

# EF09 Highlights - Early Career Perspective

EF09: BSM (more general explorations)

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# Focus questions for EF09

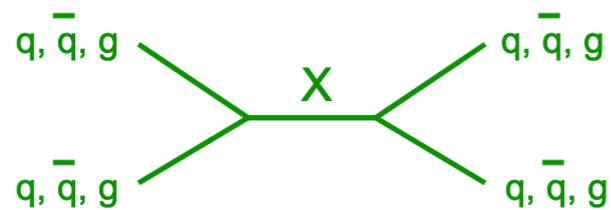
- Are there **new interactions** or **new particles** around or above the electroweak scale? To what extent can future experiments probe this?
- **Long-lived** and **feebly-interacting** particles represent an alternative paradigm with respect to traditional BSM searches. To what extent can future detectors and accelerators probe such particles?
- How do we conduct searches in a more **model-independent** way ?
- How do we **compare** the results of different experiments in a more model-independent way to **ensure complementarity** and **avoid gaps** in coverage?
- Is **lepton flavour universality** violated? What do we learn from high energy/ $p_T$  searches?

NB: **representative**  
not comprehensive!

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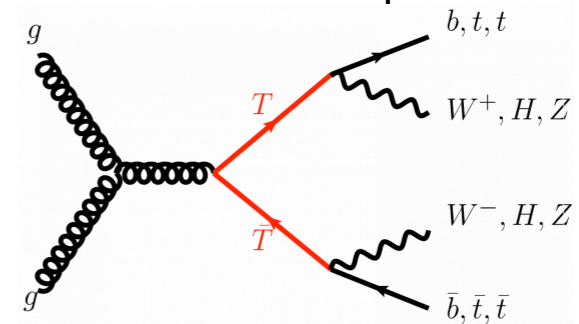
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Standard candles ( $Z'$ ,  $W'$ ,  $q^*$ , ...) and new interactions



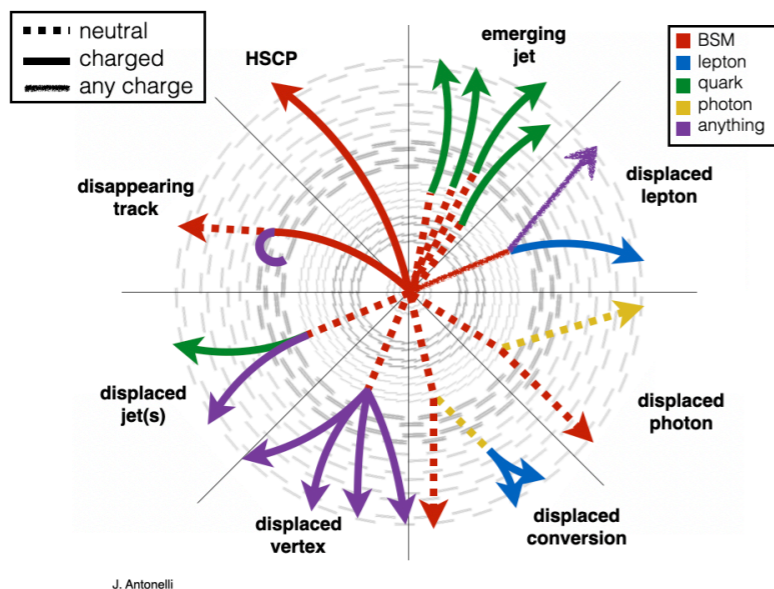
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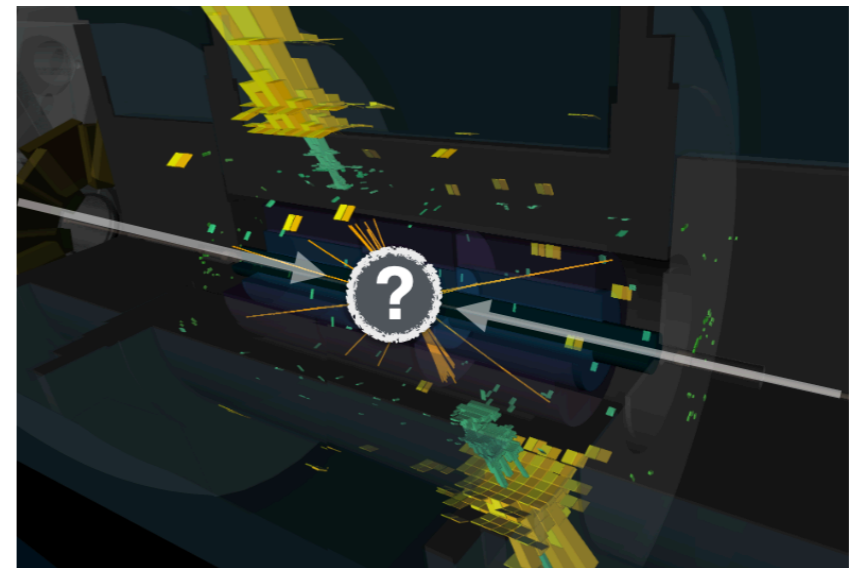
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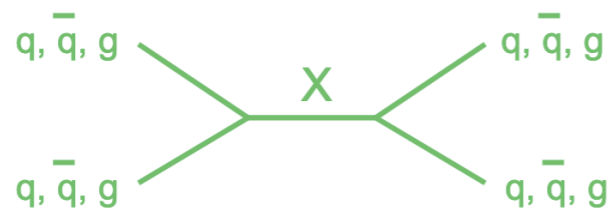
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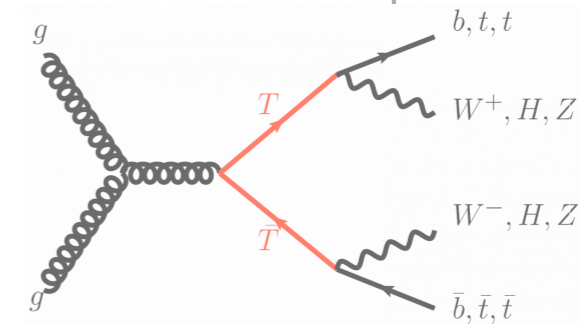
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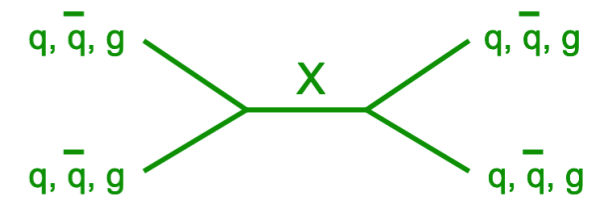
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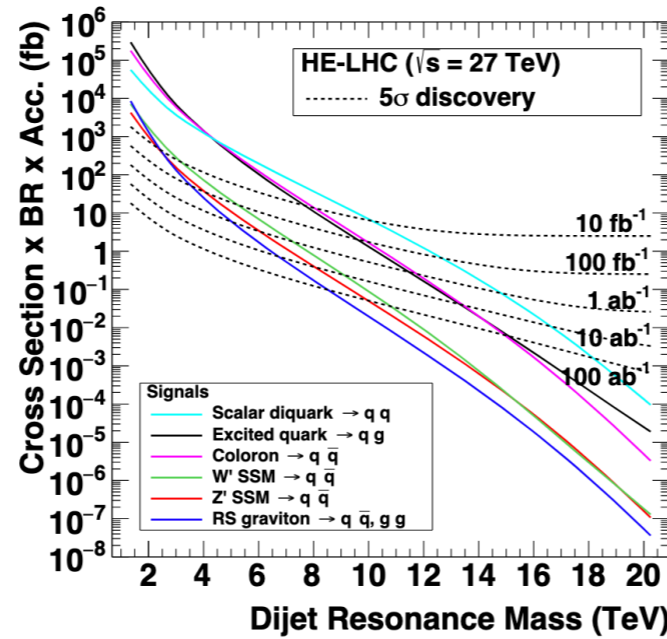
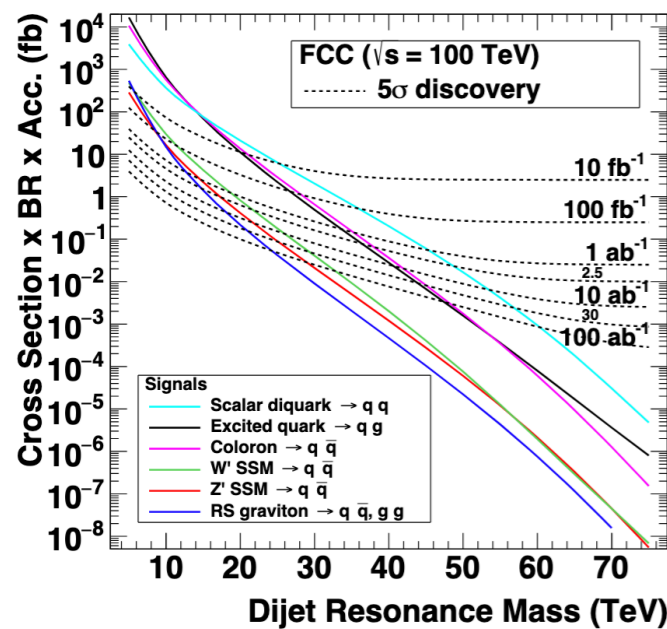
Wide range of activities in these areas (73 Lols) to help ensure **future detectors and searches** have **comprehensive new physics coverage**

**Highlight some recent interesting results across EF09**

# Sensitivity to dijet resonances at proton-proton colliders



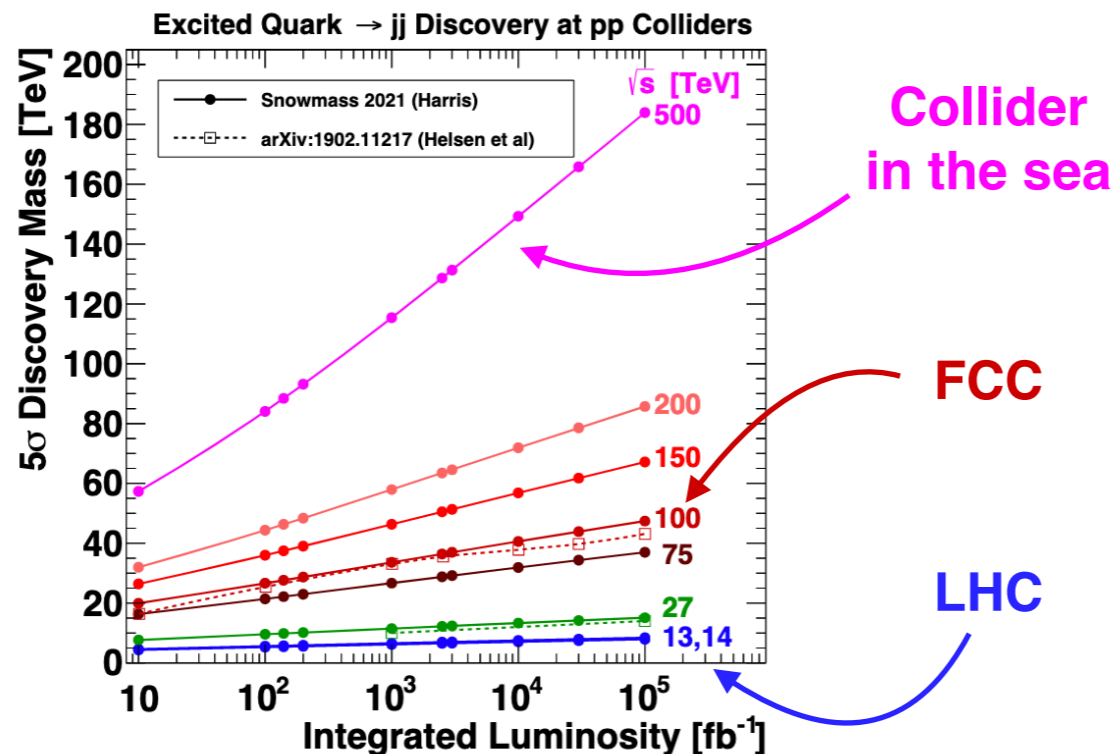
R. Harris with E. Gurpinar Guler, Y. Guler



- Standard candle to benchmark hadronic colliders
- Long history: Snowmass 96' first iteration of this effort!

e.g.  $q^*$  discovery mass ( $10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ ): 44 TeV

13 TeV



- Granular “scan” of  $\sqrt{s}$  indicates **scale of new physics** that can be comprehensively studied
- More benchmark models to be added!

