

Probing Higgs (and other) portals with CODEX-b



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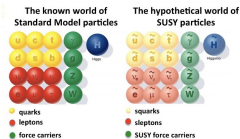
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LLPs are generic!

Higgs(and other) portals provide rich arena for LLP phenomenology



R-parity violation

Gauge mediation

(mini-)split SUSY

stealth SUSY

Asym. Dark Matter

Freeze-in

Composite Dark Matter

Baryogenesis

Neutrino masses

Flavor puzzle

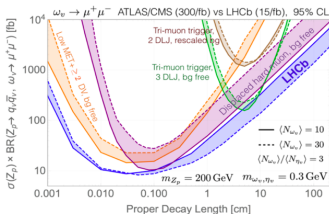
Neutral Naturalness

Hidden Valleys

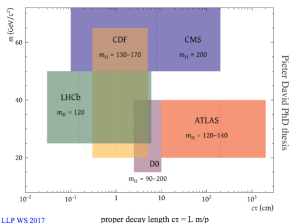
- LLP lifetimes as long as $\tau \lesssim 1$ s are broadly consistent with BBN
- Masses can plausibly range from sub-MeV to $\mathcal{O}(100$ GeV).

LHC coverage

- ATLAS/CMS will set best limits for **charged, colored and/or heavy LLPs**
- LHCb: probes $\mathcal{O}(\text{GeV})$ neutral LLPs with **significant muon BR** and $c\tau \sim$ **VELO scale**: can trigger on softer μ 's and softer DVs.
- In some cases, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb coverage is already **complementary**
- (see Monica D'Onofrio's talk)



Pierce, Shakya, Tsai, Zhao: 1708.05389



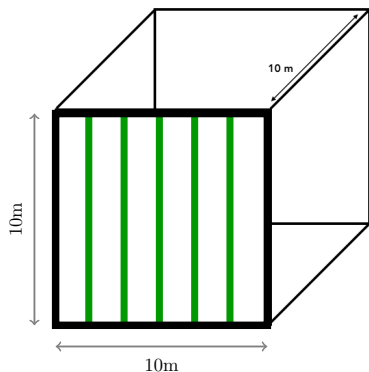
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- Large BGs in hadronic collisions: **lighter, neutral, longer-lived LLPs** are hard for them to see!
- (see David Curtin's talk for discussion of proposals and physics cases)

Instrumentation

As a proof-of-concept:

- Fiducial volume ('the box') is $10 \times 10 \times 10$ m; angular acceptance 1%.
- 6 (RPC) tracking layers on all faces
- 5 sets of 3 vertical tracking layers equally spaced in box
- 1cm strip granularity



Tracking simulation:

- Tracking effs are all $\mathcal{O}(1)$ for benchmarks we consider (more later)

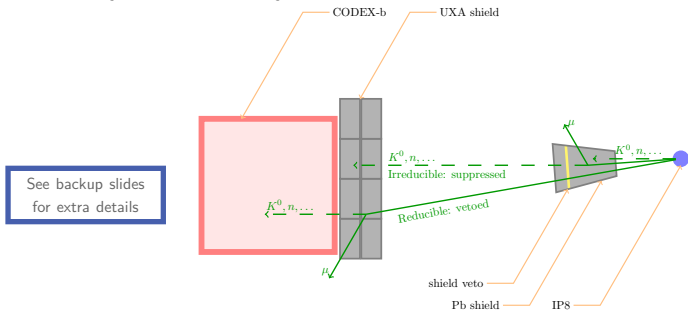
Capabilities and possibilities

- **Distance** is only ~ 4 bunch crossing times for relativistic objects: **Integrate CODEX-b into the DAQ & readout, and treat as subdetector**
 - Identification and at least partial reconstruction of the LLP event.
 - E.g. tag a VBF jet for Higgs decays, or an associated $K^{(*)}$ for B decays.
- Modest **size** of the fiducial volume: Consider more ambitious detection technologies such as **calorimetry or time-of-flight**
- Precision timing and spatial resolution, **100 ps** or futuristic 50 ps resolution possible
 - Required for LLP mass reconstruction

