

# **Experimental program for Super Tau-Charm Facility**

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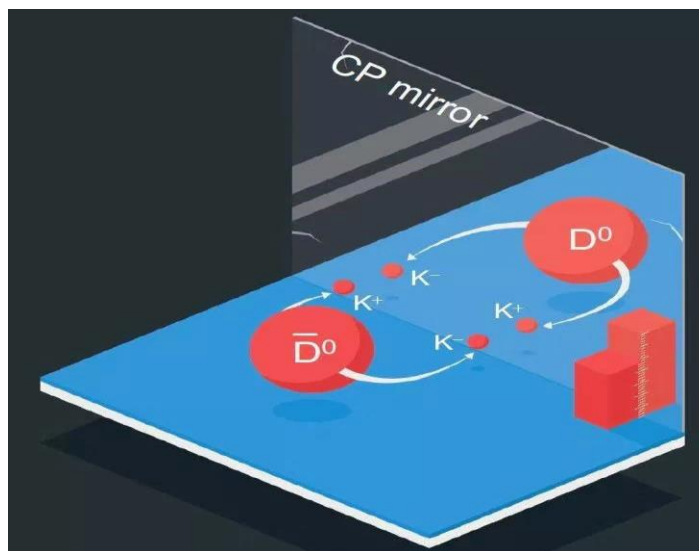
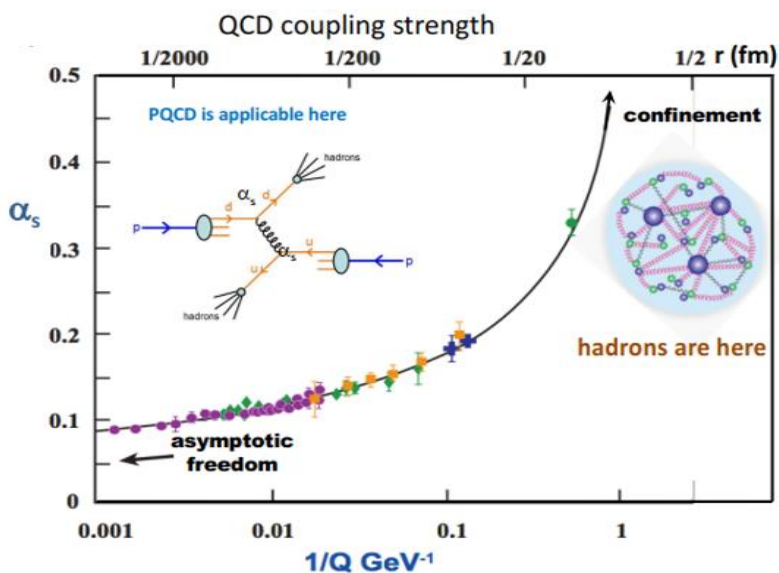
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# Challenges of the SM model

The SM of particle physics is a well-tested theoretical framework

However, the SM has a number of unresolved questions that require further investigations:

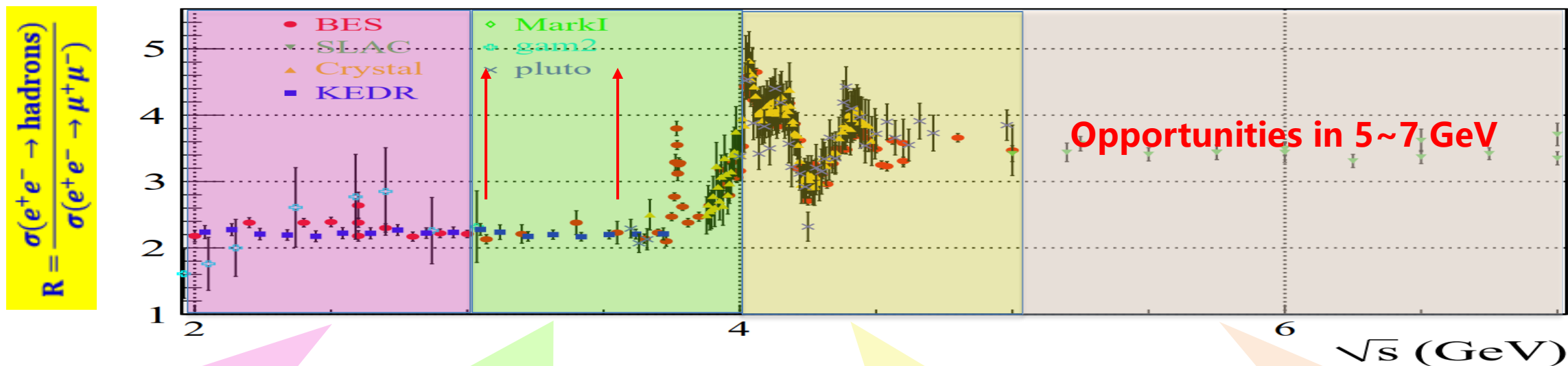
- Confinement: formation of colorless bound states — “hadrons”
- Matter-antimatter asymmetry of the Universe; dark matter, numbers of flavors, etc.



Masses			Couplings		
Parameter	Value	Method	Parameter	Value	Method
$m_u$	1.9 MeV	Lattice	$\alpha$	0.0073	non-collider + collider
$m_d$	4.4 MeV	Lattice	$G_F$	$1.17 \times 10^{-5}$	Non-collider
$m_s$	87 MeV	Lattice	$\alpha_s$	0.12	Lattice + collider
$m_c$	1.3 MeV	Collider	<b>Flavour and CP violation</b>		
$m_b$	4.24 MeV	Collider	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Method</b>
$m_t$	173 GeV	Collider	$\theta_{12}$ (CKM)	$13.1^\circ$	Collider
$m_e$	511 keV	Non-collider	$\theta_{23}$ (CKM)	$2.4^\circ$	Collider
$m_\mu$	106 MeV	Non-collider	$\theta_{13}$ (CKM)	$0.2^\circ$	Collider
$m_\tau$	1.78 GeV	Collider	$\delta$ (CKM-CPV)	0.995	Collider
$m_z$	91.2 GeV	Collider	$\theta$ (strong CP)	$\sim 0$	Non-collider
$m_H$	125 GeV	Collider			

# Rich Physics in the Tau-Charm Energy Region

- The tau-charm energy region covers a unique transition region between perturbative and non-perturbative QCD, with unique and rich physics programs



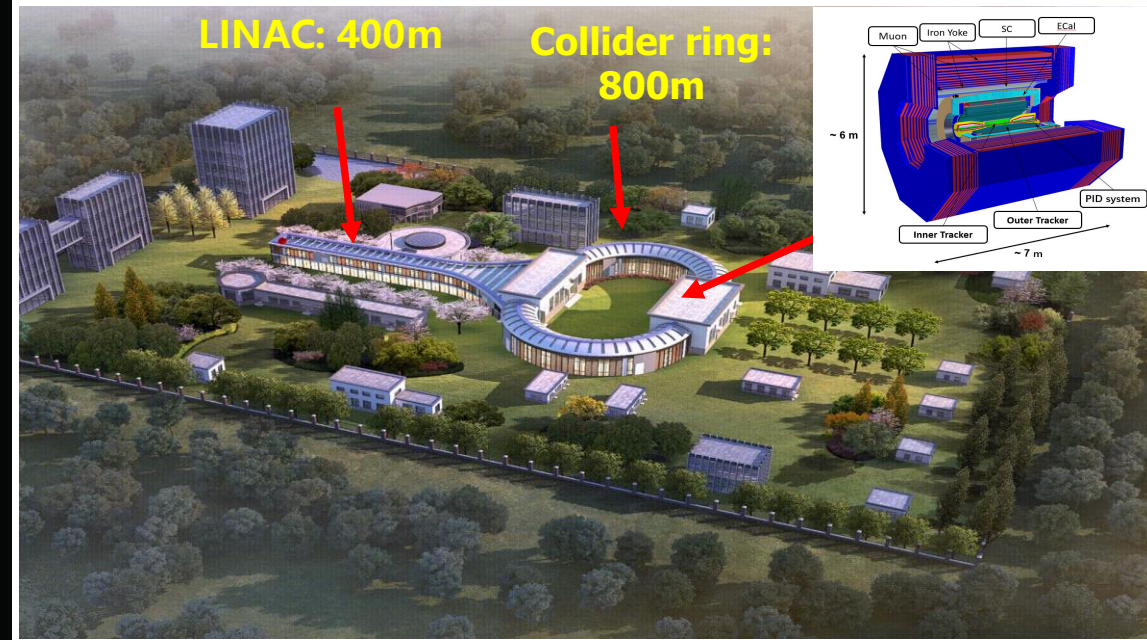
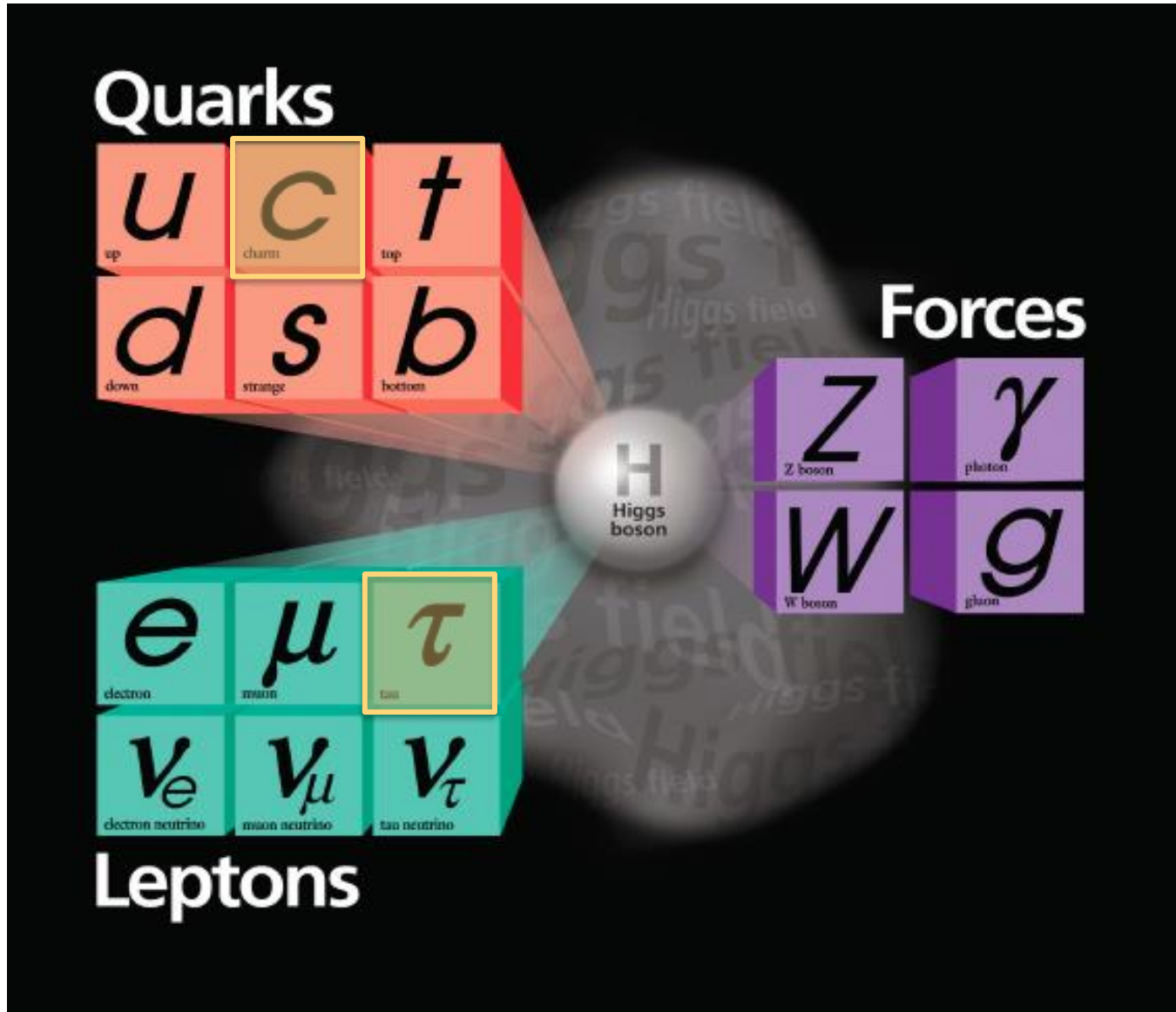
- Hadron form factors
- $Y(2175)$  resonance
- Multiquark states with s quark
- R value / g-2 related

- Light hadron spectroscopy
- Gluonic and exotic states
- Processes of LFV and CPV
- Rare and forbidden decays
- Physics with  $\tau$  lepton

- XYZ particles
- Physics with D mesons
- $f_D$  and  $f_{D_s}$
- $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$  mixing
- Charm baryons

- Complete XYZ family
- Hidden-charm pentaquarks
- Search for di-charmonium states
- More charmed baryons
- Hadron fragmentation

# The Super Tau Charm Facility



Energy range  $E_{cm} = 2-7 \text{ GeV}$

Peak luminosity  $>0.5 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  at **4 GeV**

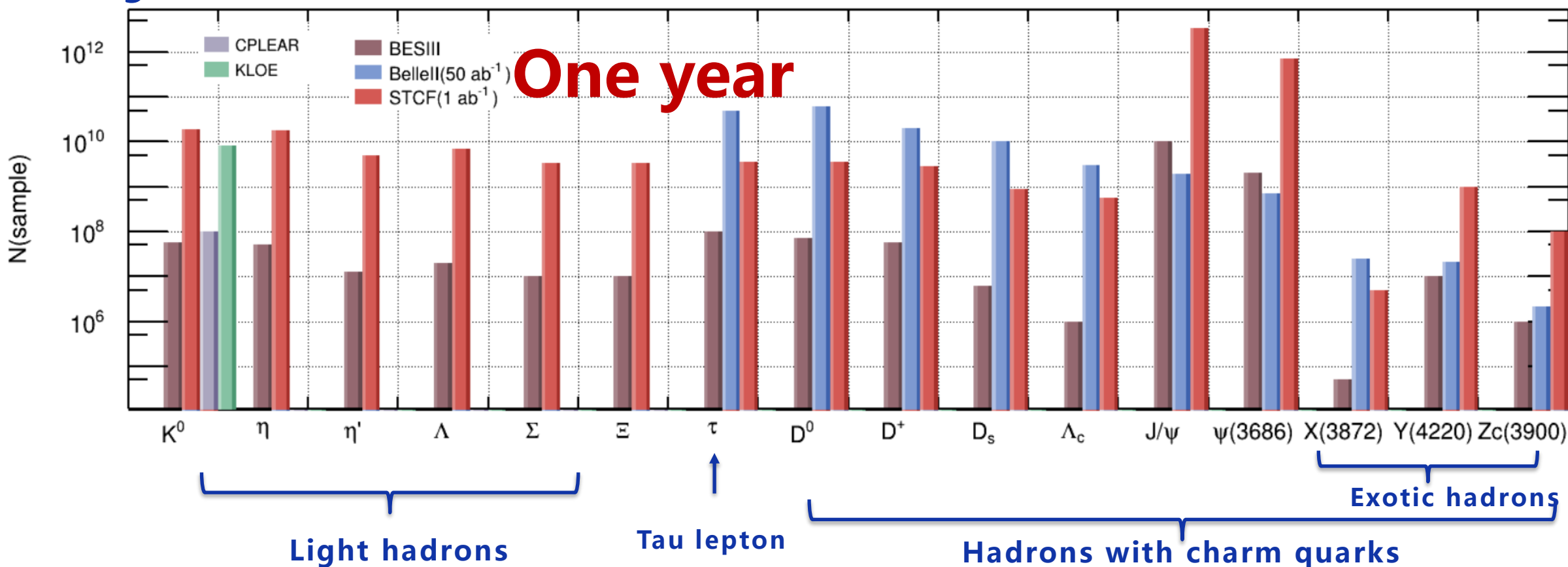
**Potential** to increase luminosity & realize beam polarization

