

PHYSICS BEYOND COLLIDERS

Lecture 1: Experimental Overview

*...a short glimpse of a very lively and diverse landscape
with emphasis on CERN projects*

Lowering the energy...

...from LHC collisions to non-accelerator experiments

+ a few insights into

R&D for longer-term future PBC facilities

NB: credit to PBC working groups and projects for most plots shown here

More information on <https://pbc.web.cern.ch/>



INITIAL PBC MANDATE AND DELIVERABLES FOR EPPSU

Excerpt from the 2016 PBC mandate:

“Explore the opportunities offered by the CERN accelerator complex and infrastructure to address some of today’s outstanding questions in particle physics through experiments complementary to high-energy colliders and other initiatives in the world.”

Deliverables to EPPSU:

PBC Summary Report: [arXiv:1902.00260](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.00260)

PBC BSM Report: [arXiv:1901.09966](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.09966)

PBC QCD Report: [arXiv:1901.04482](https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.04482)

PBC Accelerator Reports:

<http://cds.cern.ch/collection/PBC%20Reports?ln=en>

Post-EPPSU PBC RELAUNCH

Updated mandate taking into account EPPSU recommendations:

Increase synergies with cosmology, astroparticle, nuclear and atomic physics

Strengthen collaboration of CERN with large National Laboratories

Act as central forum of exchanges between theorists and experimentalists

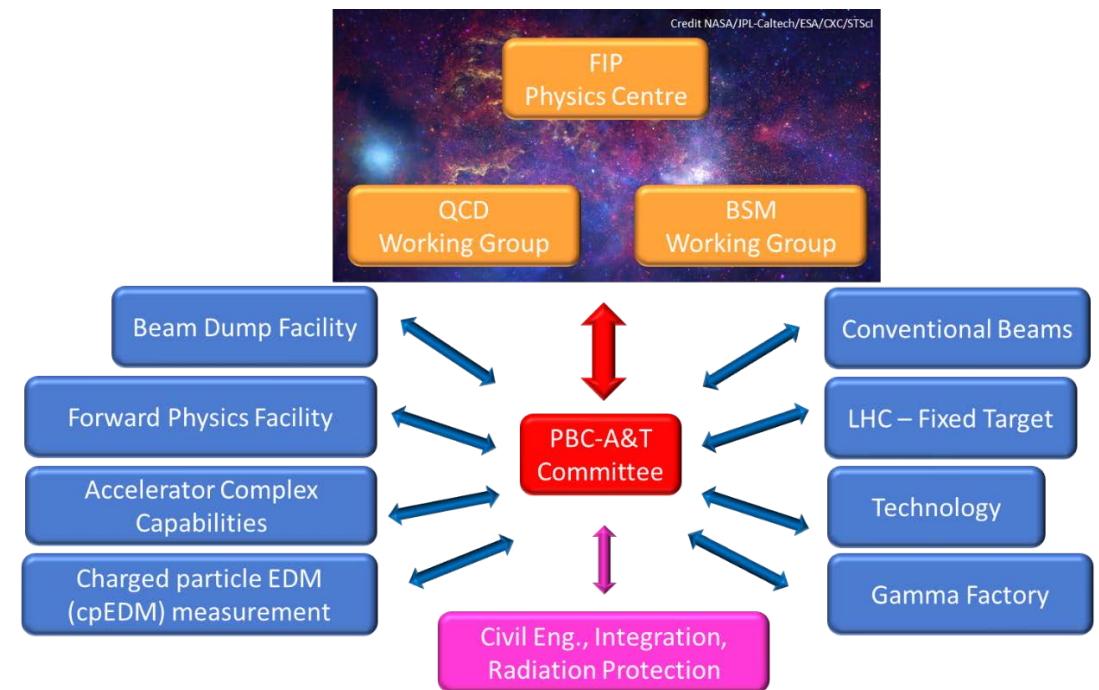
Post-EPPSU PBC events:

March 2021: First post-EPPSU workshop ([indico](#)) :
relaunch of PBC activities after EPPSU recommendations

December 2021: General working group meeting ([indico](#)) :
PBC updated organization and projects status

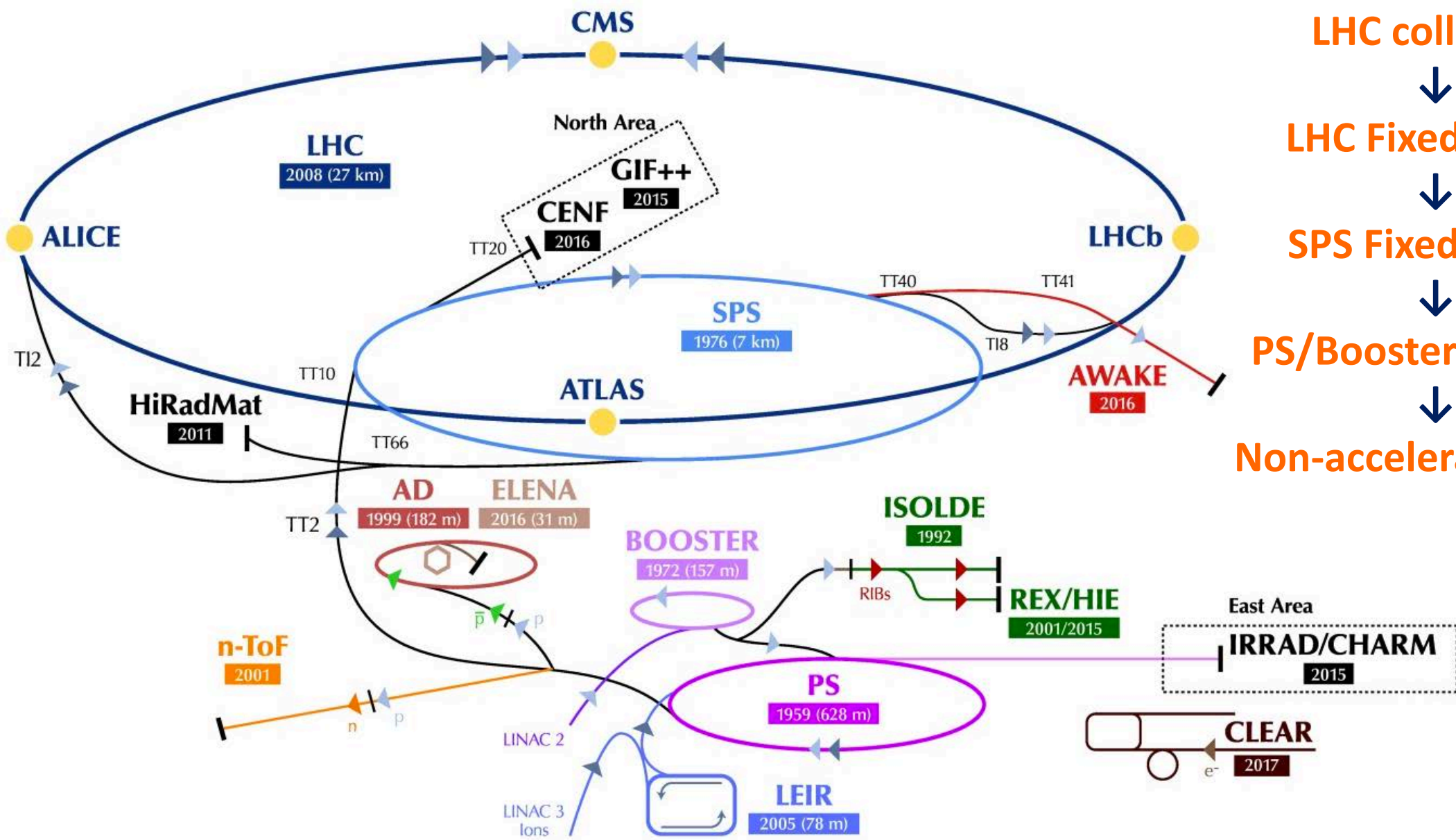
November 2022: PBC annual workshop ([indico](#)) :
focus on consolidations and preparations for post-LS3

Current PBC organization



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THE CERN ACCELERATOR COMPLEX

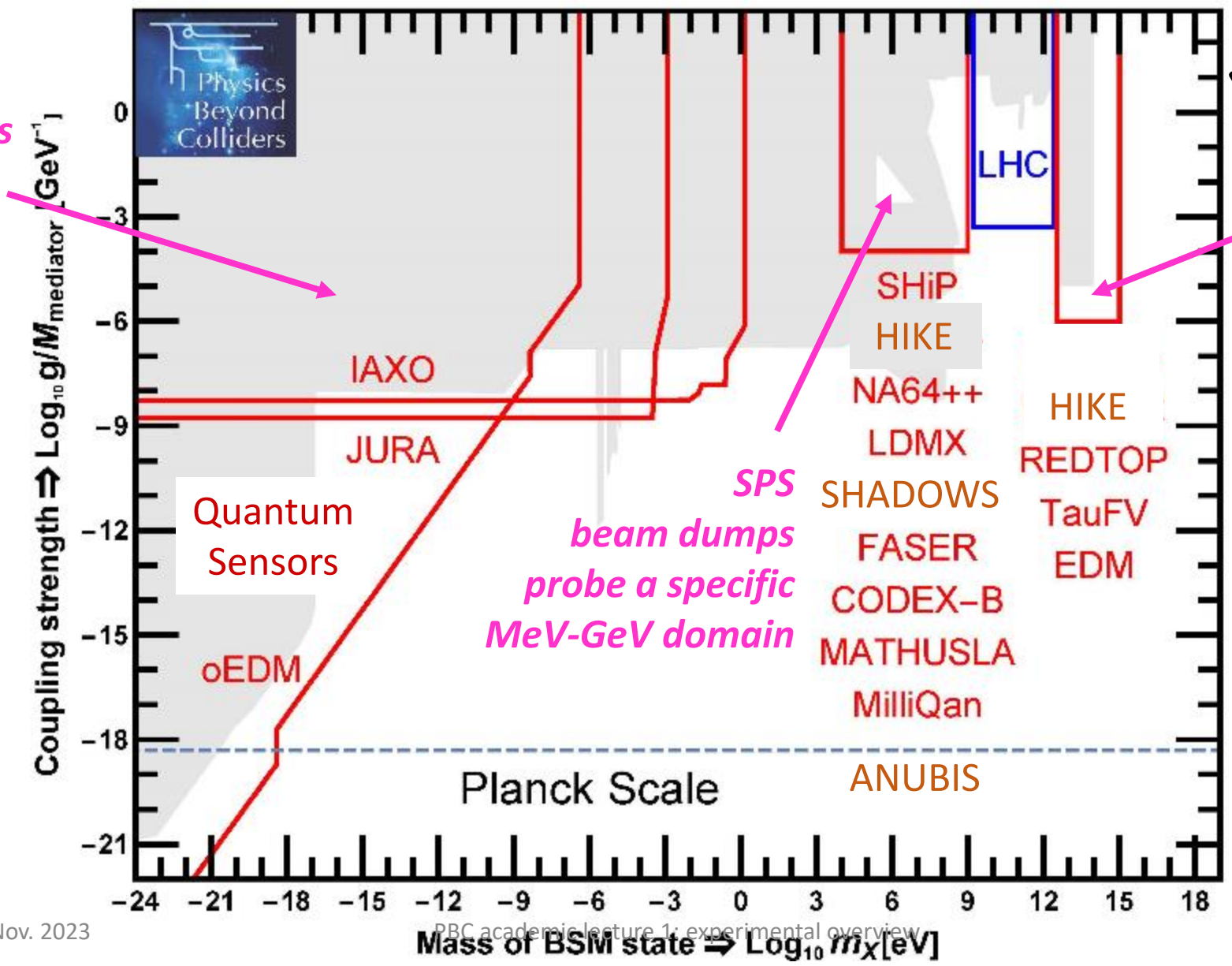


Downwards energy steps:

- LHC collisions
- ↓
- LHC Fixed Target
- ↓
- SPS Fixed Target
- ↓
- PS/Booster facilities
- ↓
- Non-accelerator exp^{ts}

From high to low energies: global BSM landscape

EDM & non-accelerator projects cover the very low-mass domain



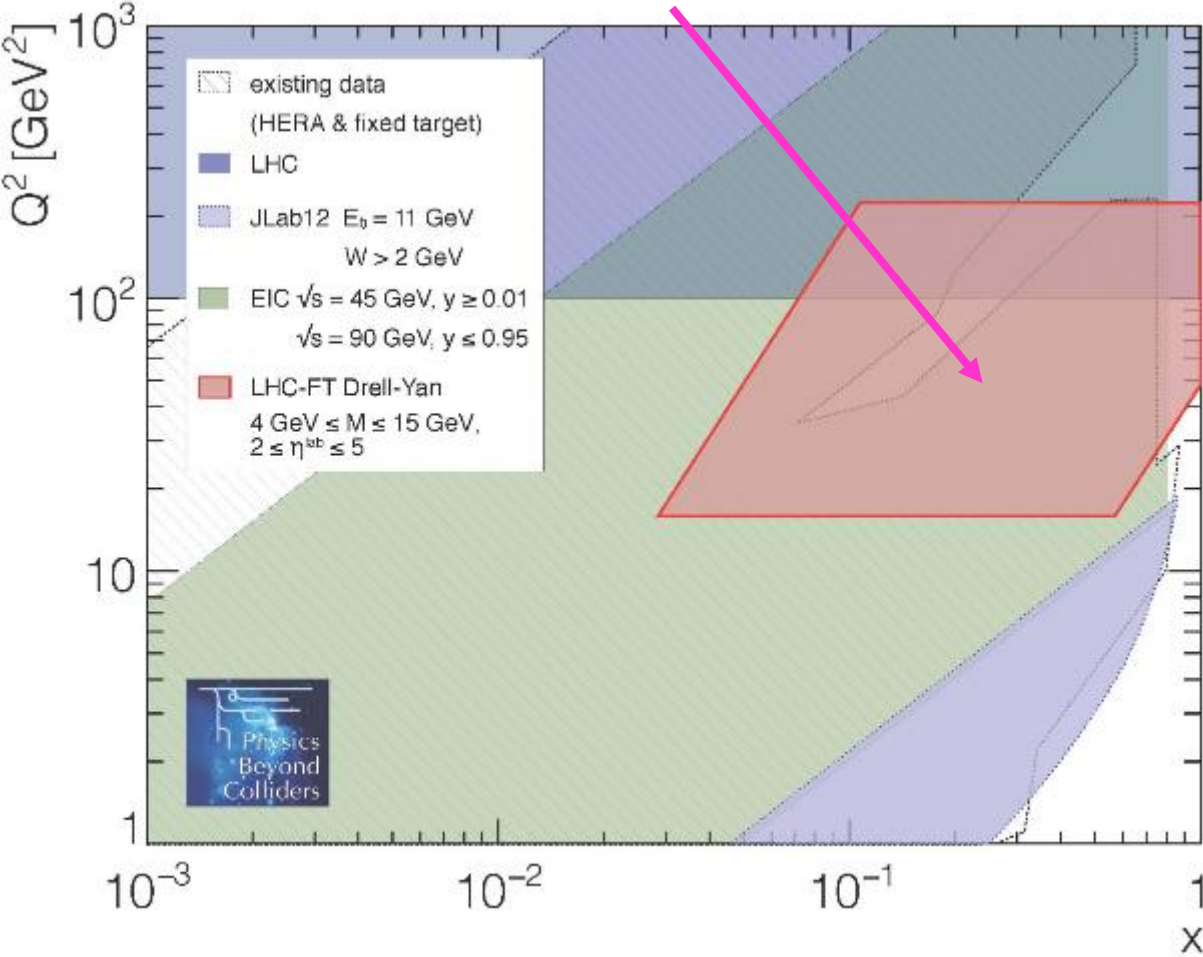
See J. Jaeckel's lecture

Precision & rare processes experiments extend reach of high-E colliders

From high to low energies: global QCD landscape

Structure Functions

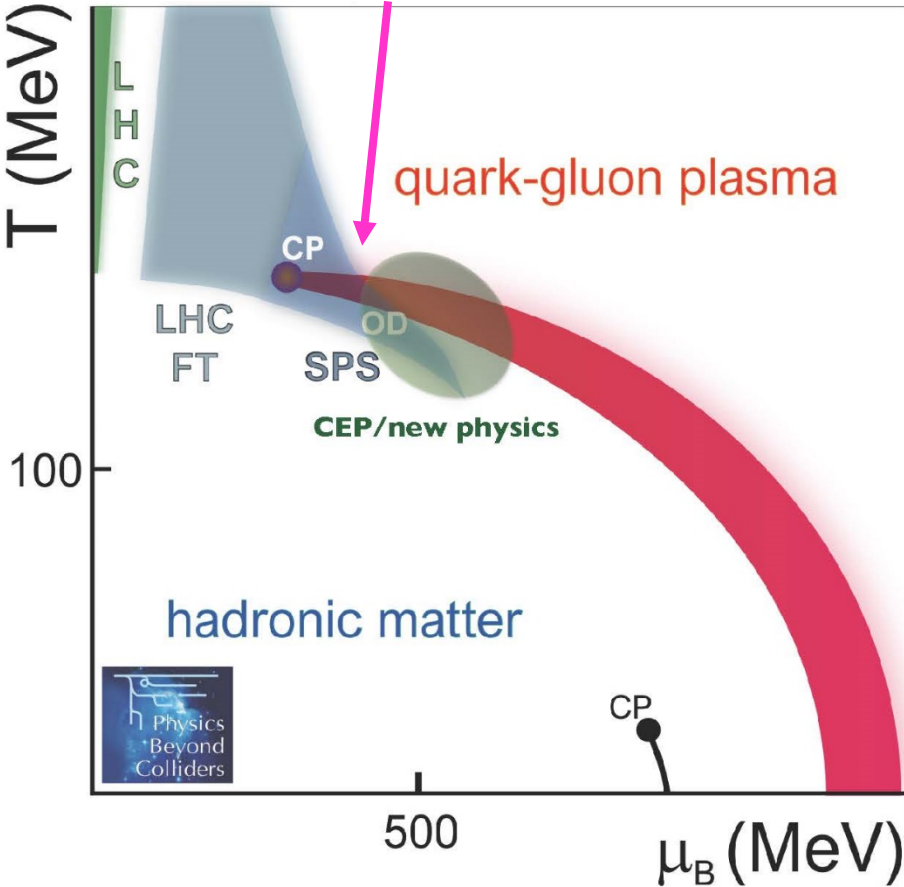
Unique reach of LHC-Fixed Target with high statistics at high-x / high Q^2



C. Vallée, CERN, Nov. 2023

QCD Phase Transition

Unique reach of LHC-FT & SPS in transition region to high- μ_B



PBC academic lecture 1: experime

STARTING WITH LHC COLLISIONS:

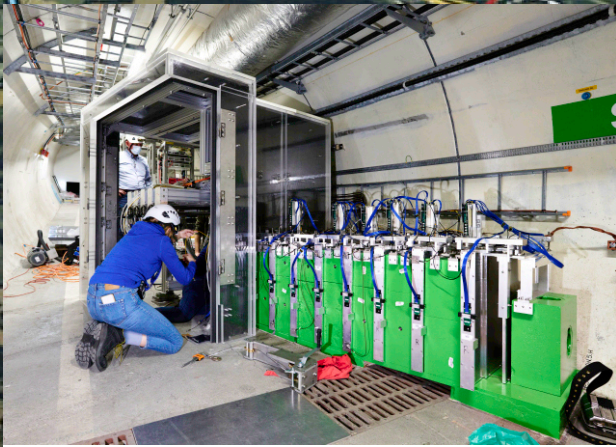
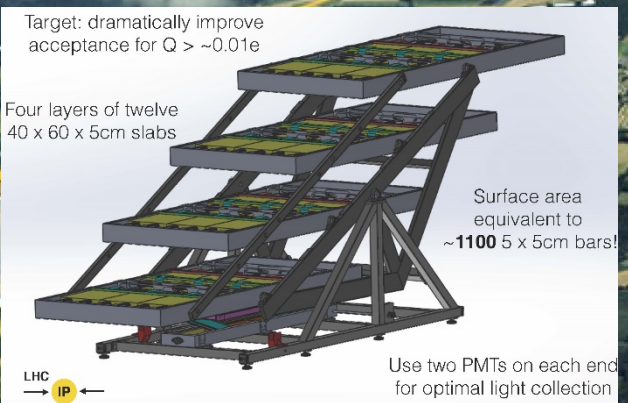
DEDICATED LONG-LIVED PARTICLES (LLP) DETECTORS

LHC-LLP DEDICATED PROJECTS

Pioneered in run 3 by
FASER/SND@LHC/milliQan

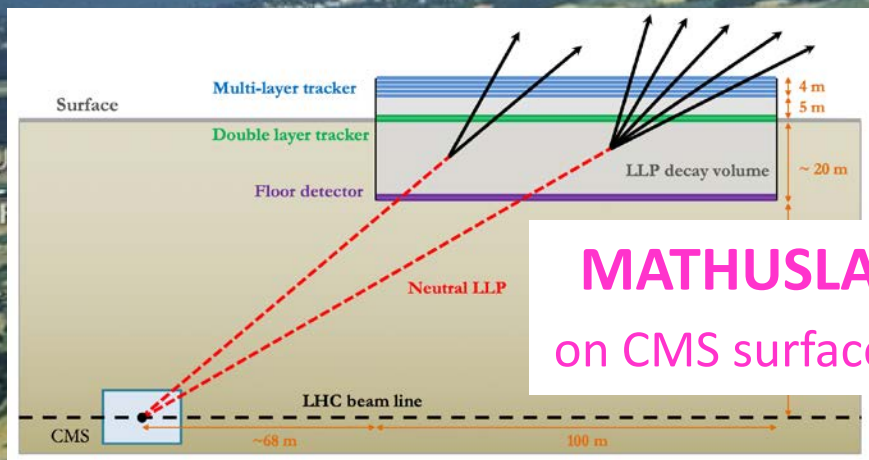
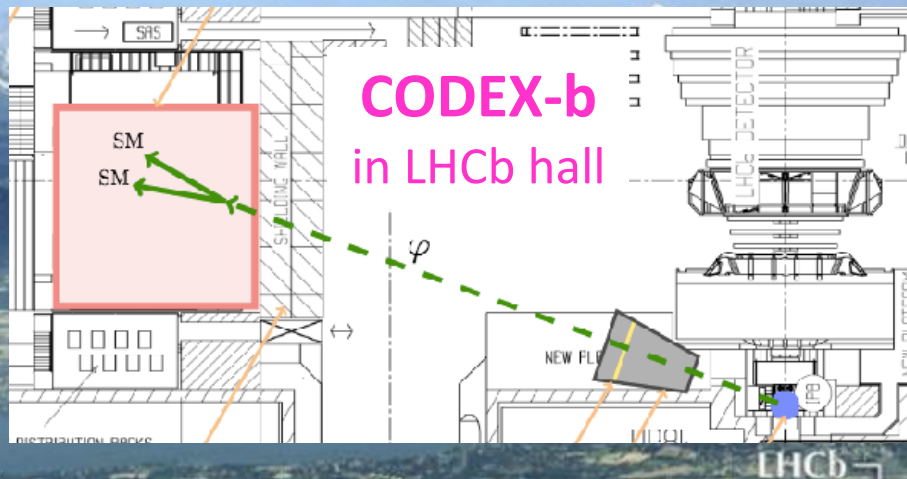


