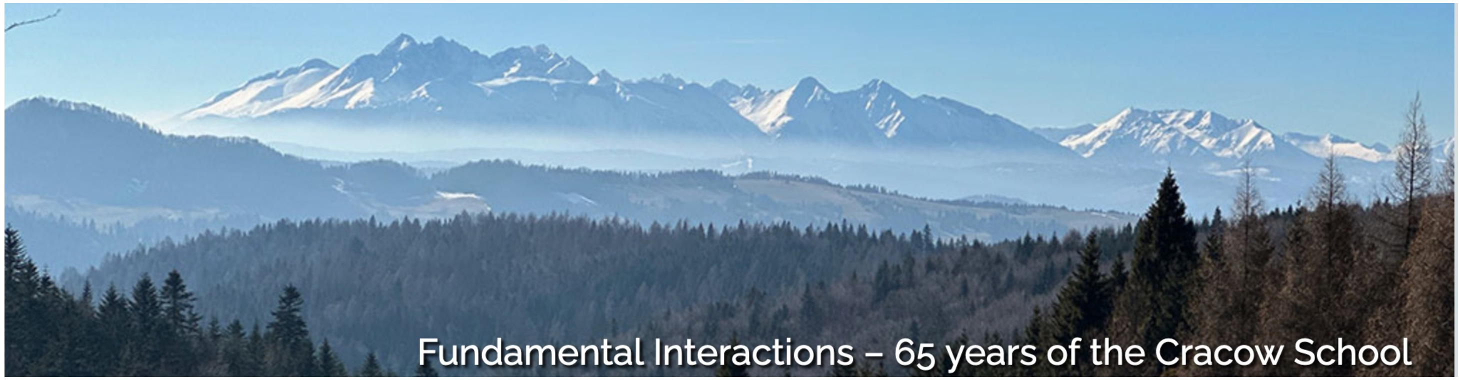
Photons as research tools
— the past and the future



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Etang Leucate, France -- windfinder

Date locale — **Dimanche, Juin 15**

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Période de temps (s)	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2

The Future :

The Gamma Factory project for CERN

Tool and *Concept* driven progress in science

"New directions in science are launched by new tools much more often than by new concepts.

The effect of a concept-driven revolution is to explain old things in new ways.

The effect of a tool-driven revolution is to discover new things that have to be explained" - F. Dyson

"*Gamma Factory*" project

The Gamma Factory proposal for CERN †

† An Executive Summary of the proposal addressed to the CERN management.

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More info on all the GF group activities:

https://indico.cern.ch/category/10874

*We acknowledge the crucial role of the CERN **PBC** "framework" in bringing our accelerator tests, GF-PoP experiment design, software development and physics studies to their present stage!*

Gamma Factory: "Novel research tools made from light"

1. *Atomic traps of highly-charged atoms: novel research domain of fundamental (gravitational waves, nuclear clocks, basic symmetries), precision atomic and nuclear physics)*

2. *High intensity polarised photon(γ)-beams – (intensity leap by~7 orders of magnitude)*

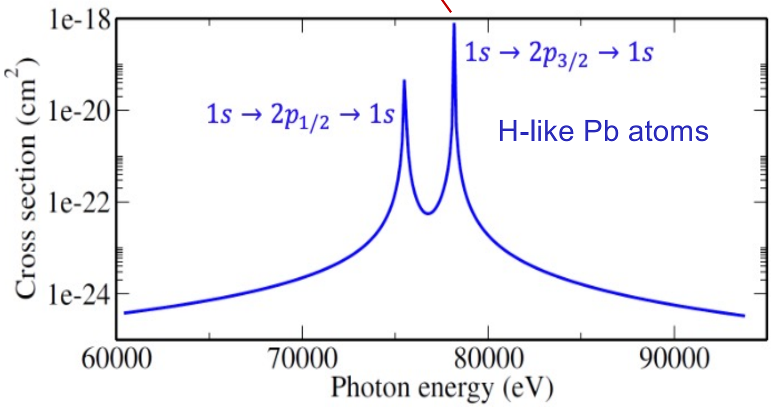
3. *Novel, high intensity sources of polarised electrons, polarised positrons, polarised muons, CP and flavour-tagged neutrinos, neutrons and radioactive ions (intensity/brightness leap >3 orders of magnitude)*

4. *Laser cooling methods of high-energy hadronic beams (unprecedented precision of controlling particle beams and reaching highest partonic luminosities at the future high energy hadronic colliders)*

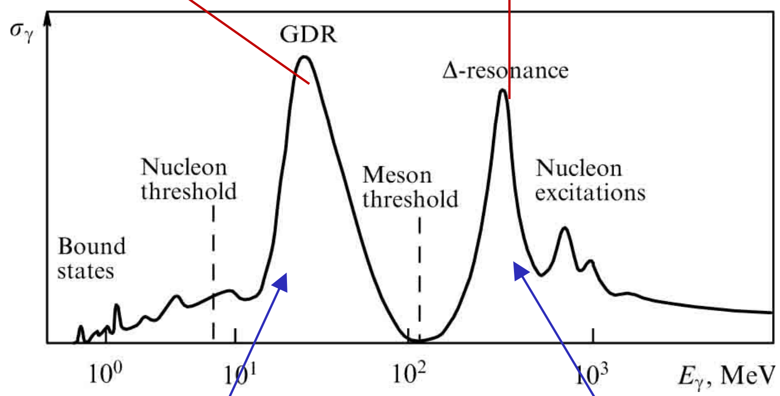
5. *Electron beam for ep collisions in the LHC interaction points (unique partonic emittance diagnostic tool for high energy hadron colliders*

Gamma Factory exploits - for the first time – the resonant photon collisions

photons neutrons pions, muons, neutrinos Higgs bosons

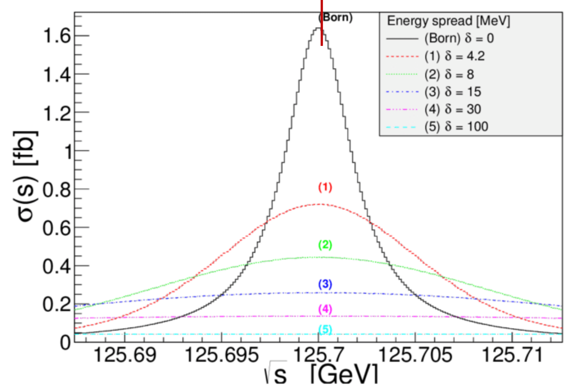


Exciting atoms



Exciting nuclei

Exciting nucleons



Exciting vacuum

Rationale behind the Gamma Factory initiative

1. Curiosity

- *How to efficiently "accelerate" photons?* → *high energy atomic beams*
- *The science of **high energy (γ_L >> 1)** atomic beams (production, storage, cooling, collision aspects) has, so far, not been developed. Atomic beams are very special -- they can be manipulated and controlled with unprecedented precision*
- *New quantum physics beam effects (beams of "Schrödinger cats")*
- *No simulation framework existed -- it had to be created and benchmarked*
- *New challenges for the laser technology*

- *Sociological curiosity:*

Can the particle, nuclear, atomic and accelerator and applied physics expertise be merged into a joint multidisciplinary project?

- *Political curiosity:*

Can such a novel multidisciplinary project be developed ***and implemented*** *in a "High Energy Physics" laboratory such as CERN?*

2. Restoring a balance of the high-energy and high-intensity frontiers for particle-beams based science

- *Main CERN mission: high energy frontier (detailed Higgs studies at the HL-LHC, FCC-ee)*
- *High intensity frontier (dark matter, neutrino mass puzzle(s), families, lepton universality, etc…*

Gamma Factory can significantly improve the present intensity limits of the:

- *γ-beams by a factor >10^7 → 10^{18} γ/sec,*
- *muon beams by a factor of 10^3, →7 x 10^{13} μ/sec,*
- *polarised positron beams by a factor of 10^3, →:10^{16} e+/sec,*
- *quasi-monochromatic MeV neutron beams of →:10^{16} neutrons/sec,*
- *radioactive ion beams →:10^{12} ions/sec*

3. Continuation of the CERN "extracted beams" research?

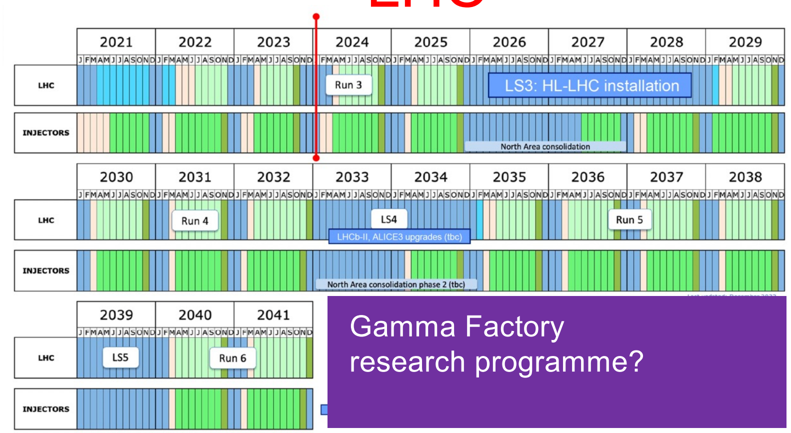
- *SPS has demonstrated operation with cycle intensity 2-4x10^{13} protons delivering 4x10^{19} protons/year for the SPS fixed target programme, (PSB can deliver 10^{20} protons/year for the ISOLDE programme)*

- *If LHC is used in the future as the source of extracted beams (3.5 10^{14} circulating protons with ~1 hour filling/ramping), then maximally 10^{18} (fast extraction) protons/year can be delivered for the LHC fixed target programme*

Gamma Factory could extract ~10^{25} γ/year for a fixed target programme (MHz repetition rate). Efficient extraction of the RF power in the form of particle beams!

4. Empty time slot for the Gamma Factory physics programme?

LHC



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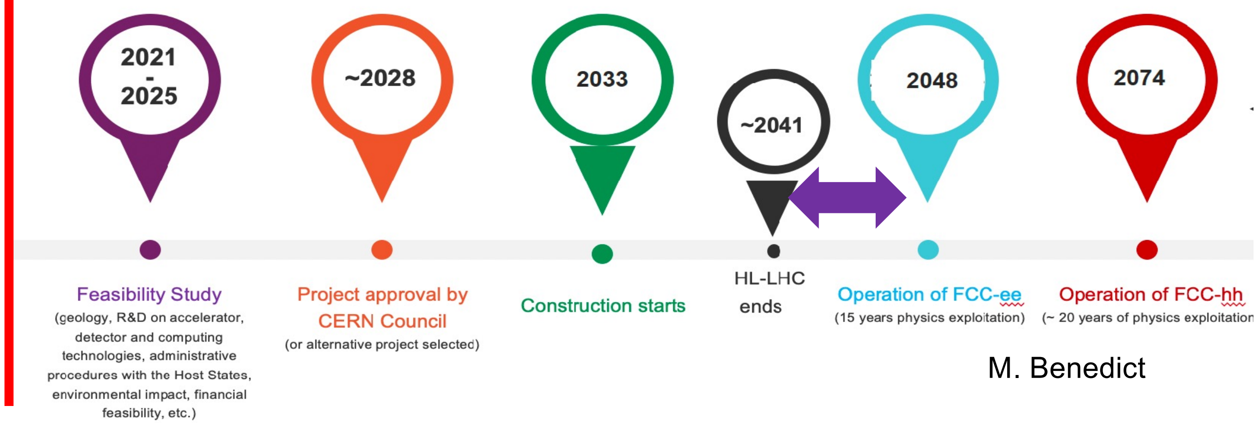

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- Gamma Factory can extend significantly the scope of the LHC-based physics programme (with new questions and new tools)
- … at a relatively low cost (~1% of the cost of the FCC-ee)

5. Energy consumption and sustainability

	Cost-estimate /BCHF	AC-Power /MW	Comments
Infrastructure	5.5		100km tunnel and surface infrastructure
FCC-ee	5	260-350	+1.1BCHF for the Top stage (365GeV)
FCC-hh	17	580	

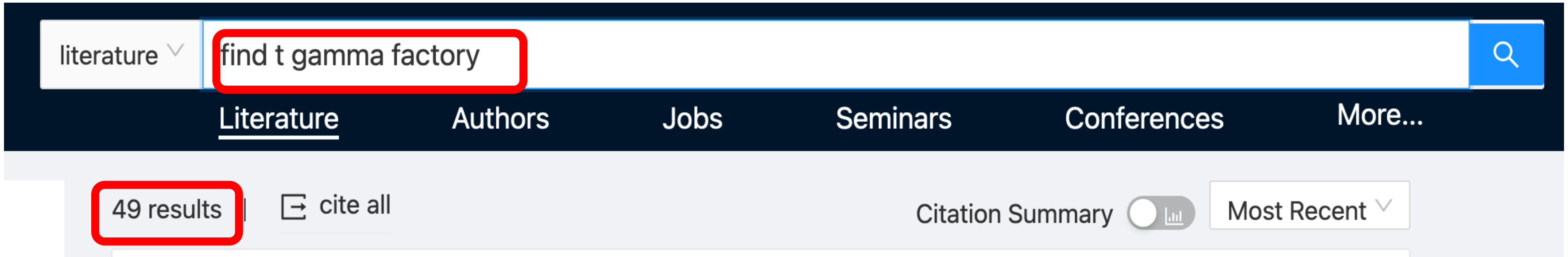
Gamma Factory beam-driven, sub-critical reactor (with the efficient transmutation of its waste) could potentially provide the necessary AC plug power needs for the growing CERN accelerator infrastructure.

6. Opening novel research opportunities at CERN

- ***particle physics*** *(precision QED and EW studies, vacuum birefringence, Higgs physics in $\gamma\gamma$ collision mode, rare muon decays, precision neutrino physics, QCD-confinement studies, …);*
- ***nuclear physics*** *(nuclear spectroscopy, cross-talk of nuclear and atomic processes, GDR, nuclear photo-physics, photo-fission research, gamma polarimetry, physics of rare radioactive nuclides,…);*
- ***atomic physics*** *(highly charged atoms, electronic and muonic atoms, pionic and kaonic atoms);*
- ***astrophysics*** *(dark matter searches, gravitational waves detection, gravitational effects of cold particle beams, $^{16}O(\gamma,\alpha)^{12}C$ reaction and S-factors…);*
- ***fundamental physics*** *(studies of the basic symmetries of the universe, atomic interferometry,…);*
- ***accelerator physics*** *(beam cooling techniques, low emittance hadronic beams, high intensity polarised positron and muon sources, beams of radioactive ions and neutrons, very narrow band, and flavour-tagged neutrino beams, …);*
- ***applied physics*** *(accelerator driven energy sources, fusion research, medical isotopes and isomers precision lithography).*

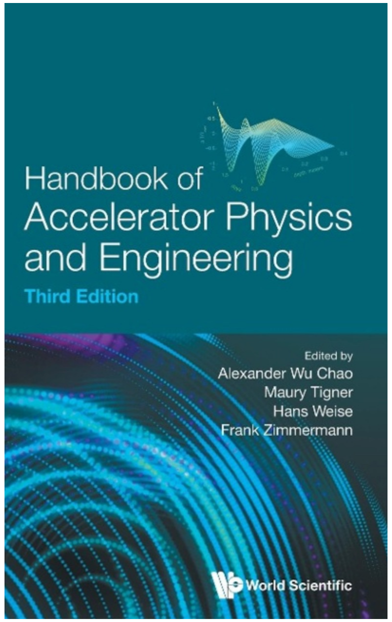
GF studies: published papers (INSPIRE) and books

