

FASER experiment

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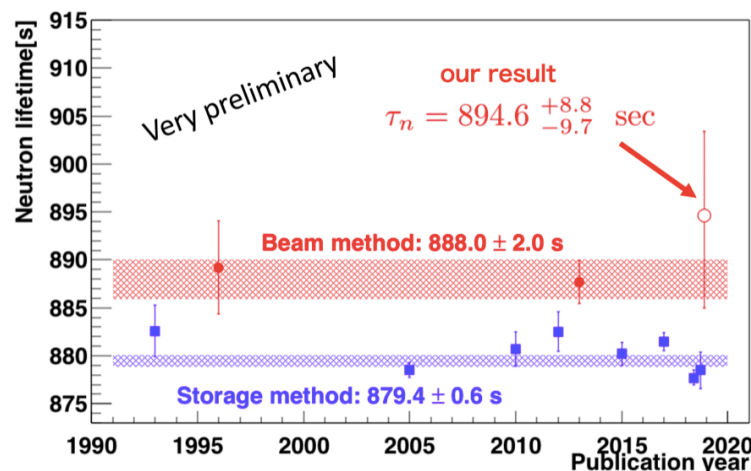
Introduction of myself

Master course:

- Development of Geiger-mode silicon photon counter called MPPC or SiPM especially for properties at 77K.

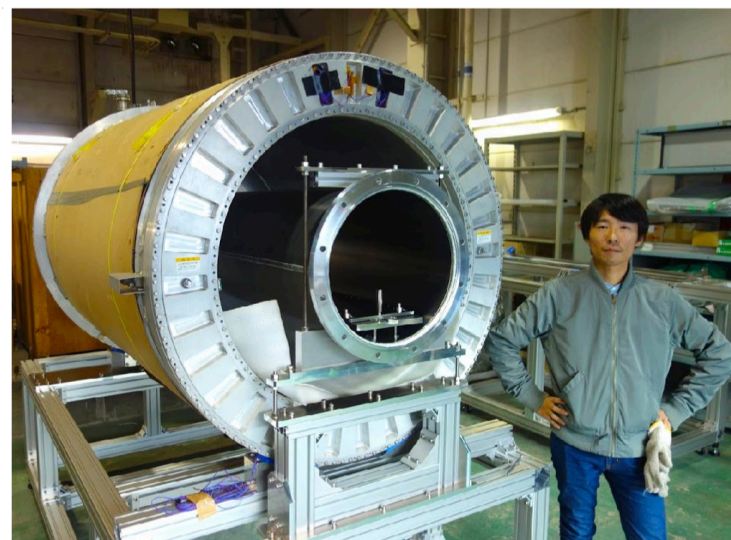
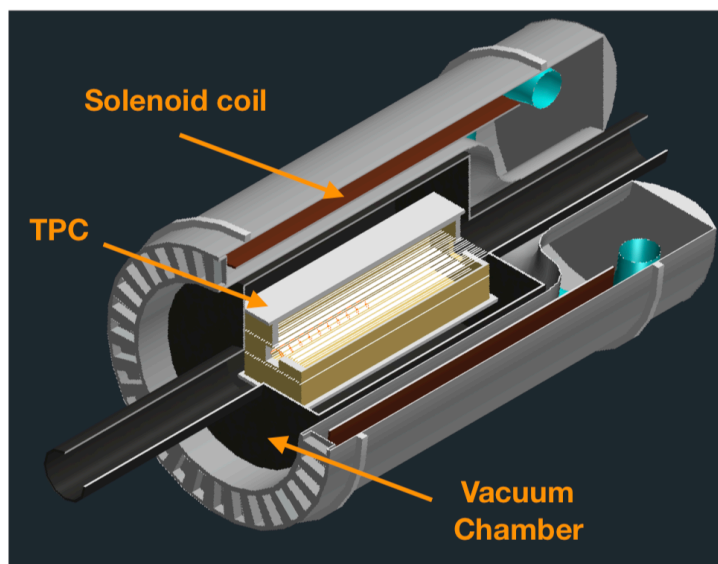
Doctor course:

- Development of TPC for neutron lifetime measurement at J-PARC.



LiNA experiment since 2016

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2016.05.042>



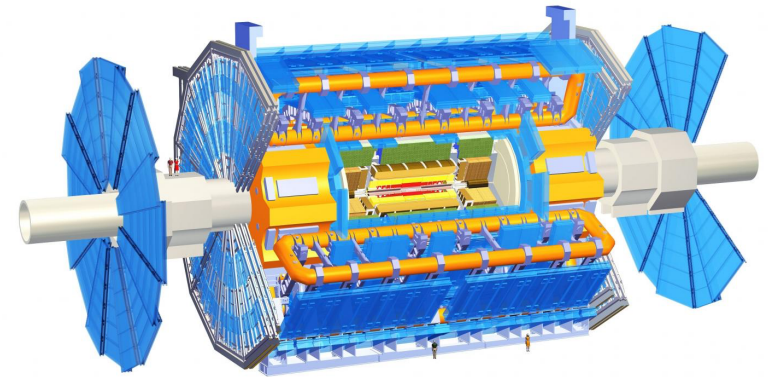
A new idea for neutron lifetime:

- TPC with superconducting magnet to reduce gas-induced background.
 - Spare magnet for BESS (balloon experiment around 2000)

Commissioning in KEK now

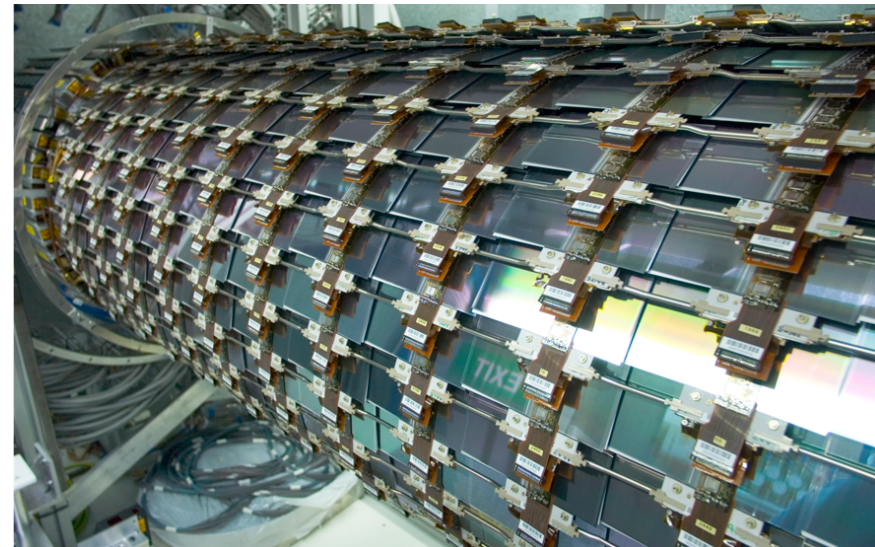
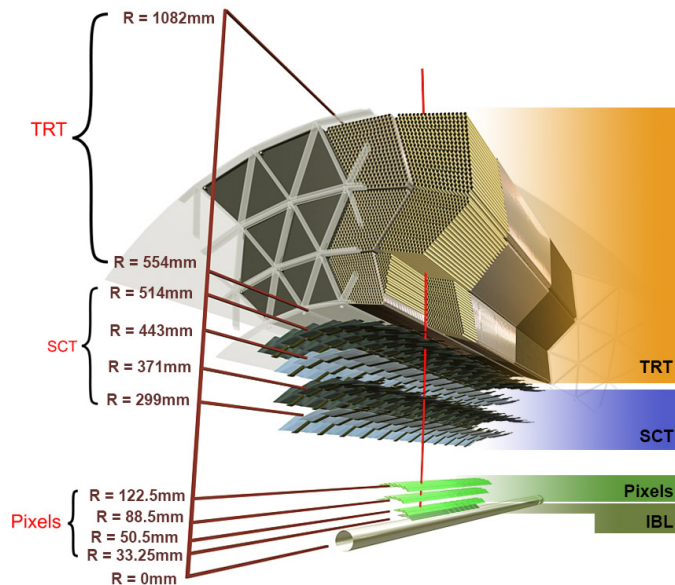
- Aiming to bring to J-PARC in this autumn for the first beam

ATLAS experiment since 2013

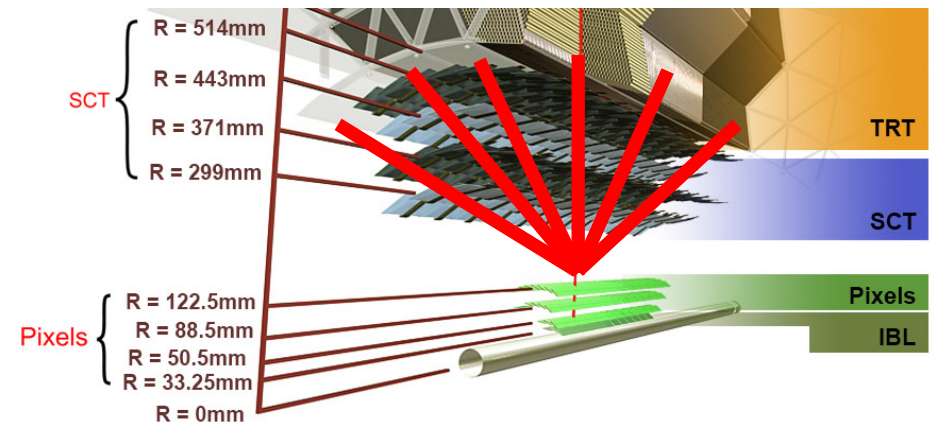


Operation of silicon strip detector (SCT)

- ~99.9% DAQ/DQ efficiency throughout Run2 (2015-2018)
 - Two times higher instantaneous luminosity
- Data taken has been served for all physics analysis
 - Higgs, new particle search, standard model...



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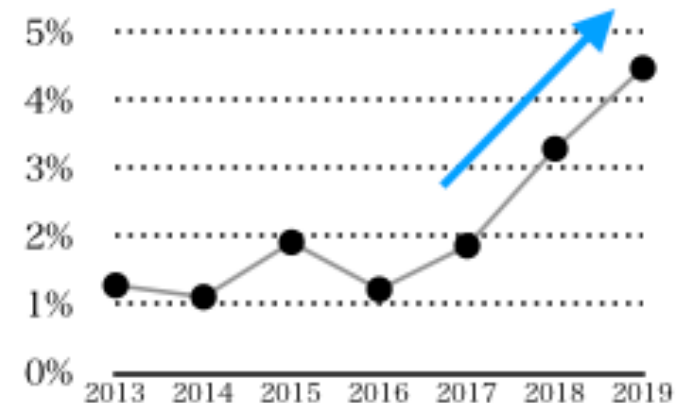


Search for long-lived new particles making displaced vertex

- Run1 full data : the first search using MET trigger - [1504.05162](#)
- Run2 2016 data : the first search targeting compressed region - [1710.04901](#)
 - Based on work with Satoshi and Natsumi for co-annihilation - 1504.00504 and 1506.08206
 - Have prepared more ideas to exploit full potential of LHC - 1703.09675 and so on

Not so much people were interested in long-lived particle, but getting popular nowadays:

- Organize annual workshop in Japan
 - <http://www.hep.phys.titech.ac.jp/atlas/llp2017/>
 - <http://www.hep.phys.titech.ac.jp/atlas/llp2018/>
- Being prepared for 2019 now



Fraction of article in arXiv
including “long-lived” and “LHC”

