

# *Light scalar Long-Lived Particle searches@FCC*



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# Outline

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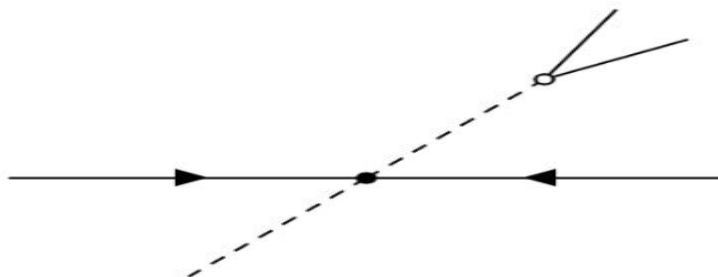
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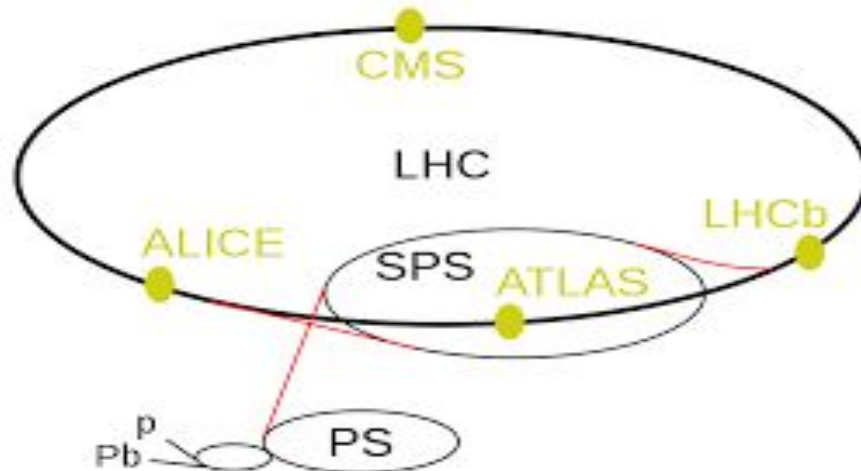
Where it decays?

$$d = \beta\gamma c\tau$$

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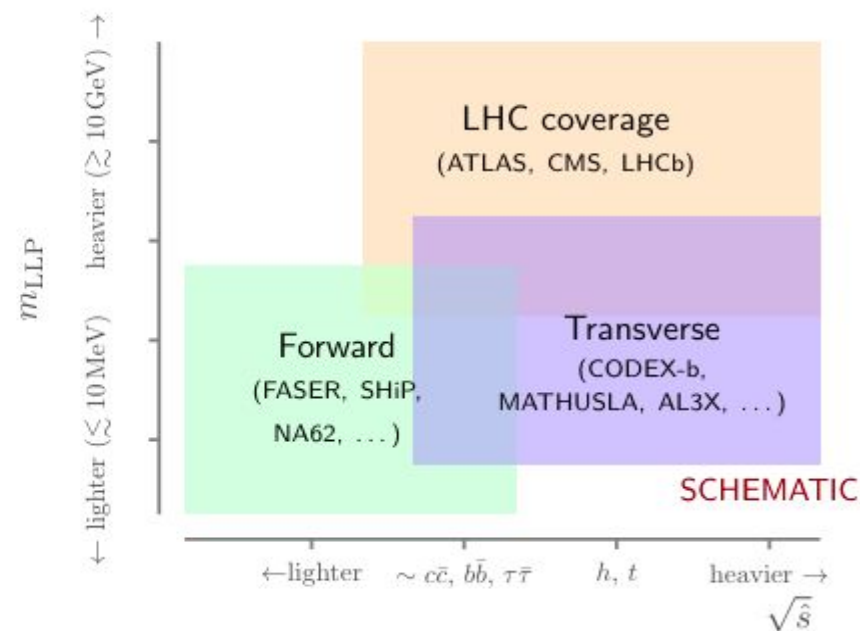
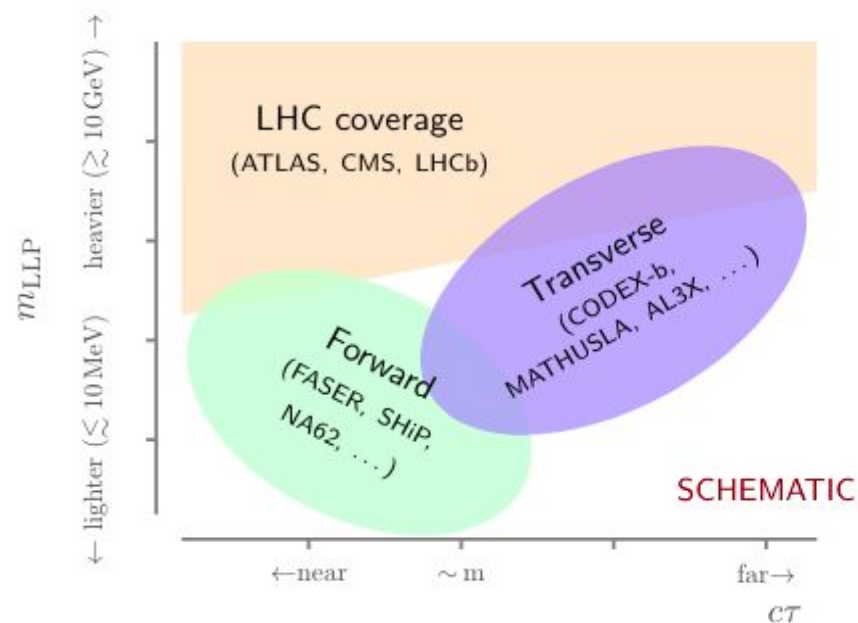
# LLP@Hadron Collider

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Large\\_Hadron\\_Collider](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Large_Hadron_Collider)



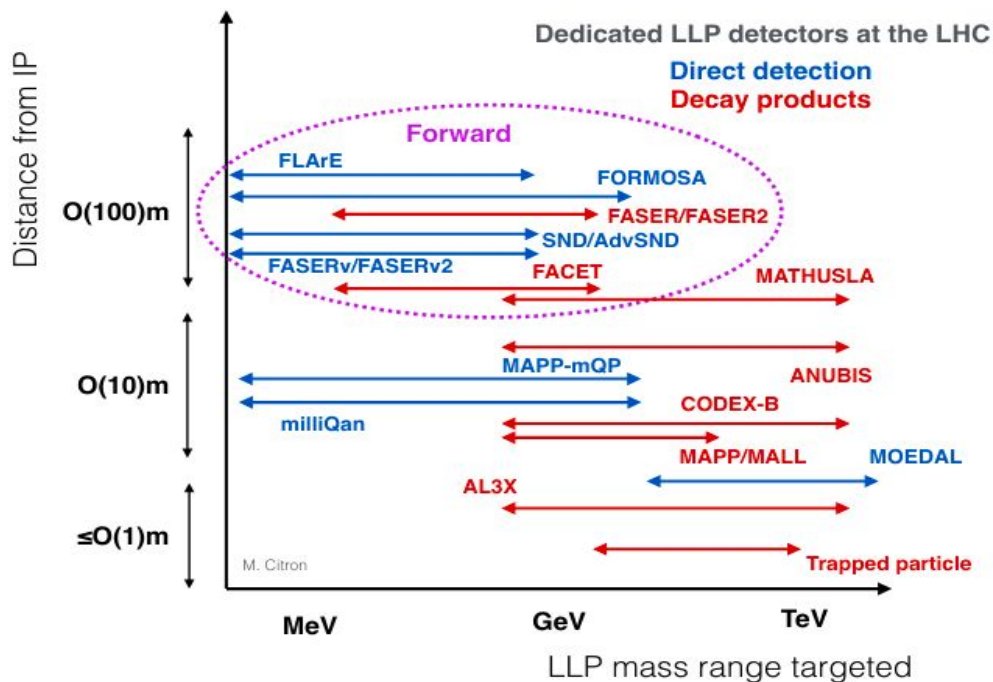
# Reach and coverage of LLP experiments

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# Dedicated detectors for LLP

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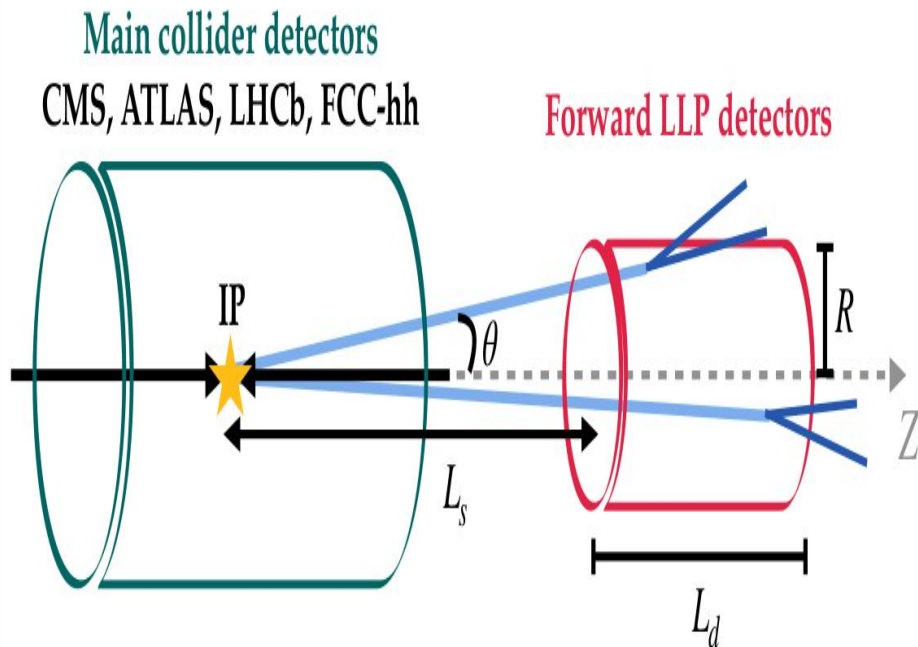
## ForwArd Search ExpeRiment FASER/FASER 2

480 m from ATLAS

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 $R = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $L_d = 5 \text{ m}$ ,  $L = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (2026-2035)

## Forward Physics Facility(FPF)

620 m from ATLAS,  $L_d = 10/15/20 \text{ m}$   
(~2029) **[2203.05090]**



# Forward Detectors

## Forward-Aperture CMS ExTension (FACET)

Extension of CMS detector

$R = 50 \text{ cm}$ ,  $L_d = 18 \text{ m}$

Sensitive for masses  $> 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,

$\sigma\tau$  in the range  $[0.1-100]\text{m}$

[2201.00019]

## Monopole and Exotics Detector at the LHC (MOEDAL)-(MoEDAL Apparatus for Penetrating Particles)MAPP detector

Forward region of LHCb ( $\sim 50 \text{ m}$ )

$10 \times 10$  array of 100 scintillator each of size  $10 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm} \times 75 \text{ cm}$

[2209.03988]

# Transverse Detectors

## Massive Timing Hodoscope for Ultra Stable neutral pArticles (MATHUSLA)

Surface detector above CMS  
interaction point 14 TeV HL-LHC

$60.0 \text{ m} < x < 85.0 \text{ m}$ ,  $-50.0 \text{ m} < y < 50.0 \text{ m}$ ,  $68.0 \text{ m} < z < 168.0 \text{ m}$

$L = 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Sensitive for masses  $> 10 \text{ GeV}$ ,

$c\tau > 100 \text{ m}$

[2308.05860]

## COmpact Detector for EXotics at LHCb (CODEX-b)

roughly 25 meters from the LHCb  
interaction point

$10 \text{ m} \times 10 \text{ m} \times 10 \text{ m}$ ,  $L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$c\tau > 1 \text{ m}$

[1911.00481]



# Transverse Detectors

## AL3X(Alex)

12 m long cylinder, with inner radius 0.85 m and outer radius 5 m near ALICE

$L = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

[1810.03636]

## AN Underground Belayed In-Shaft search experiment(ANUBIS)

Near ATLAS

20 m away from IP,  $c\tau$  in the range  $[0.1-10^6]\text{m}$

[2401.11604]

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**No proposal  
for 100 TeV  
FCC-hh!!!**

LLP@FCC-hh

# Model

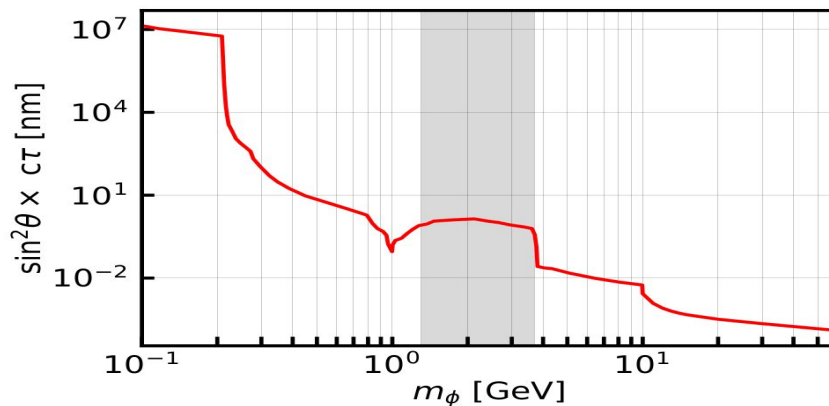
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mu_{\Phi}^2 \Phi^2 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda_{\Phi} \Phi^4 - \epsilon \Phi^2 |H|^2, \quad \text{After EWSB} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} h_{125} &= \Phi \sin \theta + h \cos \theta, \\ \phi &= \Phi \cos \theta - h \sin \theta, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \phi \sin \theta \sum_f \frac{m_f}{v} \bar{f} f,$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow f \bar{f}} = \frac{N_c G_F m_{\phi} m_f^2 \sin^2 \theta}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_{\phi}^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

**If  $\theta$  is small,  
 $\Gamma$  is small,  $c\tau$   
is large  $\rightarrow \phi$   
is LLP!!!**

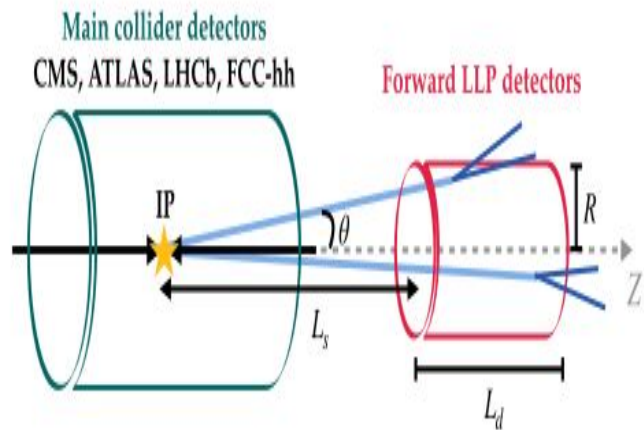
# Model



- $\Phi$  to be very light, mass range varying from 100 MeV to Few GeV.
- It can come from various meson decays.
- $B \rightarrow K \Phi$  ✓

$$\text{Br}(B \rightarrow X_S \phi) = 5.7 \sin^2 \theta \left( 1 - \frac{m_\phi^2}{m_b^2} \right)^2,$$

