

# The project

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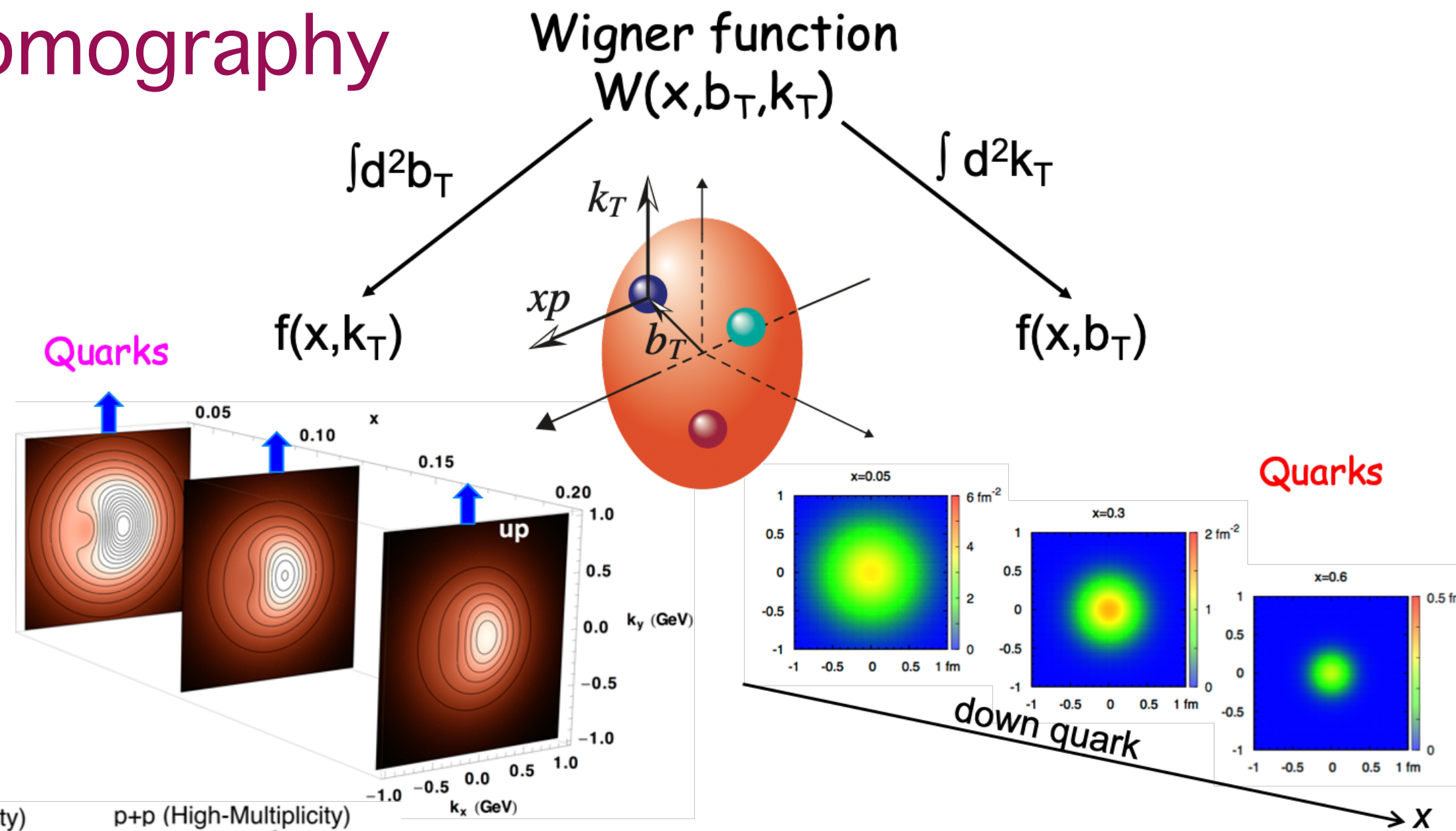
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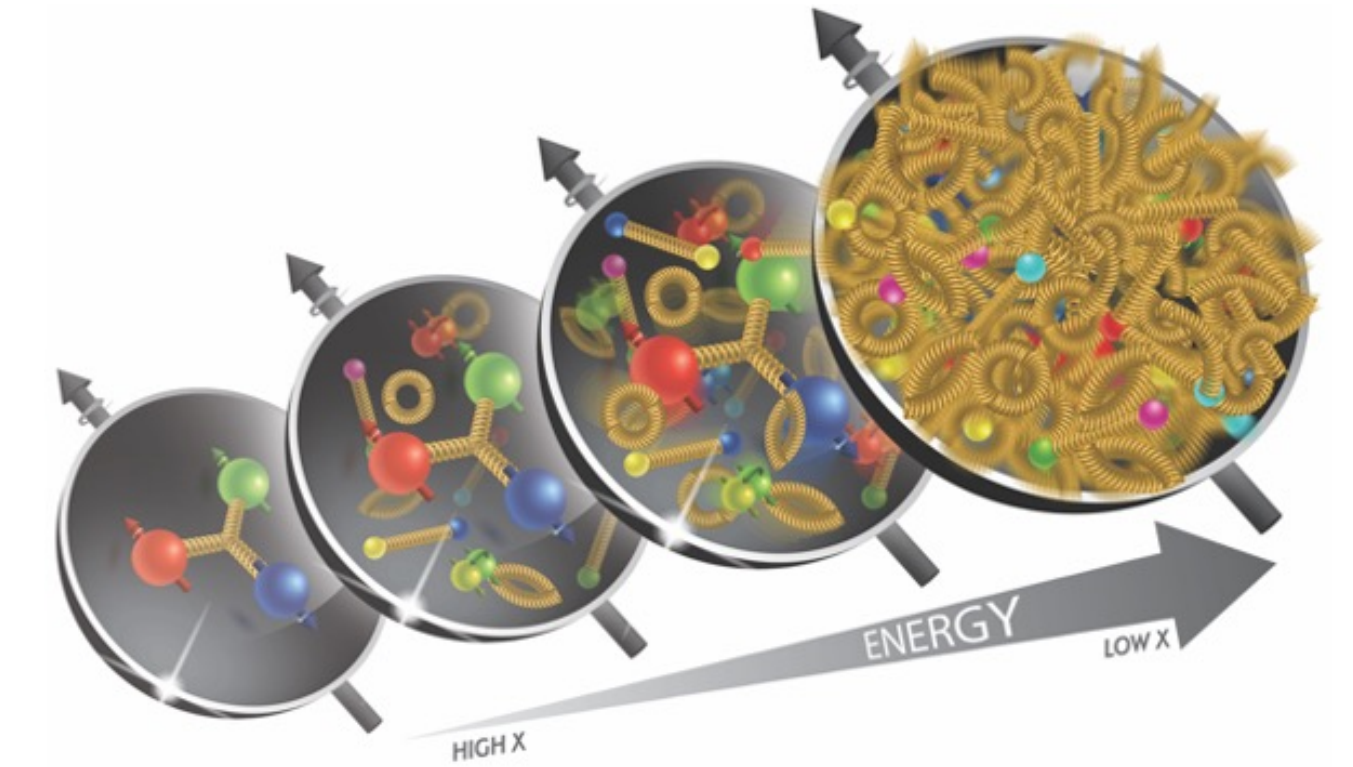
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We have the opportunity to explore a wide range of new physics scenarios at LHC

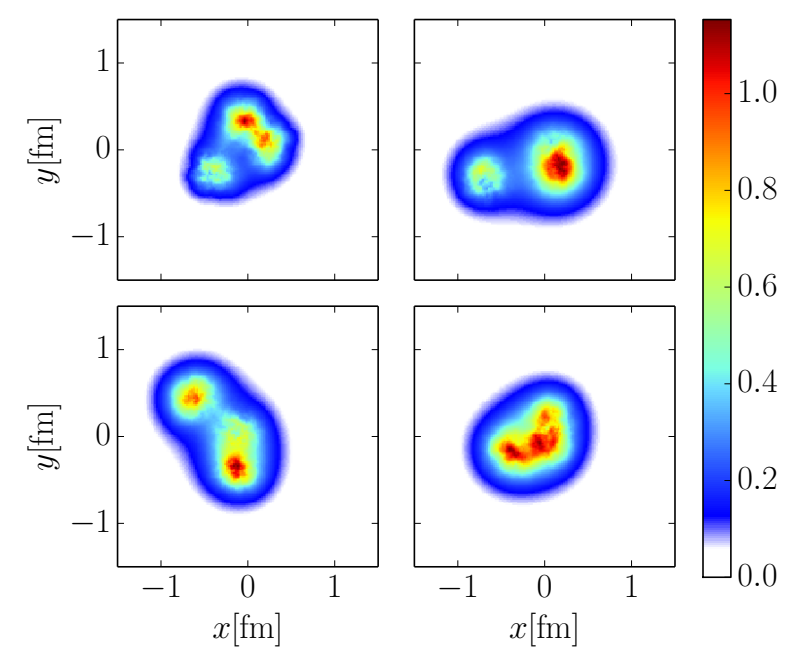
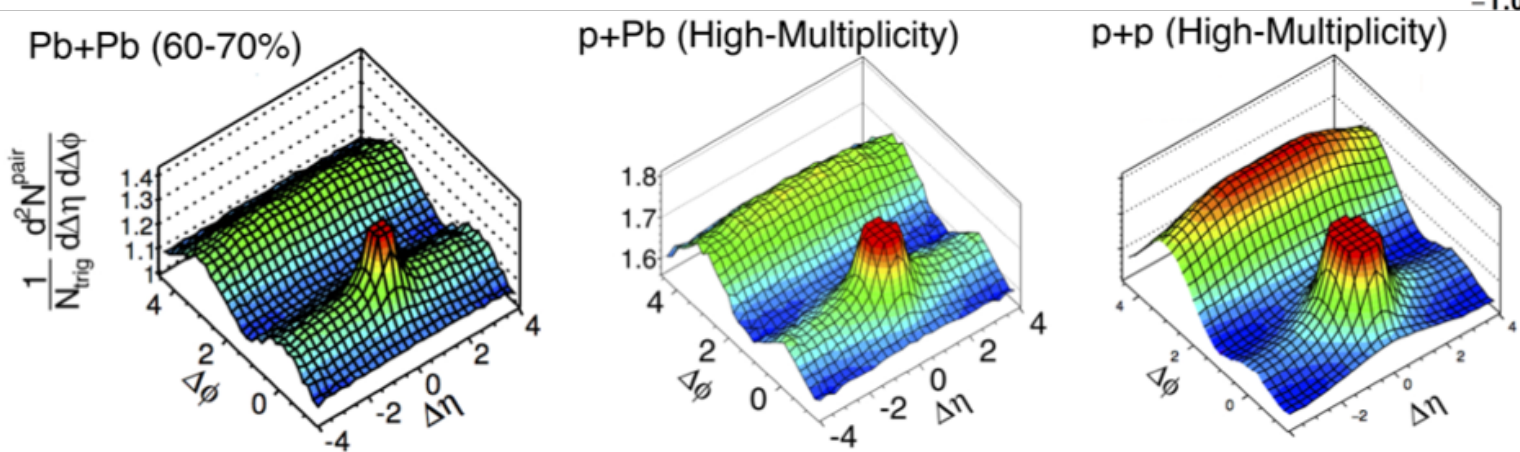
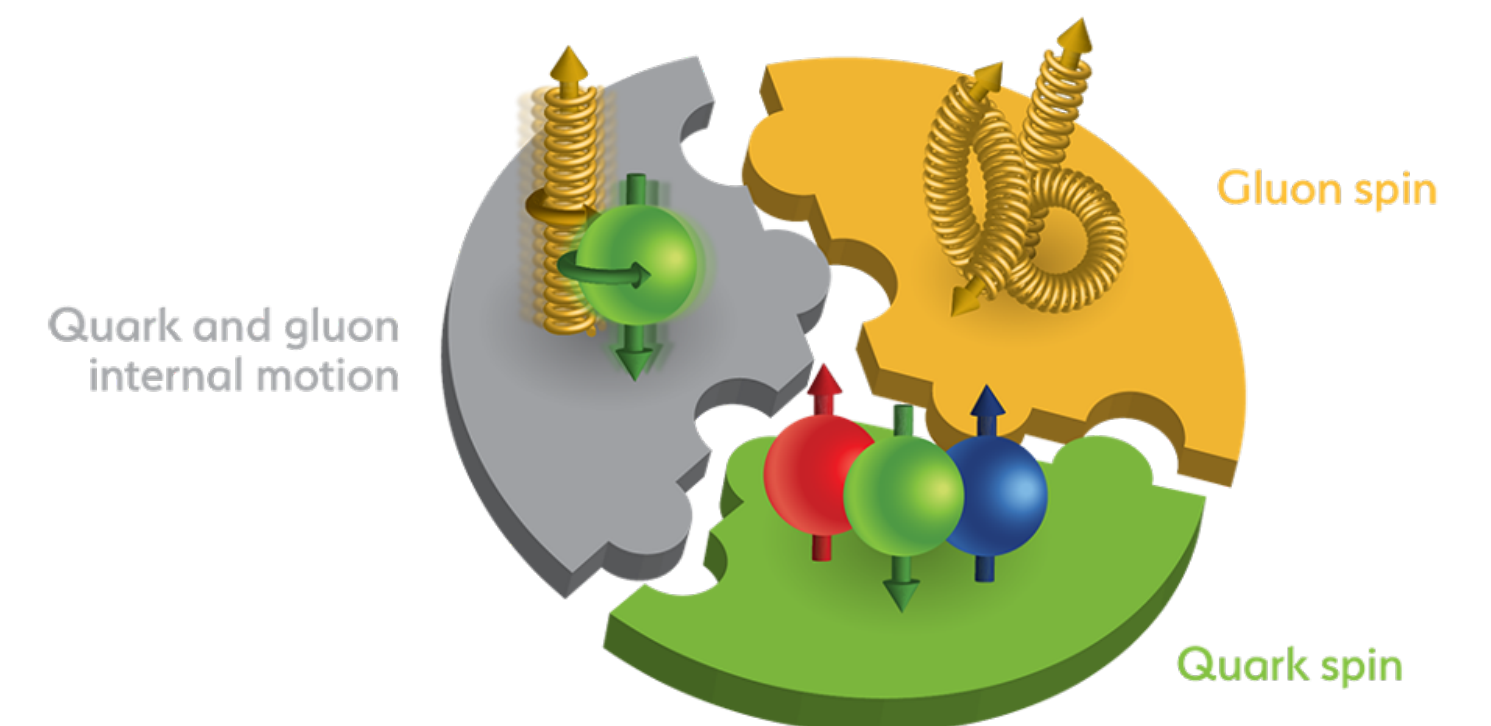
## Hadron Tomography



## Hadron Structure

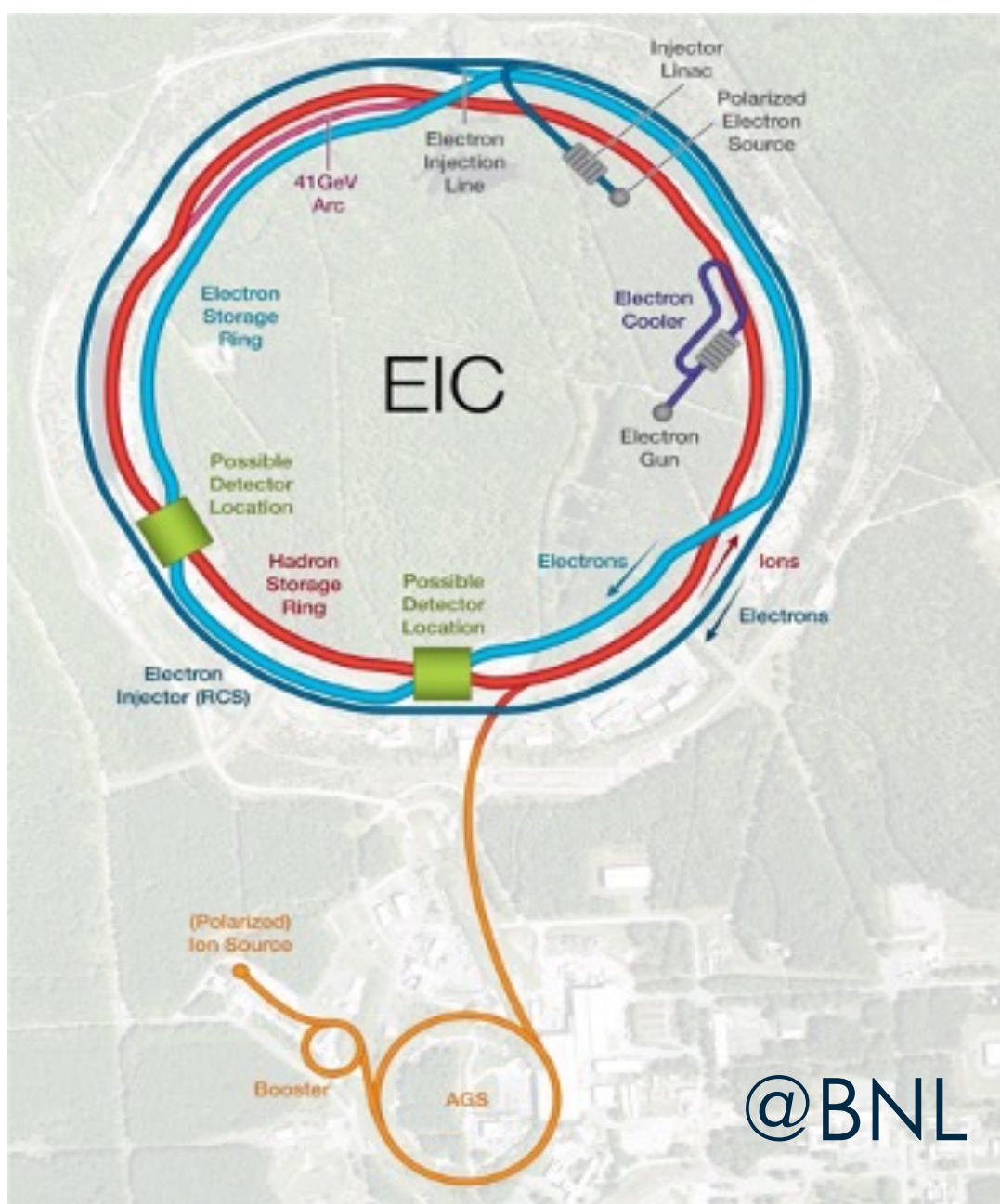
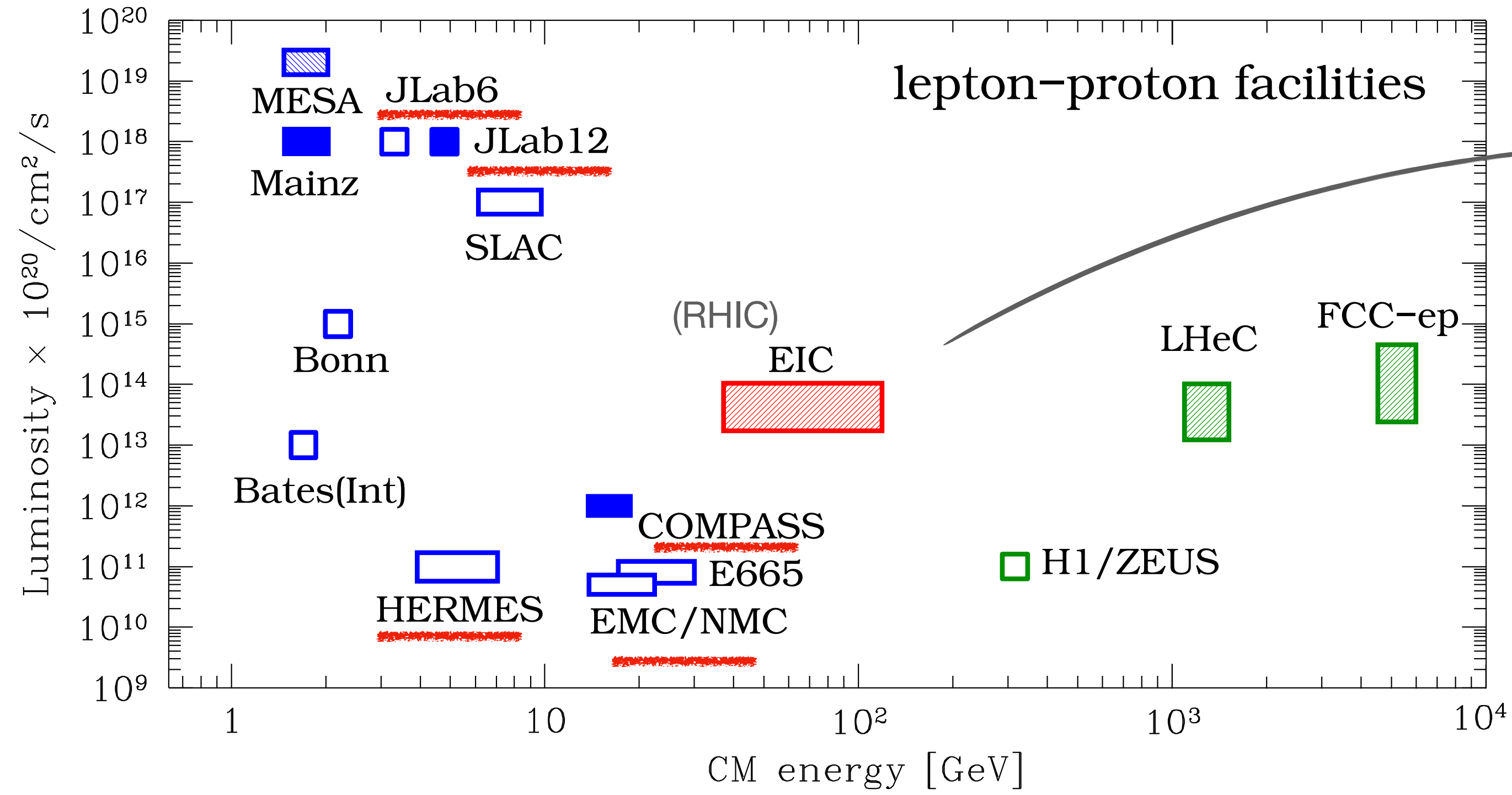


## Spin structure



## Collective phenomena

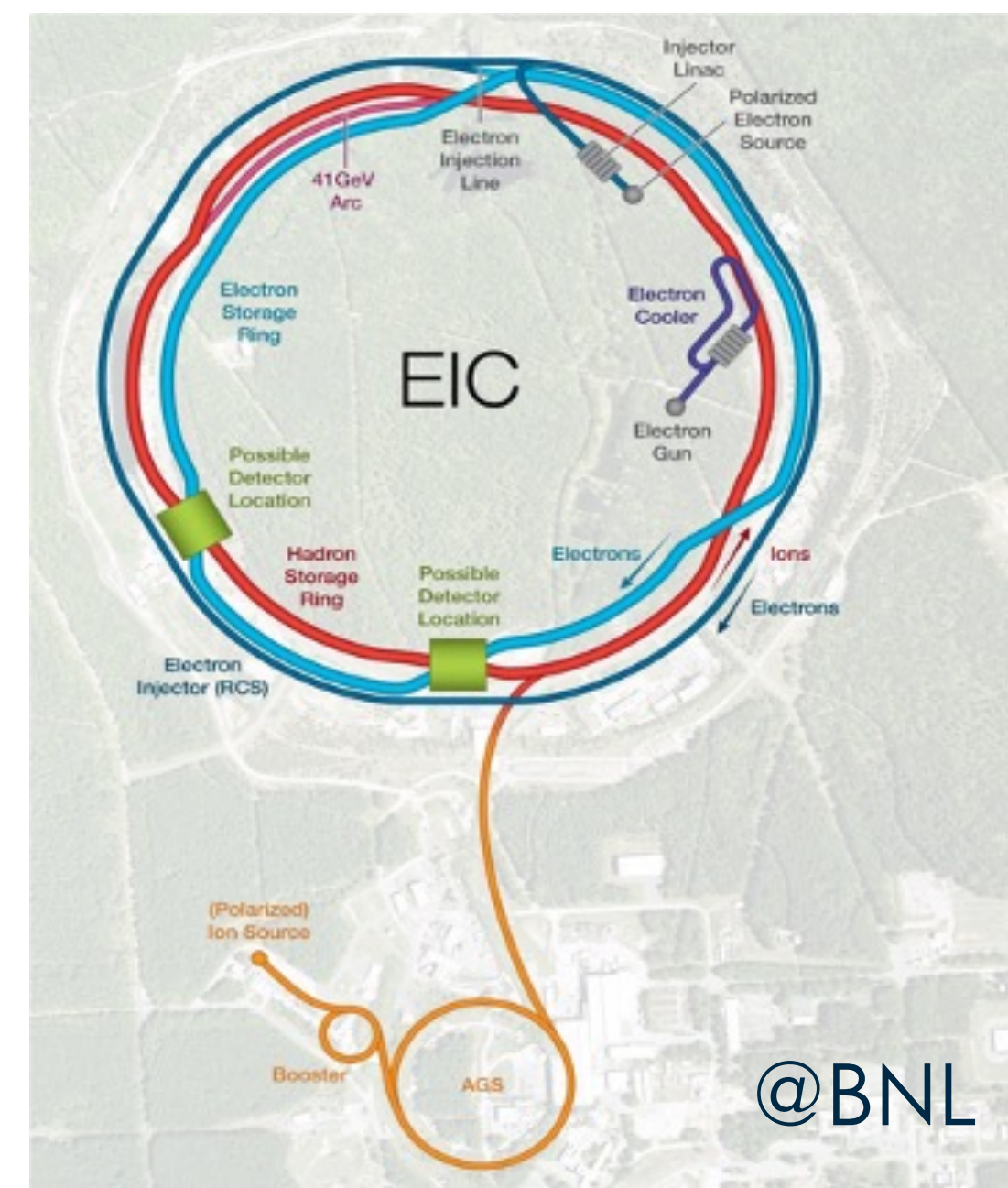
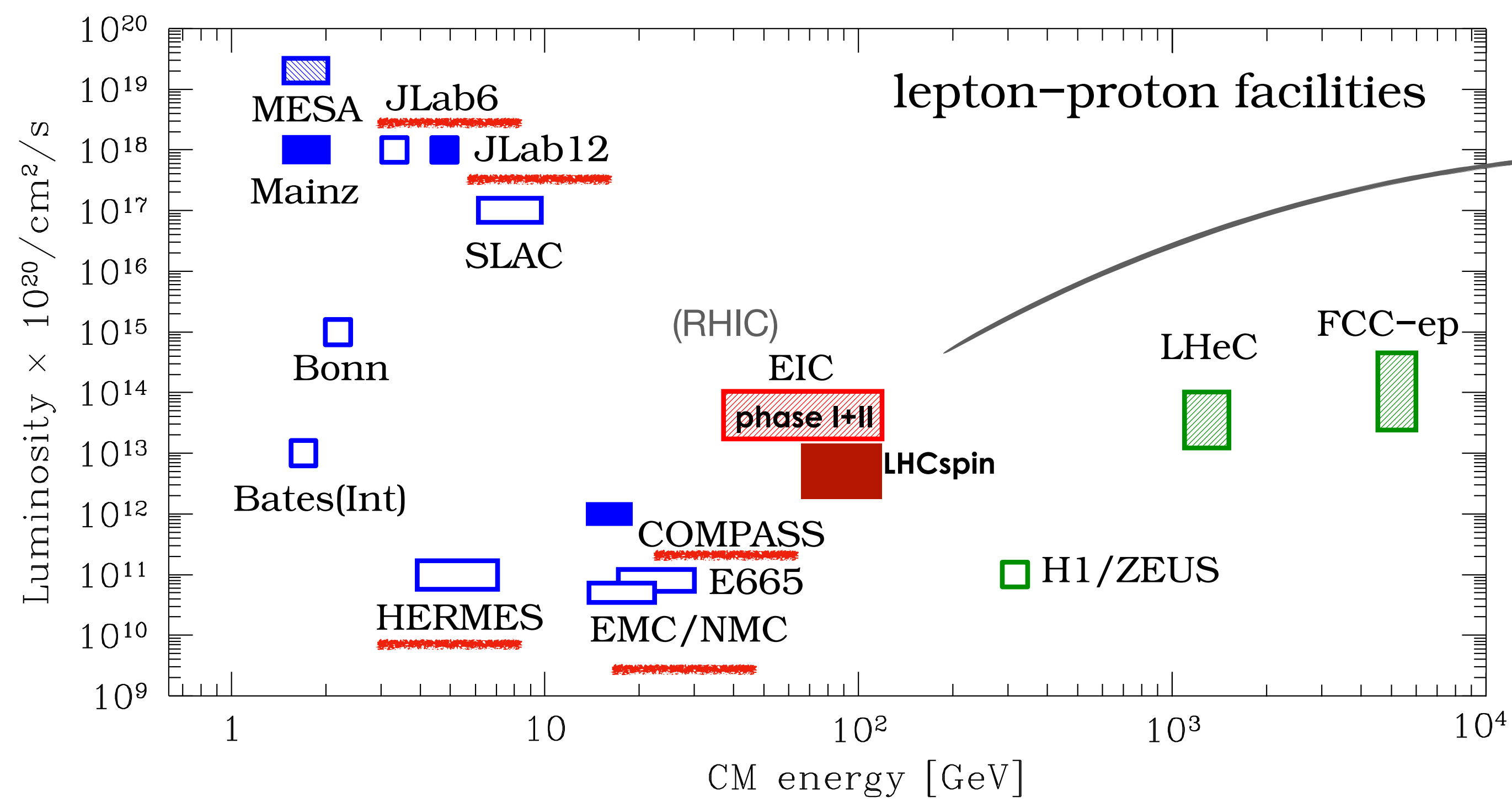
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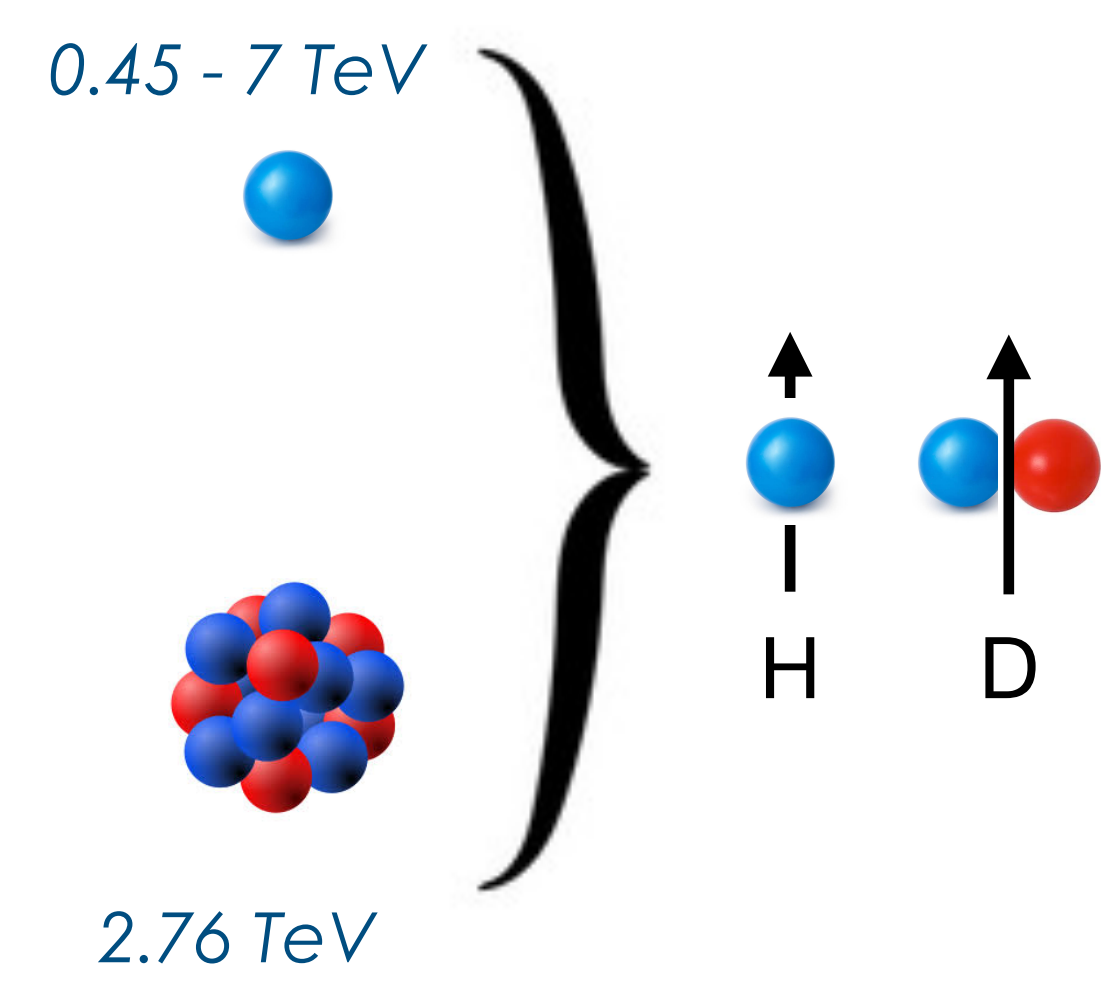
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The LHC beams cannot be polarised. The only possibility to have polarised collisions is through a polarised fixed-target



pp collisions: 0.45 - 7 TeV beam on fix target

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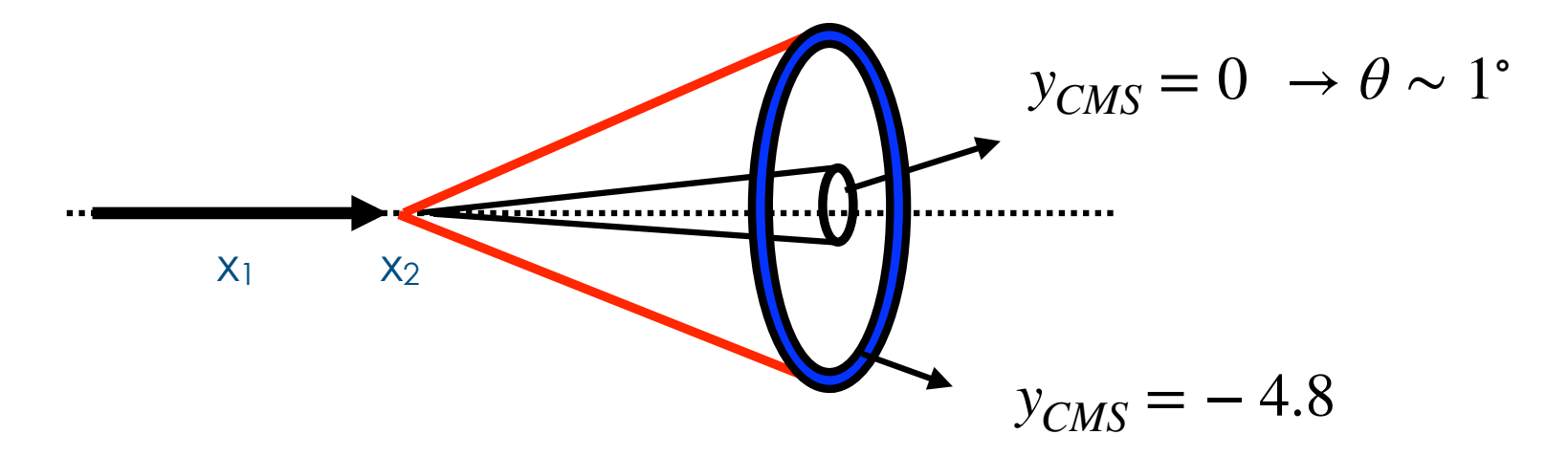
Ap collisions: 2.76 TeV beam on fix target

