

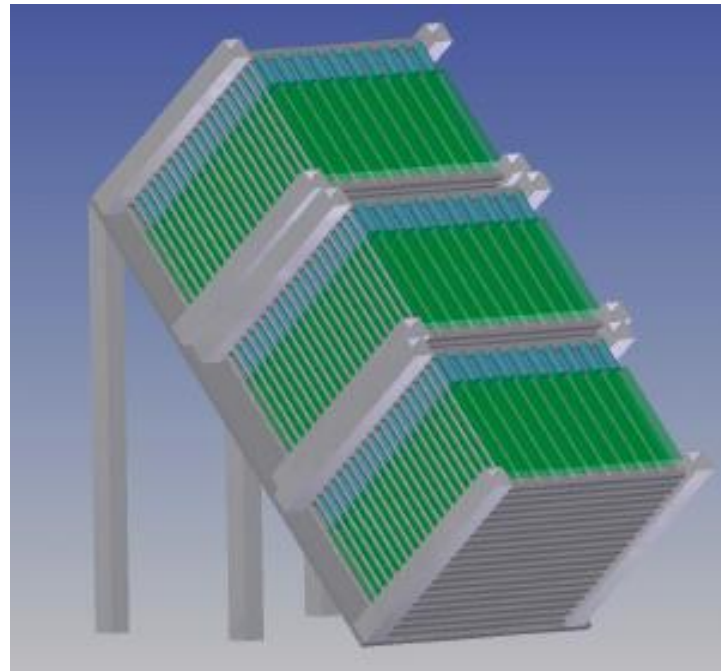
MilliQan : A new detector for milli-charged particles at the LHC

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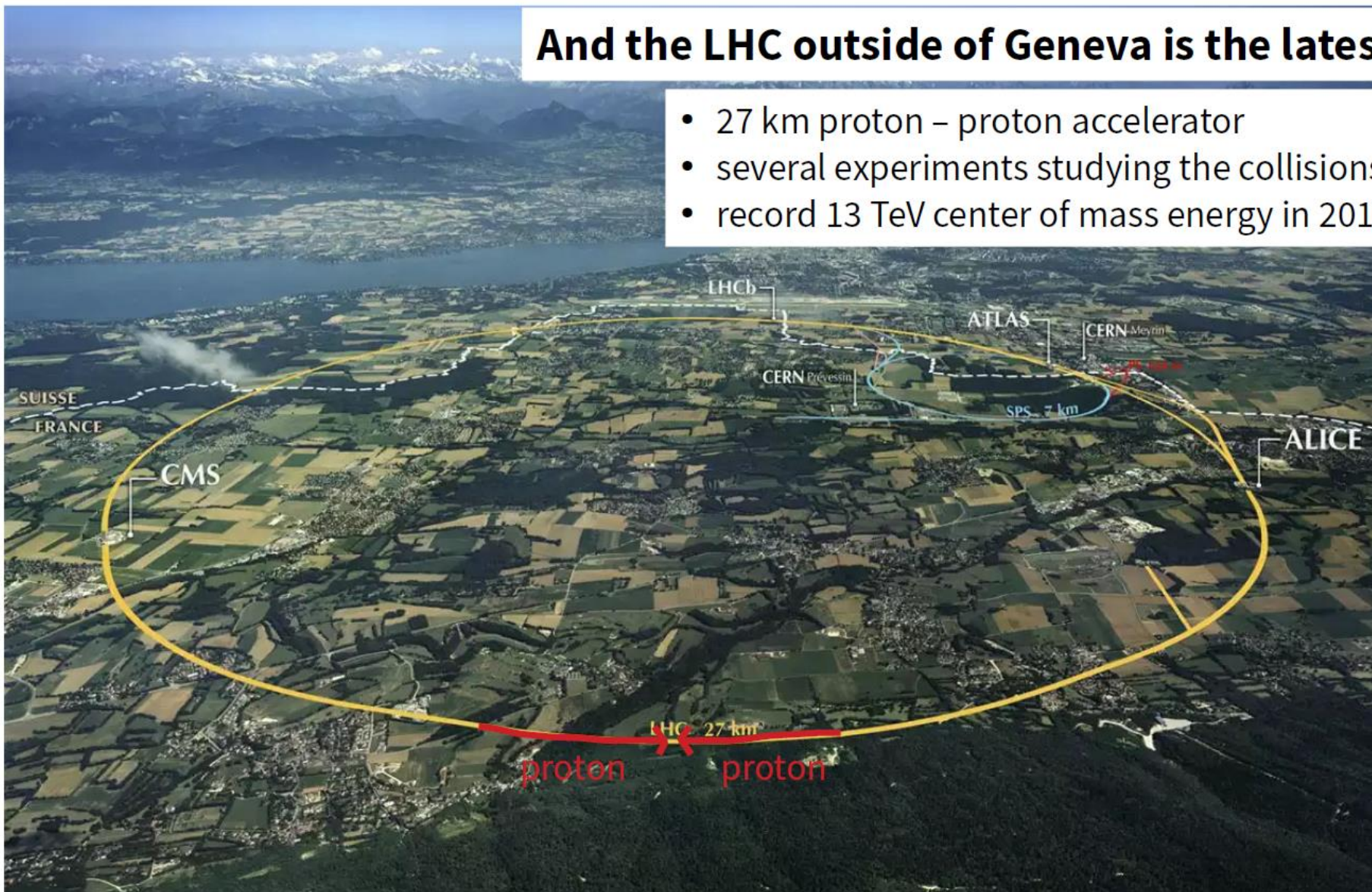
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Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

The Standard Model can be tested by smashing particles at high energies

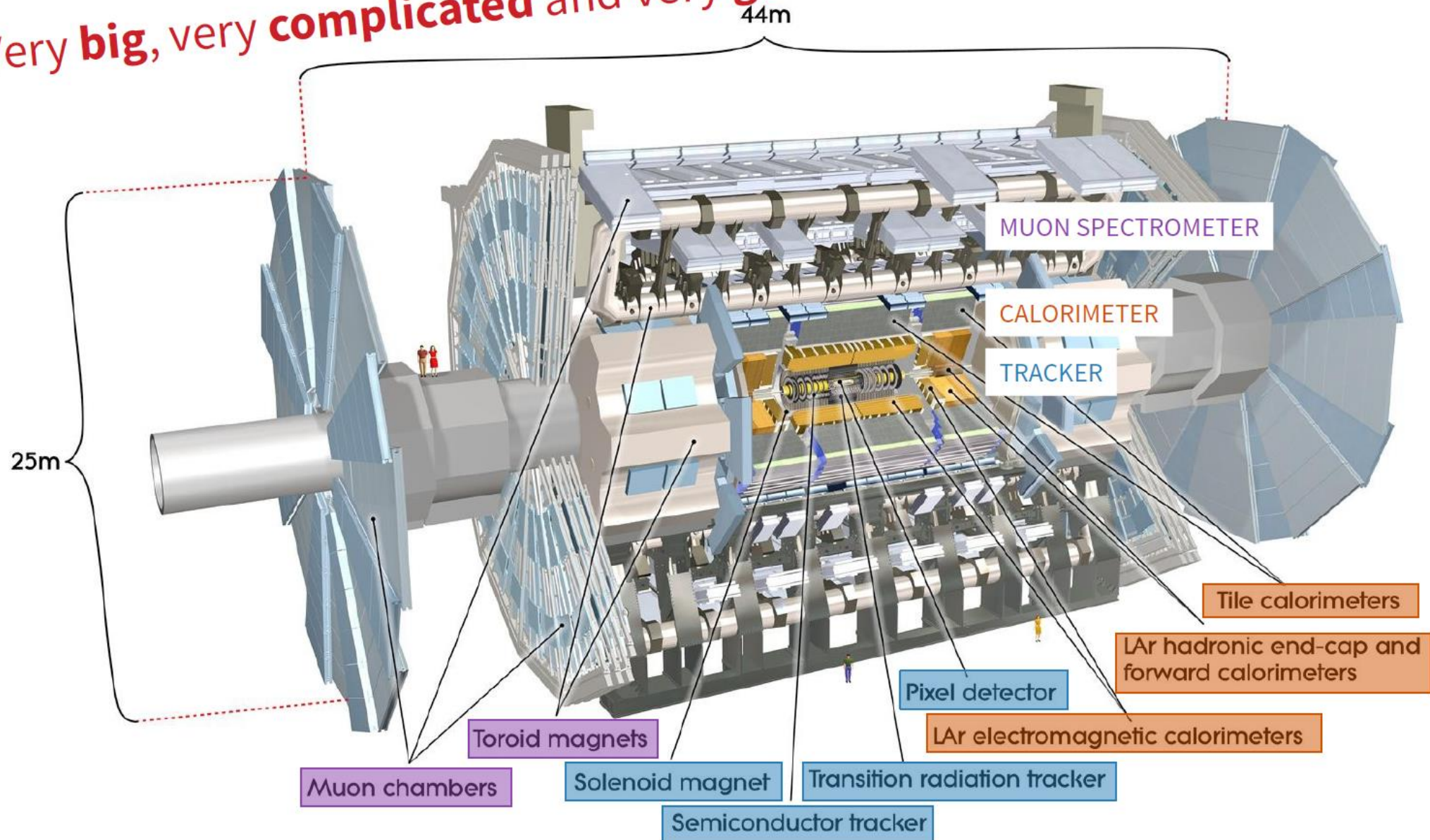
And the LHC outside of Geneva is the latest tool.

- 27 km proton – proton accelerator
- several experiments studying the collisions
- record 13 TeV center of mass energy in 2015!



ATLAS Particle Detector

Very **big**, very **complicated** and very **general!**



ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Upper Exclusion Limits

Status: July 2017

ATLAS Preliminary

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (3.2 - 37.0) \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$$

Model	ℓ, γ	Jets [†]	E_T^{miss}	$\int \mathcal{L} dt [\text{fb}^{-1}]$	Limit	Reference		
Extra dimensions	ADD $G_{KK} + g/q$	0 e, μ	1-4 j	Yes	36.1	M_D 7.75 TeV	$n = 2$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-060
	ADD non-resonant $\gamma\gamma$	2 γ	-	-	36.7	M_S 8.6 TeV	$n = 3$ HLZ NLO	CERN-EP-2017-132
	ADD QBH	-	2 j	-	37.0	M_{th} 8.9 TeV	$n = 6$	1703.09217
	ADD BH high $\sum p_T$	$\geq 1 e, \mu$	$\geq 2 j$	-	3.2	M_{th} 8.2 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$, rot BH	1606.02265
	ADD BH multijet	-	$\geq 3 j$	-	3.6	M_{th} 9.55 TeV	$n = 6, M_D = 3 \text{ TeV}$, rot BH	1512.02586
	RS1 $G_{KK} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2 γ	-	-	36.7	G_{KK} mass 4.1 TeV	$k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 0.1$	CERN-EP-2017-132
	Bulk RS $G_{KK} \rightarrow WW \rightarrow qq\ell\nu$	1 e, μ	1 J	Yes	36.1	G_{KK} mass 1.75 TeV	$k/\bar{M}_{Pl} = 1.0$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-051
2UED / RPP	1 e, μ	$\geq 2 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	13.2	KK mass 1.6 TeV	Tier (1,1), $\mathcal{B}(A^{(1,1)} \rightarrow tt) = 1$	ATLAS-CONF-2016-104	
Gauge bosons	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$	2 e, μ	-	-	36.1	Z' mass 4.5 TeV	$\Gamma/m = 3\%$ $g_V = 3$ $g_V = 3$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-027
	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2 τ	-	-	36.1	Z' mass 2.4 TeV		ATLAS-CONF-2017-050
	Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow bb$	-	2 b	-	3.2	Z' mass 1.5 TeV		1603.08791
	Leptophobic $Z' \rightarrow tt$	1 e, μ	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	3.2	Z' mass 2.0 TeV		ATLAS-CONF-2016-014
	SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	1 e, μ	-	Yes	36.1	W' mass 5.1 TeV		1706.04786
	HVT $V' \rightarrow WV \rightarrow qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$ model B	0 e, μ	2 J	-	36.7	V' mass 3.5 TeV		CERN-EP-2017-147
	HVT $V' \rightarrow WH/ZH$ model B	multi-channel	-	-	36.1	V' mass 2.93 TeV		ATLAS-CONF-2017-055
	LRSM $W'_R \rightarrow tb$	1 e, μ	2 b, 0-1 j	Yes	20.3	W'_R mass 1.92 TeV		1410.4103
LRSM $W'_R \rightarrow tb$	0 e, μ	$\geq 1 b, 1 J$	-	20.3	W'_R mass 1.76 TeV	1408.0886		
CI	CI $qq\bar{q}\bar{q}$	-	2 j	-	37.0	Λ 21.8 TeV	η_{LL}^-	1703.09217
	CI $\ell\ell q\bar{q}$	2 e, μ	-	-	36.1	Λ 40.1 TeV	η_{LL}^-	ATLAS-CONF-2017-027
	CI $uutt$	2(SS) $\geq 3 e, \mu$	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1 j$	Yes	20.3	Λ 4.9 TeV	$ C_{RR} = 1$	1504.04605
DM	Axial-vector mediator (Dirac DM)	0 e, μ	1-4 j	Yes	36.1	m_{med} 1.5 TeV	$g_a=0.25, g_v=1.0, m(\chi) < 400 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2017-060
	Vector mediator (Dirac DM)	0 $e, \mu, 1 \gamma$	$\leq 1 j$	Yes	36.1	m_{med} 1.2 TeV	$g_a=0.25, g_v=1.0, m(\chi) < 480 \text{ GeV}$	1704.03848
	$VV\chi\chi$ EFT (Dirac DM)	0 e, μ	1 J, $\leq 1 j$	Yes	3.2	M_* 700 GeV	$m(\chi) < 150 \text{ GeV}$	1608.02372
LQ	Scalar LQ 1 st gen	2 e	$\geq 2 j$	-	3.2	LQ mass 1.1 TeV	$\beta = 1$	1605.06035
	Scalar LQ 2 nd gen	2 μ	$\geq 2 j$	-	3.2	LQ mass 1.05 TeV	$\beta = 1$	1605.06035
	Scalar LQ 3 rd gen	1 e, μ	$\geq 1 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	20.3	LQ mass 640 GeV	$\beta = 0$	1508.04735
Heavy quarks	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Ht + X$	0 or 1 e, μ	$\geq 2 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	13.2	T mass 1.2 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(T \rightarrow Ht) = 1$	ATLAS-CONF-2016-104
	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Zt + X$	1 e, μ	$\geq 1 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	36.1	T mass 1.16 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(T \rightarrow Zt) = 1$	1705.10751
	VLQ $TT \rightarrow Wb + X$	1 e, μ	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	36.1	T mass 1.35 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(T \rightarrow Wb) = 1$	CERN-EP-2017-094
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Hb + X$	1 e, μ	$\geq 2 b, \geq 3 j$	Yes	20.3	B mass 700 GeV	$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Hb) = 1$	1505.04306
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Zb + X$	2/ $\geq 3 e, \mu$	$\geq 2/\geq 1 b$	-	20.3	B mass 790 GeV	$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Zb) = 1$	1409.5500
	VLQ $BB \rightarrow Wt + X$	1 e, μ	$\geq 1 b, \geq 1J/2j$	Yes	36.1	B mass 1.25 TeV	$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Wt) = 1$	CERN-EP-2017-094
VLQ $QQ \rightarrow WqWq$	1 e, μ	$\geq 4 j$	Yes	20.3	Q mass 690 GeV		1509.04261	
Excited fermions	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow qg$	-	2 j	-	37.0	q^* mass 6.0 TeV	only u^* and d^* , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$	1703.09127
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow q\gamma$	1 γ	1 j	-	36.7	q^* mass 5.3 TeV	only u^* and d^* , $\Lambda = m(q^*)$	CERN-EP-2017-148
	Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow bg$	-	1 b, 1 j	-	13.3	b^* mass 2.3 TeV		ATLAS-CONF-2016-060
	Excited quark $b^* \rightarrow Wt$	1 or 2 e, μ	1 b, 2-0 j	Yes	20.3	b^* mass 1.5 TeV	$f_g = f_L = f_R = 1$	1510.02664
	Excited lepton ℓ^*	3 e, μ	-	-	20.3	ℓ^* mass 3.0 TeV	$\Lambda = 3.0 \text{ TeV}$	1411.2921
	Excited lepton ν^*	3 e, μ, τ	-	-	20.3	ν^* mass 1.6 TeV	$\Lambda = 1.6 \text{ TeV}$	1411.2921
Other	LRSM Majorana ν	2 e, μ	2 j	-	20.3	N^0 mass 2.0 TeV	$m(W_R) = 2.4 \text{ TeV}$, no mixing	1506.06020
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	2,3,4 e, μ (SS)	-	-	36.1	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 870 GeV	DY production	ATLAS-CONF-2017-053
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau$	3 e, μ, τ	-	-	20.3	$H^{\pm\pm}$ mass 400 GeV	DY production, $\mathcal{B}(H_L^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\tau) = 1$	1411.2921
	Monotop (non-res prod)	1 e, μ	1 b	Yes	20.3	spin-1 invisible particle mass 657 GeV	$a_{\text{non-res}} = 0.2$	1410.5404
	Multi-charged particles	-	-	-	20.3	multi-charged particle mass 785 GeV	DY production, $ q = 5e$	1504.04188
	Magnetic monopoles	-	-	-	7.0	monopole mass 1.34 TeV	DY production, $ g = 1g_D$, spin 1/2	1509.08059

$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$

$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

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Mass scale [TeV]

*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

†Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

Trieste 2014

Anything else we can look for at the LHC that we might be missing??

