

Chasing Long-lived Scalars at the Future Lepton Colliders



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Outline

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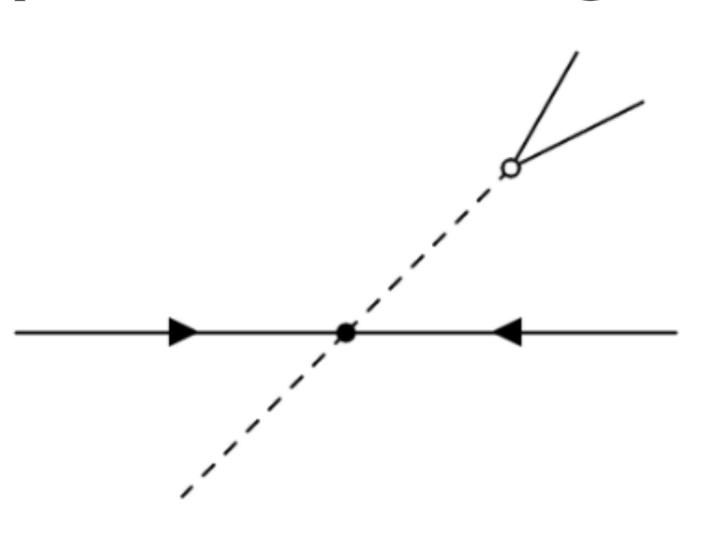
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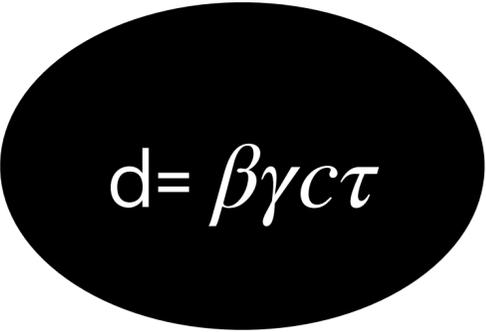
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- Production rate
- Boost factor ($\beta\gamma$)

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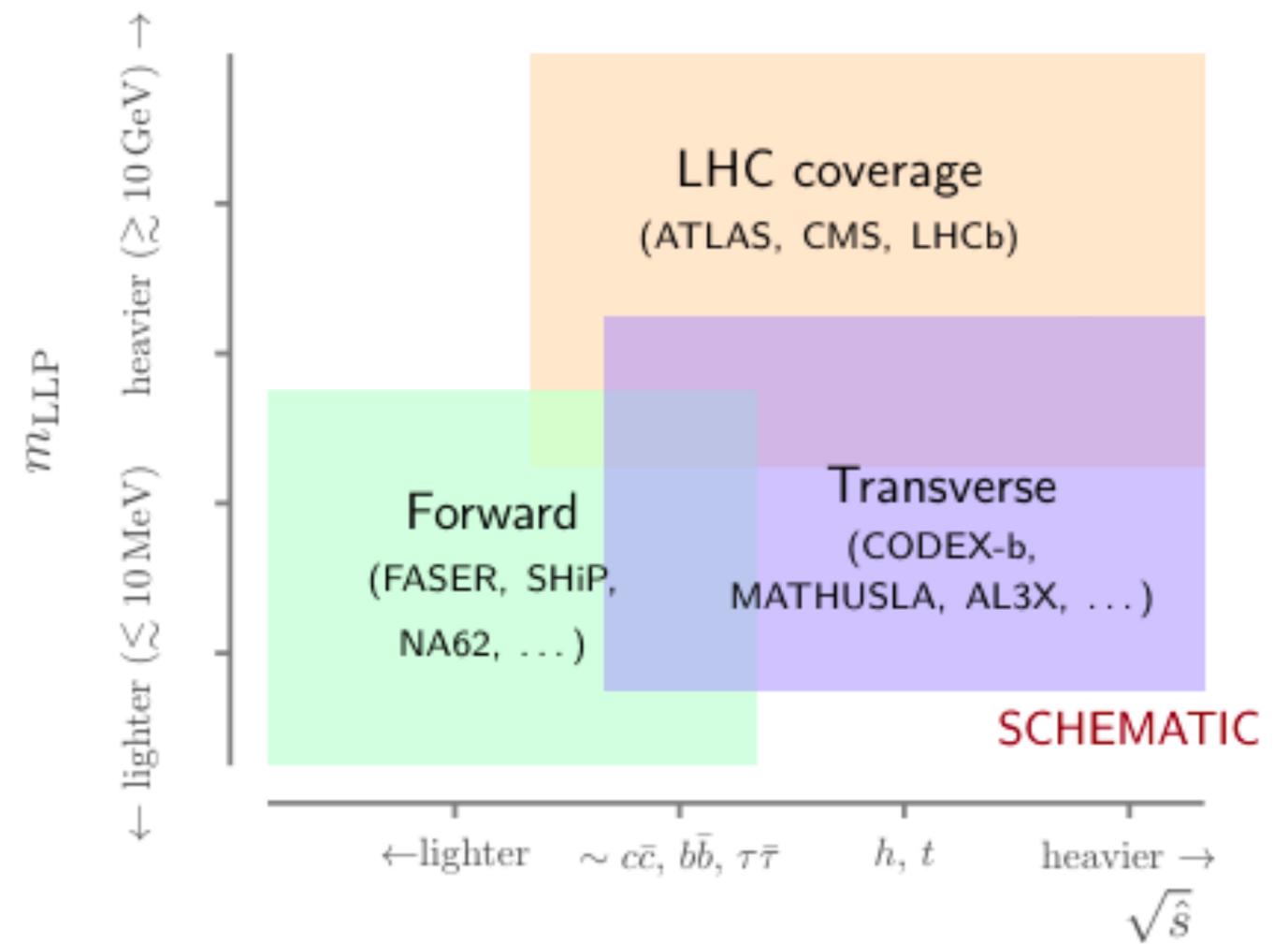
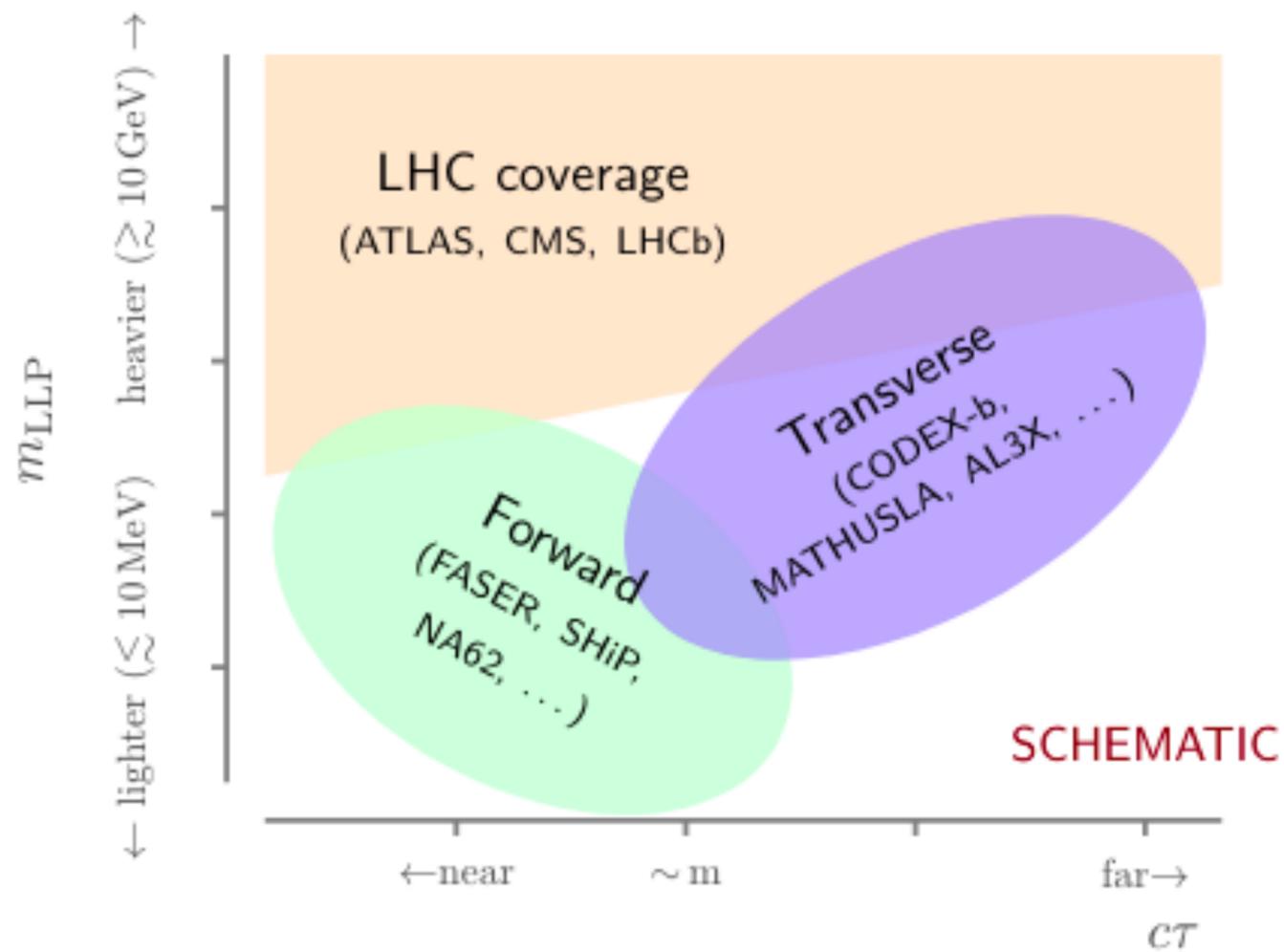
Proper decay length ($c\tau$)
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Where does it decay?


