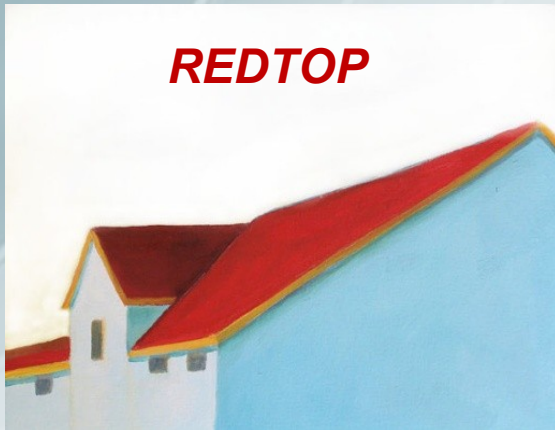


# *The REDTOP experiment: a low energy meson factory to explore dark matter and physics beyond the Standard model*



*Rare Eta Decays TO  
Probe New Physics*

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

Recent LHC results suggest that the next search for New Physics should be in the **MeV-GeV mass range** with high-intensity beams.

“...many of the more severe astrophysical and cosmological constraints that apply to lighter states are weakened or eliminated, while those from high energy colliders are often inapplicable” (B. Batell , M. Pospelov, A. Ritz – 2009).

“...Light dark matter must be **neutral under SM charges**, otherwise it would have been discovered at previous colliders...” [G. Krnjaic RF6 Kickoff Meeting, August 12, 2020]

The only known particles **with all-zero quantum numbers** are the  **$\eta/\eta'$  mesons** and the **Higgs boson**

All electromagnetic and strong decays of the neutral and long-lived  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$  are suppressed at first order and weak decays have branching ratios of order  $10^{-11}$ . Branching Ratio of processes from New Physics are enhanced compared to SM.

“...The physics sectors which can be probed at REDTOP range from the violation of discrete symmetries to the search for new particles...” [S. Tulin et al. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.00664>]



A  $\eta/\eta'$  factory is equivalent to a low energy Higgs factory

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- ❑ Test of CP invariance via  $\mu$  longitudinal polarization:  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- ❑ CP inv. via  $\gamma^*$  polarization studies:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ e^-$  &  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$
- ❑ CP invariance in angular correlation studies:  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- e^+ e^-$
- ❑ CP invariance in  $\mu$  polar. in studies:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$
- ❑ T invar. via  $\mu$  transverse polarization:  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$
- ❑ CPT violation:  $\mu$  polar. in  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \nu$  vs  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^- \mu^+ \nu$  and  $\gamma$  polar. in  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

## Other discrete symmetry violations

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**Only experiment, along with SHIP, sensitive to all four BSM portals**

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# Sensitivity Studies on BSM Physics

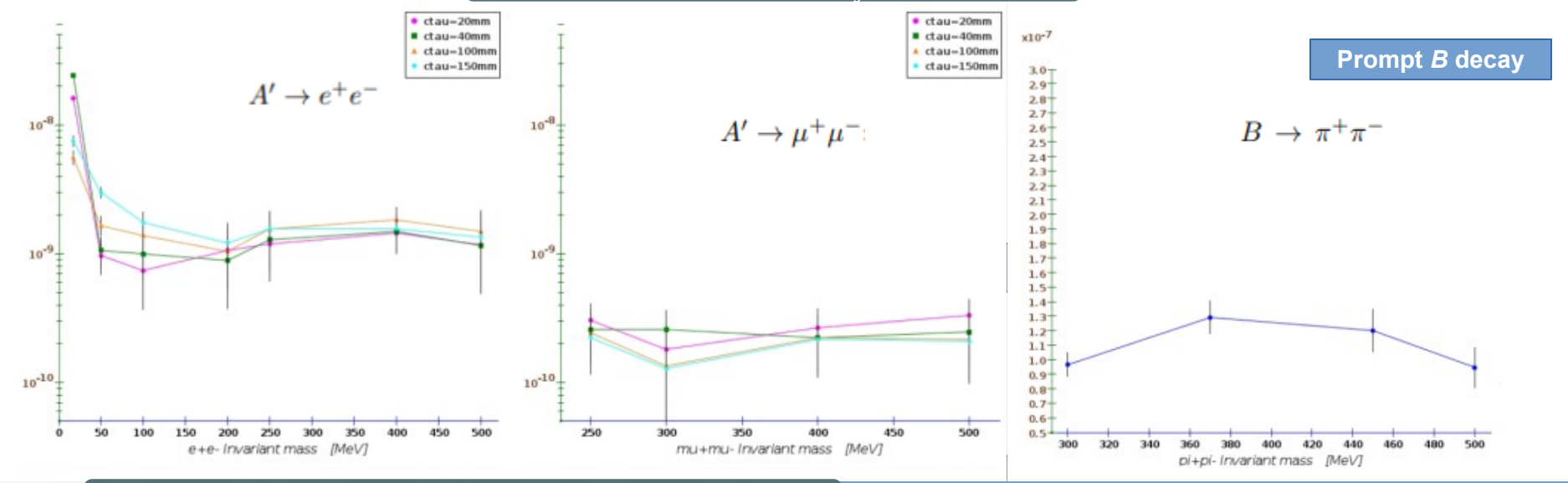


- ◆ REDTOP physics case presented in a 172-pp White Paper
- ◆ Sensitivity studies based on  $\sim 10^{14}$   $\eta$  mesons, include:
  - ◆ Four BSM portals
  - ◆ Three CP violating processes requiring no  $\mu$ -polarization measurement
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  - ◆ Two lepton universality studies
  - ◆ Two LFV 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



