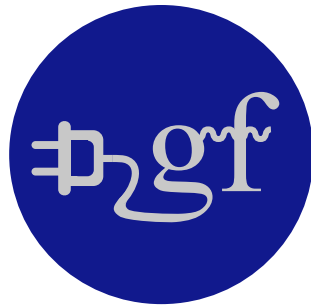


Introduction to the Gamma Factory



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This talk is dedicated to Bruce

*"New directions in science are launched by new tools
much more often than by new concepts."*

*The effect of a concept-driven revolution is to
explain old things in new ways.*

*The effect of a tool-driven revolution is to discover
new things that have to be explained" - F. Dyson*

“Gamma Factory” studies

The Gamma Factory proposal for CERN[†]

[†] An Executive Summary of the proposal addressed to the CERN management.

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~100 physicists from 40 institutions have contributed so far to the Gamma Factory studies

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*Gamma Factory studies are anchored and supported by the CERN **Physics Beyond Colliders (PBC)** framework.*

More info on all the GF group activities:

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*We acknowledge the crucial role of the **CERN PBC “framework”** in bringing our accelerator tests, GF-PoP experiment design, software development and physics studies to their present stage!*

Outline of the talk

- *Rationale behind the Gamma Factory initiative*
- *Basic principles*
- *Feasibility proof*
- *Scientific programme – selected examples*
- *Outlook*

*Rationale behind the Gamma Factory
initiative*

1. Curiosity

- *How to efficiently “accelerate” photons?*
- *The science of **high energy** atomic beams (production, storage, cooling, collision aspects) has, so far, not been developed. Atomic beams are very special -- they can be manipulated and controlled with unprecedented precision*
- *New quantum physics beam effects (beams of “Schrödinger cats”)*
- *No simulation framework existed -- it had to be created and benchmarked*
- *New challenges for the laser technology*

- Sociological curiosity:

Can the particle, nuclear, atomic and accelerator and applied physics expertise be merged into a joint multidisciplinary project?

- Political curiosity:

*Can a novel multidisciplinary project be developed **and implemented** in a "High Energy Physics" laboratory such as CERN?*

2. Balance of the high-energy and high-intensity frontiers

- *Main CERN mission: high energy frontier (detailed Higgs studies at the HL-LHC, FCC-ee)*
- *High intensity frontier (dark matter, neutrino mass puzzle(s), families, lepton universality, etc...)*

Gamma Factory can significantly improve the present intensity limits of the:

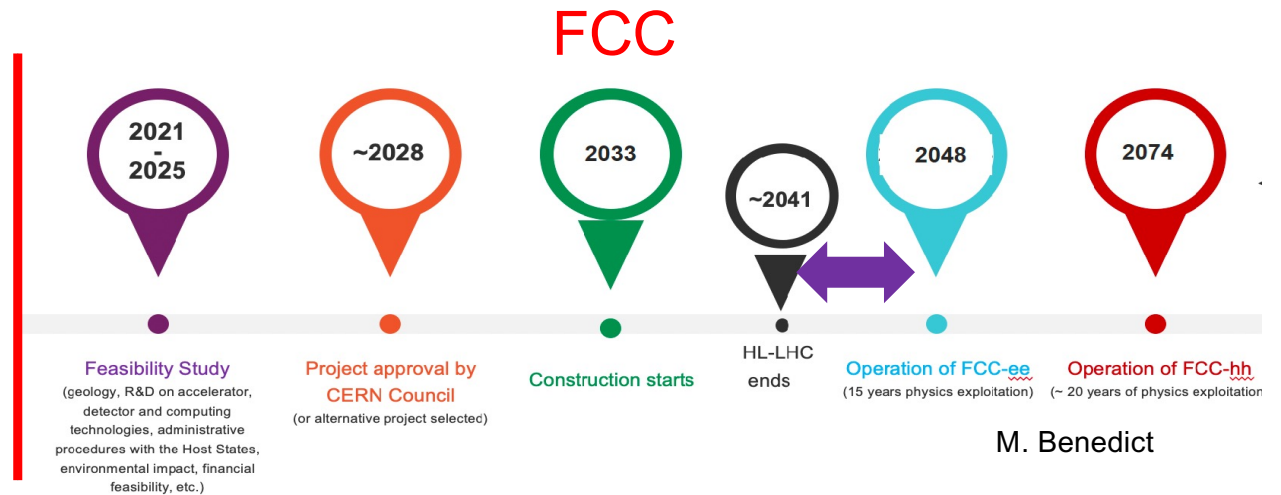
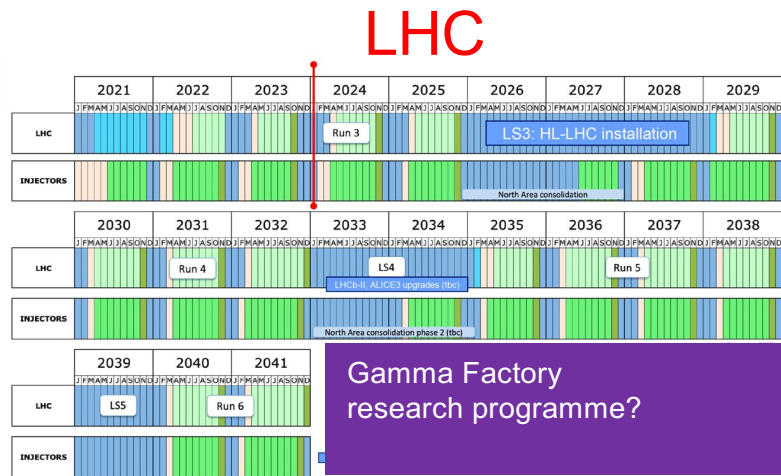
- *γ -beams by a factor $>10^6 \rightarrow 10^{18} \gamma/\text{sec}$,*
- *muon beams by a factor of $10^3, \rightarrow 7 \times 10^{13} \mu/\text{sec}$,*
- *polarised positron beams by a factor of $10^3, \rightarrow 10^{16} e^+/\text{sec}$,*
- *quasi-monochromatic MeV neutron beams of $\rightarrow 10^{17} \text{ neutrons}/\text{sec}$,*
- *radioactive ion beams $\rightarrow 10^{12} \text{ ions}/\text{sec}$*

3. Physics with LHC extracted beams?

- *SPS has demonstrated operation with cycle intensity $2-4 \times 10^{13}$ protons delivering 4×10^{19} protons/year for the SPS fixed target programme, (PSB can deliver 10^{20} protons/year for the ISOLDE programme)*
- *If LHC is used in the future as the source of extracted beams (3.5×10^{14} circulating protons with ~ 1 hour filling/ramping), then maximally 10^{18} (fast extraction) protons/year can be delivered for the LHC fixed target programme*

Gamma Factory could extract $\sim 10^{25}$ γ /year for a fixed target programme (MHz repetition rate). Efficient extraction of the RF power in the form of particle beams!

4. Empty time slot for the Gamma Factory physics programme?



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- Gamma Factory can extend significantly the scope of the LHC-based physics programme (with new questions and new tools)
- ... at a relatively low cost (~1% of the cost of the FCC-ee)

5. Energy consumption and sustainability

	Cost-estimate /BCHF	AC-Power /MW	Comments
Infrastructure	5.5		100km tunnel and surface infrastructure
FCC-ee	5	260-350	+1.1BCHF for the Top stage (365GeV)
FCC-hh	17	580	

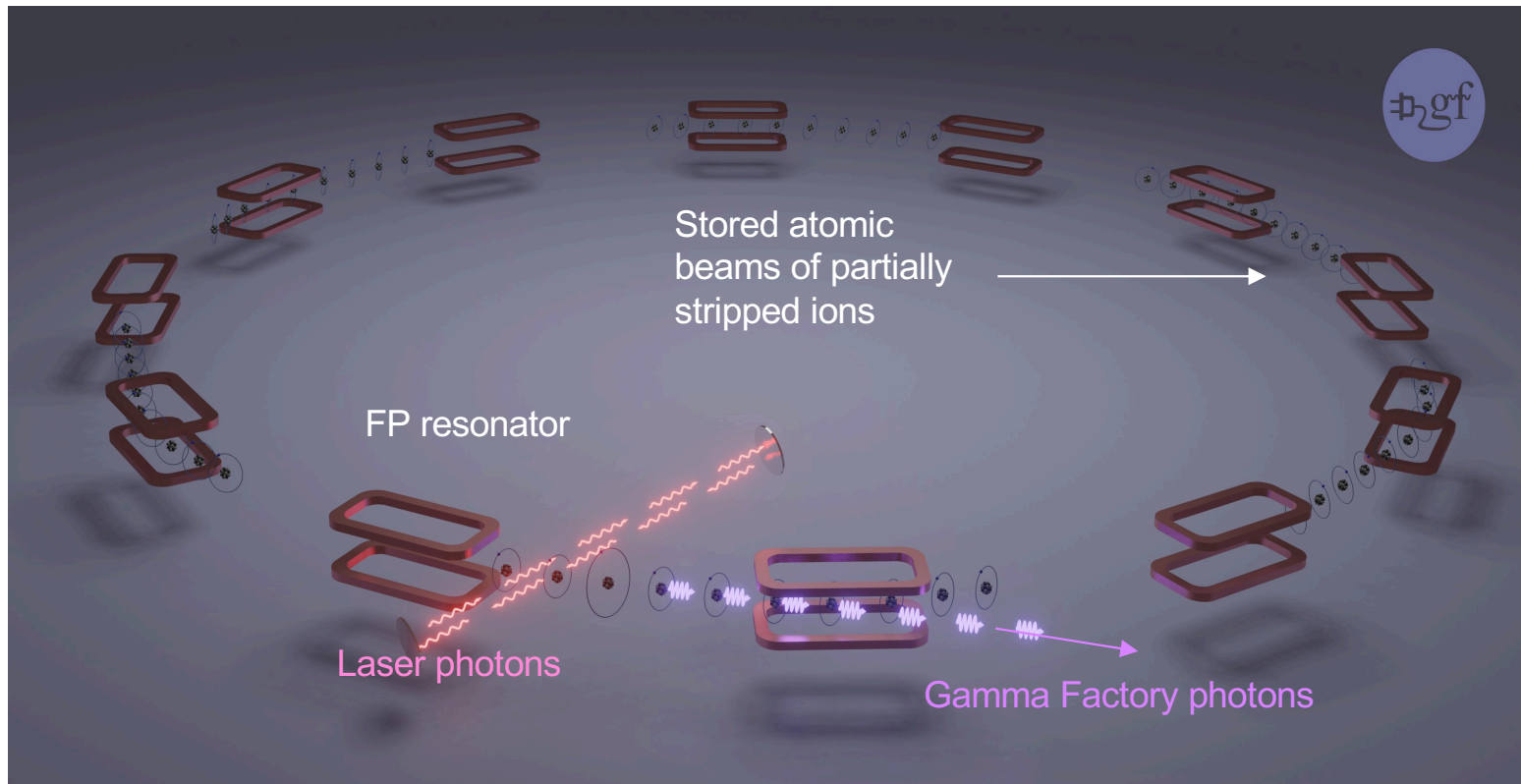
Gamma Factory beam-driven, sub-critical reactor (with the efficient transmutation of its waste) could potentially provide the necessary AC plug power needs for the growing CERN accelerator infrastructure.

6. Opening **new** research opportunities at CERN

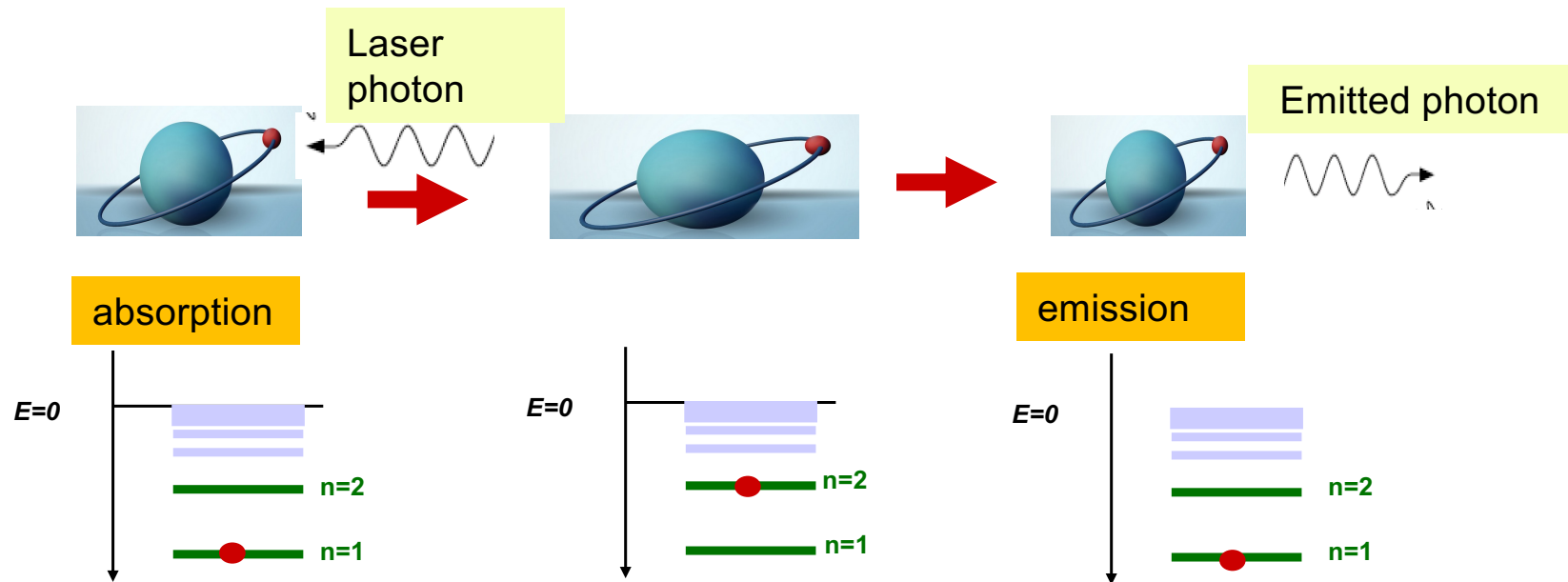
- **particle physics** (precision QED and EW studies, vacuum birefringence, Higgs physics in $\gamma\gamma$ collision mode, rare muon decays, precision neutrino physics, QCD-confinement studies, ...);
- **nuclear physics** (nuclear spectroscopy, cross-talk of nuclear and atomic processes, GDR, nuclear photo-physics, photo-fission research, gamma polarimetry, physics of rare radioactive nuclides, ...);
- **atomic physics** (highly charged atoms, electronic and muonic atoms, pionic and kaonic atoms);
- **astrophysics** (dark matter searches, gravitational waves detection, gravitational effects of cold particle beams, $^{16}\text{O}(\gamma,\alpha)^{12}\text{C}$ reaction and S-factors...);
- **fundamental physics** (studies of the basic symmetries of the universe, atomic interferometry, ...);
- **accelerator physics** (beam cooling techniques, low emittance hadronic beams, high intensity polarised positron and muon sources, beams of radioactive ions and neutrons, very narrow band, and flavour-tagged neutrino beams, ...);
- **applied physics** (accelerator driven energy sources, fusion research, medical isotopes and isomers precision lithography).

