

# The Future of DIS

Leading and empowering the search for new physics

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# Where are we in fundamental physics?

**observable universe**

$8.8 \cdot 10^{26}m$

**quarks**

$< 10^{-19}m$

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$\sim 0.000'000'000'000'000'000'000'000'01$  meter

distance to galactic center

distance light travels in one year

farthest human object from Earth (Voyager 1)

distance Earth-sun

biological cell

atoms

proton neutron



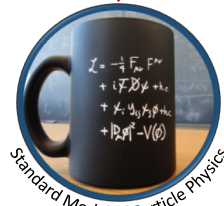
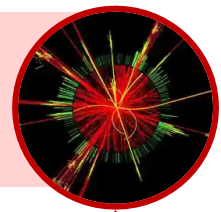




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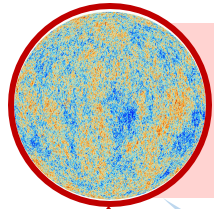




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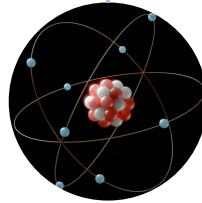


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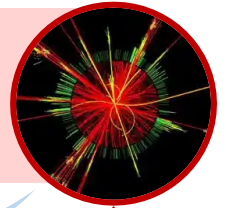


Standard Model of Cosmology

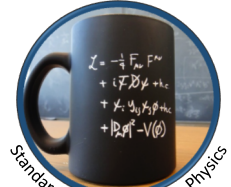
e.g. creation of chemical elements



observations how small objects behave in our laboratories



e.g. nuclei built from quarks and gluons



Standard Model of Particle Physics





communication  
satellites  
GPS

World Wide Web  
touchscreens

# A century of scientific revolutions

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production of particles and radiation  
nuclear diagnosis and medicine

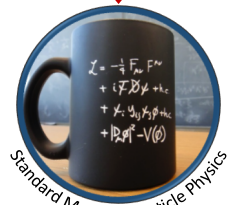
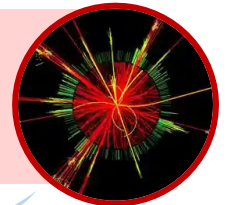
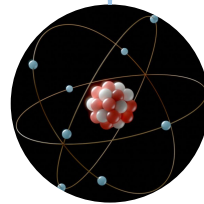
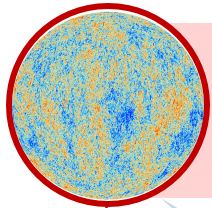
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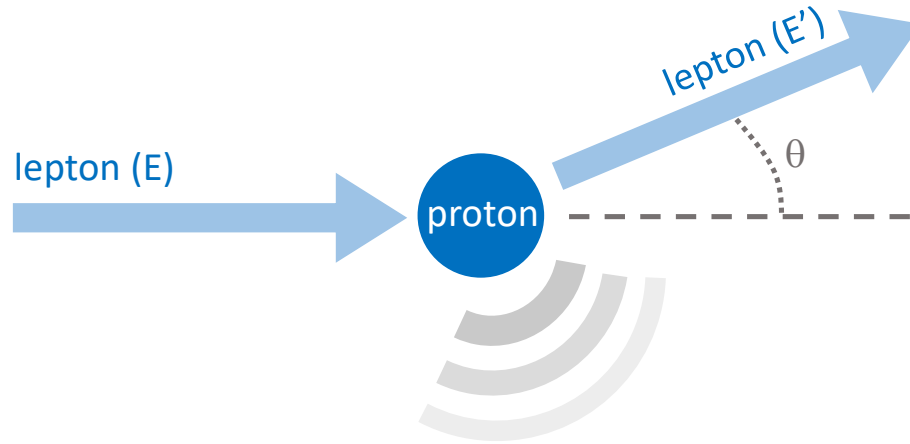
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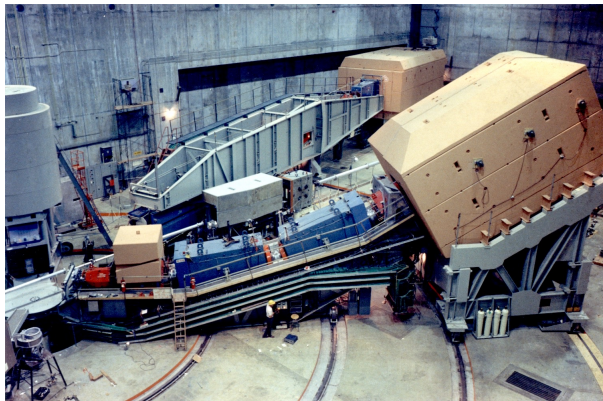
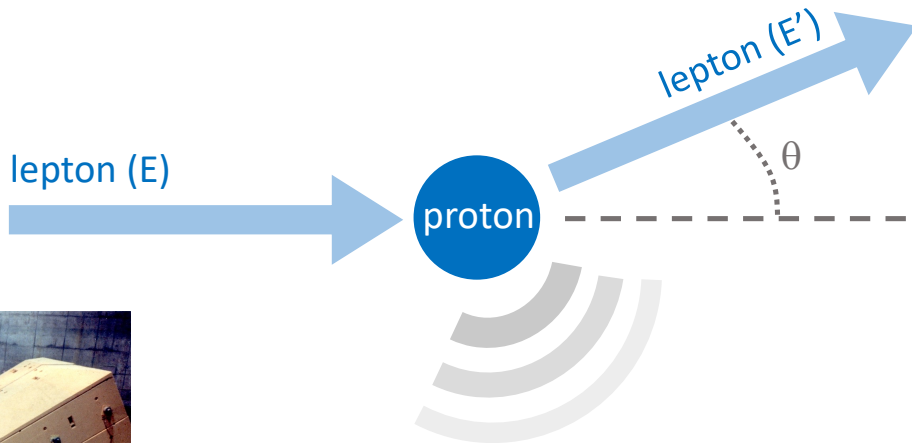
“Scientific curiosity which ends up in your pocket”  
Rolf Heuer (previous Director General of CERN)



# The 50+ years success story of DIS



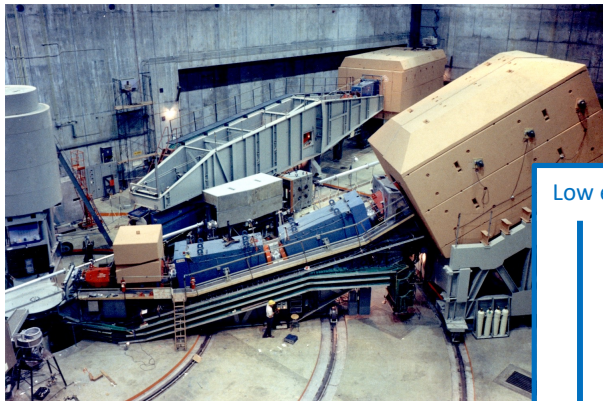
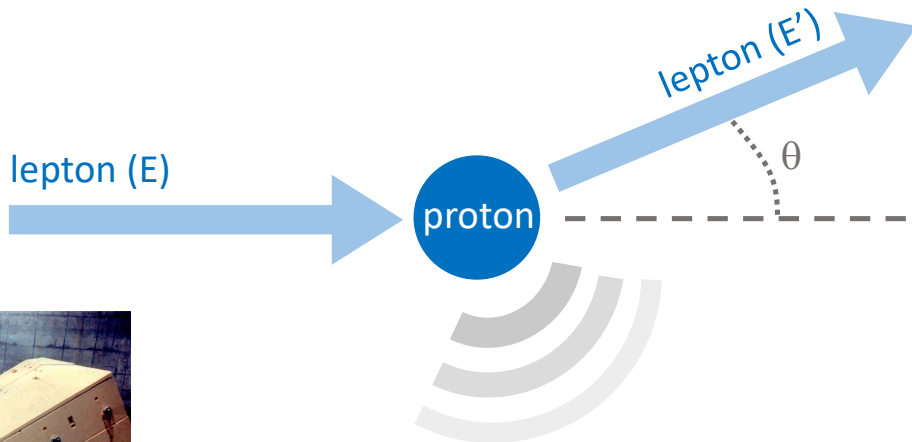
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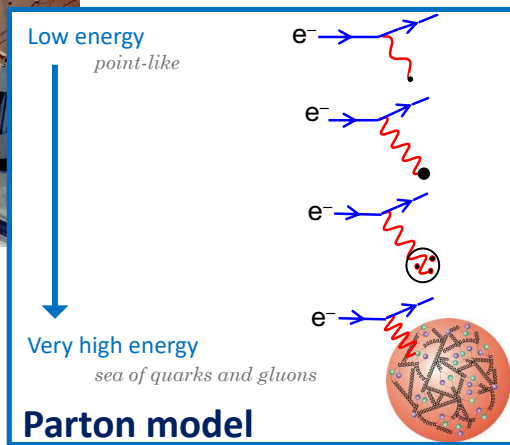
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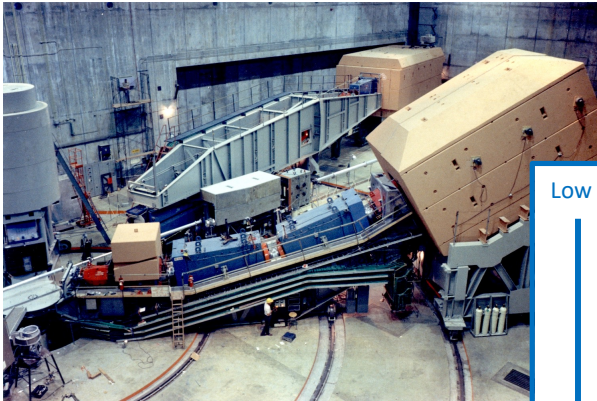
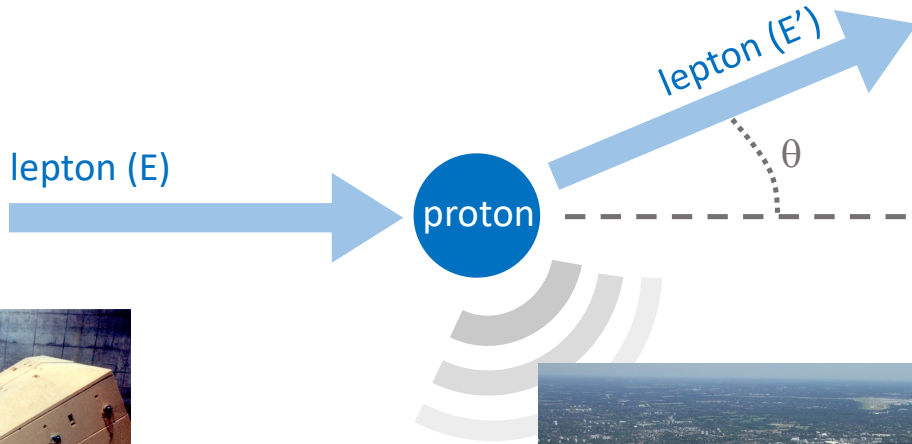


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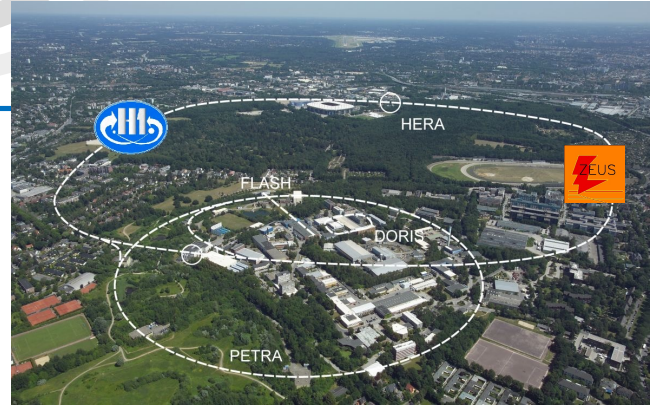
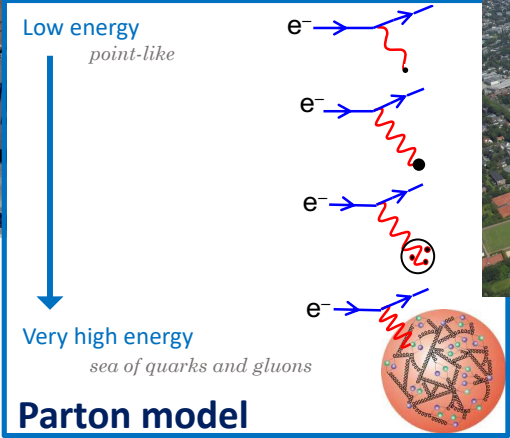




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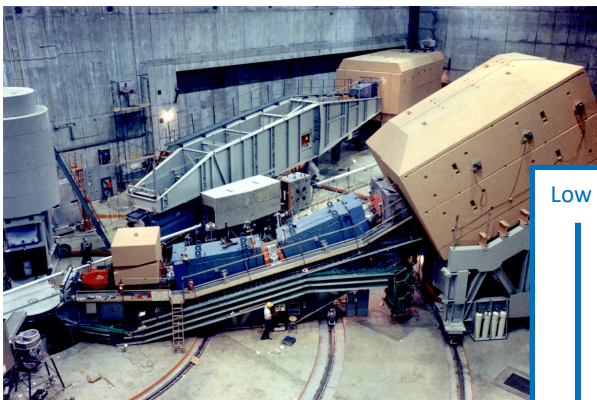
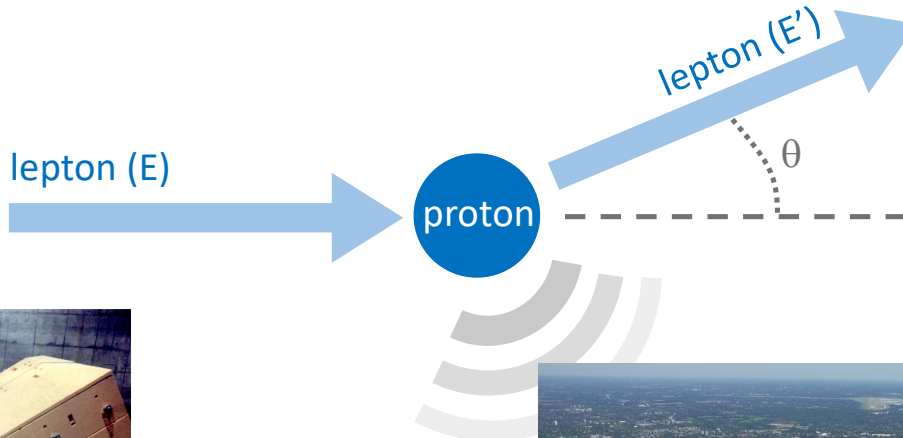


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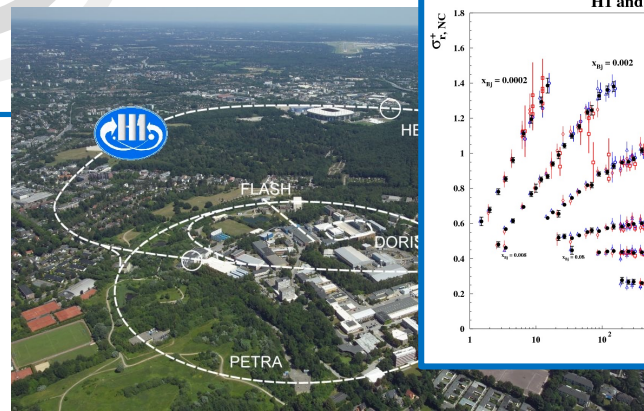
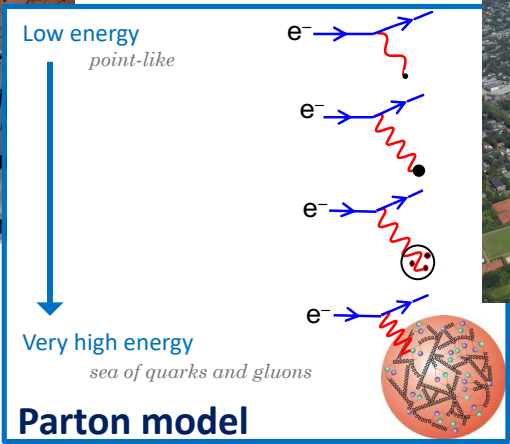


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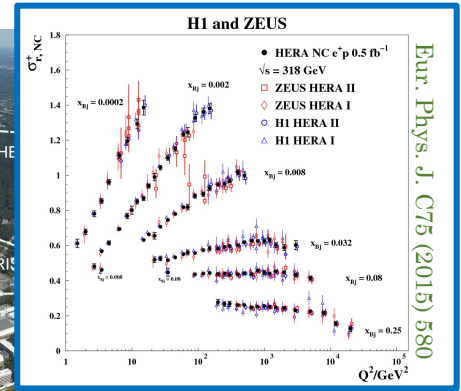
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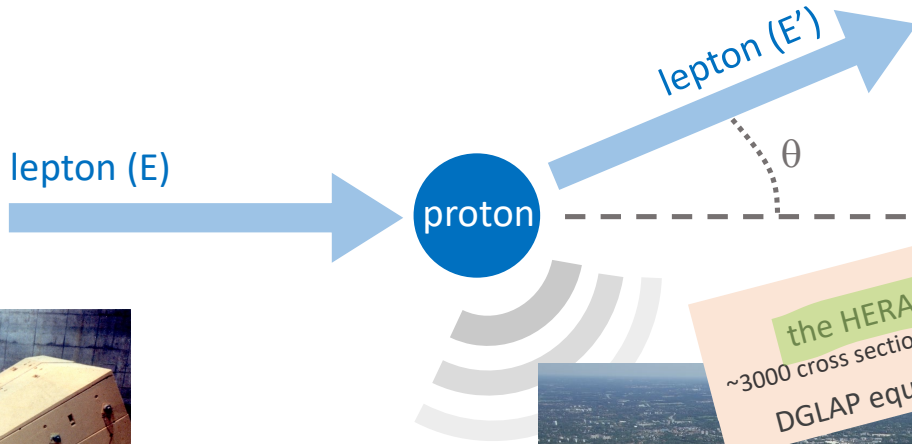


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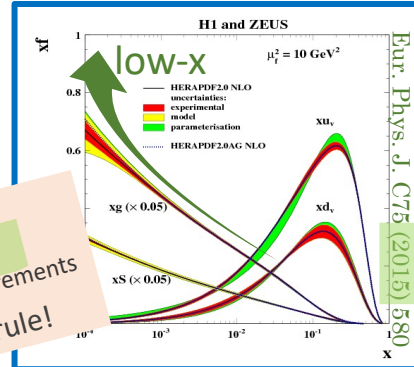


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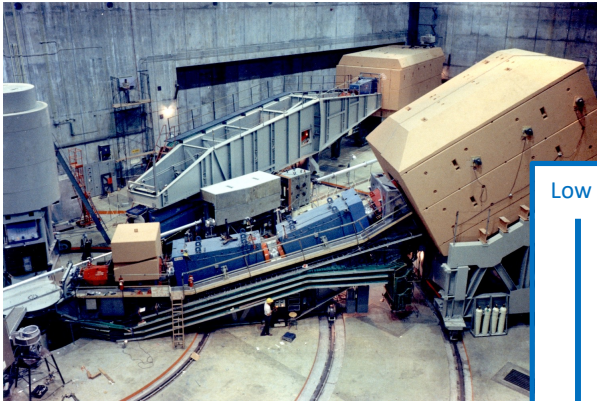
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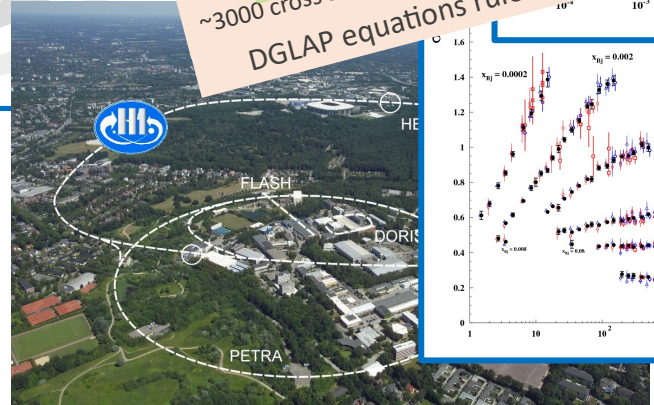
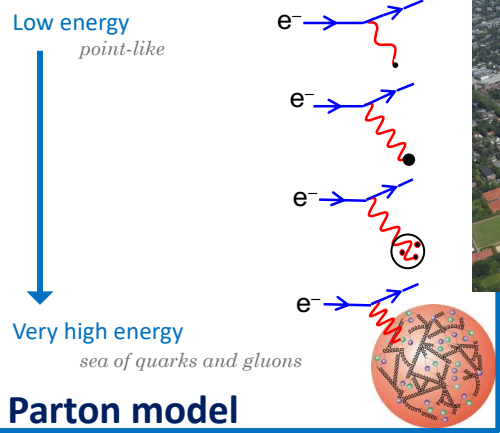
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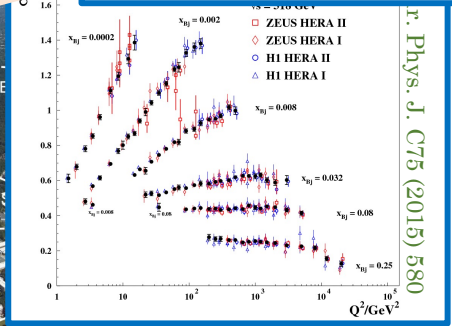
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~3000 cross section measurements  
DGLAP equations rule!



