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Colliding light to measure $\tau g - 2$

Warwick University

Elementary Particle Physics Seminar

9 June 2022

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University of Cambridge



TODAY

Two stories of creative interdisciplinary science

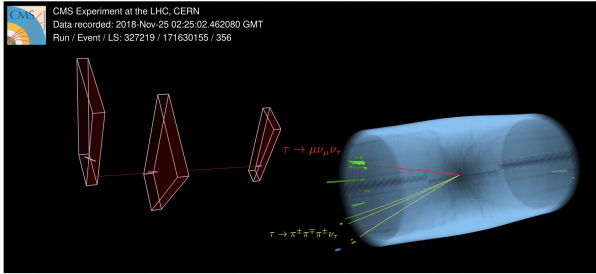
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New physics and tau $g - 2$ using LHC heavy ion collisions

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Phys. Rev. D **102**, 113008 – Published 22 December 2020



Colliding light for tau $g - 2$
Invent heavy-ion probe of precision EWK & new physics

Beresford & JL [[1908.05180](#)]
ATLAS [[2204.13478](#)], CMS [[PAS-HIN-21-009](#)]

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Broadband Solenoidal Haloscope for Terahertz Axion Detection

Jesse Liu, Kristin Dona, Gabe Hoshino, Stefan Knirck, Noah Kurinsky, Matthew Malaker, David W. Miller, Andrew Sonnenschein, Mohamed H. Awida, Peter S. Barry, Karl K. Berggren, Daniel Bowring, Gianpaolo Carosi, Clarence Chang, Aaron Chou, Rakshya Khatiwada, Samantha Lewis, Juliang Li, Sae Woo Nam, Omid Noroozian, and Tony X. Zhou (BREAD Collaboration)
Phys. Rev. Lett. **128**, 131801 – Published 28 March 2022



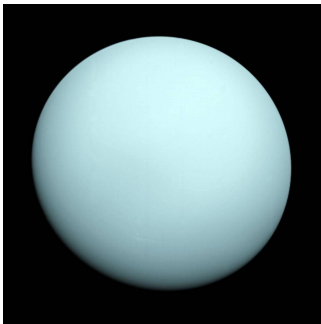
BREAD: new axion detector
meV dark matter observatory
using quantum sensors

JL, Dona et al [[2111.12103](#)]
Dona, JL et al [[2104.07157](#)]

PROLOGUE

A TALE OF TRANSFORMATIVE DISCOVERY SCIENCE

Self-consistency tests



Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech

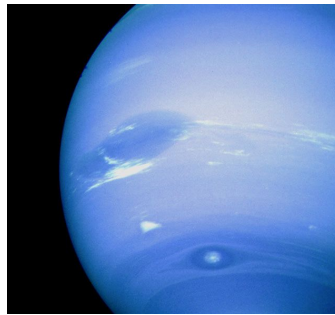
Uranus

Herschel 1781

Planet never seen before
65 years of measuring

[Precision electroweak]

Spectacular predictive power



Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech

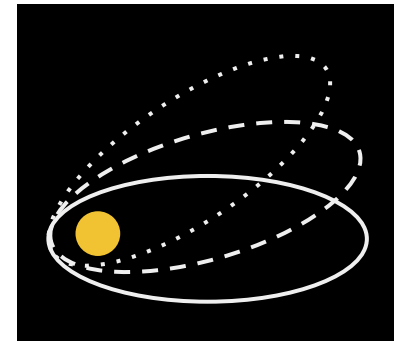
Neptune

Le Verrier, Galle, d'Arrest 1846

Discover on same night
within 1° of prediction

[Higgs boson discovery]

Transformative precision



General Relativity

Le Verrier 1859, Einstein 1915

43 arcseconds/century deviation
Null search for Planet Vulcan

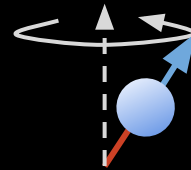
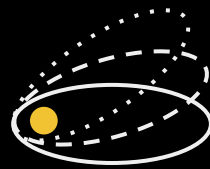
[Witnessing this today?]

LESSON

Precision measurements revolutionise science

GR: SPACETIME IS DYNAMICAL

*Discover new planets: unchanged physical laws
But planet known since antiquity transformative*



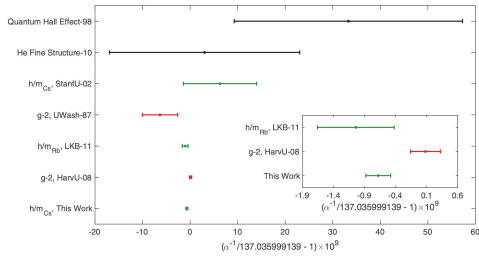
QFT: VACUUM IS DYNAMICAL

*Per mille precession of electron: no new particles
But groundbreaking evidence of physical loops*

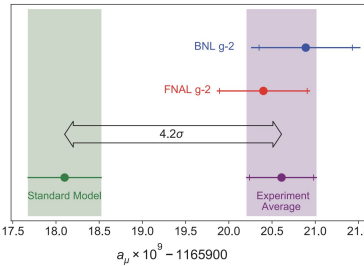
The ordinary harboured extraordinary surprises

Persistent widespread indirect evidence for new physics

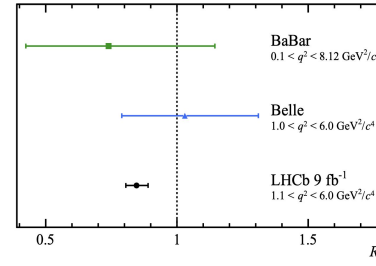
Electron $g - 2$ (2.5σ)
[Science 2018]



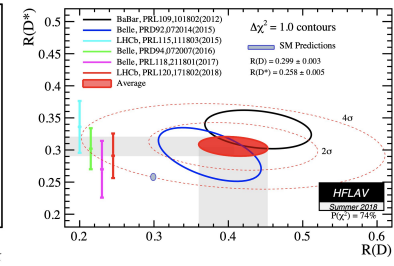
Muon $g - 2$ (4.2σ)
[PRL 2021]



$B \rightarrow K\ell\ell$ (3.1σ)
[2103.11769]



$B \rightarrow D\tau\nu$ (3σ)
[HFLAV 2018]

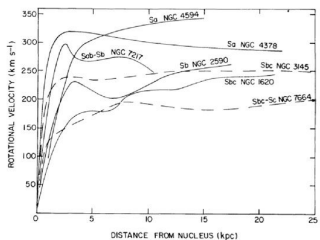


LEPTON ANOMALIES \uparrow

Involves $e/\mu/\tau$ across different labs
Indirect evidence of new particles

\downarrow DARK MATTER

Sub-galactic to cosmological scales
Indirect evidence for particle nature



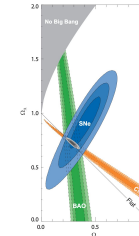
Galaxy rotation
[ApJ 1978]



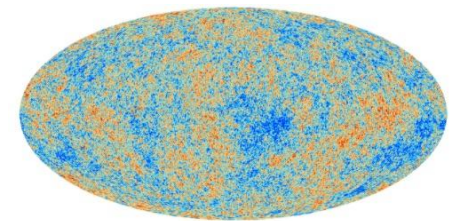
Lensing
[ESA/Hubble & NASA]



Bullet cluster
[NASA/CXC/CfA/STScI/ESO WFI]



BAO
[ApJ 2008]



CMB
[ESA/Planck]

PART 1

Colliding light to measure tau $g - 2$

FROM PHENO PROPOSAL

High Energy Physics – Phenomenology

[Submitted on 14 Aug 2019]

New physics and tau $g - 2$ using LHC heavy ion collisions

Lydia Beresford, Jesse Liu

The anomalous magnetic moment of the tau lepton $a_\tau = (g_\tau - 2)/2$ strikingly evades measurement, but is highly sensitive to new physics such as compositeness or supersymmetry. We propose using ultraperipheral heavy ion collisions at the LHC to probe modified magnetic δa_τ and electric dipole moments δd_τ . We introduce a suite of one electron/muon plus track(s) analyses, leveraging the exceptionally clean photon fusion $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ events to reconstruct both leptonic and hadronic tau decays sensitive to $\delta a_\tau, \delta d_\tau$. Assuming 10% systematic uncertainties, the current 2 nb^{-1} lead–lead dataset could already provide constraints of $-0.0080 < a_\tau < 0.0046$ at 68% CL. This surpasses 15 year old lepton collider precision by a factor of three while opening novel avenues to new physics.

2019: Propose innovative idea

Lydia Beresford & JL [1908.05180]

TO EXPERIMENTAL REALITY

High Energy Physics – Experiment

[Submitted on 28 Apr 2022]

Observation of the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ process in Pb+Pb collisions and constraints on the τ -lepton anomalous magnetic moment with the ATLAS detector

ATLAS Collaboration

This Letter reports the observation of τ -lepton pair production in ultraperipheral lead–lead collisions, $\text{Pb}+\text{Pb} \rightarrow \text{Pb}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau)\text{Pb}$, and constraints on the τ -lepton anomalous magnetic moment, a_τ . The dataset corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 1.44 nb^{-1} of LHC Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$ recorded by the ATLAS experiment in 2018. Selected events contain one muon from a τ -lepton decay, an electron or charged-particle track(s) from the other τ -lepton decay, little additional central-detector activity, and no forward neutrons. The $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ process is observed in Pb+Pb collisions with a significance exceeding 5 standard deviations, and a signal strength of $\mu_{\tau\tau} = 1.04^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$ assuming the Standard Model value for a_τ . To measure a_τ , a template fit to the muon transverse-momentum distribution from τ -lepton candidates is performed, using a dimuon ($\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$) control sample to constrain systematic uncertainties. The observed 95% confidence-level intervals for a_τ are $a_\tau \in (-0.058, -0.012) \cup (-0.006, 0.025)$.



Groundbreaking measurement!



ATLAS Collaboration [2204.13478]

(Lydia Beresford, Mateusz Dyndal, Jakub Kremer, JL Editors)

April 2021: $g - 2$ recaptures international attention

The New York Times

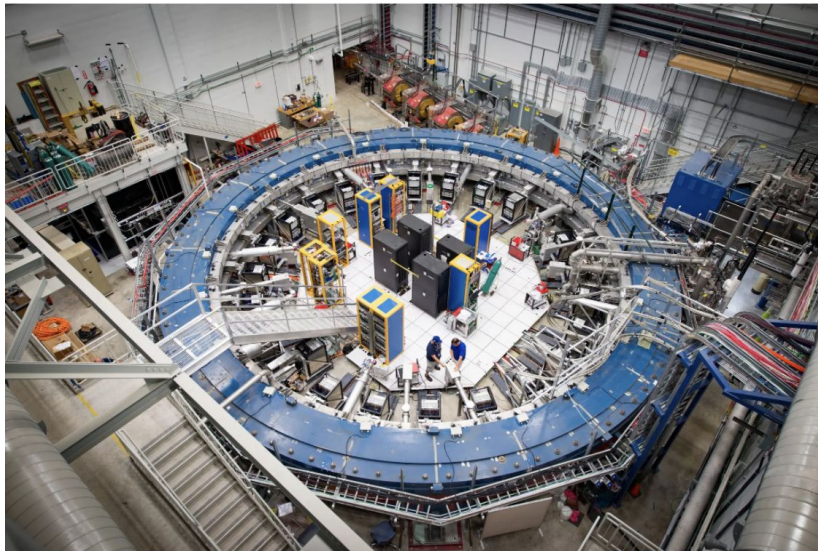
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OUT THERE

A Tiny Particle's Wobble Could Upend the Known Laws of Physics

Experiments with particles known as muons suggest that there are forms of matter and energy vital to the nature and evolution of the cosmos that are not yet known to science.

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The Muon $g-2$ ring, at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Ill., operates at minus 450 degrees Fahrenheit and studies the wobble of muons as they travel through the magnetic field. Reidar Hahn/Fermilab, via U.S. Department of Energy

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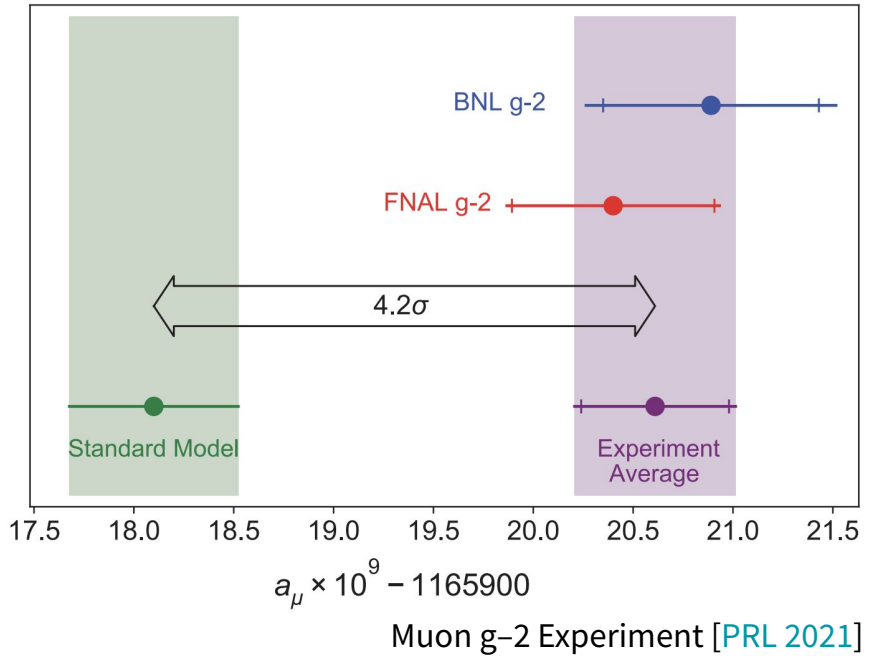
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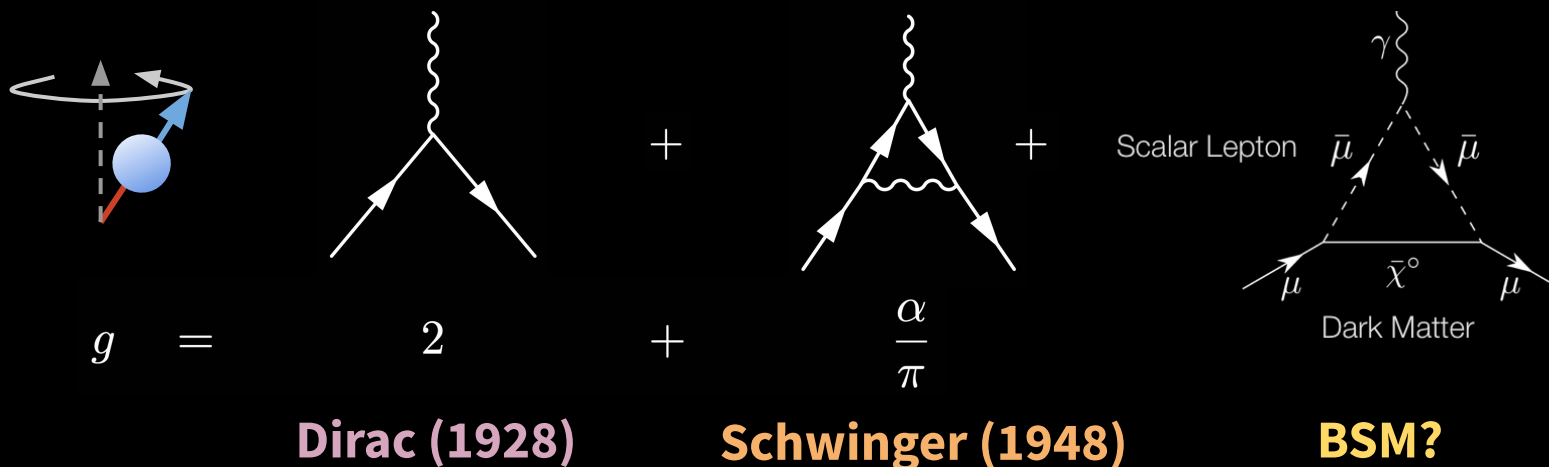
Is the standard model broken? Physicists cheer major muon result

The muon's magnetic moment is larger than expected – a hint that new elementary particles are waiting to be discovered.