# Analysis setup and validation



$$P_{\text{decay}} = \frac{(1 - e^{\frac{-L_d}{|D_z|}})}{e^{\frac{L_s}{|D_z|}}},$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{LLP}} = \frac{\sum_i P_{\text{decay}}^i}{N_{\text{events}}},$$

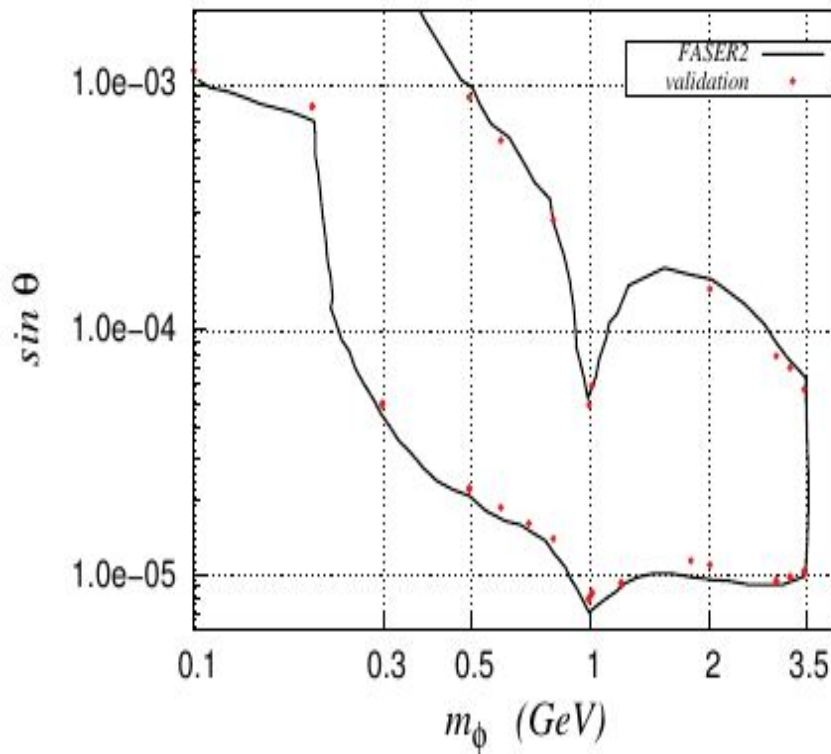
$$N_{\text{detector}} = \sigma_{bb} \times \mathcal{B}r(B \rightarrow X_s \phi) \times \epsilon_{\text{LLP}} \times \mathcal{L}$$

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$$\sigma_{bb} = 9.4 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ fb}$$

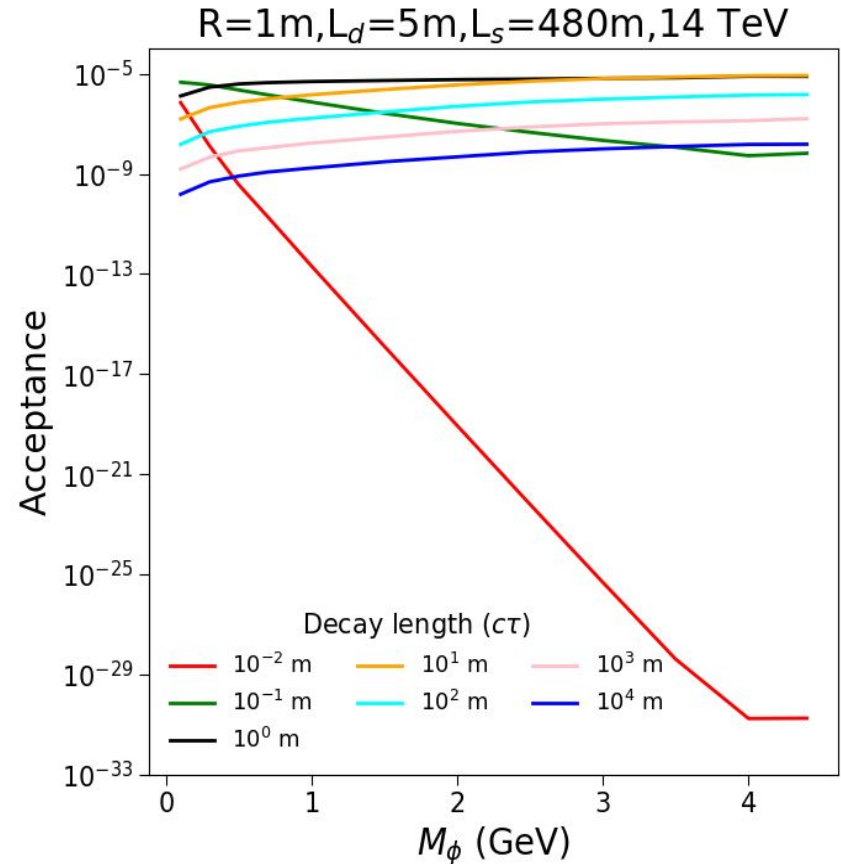
LLP decays to the visible particles with 100% branching ratio and will be detected in the detector only if the momentum > 100 GeV.

Validation done with FASER and FORESEE package [\[2105.07077\]](#)

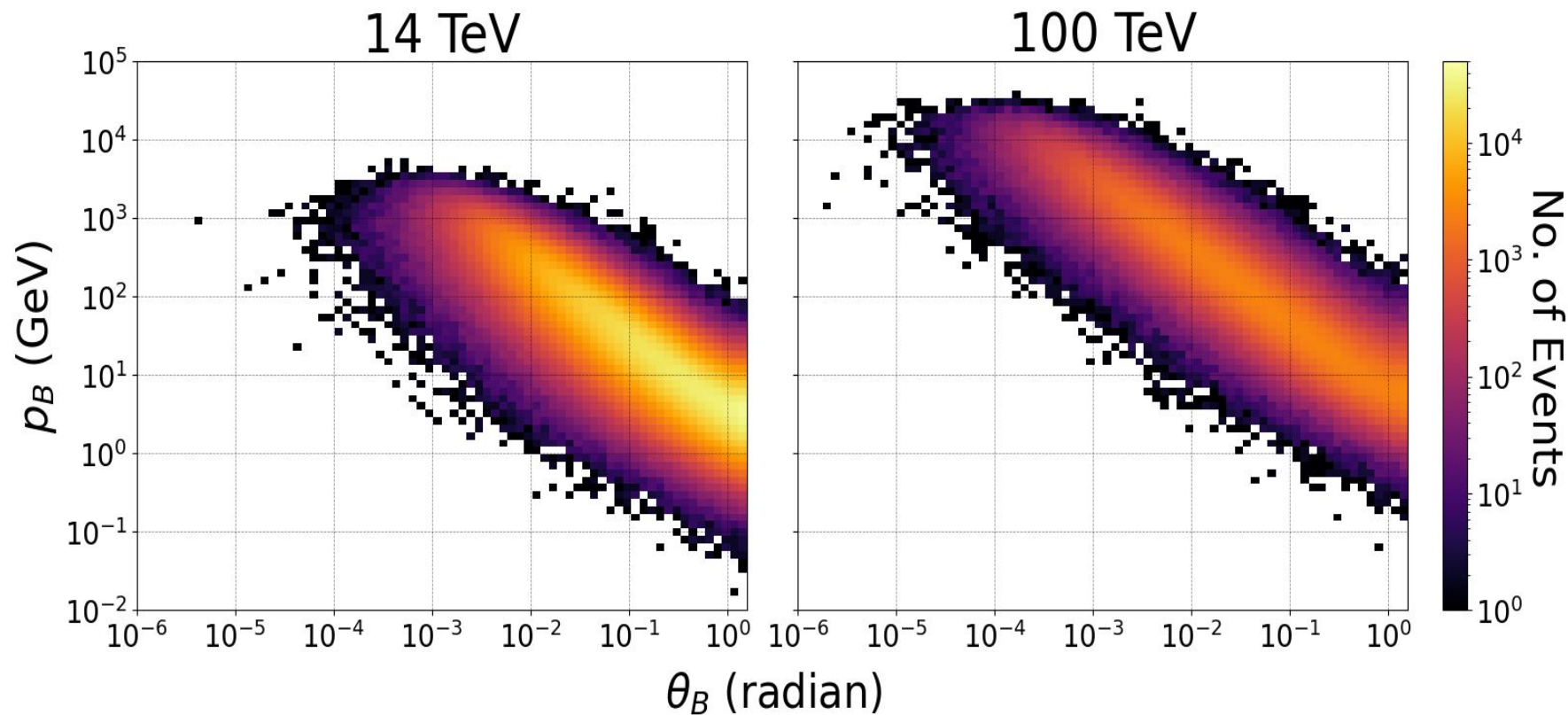




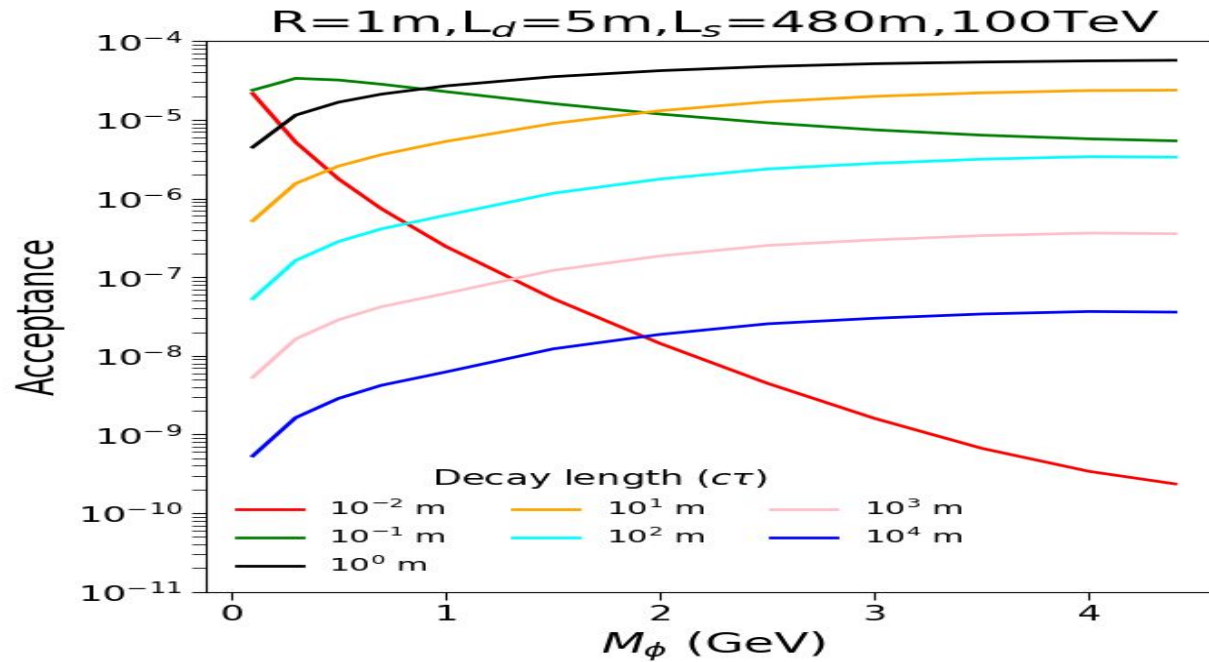
- For small ( $c\tau \sim 10^{-2}$  m) and a mass greater than or equal to 1 GeV, the signal acceptance drops significantly.
- Investigate the sensitivity of the dark Higgs boson model at FCC-hh !!!.