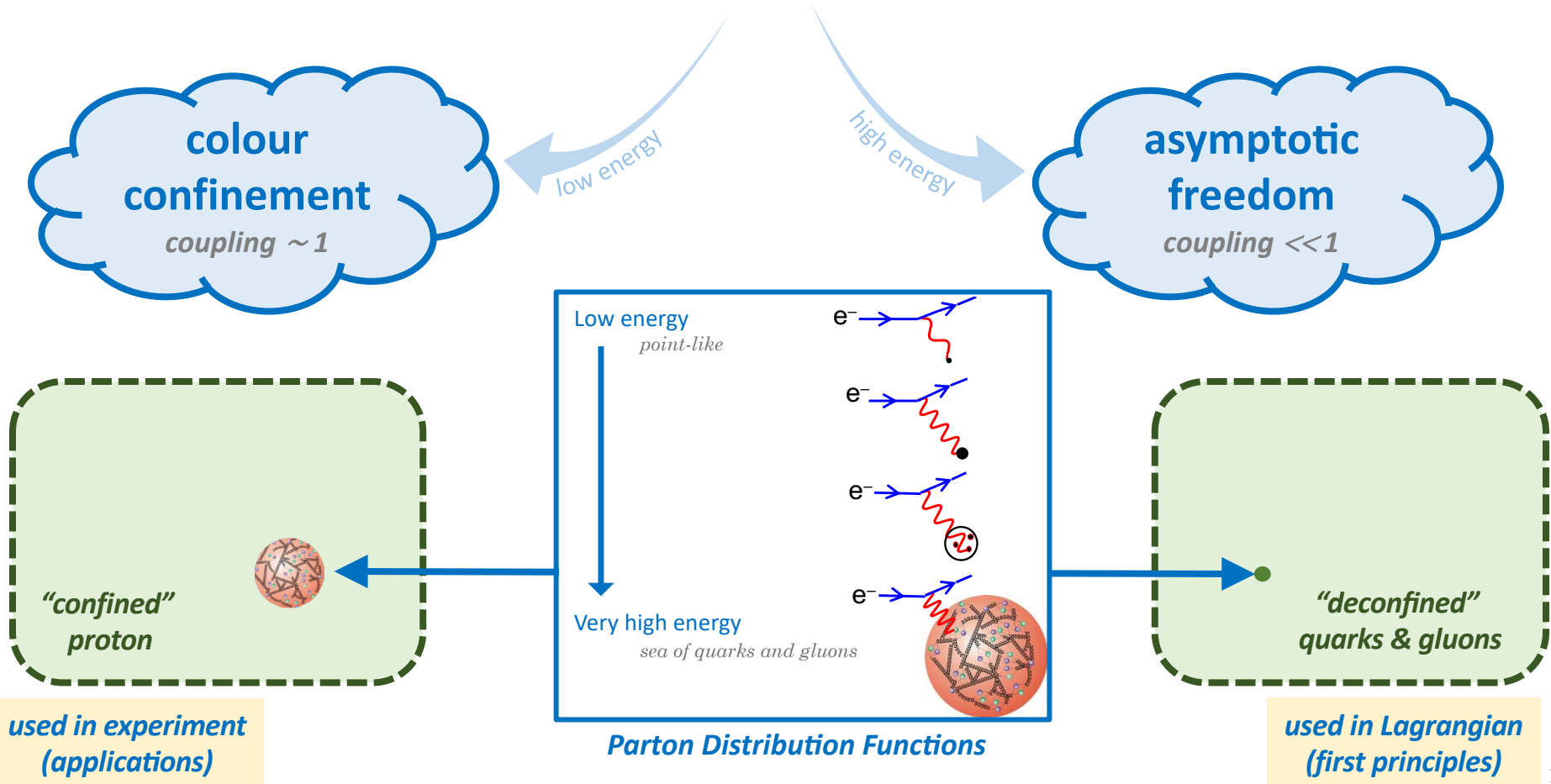
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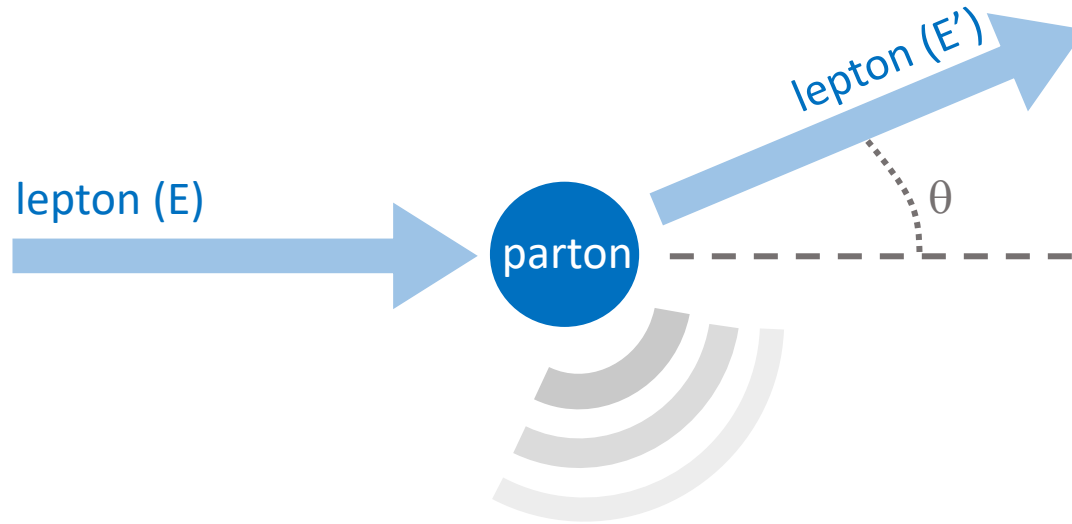
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# Precise picture how quarks and gluons built up protons



# Why study this for another 50 years?

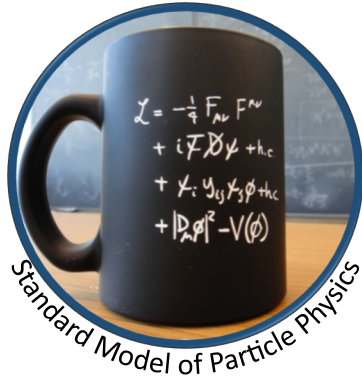




*I believe a broad DIS program can enable our search for new physics in various ways (directly & indirectly)*

# The quest for understanding physics

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Standard Model of Particle Physics



Standard Model of Cosmology

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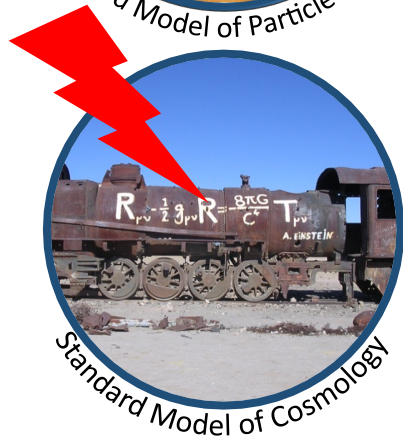
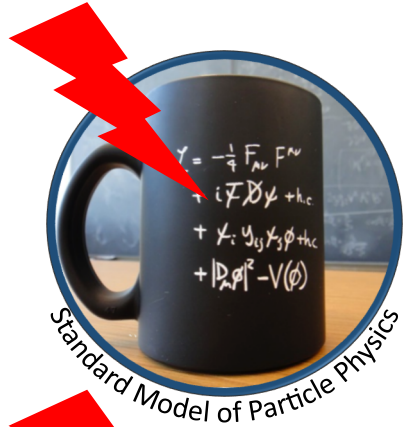
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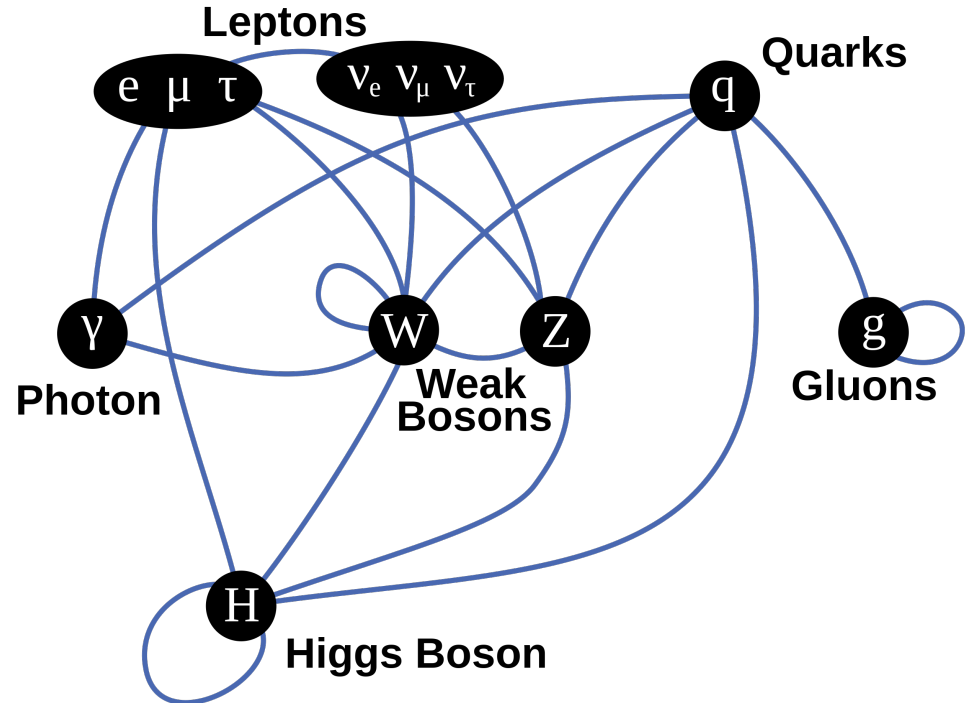
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Observations of new physics phenomena and/or deviations from the Standard Models are expected to unlock concrete ways to address these puzzling unknowns



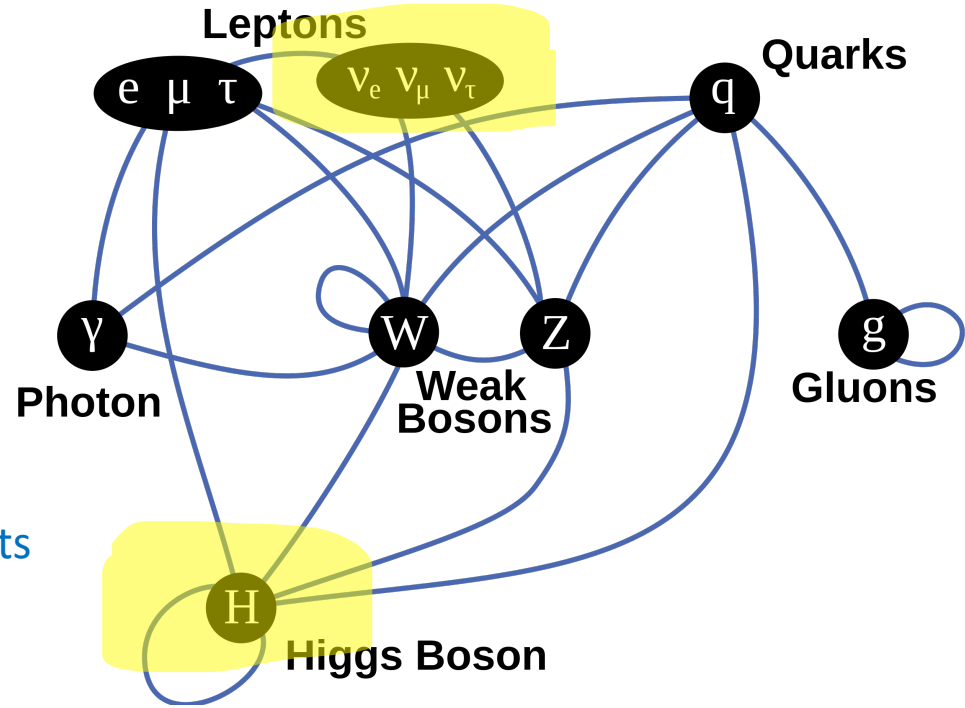
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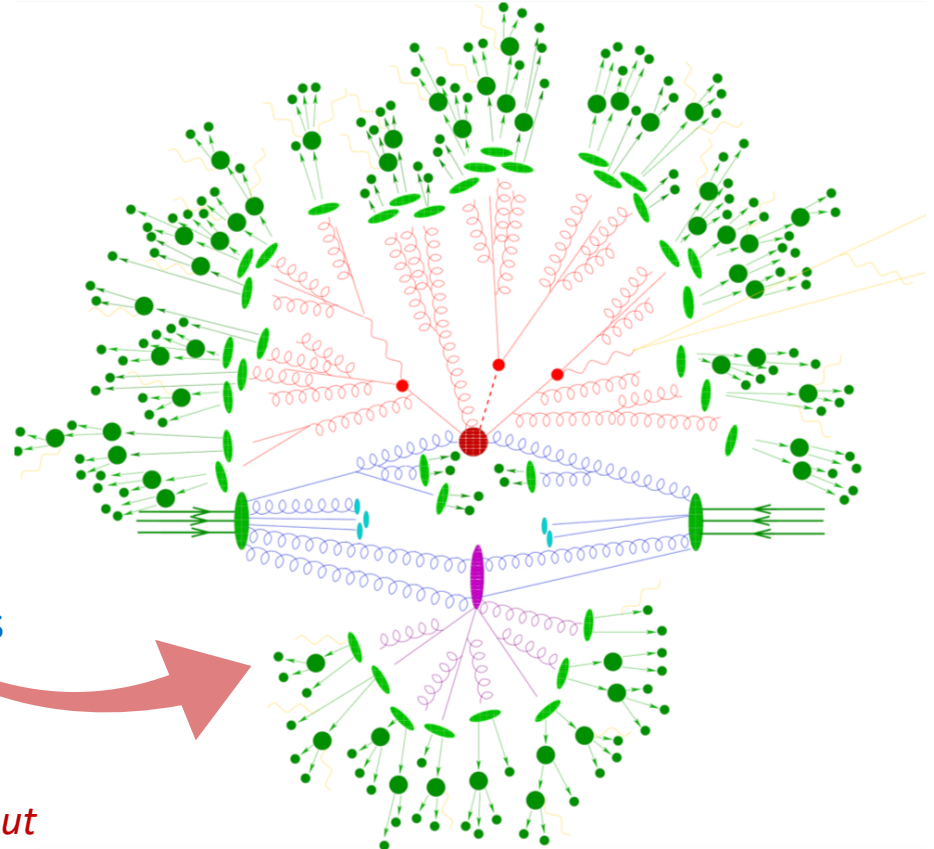
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*capturing the invisible in large volume detectors  
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e.g. J-PARC beam to Kamioka



Hyper-K = 10x Super-K volume 24

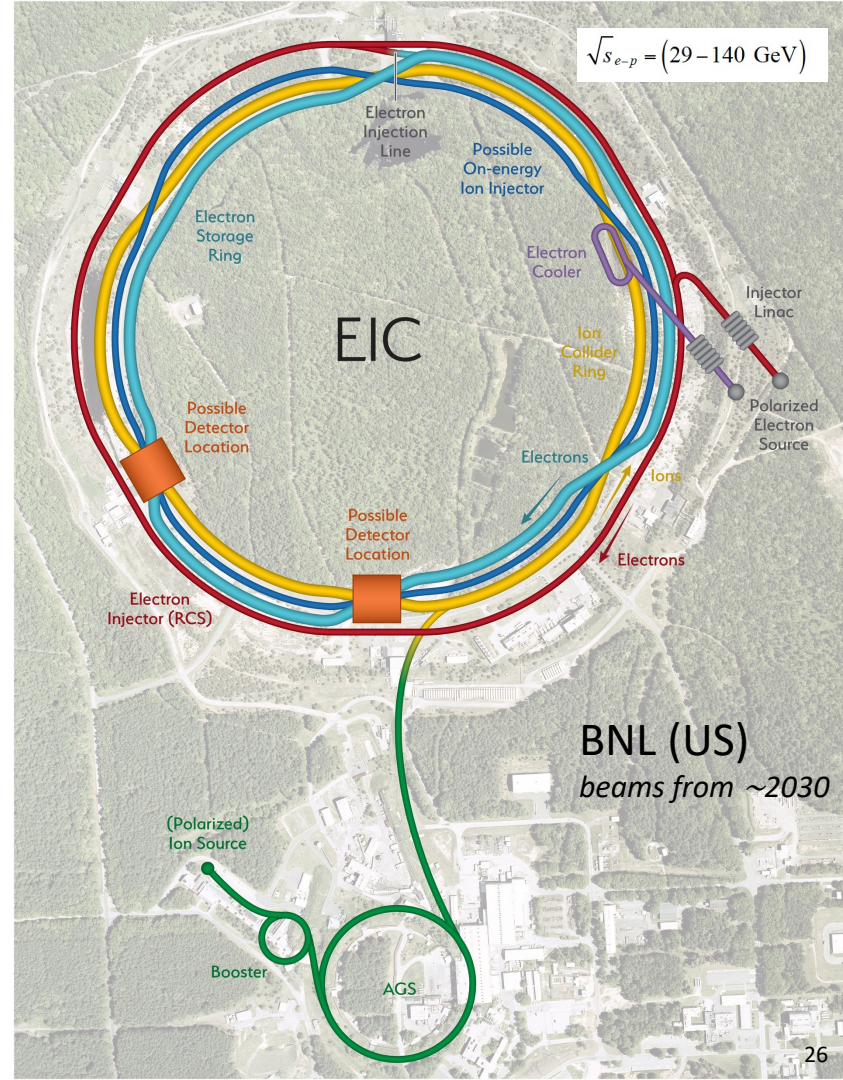
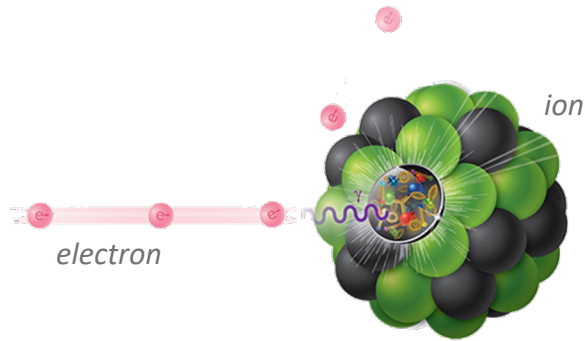
***new DIS around the corner***



