



Long-Lived stau Signature in the LHC

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Talk Plan

1. SUSY

- SUSY search
- The LHC experiment

2. Long-lived stau signature

- “stable stau” signature
- “stau kink” signature

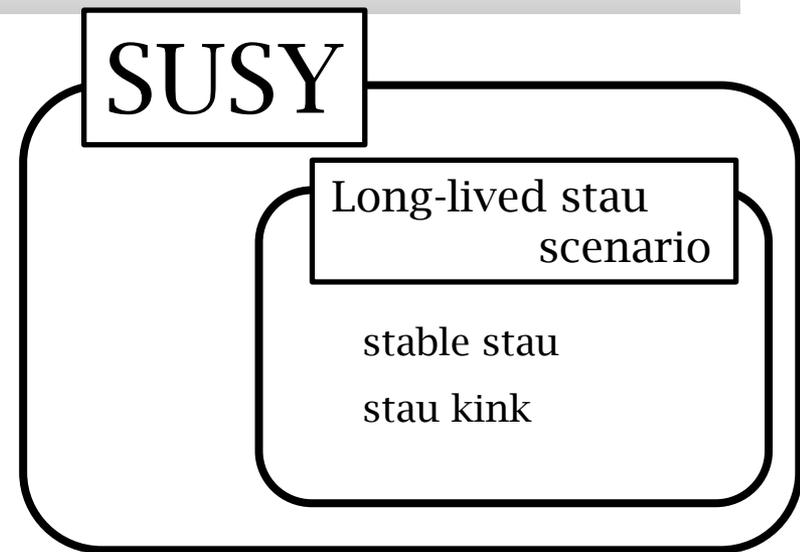
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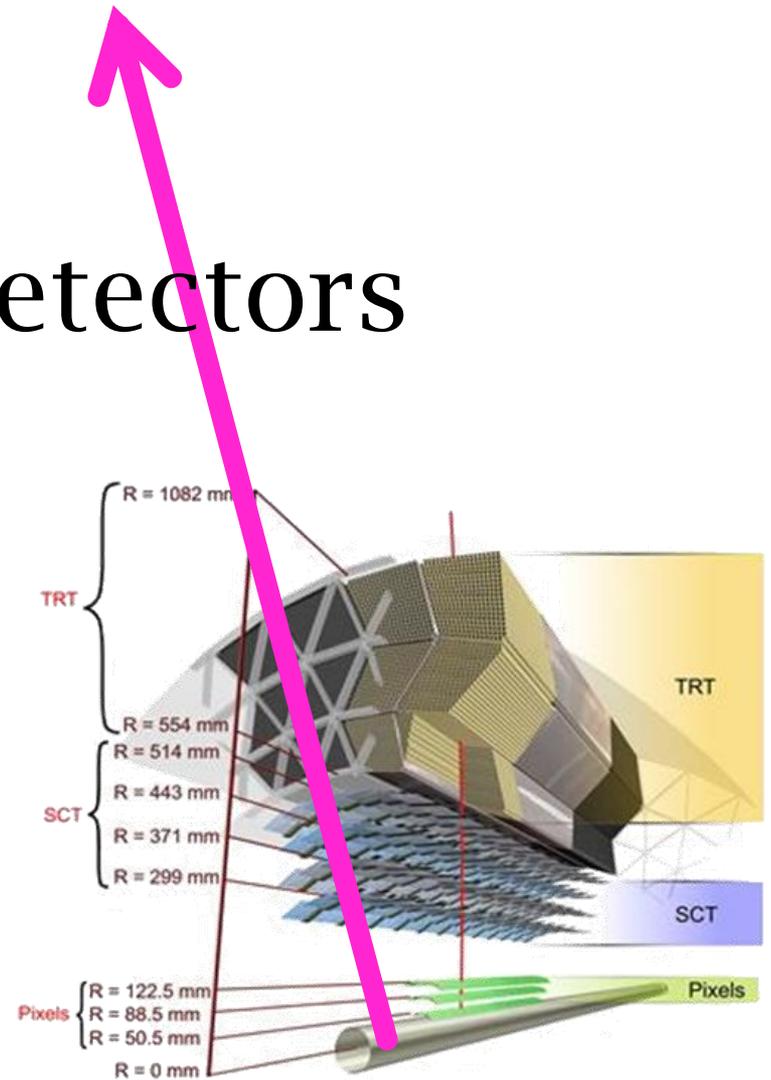
CONCLUSION

or
THE
MAIN
MESSAGE

Stau = Charged

Long-lived stau

⇒ a track in detectors



ATLAS detectors (in the LHC)

Stau = Charged

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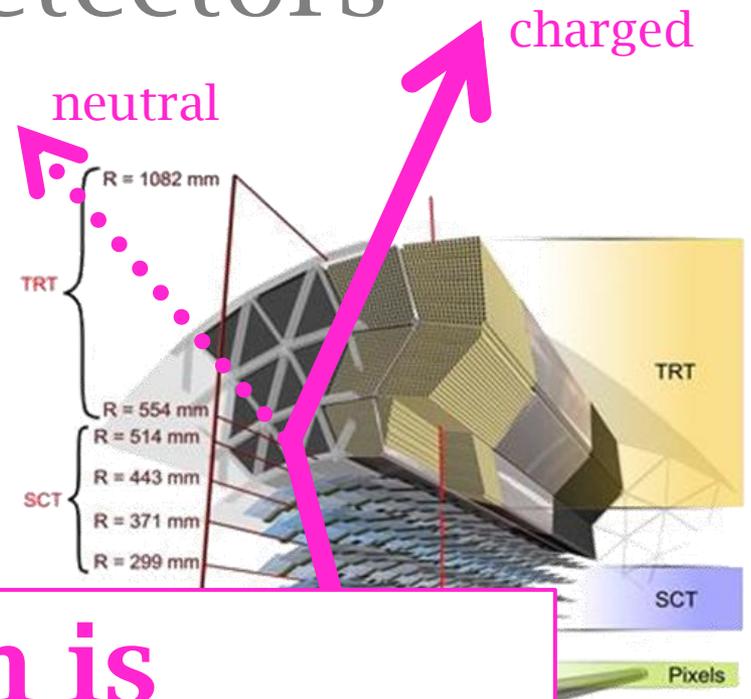
⇒ a track in detectors

When decay inside

⇒ track bends

“Stau Kink”

Stau kink search is
realistic & interesting.



the LHC)

1. SUSY and its Signature

Standard Model

 Successful!

 “Hierarchy problem”



supersymmetry

MSSM [Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model]

 “Hierarchy” solved.

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We want to discover SUSY.

How to discover SUSY?

What is **characteristic** in SUSY?

Important one: *R-parity*

If R-parity is conserved...

✓ Proton decay problem avoided! 😊

✓ LSP becomes **stable!**

➤ must be **neutral**.

➤ would be a **Dark Matter** candidate. 😊

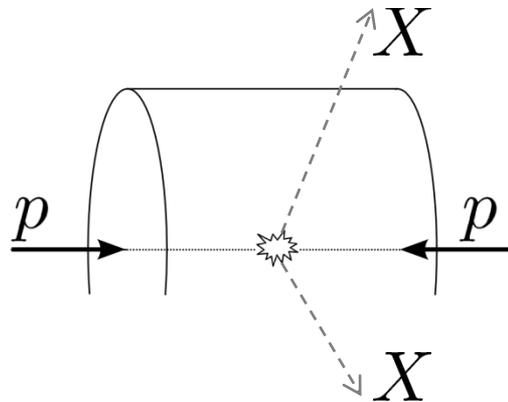
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[Case 1] Signature from **stable neutral particles**

⇒ Large missing energy \cancel{E}

main stream!
Expected in many SUSY models!



X = escaping (missing) particle;
e.g. $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ or \tilde{G} .

[Case 2] Signature from
long-lived charged particles

expected in several models.

⇒ We will see in the next section.

Then, where can we discover SUSY?

