

A Survey of Detector R&D in China

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Detector R&D Planning



- ❖ The High Energy Physics (HEP) branch of Chinese Physics Society (CPS) holds annual meetings to discuss plans and issues, including detector R&D strategy.
- ❖ There has not been sufficient efforts, like the ECFA DRD, to prioritize the development directions or distribute resources strategically. Although it is not rare to see such actions happening at the institute level.
- ❖ The detector R&Ds in China are more experiment-oriented, including major upgrades and new experiments.
 - Collider experiments: ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, ALICE, Belle-II, CEPC, STCF
 - Non-accelerator ground experiments: LHAASO, JUNO & TAO, Trident, Dark-Shine
 - Space particle experiments: AMS-02, HERD
- ❖ In recent years, the share of detector contributions to major international experiments increases significantly.

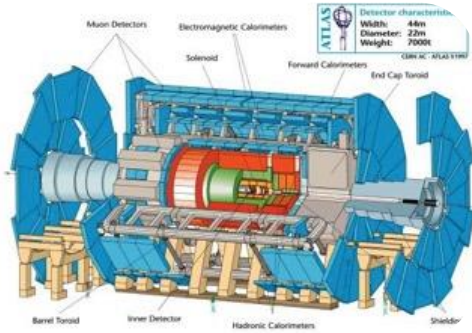
My apology to the on-going detector R&D activities that could not be covered



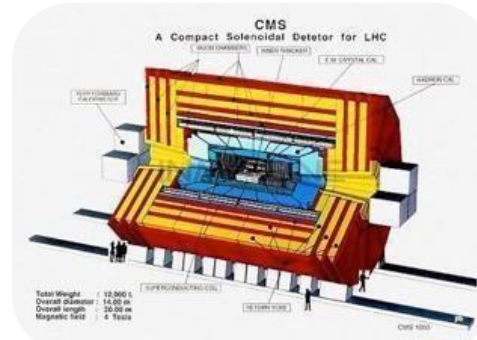
Upgrades of The LHC Experiments



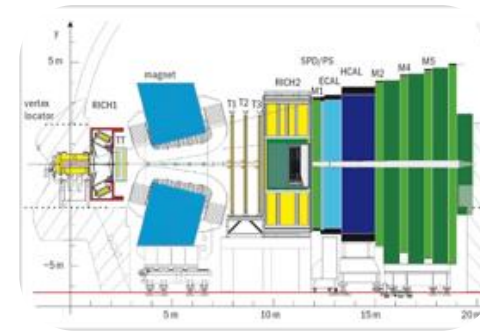
ATLAS



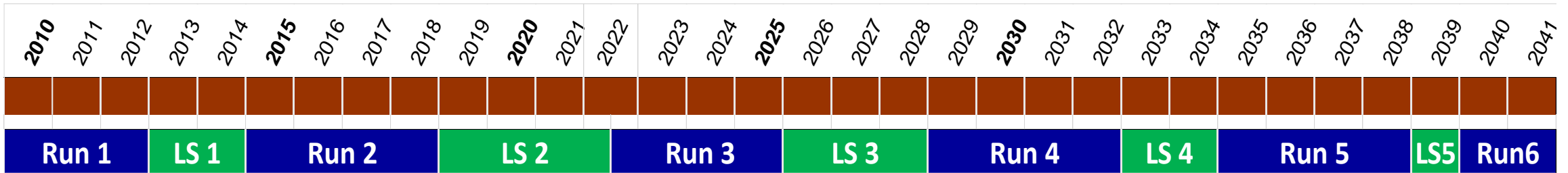
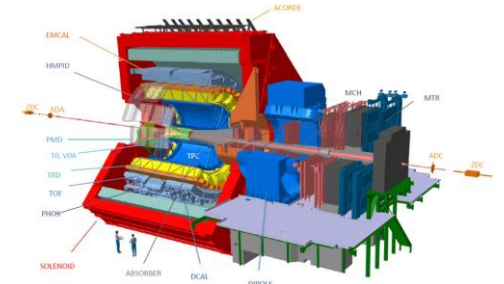
CMS



LHCb



ALICE



Contribution from Chinese groups

ATLAS NSW
 CMS CPPF, CSC
 LHCb UT, SciFi
 ALICE ITS2, MFT

ATLAS ITK, HGTD, Muon
 CMS HGCAL, MTD, Muon
 LHCb SPACAL ?
 ALICE ITS3, FoCal

ATLAS ?
 CMS ?
 LHCb UT, SPACAL
 ALICE ITS4, TOF

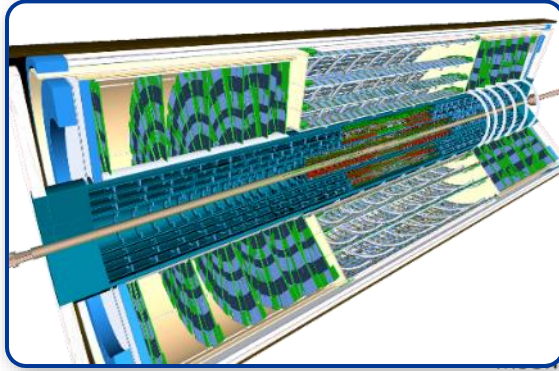


The ATLAS Upgrades



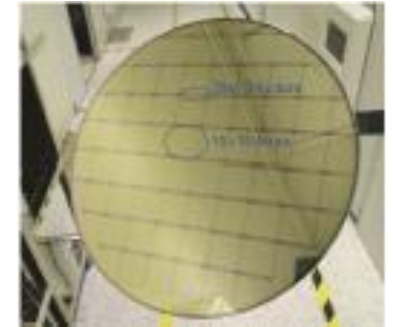
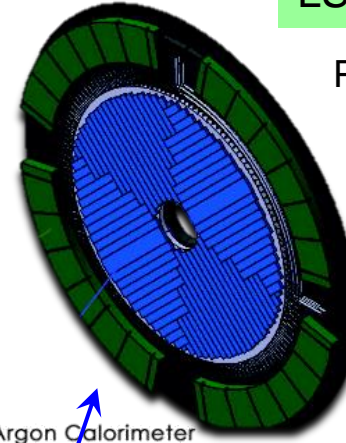
LS3: ITk

Produce SSD modules



LS3: HGTD

Produce rad-hard **LGAD in China**
(30-50 ps, $2.5 \times 10^{15} n_{eq}/cm^2$)
Design and produce detector

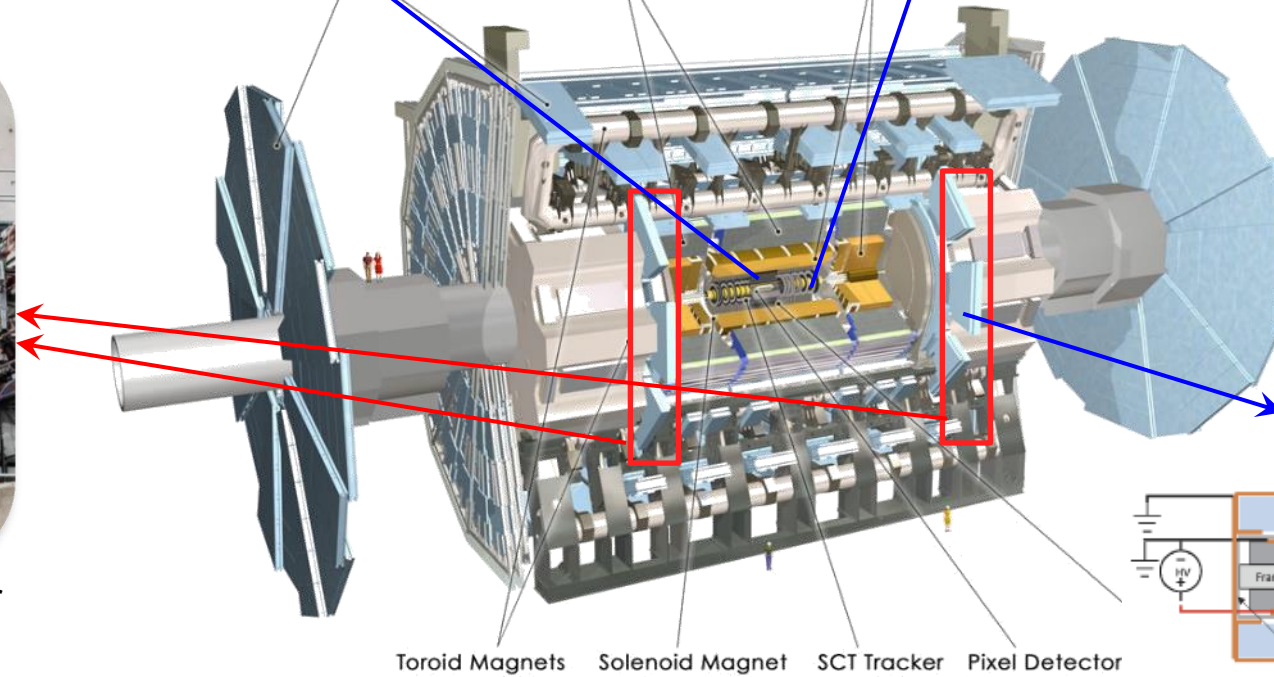


LS2: NSW



Small strip Thin Gap Chamber
Produce sTGC panels

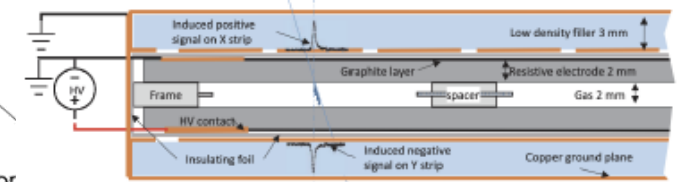
Detectors Tile Calorimeter Liquid Argon Calorimeter



Toroid Magnets Solenoid Magnet SCT Tracker Pixel Detector

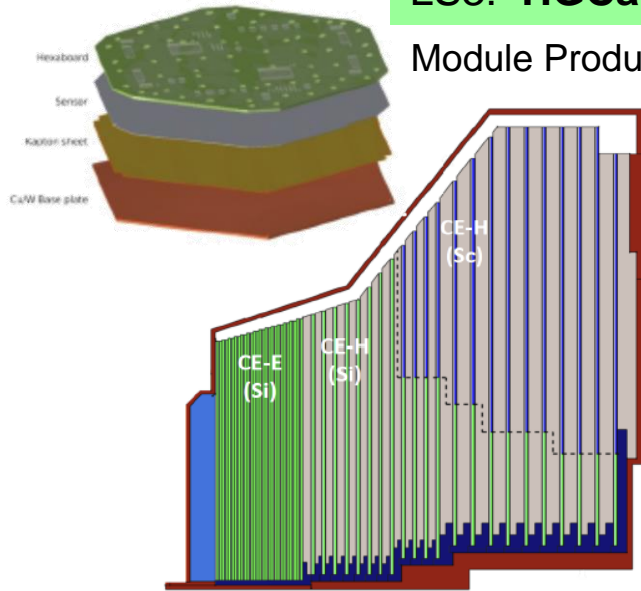
LS3: Muon

Produce RPC singlets



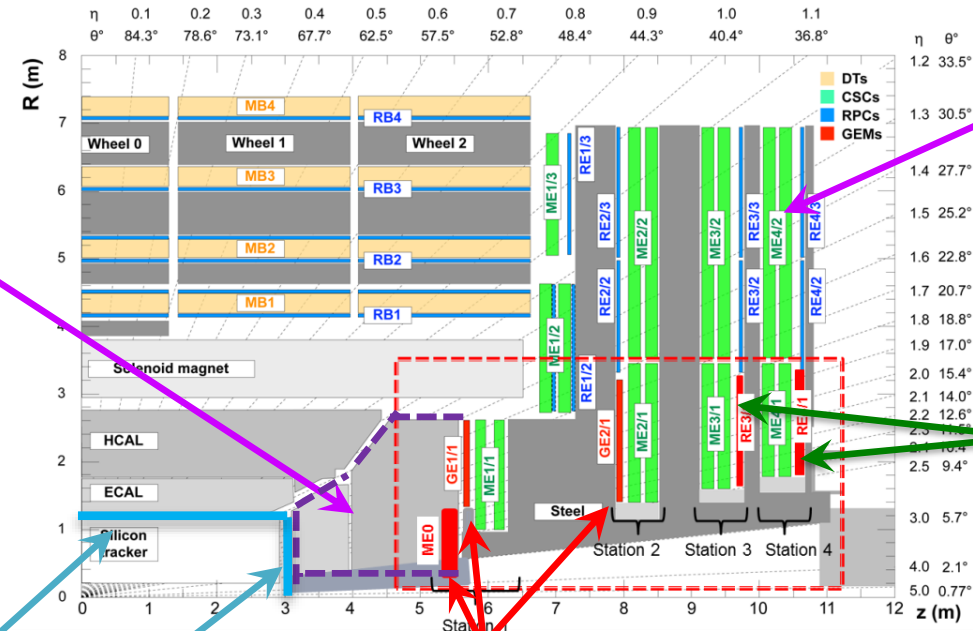
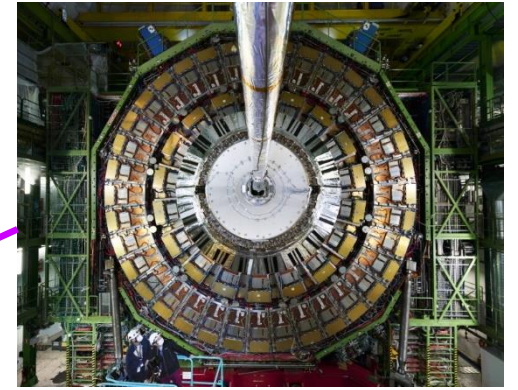
LS3: HGCal

Module Production



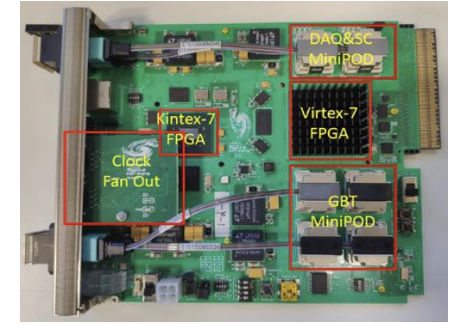
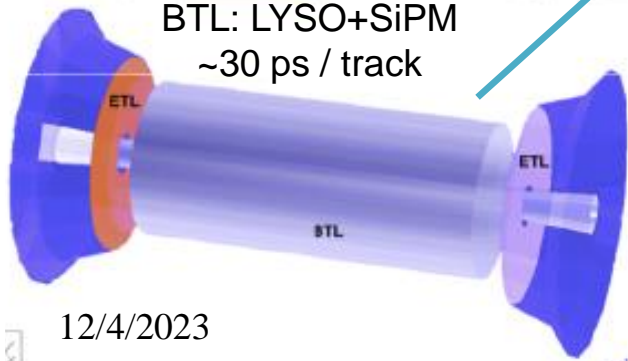
LS2: Muon

