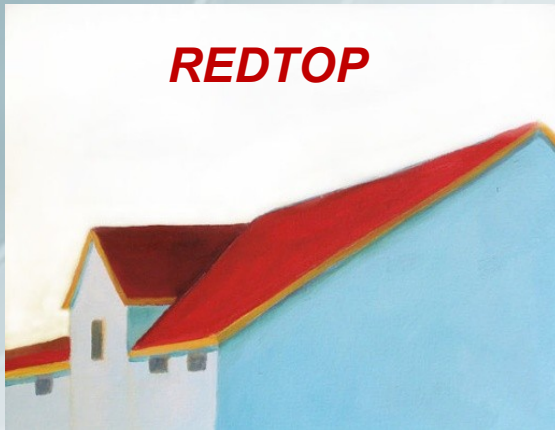


*The REDTOP experiment: a η/η' factory
to explore dark matter and physics
beyond the Standard Model*



*Rare η Decays
TO Probe New Physics*

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REDTOP Key Points



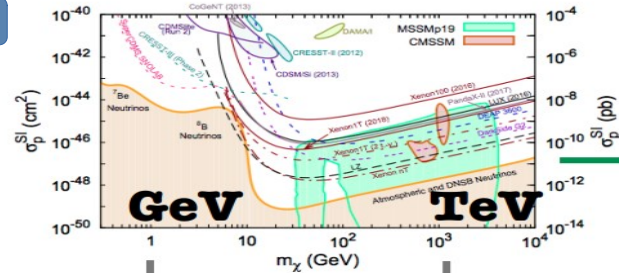
Cold dark matter scenarios

CDM bound

keV

BBN bound

MeV



~100 TeV,
Violate unitarity

Bound by cosmological observations

Mostly unconstrained

Disfavored by LHC/Direct detection

Requires new facilities

REDTOP: η/η' yielding $\sim 10^{14} (10^{12})$ mesons

$\mathcal{O}(10^5)$ the existing world sample – 3-yr run

Hadro-produced mesons: requires a 30W (55W) CW proton beam

Pion beam also well suited

Detector designed to search for BSM physics in the MeV-GeV region

Main search fields: dark matter and CP-violation

Sensitive to 17MeV resonances

Moderate cost:

\$55M excl. contingency and labor

Rationale for an η/η' 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 η/η' mesons and the Higgs boson (also the vacuum!) \rightarrow very rare in nature
- The η meson is a Goldstone boson (the η' meson is not!)
- The η/η' decays are flavor-conserving reactions

Experimental advantages:

- Hadronic production cross section is quite large (~ 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 η/η' 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 μ 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 $H \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, $H \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Dual (or triple!) calorimeters and particle ID

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

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

Other discrete symmetry violations

- Lepton Flavor Violation: $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ e^- + c.c.$
- Radiative Lepton Flavor Violation: $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ e^- + c.c.$
- Double lepton Flavor Violation: $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+ e^- e^- + c.c.$

Non- η/η' based BSM Physics

- Neutral pion decay: $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma A' \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$
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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 η/η' (SM predicts 10^{-6} - 10^{-9})

High precision studies on medium energy physics

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- Chiral perturbation theory
- Non-perturbative QCD
- Isospin breaking due to the u-d quark mass difference
- Octet-singlet mixing angle
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Only experiment, along with SHIP, sensitive to all four BSM portals

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The physics case for REDTOP



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

15 processes fully simulated and reconstructed – 20 theoretical models benchmarked

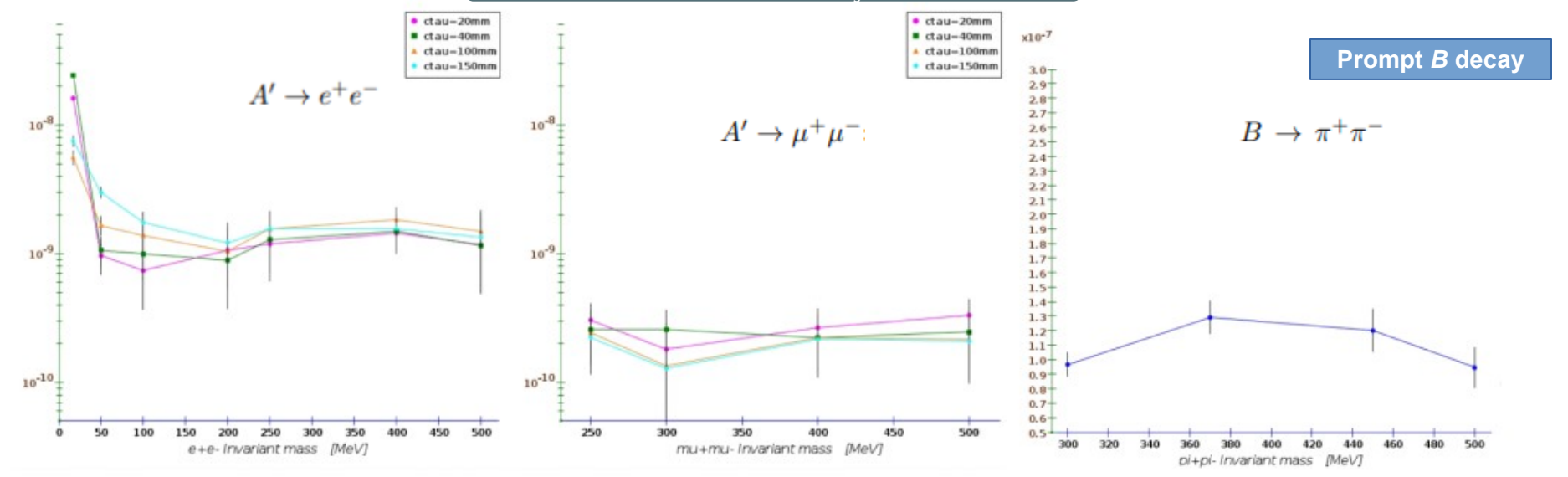
- Four BSM portals
- Three CP violating processes requiring no μ -polarization measurement
- A fourth CP violating processes under study
- Three CP violating processes requiring μ -polarization measurement
- Two lepton flavor universality studies
- Two lepton flavor violation studies

Key detector parameters

- Large sensitivity to < 17 MeV mass resonances (compared to WASA and KLOE)
- Tracking capable to reconstruct detached vertices up to ~ 100 cm
- Sensitivity to BR $\sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-11})$ ($\sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-12})$ with pion beam)
- Detector optimization under way