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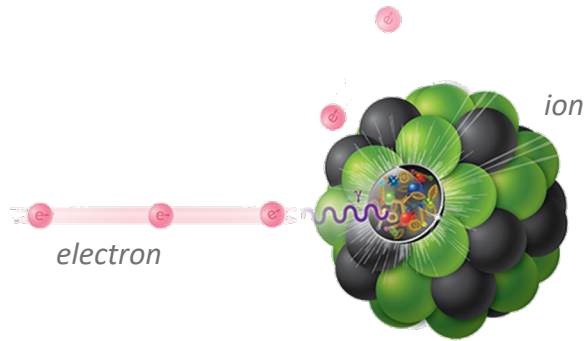
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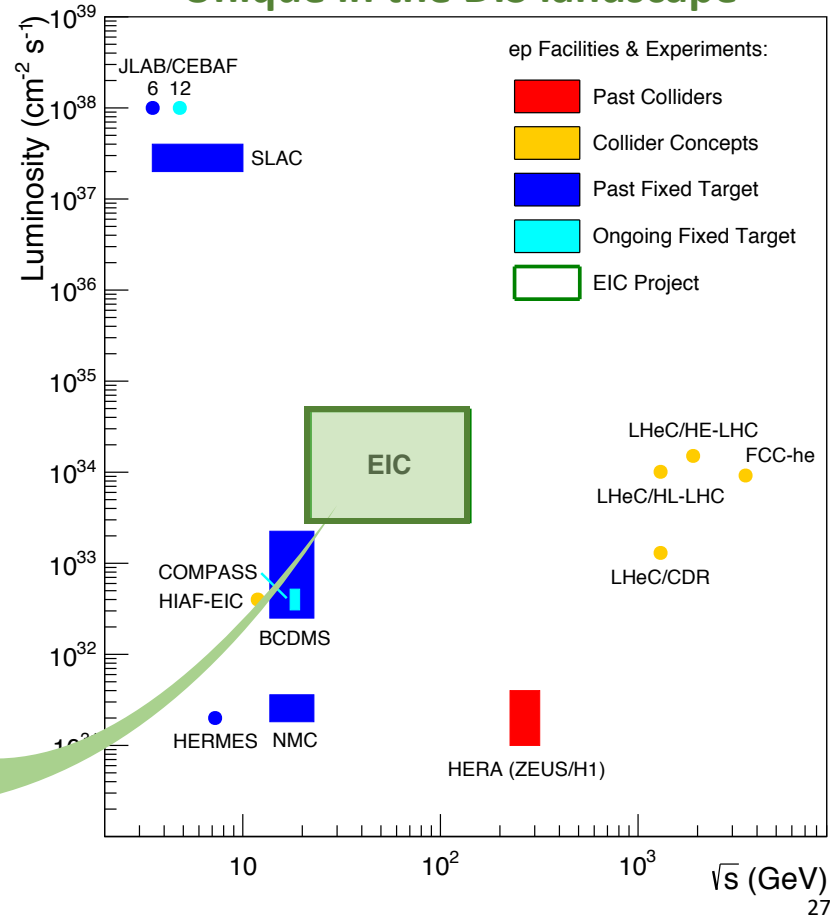
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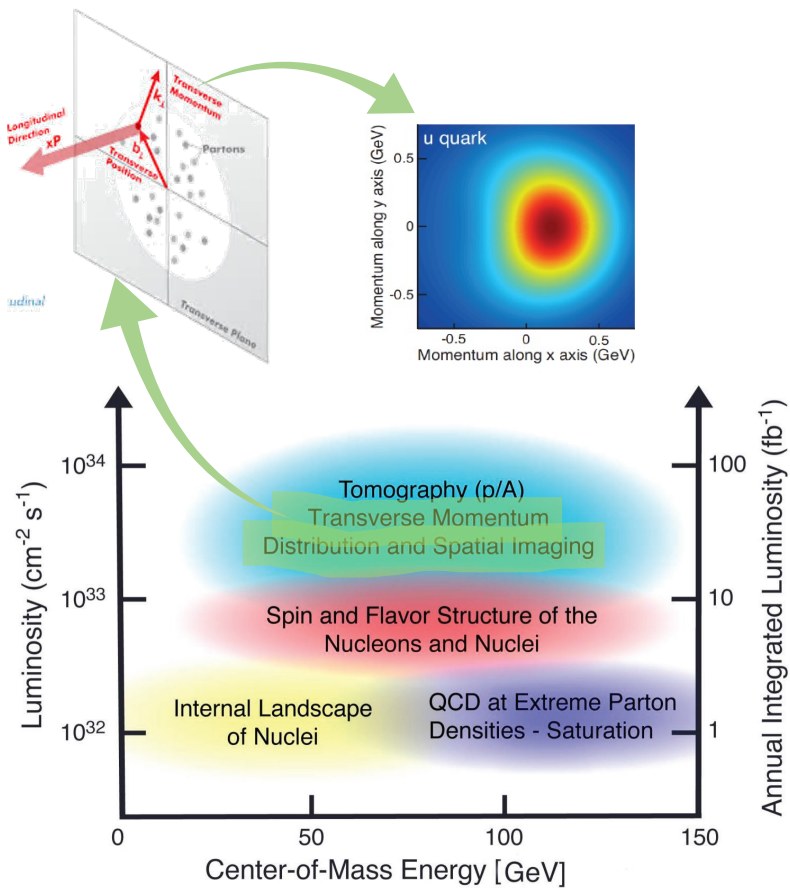


- High luminosity
- Wide range in beam energy
- Polarized lepton & hadron beam
- Nuclear beam

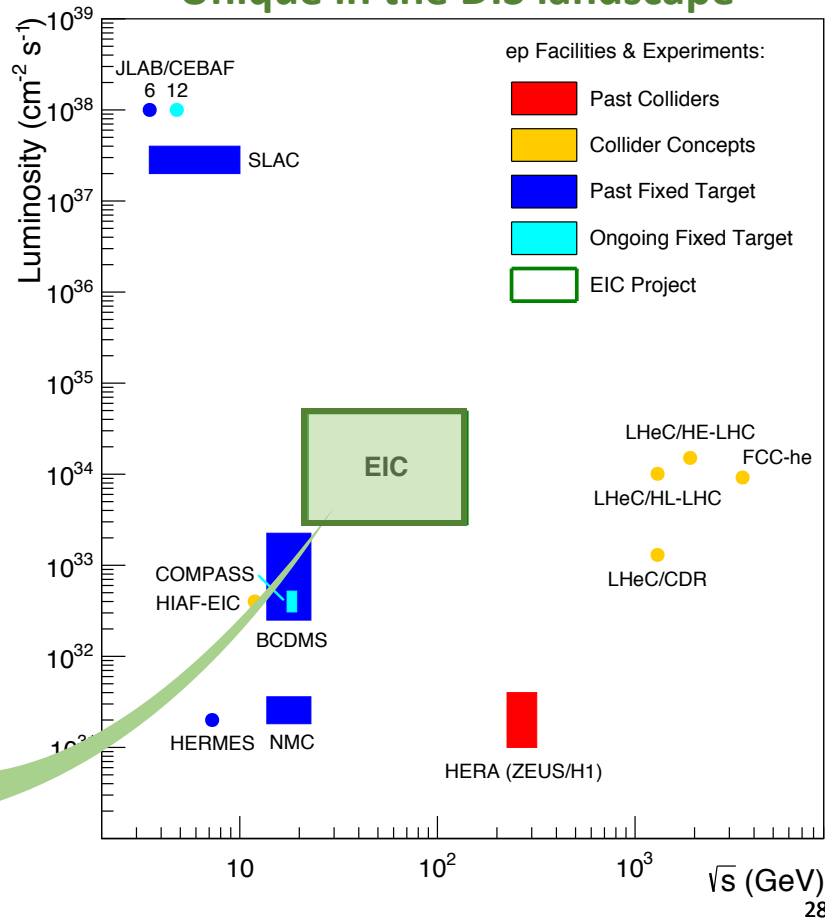
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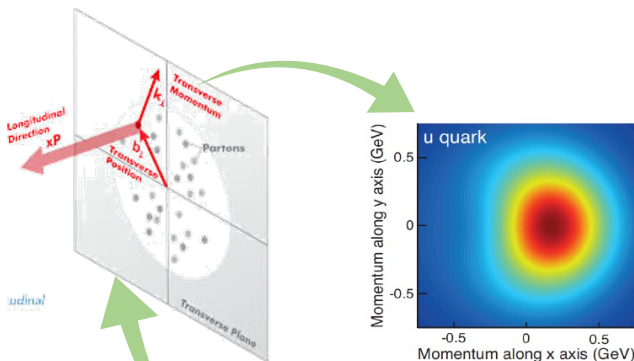


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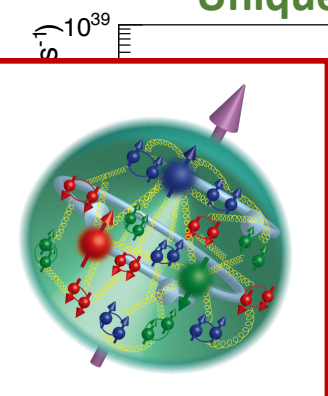
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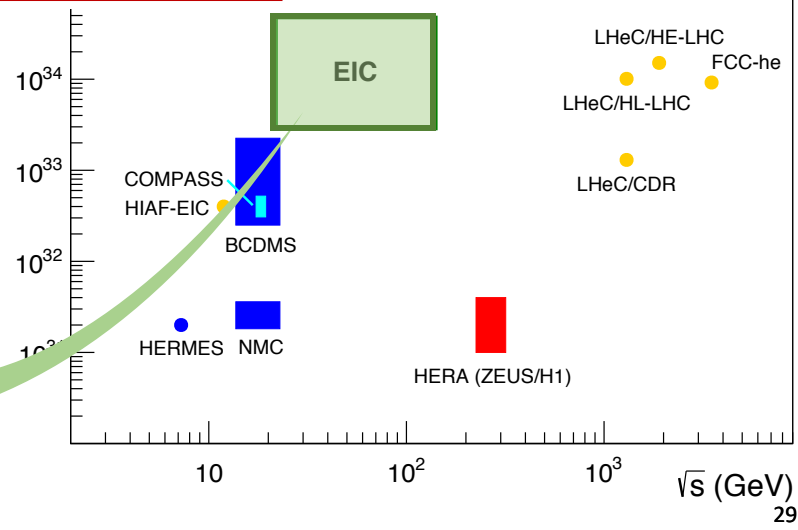
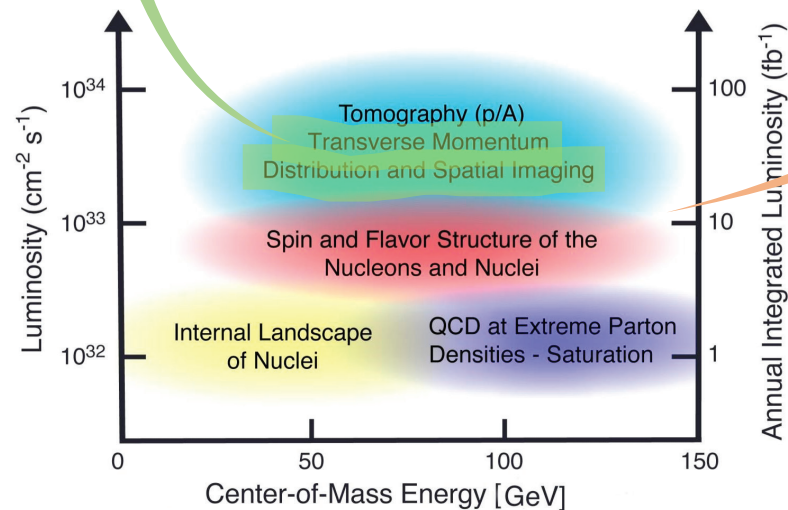


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Towards a 3D partonic image of the proton

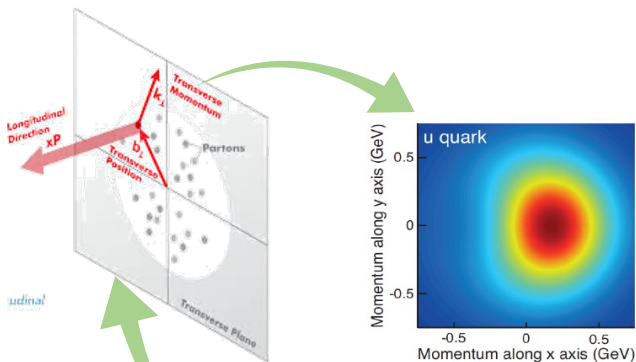


- ep Facilities & Experiments:
- Past Colliders
  - Collider Concepts
  - Past Fixed Target
  - Ongoing Fixed Target
  - EIC Project



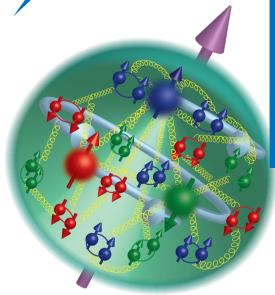


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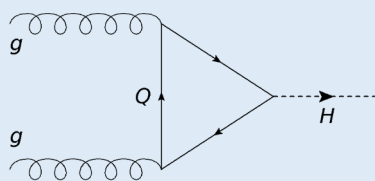


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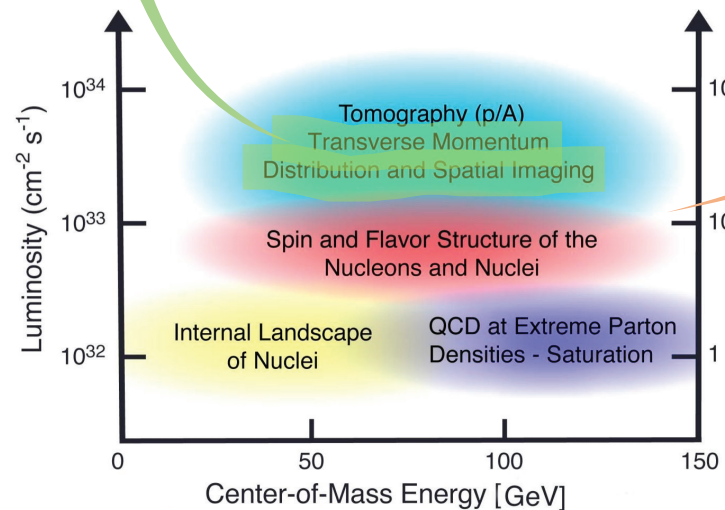
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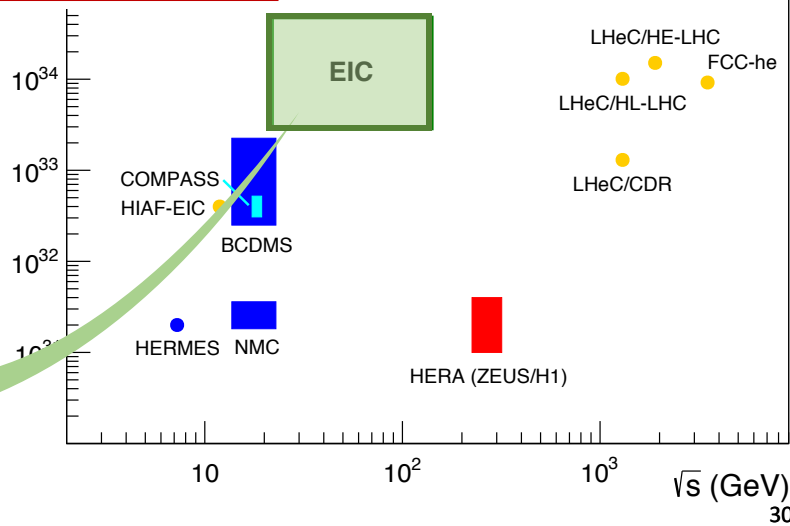
improved  $gg \rightarrow H$  @ LHC



improved  $W$  mass (in pp)



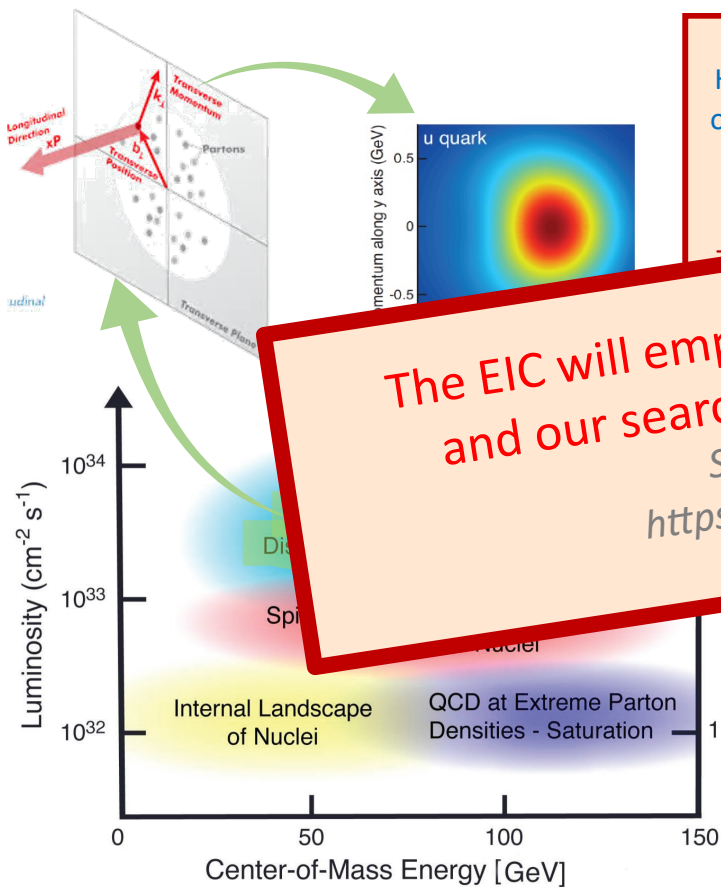
Annual Integrated Luminosity ( $\text{fb}^{-1}$ )



Existing Fixed Target  
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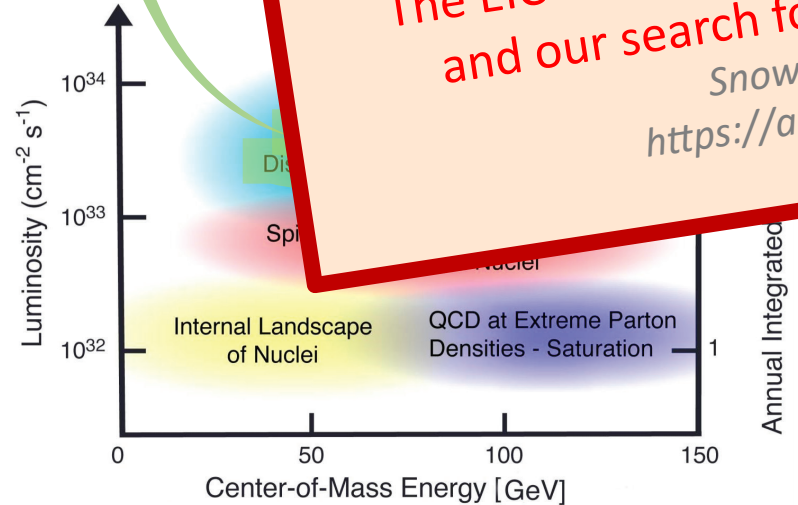
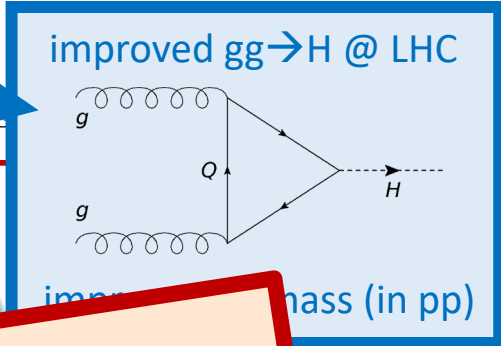


