

POF V.

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Foreseen change / adaption of subtopic structure



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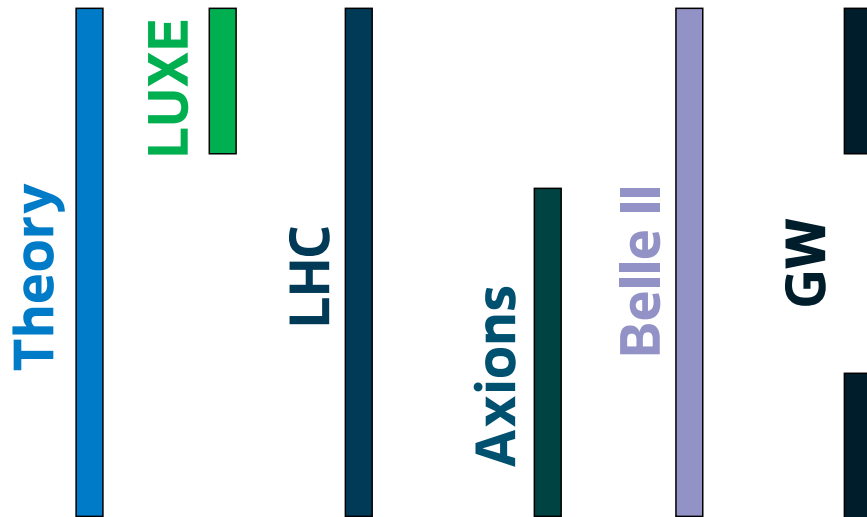
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Motivation for the change: closer to the science drivers, less thematic overlap between subtopics.

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Testbeam Facility (DESY)



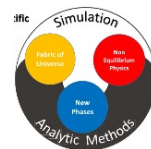
Detector Assembly Facility (DAF, DESY)



Computing Centres GridKa and IDAF

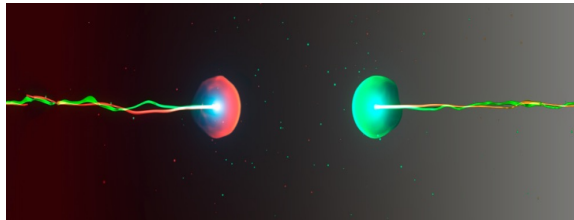


Wolfgang Pauli Centre



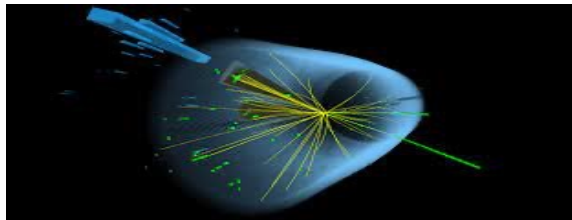
PoF V Subtopic Structure and Science Drivers

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Pushing the limits of our understanding of fundamental interactions

- Strong-field QED
- Strong interactions, Lattice QCD
- Electroweak precision and Higgs physics (HH and Higgs potential)
- Searches for extensions of the SM (e.g. SUSY, additional gauge bosons,...)



The origin of mass, the flavour puzzle, and the imbalance between matter and anti-matter

- EW symmetry breaking
- Higgs as portal to new physics, additional Higgs bosons
- Top and B and Tau physics
- Charge-parity violation
- Lepton flavor universality



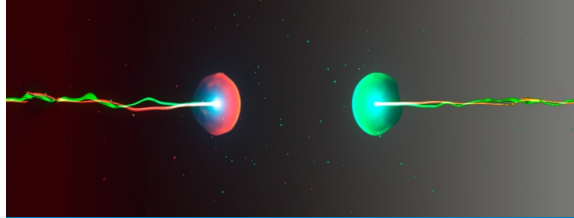
The evolution of the early universe and the nature of the dark sector

- Cosmology (need to be more precise here)
- Searches for dark matter
- Axions, ALPs
- Gravitational waves
- EW phase transition

