

FASER: Recent Results and **Prospect** (**FASER2** & **FASER_{v2}**)



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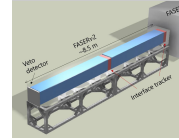
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**Precision neutrino
measurements, ν_τ ,
lepton flavor
universality, etc.**

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**Comprehensive
Long-lived
particle search**

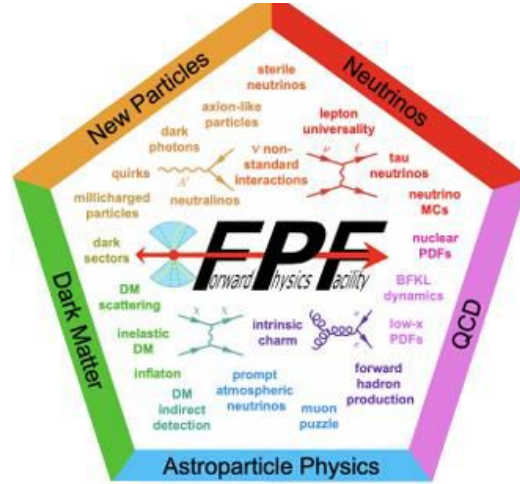
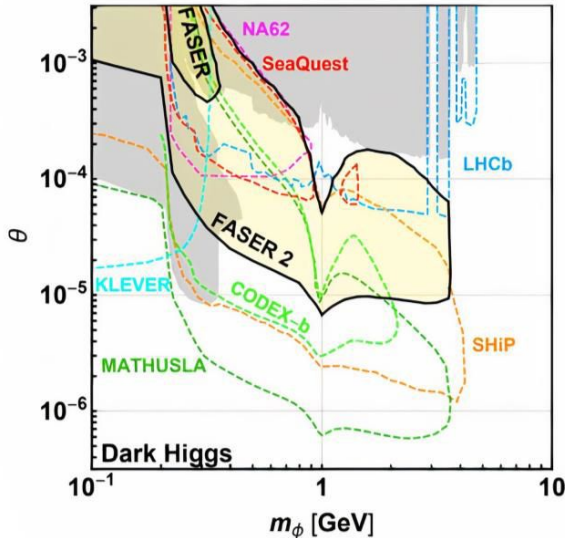
Broad Physics Program

- Beyond Standard Model Physics

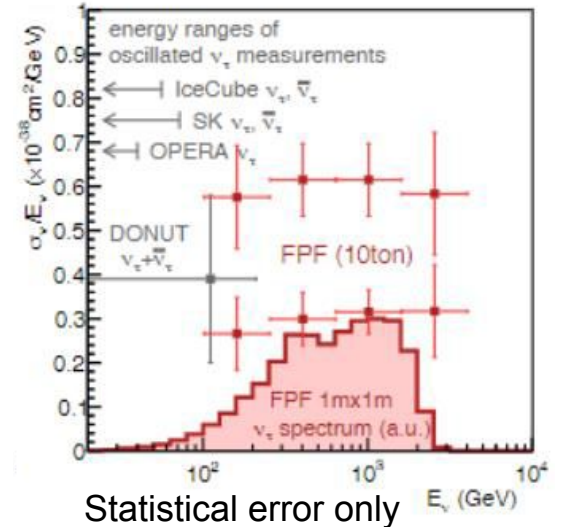
- Dark photon, Dark Higgs, ALP, Heavy Neutral Leptons
(Talk by [Alec Hewitt](#), [Misa Toman](#), [Roshan Mammen Abraham](#))

- Standard Model Physics

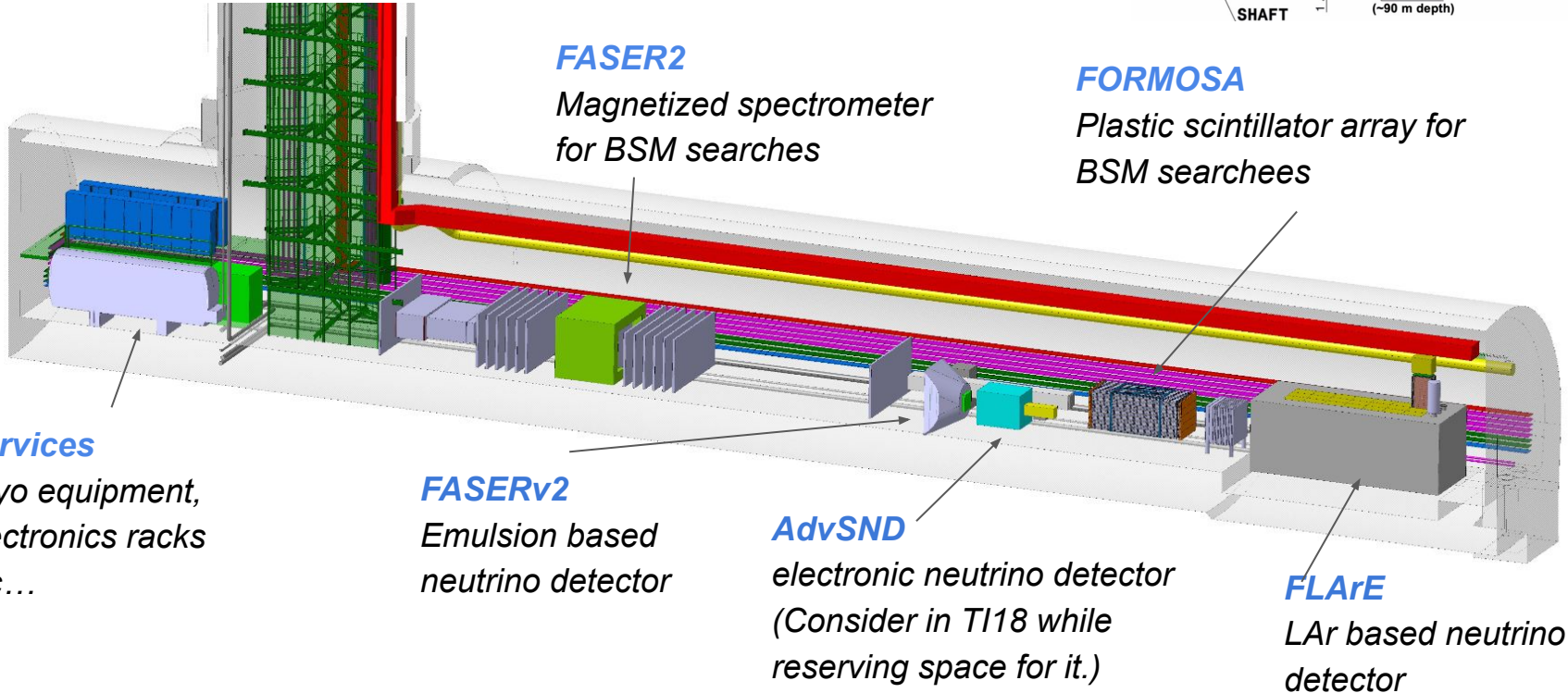
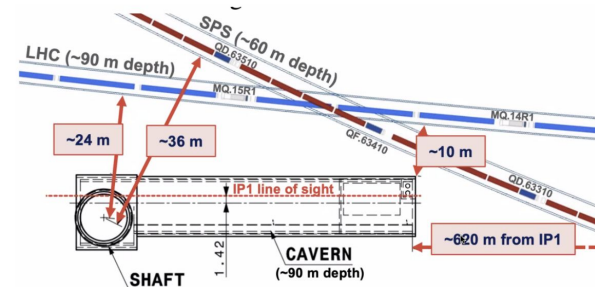
- Neutrino factories, PDF studies 10^3 – 10^4 ν_τ interactions
(Talk by [Max Fieg](#), [Jesus Miguel Celestino](#), [Diego Lopez Gutierrez](#))



