

proANUBIS

prototype **AN** Underground Belayed In-Shaft search experiment

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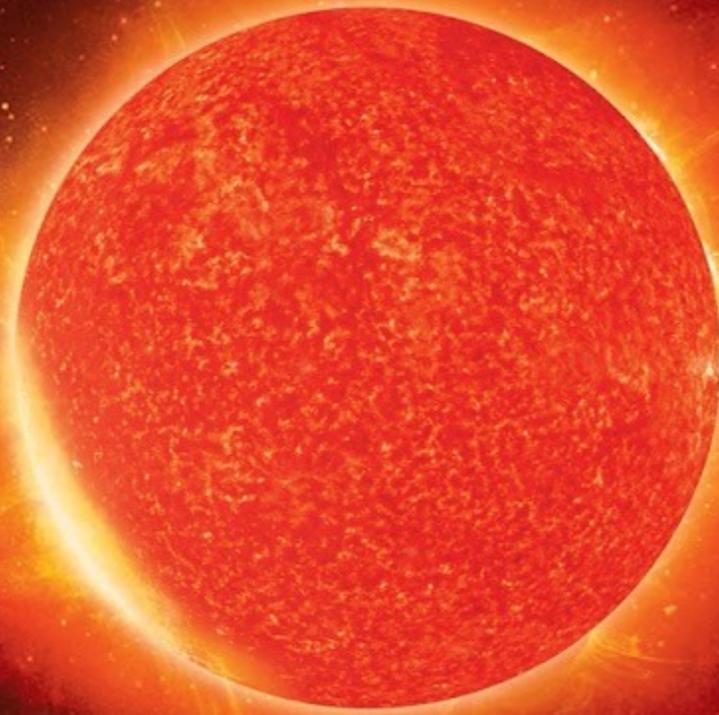
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Collider experiments are designed to search for prompt decays. New particles with microscopic lifetimes are strongly constrained by LHC searches.

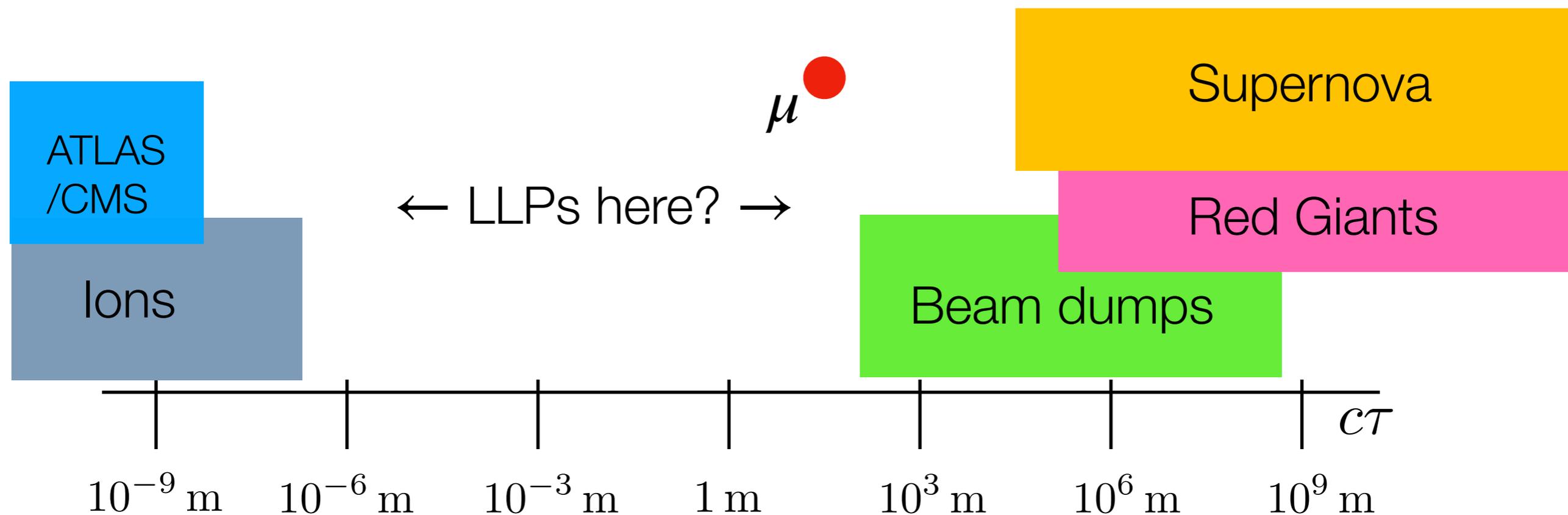
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Very long-lived particles are constrained by astrophysical observables and beam-dump experiments.

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This is not a small class of exotic theories. Muons are “collider-stable” (as is the K_L , n).



Constrains new Physics
with sizeable interactions
with the SM

Constrains new Physics
with no (tiny) interactions
with the SM (almost stable)

Where to look for long-lived particles?

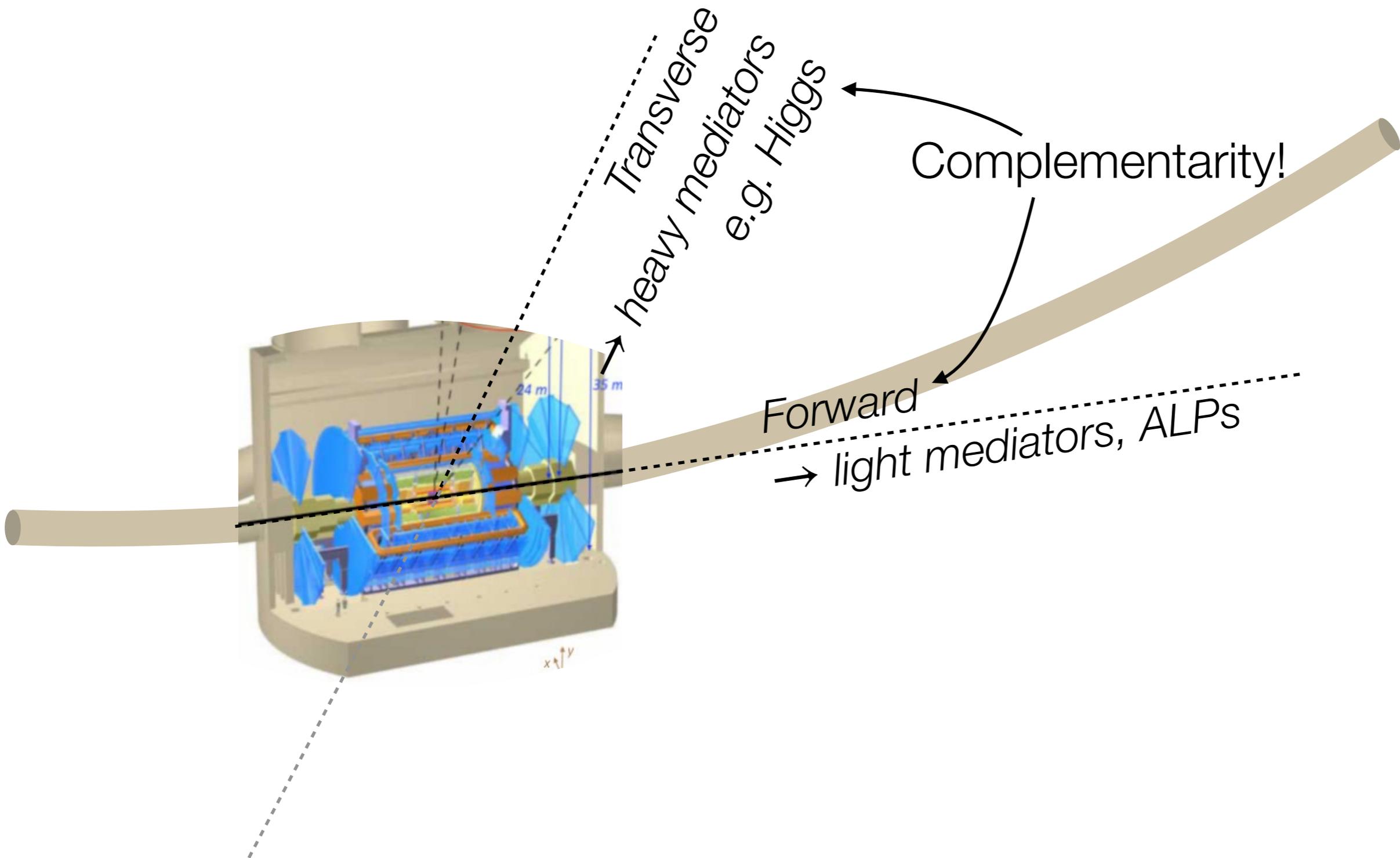
There are two different search strategies:

- Search for very weakly coupled *light particles* with high statistics
- Search for particles in the decays of *heavy states* (the Higgs, new heavy mediators)

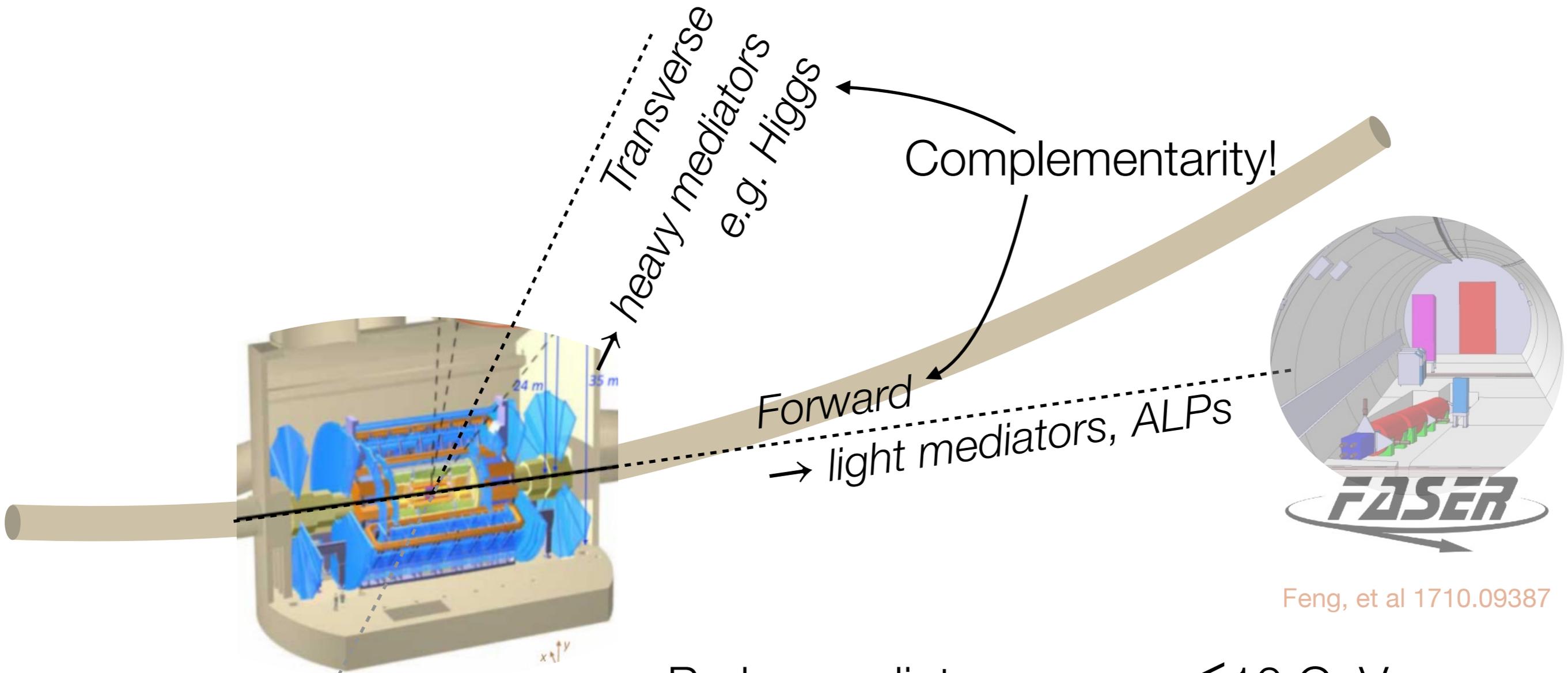
With respect to the LHC, this corresponds to two different measurement regions:

- Measurements *along* the beam line (“on-axis”)
- Measurements *orthogonal* to the beam line (“off-axis”)

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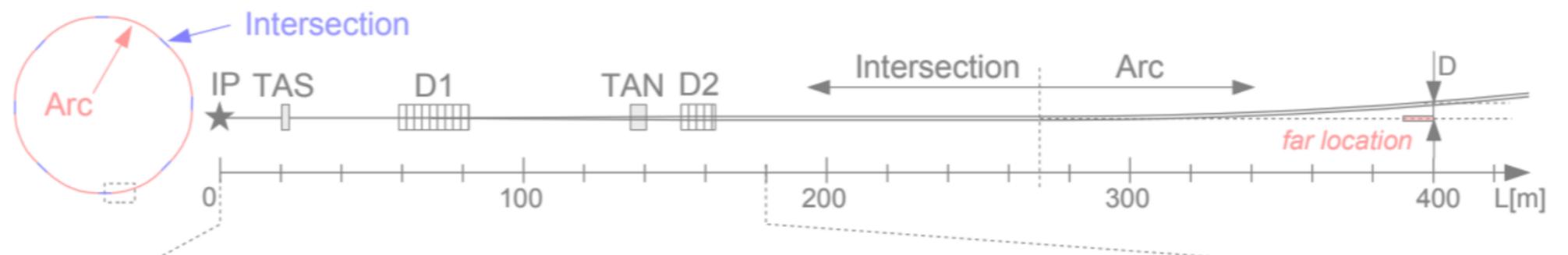


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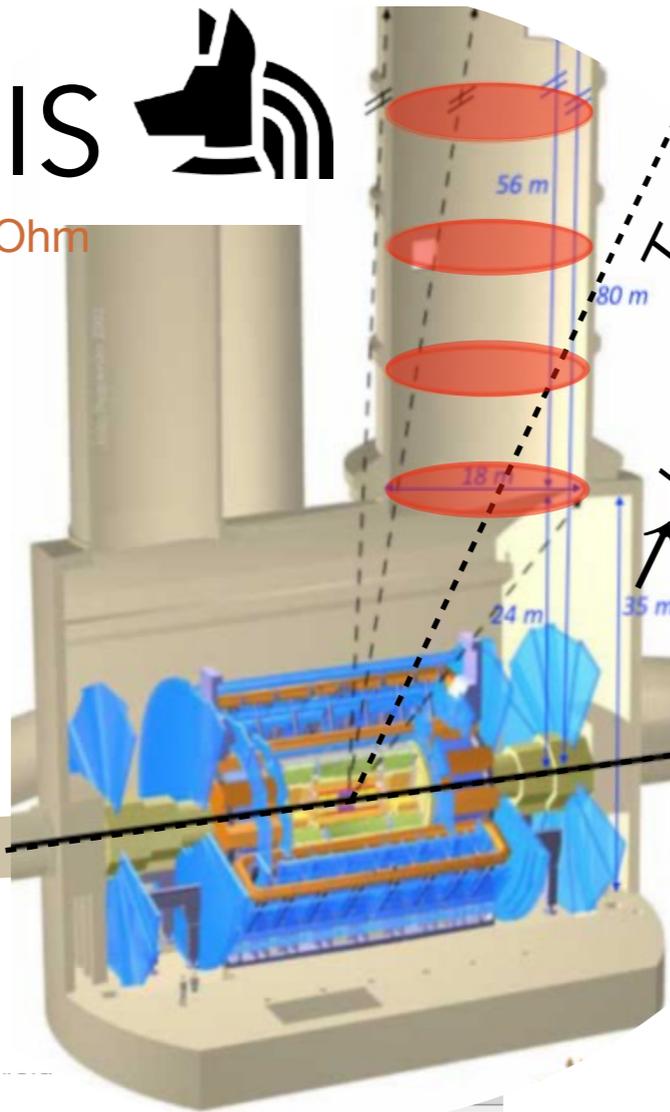
Probe mediator masses $\lesssim 10$ GeV



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Bauer, OB, Lee, Ohm
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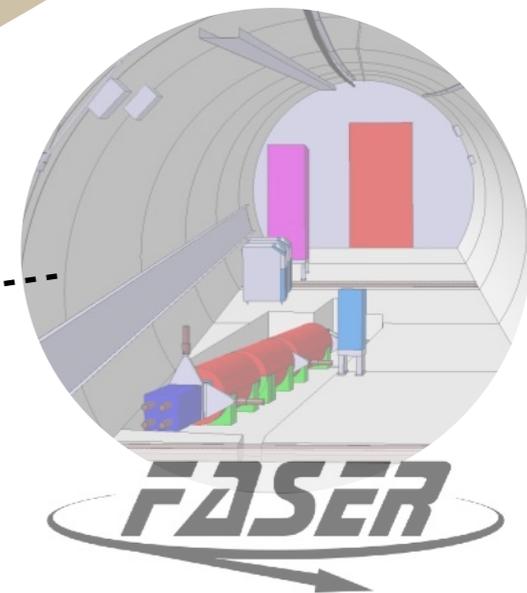


Transverse
heavy mediators
e.g. Higgs

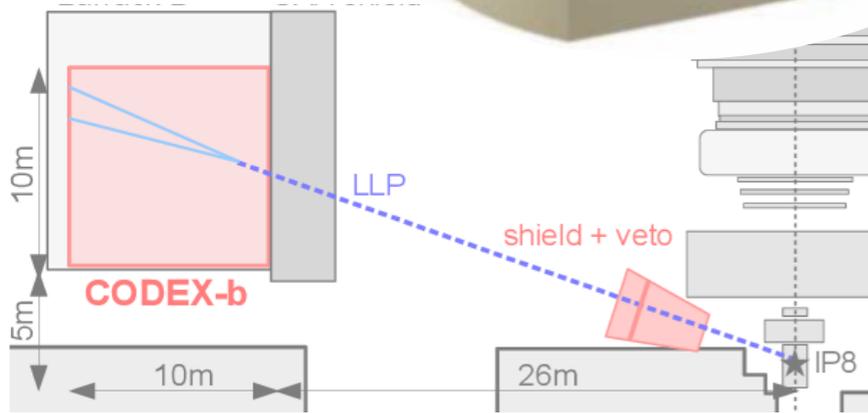
Complementarity!

Forward

→ light mediators, ALPs

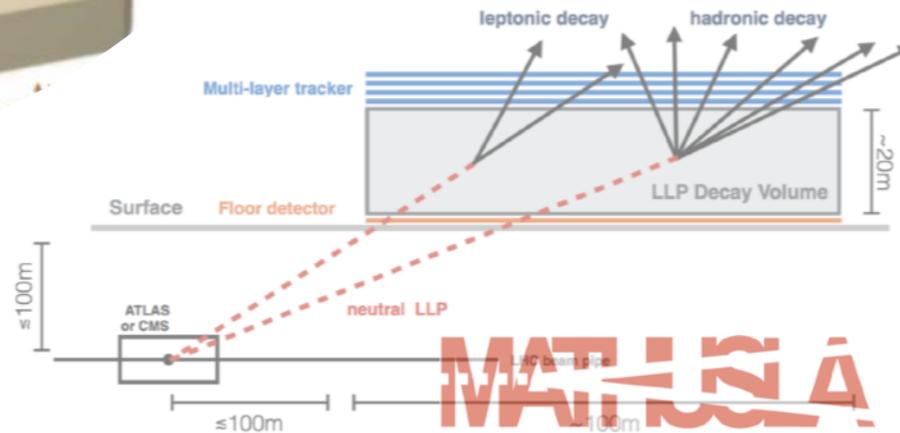


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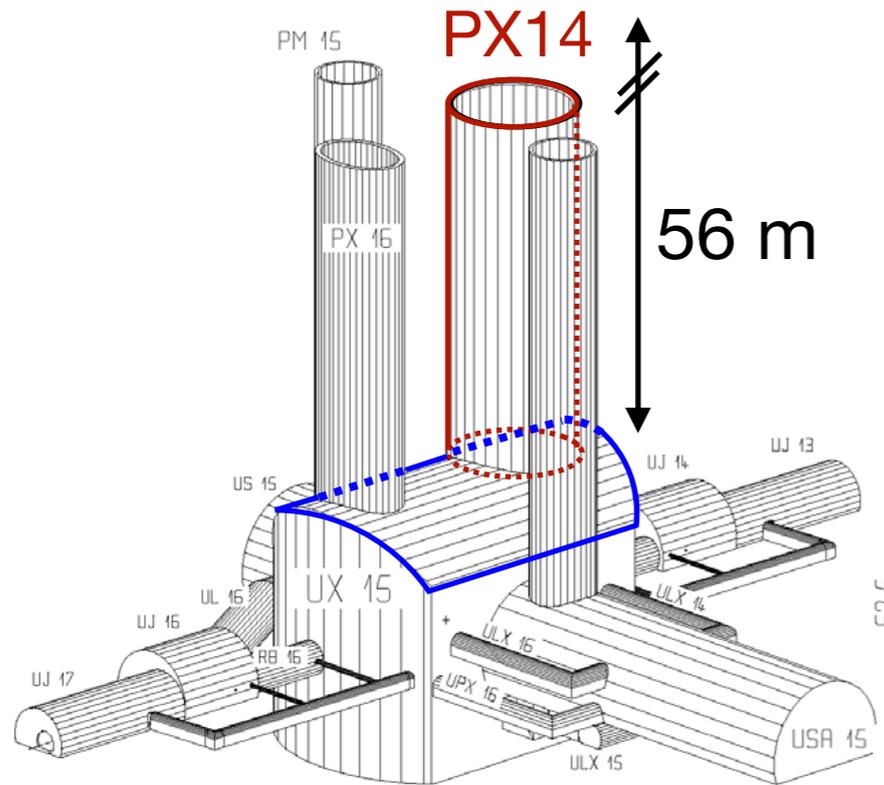
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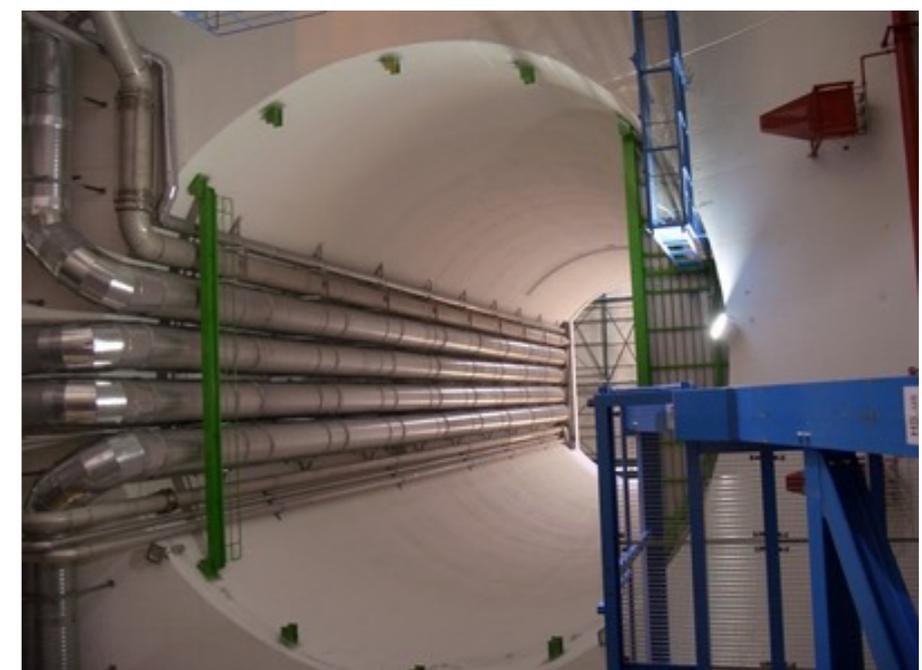
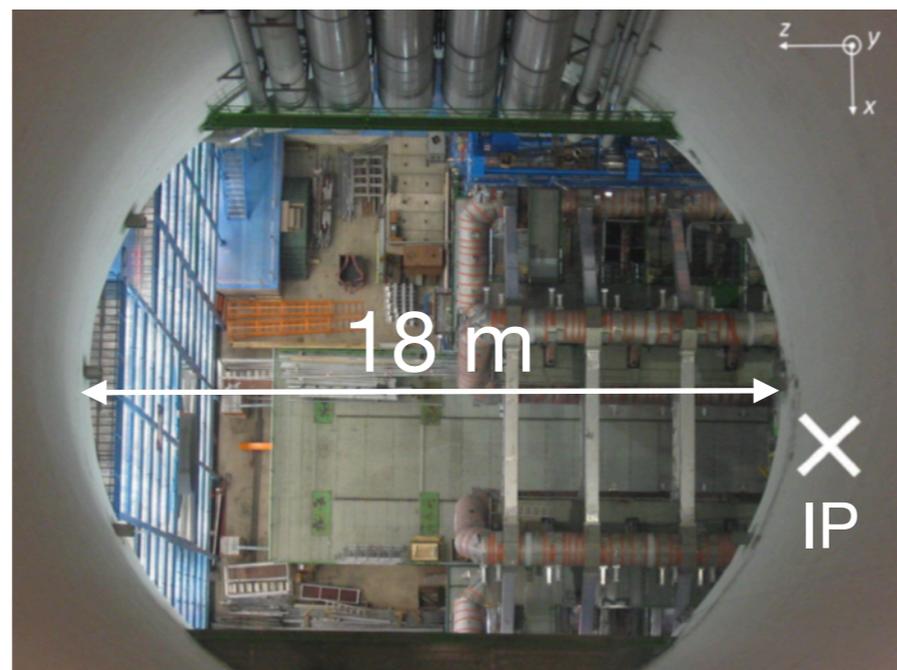


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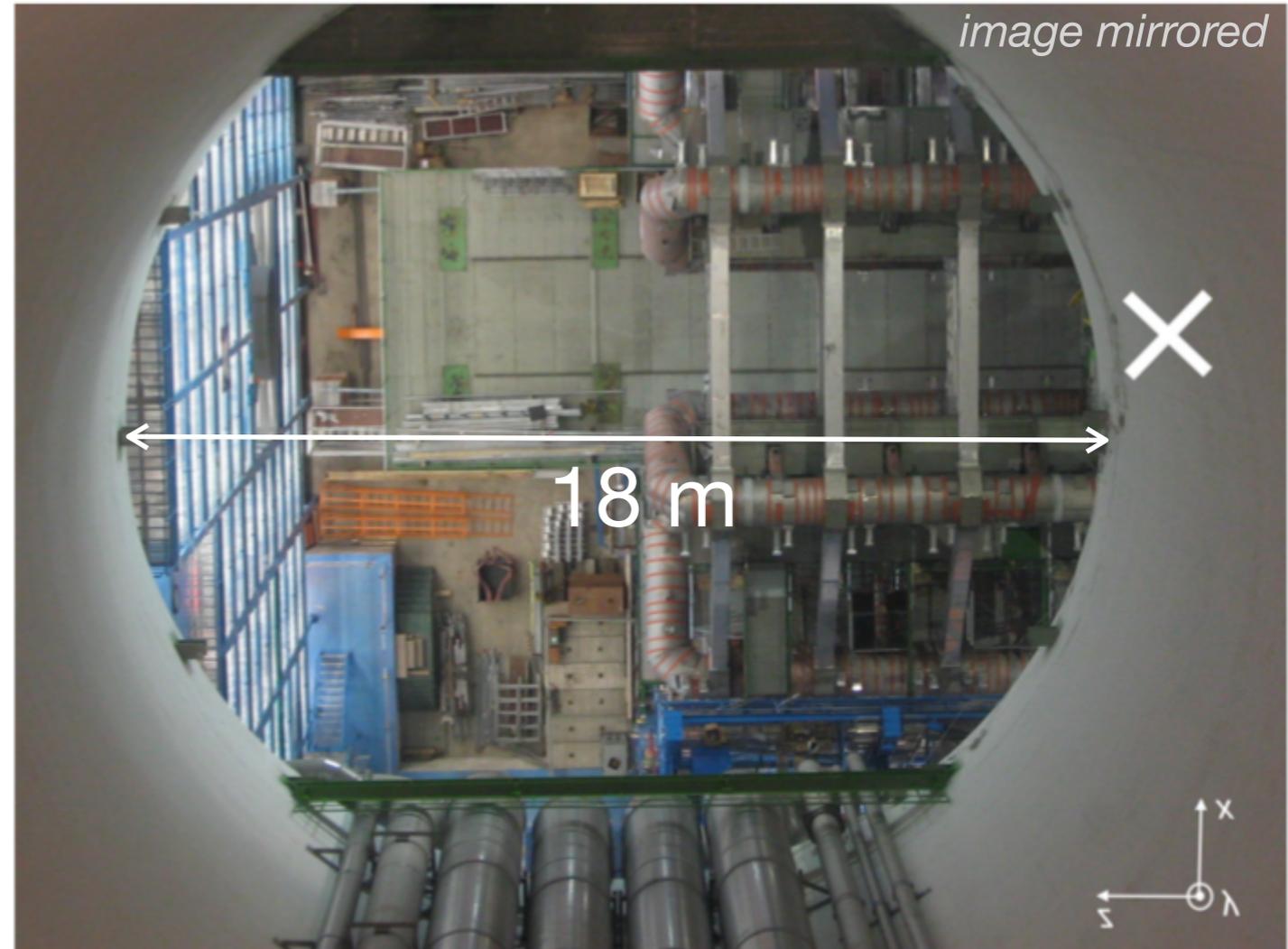
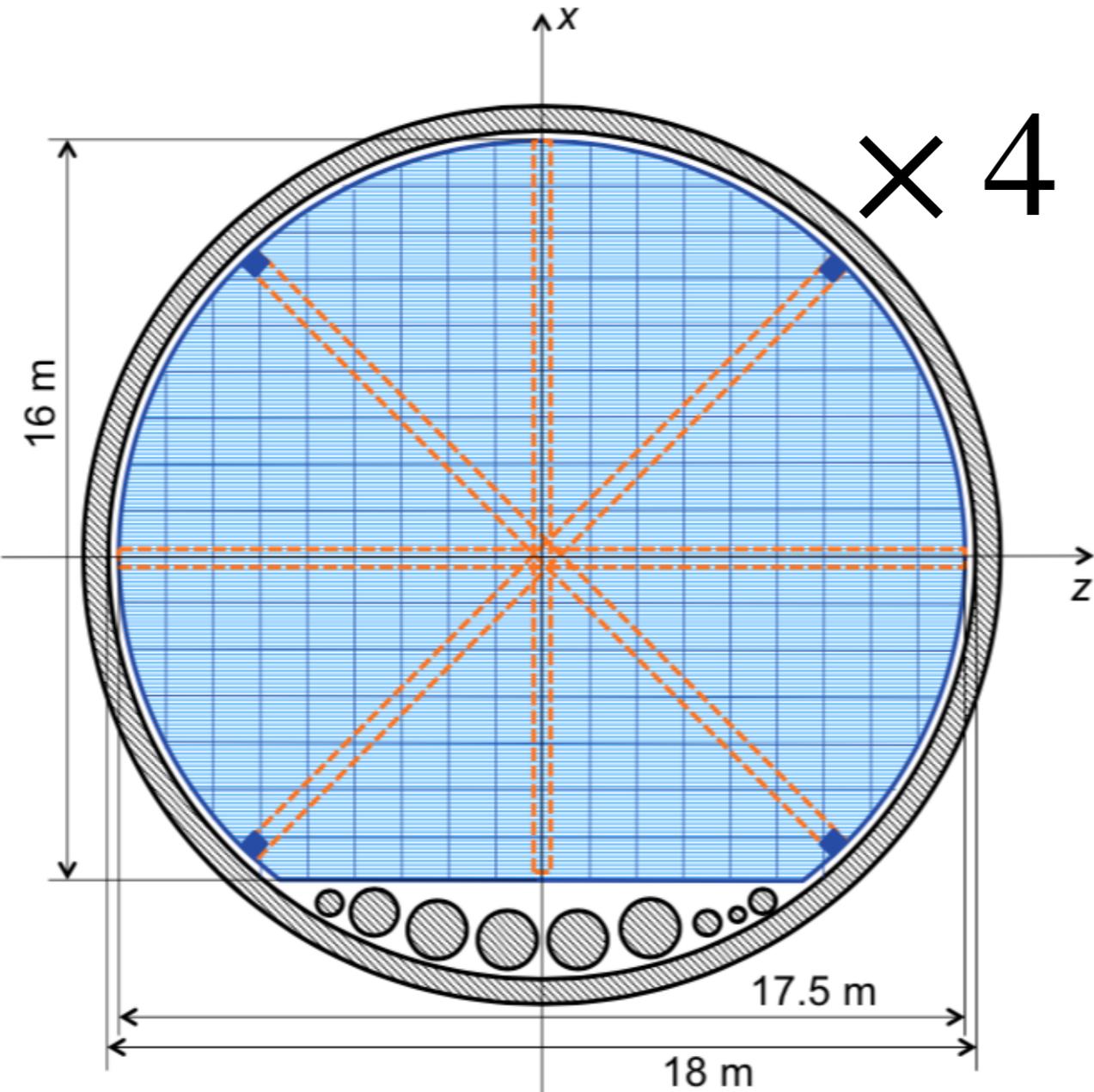
cranes can support up to 270 t

