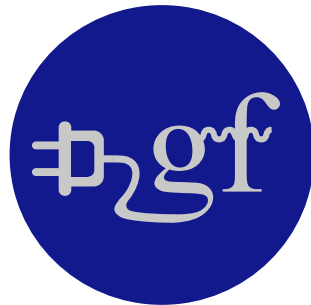


# Gamma Factory

New research opportunities for CERN



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# Introduction

# “Gamma Factory” studies

## The Gamma Factory proposal for CERN<sup>†</sup>

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*~100 physicists from 40 institutions have contributed so far to the Gamma Factory studies*

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*Gamma Factory studies are anchored, and supported by the CERN **Physics Beyond Colliders (PBC)** framework.*

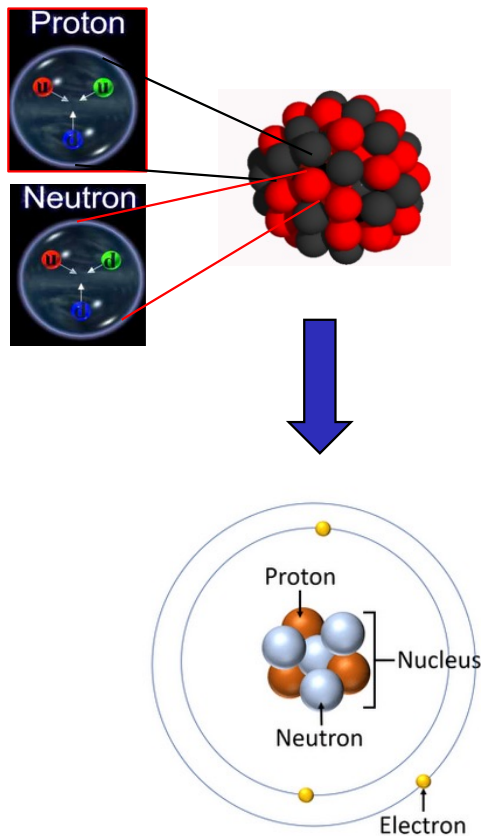
*More info on all the GF group activities:*

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

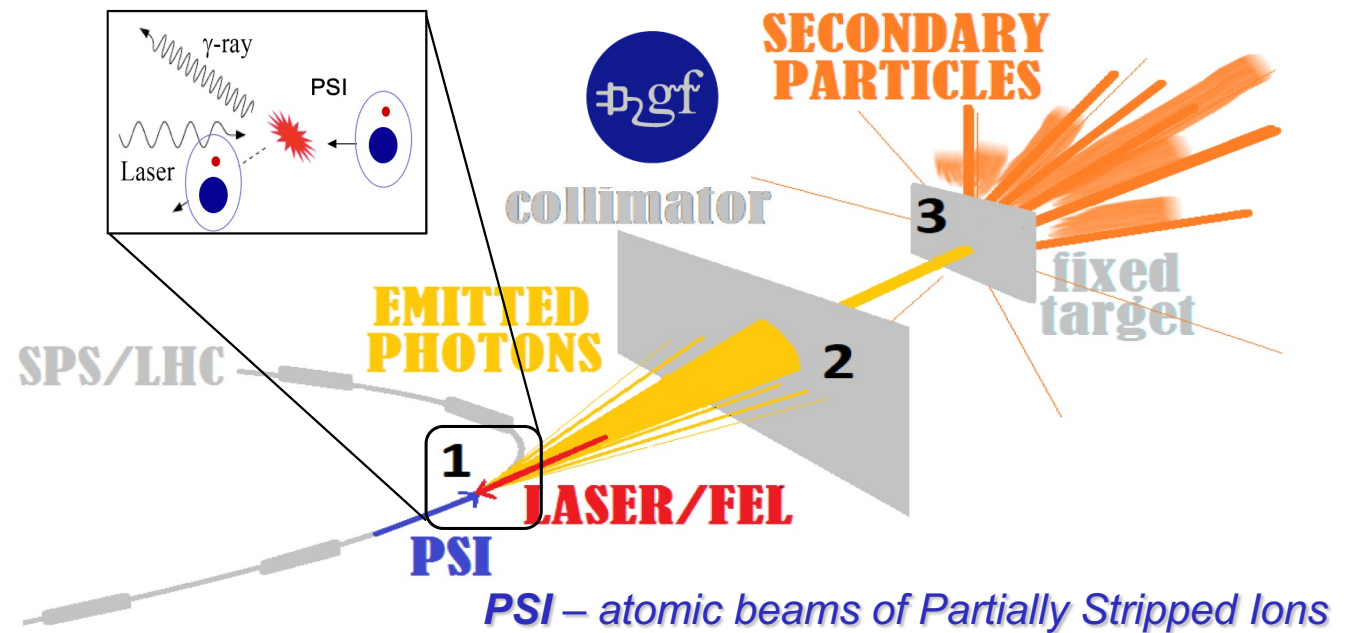
*We acknowledge the crucial role of the **CERN PBC framework** in bringing our accelerator tests, GF-PoP experiment design, software development and physics studies to their present stage!*

# Gamma Factory beams

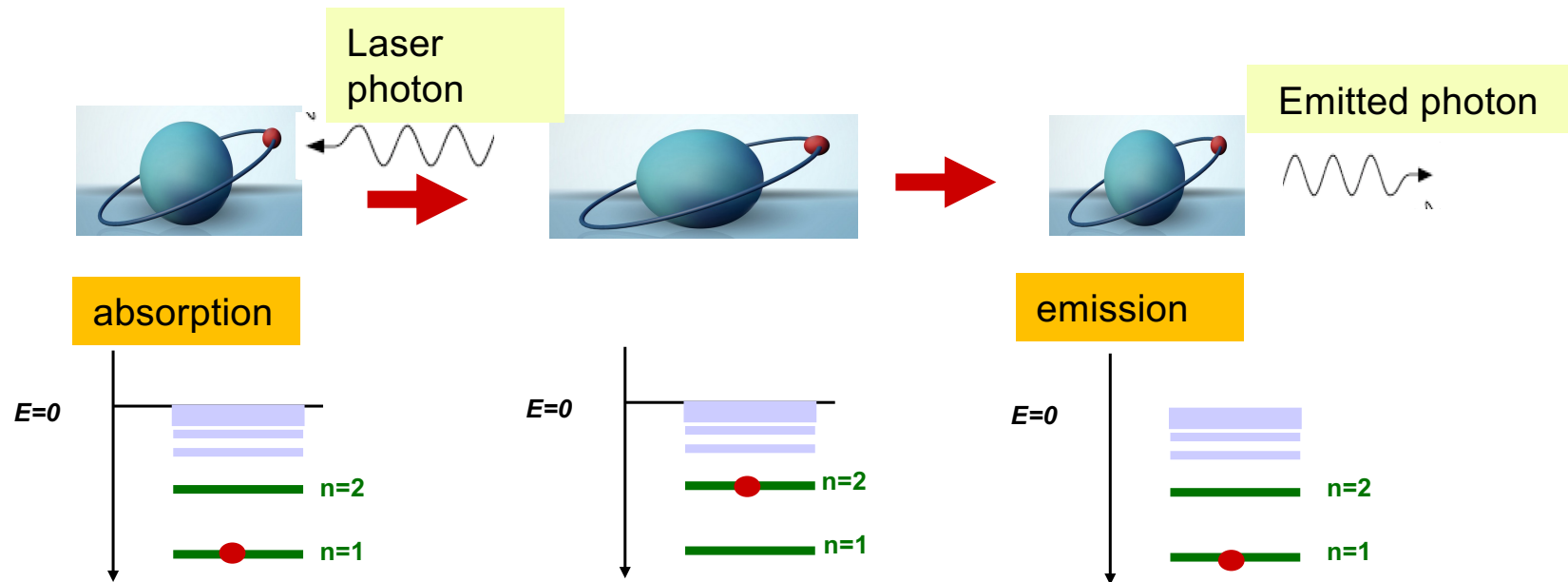
LHC beams



- Include **atomic beams of partially stripped ions** in the LHC menu
- Collide them with laser pulses (*circulating in Fabry-Pérot resonators*) to **produce beams of polarized photons** and secondary beams of polarized electrons, positrons, muons, neutrons and radioactive ions



# Absorption and emissions of photons by **atoms**



Let's accelerate an atom to a relativistic velocity:  $v \sim c$

## Gamma Factory photon source: energy leap

Relativistic, high kinetic energy atoms play the role of **passive light-frequency converters**:

$$\nu^{\max} \longrightarrow (4 \gamma^2) \nu_{\text{Laser}}$$

*...for the photon emitted in the direction of the moving atom*

**Need  $\gamma$  larger than ~1000 to convert visible light photons into gamma rays**  
(presently only CERN can deliver atomic beams of Partially Stripped Ions (PSI)  
of such a high energy)

## Gamma Factory photon source: intensity leap

### Electrons:

$$\sigma_e = 8\pi/3 \times r_e^2$$

$r_e$  - classical electron radius

### Electrons:

$$\sigma_e = 6.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$$

### Partially Stripped Ions (PSIs):

$$\sigma_{\text{peak}} = \lambda_{\text{res}}^2 / 2\pi$$

$\lambda_{\text{res}}$  - photon wavelength in the ion rest frame

### PSIs:

$$\sigma_{\text{peak}} = 1.7 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2$$

Numerical example:  $\lambda_{\text{laser}} = 1034 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\gamma_L^{\text{PSI}} = 1000$   $\gamma_L^{\text{PSI}} = E/M$  - Lorentz factor for the ion beam

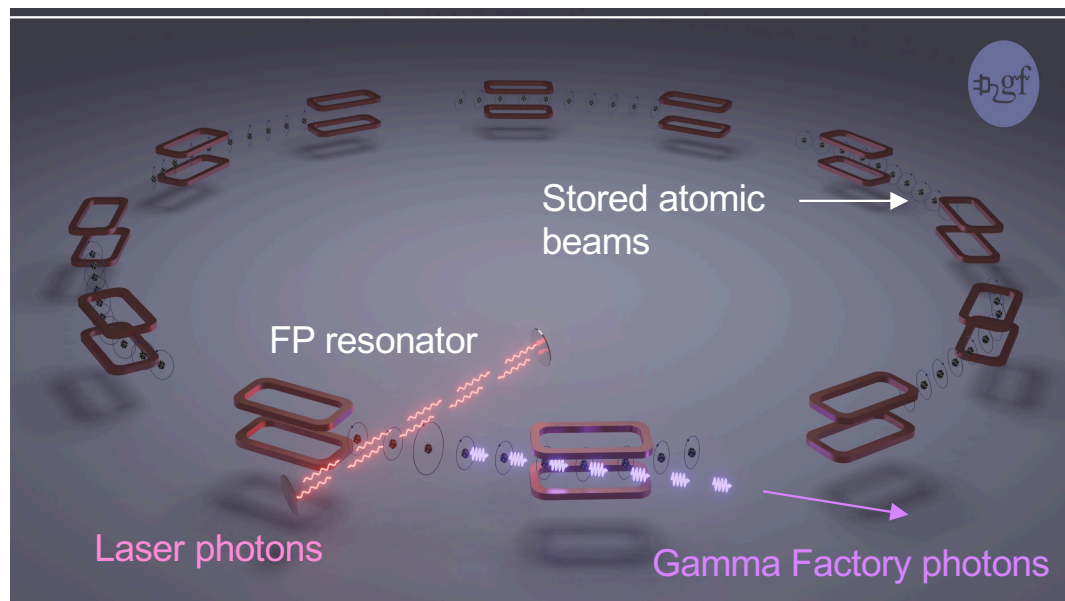
### PSI beams:

Highly efficient (~100%) conversion of the RF power into the power of the photon beam

# Gamma Factory photon source: operation mode

Requirements for the MW power, GF photon source:

LHC-stored bunches of  $\sim 10^8$ - $10^9$  **partially stripped atoms**,  $\sim 20$  MHz frequency,  $\sim 5$  mJ laser photon pulses stacked in 20 MHz, Fabry-Perot resonator





**The Gamma Factory can deliver fluxes of up to  $10^{17}$  photons/second (upgradable) ... using the present CERN accelerator infrastructure, and commercially available lasers.**

*Giga barn cross section of the resonant photon absorption -- each ion can emit several photons while colliding with a photon pulse!*