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

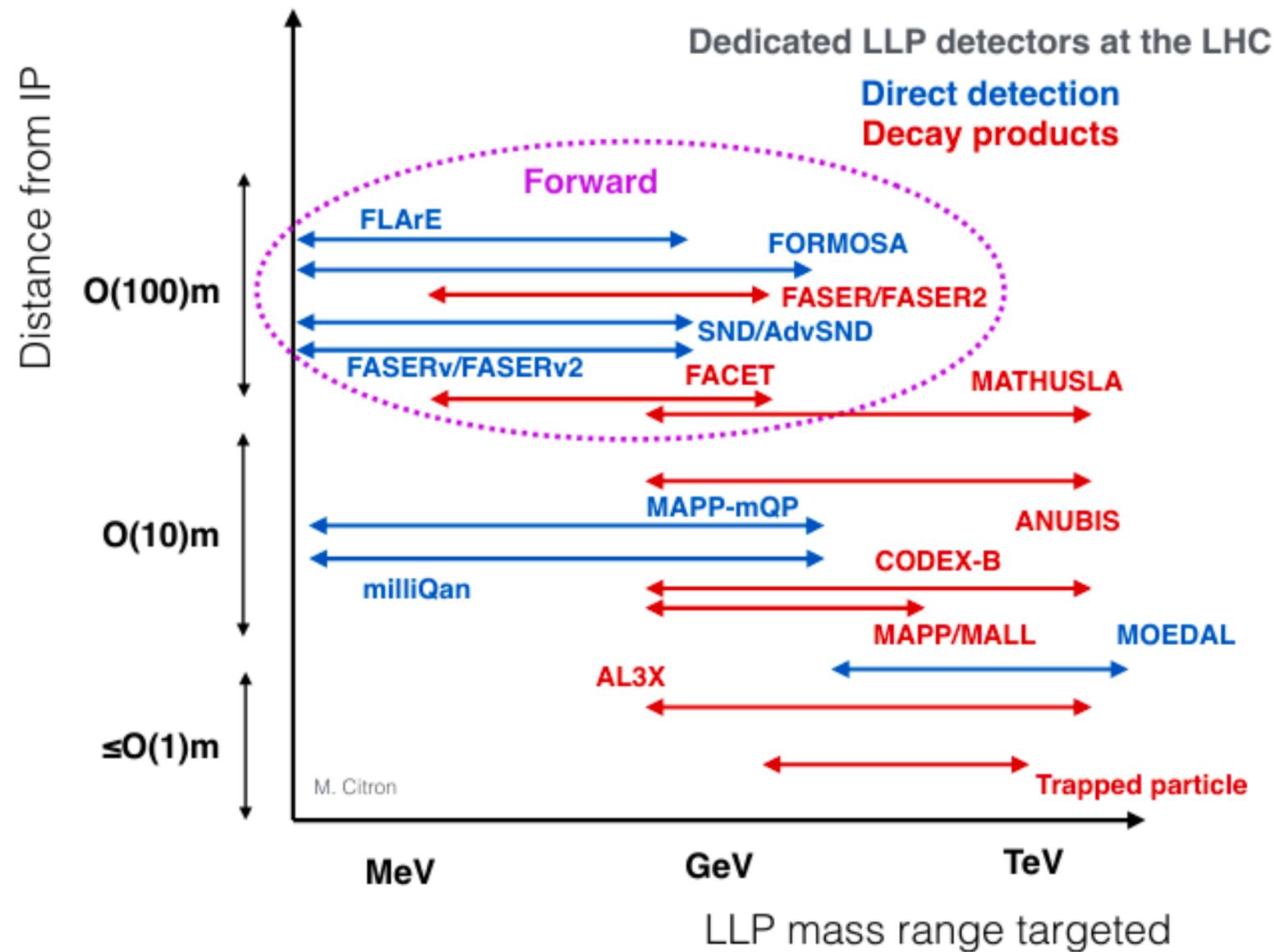
Reach and Coverage of LLP experiments

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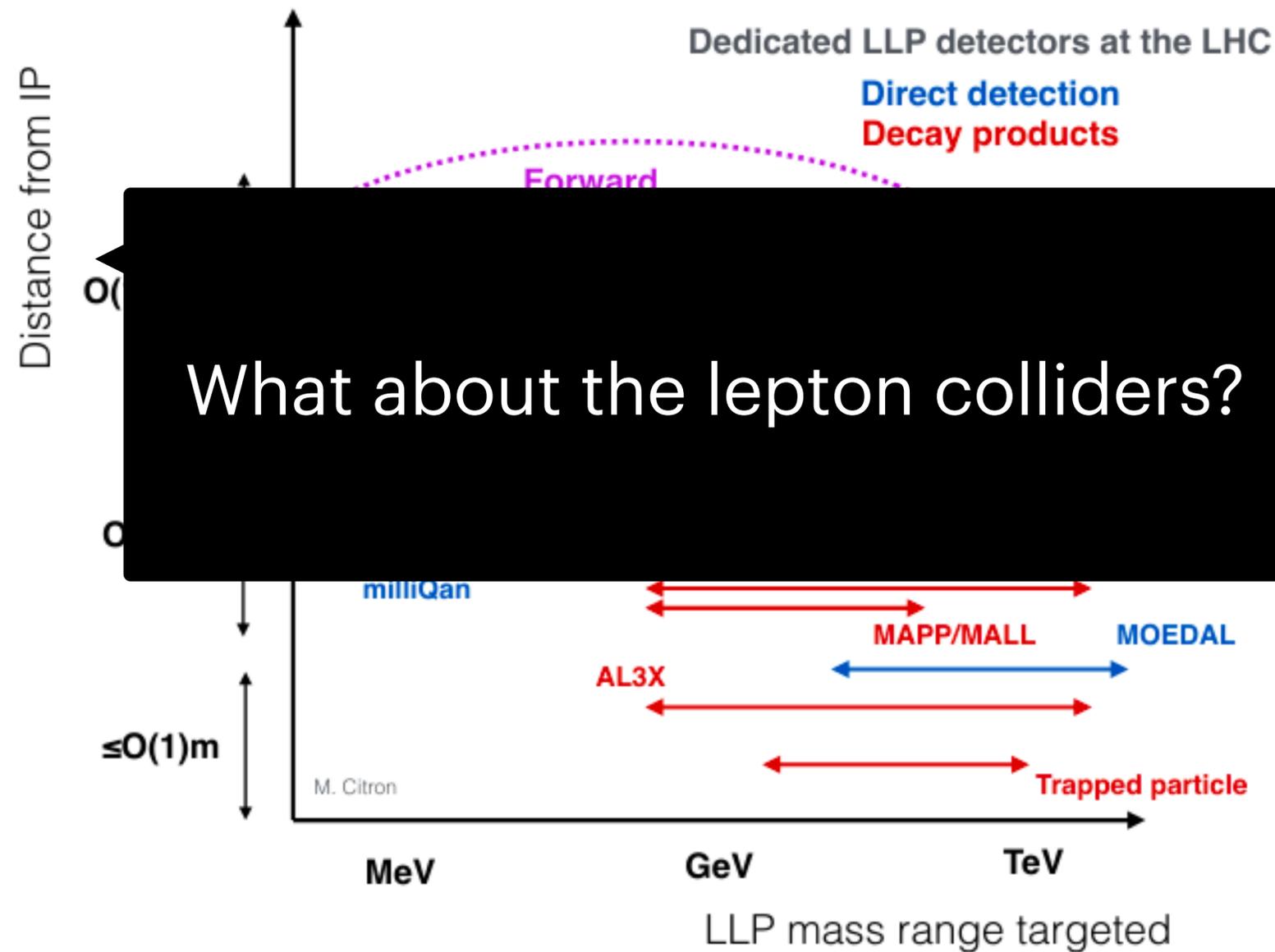
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$$D_\mu \Delta = \partial_\mu \Delta + i \frac{g}{2} [\sigma^a W_\mu^a, \Delta] + i g' B_\mu \Delta \quad (a = 1, 2, 3).$$

