

# ***Strong Interactions briefing***



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# Strong interactions

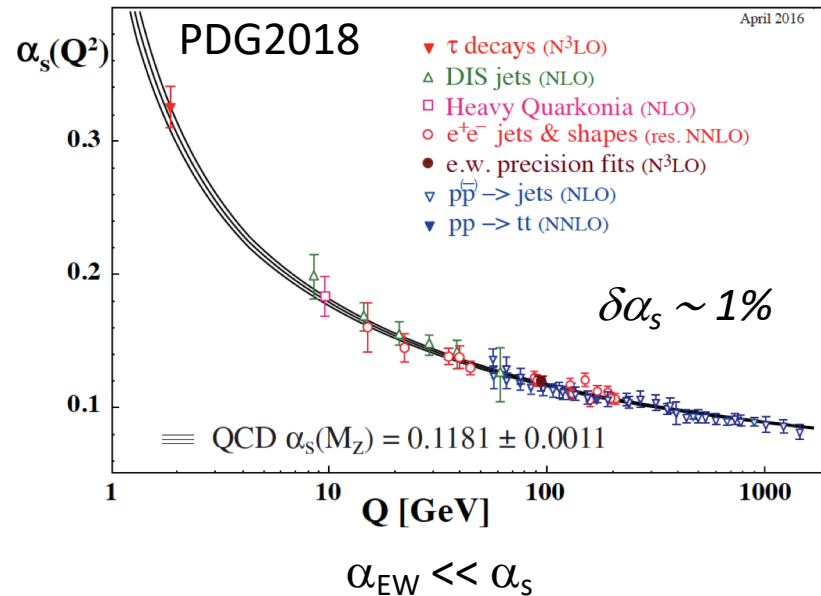
QCD theory:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi}(i\not{D} - m)\psi$

**colour confinement**  
 $\alpha_s(Q^2 \text{ low}) \sim 1$

key phenomena  
(non-Abelian gauge group)

**asymptotic freedom**  
 $\alpha_s(Q^2 \text{ high}) \ll 1$

**“hot and dense QCD”**  
(low energy domain)  
(lattice calculations)



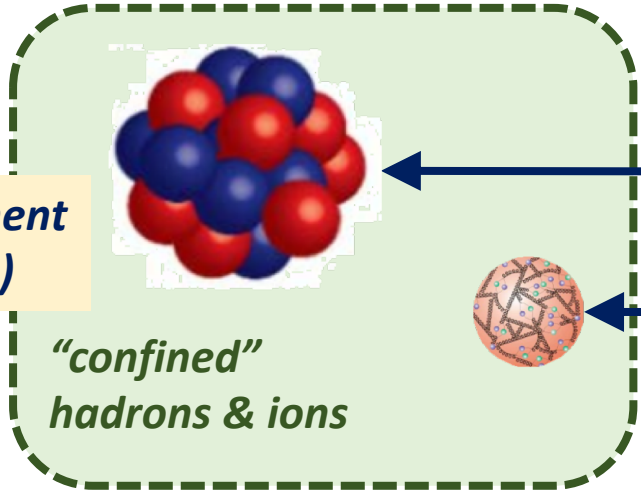
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(high energy domain)  
(perturbative calculations)

**“hot and dense QCD”**



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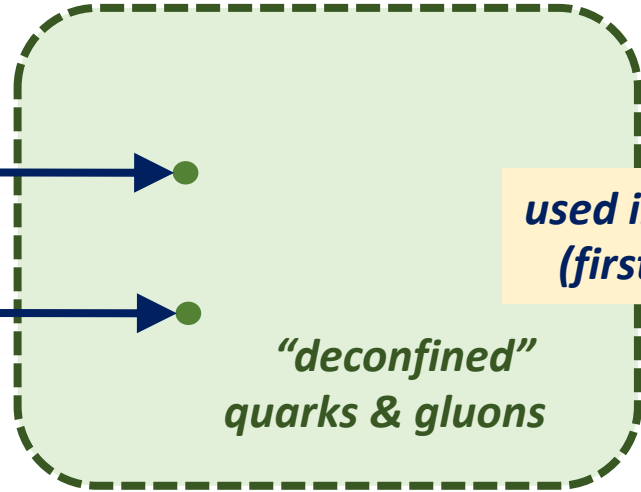
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*Equation-of-State*

*PDFs*

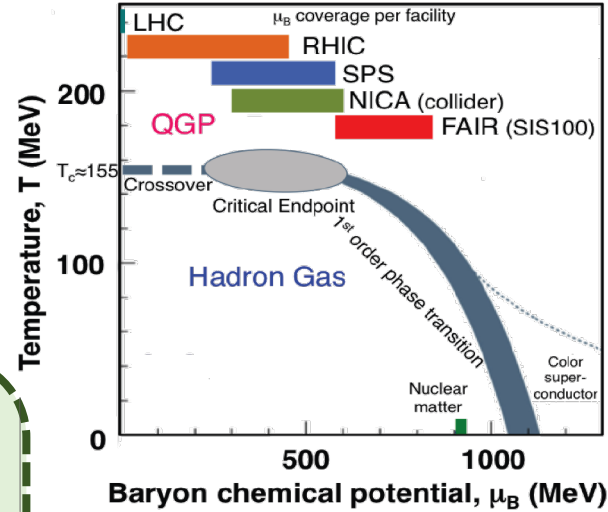
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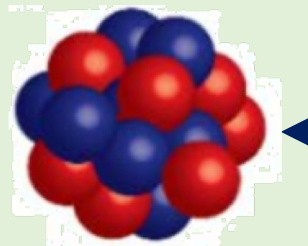
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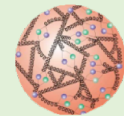
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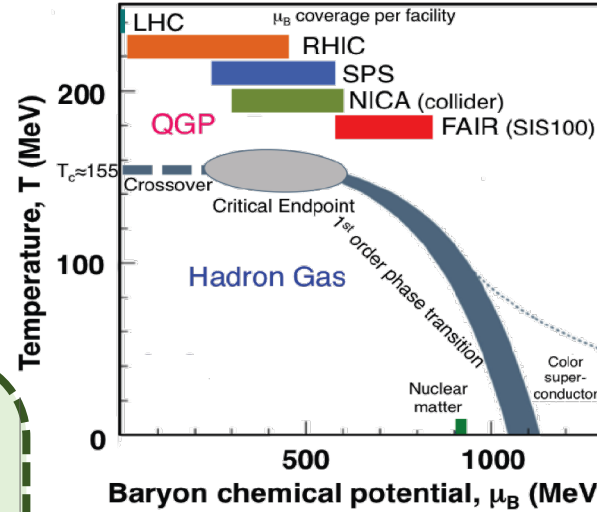
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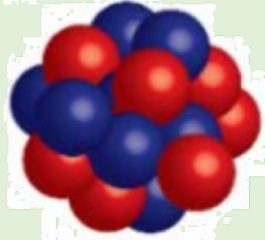
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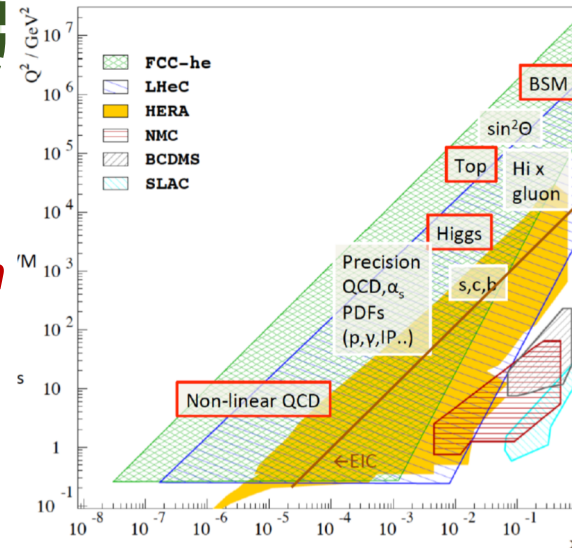
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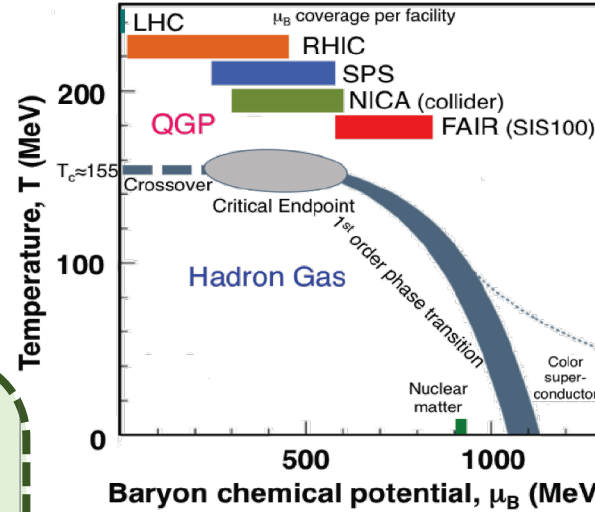
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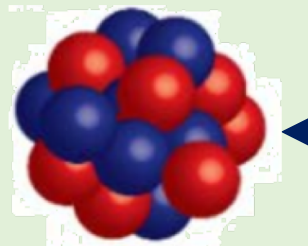
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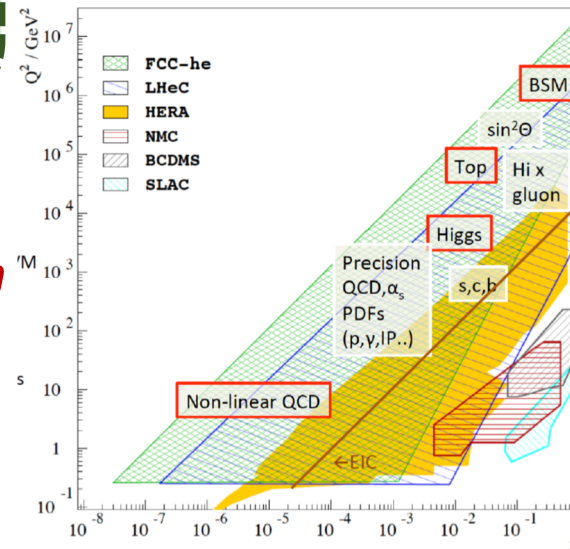
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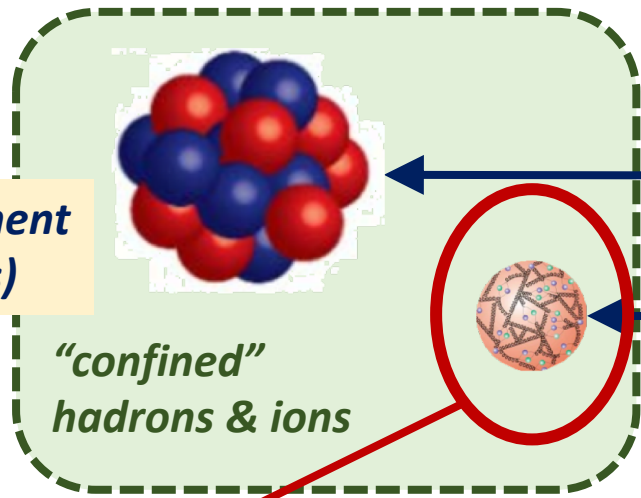
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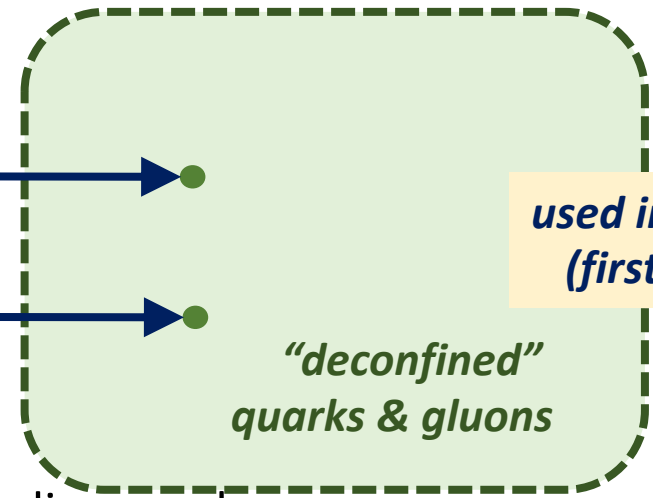


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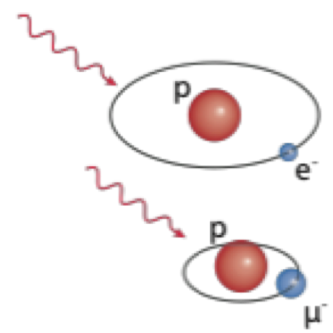
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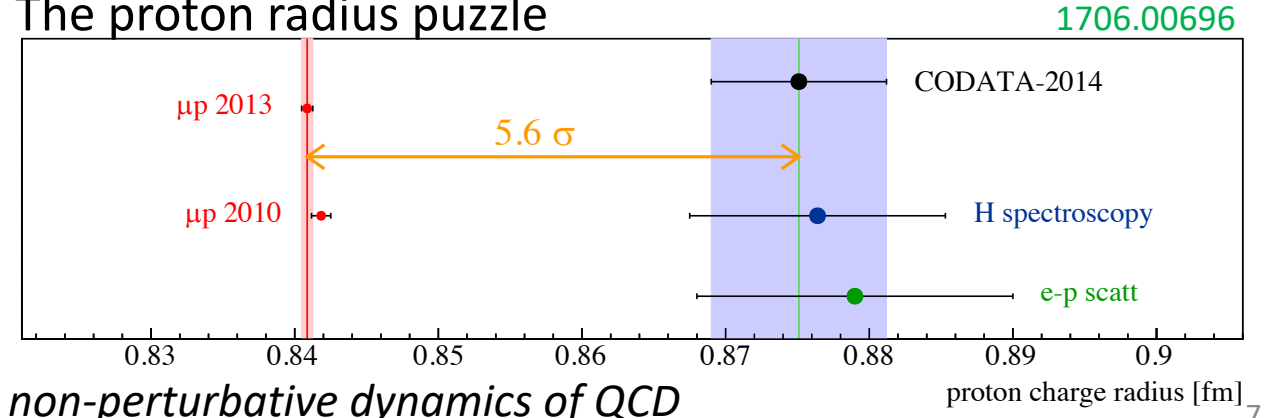


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*What is known about the make-up of the proton (mass, radius, spin, etc.) and how to extract it?*



### The proton radius puzzle



*Need to understand non-perturbative dynamics of QCD*

## Category: Facilities and experiments with strong interactions as key topic

- (Id13) NA61++ (SPS)
- (Id42) PBC@CERN, COMPASS++, MUSE@PSI, MUonE, DIRAC++, NA61++
- (Id46) Heavy flavour in HI
- (Id47 and Id67 and Id110) LHC-FT: ALICE and LHCb (LHCSpin)
- (Id90) NA60+ (SPS)
- (Id110) ALICE upgrade for HL-LHC
- (Id135) QCD/HI at FCC-hh and FCC-eh
- (Id143) COMPASS++/AMBER (SPS)
- (Id152) QCD/HI at HL-LHC
- (Id159) LHeC/PERLE
- (Id160) QCD/HI at HE-LHC

## Category: Synergies on a global scale

- (Id76) J-PARC
- (Id93) NICA
- (Id99) US-based EIC

## Category: Facilities & experiments with strong interactions as a topic

- (Id13 and Id50) AWAKE
- (Id49) Super Charm-Tau Factory

## Category: QCD results in support for other programs

- (Id117) Auger experiment
- (Id131) LBNF/DUNE
- (Id151) New physics with HI collisions

## Category: QCD theory in support

- (Id100 and Id101) Precise calculations @ colliders
- (Id114) MC generators
- (Id163) QCD theory

## Category: QCD and nuclear physics

- (Id39) ISOLDE/EPIC

## Category: National roadmaps

- (Id21) INFN Hadron
- (Id37) Germany ALICE
- (Id56) INFN HI
- (Id115) Germany Hadron

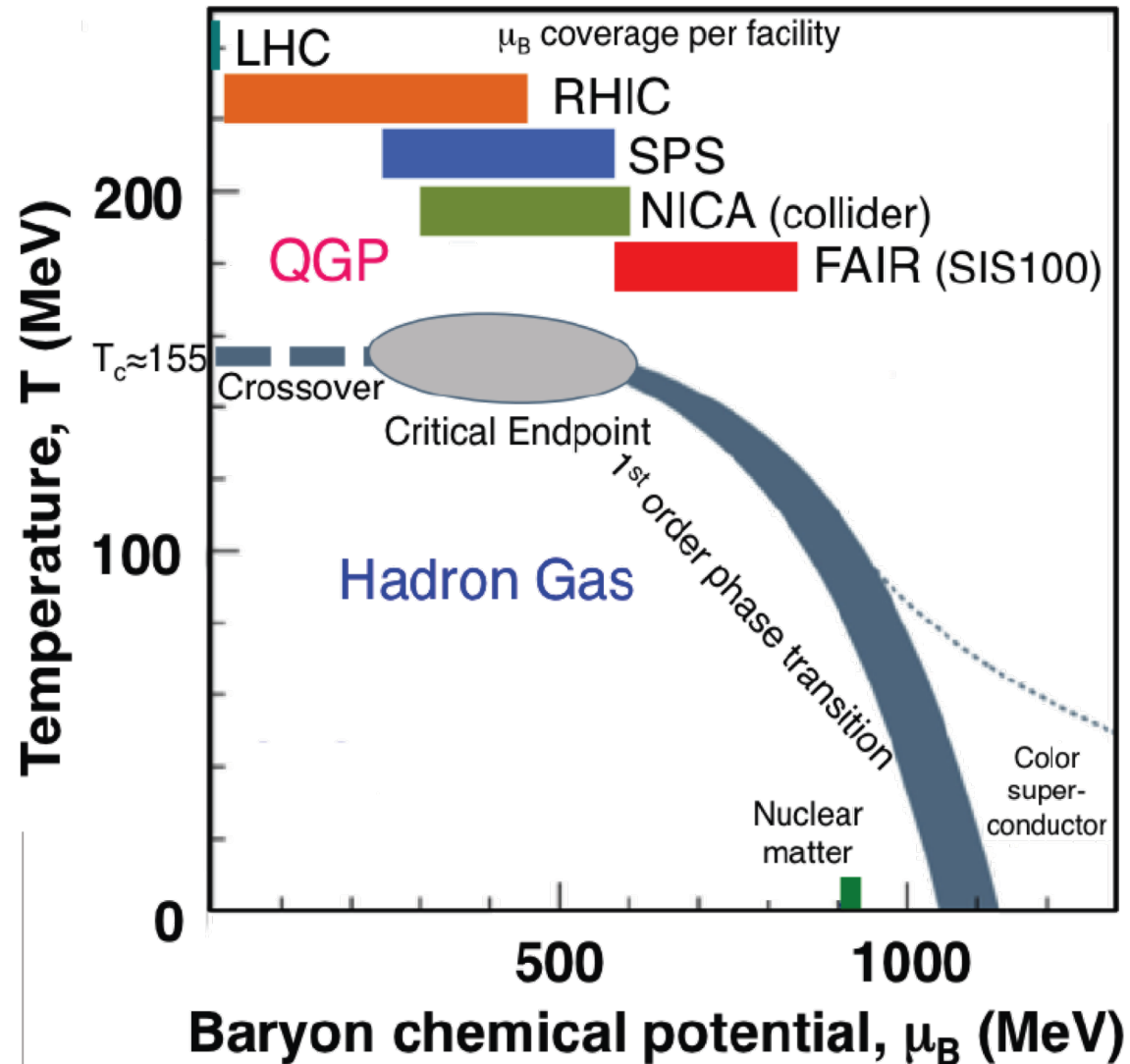
## Category: Individual and community thoughts

- (Id48) Town meeting on Heavy Ions
- (Id103) DIS
- (Id140) personal input
- (Id148) NuPECC



# Hot & Dense QCD

# Colliders and fixed-target experiments in operation or being prepared



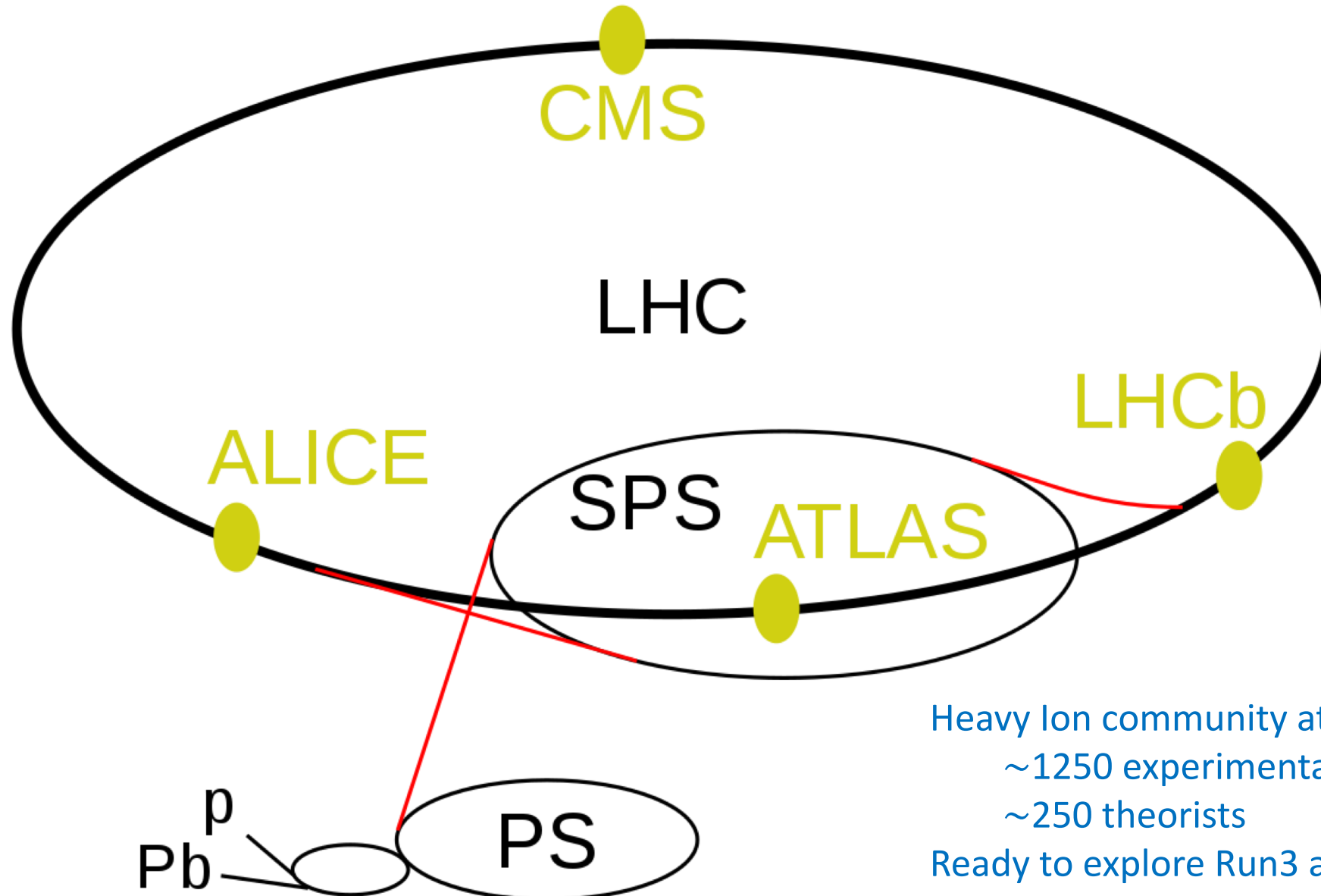
## Collider experiments

- **HL-LHC**: heavy ion collisions at substantially increased luminosity open an excellent window to study strongly interacting matter at high temperature
- **HE-LHC/FCC**: prospects for a highly attractive heavy ion program are recognized with nuclear collisions at significantly higher energies to study the QGP at correspondingly higher energy density and temperature, while at FCC energies new probes will become accessible