- Existing geometry allows for minimal civil engineering costs
- Projective decay volume optimises acceptance for different lifetimes



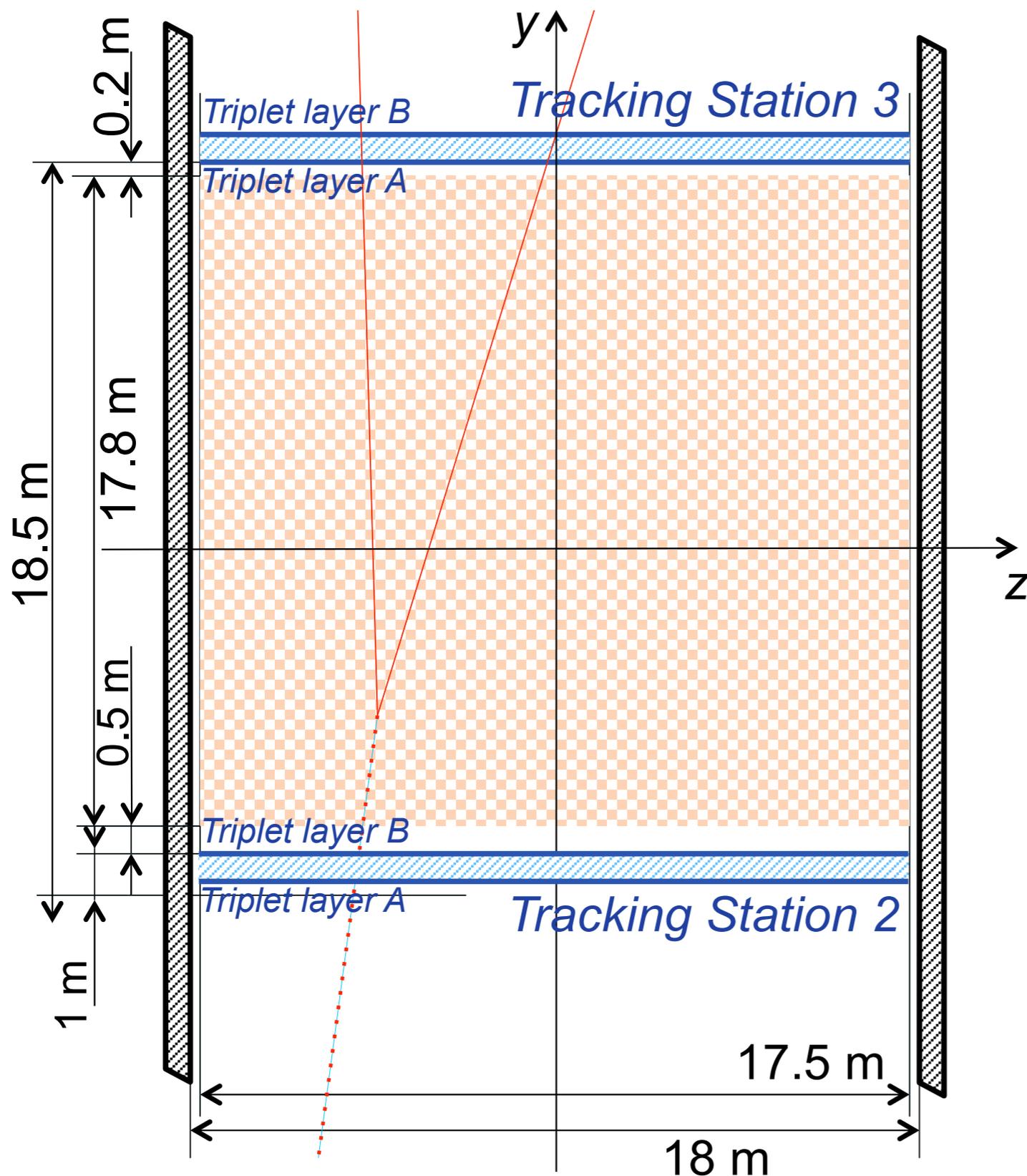


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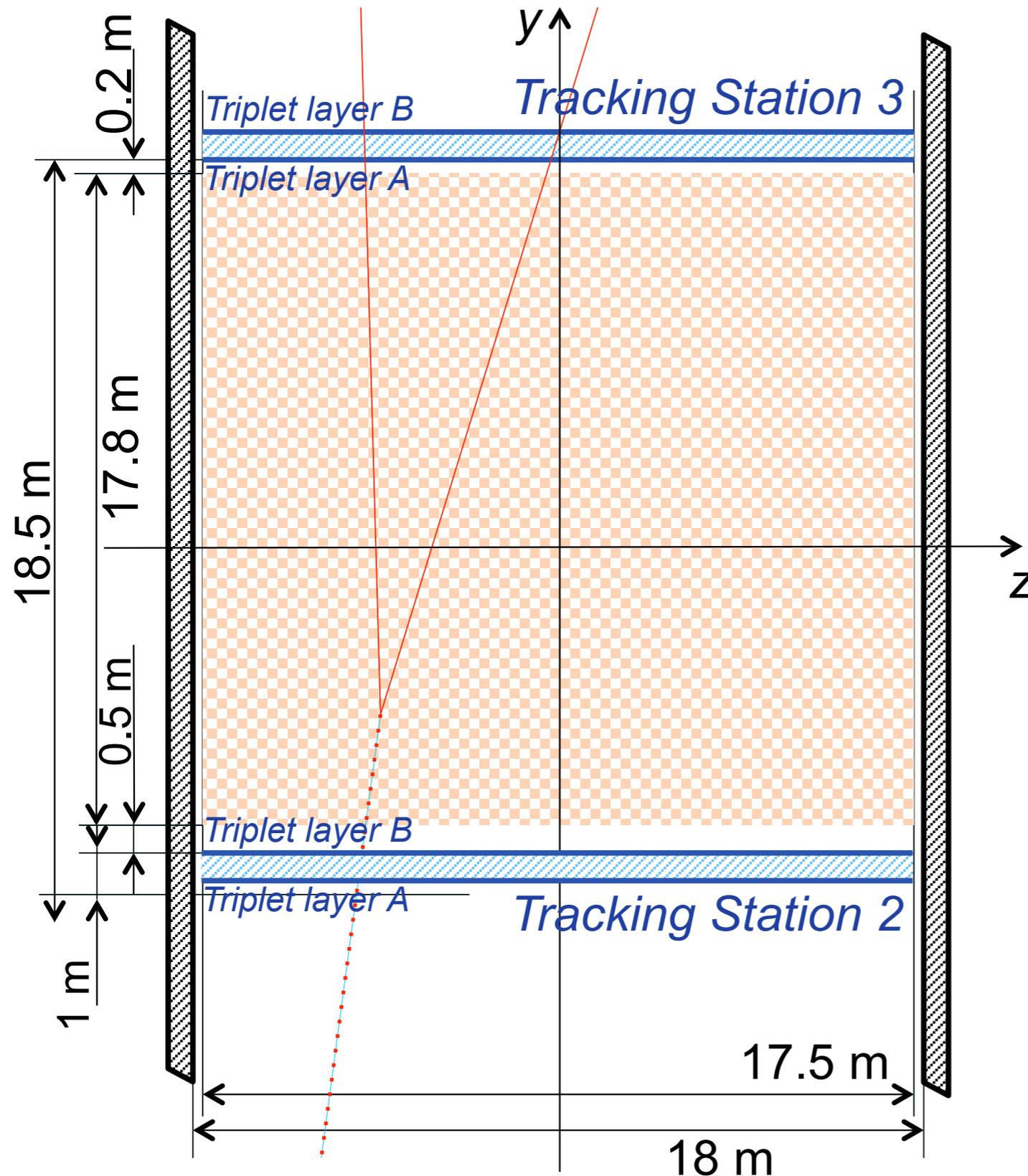
Current proposal:
Four evenly spaced tracking stations with
a **cross-sectional area** of 230 m^2 each

ANUBIS: detector concept



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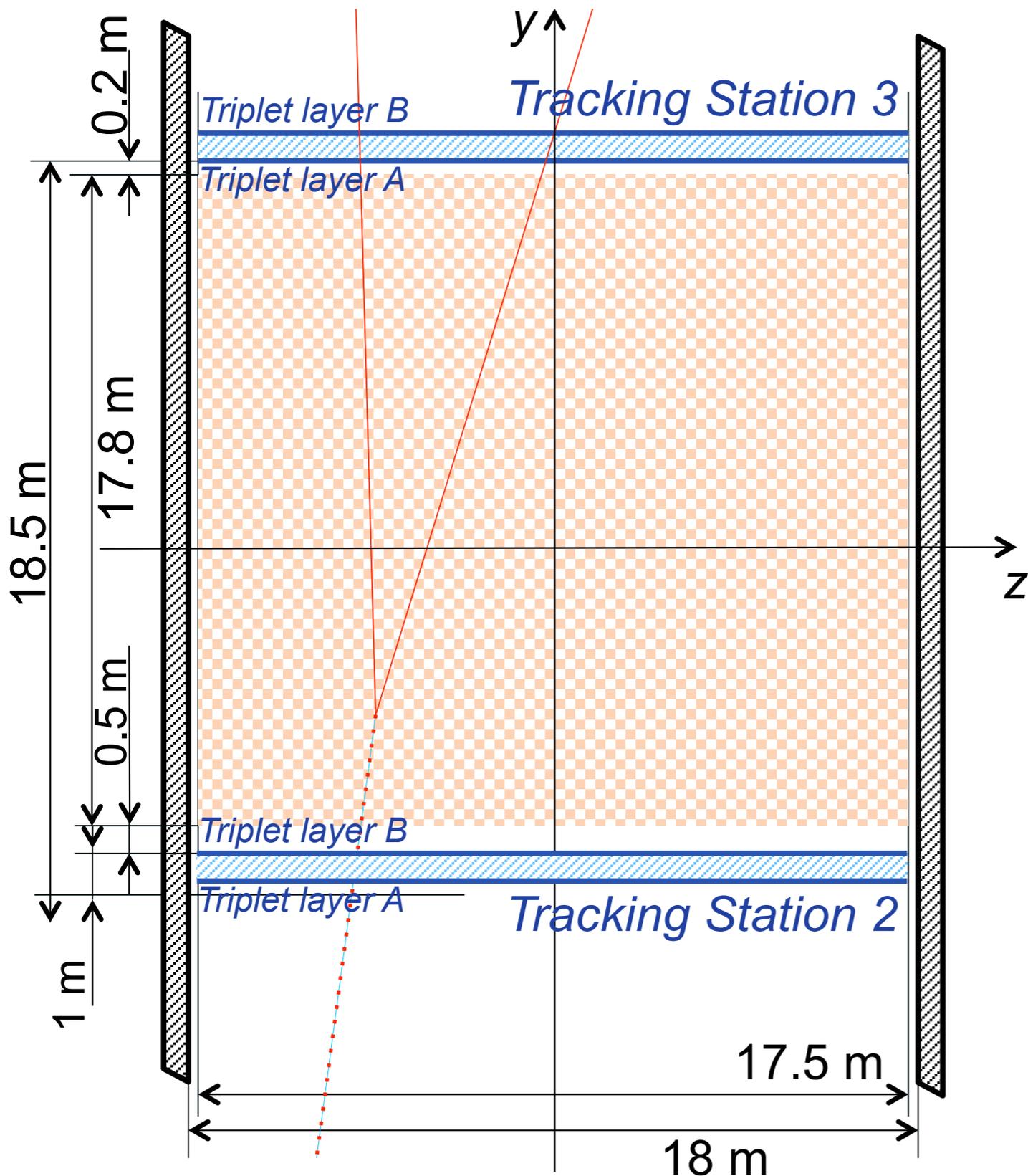


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Efficiency:

- Detect signal
- Reject backgrounds

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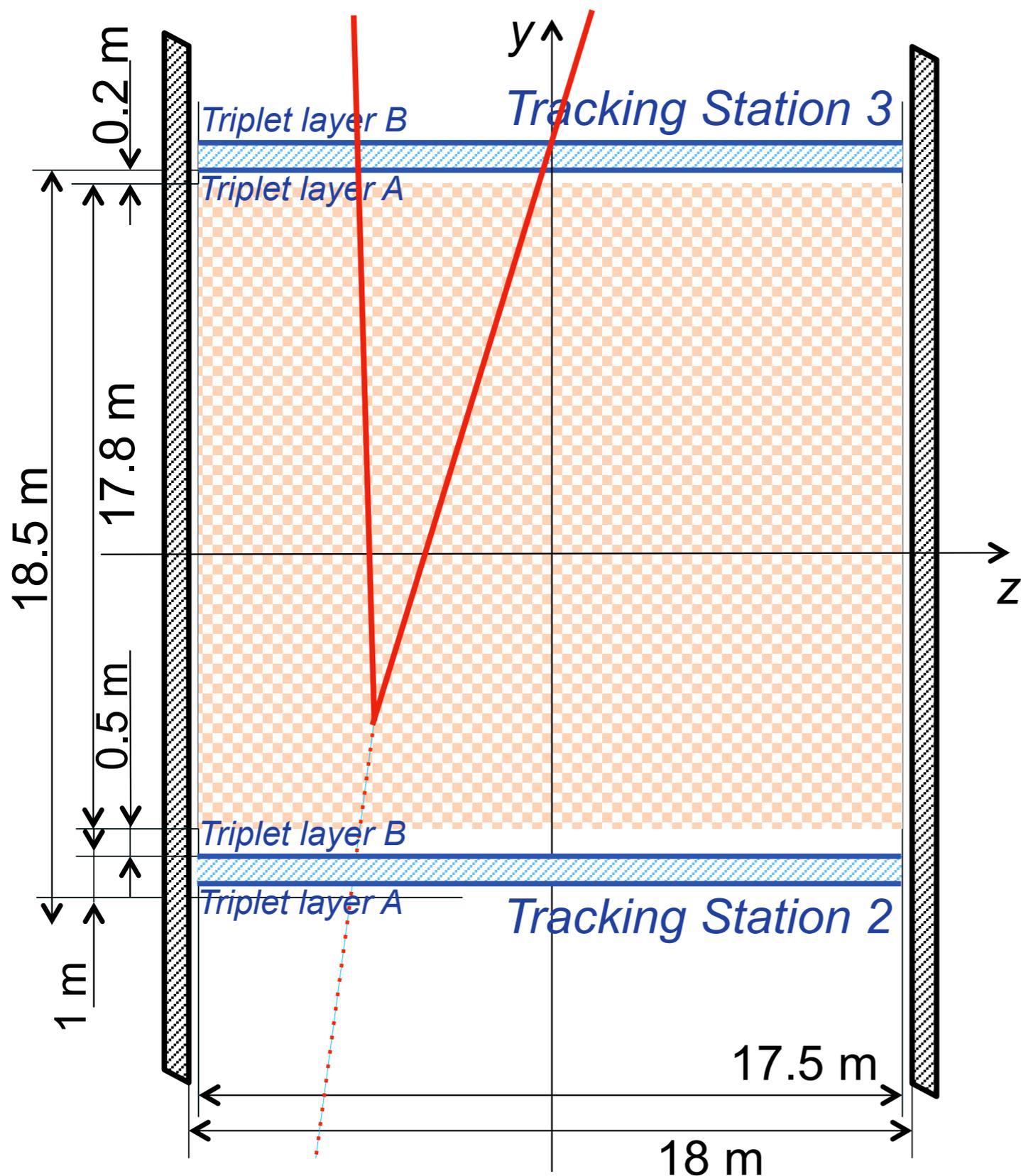


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Timing:

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

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



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):

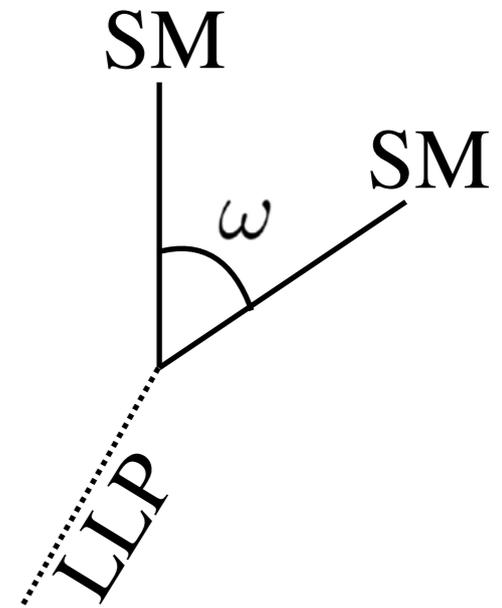
$$m_{\text{med}} \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$$

- Average boost from pure kinematics:

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

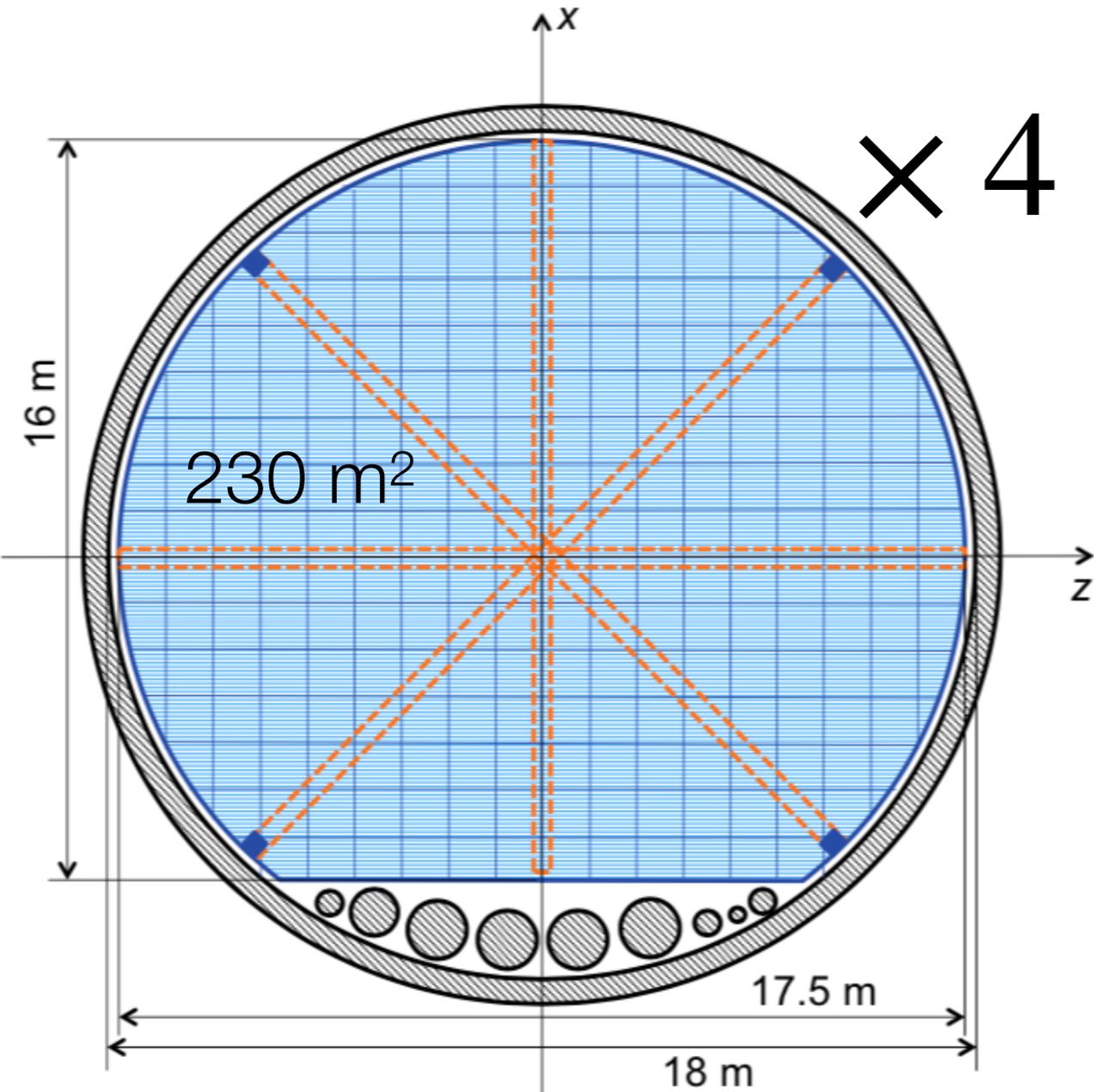
- Assume symmetric LLP decay

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





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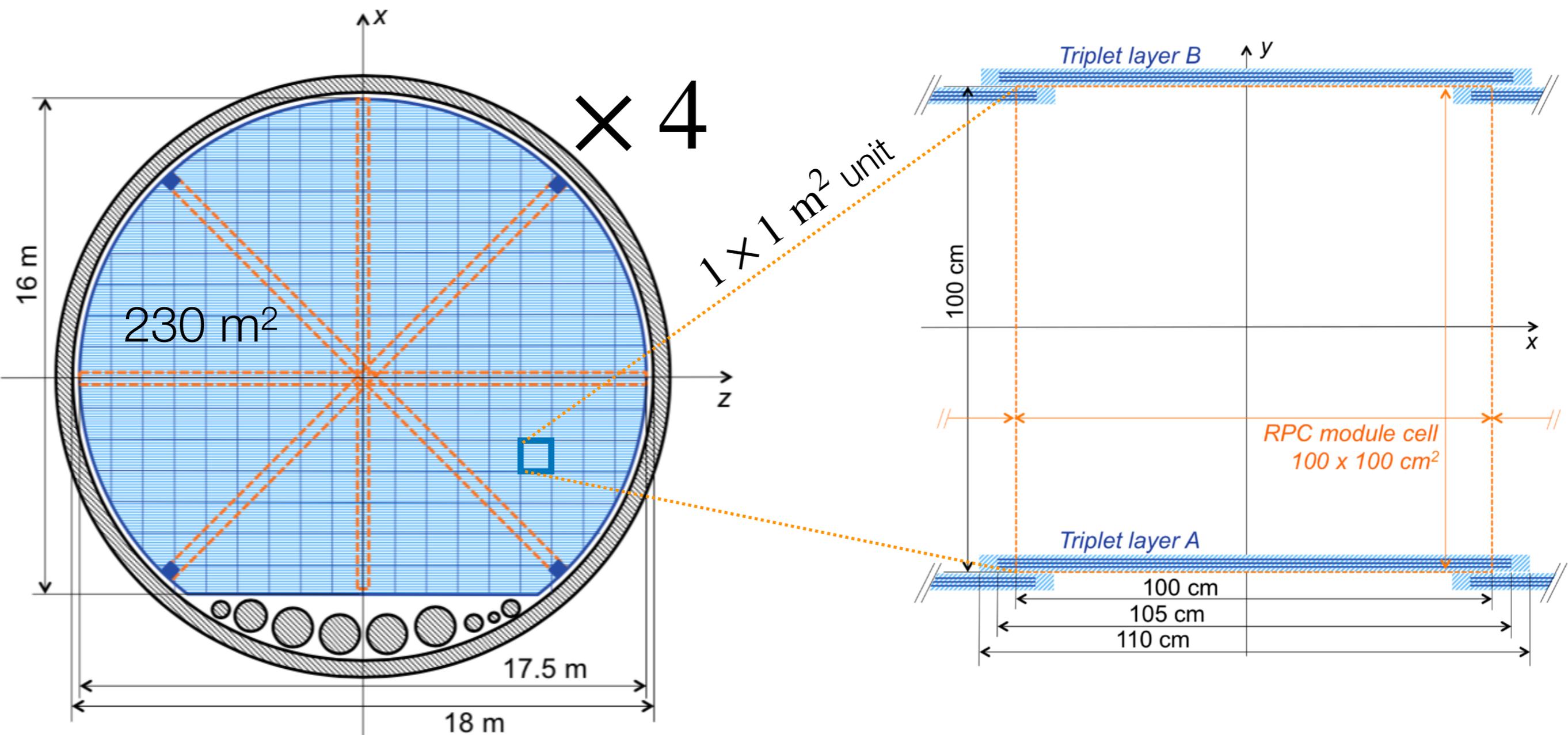