FASER:
*Dark photons &
TeV neutrinos*
480m from ATLAS IP

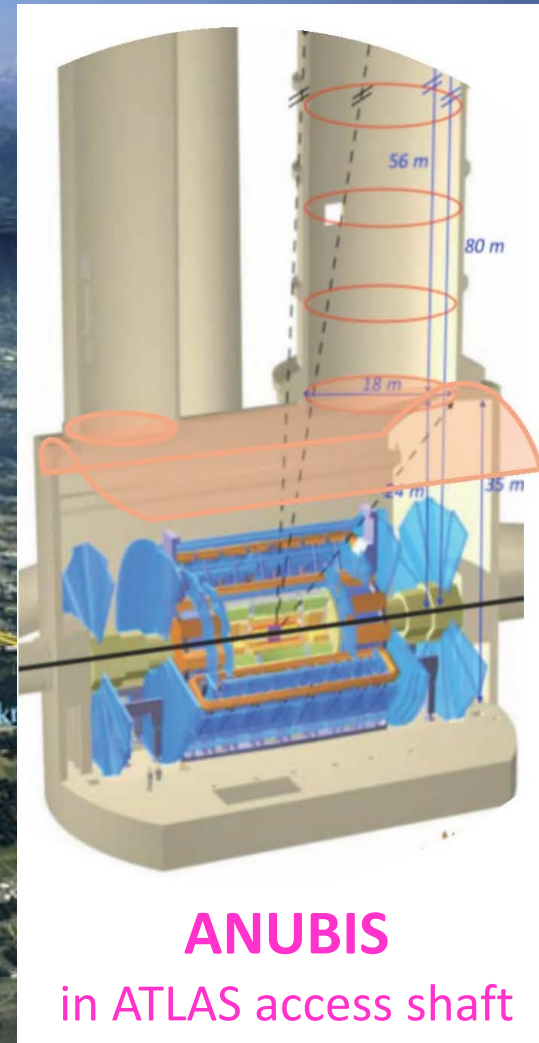


SND@LHC: TeV neutrinos
Slightly off axis opposite to FASER

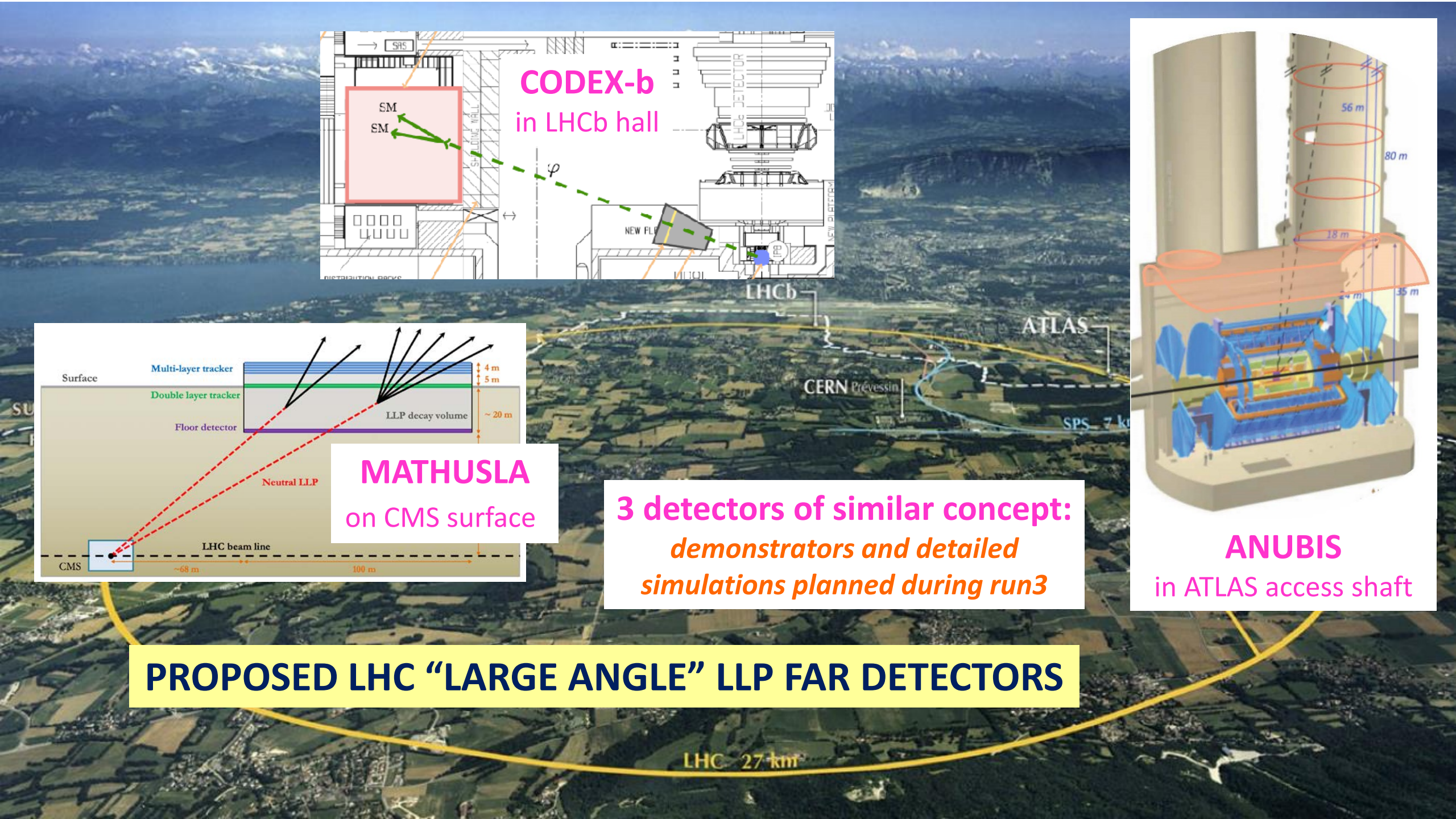
milliQan: milli-charged particles
33m from CMS IP



3 detectors of similar concept:
demonstrators and detailed simulations planned during run3



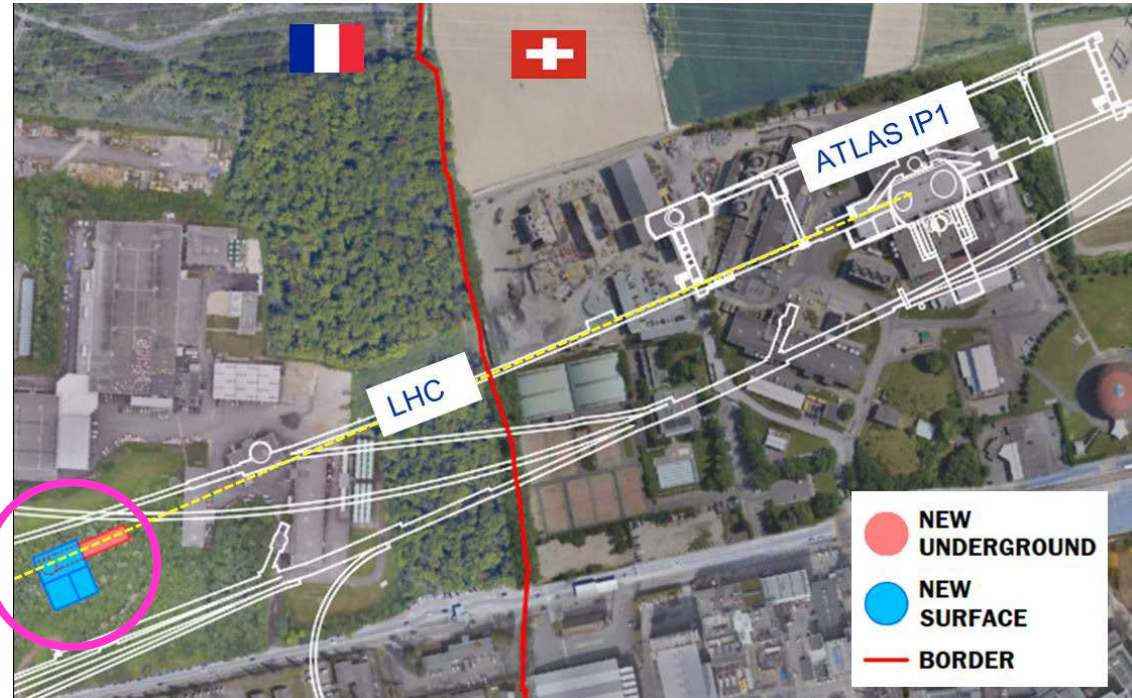
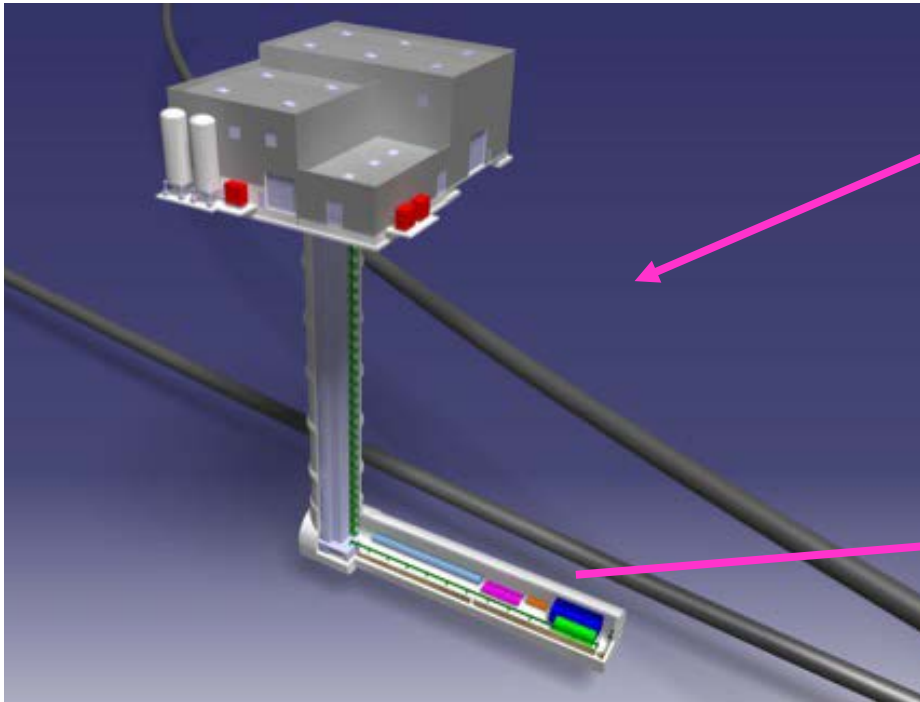
PROPOSED LHC "LARGE ANGLE" LLP FAR DETECTORS



PROPOSED LHC "FORWARD" LLP FAR DETECTORS:

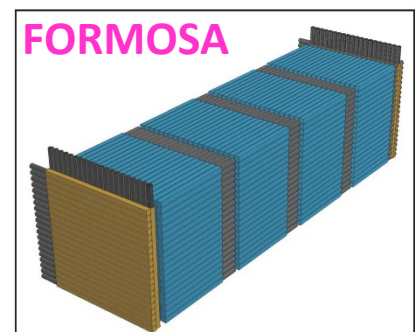
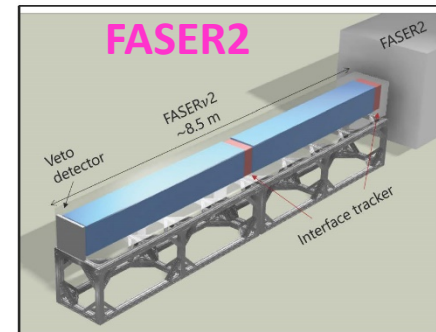
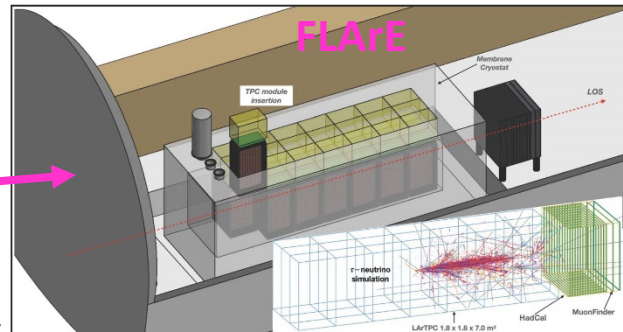
FORWARD PHYSICS FACILITY

Proposal for a dedicated underground cavern aimed at maximizing the HL-LHC physics reach in the forward region (LLPs, ν 's & QCD)



Conceptual design of the infrastructure well advanced

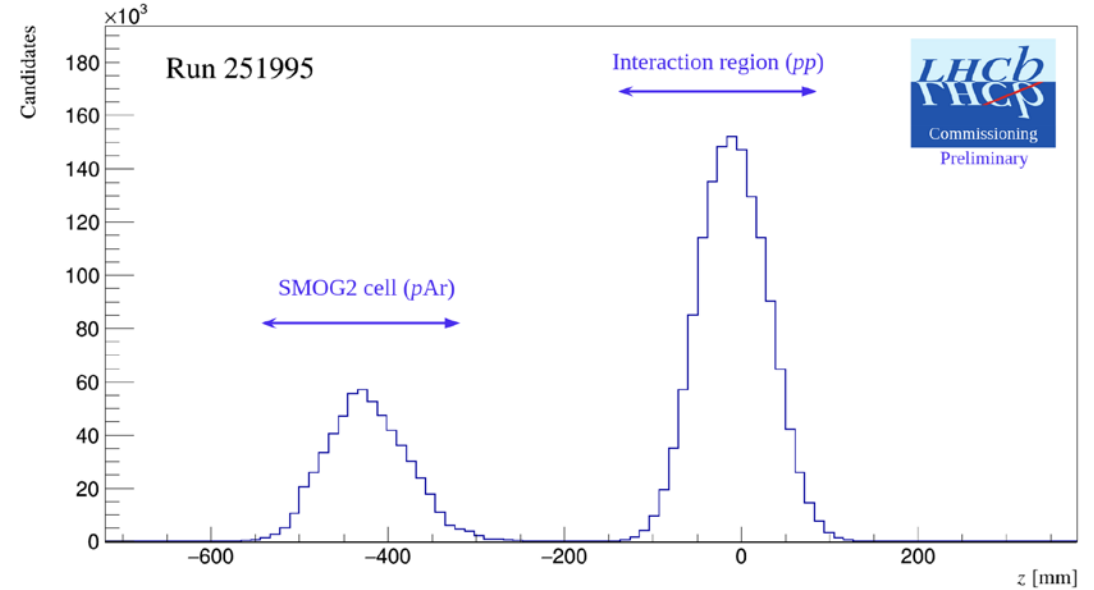
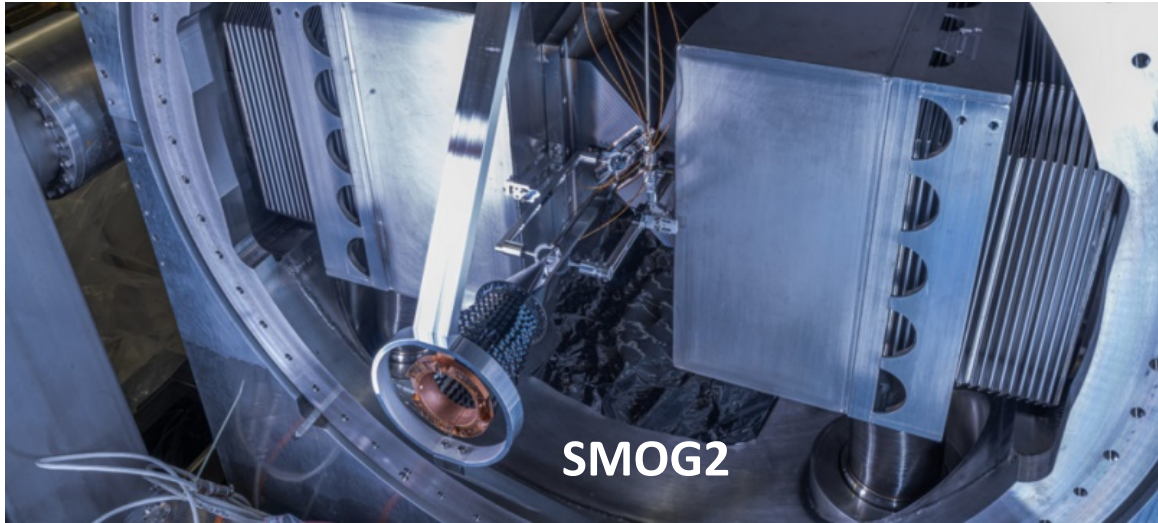
Lol to LHCC expected in 2025



1ST ENERGY STEP DOWNWARDS:

LHC FIXED-TARGET (FT@LHC)

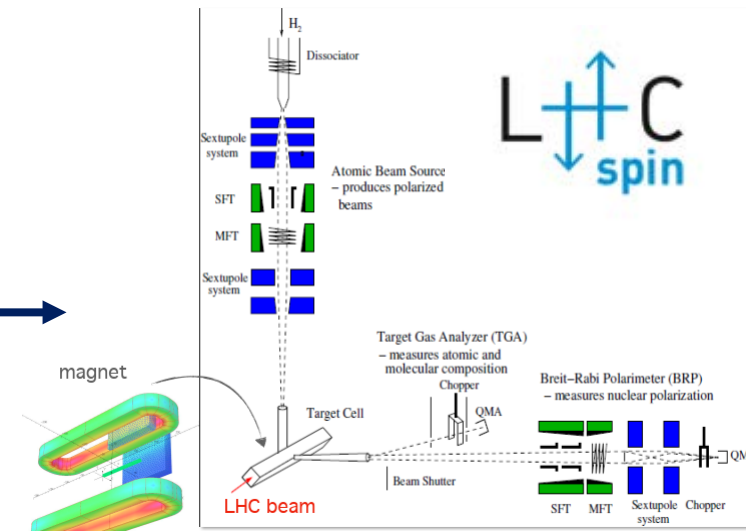
FT@LHC: Gas Fixed Target with LHCb



FT@LHC pioneered by LHCb with SMOG gas jets in run 2 and SMOG2 gas storage cell in run 3

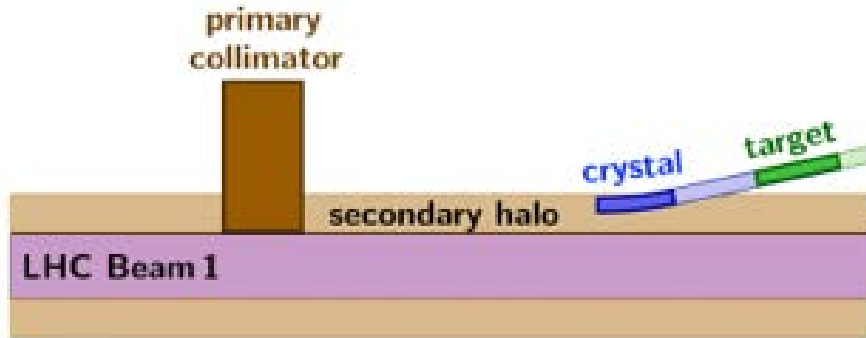
Impact of different types of gases (Kr, Xe, O₂, N₂, H₂, D₂) on LHC vacuum system under study

Development of a polarized gas storage cell also ongoing for future spin physics @LHC



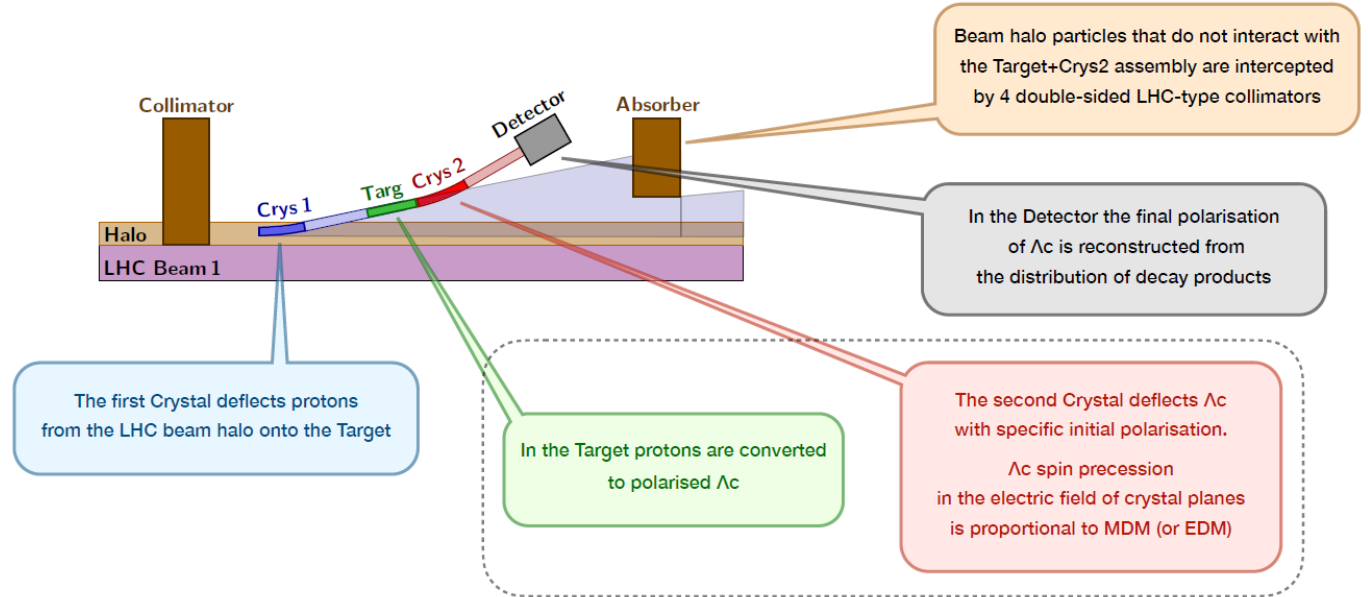
FT@LHC: Crystal Fixed Targets

Good progress in the design and preparation of crystal set-ups



Single crystal set-up:
developed for beam cleaning & collimation
and possible FT physics

[D. Mirarchi et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 929 \(2020\)](#)



