

New physics in the forward kinematic region of the FCC

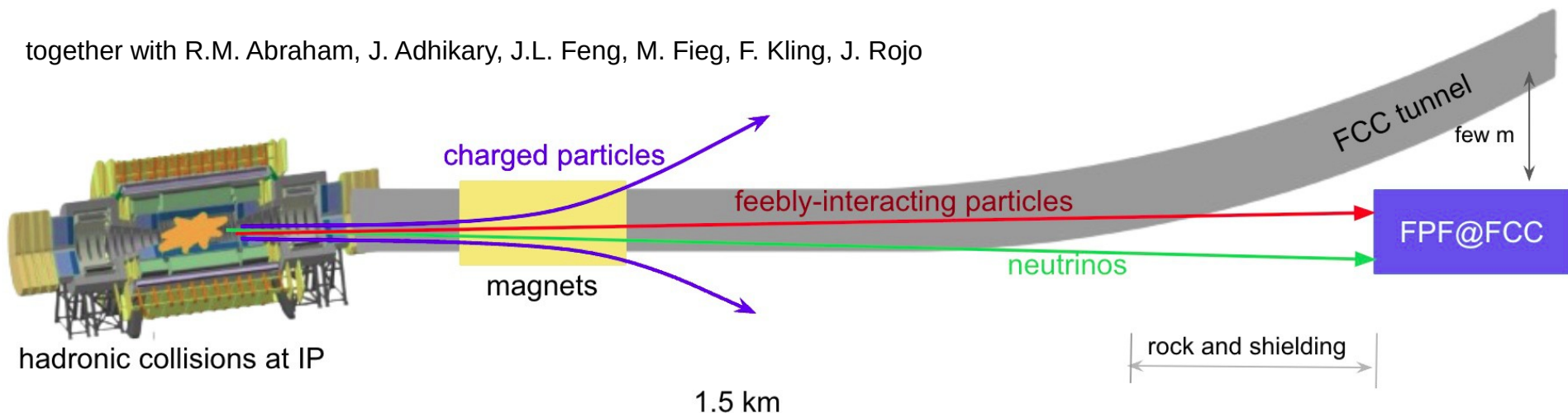
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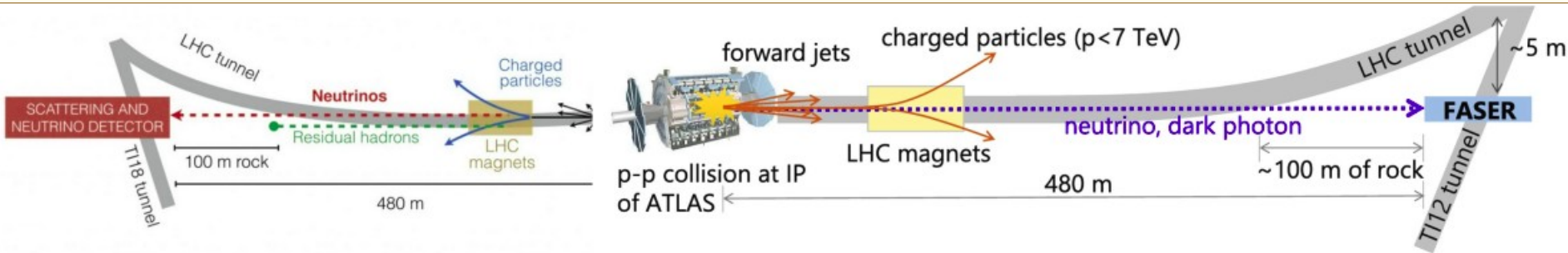
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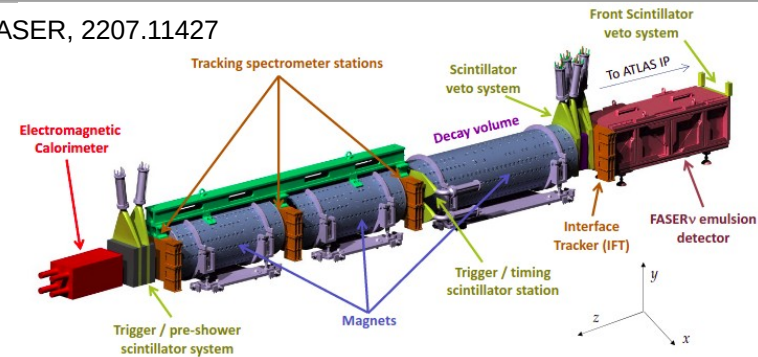
FAR-FORWARD SEARCHES AT THE LHC