Cathode Strip Chamber
Muon L1 Trigger



LS3: MIP Timing Detector

ETL: LGAD based
BTL: LYSO+SiPM
~30 ps / track

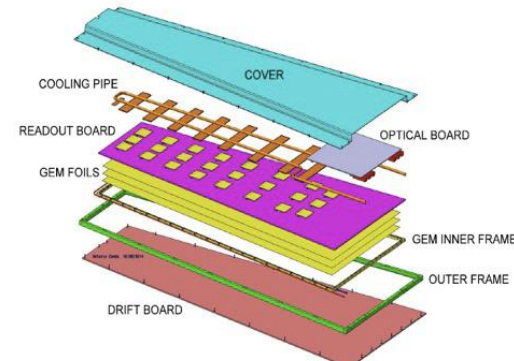


LS3: Endcap Muon

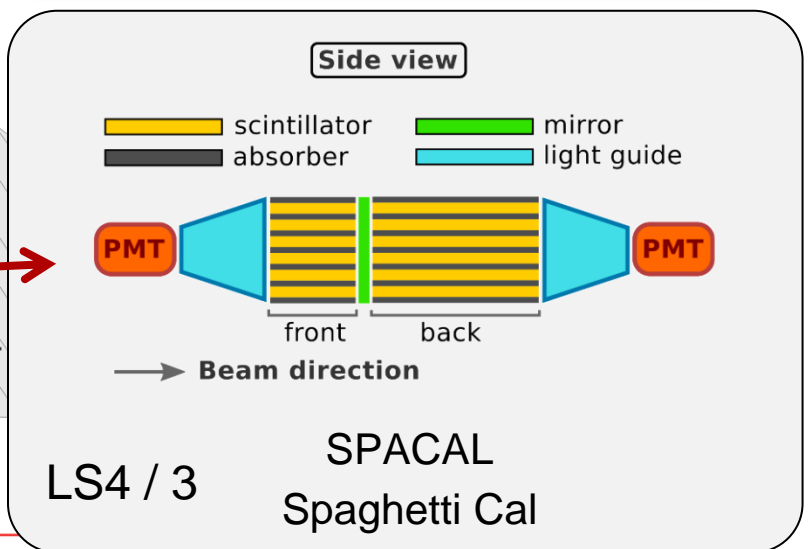
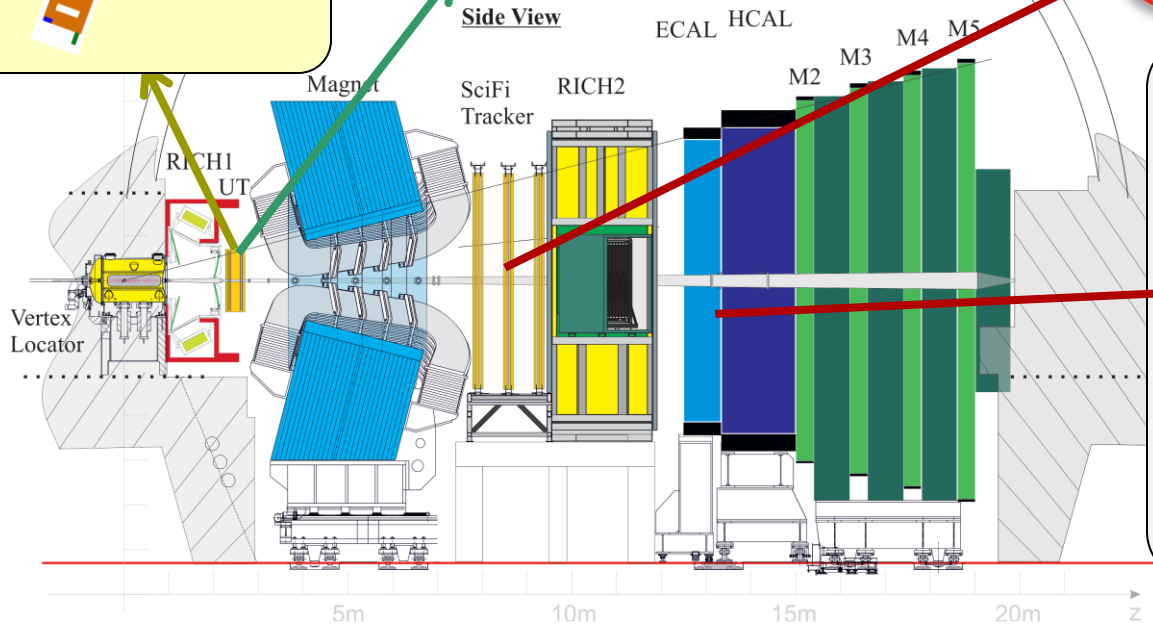
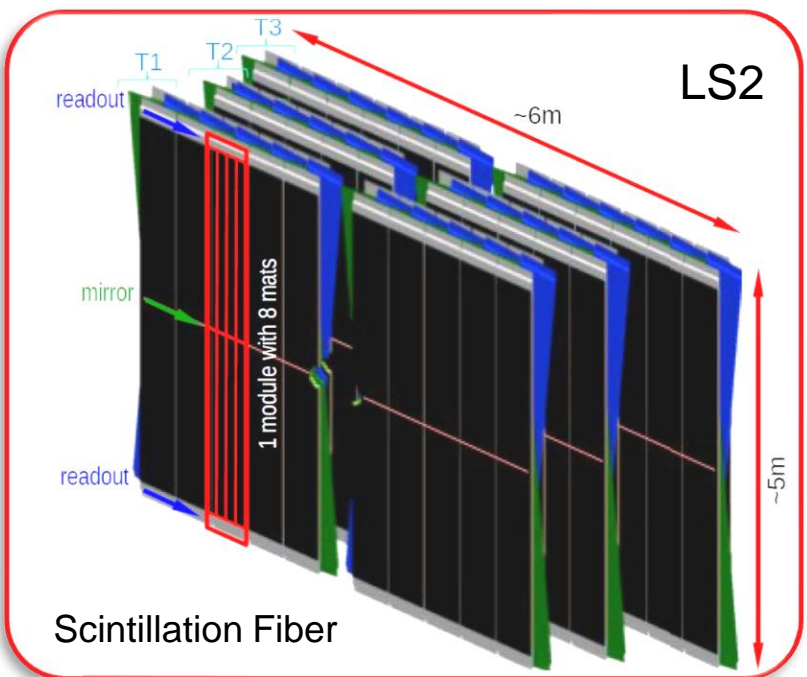
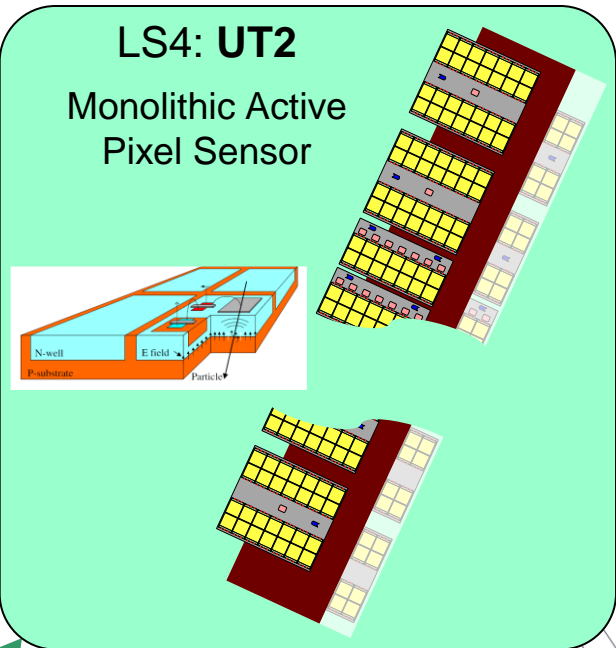
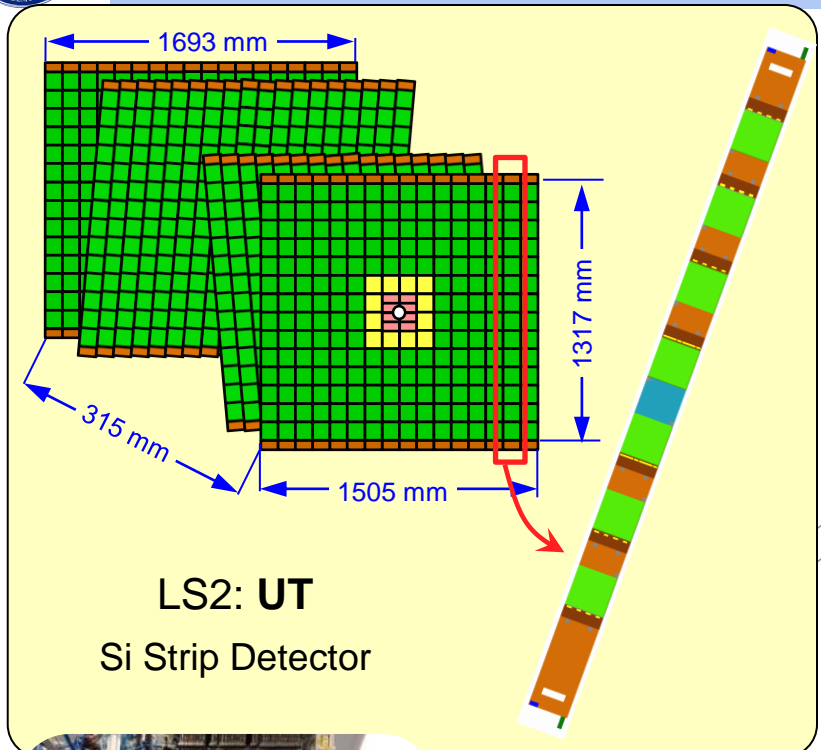
RPC/iRPC trigger backend

LS3: Endcap Muon

GEM ME0, GE1/1, GE2/1

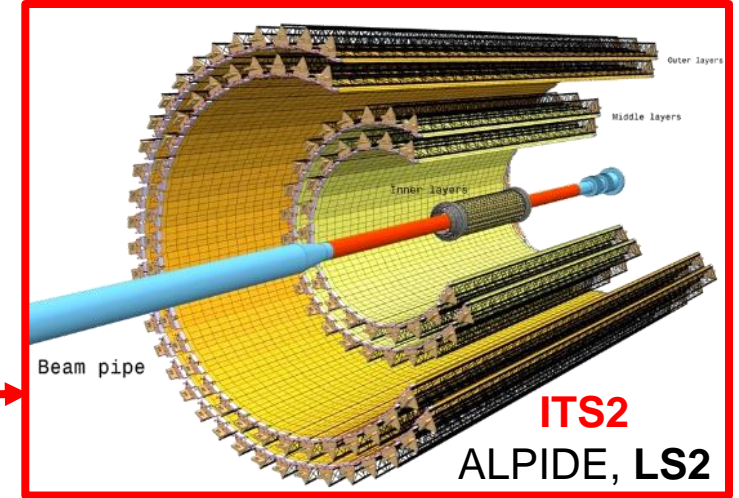
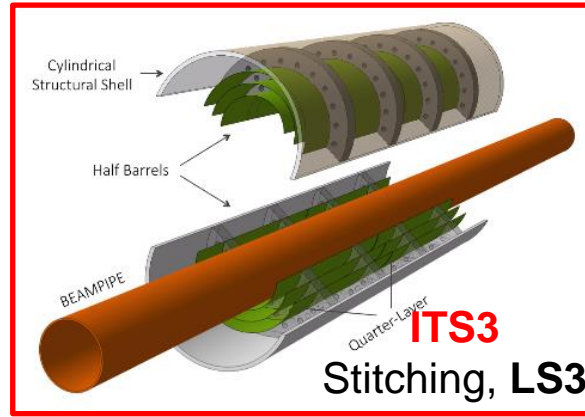
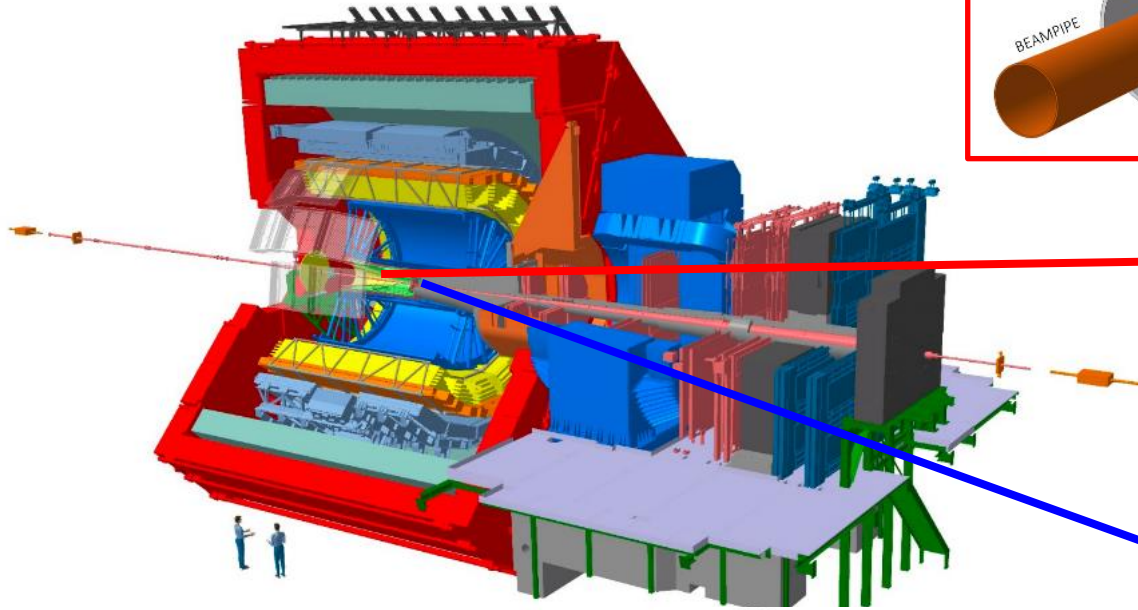