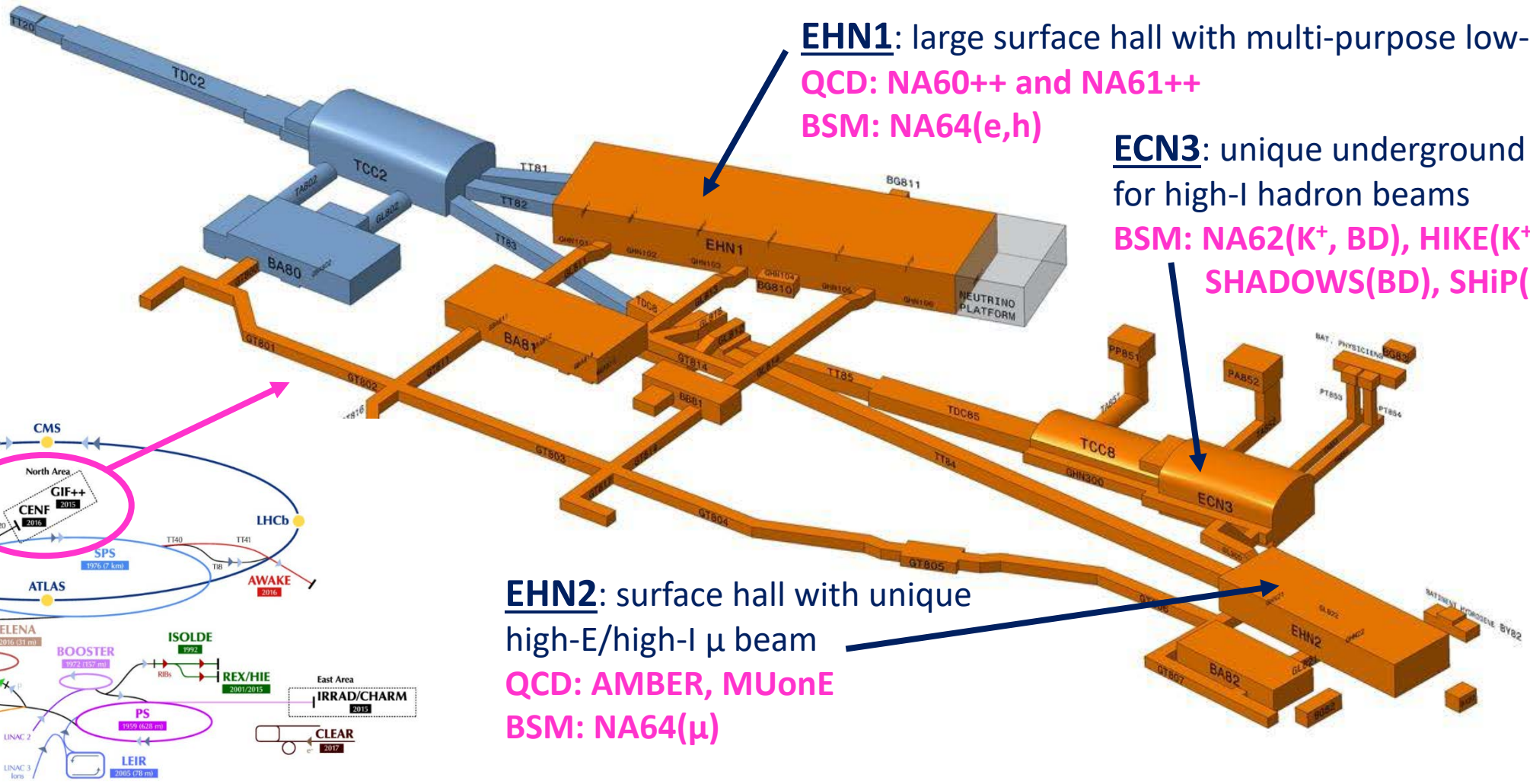
Double crystal set-up:
for measurement of MDM and EDM of short-lived baryons

Proof of Principle set-up in preparation for installation at LHC IR3 during run 3

2ND ENERGY STEP DOWNWARDS:

SPC FIXED-TARGET (FT@SPS)

The WORKHORSE of FT@SPS: the SPS NORTH AREA



EHN1: large surface hall with multi-purpose low-I beams

QCD: NA60++ and NA61++

BSM: NA64(e,h)

ECN3: unique underground hall for high-I hadron beams

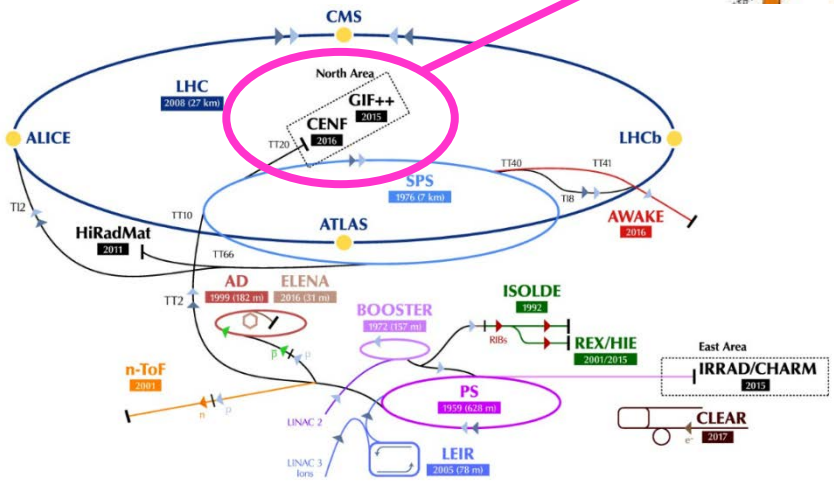
BSM: NA62(K⁺, BD), HIKE(K⁺,⁰, BD)

SHADOWS(BD), SHiP(BD)

EHN2: surface hall with unique high-E/high-I μ beam

QCD: AMBER, MUonE

BSM: NA64(μ)

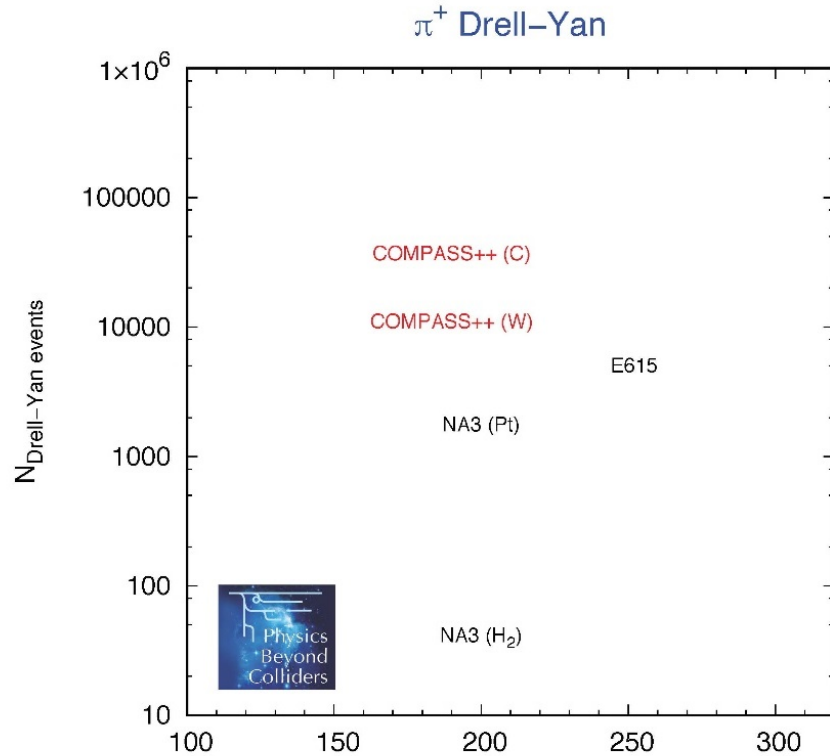


The planned consolidation of the NA provides an opportunity for new experimental projects

AMBER “QCD FACILITY” (COMPASS++)

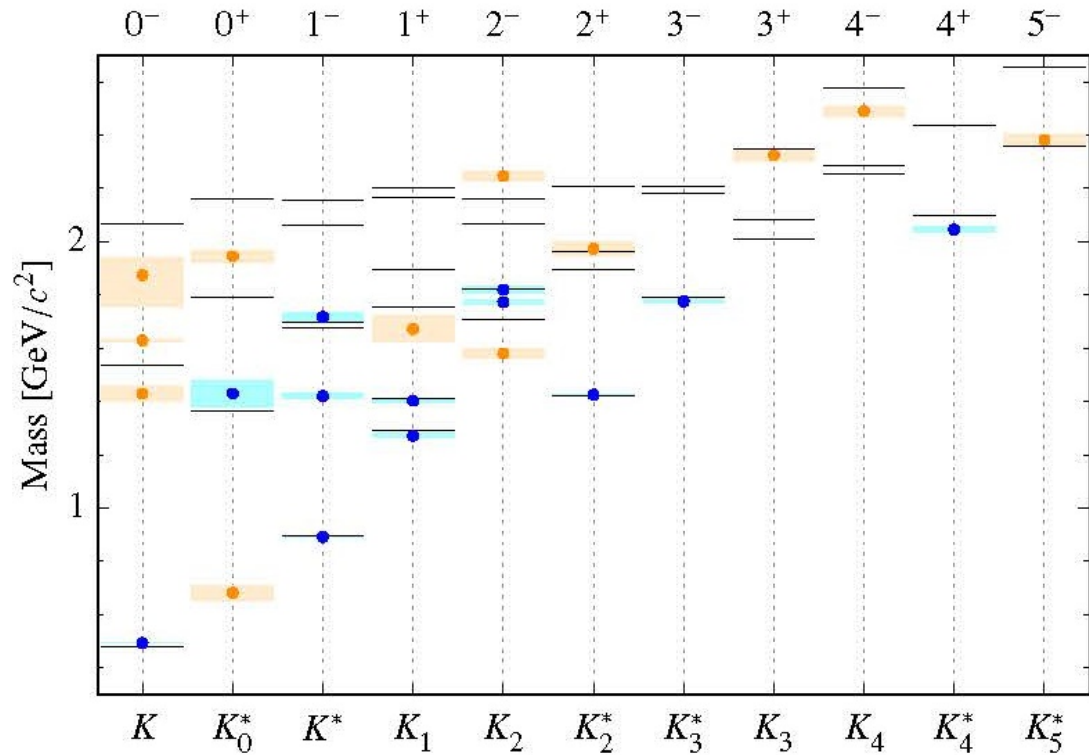
Short term (run3): proton radius puzzle with μ -p elastic scattering

Longer term (excerpts):



With existing beams:

Unique opportunity for higher precision pion structure measurements



With upgraded K-beam:

Comprehensive measurement of strange spectroscopy

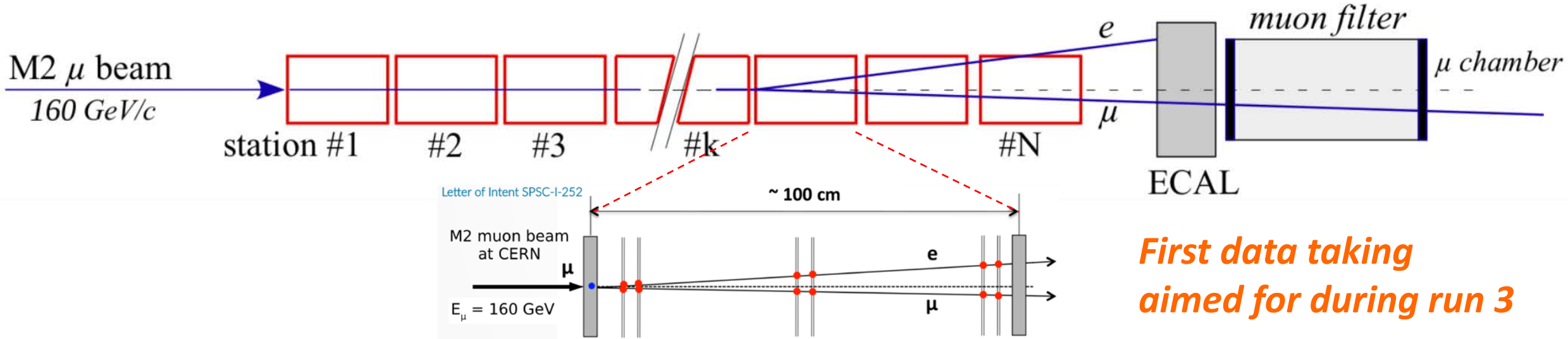
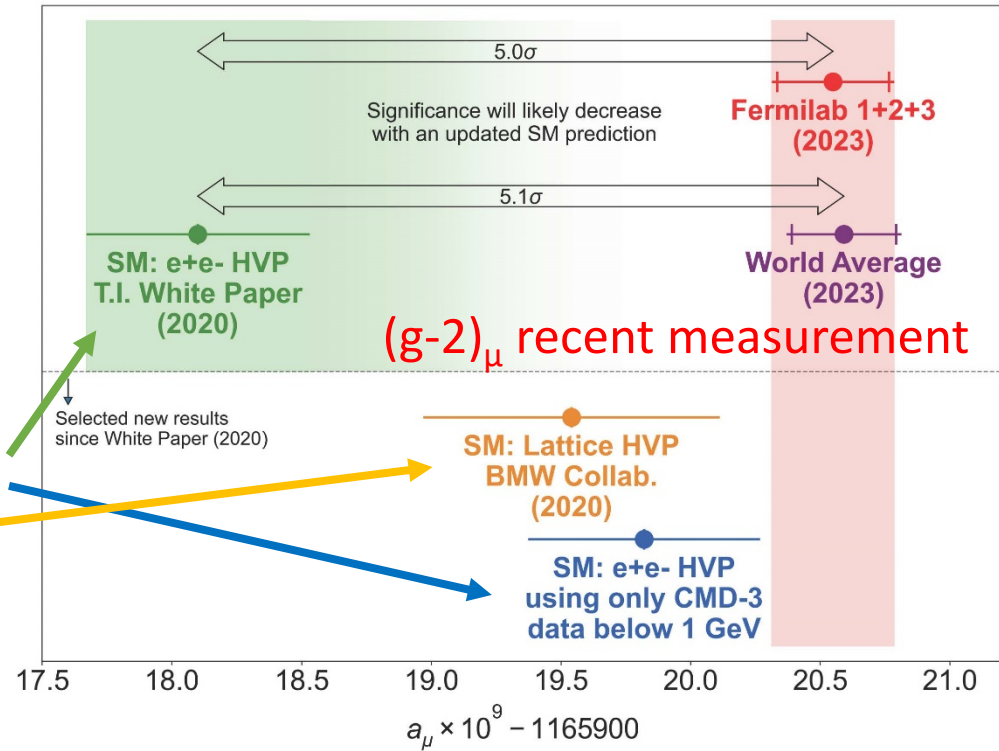
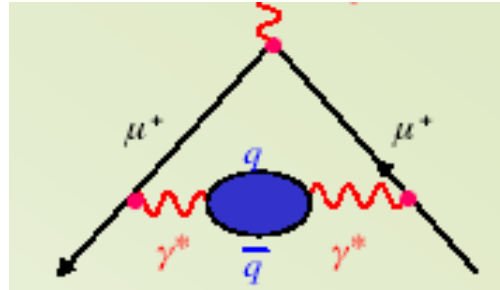
New idea introduced within PBC:

Direct measurement of HVP contribution to $(g-2)_\mu$ with μ -e elastic scattering

Complementary to predictions based on dispersion relation with e^+e^- data and on lattice QCD

Very challenging experimentally: 10^{-5} (relative) precision required on cross-section

MUonE



First data taking aimed for during run 3

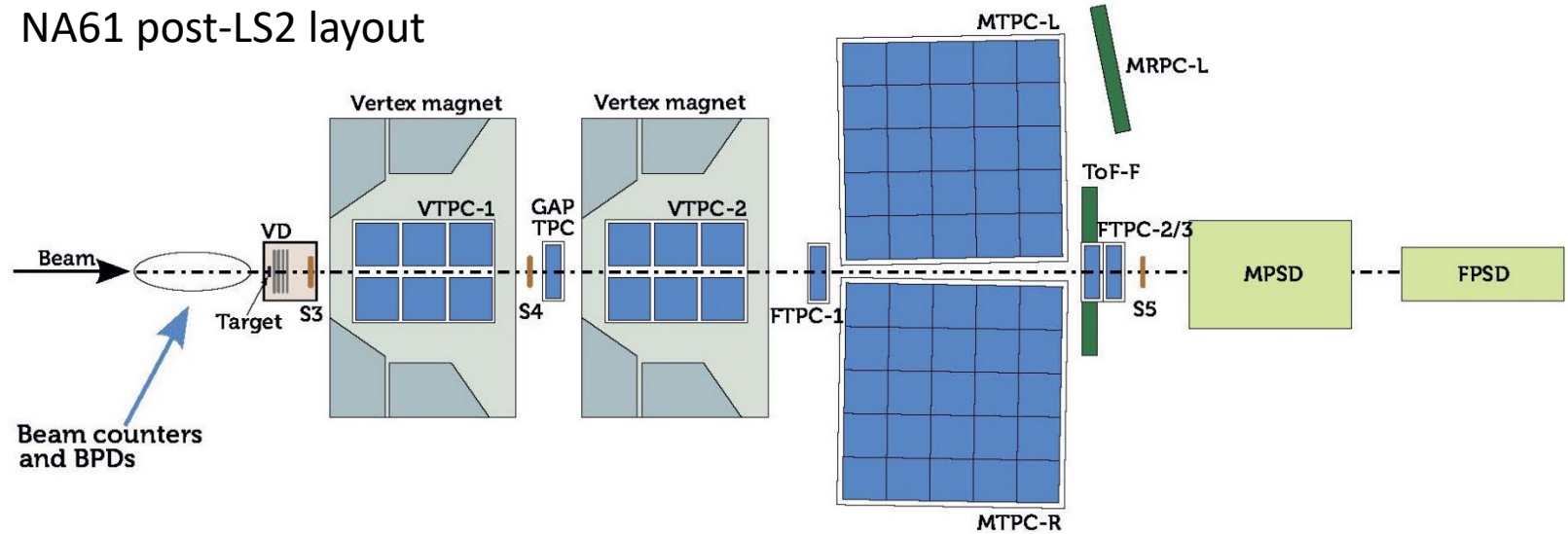
FT@SPS ION PROGRAMME: NA61

Unique TPC detector for FT@SPS

Ongoing (run 3):

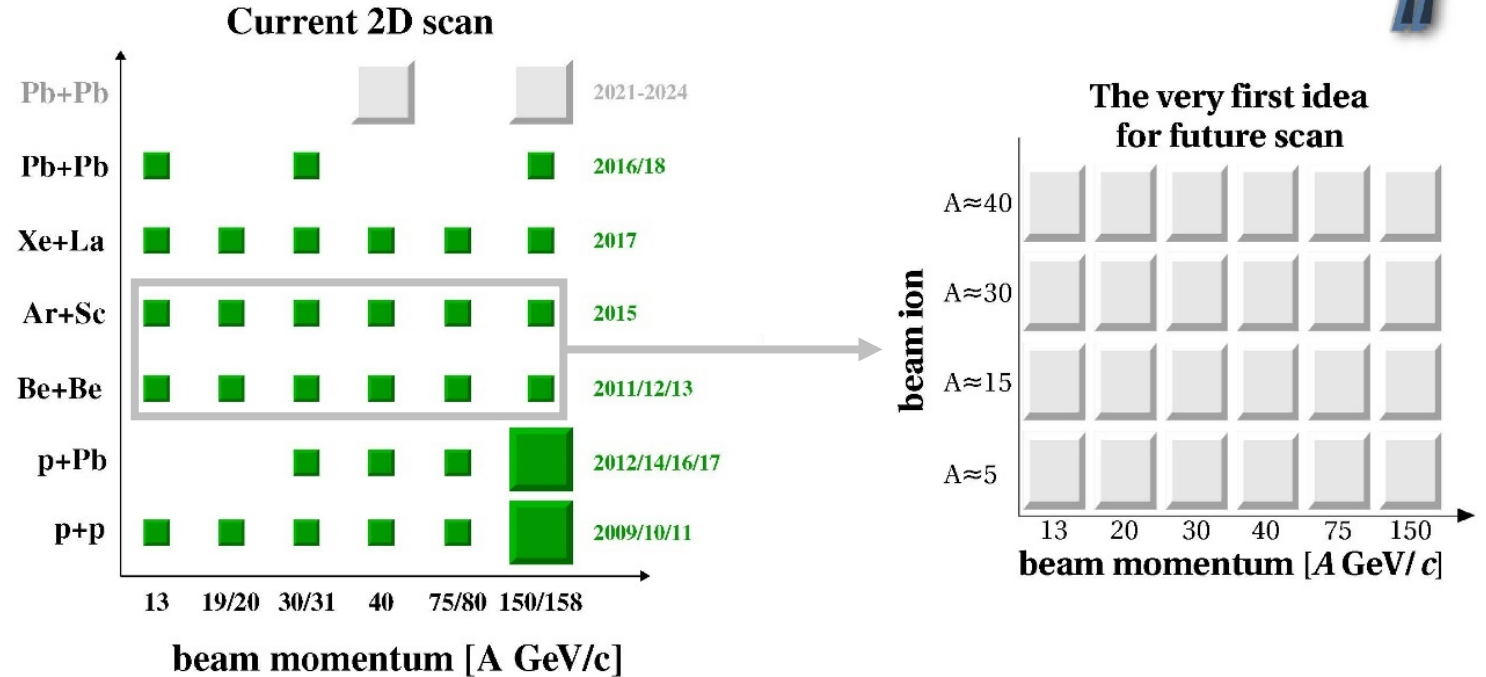
- *First study of open charm close to expected CP-region.*
- Also unique measurements for ν -beams and cosmic rays

NA61 post-LS2 layout



Post-LS3: (preliminary ideas)