- Forward direction: lots of activity down the beam pipe
- Far-forward detectors:
 - well-screened from pp collisions
 - only neutrinos and muons survive
- **Current Run 3:** FASER, SND@LHC
- **HL-LHC:** proposed Forward Physics Facility (FPF)
- Physics:
 - “Precision” high-energy neutrino physics
 - Implications for QCD & cosmic-ray physics
 - New physics searches

J.L. Feng et al, 2203.05090
L.A. Anchordoqui et al, 2109.10905

FASER, 2207.11427



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SENSITIVITY TO NEW PHYSICS

BSM FAR-FORWARD SEARCHES AT THE LHC

Feebly-interacting particles

Precision high-energy neutrino measurements

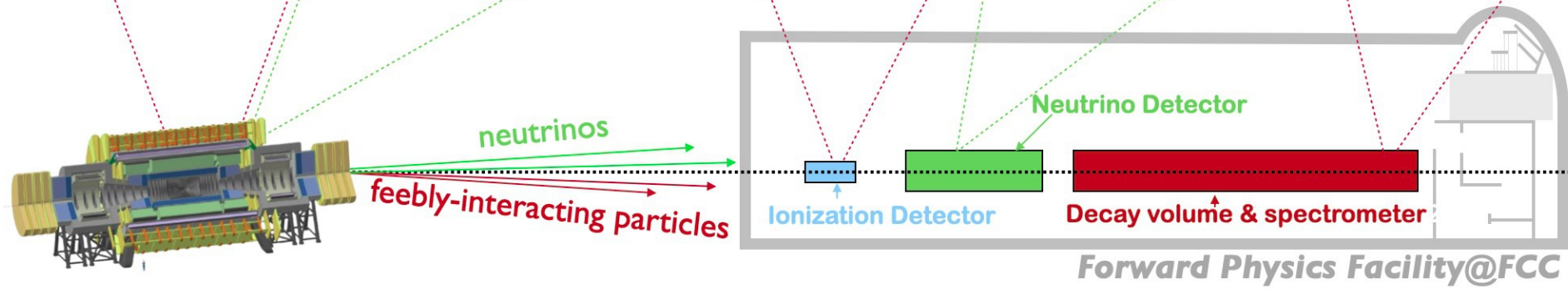
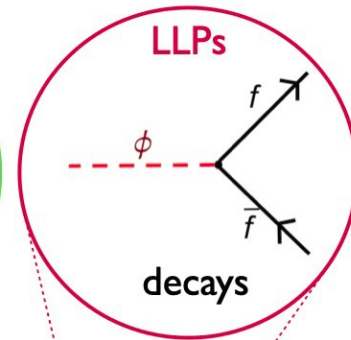
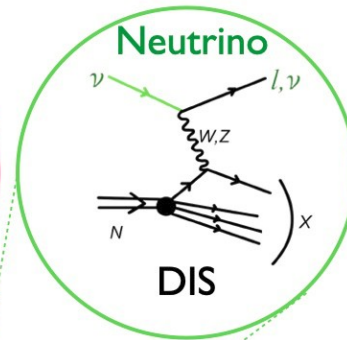
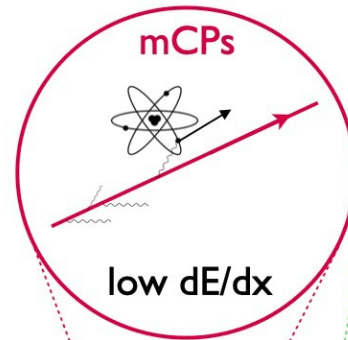
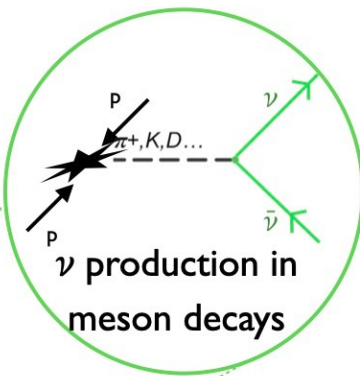
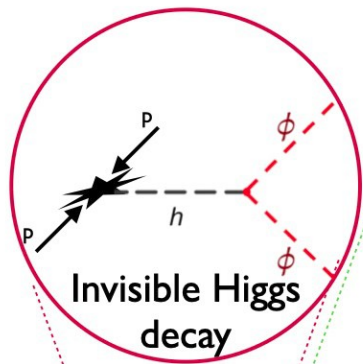
Other opportunities