## Fixed-target experiments

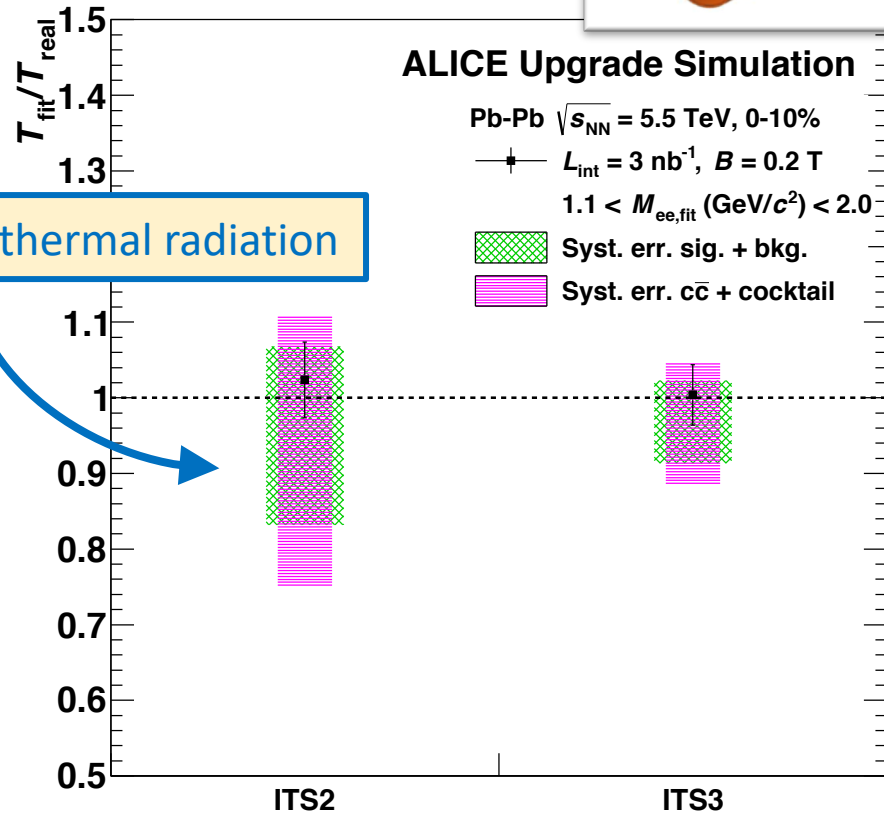
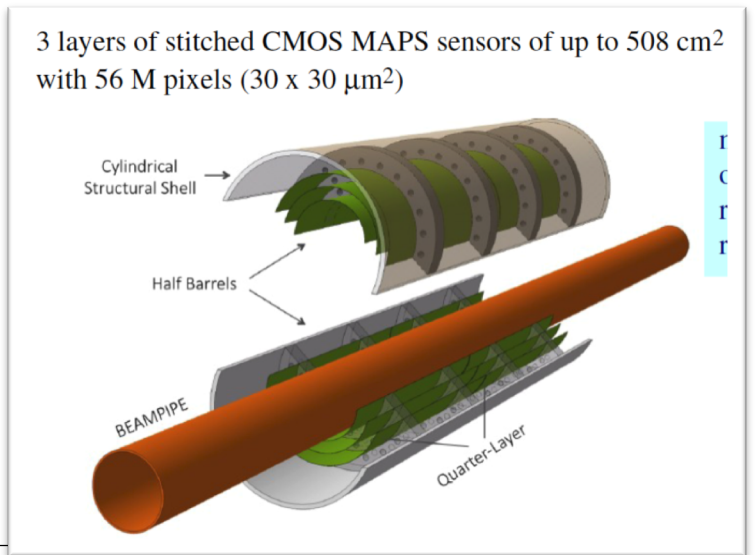
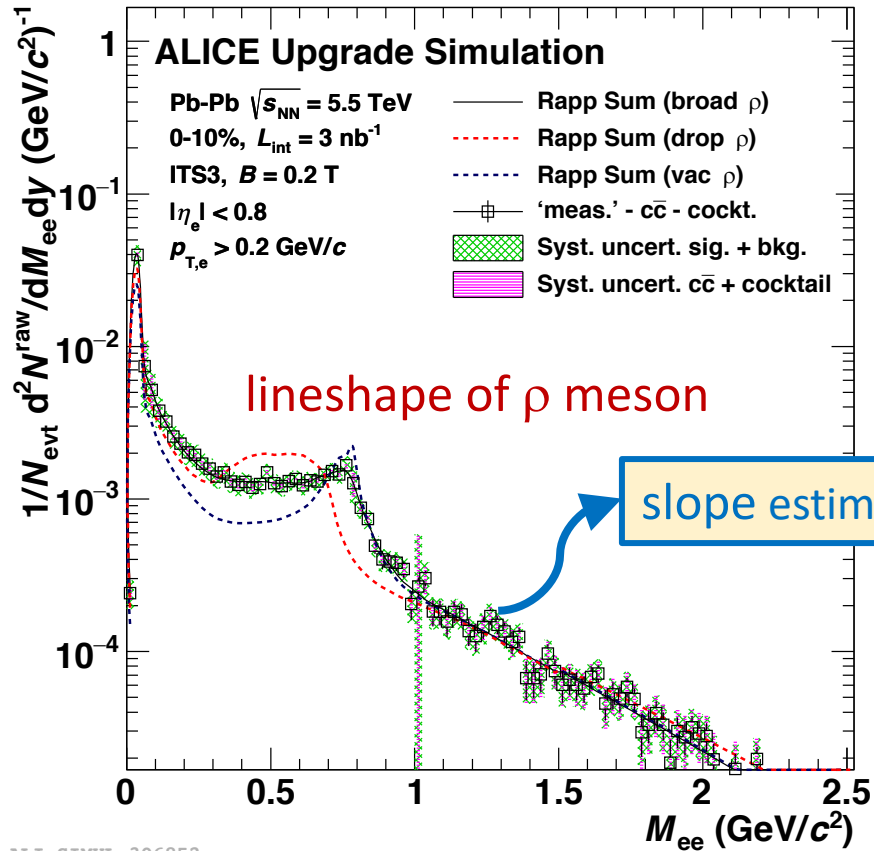
- **SPS**: unique coverage in the QGP phase transition region and the critical point region
- **HL-LHC**: at ALICE and/or LHCb the most energetic fixed-target experiment ever can be performed to reach quark/gluon high- $x$  PDFs

# The CERN accelerator complex

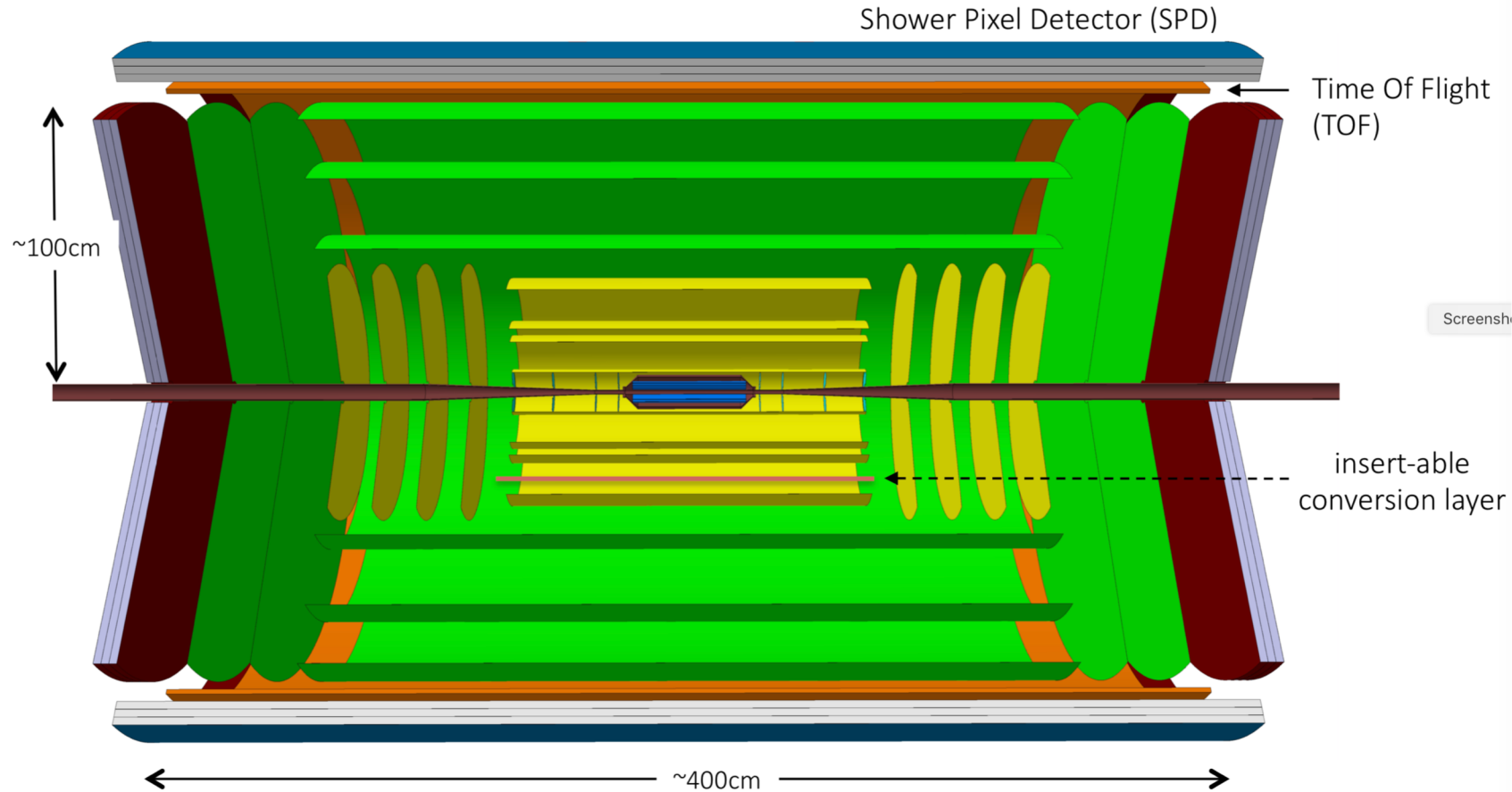


Heavy Ion community at the LHC:  
~1250 experimental authors  
~250 theorists  
Ready to explore Run3 and Run4  
with pp, pA and AA

# Upgrade of ALICE for AA/pA/pp for Run4 @ HL-LHC



# Next generation of AA/pA/pp experiment for installation beyond Run4 @ HL-LHC



proposal to replace ALICE



Ultra-thin chip (<50 um): flexible with good stability

## Detector concept is an all Silicon detector:

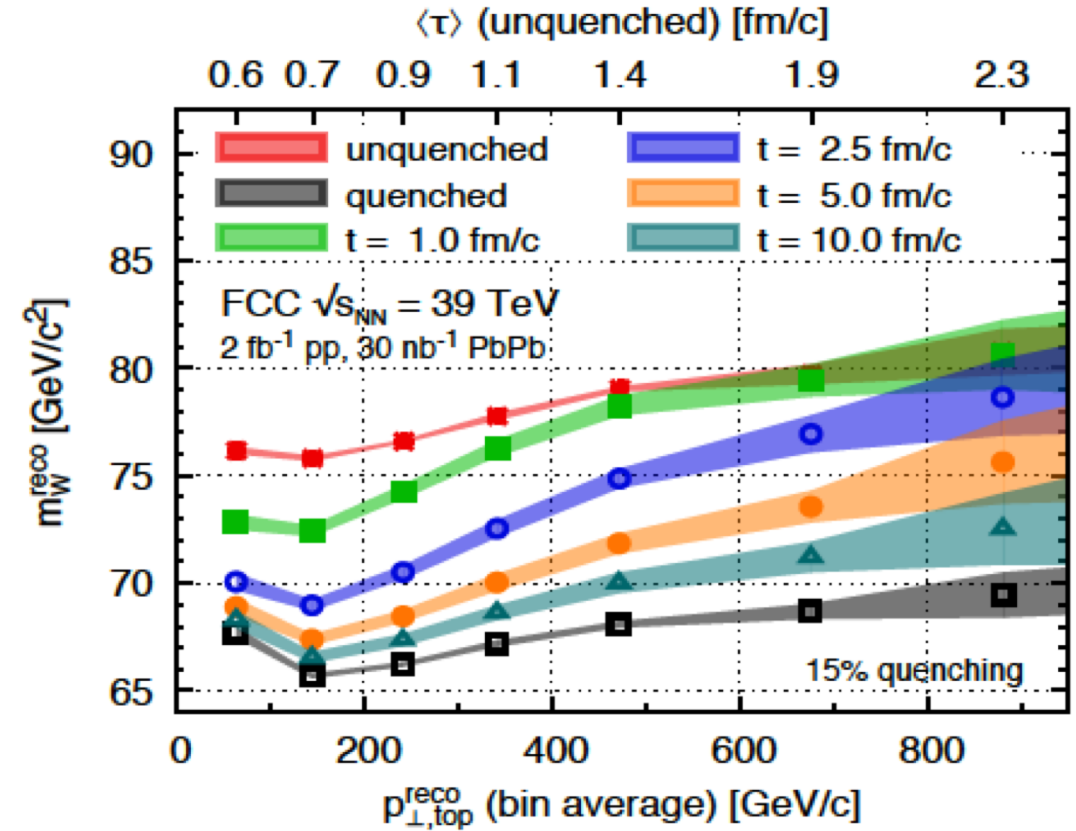
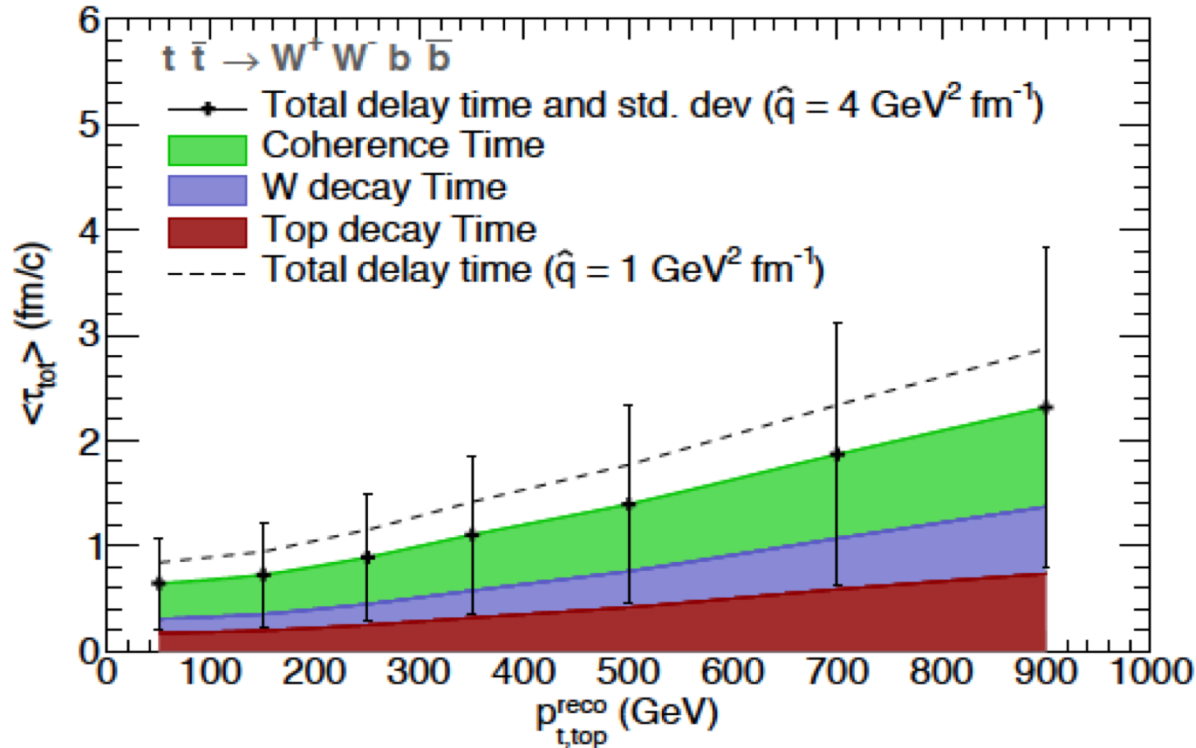
- Pixel detector with fast and light CMOS MAPS
- High-rate capabilities of MAPS will allow the experiment to run at significantly higher luminosities (a factor 20 to 50), e.g. with lighter ions

## Physics potential:

- QGP properties via precision measurements in heavy flavor sector
- Access to new low- $p_T$  phenomena ( $\gamma$  & hadrons)
- Low mass di-leptons

# The case for AA/Ap collisions at higher energies (HE-LHC & FCC)

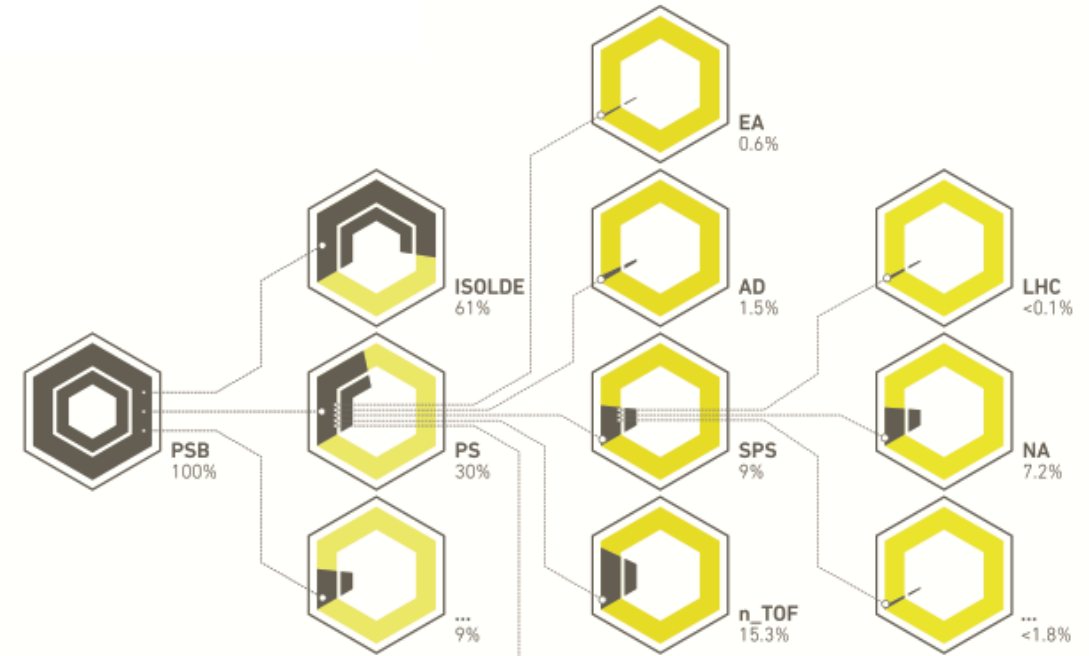
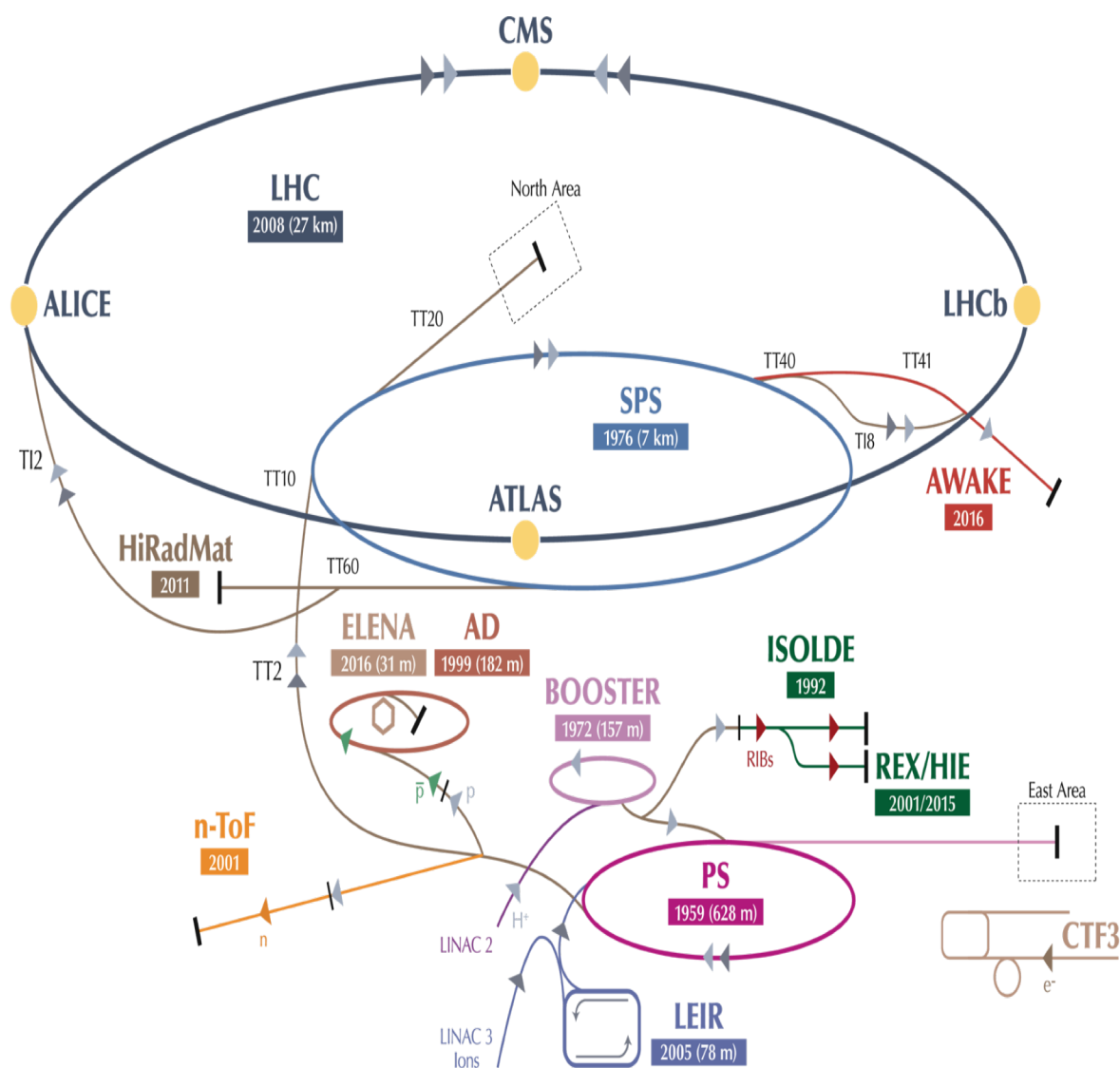
Part of the FCC design is to operate PbPb collisions at 39.4 TeV and pPb at 62.8 TeV, and with lighter ions  
 New probes become available, e.g. top quark production from LHC to FCC increase with a factor  $\sim 80$



