



# **The MoEDAL-MAPP Facility at the LHC**

**Presentation to the PBC BSM/FPC**

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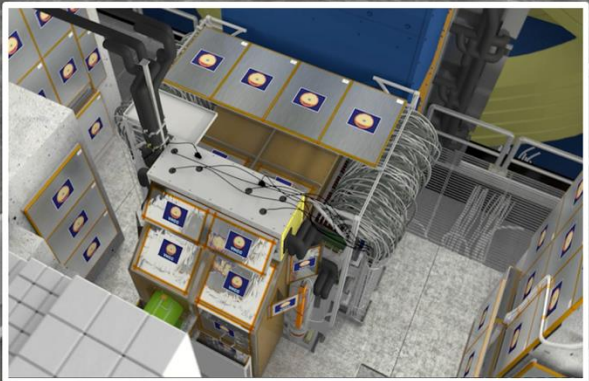


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# MoEDAL-MAPP a >24 Year Project

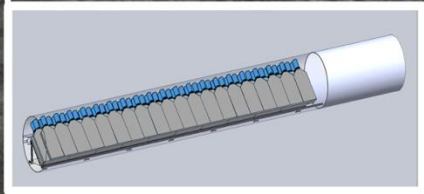


MAPP-1



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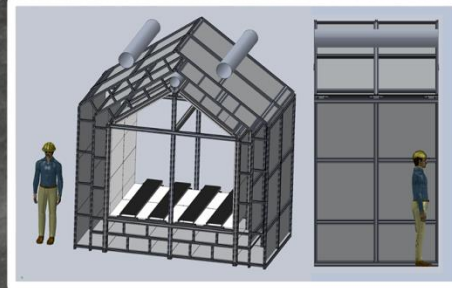
UA83 Tunnel



MAPP-1 Outrigger

LHC – Beam-line

UGC1 Gallery



MAPP-2 "House"

MAPP-2

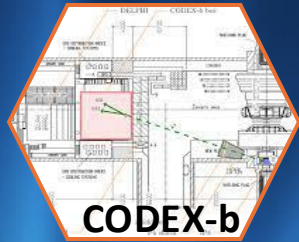
**MoEDAL-MAPP DETECTOR FACILITY**  
(100m underground on the LHC ring)

LHCb at IP8





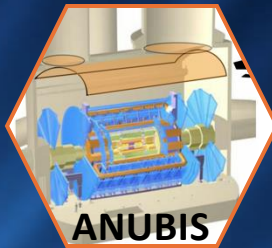
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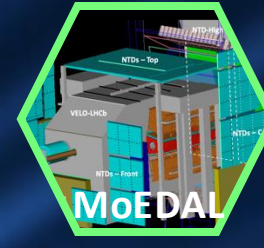
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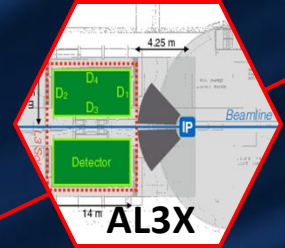
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MilliQan



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AL3X

$\eta=0$

**Transverse**  
 $0 < \eta < 1.5$

$\eta=0.5$

$\eta=1$

$\eta=1.5$

**Intermediate**  
 $1.5 < \eta < 4$

$\eta=2$

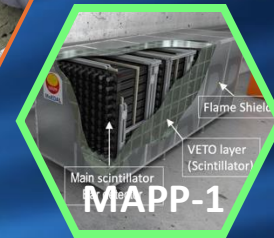
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$\eta=3$

$\eta=4$



MAPP-2



MAPP-1

**Forward**

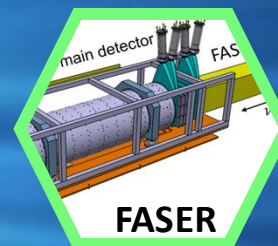
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FASER- 2, FASERnu2,  
advSND, FORMOSA, FLARE



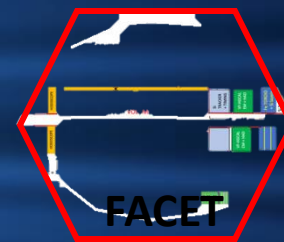
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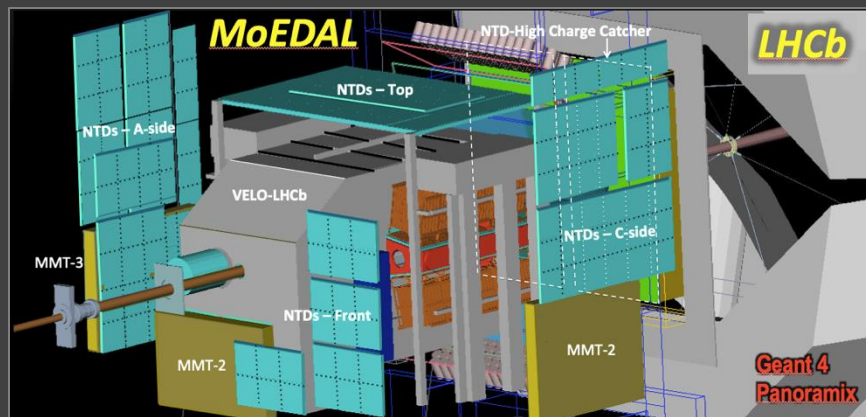


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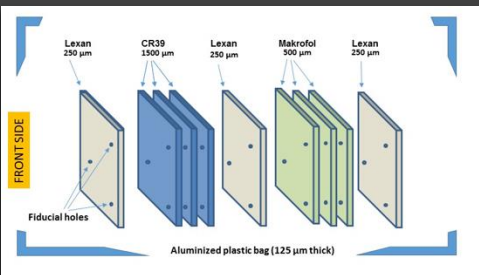


# The Phase-0 MoEDAL Detector

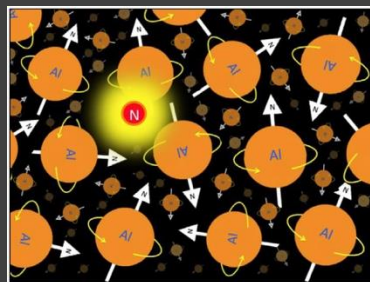
LHC's 1<sup>st</sup> dedicated search expt. –upgraded for Run-3 with higher eff. & lower thresholds



## Searching for HEP avatars of new physics



**NUCLEAR TRACK DETECTOR**  
Plastic array ( 185 stacks, 12 m<sup>2</sup>) – Like a big Camera



**TRAPPING DETECTOR ARRAY**  
A tonne of Al to trap Highly Ionizing Particles for analysis



**TIMEPIX Array** a digital Camera for real time radiation monitoring

**NO TRIGGER**

**NO SM BACKGROUNDS**

**PERMANENT RECORD**





# MoEDAL's Remote Detector Facilities

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## NTD Processing - INFN Bologna