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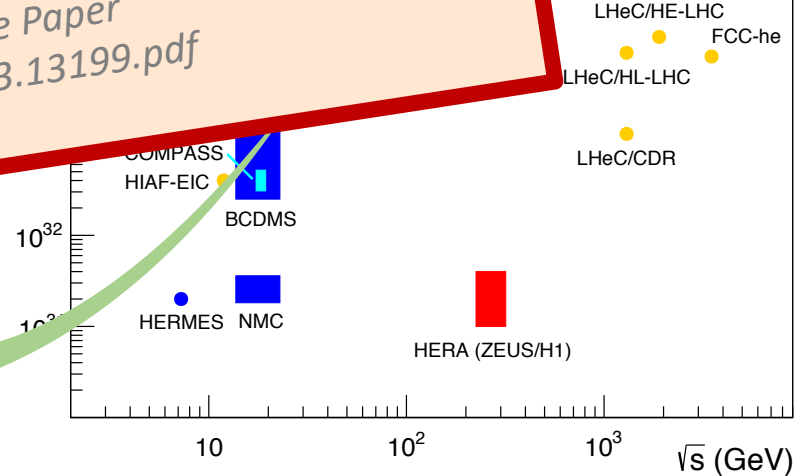
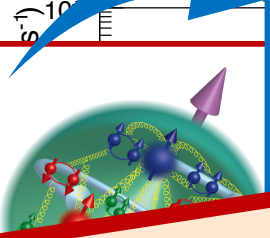


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The EIC will empower the (HL-)LHC physics program and our search for new physics at high energies  
 Snowmass 2021 White Paper  
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.13199.pdf>



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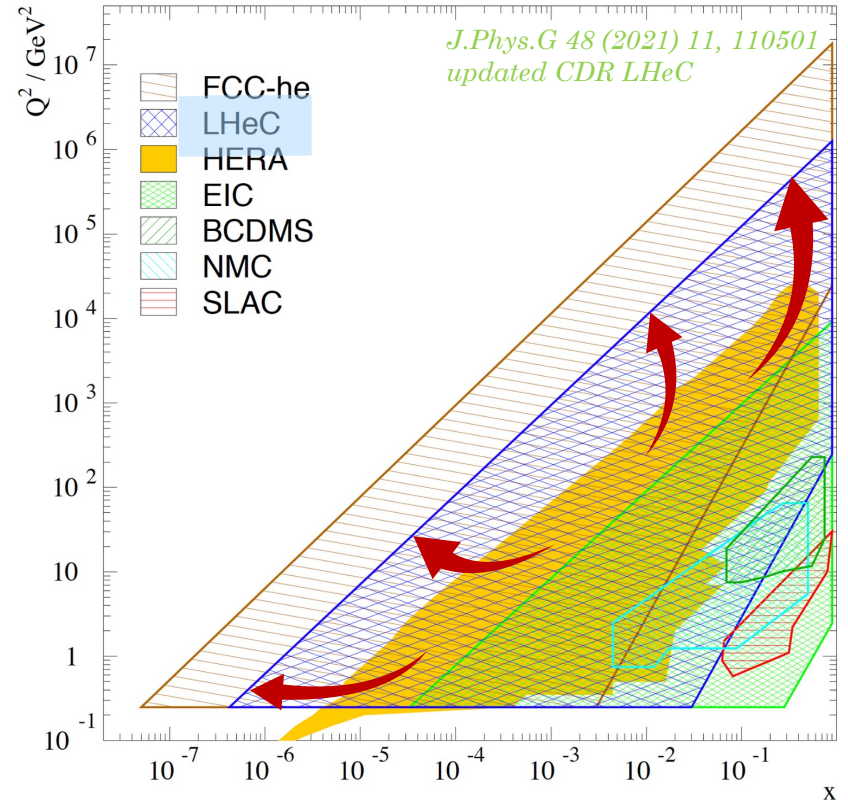
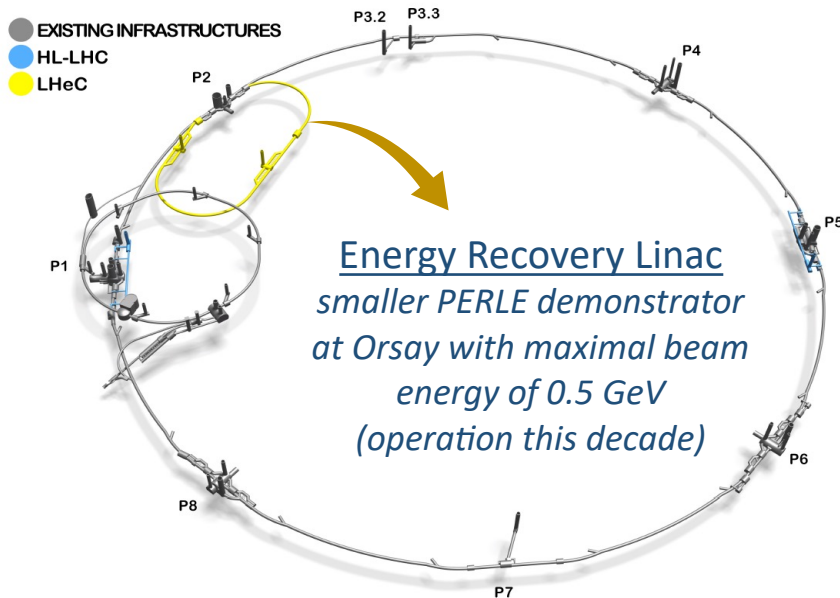
*our current eyes on the Higgs sector*



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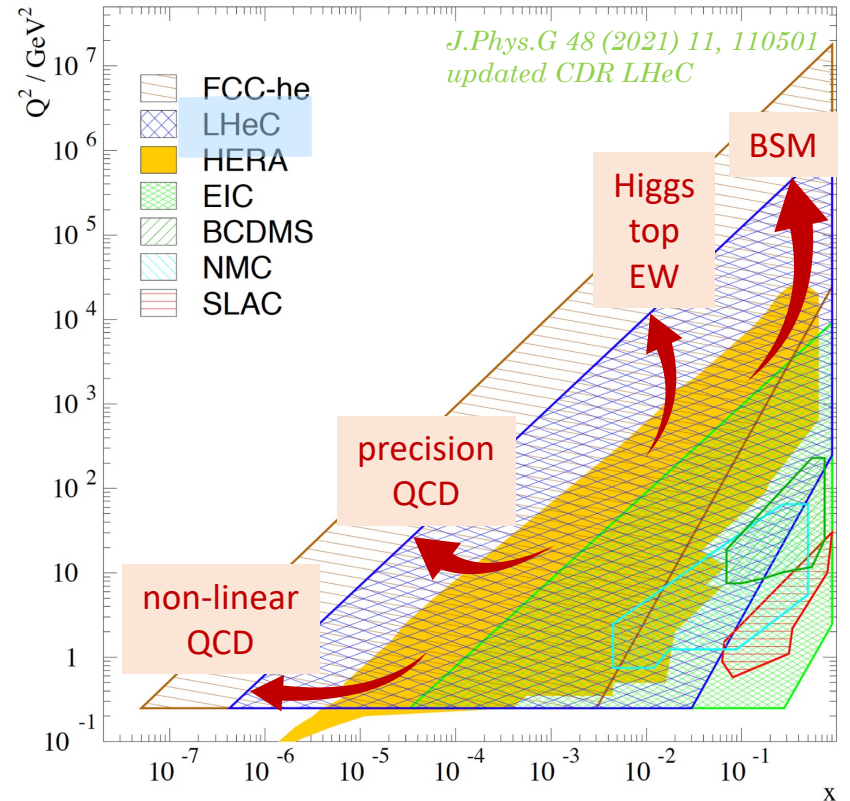
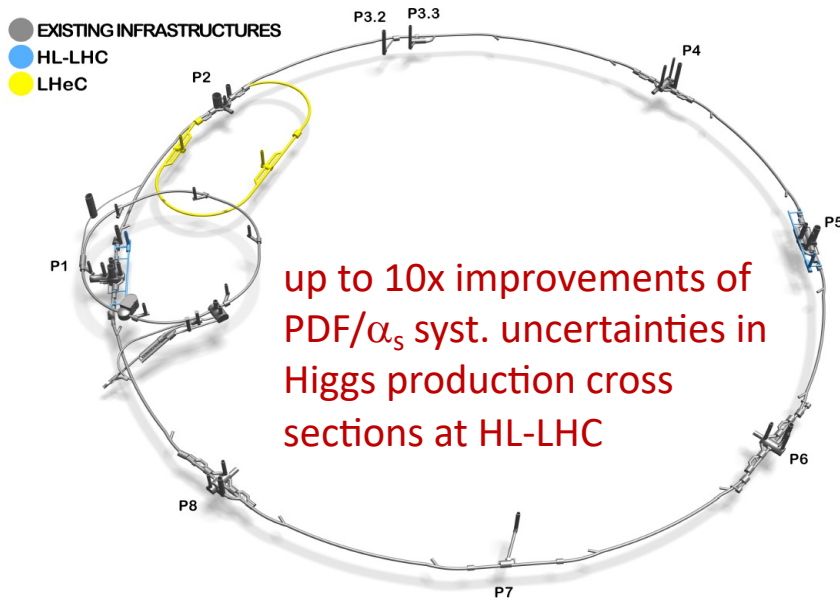
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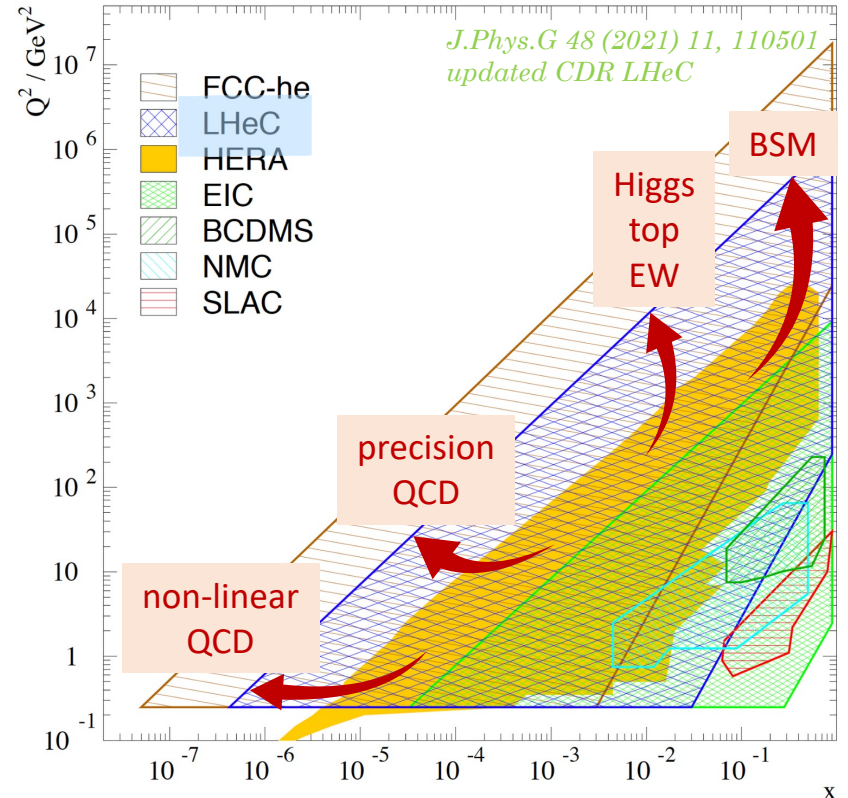
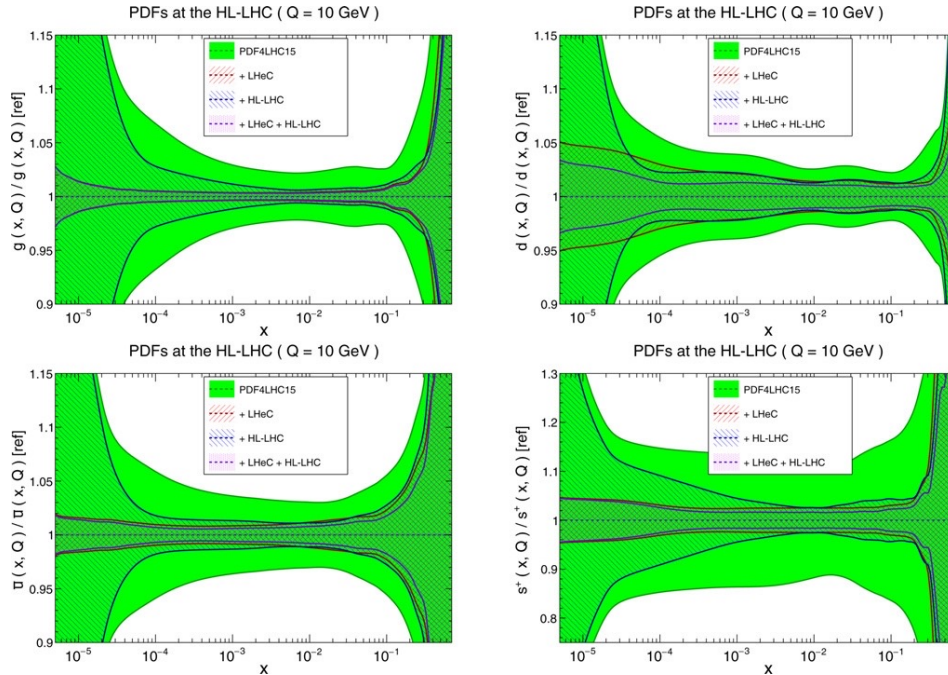




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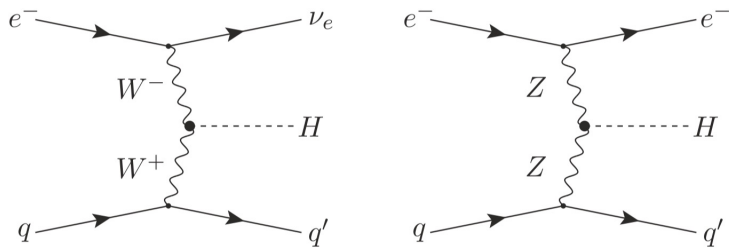


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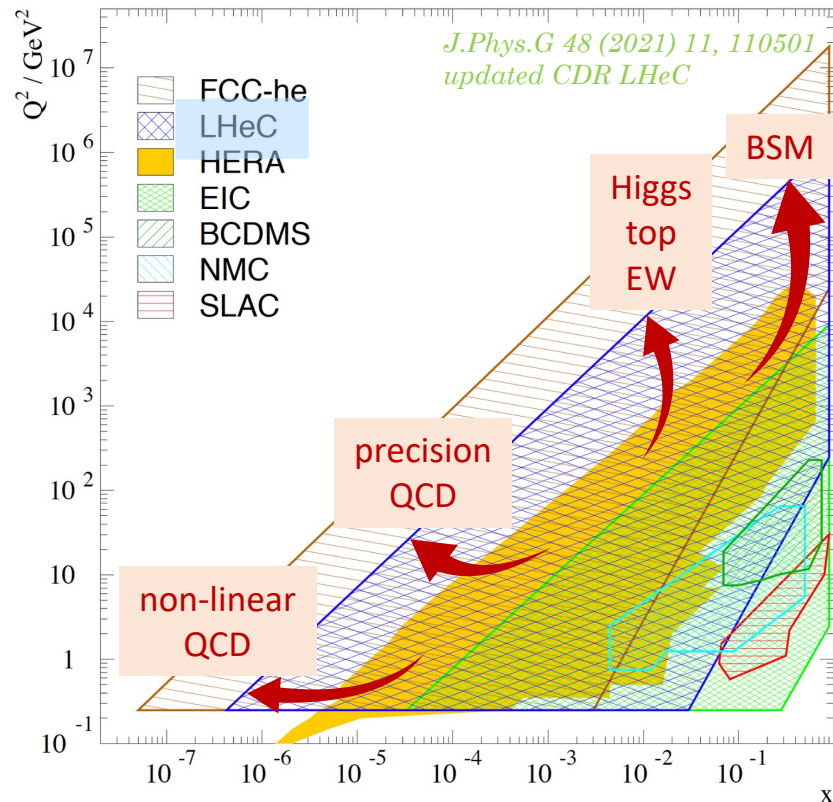
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## Higgs physics at LHeC itself



With respect to the full HL-LHC expectations,  
the LHeC improves up to a factor of 2-3 for  
several effective Higgs couplings  
e.g.  $HZZ$ ,  $HWW$ ,  $H\gamma\gamma$ ,  $Hcc$ ,  $Hbb$ ,  $H\tau\tau$





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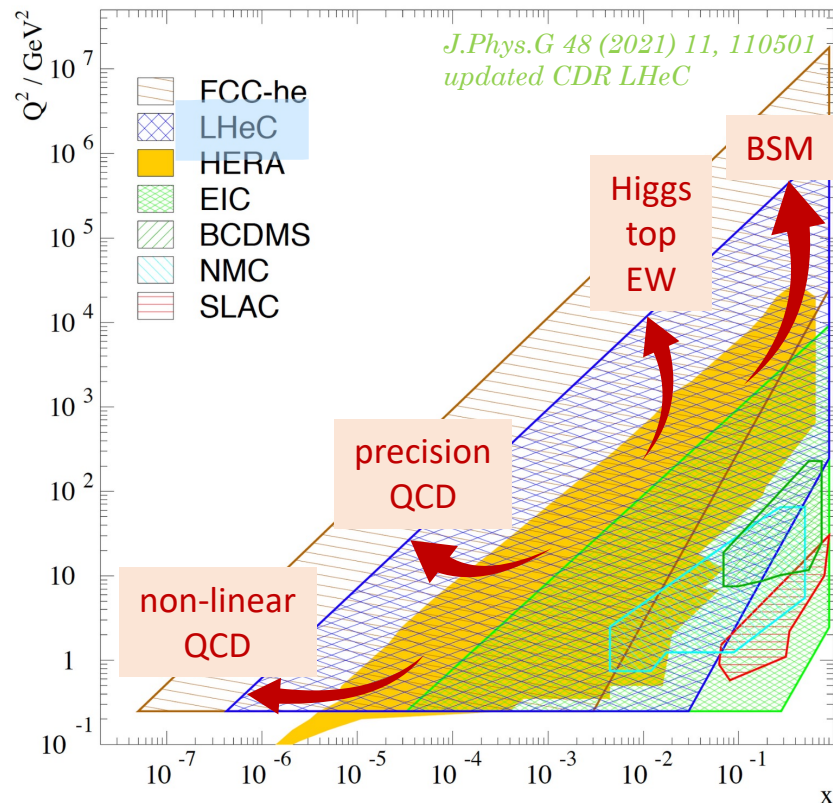
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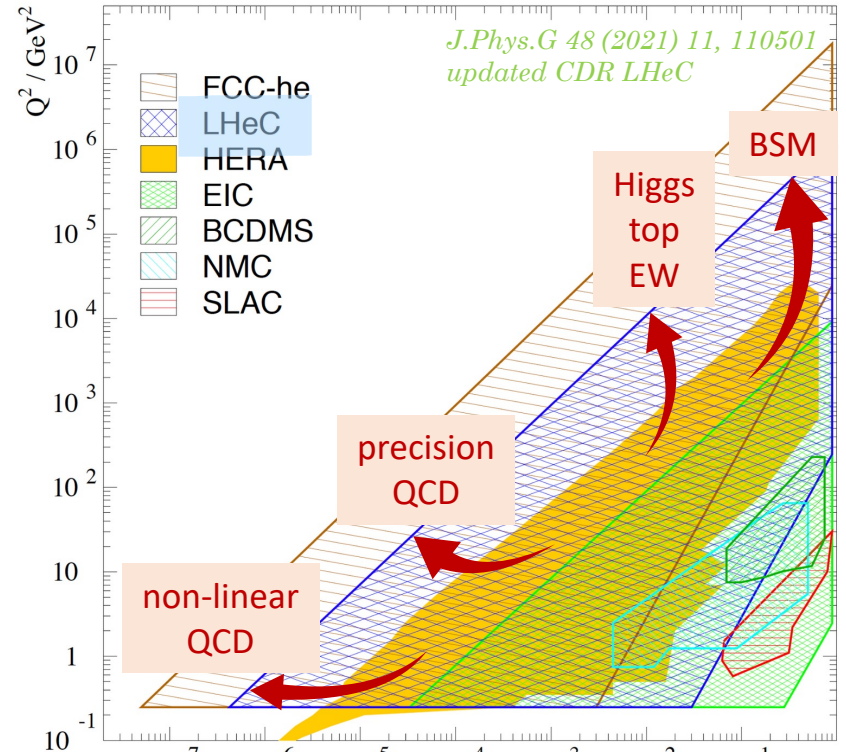
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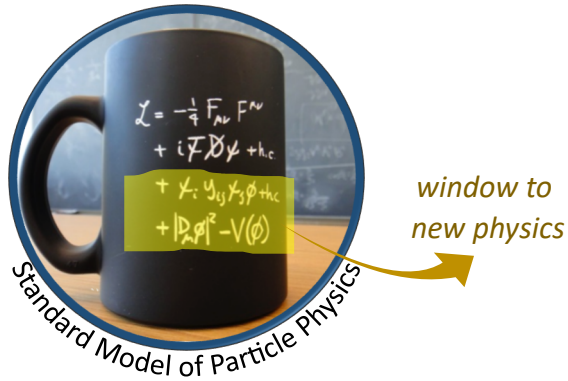
*Many essential DIS opportunities around the world at lower energies, e.g. MESA, ...*