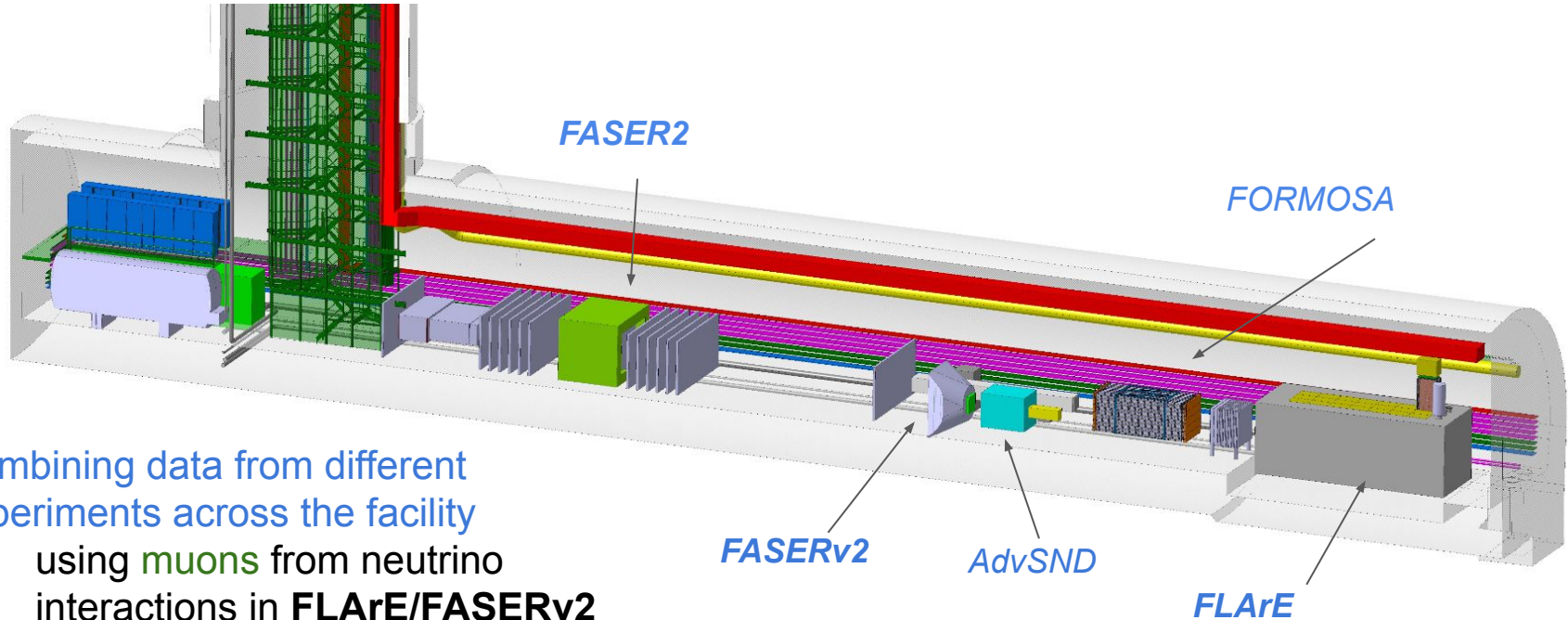
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Experiments in Forward Physics Facility



Optimal experimental configuration

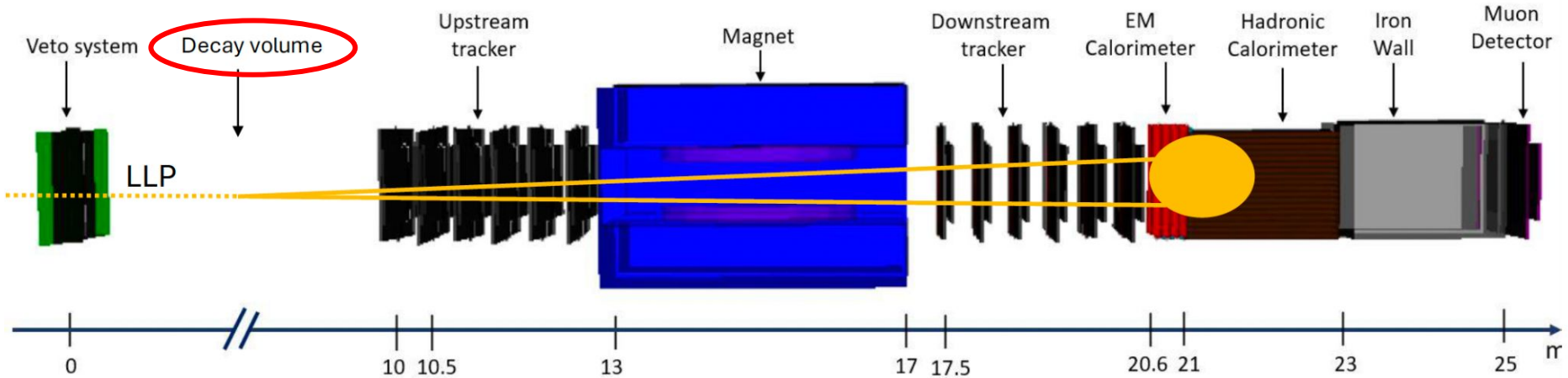


Combining data from different experiments across the facility

- using **muons** from neutrino interactions in **FLArE/FASERv2** measured in the **FASER2** spectrometer.

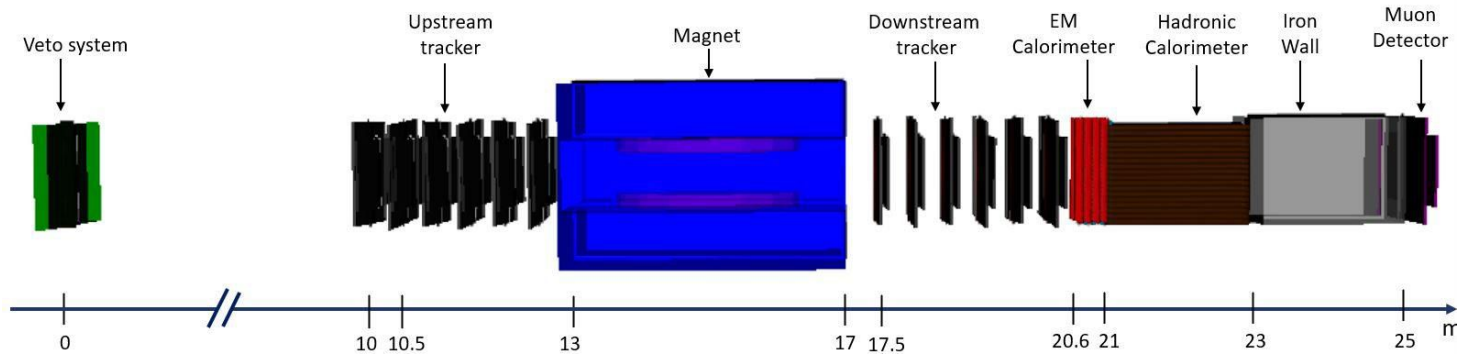
FASER2

FASER2 baseline detector



- Decay volume **~650X**
 - from $0.03 \text{ m}^2 \times 1.5 \text{ m}$ (FASER) to $\sim 3 \text{ m}^2 \times 10 \text{ m}$ (FASER ν)

FASER2 baseline detector: general consideration



- **Detector Requirement and Performance**

- Maintain high physics sensitivity for a variety of physics benchmarks.

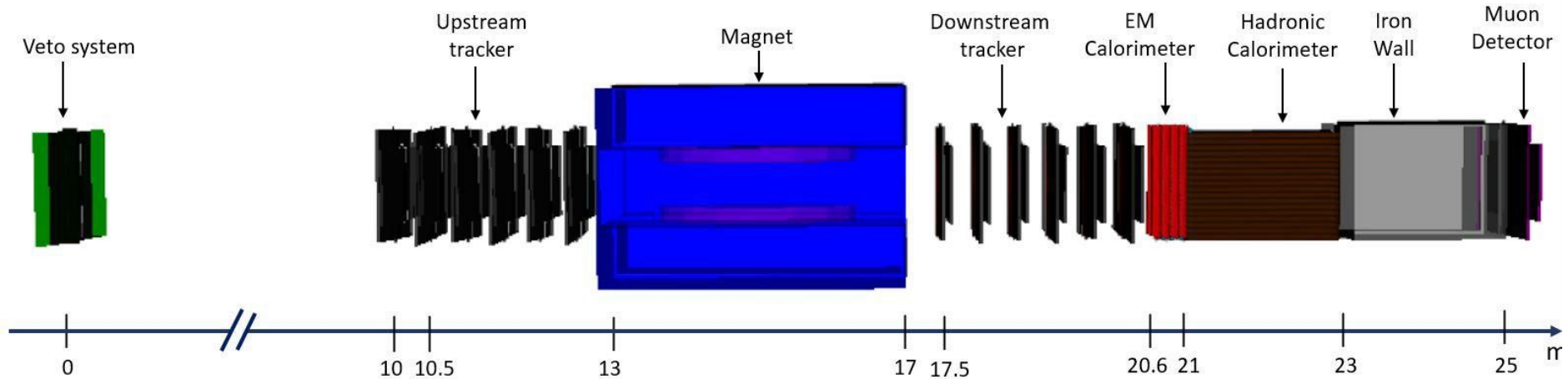
- **Motivation for Detector Design with** less granularity and magnetic field at the edge

