MoEDAL-MAPP – Detectors specialised in LLP searches

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MoEDAL – Monopole & Exotics Detector At LHC

Optimised for anomalously ionising (meta)stable particles

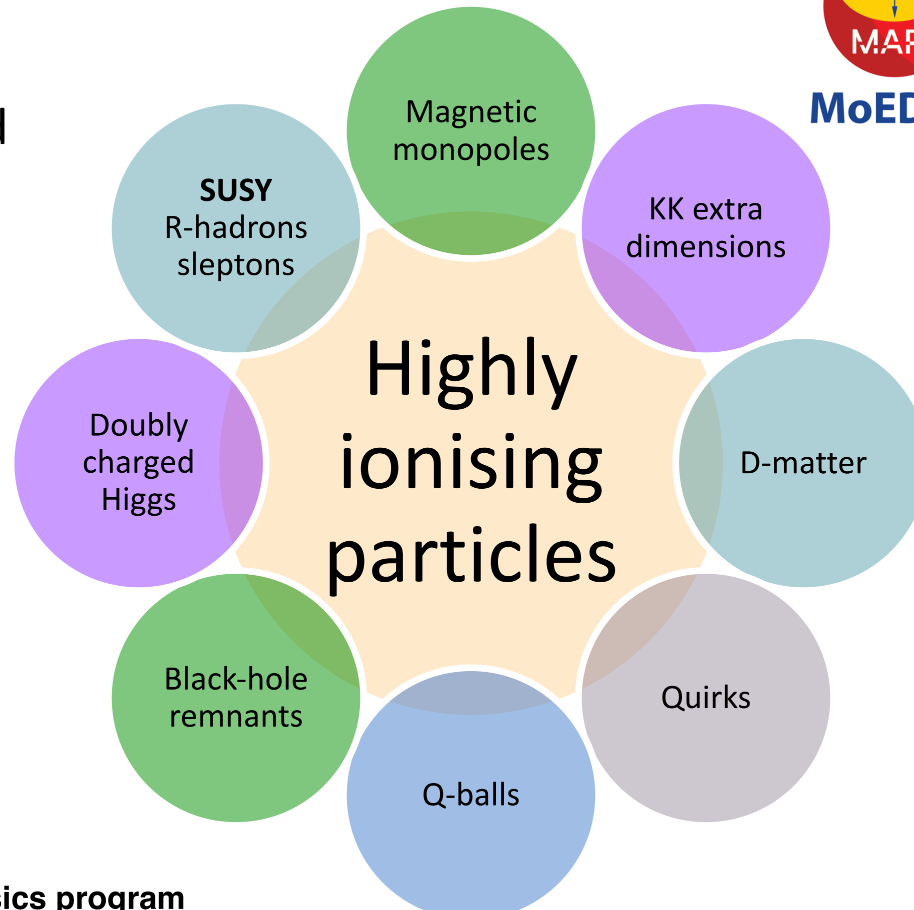
MAPP
MoEDAL

LHC's first dedicated *search* experiment
(approved 2010)

MoEDAL physics goals

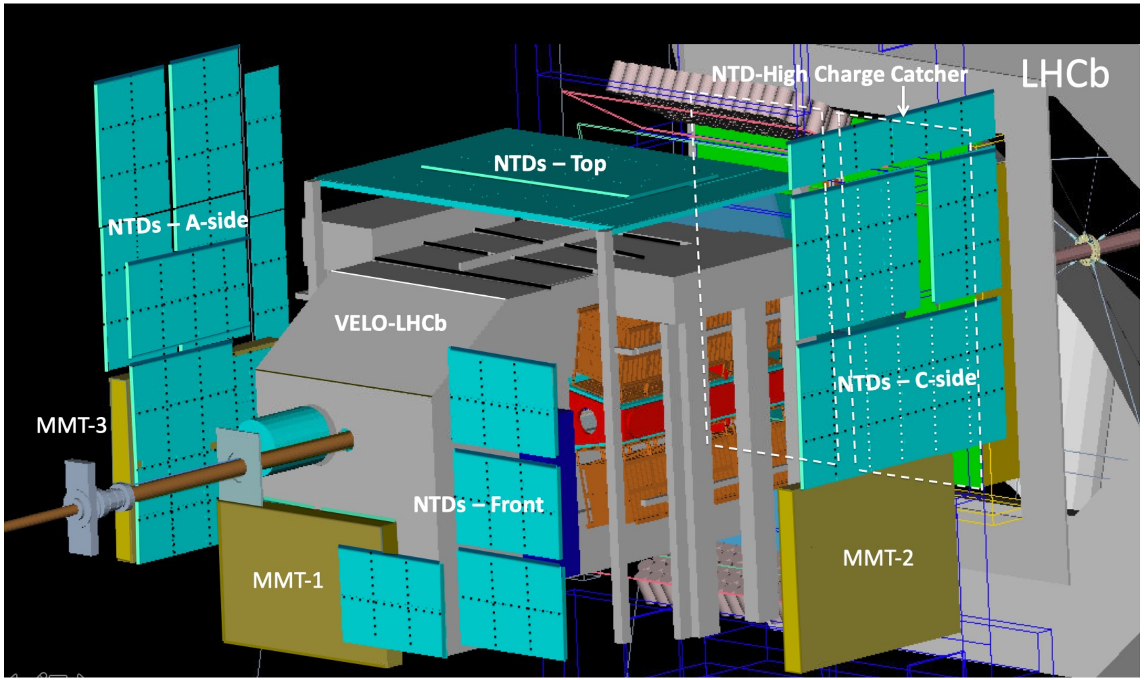
- MoEDAL baseline detector optimised for the detection of (meta)stable **highly ionising** particles
  - high charges (**high z**)
    - magnetic → **monopoles**!
    - electric → Highly Electrically Charged particles (**HECOs**)
  - slow moving (**low β**) ⇒ massive

- **MAPP upgrade designed for *minimally* ionising particles**



MoEDAL physics program
Int. J. Mod. Phys. A29 (2014) 1430050

Baseline MoEDAL detector



- Mostly **passive detectors**; no trigger; no readout
- Permanent physical record of new physics
- No SM physics backgrounds

DETECTOR SYSTEMS

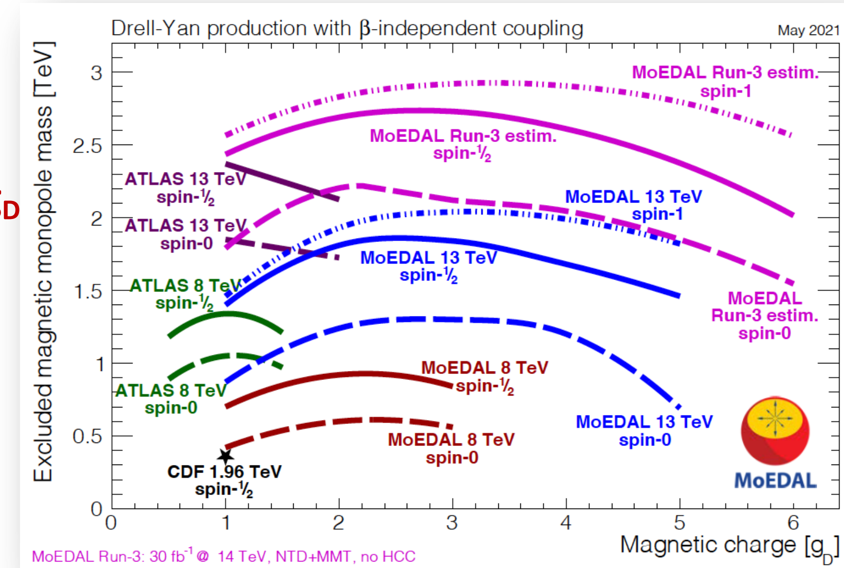
① Nuclear Track Detectors (**NTD**)

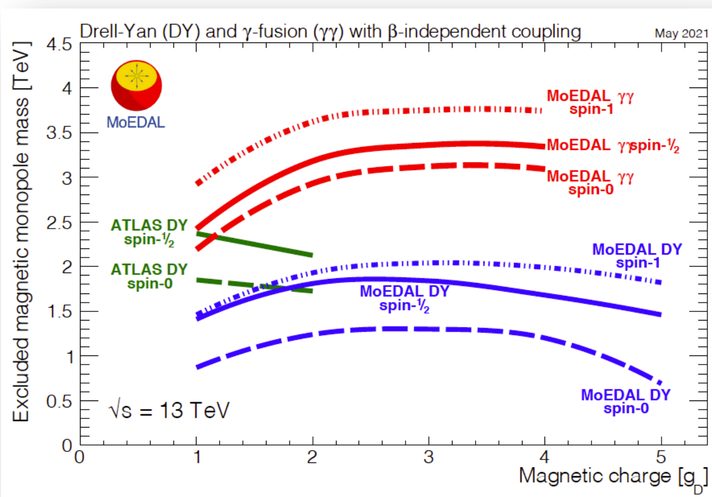
② Monopole Trapping detector (**MMT**) – aluminum bars

③ **TimePix** radiation background monitor

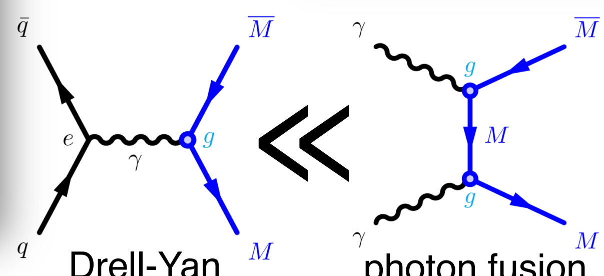
Magnetic monopole limits

- Novelties in models: β-dependent coupling, spin-1 monopoles, γγ fusion
- **MoEDAL set world-best collider limits for |g| > 2 g_D**
- Overall, MoEDAL achieved extended reach by **combining Drell-Yan and γ-fusion mechanisms**



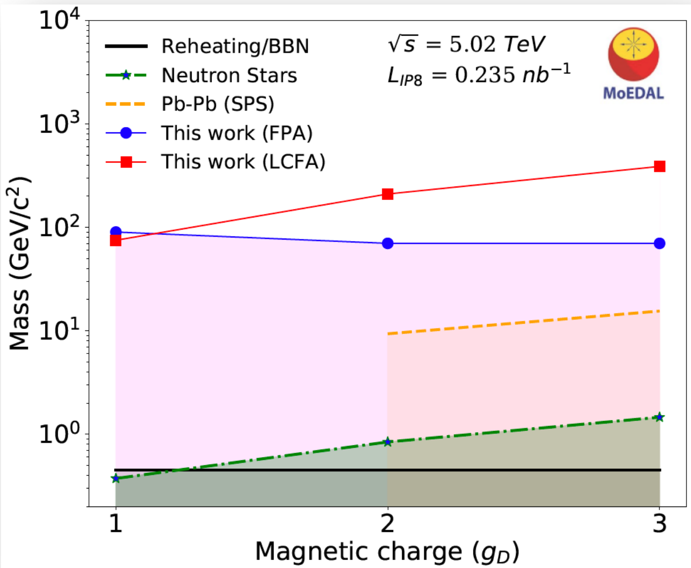


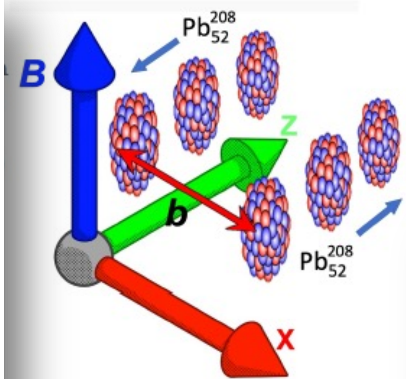
See also, Baines, Mavromatos, VAM, Pinfold, Santra, Eur.Phys.J.C 78 (2018) 966