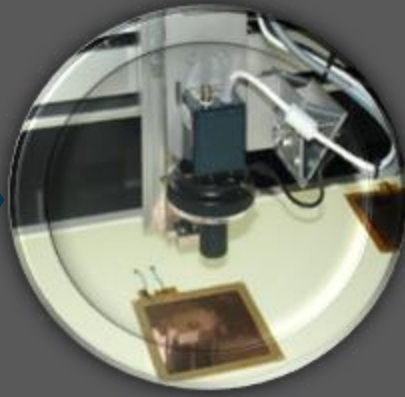
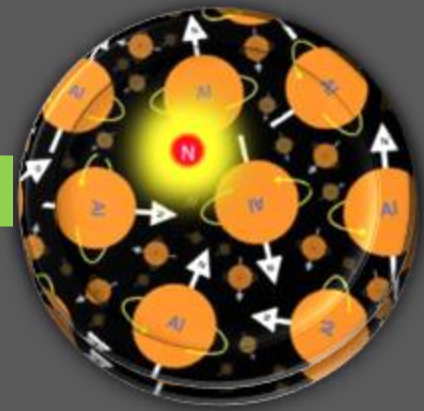
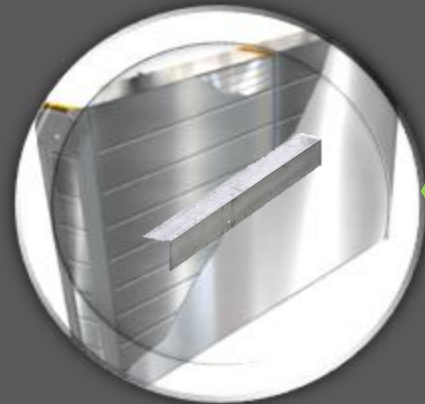
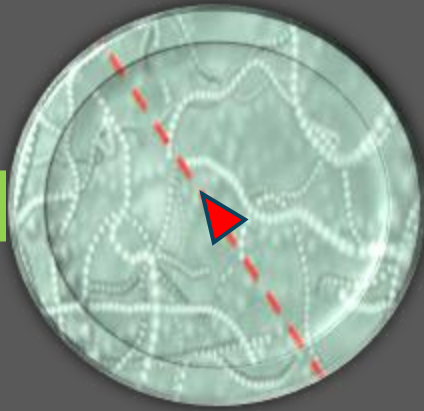
## MMT Scanning- ETH Zurich

*Etching in hot sodium Hydroxide reveals damage*

*HIP causes damage Zone In NTD plastic*

*Trapping volumes are Removed for scanning*

*Monopole is trapped*



*Etch pits reveal path and charge of HIP*

*Etch pits measured by optical microscope*

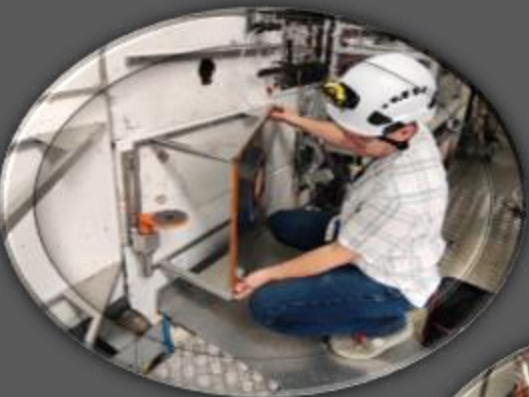
*Trapping volumes are Passed through a SQUID*

*Monopoles cause a stable current in the SQUID*



# Upgraded MoEDAL Installed for Run-3

Upgrades to the Run-2 MoEDAL Detector, for Run-3 – completed in March 2023



NTD Stacks  
Point to IP



Forward MMT  
box reconfigured



VELO-TOP NTD  
array installed



TimePix3 Chips  
connected to LHC clock

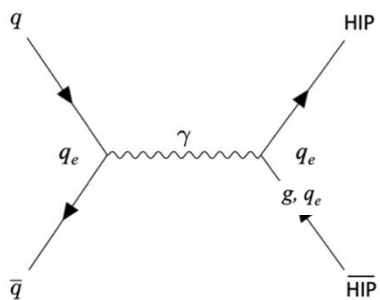
The Search for Highly ionizing particles (HIPs) continues with:

5 x Higher  
Instantaneous  
Luminosity at IP8

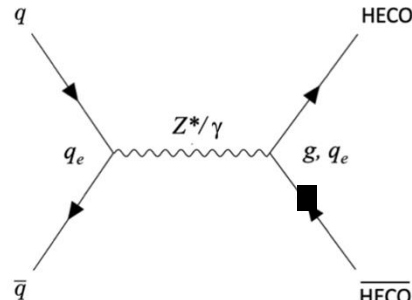
a) Improved  
Detector Efficiency  
b) X10 lower threshold

Slightly higher  
Centre-of-mass  
Energy

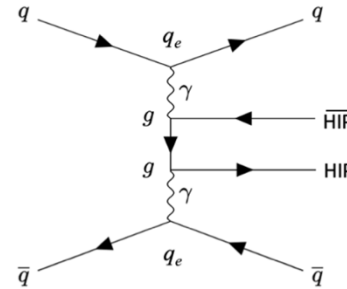
# Results from HIP Search - DY production



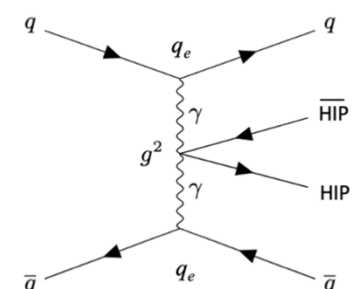
(a) DY production of spin 0, 1/2, 1 HIPs



(b) DY production of spin 1/2 HECOs



(c) Four-vertex PF process



(d) Three-vertex PF process

ATLAS

	95% CL lower limits on the mass of HIPs [TeV]						
	$ g  = 1g_D$	$ g  = 2g_D$	$ z  = 20$	$ z  = 40$	$ z  = 60$	$ z  = 80$	$ z  = 100$
DY spin-0	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7
DY spin-1/2	2.6	2.5	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9
PF spin-0	3.4	3.5	2.1	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.5
PF spin-1/2	3.6	3.7	2.5	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.5

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TABLE I. 95% CL mass limits for the magnetic monopole search.

Spin	Process	Magnetic charge ( $g_D$ )									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		95% CL mass limits (GeV)									
0	DY	1450	1660	1730	1680	1590	1510	1380	1210	980	790
1/2	DY	2070	2300	2370	2360	2300	2200	2030	1810	1470	1040
1	DY	2180	2410	2510	2520	2460	2370	2240	2090	1870	1550
0	$\gamma\gamma$	3010	3510	3700	3730	3680	3550	3370	3000	2000	-
1/2	$\gamma\gamma$	3240	3730	3920	3940	3880	3800	3590	3000	2500	-
1	$\gamma\gamma$	3650	4100	4220	4230	4170	4080	3960	3500	3000	2000

TABLE II. 95% CL mass limits for the HECO search.

Spin	Process/ exchange	Electric charge ( $e$ )																		
		10	15	20	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275	300	325	350	375	400
		95% CL mass limits (GeV)																		
0	DY $\gamma$	80	220	400	580	1300	1390	1420	1430	1430	1410	1390	1370	1340	1290	1210	1070	900	500	-
1/2	DY $\gamma$	290	620	920	1190	1850	1940	1980	2000	2000	1980	1940	1900	1830	1740	1610	1380	1000	200	-
1/2	DY $\gamma/Z^*$	320	620	930	1170	1840	1930	1970	1990	1980	1970	1940	1900	1840	1740	1620	-	-	-	-
1	DY $\gamma$	330	640	960	1240	2020	2120	2170	2180	2180	2170	2140	2100	2060	1980	1850	1620	1000	100	-
0	$\gamma\gamma$	300	740	1140	1500	2720	3020	3170	3260	3310	3320	3310	3240	3160	3000	2500	2000	1500	1500	-
1/2	$\gamma\gamma$	410	950	1380	1800	3000	3250	3390	3480	3520	3530	3500	3440	3000	2500	2000	1500	1500	1500	1500
1	$\gamma\gamma$	790	1400	1880	2310	3400	3640	3770	3850	3890	3890	3850	3730	3000	3000	2500	2000	1500	1500	-

MoEDAL presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> Photon-Photon fusion results at the LHC has the World's best limits (MoEDAL e-Print: [2311.06509 \[hep-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.06509)...to be published in PRL) ON :

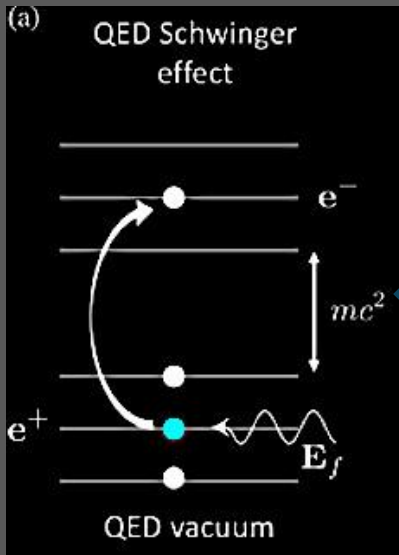
- Magnetic Charge  $> 1 g_D$
- Electric charge  $10e < Q < 20e$  &  $50e < Q \leq 400e$