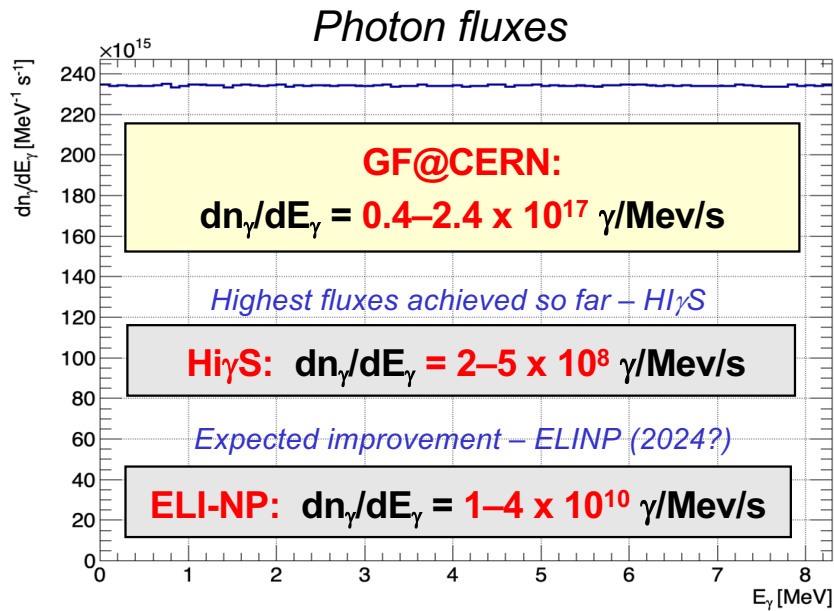
**An intensity jump by >7 orders of magnitude**



$$N_A = 6,023 \cdot 10^{23}$$

**Gamma Factory megawatt photon beams  $\sim 10^{23}$   $\gamma$ /day**

# A concrete example: Nuclear physics application: He-like, LHC Calcium beam, $(1s \rightarrow 2p)_{1/2}$ transition, TiSa laser

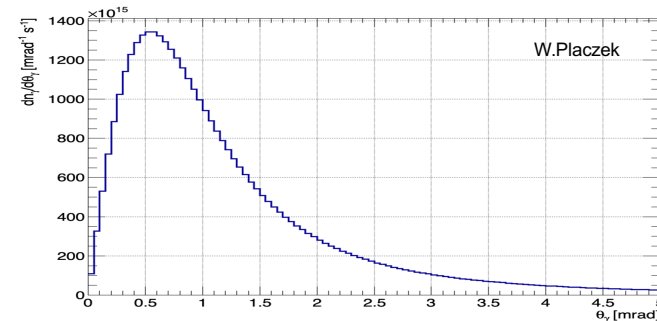
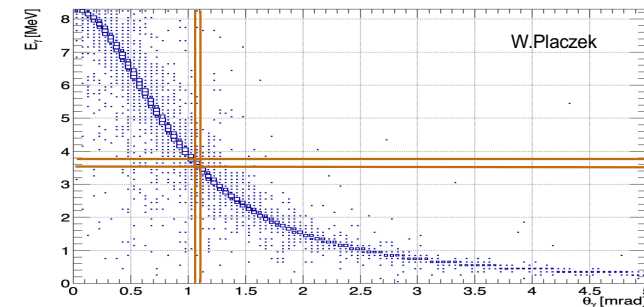


**laser pulse parameters**

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

**Highly-collimated monochromatic  $\gamma$ -beams:**

- the beam power is concentrated in a narrow angular region (facilitates beam extraction),
- the  $(E_\gamma, \theta_\gamma)$  correlation can be used (collimation) to “monochomatize” the beam



# Extraordinary properties of the GF photon source

## 1. Point-like, small divergence

- $\Delta z \sim l_{\text{PSI-bunch}}, \Delta x, \Delta y \sim \sigma_{x, y}^{\text{PSI}}, \Delta(\theta_x), \Delta(\theta_y) \sim 1/\gamma_L < 1 \text{ mrad}$

## 2. Huge jump in intensity:

- **6–8 orders of magnitude** w.r.t. existing (being constructed)  $\gamma$ -sources **up to  $10^{18}$  photons/sec**

## 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:

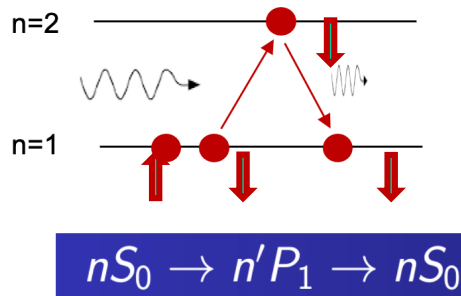
- $\gamma$ -**polarisation transmission** from laser photons to  $\gamma$ -beams of **up to 99%**

## 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)

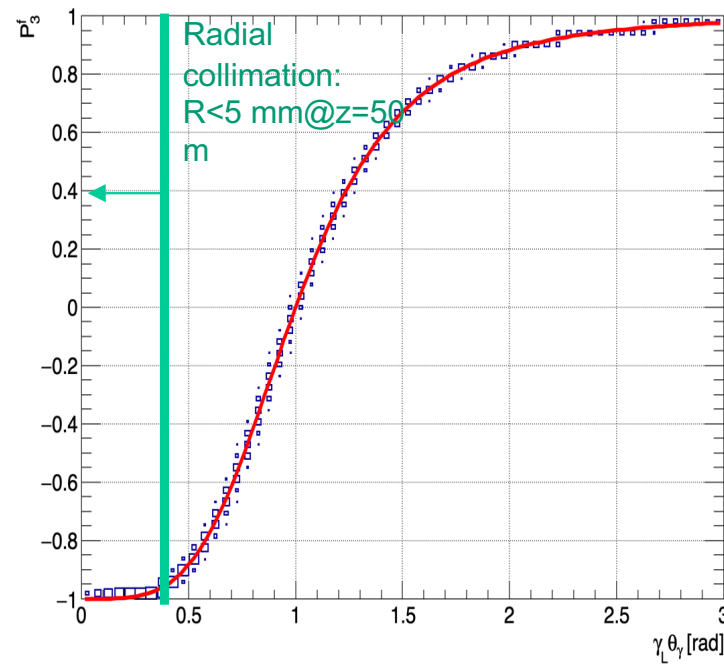
# Polarised beams in GF – example: He-like, Calcium beam, Er:glass laser (1522 nm)

A trick:  $1s^2\ 1S_0 \rightarrow 1s^1\ 2p^1\ 1P_1$   
transition in He-like atoms

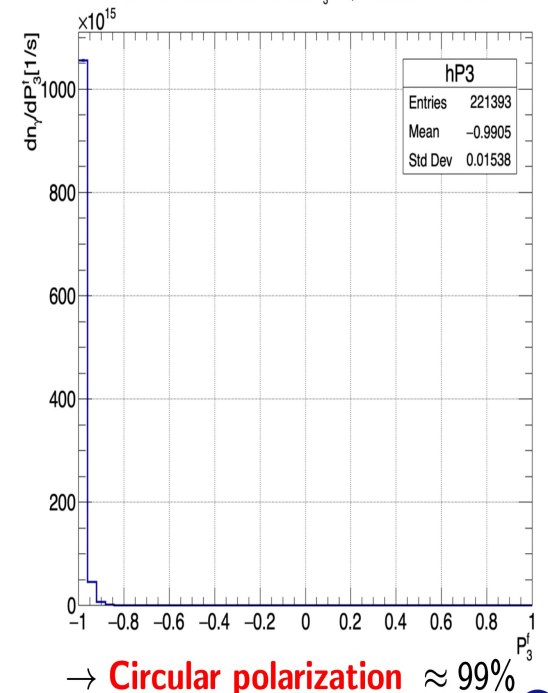


Closed transition in Helium-like atoms ( $n=1, n'=2$ ) preserve initial polarisation of the laser light

GF-POL-CAIN: He-like Ca with  $P_3^i = 1$

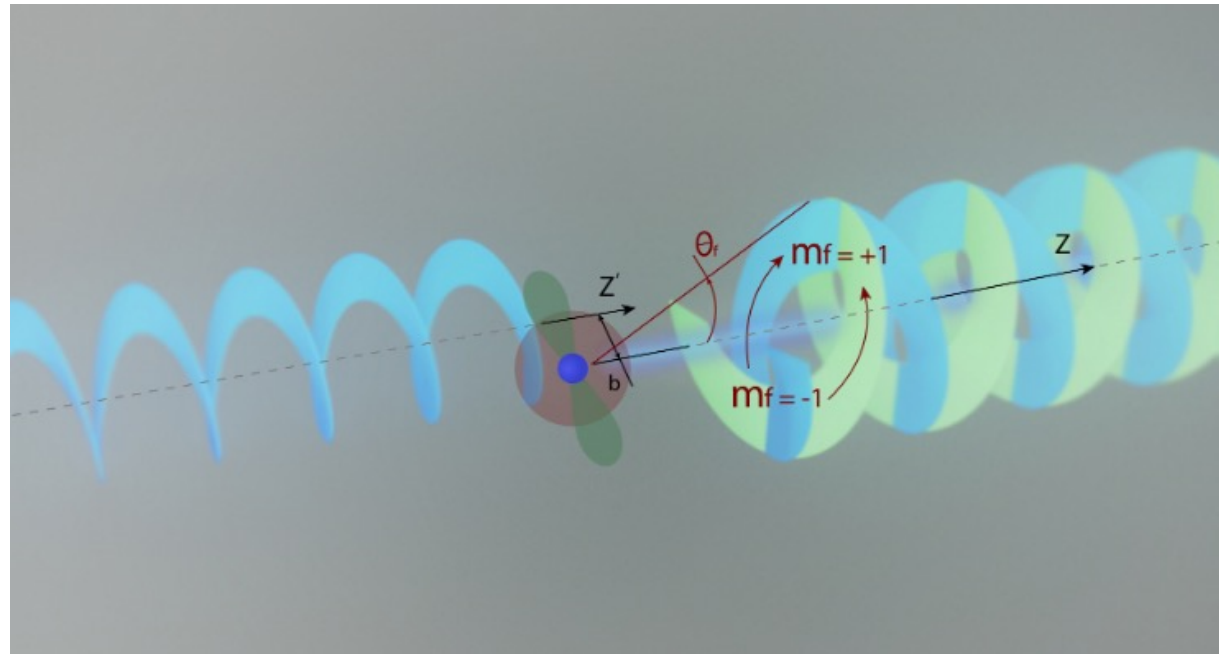


GF-POL-CAIN: He-like Yb with  $P_3^i = 1, r < 5\text{ mm} @ z = 50\text{ m}$



For more details see presentations at our recent, November 2021, Gamma Factory workshop: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1076086/>

# Gamma Factory twisted photons



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

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# Proof of Principle

# Decisive beam tests

**symmetry**  
dimensions of particle physics

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07/27/18 | By Sarah Charley

Lead atoms with a single remaining electron circled in the Large Hadron Collider.

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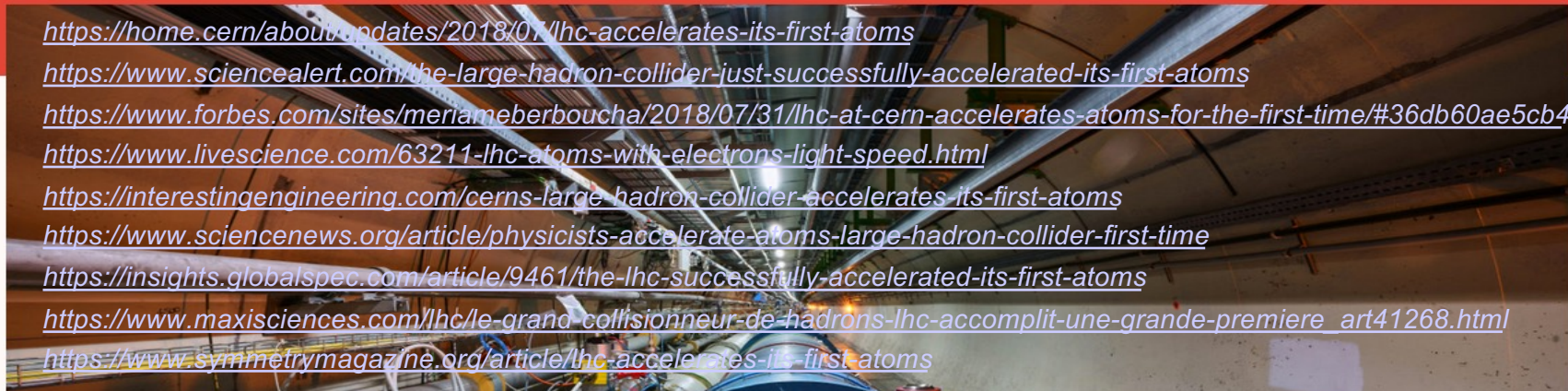
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# Atomic beams in the LHC (Hydrogen-like Lead)

