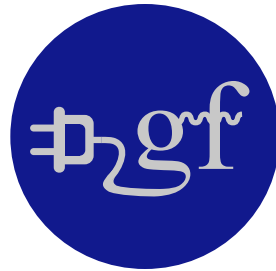


Gamma Factory

Physics context and opportunities for Particle Physics



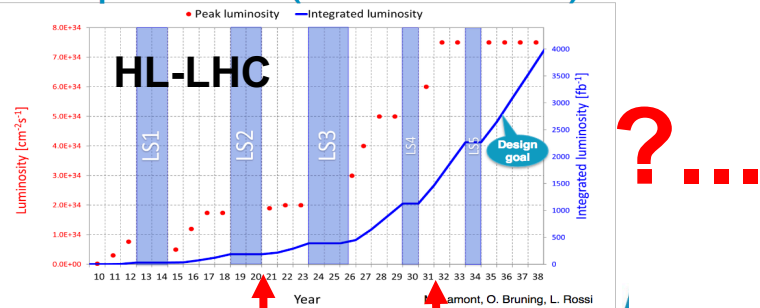
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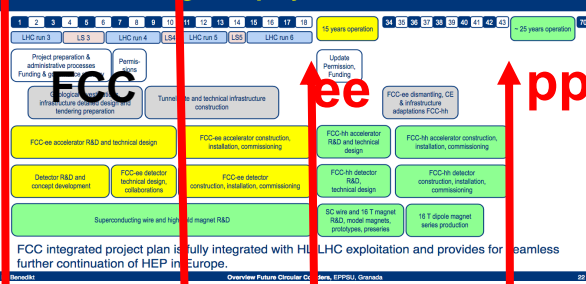
Particle Physics: “état de grâce” for the next 70 years?

HL-LHC performance (ultimate from 2032)



L. Rossi - LHC future @ Open symposium EUSPP-Granada May 2019

FCC Integrated project technical schedule



Year: 2021 2032 2040? ...2065?

- Can we afford disregarding a substantial unpredictability of the future-research priorities in the “post-Covid”, global-warming world?



- Shouldn't we develop in parallel, already now, less costly, but equally attractive, research options for CERN?

... So far diversity has proven to be the most successful survival strategy of living ecosystems ...

A potential place of Gamma Factory in the future CERN research programme

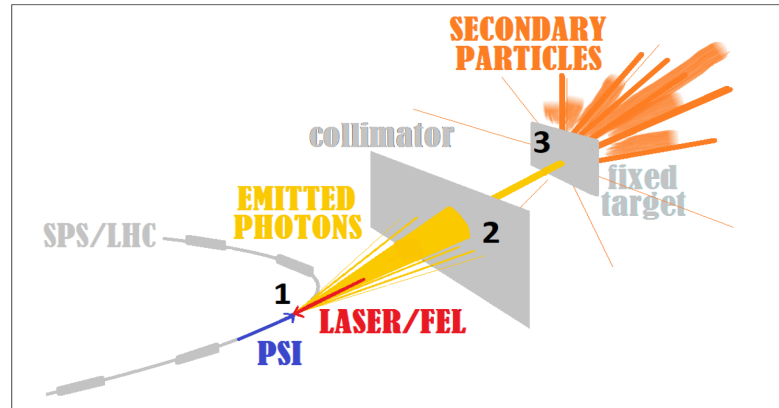
- The **next CERN high-energy frontier** project may take **long time** to be approved, built and become operational, ... unlikely before 2045 (FCC-ee) or 2050+ (μ -collider)
- The **present LHC research programme** will certainly reach **earlier** (~2032) its discovery **saturation** (little physics gain by a simple extending its pp/pA/AA running time)
- A strong **need** will certainly arise for a **novel** multidisciplinary programme which could **re-use** (“co-use”) **the existing CERN facilities** (including LHC) in **ways** and at **levels** that were **not** necessarily **thought of** when the machines were **designed**

The Gamma Factory research programme (2032-????) could fulfil such a role. It can exploit **the existing world unique opportunities** offered by the CERN accelerator complex and CERN's scientific infrastructure (**not available elsewhere**) to conduct new, diverse, and vibrant research.

Outline of the talk

- *What is **Gamma Factory***
- *Scientific context*
- *Project status*
(technical aspects in Yann Dutheil's talk)
- *Three examples of physics opportunities in Particle and Accelerator Physics*
(opportunities in Nuclear, Atomic and Applied Physics in Dima Budker's talk)
- *Conclusions*

What is Gamma Factory?



The Gamma Factory proposal for CERN

Mieczyslaw Witold Krasny (Paris U., VI-VII) (Nov 24, 2015)

e-Print: [1511.07794](https://arxiv.org/abs/1511.07794) [hep-ex]

The Gamma Factory in a nutshell

- ❑ *The infrastructure and the operation mode of the CERN accelerators allowing to:*
 - *produce, accelerate, cool, and store **beams of highly ionised atoms***
 - *excite their atomic degrees of freedom by **laser photons** to form high intensity **secondary beams of gamma rays***
 - *produce plug-power-efficient diverse **tertiary beams***
- ❑ *The research programme in a broad domain of science enabled by the “**Gamma Factory tools**”*

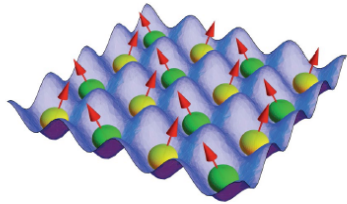
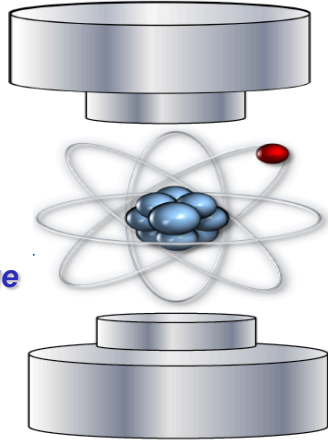
Gamma Factory: “Novel research tools made from light”

