Building the future together

Open questions in fundamental physics and our main future facilities to address them

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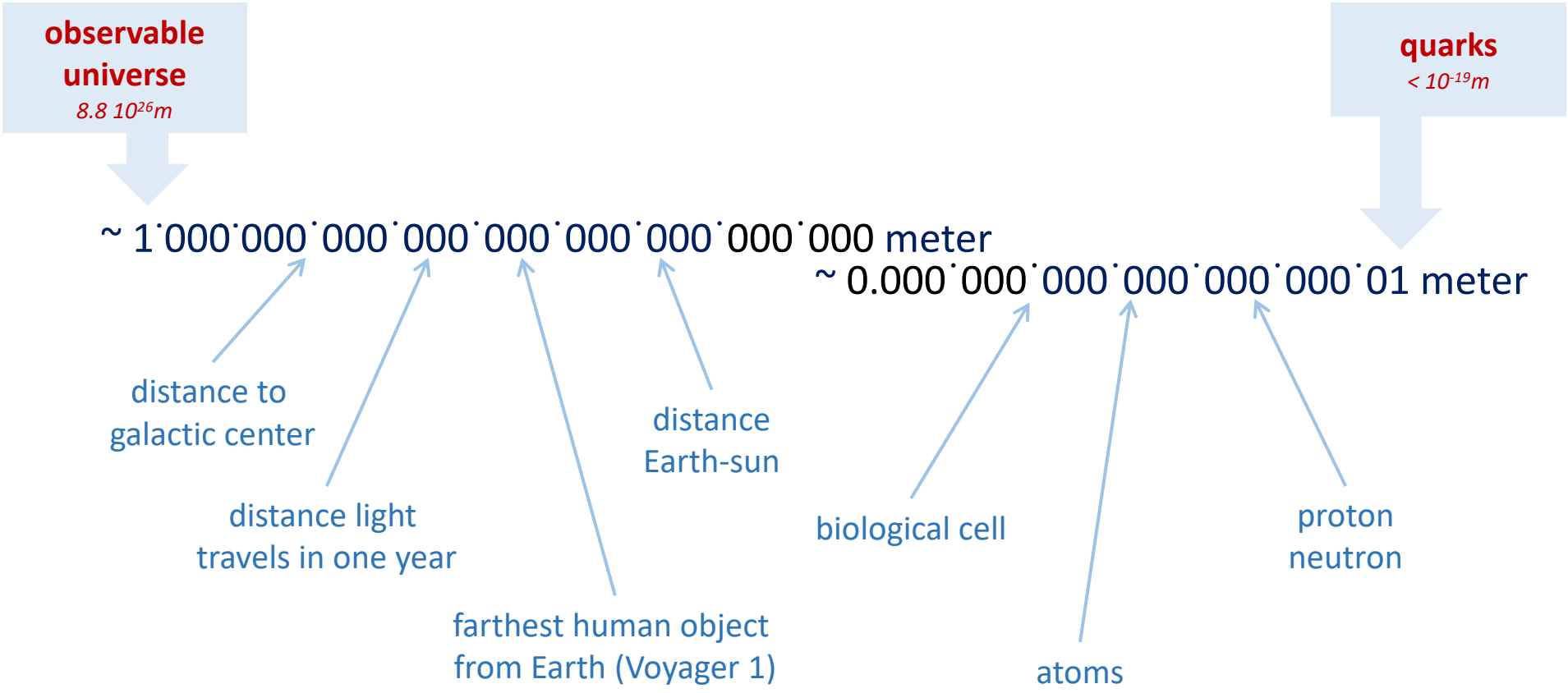
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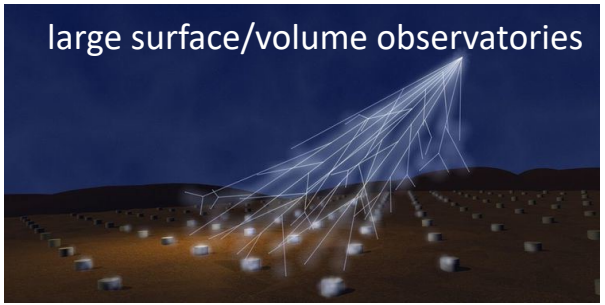

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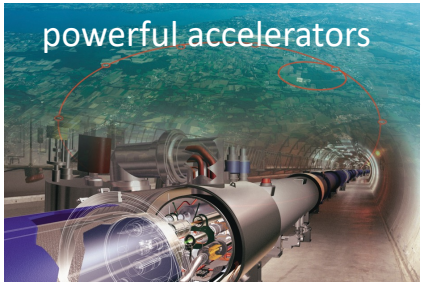

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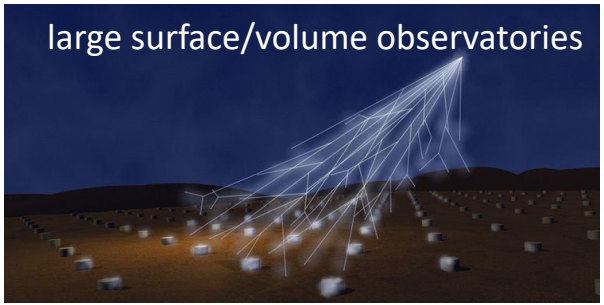

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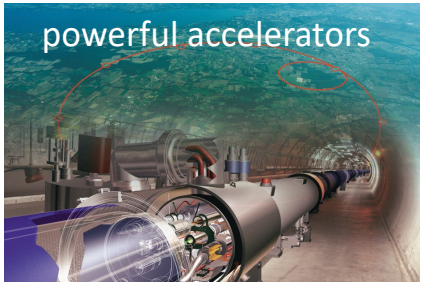

lifetime top quark
$5\ 10^{-25}$ s

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lifetime star
10^{13}-10^{16} s

duration supernova & GRB
0.1-100 s

lifetime proton
> $3\ 10^{41}$ s

lifetime kaon ($K^{\pm}$)
$1.2\ 10^{-8}$ s

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Basic Principles

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e.g. the causality principle:
a future state depends only on the present state

e.g. the invariance principle:
space-time is homogeneous

FROM LONG-STANDING OBSERVATIONS

the wave-particle duality principle
the quantisation principle
the cosmological principle
the constant speed of light principle
the uncertainty principle
the equivalence principle

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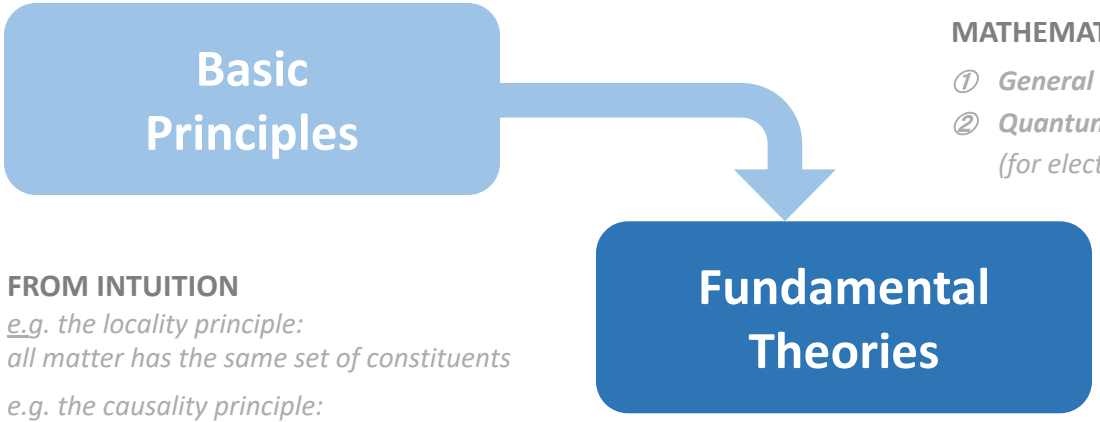

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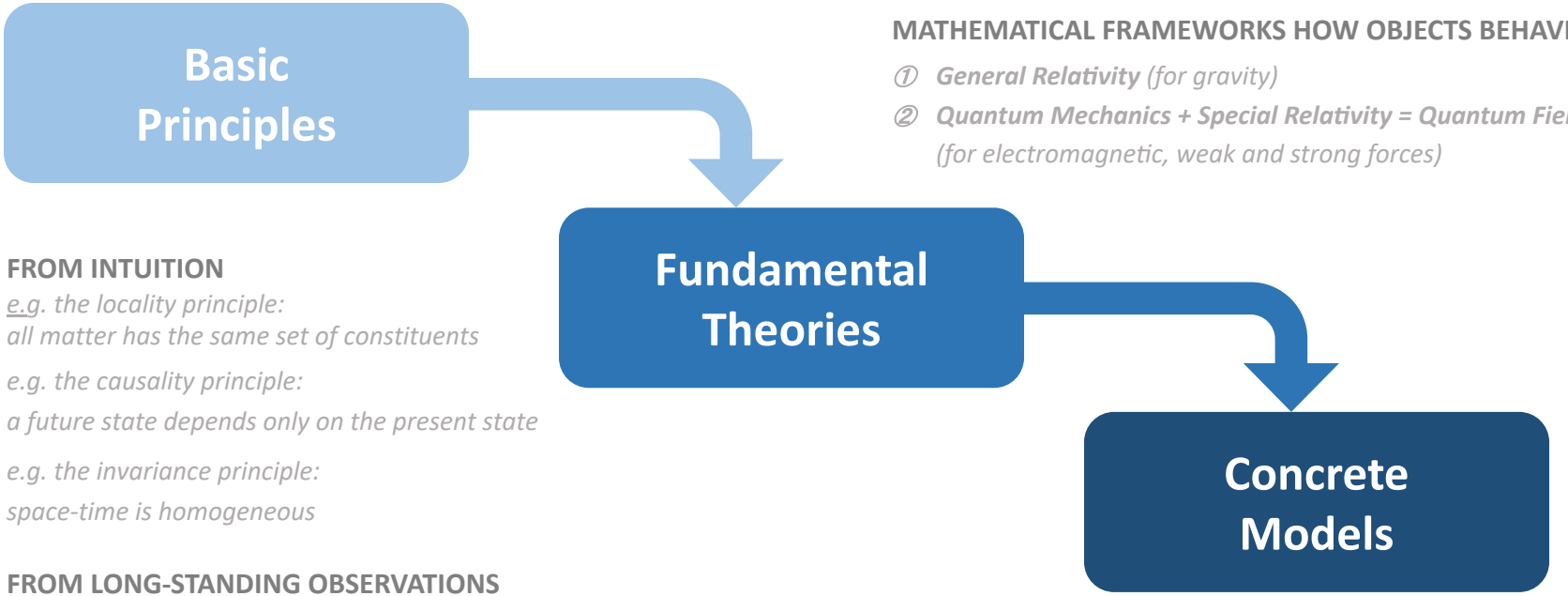

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APPLY MATHEMATICAL FRAMEWORKS ON OBJECTS

① *General Relativity* → ***Standard Model of Cosmology***

② *Quantum Field Theory* → ***Standard Model of Particle Physics***

need to be valid into even the tiniest cracks of space and time
and for all energies or masses of the objects… even at the extremes

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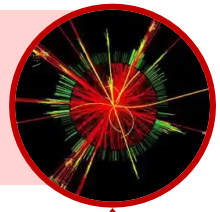
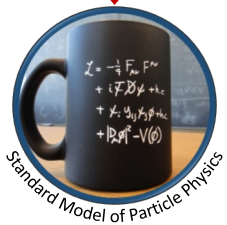
observations how small objects behave in our laboratories





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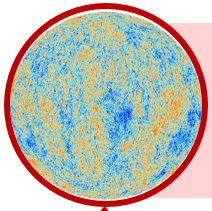

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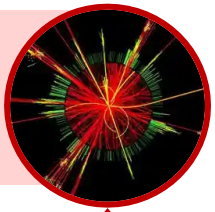

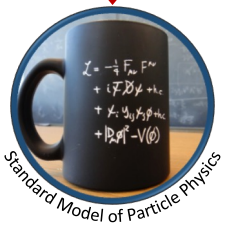

Einstein's field equations of gravity from which the Friedmann equations are derived to model the evolution of the universe

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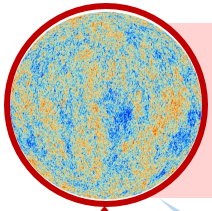
building blocks of life on the human scale



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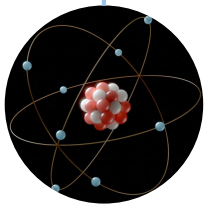
e.g. creation of chemical elements



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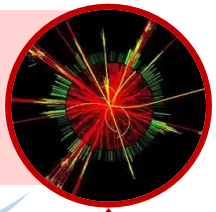

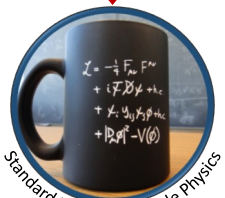

A century of scientific revolutions

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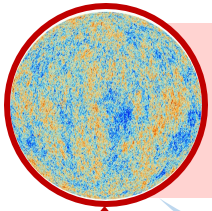

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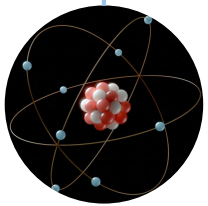

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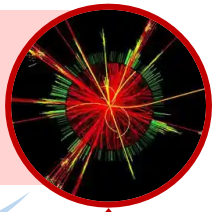

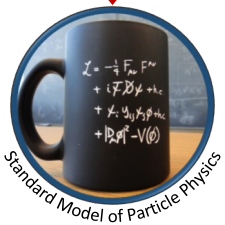

communication
satellites
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World Wide Web
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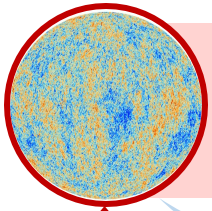

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production of particles and radiation
nuclear diagnosis and medicine

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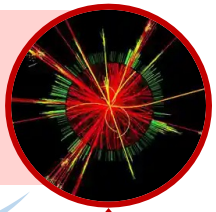
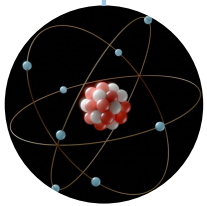


Standard Model of Cosmology



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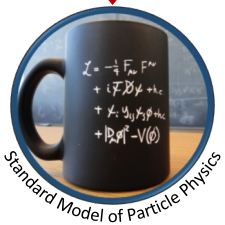
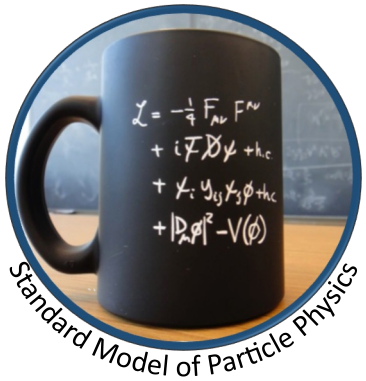


Standard Model of Particle Physics

"Scientific curiosity which ends up in your pocket"

Rolf Heuer (previous Director General of CERN)

The quest for understanding physics



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e.g. Abundance of dark matter?

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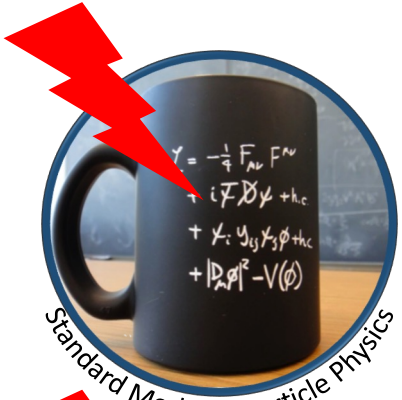

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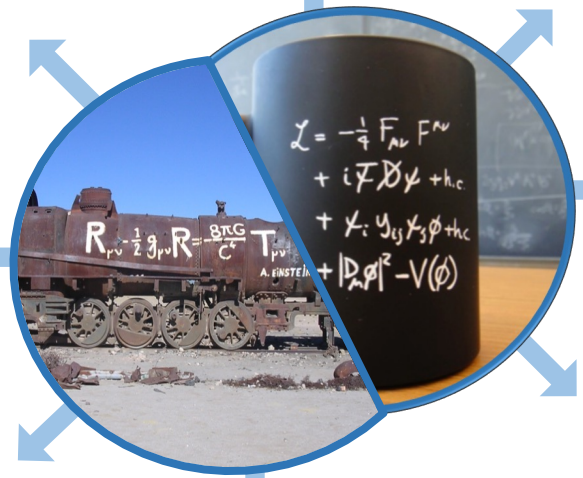
Observations of new physics phenomena and/or deviations from the Standard Models are expected to unlock concrete ways to address these puzzling unknowns

higher energy interactions
in the lab

earlier universe

rarer processes



higher precision

different
observations of the
same phenomenon

higher energetic phenomena
in the universe

RF cavities, high-field magnets, plasma wakefield acceleration

higher energy interactions
in the lab

squeezed-light sources to deal with quantum noise in gravitational-wave detectors

earlier universe

rarer processes

solid-state devices with fast read-out electronics

Innovate Technology
to make the invisible visible

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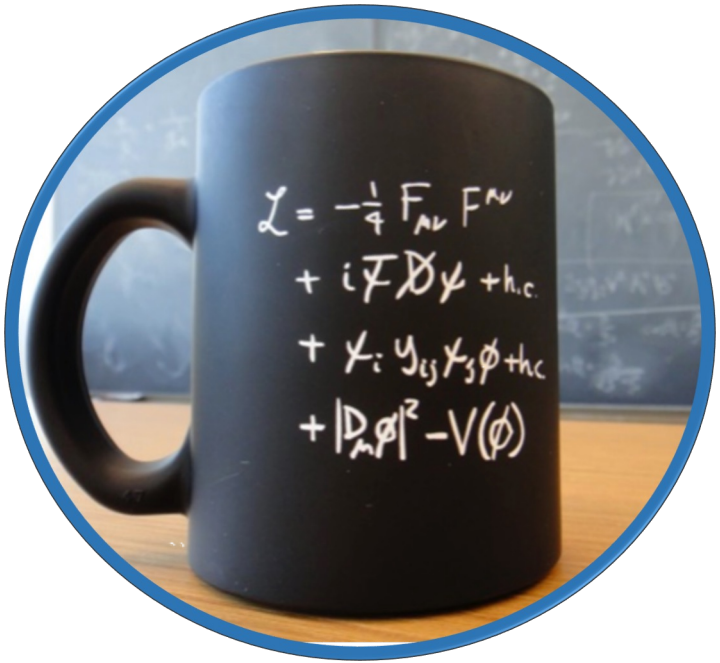
computing and software challenge for Multi-Exabyte Data Infrastructures

Extending our models with new phenomena

(assuming our basic principles and theoretical frameworks hold)



connection

(coupling strength)

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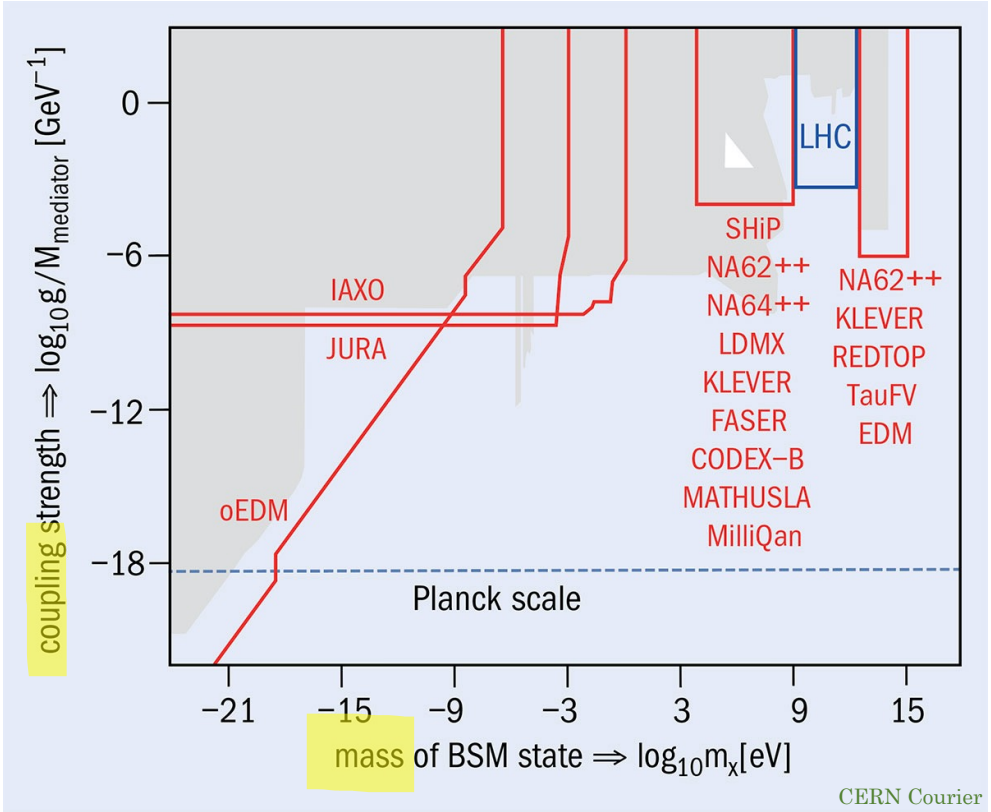
Requires a coherent portfolio of complementary experiments to cover the whole parameter space where new physics can be hiding



Most recent European Strategies

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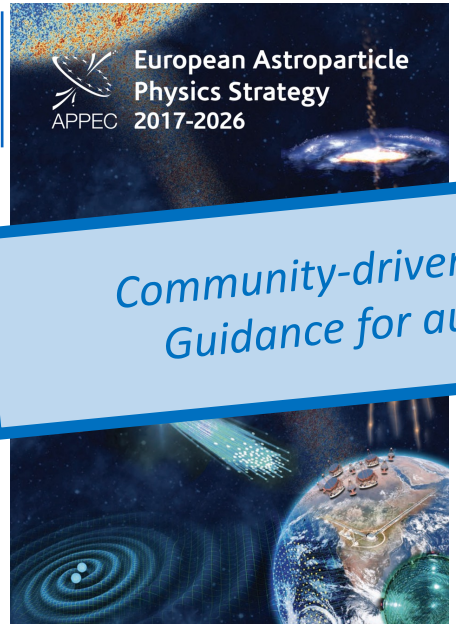

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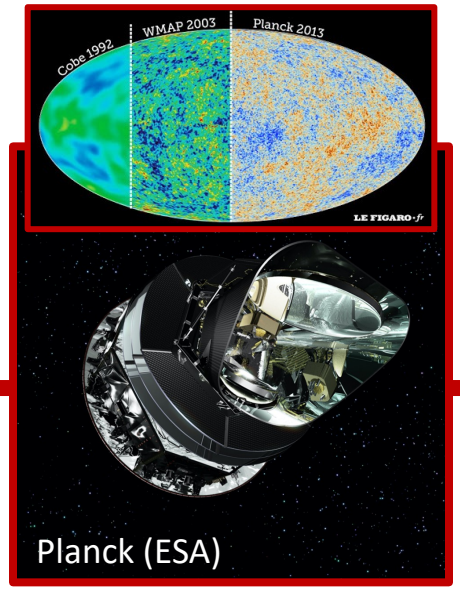
Guidance for authorities to develop resource-loaded research programmes.