Top quark observables are sensitive to the energy-loss of heavy quarks in QGP  
 Boosted top quarks probe the QGP medium at later times as the decays of boosted top quarks become Lorentz time dilated

# The CERN accelerator complex

Plan for an optimal use of the SPS beams in order to verify how experiments can coexist



- PSB PS Booster
- ISOLDE Isotope Separator On Line Device
- PS Proton Synchrotron
- EA East Experimental Area
- AD Antiproton Decelerator
- SPS Super Proton Synchrotron
- n\_TOF Neutron Time-of-Flight facility
- LHC Large Hadron Collider
- NA North Experimental Area
- ... Other uses, including accelerator studies (machine development)

Quantity of protons used in 2016 by each accelerator and experimental facility, shown as a percentage of the number of protons sent by the PS Booster

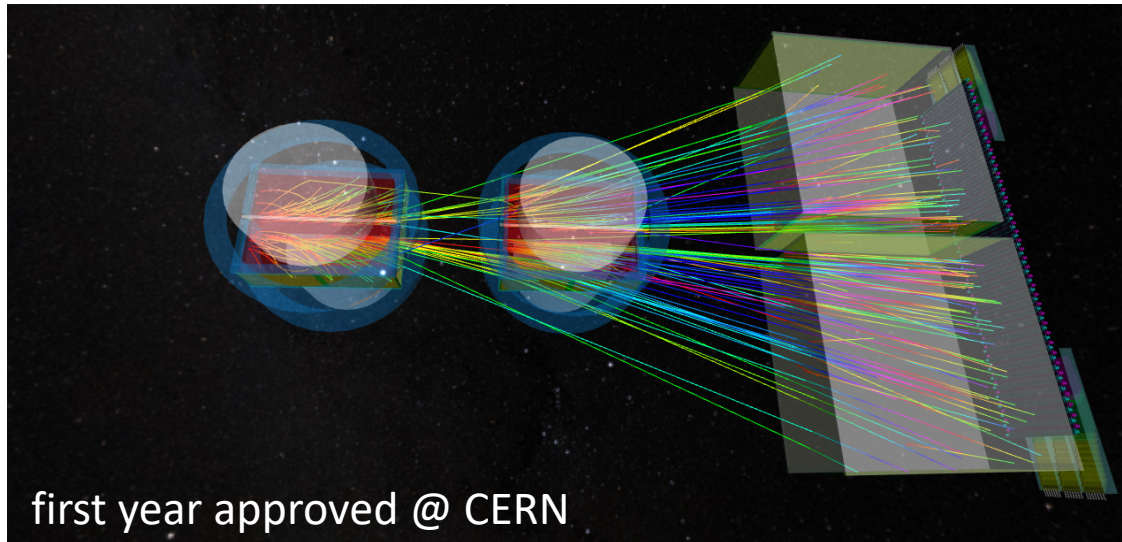
Large community using the protons not going to the LHC

# The SPS beam for QCD at high- $\mu_B$

## NA61/SHINE (2020+)

upgraded detector  
executed during the LS2 and the measurements  
are scheduled in the period 2021-2024

*~150 physicists from 30 institutions and 14 countries*

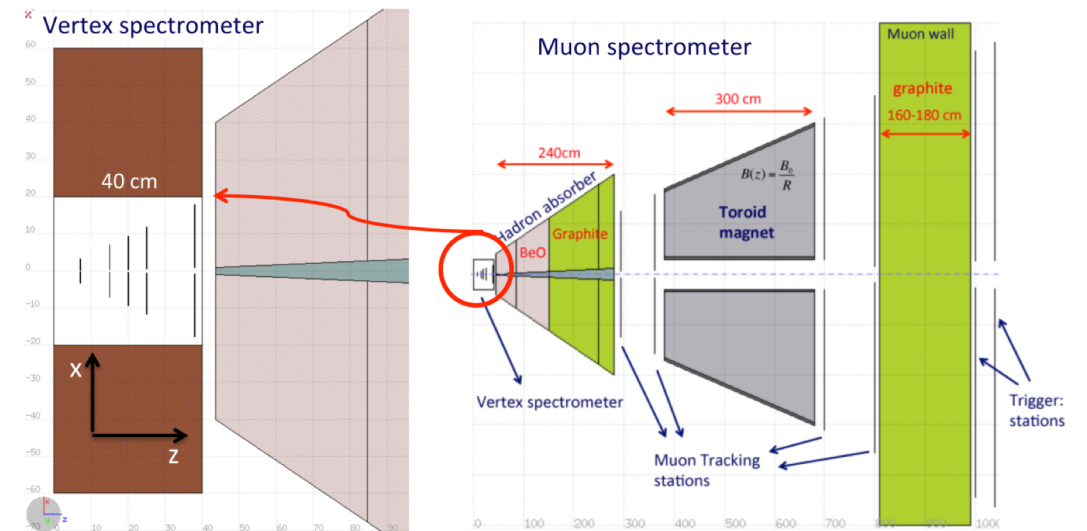


*focus on charm hadron production  
also nuclear fragmentation cross section &  
hadron production*

## NA60+

new experiment  
very high intensities (underground)  
proposal in the period >2025

*~70 physicists from 23 institutions and 7 countries*



*focus on production of thermal dimuons  
sensitive to the order of the phase transition*



# Emerging facilities worldwide at high- $\mu_B$ ( $\sim 800$ scientists community)

Complementarity of the operational and emerging facilities is essential to cover the QCD phase-diagram

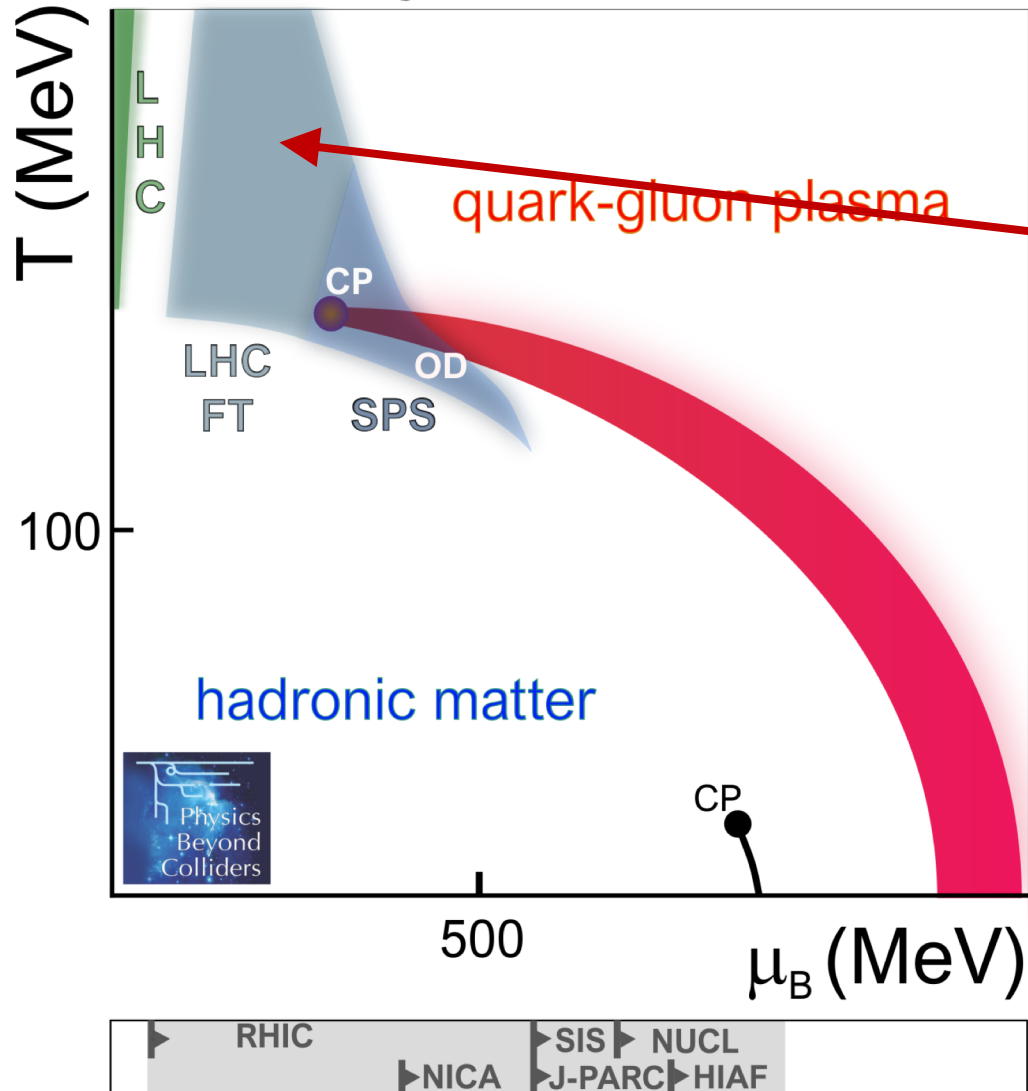
*compilation Tetyana Galatyuk, Nucl. Phys. A982 (2019)*

Facility	SIS18	HIAF	Nuclotron	J-PARC-HI	SIS100	NICA	RHIC	SPS	SPS
Experiment	HADES /miniCBM	CEE	BM@N	DHS, D2S	CBM / HADES	MPD	STAR	NA61++	NA60+
Start	2012, 2018	2023	2022 (Au)	>2025(?)	2025	2023	2010,2019	2009, 2022	>2025(?)
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ , GeV	2.4 – 2.6	2 – 2.7	2 – 3.5	2 – 6.2	2.7 – 5	2.7 - 11	3 – 19.6	4.9 – 17.3	4.9 – 17.3
$\mu_B$ , MeV	880 – 670	880 – 750	850 – 670	850 – 490	780 – 400	750 – 330	720 – 210	560 – 230	560 – 230
Hadrons	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	(+)
Dileptons	+		(+)	+	+	+	+		+
Charm				(+)	(+)	+	+	+	+



# Fixed-target experiments: proton and ion beams

## heavy ions at CERN



	LHC FT gas				LHC FT crystals
	ALICE	LHCb	LHCSpin	AFTER@LHC	
proton PDFs	×	×		×	
nuclear PDFs	×	×		×	
spin physics	×		×	×	
meson PDFs					
heavy ion physics	×			×	
elast. $\mu$ scattering					
chiral dynamics					
magnet. moments					×
spectroscopy					
measurements for cosmic rays and neutrino physics	×	×		×	

- High- $x$  frontier for gluon, antiquark and heavy-quark content in the nucleon and nucleus
- Transverse dynamics and spin of gluons and quarks inside (un)polarised nucleons

QCD community support for a fixed-target program to coexist with the collider program at the (HL-)LHC

# Precision QCD

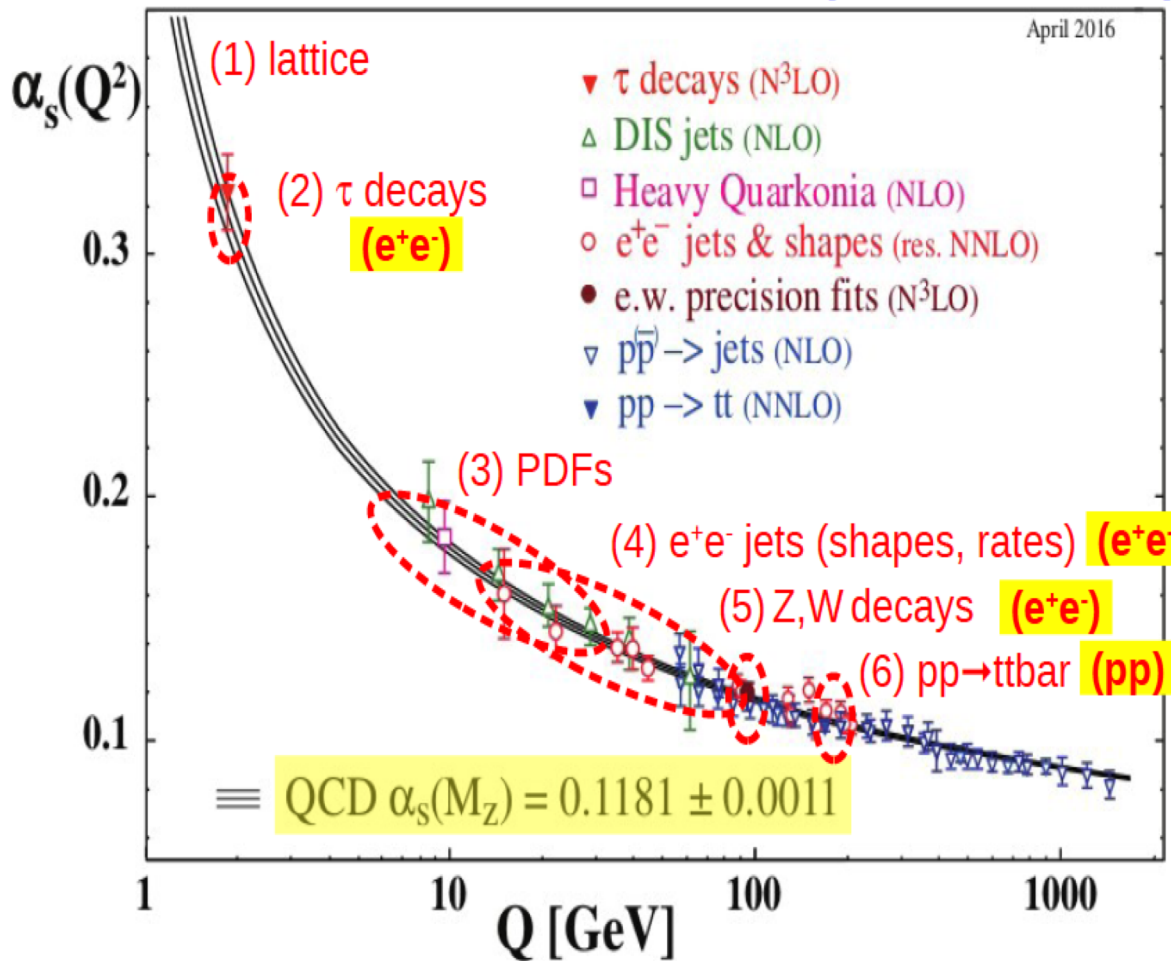
# The strong coupling constant $\alpha_s$ (today at $\delta\alpha_s \sim 1.8\%$ up to $p_T \sim 2$ TeV)

Determined by comparing experimental observables to pQCD (NNLO or N<sup>3</sup>LO) predictions.

Need for a high-luminosity  $e^+e^-$  collider at EW scales and a high-luminosity ep collider.

$\delta\alpha_s$  at 0.1% precision is essential for H, t, EWPO at colliders.

[Bethke/Dissertori/Salam]



## FCC-ee

from hadronic Z decays	$\delta\alpha_s < 0.15\%$	(today 2.5%)
from hadronic W decays	$\delta\alpha_s < 0.2\%$	(today 35%)
from hadronic $\tau$ decays	$\delta\alpha_s < 1\%$	(today 1.5%)
event shapes	$\delta\alpha_s < 1\%$	(today 2.9%)

## FCC-eh or LHeC

with DIS would be able to reach  $\delta\alpha_s \sim 0.1-0.2\%$

## FCC-hh

from top quark pair production  
test the running of  $\alpha_s$  up to 25 TeV (jet cross sections)

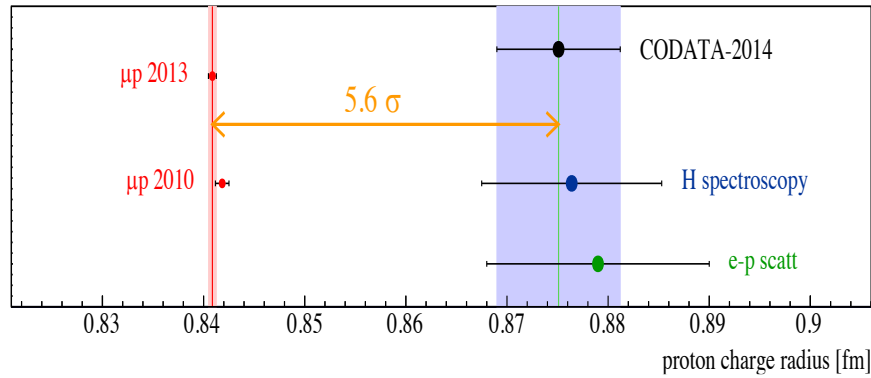
## Lattice QCD

with adequate R&D on computing a robust calculation up to 0.3% precision might be within reach

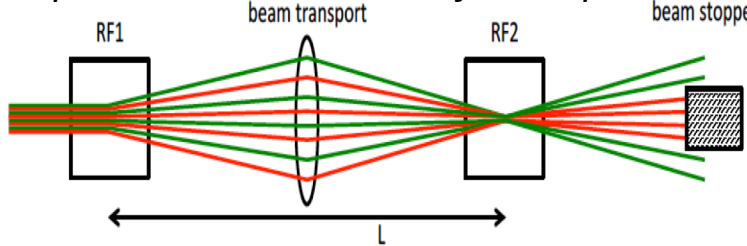
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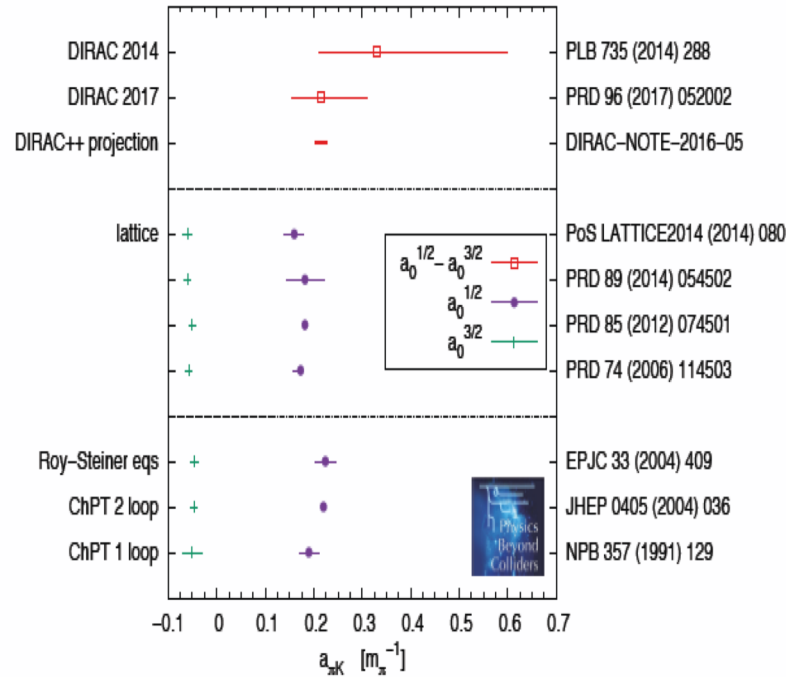


