

Detector Considerations for a multi-TeV Plasma Wakefield Collider

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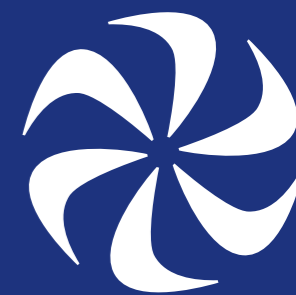


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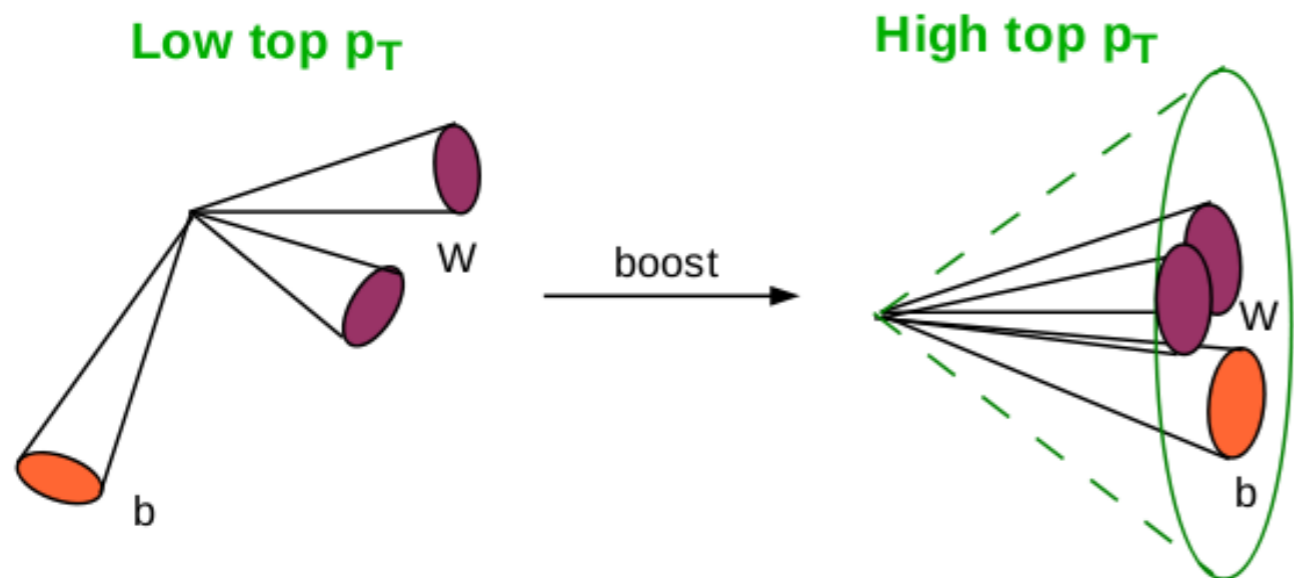
- Spencer asked me to give a **speculative** talk about building detectors for extremely high energy future facilities
 - Consider $\sqrt{s} = 15$ TeV (or beyond?), luminosity $5 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- This assumes using plasma wakefield for acceleration, and a plasma *focus* for luminosity
 - What are the challenges that these devices provide?
- This is all *extremely* speculative: no actual work done (yet?)
 - So speculative that the list of topics here is inherently incomplete
- Many thanks to Michael Peskin, Caterina Vernieri, Lindsey Gray for brainstorming ideas!
 - See also this [talk](#), and this [one](#), from Michael
 - Many technical accelerator details available in the advanced concepts [paper](#)
- Please suggest other areas to consider!

Physics at 15 TeV (or higher?)

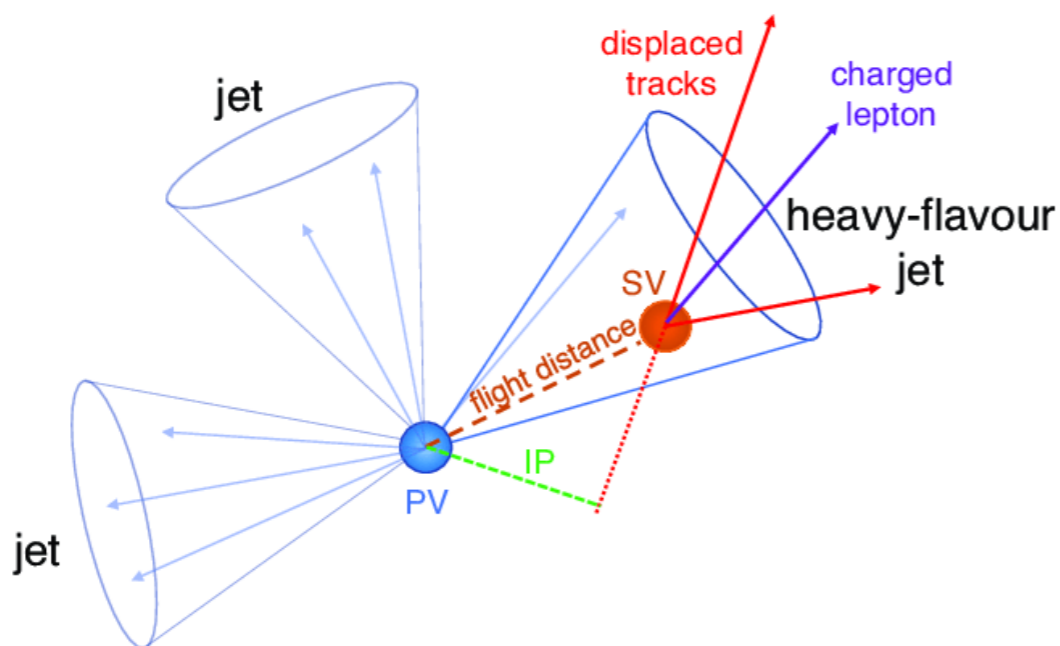


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arXiv:2103.14043



- In high energy collisions, get extremely high energy outgoing particles
- Even heavy particles— typically well separated in current detectors— are super-collimated
- Lifetimes (due to time dilation) are huge: B-hadron travels ~ 20 cm (compared to ~ 1 cm at LHC)
- Identifying B-hadrons critical for Higgs, top quark, new physics: motivates “vertex” detectors that measure secondary vertex