millicharged particles
decays of long-lived particles
light dark matter

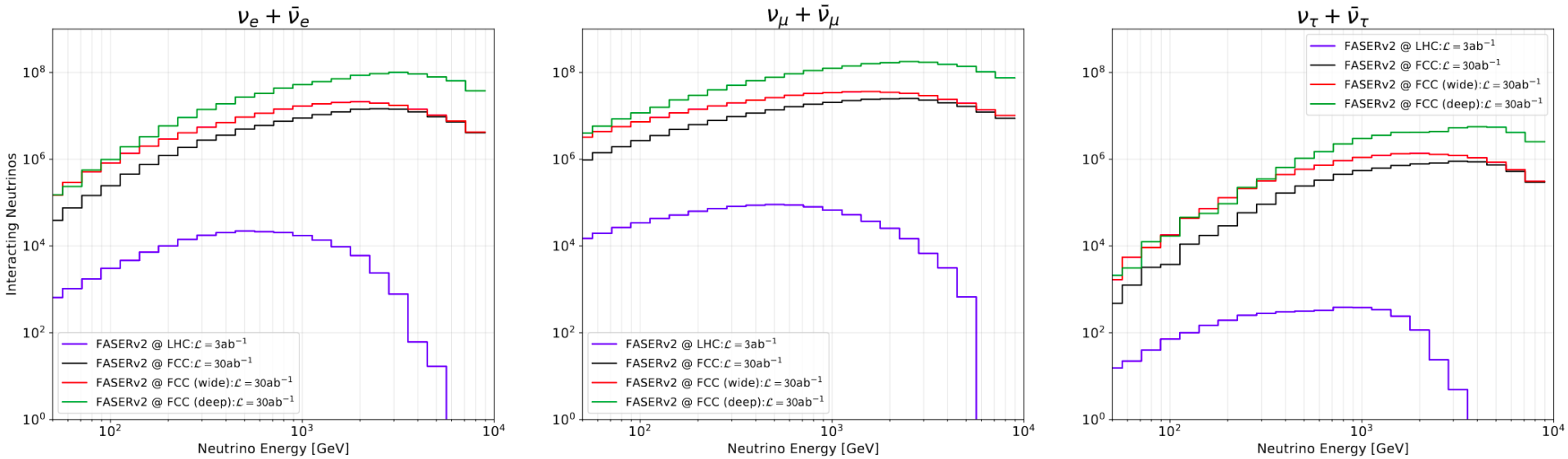
modified production & interactions rates
 ν -induced BSM particle production
oscillations into sterile neutrinos

quirks
muon-philic BSM

FORWARD PHYSICS FACILITY @ FCC



FORWARD NEUTRINOS @ FCC



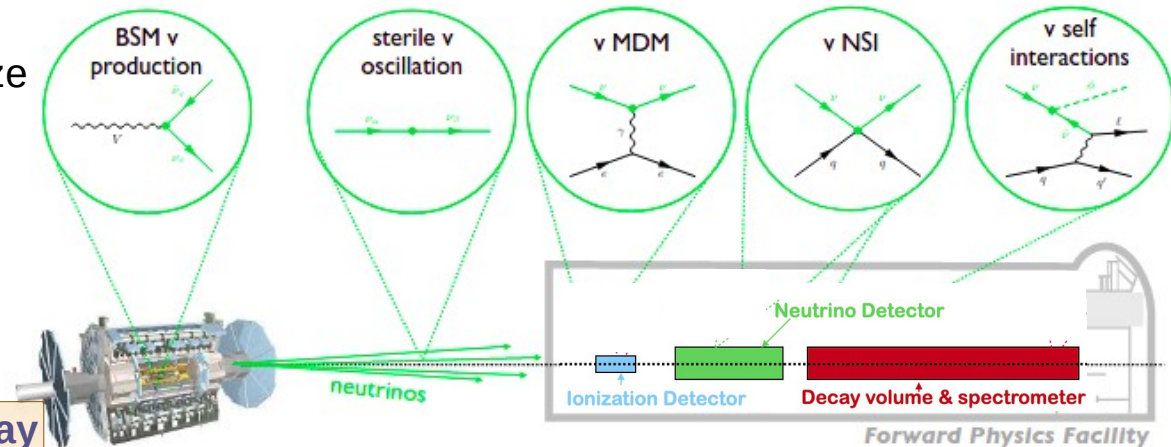
- Large forward flux of high-energy (up to few tens of TeV) neutrinos of all 3 flavors
- Up to order 10^9 ν_μ and ν_e interactions, and few $\times 10^6$ for ν_τ (~100 ton detector; cf. DUNE 70kt mass)

- Collimated flux:
 - baseline: 40cm x 40cm transverse size
 - allows for detailed event studies

- No (SM) oscillations (~near detector)