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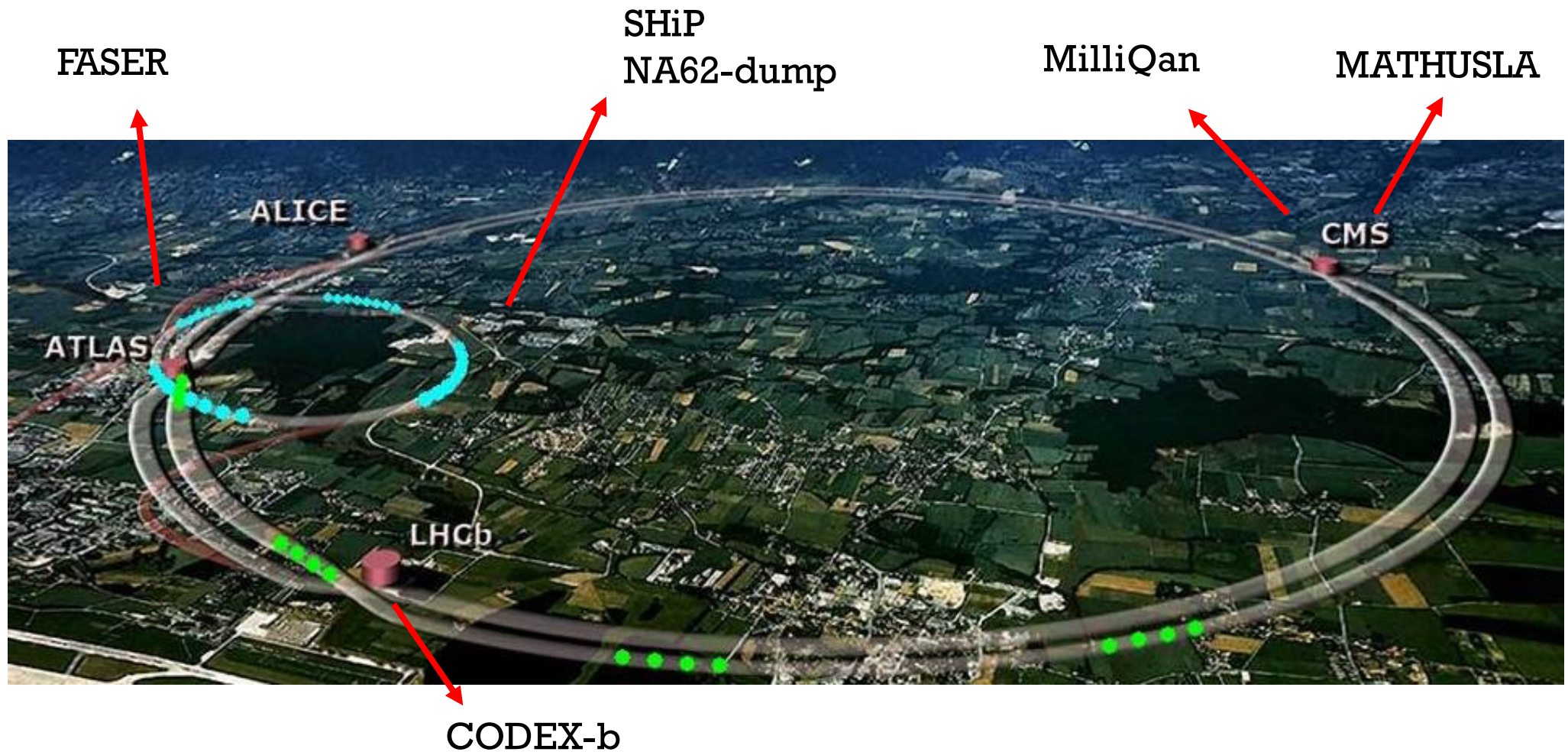
After Higgs discovery...



No significant new physics from LHC yet,
despite of shortcomings in SM, e.g.,

- Neutrino masses
- Dark matter
- Baryon Asymmetry of Universe

Examples of recently proposed experiments in CERN



Every experiment keeps (or boosts) momentum to get started ASAP !

New light particle ?

At the LHC, new physics searches focus on high p_T .

- Best approach for **heavy, strongly** interacting particles.

However, if new particles are **light** and **weakly** interacting, this may be completely misguided.

- Long-lived particle would be produced.

FASER is a proposed experiment designed to cover this scenario at the LHC.

Getting started from ~2018

FASER: ForwArd Search ExpeRiment at the LHC

Jonathan L. Feng, Iftah Galon, Felix Kling, Sebastian Trojanowski

(Submitted on 30 Aug 2017 (v1), last revised 14 Jun 2018 (this version, v3))

arXiv:1708.09389



LoI submitted to LHCC on Jun 18th

Letter of Intent for FASER: ForwArd Search ExpeRiment at the LHC

FASER Collaboration, Akitaka Ariga, Tomoko Ariga, Jamie Boyd, David W. Casper, Jonathan L. Feng, Iftah Galon, Shih-Chieh Hsu, Felix Kling, Hidetoshi Otono, Brian Petersen, Osamu Sato, Aaron M. Soffa, Jeffrey R. Swaney, Sebastian Trojanowski

(Submitted on 26 Nov 2018)

arXiv:1811.10243

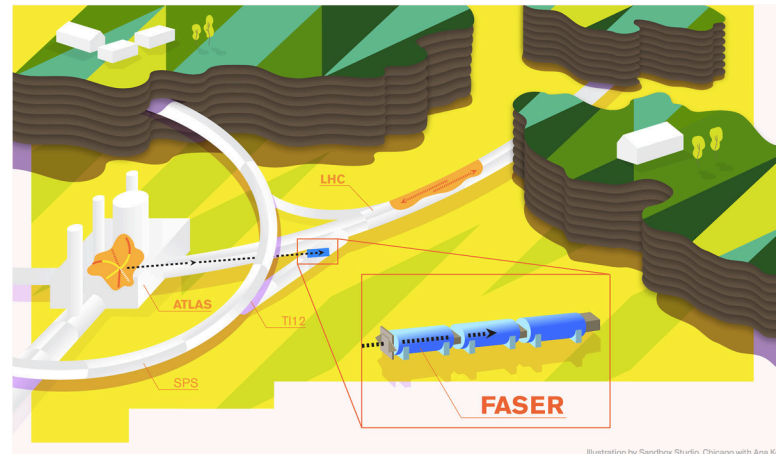


Technical proposal submitted to LHCC on Oct 26th

Approved by CERN on 7th March

FASER: CERN approves new experiment to look for long-lived, exotic particles

The experiment, which will complement existing searches for dark matter at the LHC, will be operational in 2021



<https://www.symmetrismagazine.org/article/a-tiny-new-experiment-at-the-lhc>

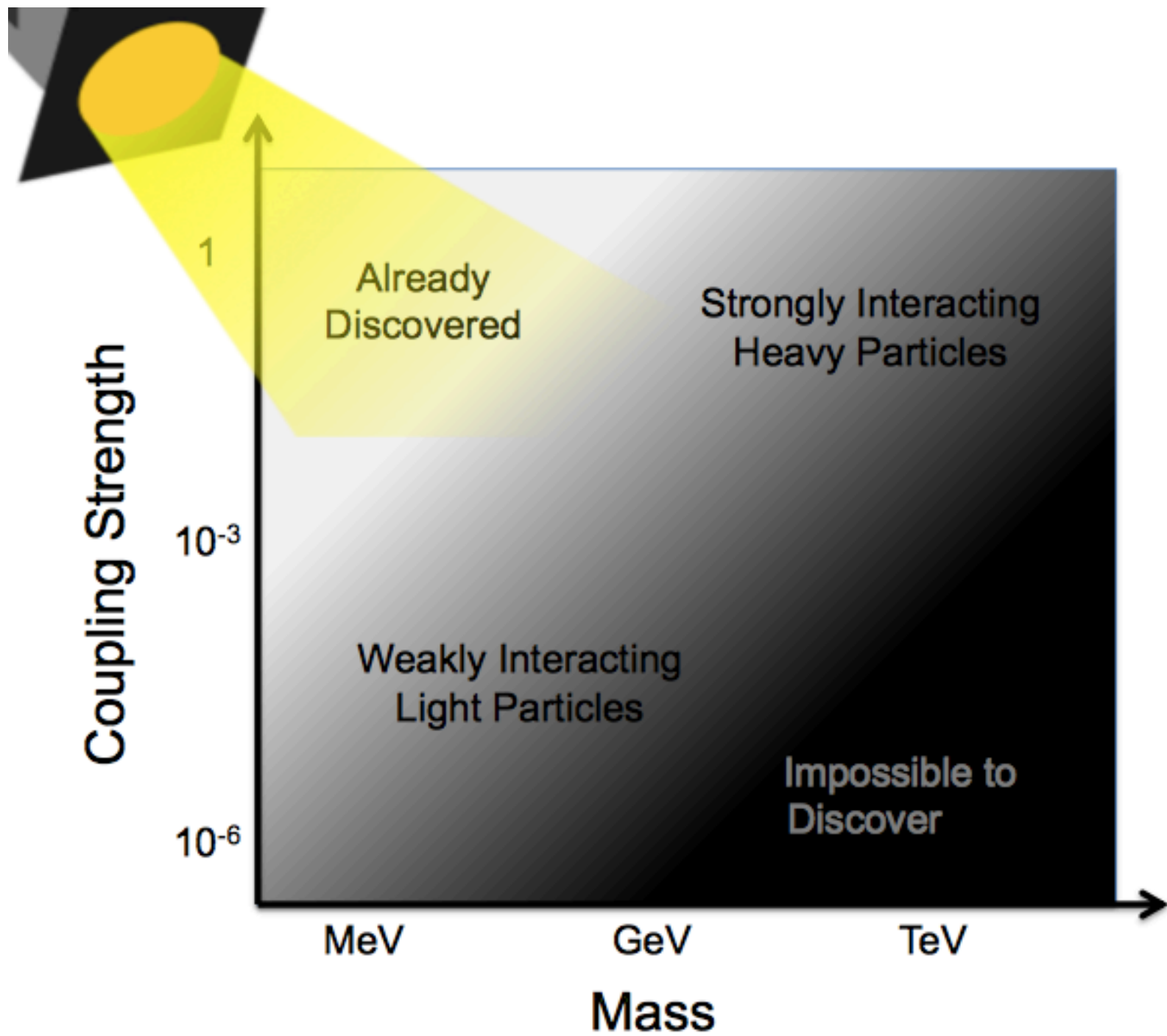
FASER is funded by the Heising-Simons Foundation and the Simons Foundation.

Current collaboration

The FASER Collaboration: 35 collaborators, 16 institutions, 8 countries

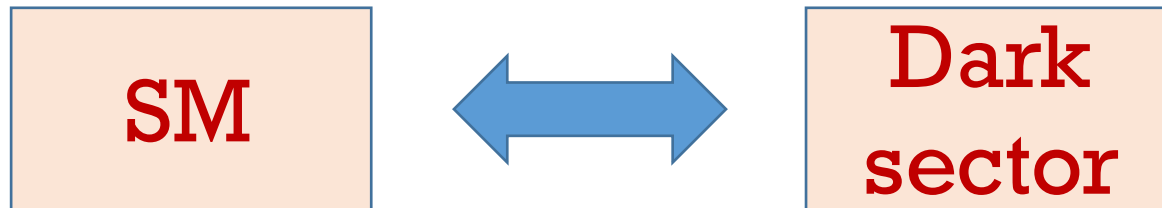
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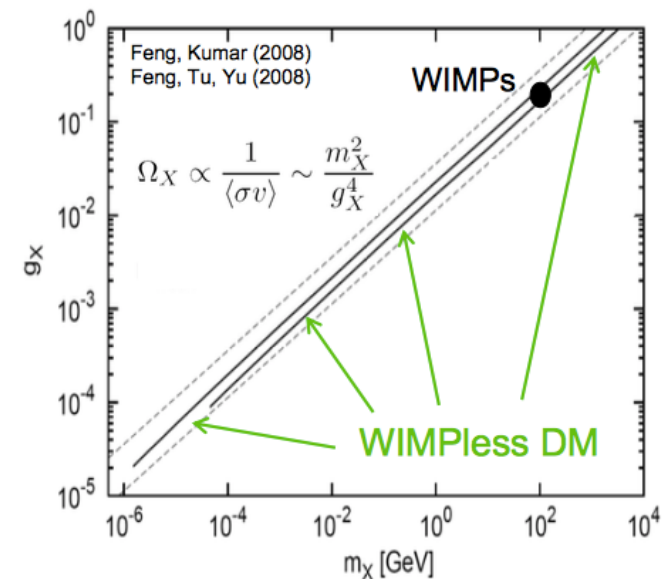


Physics : Dark sector

The idea of dark matter has been recently generalized to dark sectors.



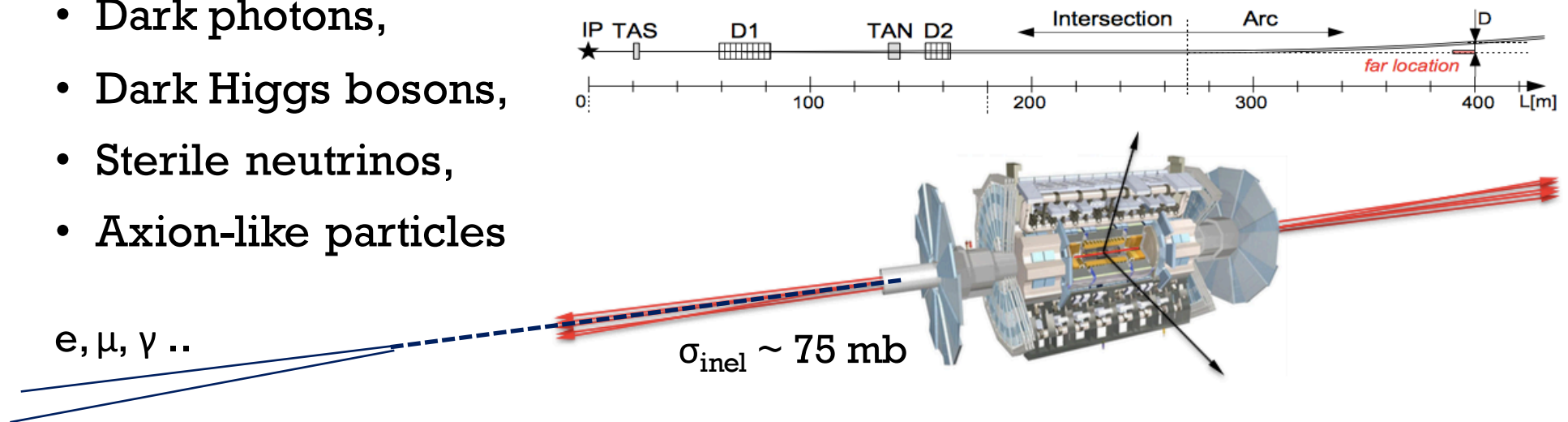
Vector portal
Higgs portal
Neutrino portal
Axion portal
...