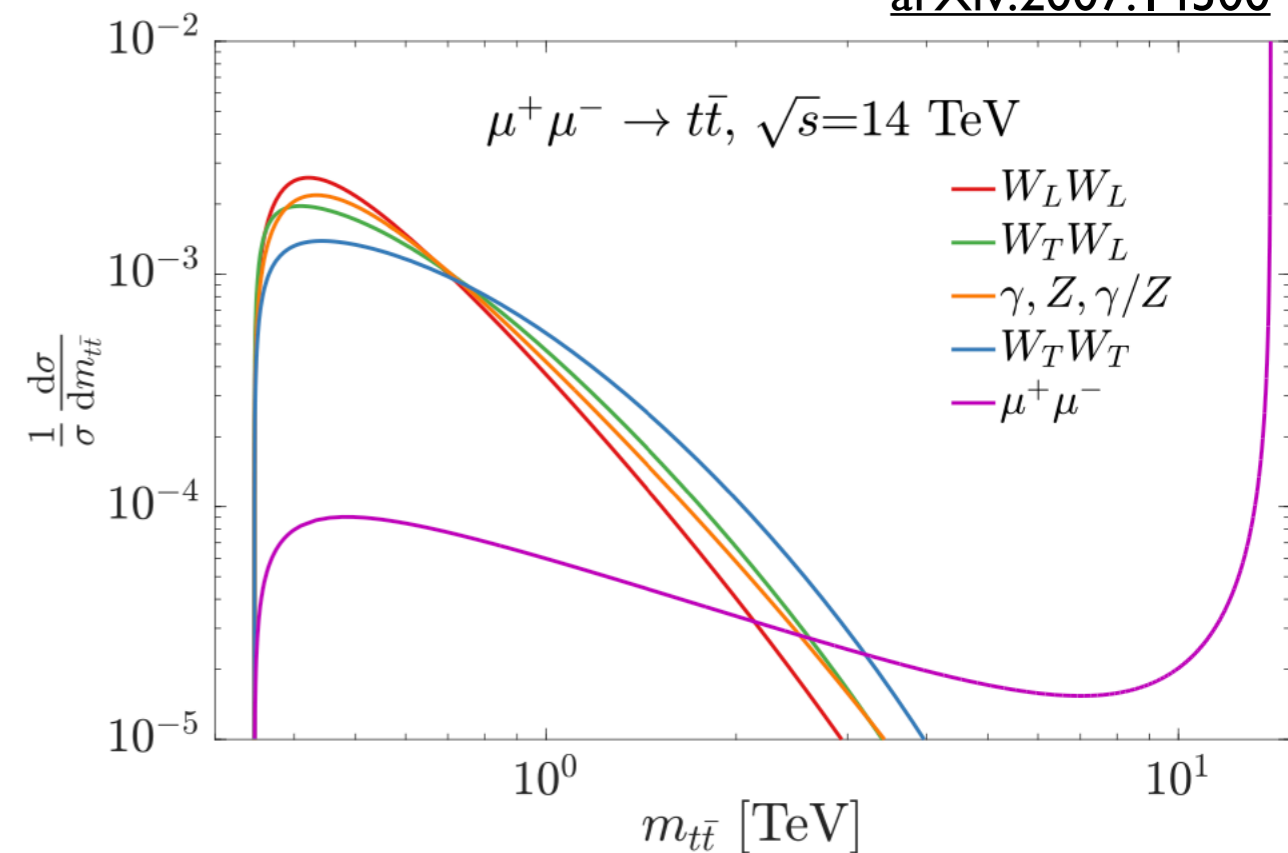
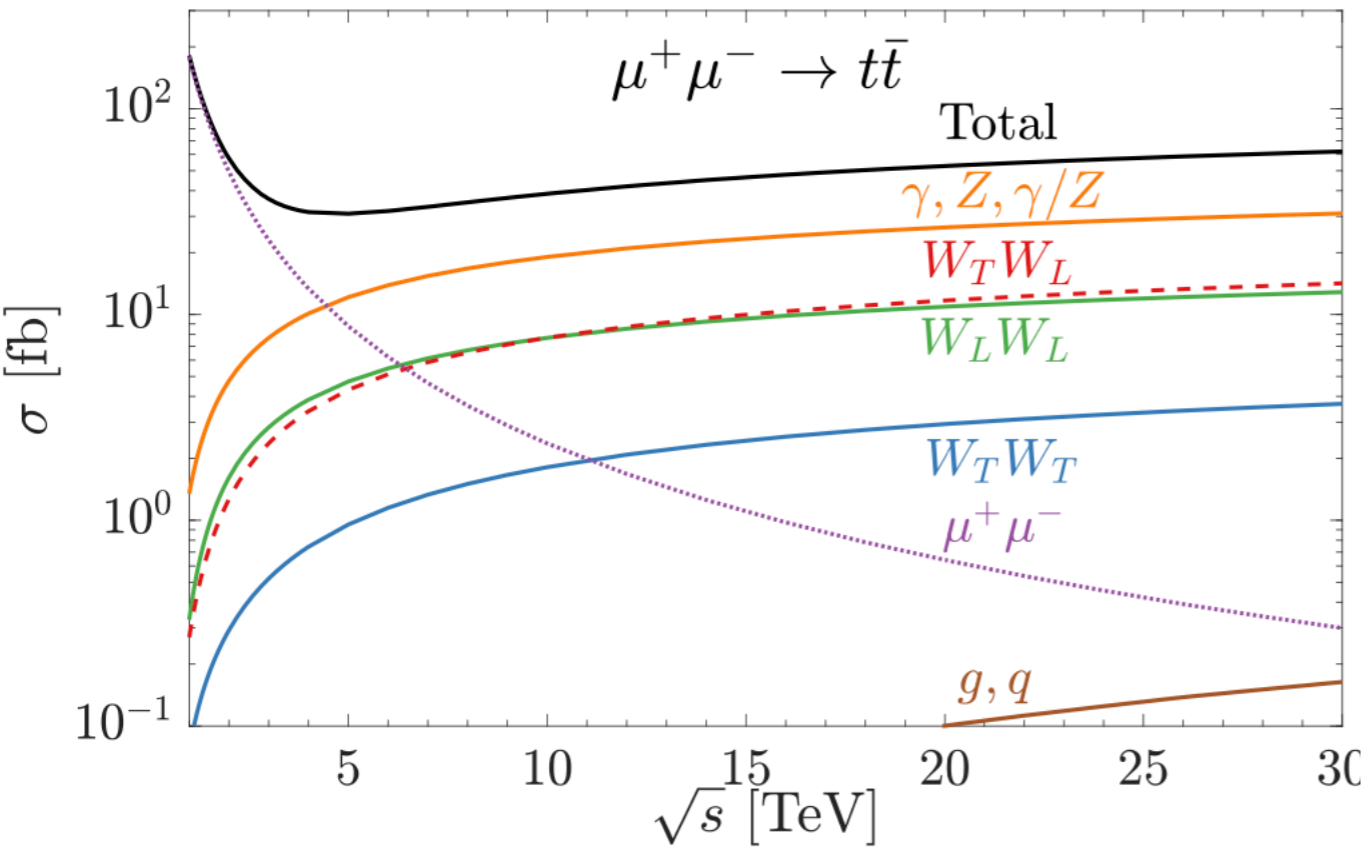


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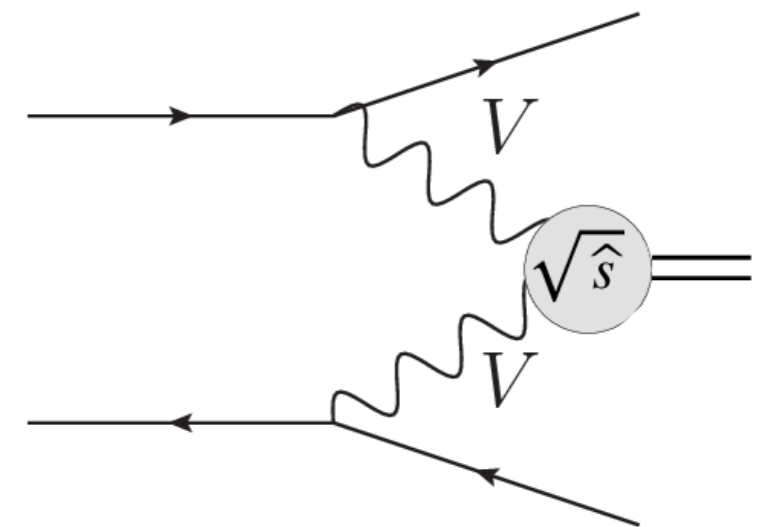
More on EWK-strahlung



arXiv:2007.14300



- At extremely high energy, production mechanisms can be dominated by radiation: EWK-Fusion processes
- If you want to study Higgs physics: most of your Higgs are being produced at much lower energy than your beam!
- But if you are focusing on discovery physics: plenty of events also at the highest masses