*our future eyes on the Higgs sector*

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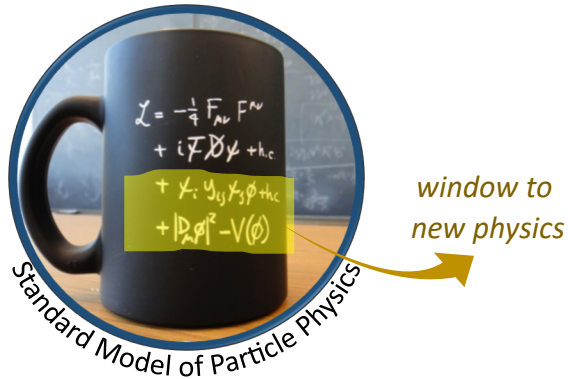
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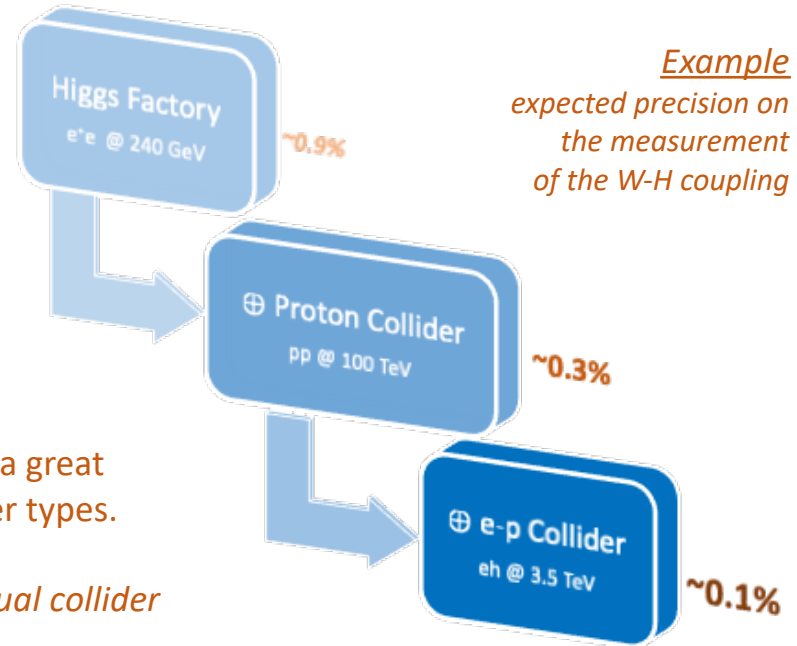
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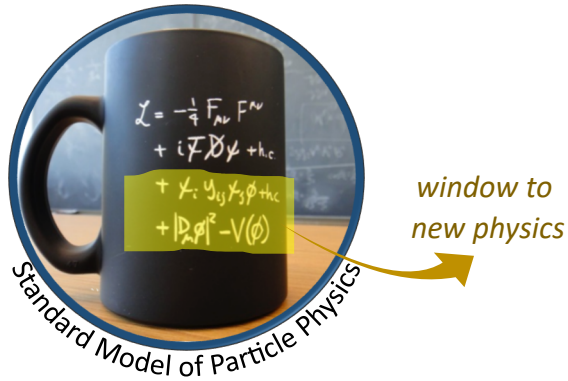
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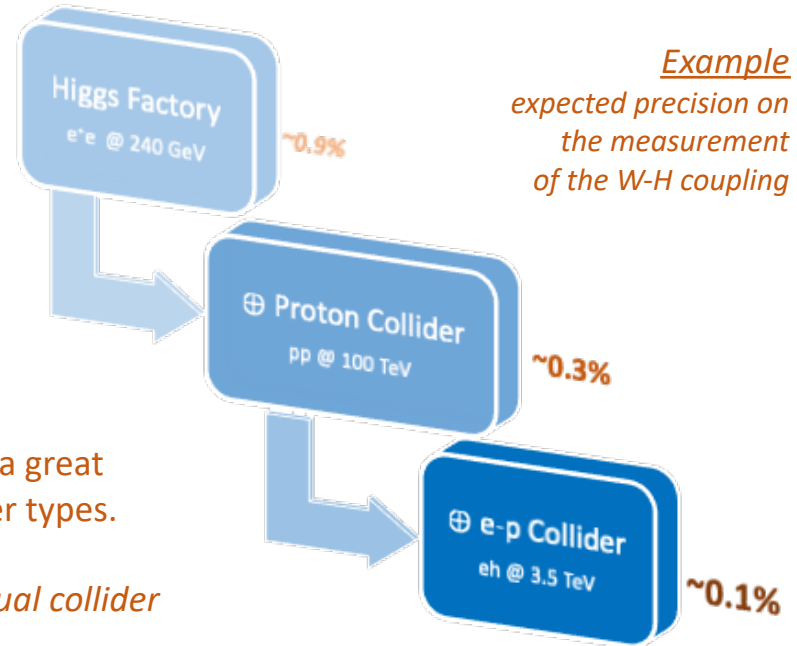
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*We need a coherent program allowing for a variety of future colliders*



# Future flagship at the energy & precision frontier

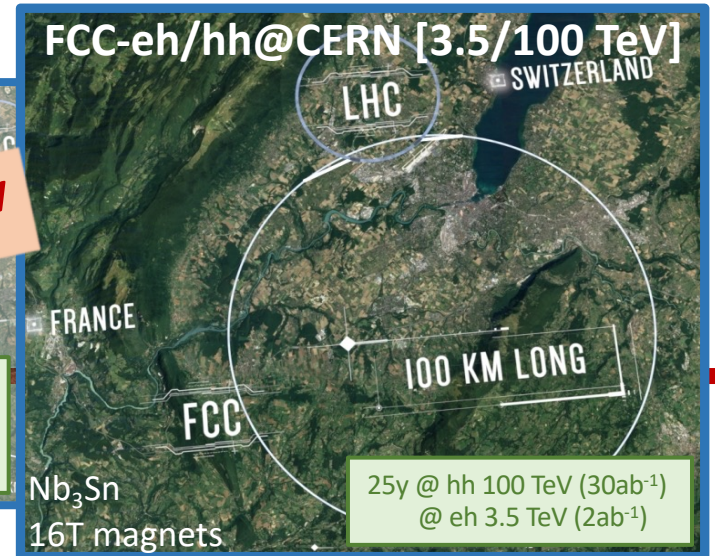
Current flagship (27km)  
impressive programme up to 2040

## Future Circular Collider (FCC)

big sister future ambition (100km), beyond 2040  
attractive combination of precision & energy frontier



ep-option with HL-LHC: LHeC  
10y @ 1.2 TeV ( $1ab^{-1}$ )  
updated CDR 2007.14491



numbers assume 2 lps for each collider (only one for FCC-eh)

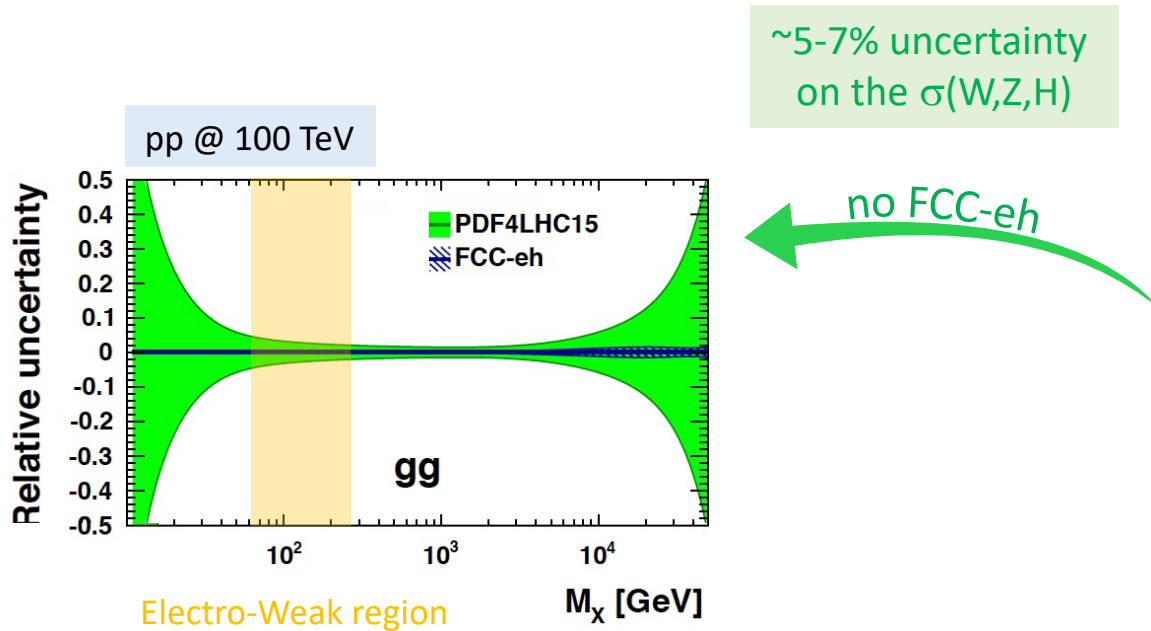
by around 2026, verify if it is feasible to plan for success  
(techn. & adm. & financially & global governance)

potential alternatives pursued @ CERN: CLIC & muon collider

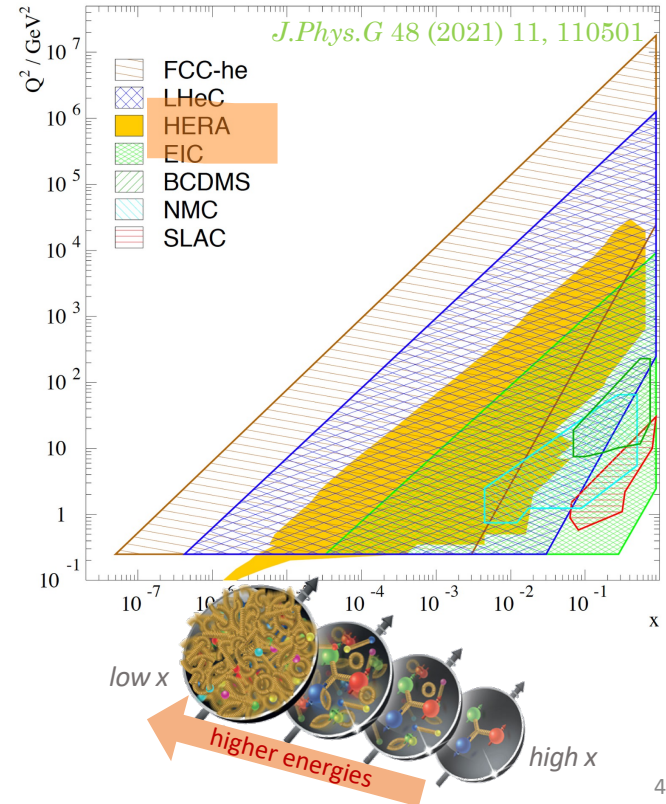


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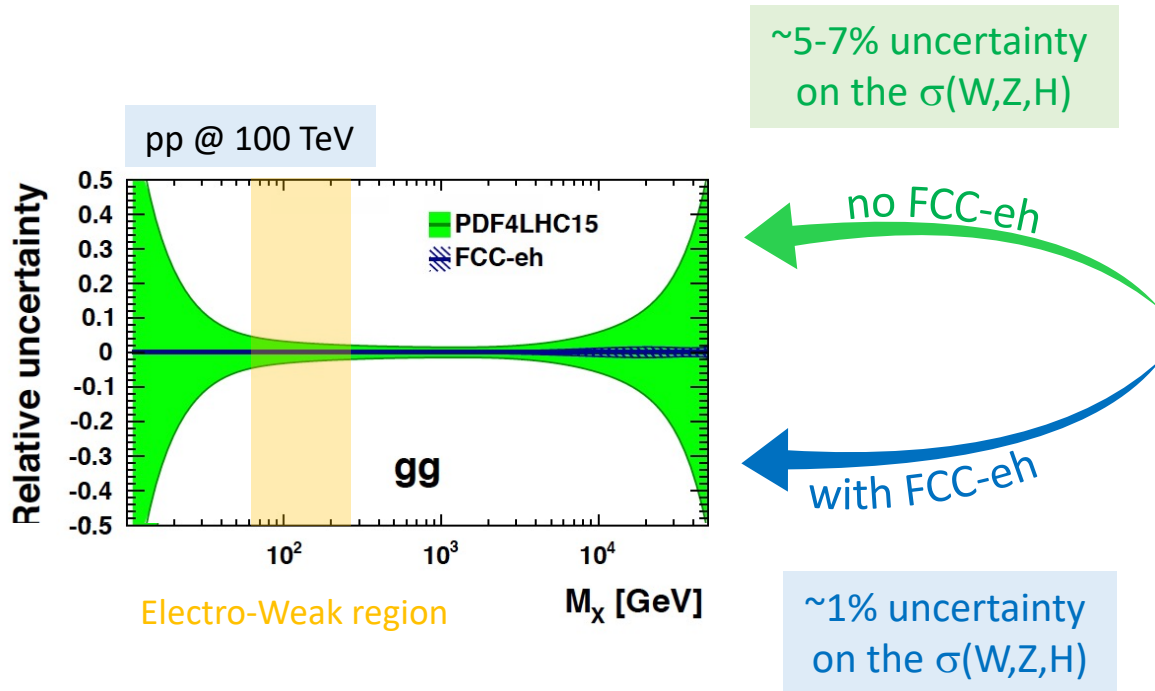


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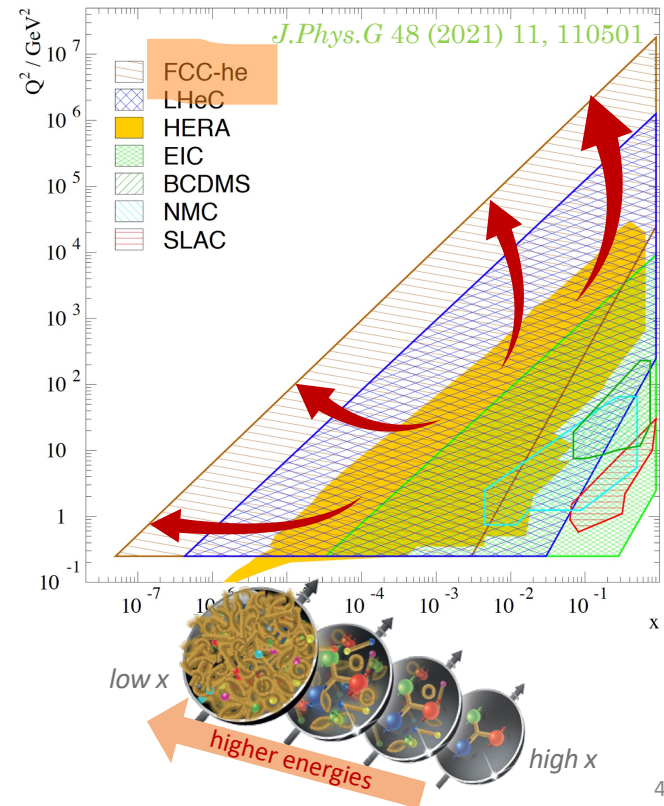


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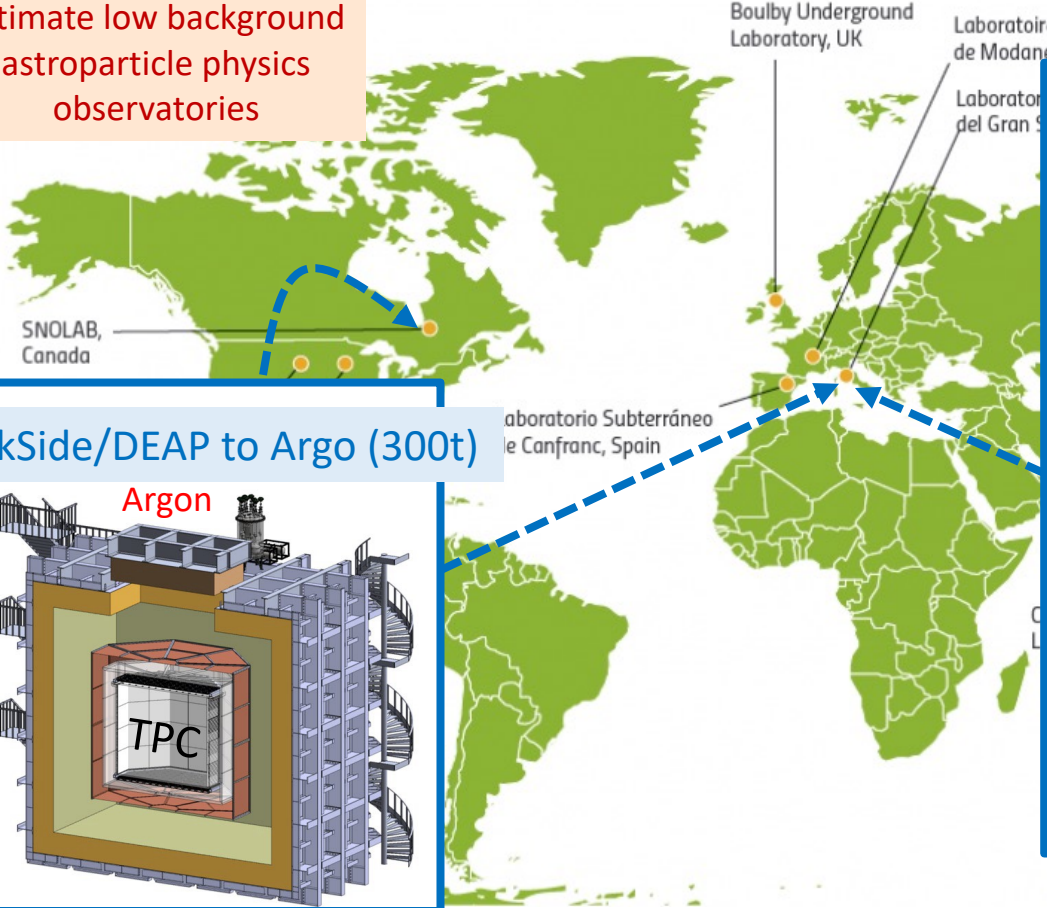
*our eyes on the neutrino & dark sector*

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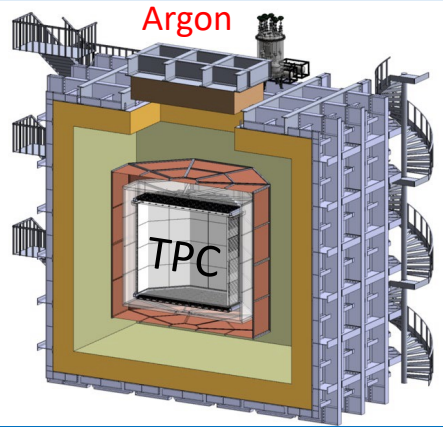