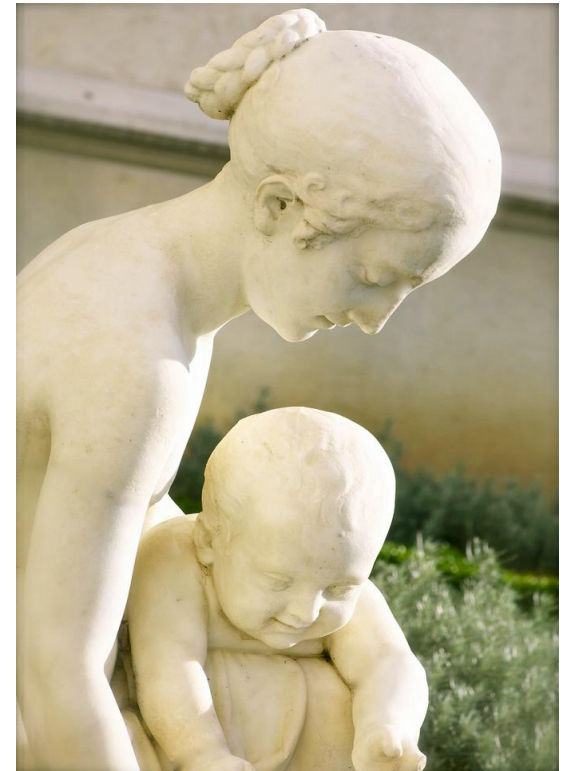
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Workshop on "Frontiers of New Physics: Colliders and Beyond"

23 - 27 June 2014

Miramare, Trieste, Italy

The goal of the workshop is to gather experts to discuss new ideas and prospects for the exploration of physics beyond the standard model. The meeting will cover different approaches to the quest for new physics, from the energy frontier to precision physics and low energy probes. For each topic there will be a limited number of presentations, from both experimentalists and theorists, with an emphasis on introducing new ideas in a manner accessible to the broader physics community. Significant time will be devoted to discussions.



Trieste 2014

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“How about milli-charged particles?” – Itay Yavin

Low charge > little energy deposited > LHC detectors can't see them!

<http://indico.ictp.it/event/a13203>

By the end of the evening we had a basic design of a new detector finished!

Less than a year later completed a paper proposing the milliQan experiment idea:

Phys.Lett.B746 117 2015

Looking for milli-charged particles with a new experiment at the LHC

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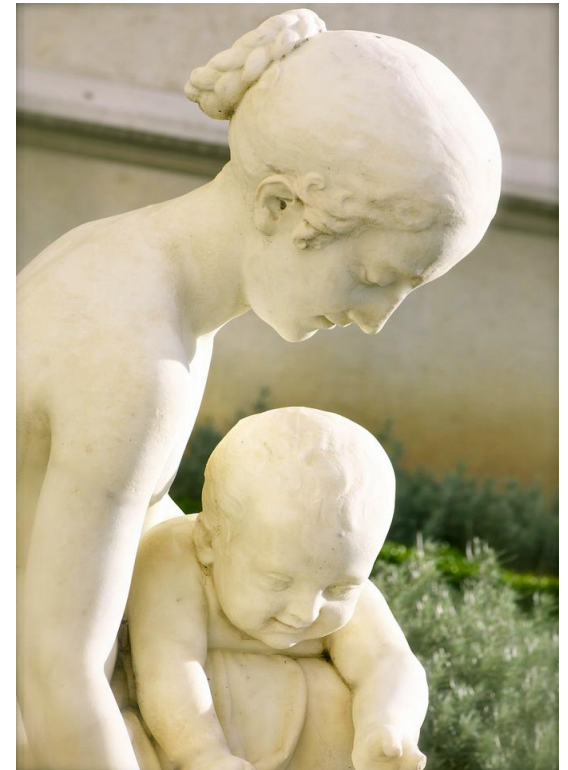
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We propose a new experiment at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) that offers a powerful and model-independent probe for milli-charged particles. This experiment could be sensitive to charges in the range $10^{-3}e - 10^{-1}e$ for masses in the range $0.1 - 100$ GeV, which is the least constrained part of the parameter space for milli-charged particles. This is a new window of opportunity for exploring physics beyond the Standard Model at the LHC.

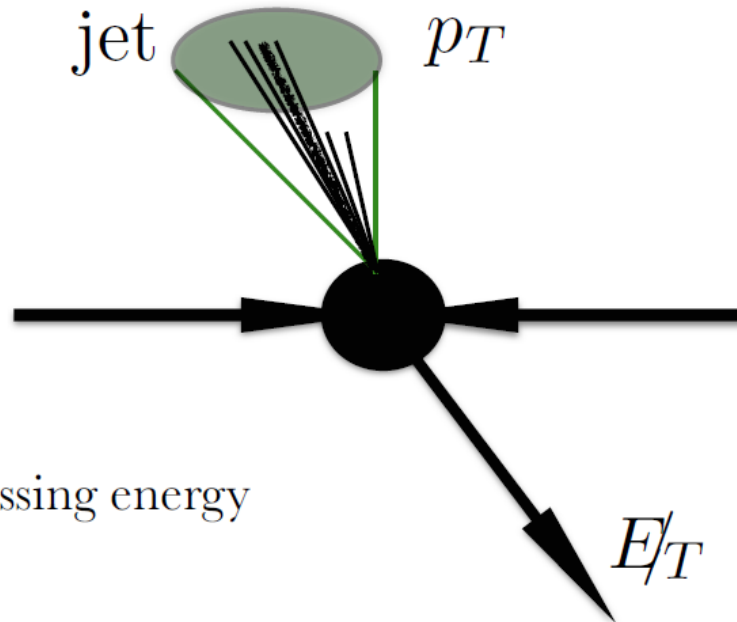


Missing Energy to the rescue?

The mCPs could appear as missing energy instead

Momentum conservation implies $\vec{P}_{T,\text{vis}} = -\vec{P}_{T,\text{invis}}$

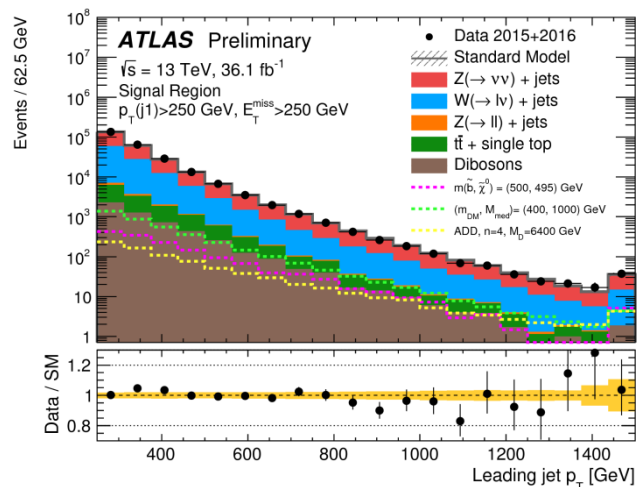
Can look for visible-energy + missing energy $pp \rightarrow j/\gamma/\ell + \bar{\psi}\psi$



Example: 1 jet + missing energy

Darn Neutrinos

The limitations of looking for weakly-coupled new physics with missing energy:
neutrinos (and mis-measured jets)



ATLAS-CONF-2017-060

Irreducible background from Z+jets

$$Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$$

Additionally, from dijet production

Occasionally a jet's momentum is mis-measured giving missing energy + jet

Systematic uncertainties on these processes (jet energy scale, etc)

Unlikely to see a signal unless $S \gtrsim 0.1B$

Punchline: LHC jet + missing energy unlikely to improve sensitivity to mCPs
beyond current bounds

General Idea

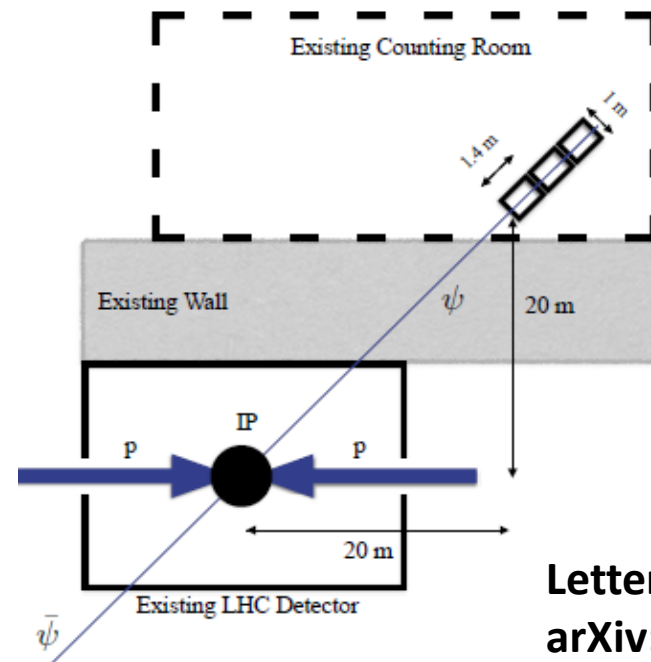
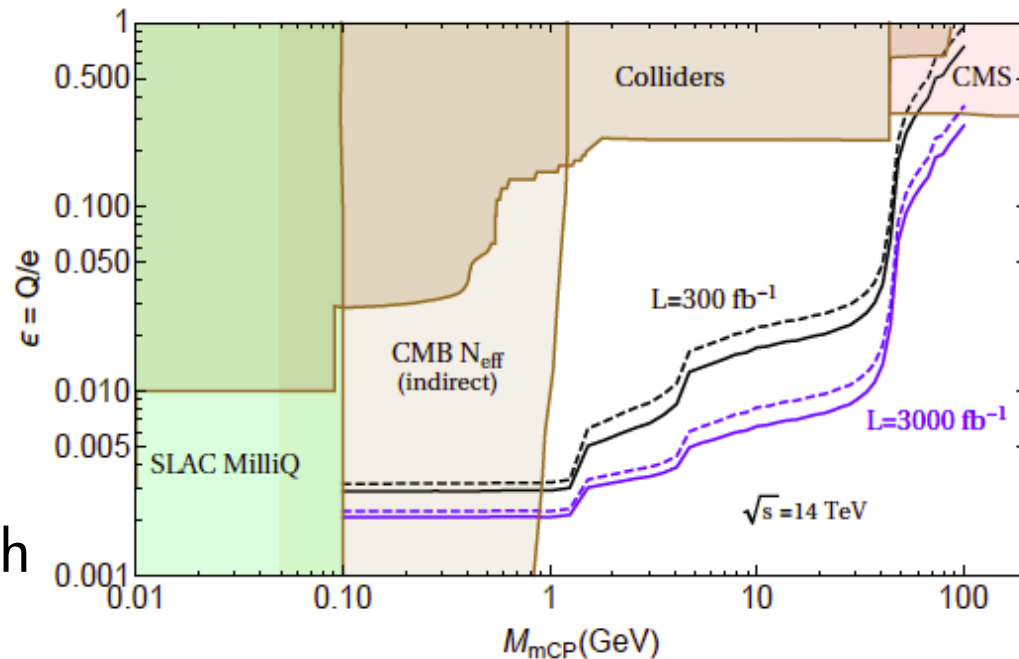
Long history of searches for milli-charged particles (MCP)

MilliQan will probe for heavier MCP, 0.1 – 100 GeV, using a new detector at the LHC

Produced via Drell-Yan and interact with detector via Bethe-Bloch
Cross-section and ionization $\propto \epsilon^2$

Simple and model-independent

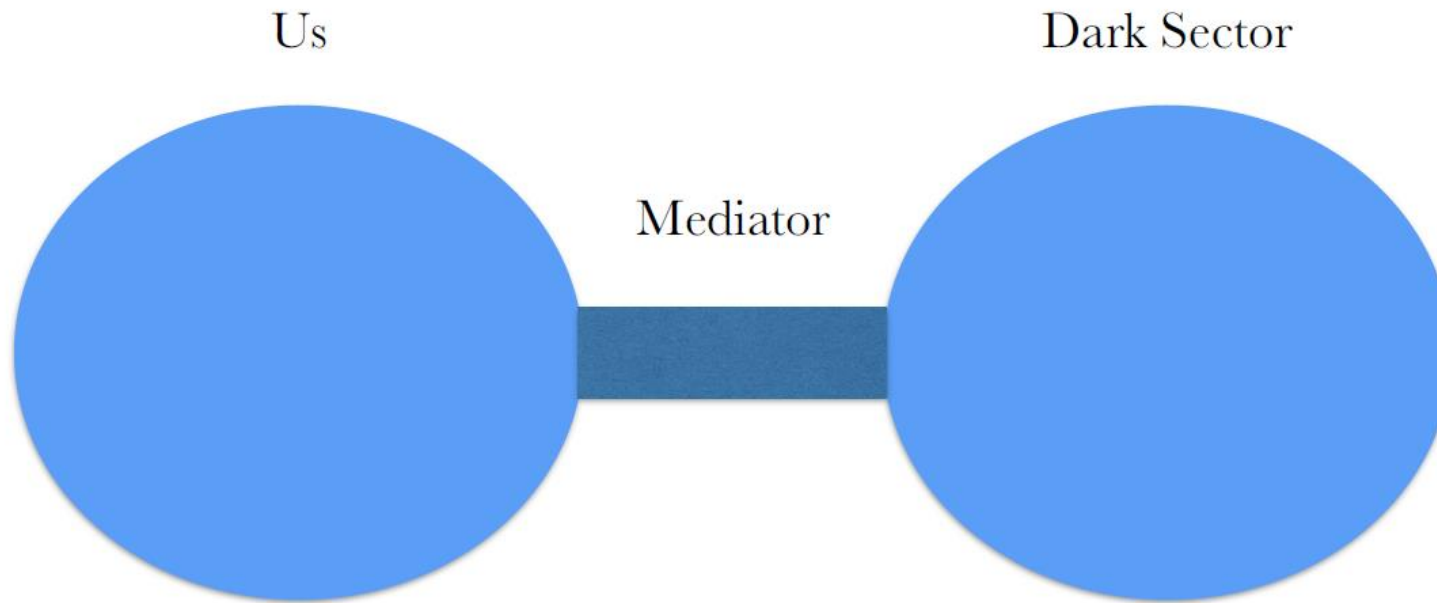
- With Q down to $\sim 10^{-3}e$, dE/dx is 10^{-6} MIP \rightarrow need large, sensitive, active area to see signal, $\mathcal{O}(1)$ PE.
- Install ~ 1 m x 1 m x 3 m scintillator array, pointing back to IP, in well shielded area of Point 5
- With triple coincidence, random background is controlled



Letter of intent:
arXiv:1607.04669

Hidden Sector Paradigm

An increasingly popular effort to probe beyond the SM physics that lives in a “dark sector”



Well-motivated by light DM

For light DM interactions between the DS and SM mediated by a light field

One organizing principle for probing it: focus on low-dimension operators:
vector portal, Higgs portal, neutrino portal

What are the generic properties one should expect from matter in the DS?
I will focus on the vector portal

Do Non-Quantized Charges Make Sense?