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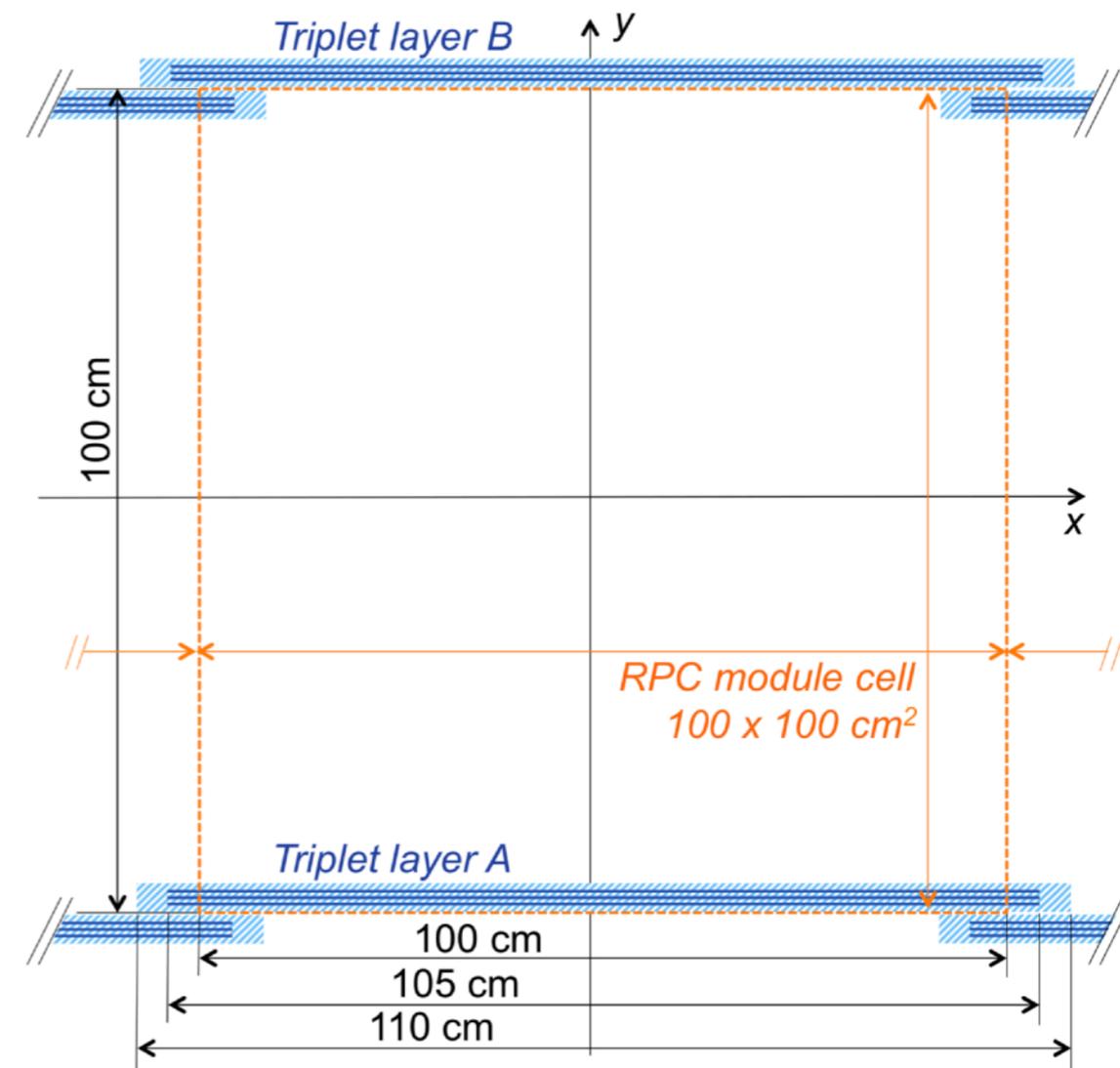
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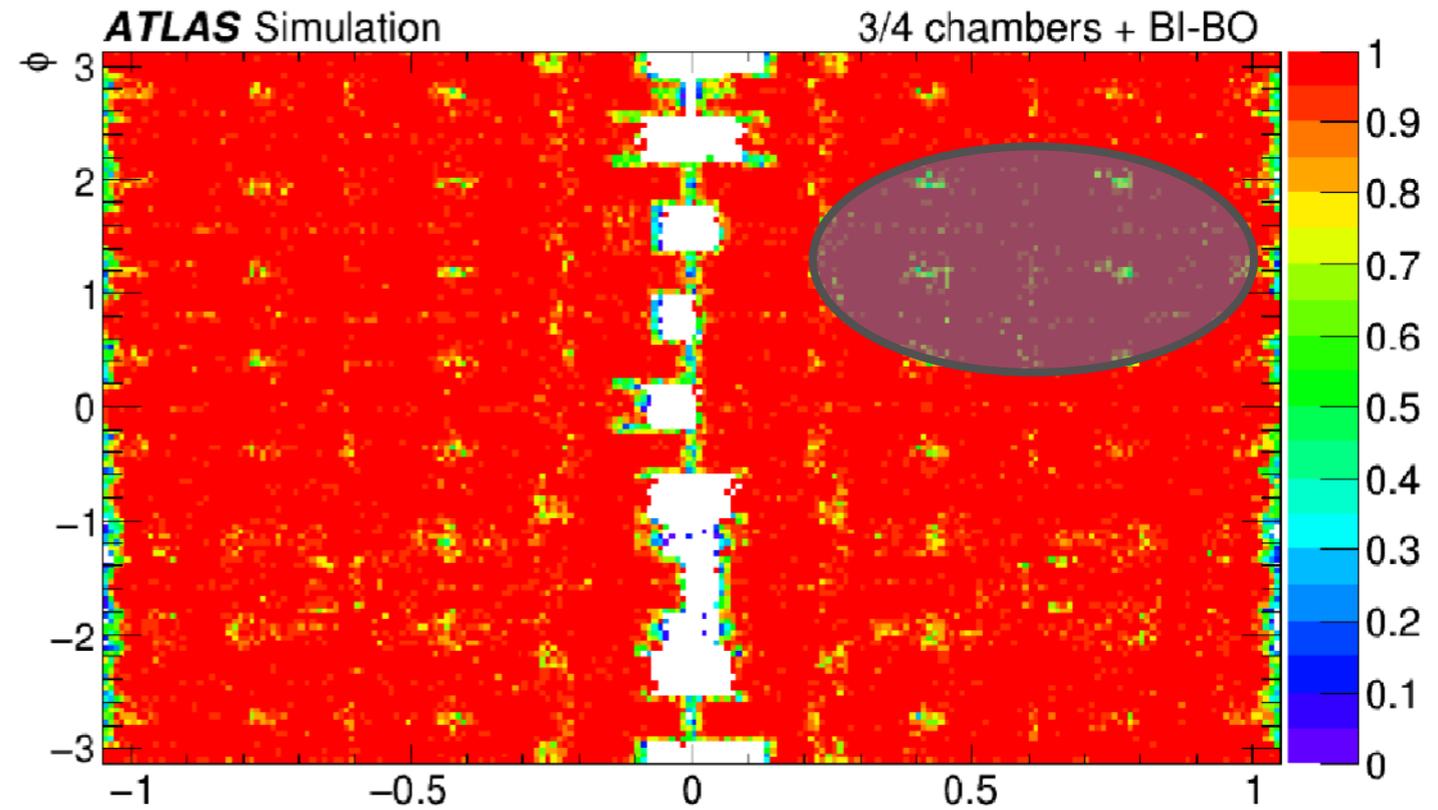
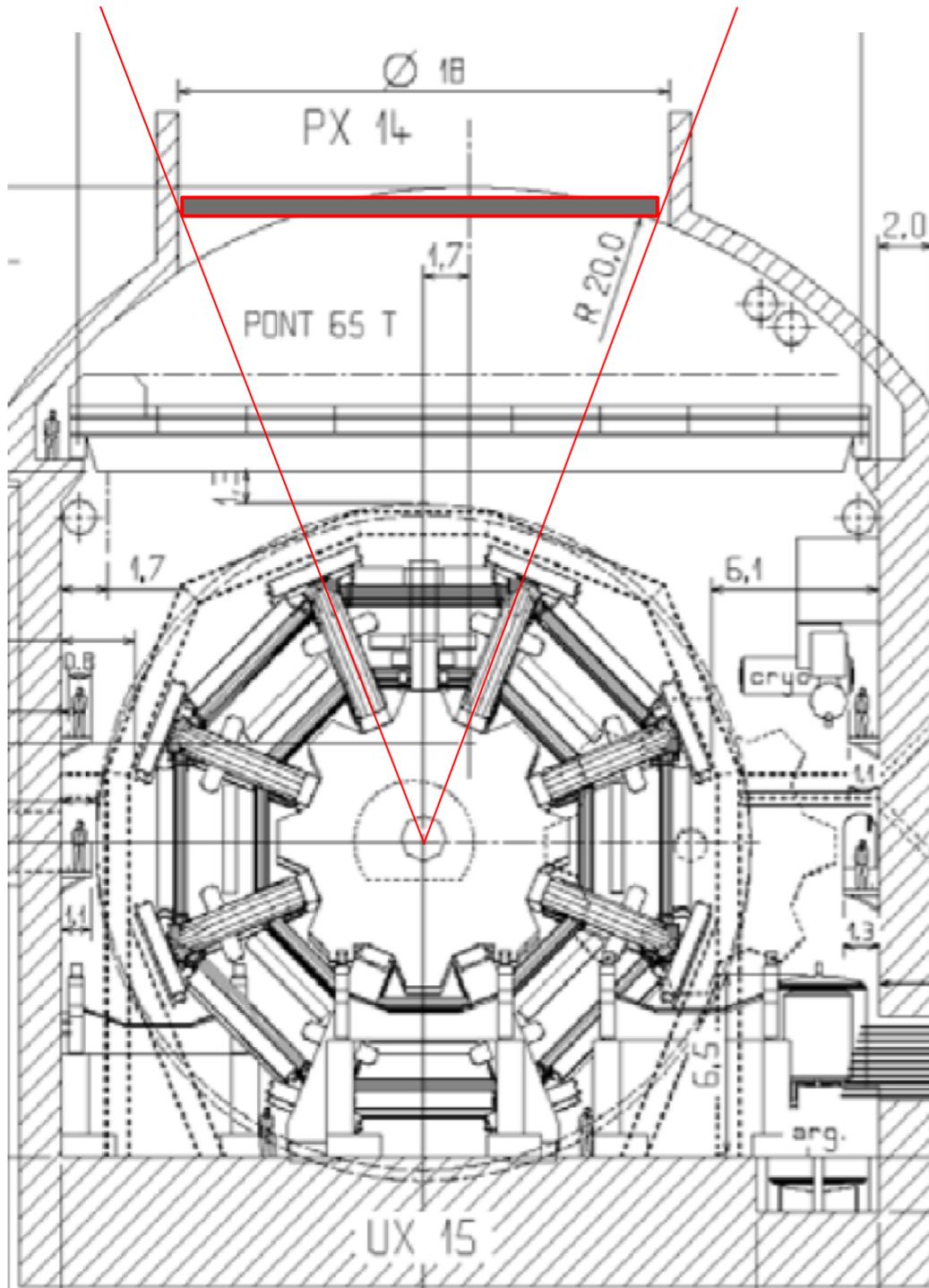
Possible detector technology:

- Resistive Plate Chamber technology; ANUBIS performance specifications met by ATLAS *BIS-7 prototype* (ongoing upgrade): triplet of layers with 0.4 ns time resolution, 0.1 cm spatial resolution
- $2.3 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2$ total instrumented area @5 k€/m² (including mechanics, gas gap, strips, front-ends and production yield): *$o(10)$ M€, scales with m²*
Each tracking station weighs 230 m² x 51 kg/m² ~ 30 tons (OK)
- Other possibilities like finely granulated scintillators, scintillating fibres to explore
- Not likely to further reduce costs

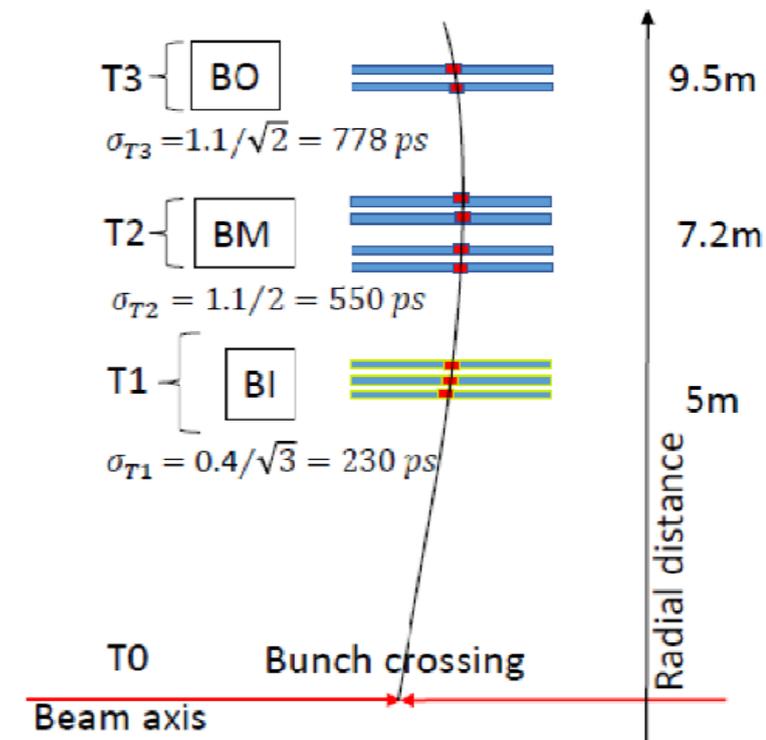


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- Same RPC technology as ANUBIS
- New RPC layer in inner barrel
- 9 tracking layers
- 5 m independent lever arm



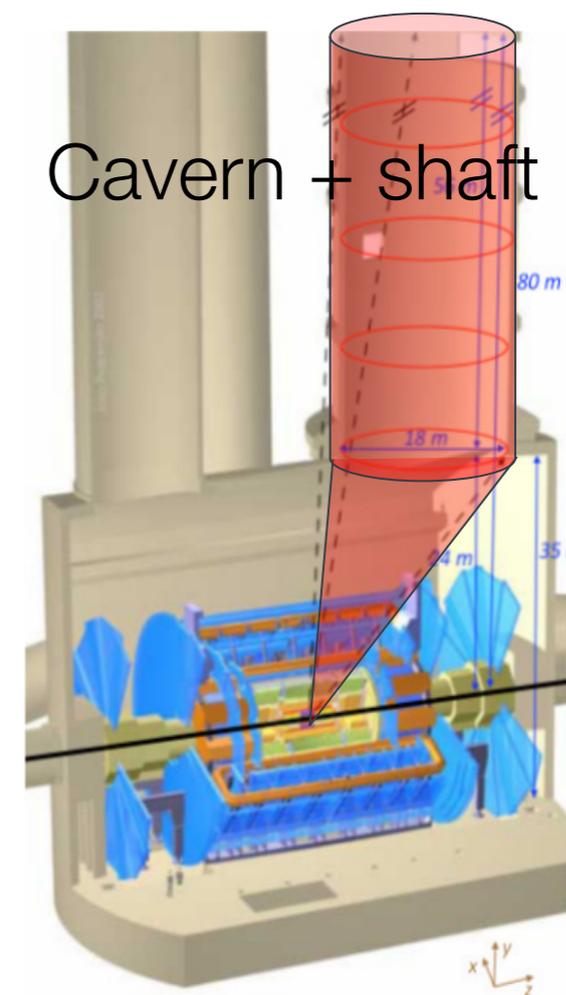
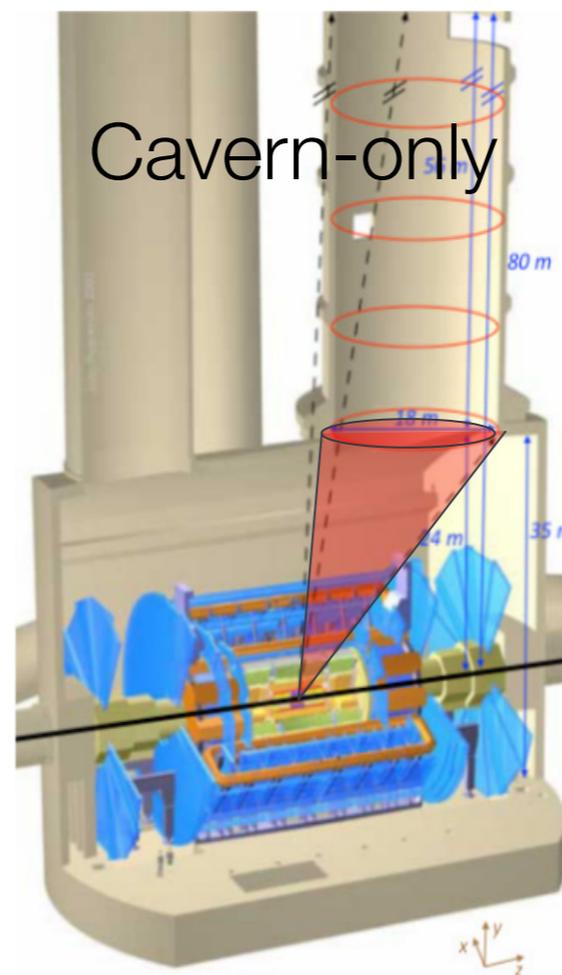
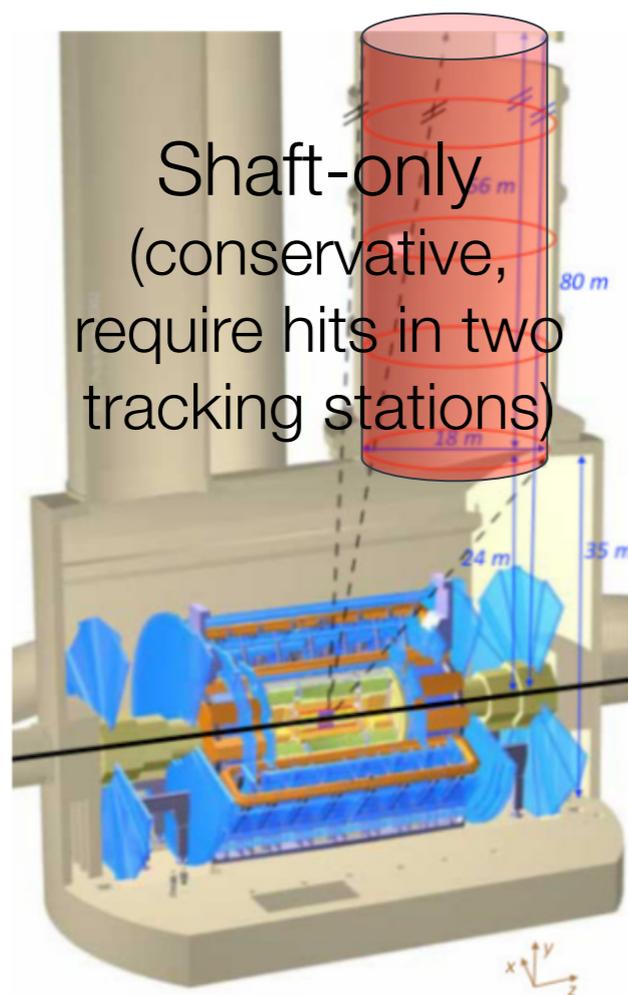
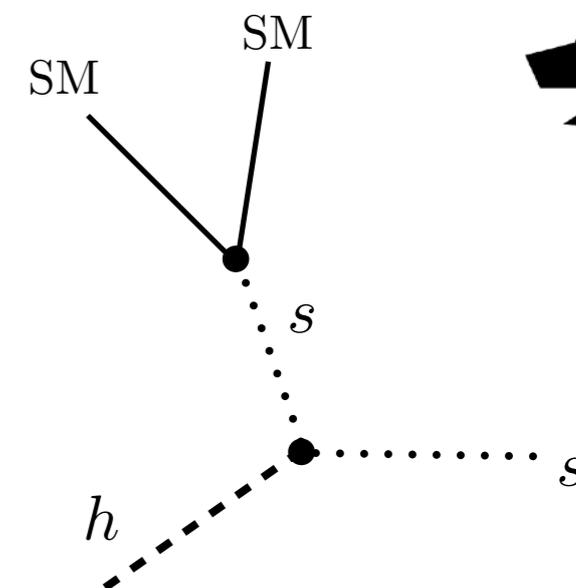


ANUBIS: simulations

Representative LLP model: exotic Higgs decays

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda s^2 H^\dagger H \quad h \rightarrow ss, s \rightarrow \text{SM SM}$$

Consider three geometries

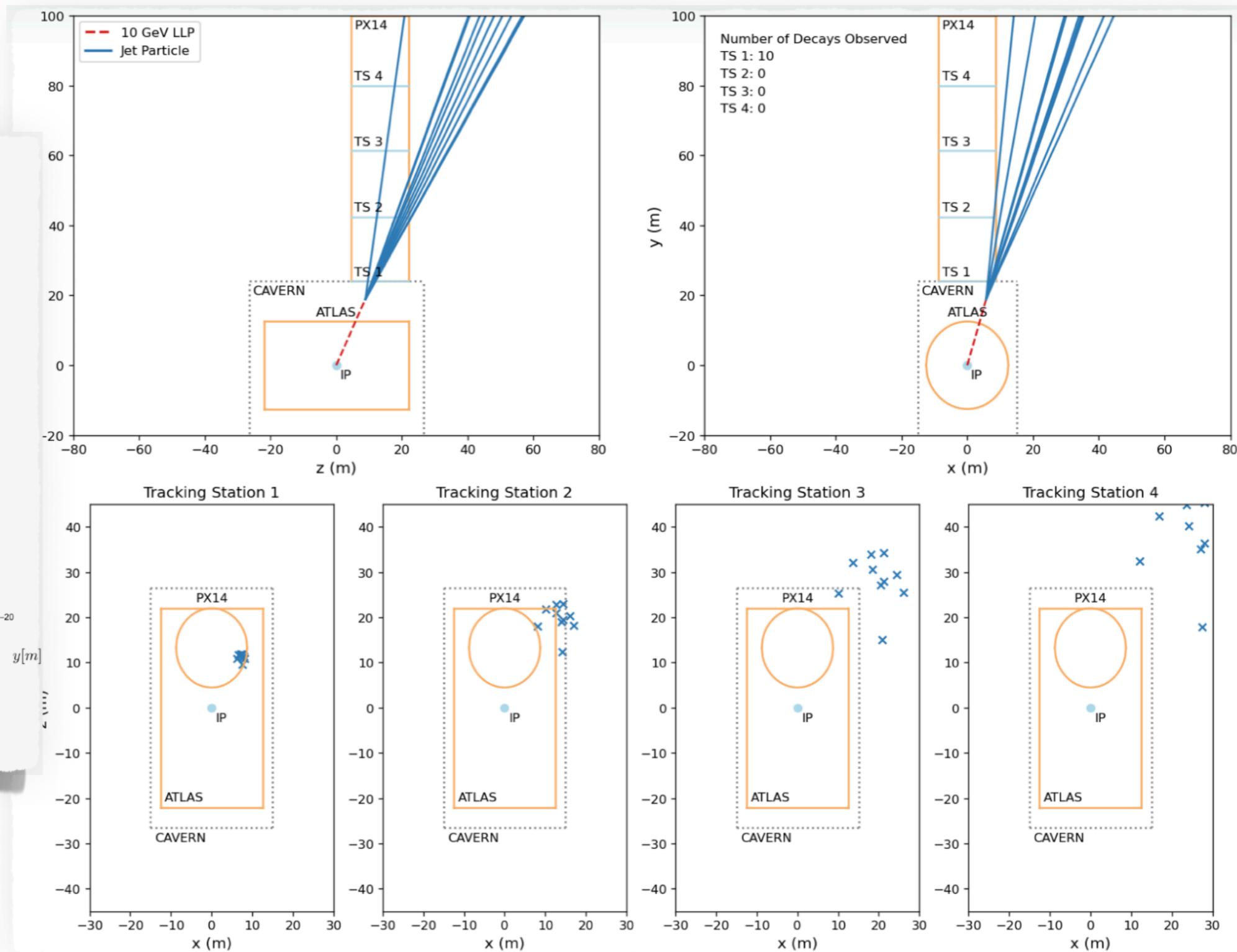
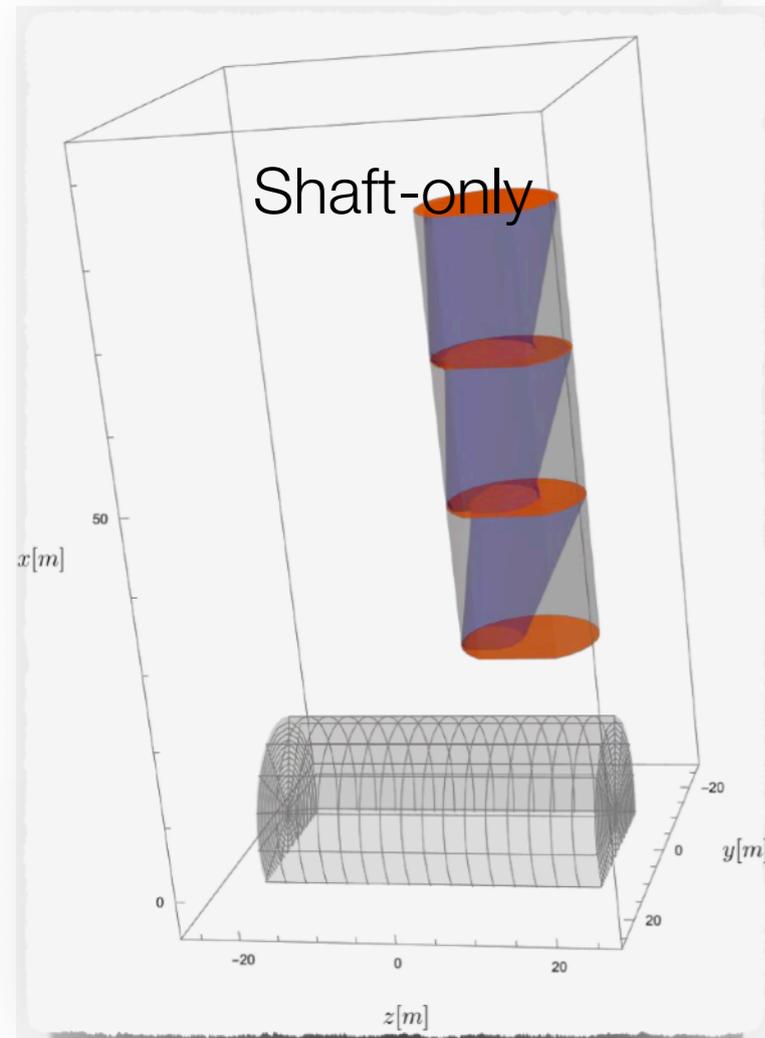


Background from ATLAS search for LLP decays in muon system:
need between 4 and 50 signal events for evidence

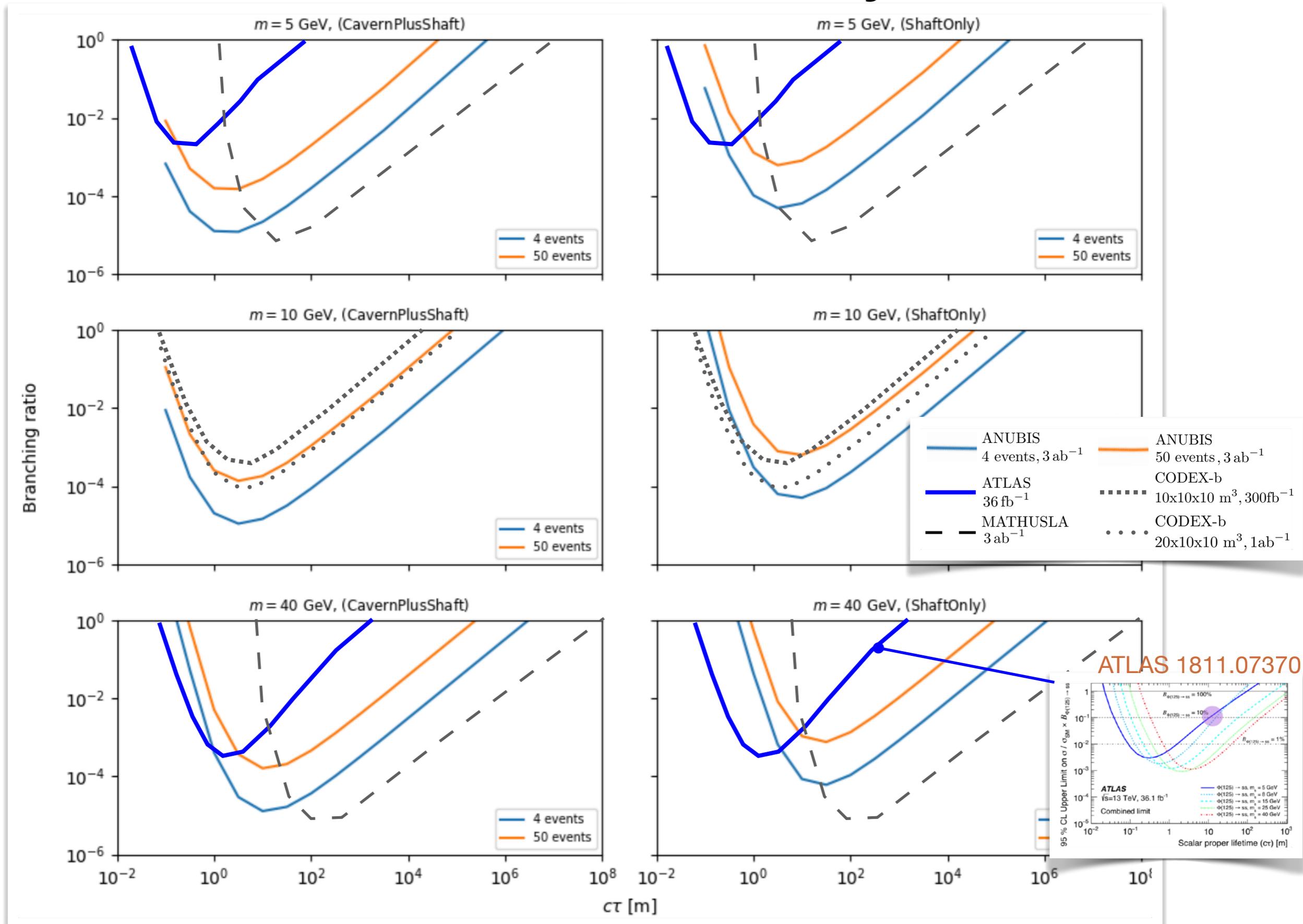
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ANUBIS: sensitivity