1. *Atomic traps of highly charged atoms*
2. *Electron beam for ep collisions in the LHC interaction points*
3. *High intensity photon(γ)-beams*
4. *Laser-light based cooling methods of high-energy hadronic beams*
5. *Sources of polarised electrons, polarised positrons, polarised muons, neutrinos, neutrons and radioactive ions*

1. Atomic traps of highly-charged, “small-size” atoms

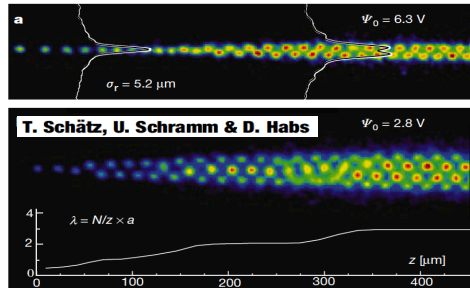
Atomic rest-frame

*Trapped stationary atoms
Exposed to pulsed magnetic
and electric fields of the storage
ring*



Crystalline beams?

letters to nature



Opening new research opportunities in atomic physics:

- *Highly-charged atoms – very strong ($\sim 10^{16}$ V/cm) electric field (QED-vacuum effects)*
- *Small size atoms (electroweak effects)*
- *Hydrogen-like and Helium-like atomic structure (calculation precision and simplicity)*
- *Atomic degrees of freedom of trapped highly-charged atoms can be resonantly excited by lasers*



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Atomic Physics Studies at the Gamma Factory at CERN

Dmitry Budker ✉, José R. Crespo López-Urrutia, Andrei Derevianko, Victor V. Flambaum, Mieczysław Witold Krasny, Alexey Petrenko, Szymon Pustelny, Andrey Surzhykov ✉, [Vladimir A. Yerokhin](#), Max Zolotarev ... [See fewer authors](#) ^

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More in the talk by Dima Budker...

July 2018: Birth of Atomic Physics research at CERN

symmetry
dimensions of particle physics

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LHC accelerates its first "atoms"

07/27/18 | By Sarah Charley

Lead atoms with a single remaining electron circulated in the Large Hadron Collider.

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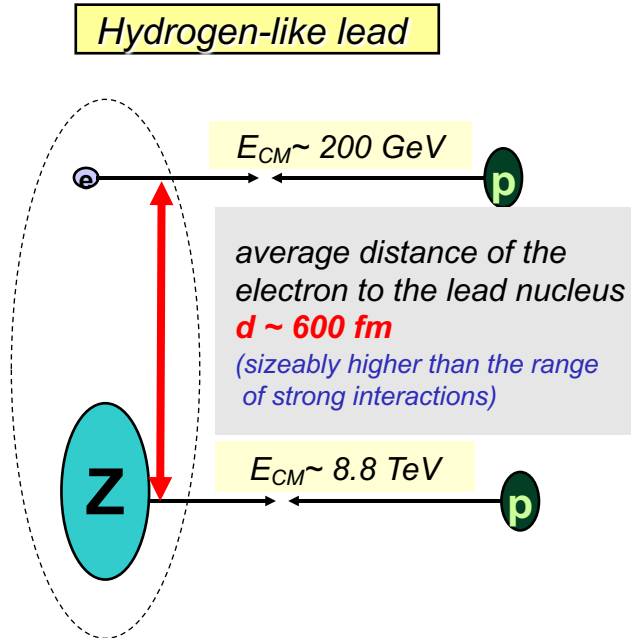
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2. Electron beam for ep collisions at LHC

(in the ATLAS, CMS, ALICE and LHCb interaction points)

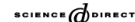


Atomic beams can be considered as **independent electron and nuclear beams** as long as the incoming proton scatters with the momentum transfer $q \gg 300 \text{ KeV}$!

Opens the possibility of collecting, by each of the LHC detectors, over one day of the **Pb+81-p** operation, the effective ep-collision luminosity comparable to the HERA integrated luminosity in the first year of its operation (1992) – **in-situ diagnostic of the emittance of partonic beams at the LHC!**



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Electron beam for LHC

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Very recent important development:

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Editors' Suggestion

Collimation of partially stripped ions in the CERN Large Hadron Collider

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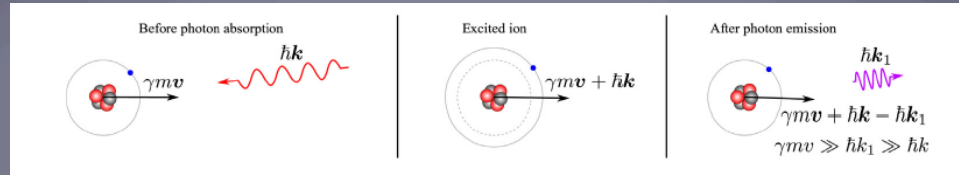
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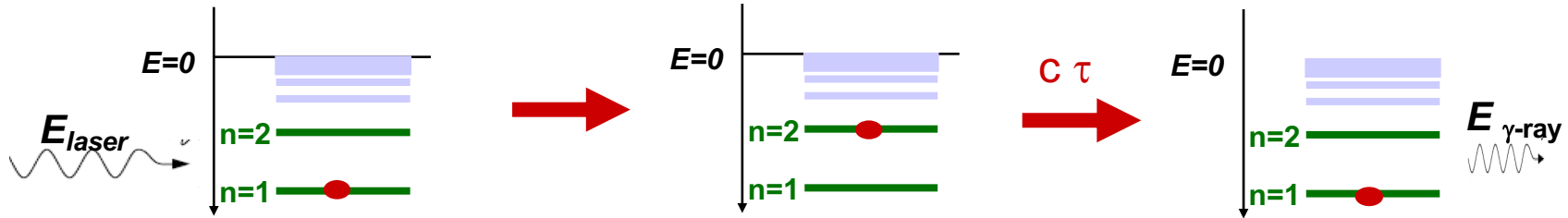
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3. Gamma Factory γ -source



Novel technology: Resonant scattering of laser photons on ultra-relativistic atomic beam

Source properties



1. Point-like:

- For high-Z, hydrogen- and helium-like atoms: **decay length ($c\tau_{\gamma L}$) $\ll 1$ cm**