Backup / further info

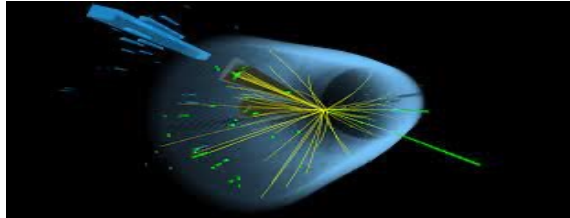
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- Strong-field QED
- Strong interactions, QCD
- Lattice QCD
- $g-2$



The origin of mass, the flavour puzzle, and the imbalance between matter and anti-matter

- Higgs boson
- Top and B physics
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The evolution of the early universe and the nature of the dark sector

- Cosmology
- Axions, ALPs
- Gravitational waves
- Dark matter

Fundamental curiosity-driven science

- Development of cutting-edge technologies (detectors, computing, accelerators, lasers, ...)
- Very attractive for young high-potentials
- High potential for disruptive technology development important for society, e.g. WWW, imaging technologies, cloud computing, ...

Timeline for submission of the strategy report

- **Beginning of June 2025**
Receiving Templates and official start of drafting the application
- **Summer 2025 (not yet defined further)**
Definition of the "Startwerte" by the DESY directorate
- **19 September 2025**
Meeting of the Lenkungsausschuss Materie (HZDR)
- **15 December 2025**
Handing in of the report; then discussion in the MB, layout and proof-reading
- **17 March 2026**
Final version has to be handed in
- **March 2026**
Receiving Templates and official start of drafting the presentations
- **14+15 April 2026**
"Hauptprobe" (MDC, Berlin Buch)
- **5+6 May 2026**
Dress rehearsal (MDC, Berlin Buch)
- **26-29 May 2026**
Strategical evaluation (MDC, Berlin Buch)

Internal timeline before submission

- **19-20 June:**
FH MU-FPF retreat to collect input for the writing team
- **21 July:**
Present first summary of the strategy (including inputs from retreat) at the FH retreat
Collect further input during the retreat
- **~September:**
First version of the report should be ready

Strategic questions

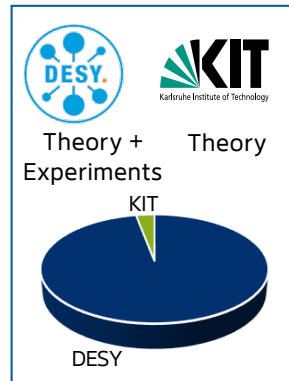
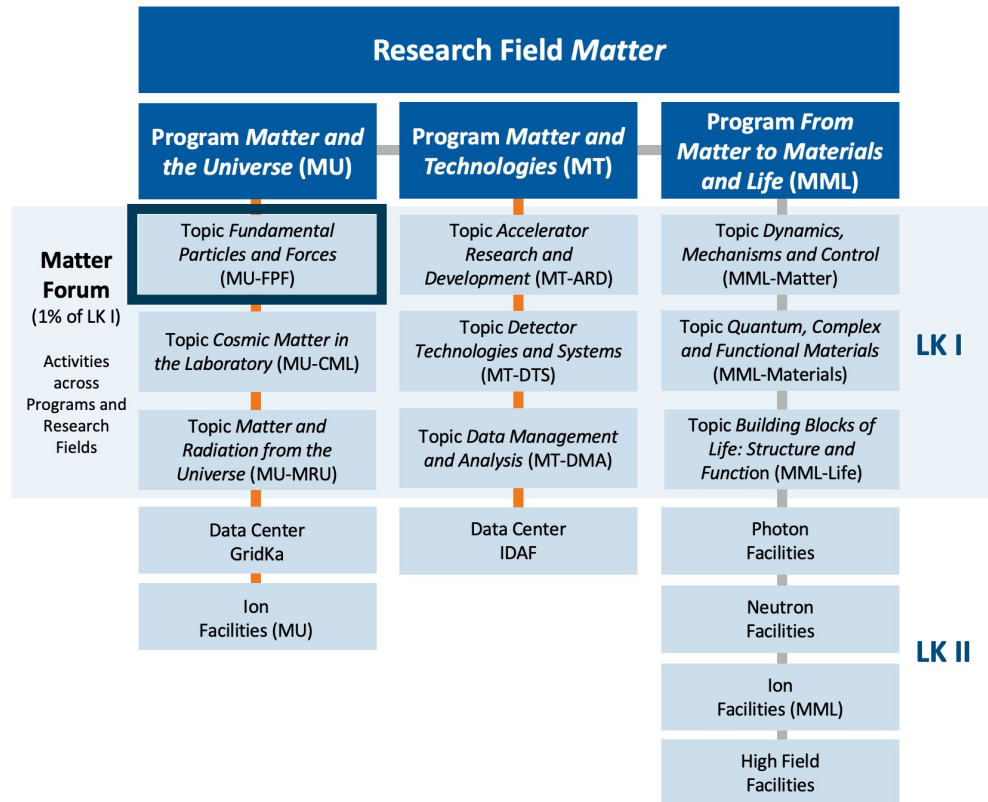
- How can we sell the main LHC science drivers to people outside our field?
- What is the future of Belle II and flavor program and how can we phrase it?
- Would it be an option to move the local axion experiments (babyIAXO and MadMAX), to MRU or keep them in FPF?
Should stay in FPF, but we need to motivate why.
- Is there room for something on top?