our eyes on the sky

The cosmic frontier: Cosmic Microwave Background precision physics

Previous flagship

impressive science



completed

Next generation "Dark Universe" flagship

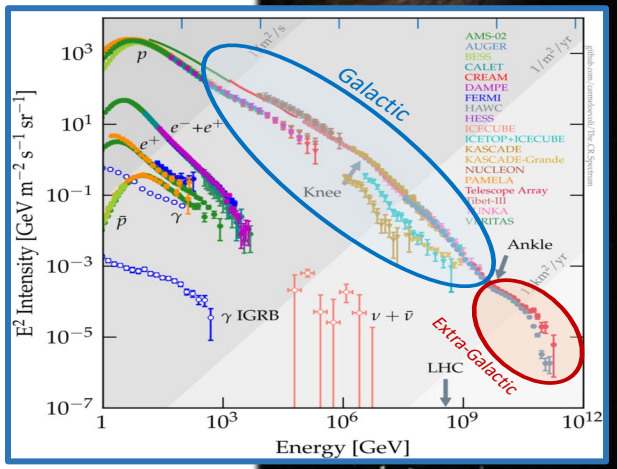
>30 M spectroscopic redshifts with 0.001 accuracy up to z ~2
to measure the acceleration of the universe

Properties of dark energy, dark matter and gravity

ESA: European Space Agency

A variety of very high-energy particles from our universe

cosmic particles



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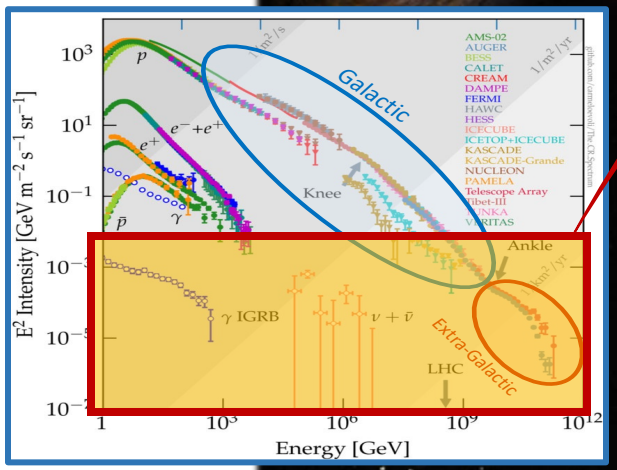
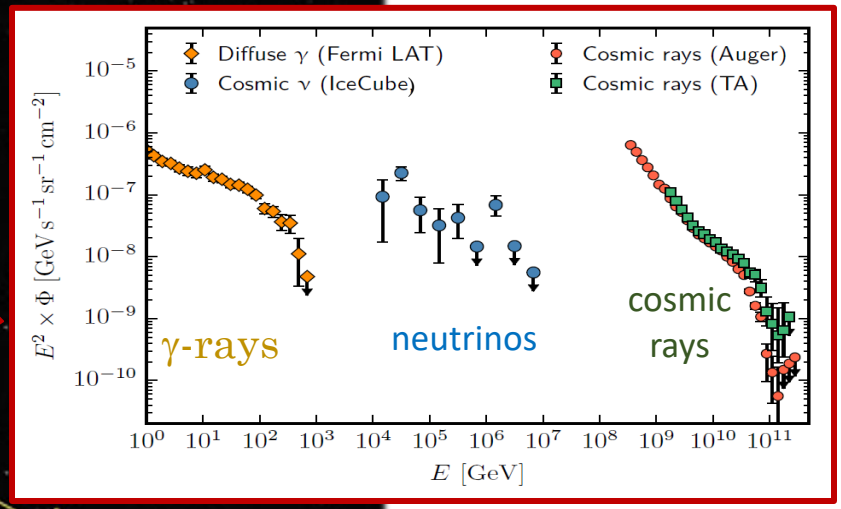


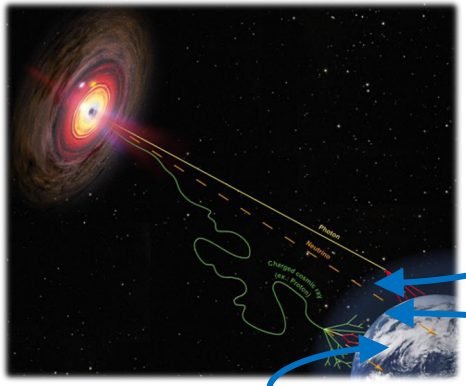


Similar cosmic energy density:
would they have a common origin?

into the global Multi-Messenger Realm for Astronomy to discover the sources

Major Cosmic Particle Facilities in Europe

advance our major participation outside Europe: Pierre Auger Observatory, IceCube(-Gen2), …



observatory in orbit

AMS-2

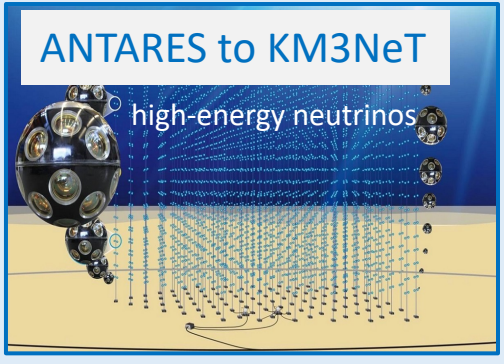
anti-matter in cosmic rays

data taking

observatory below surface

ANTARES to KM3NeT

high-energy neutrinos



construction, partially operational

BAIKAL-GVD

high-energy neutrinos

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observatory on the surface

H.E.S.S./MAGIC/VERITAS to CTA

high-energy gamma-rays

construction, start observations >2023

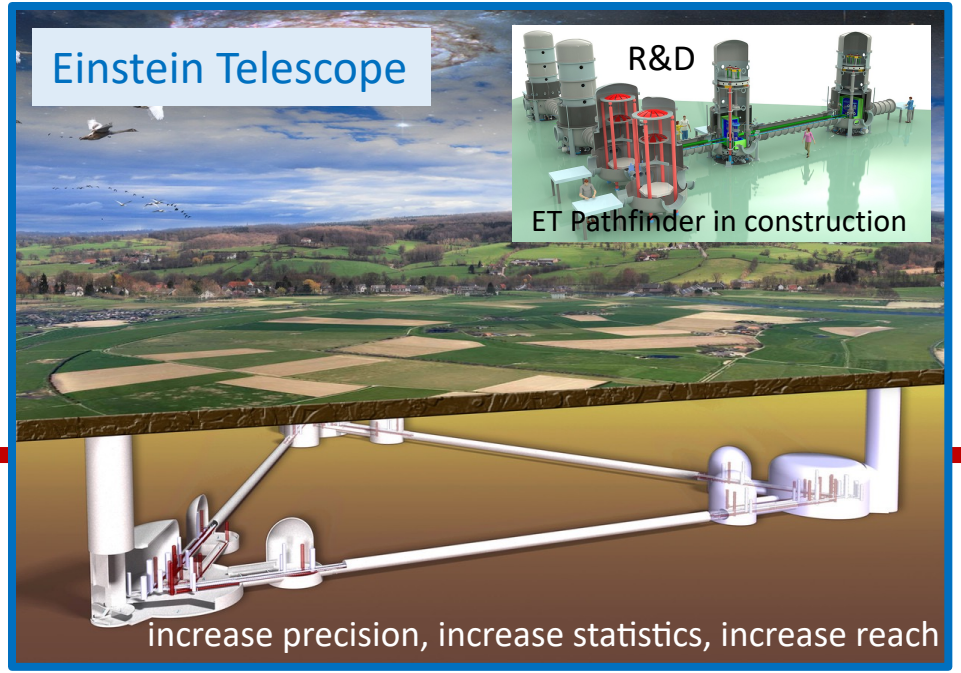
Gravitational Wave Facilities in Europe

Current flagships

Advanced & Plus upgrades up to 2035

3rd generation interferometer, beyond 2035

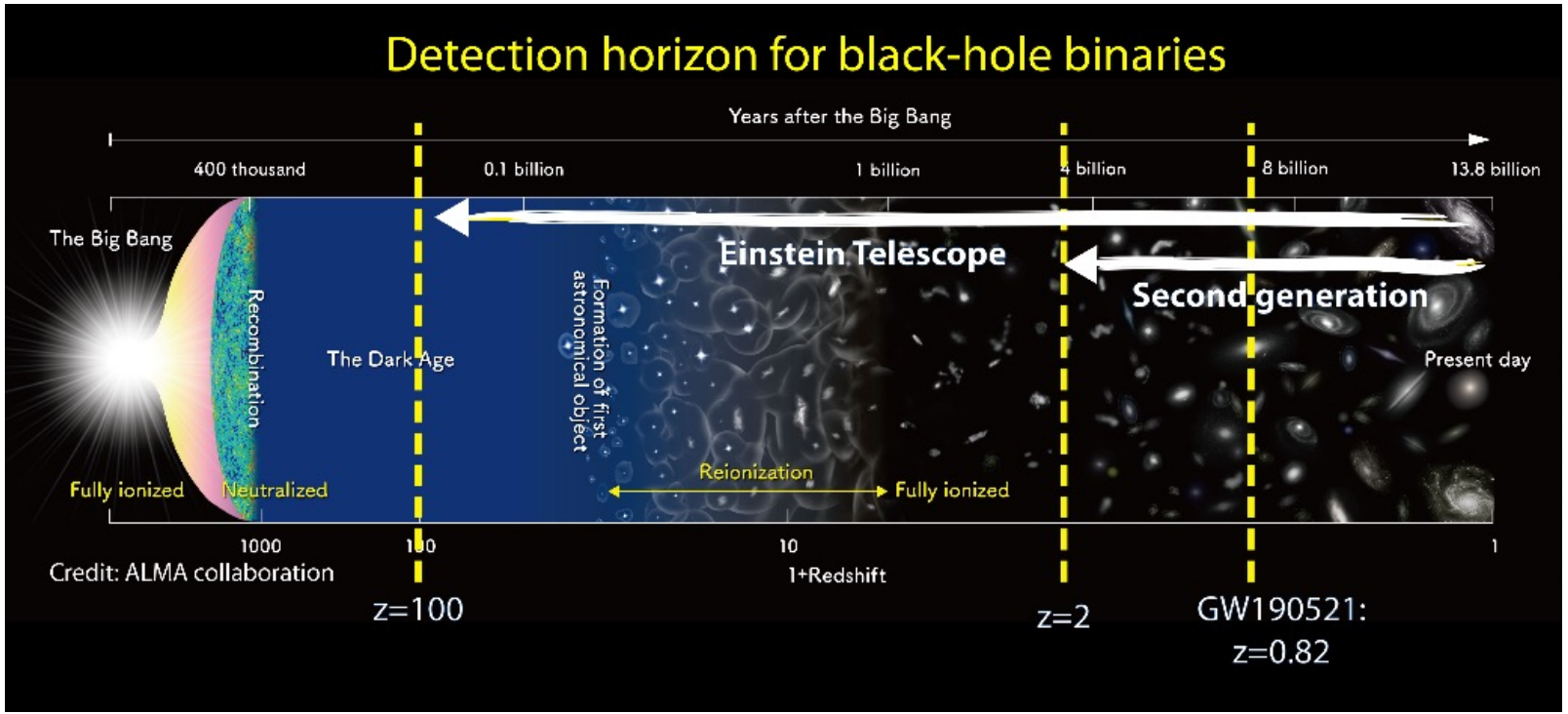
underground – triangle (10km arms) – cryogenic



on the ESFRI Roadmap (EU) *(European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures)*

complementary: LISA (ESA) to be launched around 2037

Gravitational Wave with the Einstein Telescope



Will our basic principles and theoretical frameworks hold throughout the cosmic history?

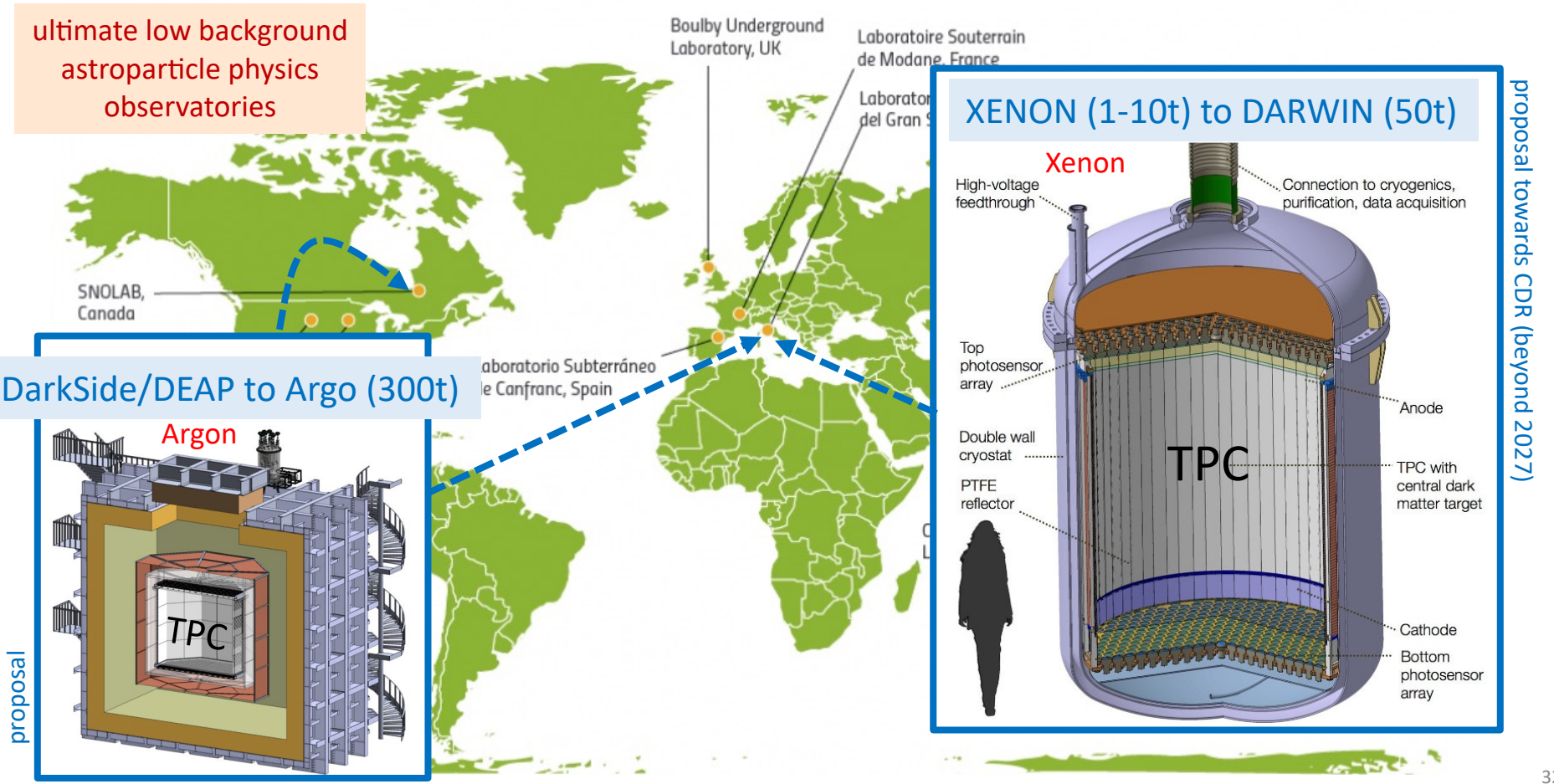
our eyes on the invisible

Major underground Facilities – shielding the visible

image courtesy of Susana Cebrián, "Science goes underground"

Major underground Facilities in Europe – Dark Matter

ultimate low background astroparticle physics observatories



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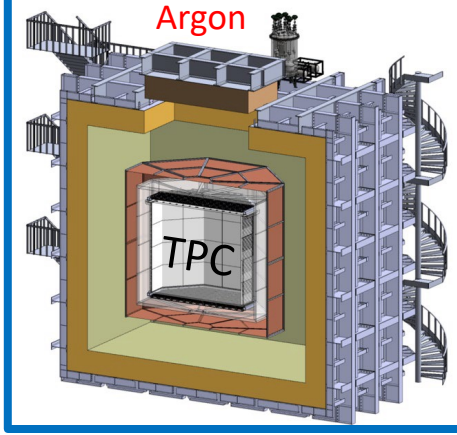

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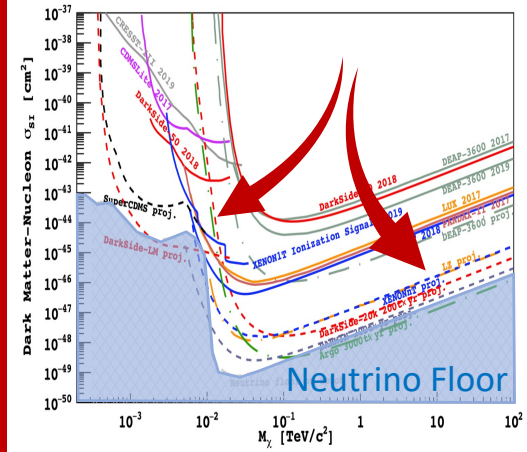

reaching the "neutrino floor"
where the neutrino backgrounds dominate

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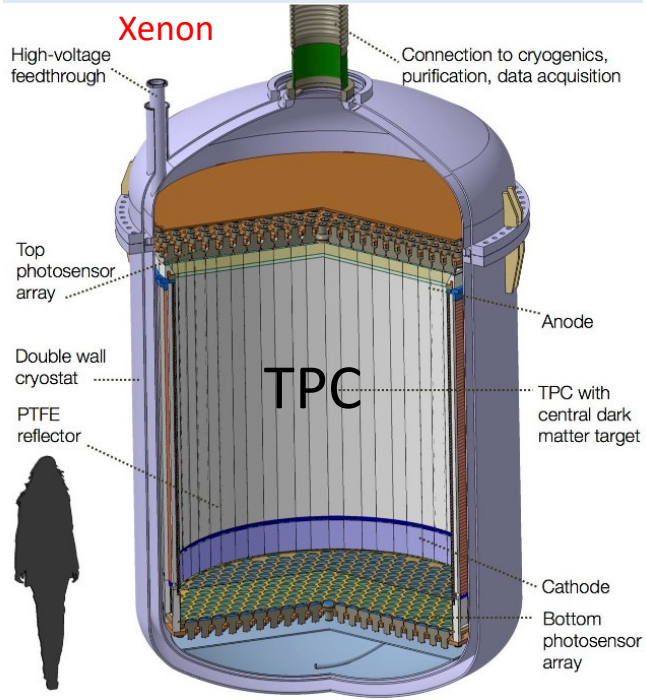

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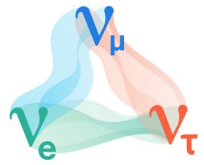
Neutrino sector extends the Standard Model

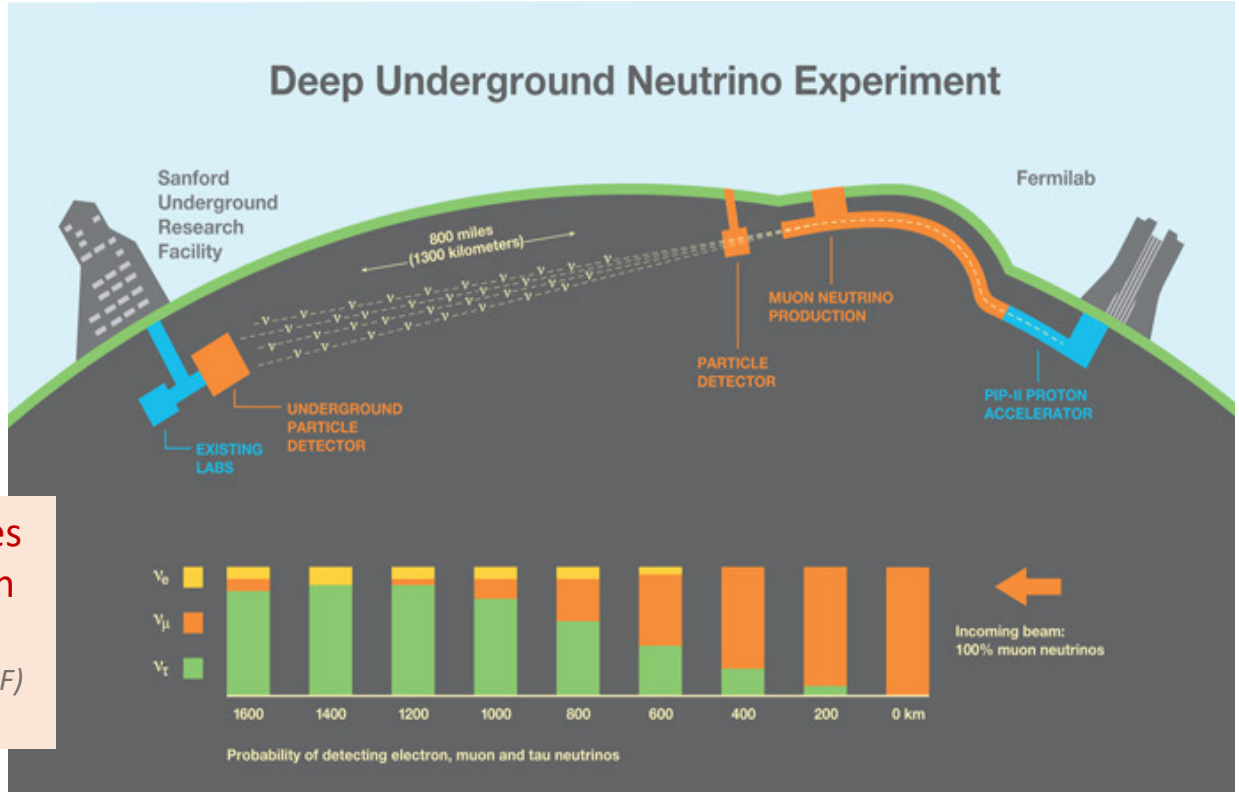
Because neutrinos oscillate, they have mass… but how to extend the Standard Model?