Gamma Factory – basic principles

Gamma Factory photon source



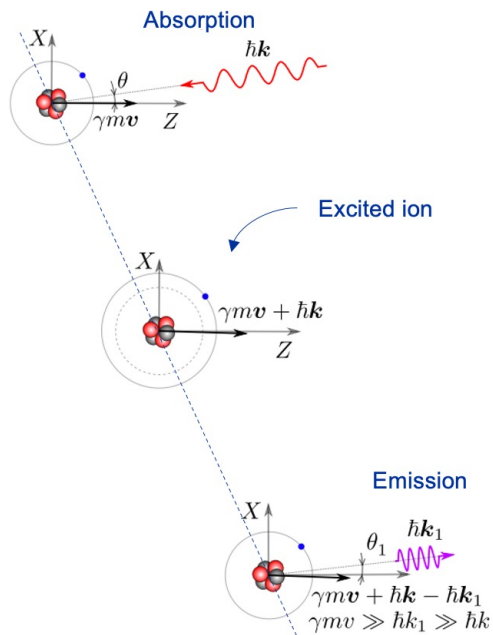
Resonant absorption and emissions of photons by **atoms**



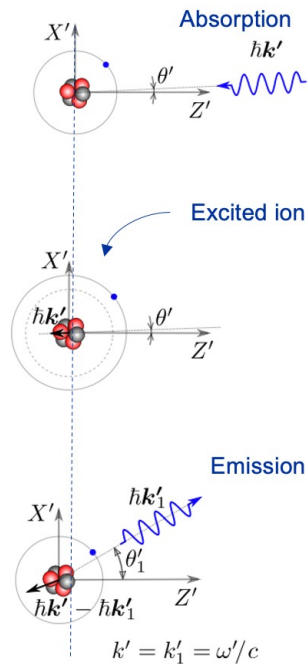
Photon acceleration -- Energy leap:

High energy atomic beams play the role of passive light-frequency converters:

In the lab frame



In the ion frame



Absorption

Lorentz transformation

$$\omega' \sin \theta' = \omega \sin \theta,$$

$$\Delta \theta' \approx \frac{\Delta \theta}{2\gamma}$$

$$\omega' = (1 + \beta \cos \theta) \gamma \omega \approx \left(1 + \beta - \beta \frac{\theta^2}{2}\right) \gamma \omega \approx 2\gamma \omega.$$

Emission

$$\omega_1 \sin \theta_1 = \omega' \sin \theta'_1 \Rightarrow \sin \theta_1 = \frac{\sin \theta'_1}{\gamma(1 + \beta \cos \theta'_1)},$$

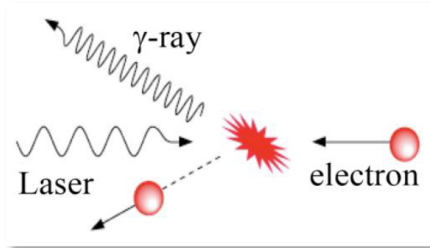
$$\omega_1 = \gamma(1 + \beta \cos \theta'_1) \omega' \approx 2\gamma^2(1 + \beta \cos \theta'_1) \omega.$$

$$v^{\max} \longrightarrow (4 \gamma_L^2) v_i$$

$\gamma_L = E/M$ - Lorentz factor for the ion beam

Photon acceleration – Intensity and efficiency leap: large cross-section for atomic collisions

Inverse Compton scattering



Cross-section

Electrons:

$$\sigma_e = 8\pi/3 \times r_e^2$$

r_e - classical electron radius

$$\sigma_e = 6.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$$

Requirements

$$E_{\text{beam}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$$

LINAC or LWFA

Electron fractional energy loss:

emission of 150 MeV photon:

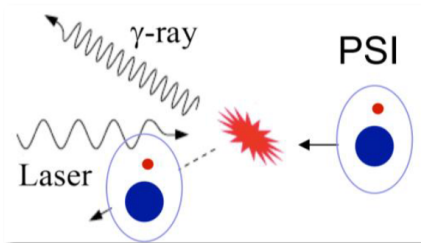
$$E_\gamma/E_{\text{beam}} = 0.1$$

(electron is lost!)



$$\sigma \times 10^9$$

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Partially Stripped Ions:

$$\sigma_{\text{res}} = \lambda_{\text{res}}^2 / 2\pi$$

λ_{res} - photon wavelength in the ion rest frame

$$\sigma_{\text{res}} = 5.9 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$E_{\text{beam}} = 574\,000 \text{ GeV}$$

(LHC)

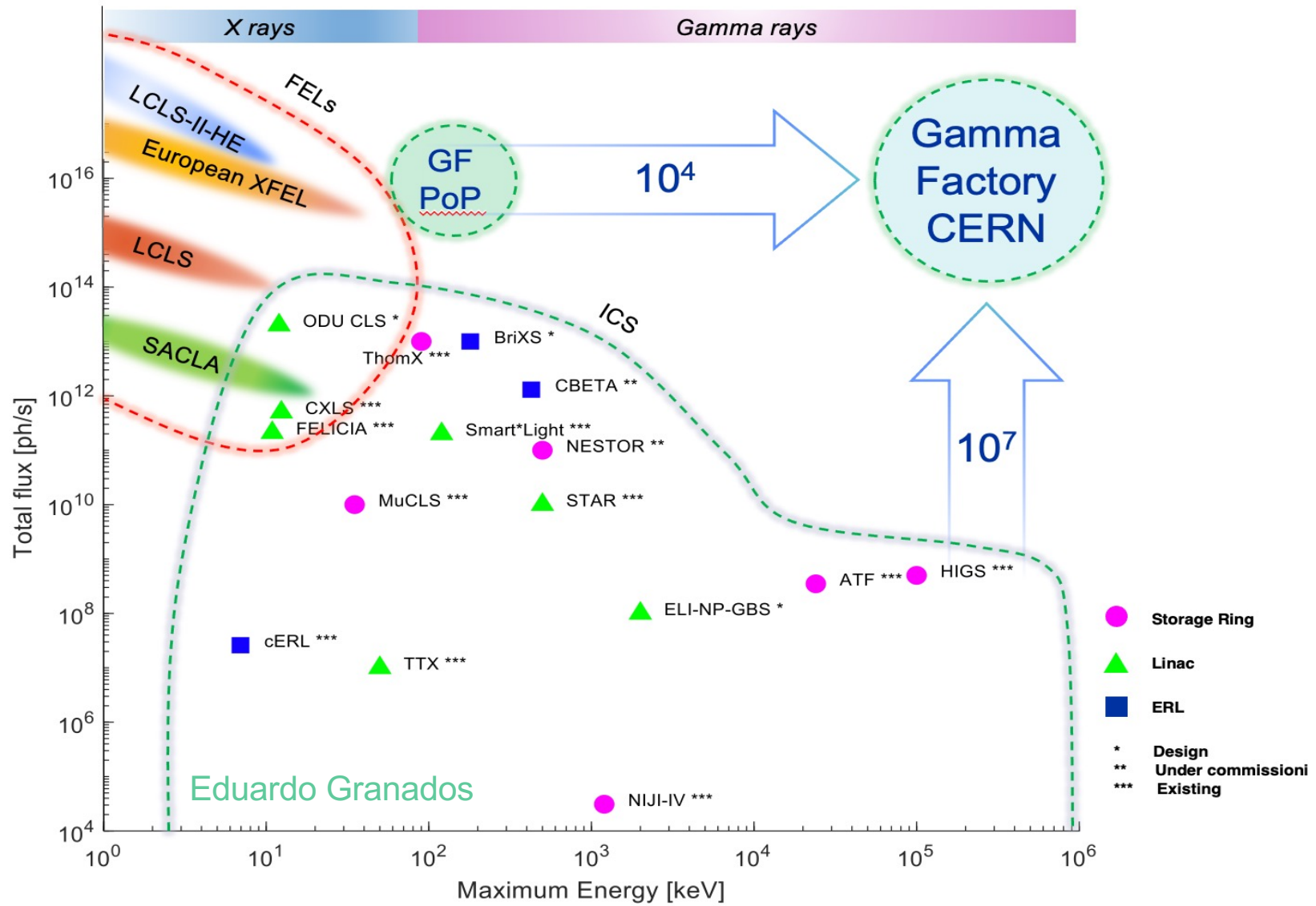
Electron fractional energy loss:

emission of 150 MeV photon:

$$E_\gamma/E_{\text{beam}} = 2.6 \times 10^{-7}$$

(ion undisturbed!)

Example: Pb, hydrogen-like ions,
stored in LHC $\gamma_L = 2887$



Extraordinary properties of the GF photon source

1. Point-like, small divergence

- $\Delta z \sim l_{\text{PSI-bunch}} < 7 \text{ cm}$, $\Delta x, \Delta y \sim \sigma_{x,y}^{\text{PSI}} < 50 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$, $\Delta(\theta_x), \Delta(\theta_y) \sim 1/\gamma_L < 1 \text{ mrad}$

2. Huge jump in intensity:

- **More than 7 orders of magnitude** with respect to existing (being constructed) γ -sources

3. Very wide range of tuneable energy photon beam :

- **10 keV – 400 MeV** -- extending, by a factor of **~1000**, the energy range of the FEL photon sources

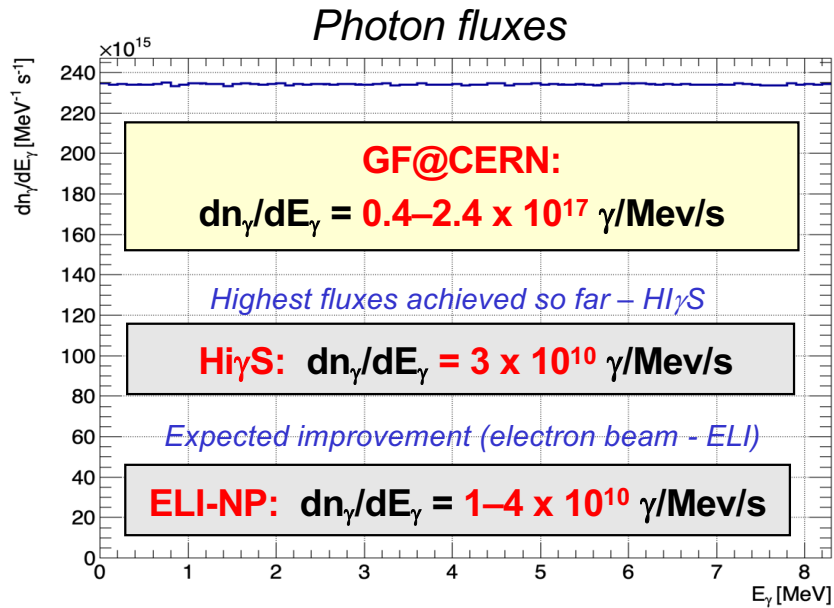
4. Tuneable polarisation:

- γ -**polarisation transmission** from laser photons to γ -beams of **up to 99%**

5. Unprecedented plug power efficiency (energy footprint):

- **LHC RF power can be converted to the photon beam power.** Wall-plug power efficiency of the GF photon source is by a factor of **~300 better than that of the DESY-XFEL!**
(assuming power consumption of 200 MW - CERN and 19 MW - DESY)

A concrete example: Nuclear physics application: He-like, LHC Calcium beam, $(1s \rightarrow 2p)_{1/2}$ transition, TiSa laser, 20 MHz FP cavity

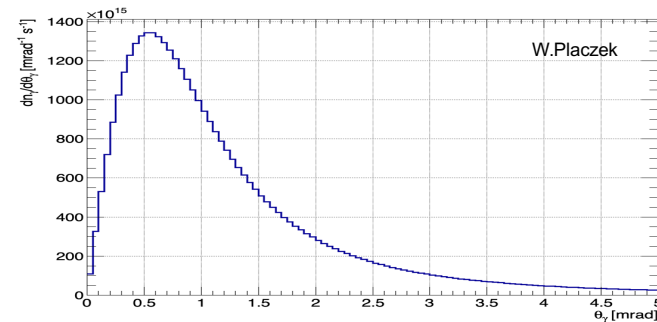
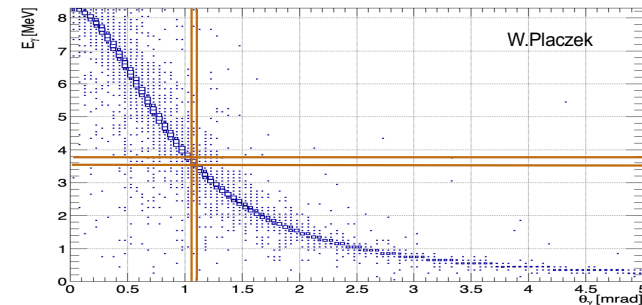


laser pulse parameters

- Gaussian spatial and time profiles,
- photon energy: $E_{\text{photon}} = 1.8338 \text{ eV}$
- photon pulse energy spread: $\sigma_{\omega}/\omega = 2 \times 10^{-4}$,
- photon wavelength: $\lambda = 676 \text{ nm}$,
- pulse energy: $W_{\text{f}} = 5 \text{ mJ}$,
- peak power density $1.12 \times 10^{13} \text{ W/m}^2$
- r.m.s. transverse beam size at focus: $\sigma_{\text{x}} = \sigma_{\text{y}} = 150 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ (micrometers),
- Rayleigh length: $R_{\text{L,x}} = R_{\text{L,y}} = 7.5 \text{ cm}$,
- r.m.s. pulse length: $l_{\text{f}} = 15 \text{ cm}$.