- How can we translate these points into the subtopic structure?

- Connections to new clusters:
 - QU II
 - Flavor and QC
 - Origins

Reminder: FPF in MU

Particle physics at DESY and KIT (theory)



- 2 Helmholtz centers
- 3 locations
- 158 scientists
- 78 Ph.D. students
- 34 MEUR costs / a
- 42 nationalities

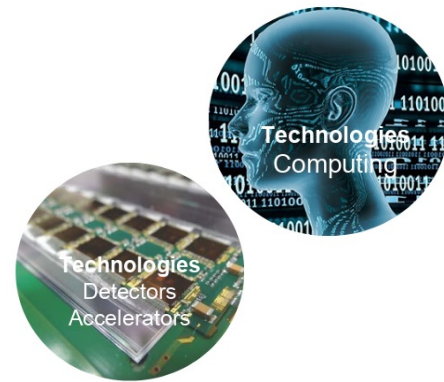
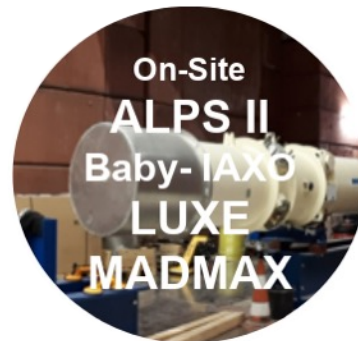
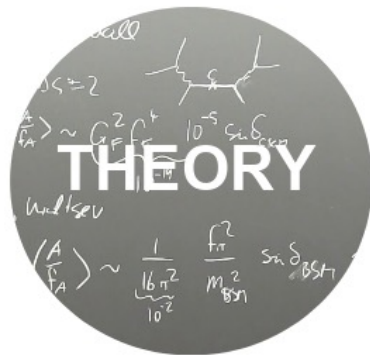
Topic spokespersons:

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Particle Physics at DESY: the Next 10-15 Years

Specific focus areas



Key contributions to global projects at CERN and KEK

- HL-LHC preparation and running in 2029 onwards
- Belle II: expect ~50/ab by 2034

Engage in planning and preparation for future projects (EPPSU decision by 2028)

Maintain broad and world-leading portfolio.

Establish WPC as world-leading interdisciplinary center for theoretical physics

Theory as "Idea factory"

ALPS II: first science run started running in May 2023.