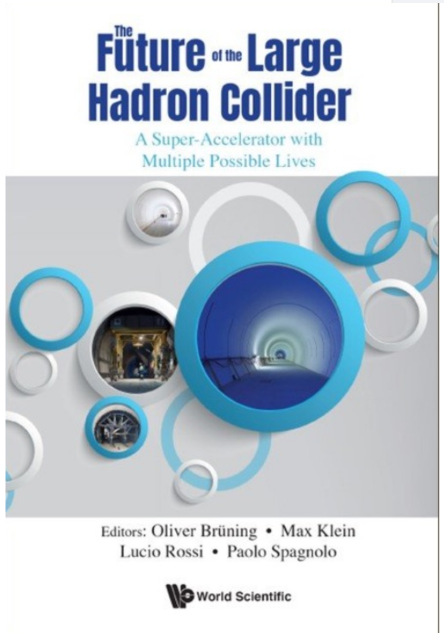
papers



books

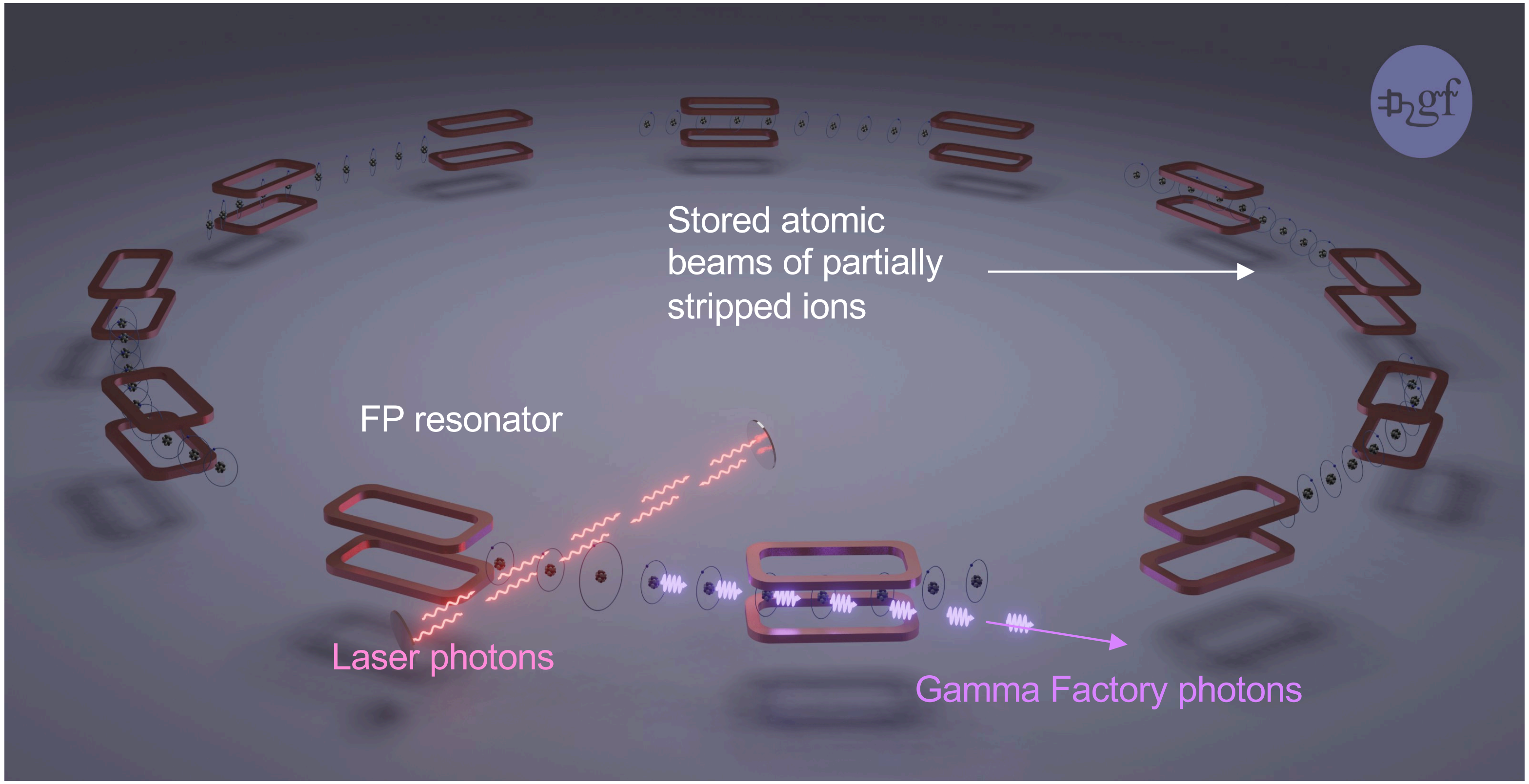
Special issue of Annalen der Physik



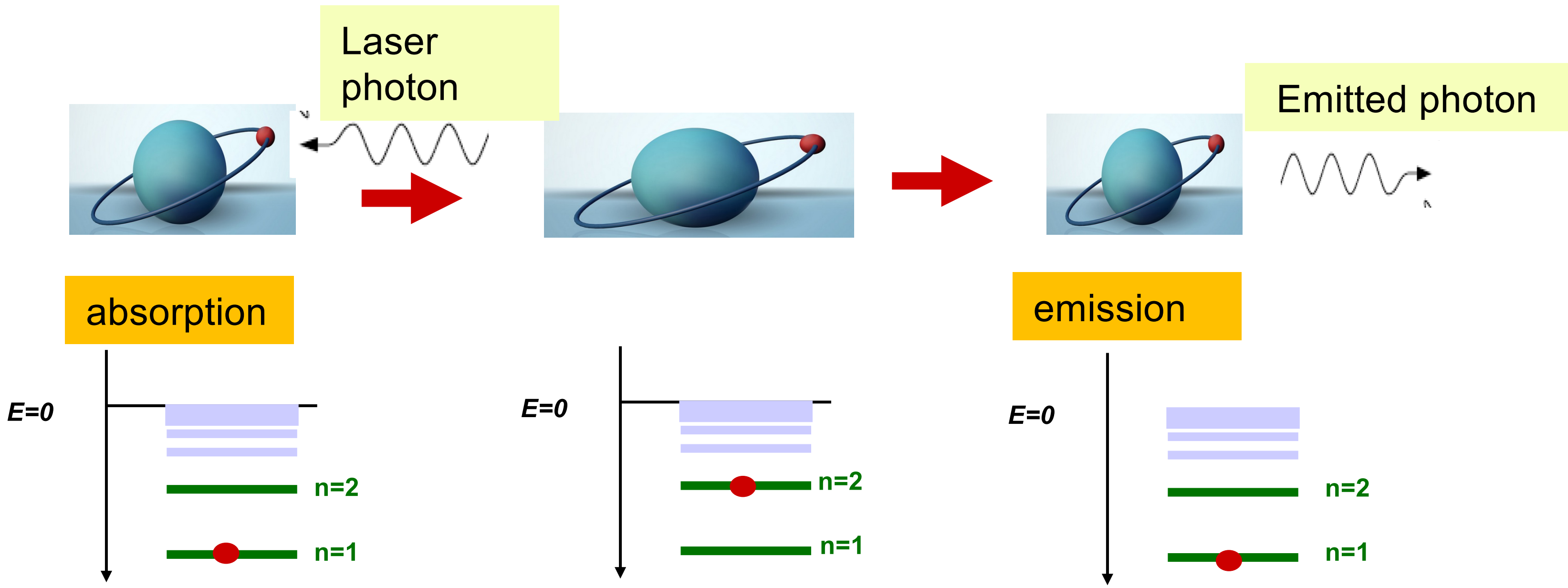


Gamma Factory – basic principles

Gamma Factory photon source



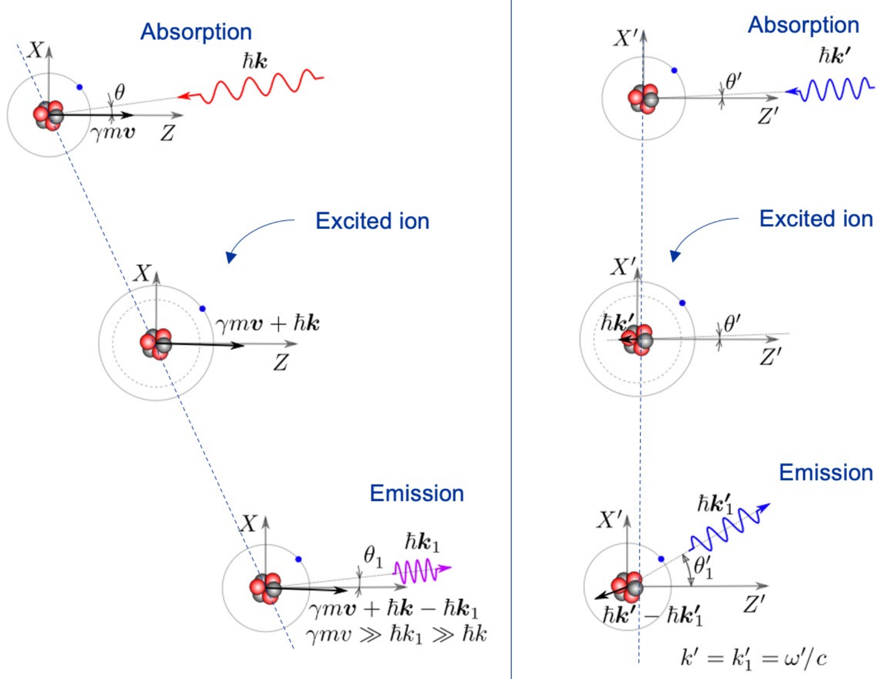
Resonant absorption and emissions of photons by **atoms**



Photon acceleration -- Energy leap:

High energy atomic beams play the role of passive light-frequency converters:

In the lab frame | **In the ion frame**



Absorption

Lorentz transformation

$$\omega' \sin\theta' = \omega \sin\theta, \qquad \Delta\theta' \approx \frac{\Delta\theta}{2\gamma}$$

$$\omega' = (1+\beta\cos\theta)\gamma\omega \approx \left(1+\beta-\beta\frac{\theta^2}{2}\right)\gamma\omega \approx 2\gamma\omega.$$

Emission

$$\omega_1 \sin\theta_1 = \omega' \sin\theta'_1 \;\Rightarrow\; \sin\theta_1 = \frac{\sin\theta'_1}{\gamma(1+\beta\cos\theta'_1)},$$

$$\omega_1 = \gamma(1+\beta\cos\theta'_1)\omega' \approx 2\gamma^2(1+\beta\cos\theta'_1)\omega.$$

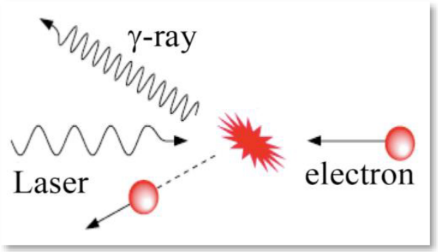
$$\nu^{max} \longrightarrow (4\,\gamma_L^2)\,\nu_i$$

$\gamma_L = E/M$ - Lorentz factor for the ion beam -- **25-6500 for the CERN beams**

Photon acceleration – Intensity and efficiency leap:

large cross-section for atomic collisions

Inverse Compton scattering



Cross-section	Requirements
Electrons:	E_{beam} = 1.5 GeV
$\sigma_e = 8\pi/3 \times r_e^2$	LINAC or LWFA
r_e - classical electron radius	Electron fractional energy loss: emission of 150 MeV photon:
$\sigma_e = 6.6 \times 10^{-25}$ cm^2	$E_\gamma/E_{beam} = 0.1$ (electron is lost!)

$\sigma \times 10^9$

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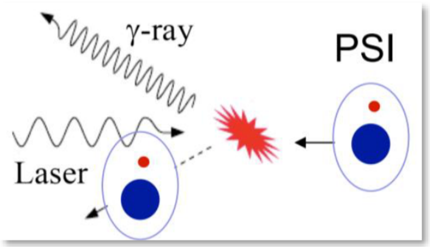
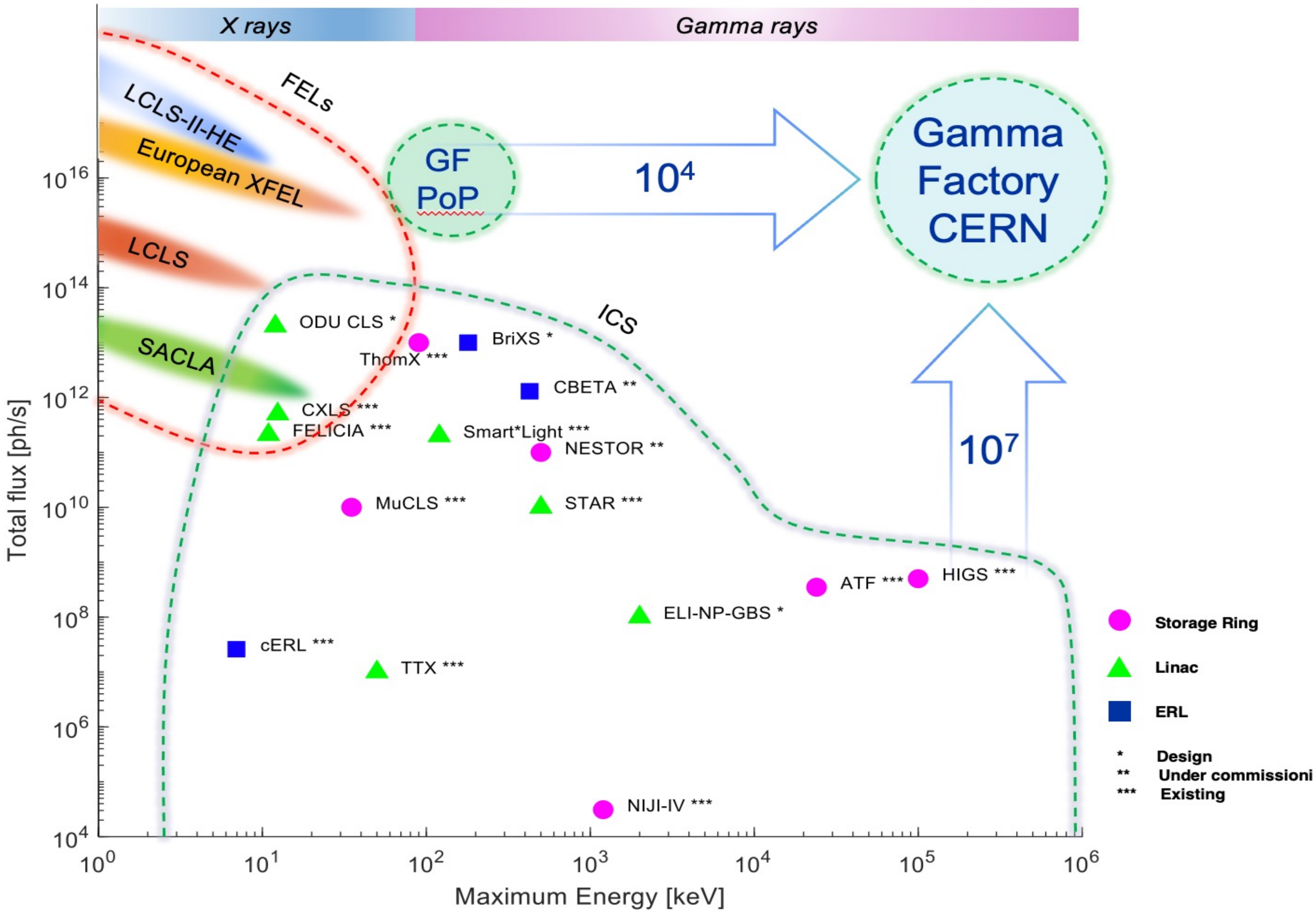


Example: Pb, hydrogen-like ions, *stored in LHC* γ_L = 2887

Cross-section	Requirements
Partially Stripped Ions:	E_{beam} = 574 000 GeV
$\sigma_{res} = \lambda_{res}^2/2\pi$	(LHC)
λ_{res} - photon wavelength in the ion rest frame	Electron fractional energy loss: emission of 150 MeV photon:
$\sigma_{res} = 5.9 \times 10^{-16}$ cm^2	$E_\gamma/E_{beam} = 2.6 \times 10^{-7}$ (ion undisturbed!)



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Extraordinary properties of the GF photon source

1. Point-like, small divergence

- $\Delta z \sim l_{PSI\text{-}bunch} < 7$ cm, $\Delta x, \Delta y \sim \sigma^{PSI}{}_{x}, {}^{PSI}{}_{y} < 50\ \mu m$, $\Delta(\theta_x), \Delta(\theta_y) \sim 1/\gamma_L < 1$ mrad

2. Huge jump in intensity:

- ***More than 7 orders of magnitude*** *with respect to existing (being constructed) γ-sources*

3.Very wide range of tuneable energy photon beam :

- ***10 keV – 400 MeV --*** *extending, by a factor of* ***~1000****, the energy range of the FEL photon sources*

4. Tuneable polarisation:

- *γ–****polarisation transmission*** *from laser photons to γ-beams of* ***up to 99%***

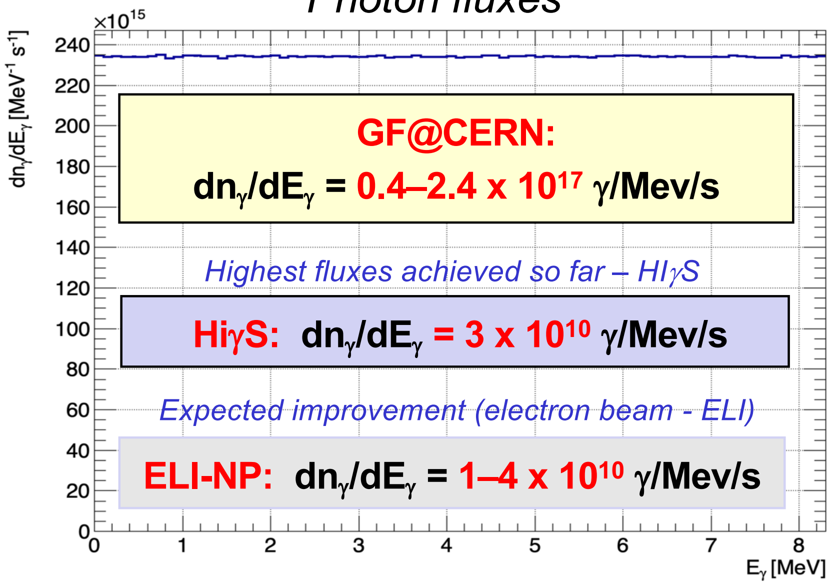
5. Unprecedented plug power efficiency (energy footprint):

- ***LHC RF power can be converted to the photon beam power.*** *Wall-plug power efficiency of the* ***GF photon source is*** *by a factor of* ***~300 better than that of the DESY-XFEL!***

(assuming power consumption of 200 MW - CERN and 19 MW - DESY)

A concrete example: Nuclear physics application: He-like, LHC Calcium beam, $(1s\text{->}2p)_{1/2}$ transition, TiSa laser, 20 MHz FP cavity

Photon fluxes

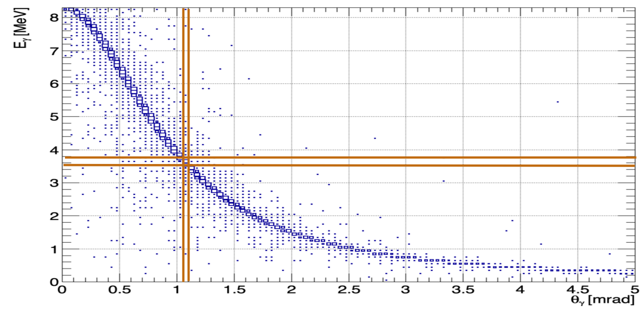


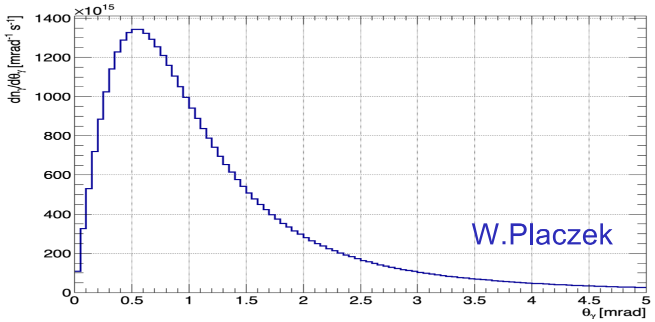
laser pulse parameters

- Gaussian spatial and time profiles,
- photon energy: E_photon = 1.8338 eV
- photon pulse energy spread: sigma_{omega}/omega = 2 x 10^{-4},
- photon wavelength: lambda = 676 nm,
- pulse energy: W_{l} = 5 mJ,
- peak power density 1.12 x 10^13 W/m^2
- r.m.s. transverse beam size at focus: sigma_{x} = \sigma_{y } = 150 um (micrometers),
- Rayleigh length: R_{L,x} = R_{L,y} = 7.5 cm,
- r.m.s. pulse length: l_{l} = 15 cm.