- Near Line of Sight (LOS): particles are highly boosted (around 1 TeV),
- At 1m from LOS: significant reduction in boost

- **Motivation for Square-Shaped Detector:**

- Muon background increases with distance from LOS in the horizontal plane
- A square-shaped detector (e.g., 1.7m x 1.7m) is preferred over rectangular shapes (e.g., 3m x 1m)

FASER2 baseline detector



Tracker:

- Based on LHCb's SciFi tracker
- SiPM and scintillating fiber design
- Detector resolution: $\sim 80 \mu\text{m}$

Magnet:

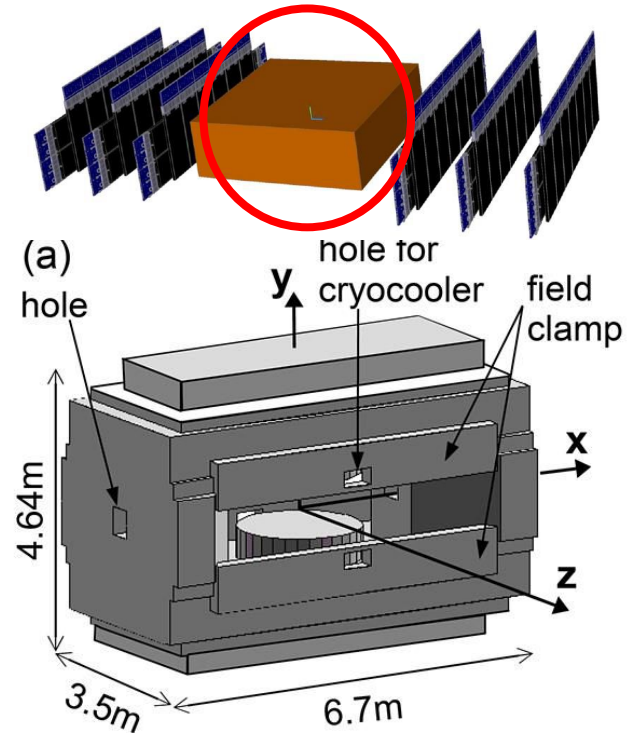
- Based on the SAMURAI style
- Large aperture
- 3m wide x 1m gap
- Superconducting technology
- Magnetic Field : 2-4 Tm

Calorimeter:

- Based on dual-readout calorimetry
- Spatial resolution: 1-10 mm

FASER2 Magnet: SAMURAI style magnet

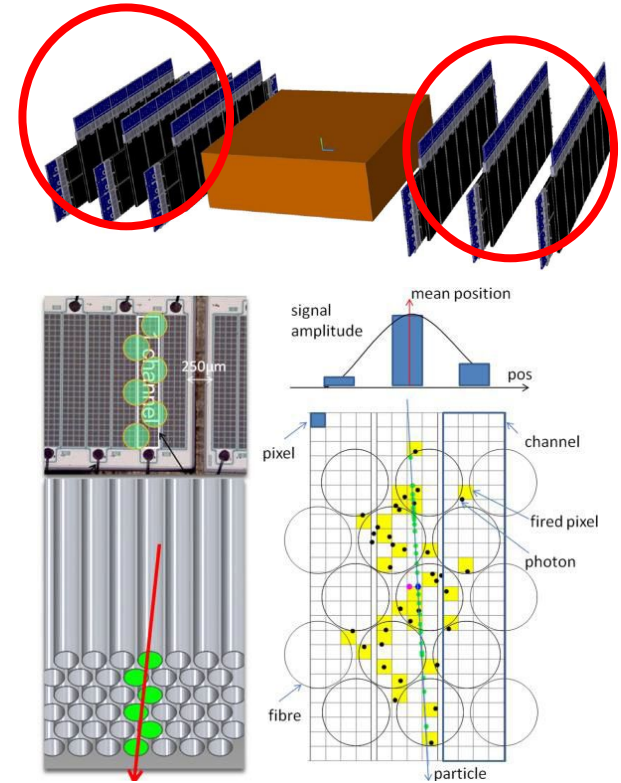
- Based on SAMURAI
 - **Dimension:** 3m wide X 1m gap X 4m along LOS
 - **Integrated field:** 4 Tm
 - **Stored energy:** 7 MJ
 - **Power consumption:** 36.2 kW
 - **Superconducting:** Cryogenic infrastructure needed
- On going study to optimise magnet design:
 - Reduce field strength: 2 Tm
 - Enlarging pole gap to 2 m with reduced width



SAMURAI Magnet
made by

FASER2 Tracker: SciFi Technology

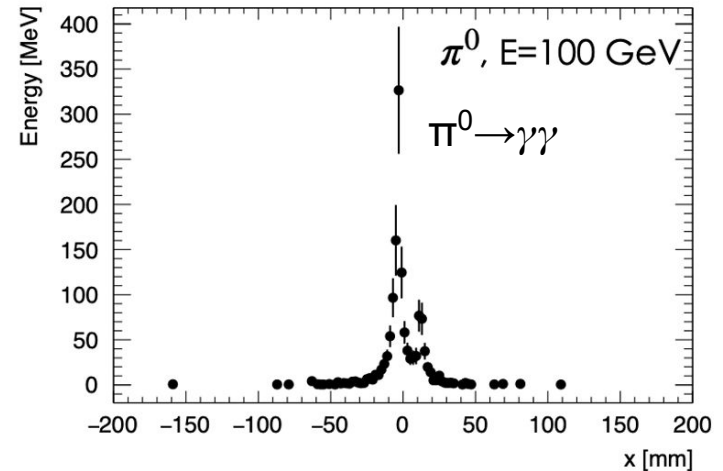
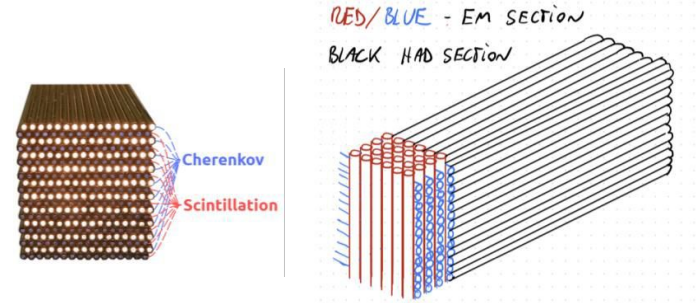
- Based on SciFi detector installed in LHCb in LS2
 - SiPM + Scintillating fiber design
 - Resolution $\sim 80 \mu\text{m}$ (fibers diameter $250 \mu\text{m}$)
- FASER2 tracking station layout
 - Active area of 3m X 1m
 - Composed of vertical and horizontal fiber layers
 - Stations relatively rotated e.g. angle of 1°
- Cost could be reduced by utilizing LHCb, e.g. tooling or available modules



FASER2 Calorimeter: Dual-readout technology

- Design based on dual readout calorimeter prototype
 - Prototypes for Higgs factory detector
 - EM prototype and HiDRa prototype (INFN)
- FASER2 calorimeter design:
 - Fiber diameter 1 mm, 2 mm brass collar
 - Spatial resolution: ~ 5 mm
 - Less granular for outer regions of the detector to reduce number of channels
 - EM energy resolution:

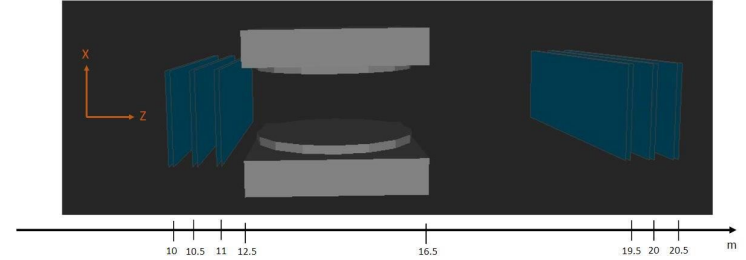
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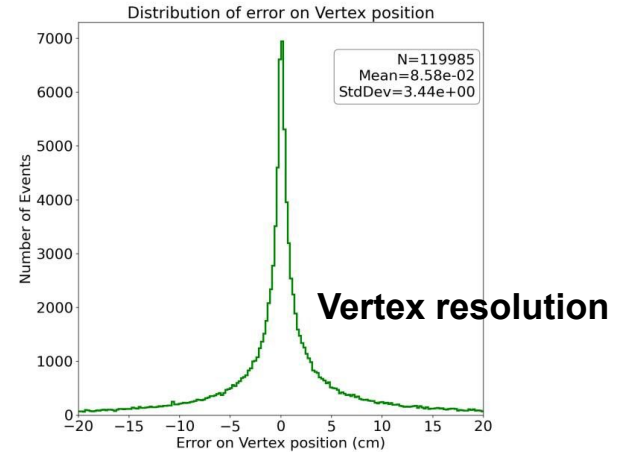
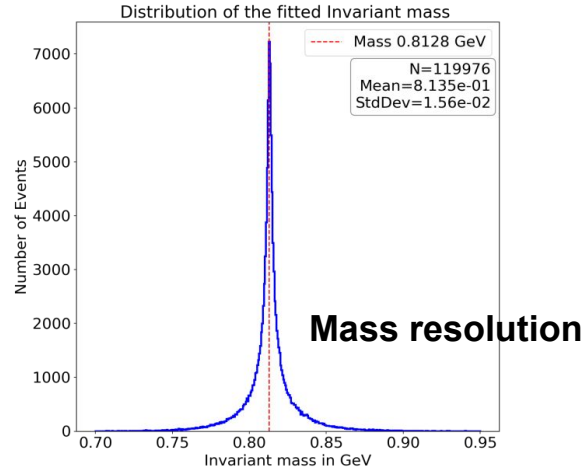
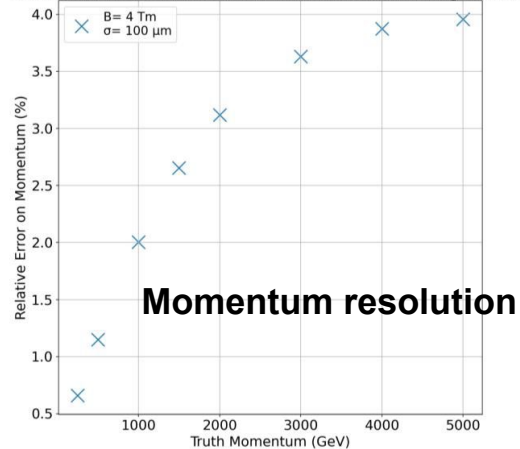
Tracking Performance based on ACTS

Hypothesis for ACTS implementation:

- Homogeneous material and accurate X0
- Tracker resolution digitized as $100\ \mu\text{m}$
- Constant magnetic field within the magnet volume
- Truth track finding algorithm



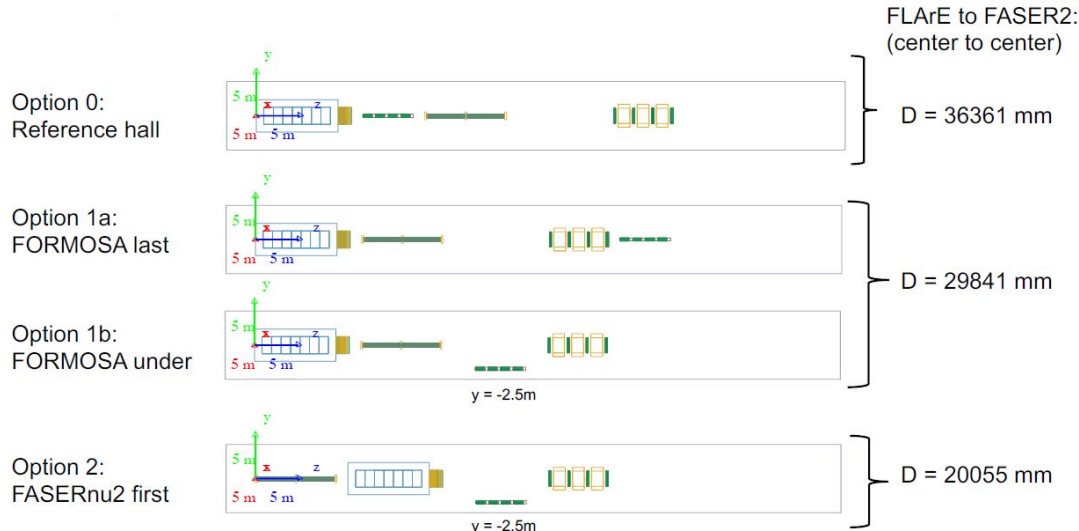
Relative momentum resolution vs Momentum Muon generator



FASER2 muon acceptance from FLArE

Muon from neutrino interaction in FLArE simulated in detailed Geant4 simulation
 To maximise the muon acceptance from FLArE (and FASERnu2) into FASER2

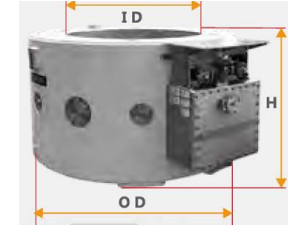
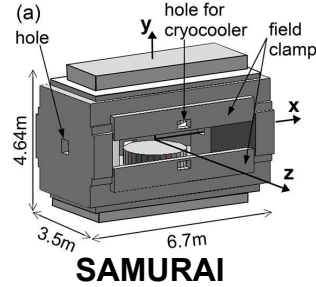
- Minimising distance between FASER2 and FLArE
- Increasing the pole gap of the SAMURAI magnet option is preferred



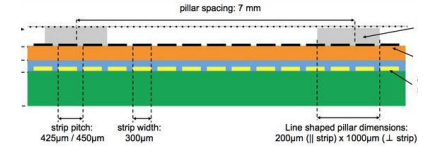
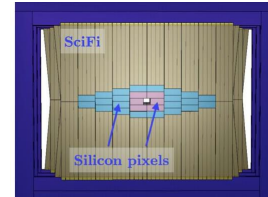
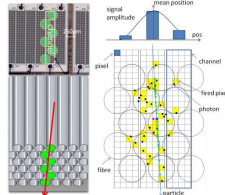
d	SAMURAI 1 m gap x 3 m	SAMURAI 1.5 m gap x 2 m
37 m	40 %	51 %
30 m	45 %	56 %
17 m	60 %	71 %

Alternative Technology

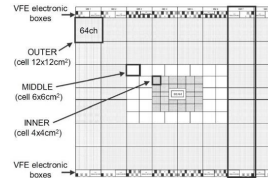
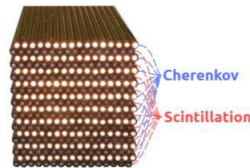
Magnet



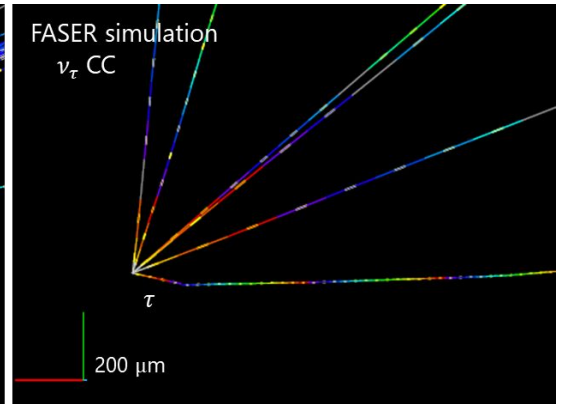
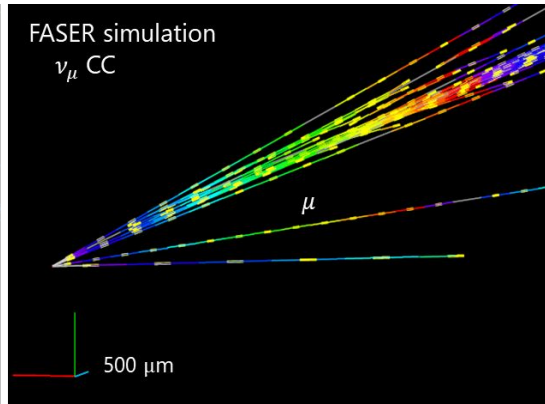
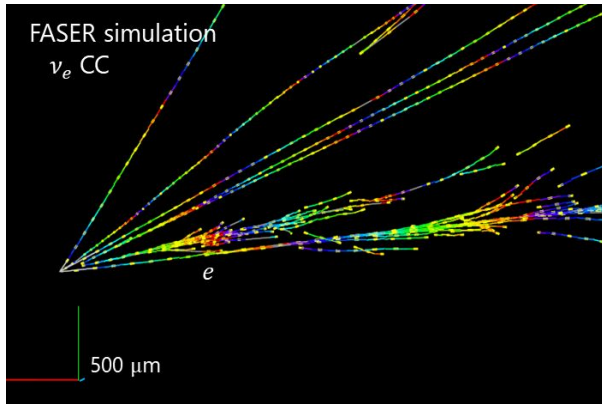
Tracker