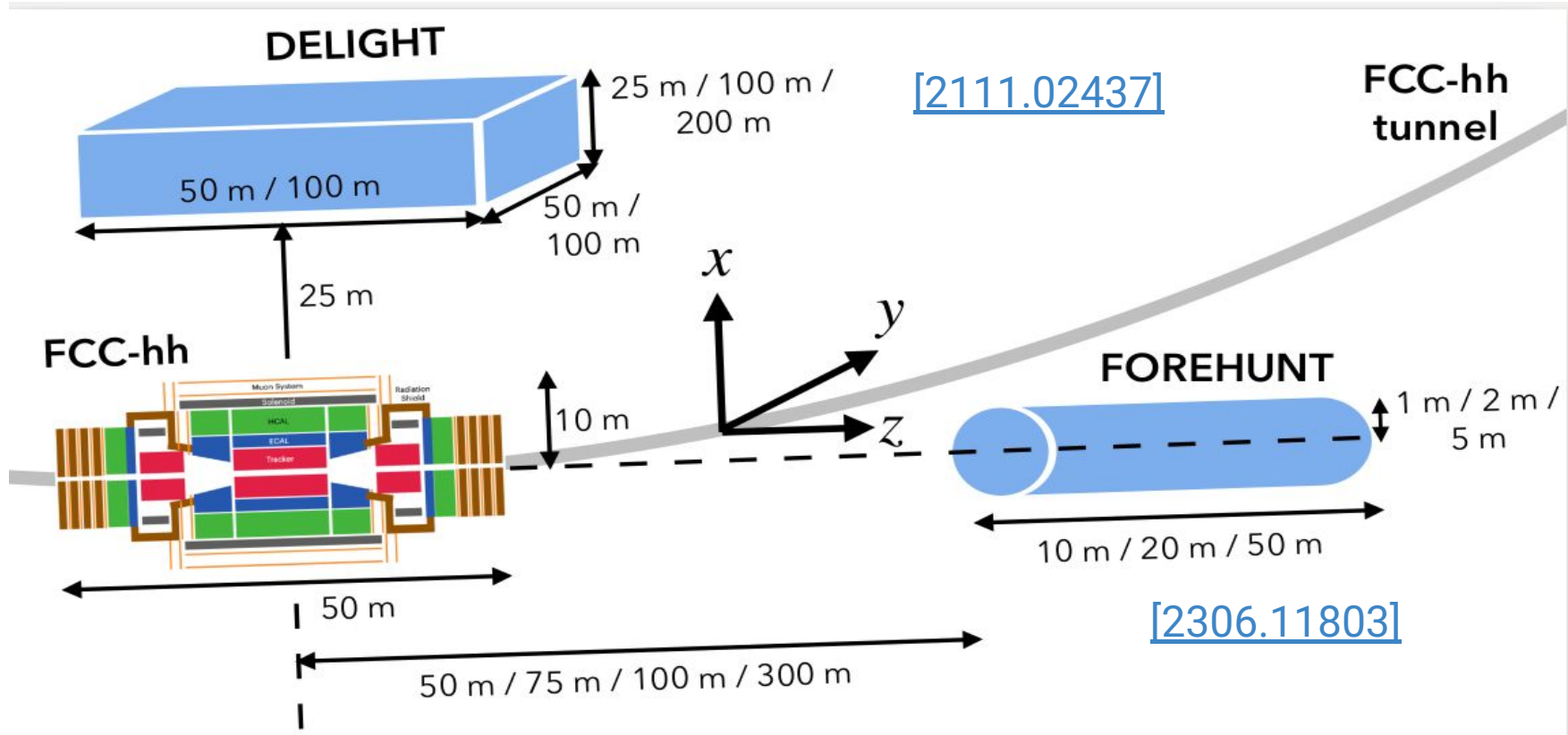
## Dedicated detectors @100 TeV



# Forward detectors @100 TeV



# Schematic diagrams of the detectors



# FORward Experiment for HUNdred TeV(FOREHUNT)

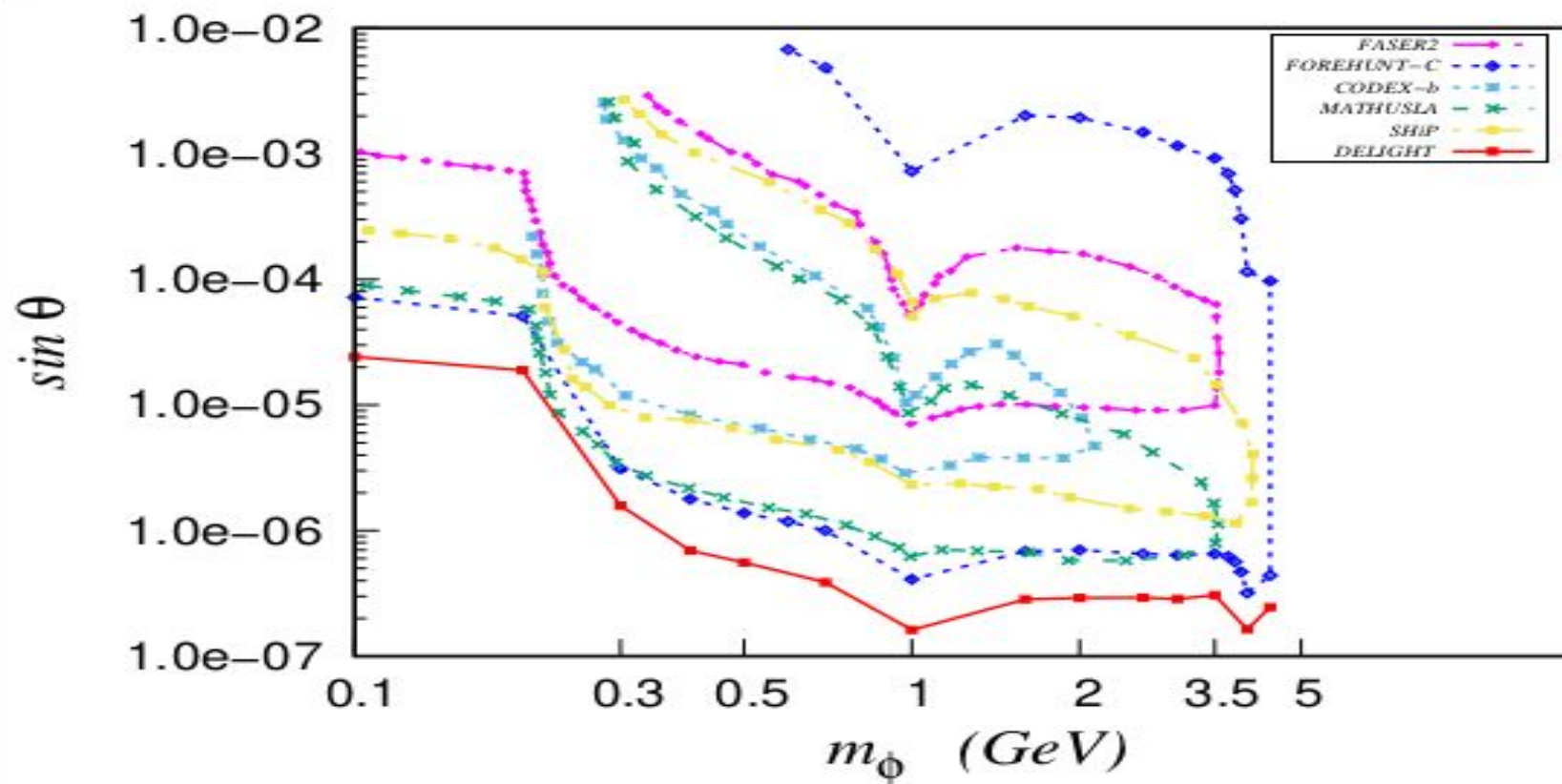
Detector configuration @100 TeV	Radius (R) [m]	Length ( $L_d$ ) [m]	Position (Z) [m]
FOREHUNT-A	1	10	50
FOREHUNT-B	2	20	50
FOREHUNT-C	5	50	50
FOREHUNT-D	2	20	75
FOREHUNT-E	5	50	75
FOREHUNT-F	5	50	100

# Detector for long-lived particles at high energy of 100 TeV (DELIGHT)

- DELIGHT-A:  $25.0 \text{ m} < x < 50.0 \text{ m}$ ;  $0.0 \text{ m} < y < 100.0 \text{ m}$ ;  $-50.0 \text{ m} < z < 50.0 \text{ m}$ .
- DELIGHT-B:  $25.0 \text{ m} < x < 125.0 \text{ m}$ ;  $0.0 \text{ m} < y < 100.0 \text{ m}$ ;  $-50.0 \text{ m} < z < 50.0 \text{ m}$ .
- DELIGHT-C:  $25.0 \text{ m} < x < 225.0 \text{ m}$ ;  $0.0 \text{ m} < y < 50.0 \text{ m}$ ;  $-25.0 \text{ m} < z < 25.0 \text{ m}$ .

Because of the larger size, DELIGHT-B gives the best sensitivity to detect LLP.

# Sensitivity for the dark Higgs model

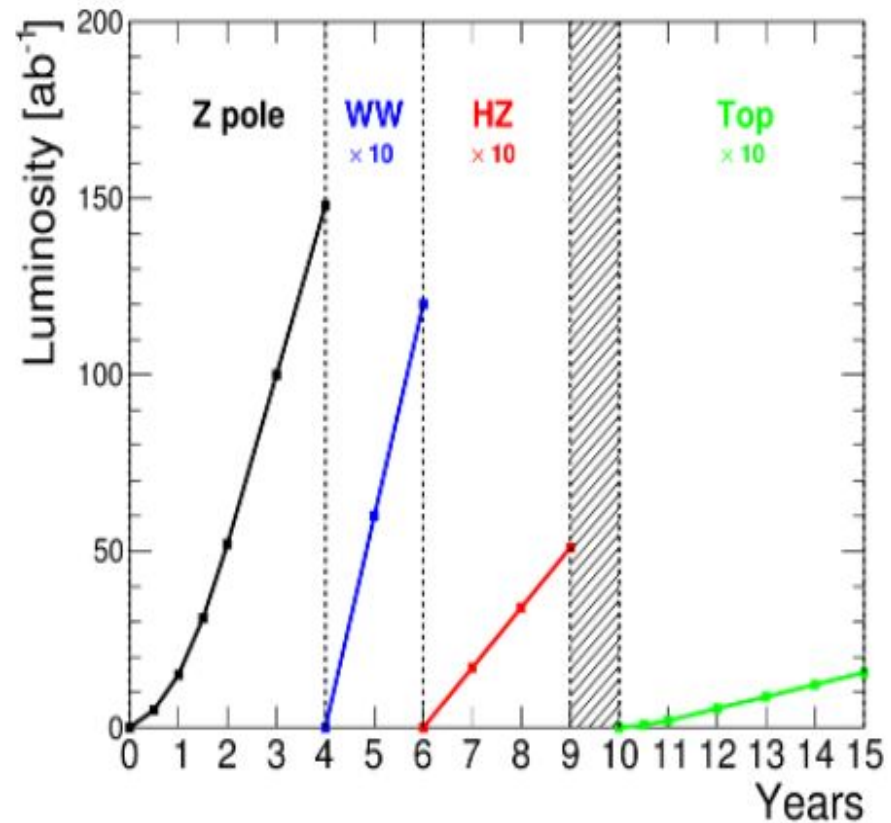


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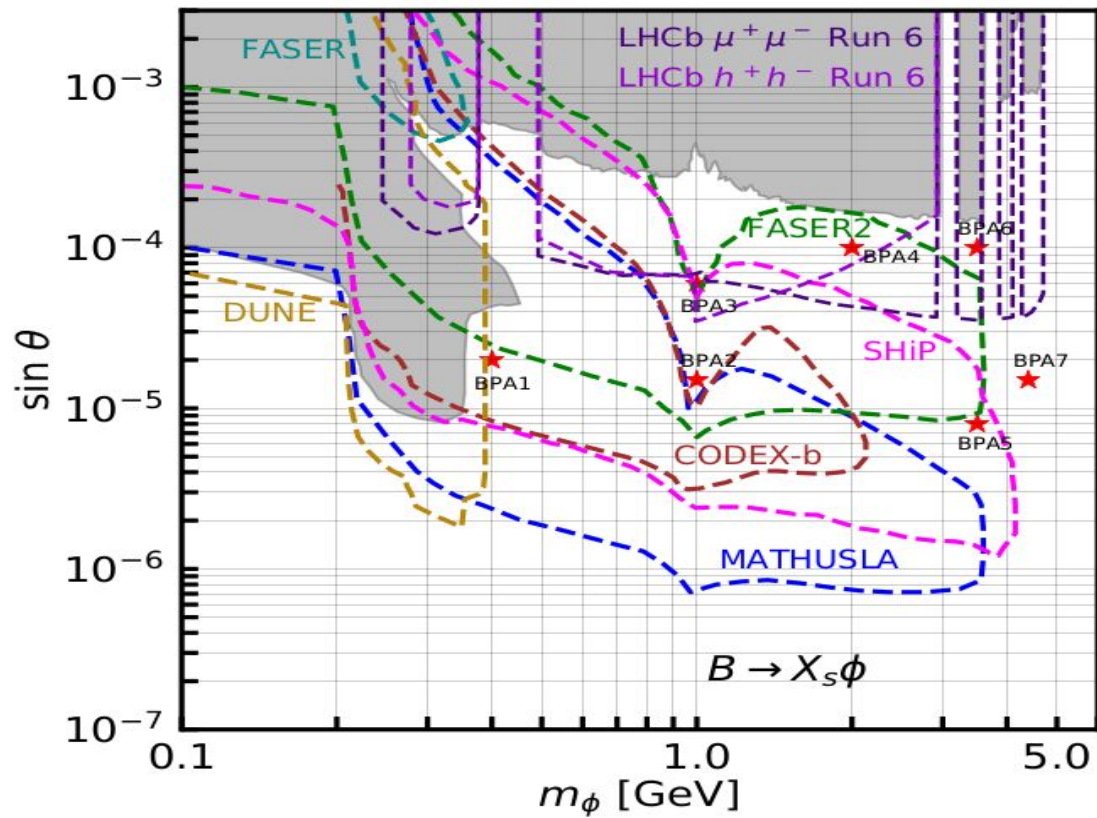


## [FCC-CDR]

- Z pole (91.2 GeV)
- W + W – threshold  
(161 GeV)
- HZ production peak  
(240 GeV)
- $t\bar{t}$  threshold (350/365 GeV)



# Current status



# Choice of BPs

Benchmark	$m_\phi$ (GeV)	$\sin \theta$	$c\tau$ (mm)	Dominant decay modes	Potential experiments to probe			
					FASER2	LHCb (projected)	MATHUSLA	SHIP
BPA1	0.4	$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$	39666.6	$\pi^+\pi^- : 76\%$ $\mu^+\mu^- : 10\%$	×	×	✓	✓
BPA2	1.0	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$	554.3	$\pi^+\pi^- : 50\%$ $K^+K^- : 50\%$	✓	×	×	✓
BPA3	1.0	$6 \times 10^{-5}$	34.6	$\pi^+\pi^- : 50\%$ $K^+K^- : 50\%$	×	×	×	×
BPA4	2.0	$10^{-4}$	135.2	$\pi^+\pi^- : 41\%$ $K^+K^- : 41\%$ $\mu^+\mu^- : 12\%$	✓	✓	×	×
BPA5	3.5	$8 \times 10^{-6}$	10285.4	$\pi^+\pi^- : 53\%$ $K^+K^- : 21\%$ $\mu^+\mu^- : 5\%$	×	×	×	✓
BPA6	3.5	$10^{-4}$	65.8	$\pi^+\pi^- : 53\%$ $K^+K^- : 21\%$ $\mu^+\mu^- : 5\%$	×	✓	×	×
BPA7	4.4	$1.5 \times 10^{-5}$	95.0	$c\bar{c} : 65\%$ $\tau^+\tau^- : 20\%$	×	×	×	×

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$$N = \sigma_{b\bar{b}} \times 2 \times \text{Br}(B \rightarrow X_s \phi) \times \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{A} \times \epsilon,$$

$$\sigma_{b\bar{b}} = 9.05 \text{ nb}$$

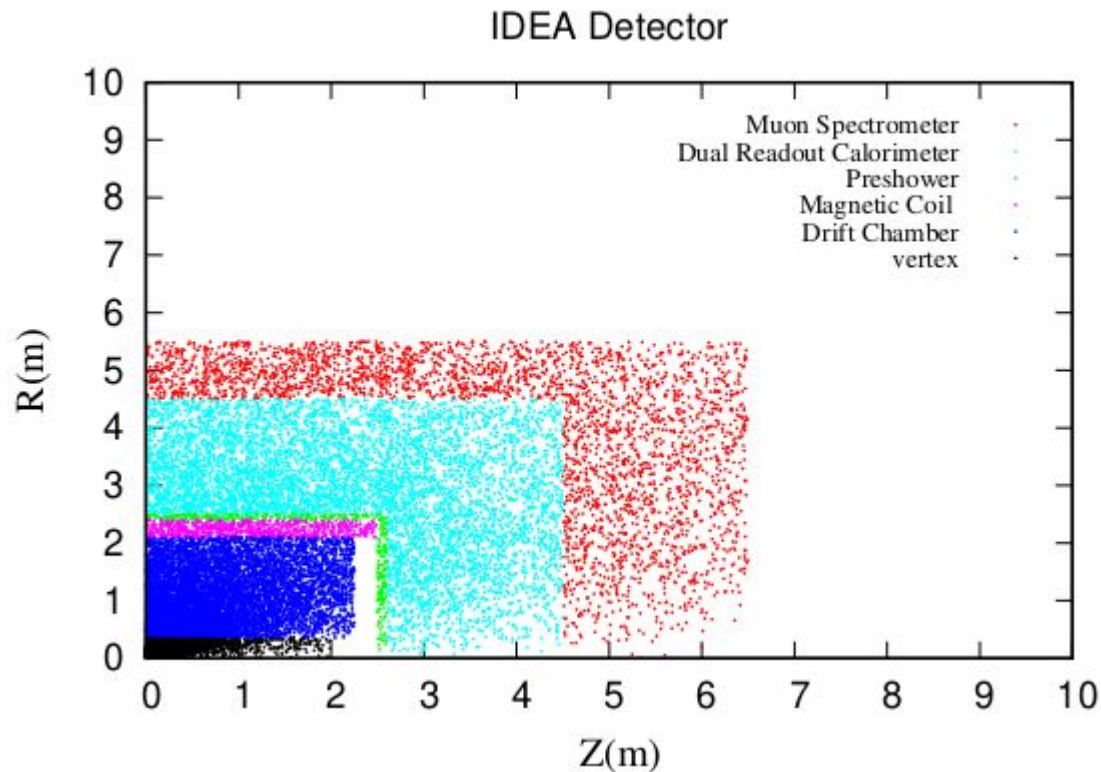
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Silicon pixel detector (VTX)	17	340	400	2000
Drift chamber (DCH)	345	2020	2125	2125
Solenoid	2100	2400	2500	2500
Preshower	2400	2500	2500	2600
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Benchmark	Number of LLP decays for $\mathcal{L} = 150 \text{ ab}^{-1}$						
	VTX	DCH	Solenoid	Preshower	DRC	MS	Outside
BPA1	5	17	1	1	21	13	6175
BPA2	315	720	31	28	485	228	1348
BPA3	32750	16977	184	134	1014	84	50
BPA4	42924	47166	861	834	8534	1937	1611
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BPA6	22573	10029	32	24	124	4	0
BPA7	42	28	0	0	1	0	0