Backgrounds

Modest amount of additional shielding is needed for CODEX-b

- Primary and secondary sources: **muons, kaons, neutrinos, and neutrons**



- Conceptual study:
 - $(20 + 5)\lambda$ passive Pb shield attenuates muon & neutral hadron BGs
 - A thin veto layer rejects secondary production within the shield.
- **To estimate BGs we use a (preliminary) Geant4 simulation.**
- **BGs are controlled in this proof-of-concept with active veto eff $\sim 10^{-5}$**

Data-driven BG calibration

- Cosmics will be used for spatial & time detector alignment.
(Signal is from horizontally displaced source, not vertical!)
- Backgrounds can be measured by putting a **small telescope** in the LHCb cavern
 - Measure background rates with different shield thicknesses
 - Is being considered for an engineering run well ahead of full detector construction. Looks promising to do very soon!

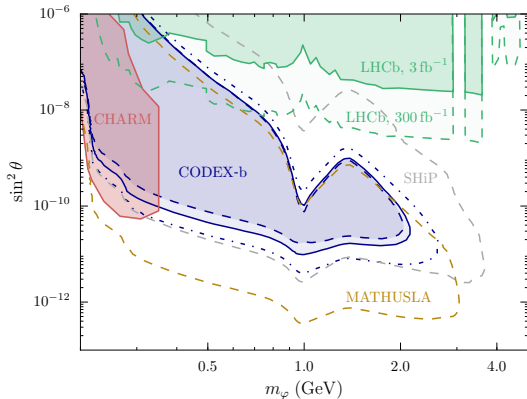
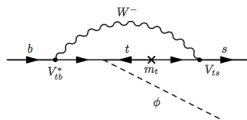
Benchmark Scenarios

Consider two benchmark (Higgs-based) LLP scenarios

- Spin-1 massive gauge boson γ_d
 - produced by Higgs decays $h \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d$
 - γ_d decays via kinetic mixing with SM hypercharge
- light $\mathcal{O}(\text{GeV})$ scalar φ
 - produced in inclusive B decays $b \rightarrow s\varphi$ via Higgs mixing portal
 - φ decay through same Higgs portal
- Coming soon: $h \rightarrow$ dark glueballs, twin Higgs mixing portal
 - Suggestions for other portals/signatures welcome!

$b \rightarrow s\varphi$: Higgs-scalar mixing

Single parameter portal: Higgs-scalar mixing angle, θ , controls production rate and lifetime

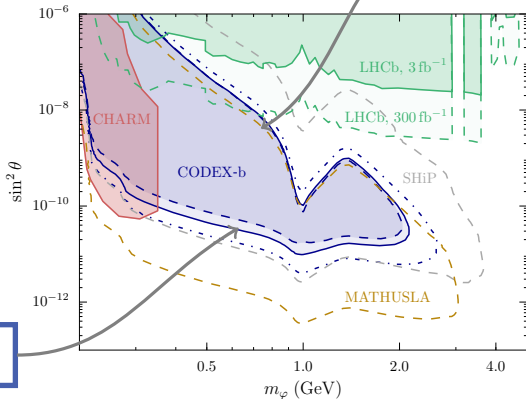
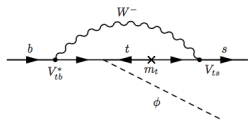


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- Blue dashed includes tracking sim; dot-dashed for $\mathcal{L} = 1/\text{ab}$

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short lifetime regime: φ 's decay before reaching box

