

# *Studying eta decays at REDTOP*



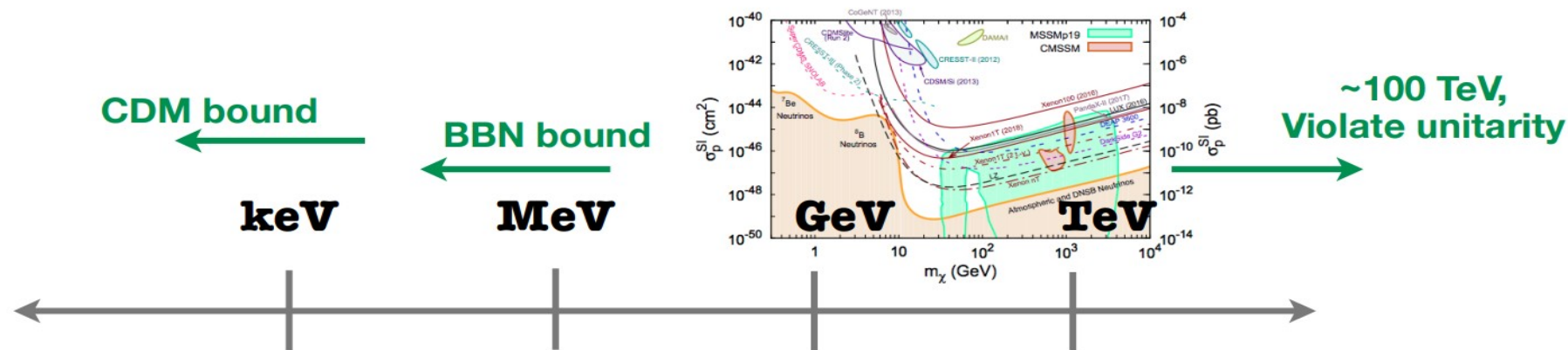
*Rare Eta Decays  
TO Probe New Physics*

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# Where to Look for BSM Physics

## Cold dark matter scenarios



### Bound by cosmological observations

Mostly  
unconstrained

Disfavorite by  
LHC/Direct detection

Requires new facilities



The MeV-GeV is the region to explore in the next ~10 years

Increasing effort in Europe and Asia to deploy new experiments

*Low-energy, high-intensity accelerators are better suited vs high-energy ones*

# Rationale for an $\eta/\eta'$ Factory

*“Light dark matter must be neutral under SM charges, otherwise it would have been discovered at previous colliders” [G. Krnjaic RF6 Meeting, 8/2020]*

- The only known particles with all-zero quantum numbers:  $Q = I = J = S = B = L = 0$  are the  **$\eta/\eta'$  mesons** and the **Higgs boson (also the vacuum!)**  $\rightarrow$  very rare in nature
- The  $\eta$  meson is a Goldstone boson (the  $\eta'$  meson is not!)
- The  $\eta/\eta'$  decays are flavor-conserving reactions

## *Experimental advantages:*

- Hadronic production cross section is quite large ( $\sim 0.1$  barn)  $\rightarrow$  much easier to produce than heavier mesons
- All its possible strong decays are forbidden in lowest order by P and CP invariance, G-parity conservation and isospin and charge symmetry invariance.
- EM decays are forbidden in lowest order by C invariance and angular momentum conservation Branching Ratio of processes from New Physics are enhanced compared to SM.



A  $\eta/\eta'$  factory is equivalent to a low energy Higgs factory and an excellent laboratory to probe New Physics below 1 GeV

# *Main Physics Goals of REDTOP*

Test of CP invariance via Dalitz plot mirror asymmetry:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

Search for asymmetries in the dalitz plot with very high statistics

Test of CP invariance via  $\mu$  polarization studies:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,

Measure the angular asymmetry between spin and momentum

Dark photon searches:  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma A'$ , with  $A' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $A' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Need excellent vertexing and particle ID

QCD axion and ALP searches:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 a$ , with  $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $a \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $a \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Dual (or triple!) calorimeters and vertexing

Dark scalar searches:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 H$ , with  $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $H \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

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Lepton Flavor Universality studies:  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- X$

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## C, T, CP-violation

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- CP Violation (Type II – C and T odd, P even):  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$  and  $\eta \rightarrow 3\gamma$
- Test of CP invariance via  $\mu$  longitudinal polarization:  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
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- T invar. via  $\mu$  transverse polarization:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$
- CPT violation:  $\mu$  polr. in  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \nu$  vs  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \nu$  -  $\gamma$  polar. in  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

## Other discrete symmetry violations

- Lepton Flavor Violation:  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ e^- + c.c.$
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## New particles and forces searches

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- Protophobic fifth force searches:  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma X_{17}$  with  $X_{17} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- QCD axion searches:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi \pi a_{17}$  with  $a_{17} \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
- New leptophobic baryonic force searches:  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma B$  with  $B \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  or  $B \rightarrow \gamma \pi^0$
- Indirect searches for dark photons new gauge bosons and leptoquark:  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^-$
- Search for true muonium:  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma (\mu^+ \mu^-) |_{2M_\mu} \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$
- Lepton Universality
- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 H$  with  $H \rightarrow \nu N_2$ ,  $N_2 \rightarrow h' N_1$ ,  $h' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

## Other Precision Physics measurements

- Proton radius anomaly:  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$  vs  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$
- All unseen leptonic decay mode of  $\eta/\eta'$  (SM predicts  $10^{-6} - 10^{-9}$ )

## High precision studies on medium energy physics

- Nuclear models
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- Non-perturbative QCD
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**Only experiment, along with SHIP, sensitive to all four BSM portals**

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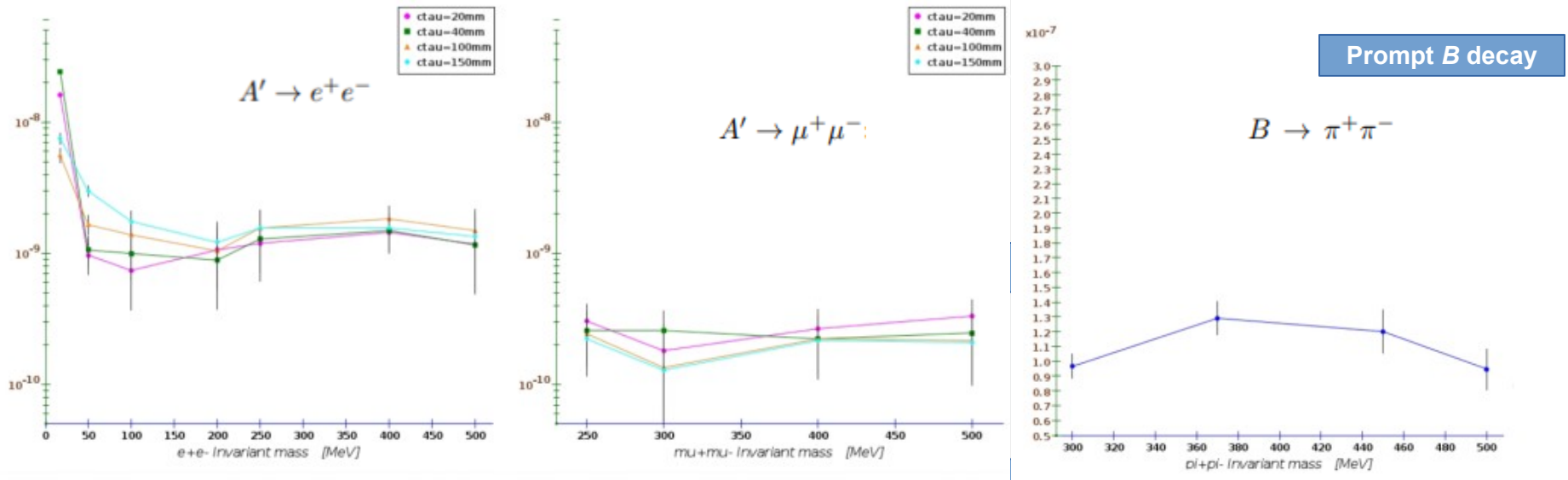
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# Vector Portal: $\eta \rightarrow \gamma A'$ with $A' \rightarrow l^+ l^-$ or $\pi^+ \pi^-$

Some BR sensitivity curves



Sensitivity curves for Minimal Dark Photon Model

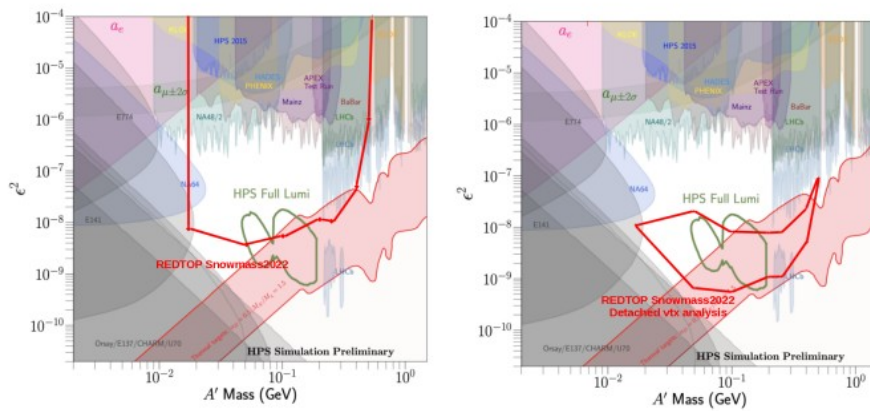


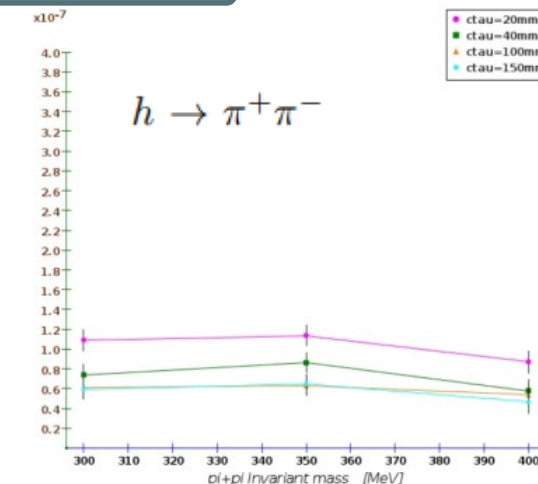
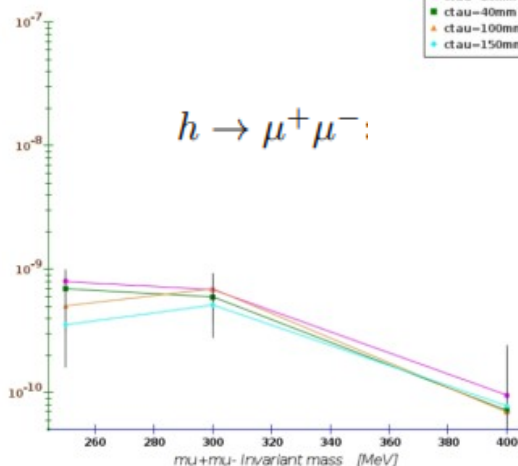
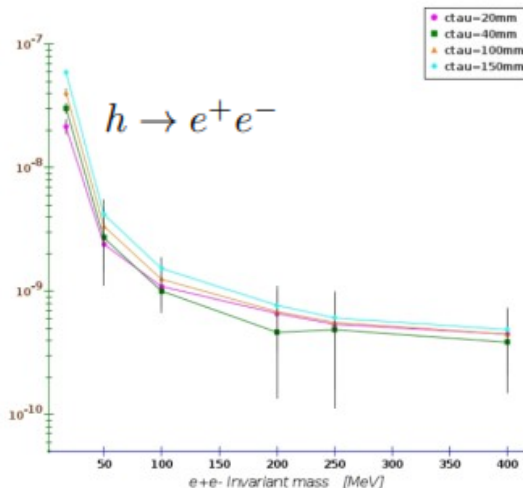
FIG. 36. Sensitivity to  $\epsilon^2$  for the processes  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma A'$  for integrated beam flux of  $3.3 \times 10^{18}$  POT. Left plot: bump-hunt analysis. Right plot: detached-vertex analysis).