# 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

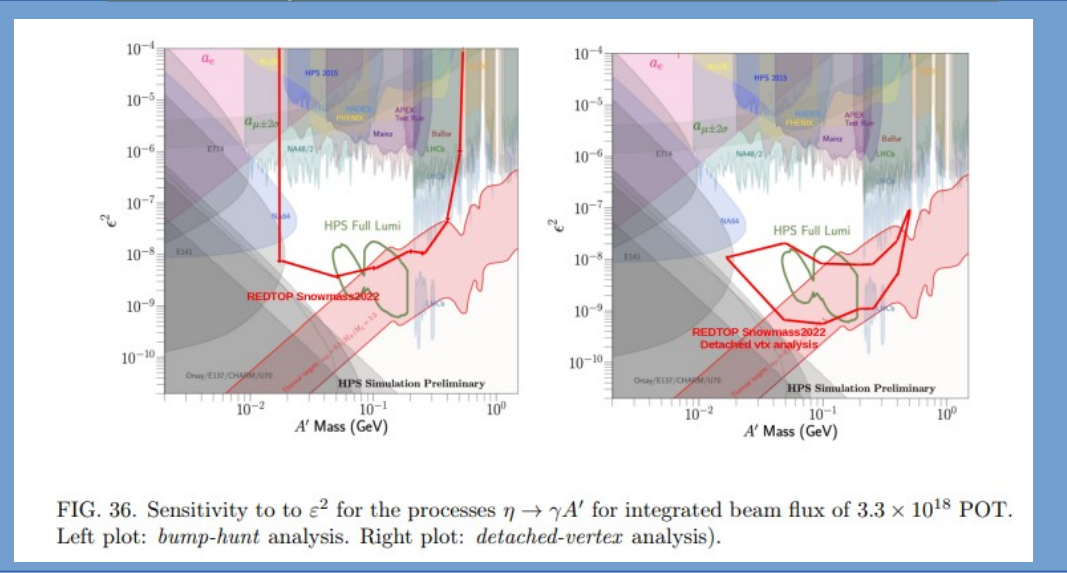


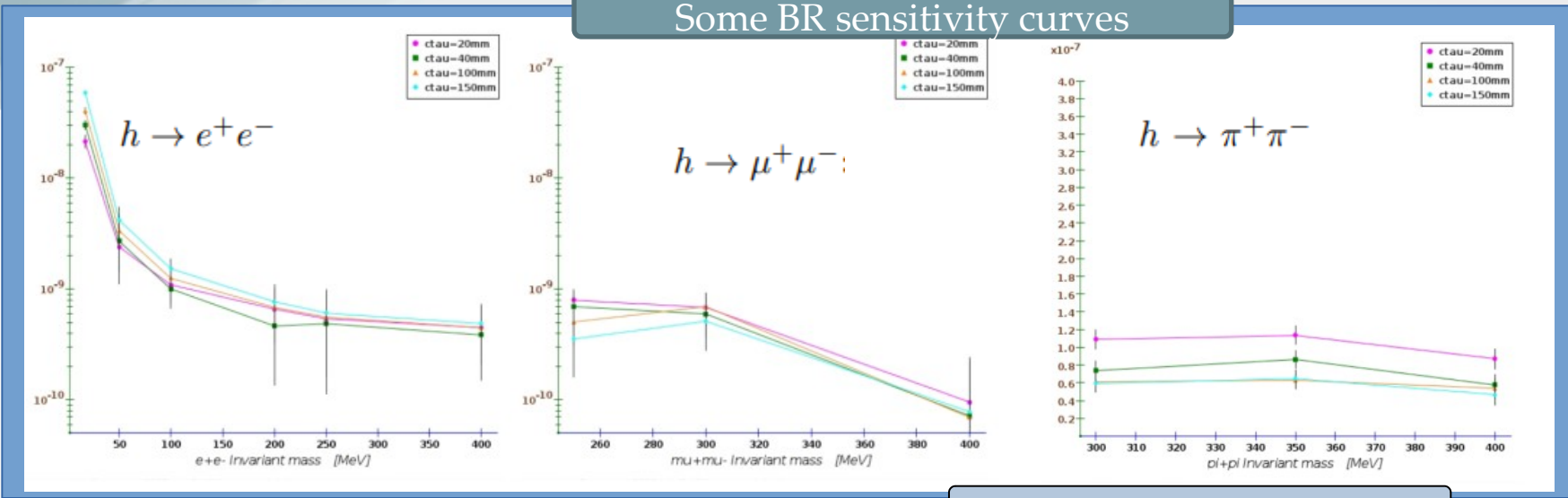
FIG. 36. Sensitivity to  $\epsilon^2$  for the processes  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma A'$  for integrated beam flux of  $3.3 \times 10^{18}$  POT. Left plot: *bump-hunt* analysis. Right plot: *detached-vertex* analysis).

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

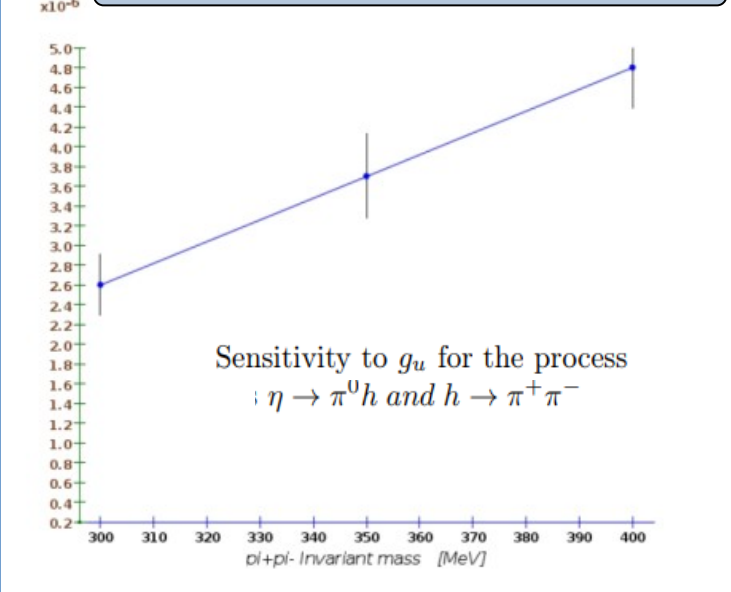


with  $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $\pi^+ \pi^-$ ,  $e^+ e^-$

## Some BR sensitivity curves



### Sensitivity curve for Hadrophilic Mediator model



### Sensitivity for Two-Higgs doublet model

Process	$m_S$	Analysis	$(\lambda_u - \lambda_d)^2$ 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  $S \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ .

### Models considered

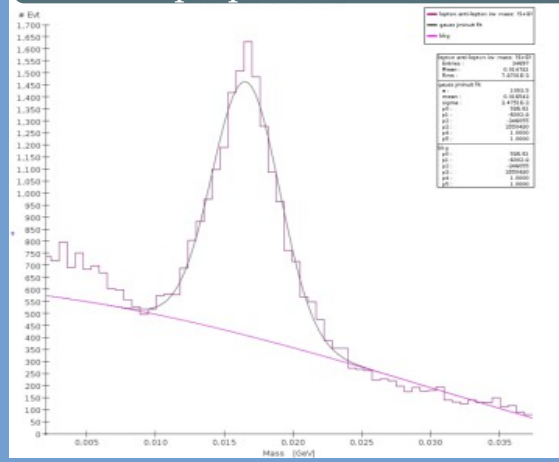
- **Hadrophilic Scalar Mediator** (B. Batell, A. Freitas, A. Ismail, D. McKeen)
- **Spontaneous Flavor Violation** (D. Egana-Ugrinovic, S. Homiller, P. Meade)
- **Two-Higgs doublet model** (W. Abdallah, R. Gandhi, and S. Roy)
- **Minimal scalar model** (C.P. Burgess, M. Pospelov, T. ter Veldhuis)

# Pseudoscalar Portal: $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 a$ & $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- a$

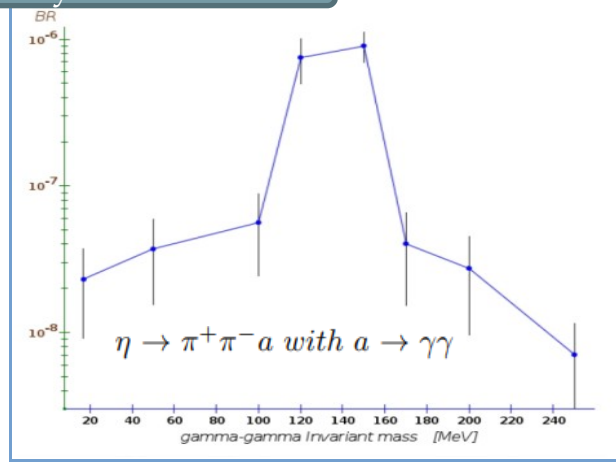
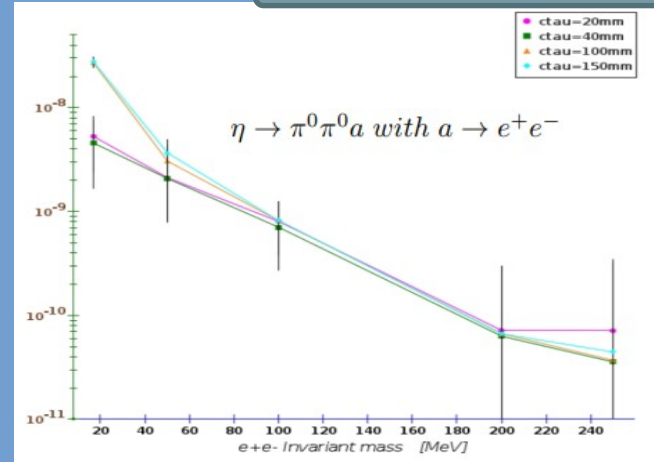