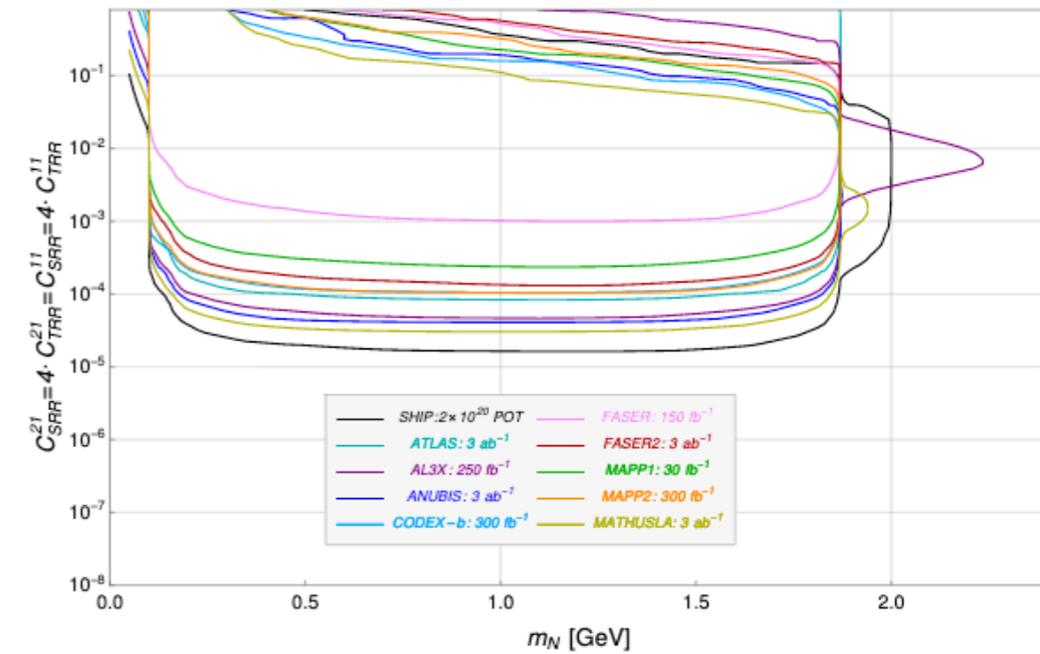


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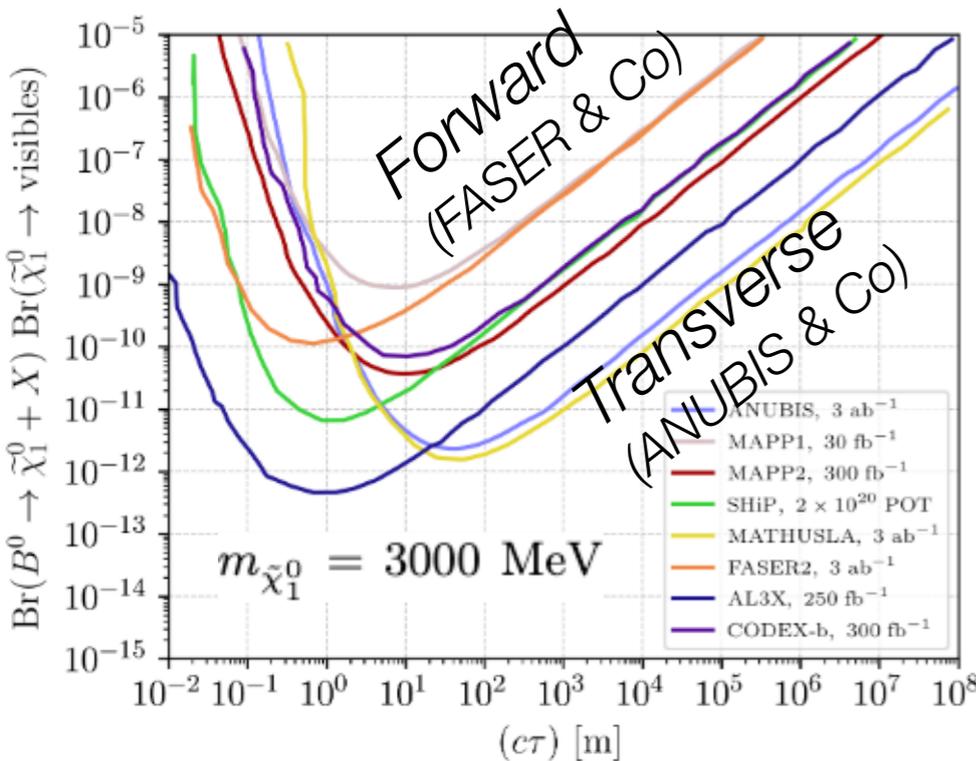
Other groups confirm ANUBIS' competitive sensitivity

- Complementarity between forward and transverse LLP experiments important
- Cover all potential decay modes:
 - 3rd generation: b, c, τ ;
 - leptonic decays: $e, \mu, (\tau)$; ALPs: γ

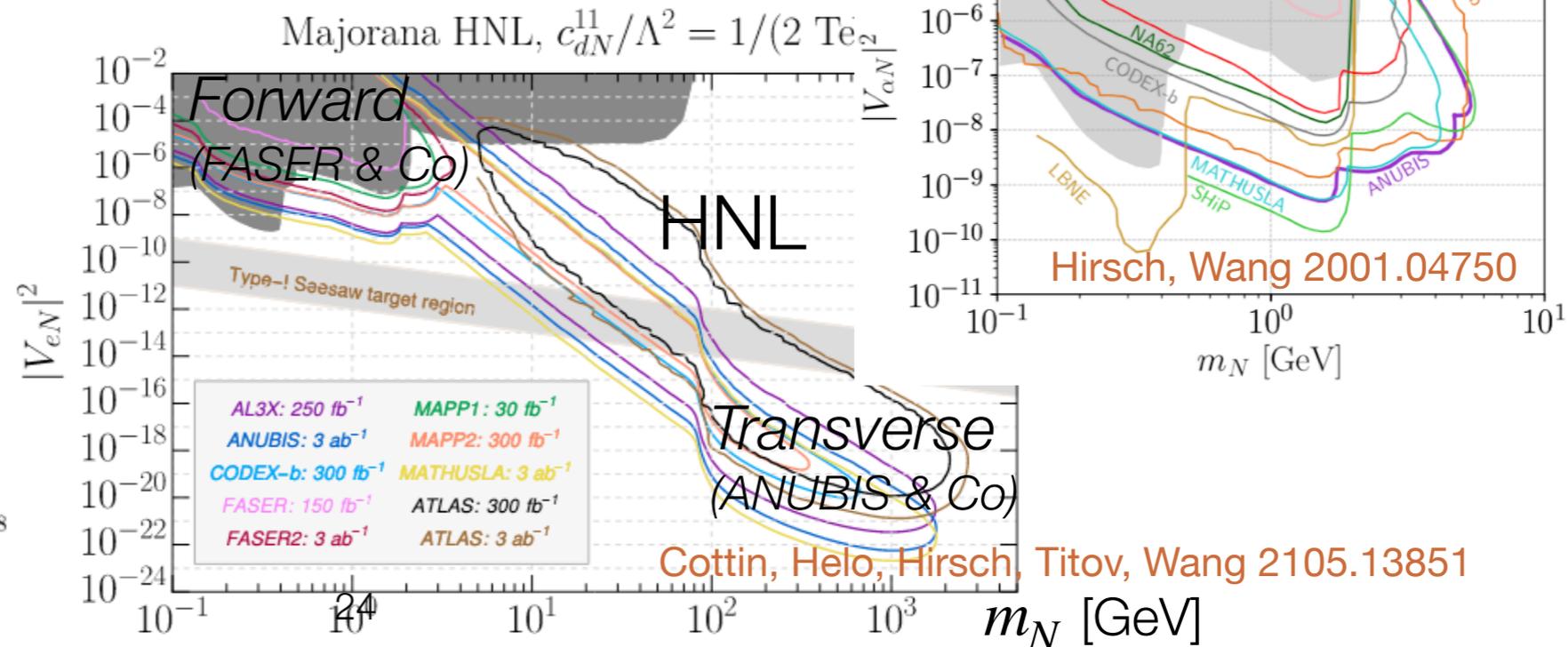
de Vries, Reiner, Günther, Wang, Zhou 2010.07035



R-parity violating SUSY



Dreiner, Günther, Wang 2008.07539



Cottin, Helo, Hirsch, Titov, Wang 2105.13851

Hirsch, Wang 2001.04750



ANUBIS: backgrounds

ATLAS detector for background reduction:

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

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

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

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



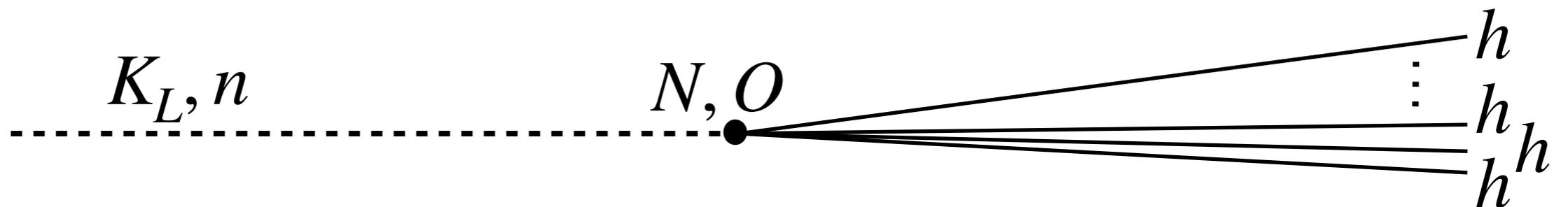
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Two main background mechanisms to enter the signal region:

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



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



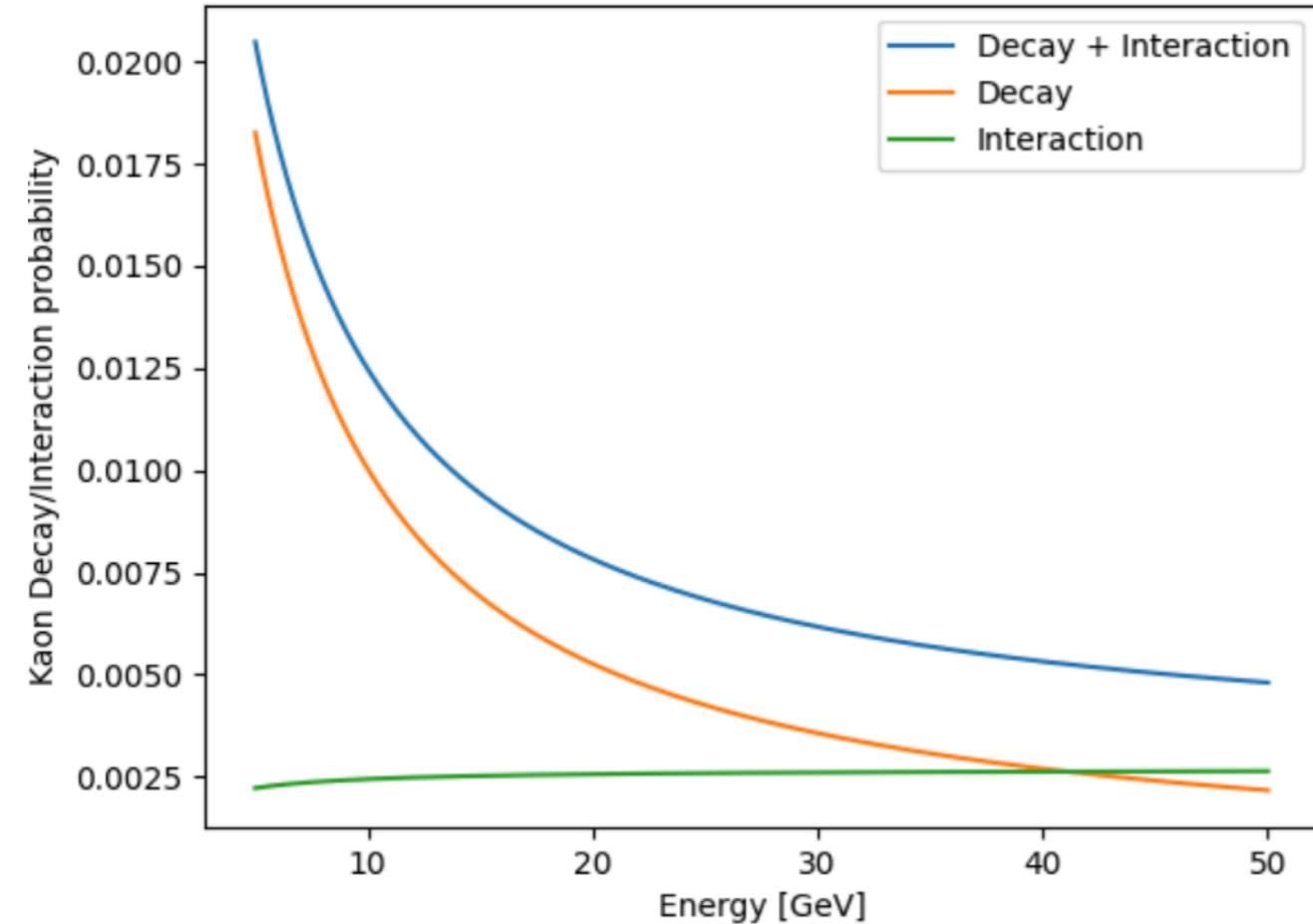
- Decimate by fiducialising the signal region for LLP decays:
 - accept vertices from air-filled region only ($\Lambda_{\text{free}} \approx 800$ m)

ANUBIS: backgrounds: K_L



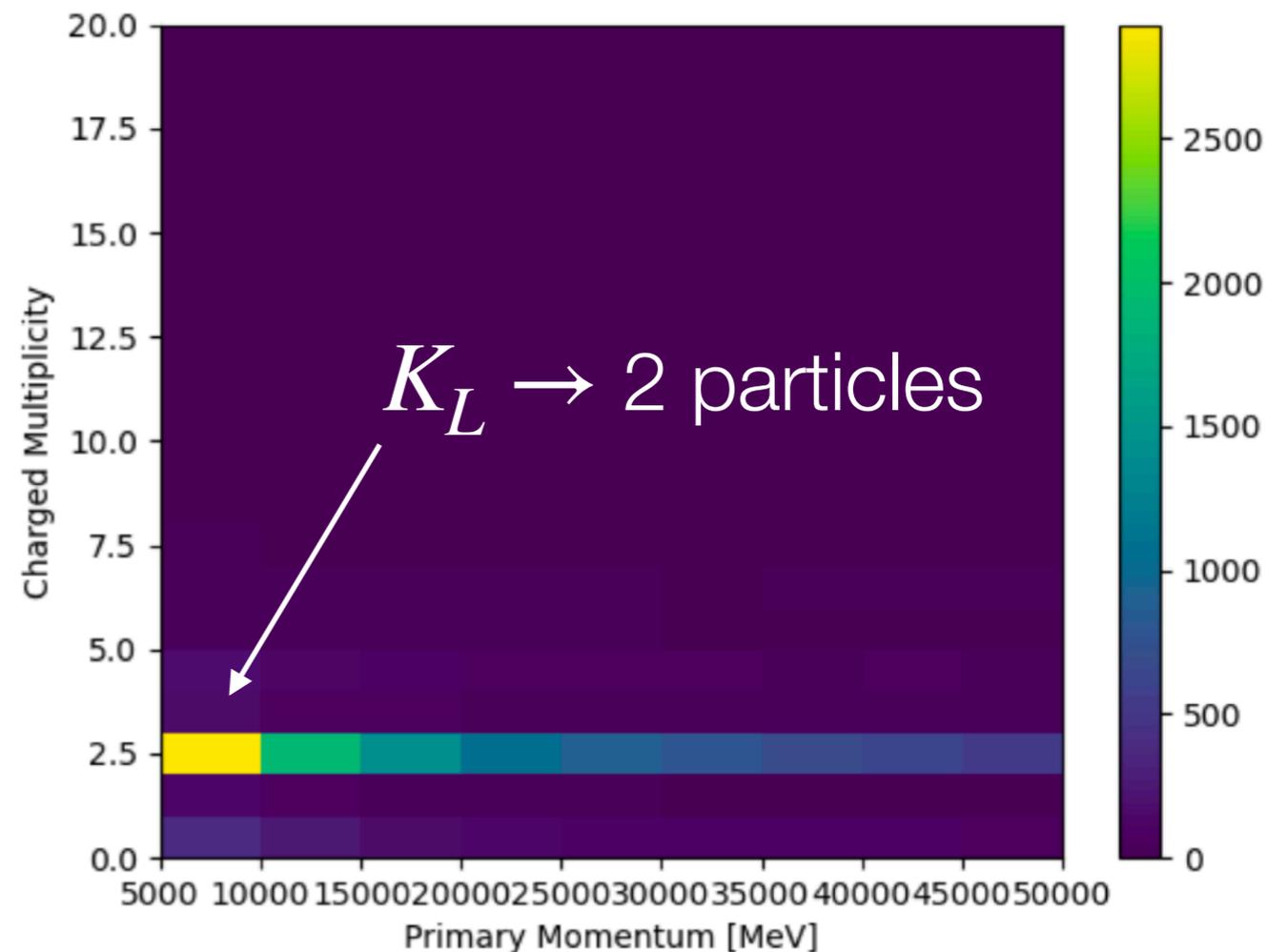
Decays typically dominate:

CavernPlusShaft, averaged over $\phi, \eta = 0.3$



Detailed Geant4 studies:

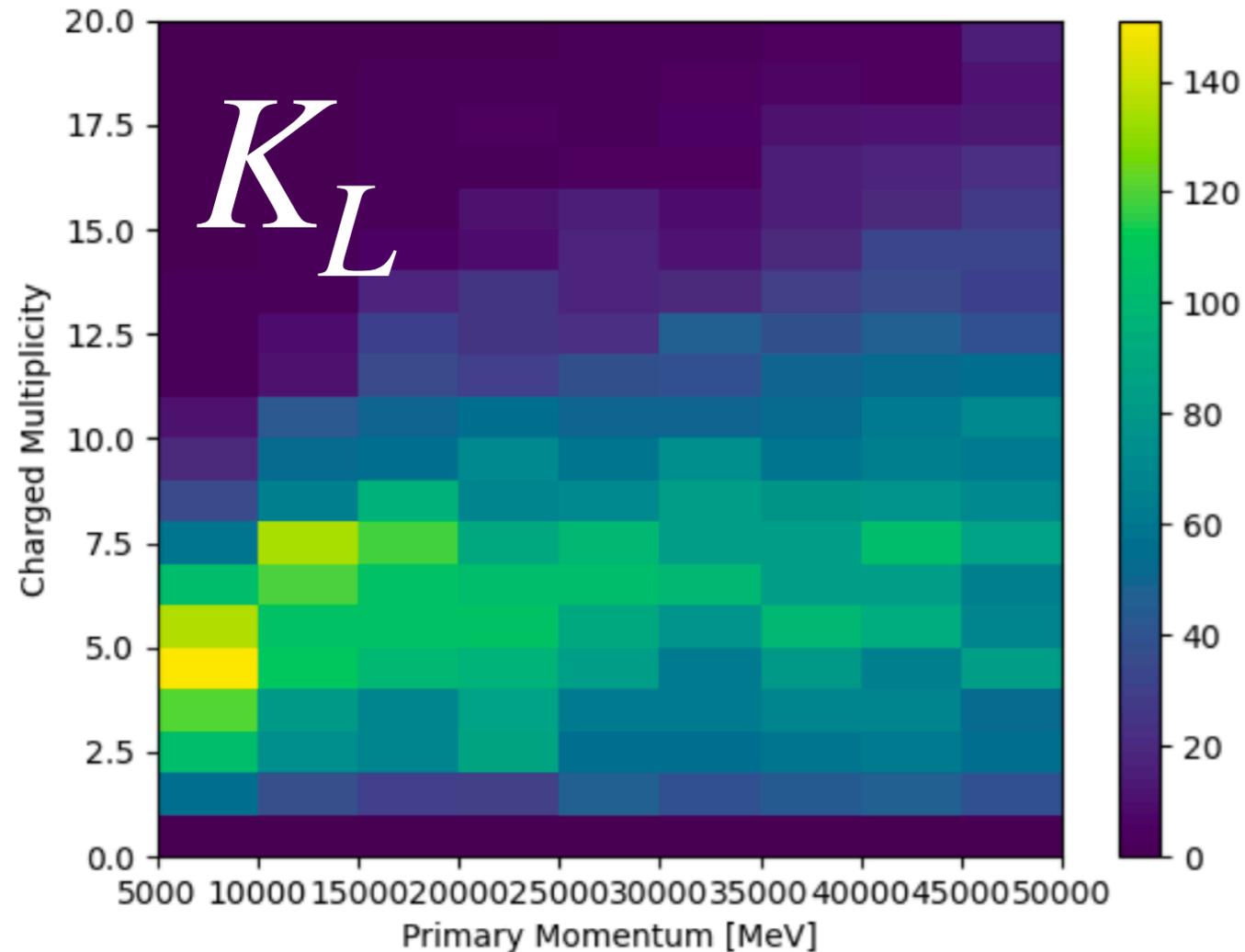
K_L, n with $E = 5, 10, \dots, 50$ GeV
on cylinder of air of 100 m depth



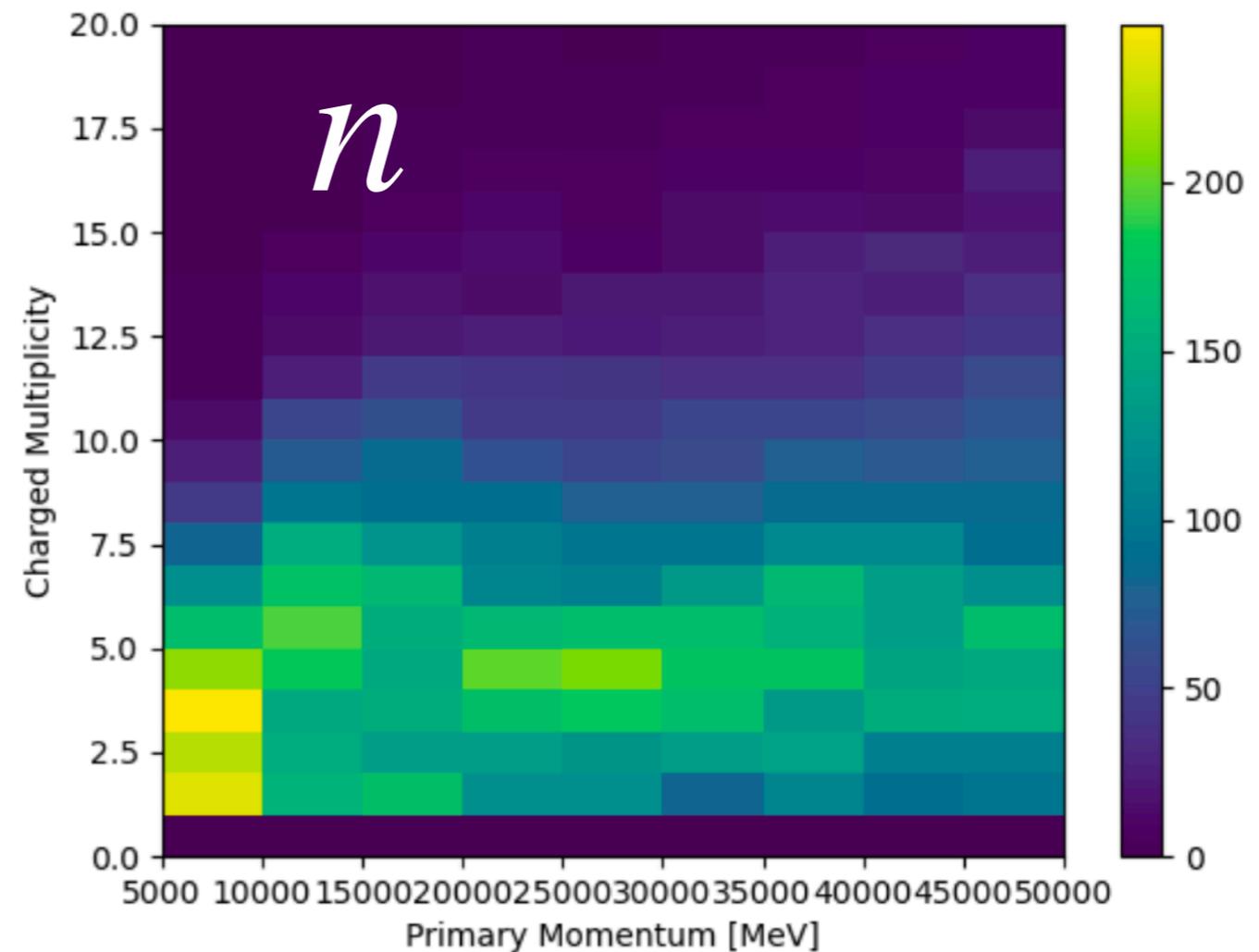


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Hadronic interactions as background from Geant4 studies



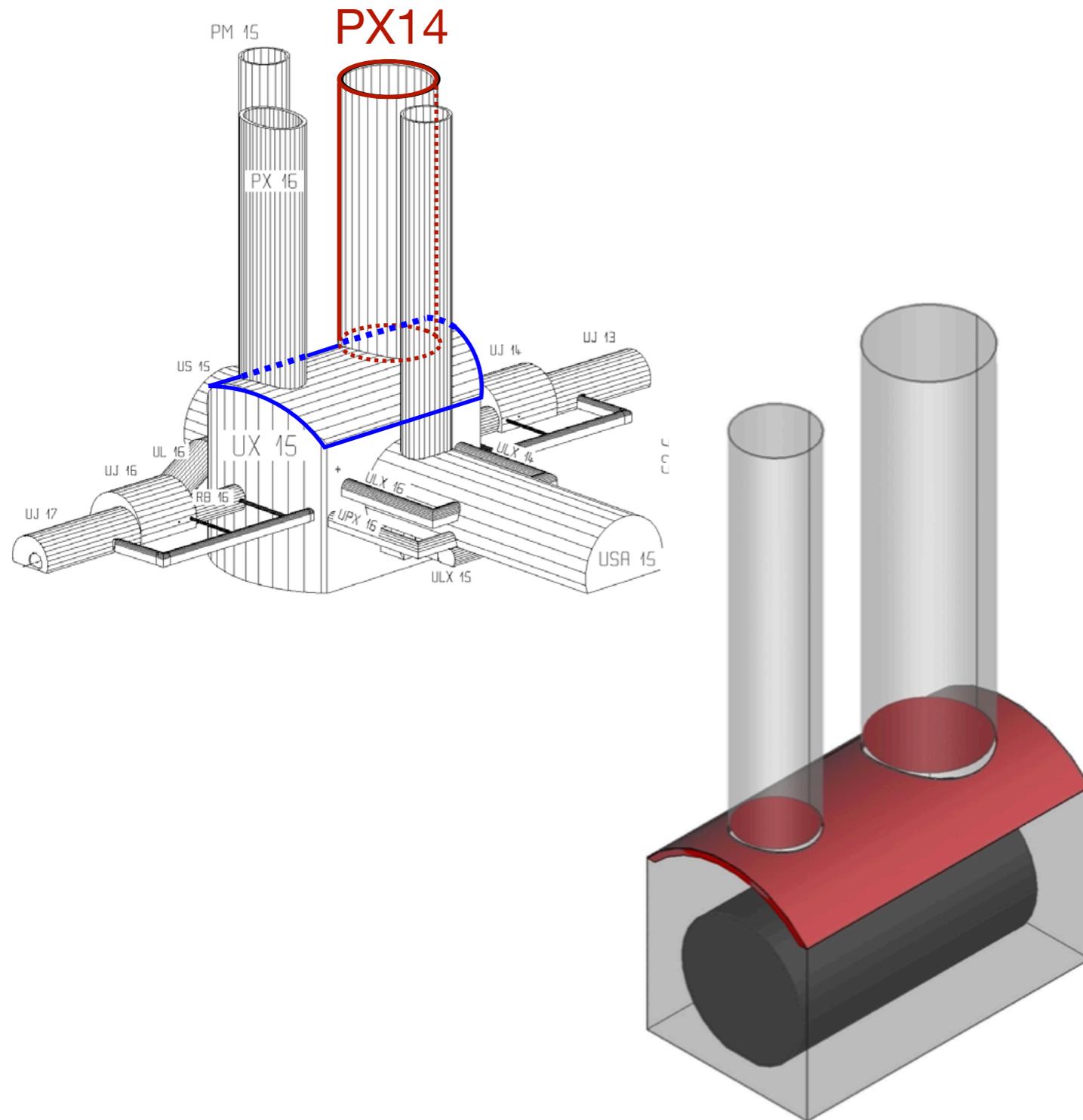
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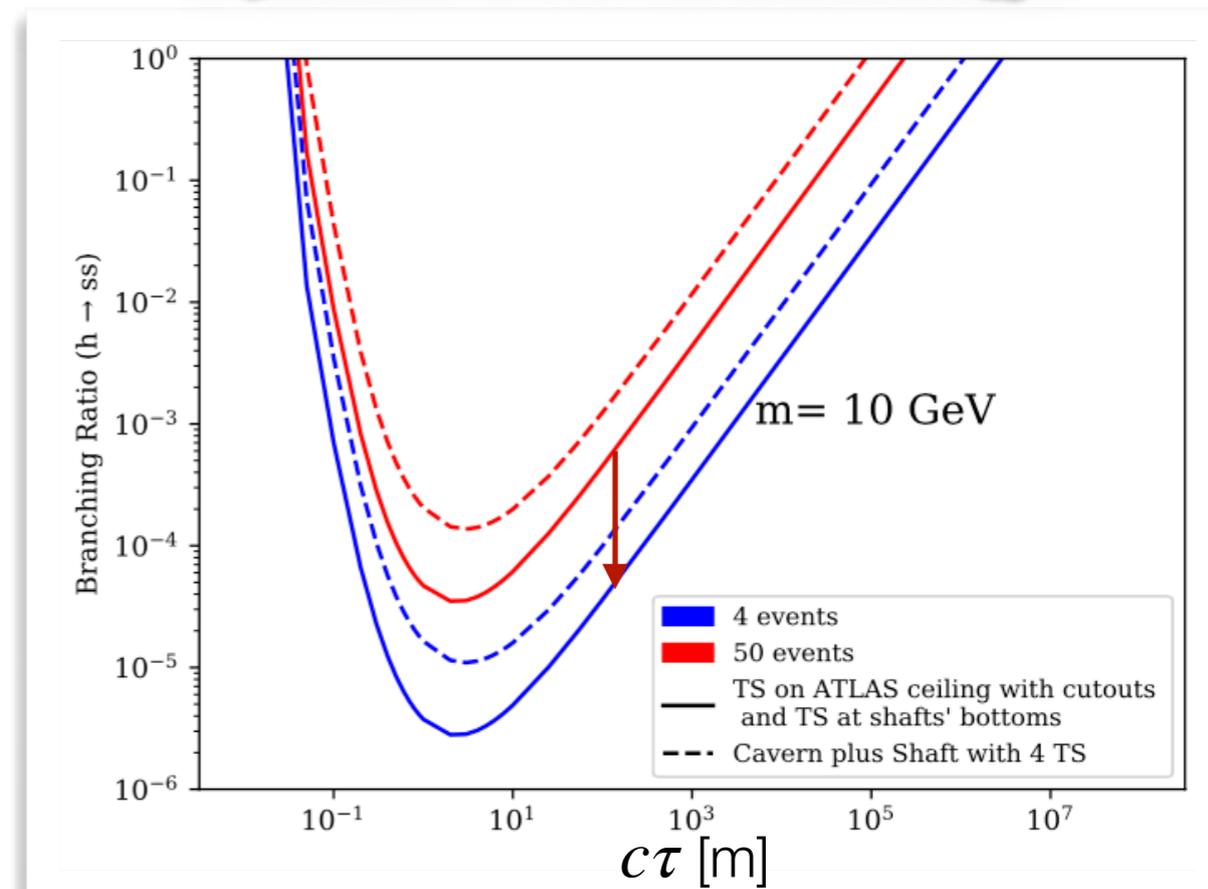
ANUBIS: alternative geometry