- *Is a neutrino its own anti-particle?*
- *Is there CP violation in the leptonic sector?*
- *What is the absolute mass scale?*
- *How does the neutrino mass spectrum look like?*

Measure the oscillation probabilities of neutrinos and antineutrinos with ultimate precision

e.g. at the Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF) with the DUNE experiment

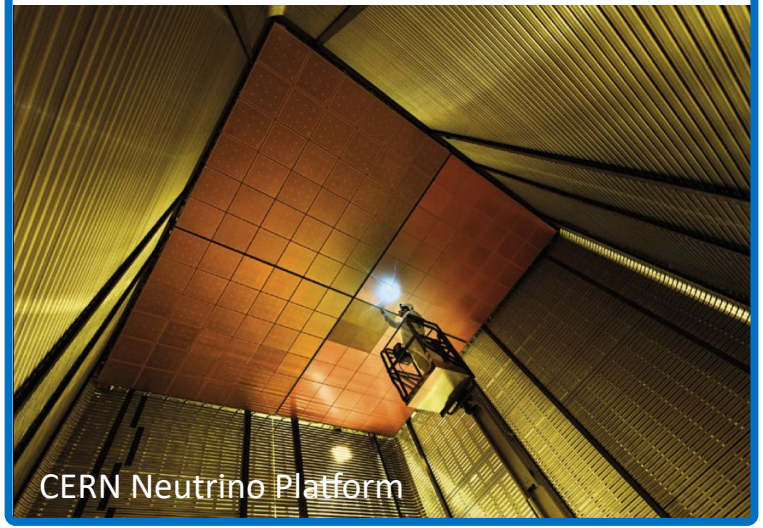


Neutrino beams in Japan and in the US

CERN's Neutrino Platform in LBNF & DUNE (US), and in T2K (Japan)

DUNE @ LBNF

Prototype dual-phase Liquid-Argon TPC



BabyMIND @ T2K (near detector)

Prototype for Magnetised Iron Neutrino Detector

Within the next decade, we will know much more how to develop the neutrino sector to extend the Standard Model

our eyes on direct discoveries

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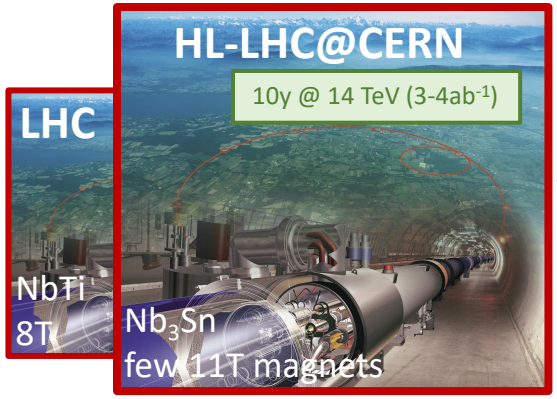

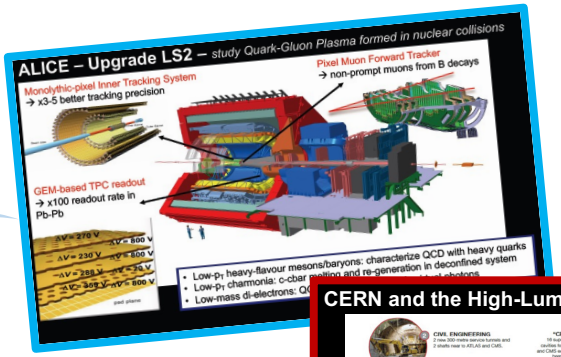

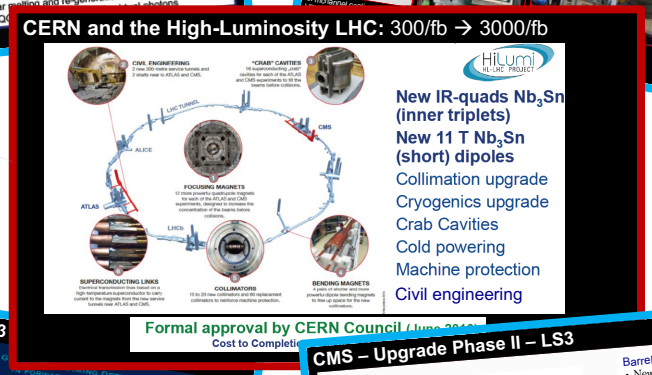

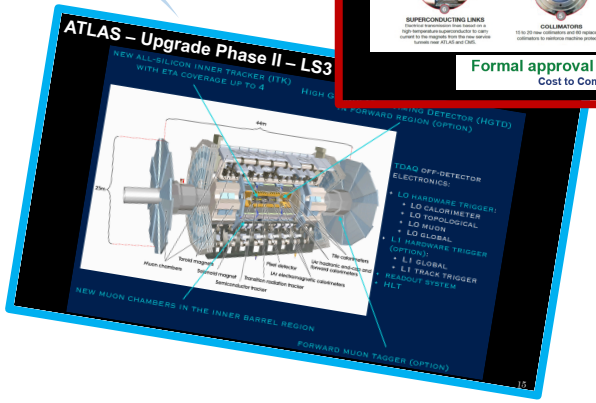

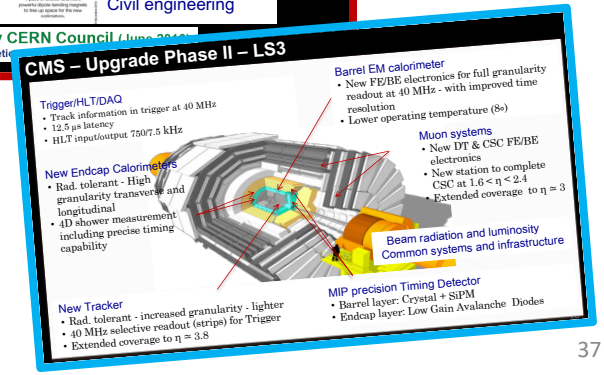

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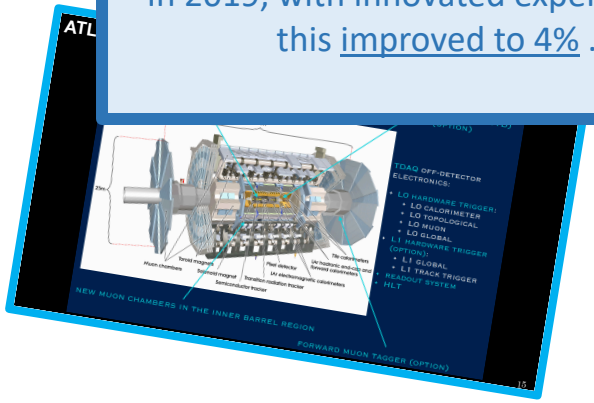
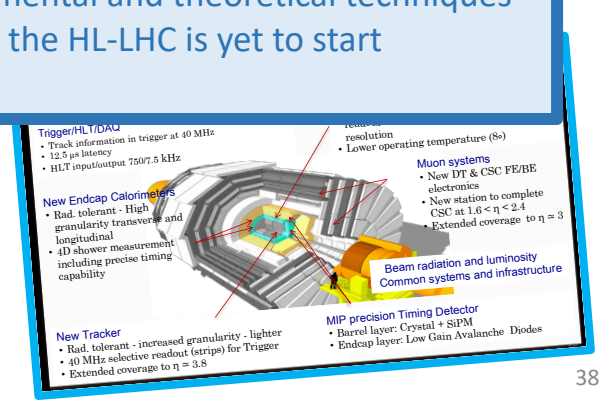
Talented researchers make the difference

In 2013, the expected precision on the top quark to Higgs coupling reachable with the HL-LHC programme was estimated 7-10%

In 2019, with innovated experimental and theoretical techniques this improved to 4% ... the HL-LHC is yet to start





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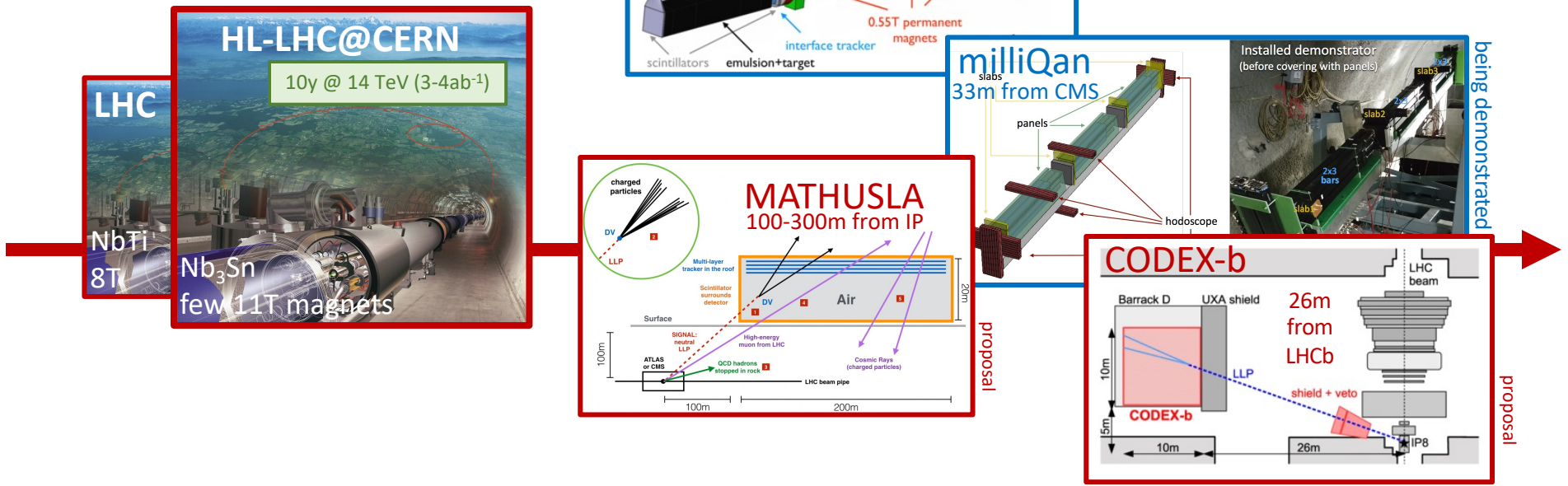
Additional opportunities with high-energy proton collisions



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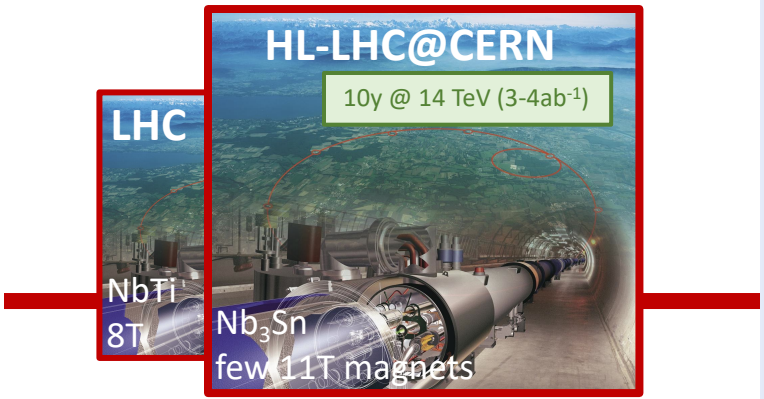
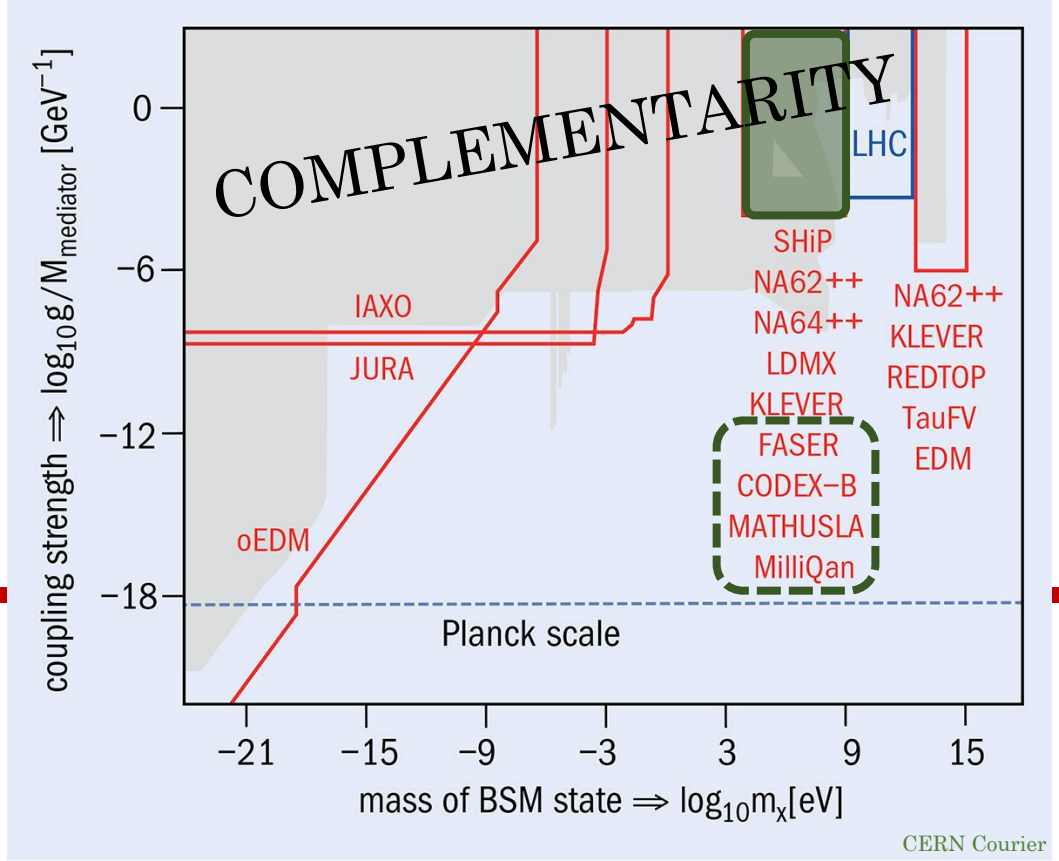


a high-energy proton collider is a catalyser for a unique portfolio of complementary research



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More complementarity beyond particle accelerators

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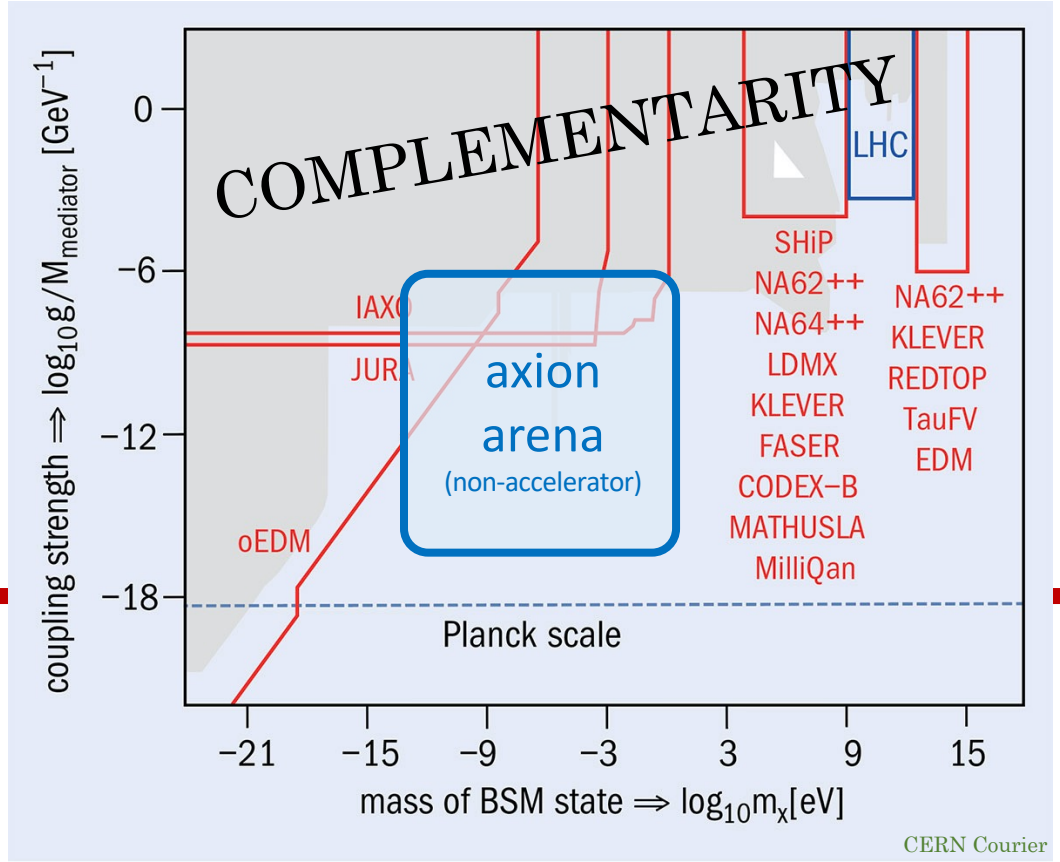

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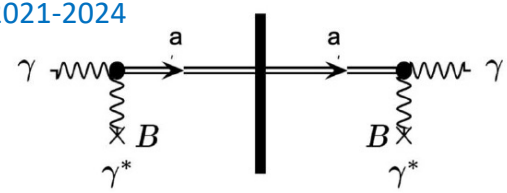
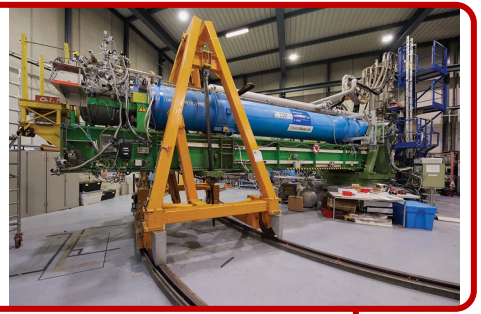
Axion Physics with “old” and new magnets in Europe

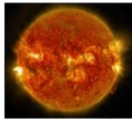
Light-shine-through-Wall
ALPS-II @ DESY
2021-2024

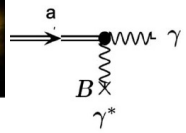


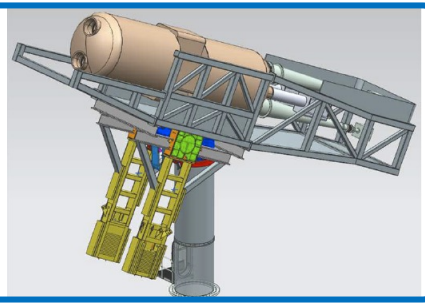
CAST @ CERN
(helioscope)
running



BabyIAXO & IAXO @ DESY
looking at the Sun, helioscope
2024-2030+







MADMAX @ DESY
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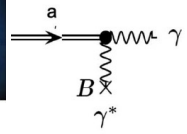

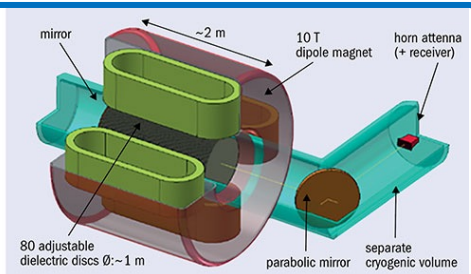

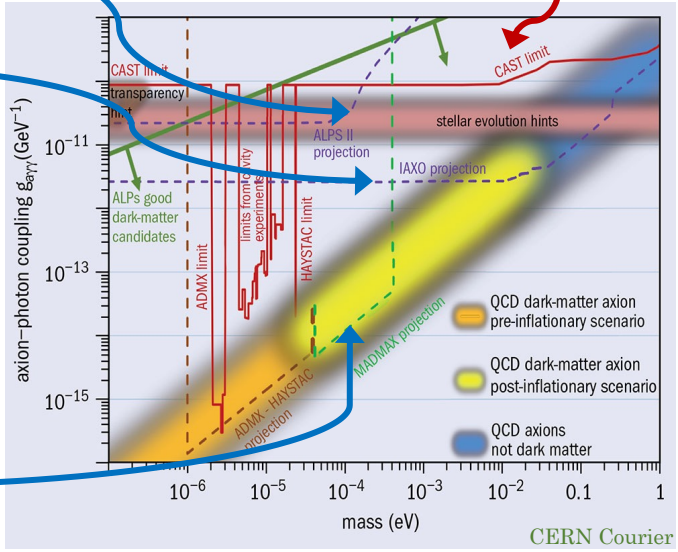

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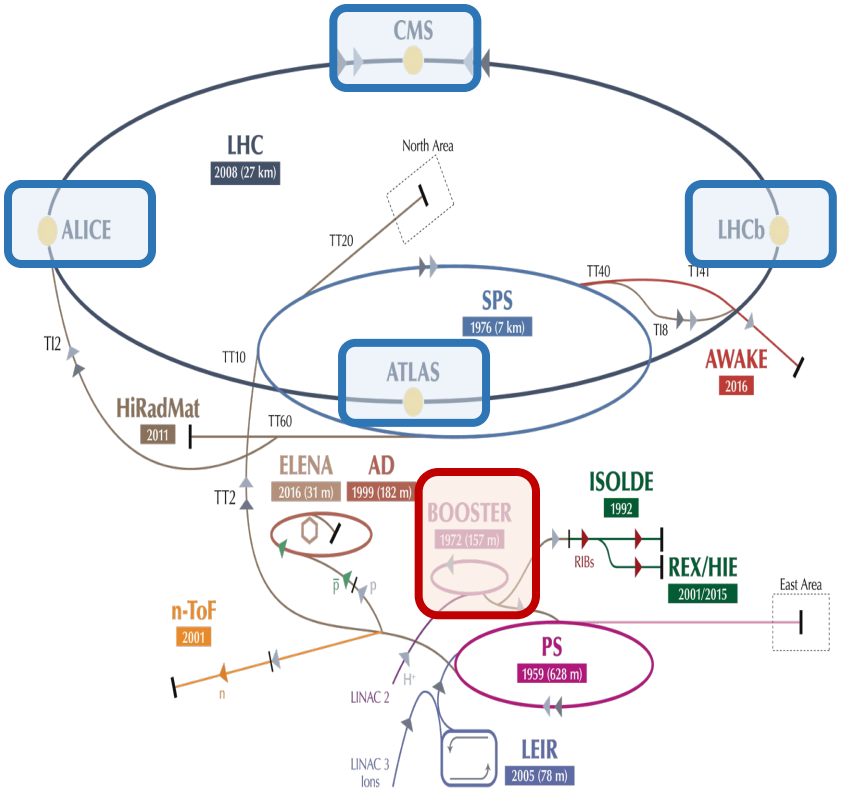