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} \simeq 72 \text{ GeV}$$

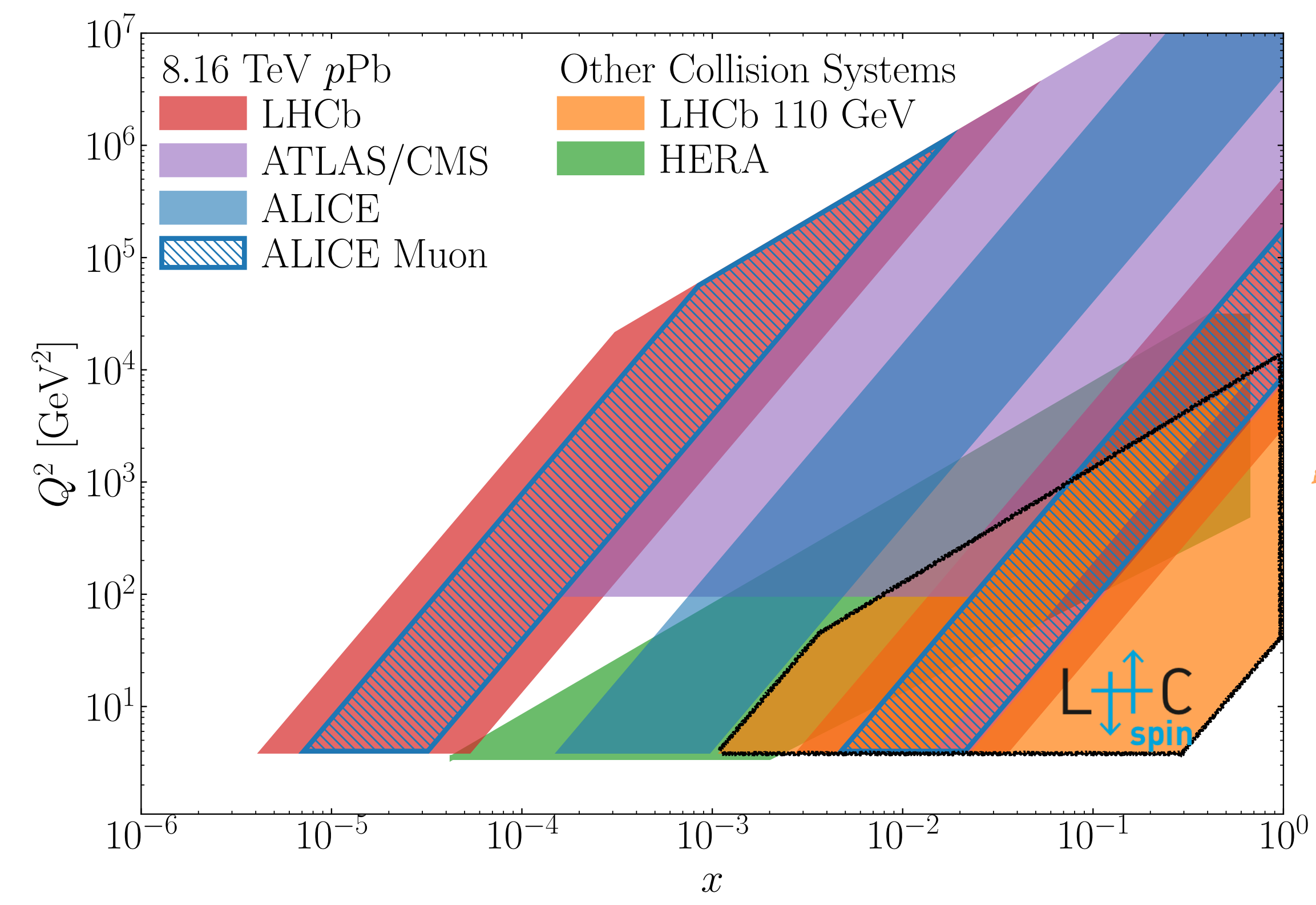
$$y_{CMS} = 0 \rightarrow y_{lab} = 4.3$$

1: beam; 2: target

Large CM boost, large  $x_2$  values ( $x_F < 0$ ) and small  $x_1$



$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{s_{NN}}}{2m_p} \simeq 60$$



Broad and poorly explored kinematic range

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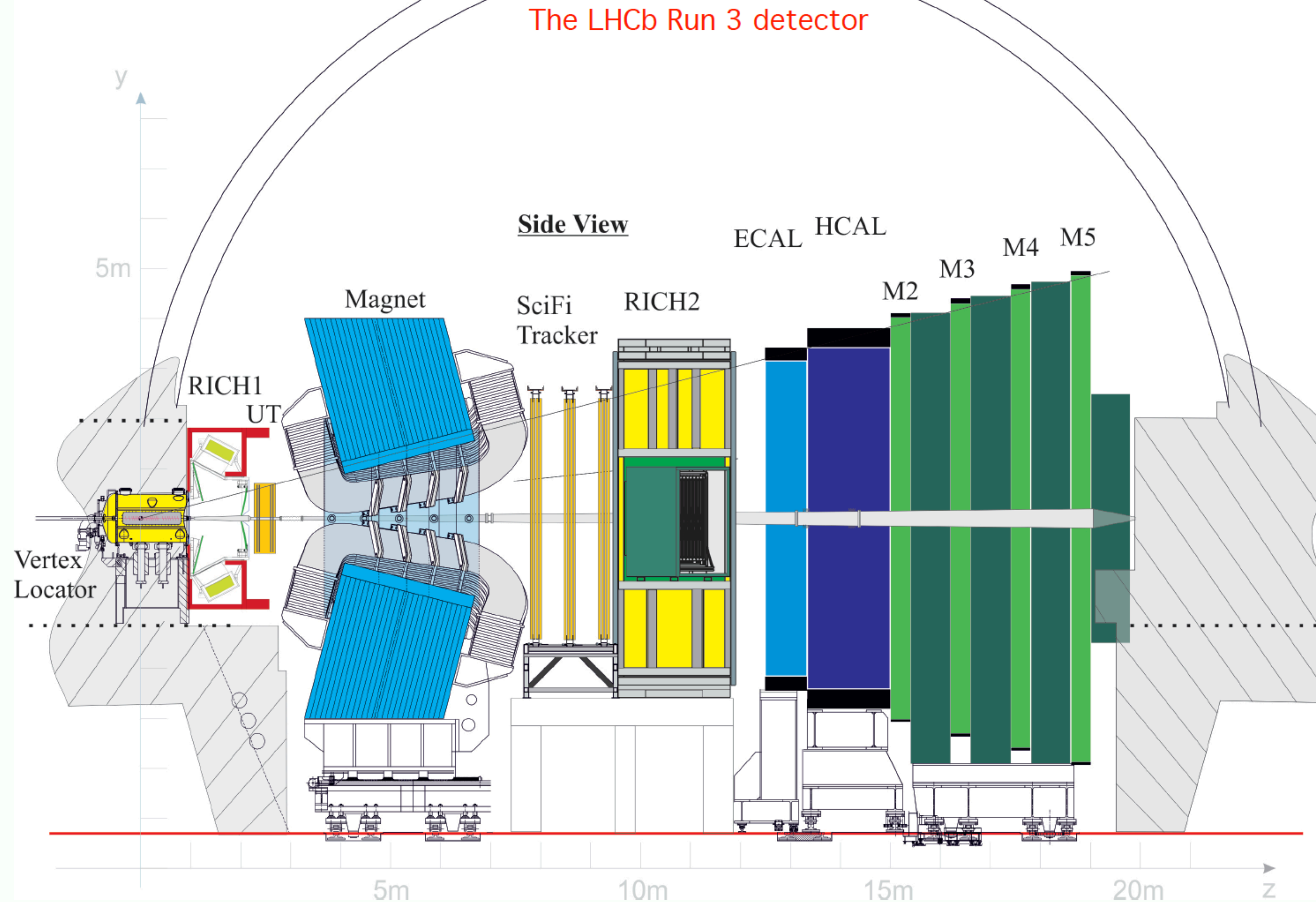
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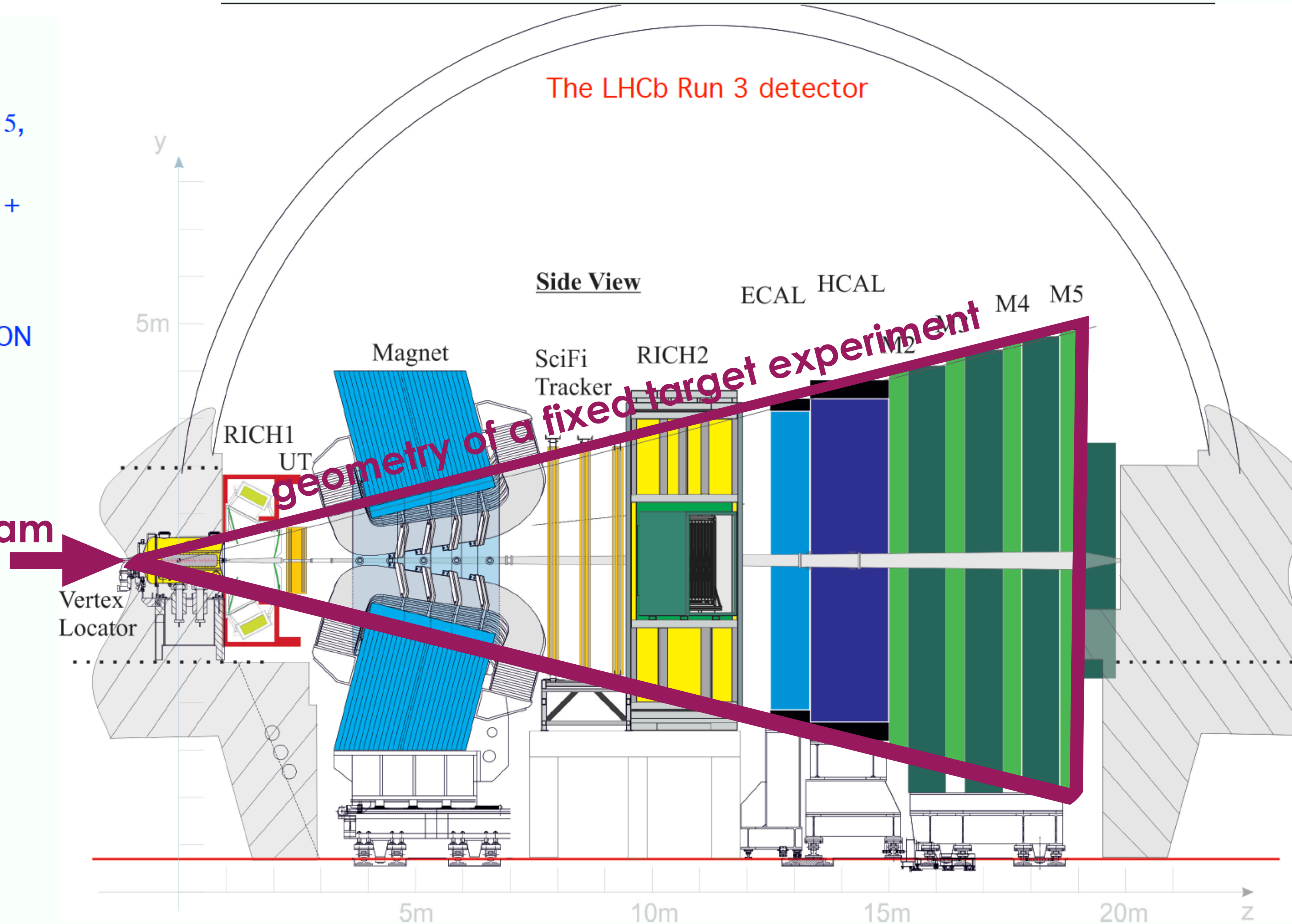
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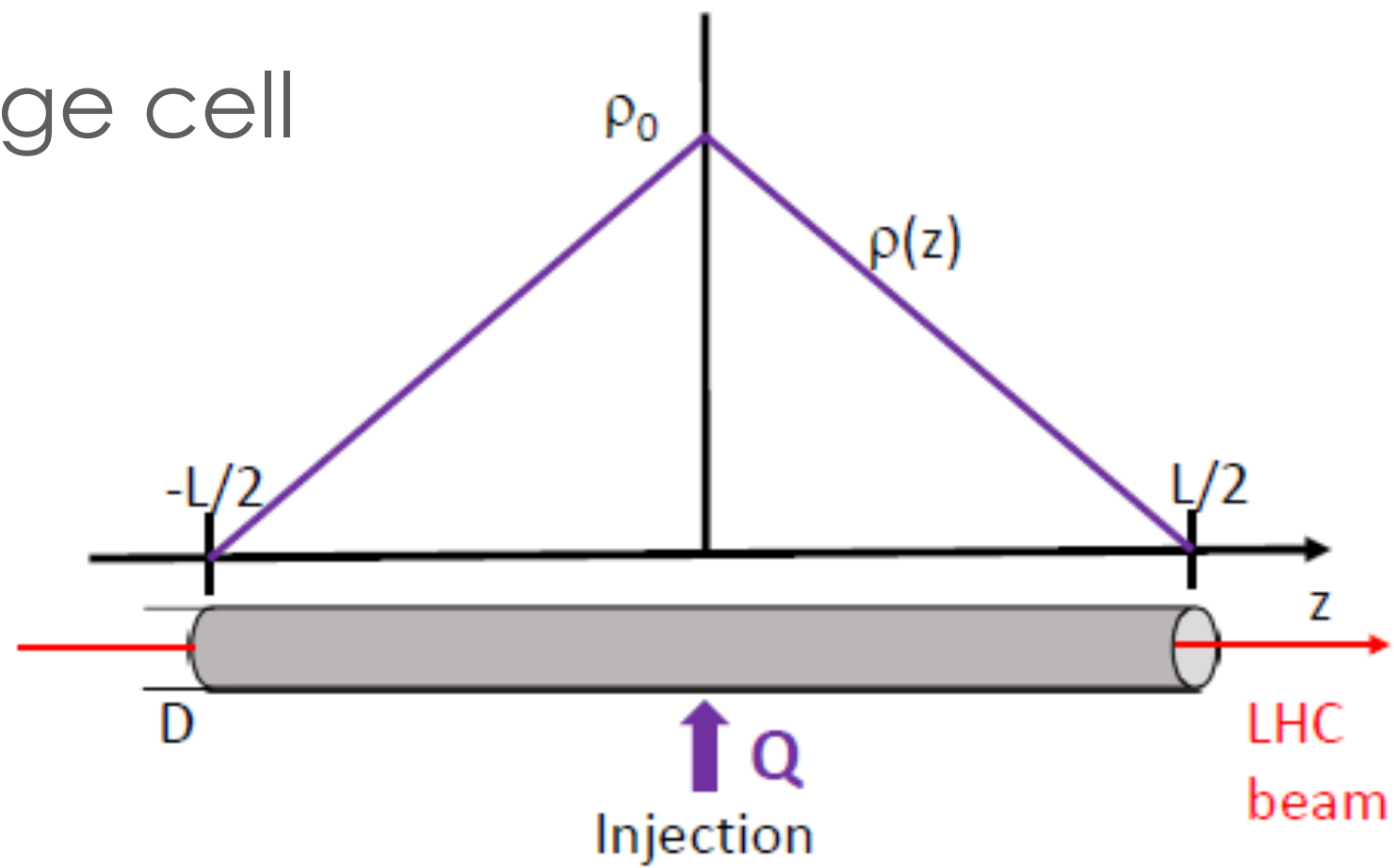
# SMDQ2

## an unpolarized target at

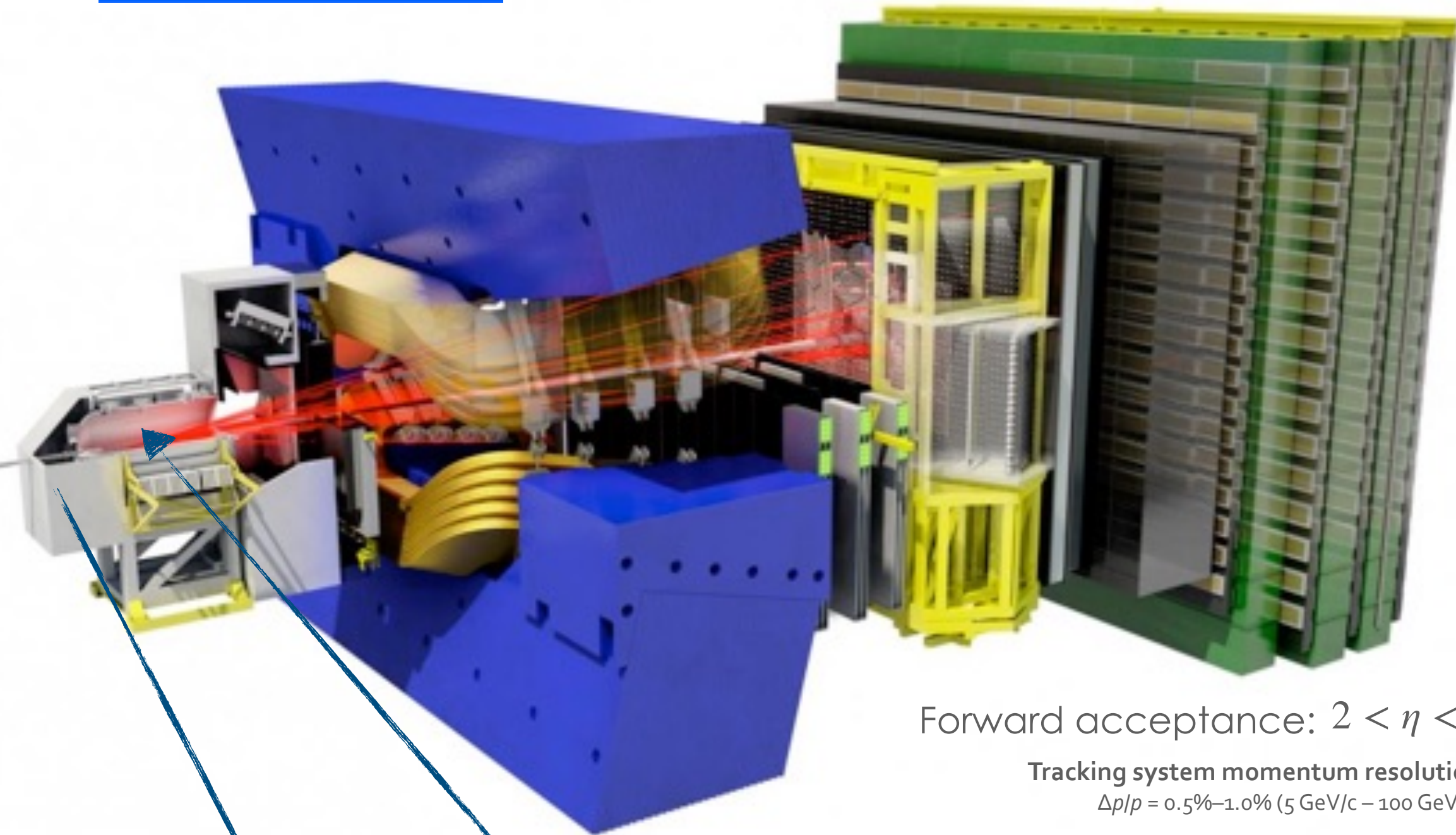


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### Storage cell



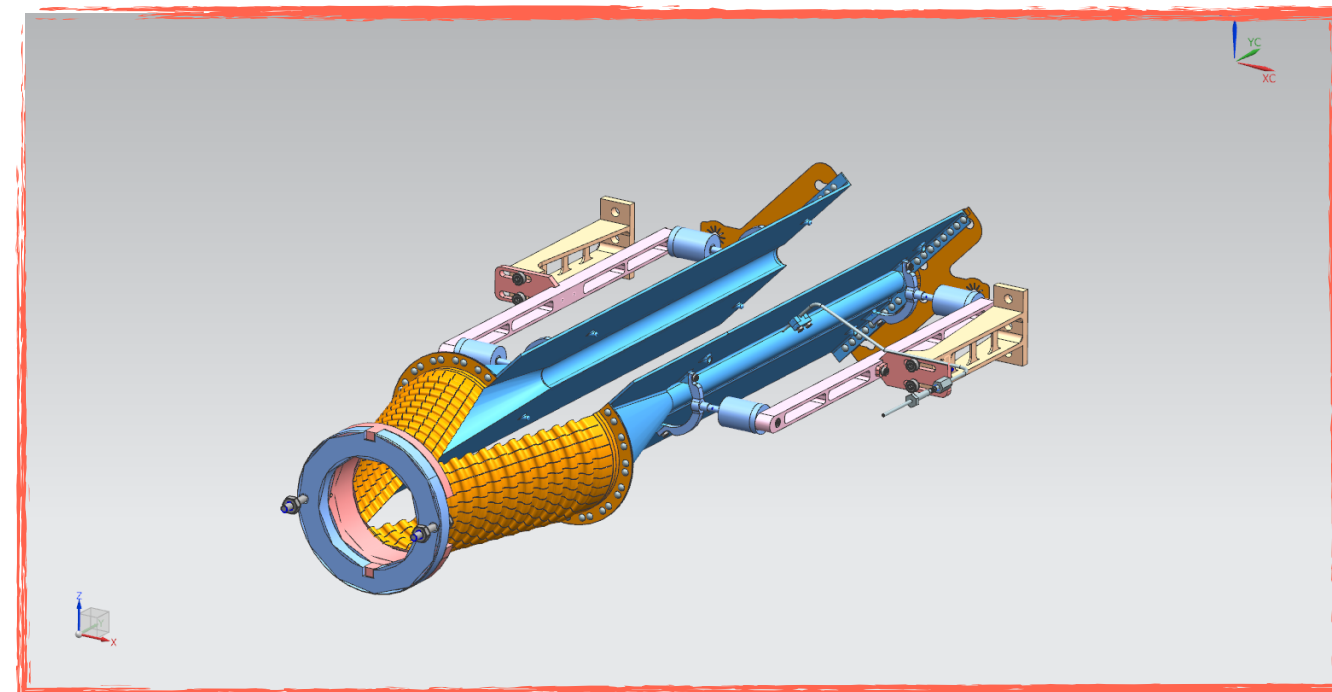
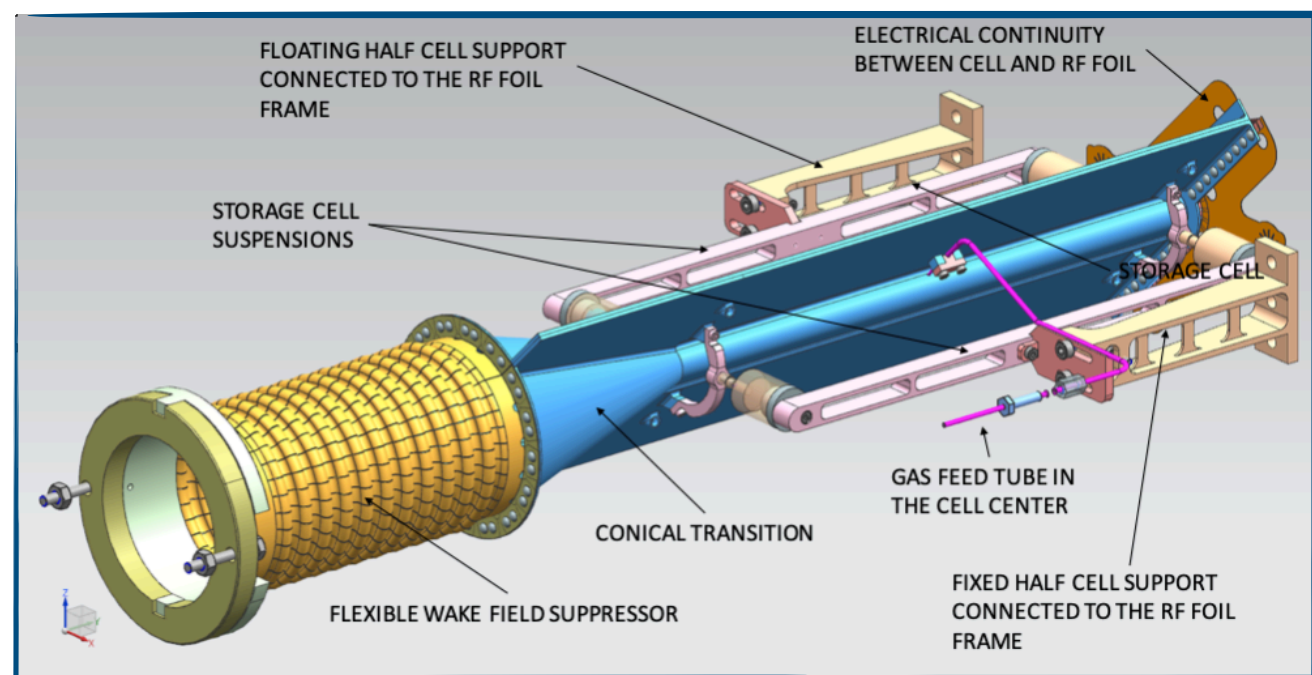
LHC beam



Forward acceptance:  $2 < \eta < 5$

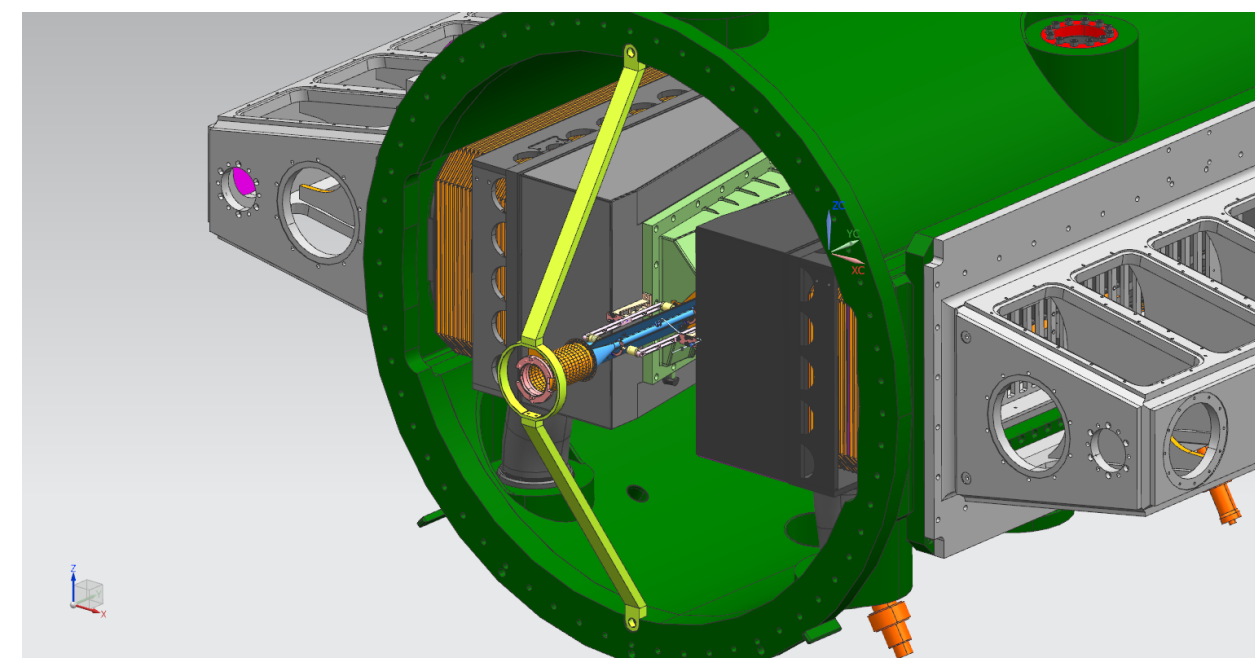
Tracking system momentum resolution  
 $\Delta p/p = 0.5\% - 1.0\%$  (5 GeV/c - 100 GeV/c)