MoEDAL, JHEP 1608 (2016) 067, PRL 118 (2017) 061801, PLB 782 (2018) 510, PRL 123 (2019) 021802, PRL 126 (2021) 071801

Monopoles via thermal Schwinger mechanism

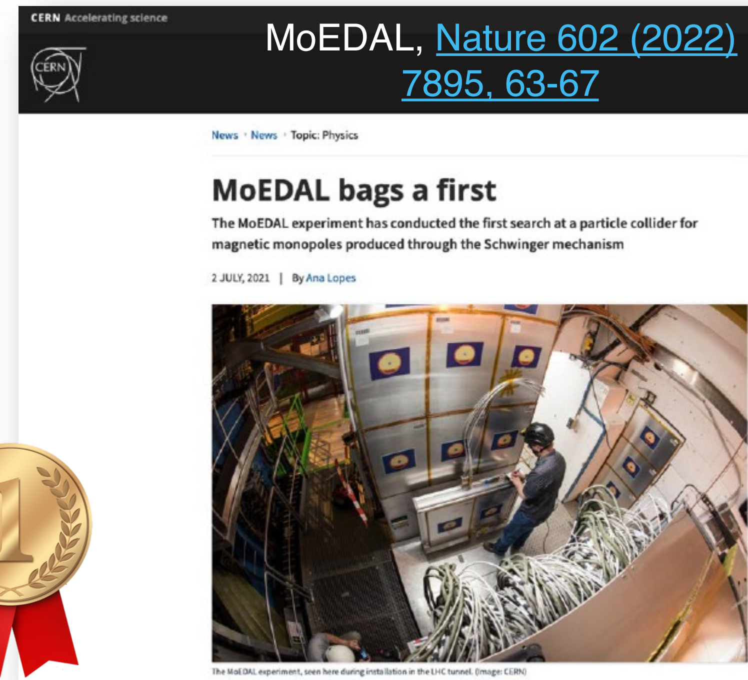




Limits on monopoles of 1 – 3 g_D and masses up to 75 GeV

Monopole-antimonopole pairs may be produced in strong magnetic fields present in heavy-ion collisions

MoEDAL, Nature 602 (2022) 7895, 63-67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MoEDAL bags a first

The MoEDAL experiment has conducted the first search at a particle collider for magnetic monopoles produced through the Schwinger mechanism

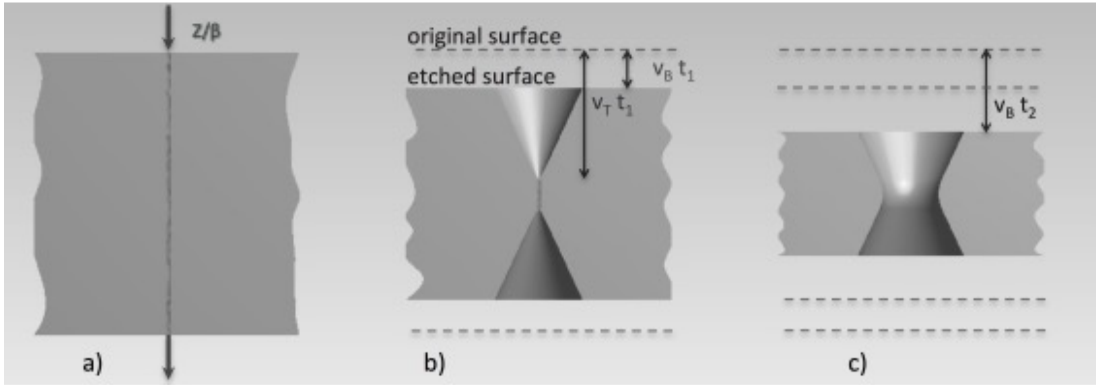
2 JULY, 2021 | By Ana Lopes

The MoEDAL experiment, seen here during installation in the LHC tunnel. (Image: CERN)

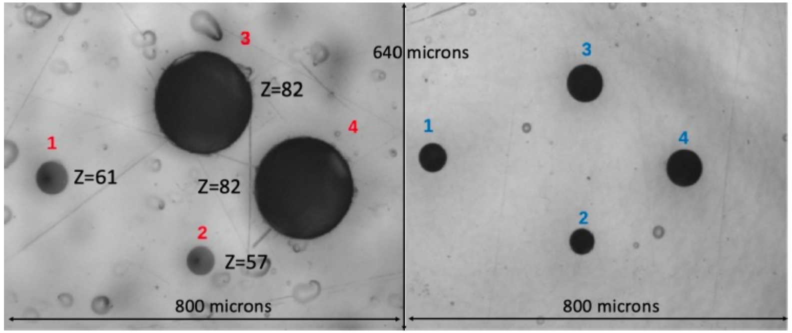
- First limits based on non-perturbative calculation of monopole production cross section
- First direct search sensitive to finite-size monopoles

High Electric Charge Objects (HECOs)

- **First NTD analysis for MoEDAL**
- Prototype NTD array of 125 stacks (7.8 m^2) in Run-1
- NTDs etched and scanned



Strong etching *Soft etching*



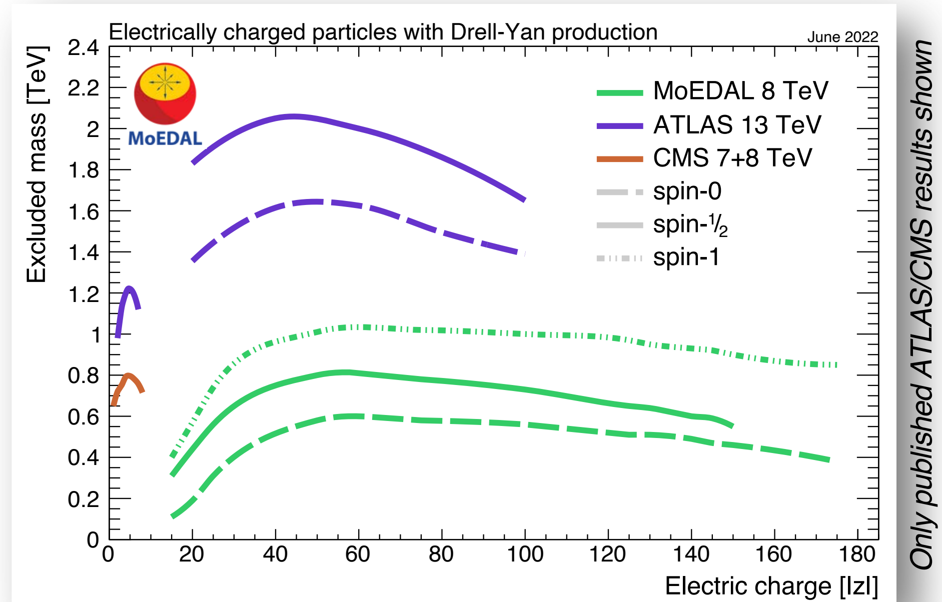
Calibration with 158 A GeV Pb^{82+} and 13 A GeV Xe^{54+} ion beams

No HIP candidates found in the NTDs stacks

MoEDAL, Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 694

HECOs results

- Limits on HECOs with electric charges in the range **15*e* – 175*e*** and masses from **110 – 1020 GeV**
- Upper limits on production cross section **~ 30–70 pb**
- Better sensitivity expected in ongoing **Run 2 analysis**
    - higher c.m.s. energy: 13 TeV
    - larger integrated luminosity
    - larger exposed NTD surface
    - lower CR39 *Z/β* threshold than Macrofol



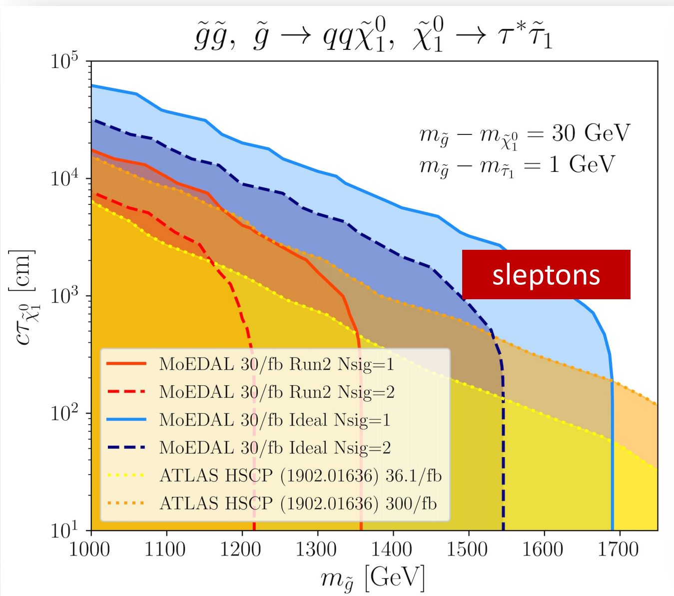
Non-perturbativity of large coupling can be tackled by appropriate **resummation** [Alexandre, Mavromatos, Musumeci, VAM]

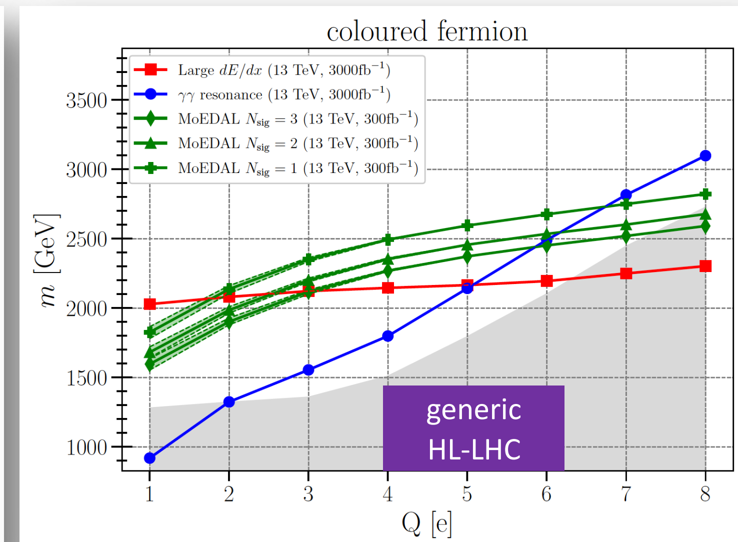
MoEDAL HECOs limits are the strongest to date, in terms of charge, at any collider experiment