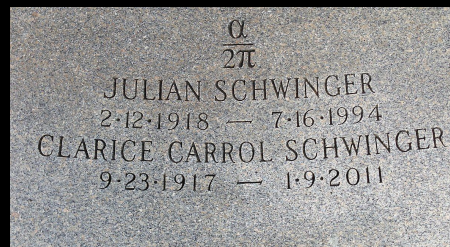


$g - 2$: foundational test of QFT

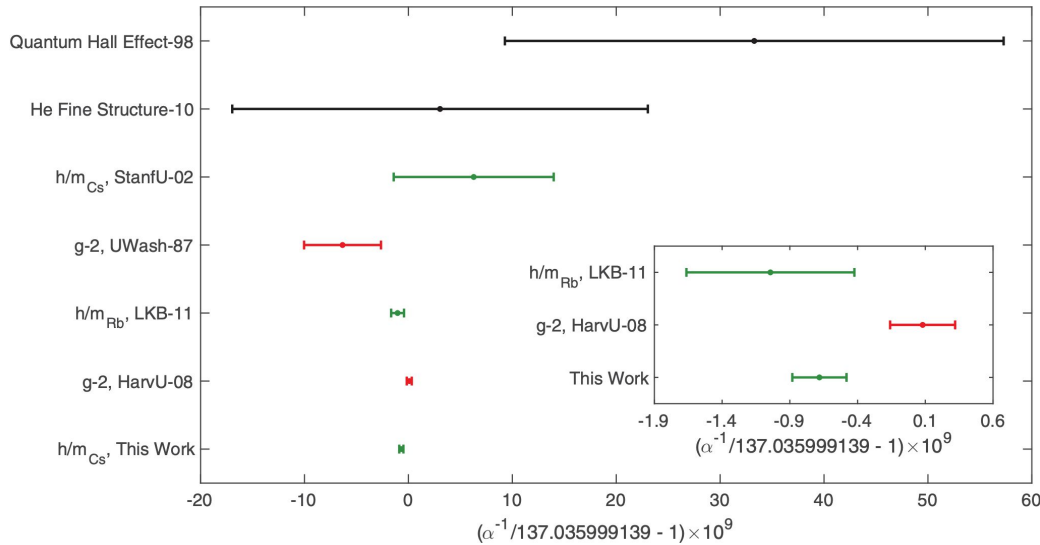
“How does light interact with matter?”



$$\mu_f \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{g_f e}{2m_f} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$



Today: cracks at the heart of Standard Model?



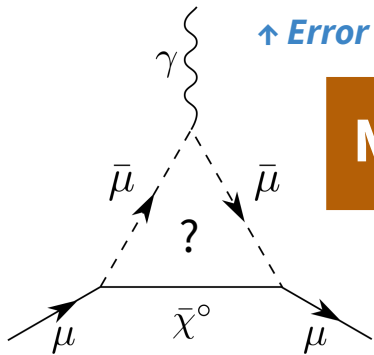
Electron $g - 2$ (-2.5σ ?)

Odom, Hanneke, D’Urso, Gabrielse [PRL (2006)]
 Bouchendira et al [PRL (2011)]
 Aoyama, Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Nio [1205.5368]
 Parker, Yu, Zhong, Estey, Müller [Science (2018)]

0.2 parts per billion

“Triumph of quantum electrodynamics”

↑ Error bars width of atom if drawn to scale!

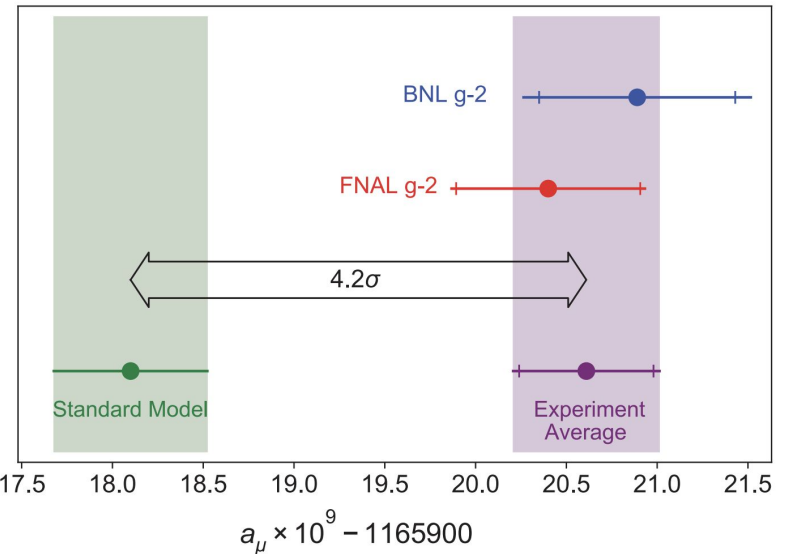


Muon $g - 2$ ($+4.2\sigma$?)

BNL E821 [hep-ex/0602035]
 Fermilab E989 [1501.06858]
 J-PARC [1901.03047]
 Keshavarzi, Nomura, Teubner [1802.02995]
 Davier, Hoecker, Malaescu, Zhang [1908.00921]
 Muon $g-2$ theory initiative [2006.04822]
 FNAL Muon $g-2$ [2104.03281]

0.5 parts per million

“Hadronic ignorance or harbinger of new physics?”



What about tau $g - 2$?

SHOCKING EXPERIMENTAL IGNORANCE!

Current PDG value is by DELPHI 2004

$$a_{\tau}^{\text{exp}} = -0.018 (17)$$

$$a_{\tau, \text{SM}}^{\text{pred}} = 0.001\,177\,21 (5)$$

DELPHI [[hep-ex/0406010](#)], Eidelman, Passera [[hep-ph/0701260](#)]

Pressing problem: barely measured!

Not even testing 70 year old 1-loop QED!

$$\alpha/2\pi = 0.001162$$

QED: lepton-photon universality at tree-level AND 1-loop [Schwinger [1948](#)]

Pressing & *interesting* open problem

Huge uncertainty
⇒ huge room for new physics

$$\delta a_\ell \sim m_\ell^2 / M_{\text{SUSY}}^2$$
$$m_\tau^2 / m_\mu^2 \sim 280$$

Martin, Wells [[hep-ph/0103067](#)]

280× more sensitive
to new physics
than muon $g - 2$

e & μ $g - 2$: no model shortage pre-FNAL:

Martin, Wells [[hep-ph/0103067](#)]

Czarnecki, Marciano [[hep-ph/0102122](#)]

Pospelov [[0811.1030](#)]

Cahill-Rowley, Hewett, Ismail, Rizzo [[1407.4130](#)]

Ajaib, Dutta, Ghosh, Gogoladze, Shafi [[1505.05896](#)]

Allanach, Queiroz, Strumia, Sun [[1511.07447](#)]

Han, Kang, Sayre [[1511.05162](#)]

Batell, Lange, McKeen, Pospelov, Ritz [[1606.04943](#)]

Di Chiara, Fowlie, Fraser, Marzo, Marzola, Raidal, Spethmann [[1704.06200](#)]

Poh, Raby [[1705.07007](#)]

Cherchiglia, Stöckinger, Stöckinger-Kim [[1711.11567](#)]

Davoudiasl, Marciano [[1806.10252](#)]

Crivellin, Hoferichter, Schmidt-Wellenburg [[1807.11484](#)]

Li, Li, Yang [[1808.02424](#)]

Liu, Wagner, Wang [[1810.11028](#)]

Dutta, Mimura [[1811.10209](#)]

Mohlabeng [[1902.05075](#)]

Endo, Wen [[1906.08768](#)]

Badziak, Sakurai [[1908.03607](#)]

Bauer, Neubert, Renner, Schnubel, Thamm [[1908.00008](#)]

...

How can we measure tau $g - 2$?

Belle-II/CLIC/ILC/FCC-ee:

Eidelman, Epifanov, Fael, Mercolli, Passera [[1601.07987](#)]

Chen, Wu [[1803.00501](#)]

Köksal, Billur, Gutierrez-Rodriguez, Hernandez-Ruiz [[1804.02373](#)]

Howard, Rajaraman, Riley, Tait [[1810.09570](#)]

Köksal [[2104.01003](#)]

Crivellin, Hoferichter, Michael Roney [[2111.10378](#)]

LHeC/FCC-eh:

Köksal [[1809.01963](#)],

Gutiérrez-Rodríguez, Köksal, Billur, Hernández-Ruiz [[1903.04135](#)]

Proton fixed target & bent crystals:

Fomin, Korchin, Stocchi, Barsuk, Robbe [[1810.06699](#)]

Fu et al [[1901.04003](#)]

THINK DIFFERENT

Invent new heavy-ion analysis



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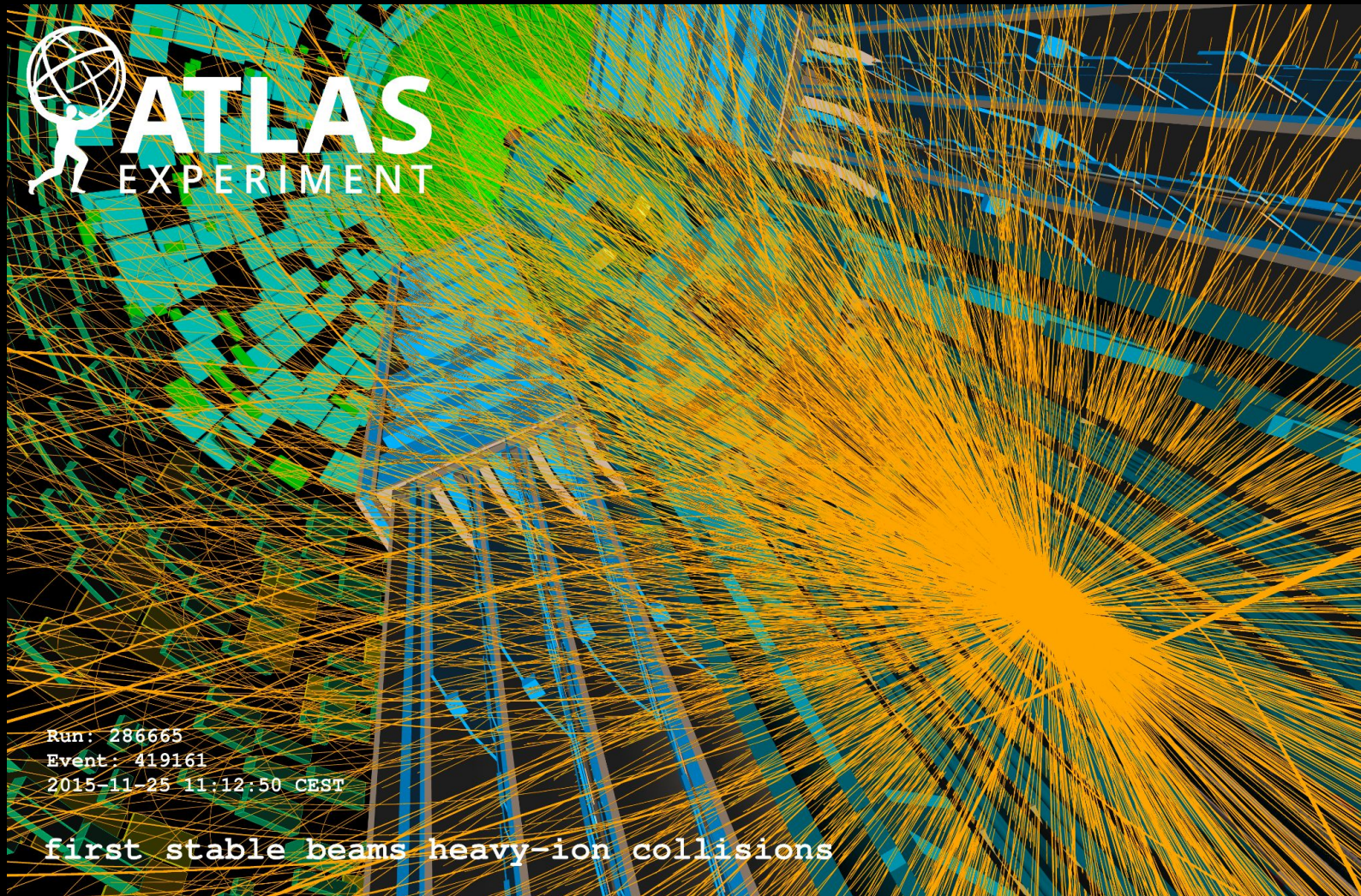
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Creative bridge across **electroweak/flavour/BSM** & **nuclear physics** communities

Heavy-ion collisions: what usually comes to mind

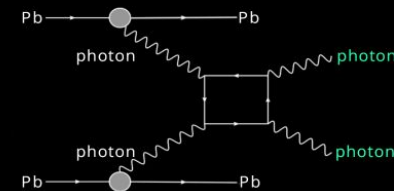
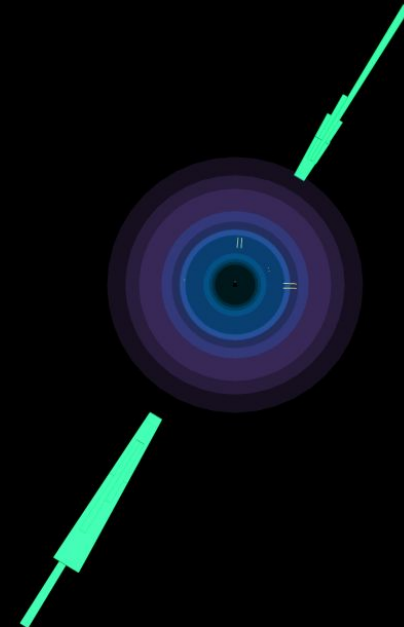
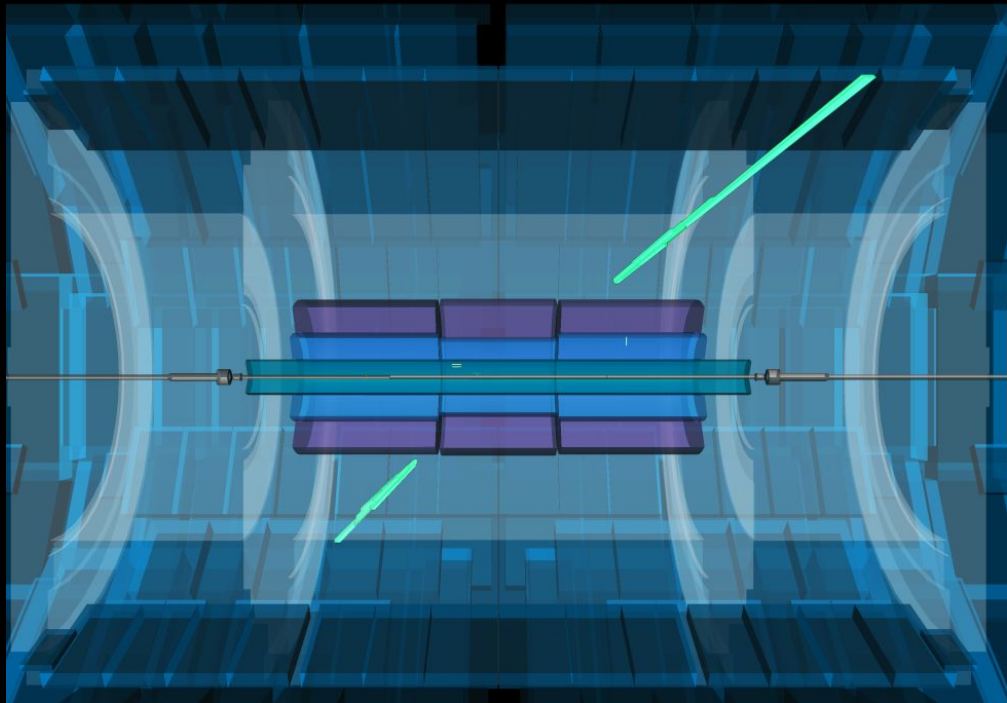