### Openable cell



5 mm radius x 200 mm length

beam-beam collisions

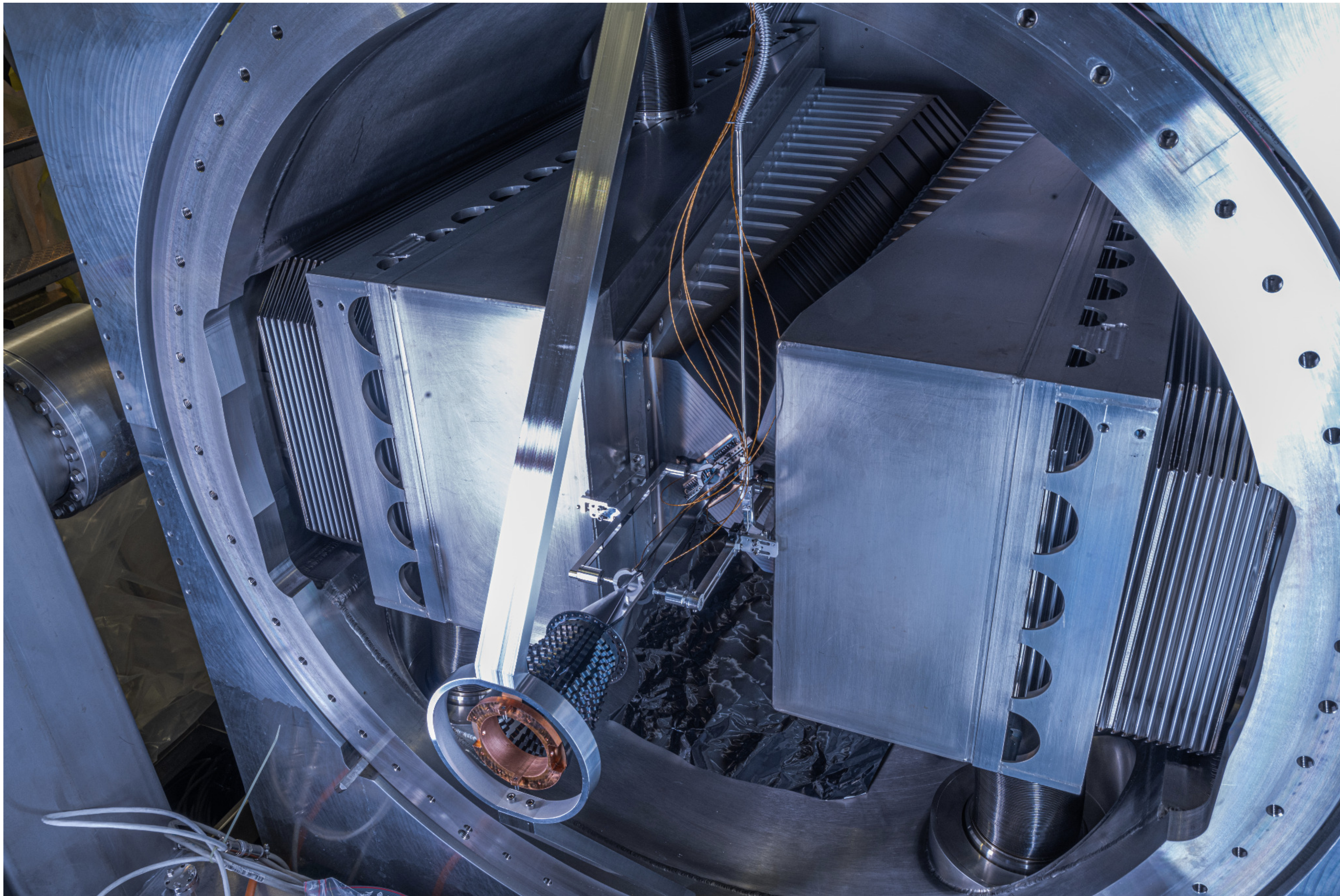


beam-gas collisions



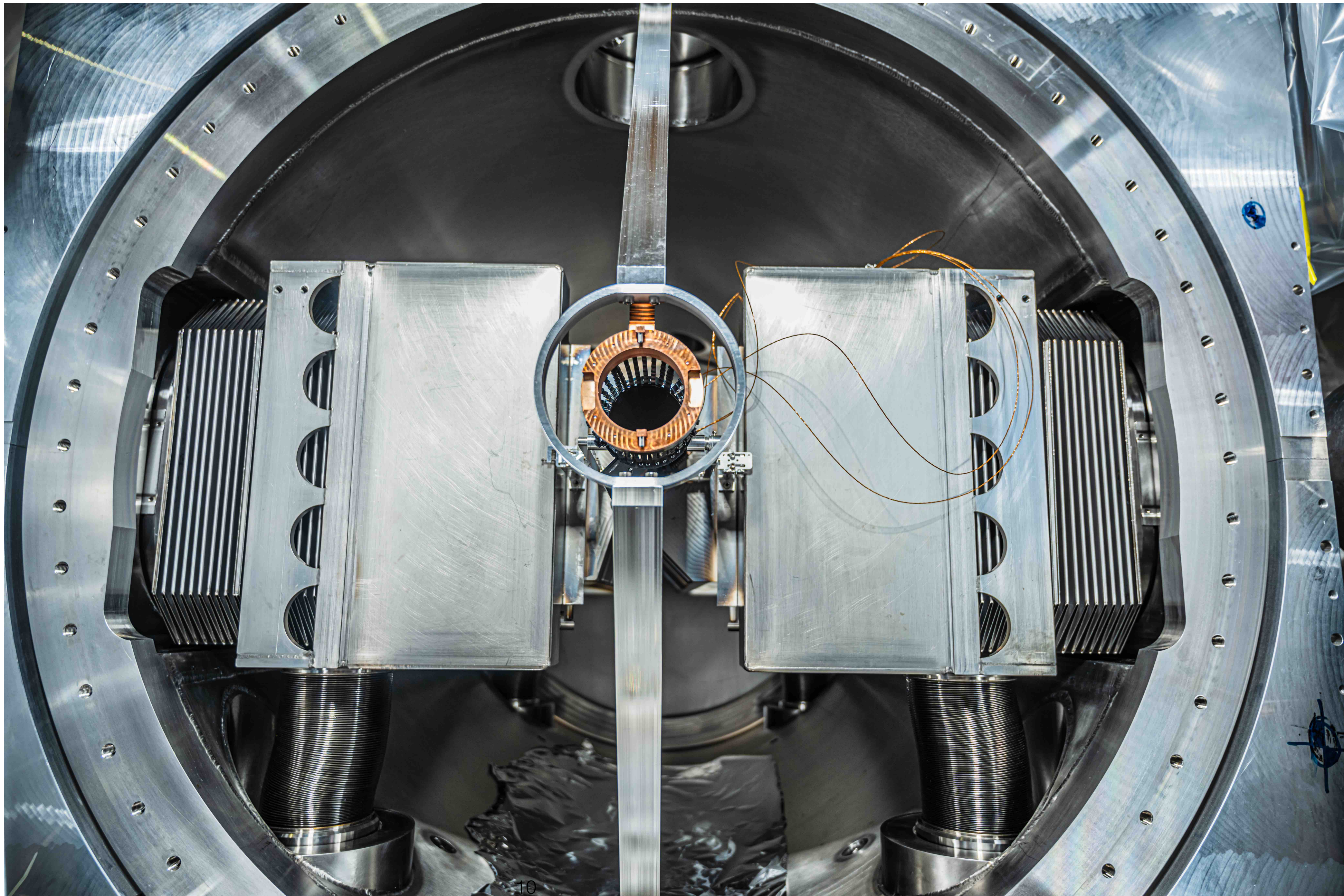
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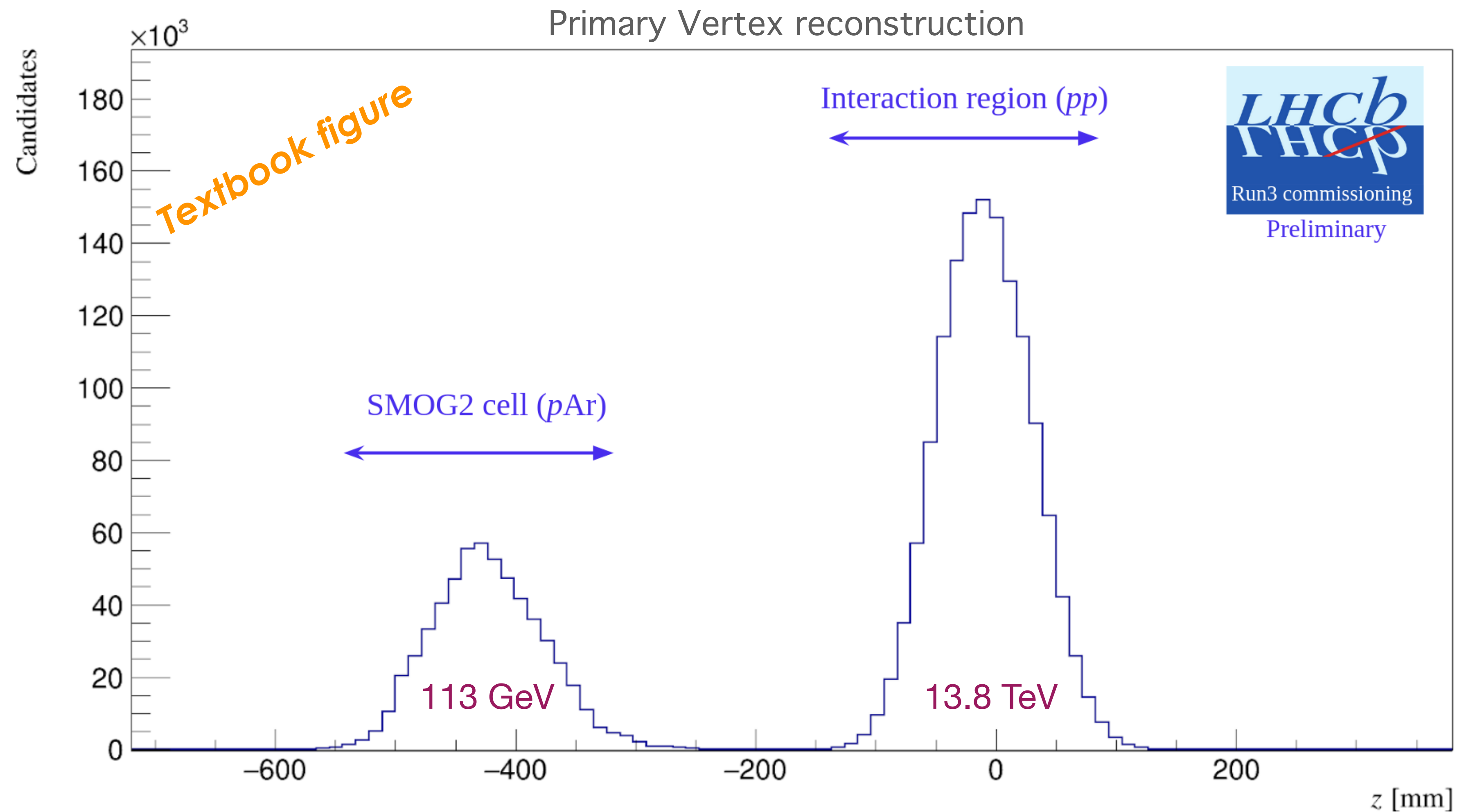


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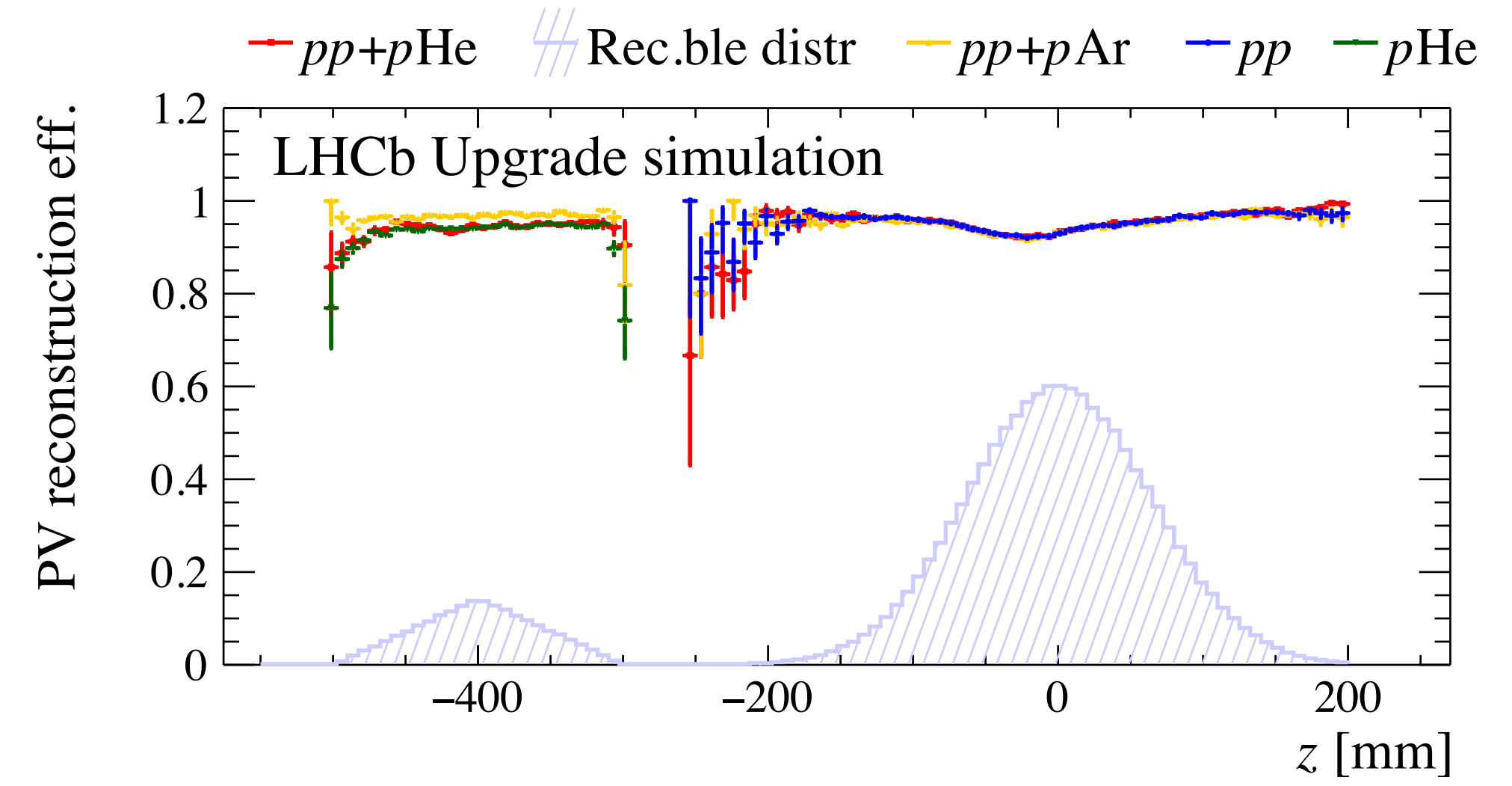
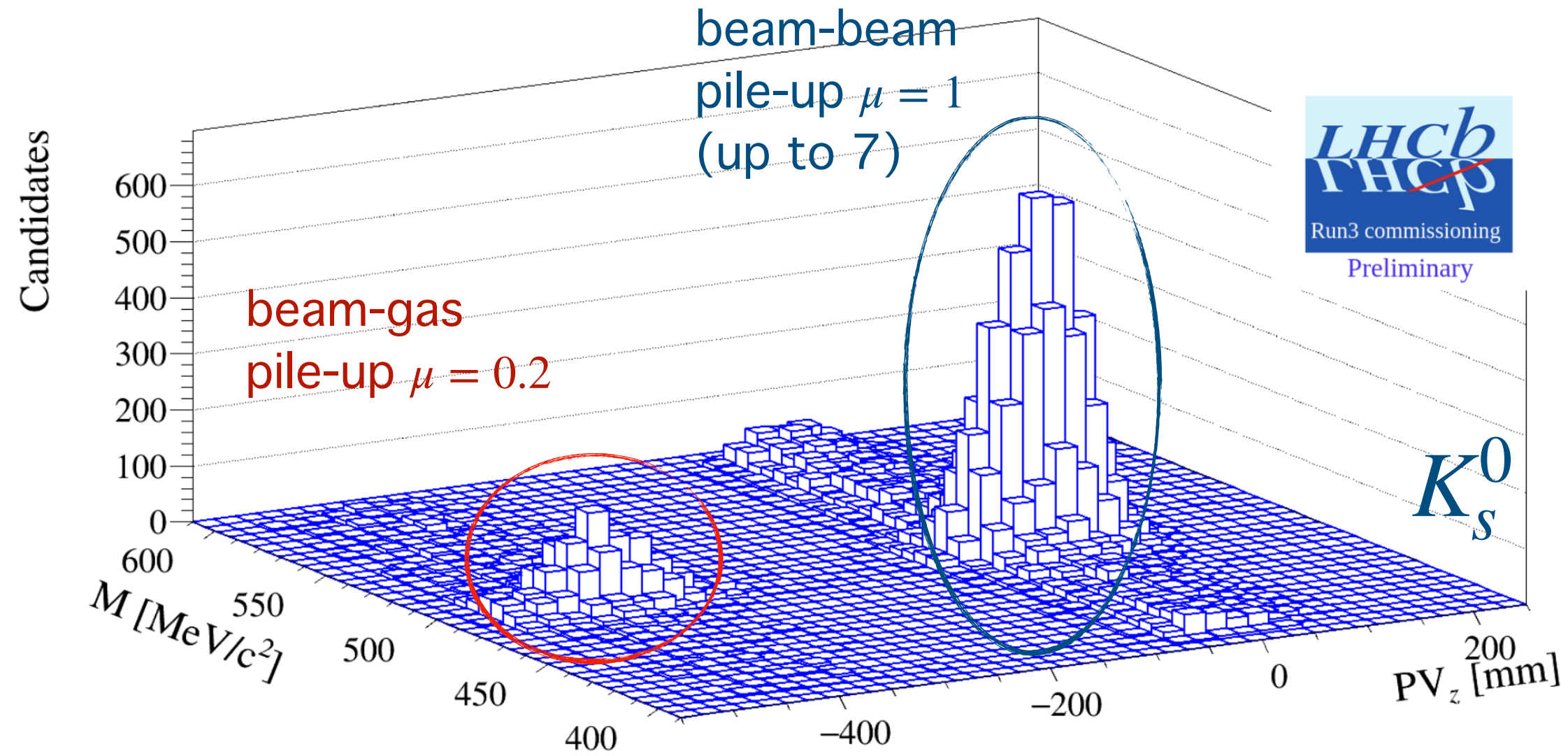


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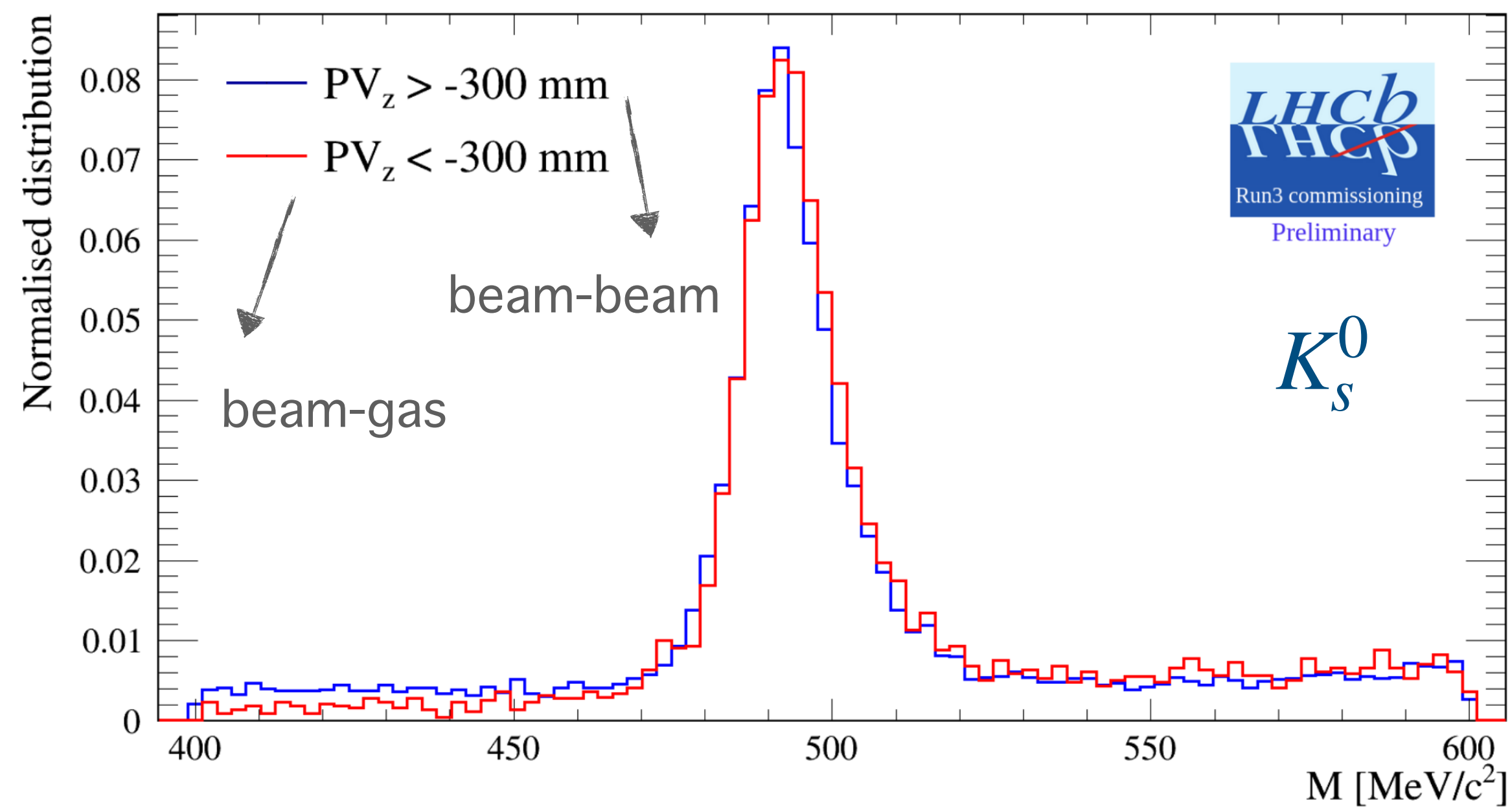


Two well separated and independent Interaction Points working simultaneously

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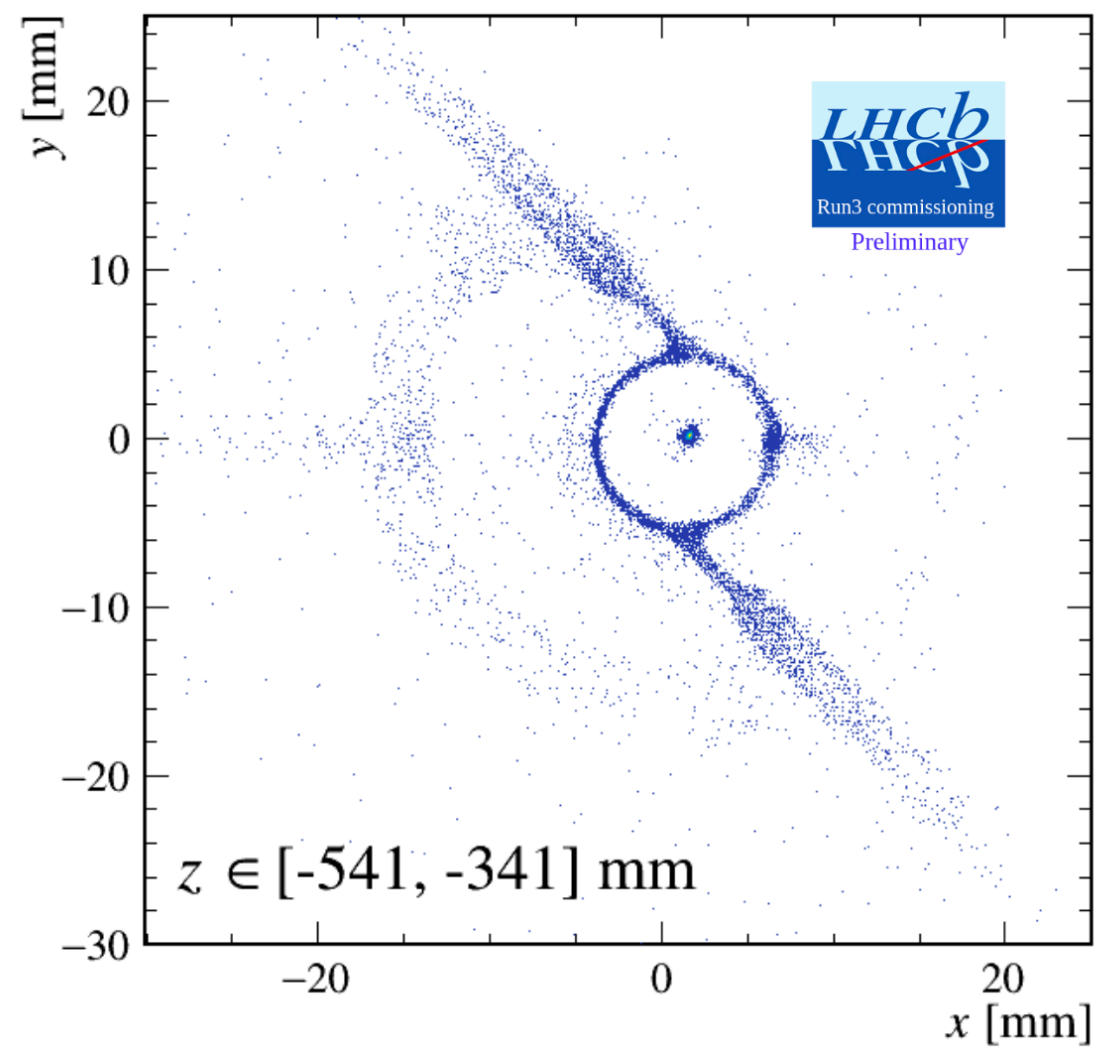


- beam-beam and beam-gas interactions are well detached
- same resolution for beam-gas and beam-beam collisions

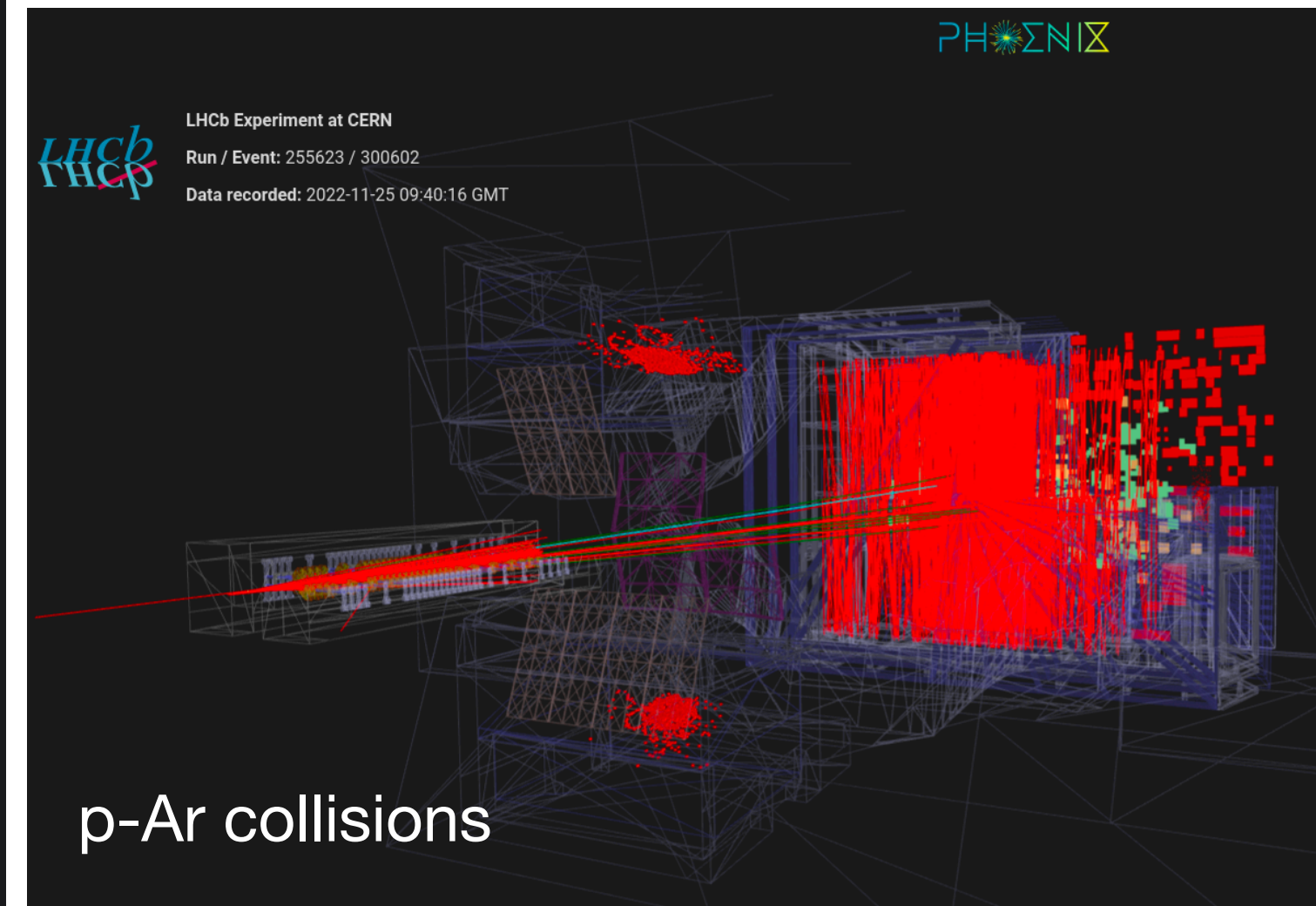
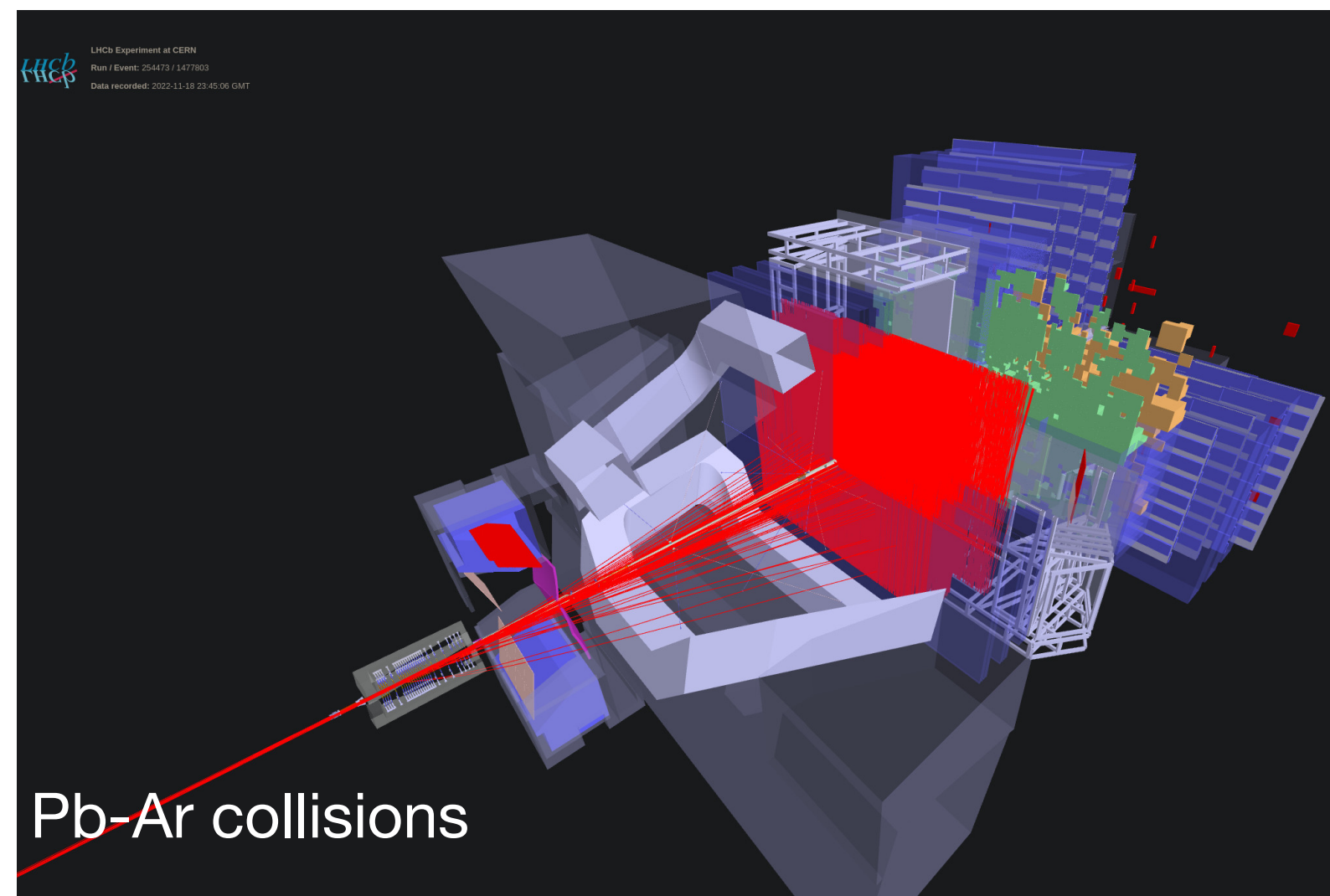
LHCb is the only experiment able to run in collider and fixed-target mode simultaneously!