6.Highly-collimated monochromatic γ–beams:

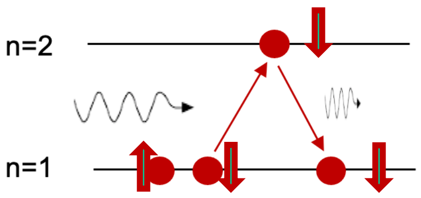
- *the beam power is concentrated in a narrow angular region (facilitates beam extraction),*
- *the (E_γ,Θ_γ) correlation can be used (collimation) to "monochromatize" the beam*





Polarised (and/or twisted) GF photon beams

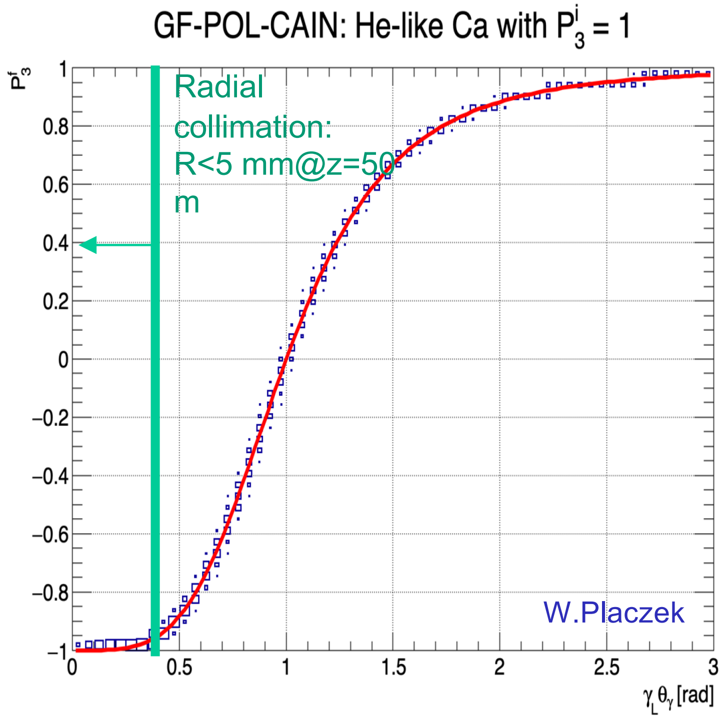
A trick: Pauli blocking

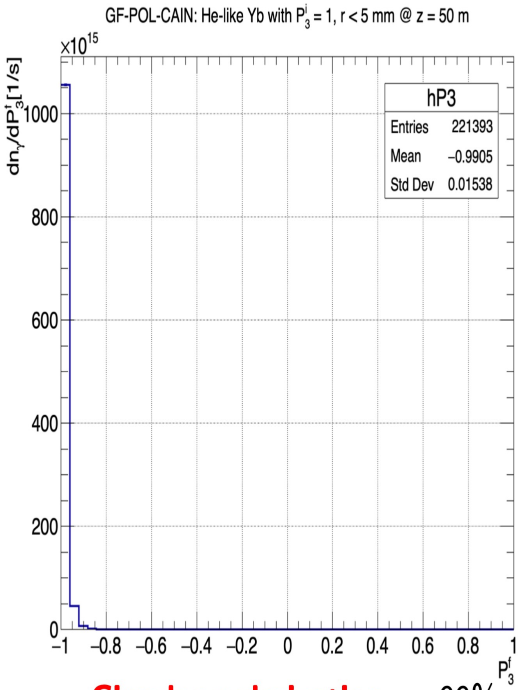


$$nS_0 \rightarrow n'P_1 \rightarrow nS_0$$

Closed transition in Helium-like atoms (n=1, n' =2) preserve initial polarisation of the laser light

$1s^2\ ^1S_0$ □ $1s^1\ 2p^1\ ^1P_1$ transition in He-like atoms





→ **Circular polarization** ≈ 99%

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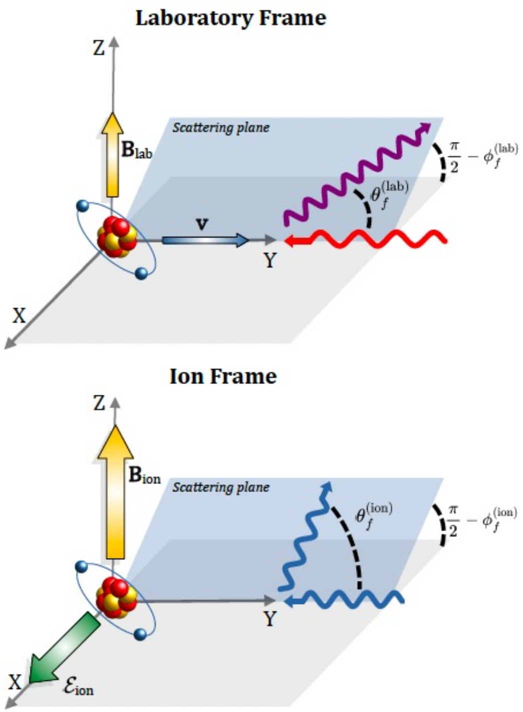
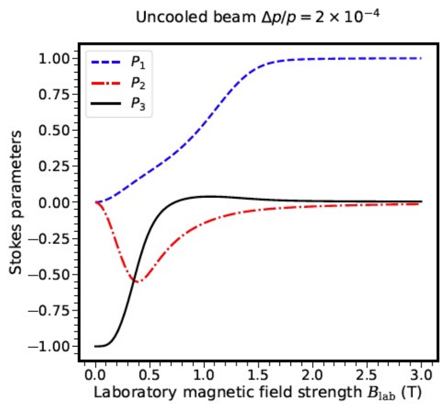
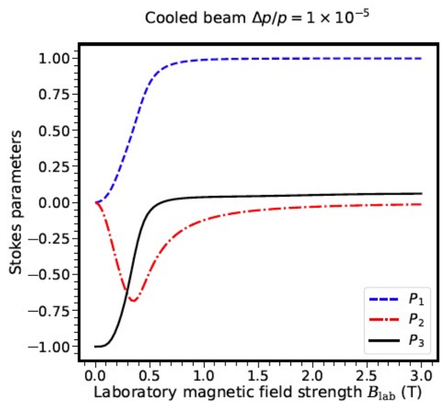
GF method of controlling the polarisation and angular momentum of the photon beam:







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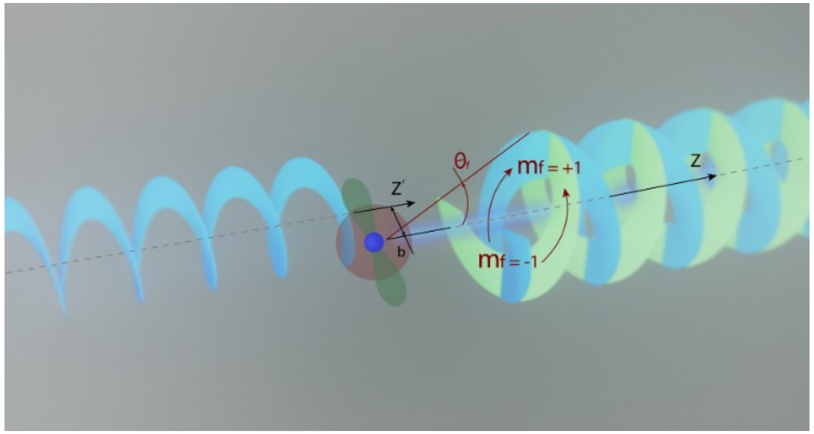
Use of the external magnetic field to measure the photon polarisation specified in terms of the three Stokes Parameters: P_1, P_2, and P_3.

Measure the angular distribution Of the electrons/positrons produced in the photon conversion process to determine experimentally the Stokes parameters of the GF photon source.

Producing twisted photon beams in Gamma Factory:



Resonant scattering of plane-wave and twisted photons at the Gamma Factory

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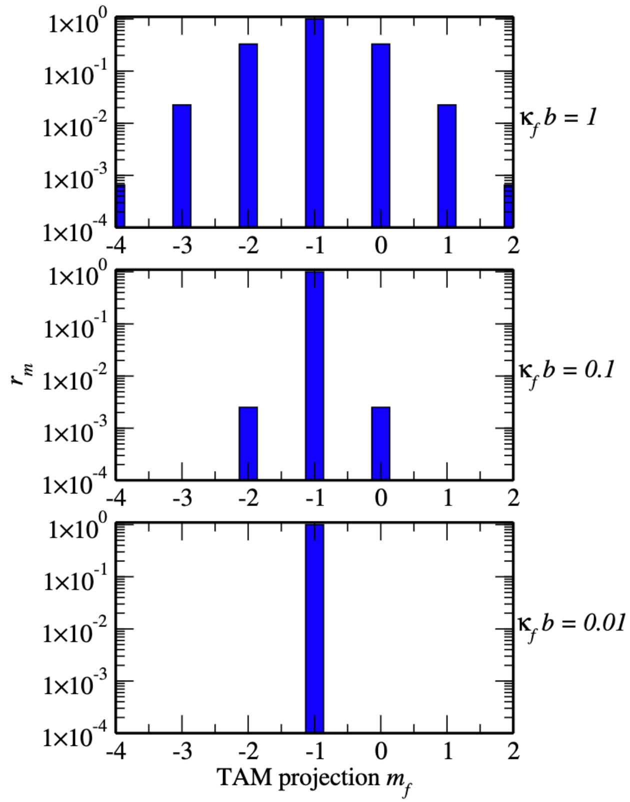
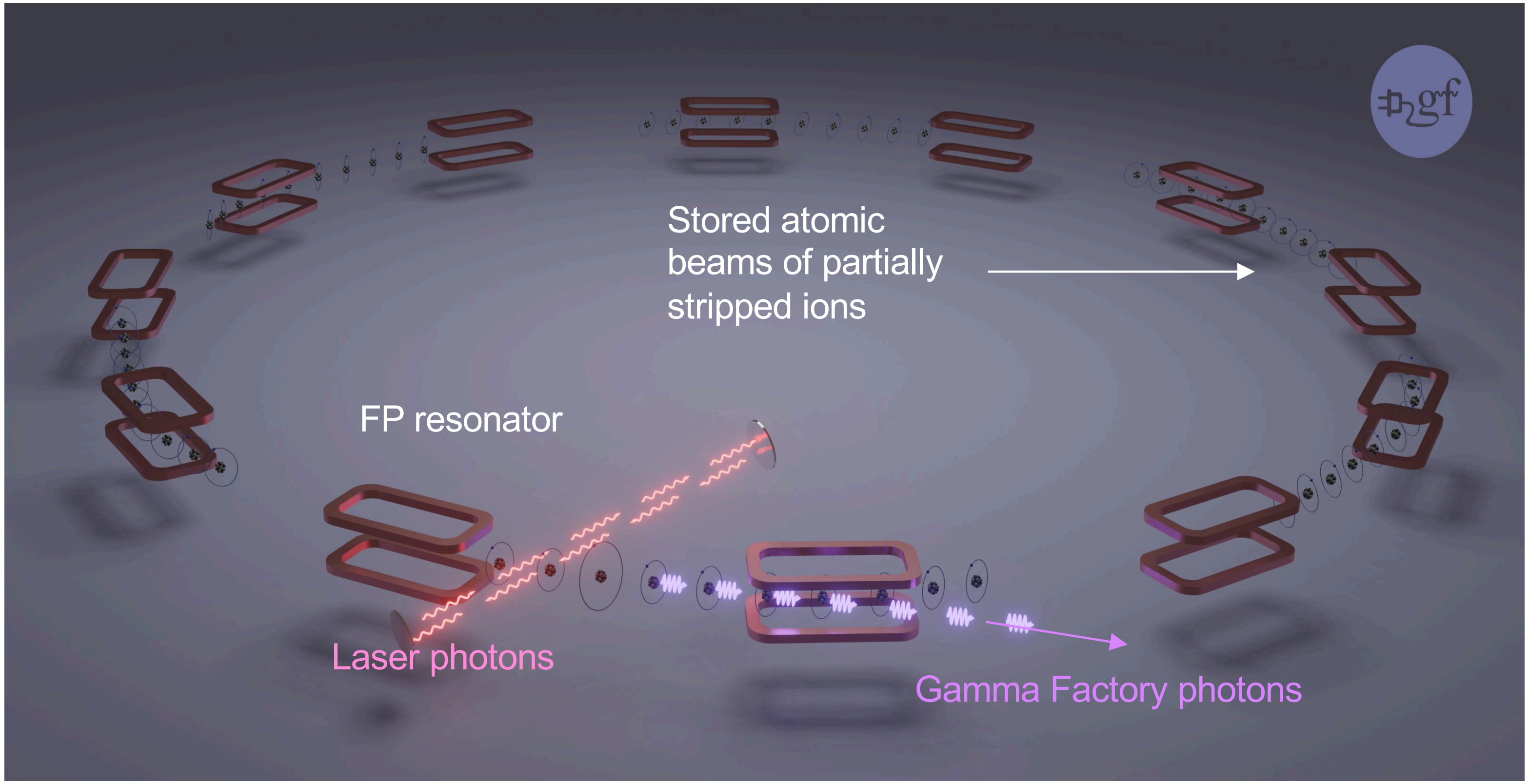


TAM – Total Angular Momentum of the GF photons

Gamma Factory – feasibility proof steps

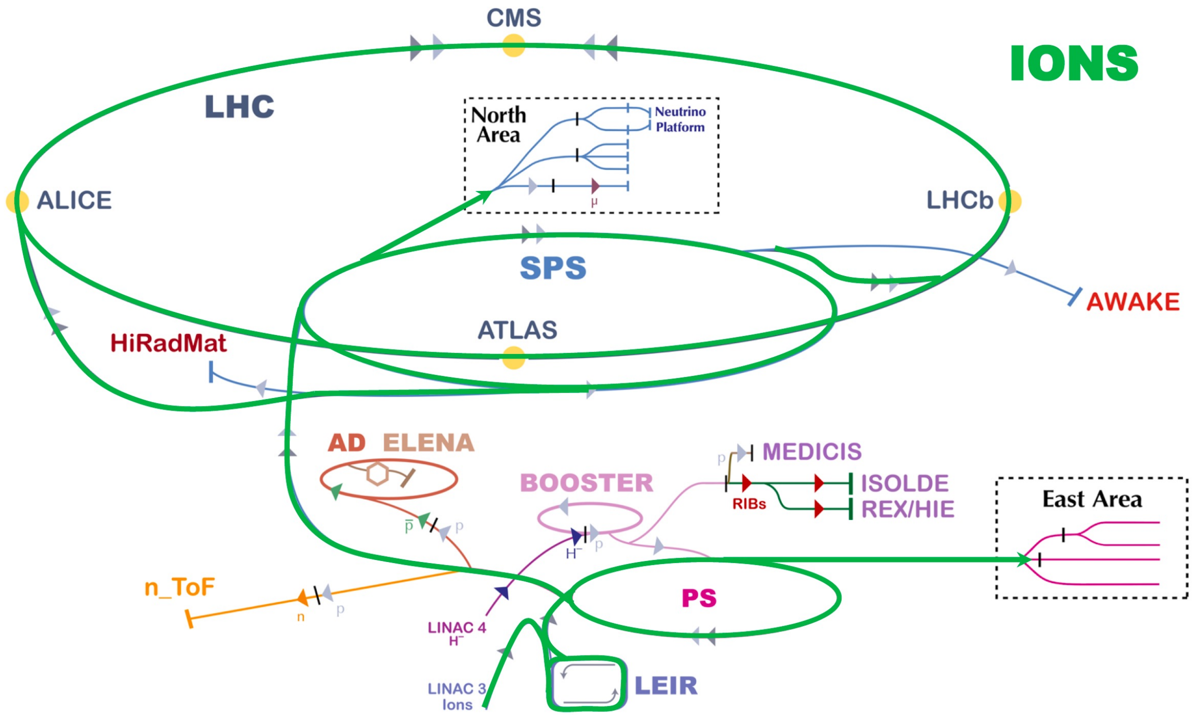


Novel technology:

Resonant scattering of laser photons on ultra-relativistic atomic beam

CERN as the GF project host:

re-use of already existing accelerator infrastructure

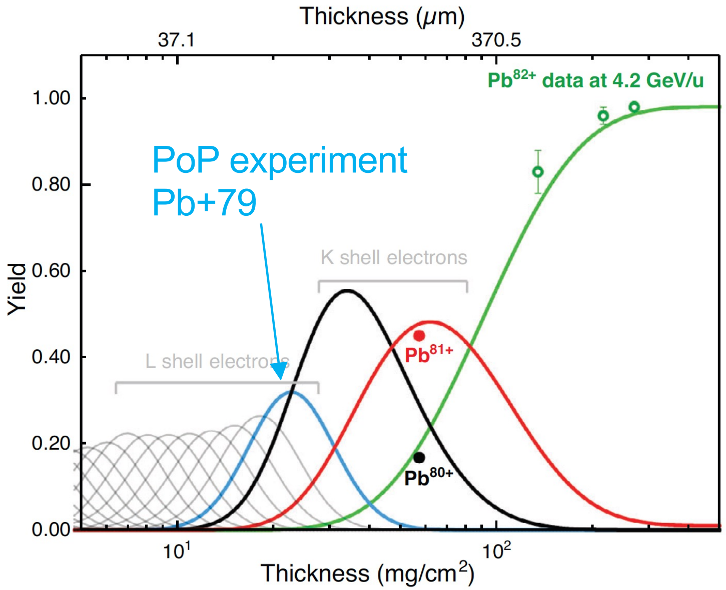


<u>Gamma Factory (additional) beam requirements:</u>

- ion stripping scheme,
- storage of atomic beams in high-energy rings: SPS and LHC

Step 1 : Requisite TT2 stripper system installed

Stripping of Pb+54 ions in the TT2 PS-> SPS transfer line



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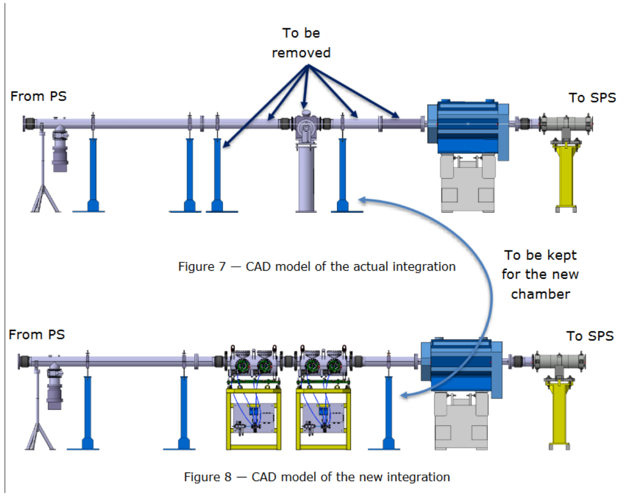

