

AMBER beyond LS3: QCD physics beyond colliders

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Pion



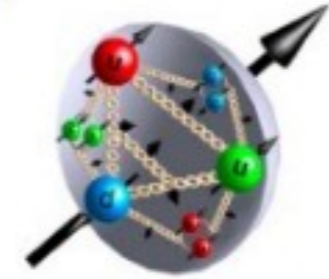
- $M_\pi \sim 140\text{MeV}$
- Spin 0
- 2 light valence quarks

Kaon

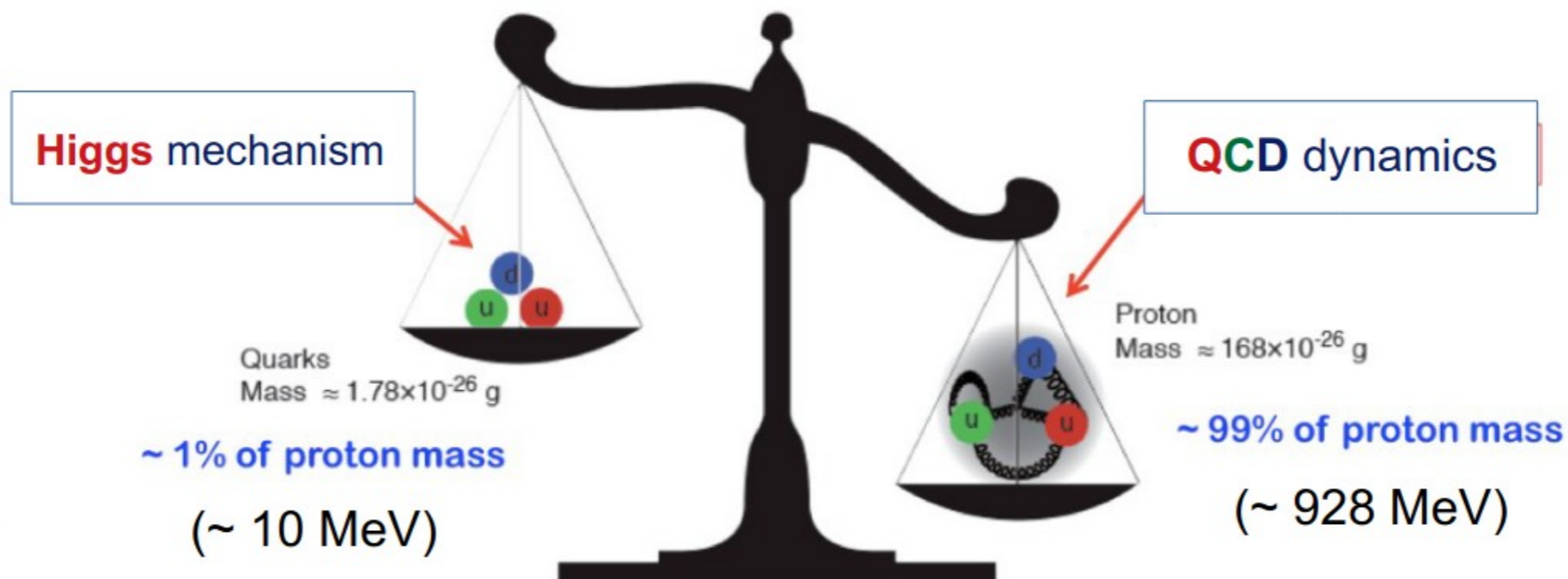


- $M_K \sim 490\text{MeV}$
- Spin 0
- 1 light and 1 "heavy" valence quarks

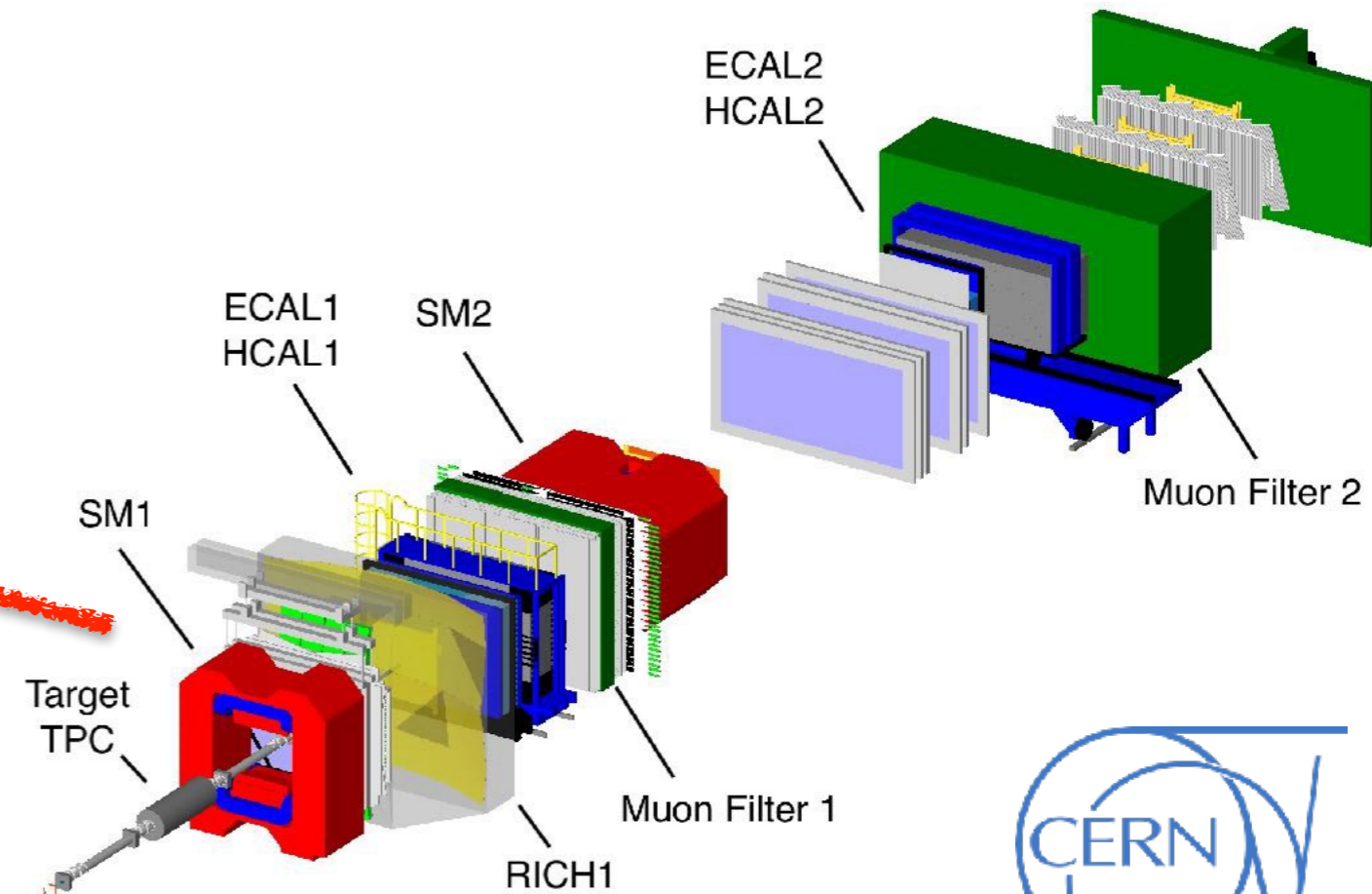
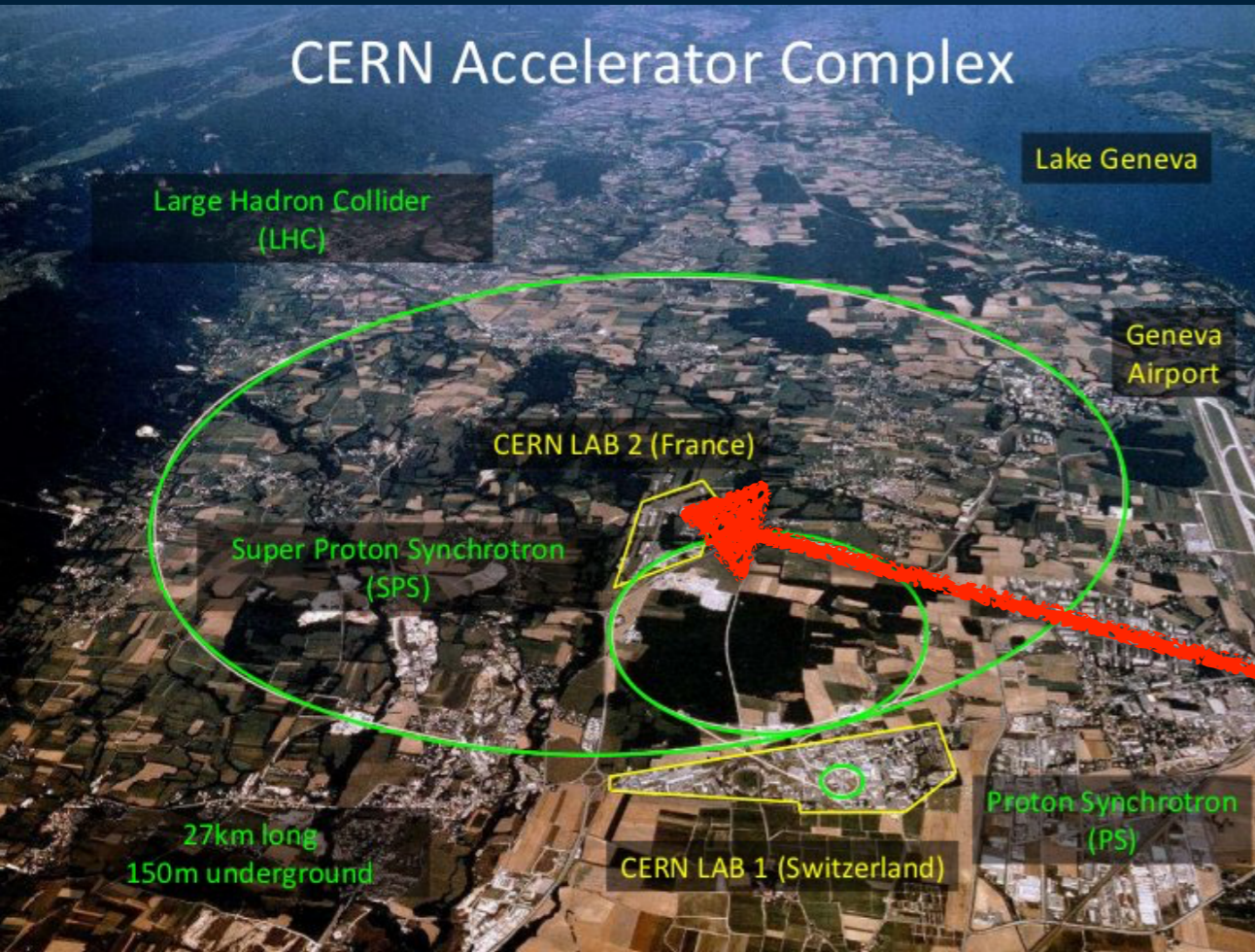
Proton



- $M_p \sim 940\text{MeV}$
- Spin 1/2
- 3 light valence quarks



Explore QCD in detail to understand emergent phenomena

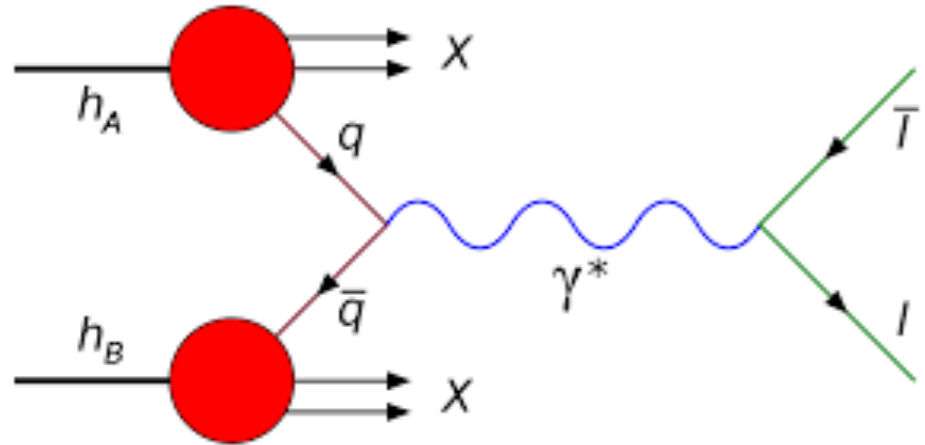


- Use M2 beam in the CERN/SPS North Area
- Versatile beams (muons and hadrons of both charges)
- Beam momenta ranging from 50 - 280 GeV/c
- Improved beam properties post LS3 (NA-CONS)
- Intensity limited by radiation protection
- New Detector components for physics post LS3

