



Measurements of magnetic and electric dipole moments of hadrons

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Outline

- ▶ Physics motivations
- ▶ Experimental technique for strange Λ baryons
 - feasibility studies and analysis in progress in LHCb
- ▶ Experimental technique for charm Λ_c^+ , Ξ_c^+ baryons
 - TWOCRIST proof-of-principle
 - Proposed ALADDIN experiment
- ▶ Summary

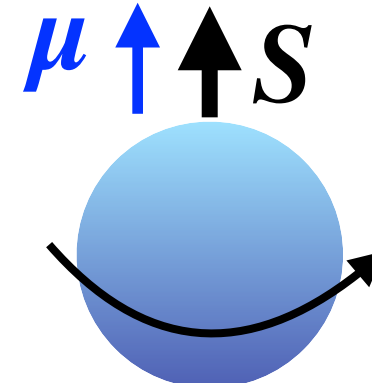
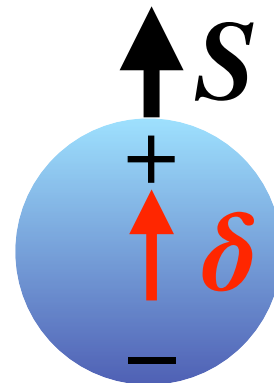
τ lepton not discussed in this talk, see backup slides

Introduction

► Quantum systems

$$\delta = d \frac{q}{2m} S$$

$$\mu = g \frac{q}{2m} S \quad \text{in natural units}$$



δ = electric dipole moment (EDM) d = gyroelectric factor

μ = magnetic dipole moment (MDM) g = gyromagnetic factor

$$\text{MDM of spin-1/2 baryons } \mu_{\Lambda} = \frac{g_{\Lambda}}{2} \frac{e}{2m_{\Lambda}} \text{ and } \mu_{\Lambda_c^+} = \frac{g_{\Lambda_c^+}}{2} \frac{e}{2m_{\Lambda_c^+}}$$

$g = 2$ for e, μ, τ (point-like), $g_p = 5.6$ for proton (substructure)

Discrete symmetries

Charge conjugation: $C\psi = \bar{\psi}$

Parity: $P\psi(\vec{r}) = \psi(-\vec{r})$

Time reversal: $T\psi(t) = \psi^*(-t)$

Hamiltonian

$$H = -\mu \cdot \mathbf{B} - \delta \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

Time reversal, Parity:

$$d\mu_N \delta \cdot \mathbf{E} \xrightarrow{T,P} -d\mu_N \delta \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

	C	P	T
μ	-	+	-
δ	-	+	-
E	-	-	+
B	-	+	-
S	+	+	-

The EDM violates T and P and, via CPT theorem, violates CP

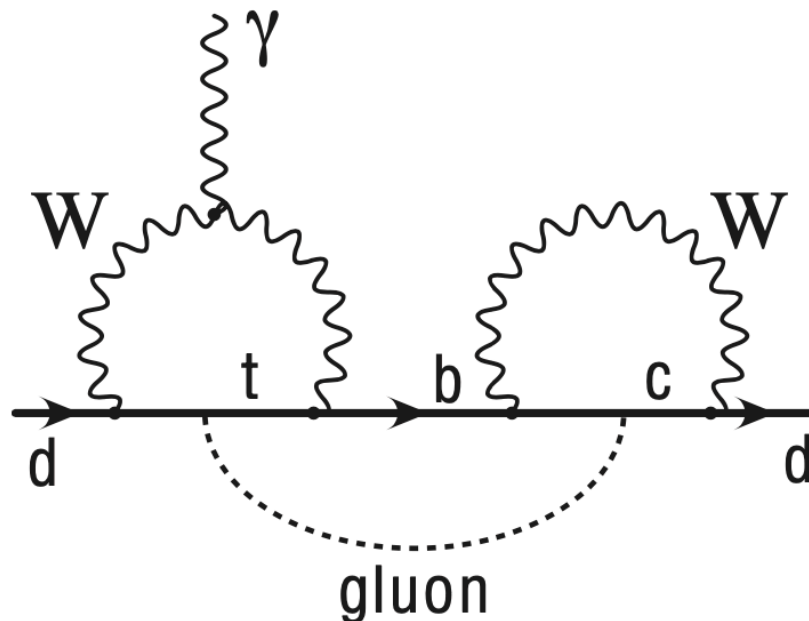
EDM: a probe for CPV beyond the SM

- ▶ $\mathcal{L}_{CPV} = \mathcal{L}_{CKM} + \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\theta}} + \mathcal{L}_{BSM}$
 - SM: negligible CKM contribution; $\bar{\theta}$ -QCD for possible CPV in strong interaction, $\bar{\theta} \lesssim 10^{-10}$ from neutron EDM limit

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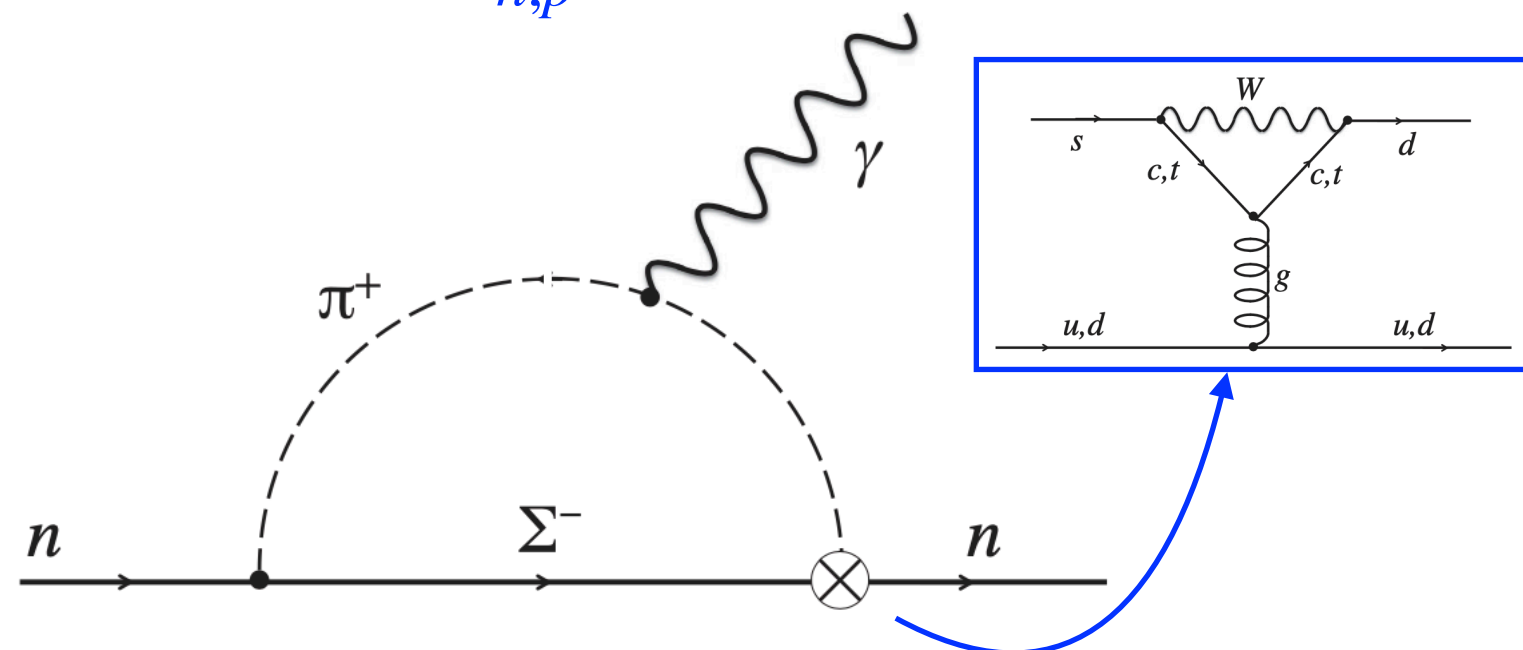
Example of SM CKM contributions

$$\delta_d \propto \text{Im}(V_{tb}V_{td}^*V_{cd}V_{cb}^*)m_d m_c^2 \alpha_s G_F^2 \approx 10^{-34} e\text{cm}$$



“Long distance” contribution

$$\delta_{n,p} \approx (1 - 6) \times 10^{-32} e\text{cm}$$



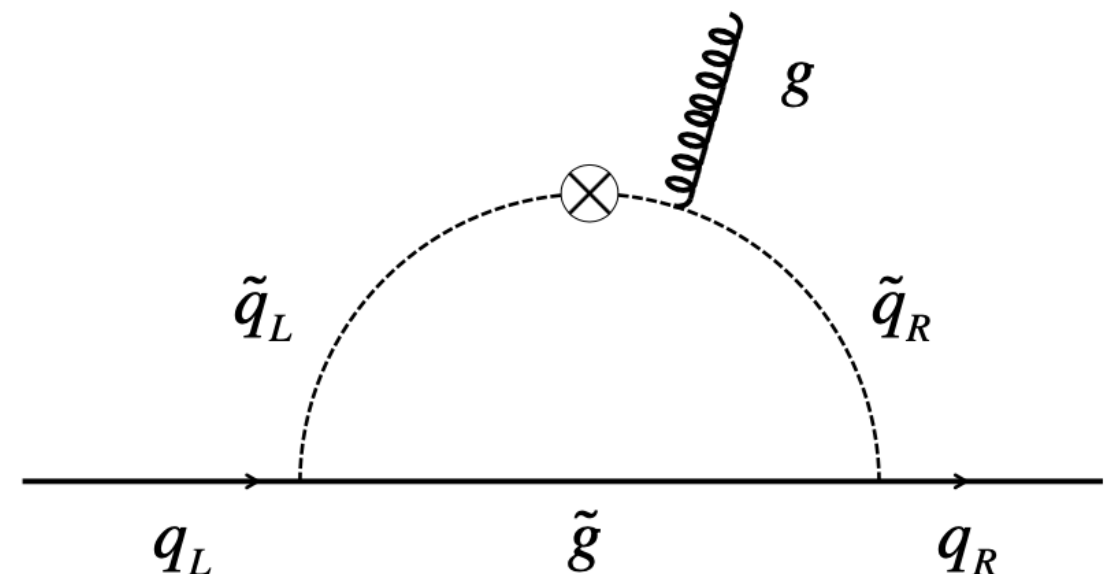
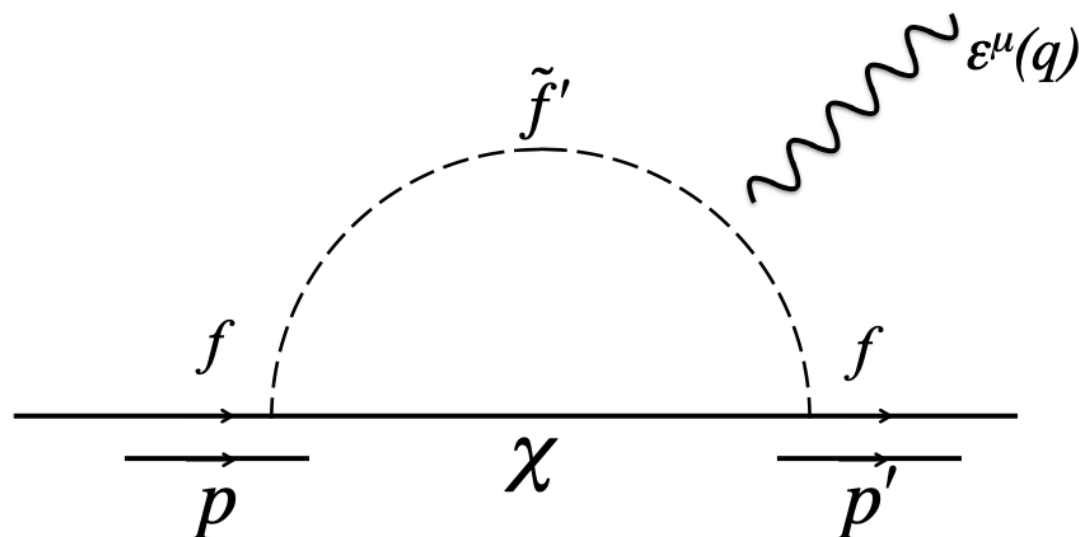
EDM: a probe for CPV beyond the SM

- ▶ $\mathcal{L}_{CPV} = \mathcal{L}_{CKM} + \mathcal{L}_{\bar{\theta}} + \mathcal{L}_{BSM}$
 - BSM : potential large contributions by new physics scale Λ_{NP} and CP-violating phase ϕ_{CPV}

$$\delta_{BSM} \approx (10^{-16} e\text{cm}) \left(\frac{250 \text{ GeV}}{\Lambda_{NP}} \right)^2 \sin \phi_{CPV} y_f F$$

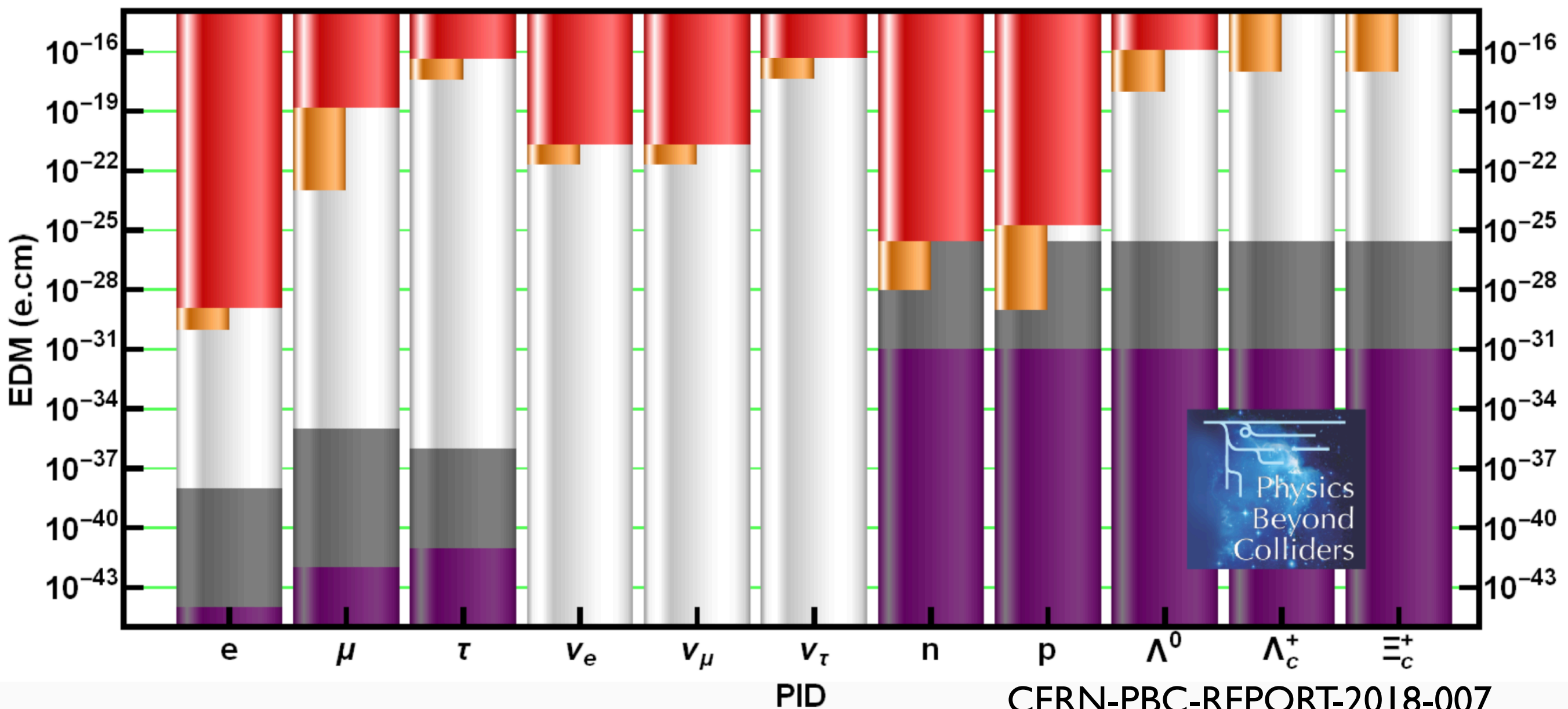
Examples of BSM contributions

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Plans for EDM measurements

■ **SM-CKM**
■ **SM- Θ**
■ $\langle d \rangle^{(\text{expected})}$
■ $\langle d \rangle^{(\text{meas})}$



Baryon magnetic moments

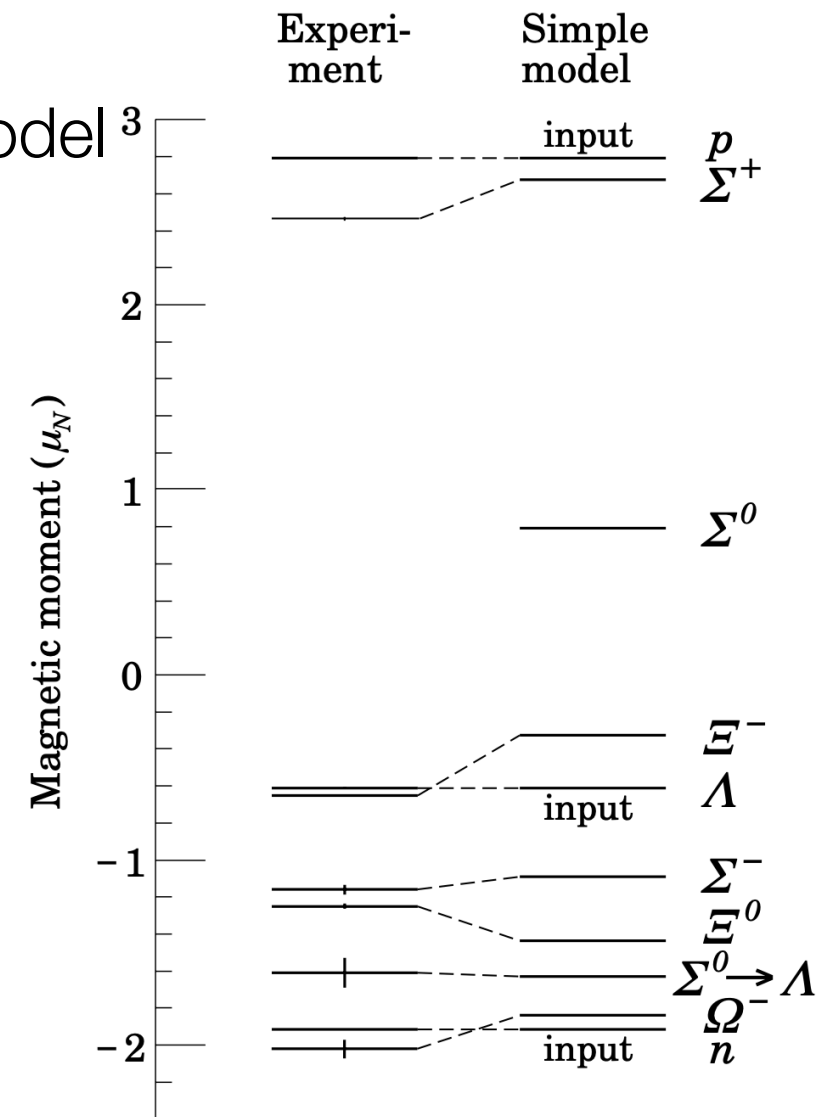
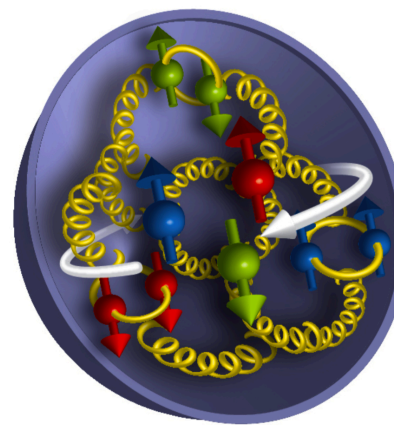
- $g \neq 2$ due to internal substructure, not point-like fermions
- From Λ baryon MDM to s quark MDM using quark model

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_p &= (4\mu_u - \mu_d)/3 & \mu_n &= (4\mu_d - \mu_u)/3 \\ \mu_{\Sigma^+} &= (4\mu_u - \mu_s)/3 & \mu_{\Sigma^-} &= (4\mu_d - \mu_s)/3 \\ \mu_{\Xi^0} &= (4\mu_s - \mu_u)/3 & \mu_{\Xi^-} &= (4\mu_s - \mu_d)/3 \\ \mu_\Lambda &= \mu_s & \mu_{\Sigma^0} &= (2\mu_u + 2\mu_d - \mu_s)/3 \\ & & \mu_{\Omega^-} &= 3\mu_s\end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_q = \frac{Q_q \hbar}{2m_q} \quad \text{quark MDM}$$

From simple quark model

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_s &= -0.613\mu_N \\ m_s &= 510 \text{ MeV}\end{aligned}$$



Corresponding proton measurements

$$\mu_p = 2.79284734462(82) \mu_N$$

G. Schneider et al., *Science* **358**, 1081 (2017)

$$\mu_{\bar{p}} = -2.7928473441(42) \mu_N$$

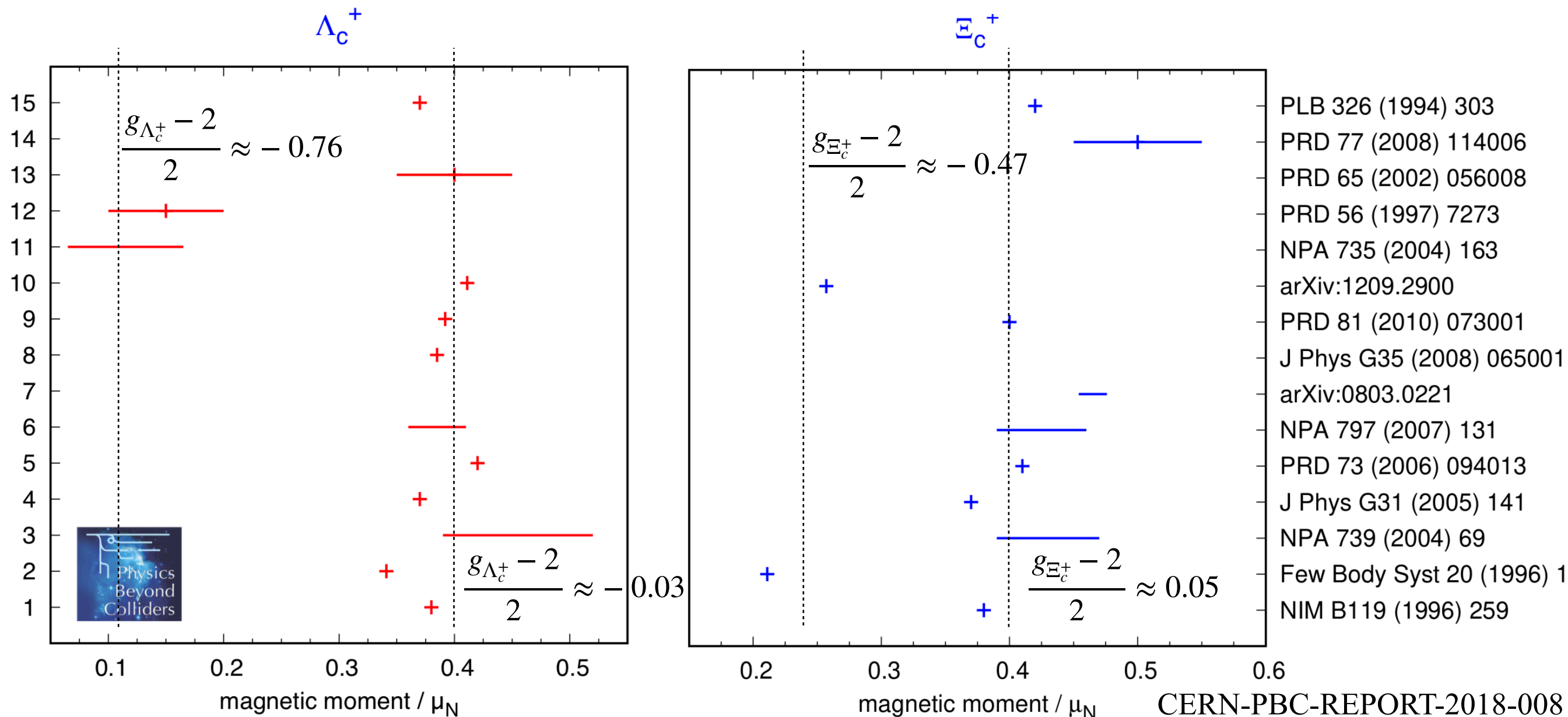
C. Smorra et al., *Nature* **550** (2017) 7676, 371-374

- Precise measurement of Λ MDM
- Test of CPT symmetry with $\bar{\Lambda}$ MDM

Charm baryon MDM: theory predictions

In the quark model $\Lambda_c^+ = [ud]c$ $\Xi_c^+ = [us]c$ EPJC 80 (2020) 358
 $\mu_{\Lambda_c^+} = \mu_c$ $\mu_{\Xi_c^+} = \mu_c$ $\mu_c = (0.48 \pm 0.03)\mu_N$

Beyond the quark model: e.g. heavy quark effective theories



Proposed experimental method for neutral long-lived Λ baryons in LHCb $\tau \approx 10^{-10}$ s