- BSM opportunities

- Rich SM physics program



➔ Juan Rojo talk on Thursday

FORWARD NEUTRINOS @ BSM

- Neutrinos produced in various meson decays π K Λ Σ Ξ D Λ_c
- Expected correlations between their spectra... (no impact of SM oscillations)
- Breakdowns in these correlations can be indicative of new physics effects

F. Kling, T. Makela, ST, 2309.10417

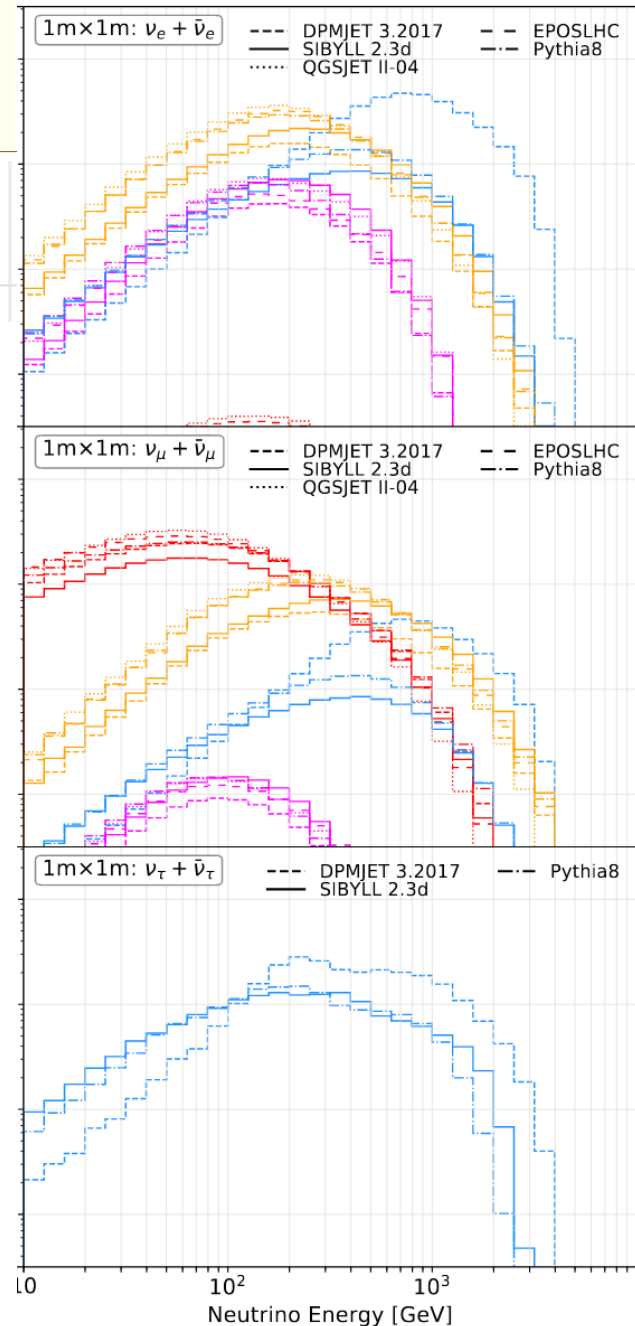
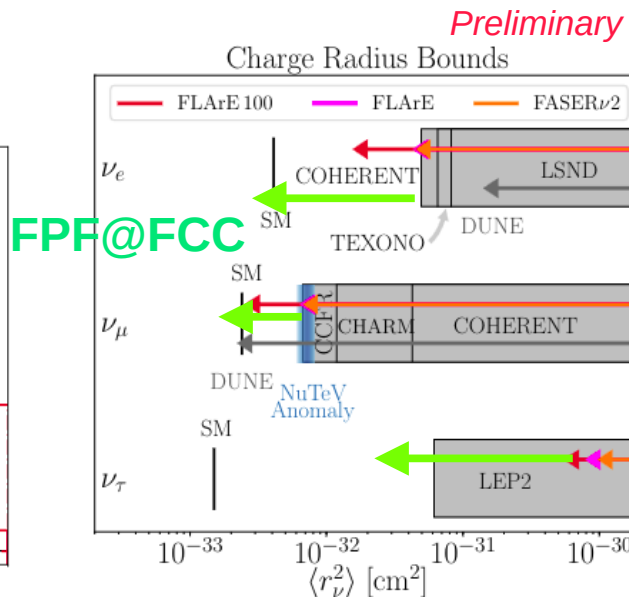
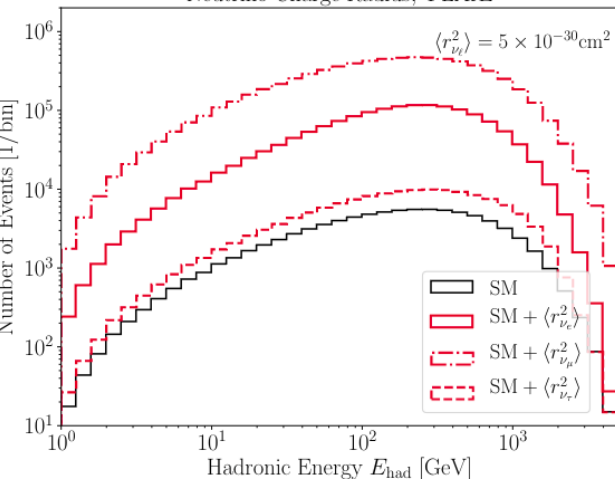
- Example: neutrino charge radius interaction