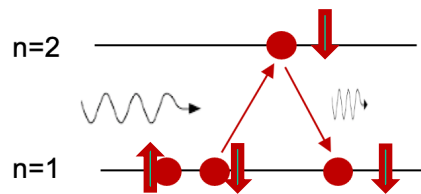
Highly-collimated monochromatic γ -beams:

- the beam power is concentrated in a narrow angular region (*facilitates beam extraction*),
- the $(E_\gamma, \Theta_\gamma)$ correlation can be used (collimation) to “monochomatize” the beam



Polarised (and/or twisted) GF photon beams

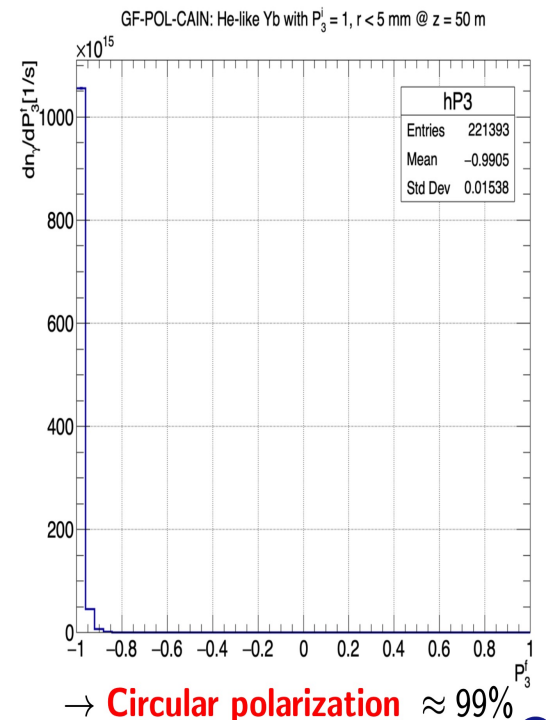
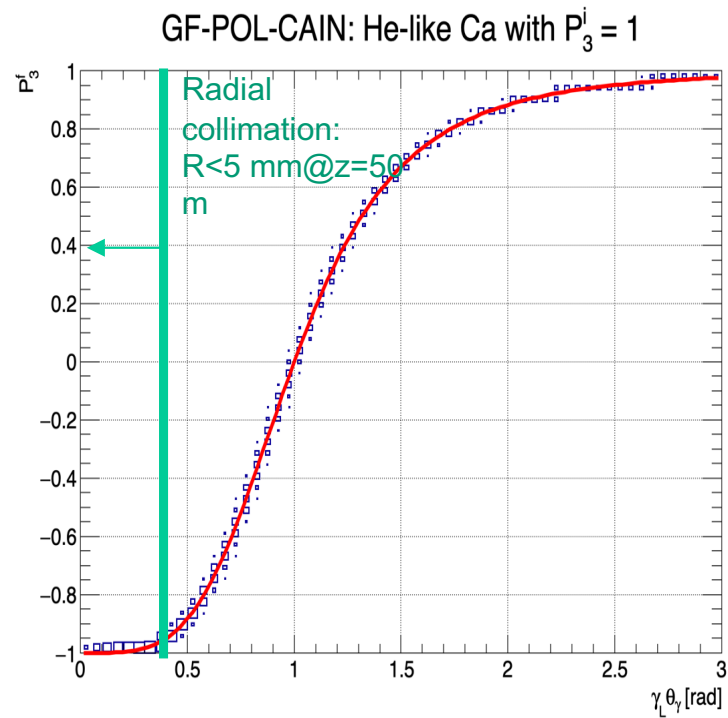
A trick: Pauli blocking



$$nS_0 \rightarrow n'P_1 \rightarrow nS_0$$

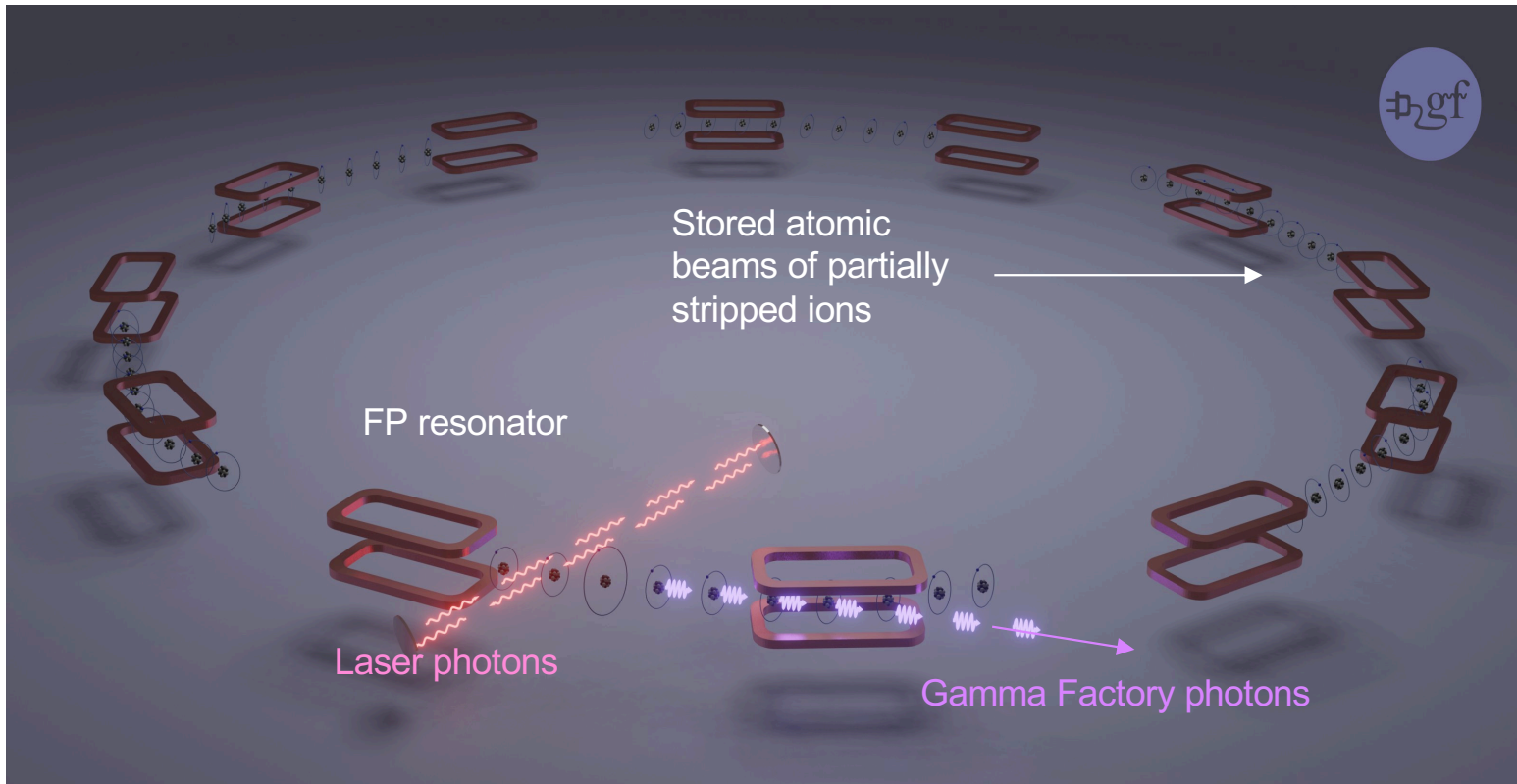
Closed transition in Helium-like atoms ($n=1, n'=2$) preserve initial polarisation of the laser light

$1s^2 \ 1S_0 \rightarrow 1s^1 \ 2p^1 \ 1P_1$ transition in He-like atoms



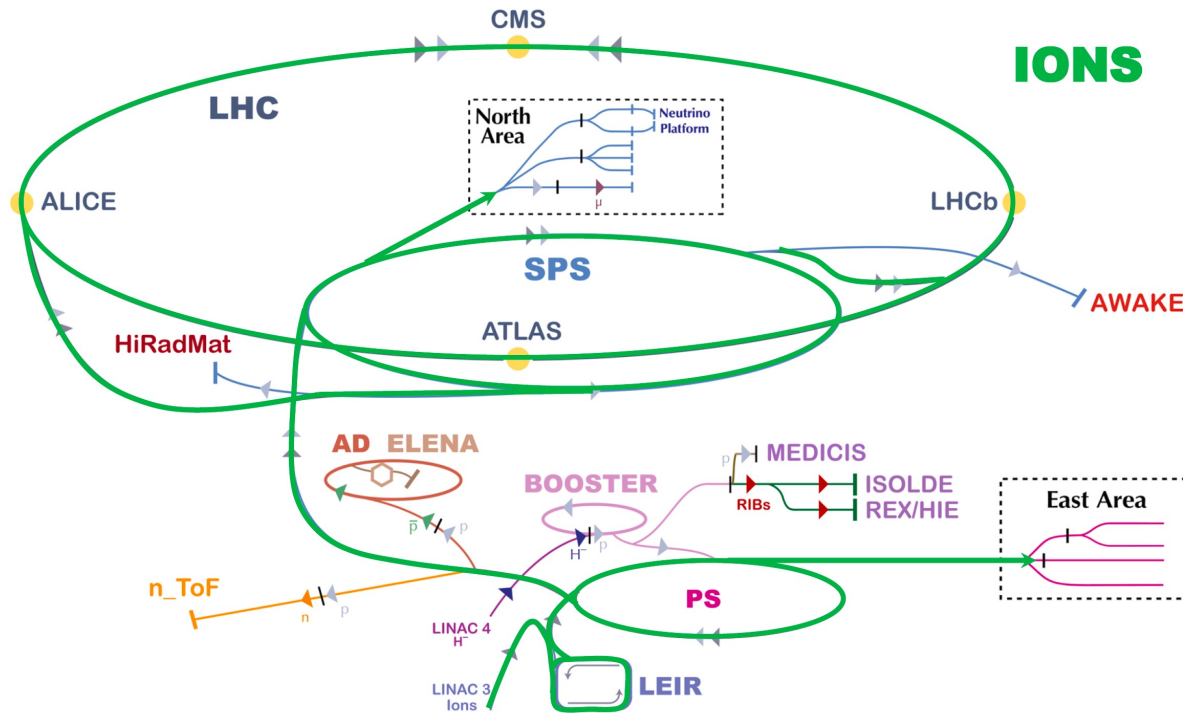
For more details see presentations at our recent, Gamma Factory workshop: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1076086/>

Gamma Factory – feasibility proof steps



Novel technology:
Resonant scattering of laser photons on ultra-relativistic atomic beam

CERN as the GF project host: re-use of already existing accelerator infrastructure



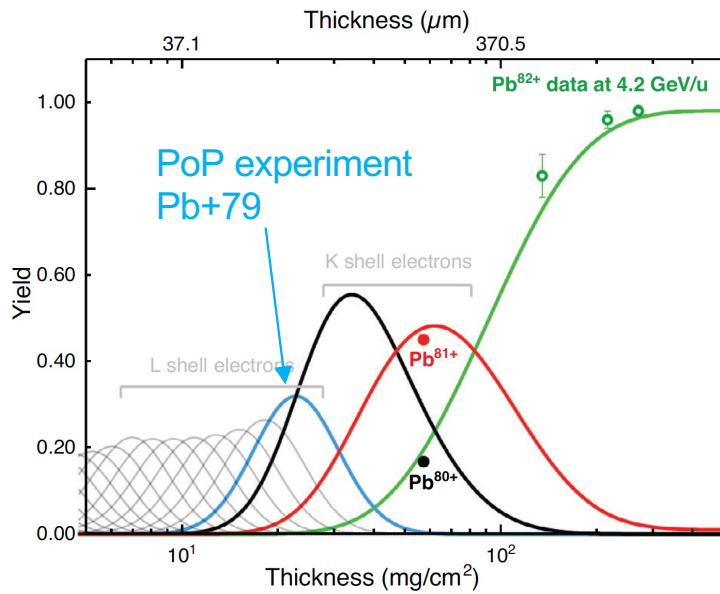
Gamma Factory (additional) beam requirements:

- modification of the ion stripping scheme,
- storage of atomic beams



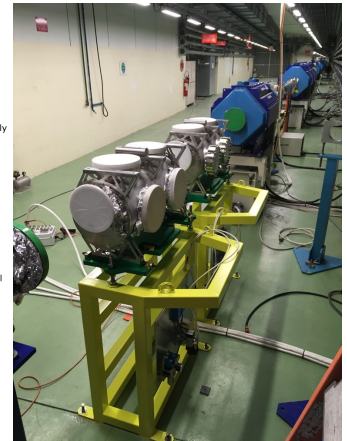
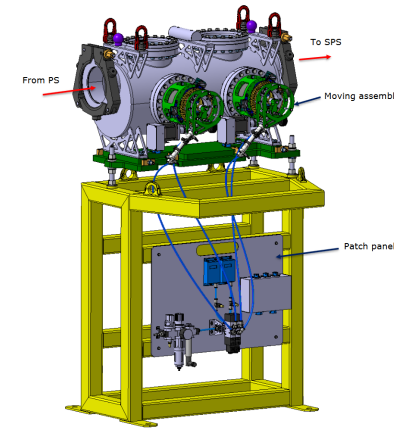
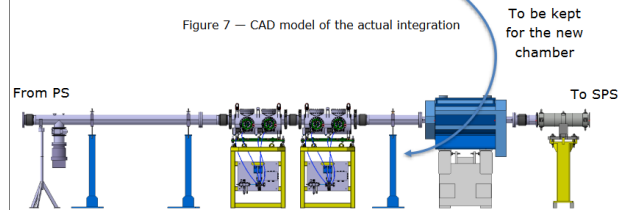
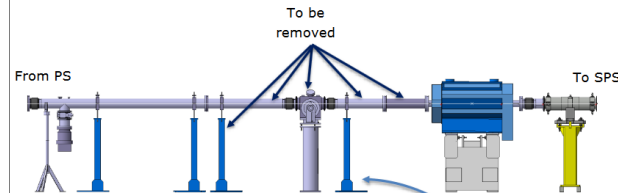
Step 1 : Requisite TT2 stripper system installed

Stripping of Pb+54 ions in the TT2 PS- SPS transfer line



Charge-State Distributions of Highly Charged Lead Ions at Relativistic Collision Energies