F. J. Botella et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 77 (2017) 181

Status of art for Λ baryon EDM/MDM

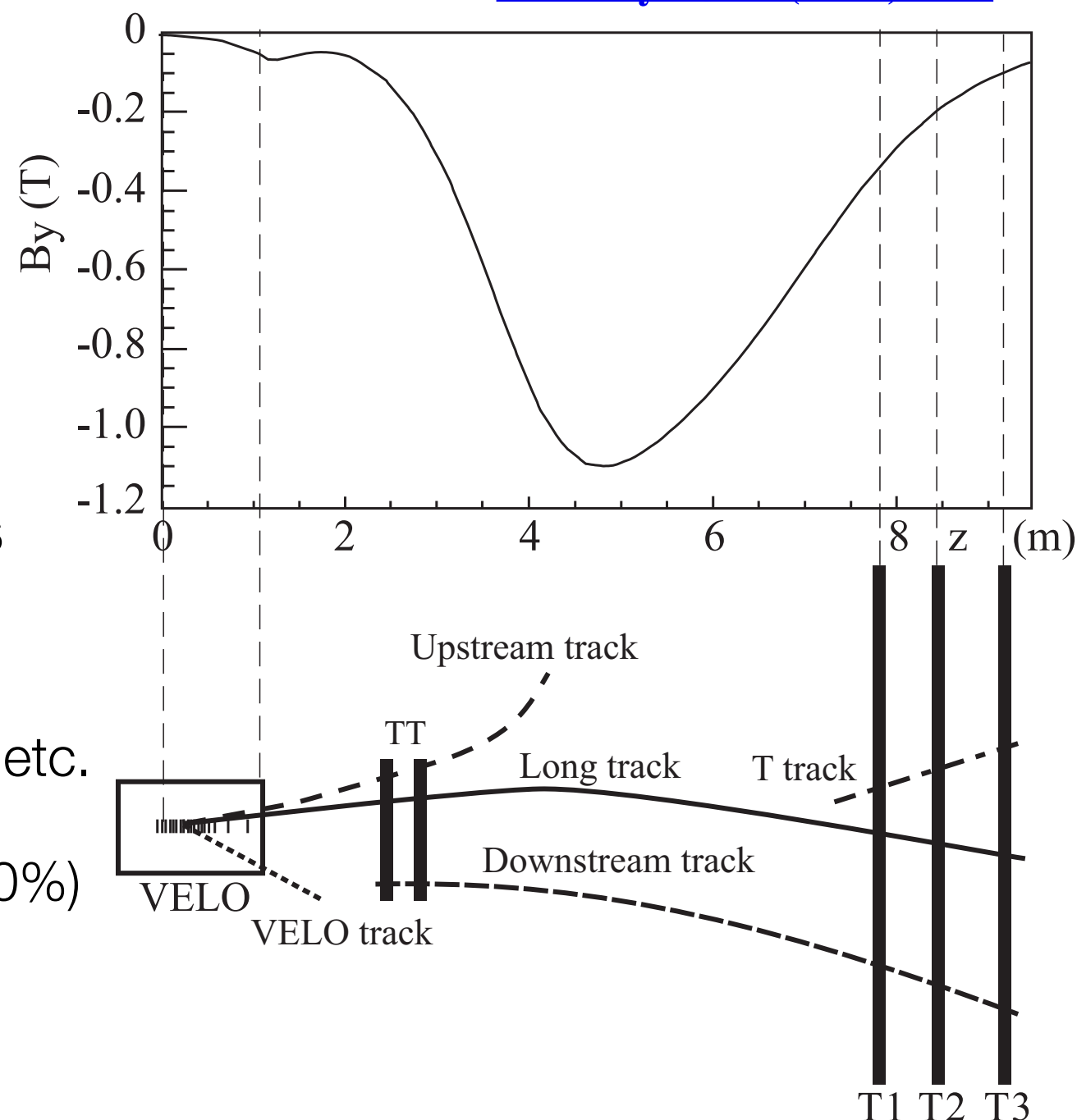
- ▶ Current direct limit on Λ baryon **EDM** $< 1.5 \times 10^{-16} e \text{ cm}$ at 95% C.L. L. Pondrom et al., Phys. Rev. D **23**, 814 (**1981**)
- ▶ Measurement of **MDM** $\mu_{\Lambda} = (-0.6138 \pm 0.0047) \mu_N$ but no measurement for $\bar{\Lambda}$ exists. Phys.Rev.Lett. 41 (**1978**) 1348
- ▶ Measurement of MDM of $\bar{\Lambda}$ is needed for a **CPT** test
- ▶ BESIII measurement of Λ **decay parameter** inconsistent with previous results $\alpha = 0.750 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.004$. Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 631-634
- ▶ Need **new measurements** to improve previous results, based on wrong α value
- ▶ BESIII recent result: indirect limit from $J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$ on $|\delta_{\Lambda}| < 6.5 \times 10^{-19} e \text{ cm}$ at 95% C.L. arXiv:2506.19180

Λ baryon precession in the LHCb magnet

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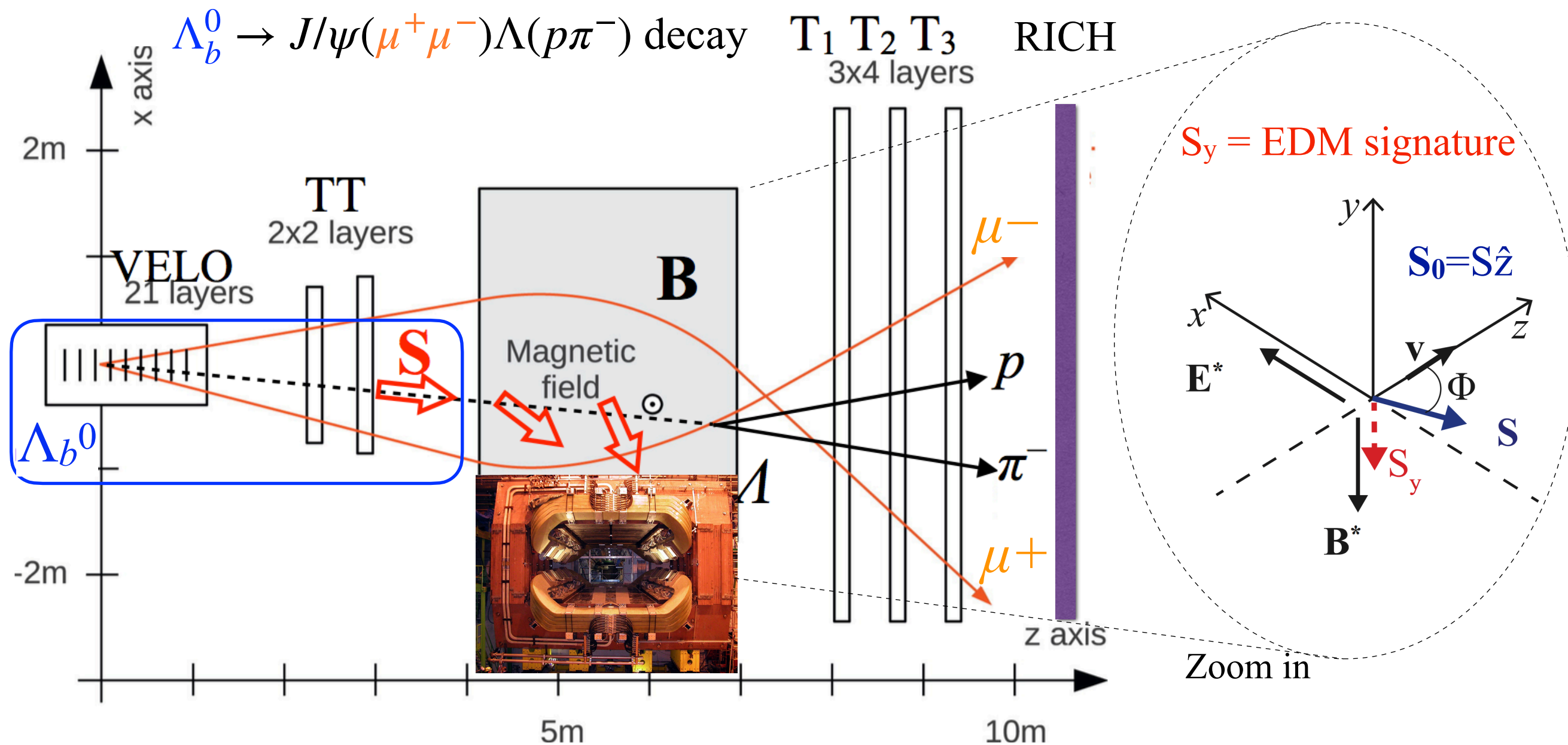
- ▶ Long-lived Λ baryons can travel through the LHCb **dipole magnet**
- ▶ **Spin precession** occurs in B field

$$\frac{d\mathbf{S}}{d\tau} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \mathbf{B}^* + \boldsymbol{\delta} \times \mathbf{E}^*$$
- ▶ Select Λ (anti- Λ) from **weak decays**
 - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda, \Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+, \Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+, \Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- (\Lambda \pi^-) \pi^+, \text{ etc.}$
 - Large longitudinal **polarisation** (up to 100%) due to parity violation in the weak decay
- ▶ Challenge: reconstruct Λ baryon decays after the magnet using **T tracks**



Novel experimental technique for strange baryons

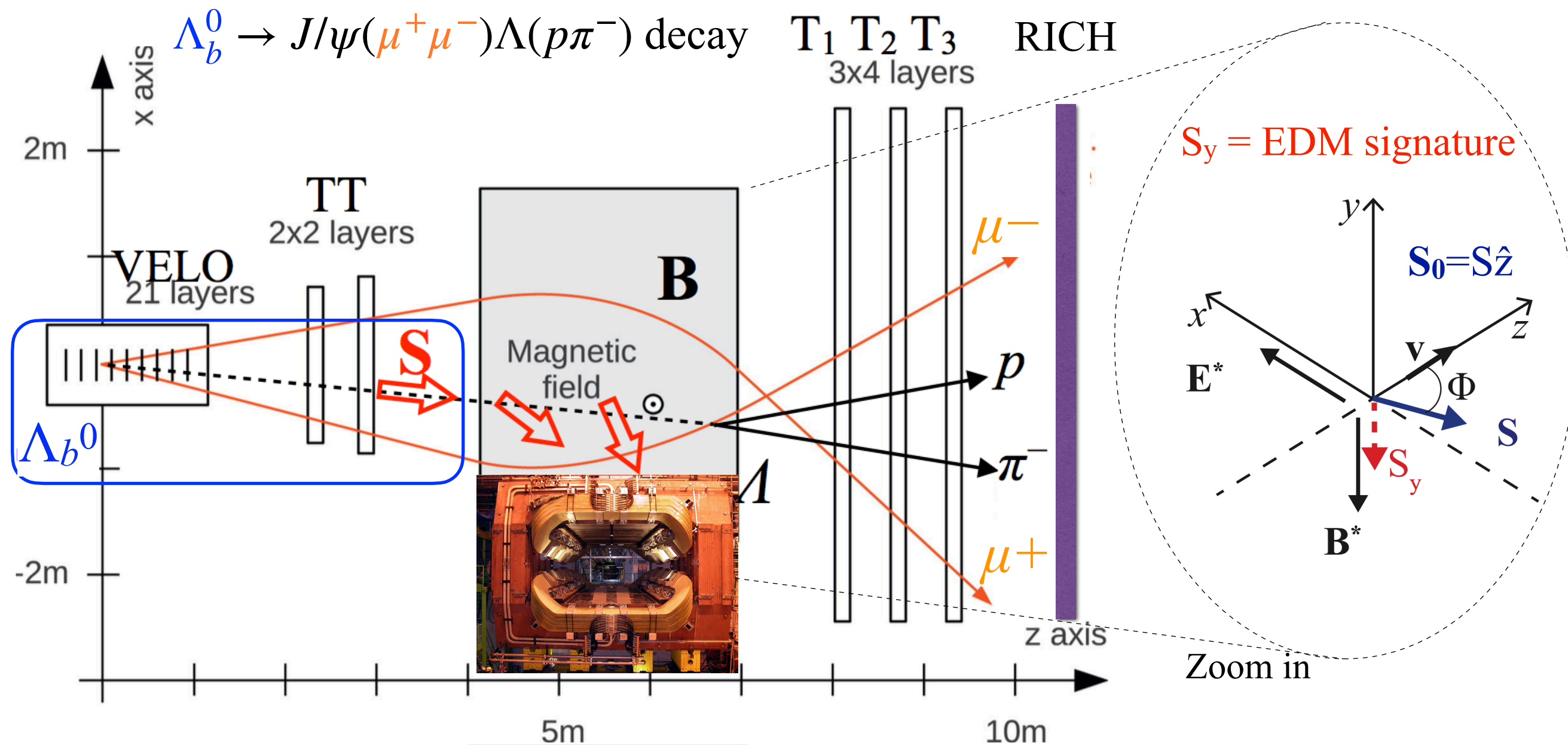
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Λ polarised production

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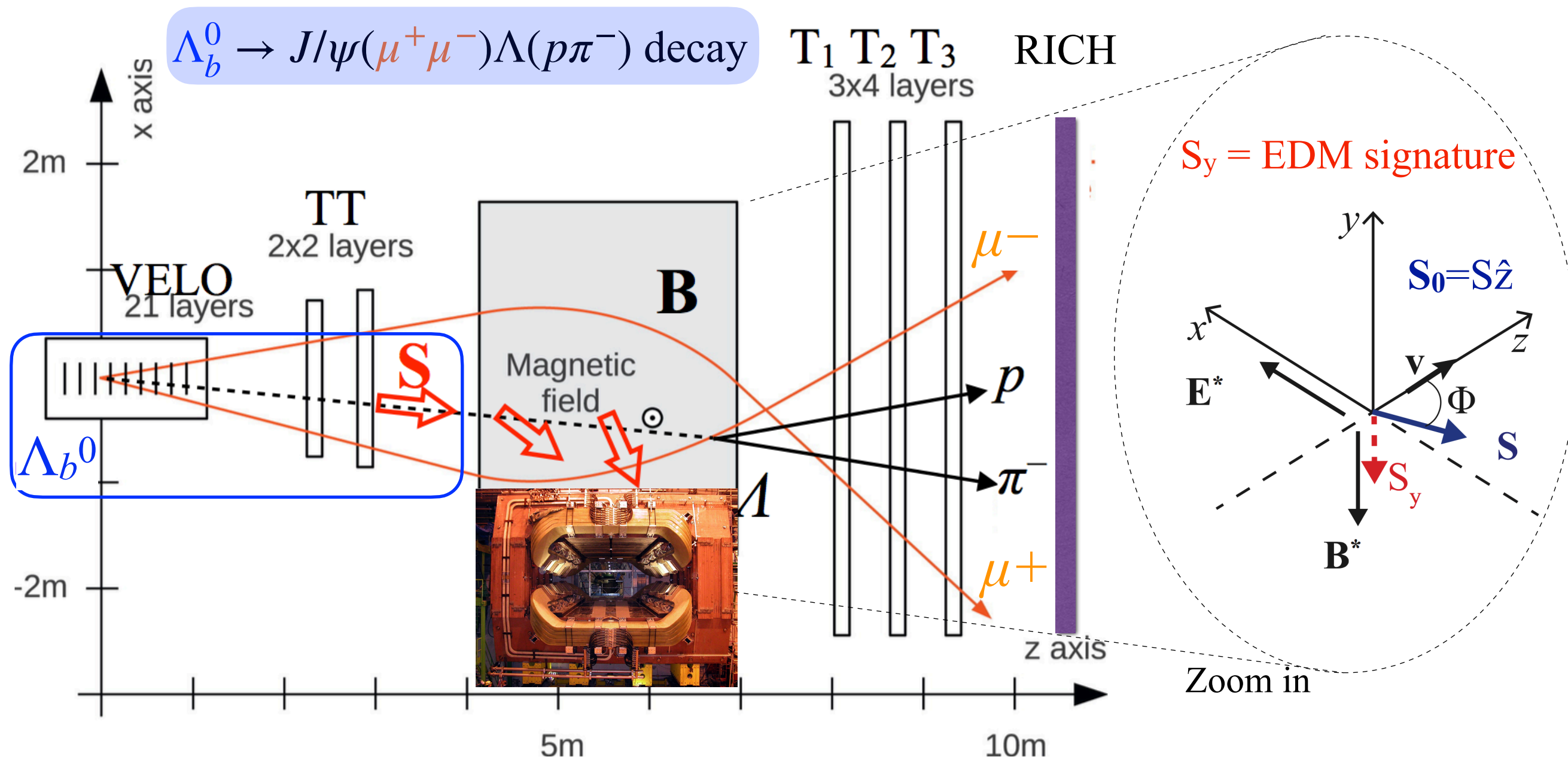
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Λ polarised production spin precession

Novel experimental technique for strange baryons

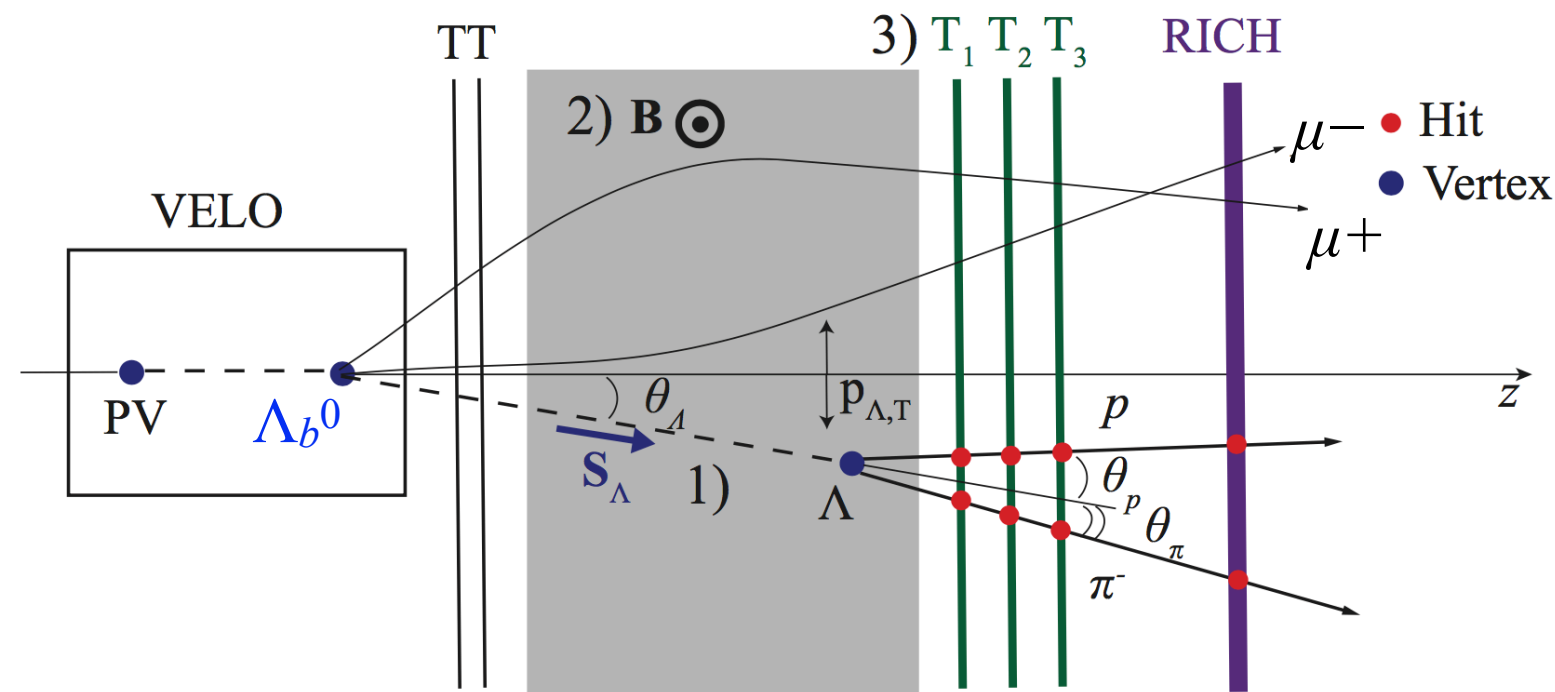
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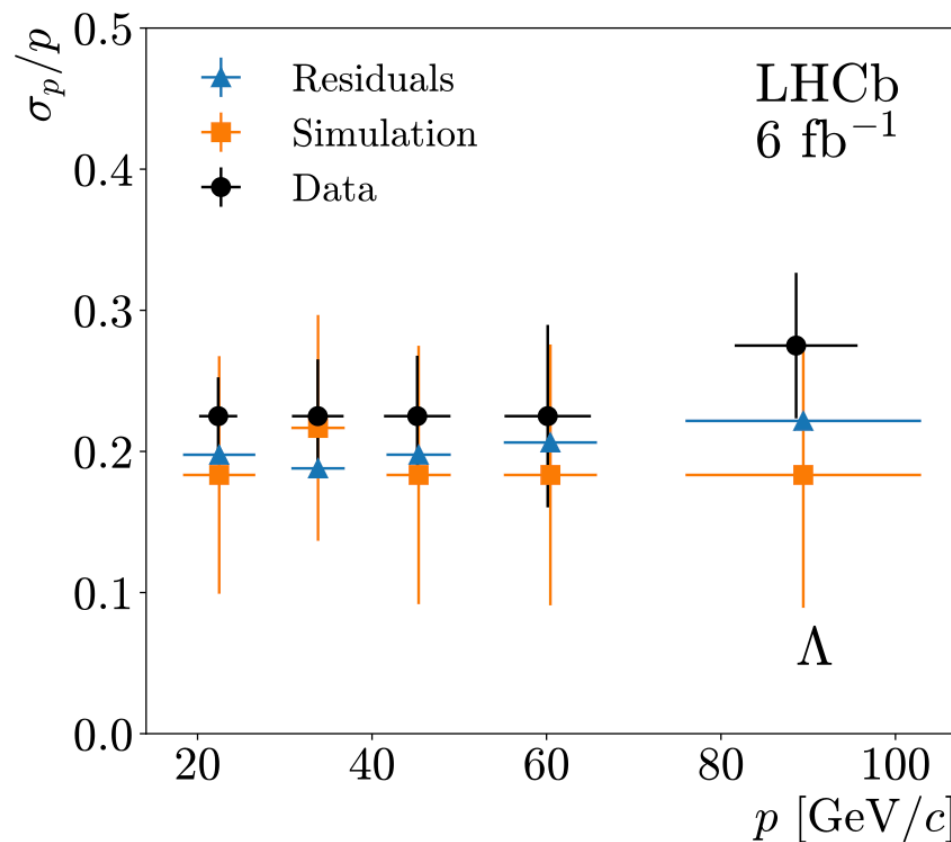
Λ polarised production spin precession event reconstruction

Λ baryon reconstruction downstream of the magnet

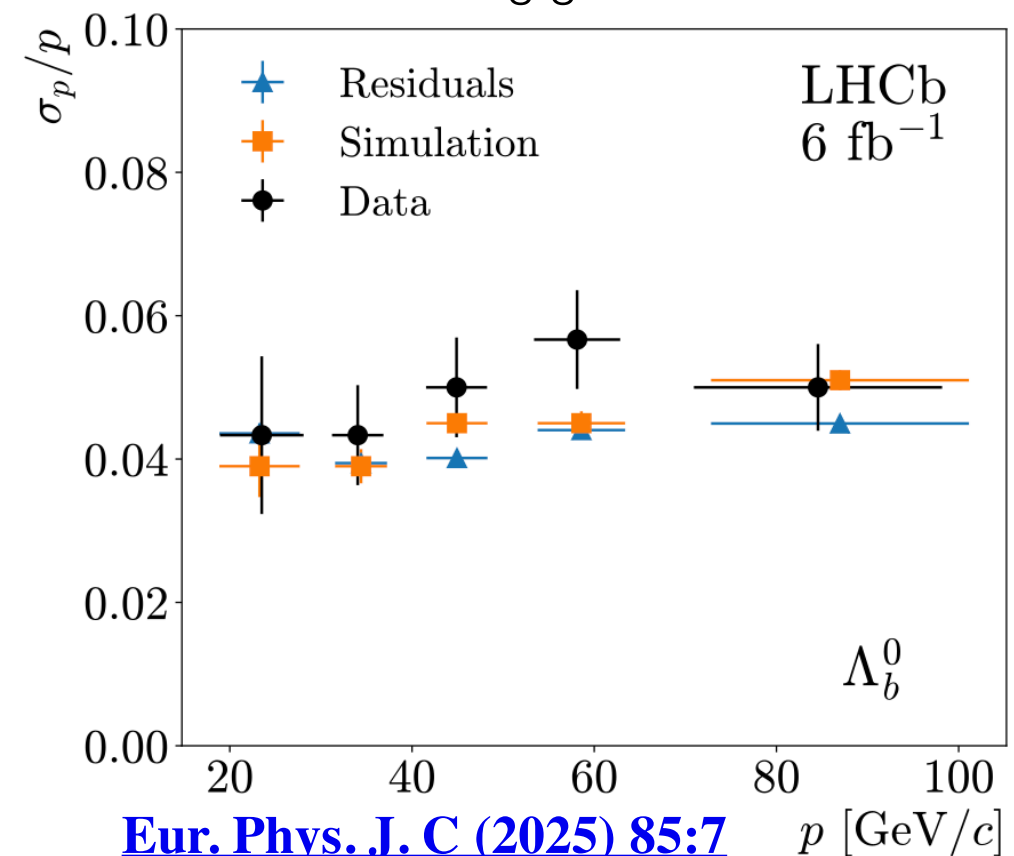
- Fit the entire decay chain
 $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)\Lambda(p\pi^-)$ imposing
 geometric and kinematic constraints