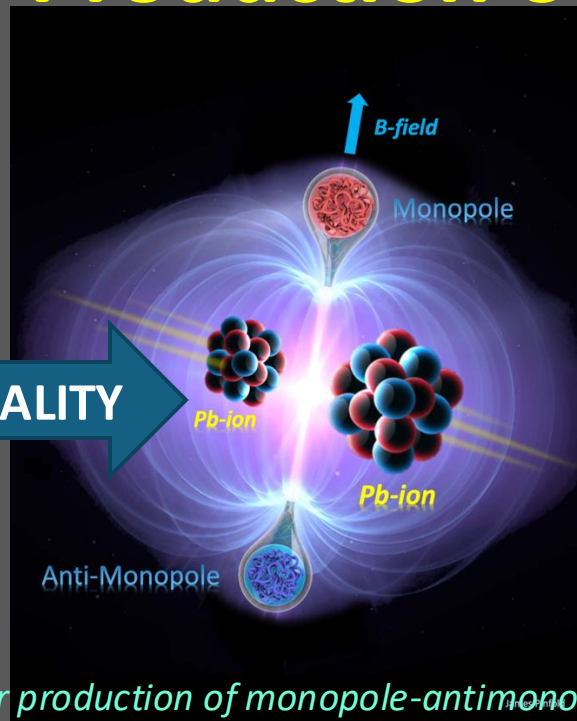
# Schwinger Production of Monopole Pairs

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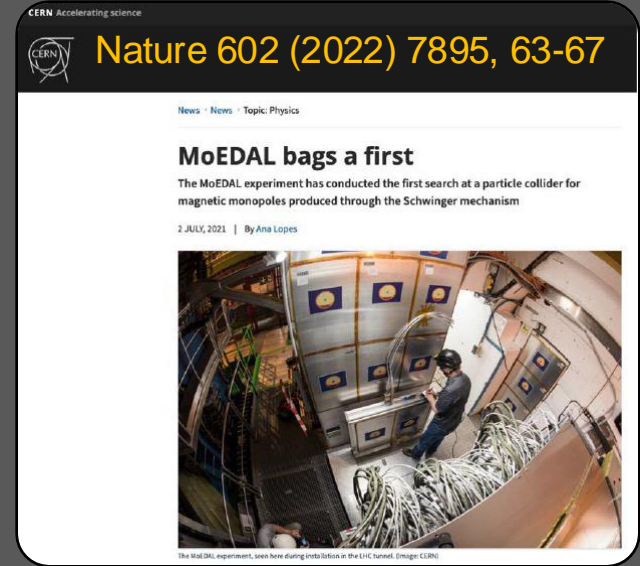


Pair production of electron-positron pairs in a very strong electric field

DUALITY



Pair production of monopole-antimonopole pairs in a very strong magnetic field created in ultraperipheral "collisions" of  $Pb$ -ions at the LHC can be as much as  $10^{16}$  T.



● **Limits on Schwinger monopoles of  $1 - 3 g_D$  and masses up to 75 GeV**

● **Advantages of Schwinger monopole production:**

- X-section calculation does not suffer from perturbative nature of coupling;
- No exponential suppression for finite-sized monopoles.

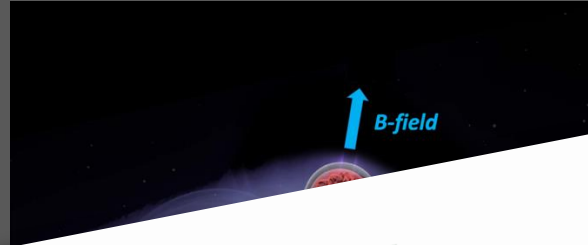
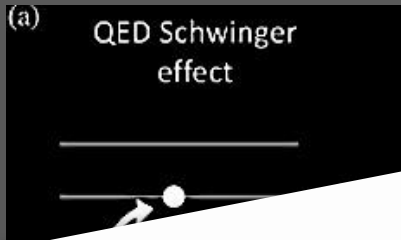
**1st time finite sized monopoles detectable?**





# Schwinger Production of Monopole Pairs

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## EDITORS' SUGGESTION

### MoEDAL Search in the CMS Beam Pipe for Magnetic Monopoles Produced via the Schwinger Effect

A search for the magnetic monopoles that carry 2 to 45 Dirac units of magnetic charge that could have been produced by heavy-ion collisions places world-leading limits on the monopole masses.

B. Acharya et al.

Phys. Rev. Lett. **133**, 071803 (2024)



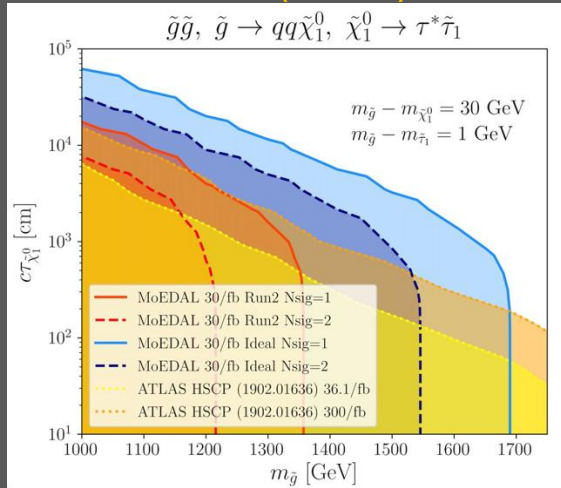
**1st time finite sized monopoles detectable?**

- Pair production of monopoles in heavy-ion collisions
- Linearly polarized heavy-ion collisions
- Advantages of MoEDAL
  - X-ray diffraction
  - ... suffer from ... nature of coupling;
  - No exponential suppression for finite-sized monopoles.

# Searching for Long-Lived HIPS

Due to the absence of trigger, timing & SM backgrounds, MoEDAL can relax selection requirements + increase sensitivity to charged, SUSY LLPs

EPJC 80 (2020) 431



MoEDAL can cover the long-lifetime region at Run-2/3 for gluinos, stops, sleptons & charginos

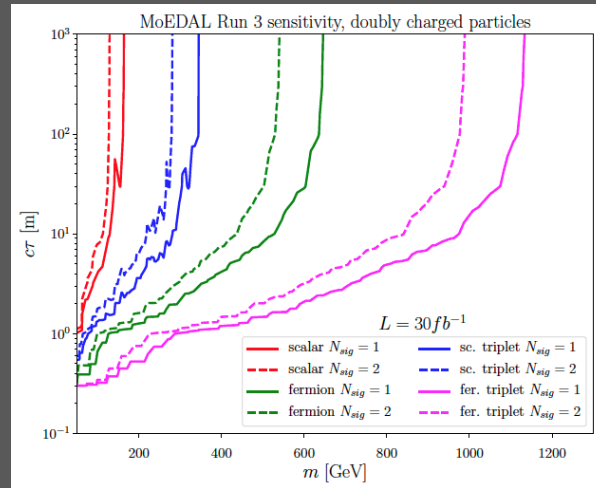
**SLEPTONS**

● If sufficiently slow moving, even singly or multiply ( $\lesssim 10e$ ) charged particles may leave a track in NTDs

● Supersymmetry offers such long-lived states: sleptons, R-hadrons, charginos

● Multiply charged scalars or fermions are, for example, predicted in several neutrino mass models.