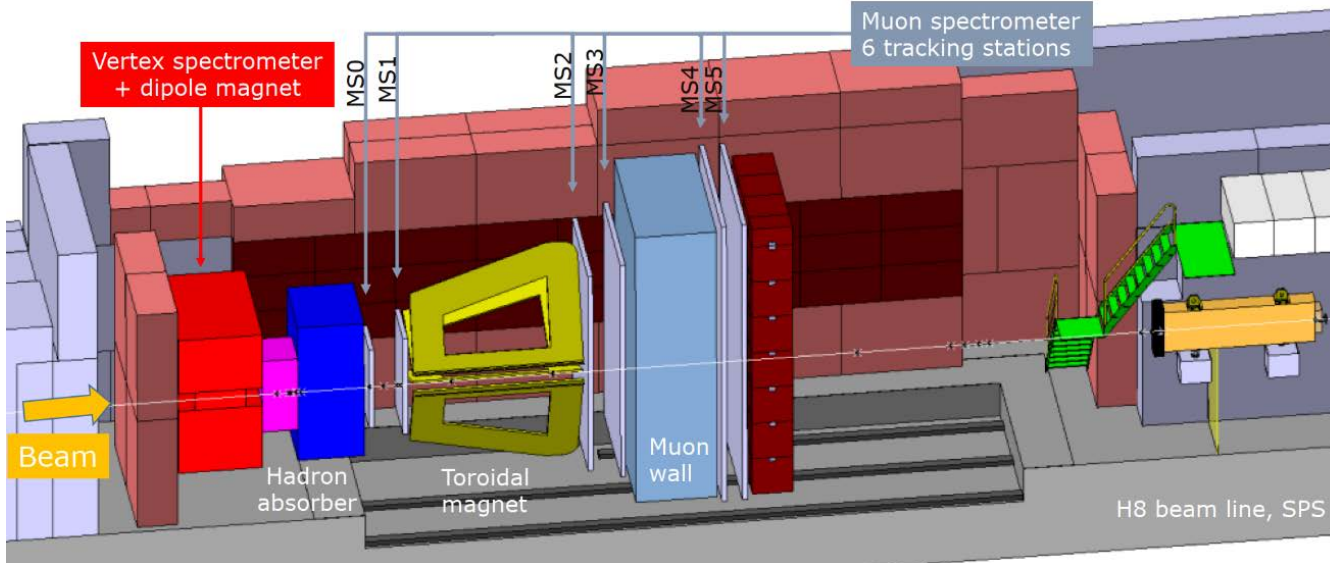
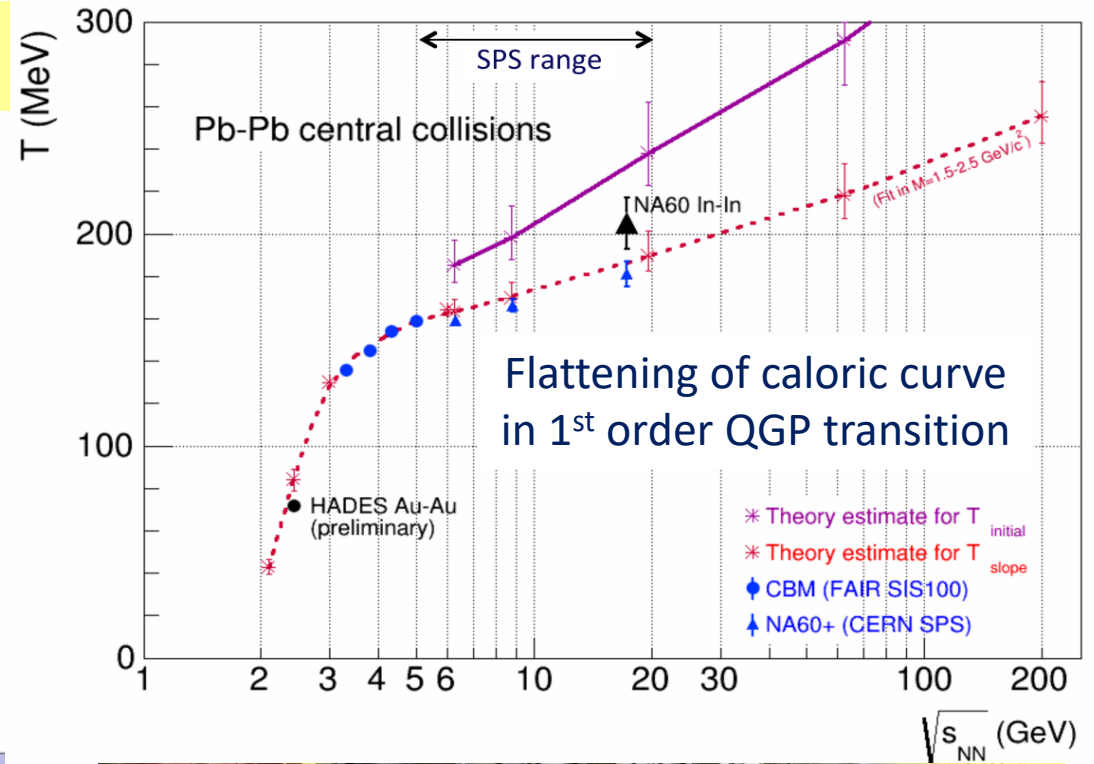
- *Finer grain 2-D scan to study onset of fireball*
 → *light ions production under study by CERN*
- Antiproton and low-E beams for baryon stopping studies
- Continued measurements for ν -beams and cosmic rays



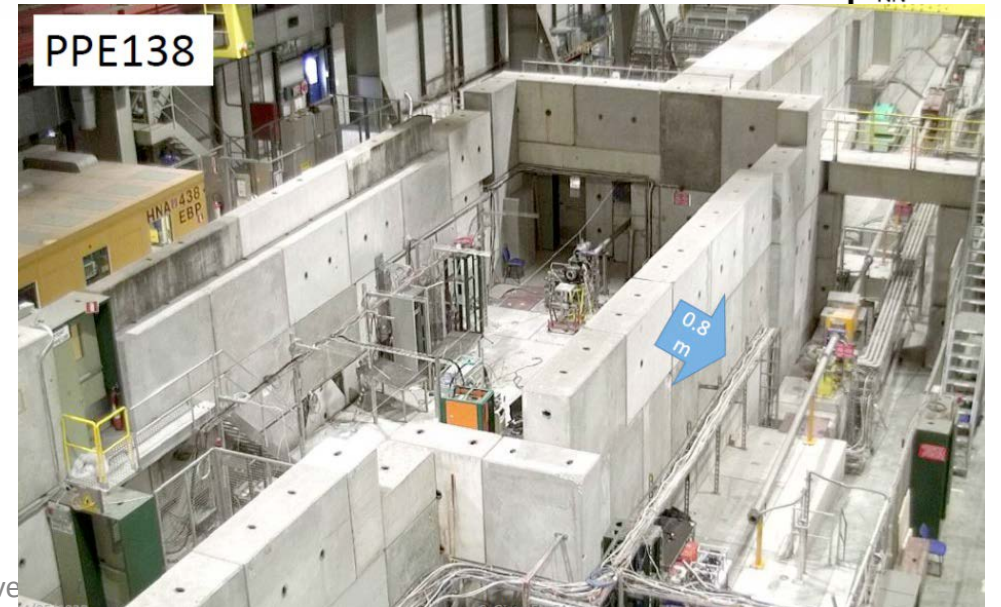
FT@SPS ION PROGRAMME cont'd: NA60++

Revival of NA60 concept to measure caloric curve of 1st order QCD transition with low-E dimuons

New location found in EHN1 hall to avoid conflict with users of ECN3



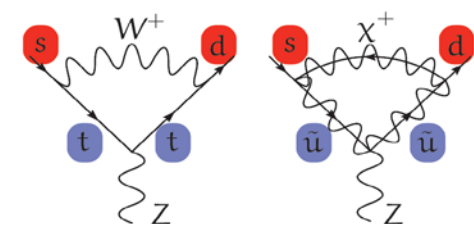
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$$K \rightarrow \pi V \bar{V} \quad (BR \sim 10^{-10})$$

PRECISION FT@SPS: NA62



Ultra-rare K^+ decays

Regular data taking since 2016

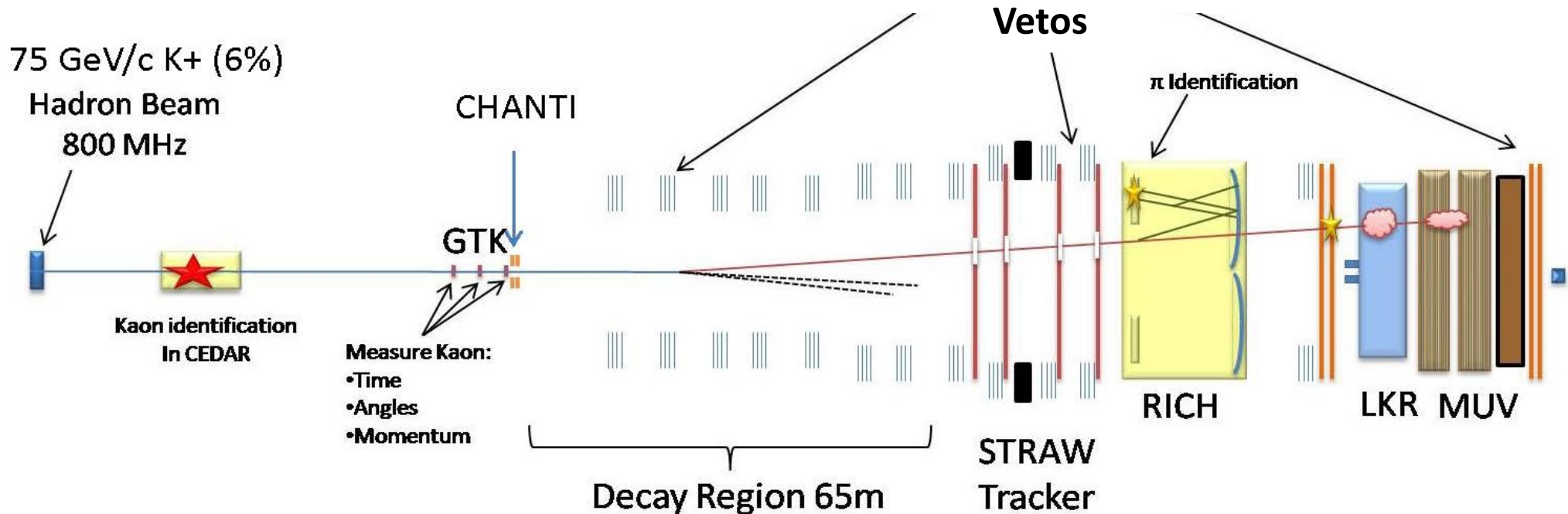
Run 2: 20 events seen for 17 expected (10 SM + 7 BG)

Run 3: detector upgraded to reach ~100 signal events

Post-LS3 proposal (HIKE):

K^+ intensity increase by factor ~4, followed by K^0 beam:

K^0 rare decays complementary to K^+ decays for BSM searches.



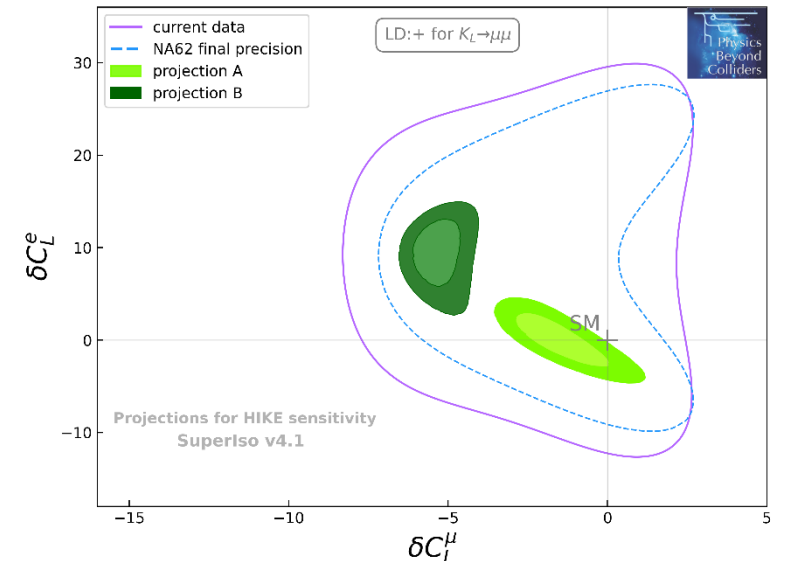
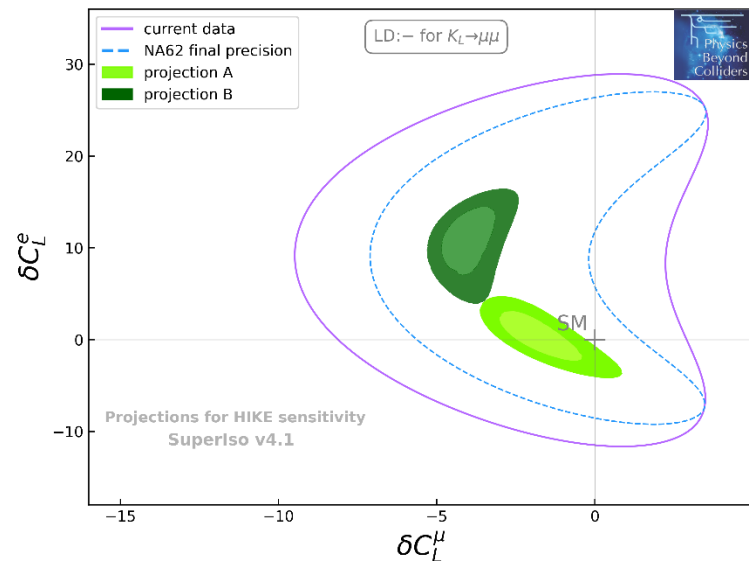
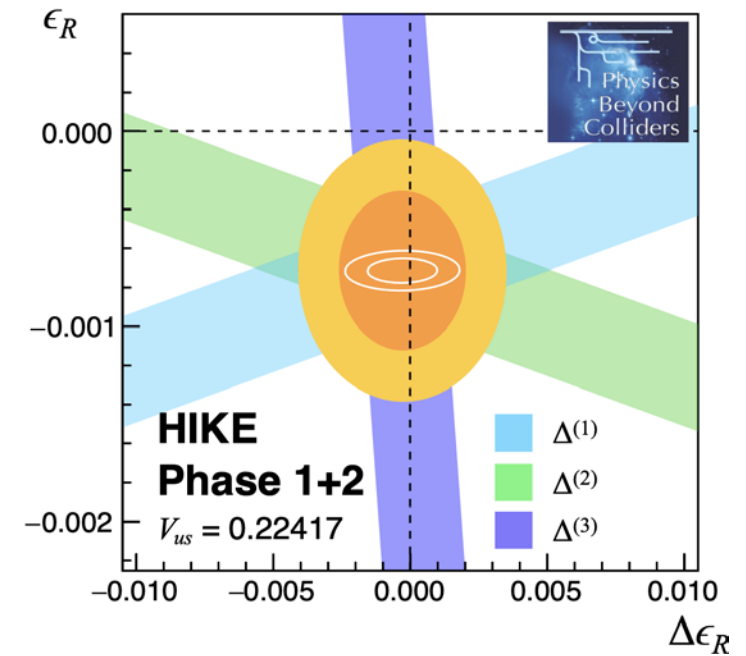
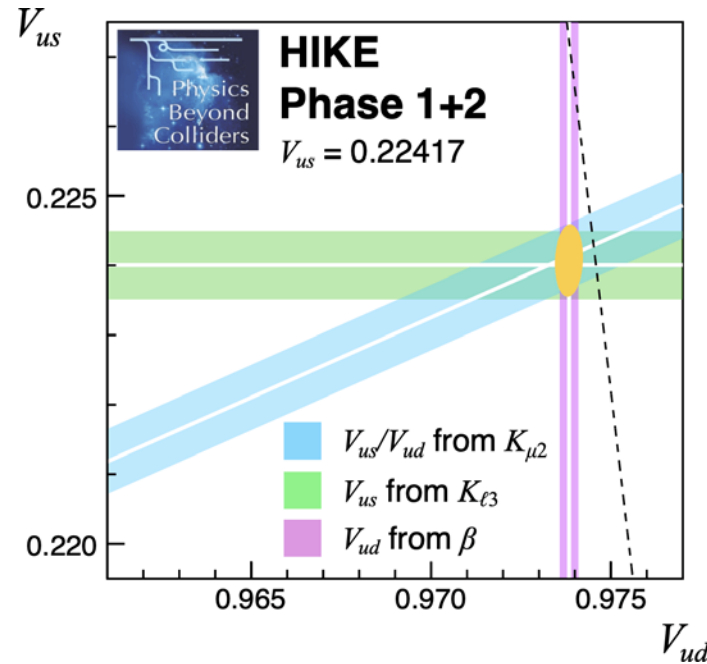
PRECISION FT@SPS: HIKE POTENTIAL OF KAON RARE DECAYS

See PBC ECN3 [Report-2023-003](#)

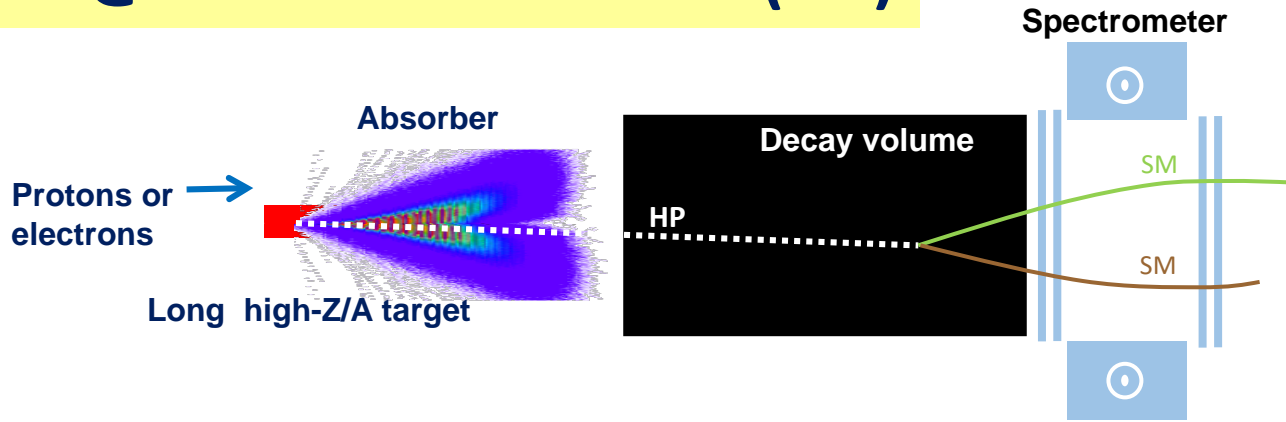
Two Highlights:

CKM matrix
unitarity test

LFU:
Kaons complementary
to B mesons



FT@SPS: BEAM DUMPS (BD)



All experimental methods represented at CERN

Visible decay to SM particles

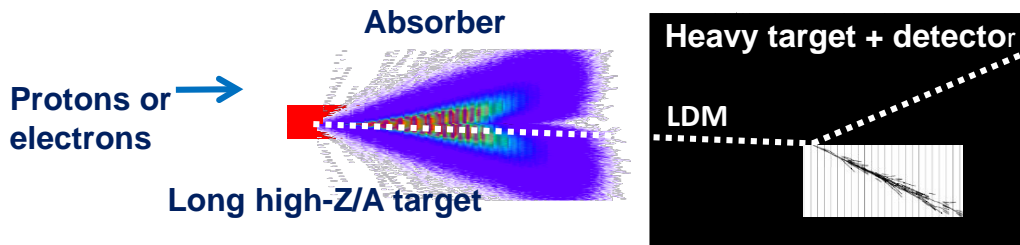
signal $\propto \epsilon^4$

Critical: BG control

Recoil e/N from rescattering

signal $\propto \epsilon^4$

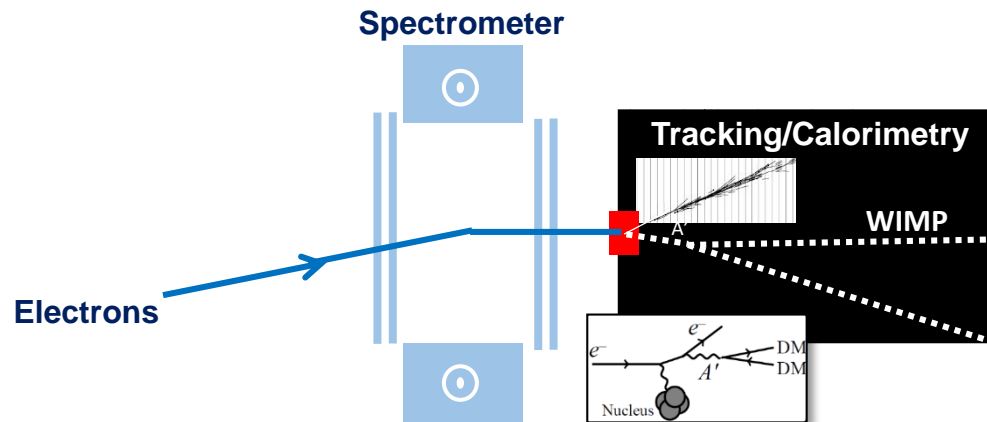
Critical: BG control



Missing energy from invisible decays

signal $\propto \epsilon^2$

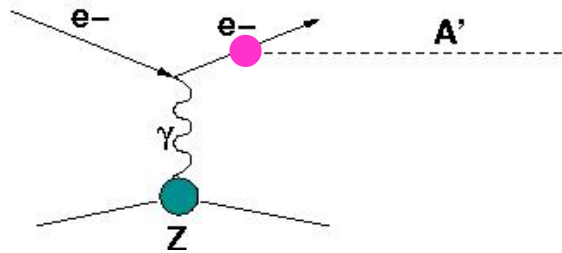
Critical: initial particle and pileup control



NB: reach in (m, ϵ) depends on many parameters:

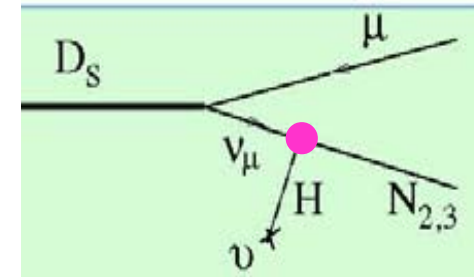
beam energy & intensity, decay vessel length, signatures, background ...