ATLAS HION Event Display

Heavy-ion collisions: exquisitely clean



Candidate Event:
Light-by-Light Scattering
Run: 366994 Event: 453765663
2018-11-26 18:32:03 CEST

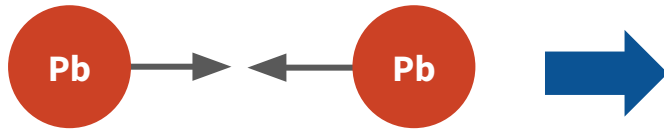


“All charged-particle tracks with $p_T > 100$ MeV are shown”

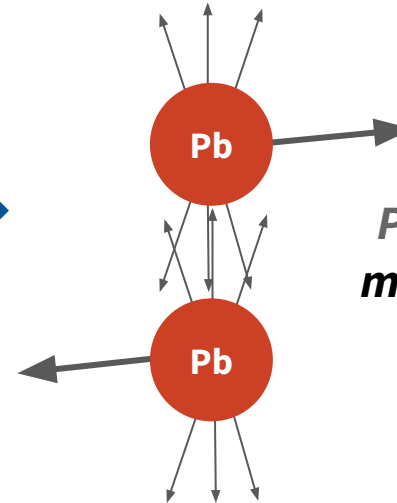
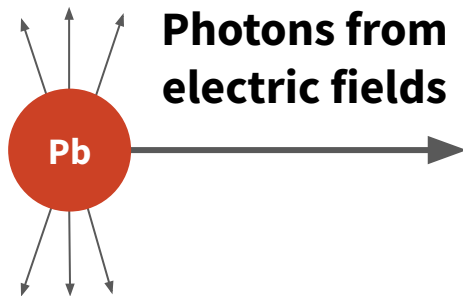
ATLAS light-by-light observation [1904.03536] (PRL)

Colliding light @ LHC

Head-on Pb-Pb collisions



Partons collide to make new particles

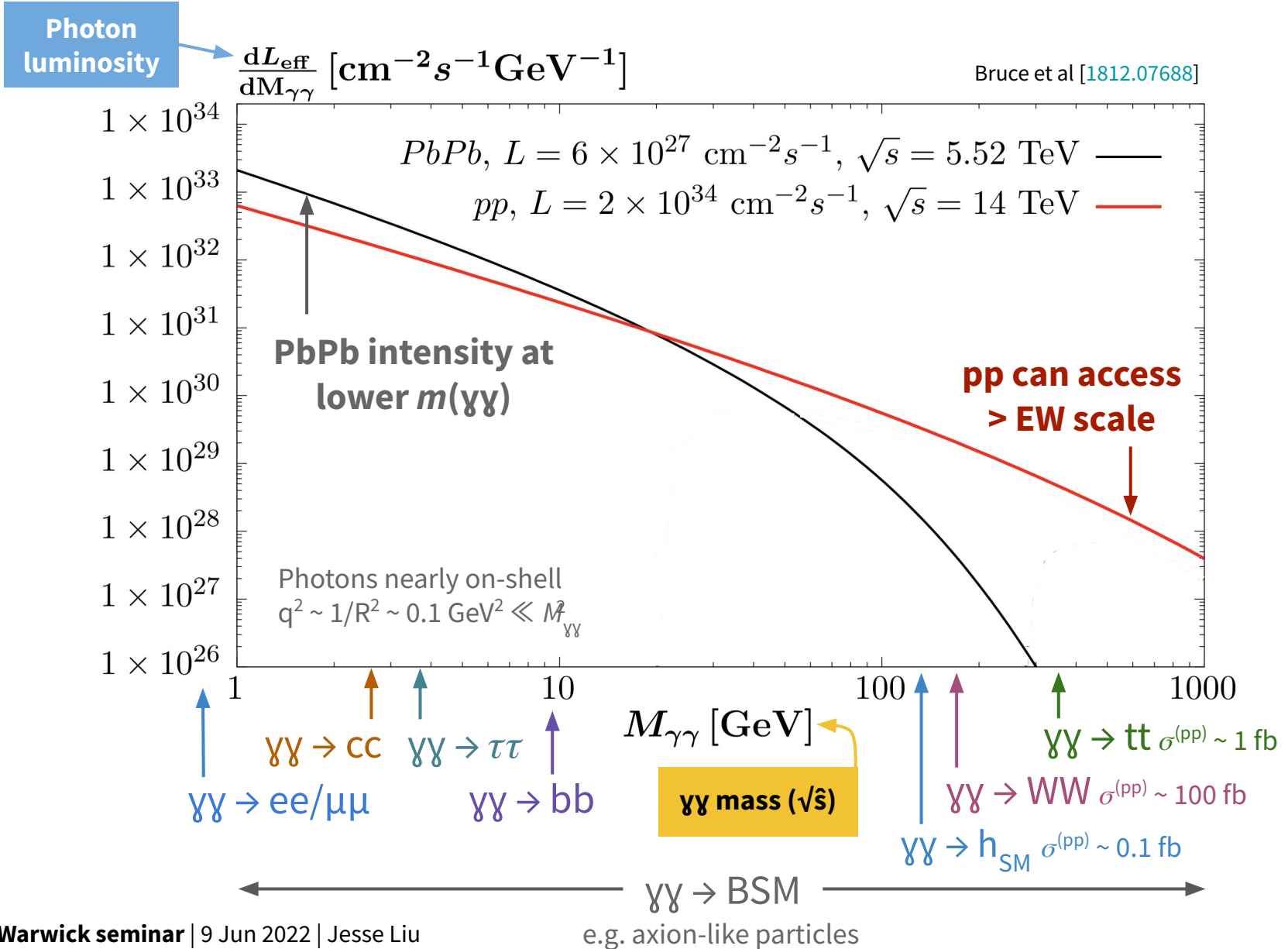


Photons collide to make new particles

EQUIVALENT PHOTON APPROXIMATION

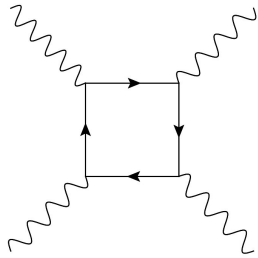
Fermi (1925) [[hep-th/0205086](#)], Weizsäcker (1934), Williams (1934), Schwinger (1952), Budnev, Ginzburg, Meledin, Serbo (1975)
ATLAS [[ATLAS HION Event Display](#)], Bruce et al [[1812.07688](#)]

Colliding $\gamma\gamma$ spectrum



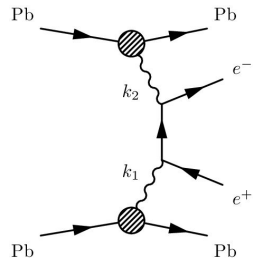
Vibrant LHC photon collider programme growing

PbPb (5.02 TeV)



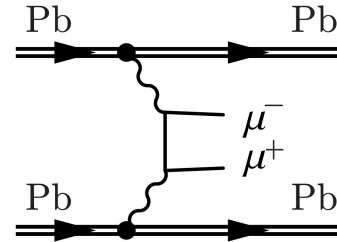
$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow (a) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

ATLAS [1702.01625, 1904.03536*, 2008.05355], CMS [1810.04602]



$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee$$

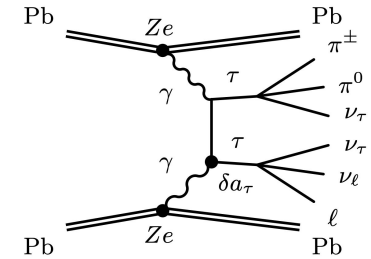
ATLAS [CONF-2022-025]



$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$$

ATLAS [1806.08708*, 2011.12211] CMS [2011.05239*]

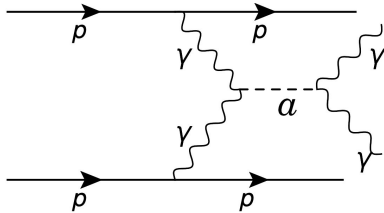
TODAY'S FOCUS



$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$$

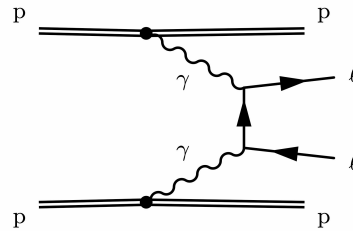
ATLAS [2204.13478*] CMS [PAS-HIN-21-009*]

pp (13 TeV)



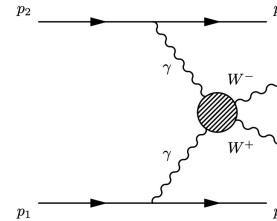
$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

CMS [2110.05916]



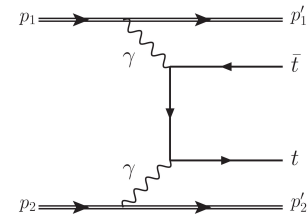
$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$$

CMS [1209.1666*, 1803.04496*] ATLAS [1506.07098, 1708.04053, 2009.14537*]



$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$$

ATLAS [1607.03745, 2010.04019*] CMS [1305.5596, 1604.04464]



$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow tt$$

CMS [PAS-TOP-21-007]

* = "Observation" in title

2 years ago: led landmark ($\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee/\mu\mu$)+p result

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Observation and Measurement of Forward Proton Scattering in Association with Lepton Pairs Produced via the Photon Fusion Mechanism at ATLAS

G. Aad *et al.* (ATLAS Collaboration)
Phys. Rev. Lett. **125**, 261801 – Published 23 December 2020

ATLAS (Lydia Beresford, JL Editors) [2009.14537]

Physics Briefing

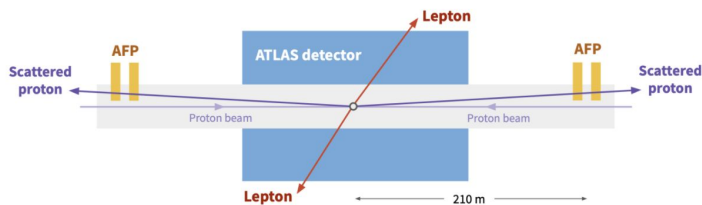
[ATLAS Physics Briefing]

Tags: Physics Results, ICHEP2020, ICHEP, forward detectors

Looking forward: ATLAS measures proton scattering when light turns into matter

By ATLAS Collaboration, 30th July 2020

Today, at the International Conference for High Energy Physics (ICHEP 2020), the ATLAS Collaboration [announced first results](#) using the ATLAS Forward Proton (AFP) spectrometer (Figure 1). With this instrument, physicists directly observed and measured the long sought-after prediction of proton scattering when particles of light turn into matter.



ENERGY FRONTIERS

[CERN Courier Sep/Oct 2020]

Reports from the Large Hadron Collider experiments

ATLAS

The LHC as a photon collider

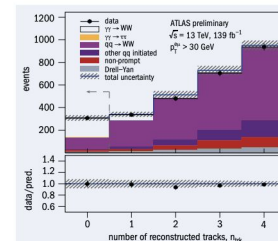


Fig. 1. To isolate a sample of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ interactions, events with no additional reconstructed charged-particle tracks in the vicinity of the electron-muon pair ($n_{ch}=0$) are selected.

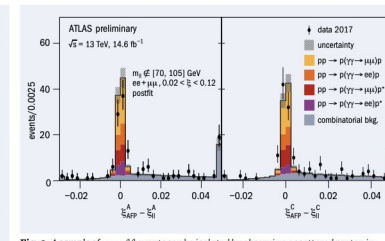


Fig. 2. A sample of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell\ell$ events can be isolated by observing a scattered proton in the AFP spectrometer. Here, the proton energy loss measured in the AFP installed either side (A and C) of the collision point (ξ_{AFP} , dimensionless) is shown to agree with that predicted from measurements of the lepton pair in the main detector (ξ_{CL}).

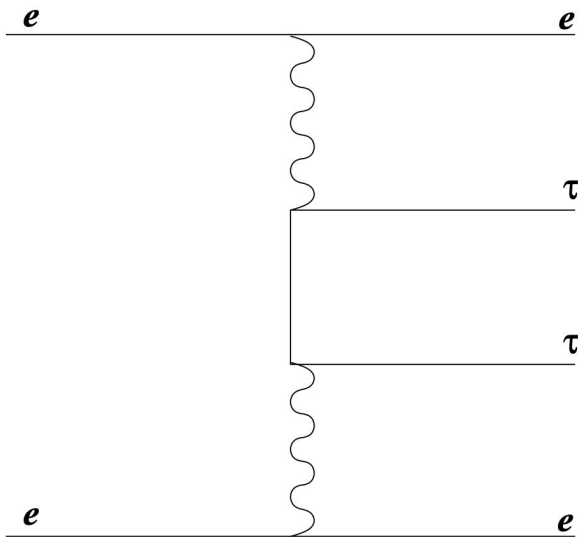
Protons accelerated by the LHC generate a large flux of quasi-real high-energy photons that can interact to produce particles at the electroweak scale. Using the LHC as a photon collider, the ATLAS collaboration recently announced a set

pairs – are the only particles detected in the vicinity. However, if charged particles arise from nearby proton-proton collisions, the clean $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ signal can be missed. The main background is W boson pairs produced in head-on proton-

side of the collision point, the AFP can detect protons that have been scattered in photon-photon collisions but which have nevertheless been focused by the LHC's magnets. Its pioneering results so far analyse a standard-candle pro-

How about $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$? Bring LEP success to LHC

PDG constraint of tau $g - 2$



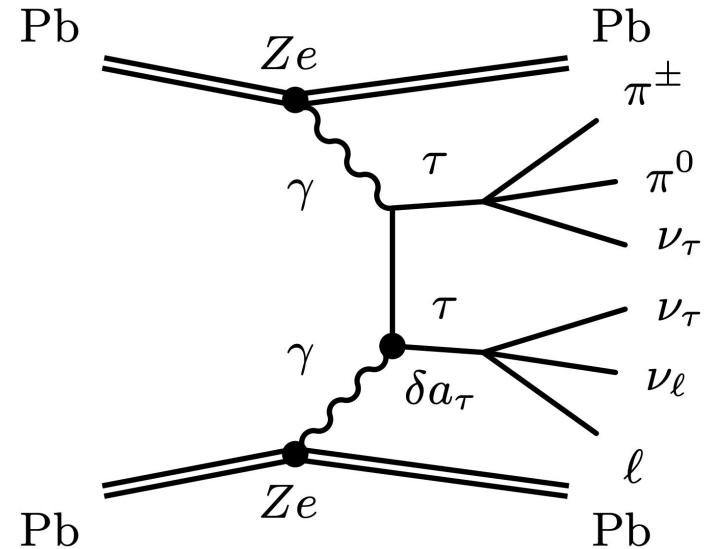
LEP photon collisions

$$\sigma \sim 400 \text{ pb}$$

\Rightarrow 200k events all years

DELPHI [[EPJC 35 \(2004\) 159-170](#)]

Proceed analogously @ LHC today?