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

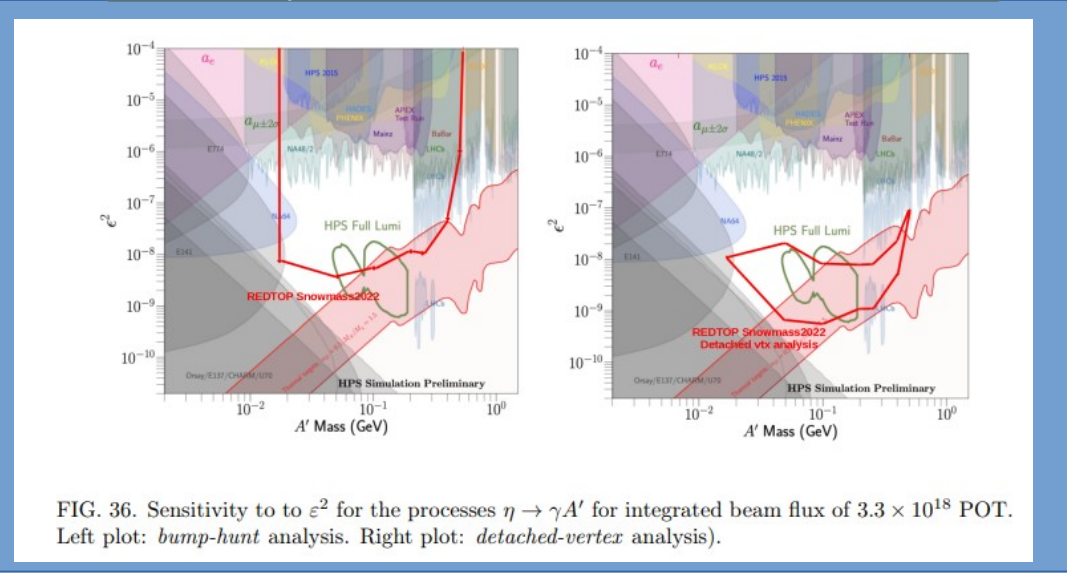


FIG. 36. Sensitivity to ϵ^2 for the processes $\eta \rightarrow \gamma A'$ for integrated beam flux of 3.3×10^{18} POT. Left plot: *bump-hunt* analysis. Right plot: *detached-vertex* analysis).

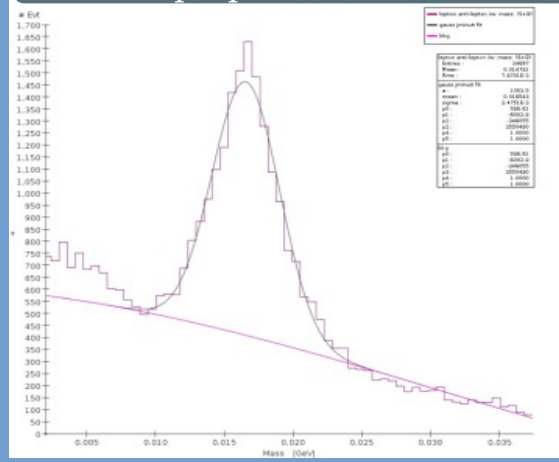
- ### Theoretical Models considered
- Minimal dark photon model
 - Most popular model
 - Leptophobic B boson Model
 - Protophobic Fifth Force
 - Explains the Atomki anomaly

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

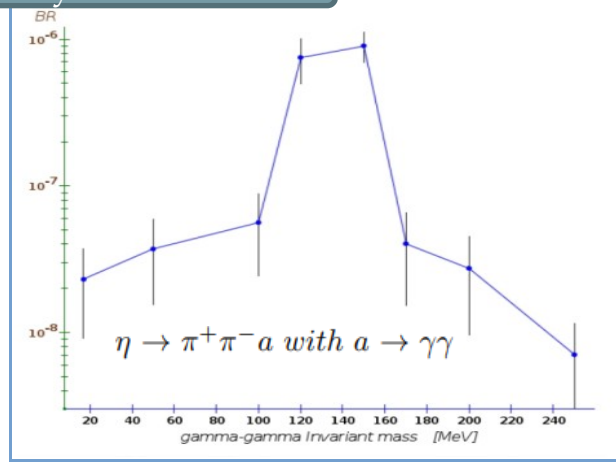
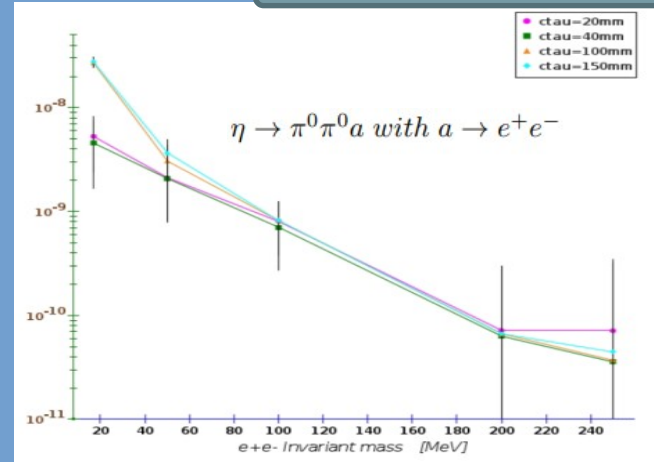


with $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $e^+ e^-$

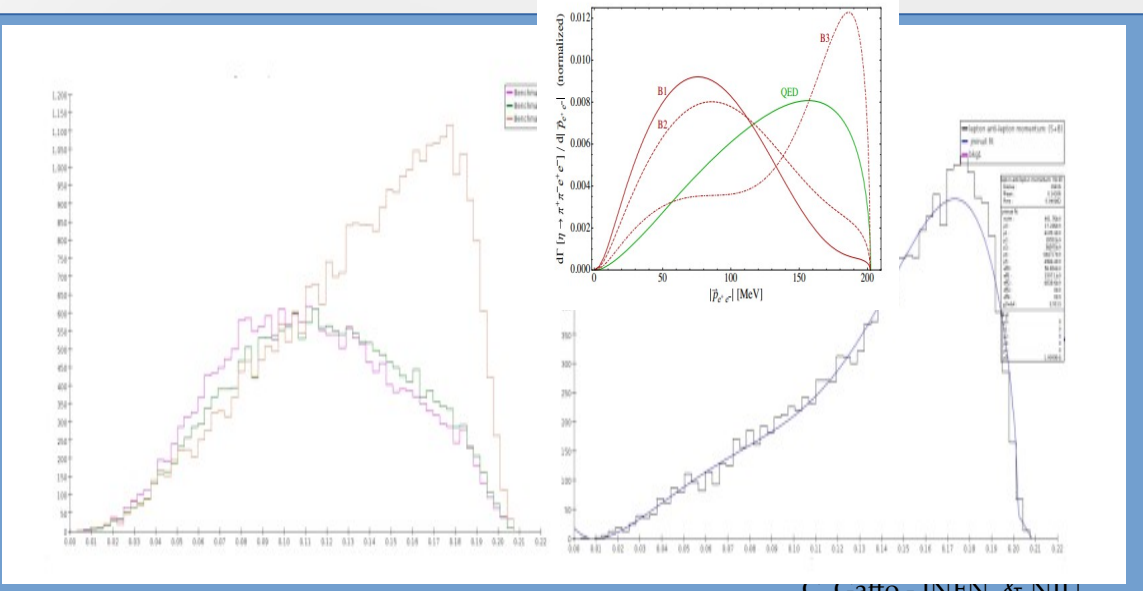
17 MeV piophobic QCD axion



Some BR sensitivity curves



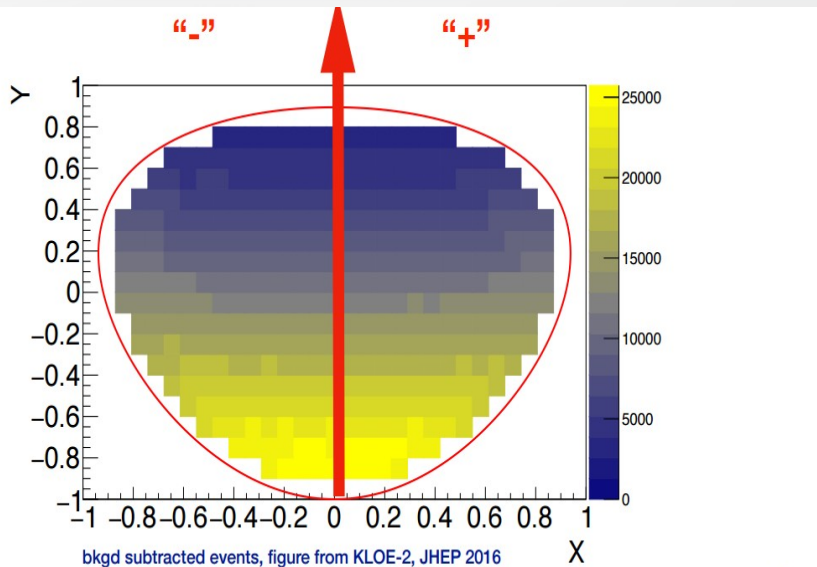
Differential rate for $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- a$ for three benchmark params