2. High intensity:

- **Resonant** process. A leap in the intensity by **6–8 orders of magnitude** w.r.t. electron-beam-based Inverse Compton Sources (ICS) (at fixed γ_L and laser power)

Source properties

High energy atomic beams play the role of **high-stability light-frequency converters**:

$$\nu^{\max} \longrightarrow (4 \gamma_L^2) \nu_{\text{Laser}}$$

for photons emitted in the direction of incoming atoms, $\gamma_L = E/M$ is the Lorentz factor for the ion beam

3. Tuneable energy:

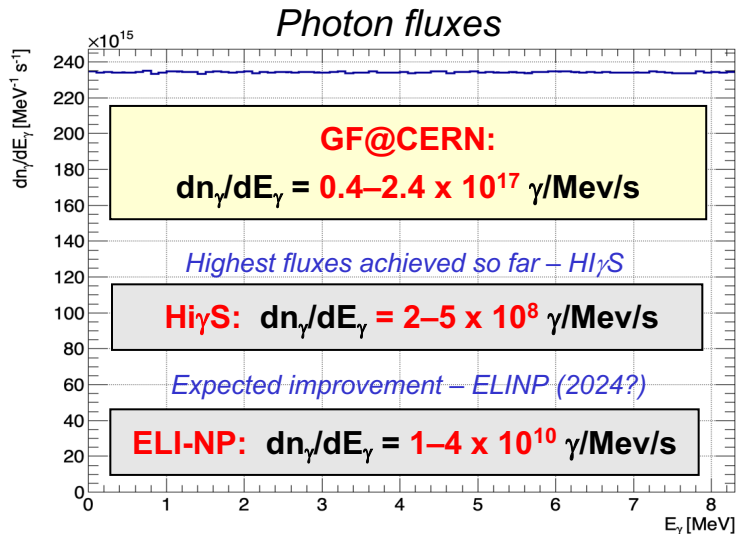
- *The tuning of the beam energy (SPS or LHC), the choice of the ion, the number of left electrons and of the laser type allow to tune the γ -ray energy at CERN in the energy range of 10 keV – 400 MeV (extending, by a factor of **~1000**, the energy range of the FEL X-ray sources)*

4. Plug power efficient:

- *Atoms lose a tiny fraction of their energy in the process of the photon emission. **Important:** No need to refill the driver beam. The RF power is **fully converted** to the power of the photon beam*

A concrete example: Nuclear physics application: He-like, LHC

Calcium beam, $(1s \rightarrow 2p)_{1/2}$ transition, TiSa laser

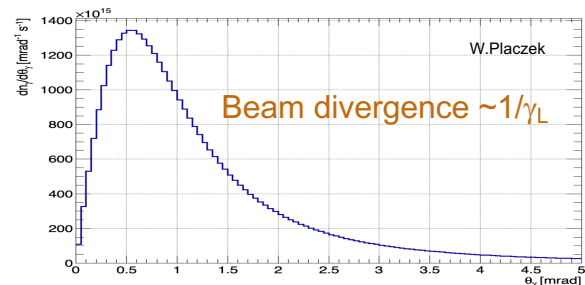
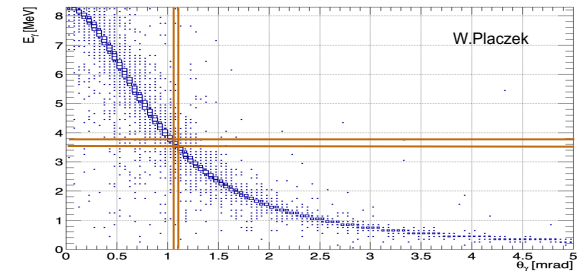


laser pulse parameters

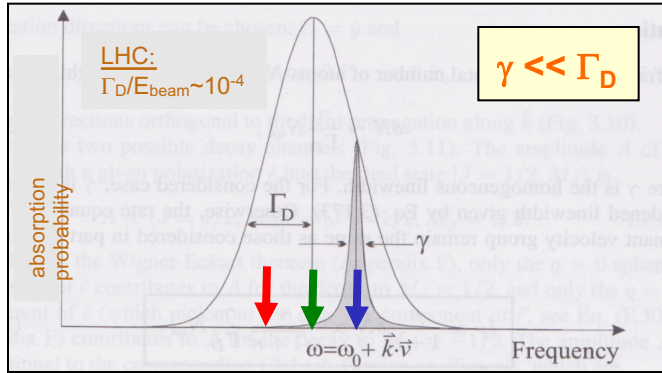
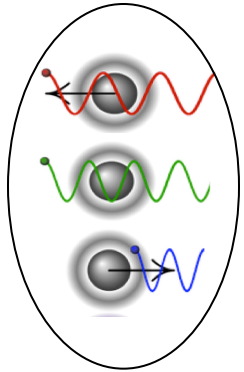
- Gaussian spatial and time profiles,
- photon energy: $E_{\text{photon}} = 1.8338 \text{ eV}$
- photon pulse energy spread: $\sigma_{\omega}/\omega = 2 \times 10^{-4}$,
- photon wavelength: $\lambda = 676 \text{ nm}$,
- pulse energy: $W_{\text{p}} = 5 \text{ mJ}$,
- peak power density $1.12 \times 10^{13} \text{ W/m}^2$
- r.m.s. transverse beam size at focus: $\sigma_x = \sigma_y = 150 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ (micrometers),
- Rayleigh length: $R_{\text{L},x} = R_{\text{L},y} = 7.5 \text{ cm}$,
- r.m.s. pulse length: $l_{\text{p}} = 15 \text{ cm}$.