The LHCb Upgrades



LS4: ToF ?
LGAD-based,
or LGAD with MAPS

LS4: **ITS4 ?**
Bigger area ALPIDE

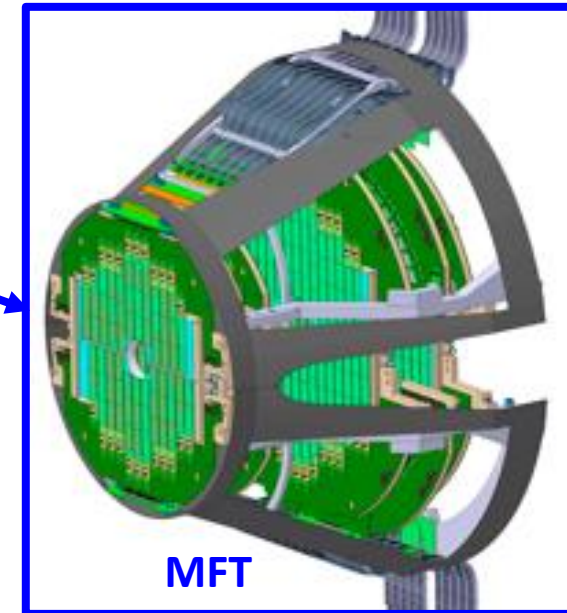
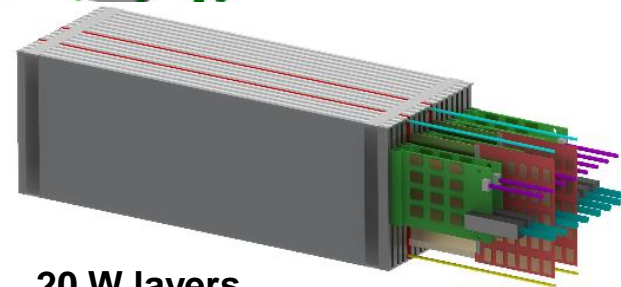


A full pixel layer with 3x15 ALPIDE chips

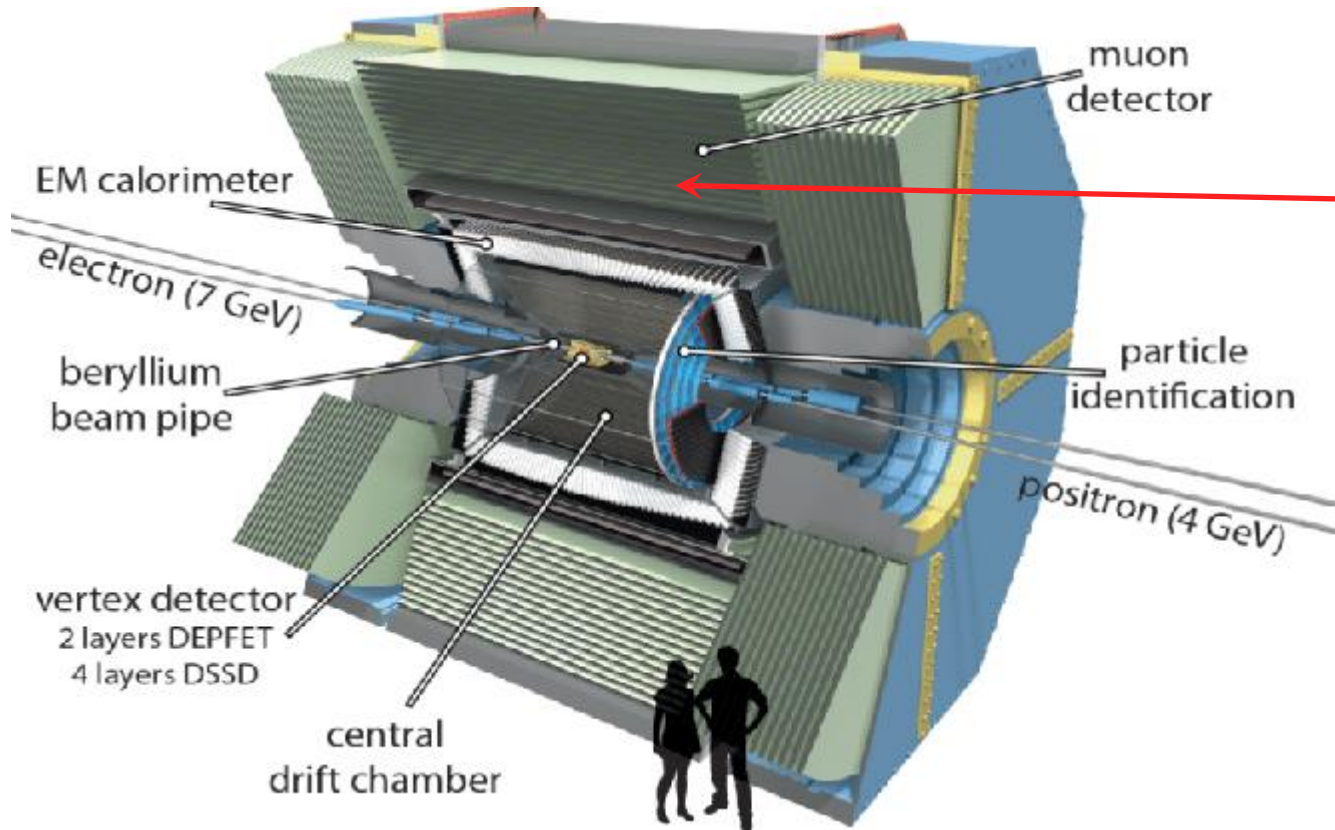


20 W layers
+ 18 pad sensors
+ 2 pixel layers

FoCal
LS3

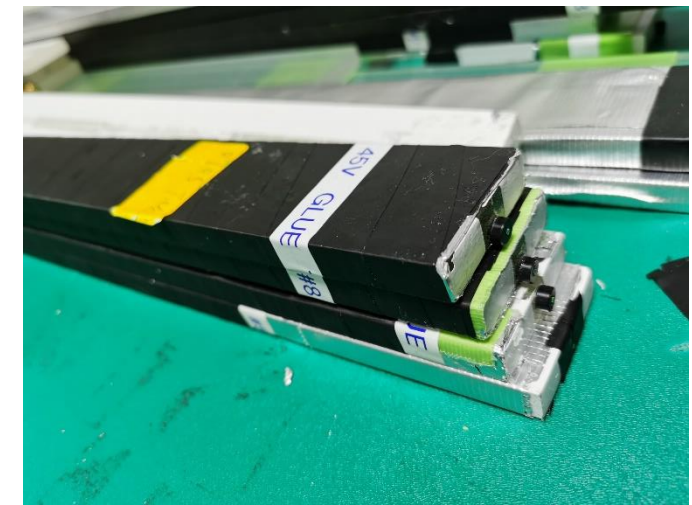
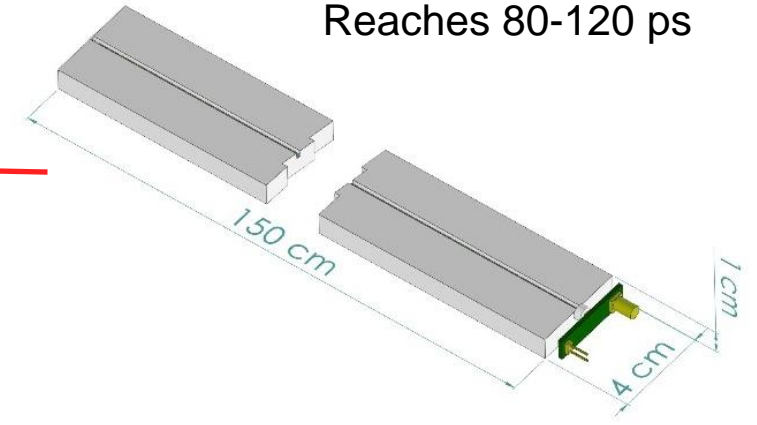


LS2
MFT discs



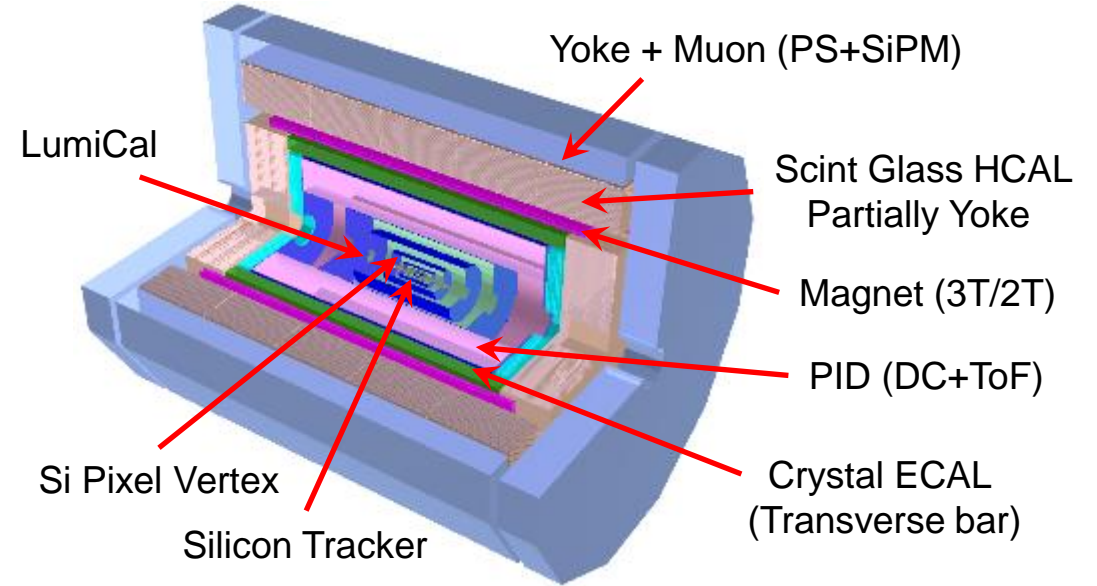
Upgrade in 2026: KLM

Scintillator + WLS fiber + SiPM
Reaches 80-120 ps

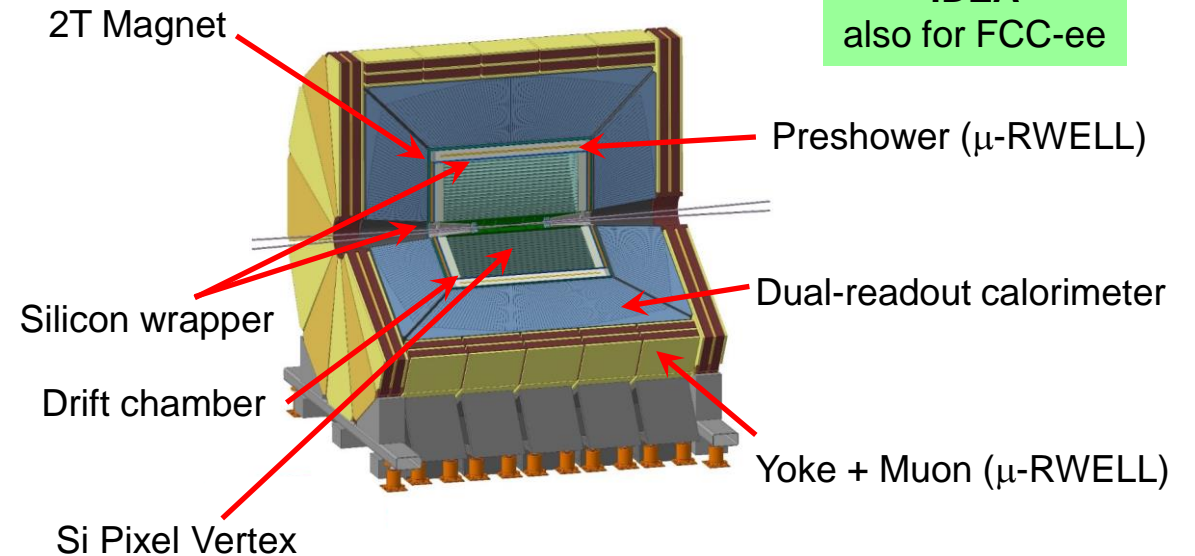




Det	Technology	Det	Technology
Pixel Vertex	JadePix	Calorimeter	Crystal ECAL
	TaichuPix		Stereo Crystal ECAL
	CPV(SOI)		Scint+W ECAL
	Stitching		Si+W ECAL
	Arcadia		Scint+Fe AHCAL
Tracker & PID	CEPCPix ←		ScintGlass AHCAL
	Silicon Strip		RPC SDHCAL
	TPC		MPGD SDHCAL
	Drift chamber	DR Calorimeter	
	PID DC	Scintillation Bar ←	
	AC-LGAD ToF	RPC	
	Lumi	SiTrk+Crystal ECAL	μ-Rwell
SiTrk+SiW ECAL		Misc	HTS / LTS Magnet
Fast LumMoni			MDI & Integration
CEPC SW	TDAQ scheme		



IDEA
also for FCC-ee



TaichuPix3-based Prototyping

Silicon Pixel Vertex

Goal:

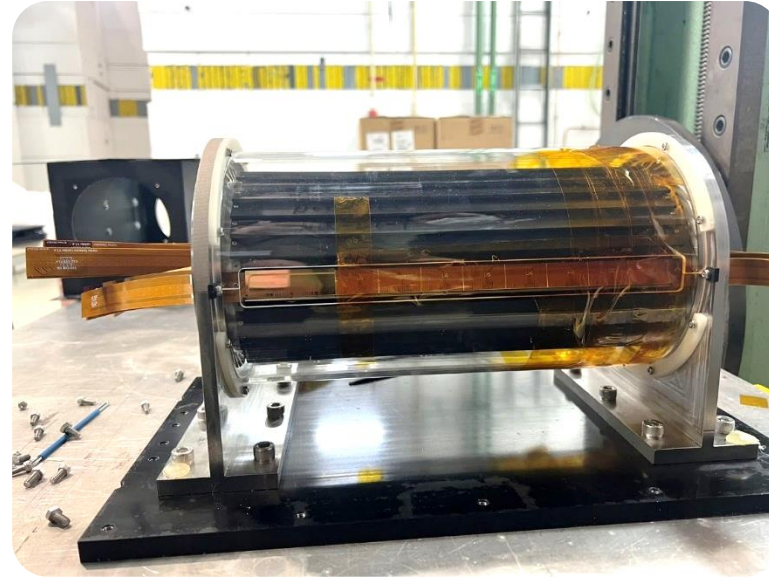
- $\sigma(\text{IP}) \sim 5 \mu\text{m}$ for high P track.