Momentum resolution on T tracks



Improved momentum resolution on T tracks using geo/kin constraints

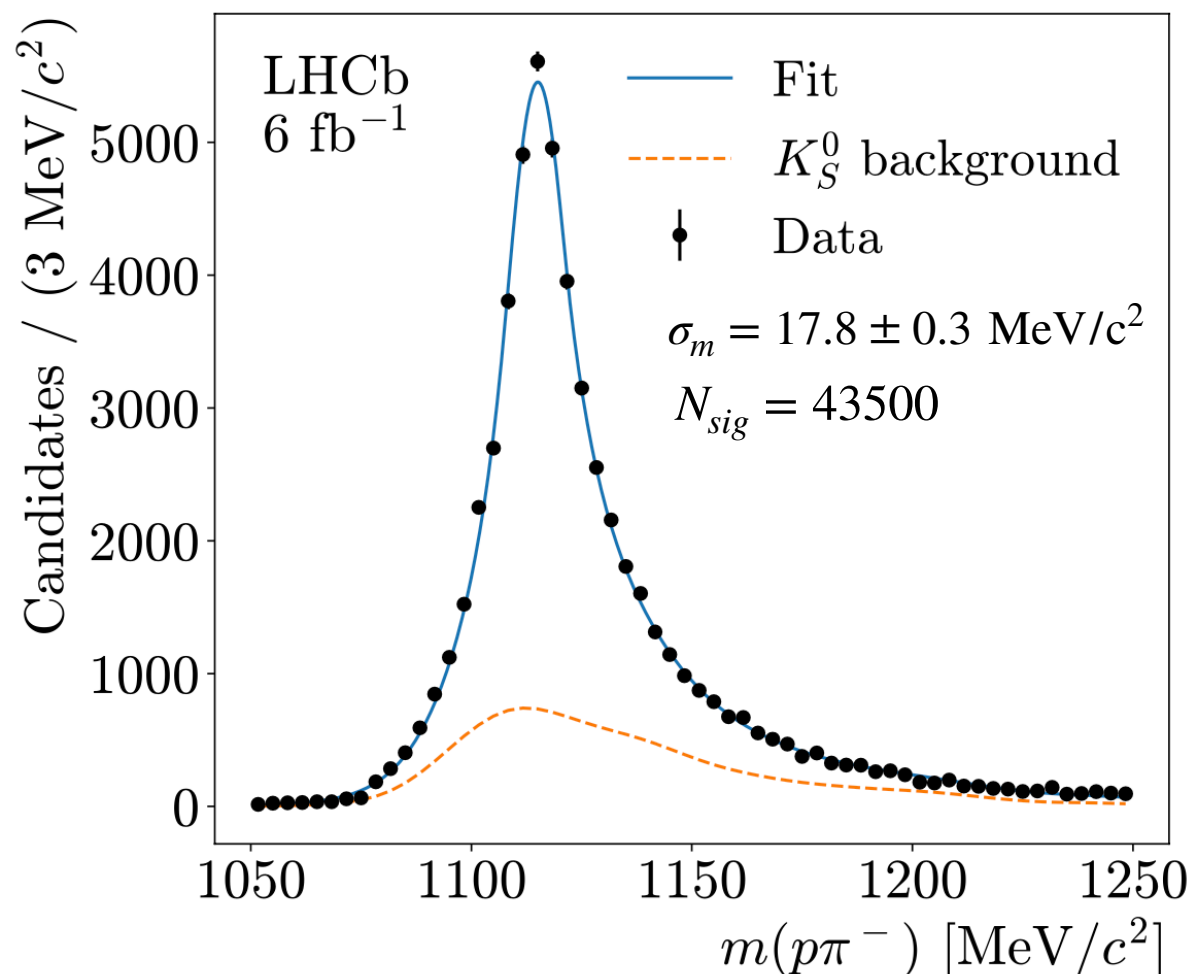


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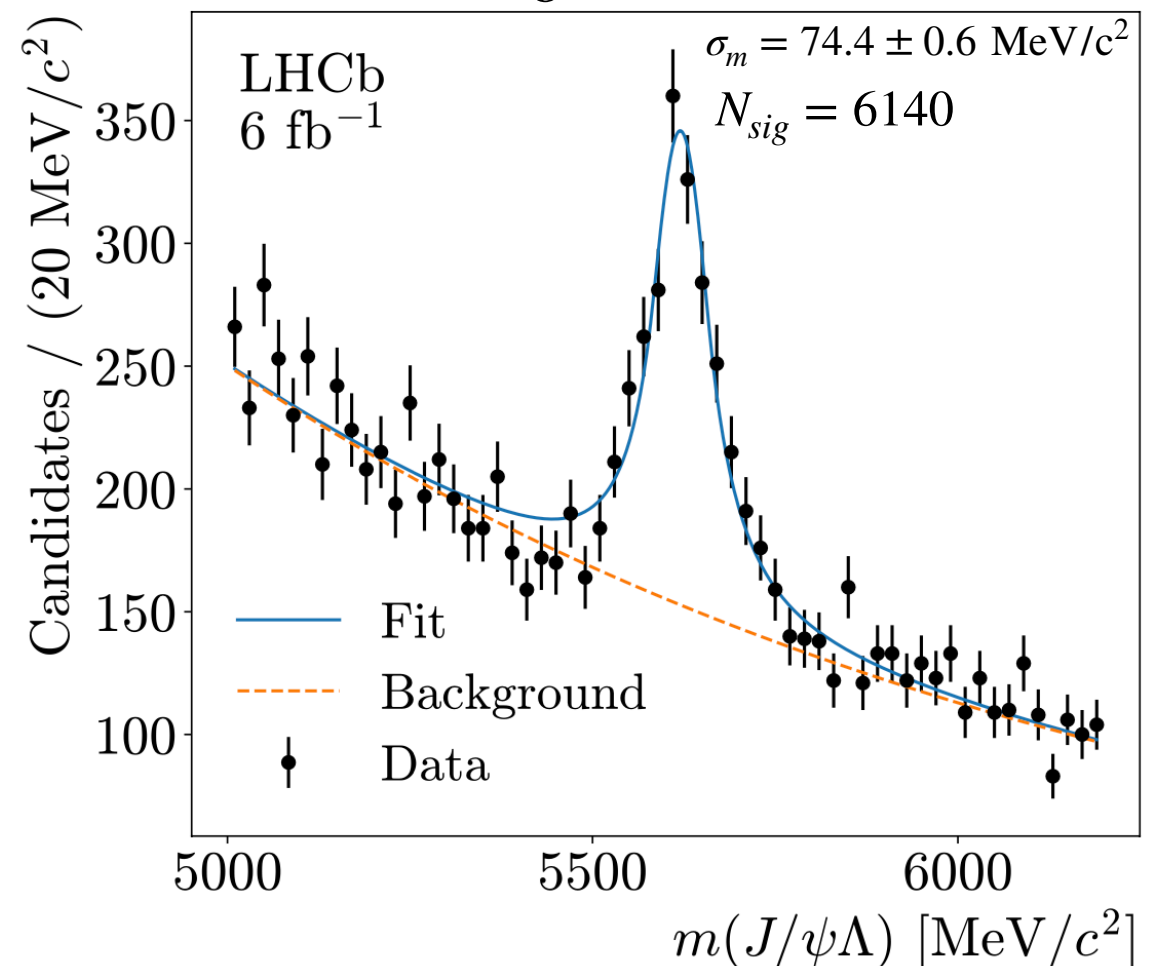
$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$ reconstruction on data

- ▶ Reconstructed Λ decays between 6.0 - 7.6 m from the IP. Exploiting existing dimuon trigger on Run 1-2 data
- ▶ Λ baryon dipole moment measurement is in progress. G. Tonani PhD thesis

$$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$$



$$\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$$



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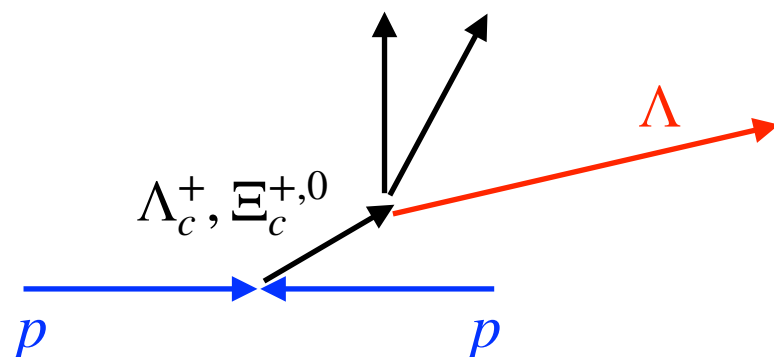
Plans for Run 3 (2022-2025, 50 fb⁻¹)

- ▶ New software trigger of Upgrade I detector allows to reconstruct Λ from charm decays. Expected several orders of magnitude increase in yield with respect to $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$
- ▶ New charm (and beauty) hadron trigger lines for Λ decays in place

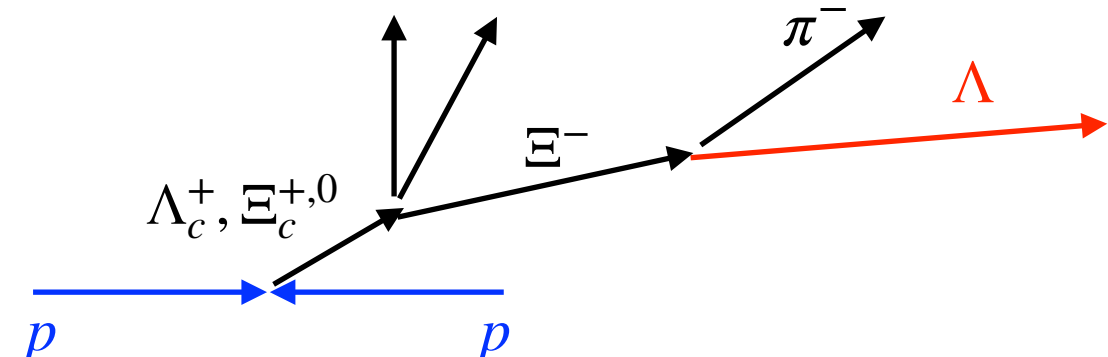
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SL events	$N_{\Lambda}/\text{fb}^{-1} (\times 10^{10})$	LL events, $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$	$N_{\Lambda}/\text{fb}^{-1} (\times 10^{10})$
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+$	7.7	$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	23.6
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	3.3	$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+$	7.1
$\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	2.0	$\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	6.1
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+$	1.3	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- K^+ \pi^+$	0.6
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ (no ϕ)	0.2	$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- K^+$	0.2
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \phi (K^+ K^-)$	0.1	Prompt Ξ^-	$0.13 \times \sigma_{pp \rightarrow \Xi^-} [\mu\text{b}]$

“Short-lived” category



“Long-lived” category



Sensitivity on MDM/EDM

- ▶ For initial longitudinal polarisation $\mathbf{s}_0 = s_0 \hat{z}$
- ▶ Spin rotation after LHCb magnet (B field)

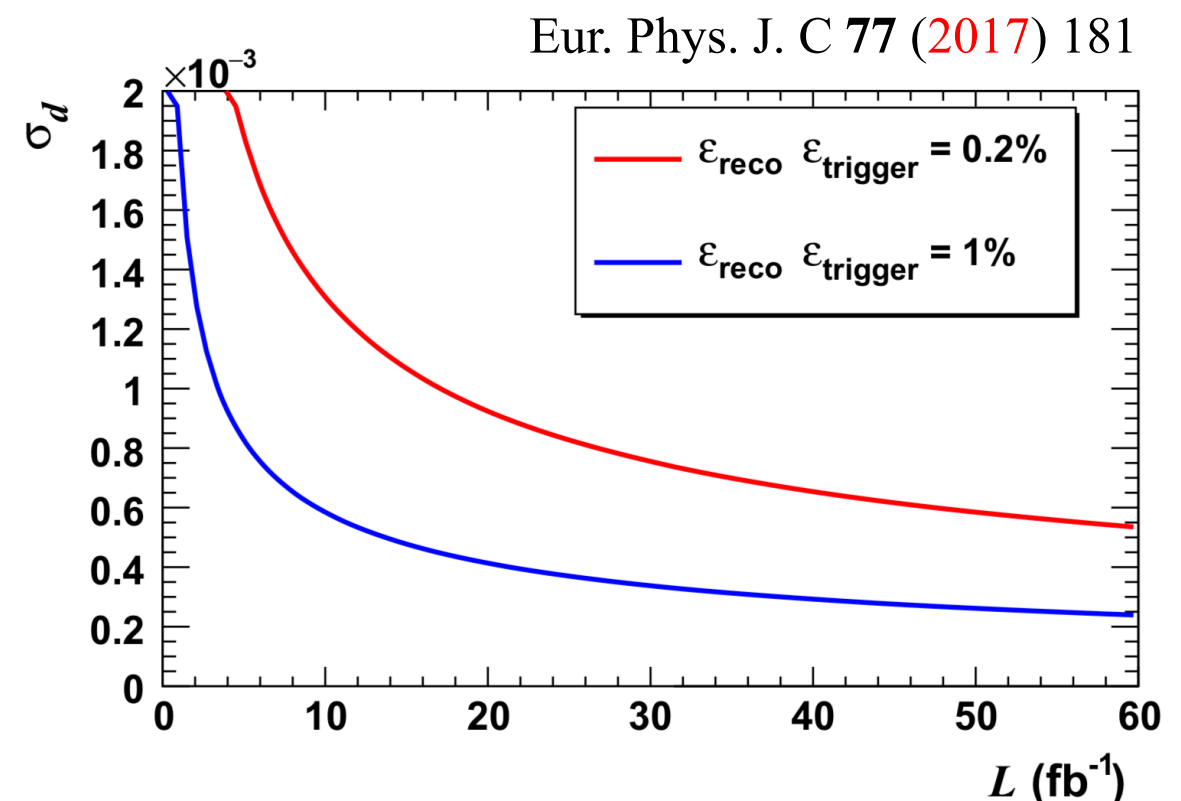
$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{cases} s_x = -s_0 \sin \Phi \\ s_y = -s_0 \frac{d\beta}{g} \sin \Phi \\ s_z = s_0 \cos \Phi \end{cases} \quad \Phi \approx \frac{g\mu_B BL}{\beta \hbar c} \approx \frac{\pi}{4} \quad BL \approx 4 \text{ T m}$$

Spin analyser in Λ helicity frame

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega'} \propto 1 + \alpha \mathbf{s} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}},$$

CPT test at 10^{-4} via $\Lambda/\bar{\Lambda}$ MDM

EDM limit at 10^{-18} e cm with 50 fb^{-1}



Experimental method for
charm baryons: Λ_c^+ , Ξ_c^+
 $\tau \approx 10^{-13} \text{ s}$

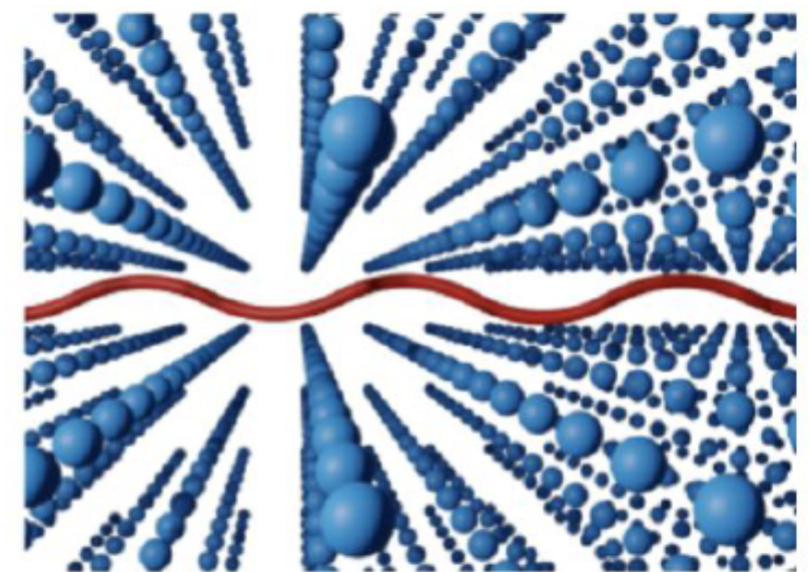
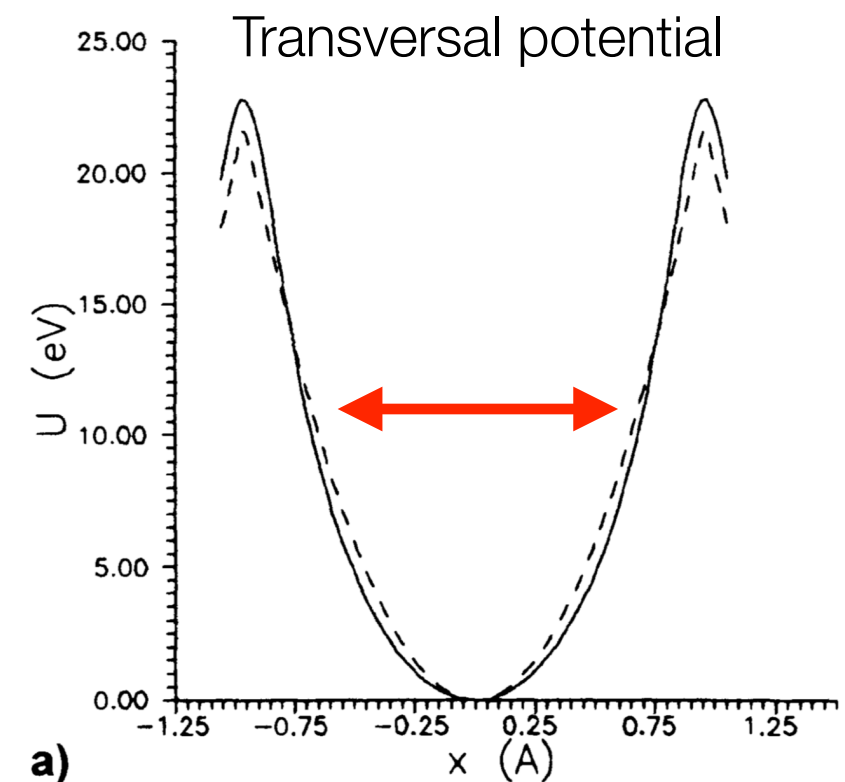
Channeling in bent crystals



Courtesy of Biryukov, Chesnokov, Kotov, “Crystal channeling and its applications at high-energy accelerators” (Springer)

Channeling in bent crystals

- ▶ Potential well between crystal planes
- ▶ Incident positive charge particle can be trapped if parallel to crystal plane (within **few μrad**)
- ▶ Well understood phenomenon (Lindhard 1965)
- ▶ **Bent crystals** used to:
 - **steer** high-energy particle beams, very high effective magnetic field **$B \approx 500 \text{ T}$**
 - induce **spin precession**



Spin precession in bent crystals

- ▶ Predicted by **Baryshevsky** and **Pondrom**

V.G. Baryshevsky, Pis'ma Zh. Tekh. Fiz. 5 (1979) 182.
L. Pondrom, Proc. DPF Summer School on Elementary Particle Physics and Future Facilities, Snowmass, CO (1982).

- ▶ Determine particle gyromagnetic factor from BMT equation

V.L. Lyuboshits, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 31 (1980) 509.
I. J. Kim, Nucl. Phys. 8229. 251 (1983).

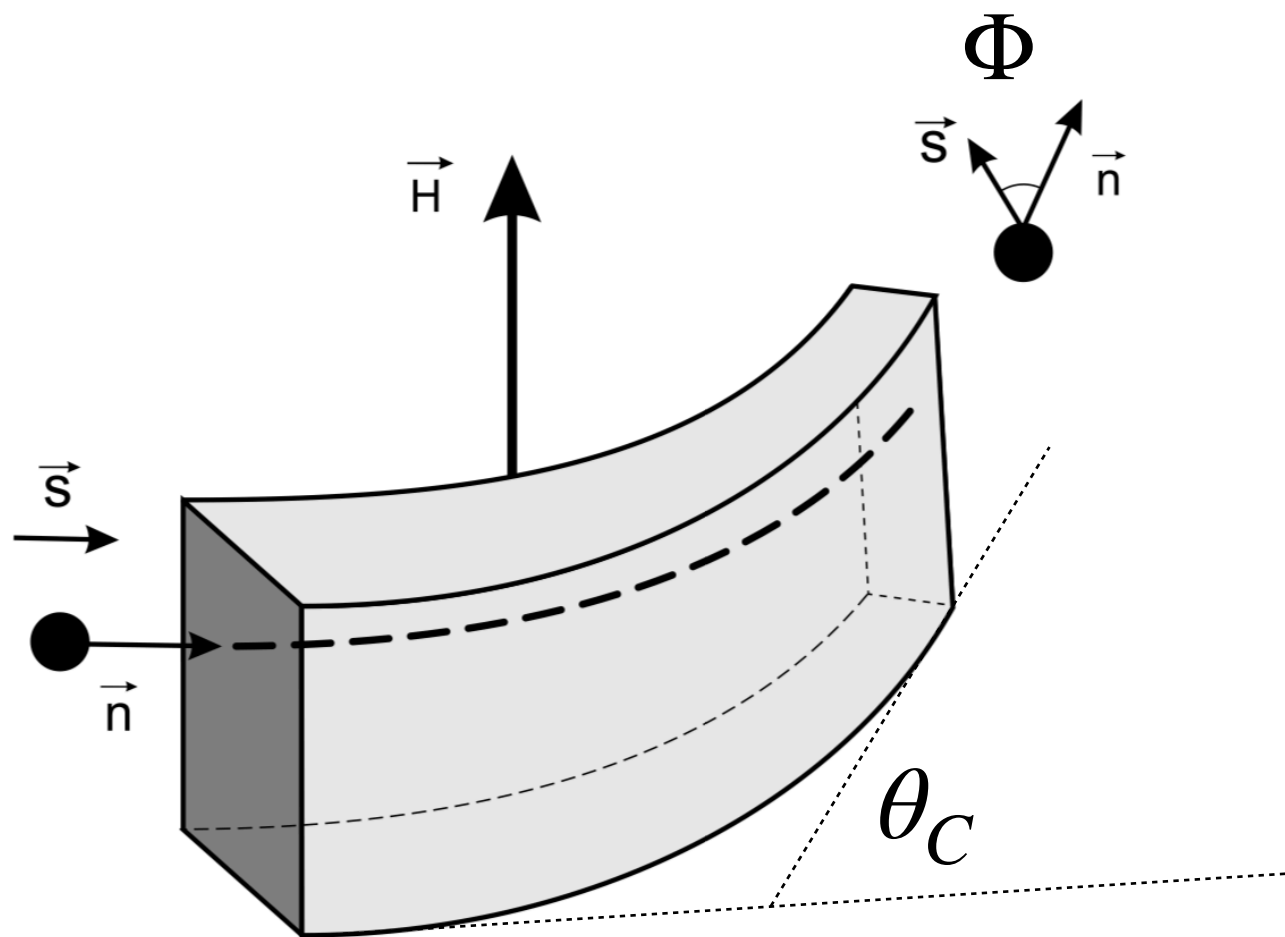


Fig. 1. Spin rotation in a bent crystal.

$$\Phi = \frac{g - 2}{2} \gamma \theta_C$$

Φ = spin rotation angle

θ_C = crystal bending angle

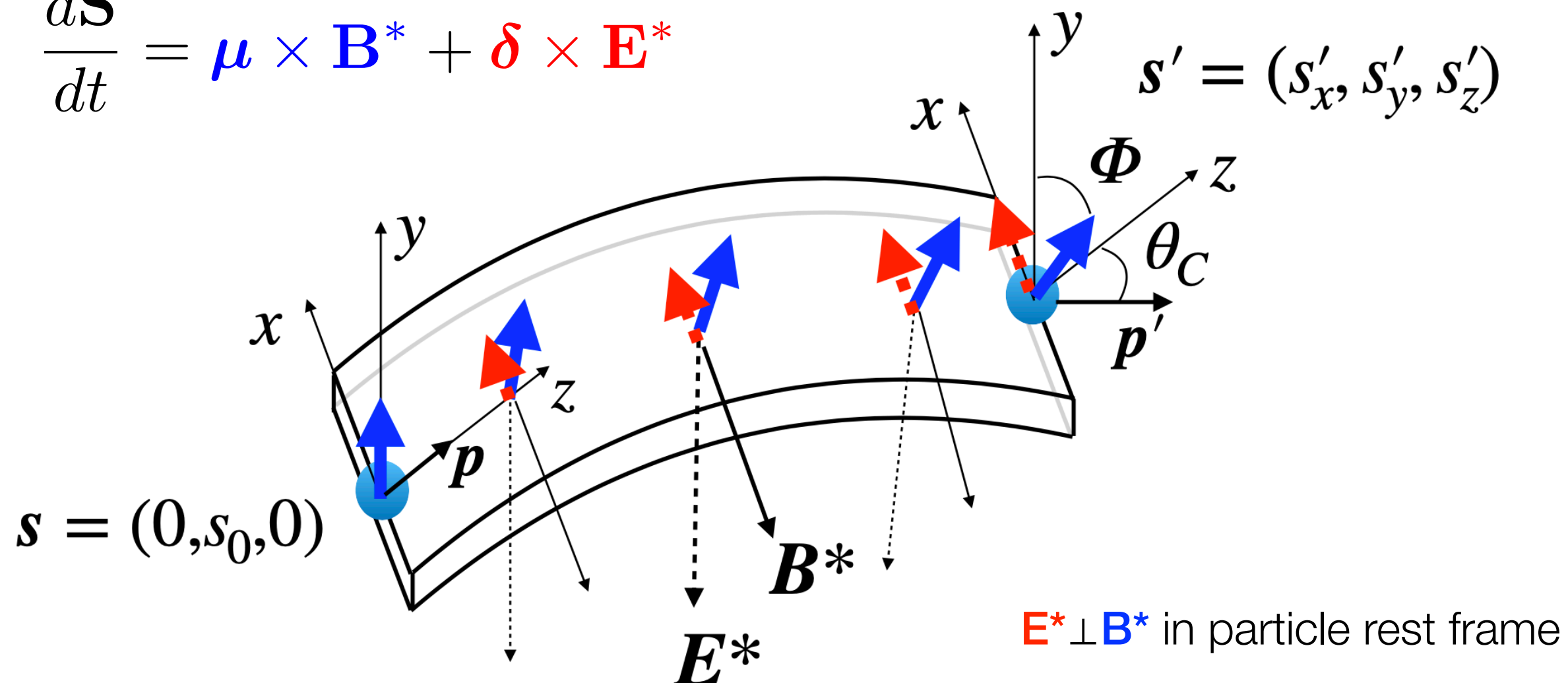
g = gyromagnetic factor

γ = Lorentz boost

Spin precession in bent crystals

- ▶ Crystal electric field $E \approx 1$ GV/cm, $\gamma \approx 500$, $\theta_C \approx 10$ mrad
- ▶ In particle rest frame $E_{\perp}^* \approx \gamma E_{\perp}$, $B_{\perp}^* \approx \gamma E_{\perp}$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \mathbf{B}^* + \boldsymbol{\delta} \times \mathbf{E}^*$$

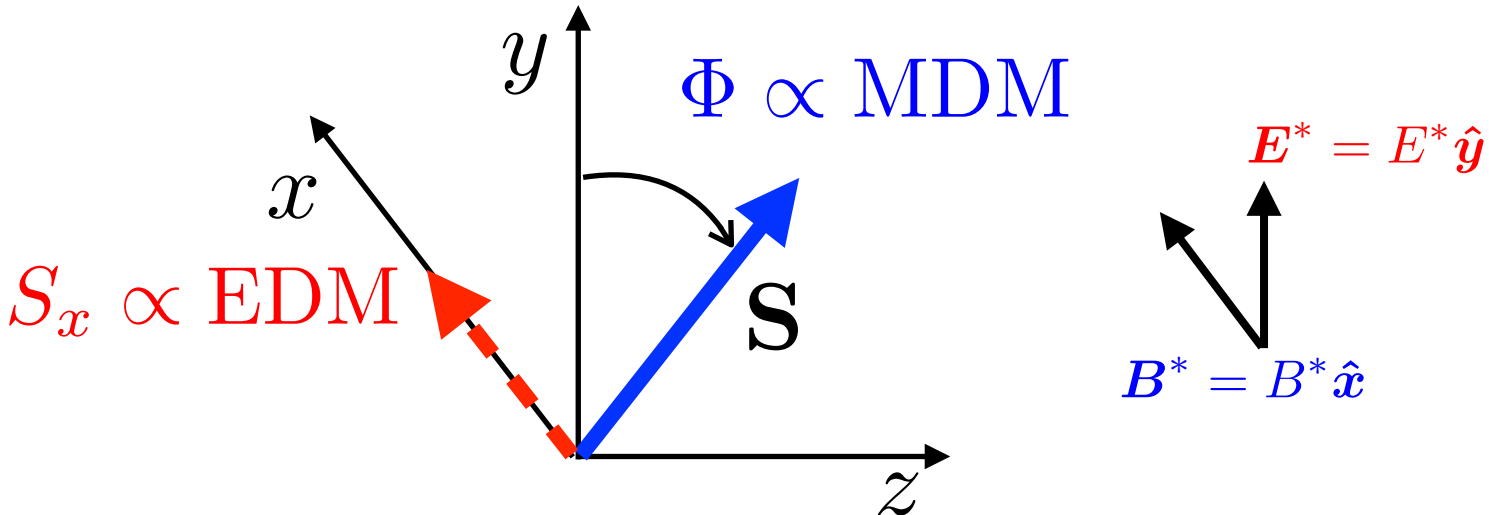


MDM/EDM with bent crystals

Fill the experimental gap in **heavy baryon electric dipole moment** searches. Method proposed in F. J. Botella et. al. EPJC (2017) 77:181

Spin-polarisation analyser: angular distribution of baryon decay products

For a 2-body decay: $\frac{dN}{d\Omega'} \propto 1 + \alpha \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \times \mathbf{B}^* + \boldsymbol{\delta} \times \mathbf{E}^*$$


The diagram illustrates the precession of the spin vector \mathbf{S} in a coordinate system with axes x , y , and z . The spin vector \mathbf{S} (blue) precesses around the z -axis, with the angle $\Phi \propto \text{MDM}$. A red dashed vector S_x is shown along the x -axis, labeled $S_x \propto \text{EDM}$. To the right, a separate coordinate system shows the external fields: $\mathbf{E}^* = E^* \hat{y}$ (red) and $\mathbf{B}^* = B^* \hat{x}$ (blue).