Tracking layer attached to the cavern ceiling + 1 tracking station



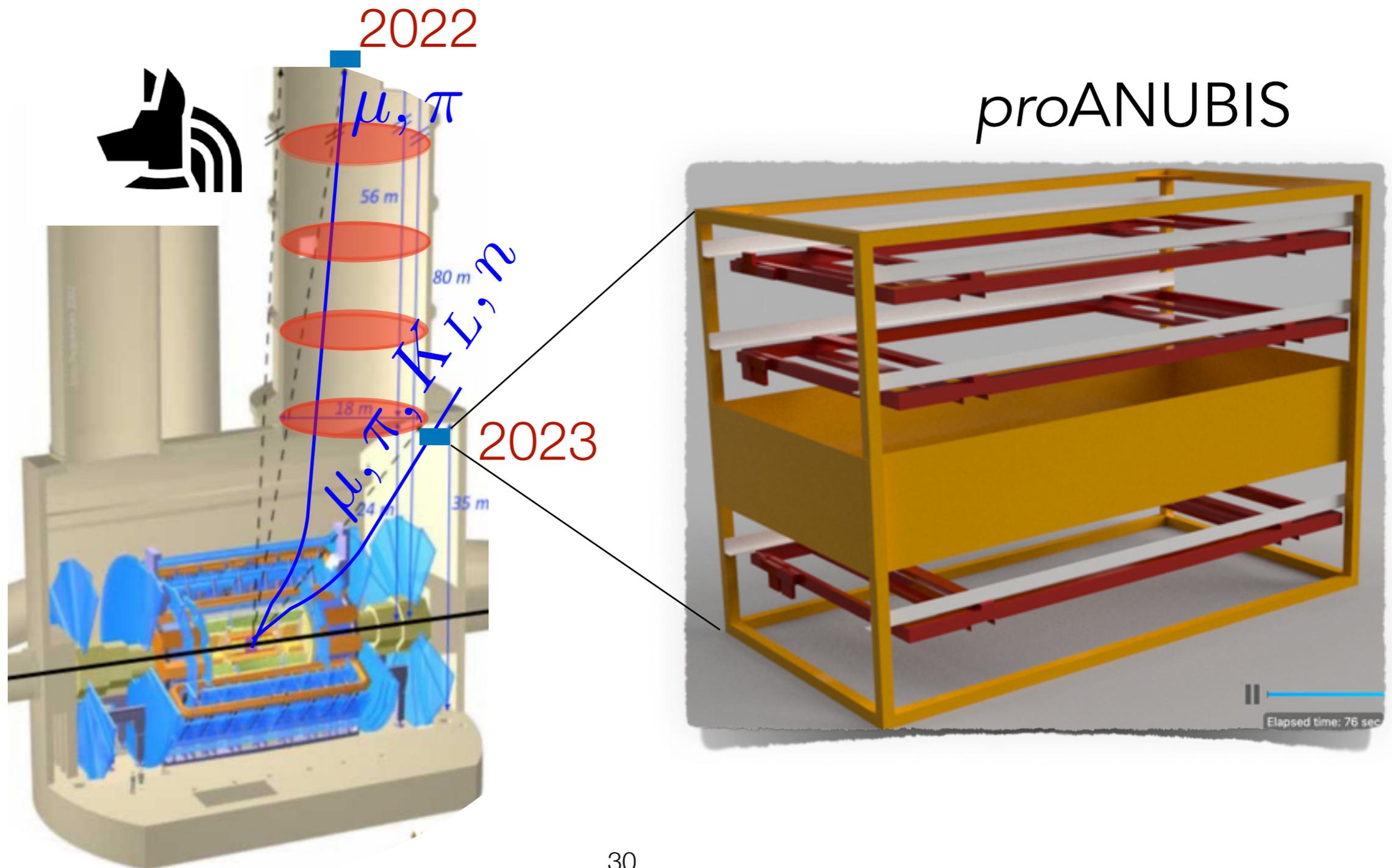
$\mathcal{O}(10^{-1})$ improvement
(need to account for
background acceptance)



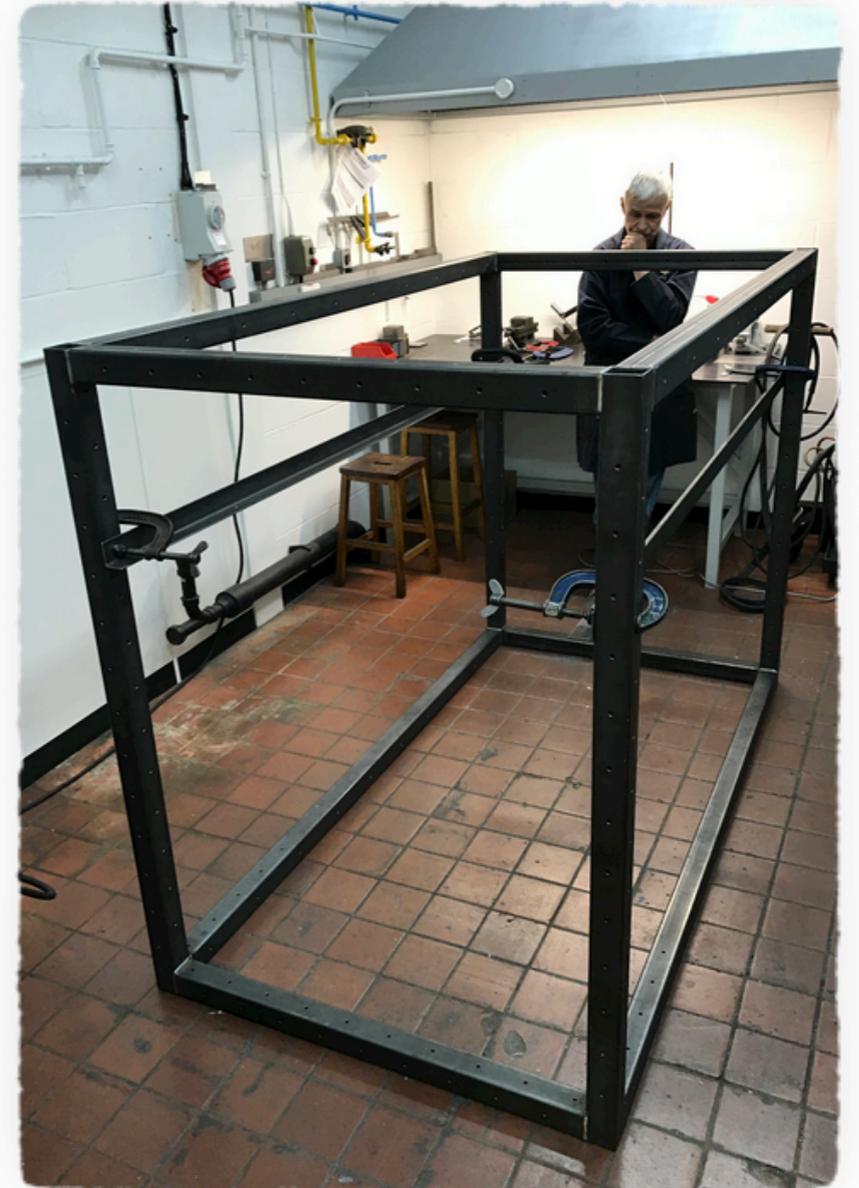
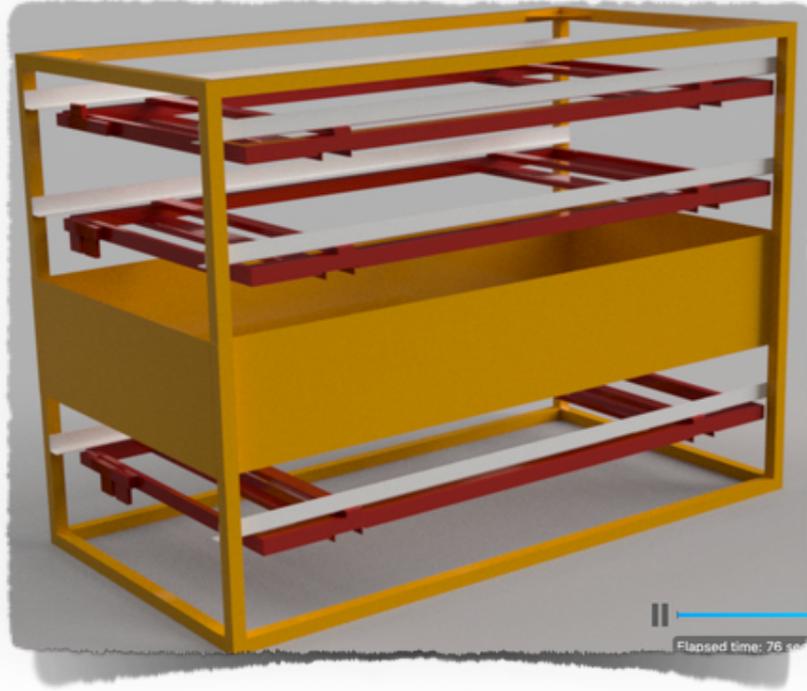


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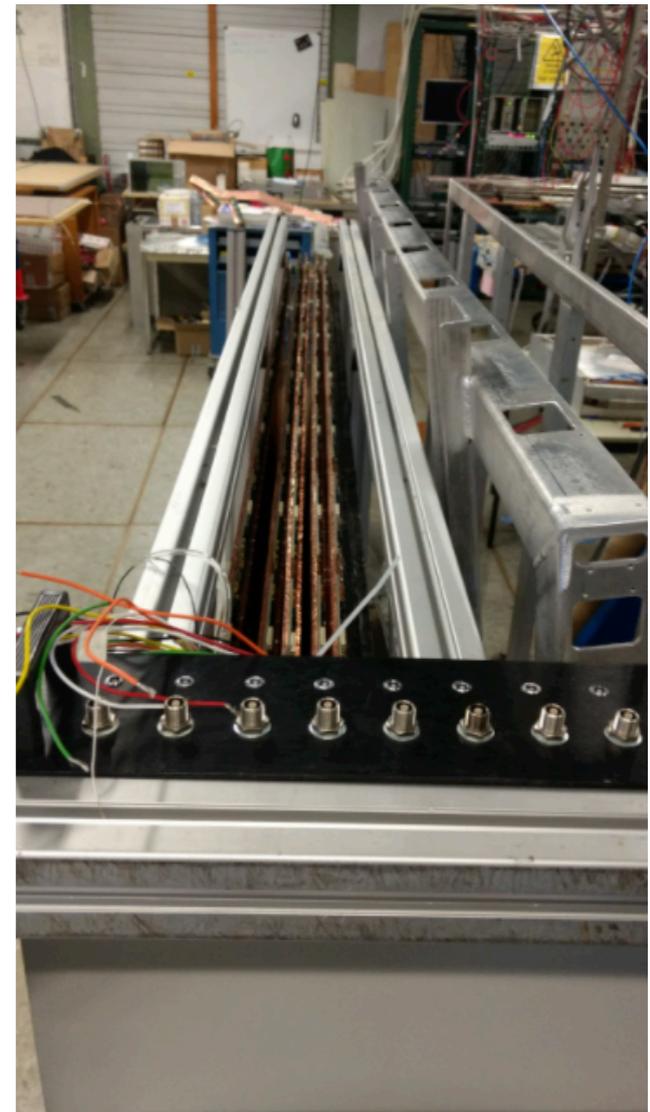
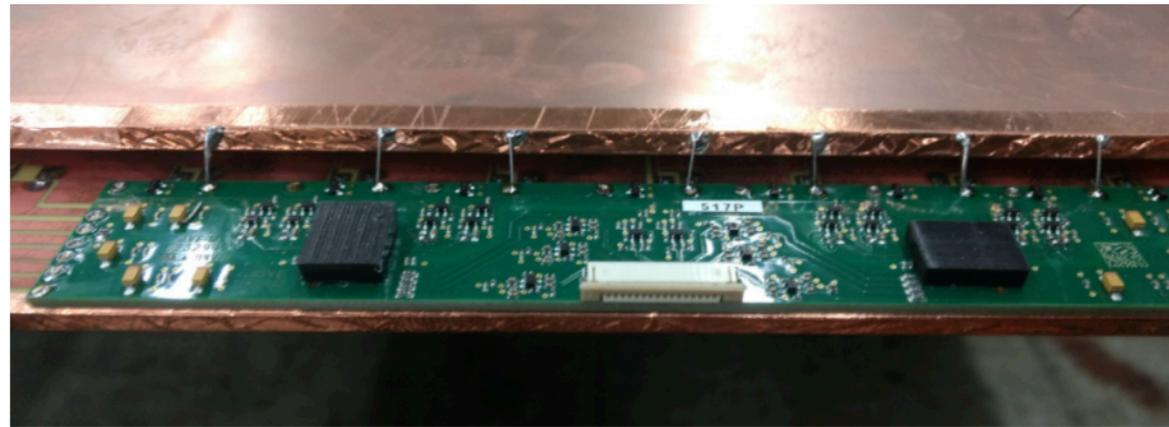
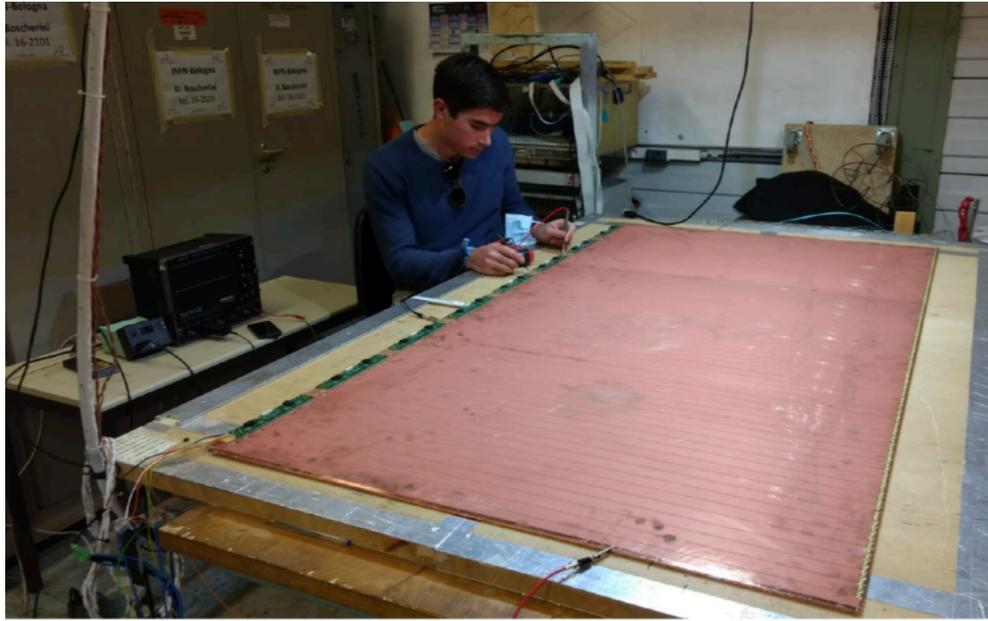
- ***pro*ANUBIS**: $1.8 \times 1 \times 1 \text{ m}^3$ prototype (tracking station element):
 - Idea: **measure flux** in cavern & **correlate** to ATLAS (Run 3)



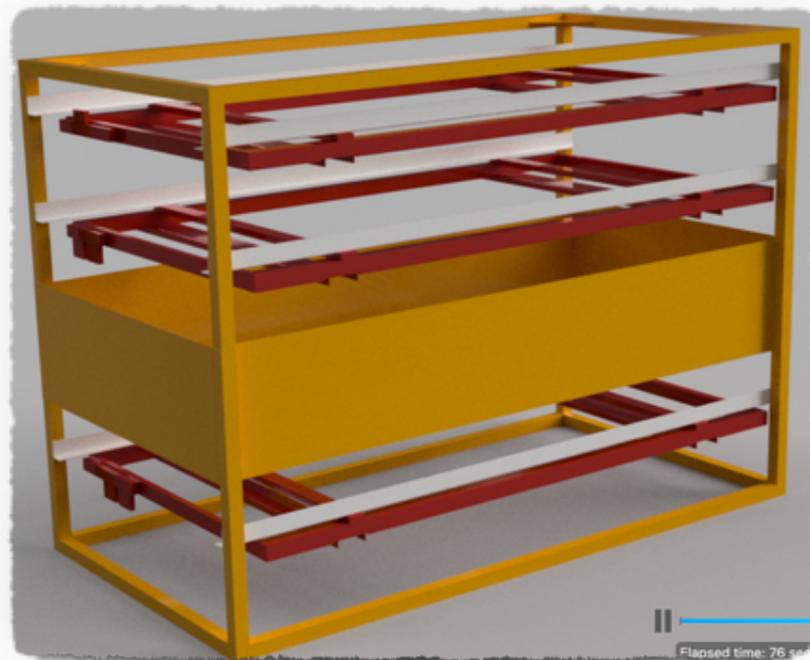
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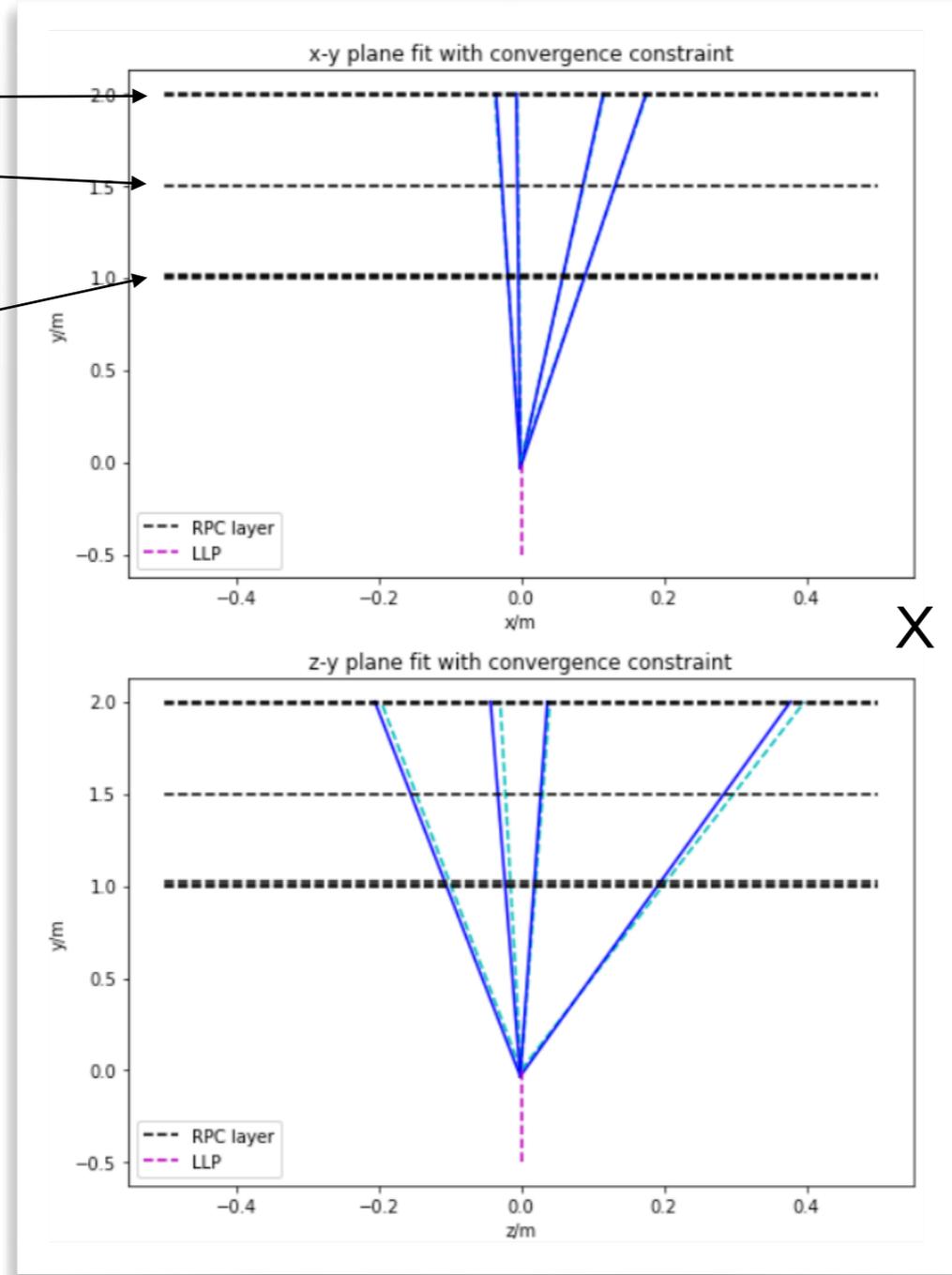
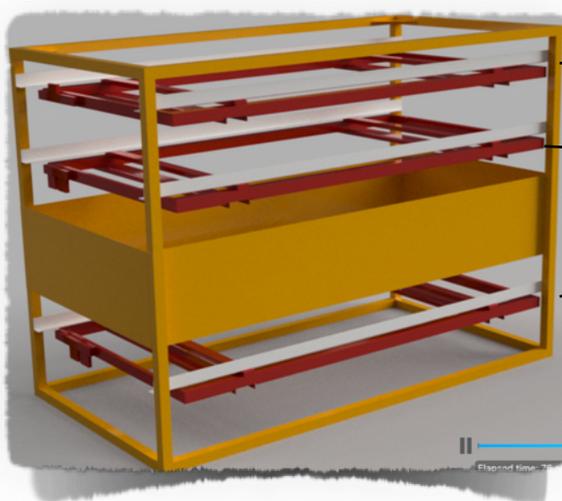




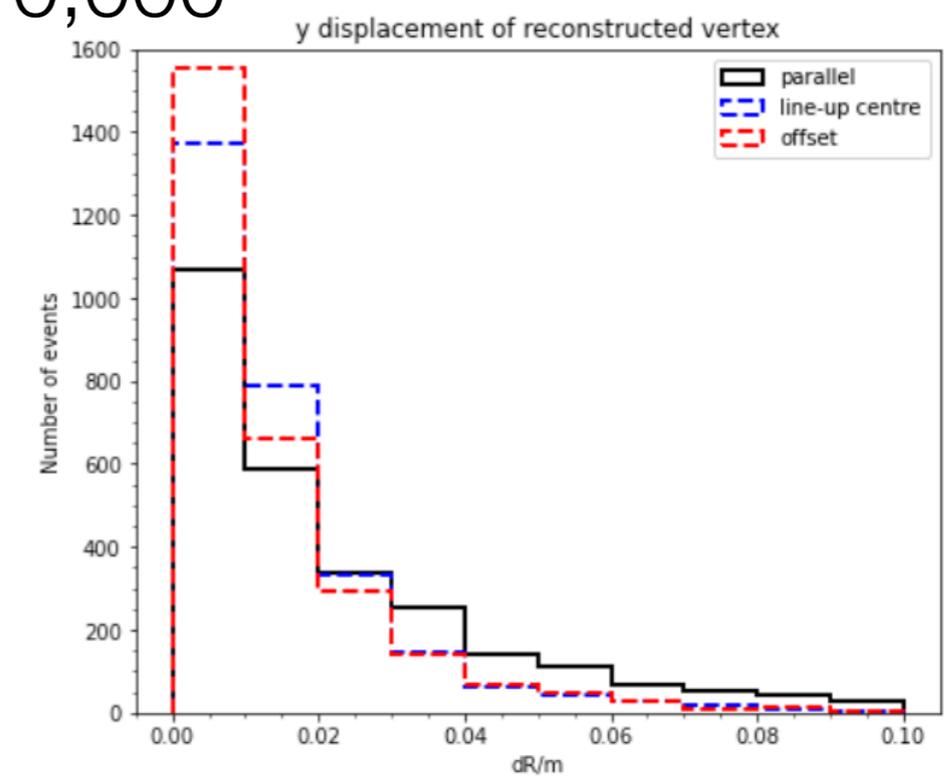
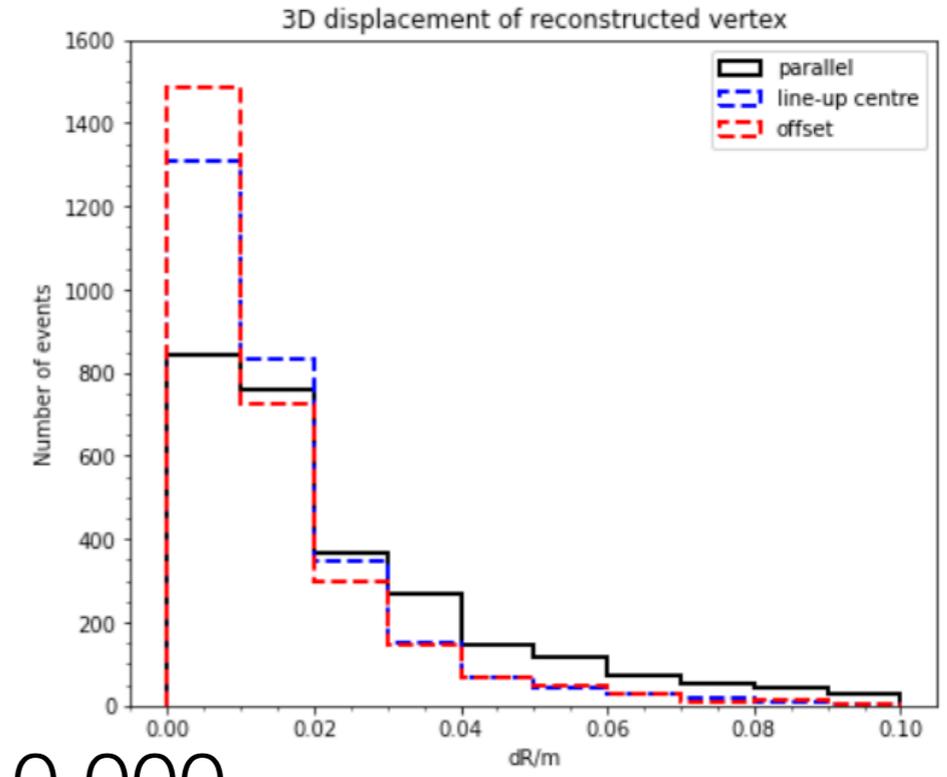
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- Tracking and vertexing resolution studies using simulations