**symmetry** dimensions of particle physics

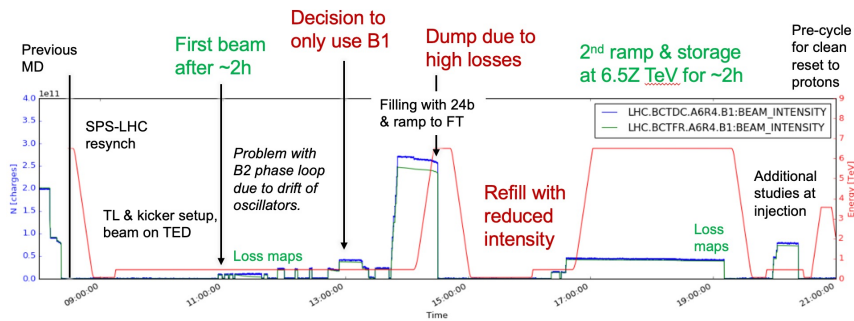
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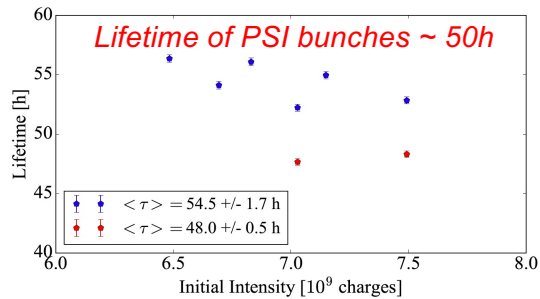
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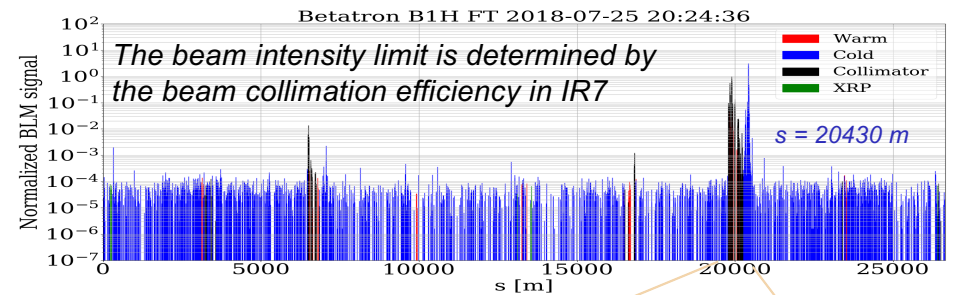


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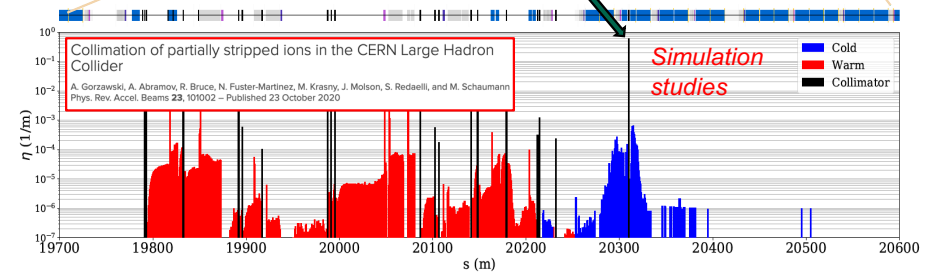
### MD3284: Partially Stripped Ions in the LHC

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### Mitigation strategies:

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

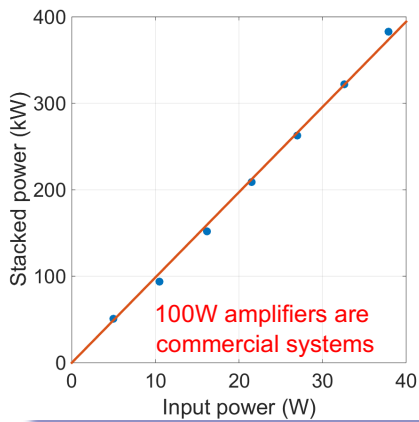
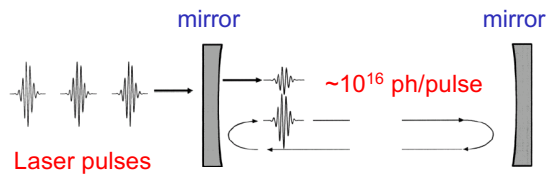


A dedicated LHC MD with crystal collimation of the PSI (H-like Pb) beam will be the next step...



# Fabry-Pérot (FP) resonators and their integration in the electron storage rings

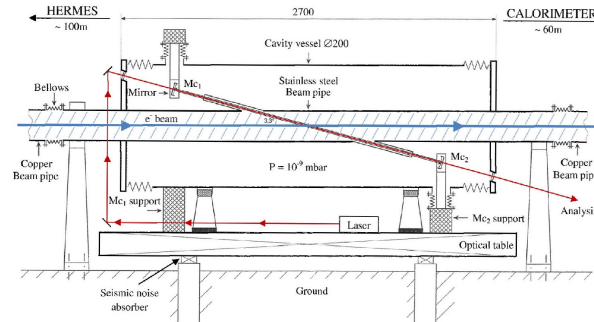
## Fabry-Pérot resonator



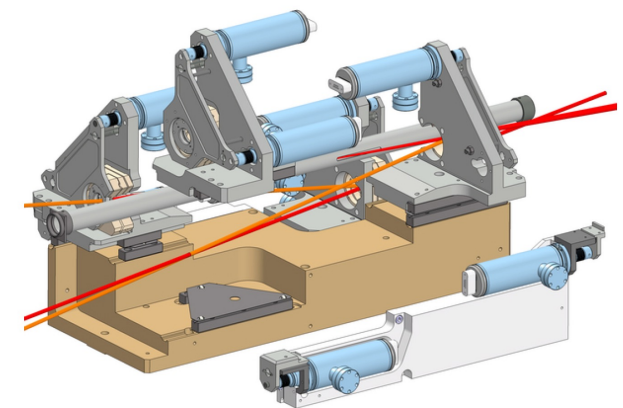
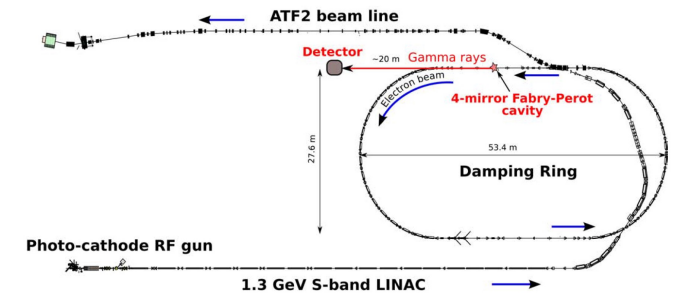
**GF requirement:**  
 < 5mJ pulses @ 20MHz,  
 (100kW photon beam)

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## HERA storage ring



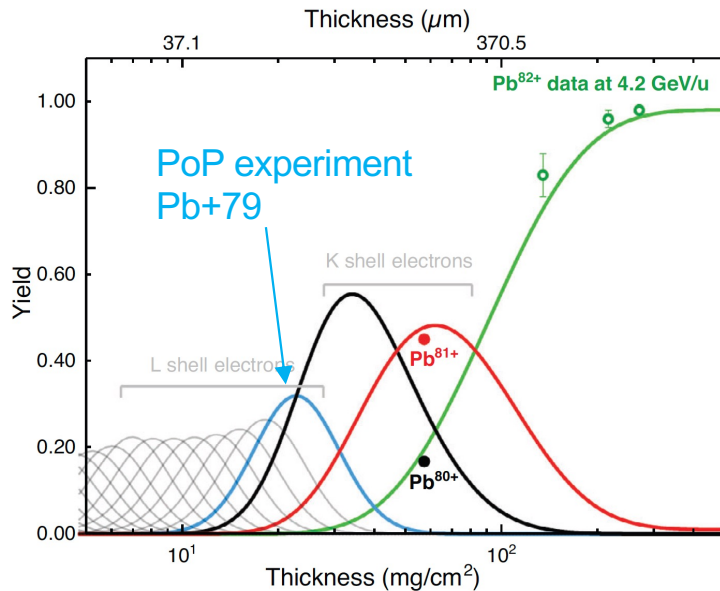
## KEK – ATF ring



Towards the first integration of the FP resonator in the hadron storage ring →

# Recent technical development: new TT2 stripper system

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



Charge-State Distributions of Highly Charged Lead Ions at Relativistic Collision Energies

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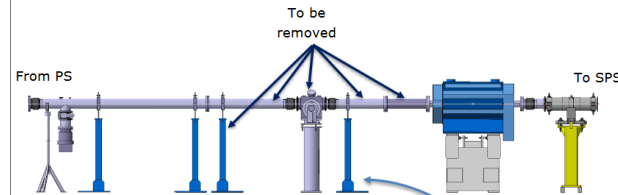


Figure 7 — CAD model of the actual integration

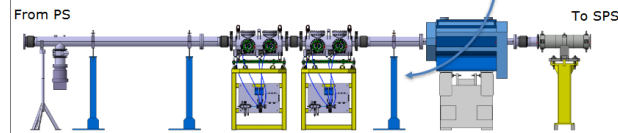
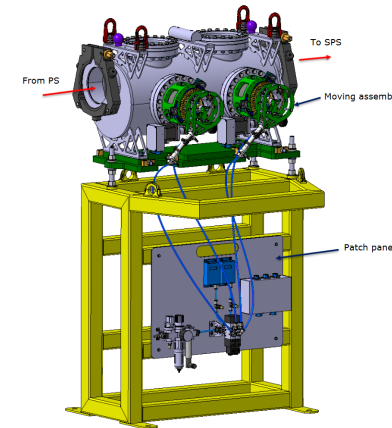


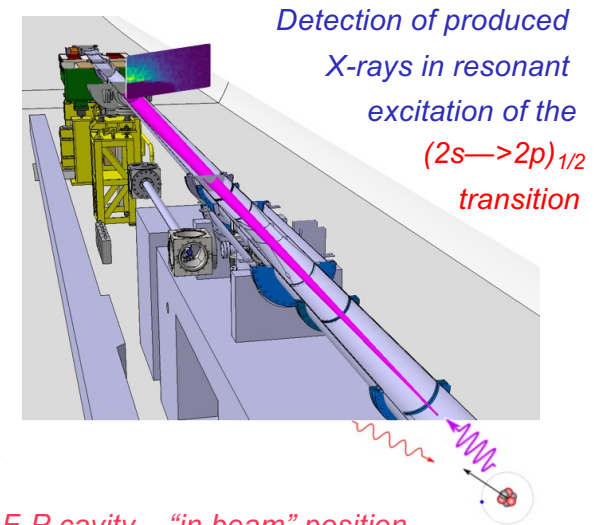
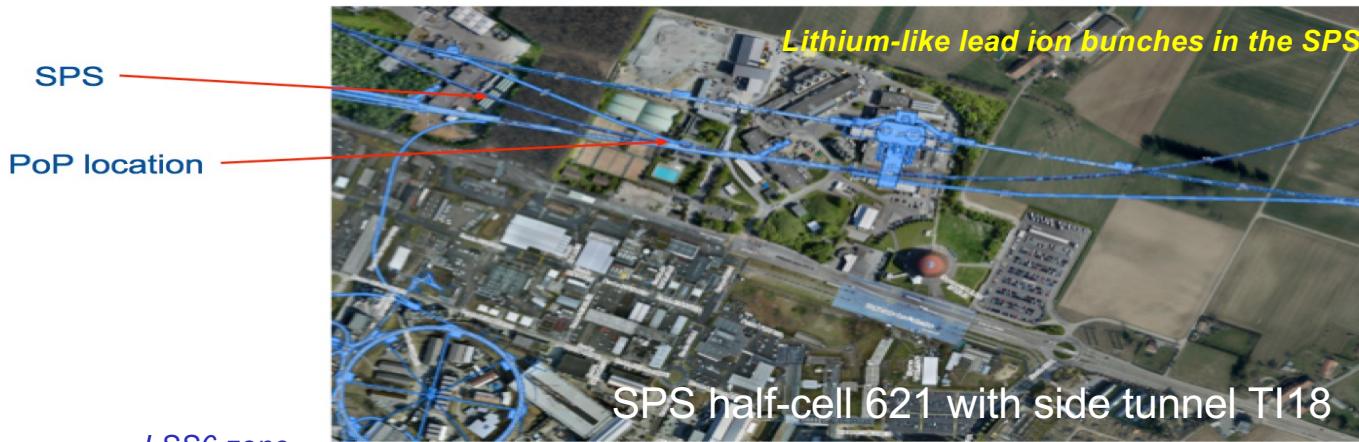
Figure 8 — CAD model of the new integration



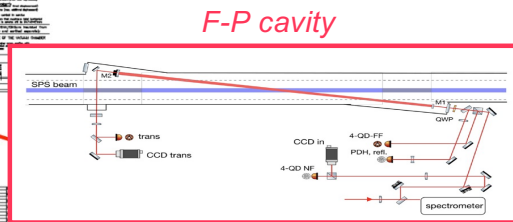
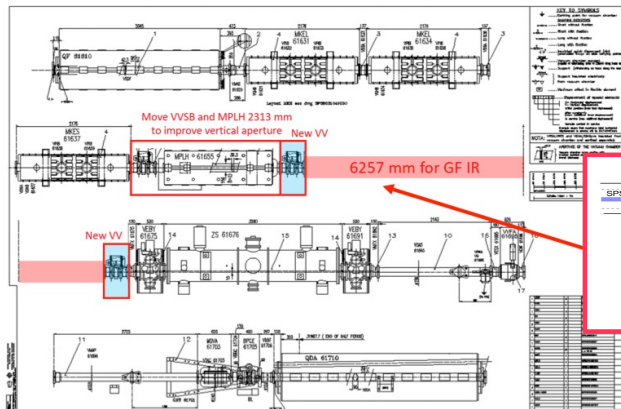
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The two tanks of the new stripper system **have been installed during YETS 2021-2022**. The first of them is already one is equipped with two stripper foil mechanisms. The second will house additional two foil mechanism (installation in YETS 2022-20023)