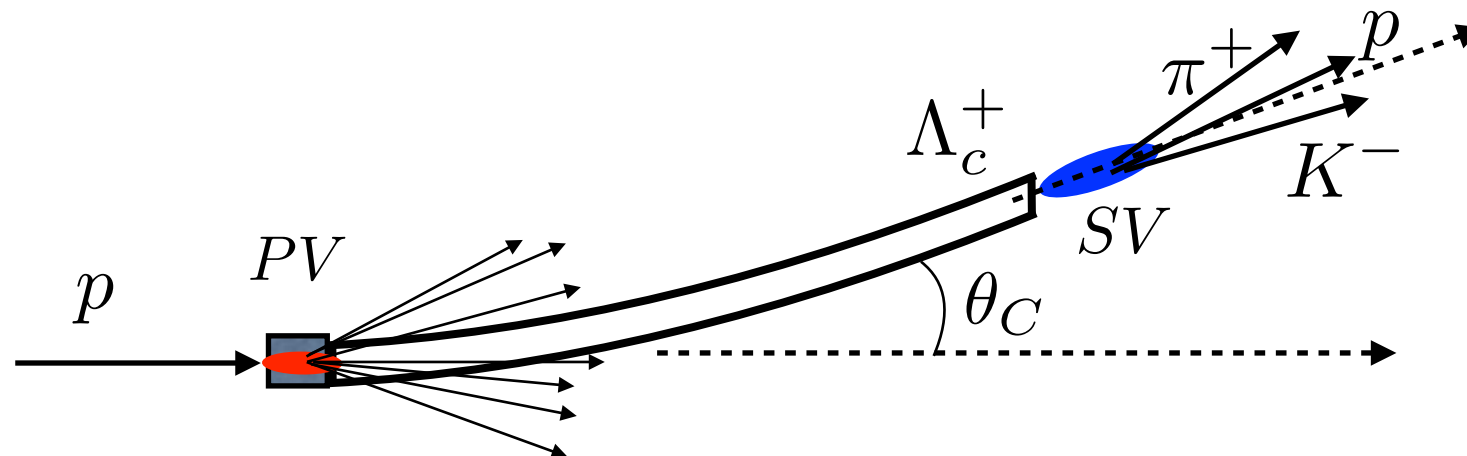
- **MDM** and **EDM** precession in the limit $\gamma \gg 1$, $d \ll g - 2$

$$\Phi \approx \frac{g-2}{2} \gamma \theta_C$$

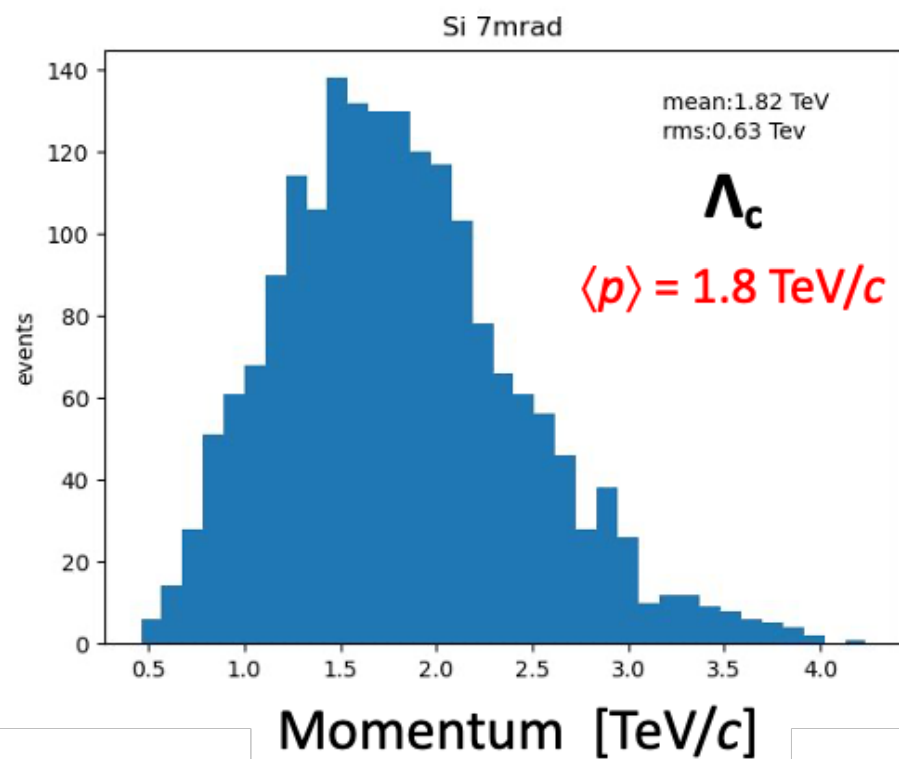
$$S_x \approx S_0 \frac{d}{g-2} [\cos(\Phi) - 1]$$

Experimental technique at LHC

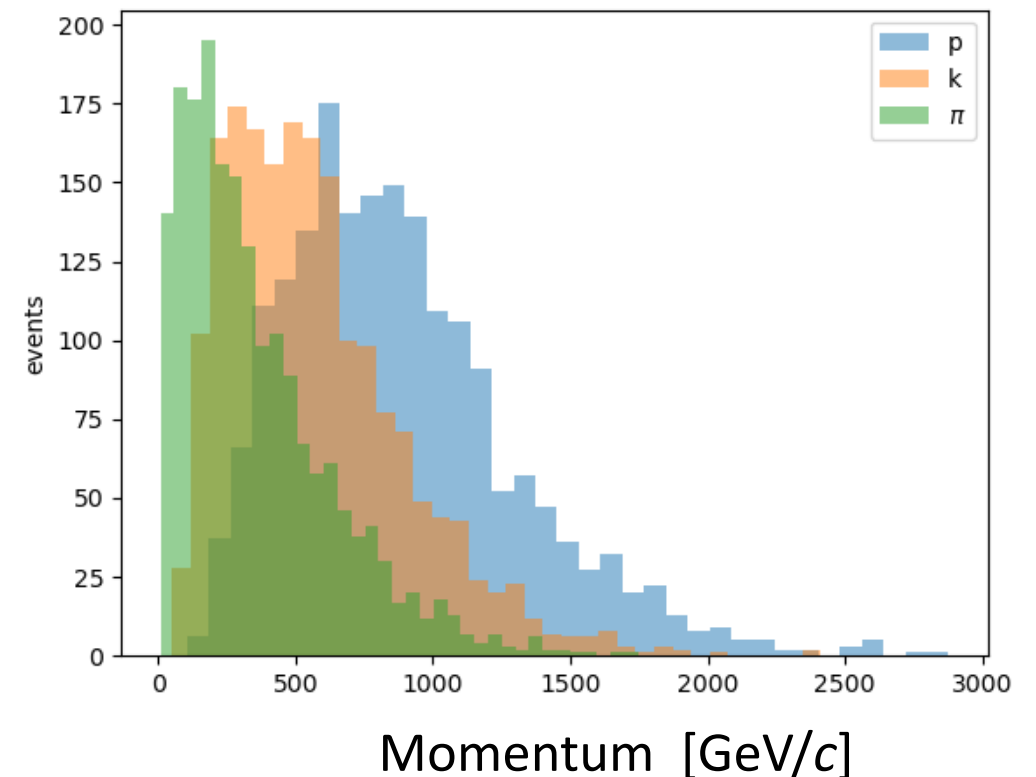
- ▶ Charm baryons from fixed-target pW collisions at LHC, $\sqrt{s} \approx 110$ GeV
- ▶ Average $p=1.8$ TeV/c for channelled Λ_c^+ with bending angle $\theta_C = 7$ mrad



Momentum distribution of channelled Λ_c^+



Momentum distribution of Λ_c^+ daughters



Sensitivities for charm MDM/EDM

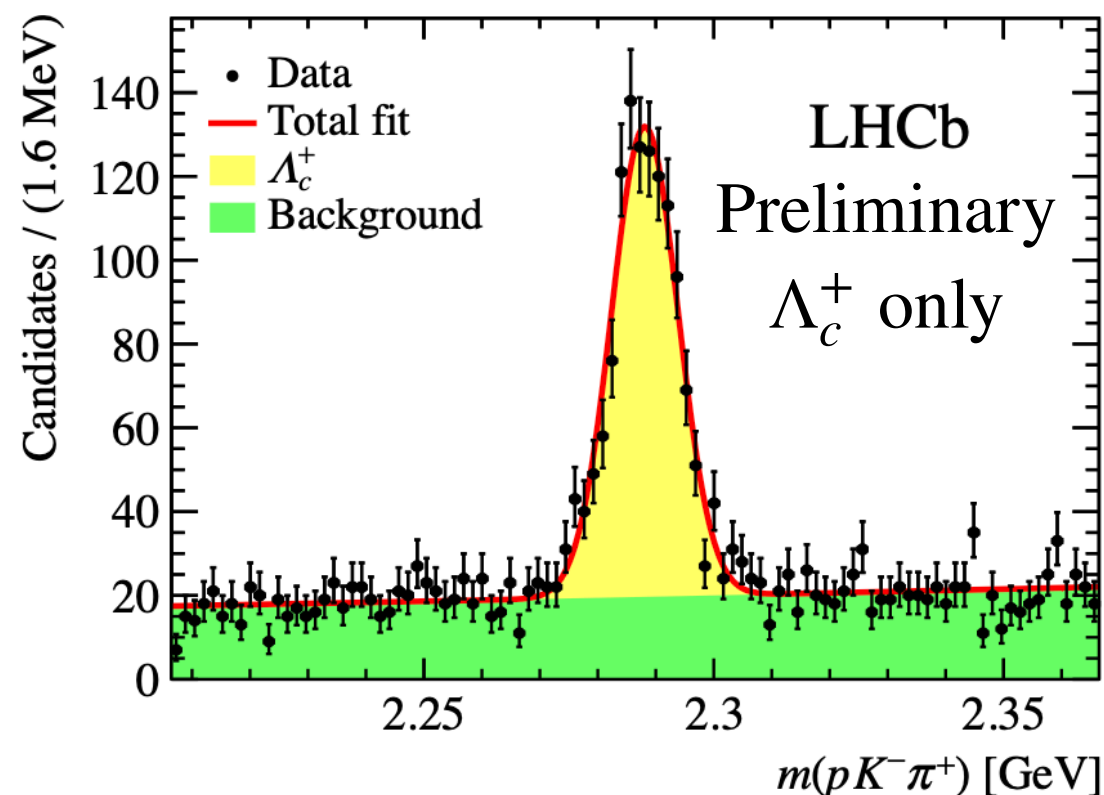
- ▶ Expected sensitivities in 2 years of data taking ($1.37 \cdot 10^{13}$ PoT) and 2 cm W target
- ▶ Assumptions on initial polarisation $s_0 = 0.2 - 0.3$ and detector efficiency 20%

	IP8	IR3		IP8	IR3
		Si		Ge	
Deflection angle [mrad]	16	7	5	16	7
Length [cm]	10	7	7	10	7
Λ_c^+ baryon					
a			$\approx -0.03[-0.76]$		
N_{tot} deflected per 10^{10} PoT	3.6	86	162	12	120
$\langle \gamma \rangle$	576	945	1036	717	886
$\langle p_T \rangle$ (GeV/c)	0.67	0.84	0.88	0.73	0.81
$\langle s_x \rangle$	0.09	0.20	0.23	0.13	0.20
$\langle s_y \rangle$	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.24
N_{rec} $pK^-\pi^+$ only	62	1474	2773	201	2066
N_{rec} all charged	109	2836	5409	367	3940
σ_μ ($\times 10^{-2} \mu_N$) all charged	4.1	1.2	1.1	2.0	1.1
σ_δ ($\times 10^{-16} e \text{ cm}$) all charged	6.9 [19]	1.5 [4.6]	1.2 [3.1]	3.1 [11]	1.4 [3.8]
Ξ_c^+ baryon					
a			$\approx 0.05[-0.47]$		
N_{tot} deflected per 10^{10} PoT	19	135	215	40	98
$\langle \gamma \rangle$	437	596	641	520	602
$\langle p_T \rangle$ (GeV/c)	0.65	0.74	0.77	0.69	0.74
$\langle s_x \rangle$	0.08	0.16	0.17	0.10	0.14
$\langle s_y \rangle$	0.23	0.27	0.28	0.25	0.26
N_{rec} $\Xi^-\pi^+\pi^+$ only	89	735	1202	205	1096
N_{rec} all charged	227	1939	3198	531	2898
σ_μ ($\times 10^{-2} \mu_N$) all charged	3.5	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.5
σ_δ ($\times 10^{-16} e \text{ cm}$) all charged	7.2 [7.7]	3.1 [3.0]	3.0 [2.5]	3.6 [5.5]	2.9 [2.3]

Si = silicon
Ge = germanium

Polarisation in p -Ne collisions with LHCb SMOG

- ▶ Λ_c^+ polarisation in pW at $\sqrt{s} \approx 110$ GeV is unknown. Measure Λ_c^+ polarisation in LHCb SMOG p -Ne collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 68.6$ GeV (different kinematic region from ALADDIN)
- ▶ About 2k $\Lambda_c^+ + \bar{\Lambda}_c^-$ signal yield with $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$. Analysis completed and in internal review. About 10% uncertainty on polarisation
- ▶ Large improvements expected with SMOG2 in Run3: x1000 increase in signal yield, separate interaction points p Gas from pp collisions LHCb-PUB-2018-015



Use decay amplitude model from PRD 108, 012023 (2023)

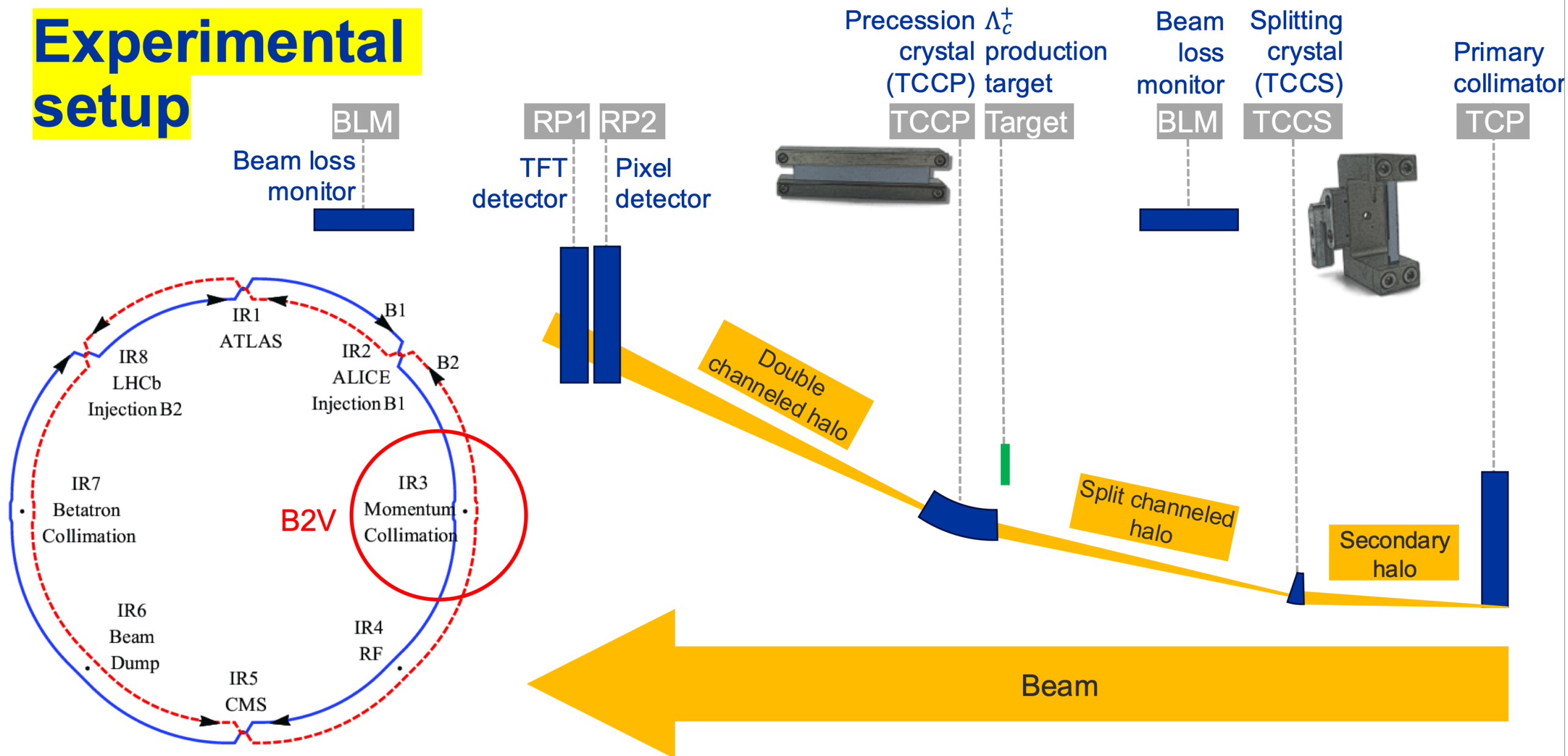
Fix decay model parameters from high statistics Λ_c^+ sample and fit directly for polarisation

TWOCRYST proof-of-principle test in LHC

TWOCRYST setup at LHC

From R. Cai slides at EPS 2025 [link](#)

Experimental setup

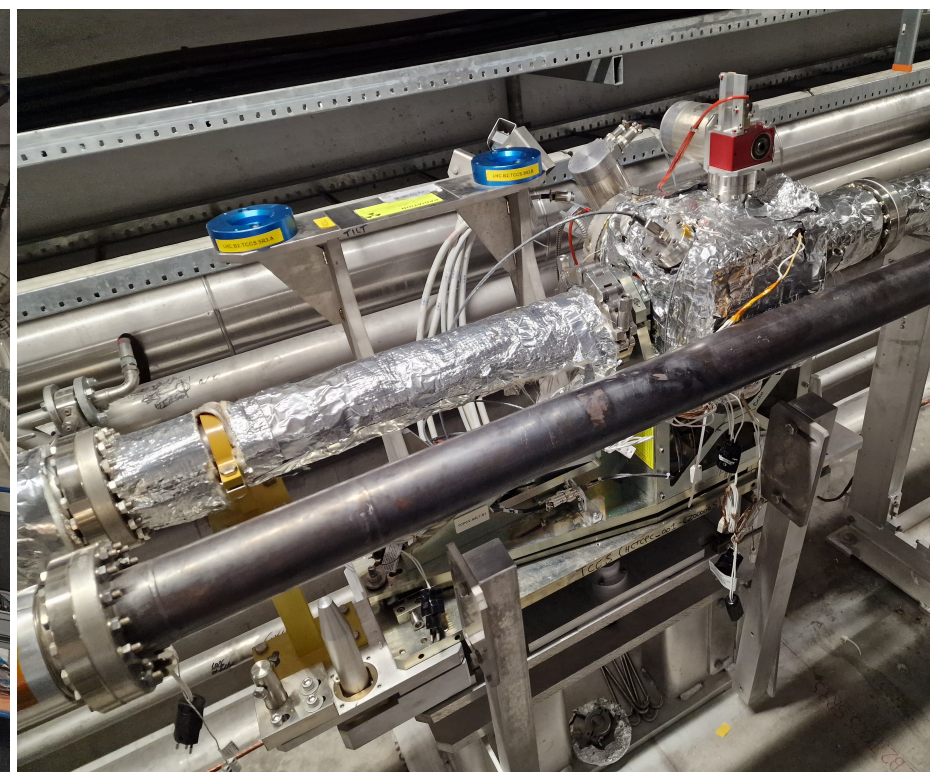
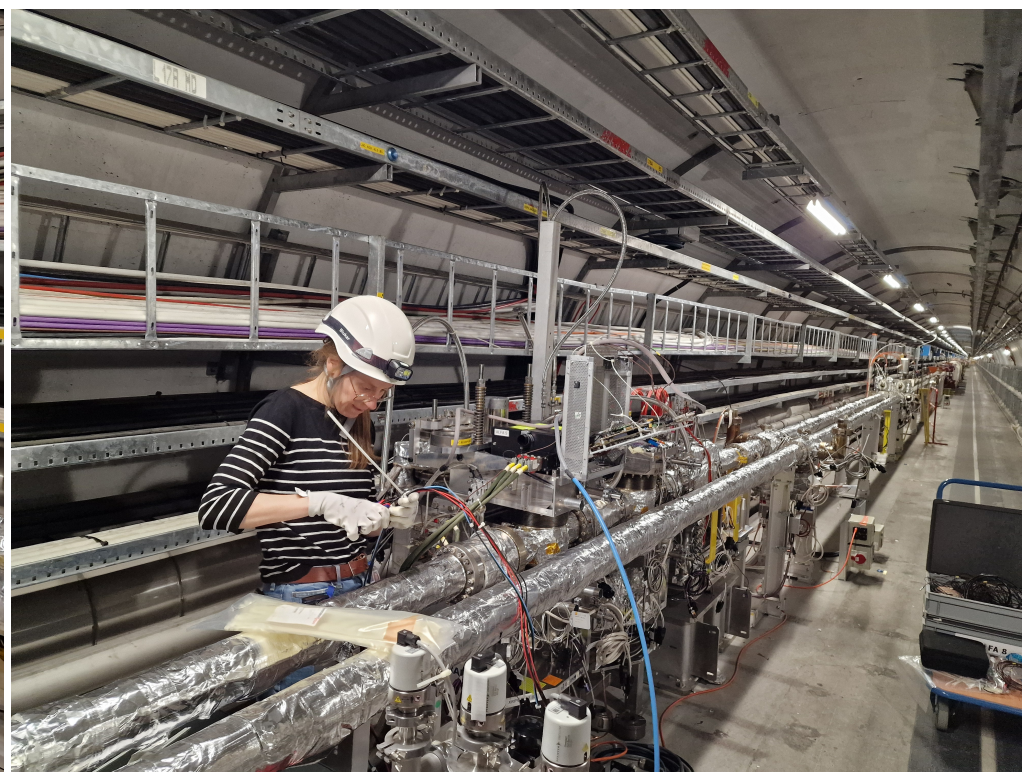
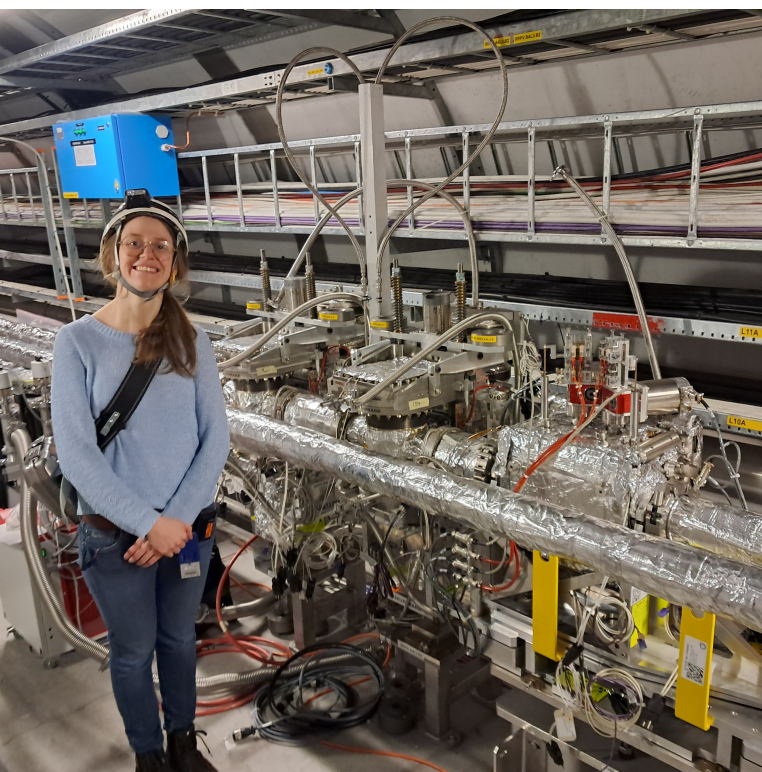


Installation of TWOCRIST

- ▶ Installation completed and successfully tested during YETS 2024/25:
 - goniometers equipped with bent crystals, Roman Pots, long cables, services
 - Pixel Detector, Fiber Tracker, secondary vacuum, long fibres, DAQ

2 Roman Pots + TCCP

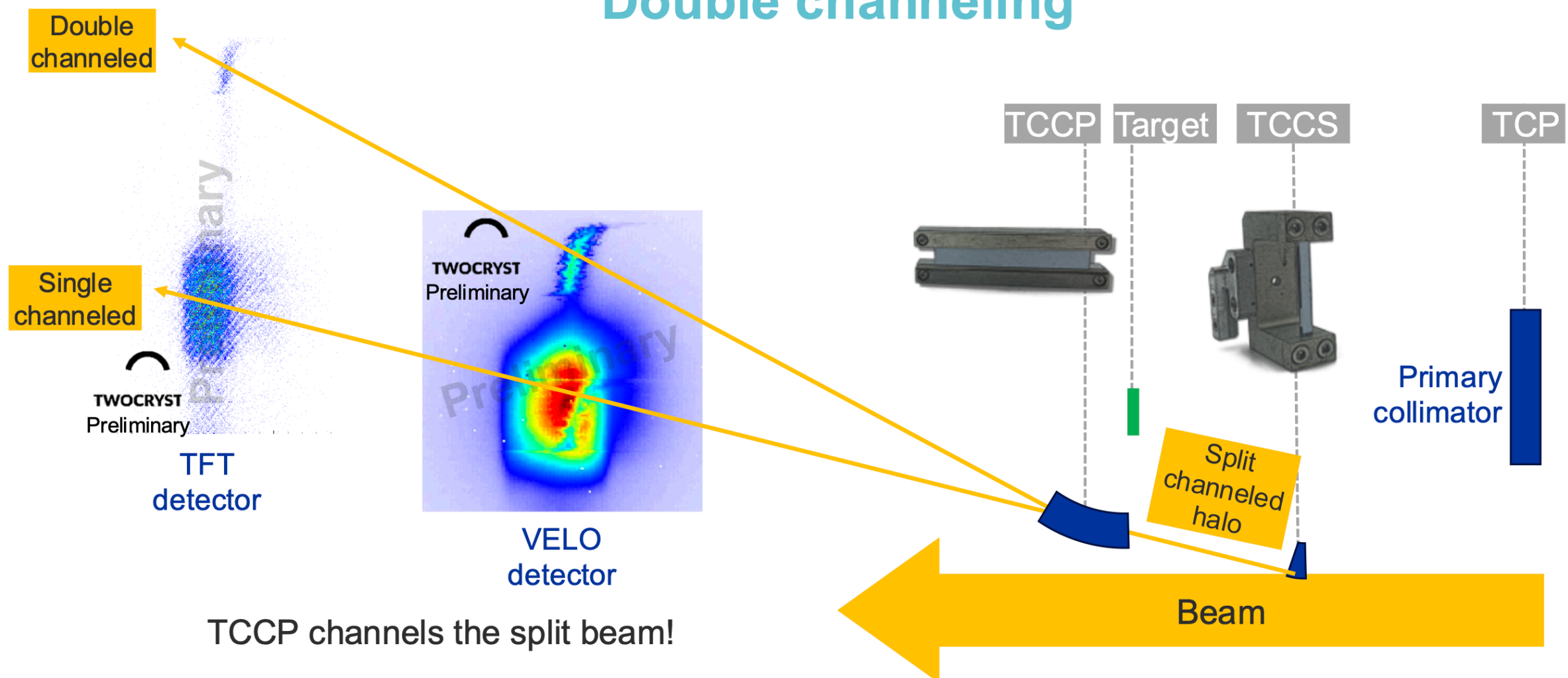
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First experience - Success!