BabyIAXO, LUXE: Solve challenges & find financial resources for PoF V

MADMAX: proof concept in prototyping phase & find financial resources

New ideas, e.g. HF GW local experiments (complementing ET)

~50% of topic resources go into technical work!

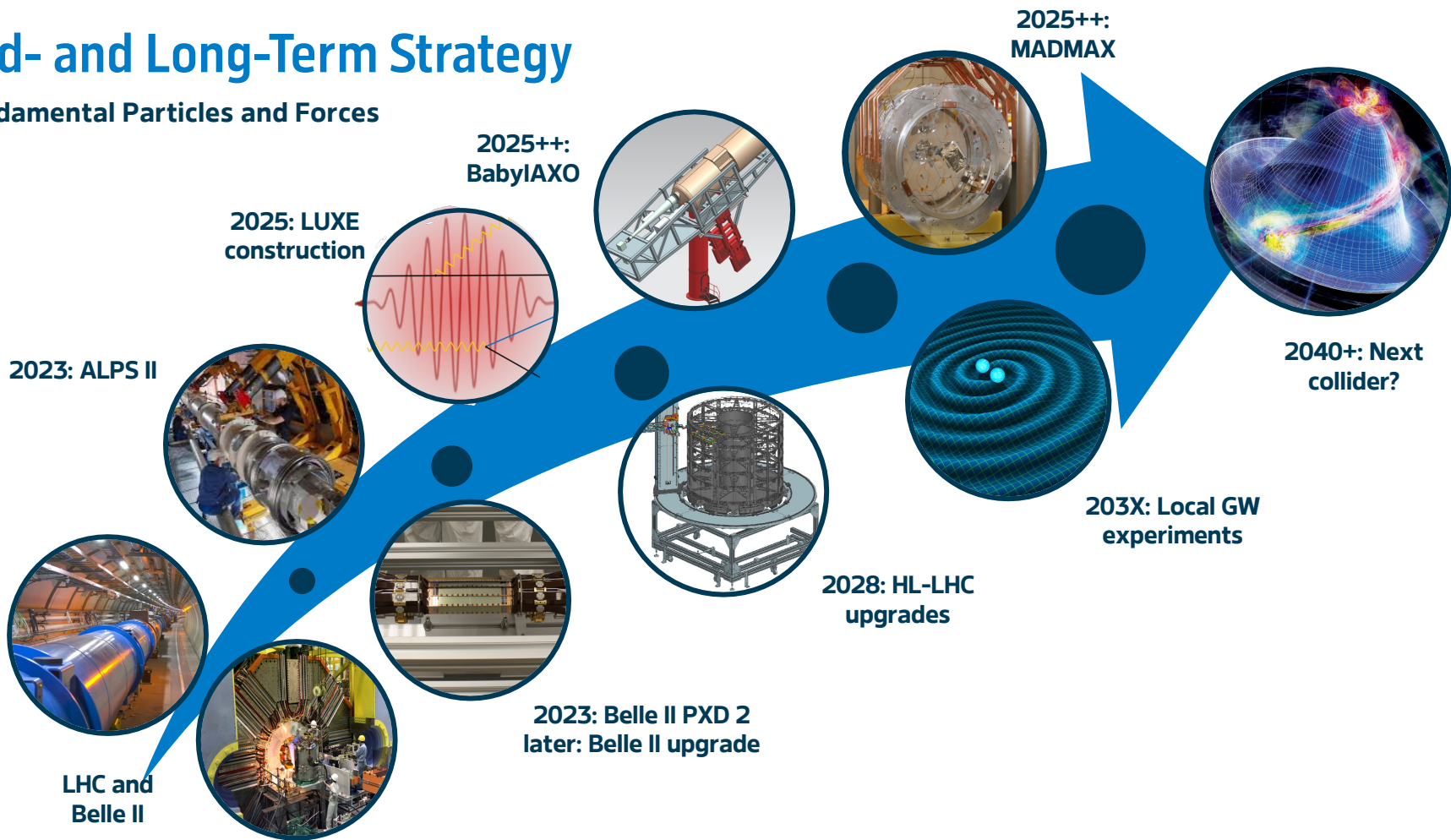
Strengthen innovation in detectors and computing

Increase 3rd party funding

Strengthen exchange across divisions

Mid- and Long-Term Strategy

Fundamental Particles and Forces



Strategy paper from in 2024

MU and MT: List of grand challenges

The research field Matter has cast its ambitions into a list of grand challenges, structured along the programs of the research field.