FASER experiment

Search for various long-lived particles produced in the forward direction of ATLAS, e.g, in rare meson decay:

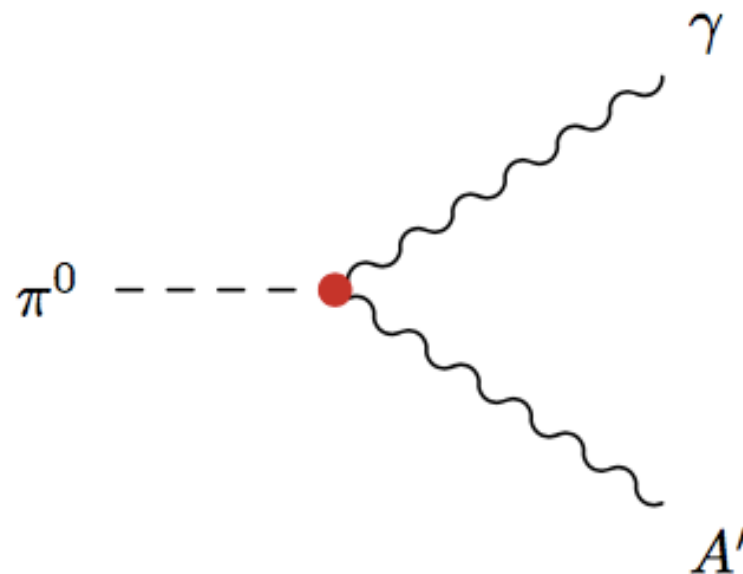
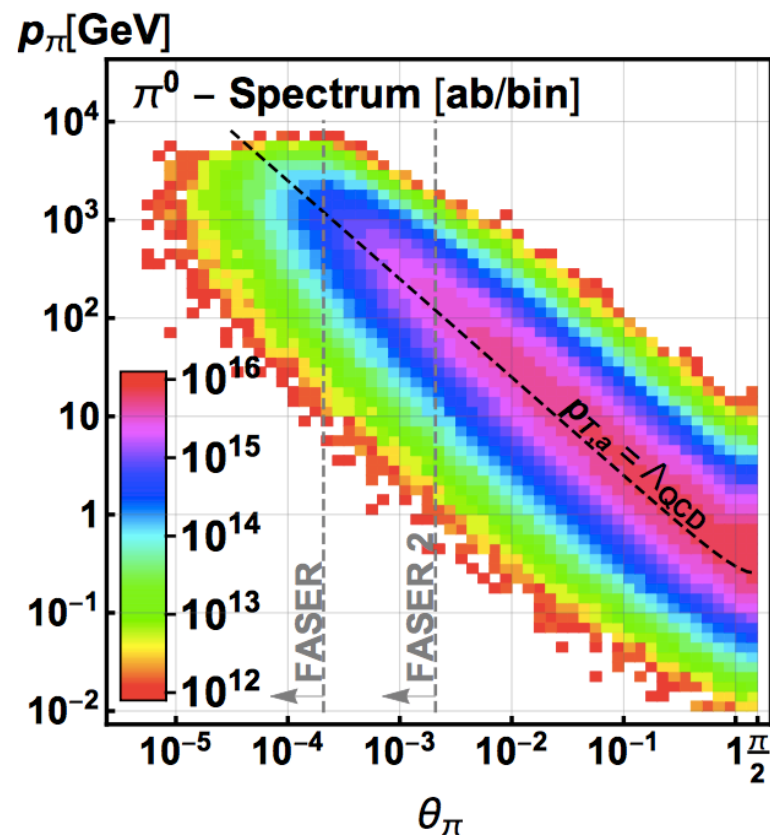
- Dark photons,
- Dark Higgs bosons,
- Sterile neutrinos,
- Axion-like particles



Highly-collimated ($\text{mrad} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/\text{TeV}$) along the beam axis:

- Even at 400m, ϕ 20 cm detector provides good sensitivity for NP.
- Neutrinos are also arrived.

Dark photon properties



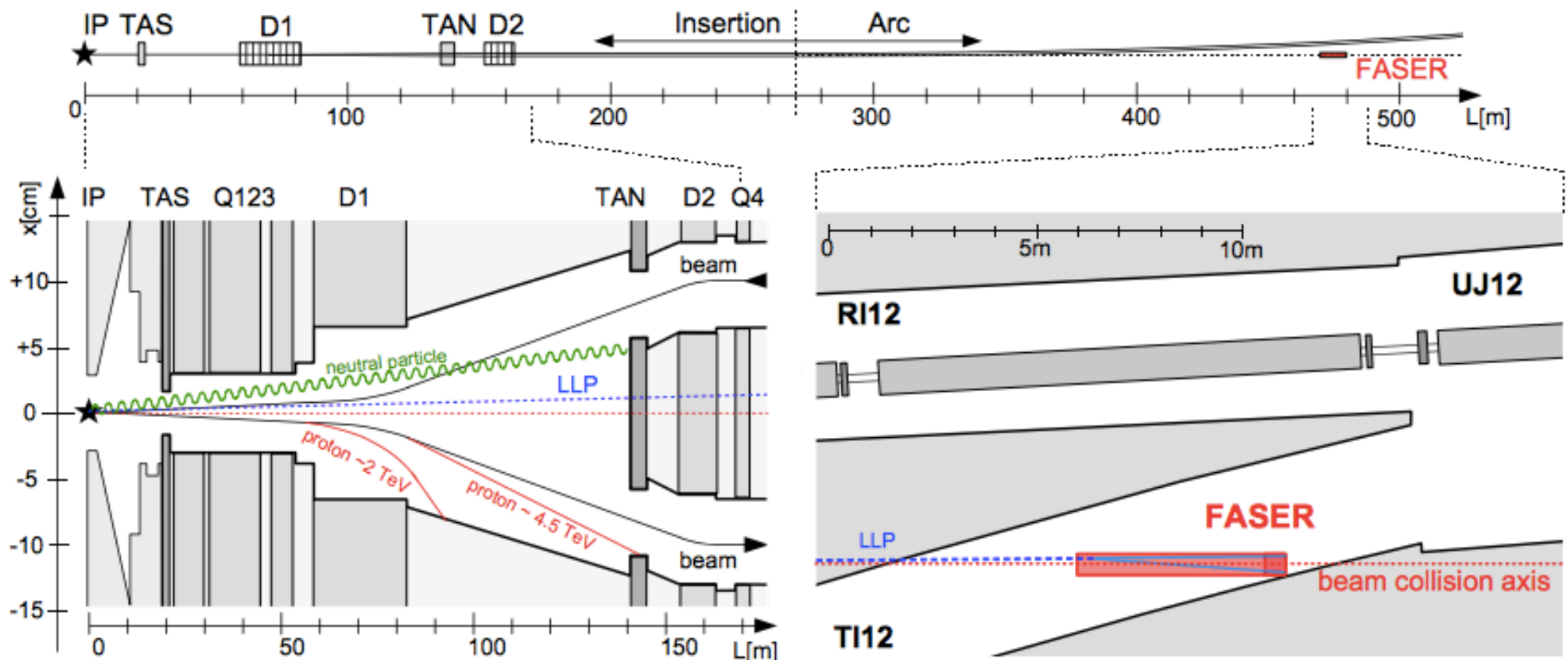
Long lifetime : $\bar{d} = c \frac{1}{\Gamma_{A'}} \gamma_{A'} \beta_{A'} \approx (80 \text{ m}) B_e \left[\frac{10^{-5}}{\epsilon} \right]^2 \left[\frac{E_{A'}}{\text{TeV}} \right]$

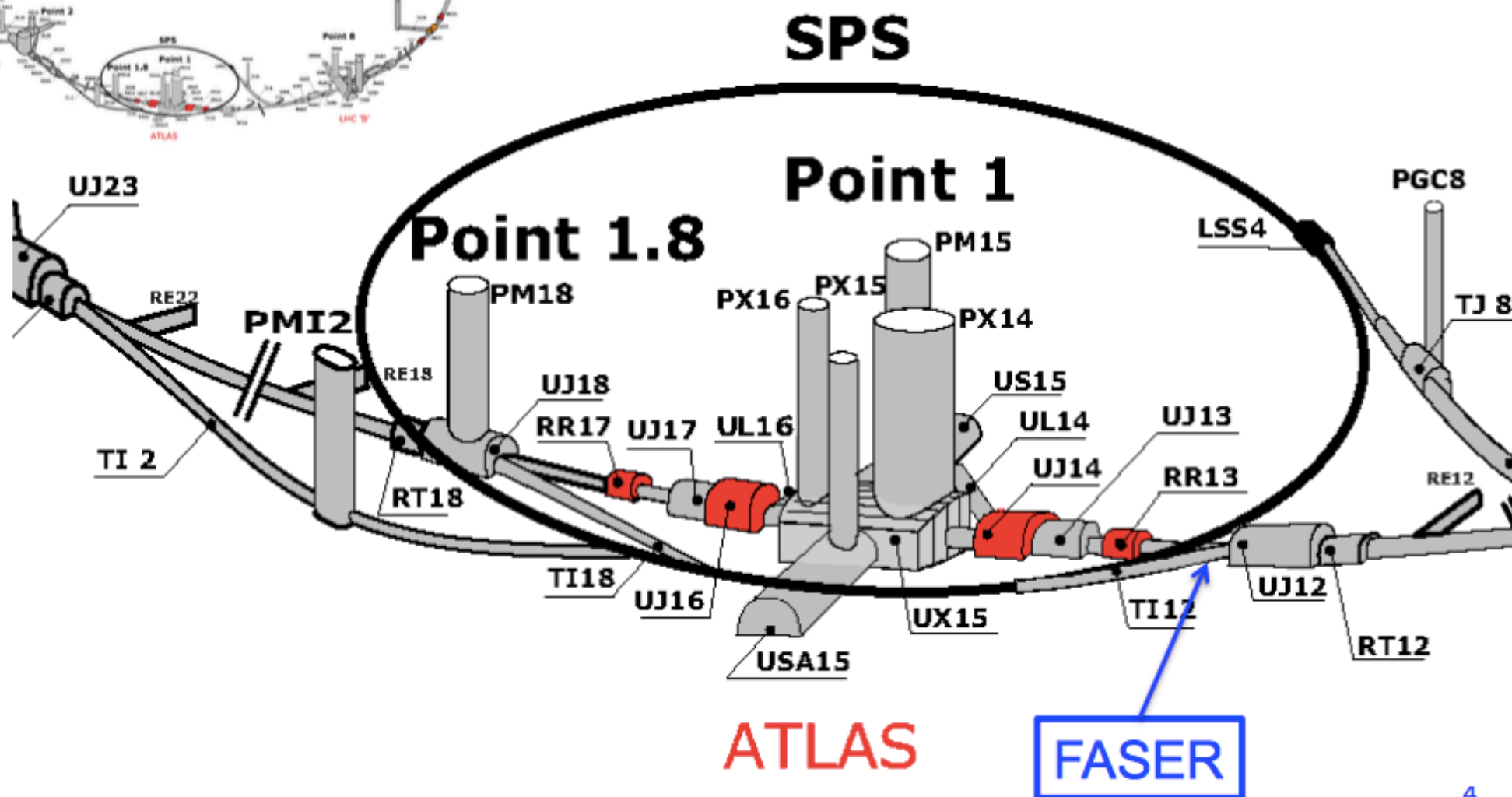
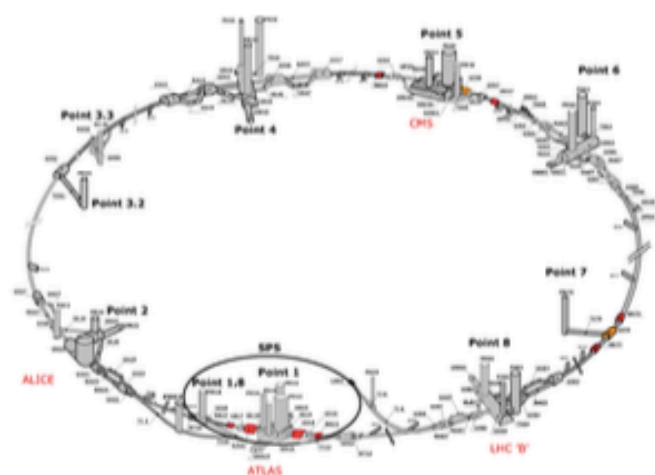
Decay to pair of electron / muon / pion