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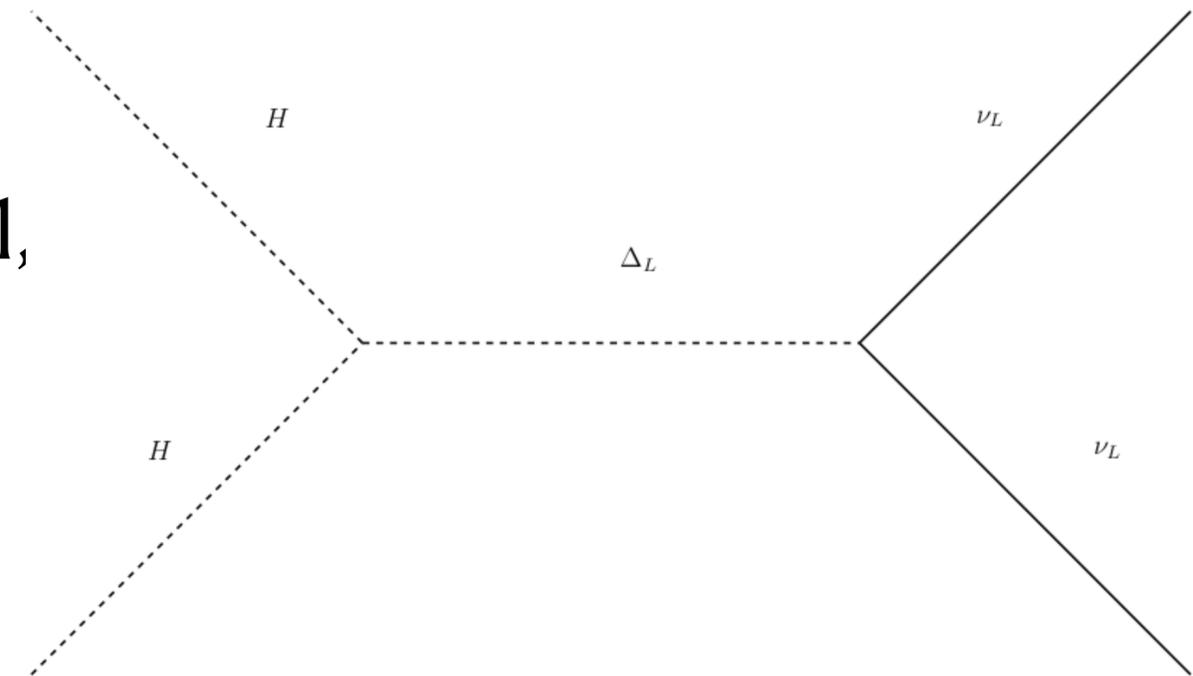
Model

$$\rho = \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} = \frac{1 + \frac{2v_t^2}{v_d^2}}{1 + \frac{4v_t^2}{v_d^2}}.$$

- ρ parameter close to unity \rightarrow upper bound on $v_t < 2 \text{ GeV}$ [1811.03476]

$$M_\nu = \sqrt{2}v_t Y_\Delta.$$

- For $v_t \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{ GeV})$, the Yukawa coupling must be small, whereas an order-one neutrino Yukawa coupling ($Y_\Delta \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$) requires $v_t < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2} \text{ eV})$.



Model

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}\chi_d^+ \\ v_d + h_d + i\eta_d \end{pmatrix} \quad \Delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \delta^+ & \sqrt{2}\delta^{++} \\ v_t + h_t + i\eta_t & -\delta^+ \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 7 physical Higgs bosons, namely two doubly charged $H^{\pm\pm}$, two singly charged H^\pm , two CP-even neutral (h,H) and a CP-odd (A) scalar.[[1711.06062](#)]

$$\tan \beta' = \frac{\sqrt{2}v_t}{v_d}, \quad \tan \beta = \frac{2v_t}{v_d} \equiv \sqrt{2} \tan \beta'$$

$$\text{and } \tan 2\alpha = \frac{2\mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{C}},$$

$$\text{where, } \mathcal{A} = \frac{\lambda}{2}v_d^2, \quad \mathcal{B} = v_d[-\sqrt{2}\mu + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_4)v_t], \quad \mathcal{C} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\mu v_d^2 + 4(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)v_t^3}{2v_t}.$$

Model

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{2}{v_d^2}(c_\alpha^2 m_h^2 + s_\alpha^2 m_H^2), \\ \lambda_1 &= \frac{4m_{H^\pm}^2}{v_d^2 + 2v_t^2} - \frac{2m_A^2}{v_d^2 + 4v_t^2} + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2v_d v_t}(m_h^2 - m_H^2), \\ \lambda_2 &= \frac{1}{v_t^2} \left[\frac{1}{2}(s_\alpha^2 m_h^2 + c_\alpha^2 m_H^2) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_d^2 m_A^2}{v_d^2 + 4v_t^2} - \frac{2v_d^2 m_{H^\pm}^2}{v_d^2 + 2v_t^2} + m_{H^{\pm\pm}}^2 \right], \\ \lambda_3 &= \frac{1}{v_t^2} \left[\frac{2v_d^2 m_{H^\pm}^2}{v_d^2 + 2v_t^2} - m_{H^{\pm\pm}}^2 - \frac{v_d^2 m_A^2}{v_d^2 + 4v_t^2} \right], \\ \lambda_4 &= \frac{4m_A^2}{v_d^2 + 4v_t^2} - \frac{4m_{H^\pm}^2}{v_d^2 + 2v_t^2}, \\ \mu &= \frac{\sqrt{2}v_t m_A^2}{v_d^2 + 4v_t^2},\end{aligned}$$

Theoretical and Experimental Constraints

- *Vacuum Stability*: The scalar potential has to be bounded from below [[1105.1925](#)]

$$\lambda \geq 0,$$

$$\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 \geq 0,$$

$$\lambda_2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{2} \geq 0,$$

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- *Perturbative Unitarity*: The tree-level unitarity demands the eigenvalues to be bounded from above [[1105.1925](#)]

$$|\lambda_1 + \lambda_4| \leq 16\pi ,$$

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$$|2\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_4| \leq 32\pi ,$$

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$$|\lambda_2| \leq 8\pi ,$$

$$|\lambda_2 + \lambda_3| \leq 8\pi ,$$

$$|\lambda + 4\lambda_2 + 8\lambda_3 \pm \sqrt{(\lambda - 4\lambda_2 - 8\lambda_3)^2 + 16\lambda_4^2}| \leq 64\pi ,$$

$$|3\lambda + 16\lambda_2 + 12\lambda_3 \pm \sqrt{(3\lambda - 16\lambda_2 - 12\lambda_3)^2 + 24(2\lambda_1 + \lambda_4)^2}| \leq 64\pi ,$$

$$|2\lambda_1 - \lambda_4| \leq 16\pi ,$$

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Theoretical and Experimental Constraints

- **Electroweak Precision Test:** The strongest bound comes from the T-parameter, which imposes a strict limit on the mass splitting between the doubly and singly charged scalars, $\Delta M \equiv |m_{H^{\pm\pm}} - m_{H^\pm}| \equiv |m_{H^\pm} - m_H/m_A|$ which should be $\lesssim 40$ GeV [[1209.1303](#)]
- **Higgs Signal Strength:** Higgs to di-photon signal strength is within 2σ limit of the current experimental bound 1.13 ± 0.09 [[2207.00043](#)].