Design specs:

- Single point resolution $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$.
- Low material ($0.15\% X_0$ / layer),
- Low power ($< 50 \text{ mW/cm}^2$)
- Radiation hard (1 Mrad/year)

Layout design:

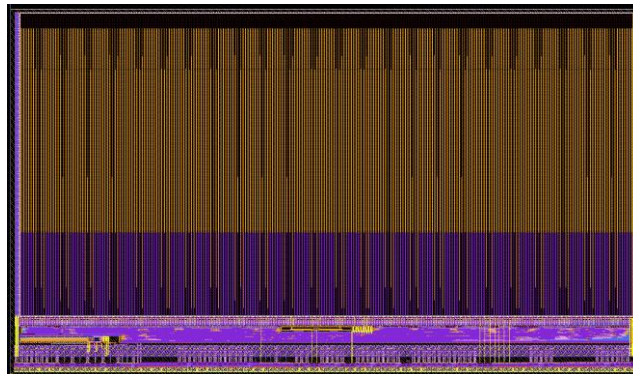
- 3 dual-layers, $R_{\text{in}} \sim 16\text{mm}$



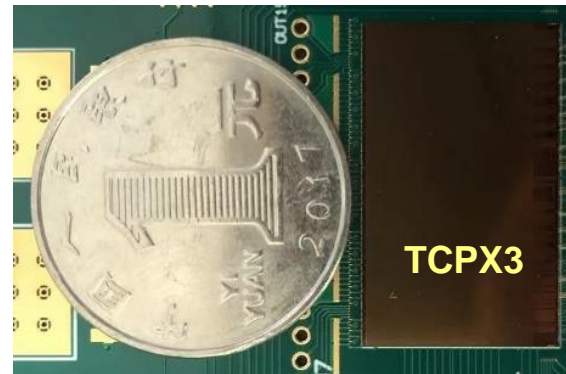
Silicon Pixel Tracker

- ❑ Large area (70 or 140 m^2)
 ➔ Cost effectiveness
- ❑ Joint effort with KIT to explore SMIC 55 nm HV process
- ❑ May choose SPD inner tracker and SSD outer tracker

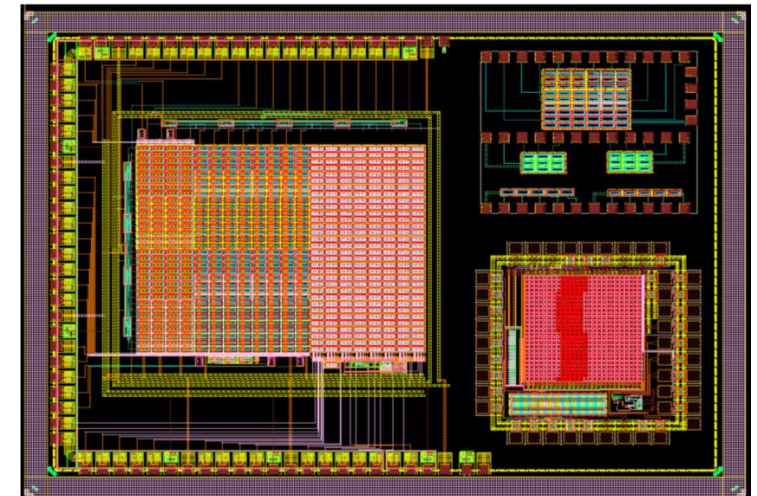
JadePix4 356×498 pixels, 20×29 μm^2



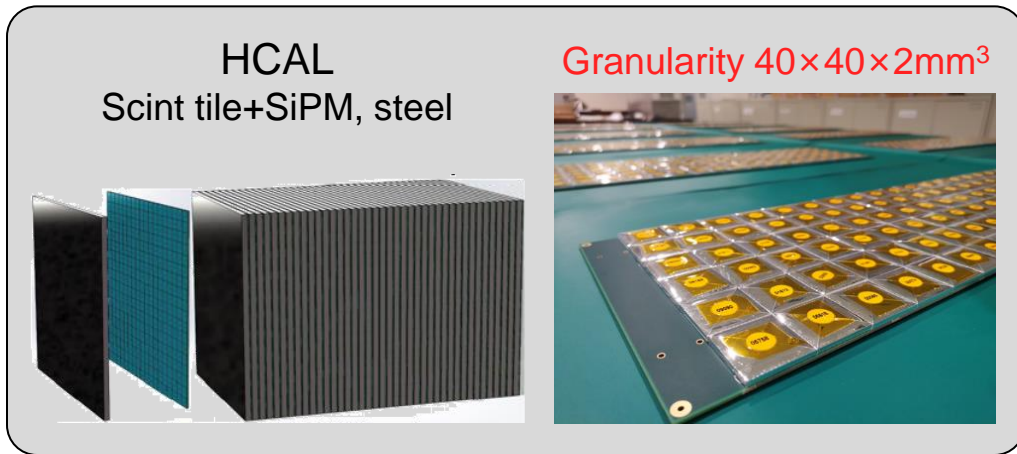
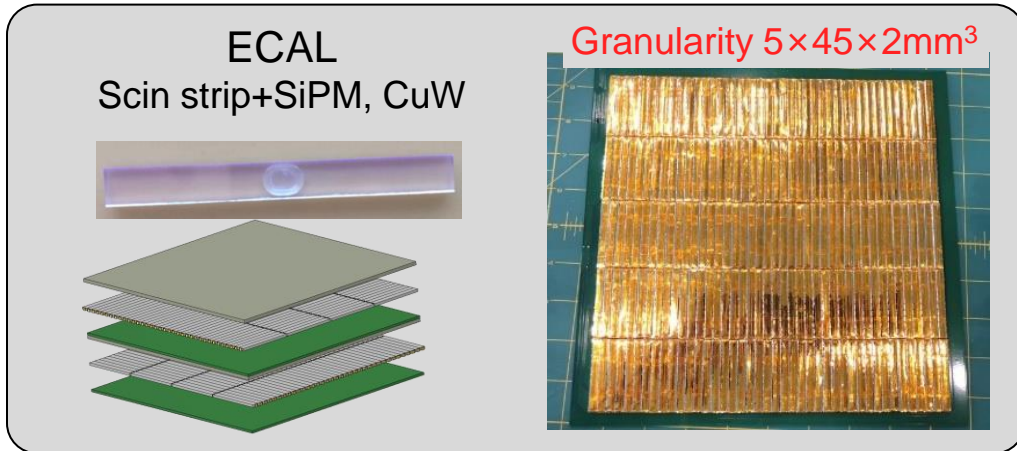
TaichuPix3 1024×512 pixels, 25×25 μm^2



The 2nd design for **SMIC** 55nm HV HR process

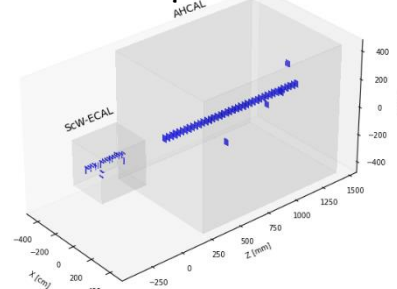


TowerJazz 180nm CIS process
 $\sigma_{x/y} \sim 3\text{-}4 \mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_t \sim 1 \mu\text{s}$, $\sim 100 \text{ mW/cm}^2$

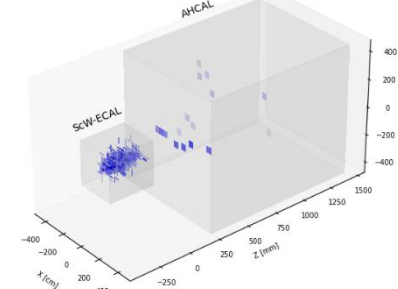


Prototypes developed within **CALICE**
Members from China, Japan, France & Israel

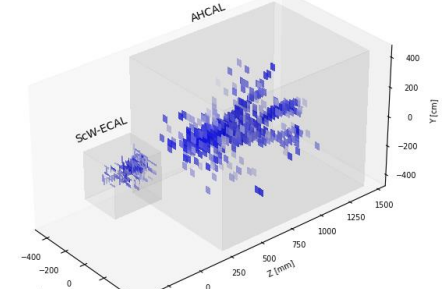
100 GeV μ^-



60 GeV e



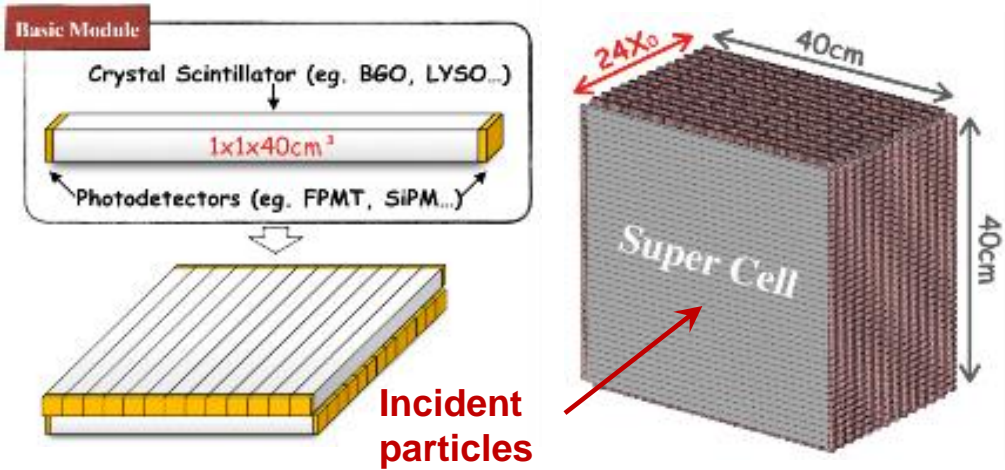
60 GeV π^-



Validated in testbeams at CERN

PFA Crystal ECAL

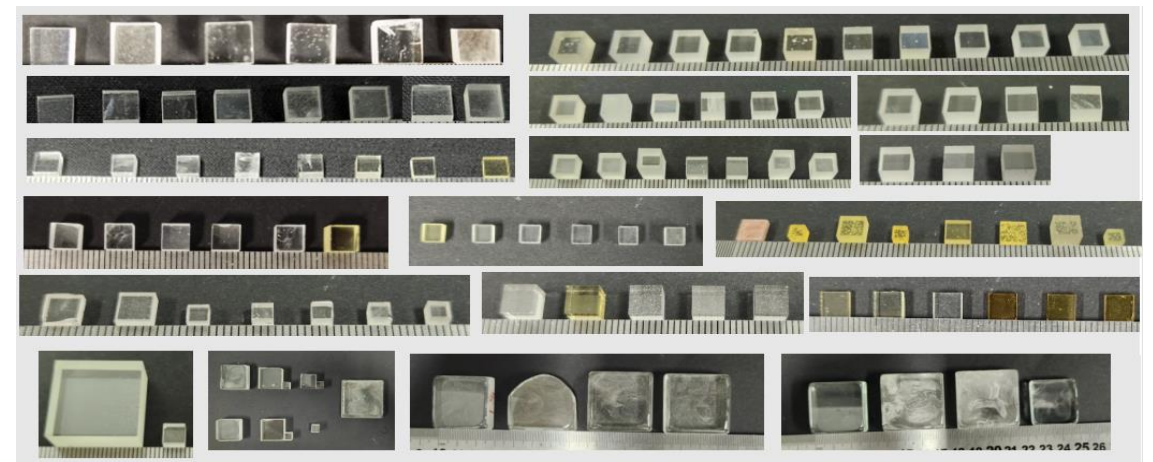
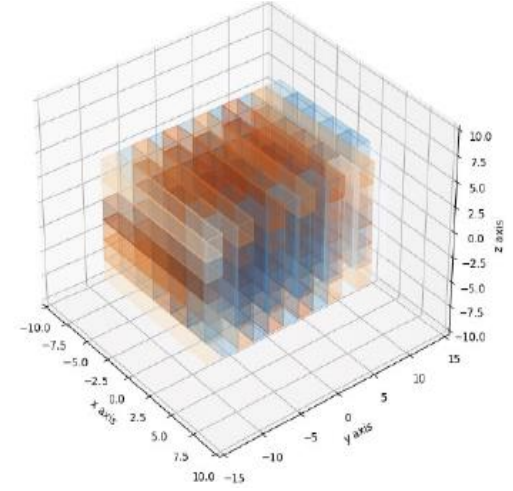
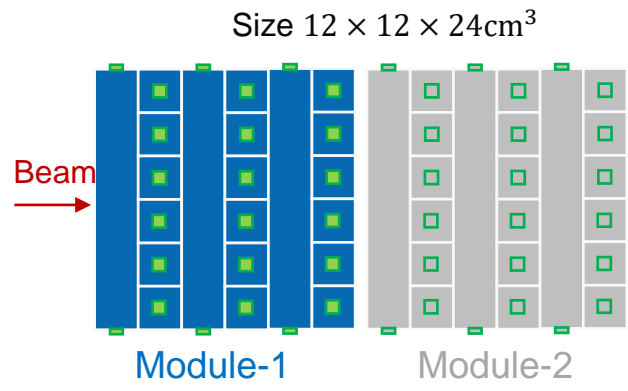
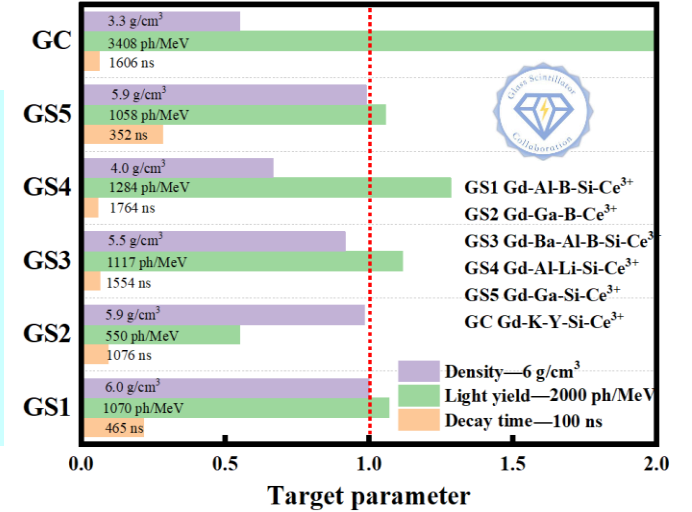
Improve EM resolution by a factor of 5

