

# Accelerator Technology Challenges (Part 3) : Accelerator operation and **design** challenges (2/2)

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Yesterday: beam losses and their challenges to accelerator **operation**

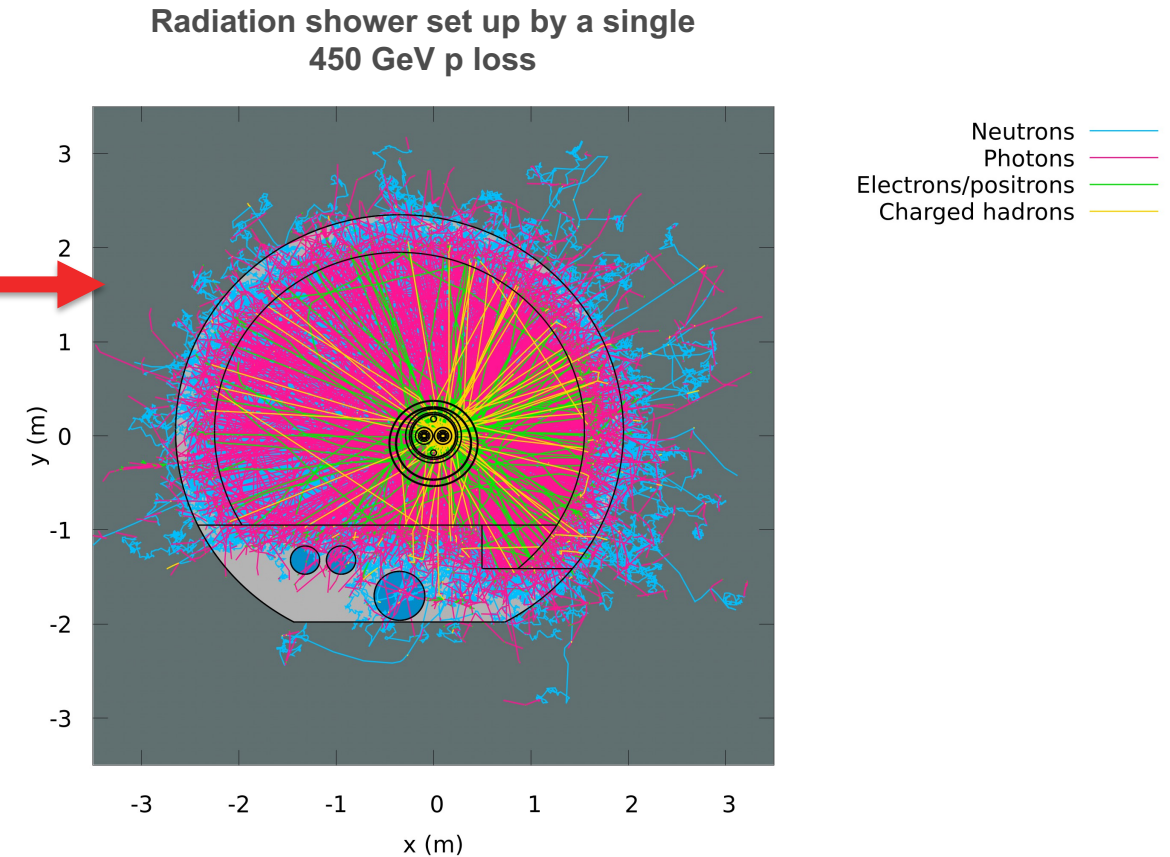
Today: challenges in the **design** of particle accelerators

*With precious input from many CERN colleagues,  
especially A. Lechner, B. Humann, D. Calzolari*



# Plan ahead

- Yesterday: beam losses
  - Operational implications, microscopic description, macroscopic effects (heating, displacement damage, activation, etc).
- Beam-matter interaction 
- Monte Carlo simulation tools
- Today: MC as a tool to overcome challenges in accelerator **design**



# Specifically

- A more detailed introduction to **Monte Carlo simulation** of particle transport for beam-matter interaction problems:



- **Application:** design of components for the the present LHC and its upgrade // limits on lifetime of components

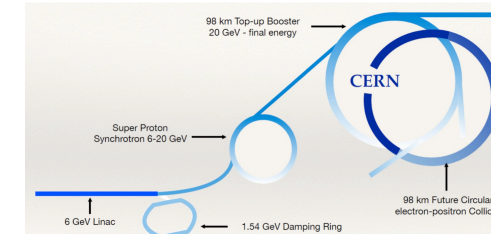



Hadrons

- Basic interaction mechanisms of  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ , and photons

- **Applications** in the design future lepton machines:

- FCCee
- Muon collider



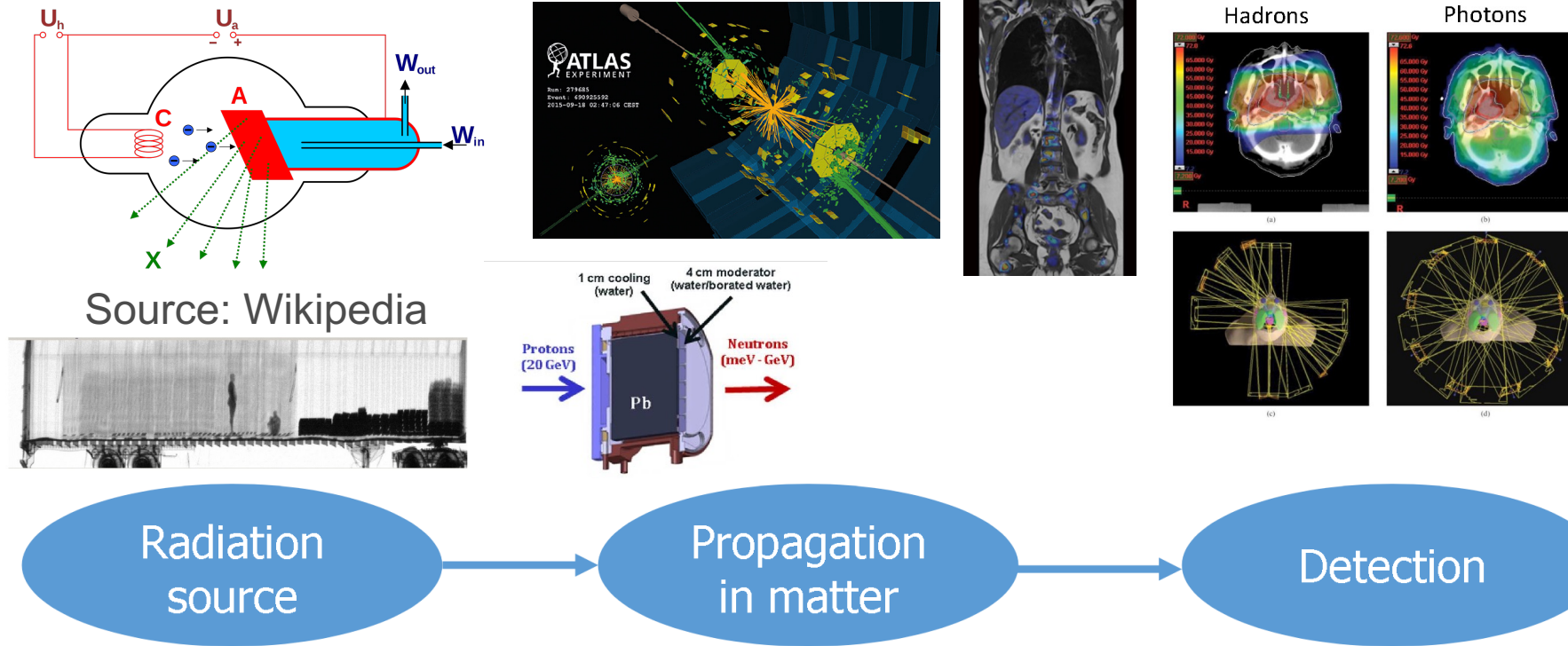


# An introduction to the Monte Carlo method for the simulation of beam-matter interaction



# The radiation transport problem

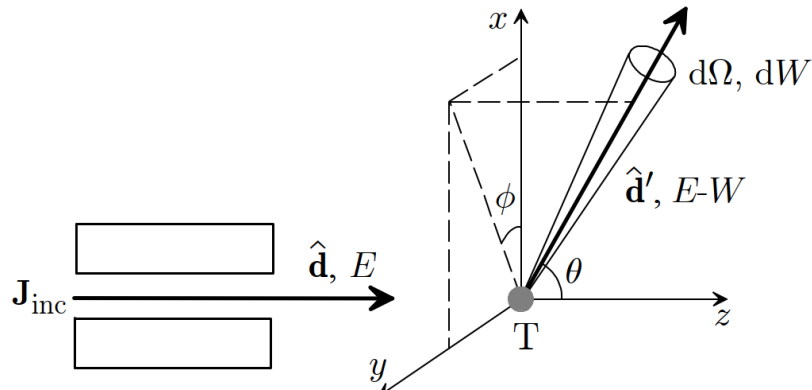
- Thus far: beam losses and beam-matter interaction for particle accelerator components
- Underlying problem is much more general: **radiation transport**



- Governed by the **Boltzmann transport equation** (not trivial to solve)
- We want instead a **general solution method** that works for arbitrary sources, arbitrary geometries, and which allows to score a large number of observables: energy deposition, particle spectra, activation, etc

# Two basic ingredients: cross section and mean free path

- **Cross section**: measure of the likelihood of an interaction



**Differential cross section**

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dW} \equiv \frac{\dot{N}_{\text{count}}}{|\mathbf{J}_{\text{inc}}| d\Omega dW}$$

Dimensions of L<sup>2</sup>/E/solid angle

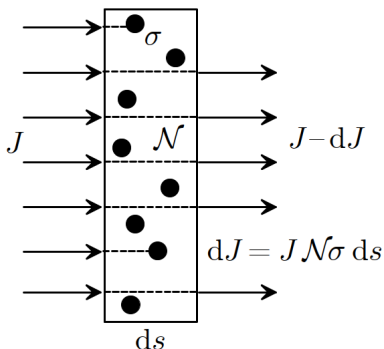
**(Integrated) cross section**

$$\sigma = \int_0^E dW \int \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dW} d\Omega$$

Dimensions of L<sup>2</sup>

Typical unit: 1 barn = 10<sup>-24</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>

- What? A surface to measure likelihood of interaction?
- Usefulness becomes clear if you think of a volume with N targets per unit volume. **Mean free path (λ)**: average distance to the next interaction



$$p(s) = \mathcal{N}\sigma \exp[-s(\mathcal{N}\sigma)]$$

Path length

Number of atoms per unit volume

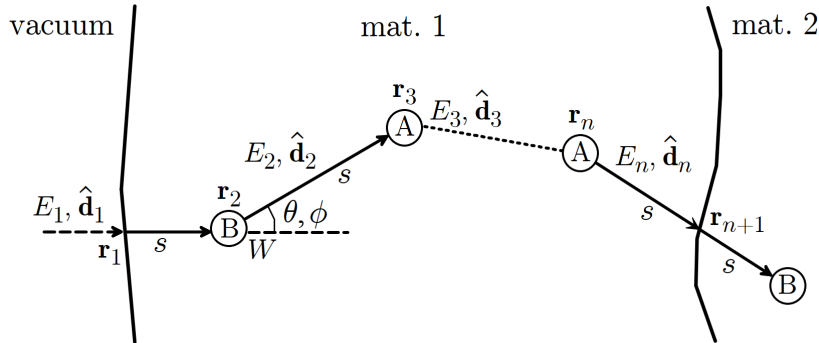
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}\sigma}$$

Dimensions of L

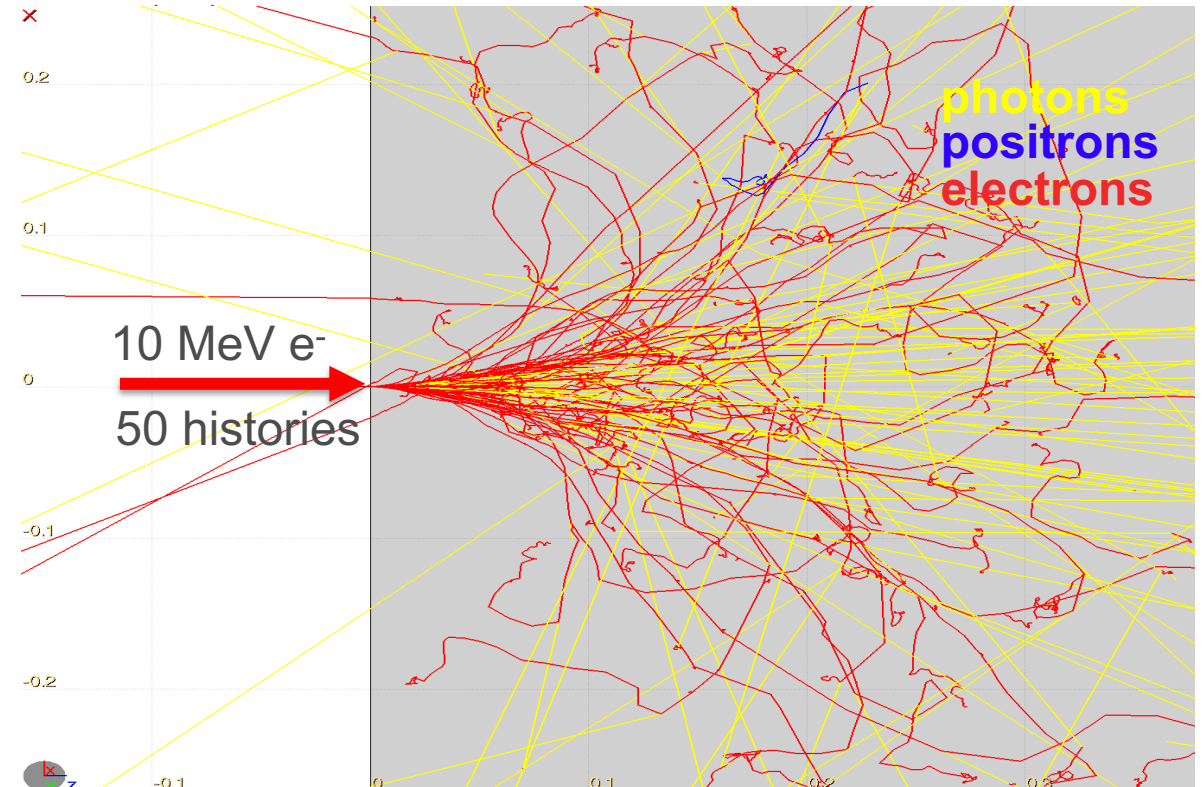
# The Monte Carlo method



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MCNP, PENELOPE,  
EGS, ...