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- **Experimental bound on scalar masses:** The direct search on the singly charged scalar in LEP II places a limit on $m_{H^\pm} \geq 80$ GeV [1301.6065]
LHC has also searched for the decay of $t \rightarrow H^+ b$ [2412.17584] and $H^+ \rightarrow t \bar{b}$ [2411.03969].

Non-standard neutral Higgs searches have also been done in detail at the LHC [1710.01123, 2009.14791].

The search for doubly charged Higgs in the multi-lepton final state is done in ATLAS [2211.07505] assuming that the doubly charged Higgs decays promptly and masses $\in [300 : 1080]$ GeV have been excluded. There is also a bound on doubly-charged Higgs from the production of same-sign W-boson pairs $\in [200 : 220]$ GeV [1808.01899]. CMS has also searched for the doubly-charged scalar at 13 TeV [1709.05822, 2104.04762].

However, all searches assume that the scalar decays promptly.

Long-lived Doubly Charged Scalar

If $v_t < 10^{-4}$ GeV, pair of di-leptons, else it goes to pair of di-bosons

In the crossover region, $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow W^\pm(W^\pm)^* \rightarrow W^\pm f f'$

By appropriately tuning v_t and $m_{H^{\pm\pm}}$, the total decay width $\Gamma \approx 10^{-14}$ GeV $^{-1} \Rightarrow c\tau \gtrsim$ O(mm).

For $m_{H^{\pm\pm}} \in [89, 200]$ GeV and $v_t \in [10^{-4}, 10^{-3}]$ GeV, a region of parameter space remains unconstrained.

	$H^{\pm\pm}$ (GeV)	v_t (GeV)	$c\tau$ (mm)
BP1	100	9.0×10^{-4}	26.2
BP2	120	5.0×10^{-4}	8.6
BP3	180	1.6×10^{-4}	0.14

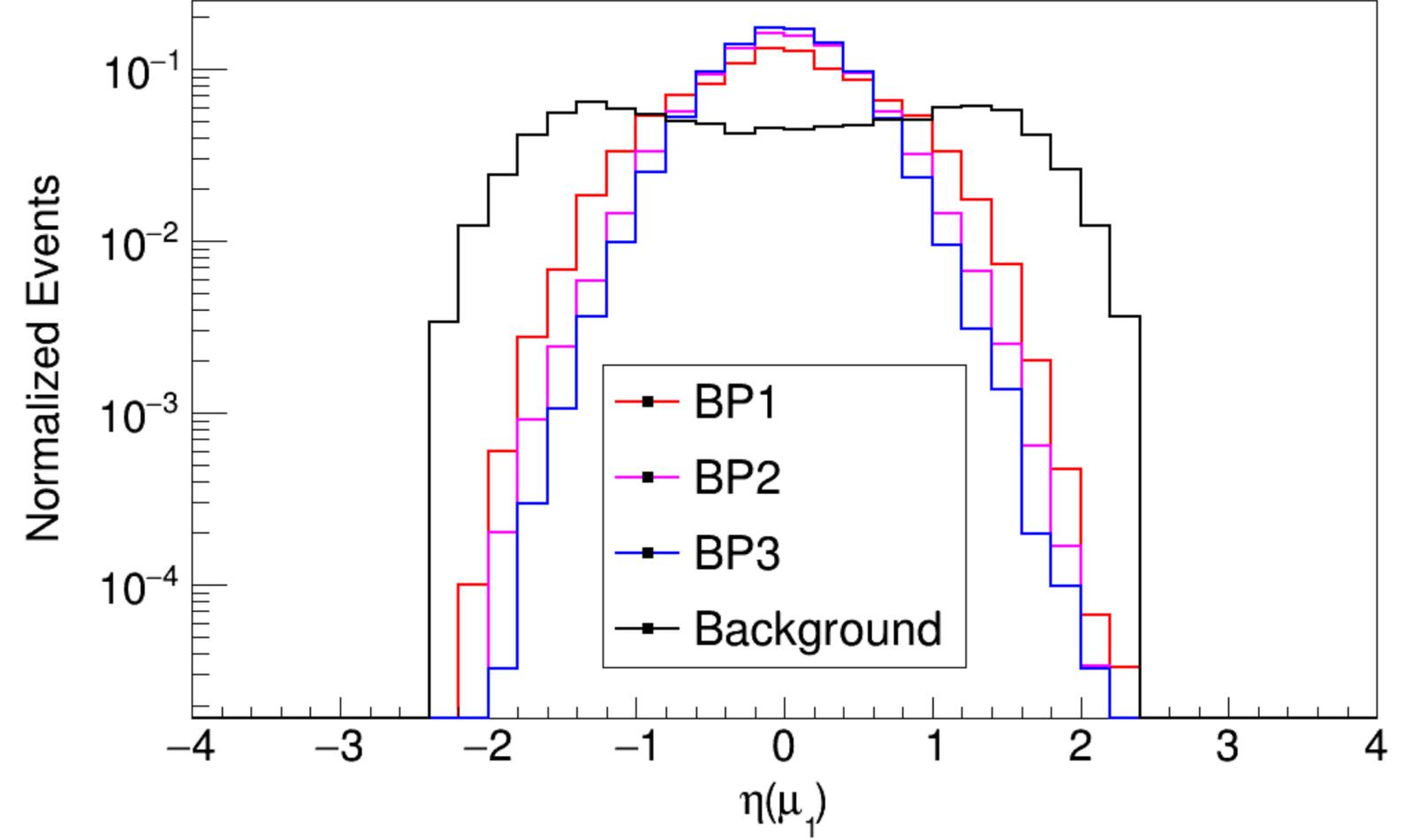
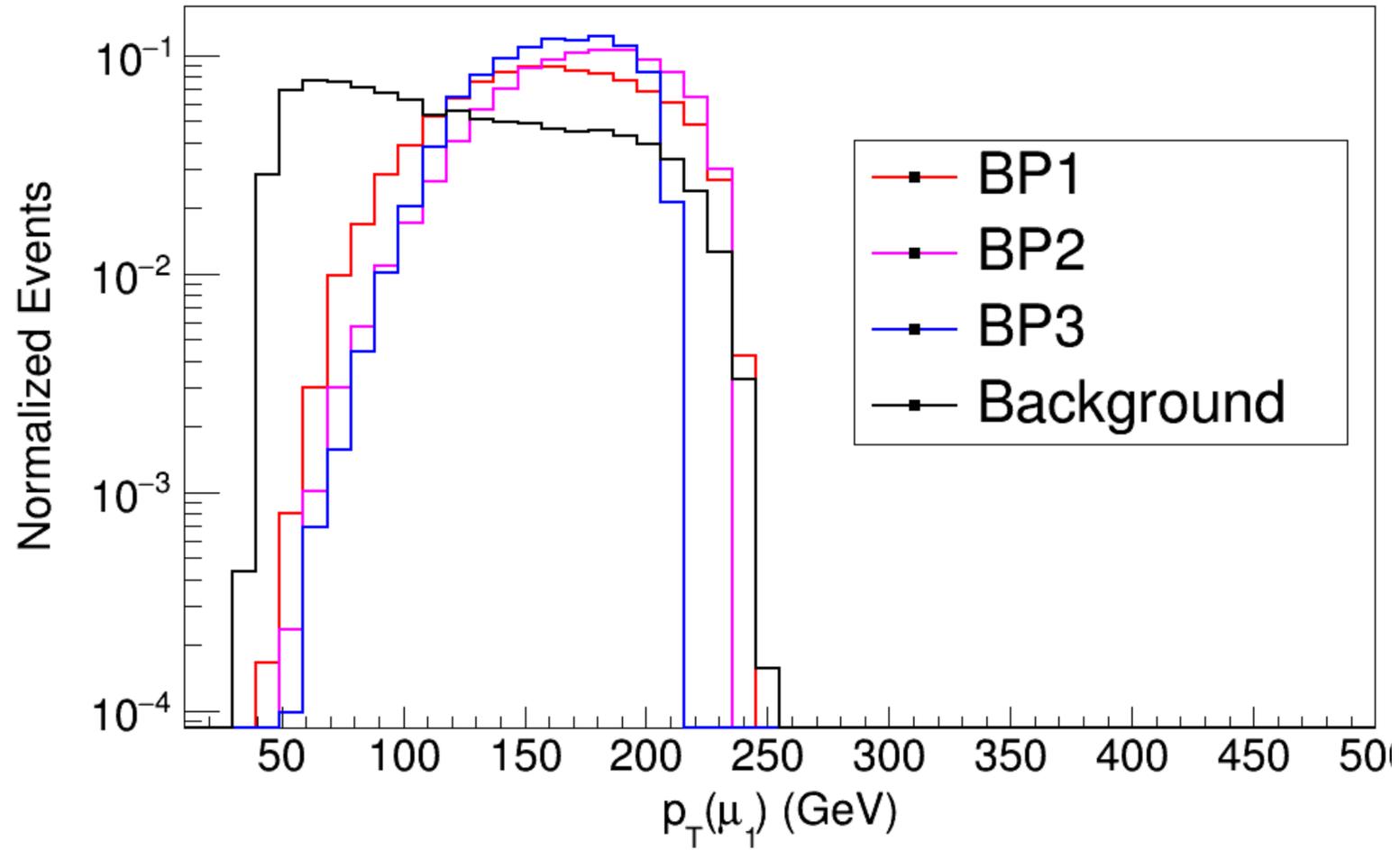
Pair Production of the Doubly-Charged at the ILC ($\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV)