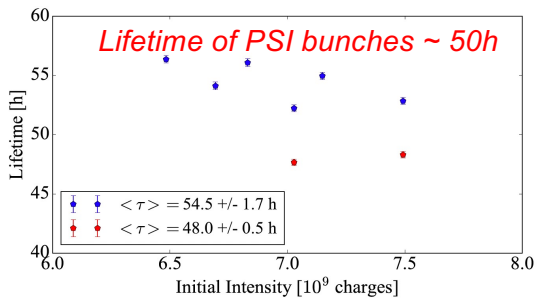
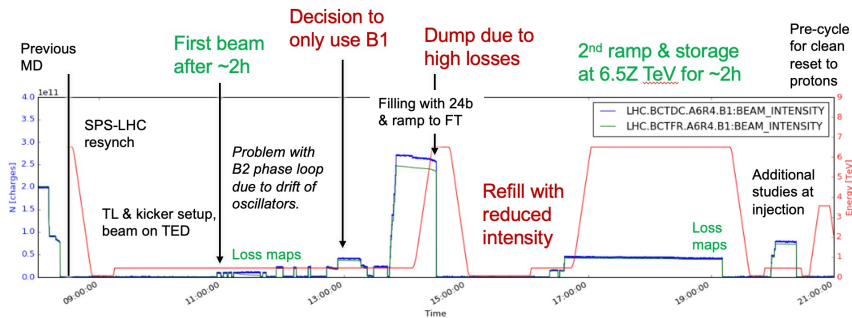
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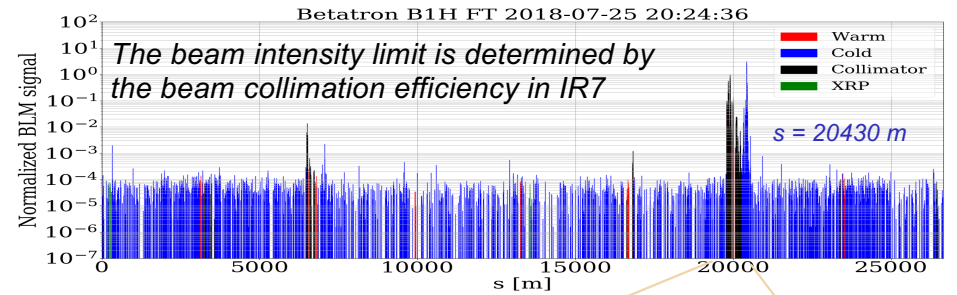
Step 2: Atomic beams stored in in the LHC



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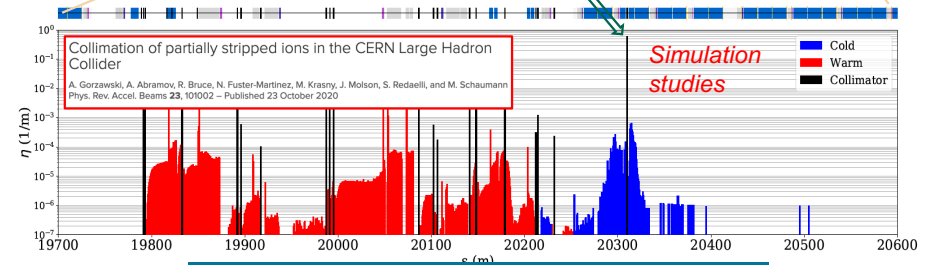
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Mitigation strategies:

1. Dispersion suppressor collimator (TCLD)
2. Crystal collimation
3. Laser collimation.



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LHC accelerates its first "atoms"

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Lead atoms with a single remaining electron circulated in the Large Hadron Collider.

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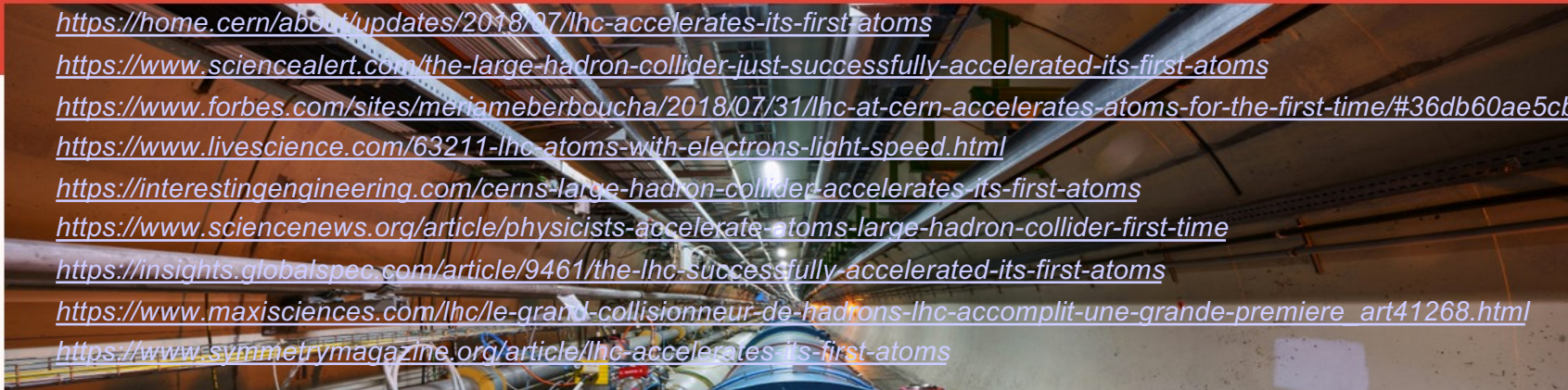
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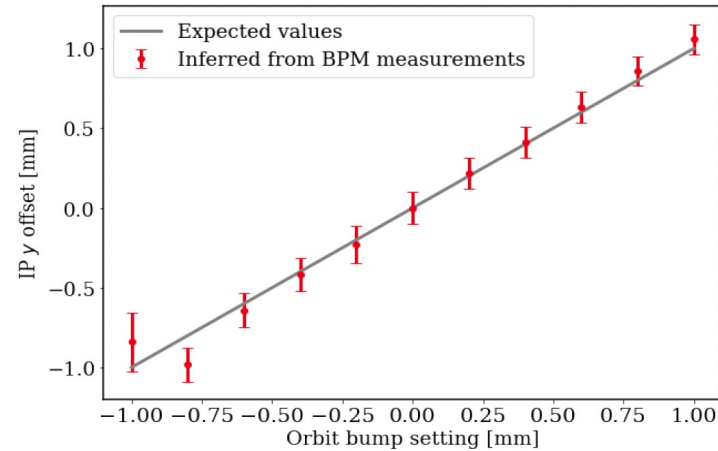
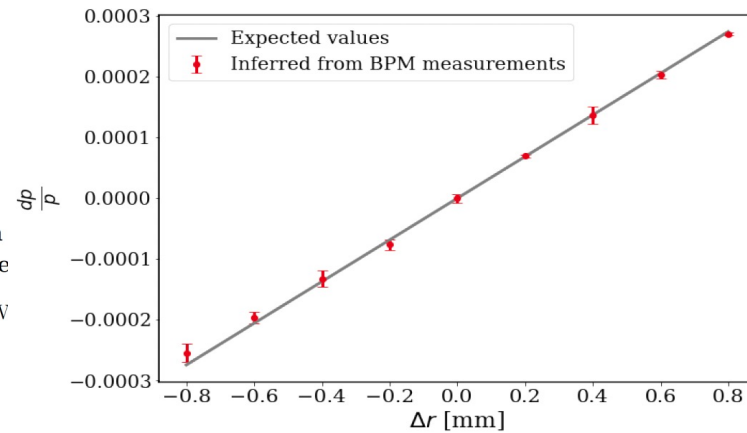
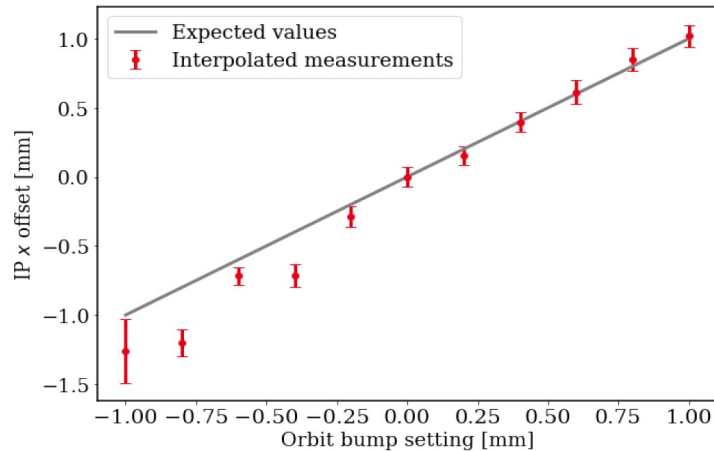
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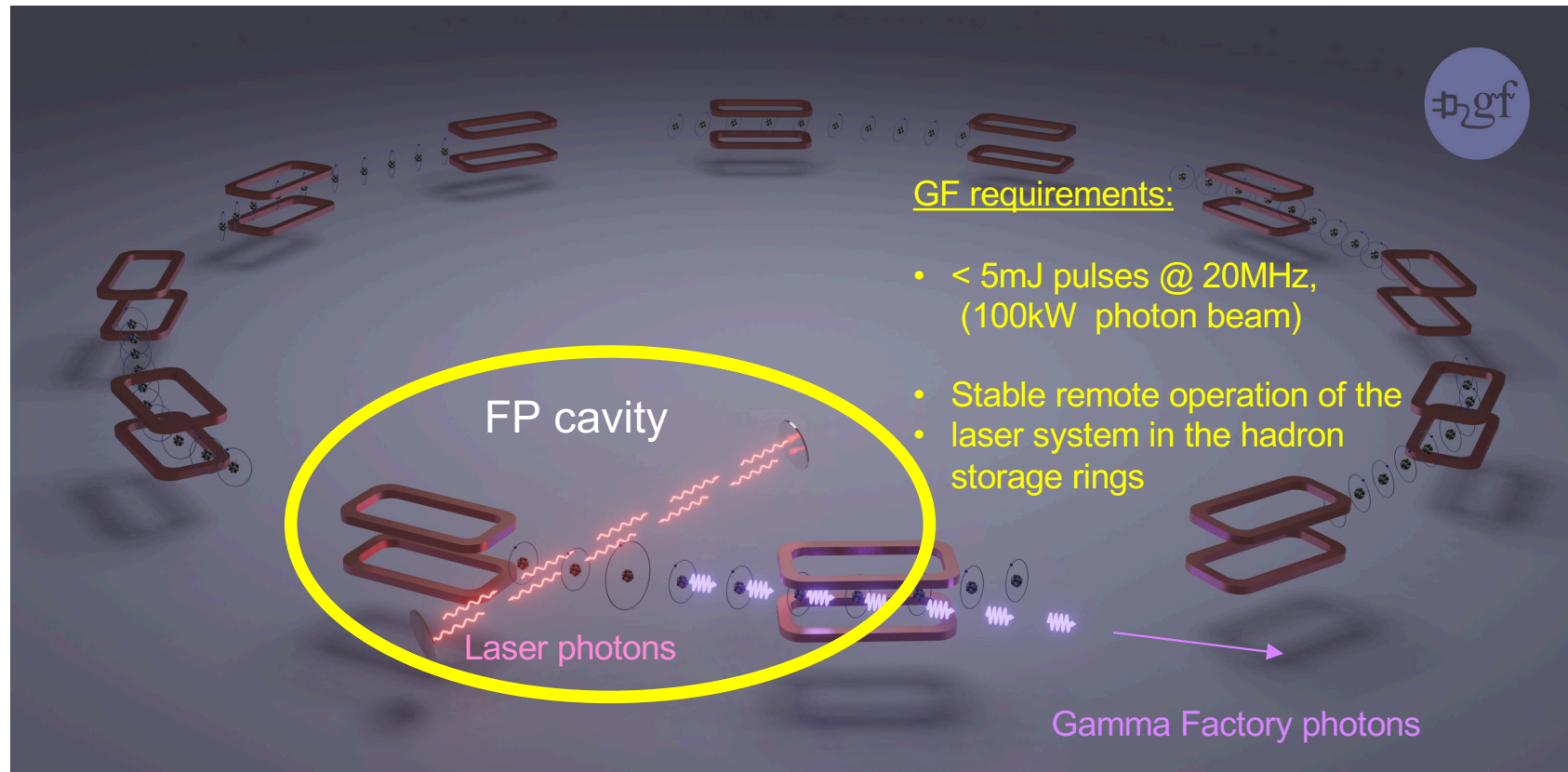
Step 3: Requisite precision of the momentum and beam position control at the collision point with laser photons

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Laser photons



Step 4: World record of the stored laser photon beam power – satisfying the full GF research programme

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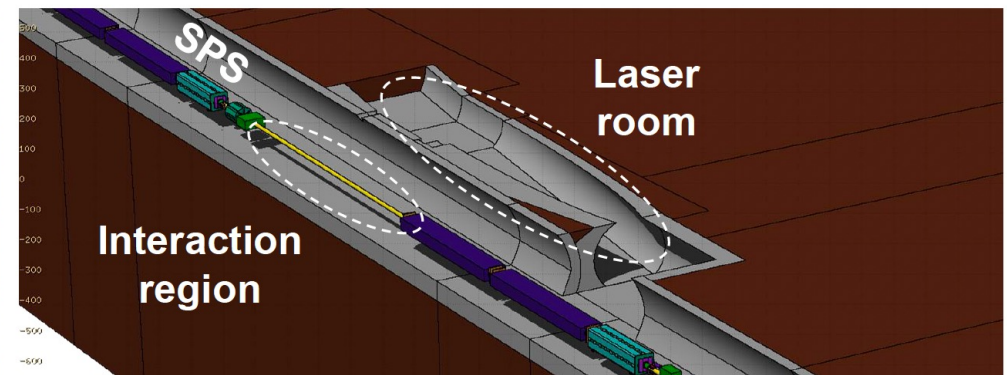
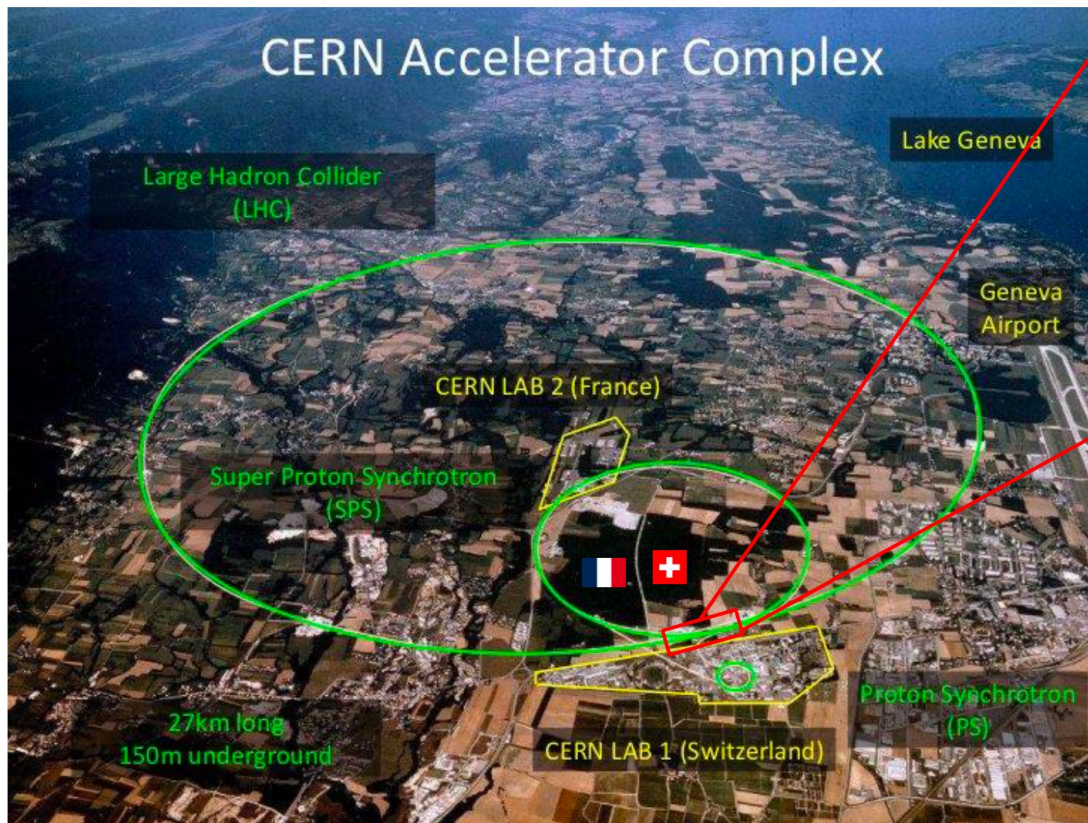