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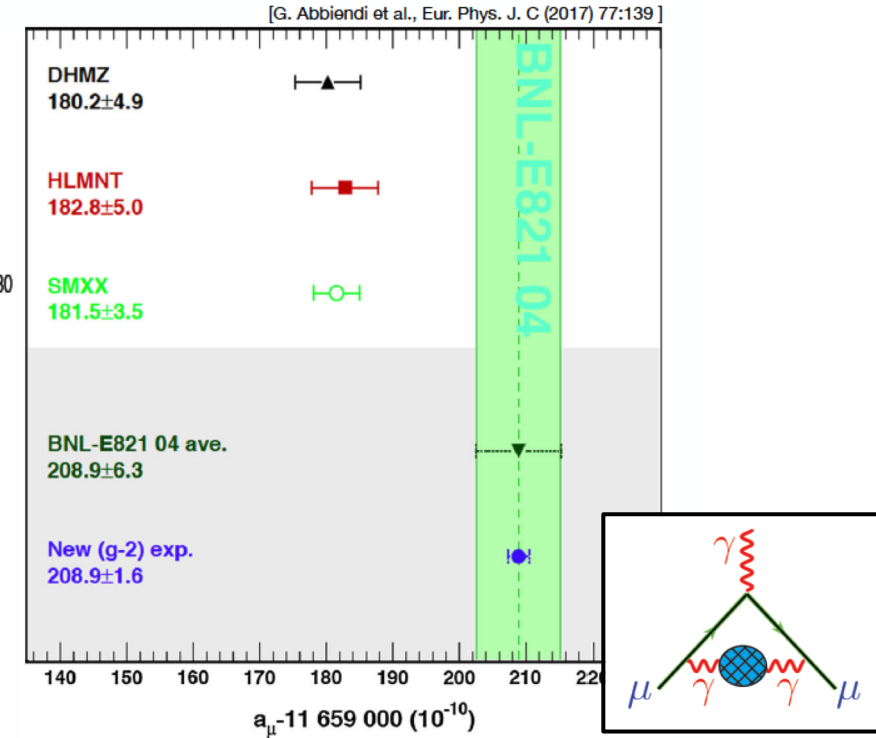
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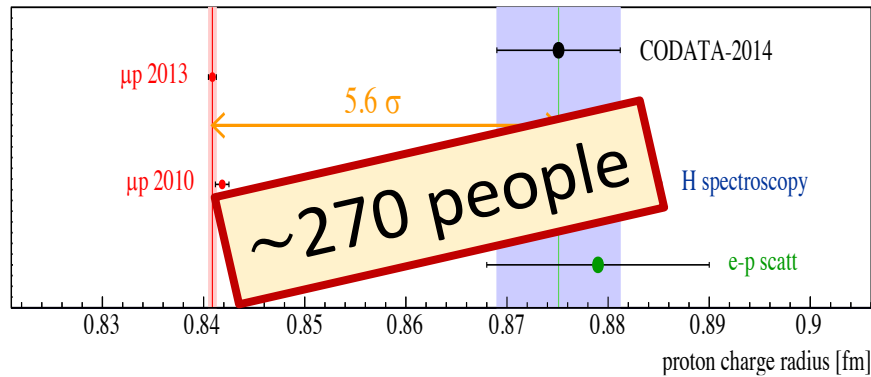


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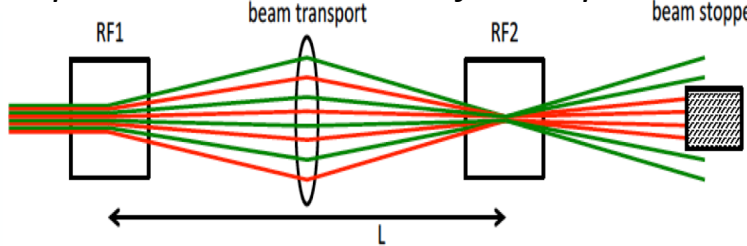
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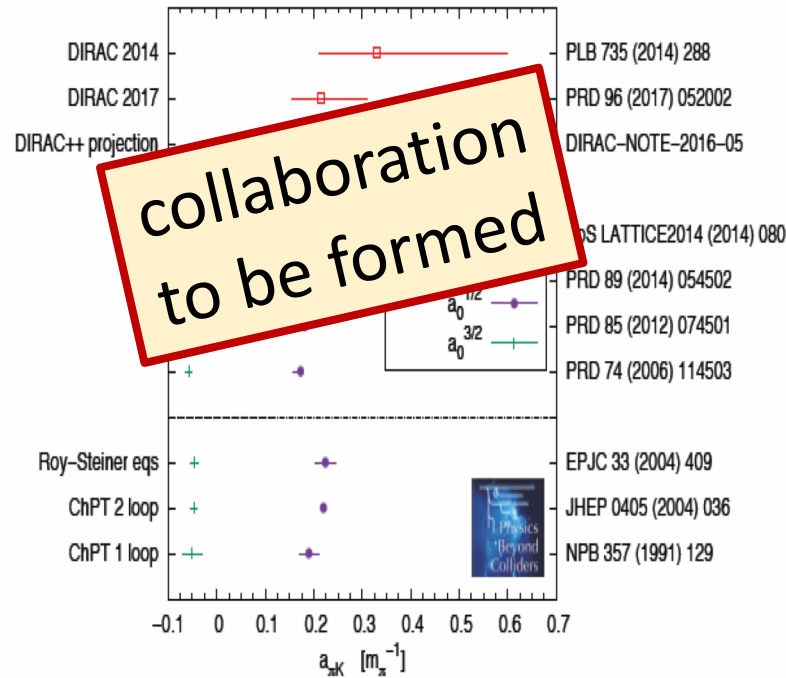
**~270 people**

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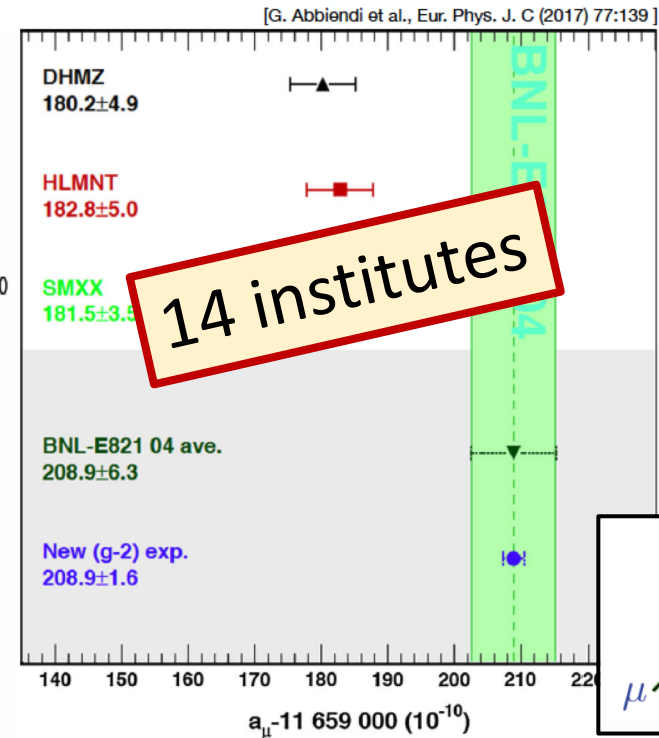
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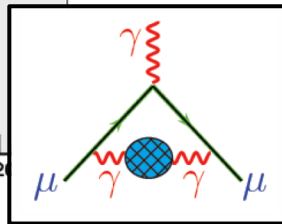
**collaboration to be formed**

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**14 institutes**

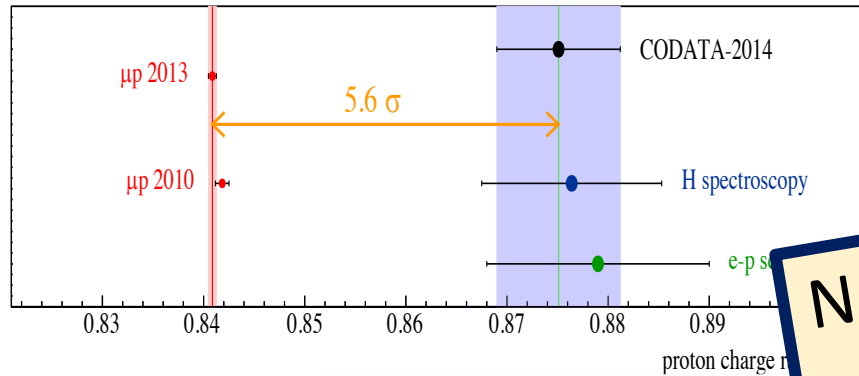


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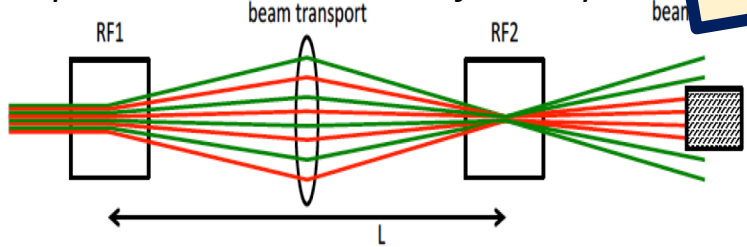
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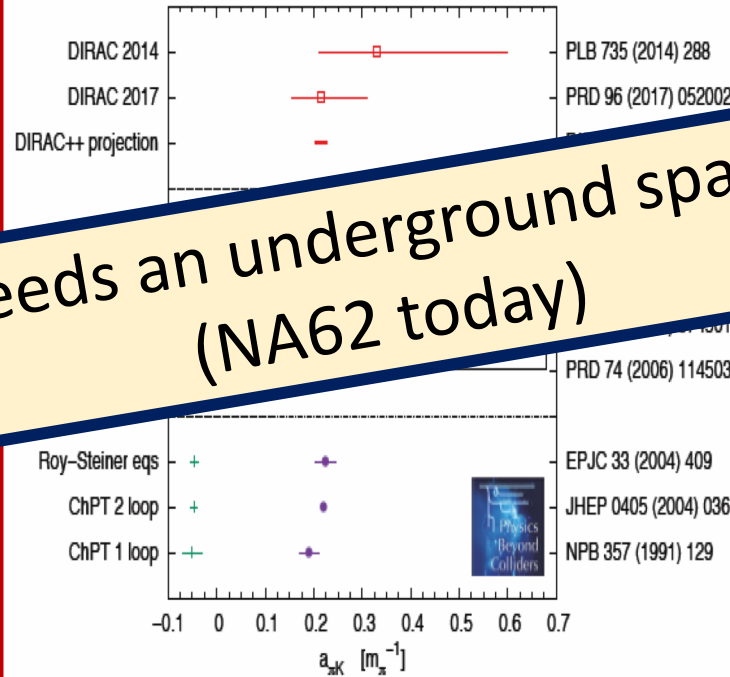


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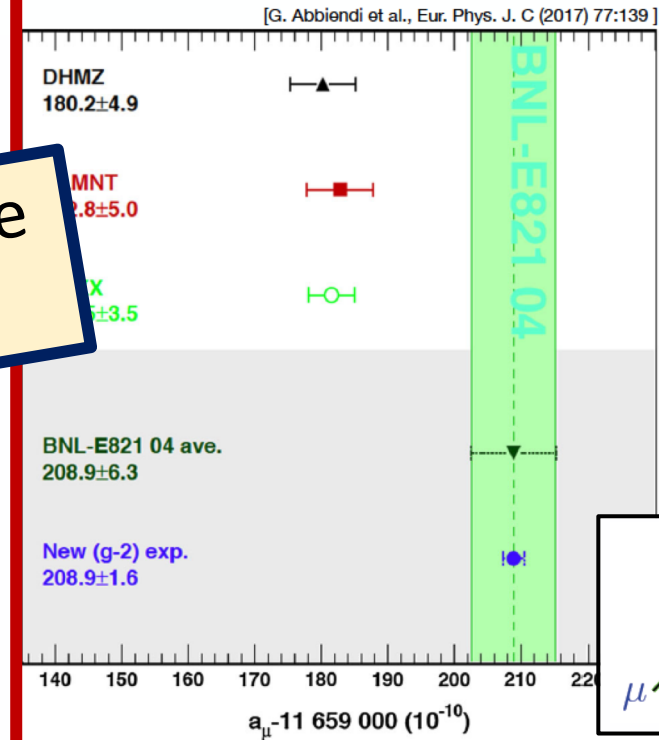
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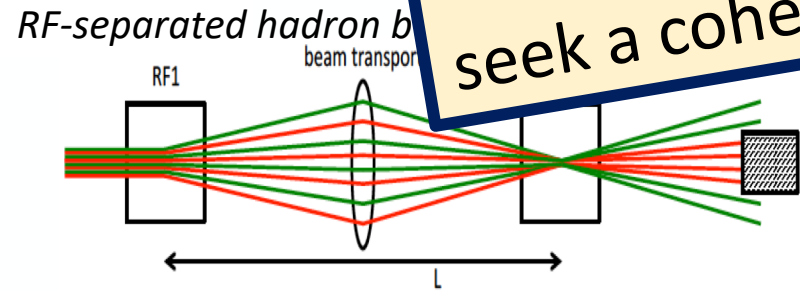
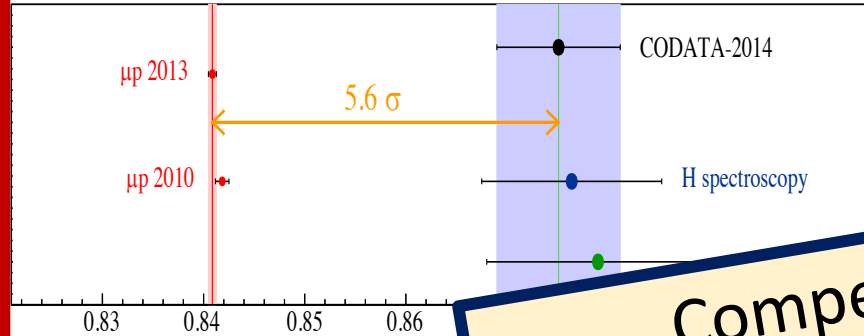
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Needs an underground space (NA62 today)

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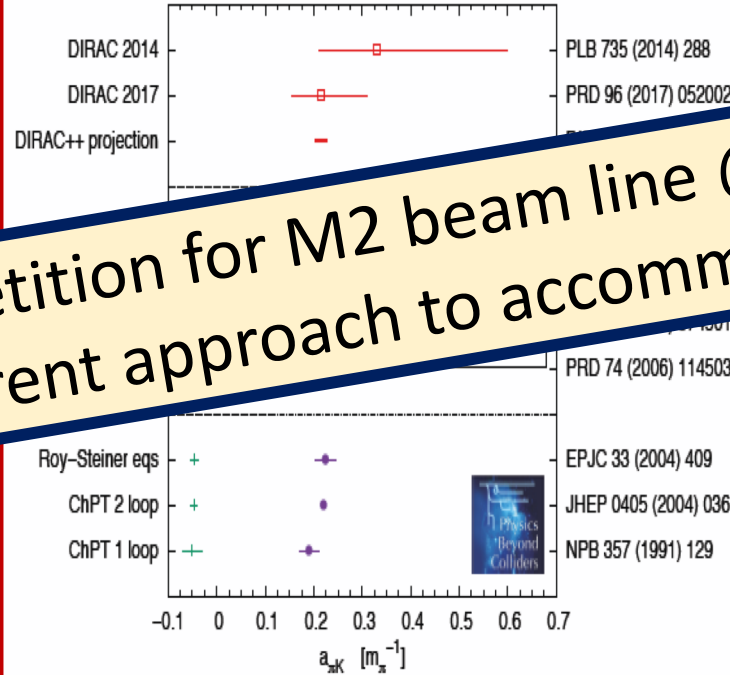
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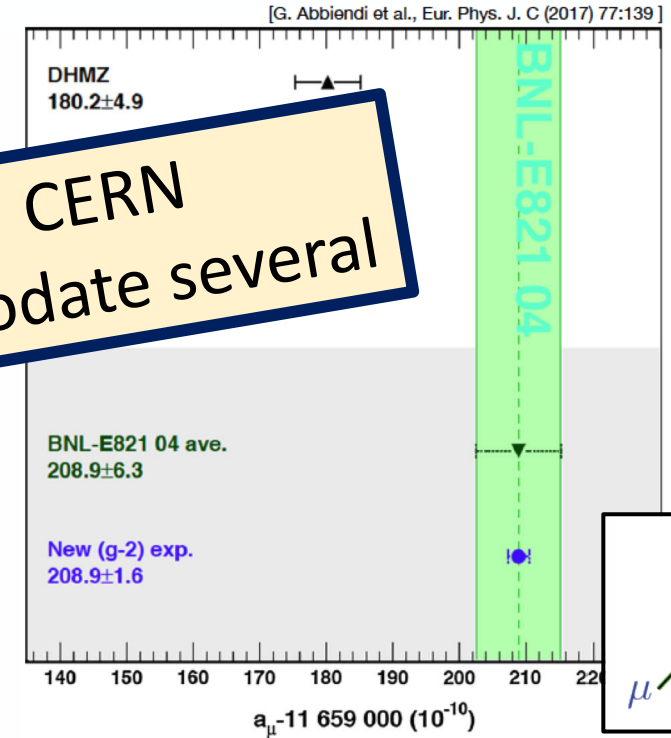
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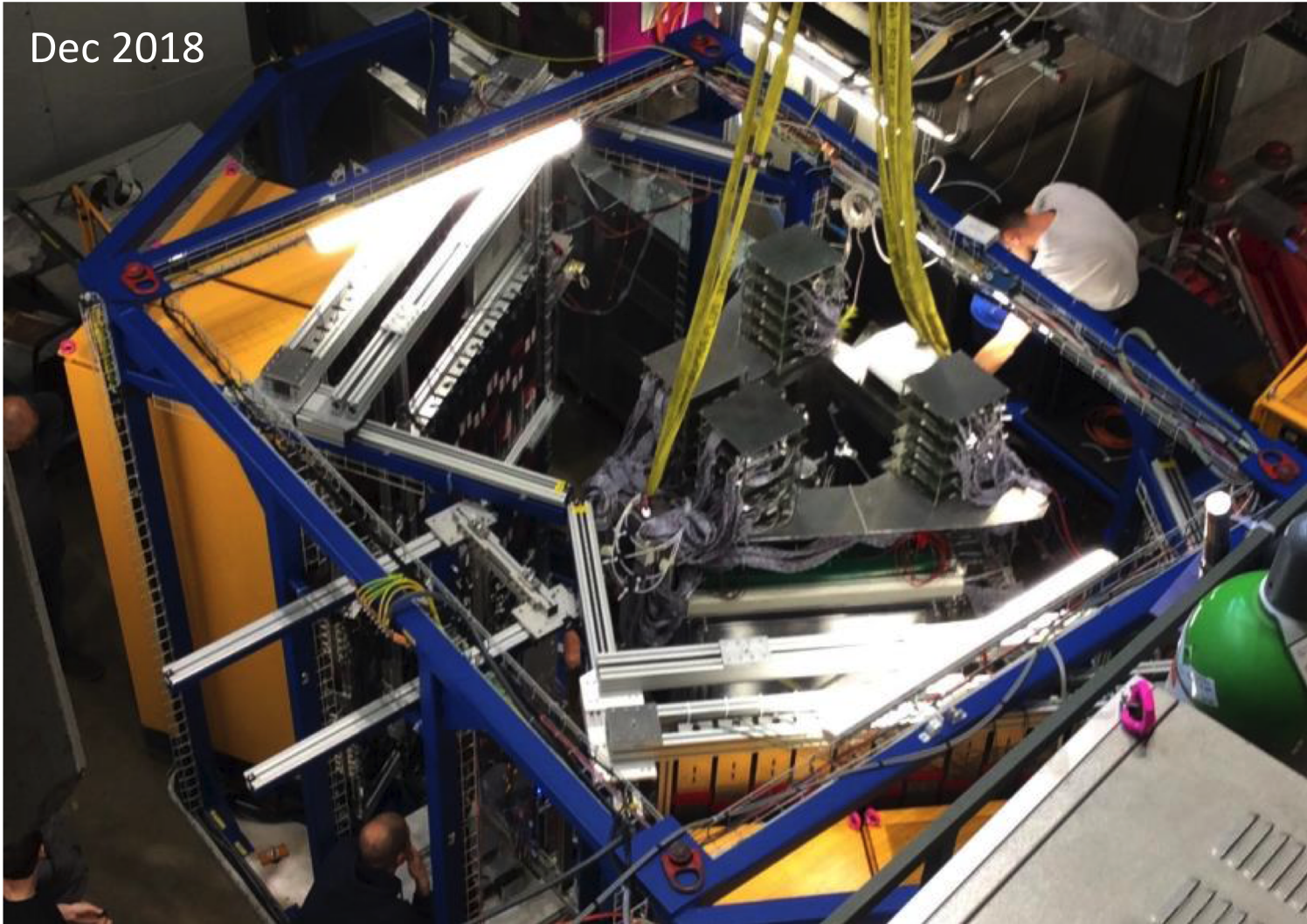
Competition for M2 beam line @ CERN  
seek a coherent approach to accommodate several



# *The proton radius puzzle... the QCD community is motivated to solve it*

With the PSI beams and the MUon proton Scattering Experiment (MUSE) experiment... *ready to go*

Dec 2018



Measure simultaneously low-energy  $\mu^\pm$  and  $e^\pm$  scattering to reduce systematics in the search for hints of lepton-flavor violation.