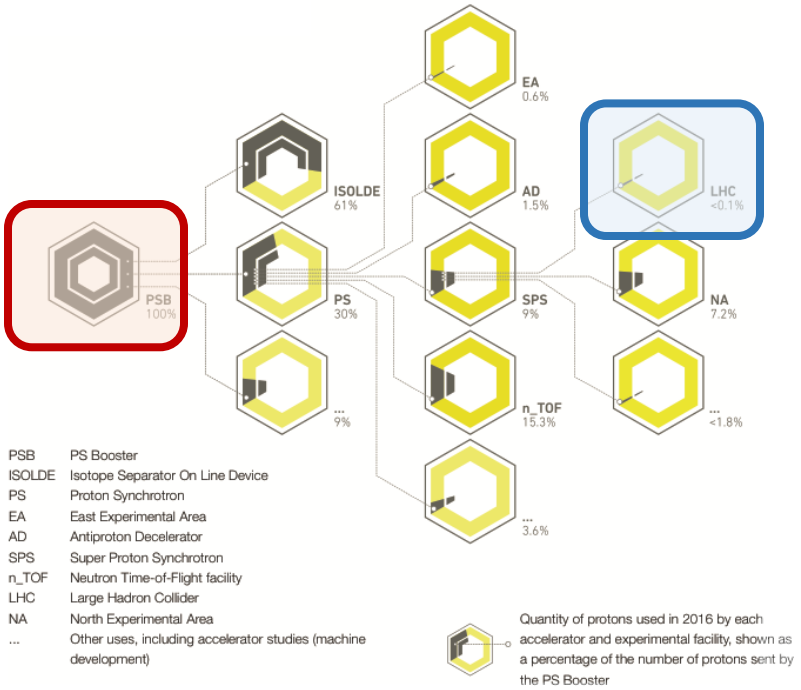

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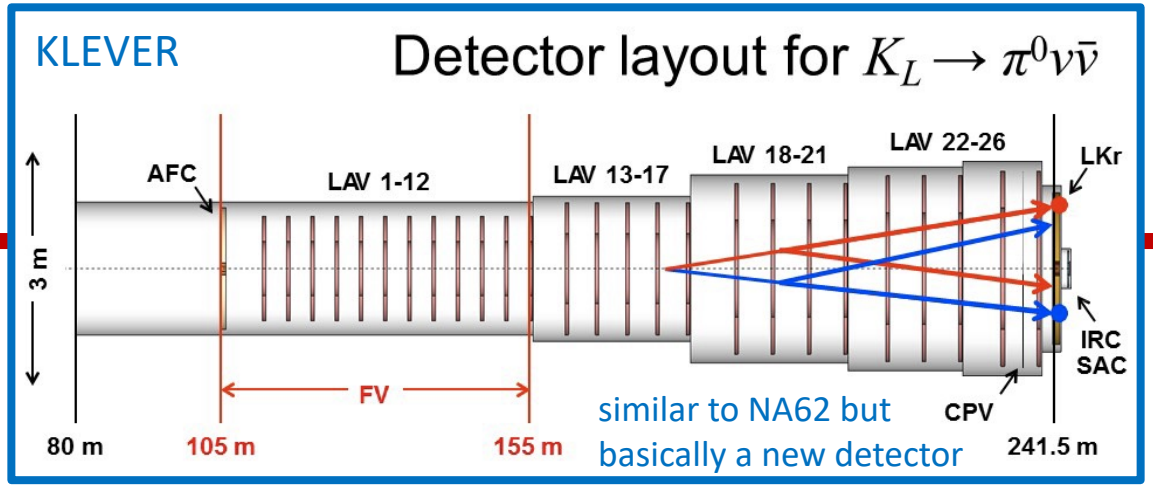

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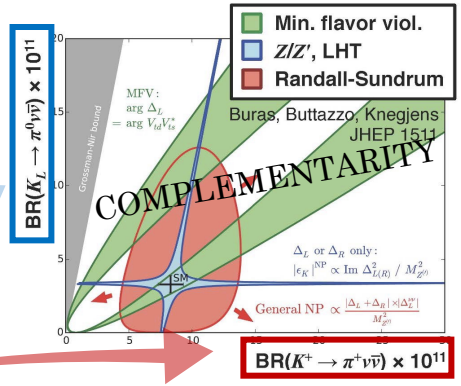

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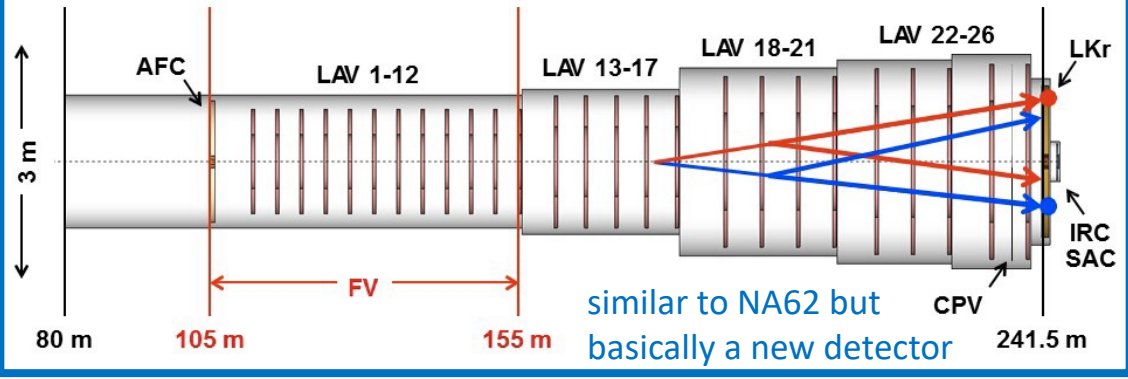
Detector layout for $K_L \to \pi^0 \nu\bar{\nu}$



similar to NA62 but basically a new detector

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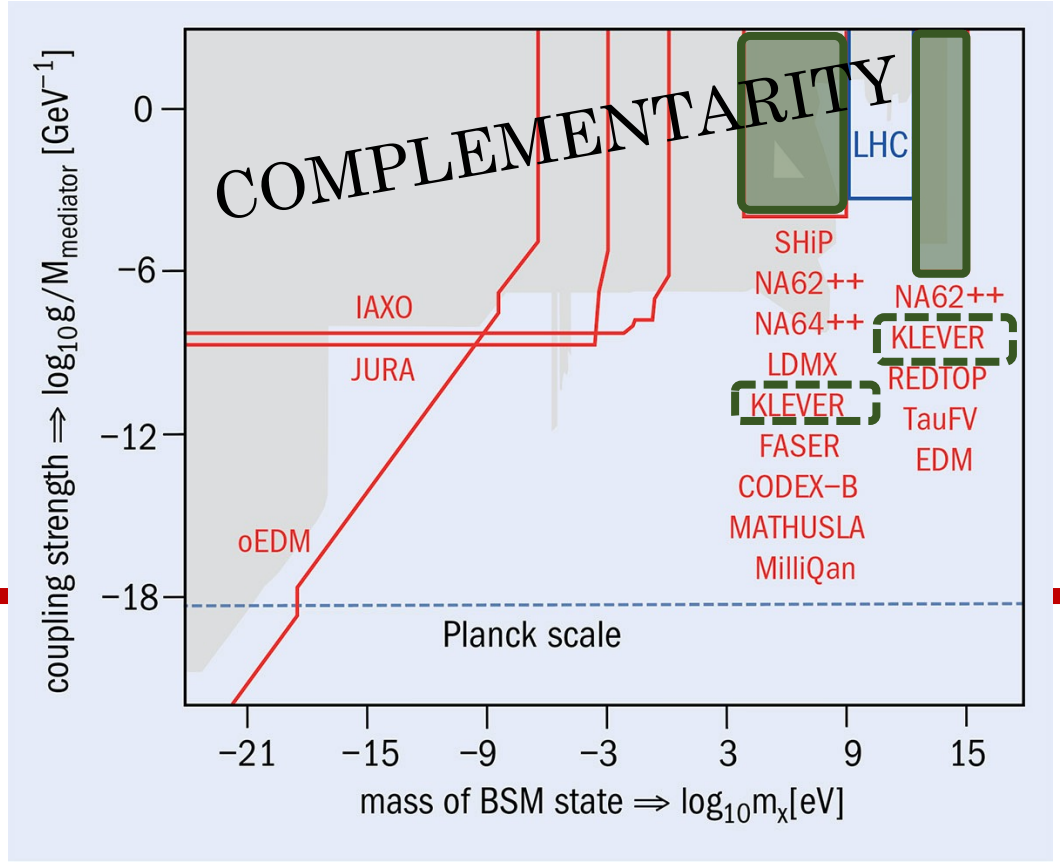

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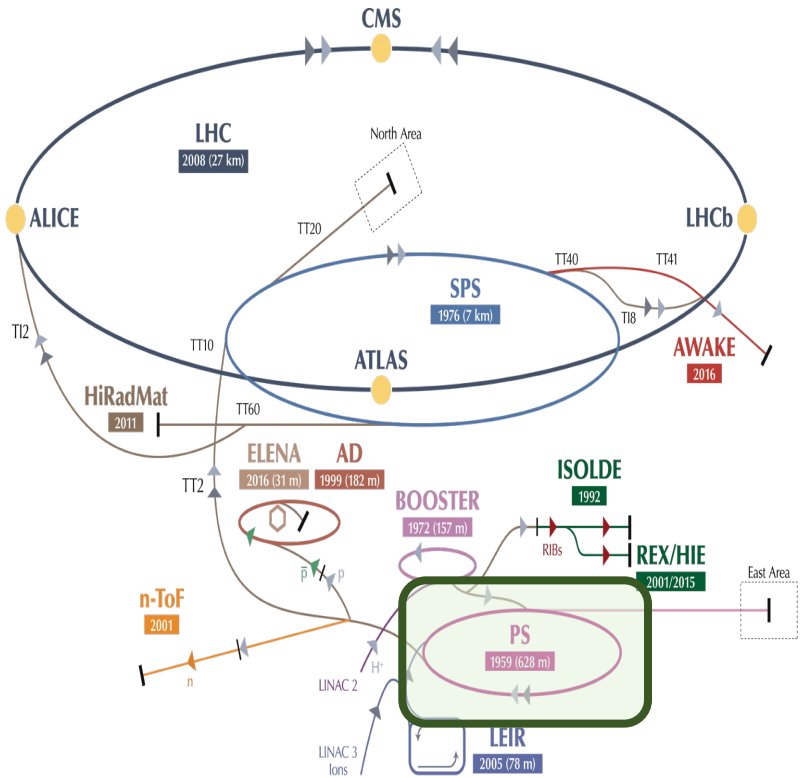
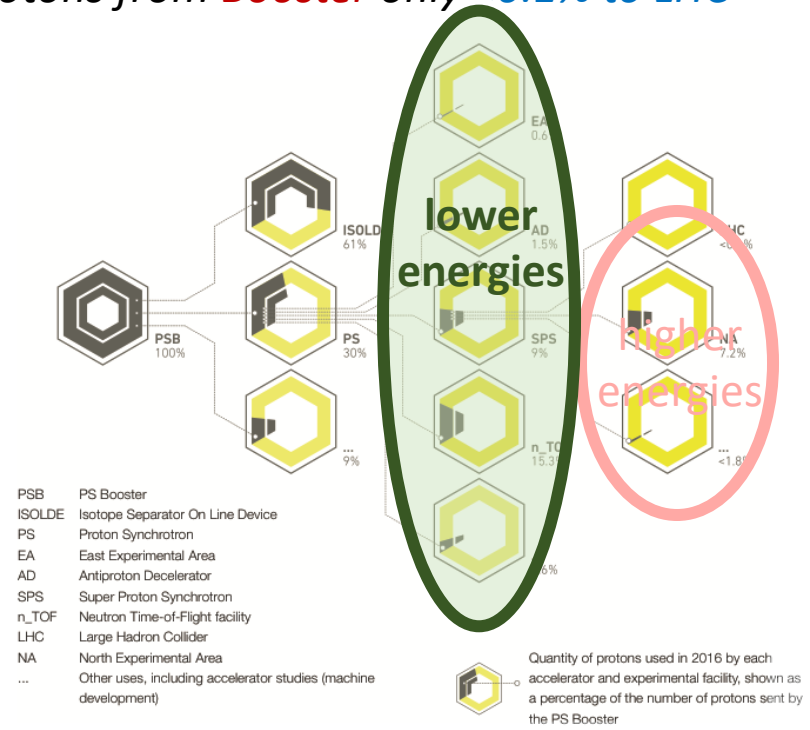
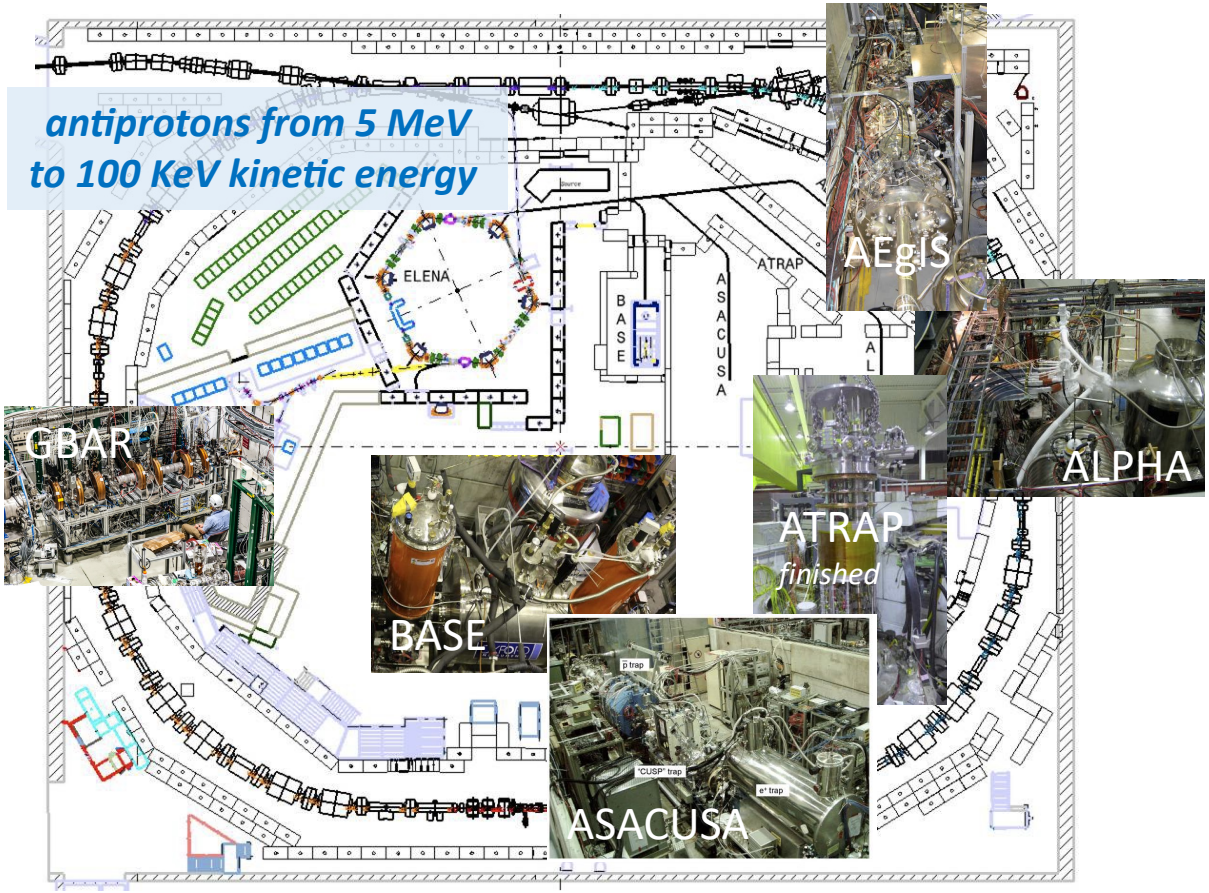


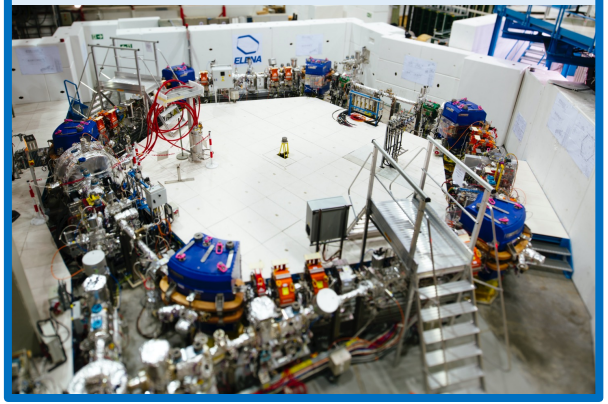


Precision physics with antimatter @ CERN



Devoted to antiproton and antihydrogen properties

ELENA secures antimatter physics for the next decade



AEgIS – Antihydrogen Experiment: Gravity, Interferometry, Spectroscopy
ALPHA – Antihydrogen Laser PHysics Apparatus
ASACUSA – Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons
ATRAP – Antihydrogen TRAP
GBAR – Gravitational Behaviour of Antihydrogen at Rest
BASE – Baryon Antibaryon Symmetry Experiment

Future high-energy particle colliders

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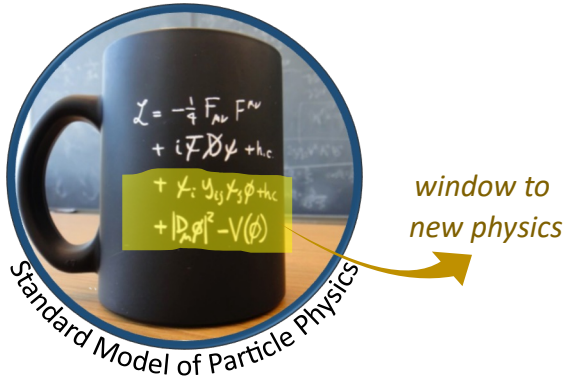

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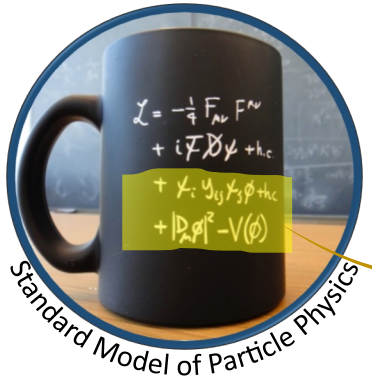

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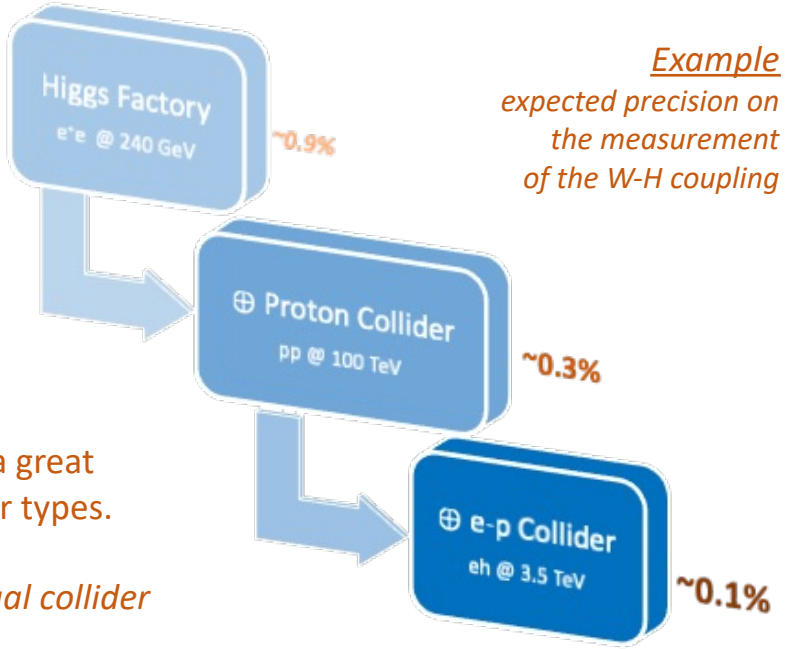

Example
expected precision on the measurement of the W-H coupling

In the search for answers to open questions, we discovered a great complementarity among the science reach of different collider types.

the combined precision is much better than that of each individual collider

We need a coherent program allowing for a variety of future colliders

Future flagship at the energy & precision frontier

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ep-option with HL-LHC: LHeC

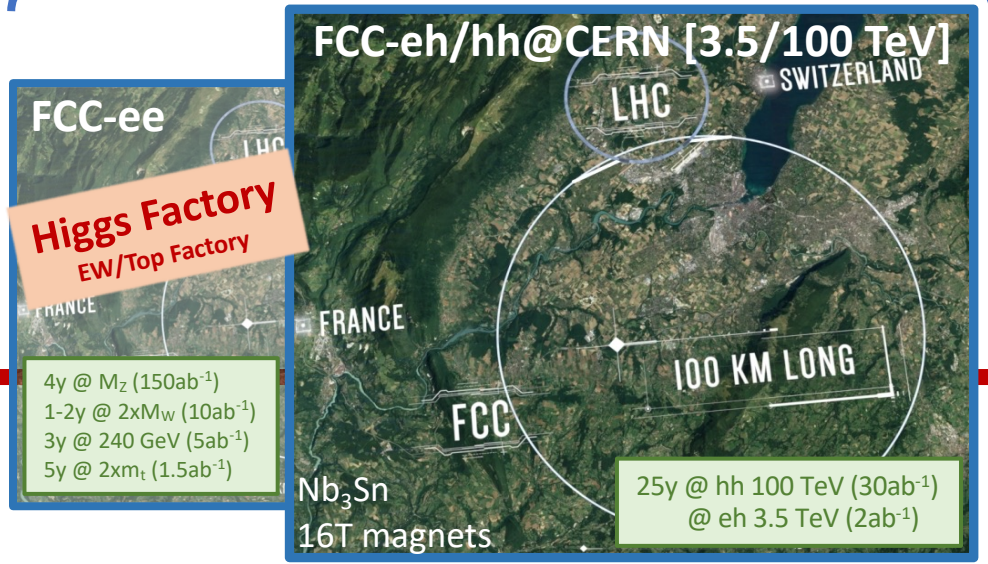
10y @ 1.2 TeV (1ab^{-1})

updated CDR 2007.14491

Future Circular Collider (FCC)

big sister future ambition (100km), beyond 2040

attractive combination of precision & energy frontier



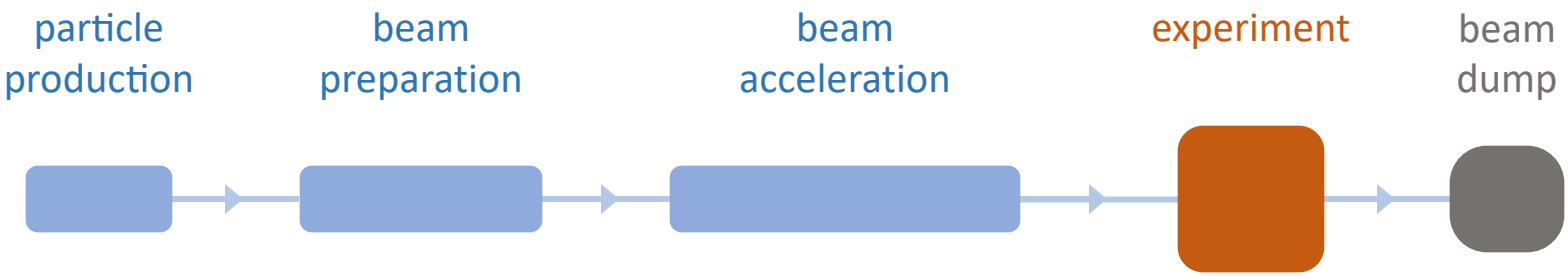
numbers assume 2 IPs for each collider (only one for FCC-eh)

by around 2026, verify if it is feasible to plan for success (techn. & adm. & financially & global governance)

potential alternatives pursued @ CERN: CLIC & muon collider

Sustainable Accelerating Structures

Basic structures of a particle accelerator



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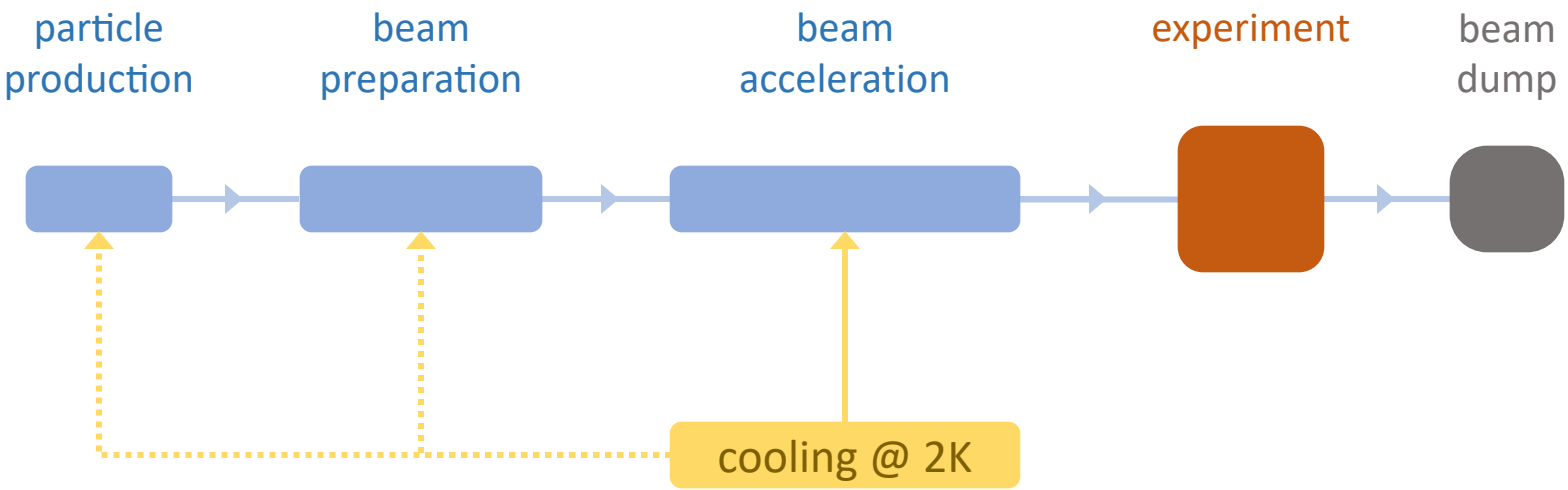