Theoretically consistent to add new particles with electric charge $Q = \epsilon e$

Could in principle add a new fermion with hypercharge $Y = 2\epsilon$

Or

An elegant mechanism is that by Holdom, through the addition of a new massless U(1) boson

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu'} - \frac{\kappa}{2} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

Adding Particles with Non-Quantized Charge

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu'} - \frac{\kappa}{2} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

The last term generically appears in SM extensions with a new massive field (mass M) charged under hypercharge and the new $U(1)$



Induces a mixing

$$\kappa \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$$

Adding Particles with Non-Quantized Charge

If there are new fermions charged under the new $U(1)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu'} - \frac{\kappa}{2} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}(\not{\partial} + ie'B' + iM_{\text{mCP}})\psi$$

Standard trick: Redefine the gauge field

$$B' \rightarrow B' + \kappa B$$

Gets rid of “mixing term” and generates a hypercharge for the new fermions

After electro-weak symmetry breaking fermions acquire an EM charge (normalized to e)

$$Q = \kappa e' \cos \theta_W$$

Status on Searches for Mini-charged Particles (mCPs)

A long history of direct and indirect searches for mCPs

For mCPs with mass below m_e one finds strong bounds from astrophysics and cosmology

Astrophysics

Cooling and energy loss bounds from stars and SN

Cosmology

BBN and CMB number of effective relativistic degree of freedom bounds

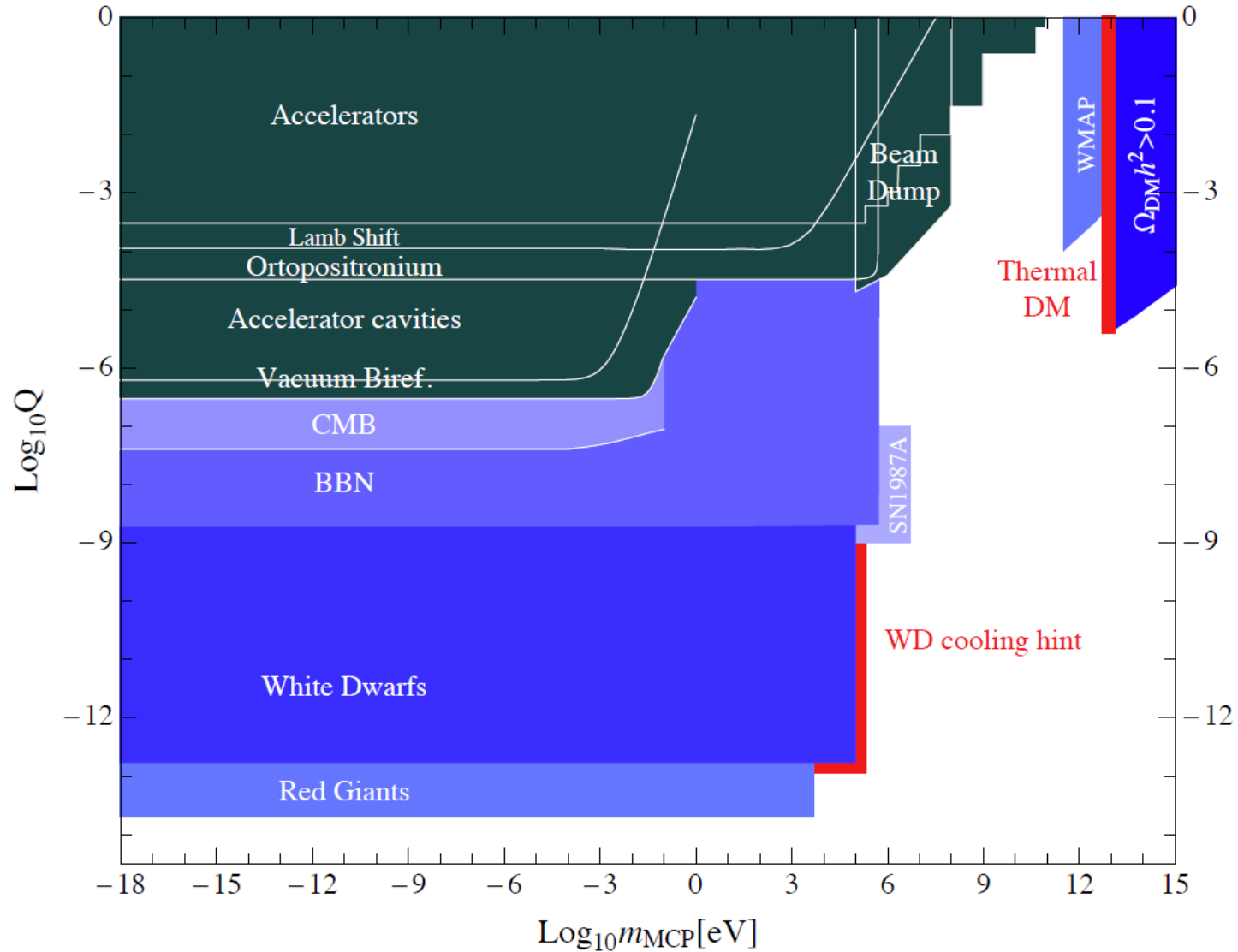
Direct bound from the invisible decay of ortho-positronium

Laboratory

Direct bound from the Lamb shift

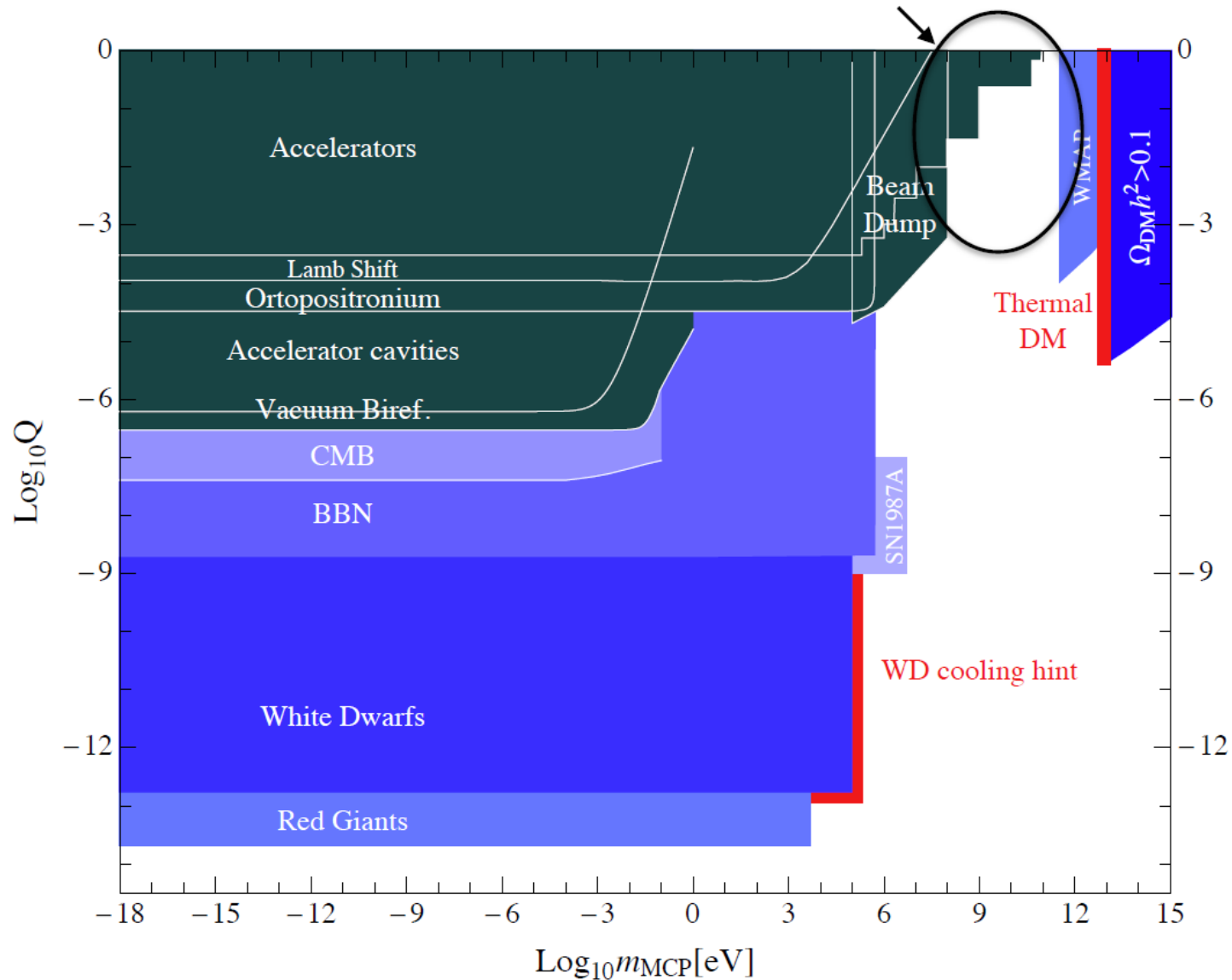
Direct constraint from accelerators:
SLAC Milli-Charge experiment, E613, ASP, LEP
More later on this

Status on Searches for Mini-charged Particles (mCPs)



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Least explored: GeV-100's GeV. The SM backyard!



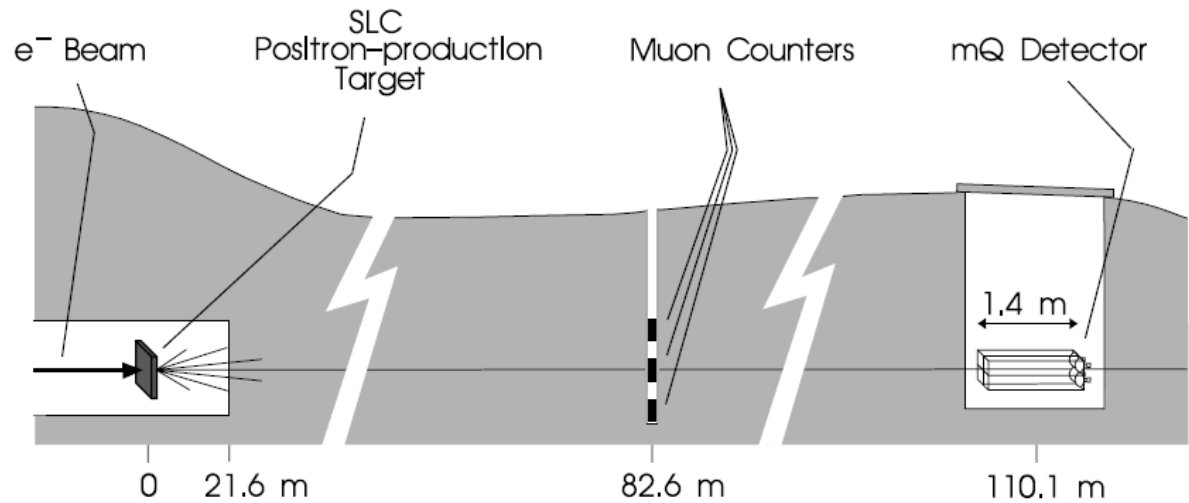
Lessons from the SLAC MilliCharge Experiment

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29.5 GeV pulsed electron beam

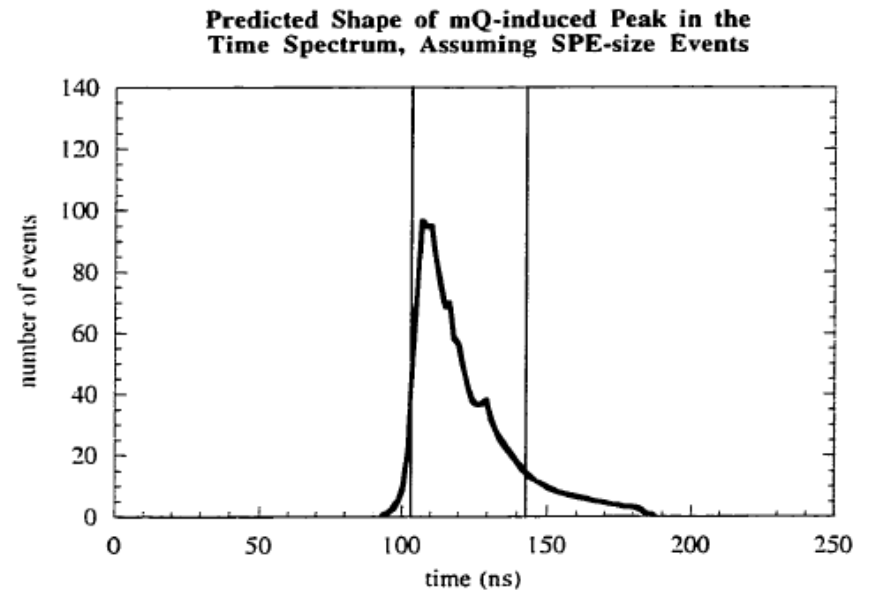
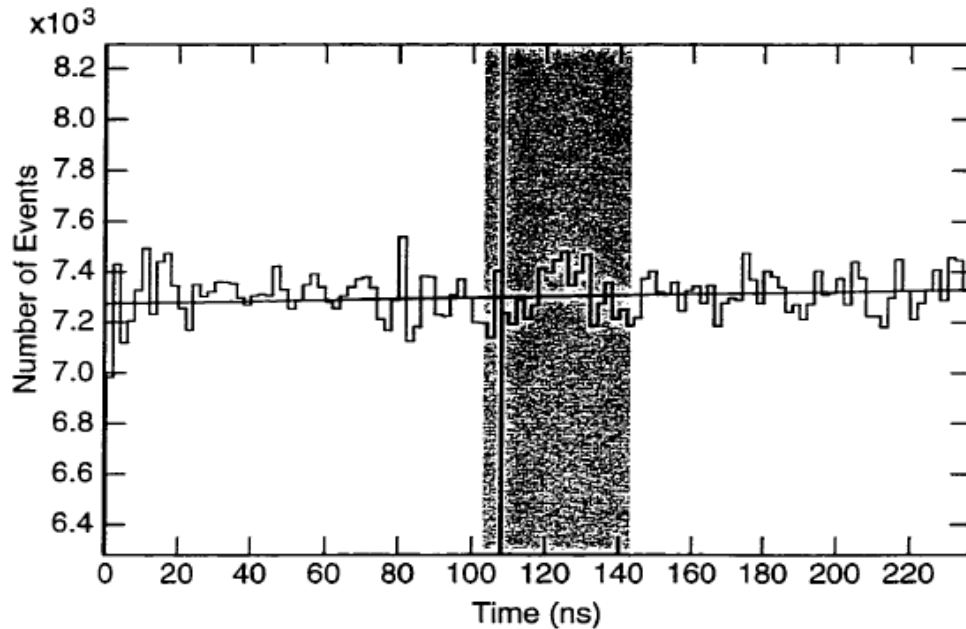
$\sim 10^{19}$ electrons on target

**Good time resolution is essential,
and tricky for small (SPE) pulses!**



mQ detector

2x2 blocks of 21 cm x 21 cm x 130 cm plastic scintillator



What's in the Dark Sector?

EI, Itay Yavin, 1506.04760

Recall: Kinetic mixing communicating our sector with Dark Sector (DS)

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \frac{1}{4} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu'} - \frac{\kappa}{2} B'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

Two cases studied in the literature

$$\frac{1}{2} m_{B'}^2 B'^2$$

$$m_{B'} = 0$$

matter in DS is mCP: “Massless phase”

$$m_{B'} \text{ non - zero}$$

matter in DS is DM: “Massive phase”

What's in the Dark Sector?