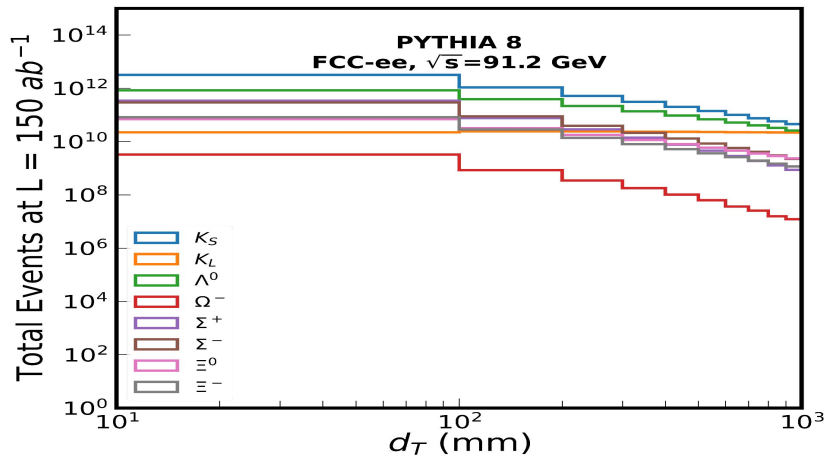
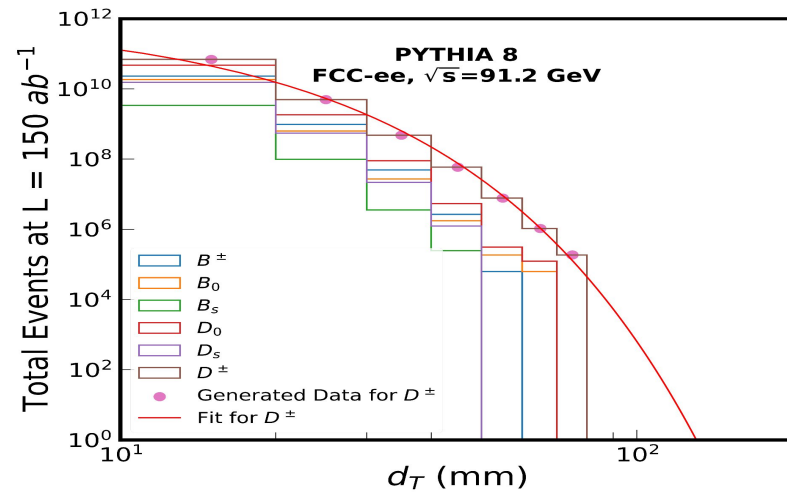
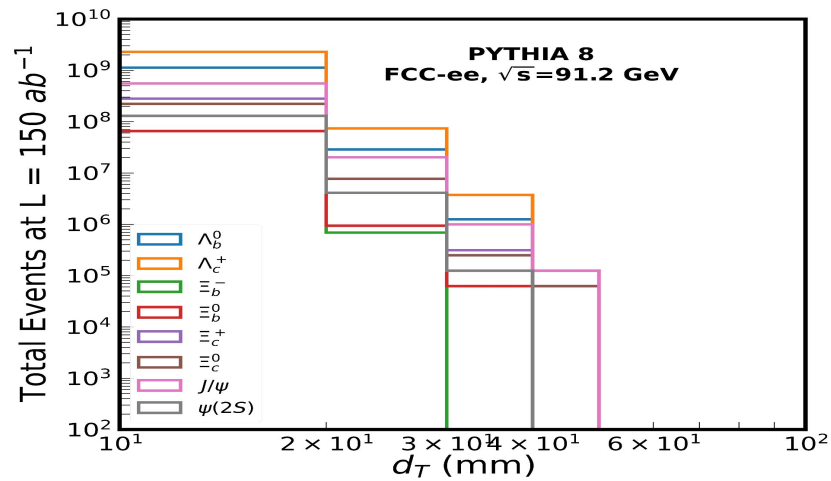
[\[efficiency\]](#)

Detector component	Particles	Energy threshold (GeV)	Efficiency
Vertex detector (VTX) Drift Chamber (DCH)	charged particles	$0.1 < E < 0.3$	0.06
		$0.3 < E < 0.5$	0.65
		$E > 0.5$	0.997
Solenoid	$e^\pm, \mu^\pm$ , charged hadrons	$E > 0.5$	0.98
Preshower	$\gamma$	$E > 0.10$	
DR calorimeter		$E > 0.5$	0.98
Muon system	$\mu^\pm$	$E > 0.10$	0.98

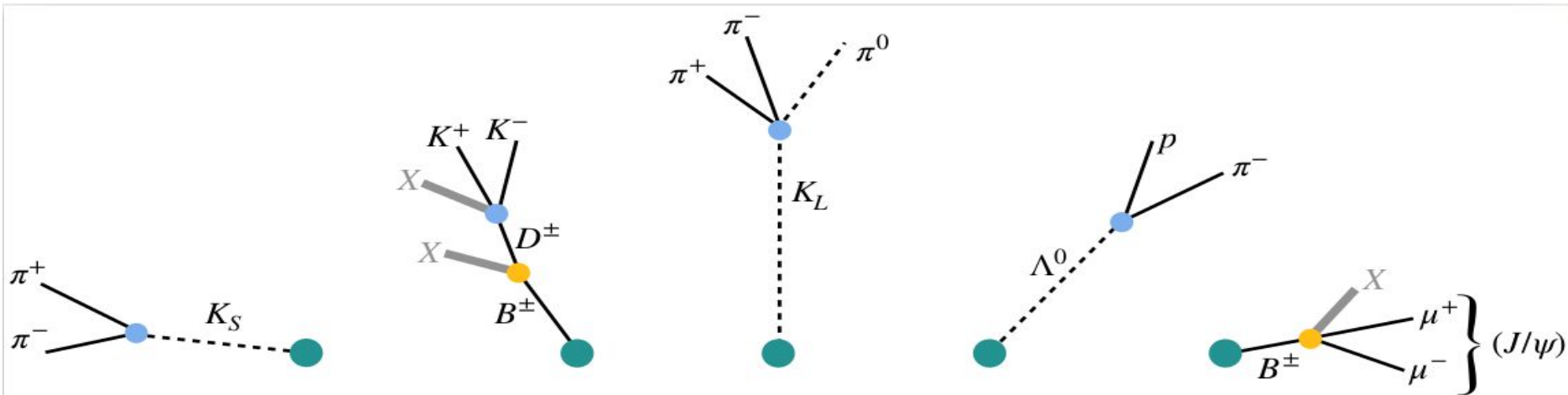
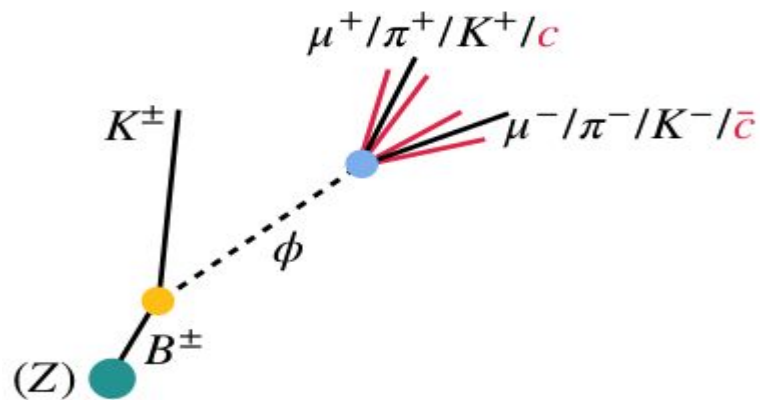


## SM backgrounds

Mesons	m (GeV)	$c\tau$ (mm)	Baryons	m (GeV)	$c\tau$ (mm)
$K_L$	0.498	15330	$\Xi^0$	1.315	87.1
$K_S$	0.498	26.84	$\Lambda$	1.116	78.9
$B^\pm$	5.279	0.491	$\Xi^-$	1.322	49.1
$B^0$	5.279	0.459	$\Sigma^-$	1.197	44.34
$B_S^0$	5.367	0.439	$\Omega^-$	1.672	24.61
$D^\pm$	1.869	0.312	$\Sigma^+$	1.189	24.04
$D_S^\pm$	1.968	0.150	$\Lambda_b^0$	5.619	0.369
$D^0$	1.865	0.123	$\Xi_b^-$	5.791	0.364
			$\Xi_b^0$	5.788	0.364
			$\Xi_c^+$	2.468	0.132
			$\Lambda_c^+$	2.286	0.06
			$\Xi_c^0$	2.471	0.0336



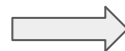
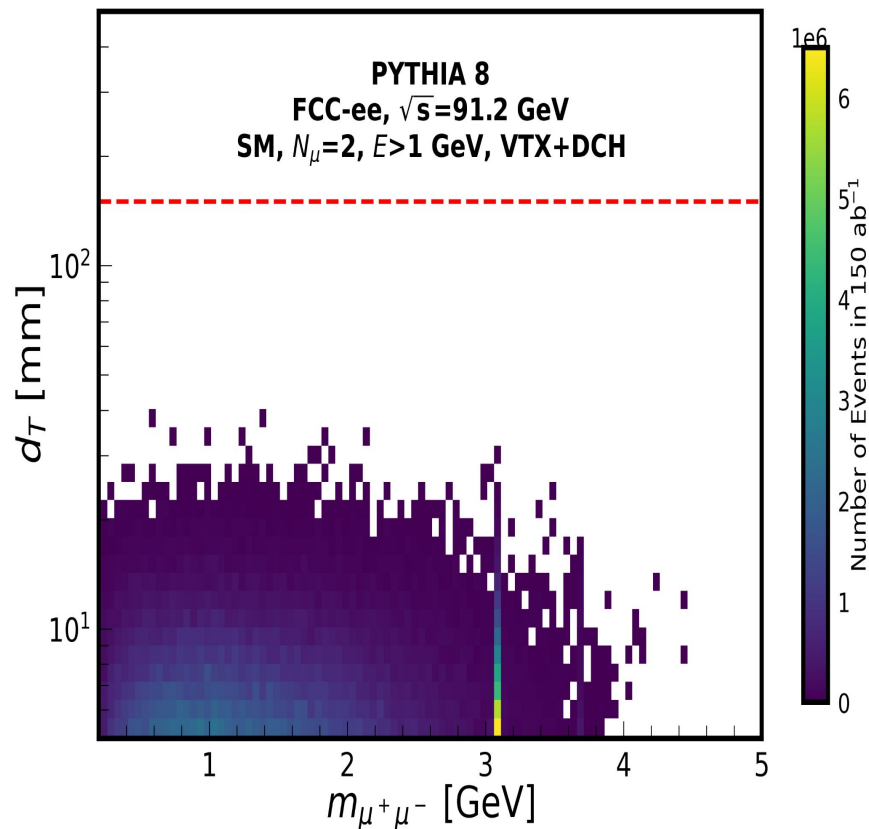
# Analysis Strategy



# Important variables

- detector element based on the location of the vertex,  $D_{\text{vtx}}$
- number of charged particles created at the vertex,  $N_{\text{ch}}$
- total energy of the particles produced at the vertex,  $E$
- transverse displacement of the vertex from the origin  $d_{\text{T}}$ , number of muons ( $N_{\mu}$ ), pions ( $N_{\pi}$ ), kaons ( $N_{\text{K}}$ ) originating at the vertex
- invariant mass of the final state particles associated with the vertex,  $m_{\text{vtx}}$
- the impact parameter of the vertex,  $d_0$

# Di-muon final state



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Final cuts for the dimuon final state

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$D_{\text{vtx}} \equiv \text{out to the MS}$

$N_{\text{chg}} = 2$

$N_\mu = 2$

$E > 2 \text{ GeV}$

$d_T > 150 \text{ mm}$

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## Di-muon final state

Benchmarks	Dimuon analysis for decays out to the MS		
	$m_\phi$ (GeV)	$c\tau$ (mm)	Number of events
BPA1	0.4	39666.6	3
BPA4	2.0	135.2	9352
BPA5	3.5	10285.4	1
BPA6	3.5	65.8	915