Calorimeter



FASER_{v2}



FASER ν and FASER ν 2: expected number of events

F. Kling and L.J. Nevay, “Forward Neutrino Fluxes at the LHC”, [Phys. Rev. D 104, 113008 \(2021\)](#)

J.L. Feng et al., “The Forward Physics Facility at the High-Luminosity LHC”, [2023 JPGNPP 50 030501](#)

(ν int. rate estimated using **Sibyll 2.3d**)

(**DPMJET 3.2017**)

		$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC		$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC
FASERν (1.1 tons, 150 fb $^{-1}$)	ν int.	0.9k	4.8k	15		3.5k	7.1k	97
	ν int. with charm	~0.1k	~0.5k	~2		~0.4k	~0.7k	~10
	ν int. with beauty	-	~0.05	-		-	~0.1	-
FASERν2 (20 tons, 3 ab $^{-1}$)	ν int.	178k	943k	2.3k		668k	1400k	20k
	ν int. with charm	~20k	~90k	~0.2k		~70k	~100k	~2k
	ν int. with beauty	~2	~10	~0.02		~7	~10	~0.2

20x target mass

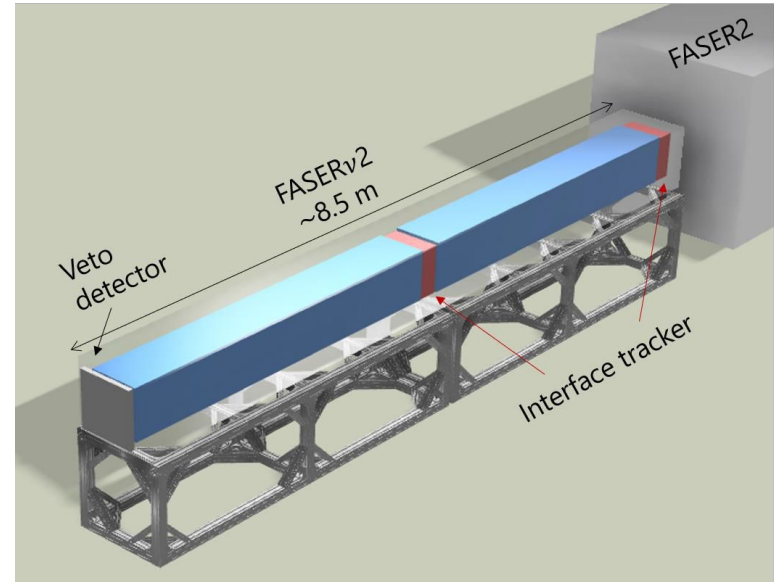
10x recorded data

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200x more neutrinos

Status of FASER_v2 tasks

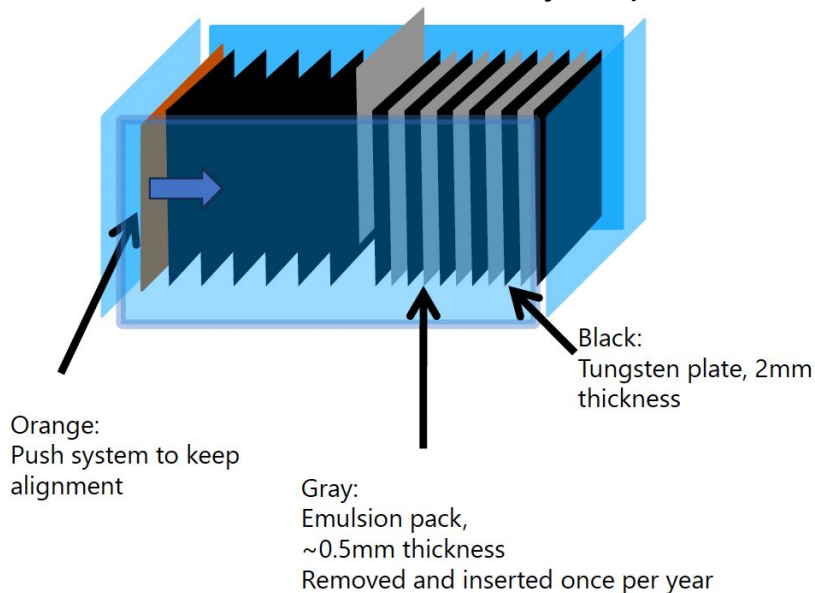
- **Emulsion films** performance tests
- **Tungsten target**
 - 2-mm-thick tungsten plates to reduce number of films
- **Mechanical structure, assembly method, cooling system**
- **Emulsion readout system**
 - 2nd facility in Chiba University in addition to Nagoya University
- **Veto, interface tracker and charge ID**



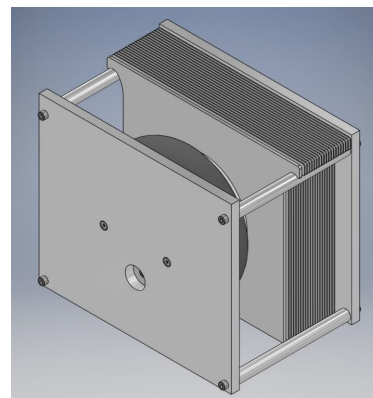
Detector assembling on site

- **FASER_v assembly** (10 days) + transport (1day) approach is **NOT** scalable!
- Idea: **Keep the box and tungsten plates always underground**, but exchange films only

3 m, 10-ton boxes, 1650 layers per box



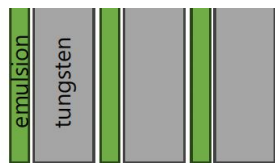
6kg Steel plates x 20



Prototype production / test
in Spring –Summer 2024

2 mm thickness films in the FASER ν data

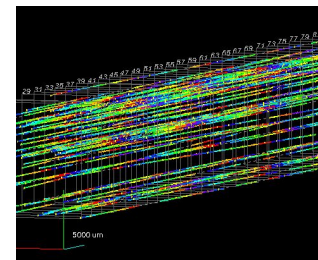
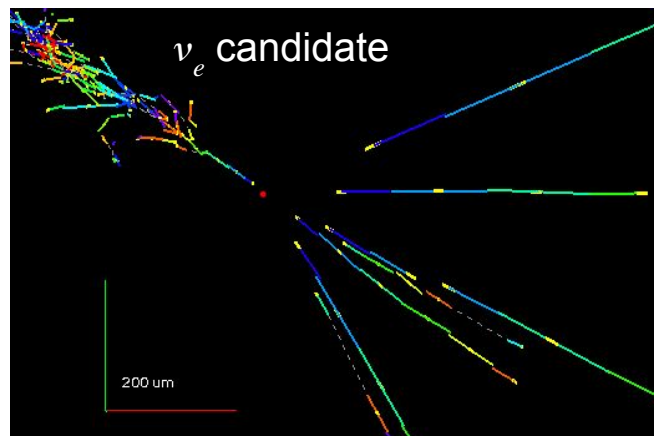
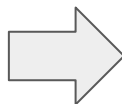
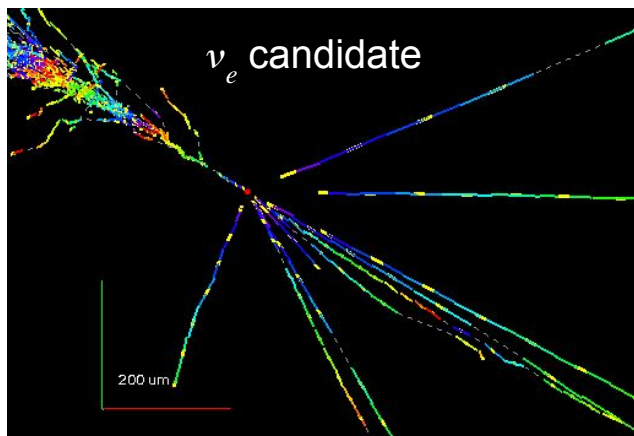
- Reduce the emulsion cost (2M CHF/year \rightarrow 1M CHF/year).