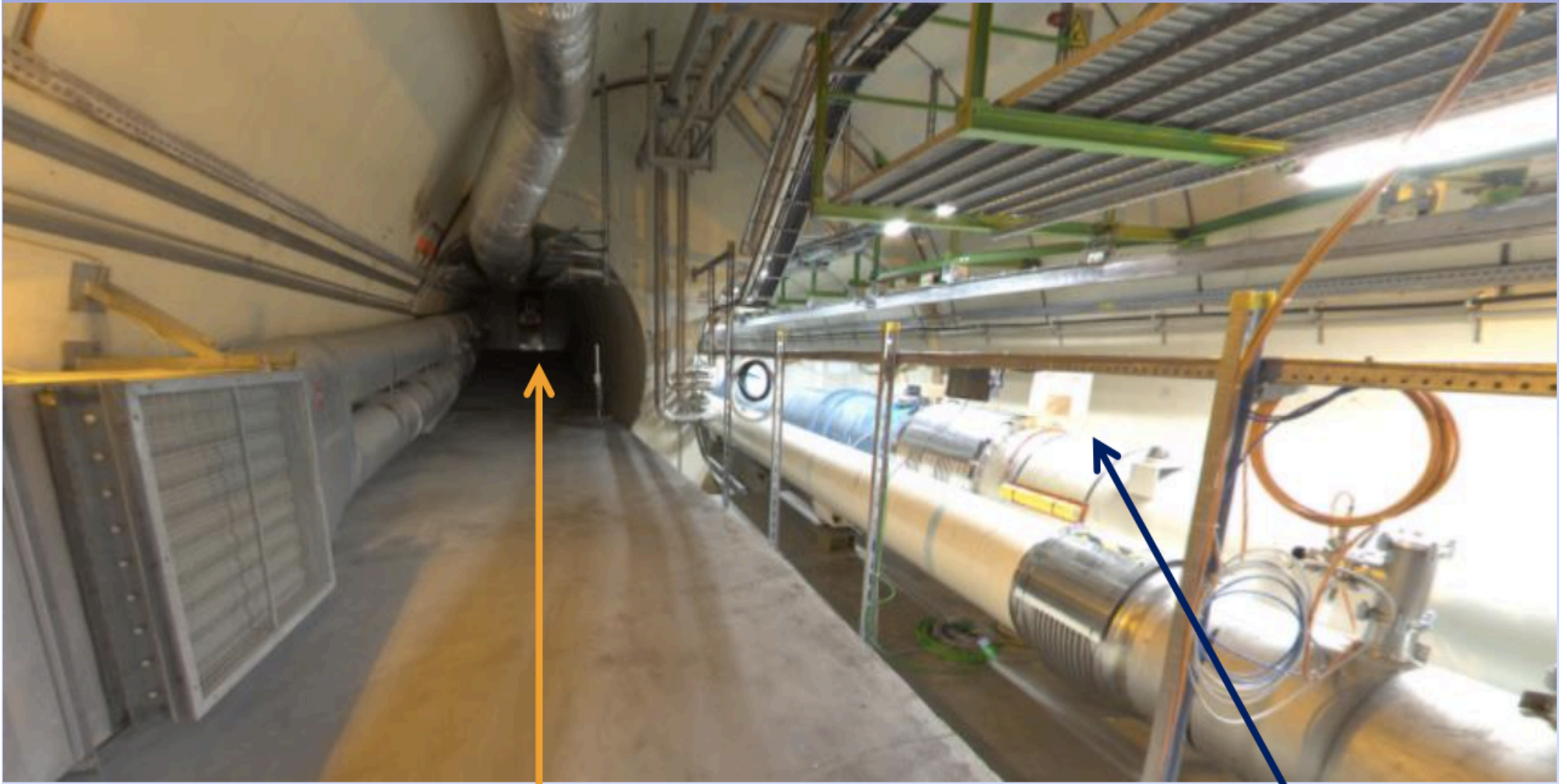
Location : Service tunnel T11 2

FASER should be placed along the beam collision axis.

- T112 is 400 m away from IP, which has not been used for experiments.

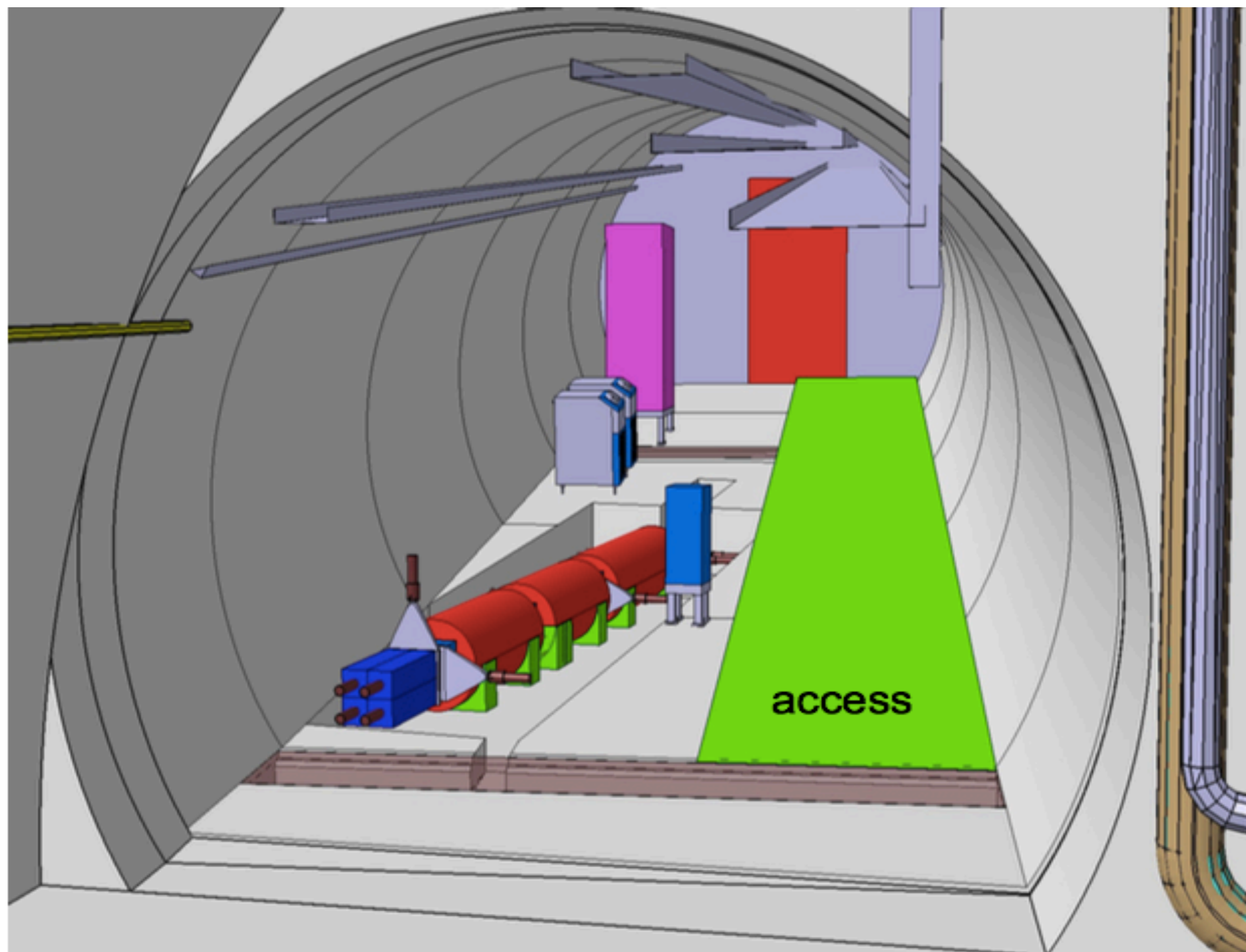




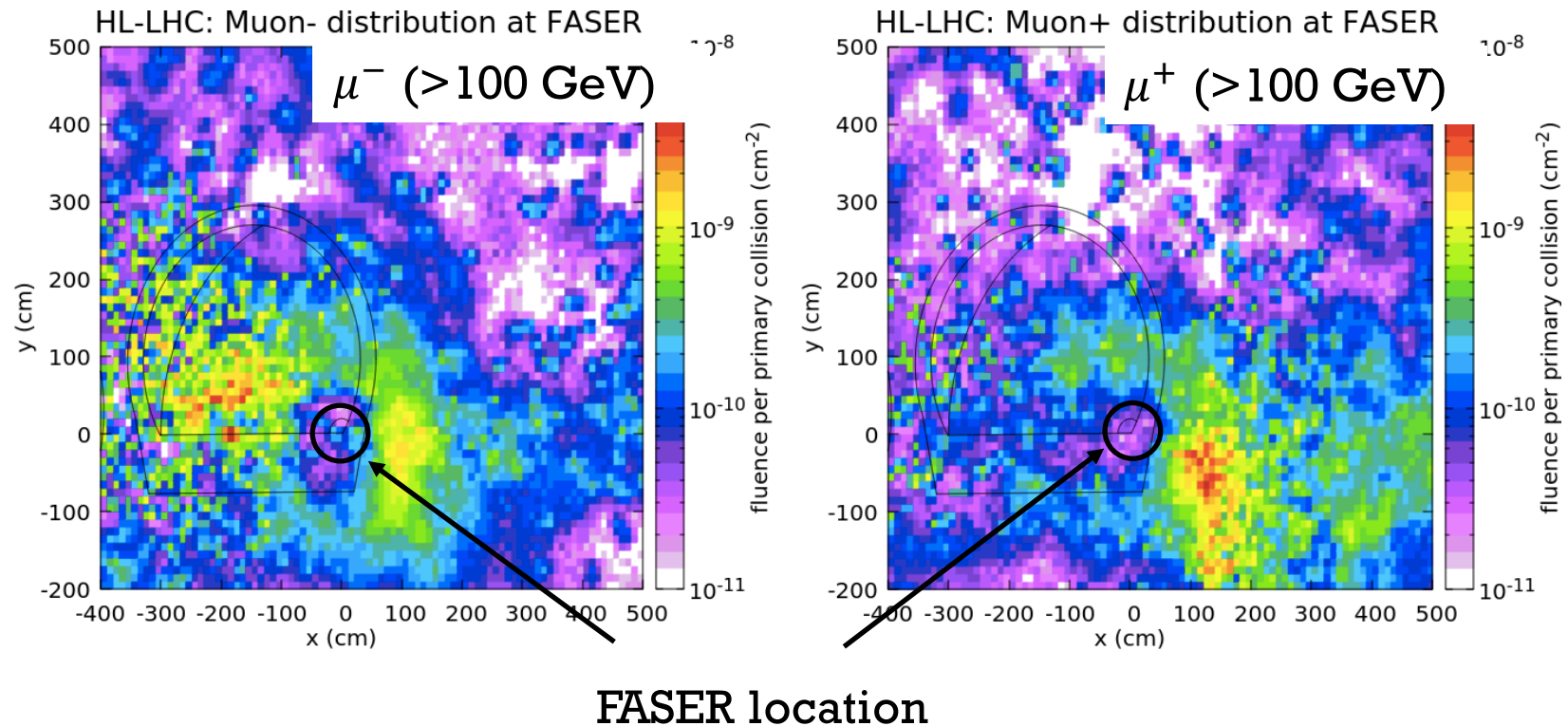


Experimental area – floor will
be lowered by ~ 50 cm.