	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Additional Hardware</i>
<i>Proton radius measurement</i>	<i>100 GeV muons</i>	<i>high pressure Hydrogen</i>	<i>active target TPC, tracking stations (SciFi, Silicon)</i>
<i>Antiproton production cross section</i>	<i>50 GeV - 280 GeV protons</i>	<i>LH₂, LHe</i>	<i>Liquid He target</i>
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(approved)

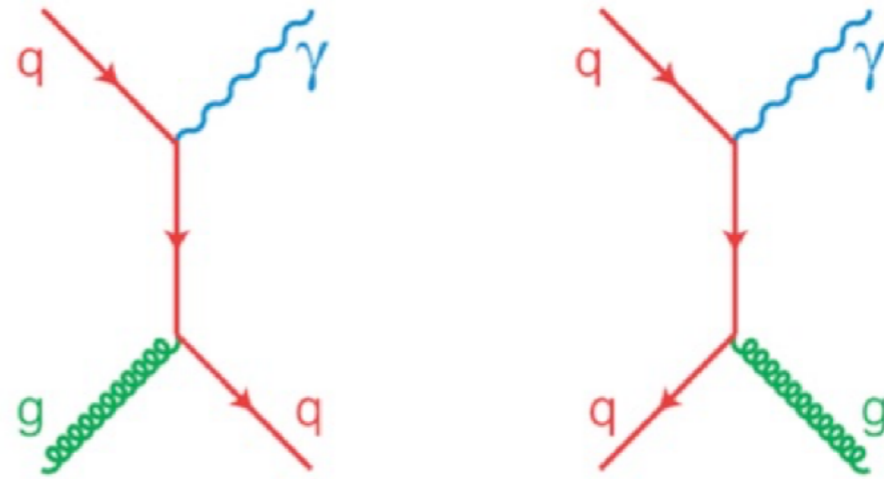
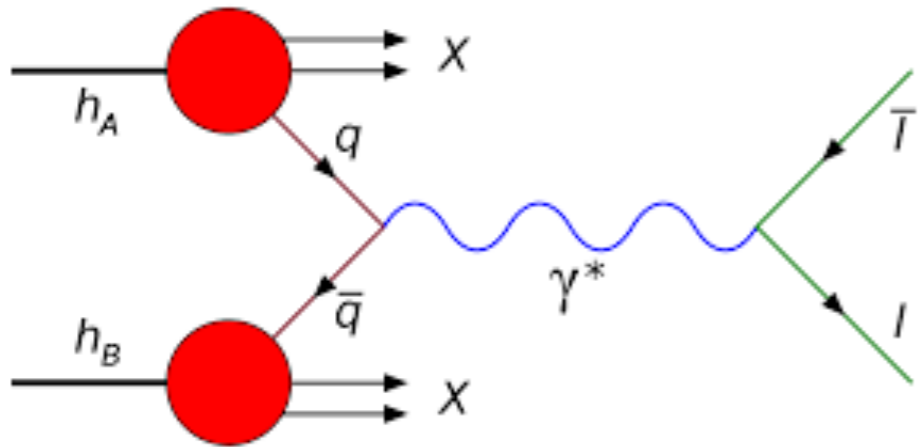
Phase 2
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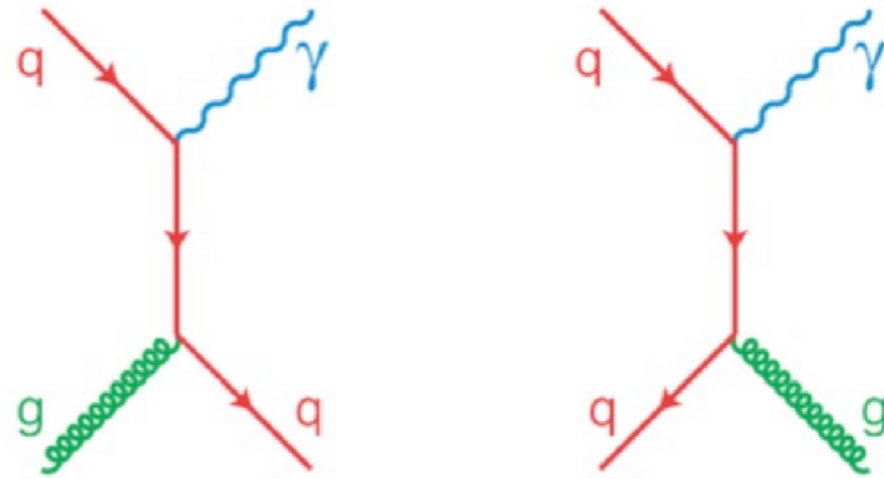
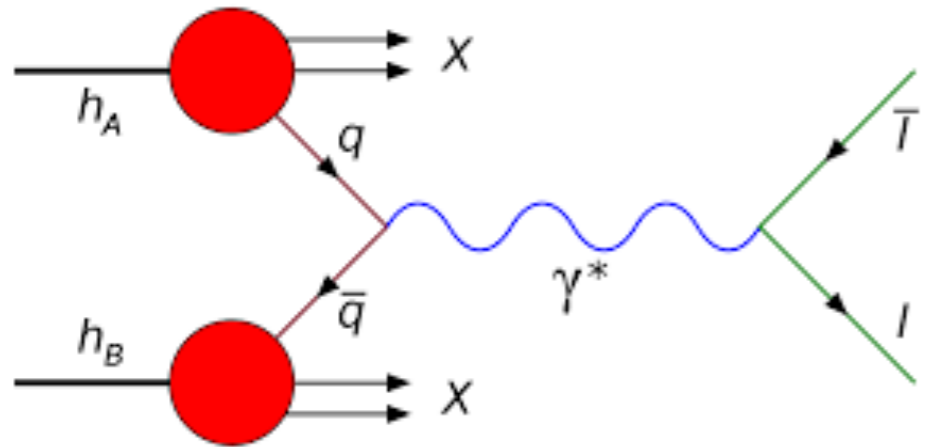
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Phase 1 approved

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Carbon, Tungsten

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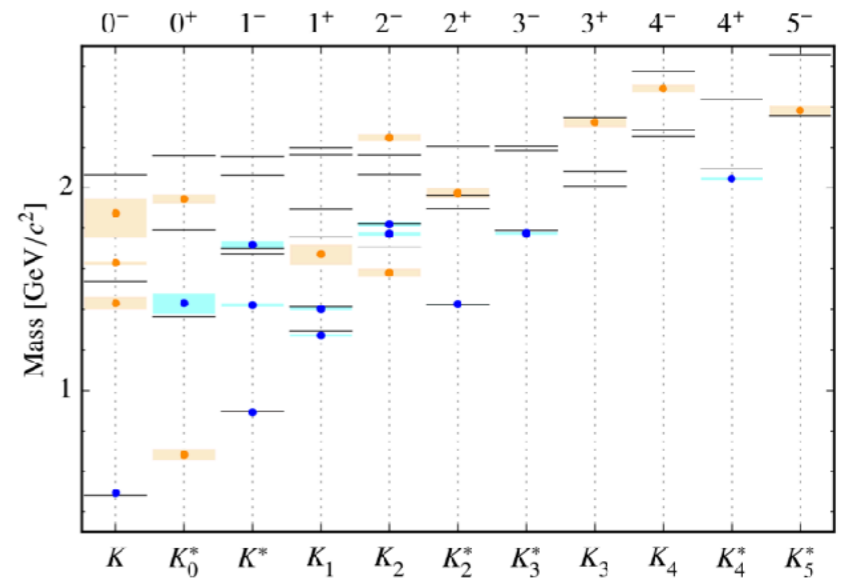
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LH₂, Nickel

K-induced spectroscopy

50 GeV charged Kaons

LH₂

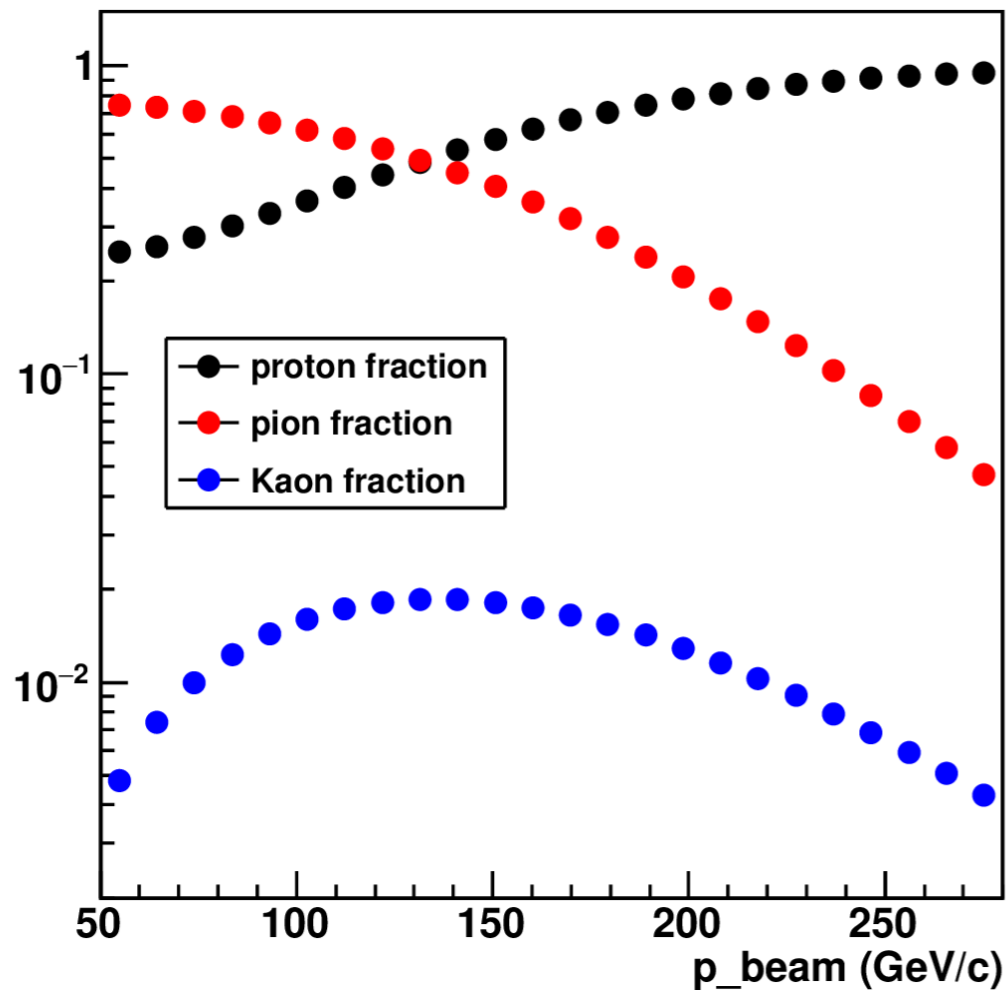


recoil ToF, forward PID

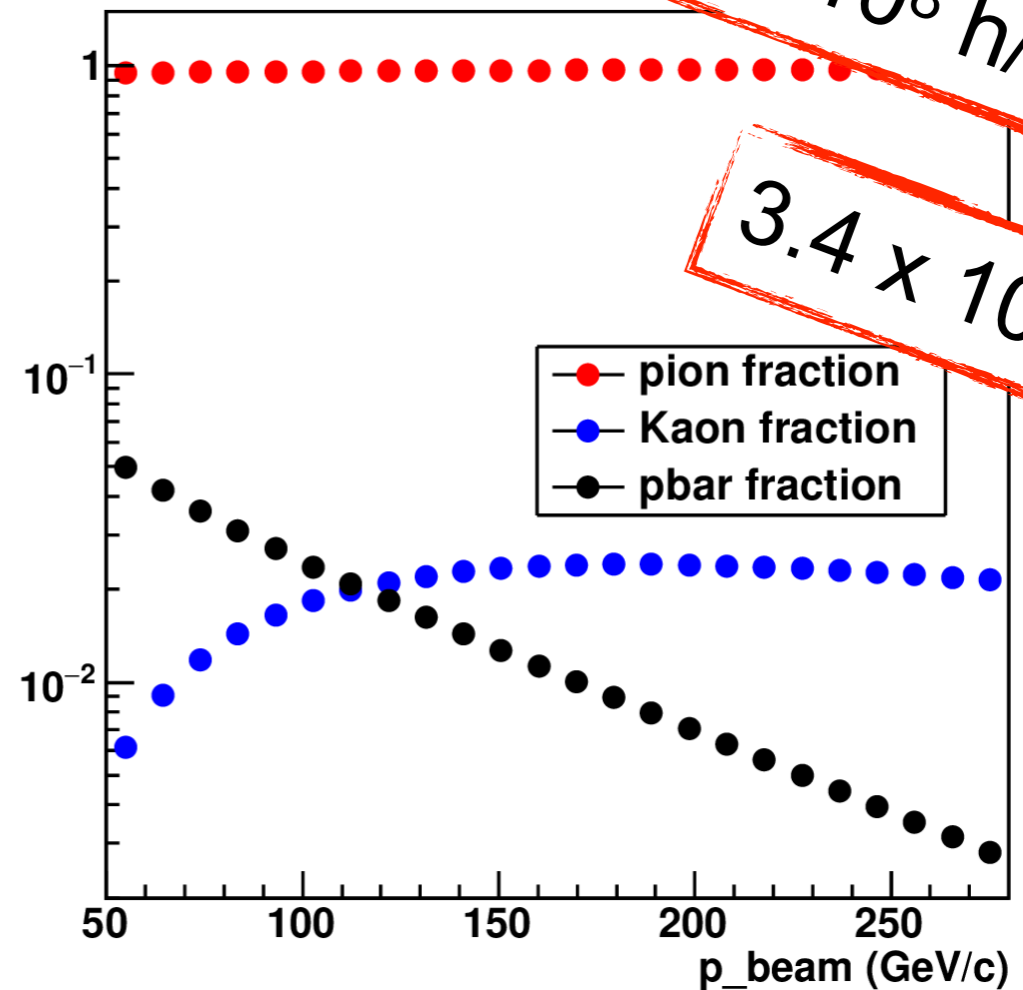
Phase 2 (in progress)