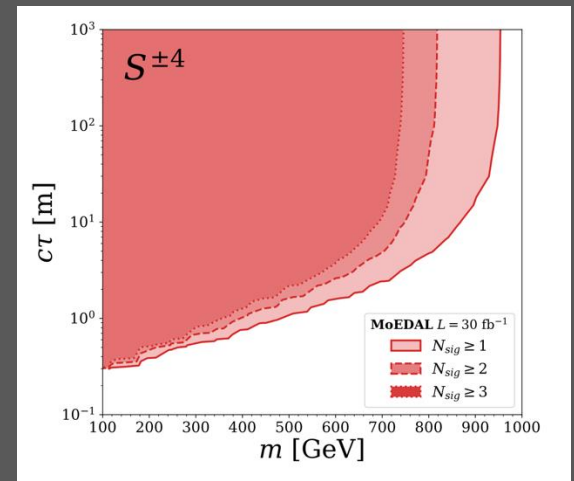
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Authors added doubly charged scalars & fermions in various  $SU(2)_L$  rep's, to the SM particle content .

**DOUBLY CHARGED**

EPJC 81 (2021) 697



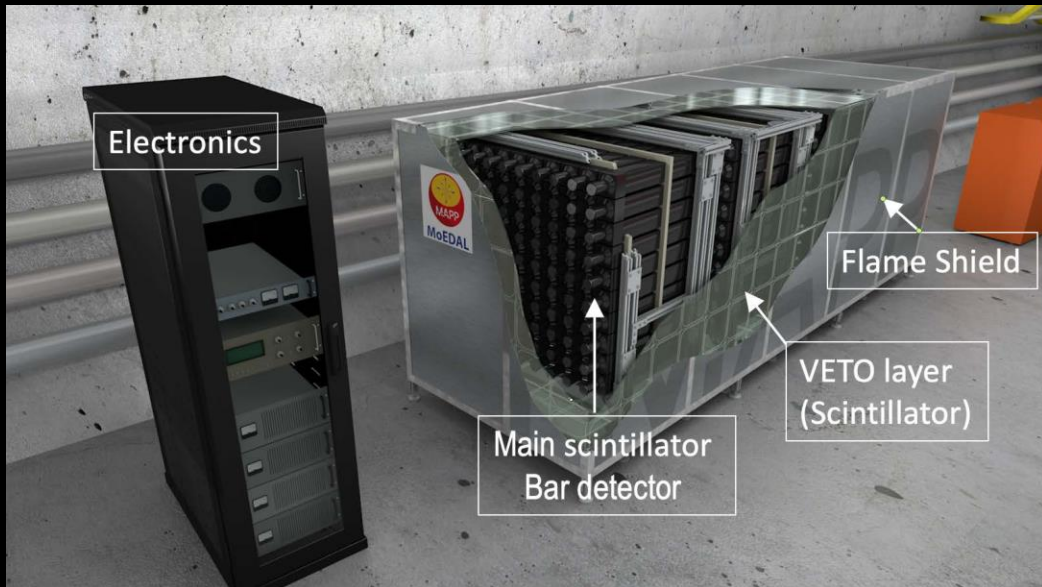
In this class of neutrino mass models, the SM is extended with two scalar fields, and 3 pairs of vector-like fermions.

**2,3 and 4 CHARGED**



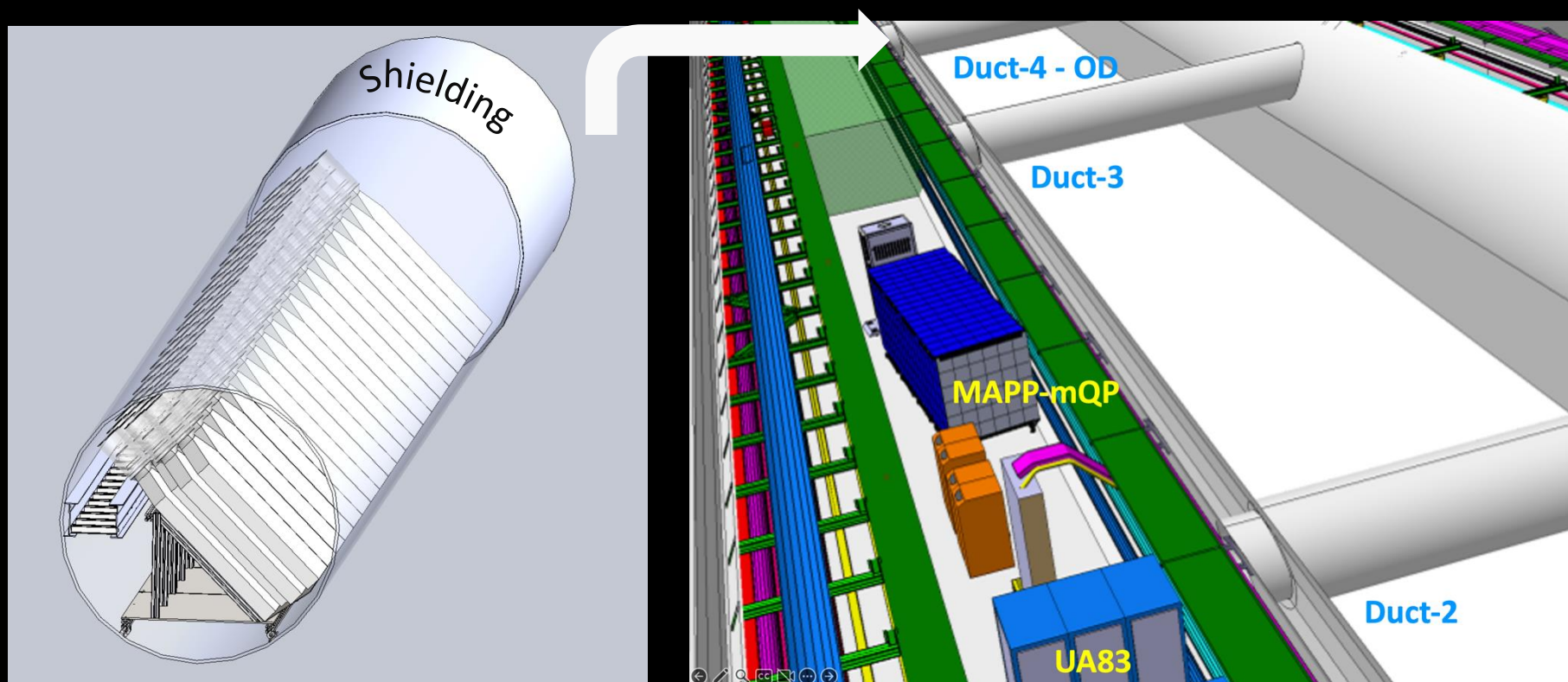


# MoEDAL's MAPP-1 Detector @ UA83



- 400 scintillator bars ( $10 \times 10 \times 75 \text{ cm}^3$ ) in 4 sections readout by 3" PMTs - Protected by a hermetic VETO counter system
- MAPP-1 is currently being installed. MAPP-1 is sensitive to:
  - Milli-charged ( $10^{-3}e$ ) particles
  - Long-lived neutral particles
  - Charged particles (using MoEDAL's MMTs)
- Latest paper: "Searching for minicharged particles at the energy frontier with the MoEDAL-MAPP experiment at the LHC", JHEP 04 (2024) 137

# The MAPP-1 Outrigger



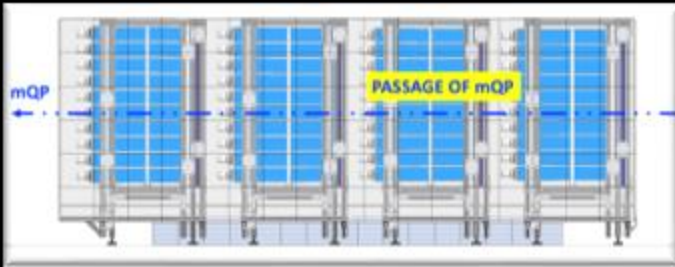
- **OUTRIGGER**- A proposed extension of the MAPP bar detector to improve the overall reach for higher mass  $mCP$ s (above a few GeV)
- 4 scintillator planes (each comprised of 20  $60\text{ cm} \times 30\text{ cm} \times 5\text{ cm}$  sub-planes angled at 45 degrees) readout by coincident PMTs – an effective area of  $\sim 2.6\text{ m}^2$



