

# Exploring the Quantum Universe

# Pathways to Innovation and Discovery in Particle Physics

Report of the 2023 Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel

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## Committee on Astronomy and Astrophysics

Karsten Heeger  
P5 Deputy Chair,  
On behalf of P5 Committee



# P5 and HEPAP

- **P5 = Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel**
- **P5 is a subpanel of HEPAP (High Energy Physics Advisory Panel)**
- P5 is an advisory body, responds to **charge**, makes recommendations to HEPAP
- Establishes **scientific priorities** taking into account **cost and schedule** information
- Provides a **10-year strategic plan for given budget scenarios within 20-year vision**
- P5 **builds on community input**, community support is essential





P5 Panel



# P5 Panel

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**Blue: international members**

# Charge to the 2023 P5 Subcommittee

Consider : HEP is  
a global field

Support decisions to  
retain US leadership  
as a global partner

Preserve essential  
roles of  
Universities and  
National Labs

EDIA throughout  
the field results in  
improved science

Balanced core  
research budget is  
paramount to  
producing science

Remember costs of  
R&D, commissioning,  
and operations for  
future projects

Address synergies  
with broad national  
initiatives

Assess science  
case for on-going  
projects

**Issued on Nov 2, 2022**

**signed by Asmeret Berhe (Director of DOE Office of Science), Sean Jones (Director of NSF MPS)**

# US Process for HEP Planning

## Community



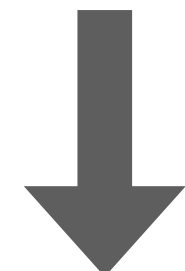
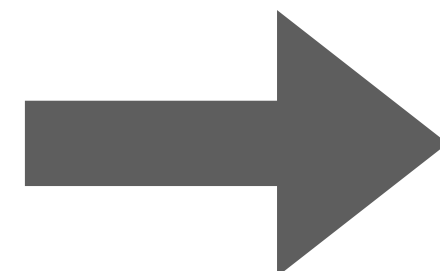
“Snowmass”  
Community Study

Organized by  
APS / DPF

## Advisory Panel

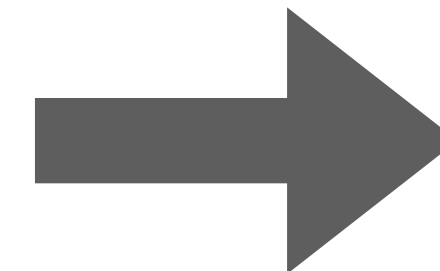


DOE SC  
NSF MPS



Charge  
Budget scenario

Particle Physics  
Project  
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Exploring  
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## Implementation



DOE HEP  
NSF PHYS

OMB  
OSTP  
Congress

+ international partners



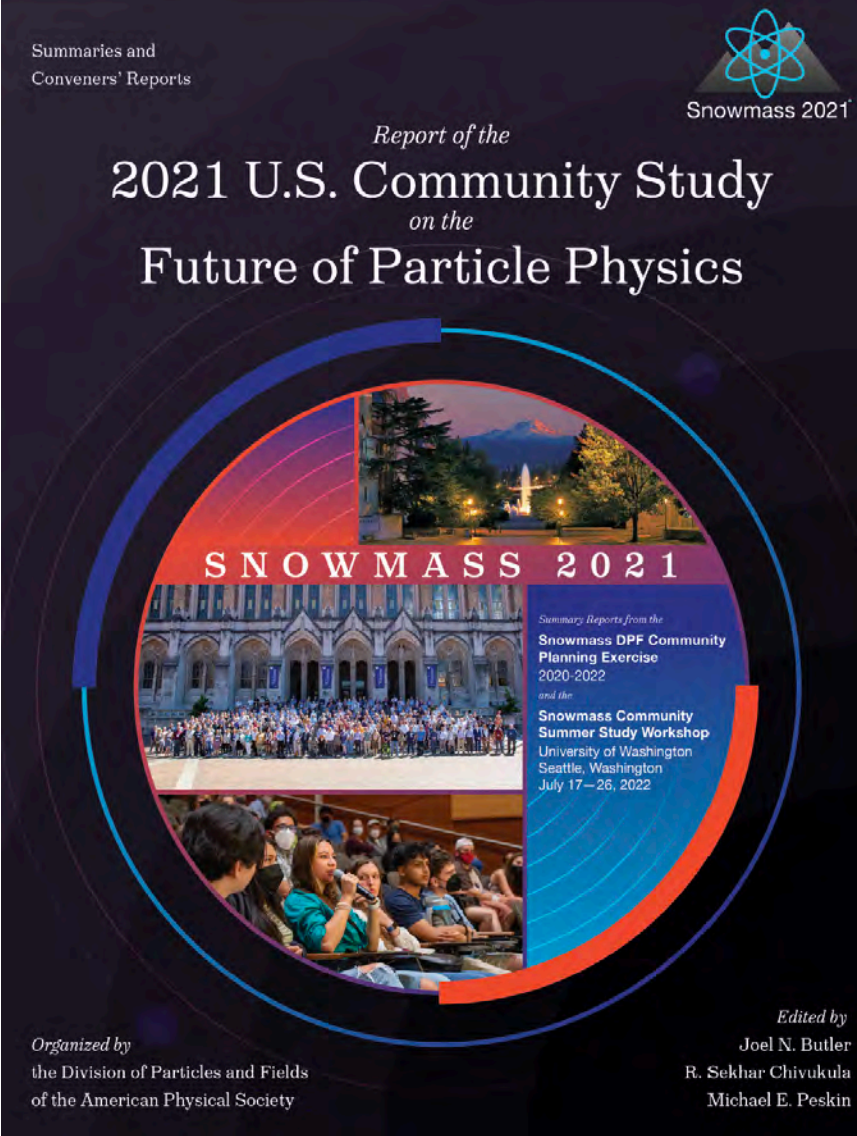


**Final workshop of Snowmass 2021 Community Study (~2 years)  
University of Washington, July 2022**



# Community Vision from Snowmass 2021

## Summary of the 2021-2022 US HEP Community Planning Exercise



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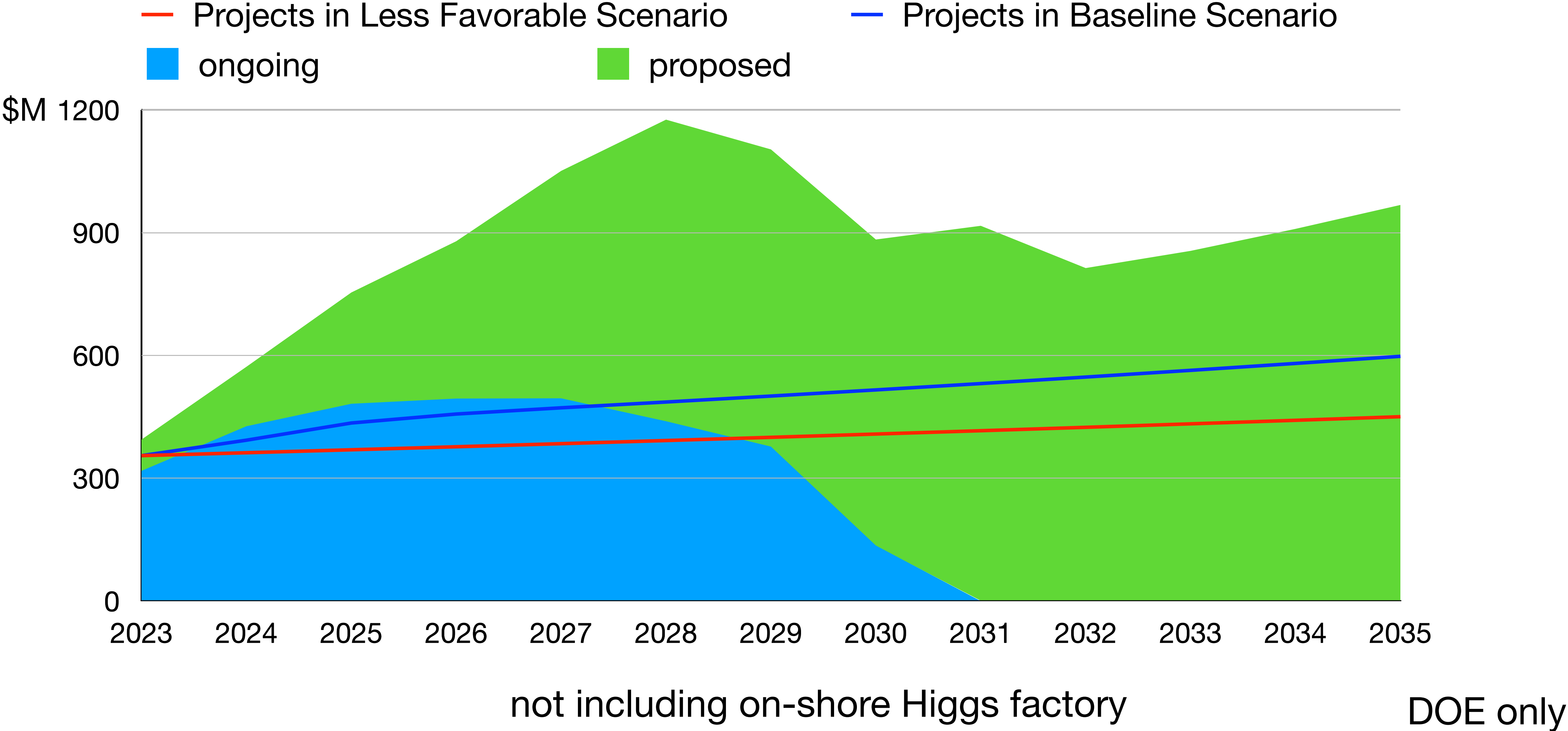


# Important Lessons Learned

- Developing a compelling and **fiscally responsible plan** that has widespread support from the field is a must if we want sustained support
- Completing projects **on schedule and within the budget** is crucial to increasing our support
- A strong and **broad ecosystem** of theorists and experimentalists, R&D, and small & large projects is essential for the field's long-term health
- **People are our most precious resource**
- It's an honor and privilege to do research into the nature of the Universe. We **must be good stewards** of our field.