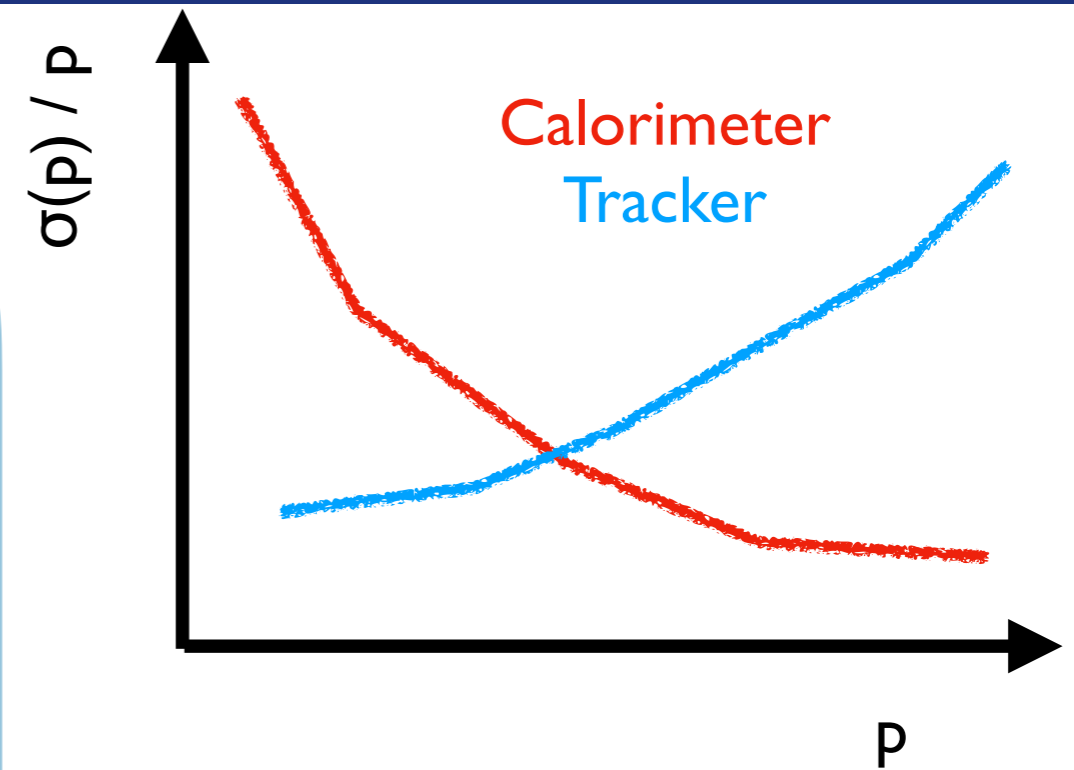


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Impact on Detector Design



- Tracker potentially less useful for momentum: focus on calo?
 - Tracker could still help resolve structure, 'tag' jets
- Calorimeter probably requires high granularity (or use tracker for granularity?)
- "Vertex" detector required much further out?
 - Reduces susceptibility to radiation



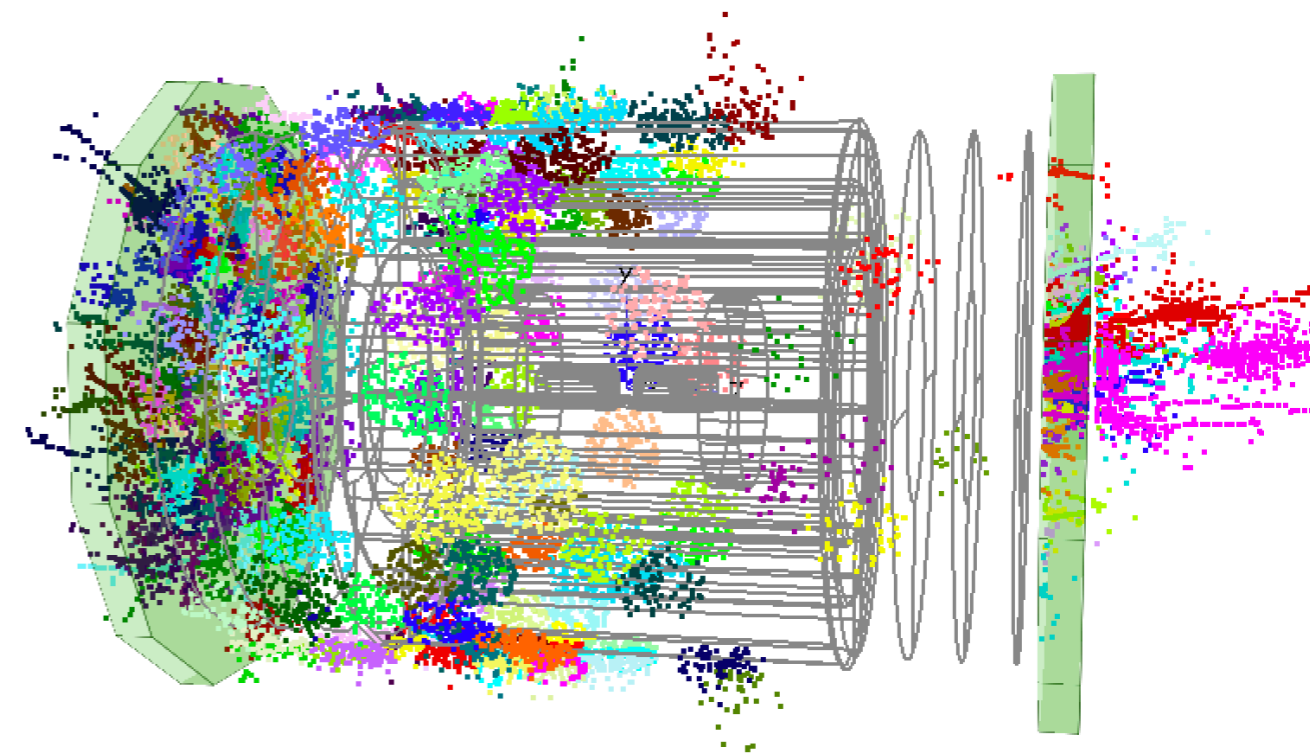
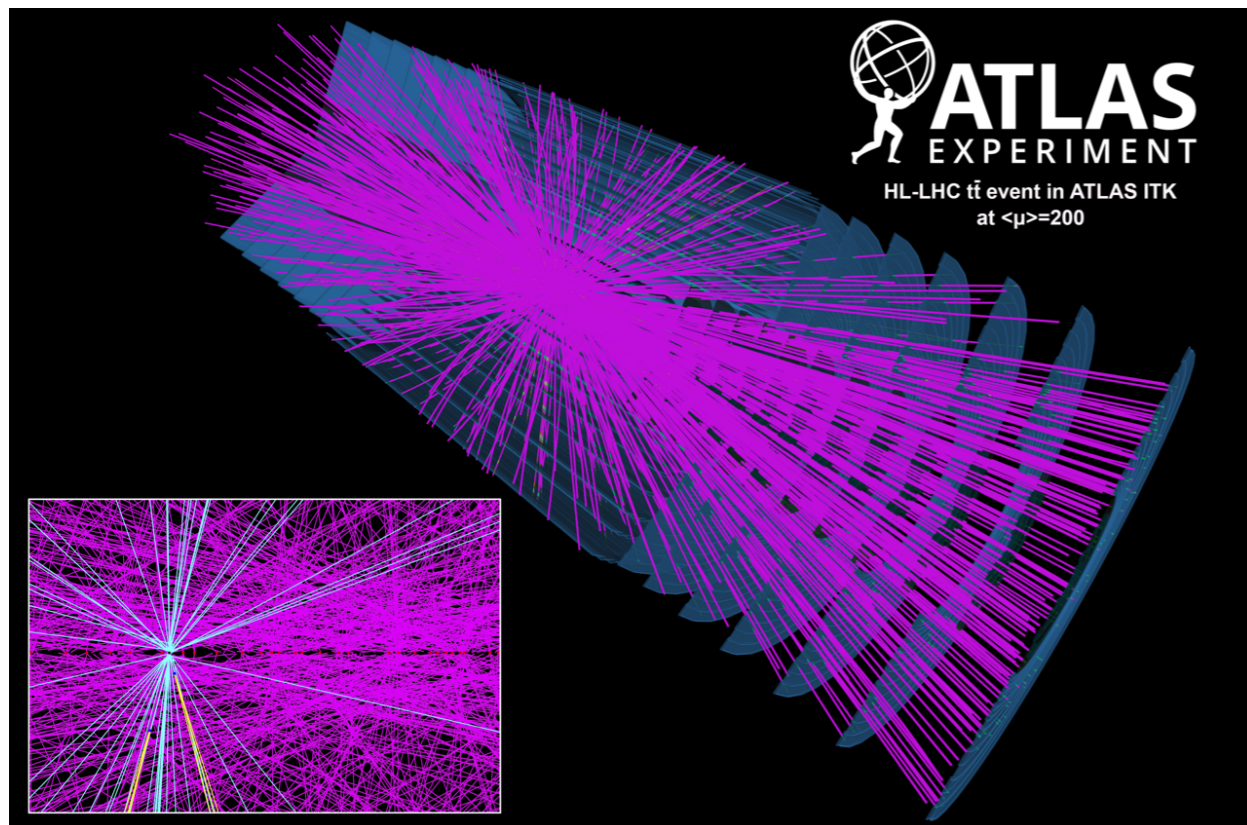
Higher energy