HIDDEN SECTOR MAIN PRODUCTION MODES IN A BEAM DUMP



Primakov/Bremstrahlung:

Mass reach mainly in sub-GeV domain,
weakly dependent on beam energy



Meson decays:

Mass reach in multi-GeV domain dependent
on accessible meson mass thresholds (K,D,B)

EXPERIMENTAL VISIBLE SIGNATURES

<i>Models</i>	<i>Final states</i>
<i>HNL, SUSY neutralino</i>	$l^+\pi^-, l^+K^-, l^+\rho^- \rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$
<i>Vector, scalar, axion portals, SUSY sgoldstino</i>	l^+l^-
<i>HNL, SUSY neutralino, axino</i>	$l^+l^-\nu$
<i>Axion portal, SUSY sgoldstino</i>	$\gamma\gamma$

+ recoil particles or missing energy for rescattering / missing energy methods

MAIN BEAM DUMP PROJECTS OUTSIDE CERN

DP = Dark Photon
 DS = Dark Scalar
 HNL = Heavy Neutral Lepton
 ALP = Axion-Like Particle

EXPERIMENT	PERIOD	BEAM	PARTICLES ON TARGET	SIGNATURE	MODELS
BDX @JLAB	~2024-25	e 11 GeV	$\sim 10^{22}$	recoil e	DP, ALPs
LDMX @SLAC	< 2030	e 4-8 GeV	$2 \cdot 10^{16}$	invisible	DP, ALPs
SBND @FNAL	< 2030	p 8 GeV	$6 \cdot 10^{20}$	recoil Ar	DP
DarkQuest @FNAL	2024	p 120 GeV	$10^{18} \rightarrow 10^{20}$	visible e^+e^-	DP, DS, HNL
LBND @FNAL	< 2040	p 120 GeV	$\sim 10^{21}$	recoil e, N	DP, DS, HNL

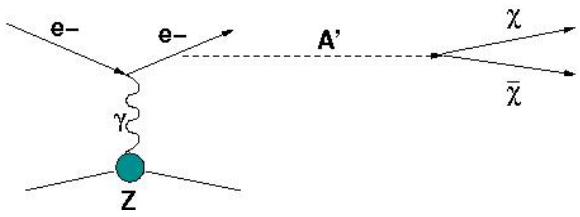
Recent dedicated experiments demonstrate a regain of interest for beam dumps
Flavour factories (BELLE II, ...) have also some sensitivity from exotic decays

BEAM DUMP PROJECTS AT CERN

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 ALP = Axion-Like Particle

EXPERIMENT	PERIOD	BEAM	PARTICLES ON TARGET	SIGNATURE	MODELS
NA64(e)	ongoing	e 100 GeV	$\sim 5 \cdot 10^{12}$	invisible & visible e^+e^-	DP, ALPs
NA62-BD	2022-25	p 400 GeV	10^{18}	visible	DP, ALPs
HIKE/SHADOWS	2030-40	p 400 FeV	$5 \cdot 10^{19}$	visible	DP, DS, HNL, ALPs
BDF/SHiP	2030-50	p 400 GeV	$6 \cdot 10^{20}$	recoil & visible	DP, DS, HNL, ALPs
NA64(μ, h)	> 2024	$\mu, h > 100$ GeV	$2 \cdot 10^{13}$	invisible	DZ_μ , ALPs

NB: CERN offers unique opportunities with both lepton and hadron beams
LHCb and LHC-LLP dedicated projects have also sensitivity in similar mass range



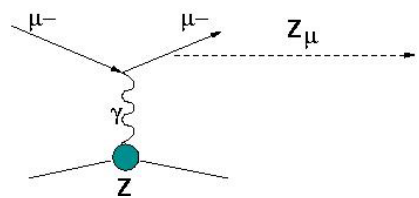
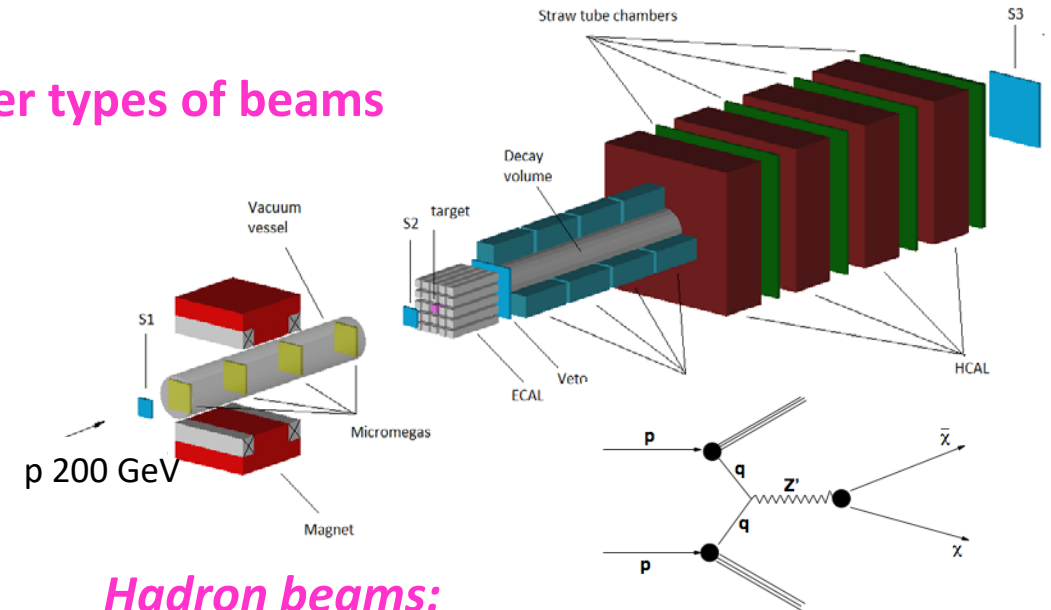
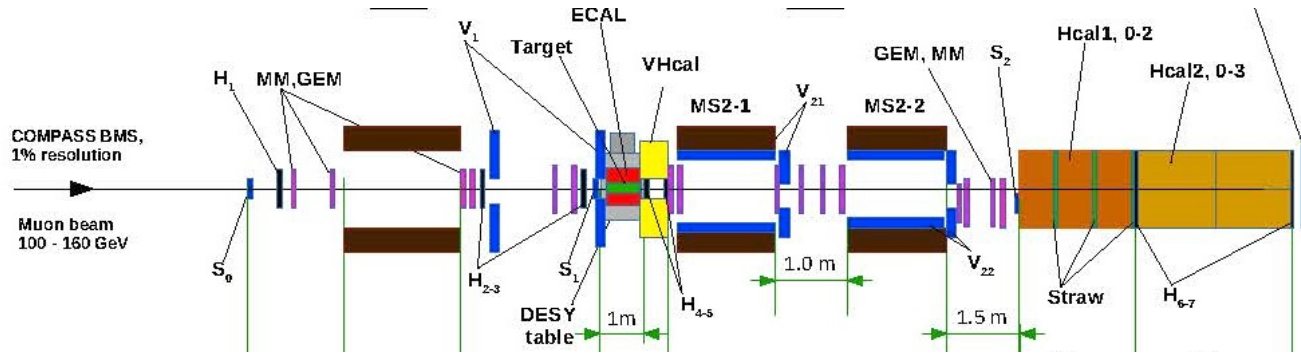
BD@SPS: NA64

NA64(e):

cheap e-beamdump setup implemented in 2015 on H4 e test beam, now permanent. Optimized for invisible production, *currently leading the field for dark photons*



NA64(mu,h): proposed extensions of the method to other types of beams



mu beams: test of $(g-2)_\mu$ interpretations and μ -coupled dark sector

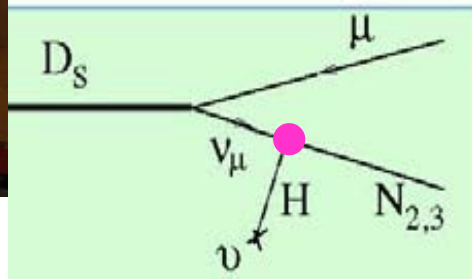
Hadron beams: meson decays to invisible particles and leptophobic dark sector

BD@SPS: NA62 PROTON BEAM DUMP MODE

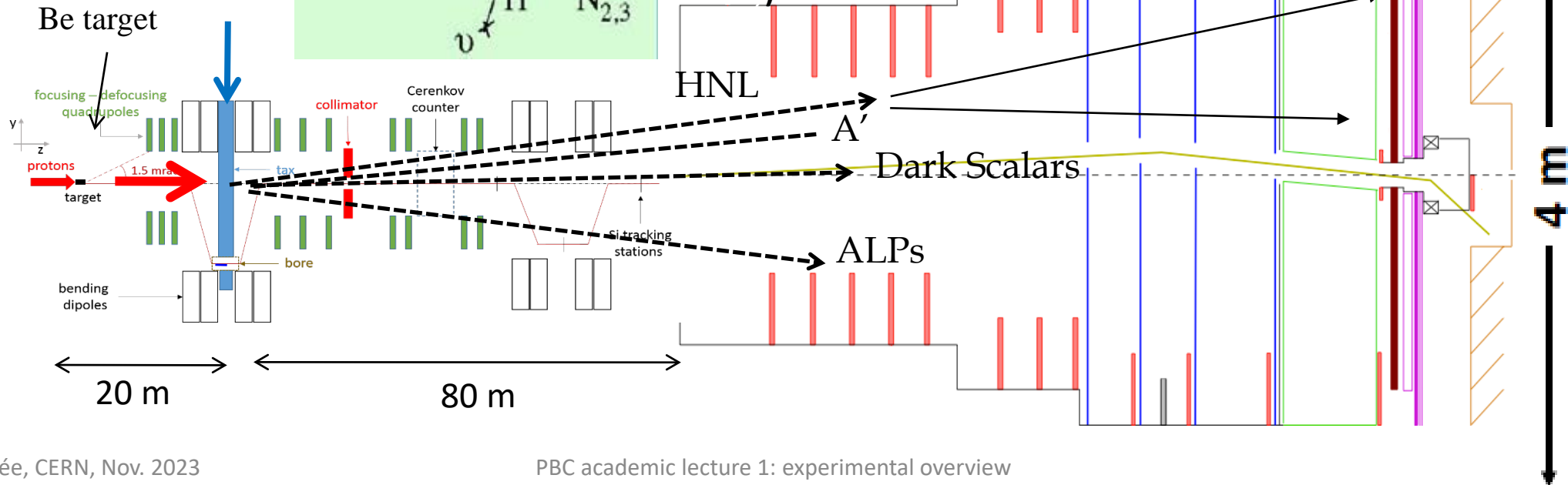
Some NA62 data taking in beam dump mode during run 3

Achieved by closing the TAX collimator, $\sim 10^{18}$ PoT expected until LS3

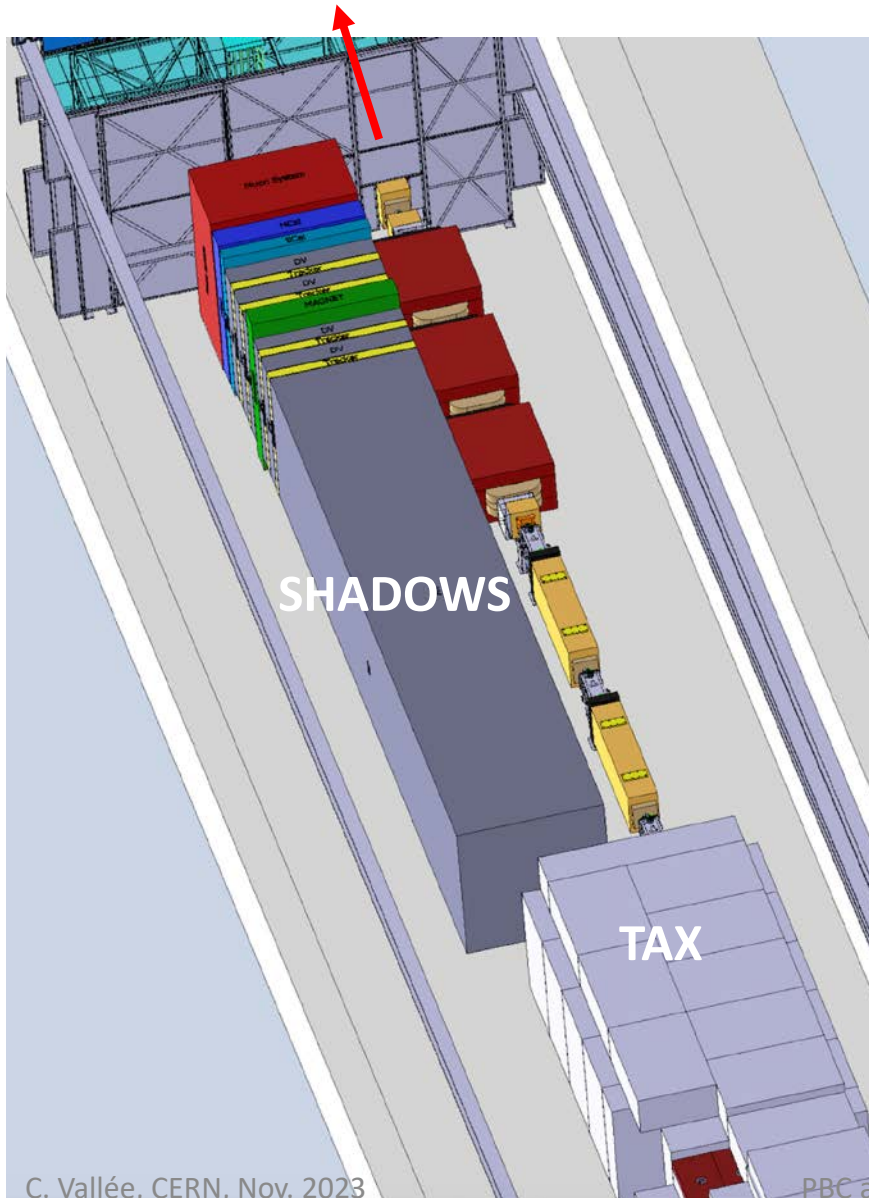
Instrumentation of NA62 decay vessel well adapted to searches in visible decay mode



Protons
400 GeV



HIKE DECAY SPECTROMETER (NA62 UPGRADE)



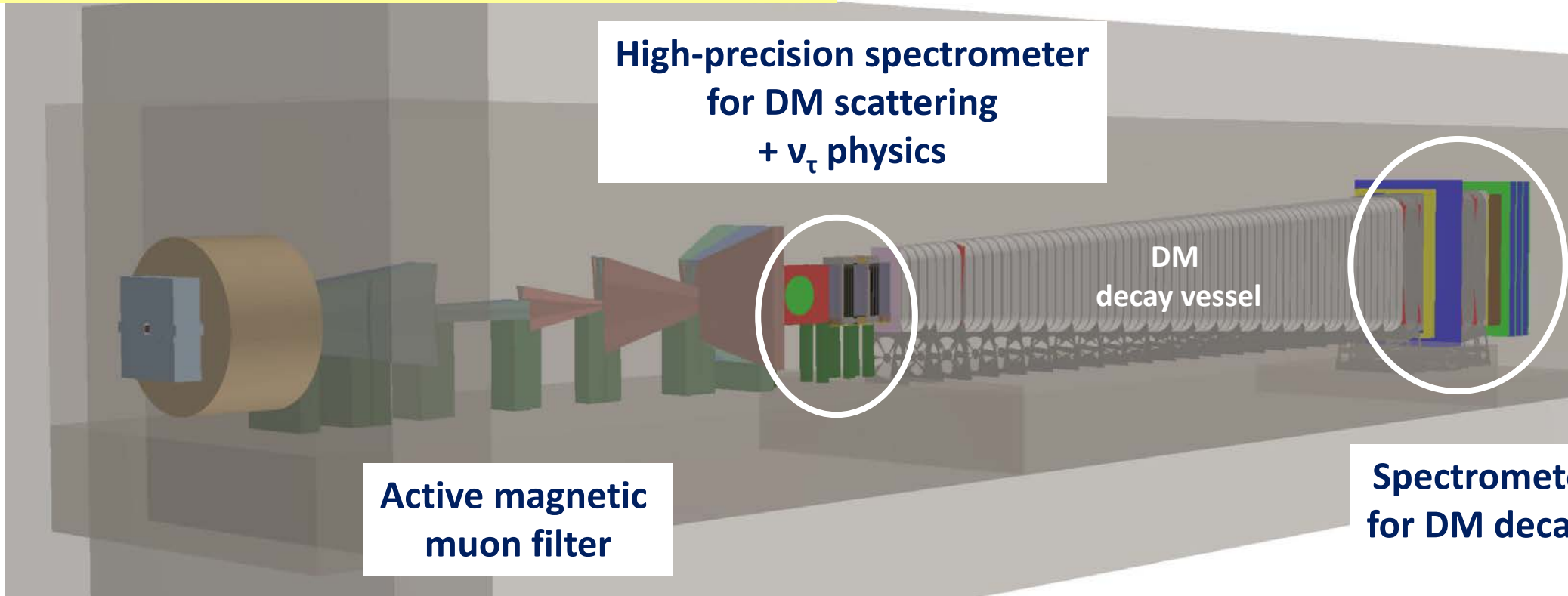
POST-LS3 BD@SPS PROPOSAL: HIKE & SHADOWS

*New SHADOWS detector
slightly off axis close to TAX dump collimator
would increase acceptance at high mass
of a high-intensity beamdump mode of HIKE*

**This post-LS3 BD option
could cumulate $\sim 5 \cdot 10^{19}$ PoT
on the HL-LHC timescale**

POST-LS3 BD@SPS PROPOSAL: BDF/SHiP@ECN3

State-of-the-Art Dual Spectrometer
for hidden particle searches



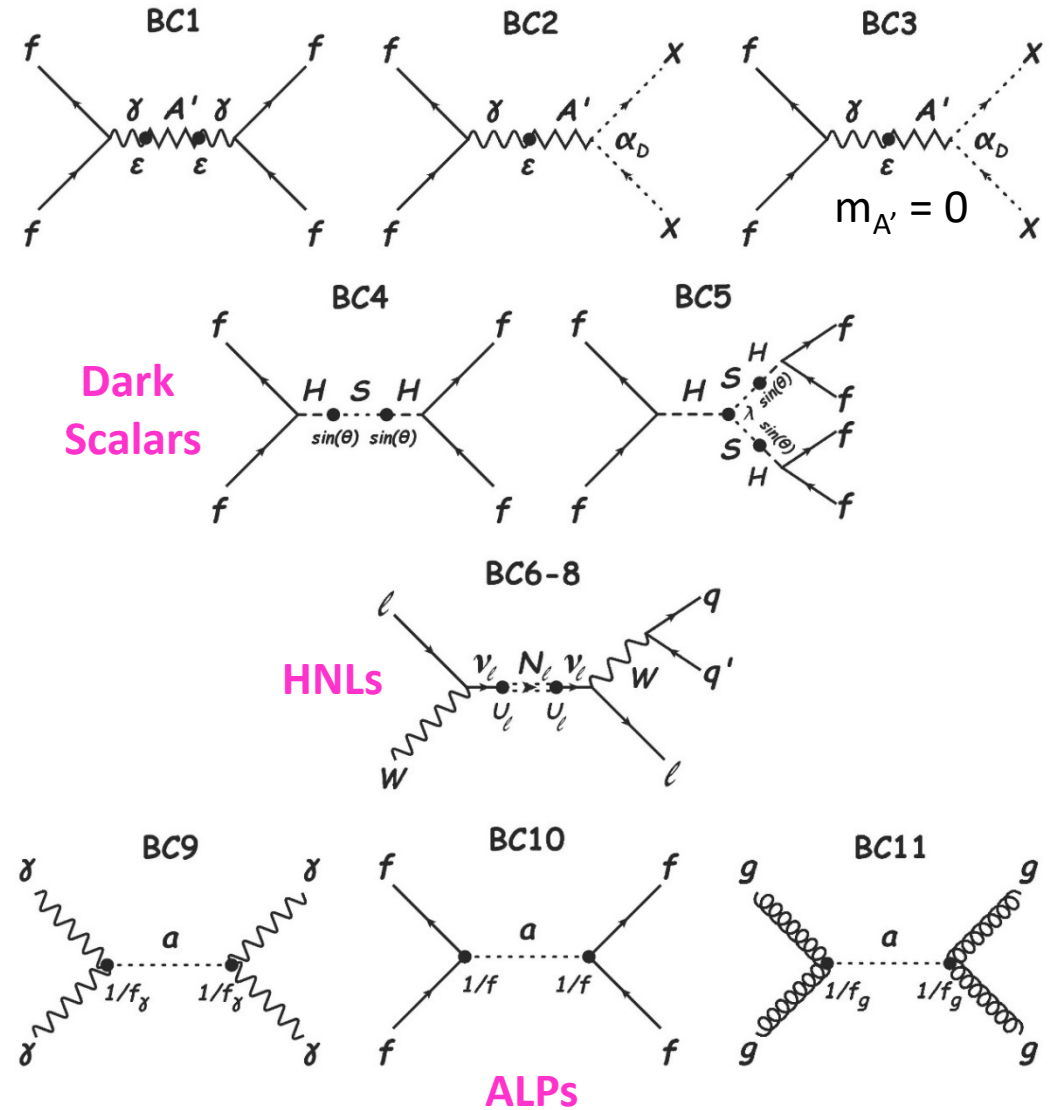
Relocation in ECN3 and
re-optimization studied
to reduce the overall
BDF/SHiP cost

BD@SPS BSM SENSITIVITY: portals to Hidden Sector

A highlight of PBC for EPPSU:
definition and wide acceptance of
hidden sector benchmark models
to compare reach of projects
under same assumptions

See FIPs2022 workshop proceedings
[arXiv:2305.01715](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.01715) for details

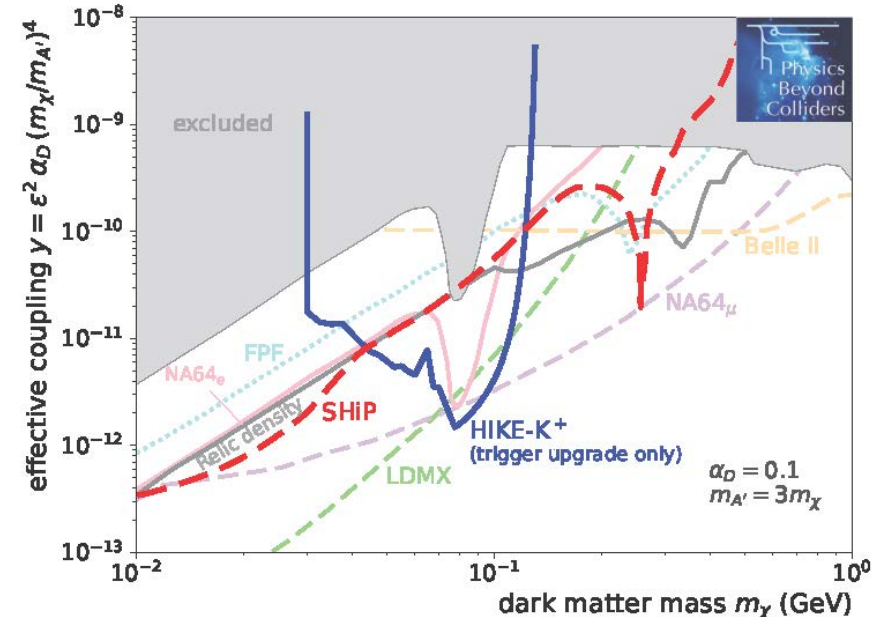
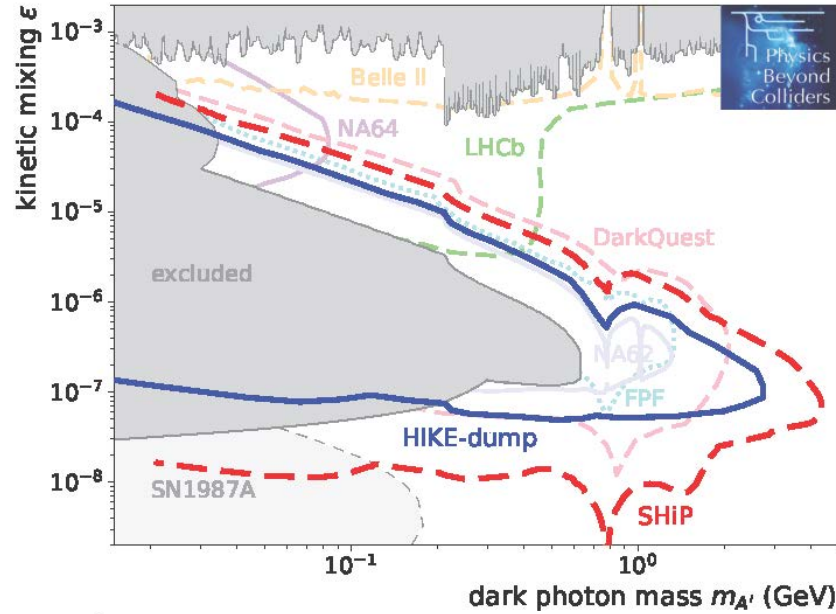
Dark Photons and Dark Matter