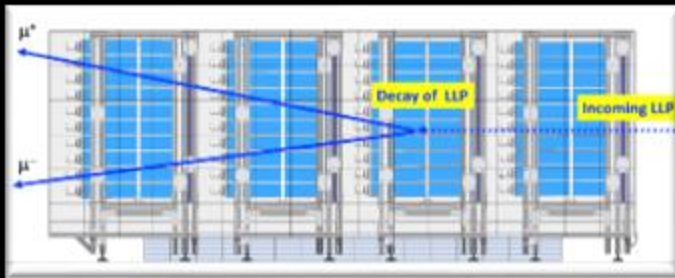
# MAPP-1 – Modes of Detection



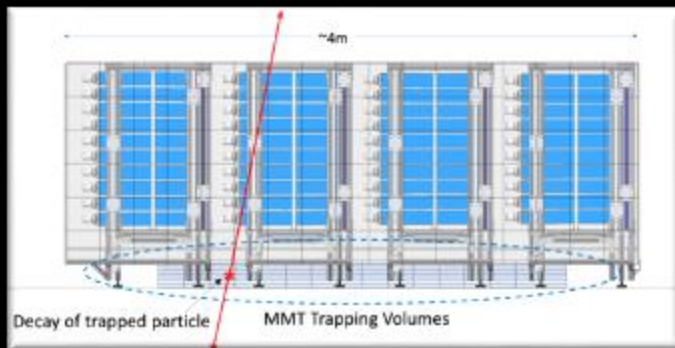
*Muons from IP (Calibration)*



*Millicharged particle detection*

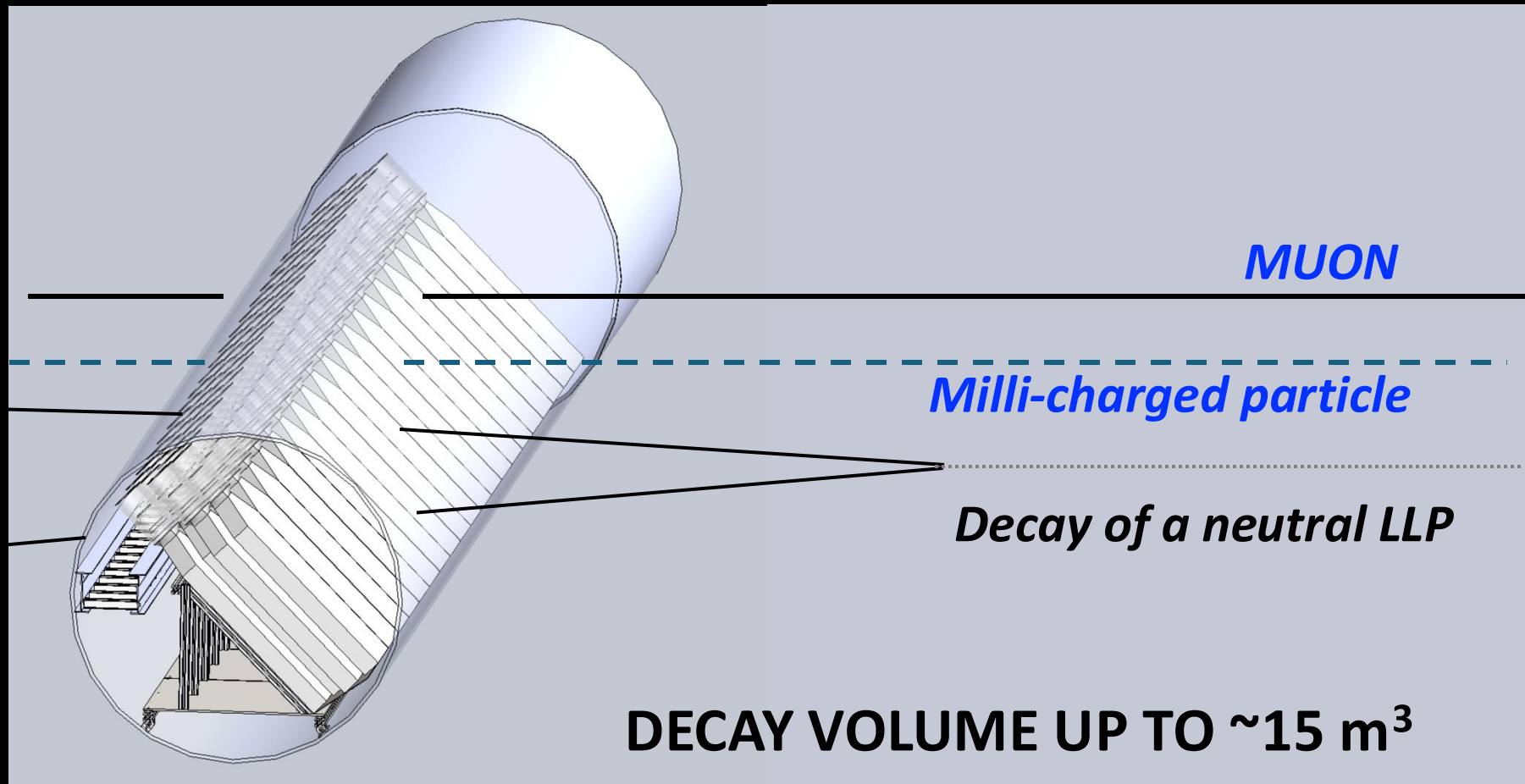


*Neutral LLP Detection*



*Charged LLP Detection  
(In conjunction with MoEDAL)*

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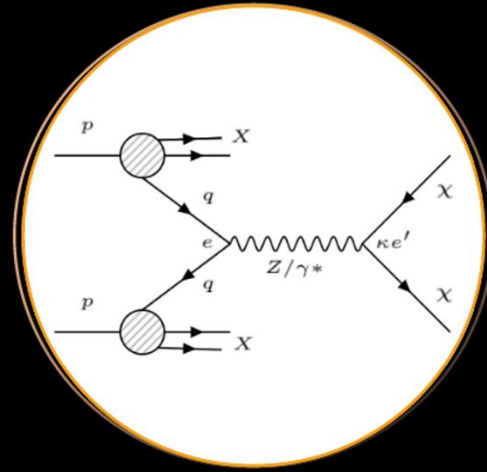
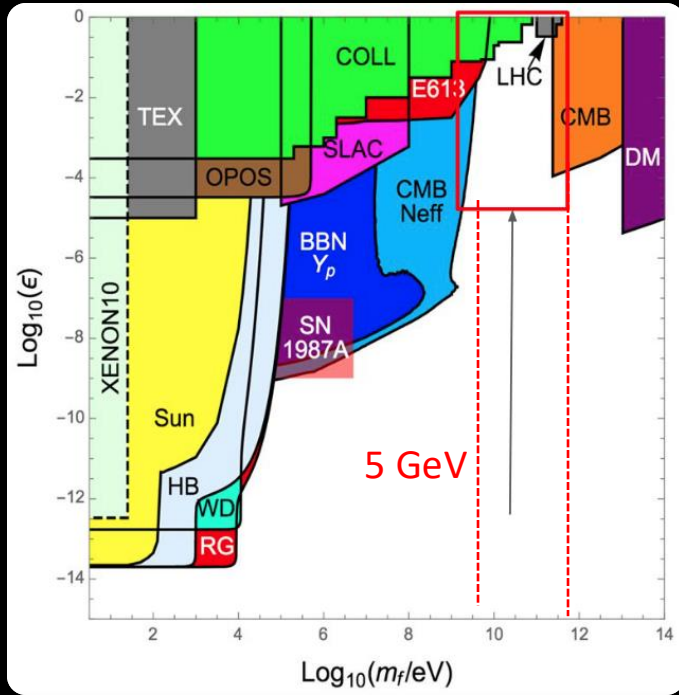