Low angle



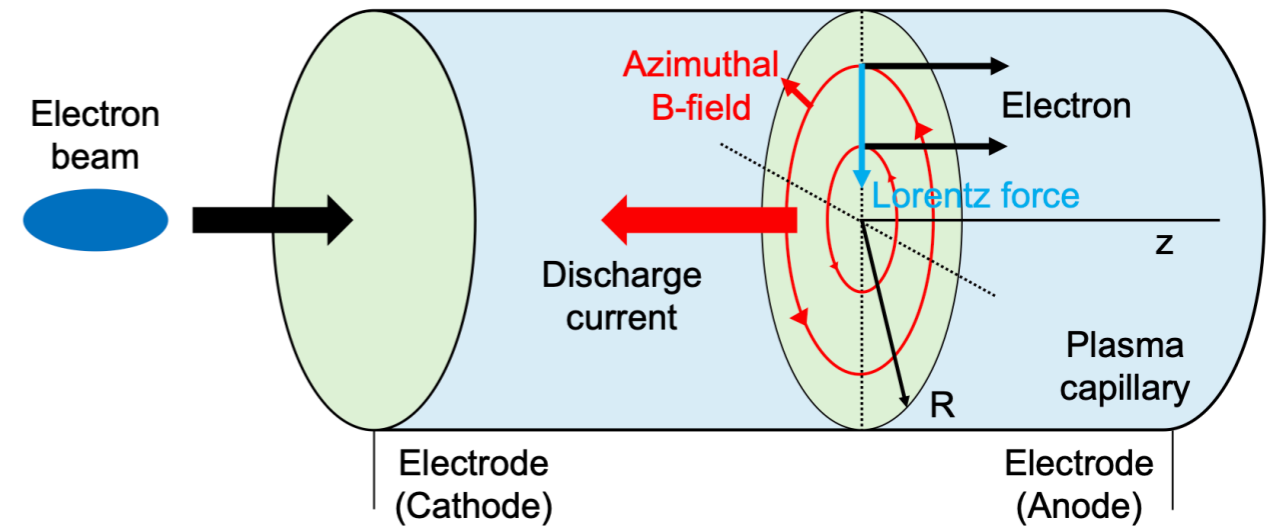
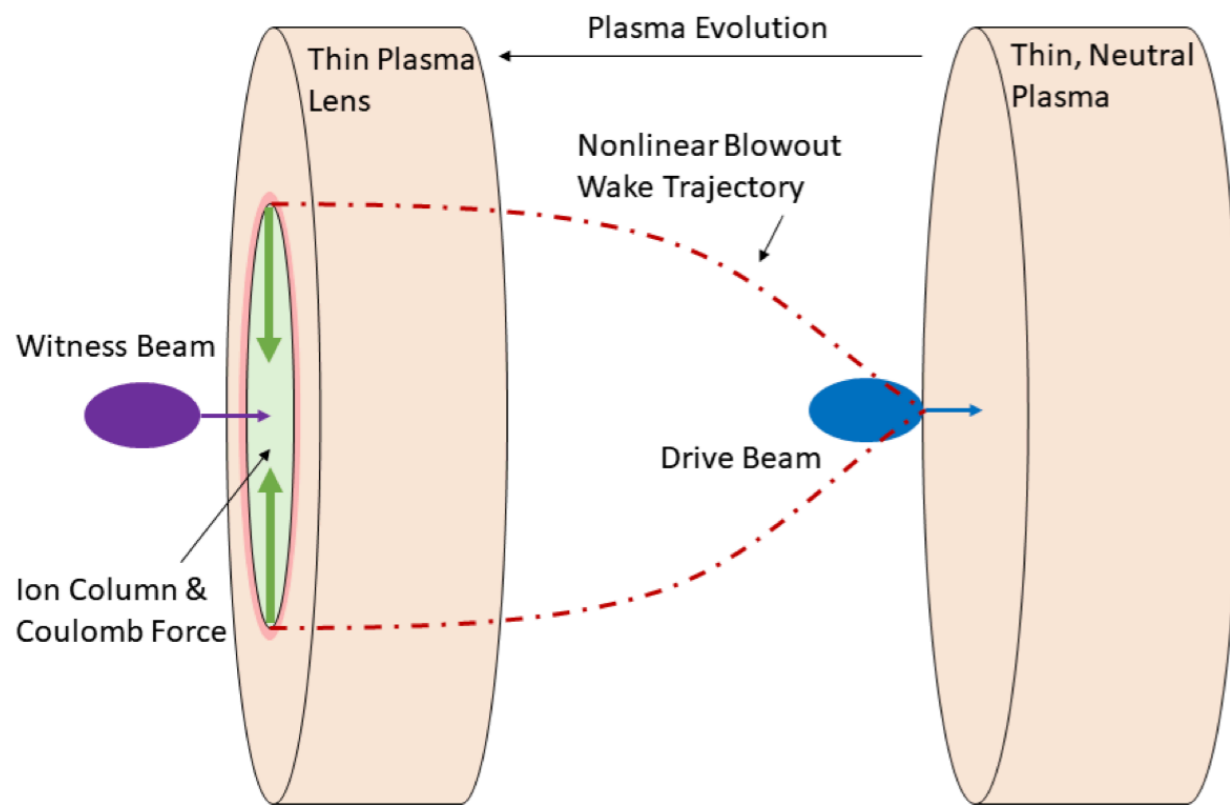
The Context of Discovery Machines



$$\mu\mu \rightarrow H\nu\nu \rightarrow bb\nu\nu + 0.03\% \text{ BIB}$$

- Discovery machines don't have to be precision machines
- Every other discovery-class machine (FCC-hh, μC ...) has extreme backgrounds
- We shouldn't be (completely) afraid of backgrounds!