- ### Theoretical 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*

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>



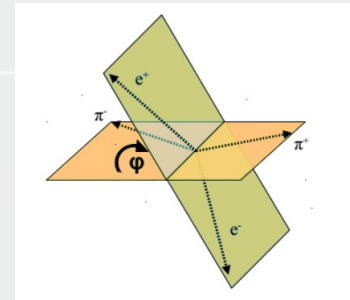
Slide Credit: Susan Gardner & Jun Shi 

REDTOP sensitivity to model parameters

#Rec. Events	Re(α)	Im(α)	Re(β)	Im(β)	p-value
10^8 (no-bkg)	3.3×10^{-1}	3.7×10^{-1}	4.4×10^{-4}	5.6×10^{-4}	17%
Full stat. (no-bkg)	1.9×10^{-2}	2.1×10^{-2}	2.5×10^{-5}	3.2×10^{-5}	17%
Full stat. (100%-bkg)	2.3×10^{-2}	3.0×10^{-2}	3.5×10^{-5}	4.5×10^{-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 $\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- e^+ e^-$

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

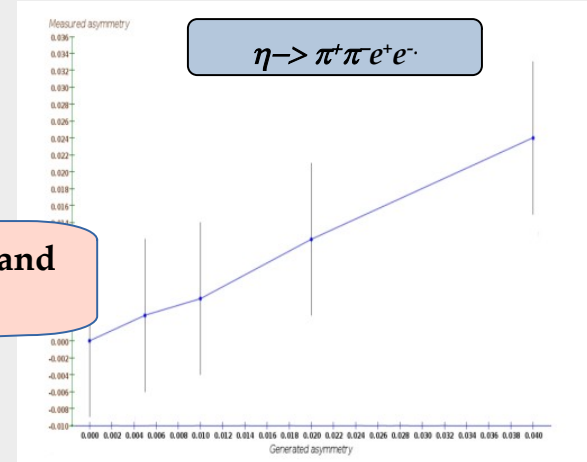
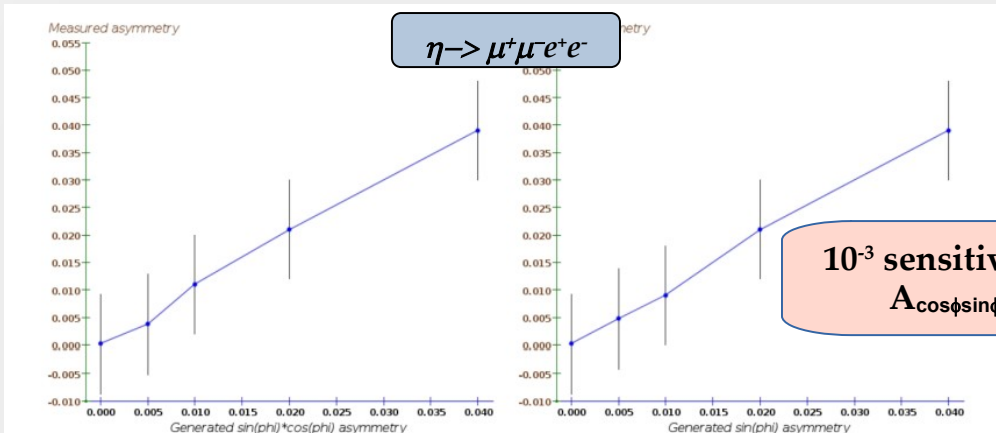
$$A_{\sin\Phi} = \frac{N(\sin\phi > 0) - N(\sin\phi < 0)}{N(\sin\phi > 0) + N(\sin\phi < 0)}$$

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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CP Violation in $\eta \rightarrow (\gamma, \pi^0) \mu^+ \mu^-$

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

Requires the measurement of μ -polarization to form the following asymmetries

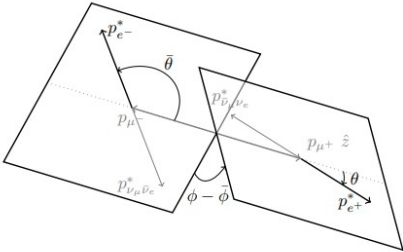


FIG. 11. Kinematics of the process. The decaying muons' momenta in the η rest frame are noted as p_{μ^\pm} , while the e^\pm momenta, $p_{e^\pm}^*$, is shown in the corresponding μ^\pm reference frame along with the momenta of the $\nu\bar{\nu}$ system. The \hat{z} axis is chosen along p_{μ^+} .

introduced two different muon's polarization asymmetries,

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

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

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%	$8.6 \times 10^{-3}\%$	$7.0 \times 10^{-6}\%$	-

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



Lepton Universality Studies

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

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

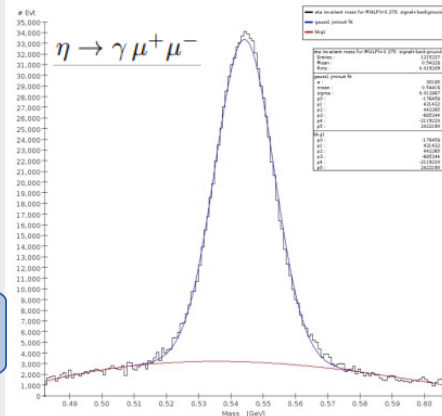
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$ vs $\gamma e^+ e^-$

Process	POT	Signal events	Background events	$\frac{S}{\sqrt{B}}$	Statistical error
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$	1.38×10^{11}	1.13×10^6	2.52×10^4	1.3×10^4	0.09%
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+ \mu^-$	1.38×10^{11}	8.84×10^5	6.5×10^3	3.5×10^3	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 1.38×10^{18} POT

LHCb @ 4.2% with 1640 evts

LHCb @ 1.8% with 3850 evts



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

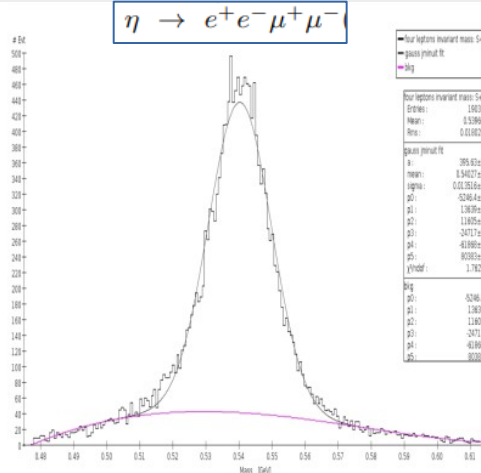
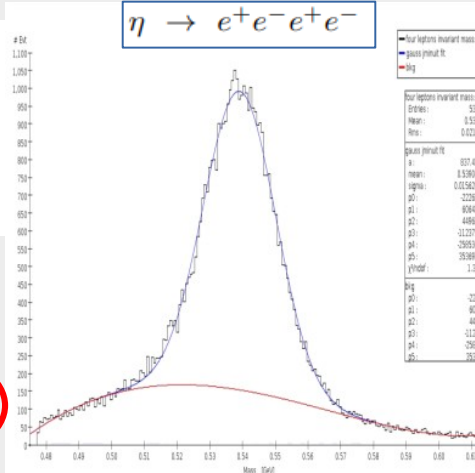
Theoretical calculations at the 10^{-3} precision from Kampf, Novotný, Sanchez-Puertas (PR D 97, 056010 (2018))