$$\langle \nu_f(p_f) | j_{\nu,EM}^\mu | \nu_i(p_i) \rangle = \bar{u}_f(p_f) \Lambda_{fi}^\mu(q) u_i(p_i),$$

$$\Lambda_{fi}^\mu(q) = \gamma^\mu (Q_{fi} - \frac{q^2}{6} \langle r^2 \rangle_{fi}) - i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu \mu_{fi}$$

$$g_V^q \rightarrow g_V^q - \frac{2}{3} Q_q m_W^2 \langle r_{\nu_\ell}^2 \rangle \sin^2 \theta_w.$$

R.M. Abraham et al, 2301.10254
Neutrino Charge Radius, FLArE

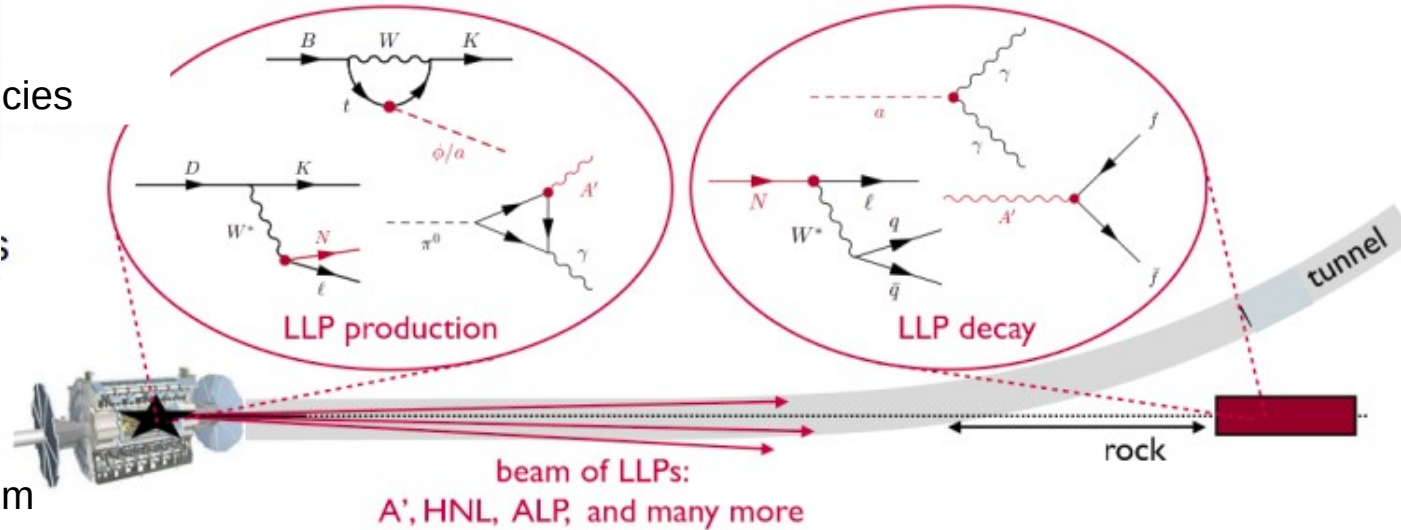


FORWARD LONG-LIVED PARTICLES

- Rare meson decays can also produce BSM particles

- Other production modes:
 - decays of heavier SM species
 - bremsstrahlung
 - Drell-Yan
 - secondary processes

K. Jodlowski et al, 1911.11



- Forward production: $p_T \sim m$

- Long-lived species can decay inside FPF@FCC detectors

Portal	Coupling
Dark Photon, A_μ	$-\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} F'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$
Dark Higgs, S	$(\mu S + \lambda S^2) H^\dagger H$
Axion, a	$\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, \frac{a}{f_a} G_{i,\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_i^{\mu\nu}, \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi$
Sterile Neutrino, N	$y_N L H N$