with  $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $e^+ e^-$

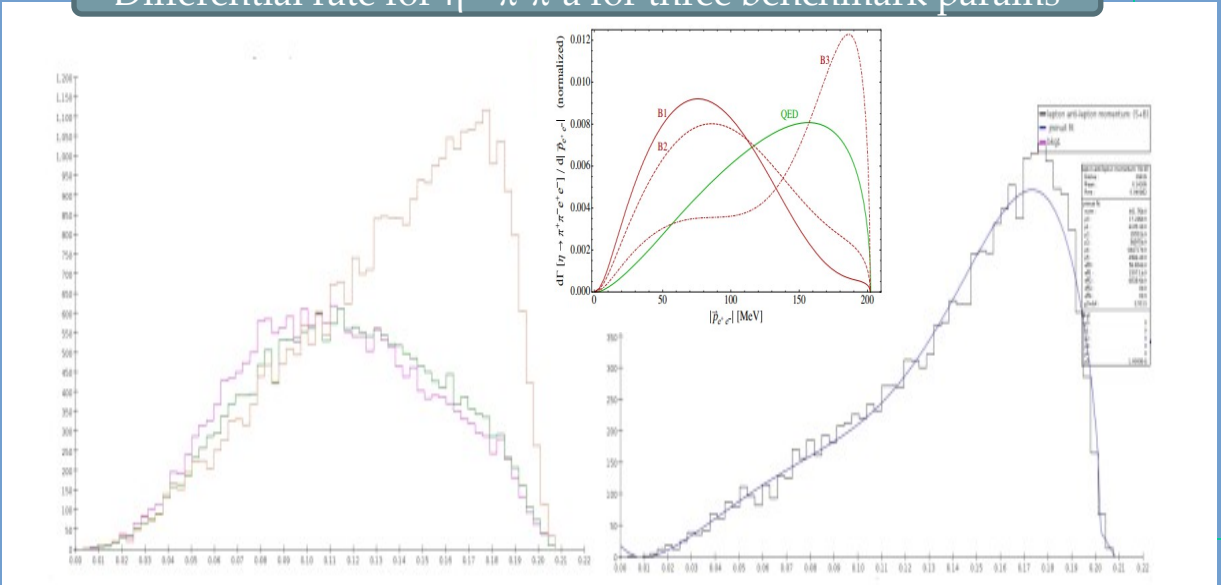
17 MeV piophobic QCD axion



Some BR sensitivity curves



Differential rate for  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- a$  for three benchmark params



## Models considered

*Piophobic QCD axion model (D. S. M. Alves)*

- Below KLOE sensitivity
- the CELSIUS/WASA Collaboration observed 24 evts with SM expectation of 10

□ *Heavy Axion Effective Theories*



# 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)
$m_{h'}$	$m_H$	$\sin \delta$	$y_{\mu_2}^{h'(H)} \times 10^3$	$\lambda_{N_2}^{h'(H)} \times 10^3$
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

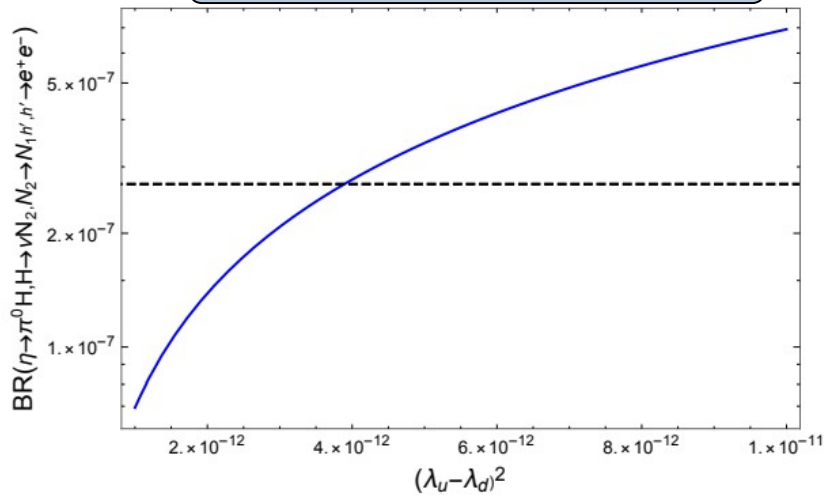
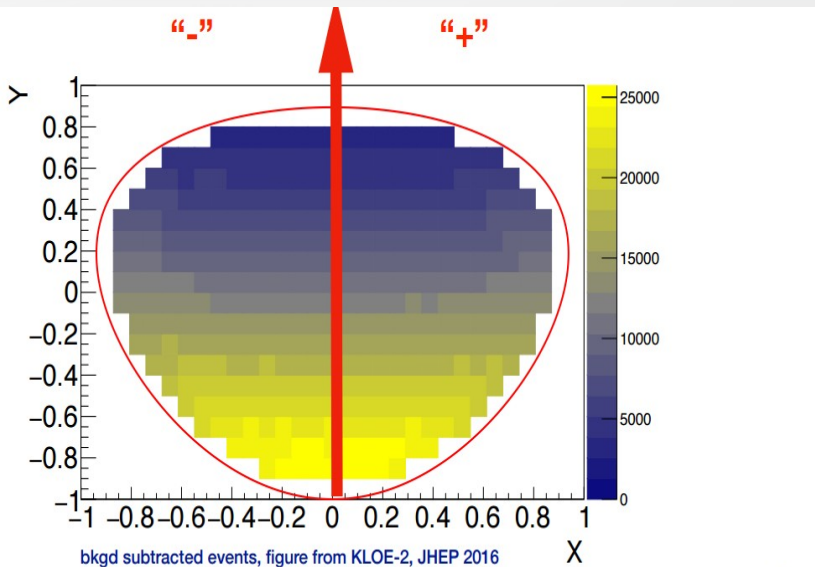


FIG. 61. Branching ratio for the process  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 H$  ;  $H \rightarrow \nu N_2$  ;  $N_2 \rightarrow N_1 h'$  ;  $h' \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  predicted by the Two Higgs Doublet model [51] as a function of  $(\lambda_u - \lambda_d)^2$ . The dashed line corresponds to the experimental limit 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>



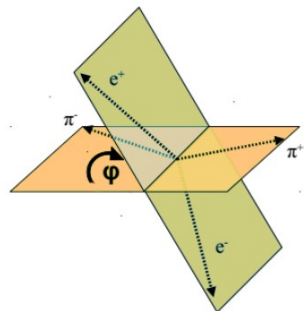
Slide Credit: Susan Gardner & Jun Shi

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

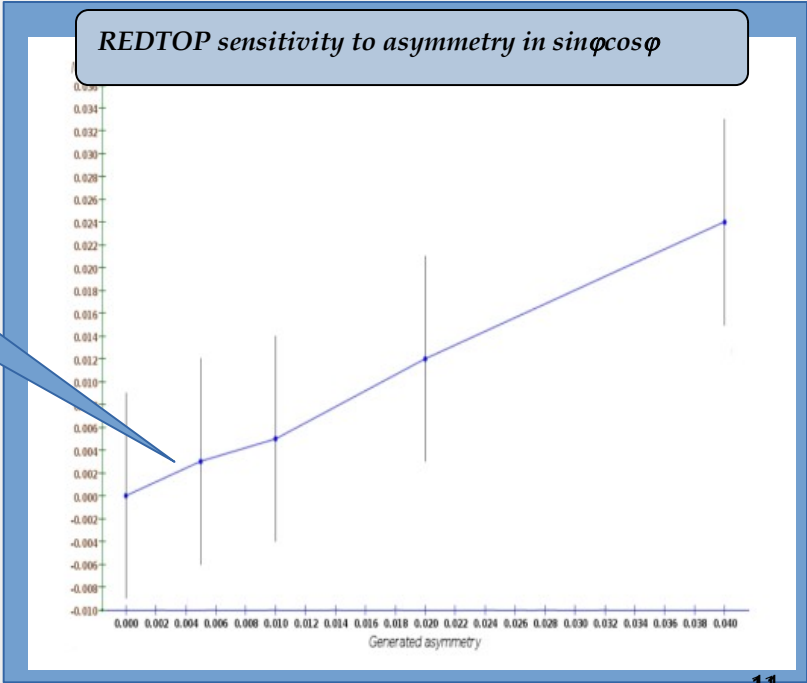
- From model: Dao-Neng Gao, /hep-ph/0202002
- Requires the measurement of angle between pions and leptons decay planes