## Theoretical Models considered

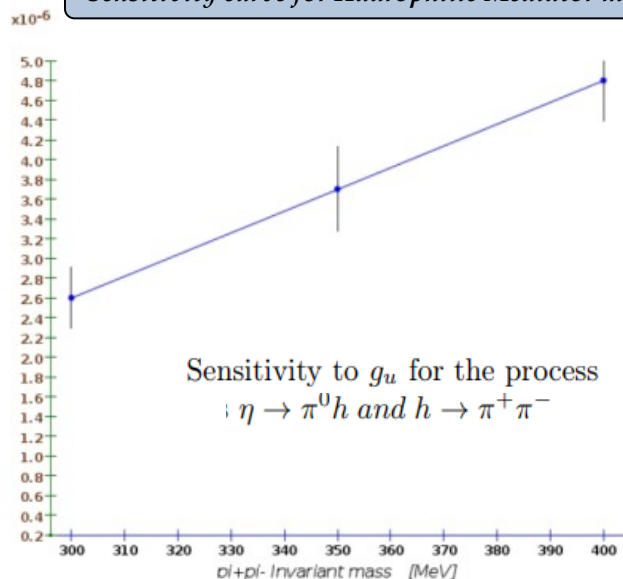
- Minimal dark photon model
  - Most popular model
- Leptophobic B boson Model
- Protophobic Fifth Force
  - Explains the Atomki anomaly

with  $h \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $\pi^+ \pi^-$ ,  $e^+ e^-$

Some BR sensitivity curves



Sensitivity curve for Hadrophilic Mediator model



Sensitivity for Two-Higgs doublet model

| Process  | $m_S$  | Analysis        | $(\lambda_u - \lambda_d)^2$<br>sensitivity |
|--|--------|-----------------|--|
| $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 S$ ; $S \rightarrow e^+ e^-$     | 17 MeV | bump hunt       | $2.0 \times 10^{-13}$                      |
| $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 S$ ; $S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ | 17 MeV | detached vertex | $3.2 \times 10^{-13}$                      |

TABLE XXV. Sensitivity to  $(\lambda_u - \lambda_d)^2$  for the process  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 S$  and  $S \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  and  $S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ .

Theoretical models considered

- **Hadrophilic Scalar Mediator** (B. Batell, A. Freitas, A. Ismail, D. McKeen)
- **Spontaneous Flavor Violation** (D. Egana-Ugrinovic, S. Homiller, P. Meade)
- **Two-Higgs doublet model** (W. Abdallah, R. Gandhi, and S. Roy)
- **Minimal scalar model** (C.P. Burgess, M. Pospelov, T. ter Veldhuis)



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# Heavy Neutral Lepton Portal: $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 H$ ;



$$H \rightarrow \nu N_2 ; N_2 \rightarrow N_1 h_0 ; h_0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

*Model considered for Snowmass*

- Two-Higgs doublet model (W. Abdallah, R. Gandhi, and S. Roy) with the following benchmark parameters:

| $m_{N_1}$ | $m_{N_2}$ | $m_{N_3}$     | $y_{e(\mu)}^{h'} \times 10^4$ | $y_{e(\mu)}^H \times 10^4$             |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 85 MeV    | 130 MeV   | 10 GeV        | 0.23(1.6)                     | 2.29(15.9)                             |
| $m_{h'}$  | $m_H$     | $\sin \delta$ | $y_{u2}^{h'(H)} \times 10^3$  | $\lambda_{N_{12}}^{h'(H)} \times 10^3$ |
| 17 MeV    | 250 MeV   | 0.1           | 1.25(12.4)                    | 74.6(-7.5)                             |

TABLE XXVIII. Benchmark parameters for REDTOP.

*REDTOP sensitivity to model parameters*

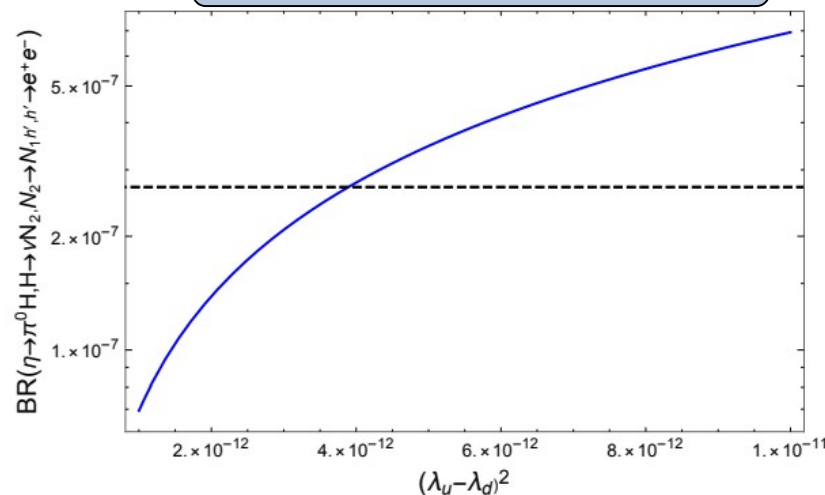
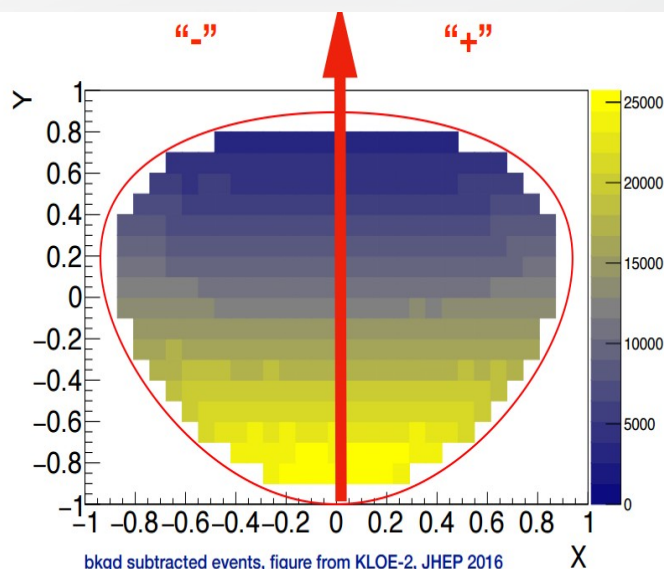


FIG. 61. Branching ratio for the process  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 H$  ;  $H \rightarrow \nu N_2$  ;  $N_2 \rightarrow N_1 h'$  ;  $h' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  predicted by the Two Higgs Doublet model [51] as a function of  $(\lambda_u - \lambda_d)^2$ . The dashed line corresponds to the experimental limit for REDTOP with an integrated luminosity of  $3.3 \times 10^{18}$  POT.

# CP Violation from Dalitz plot mirror asymmetry in $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

- CP-violation from this process is not bounded by EDM as is the case for the  $\eta \rightarrow 4\pi$  process.
- Complementary to EDM searches even in the case of T and P odd observables, since the flavor structure of the eta is different from the nucleus
- Current PDG limits consistent with no asymmetry
- New model in GenieHad (collaboration with S. Gardner & J. Shi ) based on <https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.11617>



Slide Credit: Susan Gardner & Jun Shi

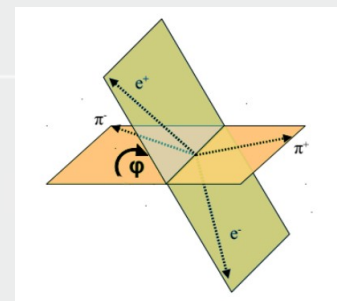


REDTOP sensitivity to model parameters

| #Rec. Events          | Re( $\alpha$ )       | Im( $\alpha$ )       | Re( $\beta$ )        | Im( $\beta$ )        | p-value |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| $10^8$ (no-bkg)       | $3.3 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.7 \times 10^{-1}$ | $4.4 \times 10^{-4}$ | $5.6 \times 10^{-4}$ | 17%     |
| Full stat. (no-bkg)   | $1.9 \times 10^{-2}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{-2}$ | $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.2 \times 10^{-5}$ | 17%     |
| Full stat. (100%-bkg) | $2.3 \times 10^{-2}$ | $3.0 \times 10^{-2}$ | $3.5 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.5 \times 10^{-5}$ | 16%     |

# CP Violation from the asymmetry of the decay planes in $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- e^+ e^-$ and $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$

- See: Dao-Neng Gao, /hep-ph/0202002 and P. Sanchez-Puertas, JHEP 01, 031 (2019)
- Requires the measurement of angle between pions and leptons decay planes



CP violation is related to asymmetries in  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- e^+ e^-$

$$A_{\sin \Phi \cos \Phi} = \frac{N(\sin \phi \cos \phi > 0) - N(\sin \phi \cos \phi < 0)}{N(\sin \phi \cos \phi > 0) + N(\sin \phi \cos \phi < 0)}$$