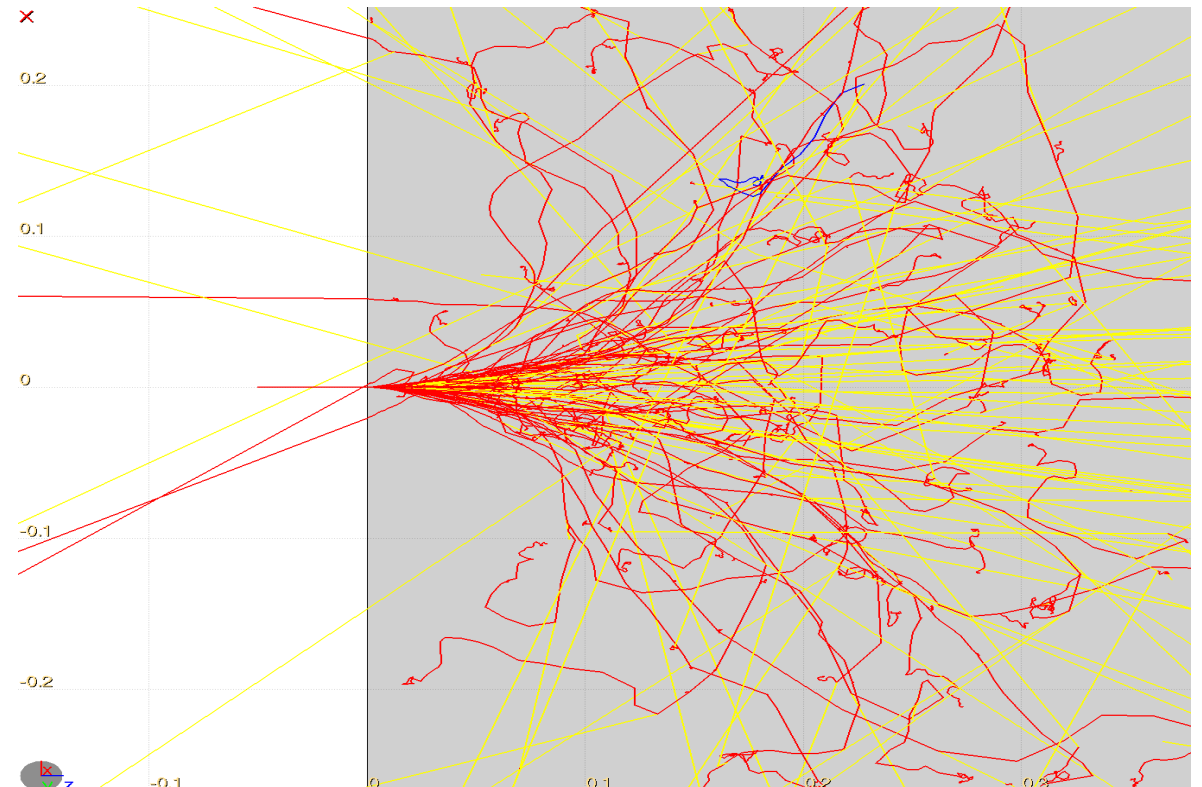
- List of particles:  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $g$ ,  $p$ ,  $n$ , ...
- List of interaction mechanisms (integrated and diff cross section for each)
- Define radiation source and material geometry
- Evaluate mean free path  $\lambda(E)$
- Sample **random** step length  $s$  to next interaction
- Decide kind of interaction: A, B, C, D, ...
- Sample final state (possible secondaries)
- Contribute to statistical estimator of desired observables
- Sample an ensemble of particle trajectories



Ex: 10 MeV  $e^-$  in Cu, 50 histories  
Scale: few mm depth  
Photons: long steps/range ( $e^-e^+$  pair produced!)  
Electrons: multiple interactions, corrugated trajectories

# “The purpose of simulation is insight, not numbers”

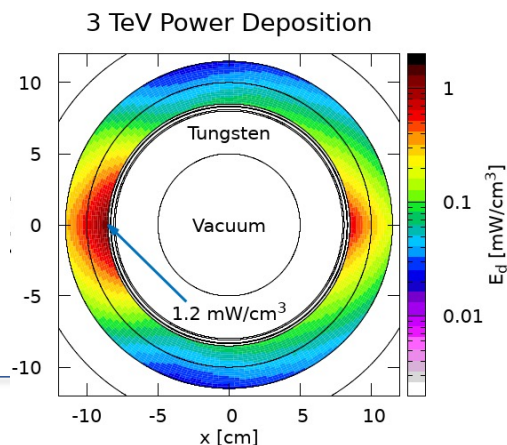
- Artistically pleasing as simulated radiation showers may be, one does not perform MC simulations for aesthetic purposes
- The purpose is to gain insight into a given problem
- In order to assess the effect of beam losses in materials, we want to extract relevant physical observables from MC simulations



# Relevant quantities from MC simulations for beam-loss effects

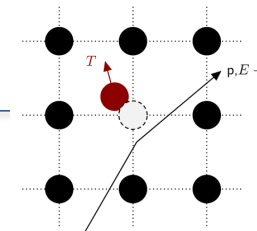
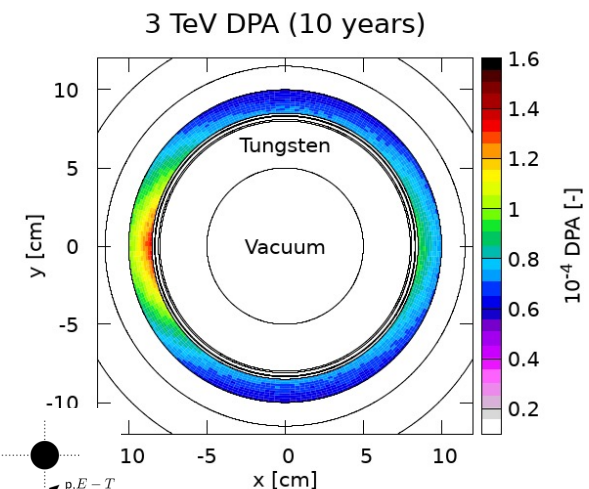
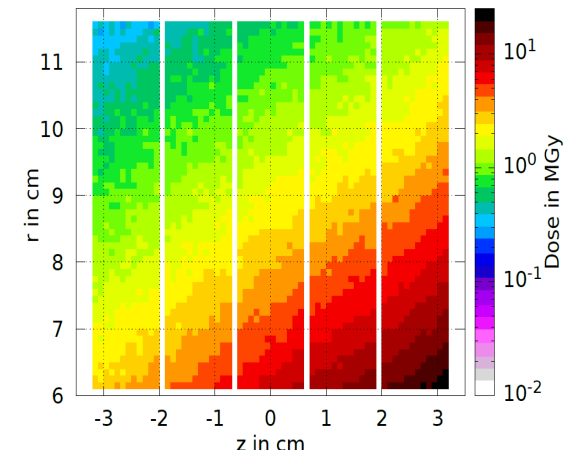
## Short-term effects

- Relevant quantity: Energy/Power deposition
- Allows to assess e.g.:
  - If a given beam loss is sufficient to bring a SC magnet beyond its quench limit
  - Whether a beam loss leads to sufficient energy deposition to melt target material



## Long-term effects

- Dose during e.g. one operational year:
  - E.g., dose imparted to SC magnet insulators -> degradation and long-term failure
- Displacements per atom (DPA):
  - Recoil -> Frenkel pairs
  - Correlates well with displacement damage
  - Microscopic structural defects





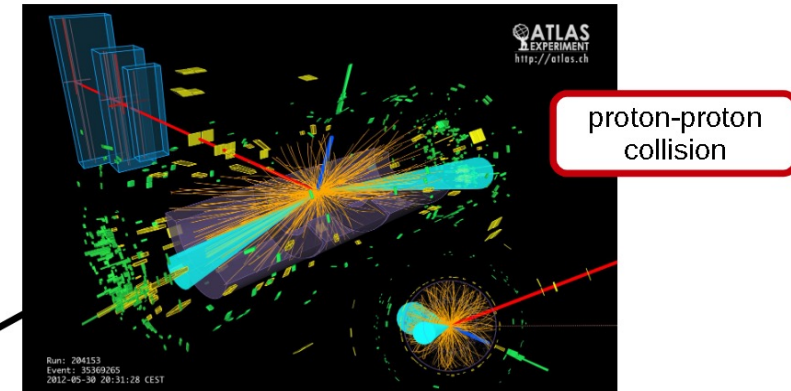
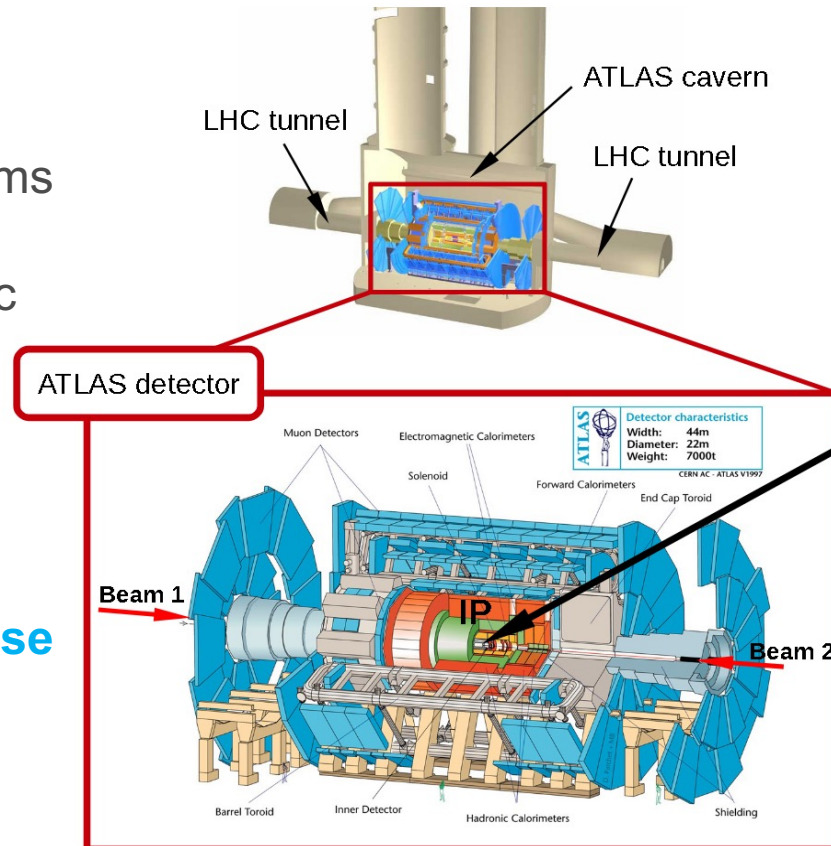


Example for HL-LHC



# Power leakage from ATLAS collision to the LHC

- ATLAS is huge:  
L~44 m, h~22 m,  
several 1000 tonnes
- Two counter-rotating beams  
collide at the IP
- Purpose: study new/exotic  
particles
- But one should not forget  
about the rest / known  
particles!
- **Question: how much  
power is released in these  
collisions?**



One first needs to know the collision rate

Peak luminosity (2018):  $\mathcal{L} \approx 2 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Inelastic pp x-section:  $\sigma_{inel} = 80 \text{ mb} (=80 \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^2)$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \cdot \sigma_{inel} = 1.6 \times 10^9 \text{ collisions/s}$$

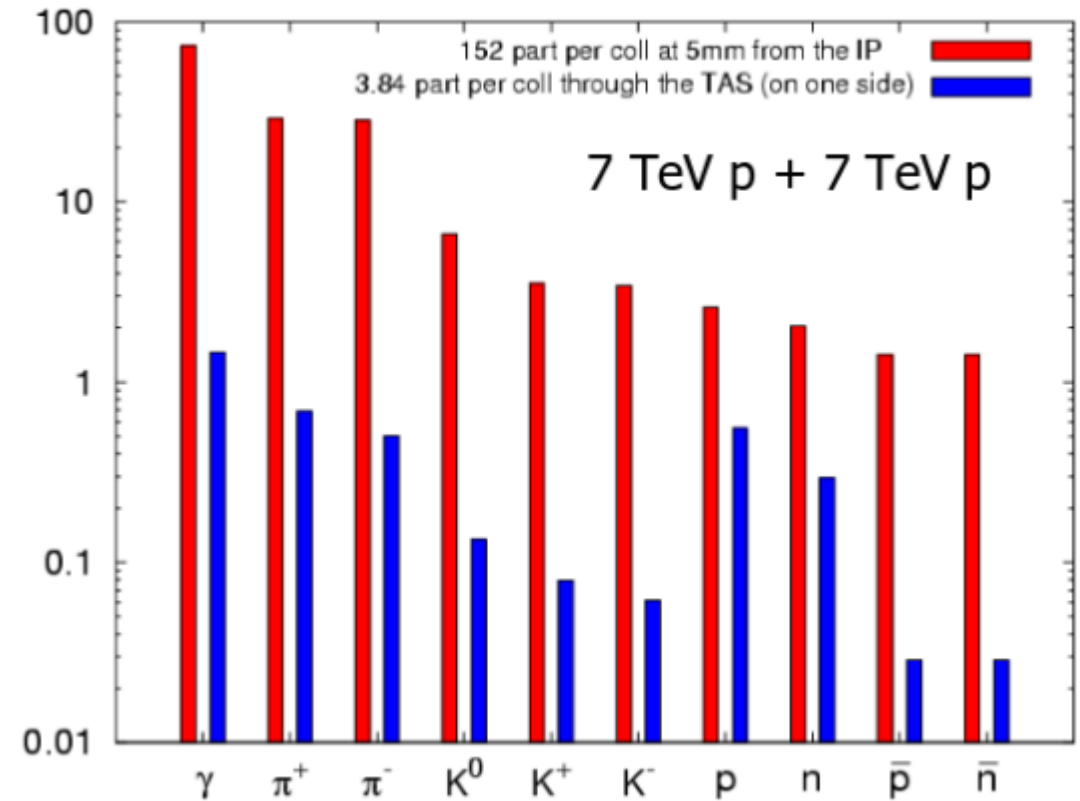
$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot 6500 \text{ GeV} \cdot 1.602 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{GeV}} \cdot 1.6 \times 10^9 \text{ coll/s} = 3.3 \text{ kW} (= \text{kJ/s})$$

This is the released power in collisions at the ATLAS interaction point

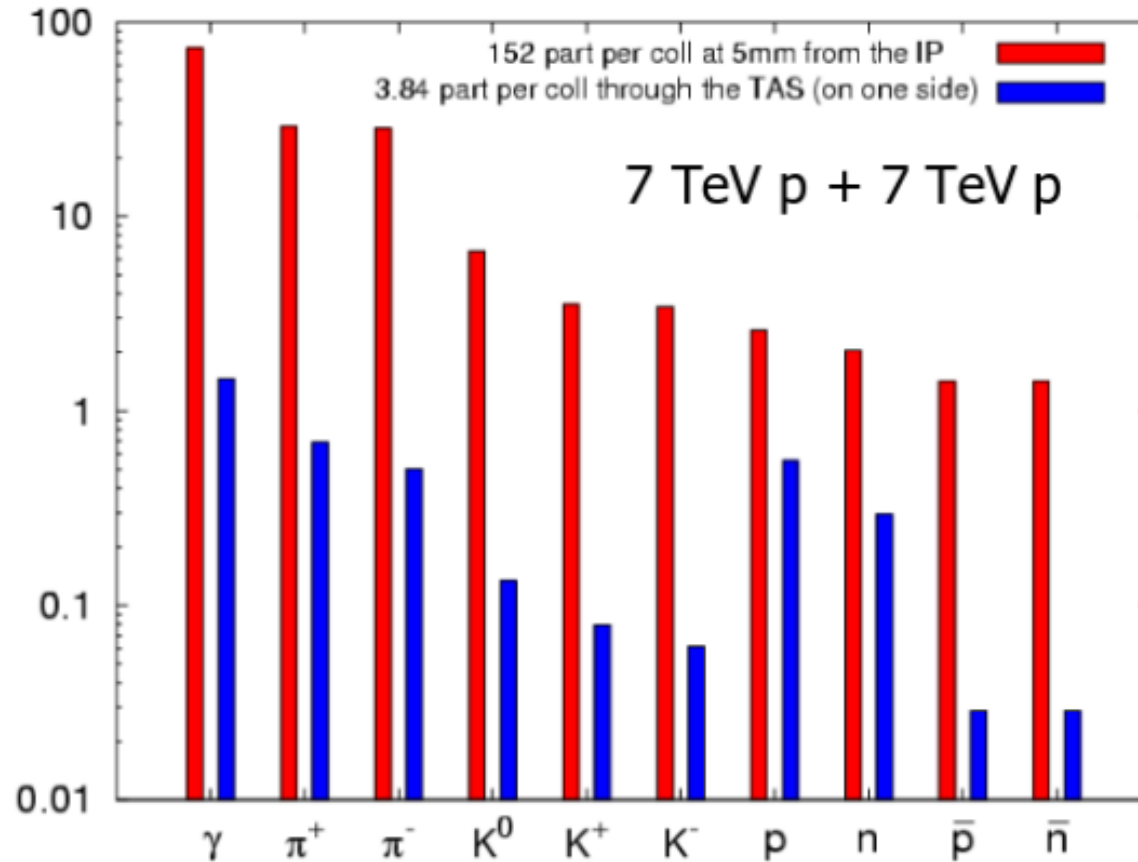
- **Does it affect nearby machine components, e.g. superconducting magnets?**

# Typical collision products from p-p collisions in ATLAS

- p-p collision at 14 TeV CMS energy:
  - Plenty of photons (nearly 100), from decay of produced  $\pi^0$
  - Charged pions, kaons, p, n, pbar, nbar:  $\sim 1-10$
- Interesting particles are much rarer:  $1e-10$  probability for producing a Higgs boson (hence need for ever higher luminosities – HL-LHC!)
- While collisions are performed to search for new/exotic particles, **a large fraction of secondaries are well known particles**
- No new exciting physics, but they pose a serious problem
- In blue: number of particles leaving the ATLAS chamber through the vacuum chamber back into the LHC.



