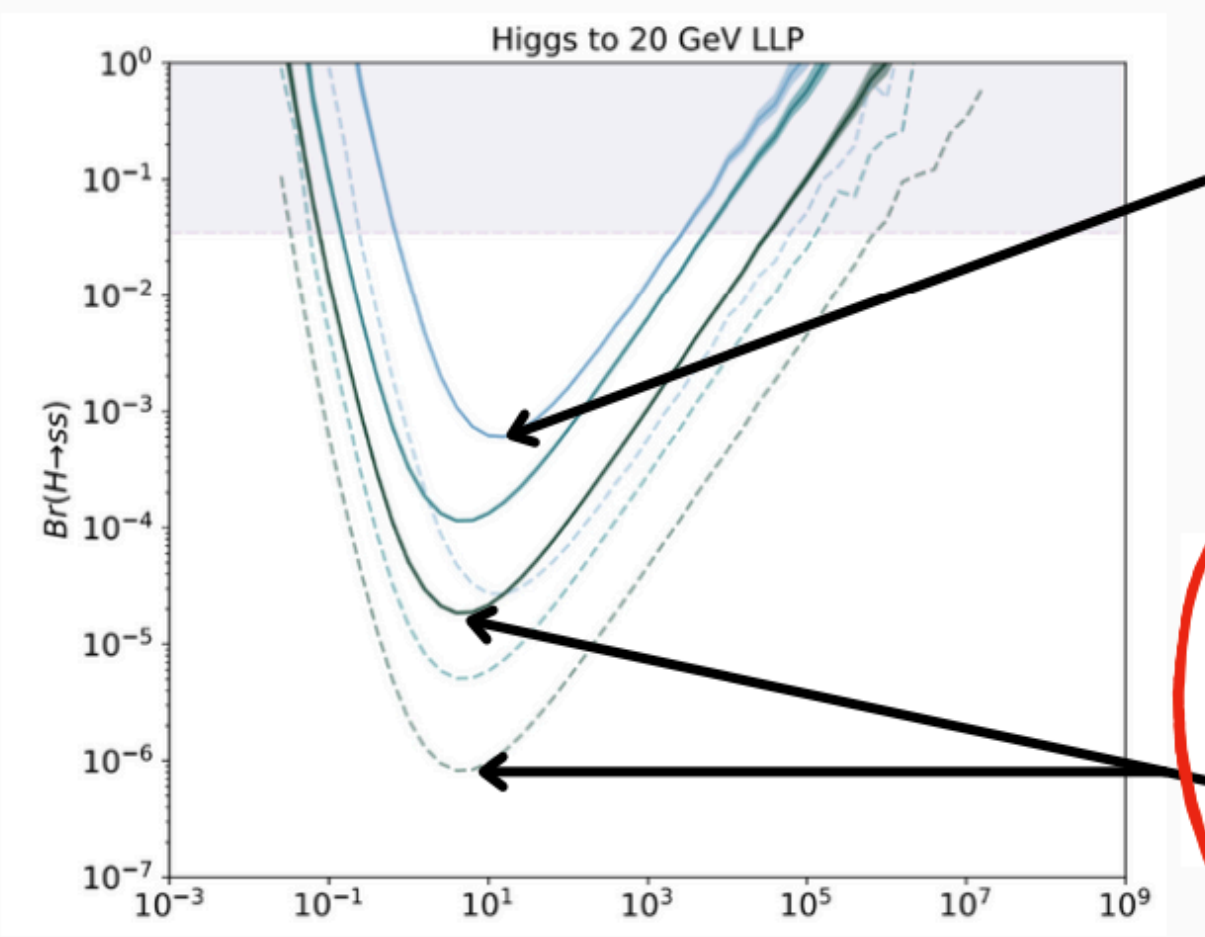


# Detector design

## Recent update to geometry:

- 4 observations ( $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, \mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ )
- 90 observations ( $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, \mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ )
- ANUBIS ceiling
- ANUBIS PX14 shaft -- cavern or shaft decay
- ANUBIS PX14 shaft -- shaft decay
- ANUBIS sensitivity  $\pm 1\sigma$
- $H \rightarrow \text{Invisible}$  limit ( $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, \mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ )

## sensitivity to scalar (SM + S)



# Background removal

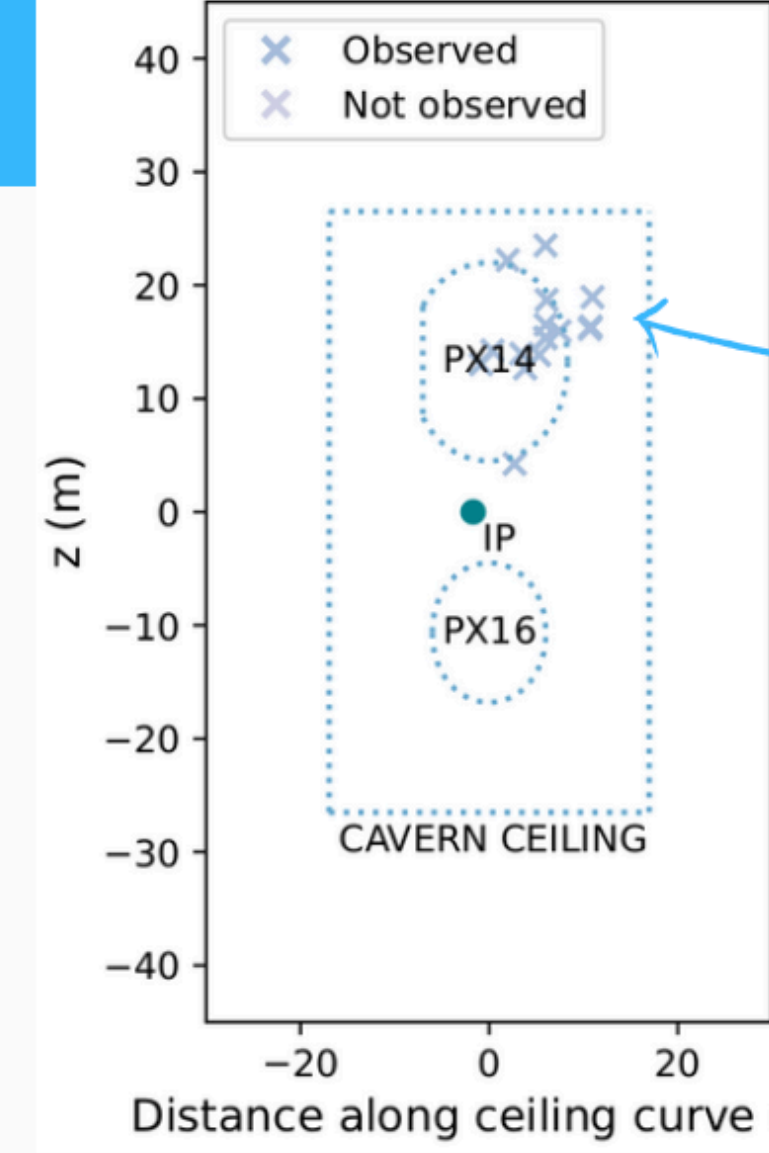
- **Most backgrounds:** exploit an active veto from ATLAS detector
- **Cosmics:** rock shielding
- $n^0$  and  $K_L^0$  : isolate our signal from nearby jets and charged tracks
  - Neutral long-lived kaon mean decay length is  $\sim 15.3 \text{ m}$