LHC main tunnel



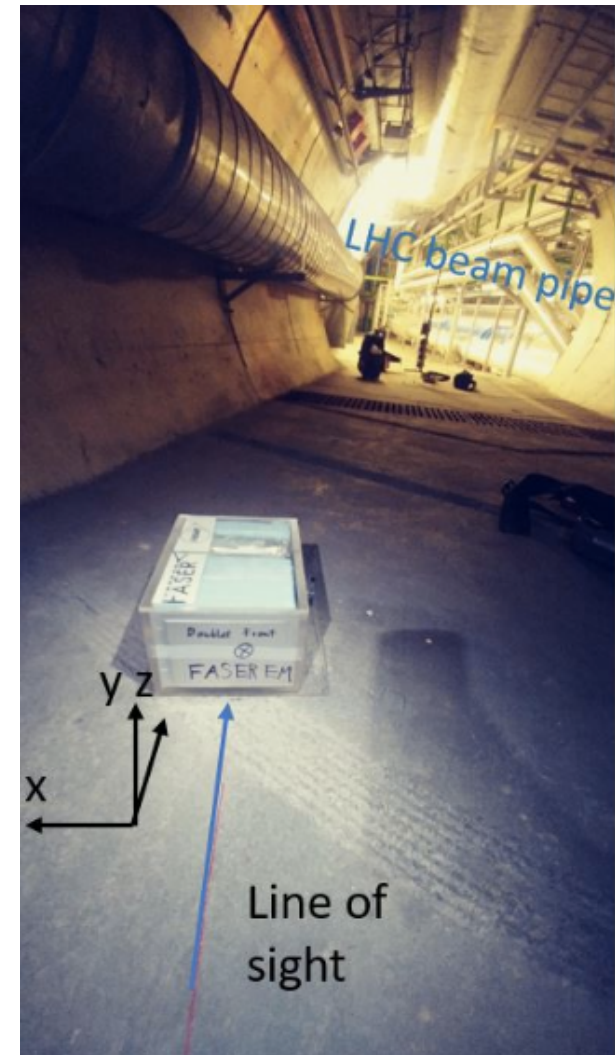
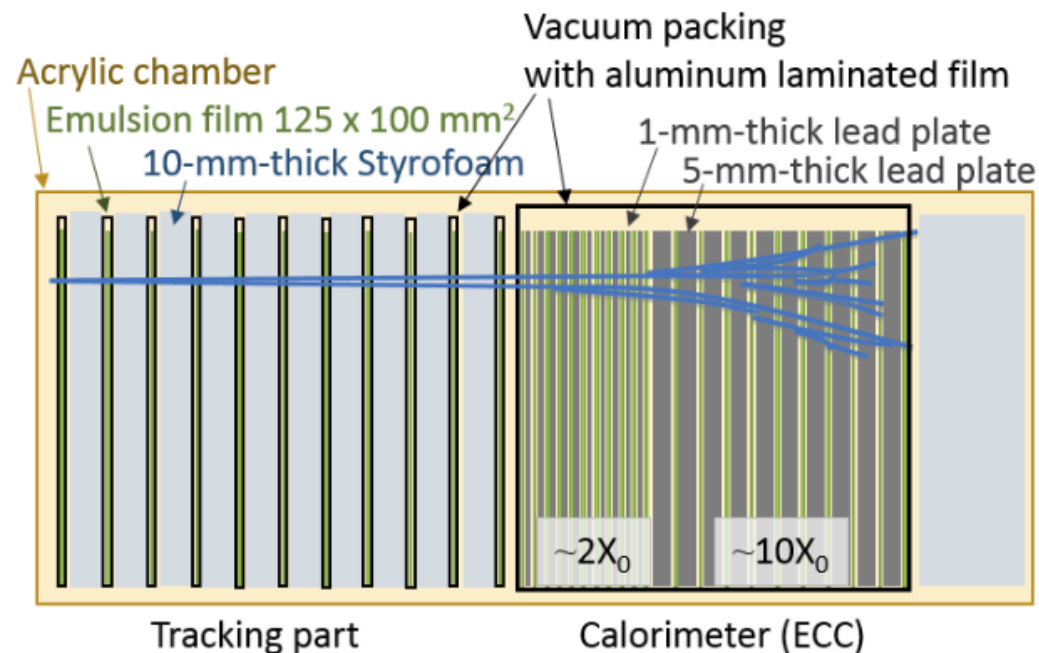
Simulation for background

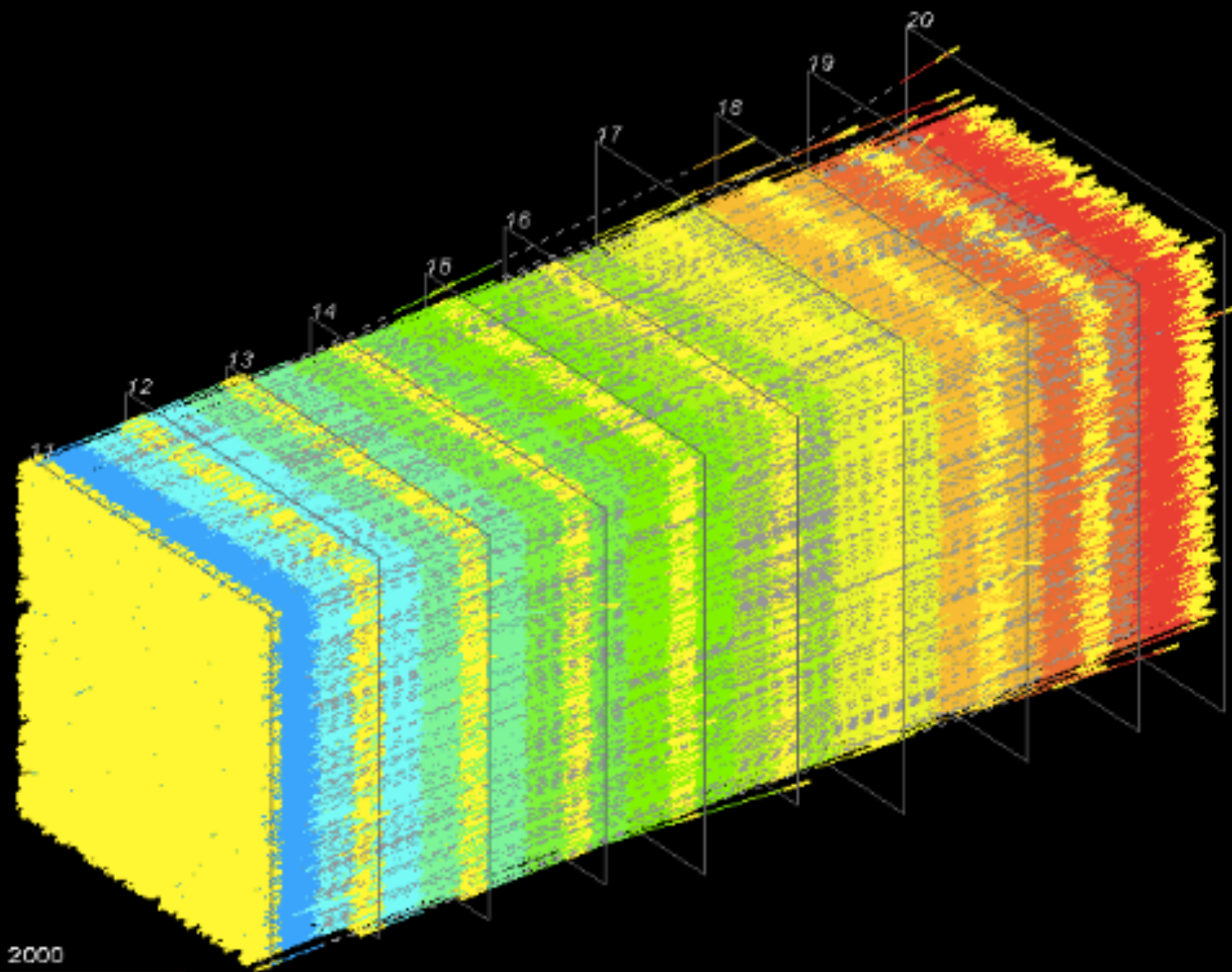


Due to bending from LHC magnets, muon flux on LOS is reduced:
 μ^- tend to be bent to the left, μ^+ to the right of FASER.

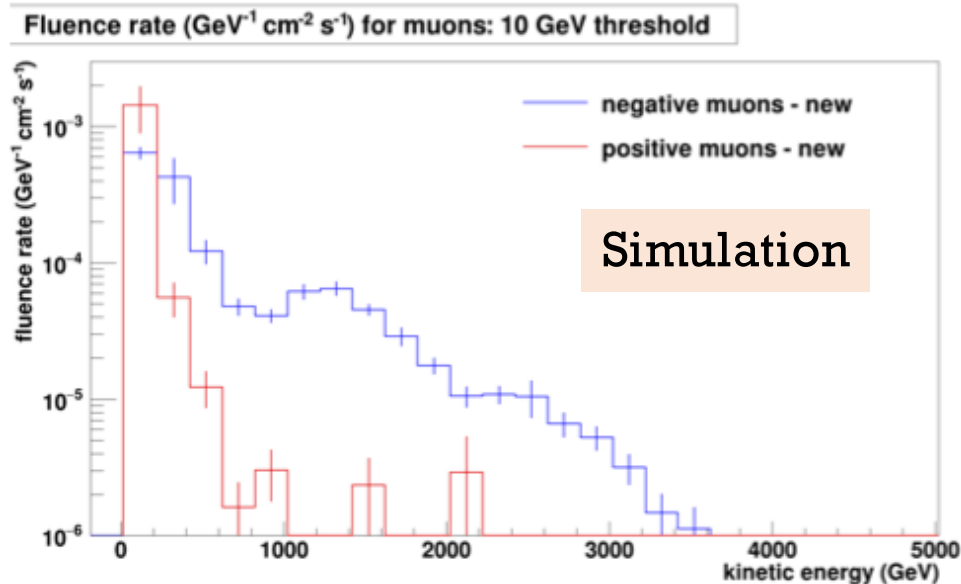
Background measurement

Emulsion detector was installed in June/September 2018 in tunnel, and developed/scanned in Bern University



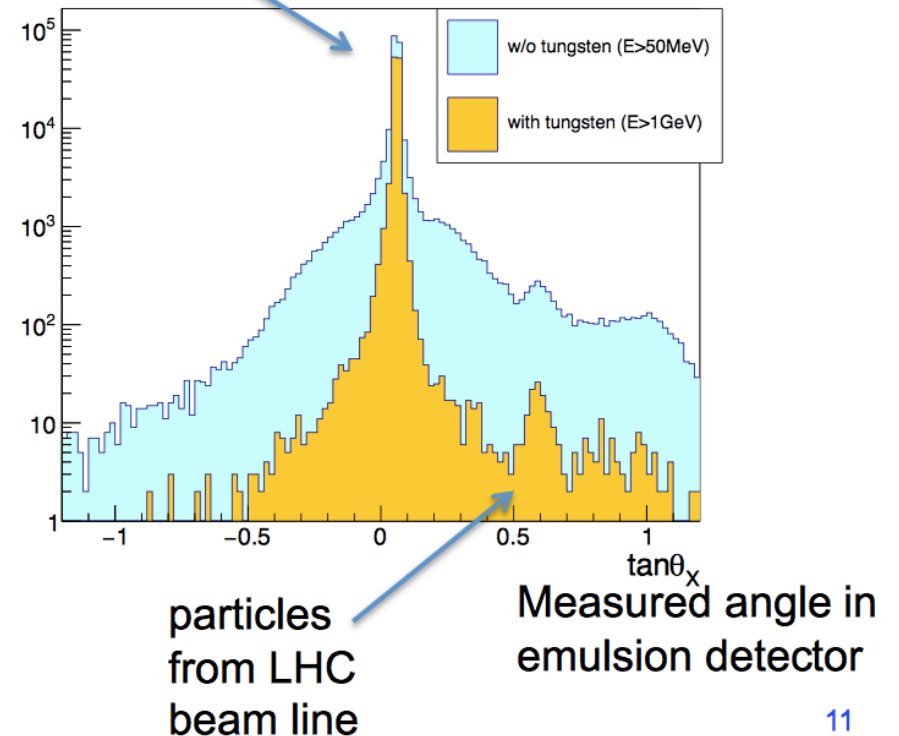


Very low background level



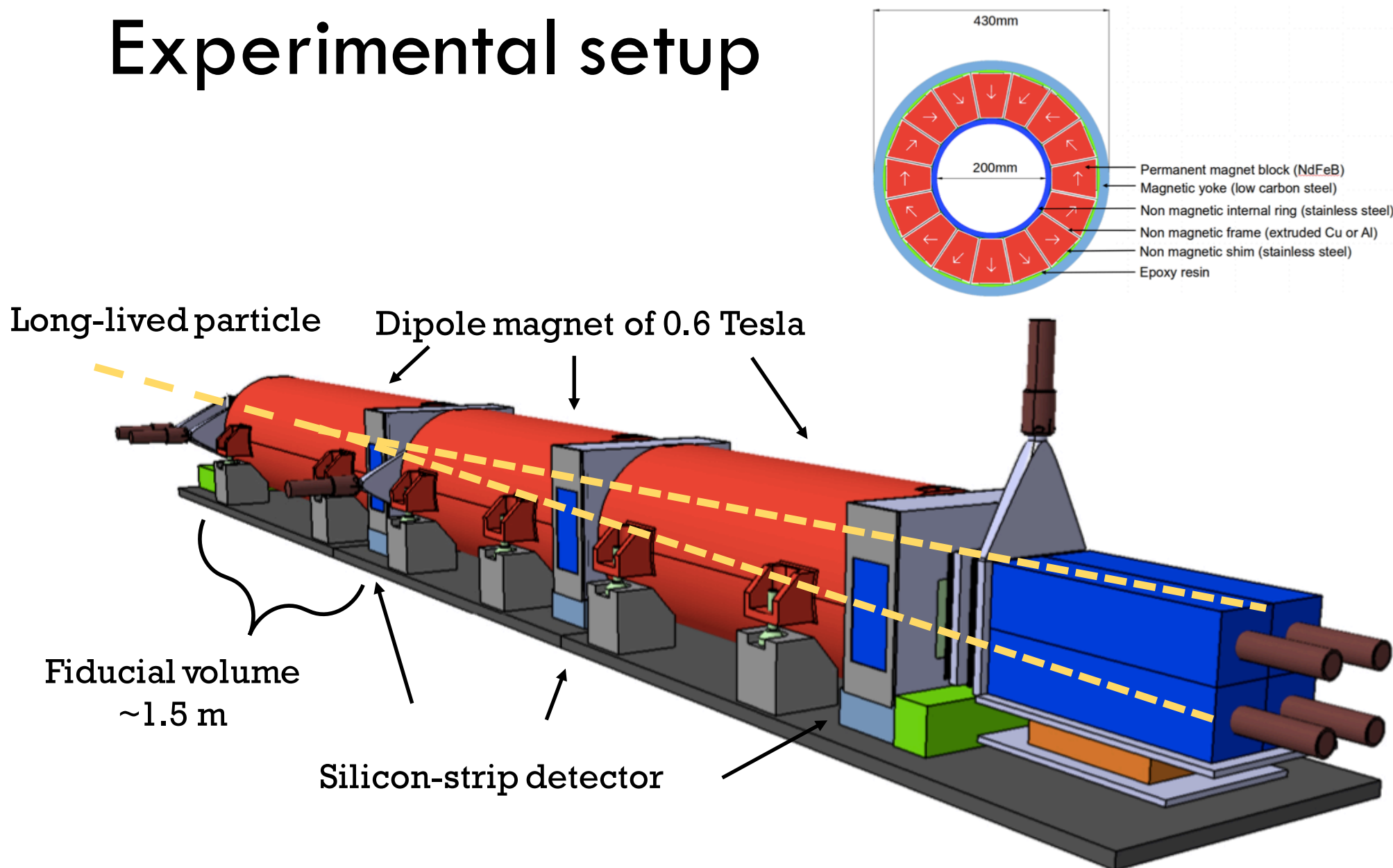
particles from IP1

measurment



Good agreement with FLUKA simulation :
 $0.2 \text{ Hz} / \text{cm}^2$ at nominal LHC operation