# Budget Scenarios and Projects





# Subcommittee on Costs/Risks/Schedule

**Critical to understand maturity of cost estimates and risks and schedule for prioritization of projects within budget scenarios**

Lesson from previous P5 that some of the costs were off by a factor of  $\sim\pi$

## Subcommittee

- **Jay Marx (Caltech), Chair**
- Gil Gilchriese, Matthaeus Leitner (LBNL)
- Giorgio Apollinari, Doug Glenzinski (Fermilab)
- Mark Reichanadter, Nadine Kurita (SLAC)
- Jon Kotcher, Srini Rajagopalan (BNL)
- Allison Lung (JLab)
- Harry Weerts (Argonne)



Jay Marx

**Committee provided low, medium, and high estimates with schedules**



# Prioritization Principles

In the process of prioritization, we considered **scientific opportunities**, **budgetary realism**, **and a balanced portfolio** as major decision drivers.

## Large projects (>\$250M)

- Paradigm-changing discovery potential, world-leading, Unique in the world

## Medium projects (\$50–250M)

- Excellent discovery potential or development of major tools, world-class, Competitive

## Small projects (<\$50M)

- Discovery potential, well-defined measurements, or outstanding technology development, World-class, Excellent training grounds

## Overall program should

- leverage **unique US facilities and capabilities**, engage with **core national initiatives** to develop key technologies,
- develop a **skilled workforce** for the future that draws on all talent
- realize **effective engagement and partnership in international endeavors**



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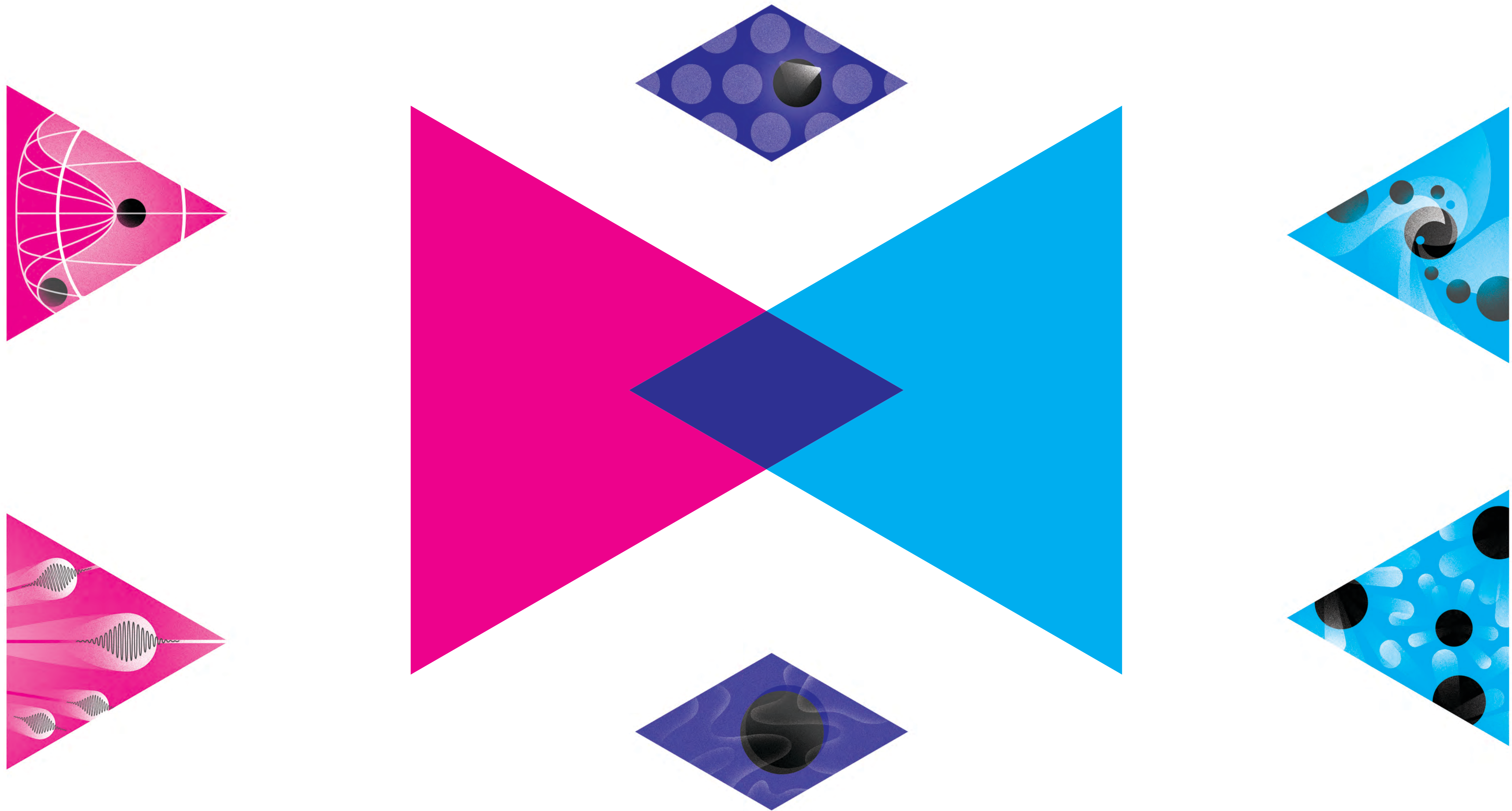


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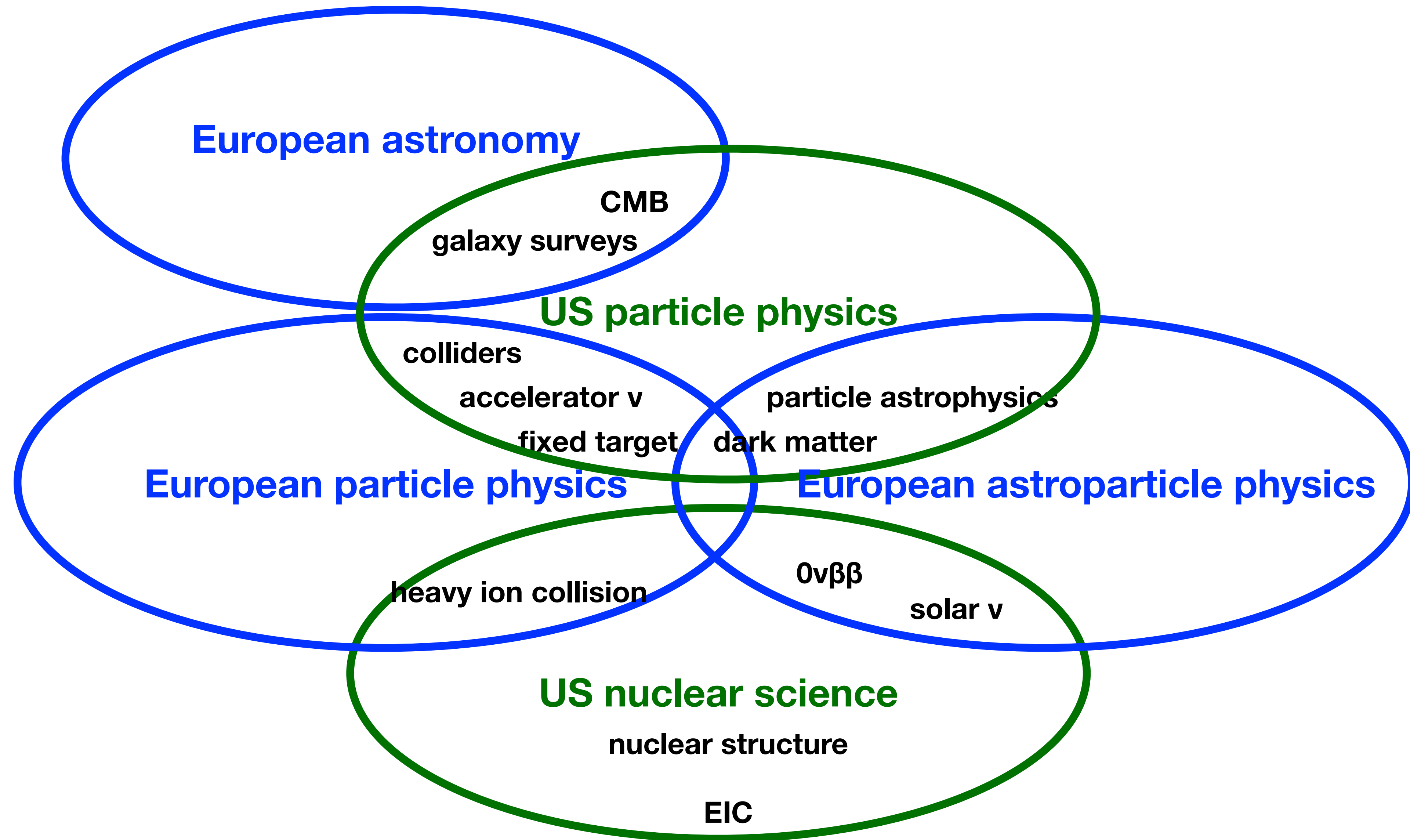


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# Cosmology and Astrophysics in US Particle Physics