# Particles and power leakage from the ATLAS IP back to the LHC



*Roughly 5% of the secondary particles reach the LHC machine*

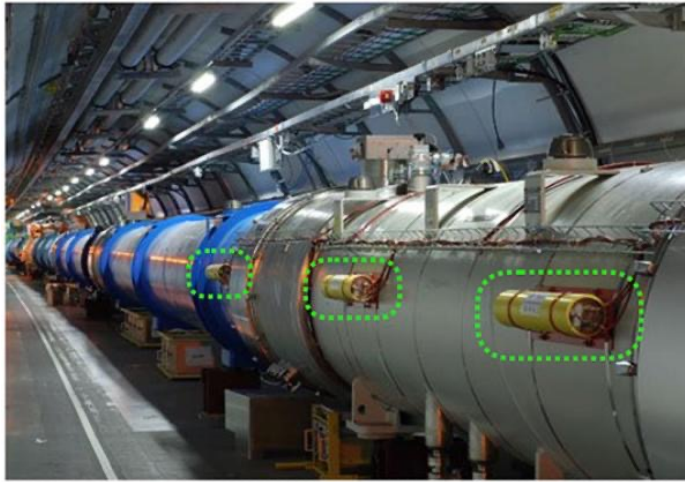
*but:*

*they carry about 70% of the power released in the collisions!!!*

Let that sink in: of the available 3.3 kW released per collision, 2.4 kW goes back into the LHC

*Where does this power go? Where is it eventually deposited? Does it put superconducting magnets at risk / constrain their operation? How do we protect them accordingly?*

# Our sentinels: beam-loss monitors (BLM)

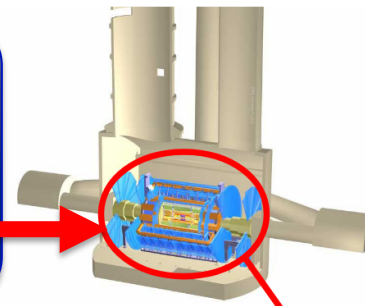


Beam loss monitor: ionization chambers (they measure dose rate in a given time window)

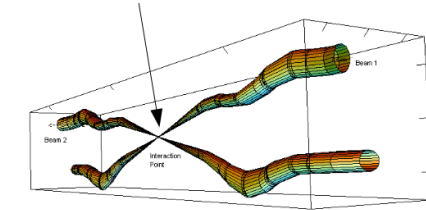
There are a few thousand of them along the LHC.

If BLM signal(s) go above threshold, this may lead to an extraction of the beam (dump)

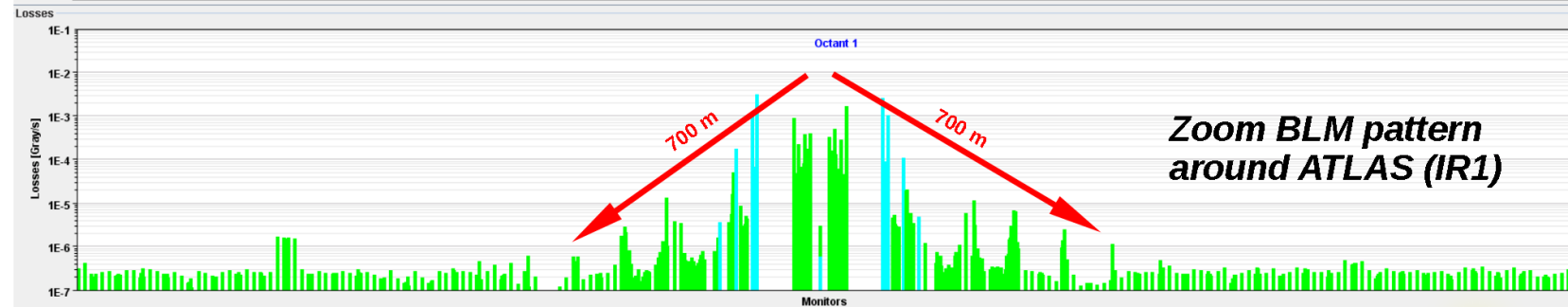
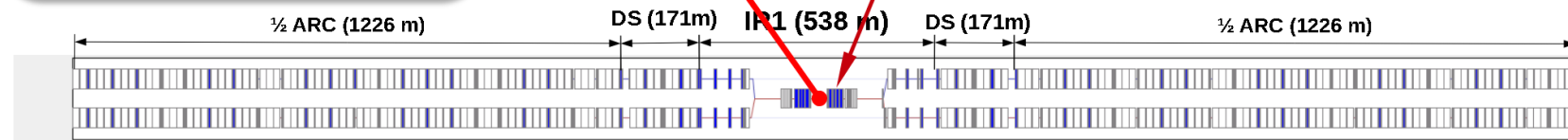
Signal from BLMs  
~1.5 km downstream  
either side of the  
**ATLAS IP**



squeezing the beam size at the IP



Relative beam sizes around IP1 (Atlas) in collision



**Zoom BLM pattern around ATLAS (IR1)**

Collision debris from the interaction point can be seen 700 m downstream at either side

Most delicate equipment nearby: inner triplet quadrupoles (they squeeze the colliding beams into the interaction point). These are **superconducting magnets(!)**

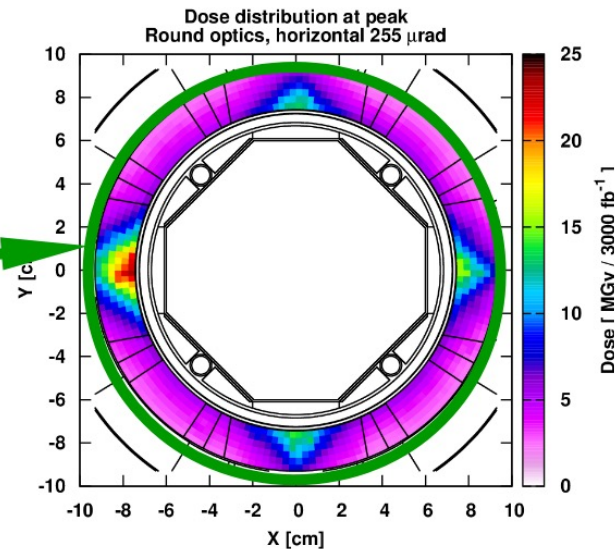
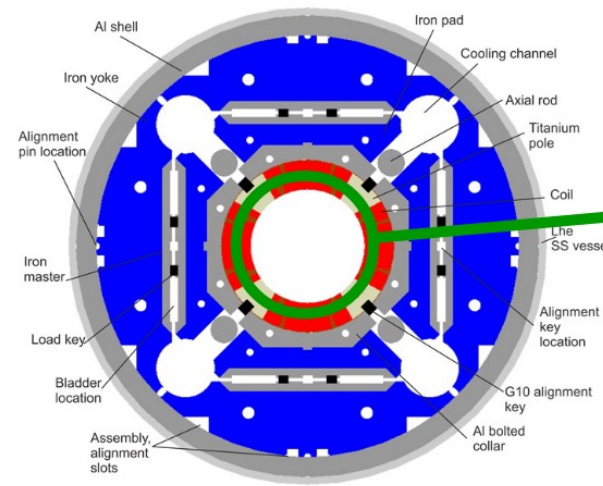
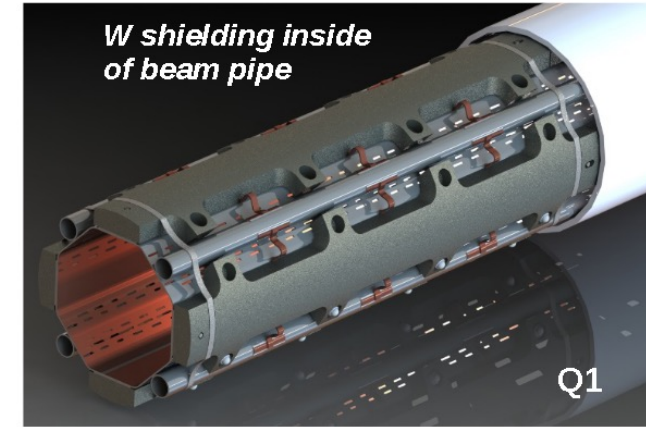


# Inner triplet W shielding for HL-LHC

- Inner triplets are **exposed to energetic charged hadrons** leaking from IP, now impacting on the magnet
- These are strong magnets: they capture charged particles
- **Without protection: immediate quench of the magnet**
- In view of increased luminosity (HL-LHC), it was suggested to **insert W inserts inside the vacuum chamber to shield the SC coils of the inner triplet magnets.**



HL-LHC upgrade:

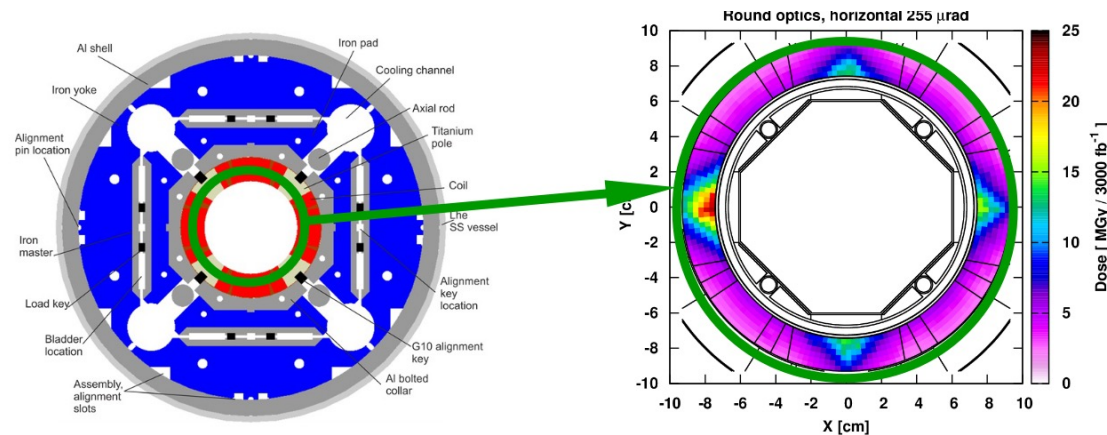


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# Inner triplet W shielding for HL-LHC



- Intention: ensure that inner triplet lifetime is not compromised by radiation damage for the duration of the HL-LHC project
- Plot below: dose distribution at peak cumulated luminosity of  $3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  in presence of the W shield
- Maximum value: **20-25 MGy**.
- This is below limit for long-term operation known for cold magnets in the LHC, **~30 MGy**.
- The shielding does its intended job! It was recently prototyped and tested.



**Key element during design → shielding:**  
→ **avoid quenches**  
→ **avoid that magnet fails due to long-term radiation damage**  
**Dose < 30 MGy**

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Beam loss / radiation source

MC simulation

Mitigation strategy

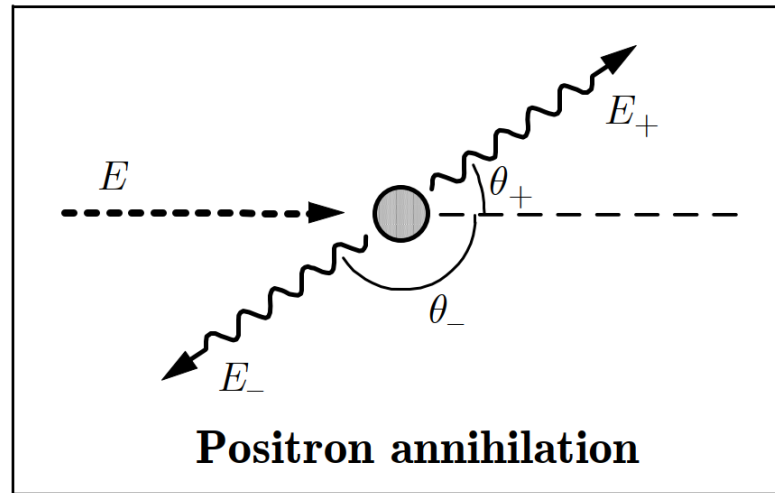
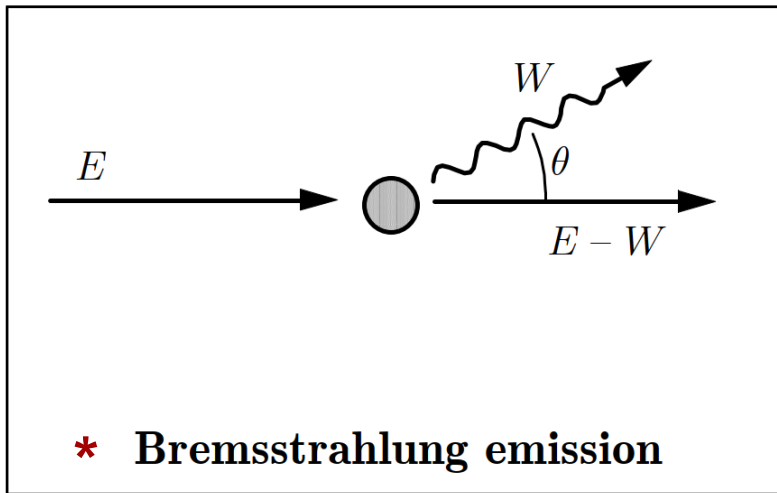
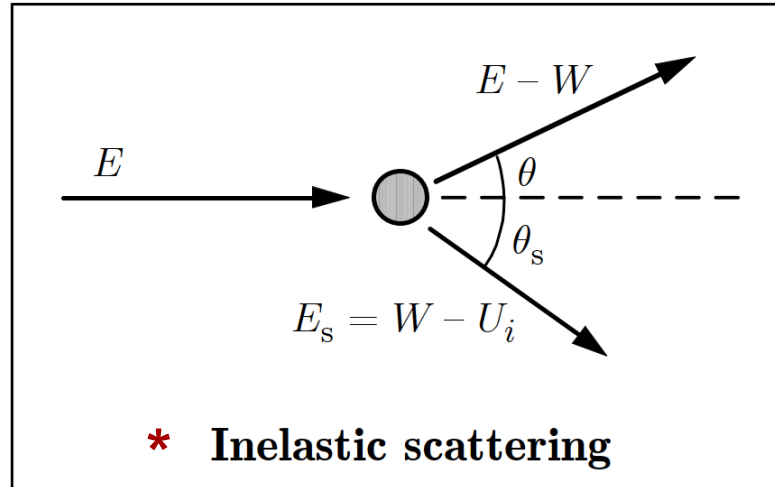
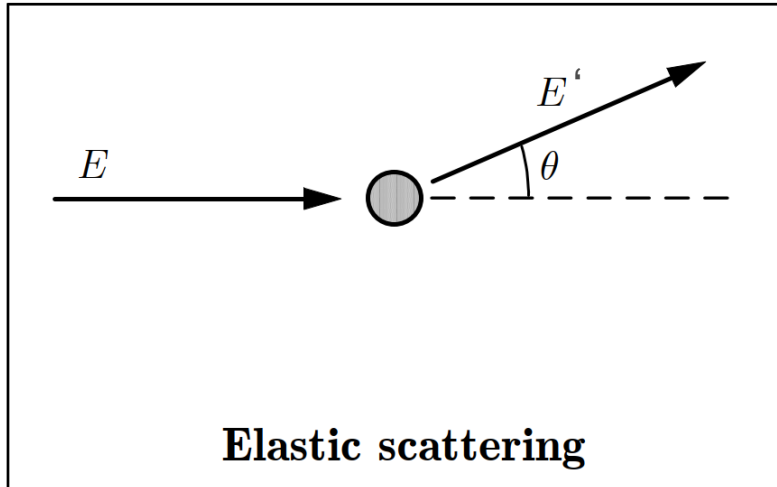


Thus far we've just spoken about hadron  
machines

What about lepton machines?