EXAMPLE: DARK HIGGS BOSON

Dark Higgs, $S \quad (\mu S + \lambda S^2)H^\dagger H$

- New scalar mixing with the SM Higgs; inherits also couplings to SM fermions

$$\mathcal{L} = -m_\phi^2 \phi^2 - \sin\theta \frac{m_f}{v} \phi \bar{f} f - \lambda v h \phi \phi,$$

- Production: heavy meson decays ($B \rightarrow X_s \phi$), SM Higgs decay $h \rightarrow \phi\phi$ @ FCC

F. Kling, ST (FORESEE), 2105.07077

- Decay: mostly bb , $\tau^+\tau^-$, ... final states

- Large lifetime: TeV-energy $m_\phi = 10$ GeV, $\theta \sim 10^{-7} \rightarrow \tau_\phi \sim 100$ km

complementarity:
central detectors
(displaced vertices)

SM Higgs spectrum

10% forward

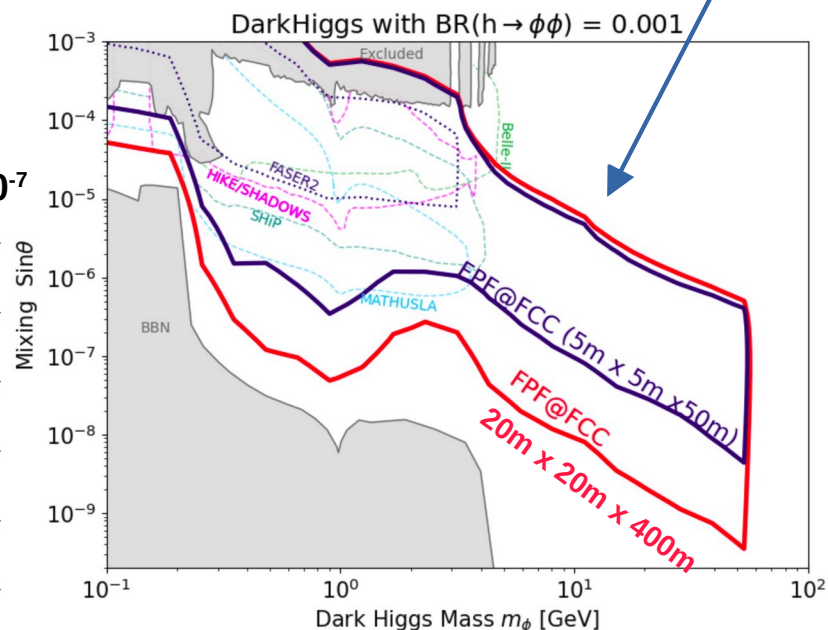
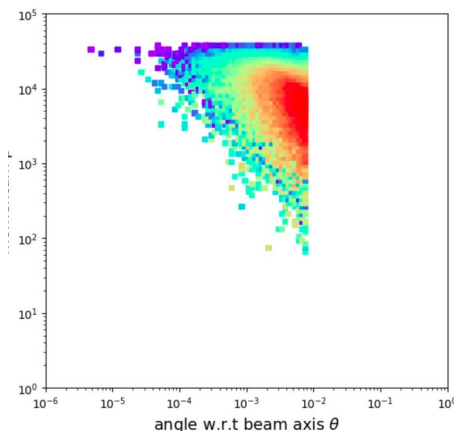
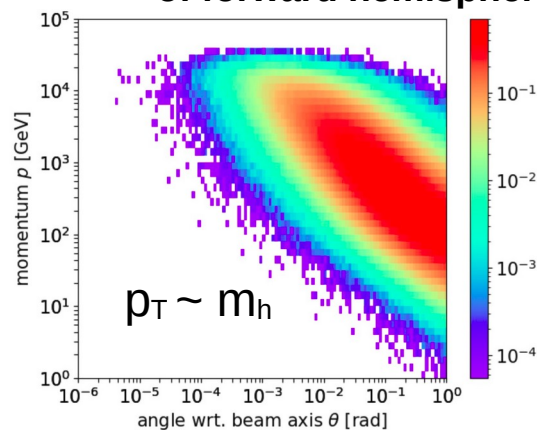
85% $E_h > 10$ TeV forward

Detector size $\sim 0.003\%$

of forward hemisphere

Dark Higgs in FPC@FCC

$h \rightarrow \phi\phi$; $m_\phi = 10$ GeV, $\theta \sim 10^{-7}$



EXAMPLE: DARK HIGGS BOSON & COSMOLOGY

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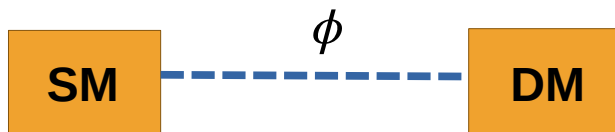
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complimentarity:
DM direct detection