Never measured at LHC

$$\sigma \sim Z^4 \sim 500\,000 \text{ nb} \quad (Z_{\text{Pb}} = 82)$$

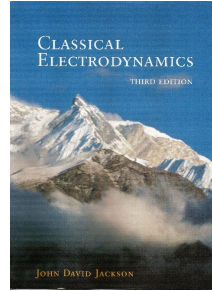
\Rightarrow 1 million events *already*

Beresford, JL [[1908.05180](#)]

Also de Aguila et al [[PLB 1991](#)], Dyndal et al [[2002.05503](#)]

Photon collisions using MadGraph & SMEFTsim

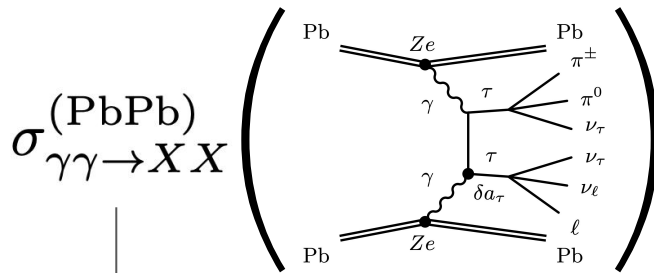
Follow MadGraph EPA factorised prescription
 d'Enterria, Lansberg [0909.3047]
 Knapen, Lin, Lo, Melia [1607.06083]
Superchic 3
 Harland-Lang, Khoze, Ryskin [1810.06567]



Photon flux: classical field theory

Add Chapter 15 §4 into MadGraph 2.6.5 with Fortran77

$$n(x) = \frac{2Z^2\alpha}{x\pi} \left\{ \bar{x}K_0(\bar{x})K_1(\bar{x}) - \frac{\bar{x}^2}{2} [K_1^2(\bar{x}) - K_0^2(\bar{x})] \right\}$$

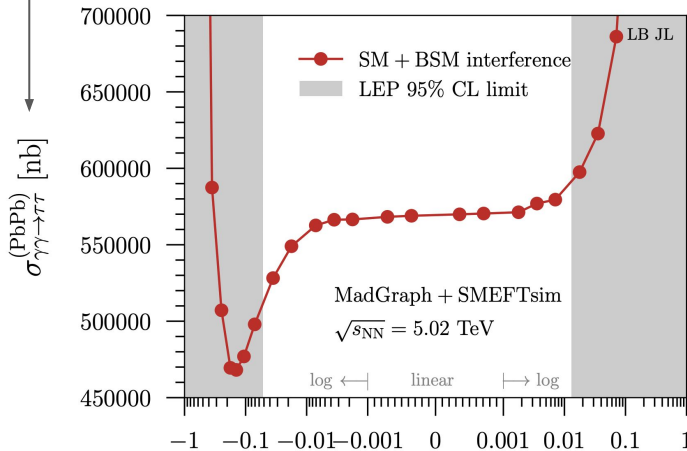


MadGraph

Jackson

SMEFTsim

$$\int dx_1 dx_2 n(x_1)n(x_2) \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow XX}$$



SMEFTsim: implement dim-6 in Feynrules

Grzadkowski, Iskrzyński, M. Misiak, Rosiek [1008.4884]

Alloul, Christensen, Degrande, Duhr, Fuks [1310.1921]

Brivio, Jiang, Trott [1709.06492]

Include interference up to 2 BSM couplings

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{[Feynman diagrams]} \end{array} \right|^2 \delta a_\tau \sim \frac{C}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{L}_\ell \sigma^{\mu\nu} \ell_R) H (\partial_\mu A_\nu)$$

31 OCT 2019: AN OCEAN APART

Lydia & I gave seminars proposing new idea

Tau $g-2$

Lydia Beresford

HEP Seminar Warwick, 31st October 2019



Lydia's Warwick seminar

A slide for the Fermilab LPC Physics Forum. The background is black with a central point from which several colored lines (yellow, orange, blue) radiate outwards. The text on the slide includes the title 'Colliding light to make dark matter & measure tau $g - 2$ ', the event name 'Fermilab LPC Physics Forum Halloween Edition | 31 October 2019', the speaker's name 'Jesse Liu', his affiliation 'University of Chicago', and a note 'In collaboration with Lydia Beresford (University of Oxford)'. The University of Chicago logo is also present.

My Fermilab seminar



Now: CMS & ATLAS breakthroughs realizing our idea



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CMS PAS HIN-21-009

CMS Physics Analysis Summary

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2022/03/17

Observation of τ lepton pair production in ultraperipheral nucleus-nucleus collisions

The CMS Collaboration

Abstract

The first observation of τ lepton pair production in ultraperipheral nucleus-nucleus collisions, a pure quantum electrodynamics (QED) process, is presented. The measurement is based on a data sample collected by the CMS experiment at a per nucleon center-of-mass energy of 5.02 TeV, and corresponding to an integrated luminosity of $404 \mu\text{b}^{-1}$. The photon-induced $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ production is observed with a statistical significance of at least five standard deviations for $\tau^+\tau^-$ events with a muon and three charged hadrons in the final state. The cross section is measured in a fiducial phase space region, and is found to be $\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-) = 4.8 \pm 0.6(\text{stat}) \pm 0.5(\text{syst}) \mu\text{b}$, in agreement with leading-order QED predictions. The measurement, produced with a fraction of the expected integrated luminosity of the LHC program, establishes the potential for a substantially more precise determination of the anomalous magnetic moment of the τ lepton, which is currently poorly constrained.

↑ Announced Moriond EWK 2022

CMS-PAS-HIN-21-009

EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH (CERN)



Submitted to: Phys. Rev. Lett.



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April 29, 2022

Observation of the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ process in Pb+Pb collisions and constraints on the τ -lepton anomalous magnetic moment with the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS Collaboration

This Letter reports the observation of τ -lepton pair production in ultraperipheral lead-lead collisions, $\text{Pb+Pb} \rightarrow \text{Pb}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau)\text{Pb}$, and constraints on the τ -lepton anomalous magnetic moment, a_τ . The dataset corresponds to an integrated luminosity of 1.44 nb^{-1} of LHC Pb+Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$ recorded by the ATLAS experiment in 2018. Selected events contain one muon from a τ -lepton decay, an electron or charged-particle track(s) from the other τ -lepton decay, little additional central-detector activity, and no forward neutrons. The $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ process is observed in Pb+Pb collisions with a significance exceeding 5 standard deviations, and a signal strength of $\mu_{\tau\tau} = 1.04^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$ assuming the Standard Model value for a_τ . To measure a_τ , a template fit to the muon transverse-momentum distribution from τ -lepton candidates is performed, using a dimuon ($\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$) control sample to constrain systematic uncertainties. The observed 95% confidence-level intervals for a_τ are $a_\tau \in (-0.058, -0.012) \cup (-0.006, 0.025)$.

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arXiv:2204.13478v1 [hep-ex] 28 Apr 2022

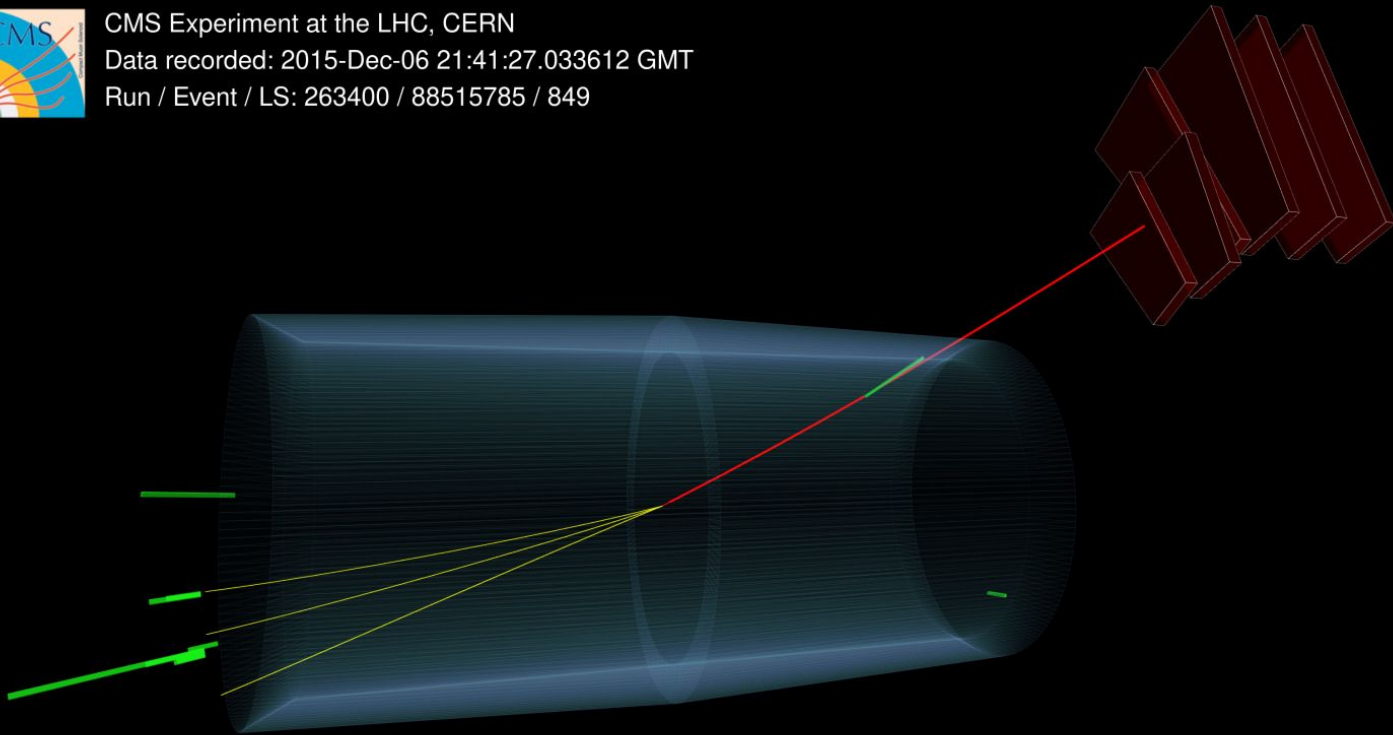
STUNNING TRIDENT EVENT

PbPb \rightarrow Pb ($\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$) Pb

1 month to collect \sim few nb^{-1}
 Negligible pileup $\mu \sim$ per mille
 Loose triggers $p_T \sim$ few GeV

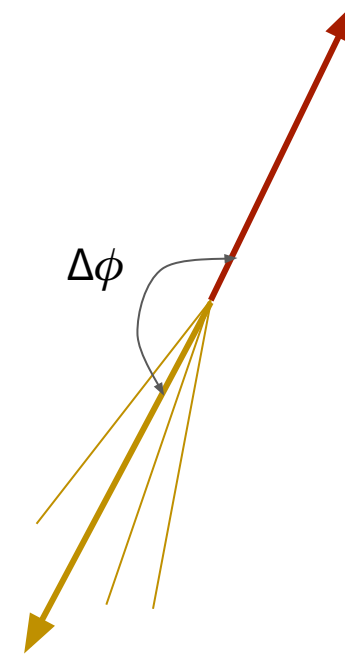
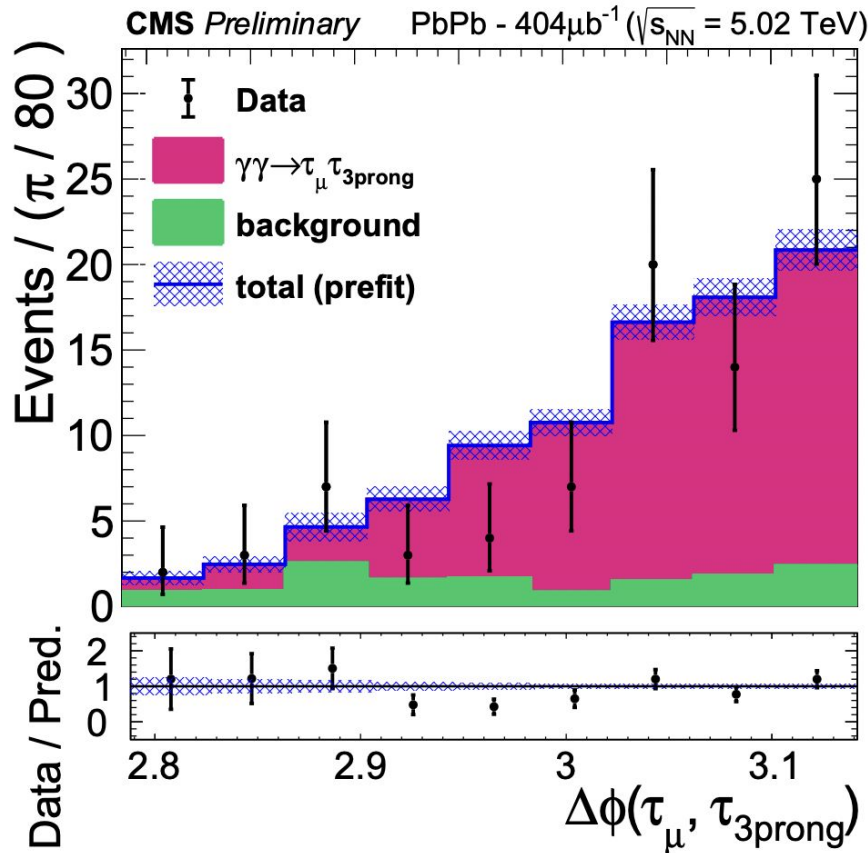


CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN
 Data recorded: 2015-Dec-06 21:41:27.033612 GMT
 Run / Event / LS: 263400 / 88515785 / 849



“Using light to make cousins of the electron” [CMS Physics Briefing]

CMS successfully follows our 1 μ + 3-track proposal



2015 PbPb data [[PAS-HIN-21-009](#)]

Signal yield: $N_{\text{sig}} = 77 \pm 12$

→ Event selection & fiducial definition

For the μ

$p_{\text{T}} > 3.5$ GeV for $|\eta| < 1.2$

$p_{\text{T}} > 2.5$ GeV for $1.2 < |\eta| < 2.4$

For the pions $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{leading}} > 0.5$ GeV & $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{subleading}} > 0.3$ GeV for the (sub-)subleading $|\eta| < 2.5$