... of course,

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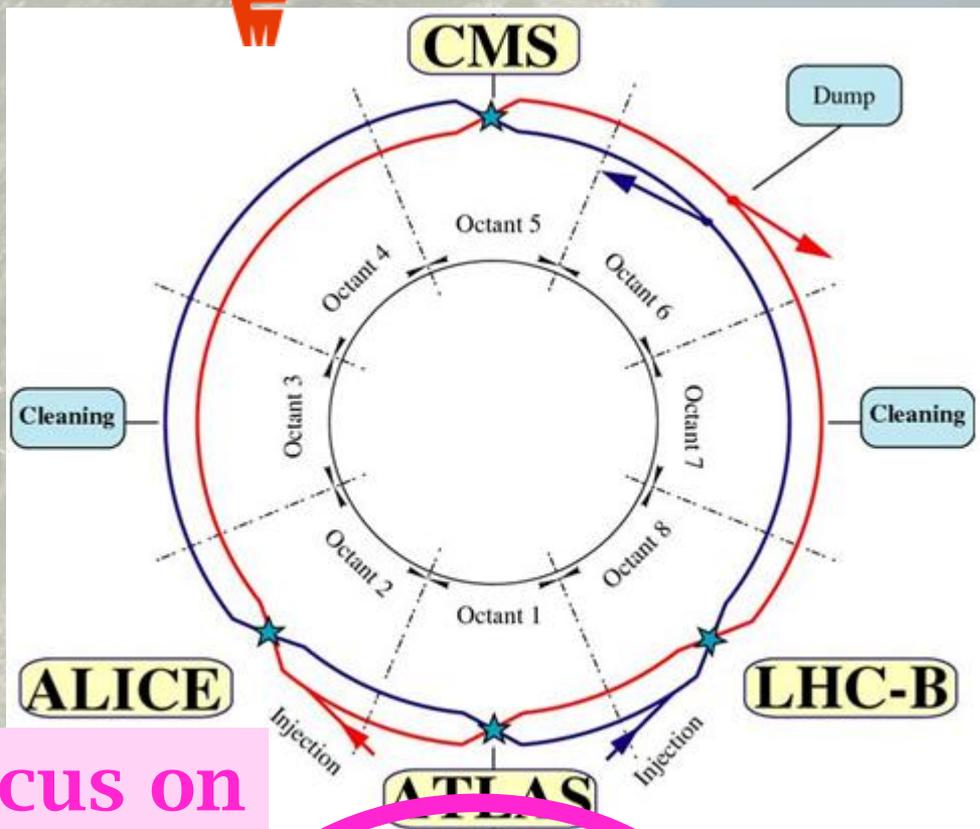
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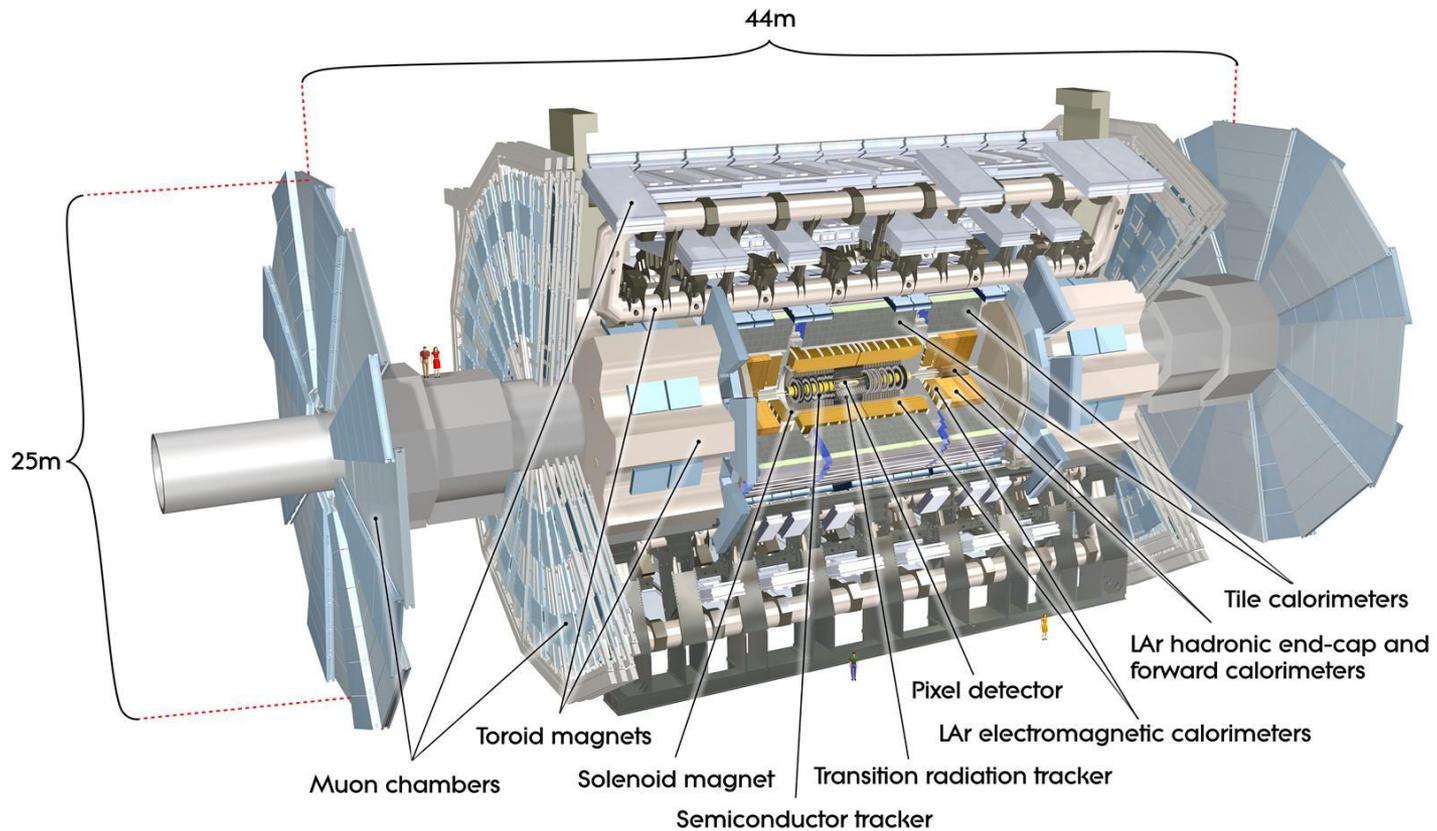
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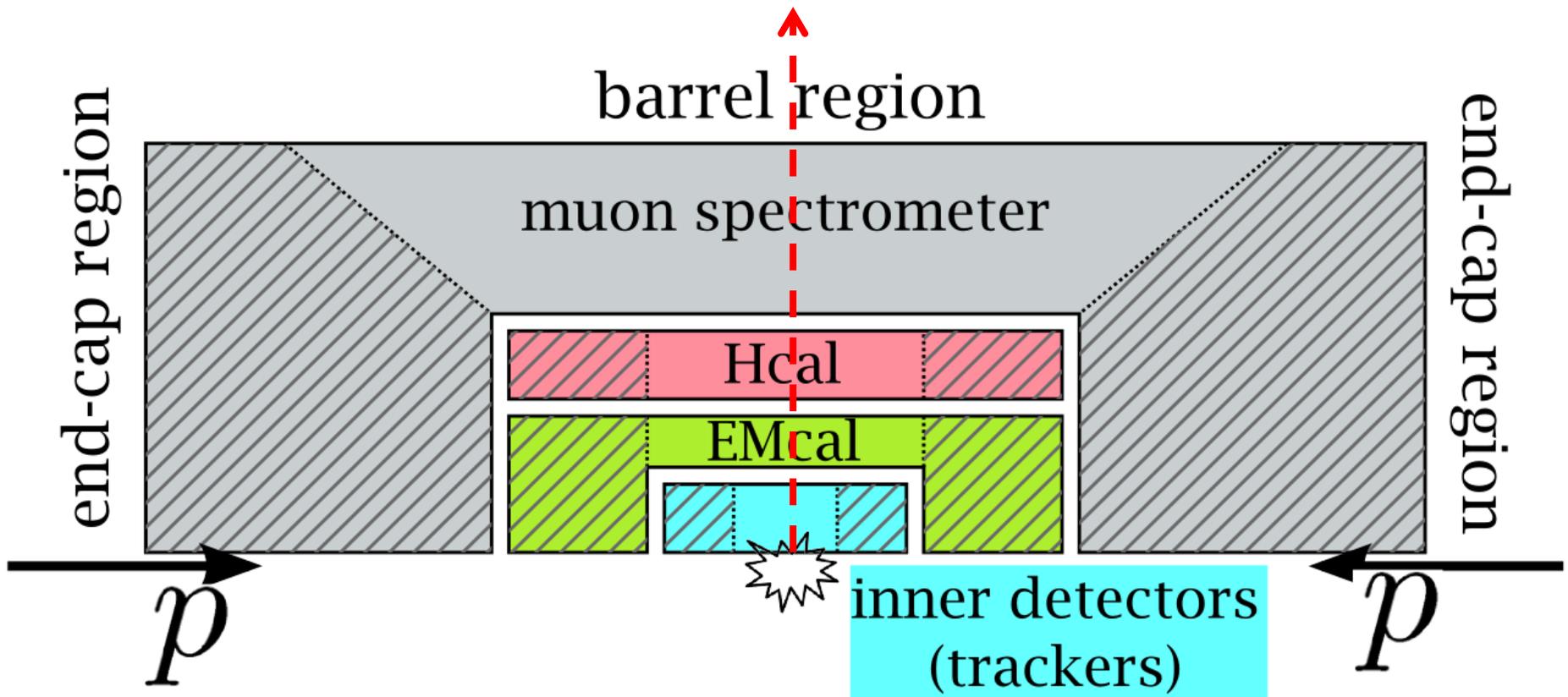
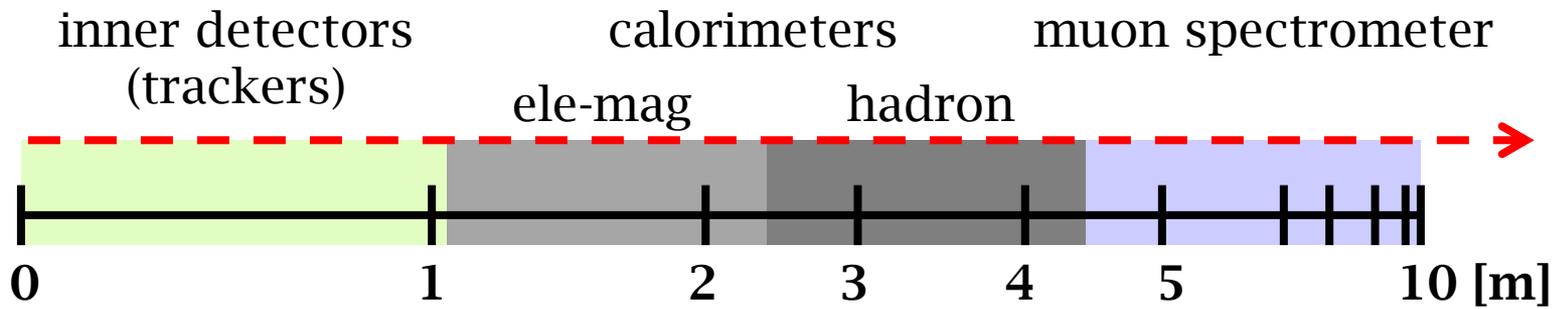


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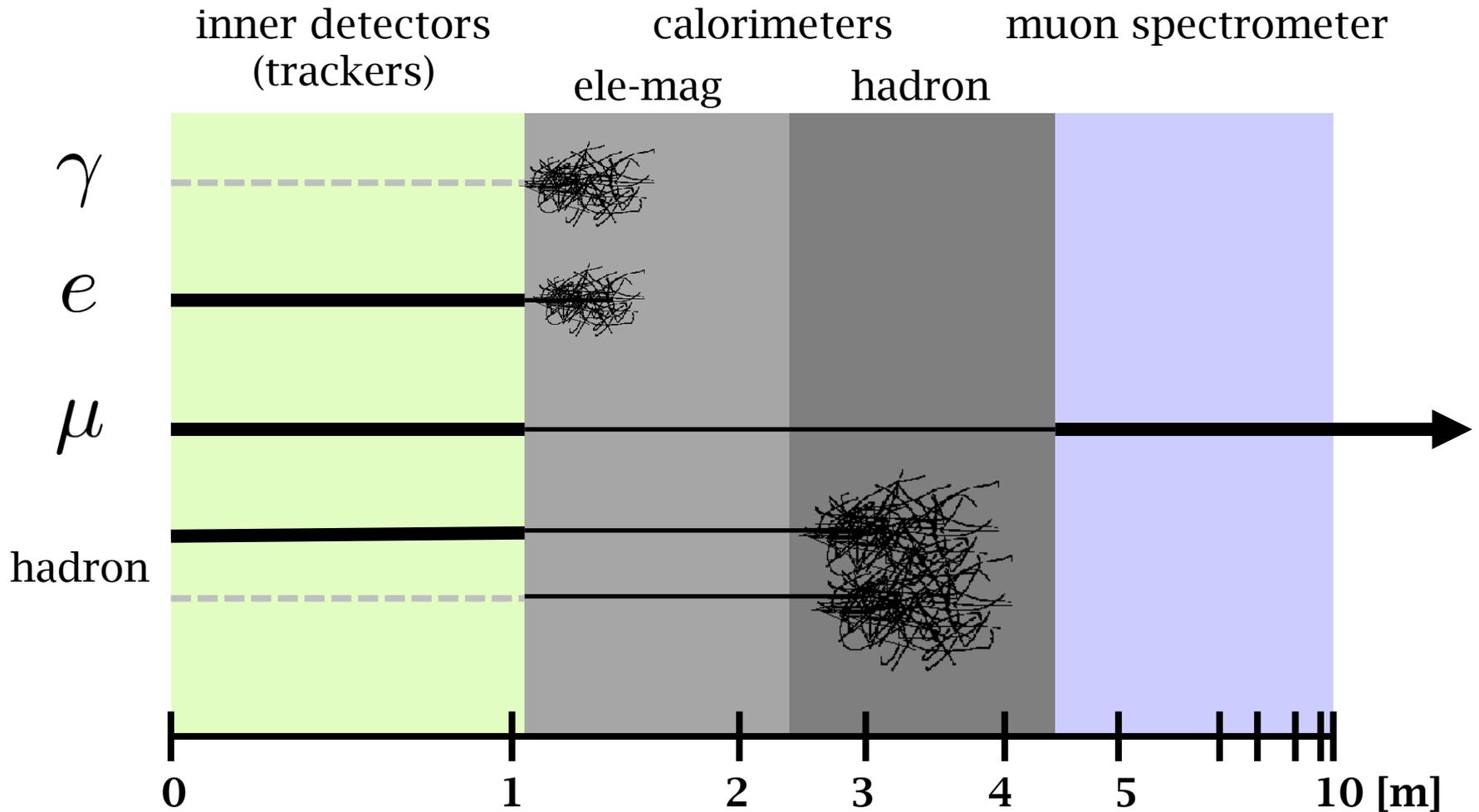


ATLAS EXPERIMENT





[sectional (cut-away) view]



Note $\tau \implies$ immediately decays into
 leptons (35%) $\longrightarrow e/\mu$ is observed.
 hadrons (65%) \longrightarrow hadrons are observed.

2. Long-lived Stau Signature

- Scenario with Long-lived stau
- Its Signature
 1. Stable stau
 2. Stau kink

[Case 2] Signature from

long-lived charged particles

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[Case 2] Signature from (We don't consider $\tilde{e}, \tilde{\mu}$ -case for simplicity.)
long-lived charged particles $\left(\tilde{\tau}_1\right)$

expected in several models:

A) \tilde{G} -LSP, $\tilde{\tau}_1$ -NLSP model (in GMSB framework) “weakness of gravity”

$$\tilde{\tau}_1 \rightarrow \tilde{G}\tau : c\tau \simeq 0.55 \text{ m} \left(\frac{200 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{G}}}{1 \text{ keV}} \right)^2$$

B) $\tilde{\tau}_1$ -LSP with tiny R -parity violation “tiny R-parity violation”

$$c\tau \sim O(1 \text{ m}) \text{ if RpV couplings } \sim 10^{-8}.$$

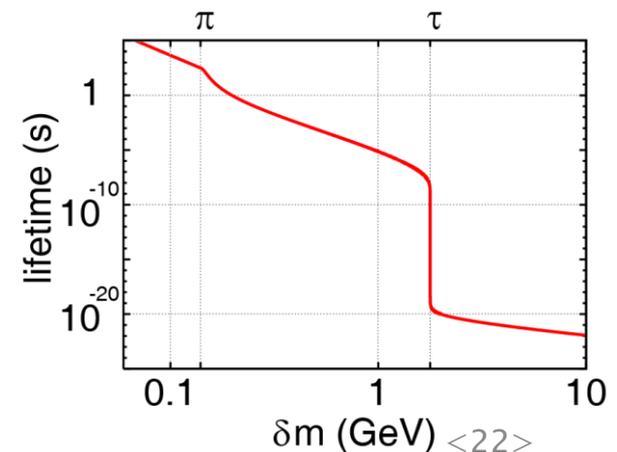
C) Coannihilation region “phase-space suppression”

$$(\tilde{\chi}_1^0\text{-LSP, } \tilde{\tau}_1\text{-NLSP, } m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} \simeq m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0})$$

$$\tilde{\tau}_1 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 l \nu \bar{\nu}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \pi \nu$$

Right: lifetime @ $m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} = 300 \text{ GeV}$
 $(\theta_\tau = 0.33)$

Jittoh *et al.*, PRD73.055009 [hep-ph/0512197]



[Case 2] Signature from
long-lived charged particles $(\tilde{\tau}_1)$

signature depends on where stau decays.