☛ Poster by Emanuela Musumeci

"Low" electric charges

- Supersymmetric singly charged LLPs: sleptons, R-hadrons, charginos
- **Generic multiply charged particles**
- Also, models of ν masses → 2-, 3-, 4-ply charged [Hirsch et al, EPJC 81 (2021) 697]





MoEDAL has the best sensitivity at intermediate electric charges at HL-LHC

Felea, VAM et al, EPJC 80 (2020) 431

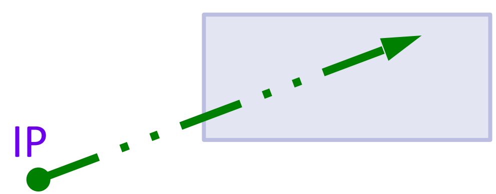
Altakach, Lamba, Masełek, VAM, Sakurai, EPJC 82 (2022) 848

Upgraded MoEDAL installed for Run-3

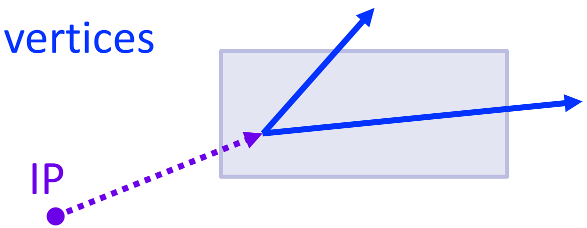
- Upgrades to Run-2 MoEDAL
- Completed in March 2023

MAPP – MoEDAL Apparatus for Penetrating Particles

MAPP-mQP: sensitive to low ionisation induced by *millicharged* particles (**mCPs**), i.e. particles with charges ≪ 1*e*



MAPP-LLP: sensitive to very long-lived weakly interacting neutral particles through visible decay products → displaced vertices



- Phase-1 ***approved*** *by CERN Research Board* in 2021
- **Phase-1** for **Run-3** (2022–2025): **MAPP-mQP** installation in UA83 is underway
- **Phase-2 HL-LHC** (2029 –): Reinstall Phase-1 in UA83 and add **MAPP-LLP** in UGC1

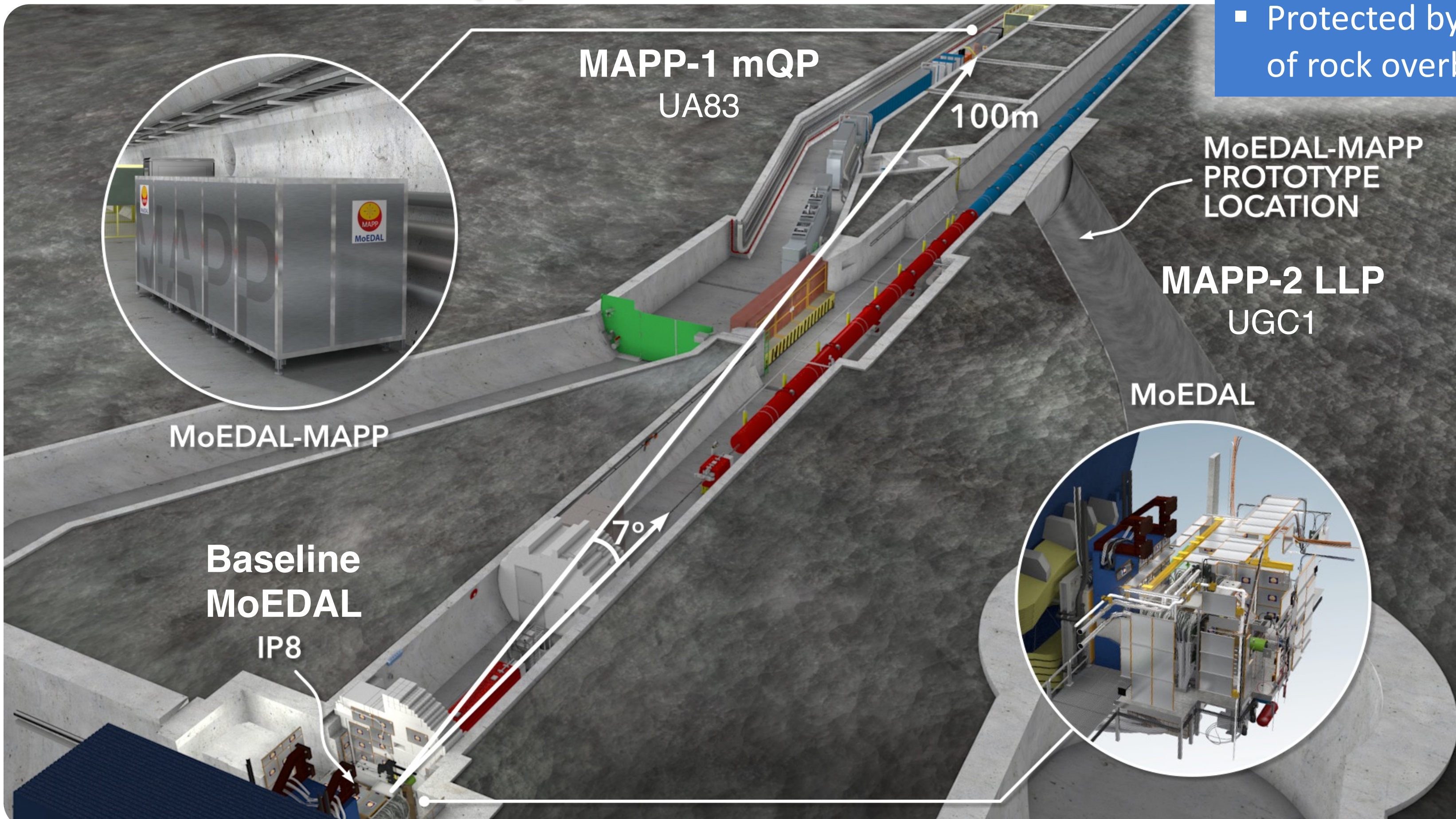
MoEDAL-MAPP flythrough:
http://www.physixel.com/JLP_MAPP/MAPP_FlyOver1.mp4

Pinfold, Phil.Trans.Roy.Soc.Lond.A 377 (2019) 20190382

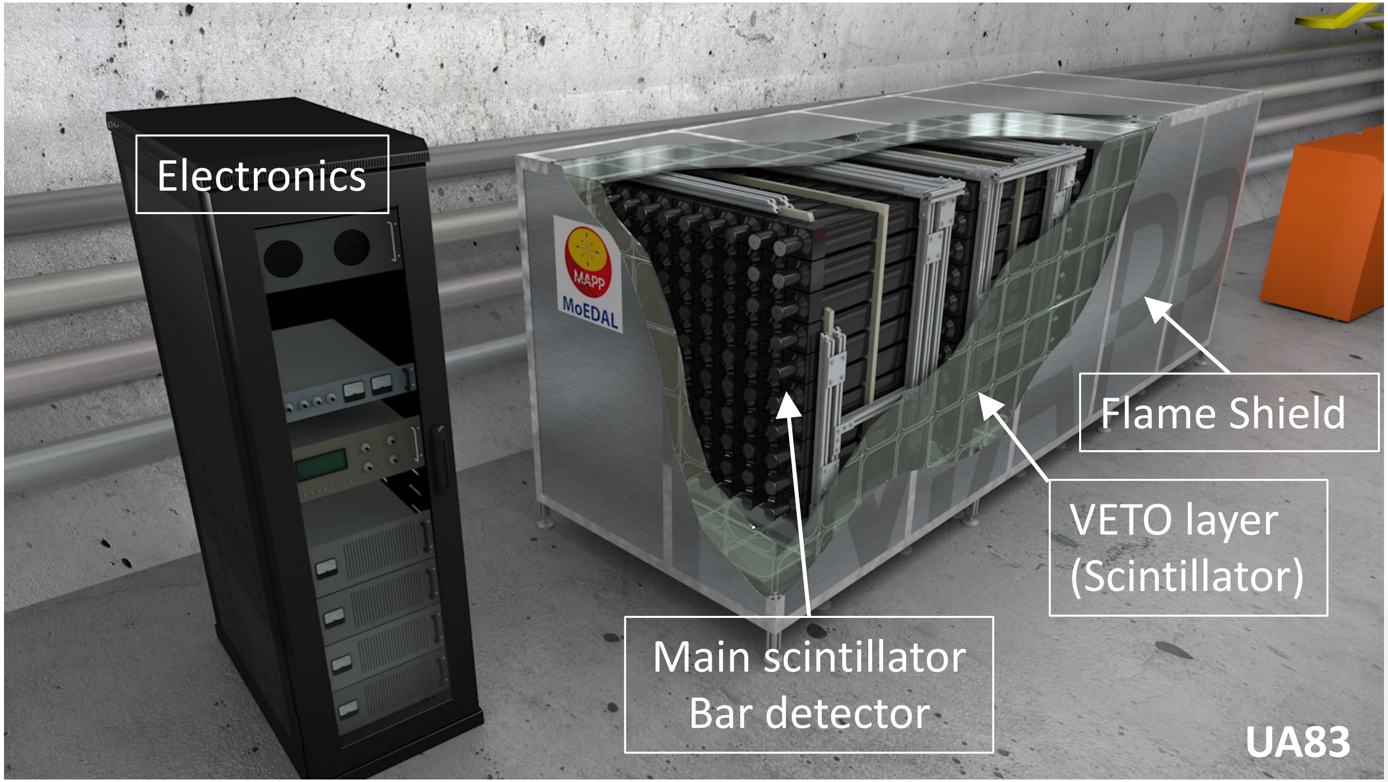
☛ Talk by Hualin Mei in BSM2 FIPs session

MAPP location(s)

- At forward region w.r.t. beam axis
- Protected by ~100 m of rock overburden



MAPP-mQP Phase-1 detector concept



MAPP
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Prototype mQP in 2017 in UGC1 gallery

- 400 scintillator bars ($10\times10\times75$ cm^3) in 4 sections readout by PMTs
- Protected by a hermetic VETO counter system

MAPP-mQP Phase-1 installation

UA83, March 2023

- Next installation period during Technical Stop in June 2023
- Data taking expected to start in July 2023