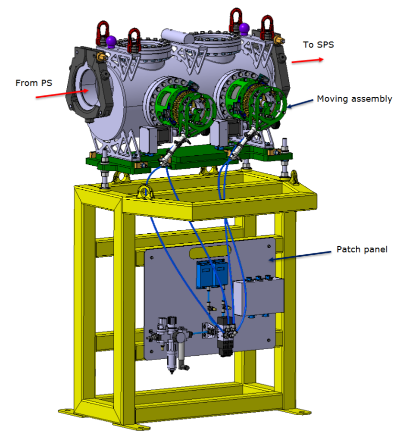

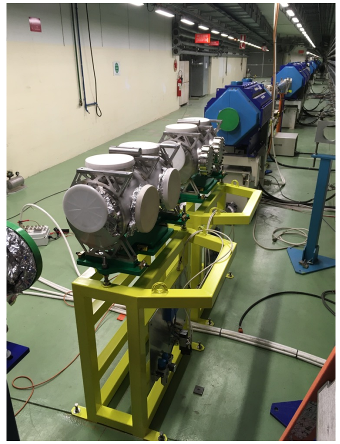

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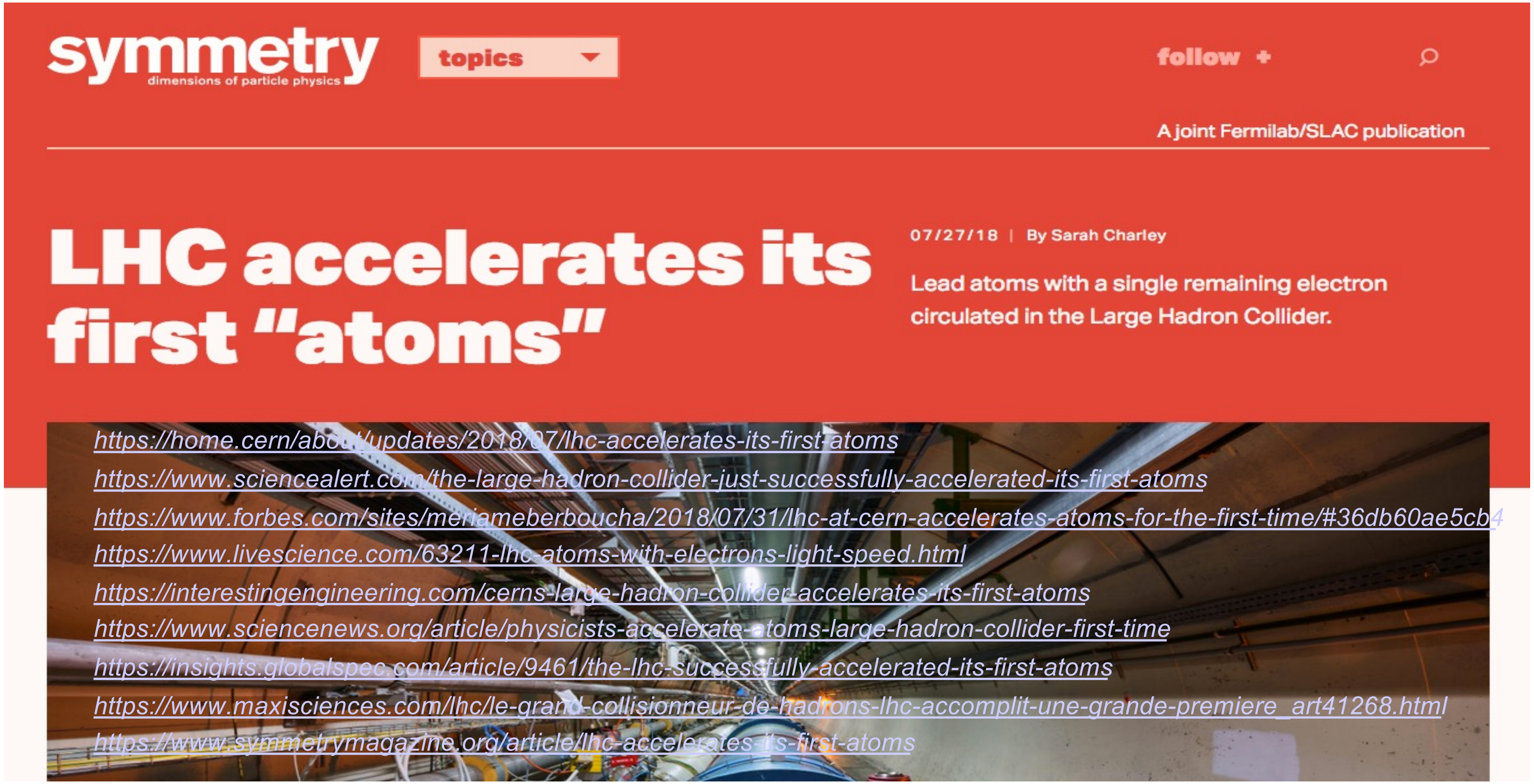

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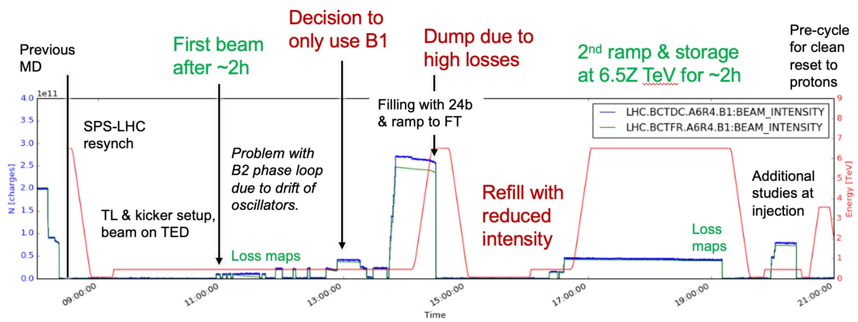
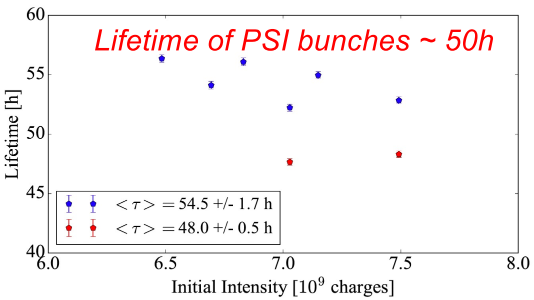
Step 2: Atomic beams stored in in the LHC





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MD3284: Partially Stripped Ions in the LHC

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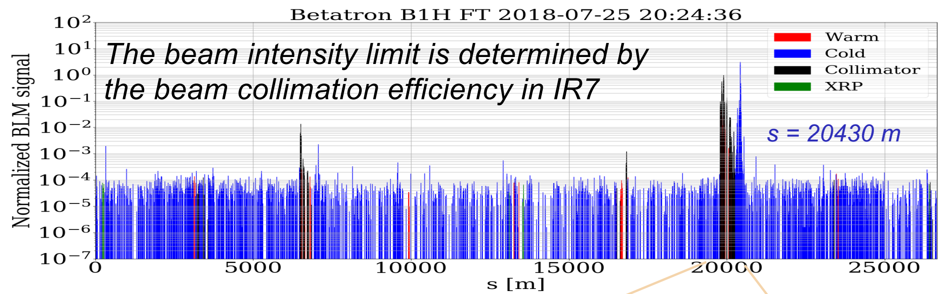
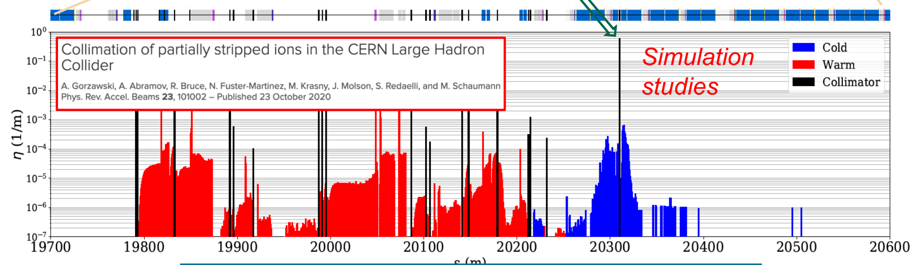


Mitigation strategies:

1. *Dispersion suppressor collimator (TCLD)*
2. *Crystal collimation*
3. ***Laser collimation***.

IR7 zoom



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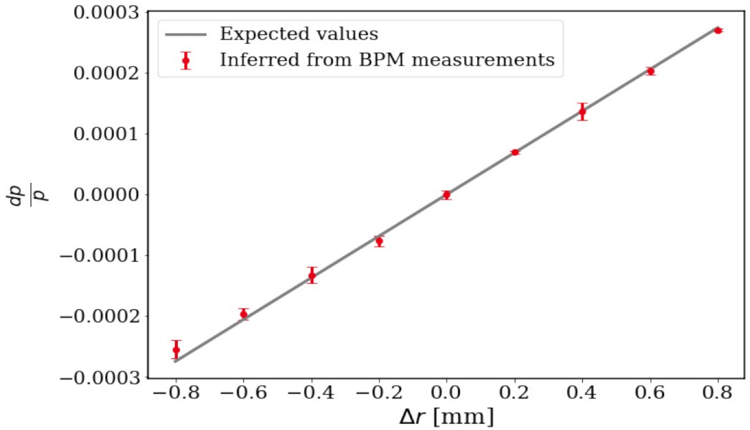
Step 3: Requisite precision of the momentum and beam position control at the collision point with laser photons



SPS MD5044 : machine stability characterisation
Gamma Factory SPS Proof-of-Principle Experime

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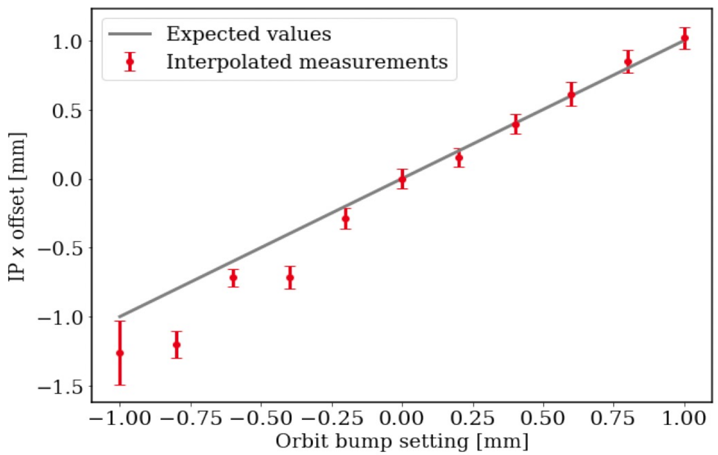

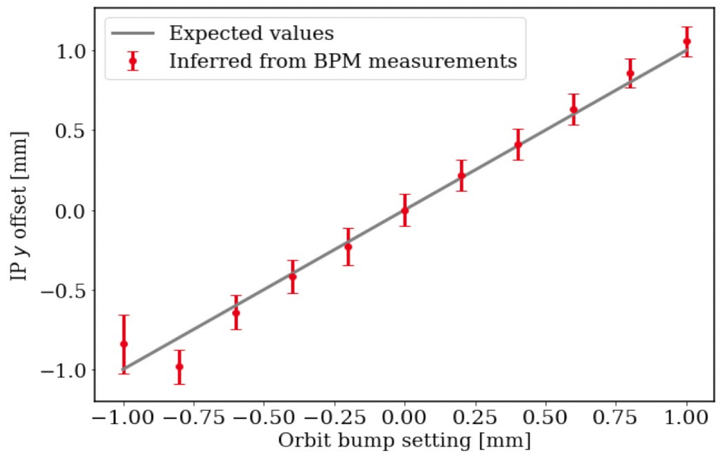

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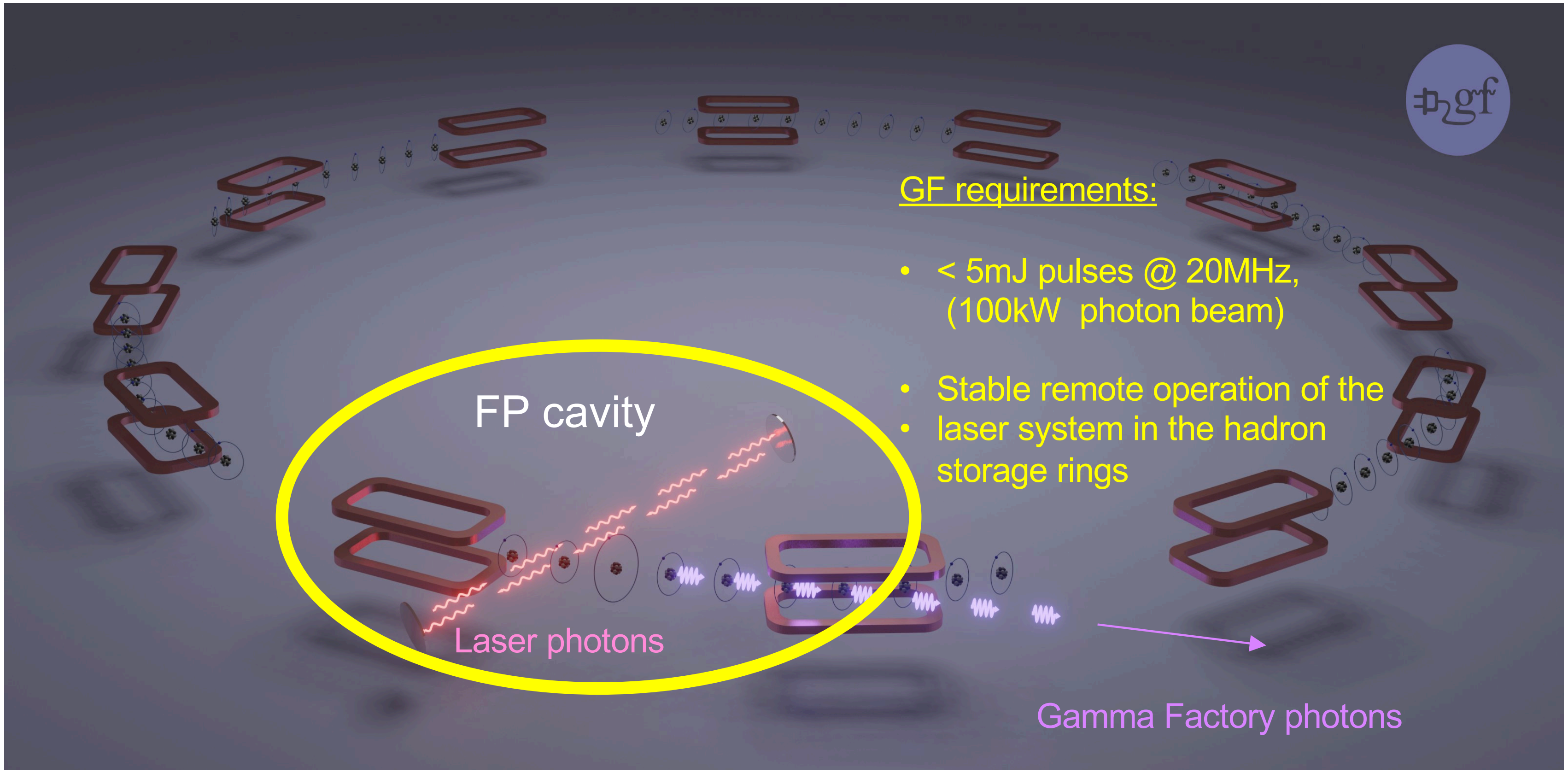
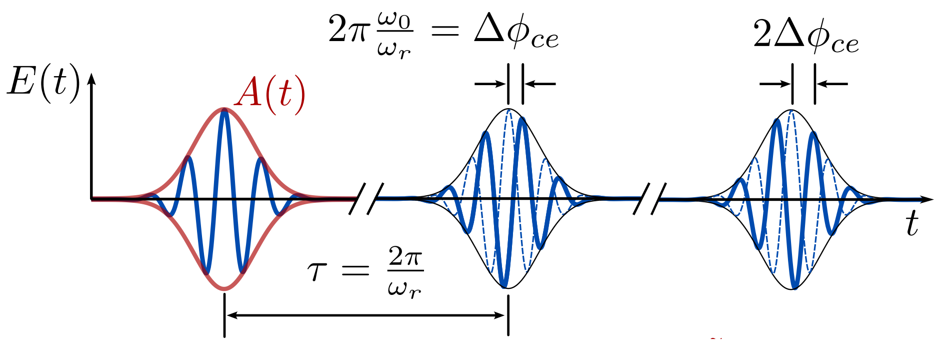
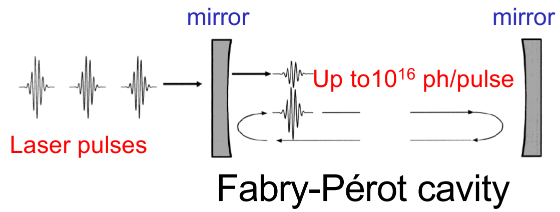


Towards the first integration of the Fabry-Pérot (FP) cavity in the hadron storage ring





GF requirements:

- < 5mJ pulses @ 20MHz, (100kW photon beam)

Step 4: World record of the stored laser photon beam power – satisfying the full GF research programme

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Stable 500 kW average power of infrared light in a finesse 35 000 enhancement cavity

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Stable 710kW enhancement Fabry-Perot cavity experiment