The wish: Kaon, Kaons, Kaons

Particle fractions in h+ beam



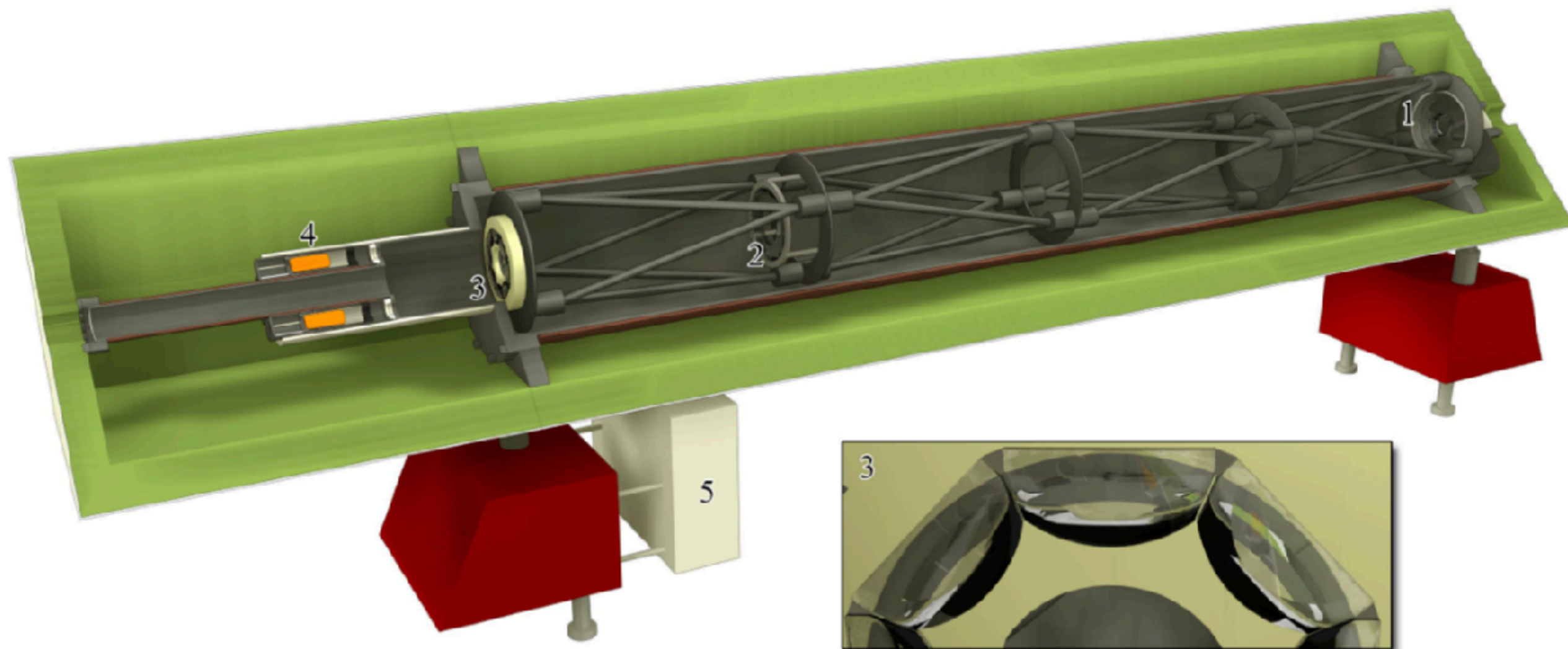
Particle fractions in h- beam



4.8×10^8 h/spill

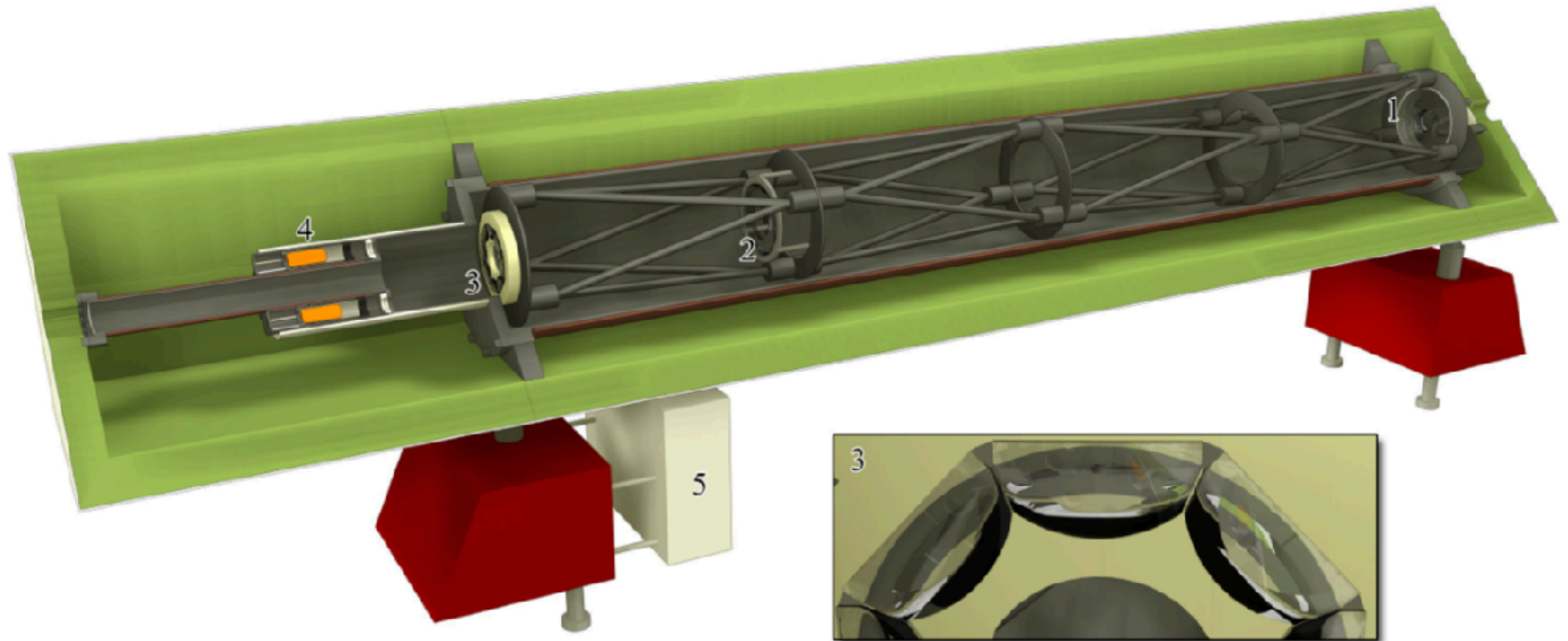
3.4×10^{14} h/y

	π^+ fraction	K^+ fraction	p fraction	π^- fraction	K^- fraction	\bar{p} fraction
$p_{\text{beam}} = 160$ GeV/c	0.3611	0.0175	0.6214	0.9650	0.0237	0.0113
$p_{\text{beam}} = 190$ GeV/c	0.2402	0.0142	0.7456	0.9680	0.0241	0.0079



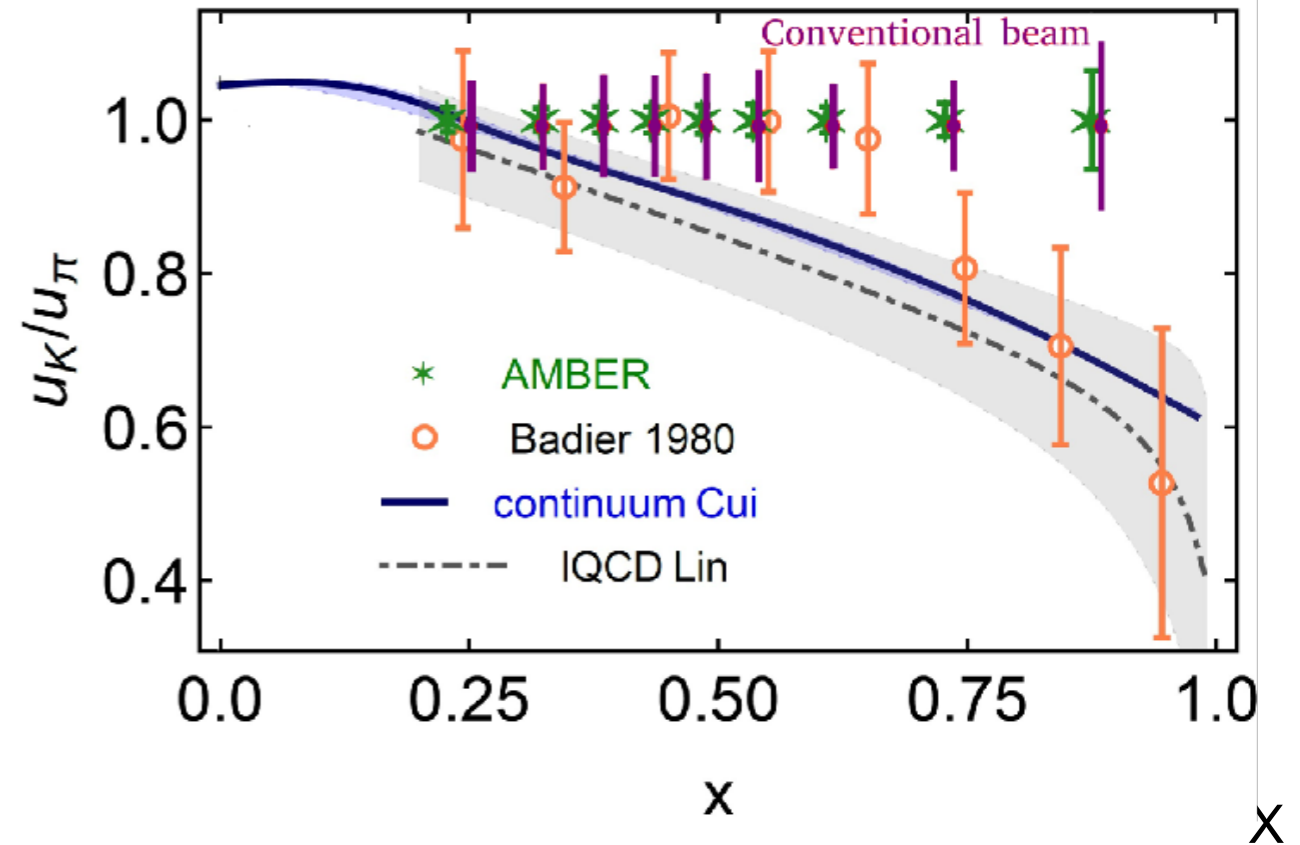
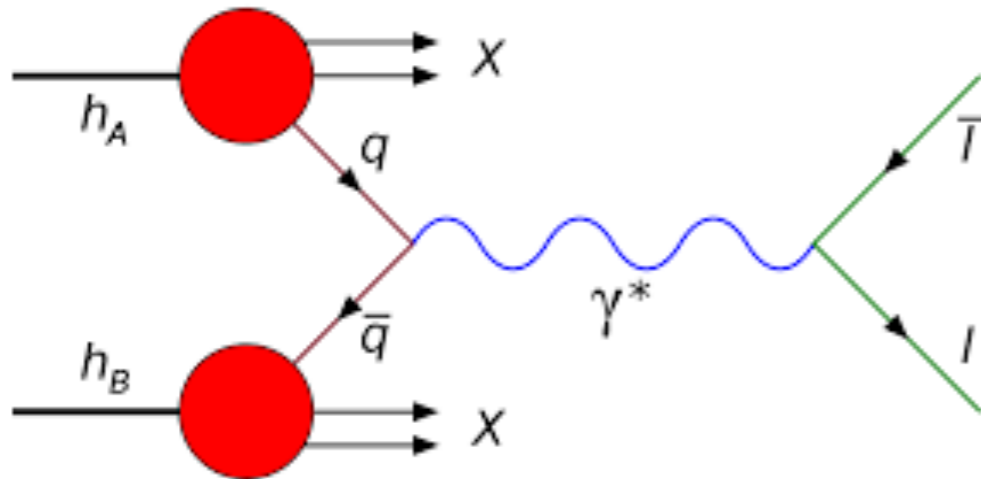
Differential Cherenkov counter provides π, K, p separation
Differences in Cherenkov angle are small