FASER ν , 1.1 mm thick



FASER ν 2, 2 mm thick



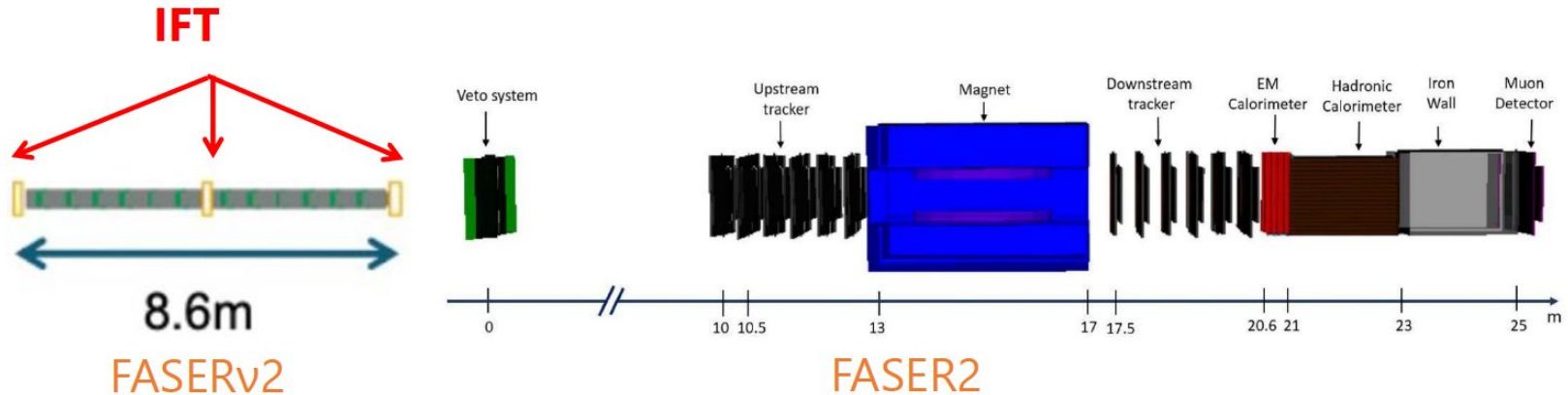
Bkg ($\sim 10^5 \mu/\text{cm}^2$)

Interface Tracker (IFT)

- Goal: Identify charge of muons

$$\nu_{\mu}, \nu_{\tau} \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\mu}, \bar{\nu}_{\tau}$$

- Interface FASER ν 2 and FASER2
- Three technical options are currently considered: SciFi, Gaseous, Silicon Strip



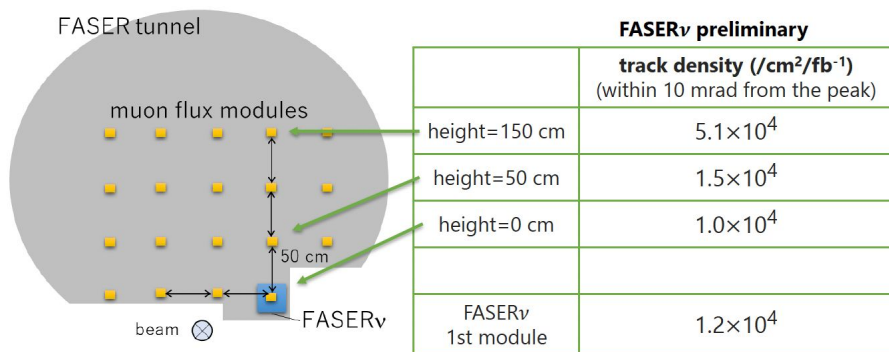
Summary

- **FASER2 increases $\sim 650\times$ FASER decay volume**
 - Magnet: Finalize transverse shape of magnet with SAMURAI (baseline) and alternatives as well as considering acceptance of muons from neutrinos
 - Tracker: Assess suite of possible tracker technologies SciF (baseline) and alternatives
 - Calorimeter: Design and costing from existing prototype
- **FASER ν 2 aims $\sim 200\times$ FASER ν interaction statistics**
 - Long term performance test with Test Beam 2023 (also TB 2024)
 - Prototypes to test assembling scheme
 - Reconstruction with reduced segmentation demonstrated
 - Choice of interface detector
- **Work toward the PBC document (summer 2024)**
 - Physics studies with benchmark models to assess detector performances
 - Detector options with more or less cost/complexity

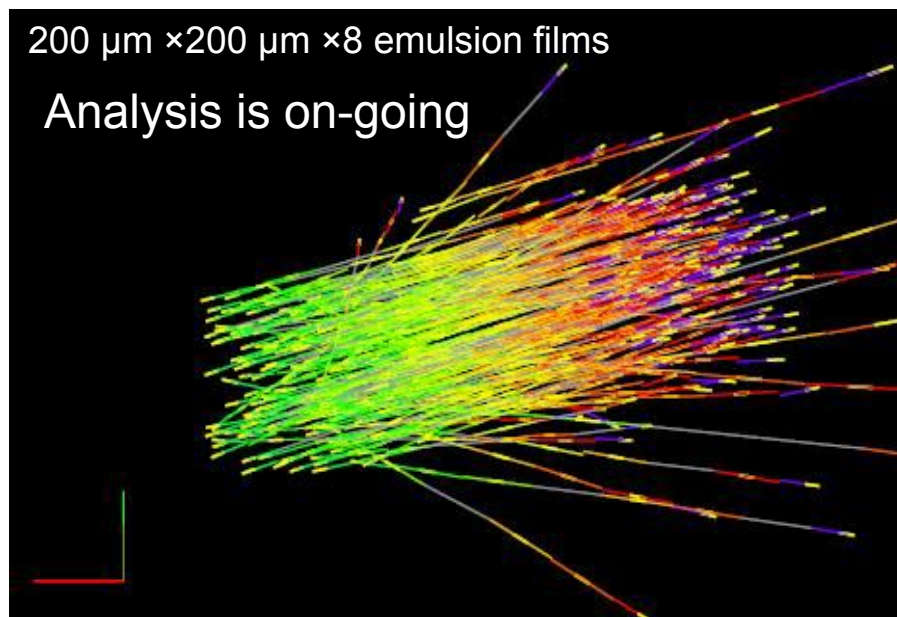
Backup

Muon flux map measurement

To validate the [FLUKA/BDSIM simulations](#), emulsion data were collected in the region ~ 2 m from the LOS



19 small emulsion detectors
 9.5 fb^{-1} , July-Sep 2022



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- FASER2 physics studies and detector performance documentation in preparation
 - Requirement for the detector
 - Summarise performance studies
 - Sensitivity plots, Track reconstruction, neutrino acceptance
 - Benchmark detectors performances comparison
- Basis of our input for PBC document (summer 2024) and FPFLol

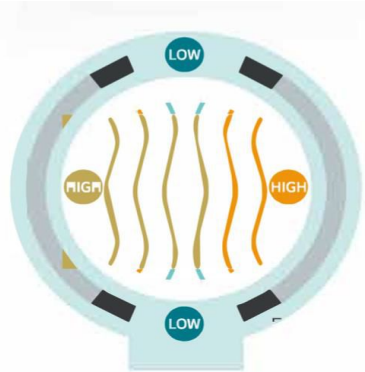
FASER2 Alternative design: Crystal puller magnet

Possibility to use off-the-shelf crystal puller magnets with similar sensitivity to SAMURAI

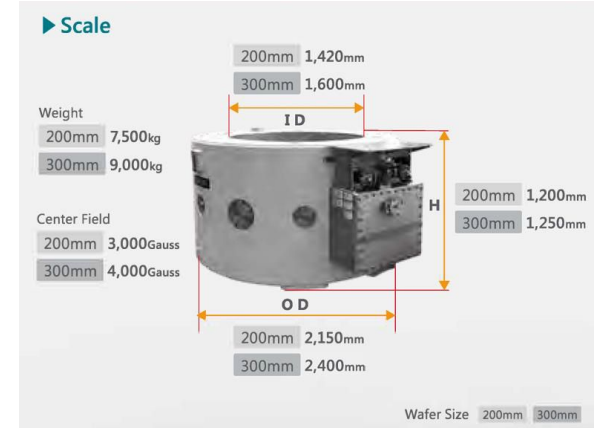
1. Both of those Industrial Crystal puller magnet: Central field of 0.4 - 0.5 T
2. Can be chained together to have increased integrated magnetic field
3. Aperture diameter of 1.6 m (up to 2 m)
4. **Advantages:** Off the shelf, no R&D needed, cryo system integrated into design

- **TESLA Electronics (UK)**

- **Toshiba (Japan)**

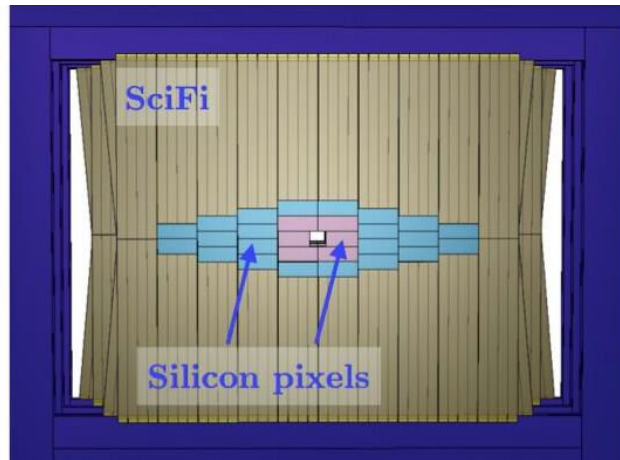


Large uniform field area.