- Decay: mostly bb , $\tau^+\tau^-$, ... final states

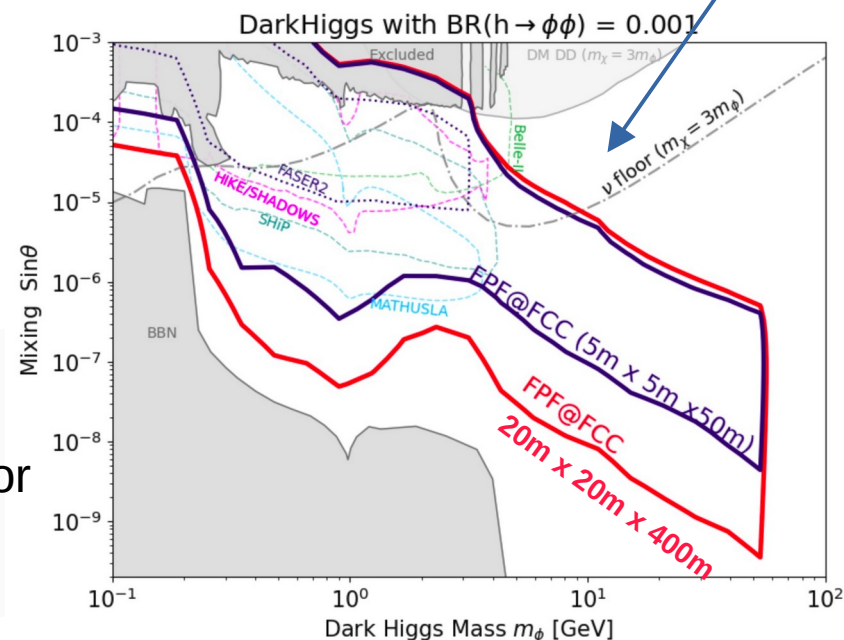
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Portal to dark matter (DM)



$$\mathcal{L} \supset - (1/2) \kappa \phi \bar{\chi} \chi$$

- relic density, $\chi\chi \rightarrow \phi\phi$ (driven by κ)
- indirect search for the dark Higgs mediator goes significantly below the ν floor



EXAMPLE: RELAXION-TYPE MODEL

- Relaxion solution to the hierarchy problem: stabilizing the Higgs mass dynamically

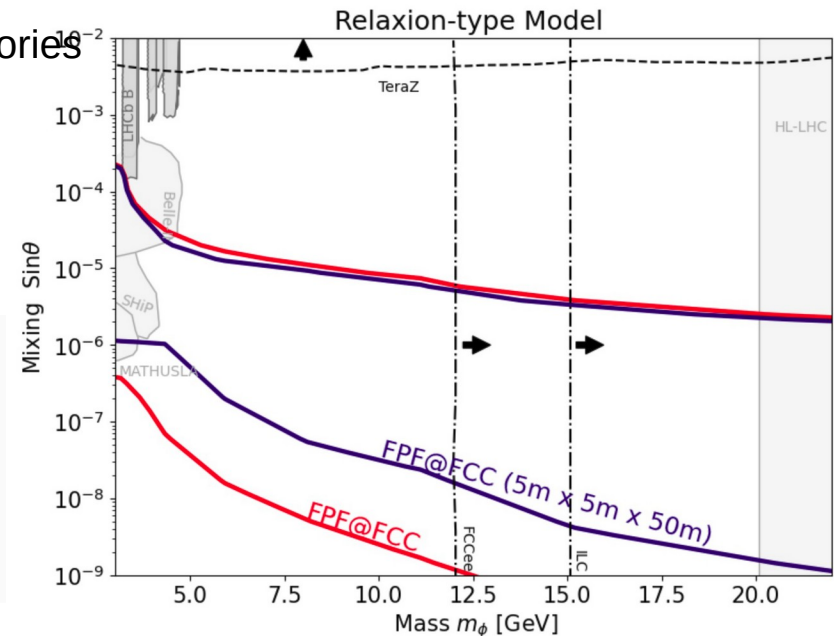
P.W. Graham, D.E. Kaplan, S. Rajendran, 1504.07551

- Relaxion phenomenology resembles dark Higgs boson with m_ϕ and $\sin\theta$...
- ...but the $h\phi\phi$ coupling is not a free parameter and becomes non-zero in the low- θ regime

$$c_{\phi\phi h}|_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \simeq \frac{r_{\text{br}}^4 v^3}{f^2} c_0 c_\theta^3 \simeq \frac{m_\phi^2}{v}$$

T. Flacke et al, 1610.02025
C. Fruguele et al, 1807.10842

- BR($h \rightarrow \phi\phi$) becomes suppressed for low m_ϕ
- Sensitivity gap between beam-dump and B-meson factories & invisible Higgs decay search
- Requires detecting ϕ decays
- Complimentarity between the central and forward detectors to bridge the gap



EXAMPLE: MILLICHARGED PARTICLES

- Possible result of new unbroken gauge symmetries
- Massless dark vector boson kinetically mixing with the hypercharge boson

- Massless dark photons additionally coupled to dark fermions χ ...