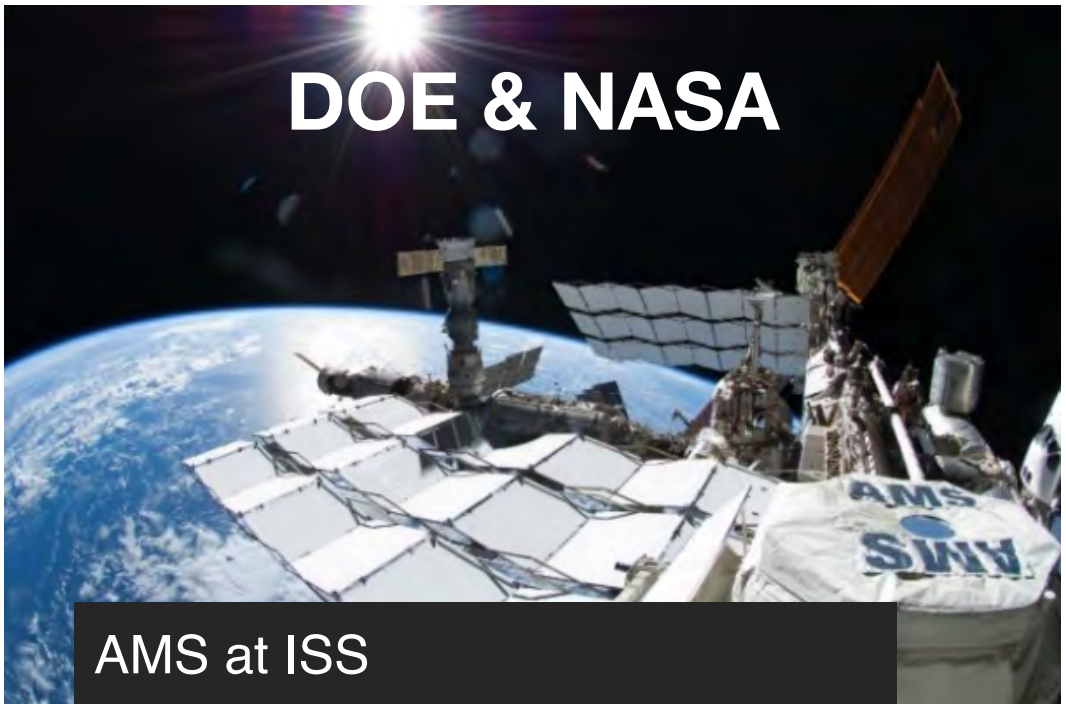
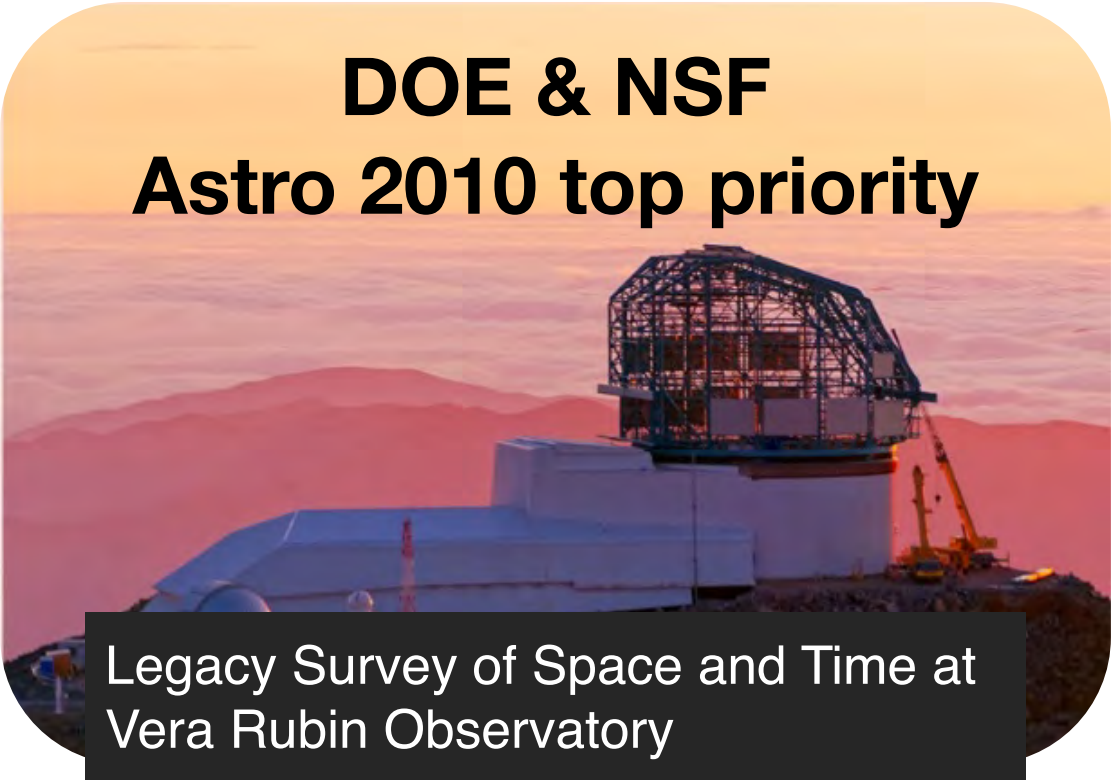
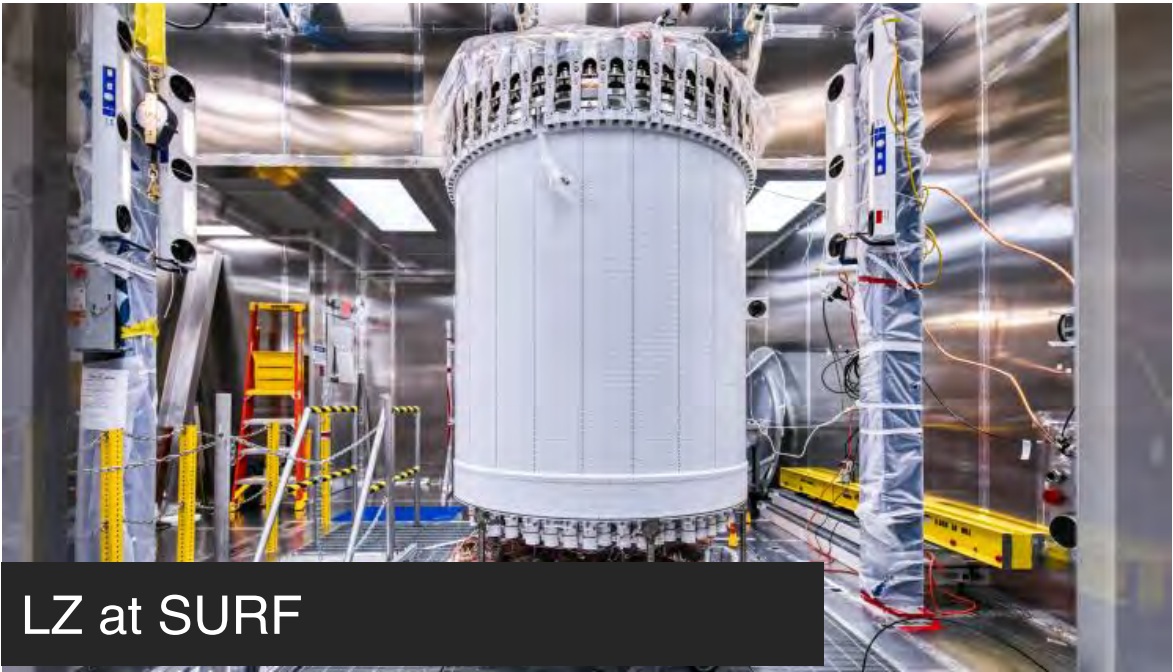
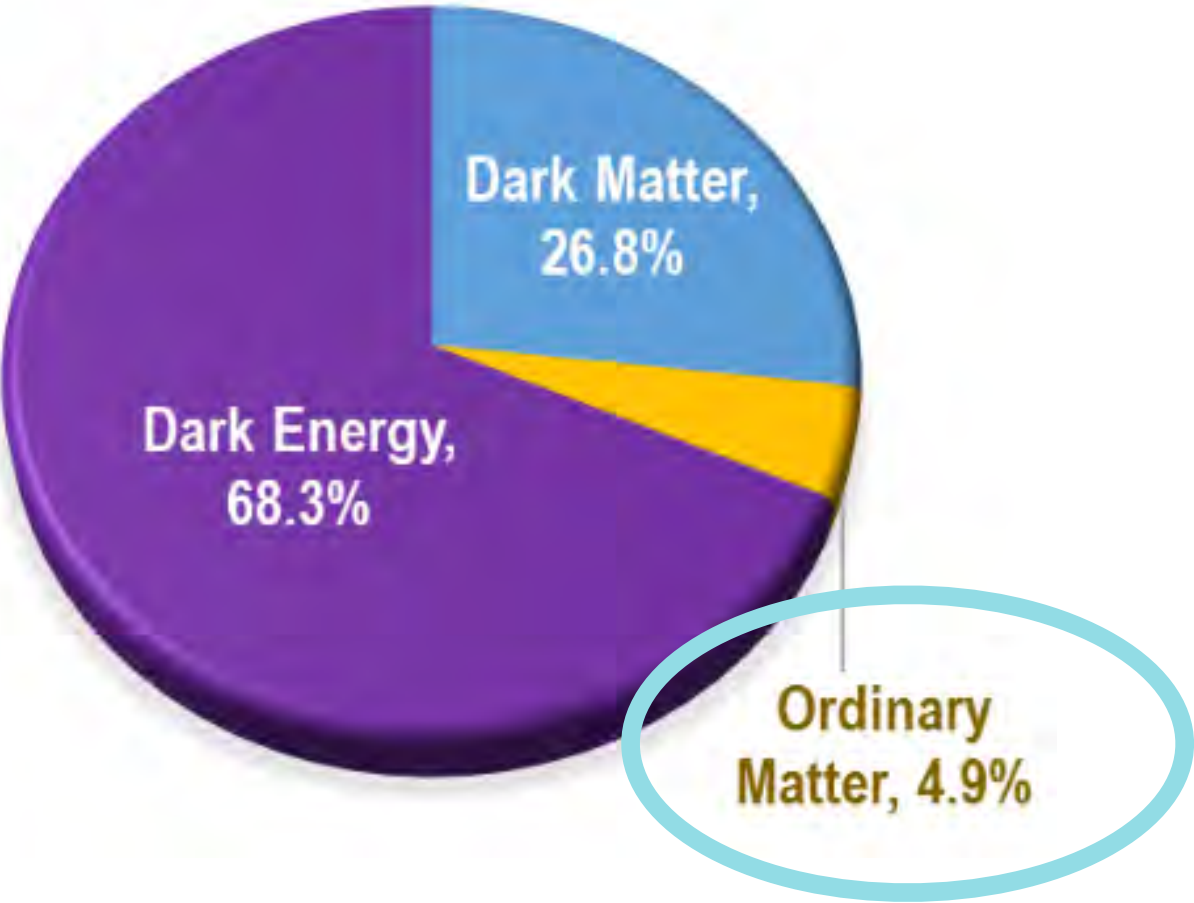




# Cosmic Frontier Experiments

- **Cosmic Frontier experiments** address four of five science drivers
- They use naturally occurring sources to determine the fundamental energy, space and time.