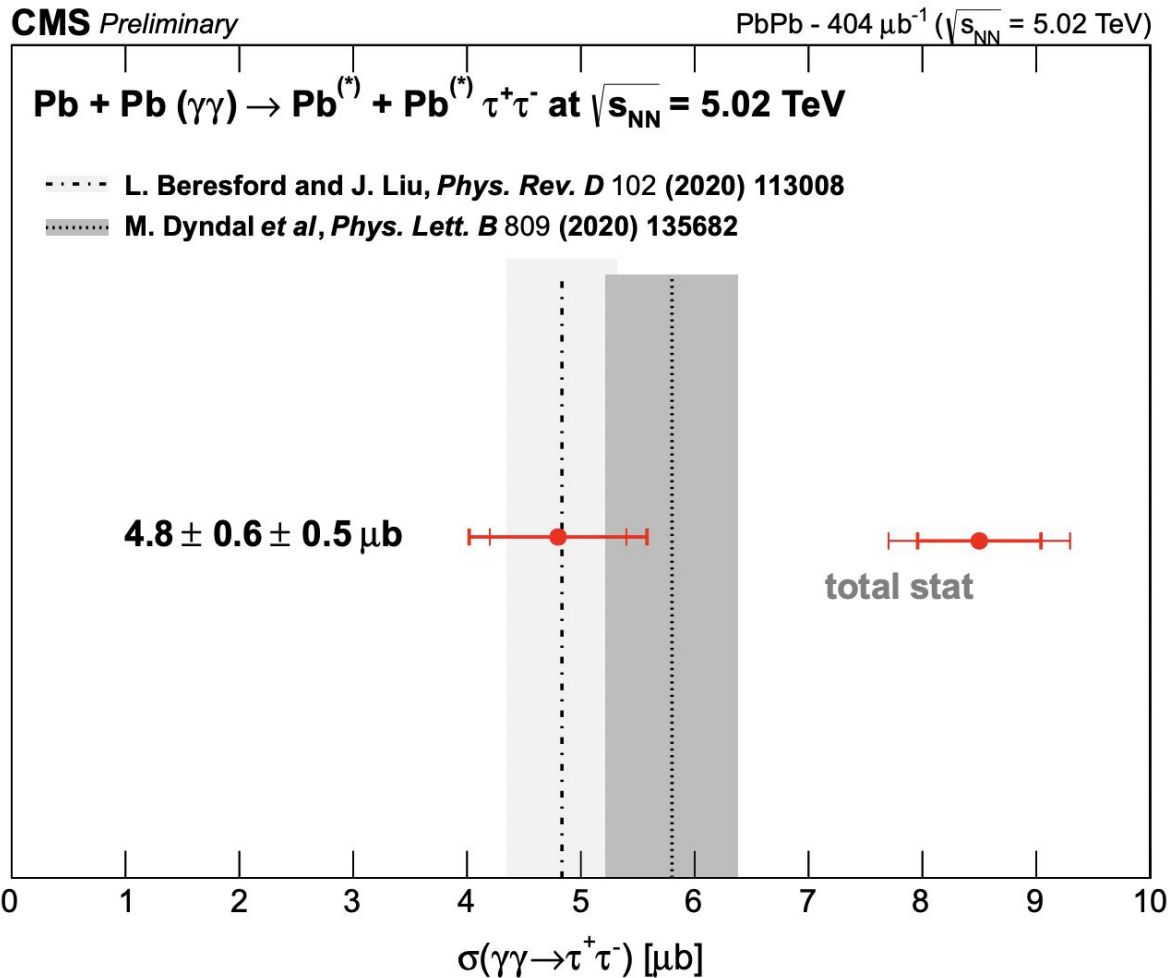
For the $\tau_{3\text{prong}}$

$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{vis}} > 2$ GeV and $0.2 < m_{\tau}^{\text{vis}} < 1.5$ GeV

First PbPb \rightarrow Pb($\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$)Pb cross-section measurement

Jackson
Electrodynamics
works! 😄 →

→ Only μb visible
cross-section "•" soft
tau acceptance x
efficiency very low

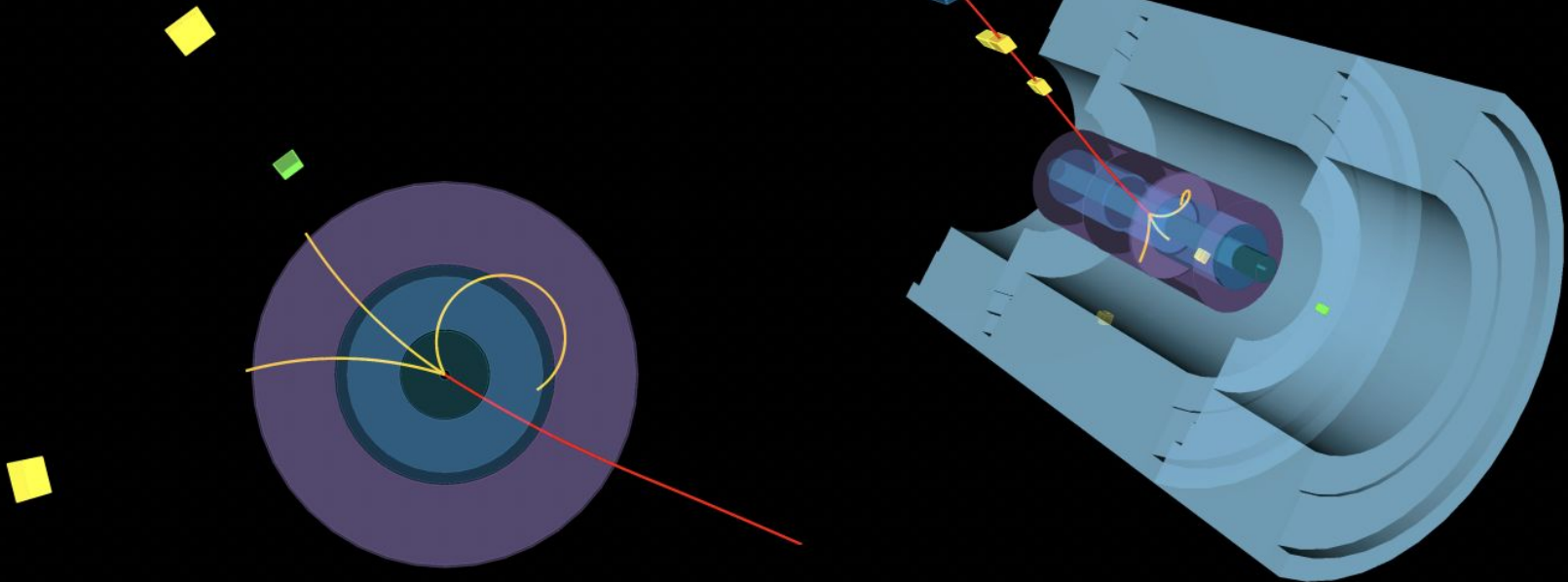


Remarkable result 🤩 ...and just getting started!

Dominant systematics: muon scale factors (5%), luminosity (5%), pion scale factor (4%)



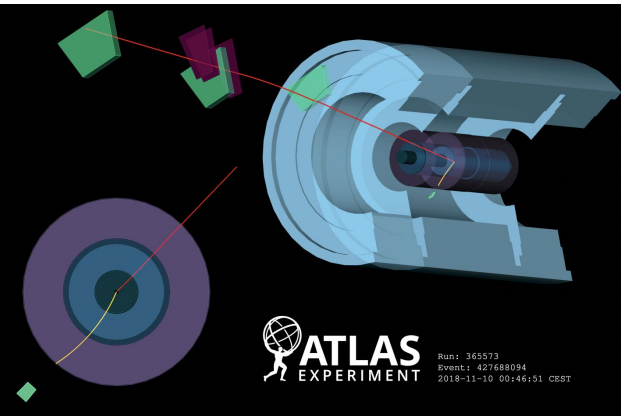
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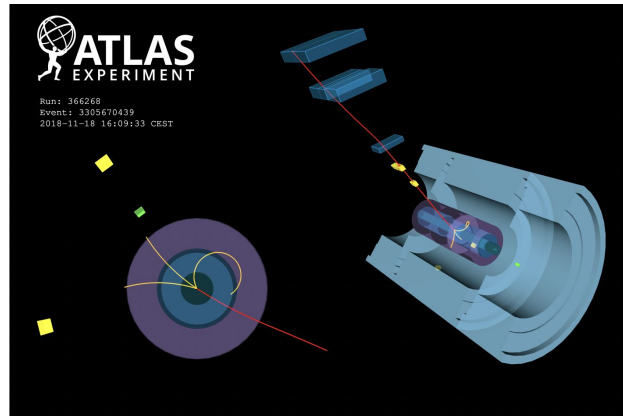
↑ All charged-particle tracks above 100 MeV are shown; muon trigger $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}$

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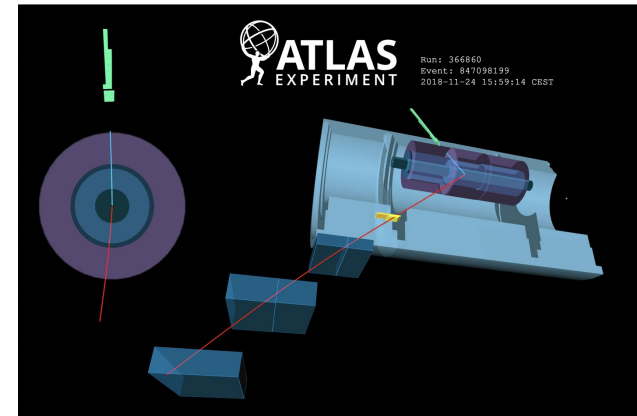
ATLAS analyses 2018 data in our 3 proposed channels



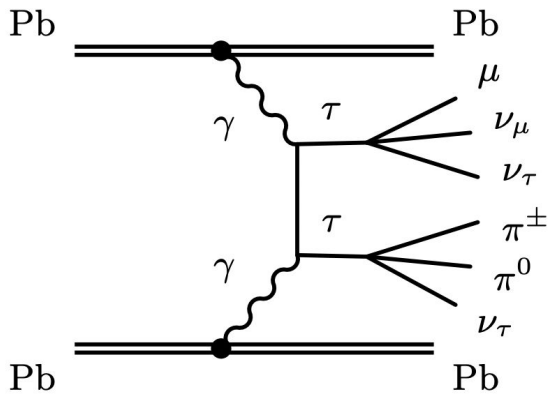
1 muon + 1 track ($\mu 1T$ -SR)



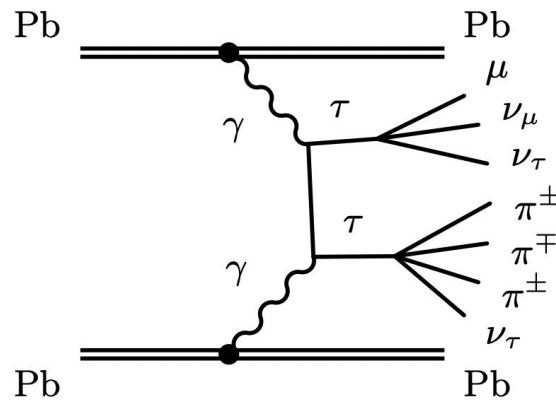
1 muon + 3 tracks ($\mu 3T$ -SR)



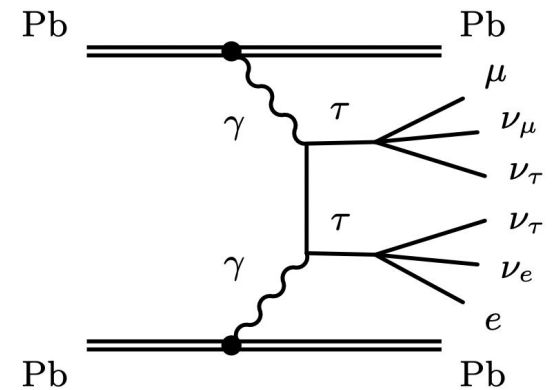
1 muon + 1 electron (μe -SR)



$N_{\text{obs}} = 532, N_{\text{bkg}} = 84 \pm 19$

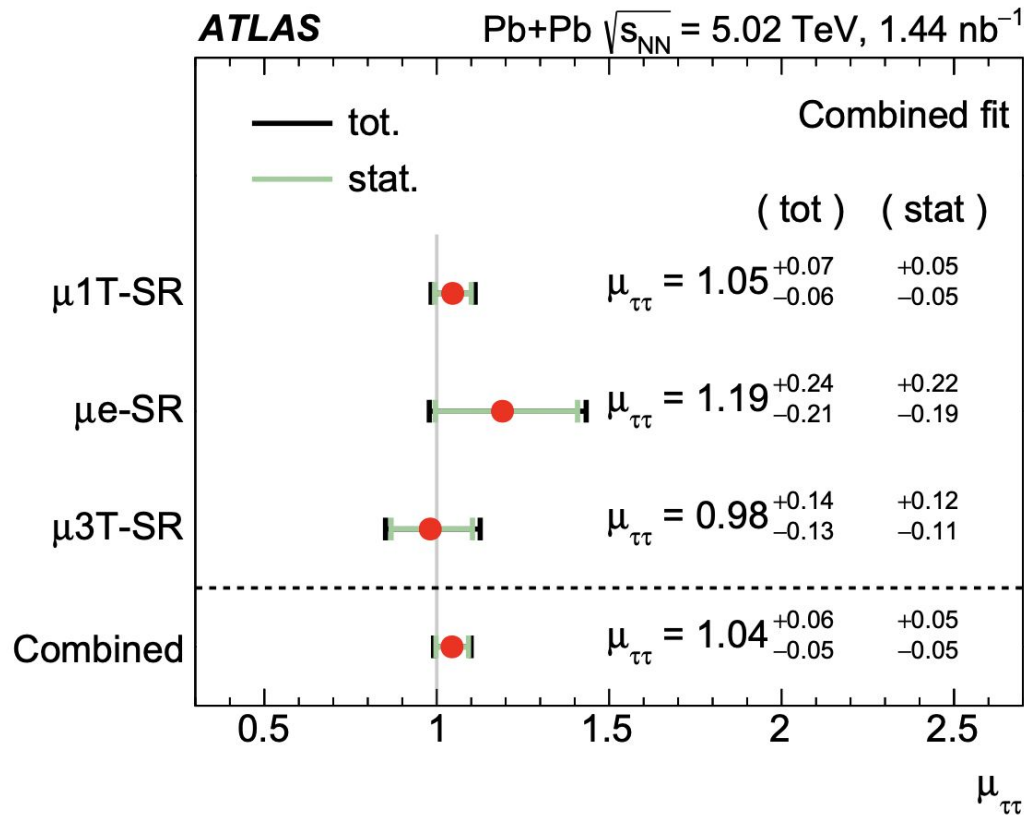


$N_{\text{obs}} = 85, N_{\text{bkg}} = 10 \pm 3$



$N_{\text{obs}} = 39, N_{\text{bkg}} = 2.8 \pm 0.7$

Precision currently limited by data sample size



Signal strength $\mu_{\tau\tau} = \text{observed rate} / \text{expected SM rate}$