Millicharged particles

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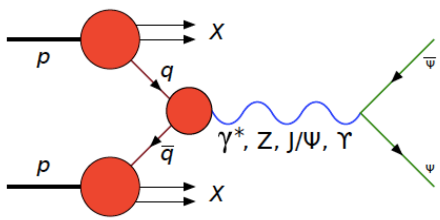
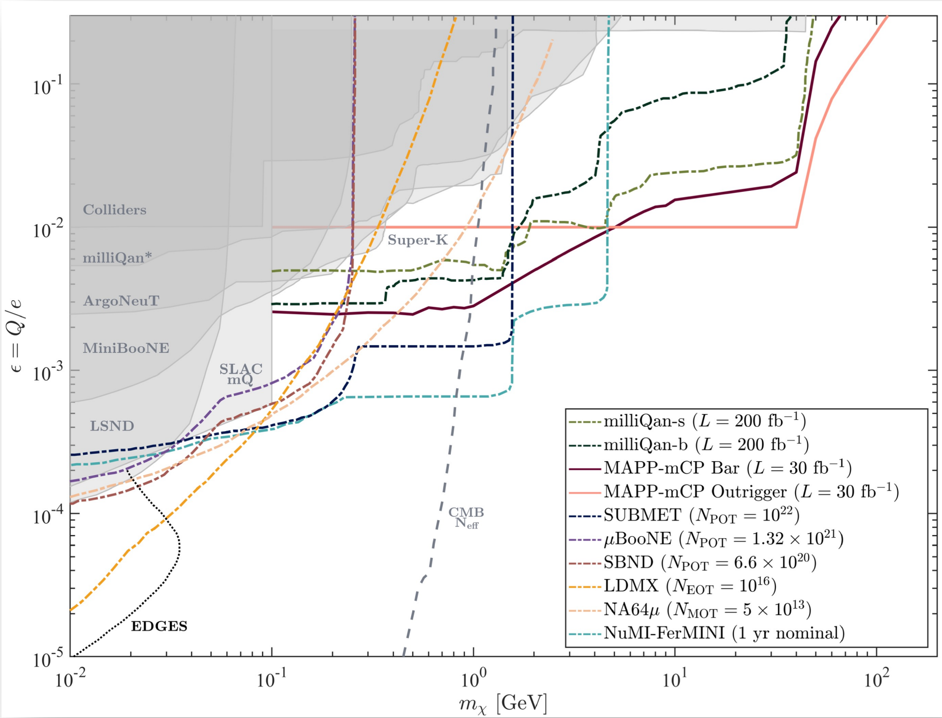
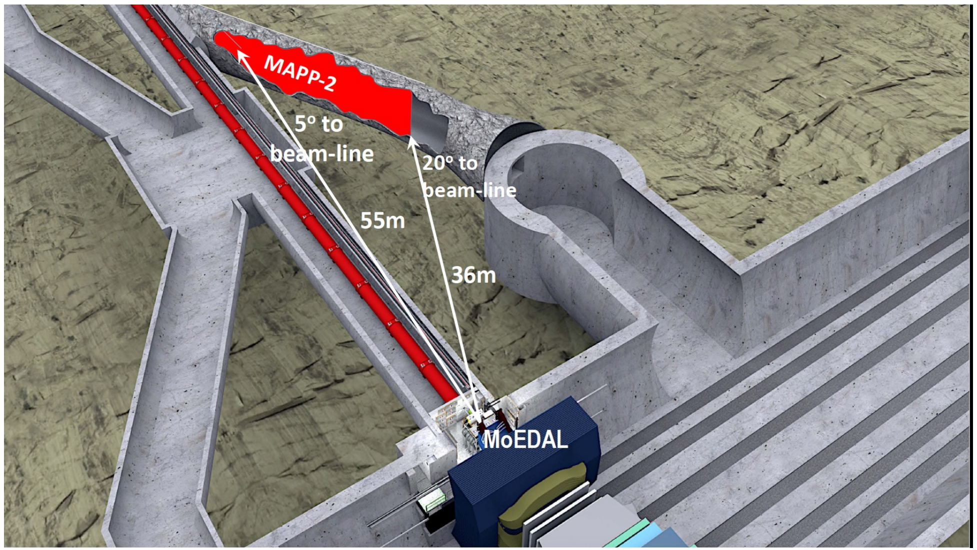


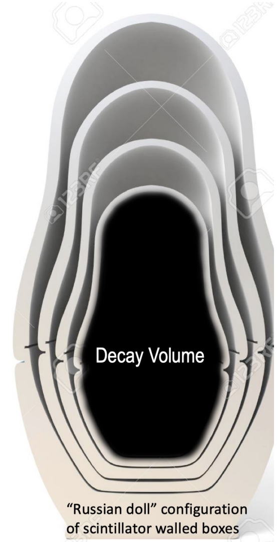
- mCP generated by **massless dark photon**, kinetically mixed with SM, that couples to millicharged χ
- Production through meson decays also possible
  - only Drell-Yan production shown here
- MAPP sensitive to **heavy neutrino** with large **electric dipole moment**, experimentally similar to mCP [Frank et al, Phys.Lett.B 802 (2020) 135204]
- Millicharged strongly interacting DM (**mSIDM**)
  - mCPs can account for a fraction of DM abundance
  - can escape from underground direct-detection detectors
  - MAPP mCP results can be recasted to mSIDM

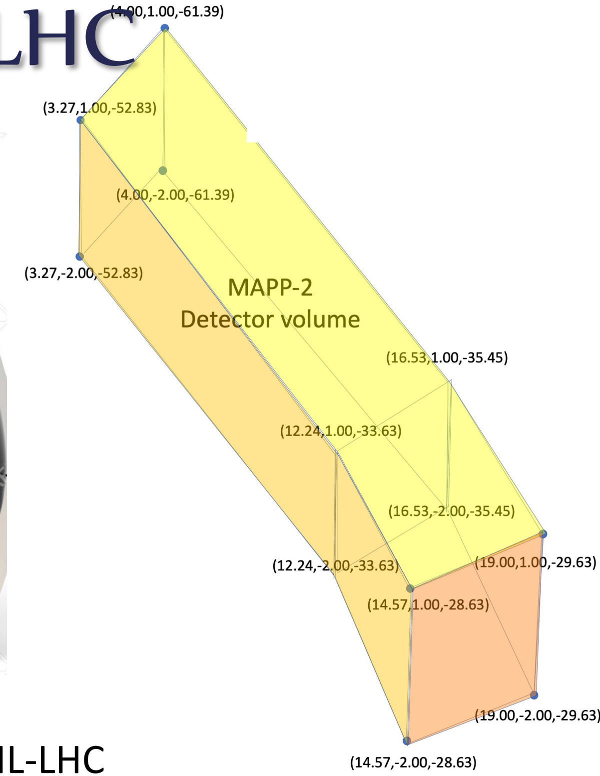


MoEDAL contribution to Snowmass, arXiv:2209.03988

Phase-2: MAPP-2 upgrade for HL-LHC



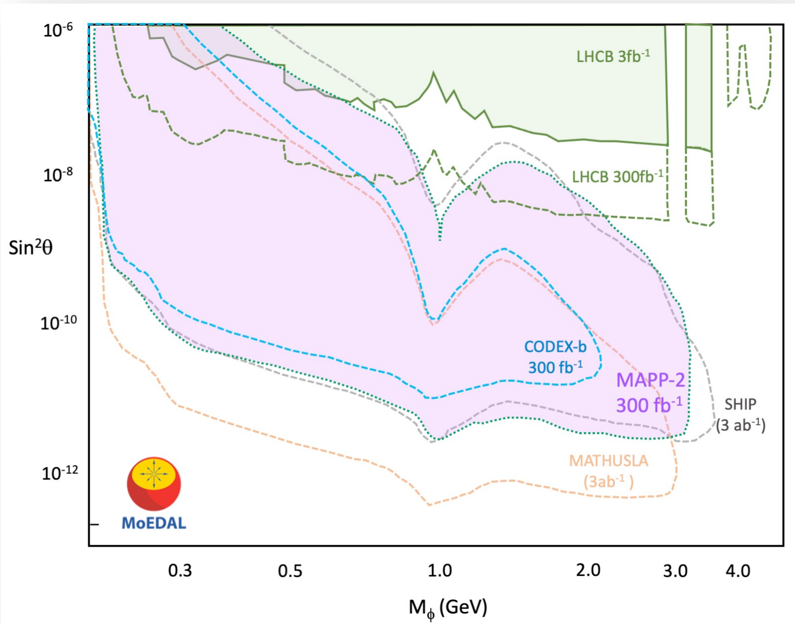




- The UGC1 gallery will be prepared during Long Shutdown 3 prior to HL-LHC
- MAPP-2 detector extends to the full length of the UGC1 gallery
- Detector technology: large scintillator tiles with optical fibre readout
- Tracking detectors formed by 3 or 4 hermetic containers – one within the other – lining UGC1 walls

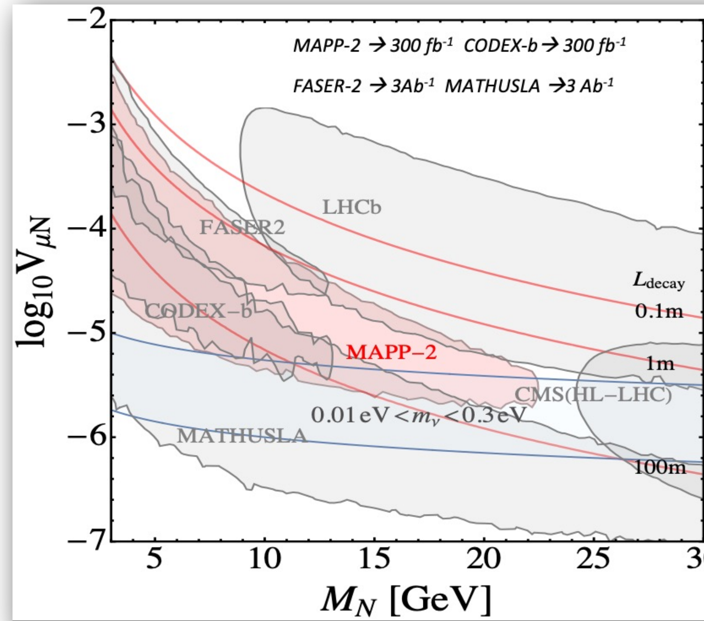
MAPP-LLP – dark matter & heavy neutrinos

Dark Higgs scenario



Dark Higgs ϕ mixes with SM H^0 (mixing angle $\vartheta \ll 1$), leading to exotic $B \rightarrow X_s\phi$ decays with $\phi \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$

Heavy neutrino via *Z′* production



Pair production of RH neutrinos from the decay of a *Z´* boson in the gauged *B-L* model

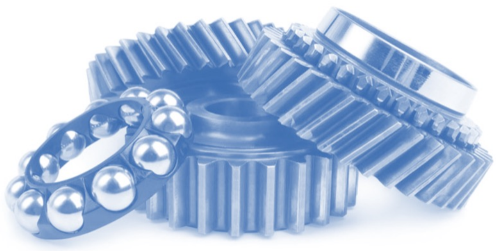
MoEDAL contribution to Snowmass, [arXiv:2209.03988](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.03988)

Summary & outlook

- Exciting results by MoEDAL
  - sole contender in **high magnetic charges**
  - sole **dyon** search in accelerator experiment
  - first search for monopoles produced via **Schwinger mechanism**
  - entered the arena of ***electrically* charged particles**
- Upcoming results
  - CMS beam pipe analysis ➜ constrain very high magnetic charges
  - Second NTD analysis ➜ improved sensitivity to electric charges
- **Future perspectives**
  - MoEDAL baseline redeployed for **Run-3** with improved geometry
    - planned to operate during **HL-LHC**
  - MAPP will extend reach to **millicharged** particles and **neutral long-lived particles**
    - Phase-1 MAPP installation ongoing
    - expected to start data-taking in 2023