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow H^{++}H^{--}, H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}$$

The SM background comes from the di-boson final state.

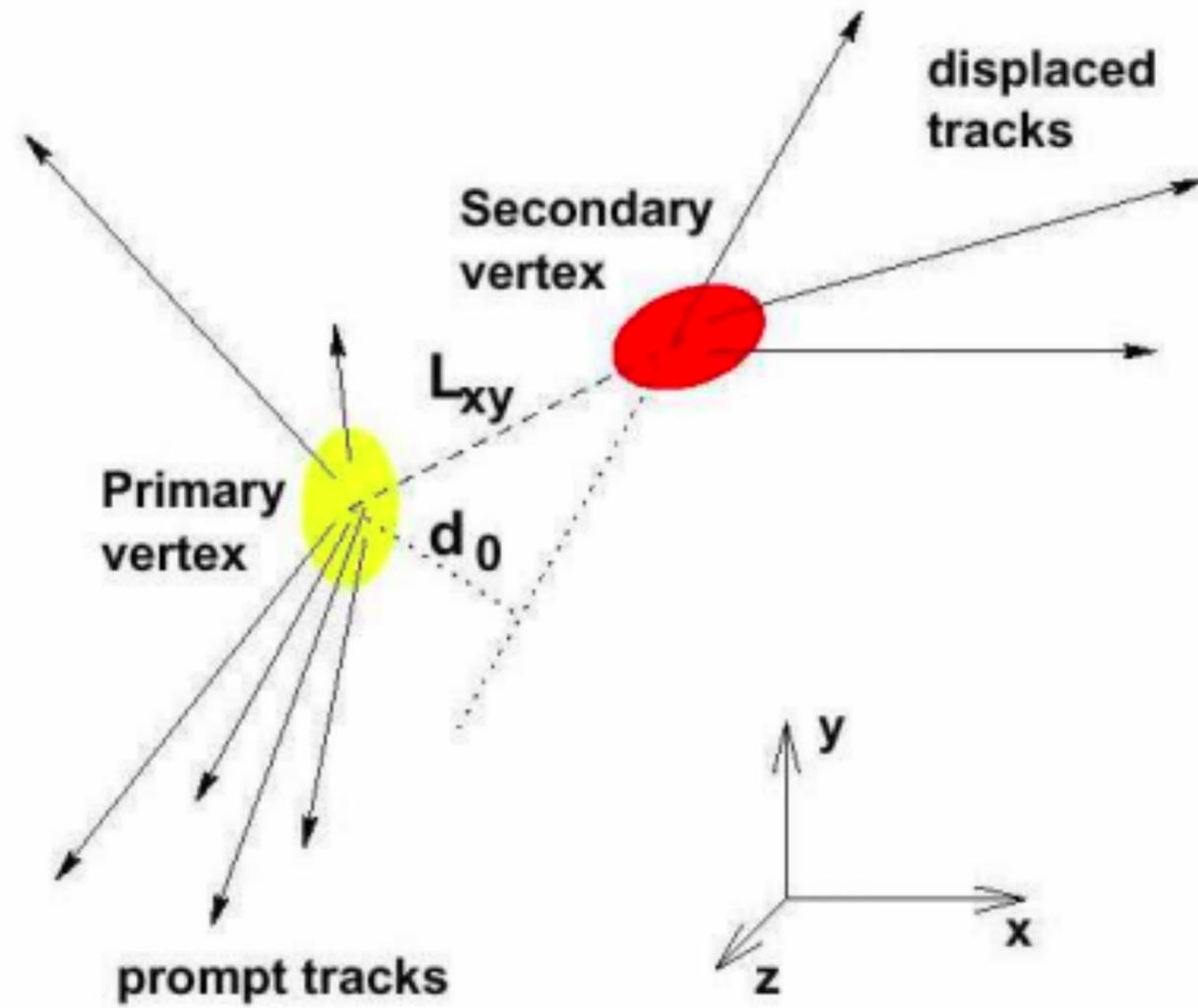
$$|\eta(\ell)| < 2.5; \quad p_T(\ell) > 10 \text{ GeV}; \quad \Delta R_{\ell\ell} \geq 0.4$$