Our hyper-charge is a linear combination of a massless and a massive boson

What if that also is realized in the DS?
i.e. a “mixed phase”

$$B' = \cos \theta_{W'} A' - \sin \theta_{W'} Z'$$

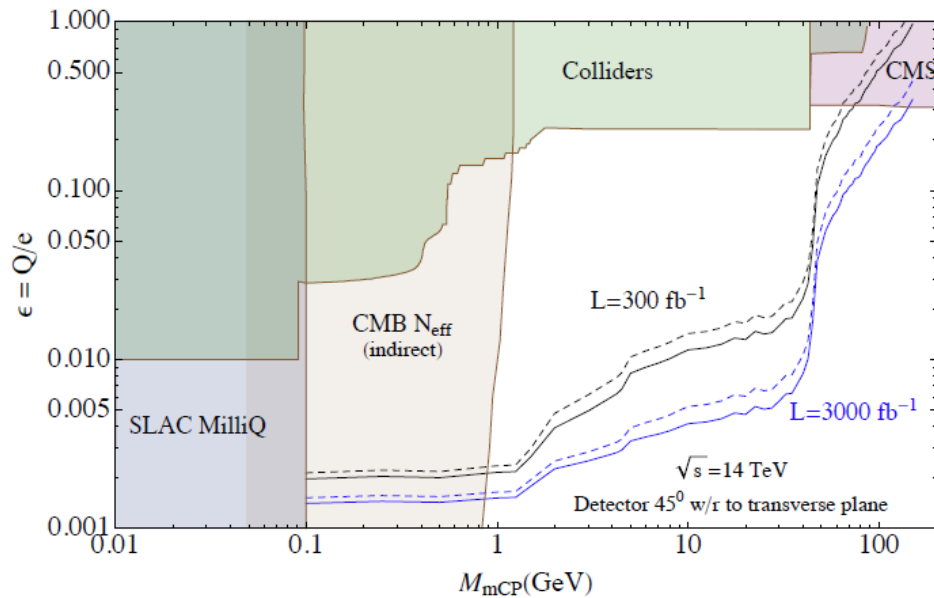
Opens up a new window into the DS
Produce the Z' on-shell
 Z' decays to matter in the DS
Matter in the DS is still mCP!

Z' couples to SM matter with strength $\epsilon_Z e = \kappa \cos \theta_W \sin \theta_{W'} e$

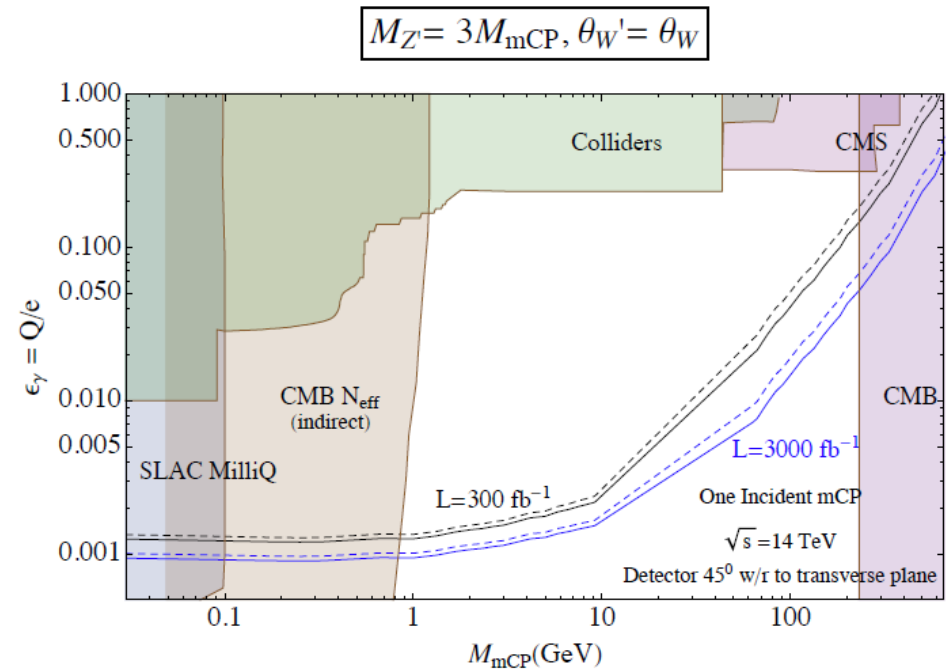
Matter in the DS charged under A' acquires mill-charge $\epsilon_\gamma e = \kappa \cos \theta_W \cos \theta_{W'} e'$

Looking for mCPs above GeV

Massless phase



Mixed phase



Note that mixed phase constraints at LHC experiment primarily sensitive to $\kappa_Z \kappa_\gamma$

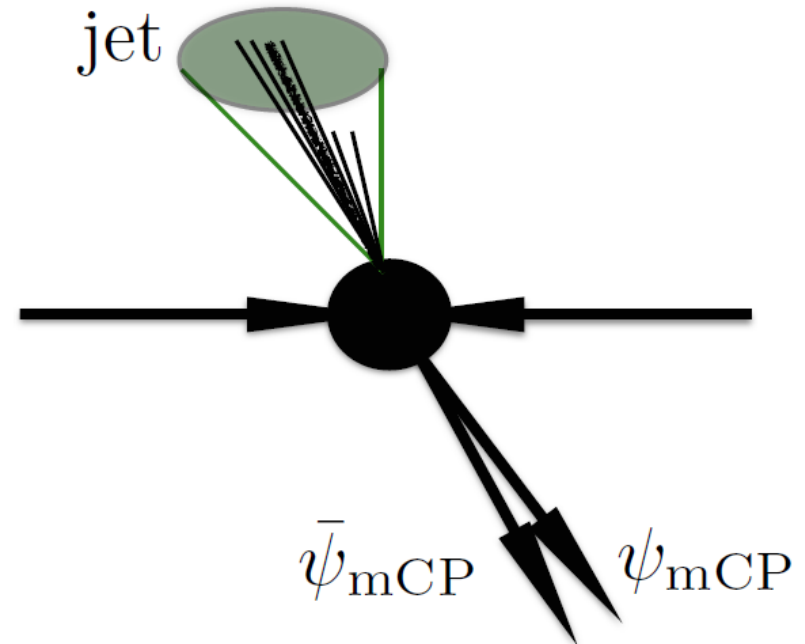
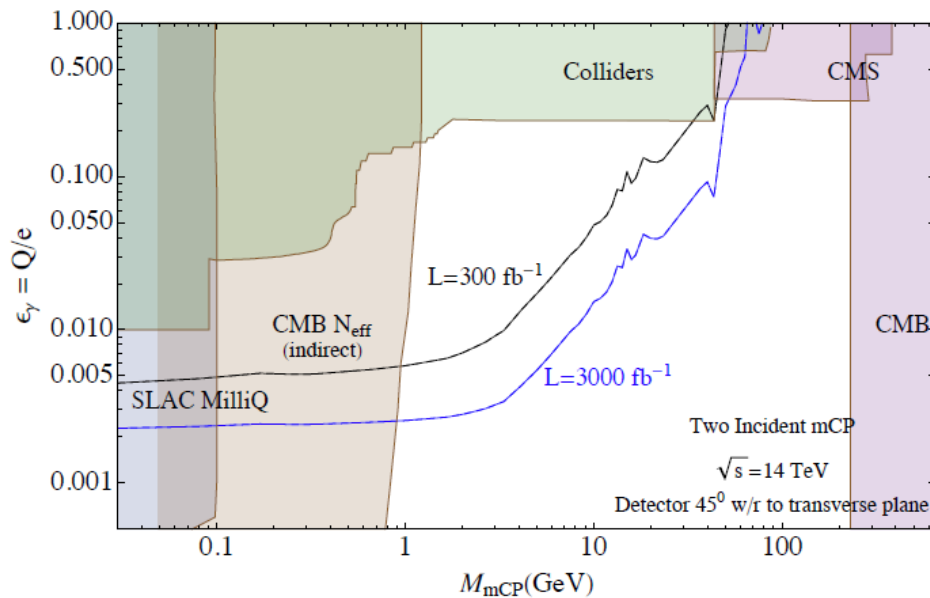
Unique Signature of the Mixed Phase

Mixed phase offers new striking signatures

Two incident mCPs for boosted Z'
when:

$$\Delta\theta(\bar{\psi}_{\text{mCP}}, \psi_{\text{mCP}}) < \Delta\theta_{\text{det}}$$

$$M_{Z'} = 3M_{\text{mCP}}, \theta_{W'} = \theta_W$$

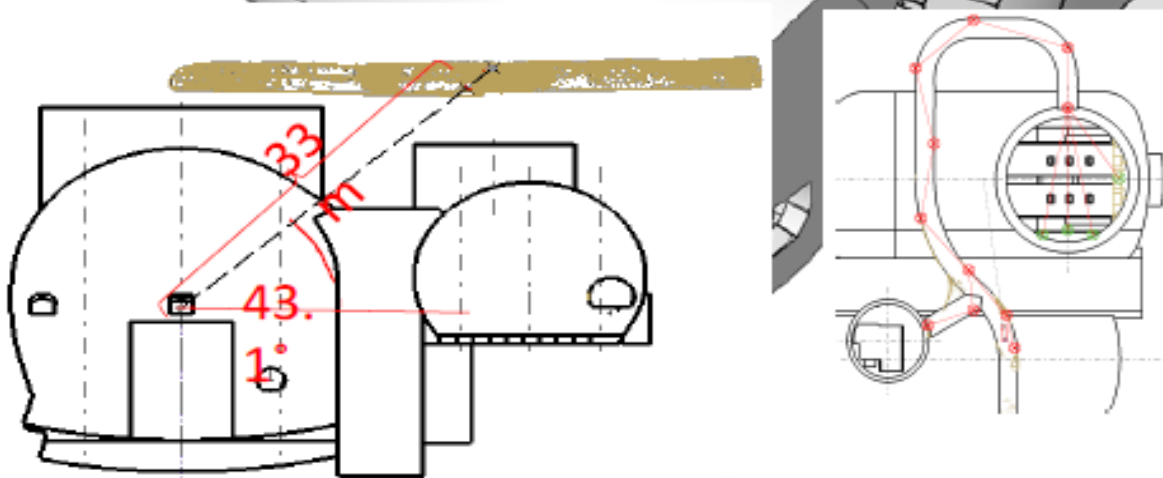
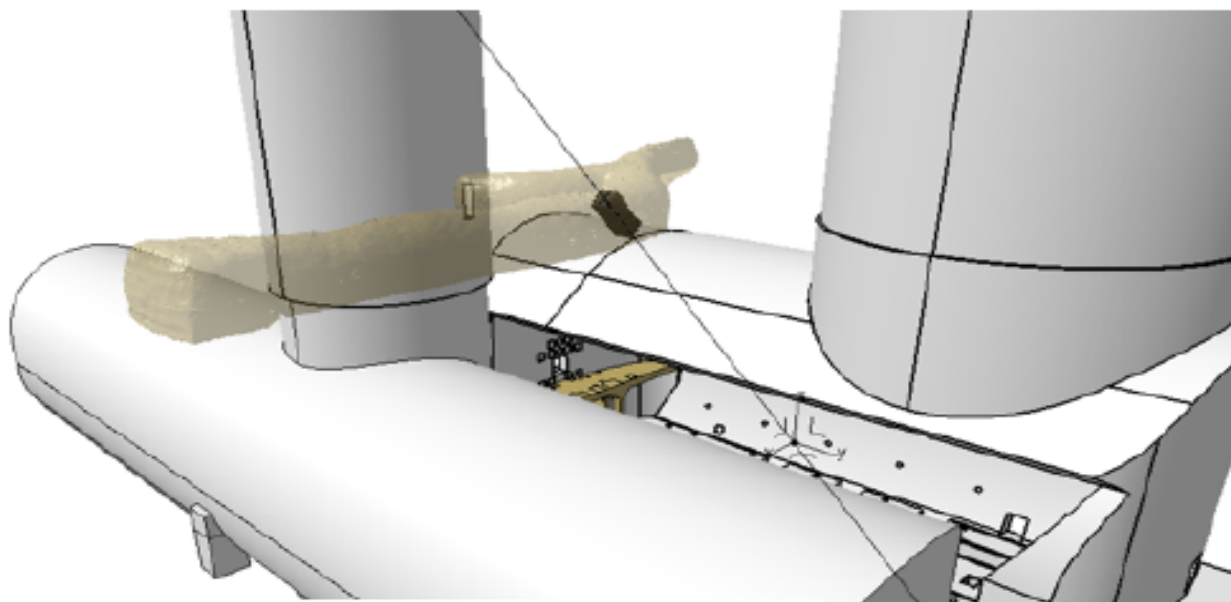


MilliQan location

“Drainage Gallery” an existing tunnel just above CMS



- Martin Gastal (CERN), and his team, have been particularly helpful
 - *3D drawings, surveys, B-field measurements, pictures, etc.*
- Now have precise details of location:
 - *33 m from IP*
 - *17 m through rock*
 - *Angle from horizontal plane is 43.1 deg*
 - *Clearance to gallery boundaries is ~30 mm!*

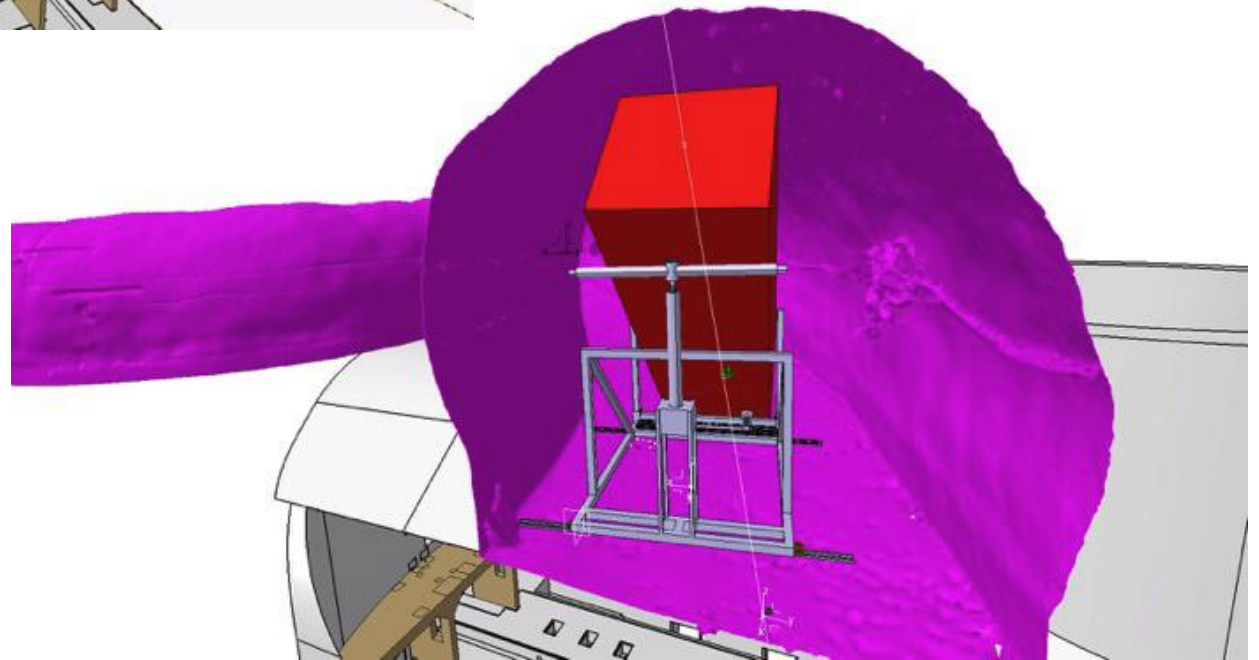
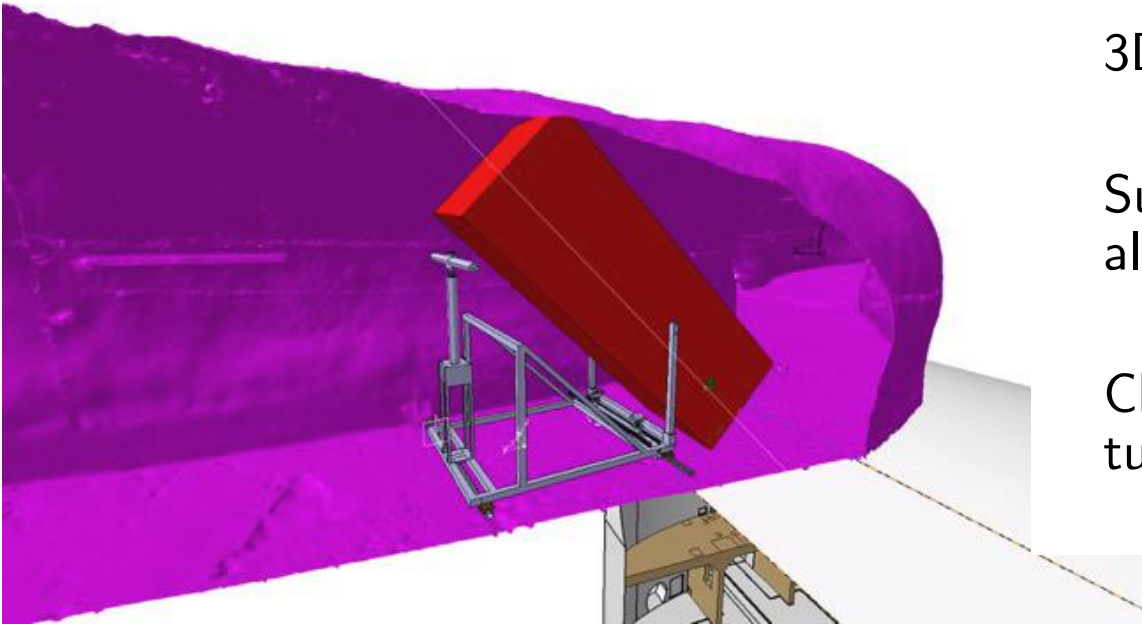