# SMOG2 early data

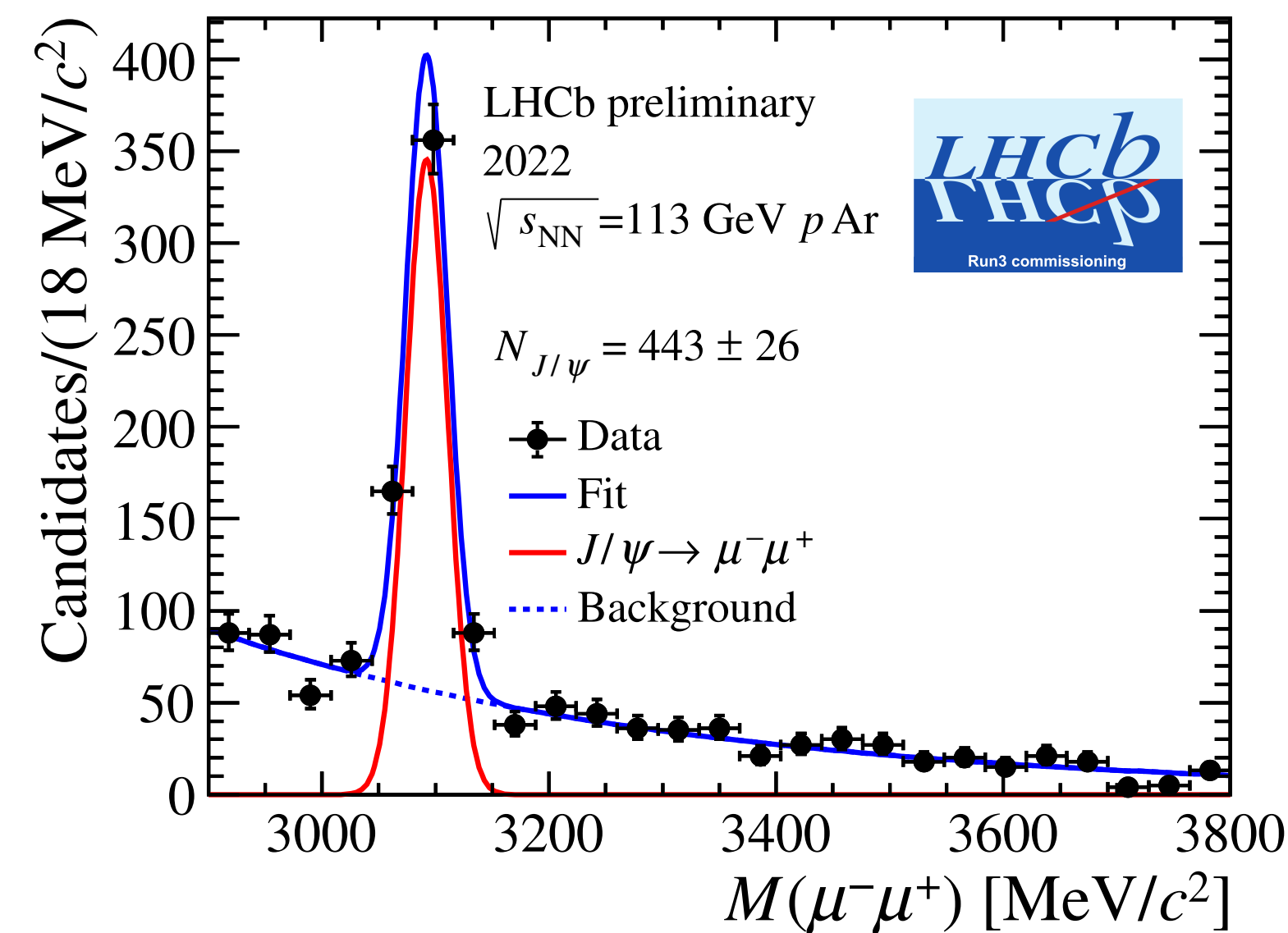
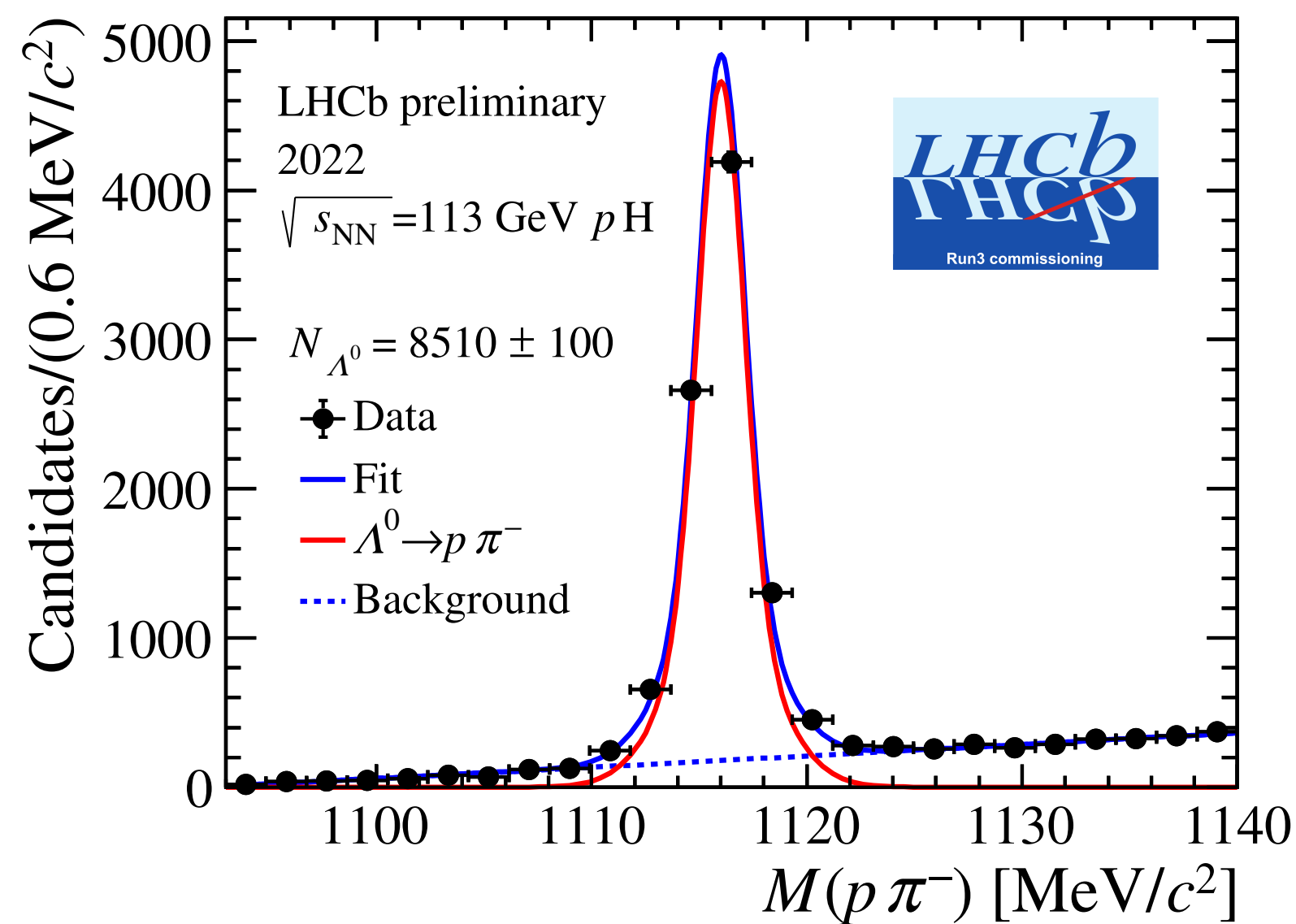
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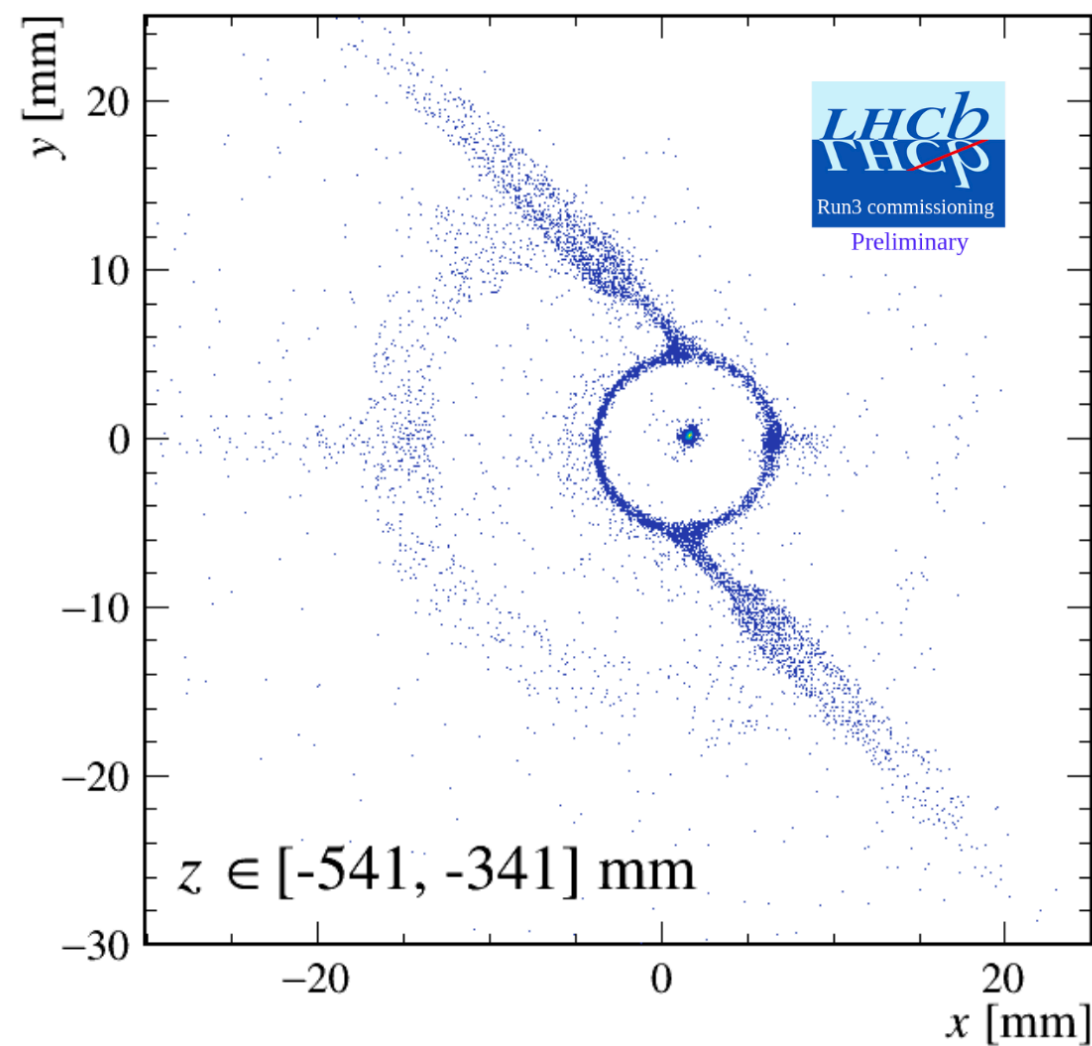
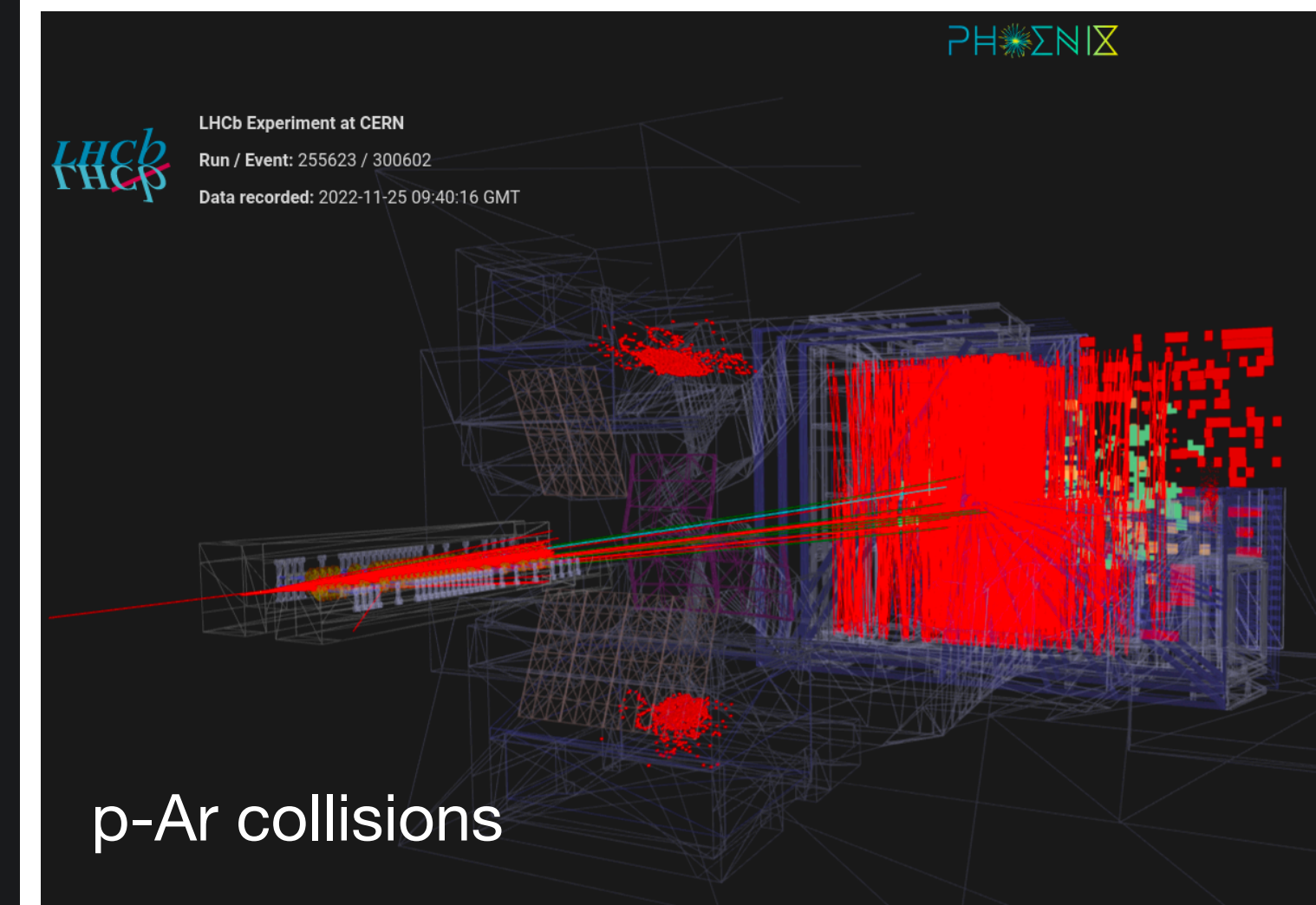
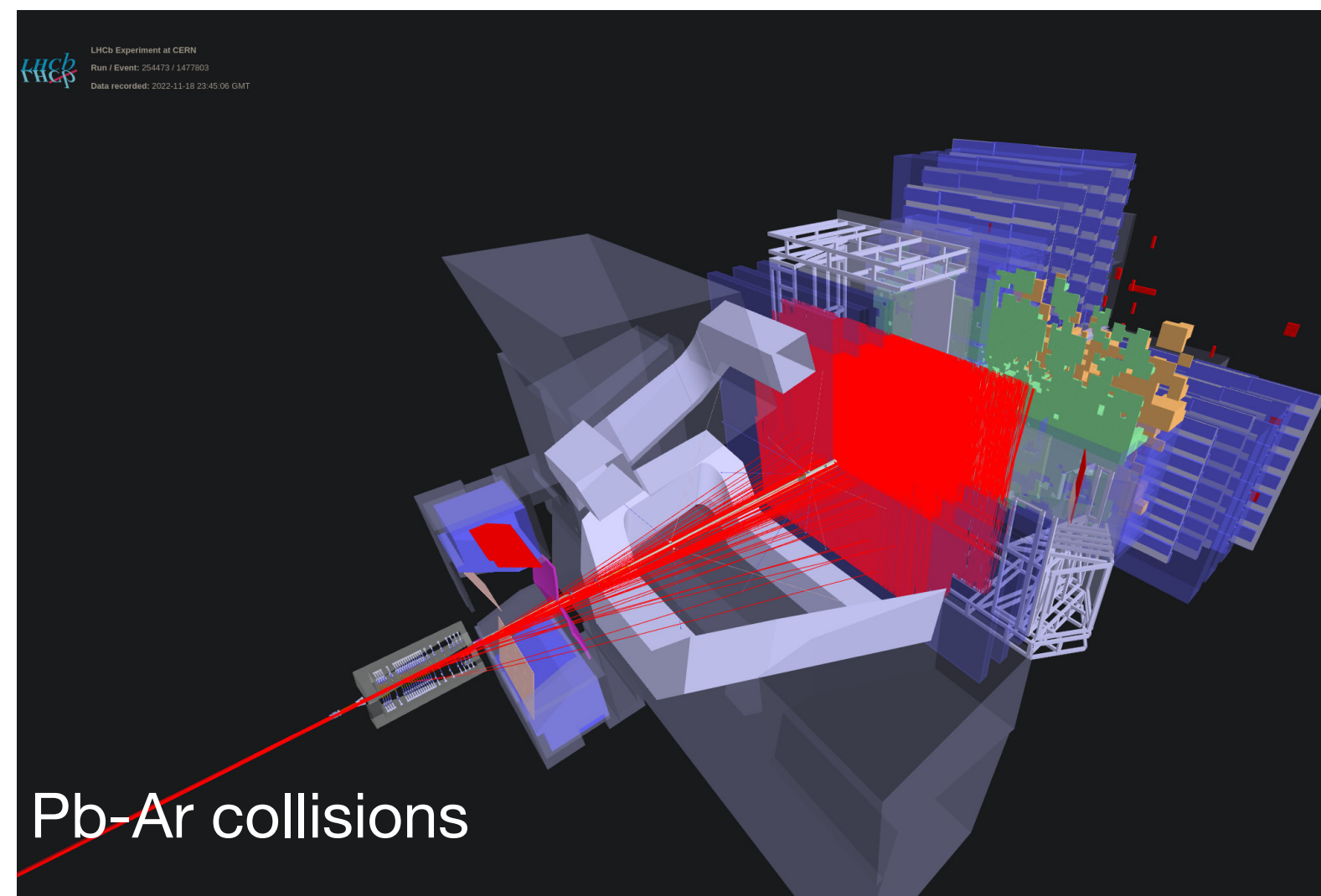
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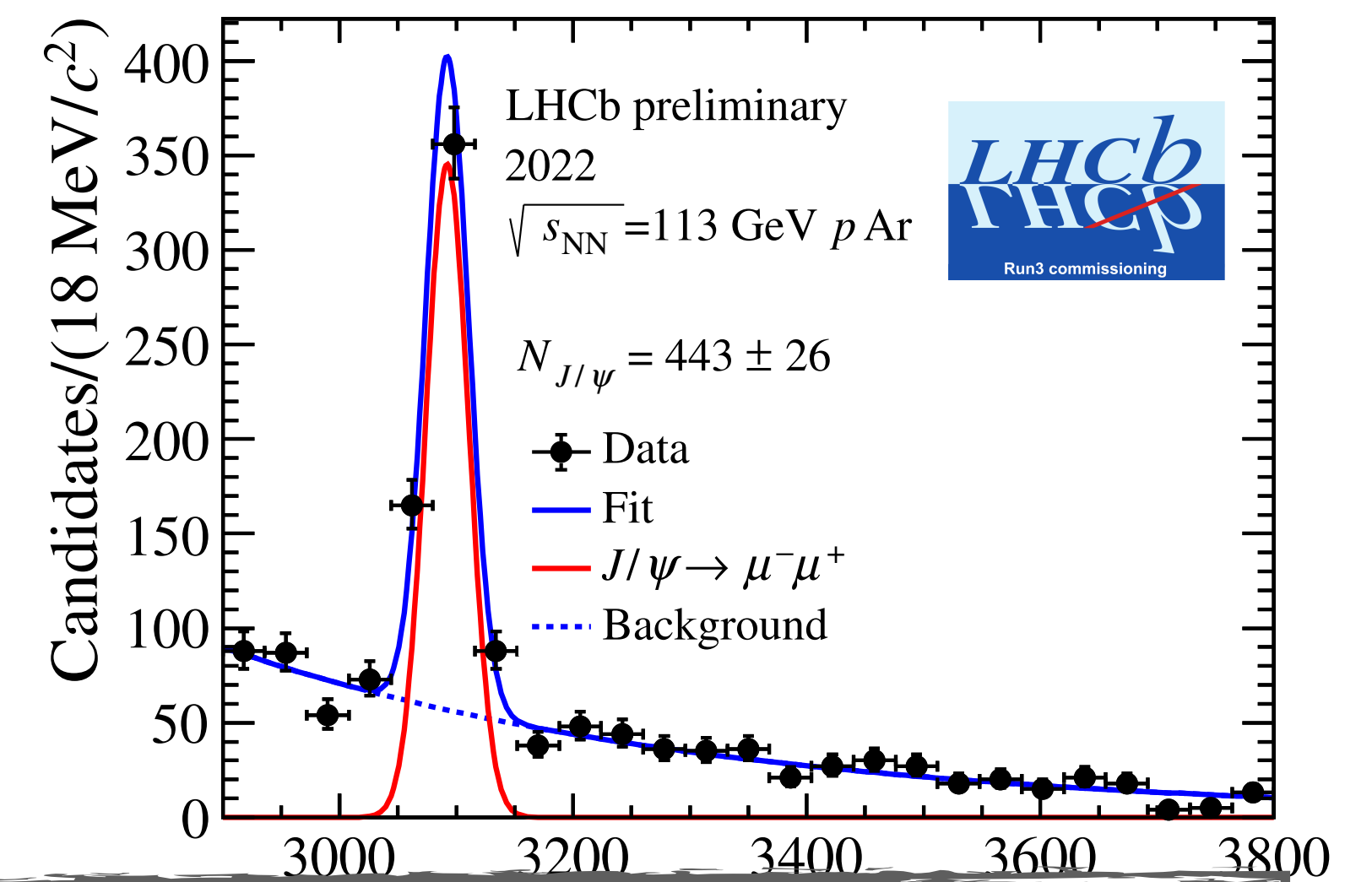
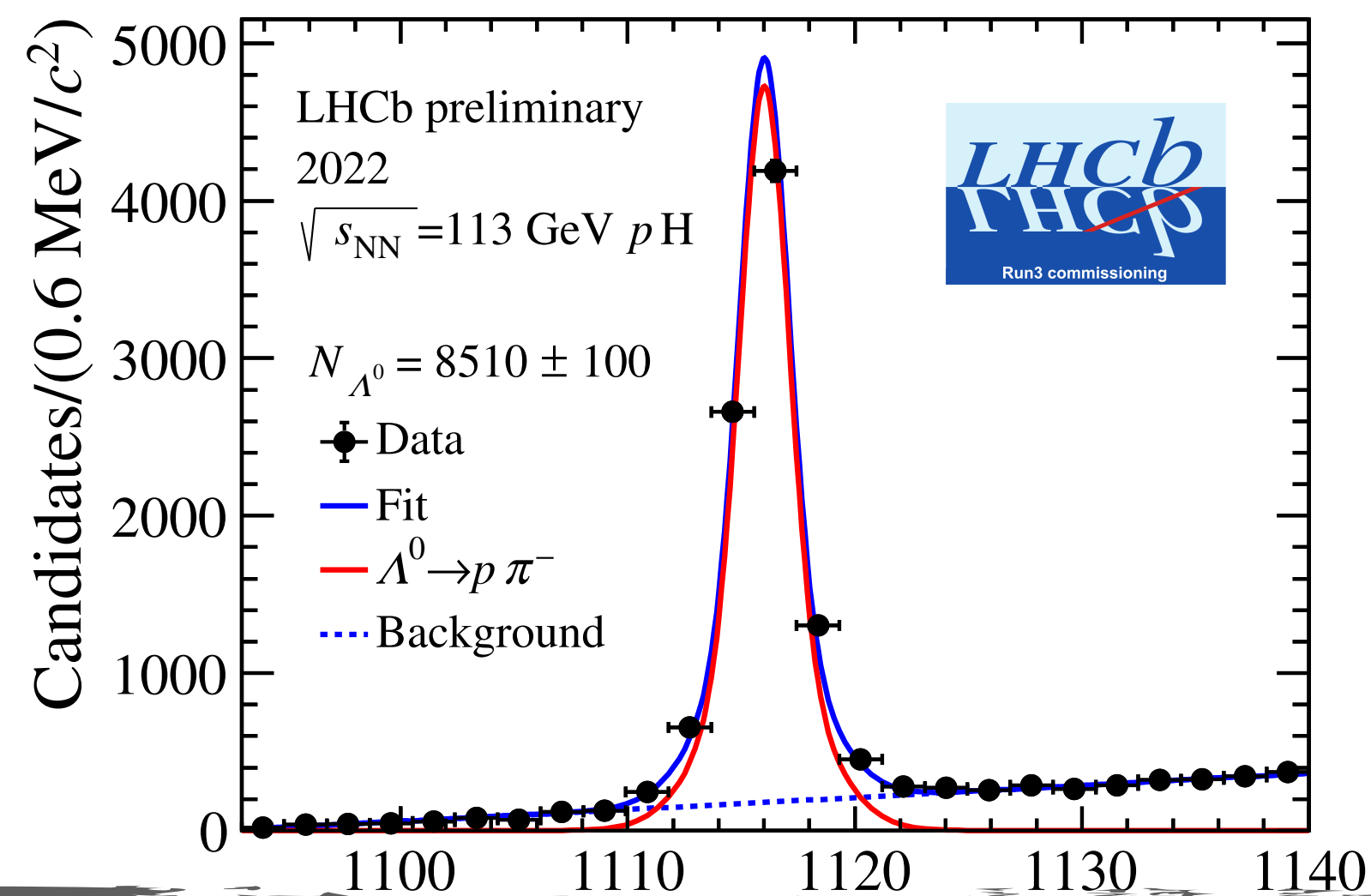
excellent results in 18 minutes of data taking, albeit low gas pressure & preliminary sub-detector performance as we were commissioning them

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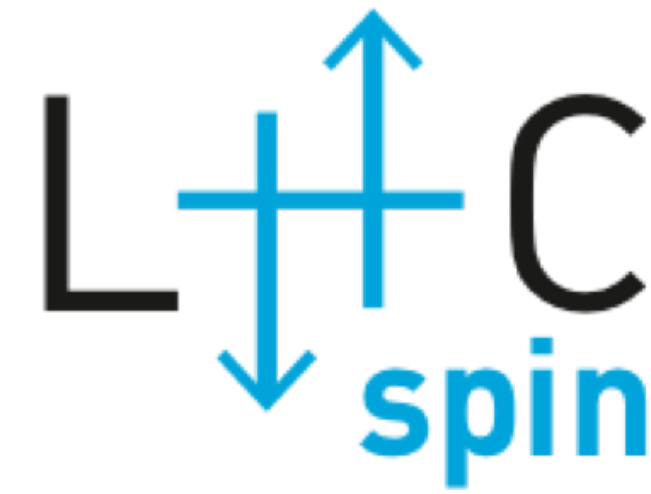


LHCb-FIGURE-2023-008

3D

Thumb rule: in 2023, LHCb reconstructs ~100  $J/\Psi$  particles per minute (after background subtraction) from SMOG2 collisions

The physics goals of



- Multi-dimensional nucleon structure in a poorly explored kinematic domain
- Measure experimental observables sensitive to both **quarks and gluons TMDs**
- **Make use of new probes (charmed and beauty mesons)**
- Complement present and future SIDIS results
- Test non-trivial process dependence of quarks and (especially) gluons TMDs
- Measure exclusive processes to access GPDs

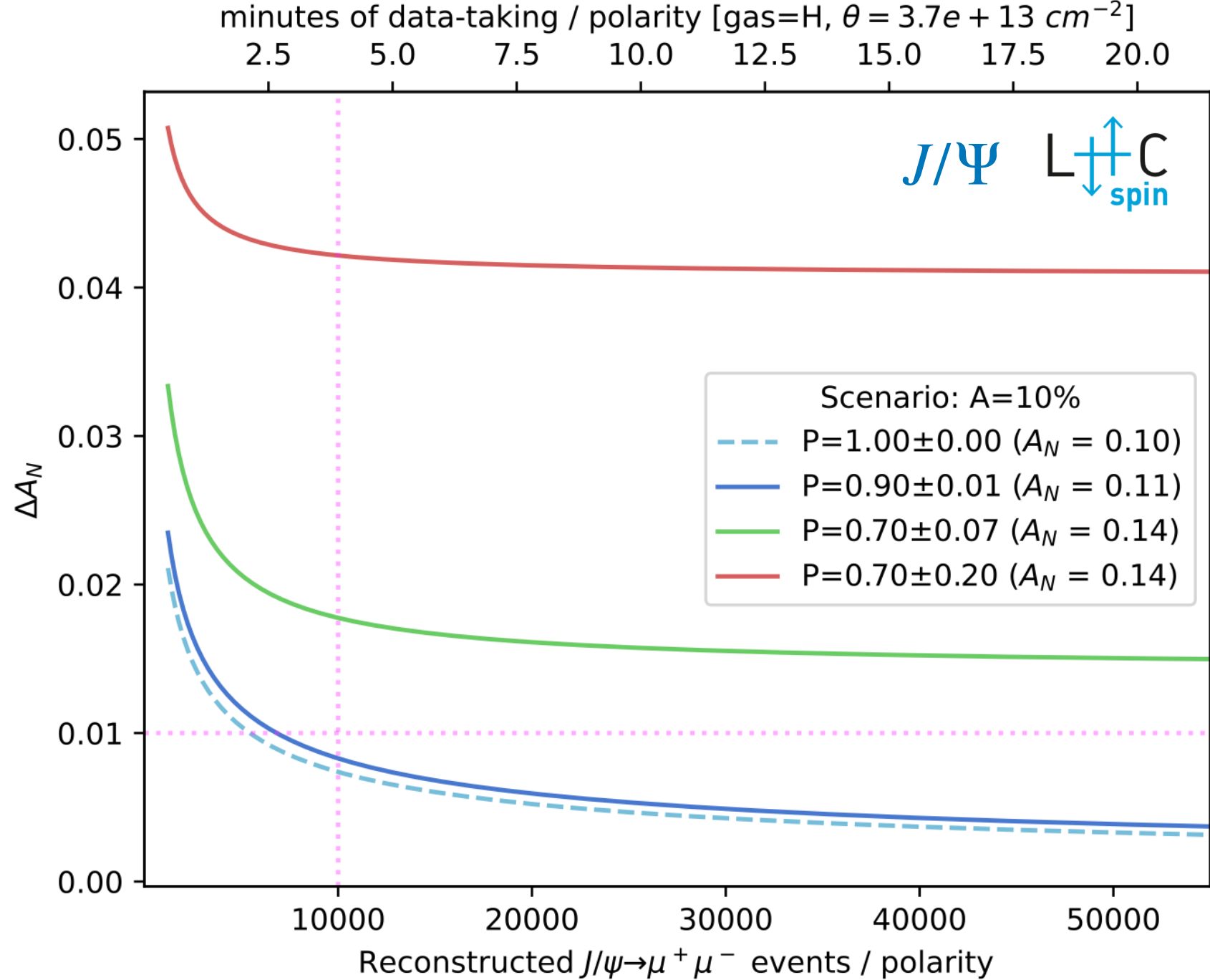
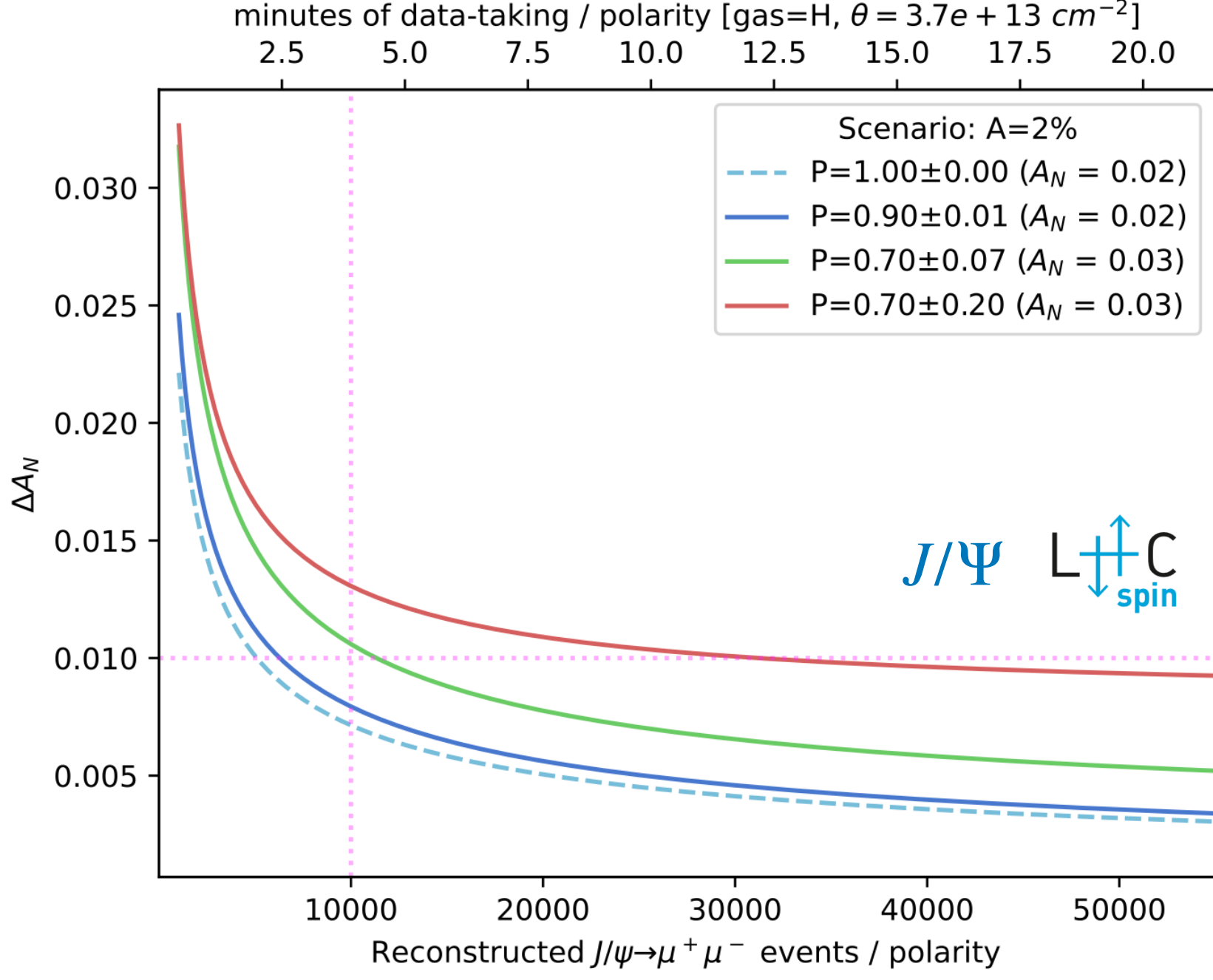
**Talk of Luciano Pappalardo at 2 pm**

# LHCspin event rates

Precise spin asymmetry on  $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$  for  $pH^\uparrow$  collisions in just few weeks

Channel	Events / week	Total yield
$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$1.3 \times 10^7$ !!	$1.5 \times 10^9$
$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	$6.5 \times 10^7$	$7.8 \times 10^9$
$\psi(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$2.3 \times 10^5$	$2.8 \times 10^7$
$J/\psi J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ (DPS)	8.5	$1.0 \times 10^3$
$J/\psi J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ (SPS)	$2.5 \times 10^1$	$3.1 \times 10^3$
Drell Yan ( $5 < M_{\mu\mu} < 9$ GeV)	$7.4 \times 10^3$	$8.8 \times 10^5$
$\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$5.6 \times 10^3$	$6.7 \times 10^5$
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$	$1.3 \times 10^6$	$1.5 \times 10^8$