**OUTRIGGER** (embedded in 8m thick concrete wall between UA83 and the beam tunnel).

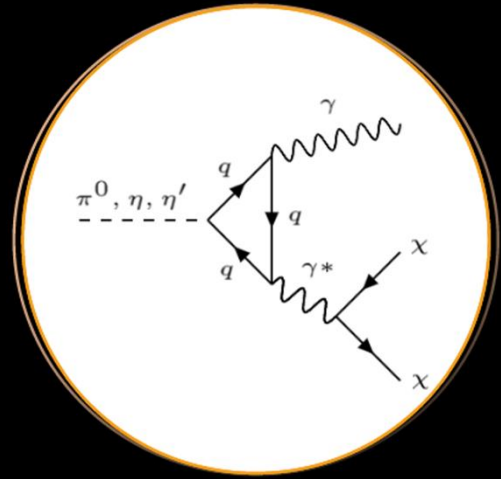


# Production of Milli-charged at Colliders

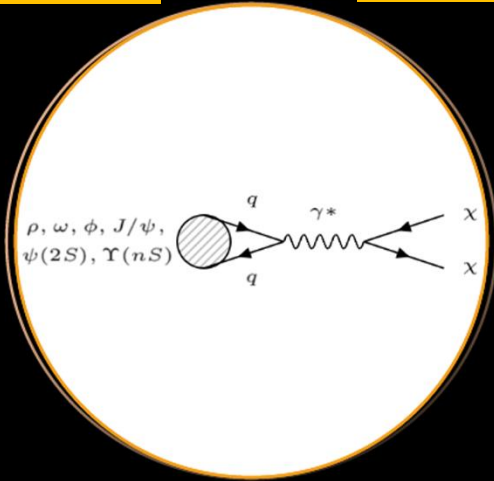
*mCPs arise naturally from the dark sector via the Vector Portal/Dark Photon*



**DRELL-YAN**



**DALITZ DECAYS**

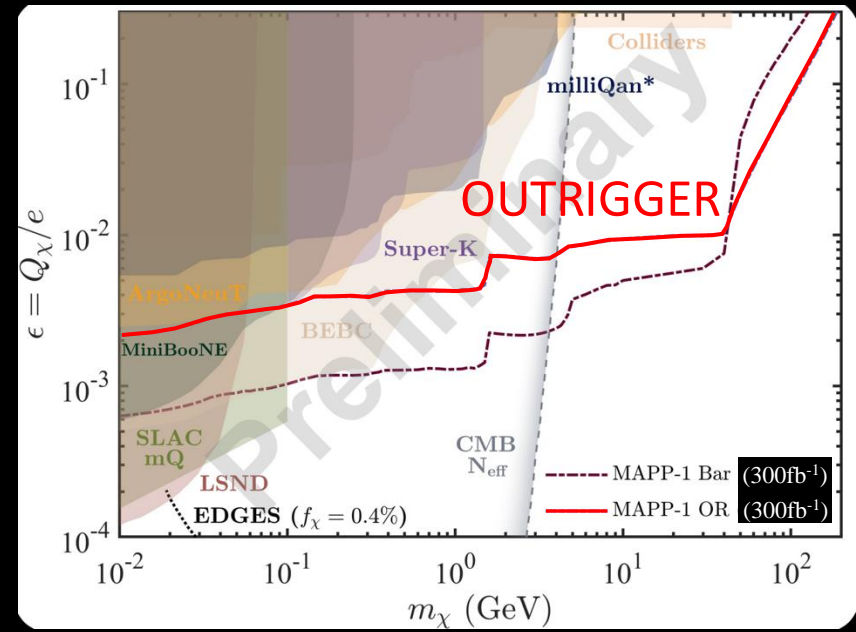
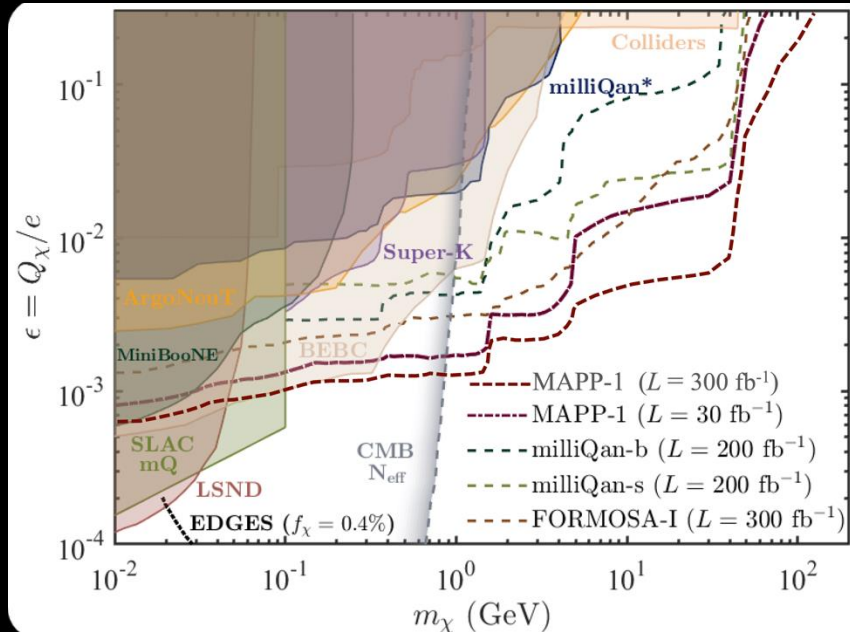


**DIRECT DECAYS**

*The Sweet Spot*  
*arXiv:1511.01122*

# MAPP-1 Sensitivity to Millicharged Matter

milliQan results—Phys. Rev. D 104, 032002 (2021); FORMOSA results—Phys. Rev. D 104, 035014 (2021)



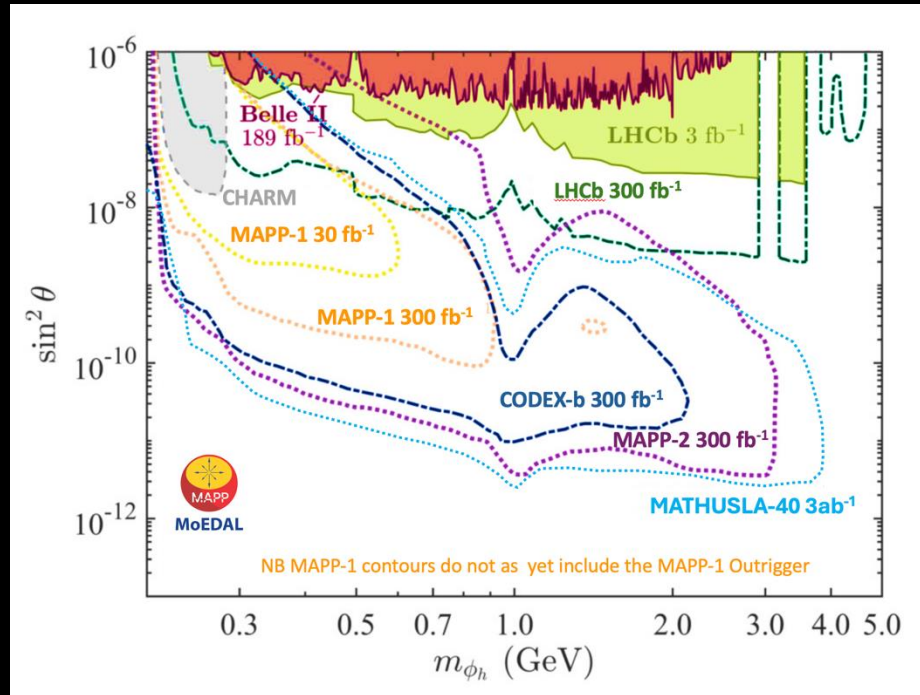
- The 95% CL exclusion Limits for MAPP-1 for *mCPs produced by DY mech.* + direct decays of heavy quarkonia, light vector mesons, and single Dalitz decays of PS mesons.
  - Signal efficiency estimates included
- The OUTRIGGER improve the mass reach 130 GeV → 200 GeV