MilliQan location

3D laser scan of tunnel interior

Support structure to hold and align detector

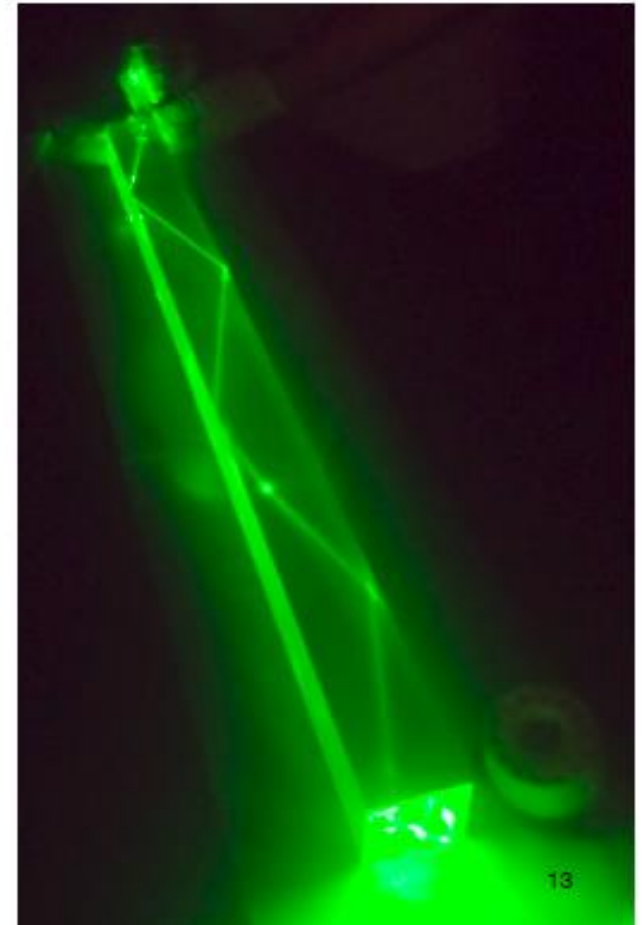
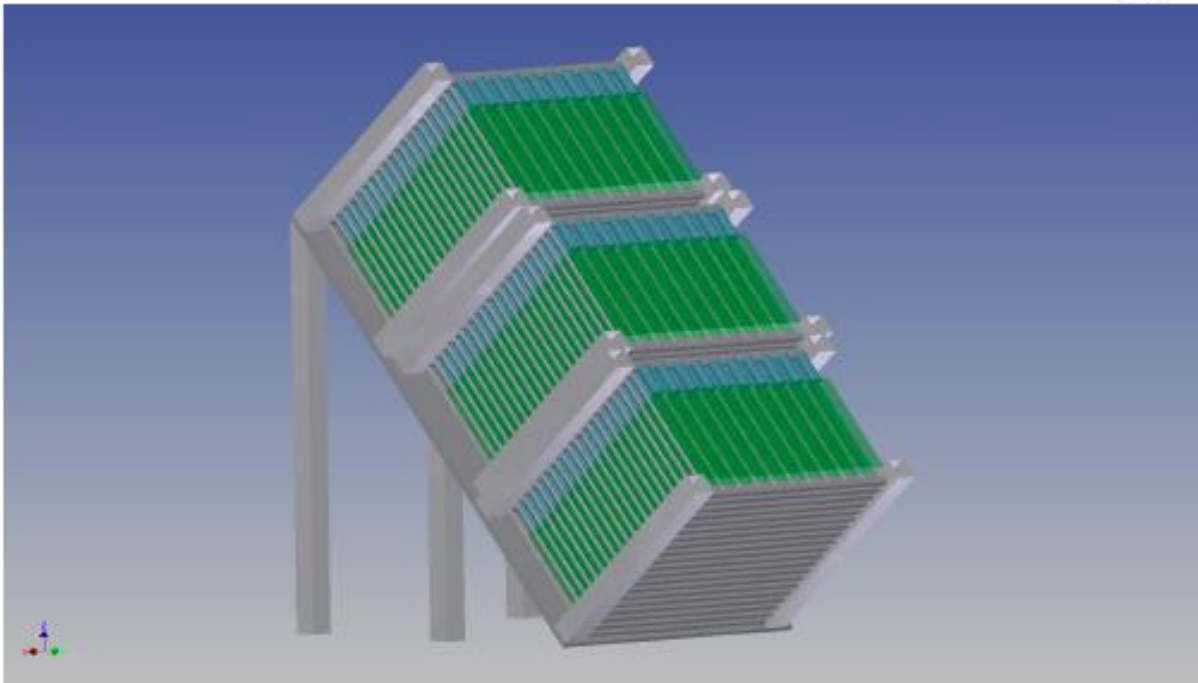
Challenge to fit 3m detector in tunnel, but it just fits



Detector idea

Aim to detect single photons in 3 adjacent large scintillators pointing back to IP, within a small time window (15 ns)

- Basic element is a $5 \text{ cm}^2 \times 80 \text{ cm}$ bar of plastic scintillator (BC 408) + PMT (HPK R7725)
- Arranged in a $20 \times 20 \times 3$ array
 - *Supported by movable mechanical structure*
 - **Alignment to IP + retraction to allow passage through gallery**



Other Scintillators Considered

Light yield in bar given by (photon yield / keV) * density * length

- Want high photon yield / keV > can go to lower charge (but limited by production cross-section too...)
- Want high density > can go to shorter bars / more layers
- Want it fast > lower backgrounds from smaller coincidence time window
- Want it cheap > can afford more bars / acceptance area

Material	Photons/keV	Density (g/cm ³)	* Length needed (cm)	Speed (ns)	Cost for 5x5 cm (\$)	Notes
Plastic BC408	10	1.03	145	~2	~200	Current choice
Nal	38	3.67	11	~230	~800	Slow, fragile
LaBr3(Ce)	63	5.08	5	~16	~3000	Radioactive
Liquid Xe	62	2.95	8	~2 / ~34	~1000?	Cryogenic, ultraviolet

* Length needed to get 3 photons for charge 1/1000 e

Readout and trigger

Fantastic detail of each pulse from a triggered event
~1 ns timing resolution, even for tiny (single PE) pulses



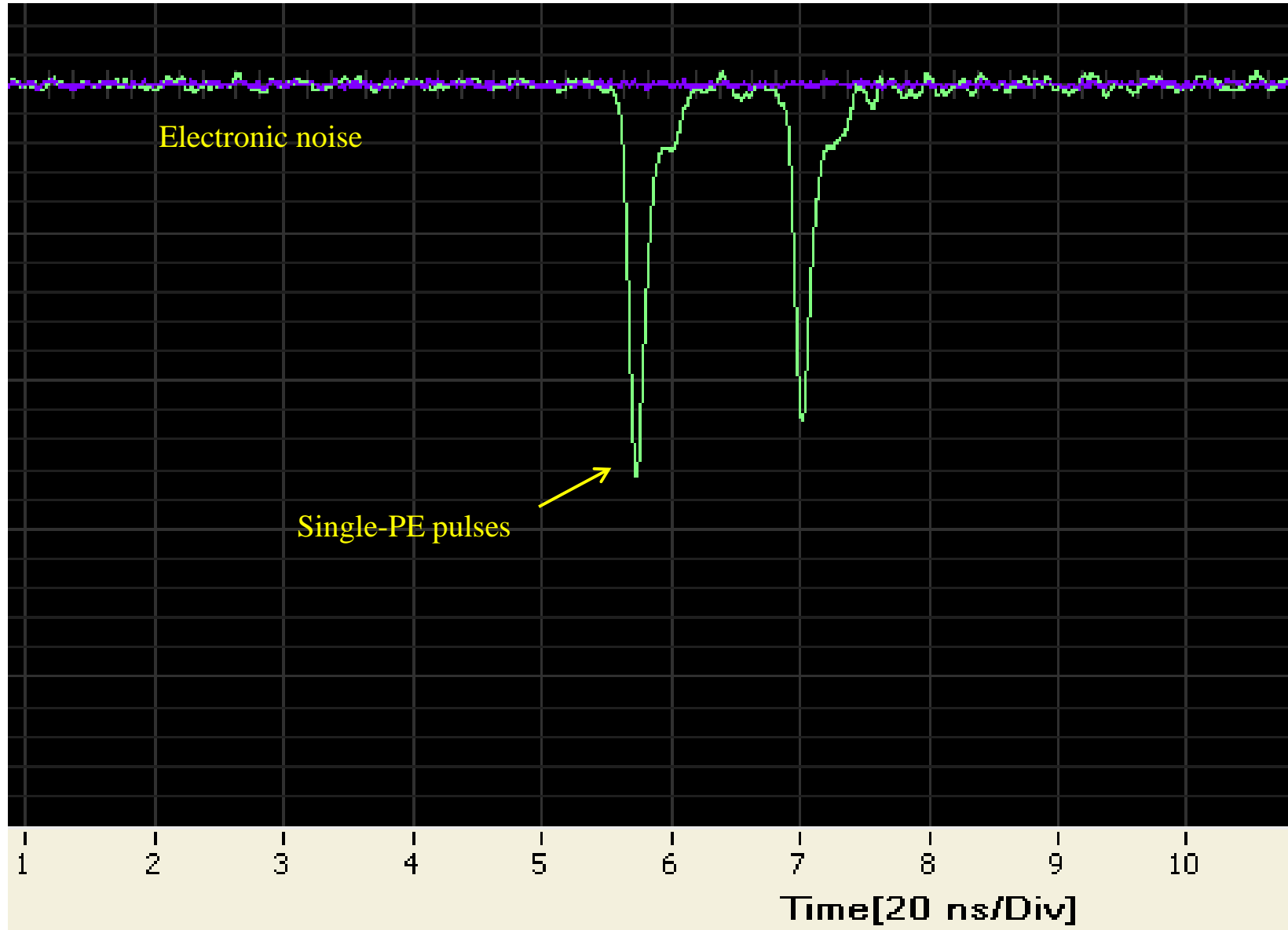
- Readout via CAEN V1743 12 bit digitizer
- 16 channels
 - *Sampled at 3.2 GS/s (a sample each 312.5 ps)*
 - *1024 analog buffer ring (320 ns long).*
 - *Analog noise is about 0.75 mV per channel, allowing good identification of and triggering on single PE signals*
- Trigger
 - *If 2 of 3 bars coincident in 15 ns window, self-triggers to read out whole detector*
 - **Completely separate from CMS trigger**
 - *Data will be read out via CAEN CONET 2 over 80 Mbps optical fiber to a PCI card in dedicated DAQ*
 - **Completely separate from CMS DAQ**

Will also interface with LHC clock to time-stamp events with bunch-crossing info!

Readout and trigger

Fantastic detail of each pulse from a triggered event

~1 ns timing resolution, even for tiny (single PE) pulses



Backgrounds

17m of rock removes all SM background from LHC collisions

- ~ 15 muons per minute at $L=1.4E34$, $p>20$ GeV makes it through the rock, but clearly not milli-charged ($\sim 1M$ PE actually saturates detector)
 - Can be used for rough check of alignment (discussed later)
- Middle layer offset to avoid glancing muons on edge of 3 bars

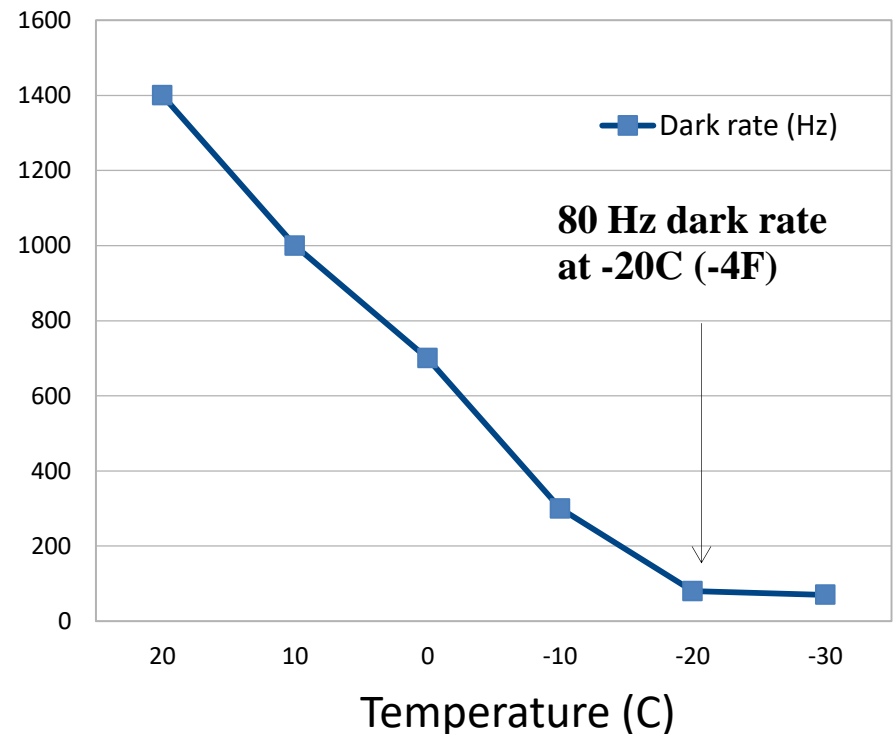
Cosmic rate $\sim 100x$ smaller in tunnel than on surface

- Comparable to collider muon rate
- Worry about showers in rock with n , γ , etc. but will have *active vetos* and self-shielding from outer layer

Random dark-pulse background

- Need 3 coincident pulses
- ~ 50 events per year at room temp
- Greatly reduced by cooling to $-20C$

Backgrounds will be studied in situ from data: beam on/off, time relative to bunch crossing, pointing to IP or not, etc.