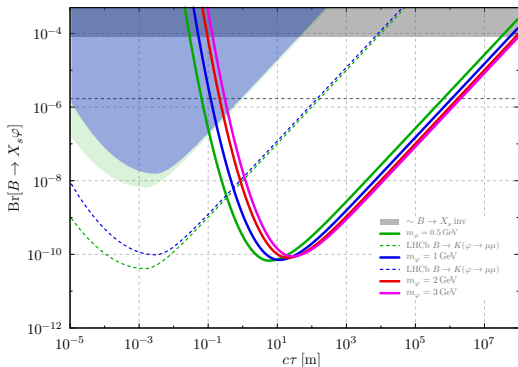


long lifetime regime: B production limited

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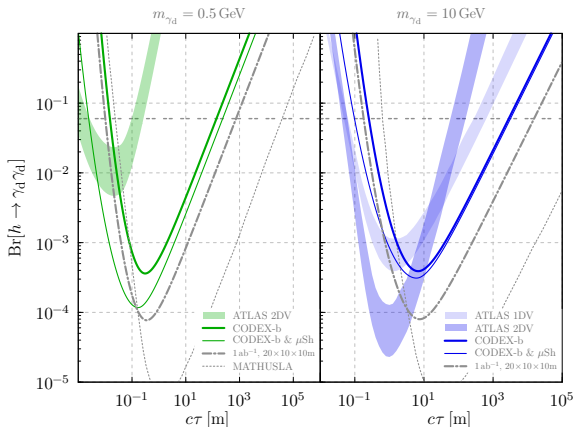
General $b \rightarrow s\varphi$ Reach

Relax constraint between lifetime and inclusive BR



- Max efficiency at $c\tau \sim 10$ m: parent B 's and daughter φ 's only mildly boosted.

$h \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d$: Higgs-Dark photon portal



- For $m_\varphi = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$, ATLAS reach is sys limited: Assume factor of 5 improvement. (Could scale as much as \sqrt{L})
- $h \rightarrow \text{inv}$ reach anticipated to be $\sim \text{few}\%$

Tracking Efficiencies

Implement a tracking simulation for above geometry:

- Six hits required for a track
- Assume sensitivity down to 600 MeV momentum

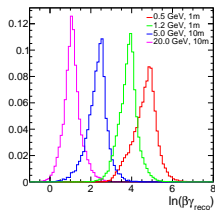
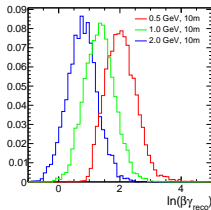
$c\tau$ (m)	$m_\varphi [B \rightarrow X_s\varphi]$			$m_{\gamma_d} [h \rightarrow \gamma_d\gamma_d]$				
	0.5	1.0	2.0	0.5	1.2	5.0	10.0	20.0
0.05	-	-	-	0.39	0.48	0.50	-	-
0.1	-	-	-	0.48	0.63	0.73	0.14	-
1.0	0.71	0.74	0.83	0.59	0.75	0.82	0.84	0.86
5.0	0.55	0.64	0.75	0.60	0.76	0.83	0.86	0.88
10.0	0.49	0.58	0.74	0.59	0.75	0.84	0.86	0.88
50.0	0.38	0.48	0.74	0.57	0.75	0.82	0.87	0.88
100.0	0.39	0.45	0.73	0.62	0.77	0.83	0.87	0.89
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Dominated by opening angle resolution. Requires optimization using station spacing and granularity

Dominated by assumption $p > 600$ MeV. Needs proper simulation of turn-off.

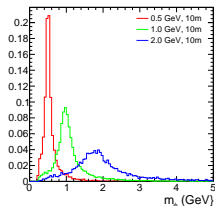
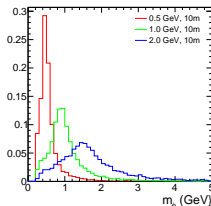
- Lesson: Proof-of-concept tracking effs are $\mathcal{O}(1)$. Can be further optimized.

Boost and Mass Reco



Mild resolution even for $b \rightarrow s\varphi$!

For $b \rightarrow s\varphi$, use **time-of-flight** to reconstruct LLP mass. Assume 100 ps and 50 ps resolution per hit. LLPs slow enough for mild mass reconstruction!