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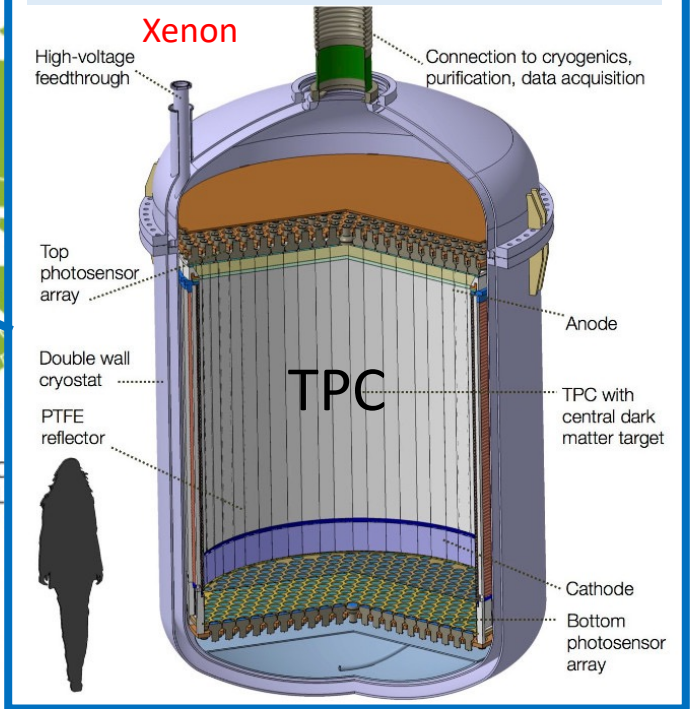


DarkSide/DEAP to Argo (300t)



proposal

XENON (1-10t) to DARWIN (50t)



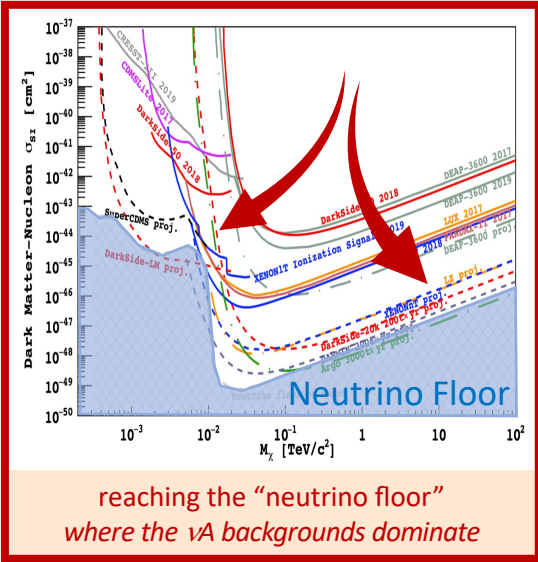
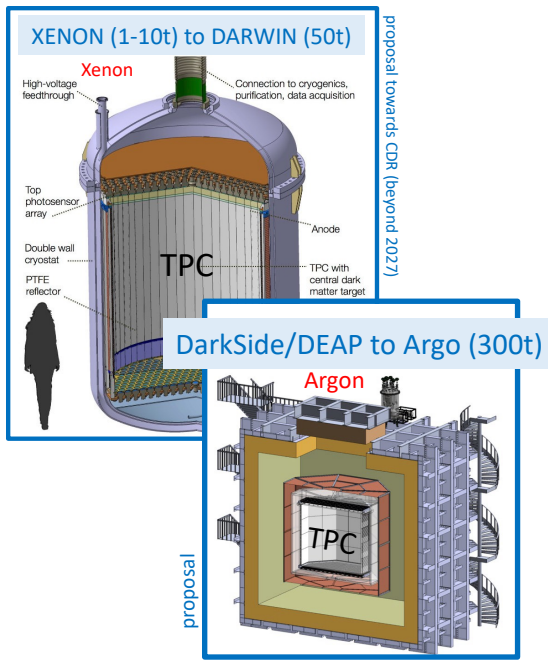
proposal towards CDR (beyond 2027)



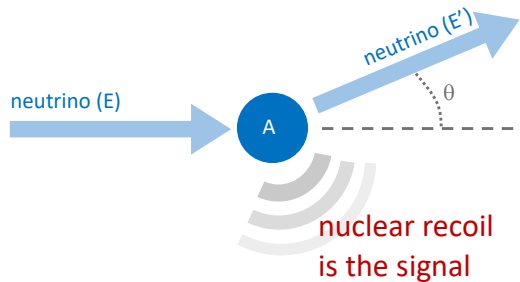
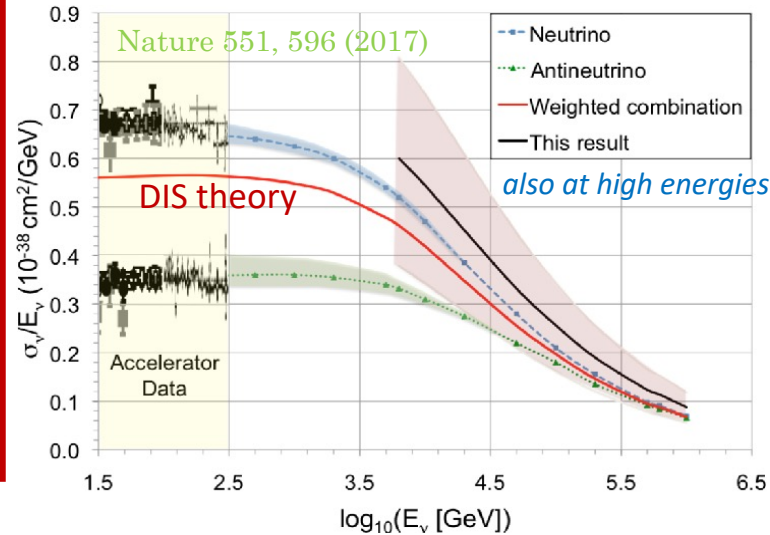


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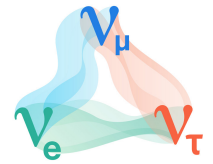
Understand  $\nu A$  interactions much better



IceCube's measurement of the neutrino  
charge current cross section through  
absorption by Earth ( $>10\text{TeV}$ )  
more to come from DUNE, JUNO, ...  
more to come with IceCube-Gen2 arXiv:2204.04237

# Neutrino sector extends the Standard Model

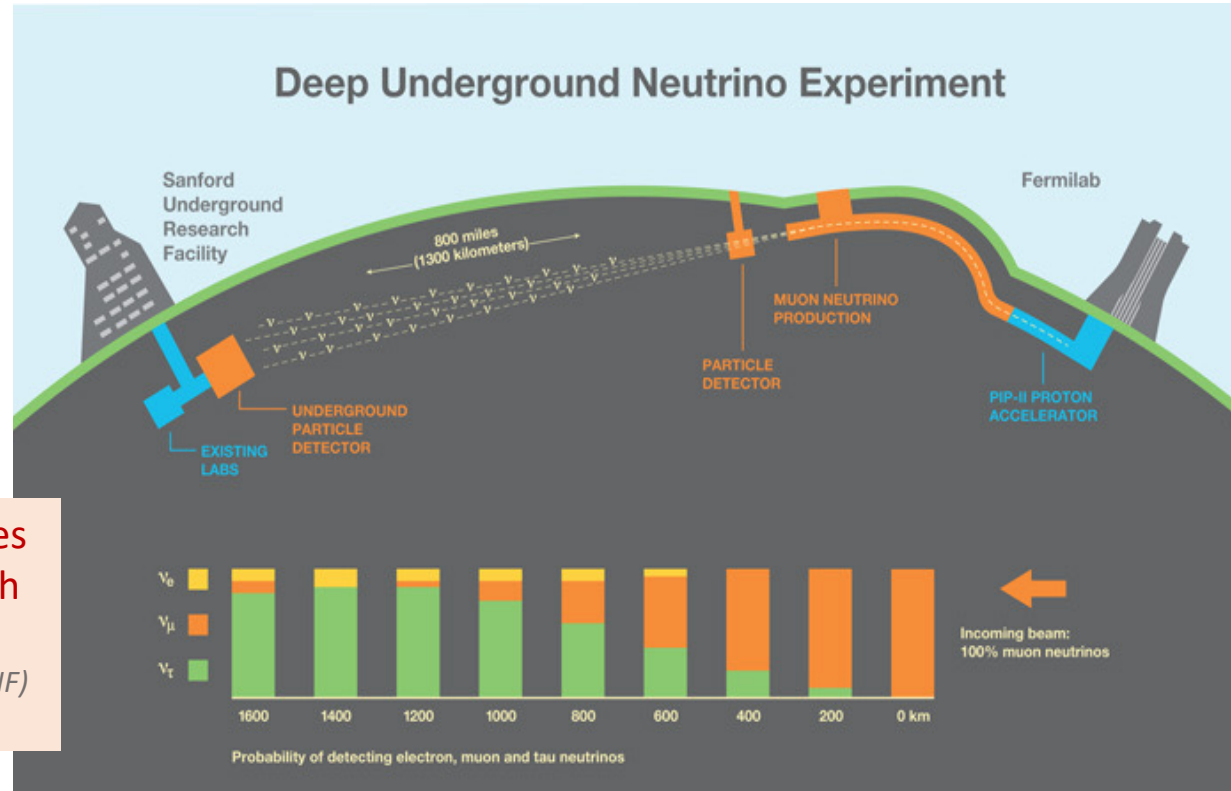
*Because neutrinos oscillate, they have mass... but how to extend the Standard Model?*



- *Is a neutrino its own anti-particle?*
- *Is there CP violation in the leptonic sector?*
- *What is the absolute mass scale?*
- *How does the neutrino mass spectrum look like?*

Measure the oscillation probabilities of neutrinos and antineutrinos with ultimate precision

*e.g. at the Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF) with the DUNE experiment*



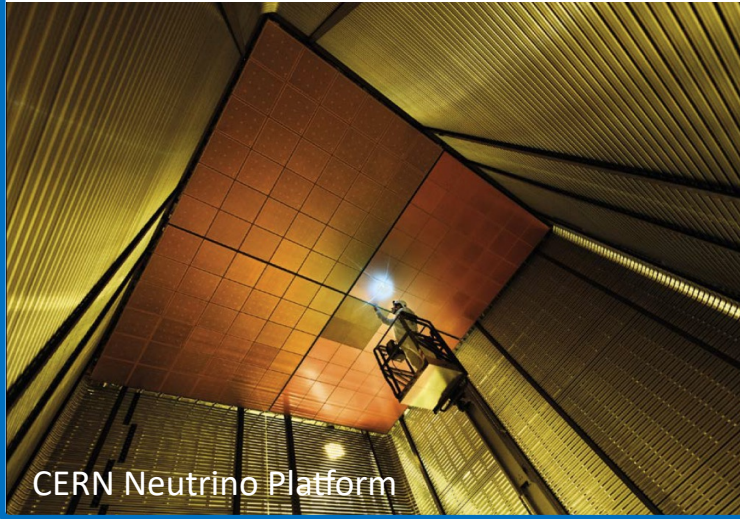


# Neutrino beams in Japan and in the US

*CERN's Neutrino Platform in LBNF & DUNE (US), and in T2K (Japan)*

## DUNE @ LBNF

*Prototype dual-phase Liquid-Argon TPC*



CERN Neutrino Platform

## BabyMIND @ T2K (near detector)

*Prototype for Magnetised Iron Neutrino Detector*



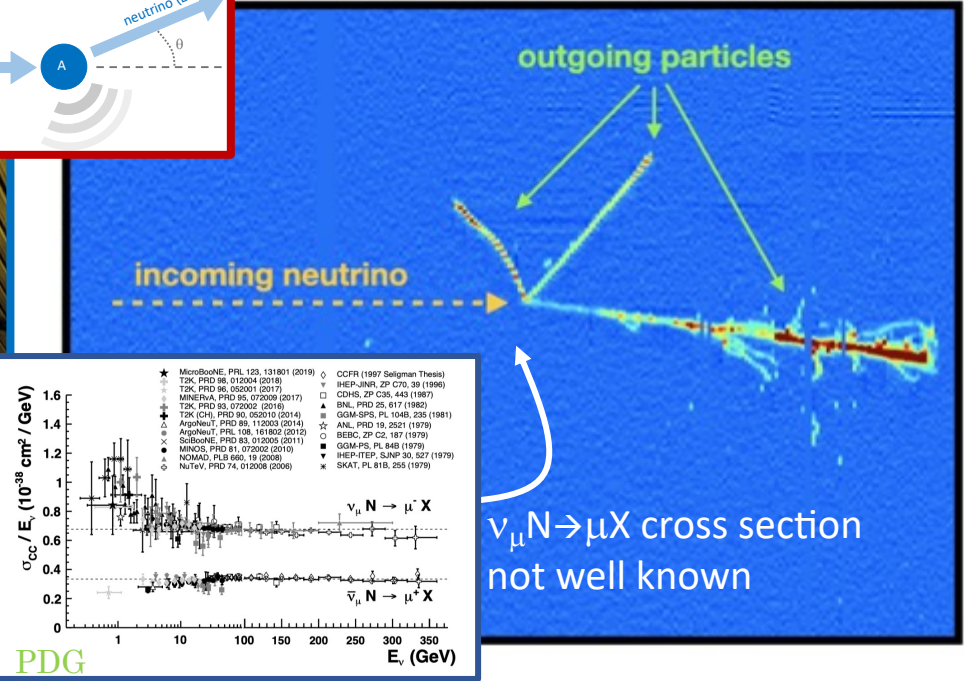
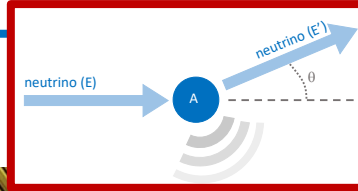
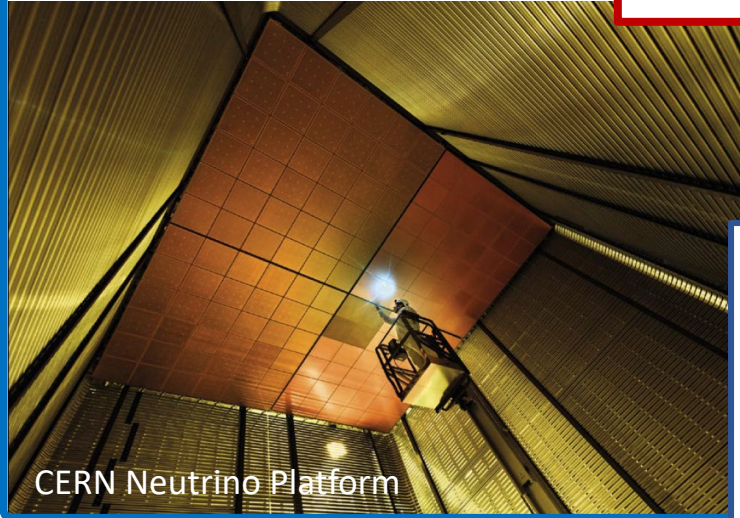
CERN Neutrino Platform

Within the next decade, we will now much more how to develop  
the neutrino sector to extend the Standard Model

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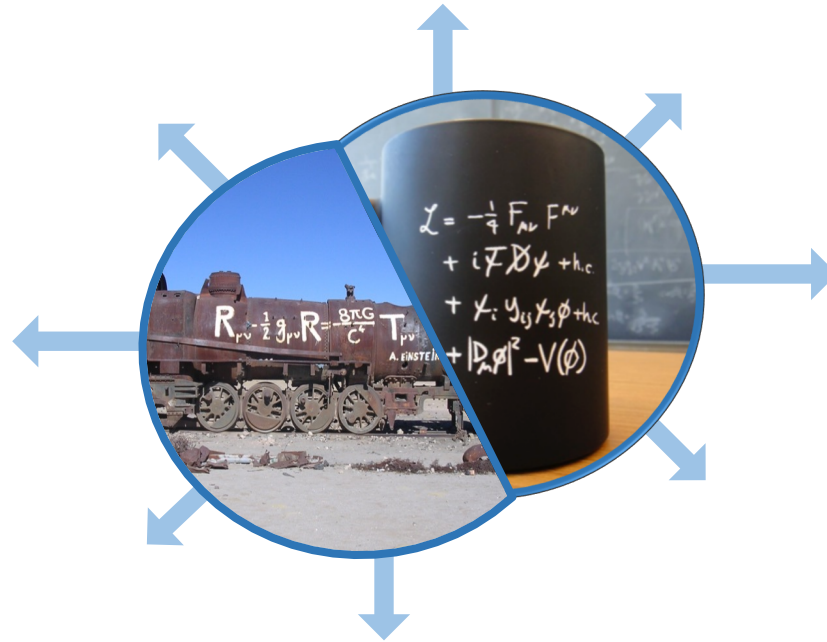
Precise low-energy neutrino DIS-like scattering measurements on nuclear targets are required for DUNE, Super-K/Hyper-K, IceCube, JUNO, ...