**CP violation is proportional to:**

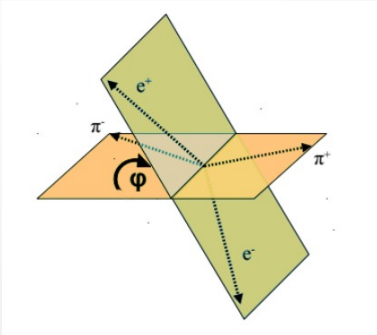
$$A_\phi = \frac{N(\sin \phi \cos \phi > 0) - N(\sin \phi \cos \phi < 0)}{N(\sin \phi \cos \phi > 0) + N(\sin \phi \cos \phi < 0)}$$

10<sup>-3</sup>  
sensitivity to  
A<sub>φ</sub>



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CP violation is related to asymmetries

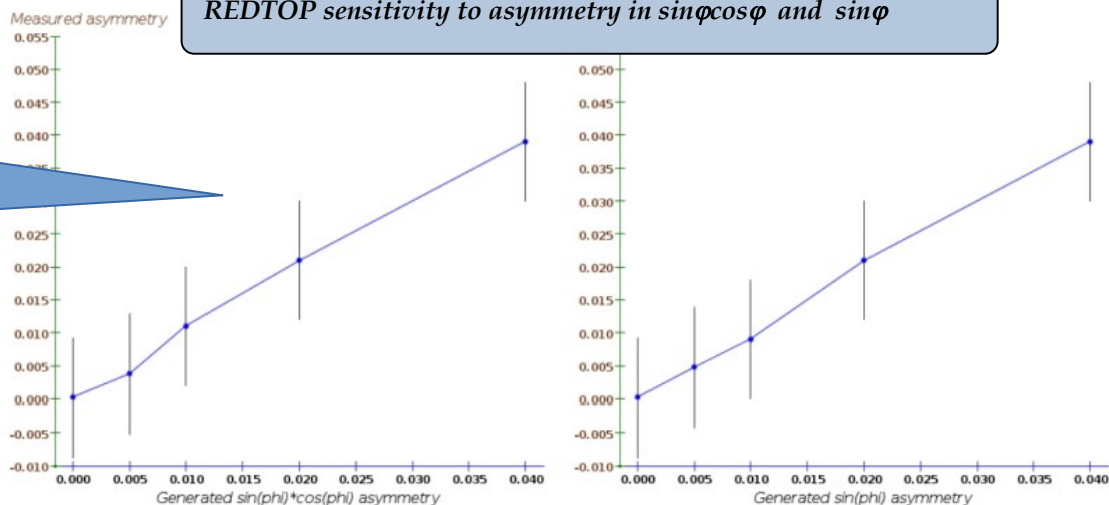
$$A_{\sin\Phi\cos\Phi} = \frac{N(\sin\phi\cos\phi > 0) - N(\sin\phi\cos\phi < 0)}{N(\sin\phi\cos\phi > 0) + N(\sin\phi\cos\phi < 0)}$$

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

through Wilson coefficients

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

REDTOP sensitivity to asymmetry in  $\sin\phi\cos\phi$  and  $\sin\phi$



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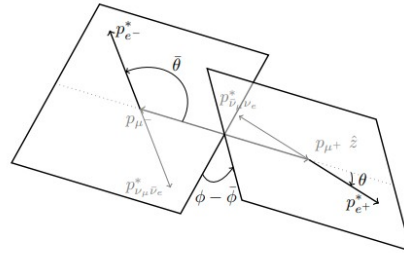


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$$A_x = \frac{N(\sin \Phi > 0) - N(\sin \Phi < 0)}{N} = \text{Im}[2.5c_{\ell edq}^{2222} - 1.6(c_{\ell equ}^{(1)2211} + c_{\ell edq}^{2211})] \times 10^{-3}, \quad (48)$$

**REDTOP sensitivity to Wilson CP violating Wilson coefficients**

Process	Trigger L0	Trigger L1	Trigger L2	Reconstruction + analysis	Total	Branching ratio 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%	$8.6 \times 10^{-3}\%$	$7.0 \times 10^{-6}\%$	-

$$\Delta(c_{\ell equ}^{1122}) = 0.1 \times 10^{-1}, \quad \Delta(c_{\ell edq}^{1122}) = 0.1, \quad \Delta(c_{\ell edq}^{2222}) = 6.6 \times 10^{-2},$$

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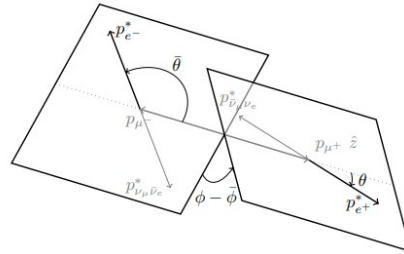


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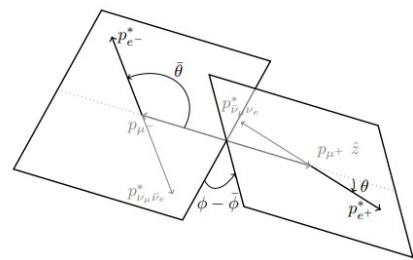


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$$A_\times^{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-} = 0.07(2) \text{Im } c_{\ell e q u}^{(1)2211} + 0.07(2) \text{Im } c_{\ell e d q}^{2211} + 7(3) \times 10^{-3} \text{Im } c_{\ell e d q}^{2222}$$

## REDTOP sensitivity to Wilson CP violating Wilson coefficients

Process	Trigger L0	Trigger L1	Trigger L2	Reconstruction + analysis	Total	Branching ratio sensitivity
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	64.1%	36.7%	91.4%	73.2%	15.7%	$9.4 \times 10^{-9} \pm 1.3 \times 10^{-10}$
Urqund	21.7%	1.7%	22.2%	$1.6 \times 10^{-2}\%$	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}\%$	-

$$\Delta(c_{\ell e q u}^{1122}) = 21, \quad \Delta(c_{\ell e d q}^{1122}) = 21, \quad \Delta(c_{\ell e d q}^{2222}) = 200.$$

# 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**

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

*Also to consider, doubly LF-violation processes*



# Lepton Universality Test: REDTOP



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

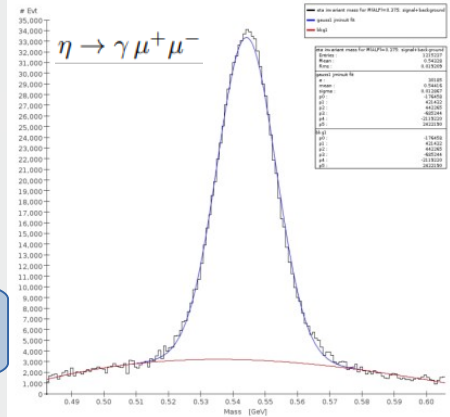
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$  vs  $\gamma e^+ e^-$

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%
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$	$1.38 \times 10^{11}$	$1.84 \times 10^5$	$6.5 \times 10^3$	$3.5 \times 10^3$	0.14%