Thoughts & Next Steps

No showstoppers so far. CODEX-b can significantly enhance the NP reach and capabilities of the LLP programme, **complementing or exceeding** the reach of other LHC experiments, with **largely decorrelated backgrounds**

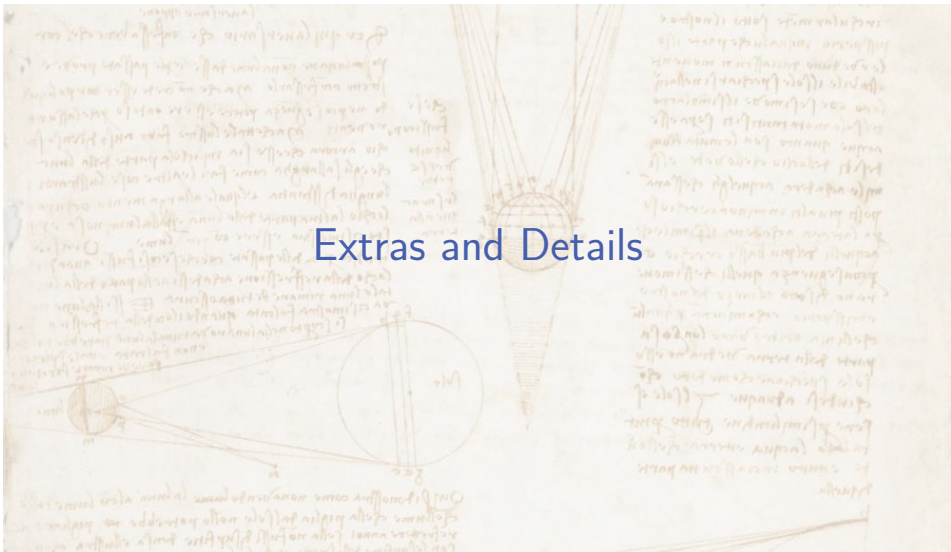
Higgs portals in particular are a 'target rich' environment. Can we leverage possible special capabilities of CODEX-b?

Lots to do:

- Develop a more realistic proposal for the detector, including BG shield analysis and tracking setup/other technologies, and achievable resolution for reconstruction
- Develop the NP physics case for other models

Thank you!

Extras and Details



Why do we care about LLPs?

Long lived particles are **generic consequence** of theories with:

- Small couplings
- Scale (or loop) hierarchies
- Phase space suppression

$$\Gamma \sim \varepsilon^2 \left(\frac{m}{M}\right)^n \text{PS}$$

broken sym
weak mixing/ marginal operator
technically natural

$m \ll M$, typically $n \geq 4$
loop factors

squeezed spectra
approx sym
multibody decays

SM provides a **template** in weak decays:

Multiple scales (G_F)

Approx symmetries (e.g. isospin)

3-body final states

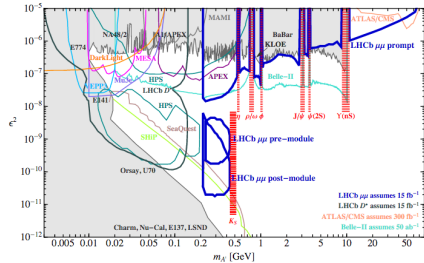
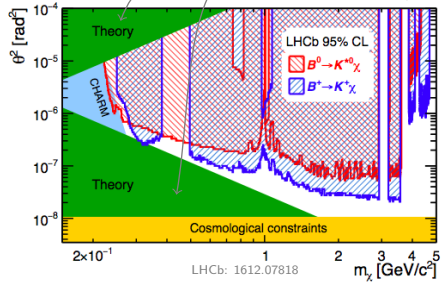
LHCb (projected) reaches

Two example portals:

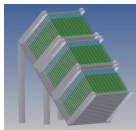
- Higgs mixing portal:
 $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}(\varphi \rightarrow \mu\mu)$
- Dark photon portal:
 $D^* \rightarrow DA'$

Reach in $c\tau$ is limited by size of VELO/TT distance and/or statistics

Generically not excluded: Applies for light inflaton (Bezrukov and Gorbunov 1303.4395)