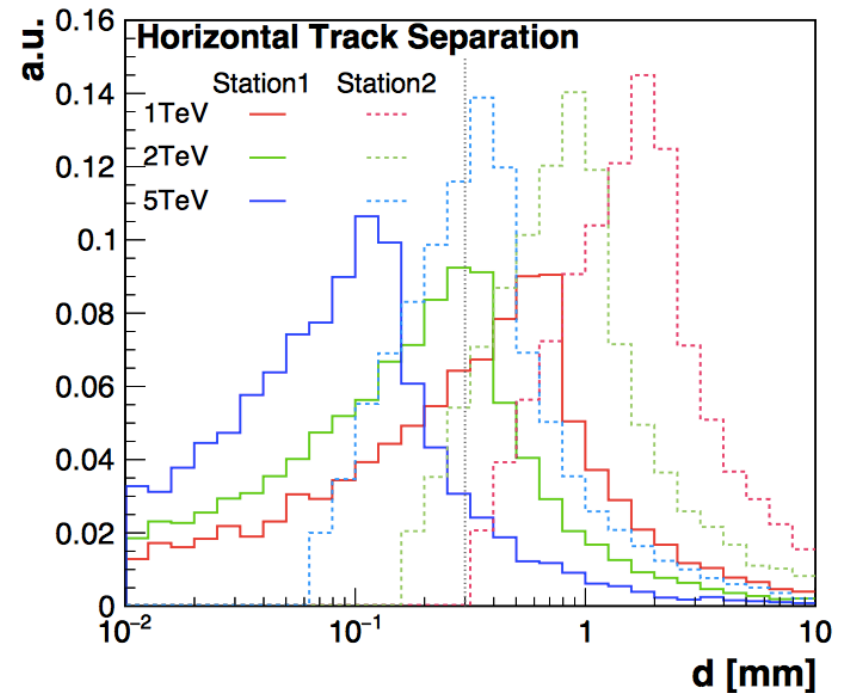
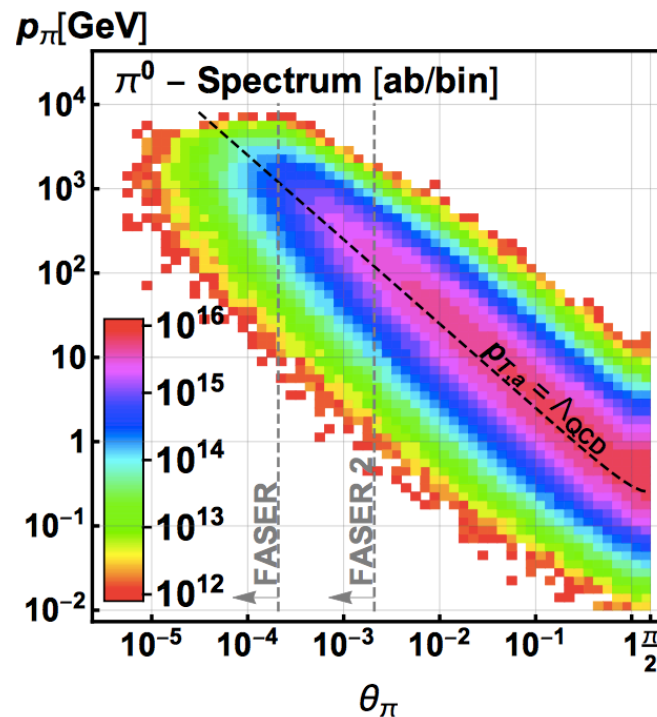
Experimental setup



Signature of long-lived particle

For example,

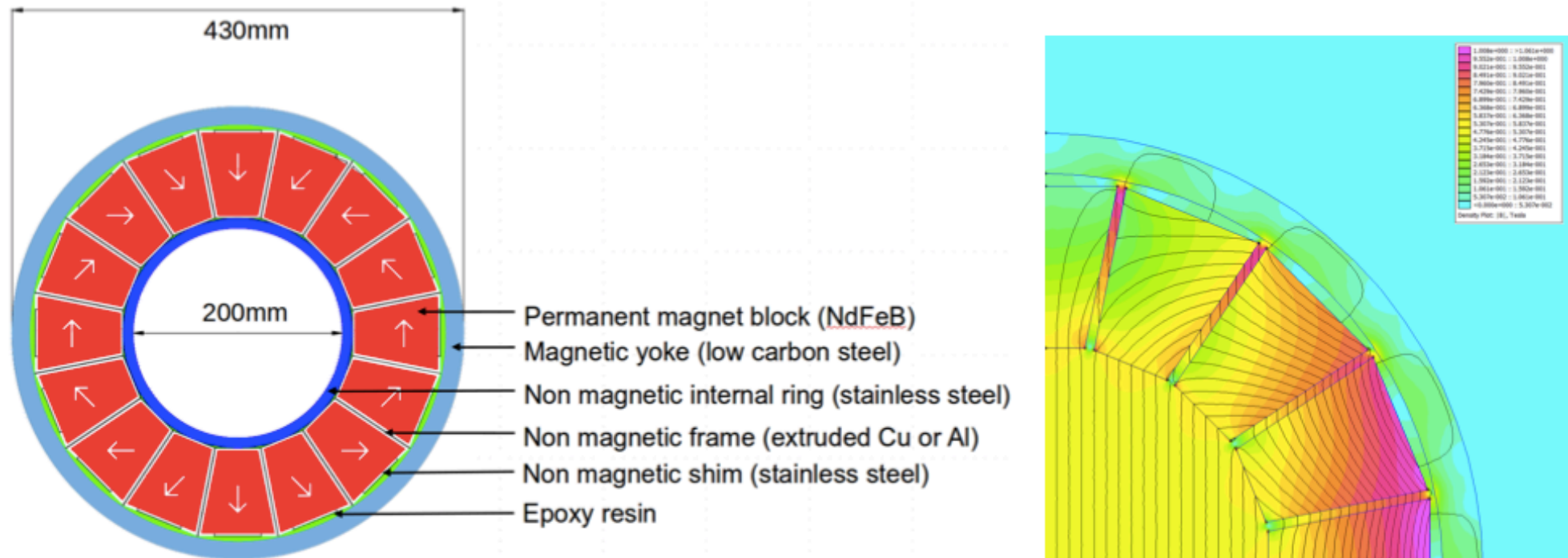
- Dark photon : collimated $\mu\mu$ / ee / $\pi\pi$ pair
- Axion like particle : collimated $\gamma\gamma$ pair



Tracker should have resolution of well below 1mm, and cover $\sim 1\text{m}^2$

⇒ Silicon strip detector would be the best candidate

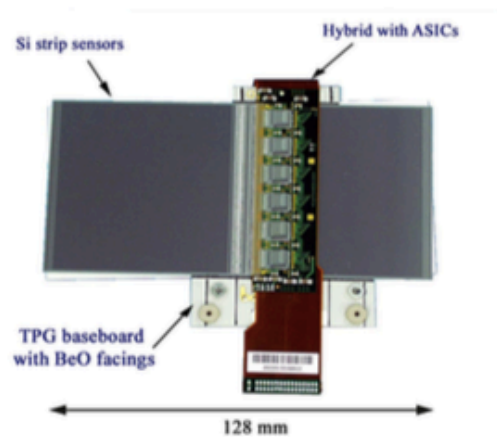
Permanent magnet (0.6 Tesla)



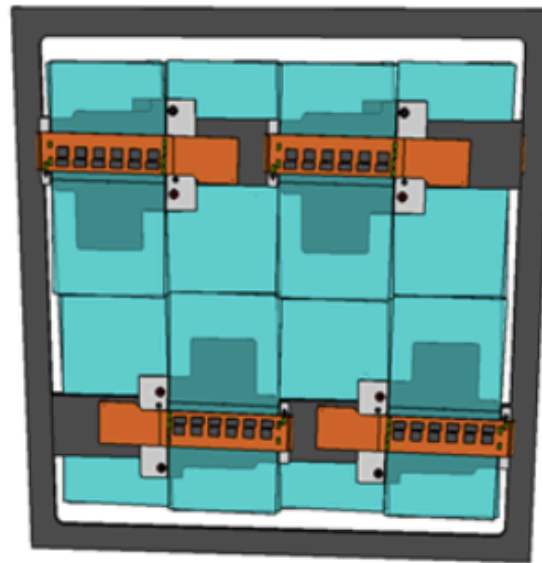
0.6 Tesla dipole-type permanent magnet

- Enough to separate two particles;
- Thin magnet part to make aperture bigger;
- No need of powering/cooling;

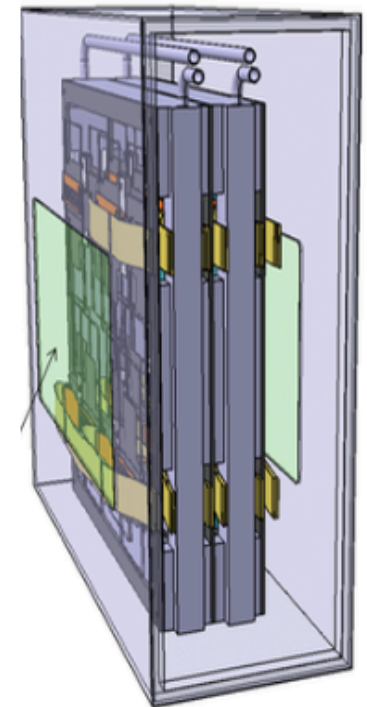
Silicon strip tracker



SCT module



Tracking layer



Tracking station

9 layer (3 x 3 station) of ATLAS SCT modules

- Each modules has two strip sensors with angle of 40 mrad
- 768 strips with 80 μm pitch
- 12 ASIC per module mounted for readout

SCT spare modules for Barrel

According to the SCT barrel module paper, ~225 spare modules ($2582 * 0.905 - 2112$) should be stored.

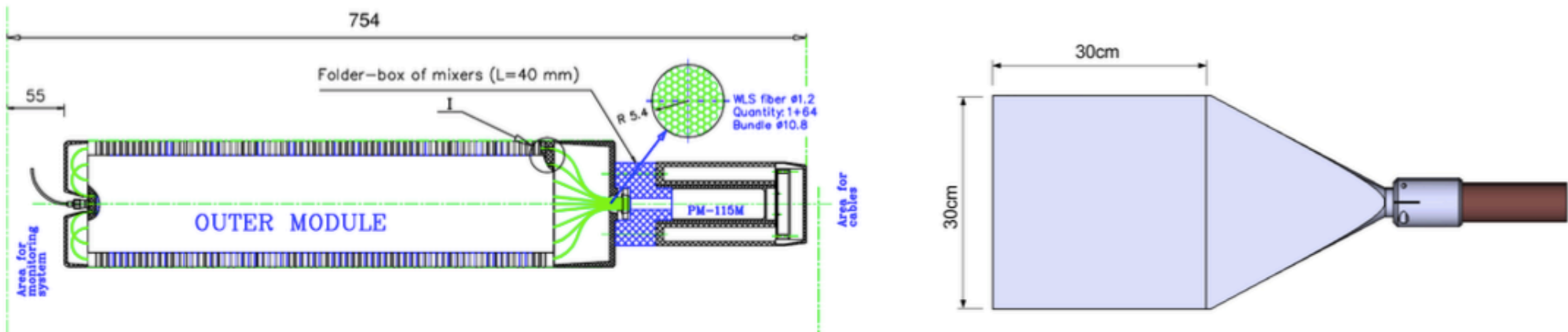
The R&D, prototyping and construction phases have been successfully completed for the barrel module project of the ATLAS SemiConductor Tracker. A total of 2582 modules have been constructed in four different SCT cluster locations during a two-year period of series production. The overall yield of modules with satisfactory mechanical and electrical performance is 90.5%. The required 2112 modules, to full ATLAS electrical and mechanical specification, have been mounted on the four barrel structures of the SCT. Module performance on the individual barrels, measured immediately after assembly, shows no degradation, with 99.8% good channels in the readout, low leakage currents and the predicted thermal performance.