LHCb @ 4.2% with 1640 evts

LHCb @ 1.8% with 3850 evts

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



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

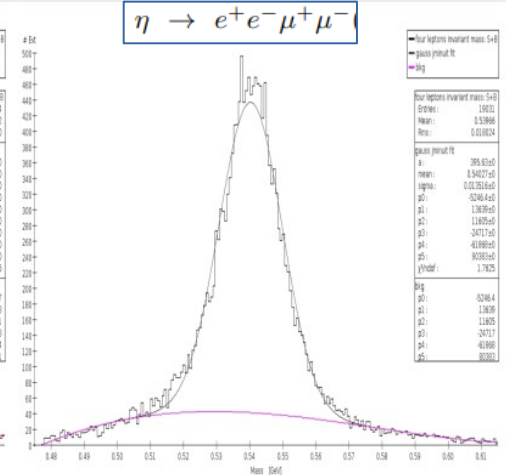
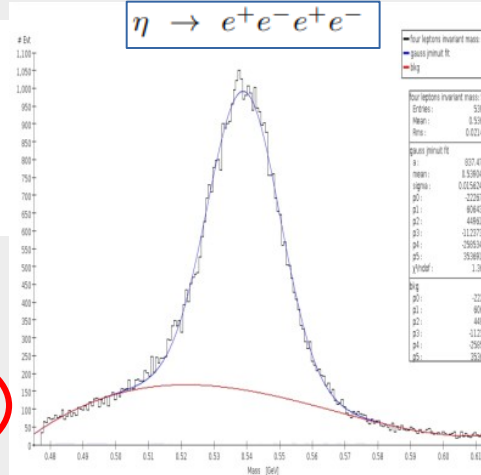
Theoretical calculations at the  $10^{-3}$  precision from Kampf, Novotný, Sanchez-Puertas (PR D 97, 056010 (2018))

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%



# Present & Future $\eta$ Samples



	<i>Technique</i>	$\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$	$\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$	<i>Total <math>\eta</math> mesons</i>
CB@AGS	$\pi^- p \rightarrow \eta n$	$9 \times 10^5$		$10^7$
CB@MAMI-B & C	$\gamma p \rightarrow \eta p$	$1.8 \times 10^6$	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	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow \eta\gamma$	$6.5 \times 10^5$		$5 \times 10^7$
WASA@COSY	$pp \rightarrow \eta pp$ $pd \rightarrow \eta {}^3\text{He}$			$>10^9$ (untagged) $3 \times 10^7$ (tagged)
CB@MAMI 10 wk (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	$pp \rightarrow \eta pp$ $p \text{ Au} \rightarrow \eta X$			$4.5 \times 10^8$
<i>Near future samples</i>				
GlueX@JLAB (just started)	$\gamma_{12 \text{ GeV}} p \rightarrow \eta X \rightarrow \text{neutrals}$			$5.5 \times 10^7/\text{yr}$
JEF@JLAB (approved)	$\gamma_{12 \text{ GeV}} p \rightarrow \eta X \rightarrow \text{neutrals}$			$3.9 \times 10^5/\text{day}$
<b>REDTOP</b> (proposing)	<b><math>p_{1.8 \text{ GeV}} \text{Li} \rightarrow \eta X</math></b>			<b><math>3.4 \times 10^{13}/\text{yr}</math></b>

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

## Baseline option - medium-energy CW proton beam

- *proton beam on thin Li/Be target* :  $\sim 2$  GeV - 30 W ( $10^{11}$  POT/sec)
- **Low-cost, readily available (BNL, ESS, FNAL, GSI, HIAF)**
- **$\eta$ :inelastic background = 1:200**
- **Untagged  $\eta$  production**

vs LHCb@40 MHz

Inelastic interaction rate:  $\sim 0.5$  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 -  $2.5 \times 10^9$   $\pi$ OT/sec
- **More expensive but lower background (ESS, FNAL(?), FAIR, HIAF, ORNL)**
- **$\eta$ :inelastic background = 1:50**
- **Semi-tagged  $\eta$  production**

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

## Fancy 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, HIAF, ORNL, PIP-II)**
- **Required fwd tagging detector for He<sub>3</sub>**
- **Fully tagged production from reaction:  $p+De \rightarrow \eta+He_3^{++}$**

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

# Detector Requirements and Technology

- *Calorimetric  $\sigma(E)/E \sim 5\%/\sqrt{E}$*
- *High PID efficiency: 98/99% ( $e,\gamma$ ), 95% ( $\mu$ ), 95% ( $\pi$ ), 99.5% ( $p,n$ )*
- *$\sigma_{tracker}(t) \sim 30\text{psec}$ ,  $\sigma_{calorimeter}(t) \sim 80\text{psec}$ ,  $\sigma_{TOF}(t) \sim 50\text{psec}$*
- *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*
- ❑ *Complemented with outer **quartz tiles** for TOF measurements*

## $\gamma$ detection

- ❑ *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*
- ❑ *~70mm vertex resolution*

### *Option 2: **Alice ITS3***

- ❑ *Next generation technology*

## Cerenkov Threshold TOF

### *Option 1: **Quartz tiles***

- ❑ *Established and low-cost technology*
- ❑ *~50psec timing with REDTOP prototype*