Plasma Lenses



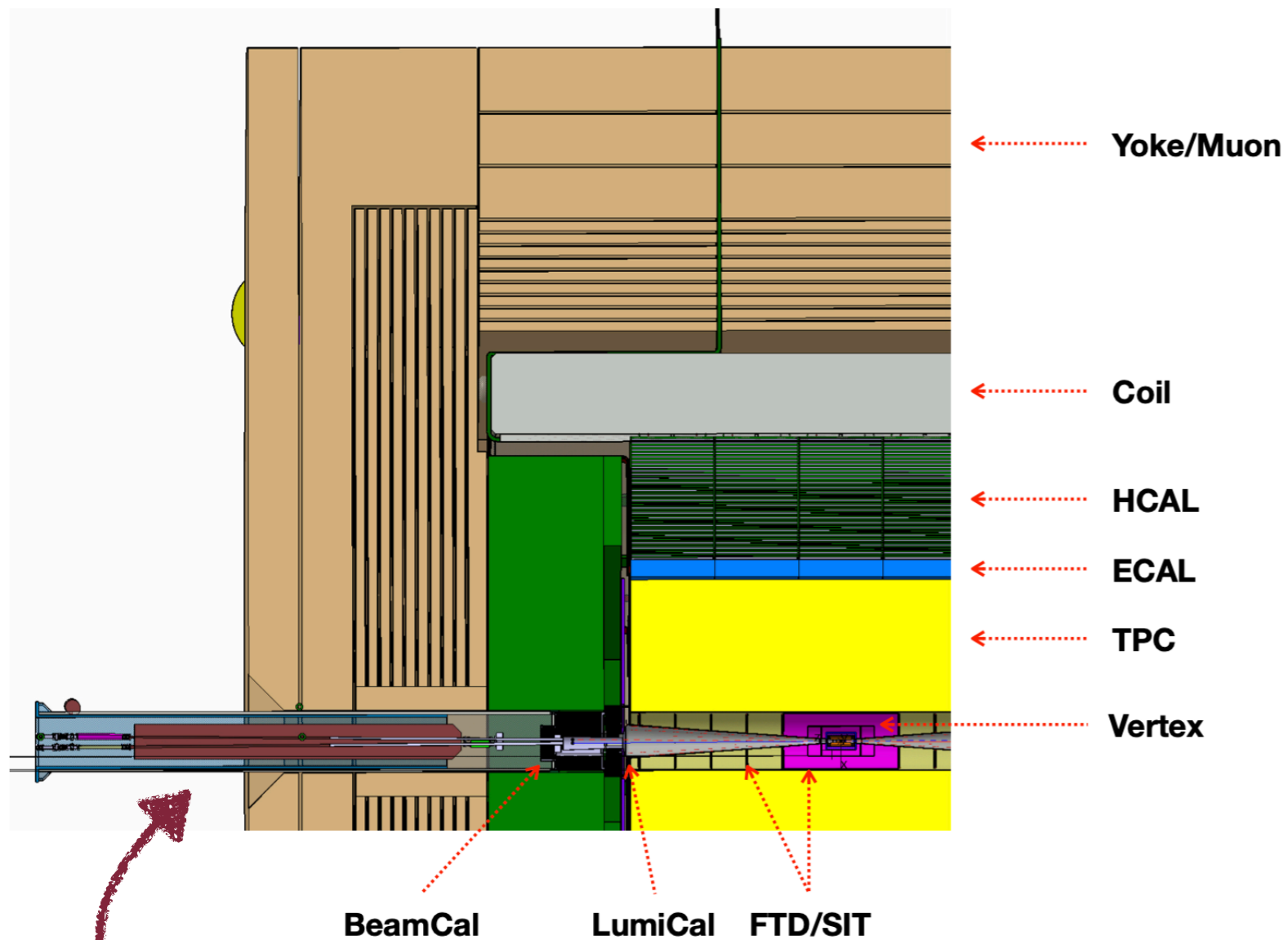
Passive Lens

- Typical drive + witness setup

Active Lens

- Current applied across plasma to create field

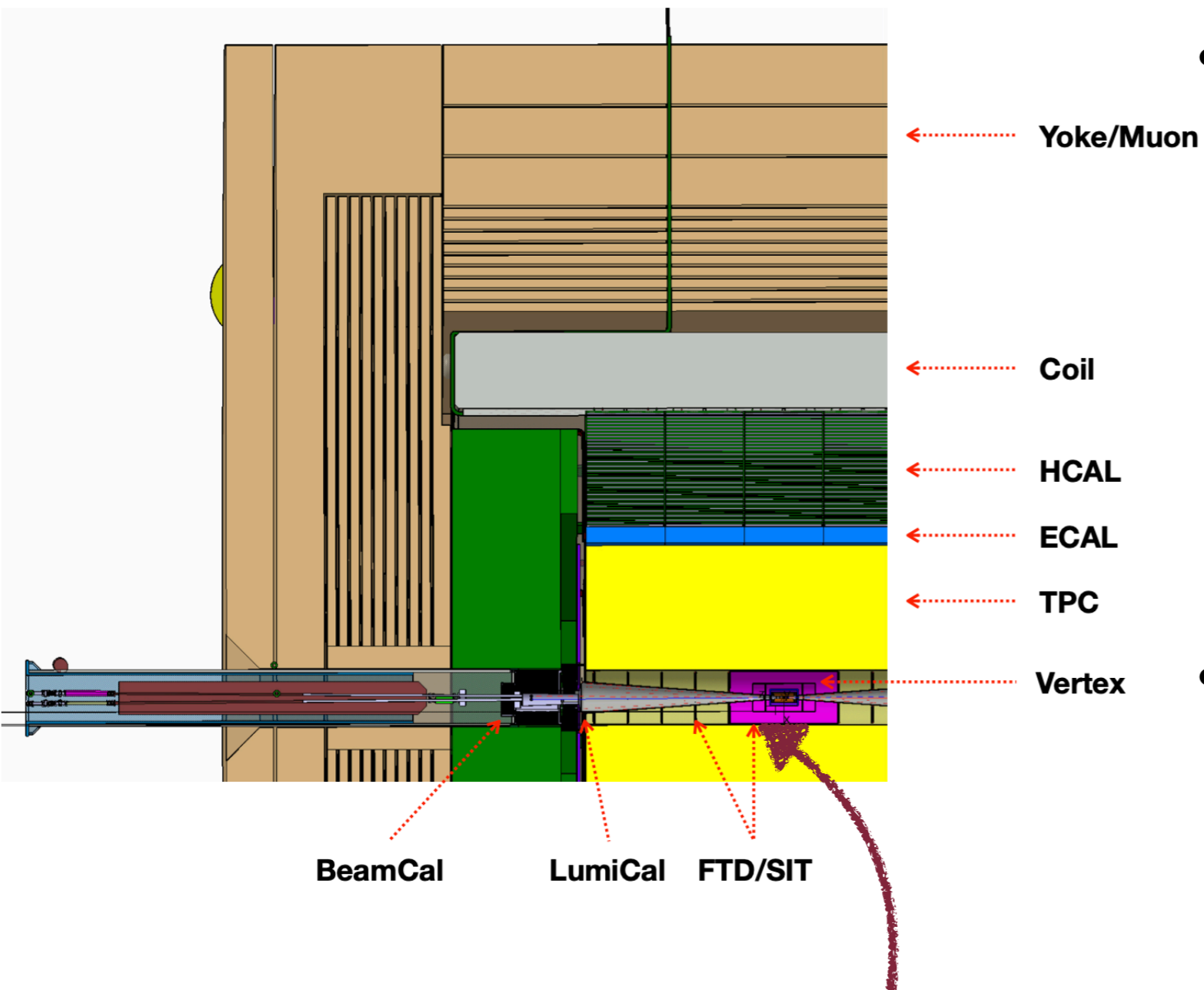
Plasma Lens Locations



Nominal QD0 location?