Data-driven background estimate from ATLAS muon spectrometer search



1. Background-free assumption (**4 events** -> discovery)
2. Conservative assumption (**90 events** -> discovery))

Ceiling Station Unrolled



Detected jets and charged particle tracks







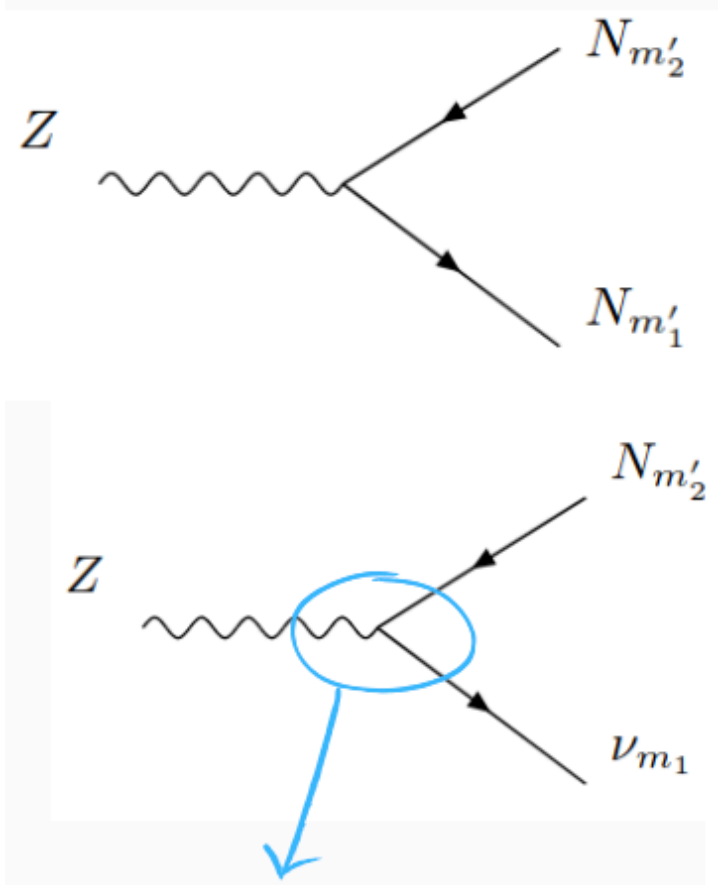
# Target modes

## At LHC:

- Kinematically accessible production+decay  
->final states
- Mesons produced dominantly (esp. abundant lighter mesons, e.g. Ds)

$$\begin{aligned}
 pp &\rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{\pm} N && \rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{\pm} l_{\beta}^{\pm} + nj \\
 pp &\rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{\pm} N && \rightarrow l_{\alpha}^{\pm} l_{\beta}^{\pm} l_{\gamma}^{\mp} \nu
 \end{aligned}$$

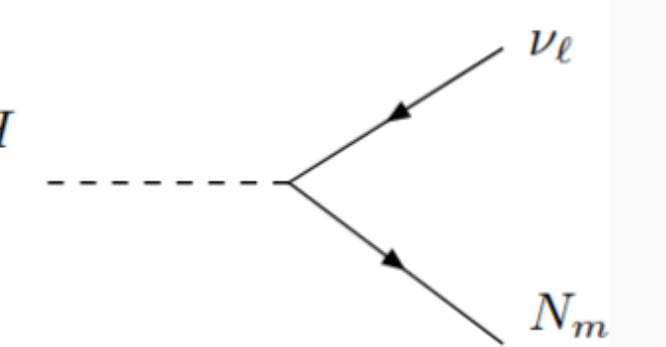
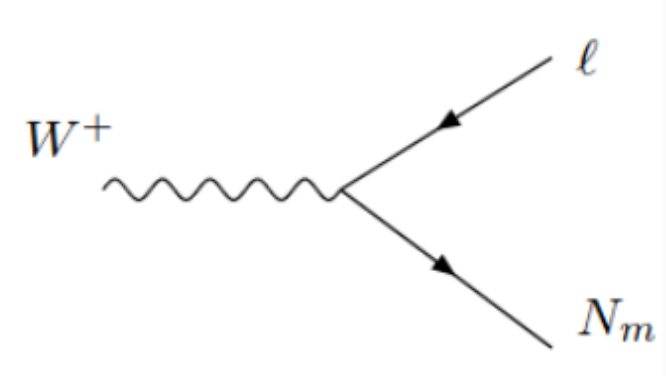
## Production



$$-i \frac{g}{2 \cos W} U^{\nu N}_{m_1 m'_2} \gamma^{\mu} P_L$$

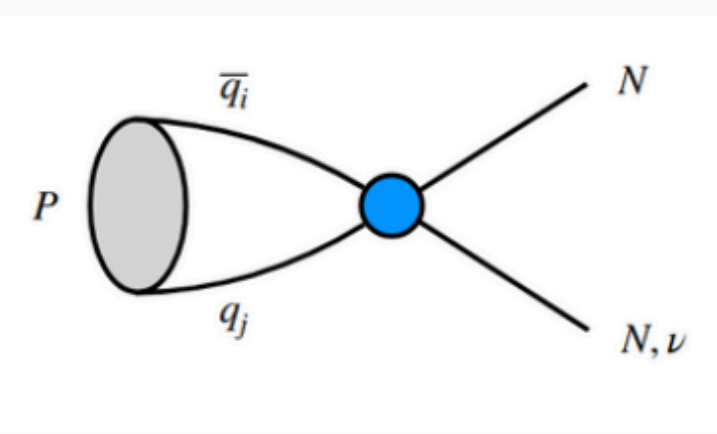
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## Boson decays