COMPARISONS OF PROJECTS REACH

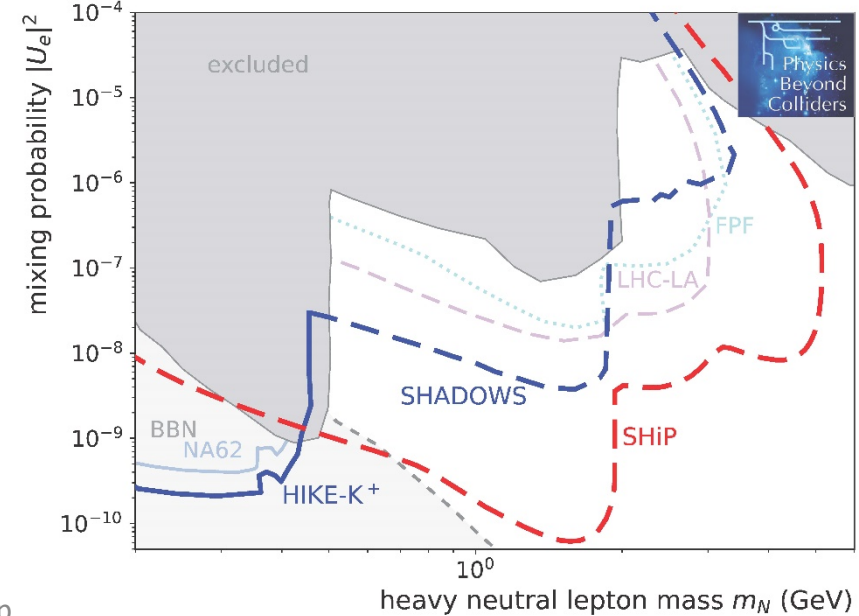
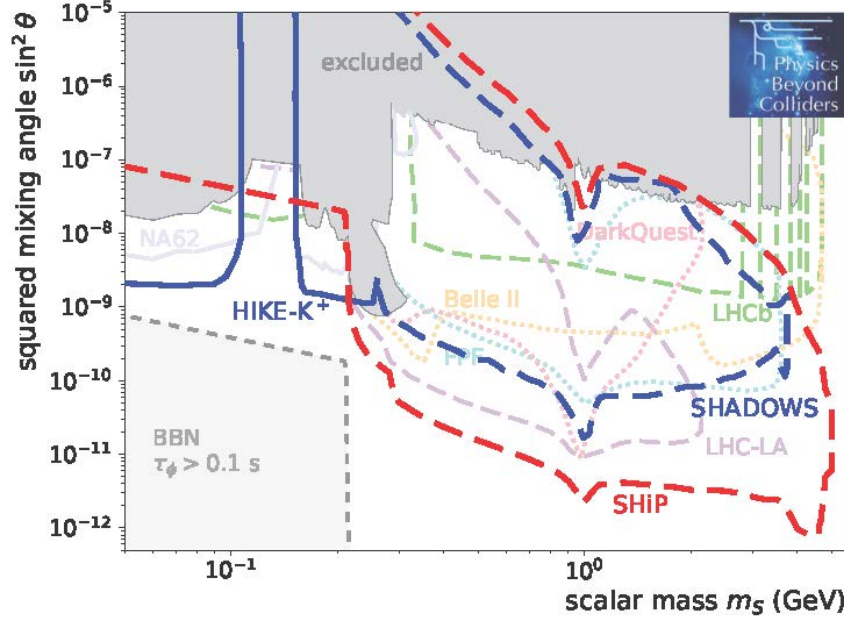
See PBC ECN3 [Report-2023-003](#)

BC1
Dark photon
visible decay
to SM



BC2
Dark photon
decay to
scalar DM
 $\alpha_D = 0.1$
 $m_\chi = 1/3 m_{A'}$

BC4
Dark scalar
mixing
with Higgs



BC6
Dark HNL
coupling
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3rd ENERGY STEP DOWNWARDS:

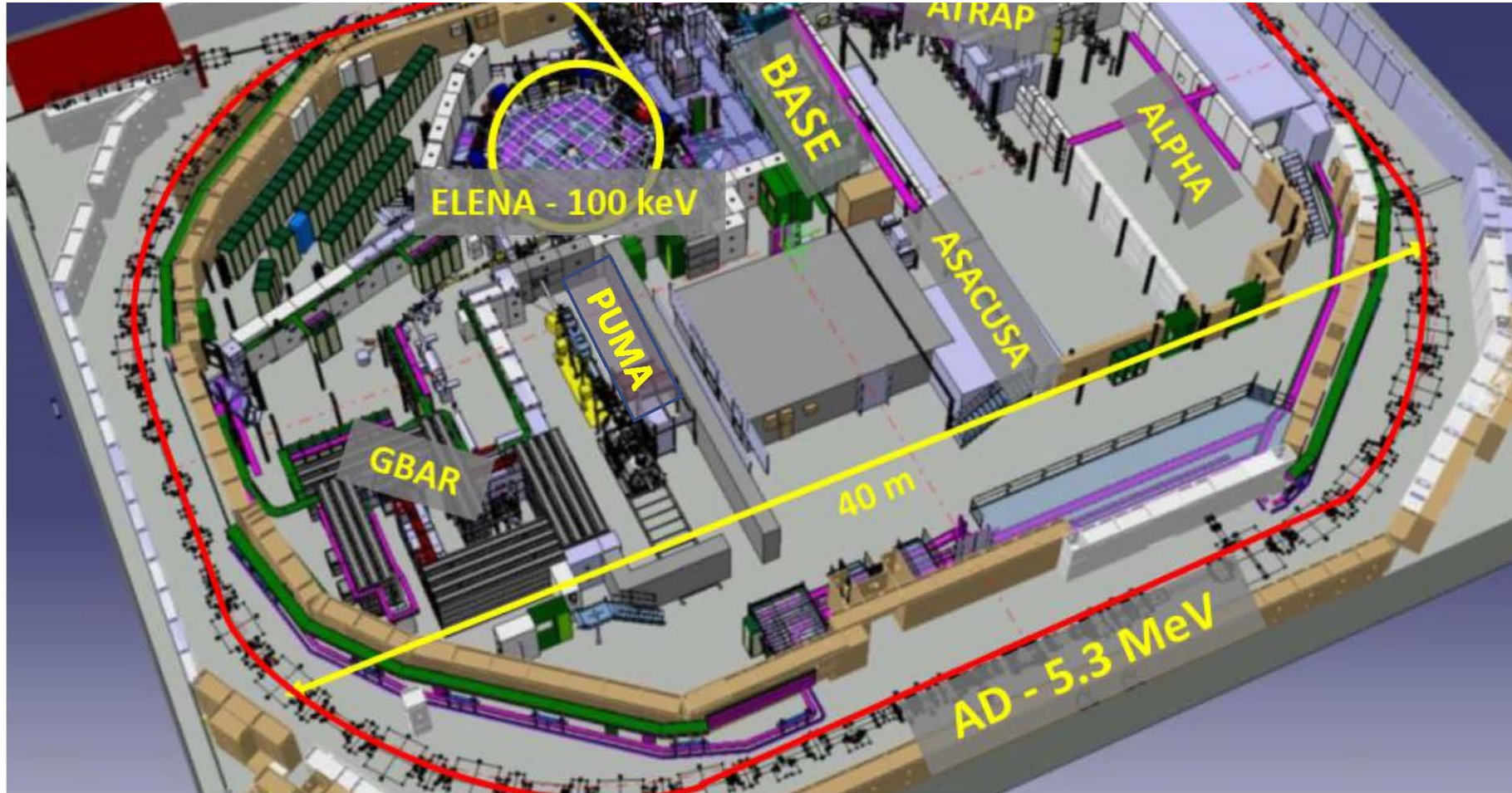
PS AND LOW-E FACILITIES



ANTIMATTER FACTORY

Six collaborations, pioneering work by Gabrielse, Oelert, Hayano, Hangst, Charlton et al.

*Many quantum technologies at work for precision measurements:
CPT, fundamental constants, axion searches...*



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ASACUSA
Antiprotonic helium
spectroscopy

ALPHA, AEGIS, GBAR
Test free fall/equivalence
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PUMA
Antiproton/nuclei
scattering to study neutron
skins

AEGIS



ELENA recent upgrade enhances potential for this decade



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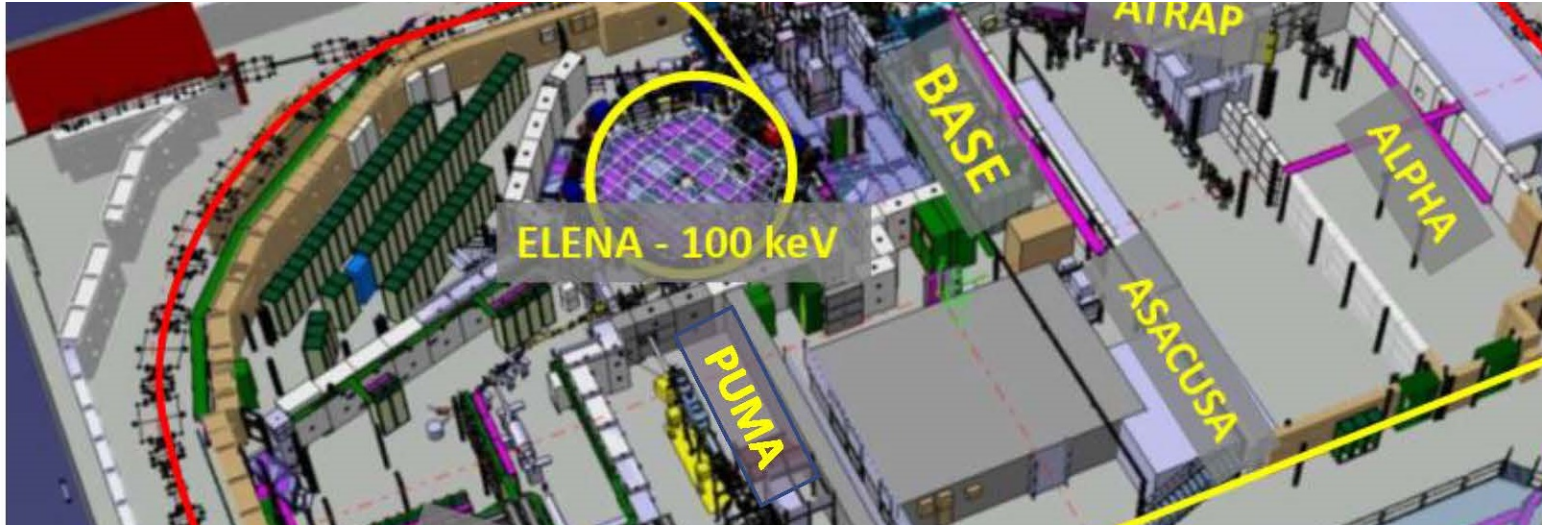
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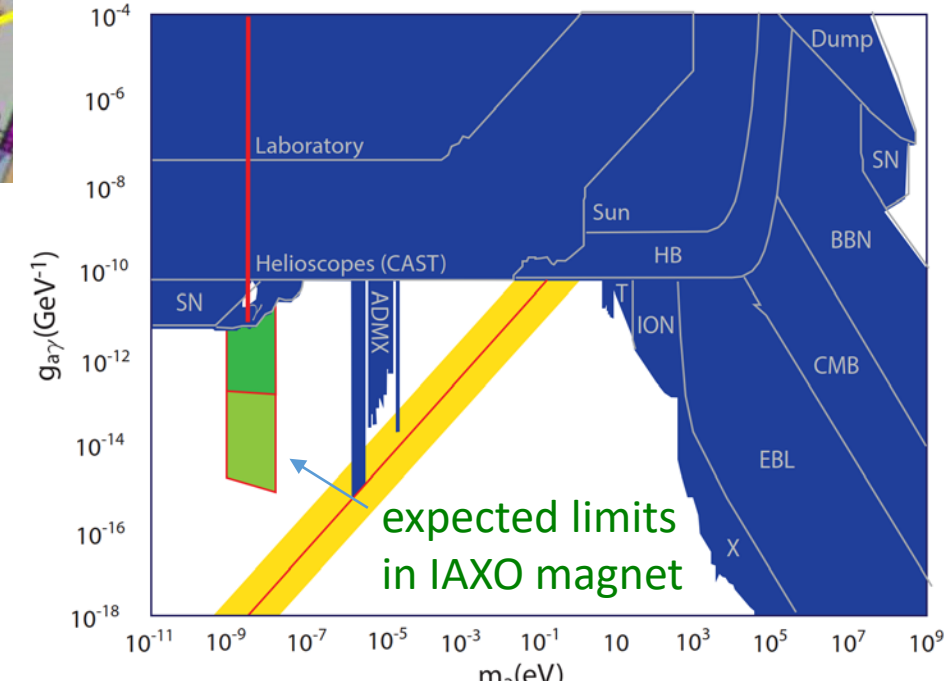
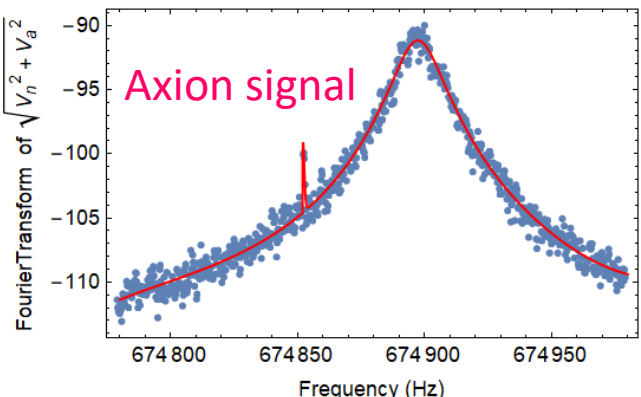
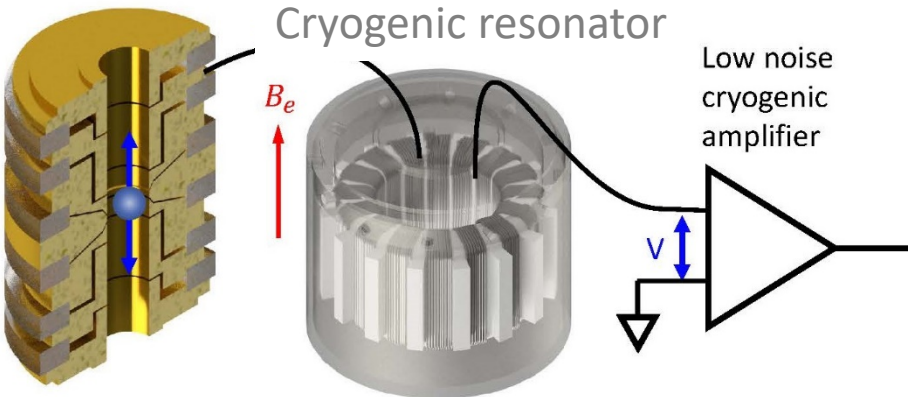
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e.g. BASE DM axion searches

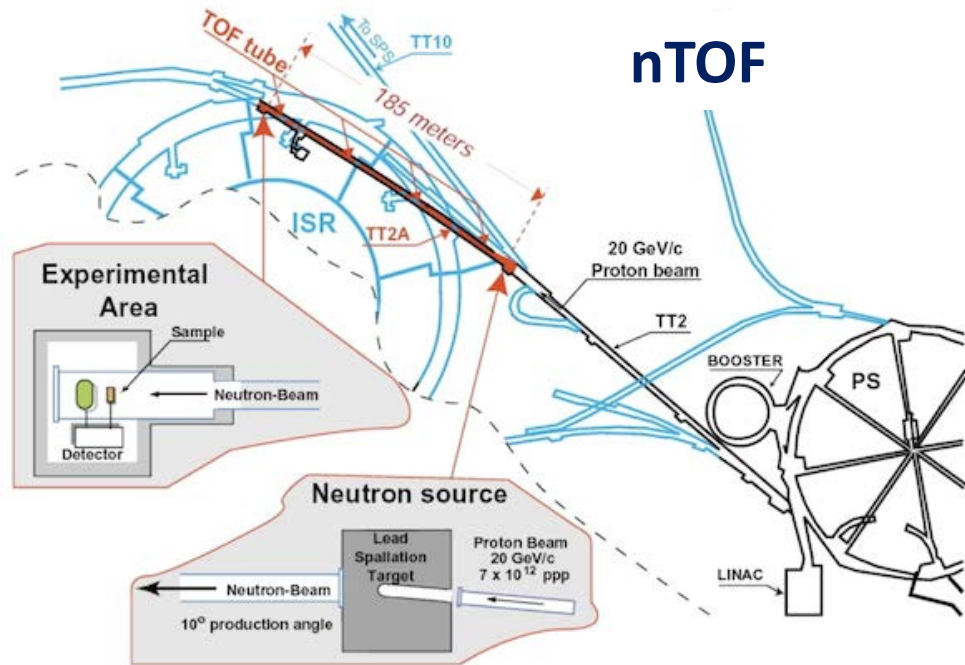


ISOLDE & nTOF

Similar technologies as at antimatter factory, with a fundamental physics potential for e.g.

- EW tests
- EDMs
- Spectroscopy of new states
- Nuclear clocks
- ...

EPIC proposal to upgrade ISOLDE to higher energy (2 GeV) and intensity with a new experimental hall



4th ENERGY STEP DOWNWARDS:
NON-ACCELERATOR EXPERIMENTS

IAXO

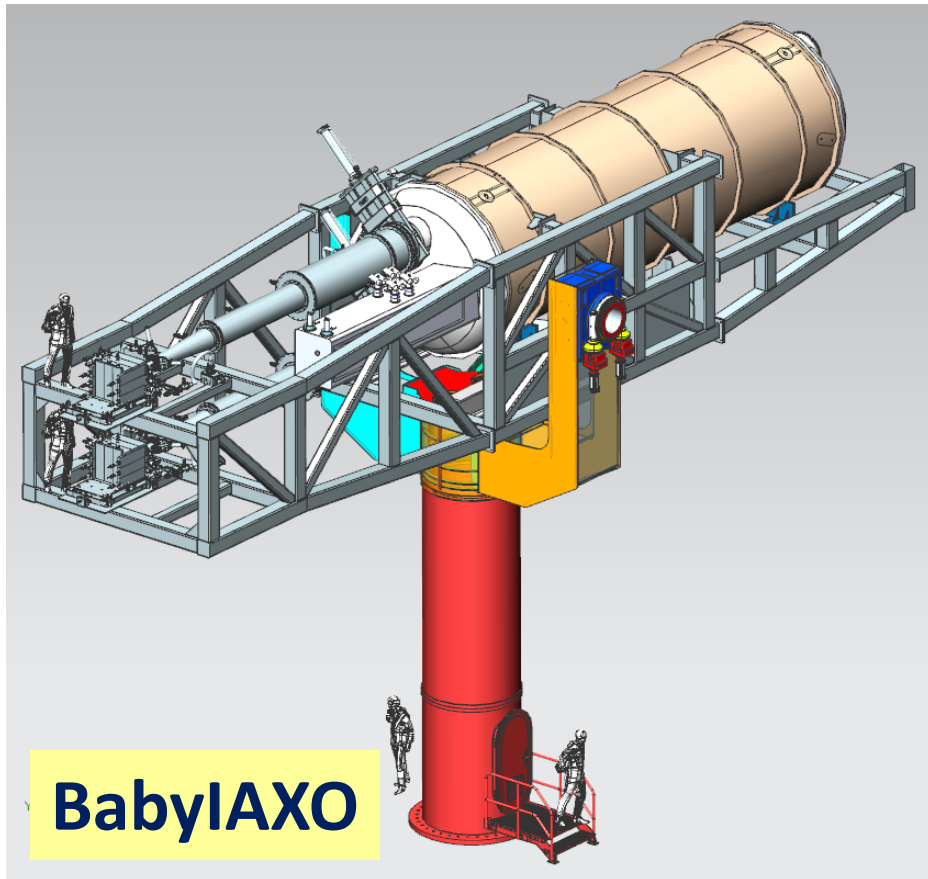


INTERNATIONAL AXION OBSERVATORY (axion helioscope successor of CAST@CERN)