Double channeling



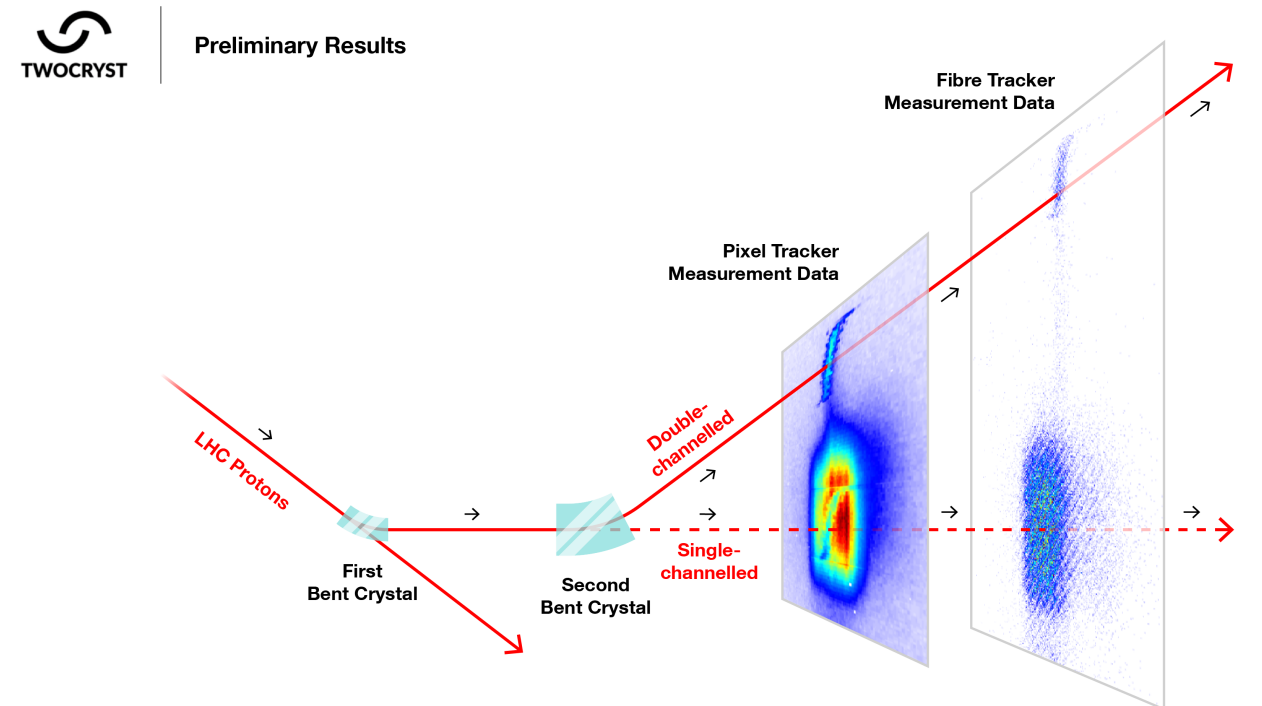
LHC MD June 2025: spectacular results

Recent CERN news [link](#)

Towards new physics with bent crystals

Double crystal channelling was observed for the first time at the LHC, a milestone for future short-lived particle research

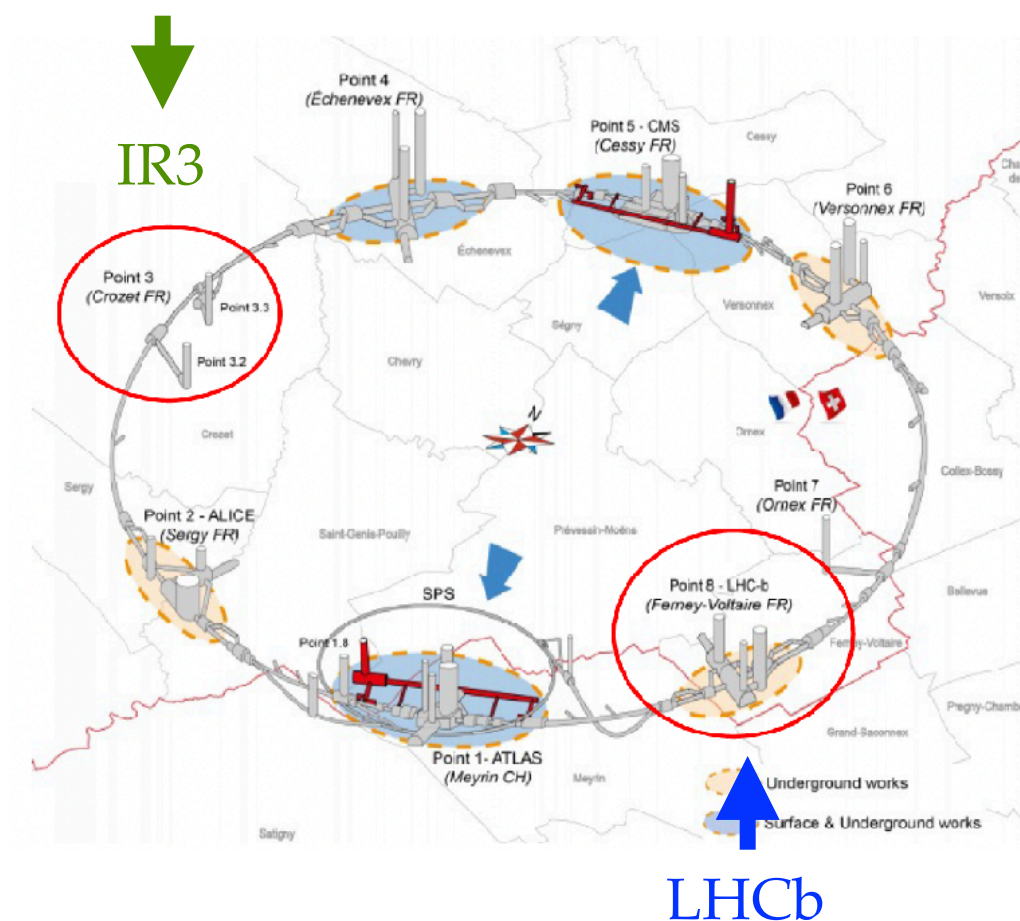
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ALADDIN proposed experiment at the LHC

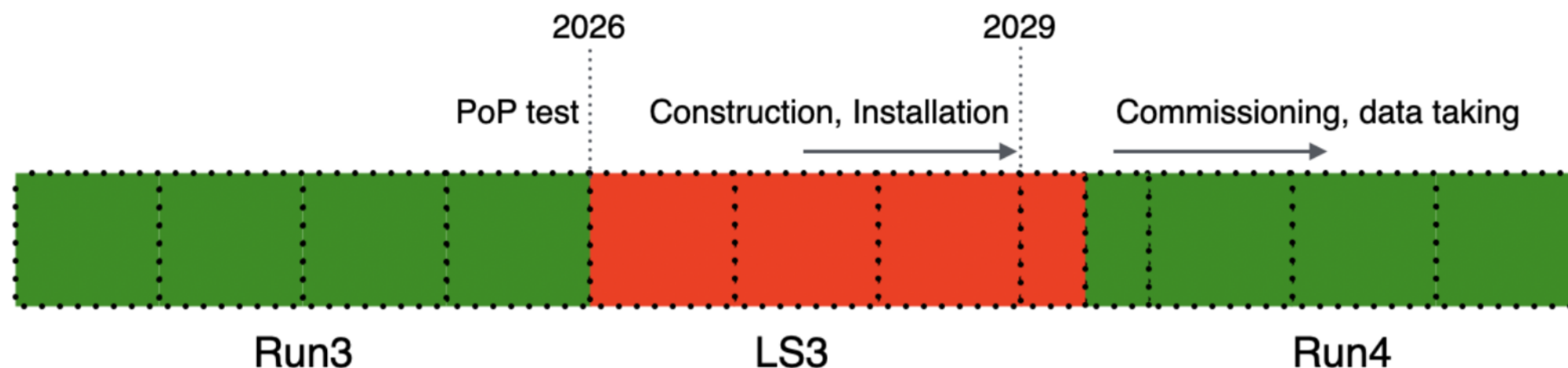
ALADDIN proposed experiment

- dedicated experiment at LHC IR3 region for measurement of charm baryon dipole moments
- data taking transparent to high intensity LHC operations

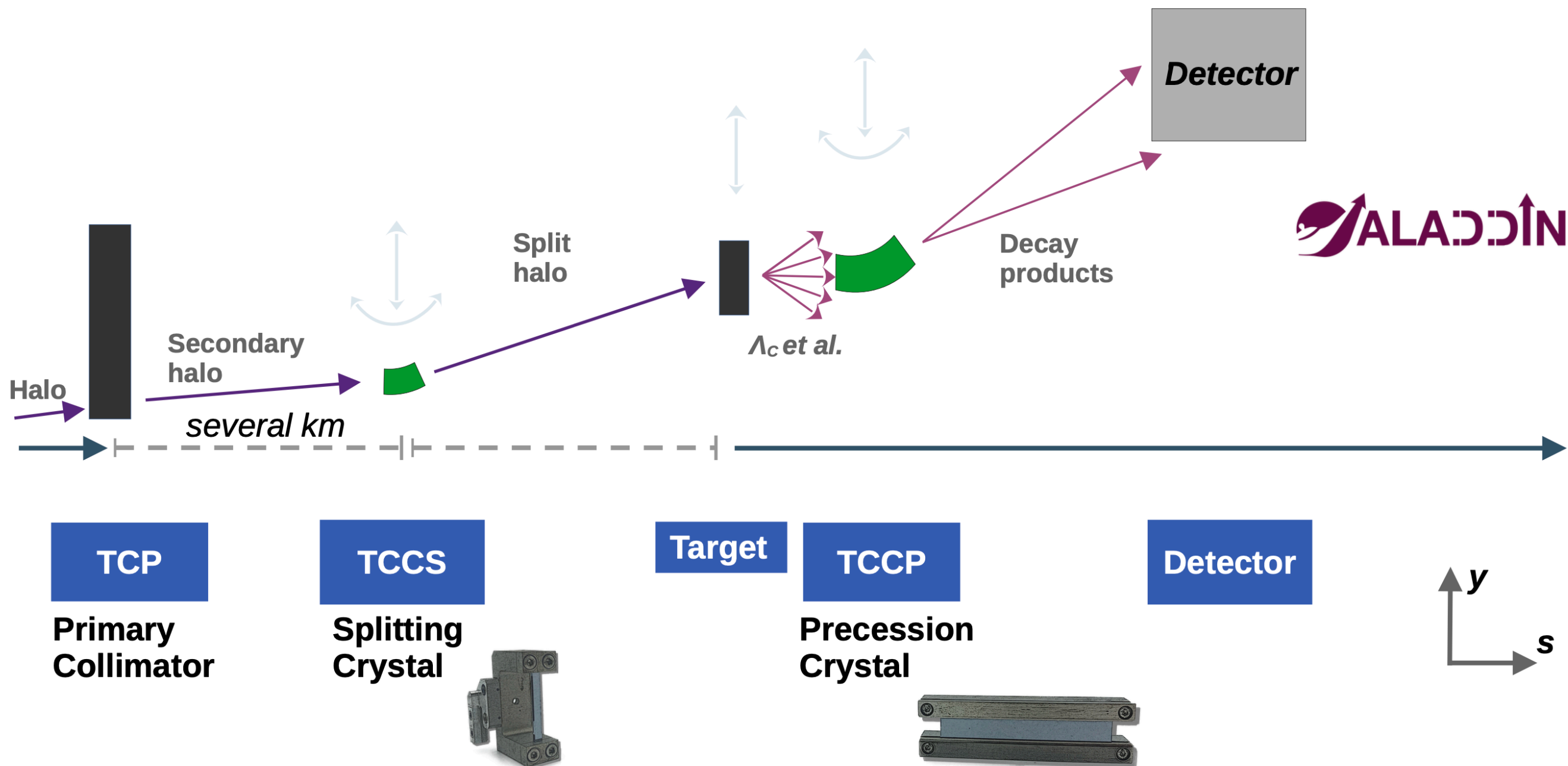


Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted in June 2024
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	Pro	Cons
IR3	Optimal experiment and detector PID information	Significant resources needed. New detector, services (long cables, cooling)



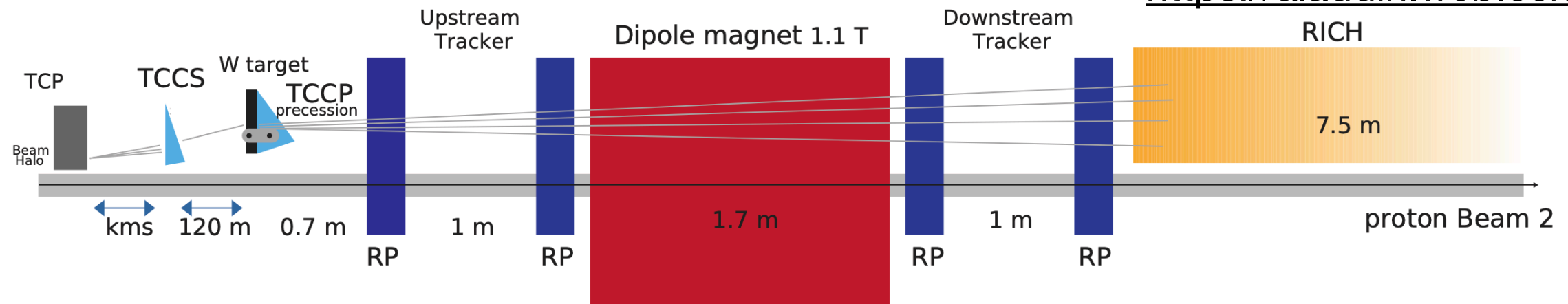
LHC Double Crystal FT Experiment – (Proposed 2029+)



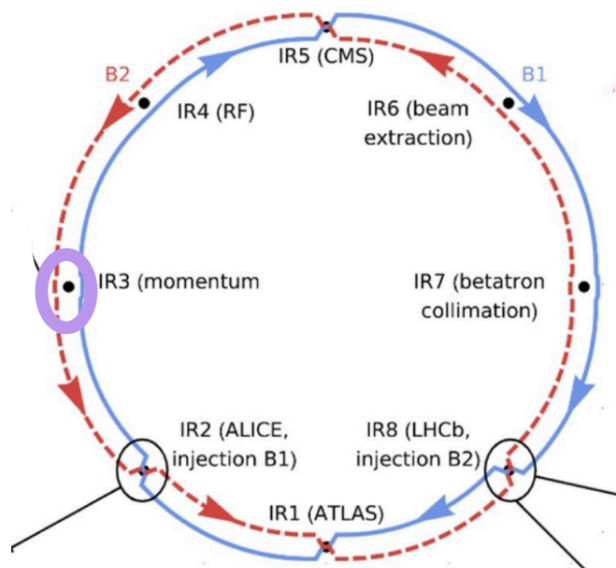
The ALADDIN experiment



<https://aladdin.web.cern.ch/>



An Lhc Apparatus for Direct Dipole moments INvestigation



Specifications of the fixed target experiment:

- Data-taking time: 10^{13} PoT = 10^6 p/s \times 2 years
- W target: 2 cm thickness
- Instantaneous luminosity $L = 0.9 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- EDM – explorative measurement – sensitivity $3 \times 10^{-16} \text{ e cm}$
- MDM – expected sensitivity $\sim 10\%$

Possibility to extend the physics program:

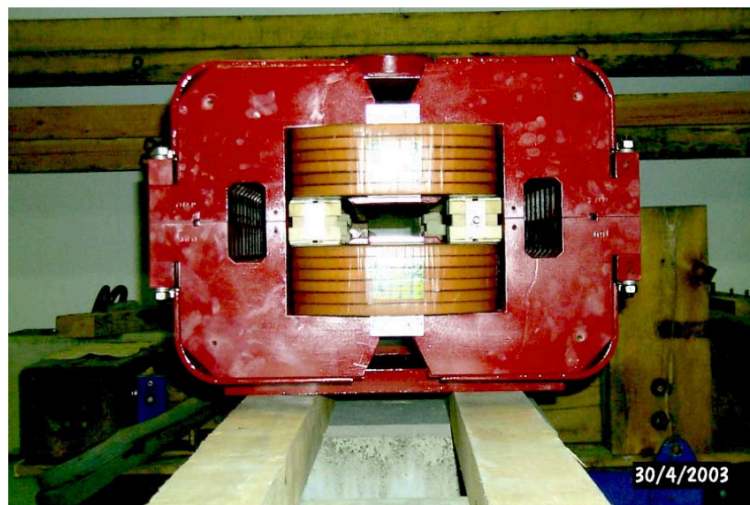
- Forward production of D mesons
- Photoproduction of J/ψ meson

Pseudorapidity $5 < \eta < 9$

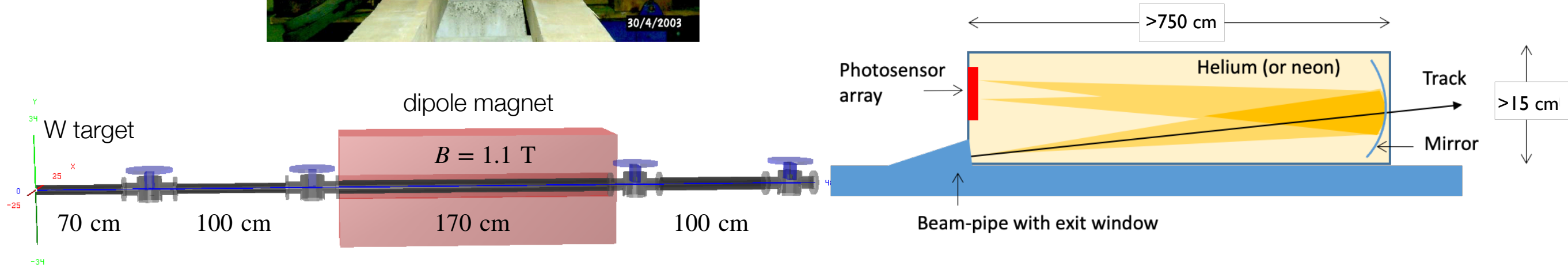
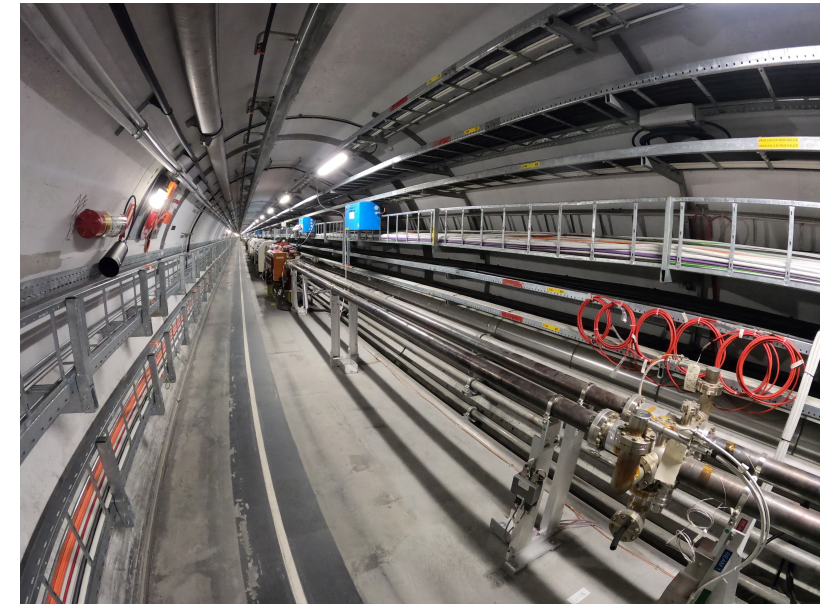
ALADDIN detector

- Design of the detector based on spectrometer (left) and RICH (right)
- Tracking detectors placed inside Roman Pots (RP) close to the beam

Dipole magnet available in situ (MCBW: 1.1 T x 1.7 m)



LHC IR3: space identified for ALADDIN

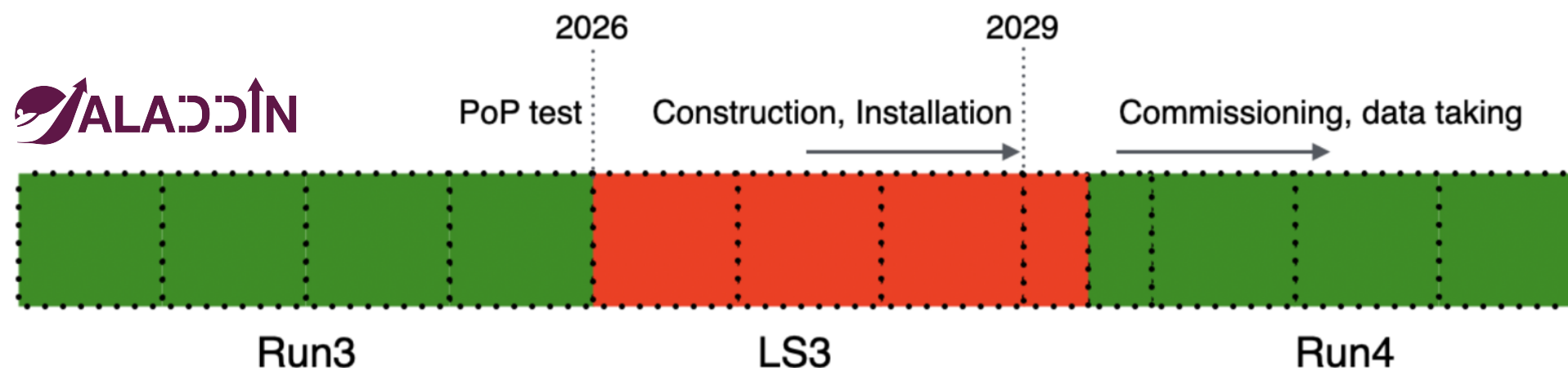


	pitch (μm)	hit rate (MHz/cm^2)	fluence ($n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$)	area (cm^2)	tech. solution
Upstream	55	250	3.5×10^{15}	10	Si pixel
Downstream	100	30	9.0×10^{13}	30	Si pixel/strip

Specification for the tracking detectors positioned upstream and downstream of the dipole magnet.
Hit rate estimated with full simulations

Summary

- ▶ Measurements of **MDM/EDM** of particles are sensitive to physics within and beyond the SM
- ▶ New experimental techniques for the measurement of strange Λ baryon and charm Λ_c^+ , Ξ_c^+ baryons dipole moments have been developed and tested successfully
- ▶ **First measurement** at LHC of Λ baryon **MDM/EDM** is in progress, based on LHCb Run1-2 data (9 fb^{-1}) in $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \Lambda$ decays. Interesting perspective for Run3-4 (50 fb^{-1}) with additional decay modes
- ▶ **ALADDIN**, a dedicated fixed-target experiment at LHC IR3, is designed for Λ_c^+ , Ξ_c^+ **charm baryon MDM/EDM**. Aims to start data taking in Run4 and continue beyond