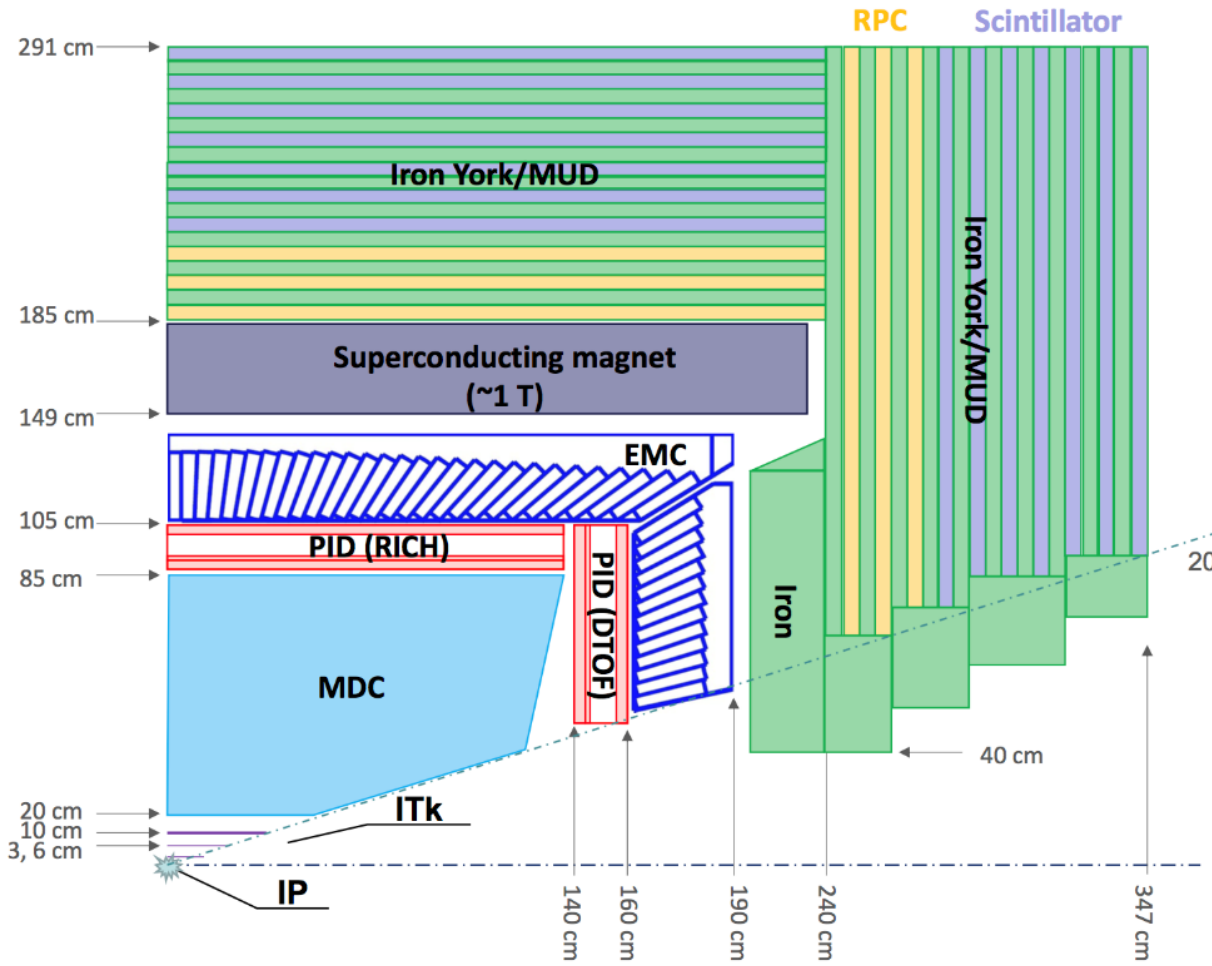


PFA Glass Scintillator HCAL

Replacing plastic scintillator with high density glass scintillator

- ### Specs of glass scintillator
- Light yield: 1000~2000 ph/MeV
 - Density: 5~7 g/cm³
 - Scintillation time: ~100 ns
 - Low cost
 - Tiles in cm scale





- Acceptance: $94\% \times 4\pi$
- $\sigma_p/p \sim 0.5\% @ 1\text{GeV}$, $\sigma_E/E \sim 2.5\% @ 1\text{GeV}$
- PID: $\pi/K \sim 4\sigma @ 2\text{GeV}$
- μ -ID: eff >98% & mis-ID <3% @ 1GeV

❖ Inner Tracker

- Gas option: cylindrical μ -RWELL
- Silicon option: low mass MAPS

❖ Central Tracker

- Small-cell drift chamber

❖ PID

- Barrel – RICH: MPGD-based photon detector
- Endcap – DIRC: super high time resolution

❖ EMC

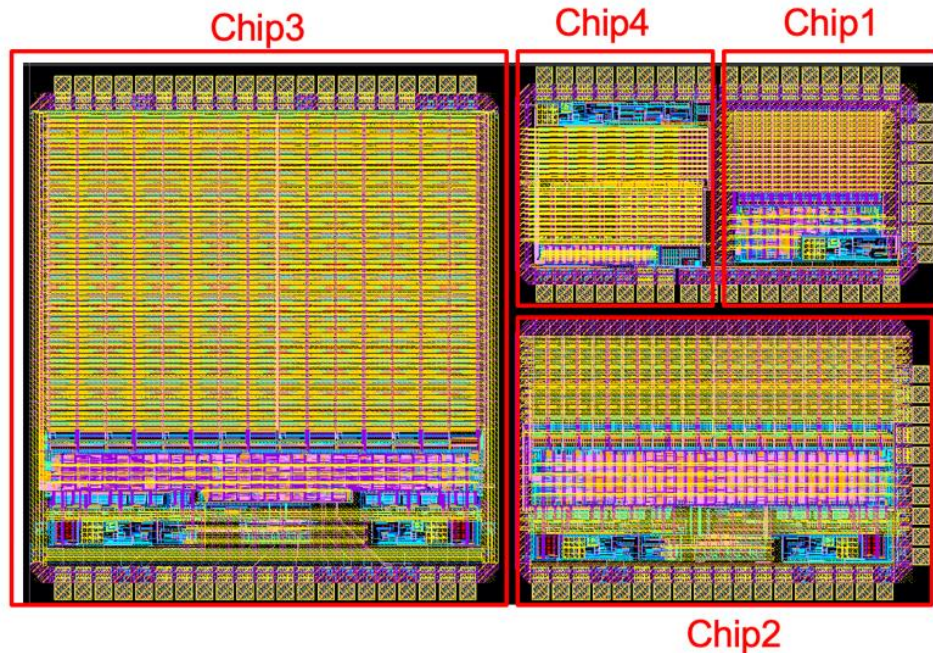
- Pure CsI+APD: high rate, high energy resolution with timing capability

❖ MUD (hybrid design)

- Inner layers - High-rate RPC: insensitive to beam background
- Outer layers - Sci+SiPM: efficient for n and K_L

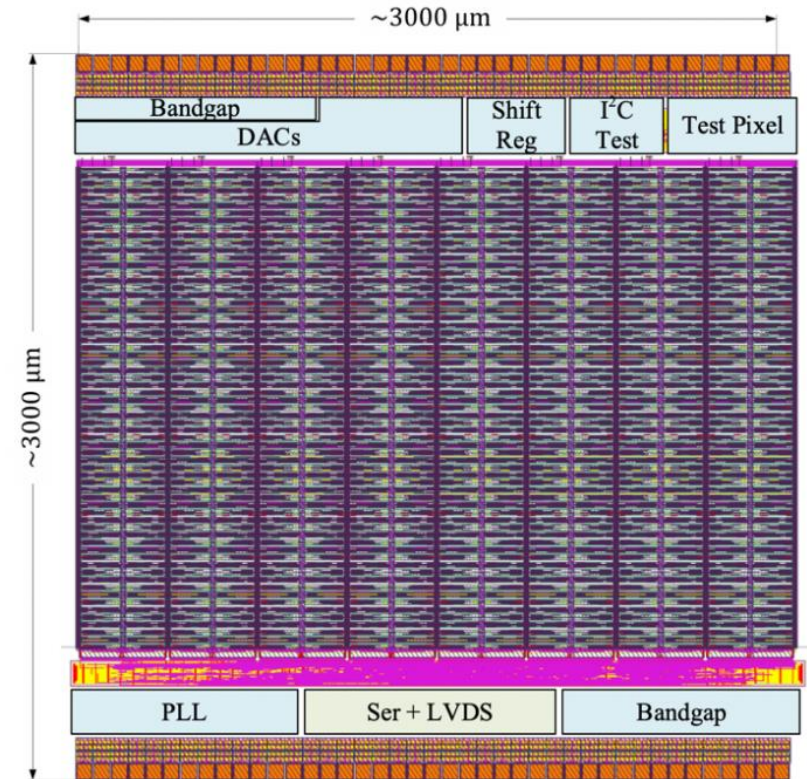
Challenges: spatial, timing & energy measurements with lower power consumption

Design based on T180nm technology



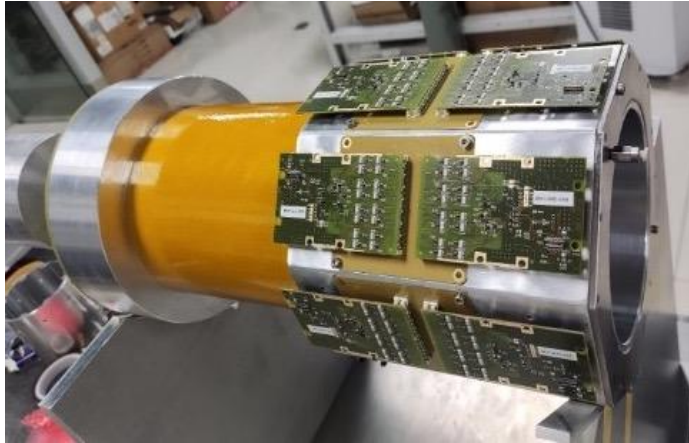
- Chip 1: ALPIDE-like small pixel, digital readout
- Chip 2: $60\mu\text{m} \times 90\mu\text{m}$ pixel size, TOA/TOT readout (pixel & strip-based)
- Chip 3: $30\mu\text{m} \times 180\mu\text{m}$ pixel size, TOA/TOT readout (pixel & strip-based)
- Chip 4: analog readout (all 5 different pixel matrix layouts)

Domestic NexChip FCIS 90 nm technology

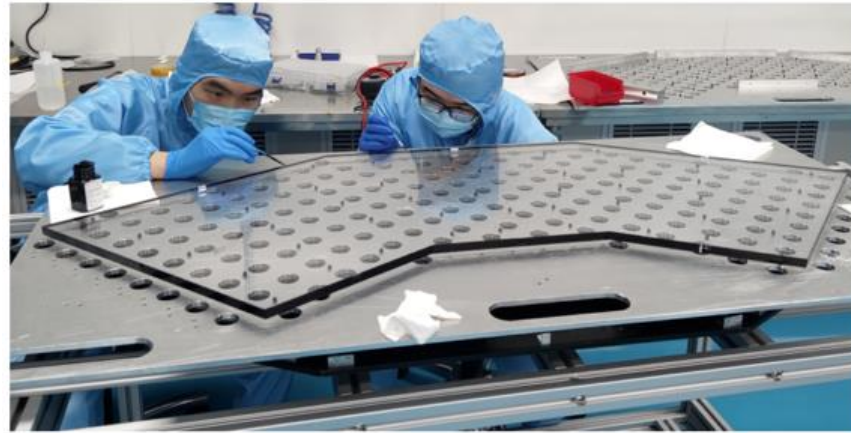


Both designs will be submitted in beginning of 2024

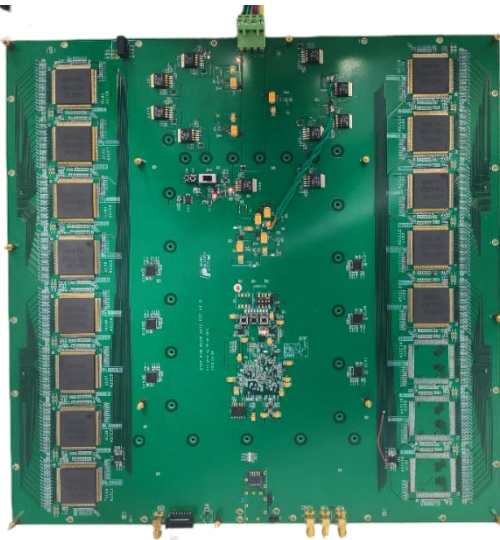
Cylindrical MPGD engineering



Large-size DIRC detector prototype with full readout



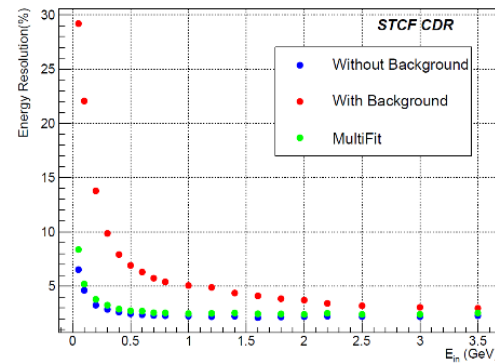
RICH readout ASIC development



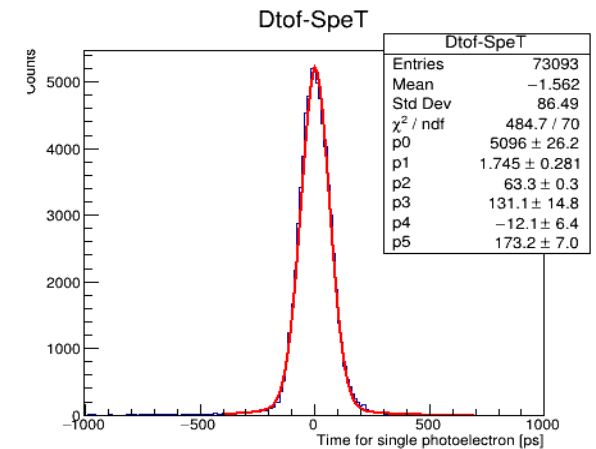
A novel approach to enhancing pCsl light yield (reaching 300 p.e./MeV)