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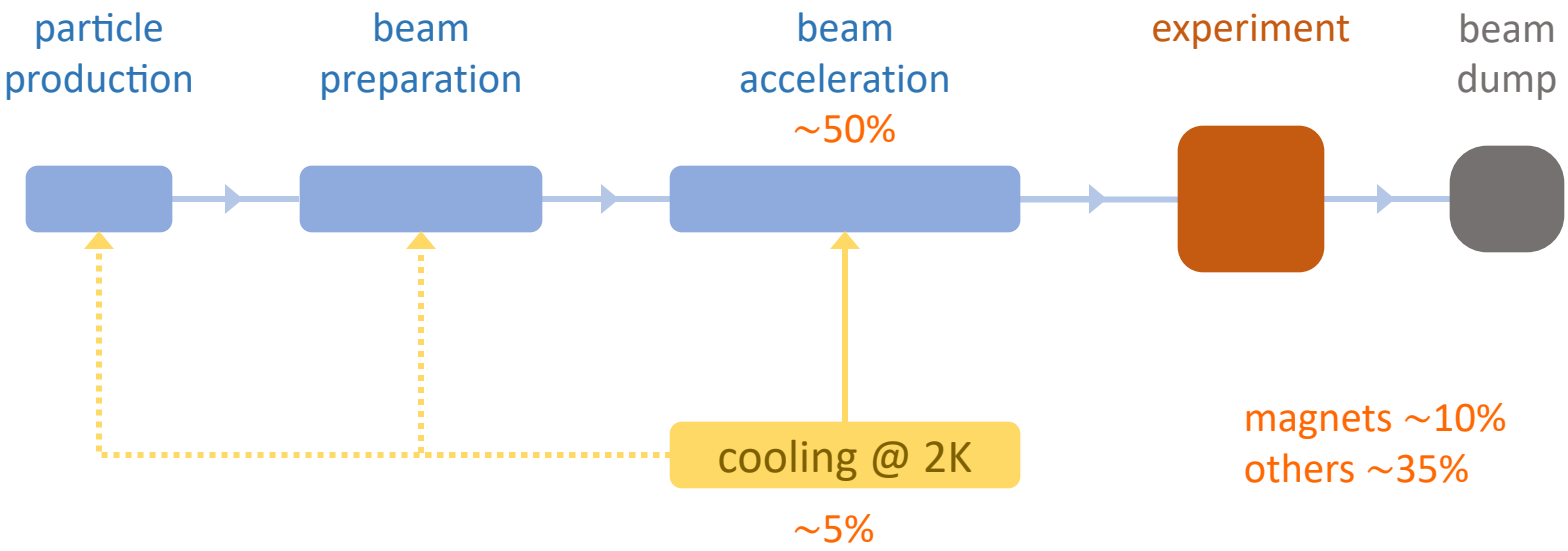

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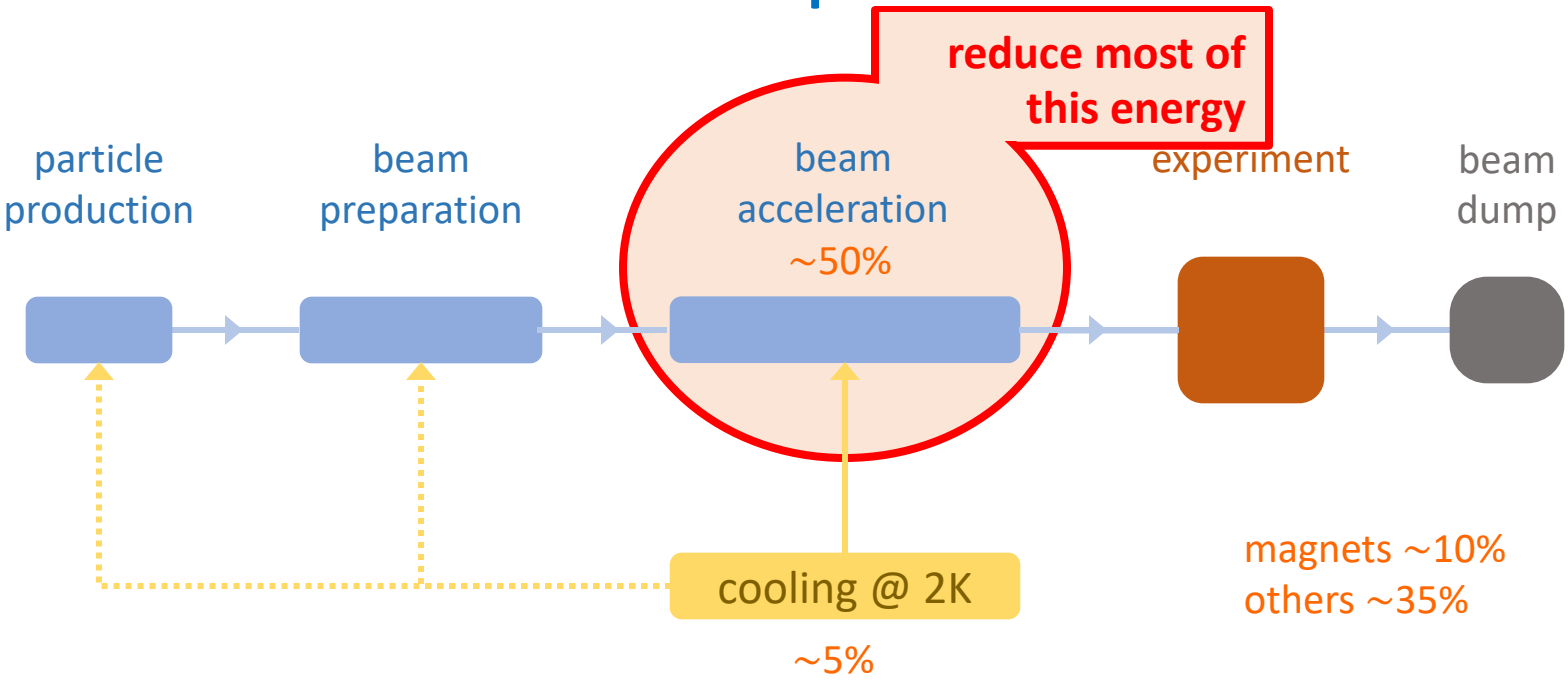

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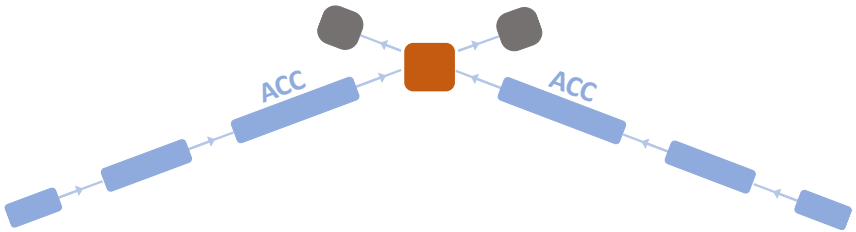

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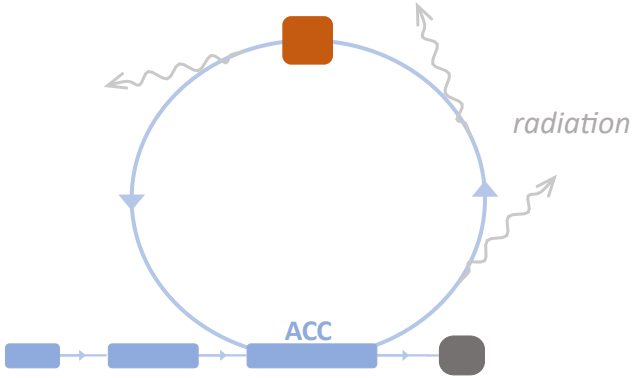

dump >99.9999% of the beam power

FCC-ee@250 ≃ 300 MW

~2% of annual electricity consumption in Belgium

radiate away very quickly the beam power

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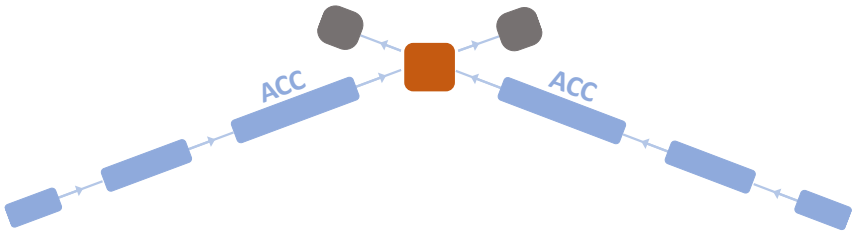

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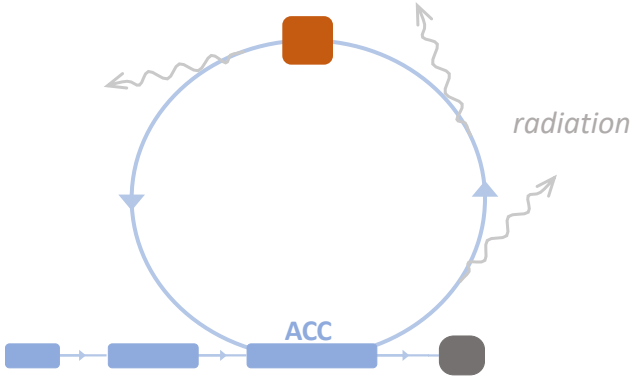

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~4% of annual electricity consumption in Belgium

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Energy consumption is reducing in Europe, not excluded with ½ by 2050-2060

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our eyes on the structure of things

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colour confinement
coupling ~ 1

low energy

high energy

asymptotic freedom
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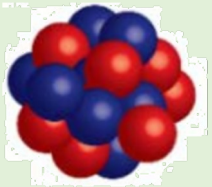

"confined" hadrons & ions

Equation-of-State

Parton Distribution Functions

"deconfined" quarks & gluons

used in experiment (applications)

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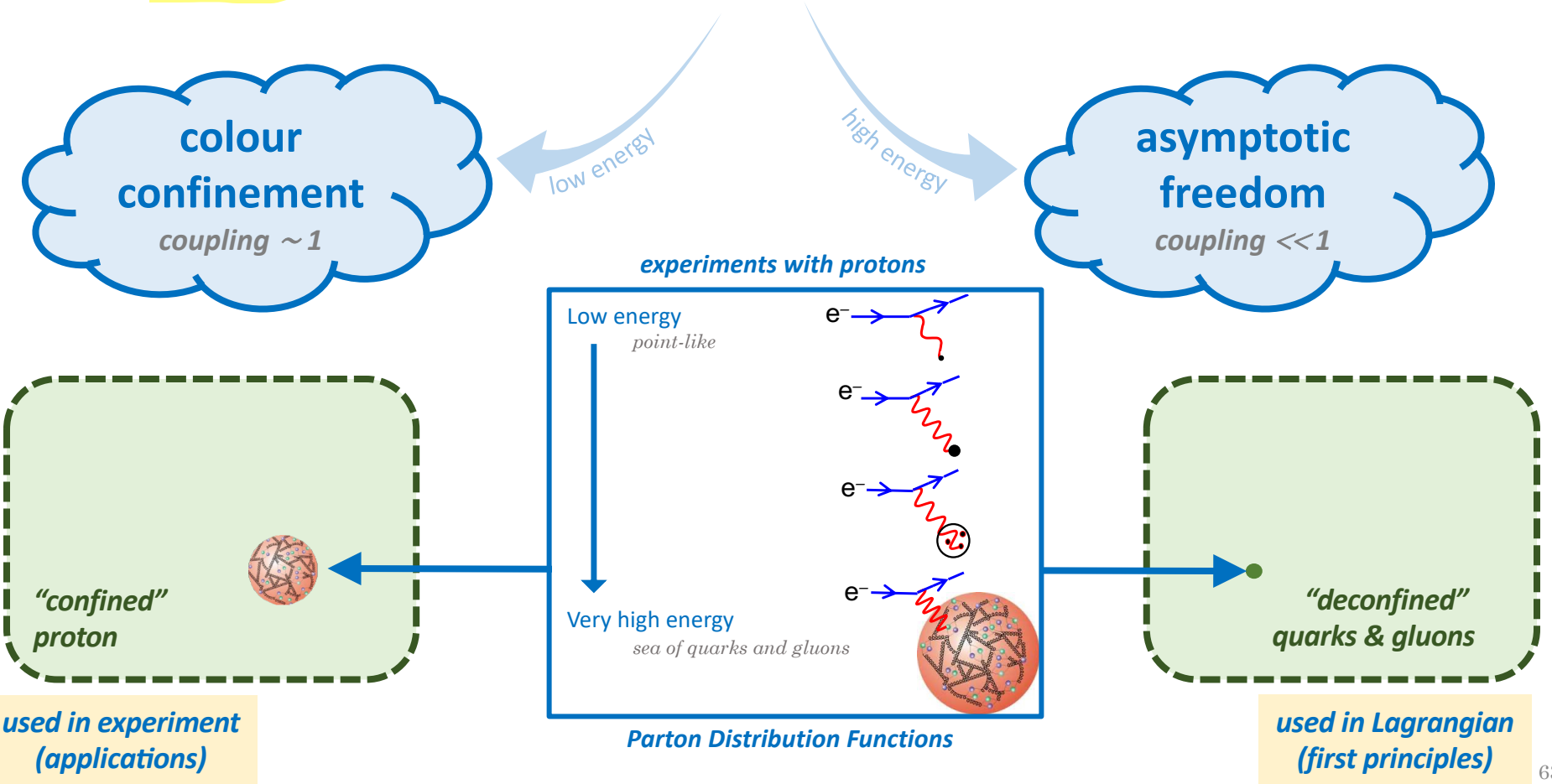

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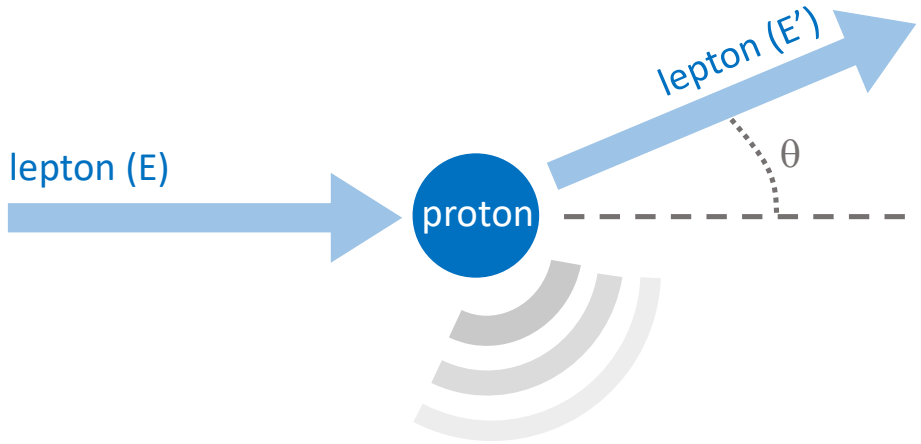

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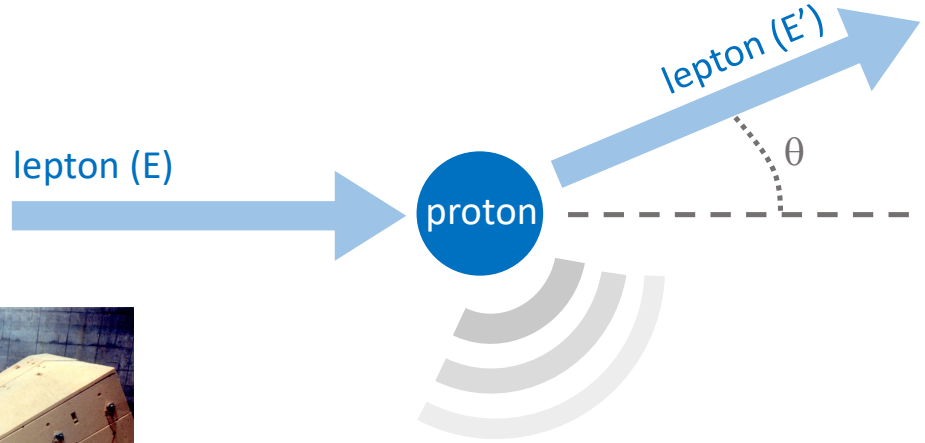

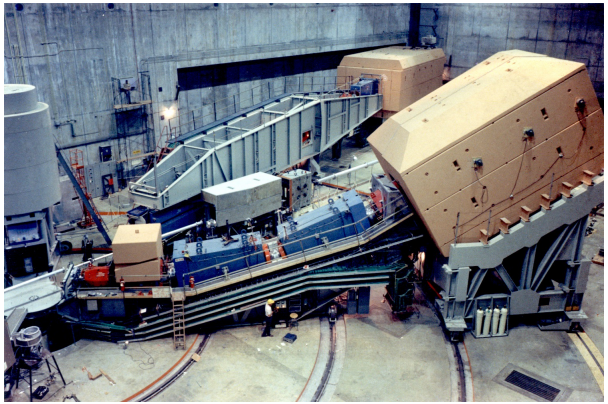

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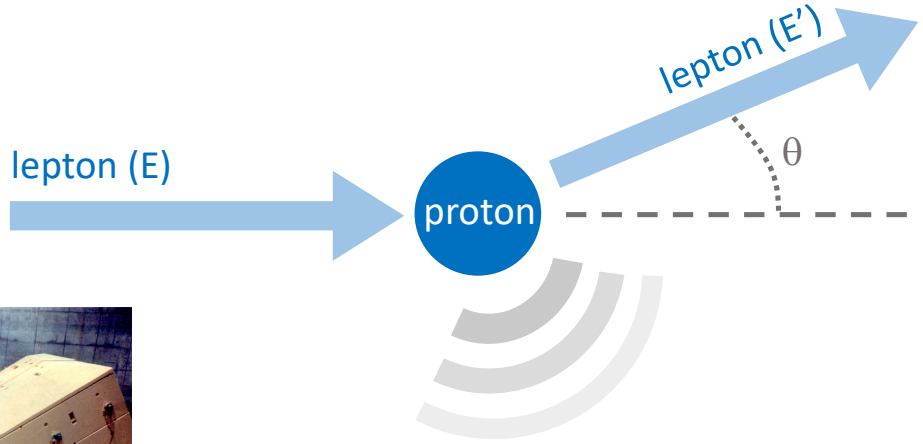

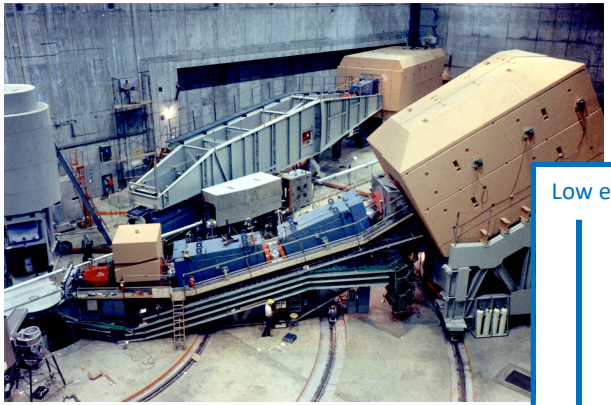

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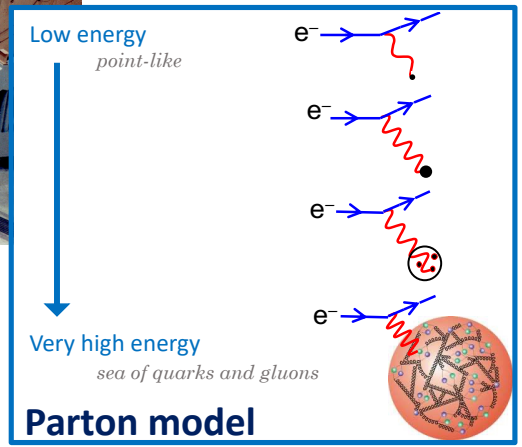

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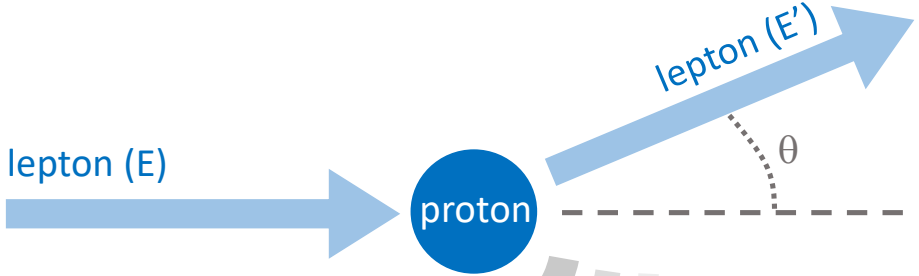