<http://cds.cern.ch/record/974073/files/indet-pub-2006-005.pdf>

- 196 modules are already found in CERN.

FASER had agreement to use 80 modules.

Calorimeter / Scintillator



- FASER will have an ECAL for:
 - measuring the EM energy in the event
 - electron/photon identification
 - triggering
- Will use 4 spare LHCb outer ECAL modules
 - Many thanks for LHCb for allowing us to use these!
 - Provides $\sim 1\%$ energy resolution for 1 TeV electrons
- Scintillators used for vetoing charged particles entering the decay volume, and for triggering
 - To be produced at CERN scintillator lab

Expected schedule

Full detector should be installed in May 2020.

- Prototype is being manufactured now.
 - e.g, patch panel, interlock, power supply, cabling for tracker
- Integration would be started from beginning of September
 - Two months for fixing any issues, and starts full production
- All components for detector would be ready by end of this year

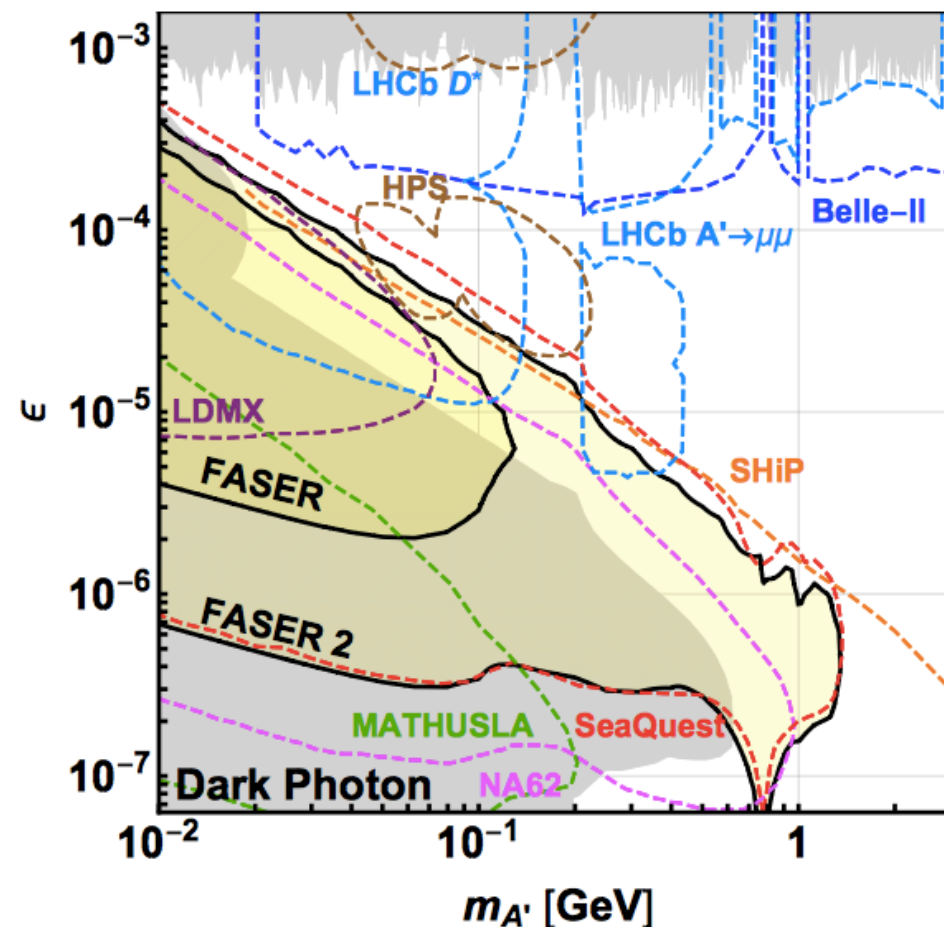
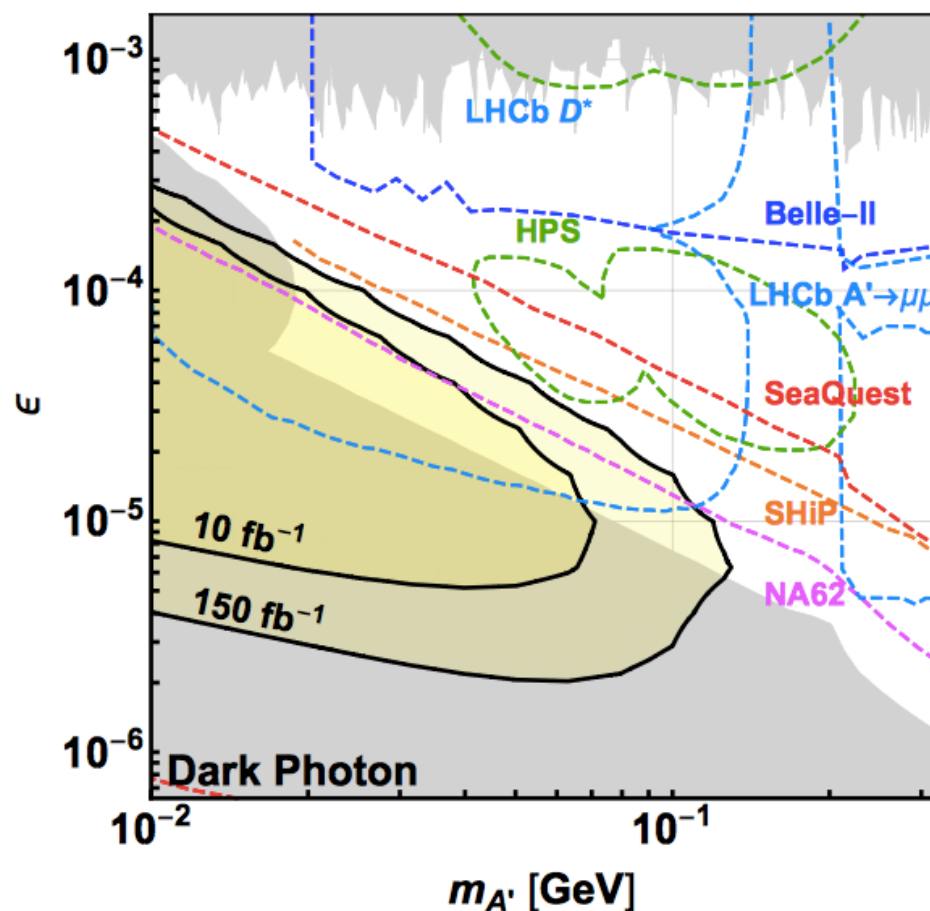
The first dipole magnet will be arrived around January

- Integrated with tracker and scintillators
- Commissioning needs to be finished by May 2020.

Very tight schedule !!!

Expected sensitivity

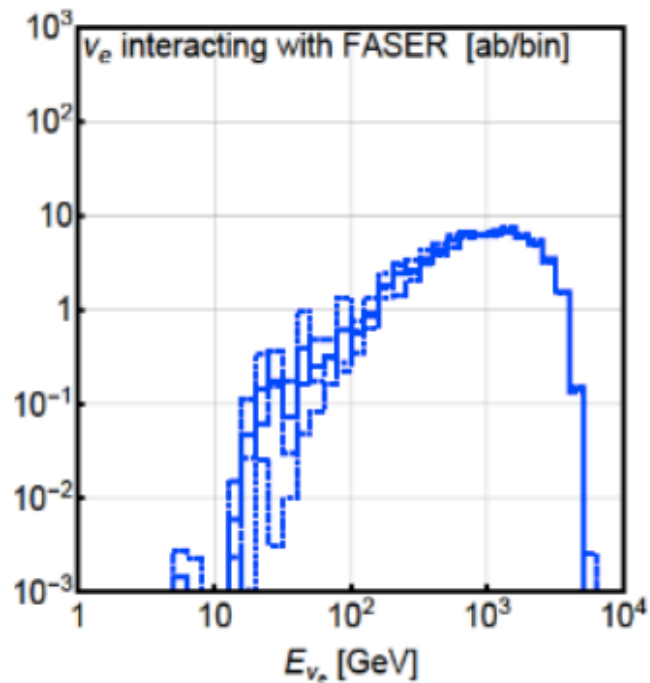
For Dark photon :



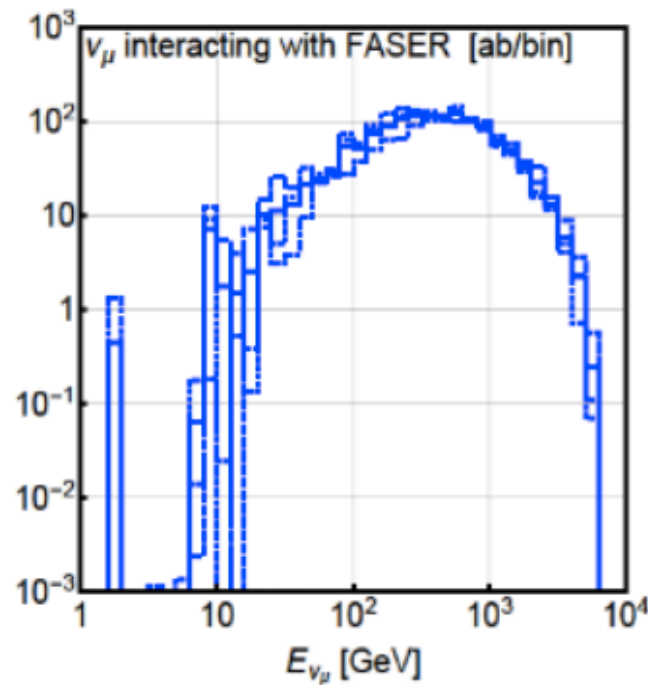
Also sensitive to various physics cases, see [arXiv:1811.12522](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.12522)

How about neutrinos ?