Interlude: relevant interaction mechanisms  
of  $e^-$ ,  $e^+$ , photons

# Short recap - Electron and positron interactions

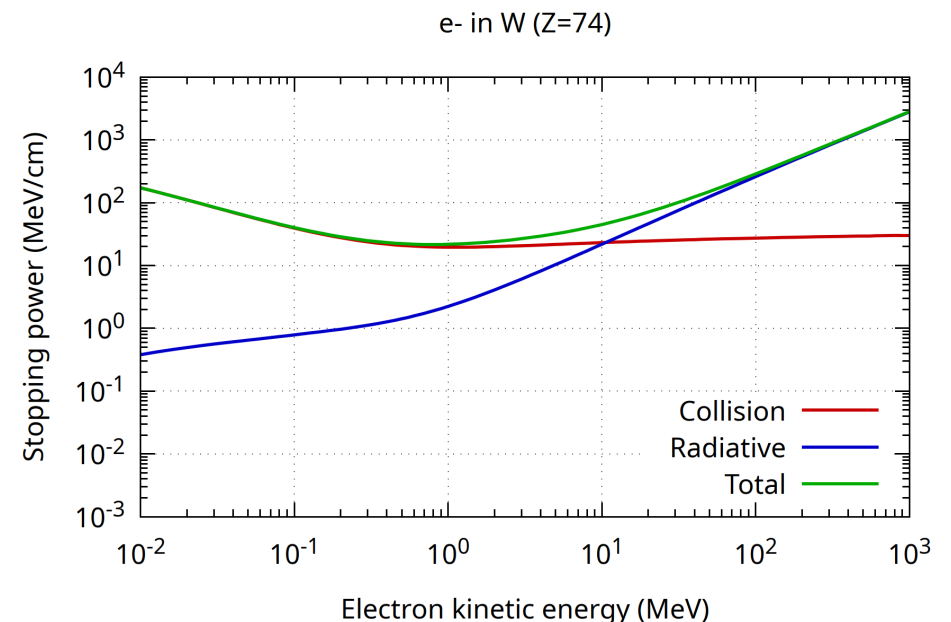
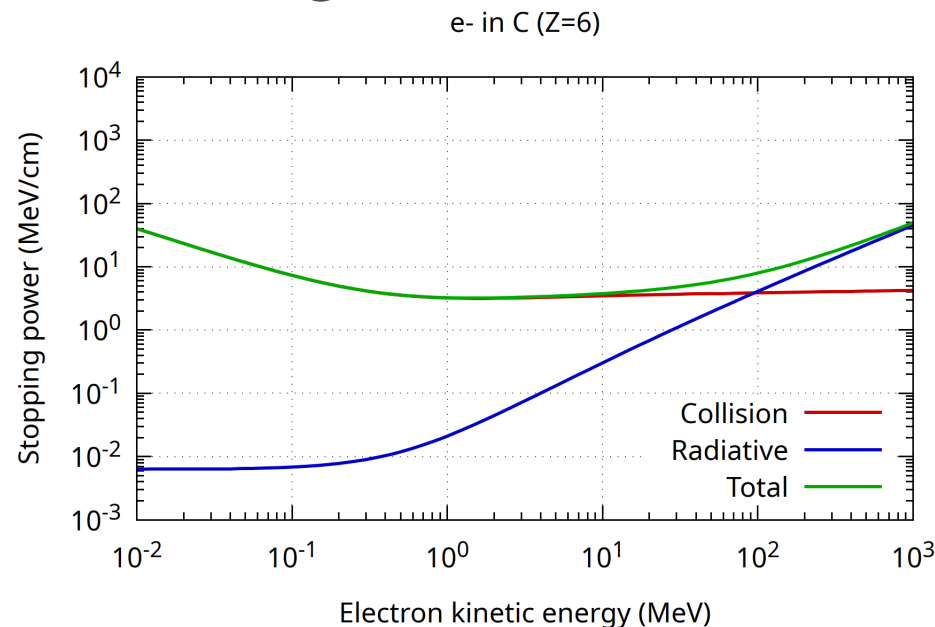


**\*Synchrotron radiation emission in B fields!**

**\*most relevant mechanisms for the examples below**

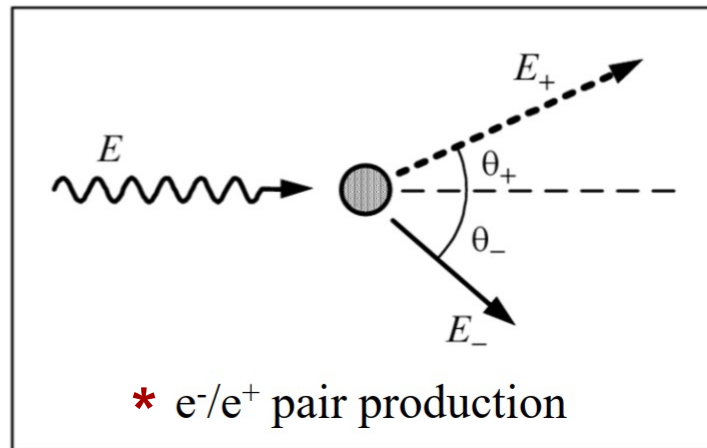
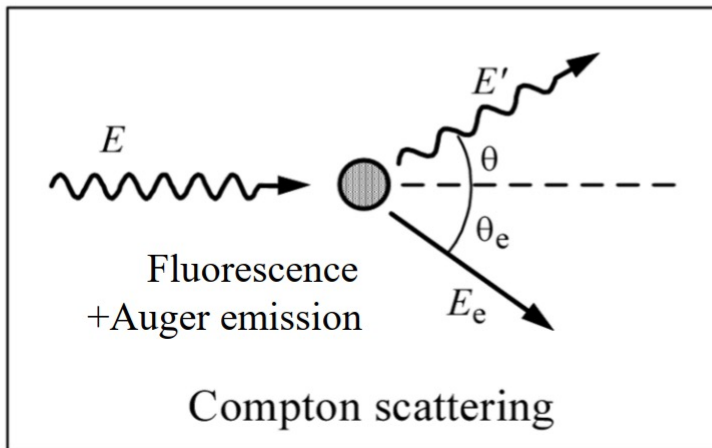
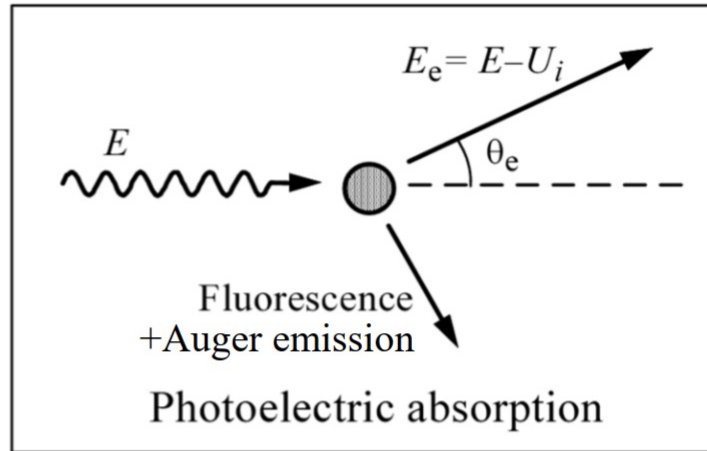
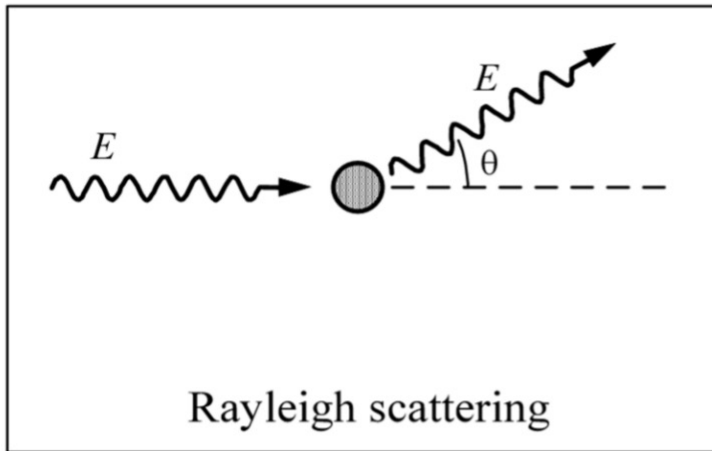
# Energy loss / slowing down of $e^-$ : stopping power

- Stopping power: average energy loss per unit path length
- At high energies: **Bremsstrahlung emission** dominates
- At low energies: Ionization losses dominate



- If you want to attenuate  $e^-$  beams, the higher the  $Z$ , the better

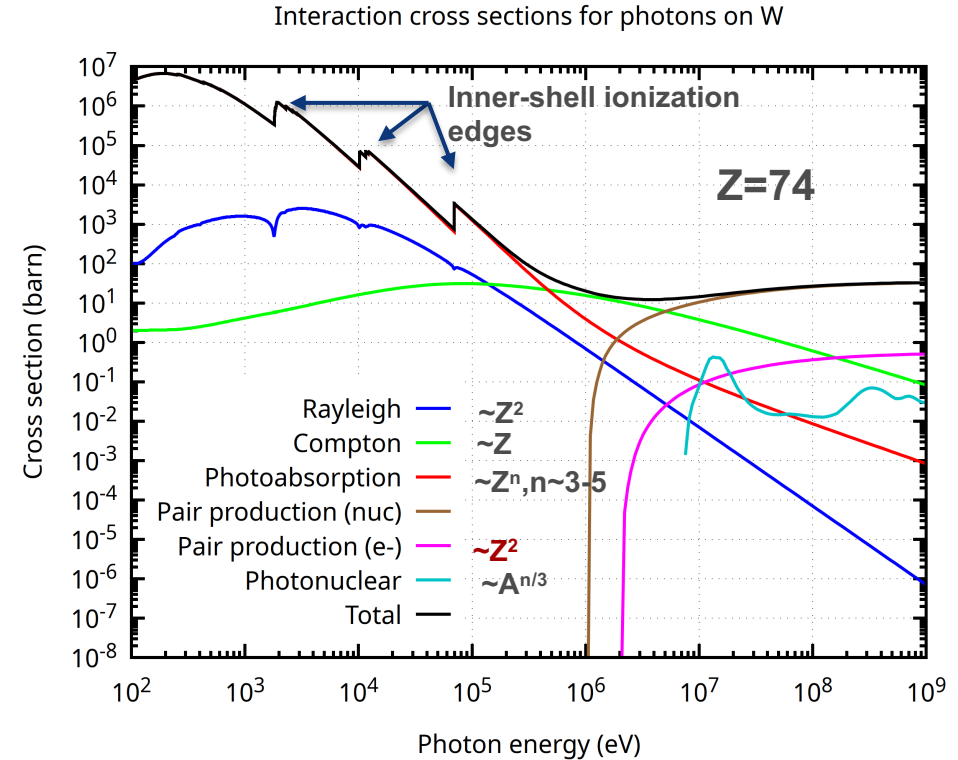
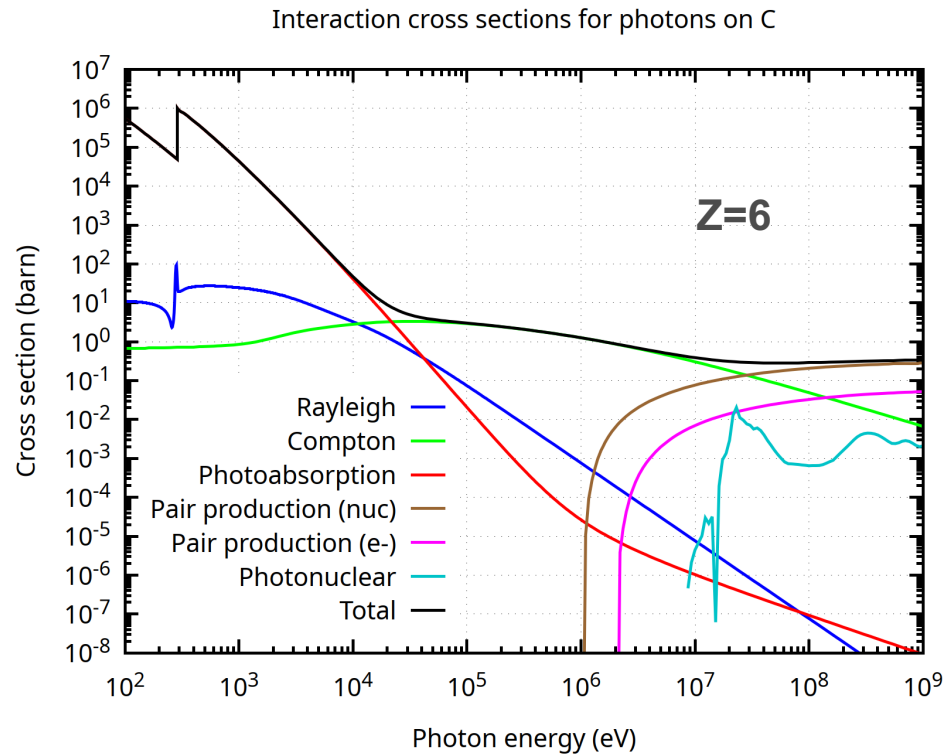
# Most relevant interaction mechanisms of photons



- Photonuclear reactions:
  - $(\gamma, n)$ ,  $(\gamma, 2n)$ , ...
- $\mu^\pm$  pair production

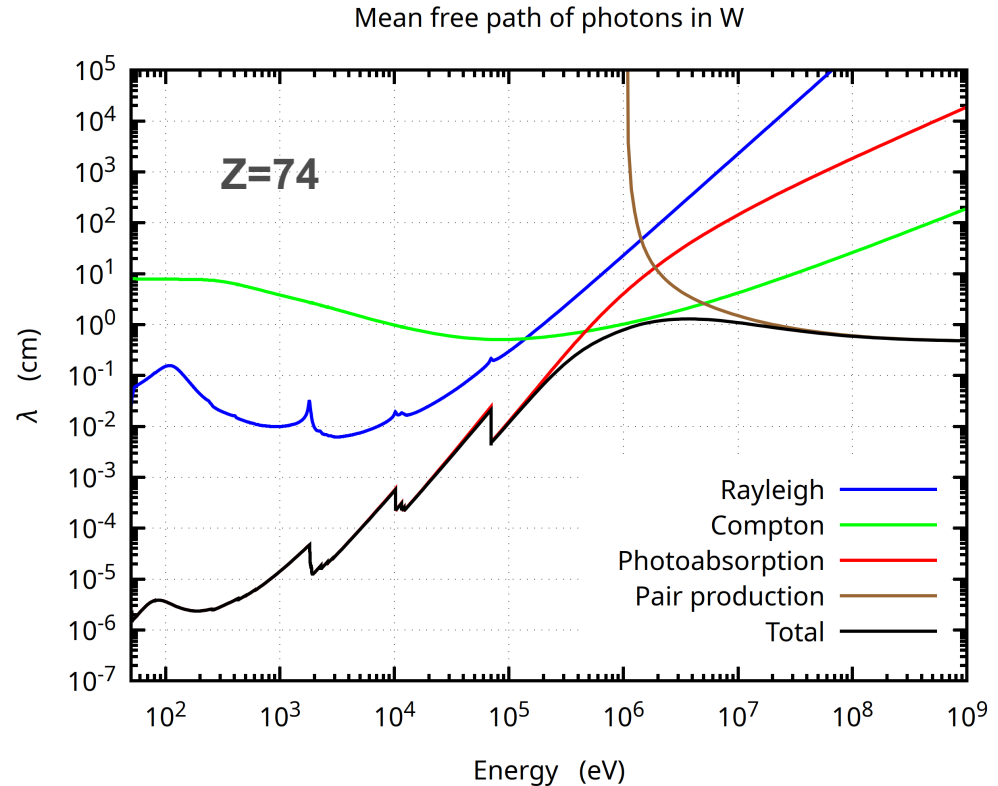
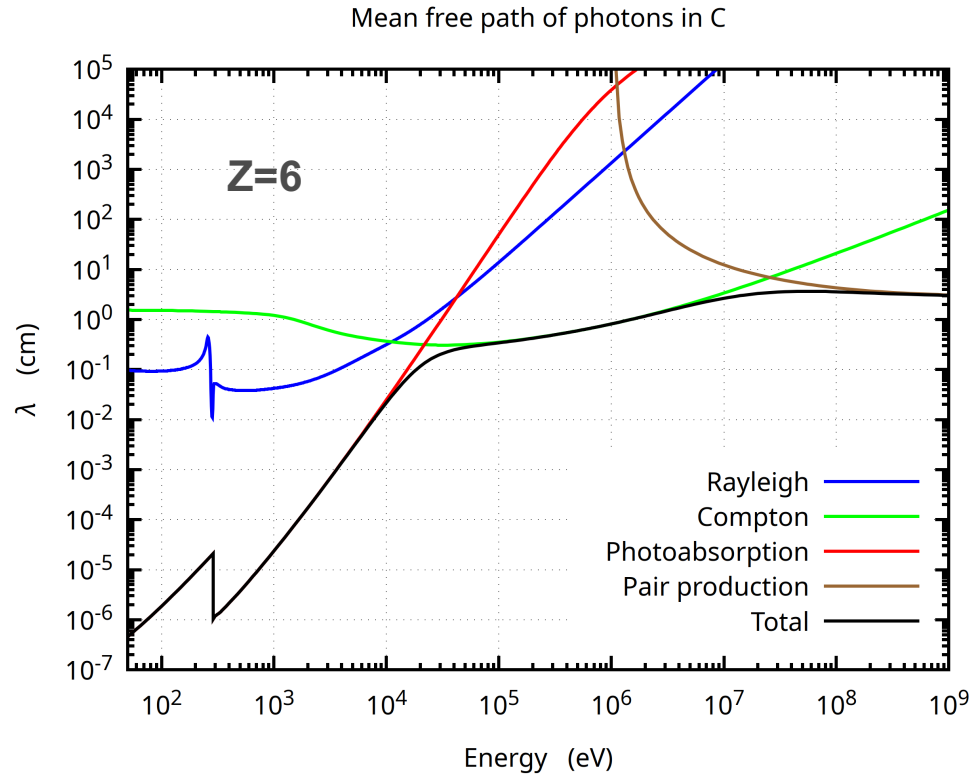
**\*most relevant mechanisms for the examples below**