*our eyes on new physics*

earlier universe

higher energy interactions  
in the lab

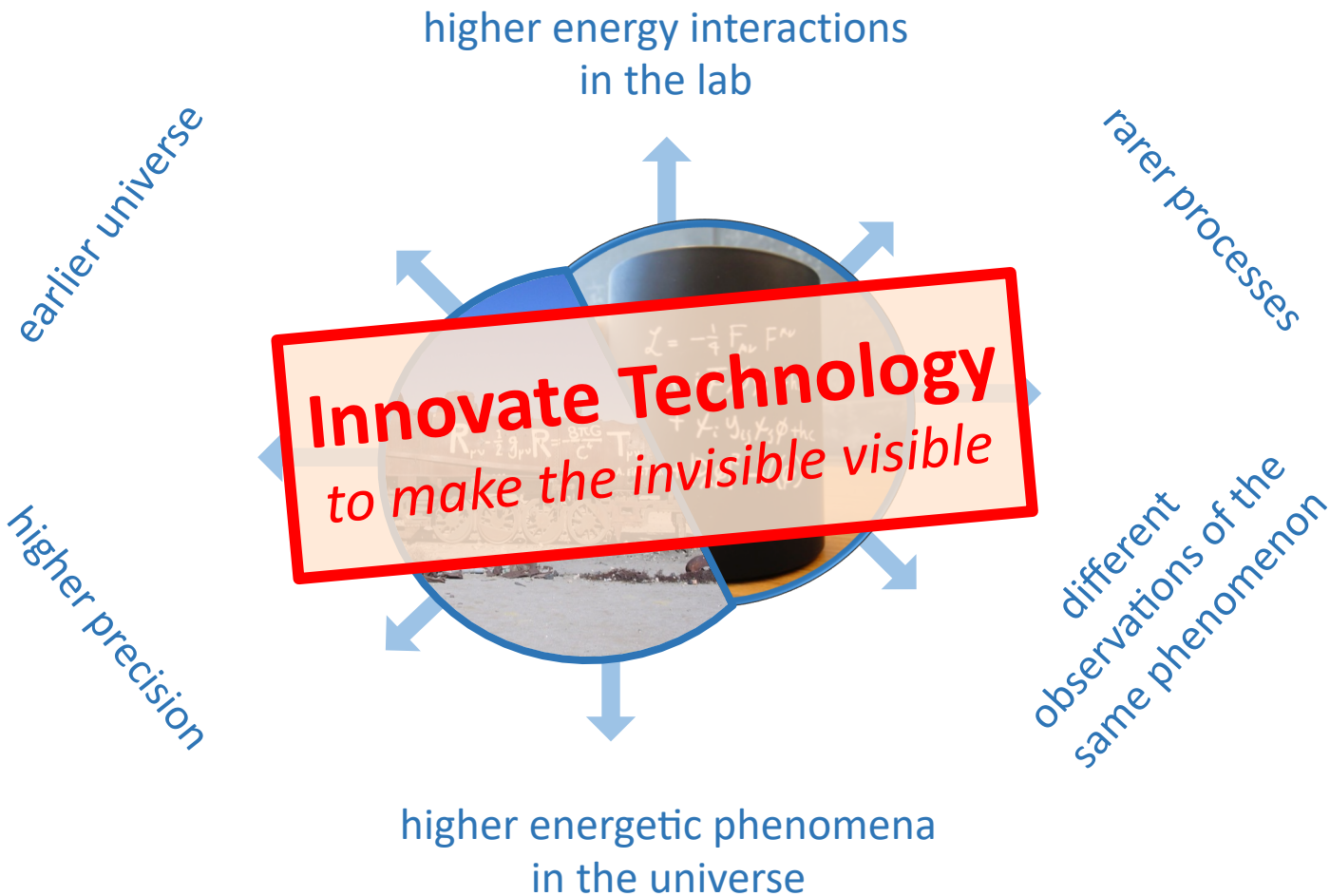
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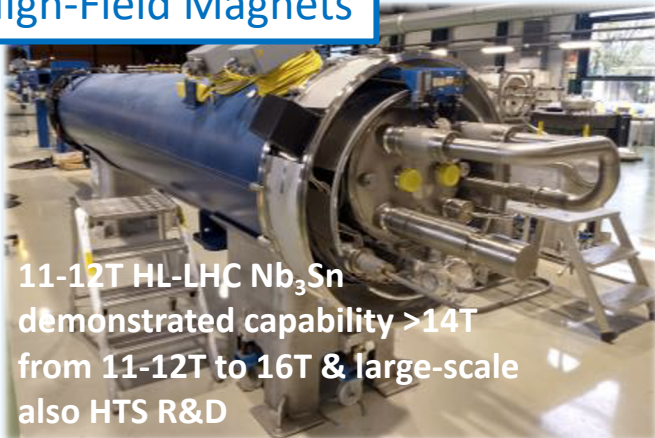
# Advancing Accelerator Technologies

High-energy & high-intensity beams are required for a DIS program

European Accelerator  
R&D Roadmap  
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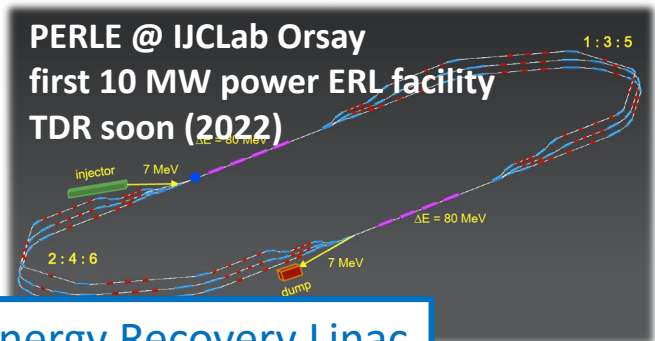
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## High-Field Magnets



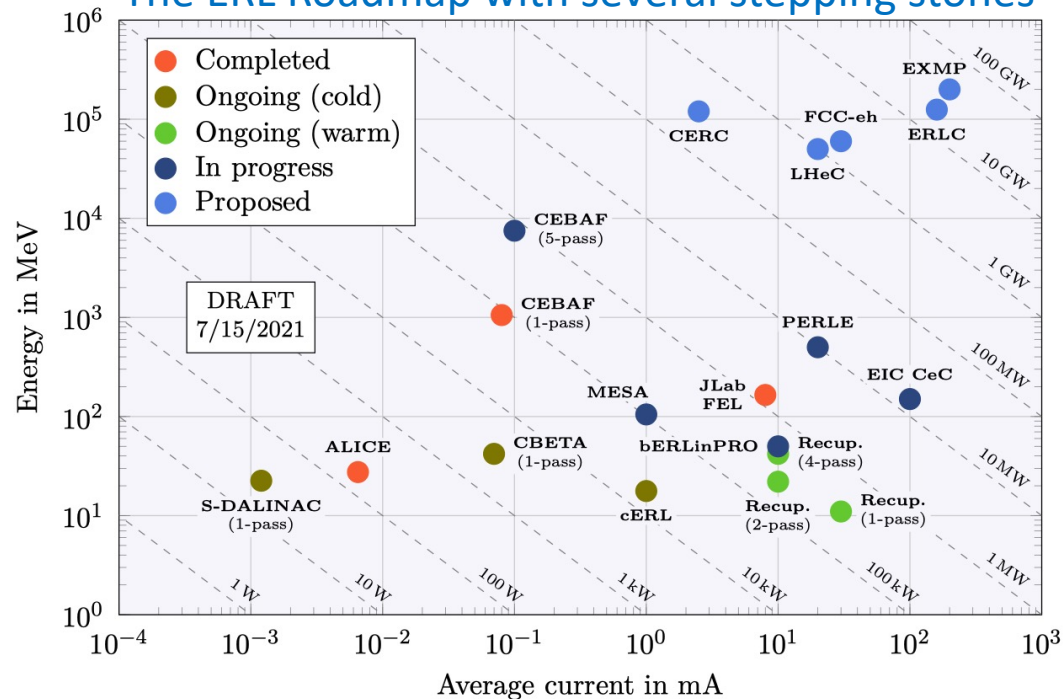
11-12T HL-LHC Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn  
demonstrated capability >14T  
from 11-12T to 16T & large-scale  
also HTS R&D

PERLE @ IJLab Orsay  
first 10 MW power ERL facility  
TDR soon (2022)



## Energy Recovery Linac

## The ERL Roadmap with several stepping stones



A high-energy muon collider is as well on the mind  
(at CERN... towards a  $\mu p/\mu A$  DIS program)

# Make the invisible visible – Detector R&D for DIS

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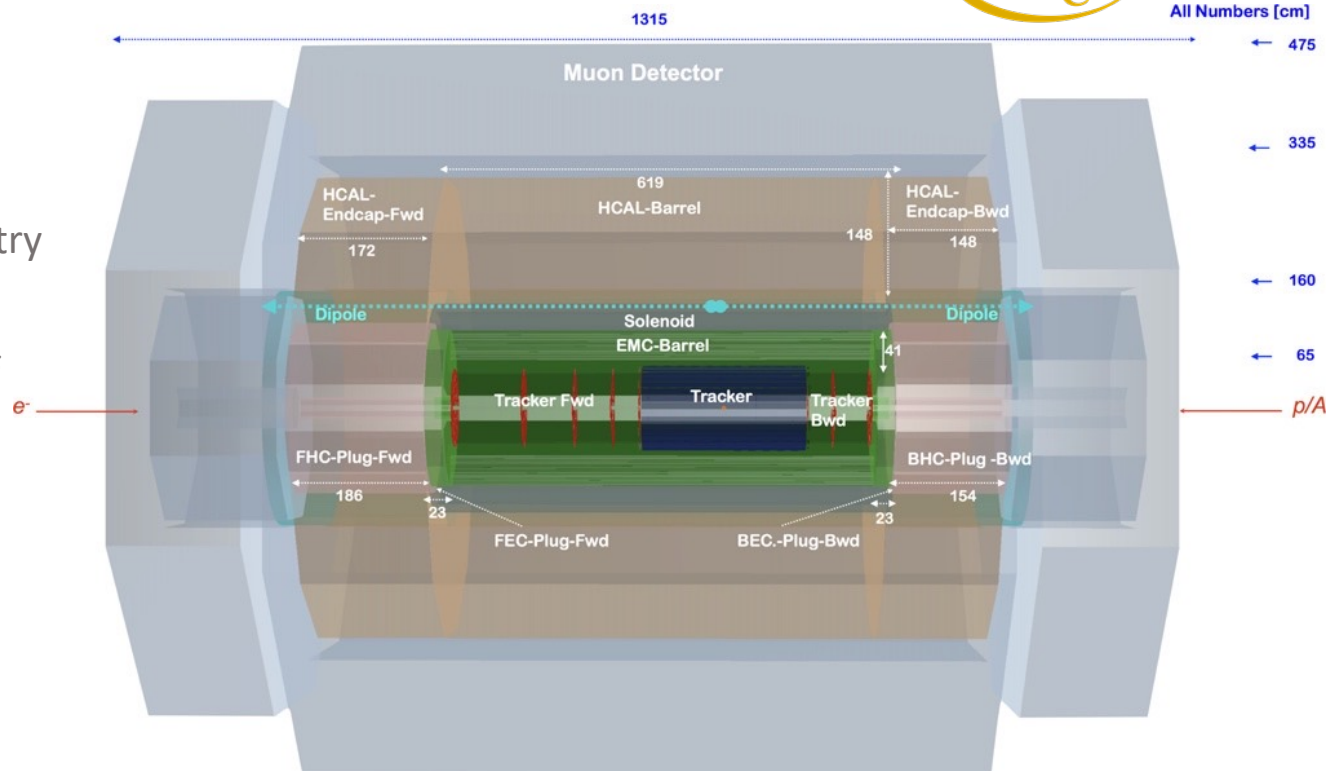


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Synergies with many other major projects, potentially as stepping stones

Potentially one detector for a joint DIS and Heavy-Ion program @ HL-LHC/FCC

Detector Requirements  
e.g. Solid State Devices



● Must happen or main physics goals cannot be met ● Important to meet several physics goals ● Desirable to enhance physics reach ● R&D needs being met



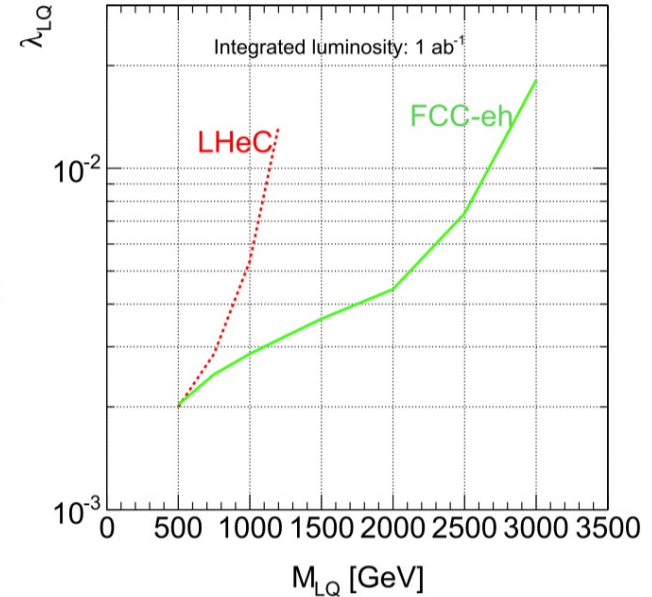
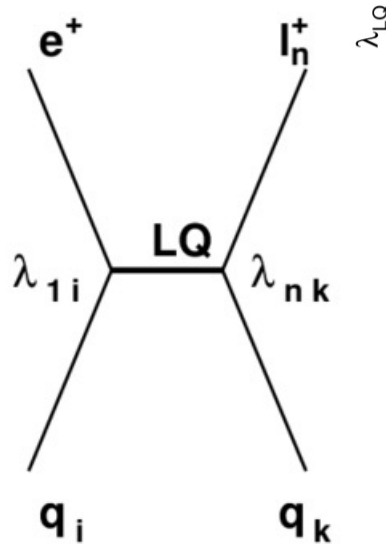
# The DIS program as a search engine for new physics

*With adequate instrumentation a DIS program can be a prime gateway to discoveries*

An high-energy ep collider is ideal to study features where leptons and quarks interact

*e.g. s-channel production of leptoquarks (LQ)*

In general, low production rate but with small background

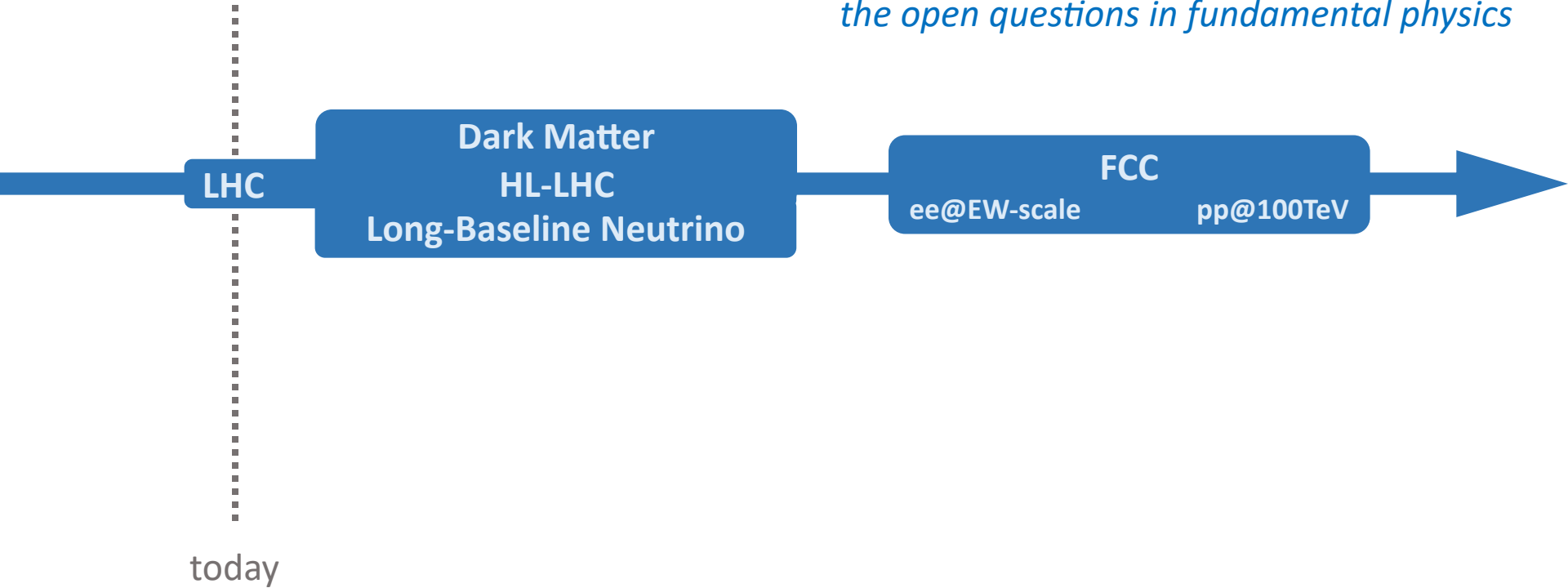


**Our community should be able to respond when clear signs of new physics appear**

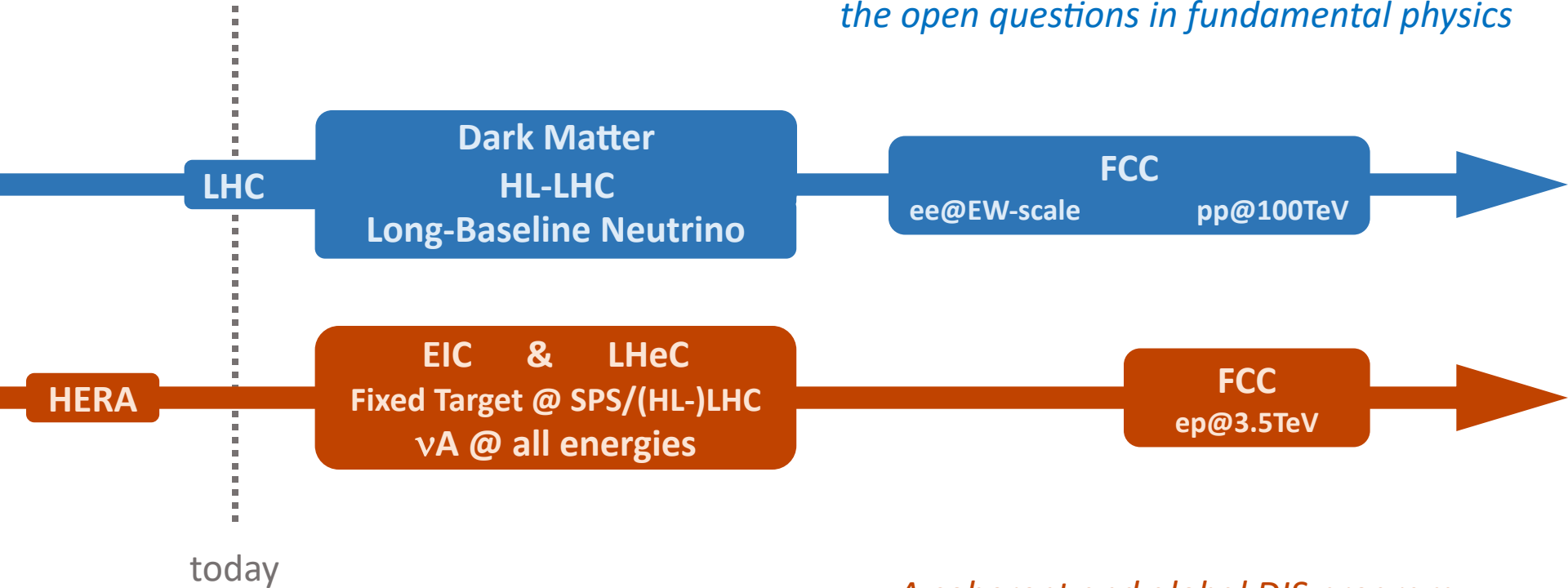
*What would be our roadmap if indeed lepton flavour universality is violated? Search for leptoquarks?*

*e.g. recent LHCb results comparing B-meson decays of muons and electrons, the muon's anomalous magnetic moment  $g-2$ ...*