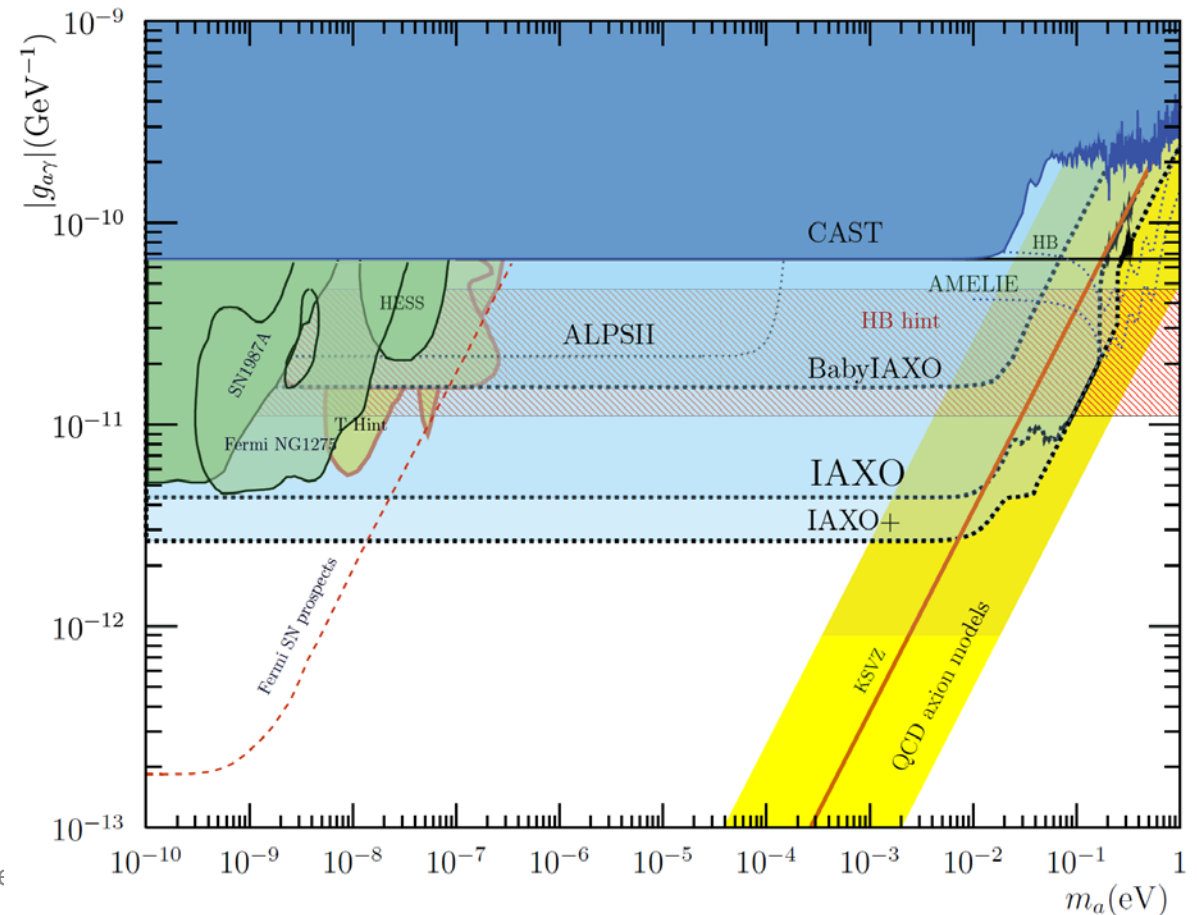
BabyIAXO precursor approved and in construction at DESY

with CERN PBC support to magnet design

Unique physics reach for ALPs searches



BabyIAXO



QUANTUM SENSORS

AION

Atom interferometry for ultra-light DM and mid-frequency gravitational waves

- PoP 10m setup being built in UK
- Possible siting of a 100m setup in a CERN LHC shaft investigated in PBC
- Longer Baseline Terrestrial Atom Interferometry already under study, e.g. workshop at CERN: (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1208783/>)

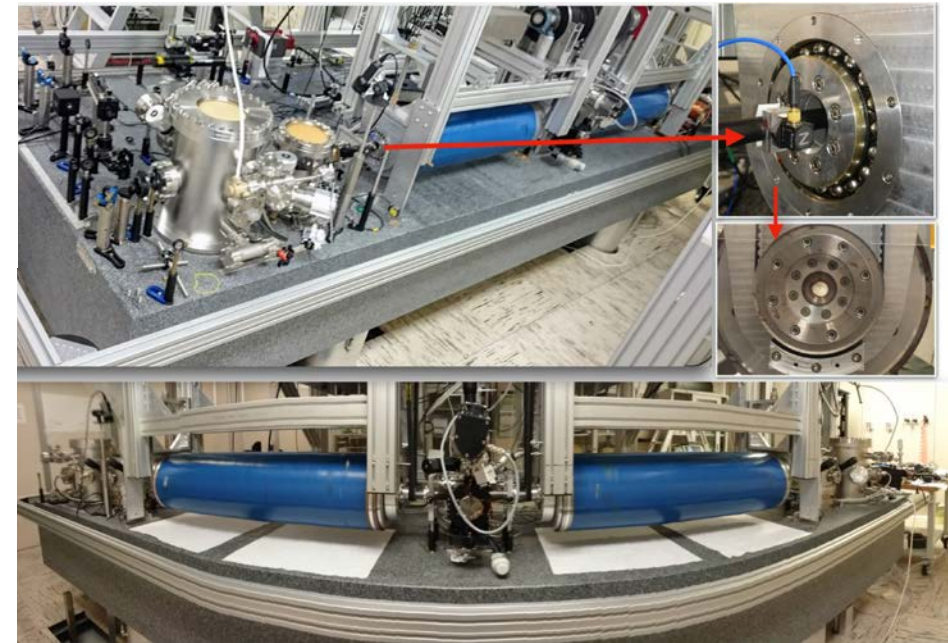
Among other studies:

- *SC cavities and coating for novel relic axion detection*
- *Setup for cosmic neutrino background measurement (PTOLEMY)*

VMB@CERN

Vacuum Magnetic Bi-refringence

Optical set up being developed in Ferrara for a CERN implementation with (HL-)LHC magnets:



R&D FOR LONGER-TERM FUTURE PBC FACILITIES

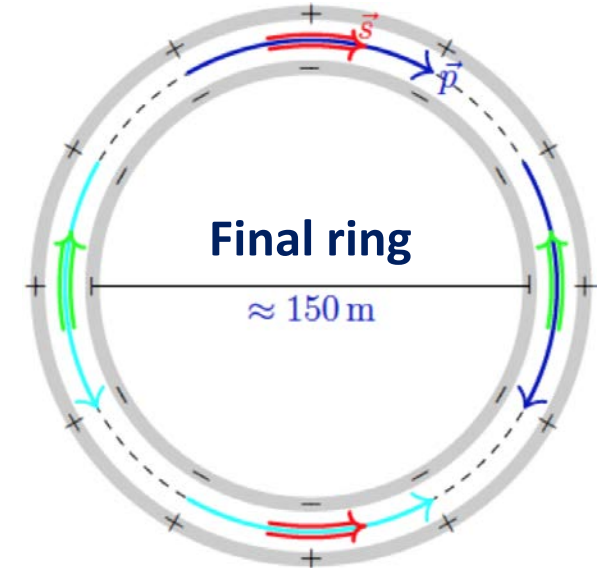
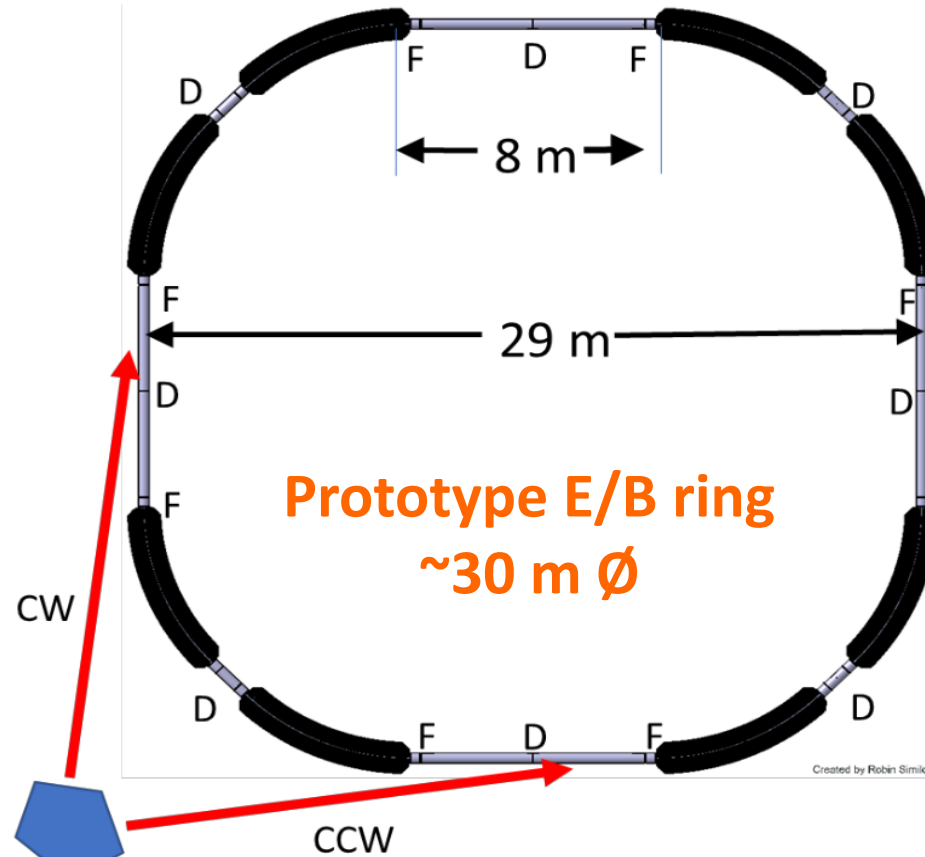
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PROTON EDM RING

COSY at Jülich supported by EPPSU as possible site for developing the project



Ongoing precursor experiment at Jülich (magnetic ring)

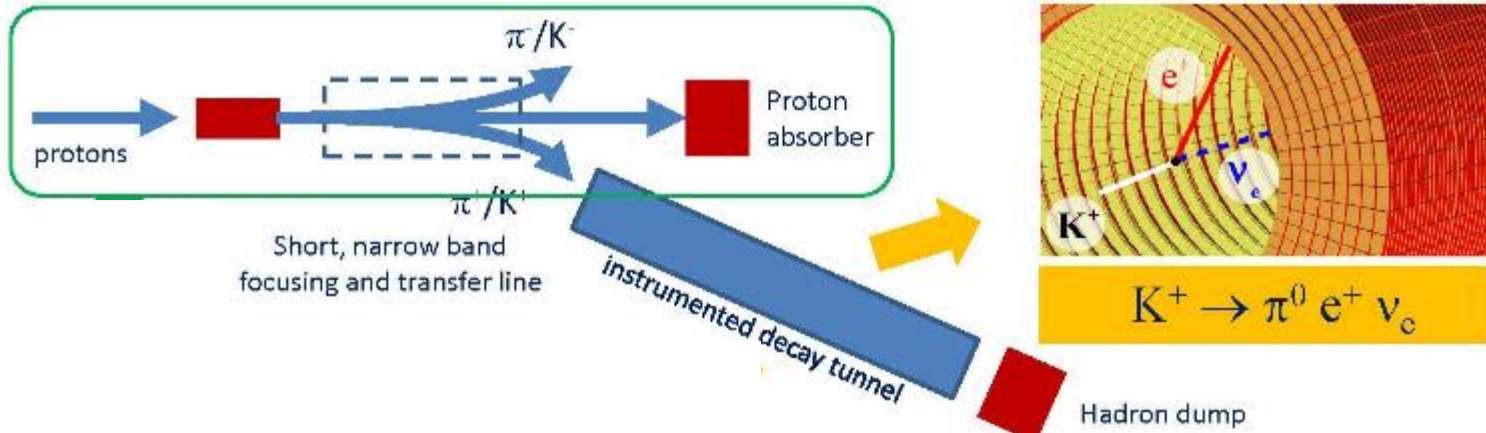


Design sensitivity: $4 \cdot 10^{-29}$ e.cm

TDR for prototype ring in preparation by CPEDM Collaboration (incl. CERN)
Many systematics issues to be solved: lattice, deflectors, RF cavities, B-shield, BPMs...

Novel NEUTRINO BEAMS

Recent new ideas of monitored & tagged ν beams being investigated for neutrino precision measurements and next generation LBL projects

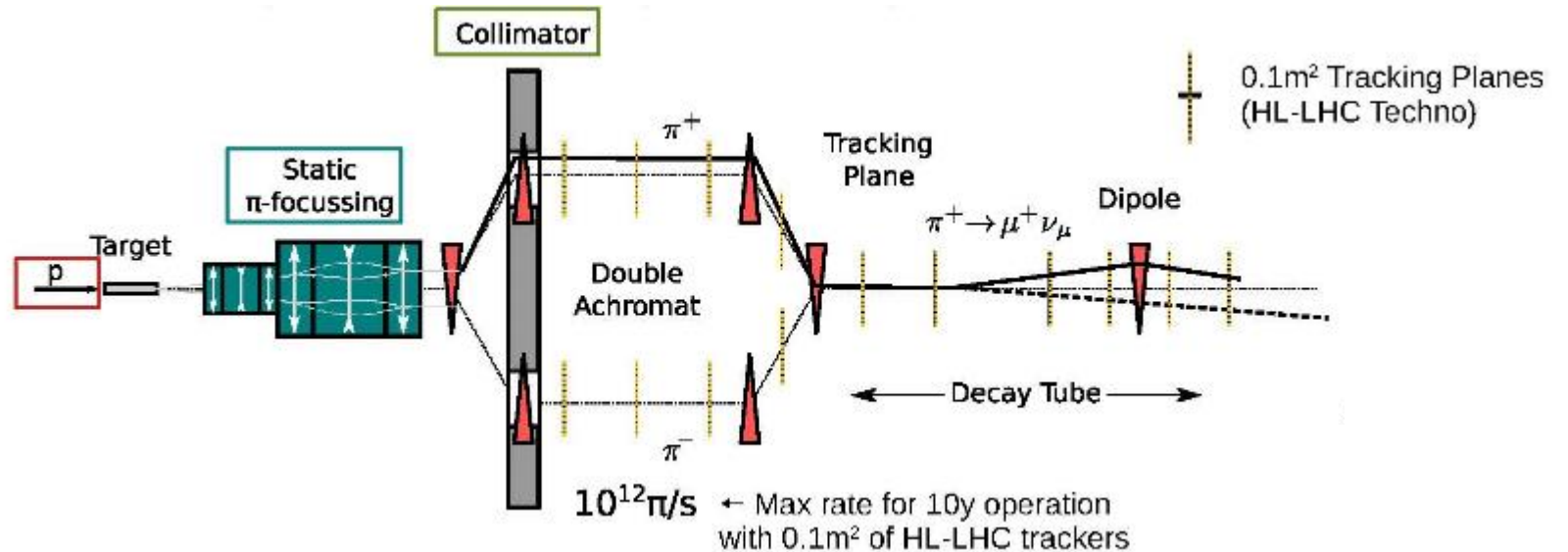


ENUBET:

- ν_e beam monitored from K decays
- Prototyping performed in Neutrino Platform

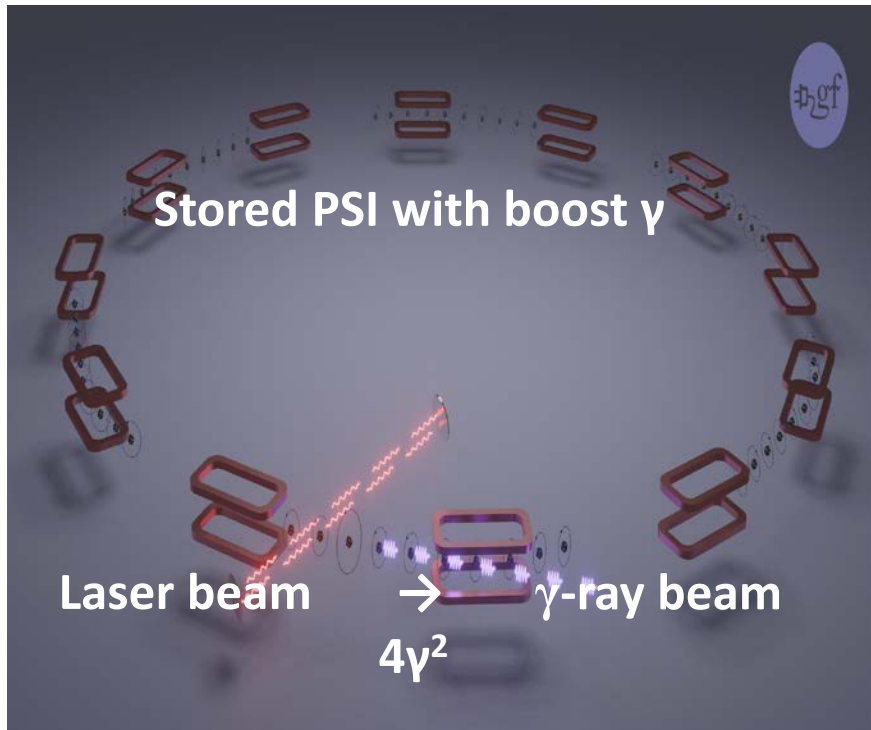
NuTAG:

- ν_μ beam with $(E_\nu, \theta_\nu, \phi_\nu)$ tagged from individual π decays with HL-LHC silicon trackers

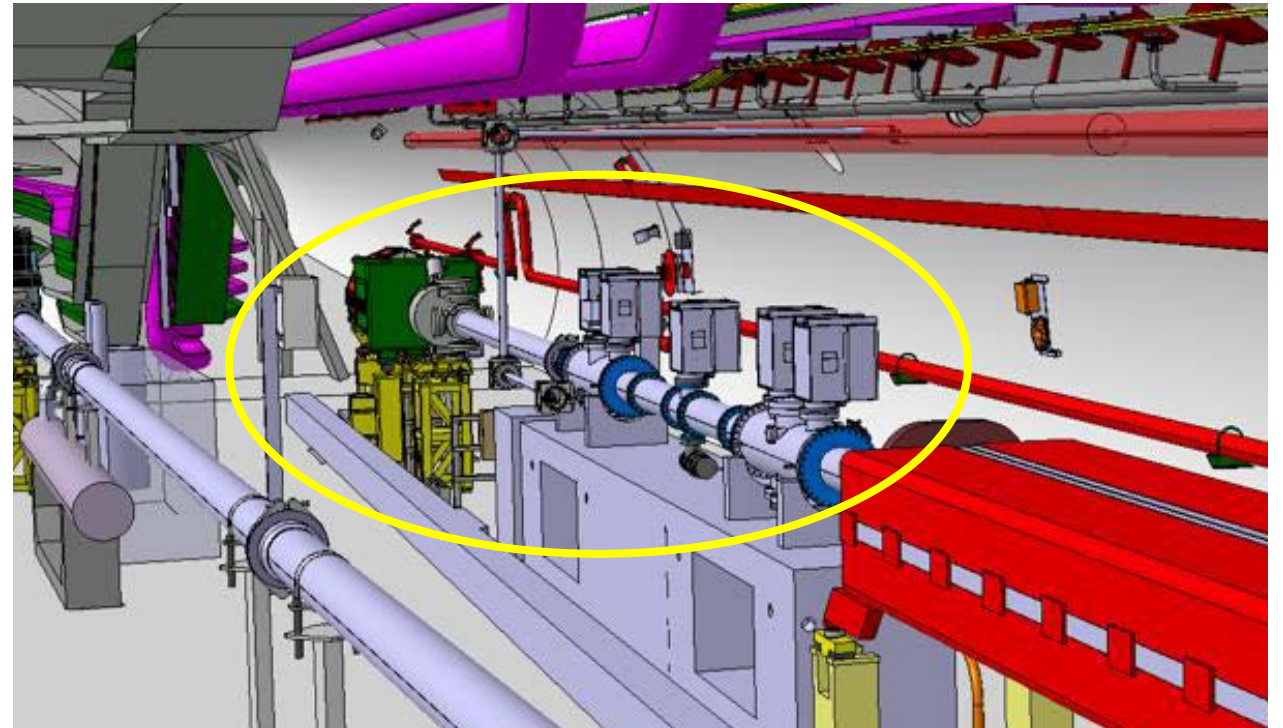


GAMMA FACTORY @LHC

Goal of 10^7 intensity gain vs existing facilities



Important milestone reached within PBC with successful acceleration and storage of Partially Stripped Ions in LHC



Proof of Principle experiment with full configuration in preparation at SPS

Applications in atomic, nuclear, particle and applied physics discussed in many workshops and publications

OUTLOOK

**Many opportunities for forefront physics
beyond LHC and future high-energy frontier colliders!**

ADDITIONAL SLIDES

MAIN PAST BEAM DUMP PROJECTS

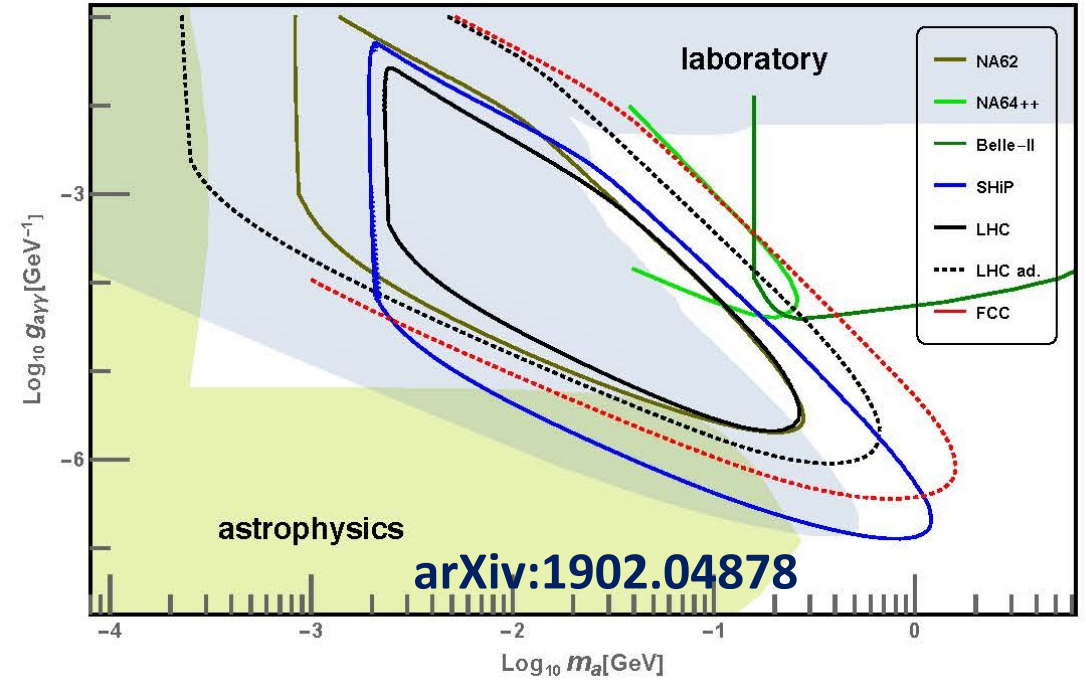
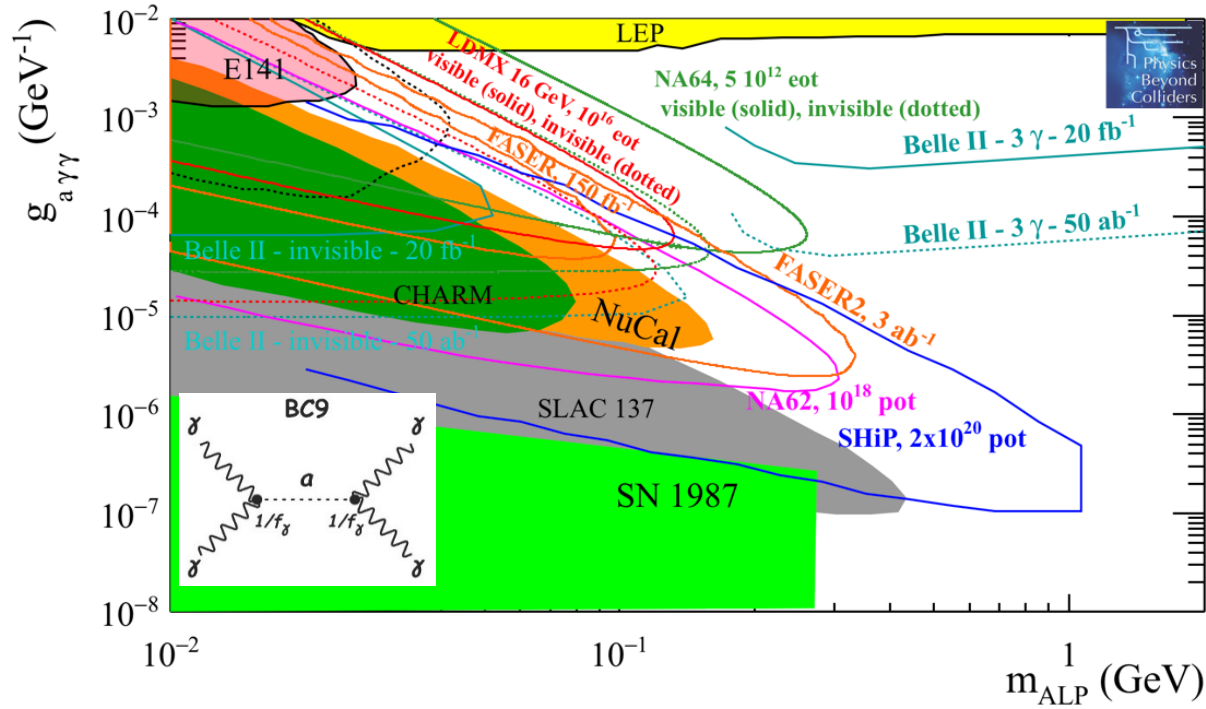
DP = Dark Photon
 DS = Dark Scalar
 HNL = Heavy Neutral Lepton
 ALP = Axion-Like Particle