# Photon interaction cross sections



- Photoelectric effect dominates at low energies (signatures from various ionization edges)
- Compton dominates at intermediate energies
- **Pair production is what matters at high energies**
- Photonuclear cross section is rather low

# Photon mean free paths (same info, now in terms of avg interaction length)

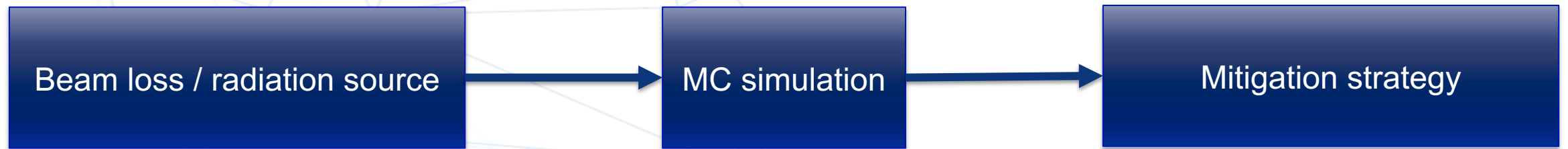


- MFP for  $e^-/e^+$  pair production:
  - **C: O(1 cm)**
  - **W: O(1 mm)**

In anticipation of an example below: if one wishes to produce  $e^+$  from energetic photons, the larger the  $Z$  of the target material, the better!



After this brief interlude on e-/e+ and photon interactions, we go back to the leitmotiv of this lecture:



...but now applied to the design of **future** particle accelerators

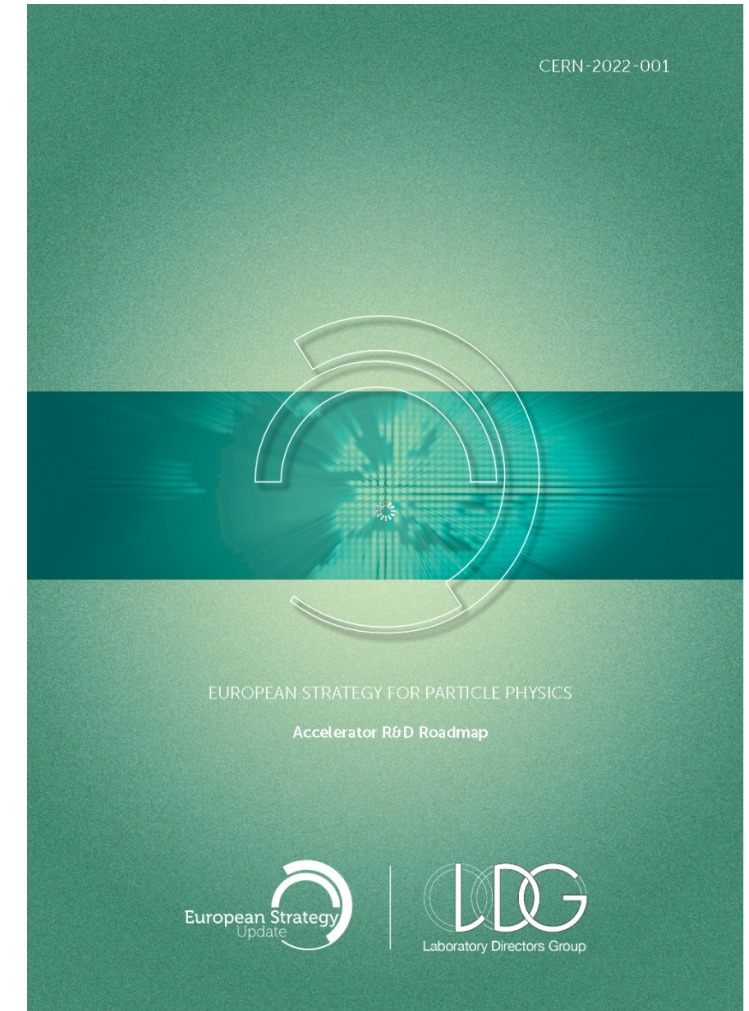
# FYI: ESPPU



- Feel free to take a look at the *European Strategy for Particle Physics Update*, to see where the particle physics world at large is going in the future
- “The ESPPU identified five key areas where an intensification of R&D is required to meet scientific goals:

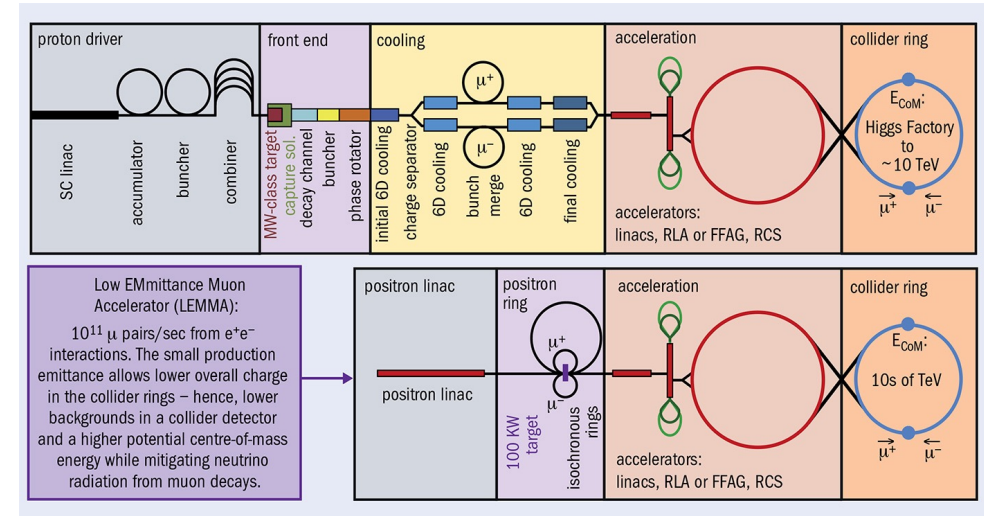
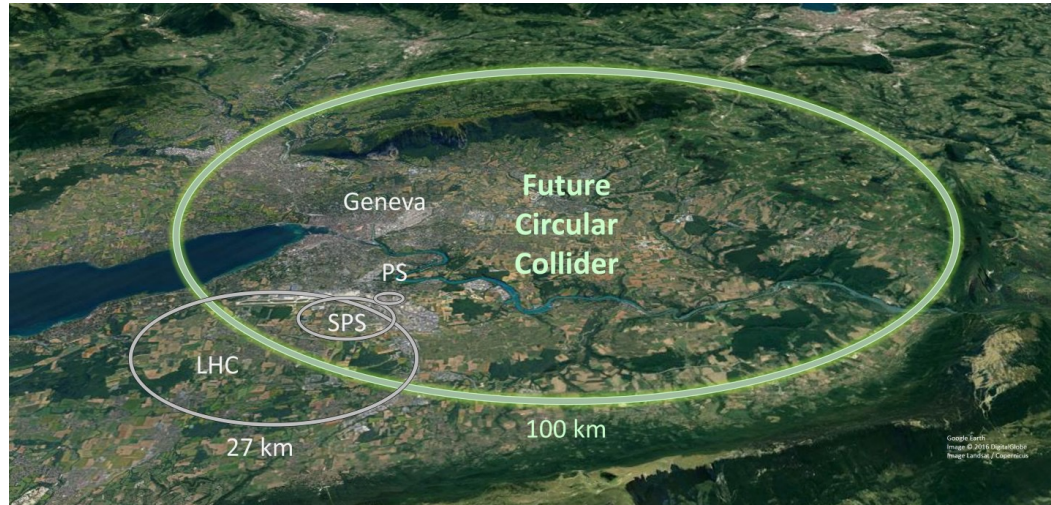
- ✓ 1. Further development of high-field superconducting magnet technology.
  - ✓ 2. Advanced technologies for superconducting and normal-conducting radio frequency (RF) accelerating structures.
  3. Development and exploitation of laser/plasma acceleration techniques.
  4. **Studies and development towards future bright muon beams and muon colliders.**
  5. Advancement and exploitation of energy-recovery linear accelerator technology
- We shall now close this lecture series with two examples: one on FCC, one on muon collider

In  
view  
of FCC



# Future colliders

- For today's lecture we just need to recall two big ongoing projects:



- FCC: ~100 km long circular collider
- Muon collider

More details, machine specs, aims, etc., see B. Dalena's lectures on Mon, Jul 10 and Tue, Jul 11: "Future High-Energy Collider Projects (1 and 2)"

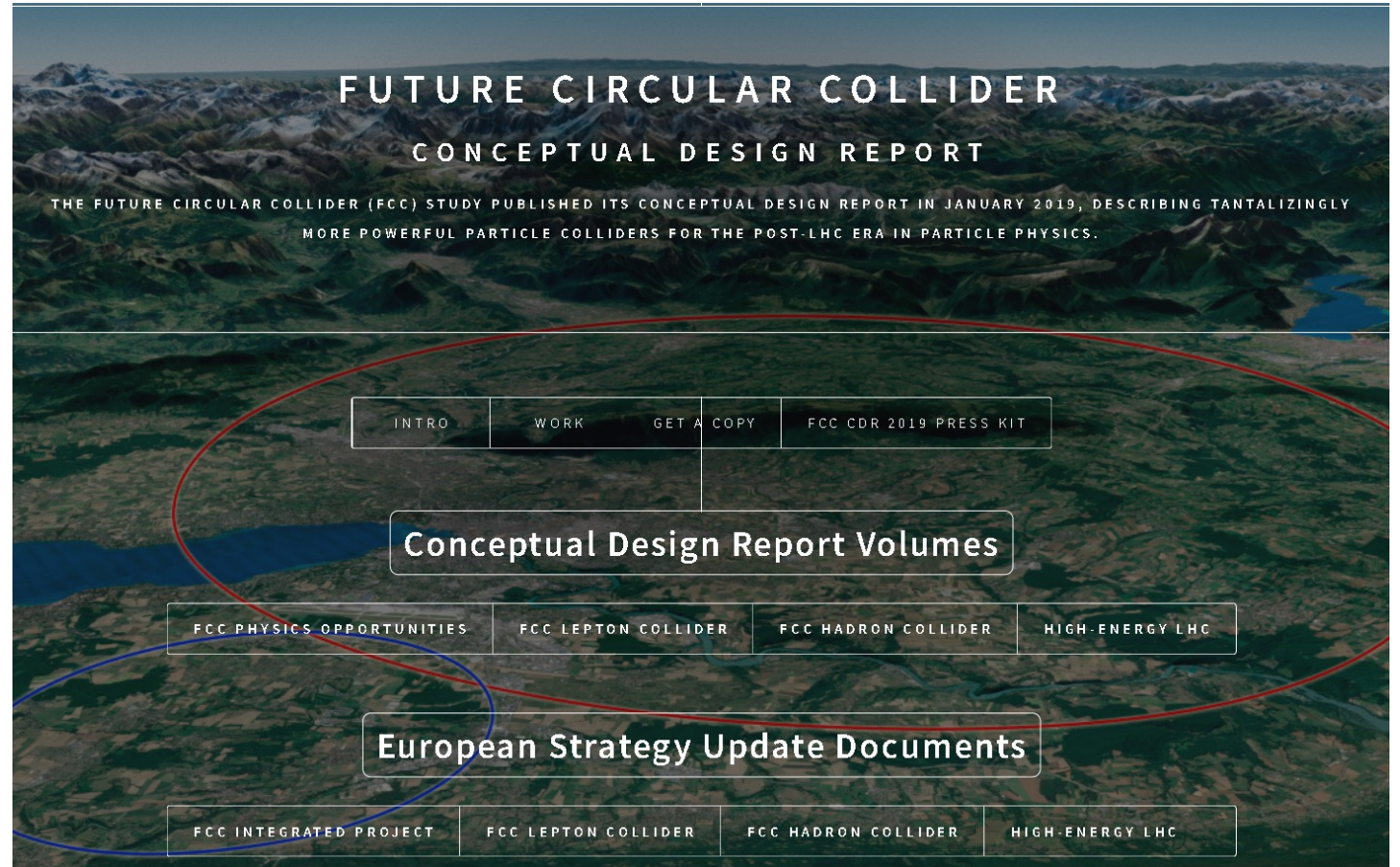
We will here merely focus on a few open design challenges presently under study



# Future Circular Collider (FCC)

- ~100 km length
- Lepton machine first: FCCee
- Same infrastructure for a posterior hadron-hadron collider (FCChh)
  
- See this link for a few more details, conceptual design report, etc.

■ <https://fcc-cdr.web.cern.ch/>



# FCCEe Conceptual design report

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- **Freely accessible:** <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1140/epjst/e2019-900045-4>
- 360 pages: gives you an idea of the amount of work that goes into the design of an accelerator (even if the injector chain at CERN can be reused for it)