Total cost: **4.5B RMB**

**1  $ab^{-1}$**  data expected per year

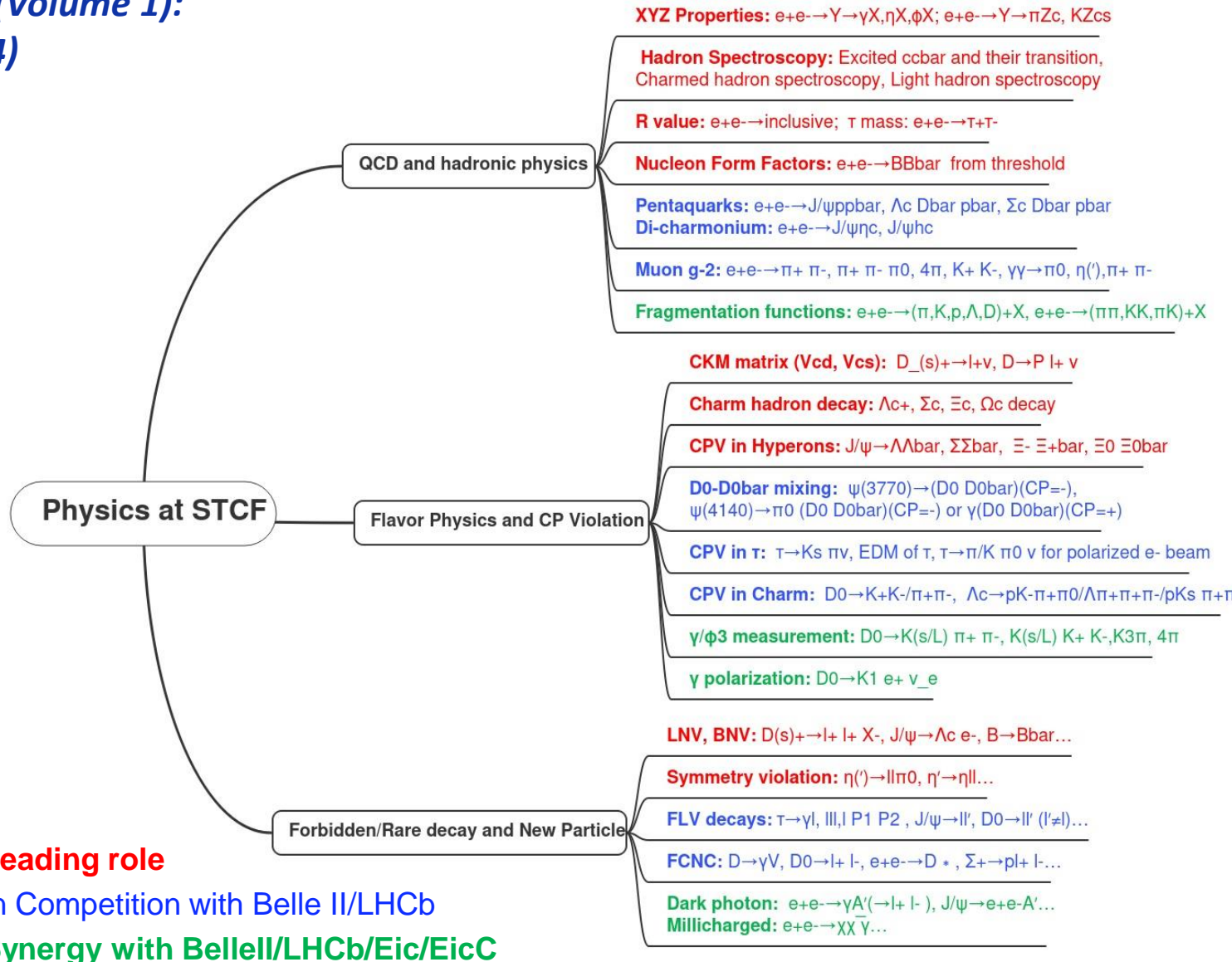
# A Super Particle Factory

- Rich resonances, large production cross-sections of charmonium, threshold production of hadron and tau pairs
- Huge numbers of exotic hadrons, including multi-quarks & states with gluonic excitations



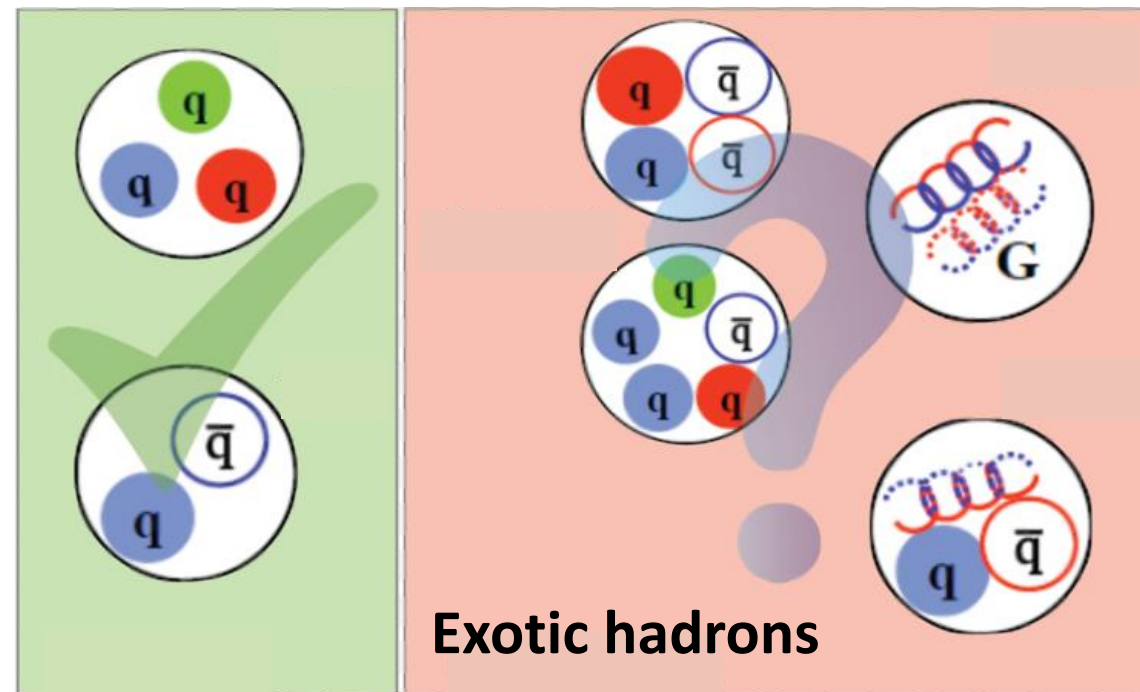
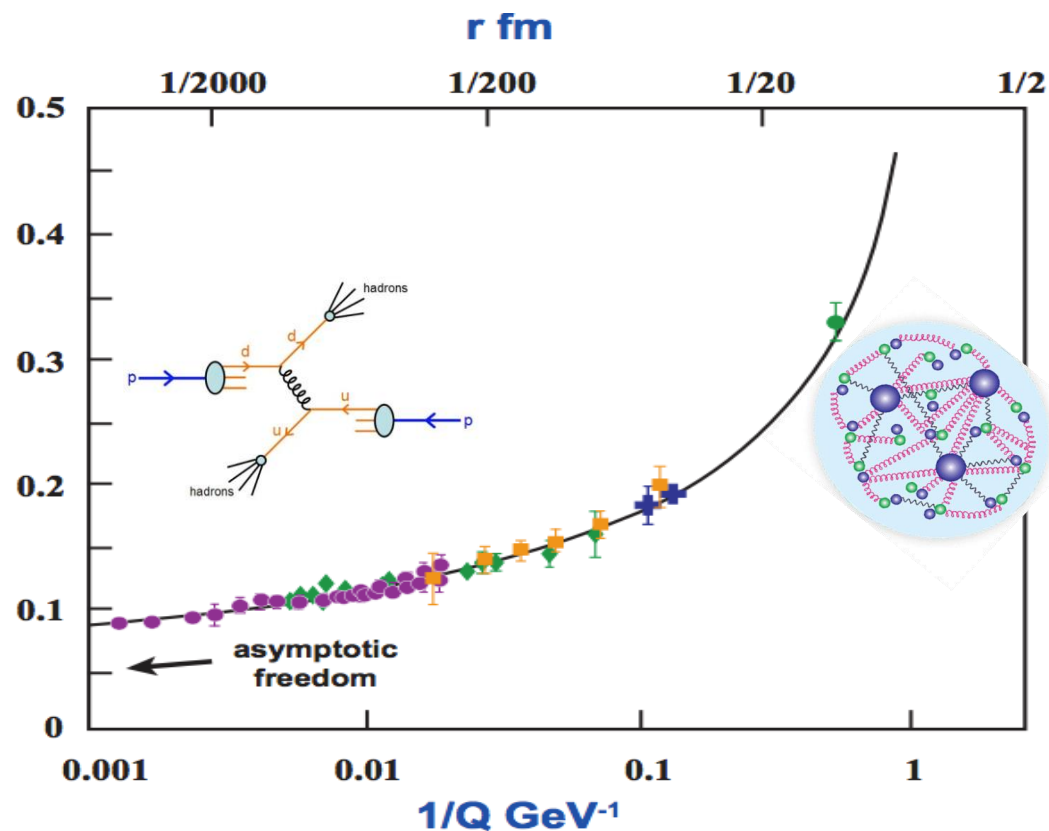
# Physics Program at STCF

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Physics & detector, Front. Phys. 19(1), 14701 (2024)



# Key Question: Inner structure of hadrons

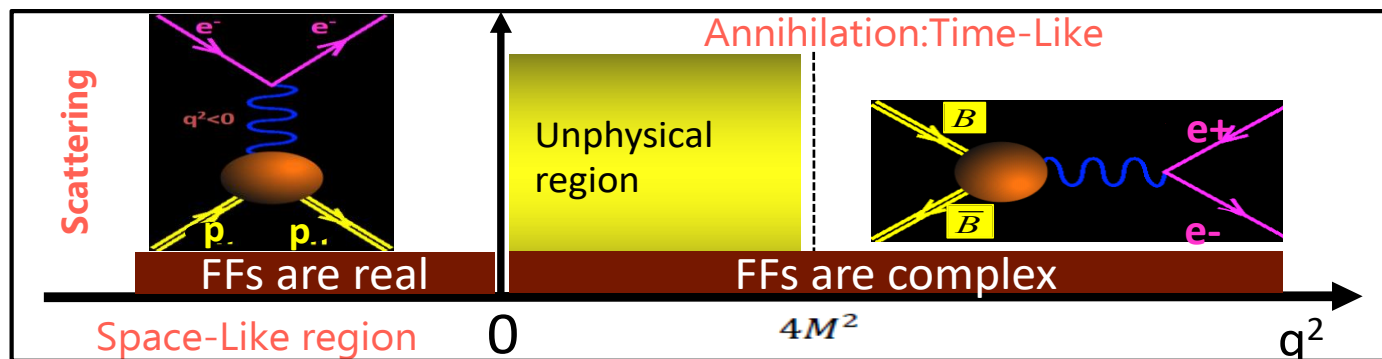
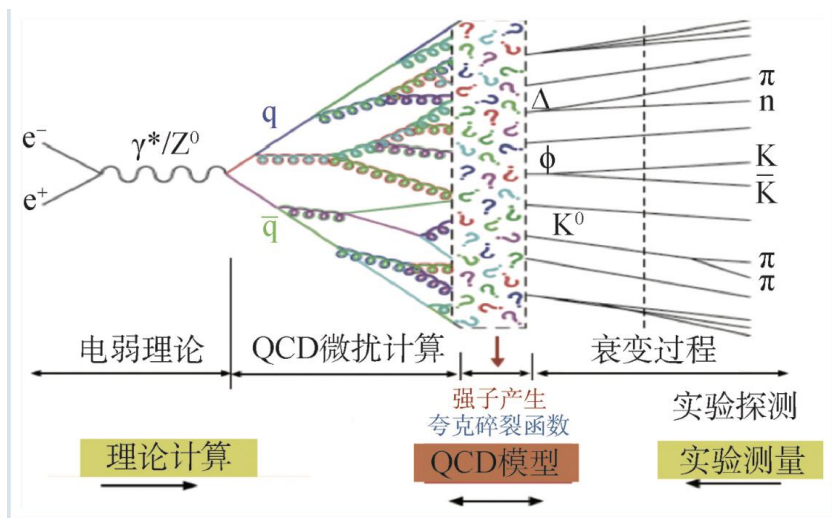
QCD Couplant  $\alpha_s$



Hadron structure/spectroscopy is a crucial way to explore the QCD theory and confinement

# QCD and hadron structure

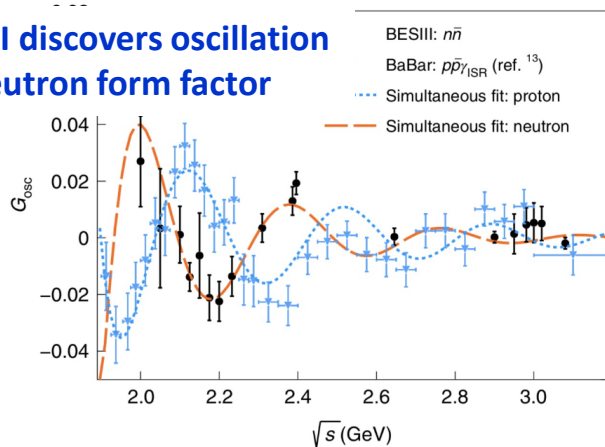
- Remaining big challenge in SM: non-perturbative effect in QCD theory
- The largest uncertainty is from the low-energy non-perturbative energy region
- STCF fine (ISR) scan from 0.6–7 GeV to study production of hadrons inclusively and exclusively



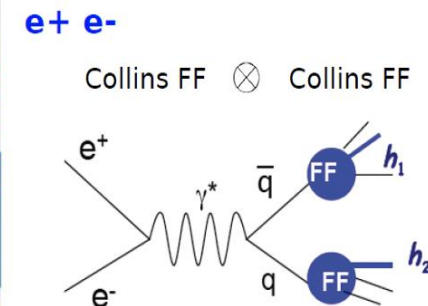
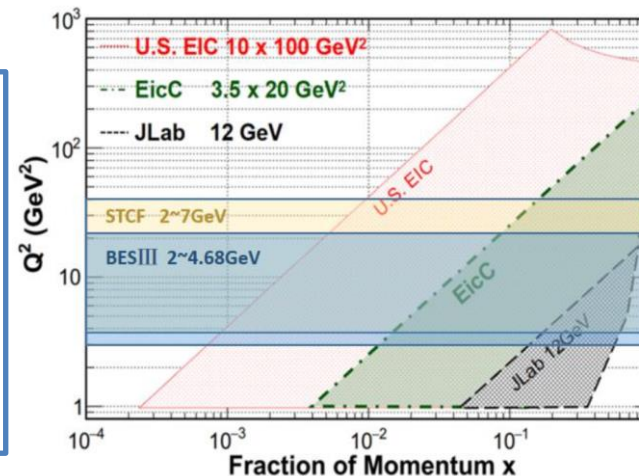
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## BESIII discovers oscillation of neutron form factor