MoEDAL web page:
https://moedal.web.cern.ch/

Spares

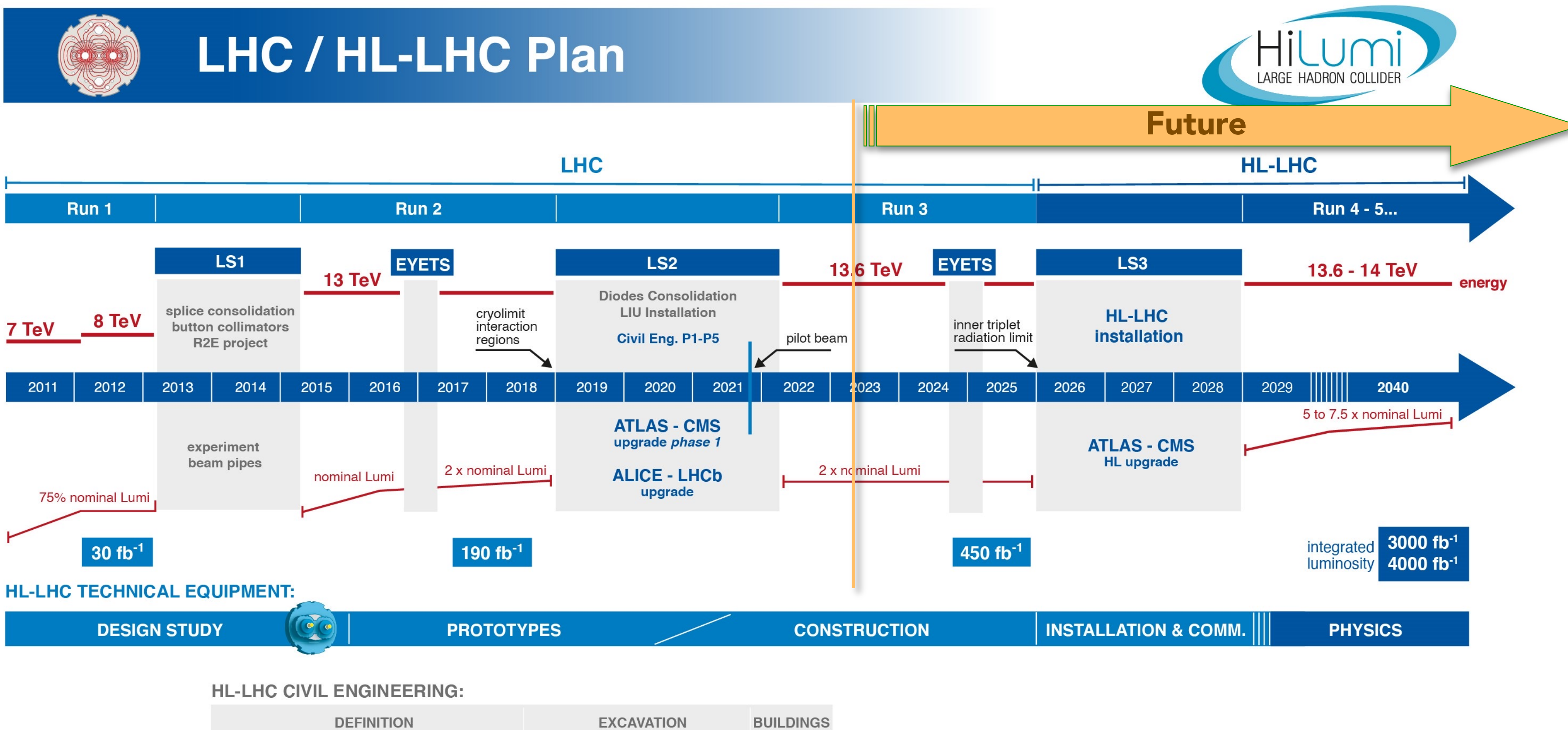


Results

MoEDAL

- 2016 – **First monopole results @ 8 TeV** ☛ *CERN Press Release*
  JHEP 1608 (2016) 067 [arXiv:1604.06645]
- 2017 – **First monopole results @ 13 TeV** Phys.Rev.Lett. 118 (2017) 061801 [arXiv:1611.06817]
- 2018 – **MMT results** Phys.Lett.B 782 (2018) 510–516 [arXiv:1712.09849]
  - **spin-1 monopoles ← FIRST in colliders**
  - β-dependent coupling
- 2019 – **MMT results** Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 (2019) 021802 [arXiv:1903.08491]
  - **photon fusion** interpretation **← FIRST at LHC**
- 2020 – **MMT search for Dyons ← FIRST in colliders**
  Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 (2021) 071801 [arXiv:2002.00861]
- 2021 – **Schwinger thermal production ← FIRST**
  Nature 602 (2022) 7895, 63 [arXiv:2106.11933]
- 2021 – **NTD & MMT ← FIRST NTD analysis** arXiv:2112.05806
  - First limits in highly electrically charged objects

LHC & High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC)



Run-2 NTD deployment

MoEDAL

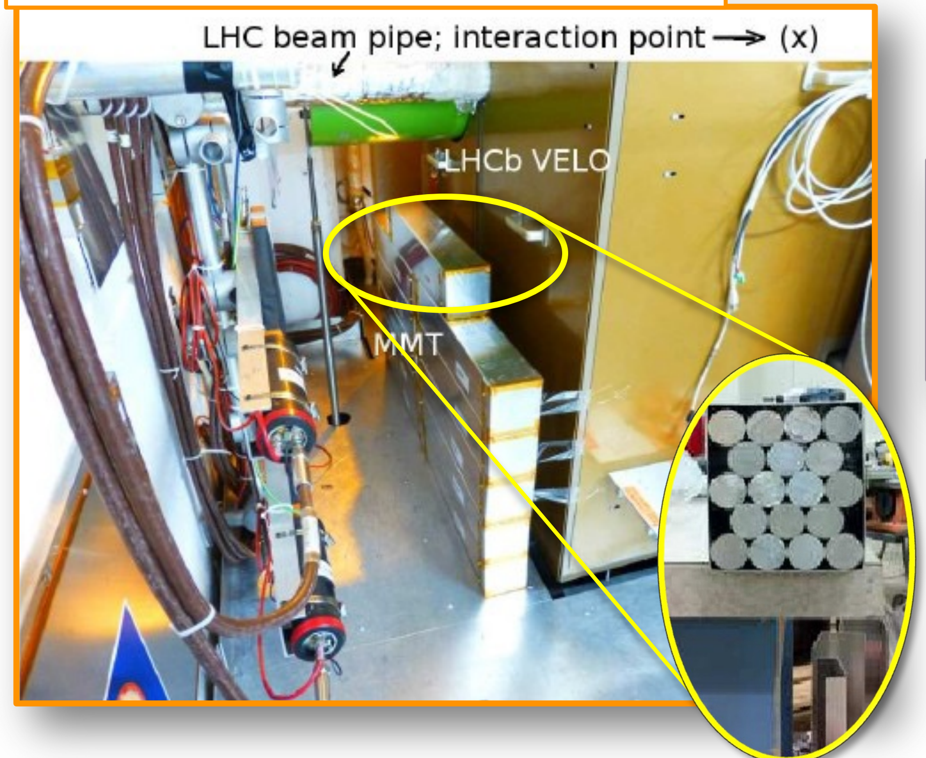
Low-threshold NTD
NTDs sheets kept in boxes mounted onto cavern walls

Low-threshold NTD
- Top of VELO cover
- Closest possible location to IP

HCC-NTD
Installed in LHCb acceptance between RICH1 and Trigger Tracker

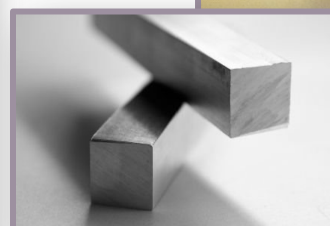
MMTs deployment

2012
11 boxes each containing 18 Al rods of 60 cm length and 2.54 cm diameter (**160 kg**)



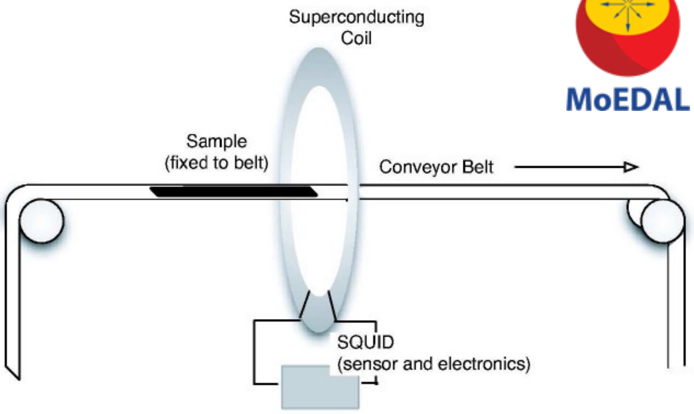
2015-2018

- Installed in forward region under beam pipe & in **sides A & C**
- Approximately **800 kg** of aluminium
- Total 2400 aluminum bars

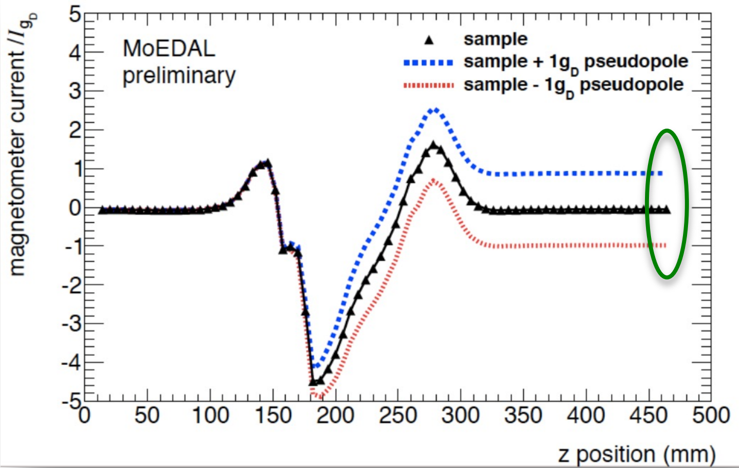


MMT scanning

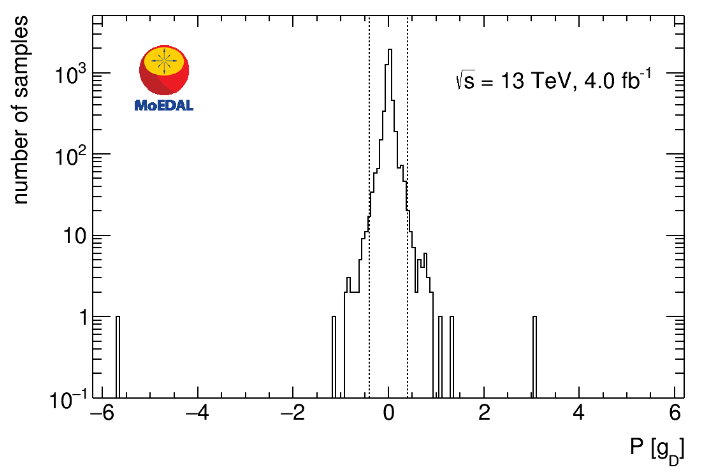
- Monopoles can bind to nuclei and get trapped
- MMTs analysed in superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID) at ETH Zurich
- **Persistent current:** difference between resulting current after and before
- Outliers are **scanned several times** further