a) **outside** detectors

b) **inside** a detector

c) at the very **center**

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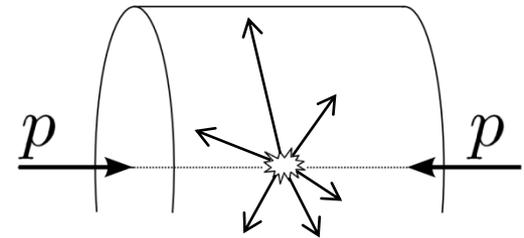
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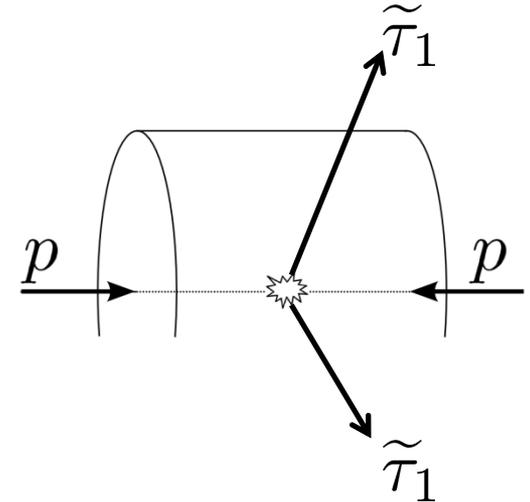
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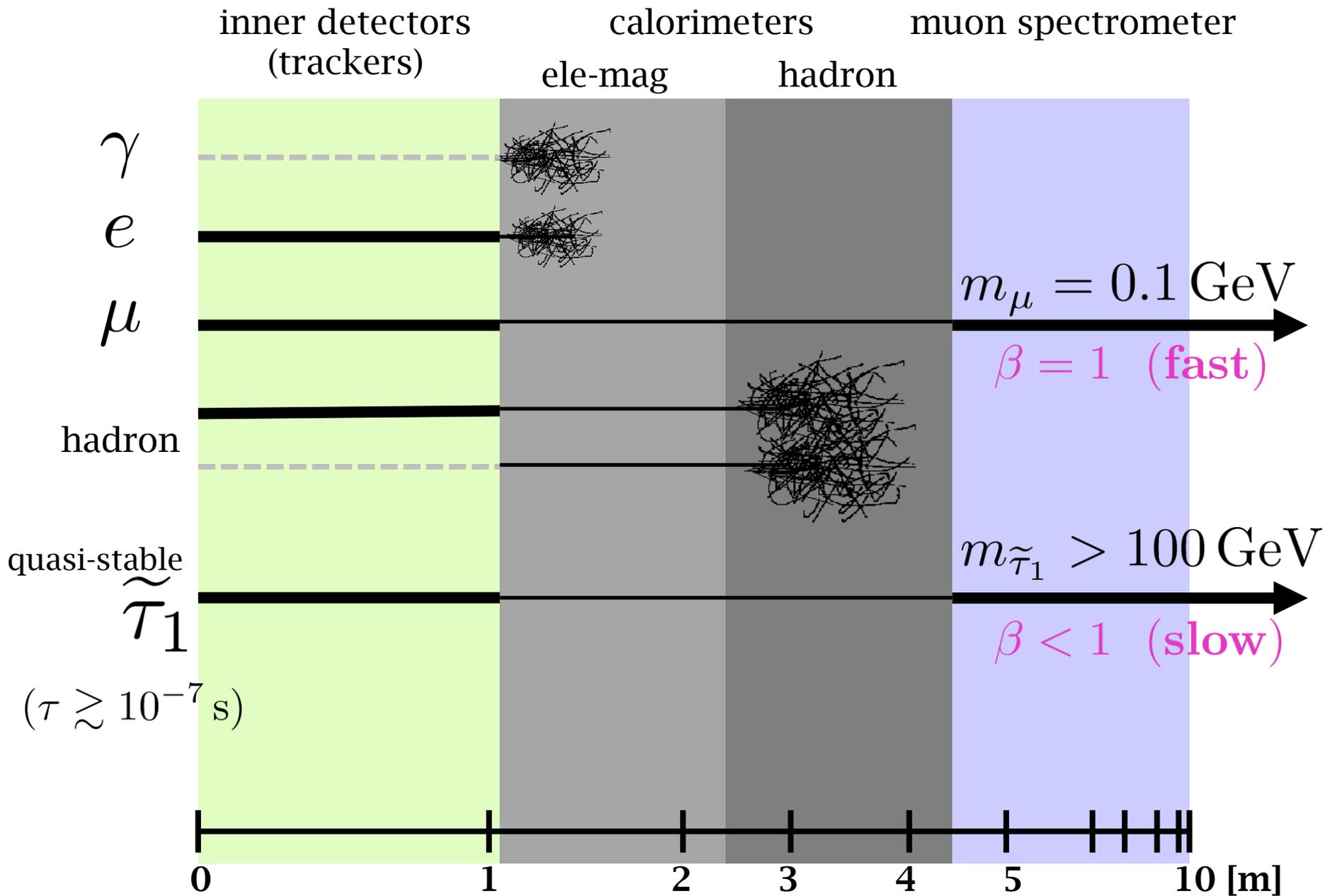
\Rightarrow heavy “ μ -like” track

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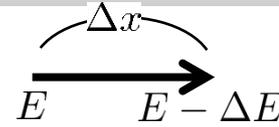
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How to measure velocity β ?



1. Energy Deposit $\frac{dE}{dx}$

➤ Bethe-Bloch formula $\left| \frac{dE}{dx} \right| = \frac{N_A Z}{A} \frac{4\pi Q^2 \alpha^2}{m_e} \left(\frac{1}{\beta^2} \log \frac{2m_e \beta^2}{I(1 - \beta^2)} - 1 \right)$

➤ A function of velocity β !

RED: material dependent
BLUE: constants

➤ measured at an inner detector

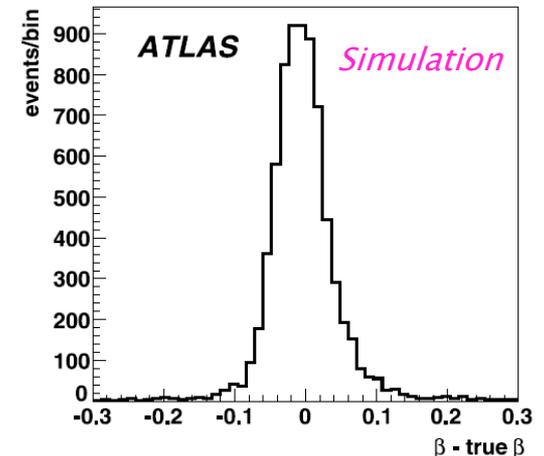
2. Time of flight (TOF)

➤ at Tracker and MS

➤ 1ns resolution

➔ $\beta \in [0.6, 0.9]$ is distinguishable from $\beta = 1$.

$$\Delta\beta \sim 0.05$$



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Current Bounds on *STABLE* $\tilde{\tau}_1$

◎ LEP

- DELPHI [PLB478.65; hep-ex/0103038]

$$\tilde{\tau}_{R/L} > 88/87.5 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{direct production})$$

- OPAL [PLB572.8; hep-ex/0305031]

$$\tilde{\tau}_{R/L} > 98.0/98.5 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{direct production})$$

◎ LHC

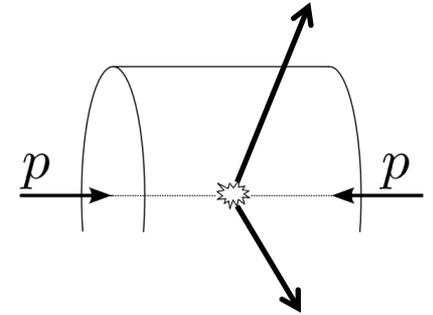
- ATLAS (37pb⁻¹) [PLB703.428; 1106.4495]

$$\tilde{\tau}_1 > 136 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{assuming a GMSB model})$$

$$\tilde{\tau}_1 > 110 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{EW production = generic})$$

- CMS (1.1fb⁻¹) [CMS-PAS-EXO-11-022]

$$\tilde{\tau}_1 > 293 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{assuming a GMSB model})$$



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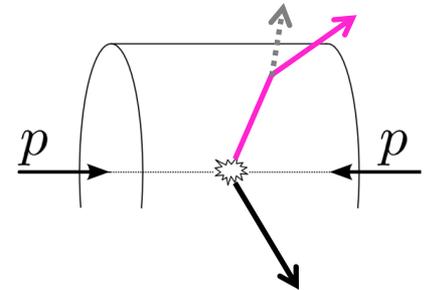
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⇒ Kink track etc.

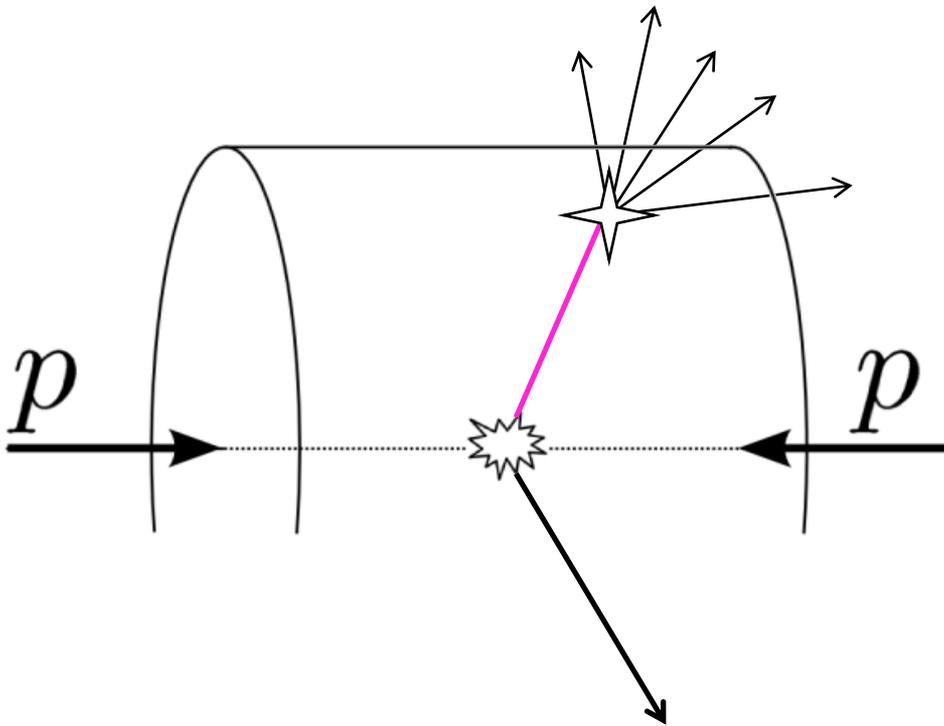
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Signature depends on...

Decay into WHAT?



Complicated,
determined by underlying model...

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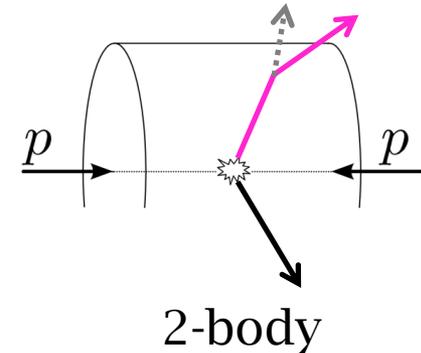
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$\lambda_{i3k}, \lambda_{ij3} \implies \tilde{\tau}_1 \rightarrow e\nu, \mu\nu, \tau\nu$

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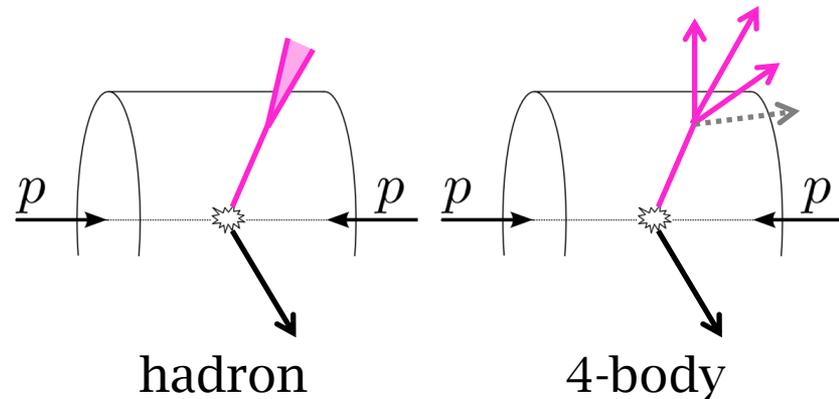
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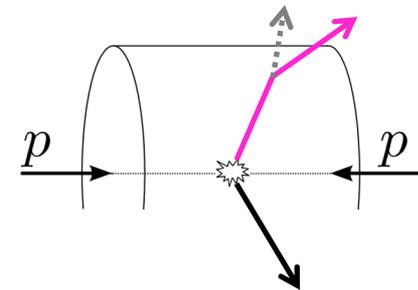
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kink, but “soft”...