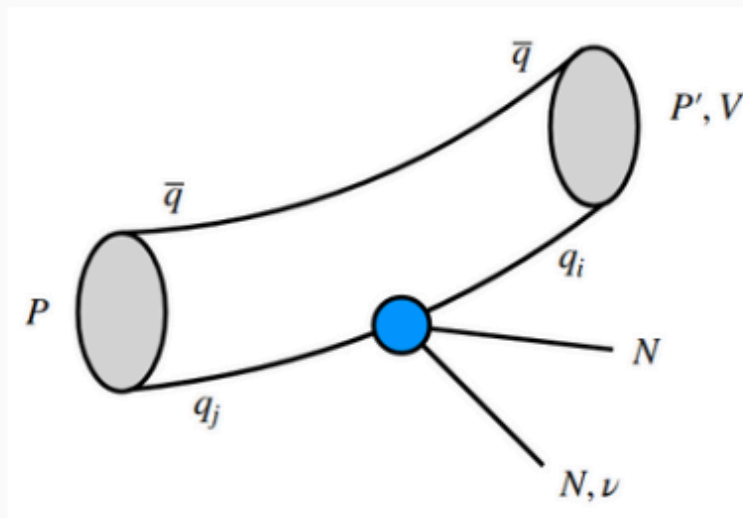


2- and 3-body pseudoscalar meson decays

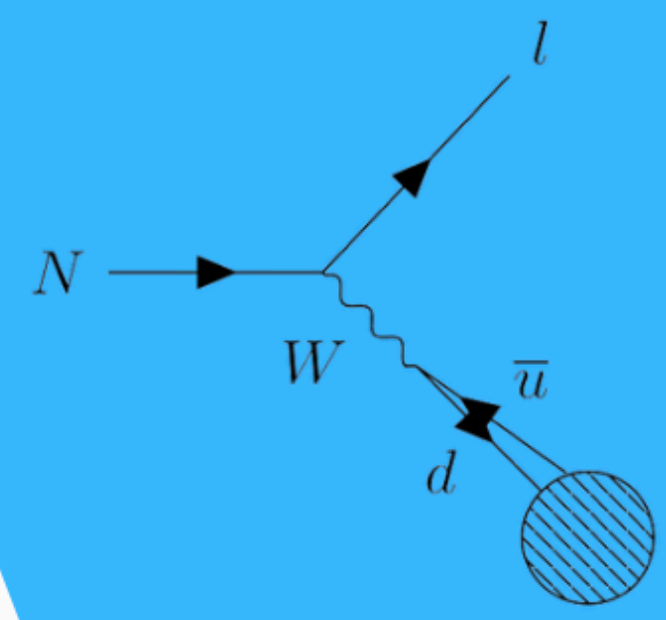
E.g.  $B_s^0 \rightarrow \nu N$



arXiv:2210.02461



## Decay



Decay mode of heavy neutrino
$N_4 \rightarrow \nu_{\ell_1} \nu_{\ell_2} \bar{\nu}_{\ell_2}$
$N_4 \rightarrow \nu_{\ell} e^{-} e^{+}$
$N_4 \rightarrow e^{-} \mu^{+} \nu_m + c.c.$
$N_4 \rightarrow \mu^{-} e^{+} \nu_e + c.c.$
$N_4 \rightarrow \nu_{\ell} \pi^0$
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$N_4 \rightarrow \nu_{\ell} \phi$
$N_4 \rightarrow e^{-} \tau^{+} \nu_{\tau} + c.c.$
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$N_4 \rightarrow e^{-} D^{+} + c.c.$





Complementary mass + lifetime ranges

If the HNLs are too light then forward detectors benefit from a high flux of mesons in forward region

1. Boost from W / Z modes >> boost from B / D meson modes

## HNLs produced by mesons (B+D) vs bosons (W,Z,h) are complementary in ANUBIS

Overall: expect best sensitivity for W/Z production modes with boosted, ~heavier mass HNLs

2. Effect of isolating from backgrounds containing jets is stronger for mesons

B / D mesons are typically part of jets, produced in association with collimated hadronic radiation e.g. pions.

Drell-Yann modes have less hadronic radiation reaching ANUBIS as their jets are produced in any angular direction







# Sensitivity

## Branching ratio vs mass

- First look at sensitivity:
  - 4 production modes + 3 final states
    - (N -> e(+/-) q q', v q q', e+ e- v)
  - HNL mass range 0.5 - 1.5 GeV

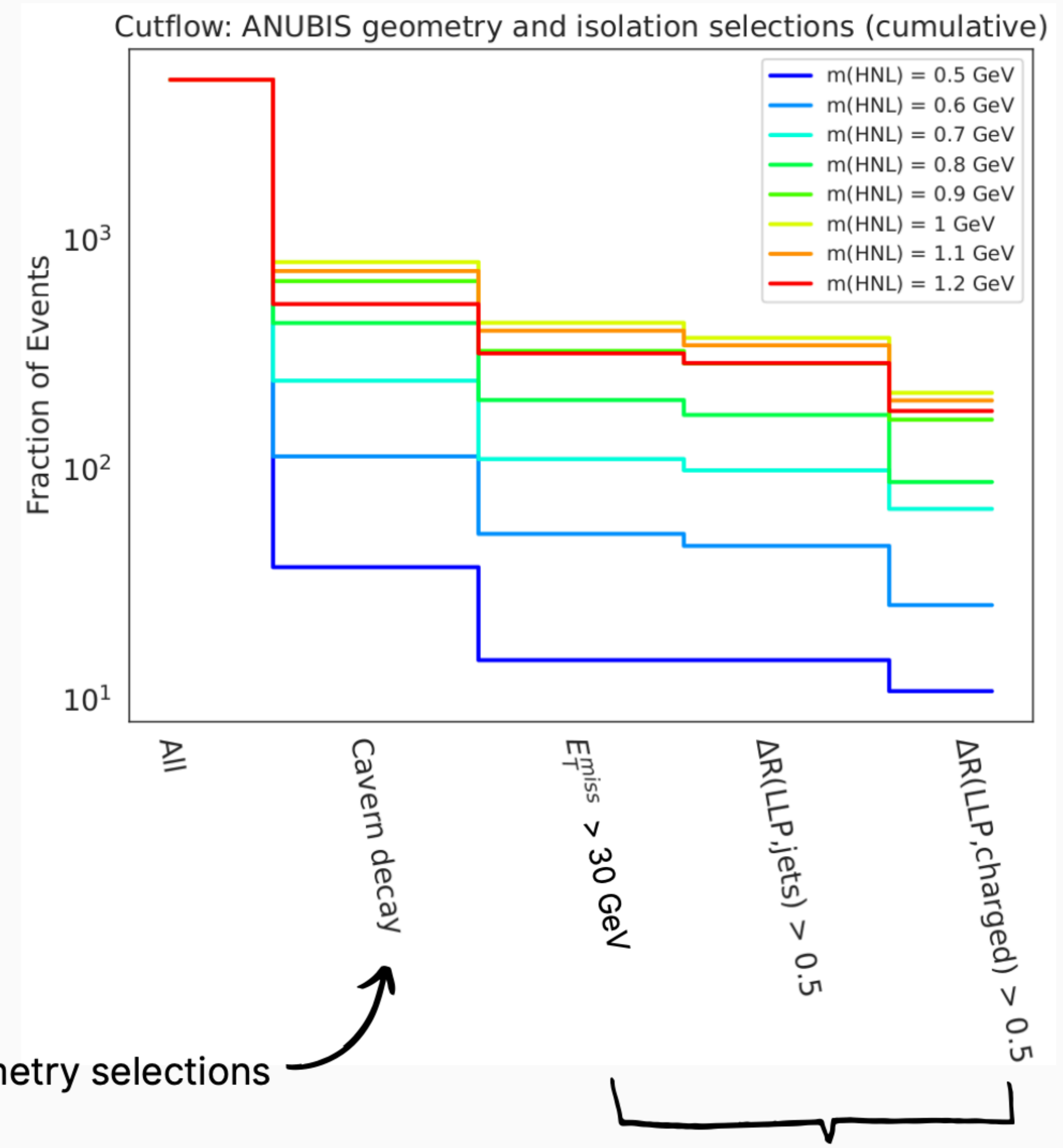
• **Work in progress!**

## Example of calculating Nobs

$$N_{LLP} = \mathcal{L}_{HL-LHC} \cdot \sigma_{HNL} \cdot Br( HNL ) \cdot \frac{N_{obs}}{N_{tot}}$$