# High-dimensional anomaly detection with radiative return in $e^+e^-$ collisions

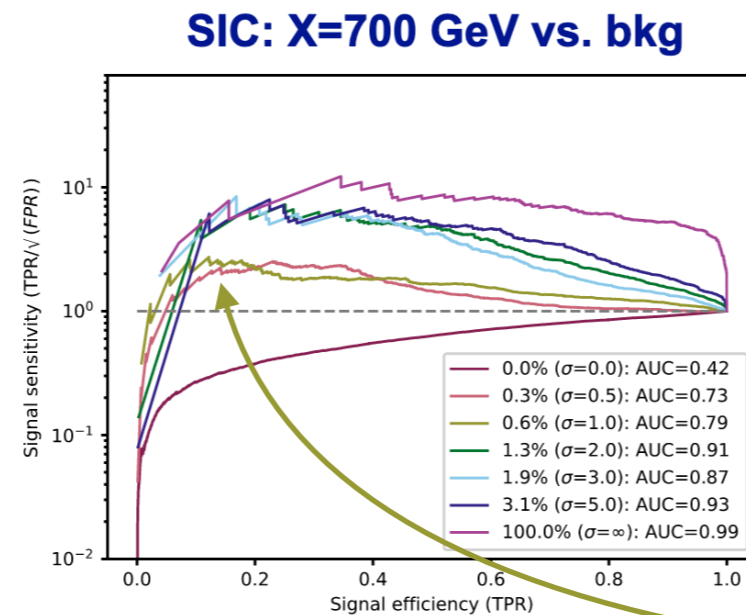
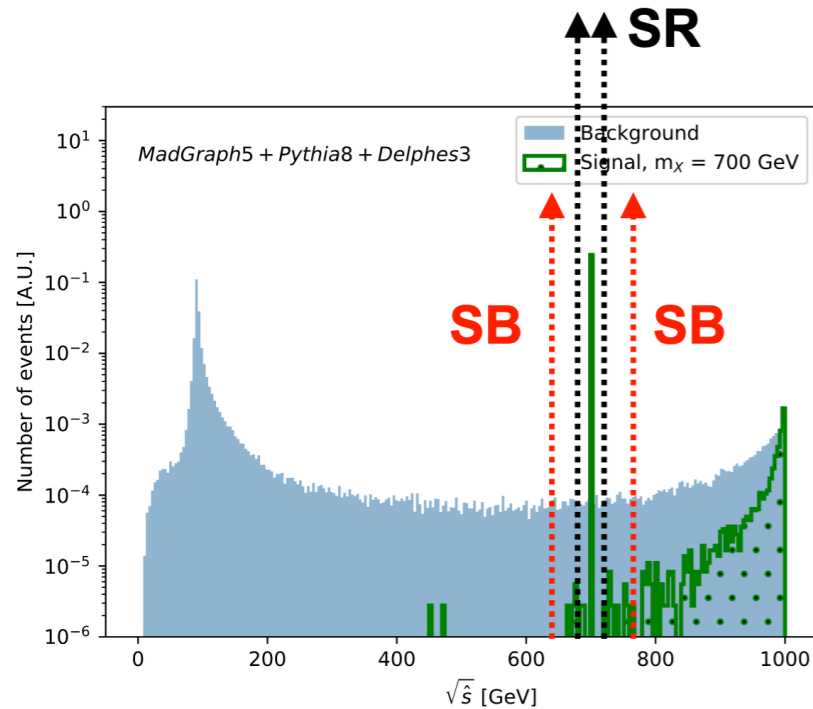
J. Gonski, J. Lai, B. Nachman, I. Ochoa

Focus on hadronically decaying resonance in generic  $e^+e^-$  collider

Scan collision  $\sqrt{s}$  using **ISR photon energy**

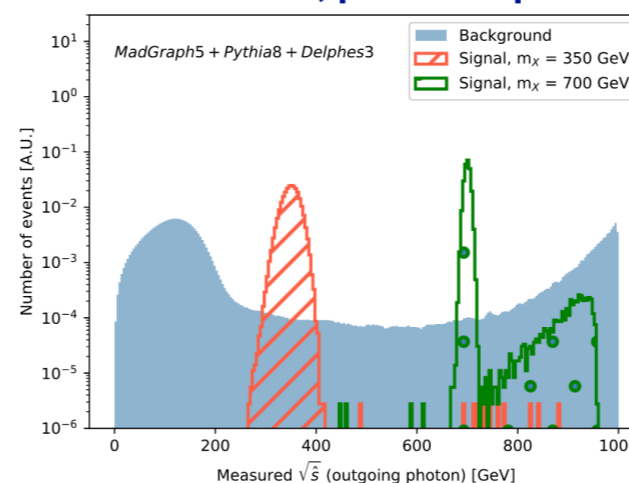
Train PFN using **weakly supervised** data-driven signal vs sideband region configuration

$1\sigma$  excess enhanced to  $\sim 3\sigma$

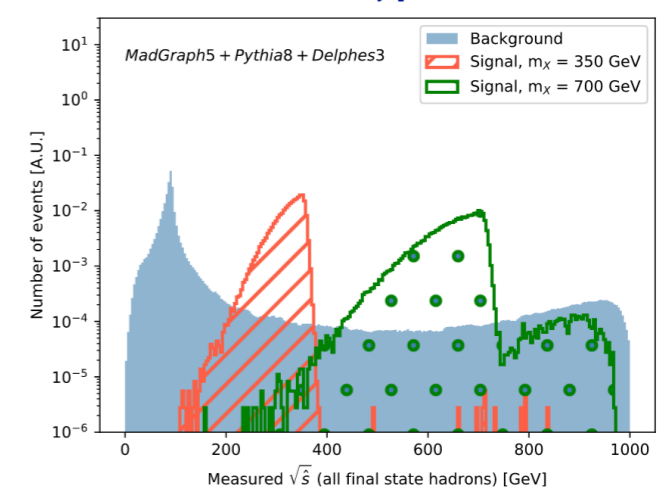


**Important insights into detector design:** investigating performance impact of ISR photon direct reconstruction

Measured  $\sqrt{s}$ , photon captured



Measured  $\sqrt{s}$ , photon lost



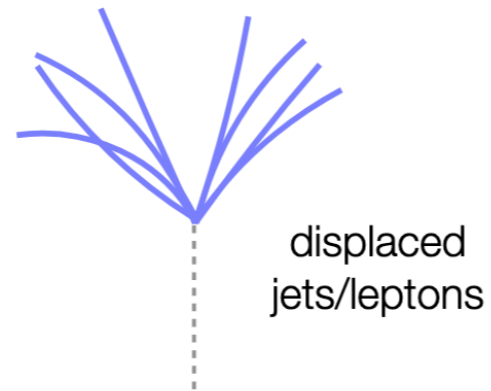
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.13451>

# Track based triggers for exotic signatures

K. Di Petrillo, J. Farr, C. Guo, T. Holmes, J. Nelson, K. Pachal

## Signatures considered:

long-lived particles

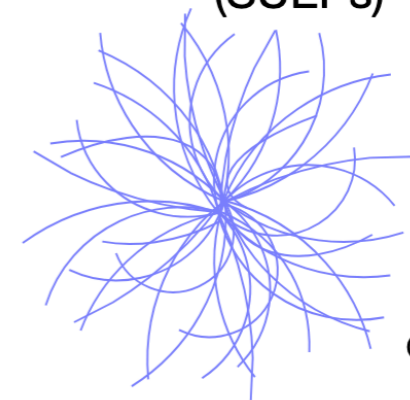


heavy meta-stable charged particles (HSCPs)



slow moving/  
highly ionizing

soft-unclustered energy patterns (SUEPs)



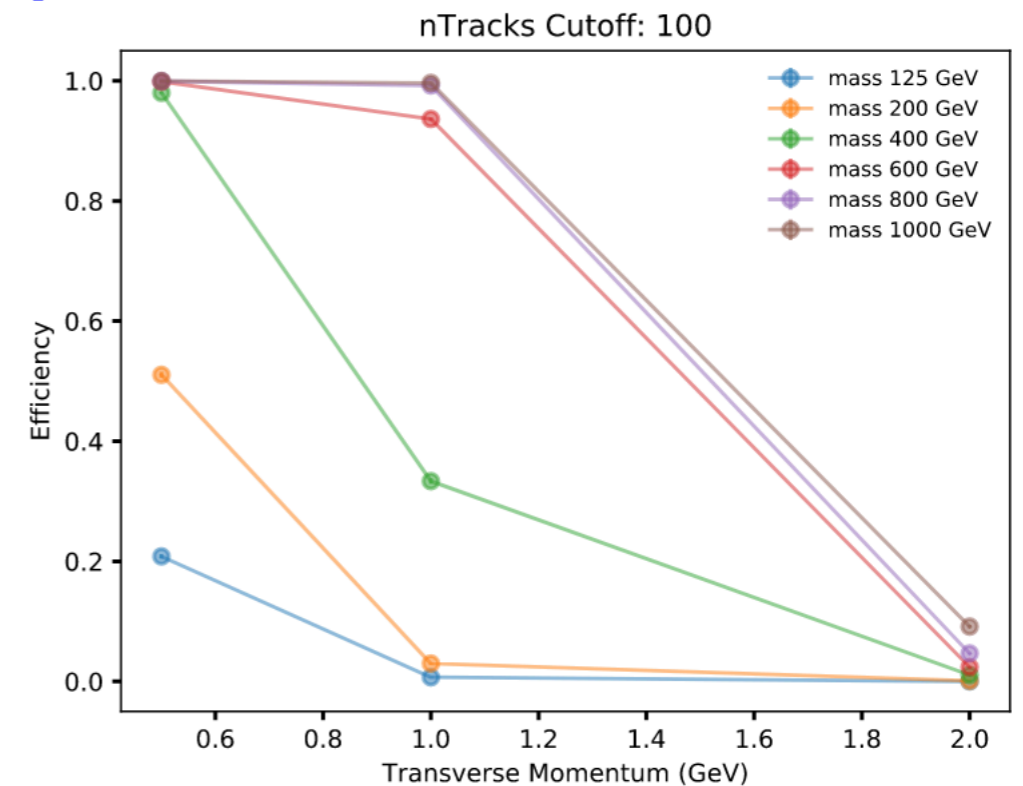
large multiplicity  
of soft tracks

Hardware trigger often **major limitation** for soft exotic signatures

Determine event level efficiencies for different tracker quantities:  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $d_0$  ranges, number of tracks, timing,...