2-body (kink track)

Kink track

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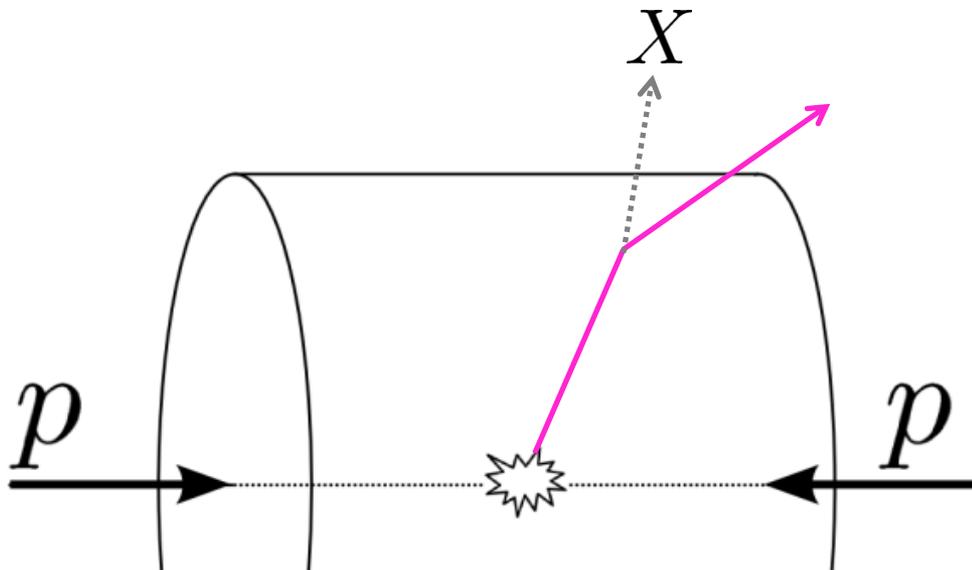
stau track

+

daughter track

by a tracker

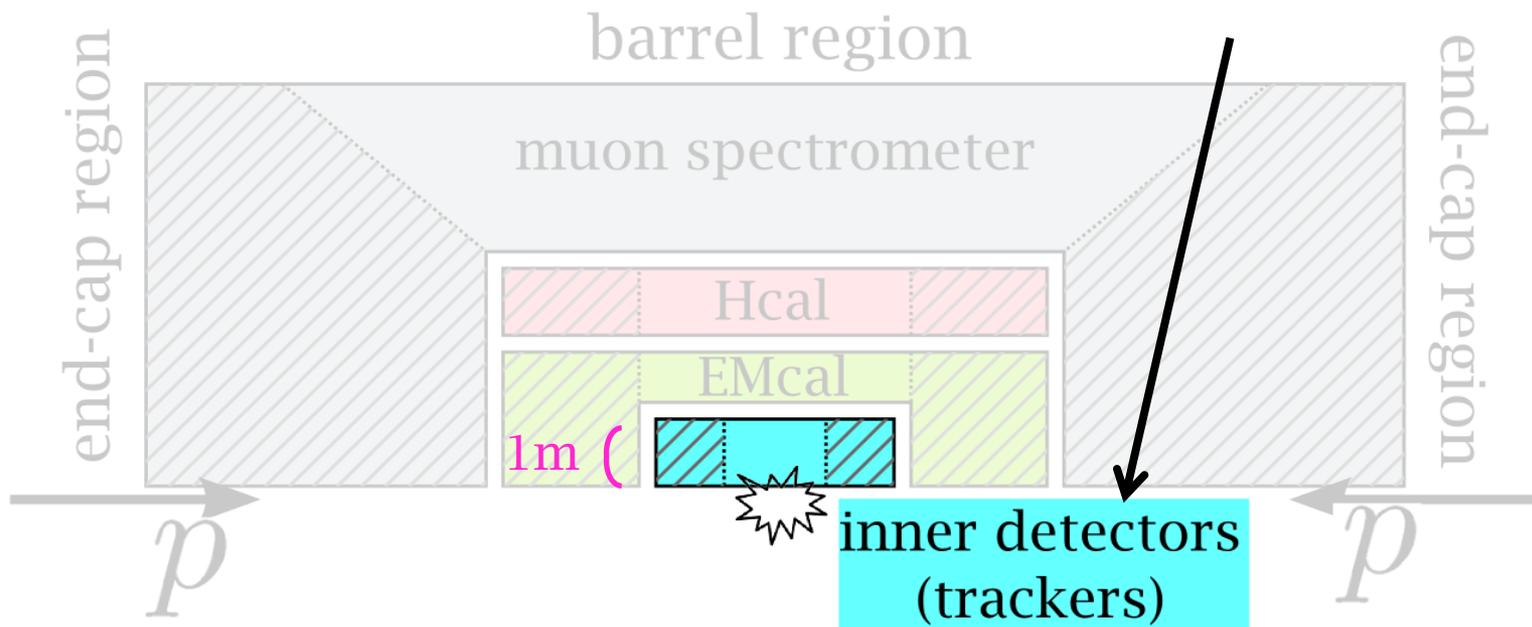
by a tracker



Kink track id. = id. of stau track + id. of daughter track
by a tracker by a tracker

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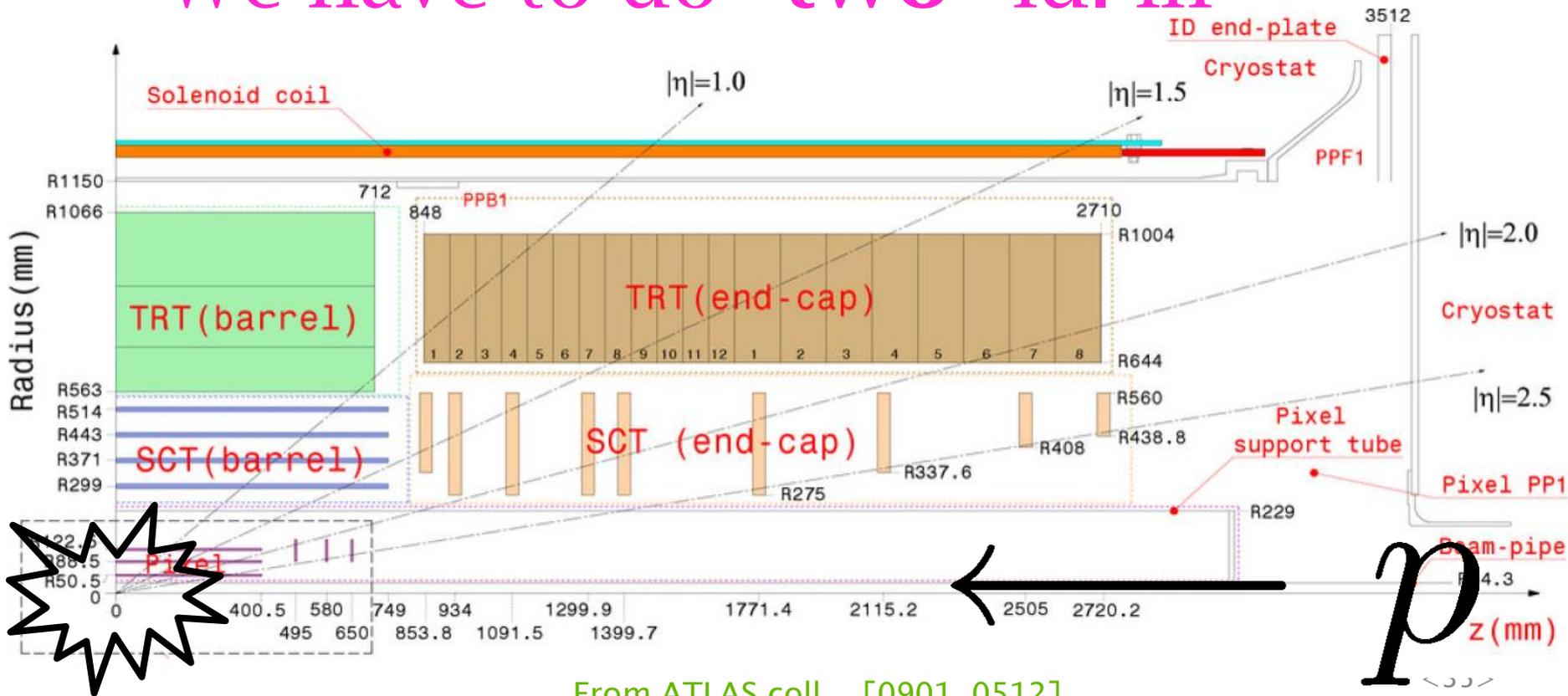


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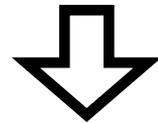
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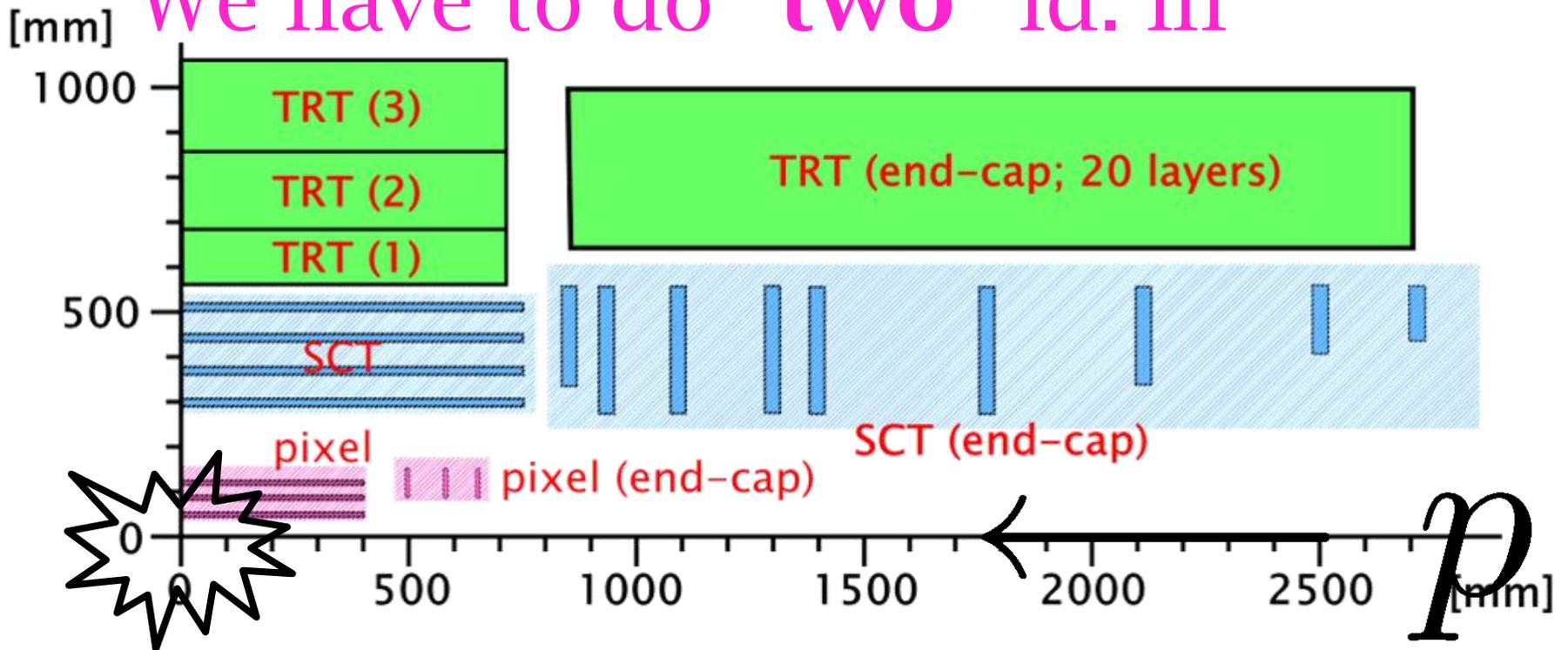
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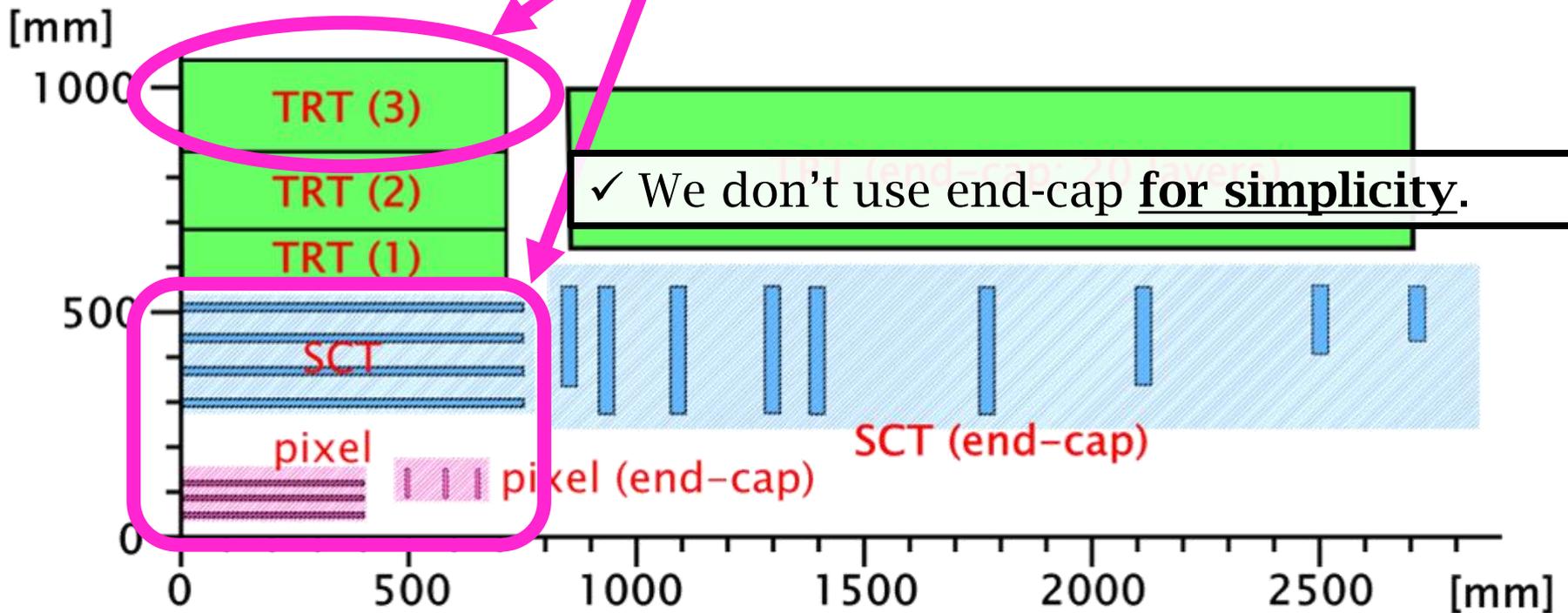
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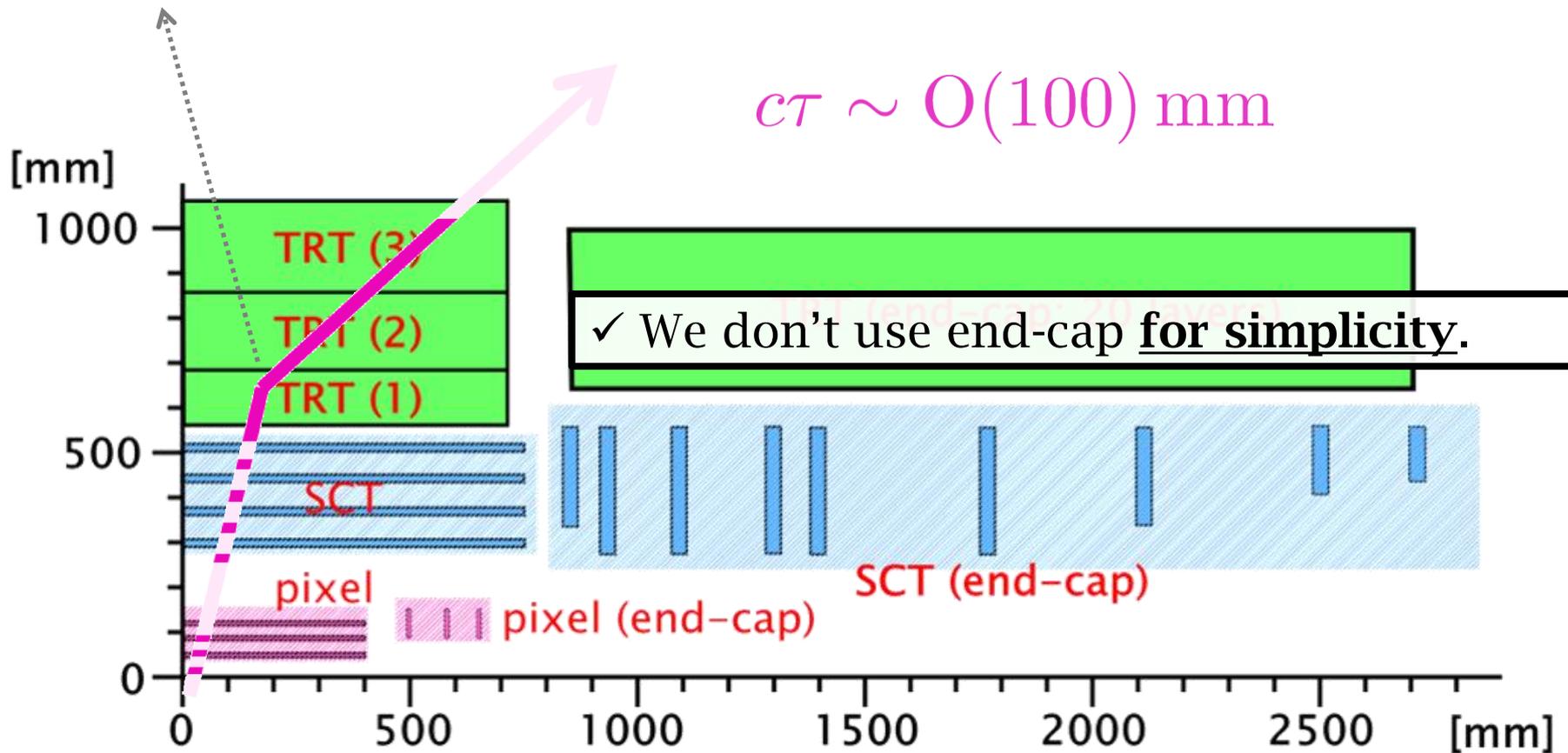
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Kink at **TRT 1st or 2nd module**
can be observed.