Signal simulation

Detailed simulation, including CMS magnetic field (small effect)

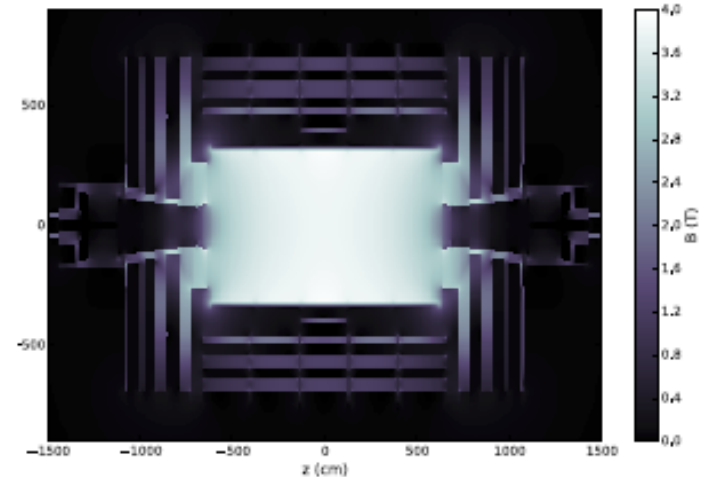
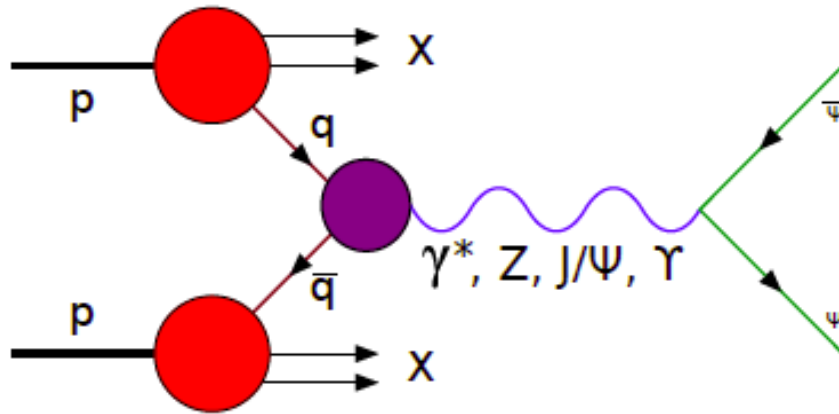
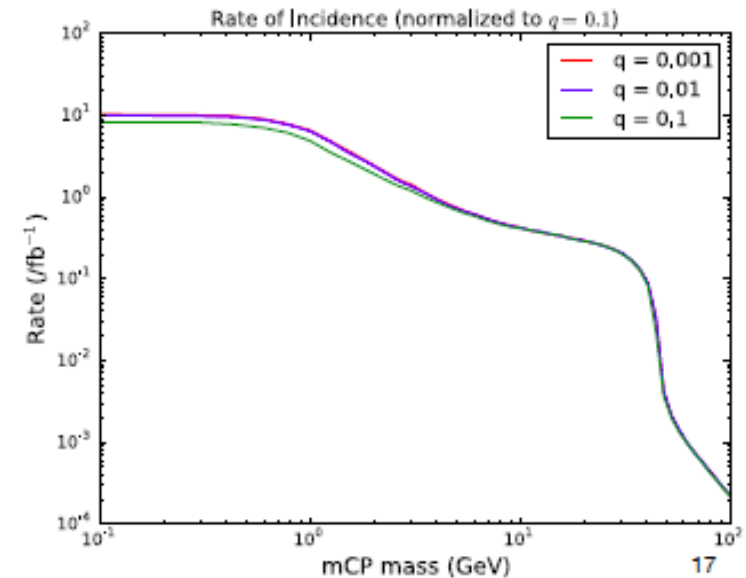


FIG. 2: Map of the CMS magnetic field in the r - z plane.

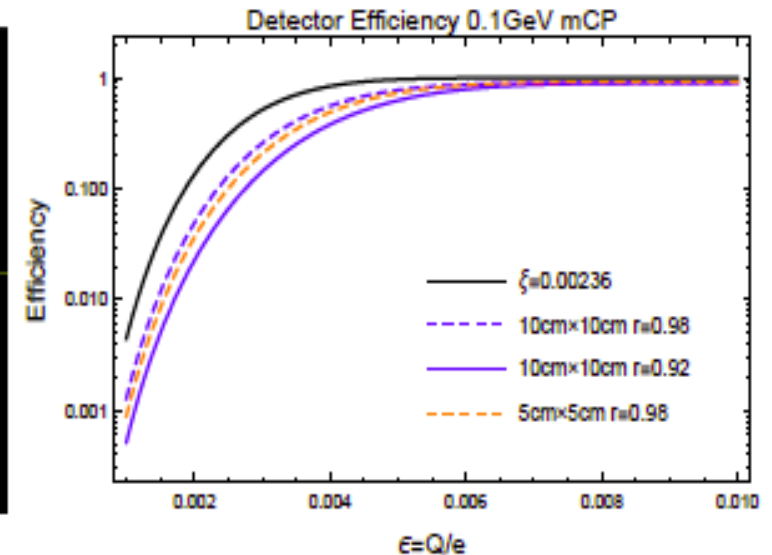
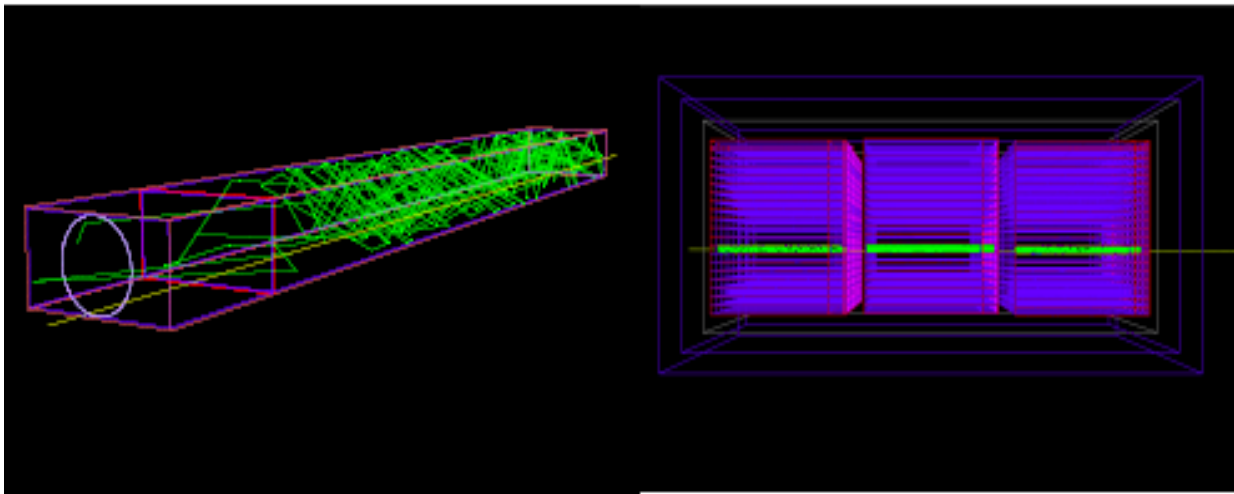
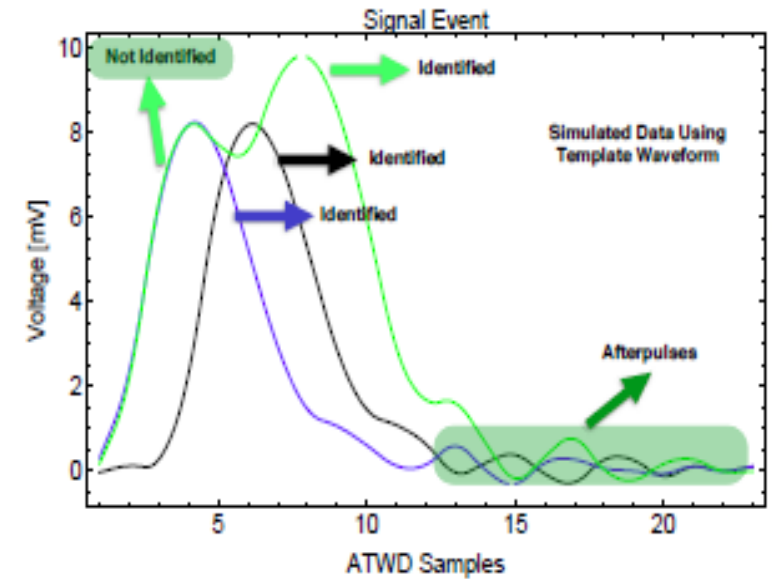
- Use madGraph + madOnia to simulate production via modified Drell-Yan
- Then propagate particles through parameterized simulation of material interactions with CMS & rock (full CMS simulation overkill)
 - *Used actual CMS B-field map though*
- Count rate of incidence on 1 m² face of milliQan detector



Signal simulation

Full Geant4 detector simulation

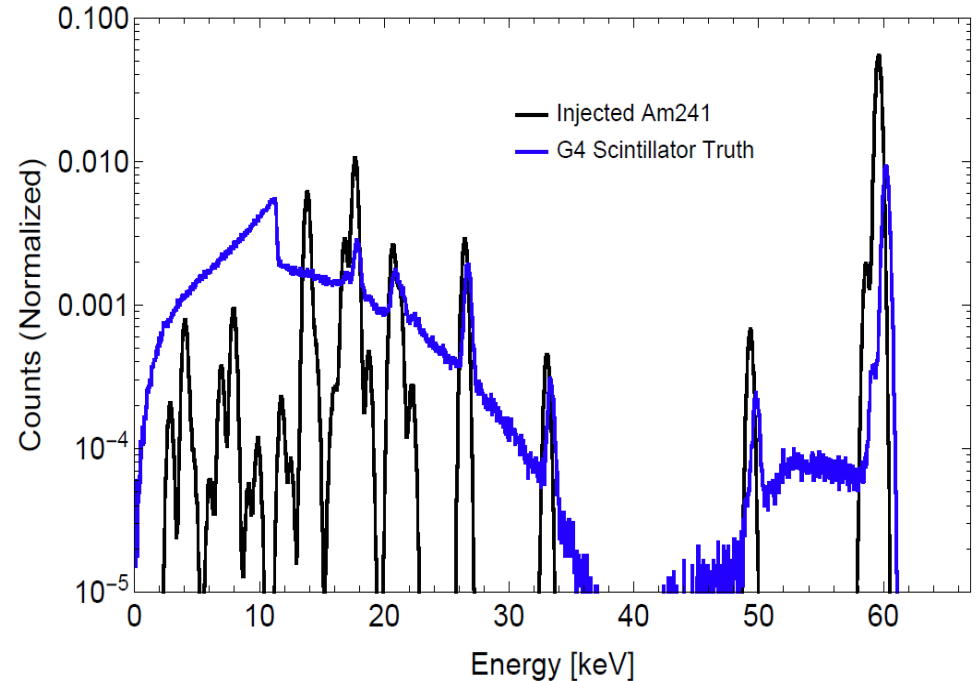
- Models reflectivity, the light attenuation length, and the shape of the scintillator. We input the PMT quantum efficiency, scintillator light emission spectrum, time constants, and digitized waveforms



Efficiency Calibration

Am²⁴¹

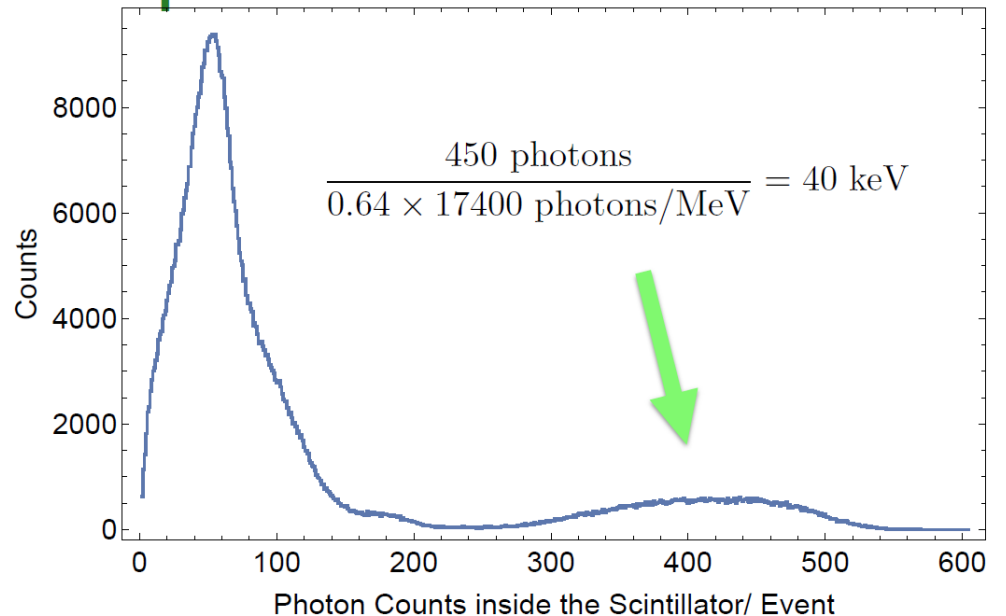
- Absolute calibration done using radioactive source, with known X-ray spectrum, at multiple points along each scintillator bar
- Full Geant4 simulation of X-rays in scintillator and creation / propagation of photons in bar
- By comparing to number of photoelectrons observed by PMT, can measure efficiency to $\sim 25\%$ accuracy
- Only done during accesses



LED pulsers

- PMT response monitored between calibrations via LED pulser system
- Can check *relative* efficiency during running periods, to \sim few % accuracy

Truth Optical Photons Inside Scintillator



Put milliQan here!

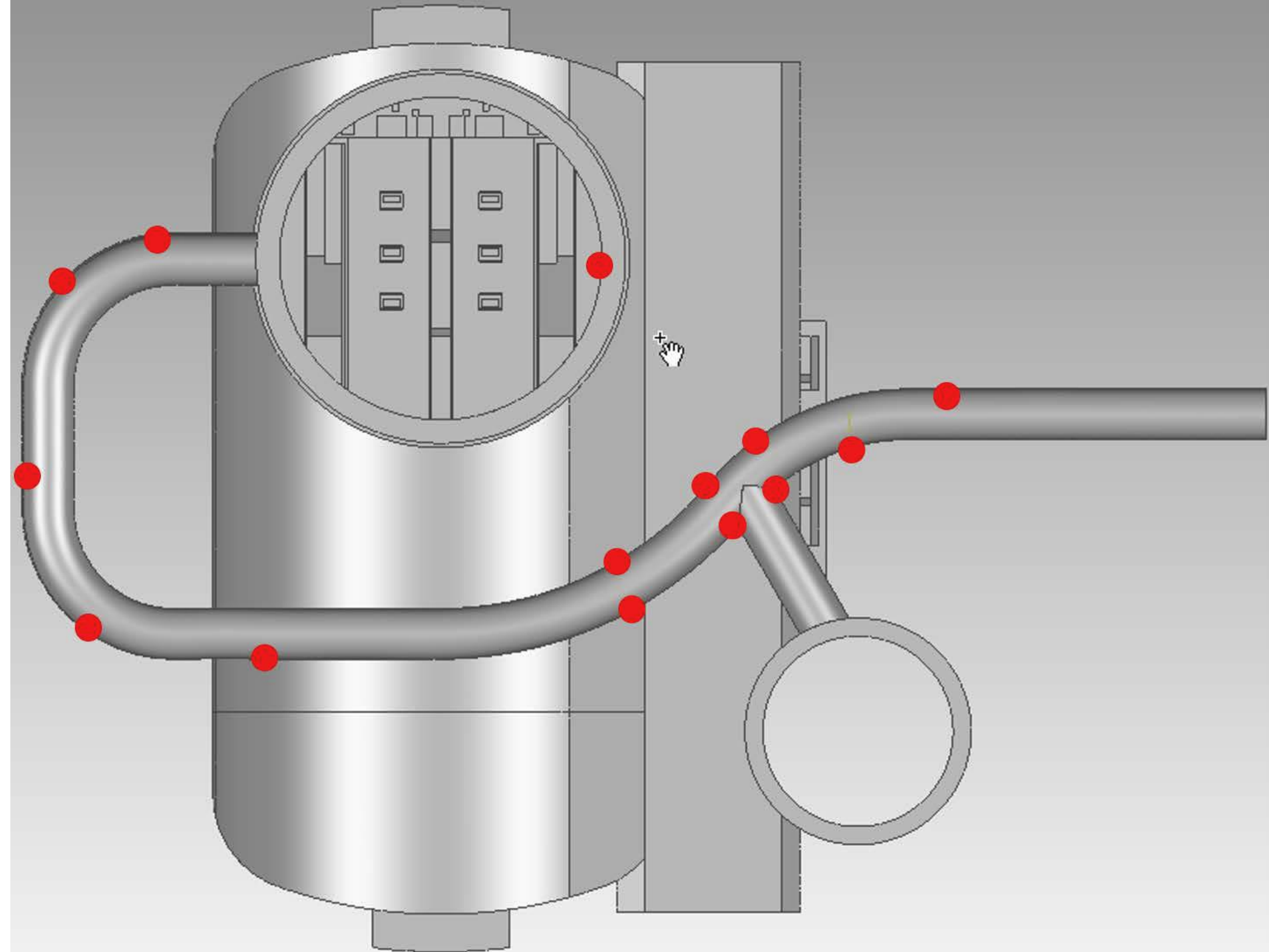


Alignment

Special challenge, since far from IP with no line-of-sight!