### *Option 2: **EIC***

- ❑ *~30psec timing, but expensive*

# REDTOP detector

## Central Tracker

~ 1m x 1.5 m  
Thin LGAD  
98% coverage

## Calorimeter (tiles)

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

## RICH

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

## $\mu$ -polarizer

Active version (from  
TREK exp.) - optional

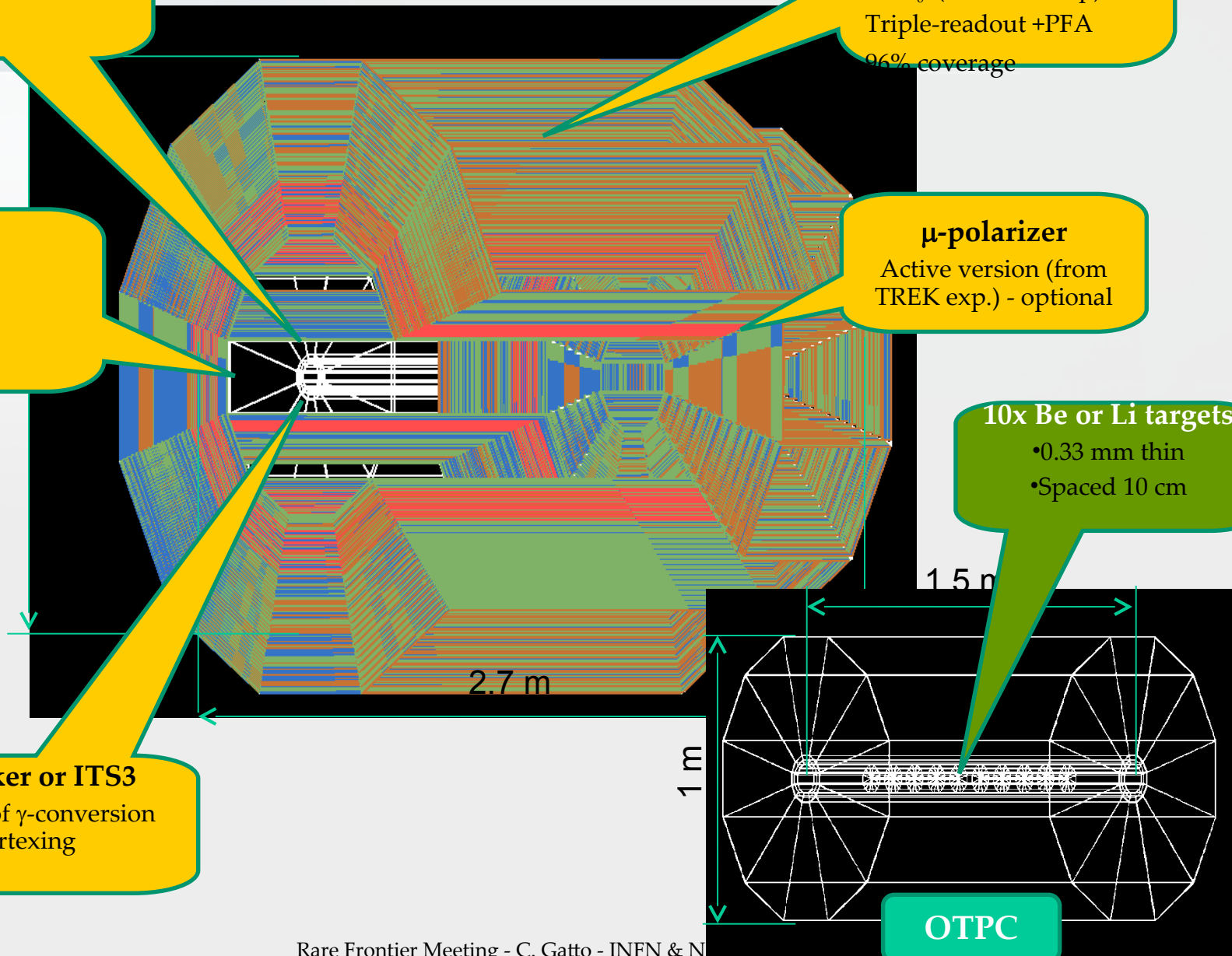
## 10x Be or Li targets

- 0.33 mm thin
- Spaced 10 cm

## Fiber tracker or ITS3

for rejection of  $\gamma$ -conversion  
and vertexing

OTPC



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# Conclusions

- *All meson factories: LHCb, B-factories, Dafne, J/psi factories - have produced a broad spectrum of nice physics*
- *The  $\eta/\eta'$  meson is an excellent laboratory for studying rare processes and physics BSM at a lower mass scale*
- *REDTOP only experiment (with SHIP) sensitive to four DM portals*
- *Excellent complementarities with JEF at JLAB*
- *Existing world sample not sufficient for breaching into decays violating conservation laws or searching for new particles*
- *REDTOP goal is to produce  $\sim 10^{14}$  untagged  $\eta$  mesons and  $\sim 10^{12}$   $\eta'$  in Phase-I and  $\sim 10^{13}$  tagged mesons in Phase-II*
- *Modest beam requirements could be met by several laboratories 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 ( $\Gamma_\eta = 1.3$  KeV vs  $\Gamma_\rho = 149$  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**

# $\eta$ Factories and Outstanding Anomalies



## Muonic puzzle (aka, proton radius and muon $g - 2$ Anomalies)

- Solved by postulating a new scalar boson  $\phi$  decaying into  $e^+e^-$ :

$$\eta \rightarrow \phi \pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma \gamma$$

$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 e^-e^+$  is forbidden in the SM by charge conjugation symmetry at tree level but allowed by a virtual  $\phi$  emission

[Y. Liu, I.C. Cloët, G. A. Miller, *Nucl.Phys. B* (2019) 114633]

- Also interesting:

$$\text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-) \text{ vs } \text{BR}(\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)$$

branching ratios (BR) in SM range from  $10^{-9}$  to  $10^{-6}$

[Pere Masjuan, Pablo Sanchez-Puertas, *Phys.Rev.D* 26 (1982) 3302]

## X17 in the $e^+e^-$ emission spectra of isoscalar magnetic transitions of $^8\text{Be}$ and $^4\text{He}$ nuclei

- Solved by postulating a 17 MeV QCD-axion or a protophobic gauge boson decaying into  $e^+e^-$

$$\eta \rightarrow a \pi^+ \pi^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \pi^+ \pi^- \text{ and } \eta \rightarrow a \pi^0 \pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma \gamma \gamma$$

[D. S. M. Alves, arXiv:2009.05578]

$$\eta \rightarrow \text{X17} \gamma \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma$$

[J.L. Feng et Al. *Phys. Rev. D* 95, 035017]

## KOTO anomaly (100x excess of events in $K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \nu$ )

- Solved by postulating a new Hadrophilic scalar boson  $H$  decaying into  $e^+e^-$

$$\eta \rightarrow H \pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma \gamma$$

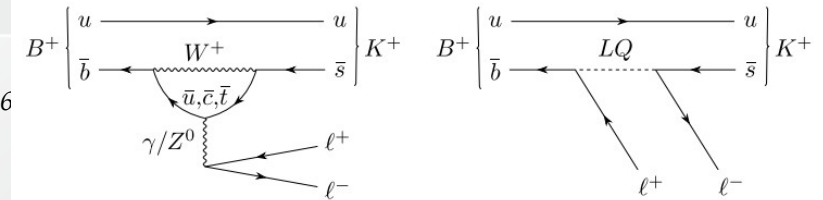
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# Lepton Universality Test

*LHCb latest results: with  $B^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- K^+$  vs  $e^+ e^- K^+$*

- ❑ Based on 3850 vs 1640 evts ( $BR_{SM} = 10^{-6}$ )
- ❑  $3.1\sigma$  discrepancy vs SM



*$\eta/\eta'$  factories are especially important to confirm the anomaly*

- ❑ If new particle has a mass close to  $2xM_{\mu}$ , the  $m$ - $e$  non-universality could be due to a phase space effect rather than a non-universal coupling
- ❑ Low energy experiments are more sensitive to that mass scale
- ❑ Several processes under study:
  - ❑  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$  vs  $\gamma e^+ e^-$
  - ❑  $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  vs  $e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  vs  $e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$
  - ❑  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$  vs  $\pi^0 e^+ e^-$
- ❑ The most rare of the processes involving leptons could have as much as several  $10^4$  SM events ( $BR_{SM} \sim 10^{-8}$ )

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

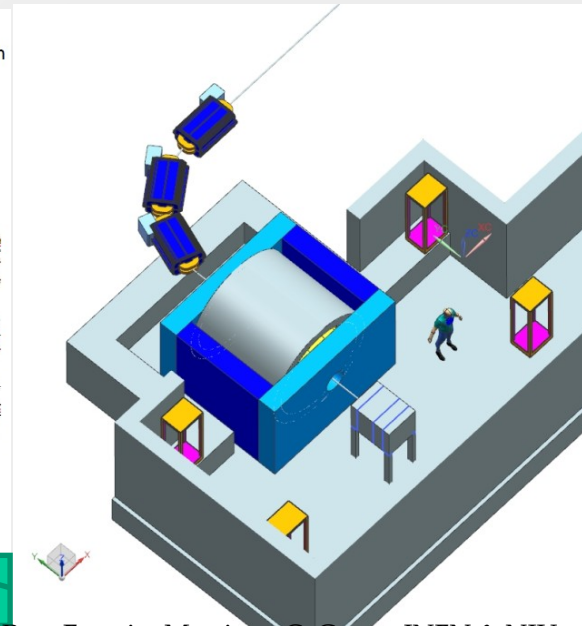
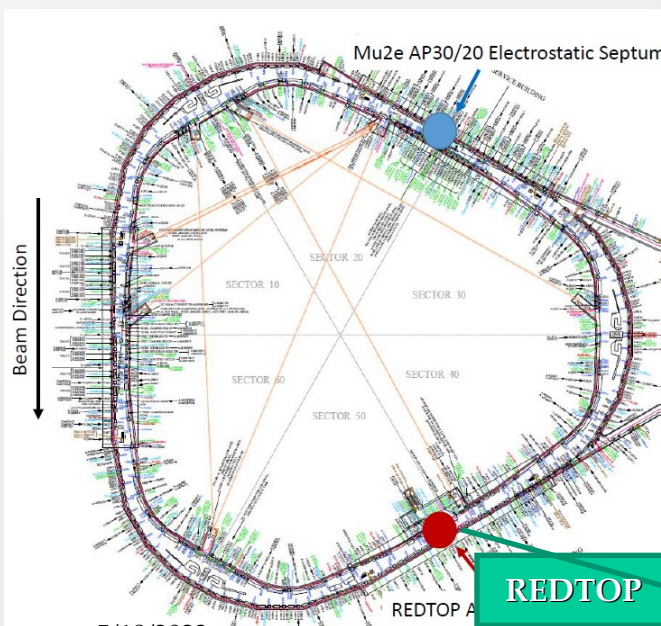
*Single p pulse from booster ( $\leq 4 \times 10^{12}$  p) injected in the DR (former debuncher in anti-p production at Tevatron) at fixed energy (8 GeV)*

*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° 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%*