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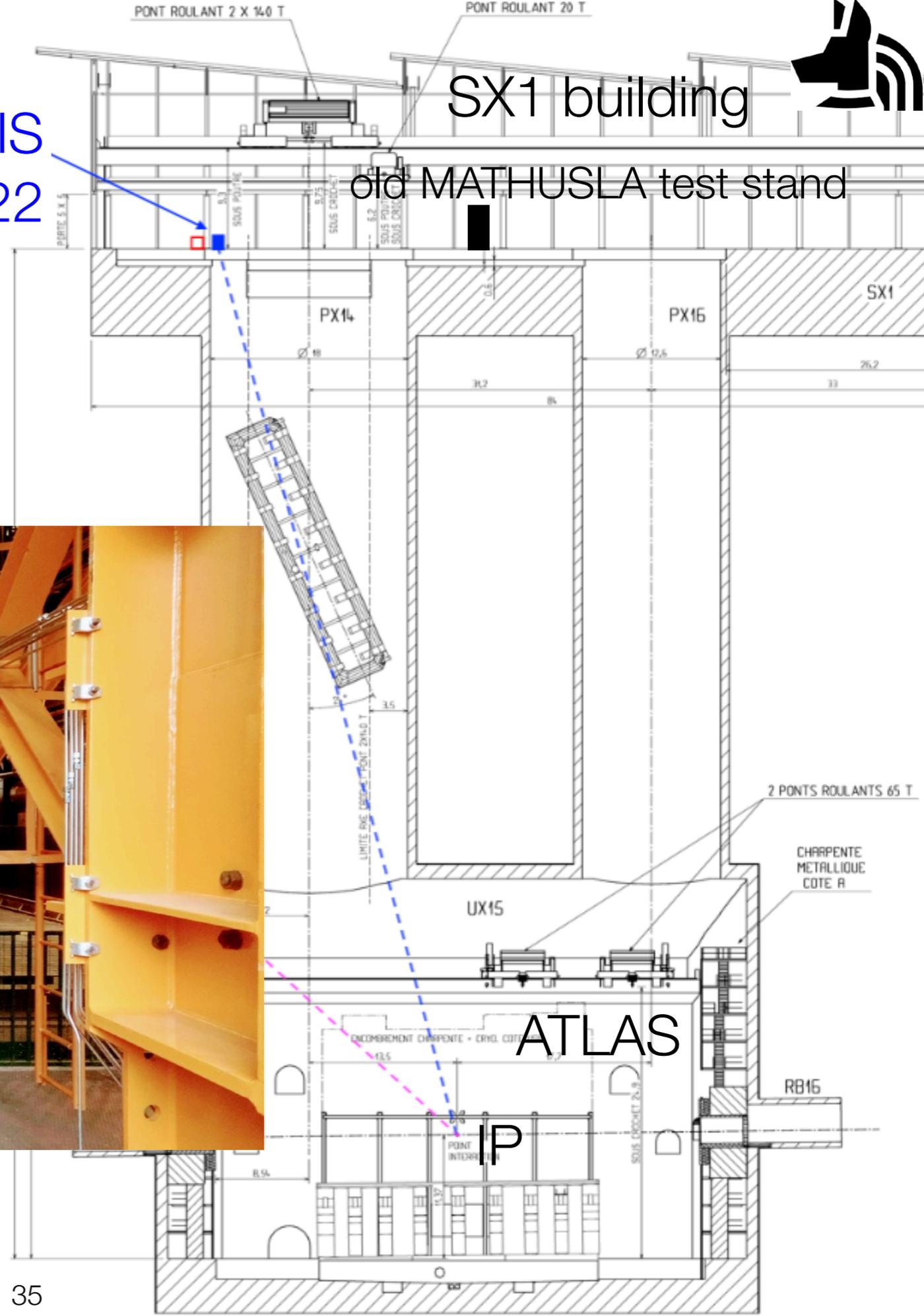
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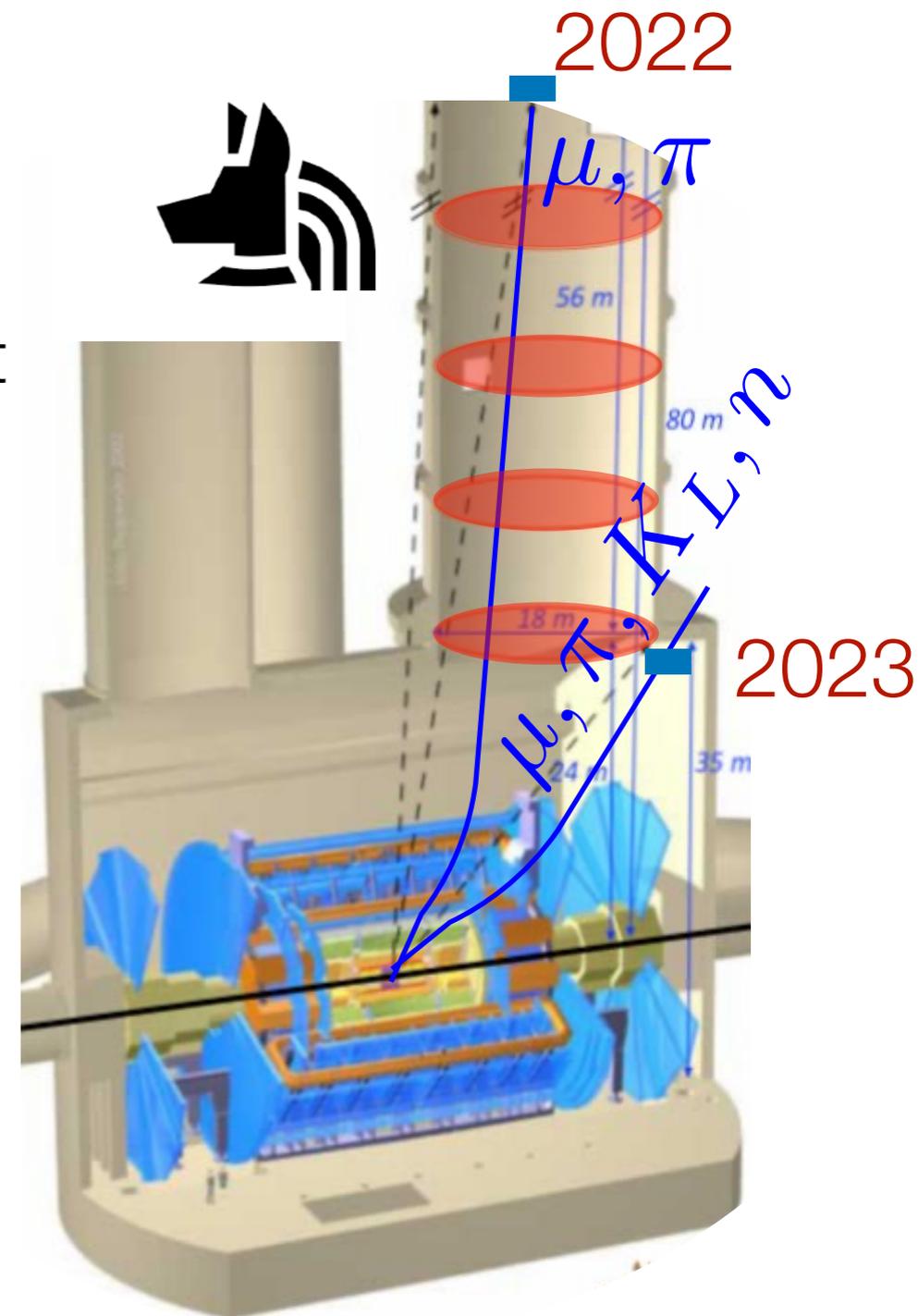
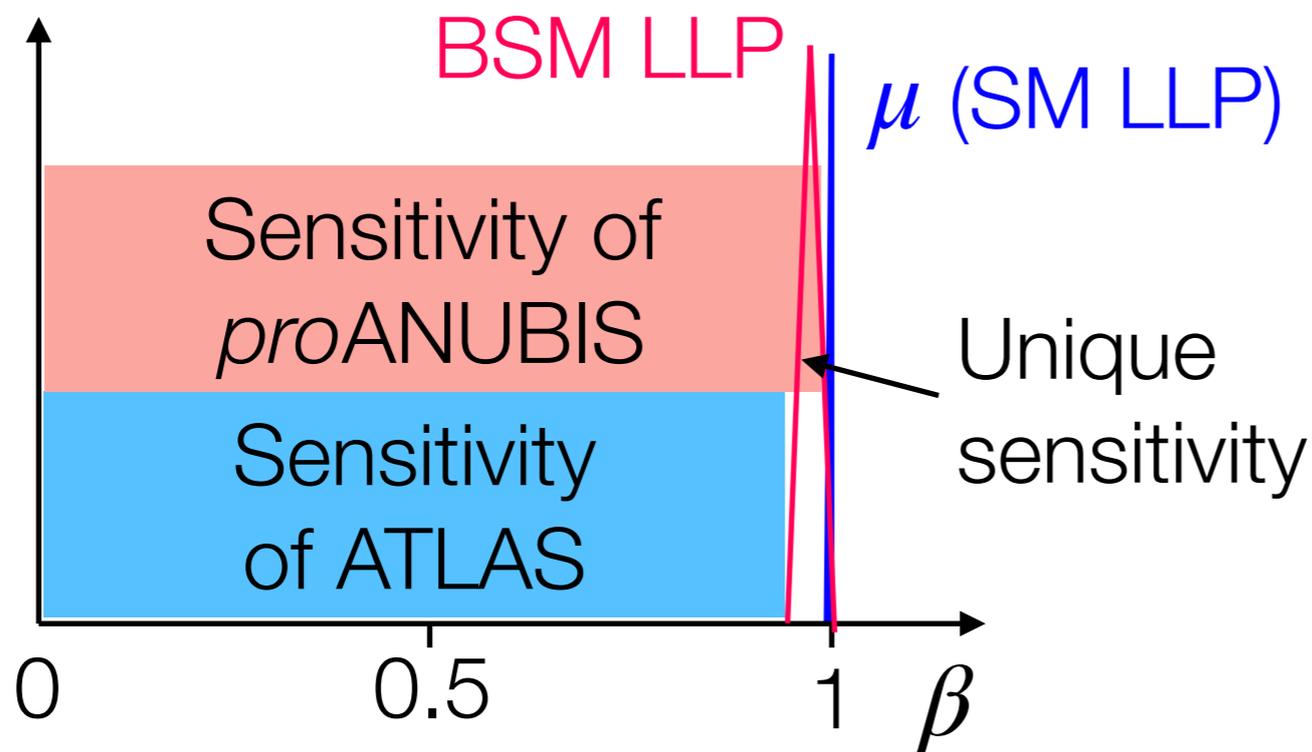
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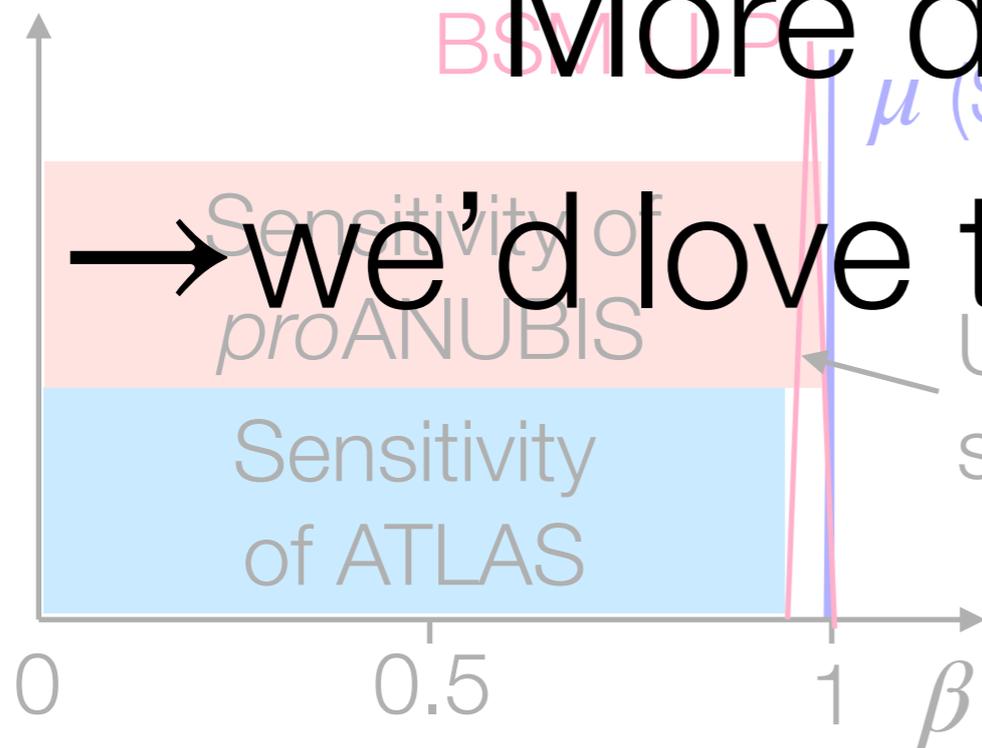
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Intrigued?

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More details [HERE](#)

→ we'd love to hear your ideas!

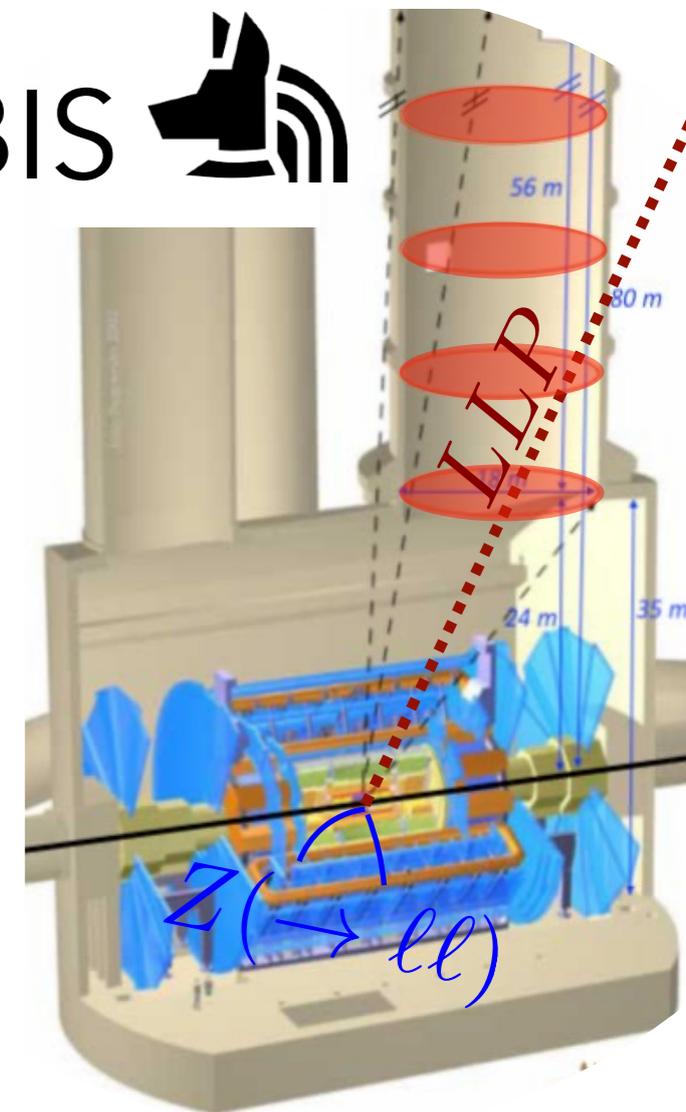


ANUBIS: advantages



- **Up to 10^3 better sensitivity** compared current or approved future experiments for massive neutral LLPs with $10^2 < c\tau/m < 10^8$
- Moderate costs: **$\mathcal{O}(10)$ MCHF**
- **Large and projective** decay volume
- Adjacency to ATLAS (and/or CMS):
 - ANUBIS can trigger ATLAS (and/or CMS)
 - **Full picture of the event (unique)**
 - Crucial if LLPs produced with SM particles!
 - E.g. gauge-med. SUSY, split SUSY, etc. [1]
 - E.g. Z+ALPs: $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)a(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$, etc. [2]

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[1] Recent review: Lee, Ohm, Soffer, Yu, 1810.12602

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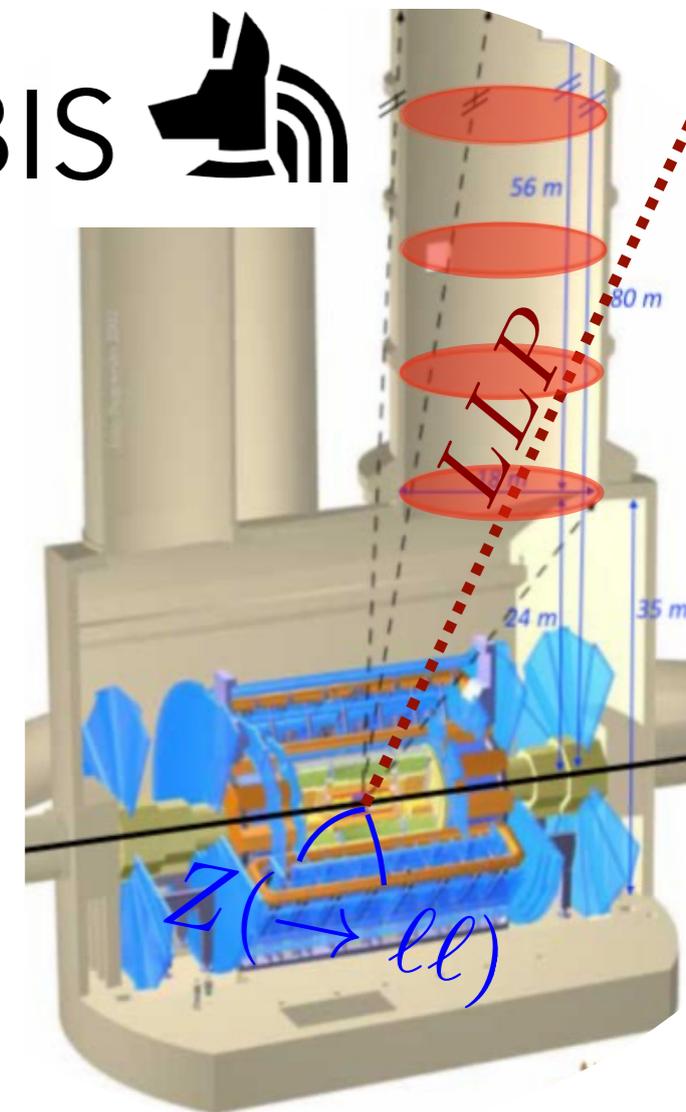
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ANUBIS: advantages



- **Up to 10^3 better sensitivity** compared current or approved future experiments for massive neutral LLPs with $10^2 < c\tau/m < 10^8$
- Moderate costs: **$\mathcal{O}(10)$ MCHF**
- **Large and projective** decay volume
- Adjacency to ATLAS (and/or CMS):
 - ANUBIS can trigger ATLAS (and/or CMS)
 - **Full picture of the event (unique)**
 - Crucial if LLPs produced with SM particles!
 - E.g. gauge-med. SUSY, split SUSY, etc. [1]
 - E.g. Z+ALPs: $Z(\rightarrow \ell\ell)a(\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$, etc. [2]

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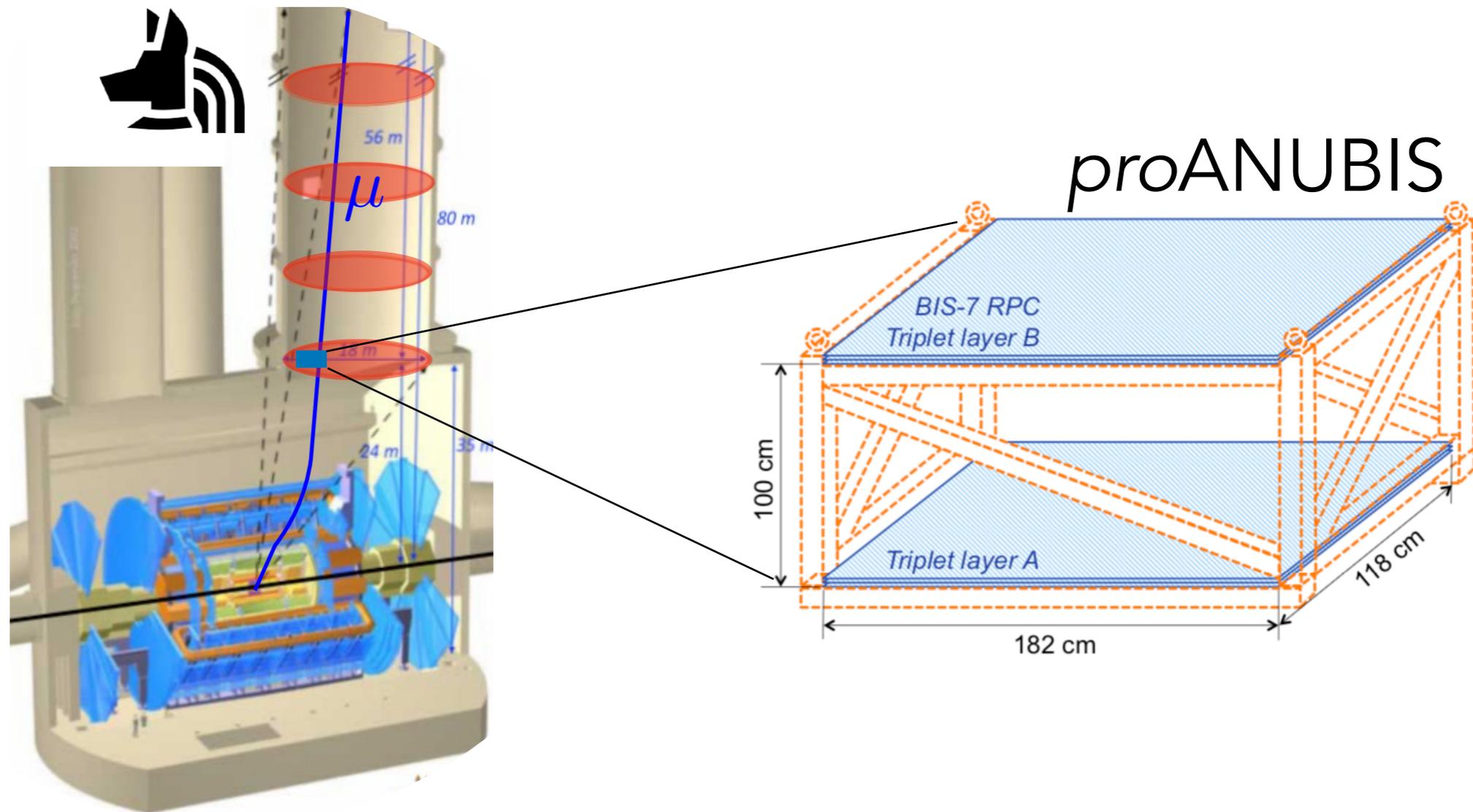
Conclusions

- **AN U**nderground **B**elayed **I**n-**S**haft search experiment is a cost-effective (< 10M€) alternative to optimise the LHC reach searching for LLPs produced orthogonal to the beam direction
- Unique opportunity to **close the gap** $10^2 < c\tau/m < 10^8$!
- Existing geometry and infrastructure minimise civil engineering
- ANUBIS' physics reach is comparable to CODEX-b and MATHUSLA
- **Unique feature:** adjacency & trigger integration with ATLAS to provide a **full picture of event**
- ANUBIS is **1:1 transferrable to CMS** using its main PX56 shaft
- ANUBIS combinable with other search strategies



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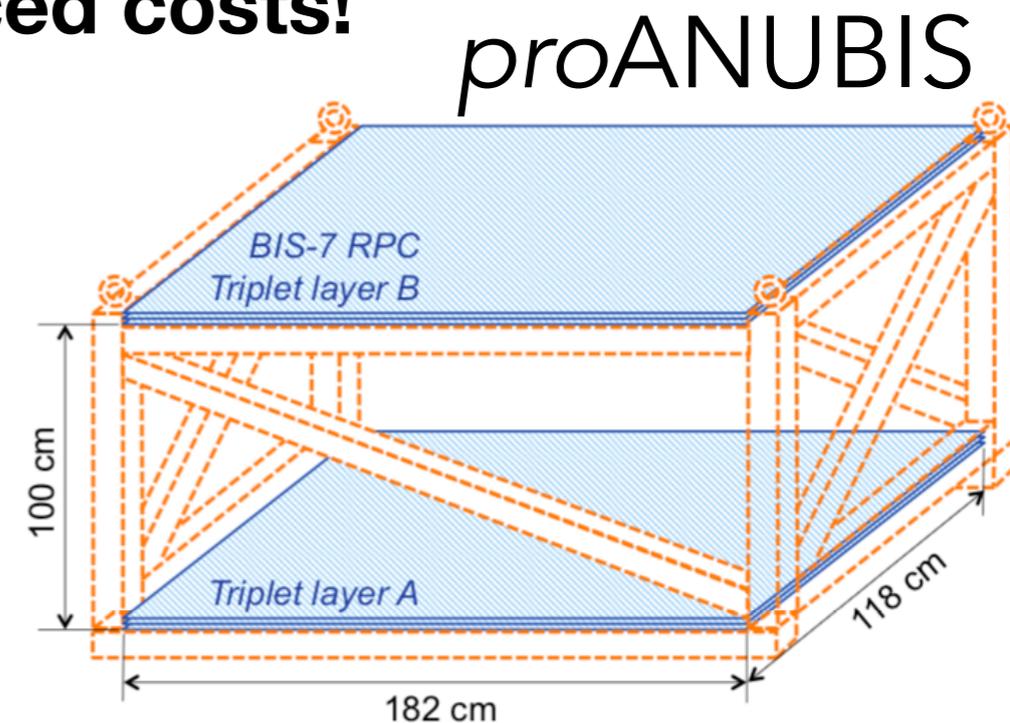
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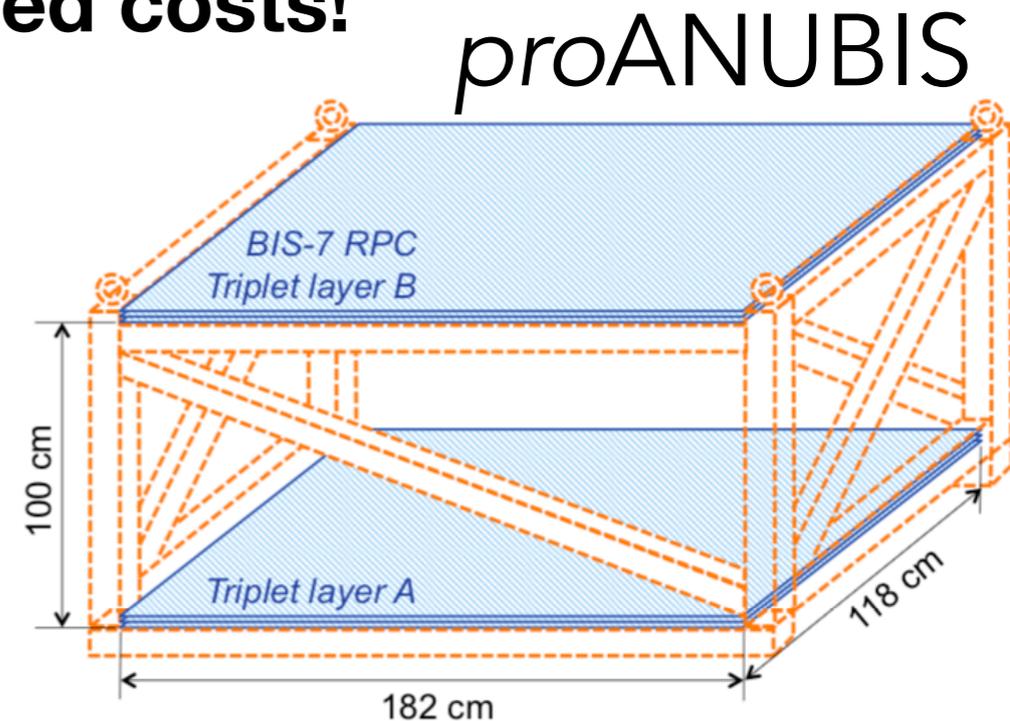
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- **Detailed simulations**, full GEANT4 model
 - Correlate results with *proANUBIS*

- **Exciting & intense years ahead of us:**

- Pre-production in 4 years (one tracking station octant)
- Assembly, installation, commissioning in time for HL-LHC!