With this method, we can observe kinks.

➤ Sweet range $C\mathcal{T}$ (of stau) $\sim O(0.1 - 10)$ m

➤ 300GeV stau can be observed.

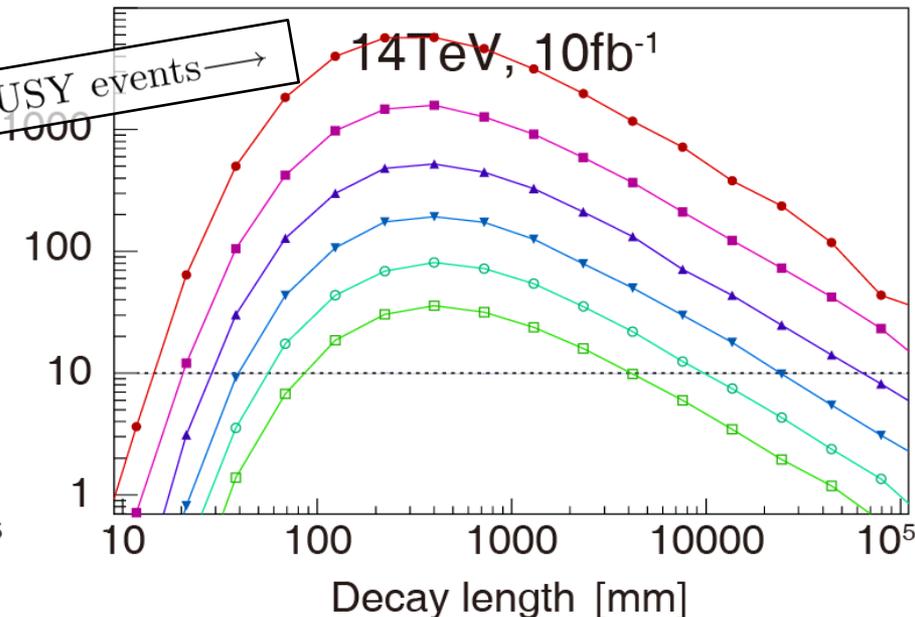
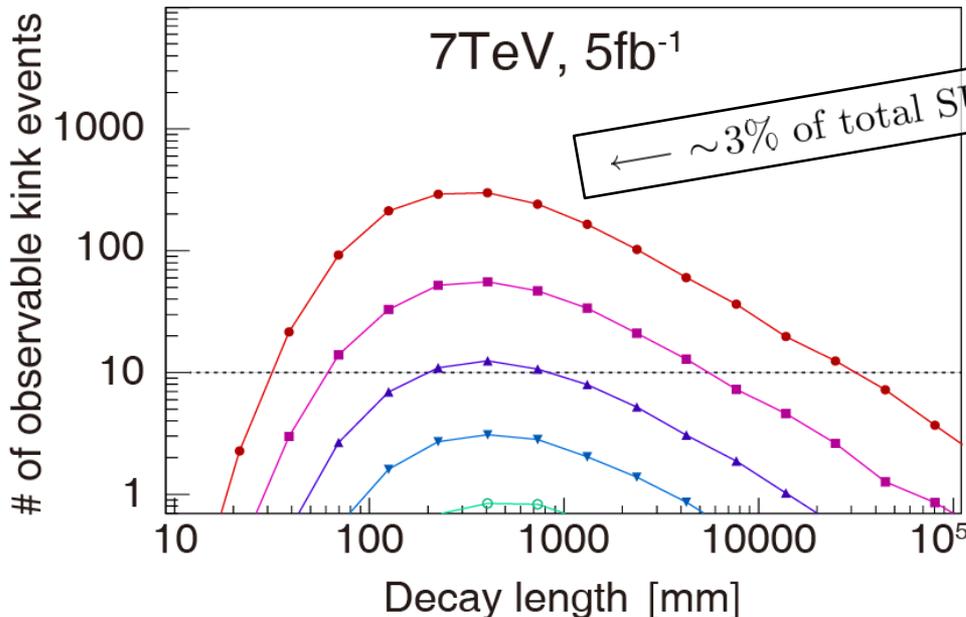
✓ Some CMSSM-model is assumed.

✓ Efficiencies are considered.

✓ Background events are fairly suppressed.

Let's see in detail.

●	$\tilde{\tau}, \tilde{g} = 103, 715$ GeV
■	140, 932
▲	176, 1145
▼	212, 1355
○	248, 1562
□	283, 1768



3. Stau Kinks in detail

Stau kinks *in detail*

- ◎ Technical topics (**experiment**)
 - ◆ trigger and efficiency
 - ◆ track reconstructions and efficiency
 - ◆ background events
 - ◆ Monte Carlo simulationetc...
- ◎ Physical topics (**phenomenology**)
 - We can **discriminate** the models!!

Long-lived stau scenarios

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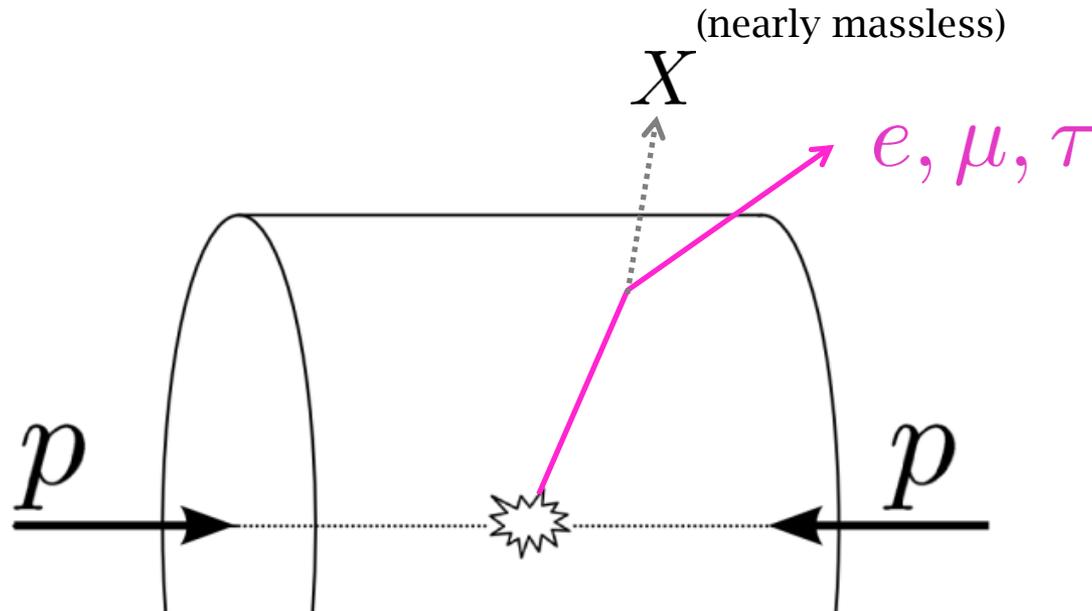
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Kink type \longrightarrow **daughter signature**

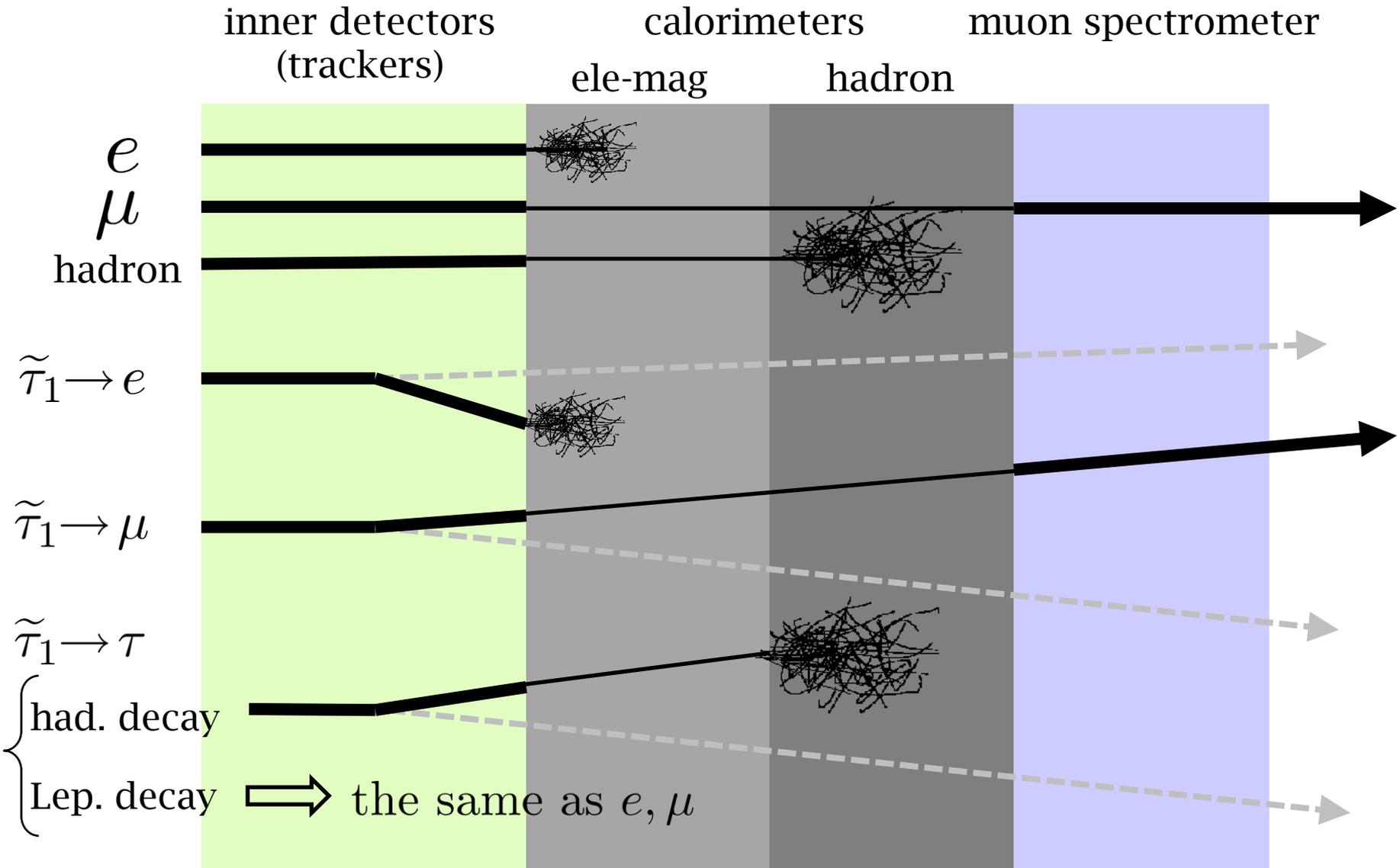
Models	e : μ : τ	e	μ	τ -jet
Gravitino LSP	0 : 0 : 1	18%	17%	65%
λ_{123}	1 : 1 : 0	50%	50%	—
λ_{i31}	1 : 0 : 0	100%	—	—
λ_{i32}	0 : 1 : 0	—	100%	—
λ_{133}	$\sin^2 \theta$: 0 : 1	* 59%	* 9%	* 32%
λ_{233}	0 : $\sin^2 \theta$: 1	* 9%	* 59%	* 32%

*depending on stau mixing angle θ ; values are for $\theta = 1$.