- First location to consider would be near the nominal $L^* \approx 4$ m
- Over here, probably not so much impact?
- Beamstrahlung will be a large background...
- Beam-plasma interactions could introduce additional backgrounds
 - (Mostly very far forward: larger concern from upstream plasma acceleration cells?)
- Generally seems pretty straightforward...?

Plasma Lens Locations



Focusing at the IP?

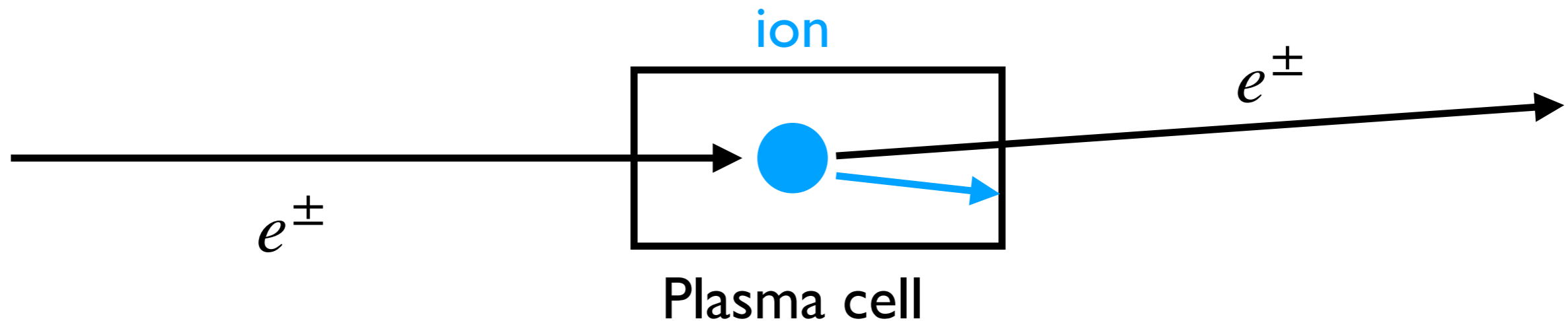
- Another provocative idea: what about a lens extremely close (or on top of??) the IP: $L^* \approx 0$ m
 - Extremely powerful focusing might “over focus” with a longer L^*
 - “Oide limit” might mean you won’t be exactly on top of the IP, but very close
- What are the physics consequences of something this aggressive?
 - Consequences will likely be smaller for anything less aggressive: treat this as a “worst case” thought experiment

Considerations



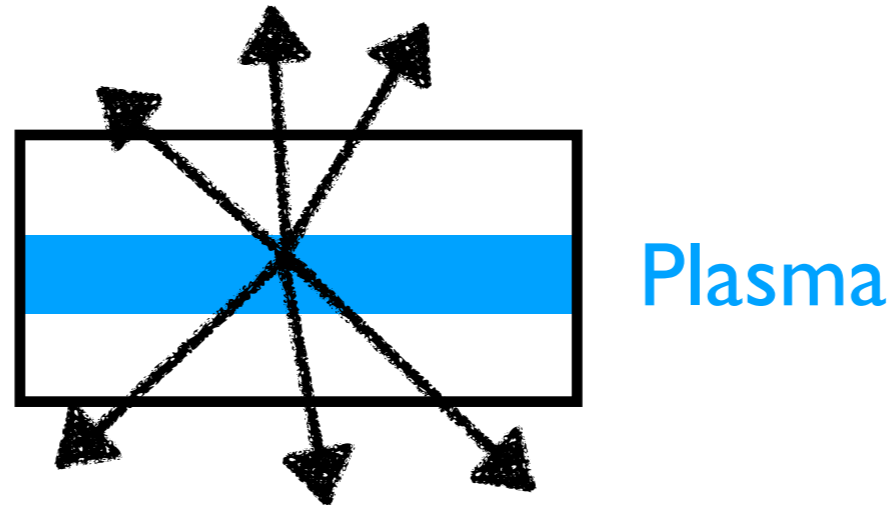
- Beam-plasma interactions
- Outgoing particle-plasma interactions
- Plasma magnetic fields
- Beam-plasma photoproduction
- “Plasmapipe” material
- Anything else I’ve missed!?
- At each slide, I list what I consider the “need to know:” information that will impact detector design/physics

Beam-Plasma Interactions



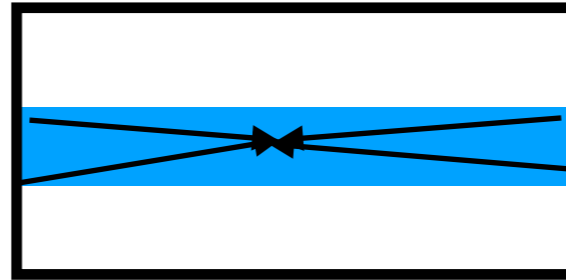
- First active concern: beam interactions with plasma in the collision region
 - Typical operation of plasma cell: 1 atmosphere
 - Beam-gas operations usually require **significantly** lower pressures to avoid overwhelming detectors with background
- Is this really so bad though?
 - Usually a largest concern from *upstream* since (most) scattering is extremely forward
 - And our detector will be placed > 20 cm out...
 - **Doesn't seem like a showstopper?** What about for the collider?
- Need to know: pressure, plasma composition, plasma charge

Outgoing Particle-Plasma Interactions



- Outgoing particles could also interact with the plasma cell!
 - Scattering could induce early showers, deflect particles, etc.
 - However: plasma at ~ 1 atm is not a lot of material
 - And plasma cells are only a \sim few mm transversely
 - **Number of radiation lengths should be minimal**
 - Probably a significant difference between charged and neutral plasmas?
- Need to know: pressure, plasma composition, plasma charge