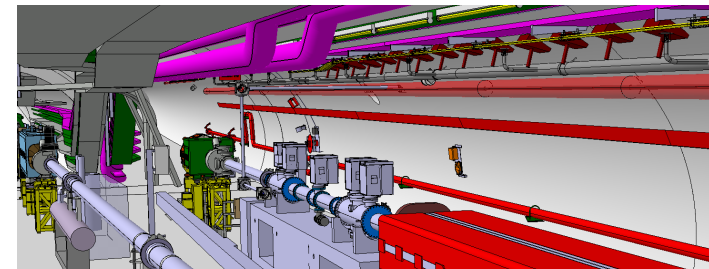
# Gamma Factory Proof-of-Principle (PoP) SPS experiment



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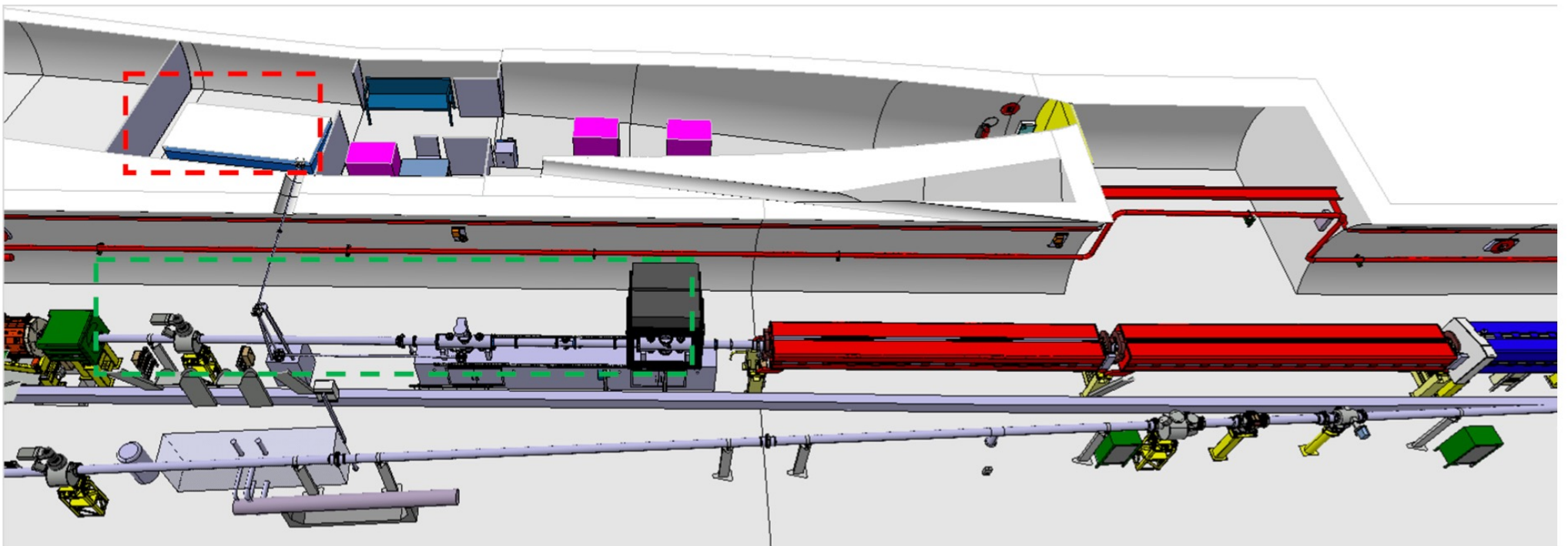


F-P cavity – “in beam” position



F-P cavity length – 3.75 m -- vertically tilted by 2.6 deg

## PoP experiment – location of laser room



# The purpose of the GF SPS PoP experiment

- 1 Demonstrate that an adequate laser system (5mJ@40MHz) can be (remotely) operated in the high radiation field of the SPS.
- 2 Demonstrate that very high rates of photons are produced : almost all PSI's are excited in single collision of the PSI bunch with the laser pulse
- 3 Demonstrate stable and repeatable operation
- 4 Confront data and simulations
- 5 Demonstrate ion beam cooling: longitudinal and then transverse
- 6 Atomic physics measurements

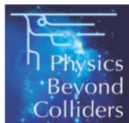
*Estimated cost of the experiment 2.5 MCHF*

# GF-PoP experiment status

September 25, 2019

## Gamma Factory Proof-of-Principle Experiment

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*As received from the SPSC referees on Oct. 20th 2020*

*« The SPSC recognizes the Gamma Factory's potential to create a novel research tool, which may open the prospects for new research opportunities in a broad domain of basic and applied science at the LHC. »*



*We have recently finalised the final specification of the Laser and FP system for the GF-PoP experiment, made the requisite SPS beam-stability tests and finalised the technical specification of the stripper*



*In parallel, we are finalizing a detailed estimation of the CERN (Accelerator Sector), and participating labs, resources needed to construct the PoP experiment in the SPS tunnel with the plan to submit an EU funding request*



*We are in the process of signing the GF-PoP-MoU by collaborating institutes*



*Full experiment specifications have been finalised.  
Target Installation time : LS3 -- **what we (only) need is to find 2.5 MCHF to cover the cost of the experiment and to assure the requisite CERN FTE resources (experiment infrastructure)...***

# Gamma Factory research tools

## Gamma Factory novel research tools – 5 examples

1. *Unprecedented intensity photon( $\gamma$ )-beams.*
2. *Atomic traps of highly charged atoms.*
3. *Electron beam for ep collisions in the LHC interaction points.*
4. *Laser-light based cooling methods of high-energy hadronic beams.*
5. *High-intensity sources of polarised electrons, polarised positrons, polarised muons, neutrinos, neutrons and radioactive ions.*



# 1. High intensity (MW) photon beams

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

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

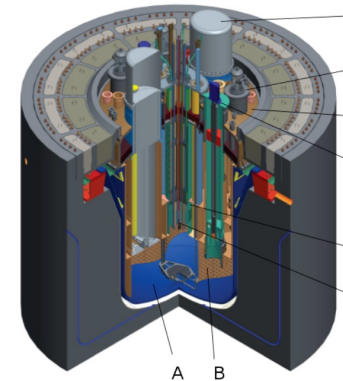
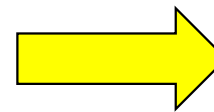
Satisfying three conditions:

- 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** )

	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	

P. JANOT  
→ Would require a 500m-wide band of solar panel along the FCC ring

P. JANOT  
→ Would require 500 such turbines (one every 200m) along the FCC ring



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M06 **Invited** Accelerate Solving Energy Crisis: From Fission to Fusion

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# GF photon-beam-driven energy source

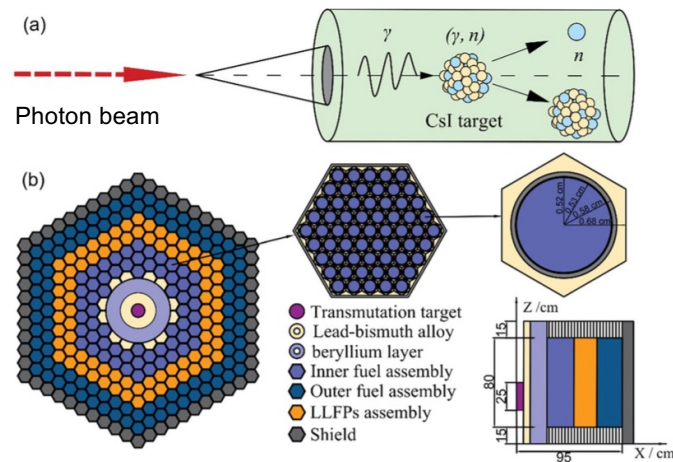
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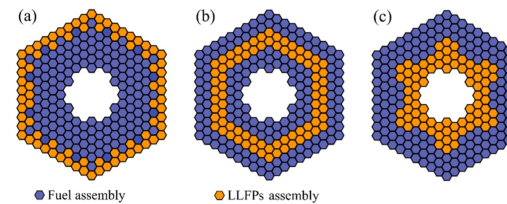
## Transmutation of long-lived fission products in an advanced nuclear energy system

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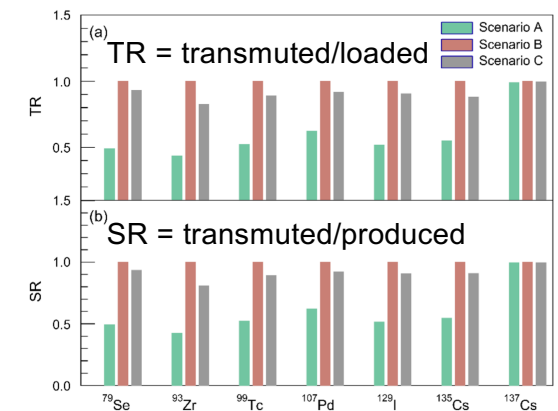
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Main parameters	Data used in this study
Type of fuel	UO <sub>2</sub>
Thermal power (MWt)	500
Electric power (MWe)	200
Core height (mm)	1100
Core diameter (mm)	1050
Number of fuel assemblies	60/102 (inner/outer)
Number of pins in each of fuel assembly	61
Pin diameter (mm)	5.8
Pellet diameter (mm)	5.2
<sup>235</sup> U enrichment (%)	23.3
Number of LLFPs assemblies	78
Number of pins in each of LLFPs assembly	61
Number of shield assemblies	60



Physical quantity	Value
Effective multiplication factor ( $k_{eff}$ )	0.979
Reactivity ( $\rho$ )	-0.019
Effective multiplication factor for prompt neutrons ( $k_p$ )	0.977
Eigenvalue ( $\alpha$ )	-0.003
Effective delayed neutron fraction ( $\beta_{eff}$ )	0.007
Neutron generation time ( $\Lambda$ ) ( $\mu$ s)	0.523
Neutron worth of PNS ( $\varphi$ )	1.319
Sub-critical effective multiplication factor ( $k_s$ )	0.984

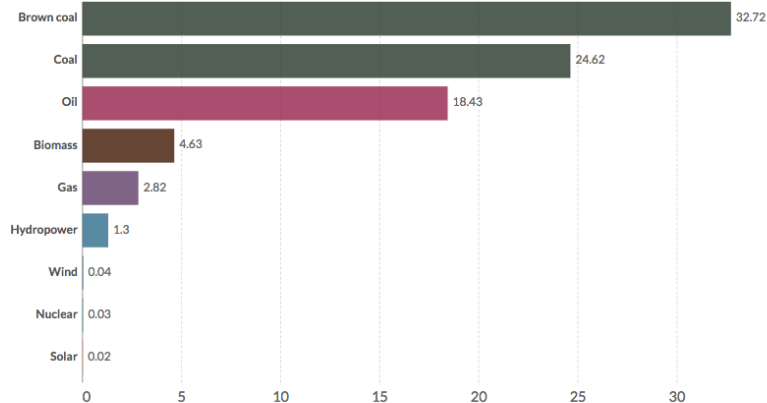


# Potential merit of the GF-beam-driven sub-critical reactor.

Could provide the requisite plug-power for the present, and for the the future CERN's needs with one of the most safe (and clean!) sources of energy with resonant photo-transmutation of the long-lived nuclear waste isotopes!

## Death rates per unit of electricity production

Death rates are measured based on deaths from accidents and air pollution per terawatt-hour (TWh) of electricity.



Source: Markandya & Wilkinson (2007); Sovacool et al. (2016); UNSCEAR (2008; & 2018)

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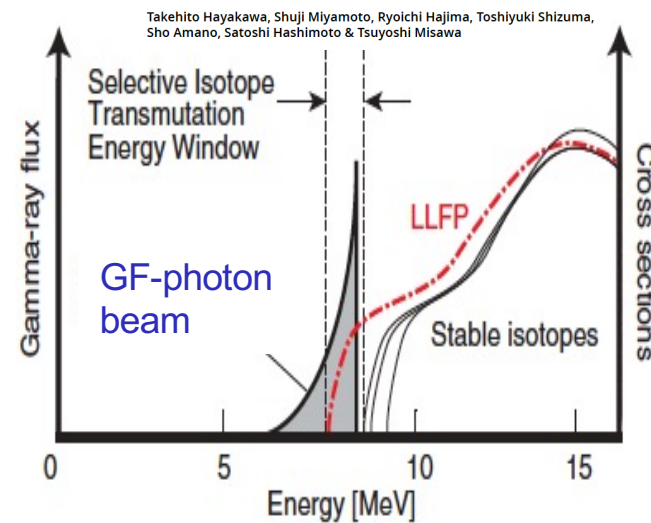
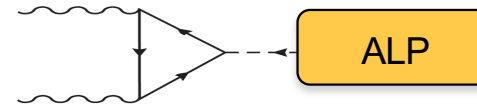


Table 1. Particle threshold energies and residual nuclei for even-Z elements including LLFPs.