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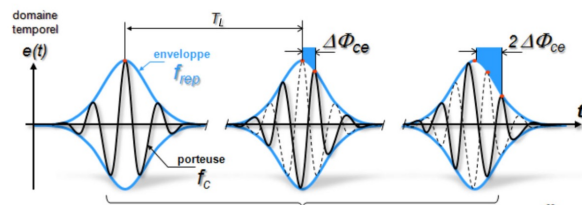
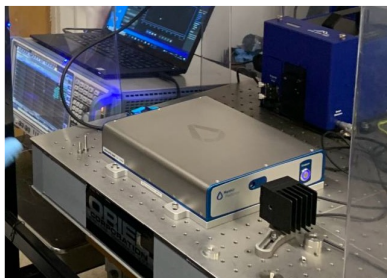
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FINAL Step : Gamma Factory Proof-of-Principle experiment



PLANNED INSTALLATION TIME – LS3



Ultra low-noise frequency comb
200 fs @ 1034 nm

Power amplifier to 100 W

2.5 μ J, 2.8 ps
40 MHz rep rate

5 mJ, 40 MHz
200 kW

SPS
 $^{208}\text{Pb}^{79+}$
18.6 TeV
 $\gamma_L = 96.3$

Fabry-Perot enhancement cavity
Finesse $\sim 10,000$

$\hbar k$

5 mJ

$\gamma m v$

$\gamma m v + \hbar k$

$2s \rightarrow 2p_{1/2}$
(230.81 eV)

$\gamma m v \gg \hbar k_1 \gg \hbar k$

$\hbar k_1$

$\gamma m v + \hbar k - \hbar k_1$

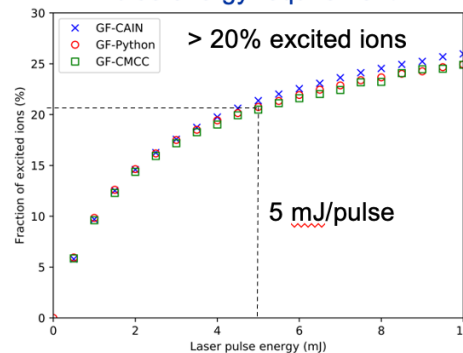
Up to 44 keV
 10^{15} ph/s
40 MHz rep rate

Gamma-ray output

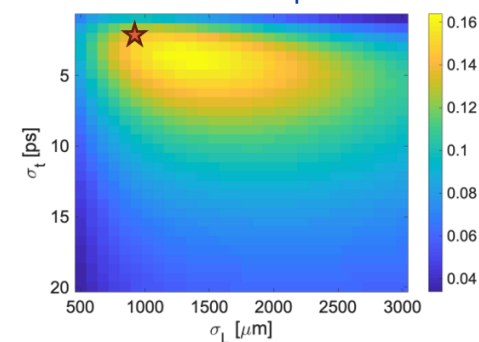
Frequency comb linewidth < 2 kHz

"LIGO-type" mirrors

Pulse energy requirement

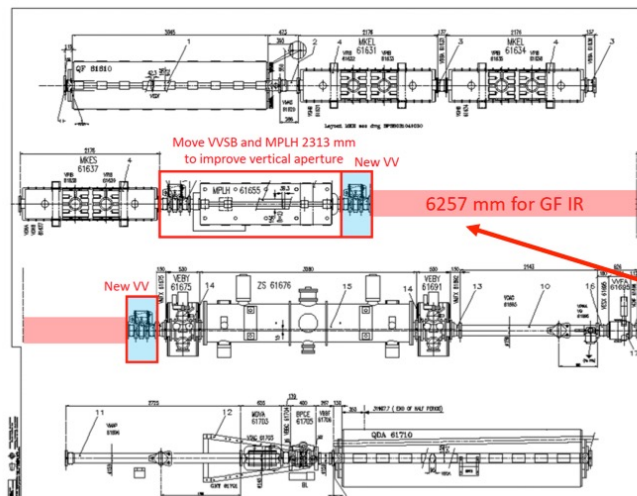


Pulse duration / spot size



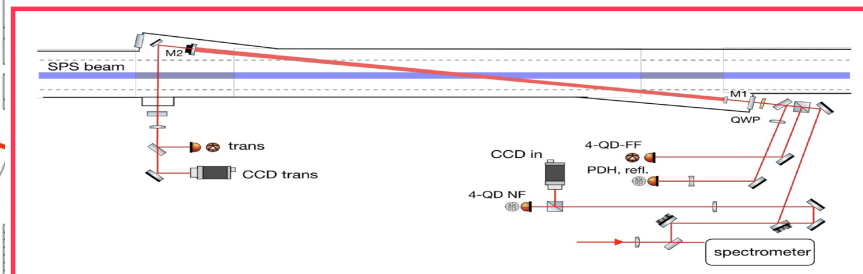
Gamma Factory Proof-of-Principle (PoP) SPS experiment

SPS LSS6 zone

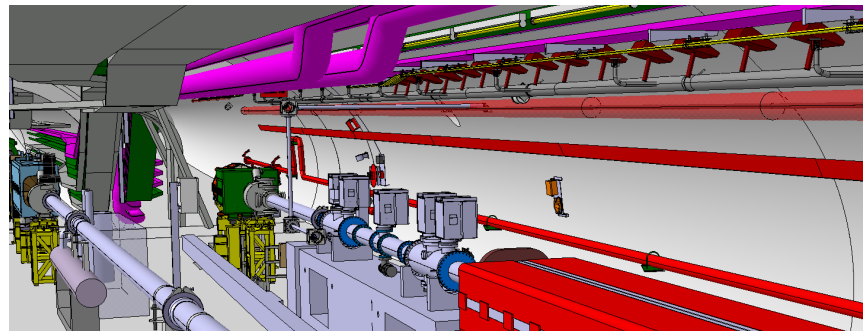


F-P cavity length – 3.75 m -- vertically tilted by 2..6 deg

F-P cavity

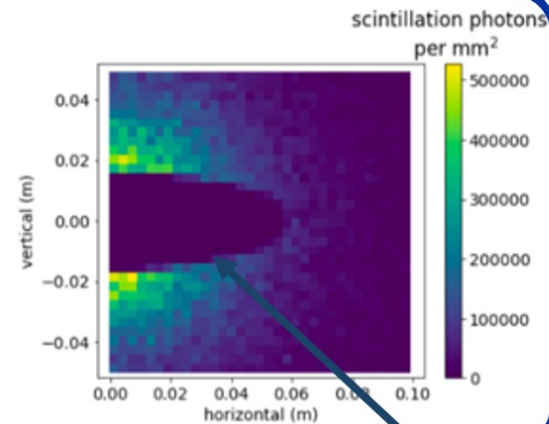
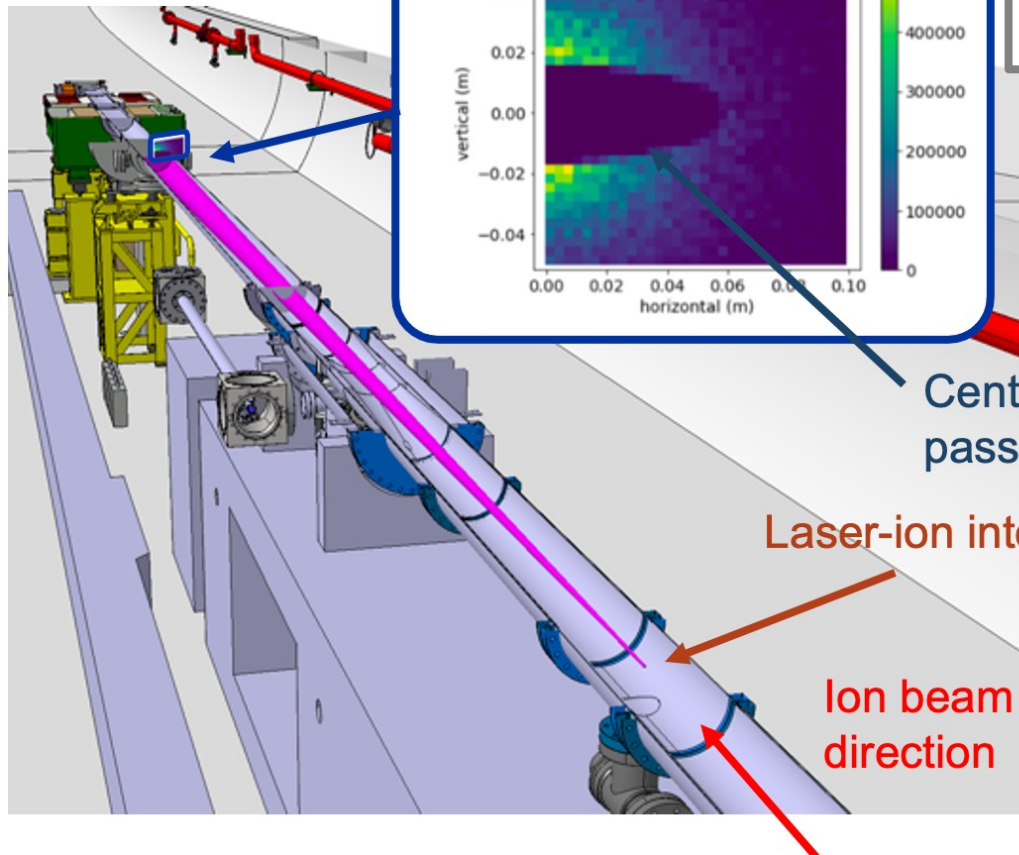


F-P cavity – “in beam” position



'BTV' system: YAG:Ce + camera

Remotely controlled manipulator



Central opening for ion beam passage

Laser-ion interaction Point

Ion beam direction

Scientific programme – selected examples

GF studies: published papers (INSPIRE) and books

papers

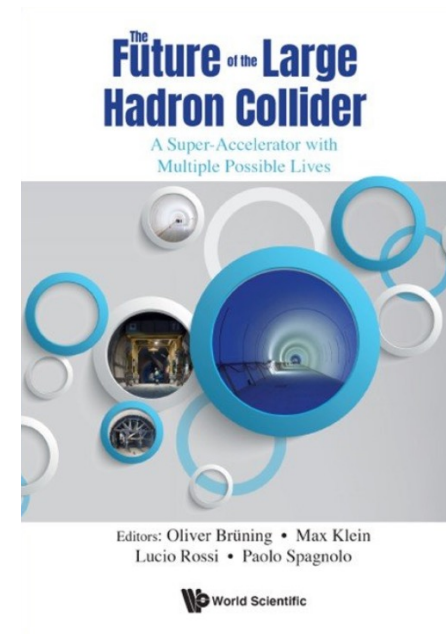
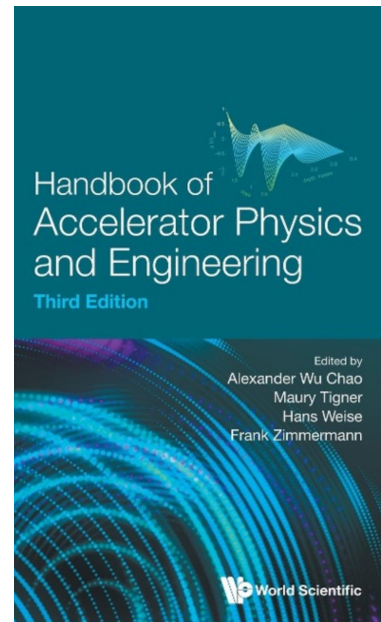
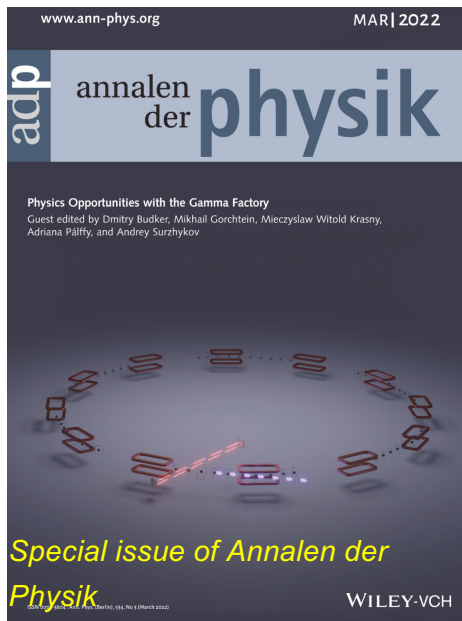
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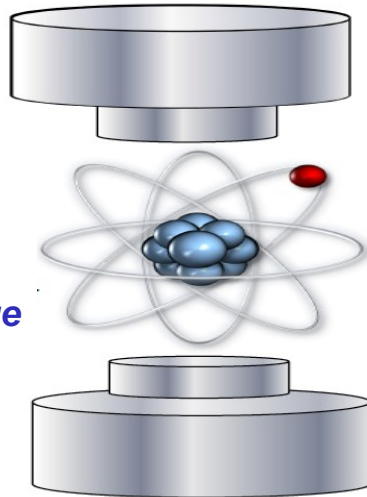


GF experimental programme
with atomic beams

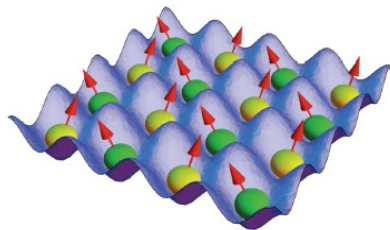
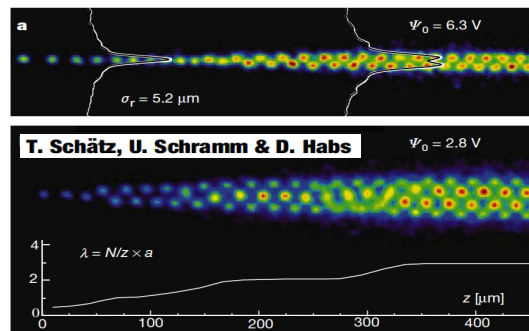
Spectroscopy of highly-charged, “small-size” atoms

Atomic rest-frame

Trapped stationary atoms
Exposed to pulsed magnetic
and electric fields of the storage
ring



letters to nature



Crystalline beams?