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
$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- e^+ e^-$	4.4×10^{14}	53,934	0.5%
$\eta \rightarrow e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	1.6×10^{15}	18,841	0.8%
$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	2.2×10^{18}	10,548	1.0%



Present & Future η Samples



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

Beam Options for 10^{14} η mesons

Baseline option - medium-energy CW proton beam

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

vs LHCb@40 MHz

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

Preferred option - low-energy pion beam

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

Inelastic interaction rate: ~ 0.1 GHz
 η/η' production rate: ~ 2.3 MHz

Ultimate option: Tagged 10^{13} η mesons

- ❑ high intensity proton beam on De target: ~ 0.9 GeV ; 0.1-1 MW
- ❑ Less readily available: (ESS, FAIR, CSNS, ORNL, PIP-II)
- ❑ Required fwd tagging detector for He_3^{++}
- ❑ Fully tagged production from nuclear reaction: $p + \text{De} \rightarrow \eta + \text{He}_3^+$

Inel. interaction rate: $\sim 13 - 130$ GHz
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Only $\sim 1\%$ of the proton or pion beam interacts with REDTOP

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

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 η/η' production rate: ~ 2.3 MHz

Ultimate option: Tagged 10^{13} η mesons

- high intensity proton beam on De target: ~ 0.9 GeV ; 0.1-1 MW
- Less readily available: (ESS, FAIR, CSNS, ORNL, PIP-II)
- Required fwd tagging detector for He_3^{++}
- Fully tagged production from nuclear reaction: $p + \text{De} \rightarrow \eta + \text{He}_3^+$

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

Detector Requirements and Technology

- Sustain 0.7 GHz event rate with avg final state multiplicity of 8 particles
- Calorimetric $\sigma(E)/E \sim 2\text{-}3\%/\sqrt{E}$
- High PID efficiency: 98/99% (e,γ), 95% (μ), 95% (π), 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- 4π detector acceptance (as the η/η' 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

- ❑ ADRIANO2 calorimeter (Calice+T1604)
- ❑ Rear section with Fe absorbers
- ❑ 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

Option 2: HV-MAPS (Mu3e style)

- ❑ Low material budget (0.11%/layer)
- ❑ $\sim 40\mu\text{m}$ vertex resolution in 3D

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

μ -polarizer

Active version (from
TREK exp.) - optional

10x Be or Li targets

- 0.33 mm thin
- Spaced 10 cm

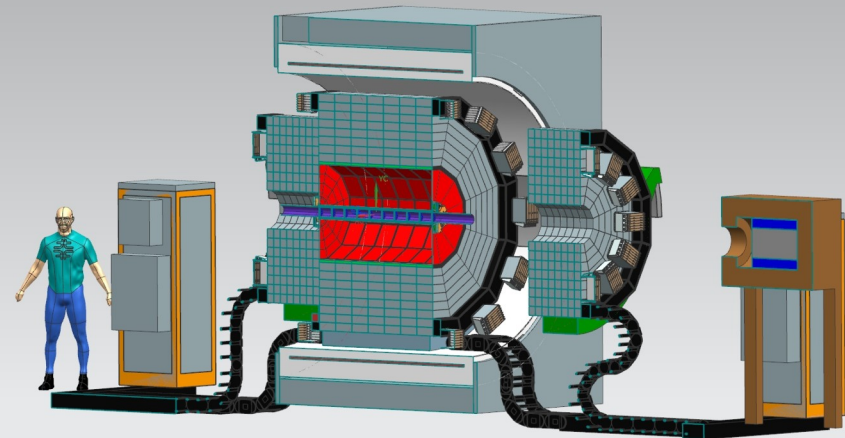
RICH

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

Fiber tracker or ITS3

for rejection of γ -conversion
and vertexing

2.4 m



Subdetector Technologies

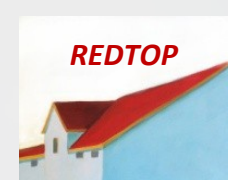
	Baseline (White paper)	Options
Target	Li foils: 10x 0.78mm	LH ₂ 11 cm
VTX	LHCb fiber tracker. REDTOP: 0.24m ² vs LHCb: 360m ²	CMOS (ITS3) or hybrid (fiber+1 layer CMOS)
Central tracker	LGAD 100μm/layer eq., no active cooling (30 psec/layer). REDTOP: 14m ² vs CMS: 16m ²	LGAD 120μm/layer eq., no active cooling (42 psec/layer)
TOF	1 layer 30x30x10 mm ³ JGS1 + Petiroc (50 psec/layer). Area: 3.7 m ²	2 layers, 30x30x10 or 20x20x10 mm ³ JGS1 + Liroc+Tsinghua TDC/PicoTDC (<30 psec/layer). Area: 9.4 m ²
Calorimeter	ADRIANO2: 53 layers 30x30x14 mm ³ SF57/cast scint (80 psec/cell) 800,000 tile pairs	ADRIANO2: 30 layers 30x30x14 mm ³ ZF2/ scint + 23 layers JGS1/Cu/scint (80 psec/cell) 400,000 tile pairs
μ-polarimeter	Not implemented	TBD

Cost estimate

- ❑ Three funding scenarios considered
- ❑ Largest cost uncertainties
 - ADRIANO2 SiPM's ($2 \times 10^6 - 4 \times 10^6$)
 - LGAD mechanics
- ❑ **No labor considered (usually, 1/3 of the total)**

	Baseline option	Optimized option	Expensive option
Target+beam pipe	0.5	0.5	0.9
Vtx detector	0.93	3.11	25.4
LGAD tracker	18.5	18.5	19.6
CTOF	0.6	1.3	3.0
ADRIANO2	47.7	23.9	47.7
Solenoid	0.2	0.2	0.2
Supporting structure	1	1	1
Trigger	1.3	1.3	5
DAQ	5	5	5
Total	69.7	54.8	101.8
Contingency 50%	34.9	27.4	50.9
Grand total	104.6	82.2	152.7

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Future Prospects for REDTOP



Baseline detector layout defined (with options for vtx and μ pol detectors)

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

Next steps:

- **Initial funding from US agencies (mid-RI proposal – \$2-10M: requires hosting lab)**
- Engage the Nuclear Physics community
- Cost optimization (ongoing)
- New sensitivity studies based on a pion beam and rare η' decays **(which is also a tagged η -factory!)**
- Prepare a CDR to support the proposal of the experiment to one (or more) of the interested laboratories
- Consolidate the detector R&D (ongoing)

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 η/η' 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*
- *Very large physics reach for NP as well*
- *New detector techniques benefit the next generation of high intensity experiments*
- *Beam requirements could be met by several labs in US, Europe, and Asia*
 - *Before 2030: HIAF and GSI*
 - *After 2030: Fermilab and ESS*

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

Backup Slides

Why the η 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.