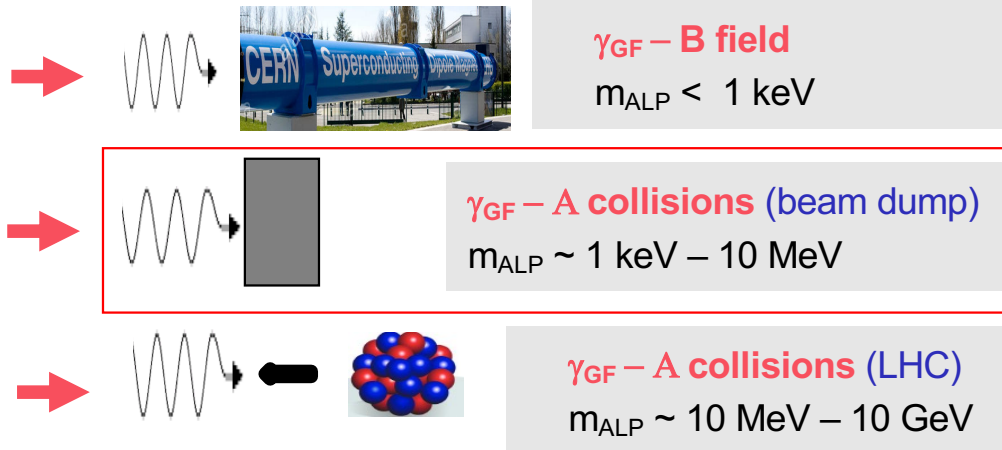
Isotopes	$T_{1/2}$	$E$ (MeV)	R.I.	$T_{1/2}$
$^{90}\text{Zr}$	-	8.355(p)	$^{89}\text{Y}$	-
$^{91}\text{Zr}$	-	7.195(n)	$^{90}\text{Zr}$	-
$^{92}\text{Zr}$	-	8.634(n)	$^{91}\text{Zr}$	-
$^{93}\text{Zr}$	$1.61 \times 10^6$ y	6.734(n)	$^{92}\text{Zr}$	-
$^{94}\text{Zr}$	-	8.220(n)	$^{94}\text{Zr}$	$1.61 \times 10^6$ y
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	-	7.854(n)	$^{95}\text{Zr}$	64 d
$^{76}\text{Se}$	-	9.508(p)	$^{75}\text{As}$	-
$^{77}\text{Se}$	-	7.418(n)	$^{76}\text{Se}$	-
$^{78}\text{Se}$	-	10.399(n)	$^{77}\text{Se}$	-
$^{79}\text{Se}$	$2.95 \times 10^5$ y	6.914(n)	$^{78}\text{Se}$	-
$^{80}\text{Se}$	-	9.914(n)	$^{79}\text{Se}$	$2.95 \times 10^5$ y
$^{82}\text{Se}$	-	9.276(n)	$^{81}\text{Se}$	18 m
$^{104}\text{Pd}$	-	8.658(p)	$^{103}\text{Rh}$	-
$^{105}\text{Pd}$	-	7.941(n)	$^{104}\text{Pd}$	-
$^{106}\text{Pd}$	-	9.347(p)	$^{105}\text{Rh}$	1.47 d
$^{107}\text{Pd}$	$6.5 \times 10^6$ y	6.359(n)	$^{106}\text{Pd}$	-
$^{108}\text{Pd}$	-	9.221(n)	$^{107}\text{Pd}$	$6.5 \times 10^6$ y
$^{110}\text{Pd}$	-	8.861(n)	$^{109}\text{Pd}$	13.7 h
$^{117}\text{Sn}$	-	6.945(n)	$^{116}\text{Sn}$	-
$^{118}\text{Sn}$	-	9.327(n)	$^{117}\text{Sn}$	-
$^{119}\text{Sn}$	-	6.485(n)	$^{118}\text{Sn}$	-
$^{120}\text{Sn}$	-	9.107(n)	$^{119}\text{Sn}$	-
$^{122}\text{Sn}$	-	8.814(n)	$^{121}\text{Sn}$	27 h
$^{124}\text{Sn}$	-	8.488(n)	$^{123}\text{Sn}$	40 m
$^{126}\text{Sn}$	$2.3 \times 10^5$ y	8.193(n)	$^{125}\text{Sn}$	9.6 d
$^{88}\text{Sr}$	-	10.614(p)	$^{87}\text{Rb}$	-
$^{90}\text{Sr}$	28.8 y	7.806(n)	$^{89}\text{Sr}$	50.6 d
$^{133}\text{Cs}$	-	6.085(p)	$^{132}\text{Xe}$	-
		8.987(n)	$^{132}\text{Cs}$	6.5 d
$^{135}\text{Cs}$	$2.3 \times 10^6$ y	6.751(p)	$^{134}\text{Xe}$	-
		8.762(n)	$^{134}\text{Cs}$	2.0 y
$^{137}\text{Cs}$	30 y	7.416(p)	$^{136}\text{Xe}$	-
		8.278(n)	$^{136}\text{Cs}$	13.2 d
$^{127}\text{I}$	-	6.206(p)	$^{126}\text{Te}$	-
@		9.143(n)	$^{126}\text{I}$	13.1 d
$^{129}\text{I}$	$1.57 \times 10^7$ y	6.799(p)	$^{128}\text{Te}$	-
		8.833(n)	$^{128}\text{I}$	25 m
$^{99}\text{Tc}$	$2.11 \times 10^5$ y	6.500(p)	$^{98}\text{Mo}$	-
		8.967(n)	$^{98}\text{Tc}$	$4.2 \times 10^6$ y

# DM searches (and studies?): Axion-Like-Particles (ALP) example

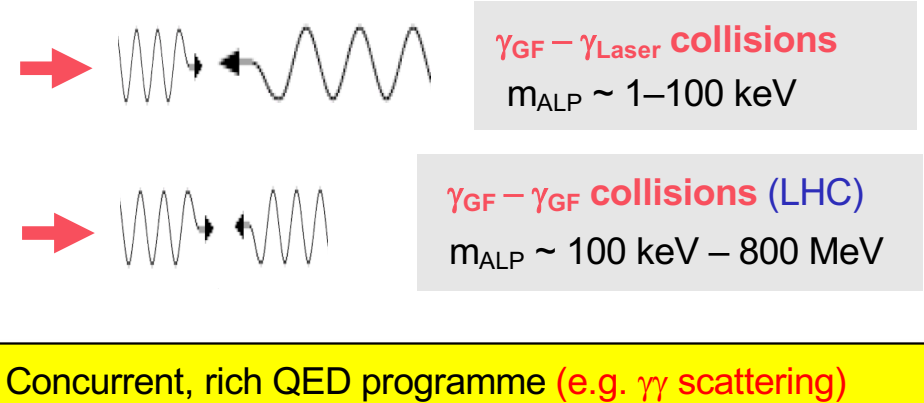
Collision schemes for ALP production:



Search phase



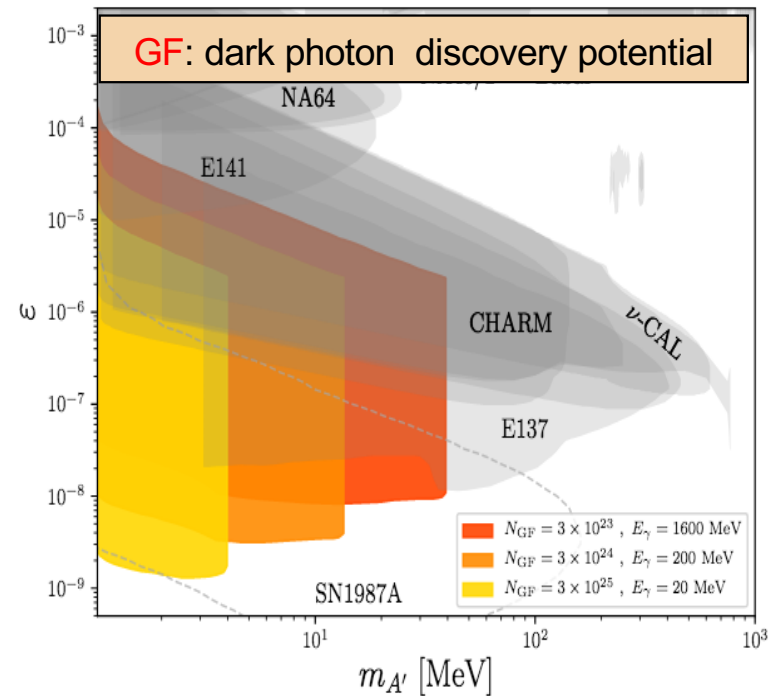
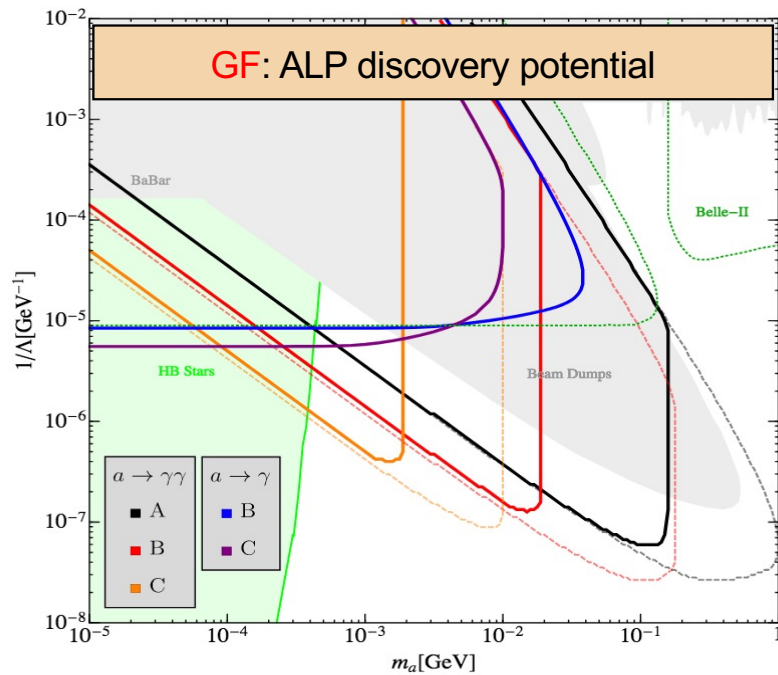
“Production” phase



## Three principal advantages of the Gamma Factory photon beams:

- **Large fluxes:**  $10^{24}$  photons on target over year (SHIP –  $10^{20}$  protons on target).
- **Multiple ALP production schemes** covering a vast region of ALP masses ( **sub eV – GeV** )
- **Once ALP candidate seen** → a unique possibility to **tune** the GF beam **energy** to the **resonance**.

# Dark matter searches

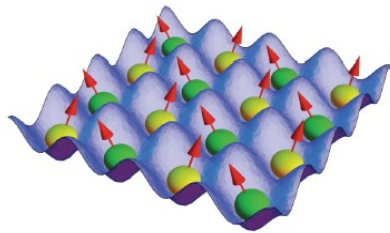
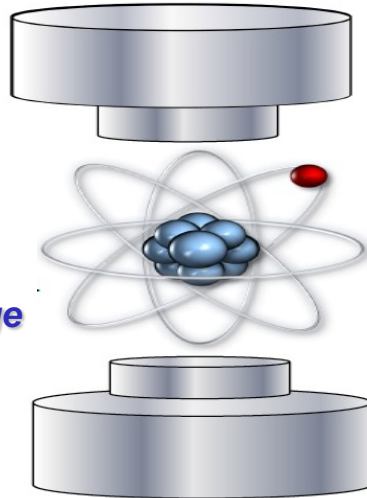


**Significant discovery potential for Dark Matter particles with GF photon beams!**

## 2. Atomic traps of highly-charged, “small-size” atoms

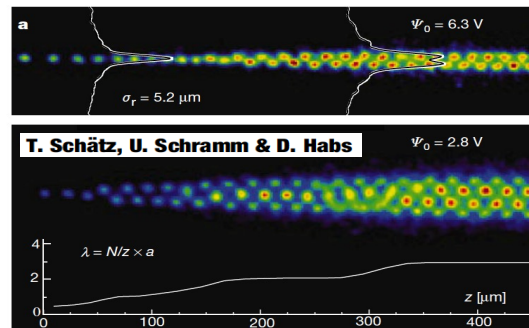
### Atomic rest-frame

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 ( $\sim 10^{16}$  V/cm) electric field (QED-vacuum effects)
- Small size atoms (electroweak effects)
- 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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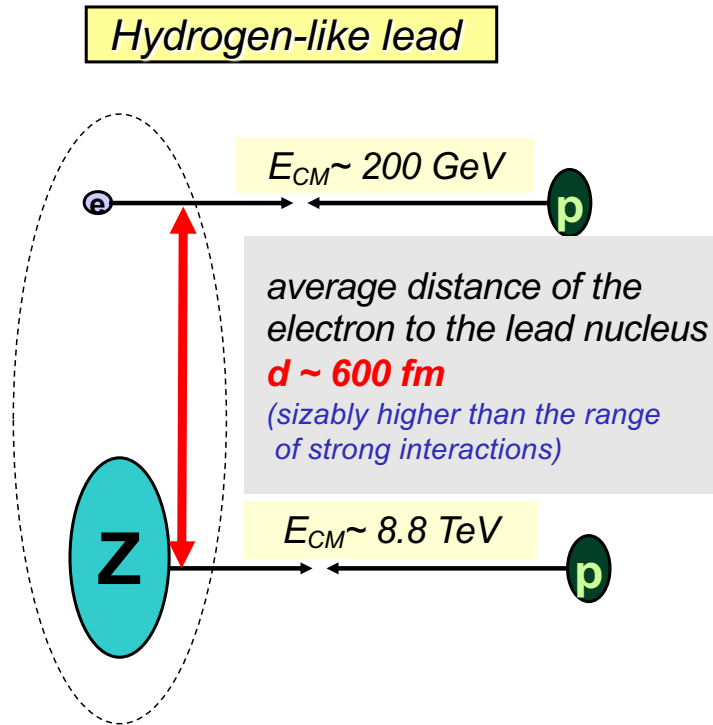
### Atomic Physics Studies at the Gamma Factory at CERN