ANUBIS geometry selections



← **Nobs for the ~higher masses**

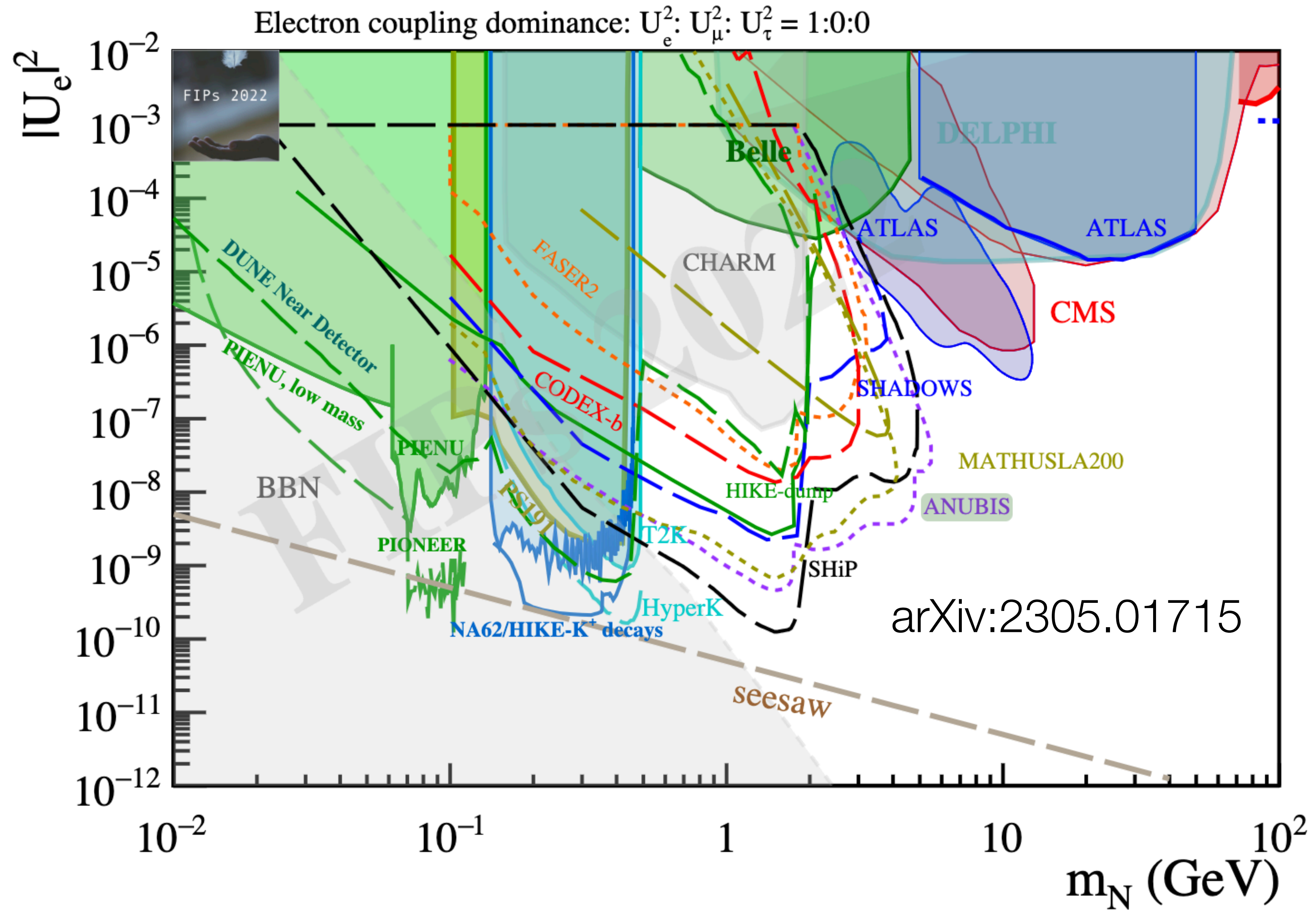
Background removal, e.g. isolating from hadronic radiation