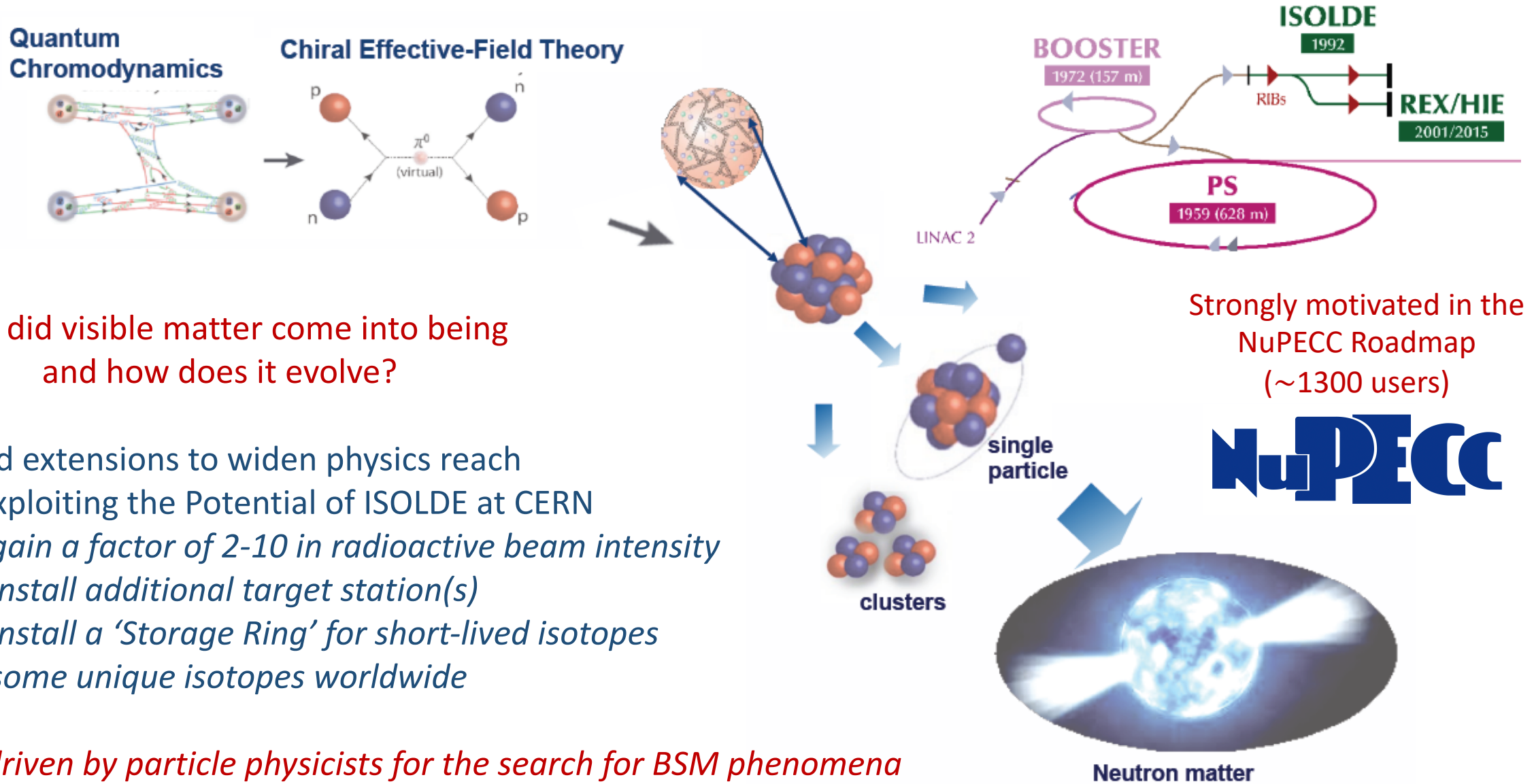
Data-taking from 2020 onwards with the goal to reach sub-percent relative precision ( $Q^2 = 0.002\text{--}0.07 \text{ GeV}^2$ ) to extract the proton radius difference  $e$  versus  $\mu$  with a precision of 0.007 fm.

**Solving the proton puzzle will require a concerted approach with complementary experiments worldwide.**

Worldwide several additional QCD precision efforts.

# Nuclear precision with HIE-ISOLDE and the EPIC upgrade

Radioactive ion beam at CERN to study the emergence of nuclear phenomena from QCD

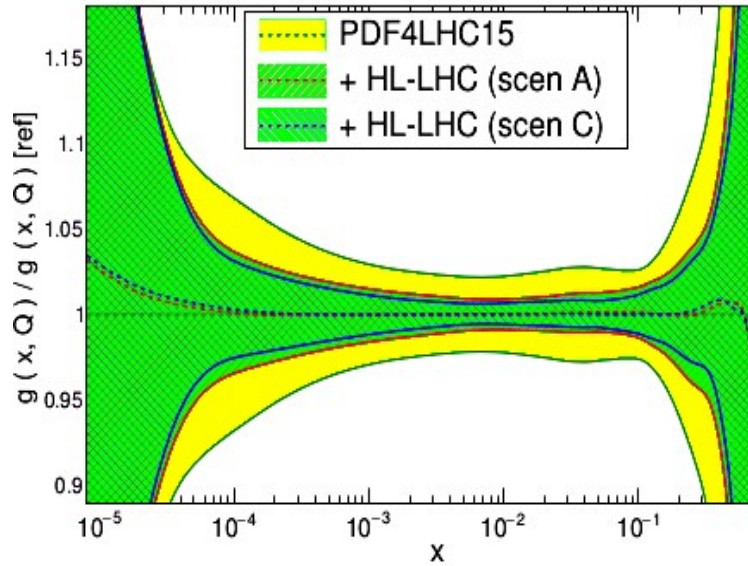


# Partonic Structure

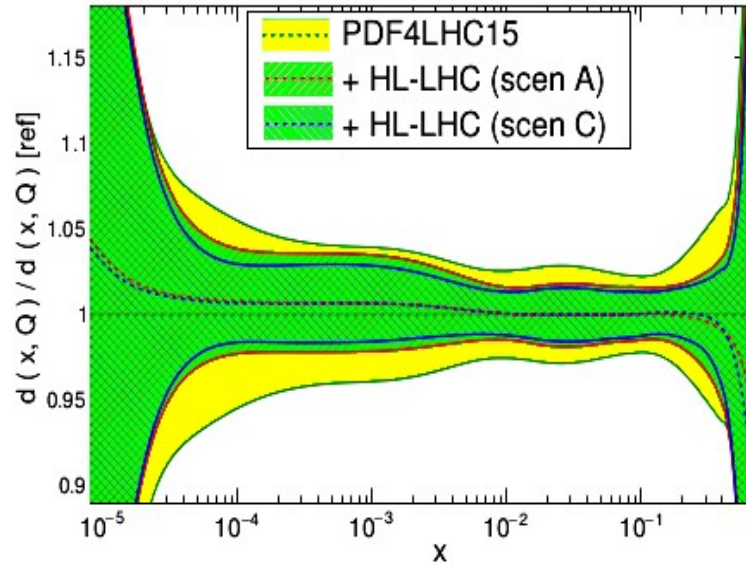
# PDFs measured from $W, Z, \text{top}$ processes from LHC to HL-LHC

R.A. Khalek et al. arXiv:1810.03639

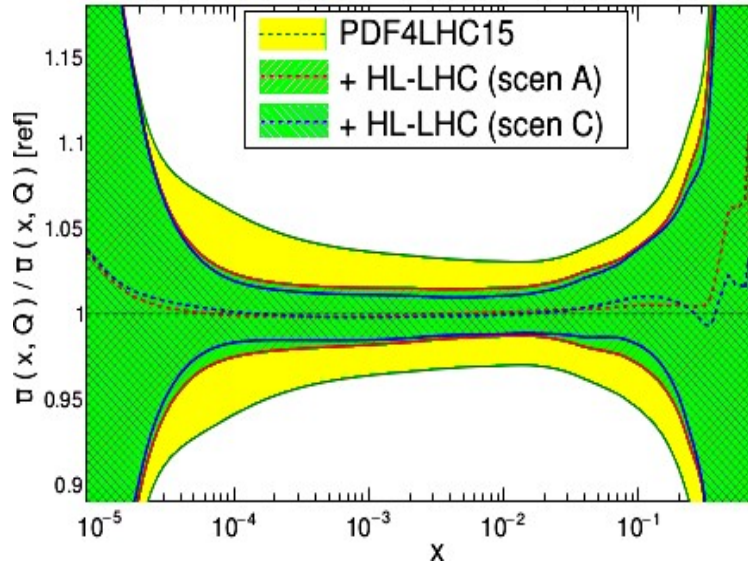
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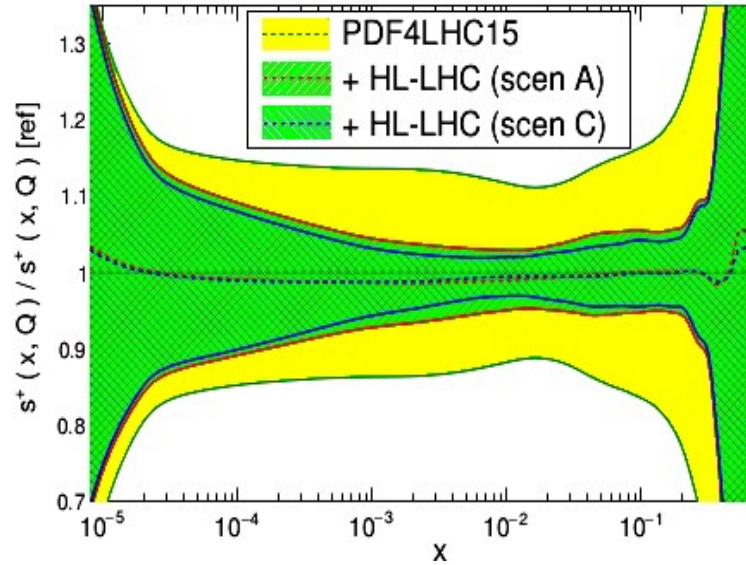
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- factor up to  $\sim 2$  improvement in the mid- $x$  region
- no improvement in the low- $x$  and high- $x$  region
- requires to further develop methodologies to not fit away BSM effects when estimating PDFs from pp collision processes, e.g. fit the PDFs in-situ while doing measurements

# The case for ep collisions at high energies (LHeC, FCC-ep)

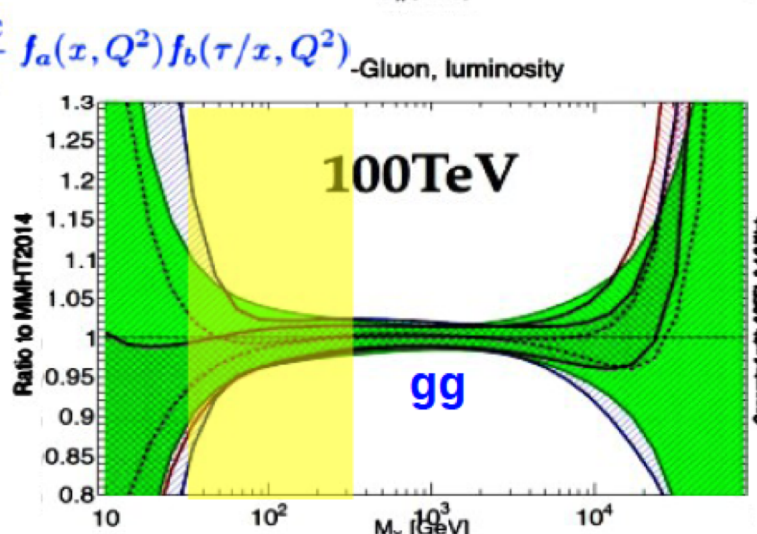
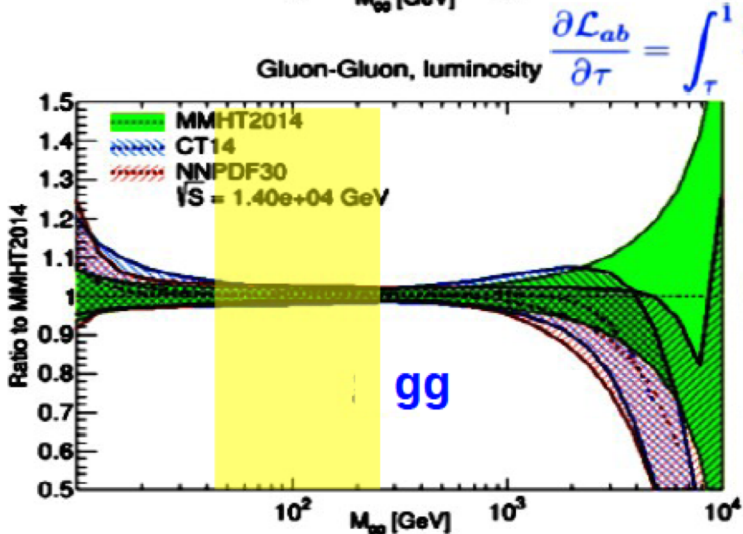
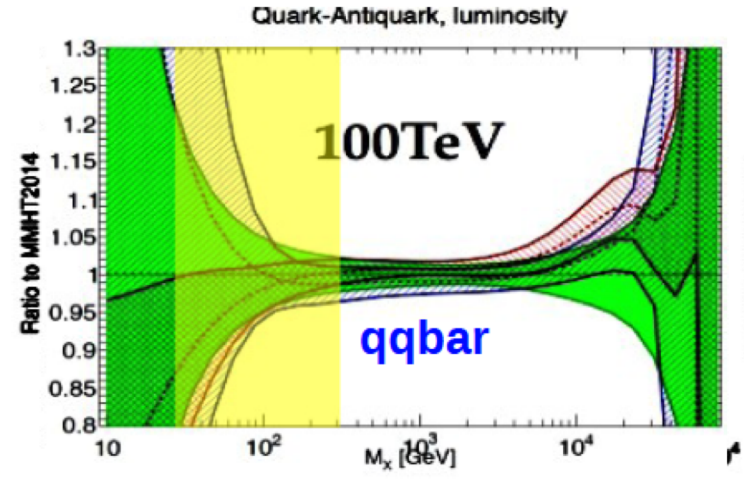
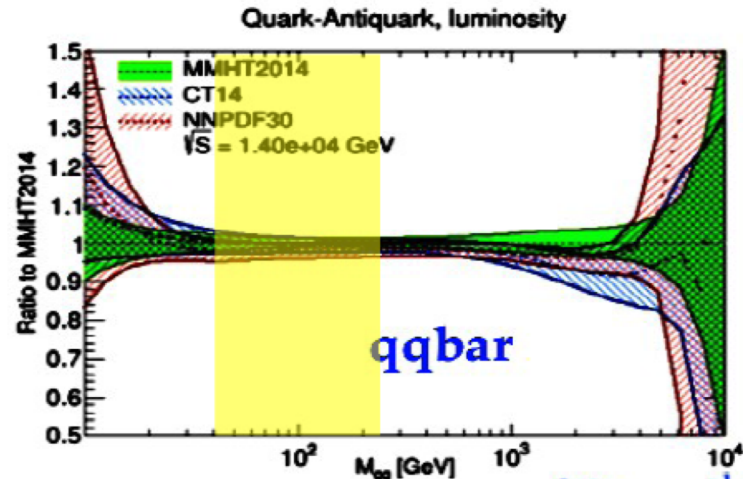
“Precision” region at FCC-pp: 5–7% PDF uncertainty for  $\sigma(W,Z,H)$

→ ep collisions essential

14 TeV



100 TeV



- a clean experimental environment with low multiplicity, no pileup, fully constrained kinematics ( $x, Q^2$ ) reconstructing the outgoing lepton
- a more controlled theoretical setup with many 1<sup>st</sup>-principles calculations, factorisation tests

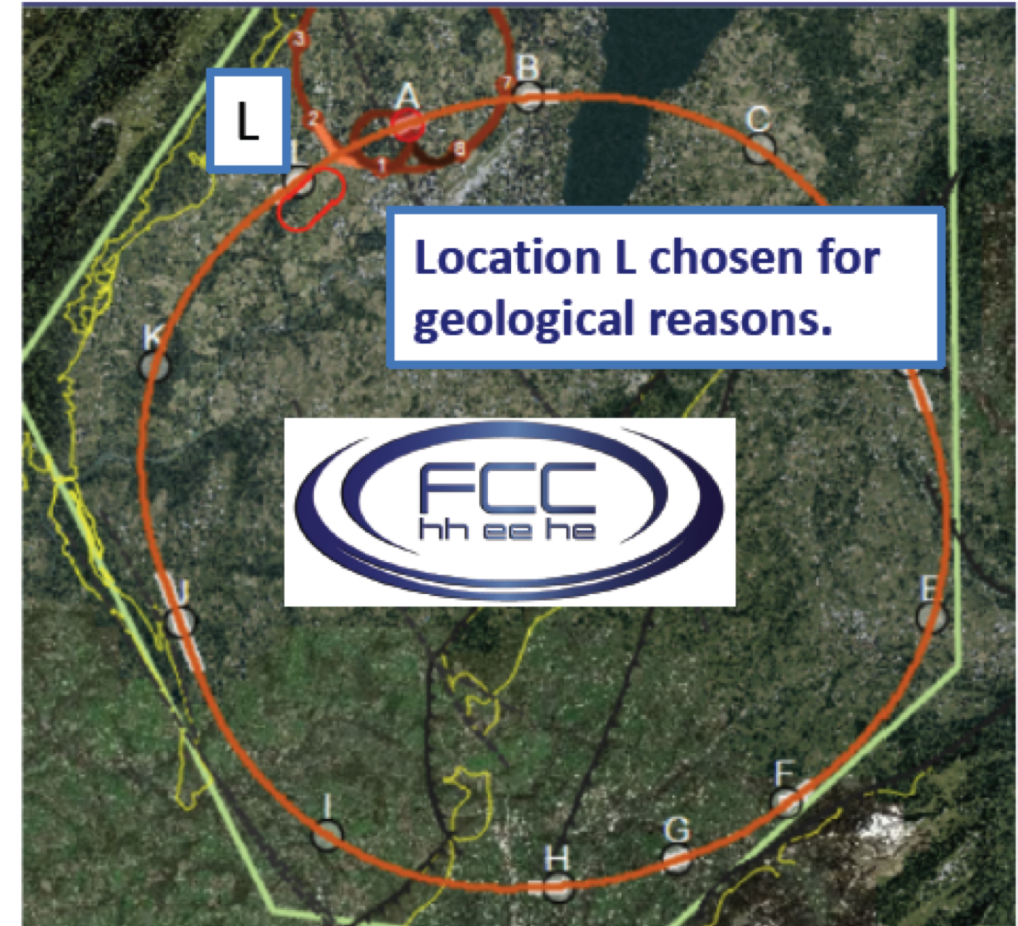
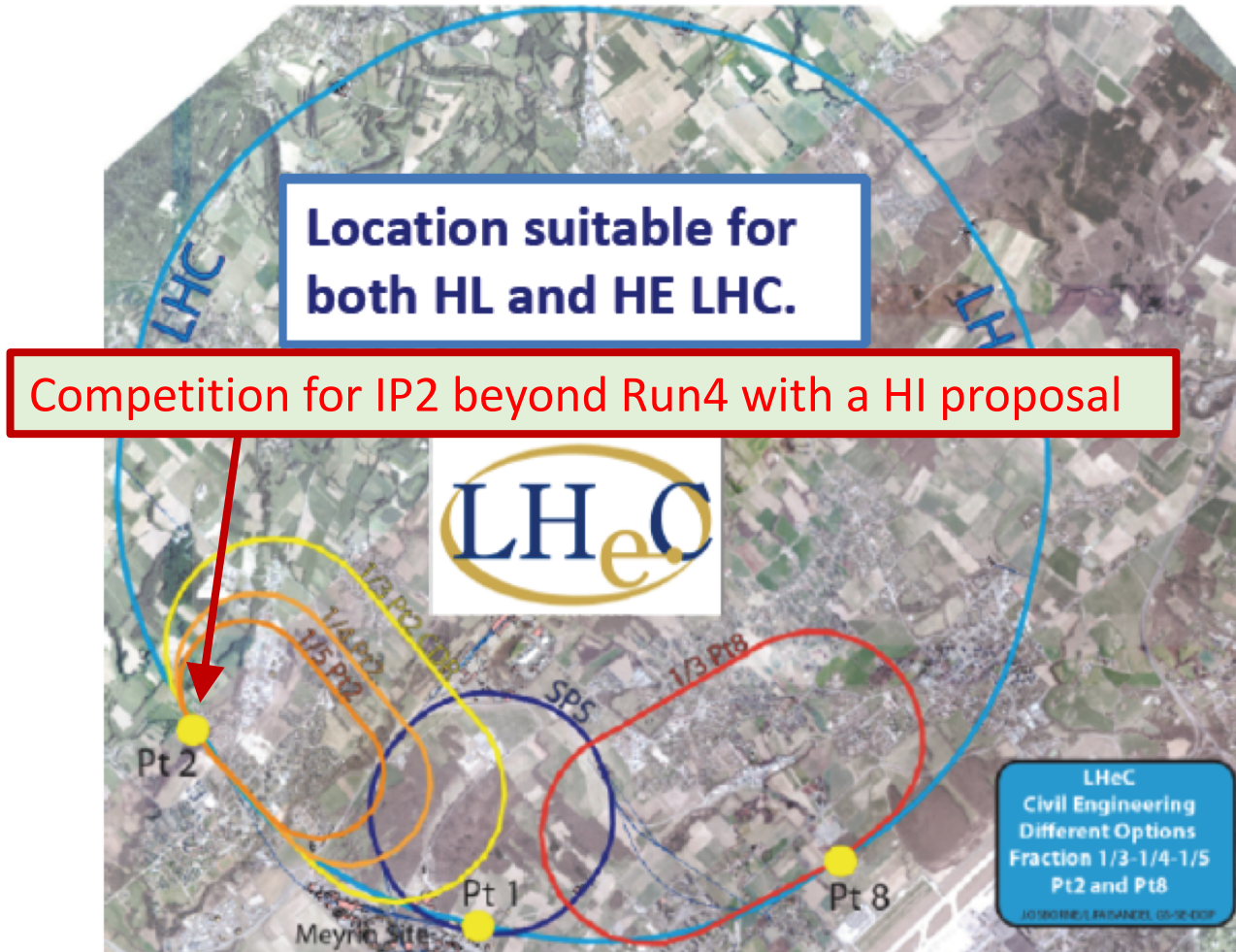
**EIC** (3-20 GeV e-)  
 $E_{cms} = 0.02 - 0.13$  TeV

**LHeC** (60 GeV e- from ERL)  
 $E_{cms} = 0.2 - 1.3$  TeV  
 run with the HL-LHC ( $\gtrsim$  Run5)

**FCC-ep** (60 GeV e- from ERL)  
 $E_{cms}$  up to 3.5 TeV  
 is required to reach  $O(1\%)$  uncertainty for  $\sigma(W,Z,H)$  at FCC-pp

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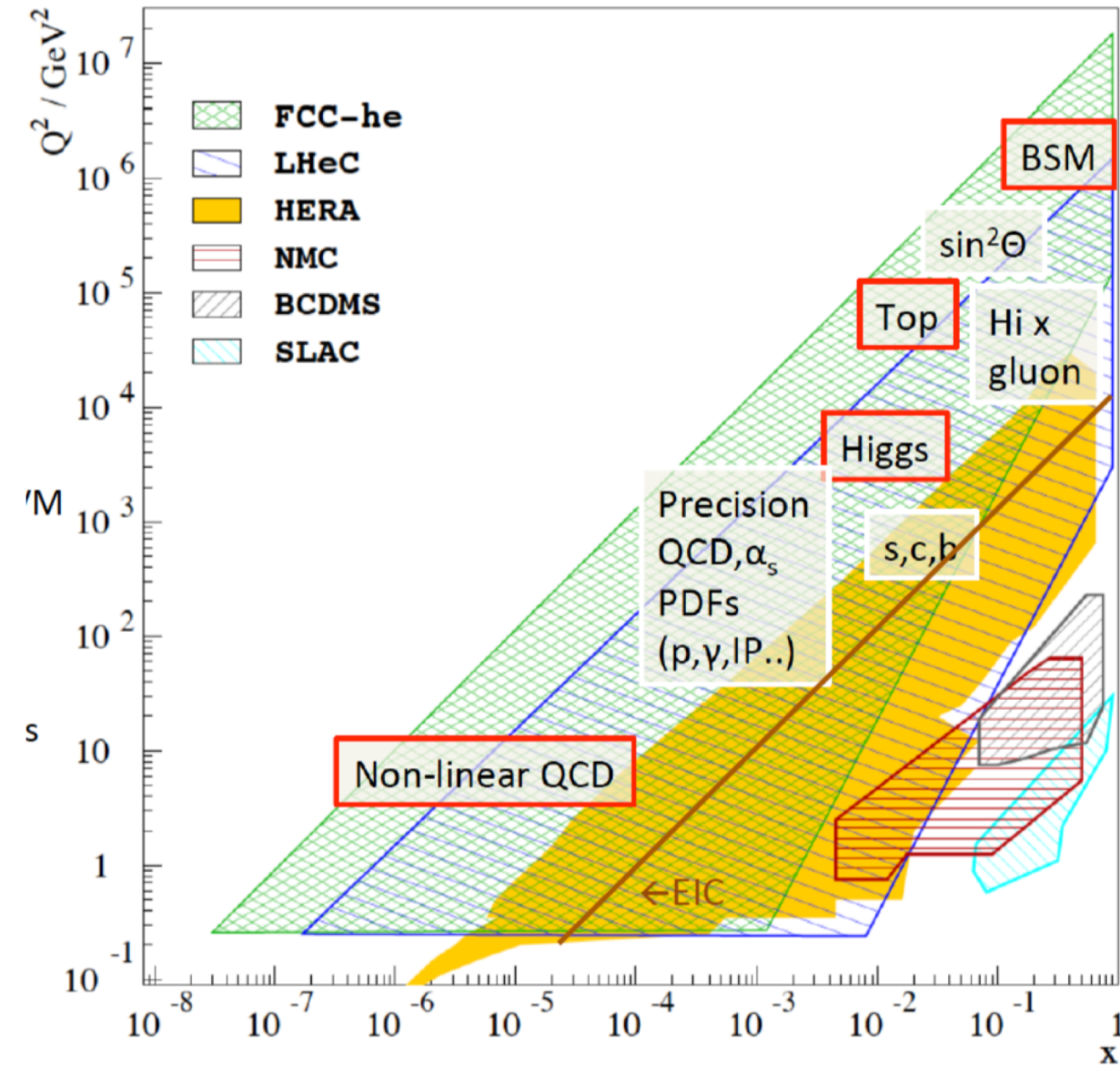
Energy Recovery Linac (ERL) provides the electron beams at 60 GeV and high polarization of 80-90%.