CERN team heroically extended the CMS coordinate system into the tunnel, with \sim mm precision





Alignment cross-check: Measure muons from CMS collisions

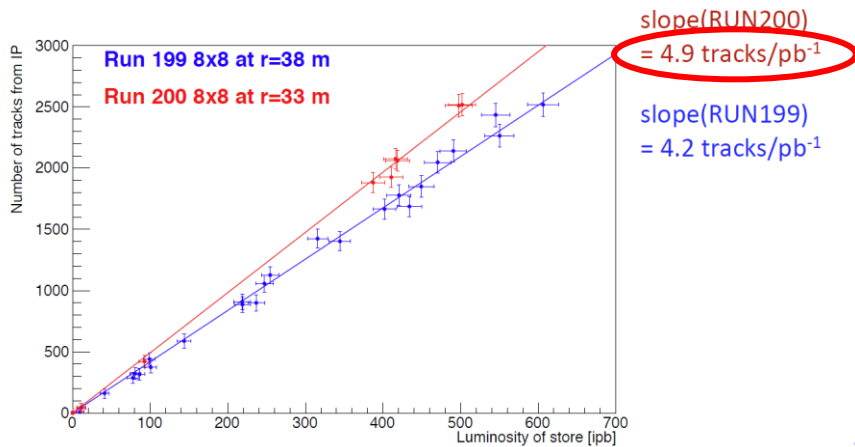
Two muon hodoscope detectors with arrays of $2 \times 2 \times 50$ cm scintillator bars and SiPM readout

Rates agree with simulations to within 50%

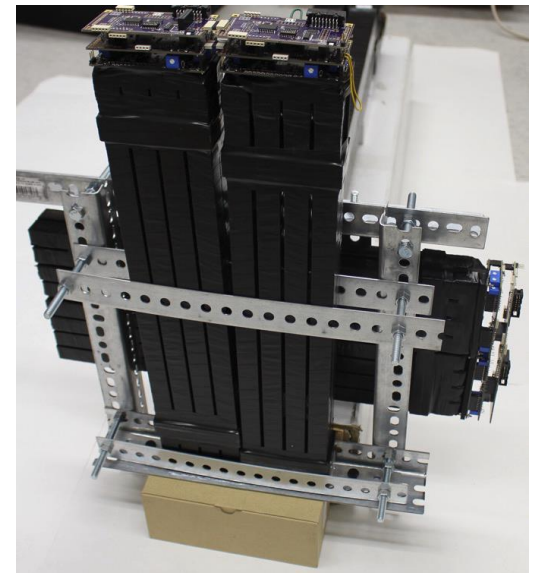
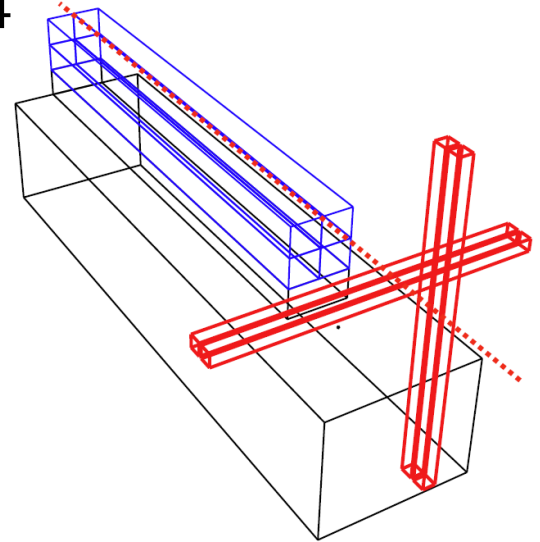
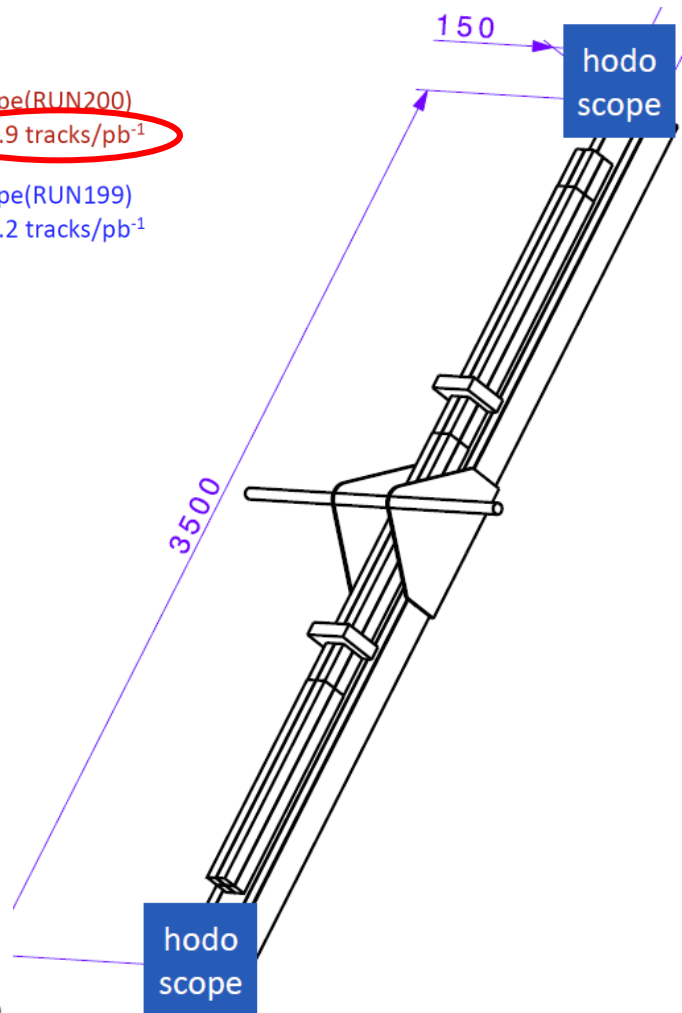
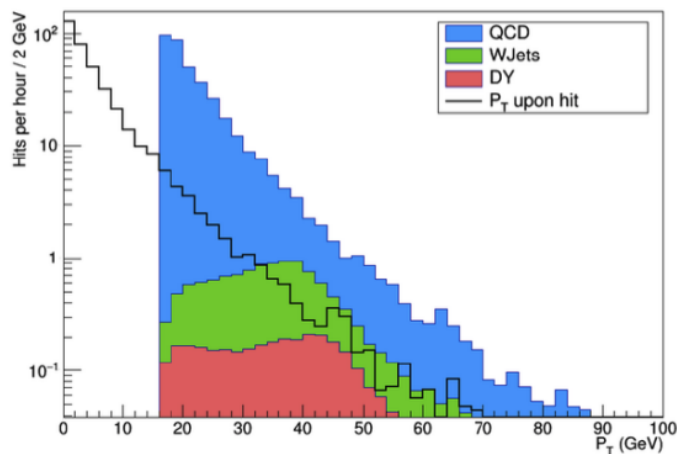
About 10/hour with 1% mini-milliQan at $L=1.4E34$

Also can be used to “time-in” detector

Number of muons vs Luminosity

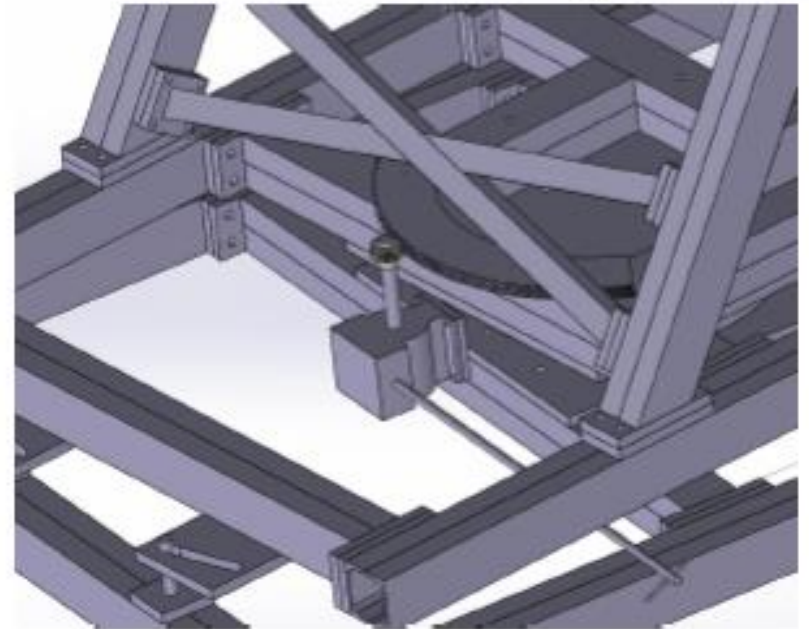
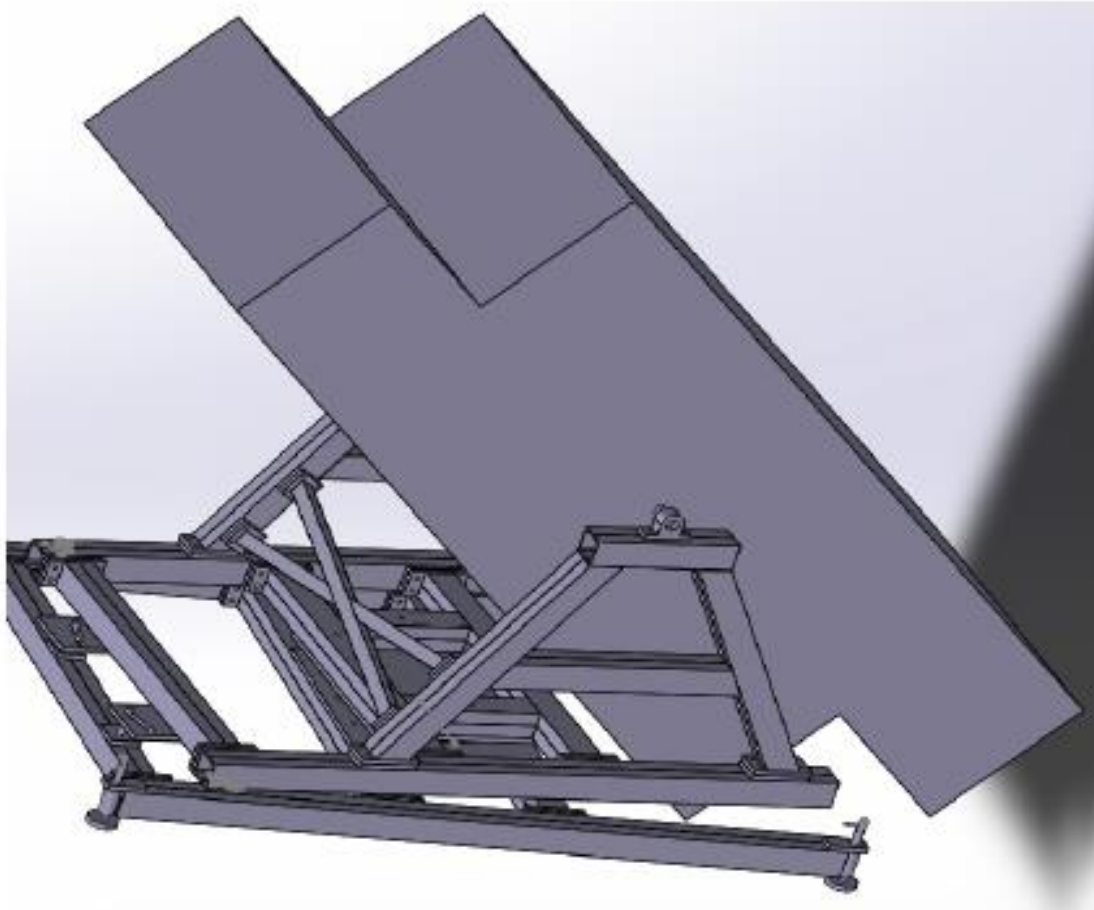
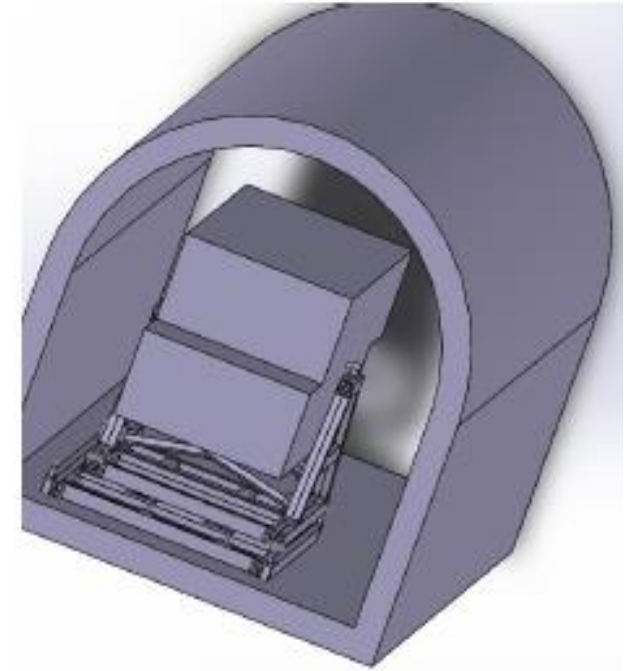
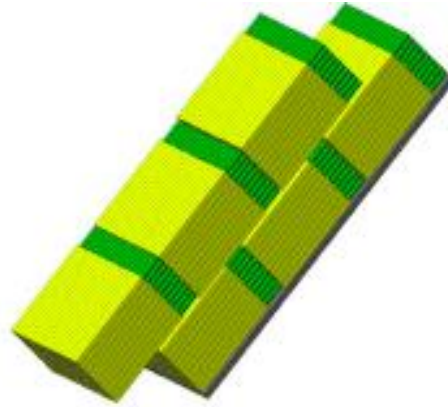


P_T (produced) of incident muons



Support structure

- M. Gastal, R. Loos (CERN) working with engineers from Lebanese University on support structure
 - *Splitting in 2 gives much more clearance*



Support structure

Last month, in TS1, installed support structure in tunnel!