Matter and the Universe

- Understanding of the nature of dark matter, the origin of the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe, and the properties of neutrinos
- Studying hadronic matter under extreme conditions in the laboratory, which is essential for unraveling the origin of heavy elements in the universe
- Understanding the connection of particle physics with the processes in the universe and how the most extreme events shape our universe

Matter and Technologies

- Meeting the demands for ever more powerful accelerators and detectors, generated within the research in Matter, including the strategic development of potentially disruptive technologies, the exploration of new and emergent ideas, and moving them from the realm of pure research into the application in Matter.
- Answering to the enormous increase in data recorded in Matter and, more generally, in research, and developing efficient ways to turn data into knowledge
- Making fundamental research technologically viable in times of energy and climate crisis.

Strategy paper from in 2024

MU: Mission

The mission of the research field is to explore the structure and properties of matter and the universe as well as the data-based molecular design of new material functions and biological systems, utilizing large-scale research facilities for investigations across all relevant length and time scales.

A key part of its mission is to make the unique analytical potentials of its infrastructures accessible to a wide range of users from the academic and industrial sectors.

Through its contribution to the national technological sovereignty and the broad participation in cutting-edge technology for science and society, the research field significantly strengthens Germany's position as "Wissenschafts- und Innovationsstandorts".

The research field Matter stands in for a world-open international and diverse research environment.

Matter and the Universe

Our mission is to understand the Universe on all energy, length and time scales, and to connect the evolution of the cosmos and its phenomena to the fundamental physics of the microcosmos and the basic constituents of matter.

We strive to enable an optimal knowledge gain through the development, construction, operation, and efficient utilization of cutting-edge research and computing infrastructures in an international environment. These encompass world-leading high-energy accelerator experiments and large-scale particle astrophysics observatories. Furthermore, we develop theoretical foundations and analytical methods employing modern computing technologies like Artificial Intelligence. We will ensure that Germany will benefit in the long term from this knowledge gain, fostering the education of young high-potentials and advancing sustainable practices, particularly in fields such as computing.

Strategy paper from in 2024

MT: Mission

Matter and Technologies

Our mission is to conceive enabling research technologies which are “driven by science and driving science”.

We leverage emergent and sustainable technologies in an integrative approach in accelerator, detector and data sciences to create new opportunities for sustainable cutting-edge research in Matter and beyond. We push technologies for accelerators and detectors and we develop schemes to efficiently and safely store data and make them accessible to science and to provide low-carbon footprint and resource responsible systems.

We strengthen research in technology as a field, train the next generation of engineers and scientists in our field and link into areas such as energy-, information-, and health-science, and society at large.

Strategy paper from in 2024

MU: Scientific positioning

Matter and the Universe

We strive to identify the most fundamental matter constituents, to study the forces that act between them at the highest possible precision, as well as to understand the influence of these fundamental building blocks and forces on the evolution of the universe.

- Pushing the limits of our understanding of fundamental interactions – strong, electroweak and gravitational – through precision measurements at large particle collider experiments and at novel medium-scale experiments at DESY.
- Understanding the origin of mass, the flavour puzzle, and the imbalance between matter and anti-matter through analyses at large particle collider experiments and theory developments related to Higgs bosons, top and bottom quarks, and tau leptons.
- Understanding the evolution of the early universe and the nature of the dark sector through theoretical developments and through experimental searches for new particles at large particle collider experiments, and at novel medium-scale experiments at DESY with a focus on searches for axions and high-frequency gravitational waves.