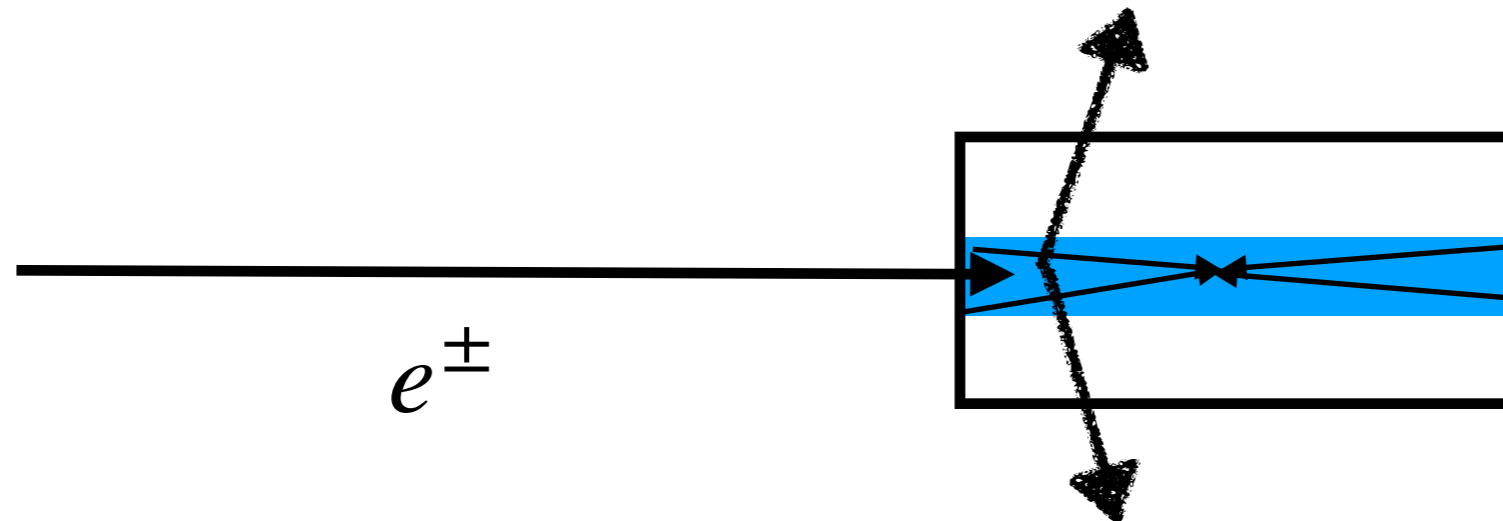
Plasma Magnetic Fields



(Bad sketch of extremely strong magnetic forces)

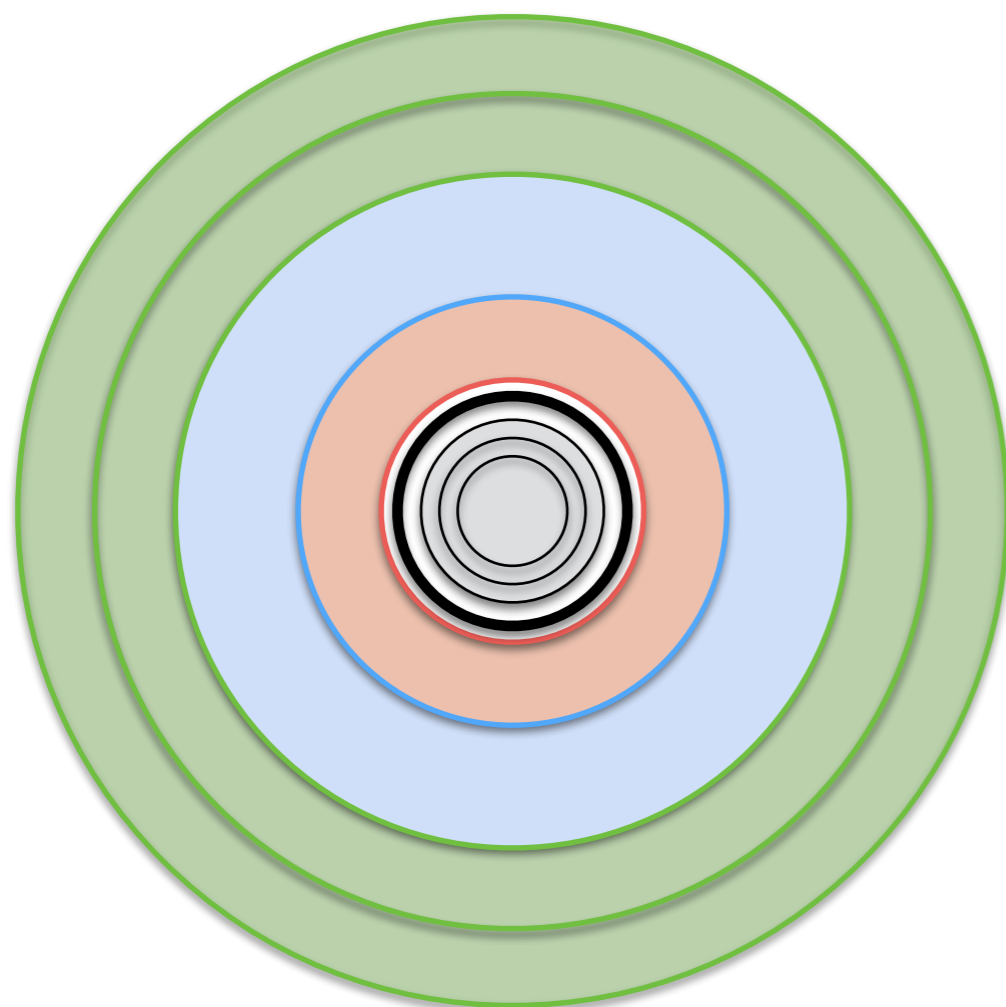
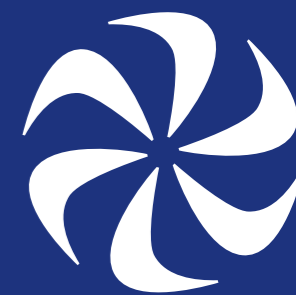
- Plasma lens by definition contains extremely strong magnetic forces to focus beams
 - These forces are hard to predict: time-varying (in passive configuration only?), complicated radial profile, etc.
 - Outgoing particles will also interact with this, but:
 - Outgoing particles are extremely high energy (stiff to fields)
 - Plasma only has a ~few mm of lever arm
- Bending and deflection from magnetic fields should be minimal: might introduce smearing to detector measurements, but naively seems acceptable
- Need to know: “worst case” magnetic field model? Ideas on how much time variation (on what time scale, etc.)

Photoproduction/Beamstrahlung



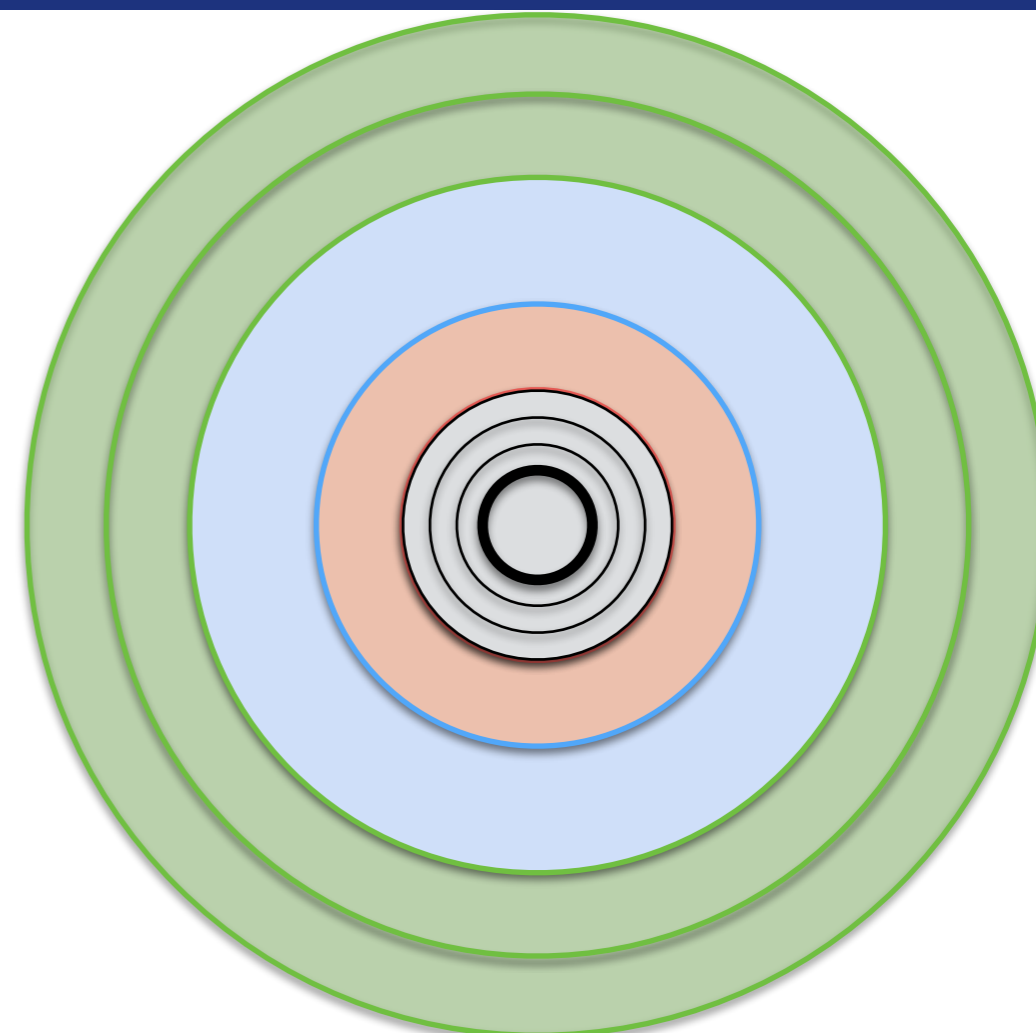
- Extreme focusing of beams will create large beamstrahlung effects
 - But “flat beam” configurations may potentially alleviate this at least partly
 - Could harness this radiation: make a $\gamma\gamma$ collider without Compton laser scattering?
- Extreme presence of magnetic fields (and beam interactions) will also create photoproduction
- Certainly expect large presence of backgrounds from these processes— especially at high angles
 - But most particles will be “low” energy and forward
- Extremely limited knowledge of extreme QED at this scale...! Improved simulations to GuineaPig (WarpX, OSIRIS) under development (see talk from Marina)
- Need to know: photoproduction and beamstrahlung particle energies, angular distributions