Pile-up mitigation



DIRC time resolution ~ 20 ps





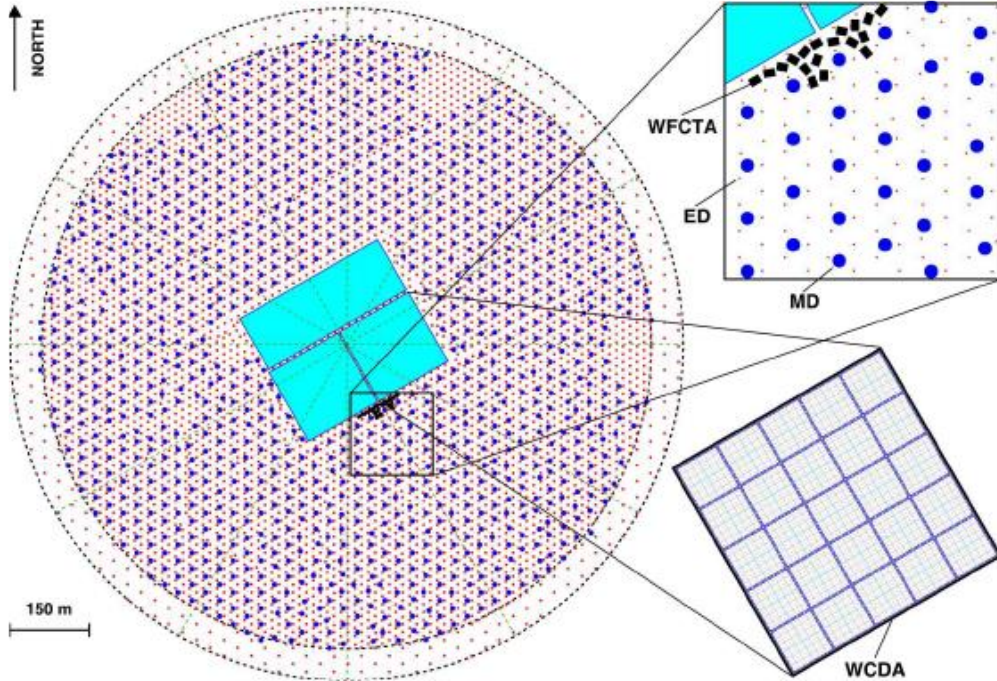
The LHAASO Upgrade



Large High Altitude Air Shower Observatory
12 PeVatrons have been discovered !

KM2A (5216 EDs & 1188 MDs)
~1.3 km², 10 TeV – 10 PeV

WFCTA (18 WFCTs)
E: 10 TeV – 1 EeV

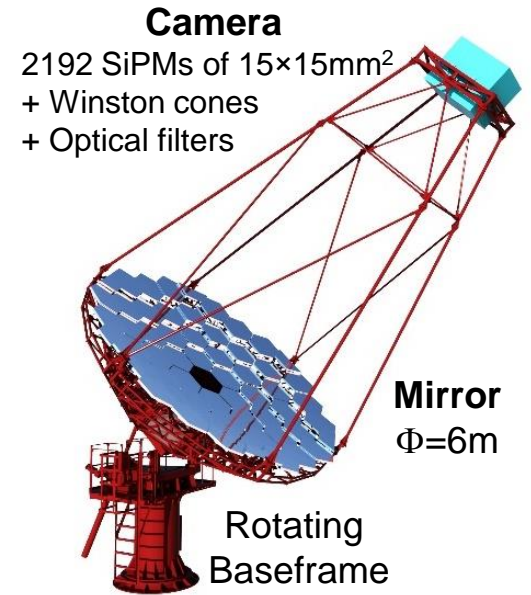


Altitude: 4410 m

WCDA (3120 WCDs)
78,000 m², 0.1 – 10 TeV

Large Array of Cherenkov Telescopes (LACT)

- Will add in total 32 telescopes. Two prototypes were built and will start operation in 2024
- Improve angular resolution
~0.3°@30 TeV ⇒ < 0.05°@>10 TeV
- Main scientific goal: morphology of PeVatrons and locating UHE γ -emitters



LHAASO measurement **LACT expectation**

SNR **SNR**

PWN **PWN**

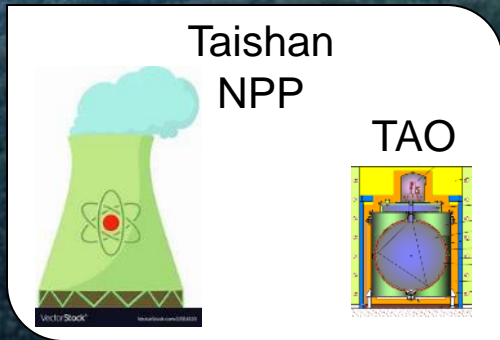
A prototype at Chengdu A prototype at LHAASO

LACT

The JUNO & TAO Neutrino Experiments



53 km



Precision anti-neutrino
spectrum from NPP

53 km

JUNO
700 m UG



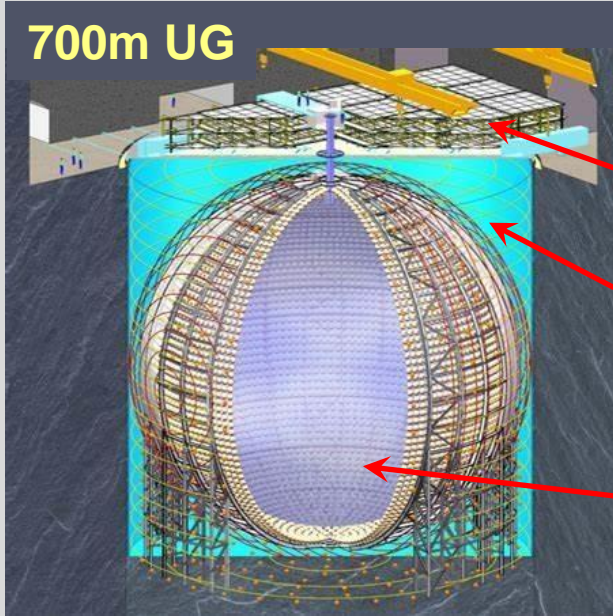
Multipurpose neutrino
experiment, including
the mass hierarchy



JUNO & TAO Experiments



700m UG

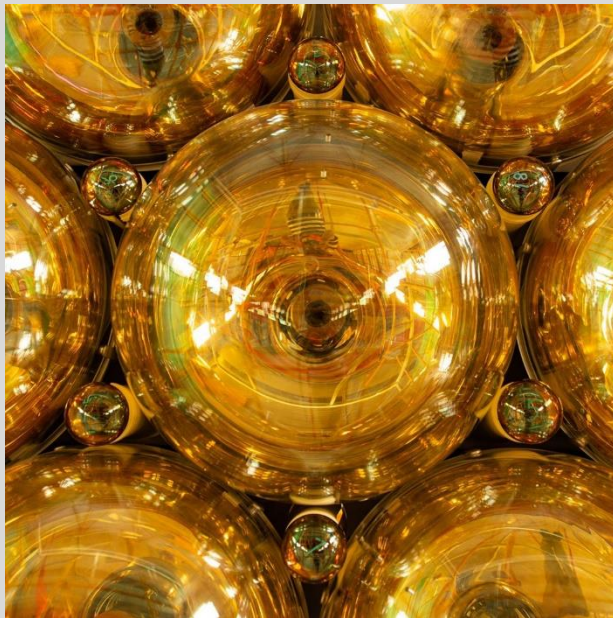


JUNO

Plastic Scintillator
Top Tracker

35 kton ultra pure water
Water Cherenkov Det

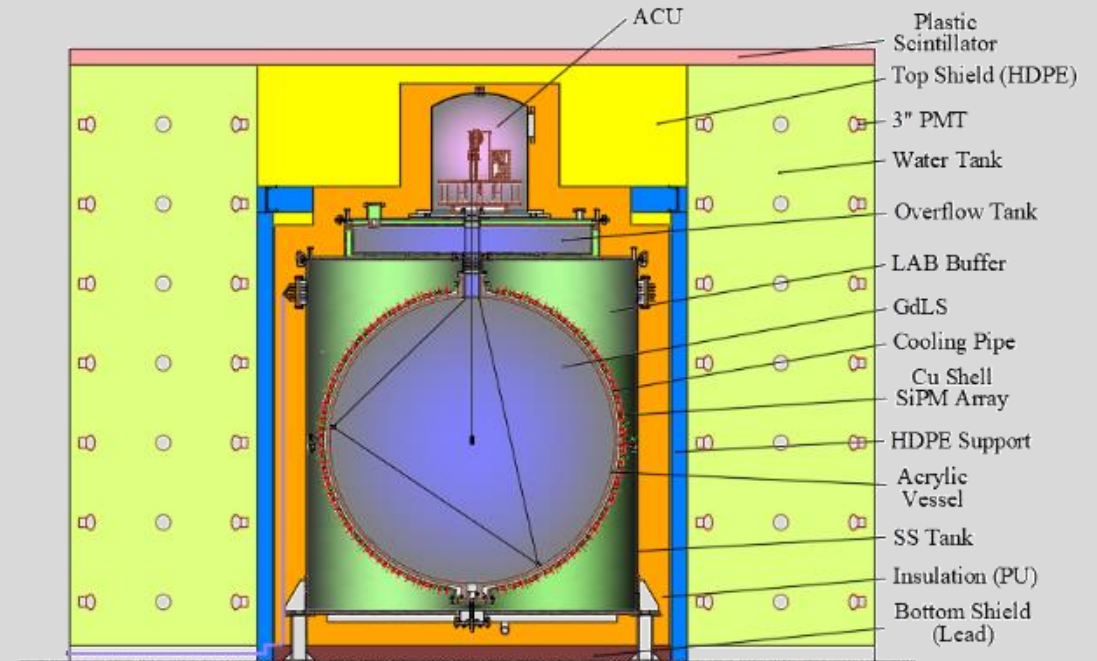
20 kton Liquid scint.
CD



20k 20" PMT
25k 3" PMT

expected to start
operation by the
end of 2024

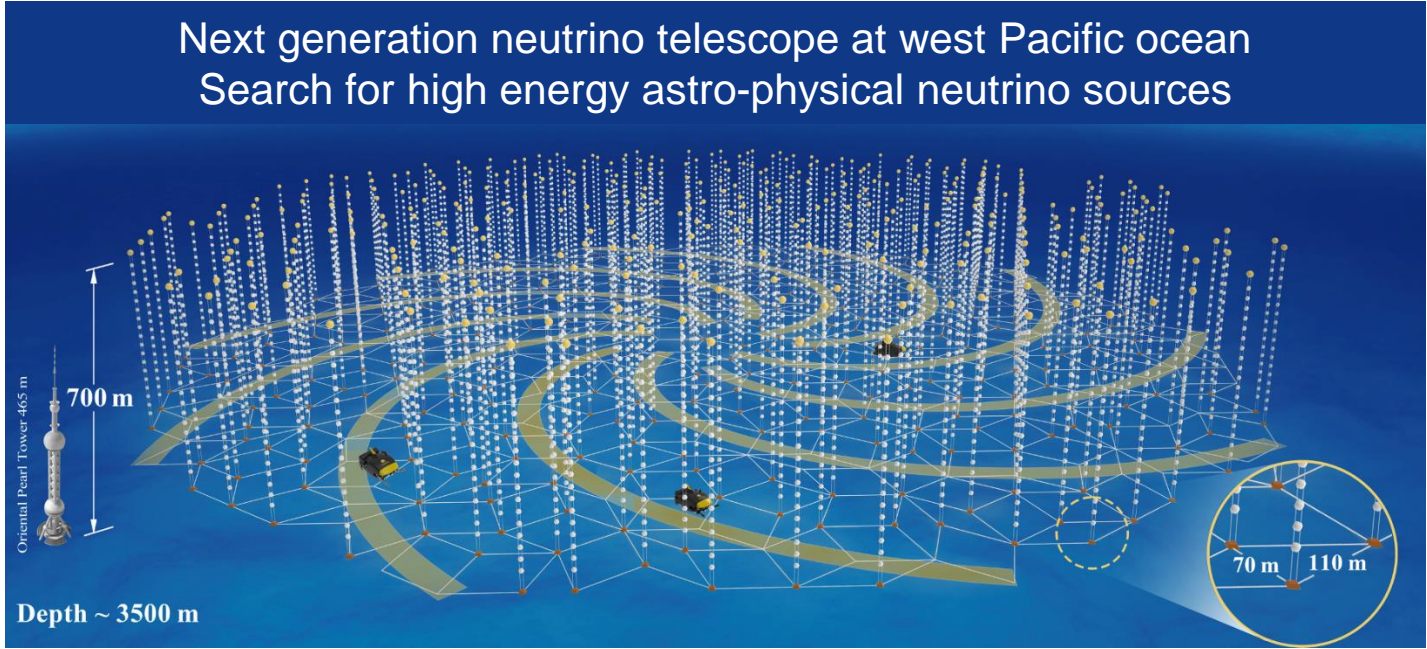
TAO is a satellite experiment to JUNO,
providing reference spectrum



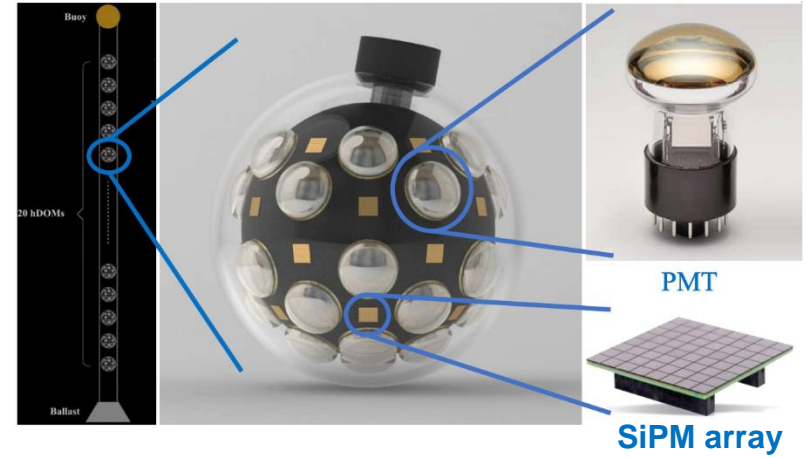
- Operated at -50 °C,
- Low temperature 2.8 ton Gd-LS
- Full coverage of SiPMs (10 m²) w/ PDE > 50%
- LY: ~4000 p.e./MeV, resolution: < 2% @1 MeV
- Under construction, online in 2024