SQUID analysis – Persistent current after first two passages for all samples

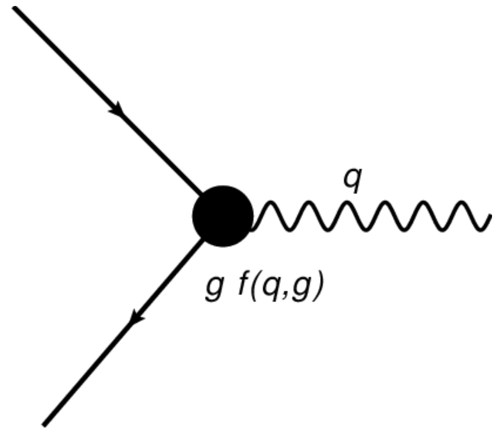


Calibration: Typical sample & pseudo-monopole curves



MoEDAL, PRL 123 (2019) 021802

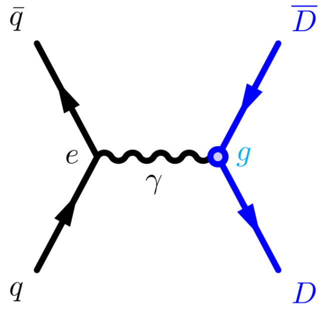
Magnetic monopoles in a nutshell



- Why? Because they symmetrise Maxwell's equations
  - electric ↔ magnetic charge duality
- Single magnetic charge (Dirac charge): $g_D = 68.5e$
  - higher charges are integer multiples of Dirac charge: $g = ng_D$, $n = 1, 2, \ldots$
  - if carries electric charge as well, is called **Dyon**
- Photon-monopole coupling constant
  - large: $g/\hbar c \sim 20$ (precise value depends on units)
- Dirac monopole is a *point-like* particle; GUT monopoles are *extended* objects
  - production of composite monopoles exponentially suppressed by $e^{-4/\alpha}$
- Monopole spin & mass is not determined by theory → free parameters

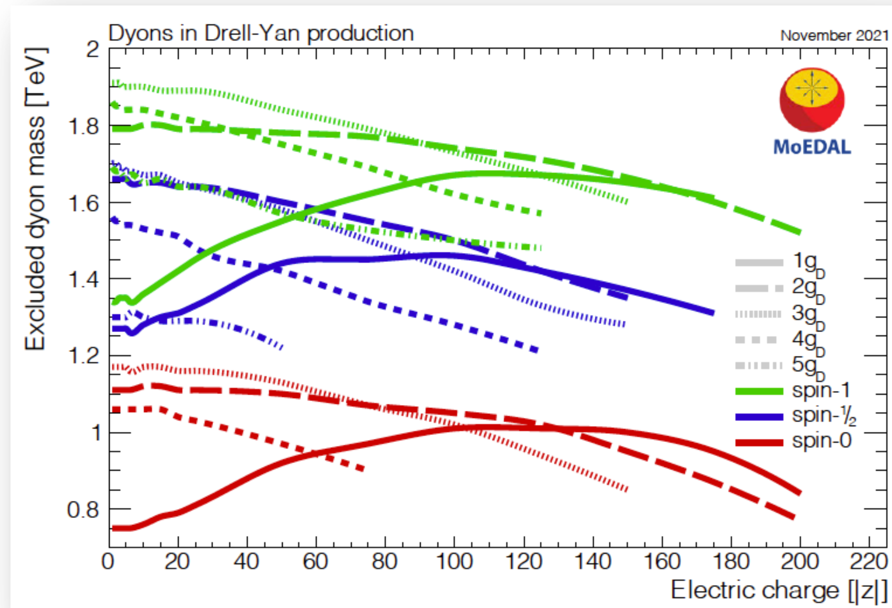
For a review on monopole theory and searches:
Mavromatos & VAM, [Int.J.Mod.Phys.A 35 (2020) 2030012]

Dyons: electric & magnetic charge



- MMT scanning searching for captured dyons
- Mass limits **750-1910 GeV** set for dyons with
  - up to 5 Dirac magnetic charges (**5g$_D$**)
  - electric charge ***1e* – *200e***
- Excluded cross sections as low as **30 fb**
- Previous searches for highly ionising particles would, in principle, also have sensitivity to dyons
  - caution on behaviour under magnetic field

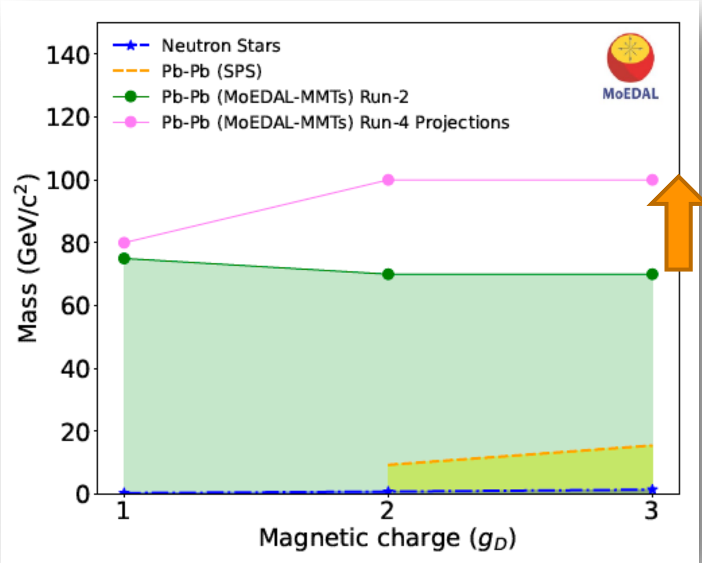
First explicit accelerator search for direct dyon production!



MoEDAL, Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 (2021) 071801

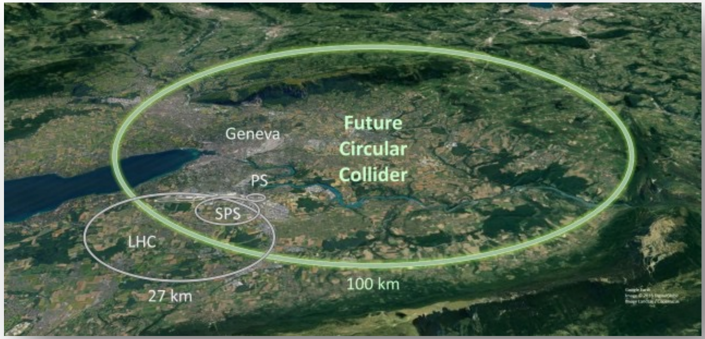
Monopoles in Schwinger mechanism – Future

- **Run-1 CMS beam pipe analysis in heavy-ion run**
- HL-LHC projection for MoEDAL's MMTs
  - Conservative theoretical assumptions
  - Nuclear track detectors not included in projection
  - Assuming 2.5 nb^{-1} Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 5.52 TeV



~20 GeV increase in sensitivity in HL-LHC heavy-ion run

Opportunities for new physics searches with heavy ions at colliders, Snowmass 2021 white paper, arXiv:2203.05939



For FCC : $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 40$ TeV

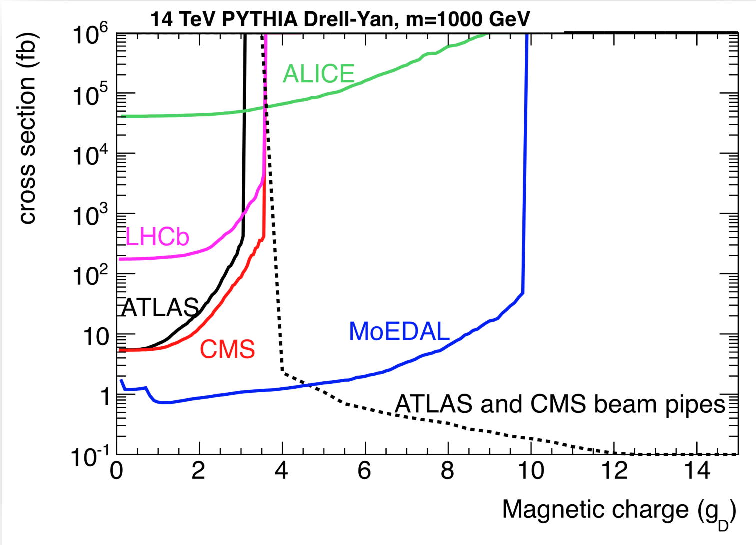
$\Rightarrow M \gtrsim 600$ GeV

Theoretical improvements in semiclassical and fully classical approaches

CMS beam pipe

Beam pipe
- most directly exposed piece of material
- covers very high magnetic charges

- **1990's:** materials from CDF, D0 (Tevatron) and H1 (HERA) subject to SQUID scans for trapped monopoles
- **2012:** first pieces of CMS beam pipe tested [EPJC72 (2012) 2212]; far from collision point
- **Feb 2019:** CMS officially transfers ownership of the Run-1 CMS beam pipe to MoEDAL