Some LLP Proposals



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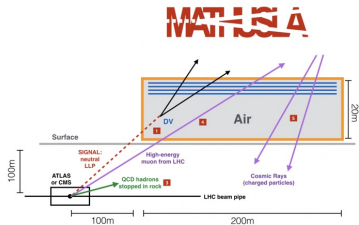
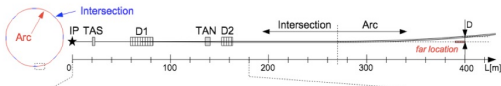
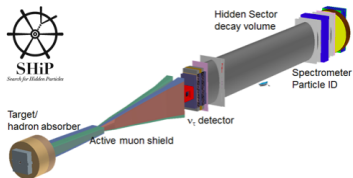


Image: D.Curtin & R. Sundrum

CODEX-b physics reach will be most directly comparable to MATHUSLA. The LLP detection strategies and technologies necessarily have various commonalities, though the backgrounds and configuration will differ in several critical aspects



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LLP Reach Intuition

Number of LLP decay vertices

lumi \sim 300/fb
or more!

$$N_{\text{box}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{LHCb}} \times (\sigma \times \text{Br})_{pp \rightarrow \varphi X} \times \varepsilon_{\text{box}}$$

portal dependent
sensitive to η, ϕ, β distribution

Fiducial efficiency:

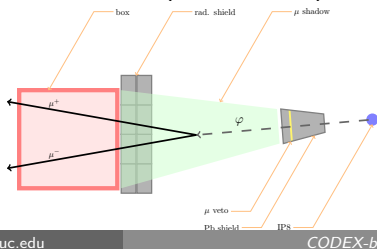
$$\varepsilon_{\text{box}} = \int_{\text{box}} \frac{dV}{2\pi r^2 c\tau} \int d\beta w(\beta, \eta) \times \frac{e^{-r/(c\tau\beta\gamma)}}{\beta\gamma}$$

for distance $\ll c\tau\langle\beta\gamma\rangle$
 $\varepsilon \sim |\text{depth}|/c\tau\langle\beta\gamma\rangle$
linear suppression
at long lifetimes

for distance $\gg c\tau\langle\beta\gamma\rangle$
 $\varepsilon \sim e^{-r_{\text{near}}/c\tau\langle\beta\gamma\rangle}$
exponential suppression
at short lifetimes

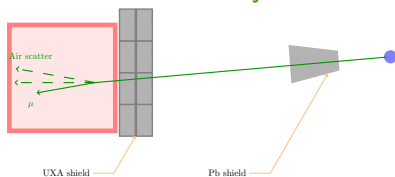
Other Capabilities and Possibilities

- If **DELPHI** is removed, fiducial volume doubles!
- Precision timing and spatial resolution, **100 ps** or futuristic 50 ps resolution possible
 - Multi-track signatures could be very compelling signals of NP
 - Can fully reconstruct events even with one light invisible state:
semileptonic $\varphi \rightarrow fl\nu$ or $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi' ff$
- Empty space ('**muon shadow**') between IP8 and UXA shield **might** also be exploited if $BR(LLP \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim 1$.

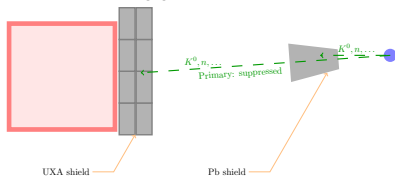


Primary Backgrounds

- Primary muons may scatter on air. Attenuated with extra shielding, and remainder vetoable by front tracking faces



- Primary neutral hadrons suppressed with additional shielding

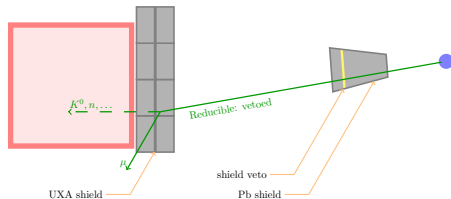


(In practice Pb is not ideal for neutrons: other materials to be considered)

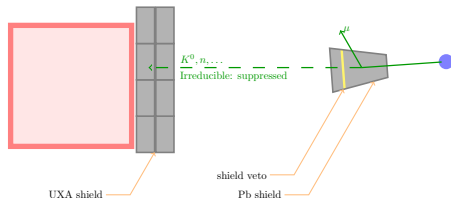
- ν -air inclusive inelastic σ : $\sim \mathcal{O}(3)$ events, but actual fake rate likely much smaller.