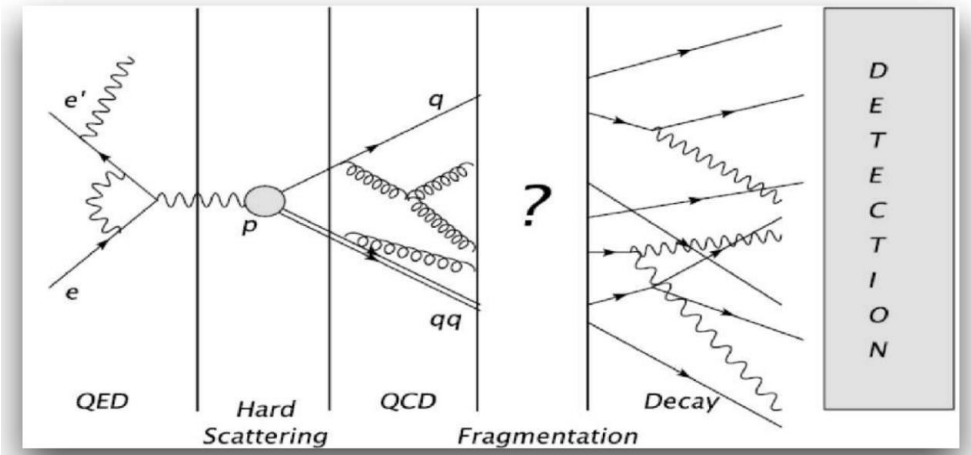


**Hadron form factor and fragmentation function:**  
complementary measurements between deep inelastic experiments and STCF in similar  $Q^2$  region



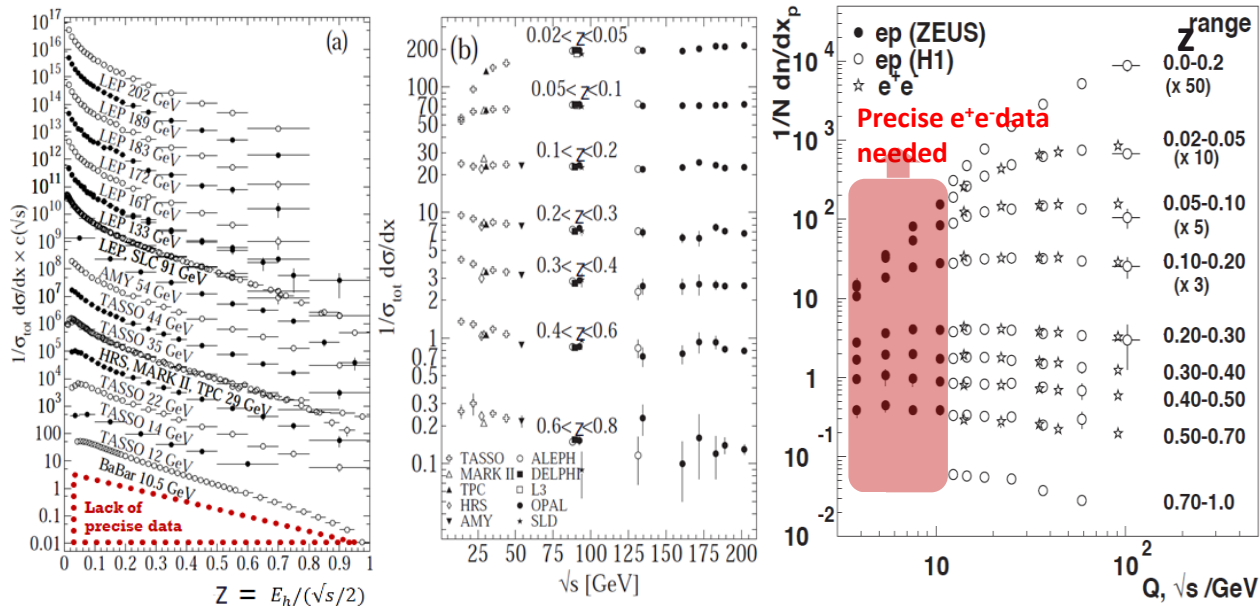


# Fragmentation functions

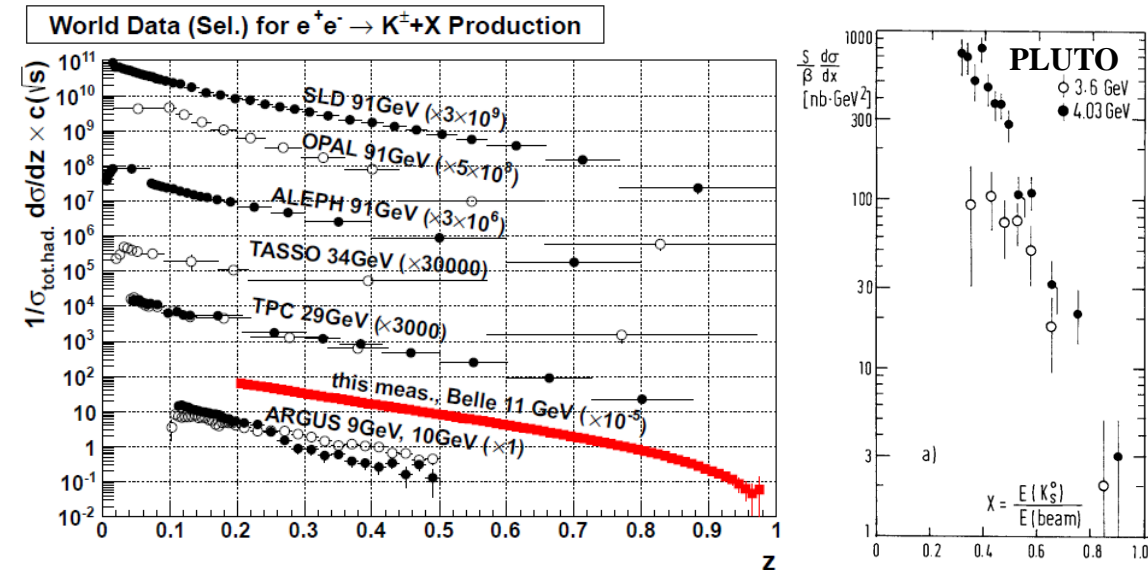


Fragmentation function  $D_q^h(z)$ : probability that hadron  $h$  is found in the debris of a hadron carrying a fraction  $z=2E_h/\sqrt{s}$  of parton's momentum.

## World data: Pion

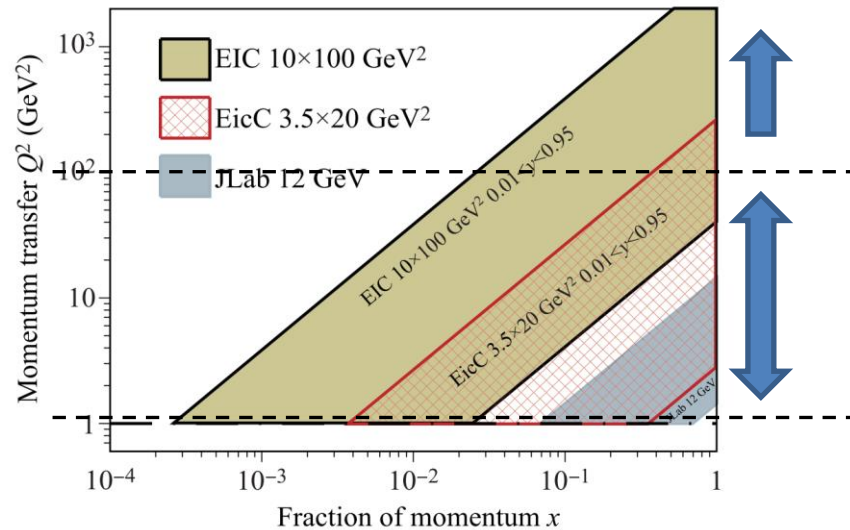


## World data: Kaon



# Fragmentation functions at STCF

- $e^+e^-$  collider experiment provides the **cleanest** input for fragmentation functions (FFs) fitting. To accurately extract Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs), more precise FFs are required.
- Two types of FFs can be studied at **an unpolarized  $e^+e^-$**  collider:  $D$  and  $H_1^\perp$ . Multi-dimensional binning of the measurements can be provided.
- With polarized electron beam, more FFs can be studied. There is a task-force group working on it.



Leading Quark TMDFFs

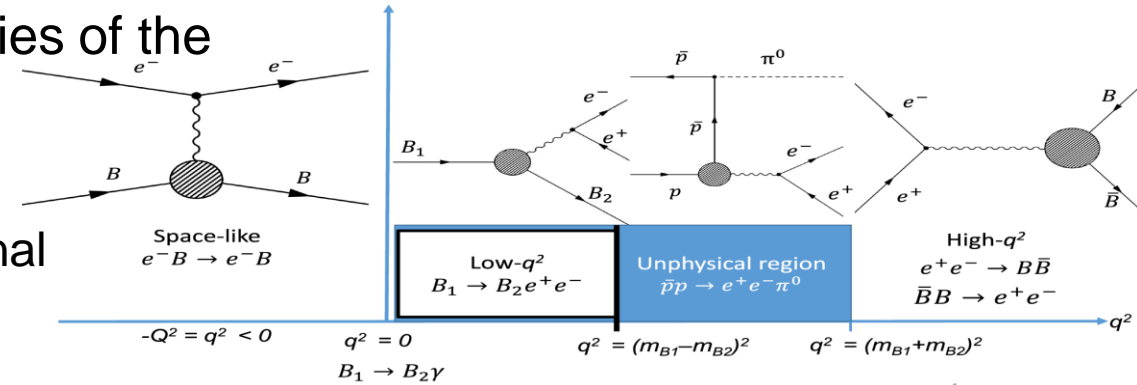
○ → Hadron Spin    ● ← Quark Spin

		Quark Polarization		
		Un-Polarized (U)	Longitudinally Polarized (L)	Transversely Polarized (T)
Polarized Hadrons	Unpolarized (or Spin 0) Hadrons	$D_1 = \text{○} \cdot$ Unpolarized		$H_1^\perp = \text{○} \uparrow - \text{○} \downarrow$ Collins
	L		$G_1 = \text{○} \leftarrow - \text{○} \rightarrow$ Helicity	$H_{1L}^\perp = \text{○} \leftarrow - \text{○} \rightarrow$
Polarized Hadrons	T	$D_{1T}^\perp = \text{○} \uparrow - \text{○} \downarrow$ Polarizing FF	$G_{1T}^\perp = \text{○} \uparrow - \text{○} \downarrow$	$H_1 = \text{○} \uparrow - \text{○} \downarrow$ Transversity $H_{1T}^\perp = \text{○} \leftarrow - \text{○} \rightarrow$

# Electromagnetic form factors (EMFFs)

**Electromagnetic Form Factors** are fundamental properties of the nucleon

- Connected to charge, current distribution
- Crucial testing ground for models of the nucleon internal structure



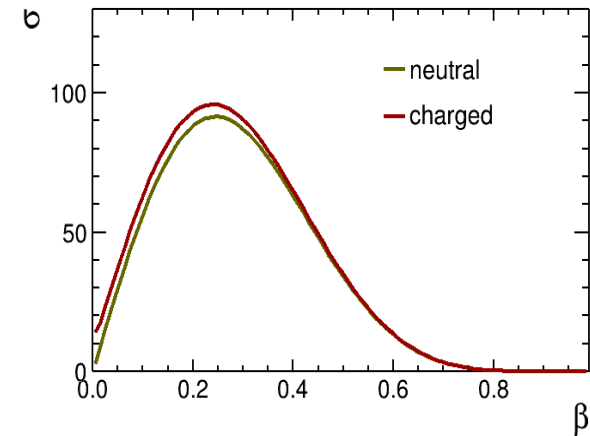
**pQCD** predicts continuous transition at high  $q^2$ , with the scaling behavior:  $F_1 \propto q^{-4}, F_2 \propto q^{-6}$



Modified scaling expression in **nonperturbative** region:  $\frac{q^2 F_2}{F_1} \propto \ln\left(\frac{q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$ , with  $\Lambda \approx 0.3 \text{ GeV}$



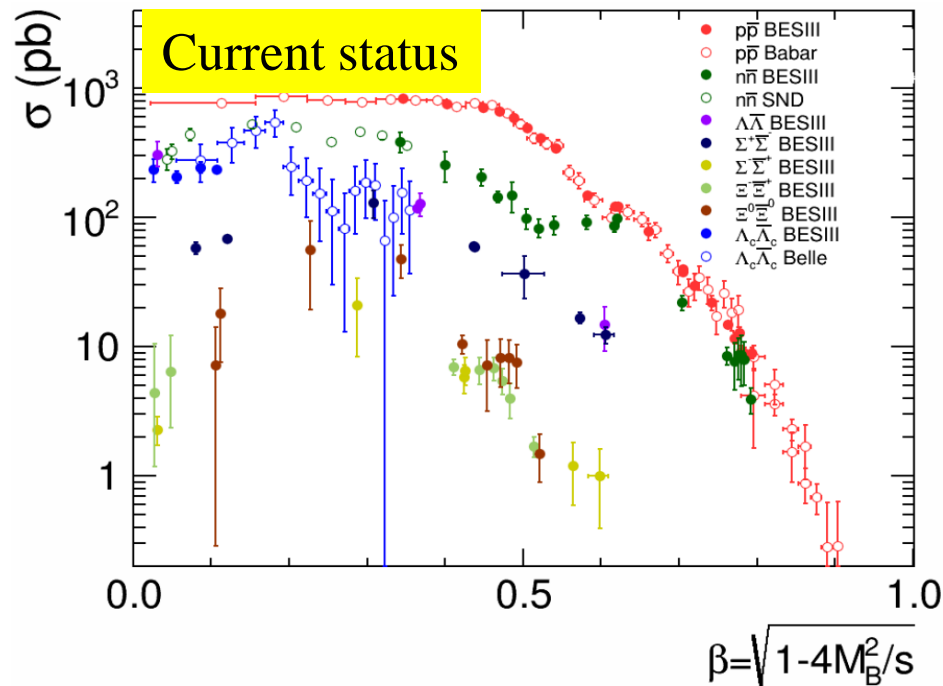
**VMD** model described the effect of meson cloud  $|G_{\text{eff}}| = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{q^2}{m_a^2}\right) [1 - q^2/q_0^2]^2}$



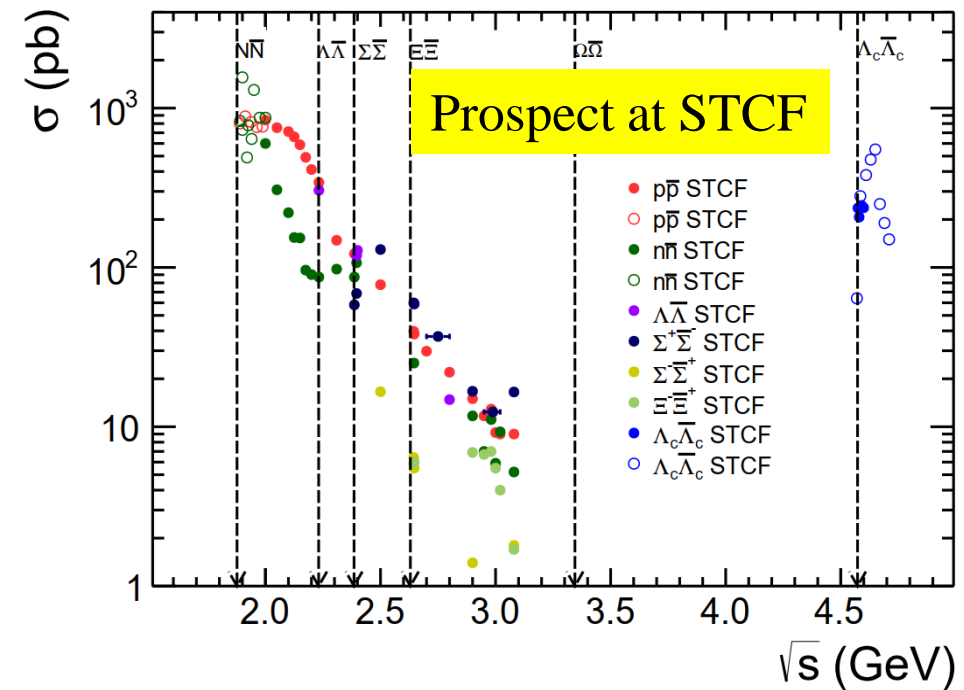
- Various theoretical models describe TLFF in **non-perturbative** region: ChEFT, VMD, relativistic CQM, parton model, pQCD etc.
- **Dispersion** theoretical analysis, provide a coherent framework for the **joint interpretation** of SL and TL EMFFs over the entire physical range of  $q^2$ .