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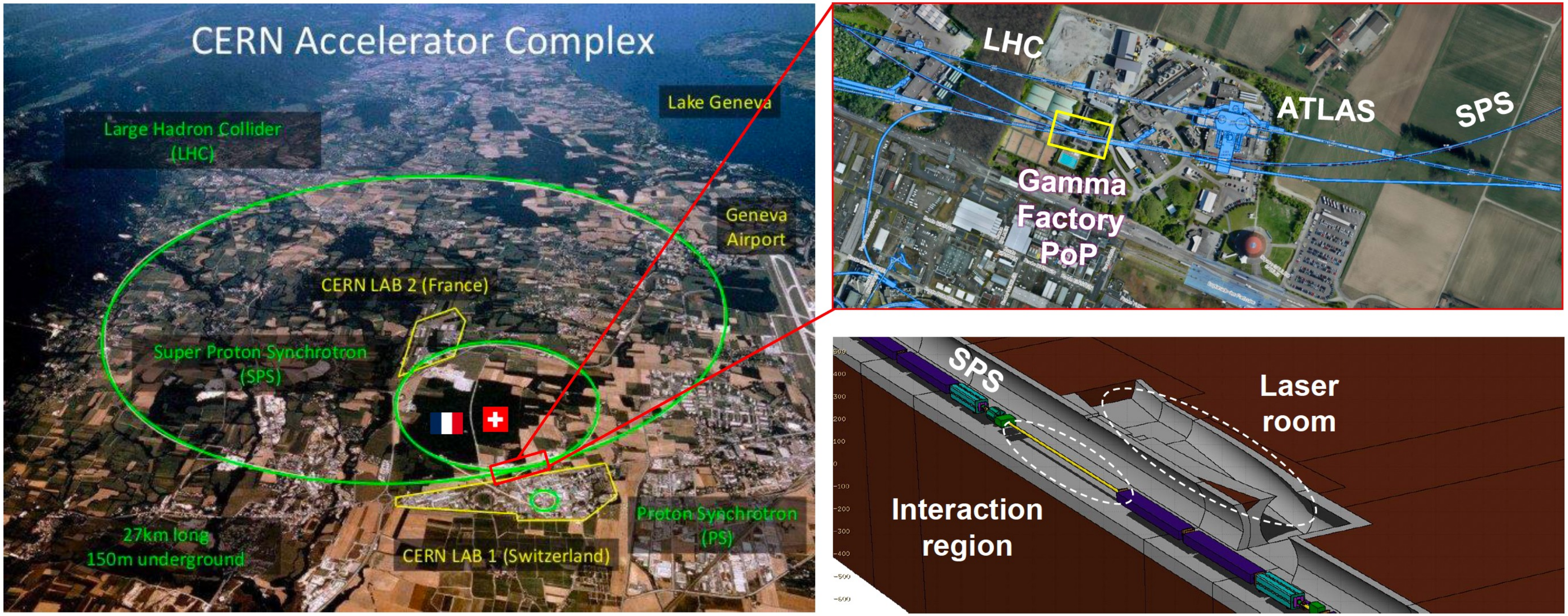
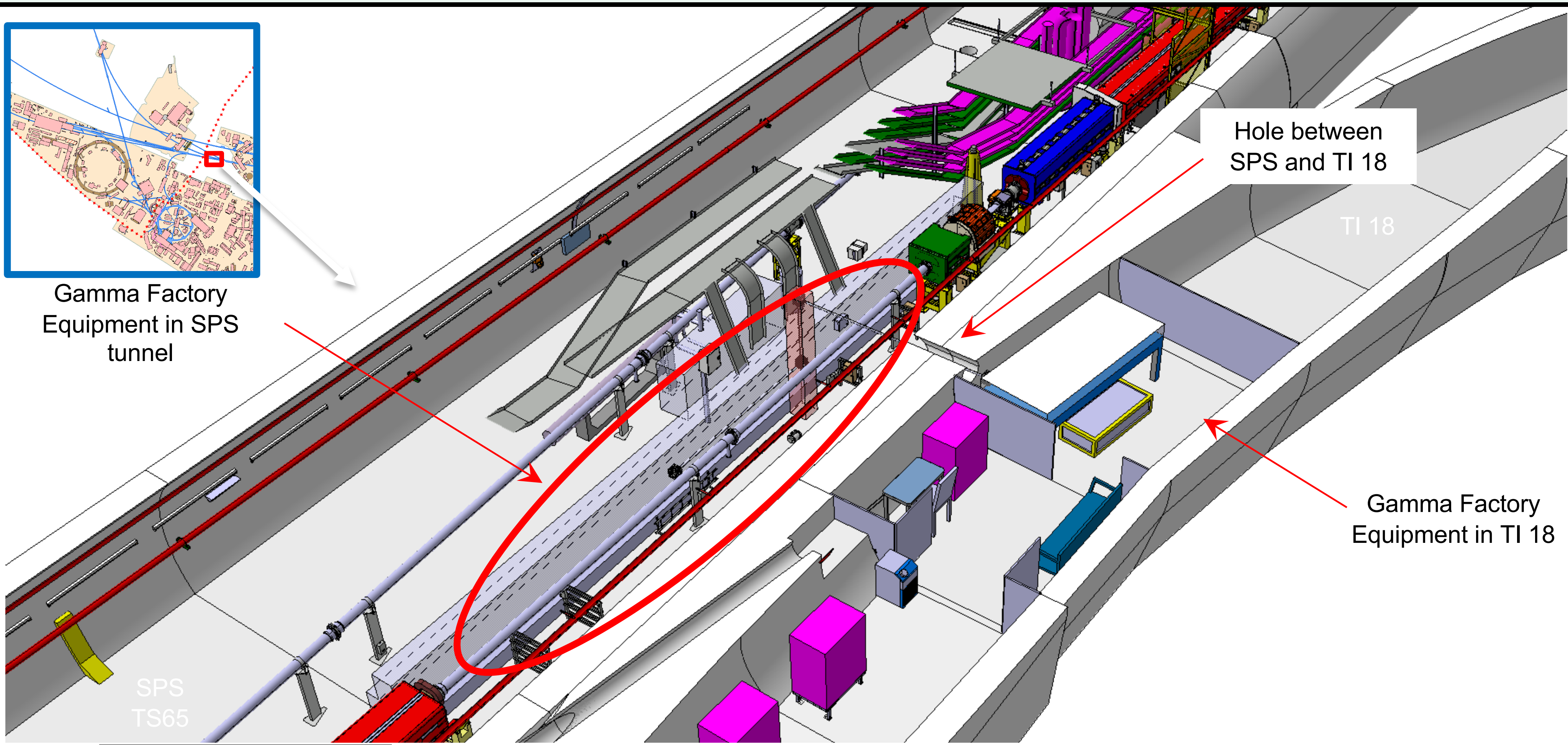
On behalf of IJCLab ILE group

FINAL STEP : Gamma Factory Proof-of-Principle experiment



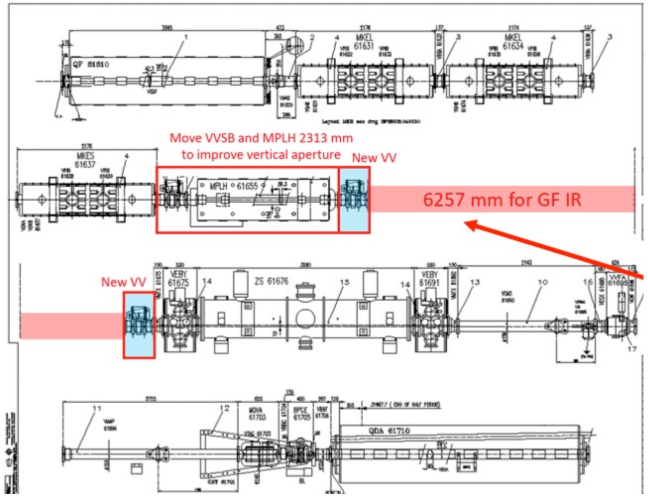
PLANNED INSTALLATION TIME – LS3

Gamma Factory Proof-of-principle experiment



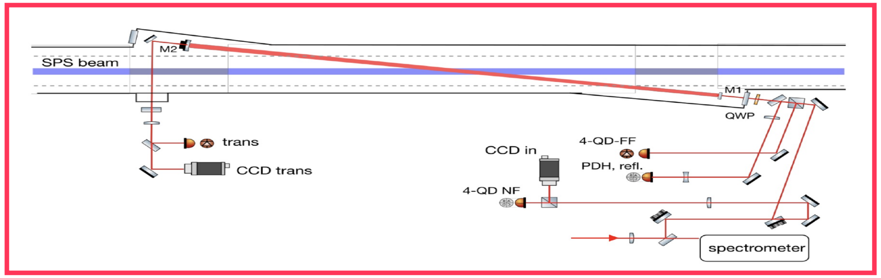
Gamma Factory Proof-of-Principle (PoP) SPS experiment

SPS LSS6 zone

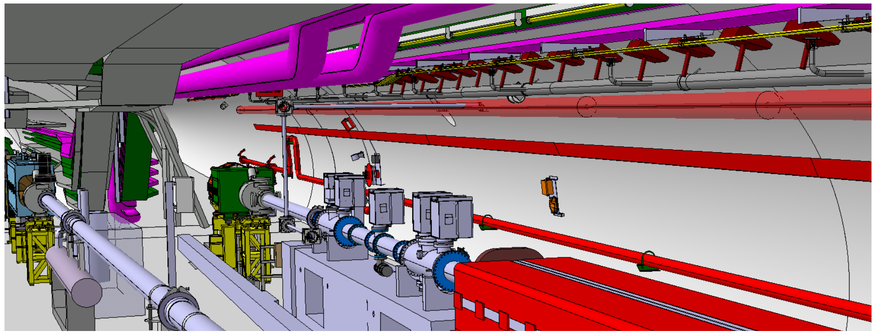


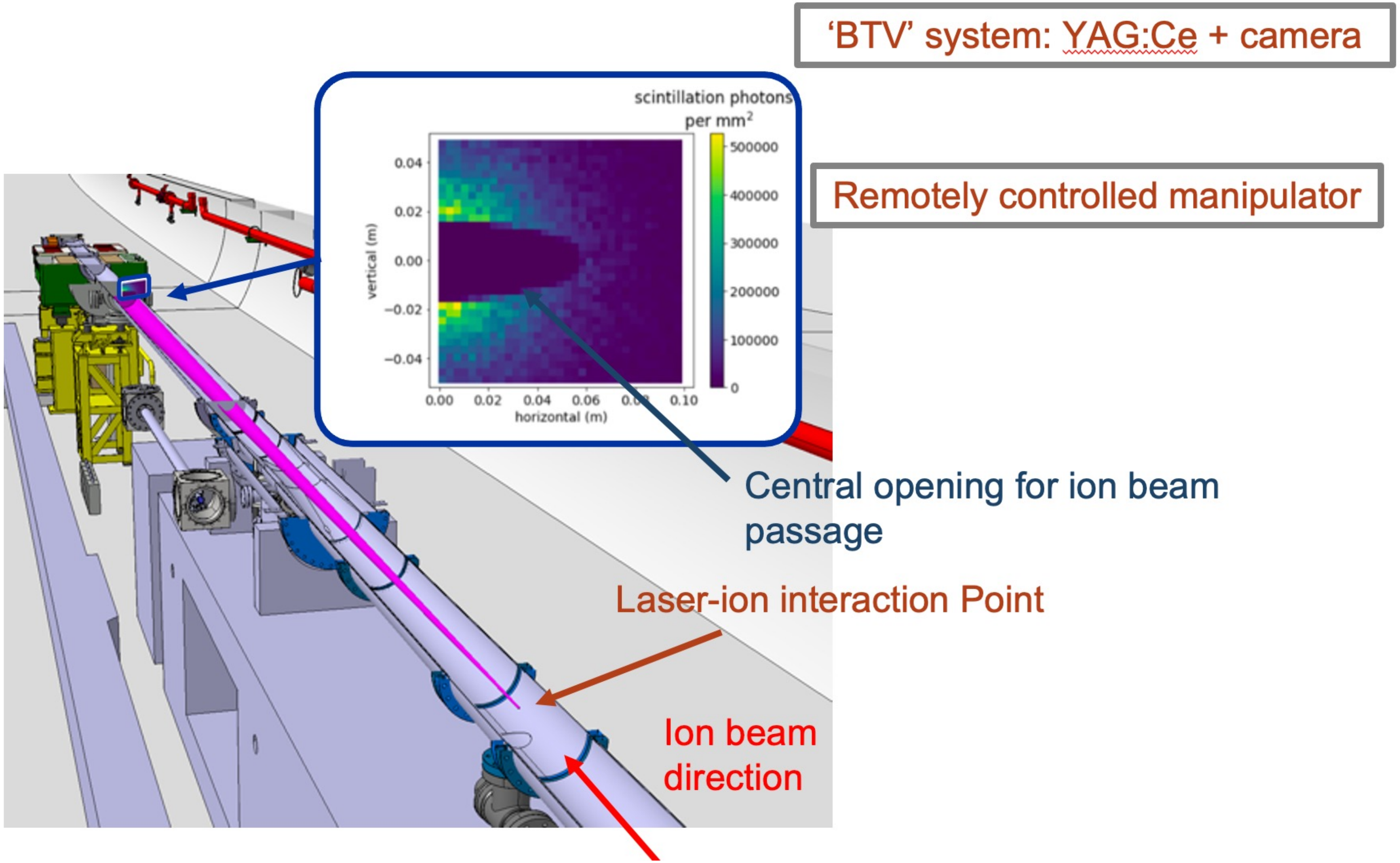
F-P cavity length – 3.75 m -- *vertically tilted by 2..6 deg*

F-P cavity



F-P cavity – "in beam" position





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Ion beam direction

Status of the Gamma Factory PoP experiment

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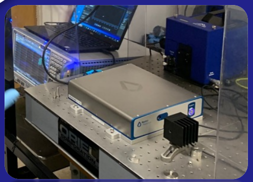
Laser system



- Laser oscillator procured, accepted, tested…
- Successful demonstration paired to enhancement cavity (>700 kW!)
- Tender for 100 W amplifier completed, will be sent to IJCLab (addendum #2 to MoU) in 2025.

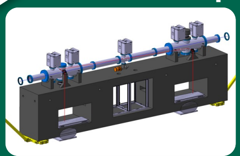
INSTALLED

Laser beamline

- Measurement of SPS vibrations with interferometer.
- Simulations of laser coupling and structure resonances completed
- Beamline support was designed, constructed, installed at SPS

STARTED

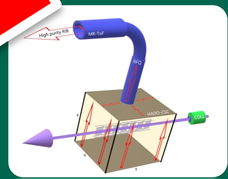
Fabry Perot cavity



- Working with EN-MME on a design update.
- Test at IJCLab were performed at a higher repetition rate, need to perform at 40 MHz
- Mock-up construction at CERN + testing is currently being considered.

Ongoing

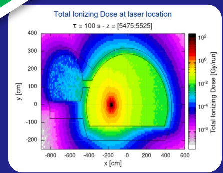
PSI beam studies



- Demonstration in 2018, several runs until now to validate lifetime.
- Production of ions and lifetime (ELISOL-type RIB source) - standard technique
- Beam dynamics studies for spatio-temporal overlap

COMPLETED

Radiation studies



- Installation of BATMONs (waiting for readout).
- FLUKA simulations have been carried out
- To be determined the suitable electronics that can be used for the control systems (with R2E).

COMPLETED

TI-18 tunnel (laser lab)

- Opening and inspection was carried out at the end of 2023
- 3D scan completed
- Cabling requests were completed + PLAN already in the schedule for LS3. Resources not committed.

Scientific programme – selected examples

New research opportunities

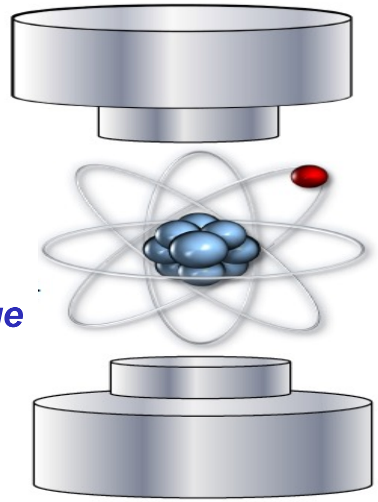
- ***particle physics*** *(precision QED and EW studies, vacuum birefringence, Higgs physics in $\gamma\gamma$ collision mode, rare muon decays, precision neutrino physics, QCD-confinement studies, …);*
- ***nuclear physics*** *(nuclear spectroscopy, cross-talk of nuclear and atomic processes, GDR, nuclear photo-physics, photo-fission research, gamma polarimetry, physics of rare radioactive nuclides,…);*
- ***atomic physics*** *(highly charged atoms, electronic and muonic atoms, pionic and kaonic atoms);*
- ***astrophysics*** *(dark matter searches, gravitational waves detection, gravitational effects of cold particle beams, $^{16}O(\gamma,\alpha)^{12}C$ reaction and S-factors…);*
- ***fundamental physics*** *(studies of the basic symmetries of the universe, atomic interferometry,…);*
- ***accelerator physics*** *(beam cooling techniques, low emittance hadronic beams, high intensity polarised positron and muon sources, beams of radioactive ions and neutrons, very narrow band, and flavour-tagged neutrino beams, …);*
- ***applied physics*** *(accelerator driven energy sources, fusion research, medical isotopes and isomers precision lithography).*

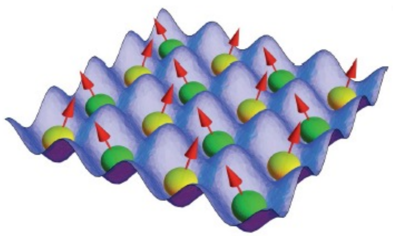
GF experimental programme with atomic beams

Atomic Physics: highly-charged, "small-size" atoms

Atomic rest-frame

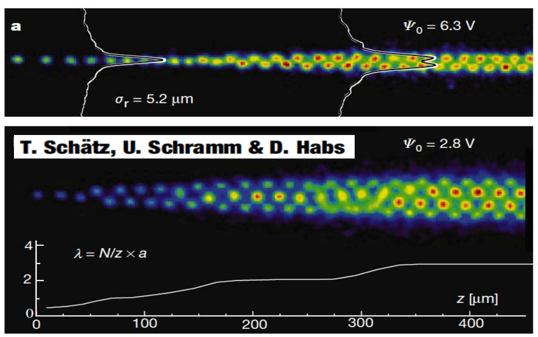
Trapped stationary atoms Exposed to pulsed magnetic and electric fields of the storage ring





Crystalline beams?

letters to nature



Opening new research opportunities in atomic physics:

- *Highly-charged atoms – very strong (~10^{16} V/cm) electric field (QED-vacuum effects)*
- *Small size atoms (electroweak effects, $\sin^2\theta_W$, …*
- *Hydrogen-like and Helium-like atomic structure (calculation precision and simplicity)*
- *Atomic degrees of freedom of trapped highly-charged atoms can be resonantly excited by lasers*

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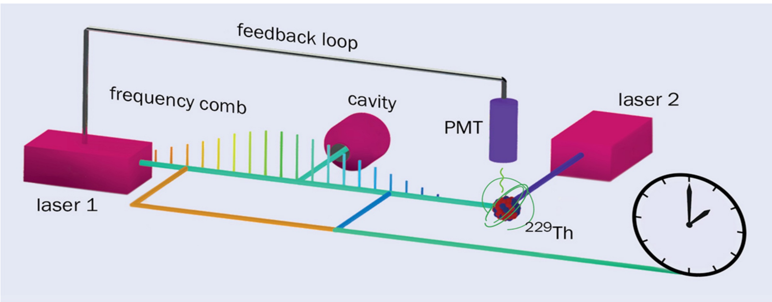

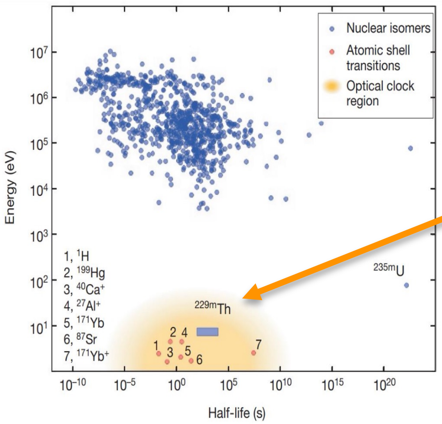

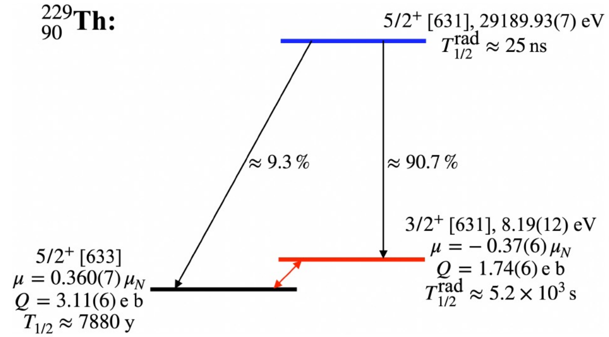

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Excitation and probing of low-energy nuclear states at high-energy storage rings

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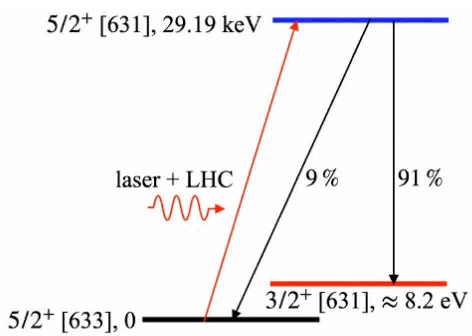
Two "GF" ways of producing ^{229m}Th isomer with high efficiency

1. *Excitation in bare Th nuclei*
2. *Excitation in H- or Li- like Th ions*



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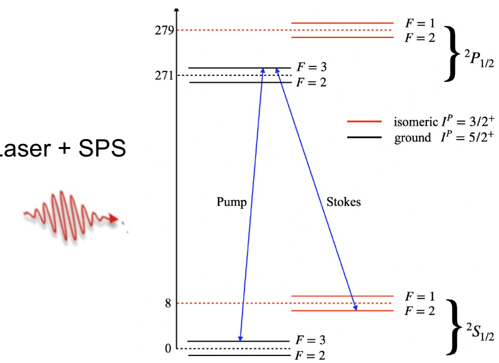

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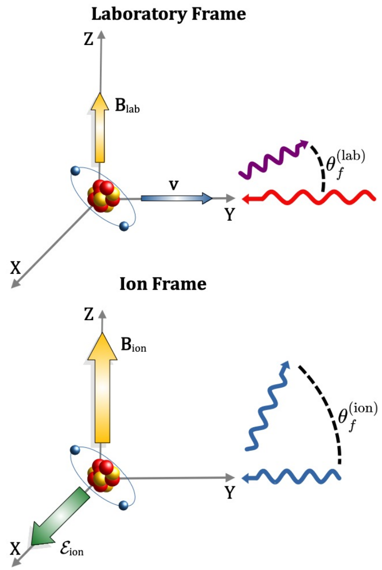

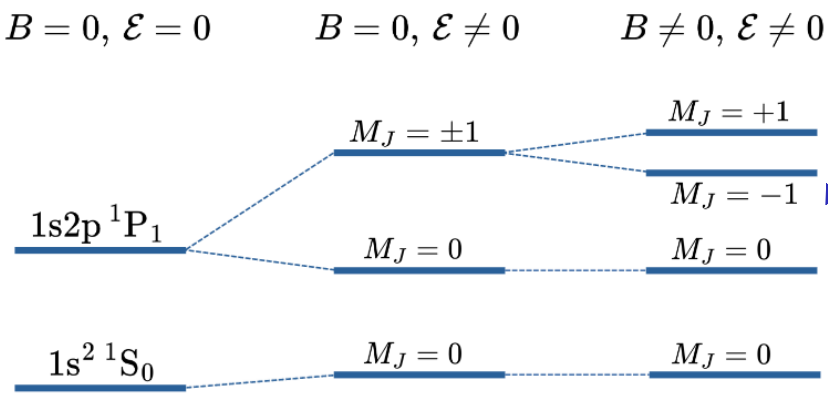

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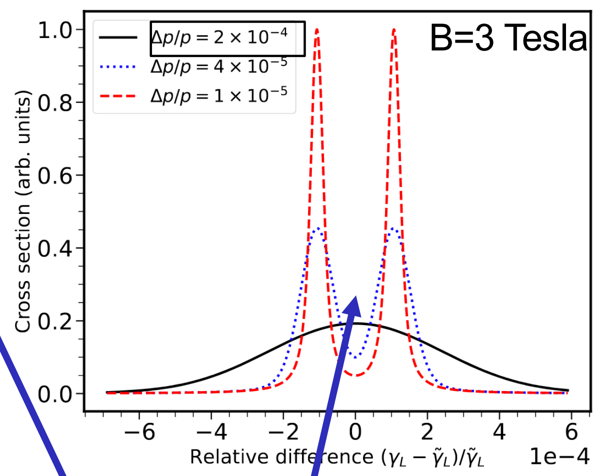

Controlling the Resonant Scattering Process of Photons on Relativistic Ion Beams Using Strong External Electromagnetic Fields

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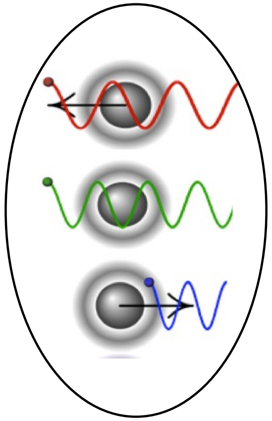
Observing Zeman splitting of the M_j = +/-1 sublevels of the excited He-like Ca atoms allows us to control the degree of cooling of the LHC beam

GF experimental programme with cold isoscalar-ion beams

Accelerator Physics: Gamma Factory “cold” atomic beams



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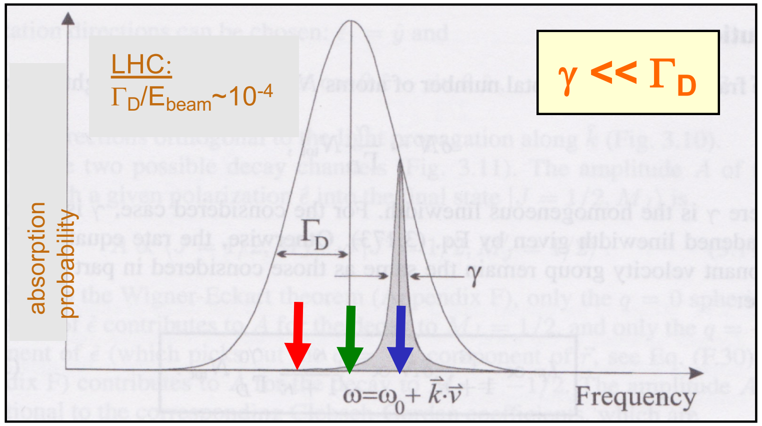
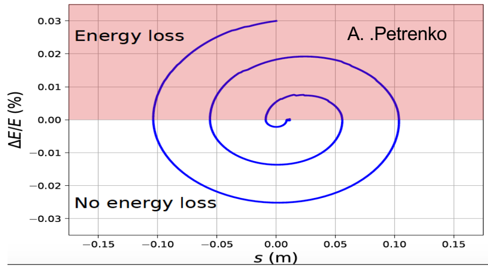
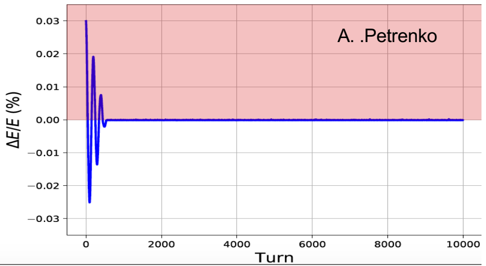
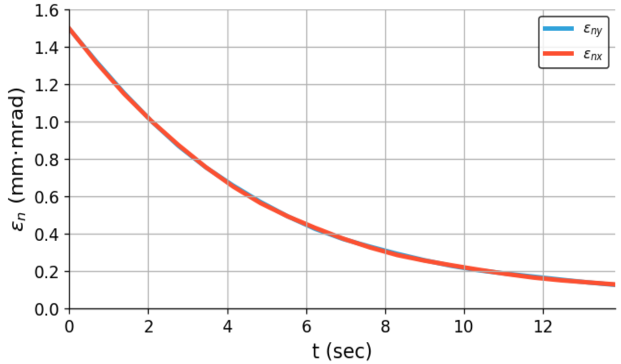






Beam cooling speed: *the laser wavelength band is chosen such that only the ions moving in the laser pulse direction (in the bunch rest frame) can resonantly absorb photons.*

Opens a possibility of forming at CERN hadronic beams of the required longitudinal and transverse emittances within a seconds-long time scale



Simulation of laser cooling of the lithium-like Ca(+17) bunches in the SPS: transverse emittance evolution.

High-luminosity Large Hadron Collider with laser-cooled isoscalar ion beams
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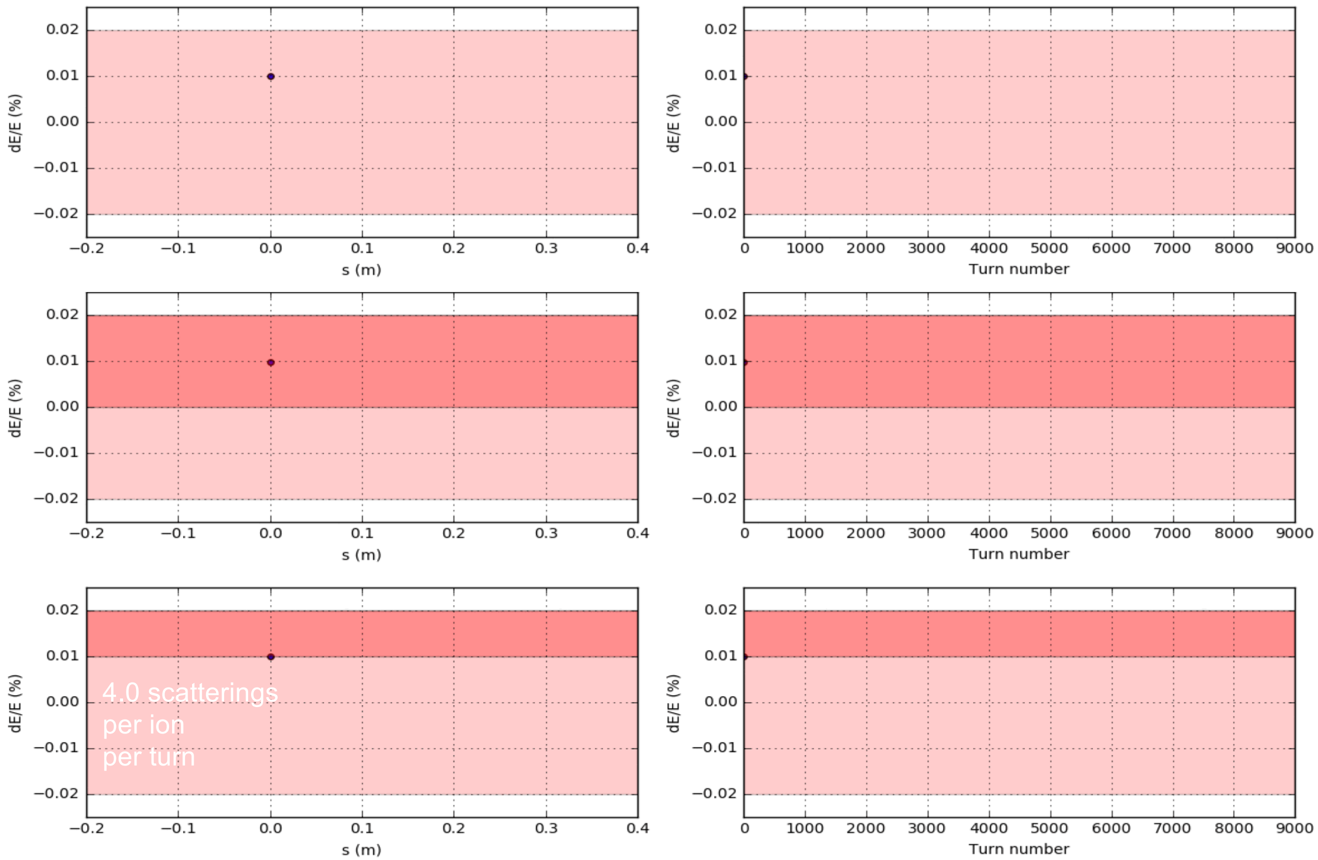
Gamma Factory beam cooling technique to reduce the longitudinal beam emittance (principle borrowed from atomic physics)



Particle Physics: Gamma Factory path to HL-LHC:

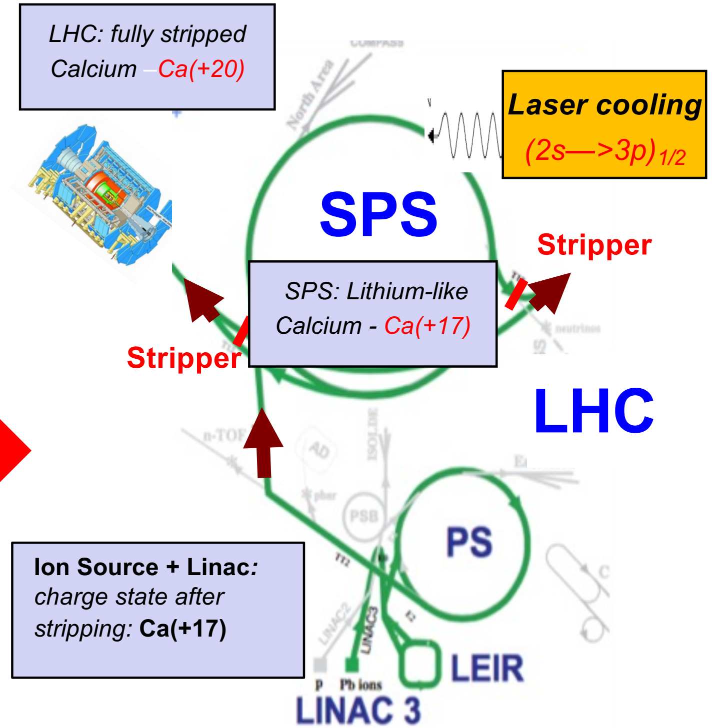
Studies of the implementation scheme with laser-cooled isoscalar Ca beams

$$\mathscr{L} = f \frac{n_1 n_2}{4\pi\sqrt{\epsilon_x \beta_x^* \epsilon_y \beta_y^*}}$$

***Two complementary** ways to **increase** collider **luminosity** for fixed n_1, n_2, and f :*

- ***reduce** β_x^* and β_y^**
- ***reduce** ε_x and ε_y*

***HL-LHC** – β^* reduction by a factor of 3.7 (new inner triplet)*



Reduction of the transverse x,y, emittances by a factor of 5 can be achieved in 9 seconds (top SPS energy)

The merits of cold isoscalar beams

- *higher precision in measuring SM parameters in CaCa than in pp collisions*
- *Possible unique access to exclusive Higgs boson production in photon–photon collisions?*

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Review

High-luminosity Large Hadron Collider with laser-cooled isoscalar ion beams ☆

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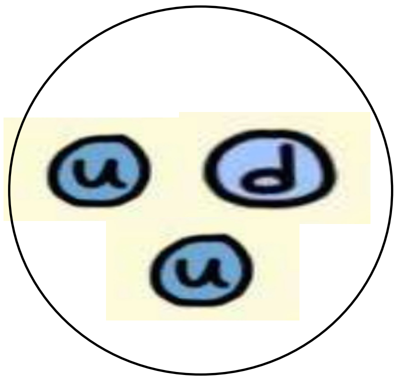
Unbiased measurement of the EW processes at the LHC by using isoscalar ion rather than proton beams - WHY?



u and **d** quarks have different charges, weak isospin and vector and axial couplings.
For EW-physics: proton beams are equivalent to neutrino and electron beam mixed in not precisely known proportions.

In addition the relative distributions of the valence and sea u and d quarks determine the effective W/Z boson polarisation. Proton beams –> polarisation of W cannot be precisely controlled.