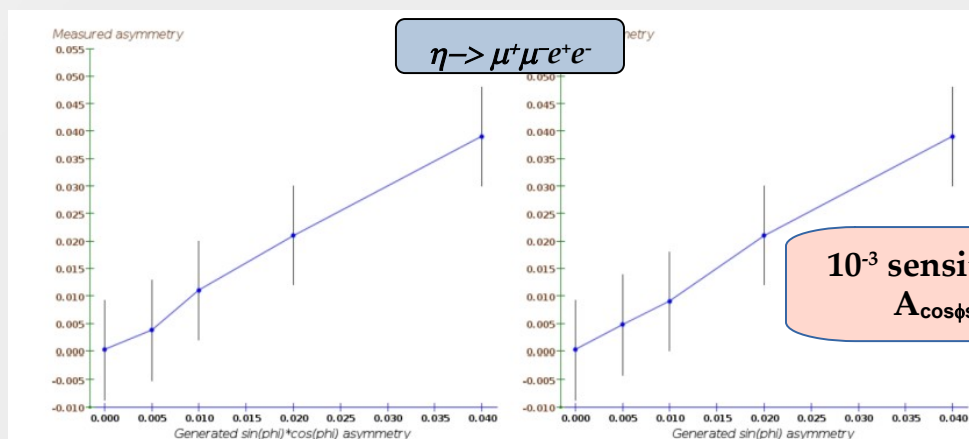
$$A_{\sin \Phi} = \frac{N(\sin \phi > 0) - N(\sin \phi < 0)}{N(\sin \phi > 0) + N(\sin \phi < 0)}$$

through Wilson coefficients

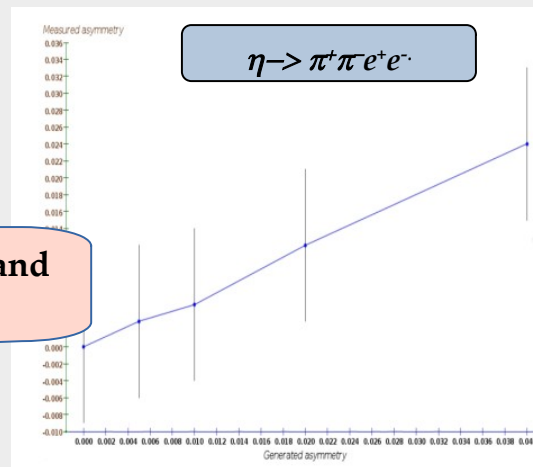
$$A_{\sin \phi \cos \phi} = \text{Im}[1.9c_{\ell e d q}^{2222} - 1.3(c_{\ell e q u}^{(1)2211} + c_{\ell e d q}^{1122})] \times 10^{-5} - 0.2\epsilon_1 + 0.0003\epsilon_2$$

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$10^{-3}$  sensitivity to and  $A_{\cos \phi \sin \phi}$   $A_{\sin \phi}$



# CP Violation in $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

From model: P. Masjuan and P. Sanchez-Puertas, JHEP 08, 108 (2016), 1512.09292 & JHEP 01, 031 (2019), 1810.13228.

Requires the measurement of  $\mu$ -polarization to form the following asymmetries

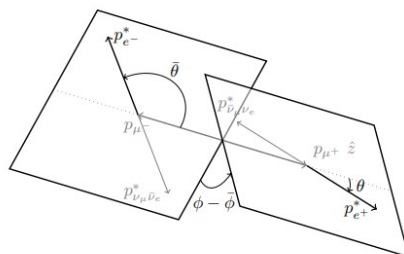


FIG. 11. Kinematics of the process. The decaying muons' momenta in the  $\eta$  rest frame are noted as  $p_{\mu^\pm}$ , while the  $e^\pm$  momenta,  $p_{e^\pm}^*$ , is shown in the corresponding  $\mu^\pm$  reference frame along with the momenta of the  $\nu\bar{\nu}$  system. The  $\hat{z}$  axis is chosen along  $p_{\mu^+}$ .

introduced two different muon's polarization asymmetries,

$$A_L = \frac{N(\cos \theta > 0) - N(\cos \theta < 0)}{N} = \text{Im}[4.1c_{\text{ledq}}^{2222} - 2.7(c_{\text{lequ}}^{(1)2211} + c_{\text{ledq}}^{2211})] \times 10^{-2}, \quad (47)$$

$$A_\times = \frac{N(\sin \Phi > 0) - N(\sin \Phi < 0)}{N} = \text{Im}[2.5c_{\text{ledq}}^{2222} - 1.6(c_{\text{lequ}}^{(1)2211} + c_{\text{ledq}}^{2211})] \times 10^{-3}, \quad (48)$$

REDTOP sensitivity to Wilson CP violating  
Wilson coefficients

| Process                        | Trigger<br>L0 | Trigger<br>L1 | Trigger<br>L2 | Reconstruction<br>+ analysis | Total                  | Branching ratio<br>sensitivity               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ | 66.3%         | 16.3%         | 51.9%         | 69.6%                        | 3.9%                   | $2.7 \times 10^{-8} \pm 3.0 \times 10^{-10}$ |
| Urqmd                          | 21.7%         | 1.7%          | 22.2%         | $8.6 \times 10^{-3}\%$       | $7.0 \times 10^{-6}\%$ | -  |

$$\Delta(c_{\text{lequ}}^{1122}) = 0.1 \times 10^{-1}, \quad \Delta(c_{\text{ledq}}^{1122}) = 0.1, \quad \Delta(c_{\text{ledq}}^{2222}) = 6.6 \times 10^{-2},$$



# Lepton Flavor Violation Studies

LF-violation in  $\eta \rightarrow e^+ \mu^- + c.c.$  processes (A. Petrov, D. Hazard, 1607.00815).

LF-violation in  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma e^+ \mu^- + c.c.$  processes (A. Petrov, D. 1711.05314).

Still in progress

| Process                             | Trigger<br>L0 | Trigger<br>L1 | Trigger<br>L2 | Reco  | Total                  | Branching ratio<br>sensitivity            |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------------------------|---|
| $\eta \rightarrow e^+ \mu^- + c.c.$ | 79.3          | 21.3%         | 89.7%         | 14.0% | 2.1%                   | $1.4 \times 10^{-7} \pm 2 \times 10^{-9}$ |
| Urqmd                               | 21.7%         | 1.7%          | 22.2%         | 0.01% | $8.2 \times 10^{-6}\%$ |   |

Also worth considering, doubly LF-violation processes:  $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^+ \mu^- \mu^- + c.c.$

# Lepton Universality Studies

LHCb latest results using  $B^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- K^+$  vs  $e^+ e^- K^+$ :  $3.1\sigma$  discrepancy vs SM

REDTOP statistical error for  $\sim 10^{11}$  POT

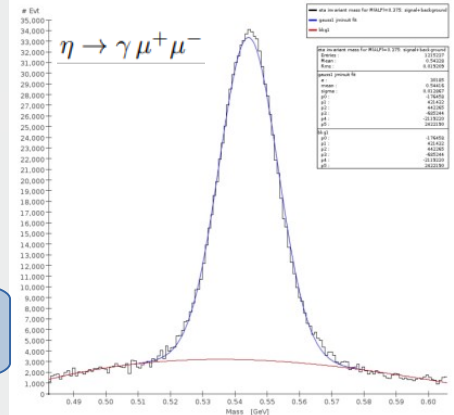
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| Process                               | POT                   | Signal events      | Background events  | $\frac{S}{\sqrt{B}}$ | Statistical error |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| $\eta \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$     | $1.38 \times 10^{11}$ | $1.13 \times 10^6$ | $2.52 \times 10^4$ | $1.3 \times 10^4$    | 0.09%             |
| $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$ | $1.38 \times 10^{11}$ | $8.84 \times 10^5$ | $6.5 \times 10^3$  | $3.5 \times 10^3$    | 0.14%             |

TABLE XLII. Statistical error from the fit of  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma$  lepton - antilepton and Urqmd generated background using a gaussian and a 5th-order polynomial, for  $1.38 \times 10^{18}$  POT

LHCb @ 4.2%  
with 1640 evts

LHCb @ 1.8%  
with 3850 evts



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Theoretical calculations at the  $10^{-3}$  precision from Kampf, Novotný, Sanchez-Puertas (PR D 97, 056010 (2018))

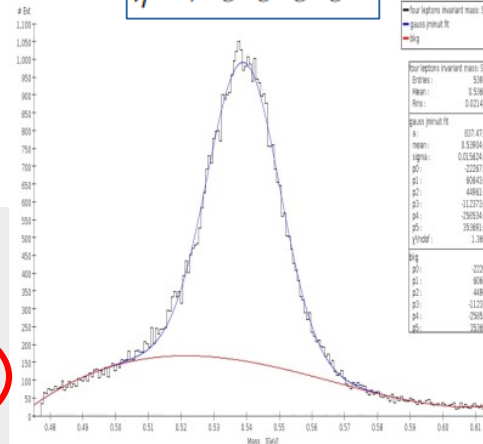
REDTOP reconstruction efficiency

| Process                                    | Trigger L0 | Trigger L1 | Trigger L2 | Reconstruction             | Analysis    | Total                      |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$         | 96.1%      | 80.7%      | 15.5%      | 63.3%                      | 61.2%       | 4.5%                       |
| $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$     | 80.4%      | 57.0%      | 20.4%      | 16.6%                      | 52.8%       | 0.8%                       |
| $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ | 45.1%      | 31.9%      | 25.5%      | 61.3%                      | 40.5%       | 0.9%                       |
| Urqmd                                      | 21.7%      | 1.7%       | 22.2%      | $0.9 - 8.2 \times 10^{-4}$ | 17.6%-30.7% | $0.7 - 6.7 \times 10^{-7}$ |

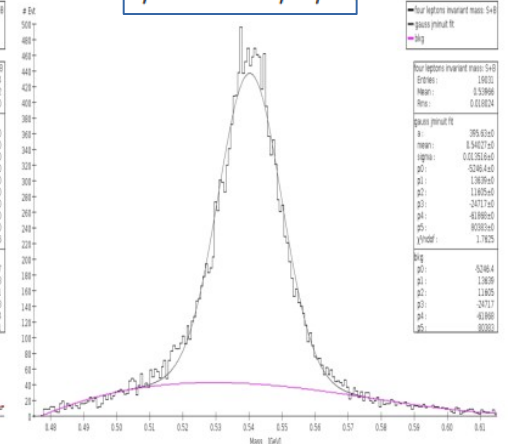
REDTOP statistical error for various POT

| Process                                    | POT                  | Signal events | Statistical error |
|--|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$         | $4.4 \times 10^{14}$ | 53,934        | 0.5%              |
| $\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$     | $1.6 \times 10^{15}$ | 18,841        | 0.8%              |
| $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ | $2.2 \times 10^{18}$ | 10,548        | 1.0%              |