Statistics further enhanced by a factor 3-5 in LHCb upgrade II

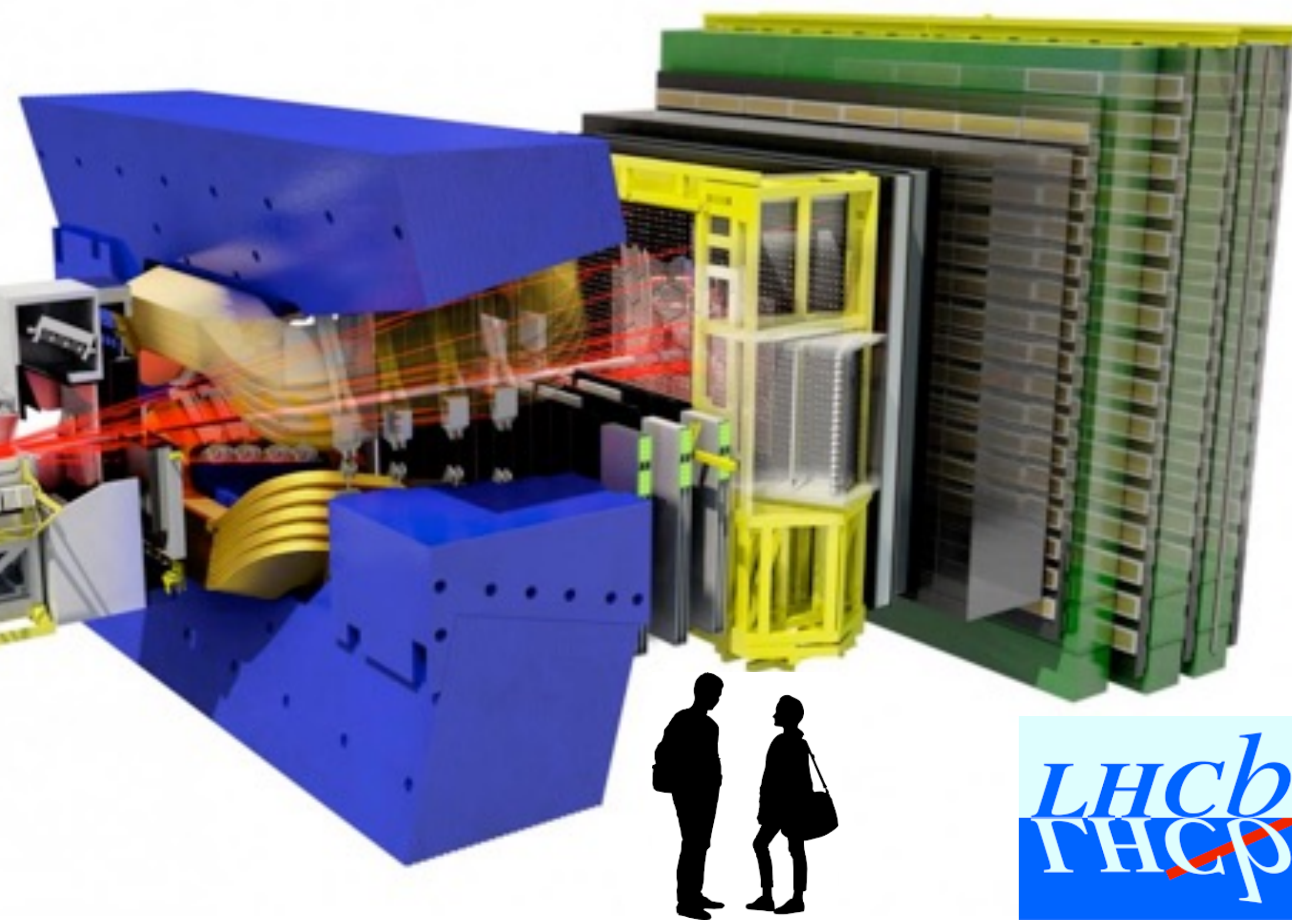
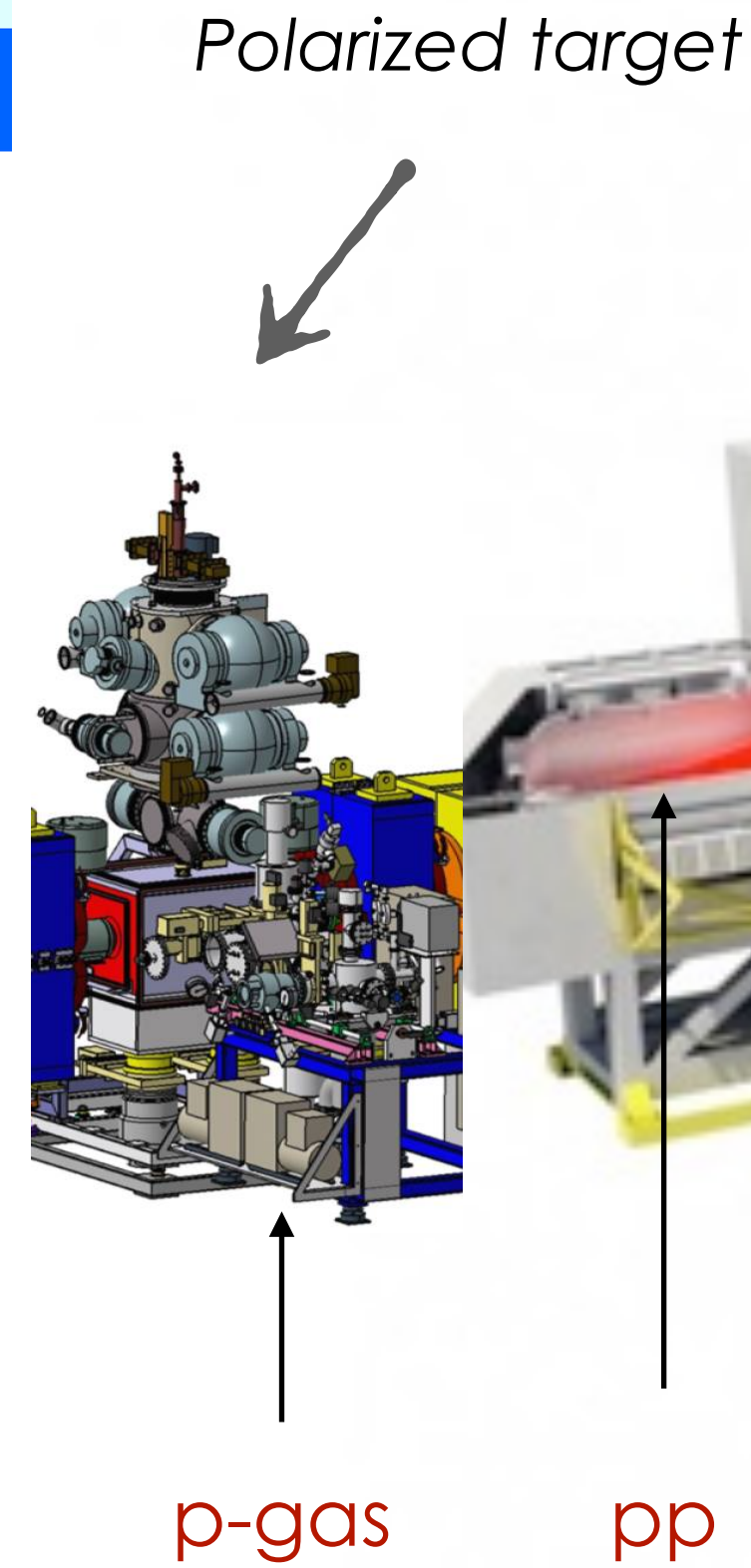
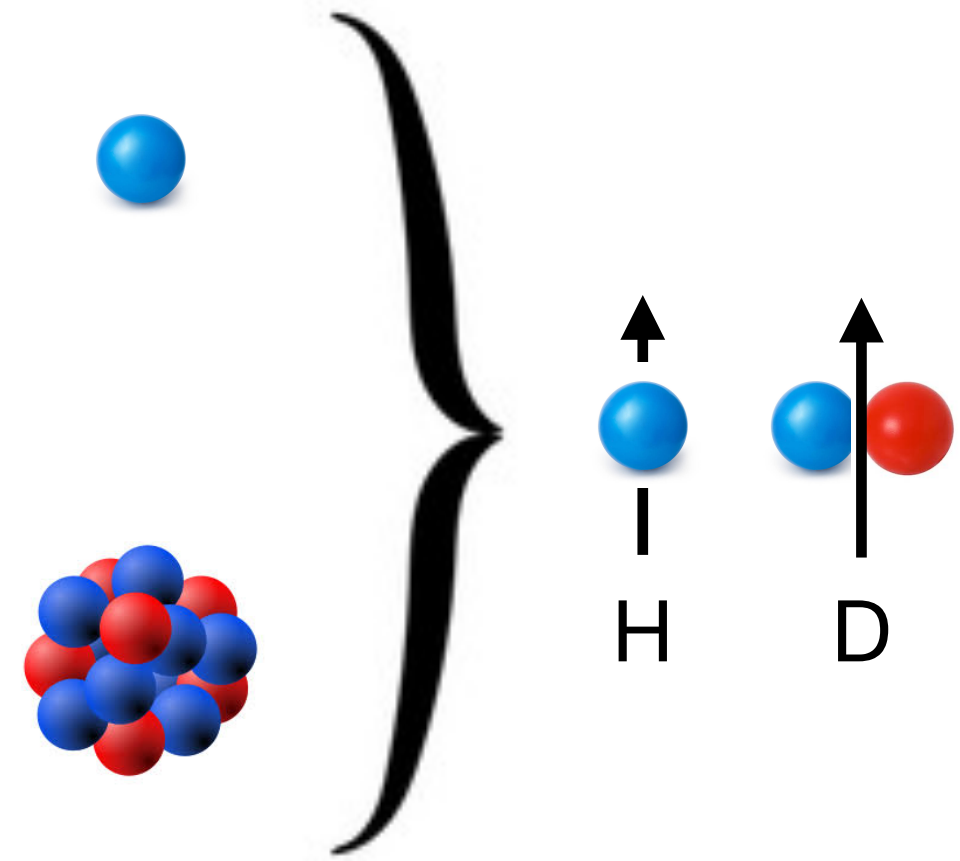


Huge statistics

reconstructed particles

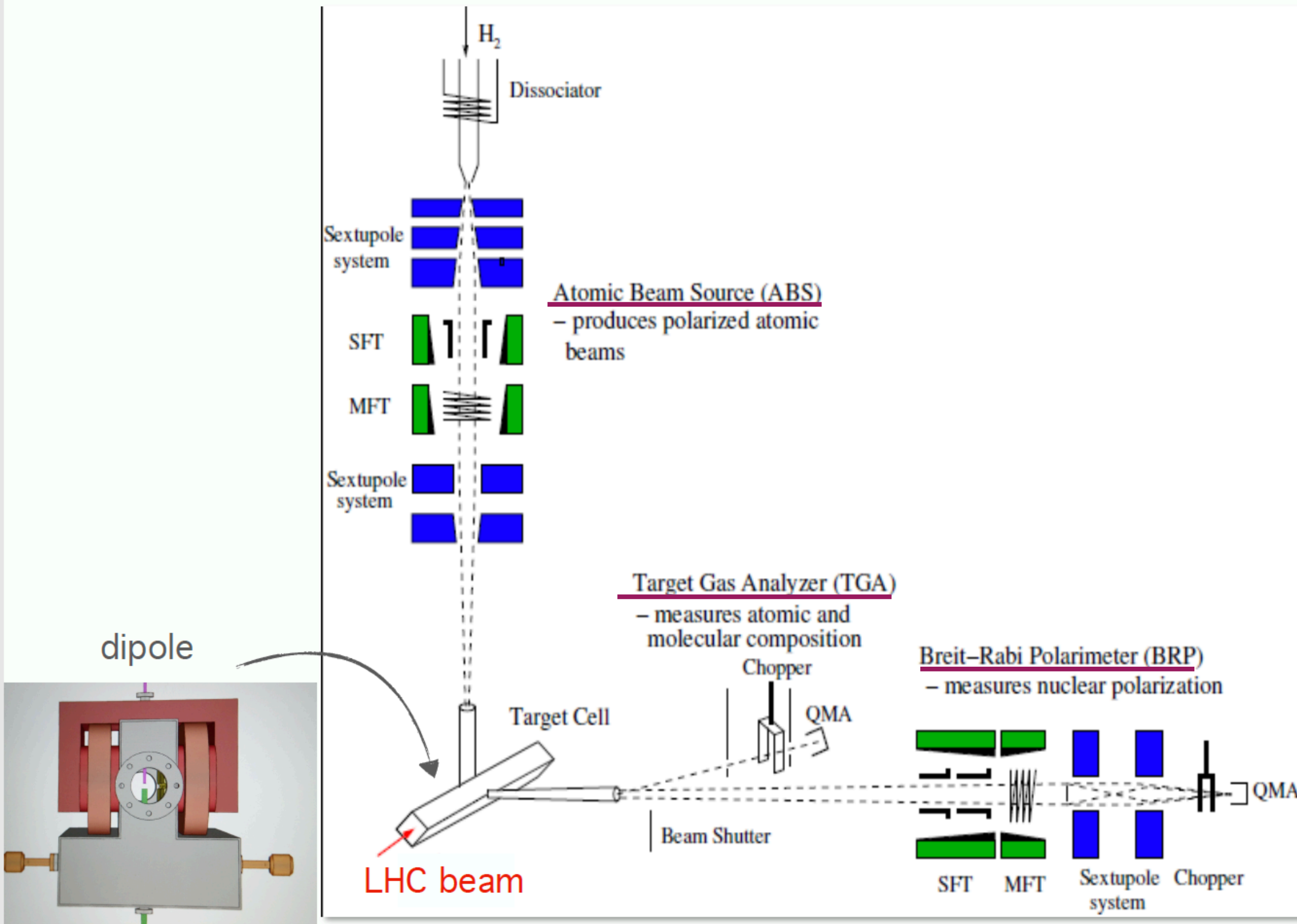


$L \uparrow \downarrow C$  spin a polarized target at 



Successful technology based on  
HERA and COSY experiments

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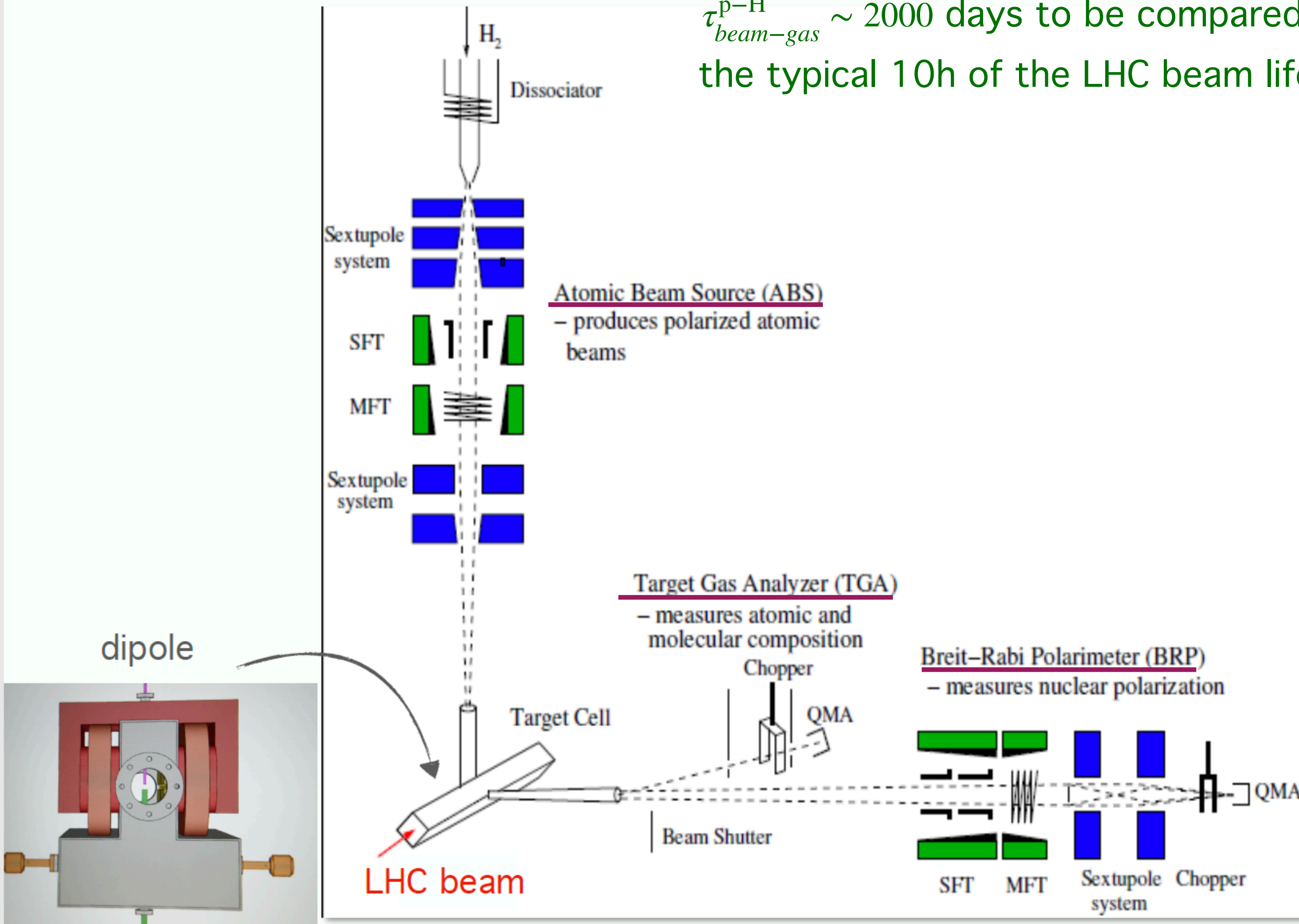
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Target density (H) =  $3.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$   
 LHC beam (Run5) =  $6.8 \times 10^{18} \text{ p s}^{-1}$

$$L_{pH} = 2.5 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

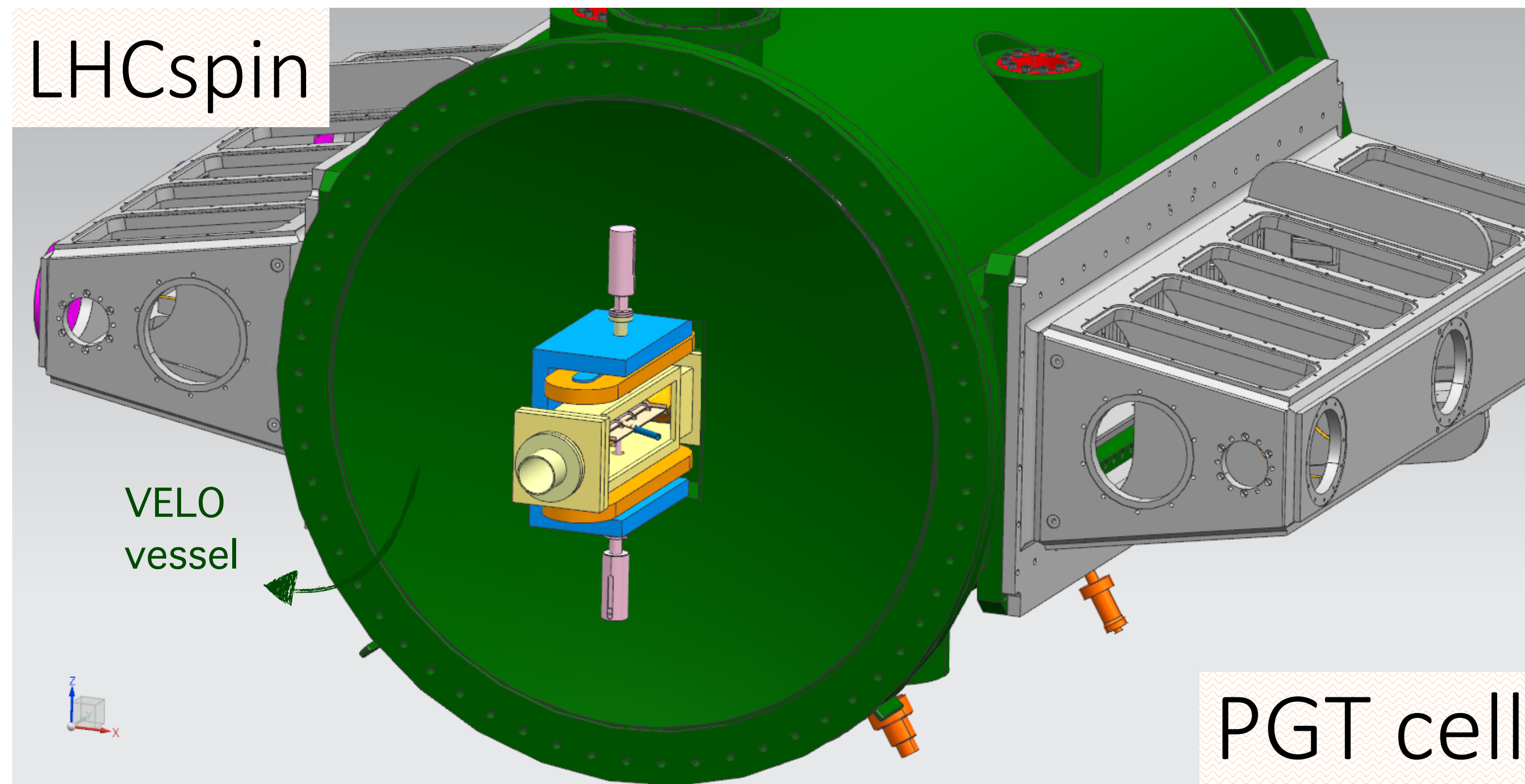
Negligible impact on the beam lifetime,  
 $\tau_{beam-gas}^{p-H} \sim 2000$  days to be compared with  
 the typical 10h of the LHC beam lifetime

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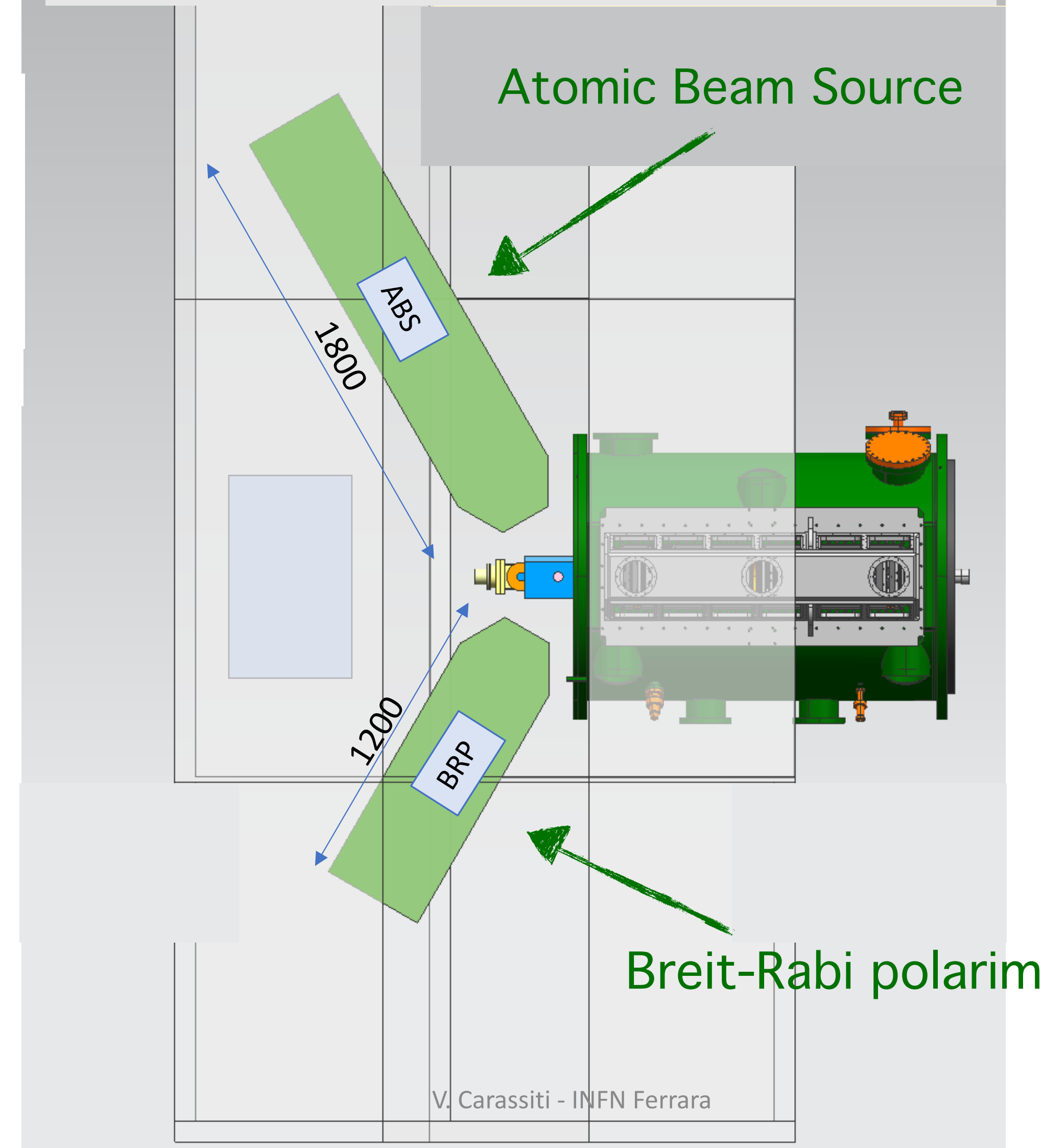


# PGT implementation into LHCb

- Cylindrical target cell with SMOG2 dimensions:  $L = 20$  cm and  $D = 1$  cm
- Full LHCb simulations show broader kinematic acceptance & higher efficiency in the same position of the SMOG2 cell



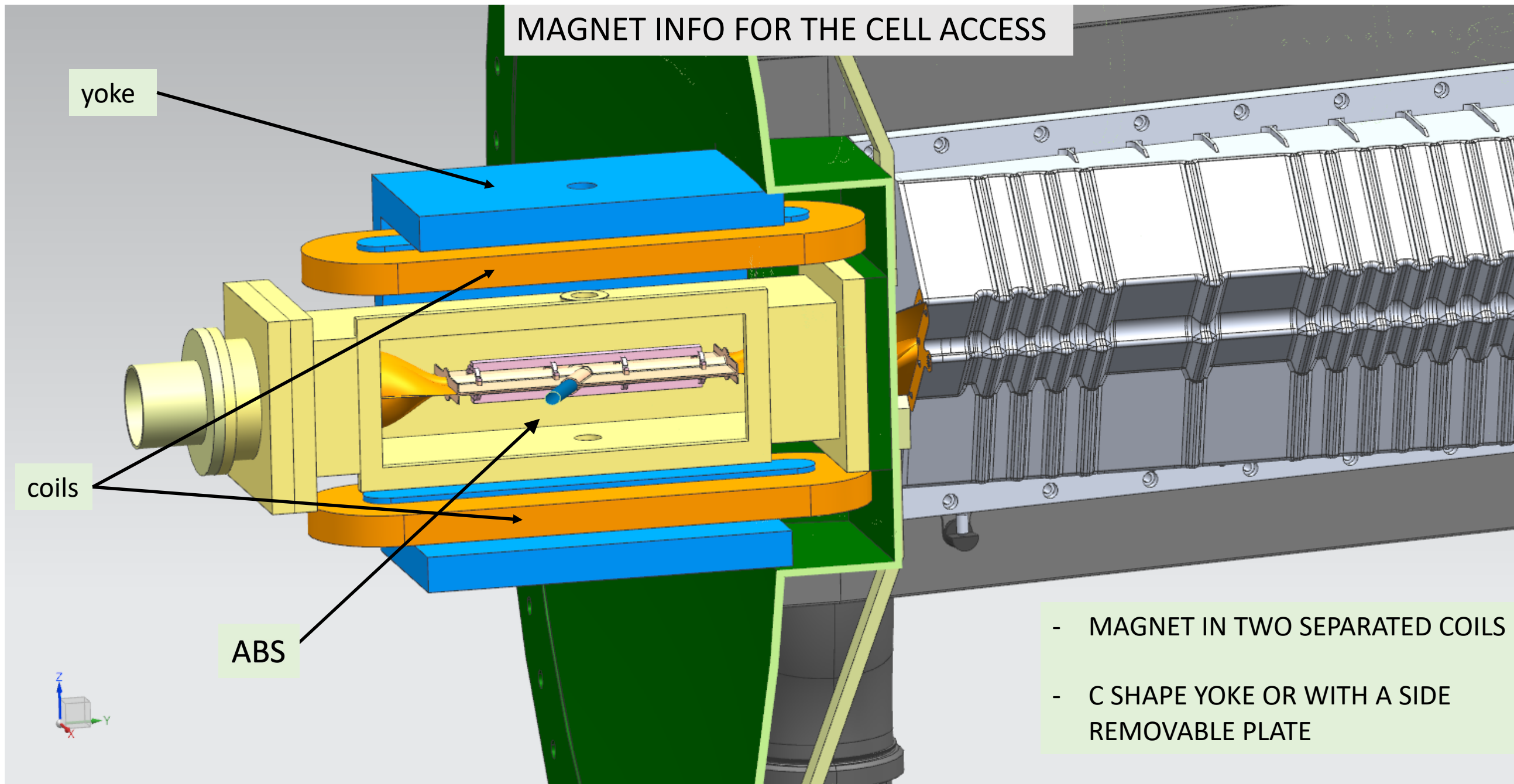
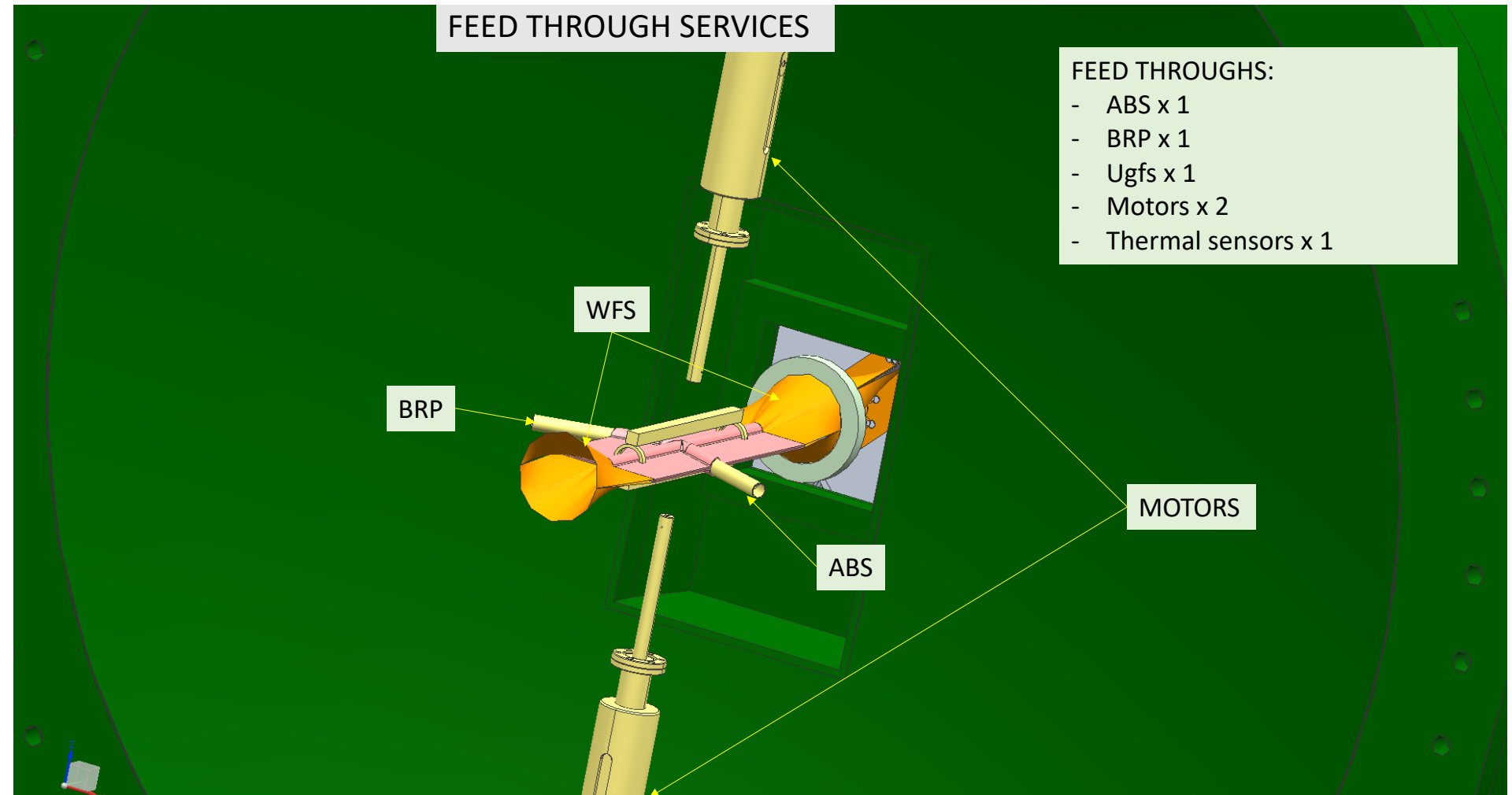
## ABS & BRP IN VERTICAL LAYOUT – SIDE VIEW