# REDTOP detector



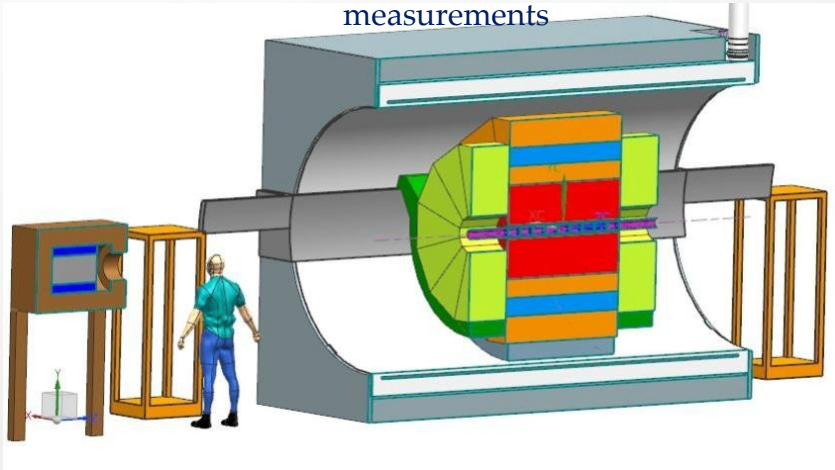
## Optical-TPC

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)

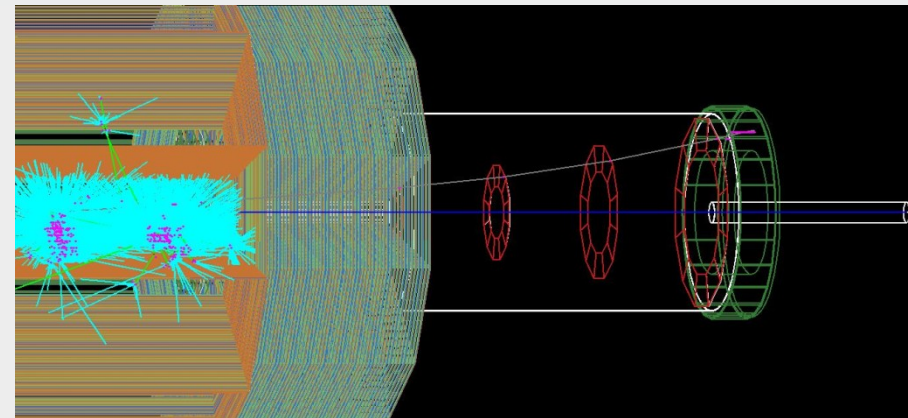
## Sci and Cer light read by SiPM or SPAD

For excellent energy, position resolution and PID

-polarimeter (optional)

sandwich of fused silica and Si-pixel

for measurement of muon polarization



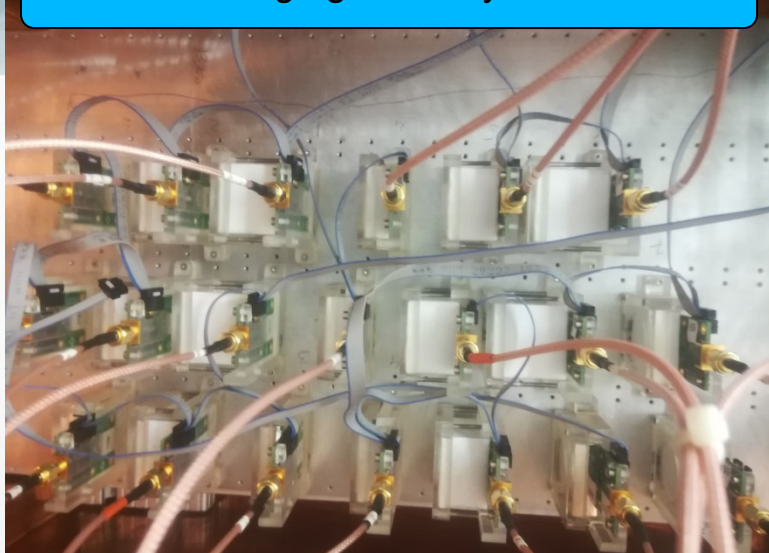
## Forward Detector for Option 2

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

# Detector Development



ADRIANO2 high granularity dual-readout

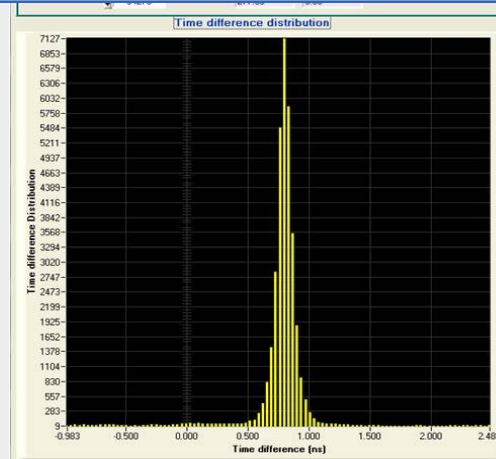


T1604 Collaboration (ANL, Fermilab, INFN, KU, NIU)

Member of CALICE collab.

30 prototypes under test at FTBF

Al-sputt with S14160:  $\Delta T = 55$  ps



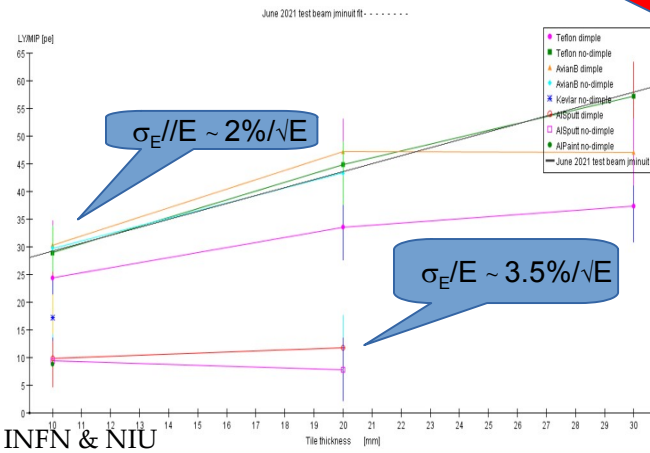
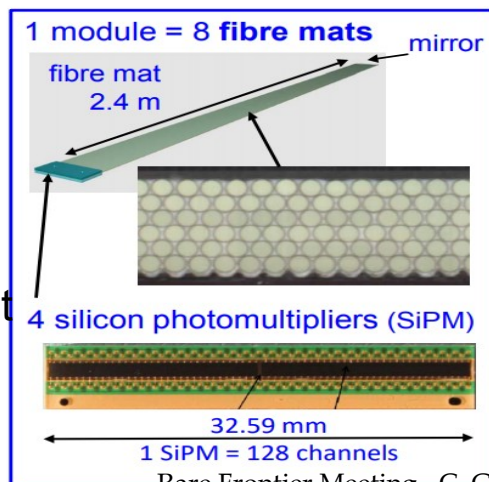
The Fiber Tracker

128 modules ( $0.5 \times 5$  m<sup>2</sup>)  
arranged in 3 stations  $\times$  4 layers (XUVX)