# Prospect of TL-EMFF at STCF

- Remaining questions of TL-EMFFs:
  - **Step-like behavior** of production cross section, indication of near-threshold singularity.
  - **Damped oscillation distribution** after subtracting modified dipole in **effective FF**.
  - Damped oscillation distribution of  $|G_E/G_M|$  ratio.
  - Evolution of the **phase** between  $G_E$  and  $G_M$ .
  - The **asymptotic behavior** of TL-EMFFs

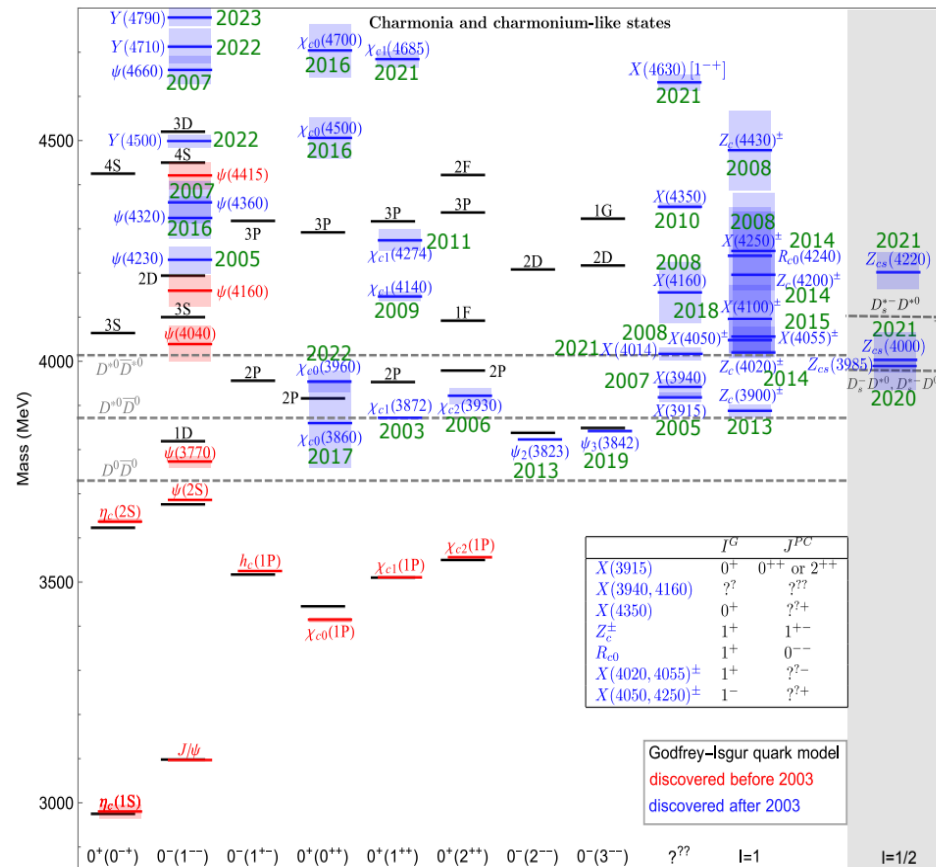


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# Charmonium (like) States

- The **overpopulated** charmonium spectrum is a **unique territory** to study exotic hadrons

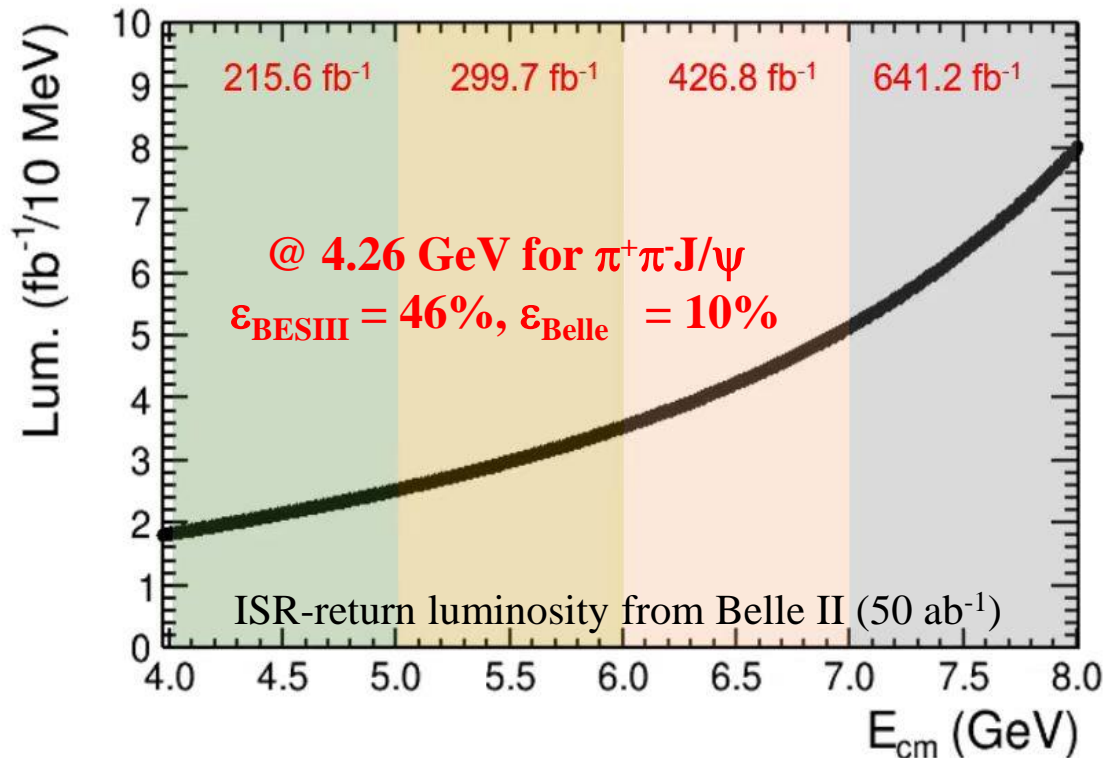


## Existing XYZ puzzles:

- Masses away from quark model predictions, *e.g.*  $X(3872)$ ,  $Y(4230)$  and  $Y(4260)$
- Many seen in final states of charmonium, instead of open-charm channels (Not all)
- Charged structures like  $Z_{c(s)}$  must contain at least four quarks. Their connections to  $Y$  and  $X$  are of interest
- An overall classification is still lacking

# Charmonium(like) States at STCF

- STCF provides unique **fine scan** of the exotic hadron states
- 1  $\text{ab}^{-1}/\text{year}$  luminosity at STCF can produce: **1B Y(4230)**, **100M  $Z_c(3900)$**  and **5M X(3872)**



## More opportunities at STCF:

- Energy dependent structures of  $Z_{c(s)}$
- Structures in more channels, with larger production rates above 5 GeV
- Charged hadron final states of the whole energy range
- Hybrid candidates
- Missing charmonium states and their transitions

# Light Hadron Opportunity at STCF

High Statistical Data : 1 ab<sup>-1</sup>/year

CME (GeV)	Lumi (ab <sup>-1</sup> )	Samples	$\sigma$ (nb)	No. of Events	Remarks
3.097	1	$J/\psi$	3400	$3.4 \times 10^{12}$	
3.670	1	$\tau^+\tau^-$	2.4	$2.4 \times 10^9$	
3.686	1	$\psi(3686)$	640	$6.4 \times 10^{11}$	
		$\tau^+\tau^-$	2.5	$2.5 \times 10^9$	
3.770	1	$J/\psi$	3.6	$3.6 \times 10^9$	
		$\psi(3686)$	2.8	$2.8 \times 10^9$	
		$D^+D^-$	2.8	$2.8 \times 10^9$	Single tag
		$\tau^+\tau^-$	2.9	$2.9 \times 10^9$	Single tag
4.009	1	$D^{*0}\bar{D}^0 + c.c.$	4.0	$1.4 \times 10^9$	CP <sub>D<sup>0</sup><math>\bar{D}^0</math></sub> = +
		$D^{*0}\bar{D}^0 + c.c.$	4.0	$2.6 \times 10^9$	CP <sub>D<sup>0</sup><math>\bar{D}^0</math></sub> = -
		$D_s^+D_s^-$	0.20	$2.0 \times 10^8$	
		$\tau^+\tau^-$	3.5	$3.5 \times 10^9$	
4.180	1	$D_s^{*+}D_s^- + c.c.$	0.90	$9.0 \times 10^8$	
		$D_s^{*+}D_s^- + c.c.$	3.6	$1.3 \times 10^8$	Single tag
4.230	1	$J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$	0.085	$8.5 \times 10^7$	
		$\tau^+\tau^-$	3.6	$3.6 \times 10^9$	
4.360	1	$\gamma X(3872)$			
		$\psi(3686)\pi^+\pi^-$	0.058	$5.8 \times 10^7$	
4.420	1	$\tau^+\tau^-$	3.5	$3.5 \times 10^9$	
		$\psi(3686)\pi^+\pi^-$	0.040	$4.0 \times 10^7$	
4.630	1	$\tau^+\tau^-$	3.5	$3.5 \times 10^9$	
		$\psi(3686)\pi^+\pi^-$	0.033	$3.3 \times 10^7$	
		$\Lambda_c\bar{\Lambda}_c$	0.56	$5.6 \times 10^8$	
		$\Lambda_c\bar{\Lambda}_c$	3.4	$6.4 \times 10^7$	Single tag
4.0-7.0	3	300-point scan with 10 MeV steps, 1 fb <sup>-1</sup> /point			
> 5	2-7	Several ab <sup>-1</sup> of high-energy data, details dependent on scan results			

$J/\psi \sim 10^{12}$   
 $\psi(3686) \sim 10^{11}$

- Large number of  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(3686)$  events for exploring light hadron physics
- Traces of glueballs and hybrid states may be found in more ways
- Search for **more production and decay modes of hybrid candidates and glueball candidates**
- **Electromagnetic couplings to glueball candidates:**
  - radiative transition rates
  - transition form factors in the time-like region
  - couplings to  $\gamma\gamma$

# Key Question: matter-antimatter asymmetry

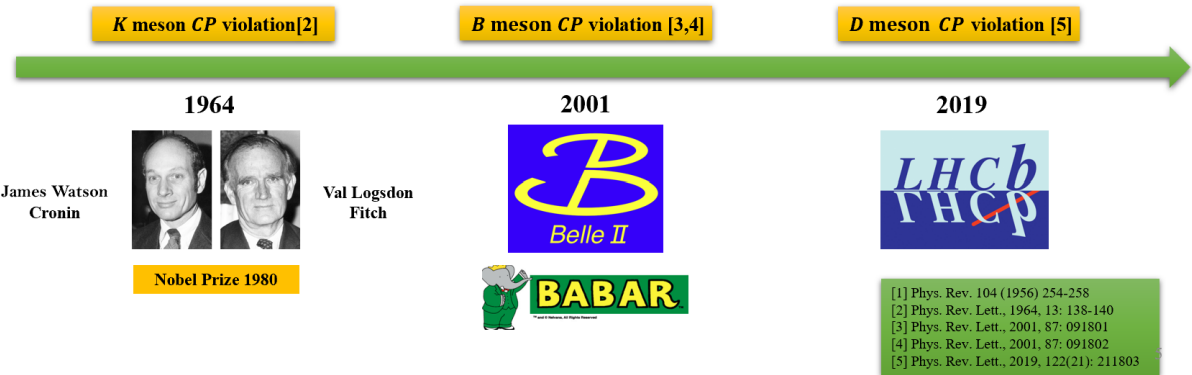
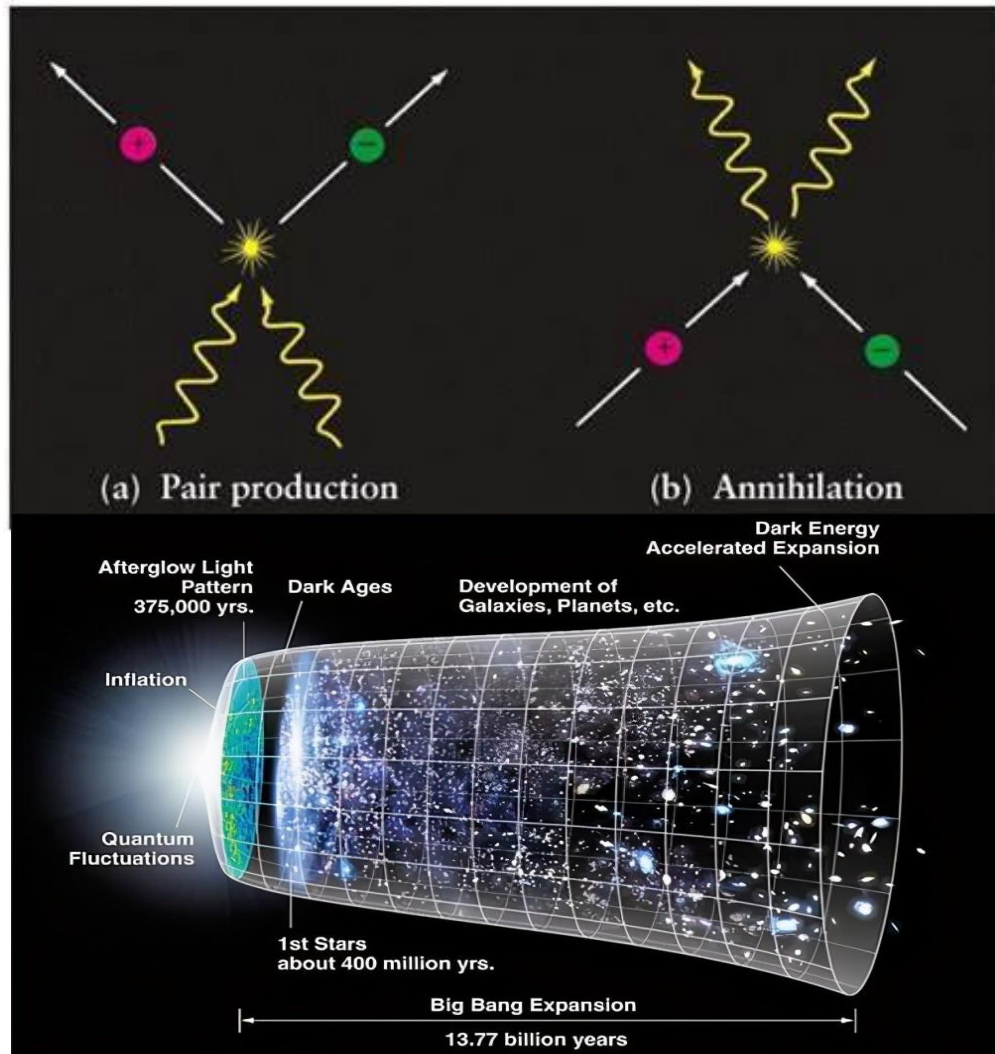
The very fact that we exist in a matter-dominated universe.