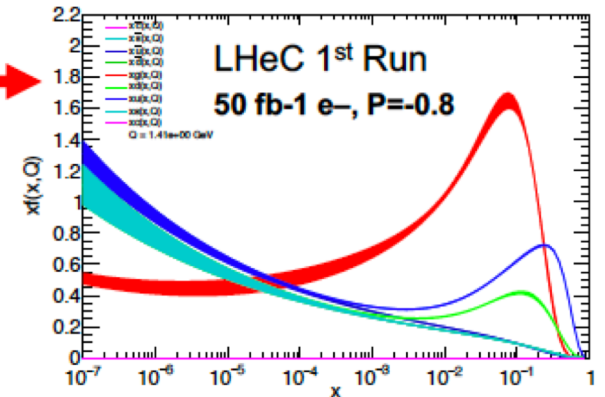
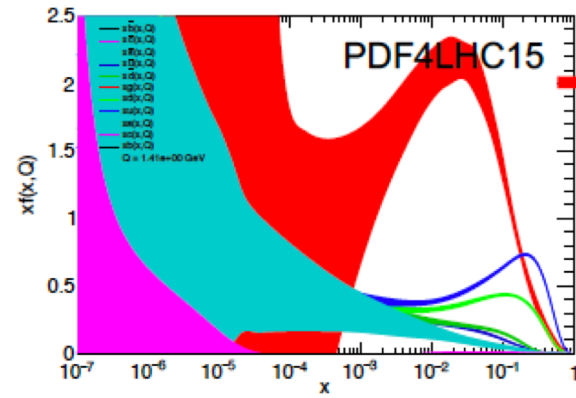
Smaller PERLE demonstrator at Orsay with maximal beam energy of 0.5 GeV operation from 2023-2025.

No showstoppers, but need more resources to bring it forward.

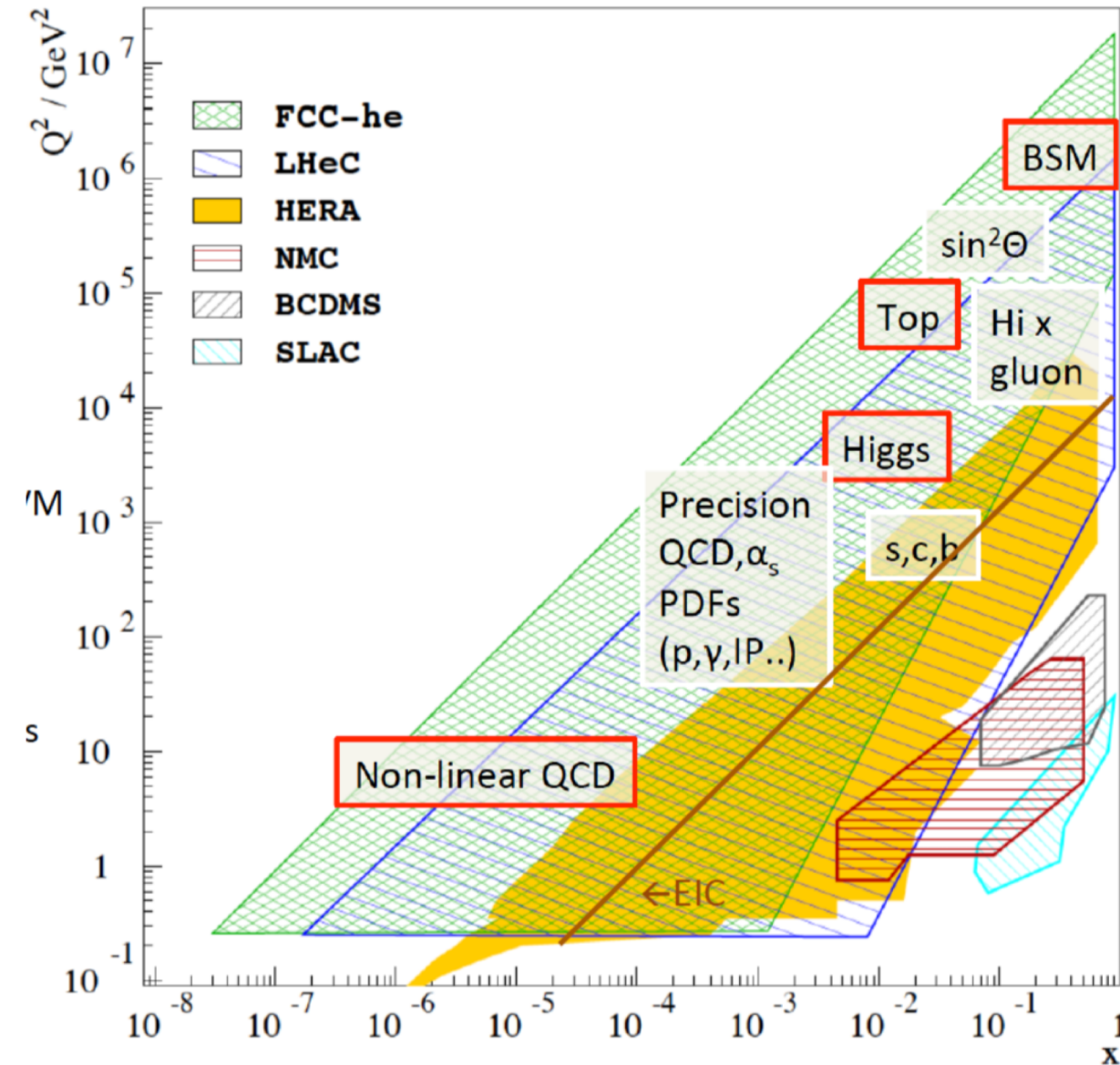
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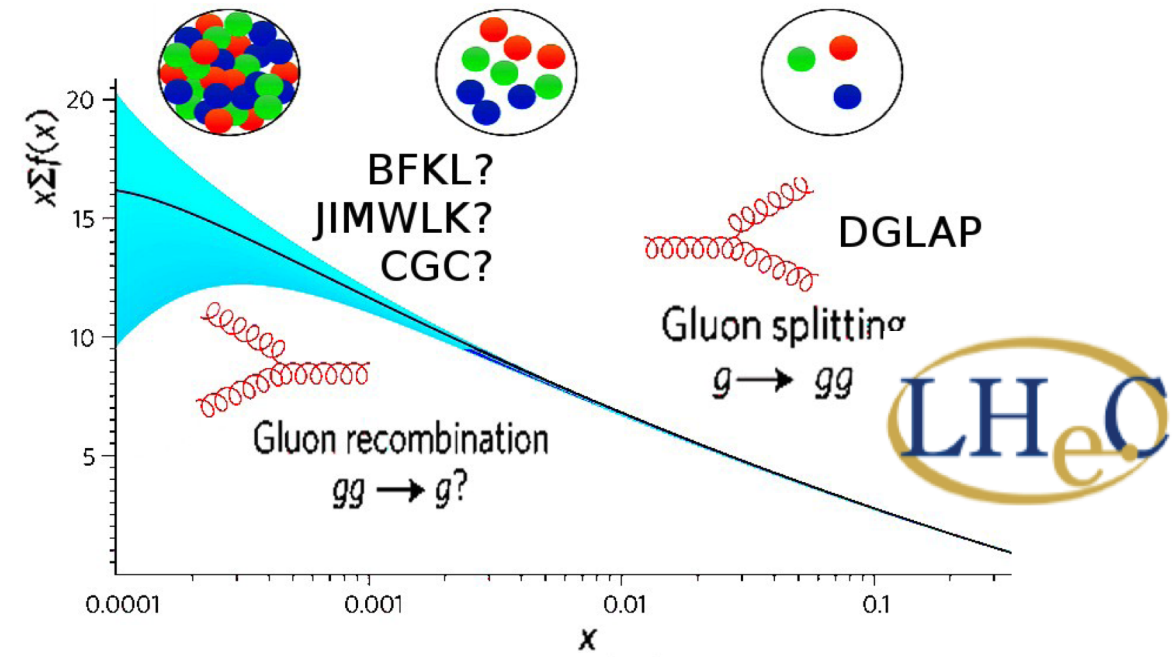
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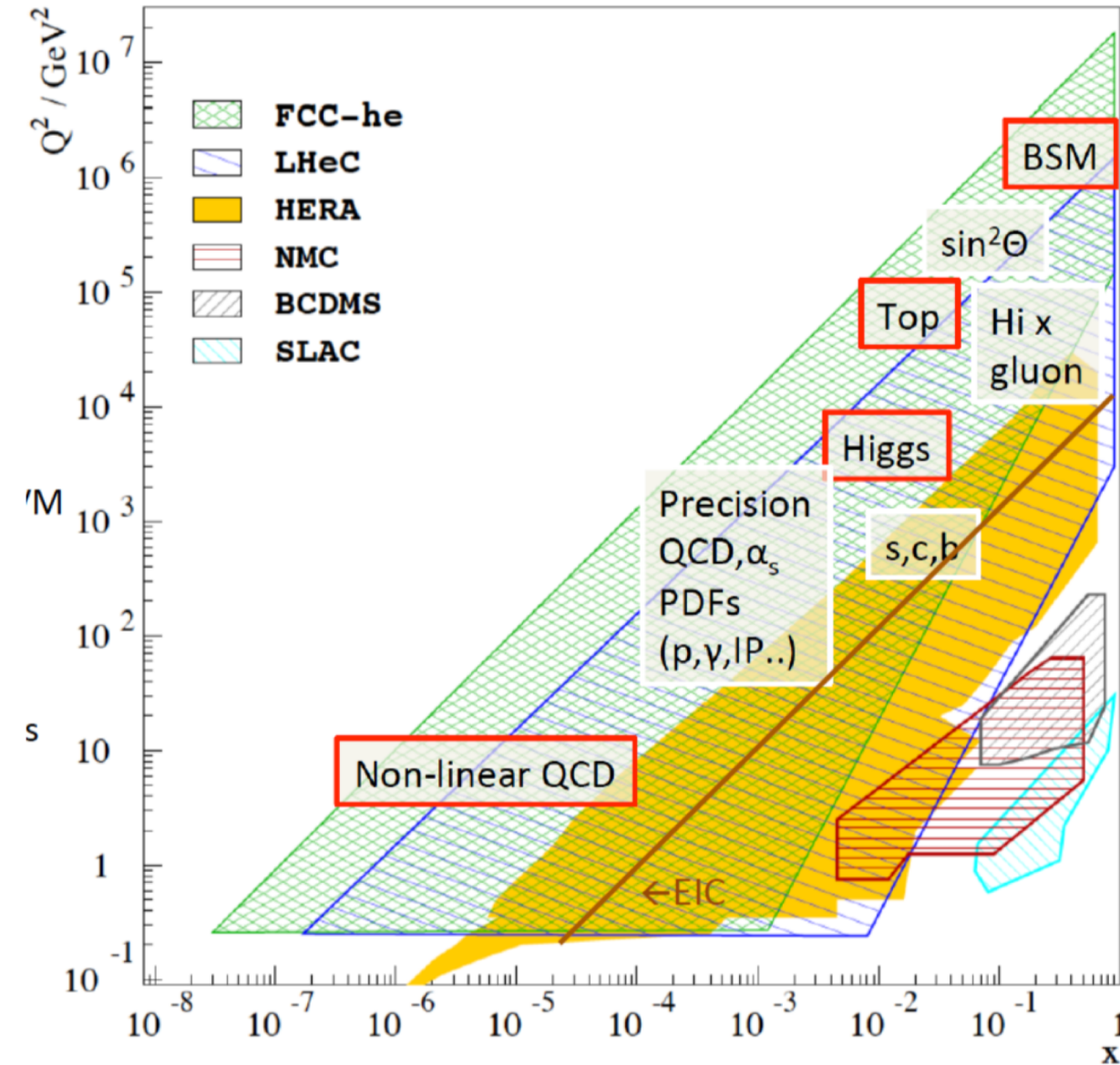


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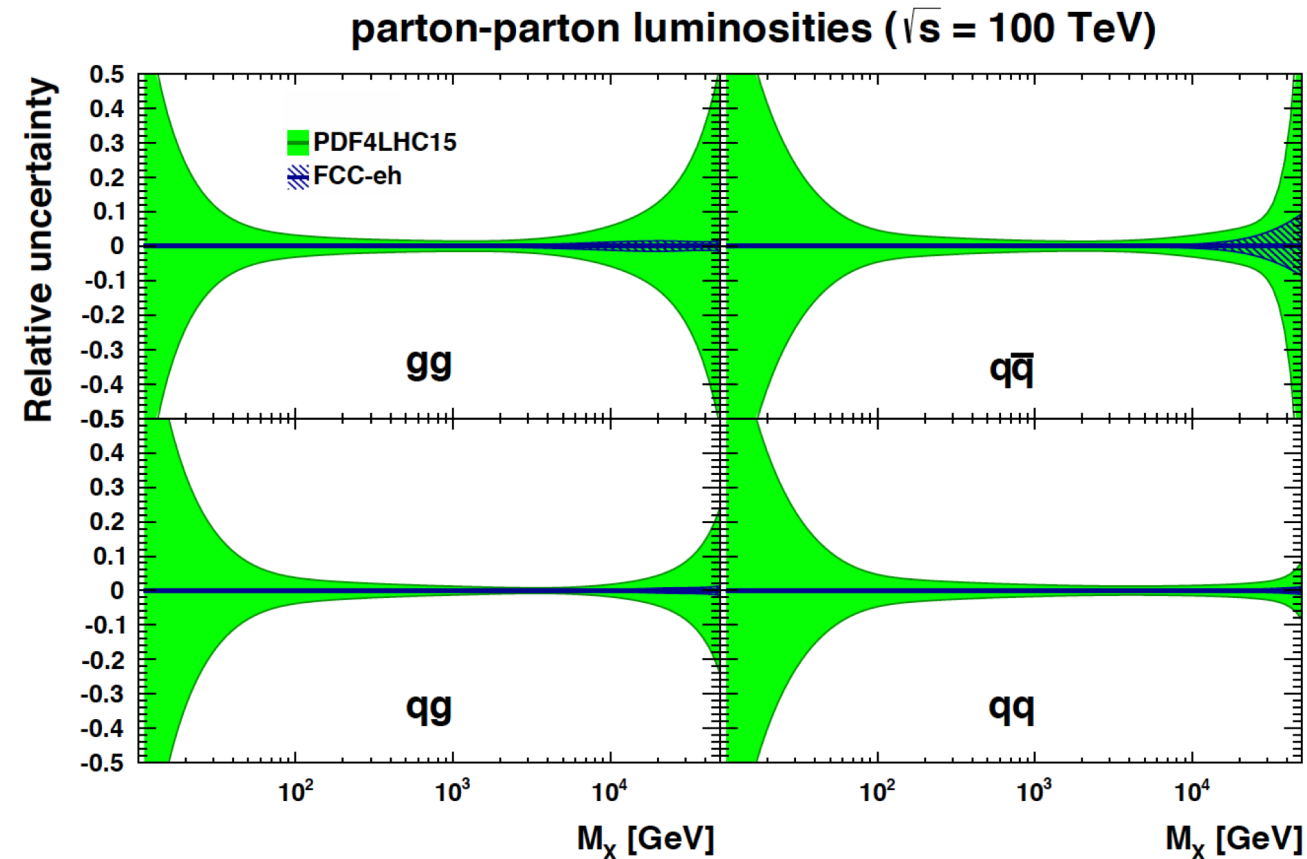




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- The set of PDFs from the FCC-ep program will reduce the PDF uncertainties in searches for heavy objects

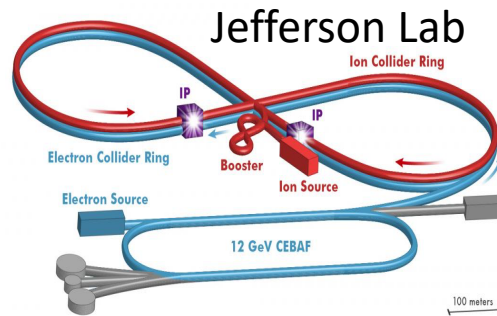
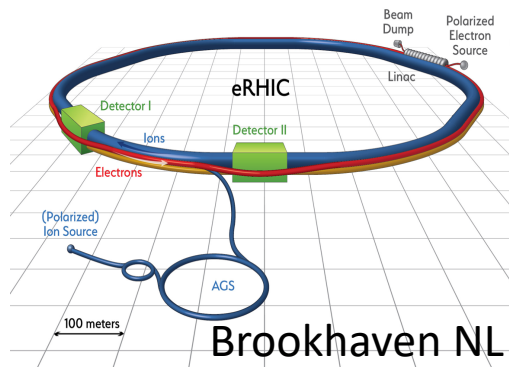


# The QCD case for eA collisions at high energies (EIC@US)

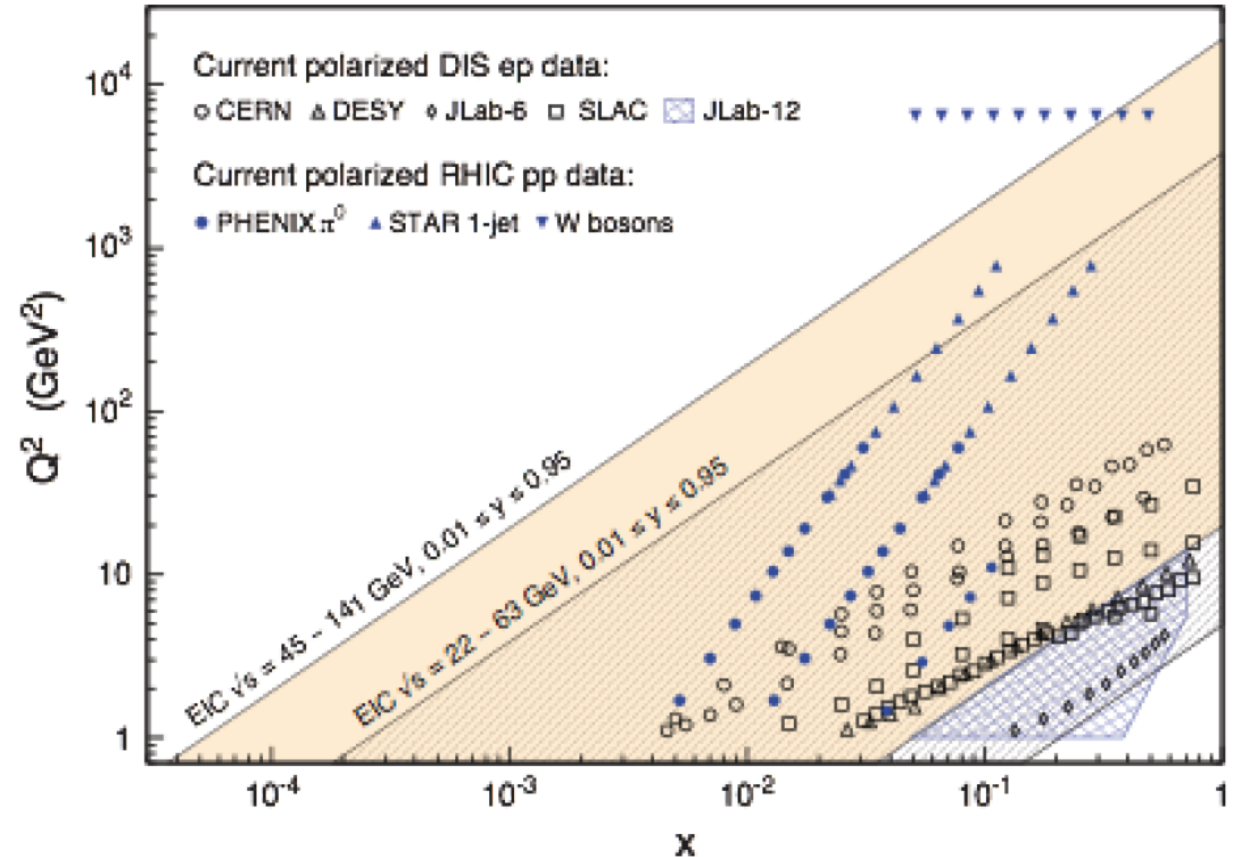
The US-based Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) can address three key questions.