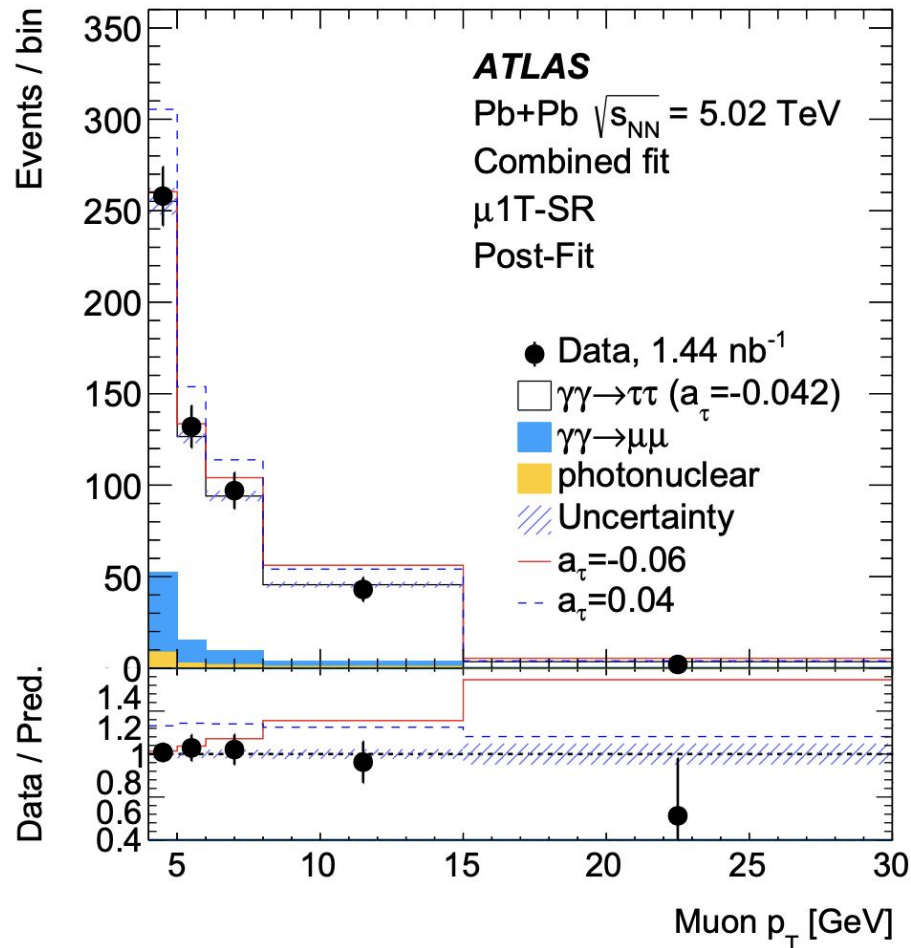
$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} \nu_{\ell} \nu_{\tau}) = 35\%,$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \nu_{\tau} + \text{neutral pions}) = 45.6\%,$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\tau^{\pm} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \pi^{\mp} \pi^{\pm} \nu_{\tau} + \text{neutral pions}) = 19.4\%.$$

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Very soft: muon $p_T > 4$ GeV, track $p_T > 100$ MeV



Use $\mu\mu$ events to control photon flux modelling systematics

Muons lose 3 GeV of energy before reaching muon chambers

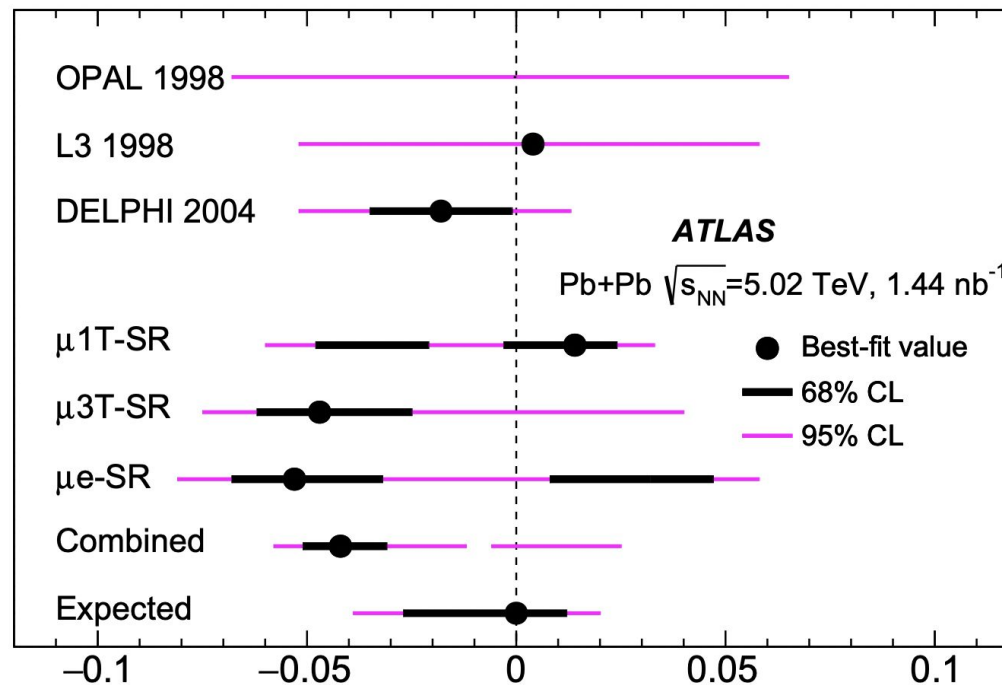
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Groundbreaking results competitive with LEP

First lab measurement of tau $g - 2$ in 2 decades

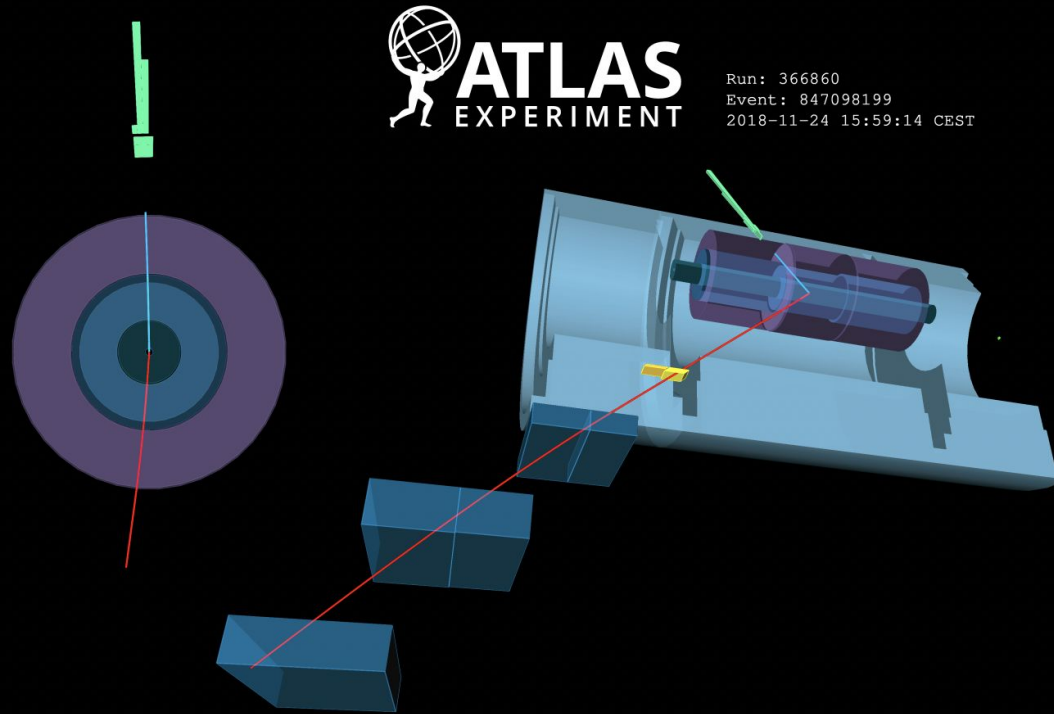
First time taus analysed in heavy ion collisions

Heavy ions enabled 5% measurement of QED g_τ



$$a_\tau = (g_\tau - 2)/2$$

LET'S REFLECT FOR A MOMENT



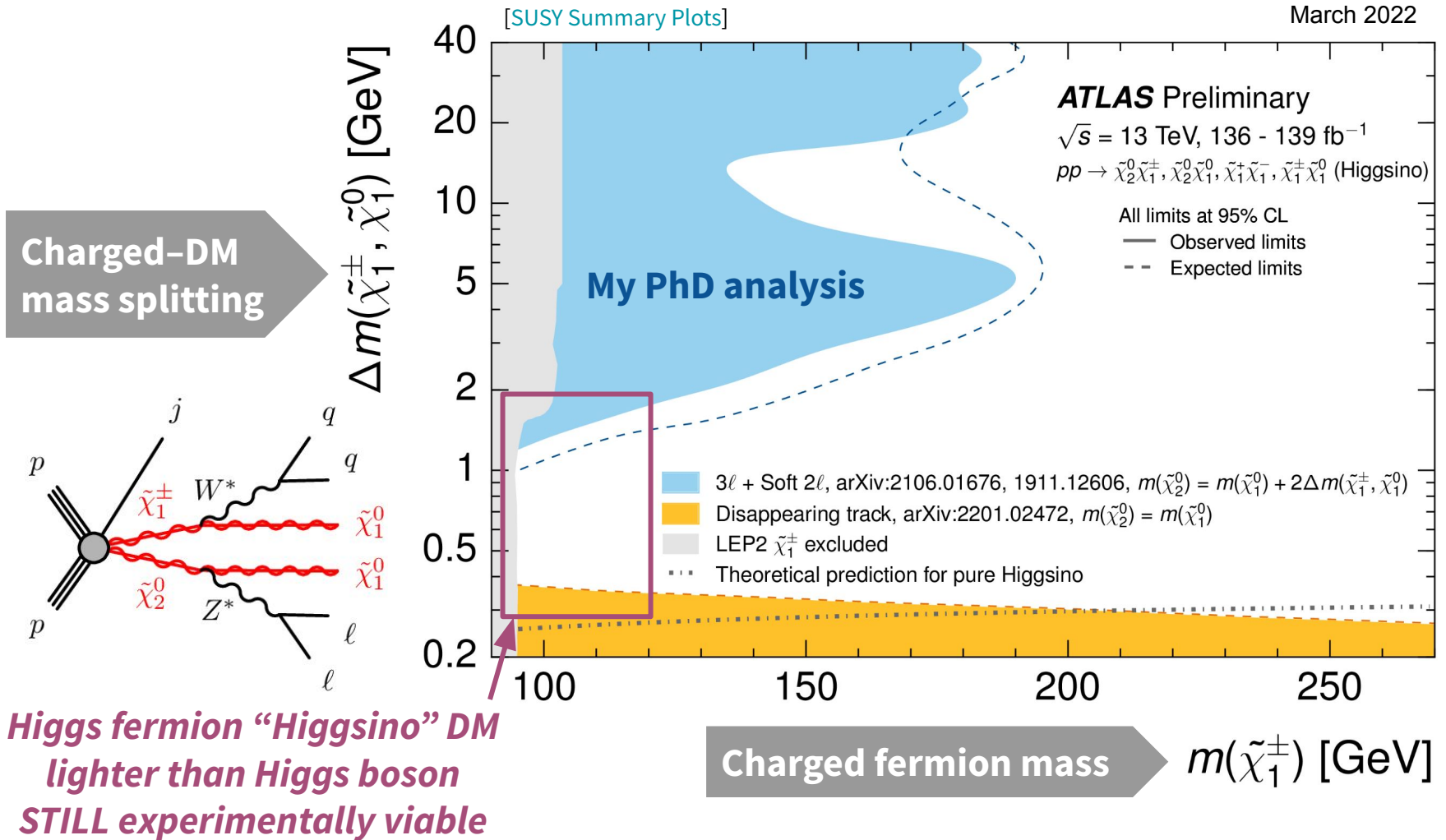
**Foundational $O(\text{mb})$ cross-section SM process
was not observed at the LHC until last month**
Consider severe implication for BSM searches...

DEEPEST SCIENTIFIC TRAGEDY

is not if new physics were absent at the weak scale

It's if we were **capable of making** new physics
but **incapable of seeing** it

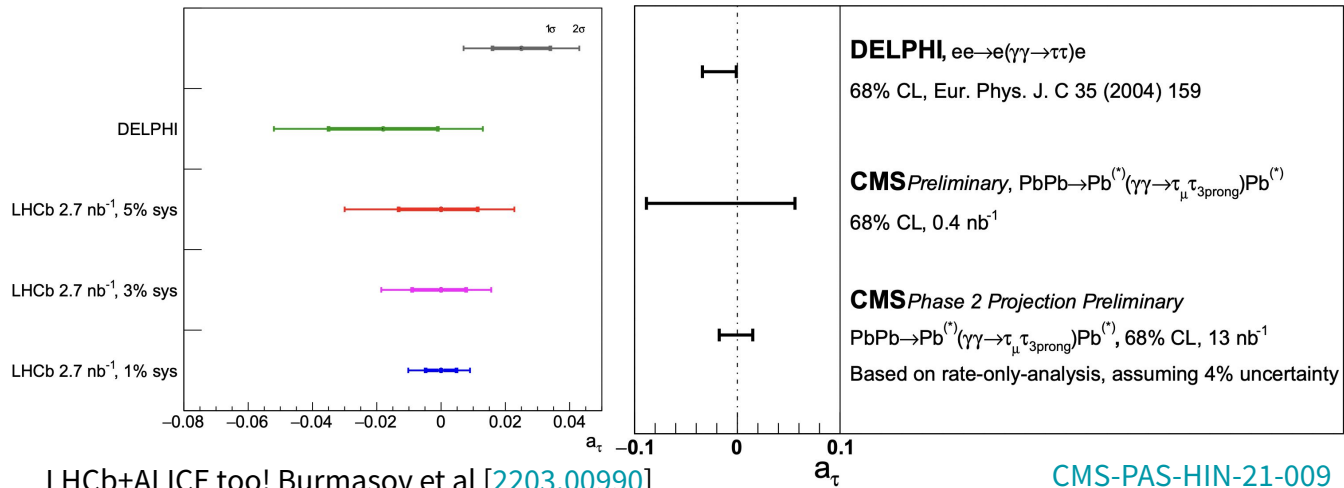
LHC could be Higgsino DM factory & we'd have no idea!