Opening new research opportunities in atomic physics:

- Highly-charged atoms – very strong ($\sim 10^{16}$ V/cm) electric field (QED-vacuum effects)
- Small size atoms (electroweak effects, $\sin^2 \theta_W$, ...)
- Hydrogen-like and Helium-like atomic structure (calculation precision and simplicity)
- Atomic degrees of freedom of trapped highly-charged atoms can be resonantly excited by lasers



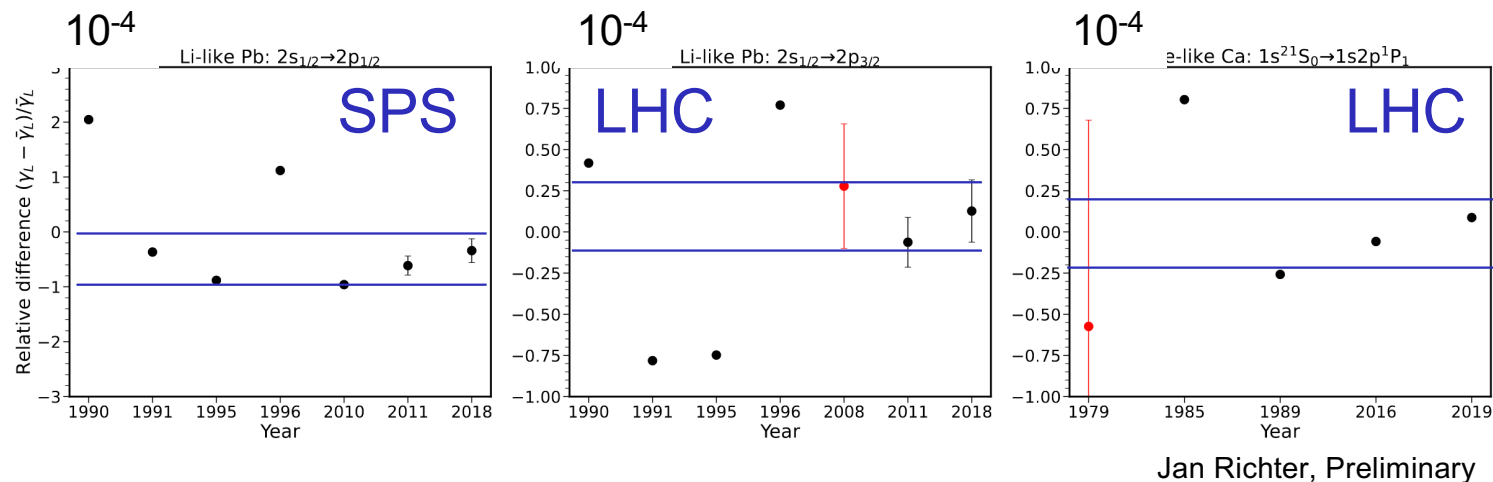
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Atomic Physics Studies at the Gamma Factory at CERN

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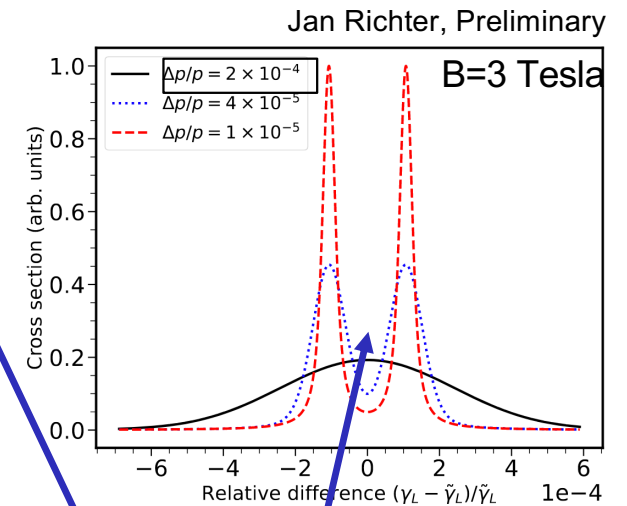
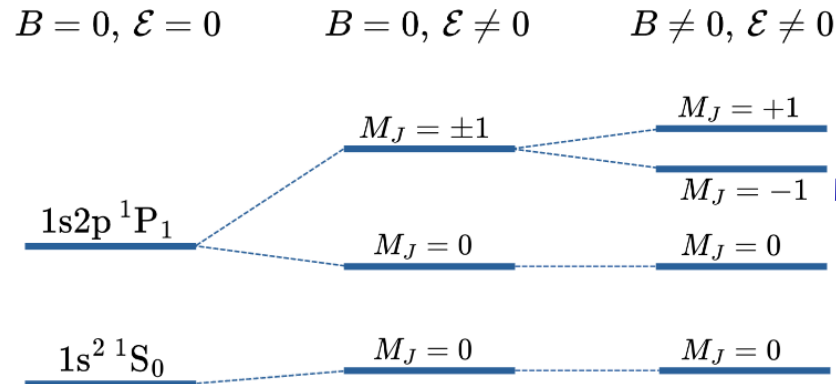
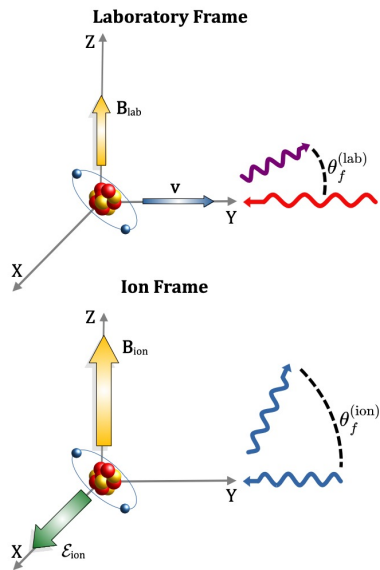
Gamma Factory offers an unprecedented precision of the absolute energy (γ_L) calibration of the SPS and LHC beams



- Present calibration uncertainty (LHC) – 10^{-3}
- Gamma Factory $< 2 \times 10^{-4}$

(limited only by the precision of the calculation of the transition energies in H-like, He-like and Li-like atoms)

... and very precise control of their momentum spread (FP cavity in the dipole magnet)



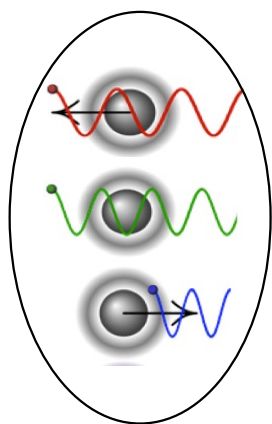
Observing Zeman splitting of the $M_j = +/- 1$ sublevels of the excited He-like Ca atoms allows us to control the degree of cooling of the LHC beam

Controlling the Resonant Scattering Process of Photons on Relativistic Ion Beams Using Strong External Electromagnetic Fields

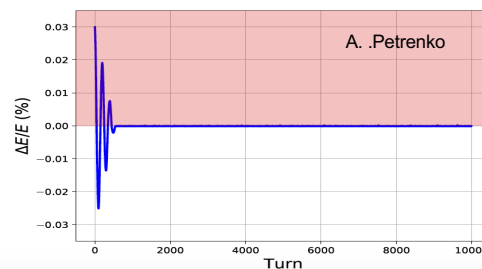
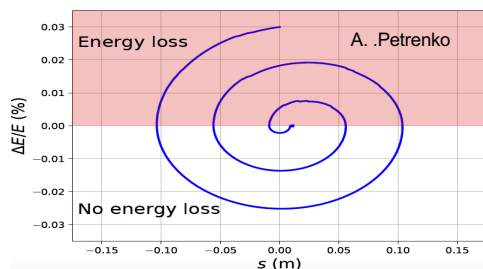
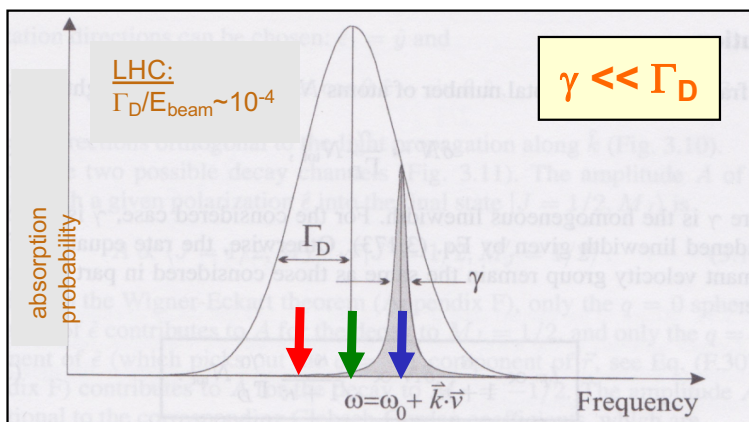
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Gamma Factory “cold” atomic beams

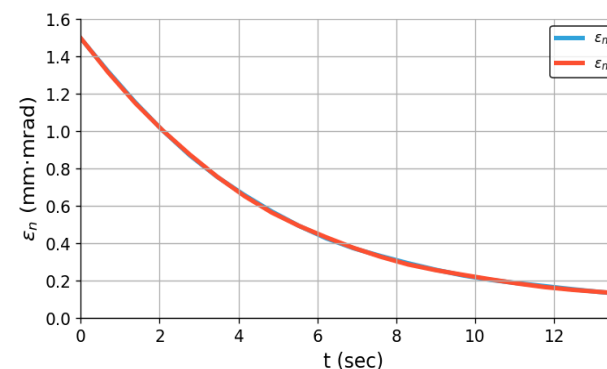


Bunch



Beam cooling speed: the laser wavelength band is chosen such that only the ions moving in the laser pulse direction (in the bunch rest frame) can resonantly absorb photons.

Opens a possibility of forming at CERN hadronic beams of the required longitudinal and transverse emittances within a seconds-long time scale



Simulation of laser cooling of the lithium-like Ca(+17) bunches in the SPS: **transverse emittance evolution**.

High-luminosity Large Hadron Collider with laser-cooled isoscalar ion beams

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Gamma Factory (complementary) path to HL-LHC:

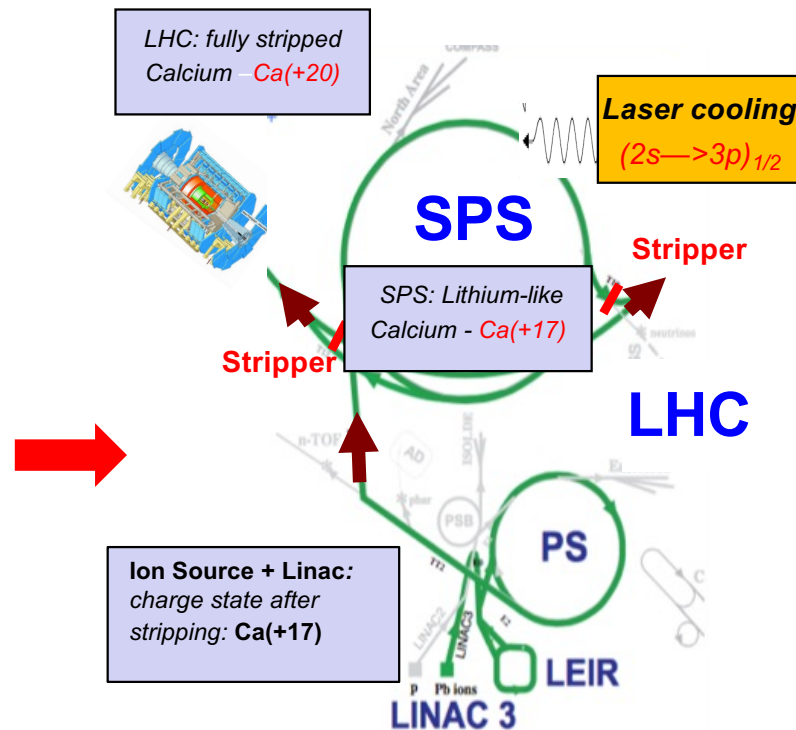
Studies of the implementation scheme with laser-cooled **isoscalar Ca beams**

$$\mathcal{L} = f \frac{n_1 n_2}{4\pi \sqrt{\epsilon_x \beta_x^* \epsilon_y \beta_y^*}}$$

Two complementary ways to increase collider luminosity for fixed n_1, n_2 , and f :

- reduce β_x^* and β_y^*
- reduce ϵ_x and ϵ_y

HL-LHC – β^* reduction by a factor of 3.7 (new inner triplet)



Reduction of the transverse x, y , emittances by a factor of 5 can be achieved in 9 seconds (top SPS energy)

The merits of cold isoscalar beams

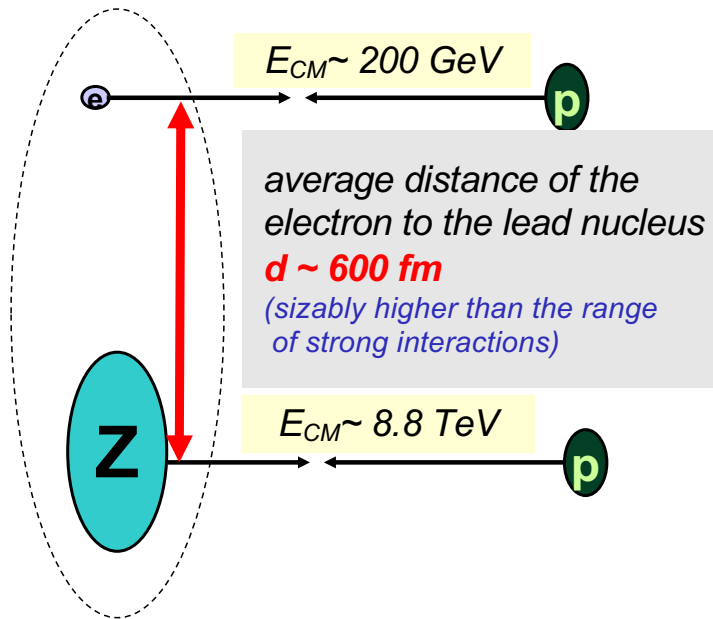
- higher precision in measuring SM parameters in CaCa than in pp collisions
- Possible unique access to exclusive Higgs boson production in photon–photon collisions?
- Lower pileup background at equivalent nucleon–nucleon (partonic) luminosity.
- New research opportunities for the EW symmetry breaking sector.