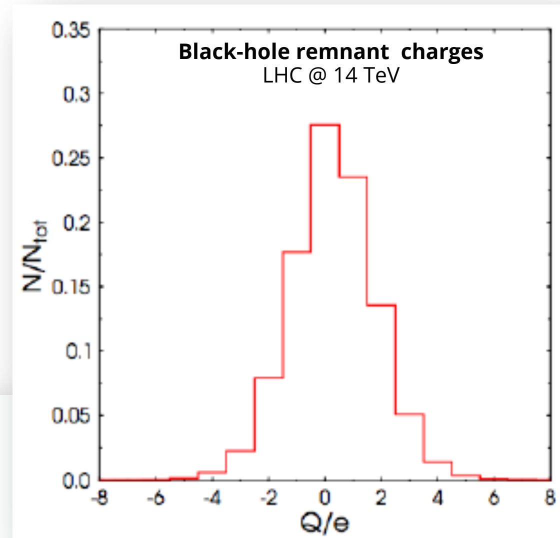
De Roeck et al, EPJC72 (2012) 1985

CERN Courier, Mar-Apr 2019

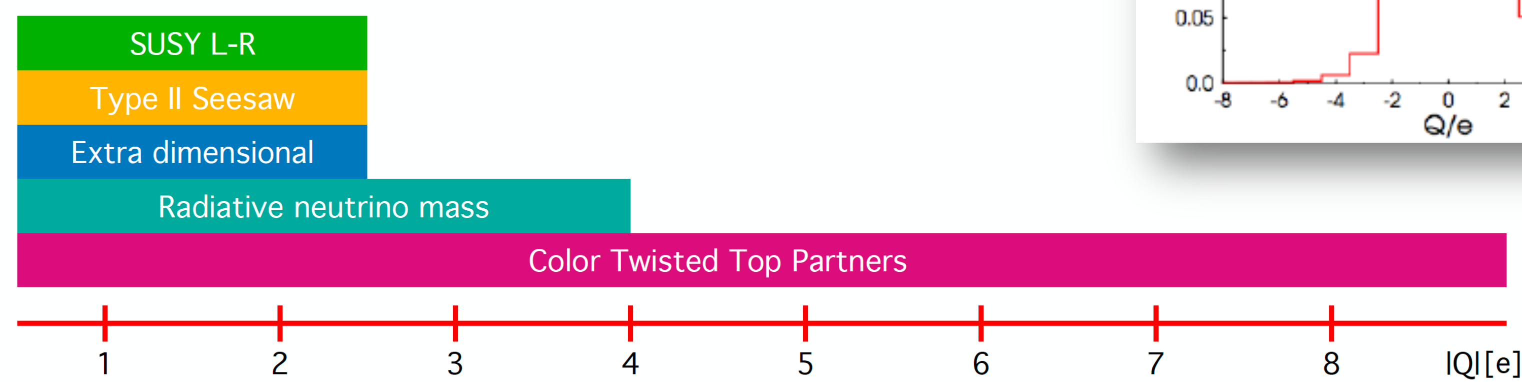
- Beam pipe scanned with SQUID at ETH Zurich
- Analysis for Pb-Pb collision data ongoing
- Results to be released soon

Multiply charged quasi-stable particles

- Highly Electrically Charged Objects (HECOs) predicted in many scenarios of physics beyond the SM
  - finite-sized objects (Q-balls)
  - condensed states (strangelets)
  - microscopic black holes (through their remnants)
  - …
- They eventually decay into other particles
- Detected by **high ionisation**



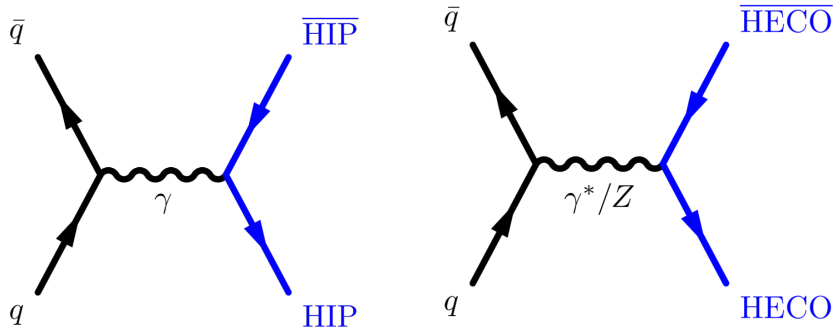
Hossenfelder, Koch, Bleicher, hep-ph/0507140



R. Masełek, DISCRETE2020-2021

NTD results on HECOs

- Drell-Yan production
  - *Z* exchange is also taken into account for fermions [Song & Taylor, J.Phys.G 49 (2022) 045002]



  - non-perturbativity of large coupling can be tackled by appropriate **resummation** [Alexandre, Mavromatos, Musumeci, VAM, *in progress*]
- Limits set on HECO pair production with cross section **~ 30 – 70 pb**

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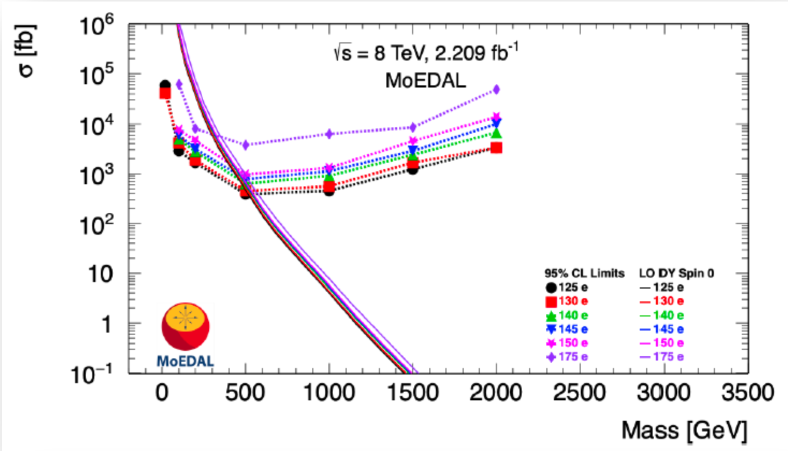
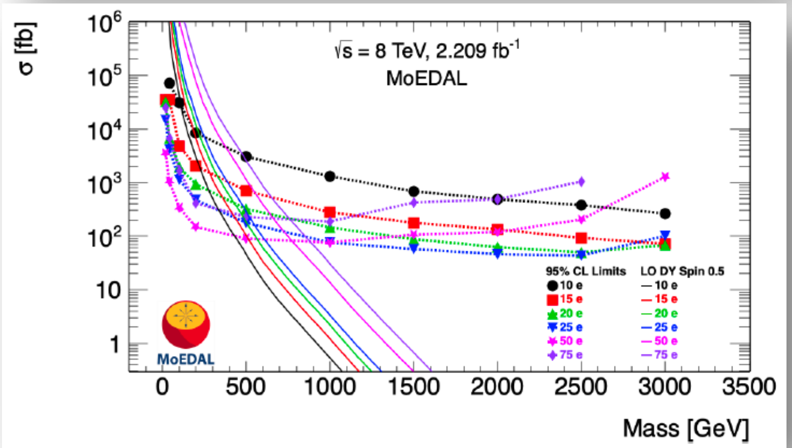
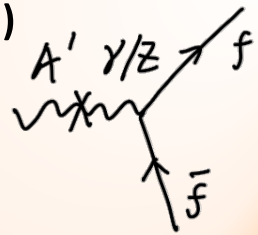


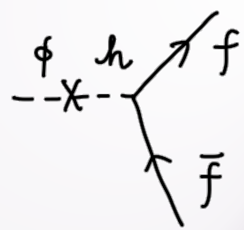


Hidden sector – Feebly Interacting Particles (FIPs)

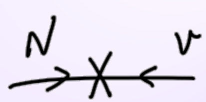
Dark vectors ("Dark Photons")
- adding U(1) gauge group to SM, kinetic mixing with γ/Z
- light neutral meson decays, millicharged particles



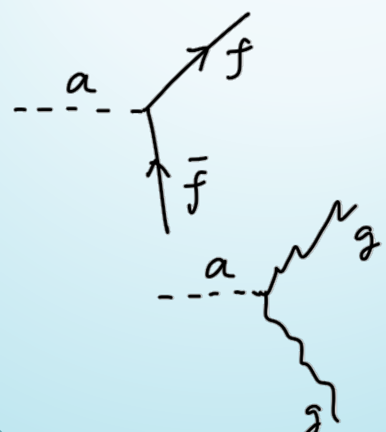
Dark scalars ("Dark Higgs")
- neutral singlet scalers that couple to the SM Higgs field
- produced in penguin decays of K, D, B mesons

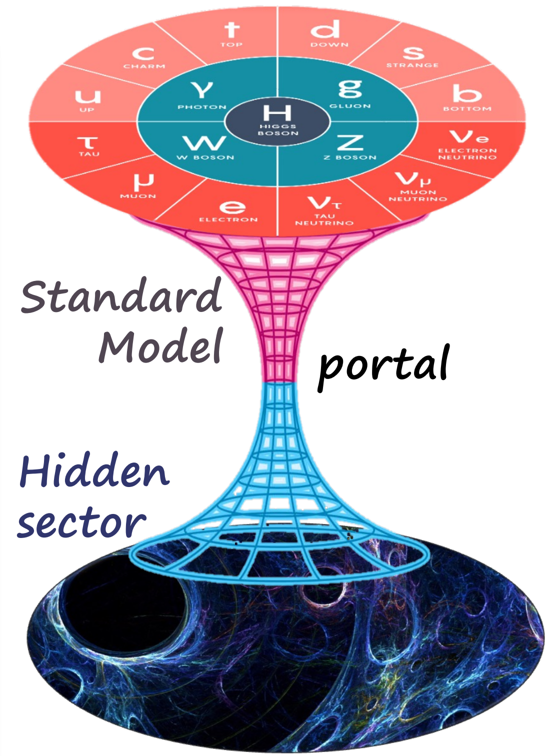


Heavy neutral leptons ("sterile neutrinos")
- explain SM ν masses (seesaw), DM, BAU
- weak semi-leptonic decays of hadrons, W, Z



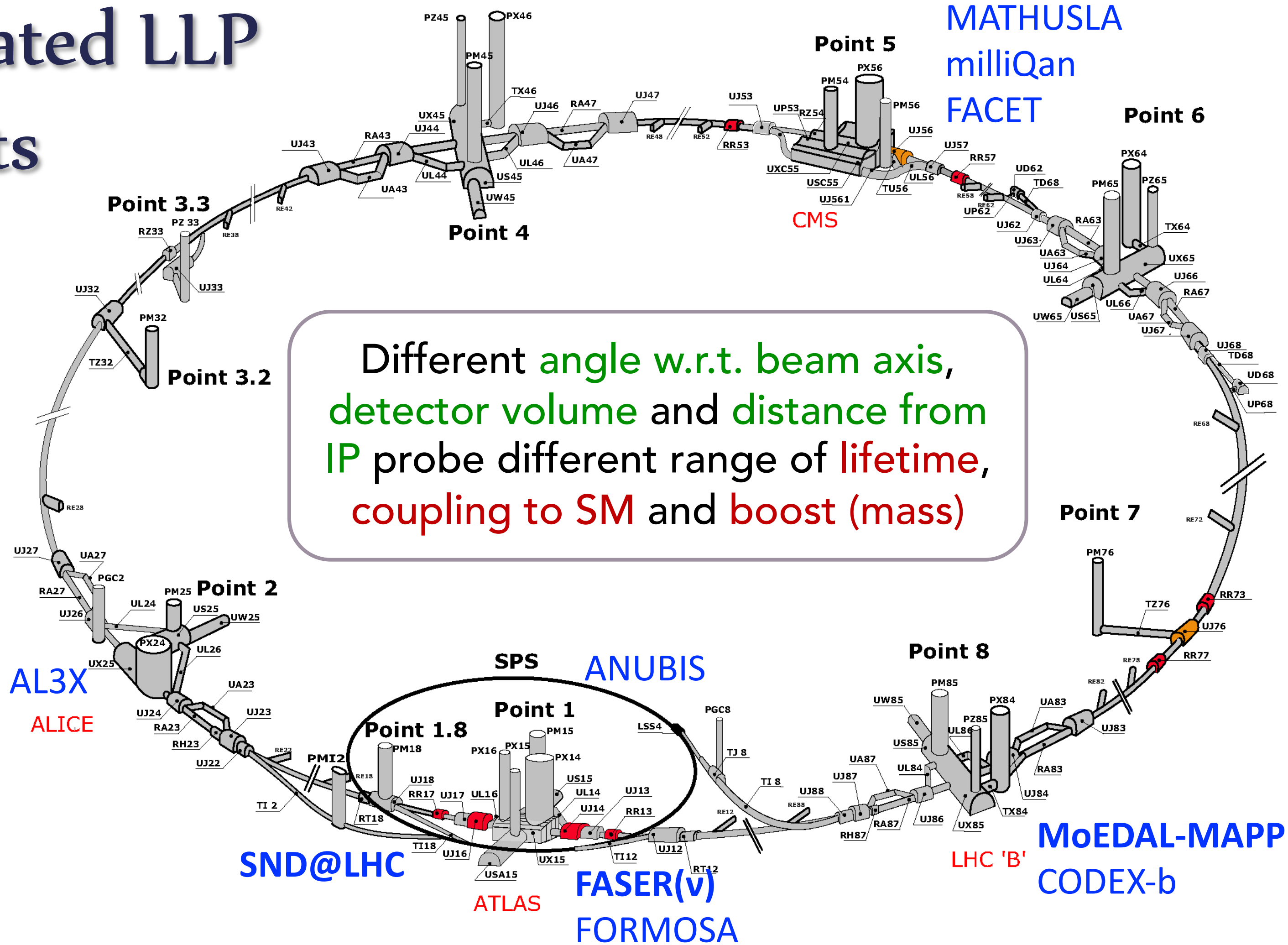
Axion-like particles ("ALPs")
- solution of the strong CP problem
- generalisation of the axion model in MeV-GeV mass range