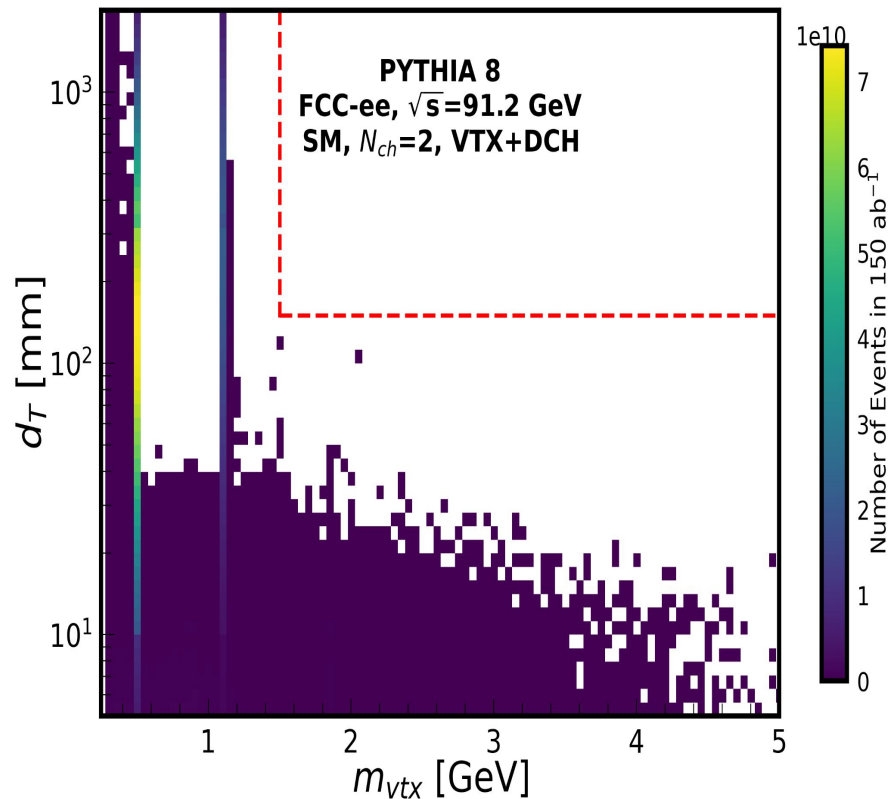
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# Di-pion & Di-kaon final state



Final cuts for the di-pion/di-kaon final state	
$m_\phi \gtrsim 1.5 \text{ GeV}$	All benchmarks
$D_{vtx} \in \text{VTX or DCH}$	$D_{vtx} \in \text{MS}$
$N_{ch} = 2$	
$N_{\pi/K} = 2$	$N_{ch} = 2$
$E > 1 \text{ GeV}$	
$d_T > 150 \text{ mm}$	$E > 5 \text{ GeV}$

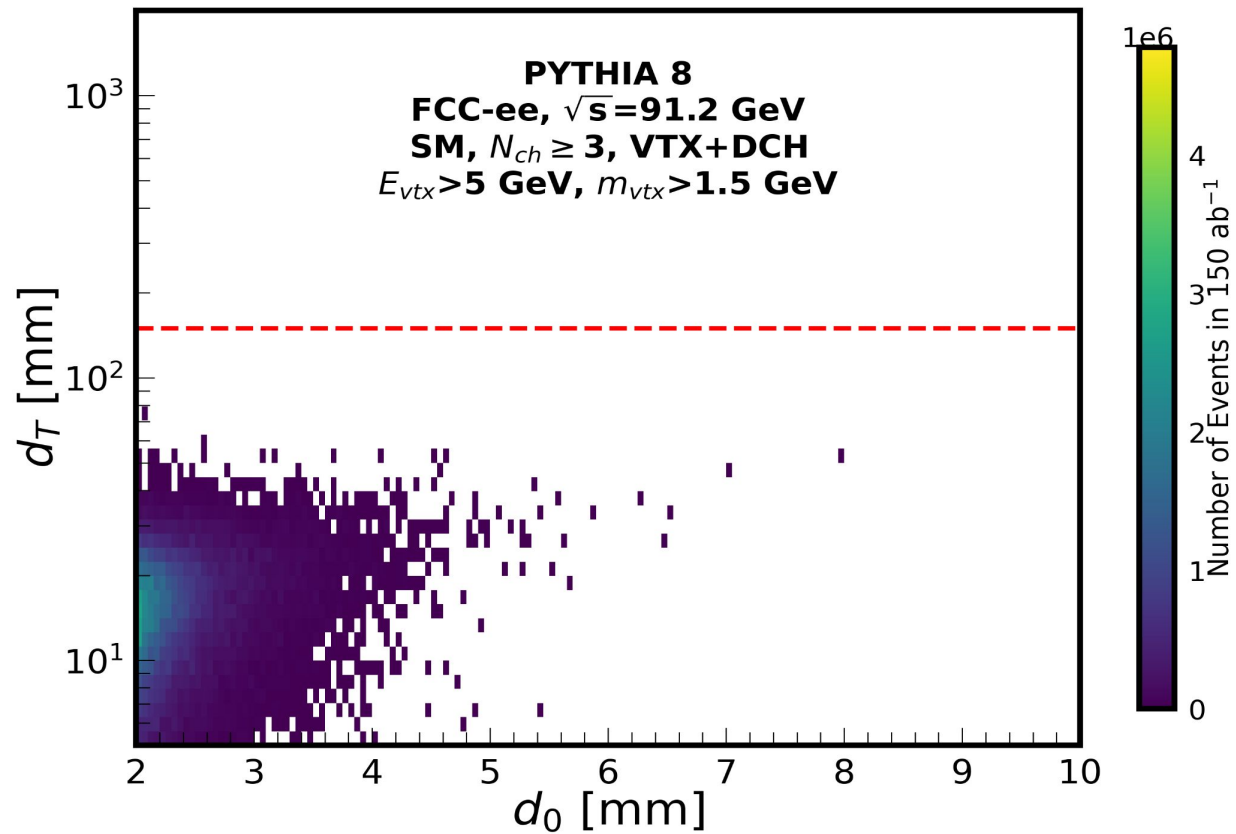
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			$\phi \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$	$\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$
BPA4	2.0	135.2	26202	26970
BPA5	3.5	10385.4	4	2
BPA6	3.5	65.8	9495	3822

Benchmarks	Muon Spectrometer analysis		
	$m_\phi$ (GeV)	$c\tau$ (mm)	Number of events
BPA1	0.4	39666.6	4
BPA2	1.0	554.3	206
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BPA7		4.4	95.0
Final cuts for the $c\bar{c}$ final state		Number of events	
$D_{\text{vtx}} \in \text{VTX or DCH}$	} +	$d_T > 100 \text{ mm}, d_0 > 10 \text{ mm}$	6
$N_{\text{ch}} \geq 3, E > 5 \text{ GeV}$		$d_T > 150 \text{ mm}, d_0 > 10 \text{ mm}$	6
$m_{\text{vtx}} > 1.5 \text{ GeV}$		$d_T > 250 \text{ mm}, d_0 > 20 \text{ mm}$	3

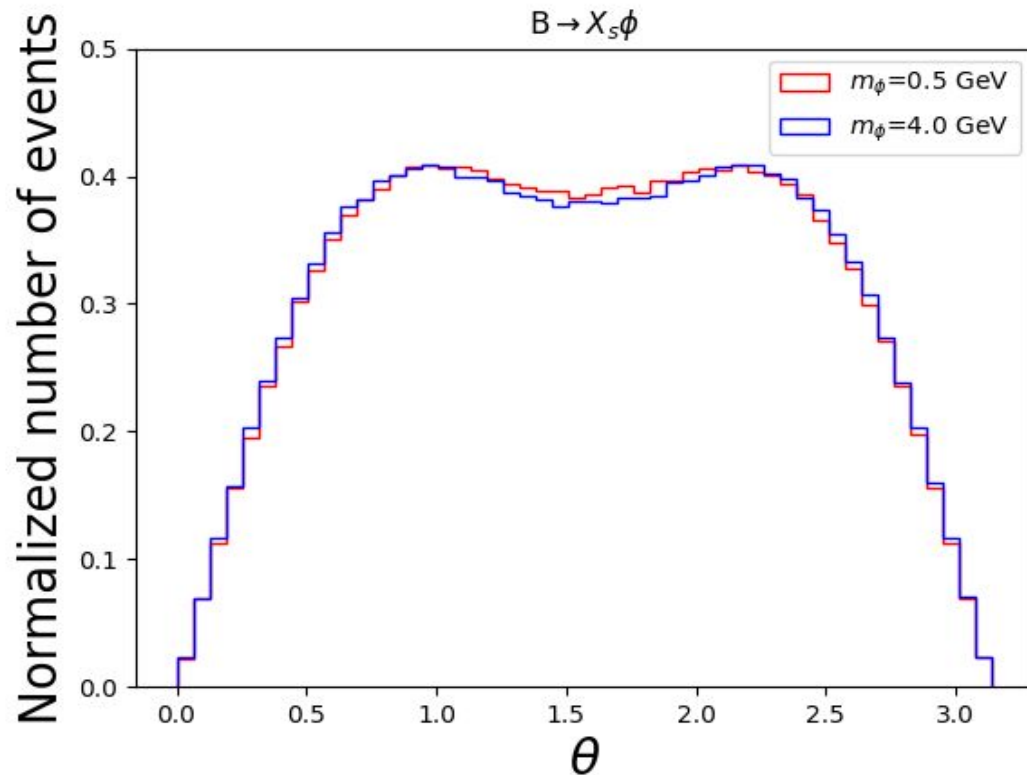
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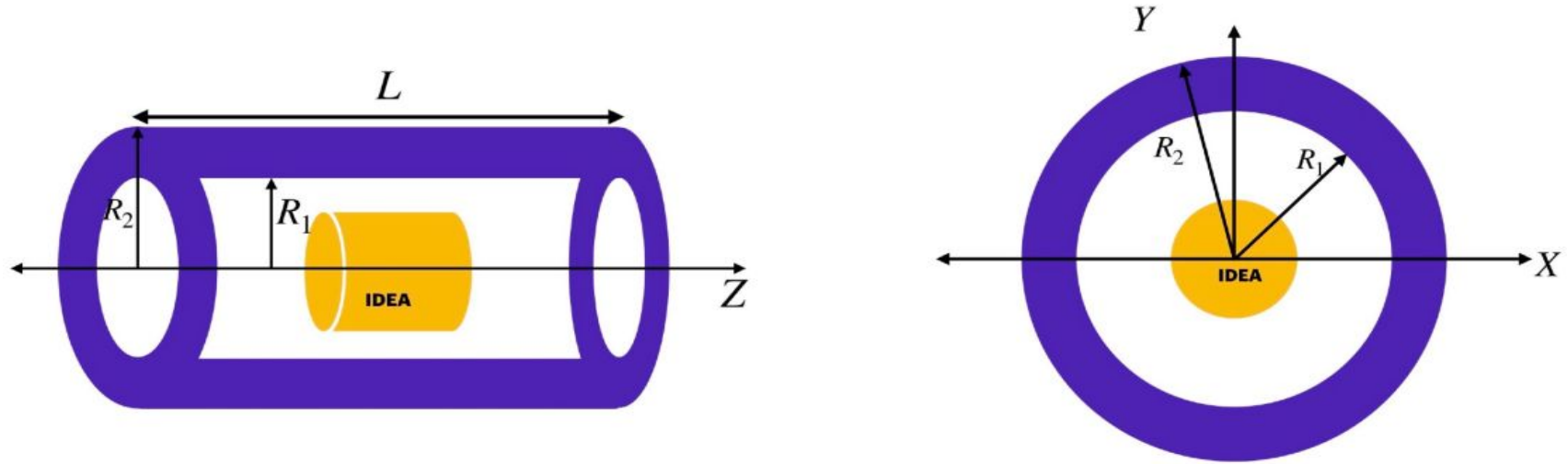
# Dedicated detectors for FCC-ee

- HECATE (HErmetic Cavern TrackEr) [\[2011.01005\]](#)
- near and far detectors [\[1911.06576\]](#)
- LAYered CAvern Surface Tracker (LAYCAST) [\[2406.05770\]](#)

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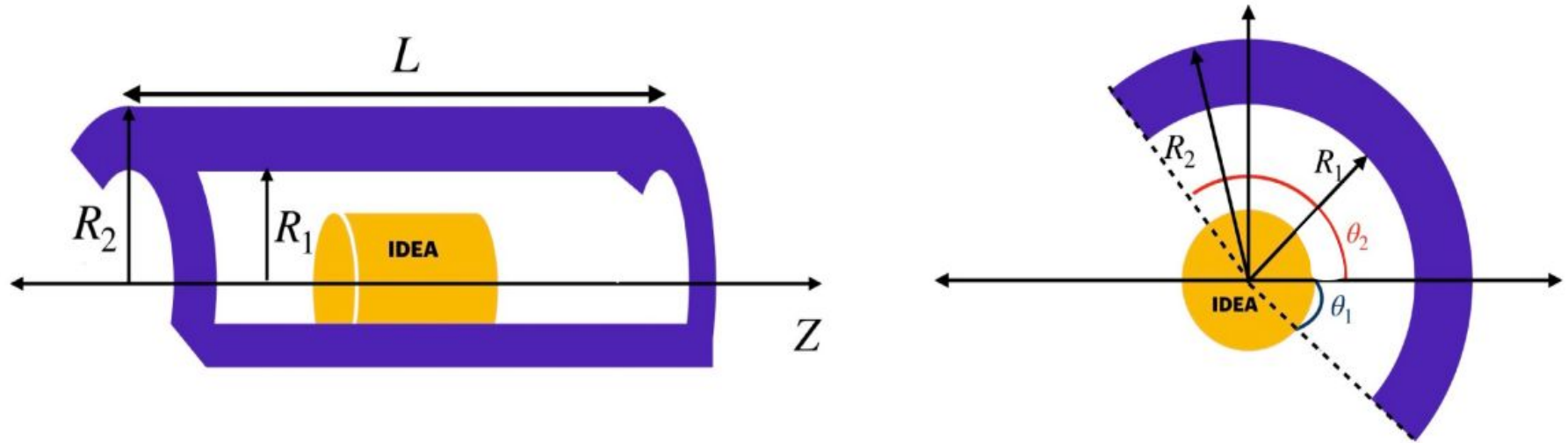