If necessary: add optical stochastic cooling time for the Ca beam at the LHC top energy $t_{cool} \sim 1.5$ hours (V. Lebedev)

ep collisions at LHC

(in the ATLAS, CMS, ALICE and LHCb interaction points)

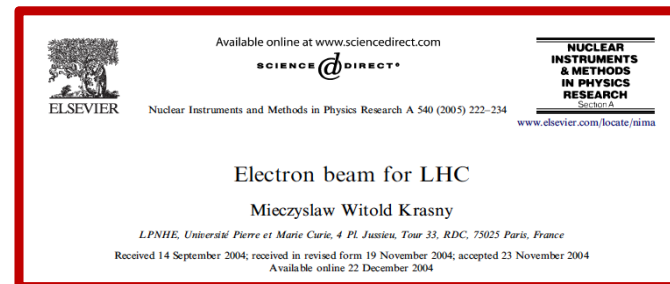
Hydrogen-like lead



Atomic beams can be considered as **independent electron and nuclear beams** as long as the incoming proton scatters with the momentum transfer $q \gg 300 \text{ KeV!}$

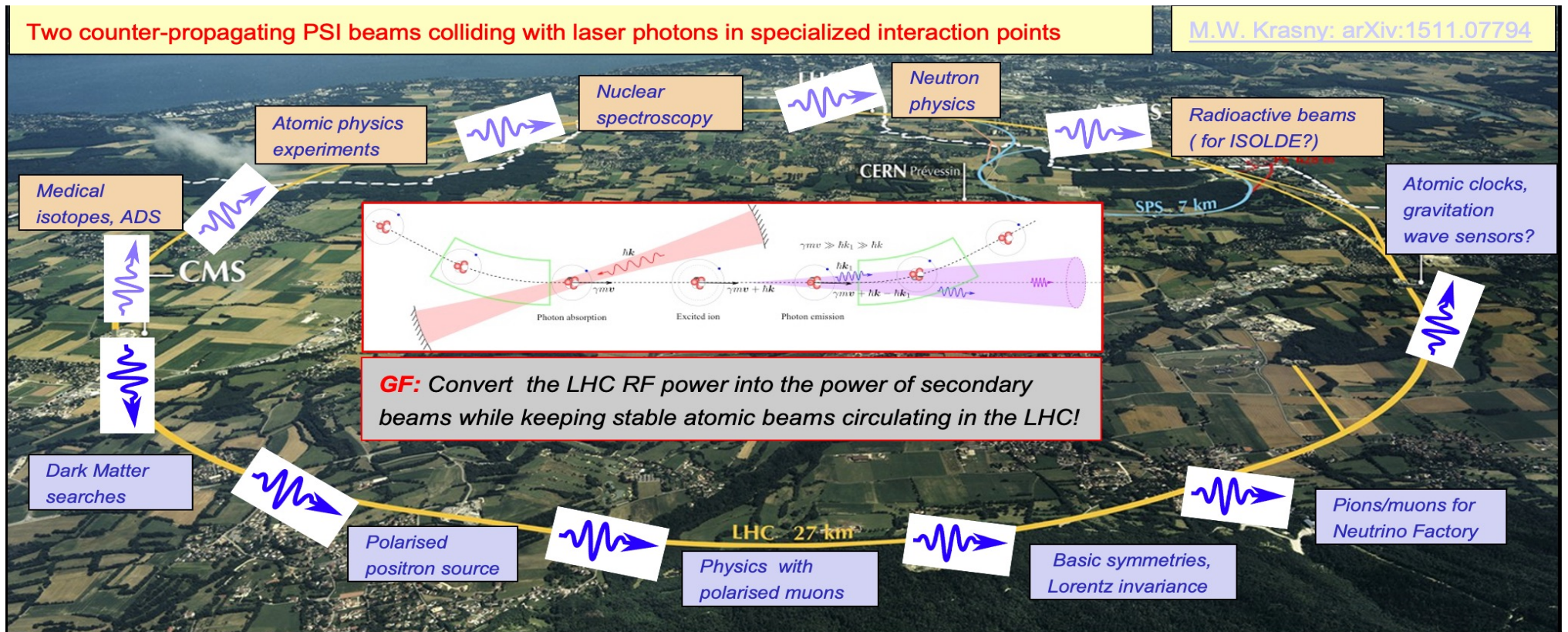
Opens the possibility of collecting, by each of the LHC detectors, over one day of the **Pb+81-p** operation, the effective ep-collision luminosity comparable to the HERA integrated luminosity in the first year of its operation (1992) – **in-situ diagnostic of the emittance of partonic beams at the LHC!**

Initial studies:



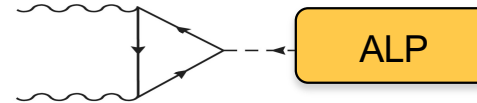
GF experimental programme
with high intensity photon beams

... the GF-future of the LHC?

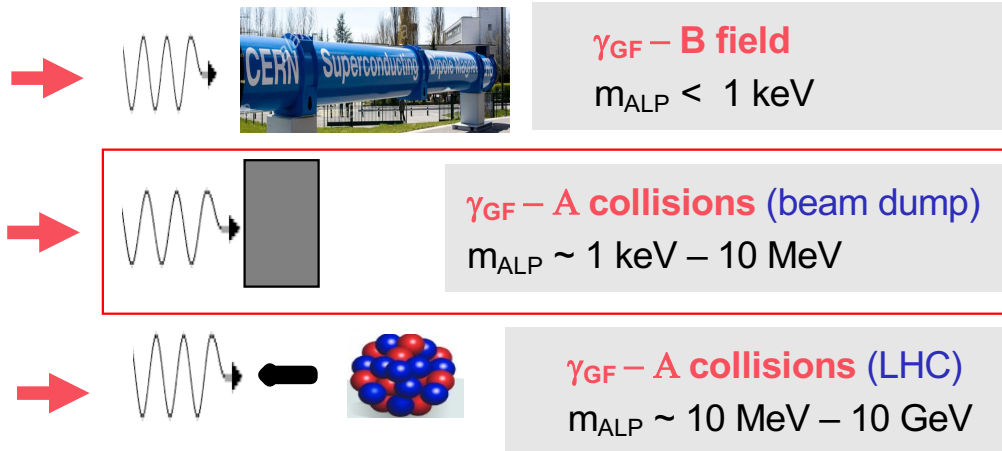


DM searches and studies (if discovered), ALP example

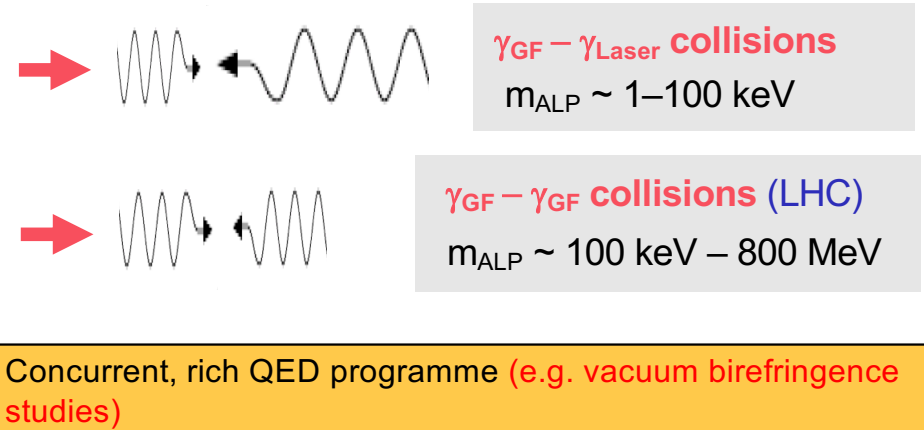
Collision schemes for ALP production:



Search phase



“Production” phase



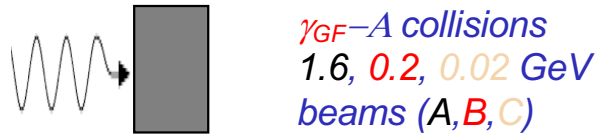
Three principal advantages of the Gamma Factory photon beams:

- **Large fluxes:** $\sim 10^{25}$ photons on target over year (SHIP – 10^{20} protons on target)
- **Multiple ALP production schemes** covering a vast region of ALP masses (**sub eV – GeV**)
- **Once ALP candidate seen** \rightarrow a unique possibility to **tune** the GF beam **energy** to the **resonance**.

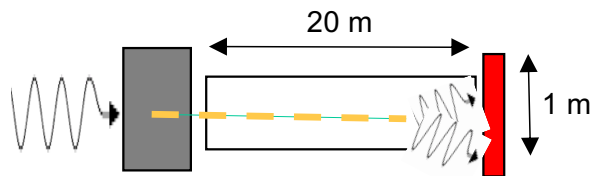
DM searches and studies (ALP example)

Search phase

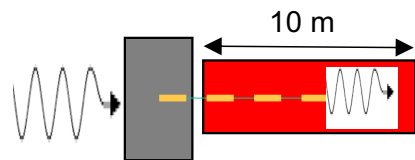
Example: beam-dump mode



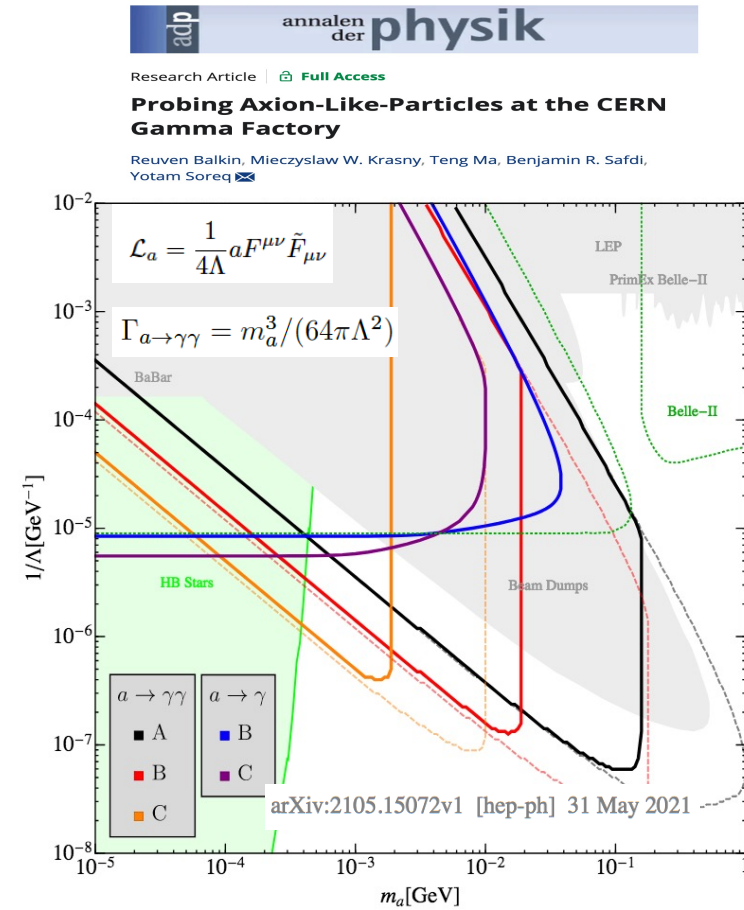
Two appearance modes:



➤ decay: $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (A, B, C)



➤ reconversion: $aN \rightarrow \gamma N$ (B, C)



DM searches and studies (dark photon example)

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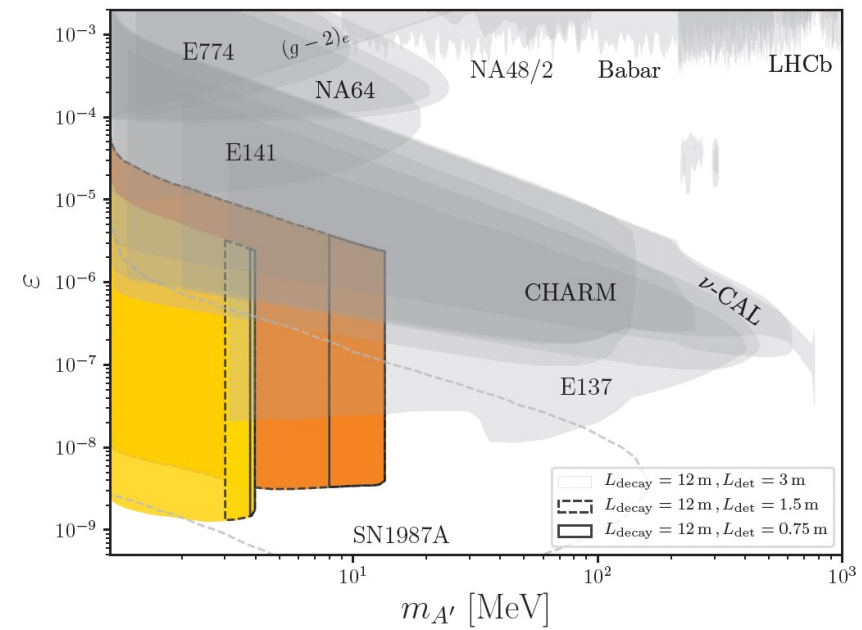
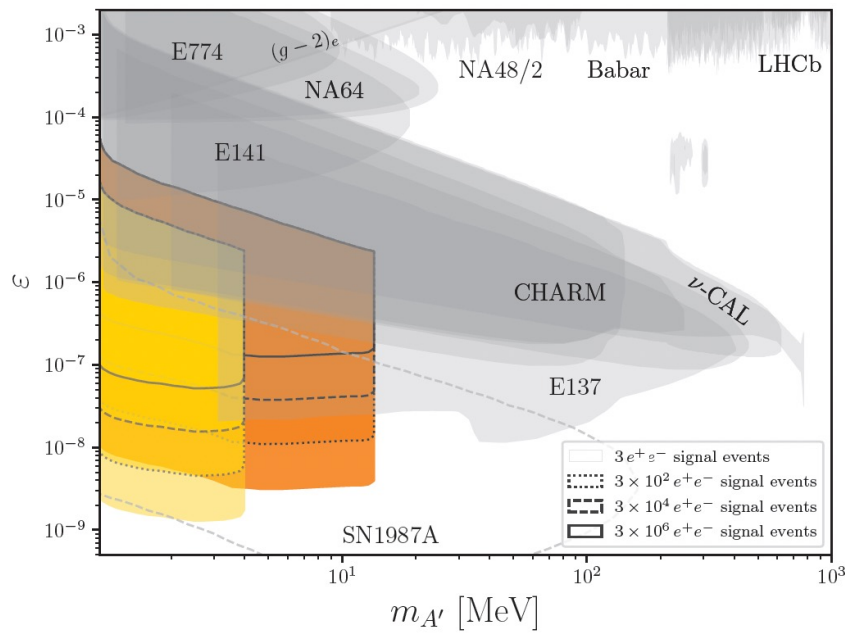
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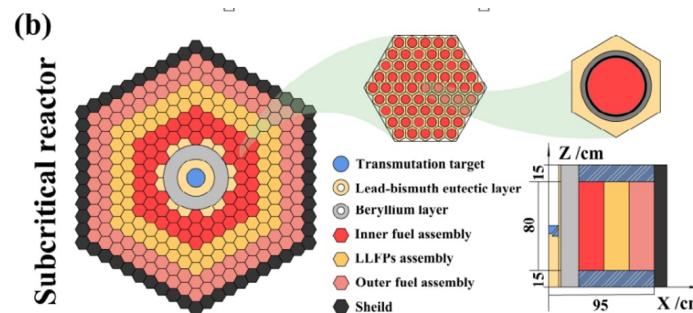
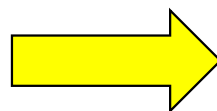
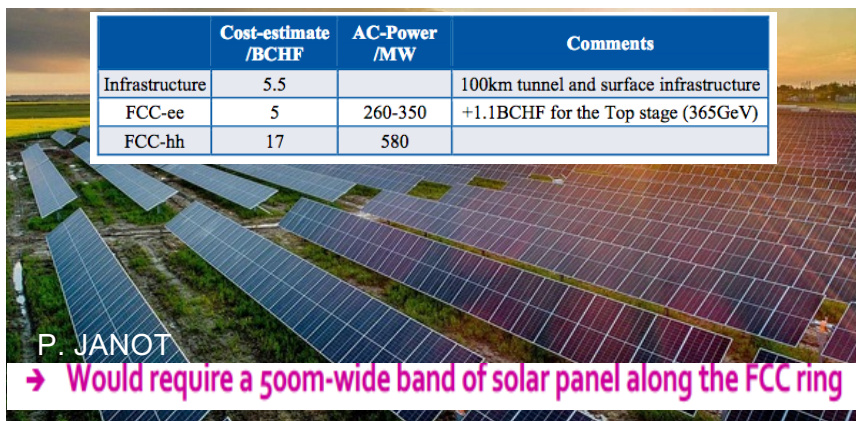
Photon-beam-driven energy source