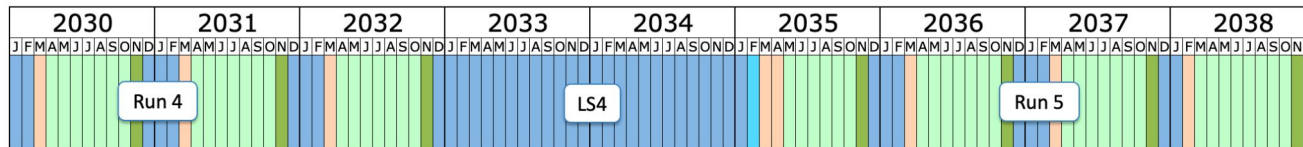
$m(\chi) \sim 100$ GeV: $\sigma(pp \rightarrow \chi\chi) \times \mathcal{L} \sim 16800 \text{ fb} \times 140 \text{ fb}^{-1} \sim 2.4$ million events

Fuks et al [[1304.0790](#), LHC SUSY cross-sections], Thomas & Wells [[hep-ph/9804359](#)]

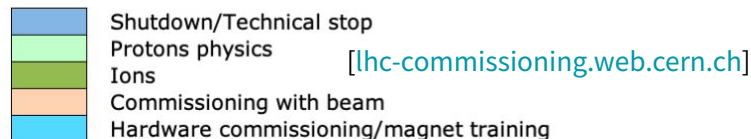
Every innovative idea strengthens HL-LHC science



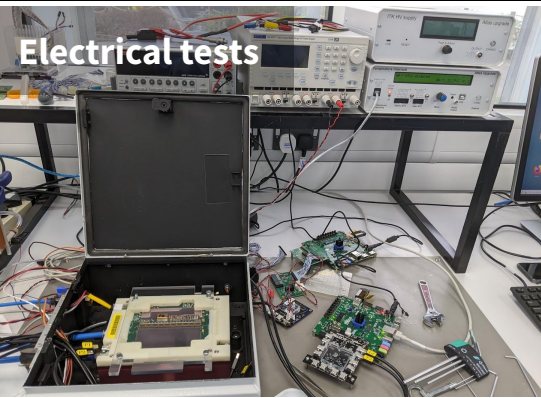
d'Enterria et al [2203.05939]	runtime	ATLAS/CMS	ALICE	LHCb
Pb-Pb	1 month	2.1–2.5 nb ⁻¹	2.5–2.8 nb ⁻¹	< 0.5 nb ⁻¹
	5 months	10.5–12.5 nb ⁻¹	12.5–14.0 nb ⁻¹	< 2.5 nb ⁻¹



Last updated: January 2022



Build next-gen ATLAS silicon camera (ITk) at Cambridge



Electrical tests



Glue success! 🙌



Val Gibson (HEP head) & Anna Mullin (PhD student)



Me doing science



Anna, Bart Hommels & me



Alan Barr, me & Will Fawcett



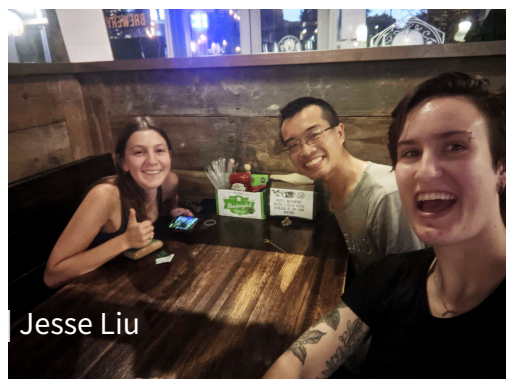
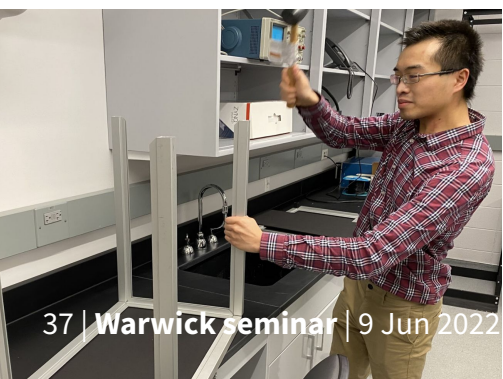
Will, Sarah, Bart, Me, Lydia



PART 2

BABY STEPS TOWARDS BREAD

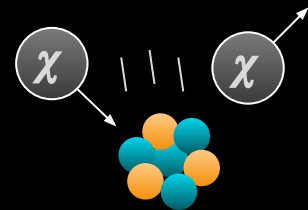
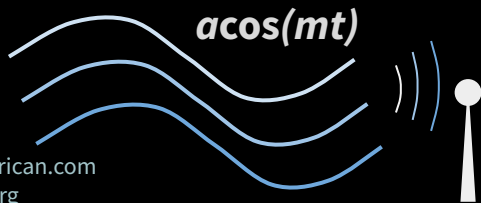
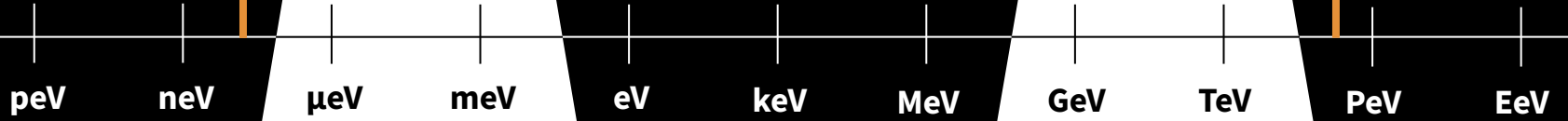
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TWO DARK MATTER LAMPPOSTS

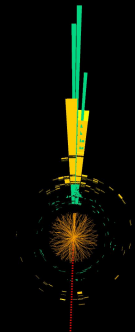
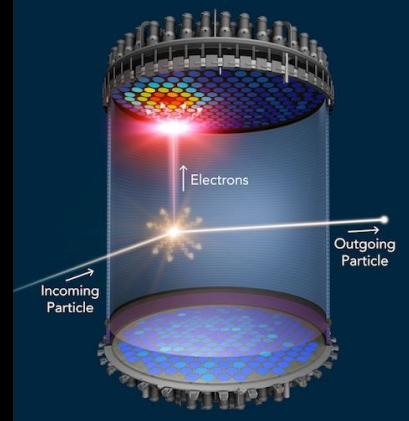
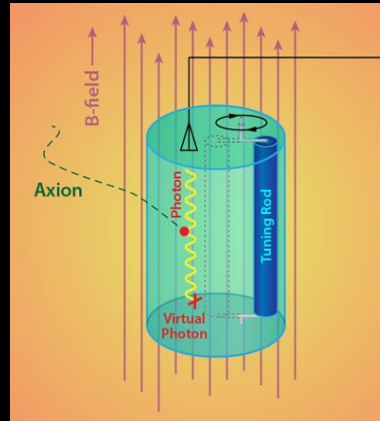
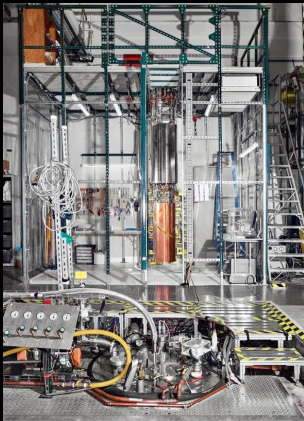
Axion
Wave-like
e.g. ADMX
Non-thermal

WIMP
Particle-like
e.g. LZ, LHC
Thermal relic

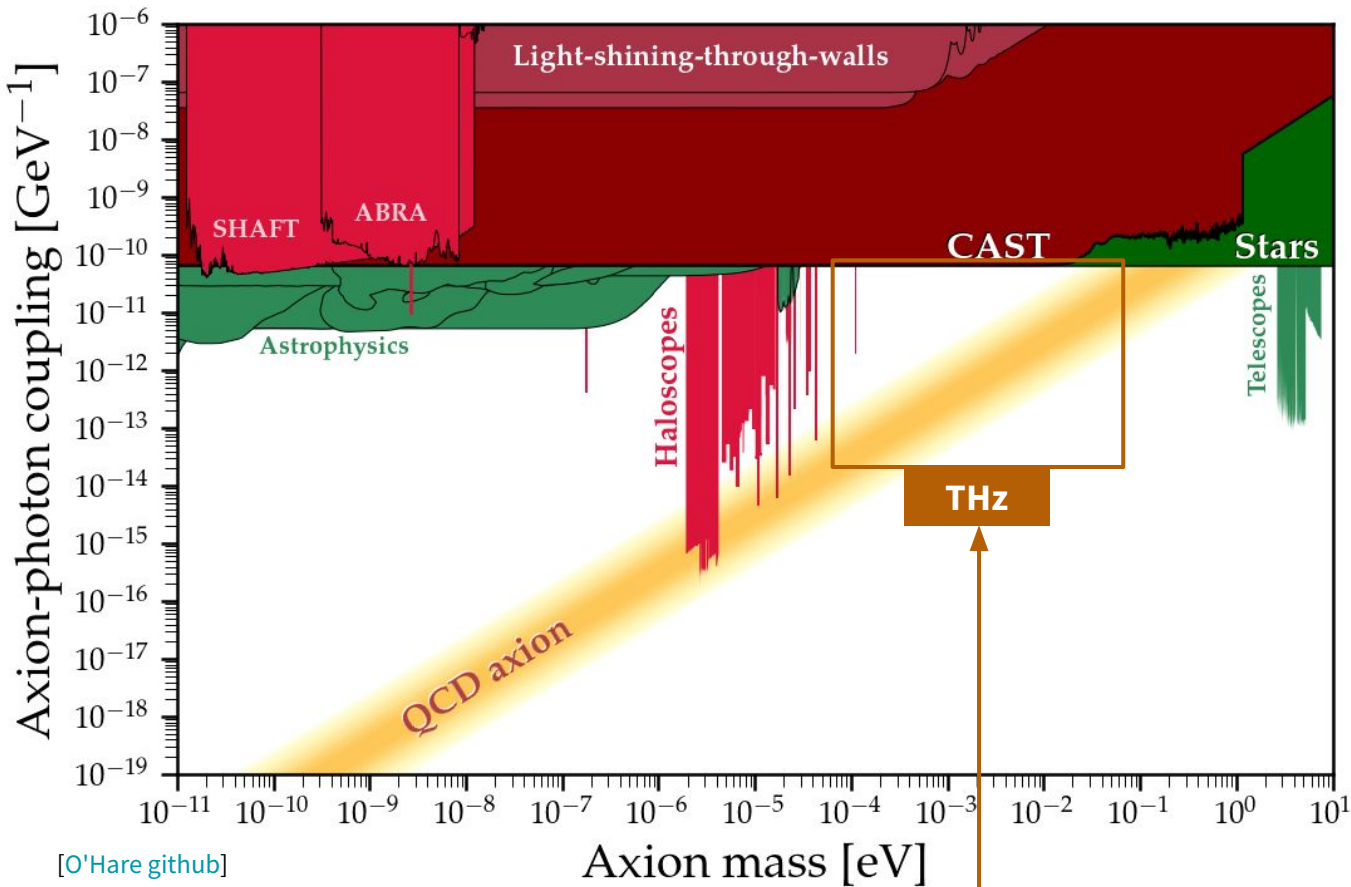


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The milli-eV/terahertz axion search problem



Problem 1: Desire broadband but cavity haloscopes narrowband $\Delta m/m \ll 1$

Problem 2: Desire high mass but scan rate* $R \sim f^{-14/3}$ impractical for $m > 50 \mu\text{eV}$

NEED CREATIVITY TO OVERCOME BOTH LONGSTANDING OBSTACLES

Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection

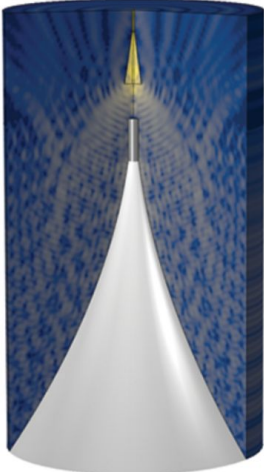


My proposal paper on the cover of PRL & Editors' Suggestion



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Broadband Solenoidal Haloscope for Terahertz Axion Detection

March 28, 2022

Simulation of the full electric field inside the conceptual design of the Broadband Reflector Experiment for Axion Detection (BREAD). Selected for an Editors' Suggestion.

Jesse Liu *et al.*
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 131801 \(2022\)](#)

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BREAD roadmap to flagship next-gen axion experiment

BREAD	Pilot	Stage 1	Stage 2a	Stage 2b
Axion a	—	✓	✓	✓
Dark photon A'	✓	✓	✓	✓
Experimental parameters				
A_{dish} [m ²]	0.7	10	10	10
B_{ext} [T]	—	10	10	10
ϵ_s	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Δt [days]	10	10	1000	1000
NEP [W Hz ^{-1/2}]	10 ⁻¹⁴	10 ⁻¹⁸	10 ⁻²⁰	10 ⁻²²
Coupling sensitivity (SNR = 5)				
$ g_{a\gamma\gamma}/g_{a\gamma\gamma}^{\text{KSVZ}} $	—	280	9.0	0.90
$ g_{a\gamma\gamma}/g_{a\gamma\gamma}^{\text{DFSZ}} $	—	740	23	2.3
$\kappa/10^{-14}$	8400	22	0.7	0.07

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Snowmass 2021 White Paper Axion Dark Matter

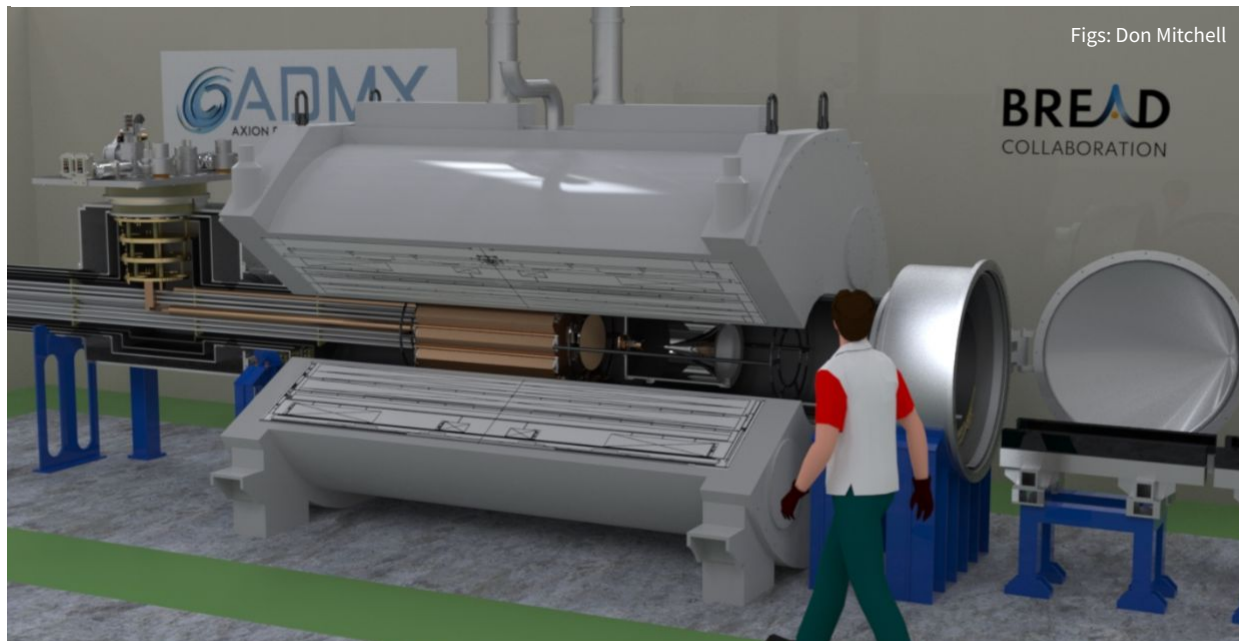
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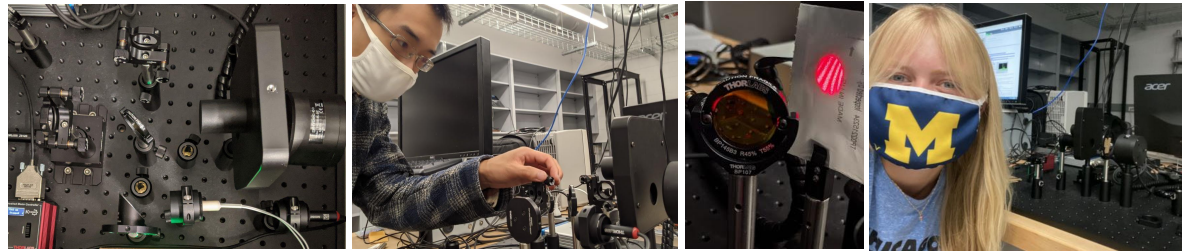