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

- EM decays are forbidden in lowest order by C invariance and angular momentum conservation

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

Excellent for testing invariances

- The η decays are flavor-conserving reactions

Decays are free of SM backgrounds for new physics search

η is an excellent laboratory to search for physics Beyond Standard Model

η/η' yield and background evaluation

Inelastic p -Li scattering probability (percentage):

Model	p -Li cross section [cm^{-2}]	p -Li interaction prob.	p -Target interaction prob.
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Average	$(0.73 \pm 0.46)\%$

	Total yield for $E_{kin}=1.8$ GeV	Total yield for $E_{kin}=3.6$ GeV
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$N_{\eta'}$	0	7.9×10^{11}
N_{ni}	2.5×10^{16}	3.2×10^{16}

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Simulation Framework For Physics&Detector Studies

Event generator: *GenieHad*

- Proprietary (not yet public) package interfacing standalone generators to genie

Package	Model	Type
Urqmd [210]	QMD	Microscopic many body approach
Incl++ v6.2 [211]	INCL	Intranuclear cascade
Gibuu v2019 [212]	BUU	time evolution of Kadanoff-Baym-equations
PHSD v 4.0 [213]	HSD	covariant transport with NJL-type Lagrangian
Jam v1.9 [214]	Cascade/RQMD.RMF/BUU	Multi-model - hybrid approach
Dpmjet-III [240]	Dual Parton/ perturbative QCD	Multi-model approach
Pythia 7, 8[239]	LUND	string hadronization model
IAEA tables[241]	LUT of measured cross sections	Look-up tables based on ENDF (by IAEA)
Intranuke[242]	Parametric	
ALPACA[243]	Alpaca	Bremsstrahlung of Axion-Like-Particles (ALPs)

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

Some Signal vs Background Acceptance

- Values from White Paper
- QCD background at TL2: 8×10^{-4}
- Efficiencies and BR sensitivities calculated after reconstruction and analysis
- Values are very dependence on BSM mass and width

Process	Eff(Bkg)	Eff(signal)	BR sensitivity
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma A'$; $A' \rightarrow e^+e^-$	$3 \times 10^{-10} - 4 \times 10^{-7}$	8%-22%	$1 \times 10^{-9} - 2 \times 10^{-8}$
$\eta \rightarrow \gamma A'$; $A' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$1 \times 10^{-11} - 6 \times 10^{-8}$	6%-42%	$1 \times 10^{-10} - 2 \times 10^{-9}$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 h$; $h \rightarrow e^+e^-$	$3 \times 10^{-11} - 8 \times 10^{-8}$	1%-16%	$4 \times 10^{-10} - 7 \times 10^{-8}$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 h$; $h \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$2 \times 10^{-11} - 1 \times 10^{-8}$	6%-18%	$7 \times 10^{-11} - 4 \times 10^{-9}$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \text{alp}$; $\text{alp} \rightarrow e^+e^-$	$2 \times 10^{-11} - 1 \times 10^{-10}$	0.2%-2.8%	$2 \times 10^{-11} - 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \text{axion}(17 \text{ MeV})$; $\text{axion} \rightarrow e^+e^-$	2.3×10^{-8}	3.0%-3.7%	$1.6 \times 10^{-8} - 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \text{alp}$; $\text{alp} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$1 \times 10^{-10} - 4 \times 10^{-8}$	0.6%-1.4%	$7 \times 10^{-9} - 5 \times 10^{-8}$
$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 H$; $H \rightarrow \nu N_2$; $N_2 \rightarrow$ $N_1 h$; $h \rightarrow e^+e^-$	6.8×10^{-7}	1.2%	2.7×10^{-7}

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Montecarlo generation of QCD background

Generators comparison

- Generate and reconstruct $\sim 2 \times 10^9$ $p+li \rightarrow X$ inelastic events with *Incl++* (v6) and *Urqmd* (v5.3)
- Results where within statistical uncrtainities
- *Urqmd* was selected for its higher reliability at $\sim 2-3$ GeV

QCD Production

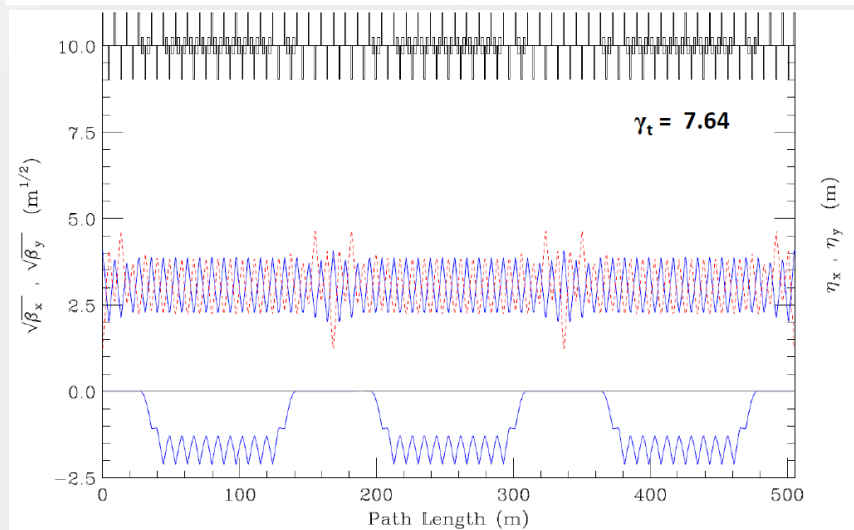
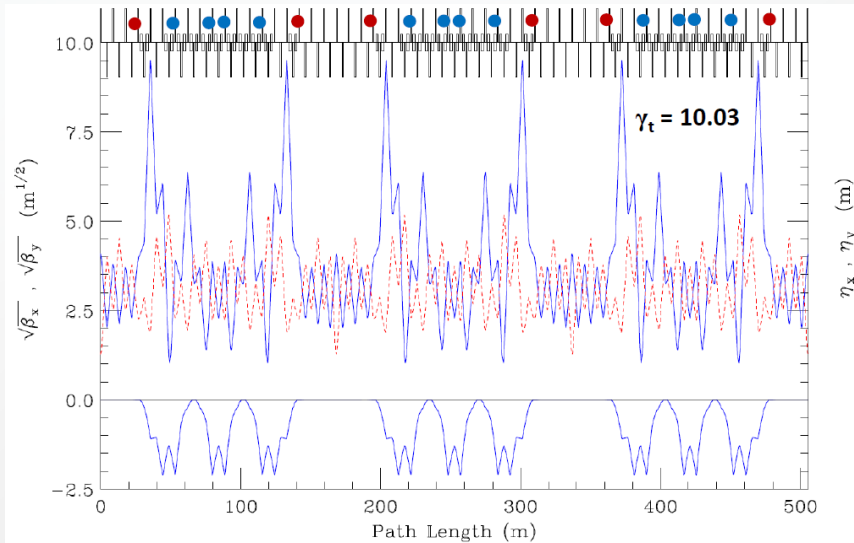
- 5×10^{10} events where generated for the White Paper
- 50×10^6 wall-hr cpu over a two-year period (mostly on the OSG)

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

Ring Optics through Deceleration (J. Johnstone)

Transition is avoided by using select quad triplets to boost γ_t above beam γ 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 γ_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
γ_{BEAM}	9.53	8.93	8.33	7.74	7.14
$\gamma_{\text{transition}}$	10.03	9.43	8.83	7.74	7.64
β_{max} (m)	94.9	72.5	49.5	30.1	15.1
q (m^{-1})	.0697	.0573	.0416	.0236	0.0
3σ (mm)	15.0	13.6	11.6	9.4	6.9