For a review on LLP experiments, see: VAM, MG16 procs. arXiv:2111.03036

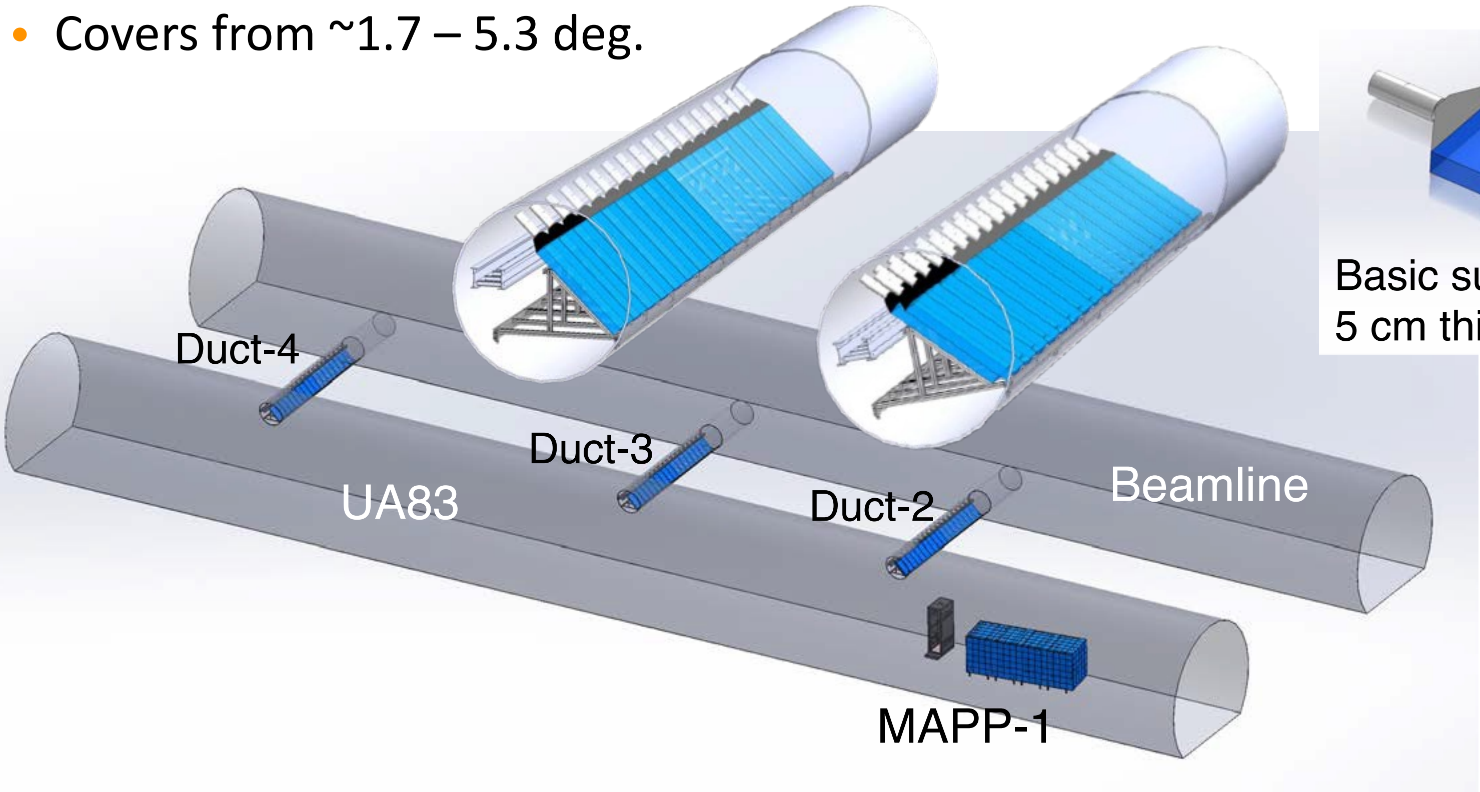
LHC dedicated LLP experiments

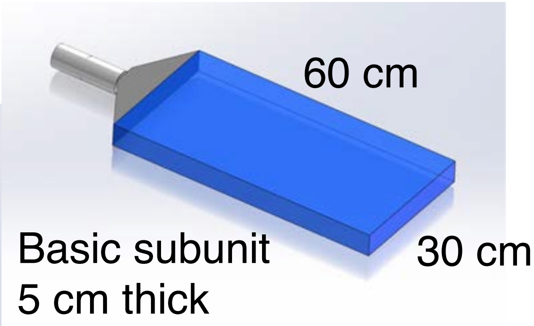


Different angle w.r.t. beam axis, detector volume and distance from IP probe different range of lifetime, coupling to SM and boost (mass)

The MAPP-1 Outrigger Detector

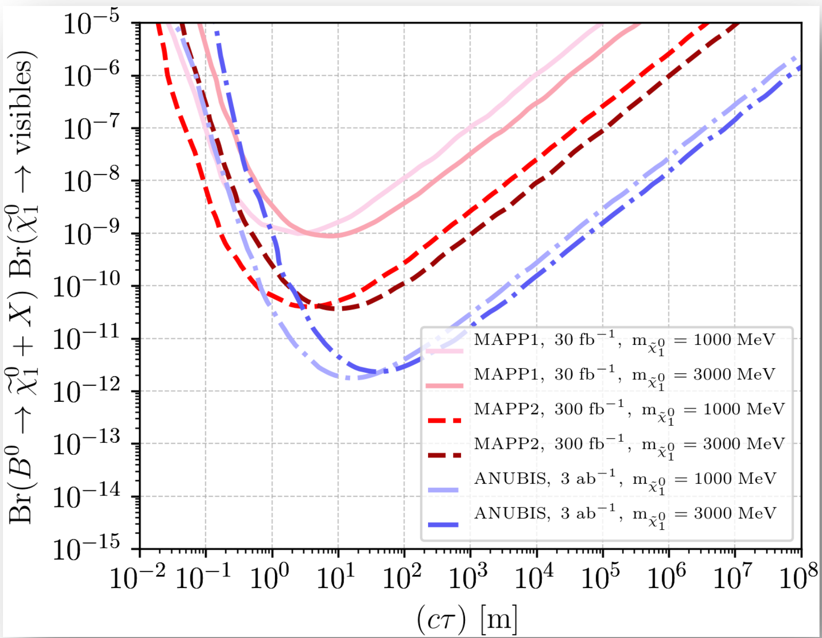
- To increase the acceptance of MAPP-1 at higher mass & larger fractional charge
- Size of the scintillator “planks” 6m × 0.6m × 5cm, inclined at 45 deg.
- Covers from ~1.7 – 5.3 deg.





R-parity violating supersymmetry

If RPV coupling, λ, λ’, λ’’ small enough, the (N)LSP may be long lived



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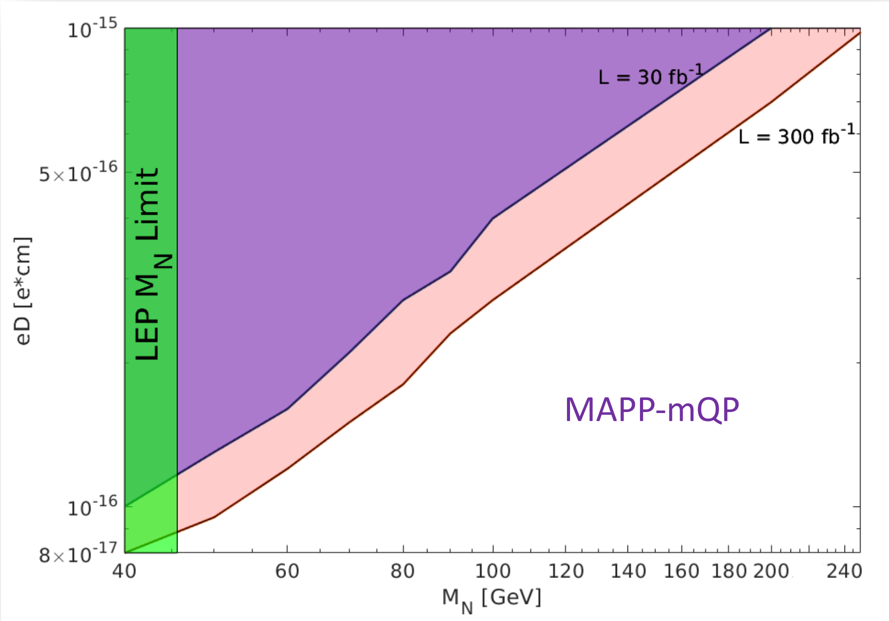
λ'_P for production	λ'_{131}
λ'_D for decay	λ'_{112}
Produced meson(s)	B^0, $\bar{B}^0$
Visible final state(s)	$K^{\pm} + e^{\mp}$, $K^{*\pm} + e^{\mp}$
Invisible final state(s) via λ'_P	None
Invisible final state(s) via λ'_D	$(K_L^0, K_S^0, K^*) + (\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e)$

RPV couplings

mCPs – Heavy neutrino with large EDM



Limits that MAPP can place on heavy neutrino production with large EDM at Run-3 and HL-LHC at IP8

Frank et al, [Phys.Lett.B 802 (2020) 135204]

Axion-like particles (ALPs)

- ALPs produced via rare decays of π and η mesons
- Light ALPs with mass of 10 MeV – 1 GeV with suppressed couplings can be long lived
- They can be detected in MAPP-LLP

95% CL for ALPs @ √s = 14 Tev