Hands on 1: build spectrometer to characterize optics

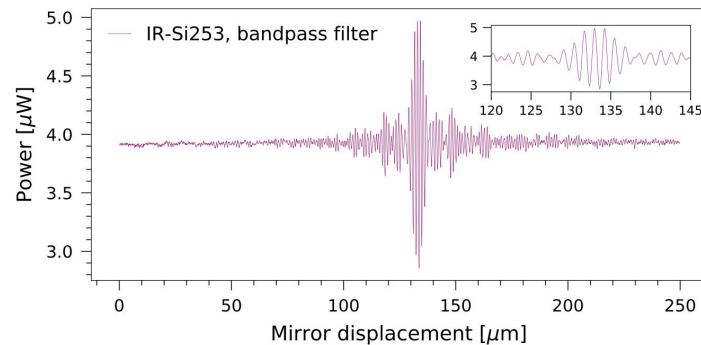
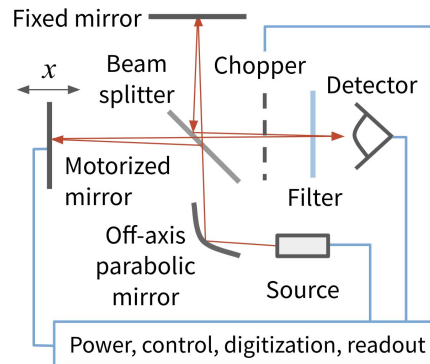
JANUARY 2020
Hardware arrival
& assembly



AUGUST
Laser
alignment



OCTOBER
Begin
measurements



APRIL 2021
Write up
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Design and performance of a multi-terahertz Fourier transform spectrometer for axion dark matter experiments

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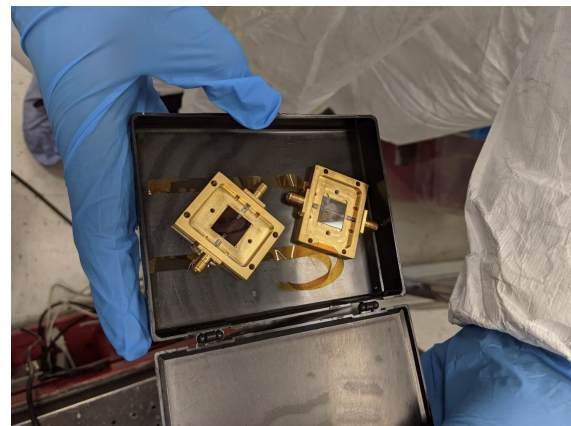
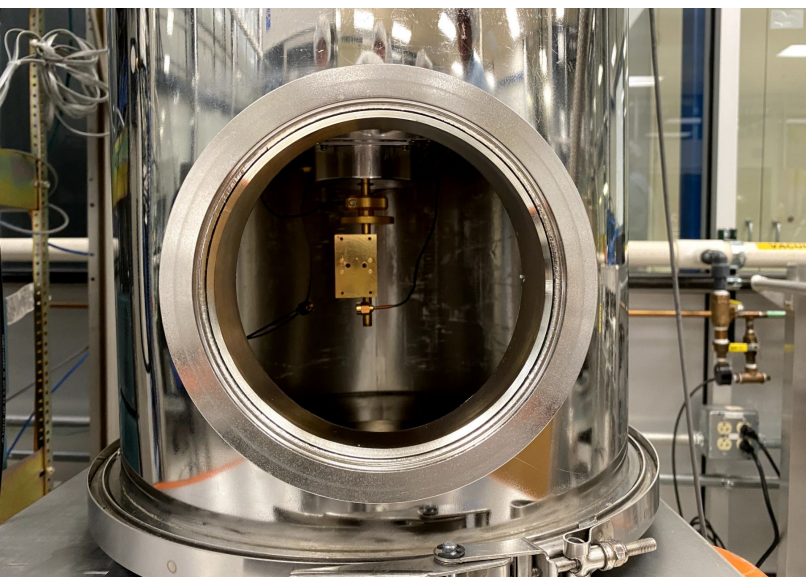
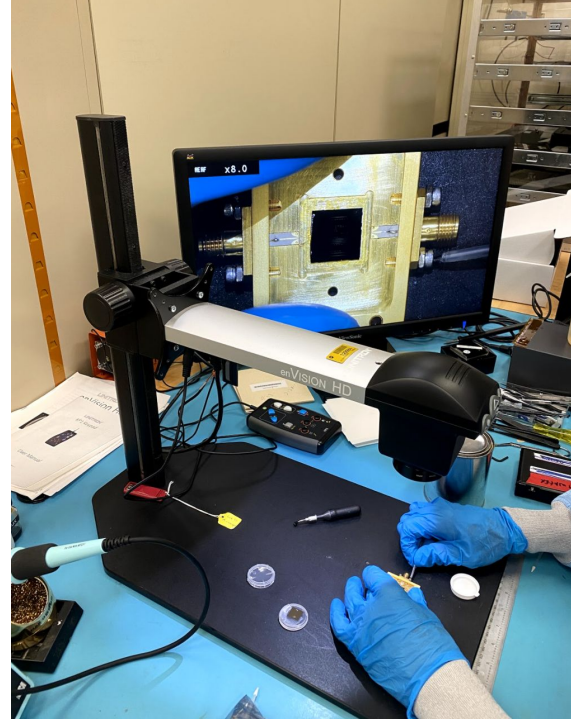
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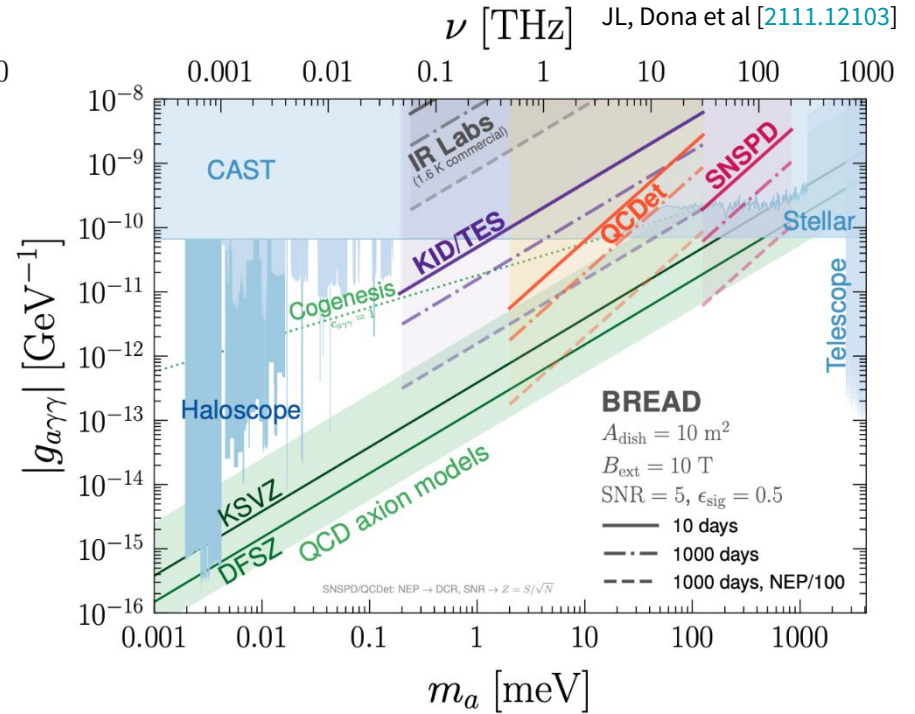
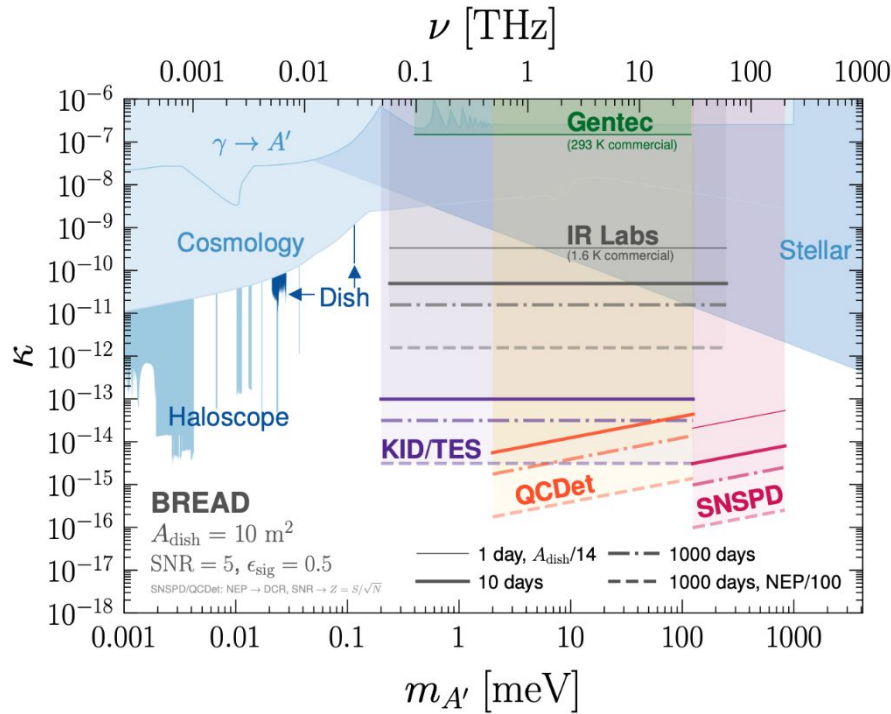
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Hands on 2: sensor testing for BREAD pilot @ FNAL



Sensitivity: concept → pilot → full science program



DARK PHOTON (VECTOR)

Preparing “sourdough starter” pilot
 Near term ~3 years proof of principle

AXION (PSEUDOSCALAR)

Need high-field magnet & sensor R&D
 Longer term ~5-10 year timescale



$$\left\{ \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{10^{-12}} \right)^2 \right\} = \left\{ \frac{3.0}{\text{GeV}^2} \left(\frac{m_a}{\text{meV}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{10 \text{ T}}{B_{\text{ext}}} \right)^2 \right\} \left(\frac{\text{hour}}{\Delta t} \right)^{1/2} \frac{10 \text{ m}^2}{A_{\text{dish}}} \frac{Z}{5} \frac{0.5}{\epsilon_s} \left(\frac{\text{DCR}}{10^{-2} \text{ Hz}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{0.45 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{\rho_{\text{DM}}}$$

Innovation at interdisciplinary interfaces

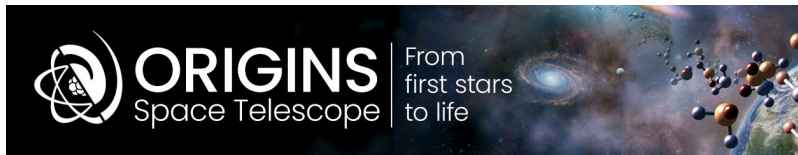
ASTRONOMY

Origins of habitability & life



QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

Information & sensing



HOW DOES THE UNIVERSE WORK?

How do galaxies form stars, make metals, and grow their central supermassive black holes from reionization to today?

Using sensitive spectroscopic capabilities of a cold telescope in the infrared, Origins will measure properties of star-formation and growing black holes in galaxies across all epochs in the Universe.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

How do the conditions for habitability develop during the process of planet formation?

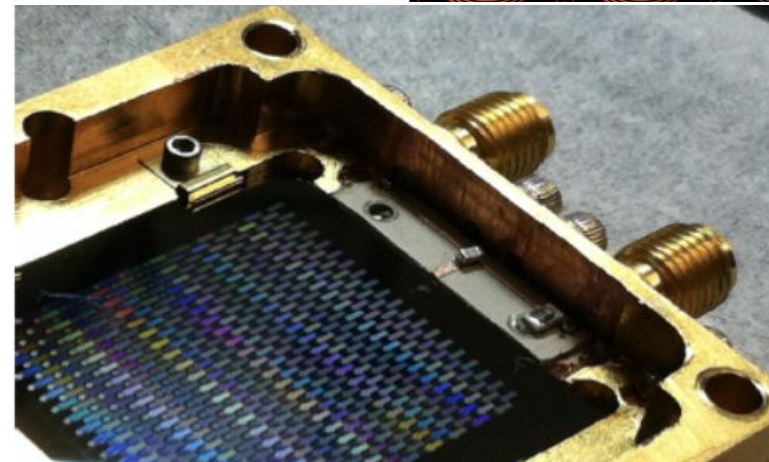
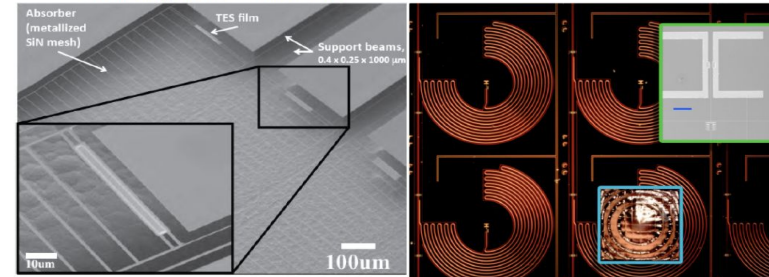
With sensitive and high-resolution far-IR spectroscopy Origins will illuminate the path of water and its abundance to determine the availability of water for habitable planets.

ARE WE ALONE?

Do planets orbiting M-dwarf stars support life?

By obtaining precise mid-infrared transmission and emission spectra, Origins will assess the habitability of nearby exoplanets and search for signs of life.

SCIENCE DRIVERS FOR MISSION DESIGN



**“Think *Inside*, Think *Outside* the box.
Make connections to other fields”**
NSF Program Director at Snowmass Oct 2020

“Synergies between particle and astroparticle physics should be strengthened”
European Strategy Update Jun 2020

EPILOGUE

Neutron magnetic moment

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Completely confounded expectation!

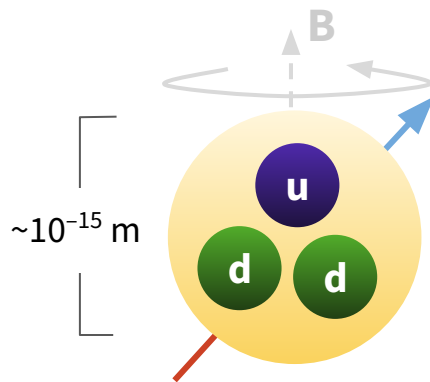
TRANSFORMATIVE

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NUCLEAR SUBSTRUCTURE
New confining strong force



hopkinsmedicine.org

Today nuclear moments save lives
with MRI medical imaging

Nobel prize in Physiology or Medicine 2003

CLIFFHANGER

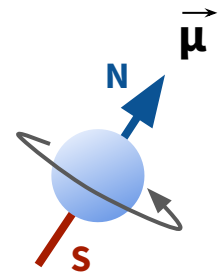
However, solution for neutron MDM
opens new problem with EDM

MAGNETIC DIPOLE MOMENT (MDM)

Expectation: $g - 2 = 0$ (Dirac theory)

Reality: huge & negative! :O

Solved: new physics \rightarrow QCD ✓

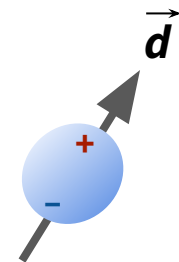


ELECTRIC DIPOLE MOMENT (EDM)

Expectation: large (strong CP violation)

Reality: 0 to 1 part per billion! :O

Solution: new physics \rightarrow axions...?



THANK YOU

*We must keep looking at Nature in unprecedented ways
Even if – especially if – it completely defies expectation*