Variation of β_{max} and the 15π 99% beam envelope through deceleration

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

Acceleration Scheme for Run-I (M. Syphers)

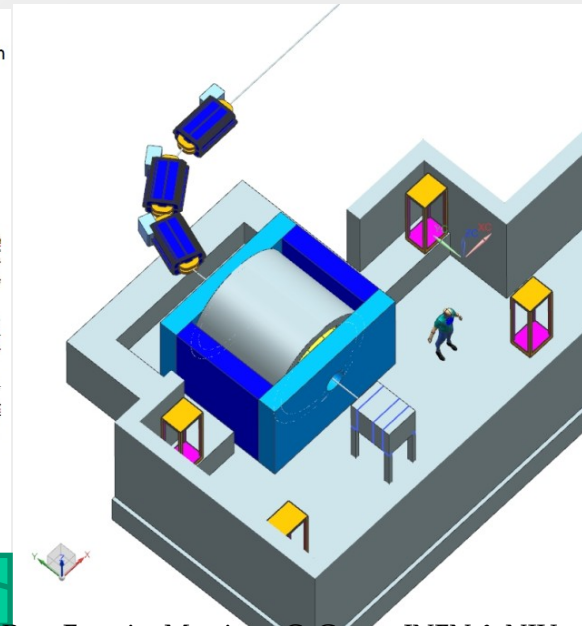
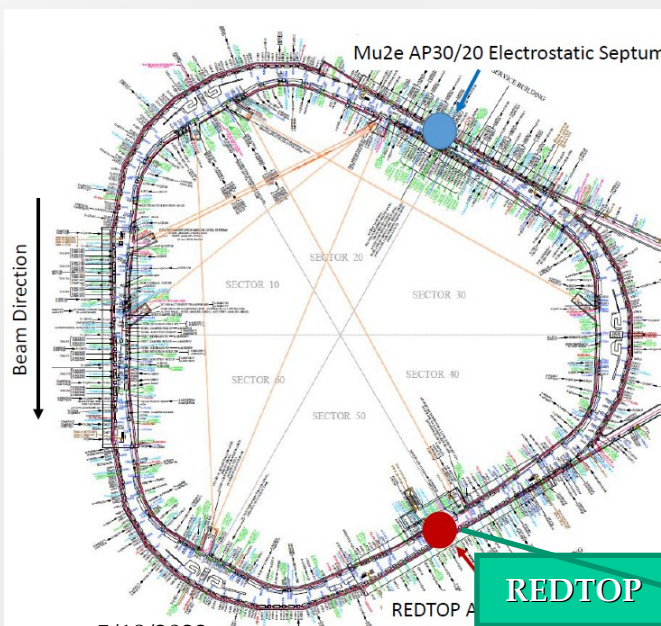
Single p pulse from booster ($\leq 4 \times 10^{12}$ p) injected in the DR (former debuncher in anti- p production at Tevatron) at fixed energy (8 GeV)

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.

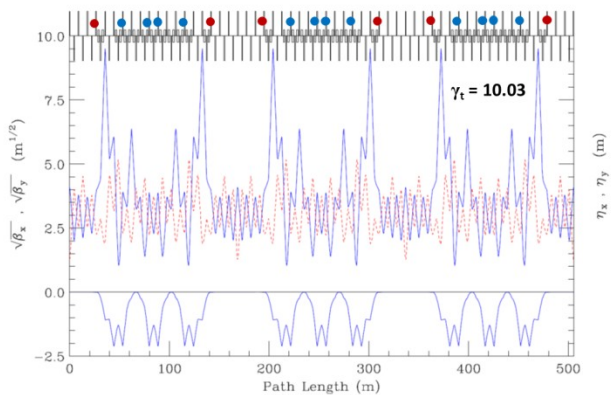
The 270° of betatron phase advance between the Mu2e Electrostatic Septum and REDTOP Lambertson is ideal for AP50 extraction to the inside of the ring.

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



Accelerator Physics Issues

Transition Energy



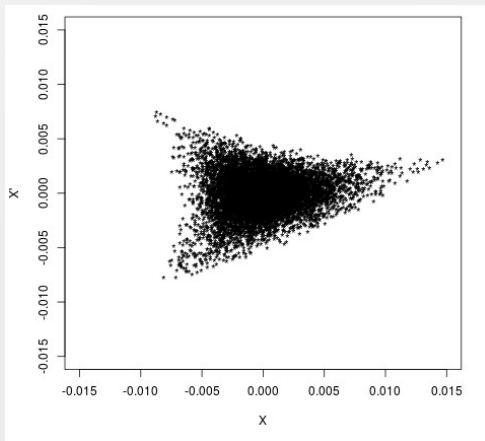
- γ_t is where $\Delta f/f = 1/\gamma^2 - \langle D/\rho \rangle = 0$; synchrotron motion stops momentarily, can often lead to beam loss
- beam decelerates from $\gamma = 9.5$ to $\gamma = 3.1$
- original Delivery Ring $\gamma_t = 7.6$
- a re-powering of 18 quadrupole magnets can create a $\gamma_t = 10$, 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



Beam Options at GSI/FAIR (near future)

Opportunities as fixt target exp.

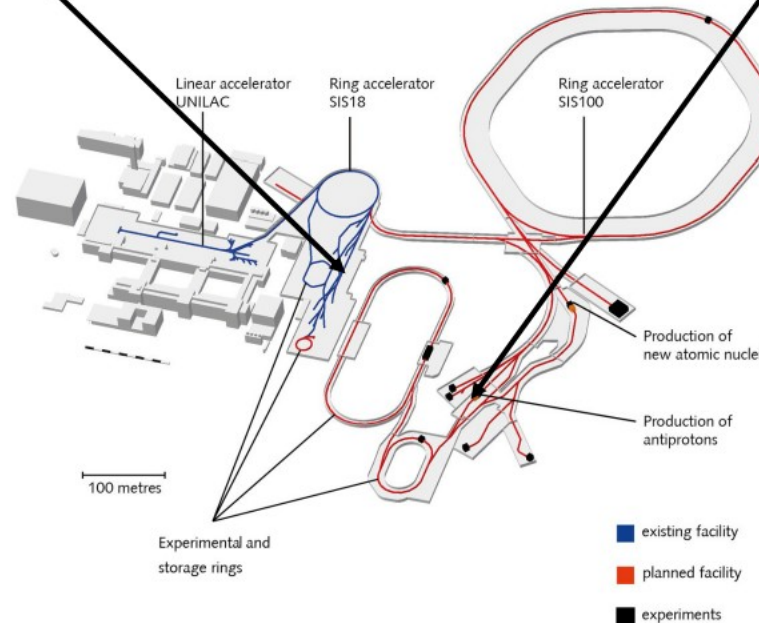


OPTION A Fixt target (SIS18)

OPTION B Fixt target (SIS100)

- HEST towards pion target
- $1e11$ p/spill (time structure flexible) at SIS18
- Residual beam might be used for Hades pion program
- Additional shielding and cave need to be evaluated
- High intensity needs exclusive proton operation

- p-bar target area
- $2e12$ p/spill (time structure flexible) at SIS100
- Parallel operation possible due to p-LINAC
- Shielding and cave need to be evaluated
- Actual timeline beyond 2028



Beam intensity: 1.8 GeV protons with $1e11/s$

Daniel Severin

Beam Options at GSI (far future)