$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$



$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$



# Present & Future $\eta$ Samples



|                                  | Technique  | $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$ | $\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ | Total $\eta$ mesons                             |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| CB@AGS                           | $\pi^- p \rightarrow \eta n$   | $9 \times 10^5$           |                                 | $10^7$  |
| CB@MAMI C&B                      | $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$  | $1.8 \times 10^6$         | 5000                            | $2 \times 10^7 + 6 \times 10^7$                 |
| BES-III                          | $e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi \rightarrow \eta\gamma + \eta \text{ hadrons}$  | $6 \times 10^6$           |                                 | $1.1 \times 10^7 + 2.5 \times 10^7$             |
| KLOE-II                          | $e^+e^- \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow \eta\gamma$                           | $6.5 \times 10^5$         |                                 | $\sim 10^9$                                     |
| WASA@COSY                        | $pp \rightarrow \eta pp$<br>$pd \rightarrow \eta {}^3\text{He}$            |                           |                                 | $> 10^9$ (untagged)<br>$3 \times 10^7$ (tagged) |
| CB@MAMI 10 wk<br>(proposed 2014) | $\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$  | $3 \times 10^7$           | $1.5 \times 10^5$               | $3 \times 10^8$                                 |
| Phenix                           | $d \text{ Au} \rightarrow \eta X$  |                           |                                 | $5 \times 10^9$                                 |
| Hades                            | $pp \rightarrow \eta pp$<br>$p \text{ Au} \rightarrow \eta X$              |                           |                                 | $4.5 \times 10^8$                               |
| Near future samples              |  |                           |                                 |   |
| GlueX@JLAB<br>(running)          | $\gamma_{12 \text{ GeV}} p \rightarrow \eta X \rightarrow \text{neutrals}$ |                           |                                 | $5.5 \times 10^7/\text{yr}$                     |
| JEF@JLAB<br>(approved)           | $\gamma_{12 \text{ GeV}} p \rightarrow \eta X \rightarrow \text{neutrals}$ |                           |                                 | $3.9 \times 10^5/\text{day}$                    |
| REDTOP<br>(proposing)            | $p_{1.8 \text{ GeV}} \text{Li} \rightarrow \eta X$                         |                           |                                 | $3.4 \times 10^{13}/\text{yr}$                  |

# REDTOP Running Modes for $10^{14}$ $\eta$ mesons

## Baseline option – medium-energy CW proton beam

vs LHCb@40 MHz

- ❑ proton beam on thin Li/Be target :  $\sim 1.8$  GeV - 30 W ( $10^{11}$  POT/sec)
- ❑ Low-cost, readily available (BNL, ESS, FNAL, GSI, HIAF)
- ❑  $\eta$  : inelastic background = 1:200
- ❑ Untagged  $\eta$  production

Inelastic interaction rate:  $\sim 0.7$  GHz  
Average event multiplicity  $\approx$   
4 charged + 4 neutral  
 $\eta/\eta'$  production rate:  $\sim 2.3$  MHz

## Preferred option – low-energy pion beam

- ❑  $\pi^+$  on Li/Be or  $\pi$  on LH:  $\sim 750$  MeV -  $2.5 \times 10^{10}$   $\pi$ OT/sec
- ❑ More expensive but lower background (ESS, FNAL(?), FAIR, HIAF, ORNL)
- ❑  $\eta$  : inelastic background = 1:50  $\rightarrow$  sensitivity to BSM increased by  $> 2\times$
- ❑ Semi-tagged  $\eta$  production

Inelastic interaction rate:  $\sim 0.1$  GHz  
 $\eta/\eta'$  production rate:  $\sim 2.3$  MHz

## Ultimate option: Tagged $10^{13}$ $\eta$ mesons

- ❑ high intensity proton beam on De target:  $\sim 0.9$  GeV ; 0.1-1 MW
- ❑ Less readily available: (ESS, FAIR, CSNS, ORNL, PIP-II)
- ❑ Required fwd tagging detector for  $\text{He}_3^{++}$
- ❑ Fully tagged production from nuclear reaction:  $p + \text{De} \rightarrow \eta + \text{He}_3^+$

Inel. interaction rate:  $\sim 13 - 130$  GHz  
 $\eta/\eta'$  production rate:  $\sim 0.1 - 1$  MHz

# REDTOP Running Modes for $10^{14}$ $\eta$ mesons

REDTOP

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vs LHCb@40  
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- Low-cost, readily available (BNL, ESS, FNAL, GSI, HIAF)

- $\eta$ : inelastic background = 1:200

- Only  $\sim 1\%$  of the pion beam interacts with REDTOP**

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Average event multiplicity  $\approx$   
4 charged + 4 neutral  
production rate:  $\sim 2.3$  MHz

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- Semi-tagged  $\eta$  production

**Remaining beam can be used for a downstream pion and/or muon precision experiment**

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# Detector Requirements and Technology

- Sustain 0.7 GHz event rate with avg final state multiplicity of 8 particles
- Calorimetric  $\sigma(E)/E \sim 3\text{-}5\%/ \sqrt{E}$
- High PID efficiency: 98/99% ( $e, \gamma$ ), 95% ( $\mu$ ), 95% ( $\pi$ ), 99.5% ( $p, n$ )
- $\sigma_{\text{tracker}}(t) \sim 30\text{psec}$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{calorimeter}}(t) \sim 80\text{psec}$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{TOF}}(t) \sim 50\text{psec}$
- Low-mass vertex detector
- Near- $4\pi$  detector acceptance (as the  $\eta/\eta'$  decay is almost at rest).

## charged tracks detection

### LGAD Tracker

- ❑ 4D track reconstruction for multihadron rejection
- ❑ Material budget  $< 0.1\%$  r.l./layer

## EM + had calorimeter

- ❑ Use **ADRIANO2** calorimeter (Calice+T1604)
- ❑ PFA + Dual-readout+HG
- ❑ Light sensors: SiPM or SPADs
- ❑ 96.5% coverage

## Vertex reconstruction

### Option 1: Fiber tracker (LHCb style)

- ❑ Established and low-cost technology
- ❑  $\sim 70\mu\text{m}$  vertex resolution in x-y. Stereo layers
- ❑ Next generation technology

## Cerenkov Threshold TOF

### Option 1: Quartz tiles

- ❑ Established and low-cost technology
- ❑  $\sim 50\text{psec}$  timing with T1604 prototype

### Option 2: EIC-style LGAD

- ❑  $\sim 30\text{-}40\text{ psec}$  timing, but expensive

# REDTOP detector

## Central Tracker

~ 1m x 1.5 m  
Thin LGAD  
98% coverage

## ADRIANO2 Calorimeter (tiles)

Scint. + heavy glass sandwich  
20  $X_0$  (~ 64 cm deep)  
Triple-readout +PFA  
96% coverage

## $\mu$ -polarizer

Active version (from  
TREK exp.) - optional

## 10x Be or Li targets

- 0.33 mm thin
- Spaced 10 cm

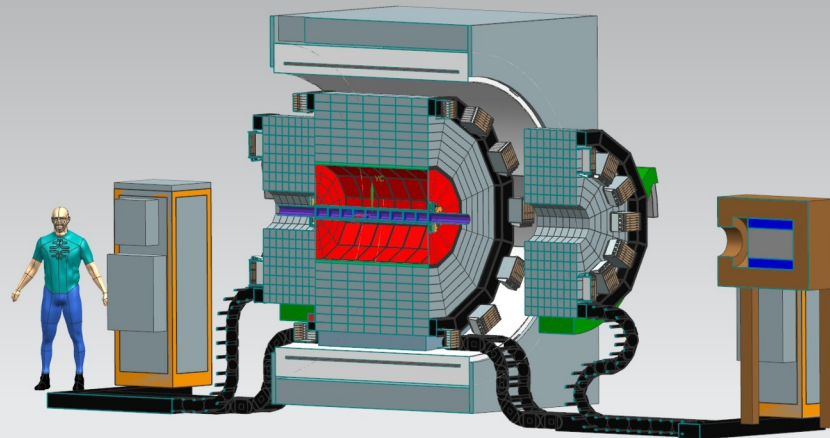
## RICH

~ 1m x 1.5 m  
Lead-glass tiles  
98% coverage

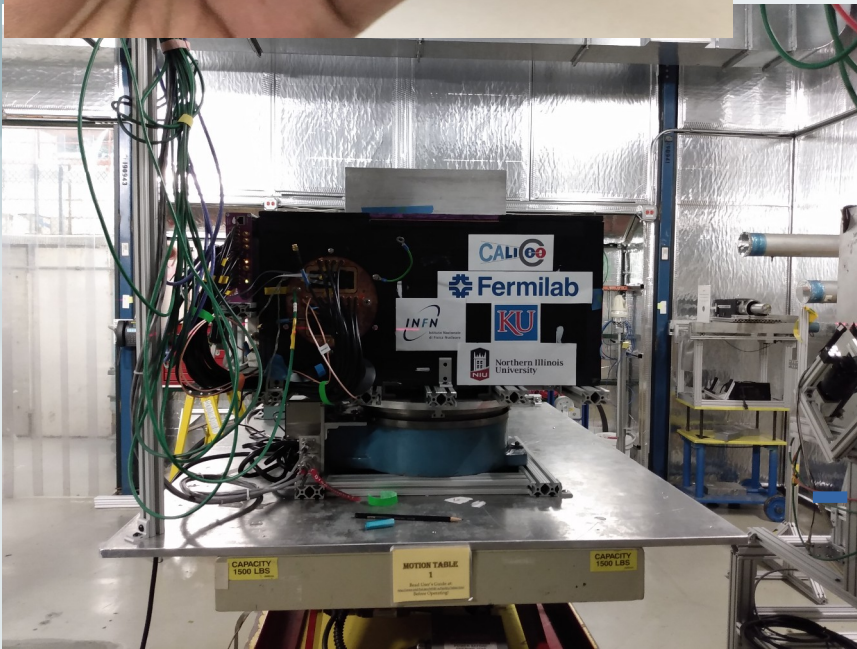
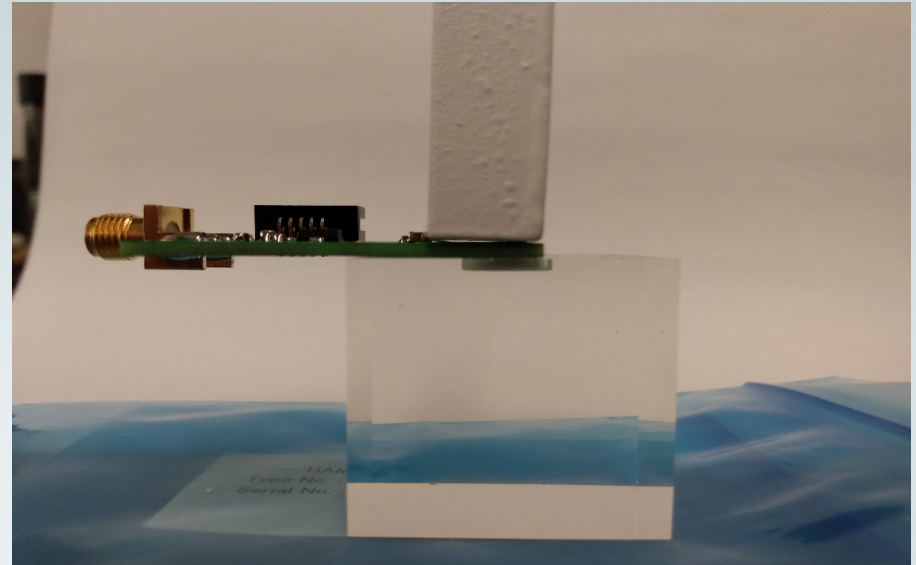
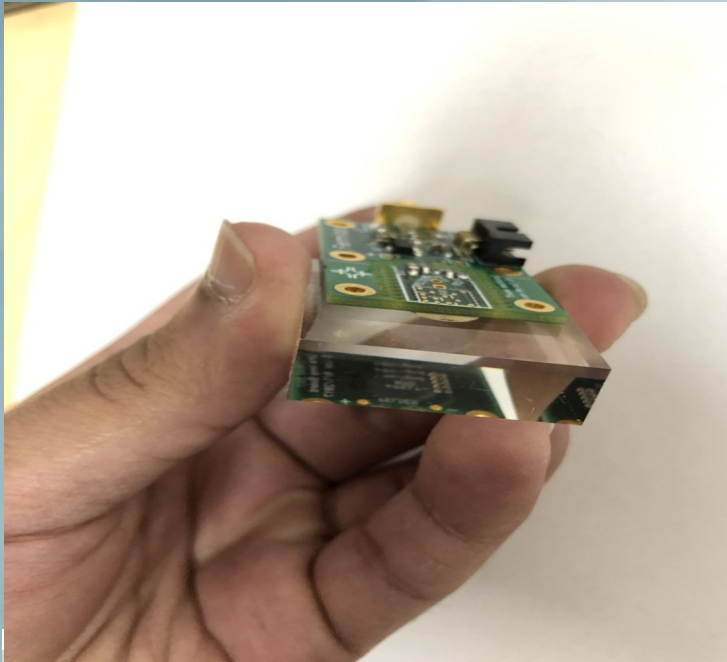
## Fiber tracker or ITS3