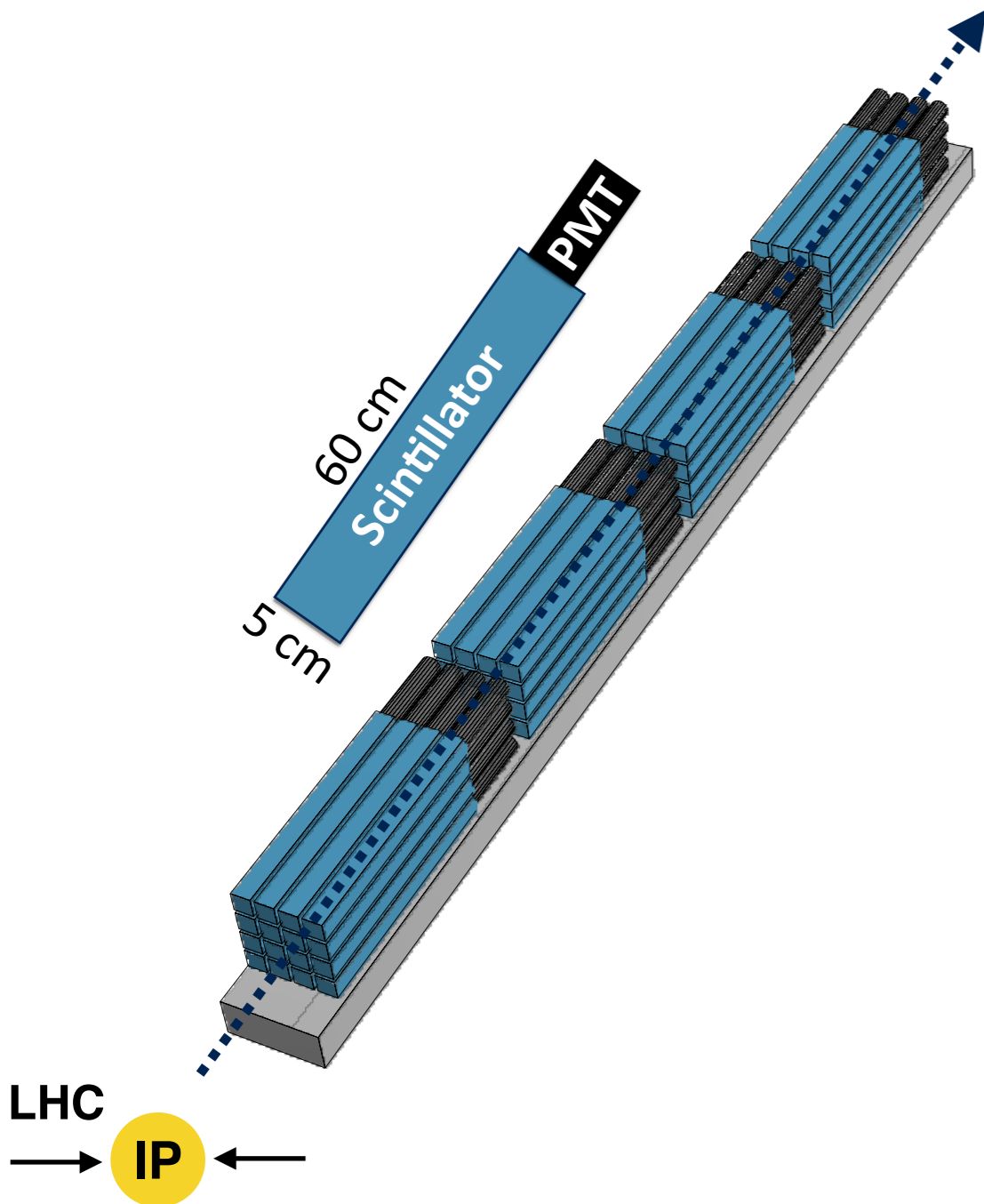
Identify how to achieve **optimal coverage** by **balancing thresholds**

Provide recommendations for design of future track triggers (LHC and beyond)



e.g. SUEP result: strong dependence on track  $p_T$  threshold

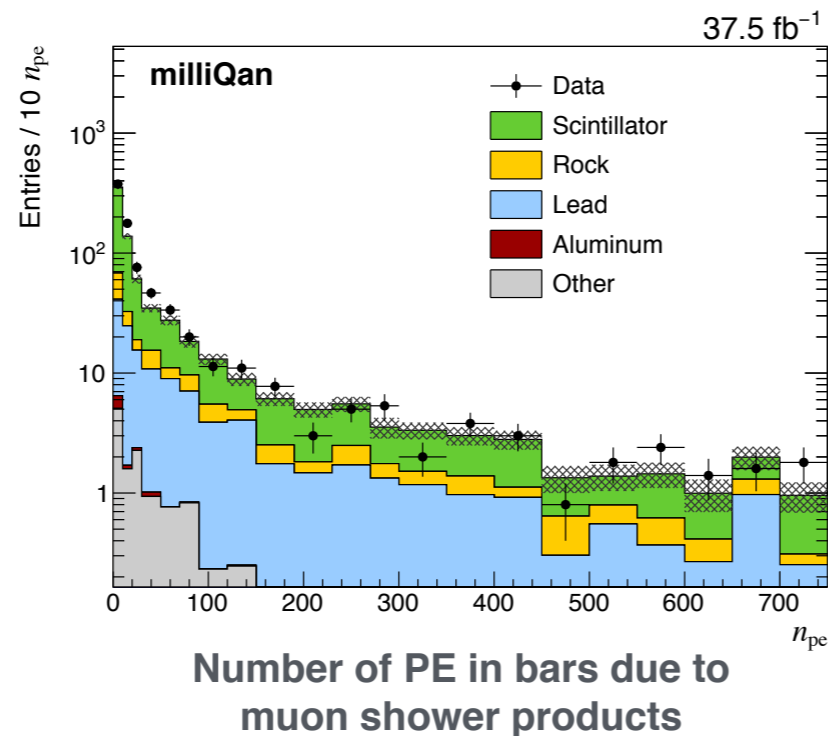
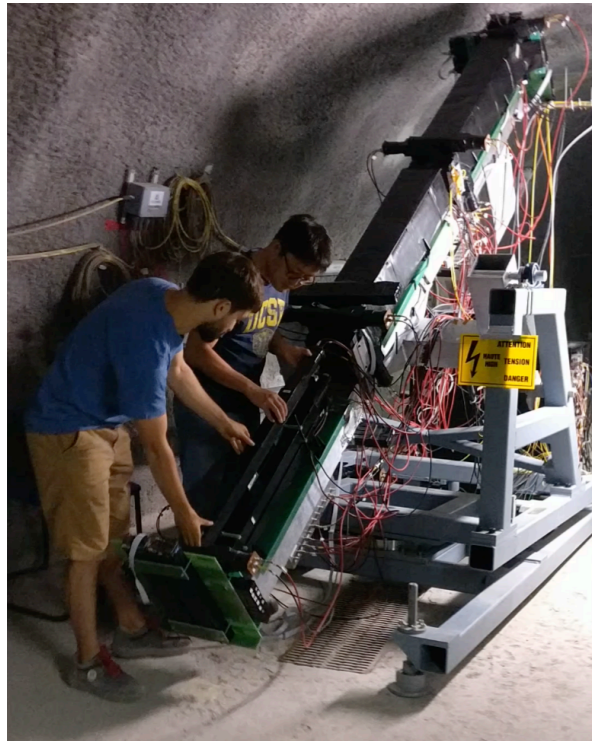
# Scintillator searches for millicharged particles



- **Key idea:** use scintillator bar array to detect (very) small ionisation from low charged particles
- Proposals for such detectors at range of facilities: LHC ([milliQan](#)/[FORMOSA](#)/[MoEDAL-MAPP](#)), J-PARC ([SUBMET](#)), FNAL ([FerMINI](#))
- Studies form significant part of (at least) four snowmass efforts: [EF/72](#), [RF/114](#), [EF/193](#), [EF/88](#)
- How do we know they'll work?  
→ milliQan demonstrator installed at the LHC!



# The milliQan demonstrator

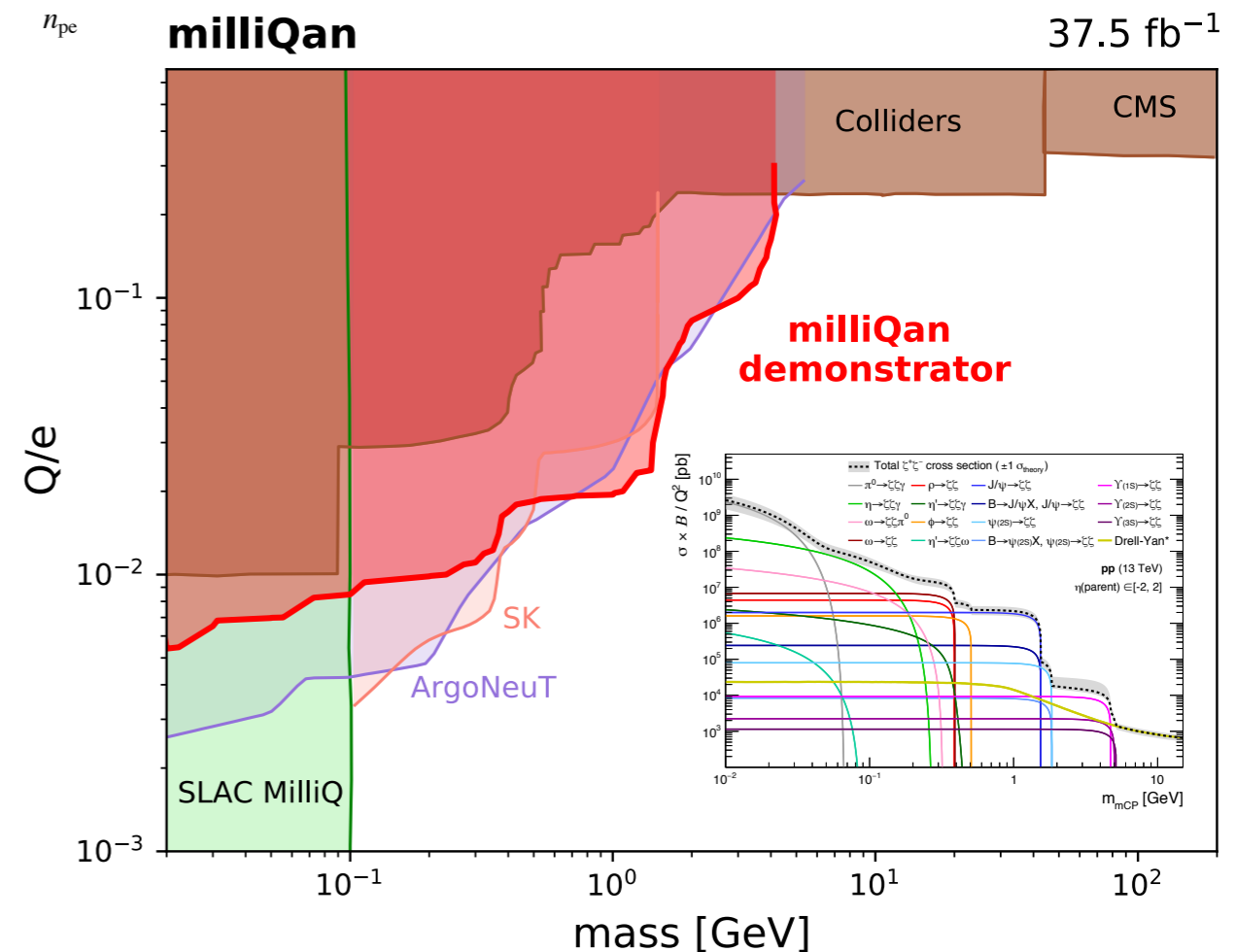


Installed on mount designed to hold full detector in CMS cavern: 33m from IP (17m of rock shielding)

- **First search** for millicharged particles at a hadron collider with new sensitivity
- **Quantitative understanding** of backgrounds and detector performance

→ **Use this to guide future detectors!**

- Demonstrator ran very successfully, collecting **~35/fb, 2000h** of data in 2018
- Used for range of studies to prove feasibility of full detector: **alignment, calibrations, background measurements**