→ Need parallel beam and excellent tracking

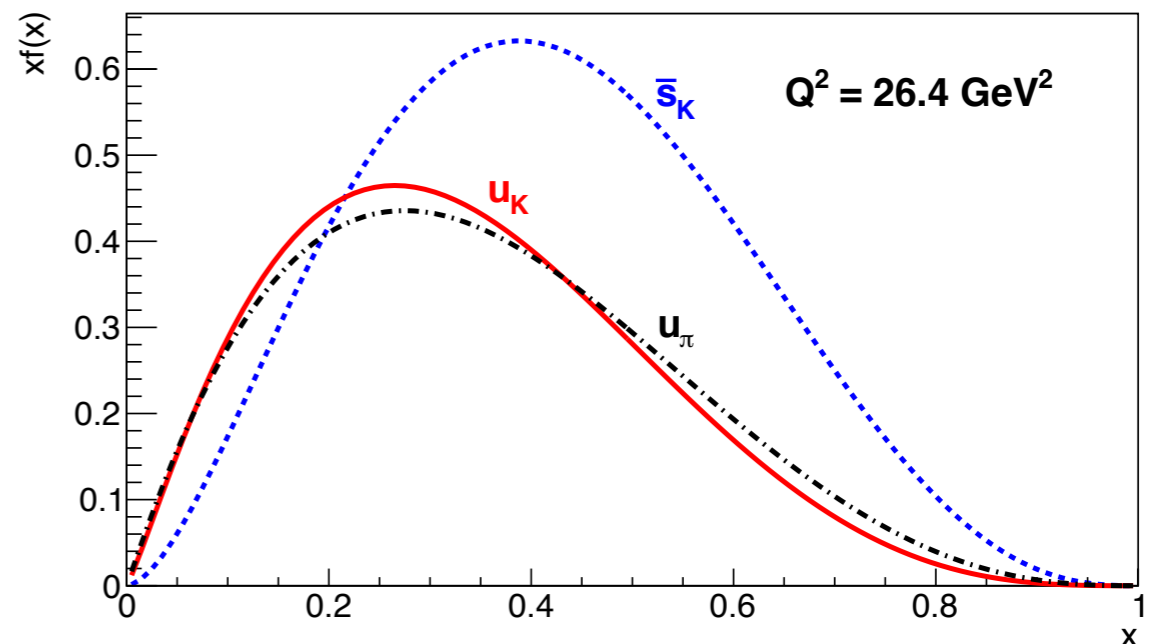
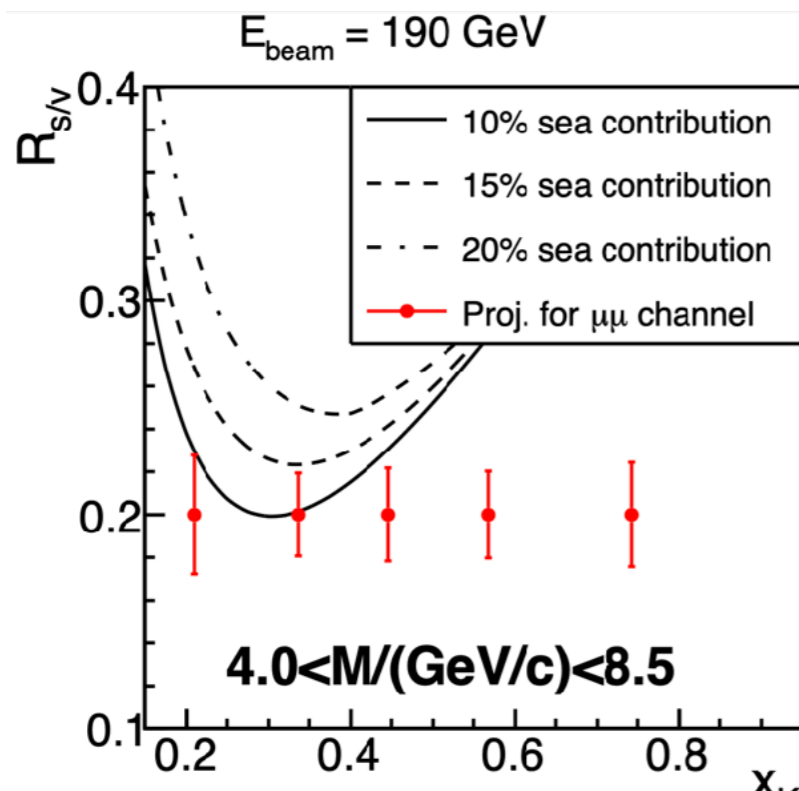


Request for vacuum improvements as studied by BE-EA, as well as CEDAR refurbishments including improvements in precision and stability of the diaphragm and motor controls.

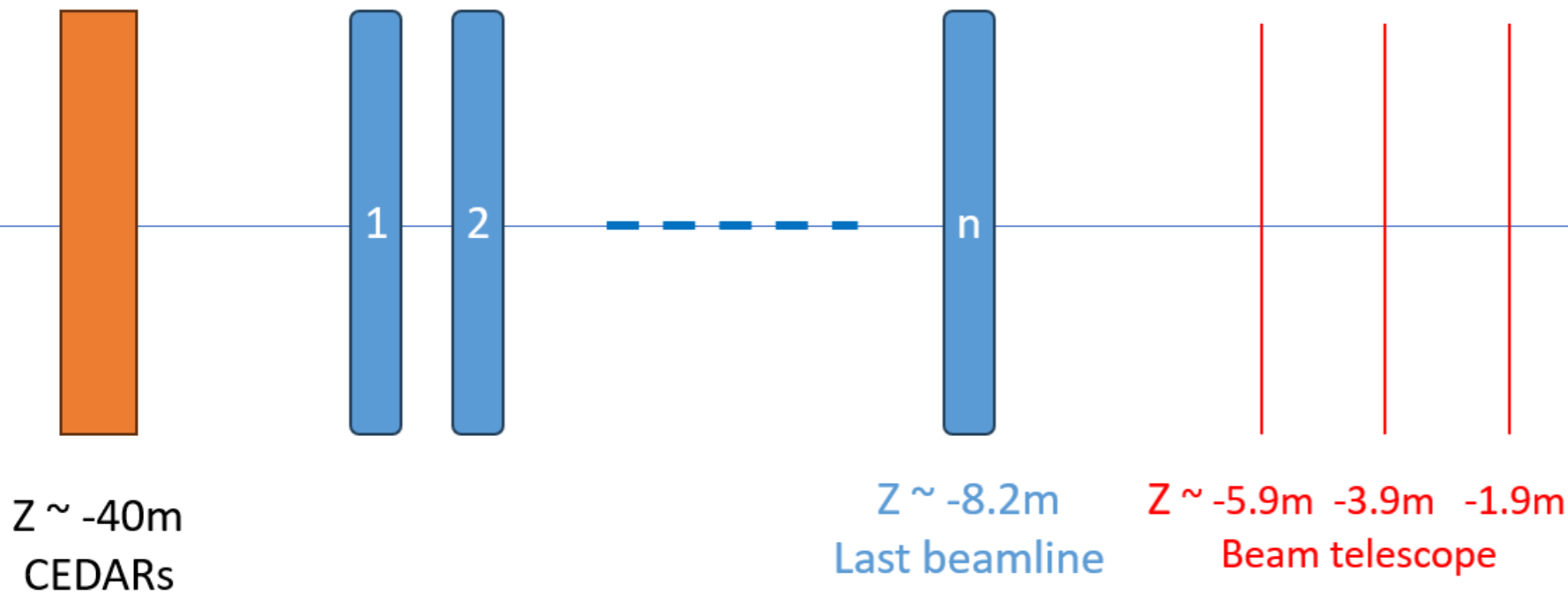
From π^\pm to K^\pm - Drell Yan process



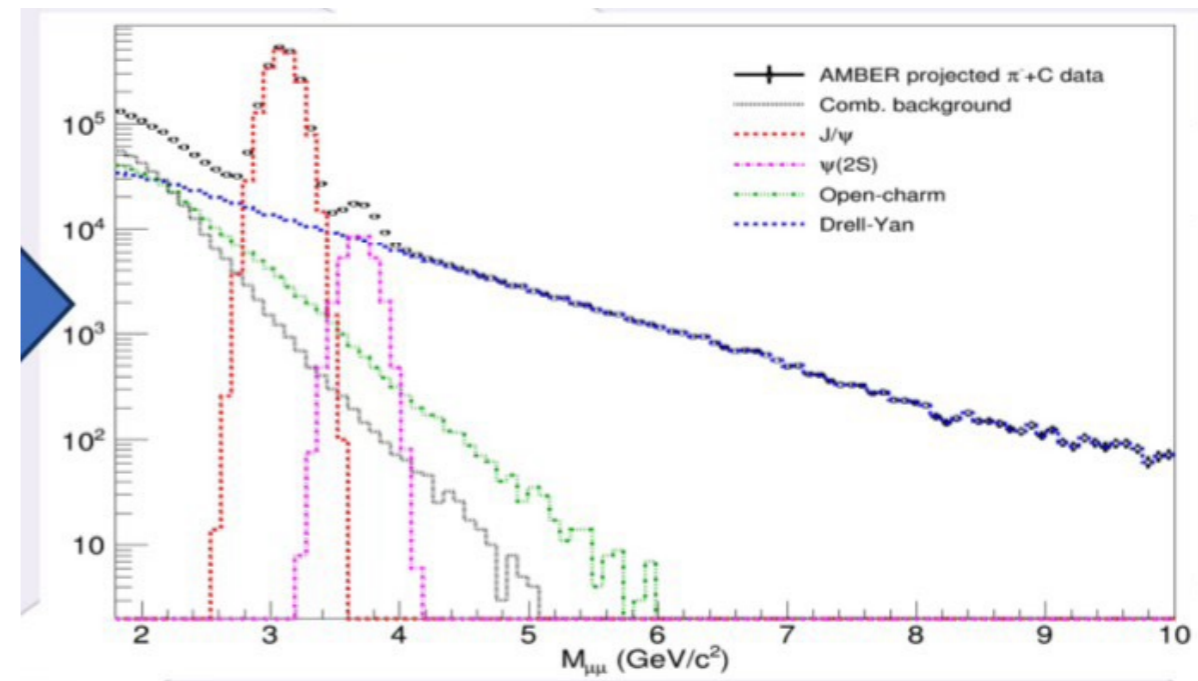
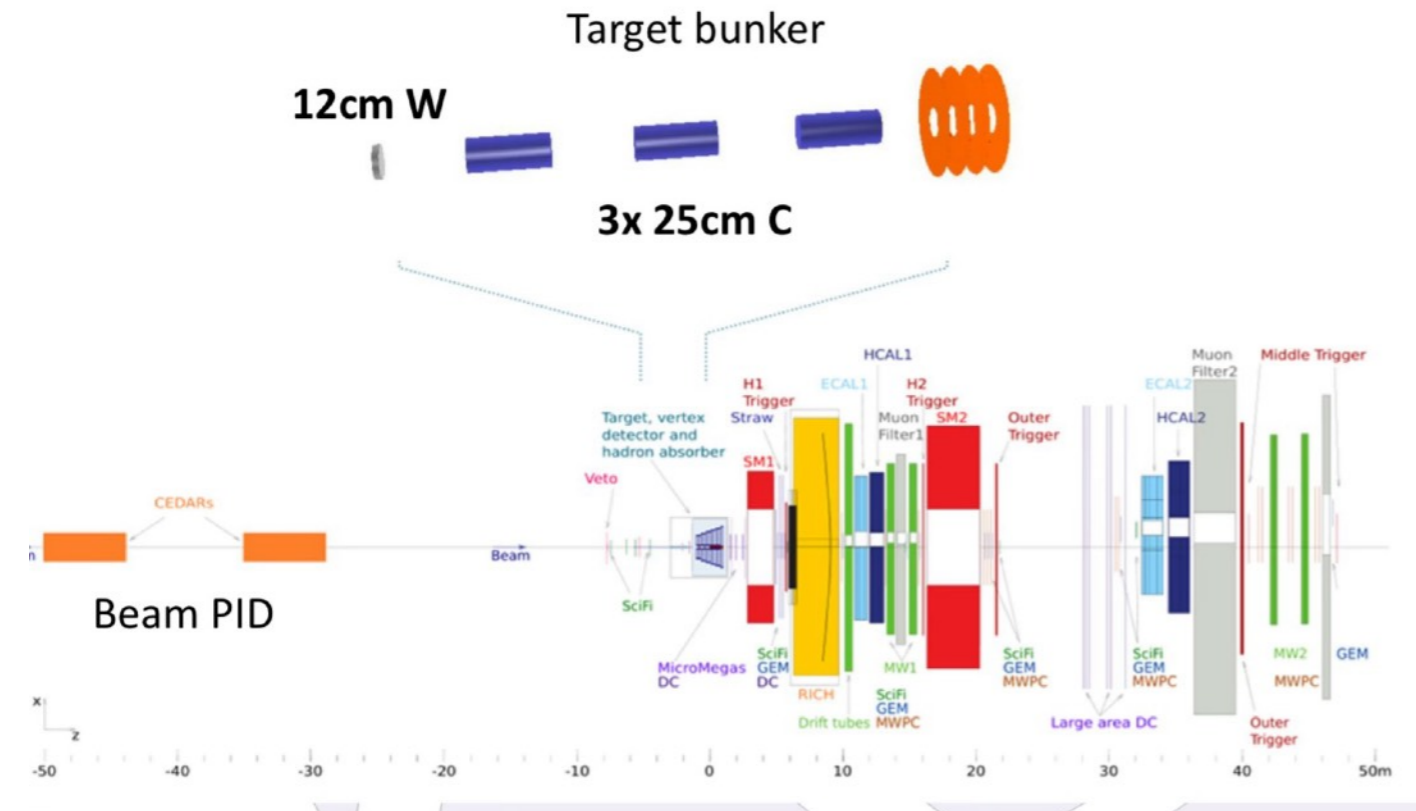
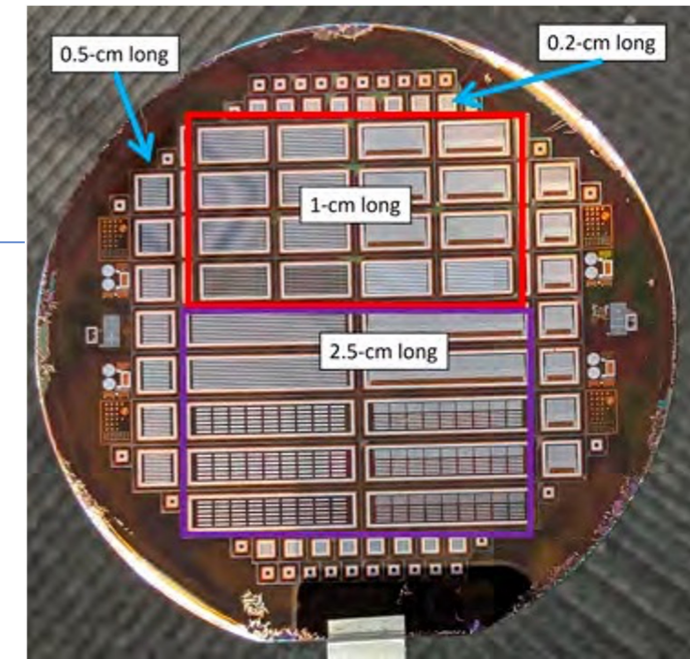
Inclusive di-lepton measurement