Can support, rotate, tilt, and align full 6-ton detector



Next step: mini-milliQan demonstrator test

Fall 2017 – end of 2018:

1% test of milliQan in tunnel, with 12 full scintillators and PMTs, plus 2 hodoscopes, and some muon veto shields

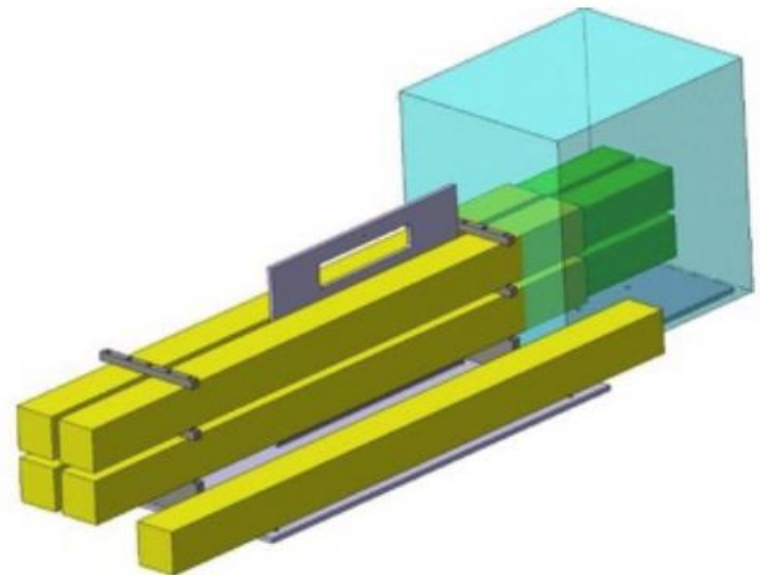
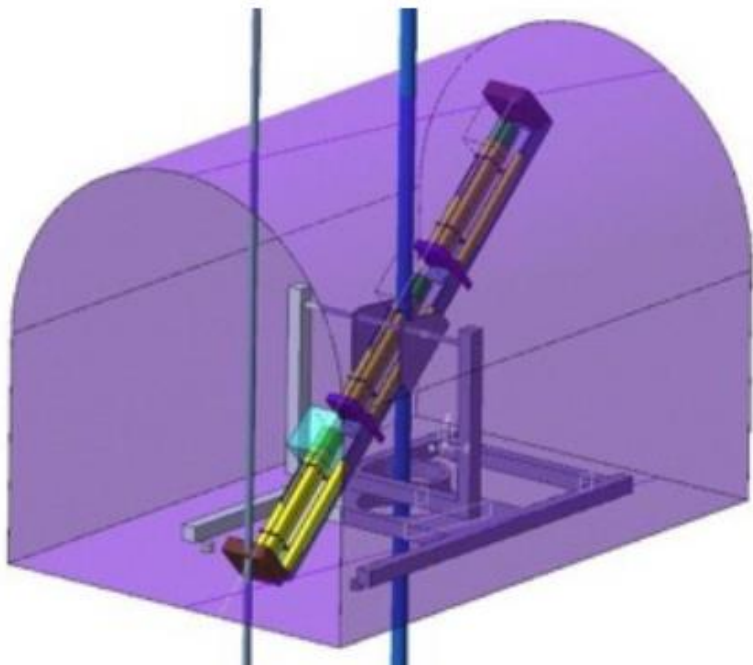
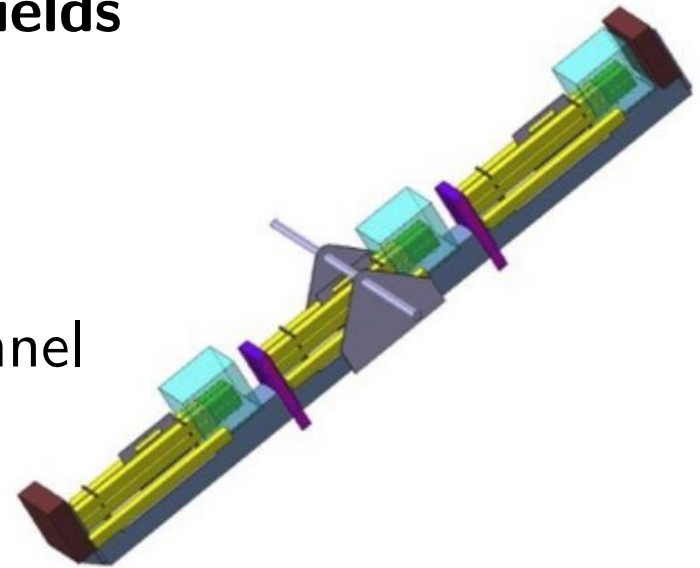
Install in tunnel Sept. 18-20!!

Get some collision data this year
and should have plenty in 2018

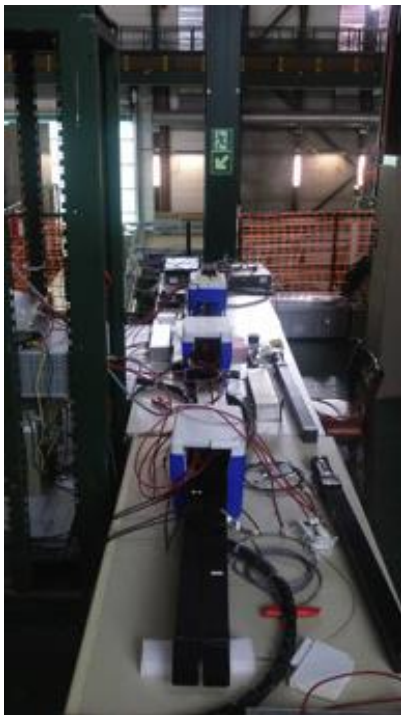
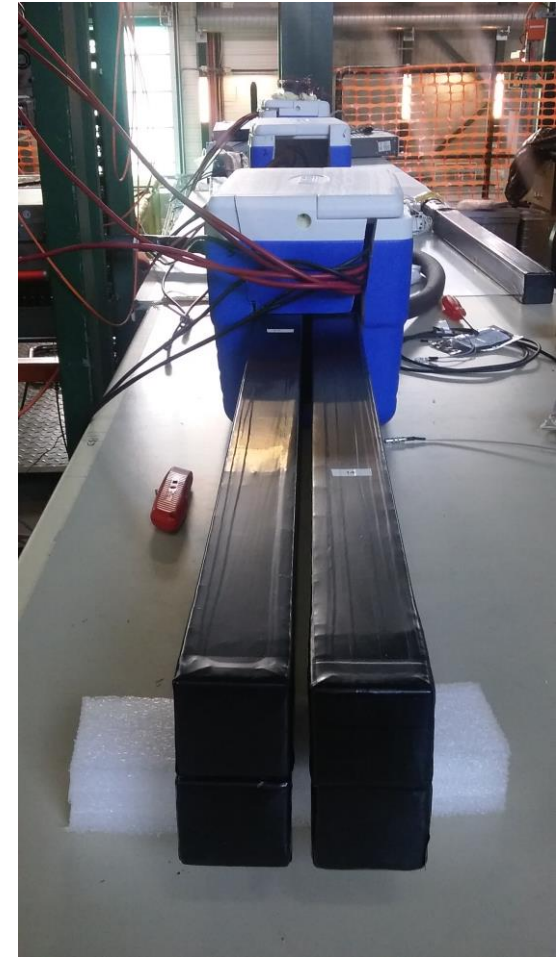
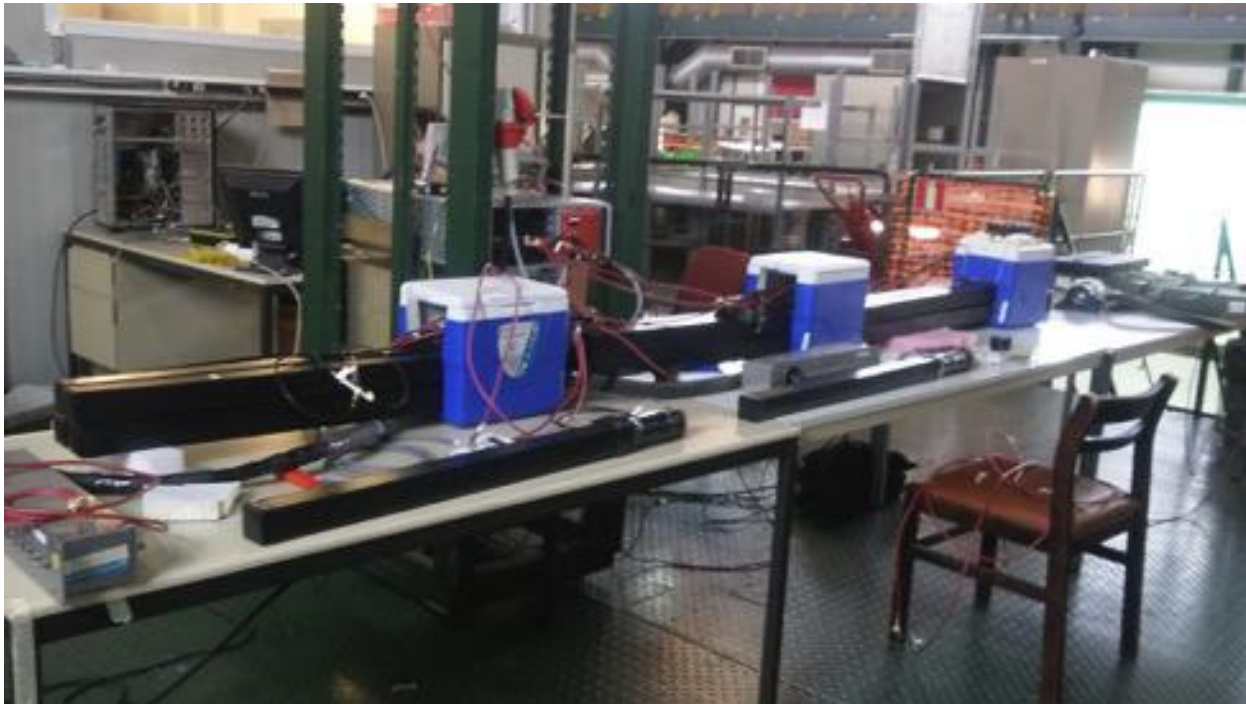
Learn about operating experiment in the tunnel

Measure backgrounds, check alignment

New heavy milli-charge particle sensitivity?



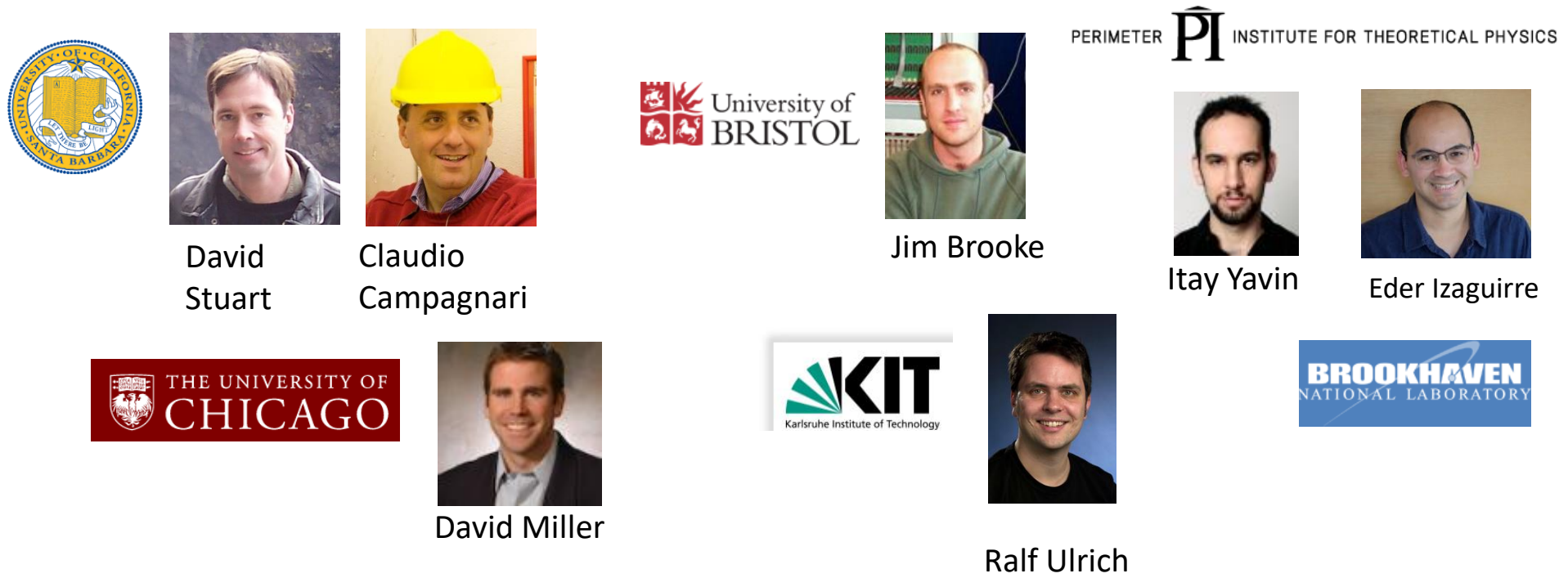
This week: 1% mini-milliQan commissioned in SX5



milliQan Collaboration



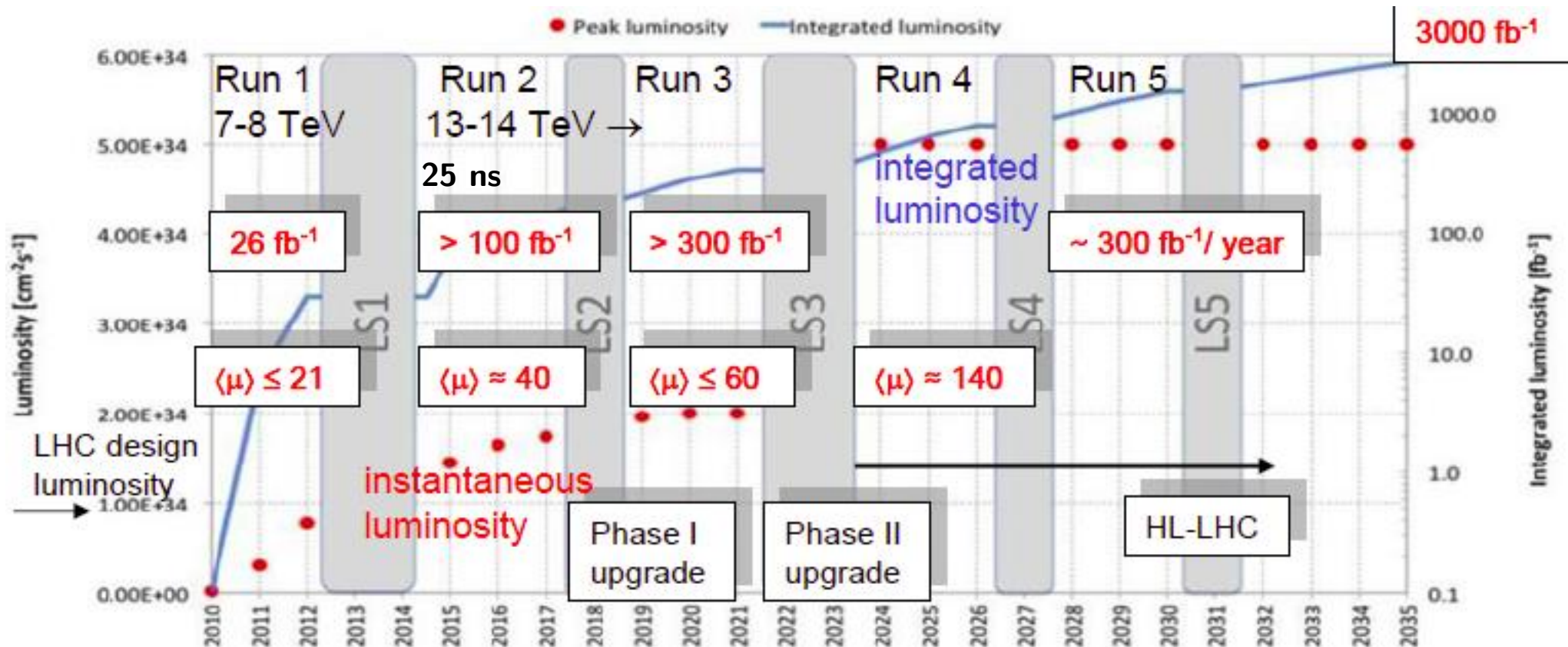
Ohio State, UCSB, CERN, Bristol, Lebanon, KIT, NYU, Chicago, Perimeter, BNL



...plus many fantastic postdocs and students!

LHC and milliQan Schedule

- Higgs boson discovered in Run1
- Currently in Run2 -> Collect $\sim 10/\text{fb}$ this year and $\sim 40/\text{fb}$ by end of 2018
- Hope to complete full milliQan detector in time for Run3, collect $\sim 300/\text{fb}$
- Then HL-LHC milliQan upgrade ☺



Summary

**MilliQan is a new LHC detector for milli-charged particles
Cover $m = 0.1 - 100$ GeV for $q = 0.002 - 0.3$ e by 2022**

More generally, milliQan is the first detector sensitive to small ionization (single PE's) at the LHC (or any collider?)

Potentially sensitive to other signals / models as well...

Detector design basically complete, and components tested in the lab
Thanks to support from CMS and CERN technical staff, milliQan is moving forward...

Support structure and other infrastructure installed in the underground tunnel

1% milliQan test to be installed during TS2 (Sept. 18-20, 2017)!

Personal note: small collaboration and building a new experiment “from scratch” has been super fun and educational!