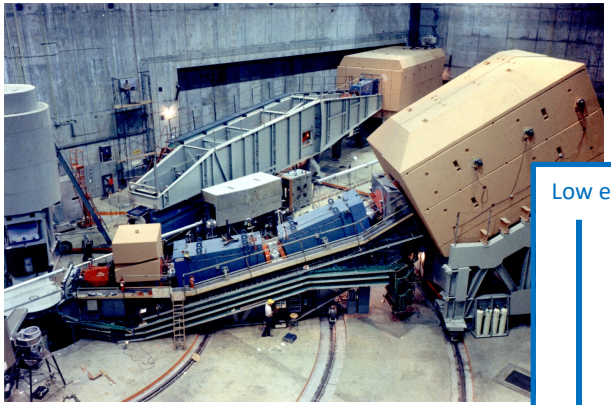

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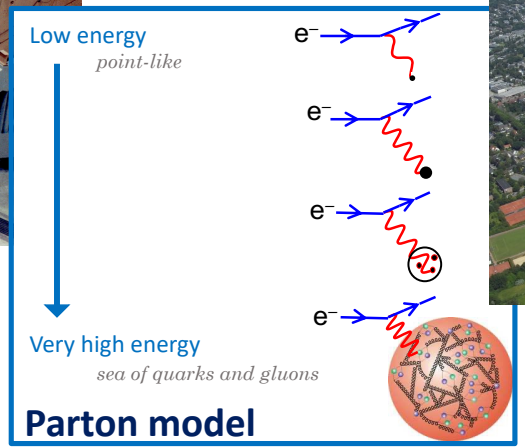

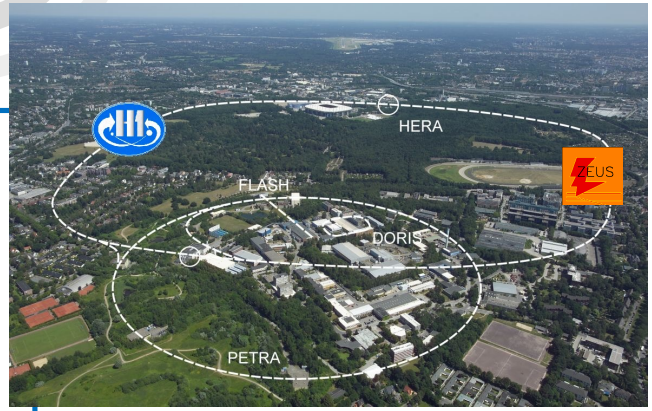

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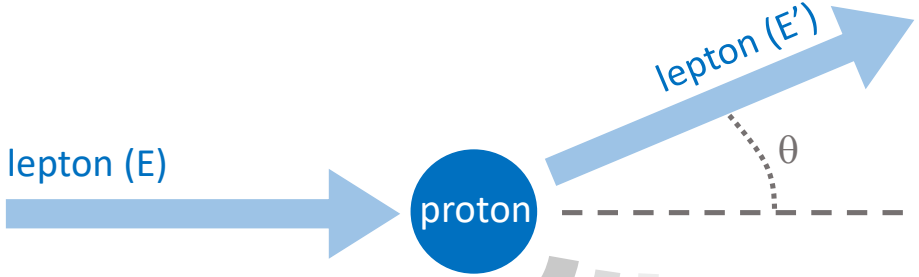

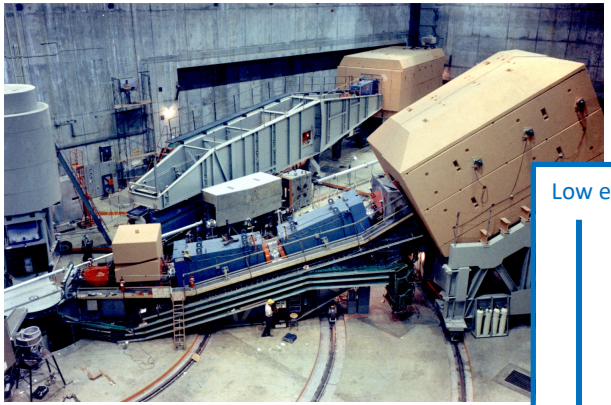

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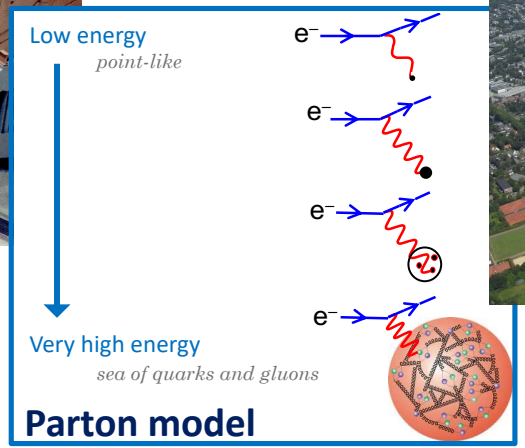

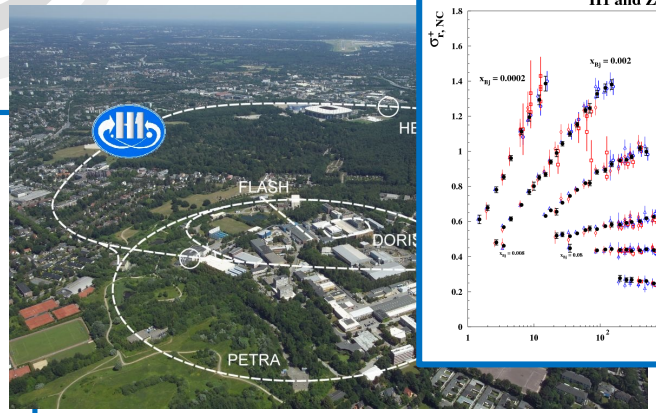

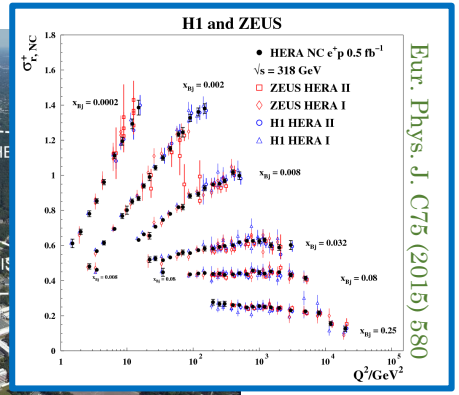

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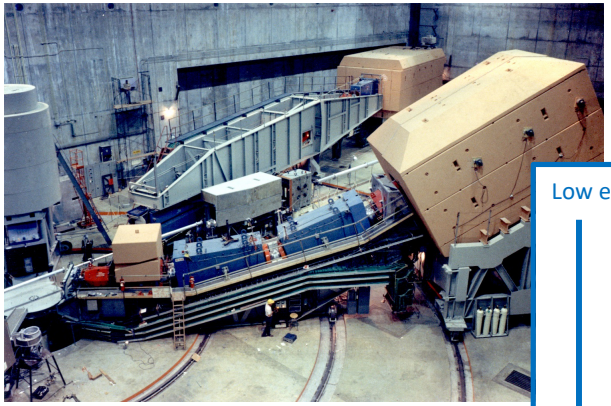

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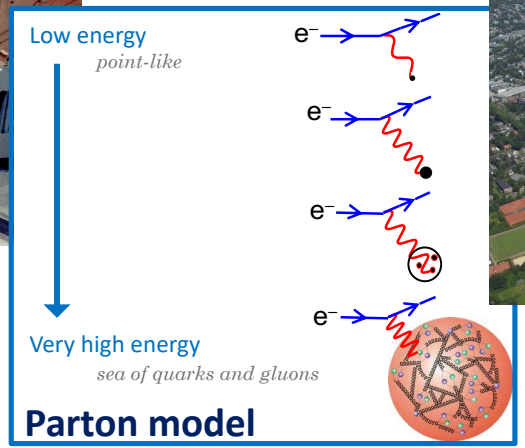

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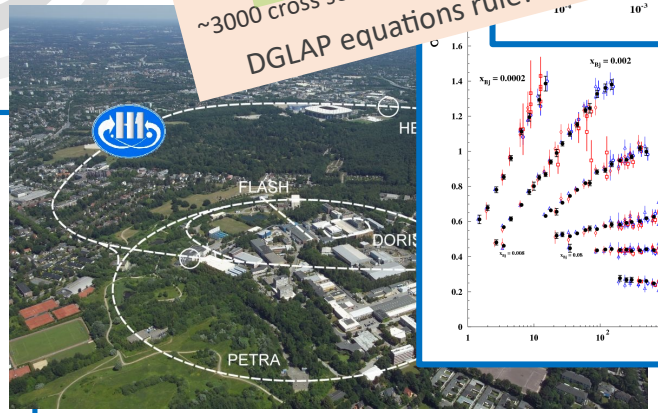

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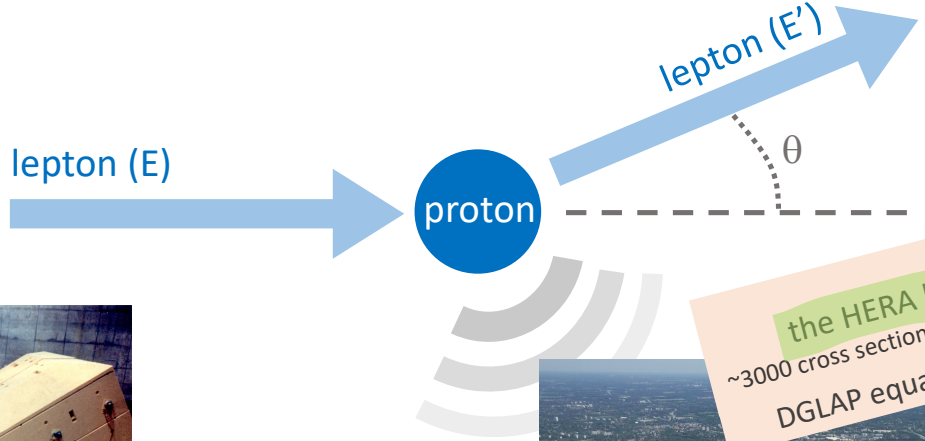

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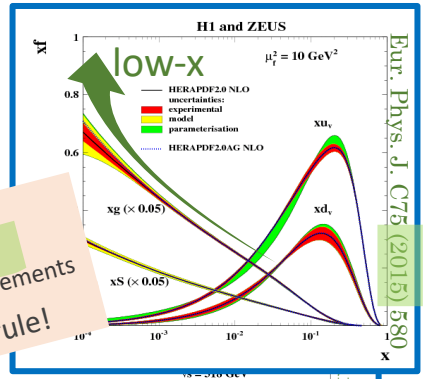
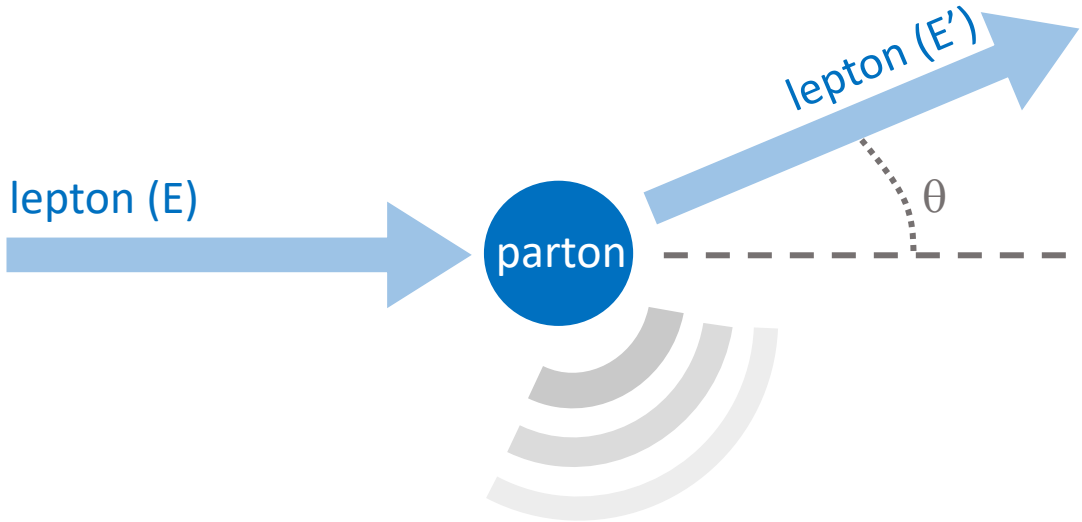


the HERA legacy

~3000 cross section measurements

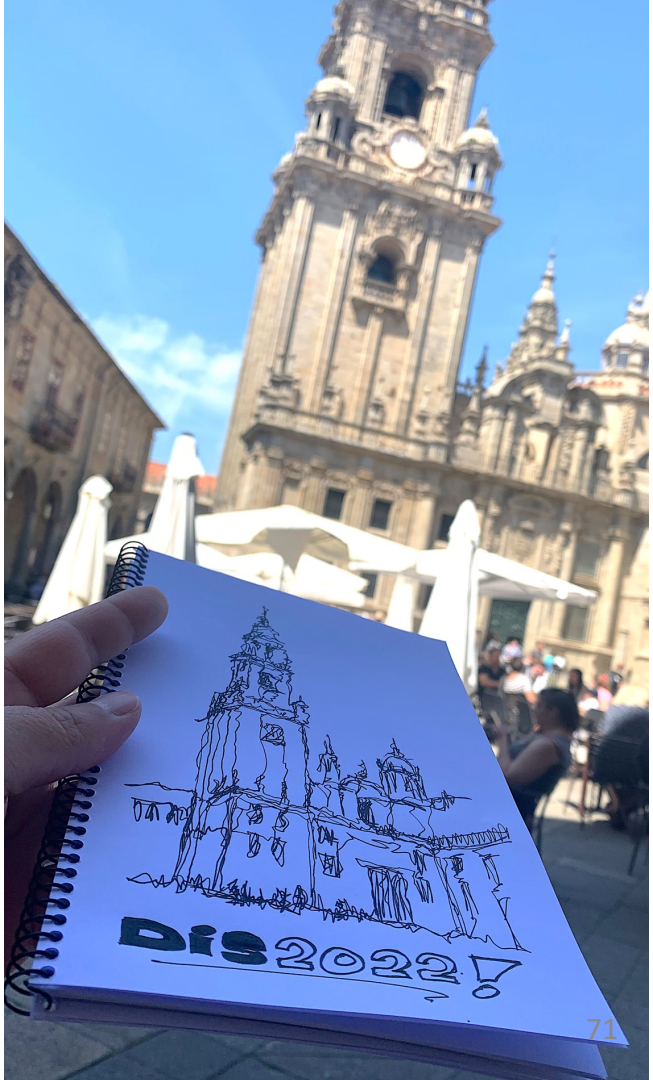
DGLAP equations rule!

Why study this for another 50 years?



DIS is alive!

381 registrations for DIS2022



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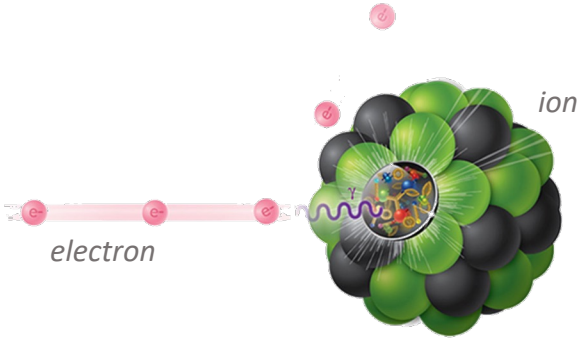

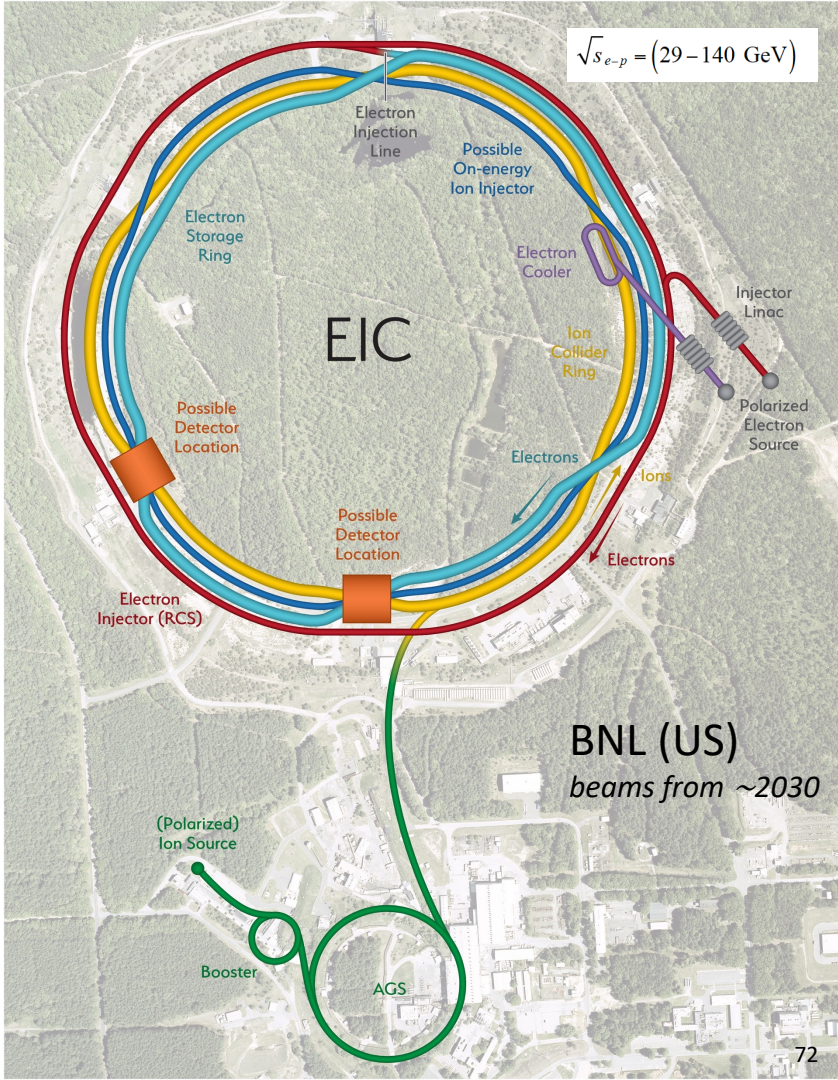

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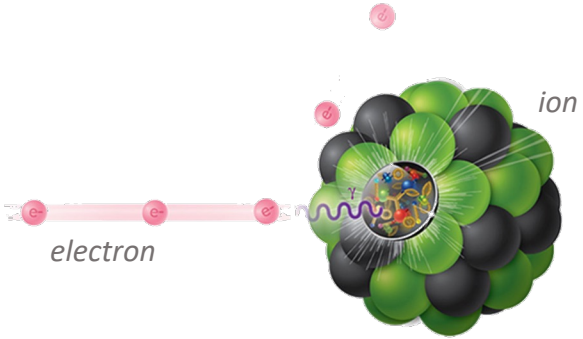
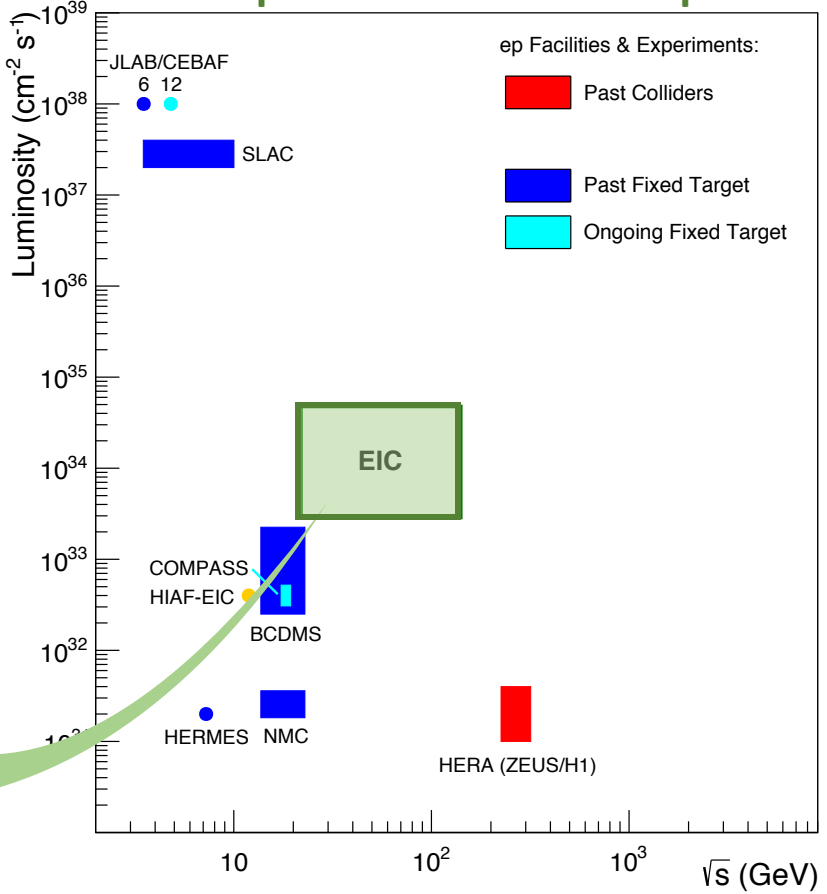


- High luminosity
- Wide range in beam energy
- Polarized lepton & hadron beam
- Nuclear beam

Unique in the DIS landscape



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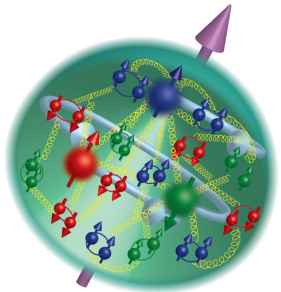

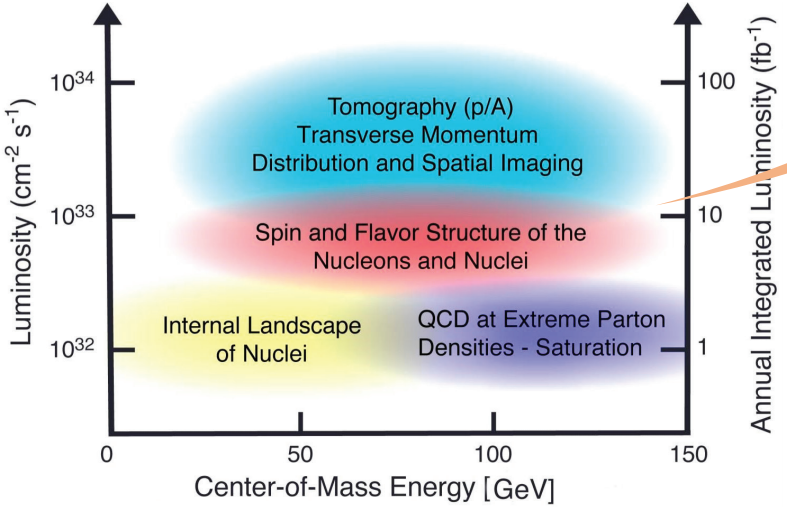

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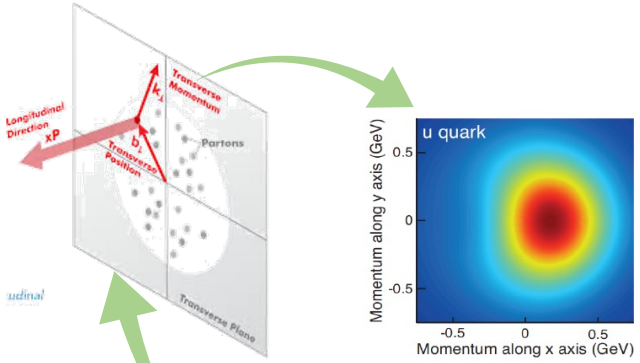