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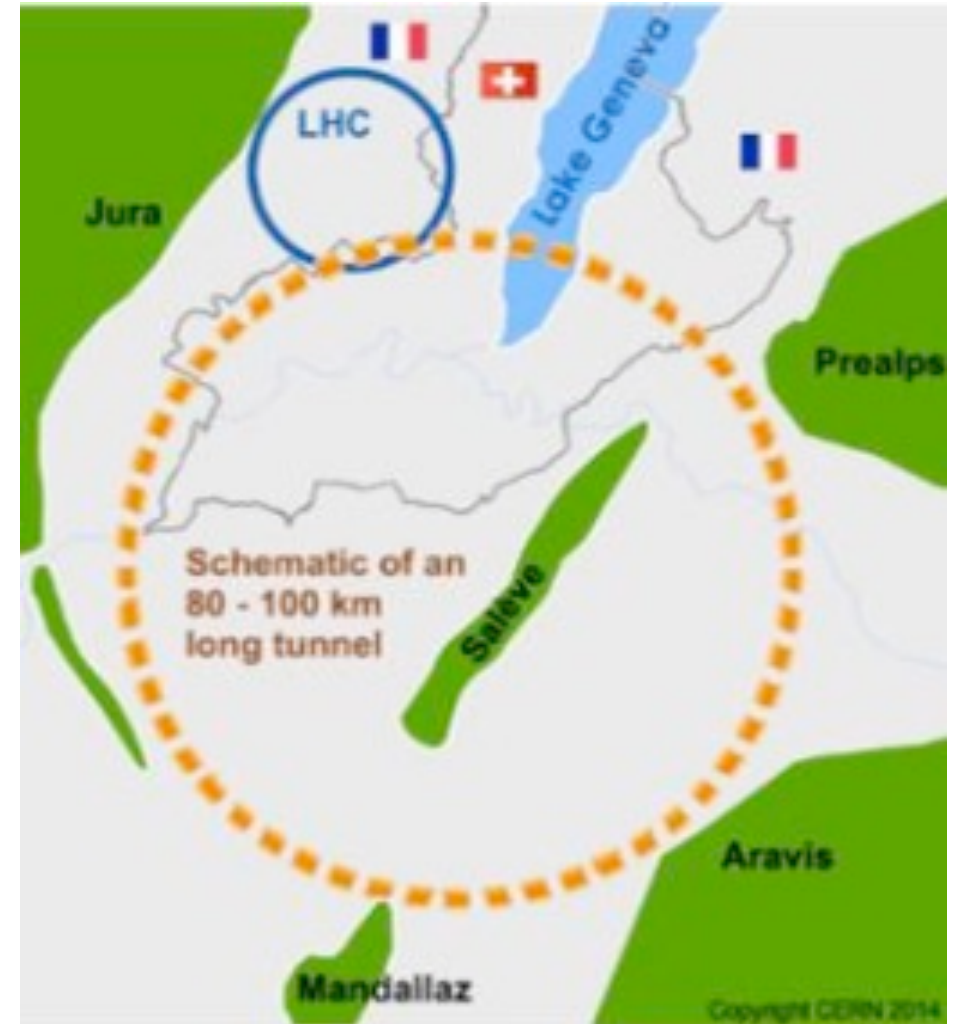
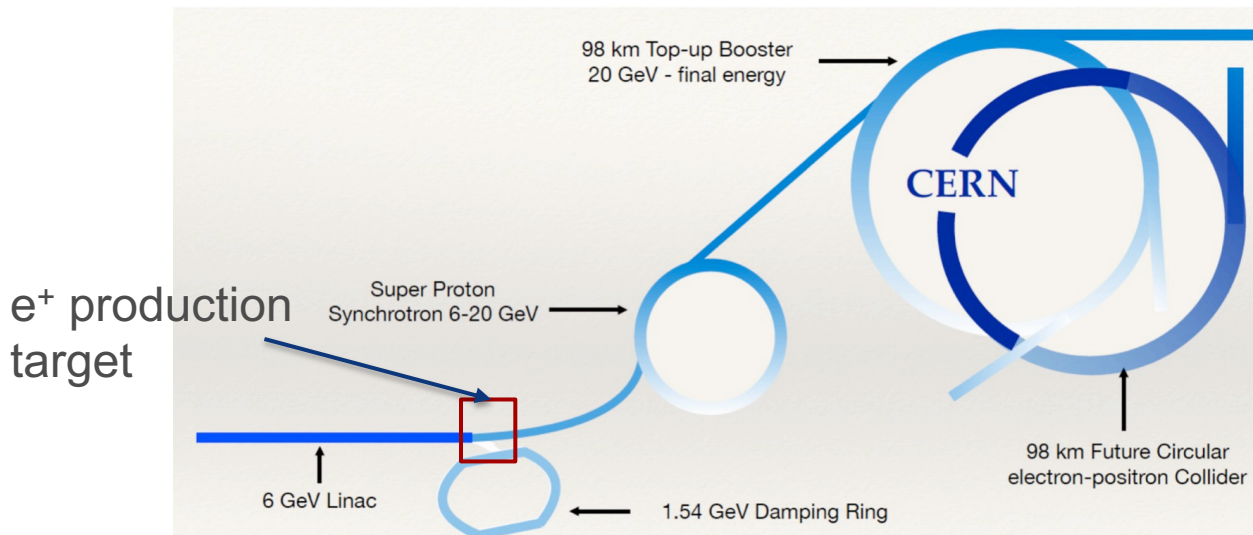
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## **FCC-ee: The Lepton Collider**

**Future Circular Collider Conceptual Design Report Volume 2**

# FCC ee: electron positron collider

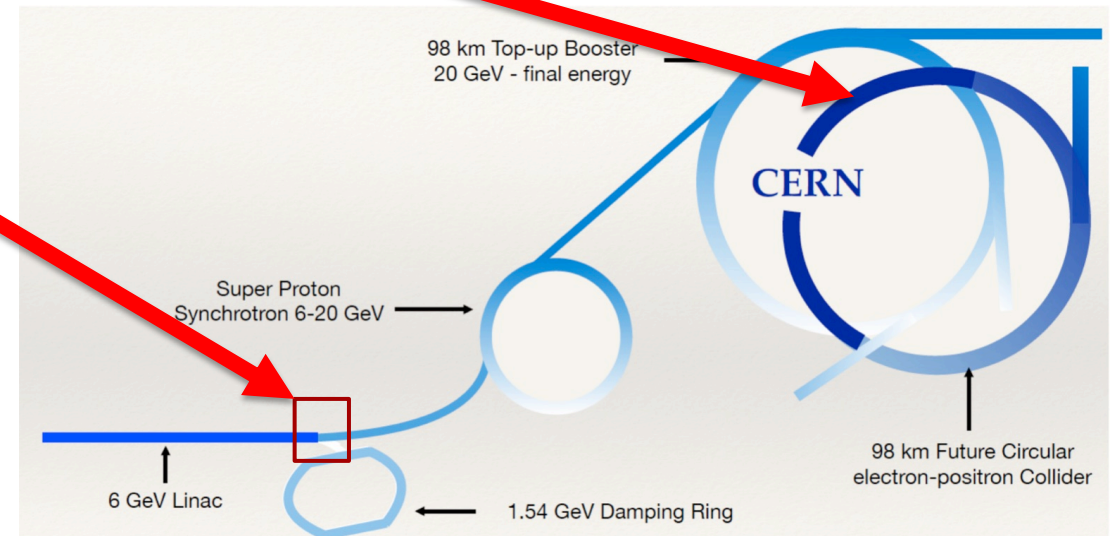
- ~91 km tunnel enclosing the Saleve
- 6 GeV  $e^-$  on heavy target  $\rightarrow e^+$  production
- Initial acceleration to 20 GeV
- Injection to booster ring (20 GeV to final energy of 45 GeV – 182.5 GeV)
- Injection to collider ring





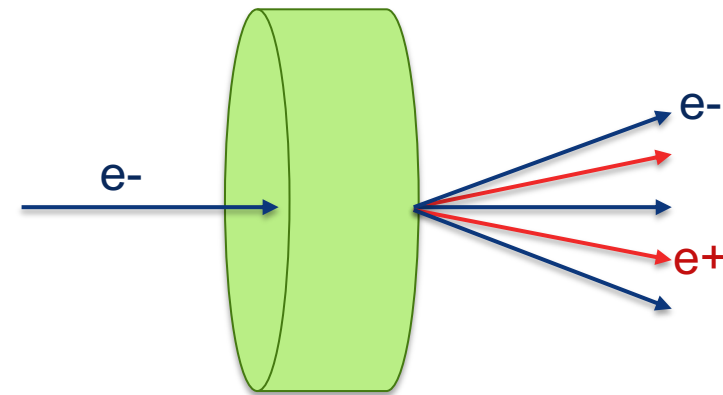
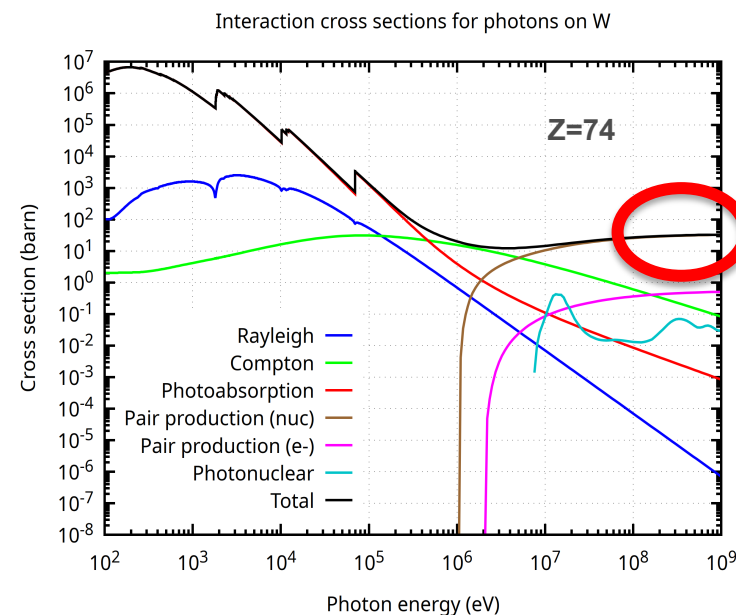
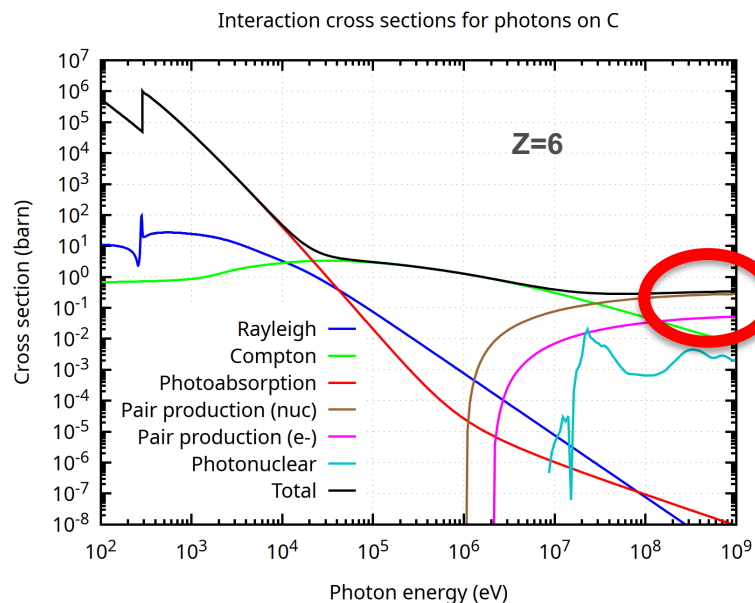
# Aspects we will focus on

- Emission of synchrotron radiation on the arc of the collider
- Positron production target



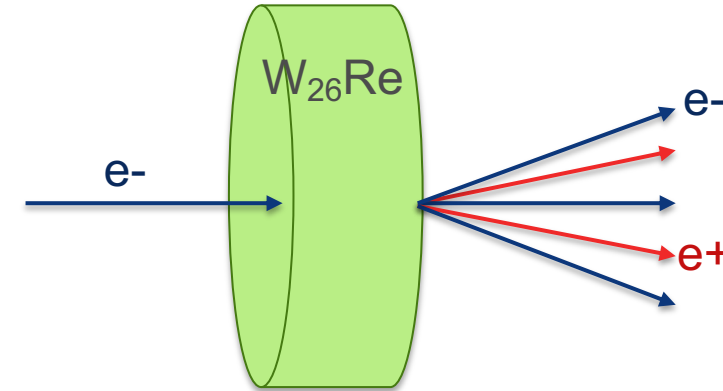
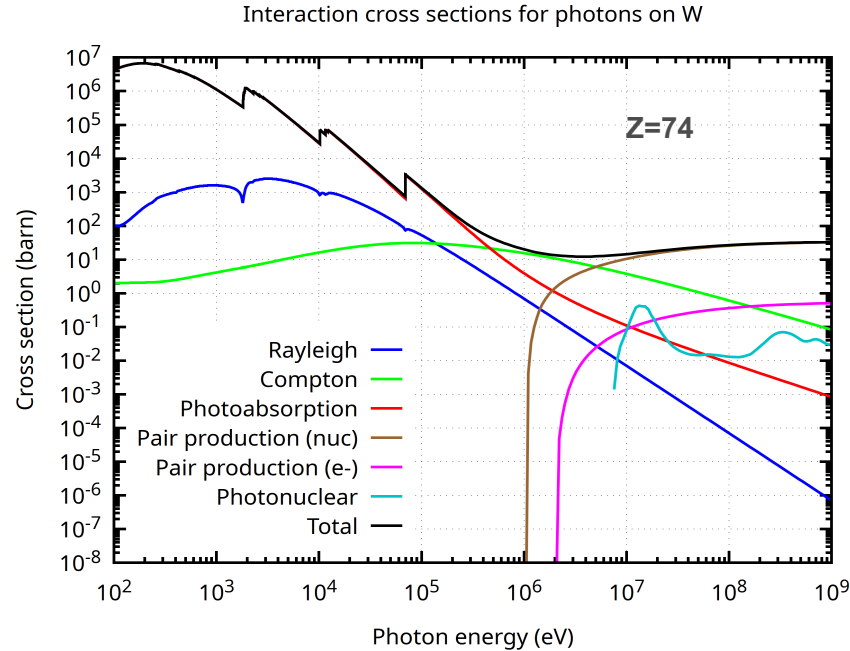
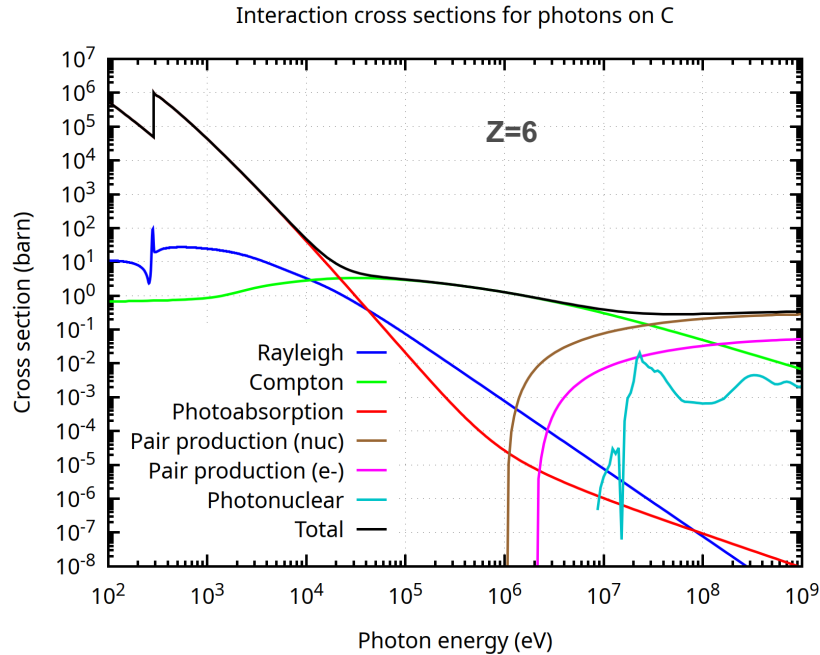
# FCCEe positron production target

- Basic idea (combination of 2 interaction mechanisms we saw):
  - 6 GeV  $e^-$  on a target  $\rightarrow$  Bremsstrahlung emission  $\rightarrow$  pair production
- Let's recover the photon cross section plots from a few slides ago, focusing at the GeV end. Suppose two candidate materials: C and W



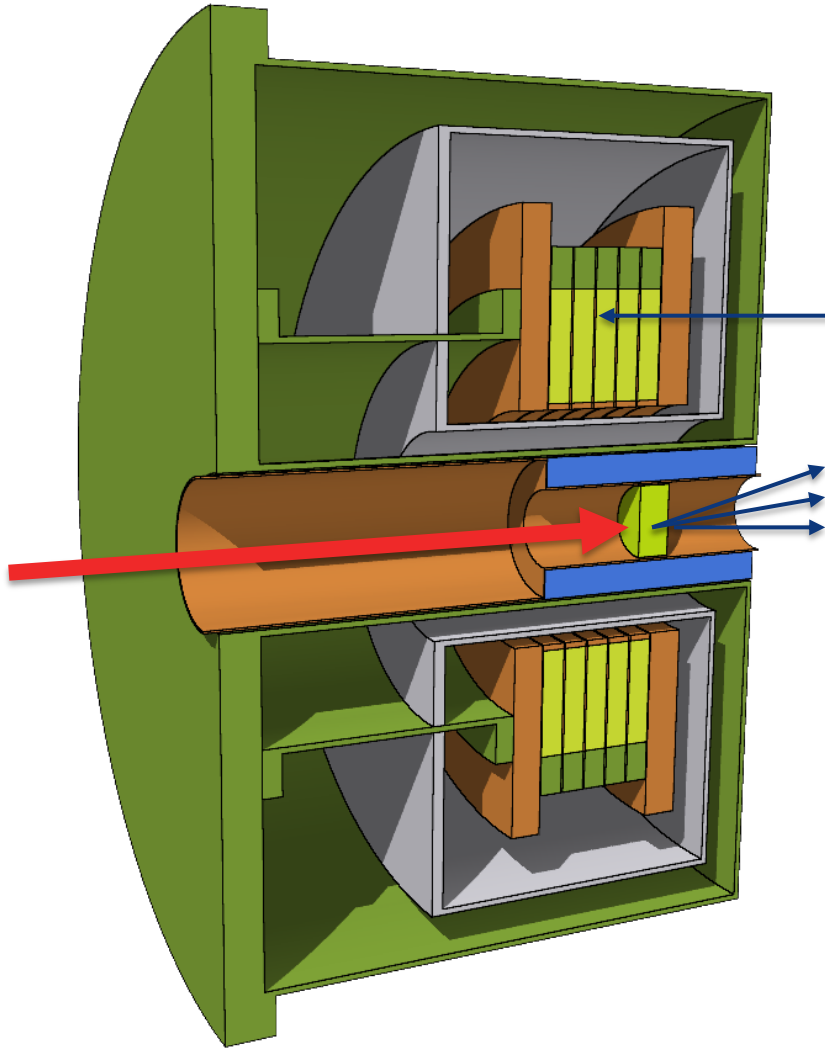
- **Given GeV photons, would you take C or W for the  $e^+$  production target?**