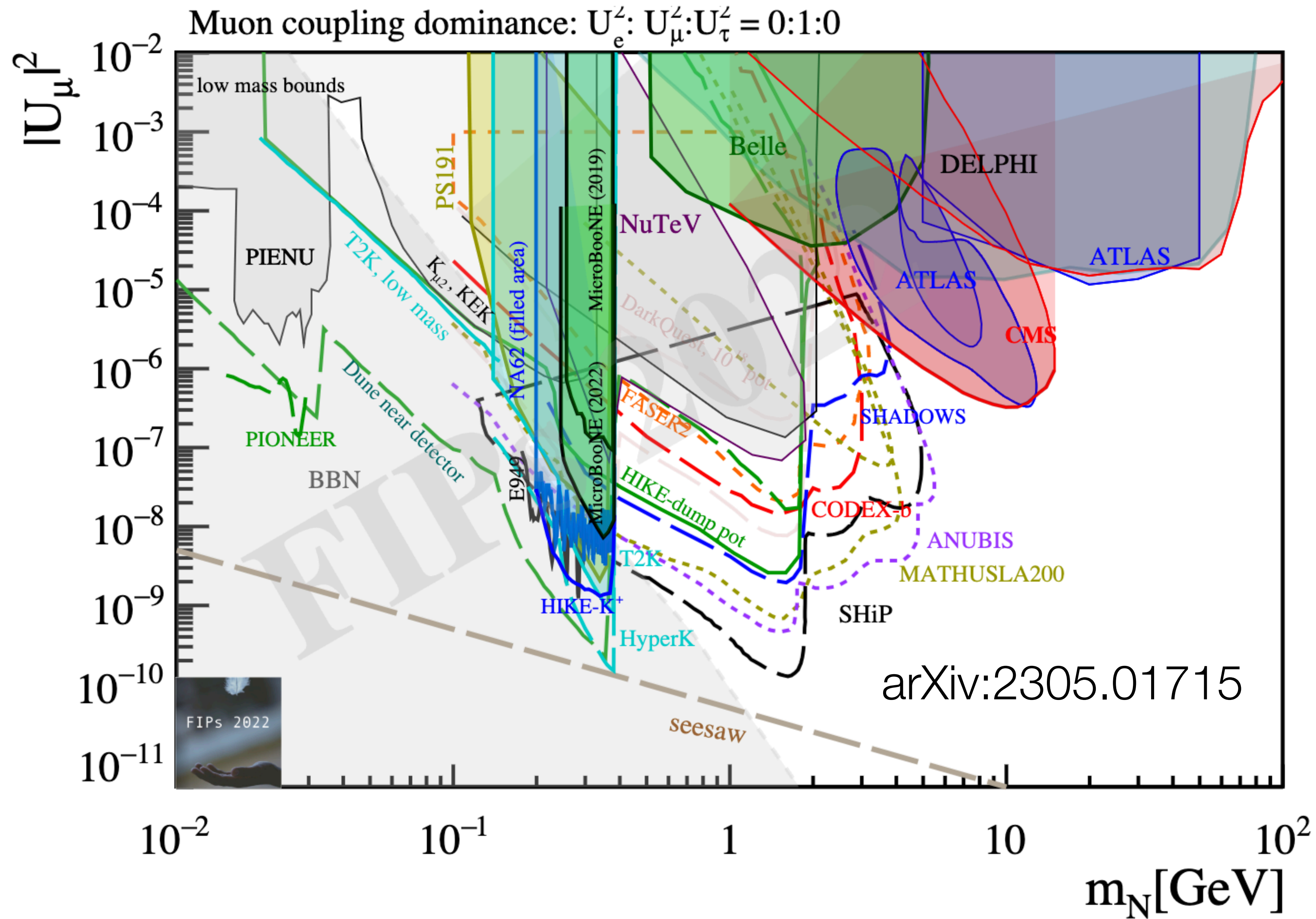


# Sensitivity studies by other groups











# ANUBIS: sensitivity



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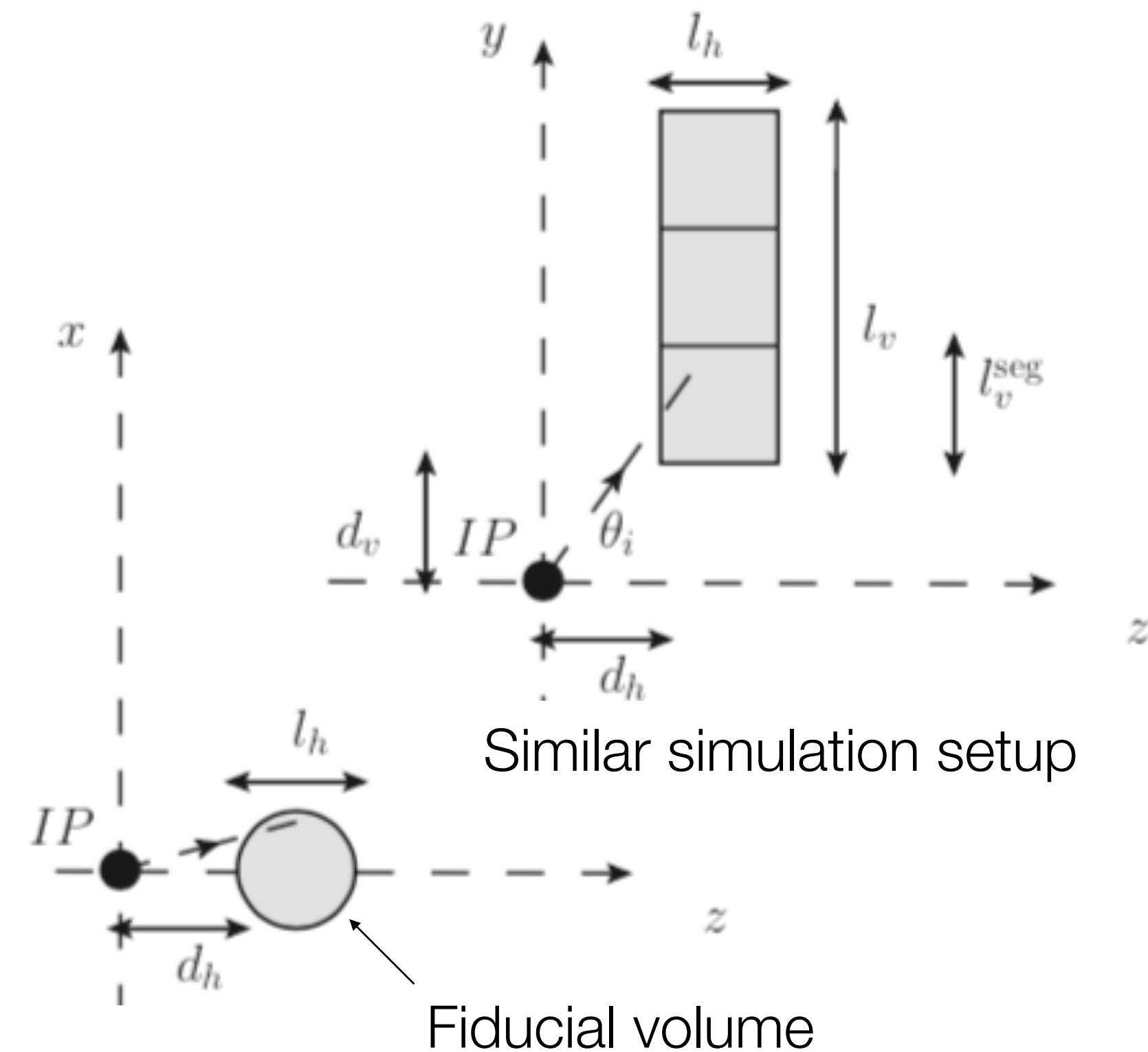