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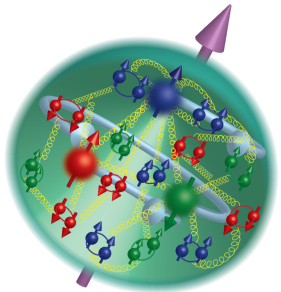

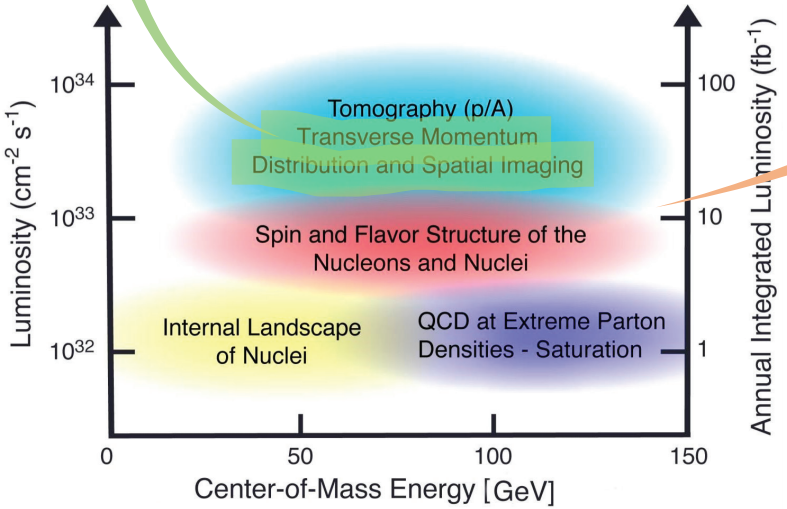

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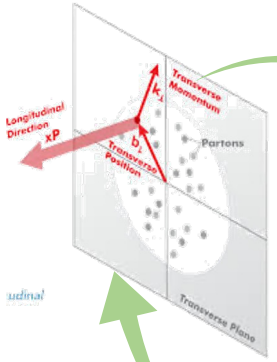

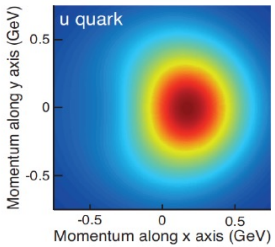

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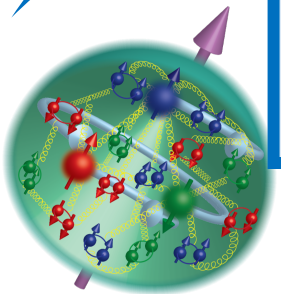

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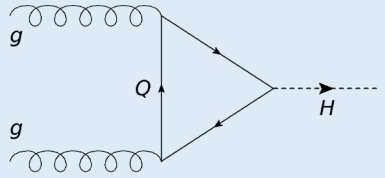

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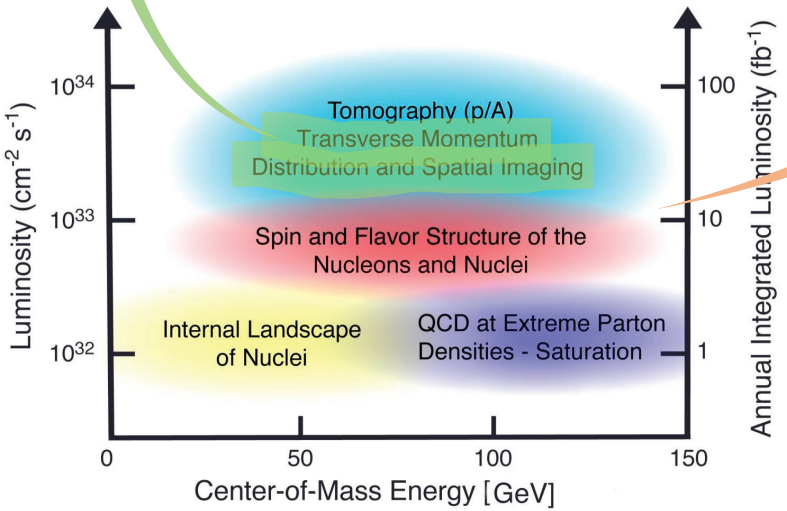

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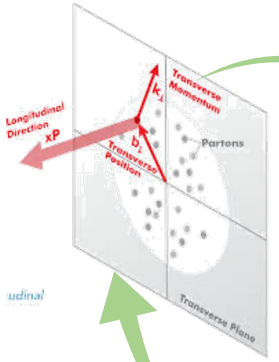

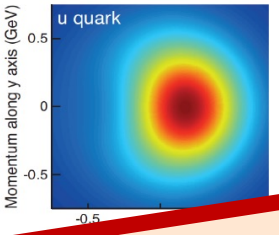

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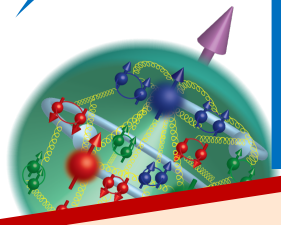

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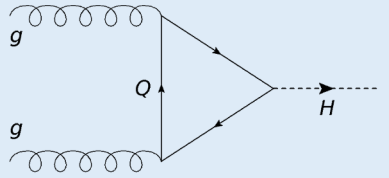

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Snowmass 2021 White Paper

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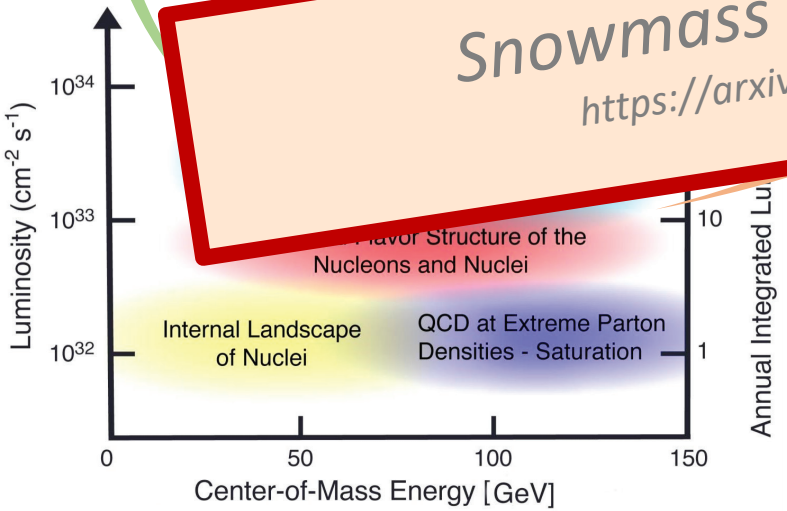
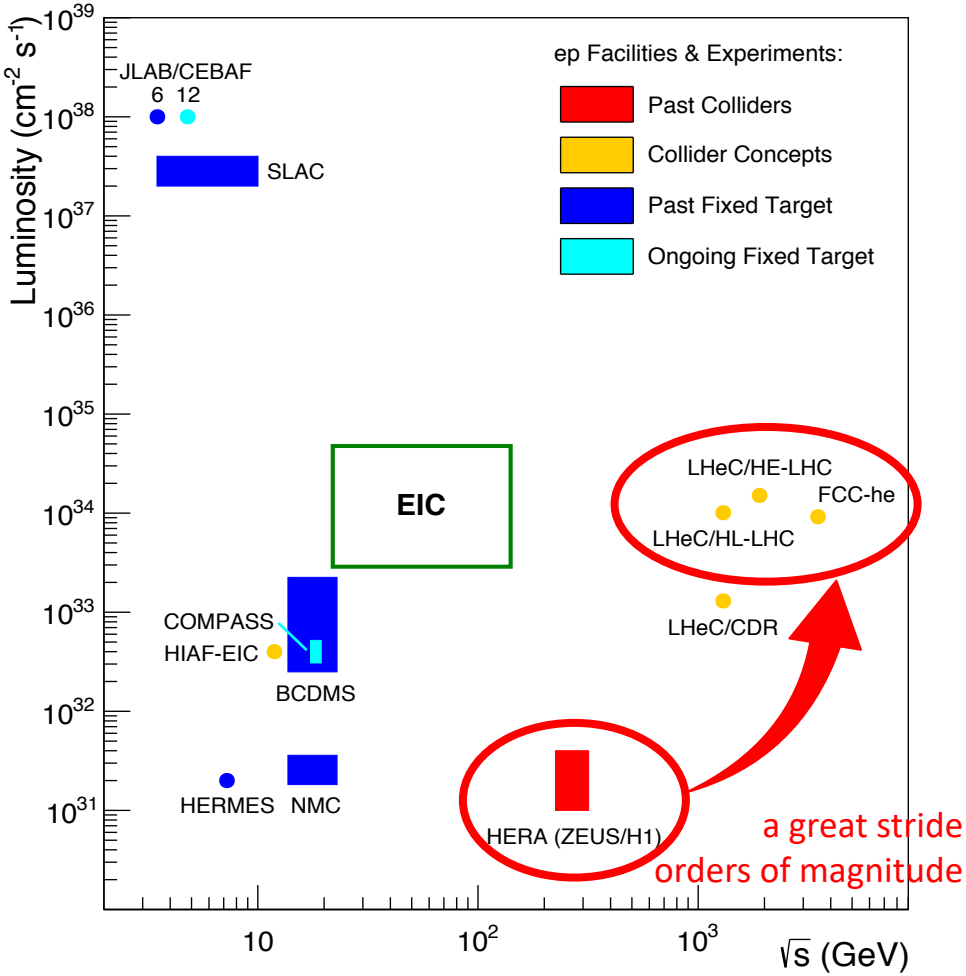


A future scope

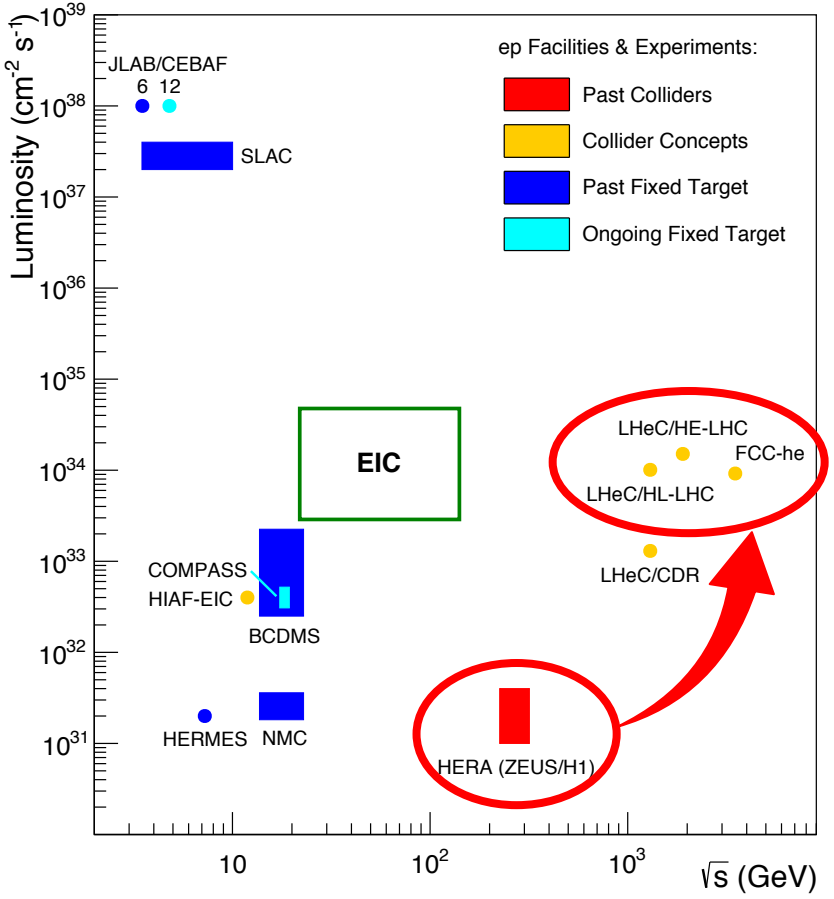
For ep/eA physics, the 2030'ies will be the decade of the EIC

The next ambition for the community will be to enable ep/eA physics both at higher luminosities and at higher energies

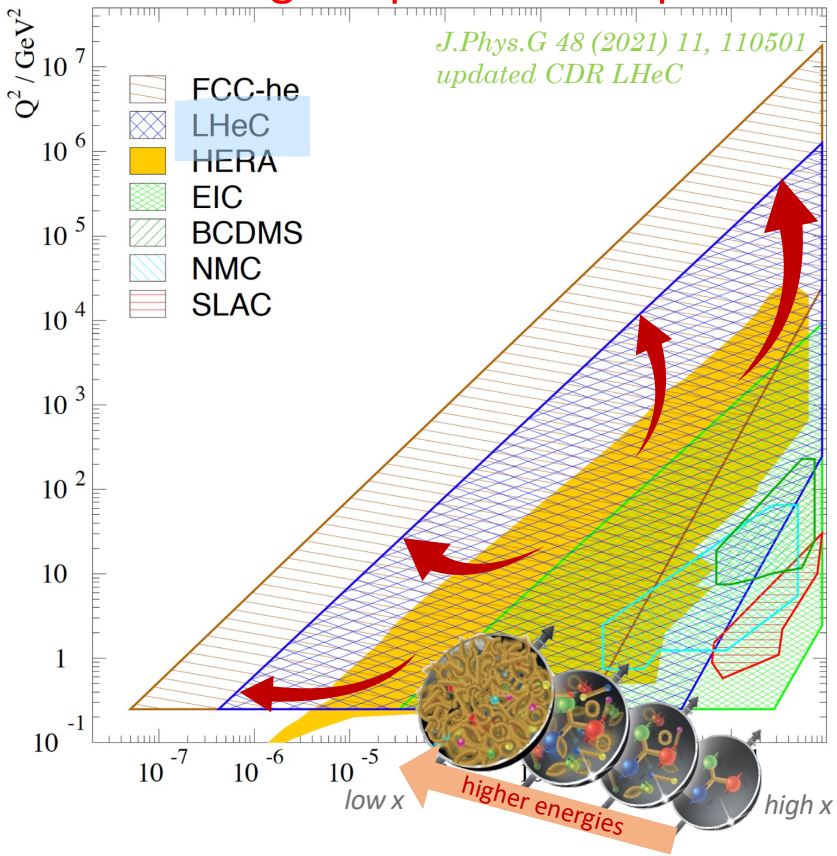


From HERA onwards to high-energy proton beams

measurements of proton Parton Distribution Functions are vital to improve the precision



reaching deeper into the proton



The challenge

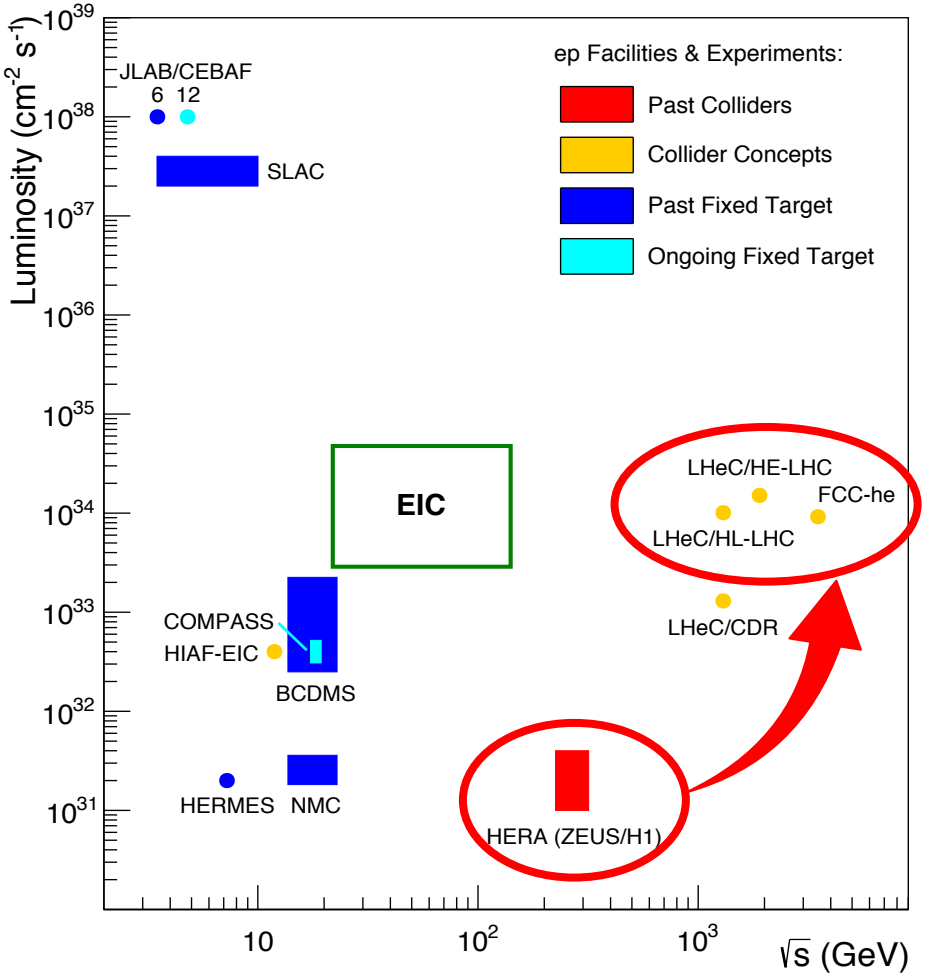
High-intensity electron beam

From HERA@DESY to LHeC@CERN

3 orders in magnitude in luminosity
1 order in magnitude in energy

beam current × beam energy
= beam power

LHeC ~ 1 GW beam power
equivalent to the power delivered by a nuclear power plant



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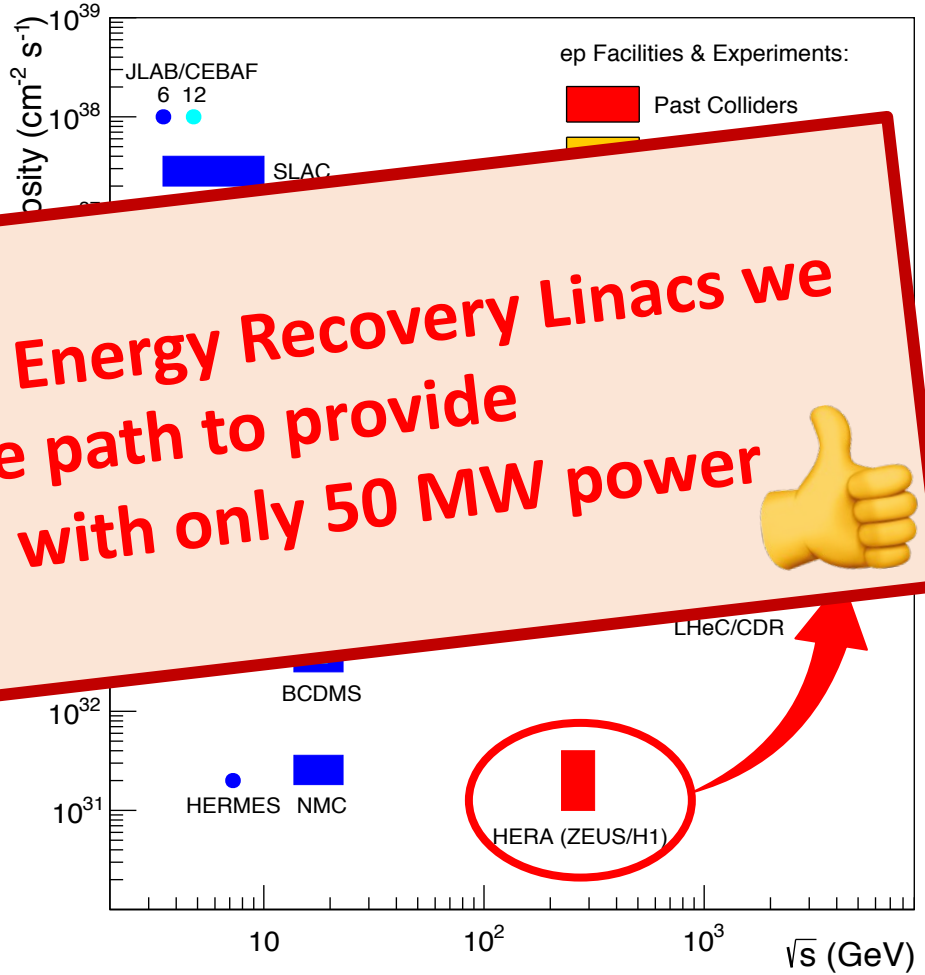
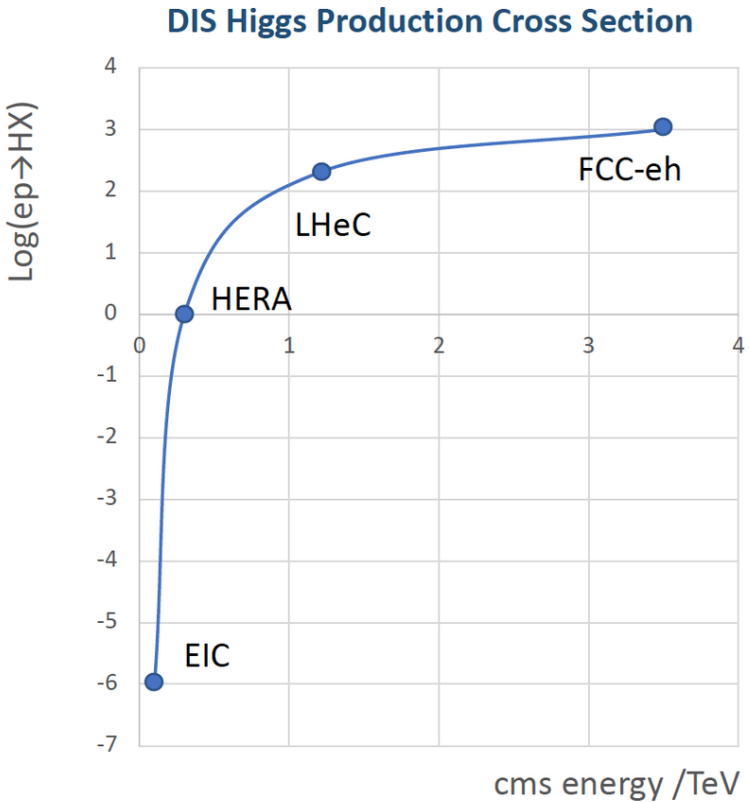