Detector Cleaning?



Typical HEP Detector

- **Solenoid** around (at least) inner detector



Advanced Detector?

- Solenoid (or other magnet) *inside* other detectors, to sweep away backgrounds?
 - Use return flux to bend in tracker?
- Something like anti-DID

“Plasmapipe”



- Previous sketches was not exactly accurate— my understanding is that current plasma cells have ~cm scale containment walls
 - Typically made of sapphire (or some similar material)
 - ~cm of material is probably not the end of the world for our very energetic particles
 - But still probably prefer to reduce this as much as possible
 - Beampipes tend to be made from extremely thin beryllium to reduce particle-material interaction: how thin can you go?
- Need to know: materials and size of beampipe

What Else?



- What have I missed?

Conclusions

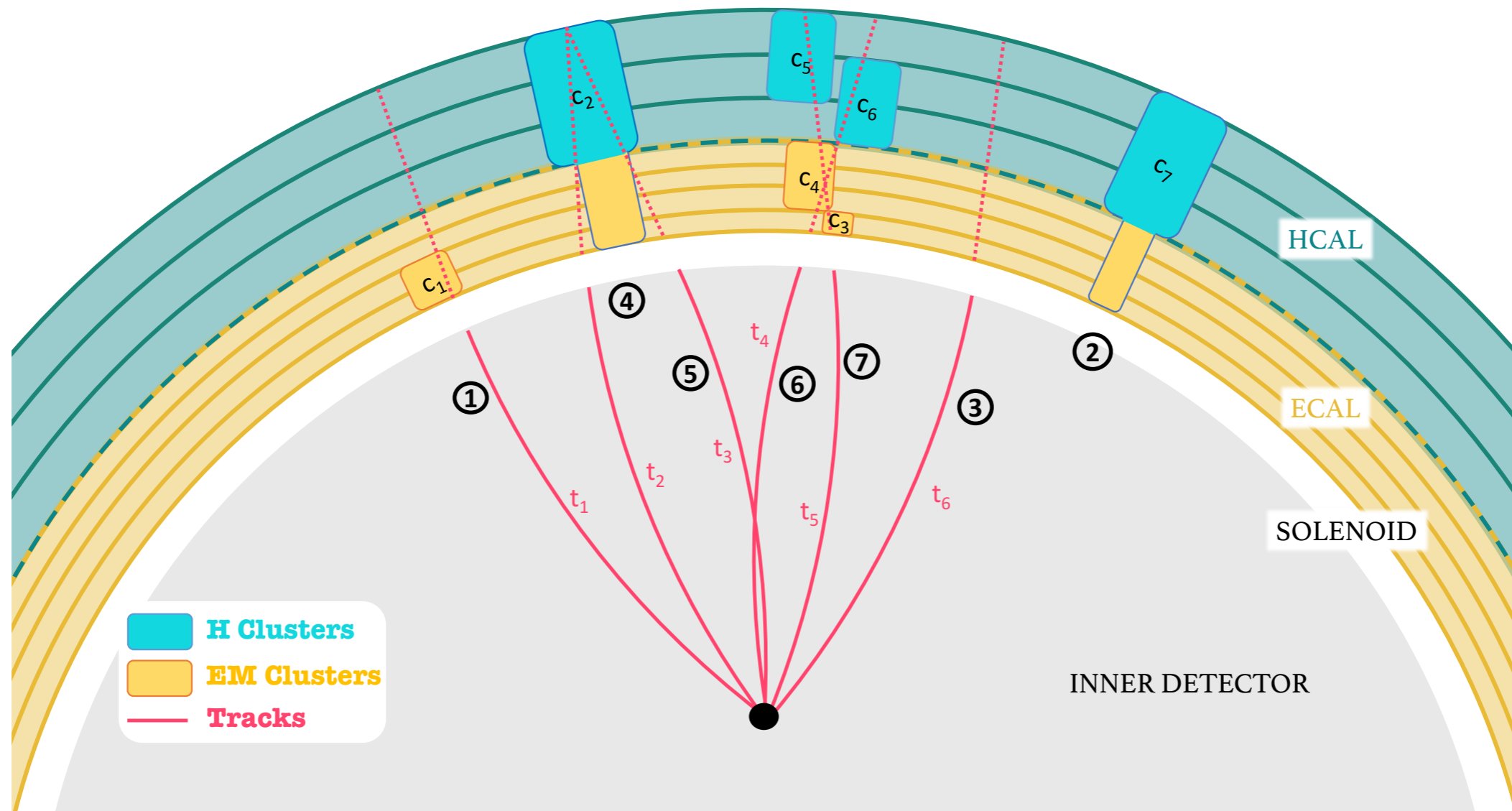


- Physics and detector considerations are quite special at the “extreme energies” and luminosities being considered here
 - Detector design could potentially be quite different: might actually reduce some stress on backgrounds, etc.
- Tried to flag the main questions/requests needed to actually design a detector
 - For a more complete design with very different backgrounds, see designs from [FCC-hh](#)
- Many apologies to Tim Barklow— not enough time to include material on XCC-like $\gamma\gamma$ interactions!

Thank you!

Again, many thanks to Spencer Gessner, Michael Peskin, Lindsey Gray, Caterina Vernieri for brainstorming with me

Track-Calo-Clusters



- Use spatial locations from Inner Tracker
- Split energy locations of matched calorimeter cells to locations specified by tracks
 - Use granularity of tracker, energy resolution of calorimeter

Calorimeter Design



- ClicDet 3 TeV has outer radius for HCal at 1.6m, 7.5λ
- Need a logarithmically larger detector: $\ln(15/3) \approx 1.6$
 - 2.6m outer radius for HCal: still plausible
- Objects are extremely boosted: but instrumenting at high granularity this large a calorimeter is \$\$\$
- Consider hybrid design: high-granularity in earlier stages, less granularity deeper?