# Increasing Experimental Sensitivity

- The sensitivity limit of existing experiments at the LHC is  $\sim 10^{-3}e$  set by the light output of regular plastic scintillator (BC408) of  $\sim 10K$  photons/MeV
- We could improve sensitivity by using use higher light output scintillators:
  - **LANTHANUM BROMIDE** [ $\text{LaBr}_3(\text{Ce})$ ]: light output 30K ph/MeV, decay time 20ns. CONS: it has internal activity, currently available in size up to 3" dia. X 3" lng
  - For **CeBr<sub>3</sub> (cerium bromide)**, the light output is typically high compared to other scintillator materials. The number of photons emitted per MeV of energy deposited in CeBr<sub>3</sub> is approximately **40,000 to 50,000 photons per MeV**.
  - **SCINTCLEAR™ (SrI<sub>2</sub>(Eu))** has an **exceptionally high light yield**, typically around **50,000–60,000 photons per MeV**, which is significantly higher than other common scintillators like **NaI(Tl)** and **LaBr<sub>3</sub>(Ce)**.
  - **Liquid noble gases** also have high scintillation light output than plastic, but WLS is needed to match the sensitivity of currently available PMTs
- We are looking at inorganic scintillators to allow us to reduce the "threshold" of detection for mili-charge particle from  $\sim 10^{-3}e$  to  $\sim 10^{-4}e$

# Using MAPP-1 to Search for LLPs



The Higgs mixing portal admits inclusive  $B \rightarrow X_s \phi$  decays, where  $\phi$  is a light CP-even scalar that mixes with the Higgs, with mixing angle  $\vartheta \ll 1$ . See PRD97 (1) (2018) 15023.

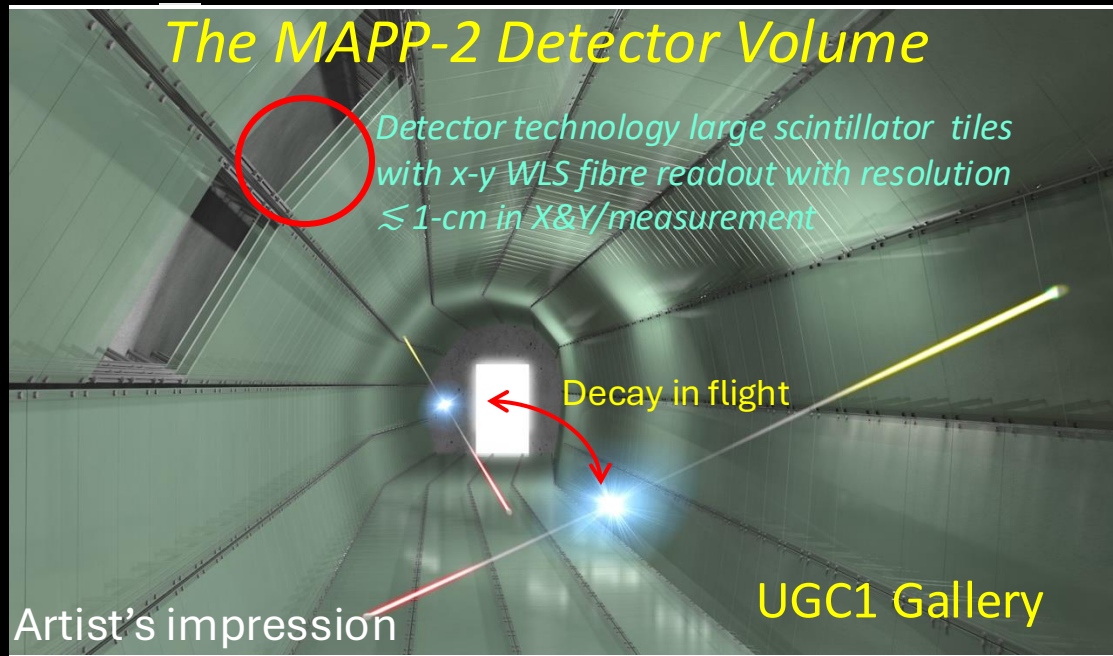
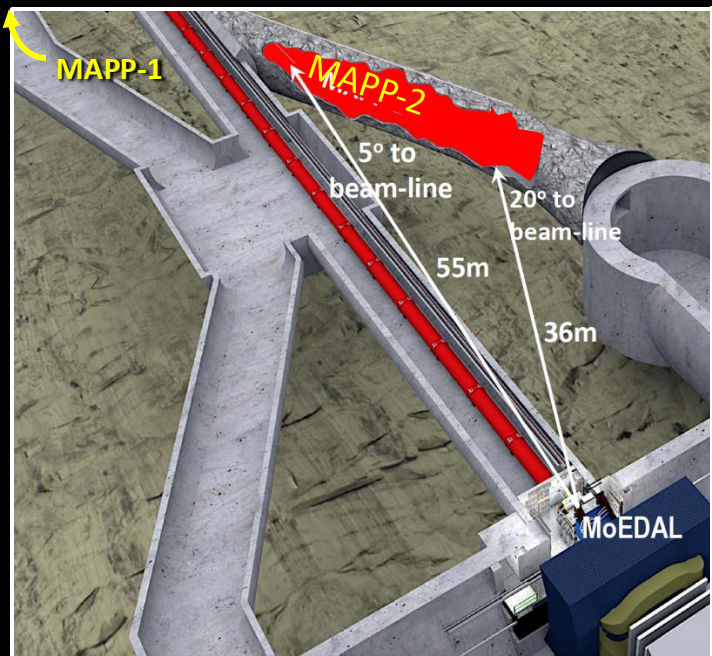
- MAPP-1 + Outrigger has a combined fiducial decay volume of  $4m^3$  (MAPP-1) + up to  $15m^3$  (Outrigger)
  - CODEX-b ( $10^3 m^3$ )  $\rightarrow$  CODEX- $\beta$  ( $8m^3$ ) for Run-3 a  $>100$  reduction in decay volume.
- Thus, MAPP-1 + Outrigger is competitive as an LLP search detector until Run-4!
  - We envisage MAPP-2 takes over the LLP search starting Run-4





# The Future

## Phase-2 → MAPP-2 for HL-LHC



- **The MAPP-2 detector would fill the UGC1 gallery adjacent to LHCb**
  - The UGC1 gallery would be prepared during LS3 prior to HL-LHC
  - The tracking detectors would form 3 or 4 hermetic containers - one within the other – lining the walls of UGC1
- **MAPP-2 ~1200 m<sup>3</sup> of instrumented decay volume – estimated cost < 3M CHF**
- **Designed to detect Long-Lived particle decays to charged particle & photons**

# UGC1 Refurbishment



Safety Requirement	Cost	Cost + Contingency
Fire Detection	21,000 CHF	23,100 CHF (10 %)
Emergency Red phone	11,200 CHF	11,760 CHF (5 %)
Electrical Safety	48,200 CHF	53,000 (10%)
Civil Engineering	151,000 CHF	166,100 CHF (10 %)
HVAC	45,000 CHF	54,000 CHF (20%)
Access and work at height at UGC1	10,000 CHF	11,000 CHF (10 %)
Radiation Protection Patrol & Access System Requirement	45,000 CHF 4,500 CHF	49,500 CHF (10 %) Patrol System 4,725 CHF (5 %) Sector door
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335,900 CHF</b>	<b>373,185 CHF</b>