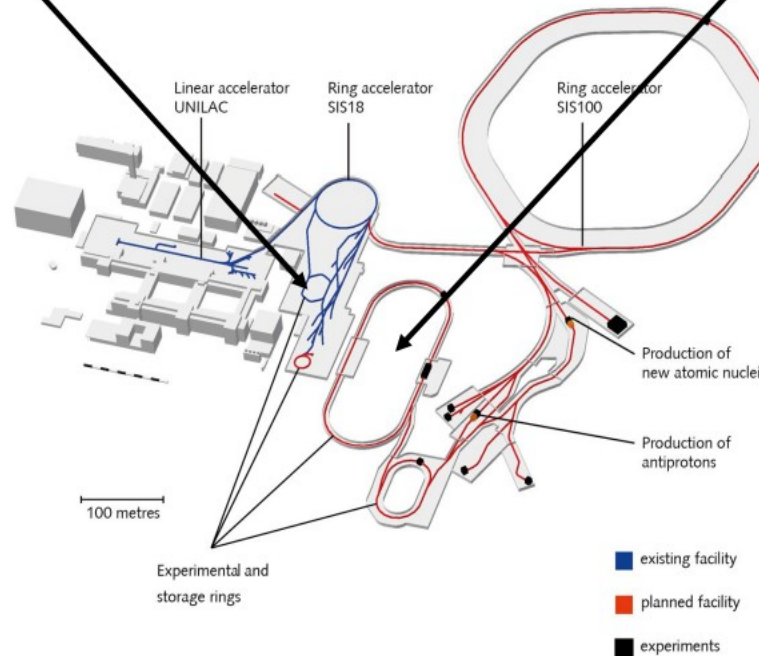


Opportunities as in-ring target exp.

OPTION C ESR (SIS18)

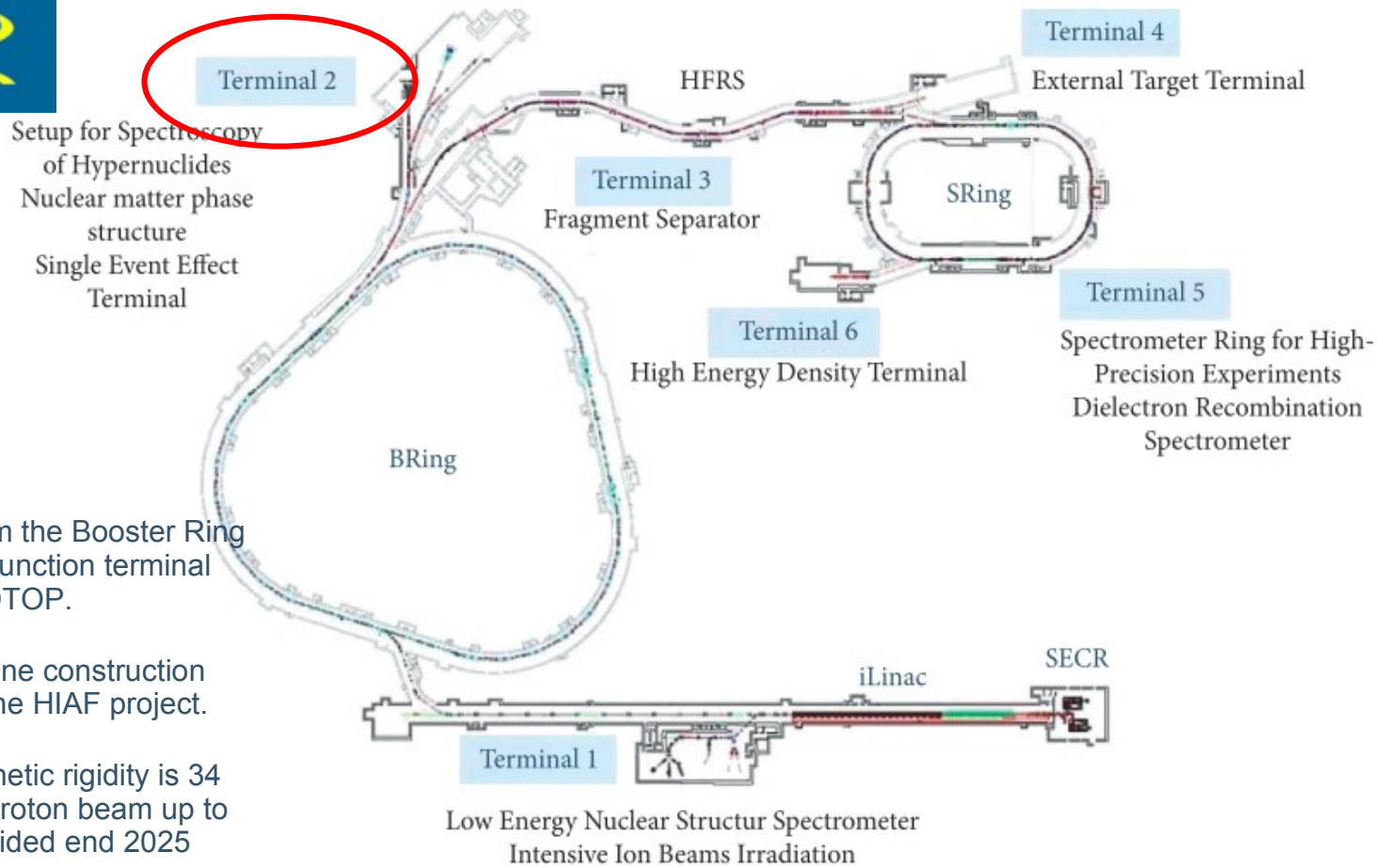
OPTION D HESR (SIS100)

- ESR
- $1e6$ p/injection (1-2 MHz revolution rate)
- Full beam usage
- Lower intensity
- Parallel operation of UNILAC and SIS18 exp. possible
- Standard ESR exp. area needs to be dismantled
- Major disruption for the already approved program



- HESR or CR
- Intensity fully flexible
- Full beam usage
- Parallel operation possible due to p-LINAC
- Standard installation needs to be discussed
- Actual timeline beyond 2030