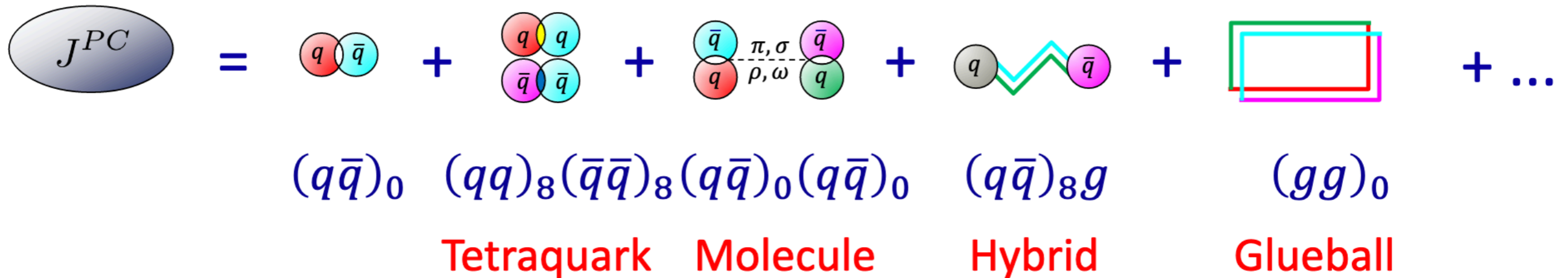
Detector Improvements



AC-LGAD prototype sensor



Meson spectroscopy



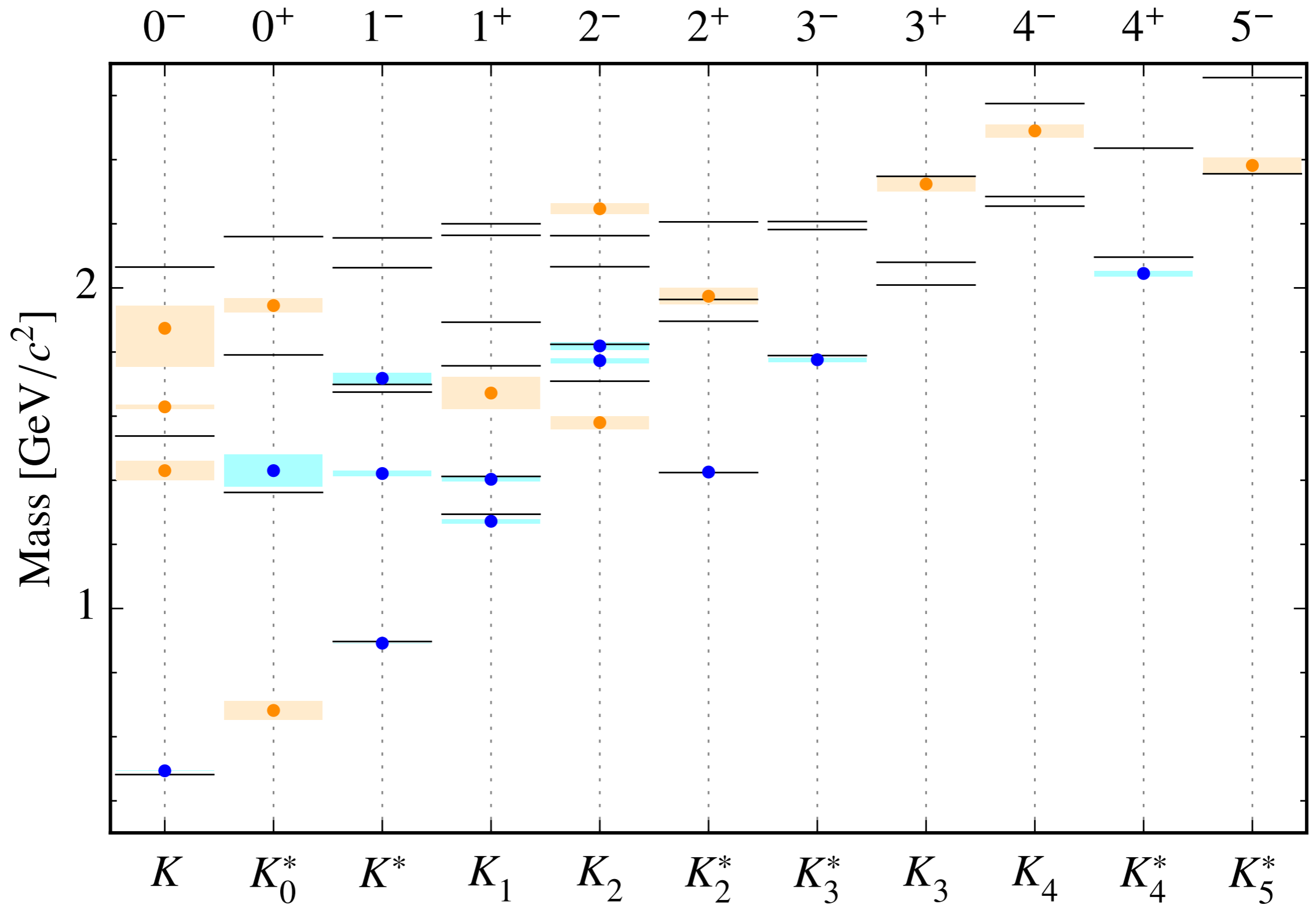
Where are they?

How to identify them?

- Spin-exotic: $J^{PC} = 0^{--}, 0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, \dots$
- Supernumerary states
- Flavor-exotic: $|Q|, |I_3|, |S|, |C| \geq 2$
- Comparison with models, lattice

Need:

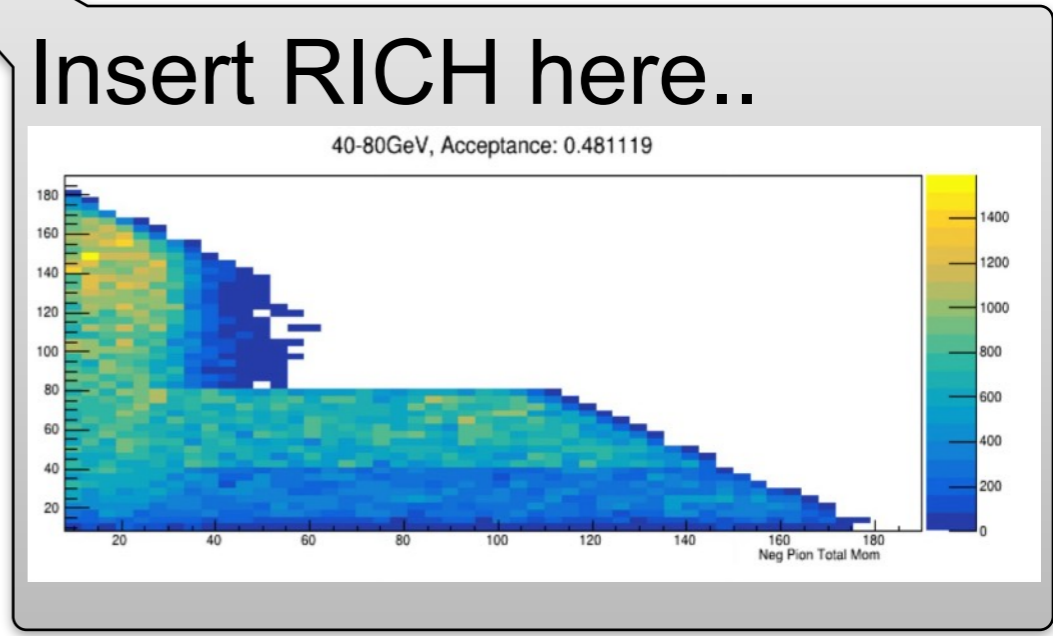
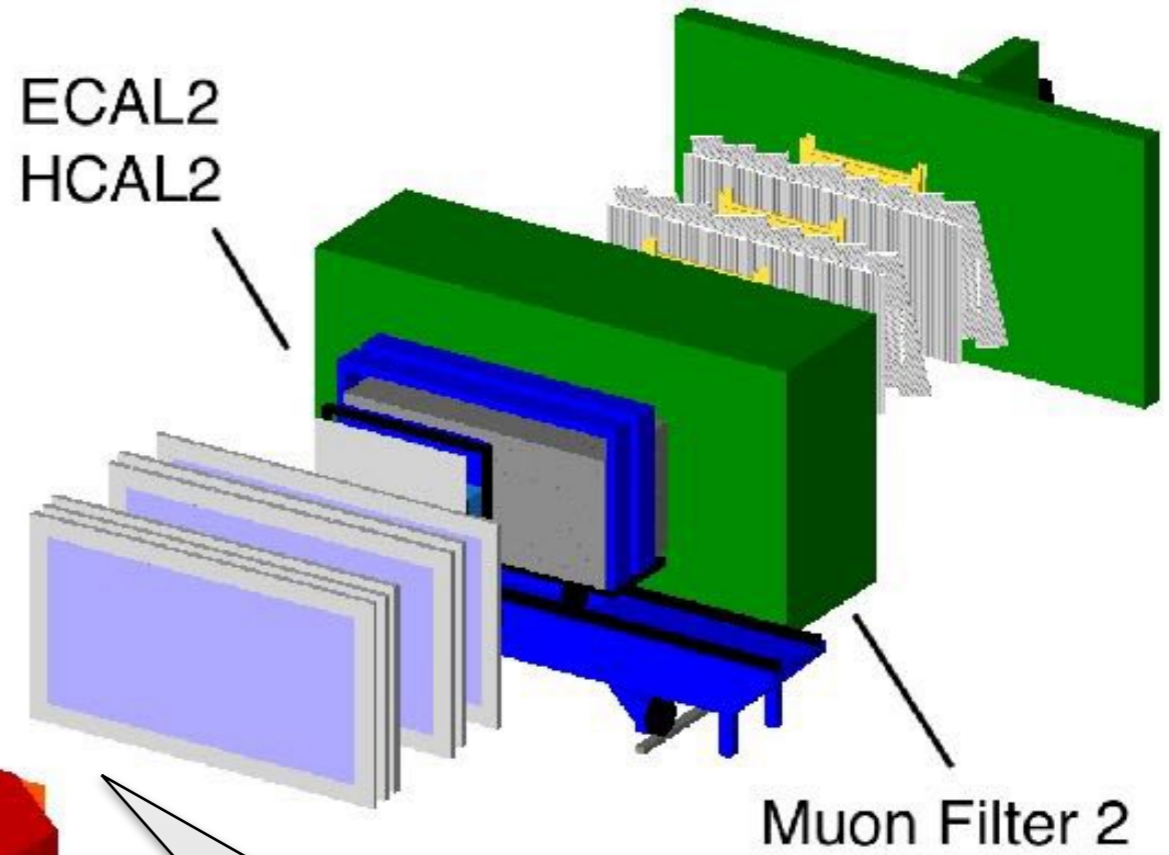
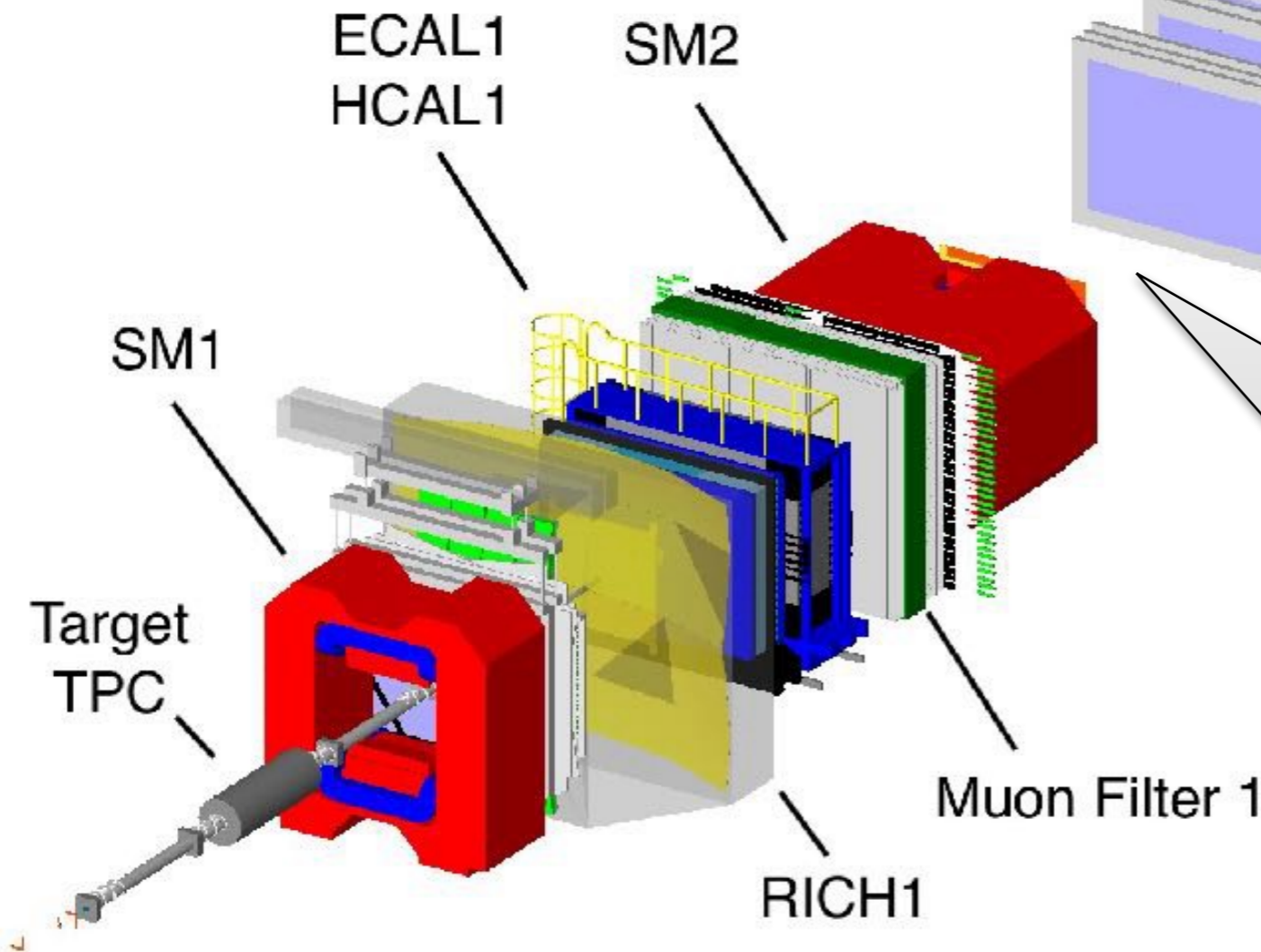
- Large data sets with small statistical uncertainties
- Complementary experiments
 - production mechanisms
 - final states
- Advanced analysis methods
 - reaction models
 - theoretical constraints

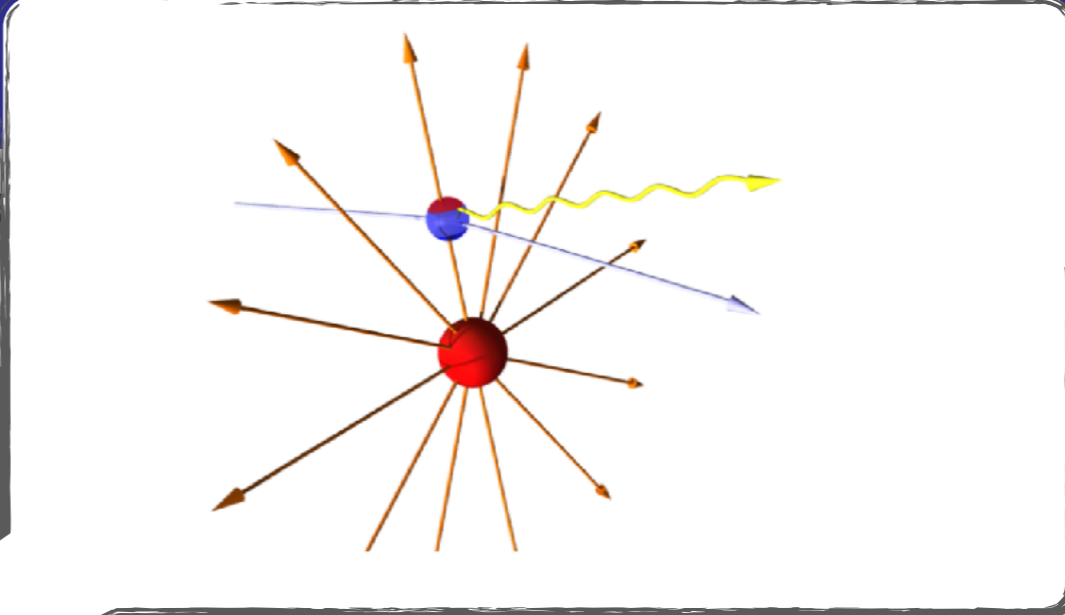
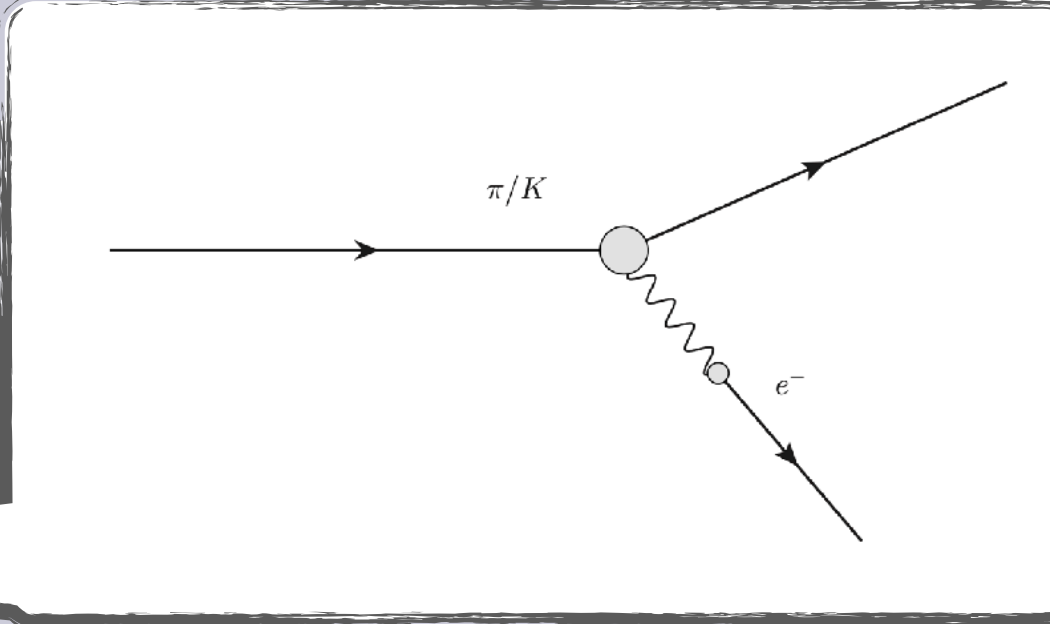




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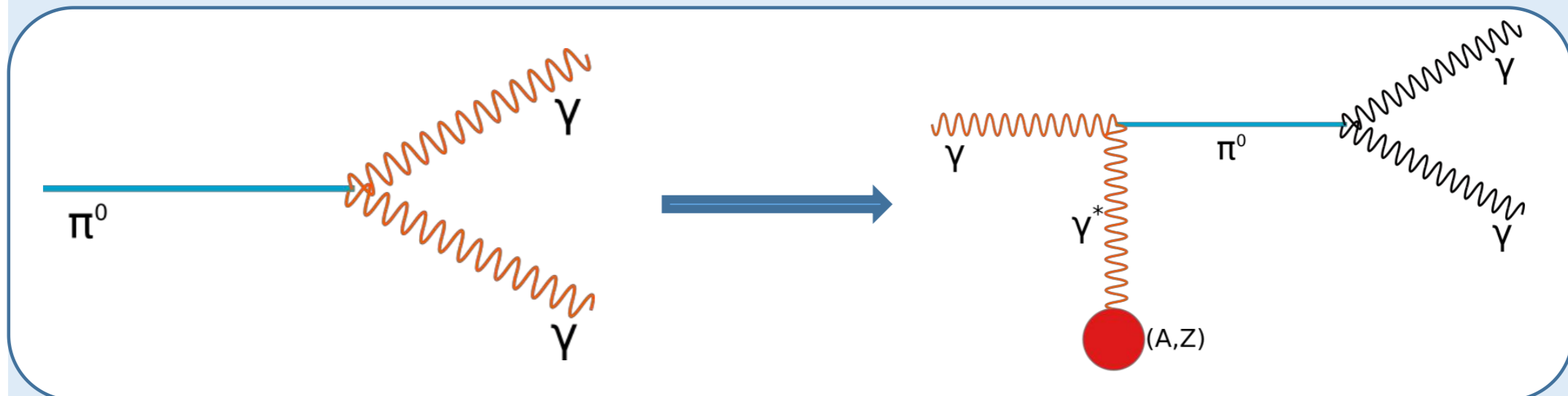
Apparatus for Meson and Baryon Experimental Research



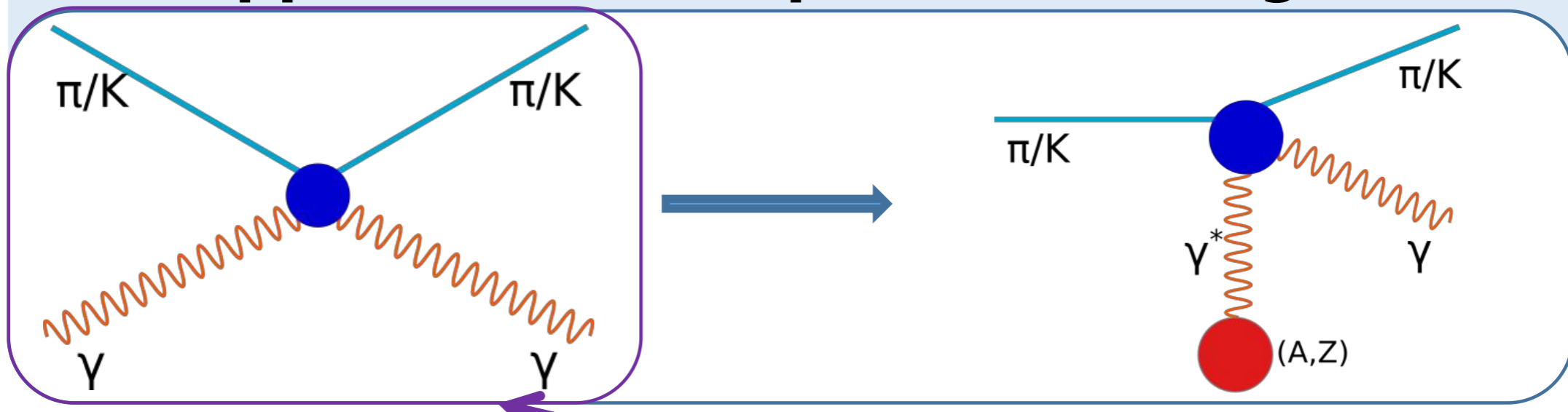
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<i>Primakoff reactions</i>	<i>~ 100 GeV charged Kaons</i>	<i>Nickel</i>	
<i>Meson radii</i>	<i>50 GeV to 280 GeV charged pions and Kaons</i>		

Initial idea of Henry Primakoff:

Electromagnetic field of nucleus = photon target!