Isoscalar (A=2Z) ion beams

Profit from the flavour symmetry of strong interactions to to equalize the distributions of the u and d quarks: $u_{v,s}^{A=2Z,Z}(x, k_t, Q^2) = d_{v,s}^{A=2Z,Z}(x, k_t, Q^2)$

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Perspective

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The precision measurement of the *W* boson mass and its impact on physics

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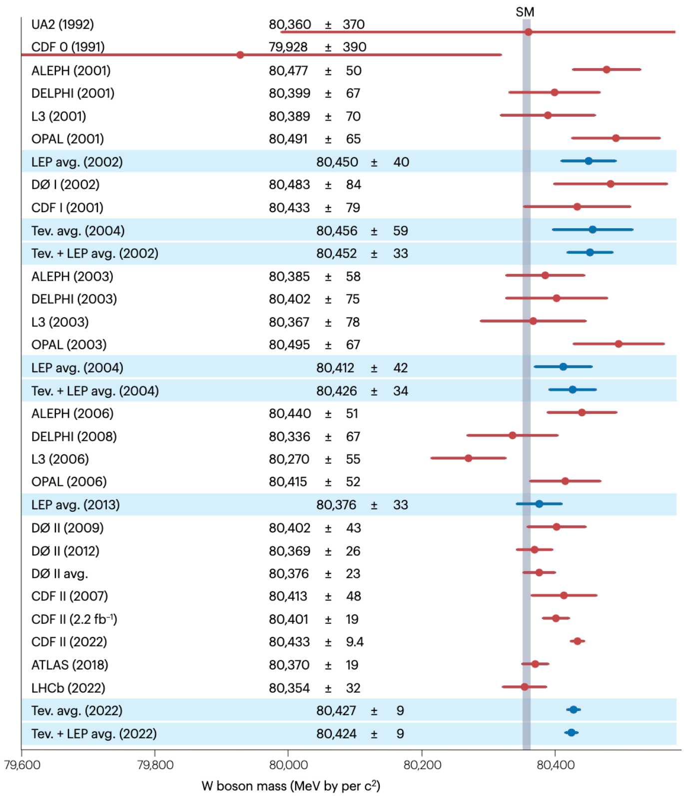
Abstract

Sections



CMS Physics Analysis Summary

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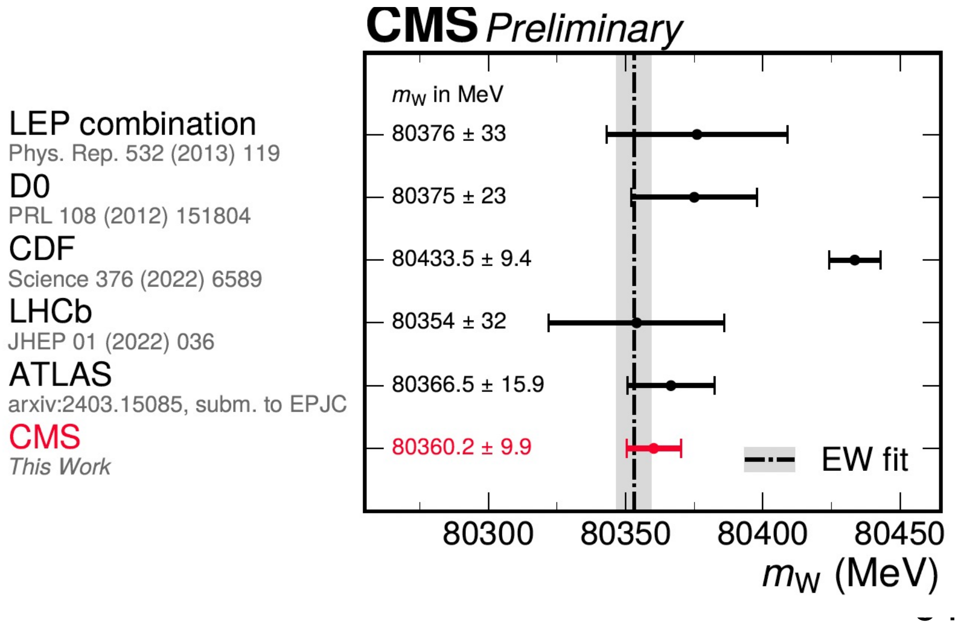
Measurement of the W boson mass in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

The CMS Collaboration



Unconstrained PDF degrees of freedom for the pp collisions at the LHC energies

Assume for a while: $s(x)=\bar{s}(x)$, $c(x)=\bar{c}(x)$, $b(x)=\bar{b}(x)$ then:

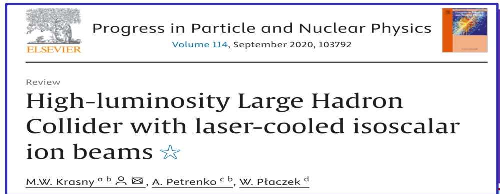
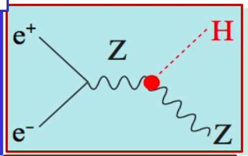
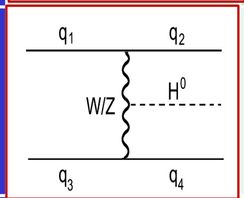
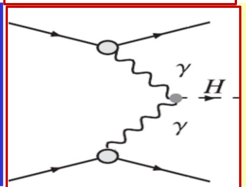
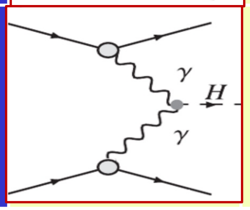
- 5 sea-quark flavours (u,d,s,c,b) + 2 valence quark flavours ($u^{(v)}$, $d^{(v)}$) 7 unknown PDFs:
- 4 constraints coming from the measurement of precision observables
- 7-4=3 degrees of freedom in the flavour-dependent pdf's remain unconstrained at the LHC (external input)

Important note:

At the Tevatron (lower energy) only the first quark family was relevant. In addition $\bar{p}p$ collisions.

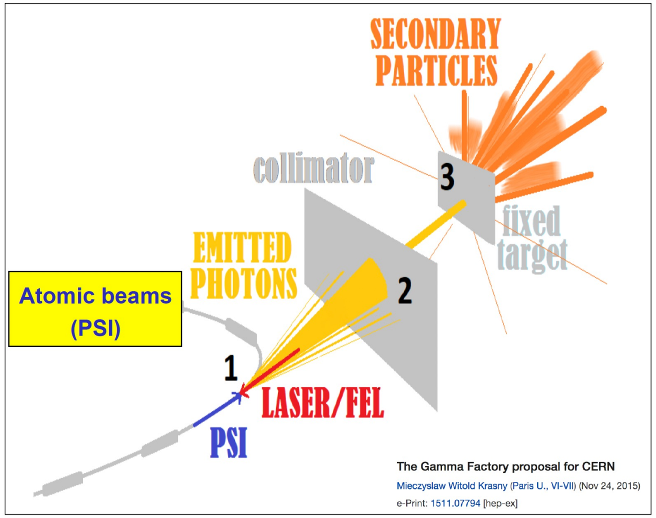
This leaves only 2 (out of 7) flavour dependent pdf's. They are over-constrained.

*Comparison of the Higgs physics reach in FCC-ee, LHeC and HL(AA)LHC**

 Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics, Volume 114, September 2020, 103792 — Review — High-luminosity Large Hadron Collider with laser-cooled isoscalar ion beams — M.W. Krasny, A. Petrenko, W. Płaczek	Diagram	σ prod [pb]	Higgs/year	Collider	Experiment	Backg.
FCC-ee semi-inclusive (HZ)		200	200000 ($1000fb^{-1}$)	To be constructed	To be constructed	tiny
LHeC inclusive		0.033	33 ($100fb^{-1}$)	To be constructed	To be constructed	large
HL(AA)LHC* Exclusive γγ		550	260 ($0.47fb^{-1}$)	existing	4 exp. existing	small (no nuclear remnants)
HL-HE-(AA)LHC* Exclusive γγ		2600	1220 ($0.47fb^{-1}$)	New LHC dipoles	4 exp existing	small (no nuclear remnants)

*) HL(AA)LHC: (1) BNL-like performance of the ion injectors, (2)GF beam cooling at the SPS,
(3) BNL-like performance of stochastic cooling at the LHC injection (presented table: CaCa collisions)

GF experimental programme with high intensity photon beams



- ***Polarised positrons*** – *potential gain of up to a factor of 10^4 in intensity with respect to the KEK positron source, satisfying both the LEMMA muon–collider and the LHeC requirements*

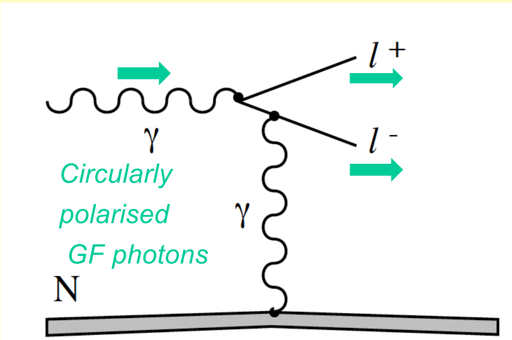
- ***Muons*** – *potential gain by a factor of 10^3 in intensity with respect to the PSI muon source, charge symmetry ($N\mu^+ \sim N\mu^-$), polarisation control*

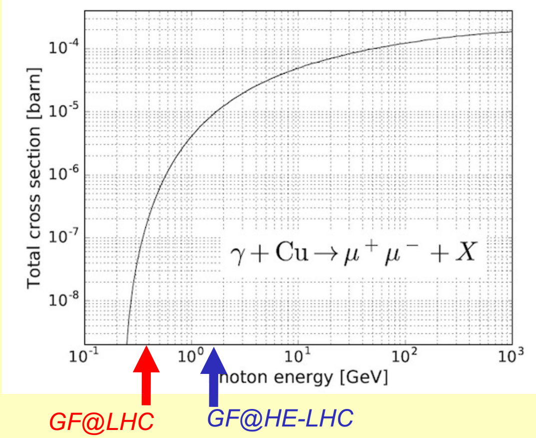
- ***Neutrinos*** – *fluxes comparable to NuMAX but: (1) Very Narrow Band Beam, driven by the small spectral density pion beam and (2) unique possibility of creating flavour- and CP-tuned beams driven by the beams of polarised muons*

- ***Neutrons*** – *a comparable neutron flux with respect to the future neutron spallation sources e.g. at ESS – but quasi monoenergetic MeV neutrons*

- ***Radioactive (neutron-rich) ions*** – *potential gain of up to a factor 10^4 in intensity with respect to e.g. ALTO*

Two *novel* ways of producing polarised muons by photons in GF

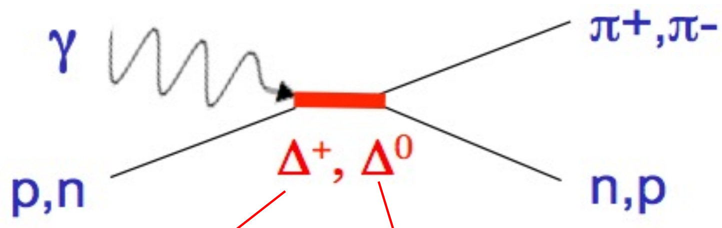


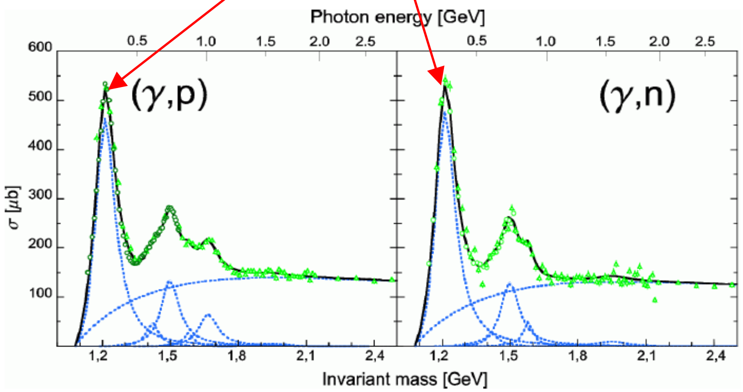


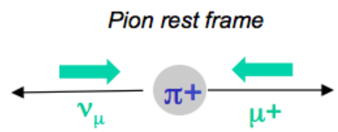
~ 10^{10} μ/s source for GF@LHC

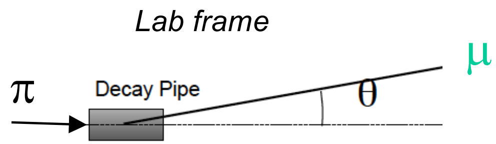
(Mass threshold effect)

New concept









Polarisation $= P(\theta)$

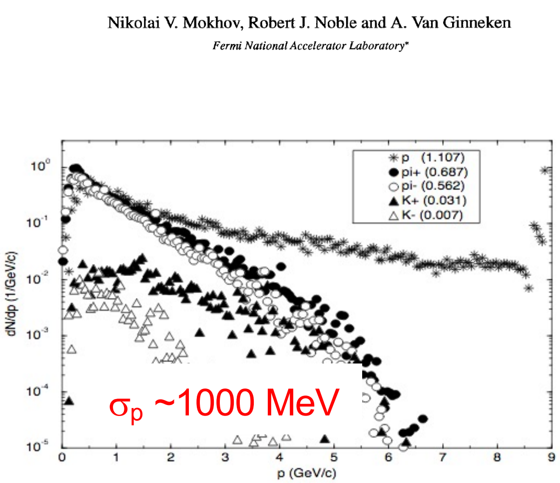
Requires quasi-monochromatic pion beam …and θ–dependent packing of muons into successive RF buckets to minimise the polarisation smearing!

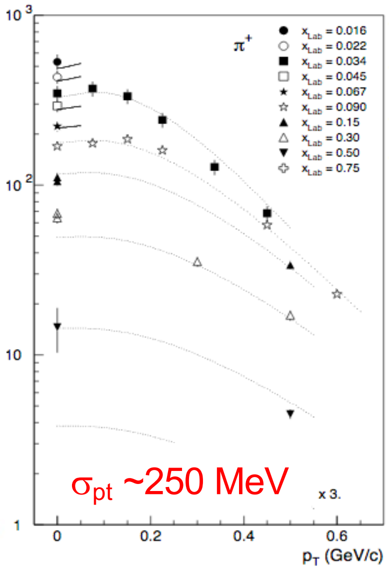
High intensity source: 2x10^{13} (10^14) μ^+ and μ^- per second for the 2X0 graphite (deuterium) target and 1 MW, 300 MeV photon beam!

Pion spectral density

8 GeV proton beam

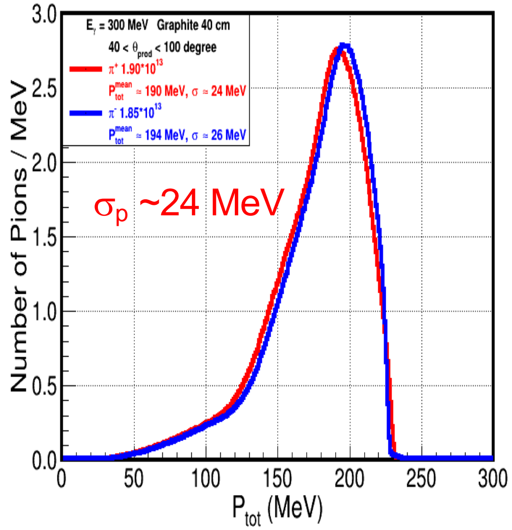
For $\lambda_i = 2$ **graphite** target:
~ 4.1 x 10^{14} π^+/s and ~ 2.6 x 10^{14} π^-/s for 1 MW p beam

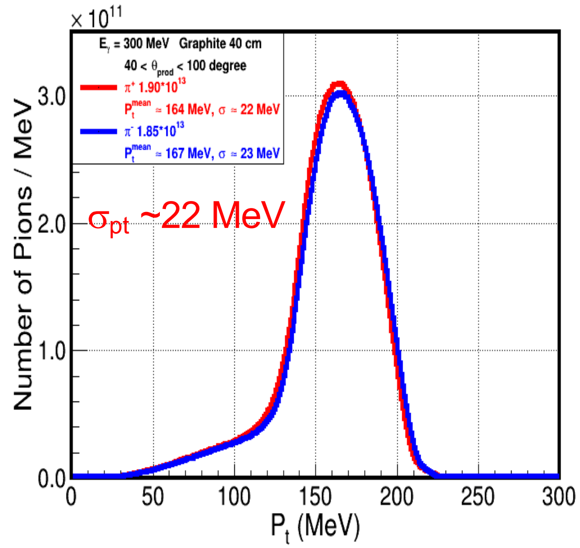


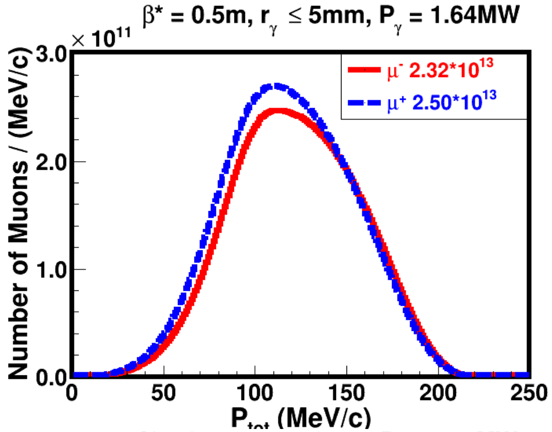


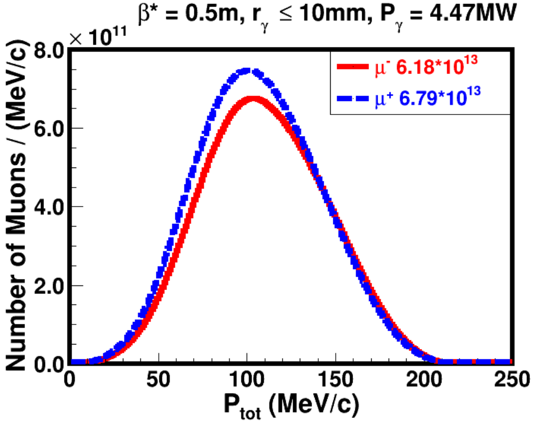
300 MeV GF γ-beam

For $\lambda_i = 2$ **graphite** target :
~ 3 x 10^{14} π^+ and π^- /s for 10 MW γ beam









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Gamma Factory high-intensity muon and positron source: Exploratory studies

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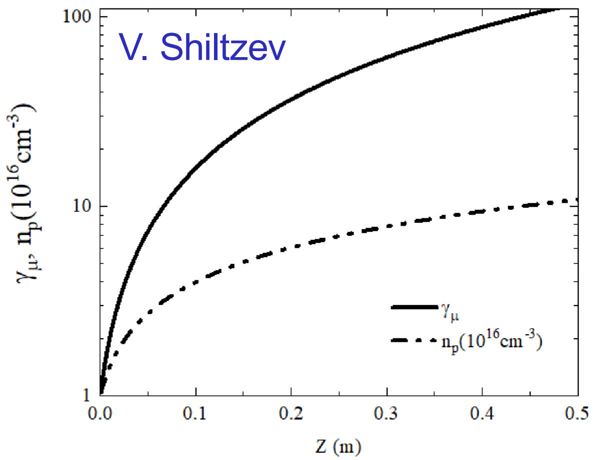
Plasma Wakefield Accelerator-Based Low Emittance Muon Source