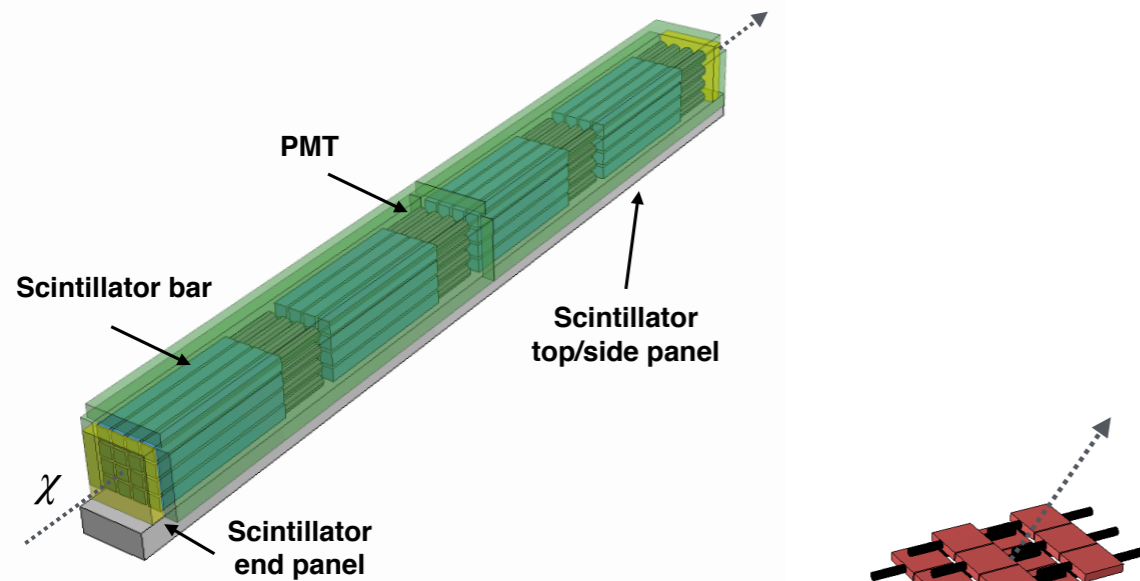


# Run 3 milliQan experiment

**Fully funded and under construction!**

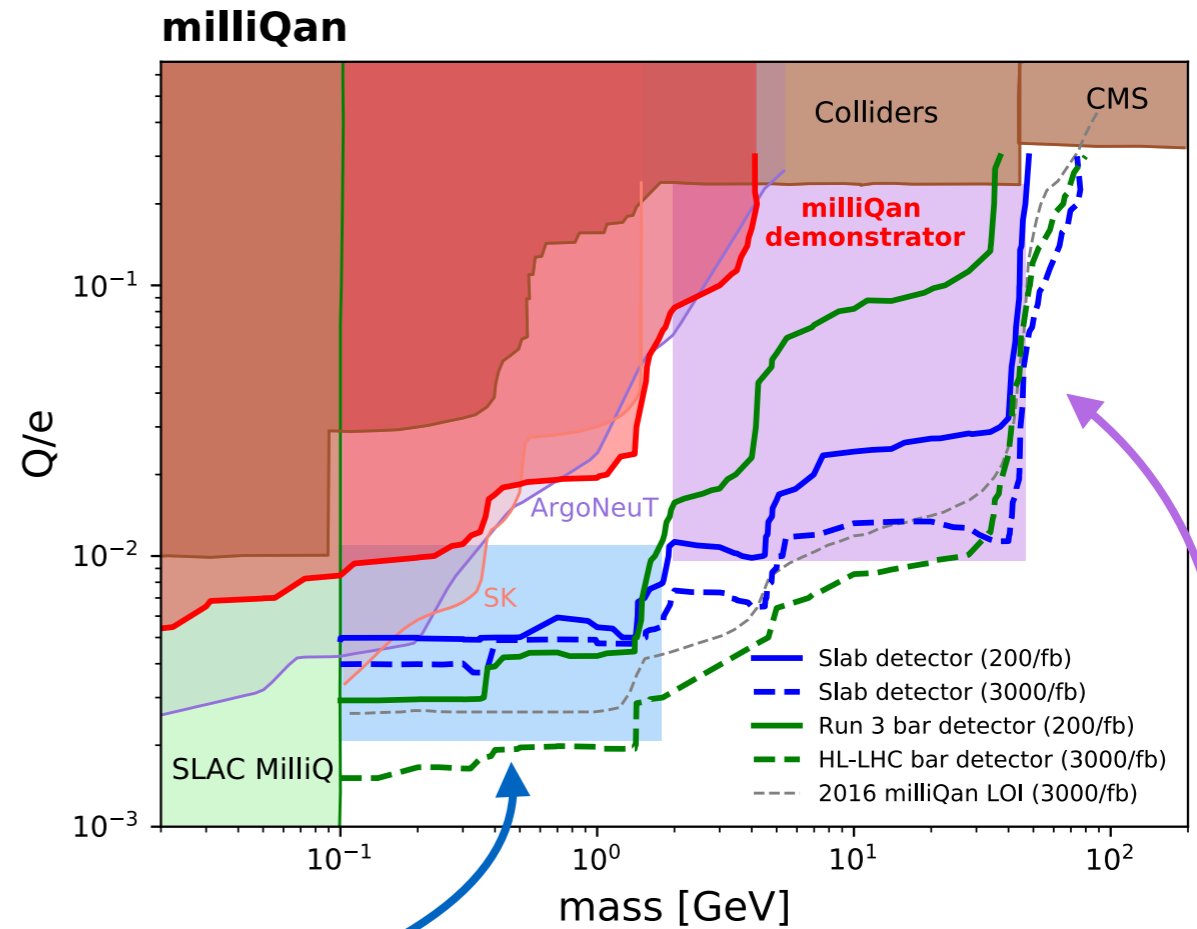
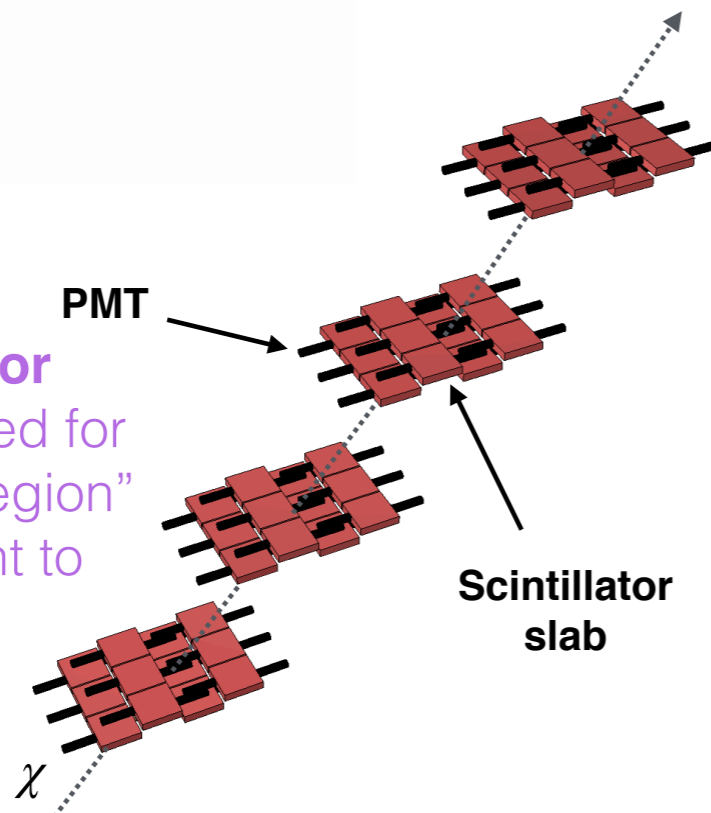
## Run 3 bar detector

design based on lessons from demonstrator:  
expanded size (4x4 bars), four layers, thicker veto panels, signal amplification



## Run 3 slab detector

thinner slabs optimised for “acceptance limited region”  
(total area equivalent to >1000 bars!)



### Charge limited region:

very high mcp flux but low efficiency

### Acceptance limited region:

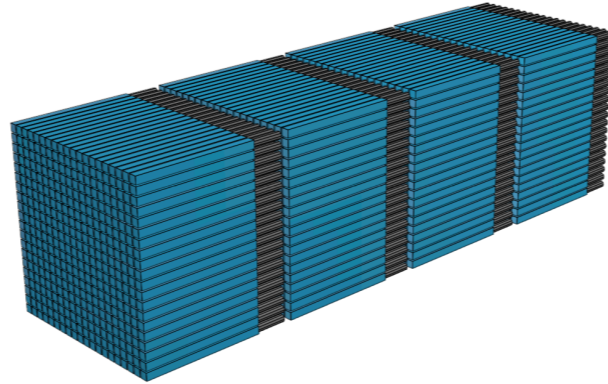
high efficiency but low mcp flux

Backgrounds/signal efficiencies estimated using **data collected by demonstrator**

Expect world leading sensitivity for **0.1 < m < 45 GeV** using **combination** of **slab and bar** detector

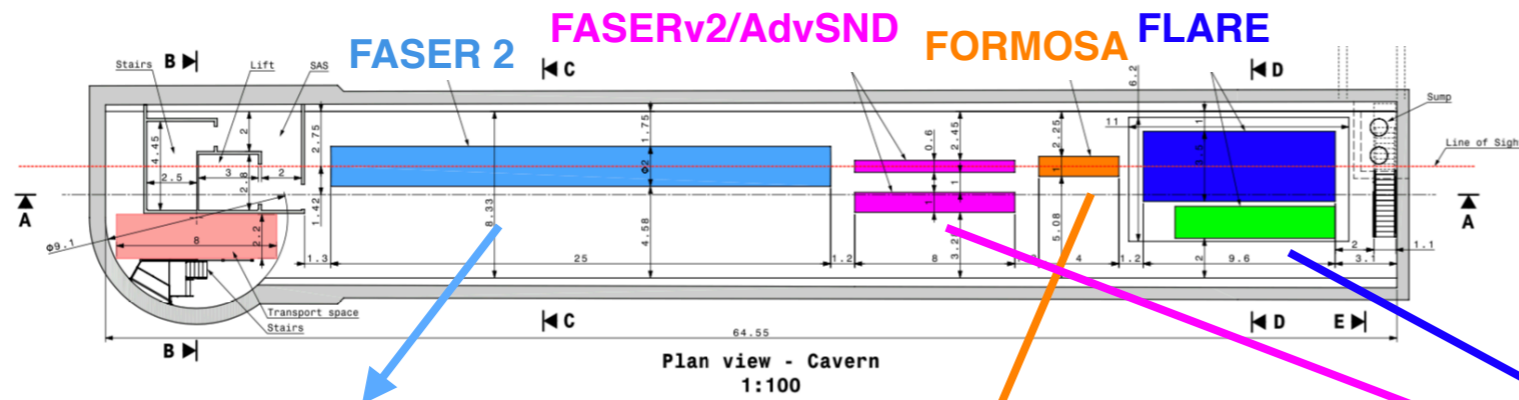
# Forward physics facility at the HL-LHC

FORMOSA design based on lessons from demonstrator

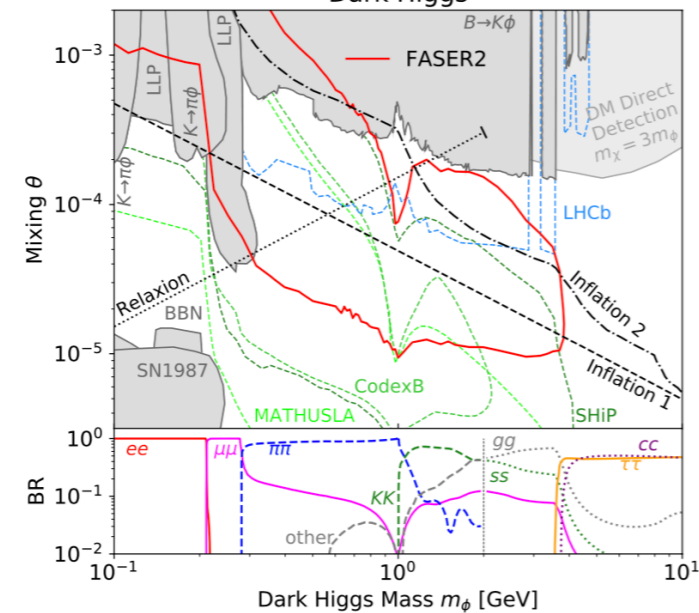


- FPF provides extensive probe of wide range of forward BSM (and SM) signatures to fully exploit physics potential of the LHC!