5. Highly-collimated monochromatic γ -beams:

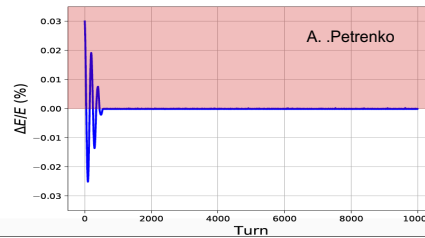
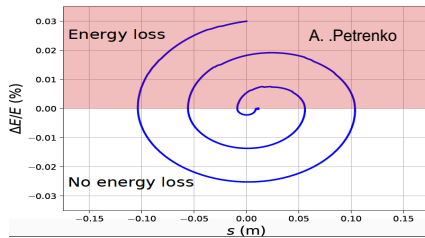
- the beam power is concentrated in a narrow angular region (facilitates beam extraction)
- the $(E_\gamma, \Theta_\gamma)$ correlation can be used (collimation) to “monochromatise” the beam



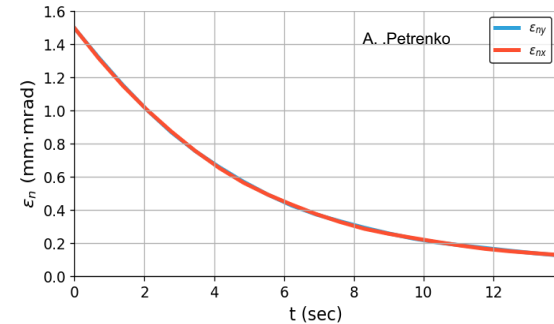
4. Doppler laser cooling methods of high energy beams



Bunch



Opens a possibility of forming at CERN hadronic beams of the required longitudinal and transverse emittances within a seconds-long time scale



Beam cooling speed: the laser wavelength band is chosen such that only the ions moving in the laser pulse direction (in the bunch rest frame) can resonantly absorb photons.

Simulation of laser cooling of the lithium-like Ca(+17) bunches in the SPS: [transverse emittance evolution](#).

5. Tertiary beams' sources – Intensity/quality targets

- **Polarised positrons** – potential gain of up to **a factor of 10^4** in intensity w.r.t. the KEK positron source, satisfying both the LEMMA and the LHeC requirements
- **Pions** – potential, gain by **a factor of 10^3** , gain in the spectral density ($dN_{\pi}/dEdp_{\tau}dP$ [$\text{MeV}^{-2} \times \text{MW}$] with respect to proton-beam-driven sources at KEK and FNAL (P is the driver beam power)
- **Muons** – potential gain by **a factor of 10^3** in intensity w.r.t. the PSI muon source, charge symmetry ($N_{\mu^+} \sim N_{\mu^-}$), polarisation control, no necessity of the muon beam cooling?
- **Neutrinos** – fluxes comparable to NuMAX but: (1) **Very Narrow Band Beam**, driven by the small spectral density pion beam and (2) unique possibility of creating **flavour- and CP-tuned beams** driven by the beams of polarised muons
- **Neutrons** – potential gain of up to **a factor of 10^4** in intensity of primary MeV-energy neutrons per 1 MW of the driver beam power
- **Radioactive ions** – potential gain of up to **a factor of 10^4** in intensity w.r.t. e.g. ALTO

Scientific context



Revisiting three paths of progress in experimental science

1. **Increasing** (incrementally) **precision** of the canonical measurements to **test** well-established **theories** and **models** (e.g. ~40 years of the SM building + ESPP recommendation to remain on this path over the next 60 years)
2. **Verifying** predictions of **new** theoretical **models** (35 years of the SUSY searches ended up in disillusion – at present no guidance from the theory, neither for the energy scale of new physics, nor for couplings of new particles)
3. **Technological leaps**, **creating new research tools** ... or **increasing** the **precision** of the existing ones by **several orders of magnitude!**
 - **At this moment** of particular **importance** for our discipline, since we **neither** have any **hints** for a **new physics** which is accessible by the **present** technologies at a **reasonable** cost, **nor** a **certainty** that our discipline will **survive** next **60 years** of remaining solely on the “**incremental path**”!


Two Nobel Prizes for “predicted discoveries” at CERN (W/Z, Higgs) ... and 19 Nobel Prizes for X-ray based research

19 Nobel Prizes
Based on X-ray Work

CHEMISTRY:

- 1936 – Peter Debye
- 1962 – Max Perutz & Sir John Kendrew
- 1964 – Dorothy Hodgkin
- 1976 – William Lipscomb
- 1985 – Herbert Hauptman & Jerome Karle
- 1988 – Johann Deisenhofer, Robert Huber & Hartmut Michel*
- 1997 – Paul D. Boyer & John E. Walker*
- 2003 – Peter Agre & Roderick Mackinnon*
- 2006 – Roger Kornberg*

PHYSICS:



- 1901 – Wilhelm Röntgen
- 1914 – Max Von Laue
- 1915 – Sir William Henry Bragg & Sir William Lawrence Bragg
- 1917 – Charles Barkla
- 1924 – Karl Manne Siegbahn
- 1927 – Arthur Compton
- 1981 – Kai Siegbahn

MEDICINE:

- 1946 – Hermann Joseph Muller
- 1962 – Francis Crick, James Watson & Maurice Wilkins
- 1979 – Alan M. Cormack & Sir Godfrey N. Hounsfield

* Used SYNCHROTRON RADIATION

*The development of X-ray tools was not motivated by the predicted discoveries
– the discoveries resulted form development of the tools!*

Application domains of the Gamma Factory research tools

- **particle physics** (*studies of the basic symmetries of the universe, dark matter searches, precision QED and EW studies, vacuum birefringence studies, Higgs physics in $\gamma\gamma$ collision mode, rare muon decays, precision neutrino physics, ...*).
- **accelerator physics** (*beam cooling techniques, low emittance hadronic beams, plasma wake field acceleration, high intensity polarized positron and muon sources, beams of radioactive ions and neutrons, very narrow band, and flavour-tagged neutrino beams*).

Examples in this talk

- **nuclear physics** (*confinement phenomena, nuclear spectroscopy, nuclear photo-physics, fission research, gamma polarimetry, physics of rare radioactive nuclides, ...*).
- **atomic physics** (*electronic and muonic atoms, pionic and kaonic atoms*).
- **applied physics** (*accelerator driven energy sources, cold and warm fusion research, medical isotopes' and isomers' production, ...*).