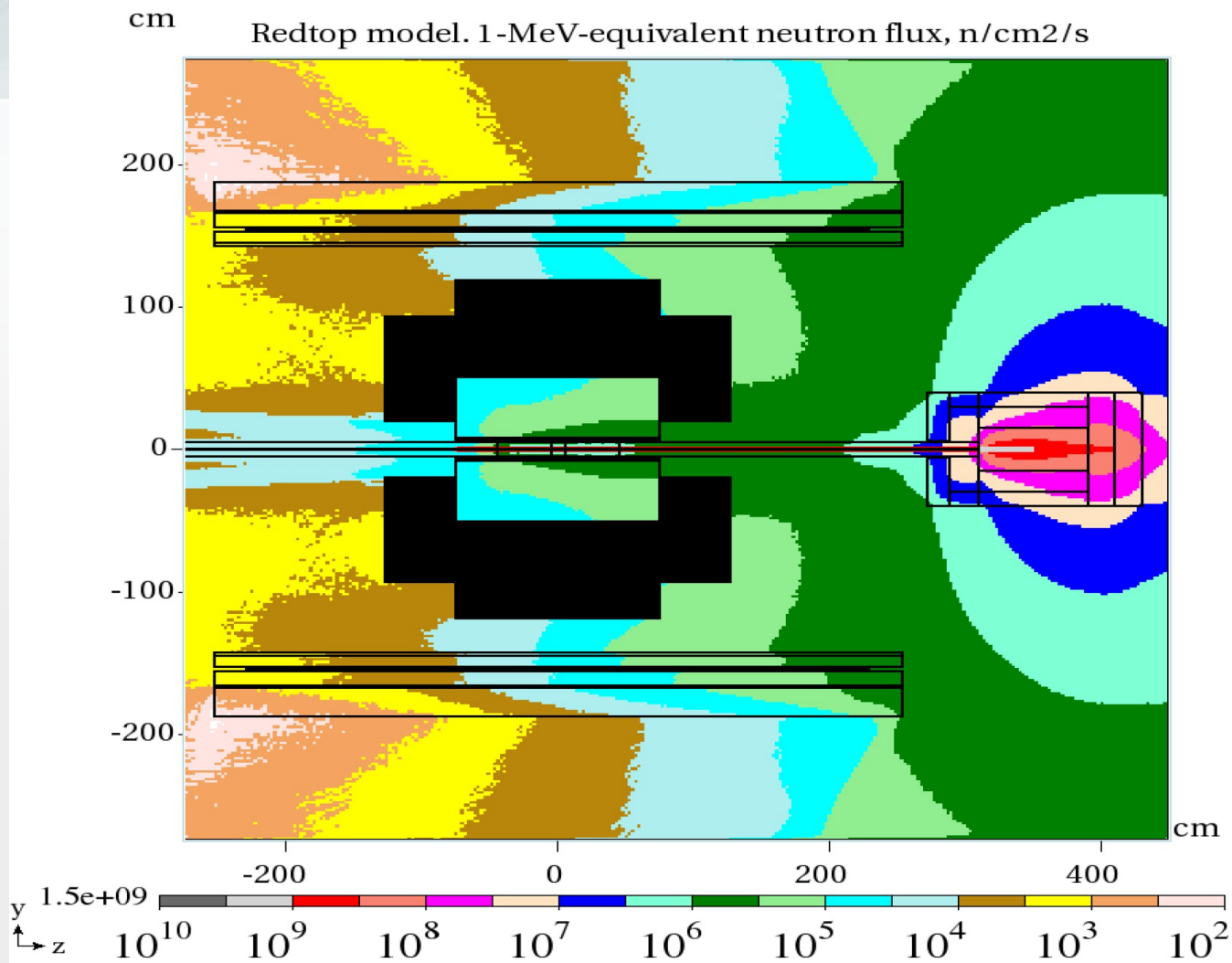
Beam Options at HIAF (near future)



- Beam extracted from the Booster Ring (BRing) to the Multi-function terminal can be used for REDTOP.
- The transfer beam line construction already included in the HIAF project.
- The maximum magnetic rigidity is 34 Tm which means a proton beam up to 9.3 GeV can be provided end 2025

*Beam intensity: $0.5 \sim 1.0 \times 10^{13}$ ppp ($1 \sim 5 \times 10^{13}$ pps) in Terminal 2 . $10^{(18-19)}$ POT /yr
 Energy from 2.0 to 9 GeV around 2028 – 2030
 Plans are to combine REDTOP with an experiment on hypernuclei*

MARS15 Shielding Assessment



Beam dump: dia-30 x 80 cm Al + 15 cm HDPE +5% B + 10 cm Barite

Detector Requirements: BSM physics driven

LFU: Tagged lepton production from flavor-conserving decays

- excellent $e/\pi/\mu$ separation

QCD axion

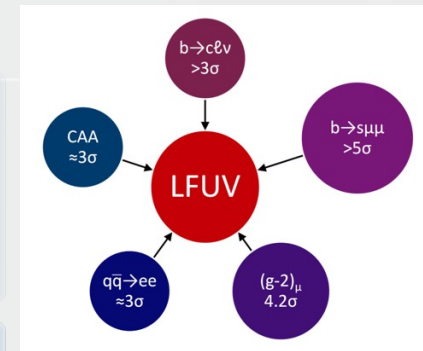
- Calorimetric sensitivity to $M(\gamma\gamma) \sim 30 \text{ MeV}$

17 MeV e^+e^- state (Atomki experiment)

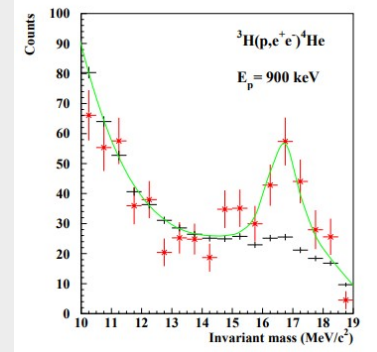
- Tracker sensitivity to $M(e^+e^-) \sim 20 \text{ MeV}$
- Electron ID at very low energy

CP violation with muons

- Muon polarimeter or high-granularity calorimeter



Mounting Evidence for the Violation of Lepton Flavor Universality
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2111.12739.pdf> (A. Crivellin, M. Hoferichter)

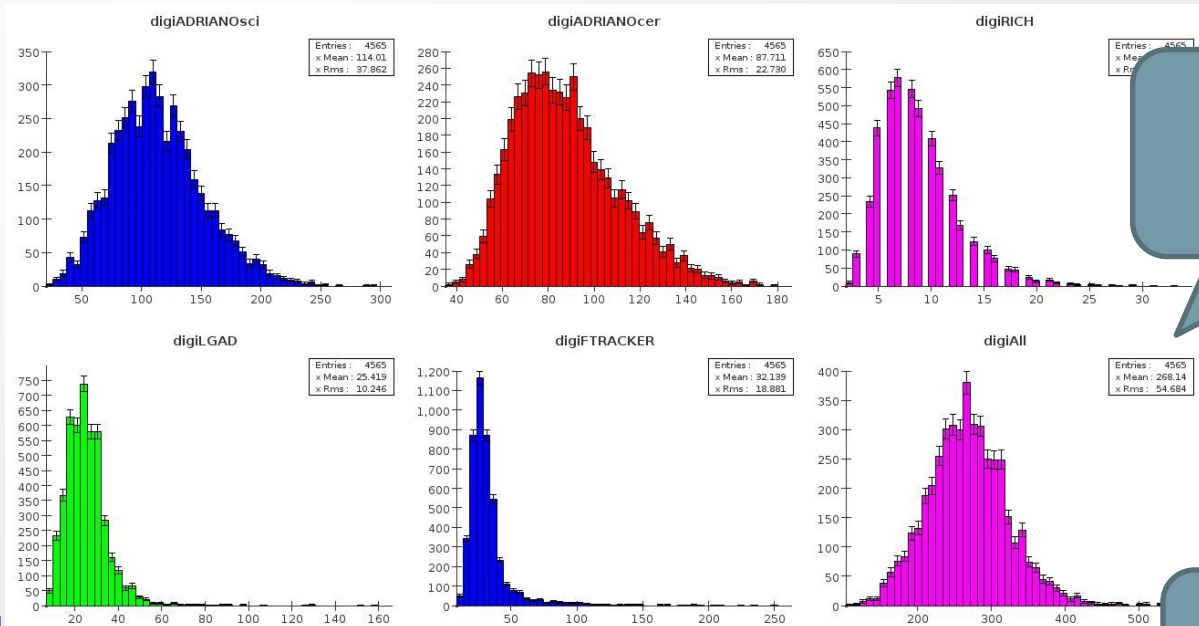


REDTOP Trigger Requirement



Untagged 10^{14} η/η' mesons

Hits from subdetectors



Total channel occupancy:
 270 ± 50 /evt

18x LHCb

Trigger rejection factors

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

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

Hardware

Software