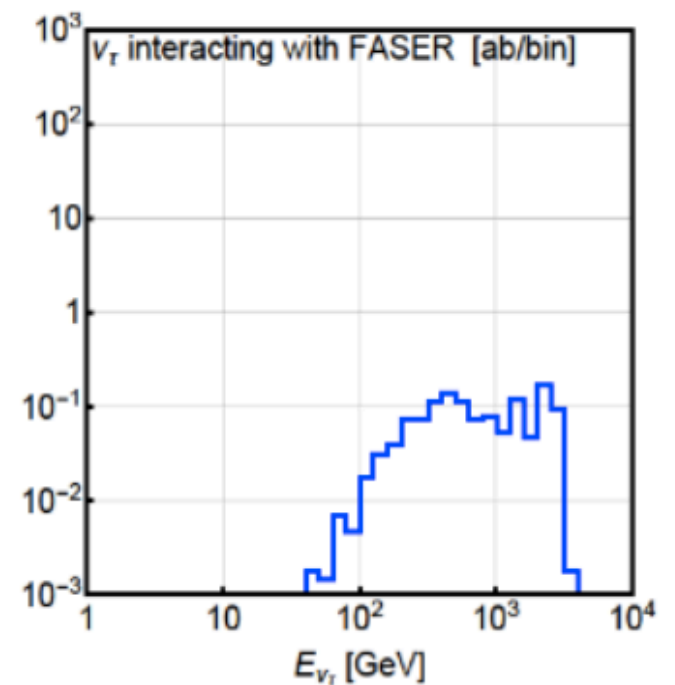
ν_e



ν_μ

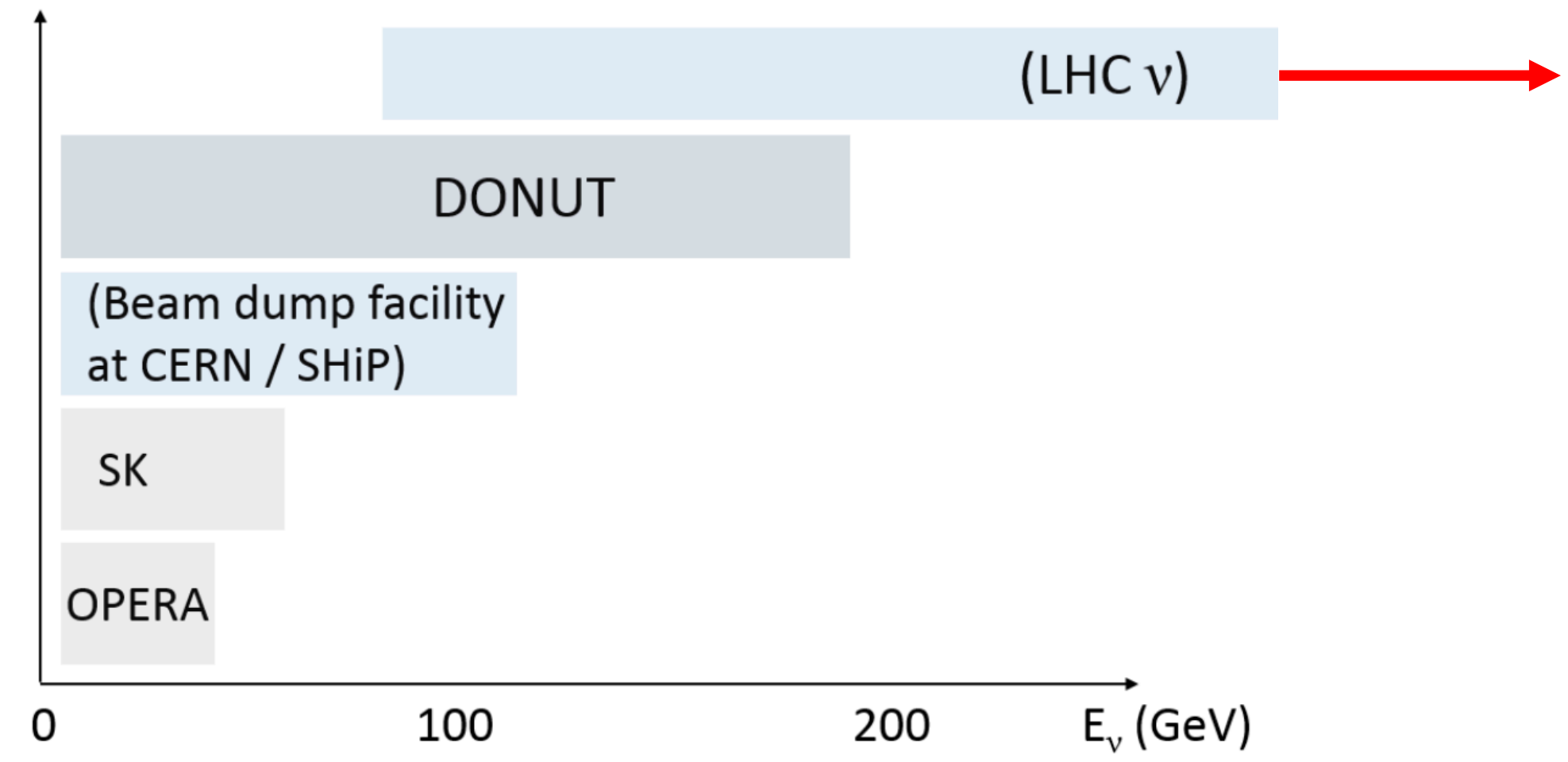


ν_τ

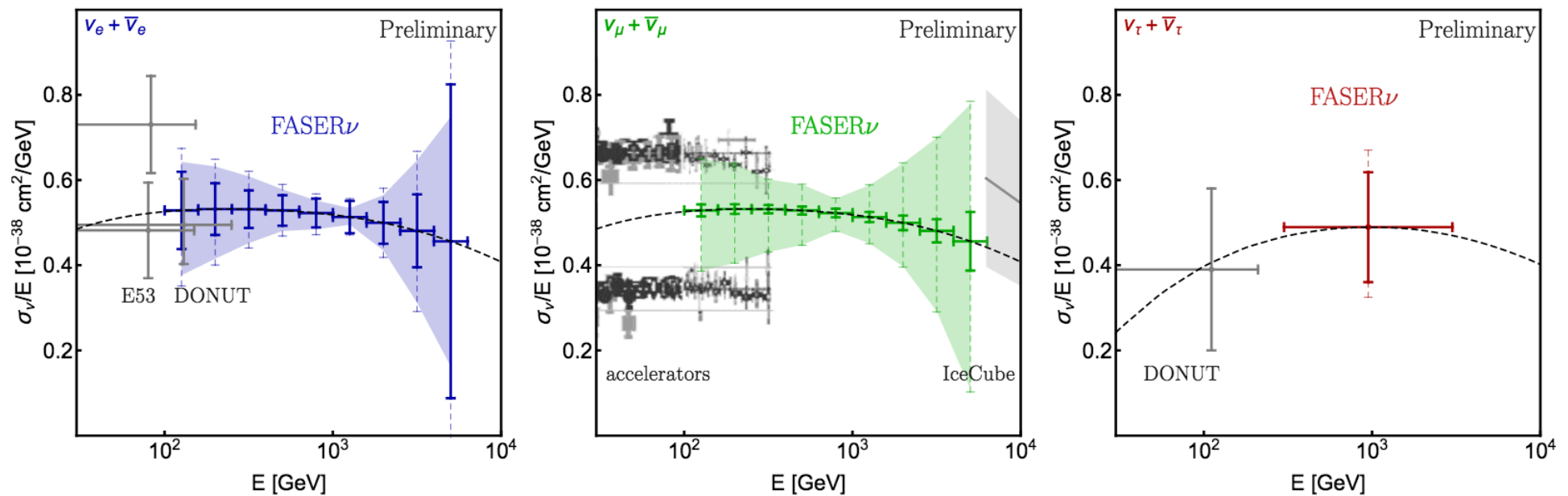


Unique energy spectrum for all flavor !!

Energy frontier for neutrino !



Prospect for cross section measurement in Run3 (2021-23)



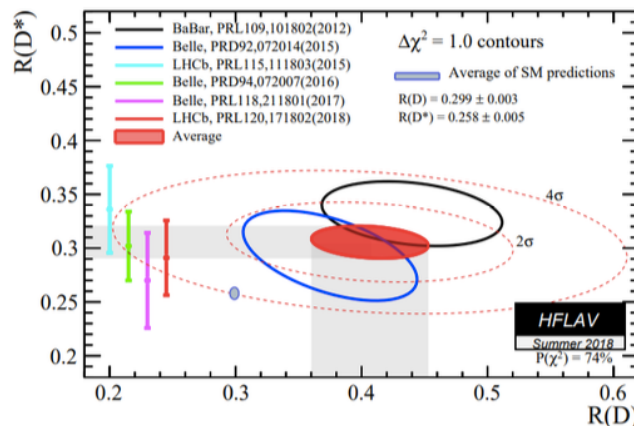
Assuming 1.2-ton tungsten/emulsion detector

Tau neutrino is more interesting !

Haven't been exploited at all !

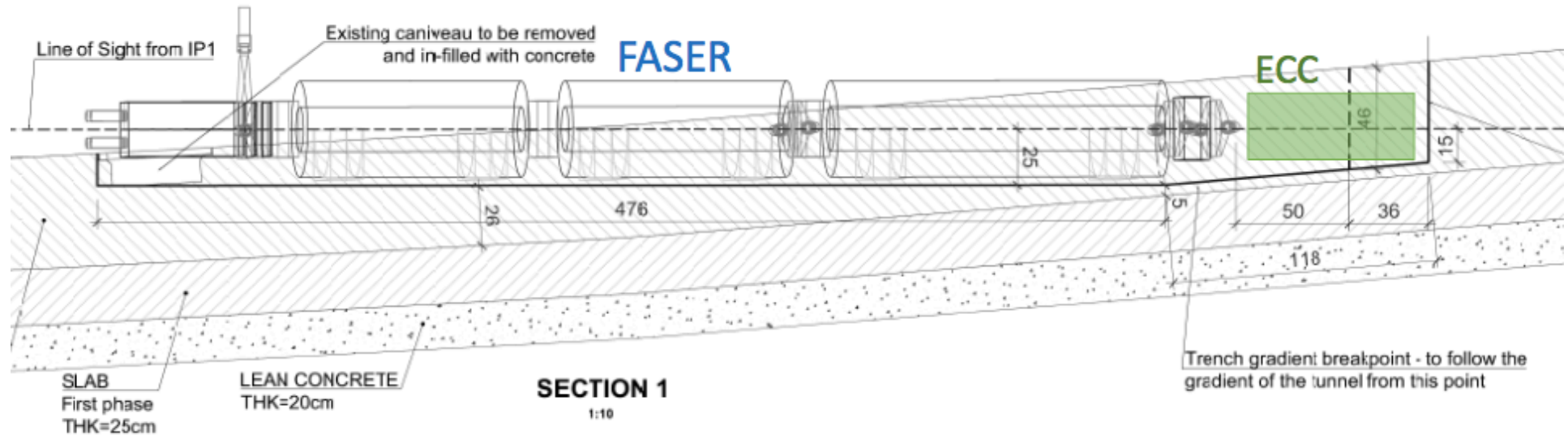
- 9 events from DONUT
- 10 events in OPERA
- No discrimination b/w tau neutrino and anti tau neutrino

May access to B anomaly ?



$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(\overline{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(\overline{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \bar{\nu}_l)}$$

Emulsion in front of FASER



LHC Run3 (2021-2023) without muon ID

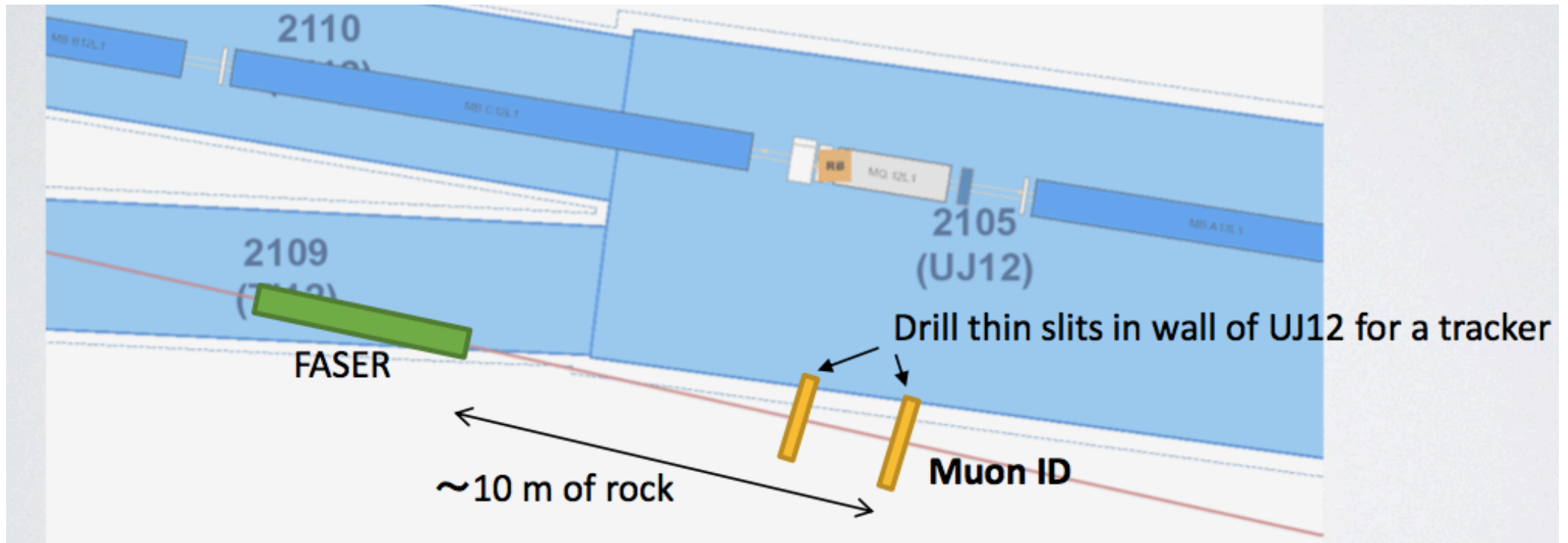
- 150 fb⁻¹/3 years → replace emulsion detectors 3 times/year
- Amount of films possibly prepared: (50 m² x3)/year
- Tungsten mass: 965 kg
- Number of neutrino interactions (using fluxes for R=10 cm):

- $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$: 12923 int.
- $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$: 1507 int.
- $\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$: 38 int.

- Realistically, difficult to prepare 50 m² x3 for 2021 → Statistics will be reduced to ~2/3

20 cm x 20 cm x 1250 layers
of 1-mm-thick tungsten

Muon detector in rear of FASER



Summary

FASER is a proposed small, fast and cheap experiment to be installed in the LHC during 2019-2020, to take data in 2021-2023 (LHC-Run3).

- Taking advantage of already existing tunnel infrastructure and using spare detector parts from existing experiments.

It targets light, weakly-coupled new particles at low p_T .

- Runs simultaneously with, and is complementary to, ATLAS/CMS, allowing to fill a possible hole in the current LHC new physics search programme.
- Also great potential for neutrino physics.

We would welcome new members to the FASER experiment !