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# 3. Electron beam for ep collisions at LHC

(in the ATLAS, CMS, ALICE and LHCb interaction points)

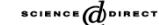


Atomic beams can be considered as **independent electron and nuclear beams** as long as the incoming proton scatters with the momentum transfer  $q \gg 300 \text{ KeV!}$

Opens the possibility of collecting, by each of the LHC detectors, over one day of the **Pb+81-p** operation, the effective ep-collision luminosity comparable to the HERA integrated luminosity in the first year of its operation (1992) – *in-situ diagnostic of the emittance of partonic beams at the LHC!*



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Electron beam for LHC

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Editors' Suggestion

Collimation of partially stripped ions in the CERN Large Hadron Collider

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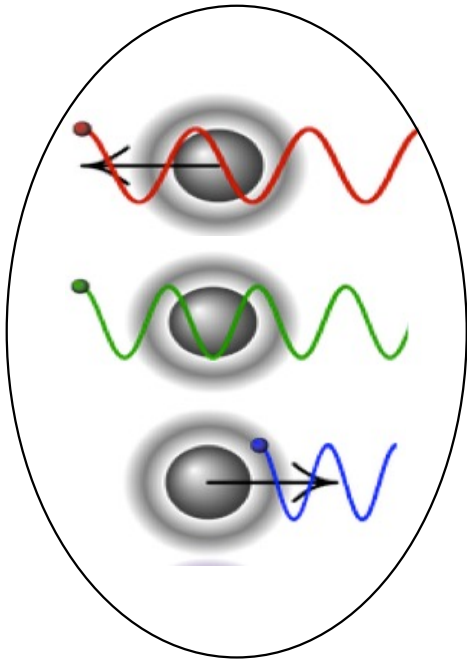
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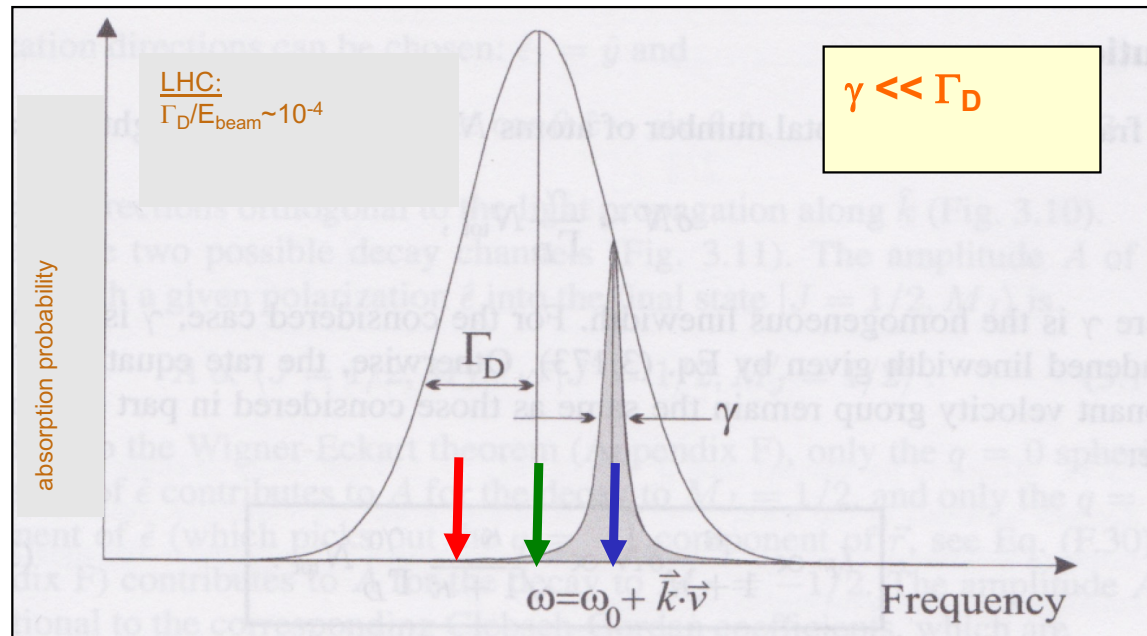
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# 4. Laser cooling of high-energy hadronic beams



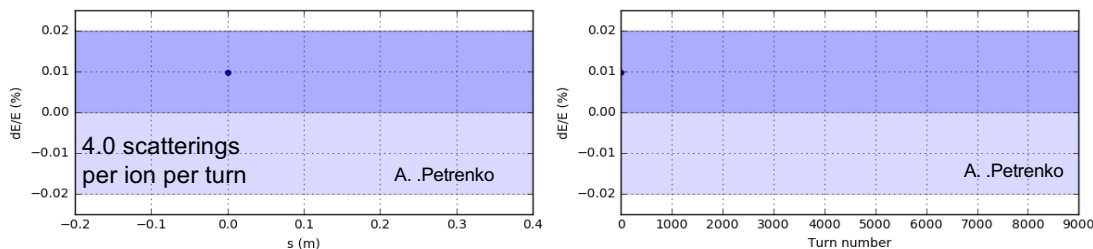
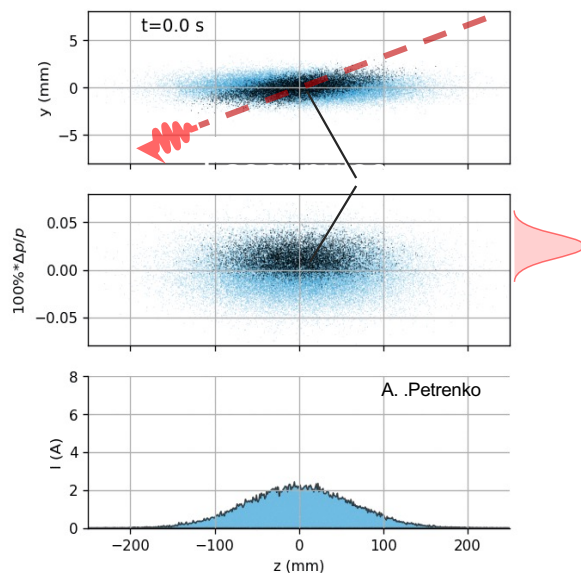
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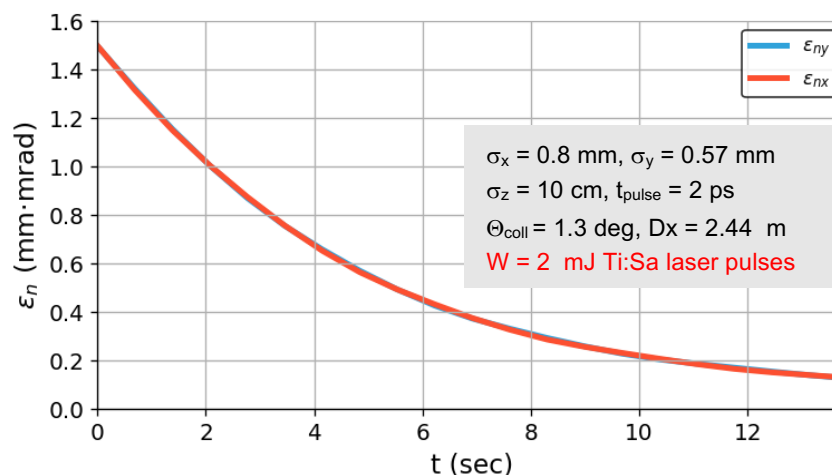


# 4. Laser cooling of high-energy hadronic beams

**Beam cooling:**  
*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 **high-energy** hadronic bunches of the required longitudinal and transverse emittances and population, (**bunch merge + cooling**) within a seconds-long time scale.



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

# Gamma Factory (complementary) path to HL-LHC:

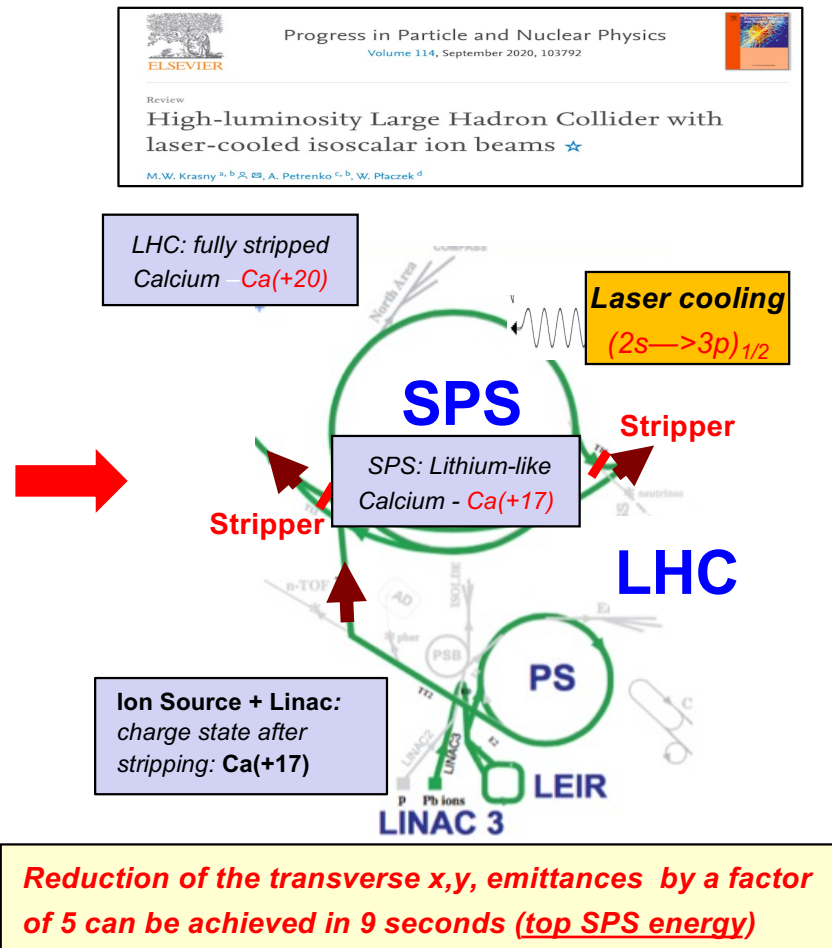
Studies of the implementation scheme with laser-cooled **isoscalar Ca beams**

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

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

- **reduce  $\beta_x^*$  and  $\beta_y^*$**
- **reduce  $\epsilon_x$  and  $\epsilon_y$**

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



## The merits of cold isoscalar beams

- **higher precision** in measuring **SM parameters** ( $M_W, \sin^2 \theta_W, \dots$ ) in CaCa than in pp collisions,
- Possible unique access to **exclusive Higgs boson production** in photon–photon collisions,
- **Lower pileup background** at equivalent nucleon-nucleon (partonic) luminosity,
- New research opportunities for the **EW symmetry breaking sector**.