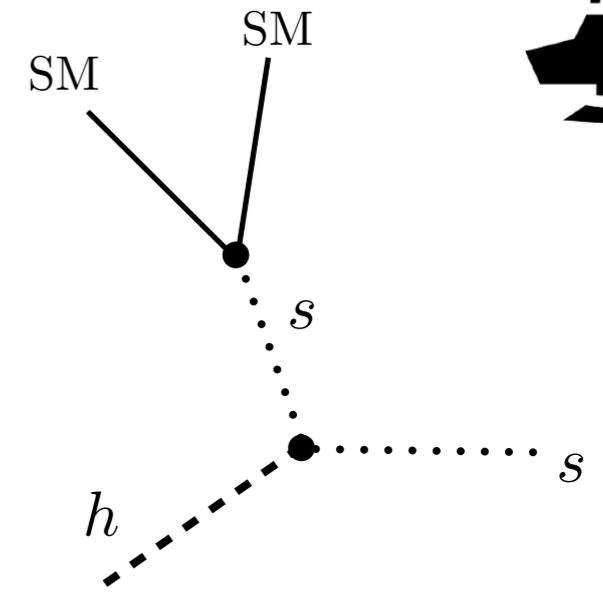
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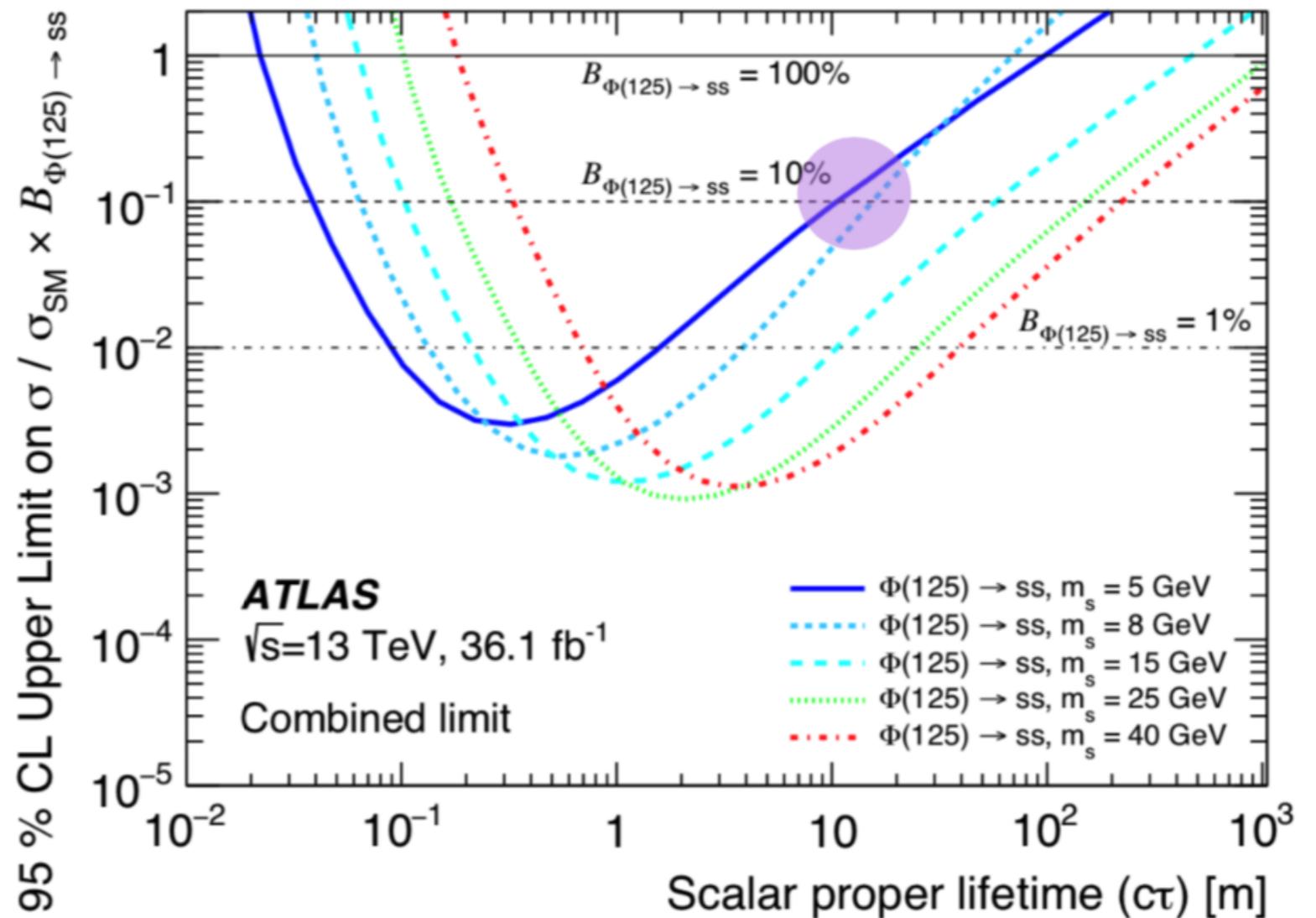
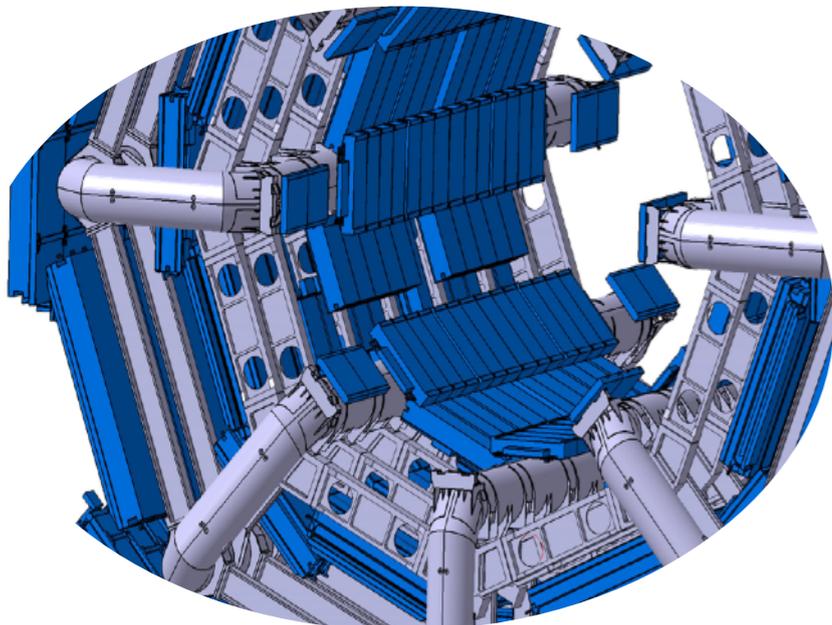
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ATLAS searched for displaced vertices in the muon spectrometer.

ATLAS 1811.07370



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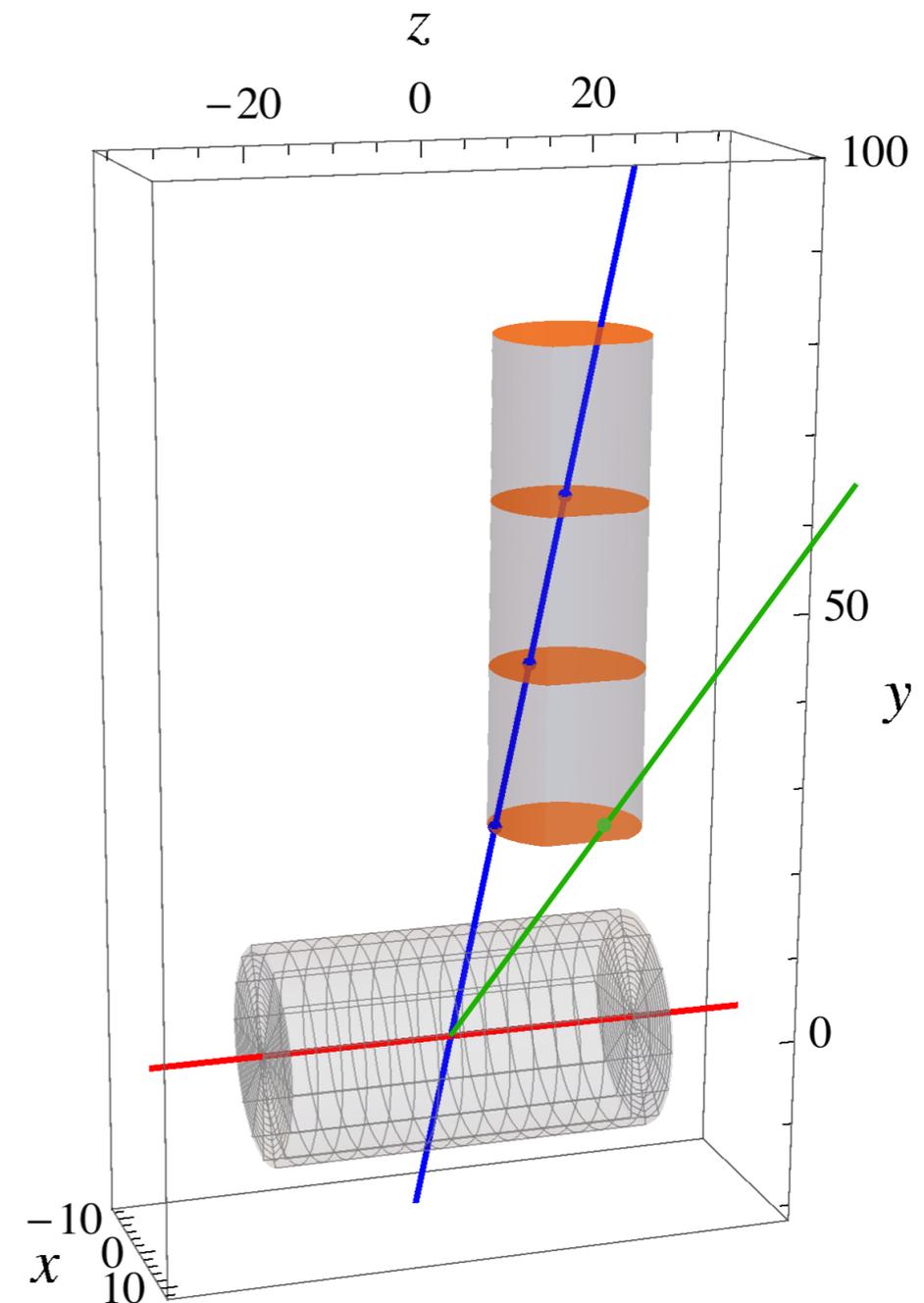
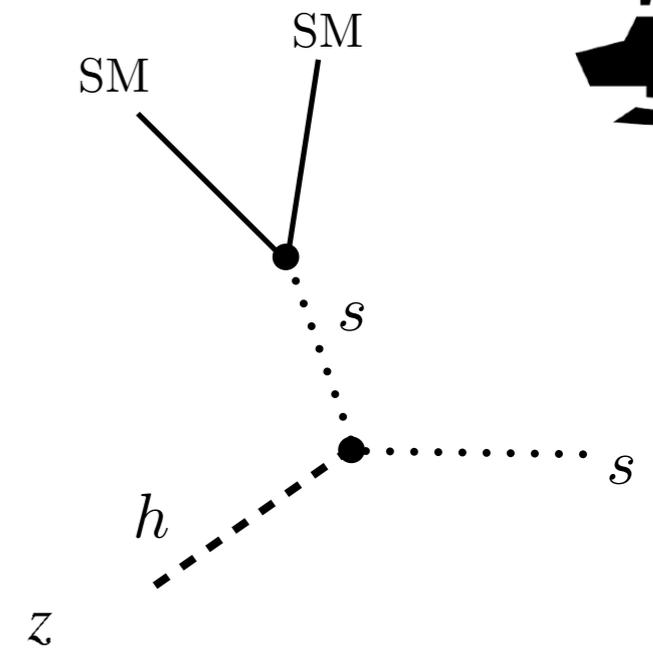
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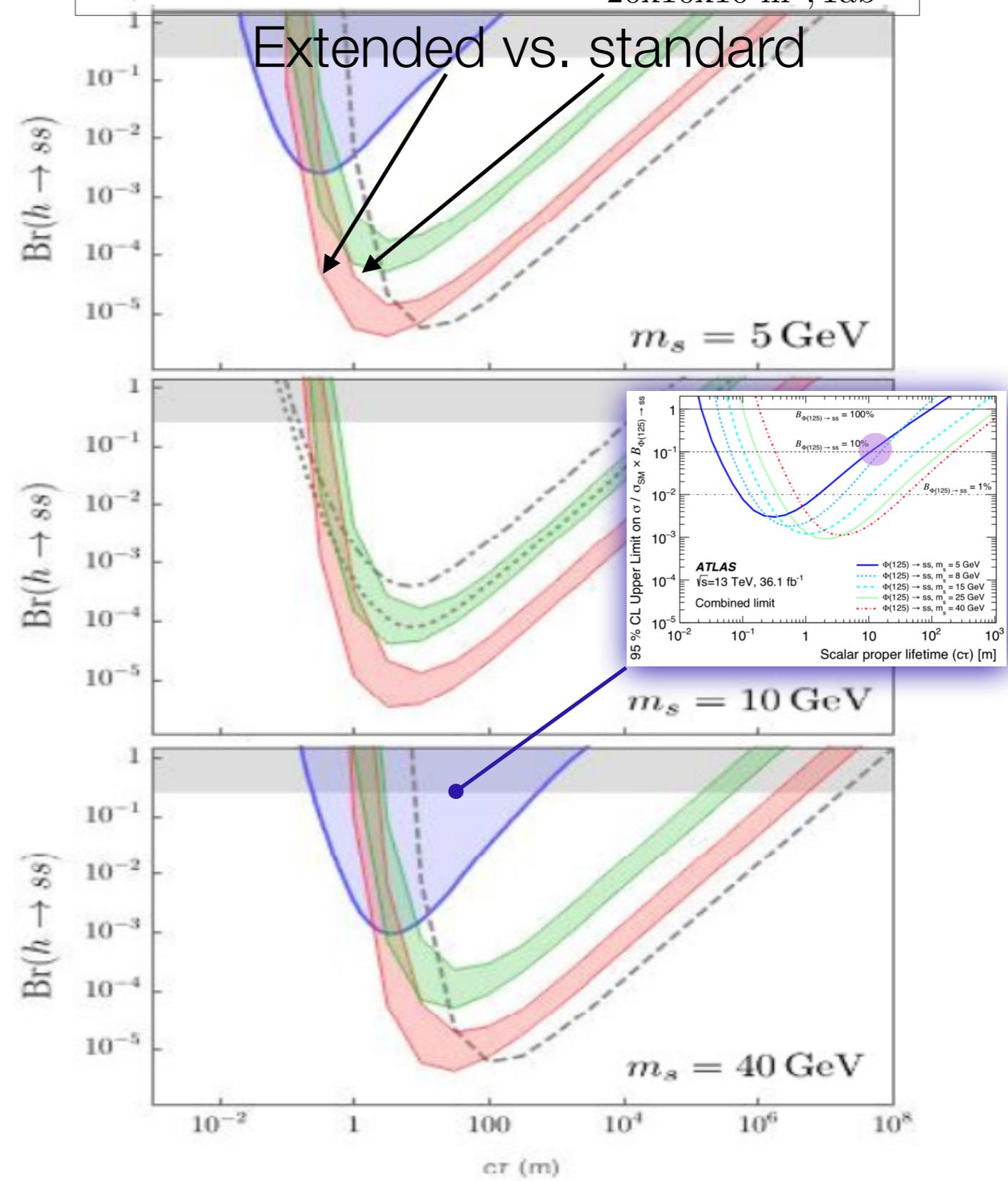
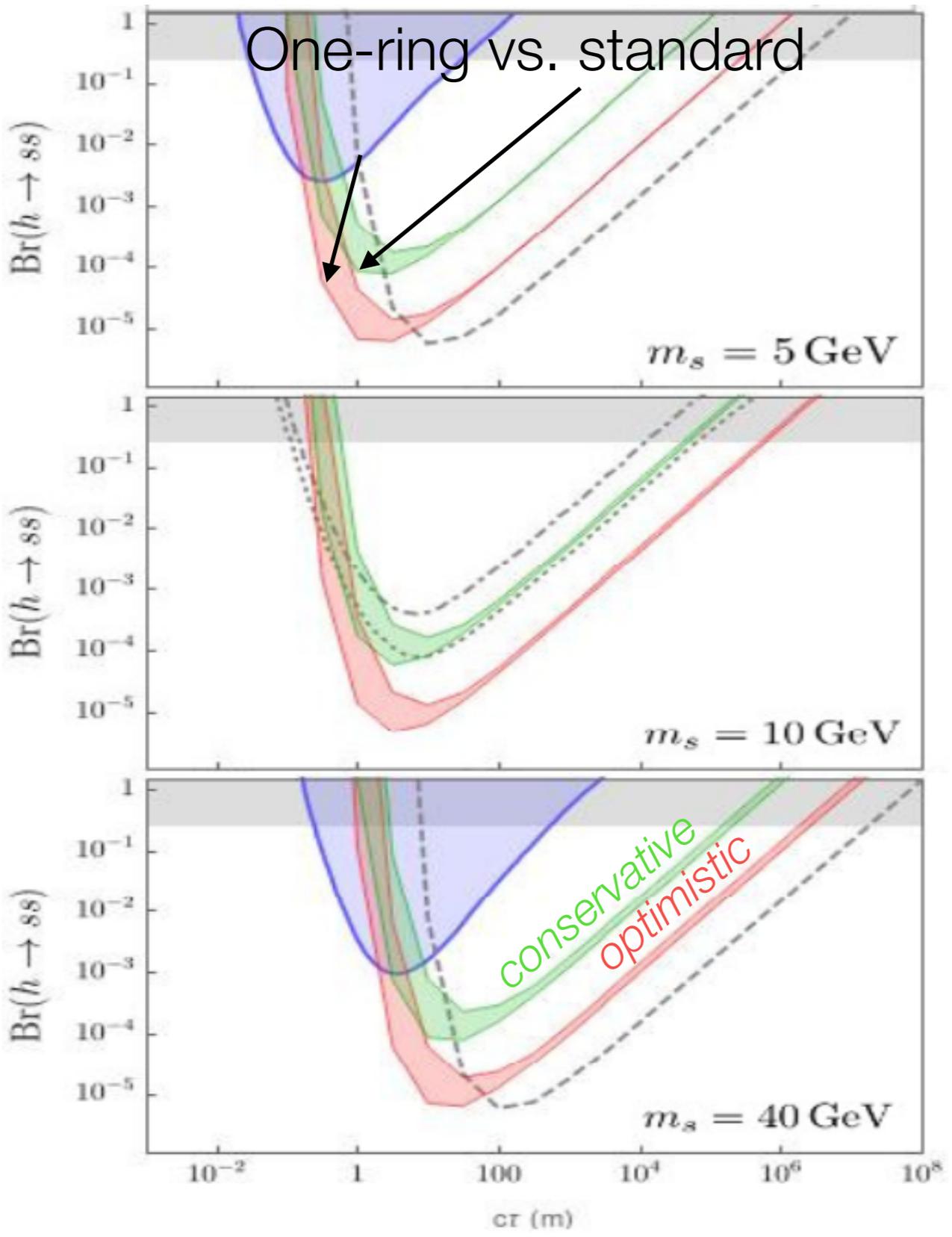


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200 x 200 x 20 m³ decay volume →

	ANUBIS 4 events, 3 ab ⁻¹		ANUBIS 50 events, 3 ab ⁻¹
	ATLAS 36 fb ⁻¹		CODEX-b 10x10x10 m ³ , 300fb ⁻¹
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ANUBIS: sensitivity

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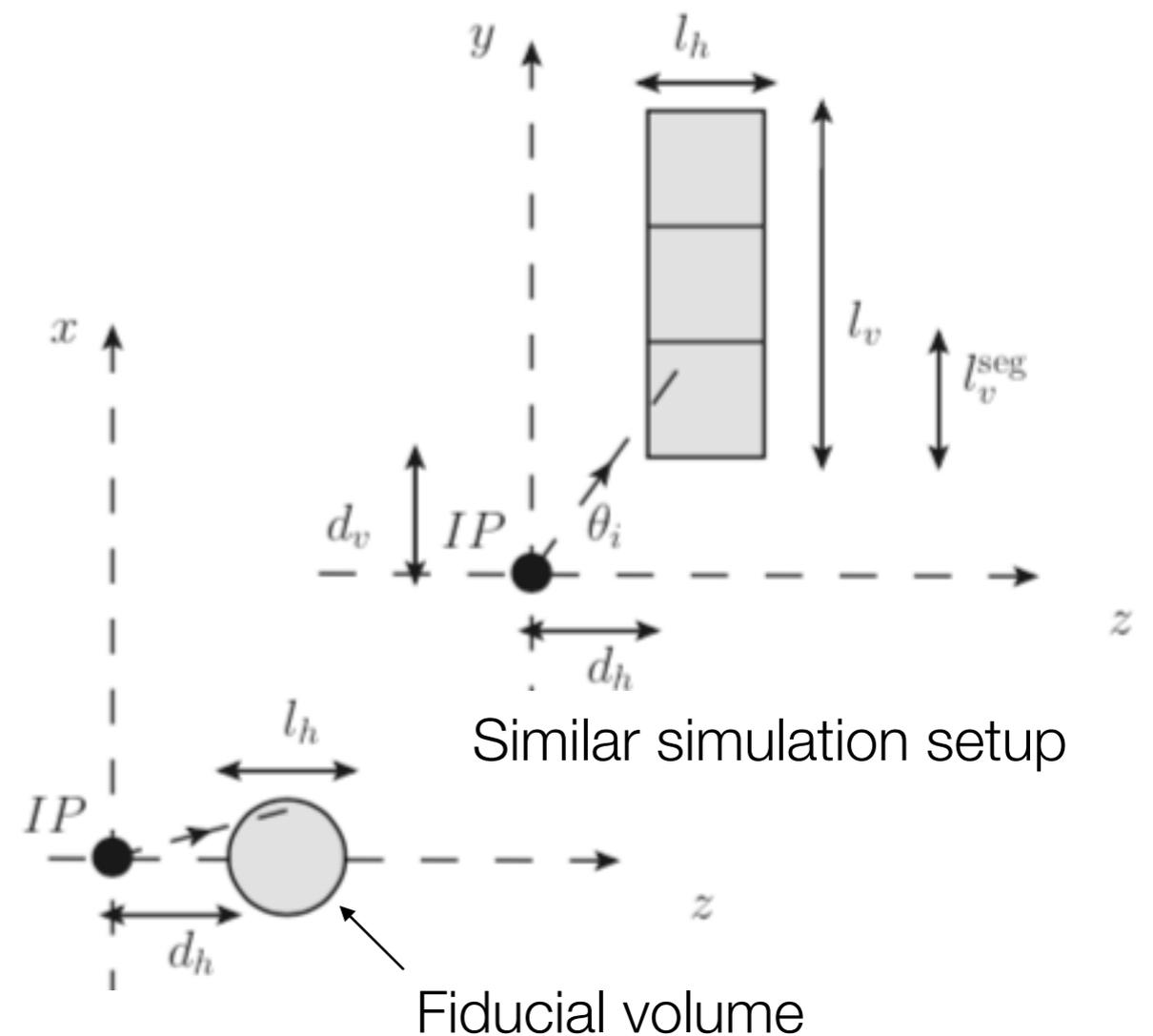
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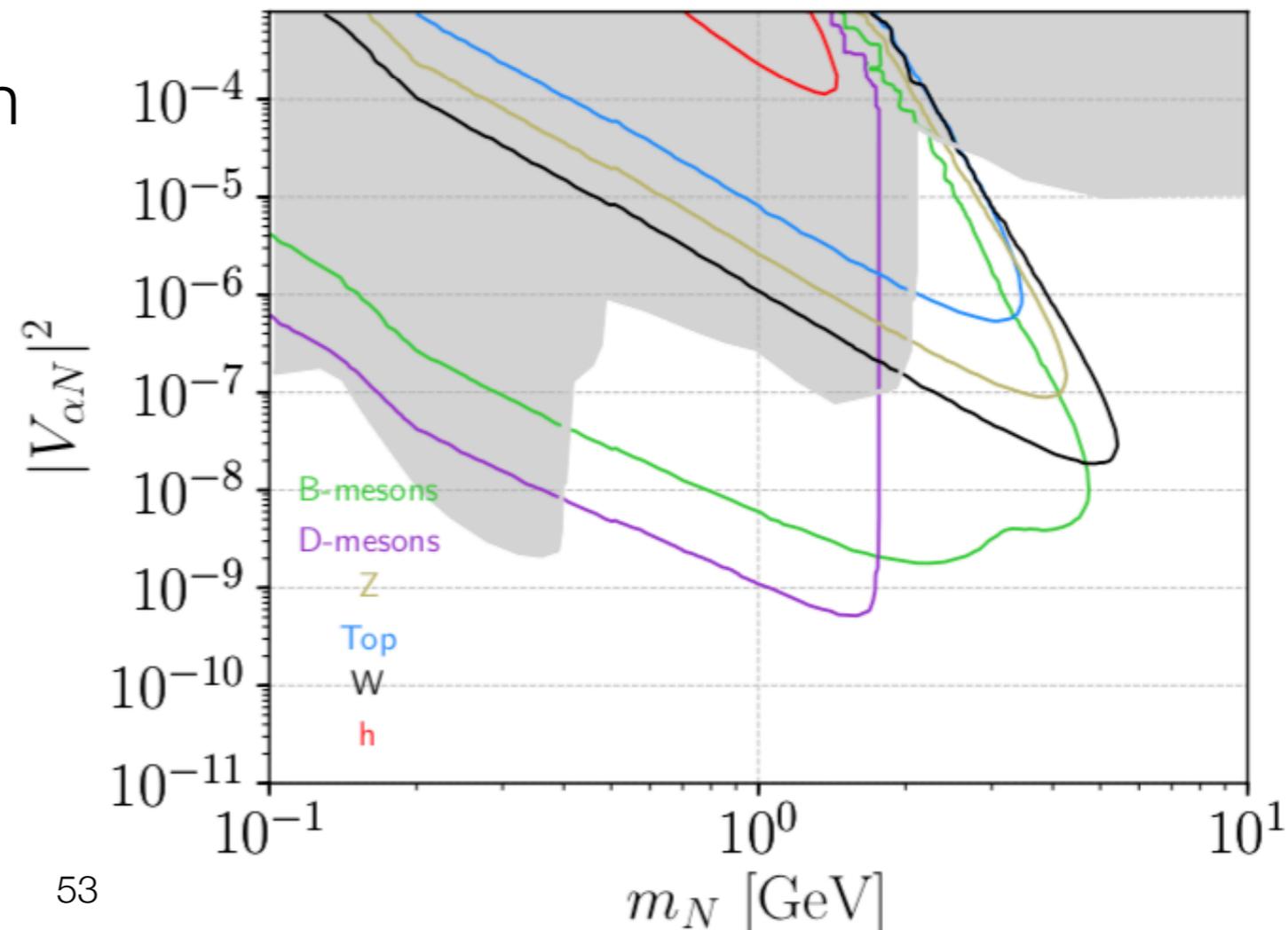
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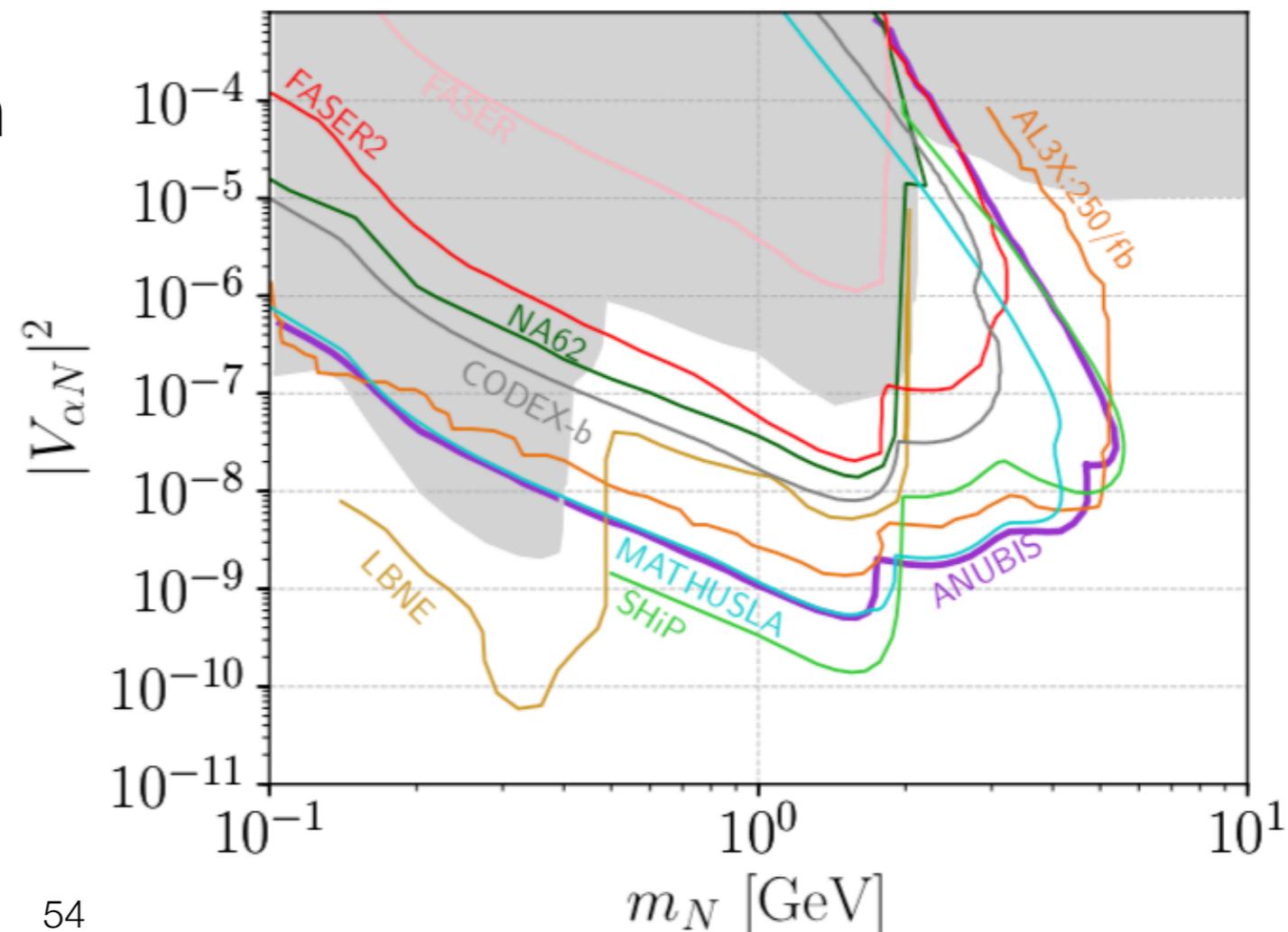
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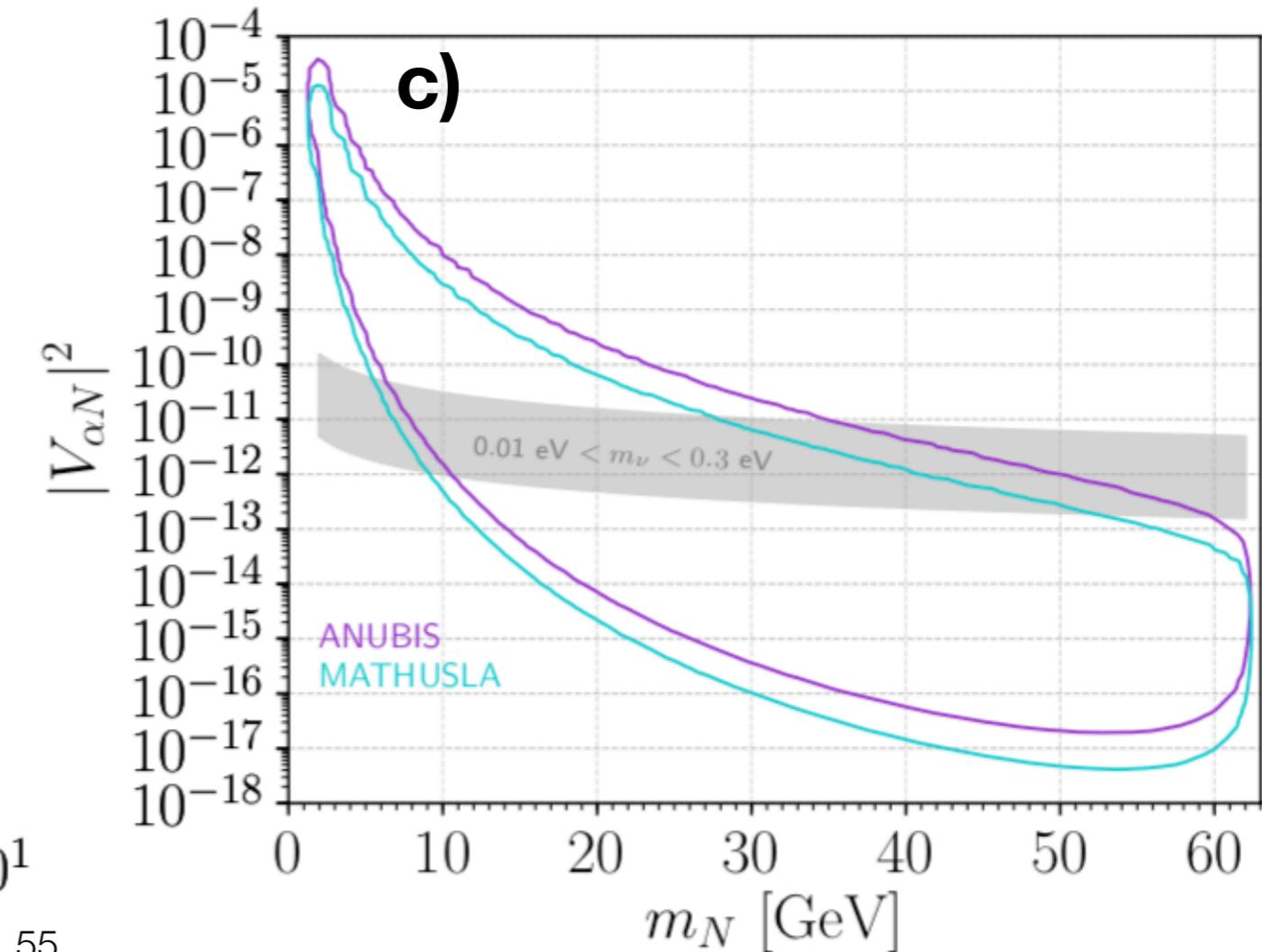
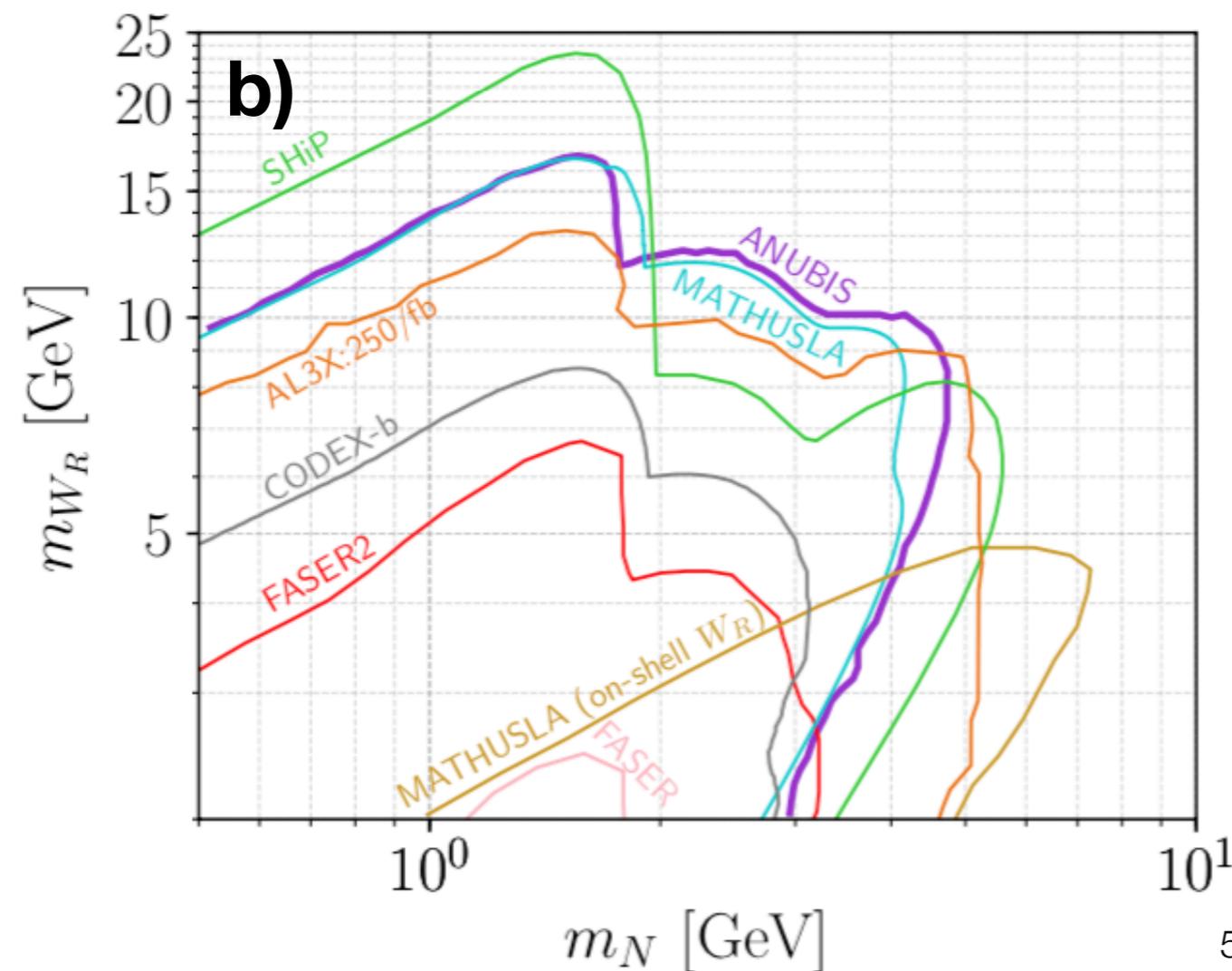
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c) gauged $U(1)_{B-L}$ model:

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



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Heavy neutral leptons at ANUBIS

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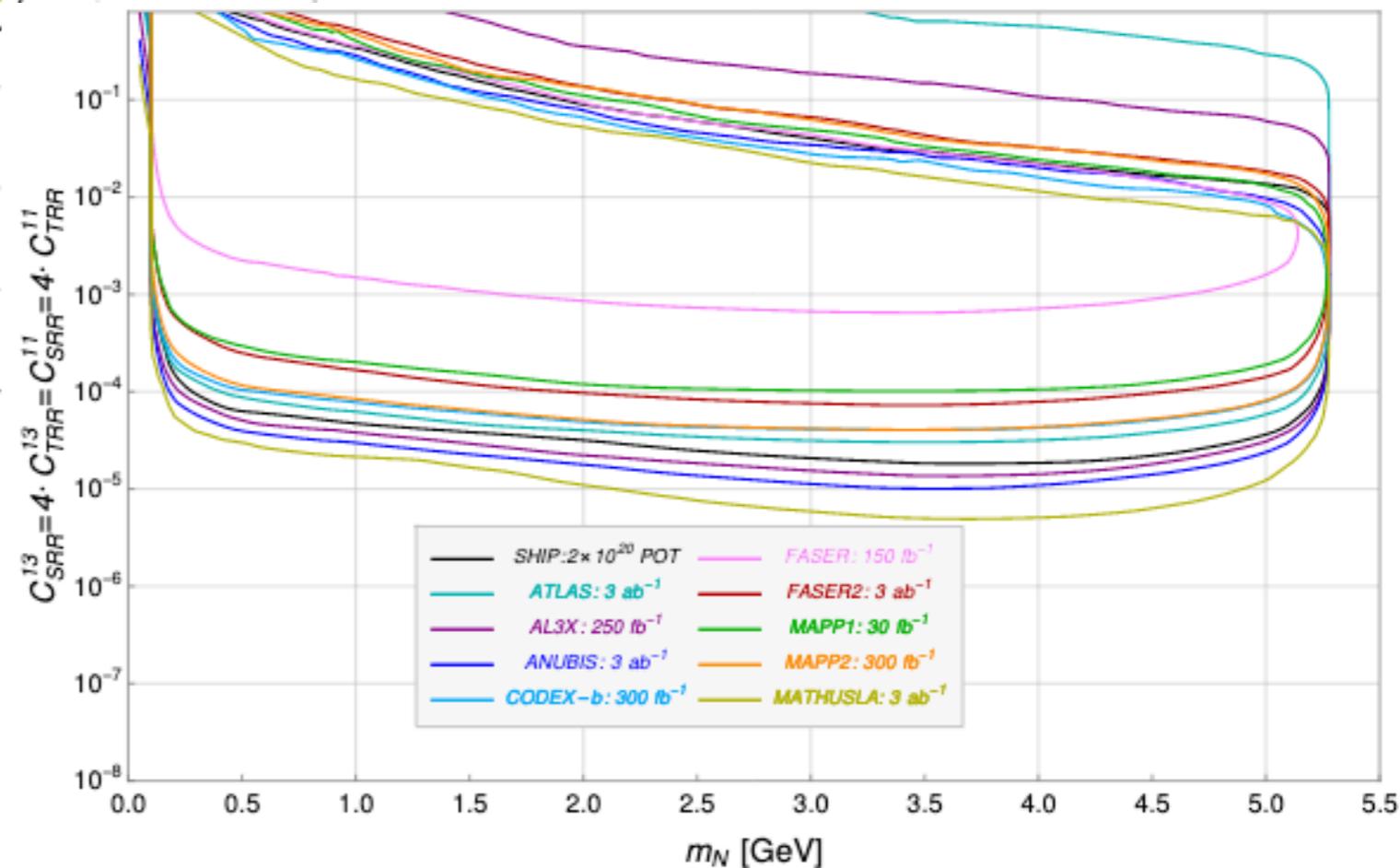
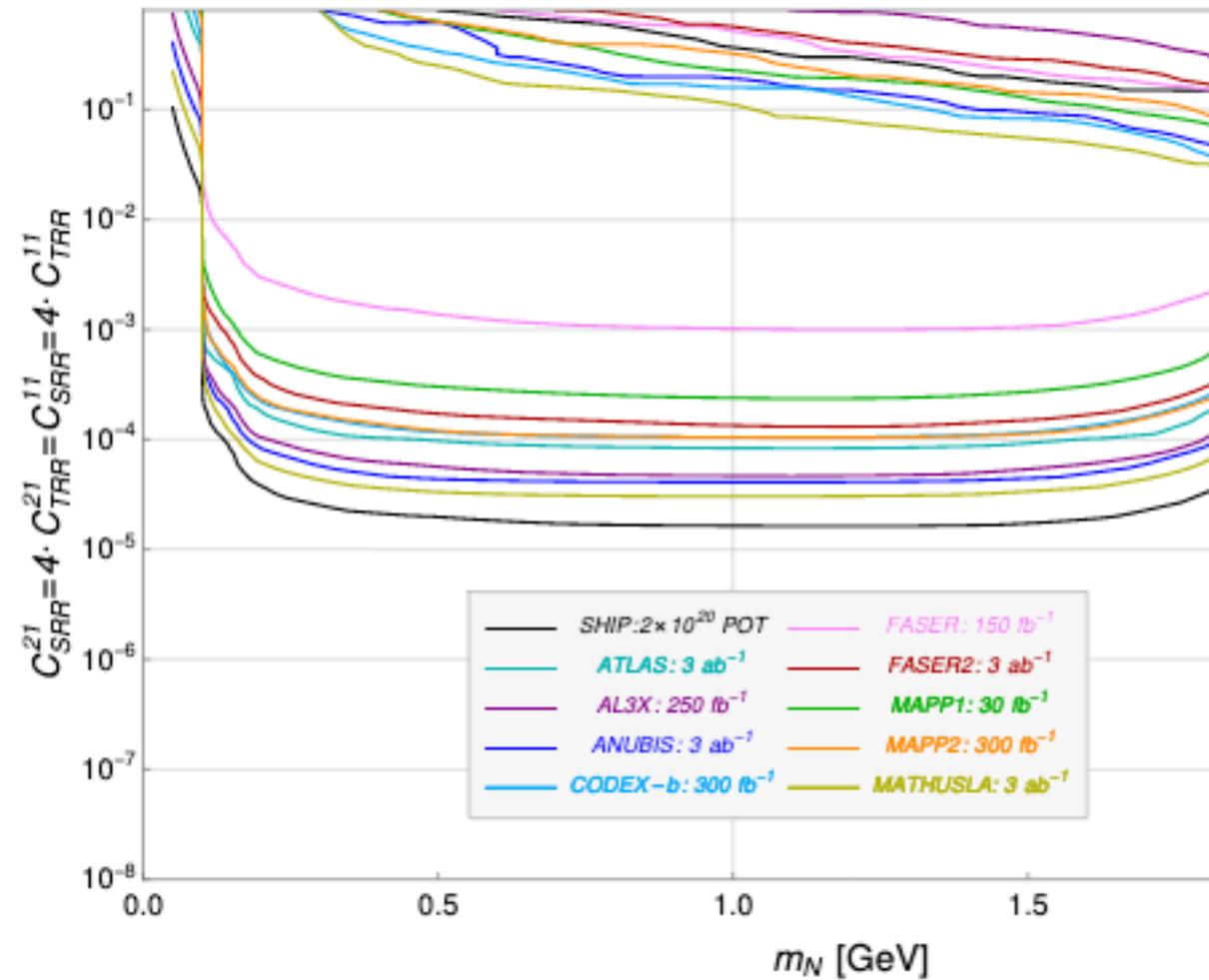
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de Vries, Reiner, Günther, Wang, Zhou 2010.07035

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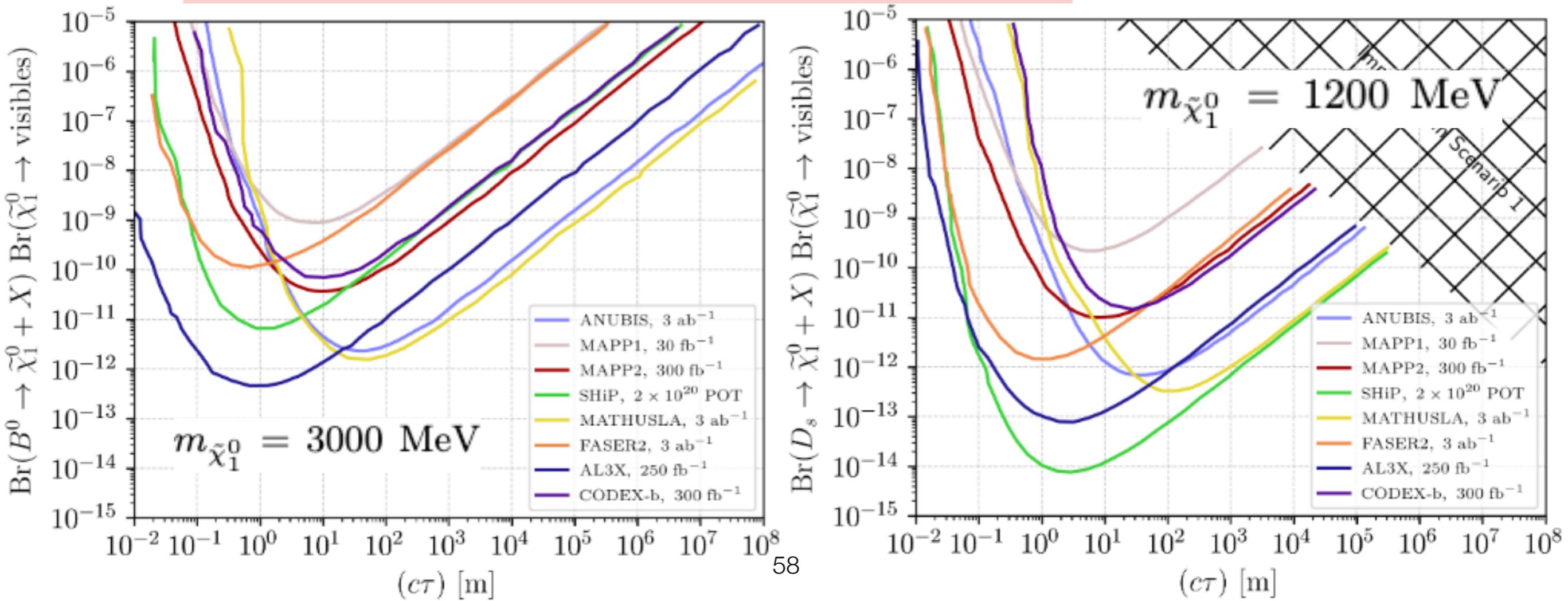
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Dreiner, Günther, Wang 2008.07539

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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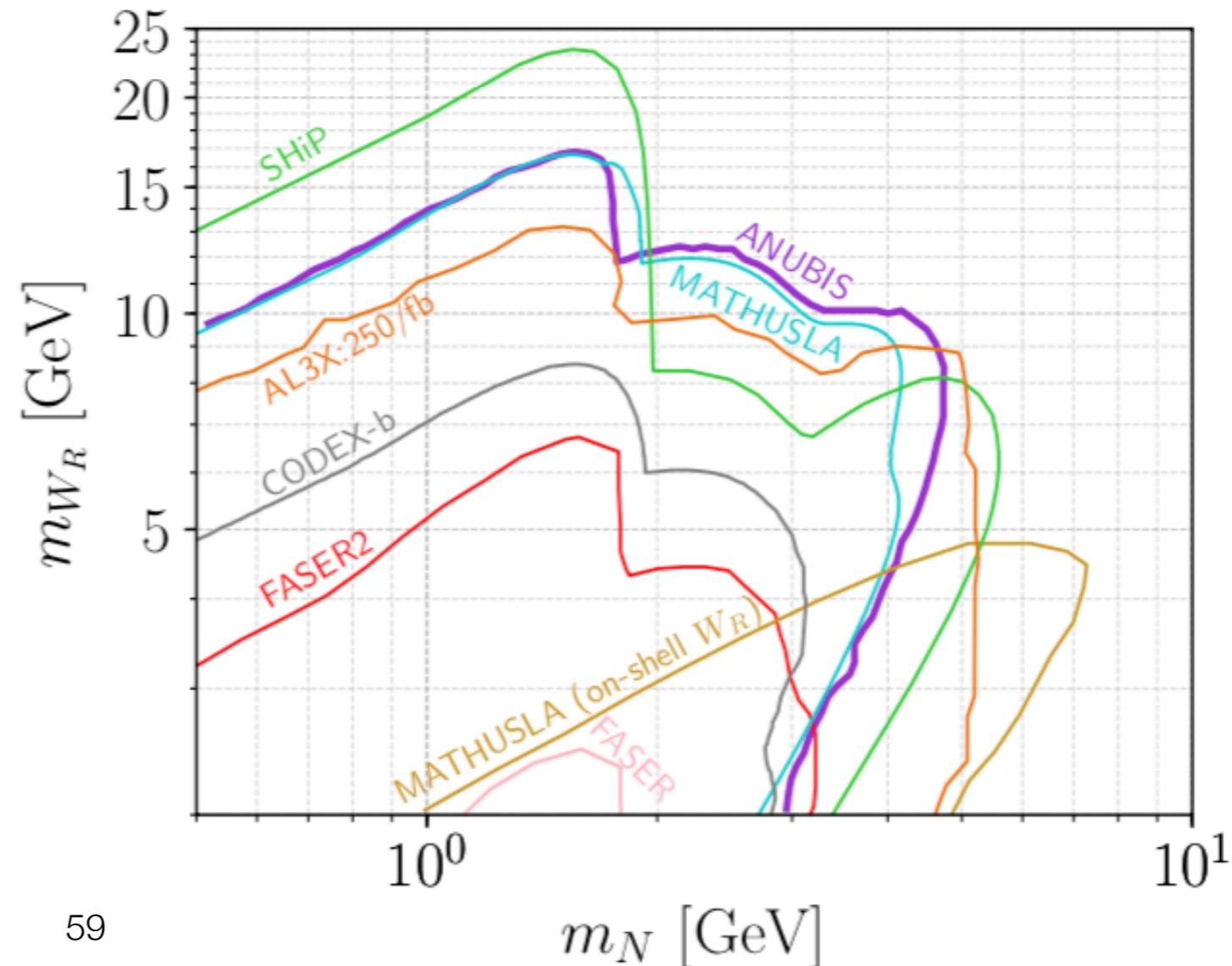


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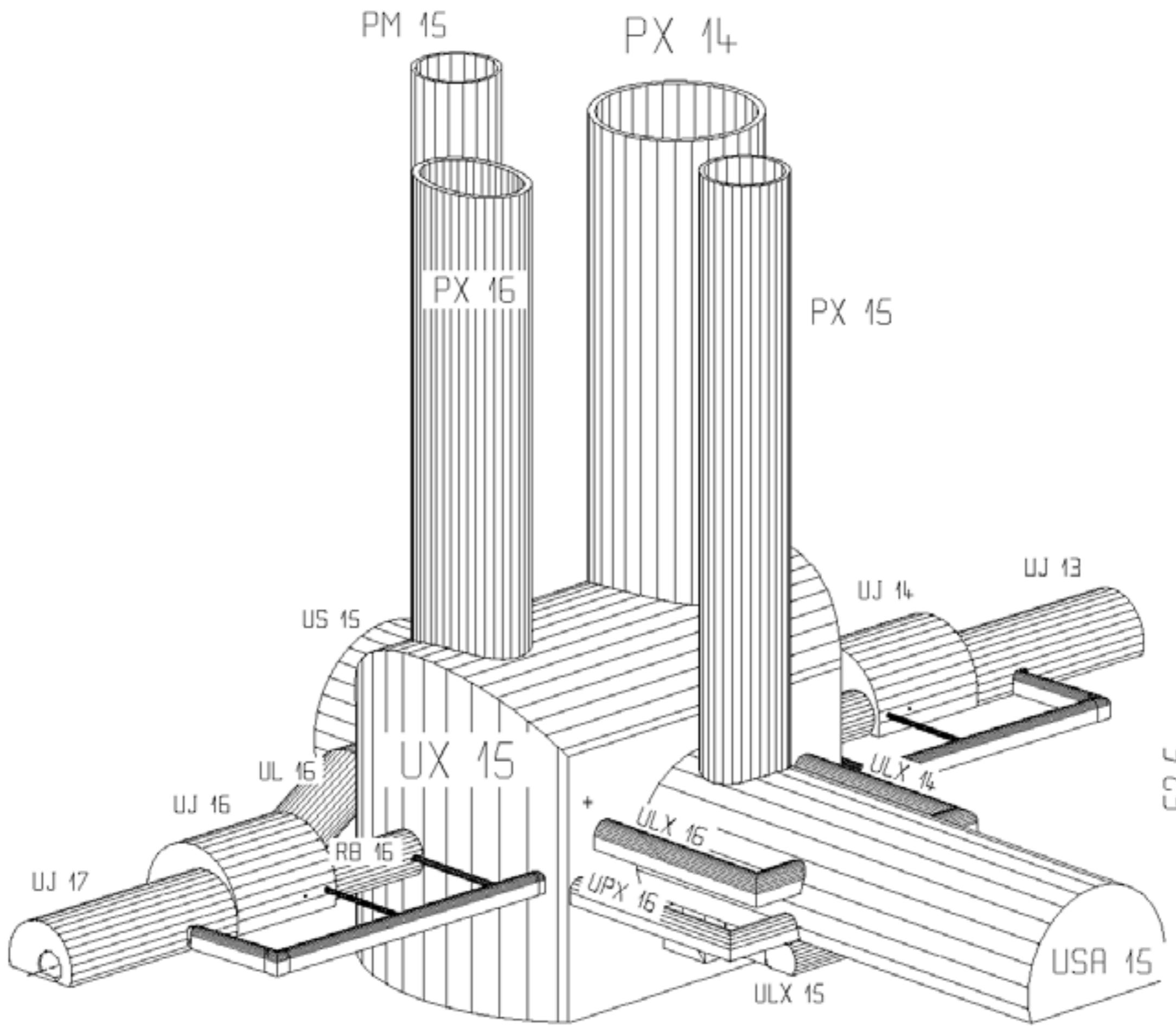
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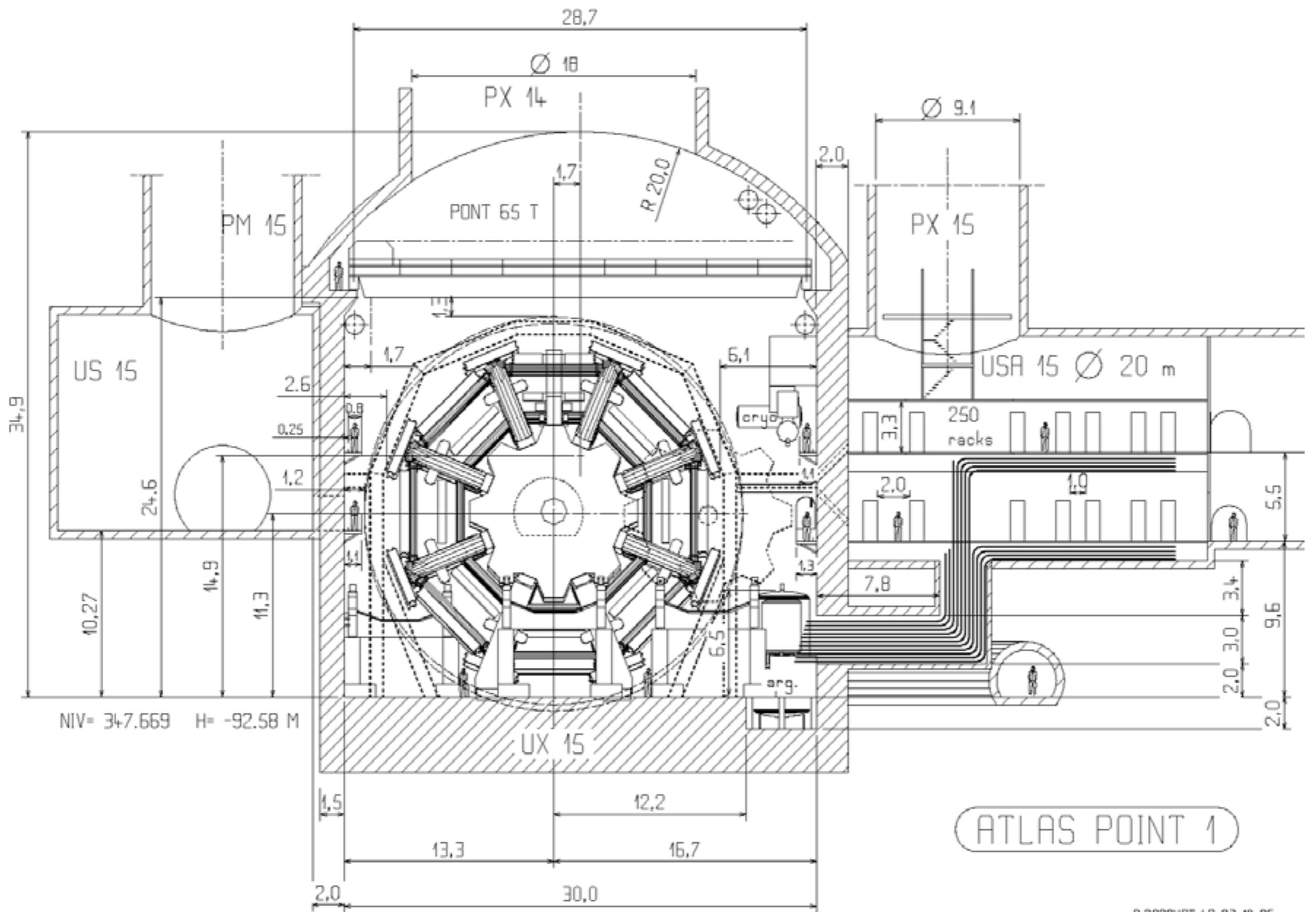




ANUBIS - other backgrounds

- Background from cosmic ray muons negligible:
veto using timing and directional requirements
- Non-collision backgrounds negligible:
ANUBIS is ~orthogonal to the beam line, while non-collision backgrounds feature a pronounced boost along the beam line
- Background from thermal neutrons decays negligible:
too little energy
- Once >2 tracks required for the displaced vertex, any residual backgrounds from n , K_L are rendered negligible
- Certainly background-free when 2 displaced vertices required:
 - one within ANUBIS for triggering
 - one can be in ANUBIS or anywhere in ATLAS





- Narrow gap (~ 1 mm) RPCs with 1.27-mm-pitch long strips reading from both strip ends give:
 - » Precision coordinate: $<220 \mu\text{m}$ spatial resolution using charge centroid;
 $<300 \mu\text{m}$ only using signal arrival time information
(could be used for fast tracking at trigger level).
 - » Non-precision coordinate: ~ 7 mm using 100 ps TDCs
 - » High Efficiency: $>97\%$
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- Excellent timing performance would allow to do **fast coincidence within few ns** between contiguous detectors and to be used for Time of Flight measurements
- **O(sub-mm x cm x sub-ns) virtual trigger cells** created will be powerful to remove uncorrelated backgrounds as soon and as much as possible.