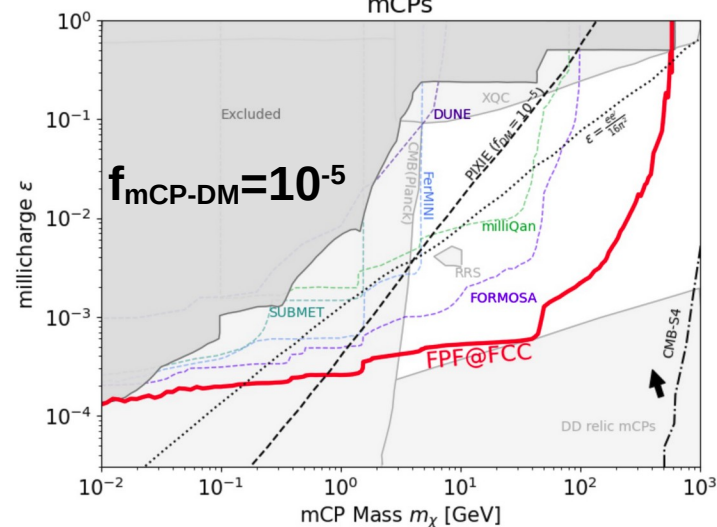
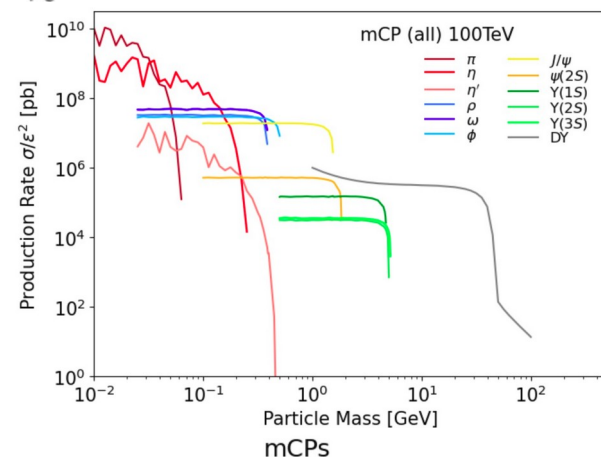
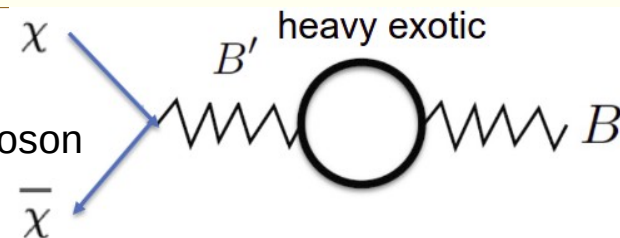
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} B'_{\mu\nu} B'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\chi}(\not{\partial} + ie' \not{B}' + iM_{\text{MCP}})\chi$$

- ...they acquire millicharge, $Q_\chi \sim \epsilon e$
- χ could be (a subdominant) DM contribution
- χ production @ FCC: hadron decays, Drell-Yan, ...

- χ detection via ionization (a-la-milliQan, FORMOSA@FPF)

S. Foroughi-Abari et al, 2010.07941

- Complimentary DM direct detection searches & cosmological probes



CONCLUSIONS

- Forward BSM & neutrino physics program at the LHC (running: FASER, SND@LHC)
- Proposed extension for HL-LHC: Forward Physics Facility (FPF) J.L. Feng et al, 2203.05090
L.A. Anchordoqui et al, 2109.10905
- FPF@FCC – out-of-the-box studies but updated for higher energies
- Predictions: high-energy neutrinos up to tens of TeV and billions of interactions
- Can be used to search for new physics (collimated flux)
- Long-lived particles with masses up to tens or hundreds of GeV can be probed
(examples: dark Higgs, mCPs)
- **Convenient simulation tool FORESEE**
(initial forward BSM studies for FCC-hh, HE-LHC, SppC)

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THANK YOU !