- How does the mass of the nucleon arise?
- How does the spin of the nucleon arise?
- What are the emergent properties of a dense system of gluons?

Two realization concepts being developed.  
First collisions from 2029-2030 onwards.



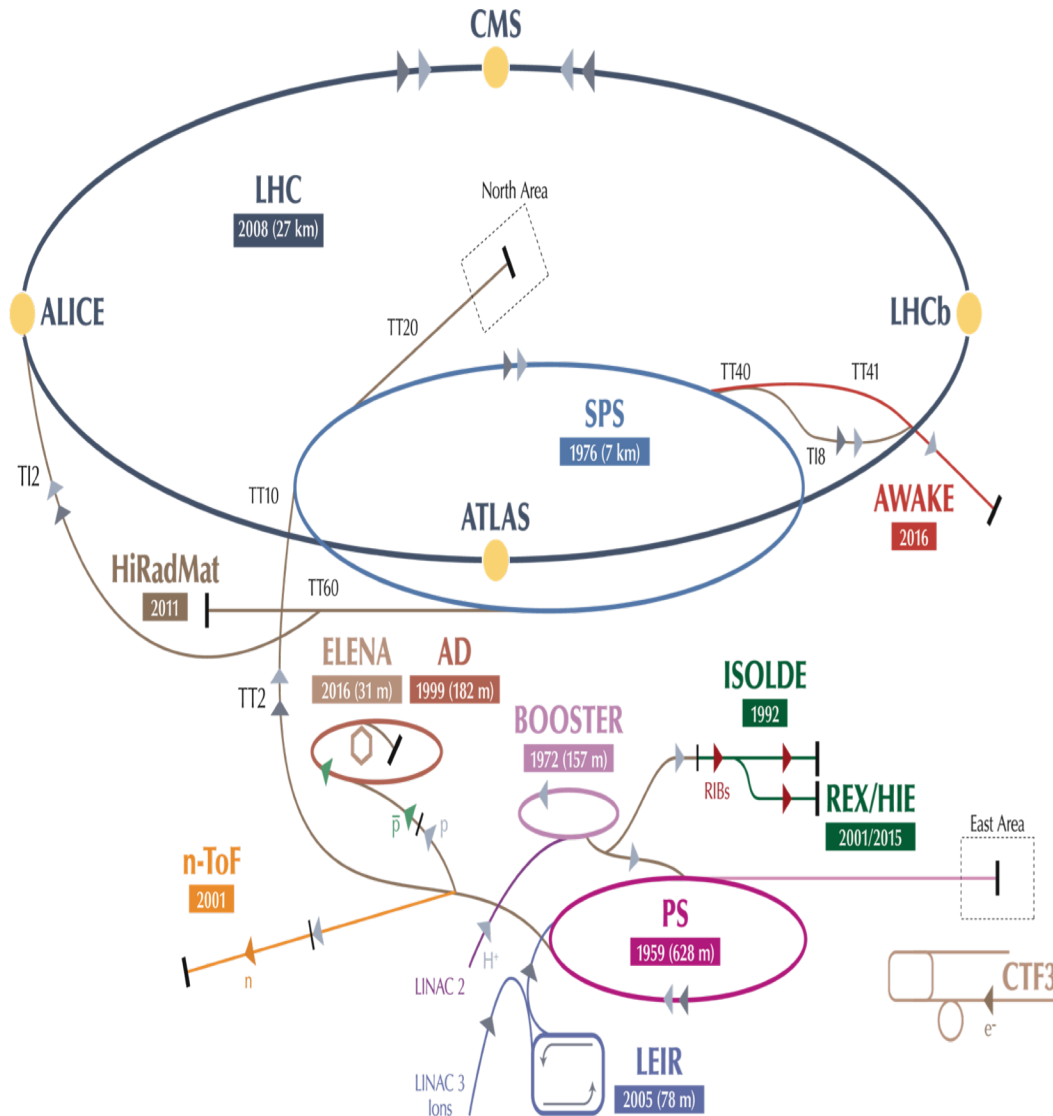
electron-proton DIS at EIC for *HL-LHC-like-x* PDFs  
(towards 3D nucleon structures)



Research community at EIC is 1/3 European  
Synergies with COMPASS, HL-LHC, LHC-FT, LHeC (ePb), FCC-eh (ePb) at CERN

# Additional options for QCD when the LHC will retire

Beyond the HL-LHC there are options to use the LHC machine for novel QCD research



What strong interaction physics can one do with the LHC after the HL-LHC?

(e.g. when the LHC becomes an injector for a future collider)

*slide from Daniel Boer*

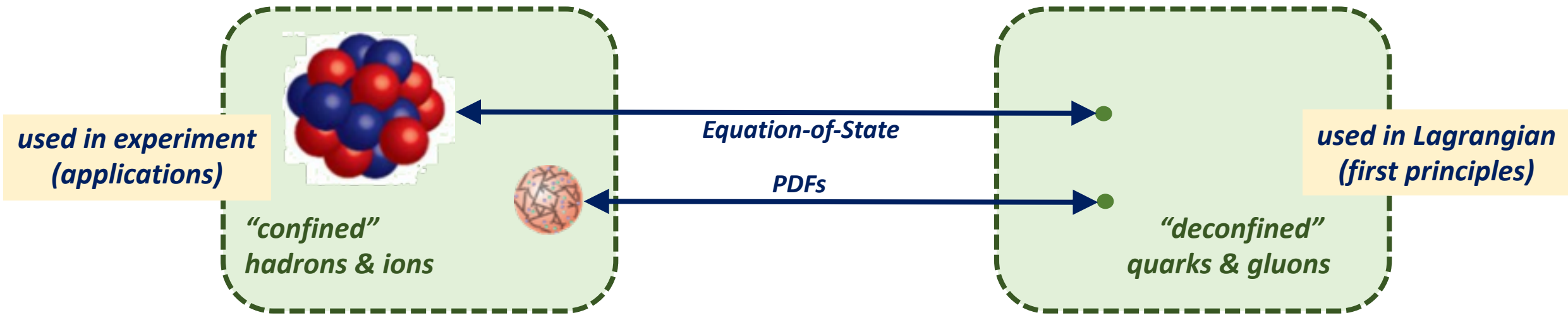
## Summary of opportunities and challenges

Opportunities and challenges for the strong interaction physics case for continued use of the LHC after the HL-LHC:

- **Unambiguous signals of small-x gluon saturation [opportunities]**  
Should one go for the smallest x (i.e. highest energy), even when the luminosity is modest?  
*e.g. plasma accelerated electrons (PEPIC, VHEeP)*
- **Control over less-inclusive and diffractive processes in pp [challenges]**  
Required for global analyses of multi-dimensional PDFs
- **Observation of new strongly interacting particles [opportunities]**  
Elucidation of the role or the embedding of QCD in BSM theory

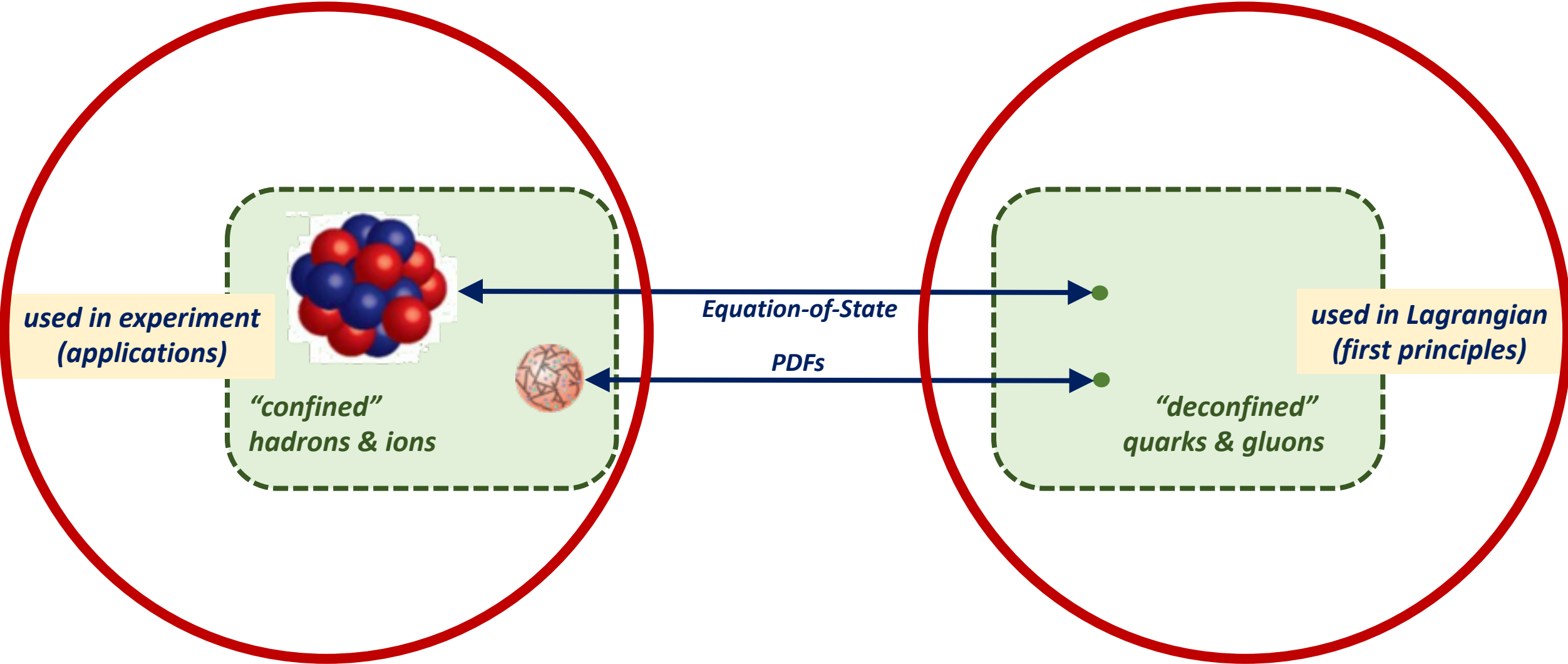
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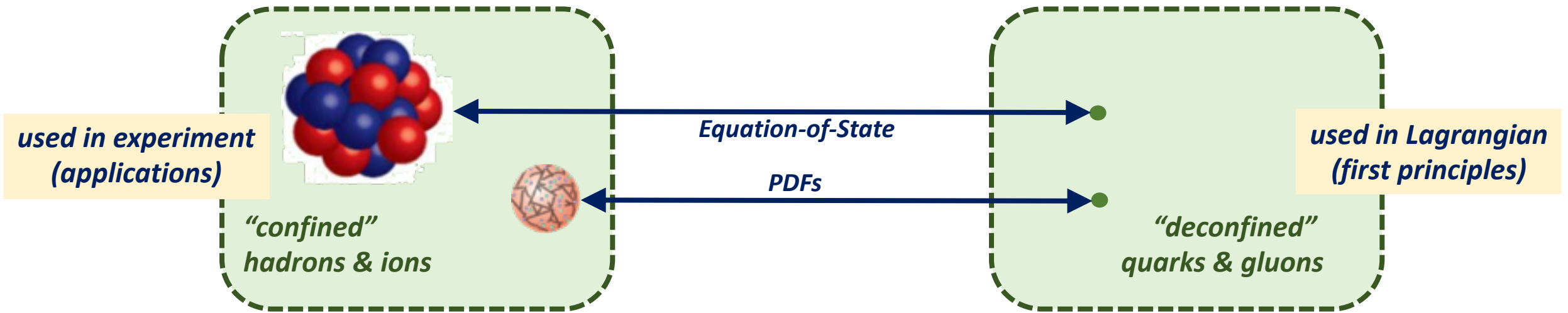
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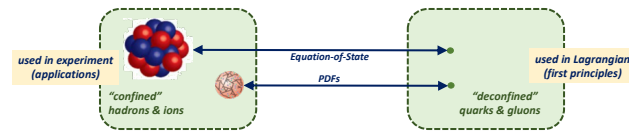


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portal to the rest of particle physics

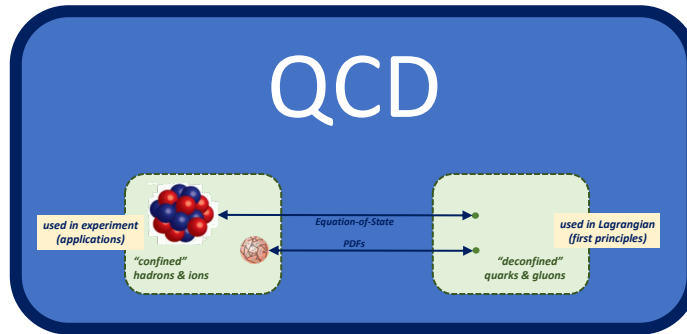




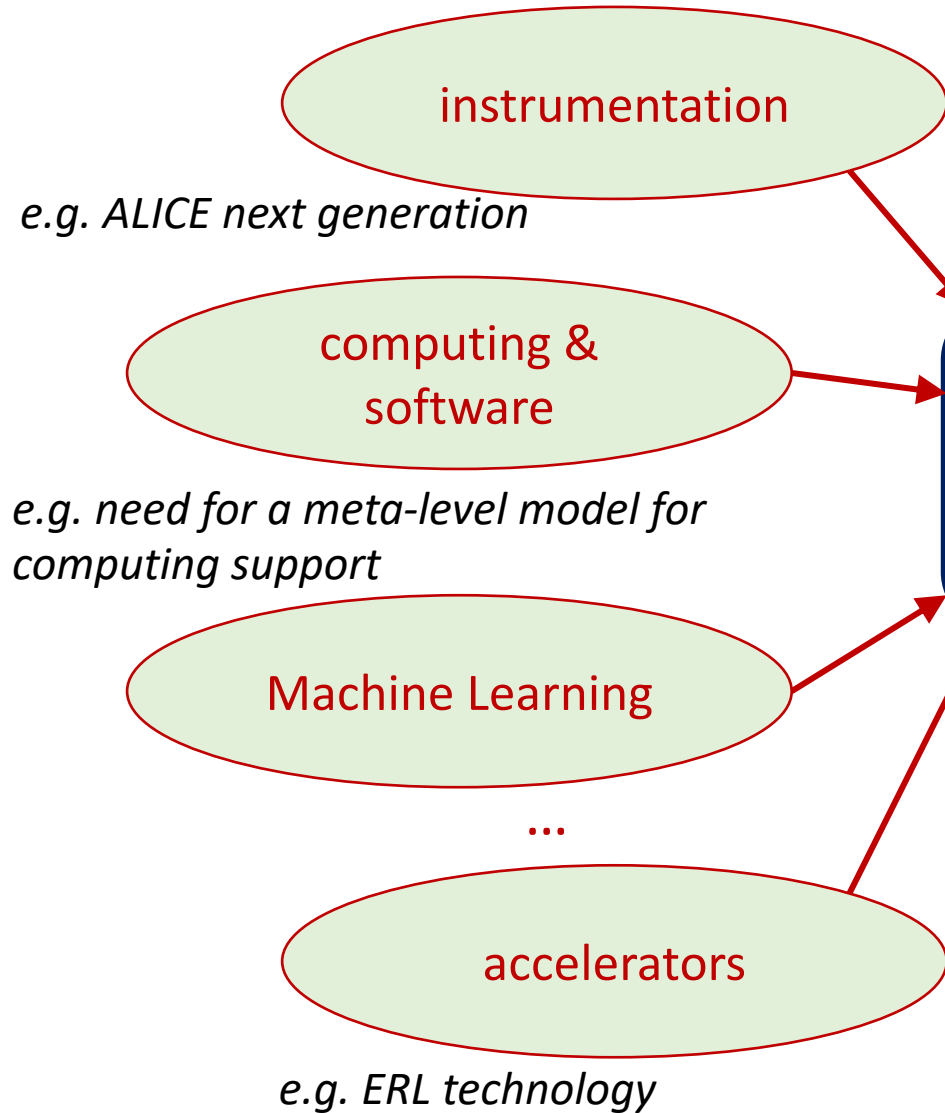




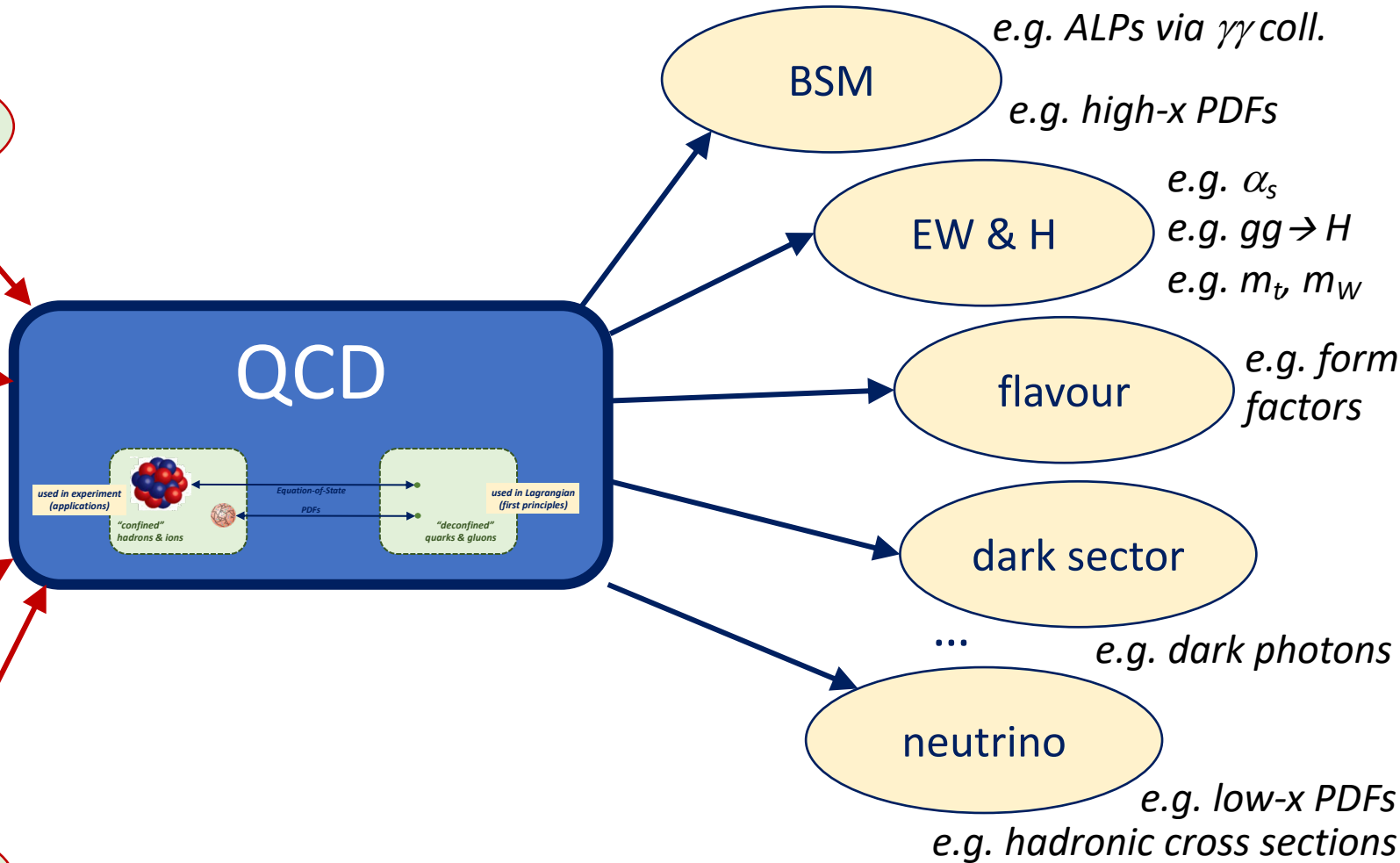
# QCD



We happily eat from...



... and likewise feed.