**If necessary:** add optical stochastic cooling time for the Ca beam at the LHC top energy  $t_{cool} \sim 1.5$  hours (V. Lebedev)

# 5. Gamma Factory lepton sources

## Presently operating positron sources

Facility	PEP-II	KEKB	DAFNE	BEPc	LIL	CESR	VEPP-5
Research center	SLAC	KEK	LNF	IHEP	CERN	Cornell	BINP
Repetition frequency, Hz	120	50	50	12.5	100	60	50
Primary beam energy, GeV	33	3.7	0.19	0.14	0.2	0.15	0.27
Number of electrons per bunch	$5 \times 10^{10}$	$6 \times 10^{10}$	$1.2 \times 10^{10}$	$5.4 \times 10^9$	$3 \times 10^9$	$3 \times 10^{10}$	$2 \times 10^{10}$
Target	W-25Re	W	W-25Re	W	W	W	Ta
Matching device	AMD	QWT	AMD	AMD	QWT	QWT	AMD
Matching device field, T	6	2	5	2.6	0.83	0.9	10
Field in solenoid, T	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.35	0.36	0.24	0.5
Capture section RF frequency, MHz	S-band	S-band	S-band	S-band	S-band	S-band	S-band
Positron yield, 1/GeV	0.054	0.023	0.053	0.014	0.0295	0.013	0.1
Positron output, 1/s	$8 \times 10^{12}$	$2 \times 10^{11}$	$2 \times 10^{10}$	$2.5 \times 10^8$	$2.2 \times 10^{10}$	$6.6 \times 10^{10}$	$10^{11}$

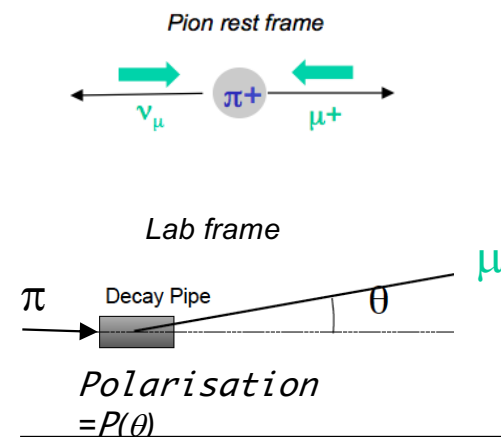
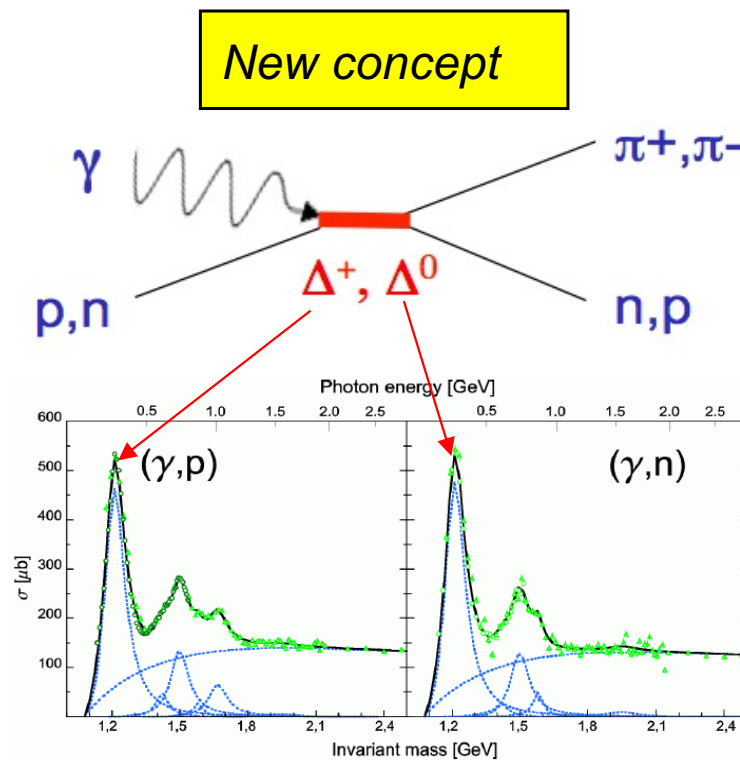
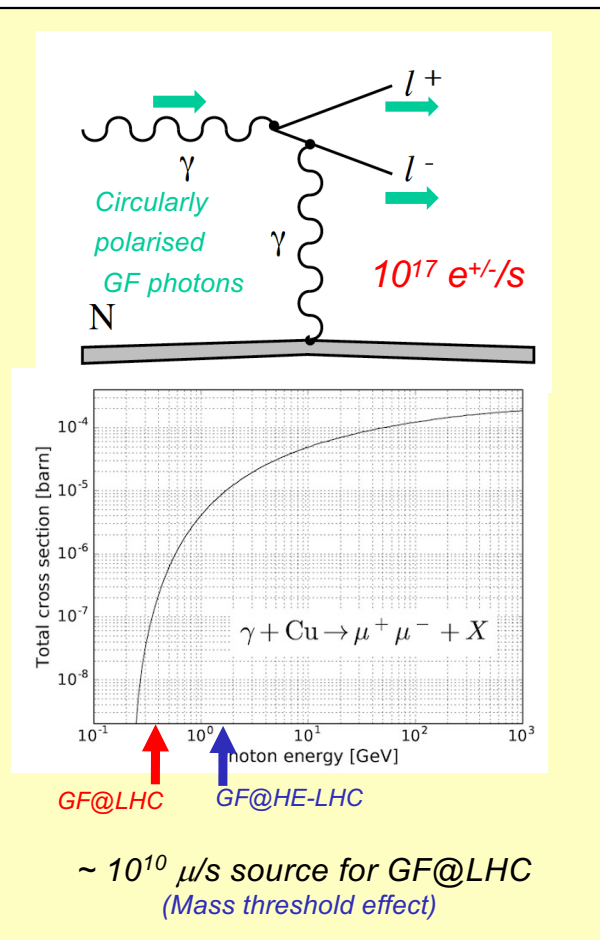
## Polarised positrons/electrons sources required For CLIC, ILC and LHeC

	SLC	CLIC (380 GeV)	ILC (250 GeV)	LHeC (pulsed)	LHeC (ERL)	LEMMA	FCC-ee
e- beam energy(GeV)	45.6	380	250	140	60	45 (e+)	45.6
Norm. hor. emitt. (mm.mrad)	30	0.92	5	100	50	18	24.1
Norm. vert. emitt. (mm.mrad)	2	0.02	0.035	100	50	18	89
Bunches/macropulse	1	352	1312	$10^5$			2
Repetition Rate	120	50	5	10	CW		200 (Inj)
Bunches/second	120	17600	6560	$10^6$	$20 \times 10^6$		16640
e+/second ( $10^{14}$ )	0.08	1.1	1.3	18	440	100	0.06@Inj
Polarization	No	No/Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

## Existing and future muon sources

Laboratory/ Beam line	Energy/ Power	Present Surface $\mu^+$ rate (Hz)	Future estimated $\mu^+/\mu^-$ rate (Hz)
<b>PSI (CH)</b>	(590 MeV, 1.3 MW, DC)		
LEMS	*	$4 \cdot 10^8$	
$\pi E5$	*	$1.6 \cdot 10^8$	
HIMB	(590 MeV, 1 MW, DC)		$4 \cdot 10^{10}(\mu^+)$
<b>J-PARC (JP)</b>	(3 GeV, 1 MW, Pulsed) currently 210 kW		
MUSE D-line	*	$3 \cdot 10^7$	
MUSE U-line	*		$2 \cdot 10^8(\mu^+)$ (2012)
COMET	(8 GeV, 56 kW, Pulsed)		$10^{11}(\mu^-)$ (2019/20)
PRIME/PRISM	(8 GeV, 300 kW, Pulsed)		$10^{11-12}(\mu^-)$ (> 2020)
<b>FNAL (USA)</b>			
Mu2e	(8 GeV, 25 kW, Pulsed)		$5 \cdot 10^{10}(\mu^-)$ (2019/20)
Project X Mu2e	(3 GeV, 750 kW, Pulsed)		$2 \cdot 10^{12}(\mu^-)$ (> 2022)
<b>TRIUMF (CA)</b>	(500 MeV, 75 kW, DC)		
M20	*	$2 \cdot 10^6$	
<b>KEK (JP)</b>	(500 MeV, 2.5 kW, Pulsed)		
Dai Omega	*	$4 \cdot 10^5$	
<b>RAL -ISIS (UK)</b>	(800 MeV, 160 kW, Pulsed)		
RIKEN-RAL		$1.5 \cdot 10^6$	
<b>RCNP Osaka Univ. (JP)</b>	(400 MeV, 400 W, Pulsed) currently max 4W		
MUSIC			$10^8(\mu^+)$ (2012) means > $10^{11}$ per MW
<b>DUBNA (RU)</b>	(660 MeV, 1.65 kW, Pulsed)		
Phasatron Ch-I-III		$3 \cdot 10^4$	

# Gamma Factory - producing polarised leptons by photons



Requires quasi-monochromatic pion beam ...and  $\theta$ -dependent packing of muons into successive RF buckets to minimise the polarisation smearing!

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

## Quasi-monochromatic pion source:

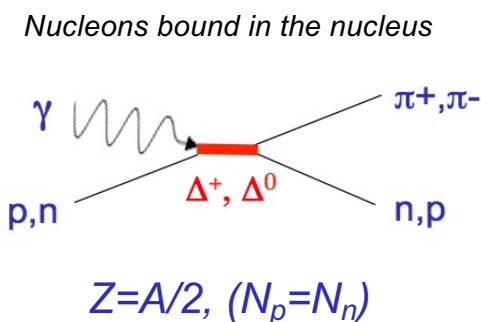
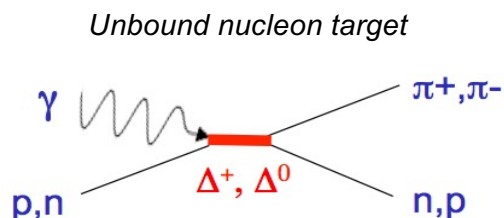
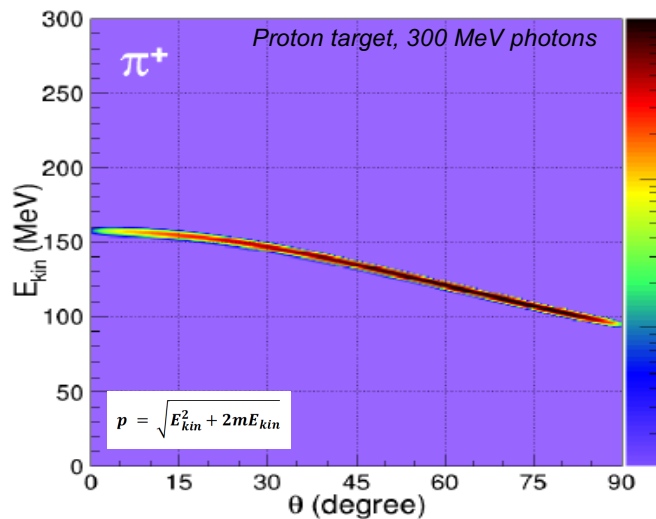
### *De-randomising pion spectra and restoring their charge symmetry*

#### CM frame:

Monochromatic pions

#### Laboratory frame:

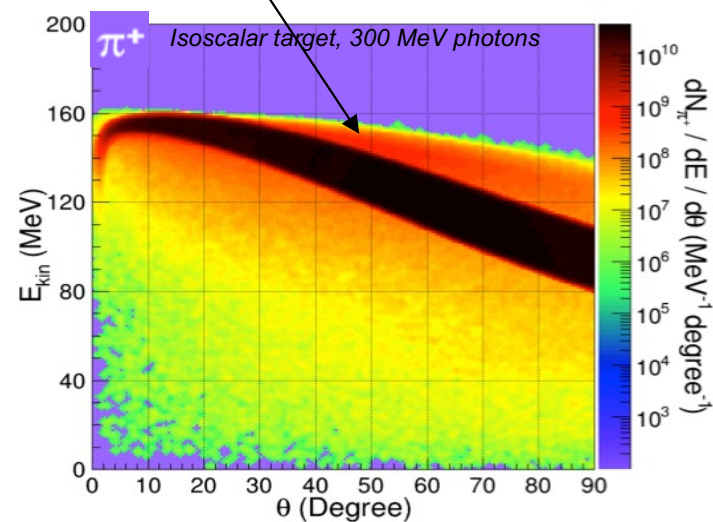
- Pion energy and transverse momentum fully specified by one parameter: *the pion emission angle,  $\theta$*