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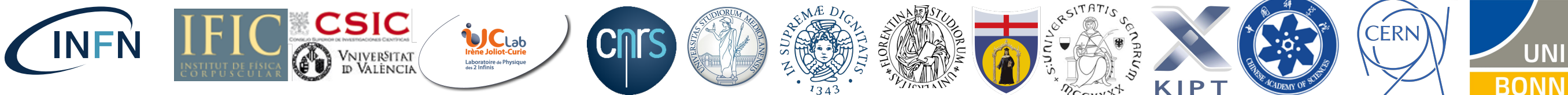
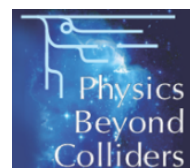
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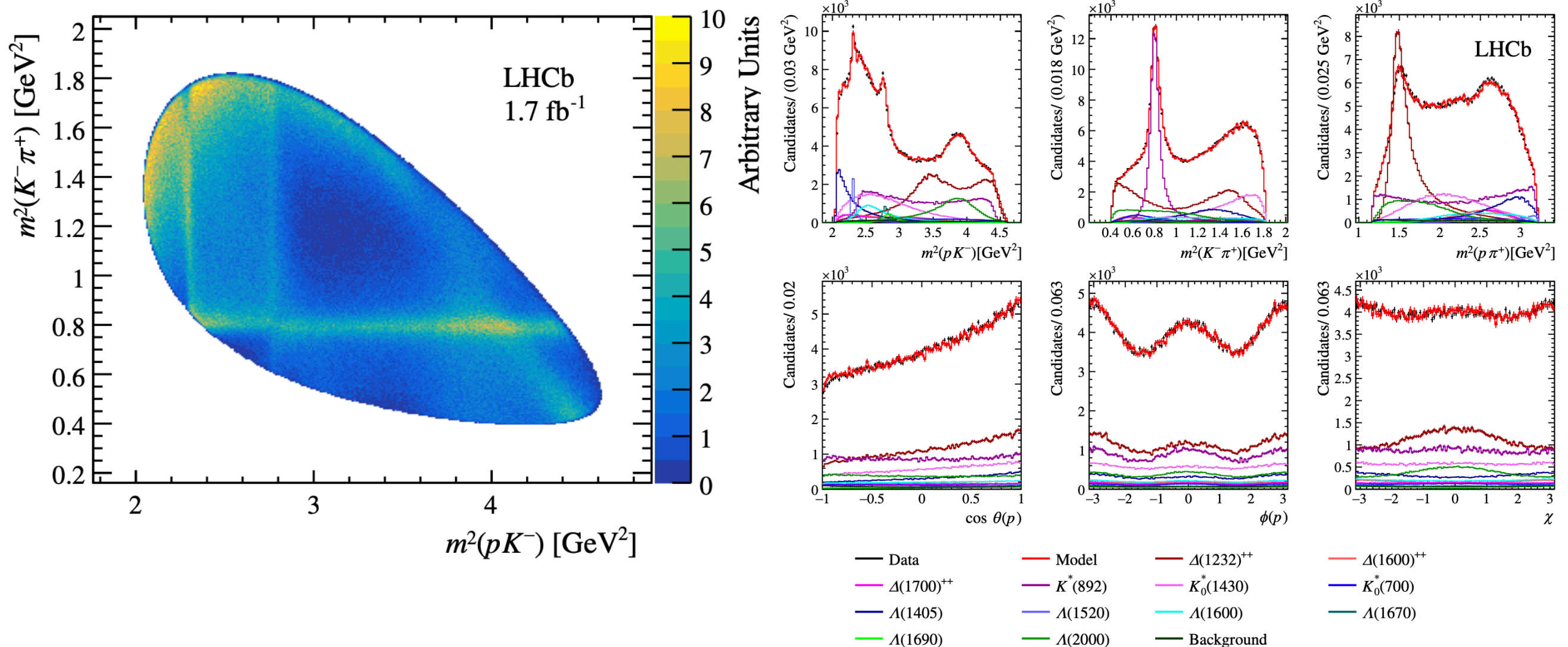


Backup slides

Preparatory measurements with LHCb data

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- Use 400k $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$ signal events from semileptonic beauty hadron decays to determine the **amplitude model and Λ_c^+ polarisation**

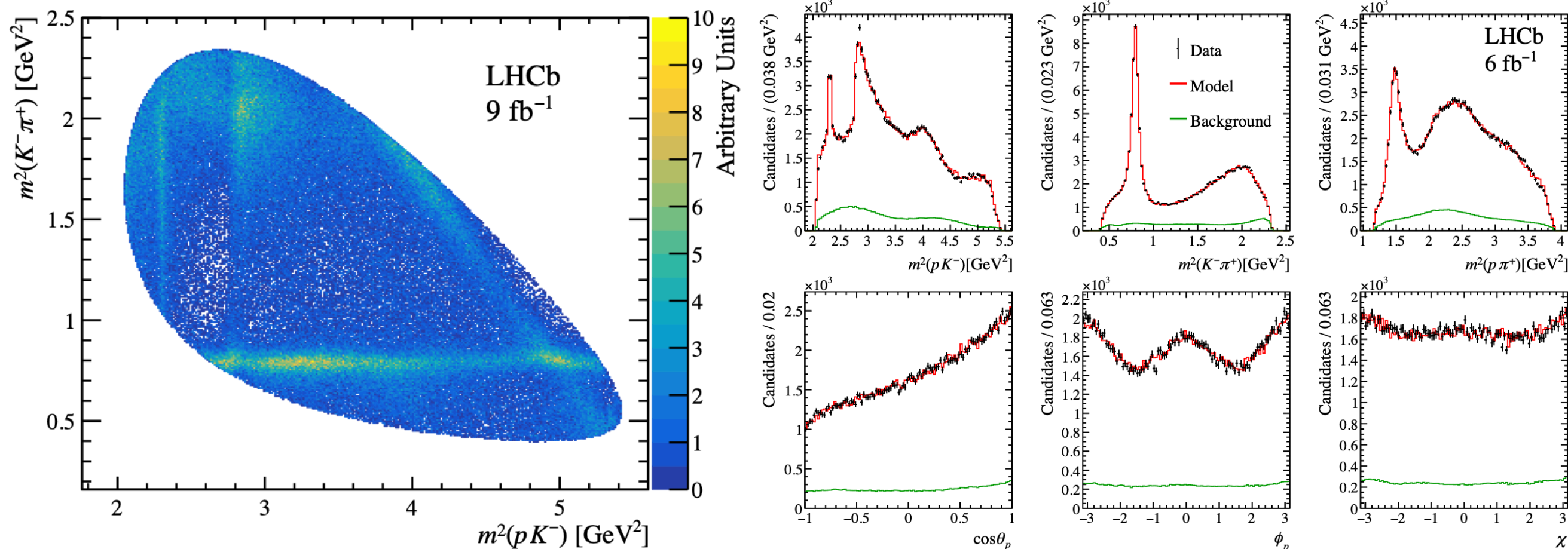


- Large sensitivity to polarisation (analysing power). $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$ **best probe for polarisation measurements** of Λ_c^+ produced in fixed-target collisions

Preparatory measurements with LHCb data

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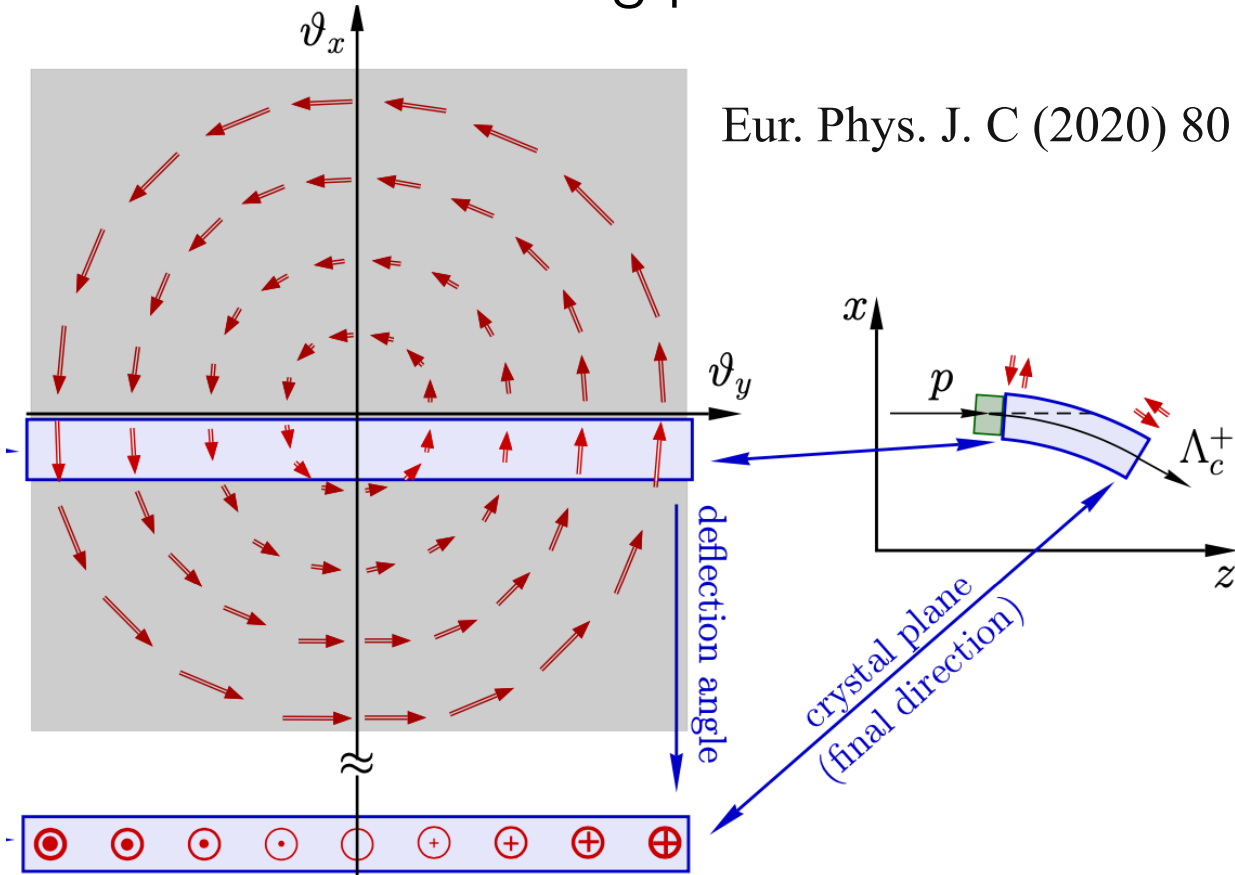
- Use 187k $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$ signal events from semileptonic beauty hadron decays to determine the **amplitude model and Ξ_c^+ polarisation**



- Large sensitivity to polarisation (analysing power). $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$ **suitable for polarisation measurements** of Ξ_c^+ produced in fixed-target collisions

Polarisation of charm baryons

Polarisation perpendicular to production plane due to parity conservation in strong production

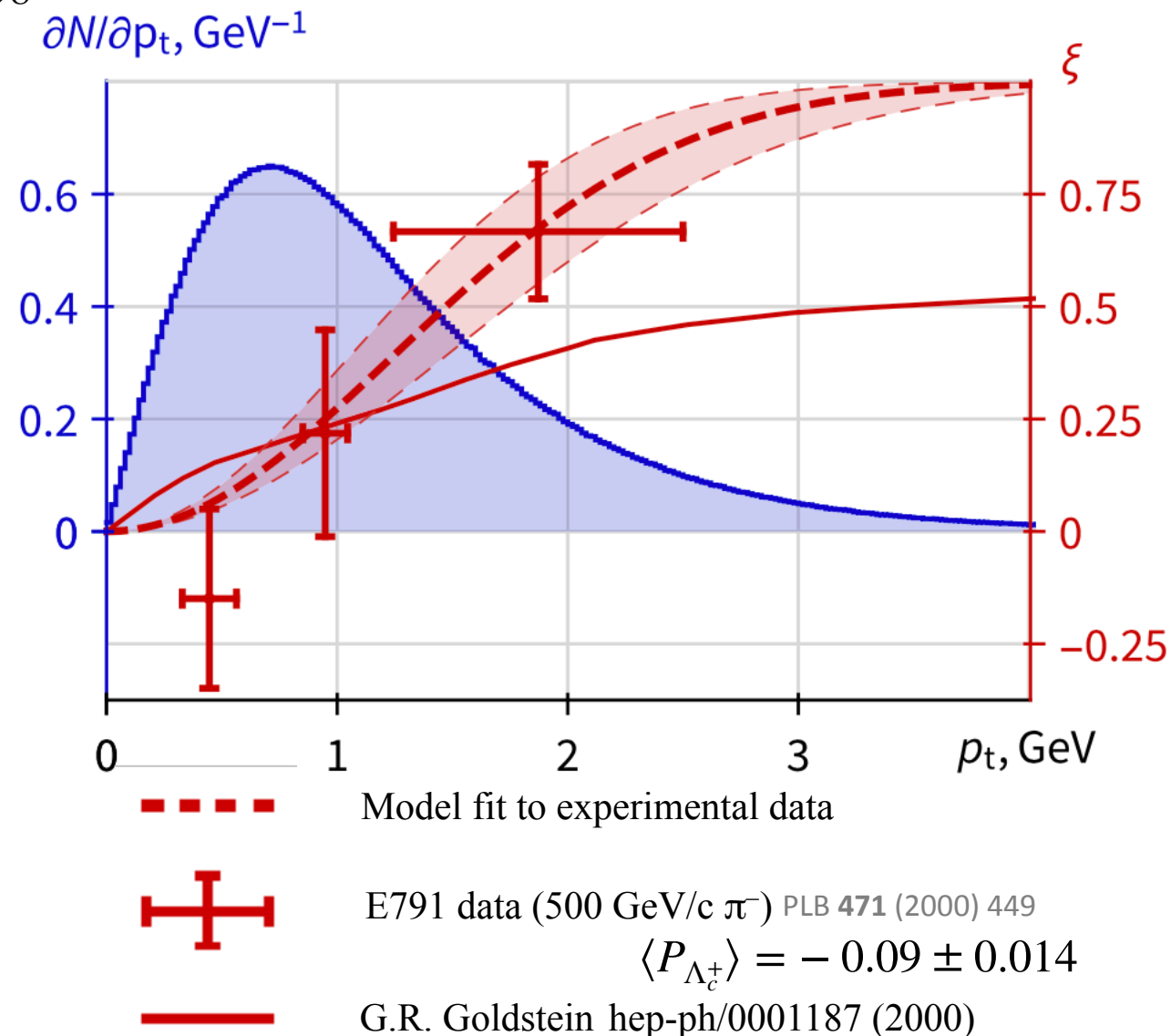


Polarisation in crystal frame vs angle between p and crystal axis

$$s_0 = (s_{0x}, s_{0y}, s_{0z}) \approx \frac{s_0(p_T)}{p_T} (-p \sin \theta_{crys}, p_{xL}, 0)$$

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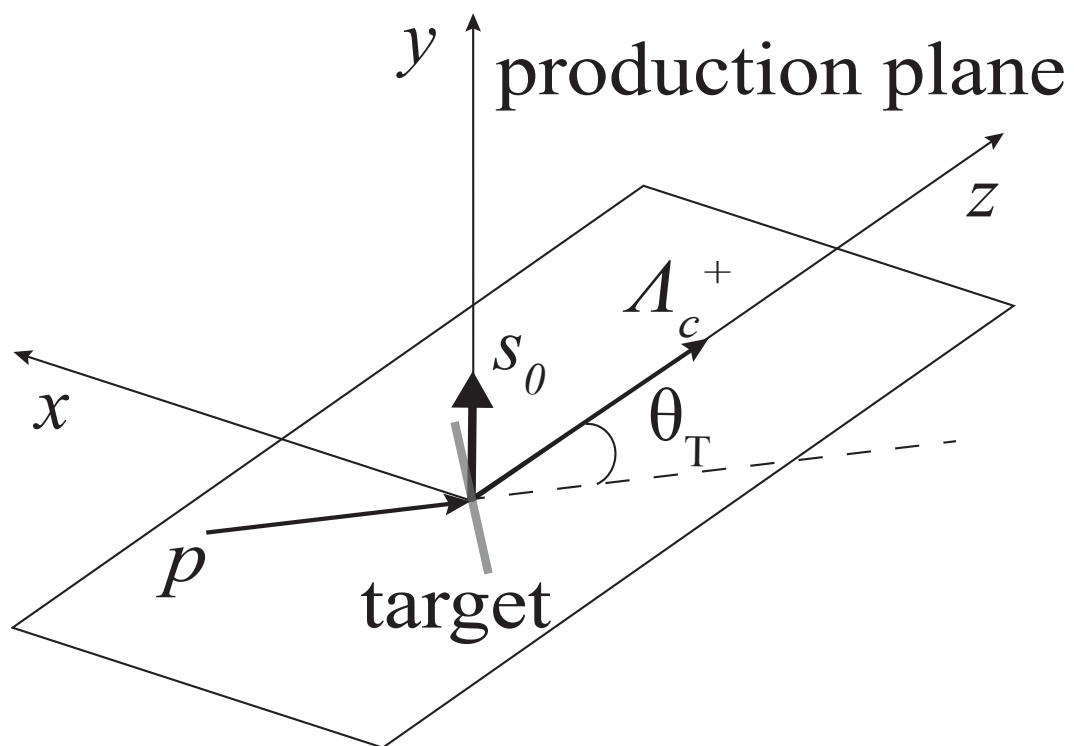
Sensitivity depends on baryon polarisation $\sigma_{d,g} \propto \frac{1}{s_0}$



Polarisation of charm baryons

Polarisation perpendicular to production plane due to parity conservation in strong production

$$\sigma_{d,g} \propto \frac{1}{s_0}$$



Measure final polarisation vector \mathbf{s}' with angular analysis of Λ_c^+ decay and extract d , g , s_0 with a fit to data

$$s'_x \approx s_0 \frac{d}{g-2} [1 - \cos \Phi]$$

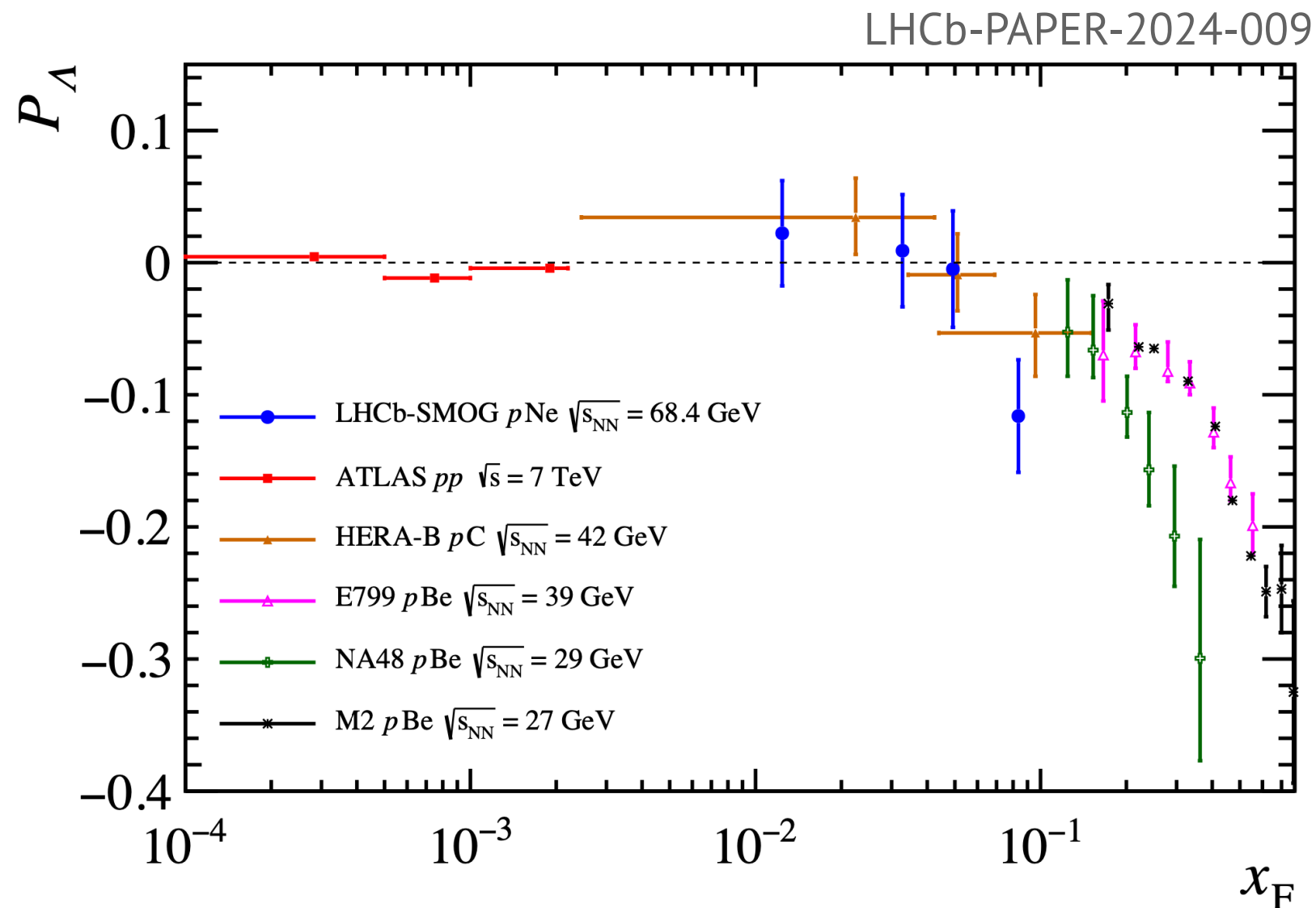
$$s'_y \approx s_0 \cos \Phi$$

$$s'_z \approx s_0 \sin \Phi$$

$$\Phi \approx \frac{g-2}{2} \gamma \theta_c$$

Indications from Λ baryon polarisation

- ▶ Polarisation increases as a function of Feynman variable $x_F = \frac{p_L^*}{\max p_L^*}$
- ▶ For crystal experiment expect large positive x_F
- ▶ Work in progress to produce similar plot for Λ_c^+ with pp collisions and SMOG data at LHCb



Charm baryons decays of interest

- ▶ List of Λ_c^+ , Ξ_c^+ modes and corresponding branching fractions \mathcal{B} , reconstructibility $\epsilon_{3\text{trk}}$ and effective branching fraction $\mathcal{B}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{B} \cdot \epsilon_{3\text{trk}}$
- ▶ Reconstructibility of Σ^+ , Σ^- , Ξ^- as charged stable particles throughout the detector taken into account in $\epsilon_{3\text{trk}}$

$$\tau_{\Lambda_c} = 2.0 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{s}$$

$$\tau_{\Xi_c} = 4.5 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{s}$$

Λ_c^+ decay	\mathcal{B}	$\epsilon_{3\text{trk}}$	\mathcal{B}_{eff}	Ξ_c^+ decay	$\mathcal{R}\mathcal{B}$	\mathcal{B}	$\epsilon_{3\text{trk}}$	\mathcal{B}_{eff}
$pK^-\pi^+$	6.28 ± 0.32	1	6.26	$\Xi^-\pi^+\pi^+$	1	2.9 ± 1.3	0.70	1.99
$\Sigma^+\pi^-\pi^+$	4.50 ± 0.25	0.64	2.89	$\Sigma^+K^-\pi^+$	0.94 ± 0.10	2.7	0.50	1.34
$\Sigma^-\pi^+\pi^+$	1.87 ± 0.18	0.78	1.46	$\Sigma^+\pi^-\pi^+$	0.48 ± 0.20	1.4	0.50	0.69
$p\pi^-\pi^+$	0.461 ± 0.028	1	0.46	$pK^-\pi^+$	0.21 ± 0.04	0.6	0.99	0.60
$\Xi^-K^+\pi^+$	0.62 ± 0.06	0.79	0.49	$\Sigma^-\pi^+\pi^+$	0.18 ± 0.09	0.5	0.67	0.34
$\Sigma^+K^-K^+$	0.35 ± 0.04	0.63	0.22	$\Sigma^+K^-K^+$	0.15 ± 0.06	0.4	0.49	0.21
pK^-K^+	0.106 ± 0.006	0.99	0.11	$\Omega^-K^+\pi^+$	0.07 ± 0.04	0.2	0.49	0.10
$\Sigma^+\pi^-K^+$	0.21 ± 0.06	0.64	0.14					
all	-	-	12.02	all	-	-	-	5.3

New fixed-target experiment at LHC with unique forward acceptance

	ALADDIN	LHCb-SMOG
\sqrt{s} (GeV)	115	115
Momentum p (GeV/c)	$\gtrsim 500$	$\lesssim 500$
Transverse momentum p_T (GeV/c)	$\lesssim 1.3$	0.2 to 1.8
Rapidity y^*	1 to 3.5 (very forward)	-3.5 to 0 (central/backward)
Pseudorapidity η	5 to 9	2 to 5
Four-momentum transfer Q (GeV/c)	4	15 to 115
$\log_{10} x_B$ (Bjorken)	Down to -3.2	Down to -3
x_F (Feynman)	0.1 to 0.5, max. at 0.3	-0.5 to 0, max. at -0.1