for rejection of  $\gamma$ -conversion  
and vertexing

2.4 m

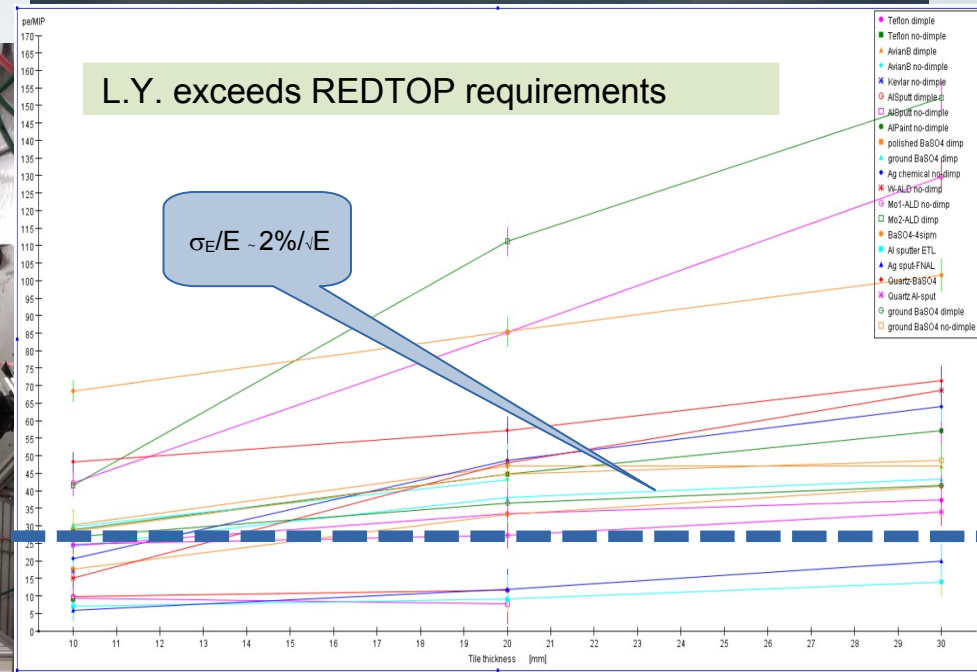


# R&D on ADRIANO2 (from T1604)



L.Y. exceeds REDTOP requirements

$$\sigma_E/E \sim 2\%/ \sqrt{E}$$



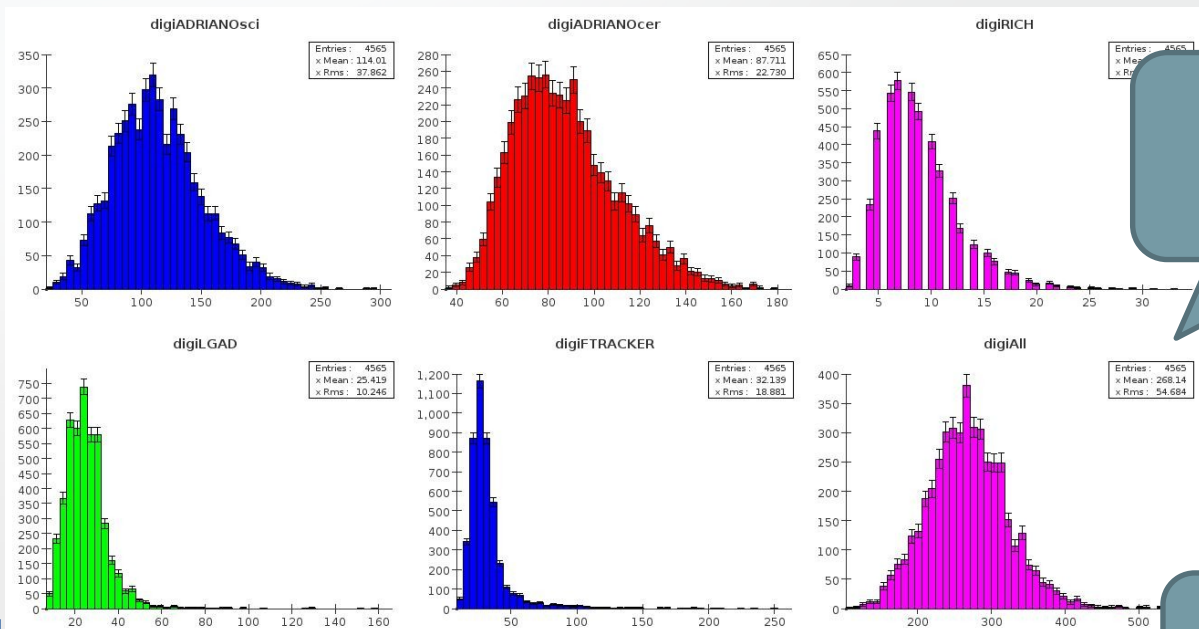


# REDTOP Trigger Requirement



*Untagged  $10^{14}$   $\eta/\eta'$  mesons*

*Hits from subdetectors*



Total channel occupancy:  
 $270 \pm 50$  /evt

18x  
LHCb

*Trigger rejection factors*

~9 PB/year to tape  
(1.6 kb event size)

| Trigger stage | Input event rate<br>Hz | Event size<br>bytes | Input data rate<br>bytes/s | Event rejection |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Level 0       | $7. \times 10^8$       | $1.4 \times 10^3$   | $9.8 \times 10^{11}$       | $\sim 4$        |
| Level 1       | $1.5 \times 10^8$      | $1.5 \times 10^3$   | $2.3 \times 10^{11}$       | $\sim 60$       |
| Level 2       | $2.5 \times 10^6$      | $1.5 \times 10^3$   | $3.8 \times 10^9$          | $\sim 4.5$      |
| Storage       | $0.56 \times 10^6$     | $1.6 \times 10^3$   | $0.9 \times 10^9$          |                 |

Hardware

Software

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# *Future Prospects for REDTOP*

*Physics case presented in 176-pp White Paper. Sensitivity studies based on  $\sim 10^{14}$   $\eta$  mesons ( $3.3 \times 10^{18}$  POT and 3-yr run),  $> 30 \times 10^6$  CPU-Hr on OSG+NICADD*

- Four BSM portals
- Three CP violating processes requiring no  $\mu$ -polarization measurement
- Three CP violating processes requiring  $\mu$ -polarization measurement
- Two lepton flavor universality studies
- Two lepton flavor violation studies

*Baseline detector layout defined (with options for vtx and  $\mu$ pol detectors)*

- Sensitivity studies helped to consolidate the detector requirements
- VTX Fiber Tracker replaced by ITS3-class detector
- Muon polarimeter requires further studies

*Next steps:*

- New sensitivity studies based on a pion beam and rare  $\eta'$  decays (**which is also a tagged  $\eta$ -factory!**)
- Prepare the CDR to support the proposal of the experiment to one (or more) of the interested laboratories
- Consolidate the detector R&D

# Conclusions

- *HEP in the next 10 years will focus strongly on the MeV-GeV region*
- *All meson factories: LHCb, B-factories, Dafne, J/psi - have produced a broad spectrum of nice physics. An  $\eta/\eta'$  factory will do the same*
- *REDTOP has been designed expressly to study rare processes and to discover physics BSM in the MeV-GeV mass region*
- *Only experiment (with SHIP) sensitive to four DM portals*
- *JEF and REDTOP delineate the world program of  $\eta/\eta'$  factories with sensitivity to complementary final states*
- *New detector techniques exploited for next generation high intensity experiments*
- *Beam requirements could be met by several labs in US, Europe, and Asia*

*More details: <https://redtop.fnal.gov> and <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07651>*

# Backup slides

# Why the $\eta$ meson is special?



- It is a Goldstone boson

Symmetry constrains its QCD dynamics

- It is an eigenstate of the C, P, CP and G operators (very rare in nature):  $I^G J^{PC} = 0^+ 0^-$

It can be used to test C and CP invariance.