## Sakharov Condition (1967)

1. Baryon number  $B$  violation
2.  $C$  and  $CP$  symmetry violation
3. Interactions out of thermal equilibrium



Andrei Sakharov  
(1921-1989)



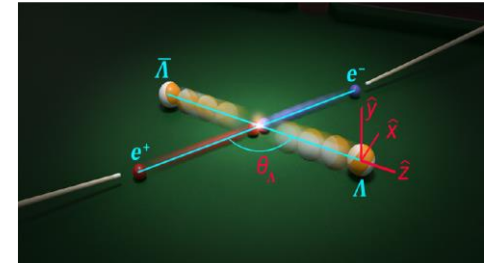
Huge numbers of  $K$ ,  $\tau$ , hyperons,  $D$  will be produced at STCF. With unprecedented high statistics, studies of the particles and their decays can reveal new information



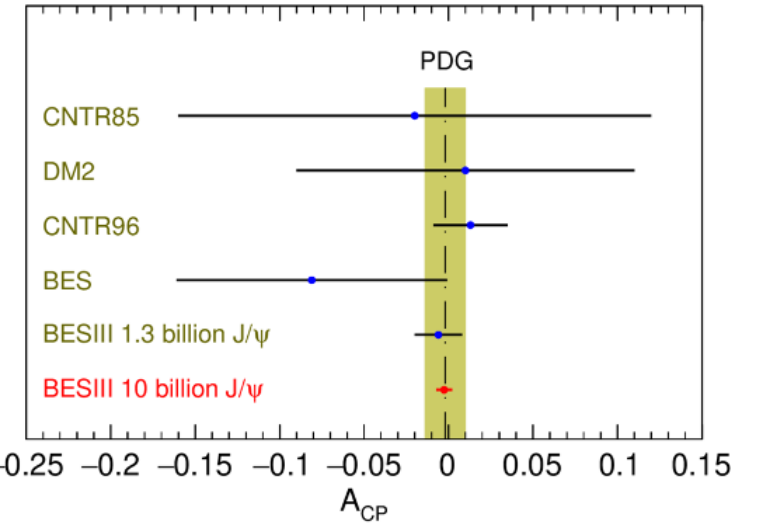
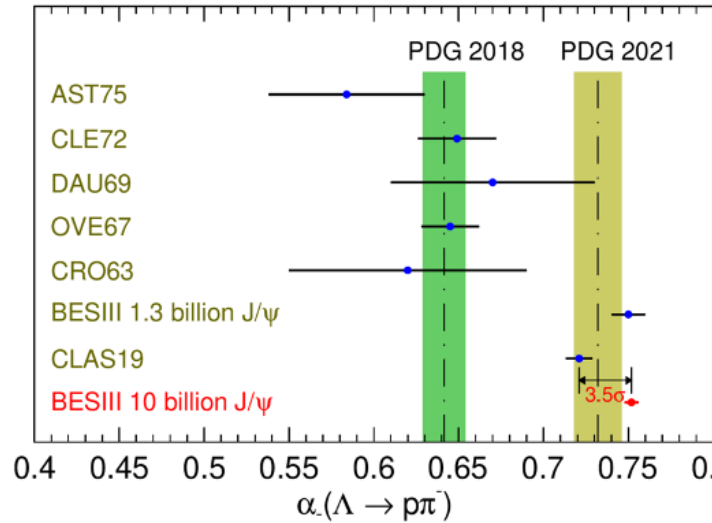
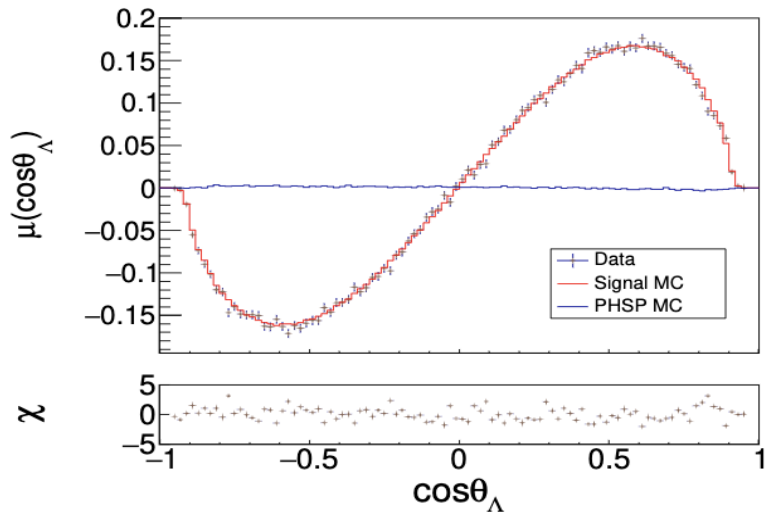
# Polarization of $\Lambda$ Hyperons and CP Test

- Updated results based on 10B  $J/\psi$  events:  $\sim 0.42\text{M}$  signals
- Decay asymmetries with best precisions ever

CP test  $A_{CP} = \frac{\alpha_- + \alpha_+}{\alpha_- - \alpha_+}$



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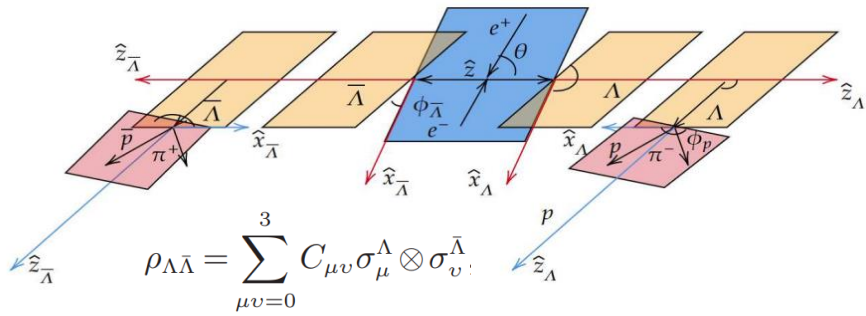


Par.	This Work*	Previous results **	PDG 2018 ***
$\alpha_{J/\psi}$	$0.4748 \pm 0.0022 \pm 0.0024$	$0.461 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.007$	$0.469 \pm 0.027$
$\Delta\Phi$	$0.7521 \pm 0.0042 \pm 0.0080$	$0.740 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.009$	-
$\alpha_-$	$0.7519 \pm 0.0036 \pm 0.0019$	$0.750 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.004$	$0.642 \pm 0.013$
$\alpha_+$	$-0.7559 \pm 0.0036 \pm 0.0029$	$-0.758 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.007$	$-0.71 \pm 0.08$
$A_{CP}$	$-0.0025 \pm 0.0046 \pm 0.0011$	$0.006 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.007$	-
$\alpha_{\pm, avg.}$	$0.7542 \pm 0.0010 \pm 0.0020$	$0.754 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.002$	-

$\sim 7\sigma$  upward shift from all previous measurements

0.5% level sensitivity for CPV test  
SM prediction:  $10^{-4} \sim 10^{-5}$

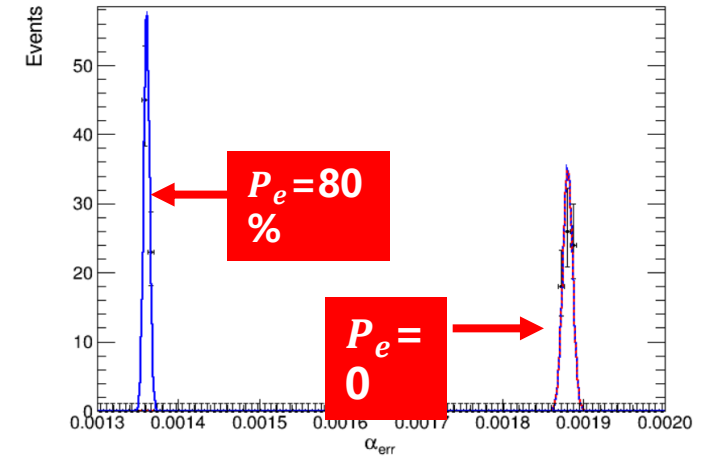
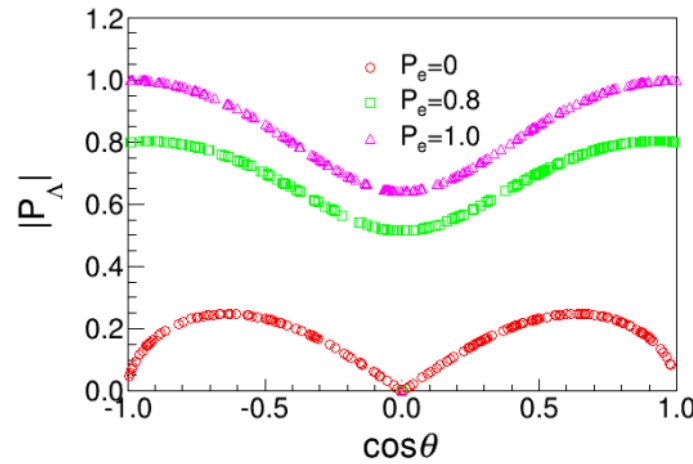
# CP Test in $\Lambda$ Decay with Polarized Electron Beam



$$\rho_{\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}} = \sum_{\mu\nu=0}^3 C_{\mu\nu} \sigma_\mu^\Lambda \otimes \sigma_\nu^{\bar{\Lambda}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \alpha_\psi \cos^2 \theta & \gamma_\psi P_e \sin \theta & \beta_\psi \sin \theta \cos \theta & (1 + \alpha_\psi) P_e \cos \theta \\ \gamma_\psi P_e \sin \theta & \sin^2 \theta & 0 & \gamma_\psi \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\beta_\psi \sin \theta \cos \theta & 0 & \alpha_\psi \sin^2 \theta & -\beta_\psi P_e \sin \theta \\ -(1 + \alpha_\psi) P_e \cos \theta & -\gamma_\psi \sin \theta \cos \theta & -\beta_\psi P_e \sin \theta & -\alpha_\psi - \cos^2 \theta \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{P}_\Lambda = \frac{\gamma_\psi P_e \sin \theta \hat{x}_1 - \beta_\psi \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{y}_1 - (1 + \alpha_\psi) P_e \cos \theta \hat{z}_1}{1 + \alpha_\psi \cos^2 \theta}.$$



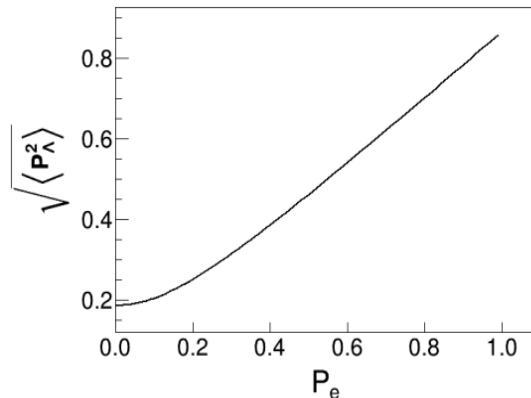
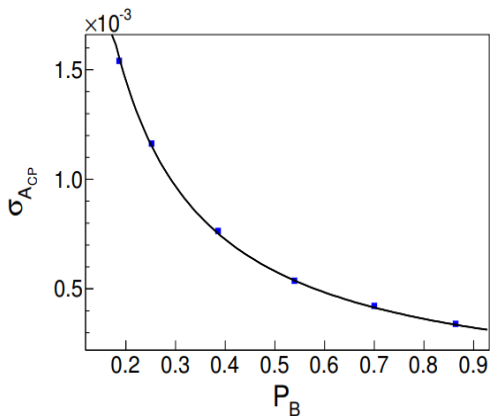
- Large statistics and electron polarization will improve the sensitivity of CPV significantly

- The sensitivity of CPV follows :

$$\sigma_{ACP} \approx \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1}{\alpha_1 \sqrt{N_{sig}} \sqrt{\langle P_B^2 \rangle}}.$$

$$\xrightarrow{1 \times 10^9 \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \langle P_B^2 \rangle = 0.1} \sigma_{ACP} \sim 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\xrightarrow{1 \times 10^9 \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \langle P_B^2 \rangle = 0.8} \sigma_{ACP} \sim 0.5 \times 10^{-5}$$



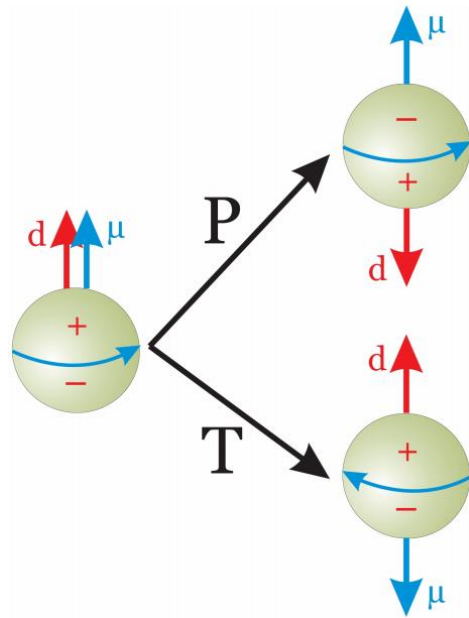
# Searching for Hyperon EDM

Detailed dynamics in  $J/\psi$  decay to hyperon pair have been studied:

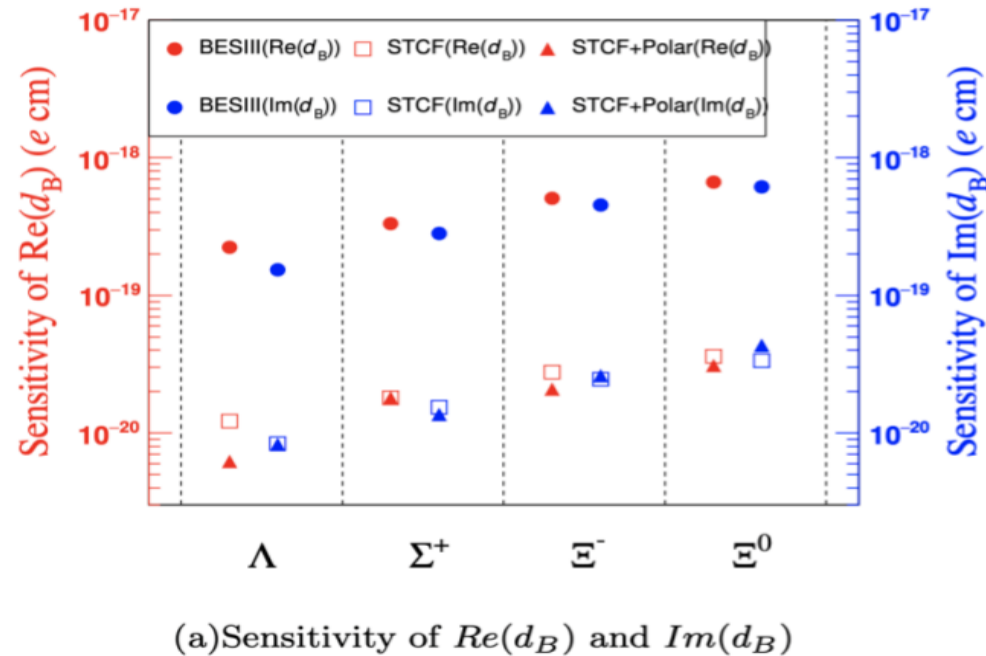
$\mu$ : magnetic dipole moment  
 $d$ : electric dipole moment

$$\mathcal{A} = \epsilon_\mu(\lambda) \bar{u}(\lambda_1) \left( F_V \gamma^\mu + \frac{i}{2M_\Lambda} \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu H_\sigma + \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 F_A + \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 q_\nu H_T \right) v(\lambda_2)$$

**Systematic measurement of the EDMs of the hyperon family!**



**Non-zero EDM will violate  $P$  and  $T$  symmetry:  $T$  violation  $\leftrightarrow CP$  violation, if CPT holds.**



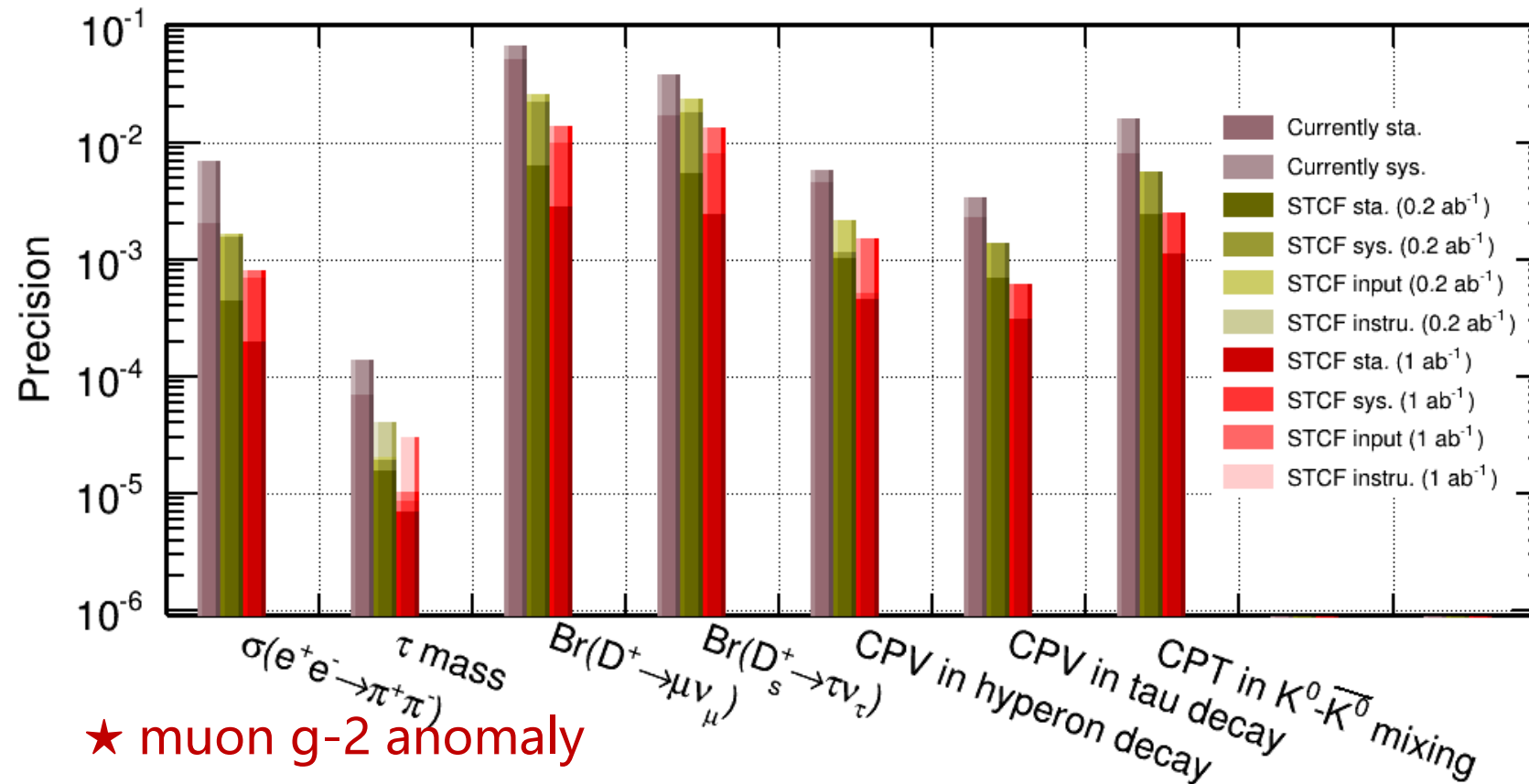
SM:  $\sim 10^{-26}$  e cm

BESIII: milestone for hyperon EDM measurement  
 $\Lambda$   $10^{-19}$  e cm ( FermiLab  $10^{-16}$  e cm)  
 first achievement for  $\Sigma^+, \Xi^-$  and  $\Xi^0$  at level of  $10^{-19}$  e cm  
 a litmus test for new physics

STCF: improved by 2 order of magnitude

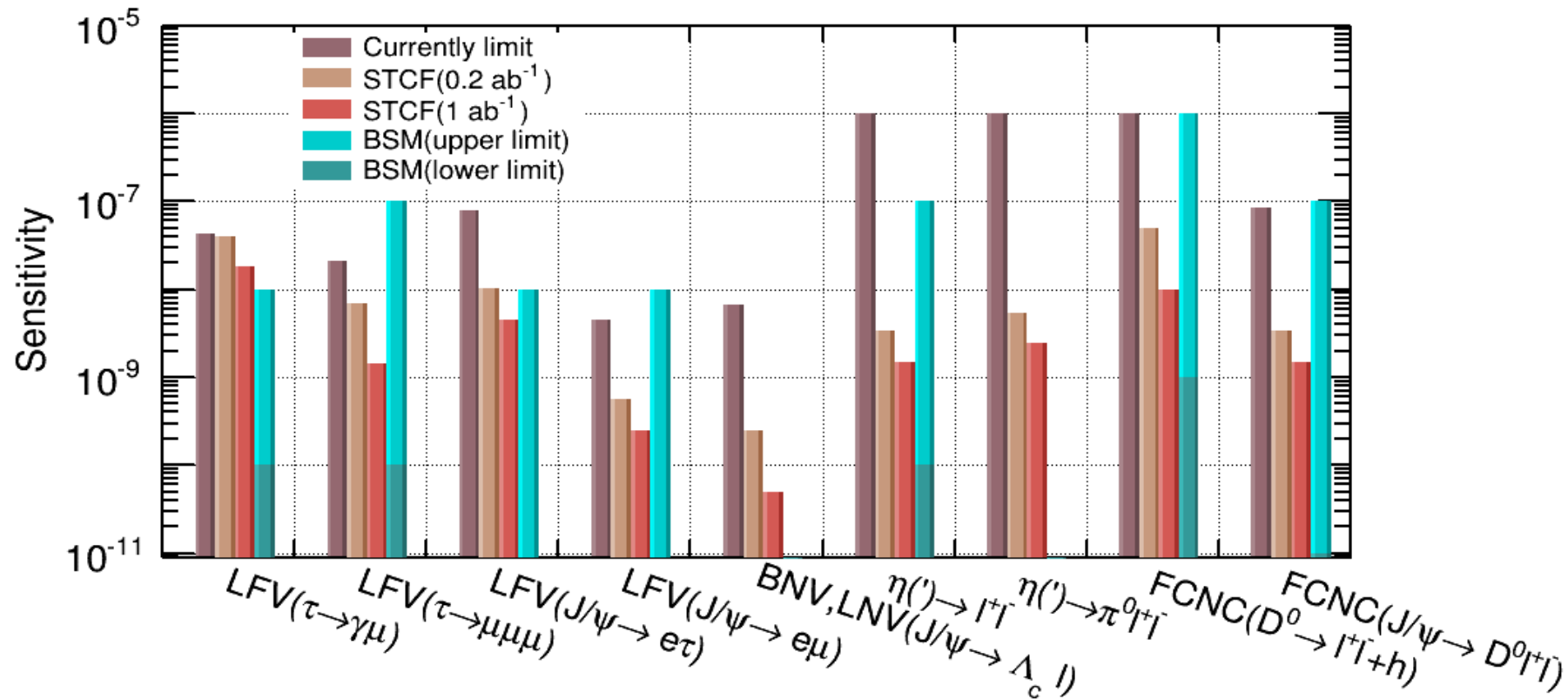
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# Sensitivity of Precision Measurements



- The **precision frontier** for testing of SM parameters
- Uncertainties from reducible (selection-based), and irreducible sources (theoretical input, instrument effect)

# Sensitivity of Rare or Forbidden Decays



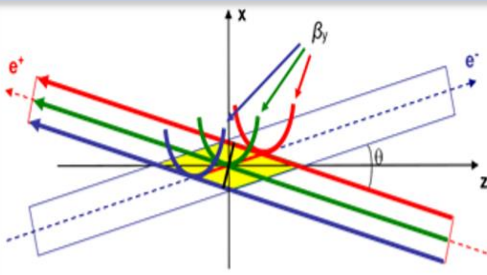
- Sensitivity of **various rare/forbidden decays** measurements at STCF are compared with **various BSM models**
- The excellent precision at STCF can be used to distinguish between various BSM models

# Challenges of STCF Accelerator

**Goal:** ultra-high luminosity in tau charm energy region (2-7 GeV), high-quality beam, stable operation

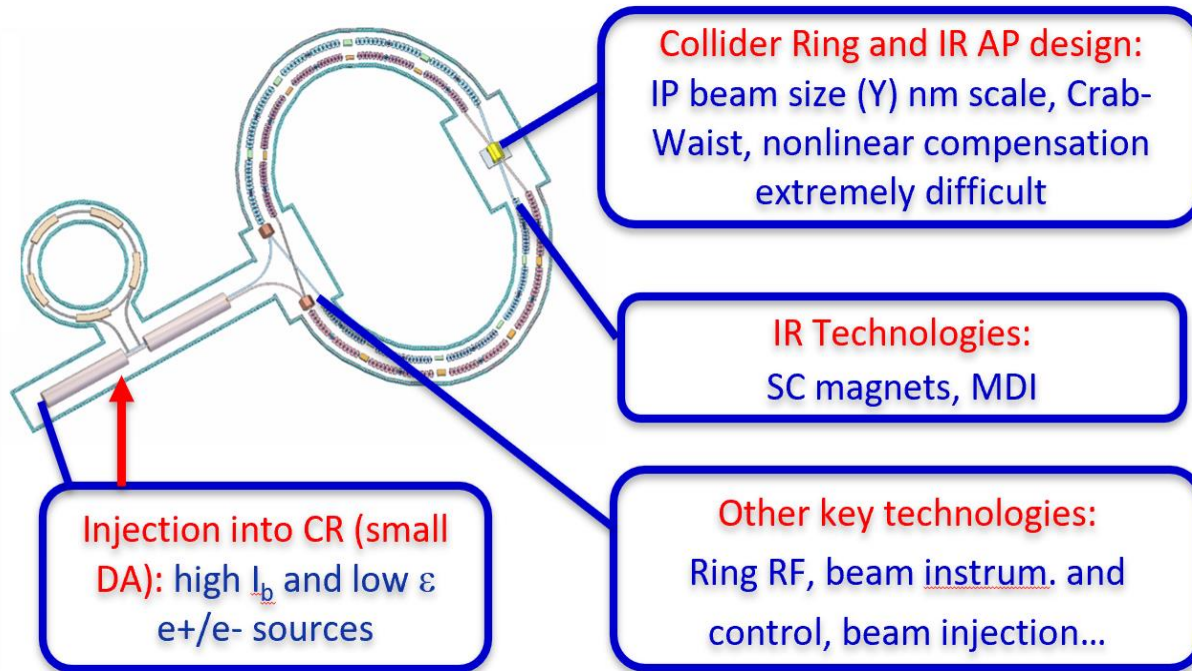
**Characteristics:** extremely small bunch size, high current intensity, strong nonlinearity and collective effect

Preliminary machine parameters



$$L = \frac{\gamma n_b I_b}{2e r_e \beta_y^*} \xi_y H$$

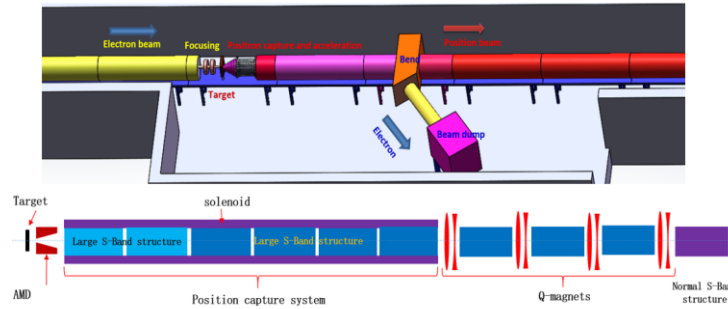
Big Piwinski angle + Crab Waist



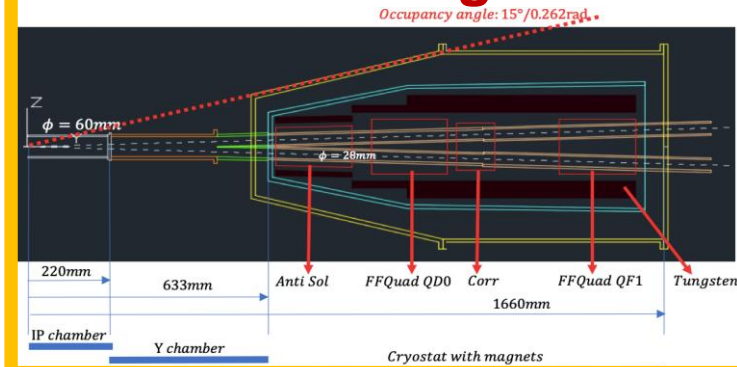
Parameters	Units	STCF (April. 2024)
Optimal beam energy, $E$	GeV	2
Circumference, $C$	m	848.4
Crossing angle, $2q$	mrad	60
Horizontal emittance, $e_x$	nm	6.919
Coupling, $k$		0.50%
Vertical emittance, $e_y$	pm	34.595
Ver. beta function at IP, $\beta_y$	mm	0.6
Ver. beam size at IP, $s_y$	mm	0.144
Beam current, $I$	A	2
Single-bunch charge	nC	8.04
SR power per beam, $P_{SR}$	MW	0.572
Bunch length, $s_z$	mm	8.43
Ver. beam-beam parameter, $\xi_y$		0.094
Luminosity, $L$	$10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	1.19