# Dedicated detectors for FCC-ee (A1)



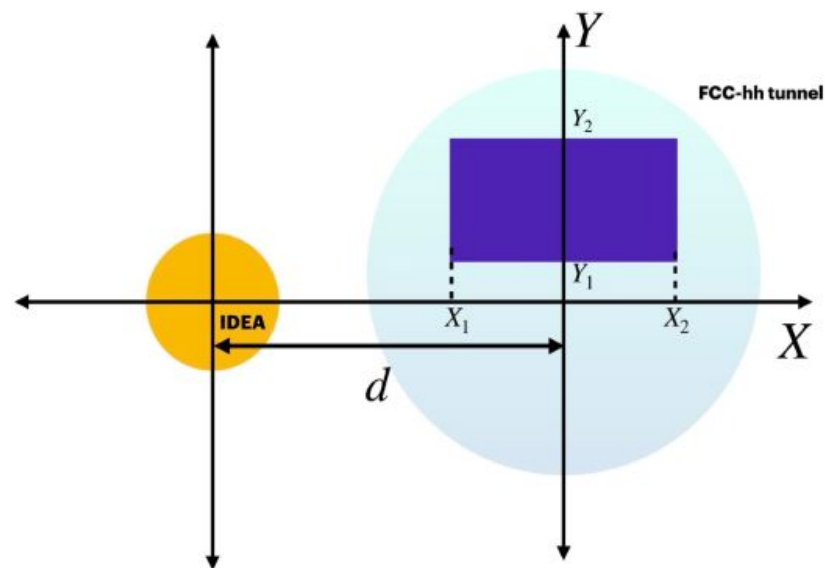
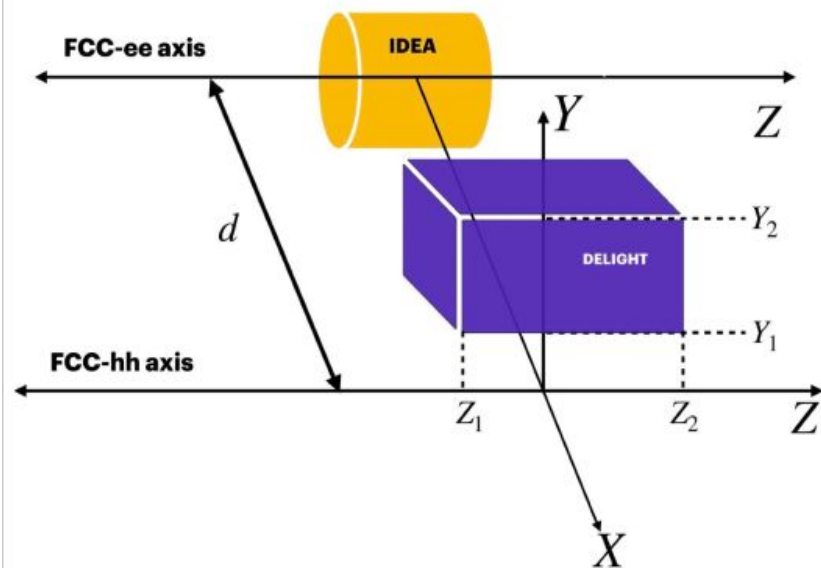
Detector	$R_1$ (m)	$R_2$ (m)	$L$ (m)
A1	6	11	20

## Dedicated detectors for FCC-ee (B4)



Detector	$R_1$ (m)	$R_2$ (m)	$L$ (m)	$\theta_1$ ( $^\circ$ )	$\theta_2$ ( $^\circ$ )
B4	6	11	20	-45	135

## Dedicated detectors for FCC-ee (G2)



Detector	$d$ (m)	$X_1$ (m)	$X_2$ (m)	$Y_1$ (m)	$Y_2$ (m)	$Z_1$ (m)	$Z_2$ (m)
G2	10	-50	50	25	125	-50	50



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Benchmarks	Dedicated detector analysis				
	$m_\phi$ (GeV)	$c\tau$ (mm)	A1	B4	G2
BPA1	0.4	39666.6	38	21	87
BPA5	3.5	10285.4	11	6	15

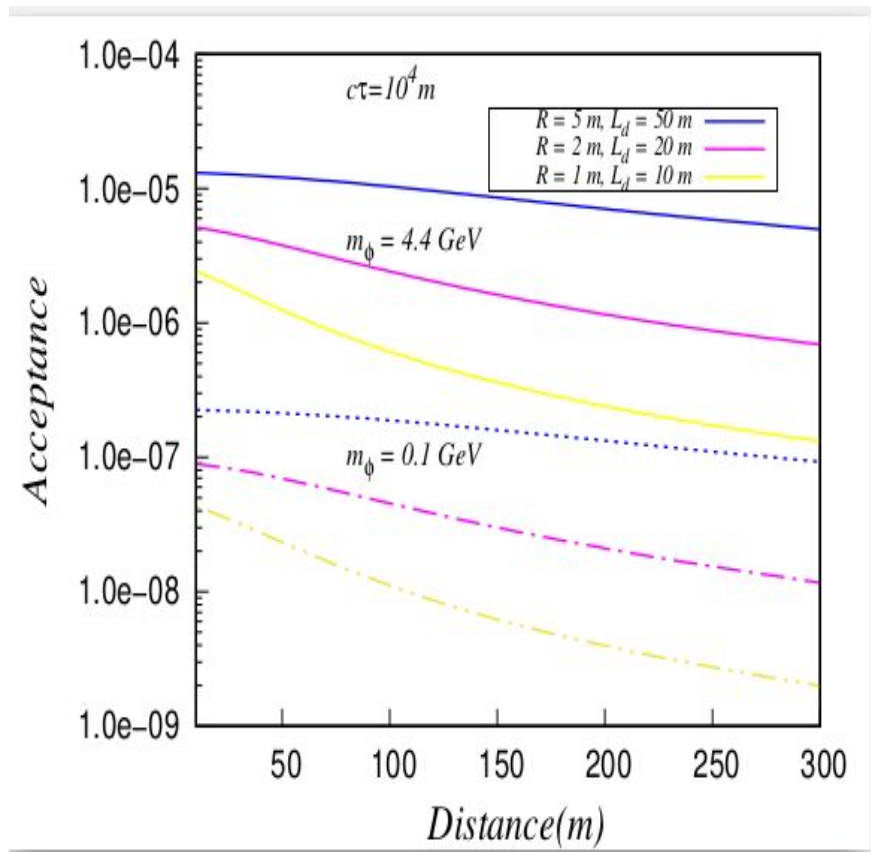
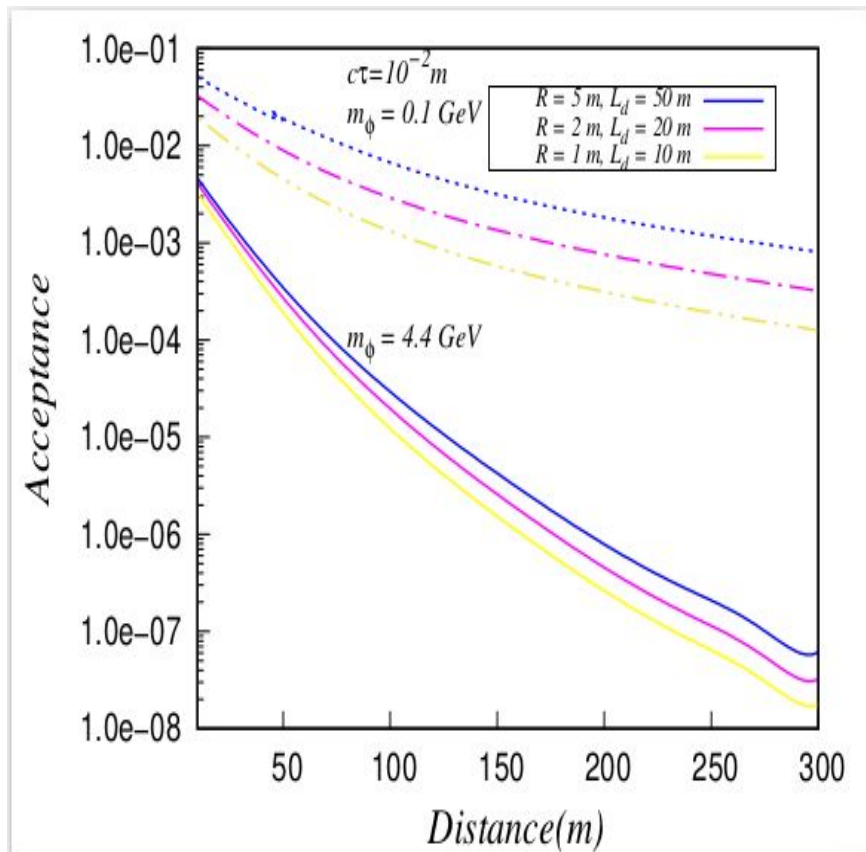
# Conclusion

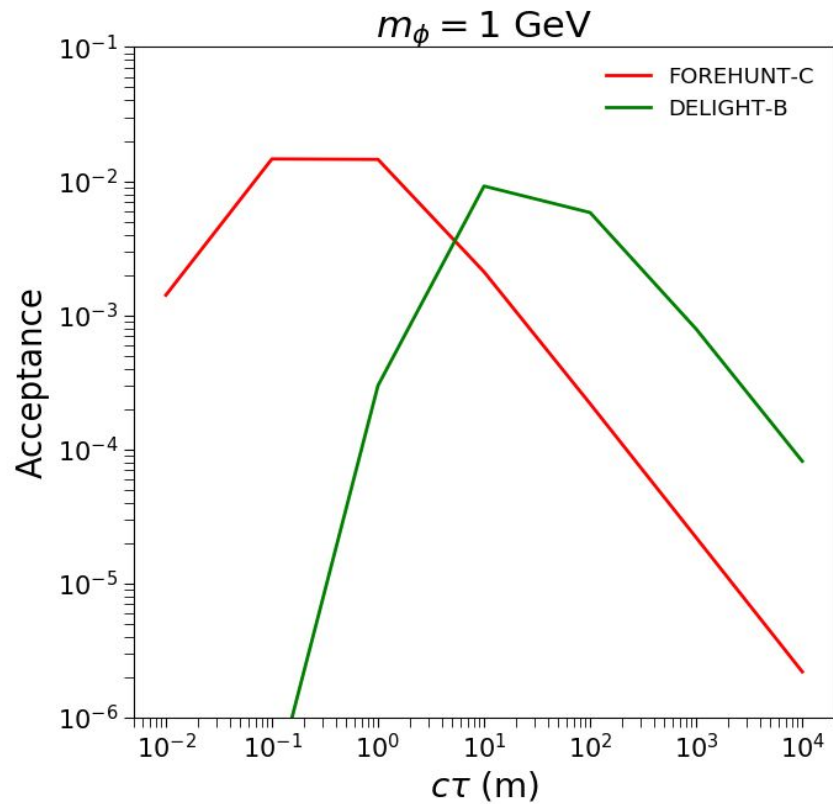
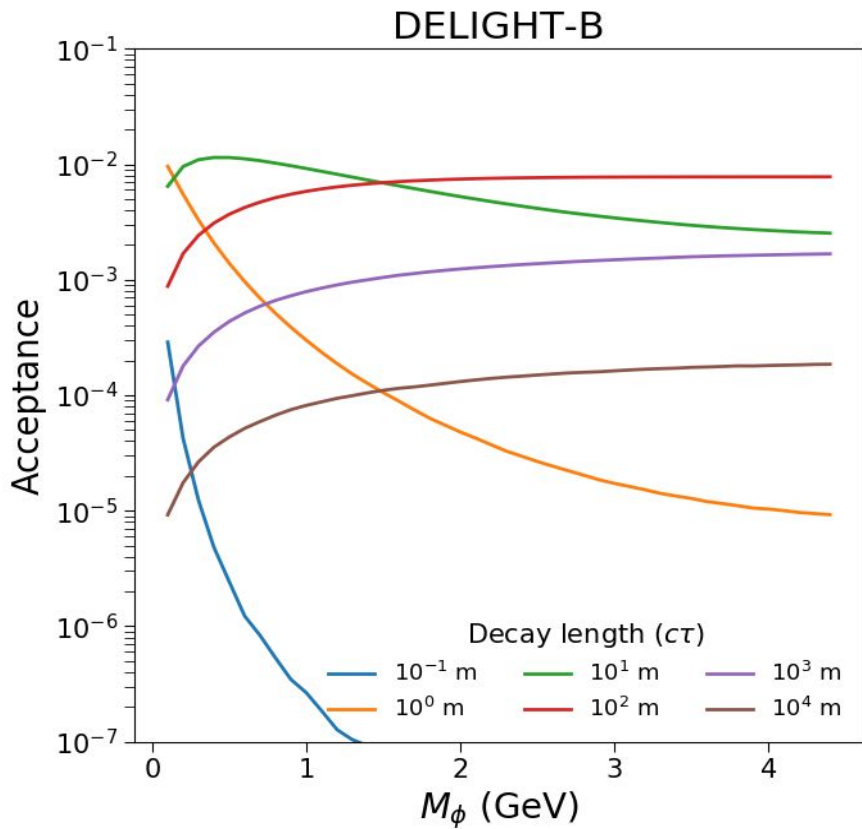
- Detection prospect of light LLPs coming from B-meson decays at the FCC-hh and FCC-ee for dark Higgs boson.
- Compared to FASER2, FOREHUNT enhance the sensitivity by a factor of 20 for the dark Higgs model. → DELIGHT performs even well.
- We quote the expected number of signal events at FCC-ee after the analysis cuts for each benchmark for their dominant decay modes.
- Finally, we extensively study possible dedicated LLP detector options for the FCC-ee.



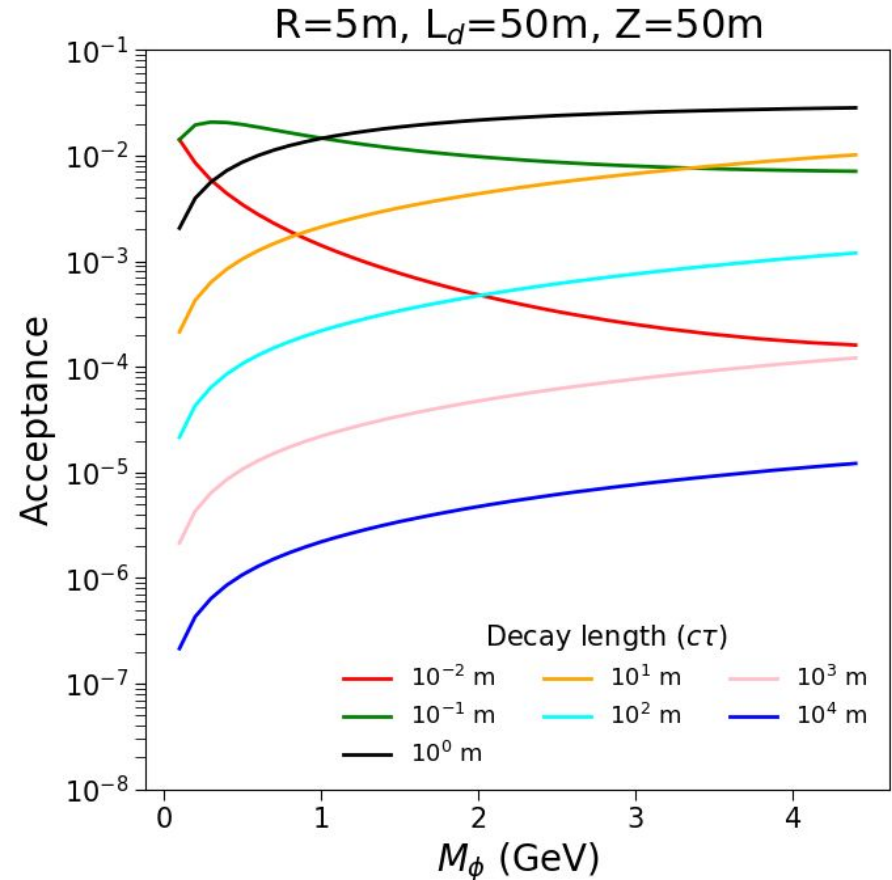
# Backup Slides

# Optimization





- Huge improvement over all mass and  $c\tau$  ( $\sim 100$ ) compared to FASER2 like configuration at 100 TeV.
- The enhancement comes from the increase in size as well as the placement of the detector near to IP.