- All its additive quantum numbers are zero

$$Q = I = j = S = B = L = 0$$

Its decays are not influenced by a change of flavor (as in K decays) and violations are “pure”

- All its possible strong decays are forbidden in lowest order by P and CP invariance, G-parity conservation and isospin and charge symmetry invariance.
- EM decays are forbidden in lowest order by C invariance and angular momentum conservation

It is a very narrow state ( $\Gamma_\eta = 1.3 \text{ KeV}$  vs  $\Gamma_\rho = 149 \text{ MeV}$ )

Contributions from higher orders are enhanced by a factor of  $\sim 100,000$

Excellent for testing invariances

- The  $\eta$  decays are flavor-conserving reactions

Decays are free of SM backgrounds for new physics search

**$\eta$  is an excellent laboratory to search for physics Beyond Standard Model**

# CP Violation in $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$

- From model: P. Sanchez-Puertas, JHEP 01, 031 (2019), 1810.13228.
- Requires the measurement of μ-polarization to form the following asymmetries

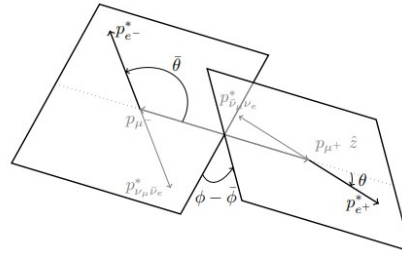


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introduced two different muon's polarization asymmetries,

$$A_L^{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-} = -0.19(6) \text{Im } c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211} - 0.19(6) \text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2211} - 0.020(9) \text{Im } c_{\ell edq}^{2222},$$

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## REDTOP sensitivity to Wilson CP violating Wilson coefficients

| Process                               | Trigger<br>L0 | Trigger<br>L1 | Trigger<br>L2 | Reconstruction<br>+ analysis | Total                  | Branching ratio<br>sensitivity                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$ | 80.6%         | 64.6%         | 94.3%         | 92.9%                        | 45.6%                  | $1.93 \times 10^{-9} \pm 0.9 \times 10^{-11}$ |
| Urqmd                                 | 21.7%         | 1.7%          | 22.2%         | $4.7 \times 10^{-3}\%$       | $4.7 \times 10^{-6}\%$ | -   |

$$\Delta(c_{\ell equ}^{1122}) = 2.6, \quad \Delta(c_{\ell edq}^{1122}) = 2.6, \quad \Delta(c_{\ell edq}^{2222}) = 1.7.$$



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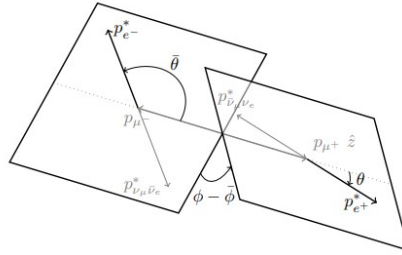


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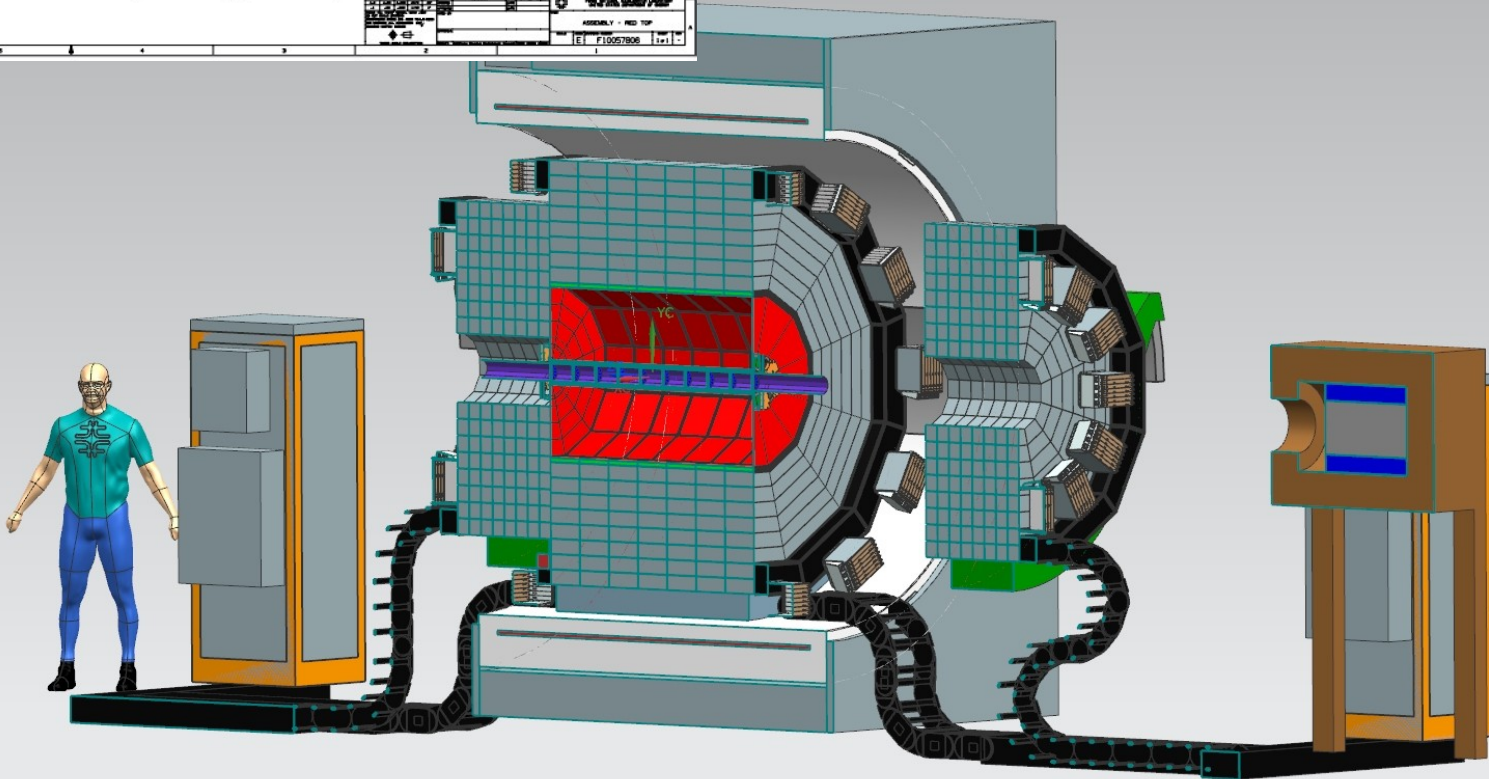
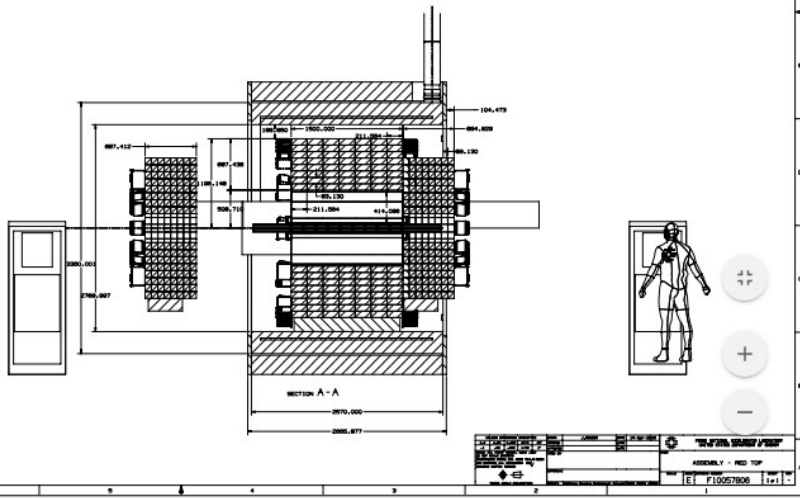
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|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$ | 64.1%         | 36.7%         | 91.4%         | 73.2%                        | 15.7%                  | $9.4 \times 10^{-9} \pm 1.3 \times 10^{-10}$ |
| Urquid                               | 21.7%         | 1.7%          | 22.2%         | $1.6 \times 10^{-2}\%$       | $1.3 \times 10^{-5}\%$ | -  |

$$\Delta(c_{\ell equ}^{1122}) = 21, \quad \Delta(c_{\ell edq}^{1122}) = 21, \quad \Delta(c_{\ell edq}^{2222}) = 200.$$

# REDTOP Detector + Finuda Magnet



# Acceleration Scheme for Run-I (M. Syphers)

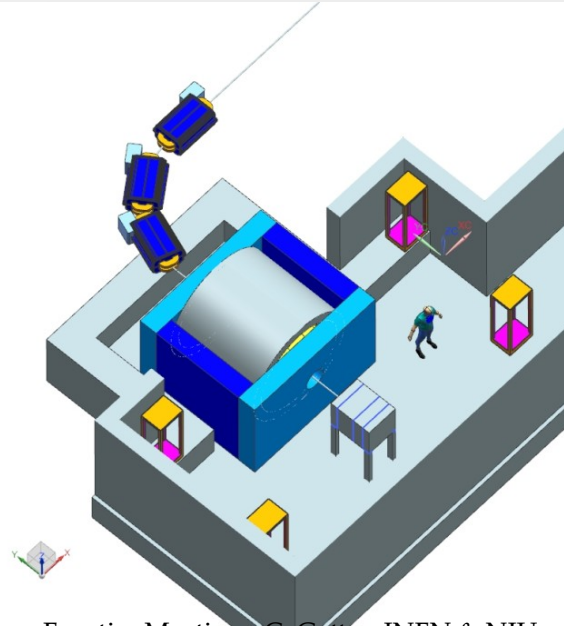
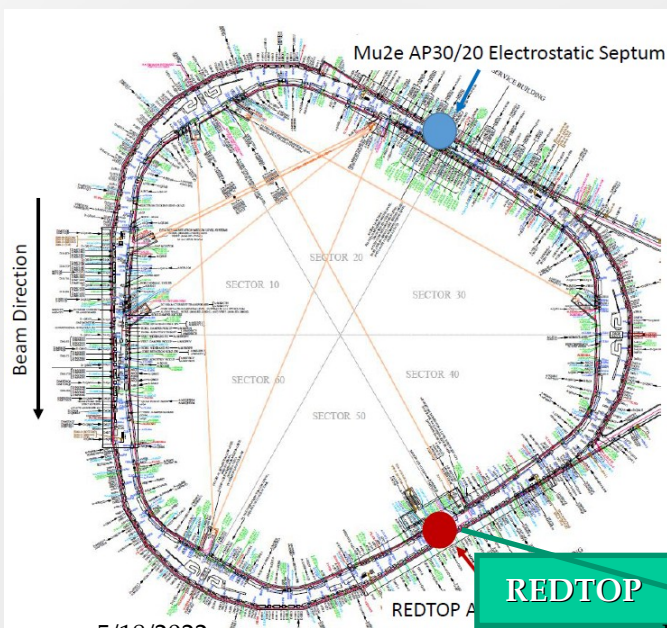
*Single  $p$  pulse from booster ( $\leq 4 \times 10^{12}$   $p$ ) injected in the DR (former debuncher in anti- $p$  production at Tevatron) at fixed energy (8 GeV)*

*Energy is removed by inserting 1 or 2 RF cavities identical to the one already planned (~5 seconds)*

*Slow extraction to REDTOP over ~40 seconds.*

*The  $270^\circ$  of betatron phase advance between the Mu2e Electrostatic Septum and REDTOP Lambertson is ideal for AP50 extraction to the inside of the ring.*