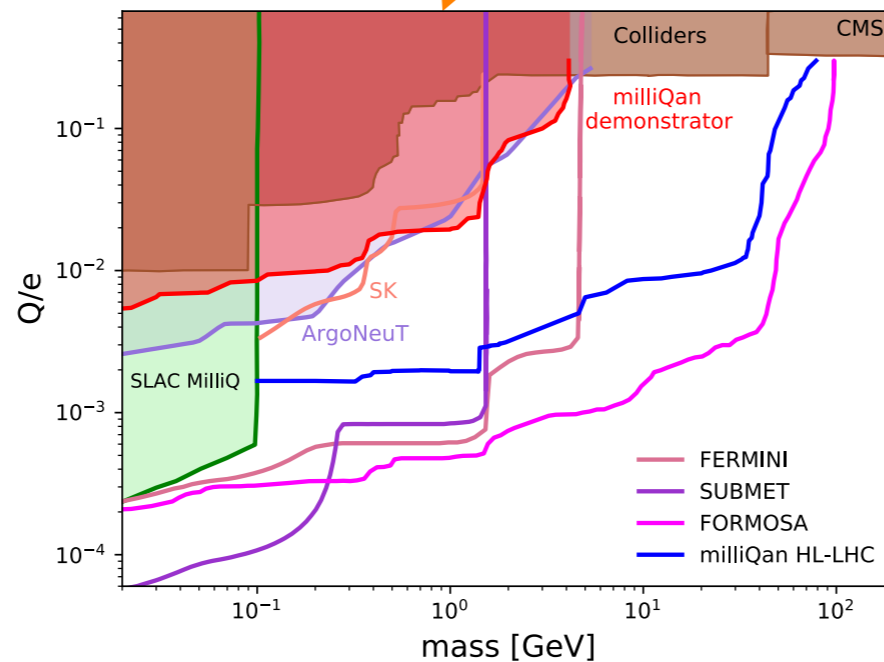
- e.g. FORMOSA proposal: forward mcp detector would see up to **factor ~ 250 higher mcp** rate compared to central location



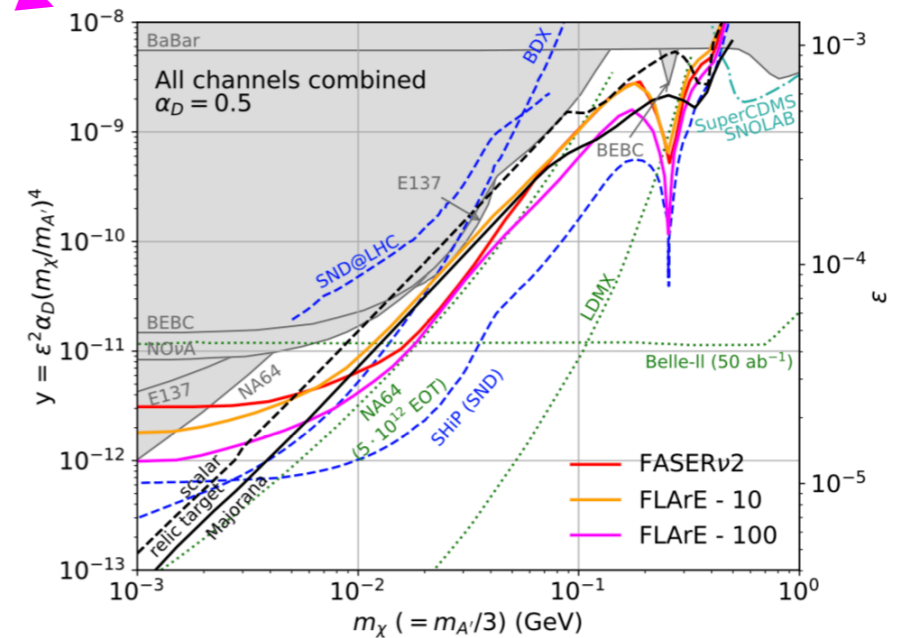
Dark Higgs



Dark Higgs LLP



millicharged particle



Dark photon mediated DM

Just on arXiv: [2109.10905](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.10905)

# Summary

- My perspective: worst case scenario is **not** that new physics too heavy/weakly coupled to produce at a future collider but that we fail to look widely enough
- Activities in EF09 geared towards ensuring this does not happen:
  - Providing insights into **general purpose/dedicated detector design** for **optimal coverage** of phenomena at any future pp/ee/ $\mu\mu$  machine
  - **Inclusive** searches/triggers proposed (often using AI) to cover the “**unknown unknowns**”
  - Wide range of signal benchmarks (including “exotic” new physics) being identified to allow easy sensitivity comparison and **avoid gaps in coverage**
- Many places to **get involved** in ongoing and new activities in EF09

# Backup

# milliQan collaboration



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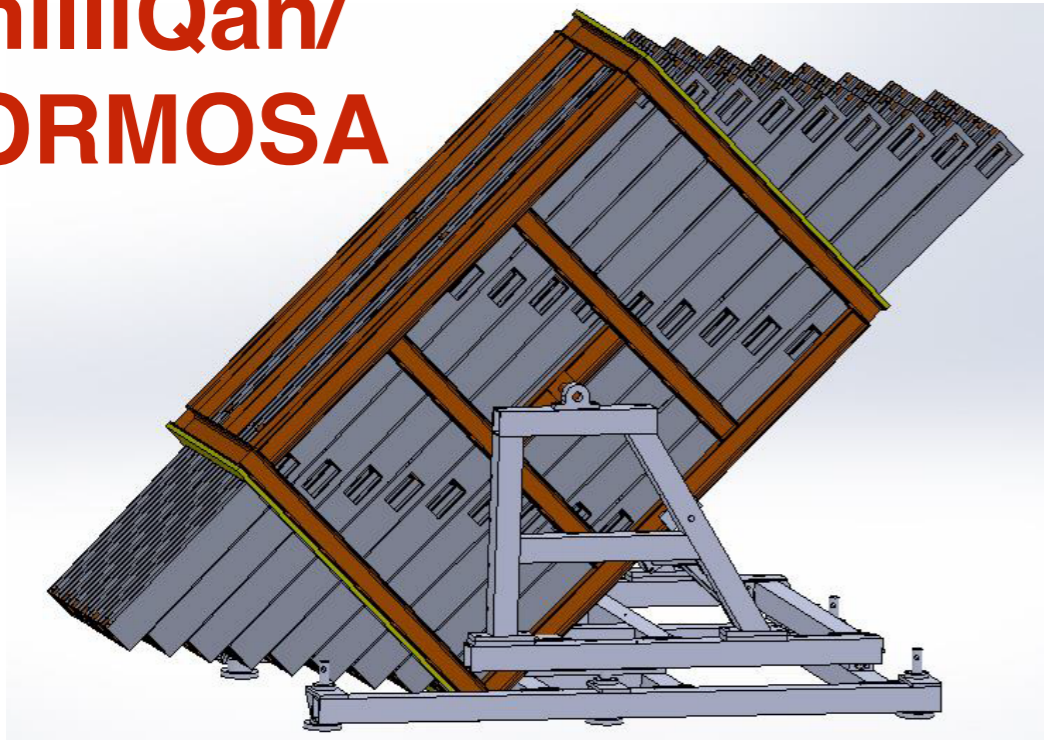


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# Scintillator-based searches for mcps

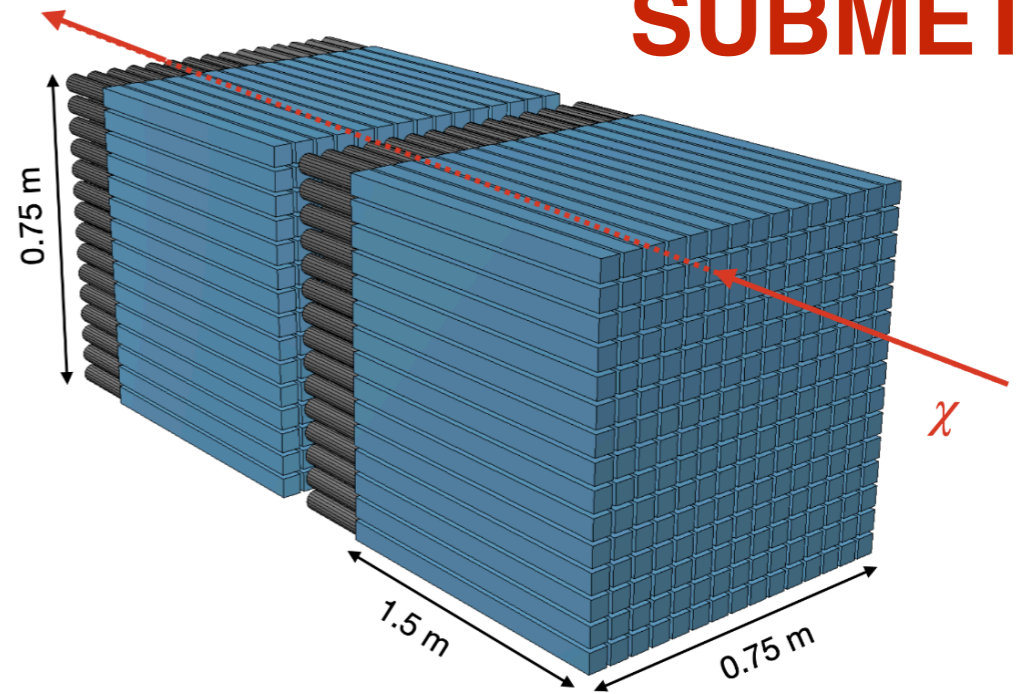
**milliQan/  
FORMOSA**



**LHC** with sensitivity for  $m < \sim 45$  GeV

[1607.04669](#)

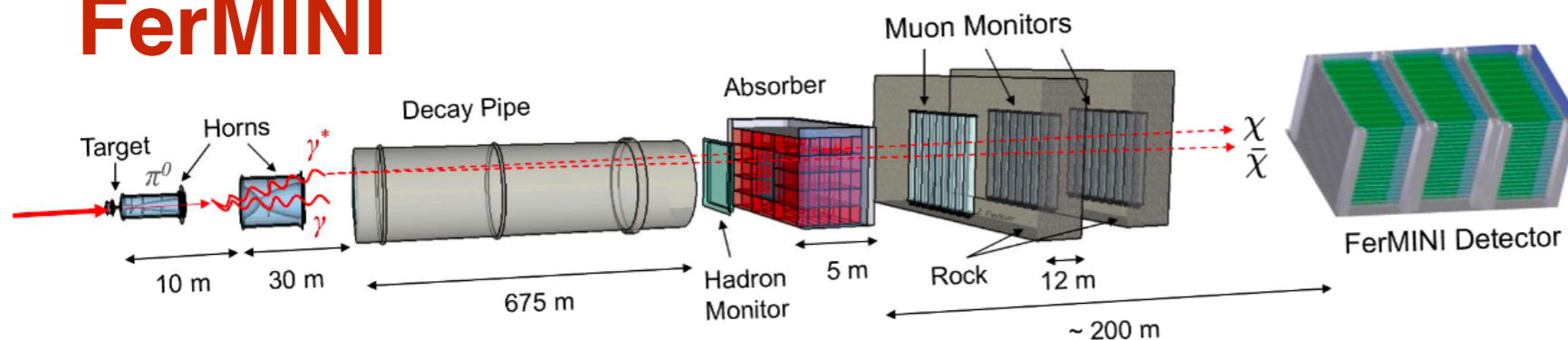
**SUBMET**



**J-PARC** with sensitivity for  $m < \sim 1.5$  GeV

[2007.06329](#)