	Energy Frontier	Intensity Frontier	Cosmic Frontier
Higgs Boson	●		
Neutrino Mass		●	●
Dark Matter	●	●	●
Cosmic Acceleration			●
Explore the Unknown	●	●	●



- Partnerships w/NSF (PHY, AST, OPP) NASA (AST, ISS, CLPS) are essential



# 1.1 Overview and Vision

We envision a new era of scientific leadership, centered on decoding the **quantum realm**, unveiling the **hidden universe**, and exploring **novel paradigms**. **Balancing current and future large- and mid-scale projects with the agility of small projects** is crucial to our vision. We emphasize the importance of investing in a **highly skilled scientific workforce** and enhancing **computational and technological infrastructure**. Acknowledging the **global nature** of particle physics, we recognize the importance of international cooperation and sustainability in project planning. We seek to open pathways to innovation and discovery that offer new insights into the mysteries of the quantum universe.



# Recommendation 1

## Reaffirm critical importance of the ongoing projects

As the **highest priority** independent of the budget scenarios, complete construction projects and support operations of ongoing experiments and research to enable maximum science. We reaffirm the previous P5 recommendations on major initiatives:

- a. **HL-LHC** (including ATLAS and CMS detectors, as well as Accelerator Upgrade Project) to start addressing why the Higgs boson condensed in the universe (reveal the secrets of the Higgs boson, section 3.2), to search for direct evidence for new particles (section 5.1), to pursue quantum imprints of new phenomena (section 5.2), and to determine the nature of dark matter (section 4.1).
- b. **The first phase of DUNE and PIP-II** to determine the mass ordering among neutrinos, a fundamental property and a crucial input to cosmology and nuclear science (elucidate the mysteries of neutrinos, section 3.1).
- c. **The Vera C. Rubin Observatory** to carry out the LSST, and the LSST Dark Energy Science Collaboration, to understand what drives cosmic evolution (section 4.2).

## US leadership in key areas of particle physics



# Recommendation 1

In addition, we recommend continued support for the following ongoing experiments at the medium scale (project costs > \$50M for DOE and > \$4M for NSF), including completion of construction, operations, and research:

- d. **NOvA**, **SBN**, **T2K**, and **IceCube** (*elucidate the mysteries of neutrinos*, section 3.1).
- e. **DarkSide-20k**, **LZ**, **SuperCDMS**, and **XENONnT** (*determine the nature of dark matter*, section 4.1).
- f. **DESI** (*understand what drives cosmic evolution*, section 4.2).
- g. **Belle II**, **LHCb**, and **Mu2e** (*pursue quantum imprints of new phenomena*, section 5.2).

The agencies should work closely with each major project to carefully manage the costs and schedule to ensure that the US program has a broad and balanced portfolio.



# Recommendation 2

**Construct a **portfolio of major projects** that collectively study nearly all fundamental constituents of our universe and their interactions, as well as how those interactions determine both the cosmic past and future.**

These projects have the potential to transcend and transform our current paradigms. They inspire collaboration and international cooperation in advancing the frontiers of human knowledge. Plan and start the following major initiatives **in order of priority from highest to lowest**:



# Recommendation 2

## New exciting initiatives

- a. **CMB-S4**, which looks back at the earliest moments of the universe to probe physics at the highest energy scales. It is critical to install telescopes at and observe from both the South Pole and Chile sites to achieve the science goals (section 4.2).
- b. **Re-envisioned second phase of DUNE** with an early implementation of an enhanced 2.1 MW beam—ACE-MIRT—a third far detector, and an upgraded near-detector complex as the definitive long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment of its kind (section 3.1).
- c. **An off-shore Higgs factory**, realized in collaboration with **international partners**, in order to reveal the secrets of the Higgs boson. The current designs of FCC-ee and ILC meet our scientific requirements. The US should actively engage in feasibility and design studies. Once a specific project is deemed feasible and well-defined (see also Recommendation 6), the US should aim for a contribution at funding levels commensurate to that of the US involvement in the LHC and HL-LHC, while maintaining a healthy US on-shore program in particle physics (section 3.2).
- d. **An ultimate Generation 3 (G3) dark matter direct detection experiment** reaching the neutrino fog, in coordination with international partners and preferably sited in the US (section 4.1).
- e. **IceCube-Gen2** for study of neutrino properties using non-beam neutrinos complementary to DUNE and for indirect detection of dark matter covering higher mass ranges using neutrinos as a tool (section 4.1).



# Major New initiative: CMB-S4

**Constrain the energy scale of inflation, determine the abundance of light relic particles in the early universe, measure the sum of neutrino masses, and probe the physics of dark matter and dark energy...**



**Site in Chile**



**Site at the South Pole**





NSF 23-117

## Dear Colleague Letter: 2023 Update on Science Support and Infrastructure in Antarctica

*The **South Pole**, a unique site that enables the world-leading science of CMB-S4 and IceCube-Gen2, must be maintained as a premier site of science to allow continued US leadership in these areas. (section 2.4)*

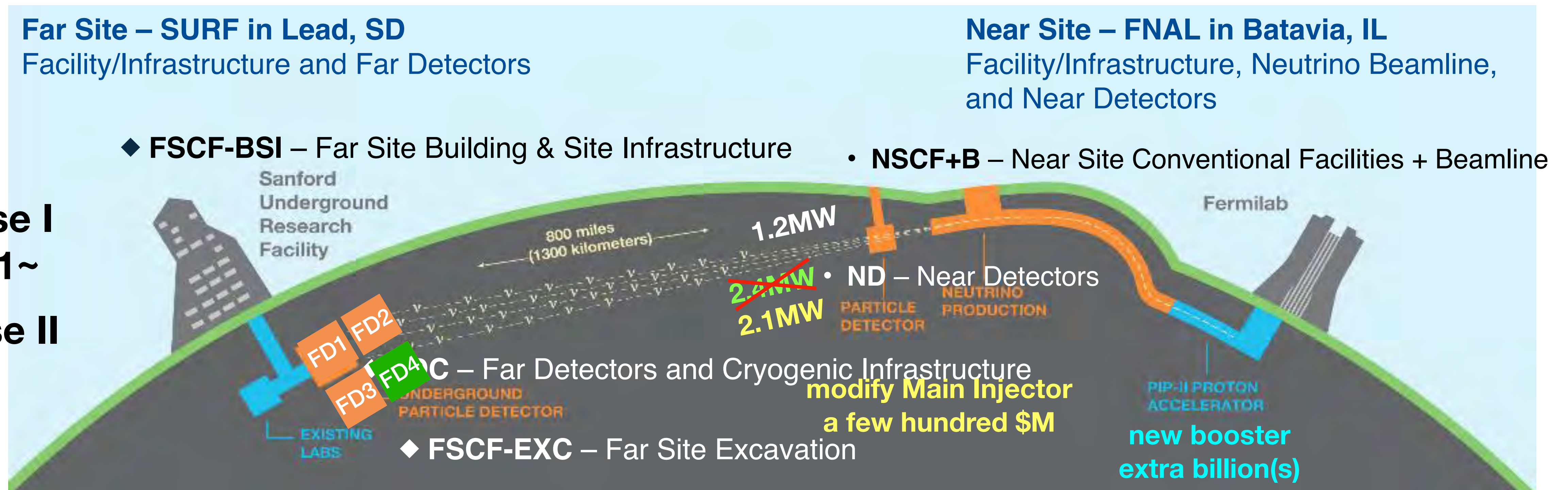
This letter provides information on the status and future of science support and infrastructure recapitalization in Antarctica. Since the last NSF update [<https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf22078>](https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf22078) in April 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to severely impact the Office of Polar Program's (OPP) ability to support science on the continent, and those impacts have been exacerbated by increasing constraints on resources arising from inflation and the need for facility renewal.

**South Pole Station** is saturated with already-funded projects and required critical infrastructure and maintenance activities that cannot be deferred until late in the decade. South Pole Station will continue to host the current suite of large-scale science projects; however, proposers seeking support for new projects at South Pole Station should consult the cognizant program officer to discuss alternative locations to accomplish science goals.



# Long baseline neutrino facility (LBNF) and Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)

Phase I  
2031~  
Phase II



◆ DUNE is an international science collaboration of more than 1300 scientists from 35 countries plus CERN

- 50 – 50 split between U.S. and non- U.S. collaborators

An upgraded detector module will provide excellent prospects for underground physics, including direct dark matter detection, exotic dark matter searches, and expanded sensitivity to solar neutrinos. R&D for advanced detector concepts should be supported.