# STCF Accelerator R&D

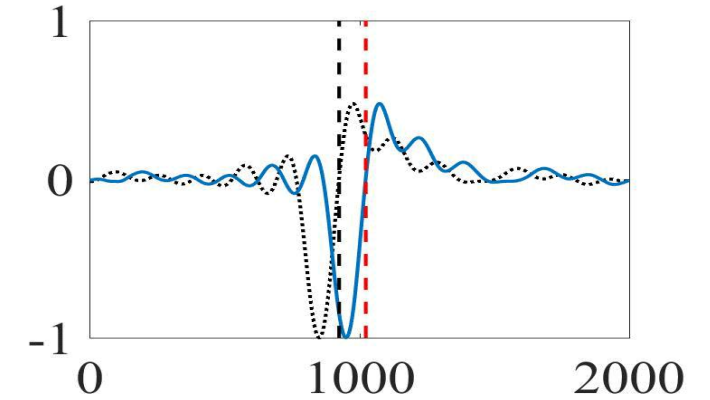
## Positron Source Design



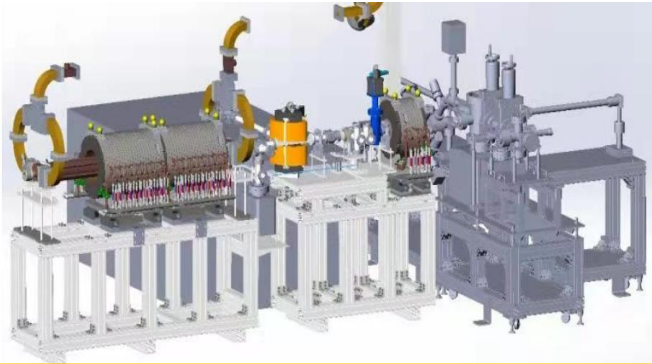
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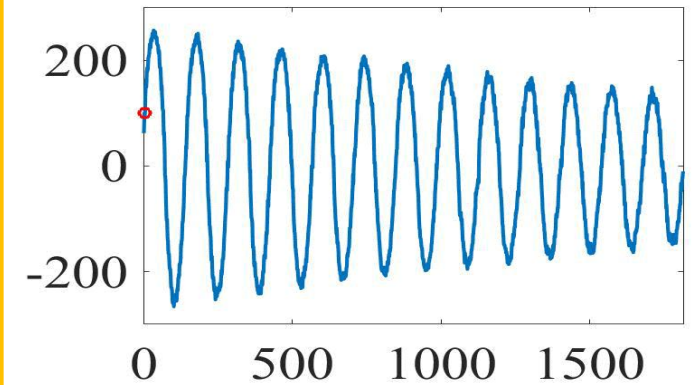
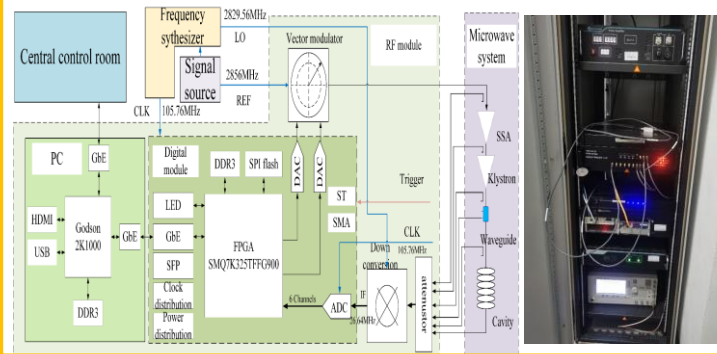
## Bunch-by-Bunch 3D position measurement



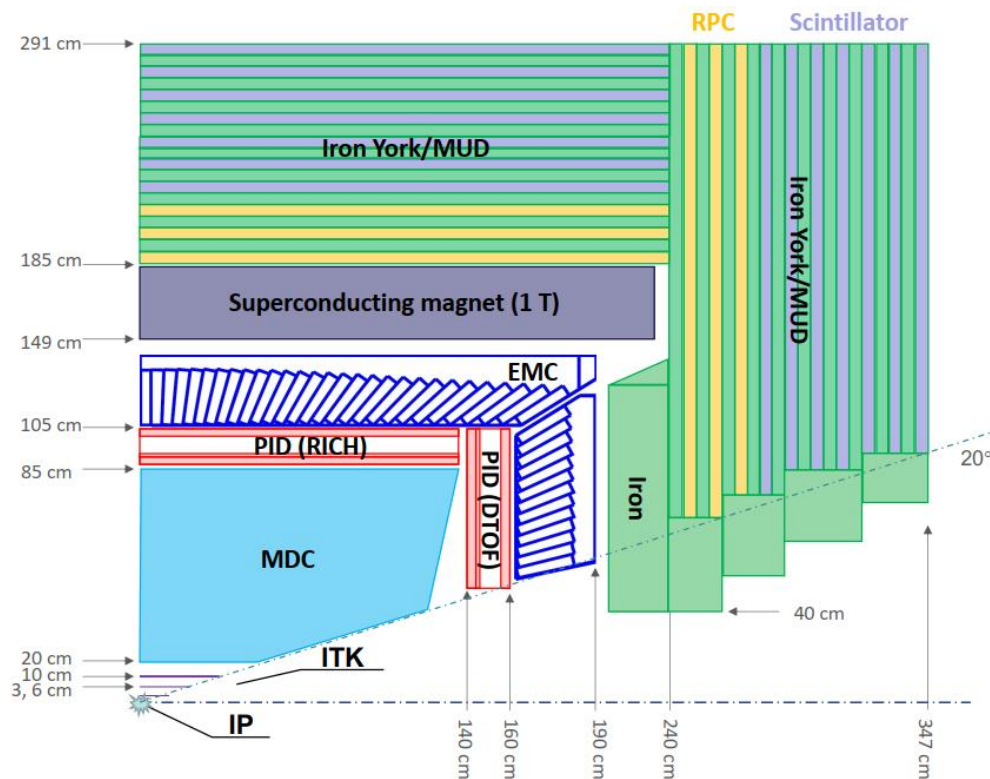
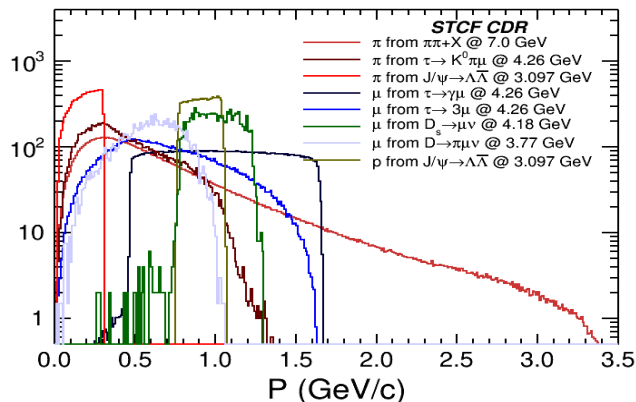
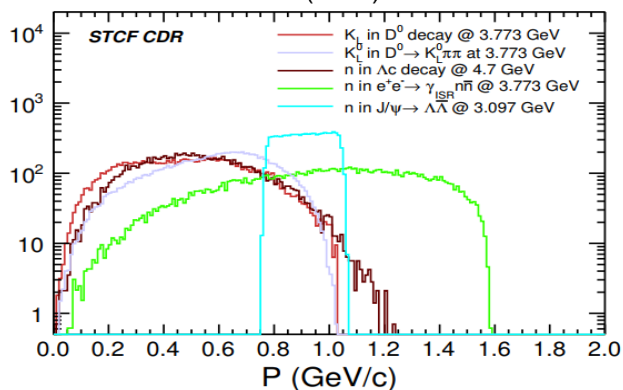
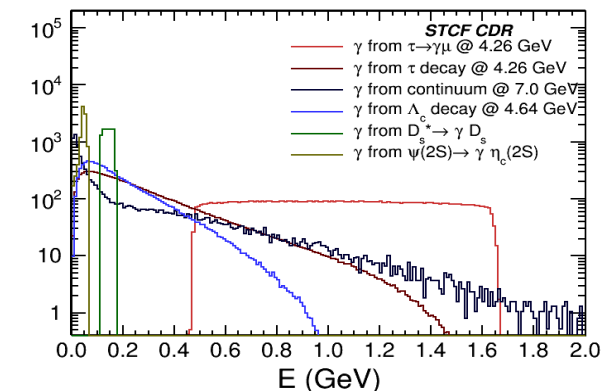
## Photocathode RF gun



## Low level RF system



# STCF detector



## Requirement:

- High detection efficiency and good resolution
- Superior PID ability
- Tolerance to high rate/background environment

### ITK

<0.25% $X_0$  / layer

$\sigma_{xy} < 100 \mu\text{m}$

### MDC

$\sigma_{xy} < 130 \mu\text{m}$

$\sigma_p/p \sim 0.5\%$  @ 1 GeV

### PID

$\pi/K$  (and  $K/p$ ) 3-4 $\sigma$  separation up to 2 GeV/c

### EMC

E range: 0.025-3.5 GeV

$\sigma_E$  @ 1 GeV: 2.5% in barrel, 4% at endcaps

Pos. Res. :  $\sim 4$  mm

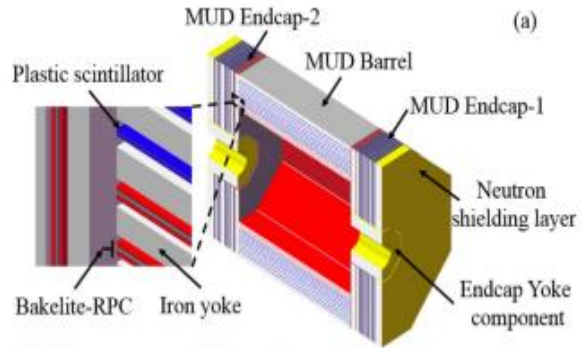
### MUD

0.4 - 1.8 GeV

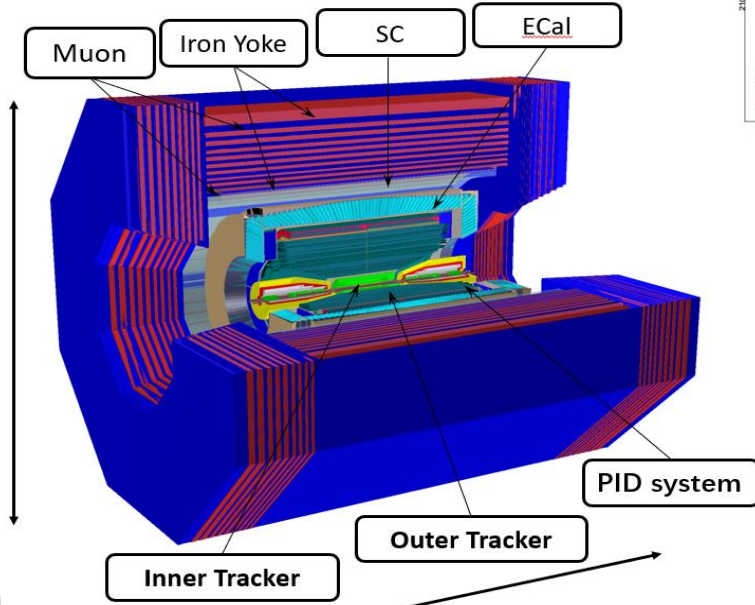
$\pi$  suppression >30



# STCF Detector Conceptual Design

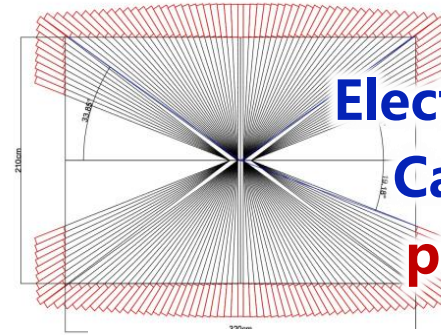


**Muon Detector**  
Resistive Plate Chamber+  
Plastic scintillator

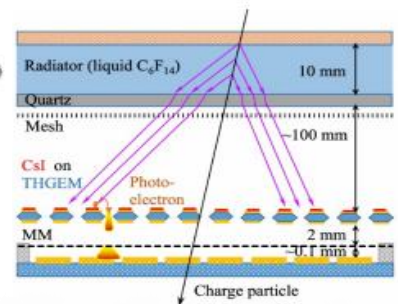
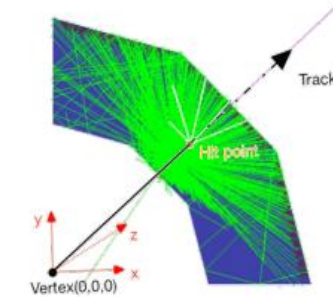


~ 6 m

~ 7 m

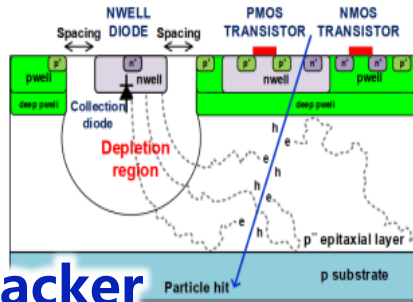
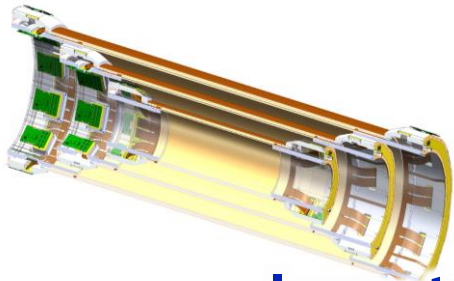


**Electromagnetic Calorimeter**  
pCsI + APD



**Particle Identification System**

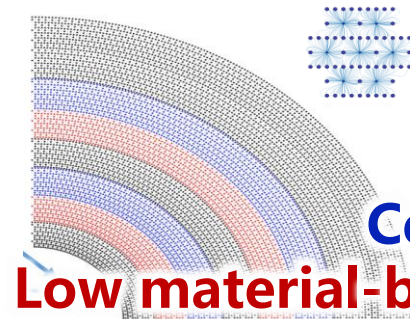
**Barrel: RICH-like**  
**Endcap: DIRC-like**