**FerMINI**



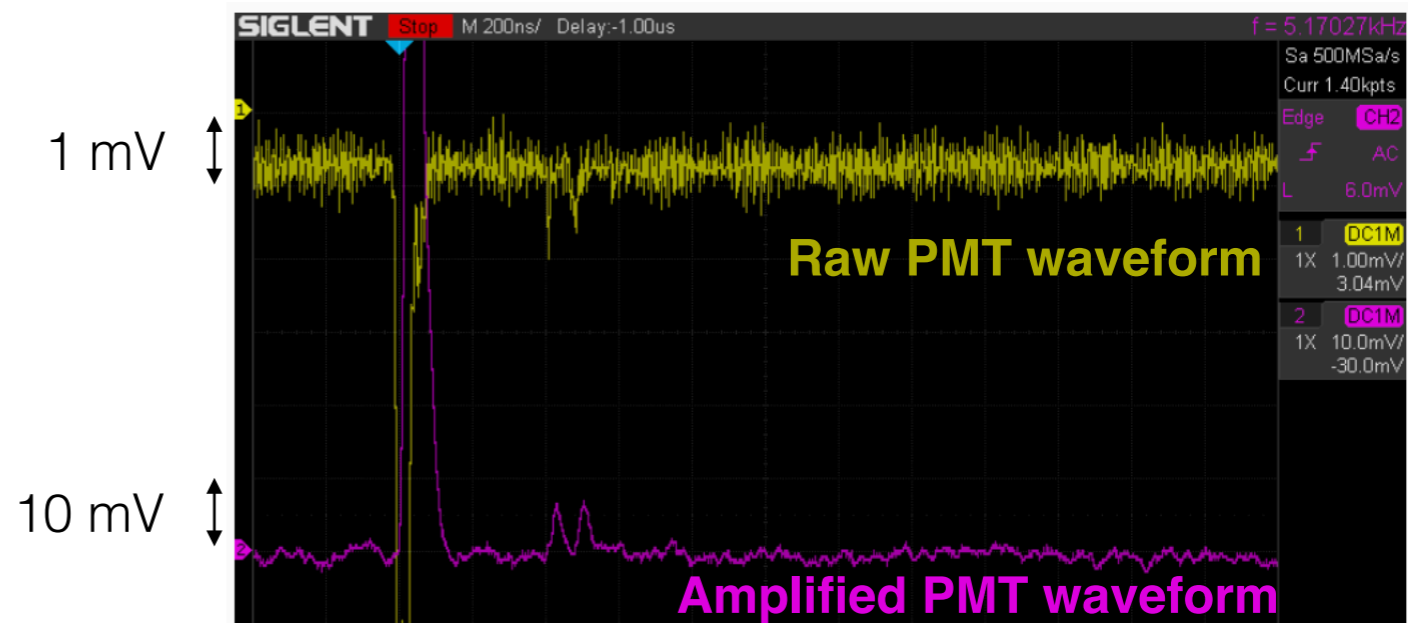
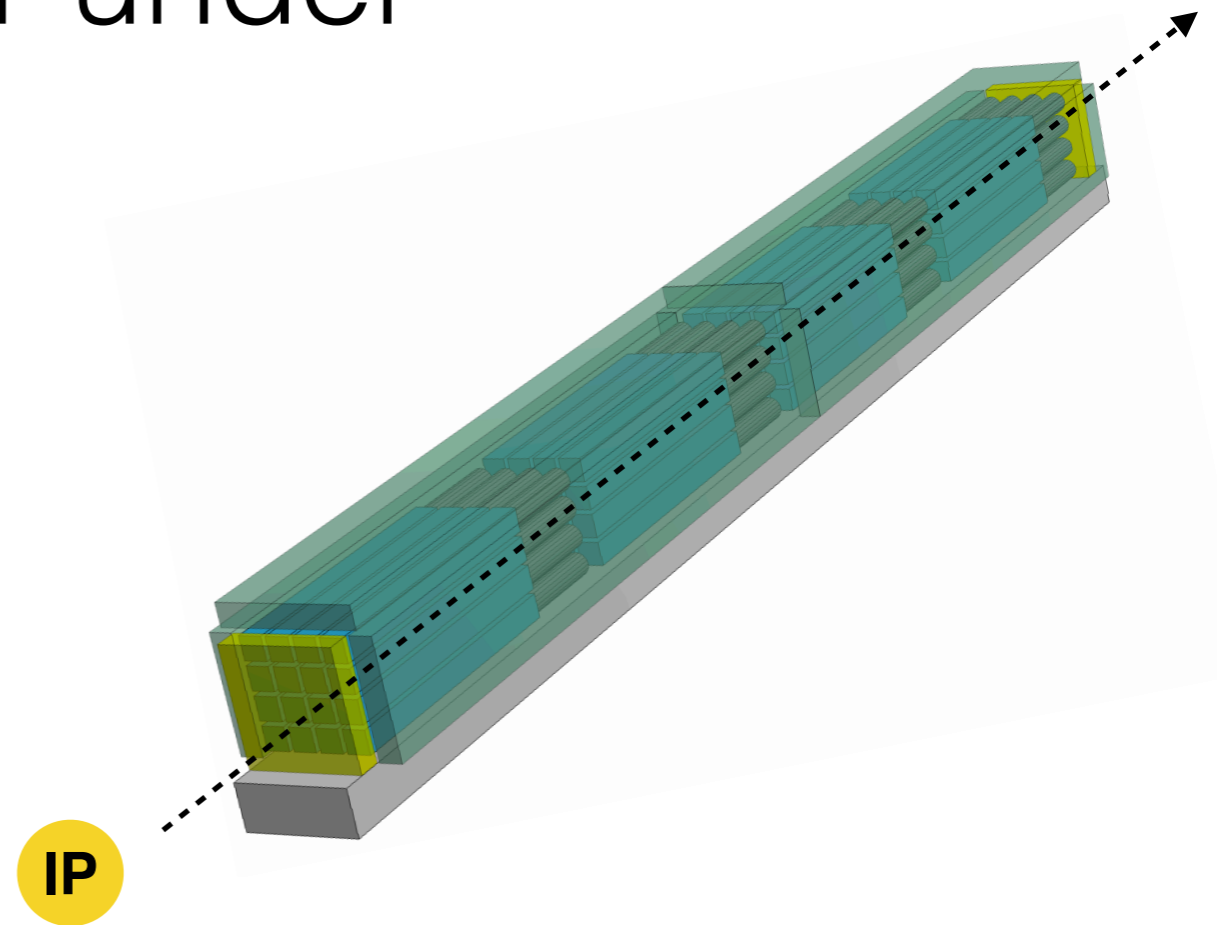
**Range of detectors with  
complementary sensitivity**

**Fermilab** with sensitivity for  $m < \sim 5$  GeV

[1812.03998](#)

# Run 3 milliQan detector under construction!

- Funding received for **Run 3** detector with updated design based on lessons from demonstrator
- **Four** layers of scintillator bars to control background from cosmic ray showers
- **Expanded size** of each layer (4x4 scintillator bars) to improve background rejection and increase signal acceptance
- Increased thickness of scintillator **veto** “panels/slab” to 5cm for improved shower tagging
- **Dedicated signal amplification** will allow reconstruction of very low energy deposits
- HL-LHC detector design in backup (four layers of 216 bars)



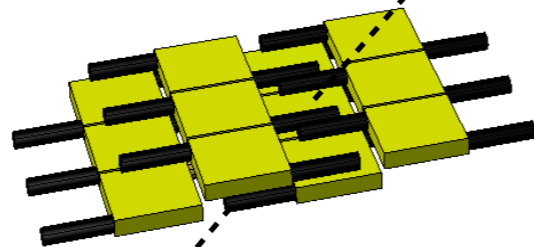
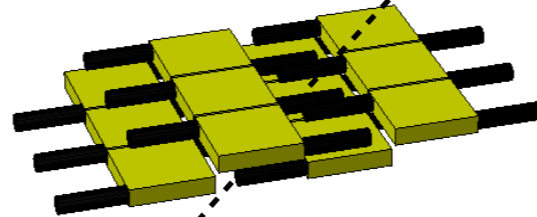
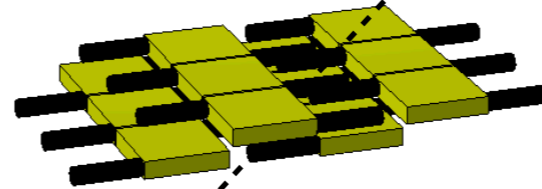
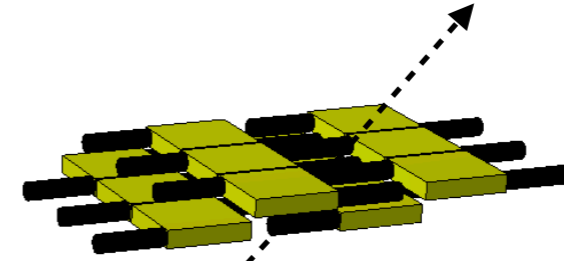
**Signal amplification**



# The Run 3 milliQan slab detector

Four layers of twelve  
40 x 60 x 5cm slabs

Surface area equivalent to  
~**1100** 5 x 5cm bars!



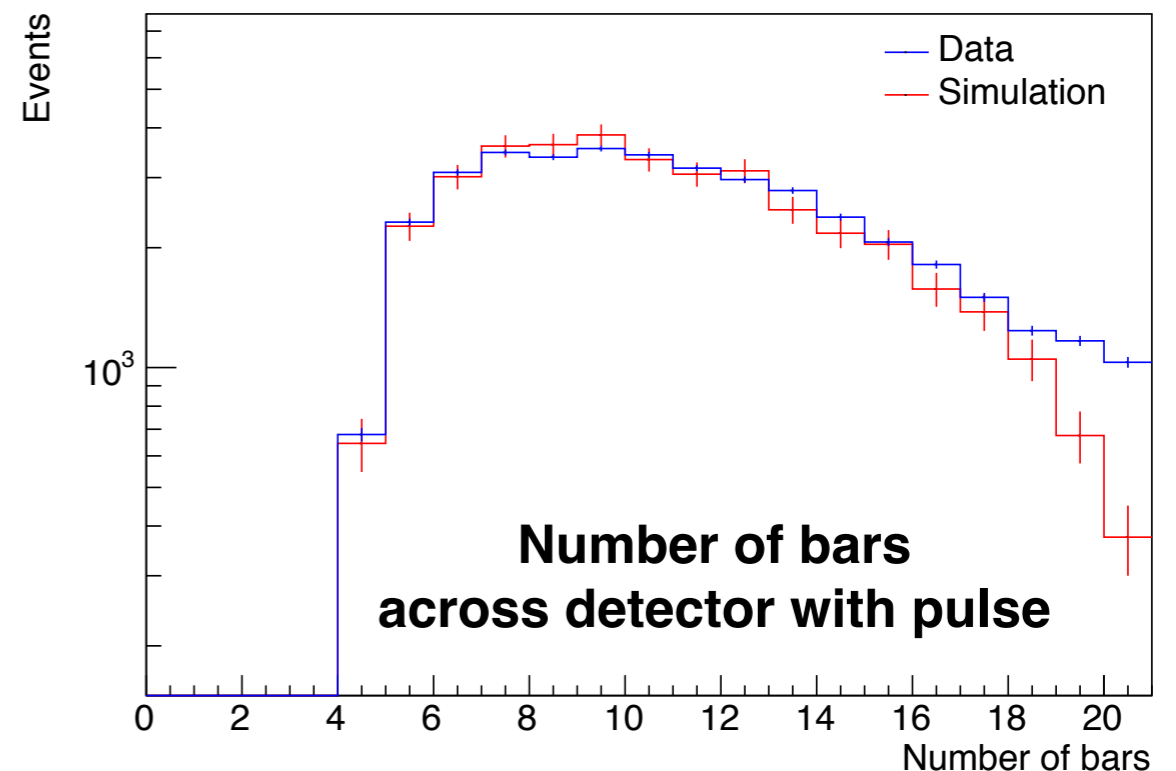
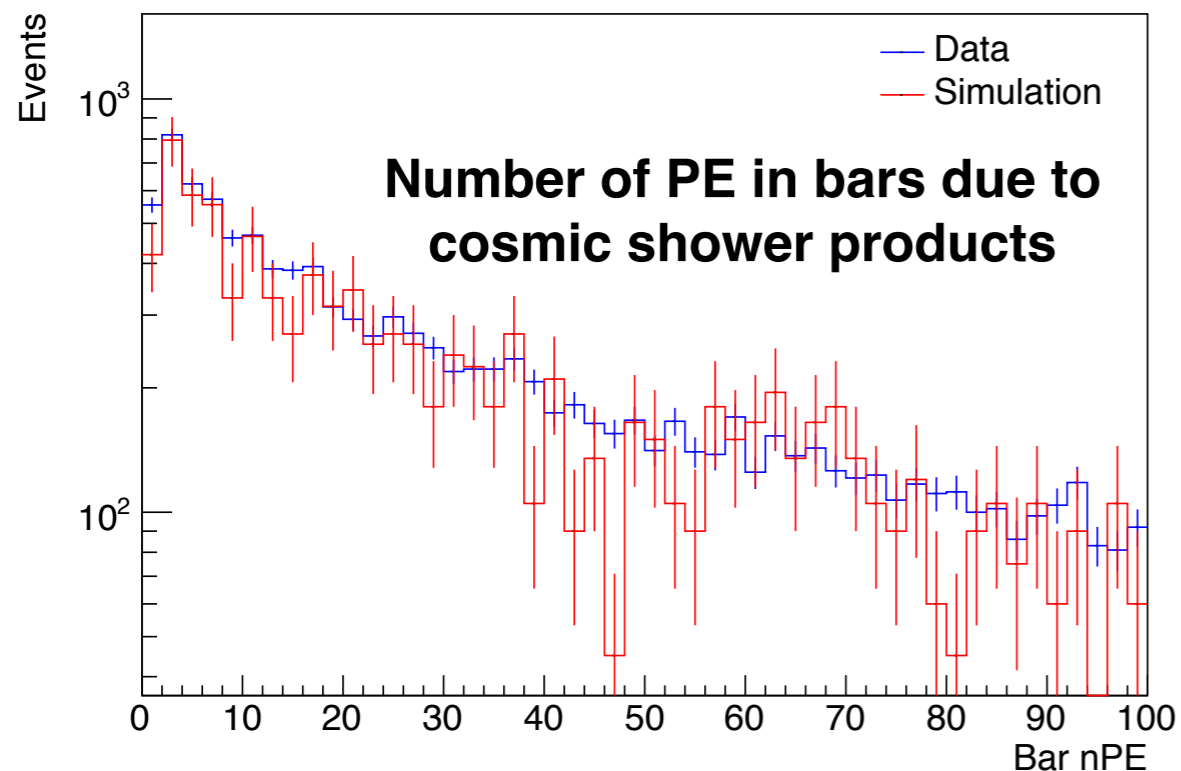
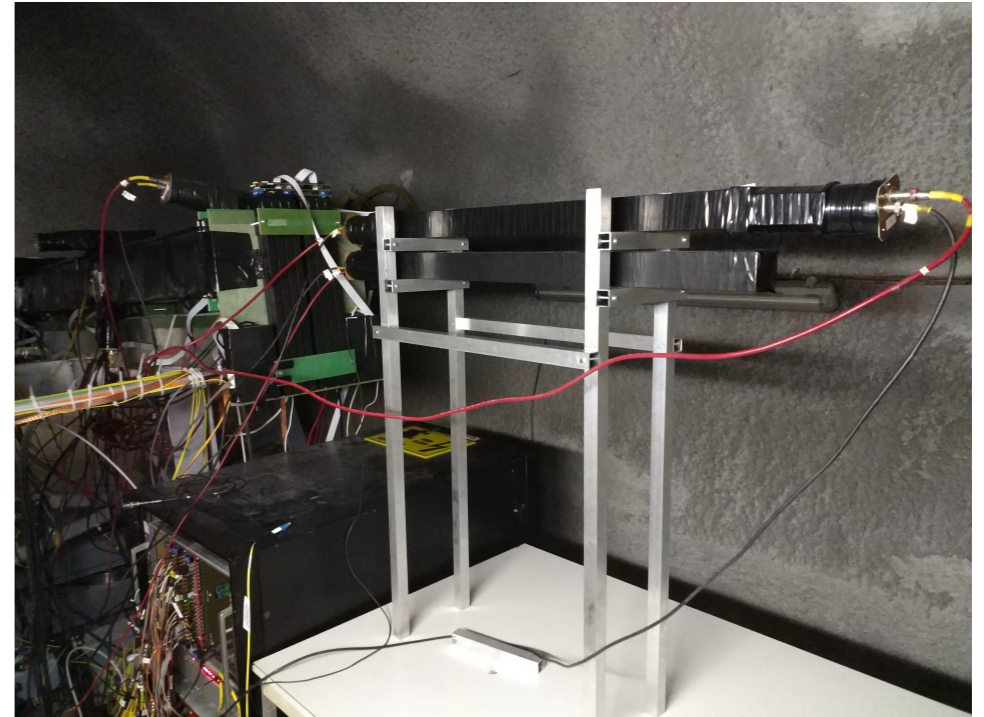
Use PMT on each end for  
optimal light collection