3.1.4 – Future Opportunities: DUNE FD4, the Module of Opportunity

Office of Science (TPC = \$3.2B)  
al particle physics mega-project

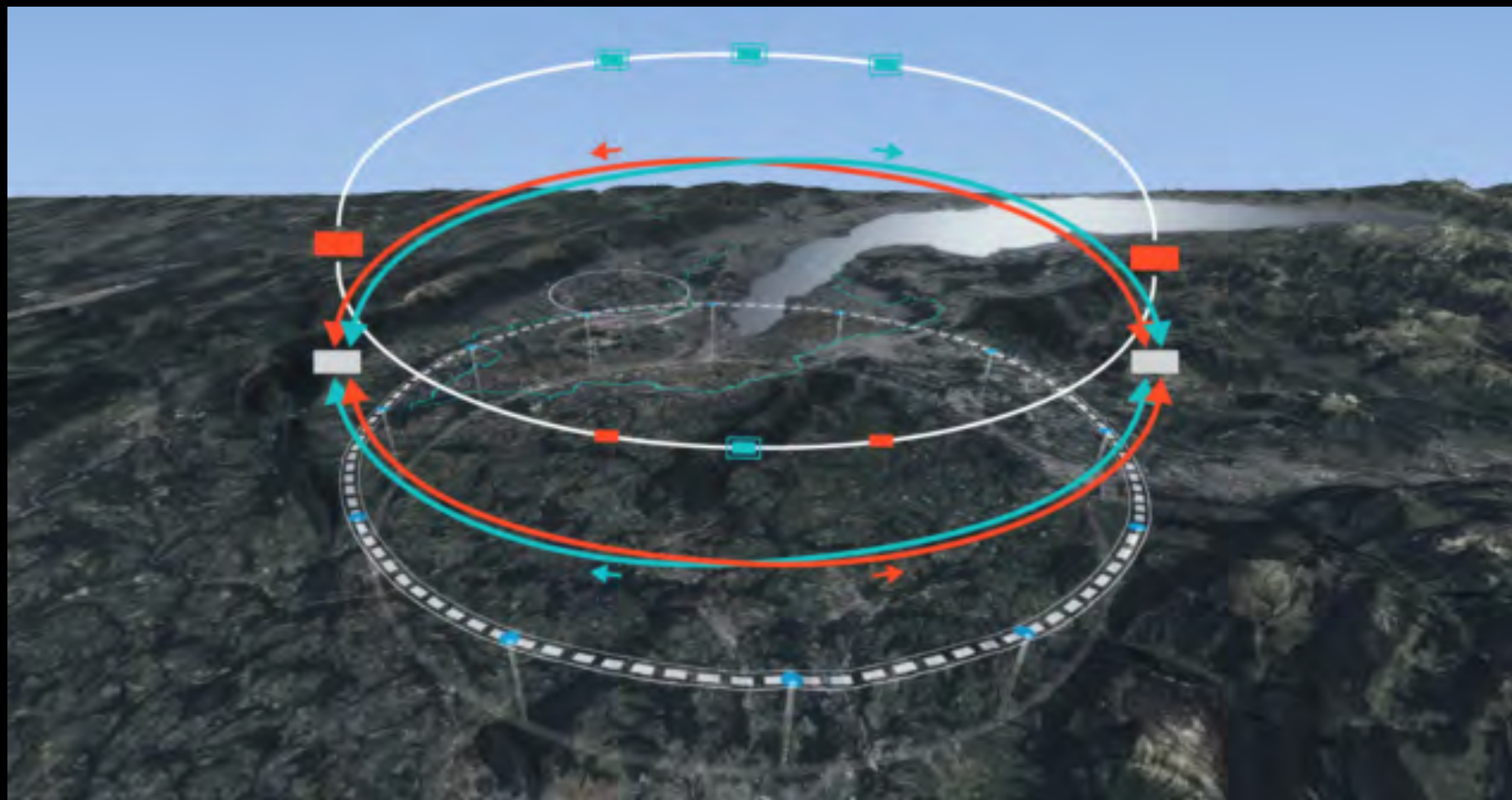


# An Offshore Higgs Factory

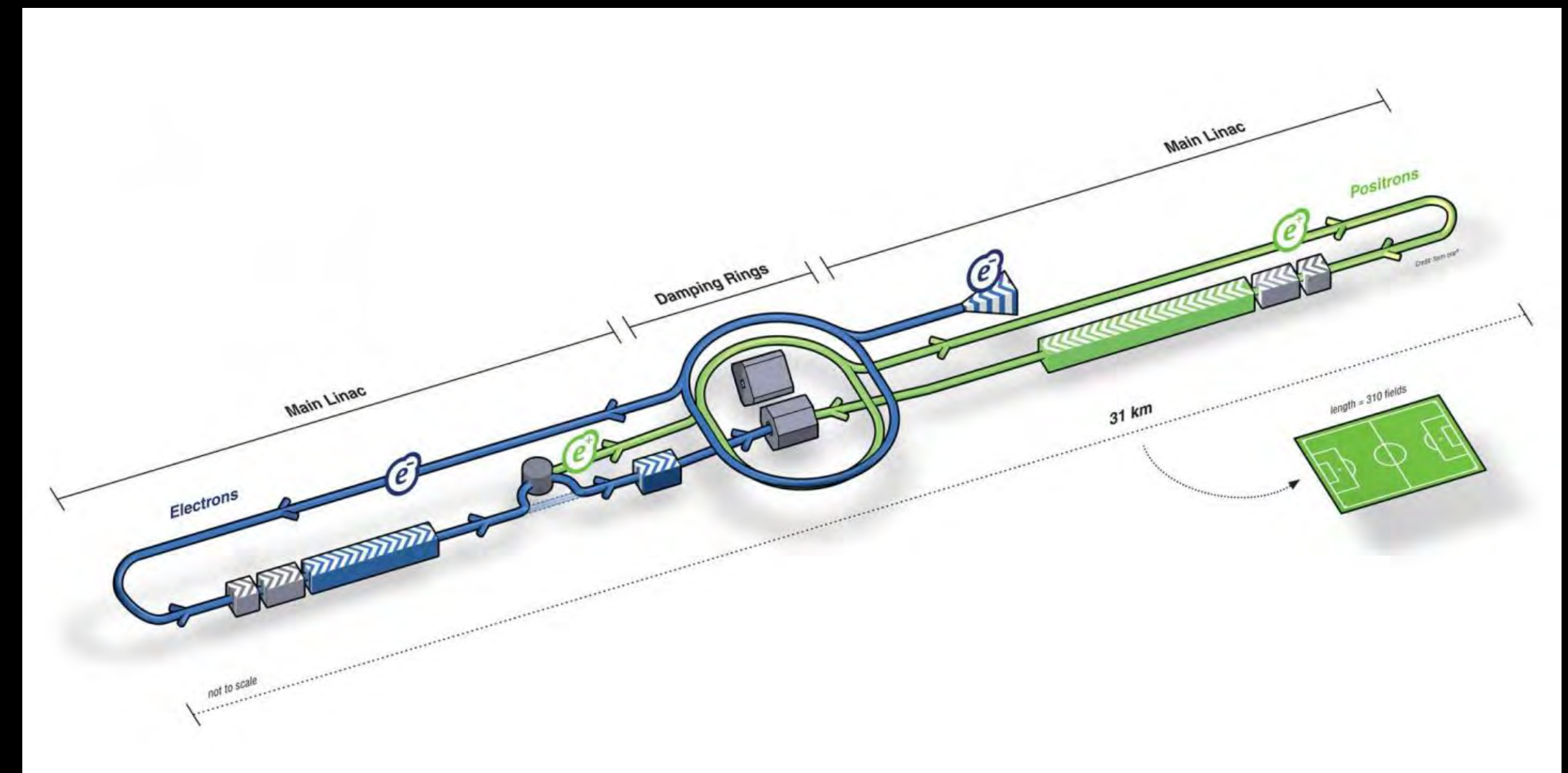
**An electron-positron collider covering center-of-momentum energy range 90 - 350 GeV**

- Precision measurements of couplings and some production modes
- **Order of magnitude improved** access to Higgs → **invisible decays**
- EW sector consistency checks, testing through quantum loops that relate W & Z bosons, the top quark, and the Higgs
- Improve knowledge of coupling to charm quark, potentially provide access to coupling to strange quark

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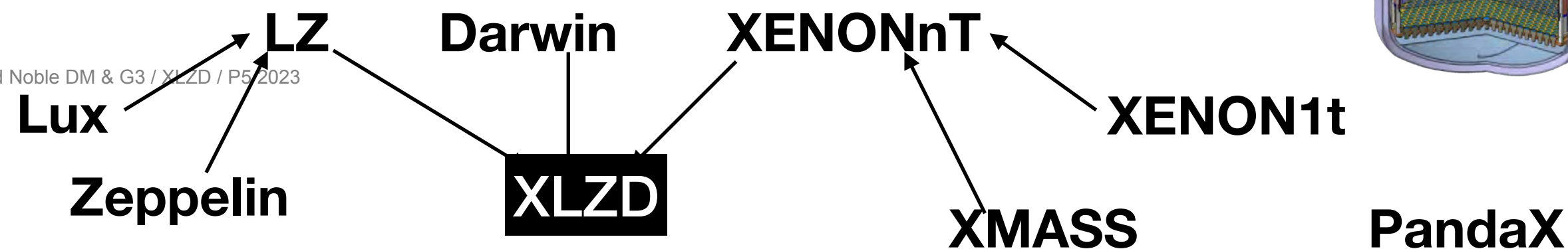
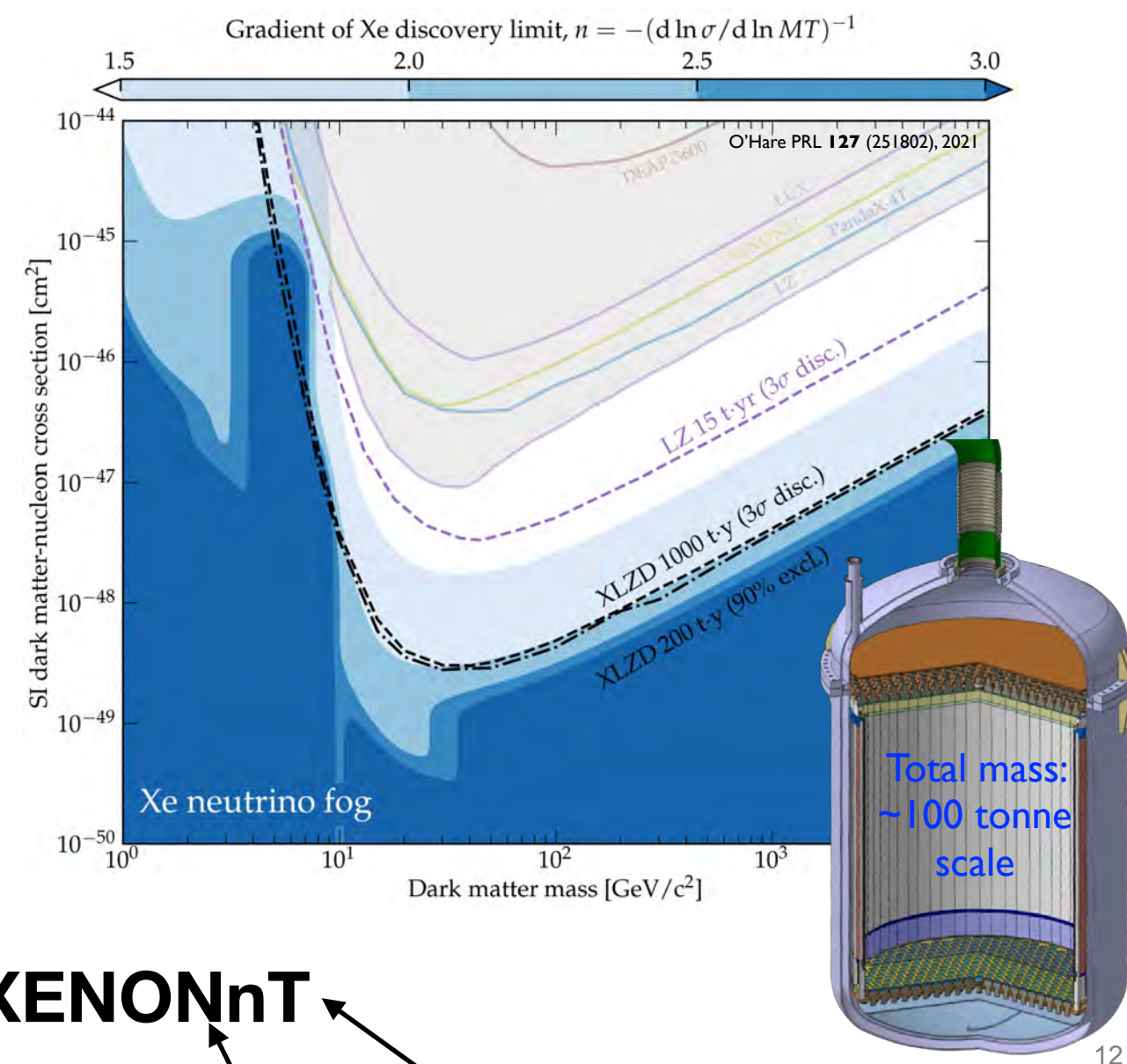
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# G3 Dark Matter experiments