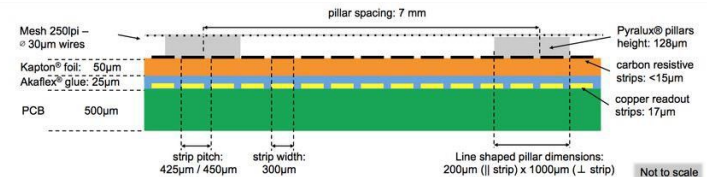


FASER2 Alternative design: Tracker proposals

- **Pixel Mighty tracker (LHCb Run 5)**
 - Mighty pixels modules in central region of tracking layers
 - Achieve better resolution on layer before magnets $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$
 - Better separation for close-by tracks in central region



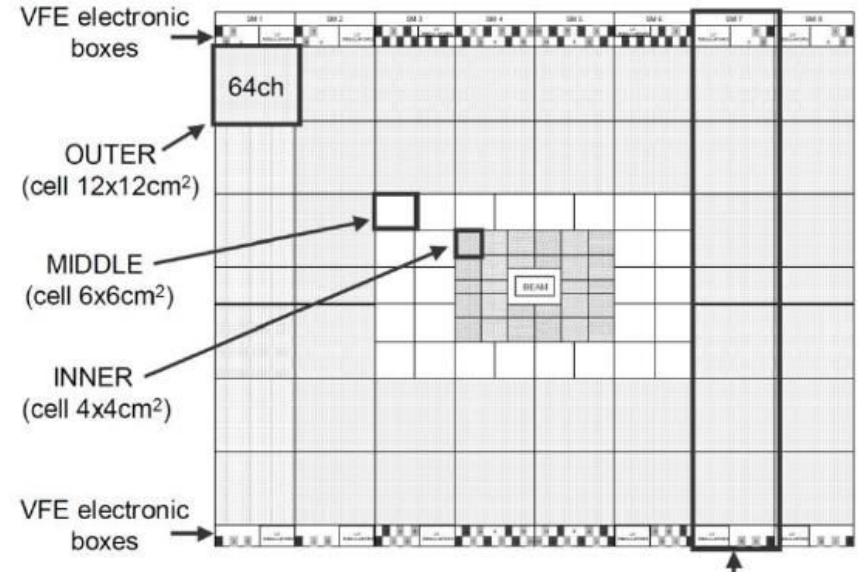
- **Gaseous trackers**
 - MPDG tracker option for FASER2: ATLAS Micro Megas, CMS GEM, μ -RWELL
 - Less than 1 MCHF for 10 layers
 - Less than 1 MCHF for the electronics
 - For MGTD option discussion within RD51 collaboration
 - Studies needed for reconstruction of closely separated tracks



ATLAS Micro Megas

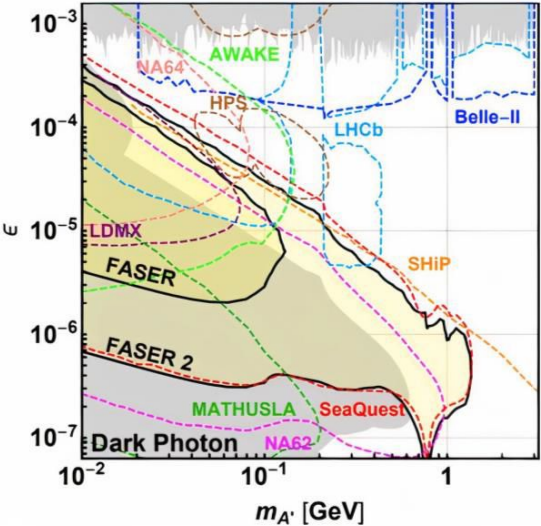
FASER2 Alternative design: LHCb preshower

- Possibility to reuse old LHCb Preshower and Scintillating Pad Detector for part of the FASER2 calorimeter (outer region of the calorimeter)
- Considerable possible cost saving
- Simulation studies in progress to investigate feasibility and performance

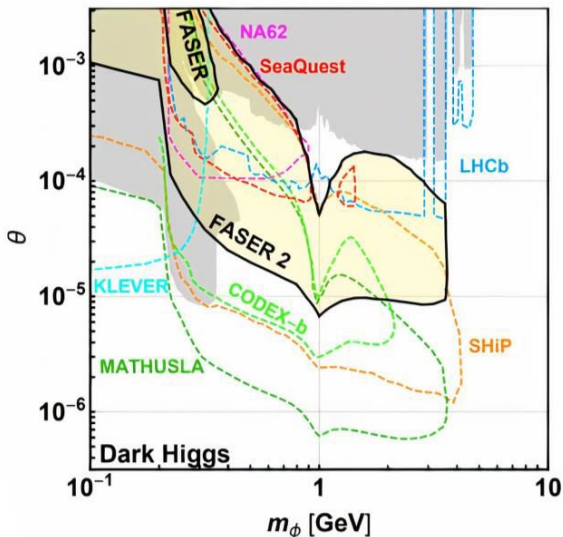


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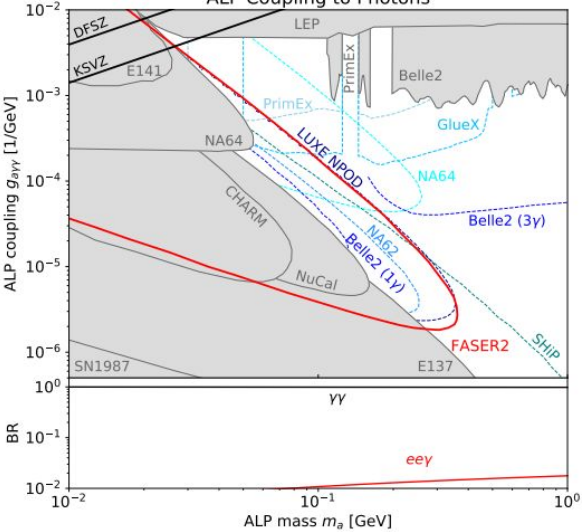
Dark Photons