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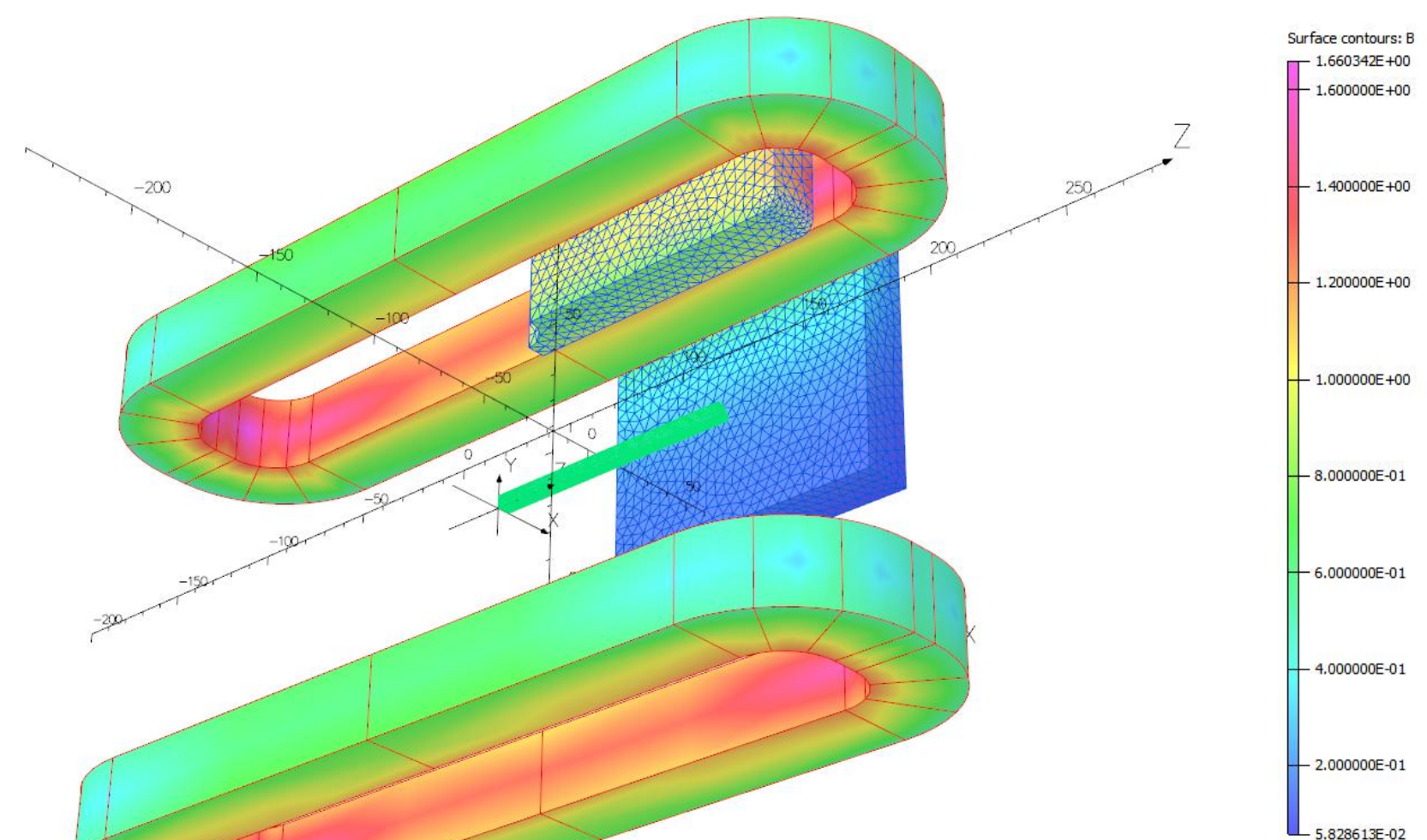
## Transverse polarization

- Inject polarized gas via ABS and unpolarized gas via UGFS

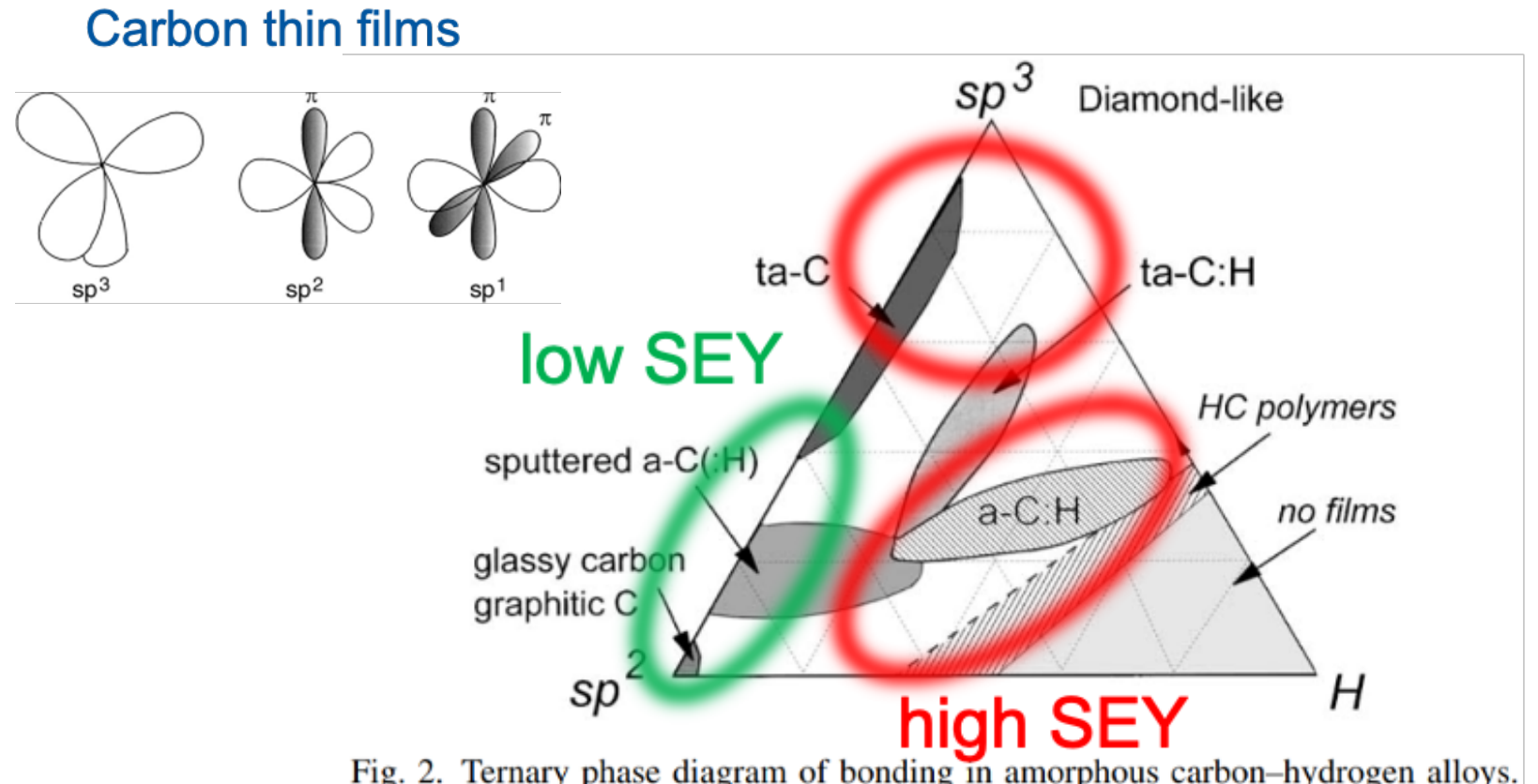


- Compact dipole magnet → static transverse field
- Superconductive coils + iron yoke configuration fits the space constraints
- $B = 300$  mT with polarity inversion,  $\Delta B/B \approx 10\%$ , suitable to avoid beam-induced depolarization [PoS (SPIN2018)]

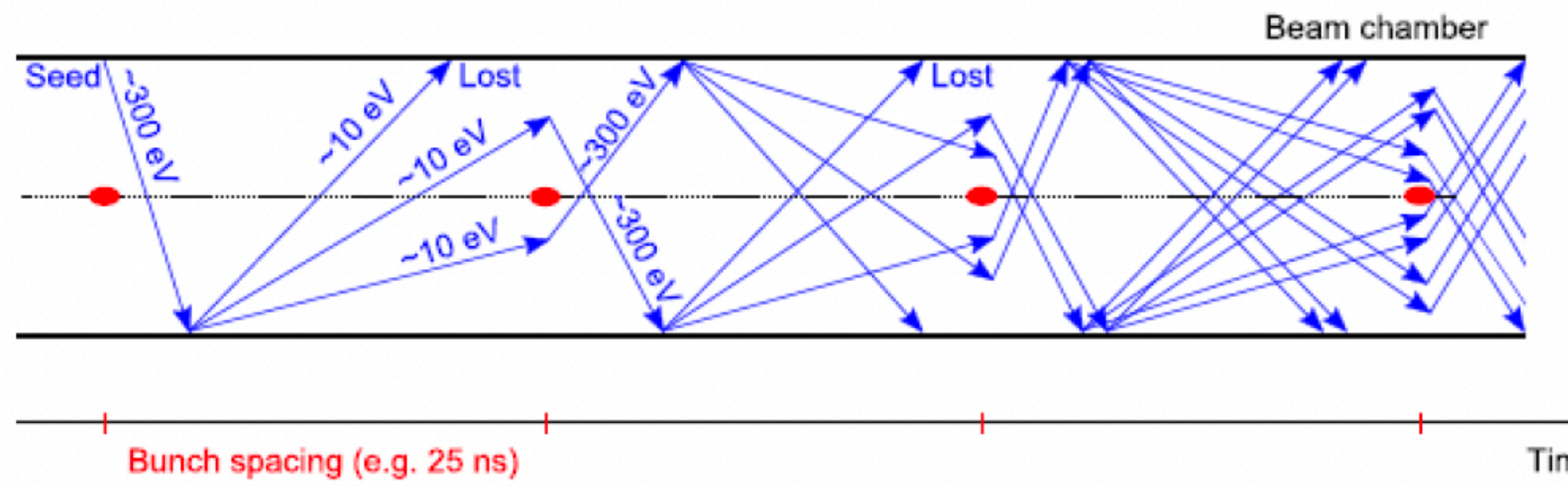
Possibility to switch to a solenoid and provide longitudinal polarization



# Role of the storage cell coating

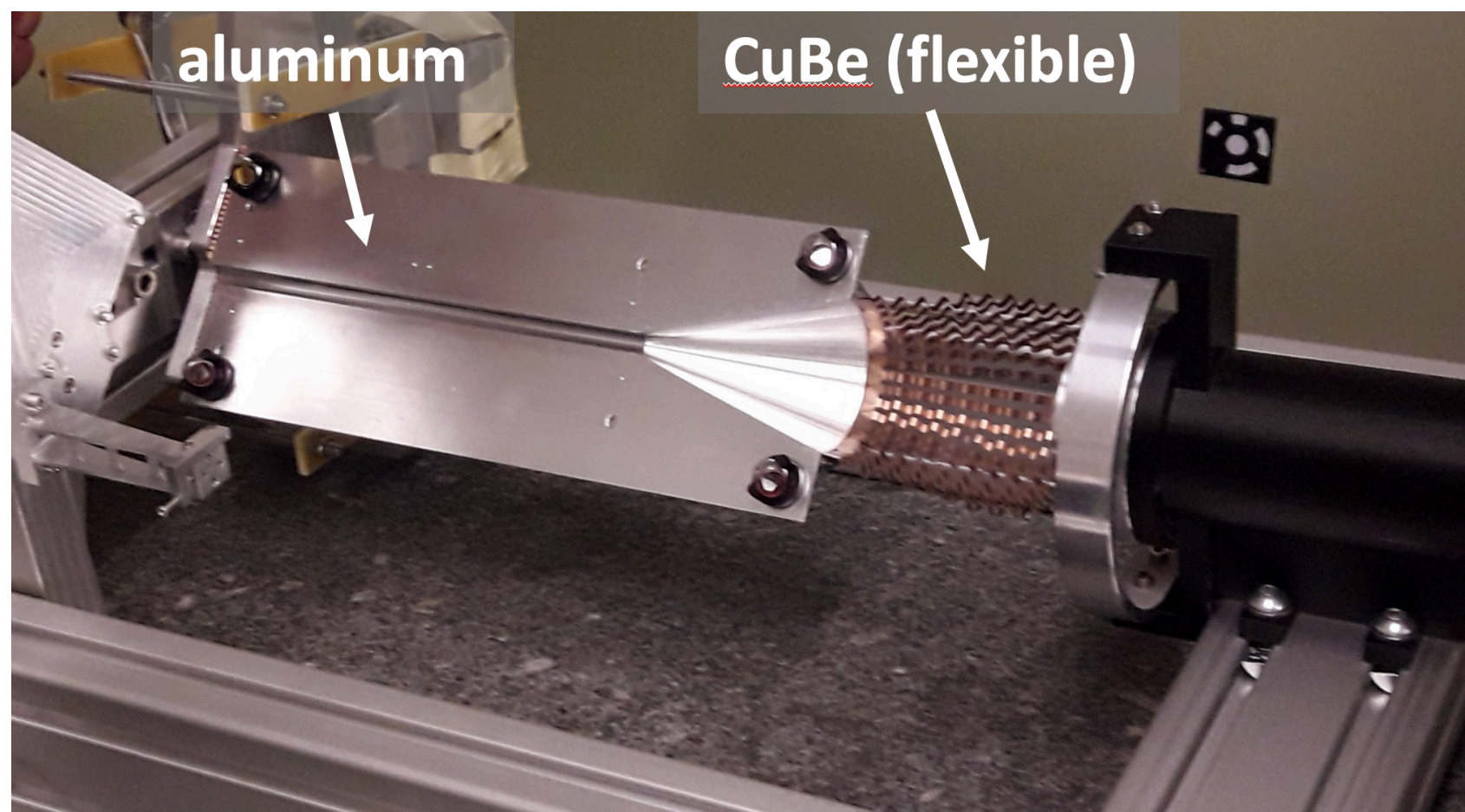


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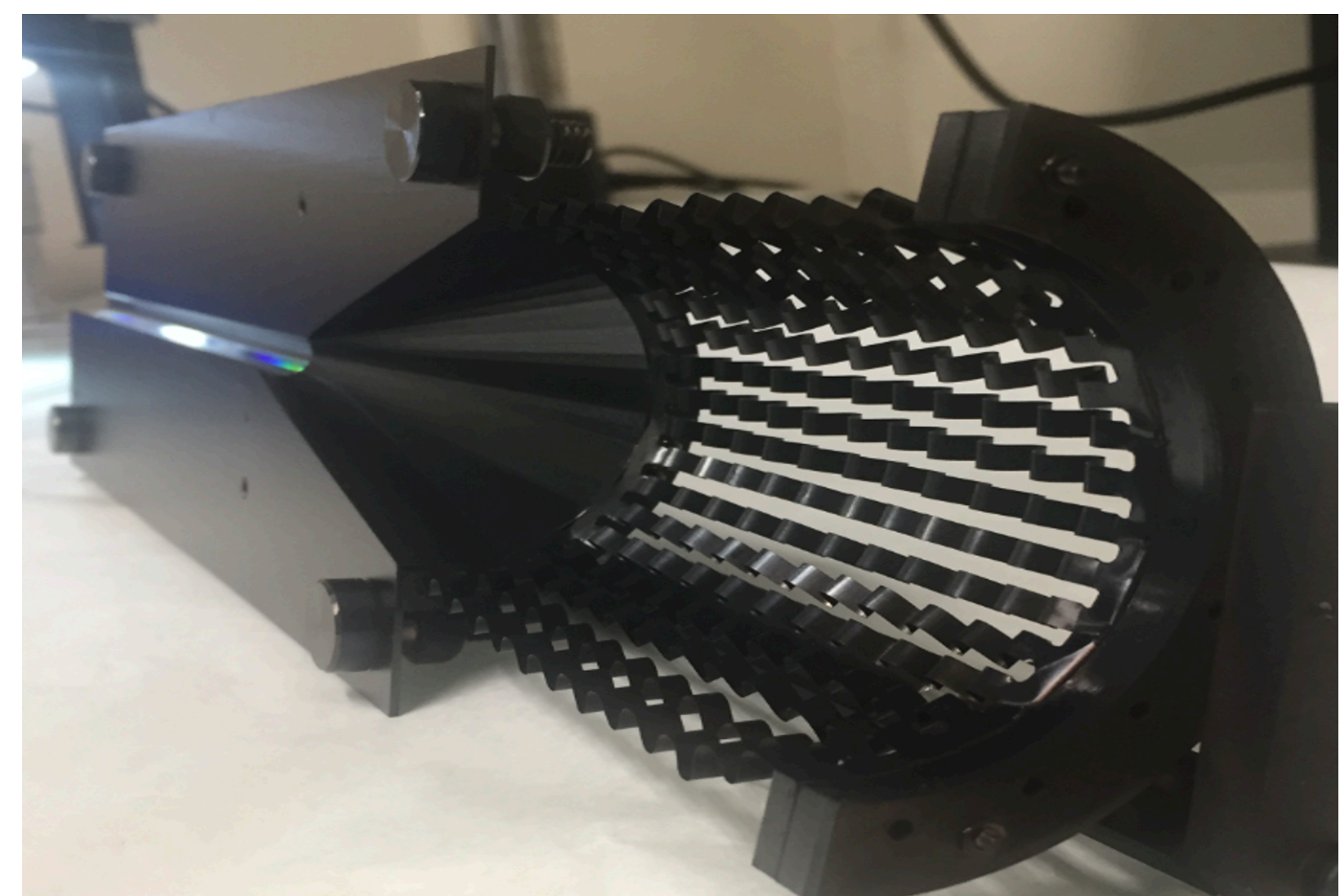


The material of the cell walls must have a low Secondary Electron Yield (e-cloud)

SMOG2 non coated cell

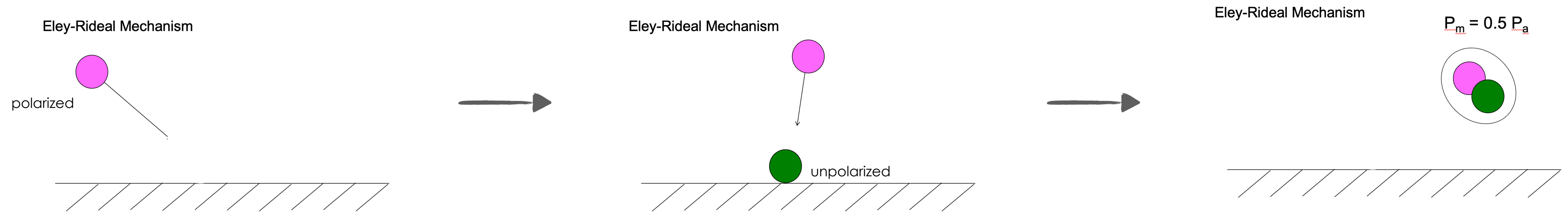


SMOG2 amorphous Carbon coated cell



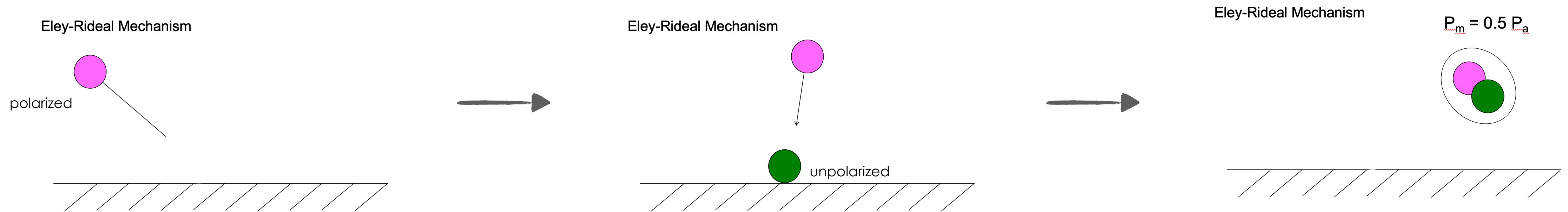
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In previous experiments at HERA and COSY, Dryfilm (silicon) or Teflon (fluoride) coating, combined with ice layers, kept the SEY low and prevented recombination

This is not possible at LHC: no fluoride, no silicon materials allowed



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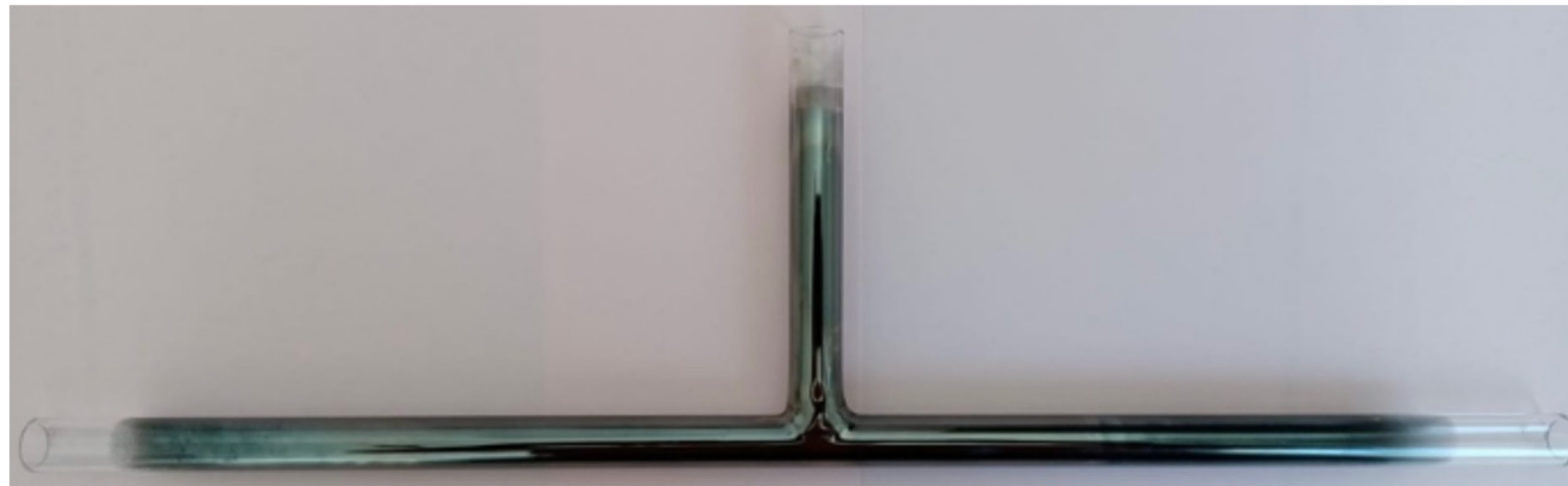
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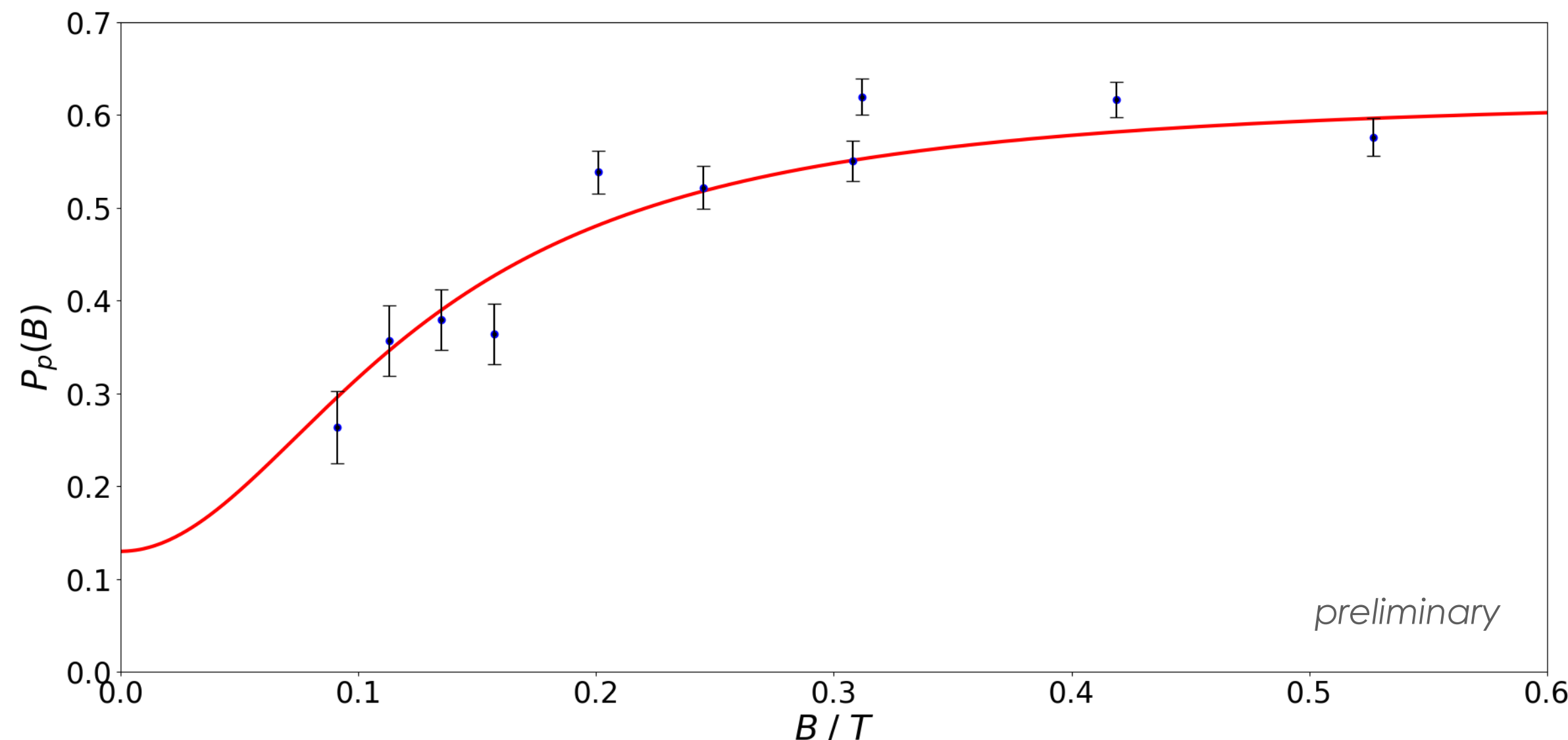
A test was performed at FZ-Julich on a quartz storage cell coated at CERN with amorphous carbon, just like the SMOG2 storage cell



Acknowledgement for the coating process: Yorick DELAUP, Bernard HENRIST, Pedro COSTA PINTO - CERN TE-VSC

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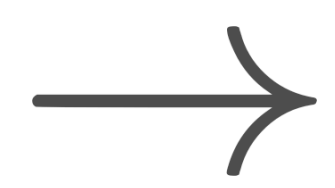
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Proton vector polarization for different magnetic fields  
- aC coating -

Initial atomic polarisation  $P_a = 0.90$   
Recombination rate 95.8 - 100 %

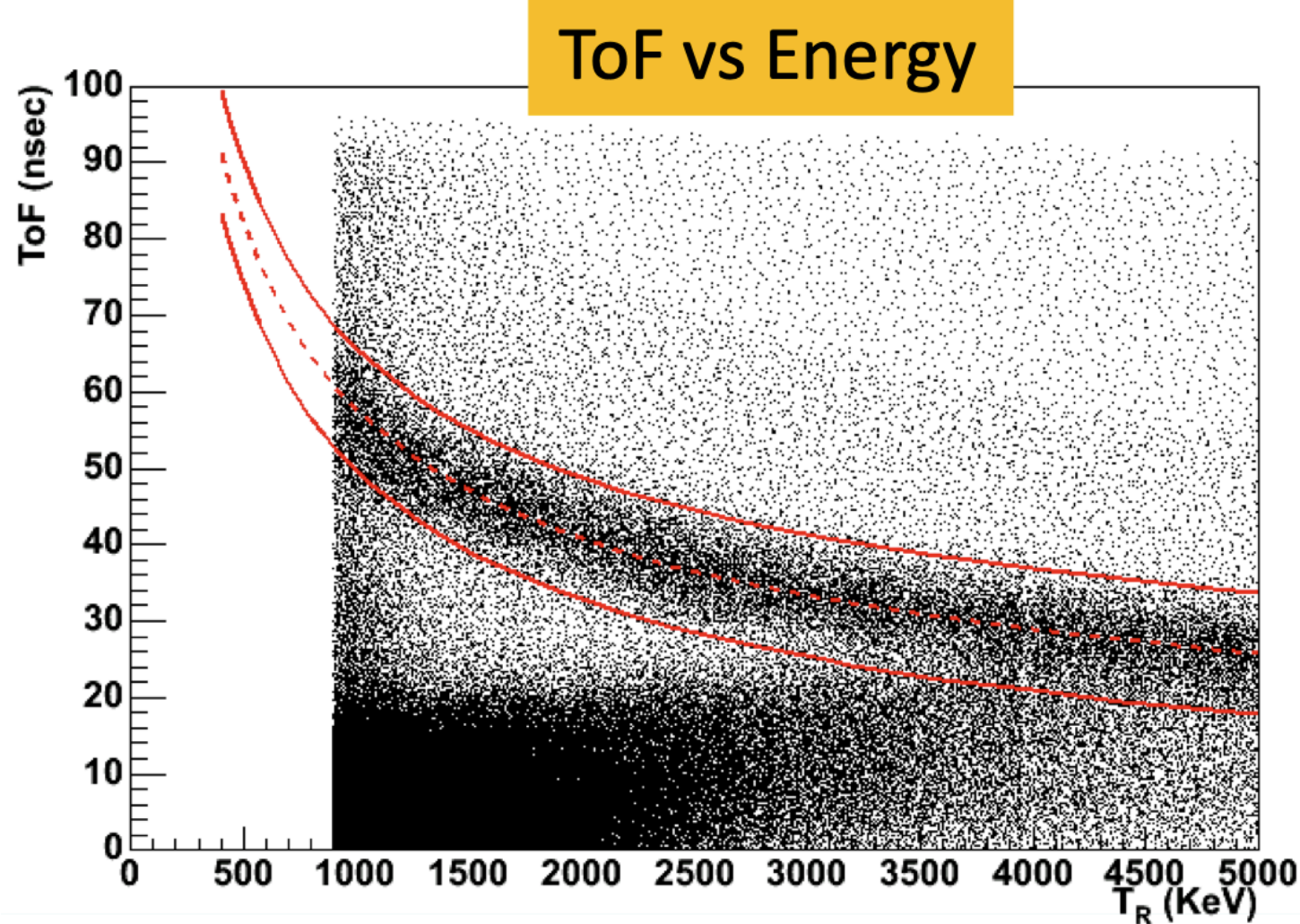
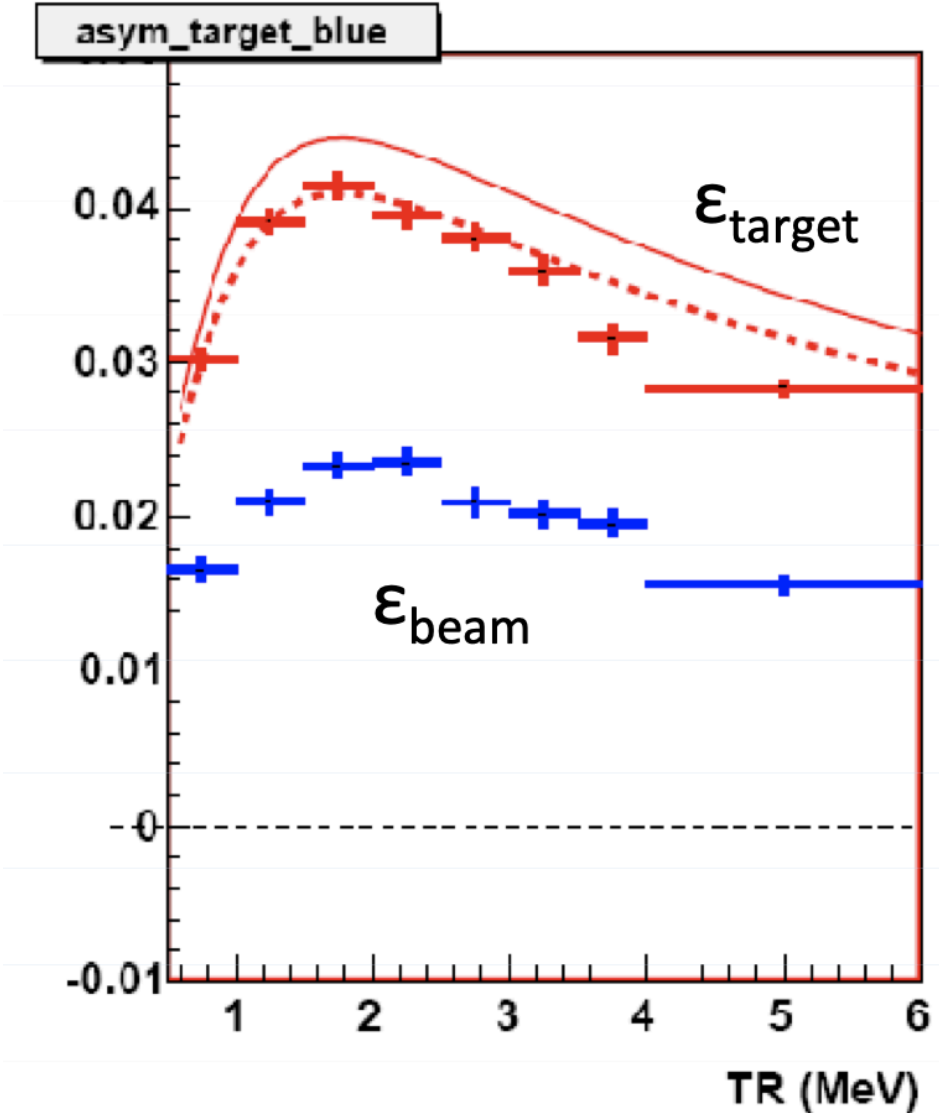
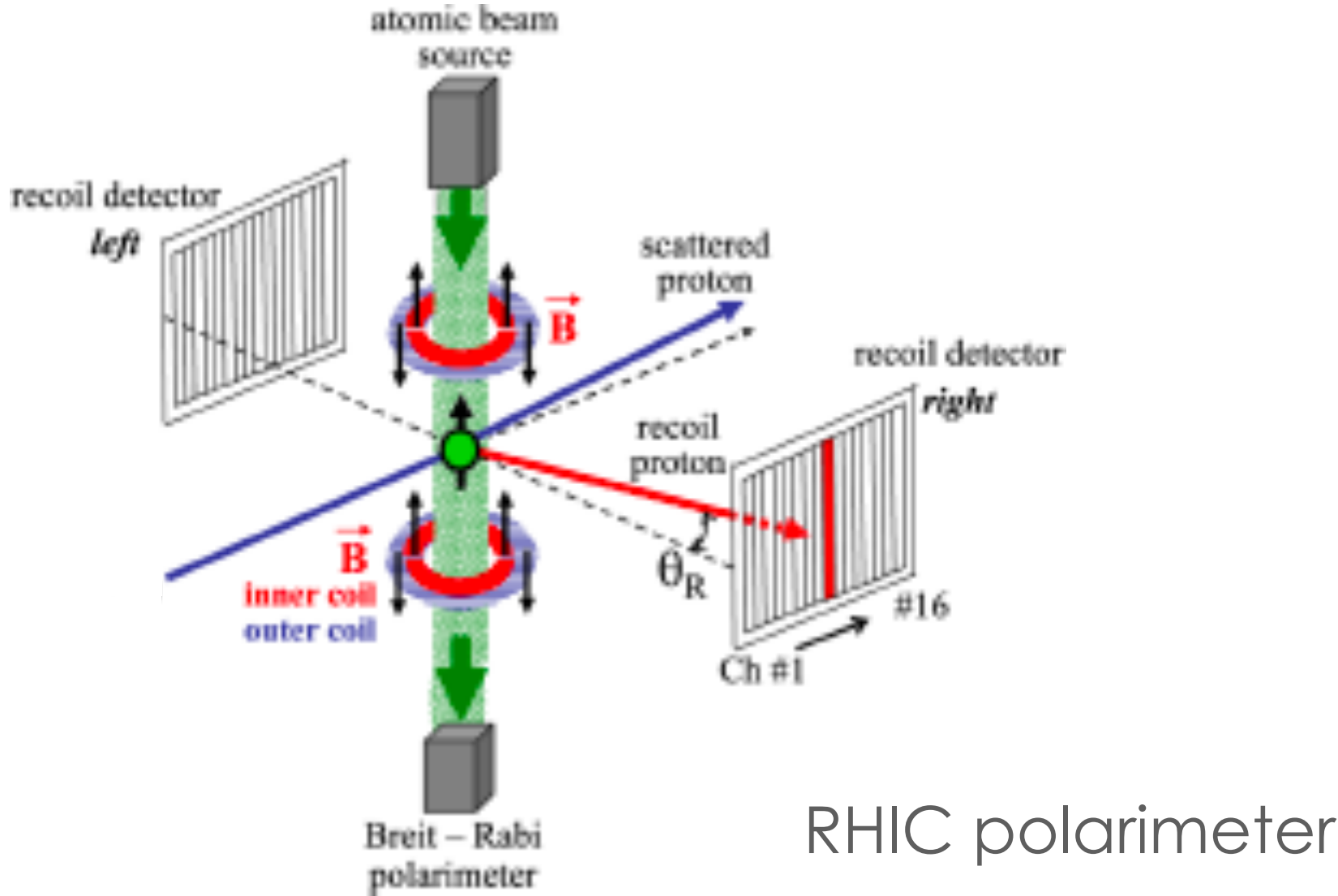
We can develop a new storage cell  
using polarized molecules