Secondary Backgrounds

- Muon or neutron **secondary** production in shield **can be large!**
Vetoable – ‘reducible’ – by active veto in shield



- Active veto placed so that active veto eff/rejection rate is minimized, while neutral ‘irreducible’ BGs are suppressed



Geant4 (20 + 5) λ simulation

To estimate BGs we use a (preliminary) Geant4 simulation. Includes muons, kaons, pions, neutrinos, neutrons, gammas, protons,....

BG species	Particle yields		Baseline Cuts
	irreducible by shield veto	reducible by shield veto	
$n + \bar{n}$	7	$5 \cdot 10^4$	$E_{\text{kin}} > 1 \text{ GeV}$
K_L^0	0.2	870	$E_{\text{kin}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$
$\pi^\pm + K^\pm$	0.5	$3 \cdot 10^4$	$E_{\text{kin}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$
$\nu + \bar{\nu}$	0.5	$2 \cdot 10^6$	$E > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$

These are yields not scattering rates! n -air scattering prob. $\sim 5\%$

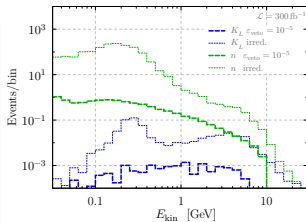
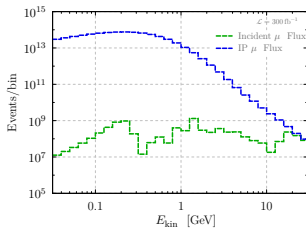
Normalization is set for min bias $\sigma \sim 100 \text{ mb}$

Muon-air interactions can be vetoed using front detector faces

Shield veto event rejection rate $\sim 10^{-4}$

No use (yet) of timing or spatial information

Estimates validated with simplified propagation model using muon CSDA and kaon scattering length, and scattering/muoproduction cross-sections, from data



$b \rightarrow s\varphi$

Single parameter portal: Higgs-scalar mixing angle, θ

- Inclusive $b \rightarrow s\varphi$ branching ratio

$$\text{Br}[B \rightarrow X_s\varphi] \simeq 6 \cdot s_\theta^2 (1 - m_\varphi^2/m_b^2)^2$$

- φ width also set by s_θ^2 , from data-driven estimate (Fradette and Pospelov 1706.01920). Somewhat large theory uncertainties for $m_\varphi \gtrsim 1$ GeV! (cf. Evans 1708.08503)
- B distribution generated with Pythia8 hardQCD; inclusive decays modelled by $B \rightarrow K\varphi$ exclusive
- $b\bar{b}$ production cross-section $\sim 500 \mu\text{b}$

$$h \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d$$

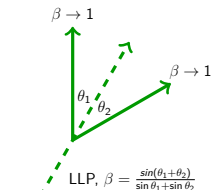
Higgs-Dark photon portal:

$$y h F'_{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon F'_{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$$

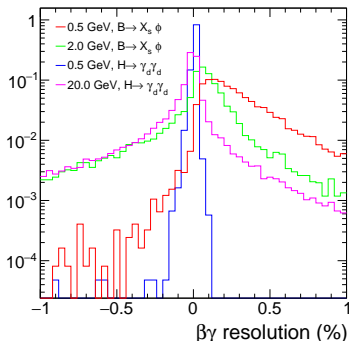
- $\text{Br}[h \rightarrow \gamma_d \gamma_d]$ and γ_d lifetime controlled by **separate parameters**
- γ_d branching ratios fixed by **e^+e^- data**
- GF Higgs production, simulated with Pythia8
- Daughter muons can be quite hard, can use **muon shadow** if $\text{Br}[\gamma_d \rightarrow \mu\mu]$ is significant

Boost Resolution

- Reconstruct parent boost from the measured decay vertex (no timing!), assuming 2-body decay with relativistic products (only need spatial info!)



see also Curtin & Peskin:
1705.06327



- The resolution is $< 1\%$ dominated by distance to first measured point, not detector granularity
- Boost distribution is dominated by the spread of boosts, not resolution.