Dark Higgs

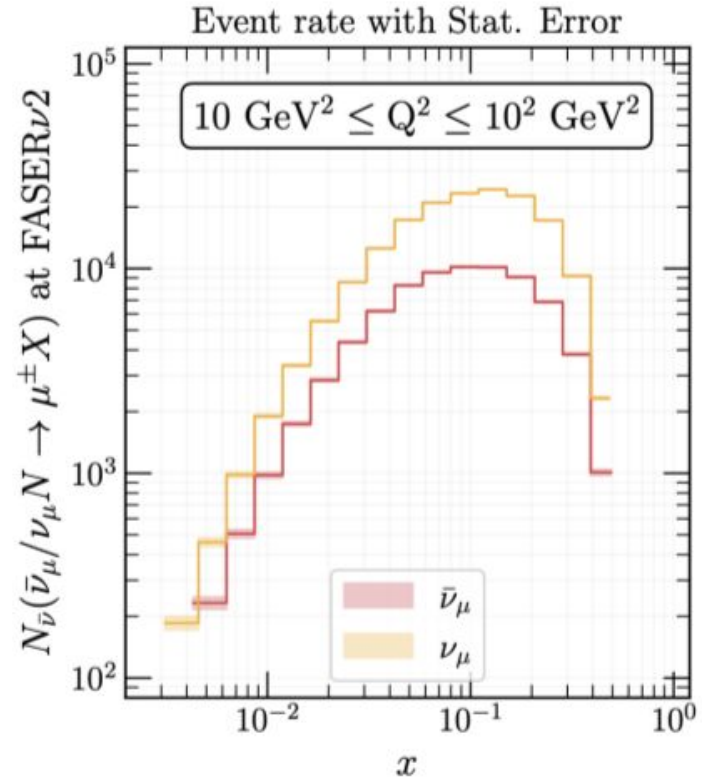


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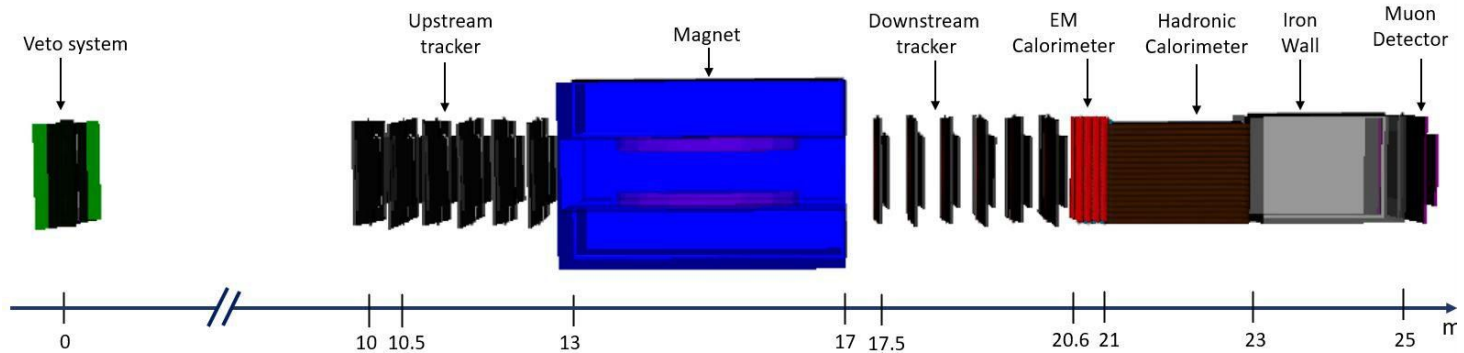


FASER2 SM Physics

Main spectrometer to neutrino experiments for the FPF (FLArE, FASERnu2)



FASER2 baseline detector: costing



- Previous costing estimation in the region of 20 MCHF
 - Cost mainly driven by magnet quotation (10 MCHF)
- Overall cost could be significantly lower than original estimate
 - Updated quotes for magnet is closer to 5 MCHF
 - Investigation for reduced complexity for tracker and calorimeter

Cost

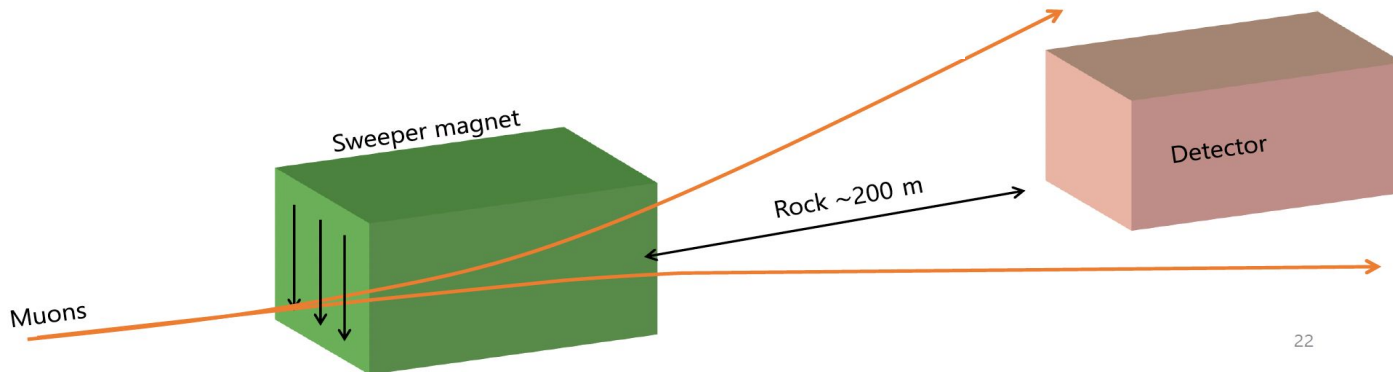
Construction 4.7M CHF. Emulsion 1M CHF/years

Item	Cost (kCHF)	How many years	Sub-total	Comments
Fixed costs				
Tungsten	2000		2000	2-mm-thick 40x40 cm ² , 3300 plates + 10%
Emulsion readout	1700		1700	
Expert of the readout system	500		500	
Veto / interface detectors	200		200	
Support structure	400		400	
Cooling system	100		100	
Annual cost				
Emulsion	1000	10	10000	40x40 cm ² , 3300 films
Chemicals for development	50	10	500	
Personnel for scanning	50	10	500	
Total			15900	

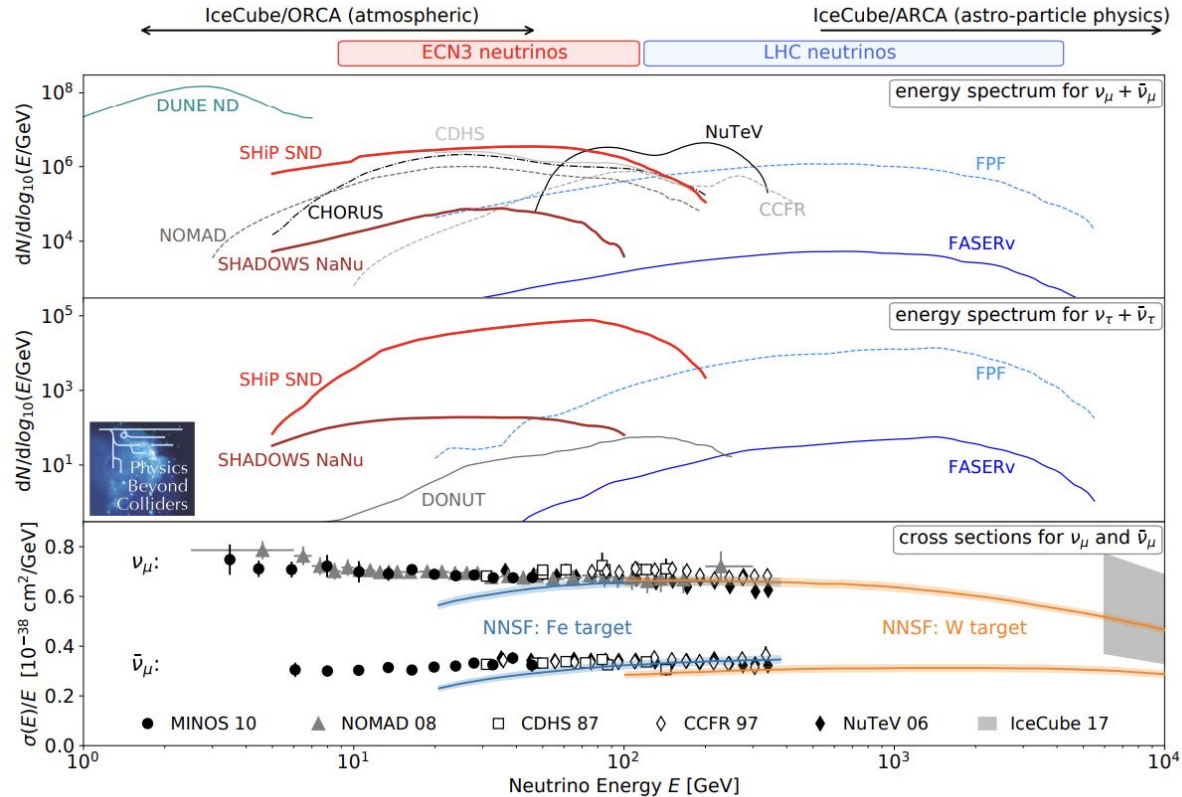
Sweeper magnet to reduce BG muons

To increase the duration of data taking with a FASER ν 2 detector, a reduction of muon rate is vital

- Maximum track density in emulsion should be kept below $\sim 5 \times 10^5$ tracks/cm² 2 months without muon reduction
- Install a sweeper magnet upstream to reduce the muon flux
- Previous studies by CERN FLUKA team showed a pessimistic result
- Further effort is needed! Simulation studies with BDSim or others



ECN3 decision now made to move forward with SHiP



Other related talks in DPF

- Anesh Desai [New Physics at FASER \(May 13\)](#)
- Ali Garabaglu [FASER Neutrino \(May 14\)](#)
- Alec Hewitt [Heavy Neutral Leptons with FASER2 \(May 14\)](#)
- Max Fieg [Neutrino-Ion Collider for PDF with FASER/SND/FPF \(May 14\)](#)
- Jesus Miguel Celestino [FASERnu/nu2 non-unitarity of leptonic mixing matrix \(May 15\)](#)
- Diego Lopez Gutierrez [Tau trident in DUNE and FASER \(May 16\)](#)
- Misa Toman [Dark photon Spin correlation at FASER \(May16\)](#)
- Roshan Mammen Abraham [Probing muon g-2 with FASER2 \(May 16\)](#)



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