Examples in Dima's talk

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Three examples of the Gamma Factory contributions to particle and accelerator physics



The first example →

The Gamma Factory path to high-luminosity LHC

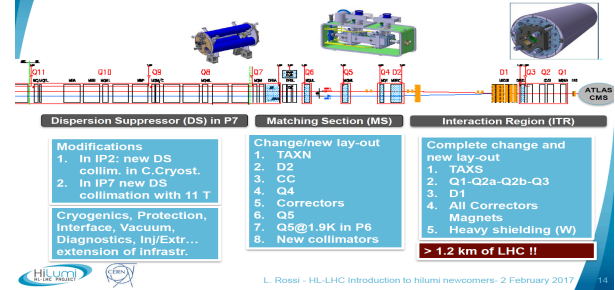
$$\mathcal{L} = f \frac{n_1 n_2}{4\pi \sqrt{\epsilon_x \beta_x^* \epsilon_y \beta_y^*}}$$

Two complementary ways to increase collider luminosity:

- **increase** the focusing strength, $\beta^* \downarrow$
- **reduce** the beam emittance, $\epsilon \downarrow$
- **both.**

A **low-emittance** particle beam is the beam where particles are confined within small distances and have nearly the same momentum vectors – **cold beams**.

The on-going HL(pp)-LHC project



Levelled Luminosity: **2.5 (5) x 10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹**, **cost ~ 1 billion euro**

Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics

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Review

High-luminosity Large Hadron Collider with laser-cooled isoscalar ion beams ☆

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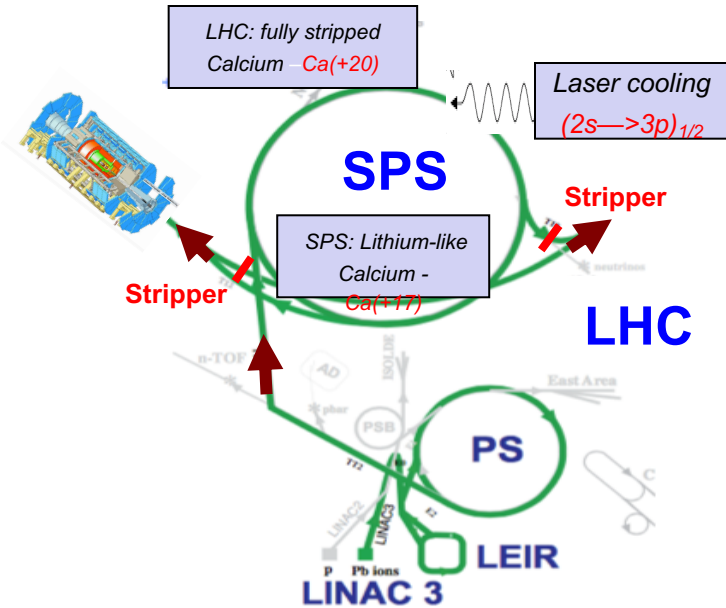
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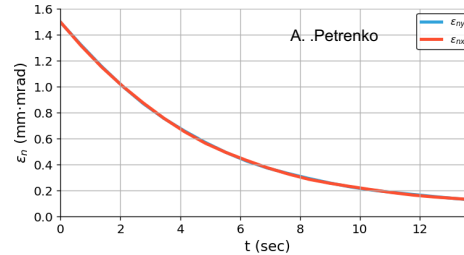
The GF scheme of reducing the transverse beam emittance

- ❑ **Produce** highly charged ion bunches (partially stripped atoms) with the existing CERN ion source
- ❑ **Leave a couple of electrons** attached to their parent nuclei for the SPS acceleration phase (in the canonical SPS heavy ion operation all electrons are already stripped off).
- ❑ **Cool the atomic beam** with the specialised **laser system** at the top SPS energy to reduce its emittance (longitudinal and the transverse cooling).
- ❑ **Strip the electrons** in the SPS-to-LHC transfer line.
- ❑ Accelerate and **collide fully stripped ion** beams in the LHC.

Gamma Factory path to HL(AA)-LHC: A concrete implementation scheme with Ca beams



Ion Source + Linac: charge state after stripping: Ca(+17)



Reduction of the transverse x,y, emittances by a factor of 5 can be achieved in 9 seconds – sufficiently short to avoid the Ca(+17) beam losses in the SPS.

Parameter	Value
$s^{1/2}$ [TeV]	7
$\sigma_{BFPP}(\text{Ca})/\sigma_{BFPP}(\text{Pb})$	5×10^{-5}
$\sigma_{had}(\text{Ca})/\sigma_{tot}(\text{Ca})$	0.6
N_b	3×10^9
$\varepsilon_{(x,y)n} [\mu\text{m}]^{(1)}$	0.3
IBS [h]	1–2
β^* [m]	0.15
$L_{NN} [\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}]$	4.2×10^{34}
Nb of bunches	1404
Collisions/beam crossing	5.5

Optical stochastic cooling time for the Ca beam, if necessary, at the top energy – 1.5 hours (V. Lebedev)

The merits of the **cold isoscalar** beams

- Partonic **emittances** (longitudinal and transverse) can be **fully controlled by the LHC data alone** (no precision brick-walls coming from the LHC-external data, and PDFs, PS models).
- Significantly **higher systematic precision** in measuring the **EW processes** by using **isoscalar ion beams rather than proton beams** (as in the earlier fixed target experiments).
- A **Z^4 leap in photon fluxes** – access to **exclusive Higgs boson production in photon–photon collisions** – unreachable for the pp running mode.
- **Lower pileup background** at the equivalent (high) nucleon-nucleon luminosity.
- **New research opportunities** for the EW symmetry breaking sector.