The beauty of QCD for the sake of fundamental questions, but also essential for many other fields

QCD  
Methods & Tools

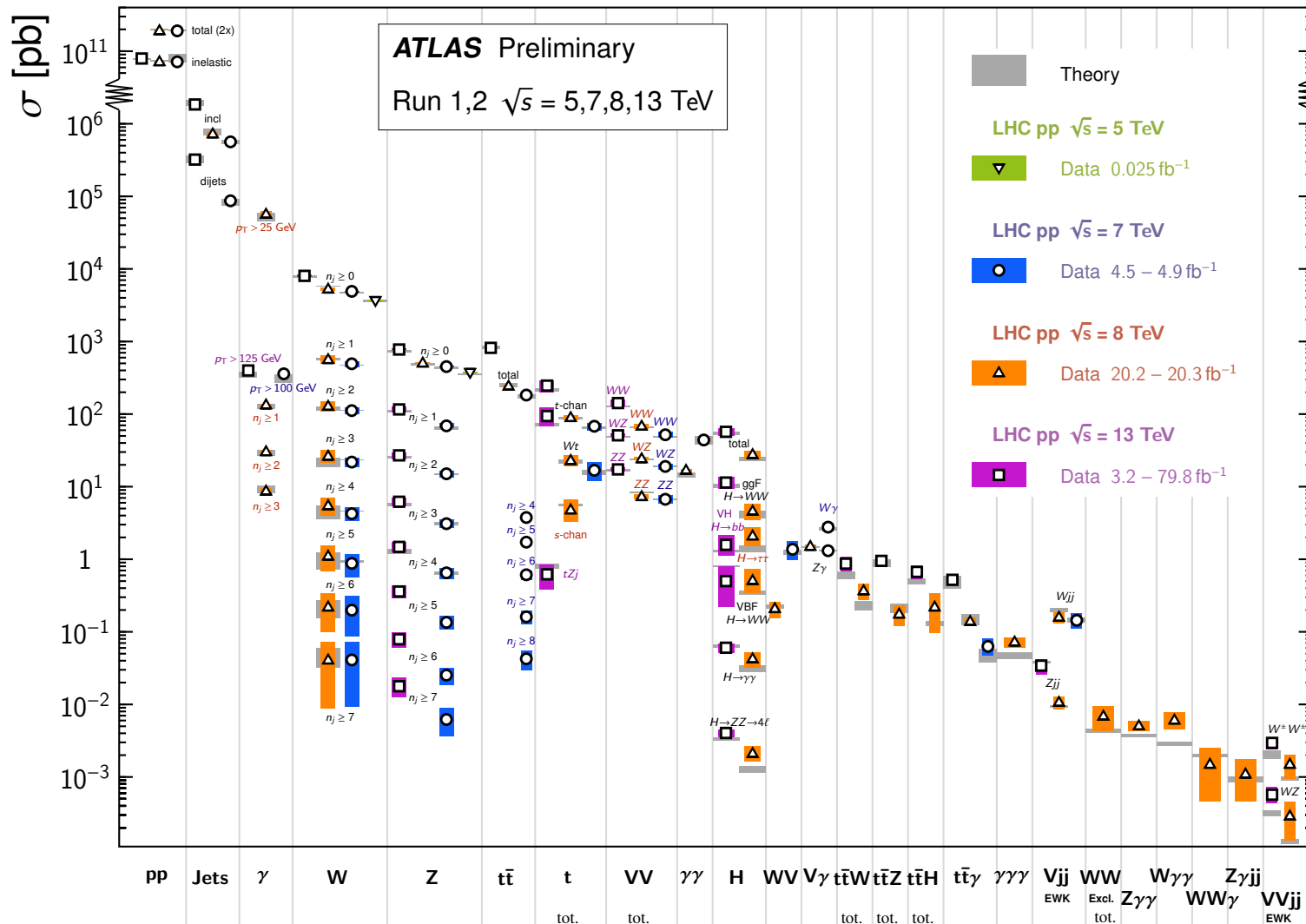
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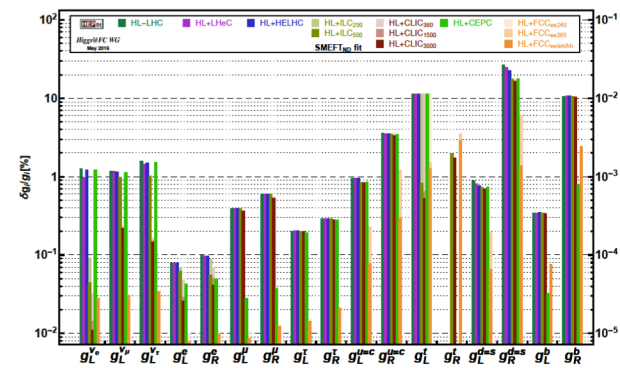
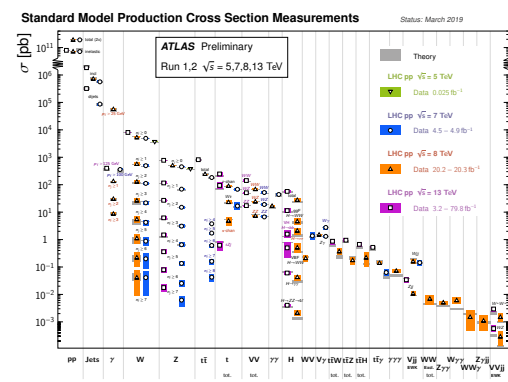
*(HL-)LHC experiments at the frontline the next 15-20 years*

*key to discovery potential is precision*

### Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: March 2019



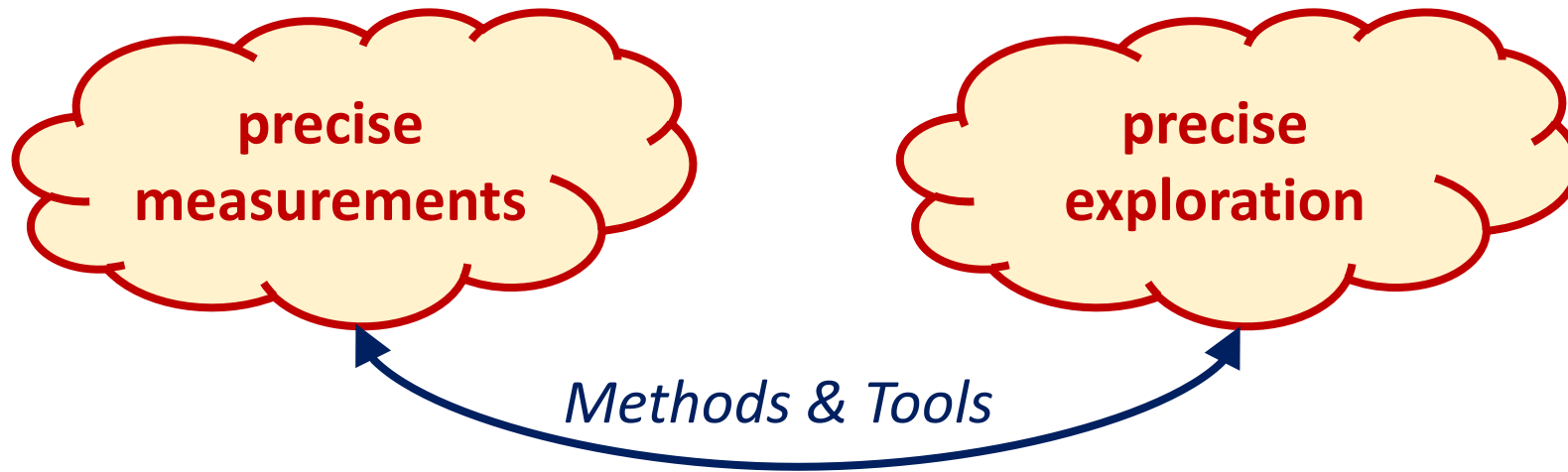
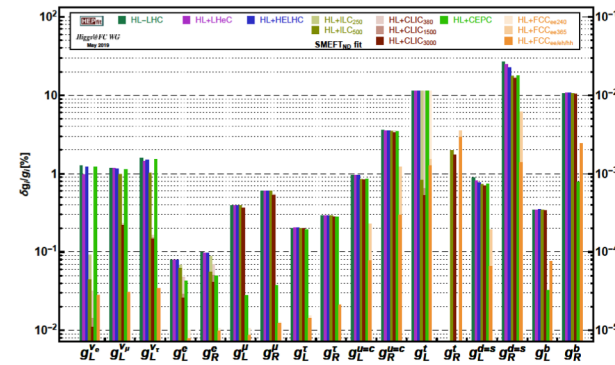
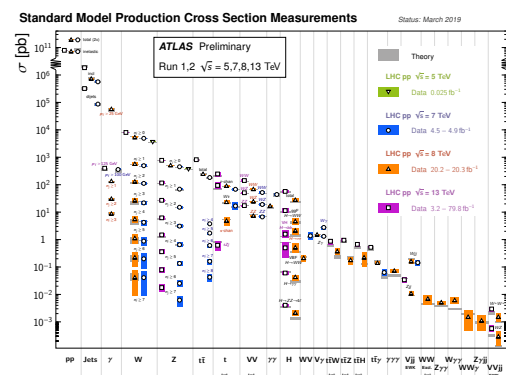


precise measurements

precise exploration

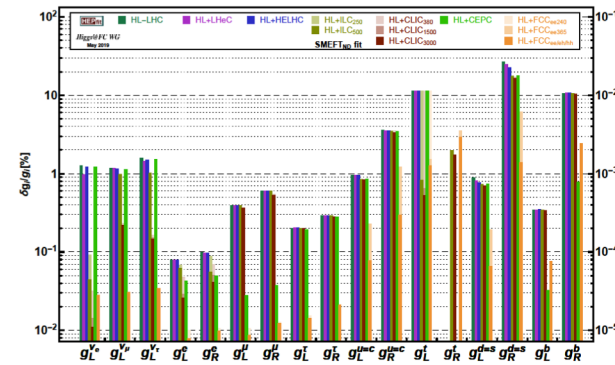
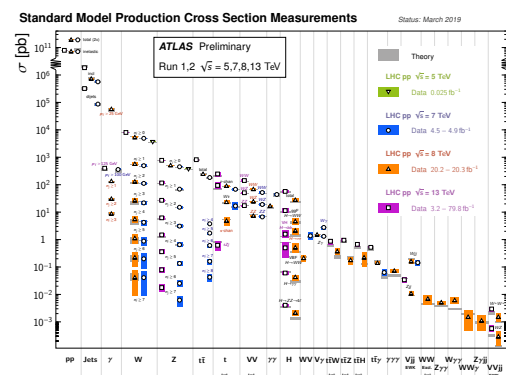


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**Profound experimental knowledge and theoretical understanding of QCD will be vital to succeed in our exploration with the LHC and HL-LHC, and all future colliders (for both Direct & Indirect searches)**



precise measurements

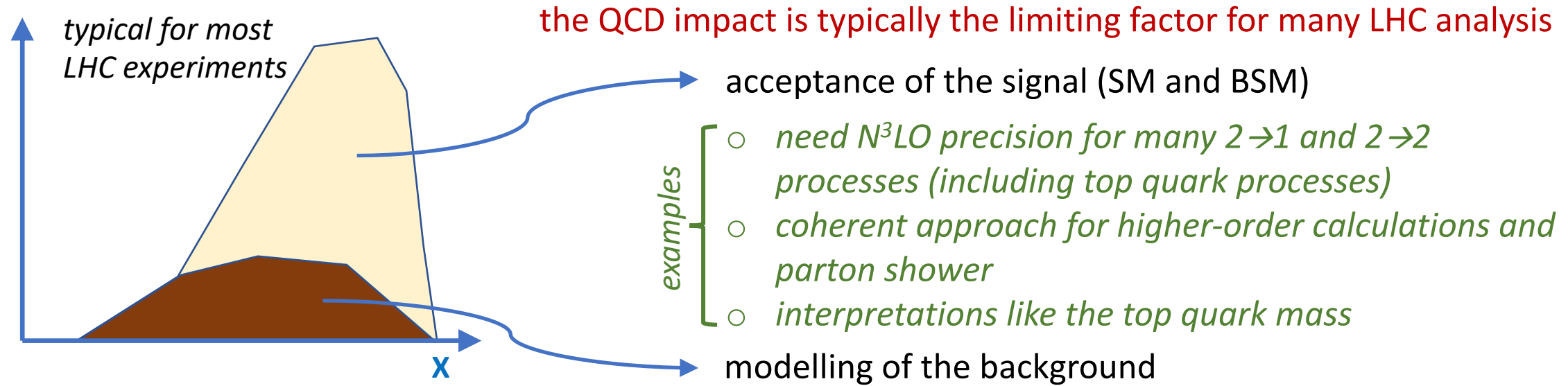
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Lattice QCD comes into the precision era  
 Made possible an essential link between theory and experiment  
 e.g.  $\alpha_s$ , proton radius,  $(g-2)$ , ...  
 e.g. form factors, PDFs, ...  
 e.g. phase-diagram  $T$  vs  $\mu_B$ , ...

# QCD theory for particle physics, i.e. for all other physics themes this week



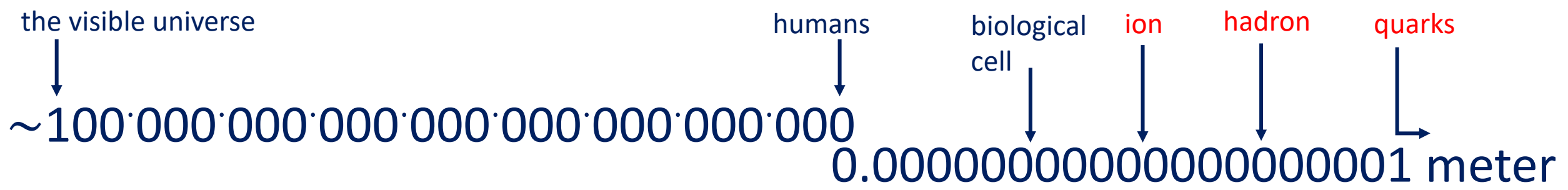
Substantial further theory progress is needed to allow a precise interpretation for a wide range of HL-LHC data

- sustain the strong and concerted support for QCD theory work (e.g. *MCnet* Horizon 2020 network)
- foster a community-wide and long-term close collaboration between the experimental and theoretical communities (e.g. inter-experiment workshops with theoreticians)

**European institutions observe a leading and successful role to face these challenges, and hence have a leading responsibility**



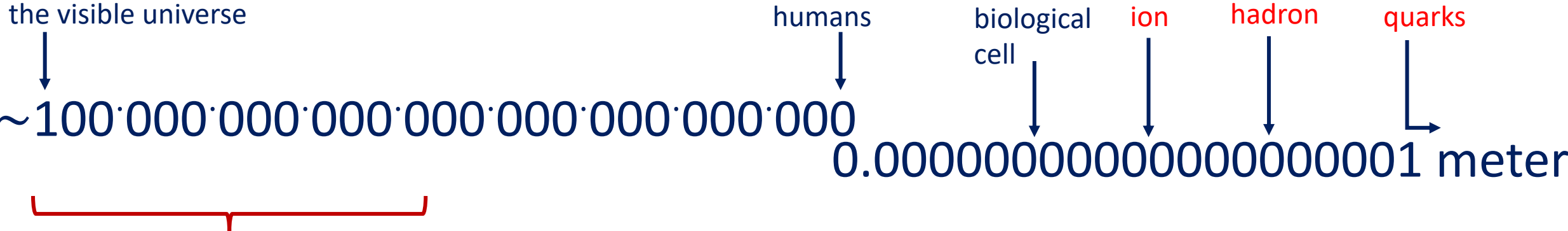
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# Synergy with astro and astroparticle physics



## synergy astro(particle) & particle physics

- *cosmic rays*
- *star formation*
- *detector technologies*
- *hadronic cross sections*
- *neutron stars equation of state*
- *ultrahigh-energy neutrino interactions*









*Strong Interactions*  
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Thank you for your attention

***Back-up***

# *From the previous Physics Briefing Book*

## 5.6 Strategy Issues

The following points could be considered in the discussion on the strategy update:

- For the upgrade of the LHC Pb beam programme after LS2, luminosities of order  $6 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  are essential to reach the proposed physics goals.
- Some of the possible LHC measurements, which are crucial for understanding of strong interactions, require dedicated low-pileup running. The resulting loss in the total luminosity is expected to be small.
- Dedicated analysis, taking into account all relevant experimental and theoretical aspects, should be performed to give quantitative estimates of the PDF accuracy which can be ultimately reached with the LHC data. This is required for comparison with LHeC capabilities, against the background of the exact requirements of HL-LHC for PDF uncertainties, which should be established as well.
- The LHeC project offers, in addition to the PDF studies motivated by LHC needs, a very rich and diverse physics programme by itself. If the project is to be considered as one of the future collider options, dedicated effort towards the preparation of a Technical Design Report is needed.
- The fixed-target programme at CERN gives a very valuable contribution to research in strong interaction physics. It offers unique measurement possibilities which can not be covered at other facilities.

# “Big Questions” on Open Symposium website

- What are the experimental and theoretical pre-requisites to reach an adequate precision of perturbative and non-perturbative QCD predictions at the highest energies?
- What can be learned from beams-on-target experiments at current and potential future (pre-)accelerators to test strong interactions?
- How to probe the QGP equation of state and to establish whether there is a 1st order phase transition at high baryon density?
- What is known about the make-up of the proton (mass, radius, spin, etc.) and how to extract it?
- What is the role of strong interactions at very low and very high (up to astrophysical) energies?

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- perturbative and non-perturbative QCD
- DIS
- Heavy Ions

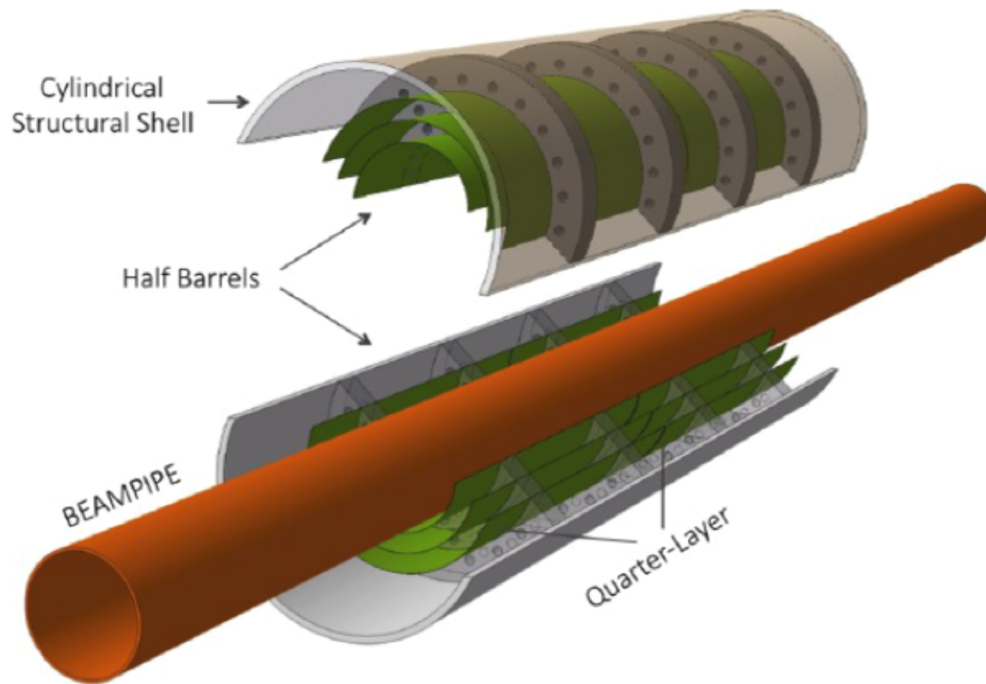


# The upgrade of ALICE for Run4 @ HL-LHC: AA/pA

slide from Johanna Stachel

## Proposed ITS3 in ALICE

3 layers of stitched CMOS MAPS sensors of up to 508 cm<sup>2</sup>  
with 56 M pixels (30 x 30 μm<sup>2</sup>)



near-term realization  
of this technology in a  
running experiment will  
revolutionize vertexing

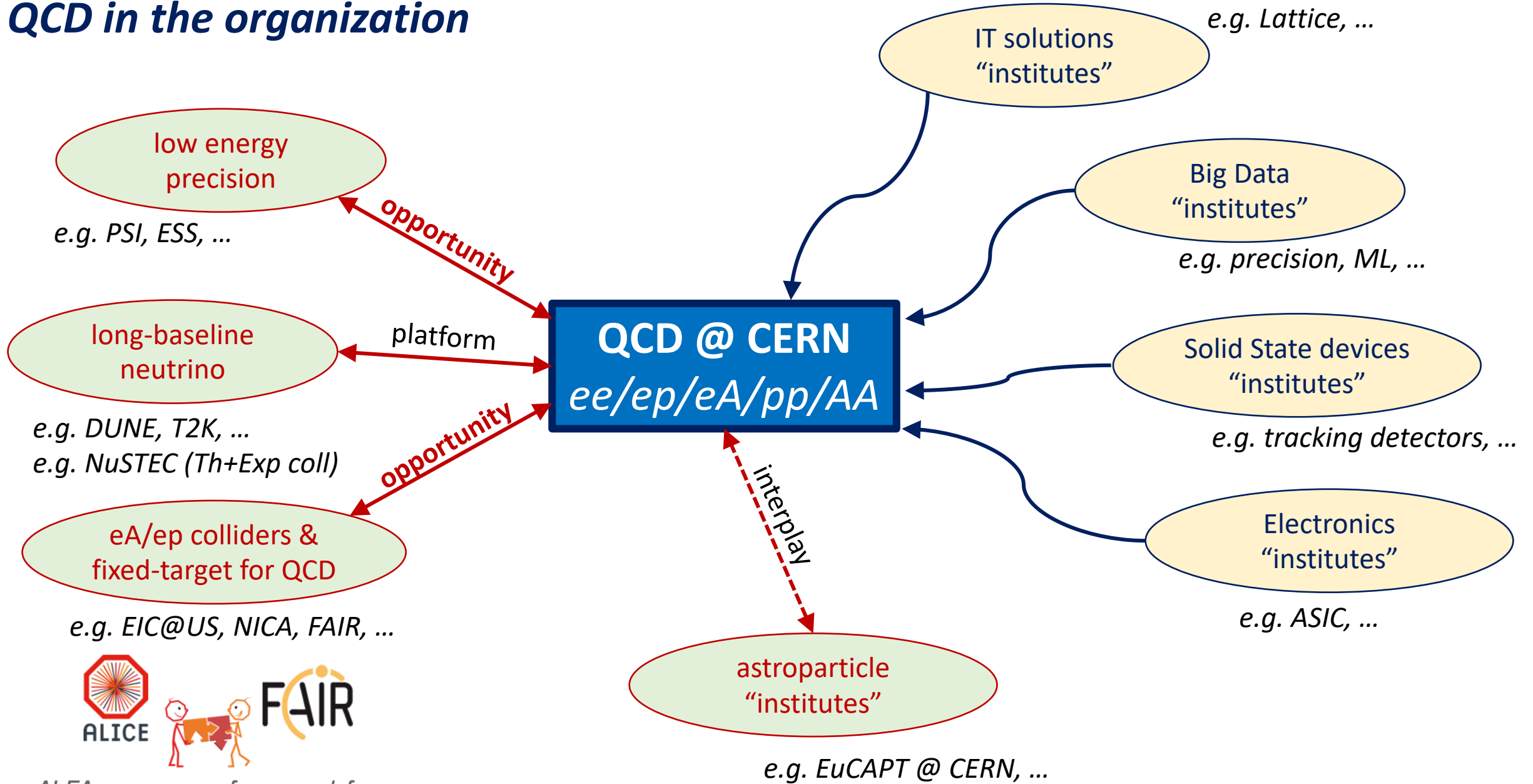


Ultra-thin chip (<50 μm): flexible with good stability

expression of interest for an ALICE ITS upgrade in LS3 – ALICE-PUBLIC-2018-013

# QCD Organization

# QCD in the organization



ALFA - a common framework for ALICE and FAIR experiments