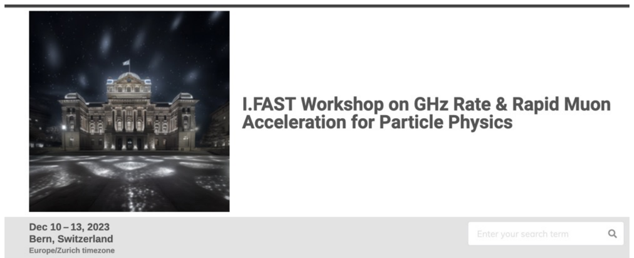
Tapered Plasma Density Rampup



$\gamma_p \approx (1+az)^{4/3}$

$n_p = n_0\,(1+az)^{2/3}$

Plasma density and muon energy in tapered PWA-based 10 GeV muon source with normalized acceptance of 25 μm - corresponding to



The importance of muon (longitudinal) polarisation

Precise control of CP and flavour composition of the μ-beam driven neutrino source

$$\mu^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} + \nu_e(\bar{\nu}_e) + \bar{\nu}_\mu(\nu_\mu)$$

- *The GF source for isoscalar targets is “charge-symmetric”!*
- *Selection of $\nu_e\overline{\nu_\mu}$ or $\overline{\nu_e}\nu_\mu$ beam by changing the sign of collected pions*
- *Control of the relative $\overline{\nu_e}/\nu_\mu$ ($\nu_e/\overline{\nu_\mu}$) fluxes by changing muon polarisation*

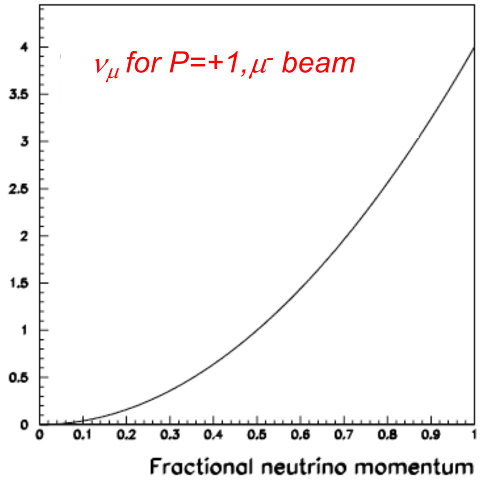
$$\frac{d^2N}{dx d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi}[f_0(x) \mp \mathcal{P}_\mu f_1(x) \cos\theta]$$

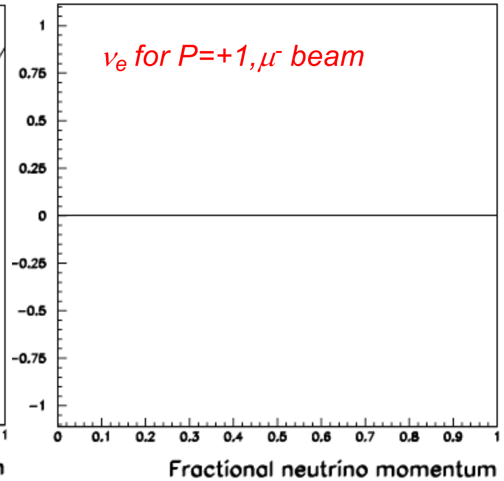
$x = 2E_\nu/m_\mu$

$\mathcal{P}_\mu$ is the muon polarization

θ is the angle between the neutrino momentum vector and the muon spin direction

	$f_0(x)$	$f_1(x)$
ν_μ, e	$2x^2(3-2x)$	$2x^2(1-2x)$
ν_e	$12x^2(1-x)$	$12x^2(1-x)$

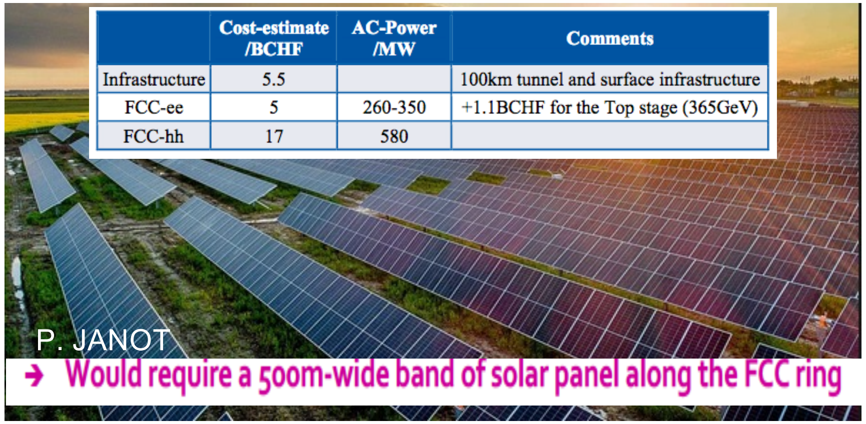




Conceptually optimal experiment to search for CP violation in the neutrino sector:

The experiment would compare the oscillation probabilities of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$, with the ν_μ flux obtained from the decay under zero forward angle from fully polarized μ^-, and of $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$, with the $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ flux obtained from the decay under zero forward angle from fully polarized μ^+.

Applied Physics: Photon-beam-driven energy source



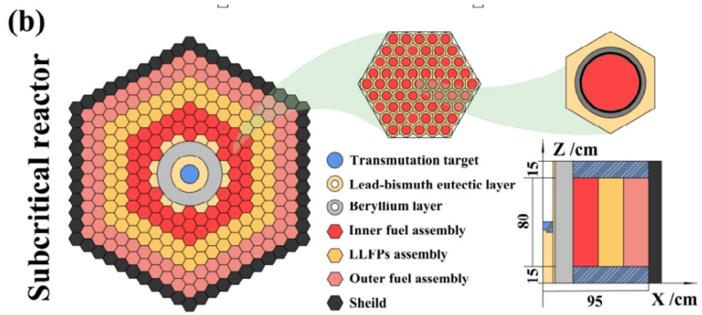
	Cost-estimate /BCHF	AC-Power /MW	Comments
Infrastructure	5.5		100km tunnel and surface infrastructure
FCC-ee	5	260-350	+1.1BCHF for the Top stage (365GeV)
FCC-hh	17	580	

Best use of the CERN expertise to produce rather than buy the plug-power:

GF- Photon-beam-driven energy source (ADS)

Satisfying three conditions;

- requisite power for the present and future CERN scientific programme
- operation safety **(a subcritical reactor)**
- efficient transmutation of the nuclear waste (**very important societal impact if demonstrated at CERN –given its reputation**)



APS April Meeting 2023
Minneapolis, Minnesota (Apr 15-18)

M06 Invited **Accelerate Solving Energy Crisis: From Fission to Fusion**
Room: MG Salon F - 3rd Floor **Sponsor**: DPB FIP **Chair**: Christine Darve, European Spallation Source
Invited Speakers: Hamid Ait Abderrahmane, Mieczyslaw Witold Krasny, Ahmed Diallo, Alireza Haghighat

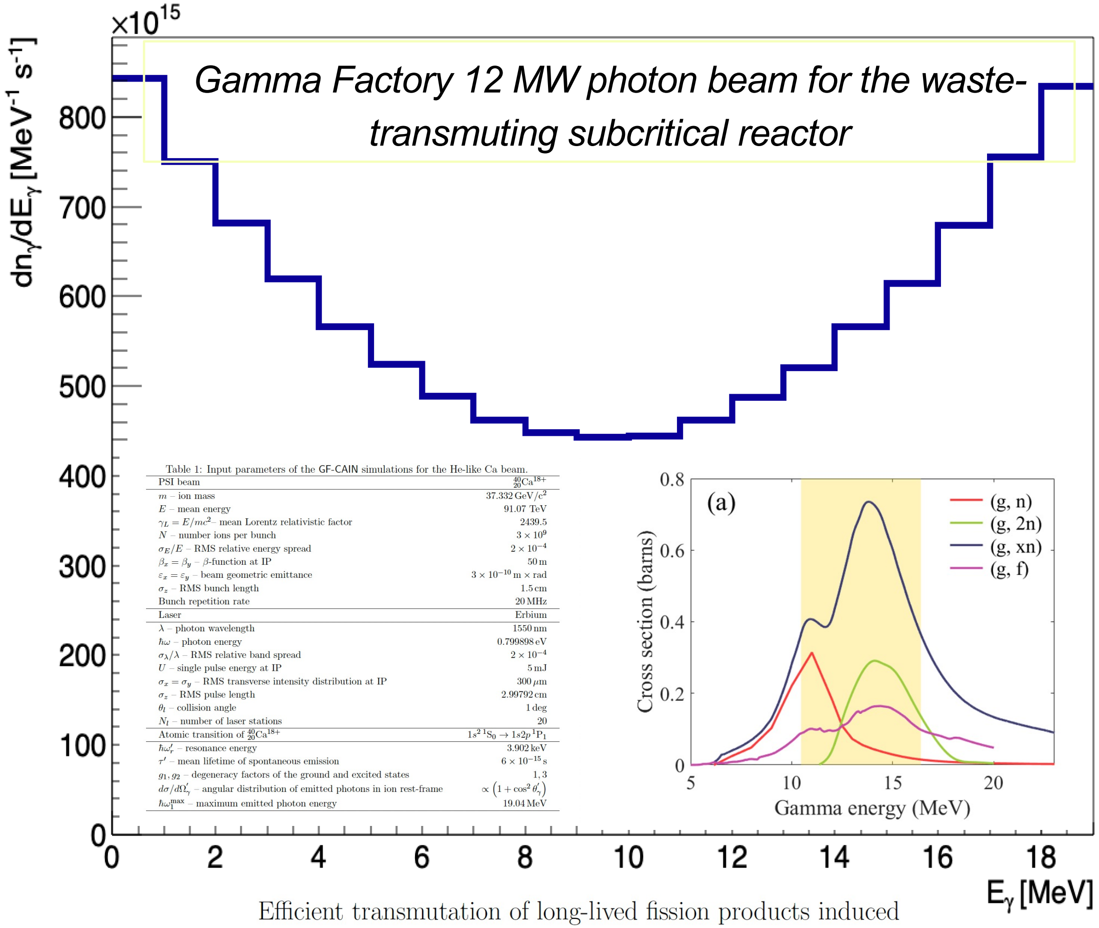


Table 1: Input parameters of the GF-CAIN simulations for the He-like Ca beam.

PSI beam	$^{40}_{20}Ca^{18+}$
m – ion mass	37.332 GeV/c^2
E – mean energy	91.07 TeV
$\gamma_L = E/mc^2$ – mean Lorentz relativistic factor	2439.5
N – number ions per bunch	3×10^9
σ_E/E – RMS relative energy spread	2×10^{-4}
$\beta_x = \beta_y$ – β-function at IP	50 m
$\varepsilon_x = \varepsilon_y$ – beam geometric emittance	3×10^{-10} m × rad
σ_z – RMS bunch length	1.5 cm
Bunch repetition rate	20 MHz
Laser	Erbium
λ – photon wavelength	1550 nm
$\hbar\omega$ – photon energy	0.799898 eV
σ_λ/λ – RMS relative band spread	2×10^{-4}
U – single pulse energy at IP	5 mJ
$\sigma_x = \sigma_y$ – RMS transverse intensity distribution at IP	300 μm
σ_z – RMS pulse length	2.99792 cm
θ_l – collision angle	1 deg
N_l – number of laser stations	20
Atomic transition of $^{40}_{20}Ca^{18+}$	$1s^2\,^1S_0 \to 1s2p\,^1P_1$
$\hbar\omega'_r$ – resonance energy	3.902 keV
τ' – mean lifetime of spontaneous emission	6×10^{-15} s
g_1, g_2 – degeneracy factors of the ground and excited states	1, 3
$d\sigma/d\Omega'_\gamma$ – angular distribution of emitted photons in ion rest-frame	$\propto \left(1 + \cos^2\theta'_\gamma\right)$
$\hbar\omega_1^{max}$ – maximum emitted photon energy	19.04 MeV

Efficient transmutation of long-lived fission products induced by Gamma Factory γ-ray beams

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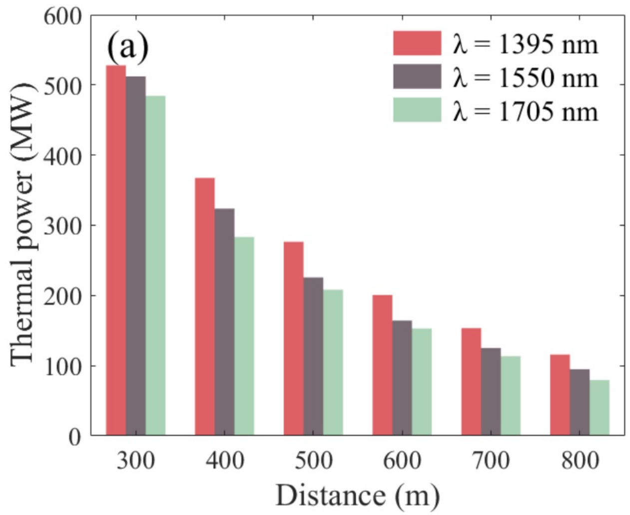

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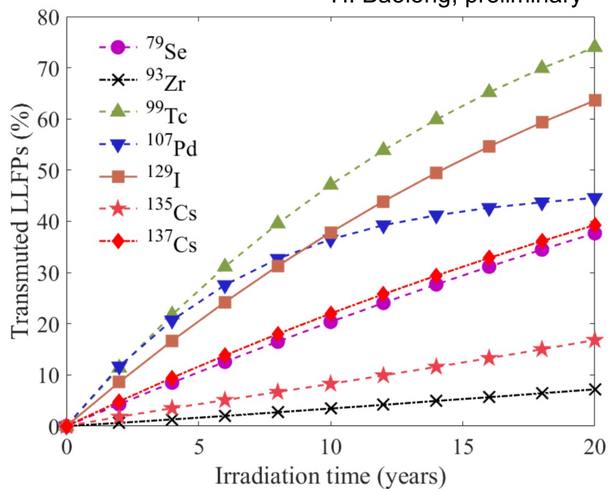
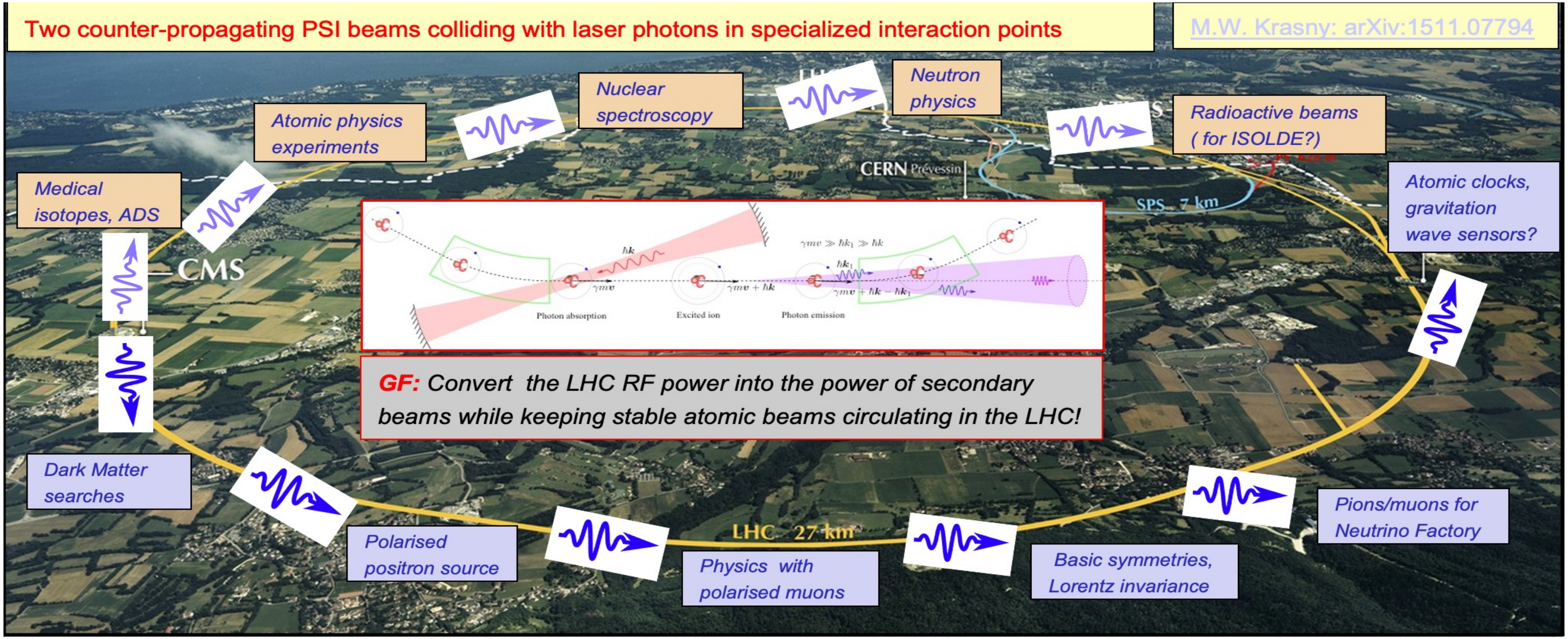


… the GF-future of the LHC?



A potential place of Gamma Factory in the future CERN research programme

- *The **next** CERN **high-energy frontier** project may take **long time** to be approved, built and become operational, … unlikely before 2048 (FCC-ee) or 2050+ (μ-collider)*

- *The **present** LHC **research programme** will certainly reach **earlier** (~2034?) its discovery **saturation** (little physics gain by a simple extending its pp/pA/AA running time)*

- *A strong **need** will certainly arise for a **novel** multidisciplinary programme which could **re-use** ("co-use") the **existing** CERN facilities (including LHC) in **ways** and at **levels** that were **not** necessarily **thought** of when the machines were **designed***

***The Gamma Factory** research programme could fulfil such a role. It can exploit **the existing world unique opportunities** offered by the CERN accelerator complex and CERN's scientific infrastructure **(not available elsewhere**) to conduct new, diverse, and vibrant research.*