Daughter lepton discrimination

\Rightarrow Ratio of the daughter leptons
= Underlying models

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \underline{\lambda_{123}} \tilde{\tau} \rightarrow L_1 L_2 \quad \rightsquigarrow e : \mu = 1 : 1 \\ \underline{\lambda_{i3k}} \tilde{\tau} \rightarrow L_i \bar{E}_k \quad \rightsquigarrow l_k + \nu_i \\ \underline{\lambda_{i33}} \tilde{\tau} \rightarrow L_i L_3, L_i \bar{E}_3 \quad \rightsquigarrow l_i : \tau = \sin^2 \theta : 1 \end{array} \right)$$



Daughter lepton can be distinguished.

[m]

(phenomenological) Conclusion

⊙ Stau (slepton) in-flight-decay

⇒ observable as kink events.

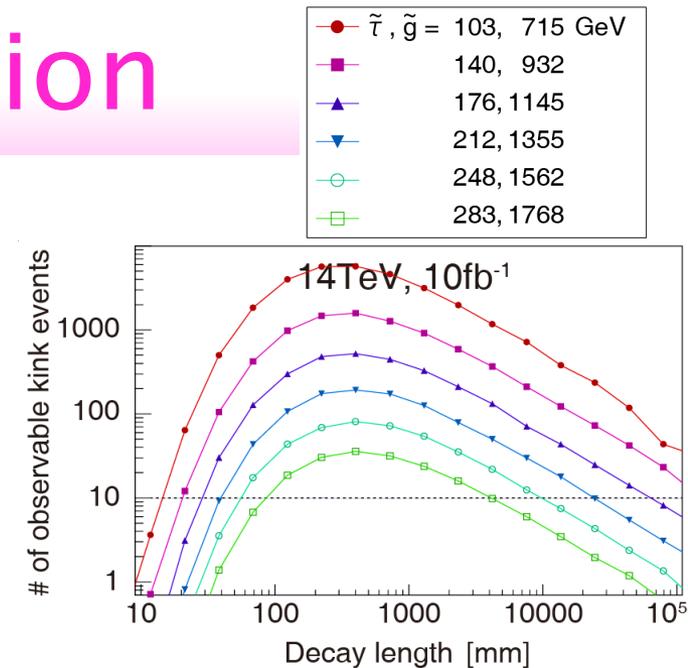
- decay length: $c\tau \sim O(0.1 - 100)\text{m}$
- Stau mass: $m \lesssim 300\text{ GeV}$

(Much more luminosity allows us to go further.)

⊙ This decay length corresponds to

- gravitino model: $m_{\tilde{G}} \sim 0.1 - 10\text{ keV}$
- R-parity violation: $\lambda \sim O(10^{-8} - 10^{-9})$

⊙ Model discrimination is possible.



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Monte Carlo Simulation

Method

mass spectrum: SUSY-HIT
event generation: Pythia6
fast detector sim.: PGS4

- ⊙ Benchmark Point: CMSSM model

M_0	$M_{1/2}$	$\tan \beta$	A_0	$\text{sgn } \mu$
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[GeV]

- ⊙ PGS4-based fast detector simulation

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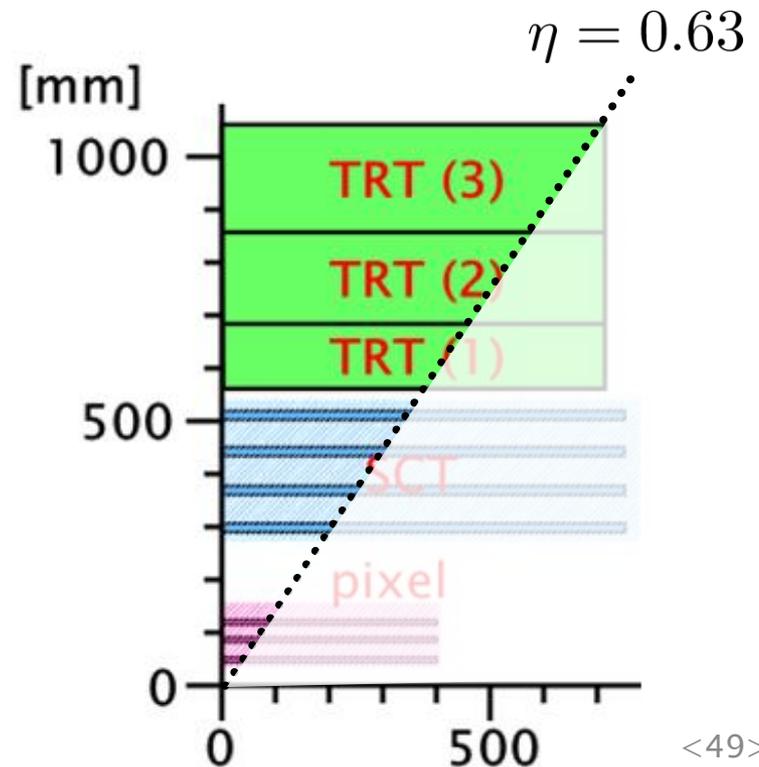
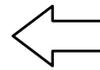
- triggering issue
 - 1 jet with $P_T > 120$ GeV.
 - $\cancel{E}_T > 100$ GeV.
- $\tilde{\tau}_1$ must be
 - $|\eta| < 0.63$.
 - $P_T > 100$ GeV.
 - decay in TRT 1st or 2nd module.
- The kink must be
 - azimuthal opening angle $0.1 < \Delta\phi < \pi/2$.
- daughter particle must be
 - not into end-cap; stay in barrel region.
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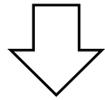
← Trigger: 1jet(70) + MET(40) is “stable” (90% eff.) above this point.



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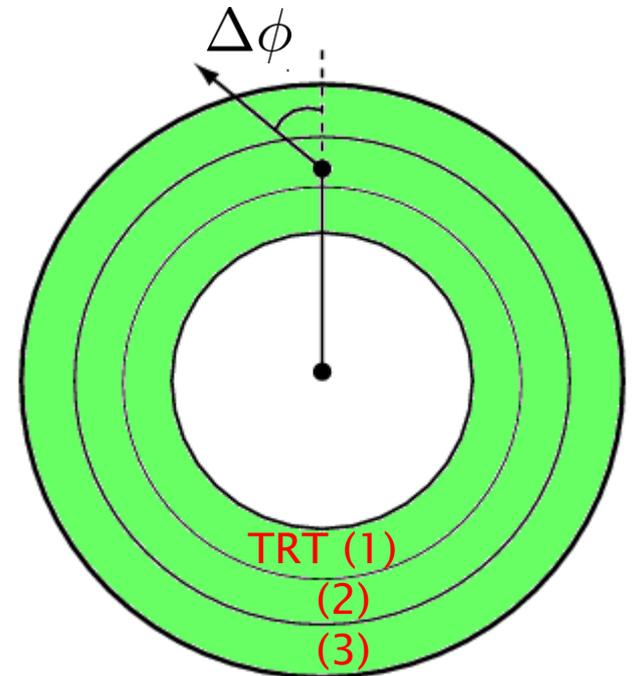
TRT = $r-\phi$ information

(know nothing about on z-direction.)



“azimuthal opening angle” can be measured.

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 - not into end-cap; stay in barrel region.
 - $P_T > 10$ GeV (efficiency 0.6) or > 20 GeV (0.7).

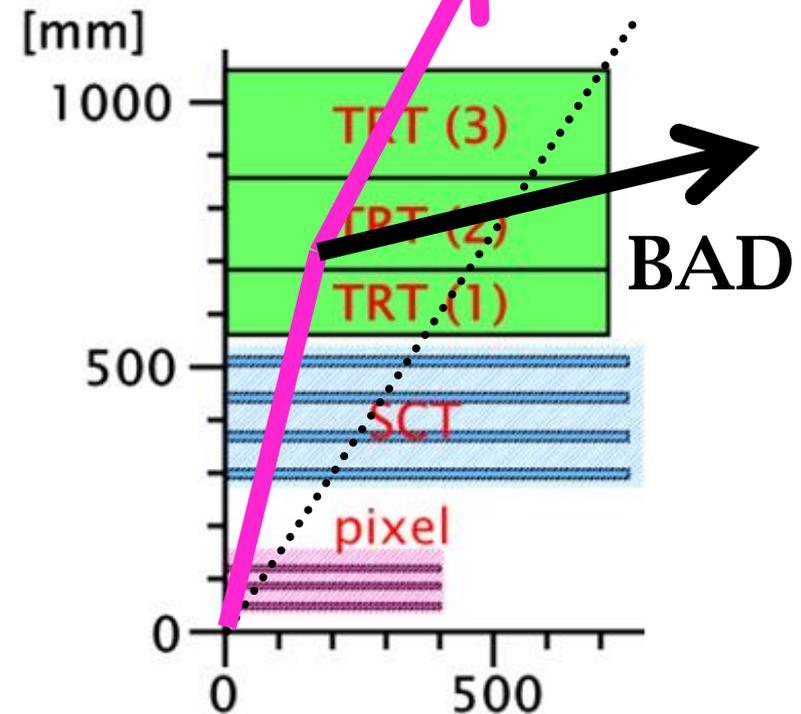


$r-\phi$ projected plane view

Monte Carlo Simulation **GOOD**

Event selection

- triggering issue
 - 1 jet with $P_T > 120$ GeV.
 - $\cancel{E}_T > 100$ GeV.
- $\tilde{\tau}_1$ must be
 - $|\eta| < 0.63$.
 - $P_T > 100$ GeV.
 - decay in TRT 1st or 2nd module.
- The kink must be
 - azimuthal opening angle $0.1 < \Delta\phi < \pi/2$.
- daughter particle must be
 - not into end-cap; stay in barrel region.
 - $P_T > 10$ GeV (efficiency 0.6) or > 20 GeV (0.7).



Daughter must go through TRT (3). ←

in order to the daughter reconstruction.

Monte Carlo Simulation

Event selection

100%

- triggering issue
 - 1 jet with $P_T > 120$ GeV.
 - $\cancel{E}_T > 100$ GeV.

- $\tilde{\tau}_1$ must be
 - $|\eta| < 0.63$ ~ 85%
 - $P_T > 100$ GeV. ~ 35%
 - decay in TRT 1st or 2nd module. ~ 33%

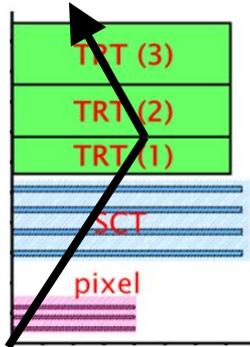
- The kink must be
 - azimuthal opening angle $0.1 < \Delta\phi < \pi/2$ ~ 4%

- daughter particle must be
 - not into end-cap; stay in barrel region.
 - $P_T > 10$ GeV (efficiency 0.6) or > 20 GeV (0.7). ~ 3%

- ~ 2%

Possible Background Events

- Stable charged hadrons: Hit to detector material



⇒ Few hadrons have $P_T > 100$ GeV.
Few hadrons interact with material.

suppressed.

- In-flight-decay of hadrons

- hadron decay ... small Δm
- small $\Delta m +$ large $P_T \implies$ small kink angle

suppressed.

- “false” tracks from noise

⇒ We require two tracks (mother & daughter)

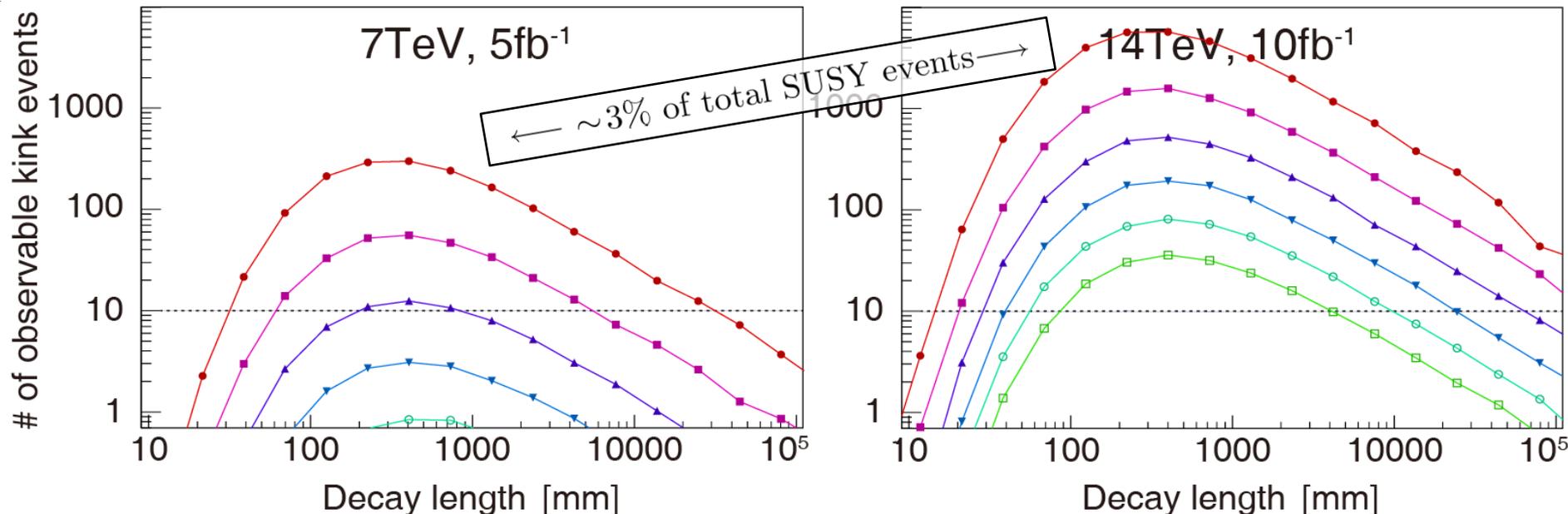
ignorable.

background events are ignorable!