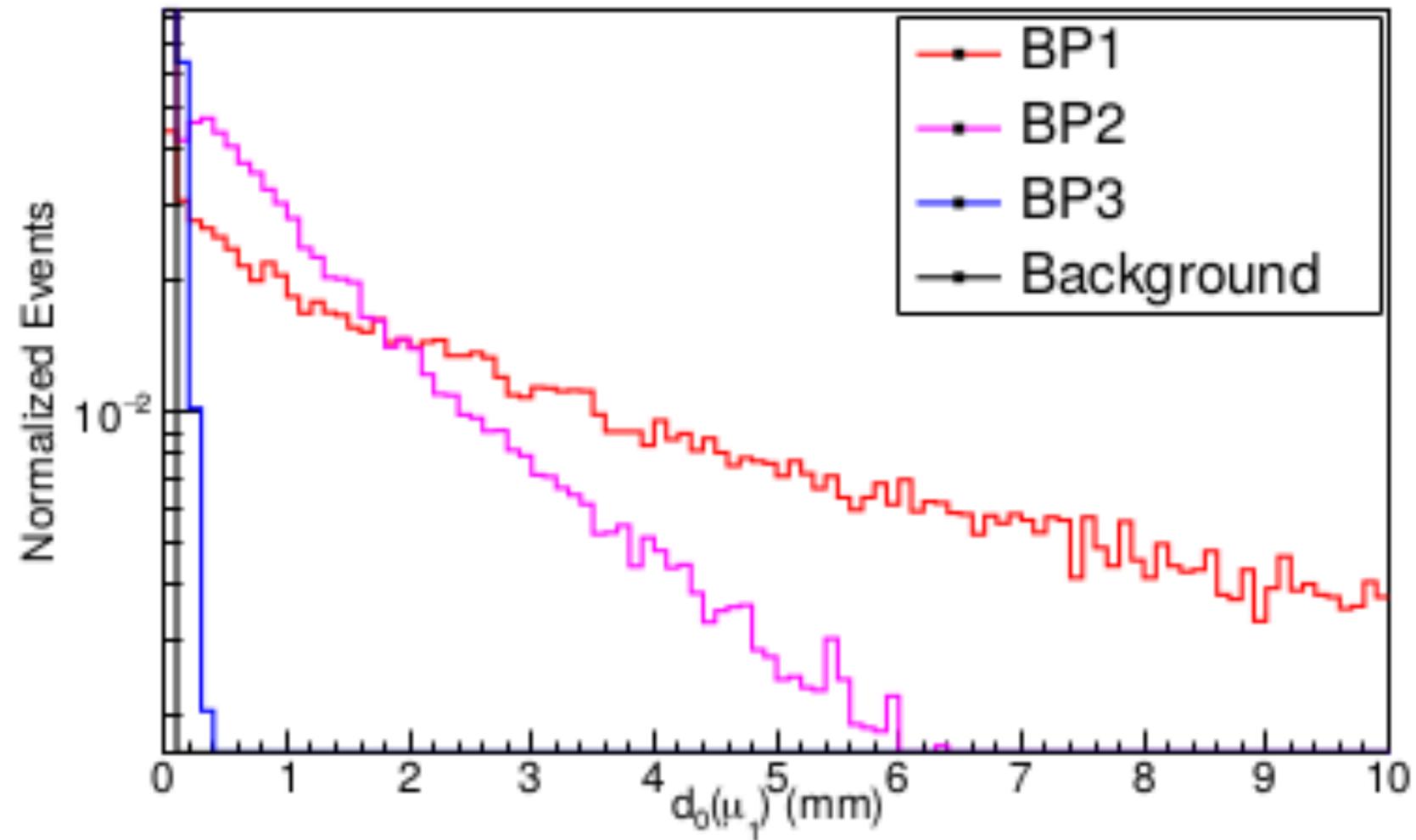
σ_{ILC}	BP1	BP2	BP3	SM Bkgd
(fb)	12.18	7.18	0.62	0.64



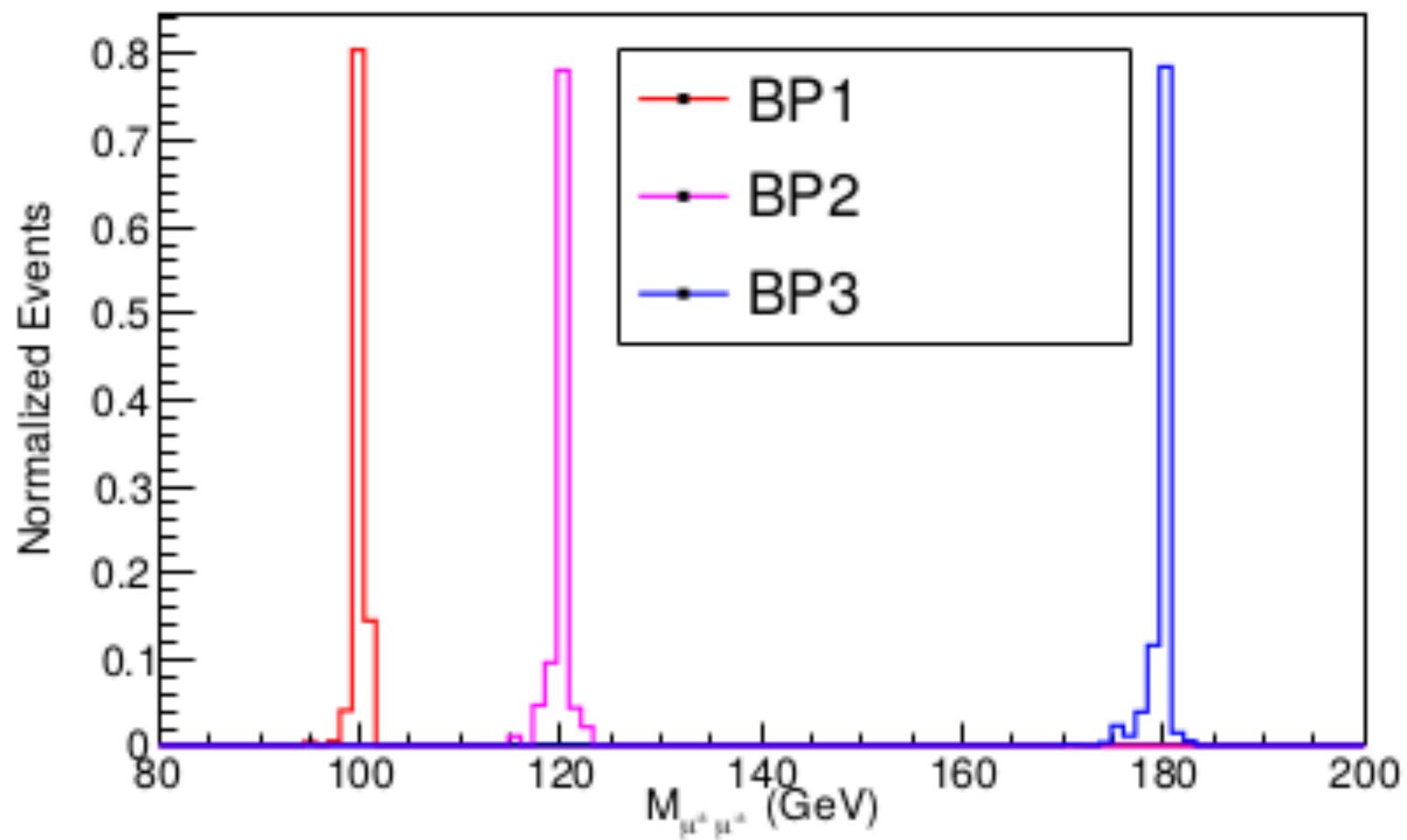
- $p_T(\ell) > 30$ GeV
- $|\eta_\ell| < 2.0$

Borrowed from [[hep-ph/0508097](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0508097)]





- Demanding 4 muons with $|d_0| > 0.1$ mm, we can see 16984, 7014 and 18 events for BP1, BP2 and BP3 respectively at 4 ab^{-1} luminosity.