**Under construction now!**

Expect few event level background  
(full consideration in backup)

# Cosmic background characterisation

- Cosmic muons propagated from surface (as for beam muons) and simulated with GEANT4
- Calibrate rate with “four layer” demonstrator data and compare modelling of crucial variables
- Cosmic shower background well described by simulation → **use calibrated simulation to estimate background rates** for full detectors

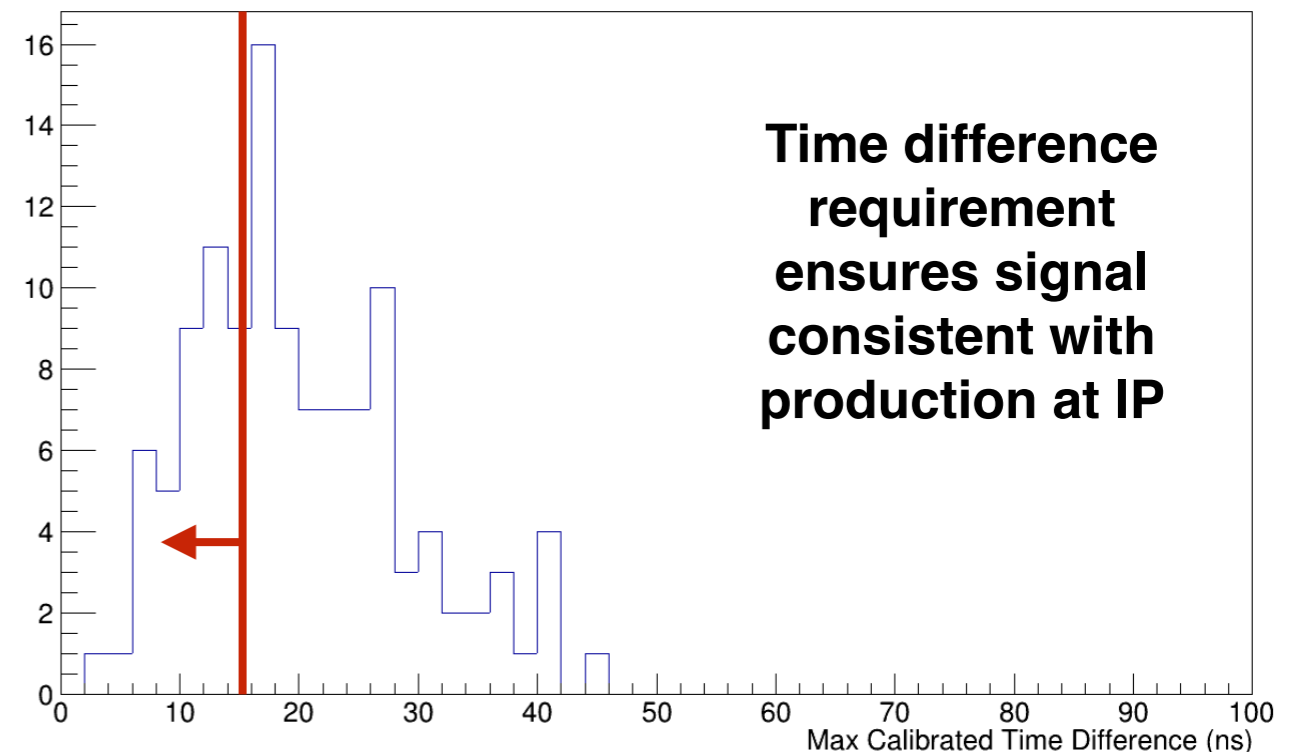
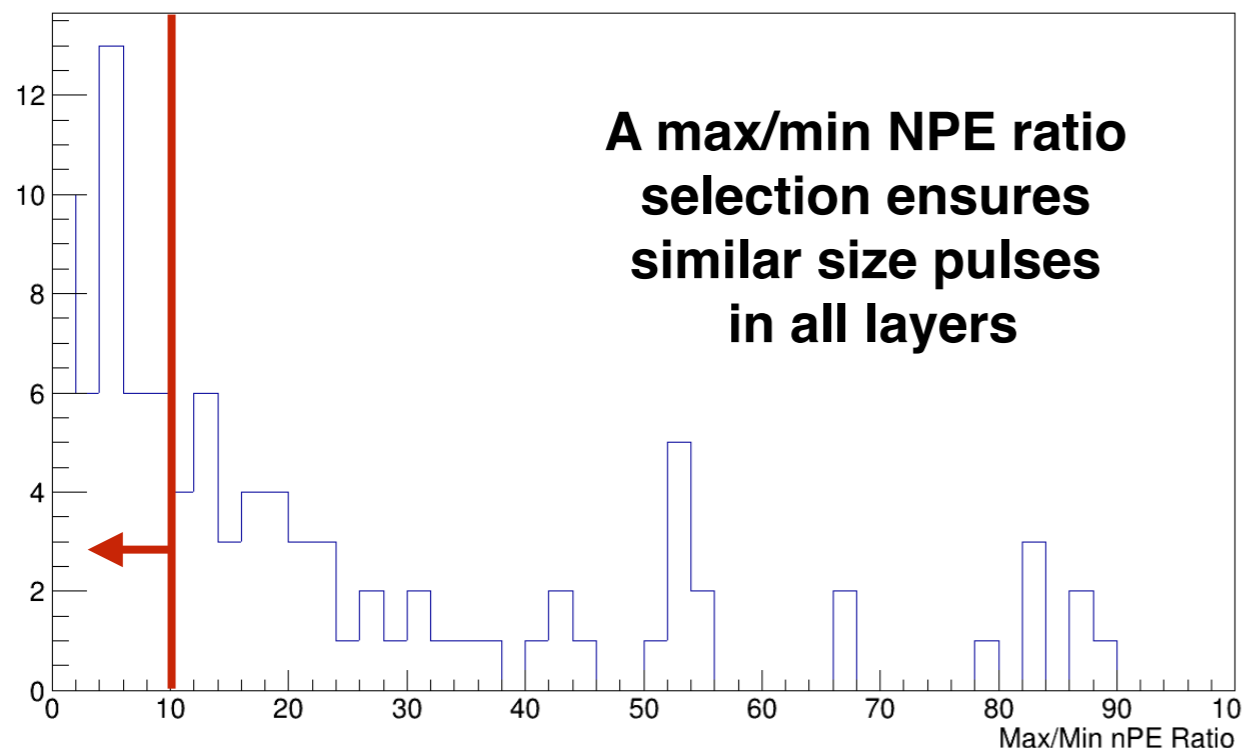


# Bar detector background measurement

Selection	Run 3	HL-LHC
$\geq 1$ per layer	$8.1 \times 10^5$	$8.2 \times 10^7$
= 1 Per Layer	$6.0 \times 10^3$	$1.1 \times 10^4$
Panel Veto	$1.1 \times 10^3$	$3.1 \times 10^3$
Slab Veto	780	$3.0 \times 10^3$
Four In Line	0.19	$2.9 \times 10^{-4}$
Max $n_{pe}/\text{Min } n_{pe} < 10$	0.061	$9.1 \times 10^{-5}$
$-15 \text{ ns} < \Delta t_{\text{max}} < 15 \text{ ns}$	0.012	$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$

+ background from dark-rate: expect 0.05/1.4 events in full Run 3/HL-LHC dataset

- Evaluate background using cosmic shower simulation that has been **calibrated and validated** with four layer demonstrator
- Selections motivated by Run 2 demonstrator search to reject backgrounds with high signal efficiency
- Once detector is installed will measure backgrounds directly in beam-off running and in beam-on control regions



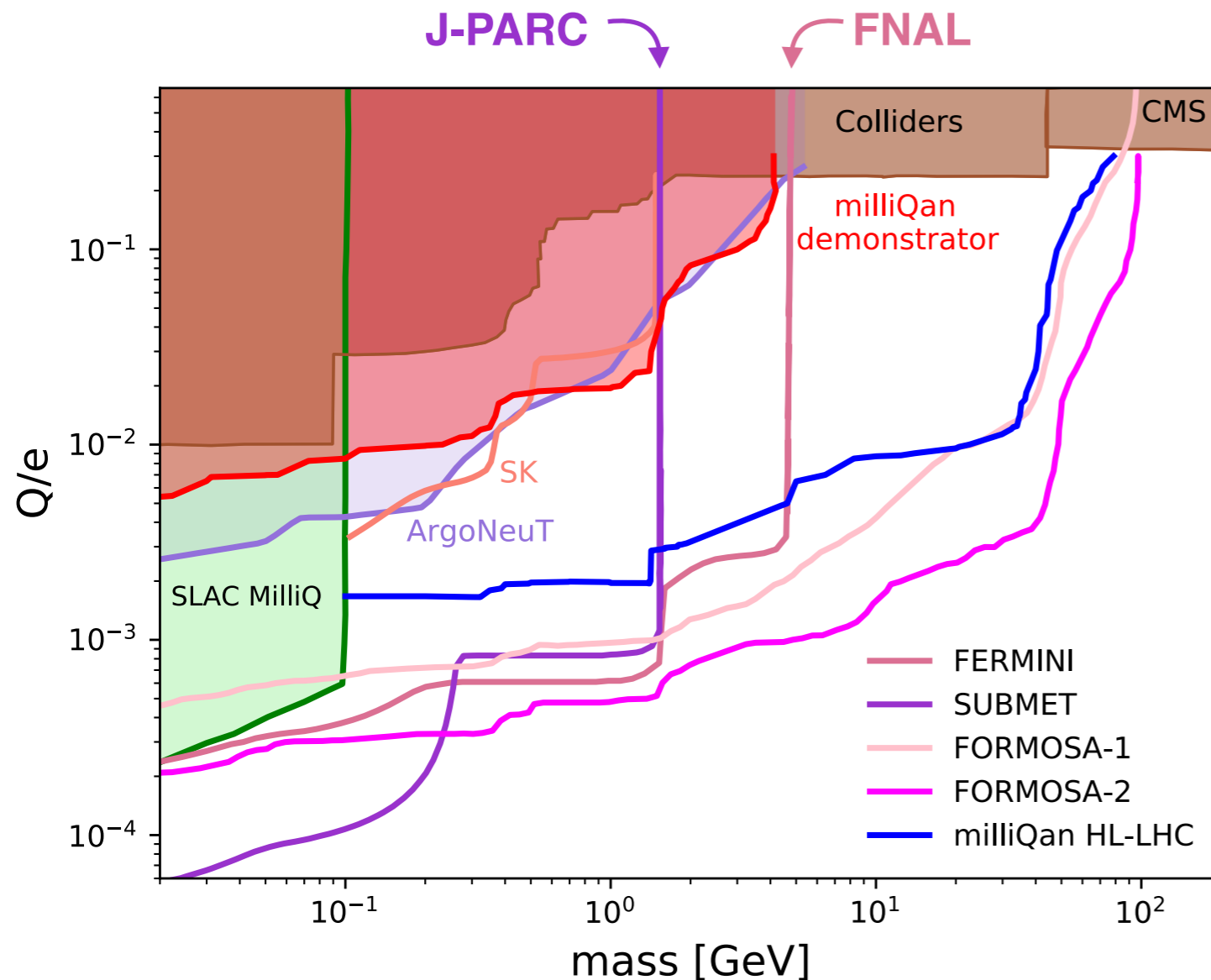
# Slab detector background measurement

- Evaluate background with fully validated cosmic simulation (as for bar detector)
- Use additional “high time” signal region to improve performance near resonance mass thresholds (where  $m_{cp} \beta < 1$ )
- Using 4 layers, achieve low background in both regions
- Confirm with in-situ measurements - modular design easy to alter if required!