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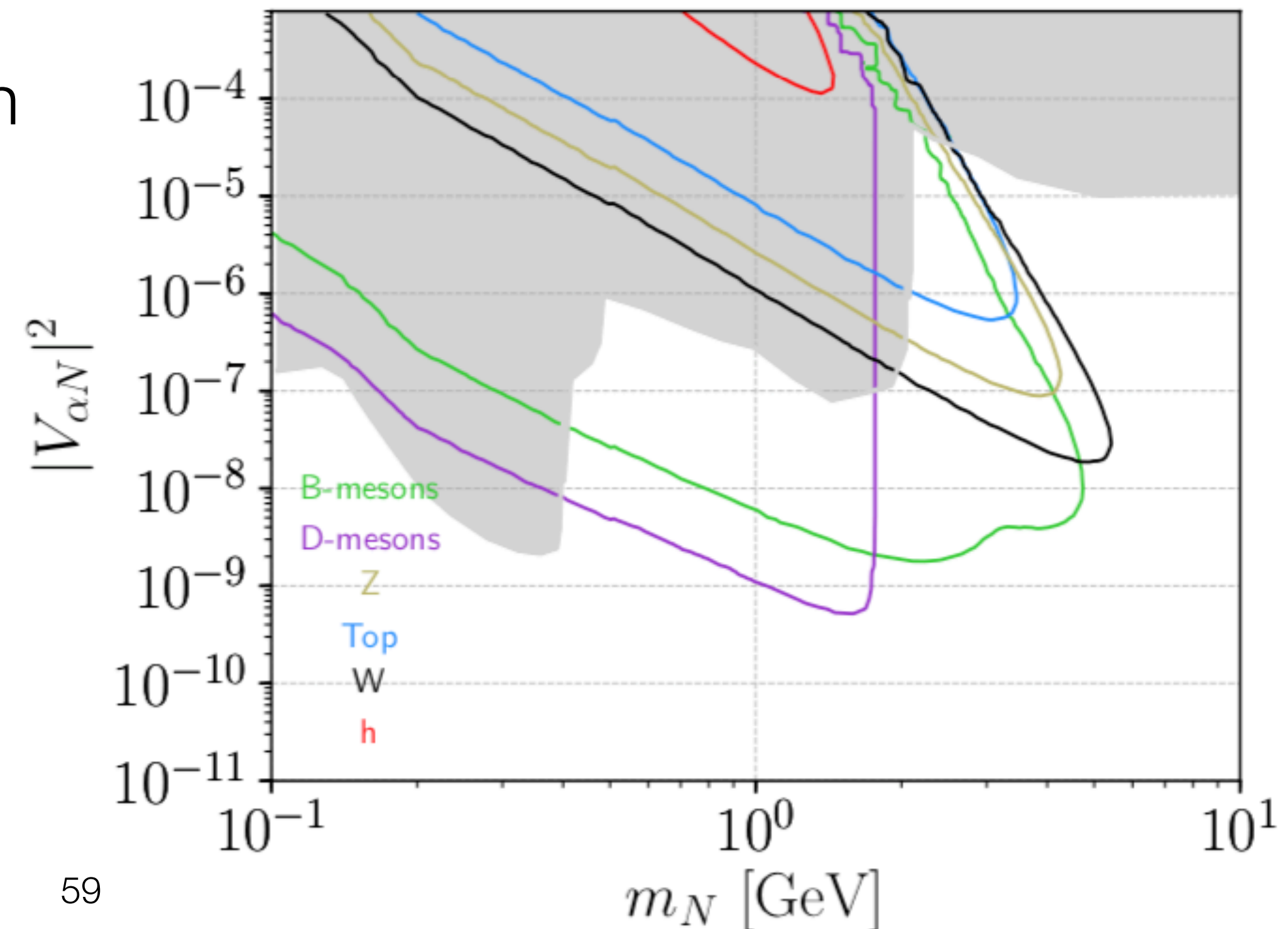
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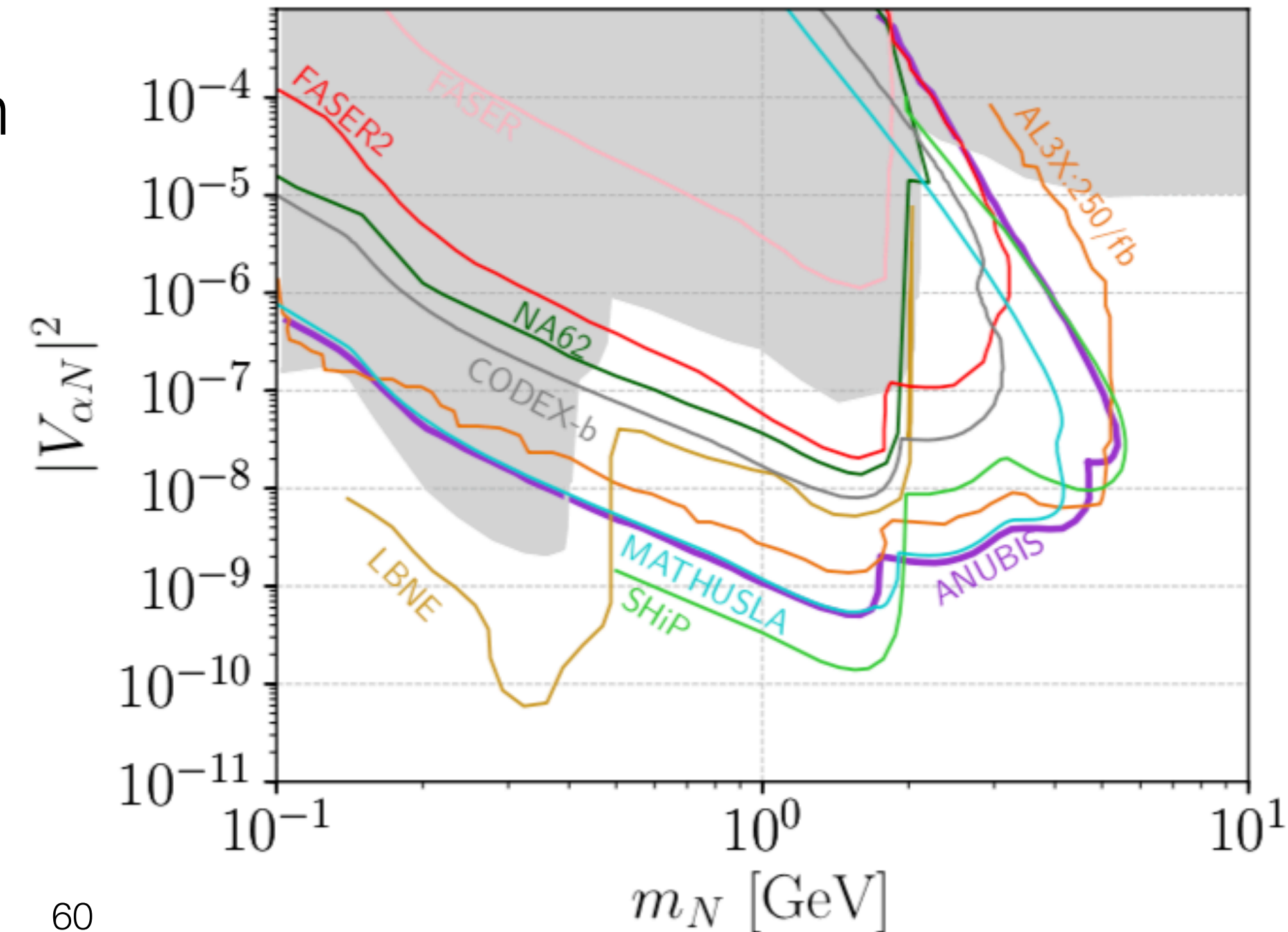