Benchmark Points	Luminosity required for 5 events after $ d_0 > 0.1\text{mm}$ cut (\mathcal{L}_5) (fb^{-1})
BP1	1.1
BP2	2.9
BP3	1111.1

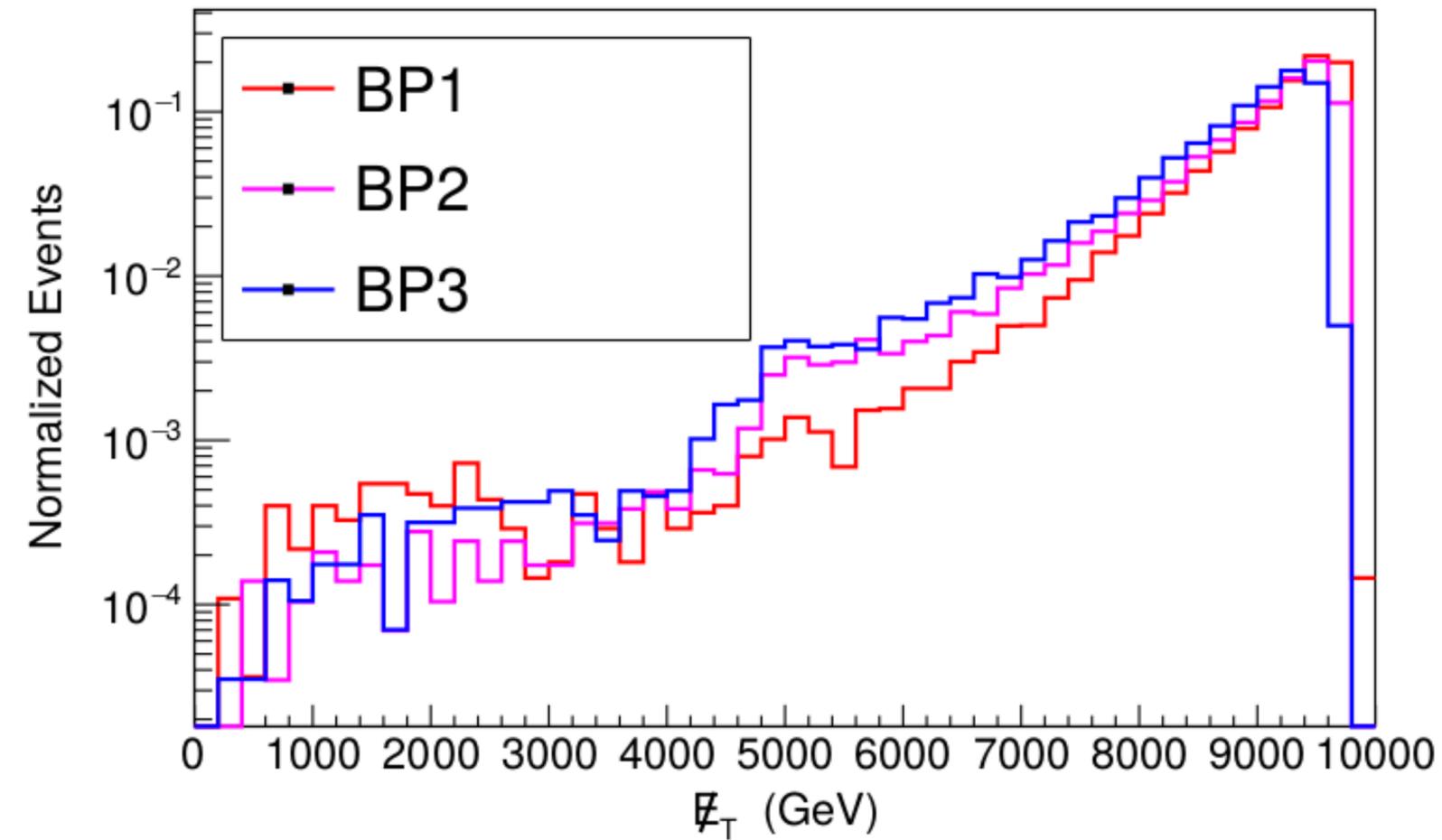
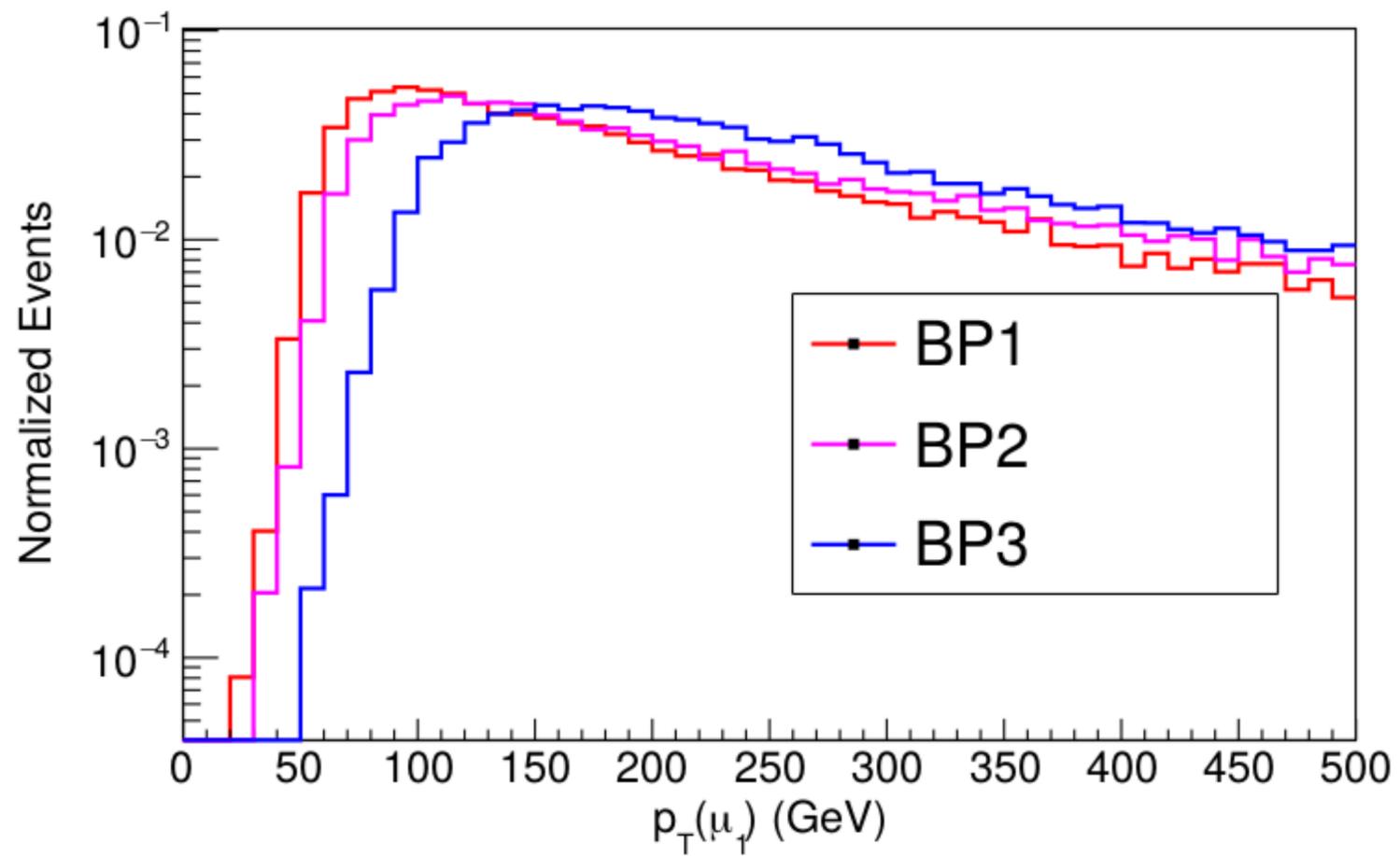
Pair Production of the Doubly Charged Higgs at the Muon Collider with E_T ($\sqrt{s} = 10$ TeV)

$$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow H^{++} H^{--} x y, H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm$$