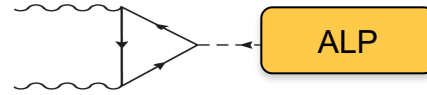
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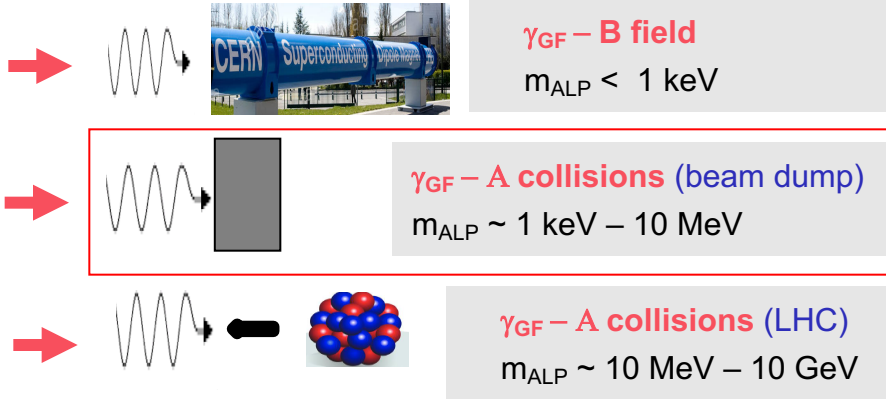
The second example →

DM searches (and studies?): Axion-Like-Particles (ALP) example

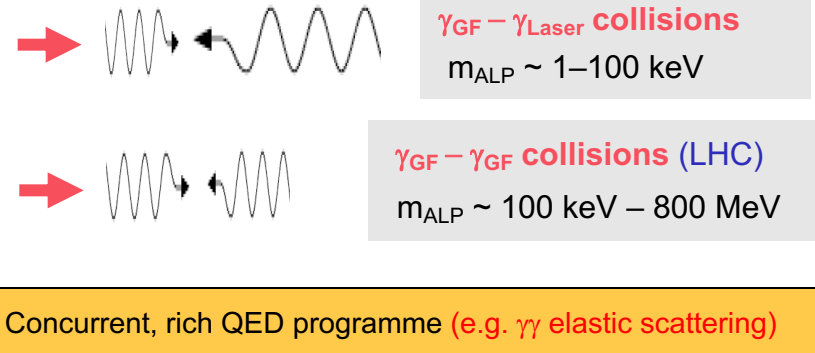
Collision schemes for ALP production:



Search phase



“Production” phase



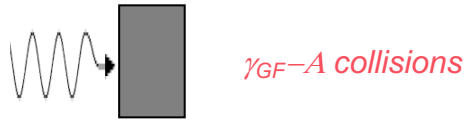
Three principal advantages of the Gamma Factory photon beams:

- **Large fluxes:** 10^{24} photons on target over year (SHIP – 10^{20} protons on target).
- **Multiple ALP production schemes** covering a vast region of ALP masses (**sub eV – GeV**)
- **Once ALP candidate seen** \rightarrow a unique possibility to **tune** the GF beam **energy** to the **resonance**.

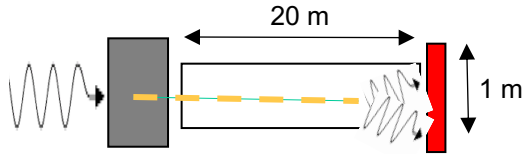
A concrete example: Gamma Factory APL-finding potential (beam-dump search mode)

Search phase

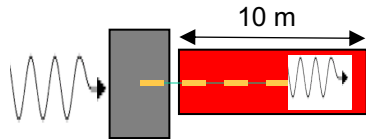
Example: beam-dump mode



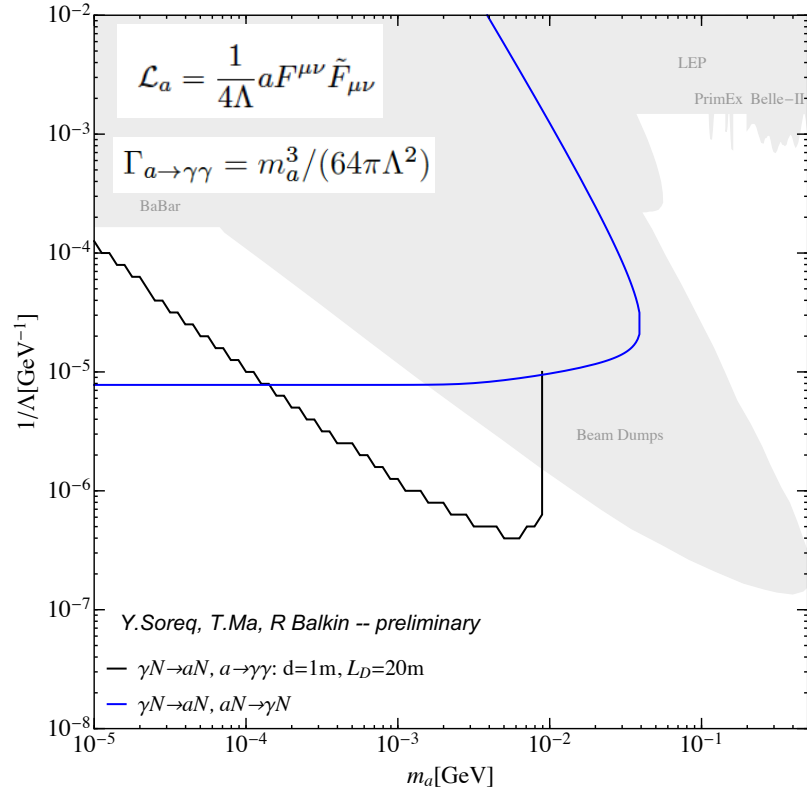
Two appearance modes:



➤ decay: $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



➤ reversion: $aN \rightarrow \gamma N$

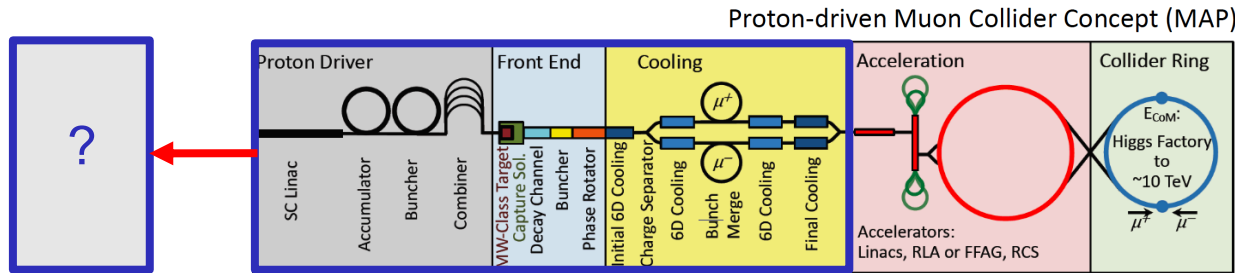
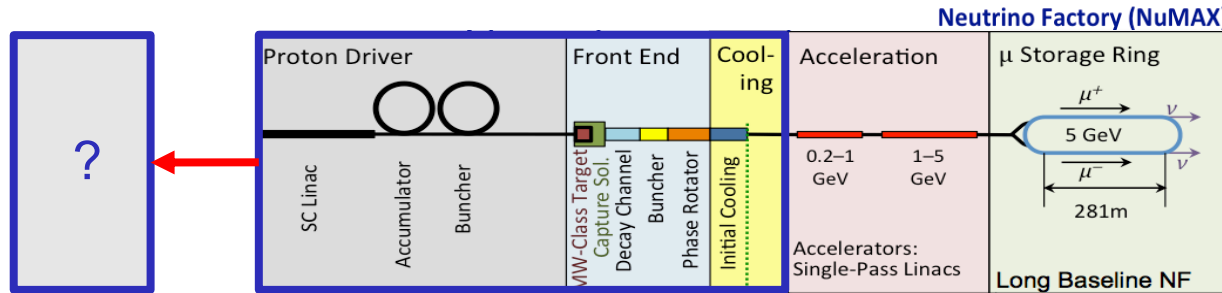


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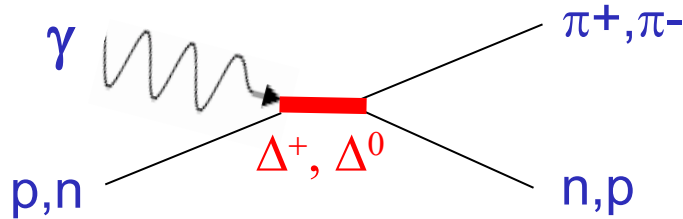
Towards the Gamma-Factory-driven, **neutrino source** and **polarised muon source**



Shouldn't we try to avoid constructing a costly, high power Proton Driver, and to get rid of the necessity of building a ~ 1000 m long, sophisticated cooling section?

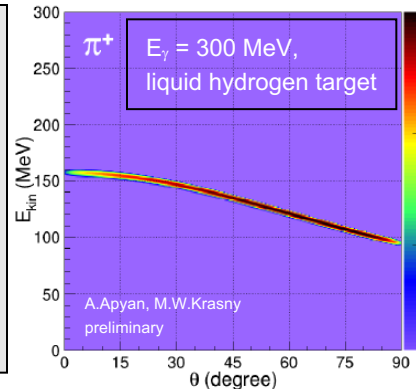
*Who would not be excited by the perspective of constructing a **3 TeV muon-collider in the existing, 7 km long, SPS tunnel**, for the cost of digging the tunnel for the **100 km long, 350 GeV, e^+e^- collider (5.5 BCHF)**?*

Novel paradigm: μ and ν sources based on **exclusive pion production** in photo-excitation of **Δ resonances** with the Gamma Factory photon beam

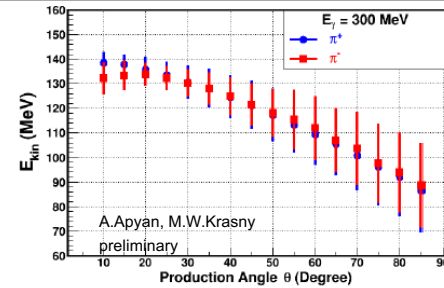


Exclusive process:

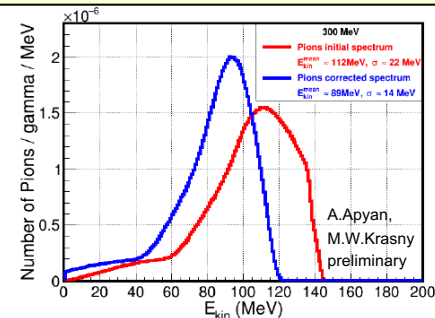
- Pion energy and transverse momentum **no longer random**
- **Fully specified by one parameter: the pion emission angle, θ**



Symmetry of π^+ and π^- production for isoscalar target (e.g. graphite) (the cost: Fermi smearing - error bars)



Further “Monochromatisation” of the pion kinetic energy by a suitable choice of the target radius



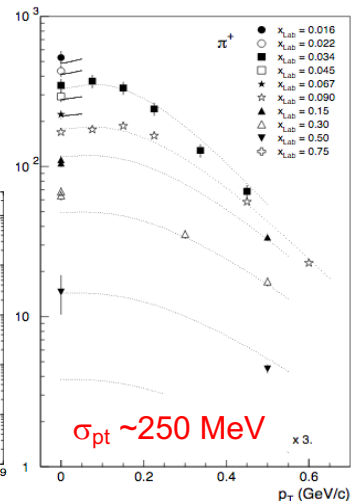
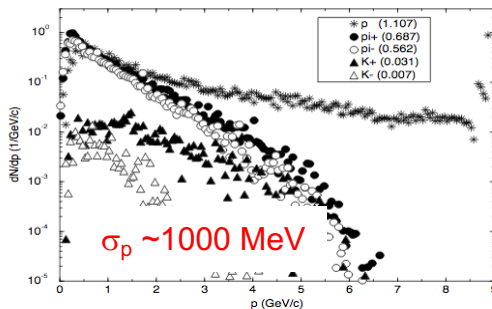
Pion production rate and spectra: proton versus GF γ -beams

8 GeV proton beam

For $\lambda_i = 2$ graphite target:

$\sim 4.1 \times 10^{14} \pi^+$ /s and $\sim 2.6 \times 10^{14} \pi^-$ /s for 1 MW p beam

1 MW photon beam deposits ~ 6 times less energy in the $\lambda_i = 2$ graphite target! ...in addition $\sim 20\%$ muons lost in the cooling channel