# FCCEe positron production target material



- You want bremsstrahlung photons to generate e-/e+ pairs as copiously as possible
- So indeed, you'd take W (**highest pair-production cross section, by almost an order of magnitude**)
- Turns out not to be far from the actual design, made of a W alloy

# A more realistic schematic of the $e^+$ production target



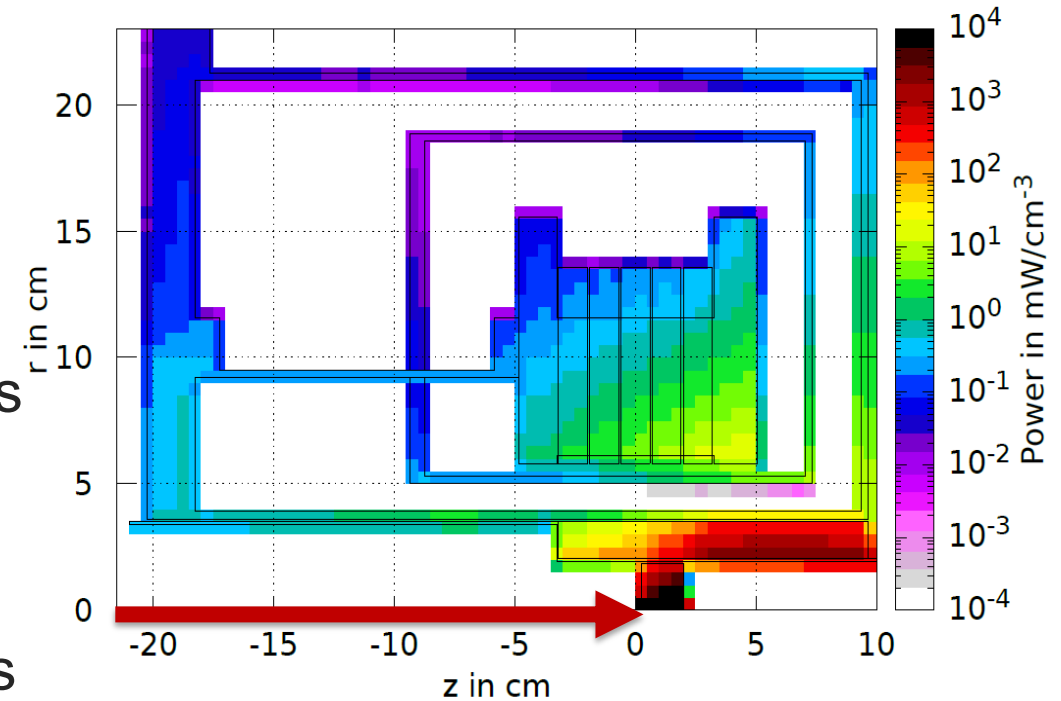
- **Electron beam** impinging on the target
- Once  $e^+$  are emitted, one needs to focus them (intense B field needed)
- For this there are SC magnet coils. Not conventional, but high-Tc superconductors (operating at liquid nitrogen temperature instead of liquid He temperature)
- Advantage: a higher power load can be sustained! More affordable quench limit
- Still, in order to protect the SC magnet coils, the target is surrounded by a shielding
- Design **challenges/questions**:
  - Vis a vis short term effects (quenching): **what's the power density delivered to the high-Tc superconducting coils?**
  - Long-term effects (lifetime of the equipment): **what is the dose delivered to the target per operational year? Will the insulators of the superconducting coils sustain operation?**

# Short-term radiation effects (magnet quenches)

- In order to assess short-term effects (quenches), one may evaluate the power-deposition map a la MC, e.g. with FLUKA
- Target is obviously where most power is deposited by the incoming e- beam
- The shielding is doing its job reasonably: the power deposition in the coils  $\sim 10\text{-}20 \text{ mW/cm}^3$
- This is within the quench limit for bending dipoles in the LHC ( $15\text{-}20 \text{ mW/cm}^3$ ). This holds for conventional SC coils at liquid helium temperature.
- There should even be some margin: the SC coils around the FCCee positron production target are high  $T_c$  (liquid nitrogen temperature)



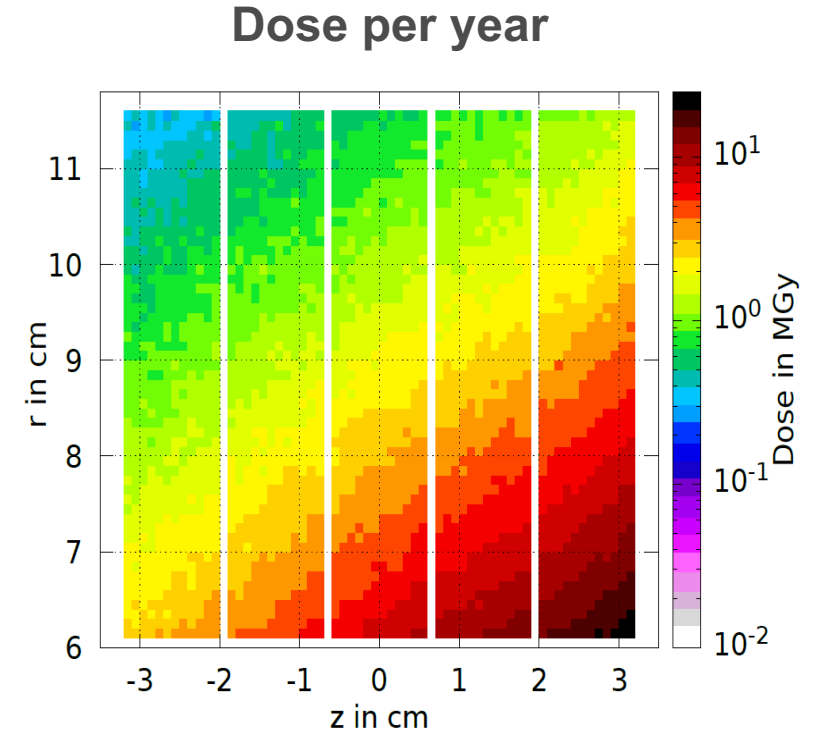
Power density on the HTS coils



# Long-term radiation effects (HTS coil insulator breakdown)



- To assess long-term radiation effects, one looks at the imparted dose over a given time (operational year)
- Dose per year delivered to the coils evaluated with FLUKA →
- **For conventional SC**, dose limit before coil insulators break down is **30 MGy**.
- But we see a peak value: ~22 MGy
- Factor 10 for expected runtime of FCCee project → **220 MGy**
- We'd appear to be exceeding the dose limit
- But the dose limit for future HTS insulators is still an open question

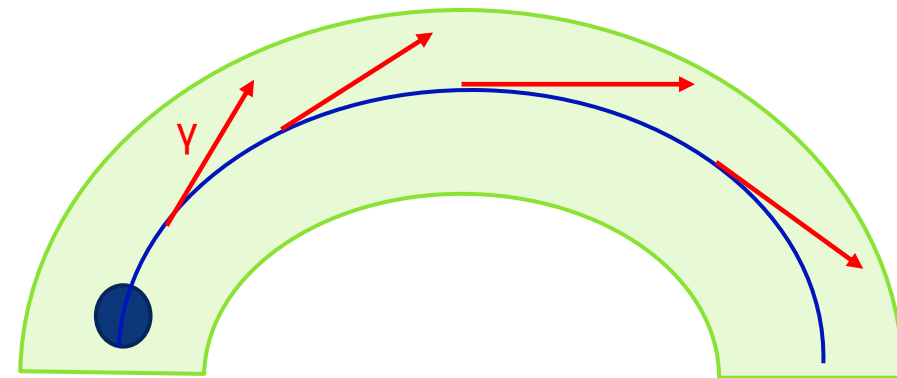
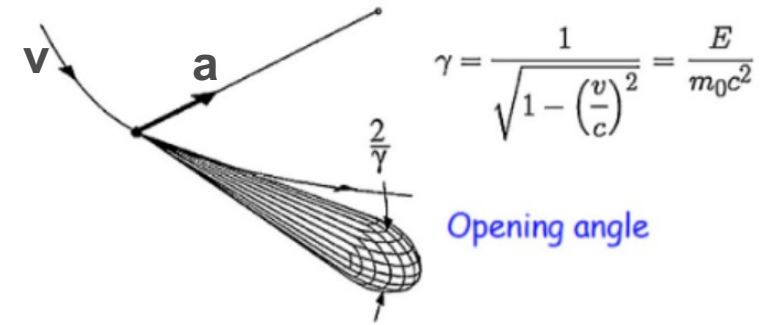
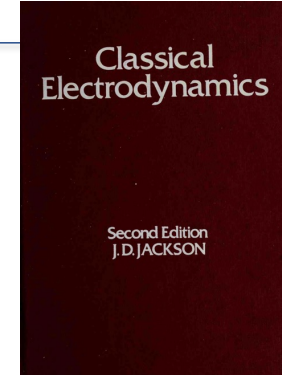


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# Next challenging source of radiation: SR emission of e<sup>-</sup> in collider arc

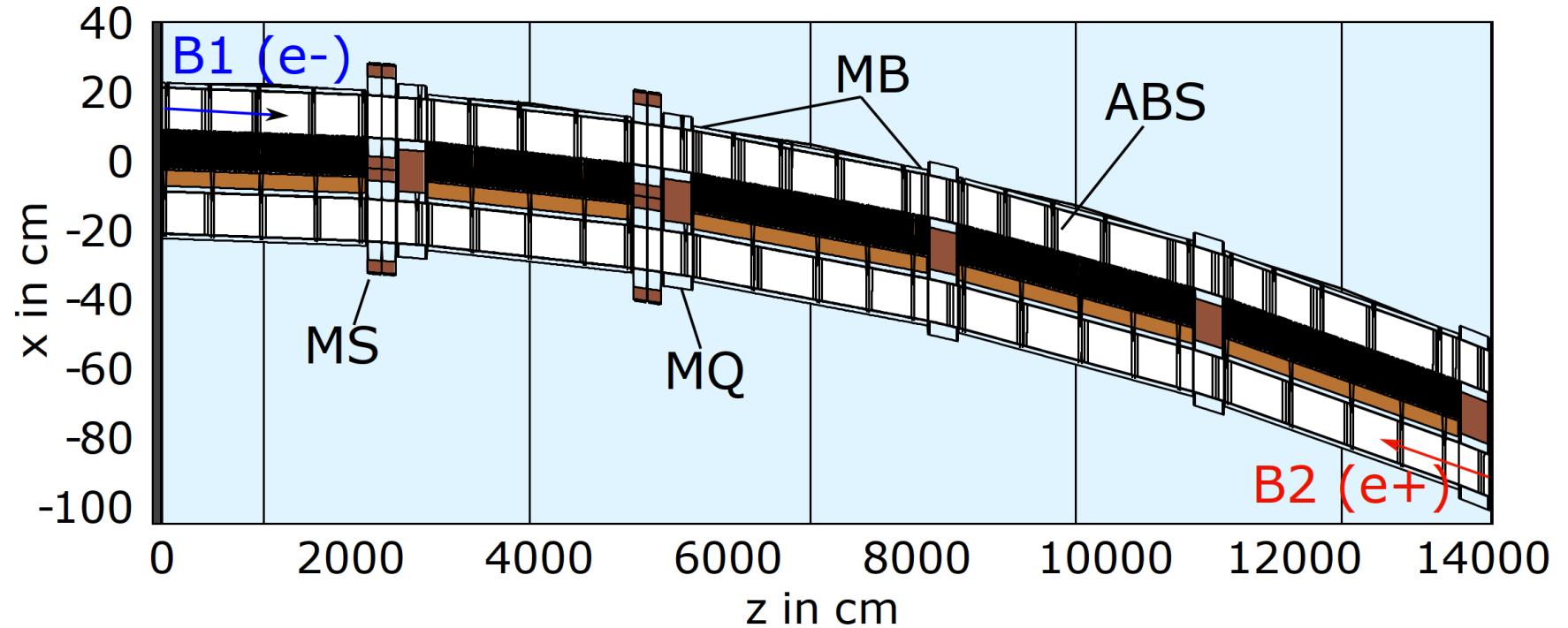
- Remember your classical electrodynamics lectures?
- Accelerated charged particles radiate.
- In presence of acceleration normal to v, charged particles emit synchrotron radiation (SR)
- Strongly peaked around v, 1/gamma spread
- Radiated power:
$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 c}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\beta^4 \gamma^4}{\rho^2} \quad (\text{bending radius})$$
- Putting in ~numbers for e<sup>-</sup> in FCCee orbit:
  - Radius  $\rho=10.76$  km,  $E=182.5$  GeV
  - Energy radiated by e<sup>-</sup> per turn in FCCee: **9.2 GeV**

**SR is a major source of radiation in lepton machines like FCC-ee**





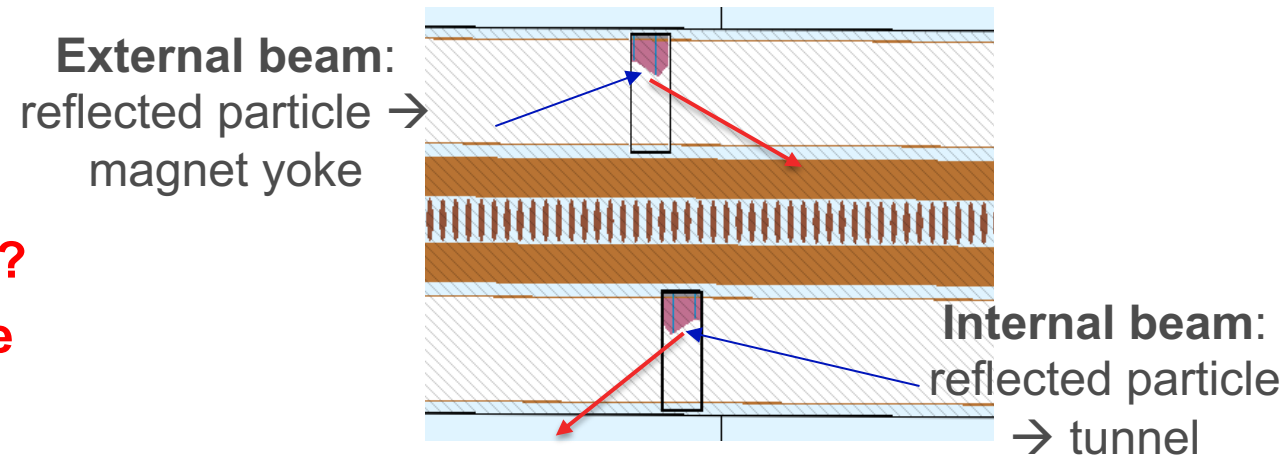
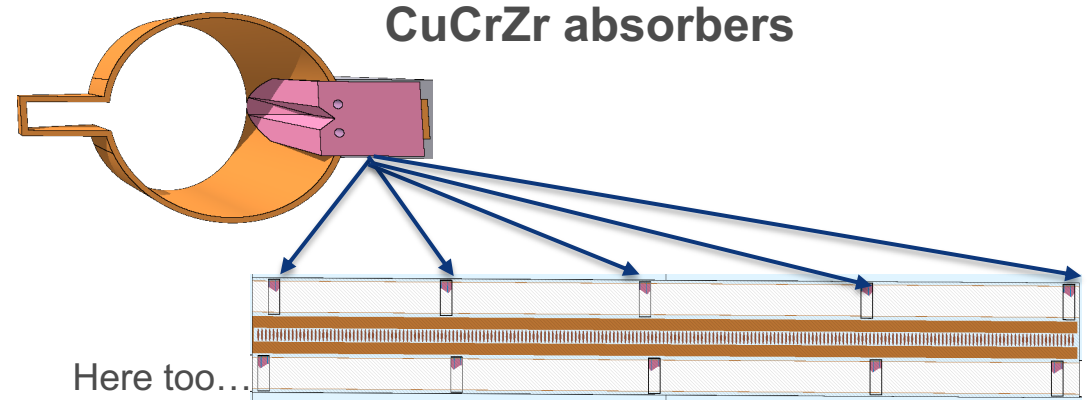
# Representative arc cell for FCCee



- Length:  $\sim 140$  m
- Comprising:
  - dipoles (MB),
  - quadrupoles (MQ),
  - sextupoles (MS)
- Circulating  $e^-$  beam (B1) and  $e^+$  beam (B2)
- Central problem: copious emission of synchrotron radiation
- How does one protect equipment?