XLZD: definitive search for high mass WIMPs



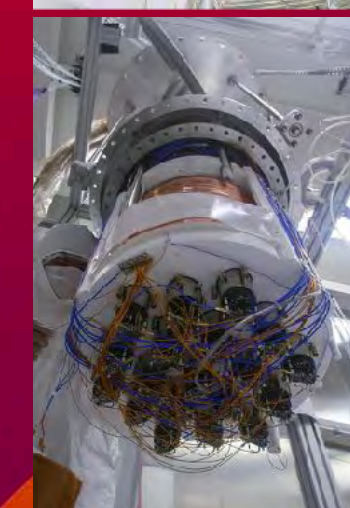
Since 2017

The Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration (GADMC)

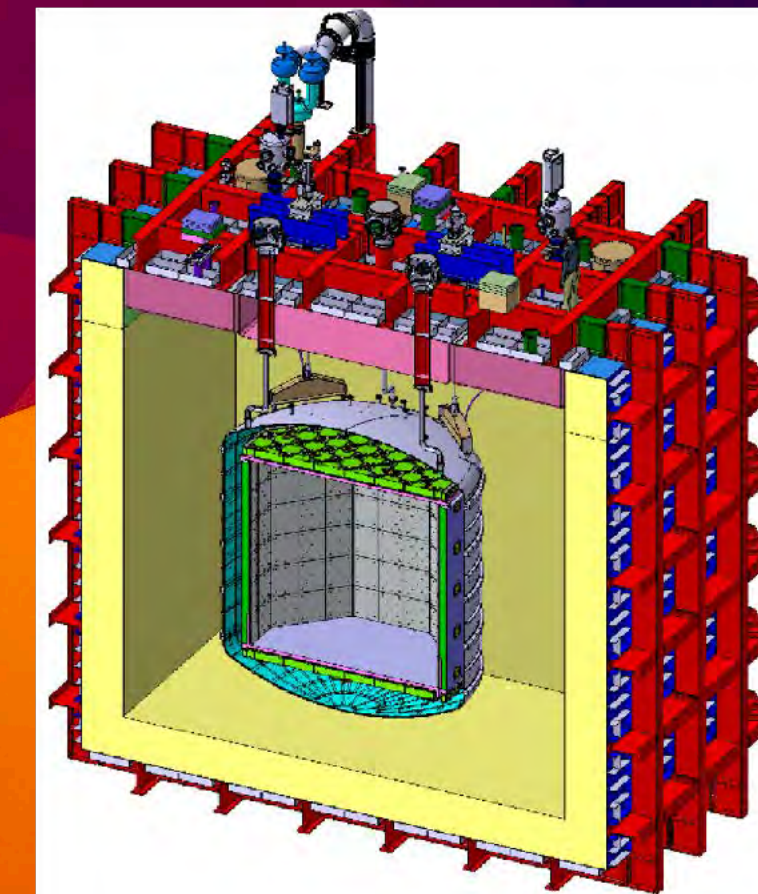
GADMC brings together more than 400 scientists committed to explore heavy (and light) dark matter to the neutrino fog and beyond



DEAP-3600



DarkSide-50



MiniCLEAN



ARDM



**An ultimate Generation 3 (G3) dark matter direct detection experiment** reaching the neutrino fog, in coordination with international partners and preferably sited in the US (Can be hosted in the cavern made available through the SURF expansion)

If extra funds or NSF involvement:

Initiate construction of **a second G3 dark matter experiment** to maximize discovery potential when combined with the first one.



# Difficult Choices

Figure 2 – Construction in Various Budget Scenarios

**Index:** Y: Yes N: No R&D: Recommend R&D only C: Conditional yes based on review P: Primary S: Secondary

Delayed: Recommend construction but delayed to the next decade

† Recommend infrastructure support to enable international contributions

# Can be considered as part of ASTAE with reduced scope

US Construction Cost		Scenarios			Neutrinos	Higgs Boson	Dark Matter	Cosmic Evolution	Direct Evidence	Quantum Imprints	Astronomy & Astrophysics
>\$3B		Less	Baseline	More	Science Drivers						
onshore Higgs factory		N	N	N		P	S		P	P	
<div><strong>\$1–3B</strong></div>											
offshore Higgs factory		Delayed	Y	Y		P	S		P	P	
ACE-BR		R&D	R&D	C	P				P	P	
<div><strong>\$400–1000M</strong></div>											
CMB-S4		Y	Y	Y	S		S	P			P
Spec-S5		R&D	R&D	Y	S		S	P			P
<div><strong>\$100–400M</strong></div>											
IceCube-Gen2		Y	Y	Y	P		S				P
G3 Dark Matter 1		Y	Y	Y	S		P				
DUNE FD3		Y	Y	Y	P				S	S	S
test facilities & demonstrator(s)		C	C	C		P	P		P	P	
ACE-MIRT		R&D	Y	Y	P						
DUNE FD4		R&D	R&D	Y	P				S	S	S
G3 Dark Matter 2		N	N	Y	S		P				
Mu2e-II		R&D	R&D	R&D						P	
srEDM		N	N	N						P	
<div><strong>\$60–100M</strong></div>											
SURF expansion		N	Y	Y	P		P				
DUNE MCND		N†	Y	Y	P				S	S	
MATHUSLA		N#	N#	N#			P		P		
FPF trio		N#	N#	N#	P		P		P		



# Recommendation 2

The prioritization principles behind these recommendations can be found in sections 1.6 and 8.1.

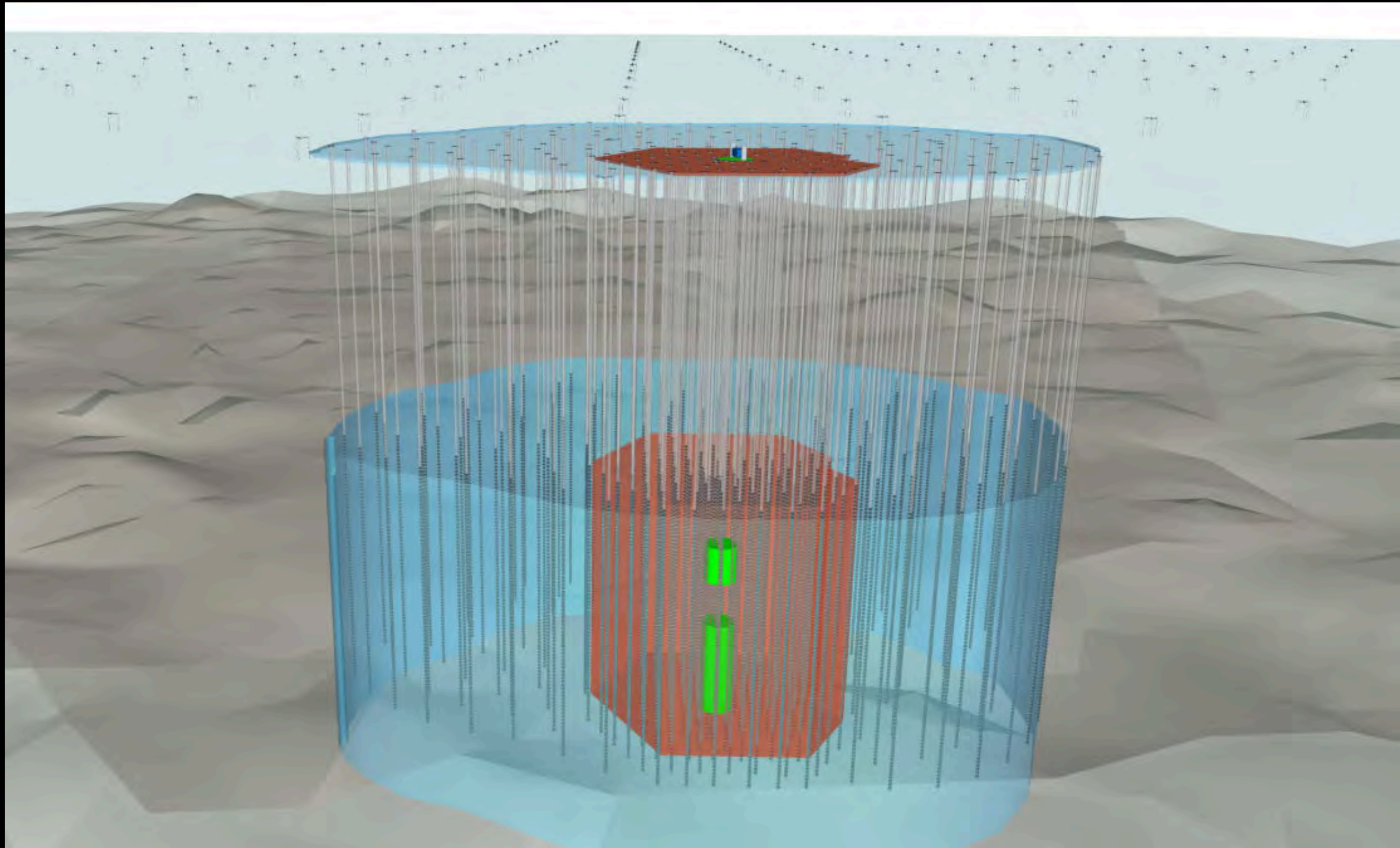
**IceCube-Gen2** also has a strong science case in **multi-messenger astrophysics** together with gravitational wave observatories. We recommend that NSF expand its efforts in multi-messenger astrophysics, a unique program in the NSF Division of Physics, with US involvement in the **Cherenkov Telescope Array** (CTA; recommendation 3c), a next-generation gravitational wave observatory, and IceCube-Gen2.