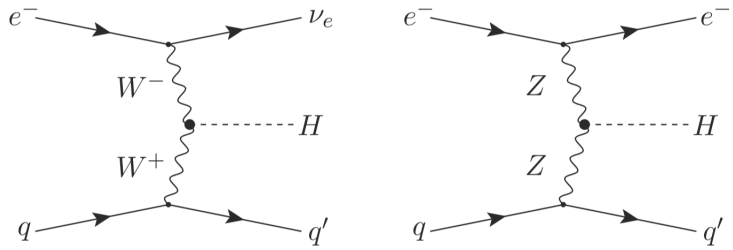
at high energies
electron-proton colliders provide
a General-Purpose experiment

Collision energy above the threshold for EW/Higgs/Top

from mostly QCD-oriented physics to General-Purpose physics



The real game change between HERA and LHC/FCC



Compared to the LHC, these are reasonably clean Higgs events with much less backgrounds

at these energies, interactions with all particles in the Standard Model can be measured precisely

Some physics highlights of the LHeC (ep/eA@LHC)

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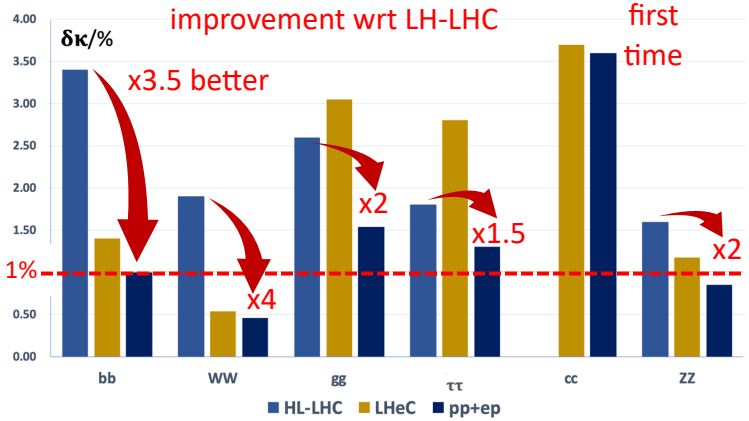
Higgs physics



EW physics

- Δm_W down to 2 MeV (today at ~10 MeV)
- $\Delta \sin^2\theta_W^{eff}$ to 0.00015 (same as LEP)

Top quark physics

- $|V_{tb}|$ precision better than 1% (today ~5%)
- top quark FCNC and γ, W, Z couplings

DIS scattering cross sections

- PDFs extended in (Q^2,x) by orders of magnitude

Strong interaction physics

- α_s precision of 0.1%
- low-x: a new discovery frontier

The Large Hadron-Electron Collider at the HL-LHC, J. Phys. G 48 (2021) 110501, 364p (updated CDR)

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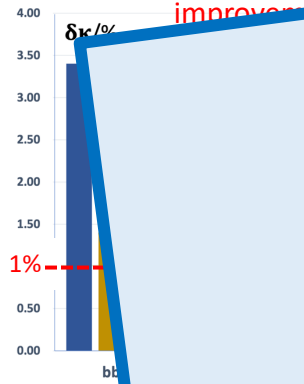

for EW/Higgs/top physics
improvement factor from
LHC → HL-LHC similar to HL-LHC → LHeC

eV)

- $t\bar{t}$ precision better than 1% (today ~5%)
- top quark FCNC and γ, W, Z couplings

DIS scattering cross sections

- PDFs extended in (Q^2,x) by orders of magnitude

Strong interaction physics

- α_s precision of 0.1%
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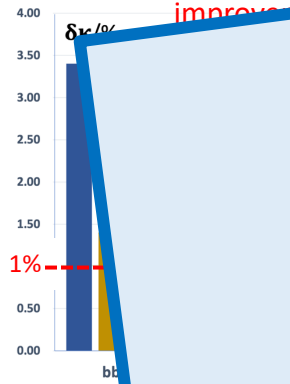

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A joint ep/pp interaction region with the same detector would correlate results and reach the ultimate precision

e.g. $\Delta m_W \sim 1$ *MeV might be within reach*

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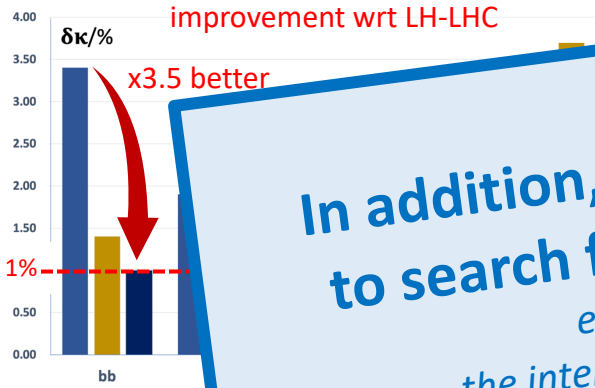

EW physics

y at ~10 MeV)
e as LEP)

% (today ~5%)
and γ, W, Z couplings

In addition, unique potential with LHeC to search for new physics phenomena

e.g. what if features appear in the interactions between leptons and quarks

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A high-energy electron-proton experiment is a general-purpose experiment

i.e. H/EW/top/QCD/search factory

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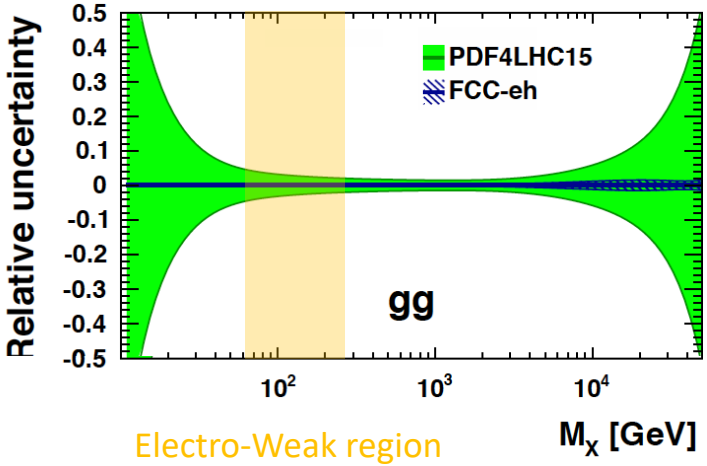
pp @ 100 TeV

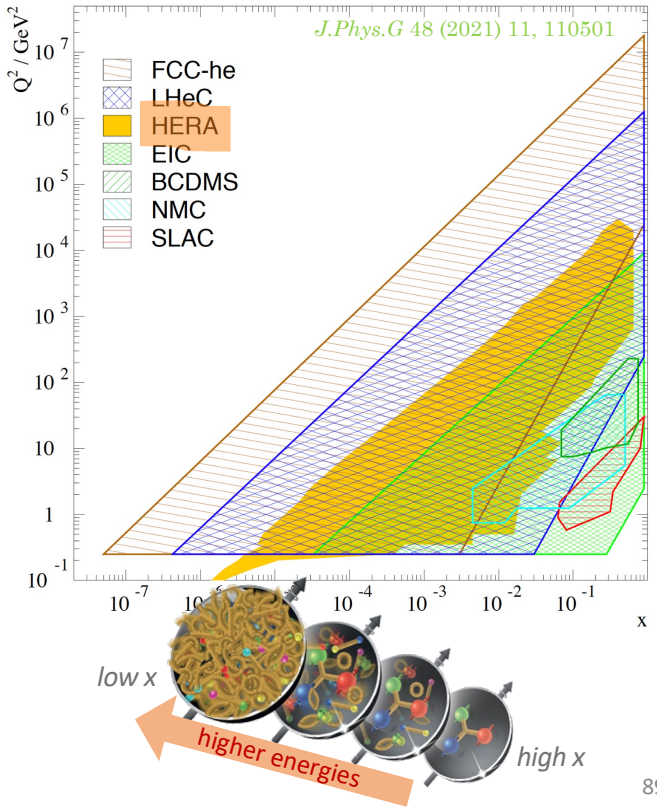


Electro-Weak region

~5-7% uncertainty on the σ(W,Z,H)

no FCC-eh

Kinematic range Parton Distribution Functions



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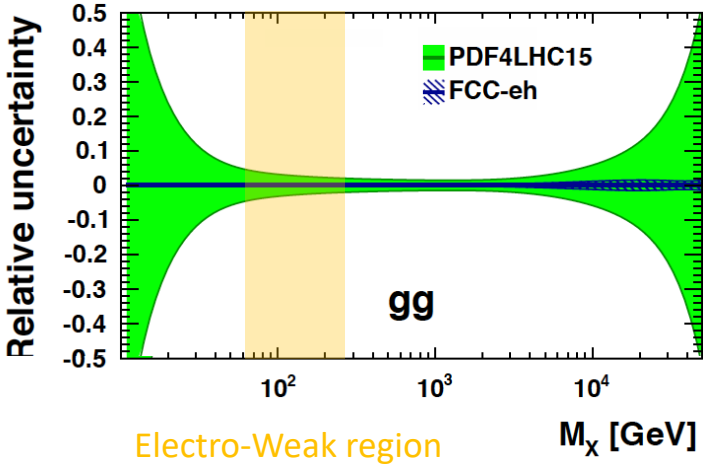

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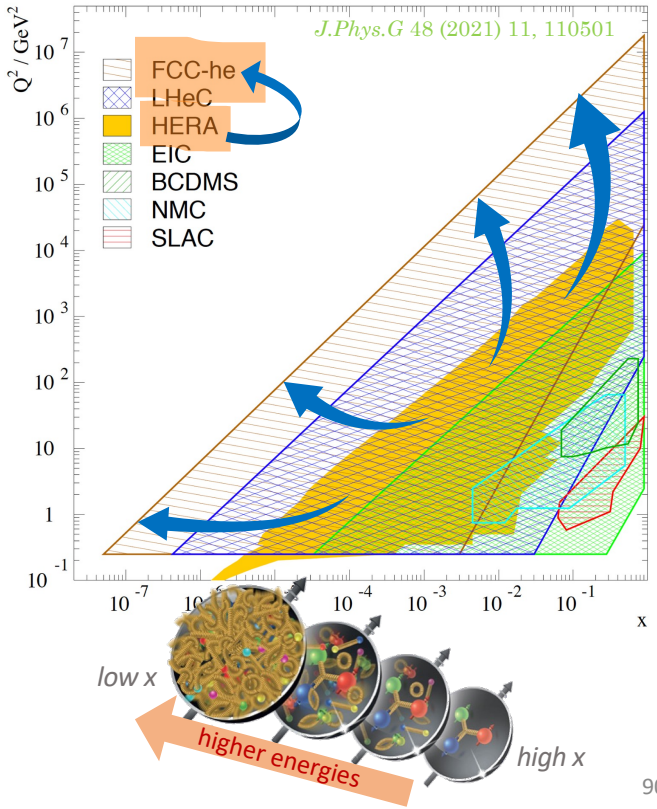

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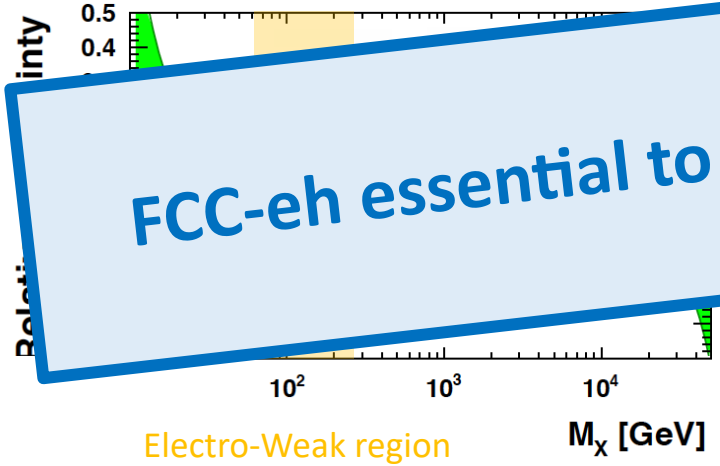

Electro-Weak region

FCC-eh essential to unlock FCC-hh science potential

with FCC-eh

~1% uncertainty on the σ(W,Z,H)

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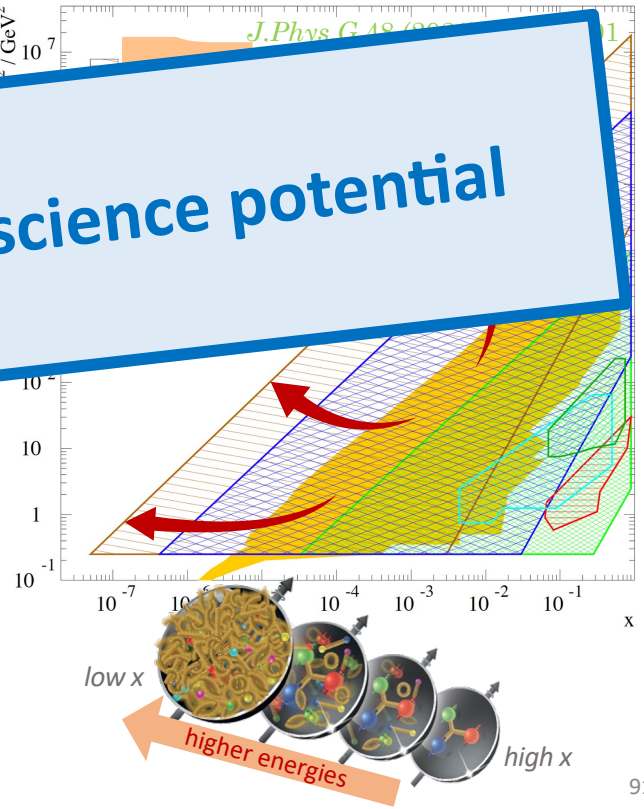


Hadrons & Ions are made up of Quarks & Gluons

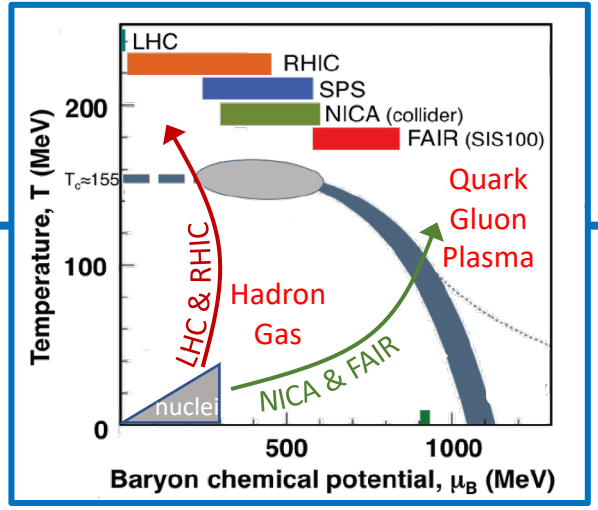
colour confinement
coupling ~1

low energy

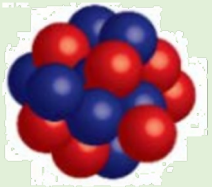
high energy

asymptotic freedom
coupling <<1

experiments with heavy ions



Equation-of-State
(from a gas state to a quark-gluon plasma)



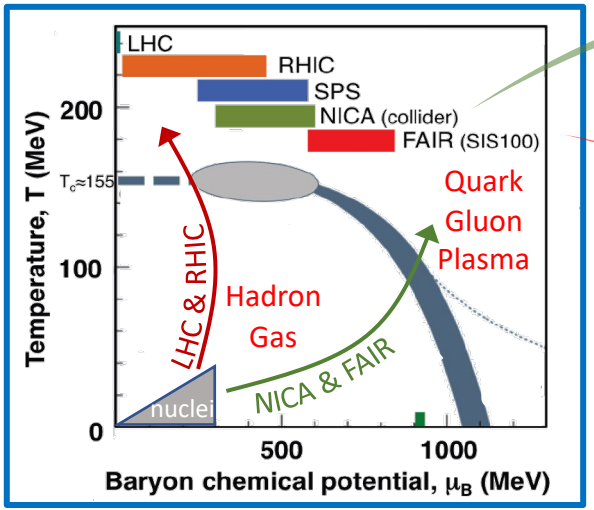
"confined" ions

"deconfined" quarks & gluons

used in experiment (applications)

used in Lagrangian (first principles)

Heavy Ion physics from RHIC & SPS to NICA & FAIR



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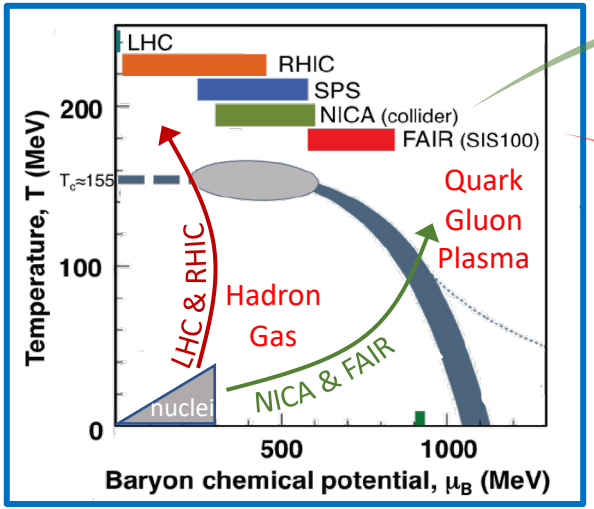

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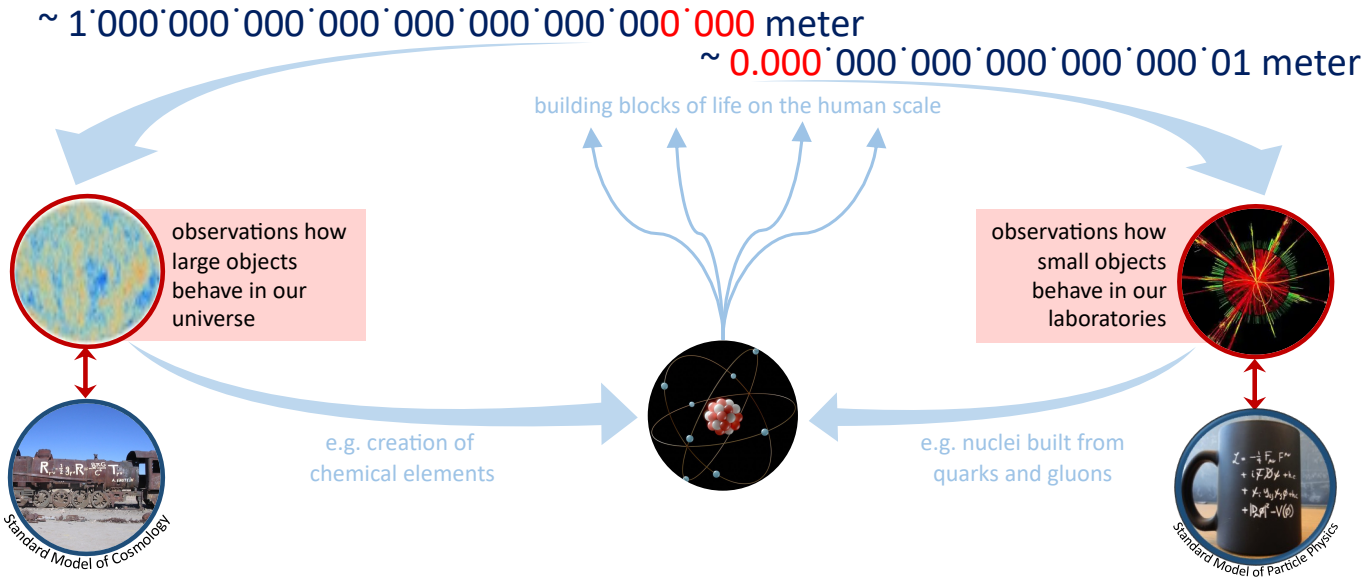
- how matter and complexity emerge
- evolution of our Universe
- origin of the chemical elements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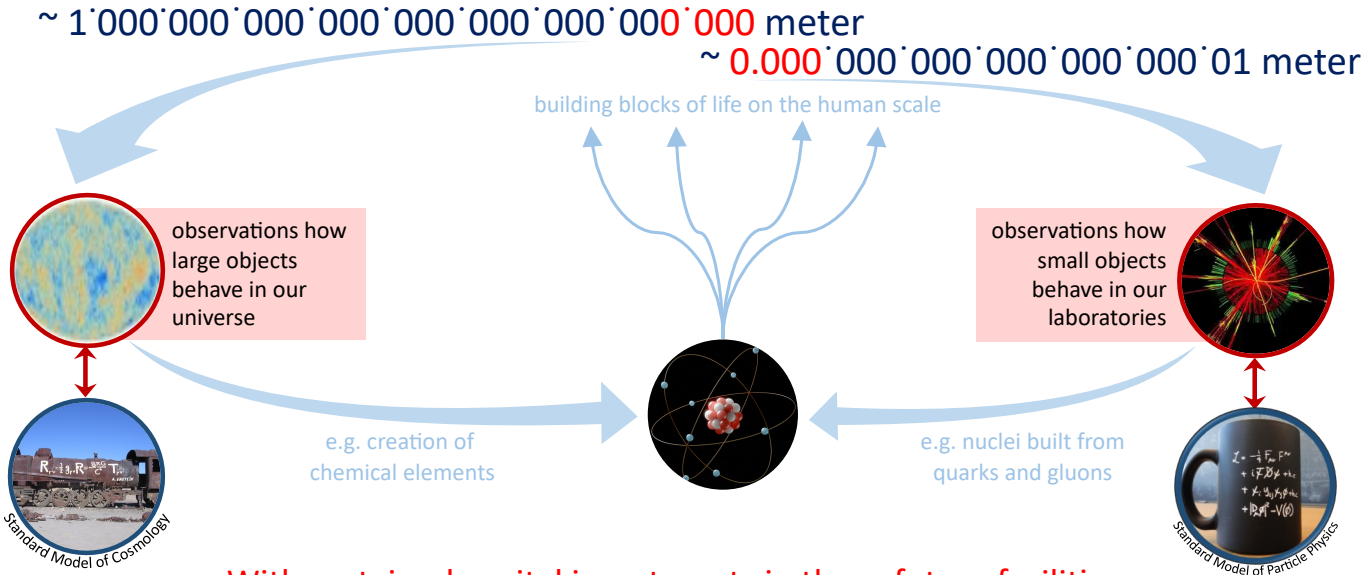
building blocks of life on the human scale
observations how large objects behave in our universe
observations how small objects behave in our laboratories
e.g. creation of chemical elements
e.g. nuclei built from quarks and gluons
Standard Model of Cosmology
Standard Model of Particle Physics

Building the future together



With sustained capital investments in these future facilities,
we know that we must discover new physics phenomena to add to our standard models.
… if not, we might have to revisit our theoretical frameworks and/or our basic principles.

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Thank you for your attention!

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