- high density target
- but an absolute polarimeter is needed

# Development of an absolute polarimeter

Based on the Coulomb Nuclear Interference (CNI)



To validate the theoretical predictions of the analyzing power at 7 TeV, in addition to evaluating detection efficiency and background, the absolute polarimeter must be installed in coincidence with the standard Breit-Rabi Polarimeter along the beamline

# The backup: the jet target

Alternative solution with **jet target** also under evaluation:

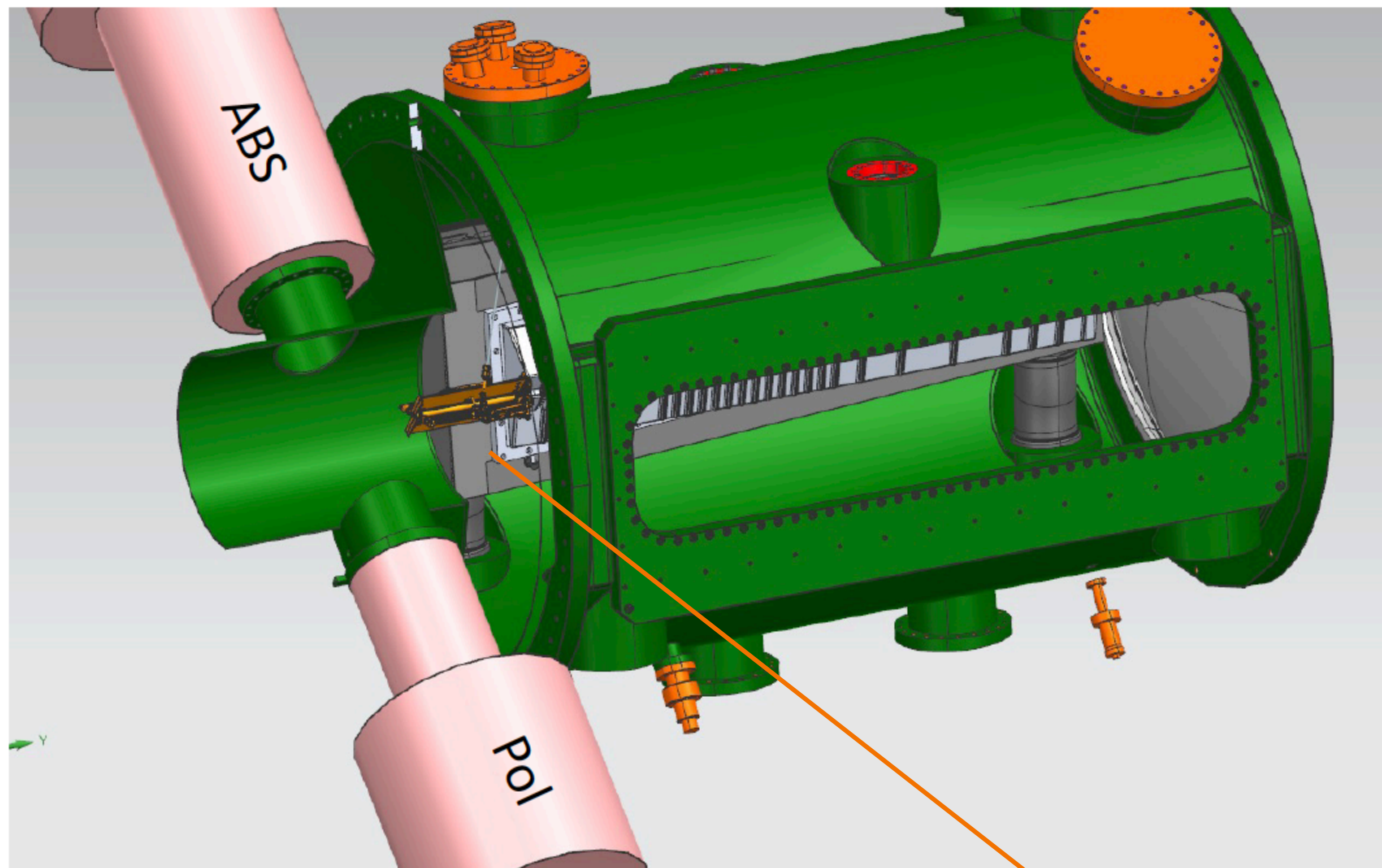
- lower density ( $\sim 10^{12}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- higher polarization (up to 90%)
- lower systematics in P measurement (virtually close to 0)

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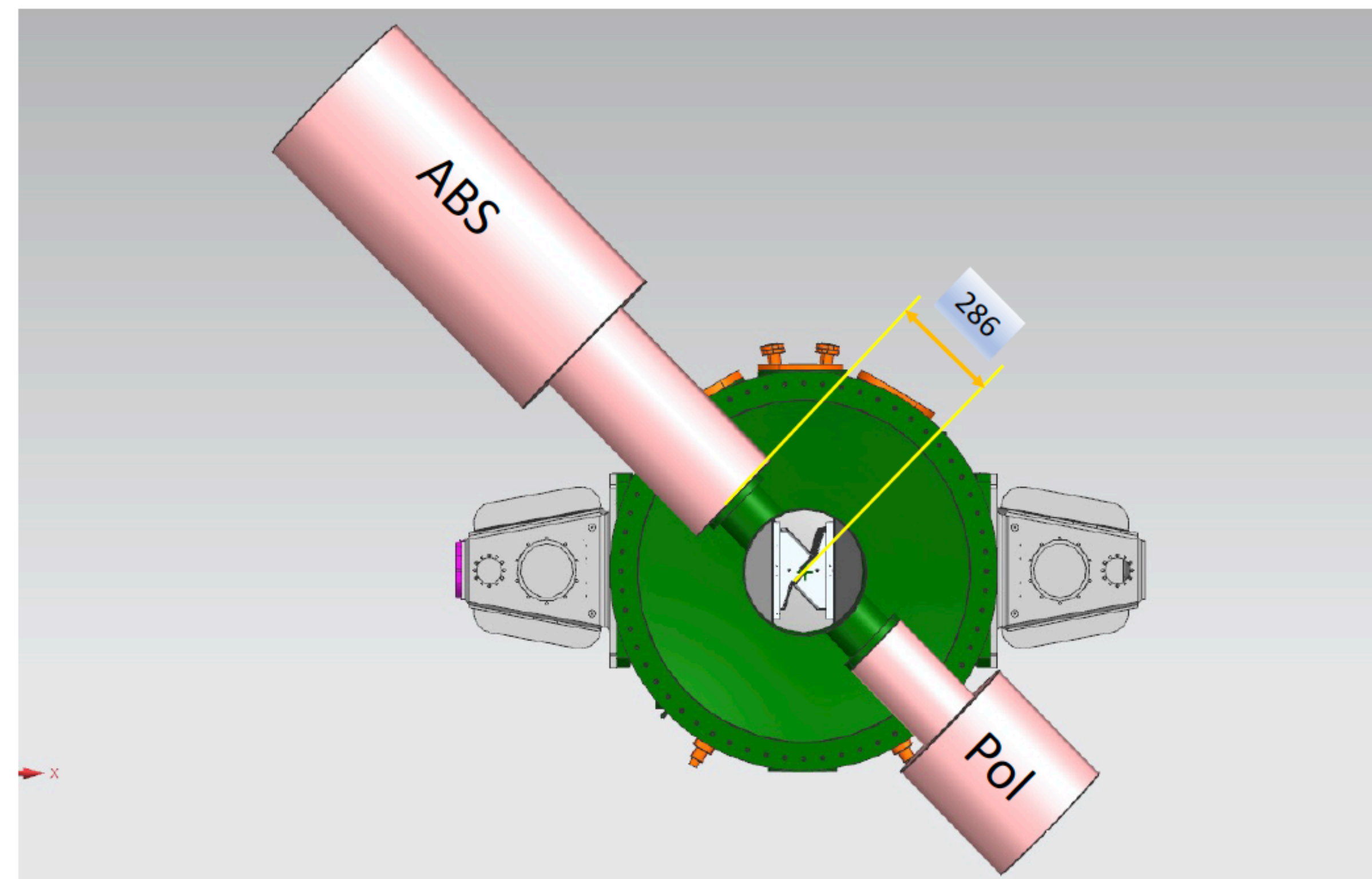
- no recombination
- high polarisation
- very small systematics on the polarisation measurements

## Contra

- x40 less luminosity than the cell solution  
(tolerable for the standard channels, relevant for the rare probes)



SMOG2



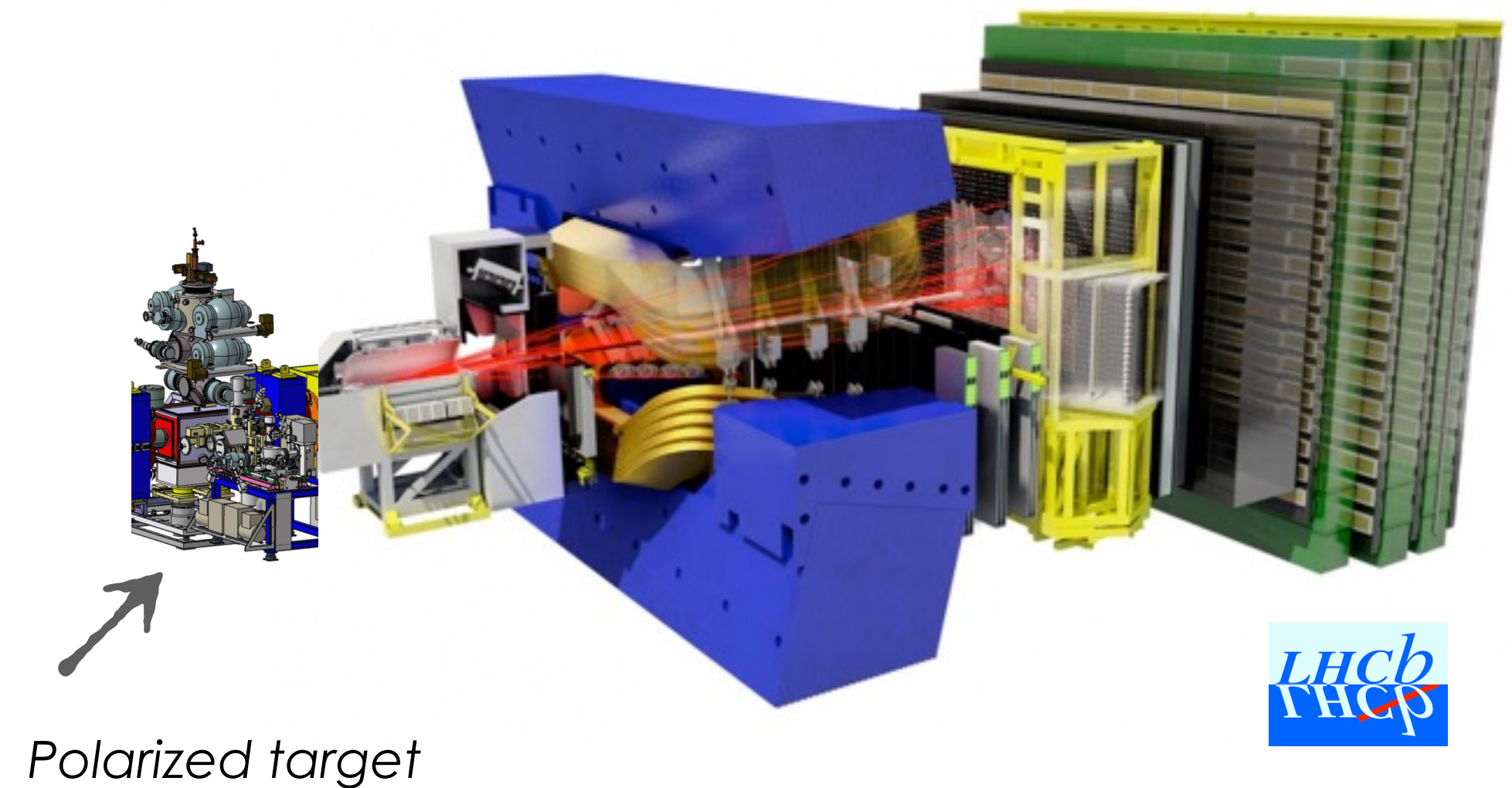
In this case the small dipole becomes a simple small Helmholtz coil that has basically no impact on the LHCb current or future setup

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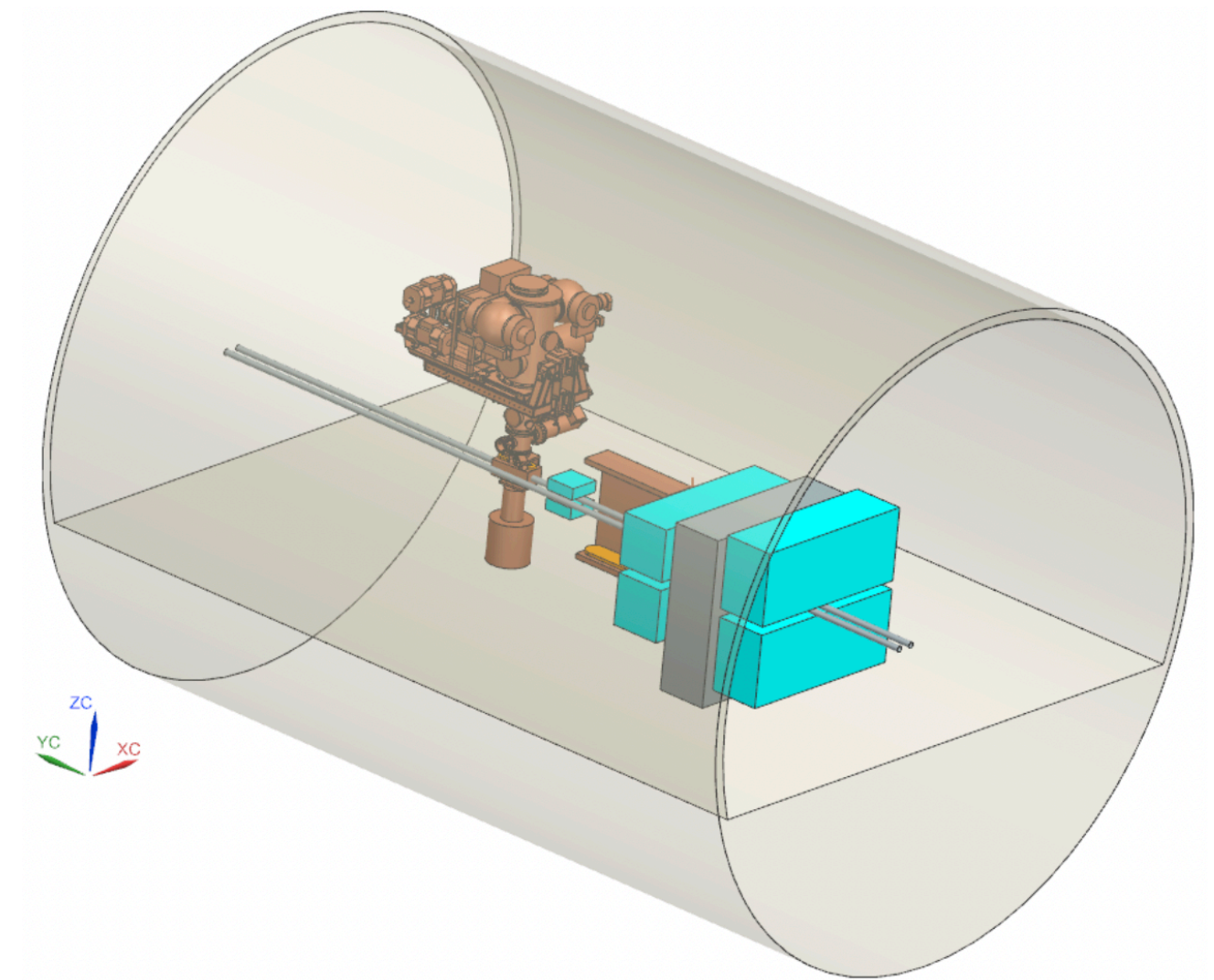


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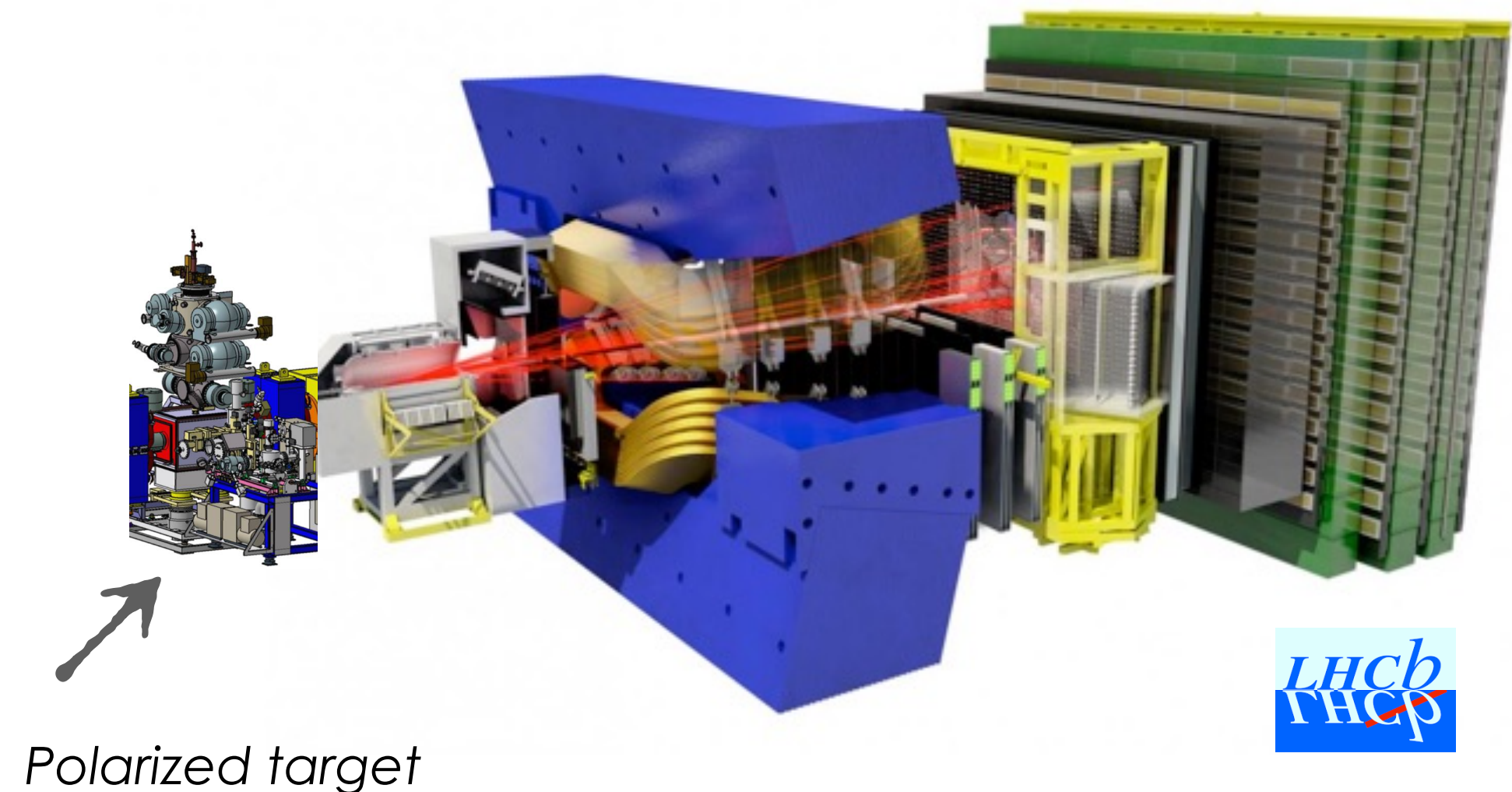
Develop a compact - LHCb independent - apparatus capable of:

- conducting R&D to have a “plug & play” PGT for Run5
- perform physics measurements never accessed before
- perform measurements connected to LHC
- etc...



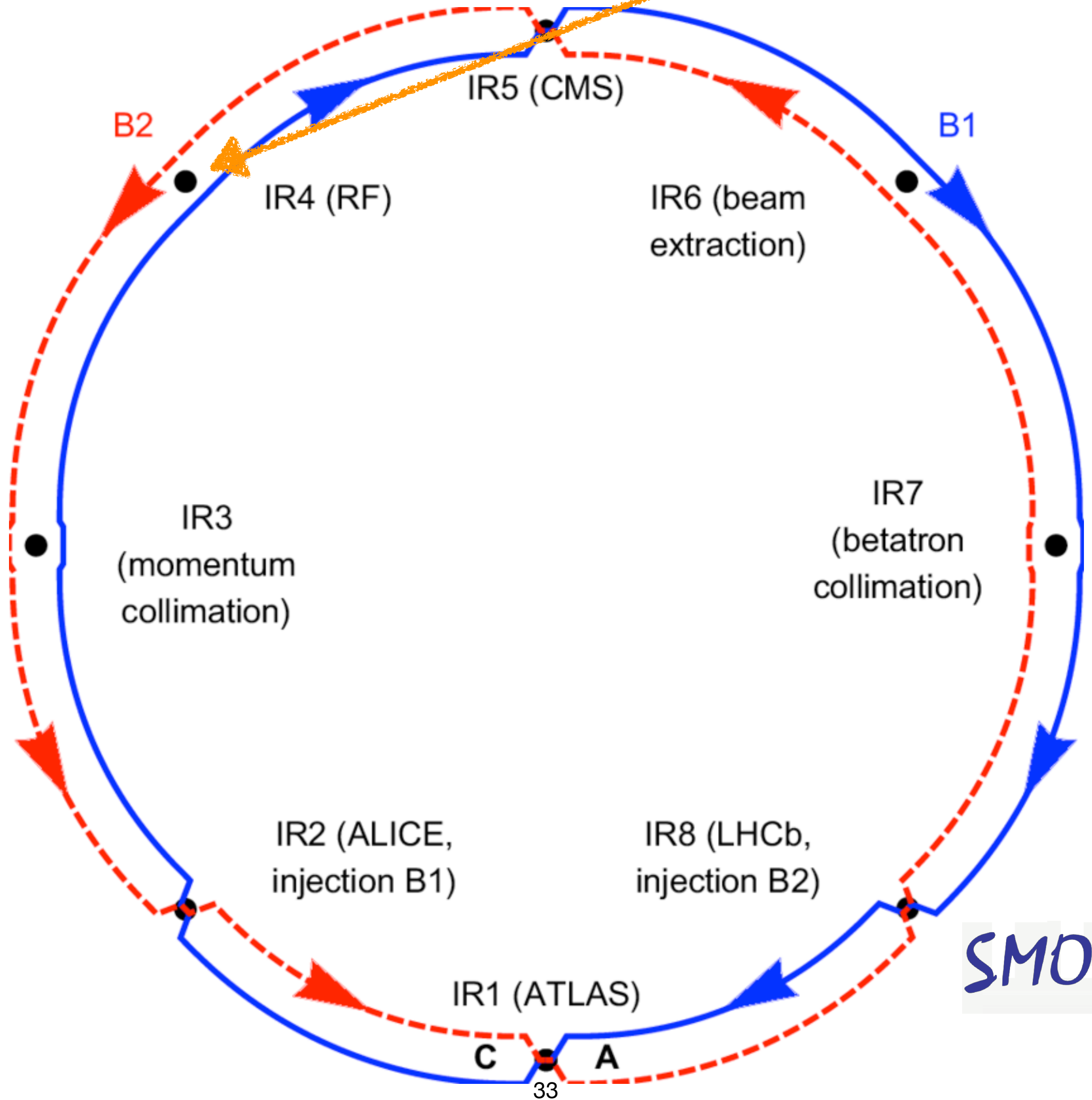
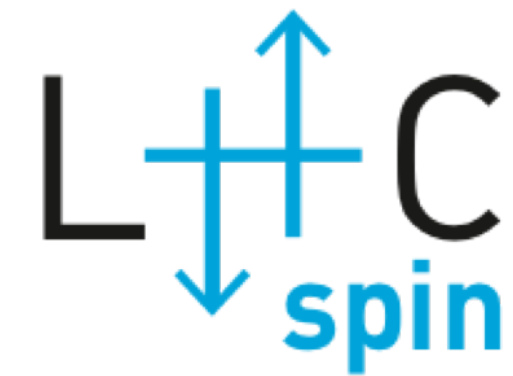
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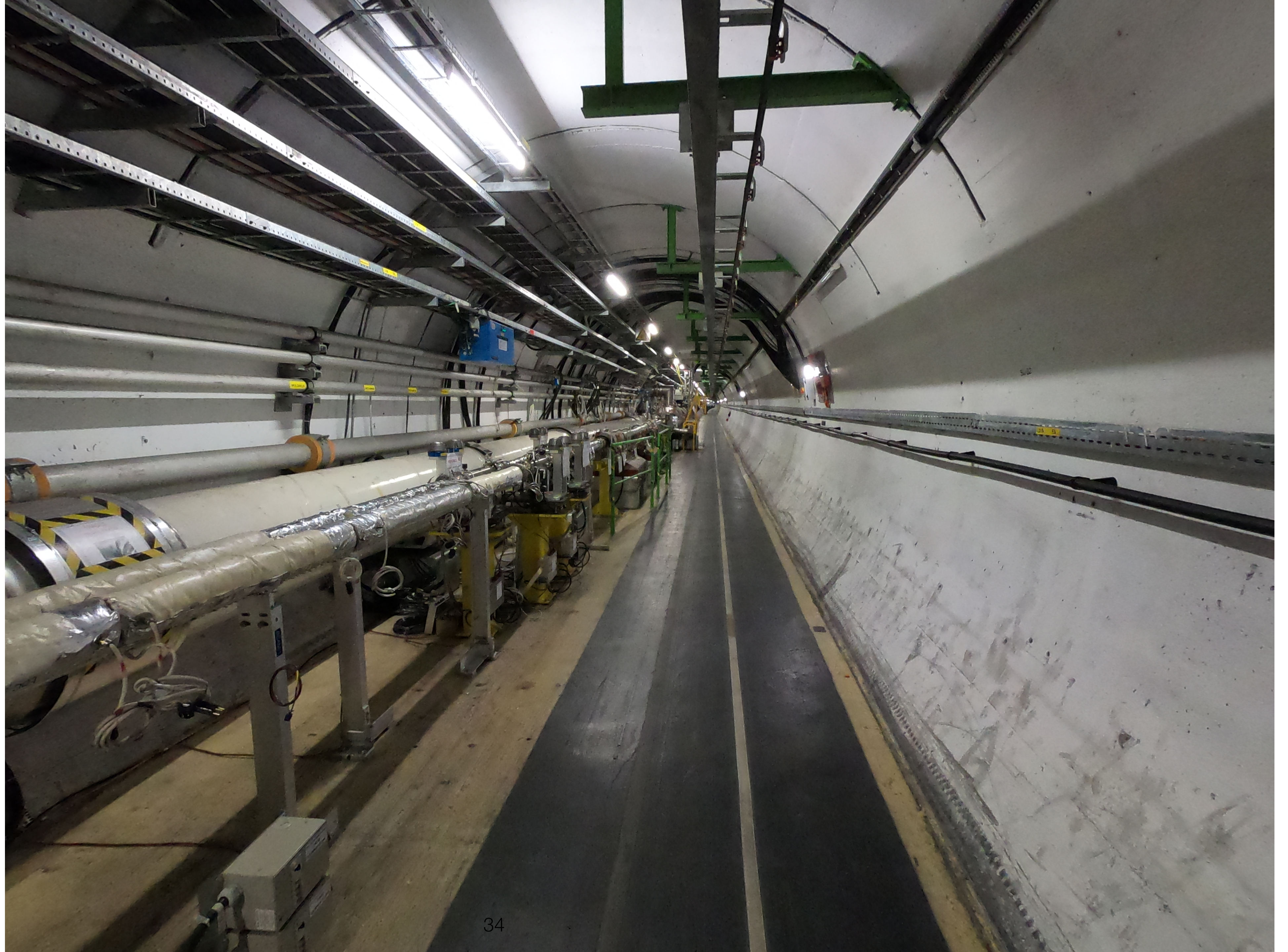


# The LHC Interaction Regions



Other possibilities:  
-IR3  
-IR8 just before or after  
LHCb (beyond the wall)

# The LHC Interaction Region 4



BGV



## Beam Gas Vertex instrument Potential integration of a gas jet as target

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BGC Collaboration Meeting at the Cockcroft Institute June 2019

[https://indico.cern.ch/event/817655/contributions/3442649/attachments/1861615/3059737/2019\\_06\\_BGV\\_GasJetTarget.pdf](https://indico.cern.ch/event/817655/contributions/3442649/attachments/1861615/3059737/2019_06_BGV_GasJetTarget.pdf)

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Editors' Suggestion

### Noninvasive LHC transverse beam size measurement using inelastic beam-gas interactions

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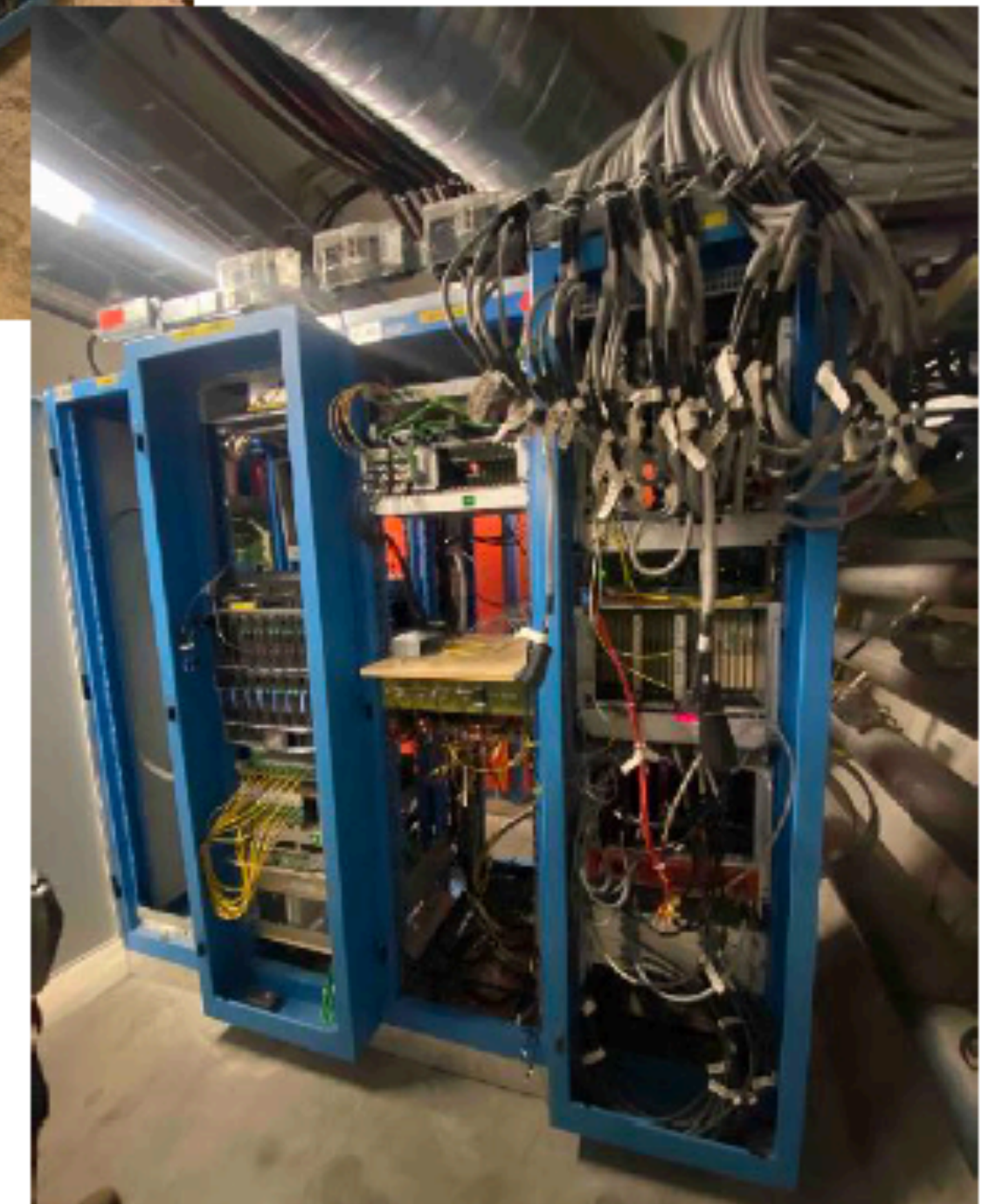
This apparatus is not used and could be replaced by LHCspin