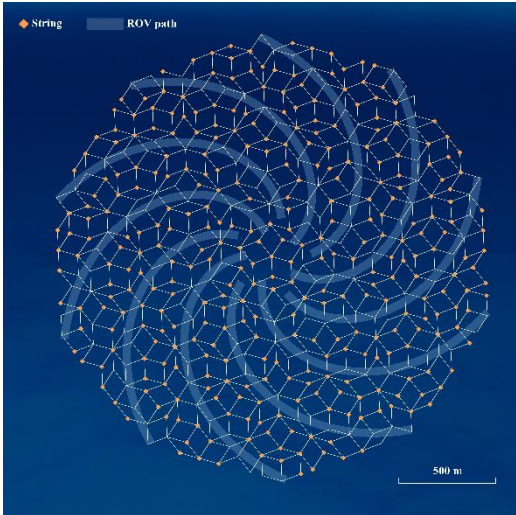
The tRopIcal DEep-sea Neutrino Telescope (TRIDENT)



1200 strings, 20 hDOMs on each string, volume: ~ 8 km³



Detector unit (**hDOM**) based on PMT+SiPM
 Large light collection area + fast timing ~O(100) ps
 Angular resolution: < 0.1° @ E(ν_μ) > 100 TeV



Penrose tiling:

Uneven inter-string spacing:
70m & 110m, expand energy
window of sub TeV – EeV

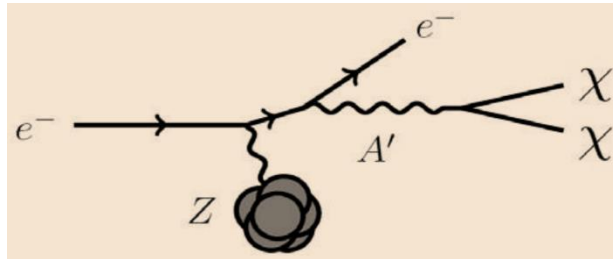
10-string operation in **2026**

Full operation in ~2030



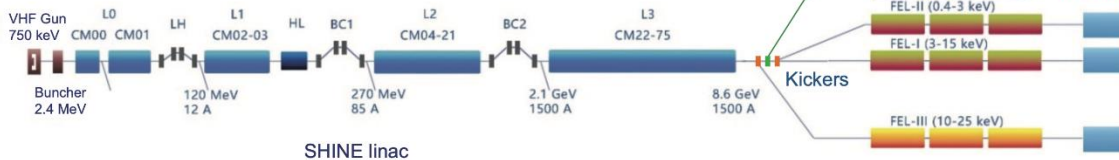
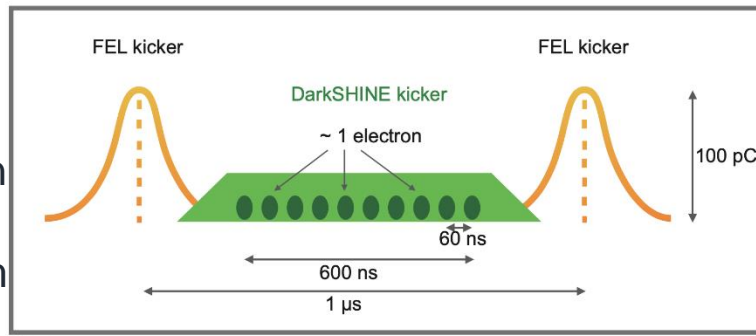
Electrical-optical network under sea (3500m) for power/data
 Large data rate (~20Tb/s) → requires superior TDAQ system

Hunting for 5th fundamental force: Dark Photon shining on the Dark Matter

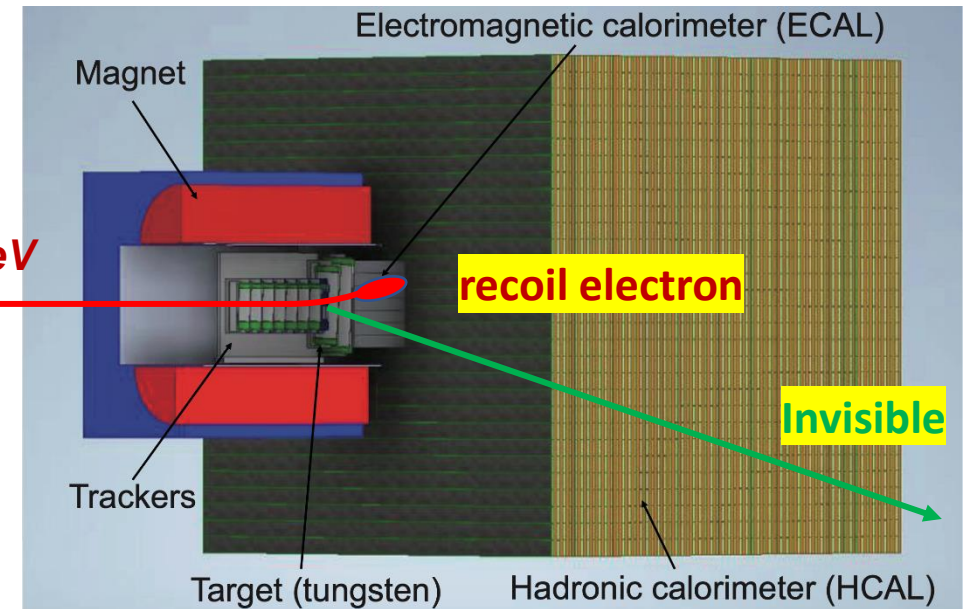


- Tracker: Si strip detector, 7-layer tagging modules, and 6-layer recoil modules
- ECAL to measure Energy of recoil: LYSO+SiPM, crystal size $2.5 \times 2.5 \times 4 \text{ cm}^3$, total $20 \times 20 \times 11$ crystals
- HCAL to reject n/μ background: Fe+PS+WLS+SiPM, size $1.5 \times 1.5 \times 2.5 \text{ m}^3$, $\sim 11\lambda$

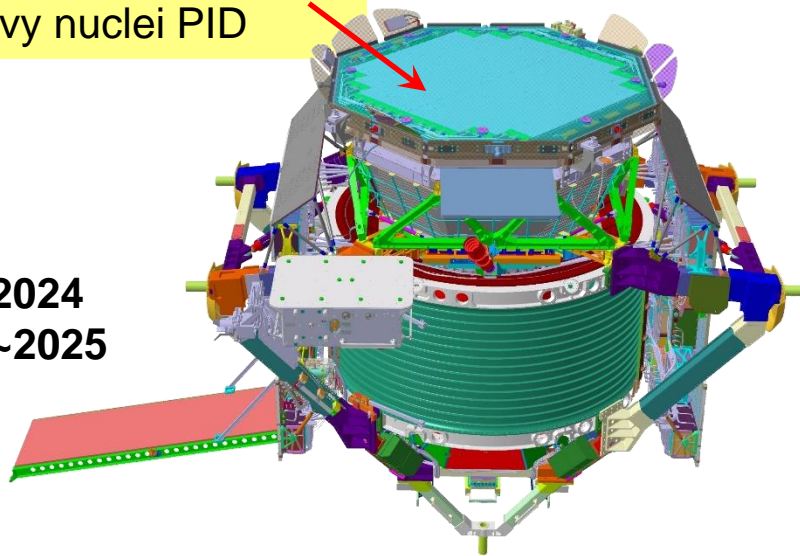
high repetition rate single electron beam



1~10 MHz @ 8 GeV

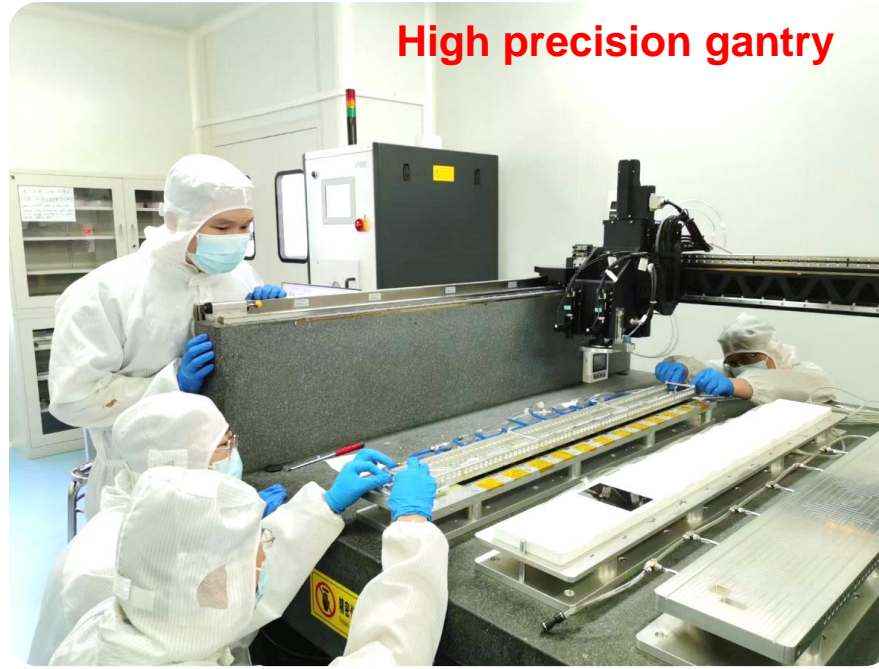


2x4 m² silicon strip detector
 Increase x3 acceptance
 Heavy nuclei PID



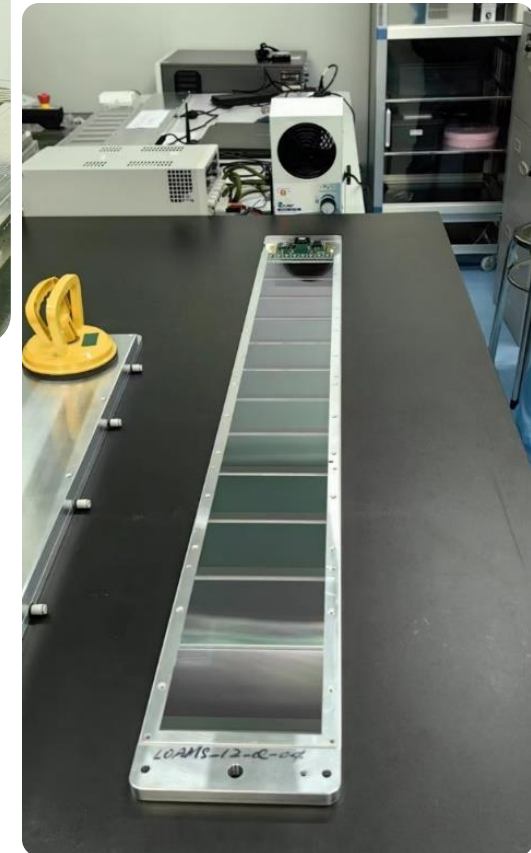
Ready in 2024
 Launch in ~2025

High precision gantry

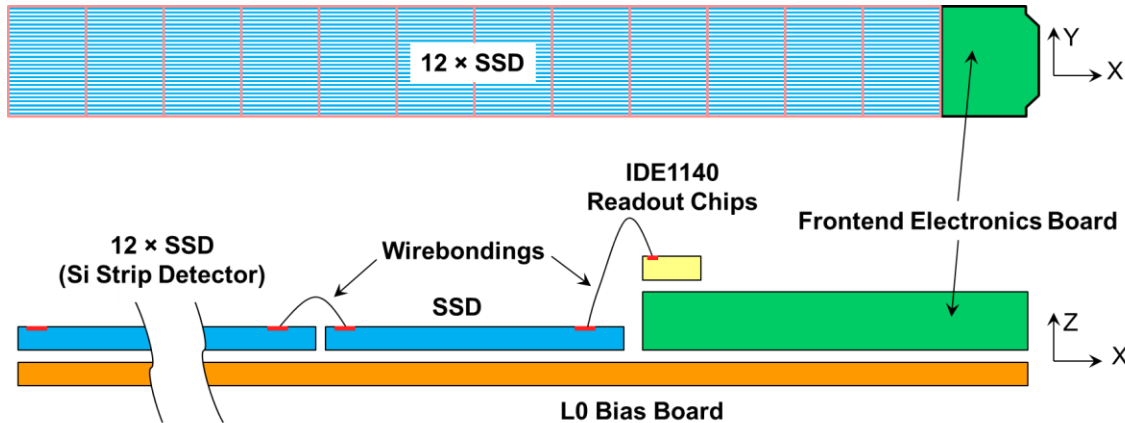


Prototype detectors

Achieved 4.1 μm precision
 from placement of SSDs



The longest SSD single unit ~ 1 m



Challenges

- Coupling and noise level due to long strips impose big challenges.
- Precise placement of SSDs on a ladder. Aim for a < 5 μm precision.
- Highly reliable wire-bonding (>12K wires per ladder).