Selection	Slab Detector
$\geq 1$ per layer	$2.0 \times 10^7$
= 1 Per Layer	$4.8 \times 10^6$
Muon Veto	$2.6 \times 10^5$
Four In Line	76
Max $n_{pe}/\text{Min } n_{pe} < 10$	23
$-15 \text{ ns} < \Delta t_{max} < 15 \text{ ns}$	7.1
$15 \text{ ns} < \Delta t_{max} < 45 \text{ ns}$	1.4

+ background from dark-rate: expect 0.03 ( $|\Delta t| < 15$ )/  
0.7 ( $15 < \Delta t < 45$ ) events in  
full Run 3 dataset

# Future detector sensitivities



## Sources

**FORMOSA:** [2102.11493](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.11493)  
**SUBMET:** [2007.06329](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.06329)  
**FERMINI:** [1812.03998](https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.03998)  
**milliQan:** [2104.07151](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.07151)

**Major caveat:** FORMOSA lines assume efficient triggering and rejection of beam muon induced backgrounds

- Complementary sensitivity from detectors at range of facilities
- Forward regime at the LHC provides very exciting sensitivity prospects **if** backgrounds can be controlled!
- Demonstrator results **key** in proving feasibility of all proposals!
- Exploring further for snowmass - see LOIs [72](#) and [114](#)
- Considering connections with dark matter (next slides)

Sensitivity reach of scintillation-based detectors for millicharged particles

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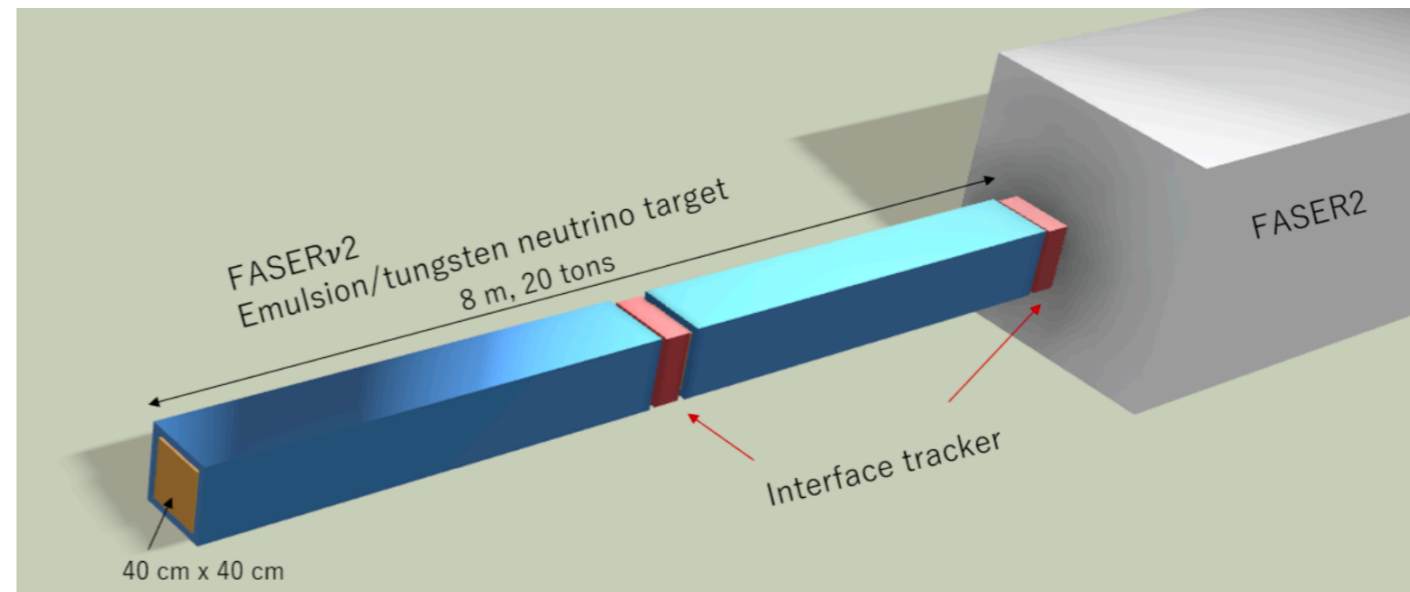
In this project we will evaluate the sensitivity for particles with charge much smaller than the electron charge with dedicated scintillator-based detectors at a range of facilities, including the CERN LHC, Fermilab and J-PARC. The data from the milliQan demonstrator will be used to comprehensively evaluate backgrounds for each detector, as well as provide a robust simulation of the response of the detector to low-charge particles.

# FPF detectors

## FLARE (LArTPC)

	Value	Remarks
Detector length	7 m	Not including cryostat
TPC drift length	0.75 to 1.00 m	2 TPC volumes with HV cathode in center
TPC height	1.5 m	
Total LAr mass	~ 50 ton	Volume in the cryostat
Fiducial mass	10-20 ton	
Background muon rate	~ 1/cm <sup>2</sup> /s	Maximum luminosity of $5 \times 10^{34}$ /cm <sup>2</sup> /s
Neutrino event rate	~ 50/ton/fb <sup>-1</sup>	For all flavors of neutrinos
stopping power (MIP)	2.1 MeV/cm	
radiation length	14 cm	
interaction length	85 cm	
Molière radius	9 cm	
light yield	50 ph/keV	at 0 V/cm
scintillation time	singlet 7 ns, triplet 1.6 $\mu$ s	peaked at 128 nm
Rayleigh scattering length	90 cm	at 128 nm
ionisation charge yield	10 fC/cm	for MIP at 500 V/cm
electron drift velocity	1.6 mm/us	at 500 V/cm
electron diffusion coefficient	7.2 cm <sup>2</sup> /s	at 500 V/cm
achievable drifting electron lifetime	> 10 ms	< 30 ppt O <sub>2</sub> <sup>eq</sup> contamination
demonstrated drift length	3.6 m	≈ 2.3 ms drift time

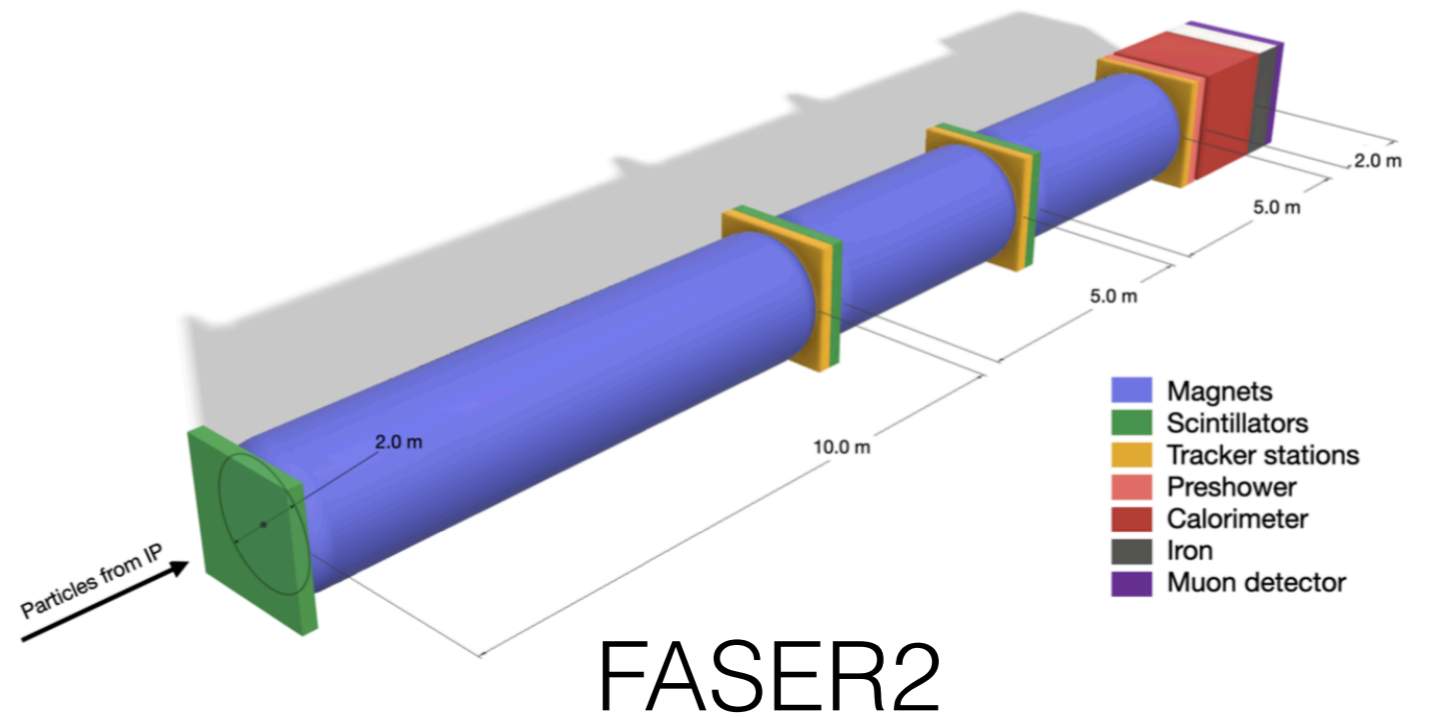
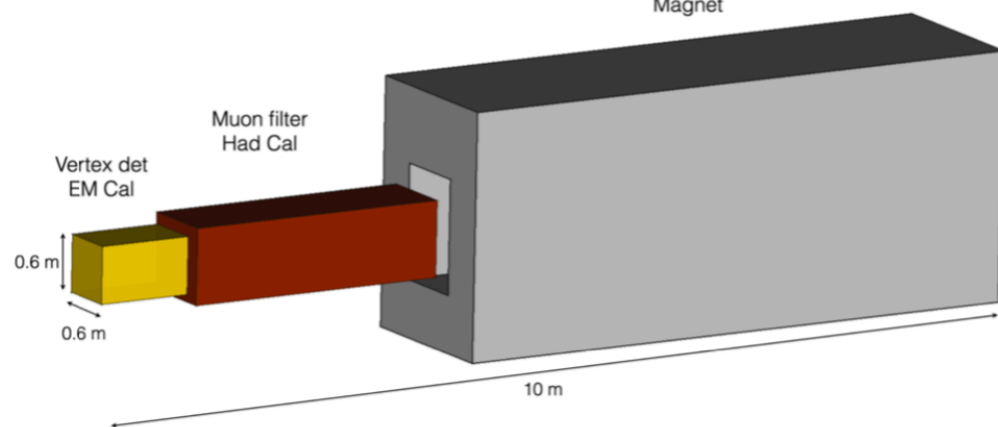
## FASERv2



## AdvSND

AdvSND

Magnet



FASER2