**Inner tracker**

**μRWELL Detector**  
CMOS MAPS

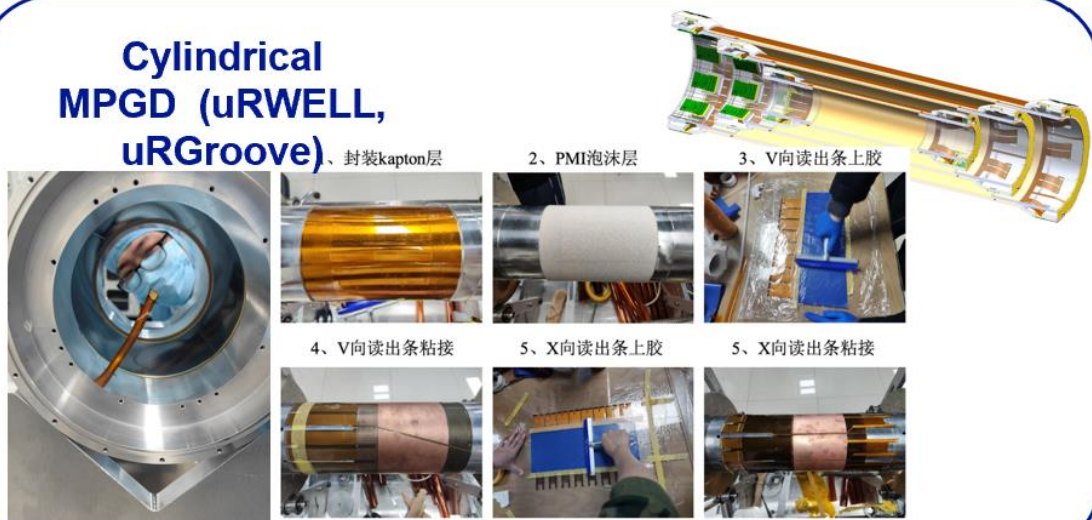
单片有源像素探测器



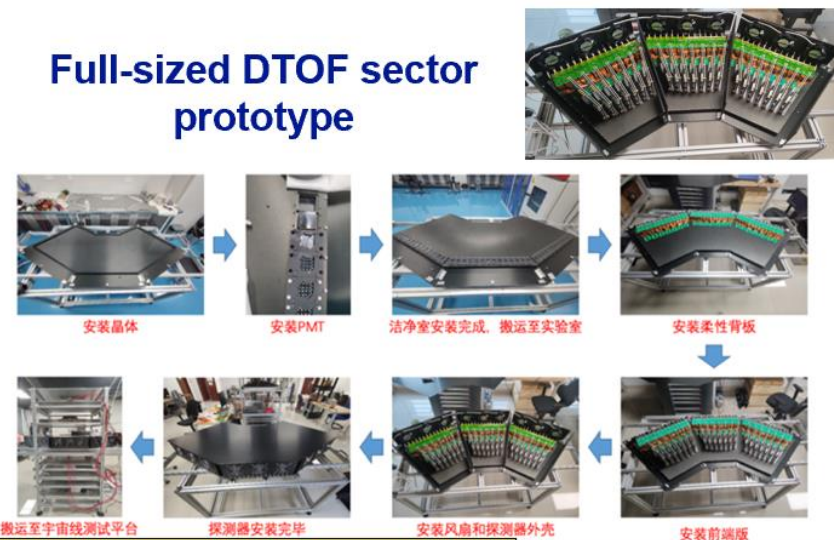
**Central Tracker**  
**Low material-budget Main Drift Chamber**

# STCF Detector R&D — Detector Prototypes

## Cylindrical MPGD (uRWELL, uRGroove)

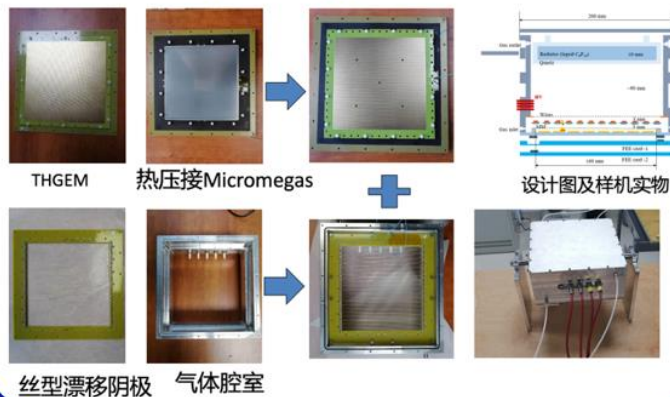


## Full-sized DTOF sector prototype

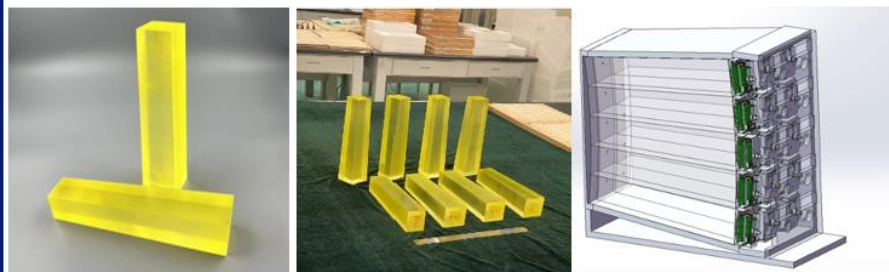


ECAL, RICH, DTOF and DAQ beam test scheduled at CERN

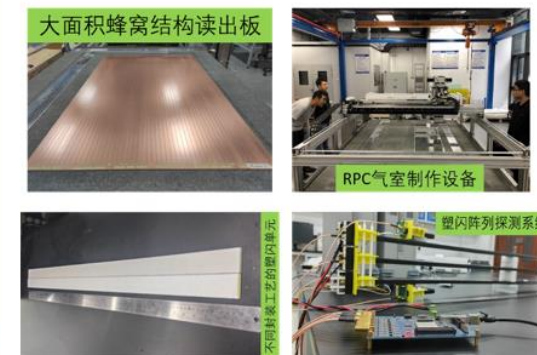
## 30 cm x 30 cm RICH prototype



## pCsl ECAL

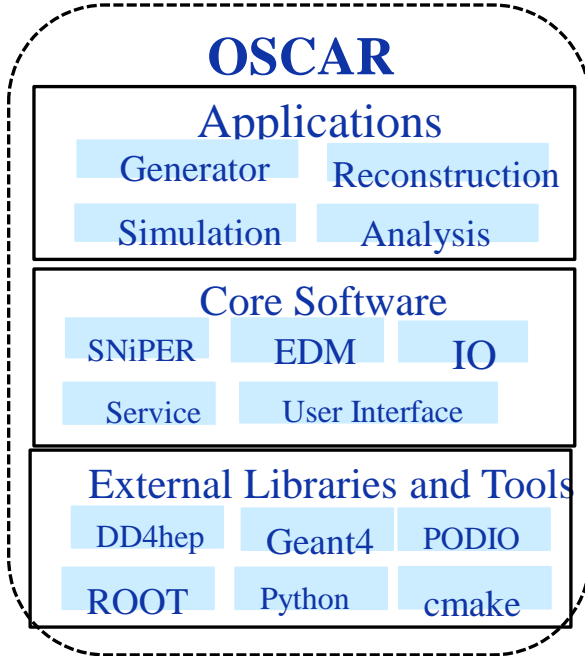


## Large sized RPC and scintillator strips

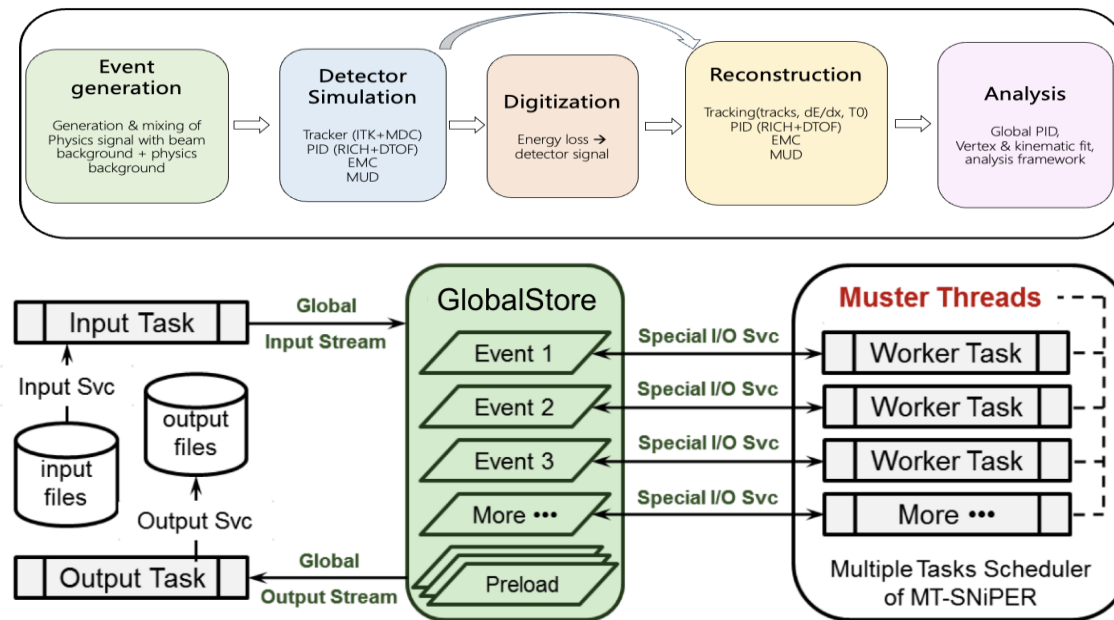


# Offline Software

- Offline Software System of Super Tau-Charm Facility (**OSCAR**)
  - External Interface+ Framework +Offline
- SNiPER framework** provides common functionalities for whole data processing
- Offline including Generator, Simulation, Calibration, Reconstruction and Analysis

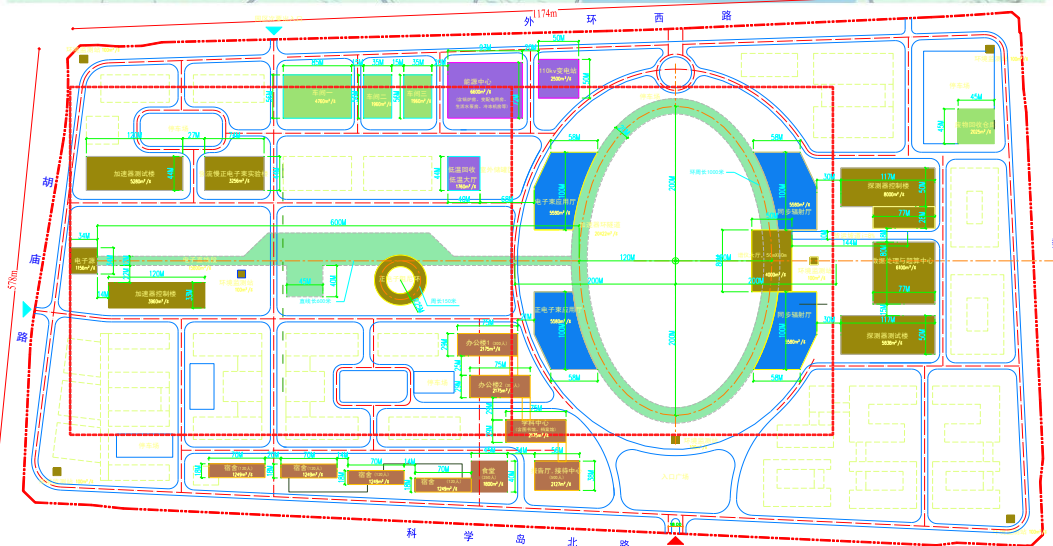
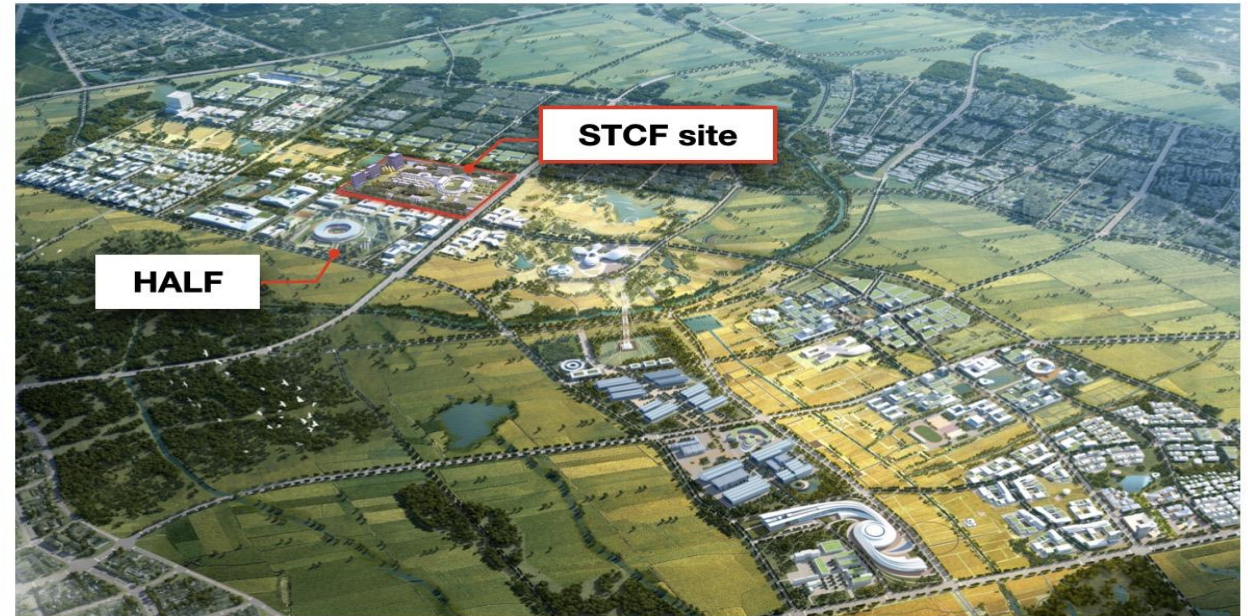


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- Full simulation under OSCAR is undergoing:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-J/\psi, \Lambda\bar{\Lambda}, \pi\pi/K\pi/KK + X, D^0\bar{D}^0\dots$

# Site of STCF : Hefei



- **Funded R&D: 0.4 Billion CNY** funded by the Anhui government
- **Construction budget: 4.5 Billion CNY**

# Tentative Project Schedule for STCF

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032-2047
CDR															
Key Technology R&D & TDR															
Construction															
Operation															<b>15 years</b>

# Summary

- STCF covers a **unique transition region** between perturbative and non-perturbative QCD, providing **precision measurements** aimed at answering key questions in **QCD** and search for **new physics BSM**
- STCF will be utilized and **challenge key technologies** in accelerator, particle detection and data processing, computing and networking
- Anhui province and USTC have **committed support**, aiming for applying **construction approval** during the **15th five-year plan (2026-2030)**
- **International collaboration** is crucial, with ongoing efforts to expand collaborations both domestically and internationally

# FTCF2024-Guangzhou

The 6<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Future Tau-Charm Facilities (**FTCF2024-Guangzhou**) will be hosted by Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU) in Guangzhou, China, **Nov. 17-21, 2024**.

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