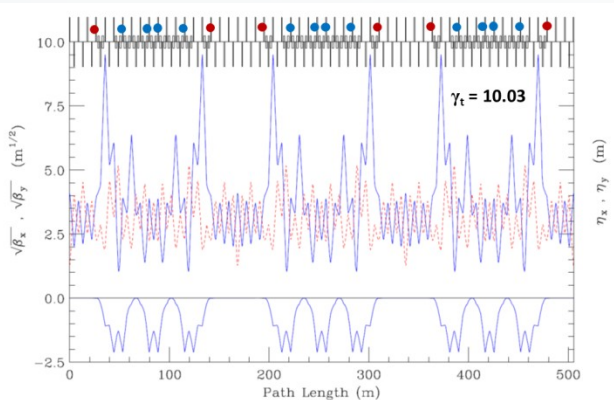
*Total time to decelerate-debunch-extract: 51 sec: duty cycle ~80%*





# Accelerator Physics Issues

## Transition Energy



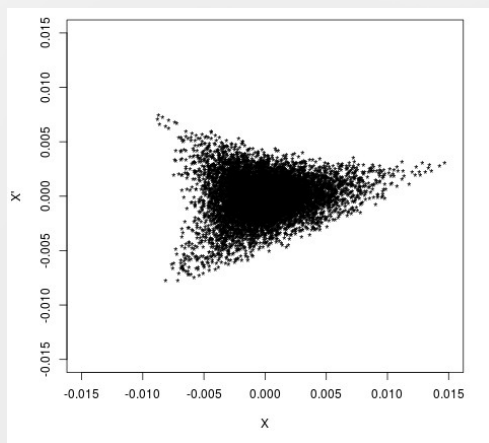
- $\gamma_t$  is where  $\Delta f/f = 1/\gamma^2 - \langle D/\rho \rangle = 0$ ; synchrotron motion stops momentarily, can often lead to beam loss
- beam decelerates from  $\gamma = 9.5$  to  $\gamma = 3.1$
- original Delivery Ring  $\gamma_t = 7.6$
- a re-powering of 18 quadrupole magnets can create a  $\gamma_t = 10$ , thus avoiding passing through this condition
  - Johnstone and Syphers, *Proc. NA-PAC 2016*, Chicago (2016).

## Resonant Extraction

- Mu2e will use 1/3-integer resonant extraction
- REDTOP can use same system, with use of the spare Mu2e magnetic septum
- initial calculations indicate sufficient phase space, even with the larger beam at the lower energies

## Vacuum

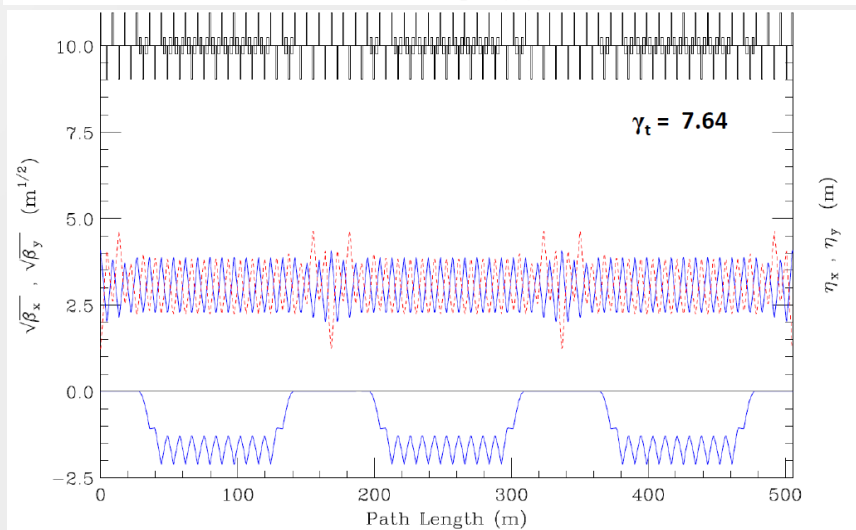
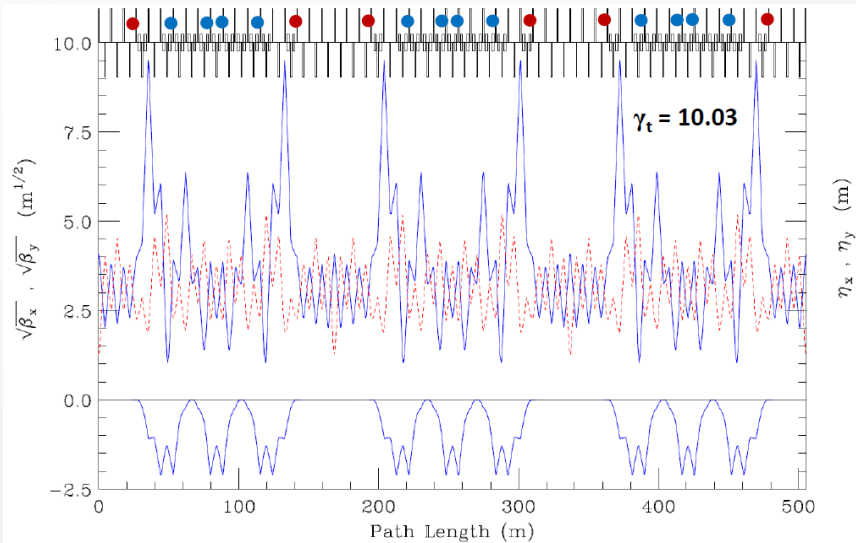
- REDTOP spill time is much longer than for Mu2e
- though beam-gas scattering emittance growth rate 3 times higher at lower energy, still tolerable level



# Ring Optics through Deceleration (J. Johnstone)

Transition is avoided by using select quad triplets to boost  $\gamma_t$  above beam  $\gamma$  by 0.5 units throughout deceleration until  $\gamma_t = 7.64$  and beam  $\gamma = 7.14$  (5.76 GeV kinetic).

Below 5.76 GeV the DR lattice reverts to the nominal design configuration



8 GeV injection energy (top) and <5.8 GeV (bottom)

- Blue & red circles indicate sites of the  $\gamma_t$  quad triplets.

| p (GeV/c)                    | 8.89  | 8.33  | 7.76  | 7.20  | 6.63 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| KE (GeV)                     | 8.00  | 7.45  | 6.88  | 6.32  | 5.76 |
| $\gamma_{\text{BEAM}}$       | 9.53  | 8.93  | 8.33  | 7.74  | 7.14 |
| $\gamma_{\text{transition}}$ | 10.03 | 9.43  | 8.83  | 7.74  | 7.64 |
| $\beta_{\text{max}}$ (m)     | 94.9  | 72.5  | 49.5  | 30.1  | 15.1 |
| q ( $\text{m}^{-1}$ )        | .0697 | .0573 | .0416 | .0236 | 0.0  |
| $3\sigma$ (mm)               | 15.0  | 13.6  | 11.6  | 9.4   | 6.9  |

Variation of  $\beta_{\text{max}}$  and the  $15\pi$  99% beam envelope through deceleration

"J. Johnstone, M. Syphers, NA-PAC, Chicago (2016)"



# REDTOP detector



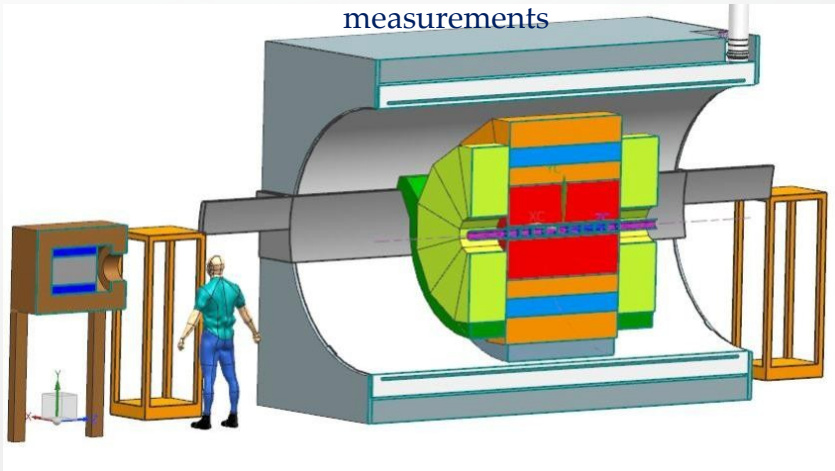
## Optical-TPC

For slow background rejection

or

## LGAD Tracker surrounded by Quartz cells

For 4D track reconstruction and TOF measurements



## Vertex Fiber tracker

for rejection of  $\gamma$ -conversion and identifying displaced vertices from long lived particles

10x Be or Li targets

## 5D- Calorimeter: ADRIANO2

(Dual-readout +PFA)

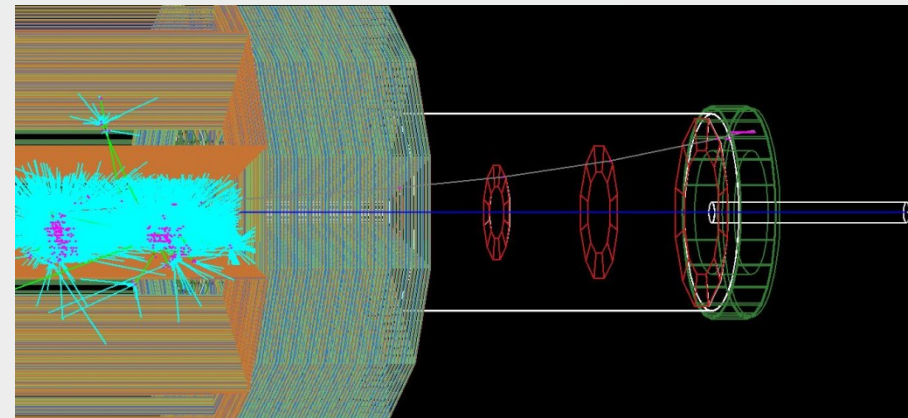
Sci and Cer light read by SiPM or SPAD

For excellent energy , position resolution and PID

-polarimeter (optional)