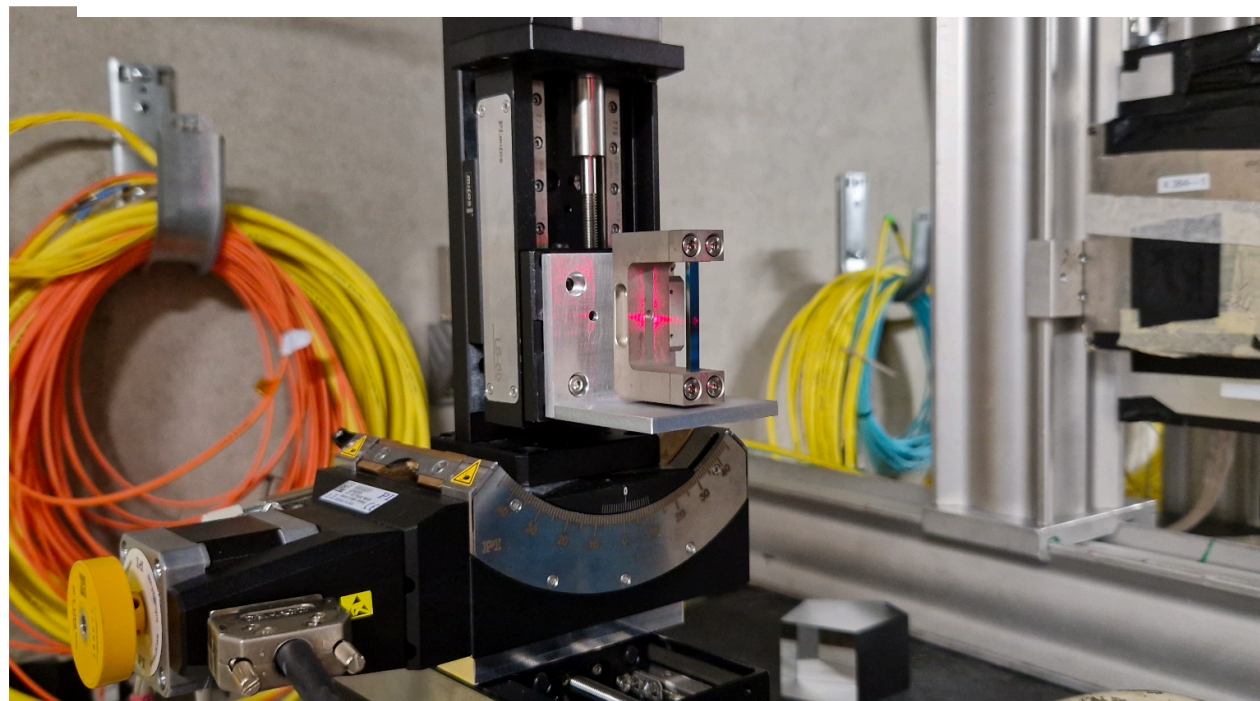
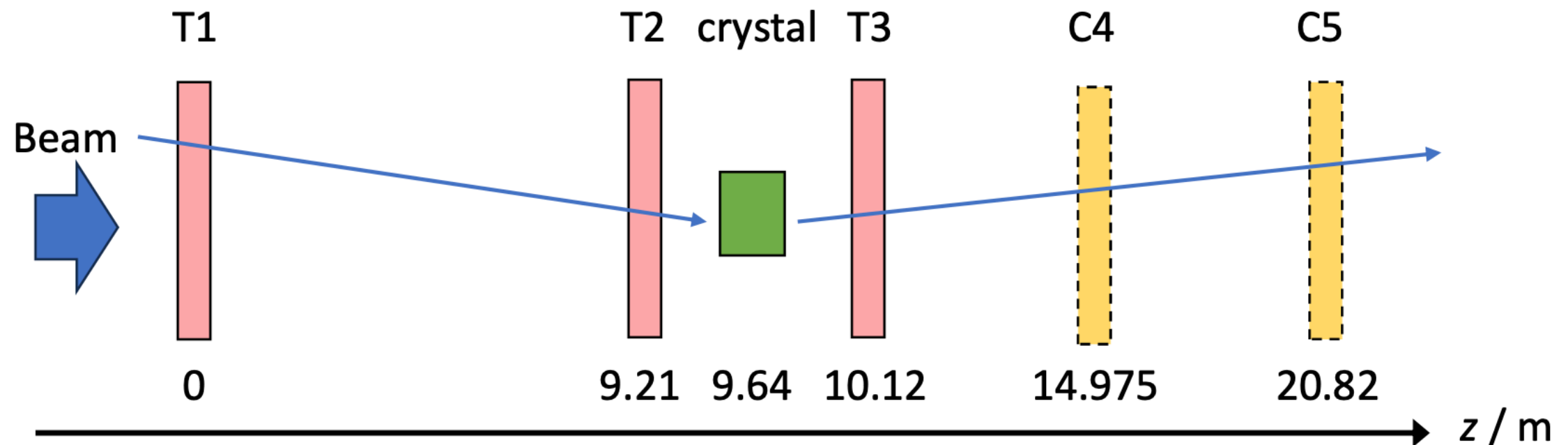
y^* is in the center-of-mass rest frame

- ▶ Additional physics topics: charm hadron cross-section measurements, J/ψ photo production in the very forward region at pseudorapidity $5 < \eta < 9$
- ▶ Discussion ongoing between theorists/experimentalists to develop a program of new measurements with solid targets (W, Si,)

Bent crystal testbeam at SPS

Acknowledgments: A. Mazzolari (INFN-FE)

- Bent crystals produced at INFN Ferrara. Test at SPS H8 with INFN Milano Bicocca/Insubria telescope and **180 GeV/c positive hadron beam** (Aug 2023)



➤ Silicon strip sensors T (C) with $50\mu\text{m}$ ($242\mu\text{m}$) pitch

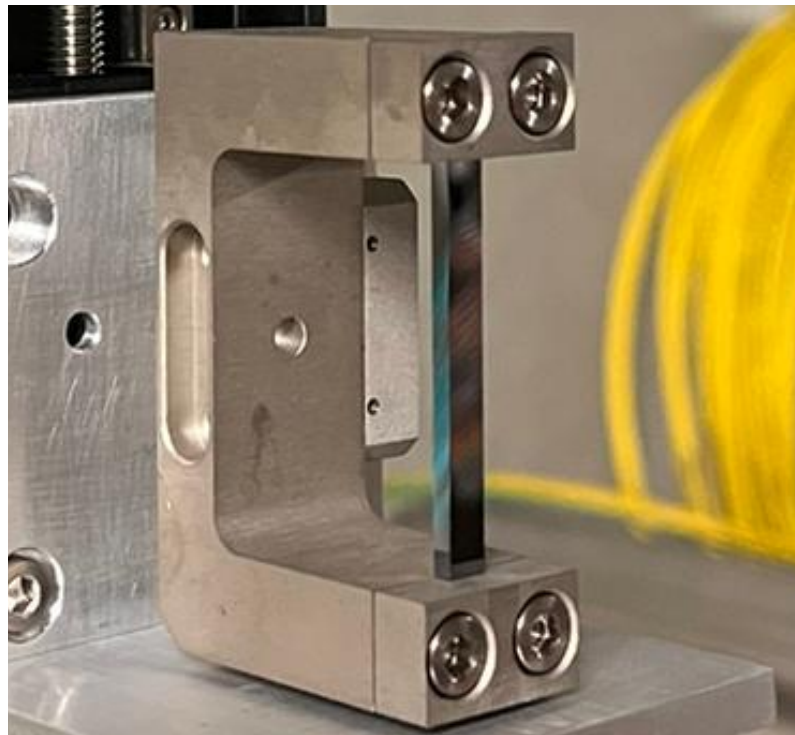
➤ Goniometer with $1\mu\text{m}$ accuracy for precision crystal alignment

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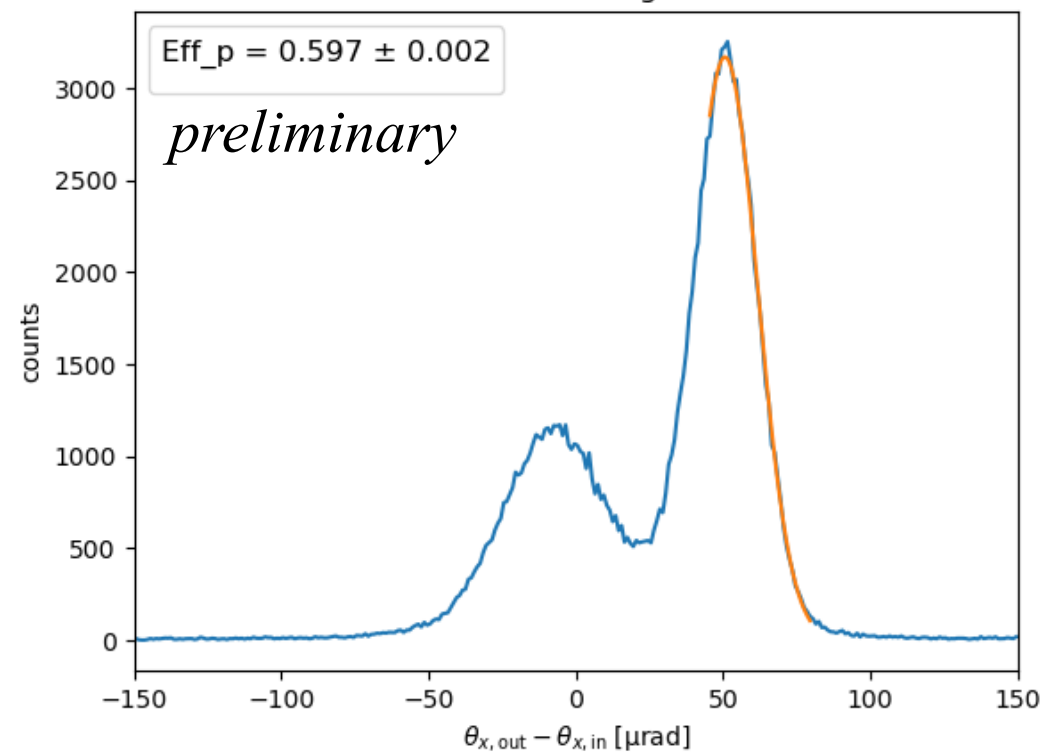
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Bent crystal testbeam at SPS

TCCS: Si, 50 μ rad, 4 mm, chan. eff. 60%



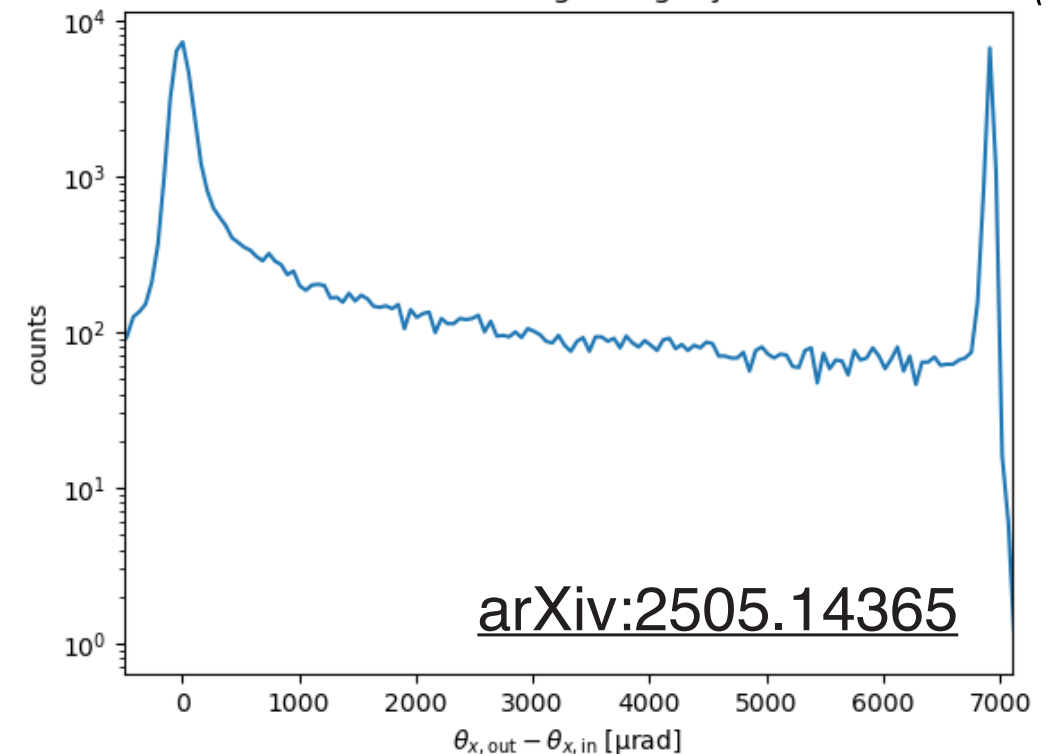
Deflection angle x



TCCP: Si, 7 mrad, 70 mm, chan. eff. 16%



Deflection angle long crystal S. Cesare (Milano)

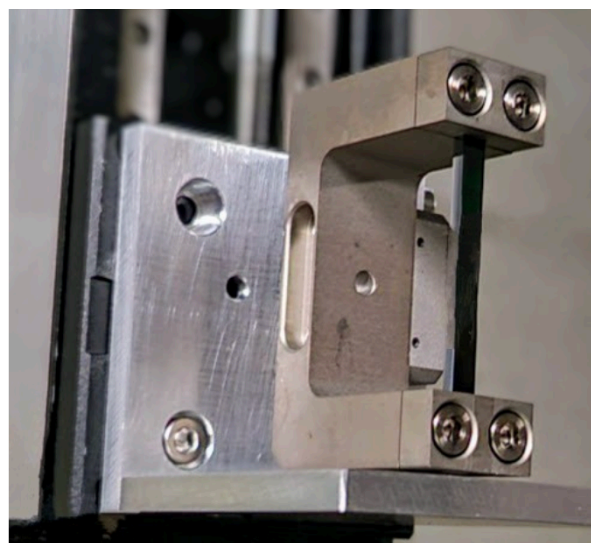


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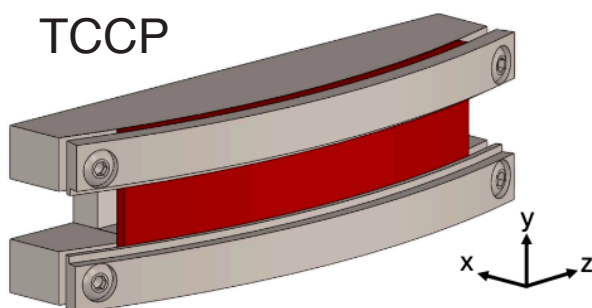
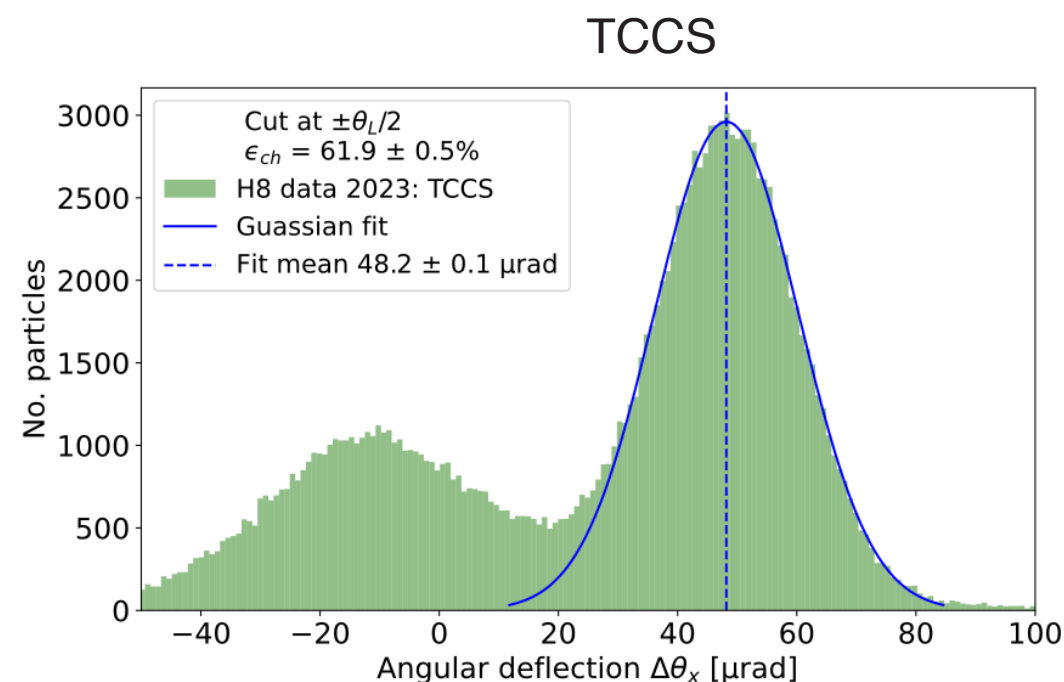
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- Performance of short and long bent crystals for the TWOCRIST experiment measured on SPS 180 GeV/c hadron beam

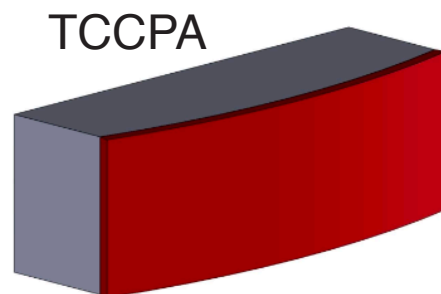
Crystal		TCCS	TCCP	TCCPA
Crystal material		Si	Si	Si
Bending plane		(110)	(110)	(110)
Length	[mm]	4	70	70.5
Width	[mm]	35	8	22.5
Height	[mm]	2	2	2
Bend radius ρ	[m]	80	10	5.3
Bend angle θ_b	[mrad]	0.05	7.0	13.3
θ_L at 180 GeV/c	[μ rad]	13.3	12.9	12.5



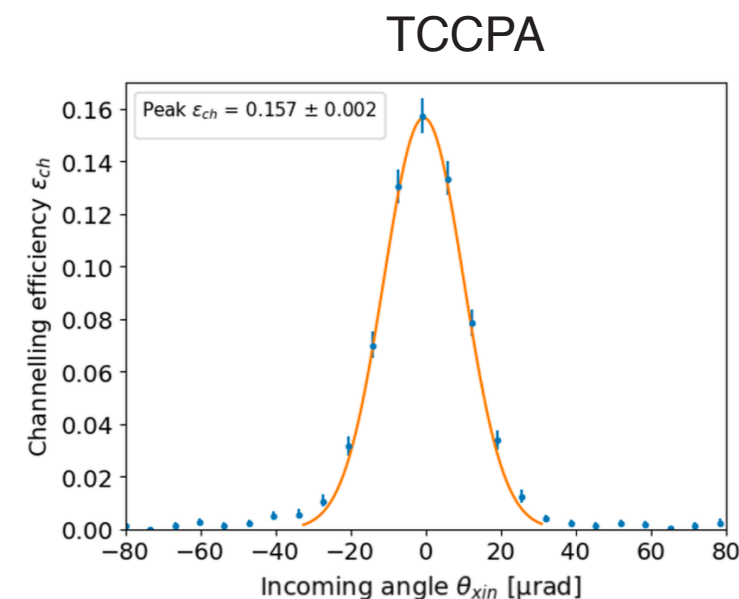
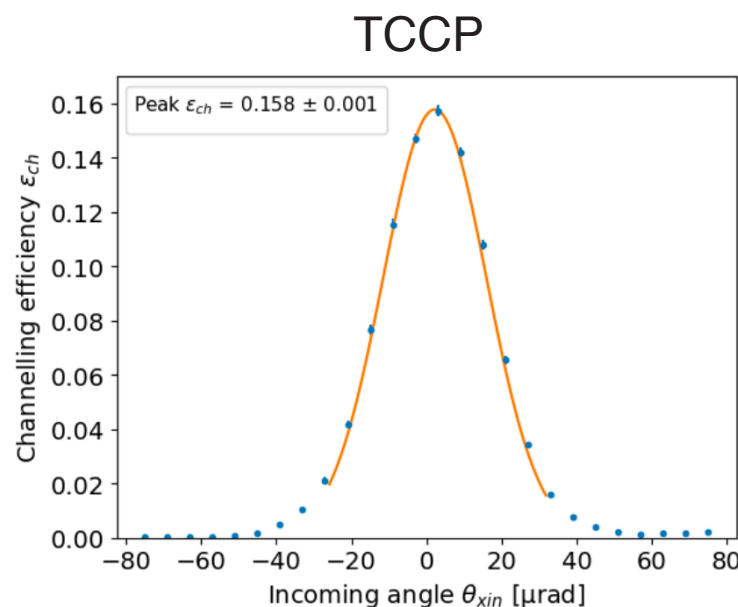
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TCCPA



Additional physics opportunities to explore $(g - 2)$ and EDM of the τ^+ lepton^[1,2]

- ▶ Large statistics needed for interesting measurements, i.e. $\text{PoT} \gtrsim 10^{17}$ [2.5 cm W target]
- ▶ Many challenges: τ^+ reconstruction, background level, statistics
- ▶ Preparatory studies ongoing with LHCb SMOG data

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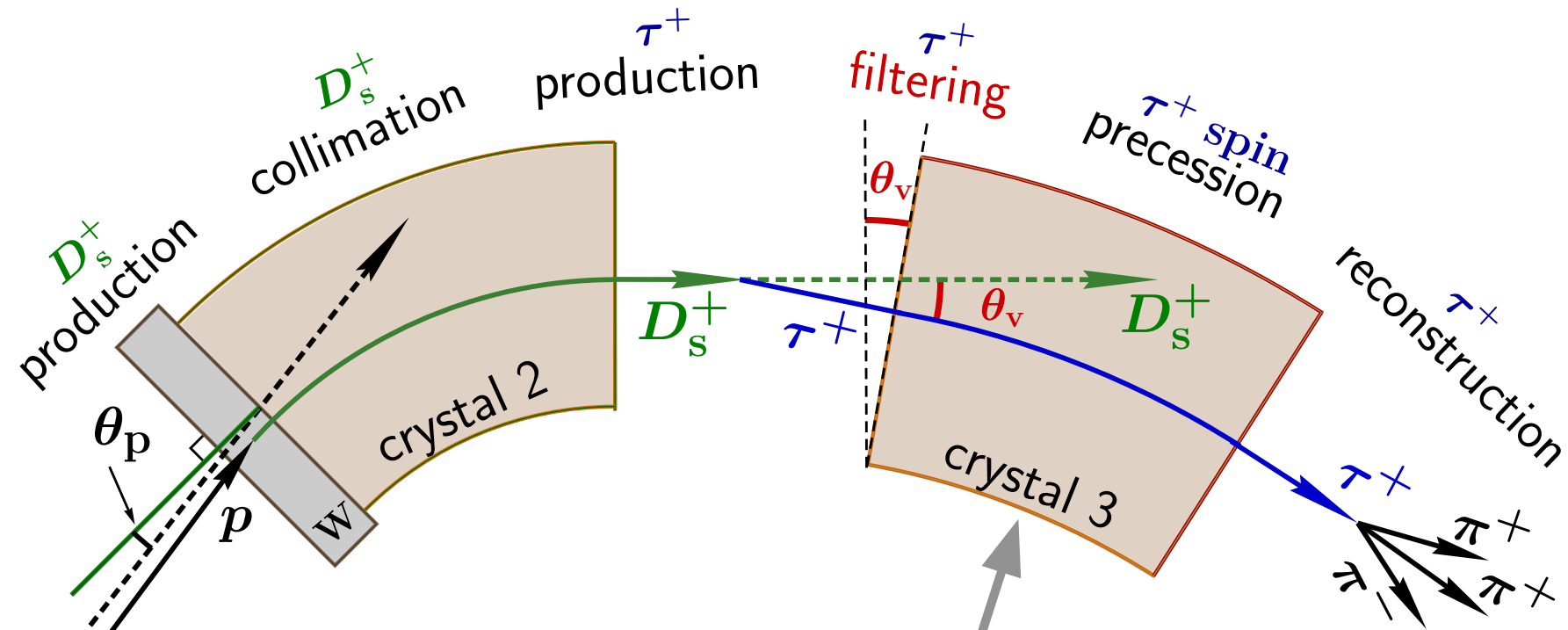
Feasibility of τ lepton electromagnetic dipole moments measurement using bent crystal at the LHC

Crystal 1:

- directing a part of LHC primary halo on Target

Target:

- production of $D_s^+(\rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau)$
 $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$

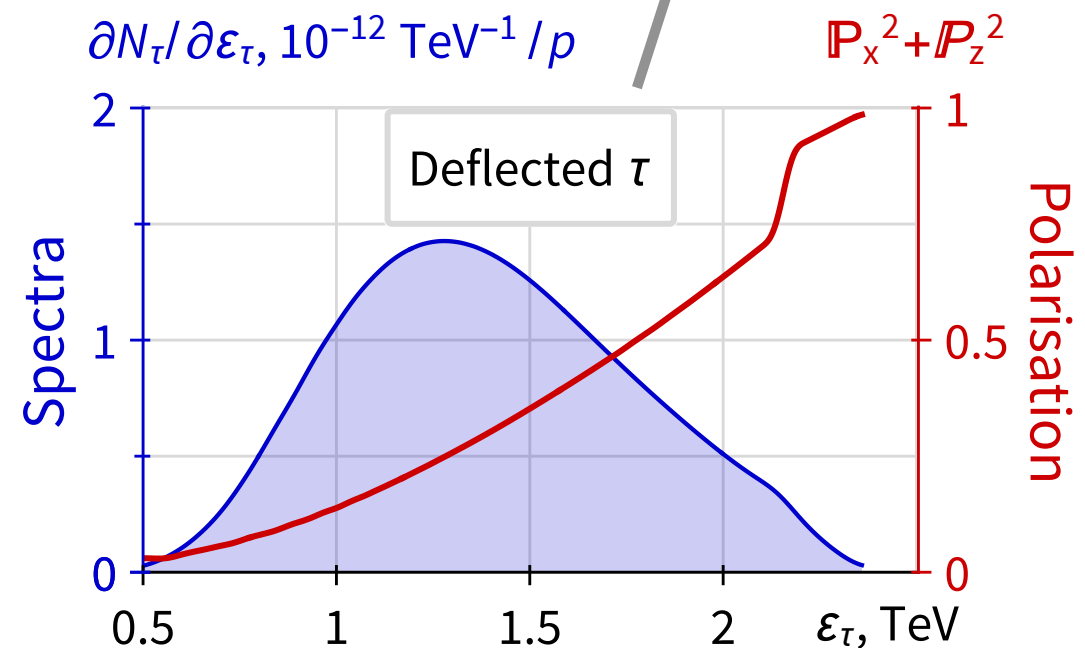


Crystal 2:

- deflection and “collimation” of D_s^+

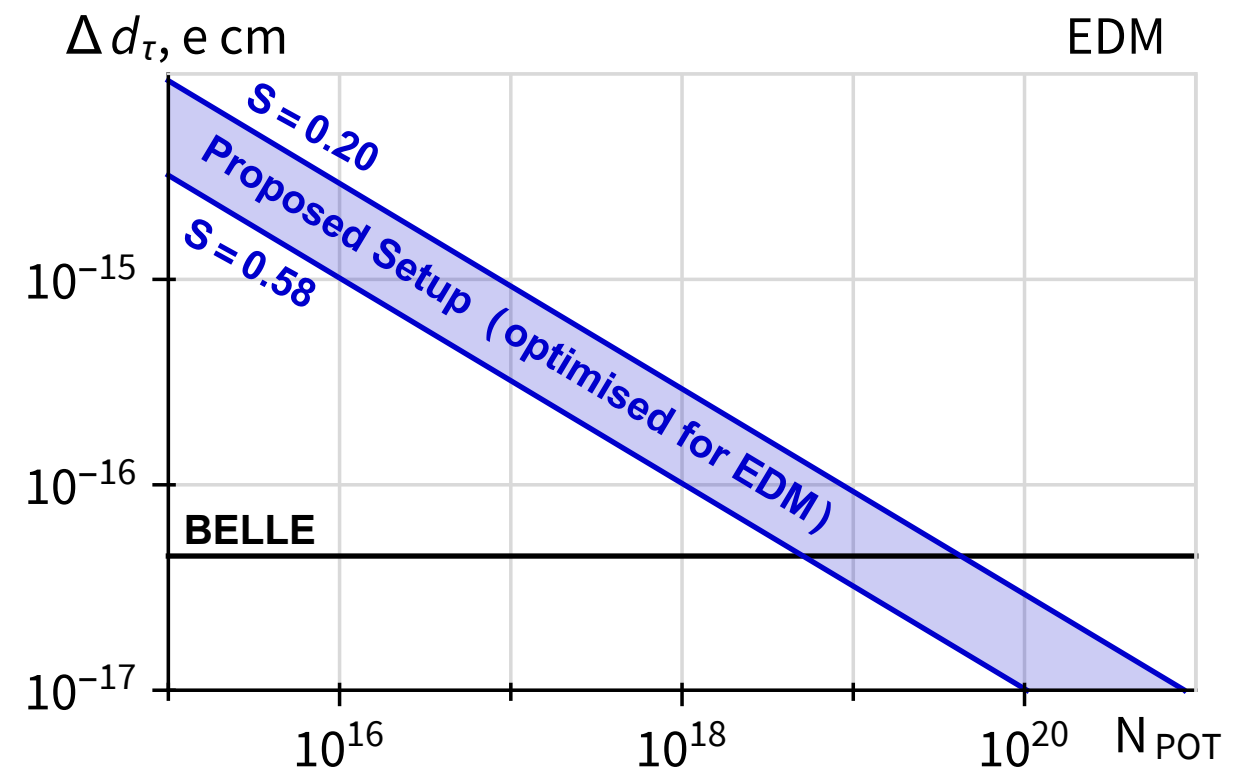
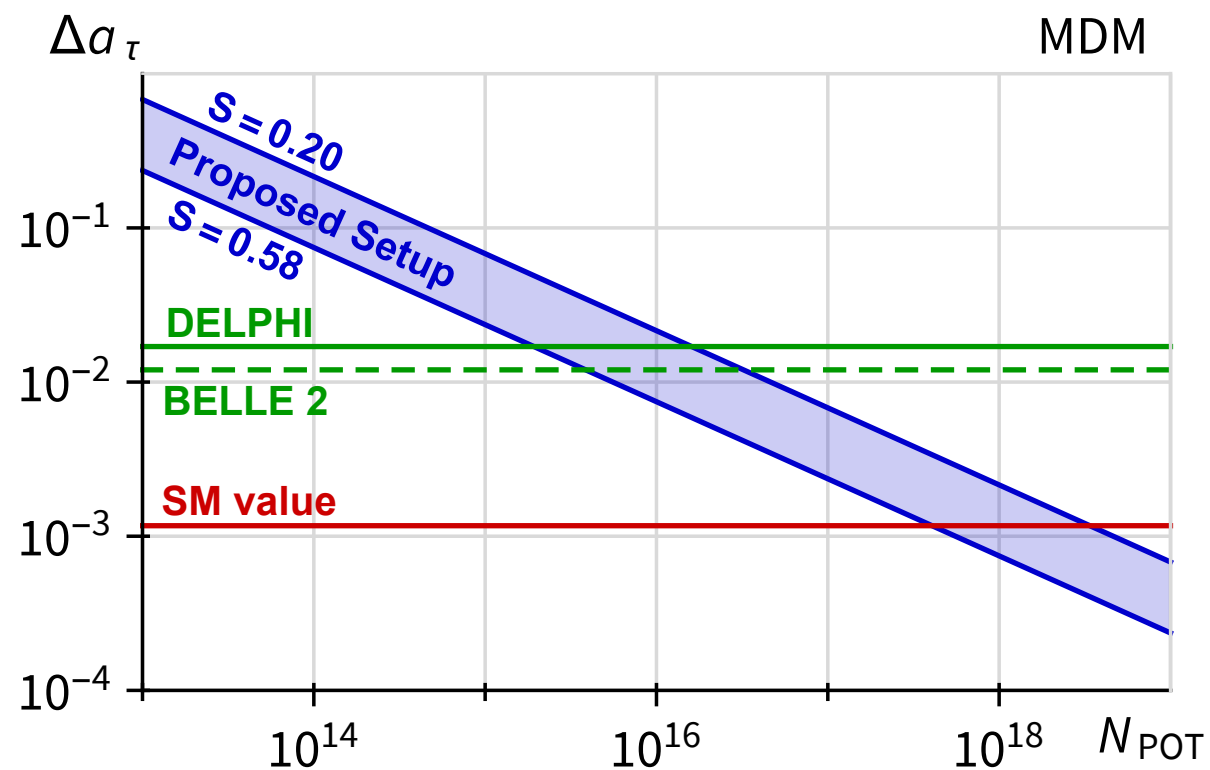
Crystal 3:

- selecting τ produced by D_s^+
- **filtering τ initial polarisation**
- τ spin precession



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MDM: 10^{16} PoT — to reach the present accuracy [DELPHI: J. Abdallah et al. EPJC 35:159–170, 2004]

10^{18} PoT — to reach an accuracy equivalent to the Standard Model value

EDM: 10^{19} PoT — to reach the present accuracy [BELLE: K. Inami et al. PLB 551:16–26, 2003]

Novel method for the direct measurement of the τ lepton dipole moments

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Target:

- production of $D_s^+(\rightarrow\tau^+\nu_\tau)$ with $\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\bar{\nu}_\tau$

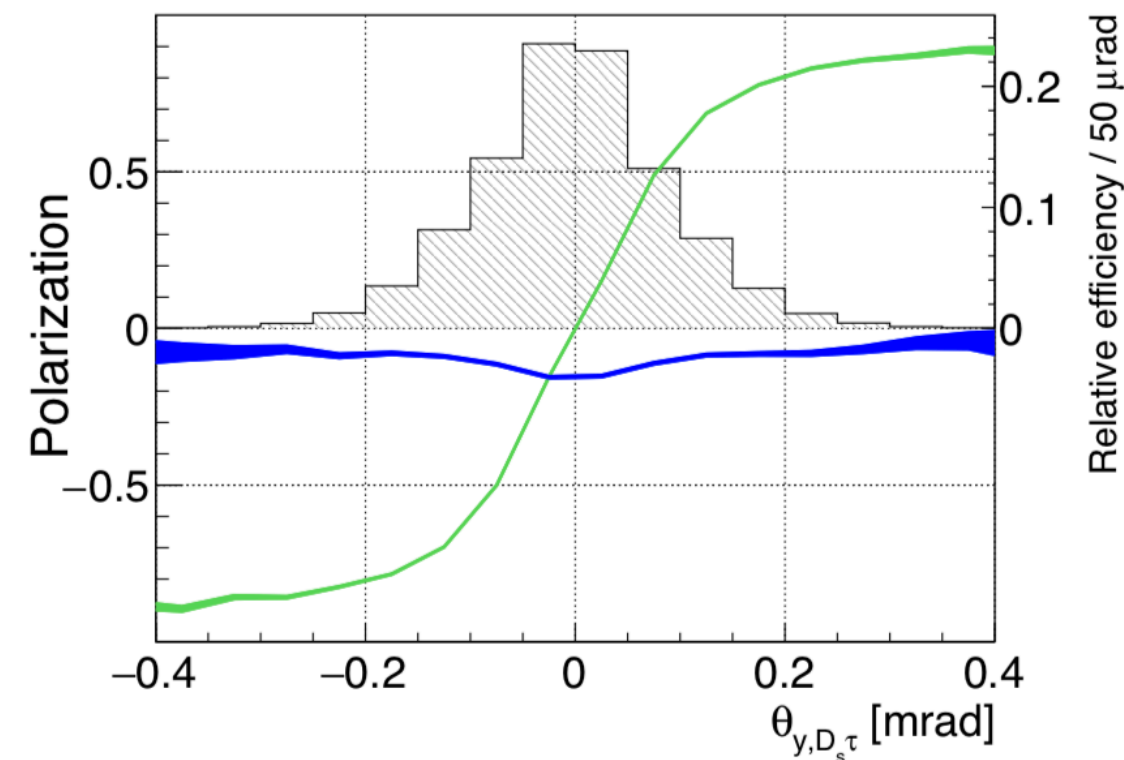
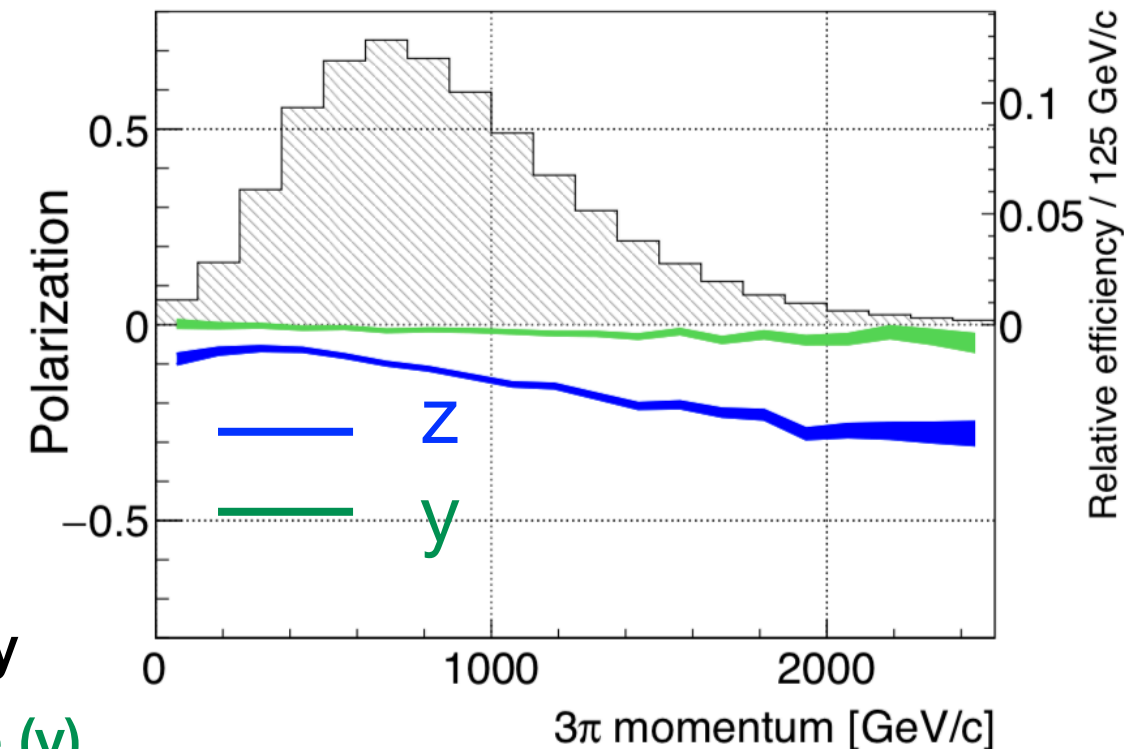
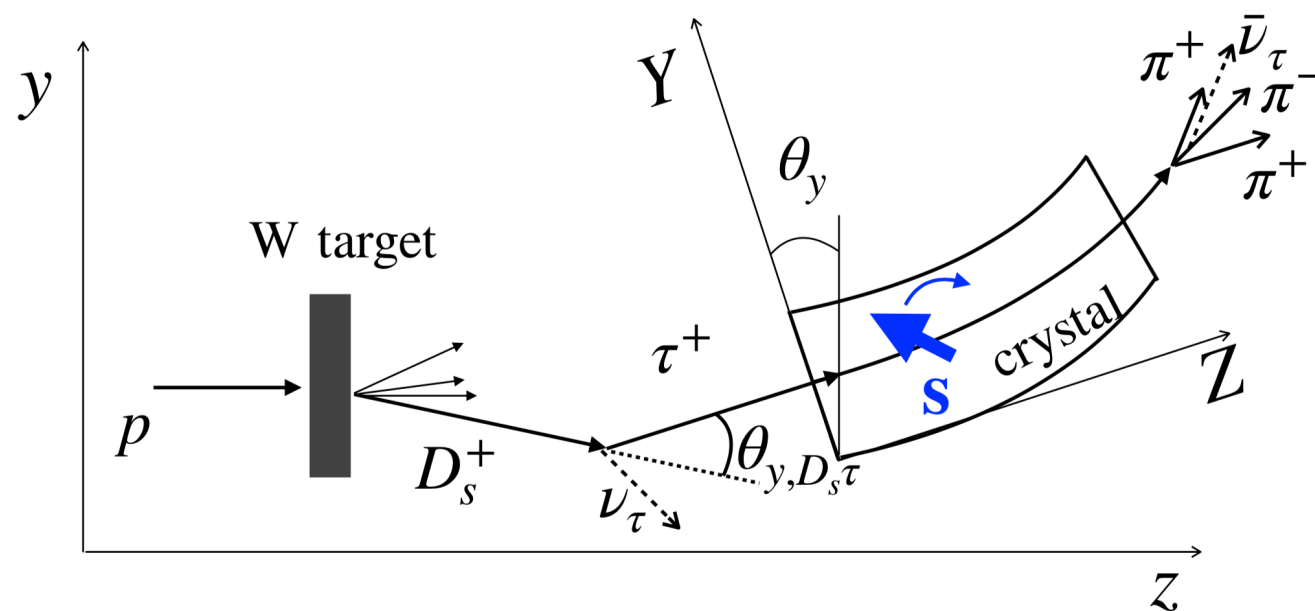
Single Crystal after target:

- τ spin precession

Spin polarisation:

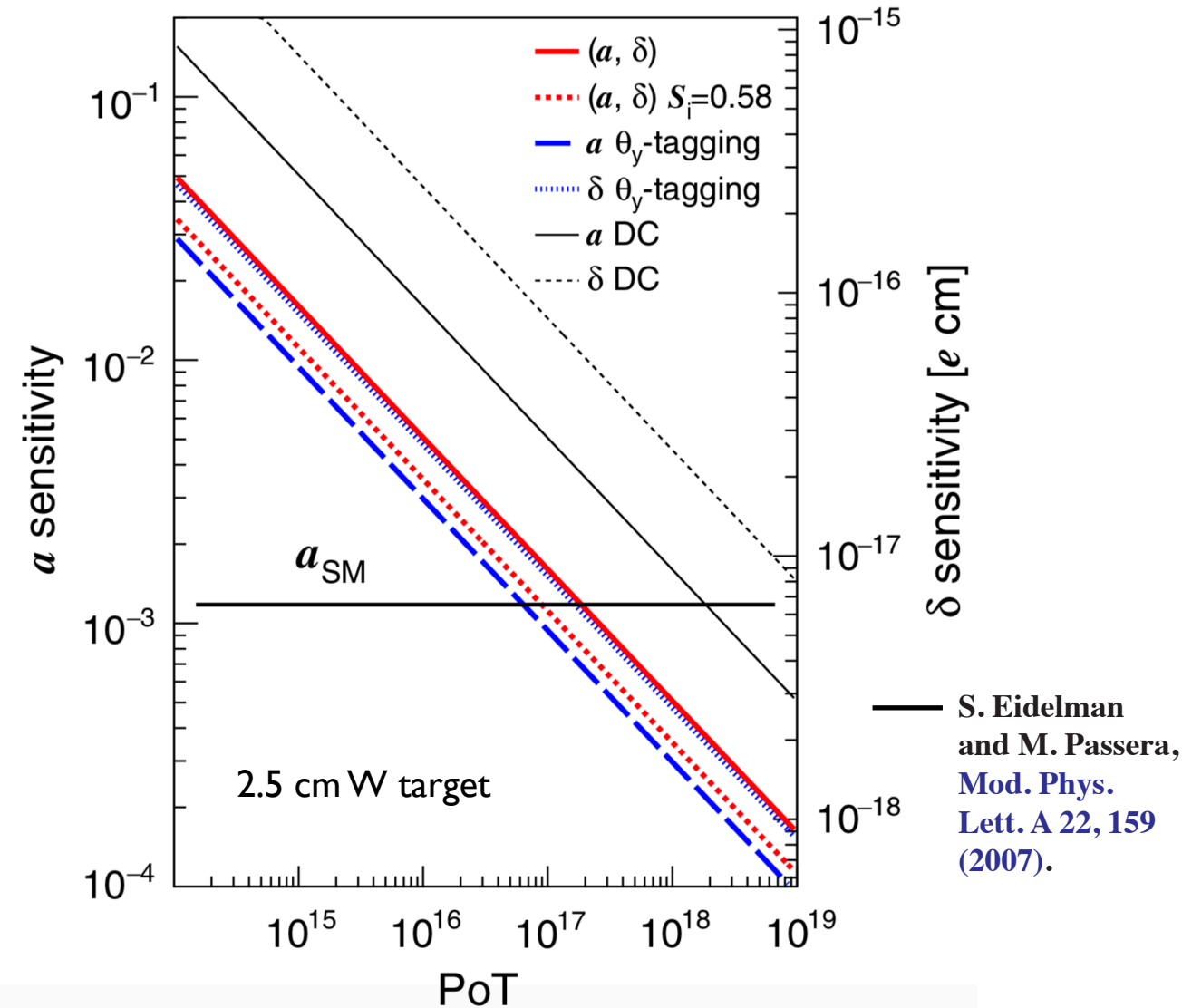
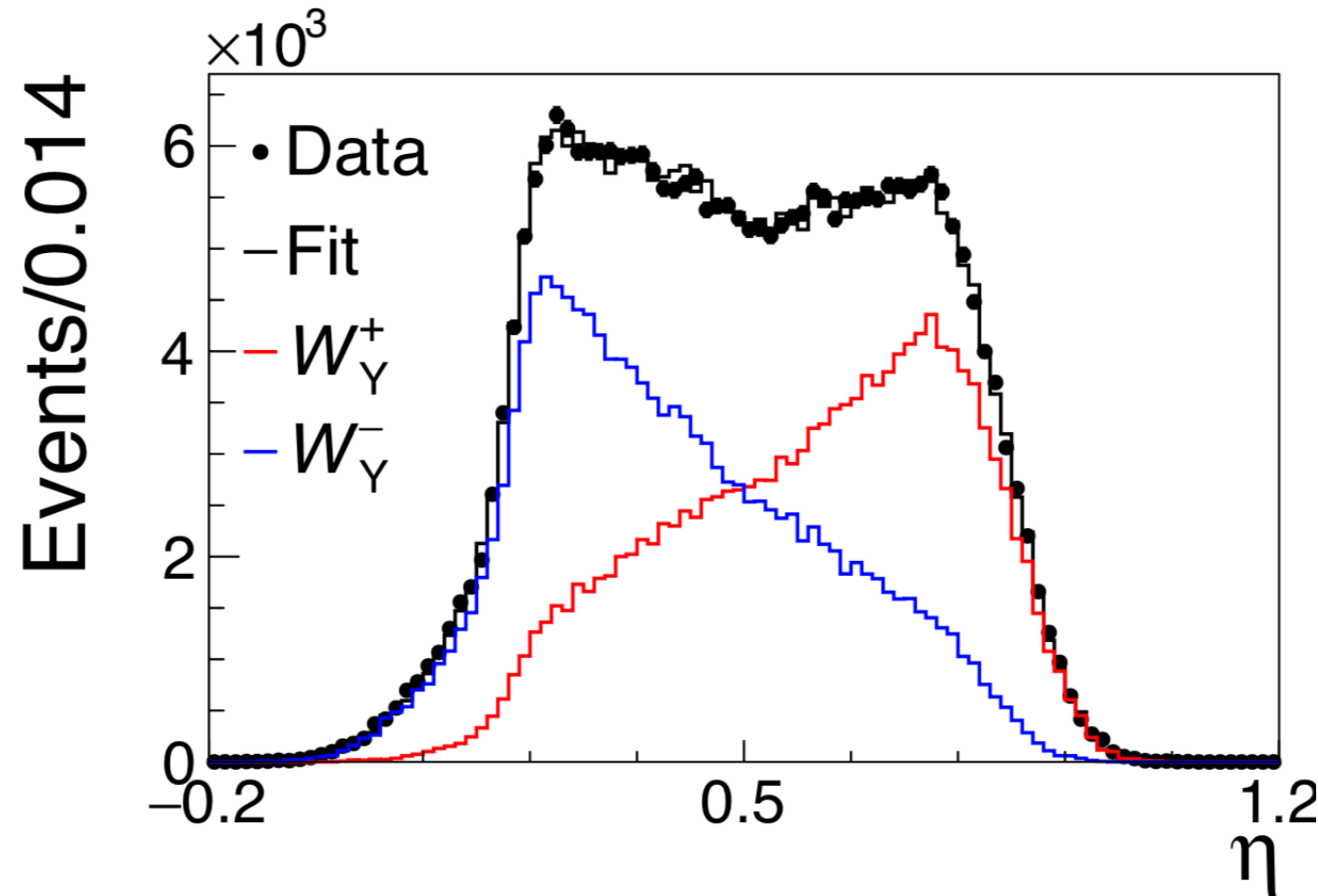
- kinematic selection on $p_{3\pi} > 0.8$ TeV, **longitudinal (z)** **polarisation** for MDM and enhanced EDM sensitivity
- Tagging $\theta(D_s, \tau) \leq 0$ (e.g. 2 crystals, other) **transverse (y)**

polarisation for enhanced MDM sensitivity



Novel method for the direct measurement of the τ lepton dipole moments

J. Fu, M. A. Giorgi, L. Henry, D. Marangotto, F. Martinez Vidal, A. Merli, N.N., J. Ruiz Vidal, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 123, 011801 (2019)



Multivariate classifier based on reconstructed τ variables to determine the polarisation and average event information $S=0.42$

$$S_i^2 = \frac{1}{N_{\tau^+}^{\text{rec}} \sigma_i^2} = \left\langle \left(\frac{\mathcal{W}_i^+(\eta) - \mathcal{W}_i^-(\eta)}{\mathcal{W}_i^+(\eta) + \mathcal{W}_i^-(\eta)} \right)^2 \right\rangle$$

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Test g-2 SM prediction with $\sim 10^{17}$ PoT

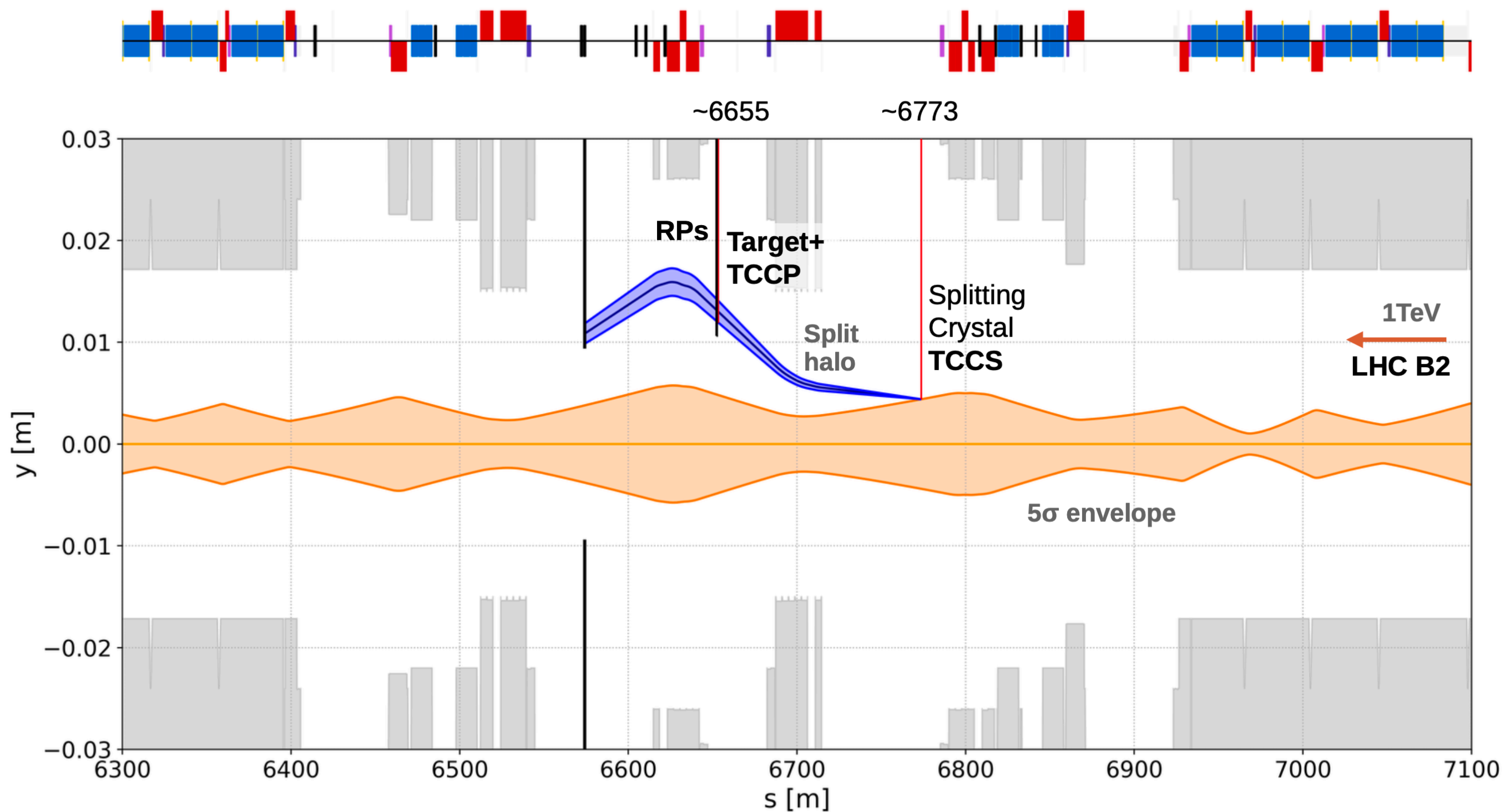
EDM sensitivity $\sim 10^{-17}$ e cm

Preparatory measurements in LHCb.

Explorative studies in ALADDIN

Beam dynamics simulations

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