Numerical Results (again)

- Sweet range $C\mathcal{T}$ (of stau) $\sim \mathcal{O}(0.1 - 10)$ m
- **300GeV** stau can be observed.
- ✓ Some CMSSM-model is assumed.
- ✓ Efficiencies are considered.
- ✓ Background events are fairly suppressed.

●	$\tilde{\tau}, \tilde{g} = 103, 715$ GeV
■	140, 932
▲	176, 1145
▼	212, 1355
○	248, 1562
□	283, 1768



Conclusion (again)

- Stau (slepton) in-flight-decay

⇒ observable as kink events.

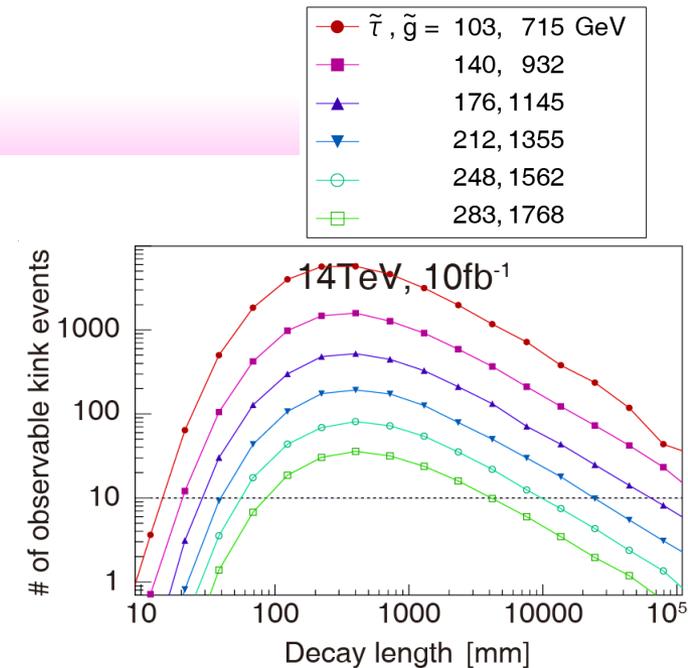
- decay length: $c\tau \sim O(0.1 - 100)\text{m}$
- Stau mass: $m \lesssim 300\text{ GeV}$

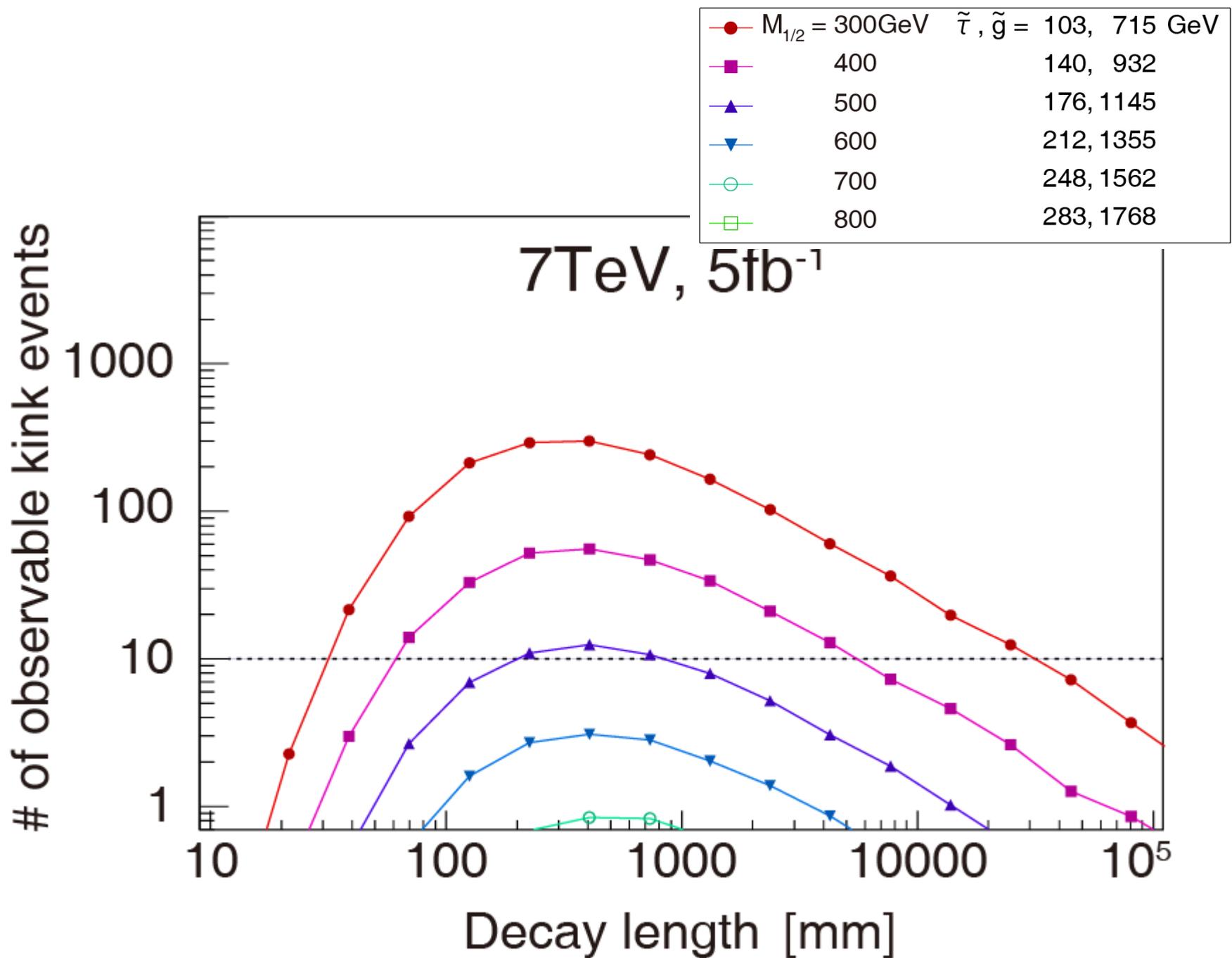
(Much more luminosity allows us to go further.)

- This decay length corresponds to

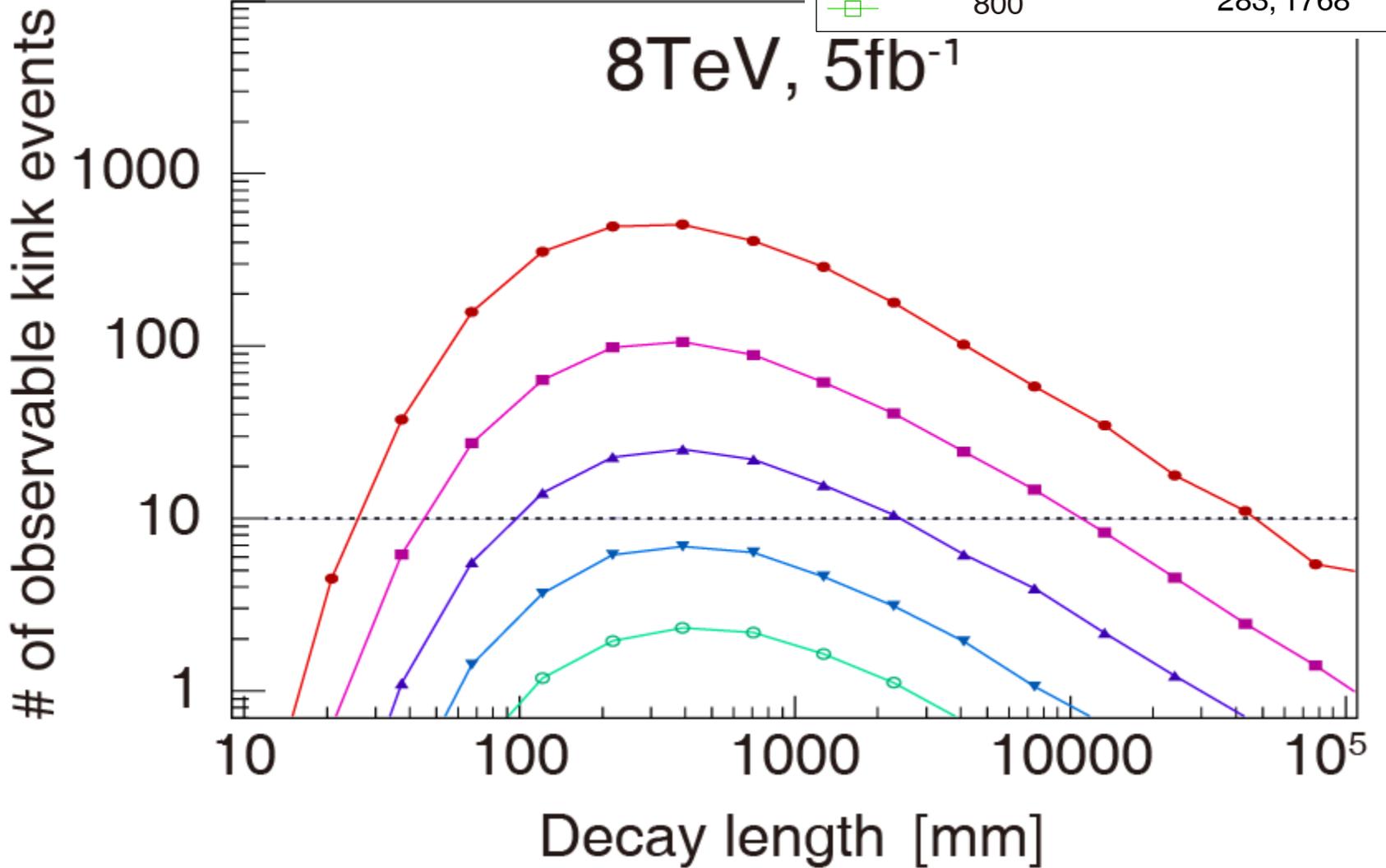
- gravitino model: $m_{\tilde{G}} \sim 0.1 - 10\text{ keV}$
- R-parity violation: $\lambda \sim O(10^{-8} - 10^{-9})$

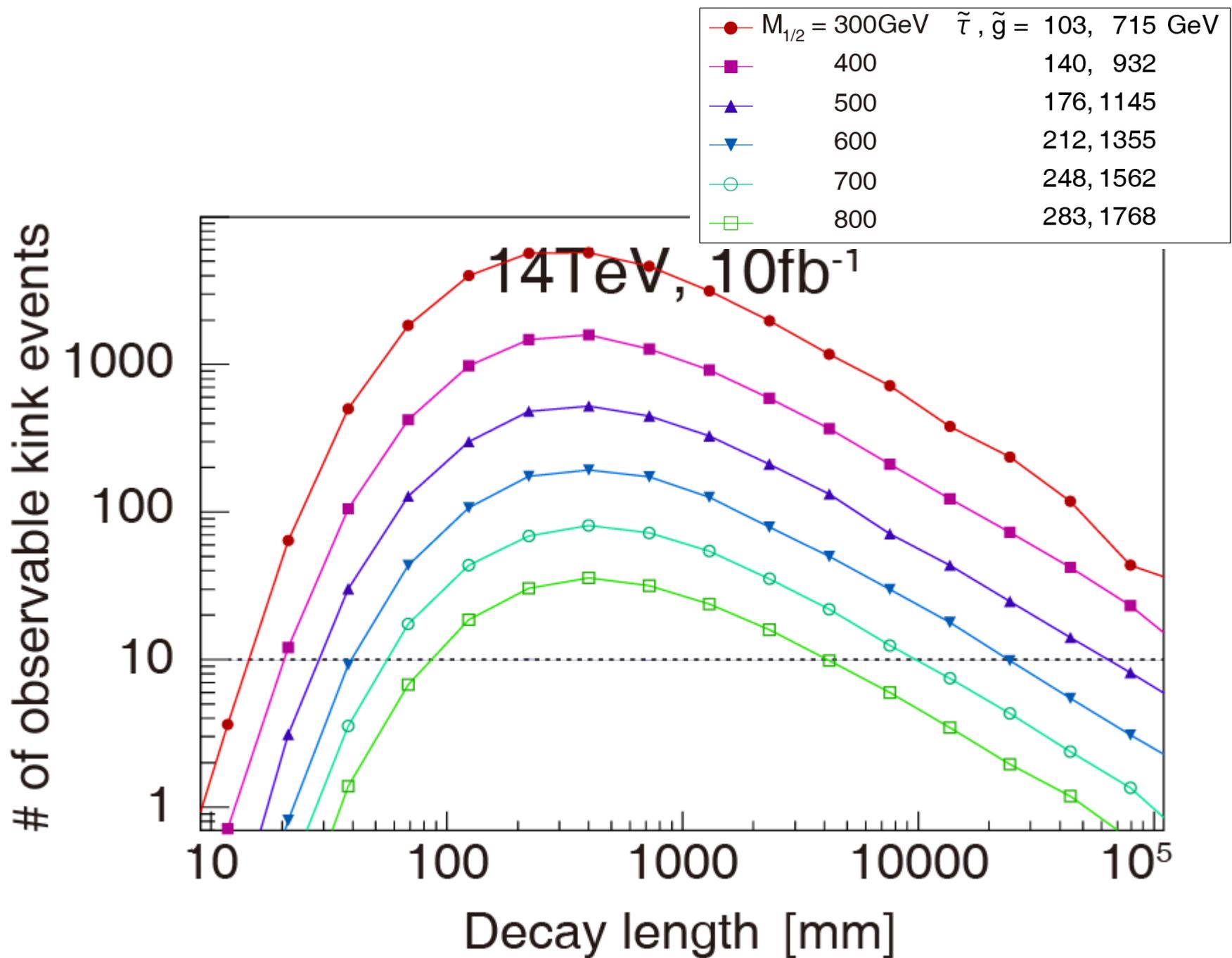
- Model discrimination is possible.