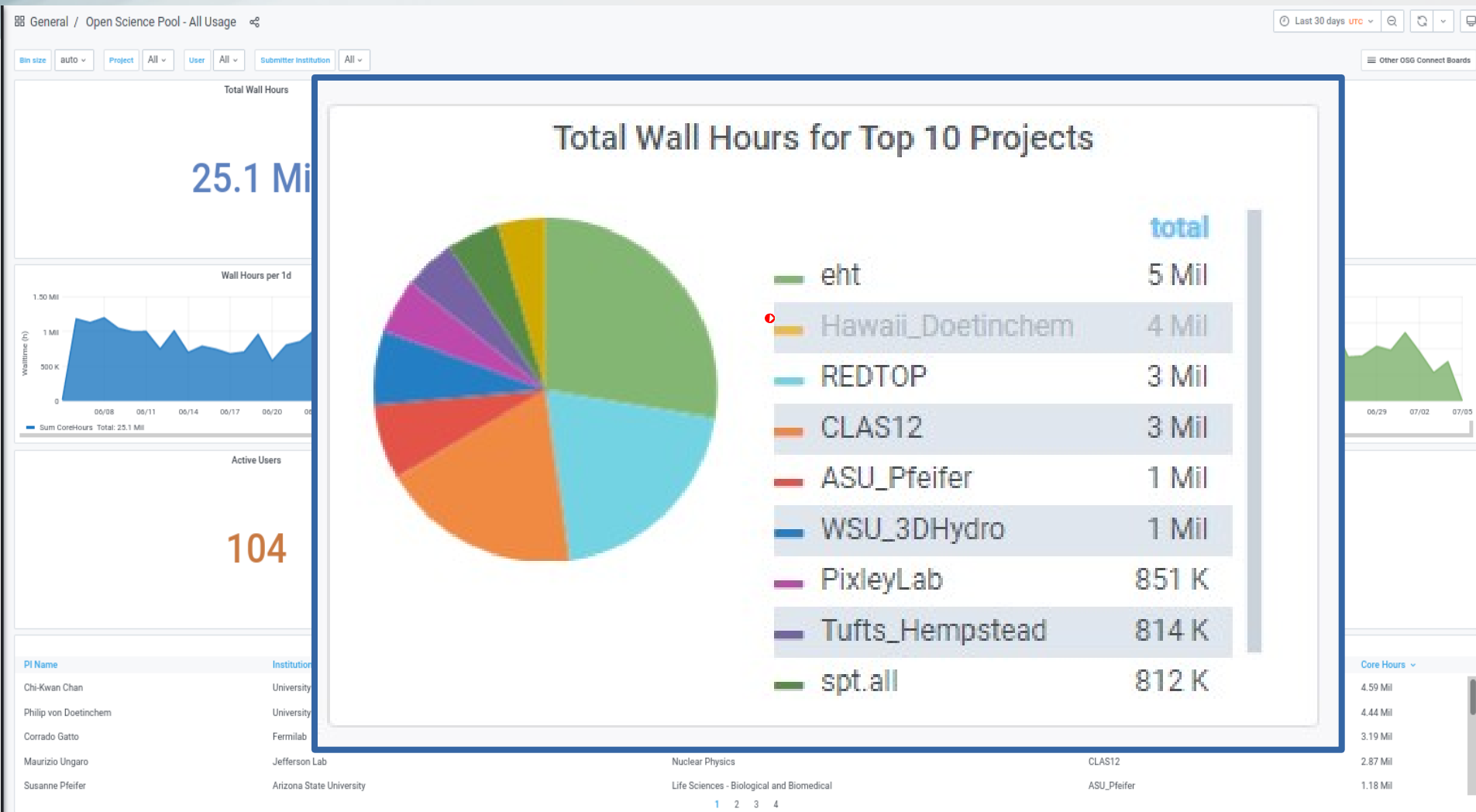
LHCb design

Active surface is about  
0.24 m<sup>2</sup> vs 360 m<sup>2</sup> for  
LHCb.

Readout channels is about  
18,000 (vs 590k for  
LHCb's tracker)



# 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.*

# REDTOP Computing Requirements



- *Storage*

<i>Trigger stage</i>	<i>Input event rate Hz</i>	<i>Event size bytes</i>	<i>Input data rate bytes/s</i>	<i>Event rejection</i>
Level 0	$7. \times 10^8$	$1.4 \times 10^3$	$9.8 \times 10^{11}$	$\sim 4.6$
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	$0.56 \times 10^6$	$1.6 \times 10^3$	$0.9 \times 10^9$	

TABLE XVIII. Data and event rates for different stages

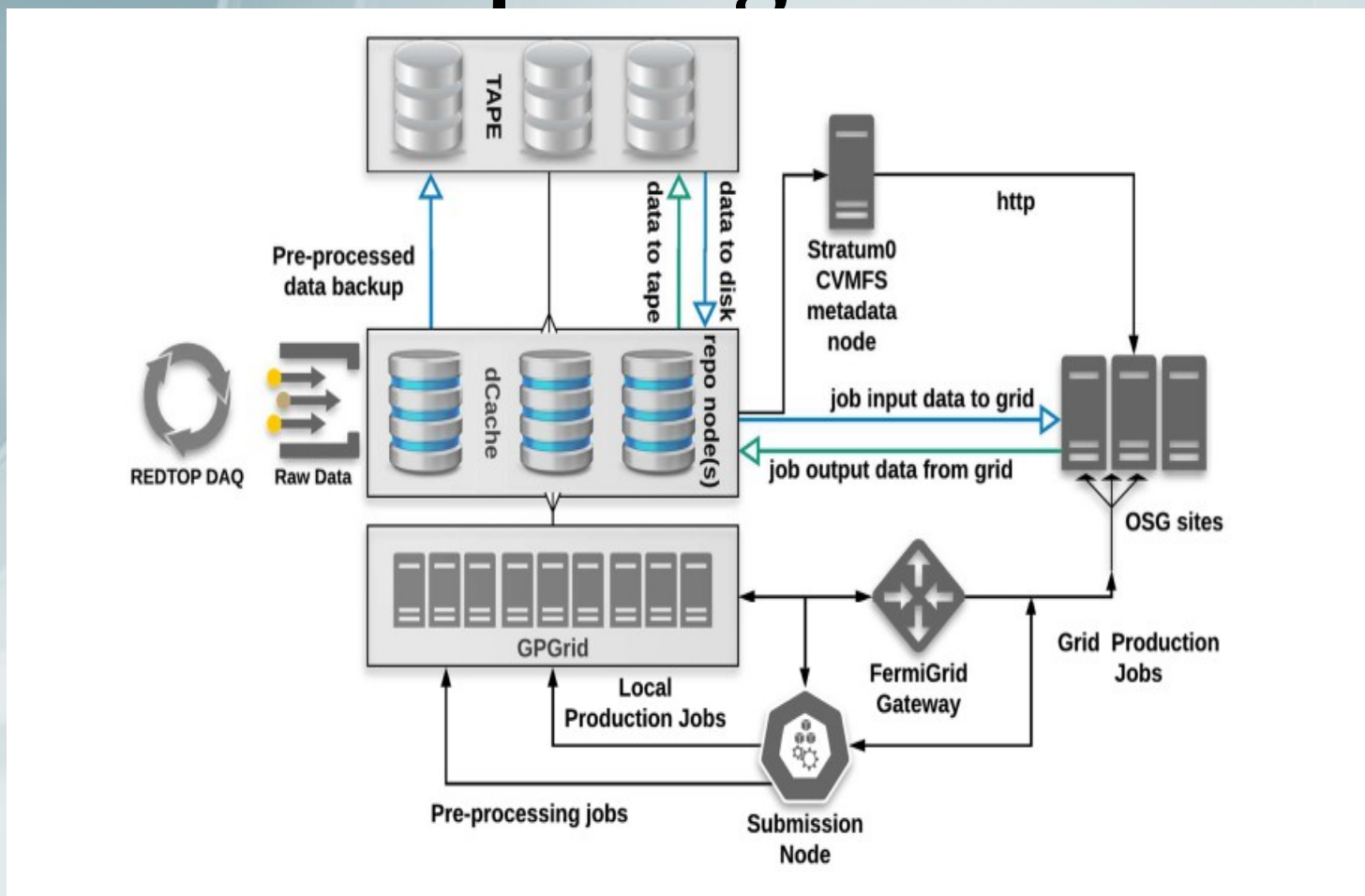
- *CPU for Reconstruction Analysis and Montecarlo*

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

*(estimate by projecting current OSG usage)*



# REDTOP Baseline Computing Model



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