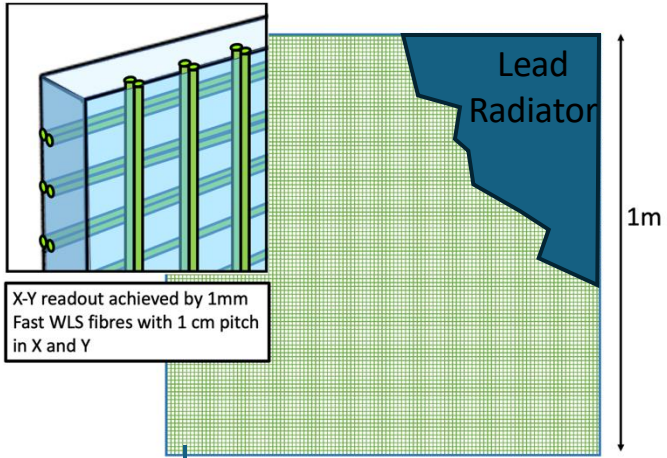
- *Civil work ~\$0.4 million*
- *MAPP-2 Detector cost ~\$2-3 million*
- *Funding requested for work in 2026 awarded in 2025 (if successful)*
- *TP under construction (NoI given)*





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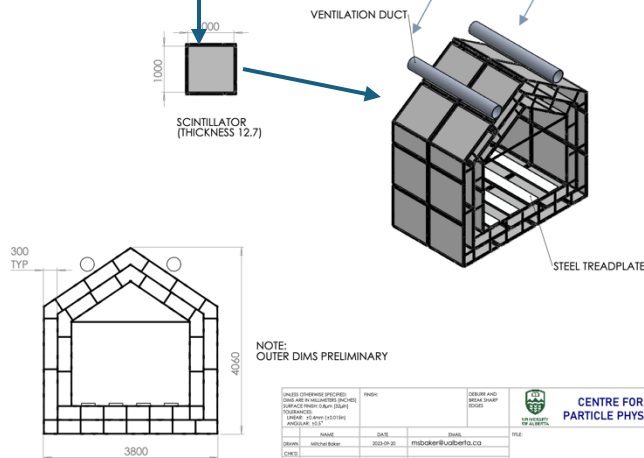
# Design of MAPP-2 Detector



X-Y readout achieved by 1mm Fast WLS fibres with 1 cm pitch in X and Y

BASIC MAPP-2 Tile - Position determination to better than 1 cm in X and Y

## Basic construction subunit



NOTE: OUTER DIMS PRELIMINARY

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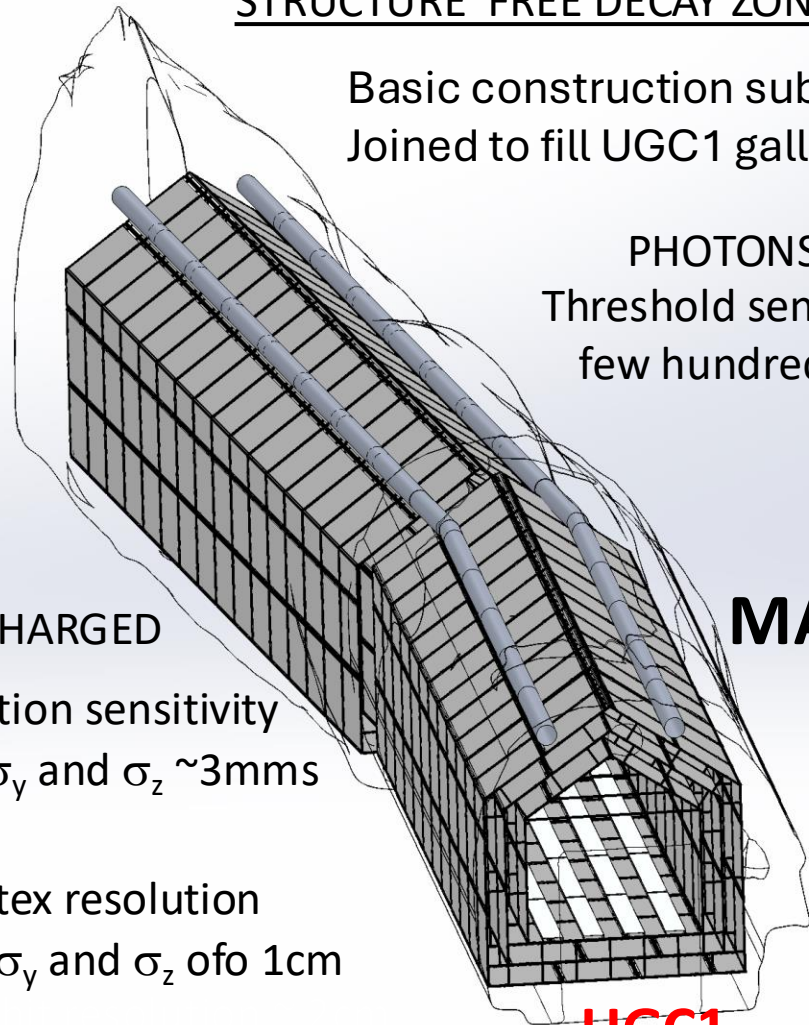
Basic construction subunits  
Joined to fill UGC1 gallery

PHOTONS  
Threshold sensitivity -  
few hundred MeV

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Position sensitivity  
 $\sigma_x, \sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z \sim 3\text{mms}$

Vertex resolution  
 $\sigma_x, \sigma_y$  and  $\sigma_z$  of 1cm



# MAPP-2

# UGC1

**MAPP-2 Detector technology similar to that used for muon tomography**

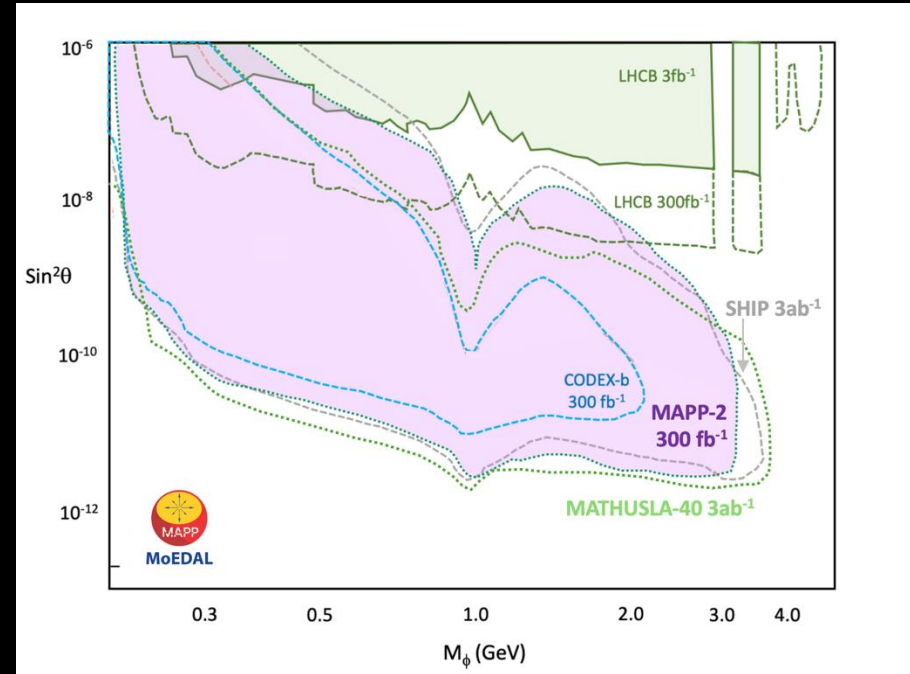


# MAPP-2 Sensitivity to LLPs

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- In the search for dark scalars, MAPP-2 is competitive with SHIP and descoped MATHUSLA and would easily outstrip Codex-b and Codex- $\beta$
- **STANDOUTS FOR MAPP-2**

- One of the very few detectors at **Intermediate pseudorapidity**
- One of the very few LP detectors **sensitive to photons and charged particles with energy/momentum threshold in the few hundred MeV/c / MeV range**
- **Scintillator based tracking detectors** (unique for underground LLP detectors that use RPCs)
- **Protected by 30-40m of rock/concrete from IP and from cosmics by a 100m overburden**



The Higgs mixing portal admits inclusive  $B \rightarrow X_s \phi$  decays, where  $\phi$  is a light CP-even scalar that mixes with the Higgs, with mixing angle  $\vartheta \ll 1$ .