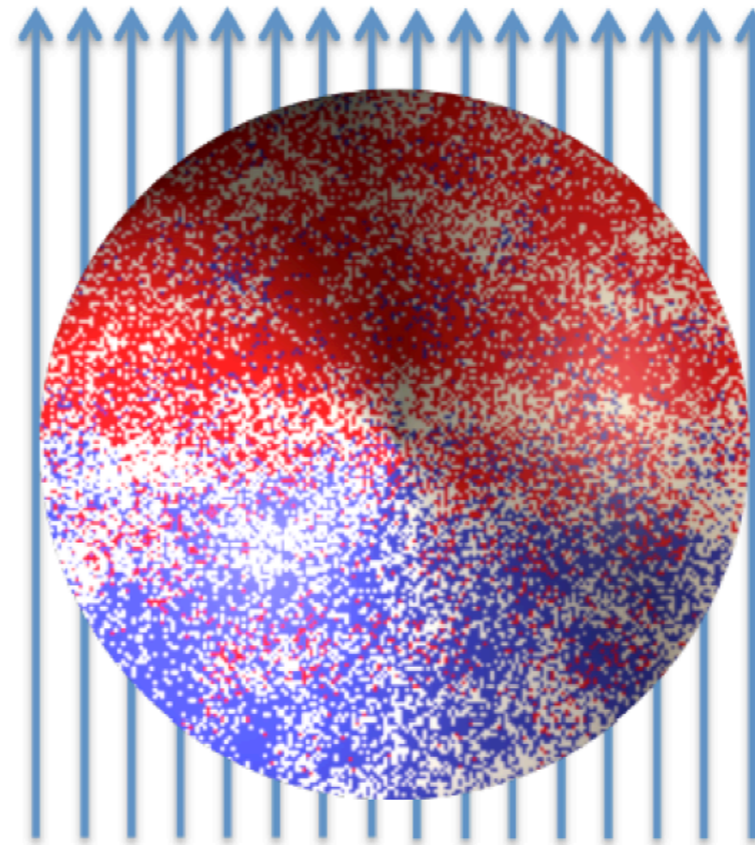
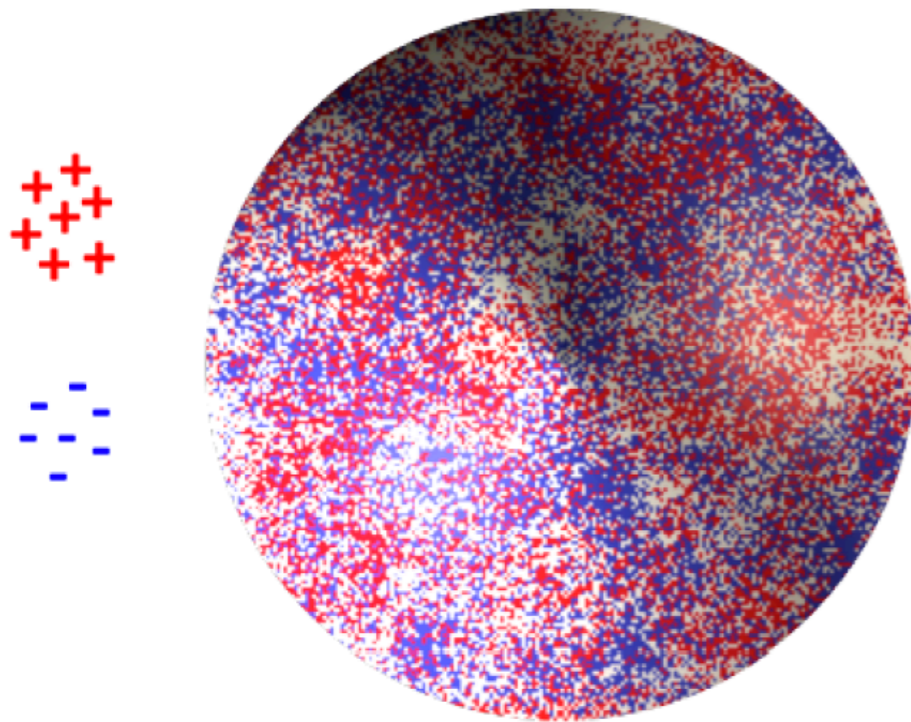


Also applicable to compton scattering:



Kaon polarisabilities at AMBER

pictures from Temple Univ

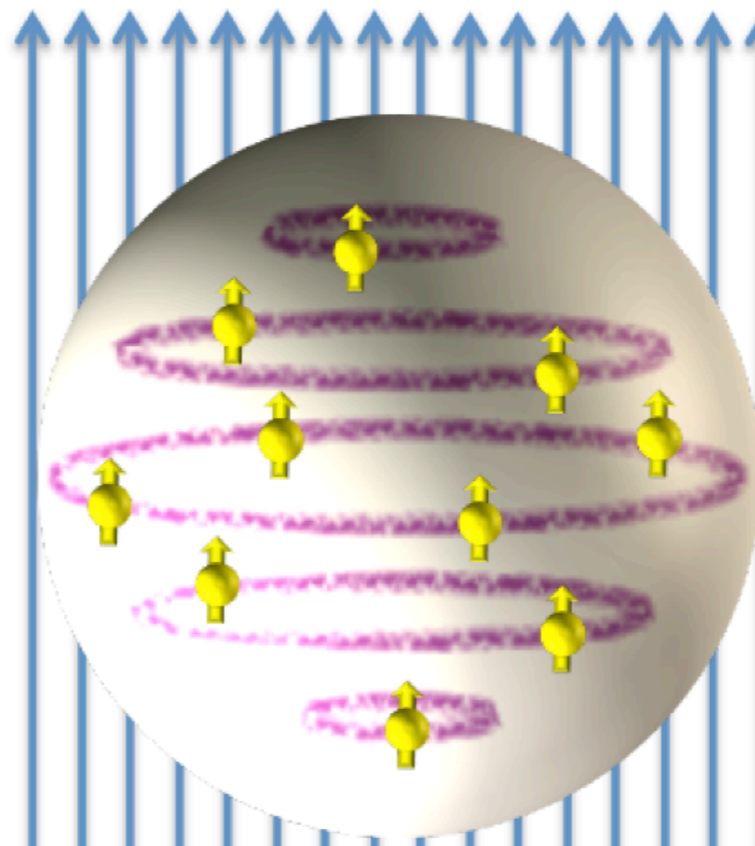
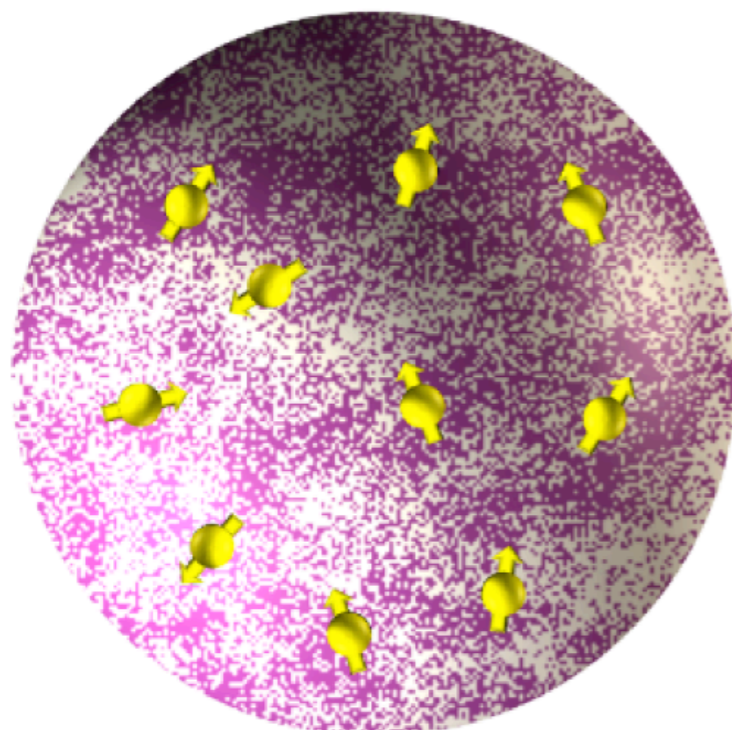


\vec{E}

“stretchability”

$$\vec{d}_{E \text{ induced}} \sim \alpha \vec{E}$$

External field deforms the charge distribution



\vec{B}

“alignability”