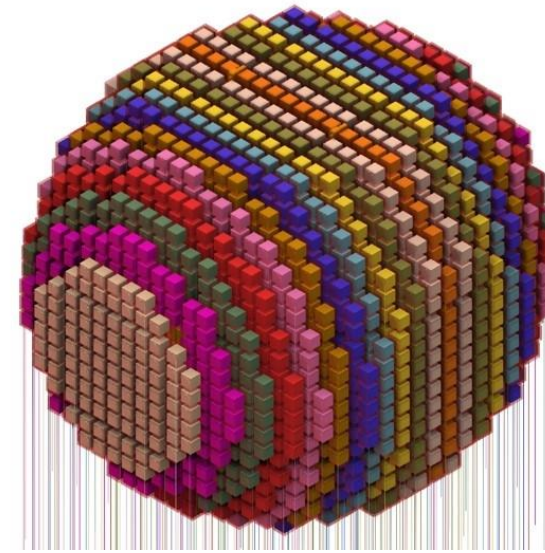
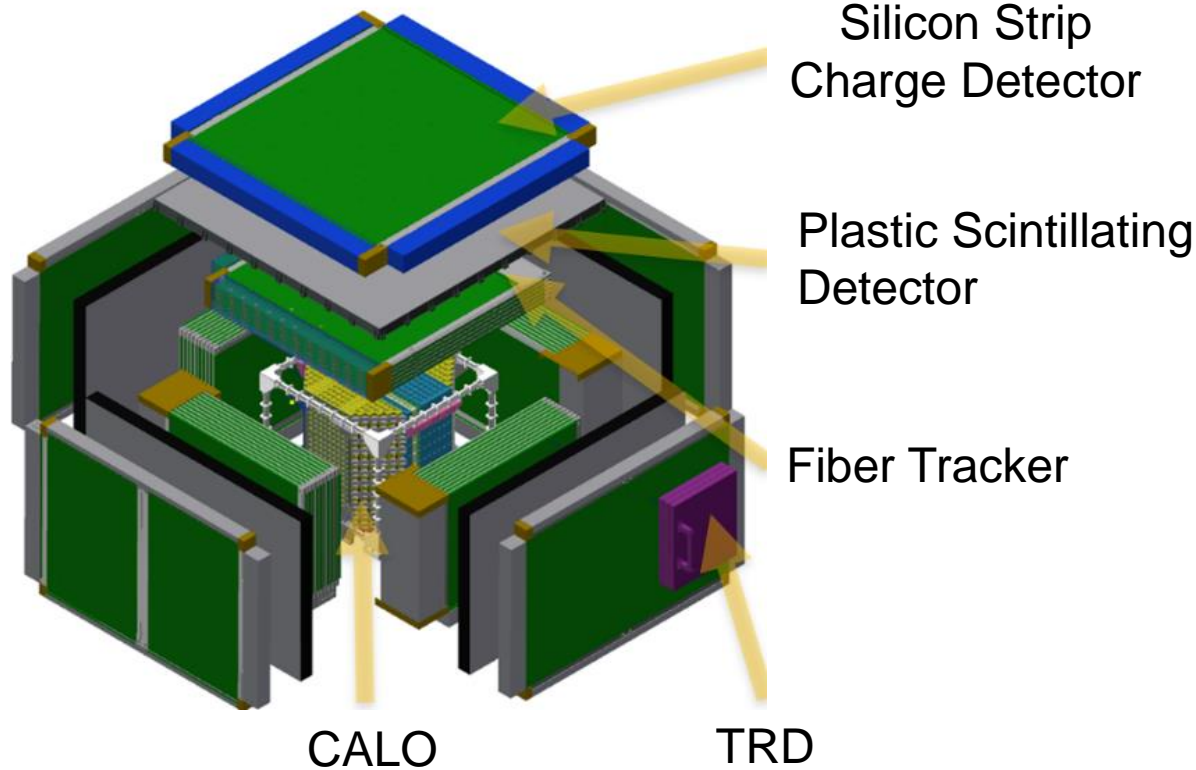


High Energy Cosmic Radiation Detection (HERD)



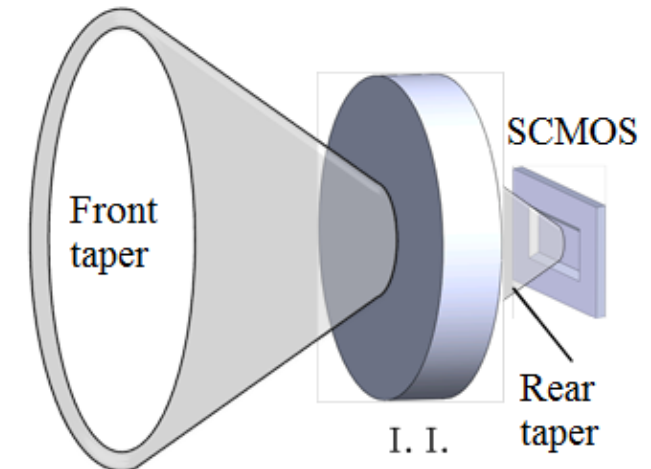
Mount on the Chinese Space Station ~ 2027

To detect dark matter particle, study cosmic ray composition, and observe high energy gamma-ray



- LYSO CALO
- 7500 cubes of $(3\text{cm})^3$
- 3D Imaging
- 5-face sensitive
- Large acceptance
- $4\text{m}^2\text{Sr}$

Fiber + Camera Read Out





International Collaborative Efforts

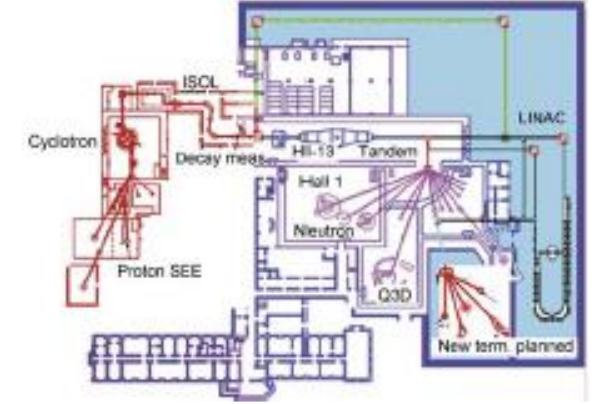
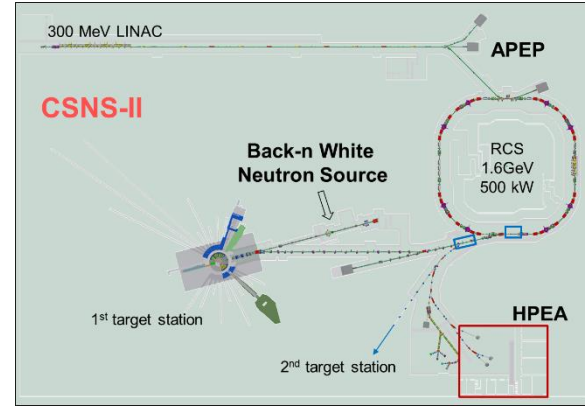
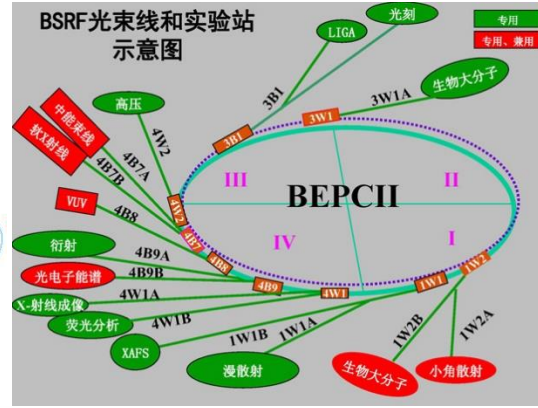
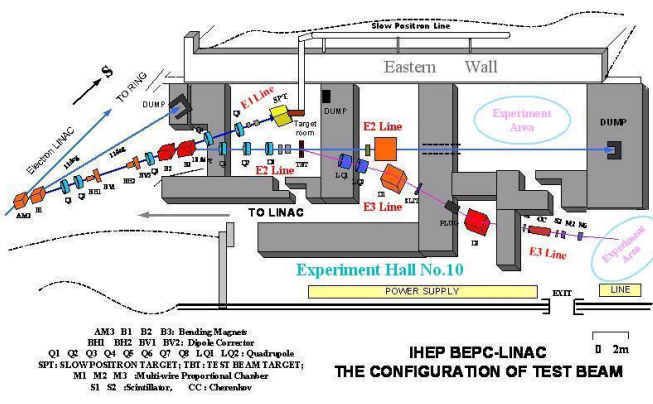


- ❖ Many R&D's are for major international experiments. A significant portion of others are also associated with international detector R&D collaborations: CALICE, LCTPC & RD*
- ❖ From an incomplete survey, about 30 proposals from Chinese institutes were submitted to ECFA DRD.
- ❖ As a community, it is very important that we work together, share responsibilities, ideas and resources

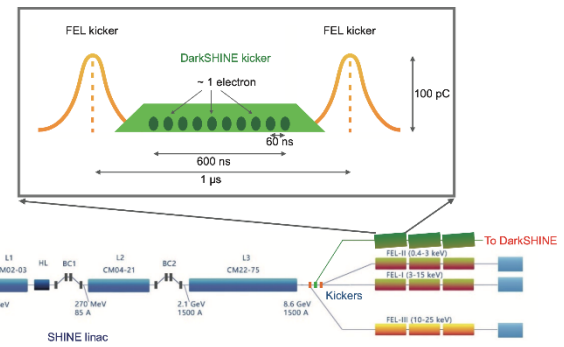
DRD Themes	Proposals	Institutes	People
1 Gaseous detectors	7	IHEP, USTC, SJTU, JLU, SIAT, THU, WHU	46
2 Liquid detectors	2	IHEP	7
3 Solid state detectors	4	SCNU, SDU, SJTU, THU	10
4 PID and photo detectors	3	IHEP, Henan NU, SDU	11
5 Quantum & emerging tech	2	SDU, THU	7
6 Calorimetry	6	IHEP, SDU, SCNU, PKU	37
7 Electronics	3	IHEP, SDU, SJTU	5
8 Integration	3	IHEP	8
Total	30	11 institutes	131



Selected Testbeam Facilities in China



Facility	Particle	Energy	Intensity	Comments
BTBF, IHEP	e	0.3-1.1 GeV	~ few Hz	Closed for other studies
BSRF, IHEP	e	1-2 GeV	~ kHz	Energy and direction are not well controlled
APEP, CSNS	p	< 80 MeV	$10^7 - 10^{10} /s$	Max ~ 300 MeV by 2028
HPEA, CSNS	p, π	0.8-1.6 GeV	10 kHz – 2 MHz	Available ~ 2028
BRIF, CIAE	p	100 MeV	$10^7 - 10^{10} /s$	
HI13, CIAE	Ions	11 MV	~ 2 kHz	Li - Au
SHINE	e	8 GeV	kHZ - MHz	Available ~ 2026





Support of R&D Projects



- ❖ Potential funding sources: MOST, NSFC, CAS or the equivalents, local governments, institutes or universities, companies,
- ❖ Generally, MOST eyes more on the results, whereas NSFC more on the research itself. Thus a blue-sky R&D would have a better chance with a NSFC support. The national labs typically have their own “tolerance” on risky projects, to cultivate great ideas.
- ❖ At the beginning of a funding cycle, e.g. the national 5-year plan, the funding agency releases the “Project Application Guidelines”. These guidelines were drafted by a committee of experts in the domain, with many inputs and feedbacks from the community.
- ❖ The proposal application and approval procedures are similar. The guideline & corresponding proposals typically have quantized specification that could be evaluated properly.
- ❖ For a project of a reasonable size, a scientific committee is required to review the project yearly and provide feedback, sometimes can be extremely helpful.
- ❖ Besides of annual reports, there are also mid-term review and final review, to ensure that the research follows the requirements properly.

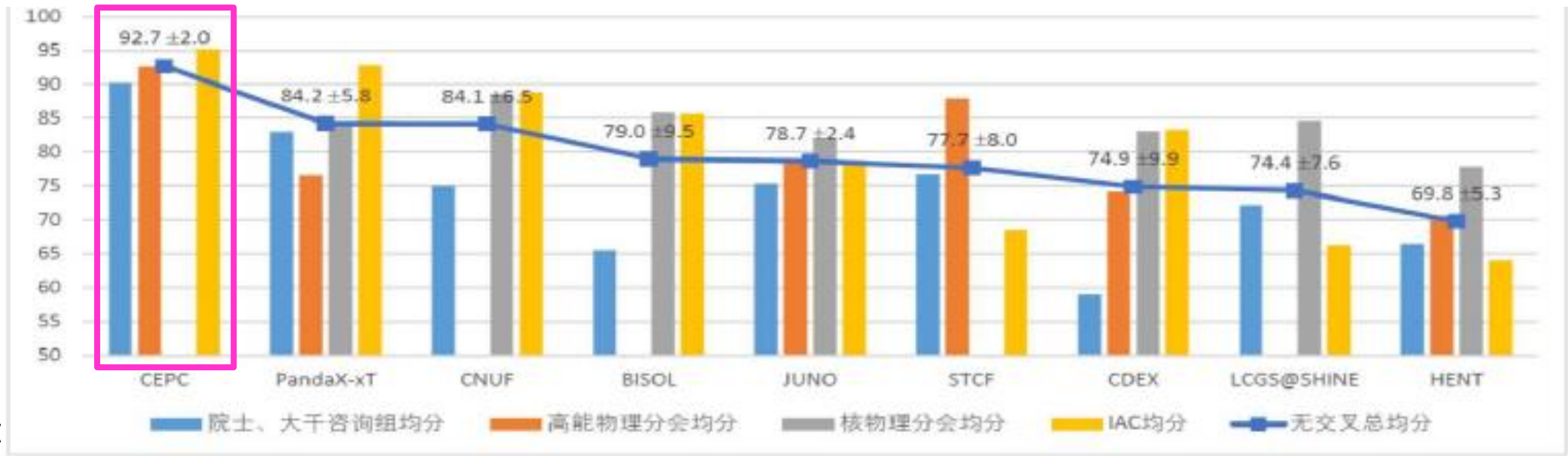
Disclaimer: These are just my humble personal view. I am in a learning curve, and the system evolves continuously.



Strategic Supports



- ❖ The funding agencies choose carefully the “flagship” projects. Special “pilot project” funding may be awarded to those of big potential. For example, CEPC has received such supports from CAS.
- ❖ CAS is planning for the 15th 5-year plan for large science projects. A steering committee has been established, chaired by the president of CAS.
- ❖ High energy physics and nuclear physics, as one of the 8 groups, worked for a year.
 - Set up rules and the standards, established domestic and international advisory committees
 - Collected 15 proposals and selected 9, based on the standard (scientific and technological merits, strategic value and feasibility, R&D status, team and capabilities, etc.)
 - Evaluations and ranking by committees after oral presentations by each project
- ❖ CEPC is ranked No. 1, with the smallest uncertainties, by every committee
- ❖ A final report has been submitted to CAS for consideration Longer-term mechanisms to support strategic R&D towards future facilities and experiments





Summary



- ❖ The detector R&D activities in China started late and slow than in many other places, especially Europe, US, & Japan, also not as well-organized. But the situation improves
- ❖ In recent year, the share of detector contributions to major international experiments increases significantly. Participation in collaborative detector R&Ds also grows rapidly.
- ❖ These provide more opportunities to the rising detector physicists, and also help more experiments, including the home-grown ones.
- ❖ There are facilities in China that are helpful to detector R&D. We are happy to share them with the international collaborators, especially those supplementary in functionalities or availabilities.

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