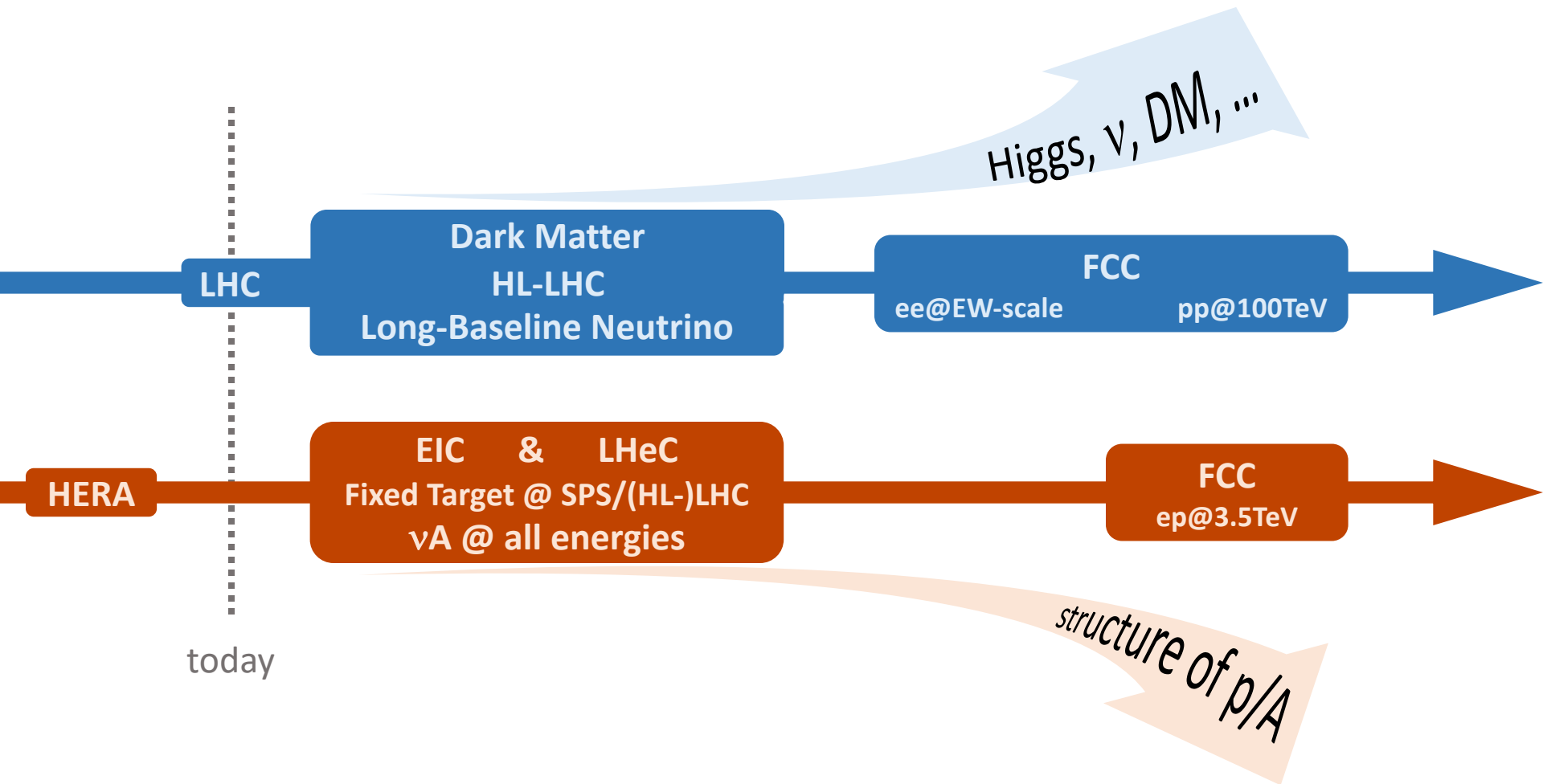
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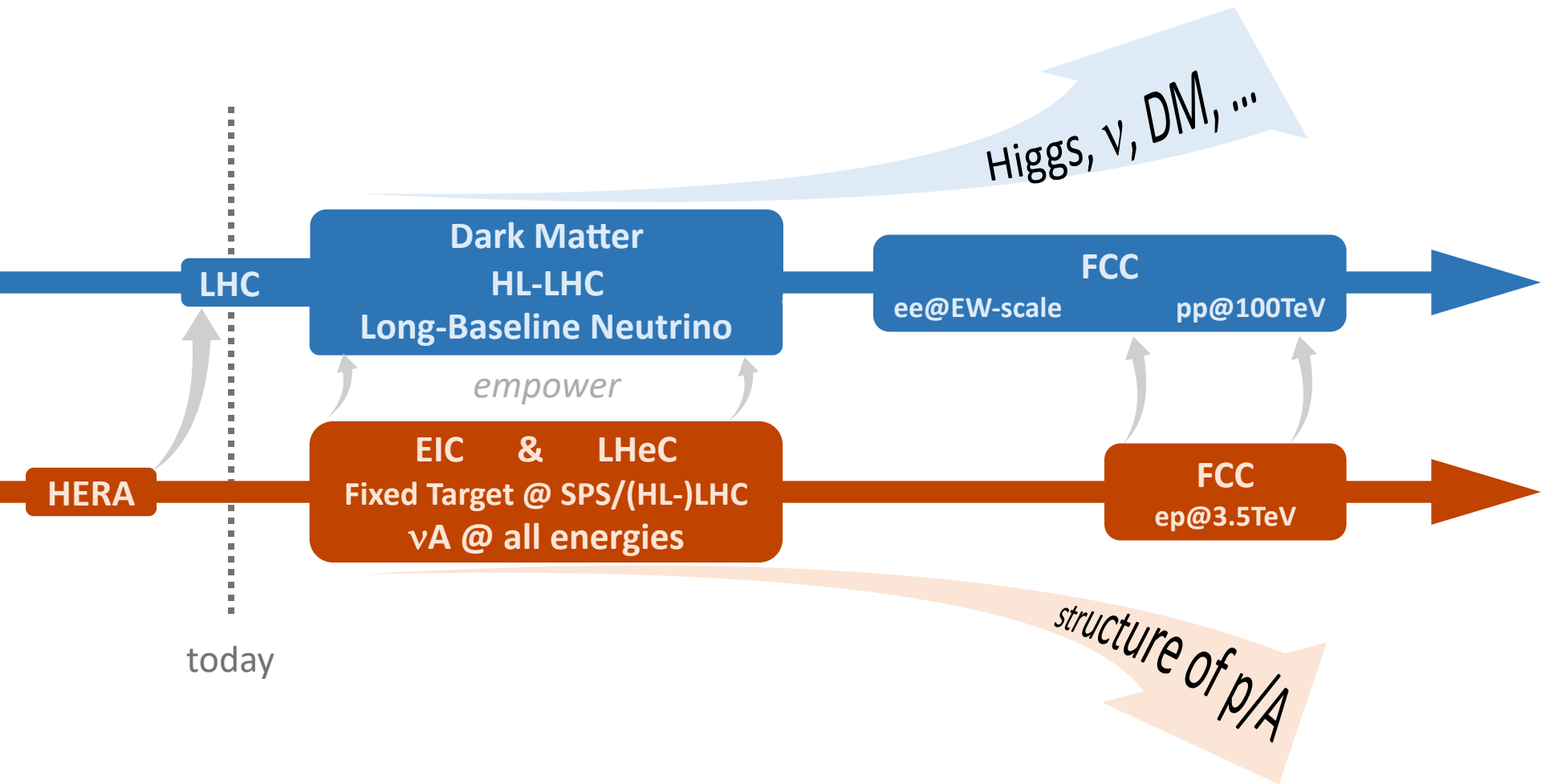


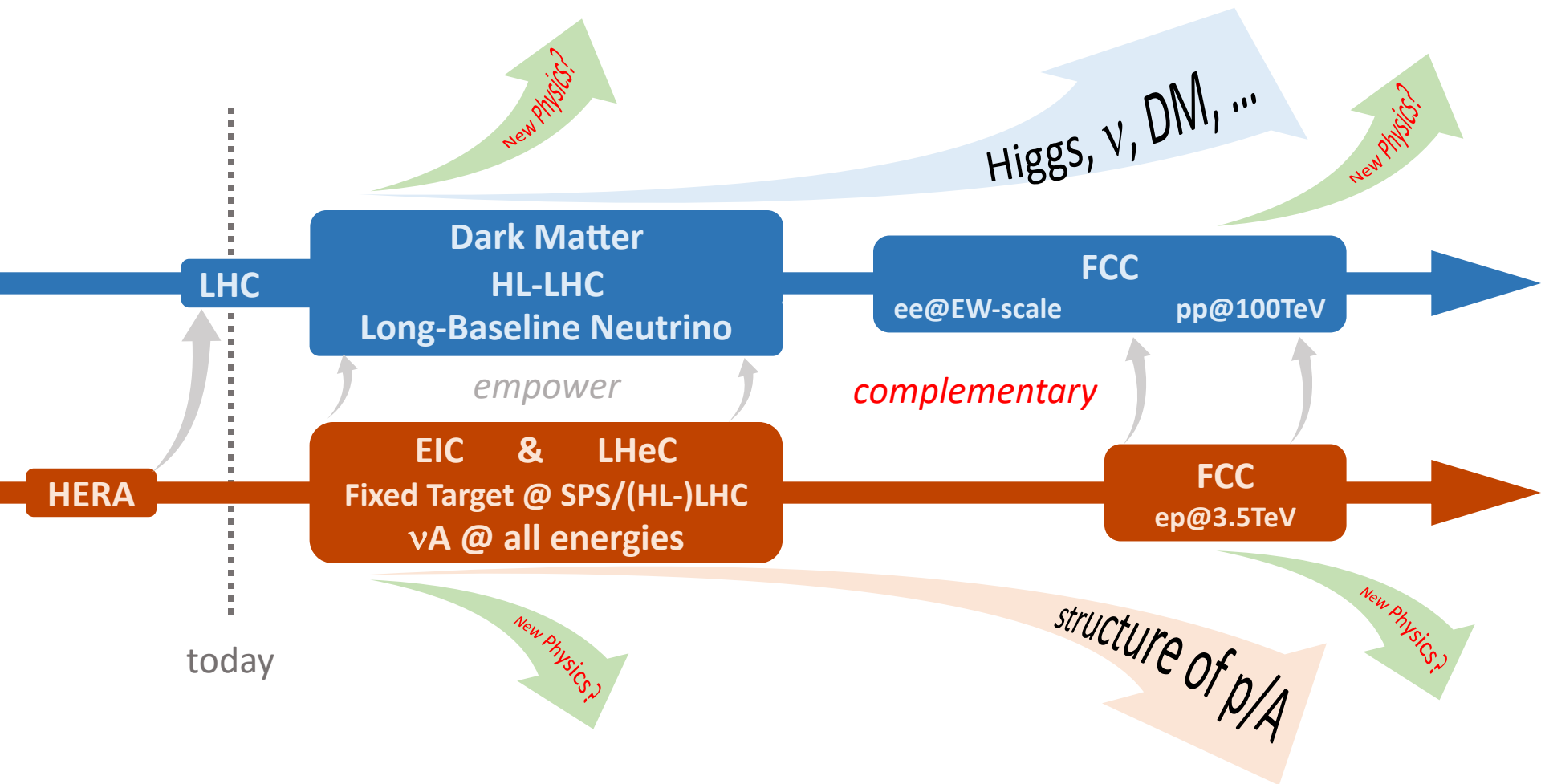
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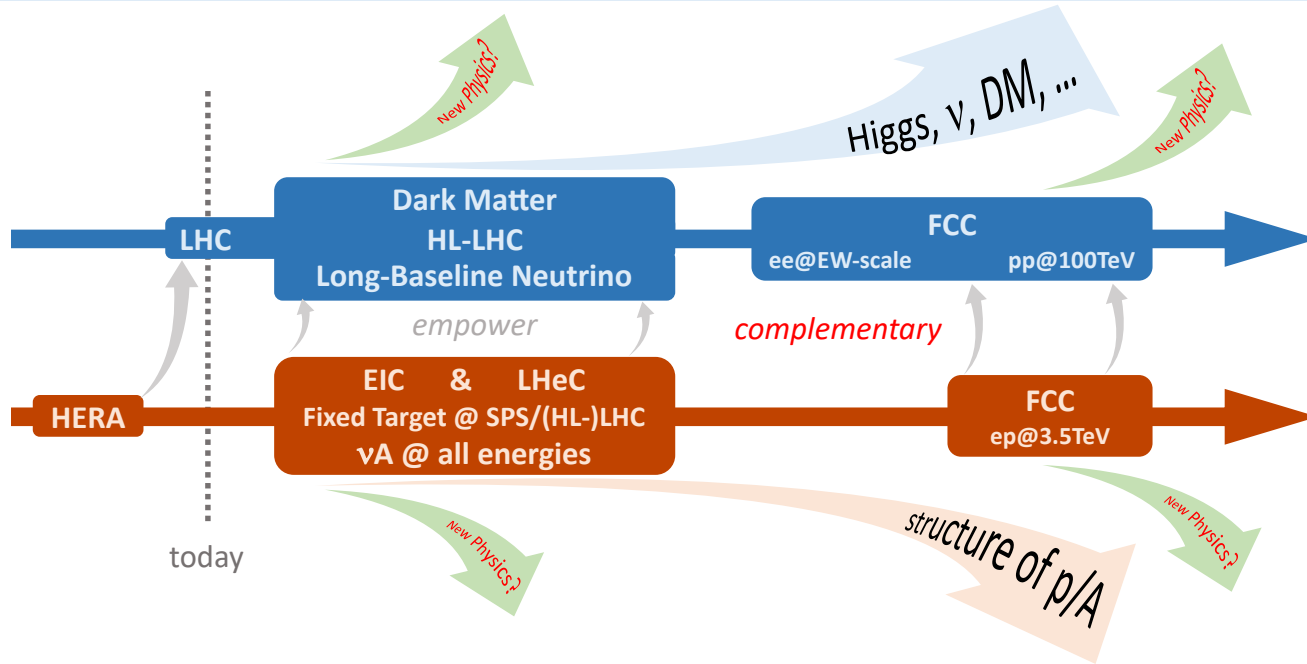
*A coherent and global DIS program is a major part of this endeavour (experimental & theoretical)*







# Building the DIS future together



Sustain a strong global DIS program is vital for particle physics



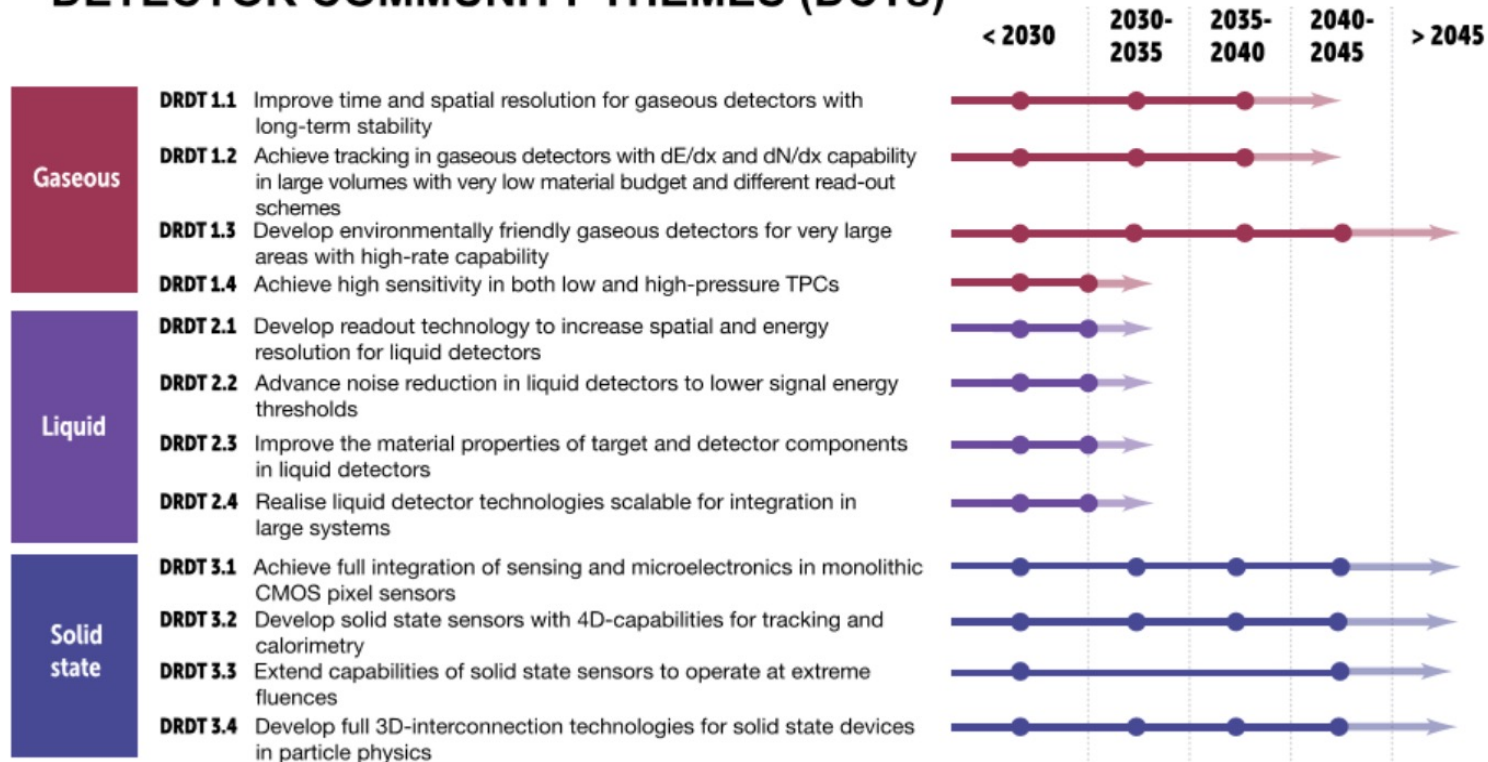


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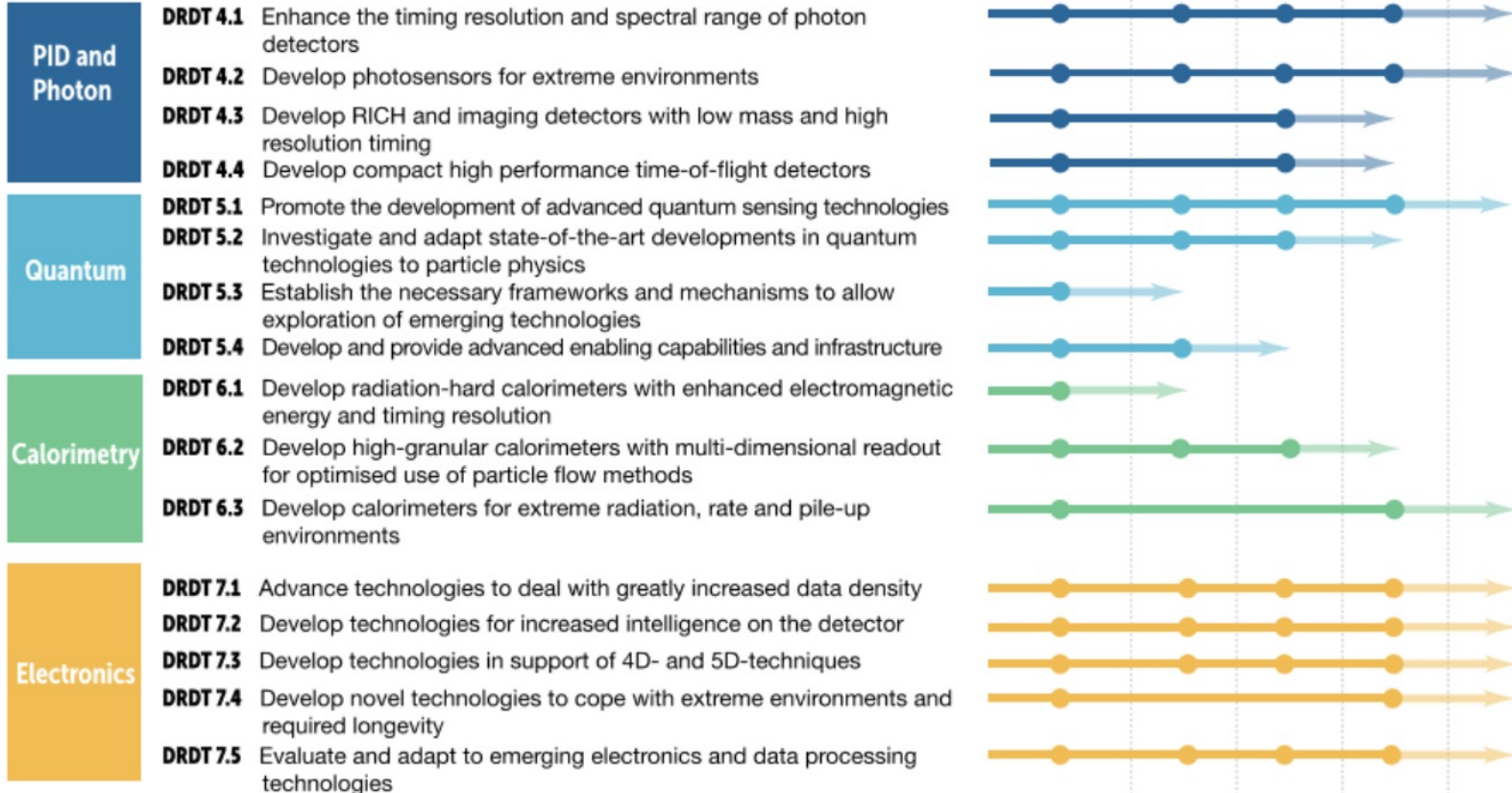
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- DRDT 7.2** Develop technologies for increased intelligence on the detector
- DRDT 7.3** Develop technologies in support of 4D- and 5D-techniques
- DRDT 7.4** Develop novel technologies to cope with extreme environments and required longevity
- DRDT 7.5** Evaluate and adapt to emerging electronics and data processing technologies

## Integration

- DRDT 8.1** Develop novel magnet systems
- DRDT 8.2** Develop improved technologies and systems for cooling
- DRDT 8.3** Adapt novel materials to achieve ultralight, stable and high precision mechanical structures. Develop Machine Detector Interfaces.
- DRDT 8.4** Adapt and advance state-of-the-art systems in monitoring including environmental, radiation and beam aspects

## Training

- DCT 1** Establish and maintain a European coordinated programme for training in instrumentation
- DCT 2** Develop a master's degree programme in instrumentation