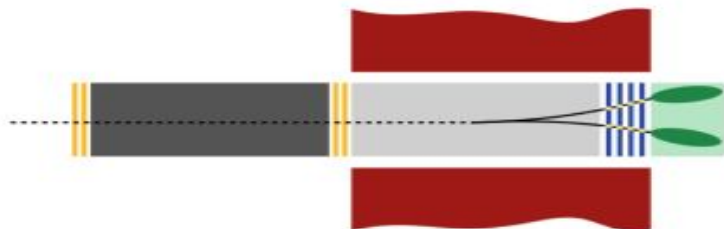


# Backgrounds and detector design for FOREHUNT

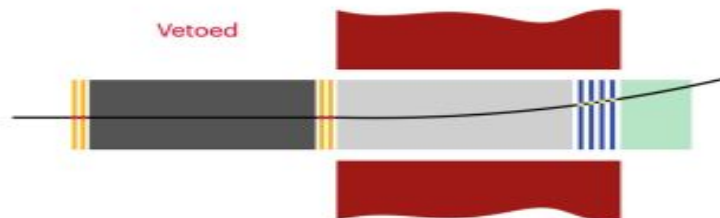
- **Muons from the IP:** 0 ( $10^9$ ) at run 3, expected to increase by a factor of 2 at FCC-hh  $\Rightarrow$  scintillator plates to veto this background.
- **Neutral Hadrons:** Like  $K_L, k_S$  can mimic the signal  $\Rightarrow$  shielding before scintillators to reduce the background.
- **Neutrinos:** In case the neutrino interacts after the veto system, the number of such events can be further suppressed by demanding at least two reconstructed tracks coming from the same vertex, where the reconstructed vertex lies within the decay volume. The neutrino background can be further reduced by a higher cut on the calorimeter energy deposit.



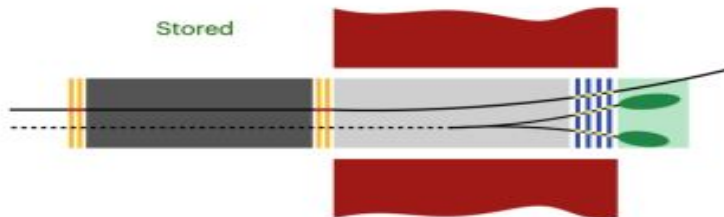
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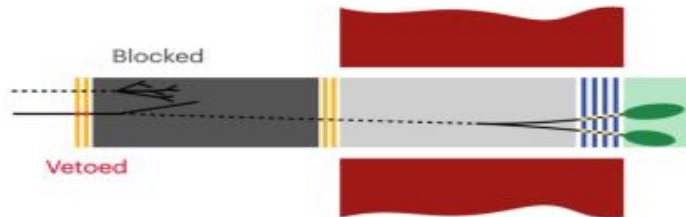
Muons from the IP



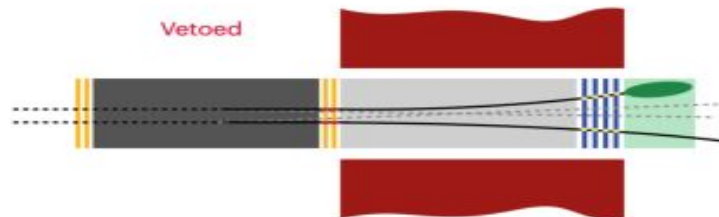
Muons from the IP with a coincident signal

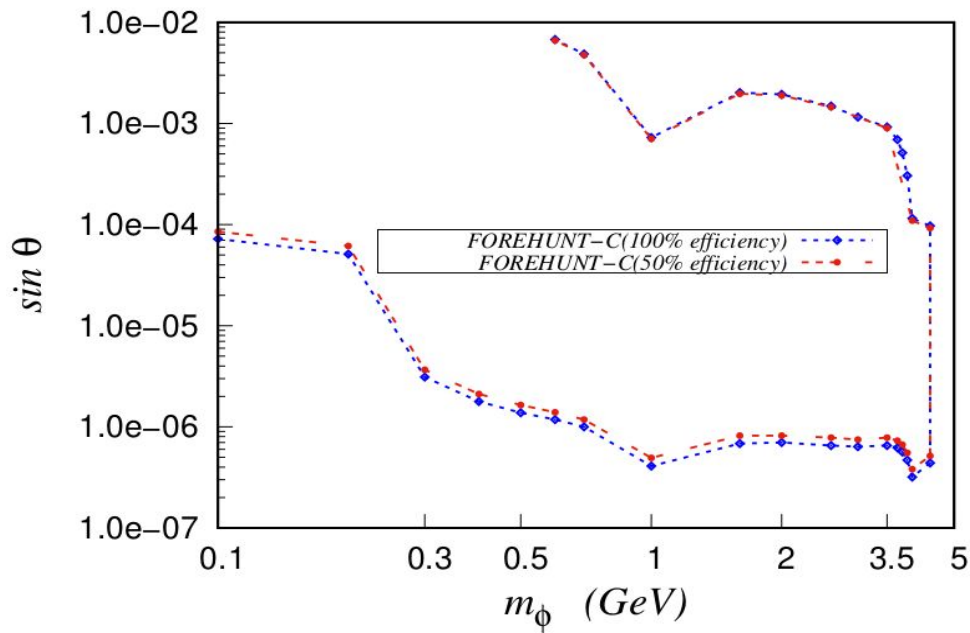
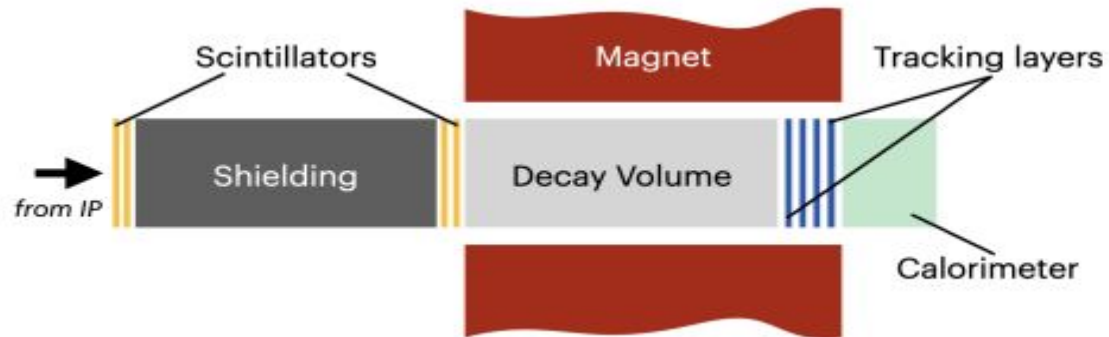


Neutral hadrons

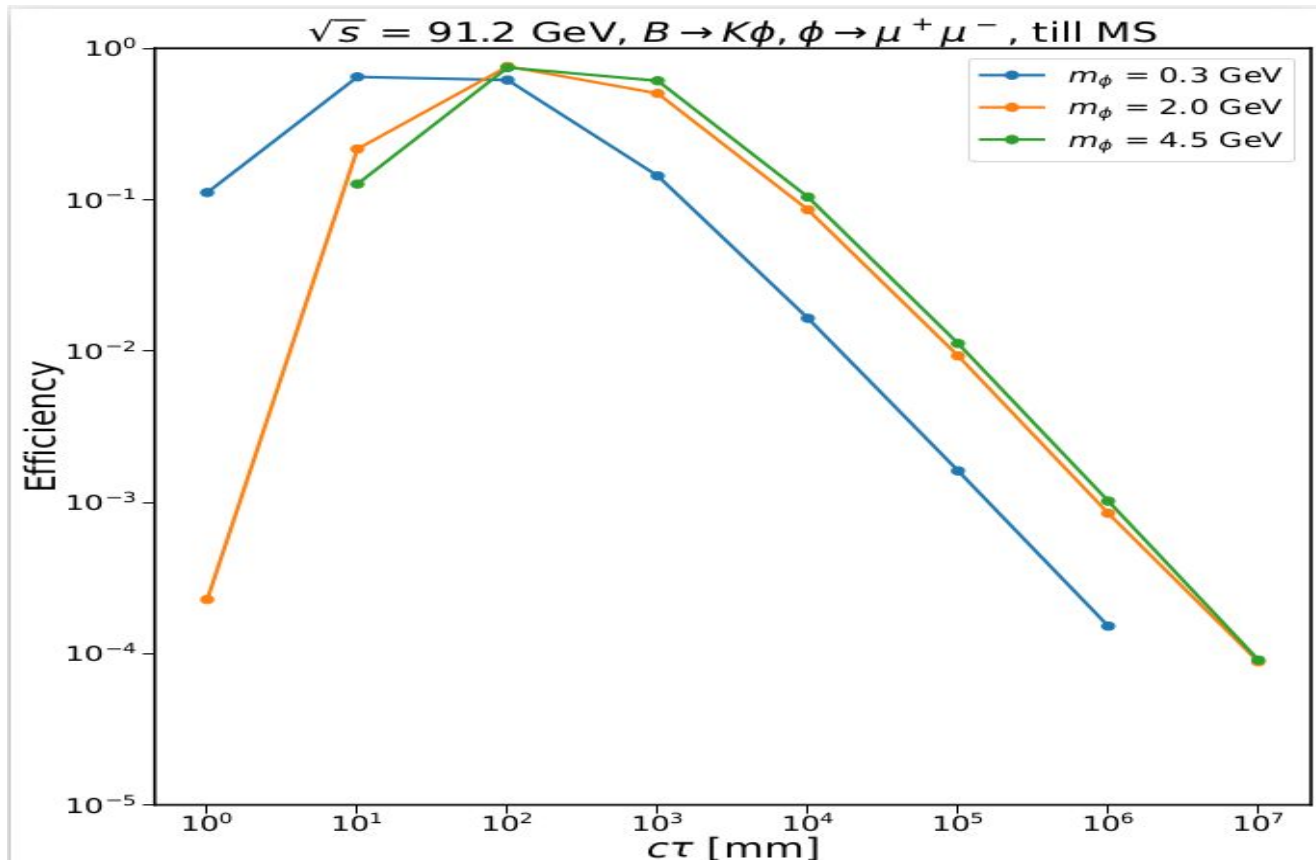


Neutrino interactions

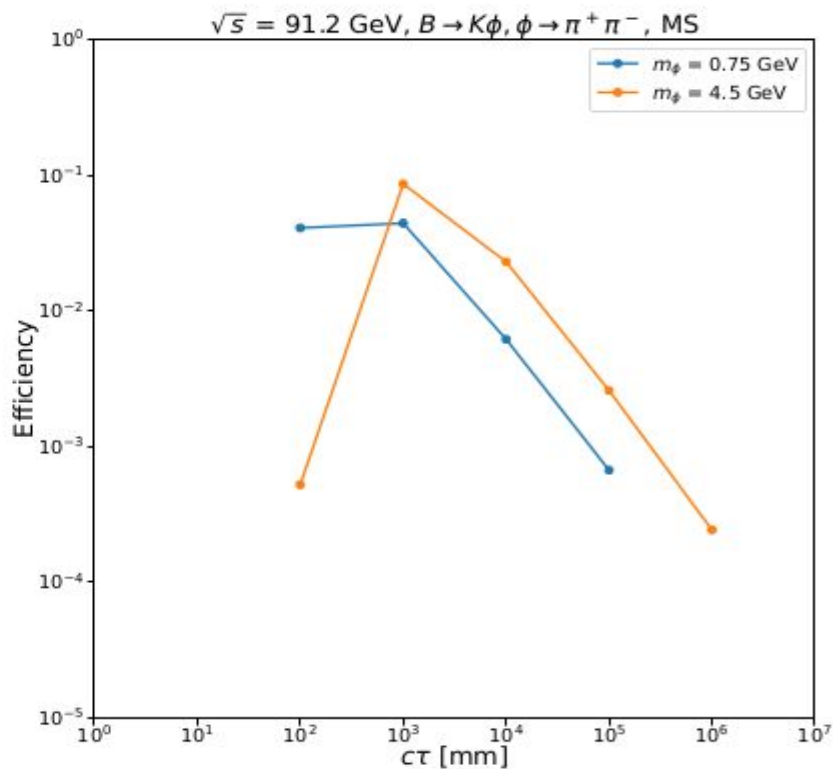
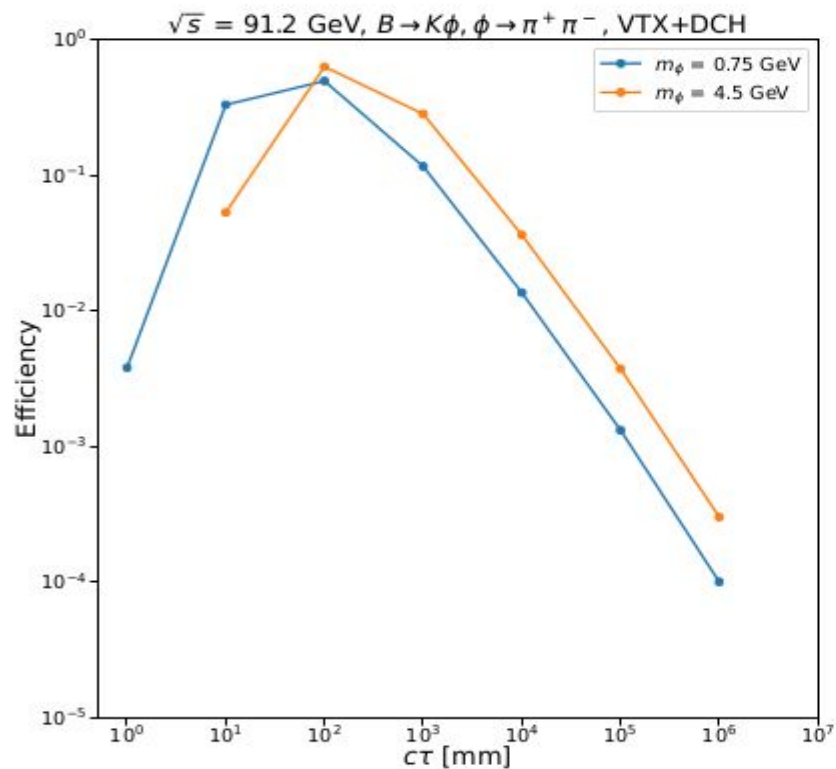