Cables are available, as well as the rail for transporting the apparatus



There are racks available



# Detector concept at the IR4

## Goals:

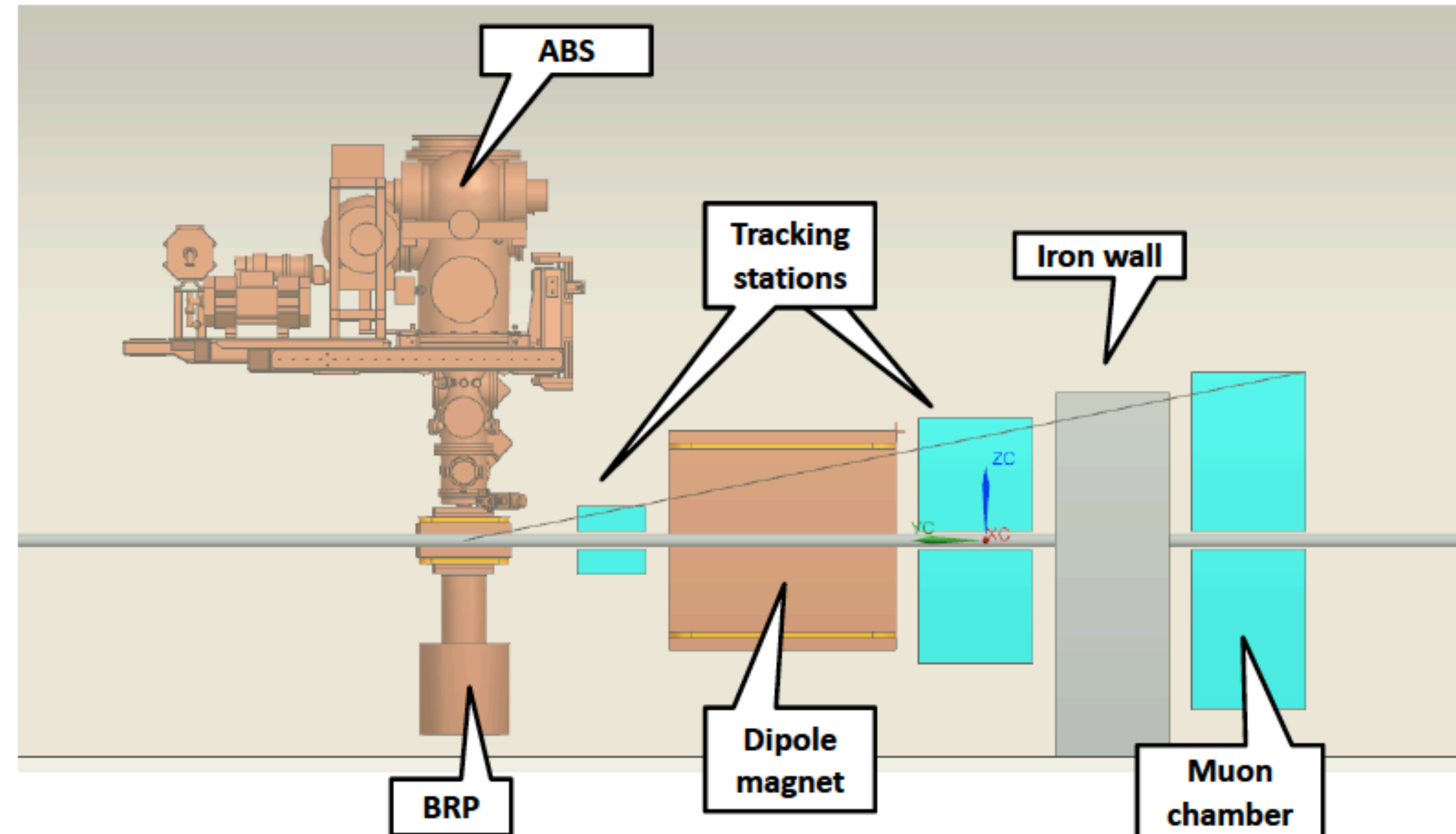
- proof of principle of the future (large-scale) experiment with LHCb.
- measurement of single-spin asymmetries in inclusive hadron production in  $pH^\uparrow$  and  $PbH^\uparrow$  (see next slides)

## Needed expertise (apart from pol. target):

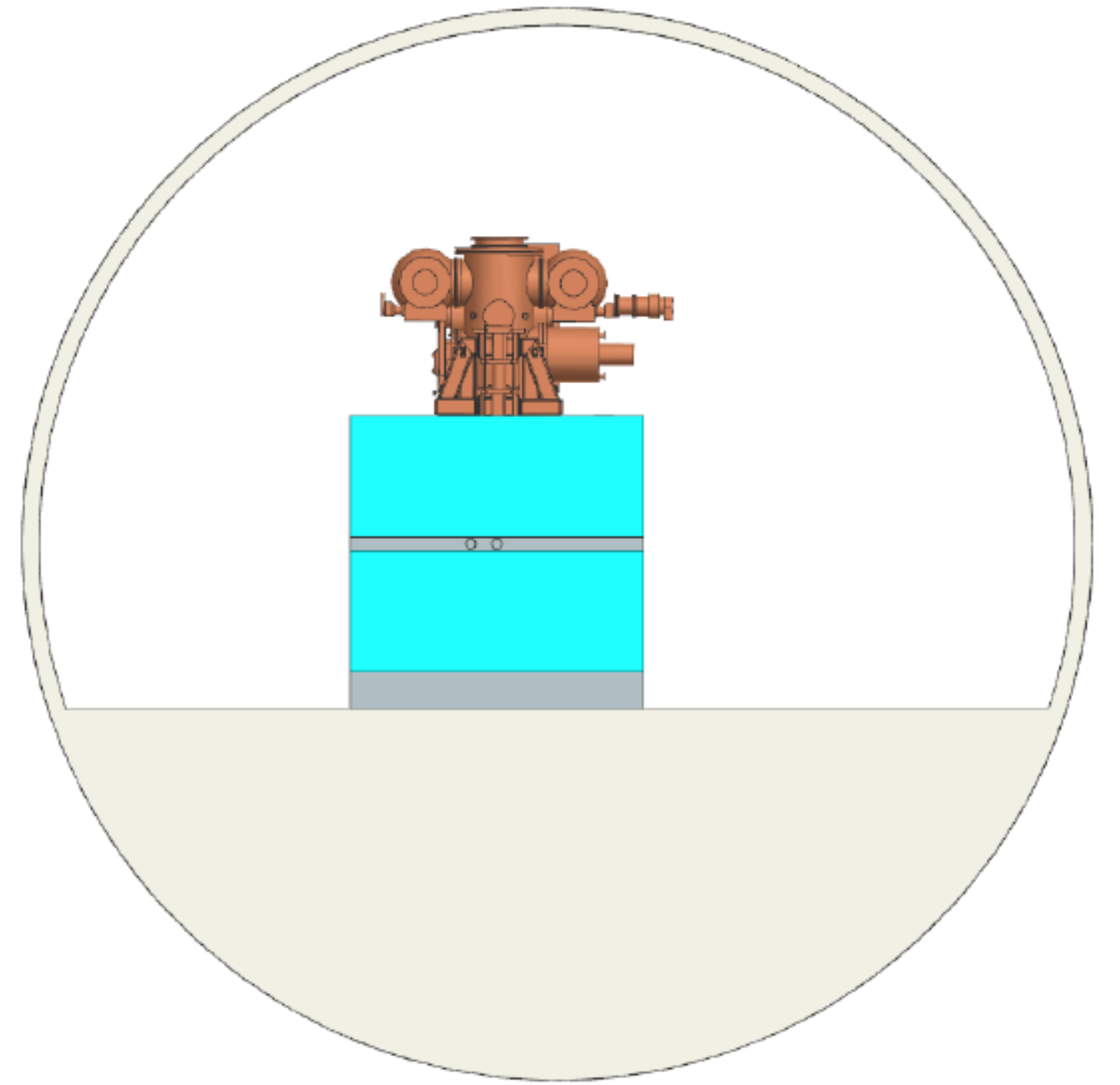
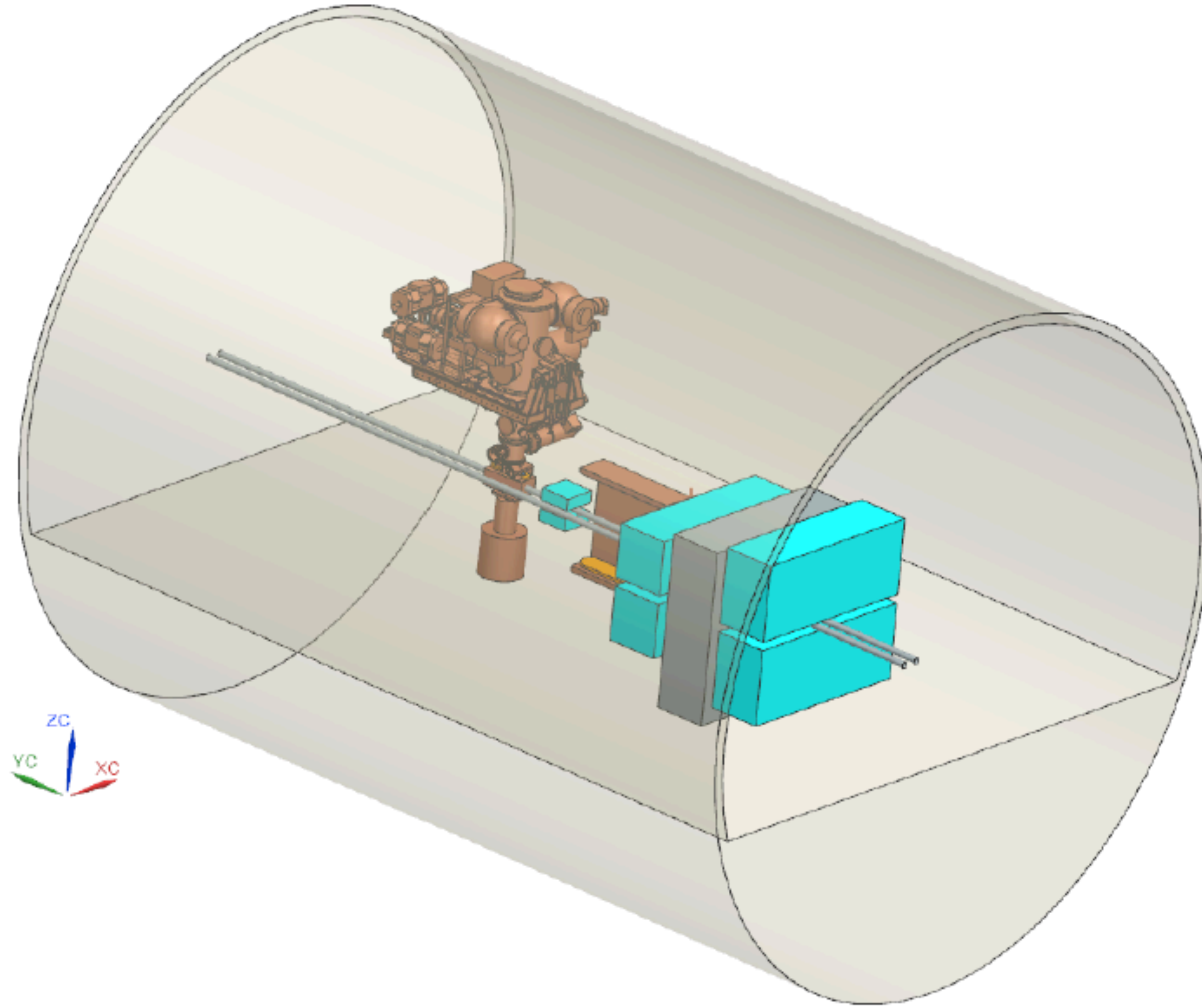
- dipole magnet
- tracking detectors (Si strip, SciFi, drift chambers?)
- muon chambers (MWPC?)
- electronics
- DAQ
- slow control
- tracking/reconstruction algorithms
- ...

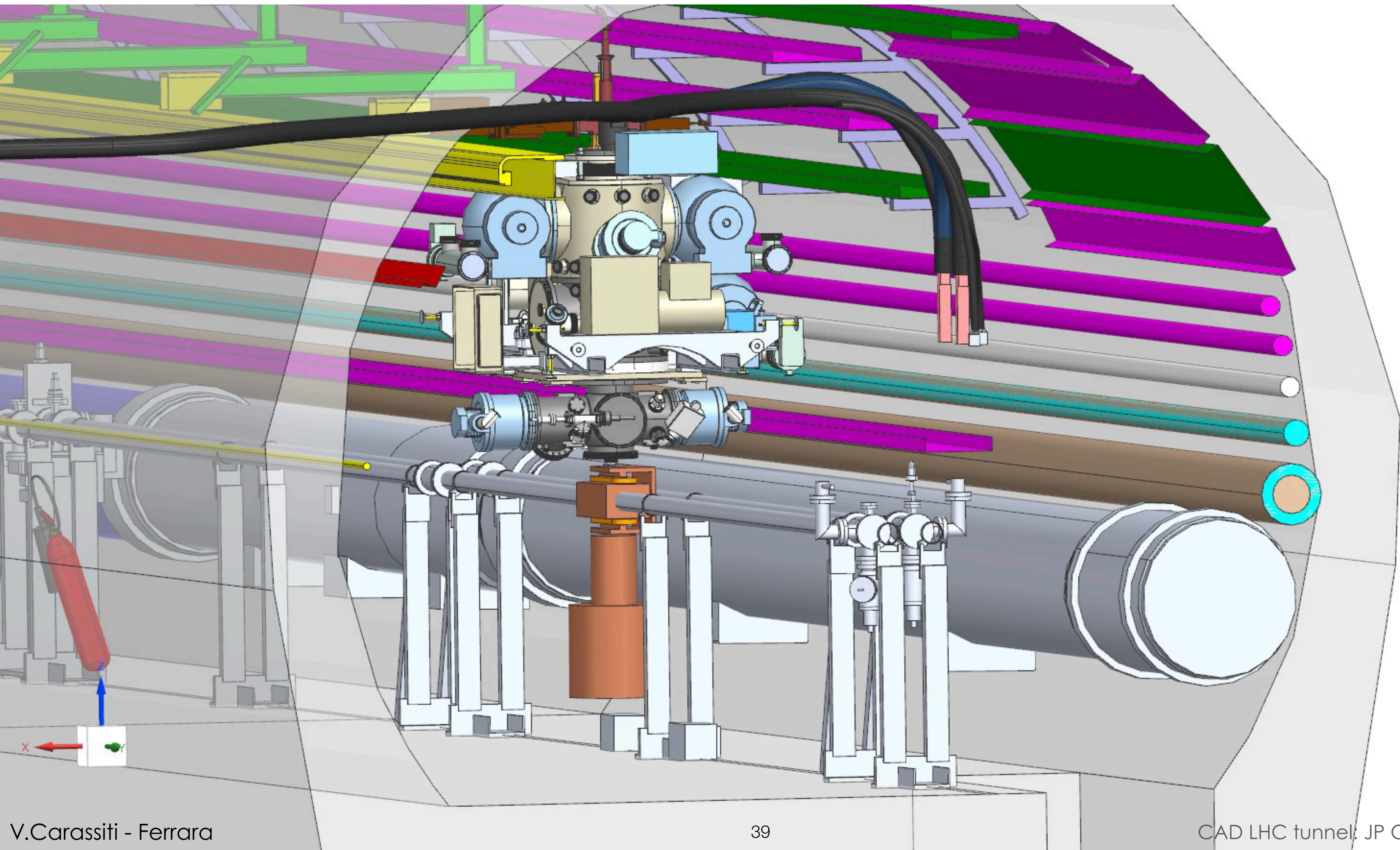
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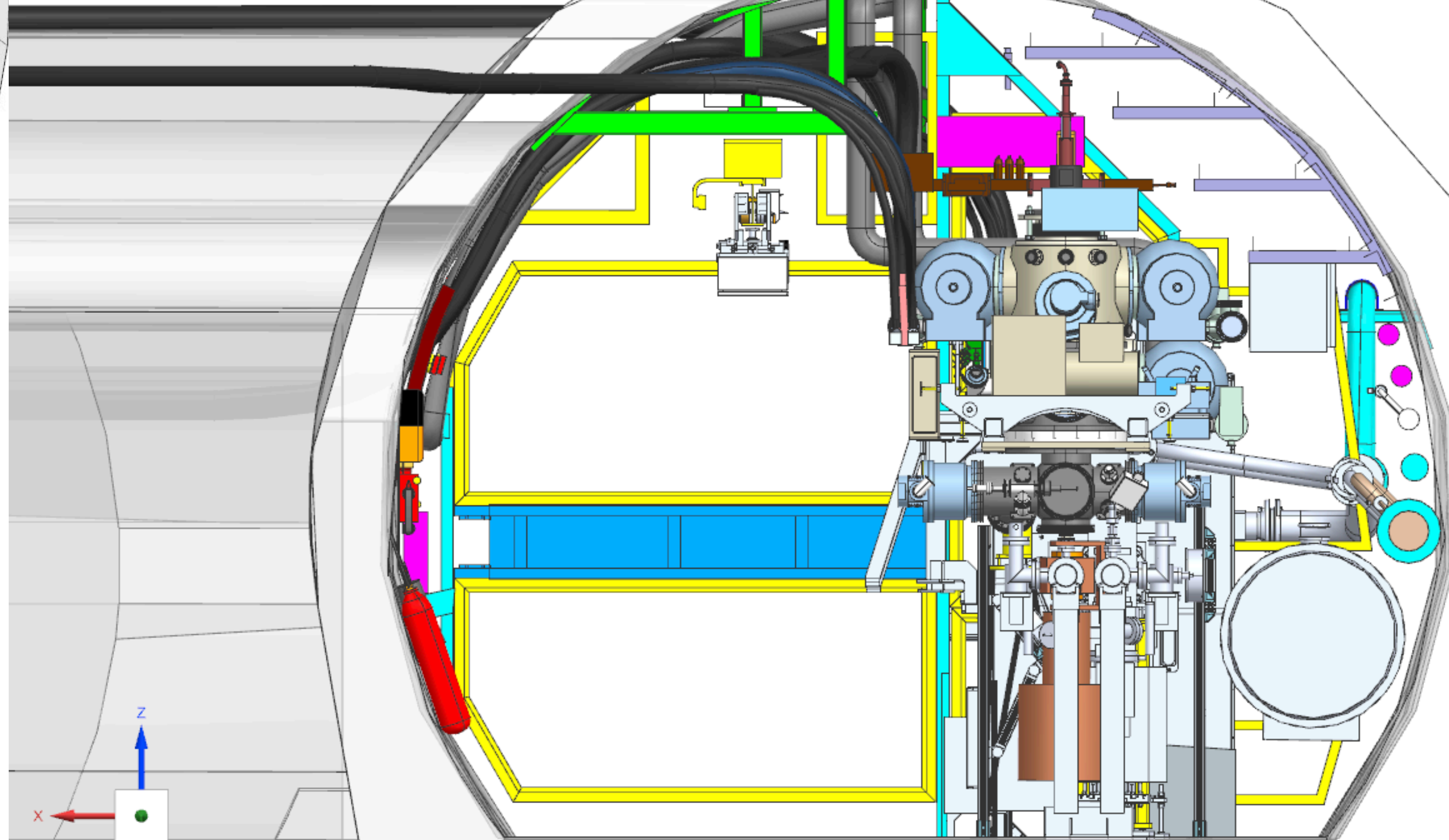
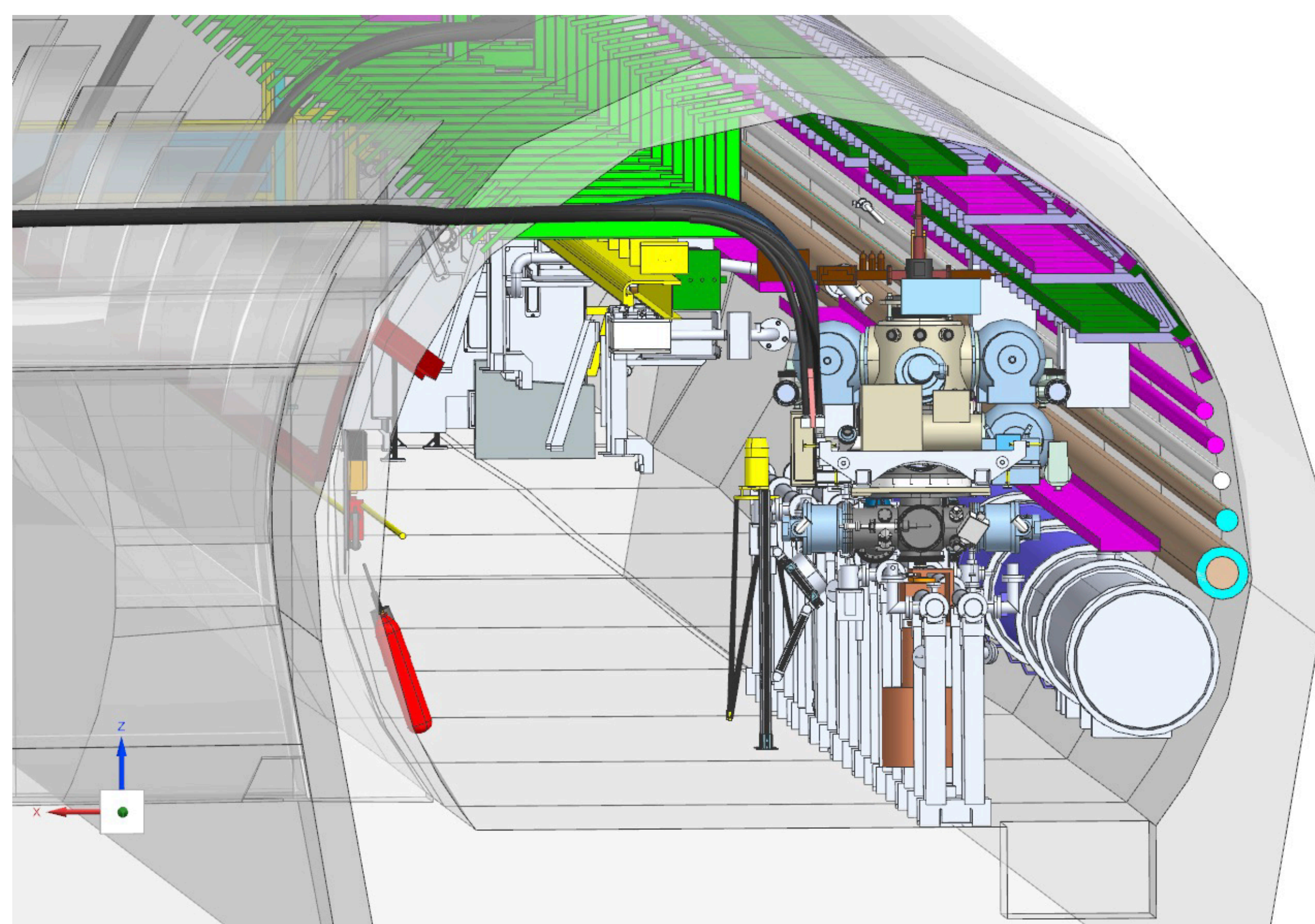
- jet-target (but could be done also with storage cell)
- full (minimal) spectrometer: dipole magnet, tracking stations, muon system
- simple PID detectors (Calo, RICH)?



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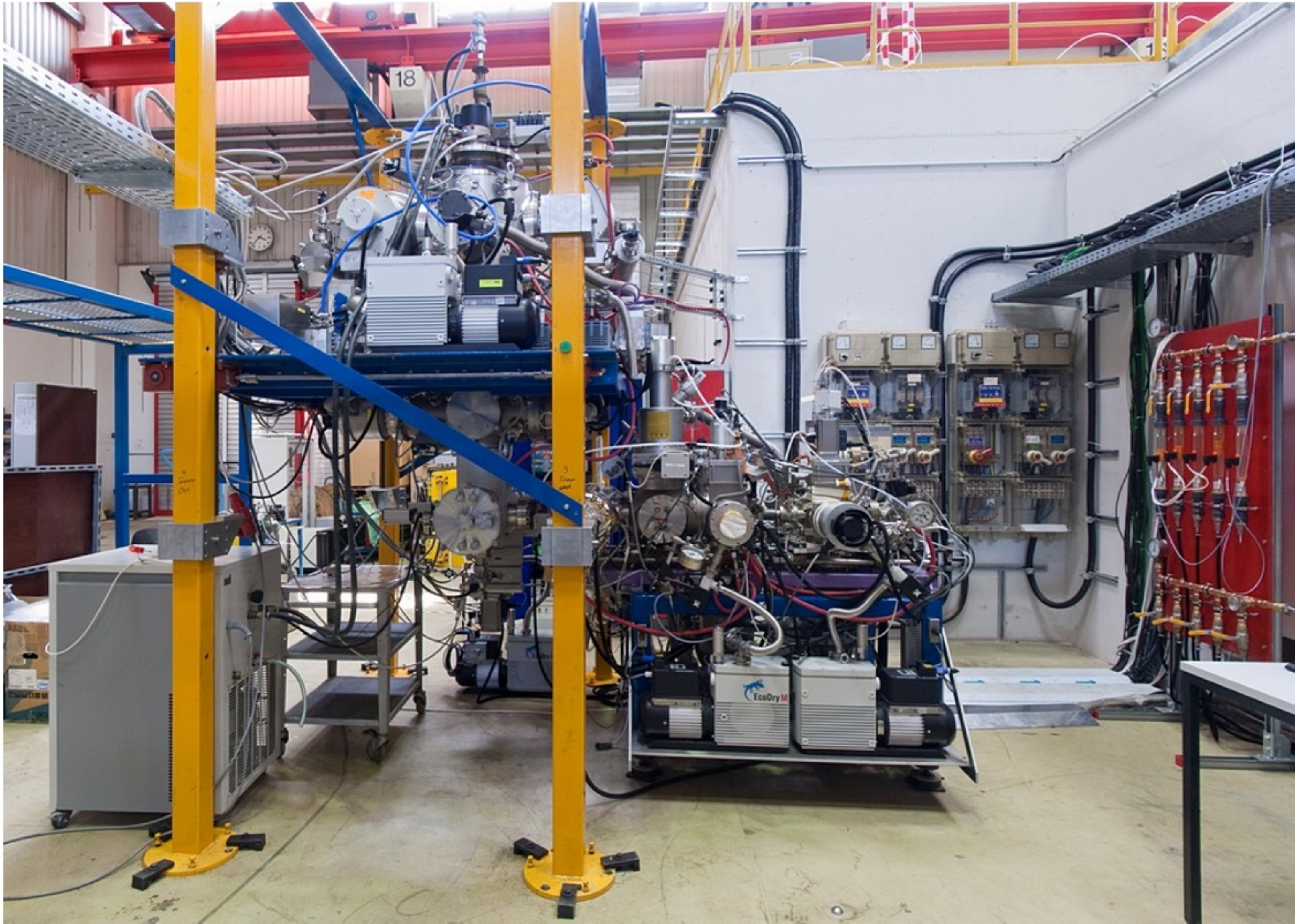




-It is a bit tight, but we don't currently see any showstoppers in the available space



The existing target ready to be used for the R&D





# The R&D work is proceeding well

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There already several WPs working on different subjects  
The idea is to present an EoI to the LHCC in the next few months

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Very valuable note: all this developed at CERN, along LHC, in an international contest, by a small group of colleagues

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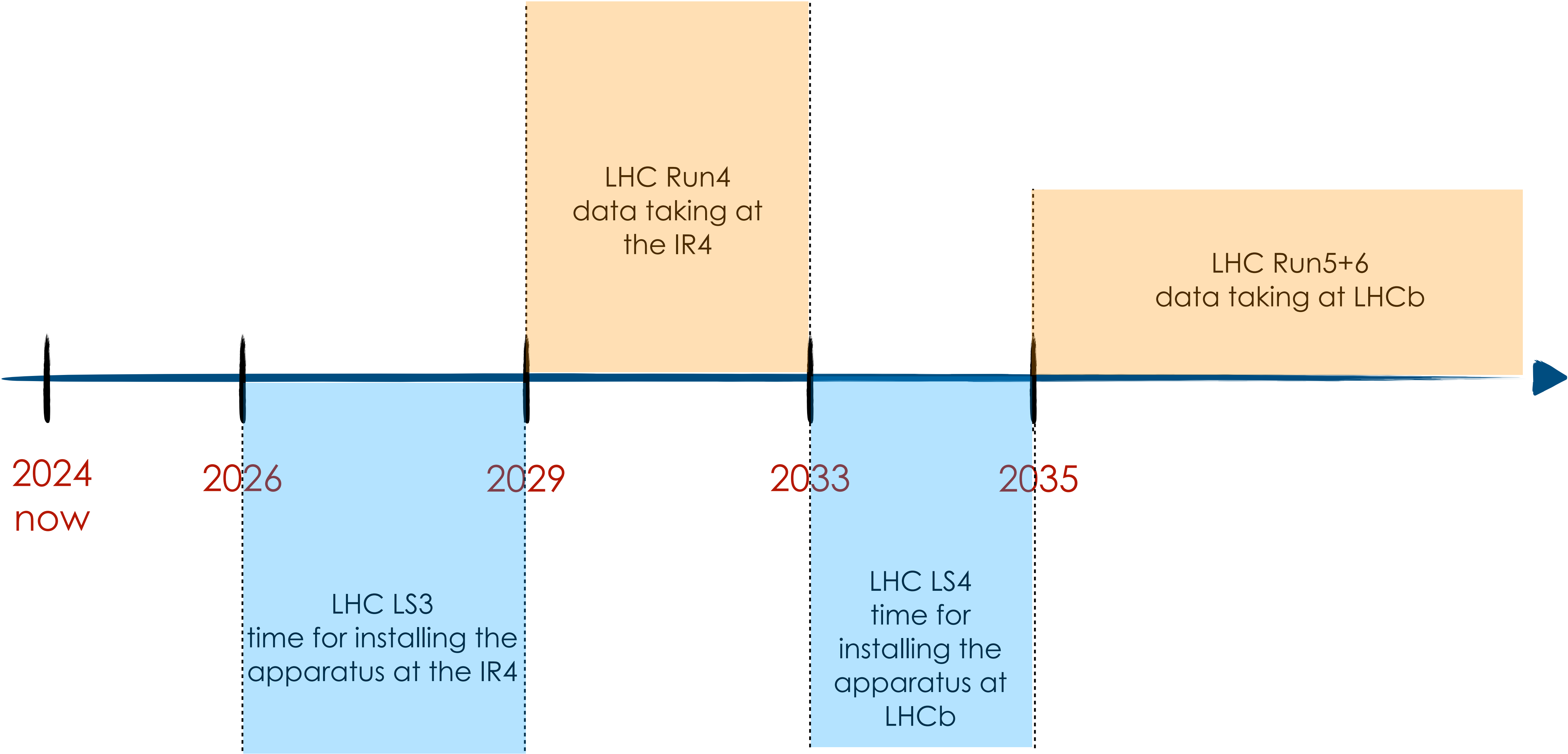
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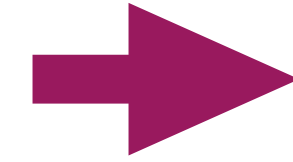
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## LHCspin is complementary to EIC

[D. Boer: [arXiv:1611.06089](https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.06089)]

unpolarized gluon TMD

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$f_1^g^{[+,+]}$ (WW)	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓
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linearly polarized gluon TMD

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TMDs (Sivers)

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$f_{1T}^{\perp g [+,+]}$  (Weizsacker-Williams type or "f-type") → antisymmetric colour structures

$f_{1T}^{\perp g [+,-]}$  (Dipole s type or "d-type") → symmetric colour structures

- ☐ Can be measured at the Electron Ion-Collider (EIC)
- ☐ Can be measured at LHCspin

"Ambitious and long term LHC-Fixed Target research program. The efforts of the existing LHC experiments to implement such a programme, including specific R&D actions on the collider, **deserve support**" (European Strategy for Particle Physics)

"This would be **unique and highly complementary** to existing and future measurements in lepton-proton collisions, because the asymmetries in question have a process dependence between pp and lp that is predicted by theory" (CERN Physics Beyond Collider)

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