EXPERIMENT	PERIOD	BEAM	PARTICLES ON TARGET	SIGNATURE	MODELS
E137 @SLAC	80's	e 20 GeV	$2 \cdot 10^{20}$	recoil e	DP, ALPs
E141 @SLAC	80's	e 9 GeV	$2 \cdot 10^{15}$	visible e^+e^-	DP, ALPs
E774 @FNAL	80's	e 275 GeV	$5.2 \cdot 10^9$	visible e^+e^-	DP
NuTeV @FNAL	90's	p 800 GeV	$2 \cdot 10^{18}$	visible μ	HNL
NUCAL @Serpukhov	80's	p 70 GeV	$1.7 \cdot 10^{18}$	visible $\gamma\gamma, e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$	DP, DS, ALPs
PS191 @CERN	80's	p 19 GeV	$0.8 \cdot 10^{19}$	visible	HNL
CHARM @CERN	80's	p 400 GeV	$2.4 \cdot 10^{18}$	visible $\gamma\gamma, e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$	DP, DS, HNL

NB: most past beam dumps were “cheap” by-products of other experiments

EXPLORATORY STUDY OF HIGHER-ENERGY BEAM DUMPS POTENTIAL

the example of ALPs



PBC projects have a similar reach as for visible A' (similar signatures $\gamma\gamma$ and e^+e^-)

No real breakthrough of LHC/FCC beam dumps:
SPS seems to offer a quite optimal energy-intensity mix in the present context

AMBER(R_p)

μ -p elastic scattering

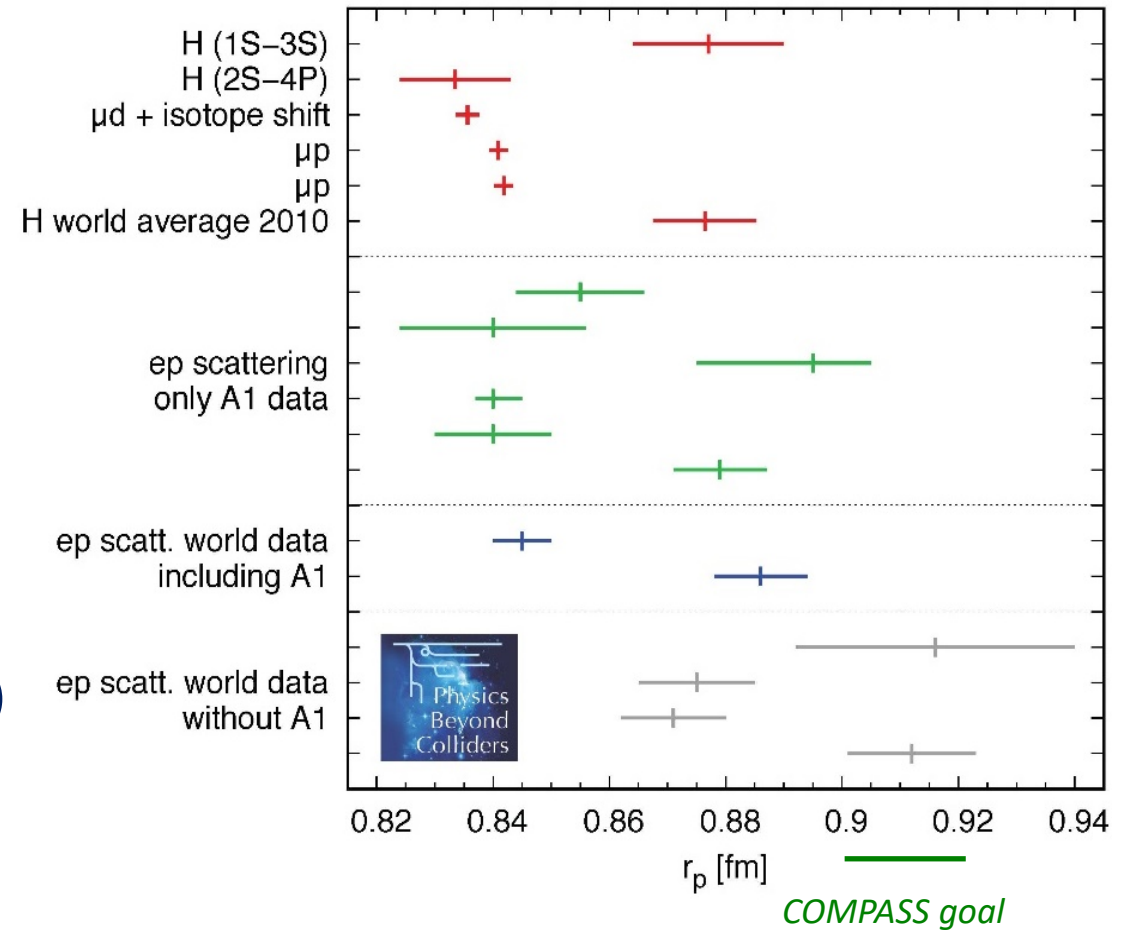
In competition with MUonE
on same μ -beam in EHN2



new AMBER TPC

→ AMBER
Spectrometer
(ex-COMPASS)

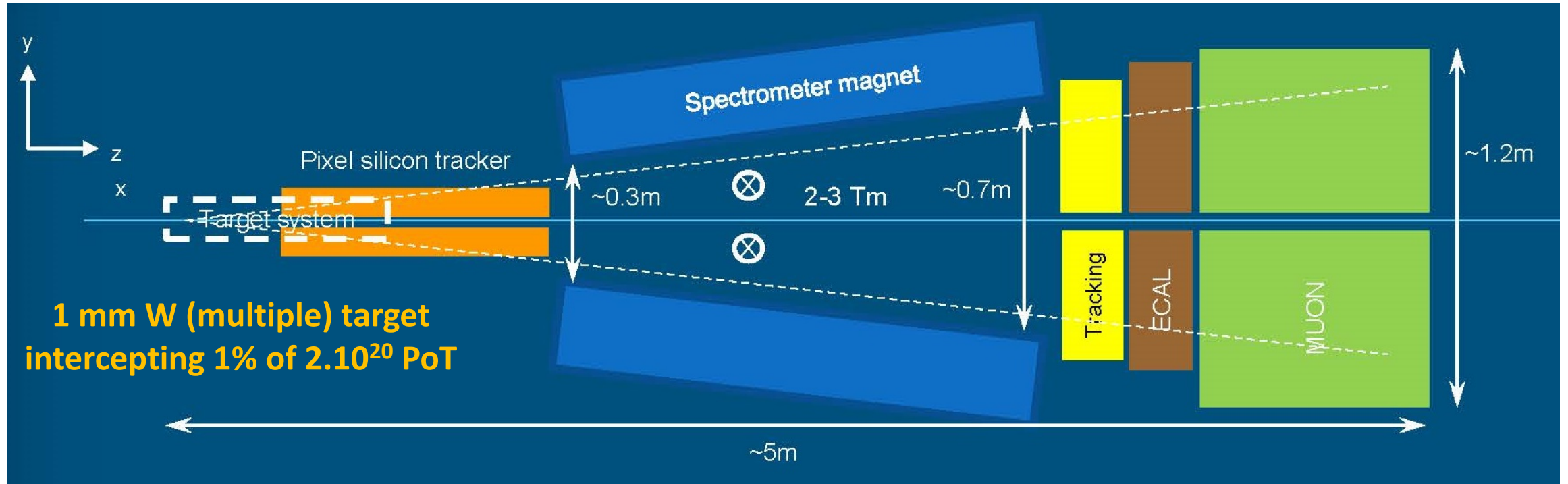
Proton radius puzzle



Data taking planned during run 3

Interception of small BDF beam fraction to look for $\tau \rightarrow 3\mu$ decays

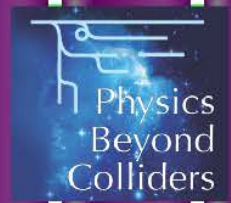
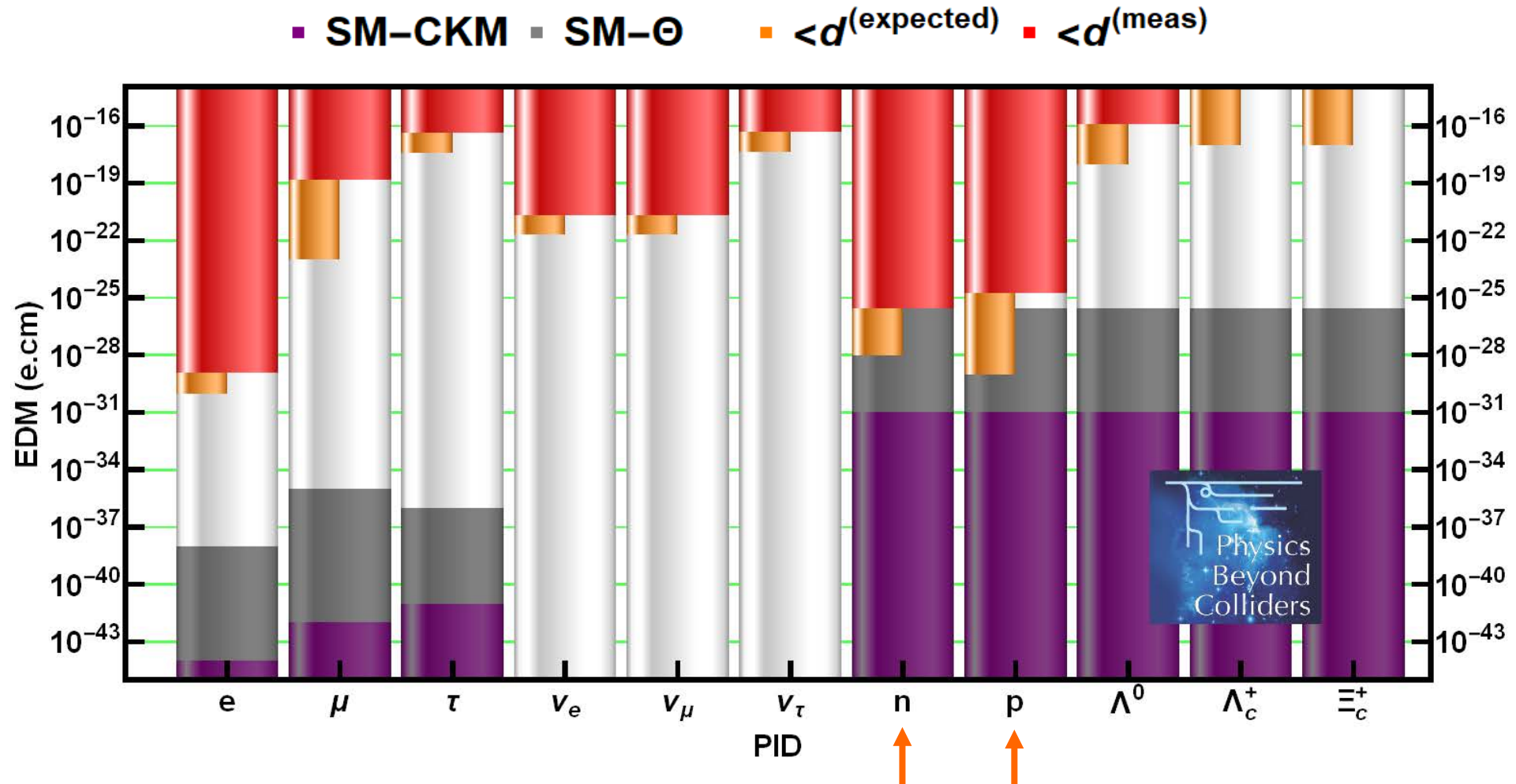
Could set limits on branching ratio better than 10^{-10} level targeted by BELLE-II



Implementation layout under study

A small experimental hall upstream of BDF target could trigger a unique rare decay facility

EDM LANDSCAPE

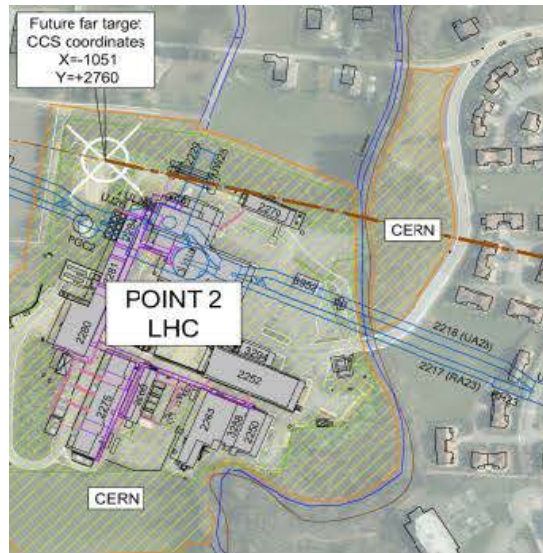
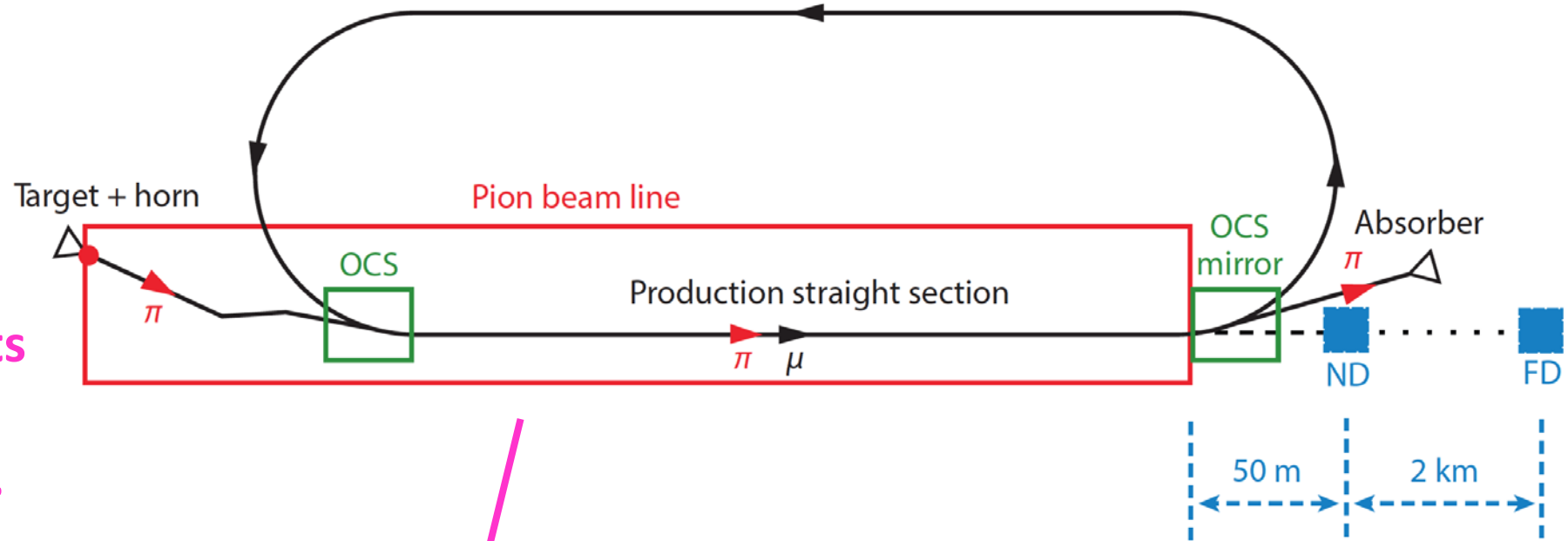


Neutron EDM is leading the field for hadrons
Catching up in precision is a challenge for the proton

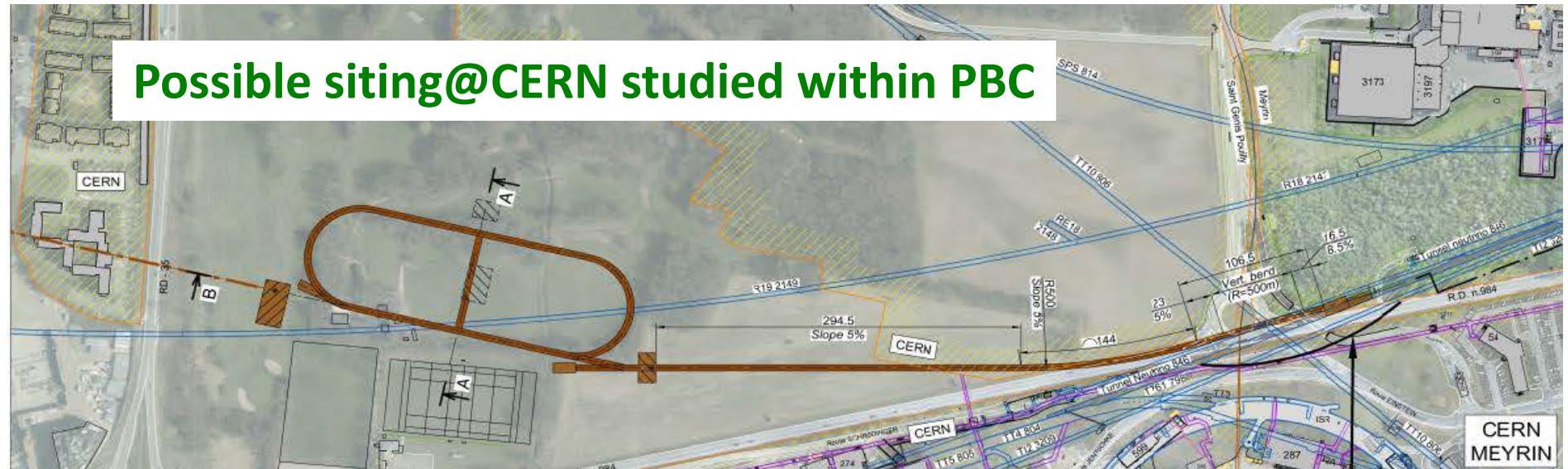
NuSTORM

Well controlled ν beam
from a μ storage ring

Precise $\sigma(\nu)$ measurements
and a path towards
a ν factory or a μ collider.



C. Vallée, CERN, Nov. 2023

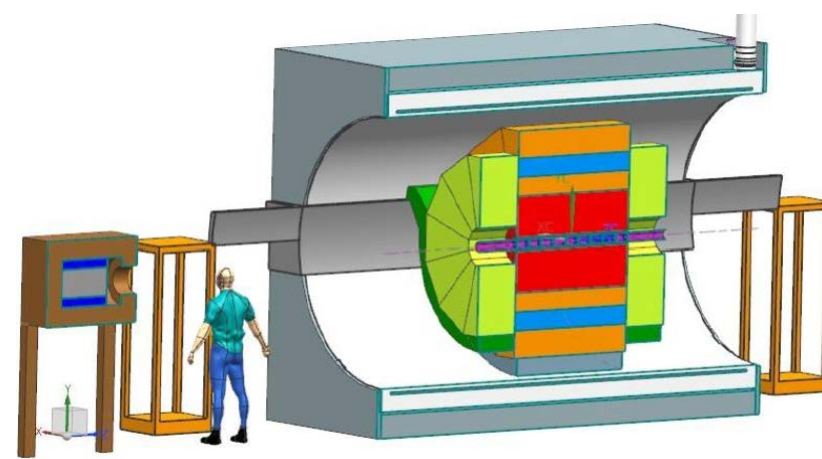


PBC academic lecture 1: experimental overview

REDTOP

$\eta - \eta'$ factory

Also in discussion at FNAL



It is a Goldstone boson

Symmetry constrains its QCD dynamics

It is an eigenstate of the C, P, CP and G operators
(very rare in nature): $I^G J^{PC} = 0^+ 0^{-+}$

It can be used to test C and CP invariance.

All its additive quantum numbers are zero (very clean state)
 $Q = I = j = S = B = L = 0$

Its decays are not influenced by a change of flavor (as in K decays) and violations are "pure"

All its possible strong decays are forbidden in the lowest order by P and CP invariance, G-parity conservation and isospin and charge symmetry invariance.

It is a very narrow state ($\Gamma_\eta = 1.3 \text{ KeV}$ vs $\Gamma_\rho = 149 \text{ MeV}$)

EM decays are forbidden in lowest order by C invariance and angular momentum conservation

Contributions from higher orders are enhanced by a factor of $\sim 100,000$

Excellent for testing invariances

Main issues:

- 2 GeV continuous proton beam (PS best option but non-nominal for REDTOP)
- Demanding detector technology (Optical TPC and dual readout calorimetry)