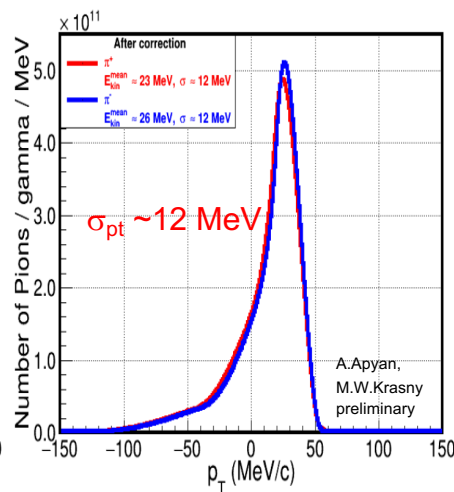
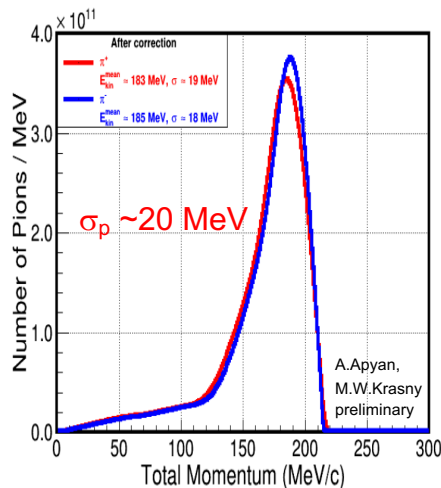
$$\varepsilon_{T(x,y)} \sim (\sigma_T \sigma_{pT}) / mc^2$$

$$\varepsilon_L \sim (\sigma_z \sigma_p) / mc^2$$

300 MeV GF γ -beam

For $\lambda_i = 2$ graphite target :

$\sim 2 \times 10^{13} \pi^+$ and π^- /s for 1 MW γ beam ($2 \times 10^{16} \gamma$ /s)



Expected reduction of the transverse pion-beam emittance (x,y) by a factor of > 10 and longitudinal emittance by a factor of > 20 . If preserved while forming μ -beam (under study), no cooling necessary!

Potential advantages of the Gamma Factory photon-beam-driven neutrino and muon sources

- Replacing the high-power proton Linac beam by the **LHC-driven GF photon-beam** may turn out to be an exciting, cost-optimising option for the future **neutrino factory** and **muon collider**.
- **Producing and handling of > 1 MW photon beams** may turn out to be **easier** than > 1 MW proton beams (*less power deposited in the target*).
- **GF source** could produce **low-emittance muon beams** for which the **muon-cooling** phase may be **avoided** (*CW beam!*).
- High spectral density of the pion beams allows to generate a **Very-Narrow-Band Neutrino Beams** (VNB NB).
- The almost exact **symmetry** of the π^+/π^- and μ^+/μ^- is **assured** (*contrary to the proton driven sources*).
- The above two merits may **facilitate** the design of the **neutrino factory** and **muon collider** (*for the latter, the bunch merging scheme at the top energy would need to be developed*).
- **Muon polarisation** provides an unique path towards the **CP** and **flavour tagged neutrino beams**.

This exciting option needs further studies ...

Gamma Factory status



Gamma Factory (PBC) study group

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We acknowledge the crucial role of the **CERN PBC framework** in bringing our accelerator tests, the PoP experiment design, software development and physics studies to its present stage!

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Gamma Factory milestones – where we are?

1. *Successful demonstration of efficient production, acceleration and storage of “atomic beams” in the CERN accelerator complex.*
2. *Development “ab nihilo” the requisite Gamma Factory software tools.*
3. *Building up the physics cases for the LHC-based GF research programme and attracting wide scientific communities to evaluate and use (in the future) the GF tools in their respective research.*
4. ***Successful execution of the GF Proof-of-Principle (PoP) experiment in the SPS tunnel.***



Done...



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Work ongoing...



Lol submitted to the SPSC on the 25th of September 2019, public presentation on the 13th of October 2020 → waiting for CERN's approval (Yann's talk)

future



1. *Extrapolation of the PoP experiment results to the LHC case and precise assessment of the performance figures of the GF programme (prior to the next European Strategy Update).*
2. *Elaboration of the TDR for the LHC-based GF research programme.*

Conclusions

- ❑ *Gamma Factory can create, at CERN, a variety of novel research tools, which could open novel research opportunities in a very broad domain of basic and applied science (examples in this talk and in Dima Budker's talk)*
- ❑ *The Gamma Factory research programme can be largely based on the existing CERN accelerator infrastructure – it requires “relatively” minor infrastructure investments*
- ❑ *Its “quest for diversity of research subjects and communities” is of particular importance in the present phase of accelerator-based research, as we neither have any solid theoretical guidance for a new physics “just around the corner”, accessible by FCC or CLIC, nor an established “reasonable cost” technology for a leap into very high energy “terra incognita”*
- ❑ *Gamma Factory requires extensive R&D studies which must be finalised prior to the next European Strategy Update*

Conclusions

- ❑ *The initial enthusiasm and the corresponding exponential growth of the community contributing to the Gamma Factory studies cannot be maintained if there is **no “formal” recognition and support for this initiative coming from CERN (potential host of the Gamma Factory) and, what follows, from the funding agencies in our countries***
- ❑ *Such a recognition is a “**sine qua non**’ condition to apply for grants and include PhD students and postdocs in the group activities – creating **a sustainable** project development framework*
 - ***This is what we need the most at this stage of the project development!***
- ❑ *We hope, our three talks will contribute to divulge the highlights of the Gamma Factory research programme, provide help in an evaluation of the importance of our R&D effort, and (hopefully) result in recognition and support for the project*

Post Scriptum

"New directions in science are launched by new tools much more often than by new concepts.

The effect of a concept-driven revolution is to explain old things in new ways.

The effect of a tool-driven revolution is to discover new things that have to be explained" - F. Dyson



“Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric.”

– Bertrand Russell

Post Scriptum

The existence of the Standard Model does not imply the existence of a standardized anticipation of the future. The only thing that deserves institutionalization is doubt. This problem of maintaining diversity of approach afflicts both experiment and theory, and if I have any concern about how the field is developing, it is about this point I worry the most.

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