# NSF New Initiatives: IceCube-Gen2 & CTA

**IceCube-Gen2:** ten-fold improvement in sensitivity to astrophysical neutrinos over IceCube, most sensitive probe of heavy decaying dark matter.

**Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA)** provides sensitivity to WIMP thermal targets beyond the reach of G3.



It "takes a village" in dark matter... CMB-S4, LSST, DESI-II, and eventually Spec-S5 all play a role







# Recommendation 3

## Balanced Portfolio from small to large

Create **an improved balance between small-, medium-, and large-scale projects** to open new scientific opportunities and maximize their results, enhance workforce development, promote creativity, and compete on the world stage.

In order to achieve this balance across all project sizes we recommend the following:

- a. Implement a new small-project portfolio at DOE, **Advancing Science and Technology through Agile Experiments (ASTAE)**, across science themes in particle physics with a competitive program and recurring funding opportunity announcements. This program should start with the construction of experiments from the Dark Matter New Initiatives (DMNI) by DOE-HEP (section 6.2).
- b. Continue Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure (**MSRI**) and Major Research Instrumentation (**MRI**) programs as a critical component of the NSF research and project portfolio.
- c. Support **DESI-II** for cosmic evolution, **LHCb upgrade II** and **Belle II upgrade** for quantum imprints, and **US contributions to the global CTA Observatory** for dark matter (sections 4.2, 5.2, and 4.1).

The Belle II recommendation includes contributions towards the SuperKEKB accelerator.



# Recommendation 4

## Investment in the future

- a. Support **vigorous R&D toward a cost-effective 10 TeV pCM collider** based on proton, muon, or possible wakefield technologies, including an evaluation of options for US siting of such a machine, with a goal of being ready to build **major test facilities and demonstrator facilities within the next 10 years** (sections 3.2, 5.1, 6.5, and Recommendation 6).
- b. Enhance research in **theory** to propel innovation, maximize scientific impact of investments in experiments, and expand our understanding of the universe (section 6.1).
- c. Expand the **General Accelerator R&D (GARD)** program within HEP, including stewardship (section 6.4).
- d. Invest in R&D in **instrumentation** to develop innovative scientific tools (section 6.3).
- e. Conduct **R&D** efforts to define and enable new projects in the next decade, including detectors for an  $e^+e^-$  Higgs factory and 10 TeV pCM collider, Spec-S5, DUNE FD4, Mu2e-II, Advanced Muon Facility, and line intensity mapping (sections 3.1, 3.2, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, and 6.3).
- f. Support key **cyberinfrastructure** components such as shared software tools and a sustained R&D effort in computing, to fully exploit emerging technologies for projects. Prioritize **computing and novel data analysis techniques** for maximizing science across the entire field (section 6.7).
- g. Develop plans for improving the **Fermilab accelerator complex** that are consistent with the long-term vision of this report, including neutrinos, flavor, and a 10 TeV pCM collider (section 6.6).

We recommend specific budget levels for enhanced support of these efforts and their justifications as **Area Recommendations** in section 6.



# Recommendation 5

## Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, Relevance to society

The following workforce initiatives are detailed in section 7:

a. All projects, workshops, conferences, and collaborations must incorporate ethics agreements that detail

The inherent curiosity driving our exploration of the natural world is a universal aspect of human nature. This shared curiosity serves as the driving force behind our commitment to strengthening and expanding this workforce, prompting us to actively seek talent from all corners of society, regions of the country, and on a global scale.

c. Comprehensive **work-climate studies** should be conducted with the support of funding agencies. Large collaborations and national laboratories should consistently undertake such studies so that issues can be identified, addressed, and monitored. Professional associations should oversee field-wide work

Treating others with respect requires maintaining a professional work environment, free from harassment and abuse. Discrimination, harassment, or bullying within a scientific collaboration harms individuals, disrupts scientific progress, and is therefore scientific misconduct.

operations and research budgets of experiments. The funding agencies should include funding for the dissemination of results to the public in operation and research budgets.



# Recommendation 6

## Decisions without waiting for the next P5 in 10 years

Convene a **targeted panel** with broad membership across particle physics later this decade that makes **decisions on the US accelerator-based program** at the time when major decisions concerning an off-shore Higgs factory are expected, and/or significant adjustments within the accelerator-based R&D portfolio are likely to be needed. A plan for the Fermilab accelerator complex consistent with the long-term vision in this report should also be reviewed.

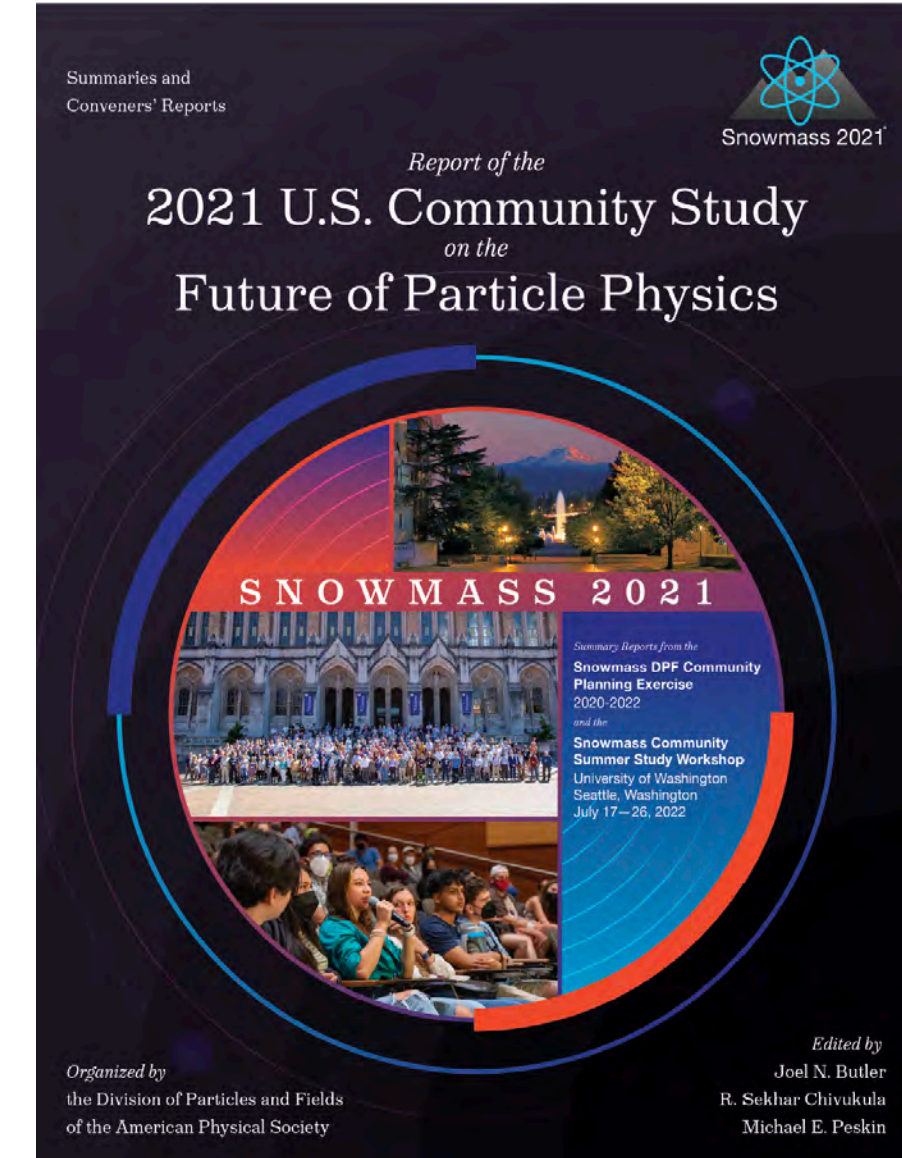
The panel would consider the following:

1. The level and nature of **US contribution in a specific Higgs factory** including an evaluation of the associated schedule, budget, and risks once crucial information becomes available.
2. Mid- and large-scale **test and demonstrator facilities** in the accelerator and collider R&D portfolios.
3. A plan for the evolution of the **Fermilab accelerator complex** consistent with the longterm vision in this report, which may commence construction in the event of a more favorable budget situation.



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Rare Process Frontier		✓ Advanced Muon Facility

The particle physics case for studying gravitational waves at all frequencies should be explored by expanded theory support.