$$\vec{d}_{M \text{ induced}} \sim \beta \vec{B}$$

$$\beta_{\text{para}} > 0$$

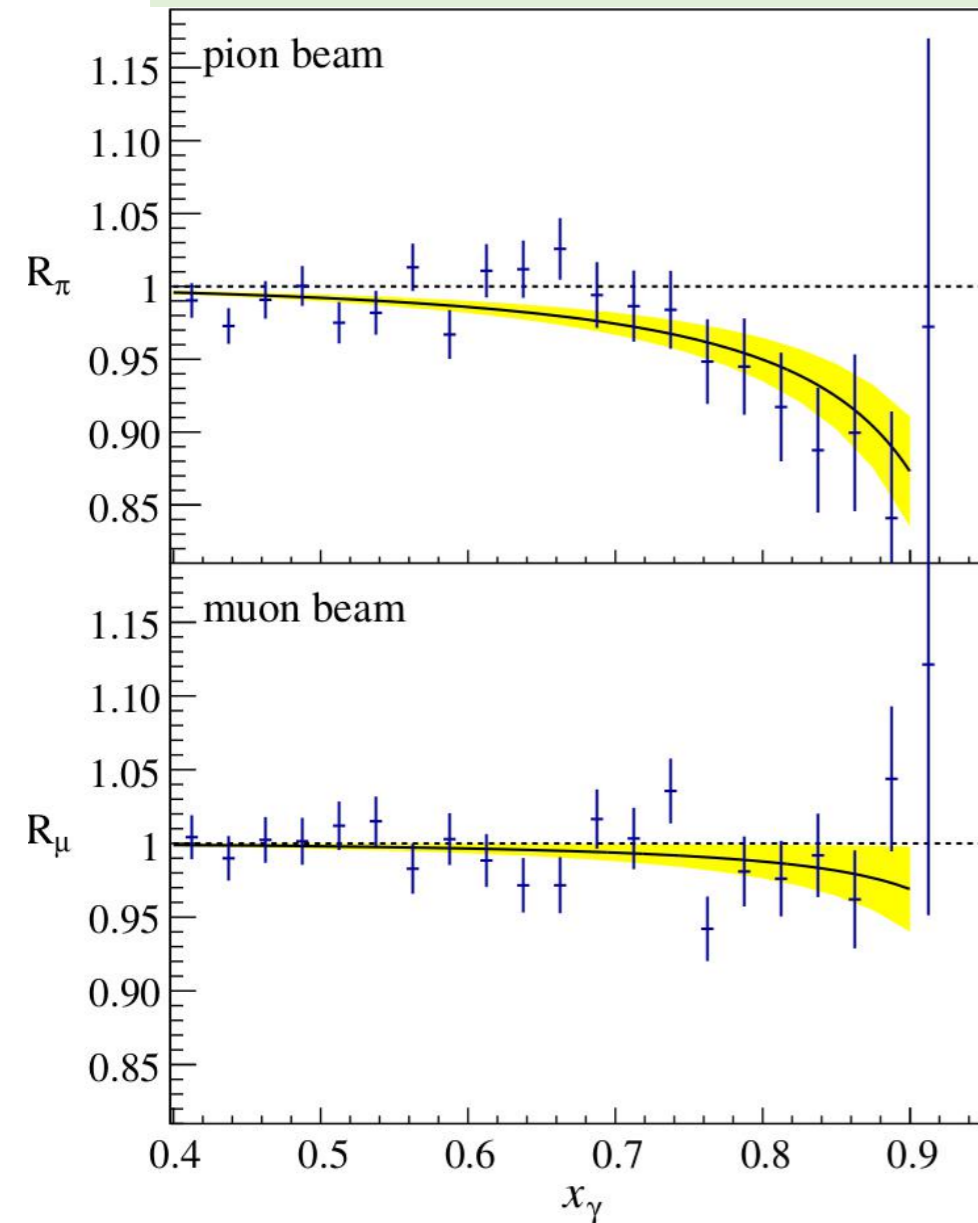
$$\beta_{\text{diam}} < 0$$

Paramagnetic: proton spin aligns with the external magnetic field

Diamagnetic: π -cloud induction produces field counter to the external one

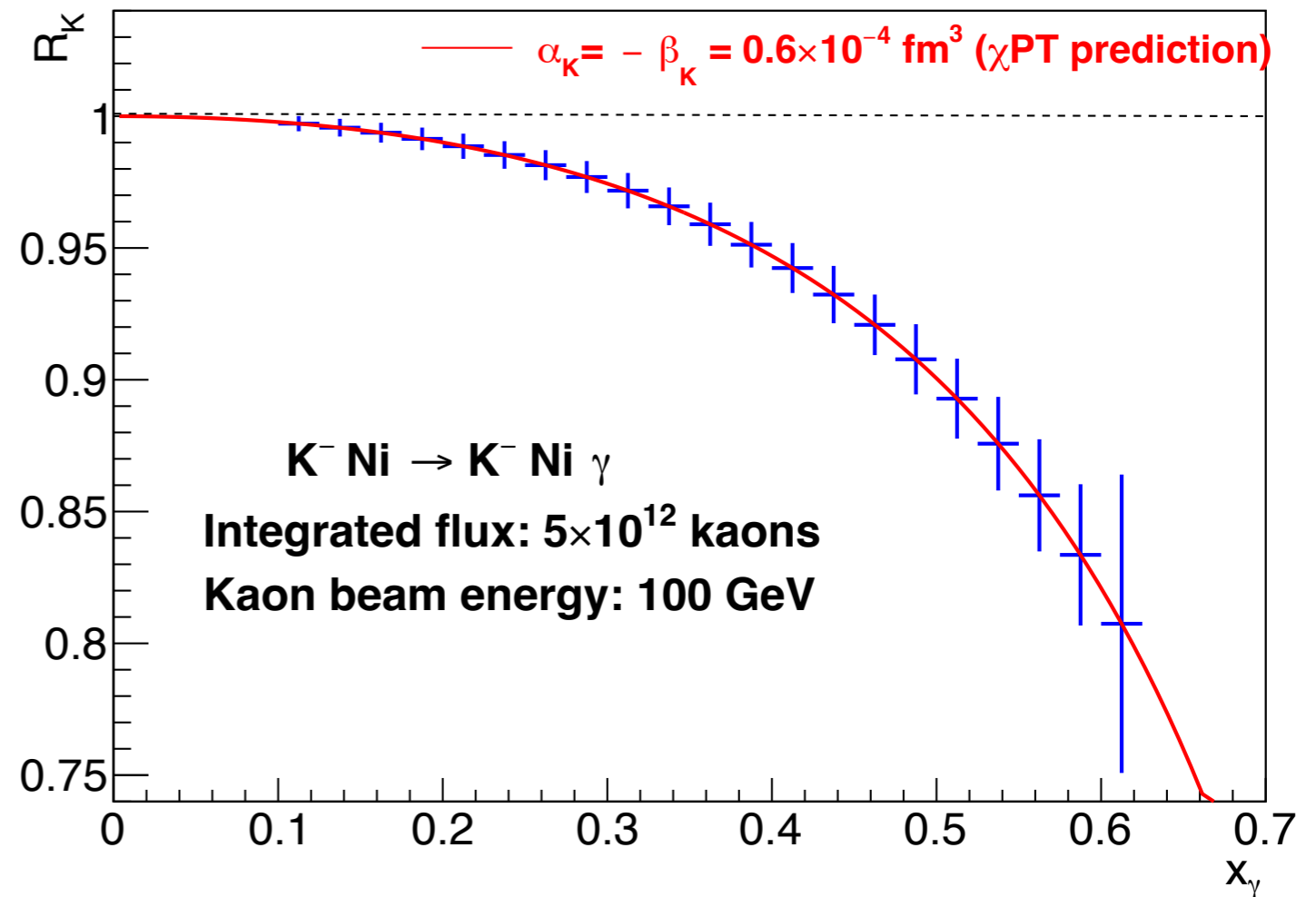
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α_π at COMPASS

$$\alpha_\pi = (2.0 \pm 0.6 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$$



α_K extracted at AMBER (projection)

- Expected statistical accuracy in $\alpha_K - \beta_K: \sigma = 0.03 \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$
- Unique measurement
- Prediction $\alpha_K - \beta_K \sim 1 - 4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$

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The humble proton is
nothing like we expected



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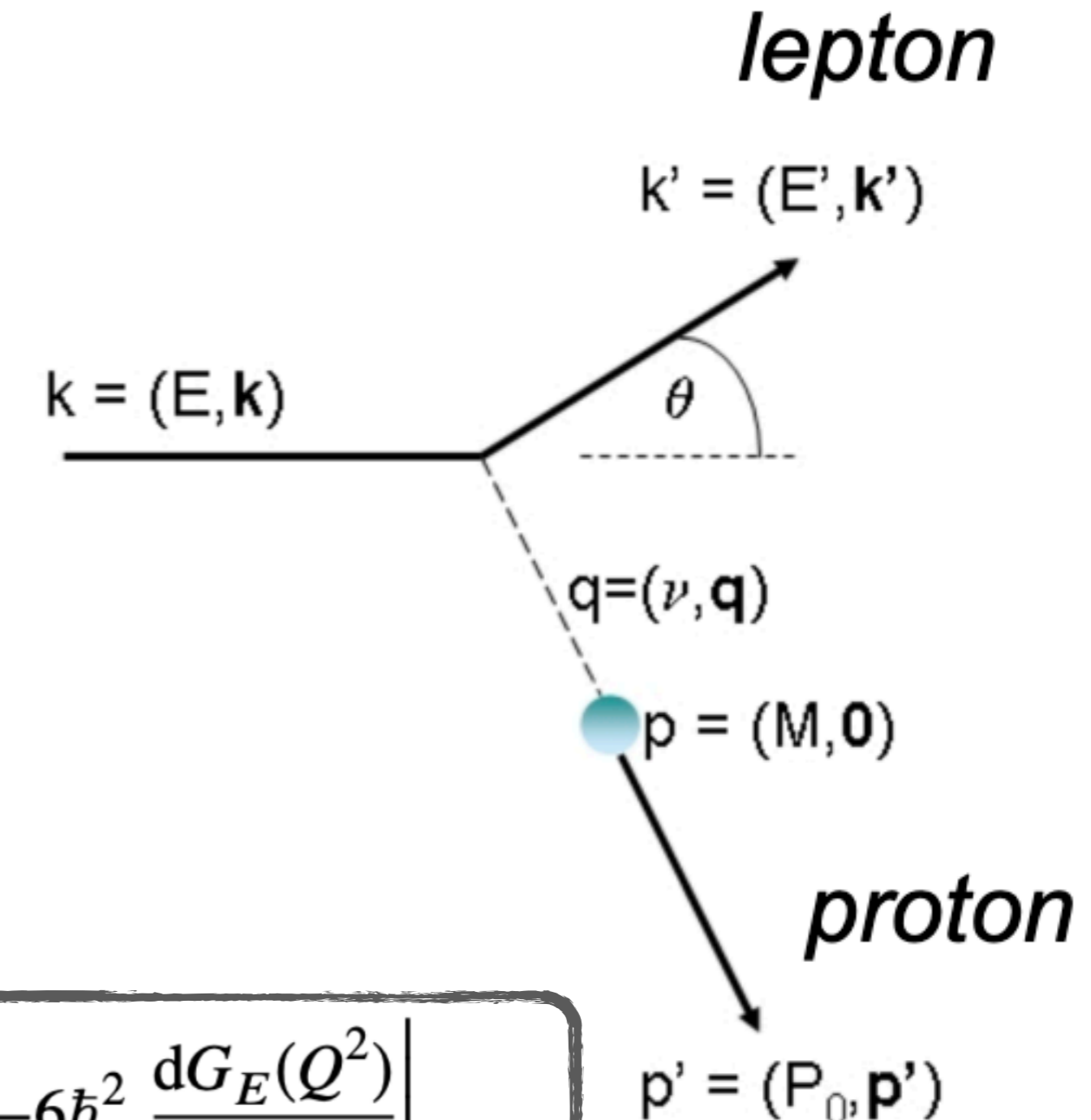
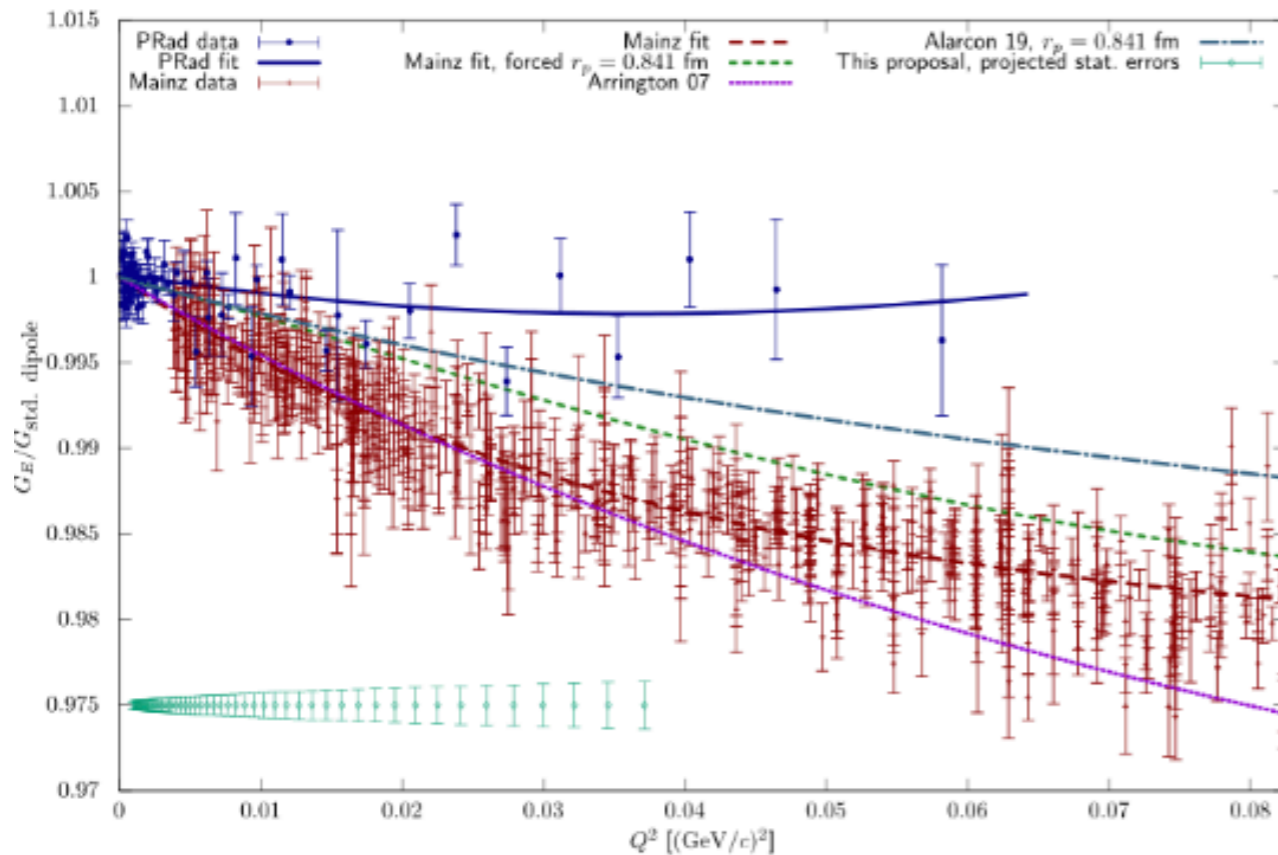


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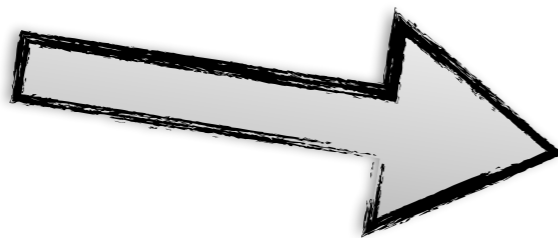
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Hadron charge radii



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^4} R \left(\varepsilon G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2 \right)$$



$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle = -6\hbar^2 \left. \frac{dG_E(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2 \rightarrow 0}$$

Unique opportunity to measure particle
and antiparticle radii in same setup

meson

π/K

electron

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Summary and Conclusion

- Understanding QCD means understanding the emergent properties of Baryons and Mesons
- Unique opportunities to study QCD provided by CERN M2 beam line with high energy and high intensity $\pi/K/p$ beam
- Exciting improvements in beam delivery (NA-CONS)
- AMBER beyond LS3 focussing on
 - Drell-Yan with Kaons and Kaon structure
 - Kaon induced meson spectroscopy
 - Meson polarisabilities using Primakoff reactions
 - Meson radii in inverse kinematics

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