Best use of the CERN expertise to produce rather than buy the plug-power:

GF- Photon-beam-driven energy source (ADS)

Satisfying three conditions:

- requisite power for the present and future CERN scientific programme
- operation safety (**a subcritical reactor**)
- efficient transmutation of the nuclear waste (**very important societal impact if demonstrated at CERN –given its reputation**)



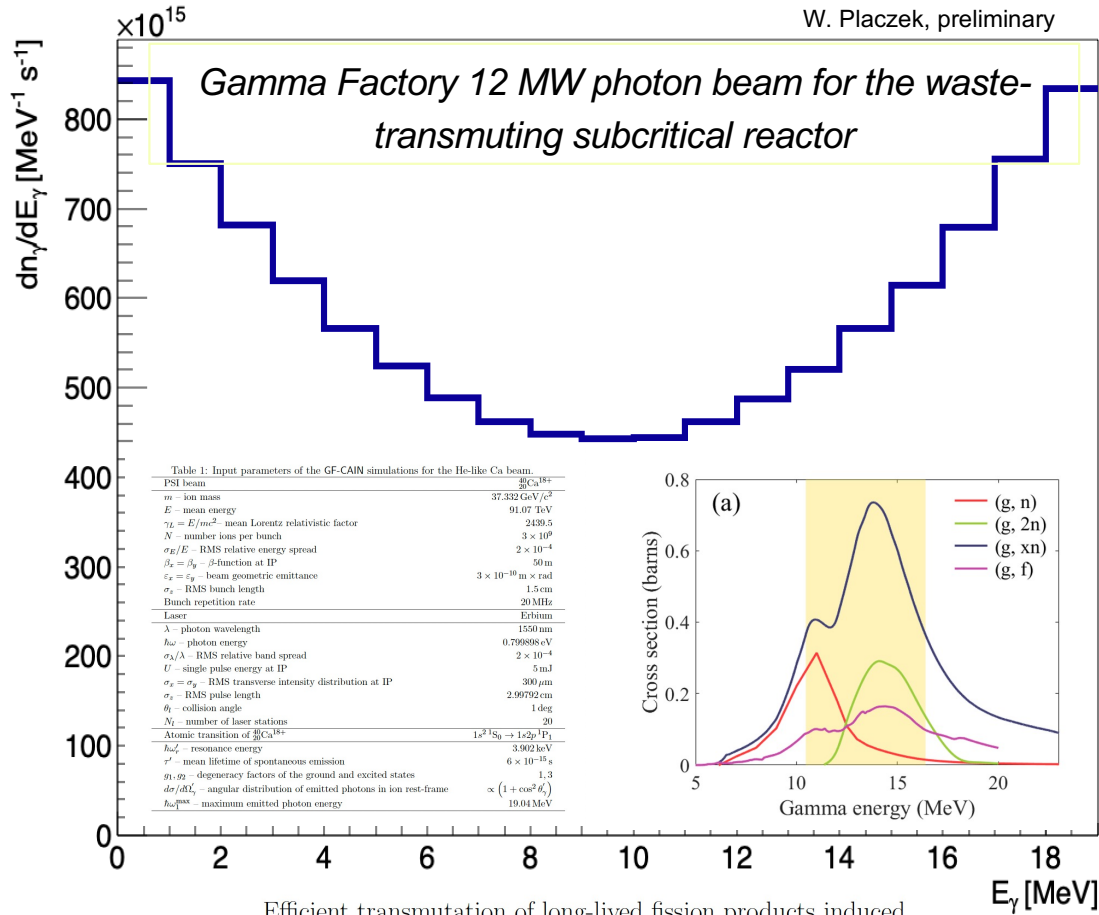
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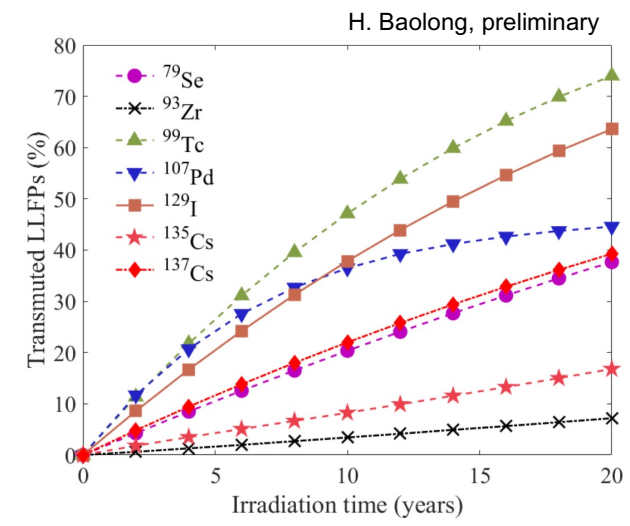
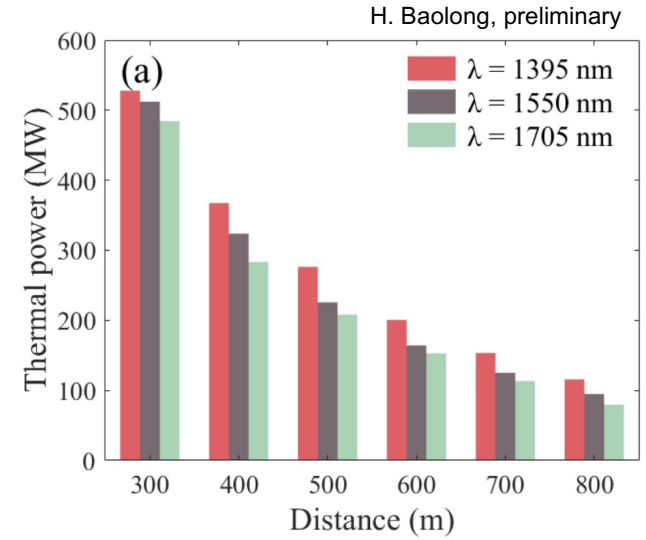
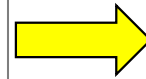
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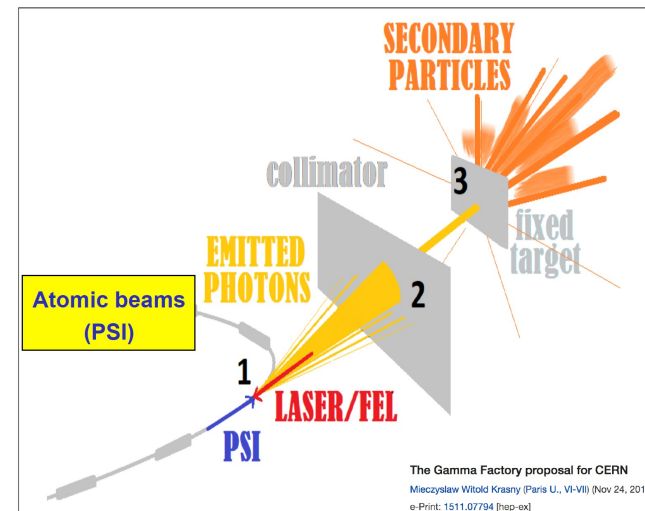


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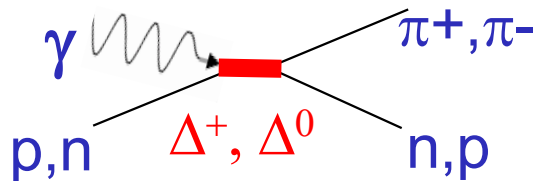


GF experimental programme with secondary beams

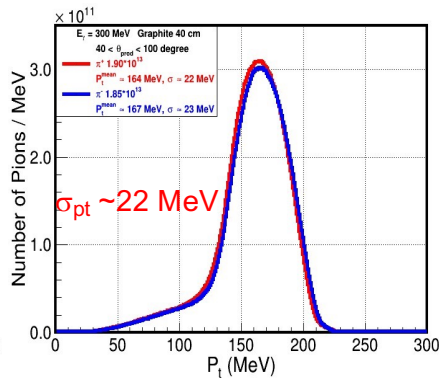
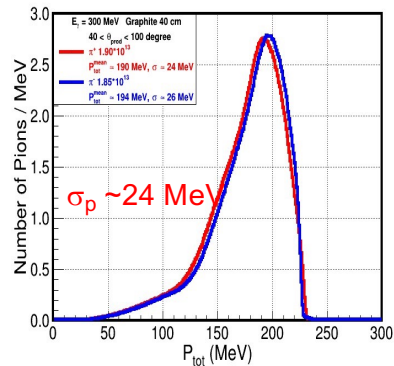


- **Polarised positrons** – potential gain of up to **a factor of 10^4** in intensity with respect to the KEK positron source, satisfying both the LEMMA muon–collider and the LHeC requirements
- **Muons** – potential gain by **a factor of 10^3** in intensity with respect to the PSI muon source, charge symmetry ($N_{\mu^+} \sim N_{\mu^-}$), polarisation control
- **Neutrinos** – fluxes comparable to NuMAX but: (1) **Very Narrow Band Beam**, driven by the small spectral density pion beam and (2) unique possibility of creating **flavour- and CP-tuned beams** driven by the beams of polarised muons
- **Neutrons** – a comparable neutron flux with respect to the future neutron spallation sources e.g. at ESS – but quasi monoenergetic MeV neutrons
- **Radioactive (neutron-rich) ions** – potential gain of up to **a factor 10^4** in intensity with respect to e.g. ALTO

Novel paradigm for high brightness μ and ν sources: resonant photo-excitation of Δ resonances



*Exclusive process:
unprecedented spectral
density of produced pions*



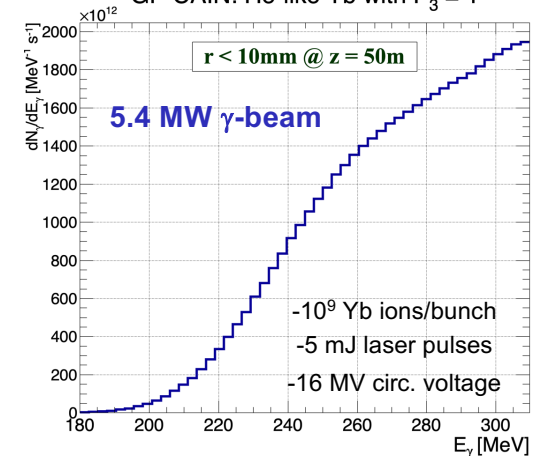
GF photon beam

For 1X0 graphite target
 $2\text{-}7 \times 10^{13} \mu^+$ and μ^- /s,
for 2-6 MW γ beam

Expected intensity jump
with respect to
HiMB@PSI prospects
>2025 – $1.2 \times 10^{11} \mu$ /s

GF, He-like
Yb-driven γ -beam

GF-CAIN: He-like Yb with $P_3^i = 1$



Muons	$r_\gamma \leq 5\text{mm}$	$r_\gamma \leq 10\text{mm}$
μ^-	$2.32 \times 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$6.18 \times 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$
μ^+	$2.50 \times 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$6.79 \times 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$

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Gamma Factory high-intensity muon and positron source: Exploratory studies

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The potential use of the Gamma Factory muon source:

- *Muonium studies*
- *Lepton universality*
- *Rare muon decays*
- *Neutrino factory*
- *Muon-catalysed nuclear fusion*
- *Atomic physics studies of muonium atoms*
- *Electroweak studies with muon atoms*
- *Measuring nuclear radius and neutron skin*
- *Muon collider???* –

Conclusions and outlook

- ❑ *Gamma Factory can create, at CERN, a variety of novel research tools, which could open novel research opportunities in a very broad domain of basic and applied science*
- ❑ *The Gamma Factory research programme can be largely based on the existing CERN accelerator infrastructure – it requires “relatively” minor infrastructure investments*
- ❑ *Its “quest for diversity of research subjects and communities” is of particular importance in the present phase of accelerator-based research, as we neither have any solid theoretical guidance for a new physics “just around the corner”, accessible by FCC, ILC, or CLIC, nor an established “reasonable cost” technology for a leap into very high energy “terra incognita”*
- ❑ *Gamma Factory project needs to make the last step in R&D studies and demonstrate its feasibility by the SPS GF-Proof-of-Principle experiment prior to reaching advanced phase of the HL-LHC programme – the CERN management and wide scientific community support for this project is a “sine qua non” condition for its further development*