#### Isoscalar target choice:

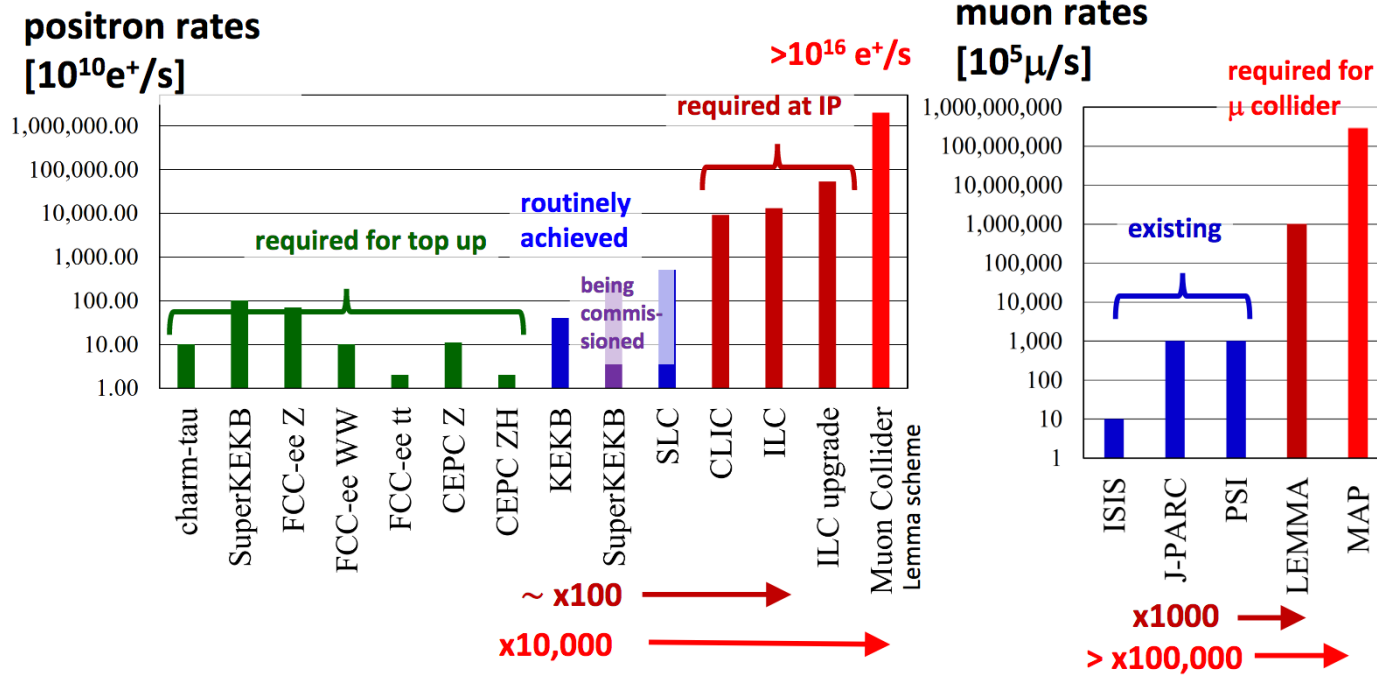
assures almost exact charge symmetry of  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  production (below  $2\pi$  production threshold)

(note the effect of the nucleon Fermi motion smearing – relative to hydrogen target)



GF – presently the only technology capable to deliver the requisite power polarised positron source for the CLIC, ILC and for the Lemma scheme muon collider

Frank Zimmermann – CERN seminar on challenges for future colliders

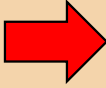


Gamma Factory:  $N_{e^+} > 10^{16} \text{ 1/s}$ ,  $N_{\mu^+} = N_{\mu^-} > 10^{13} \text{ 1/s}$

# The importance of muon (longitudinal) polarisation

Precise control of CP and flavour composition of the  $\mu$ -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  $\nu_e\bar{\nu}_\mu$  or  $\bar{\nu}_e\nu_\mu$  beam by changing the sign of collected pions
- Control of the relative  $\bar{\nu}_e/\nu_\mu$  ( $\nu_e/\bar{\nu}_\mu$ ) fluxes by changing muon polarisation 

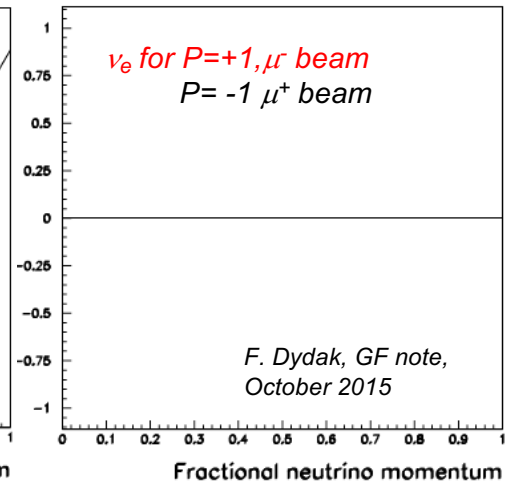
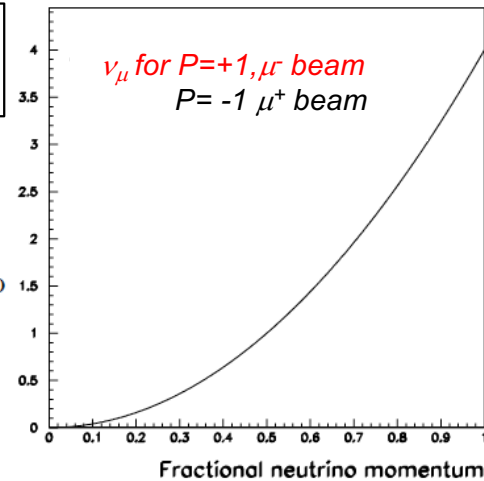
$$\frac{d^2 N}{dx d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi} [f_0(x) \mp \mathcal{P}_\mu f_1(x) \cos \theta]$$

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

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

$\theta$  is the angle between the neutrino momentum vector and the muon spin direction

	$f_0(x)$	$f_1(x)$
$\nu_\mu, e$	$2x^2(3-2x)$	$2x^2(1-2x)$
$\nu_e$	$12x^2(1-x)$	$12x^2(1-x)$



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  $\nu_\mu$  flux obtained from the decay under zero forward angle from fully polarized  $\mu^-$ , 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  $\mu^+$ .

## 5. Radioactive ion beam production at the Gamma Factory

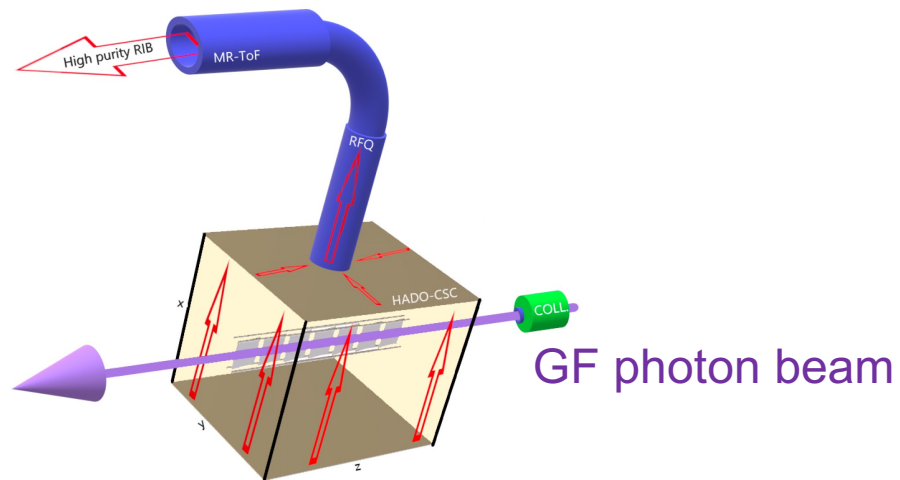
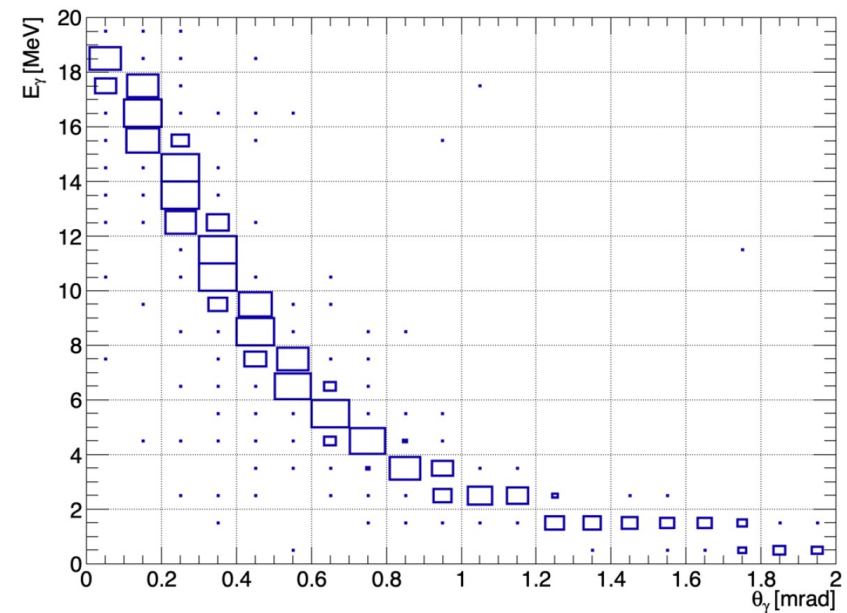
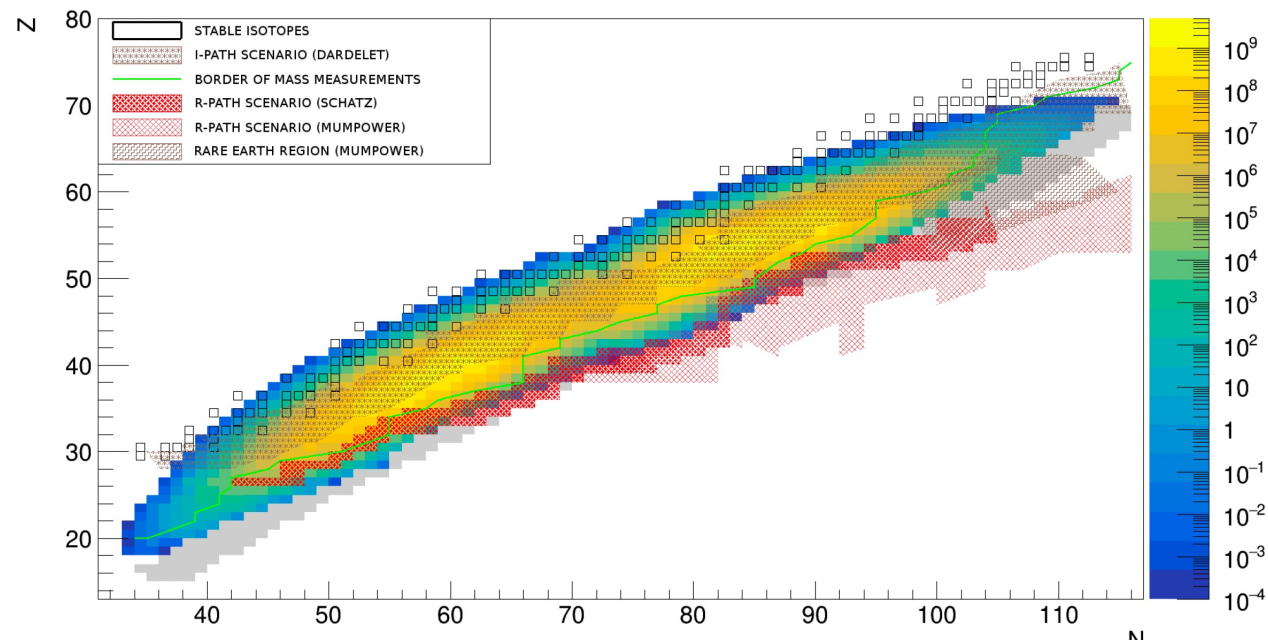


Figure 5.4: ELISOL generic setup scheme depicting the  $\gamma$  beam (purple) hitting many thin targets (light gray) placed inside the He filled HADO-CSC. The produced fission fragments are extracted using electric fields (red arrows), formed into a beam by a radio-frequency quadrupole (RFQ) and finally obtain a high-purity RIB using a multi-reflection time of flight (MR-ToF) mass spectrometer.





# Radioactive ion beam production at the Gamma Factory



## Radioactive Ion Beam Production at the Gamma Factory

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# New physics opportunities

## Examples of potential applications domains of the *Gamma Factory* research tools

- **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,  $^{16}\text{O}(\gamma, \alpha)^{12}\text{C}$  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, plasma wake field acceleration, high intensity polarised positron and muon sources, beams of radioactive ions and neutrons, very narrow band, and flavour-tagged neutrino beams, neutron sources...);
- **applied physics** (accelerator driven energy sources, fusion research, medical isotopes' and isomers' production).




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# Visions for the future requirements for physics research



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Andrei Afanasev\* and Carl E. Carlson

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Review

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

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Gamma factory searches for extremely weakly interacting particles

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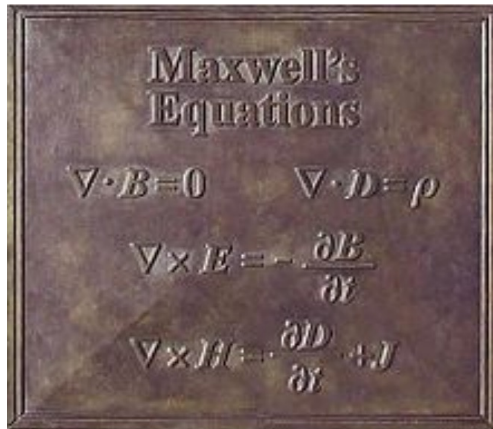
# Conclusions

## A potential place of the **Gamma Factory (GF)** in the future CERN research programme

- The **next CERN high-energy frontier** project (if ever constructed) may take **long time** to be approved, built and become operational, ... *unlikely before 2050-ties*
- The **present LHC research programme** will certainly reach **earlier** (late 2030-ties?) its **discovery saturation** ( $L_{int} \sim 0.5L_{goal}$ ) -- 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**, *by a broad scientific communities*

*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 in particle, nuclear, atomic, fundamental, applied physics, and astrophysics **with novel research tools**

# Concepts and tools



*"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*





# A vision of the LHC operation mode in in the post-HL-LHC phase

Two counter-propagating PSI beams colliding with laser photons in specialized interaction points

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