sandwich of fused silica and Si-pixel

for measurement of muon polarization



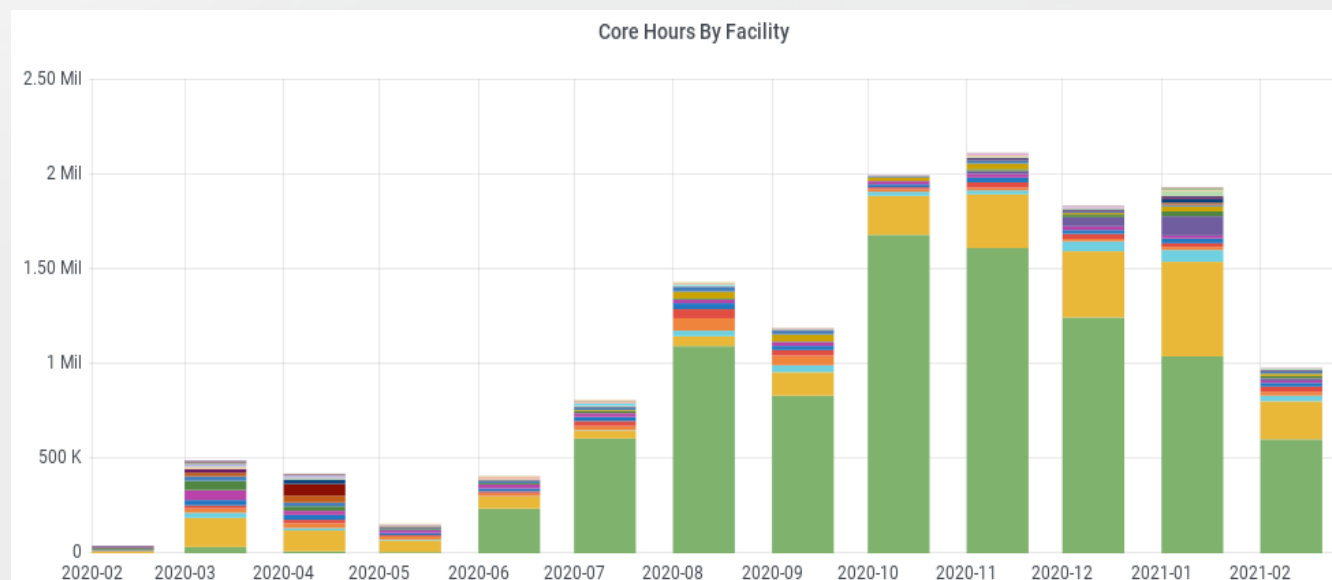
## Forward Detector for Option 2

for tagging  ${}^3\text{He}^{++}$  ions

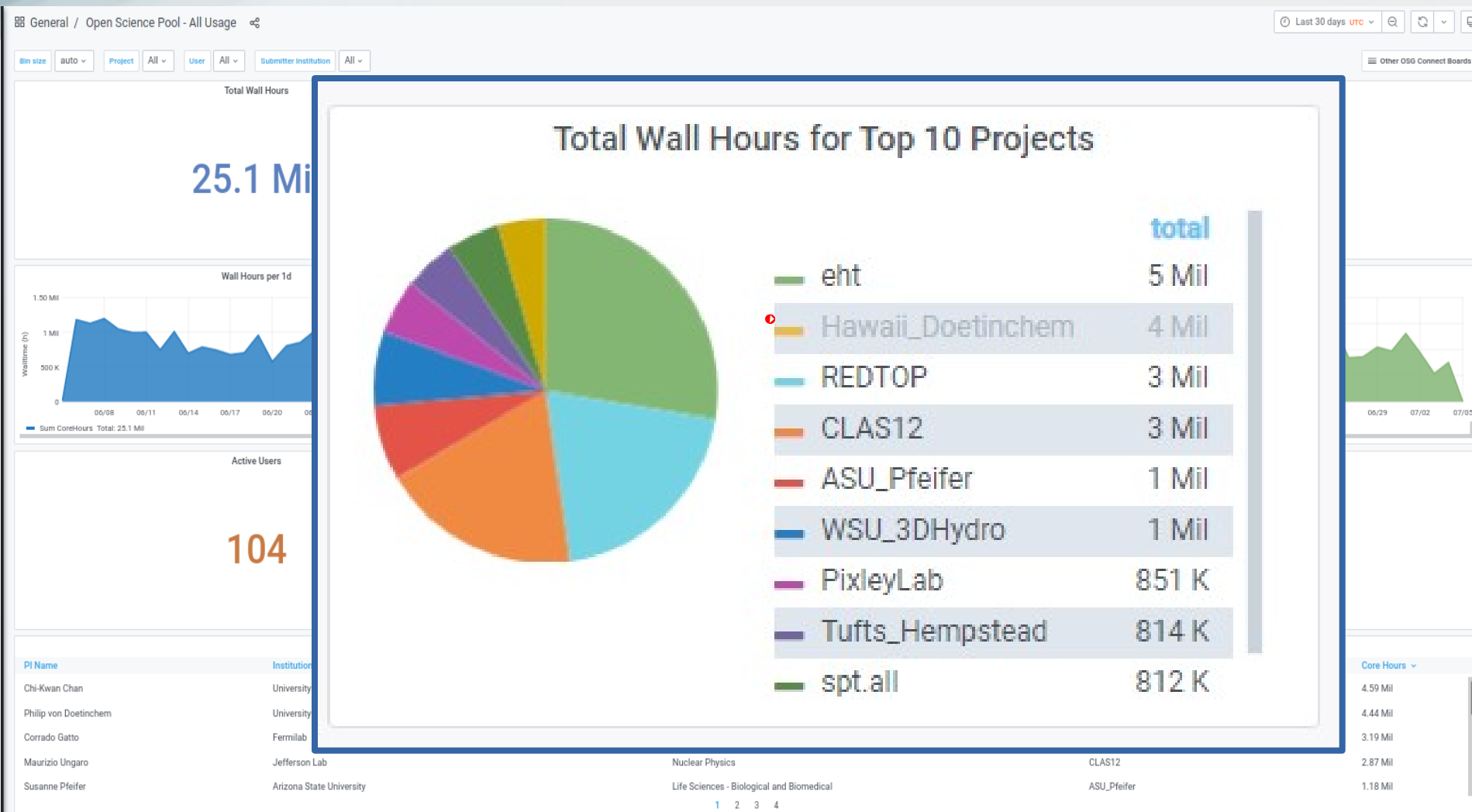
# REDTOP OSG Yearly Usage Statistics

|                            | total |
|----------------------------|-------|
| SU ITS                     | 9 Mil |
| MWT2 ATLAS UC              | 2 Mil |
| GLOW                       | 303 K |
| TCNJ - ELSA                | 293 K |
| FSU_HNPGRID                | 267 K |
| BNL ATLAS Tier1            | 264 K |
| UConn-OSG                  | 250 K |
| UConn-HPC                  | 178 K |
| UColorado_HEP              | 174 K |
| OU ATLAS                   | 173 K |
| ASU Research Computing     | 163 K |
| Nebraska-Omaha             | 75 K  |
| ICC-SLATE-HTC              | 69 K  |
| New Mexico State Discovery | 61 K  |
| NWICG_NDCMS                | 42 K  |
| Clemson-Palmetto           | 41 K  |
| AMNH                       | 40 K  |
| UPRM_HEP                   | 34 K  |
| FermiGrid                  | 34 K  |
| cinvestav                  | 31 K  |

- Time range: Feb 2020 – Feb 2021
- Total Core Hours: 13.8 million
- Total jobs: 7.15 million



# REDTOP OSG Monthly Usage Statistics





# Overall Computing Usage

- *Computing resources for REDTOP are from three sources:*
  - *OSG: CPU and stash storage*
  - *NICADD/NIU: CPU and permanent storage*
  - *Fermilab (private farm hosted by AD) : CPU and permanent storage*

## Summary of computing

| Source      | Storage                       | #core available | Jobs/yr         | Wall hr/yr       | Fraction |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------|
| OSG         | 100 TB (with peaks of 140 TB) | opportunistic   | $7 \times 10^6$ | $14 \times 10^6$ | 72%      |
| NICADD      | 15 TB                         | 500-690         | $4 \times 10^6$ | $5 \times 10^6$  | 26%      |
| Fermilab-AD | 200 TB                        | 350             | 300K            | 600K             | 2%       |

# REDTOP Computing Model

- *Model architecture:*
  - *Single-core computational workflow has proven to be well suited for the distributed High Throughput Computing (DHTC) environment of the OSG.*
  - *Model already adopted by other small Collaborations (IceCube, XENON, et. al.)*
- *Storage:*
  - *DataStream from the L-2 farm will be staged at (FNAL) dCache storage and sent to tape (or wherever is cheaper when the experiment runs: FNAL at present)*
  - *Stratum-0 server hosts a CVMFS repository of the REDTOP software*
- *CPU:*
  - *Any (dedicated or opportunistic) OSG working node*
  - *Member institutions can join the OSG federation and accept jobs from OSG's GlideinWMS job factory via a HostedCE deployment.*



# Storage & CPU

## *Expected data rates from the experiment*

- About 500 kHz to be stored on tape
- ~0.9 GB/sec from L2
- ~6 PB/year to tape (assume 1.6 kb event size)

## *Data from DAQ and Montecarlo*

- Data from experiment: ~6 PB/year to tape
- Processed data (reco, calib. Analysis, etc) : ~1.0 PB/year (tape and disk)
- Montecarlo (~ $10^{11}$  events): ~0.5 PB/run (tape and disk)
- *Total: 7.5 PB/year*

## *CPU for Reconstruction Analysis and Montecarlo*

- 55 million core-hours for Monte Carlo jobs
- 35 million core-hours for data reconstruction jobs
- Total: ~ 90 million core-hours /year

*(estimate by projecting current OSG usage)*

# ***REDTOP Simulation Framework***

## ***Event generator: GenieHad***

- Proprietary (not yet public) package interfacing standalone generators

## ***Simulation: slic***

- Geant4 interface from SLAC
- Proprietary adds-on for REDTOP specific detectors

## ***Digitization, reconstruction, analysis: lcsim***

- Java package from ILC and HPS (jlab)
- Geometry adds-on for REDTOP specific detectors, beam components, and magnetic fields
- Histograms and fitting in Jas3, Jas4app

# Dual-readout Calorimetry R&D

## *The ADRIANO2 high-granularity dual-readout*

- Layout: sandwich of small ( $\sim\text{cm}^3$ ) lead-glass and scintillating plastic tiles
- Tiles are optically separated (wrapped or coated) and individually readout with sipm(s)
- Optional dimple to accommodate the SiPM

## *Motivations*

- Advantages:
  - Prompt Cerenkov signal for timing resolution and L0-trigger
  - Small Pb-glass tile unaffected by aging
  - Good energy resolution
  - High-granularity
- Disadvantaged
  - Cost
  - Large number of readout channels

## *Goals*

- $\sigma_E/E < 3\% \sqrt{E}$
- $\sigma_t < 80 \text{ psec}$

# Exploring Sensitivity to BSM Physics

- REDTOP physics case presented in a 176-pp White Paper
- Sensitivity studies based on  $\sim 10^{14}$   $\eta$  mesons, include:
  - Four BSM portals
  - Three CP violating processes requiring no  $\mu$ -polarization measurement
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  - Two lepton flavor universality studies
  - Two lepton flavor violation studies
- (Almost) full simulation using *GenieHad* + *slic* + *lcsim* (heavily modified for REDTOP) with  $5 \times 10^{10}$  generated background event ( $> 4 \times 10^7$  CPU core-hrs on the OSG and NICADD)
- Assumptions for the the case study:
  - 1.8 GeV proton beam on 7.7 mm Li target with  $3.3 \times 10^{18}$  POT ( $\sim 3$ -yr run @ 30 W)
  - Three level trigger
  - Baseline detector configuration (see later in this talk)