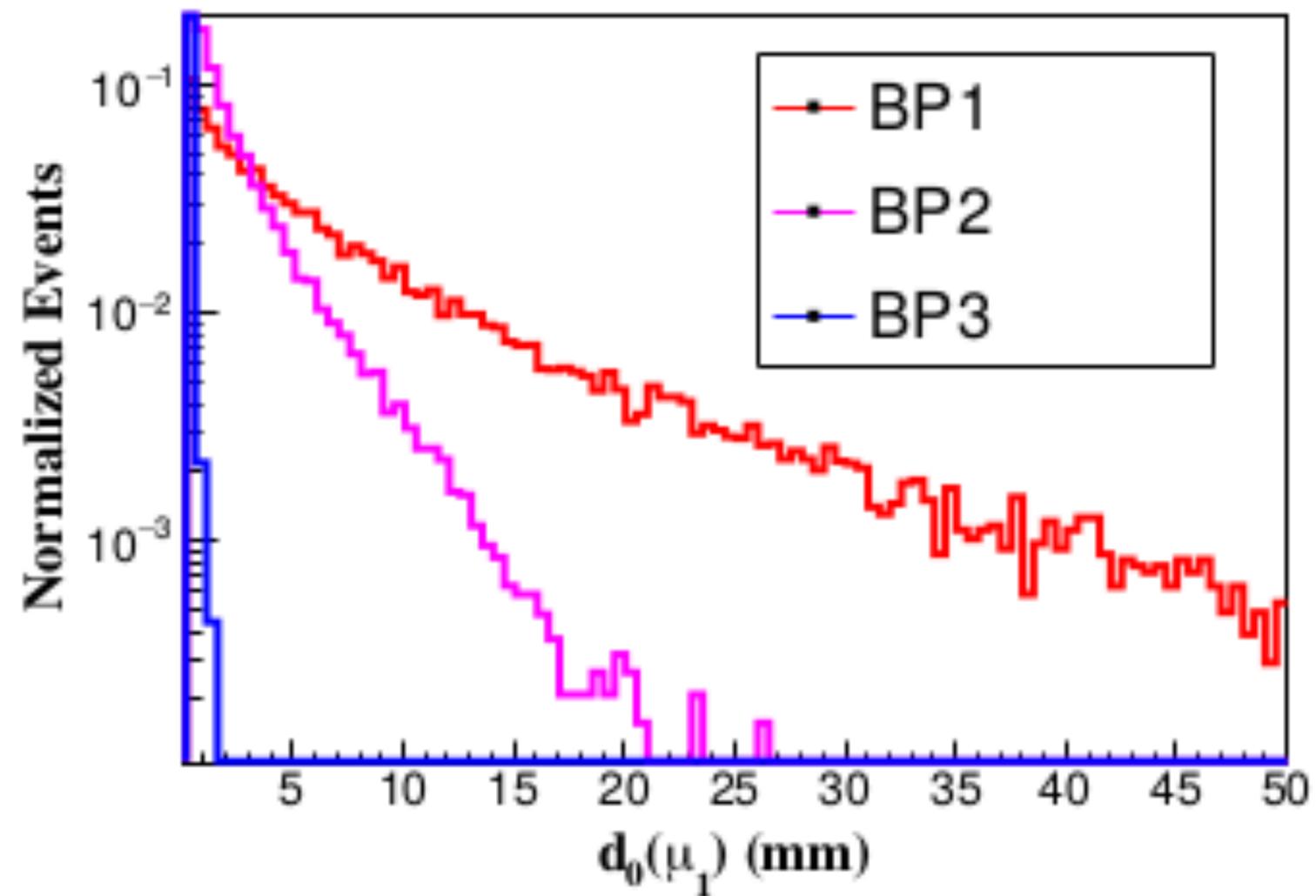
where $\{x, y = \mu^\pm, \nu_\ell\}$.

$$|\eta(\ell)| < 3.0; \quad p_T(\ell) > 10 \text{ GeV}; \quad \Delta R_{\ell\ell} \geq 0.2.$$

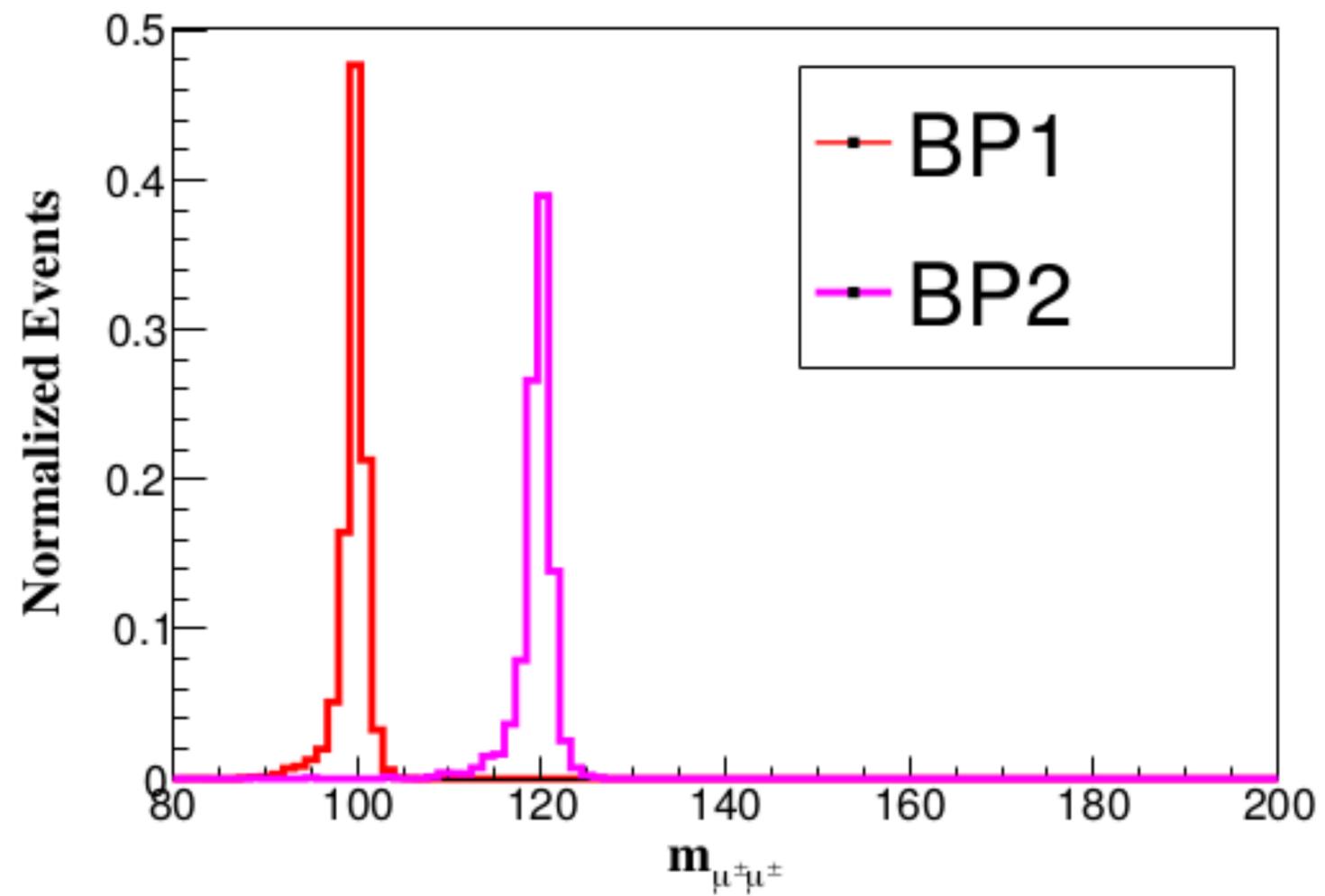
σ_{IMCC}	BP1	BP2	BP3
(fb)	0.09	0.06	0.006



- $p_T(\ell_1) > 30$ GeV
- $E_T > 30$ GeV



- Demanding 4 muons with $|d_0| > 0.1$ mm, we can see 323 and 195 events for BP1 and BP2 respectively at 10 ab^{-1} luminosity.



Benchmark Points	\mathcal{L}_{int} required to see 5 events after $ d_0 > 0.1\text{mm}$ cut (fb^{-1})
BP1	155
BP2	256

Summary

- We investigate the discovery prospects of long-lived doubly charged scalars at future lepton colliders within the framework of the Type-II seesaw model.
- We focus on a parameter region where the doubly charged scalar behaves as a long-lived particle, satisfy all current theoretical and experimental constraints and are accessible at the ILC and a high-energy muon collider.
- Standard Model backgrounds can be effectively suppressed by exploiting displaced vertex information through a cut on the impact parameter d_0 .
- The clean experimental environment of lepton colliders enables efficient mass reconstruction from same-sign di-muon pairs, significantly enhancing the discovery potential.
- The unique capability of future lepton colliders to explore long-lived particle signatures provides a compelling physics case for their role in probing extended scalar sectors beyond the SM.

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