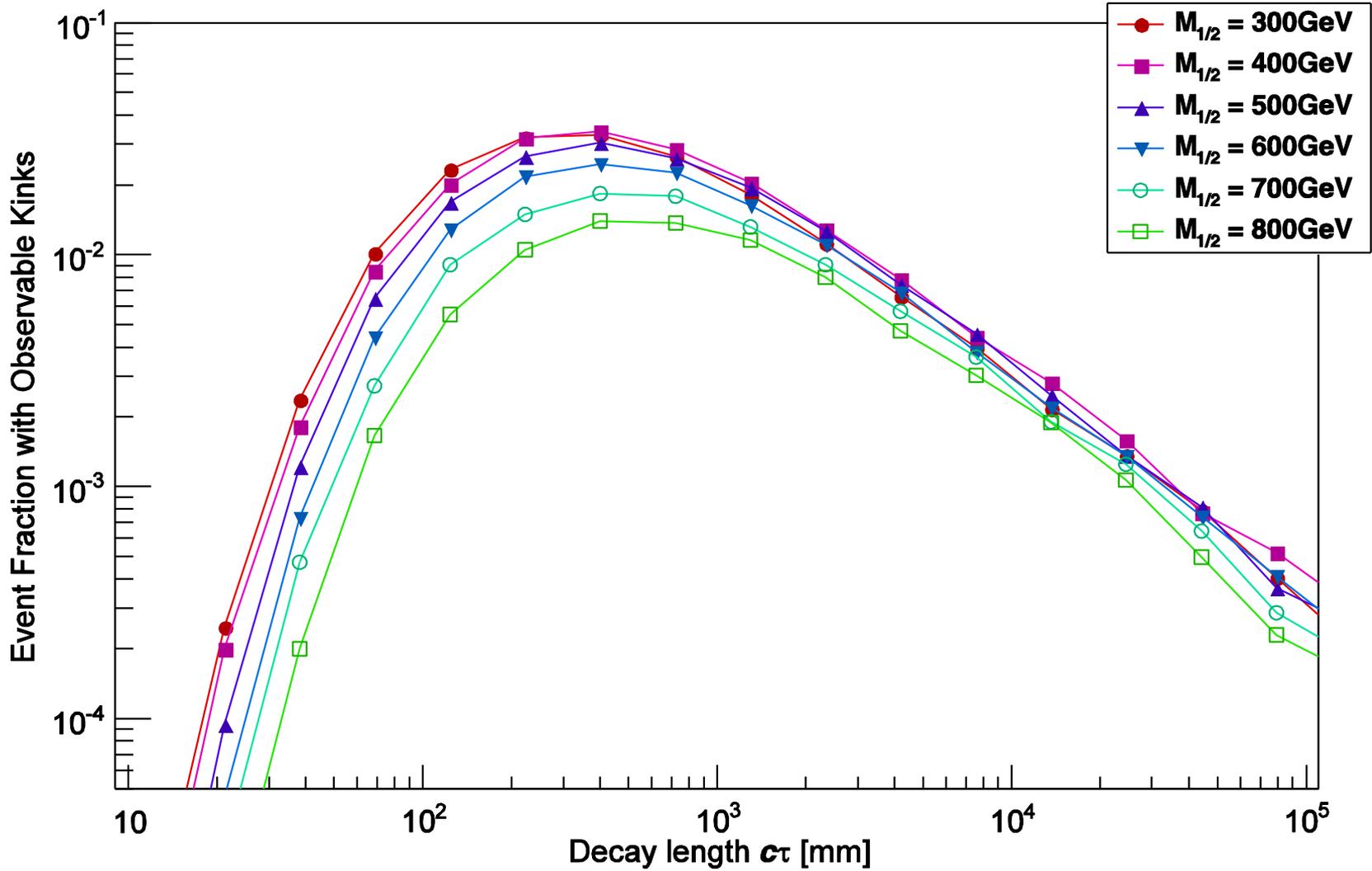


●	$M_{1/2} = 300\text{GeV}$	$\tilde{\tau}, \tilde{g} = 103, 715\text{ GeV}$
■	400	140, 932
▲	500	176, 1145
▼	600	212, 1355
○	700	248, 1562
□	800	283, 1768

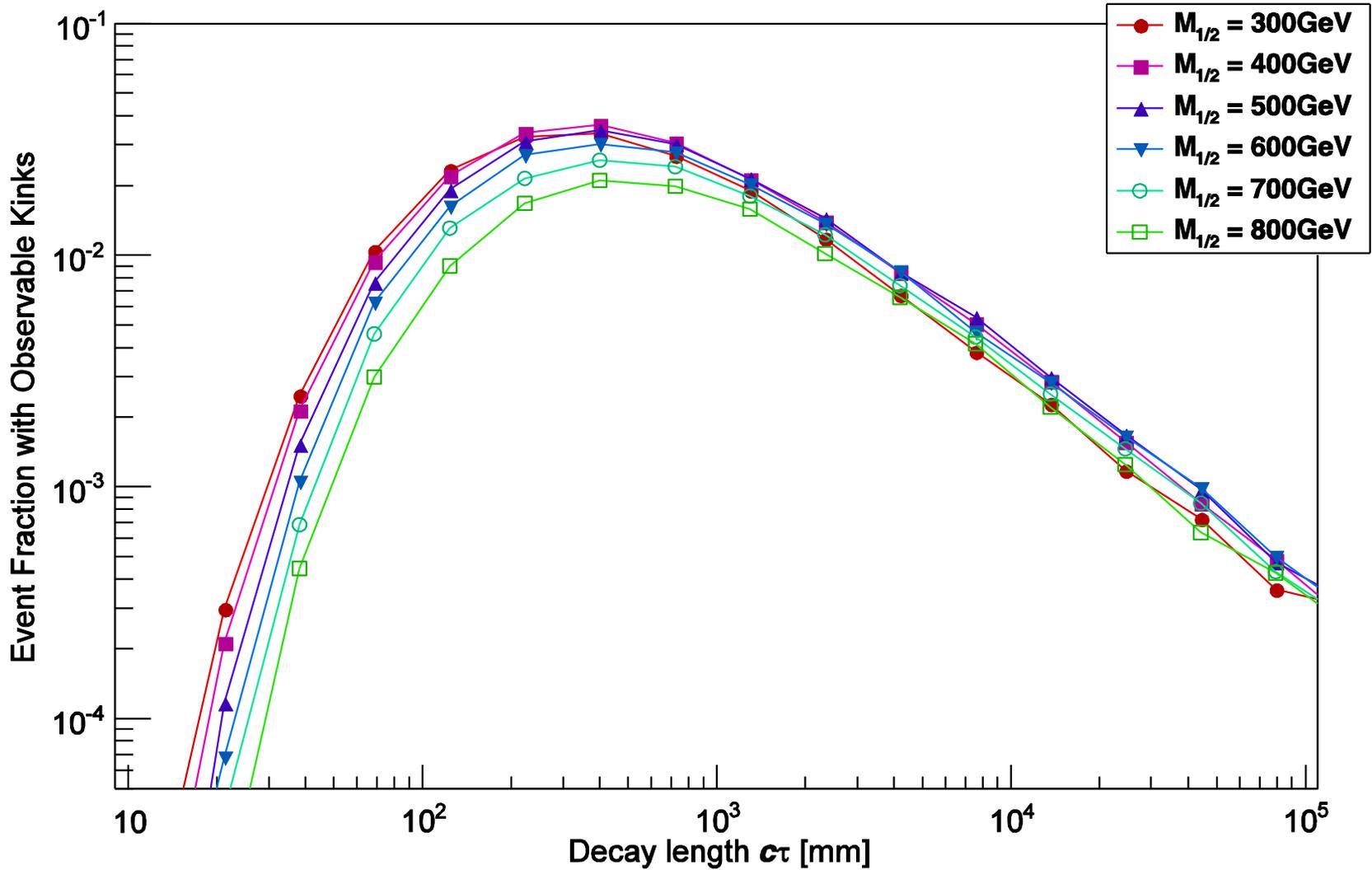




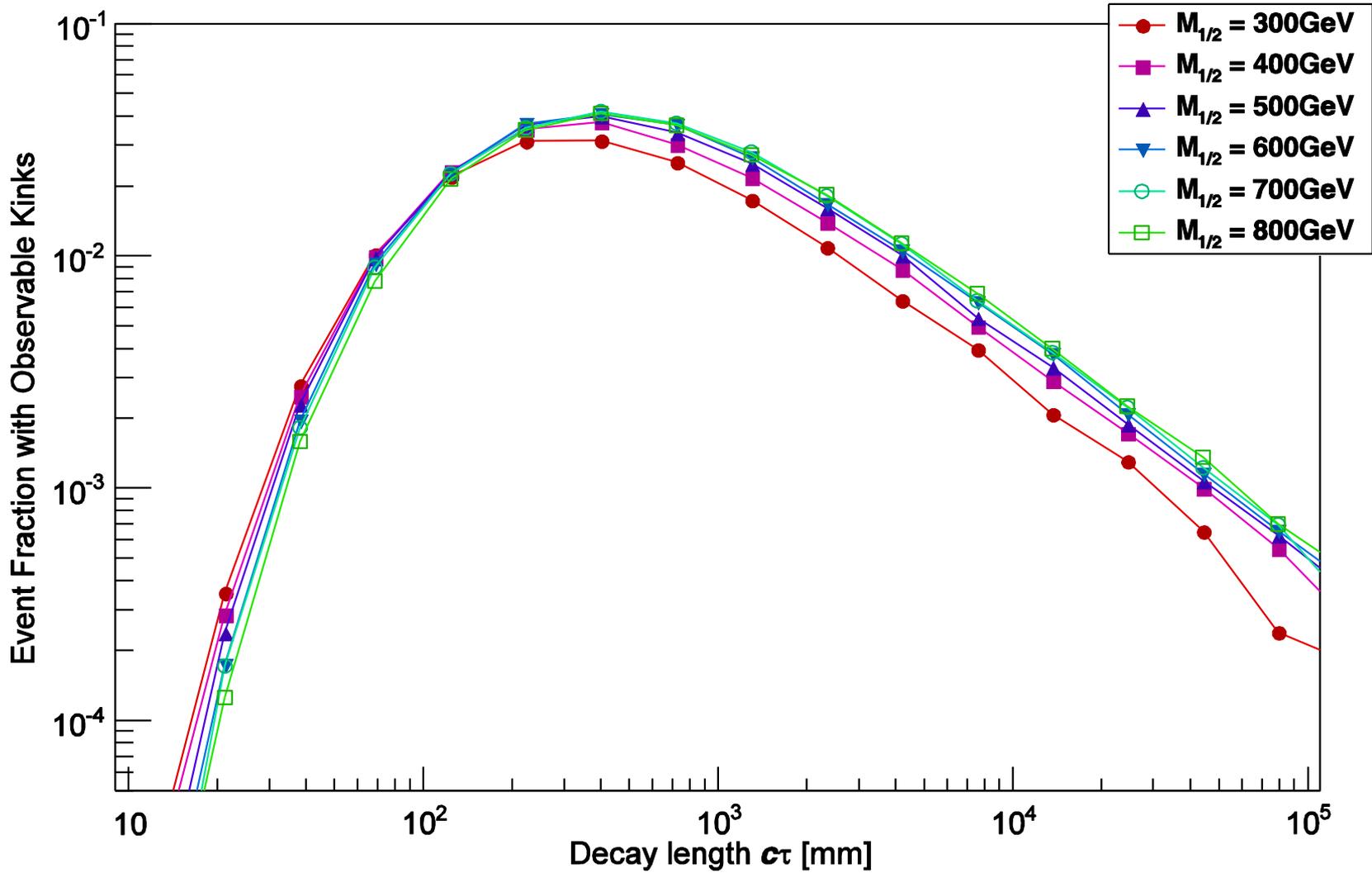
7TeV, 5fb⁻¹



8TeV, 5fb⁻¹



14TeV, 10fb⁻¹



Monte Carlo System