# Absorbers

- A series of **absorbers** is placed along the beam pipe
- SR emission in the external beam pipe is intercepted
  - Secondaries emitted back into the chamber (some may impact on magnets!)
- SR emission in the internal beam pipe is intercepted:
  - Secondaries emitted back into the tunnel
- Questions:
  - **Where does the SR power end up?**
  - **Are the absorbers doing their job properly?**
  - **Do they catch everything? Is the inner side of the vacuum chamber sufficiently shielded?**

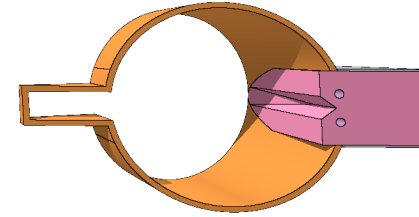


# Short-term effects (power load on absorbers and magnets)

✓ ■ FLUKA simulations reveal that **78% of the radiated power is effectively deposited in the absorbers**

✓ ■ Absorbers are indeed doing their job

✓ ■ Power loads elsewhere are acceptable (these are warm magnets, i.e. not superconducting!)



	<b>Copper</b>
ABS	131 kW
MB	23.4 kW
MQ	2.6 kW
MS	0.09 kW
Tunnel	9.5 kW
<b>Total</b>	<b>167 kW</b>

(Power radiated by SR by the 2 circulating beams in the 140-m long arc cell)

# Long-term effects (cumulative dose)

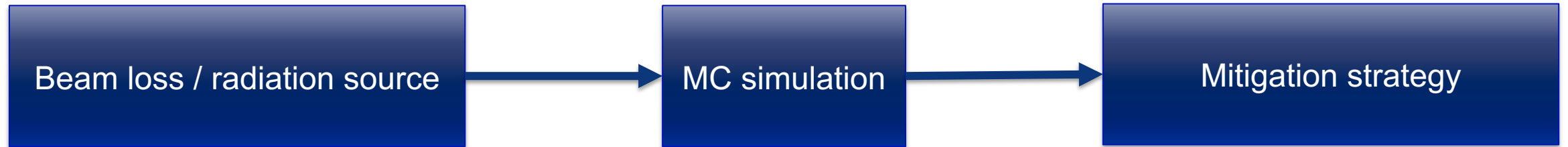
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- Preliminary dose estimate at inner side of vacuum chamber: **1 MGy**
- Dose estimate above/below the collider beam plane: **300 kGy**
- Such dose levels pose problems for electronics:
  - Guideline reference value\* for HL-LHC arc: **1.4 Gy (orders of magnitude lower)**
- These findings imply that further shielding is necessary to protect electronics in the tunnel
- Studies ongoing.

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# Wrap-up of this FCCee block

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- Two radiation sources:
  - Radiation environment in/near positron production target
  - SR emission in the arc
- MC simulations allow us to:
  - Quantify effects, both short and long term, as critical design/operational info
  - Propose mitigation strategies: shielding of electronics in FCCee arc, etc.





Last topic for today:  
application to the design of  
future particle accelerators (Muon Collider)

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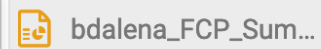
# Muon collider

- It's among the options recommended to be explored by ESPPU
- See B. Dalena's nice talks:

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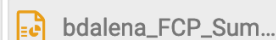
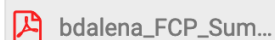
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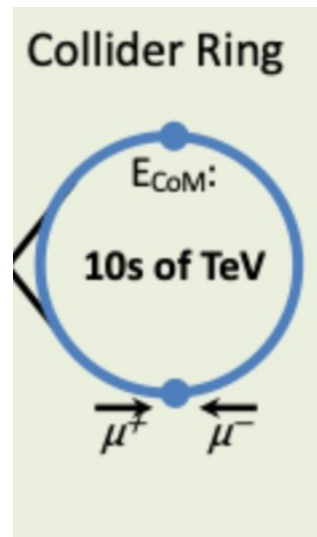
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- More details: <https://muoncollider.web.cern.ch/node/25>
- **For our purposes: muon beams in a circular collider with 10 TeV CM energy**



# Synchrotron radiation

- As recalled in earlier slides, charged particles in a magnetic field emit synchrotron radiation (SR):

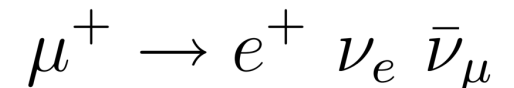
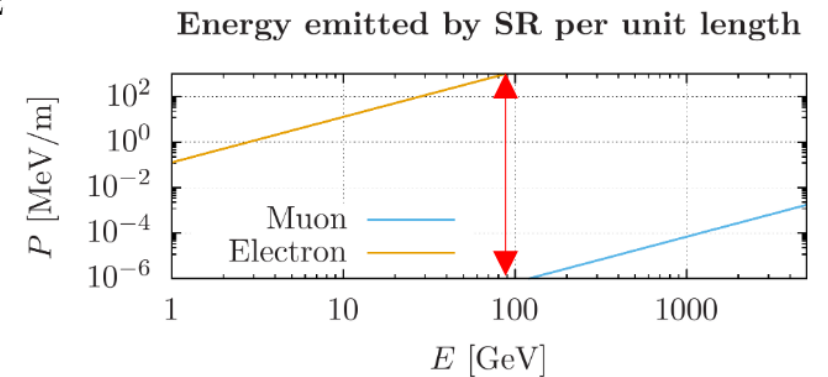
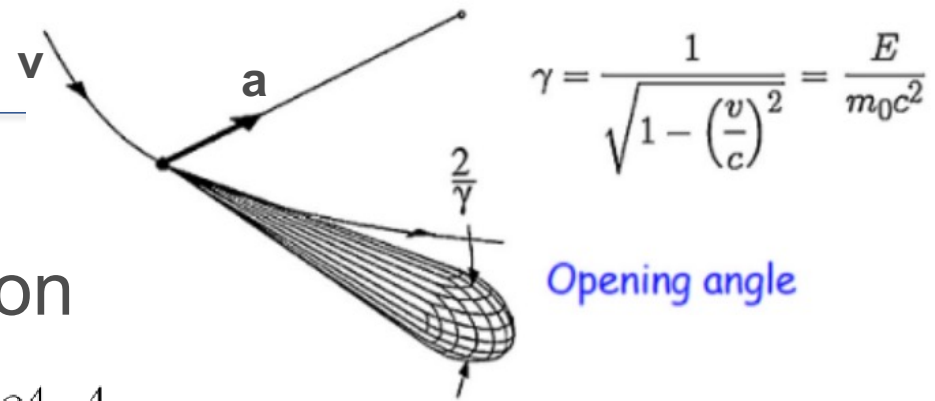
- Radiated power goes like  $1/m^4$ : 
$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 c}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\beta^4 \gamma^4}{\rho^2}$$

- One would expect fewer SR problems from muons:

- But the story is a bit more subtle.

- Muons decay ( $\tau \sim 2.2 \text{ us}$ ):

- What is actually **challenging** is the **SR emission by decay electrons/positrons (!)**



# Effect of decay-e-+ SR on SC coils

- Simplified geometry:

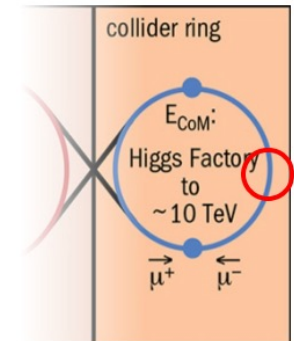
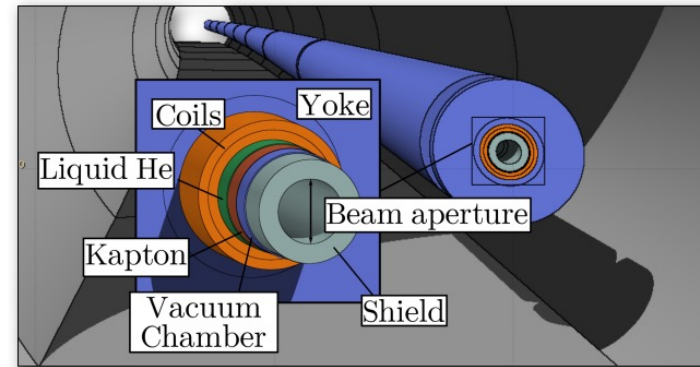
- Beam aperture, shielded
- Surrounded by SC magnet

- Short term effects:

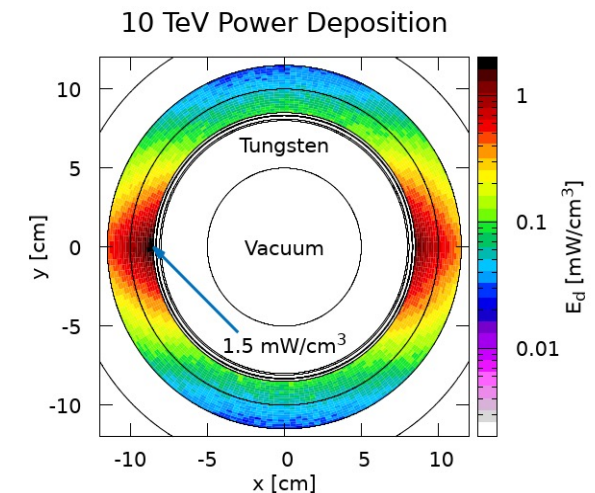
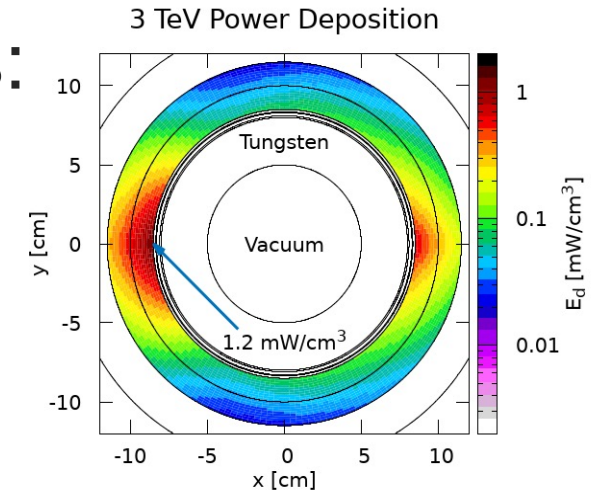
- **What's the power load on the superconducting coils? Are we within the quench limit?**

- Long term effects:

- **Dose delivered to SC coil insulators (organic materials) after 10 years?**
- **What about displacement damage in the SC coils? What is the DPA after 10 years?**



- MC simulations with FLUKA for 2 scenarios:
  - 3 TeV CM energy
  - 10 TeV CM energy
- Power deposition in the SC coils:
  - Peak ~ **1-2 mW/cm<sup>3</sup>**
  - Well below typical **15-20 mW/cm<sup>3</sup>** quench limit for bending dipoles of the LHC
- No problem expected in terms of magnet quenches
- Aperture shield is working as intended





# Long-term effects over 10 years

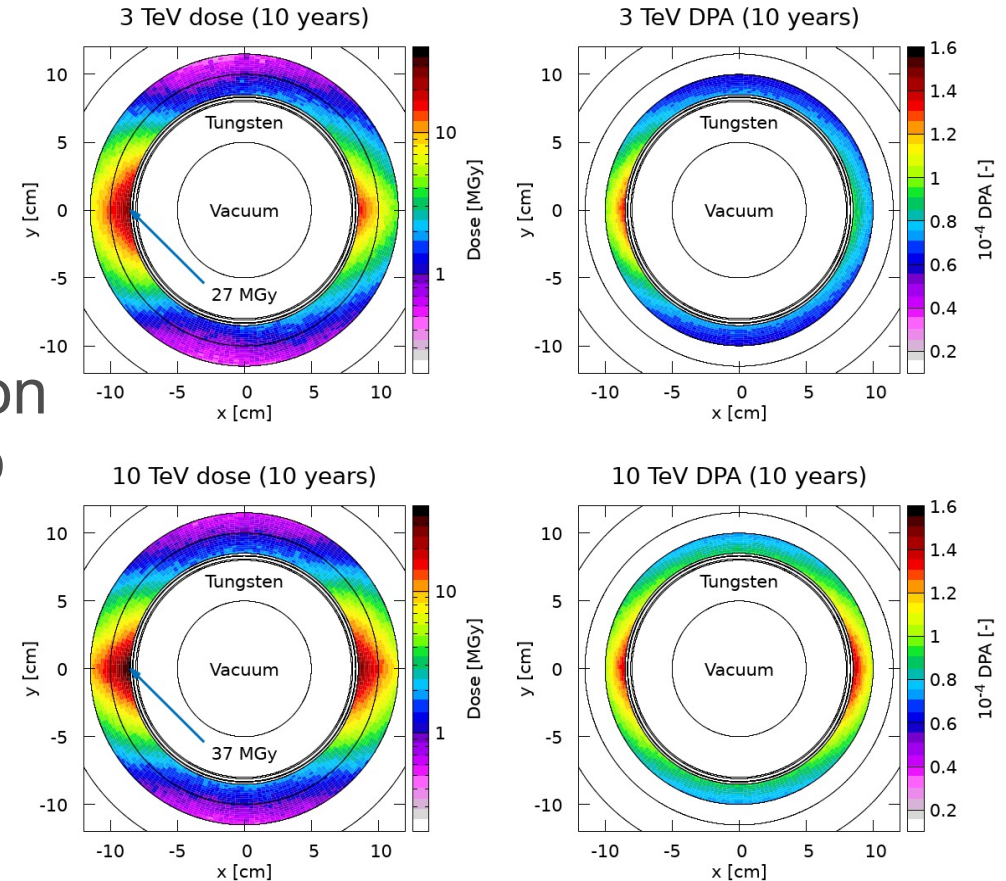
## ■ Dose delivered:

- Peak values O(several 10) MGy
- At / somewhat above customary limit of **30 MGy** above which coil insulators fail
- This situation can be mitigated by the inclusion of further shielding in the vacuum chamber to lower dose in SC magnet coil insulators!

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## ■ Displacement damage:

- DPA  $\sim 1e-4$
- Ref: Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn critical temperature degrades after 1e-3 DPAs.





# Summary

# Summary and key points

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- **Beam losses:**

- Microscopic causes, macroscopic effects, and implications for operation of a particle accelerator (Lecture 1)

- **Monte Carlo** method as powerful tool to assess the effect of beam losses and other sources of radiation in the design/operation of particle accelerators

- Quantities relevant for short-term effects (power deposition)
- Quantities relevant for long-term effects (dose and displacements per atom)

- **Assessment of beam losses and general radiation challenges:**

- Inner triplet shielding in view **HL-LHC** upgrade
- **FCCee**: positron production target (implications of radiation field on HTS coils)
- **FCCee**: implications of synchrotron radiation emission in the arc
- **Muon collider**: radiation challenges on SC dipole magnet due to emission of SR

# Farewell note

- Use the Summer Student opportunity to **approach people** at CERN working on topics you are genuinely interested in!
- While being exquisitely mindful of people's working time, shoot them an e-mail, say hi, and you may get a valuable in-person chat and **precious information** on what's going on in your field of interest!





Thanks for your attention!

Enjoy the rest of  
CERN's Summer Student  
Lecture Programme!





# Muon collider machine parameters

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	$\sqrt{s}=3 \text{ TeV}$	$\sqrt{s}=10 \text{ TeV}$
Beam energy	1.5 TeV	5 TeV
Bunch intensity	$2.2 \times 10^{12}$	$1.8 \times 10^{12}$
Number of bunches	1	1
Injection frequency	5 Hz	5 Hz
Circumference	4.5 km	10 km
Arc dipole strength	7 T	10.4 T