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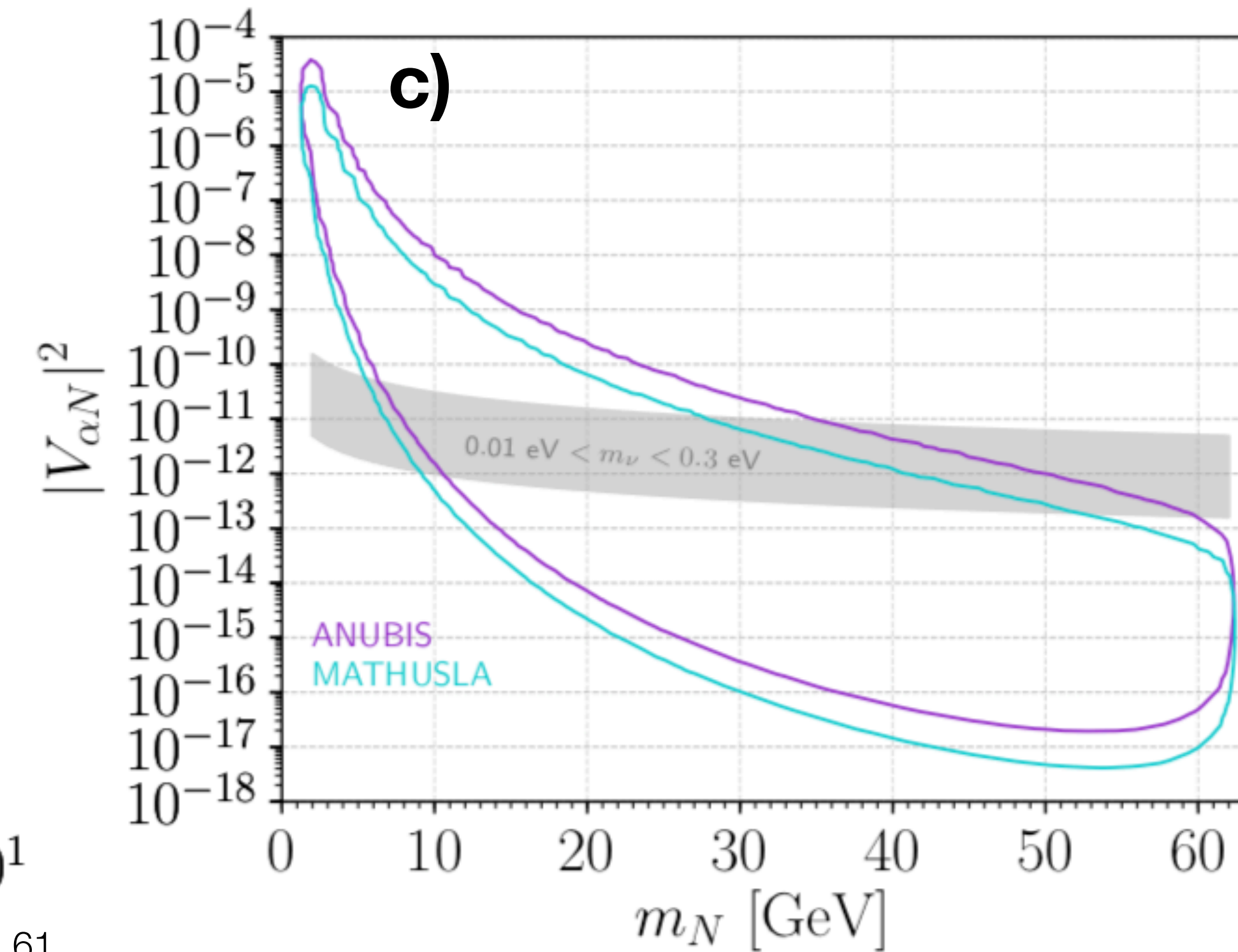
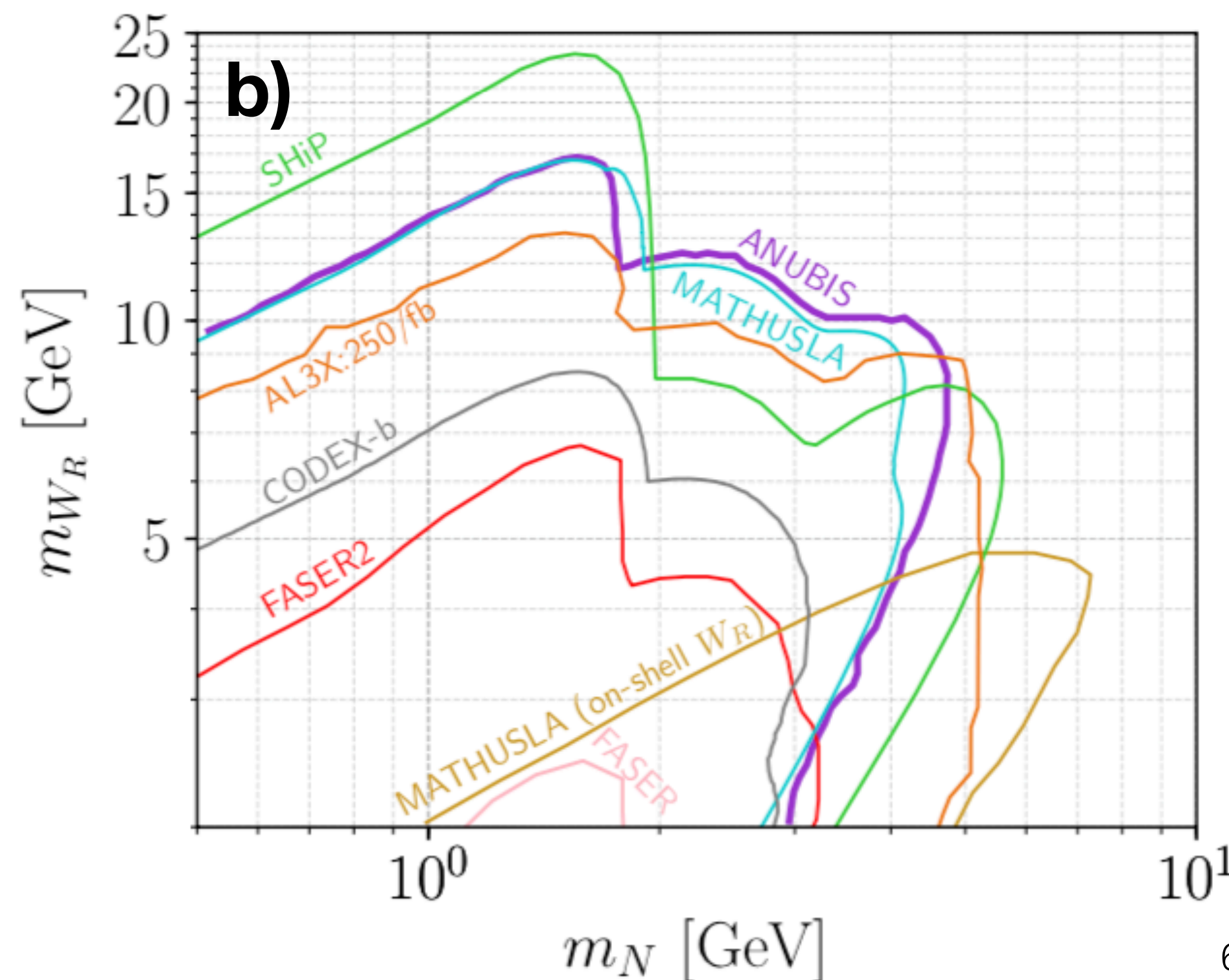
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**b)** minimal left-right symmetric model:

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

**c)** gauged  $U(1)_{B-L}$  model:

$U(1)_{B-L}$  + extra Higgs boson breaking it





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## Heavy neutral leptons at ANUBIS

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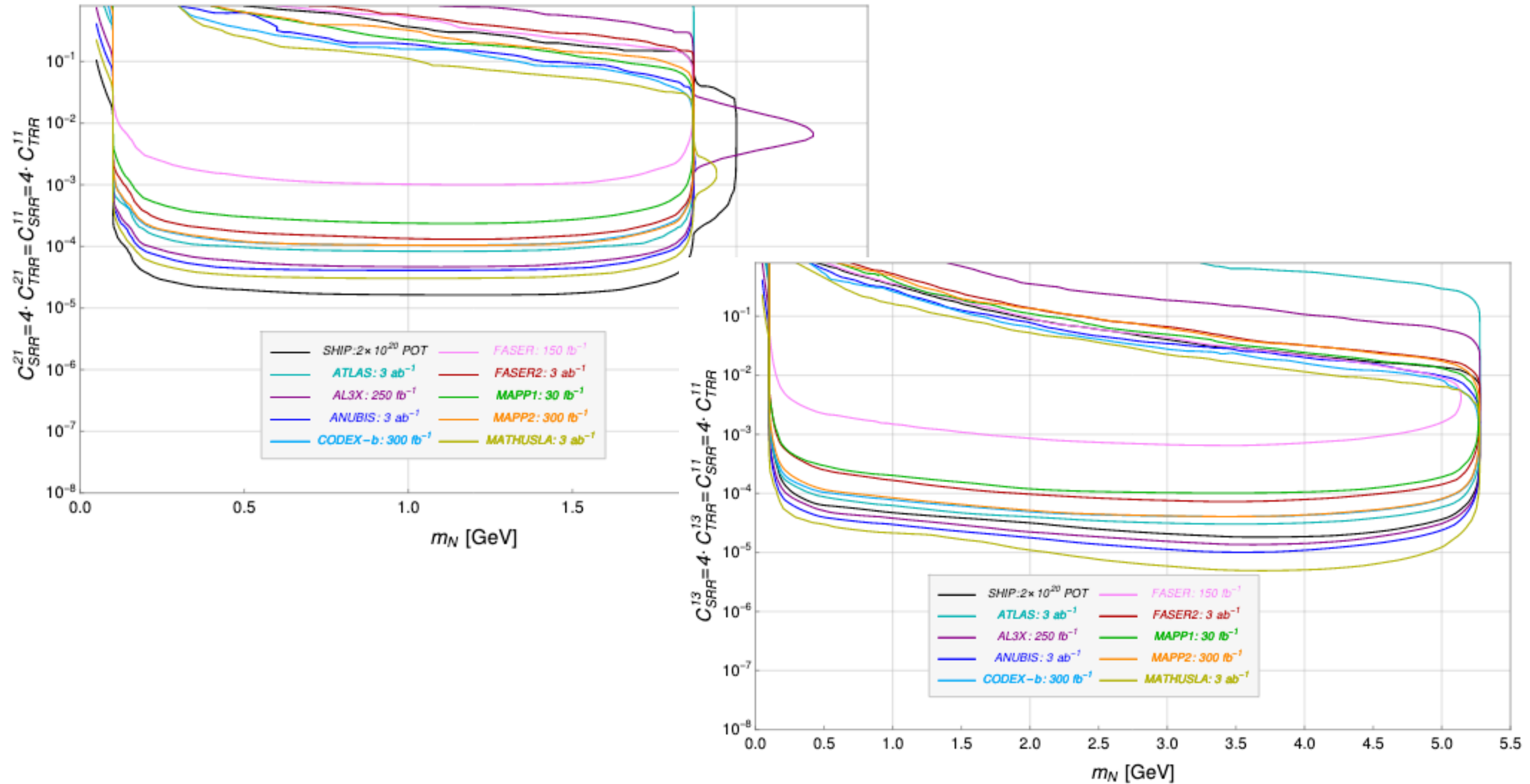
Recently Bauer *et al.* [1] proposed ANUBIS, an auxiliary detector to be installed in one of the shafts above the ATLAS or CMS interaction point, as a tool to search for long-lived particles. Here, we study the sensitivity of this proposal for long-lived heavy neutral leptons (HNLs) in both minimal and extended scenarios. We start with the minimal HNL model where both production and decay of the HNLs are mediated by active-sterile neutrino mixing, before studying the case of right-handed neutrinos in a left-right symmetric model. We then consider a  $U(1)_{B-L}$  extension of the SM. In this model HNLs are produced from the decays of the mostly SM-like Higgs boson, via mixing in the scalar sector of the theory. In all cases, we find that ANUBIS has sensitivity reach comparable to the proposed MATHUSLA detector. For the minimal HNL scenario, the contributions from  $W$ 's decaying to HNLs are more important at ANUBIS than at MATHUSLA, extending the sensitivity to slightly larger HNL masses at ANUBIS.

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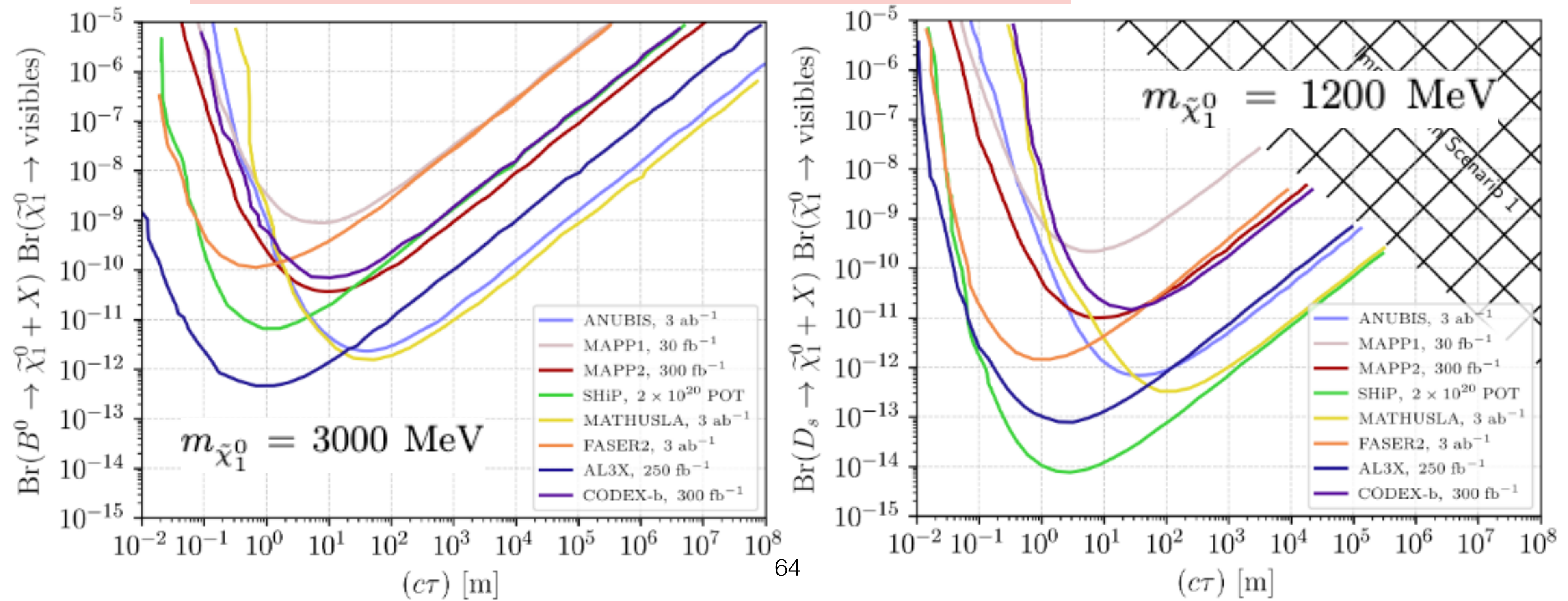
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## R-parity Violation and Light Neutralinos at ANUBIS and MAPP

In R-parity-violating supersymmetry the lightest neutralino can be very light, even massless. For masses in the range  $500 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \lesssim 4.5 \text{ GeV}$  the neutralino can be produced in hadron collisions from rare meson decays via an R-parity violating coupling, and subsequently decay to a lighter meson and a charged lepton. Due to the small neutralino mass and for small R-parity violating coupling the lightest neutralino is long-lived, leading to displaced vertices at fixed-target and collider experiments. In this work, we study such signatures at the proposed experiments ANUBIS and MAPP at the LHC. We also compare their sensitivity reach in these scenarios with that of other present and proposed experiments at the LHC such as ATLAS, CODEX-b, and MATHUSLA. We find that ANUBIS and MAPP can show complementary or superior sensitivity.





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b) minimal left-right symmetric model:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{d}\gamma^\mu P_R u + \underline{V_{\alpha N}^R} \cdot \bar{l}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_R \underline{N}) W_{R\mu}^- +$$

$$+ \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{1 - \tan^2 \theta_W (g_L/g_R)^2}} Z_{LR}^\mu \bar{f} \gamma_\mu [T_{3R} + \tan^2 \theta_W (g_L/g_R)^2 (T_{3L} - Q)] f$$