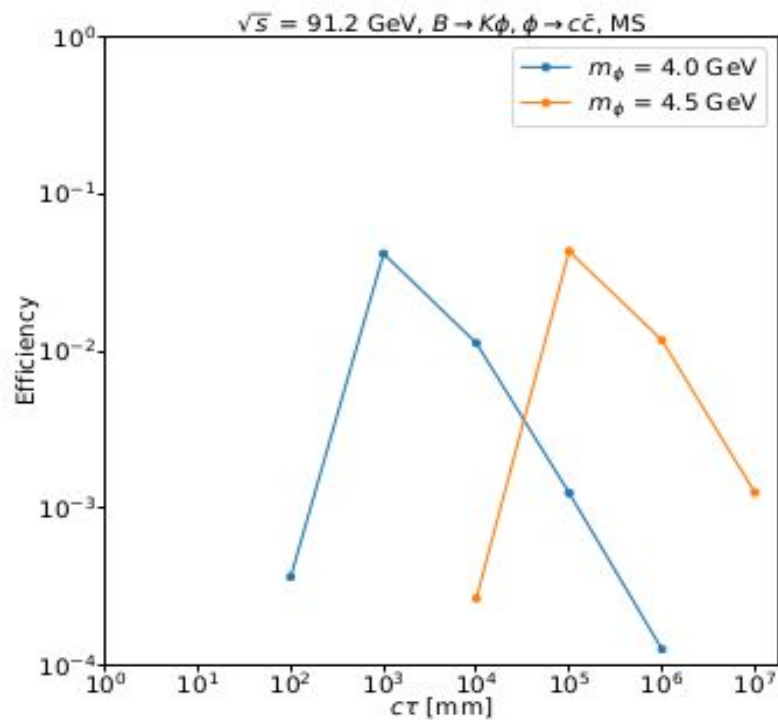
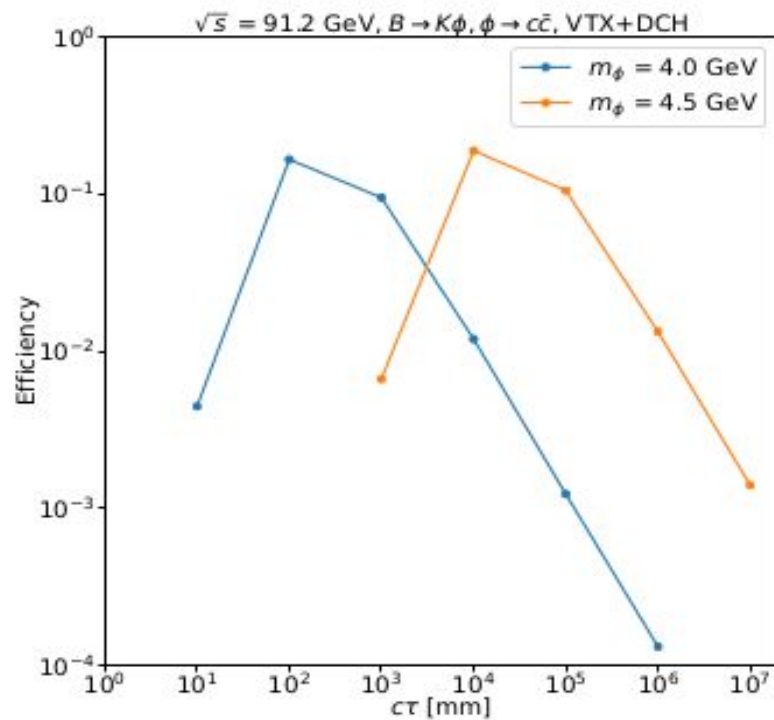
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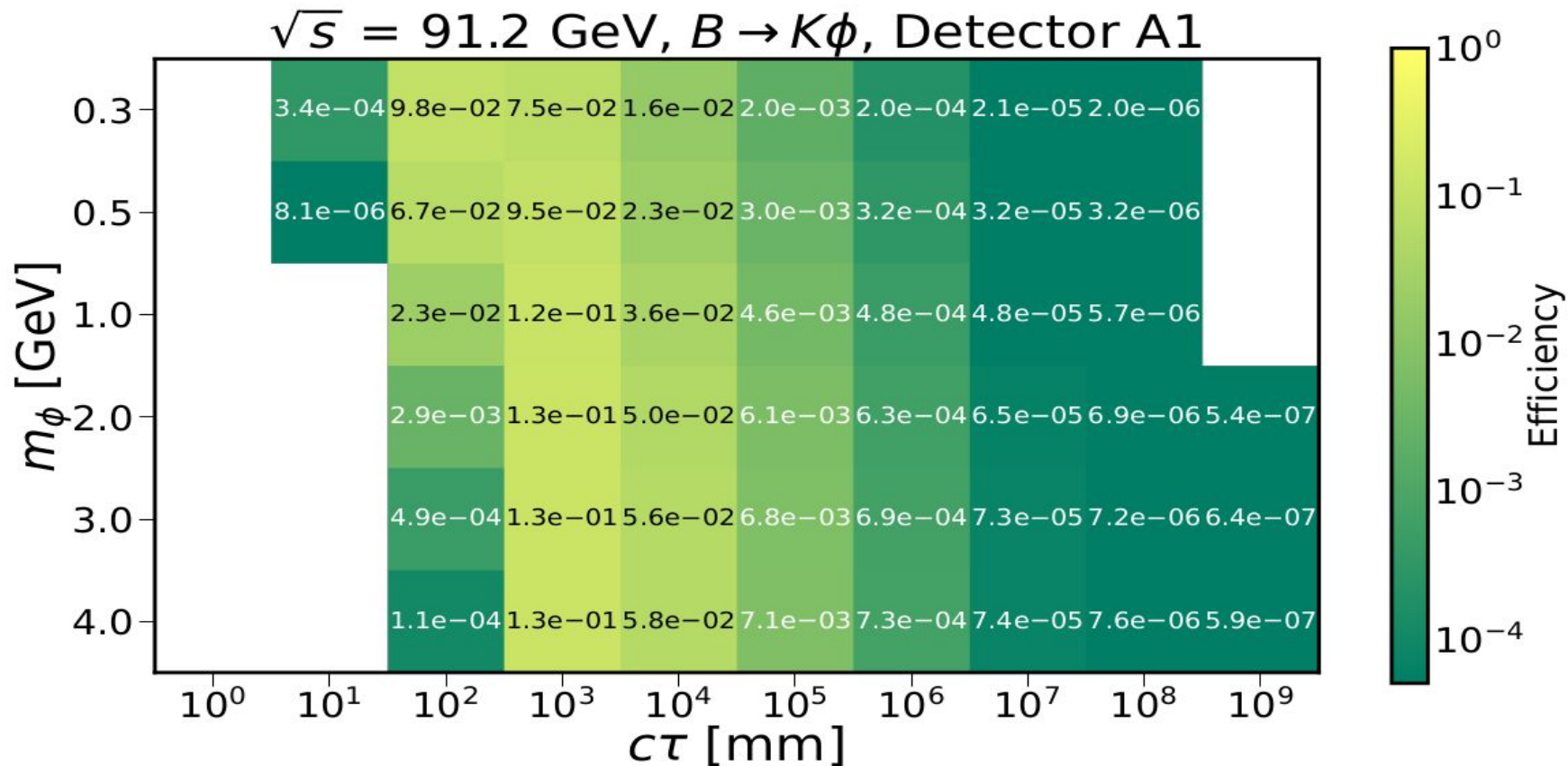
# Di-pion & Di-kaon final state



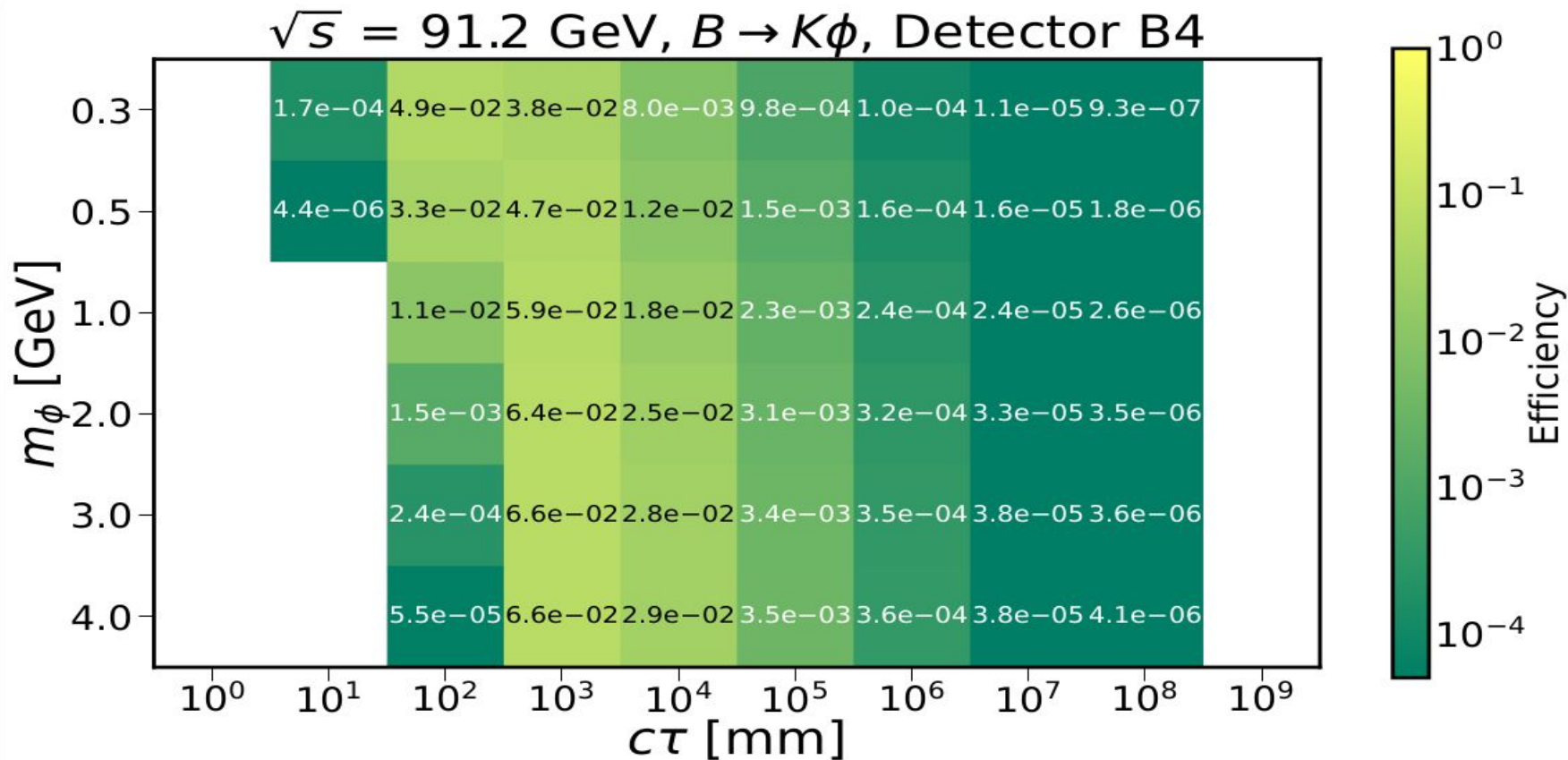
# $c\bar{c}$ final state



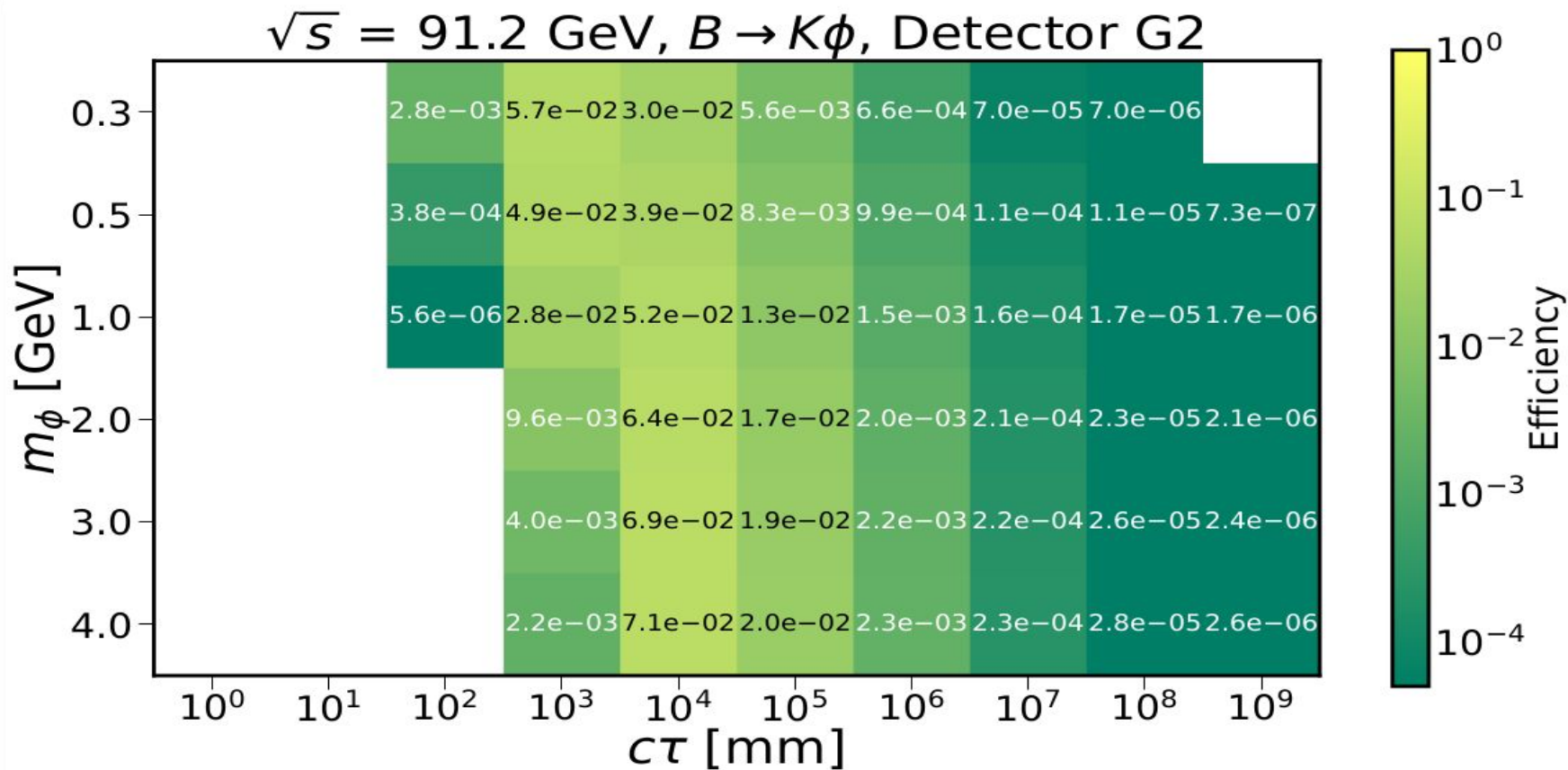
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