✓  
✓ **Recommended  
R&D**



# Budget Scenarios

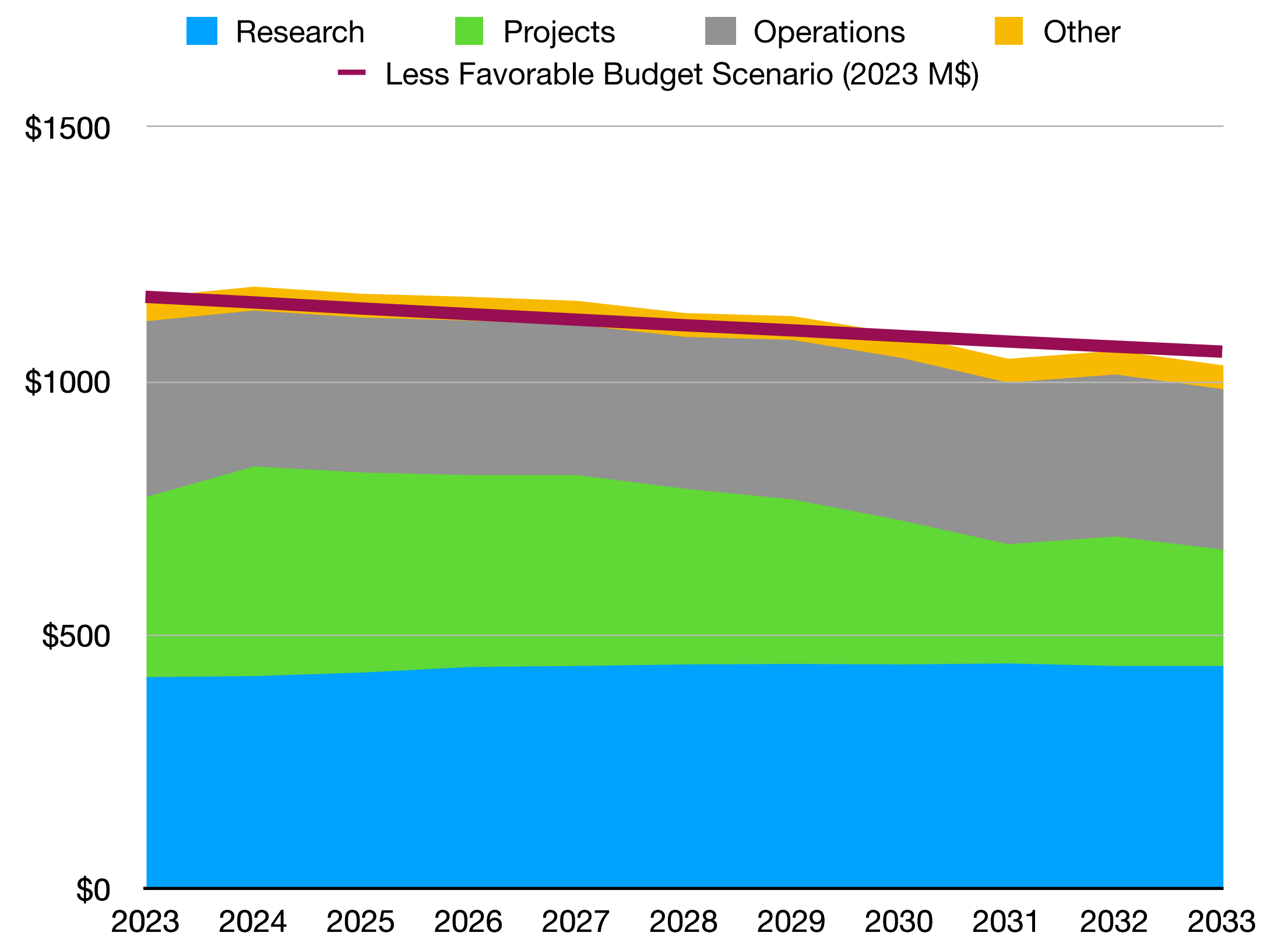
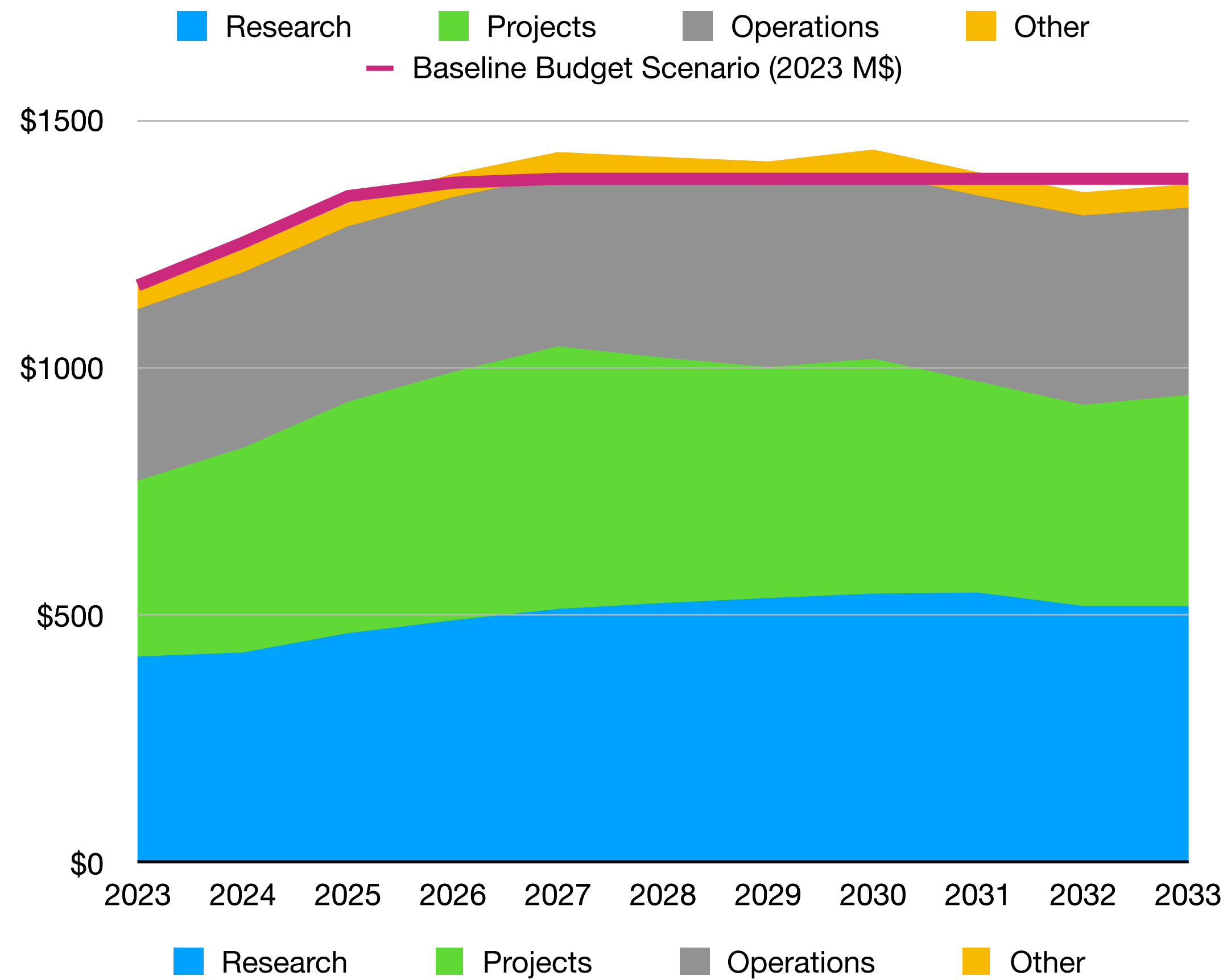


Fig. 2 Evolution of DOE budgets in Research, Projects, Operations, and Other in our budget exercise for the two budget scenarios given in the charge in 2023 dollars assuming 3% annual inflation.

Not in the Report



# Broad and Diverse Program

- Energy Frontier
- Fermilab accelerator
- Possible New Projects
- Test Facilities & Demonstrator
- Cosmic Frontier
- Intensity Frontier
- Small Projects Portfolio

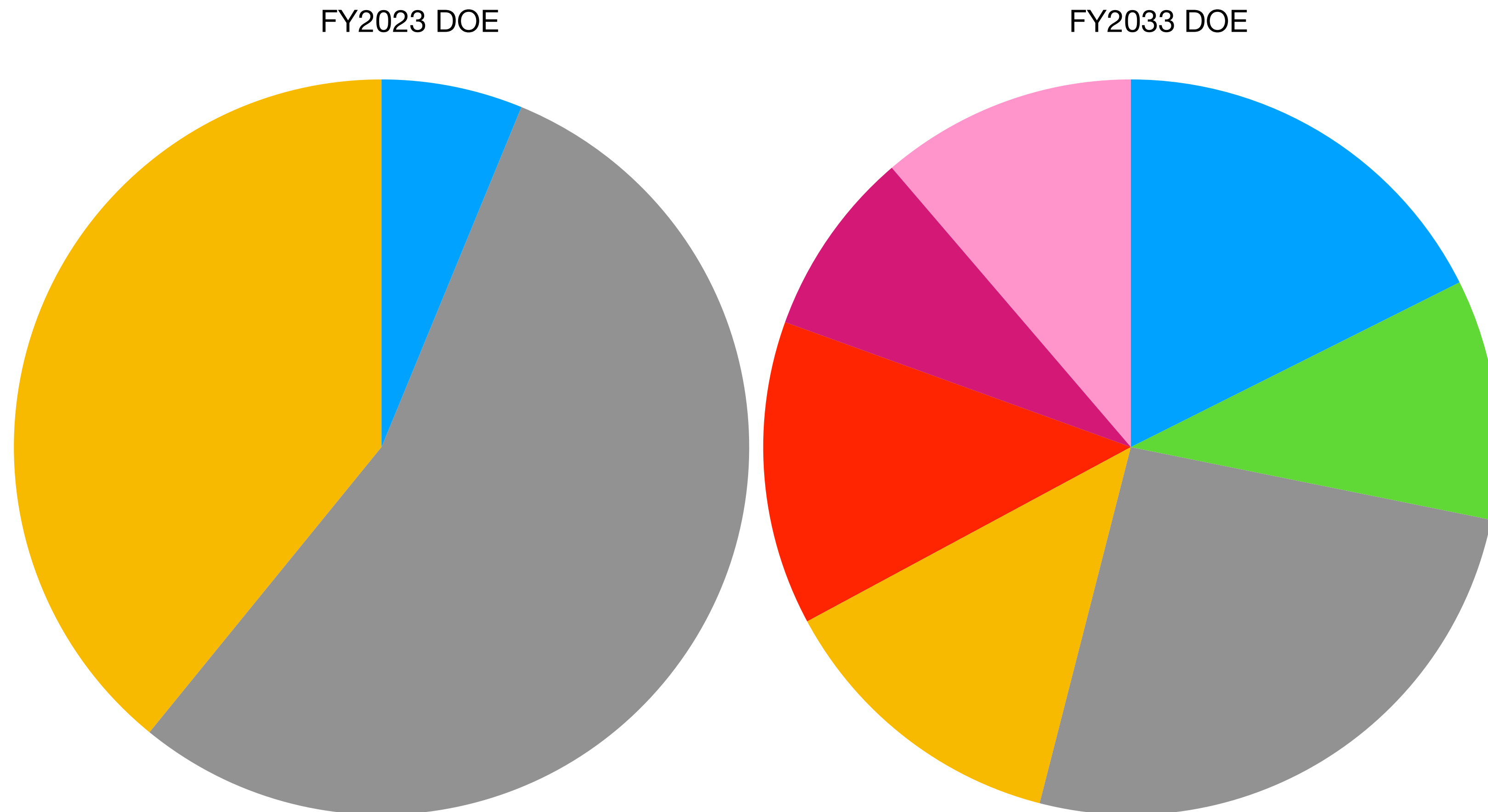


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