

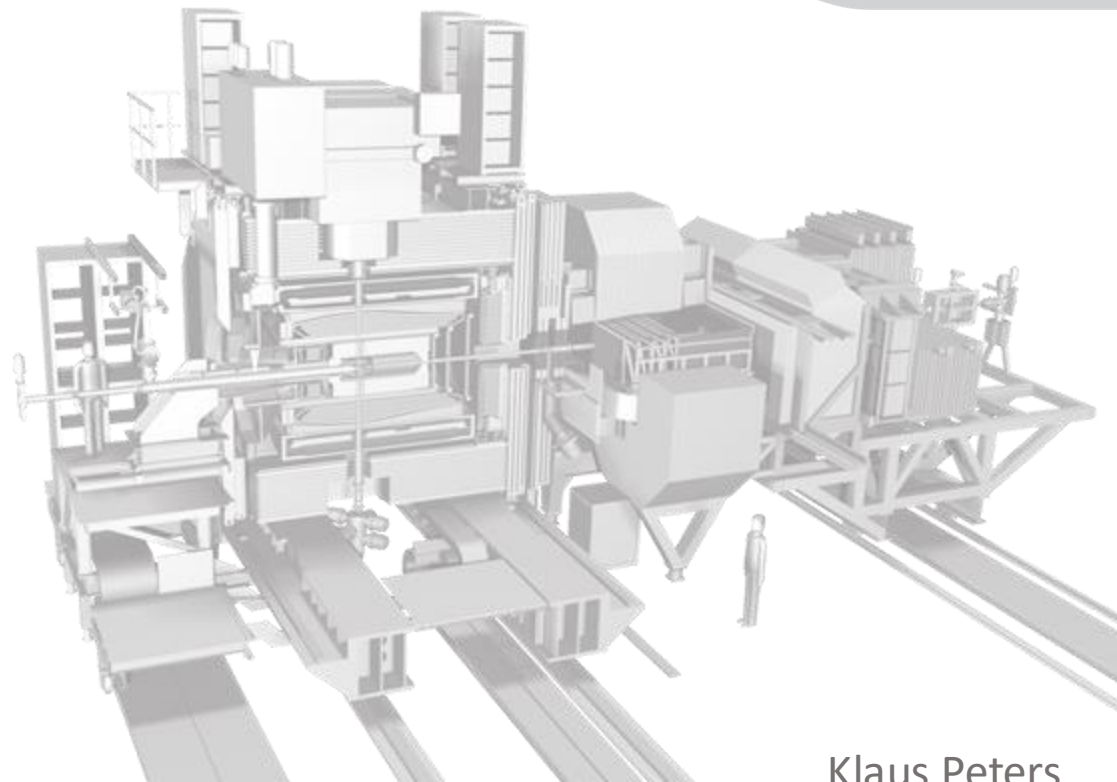
# Antiprotons in COSY at FAIR

an opportunity for a stepwise approach towards PANDA



## QCD at FAIR

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The **ultimate goal** is PANDA @ FAIR in MSV3/5

- No doubt that this is and remains the **final solution** !

**Full MSVc** after FS++ is difficult to accomplish as a single additional step

- Thus, we need to take into account the **resource situation** and **realistic timelines**

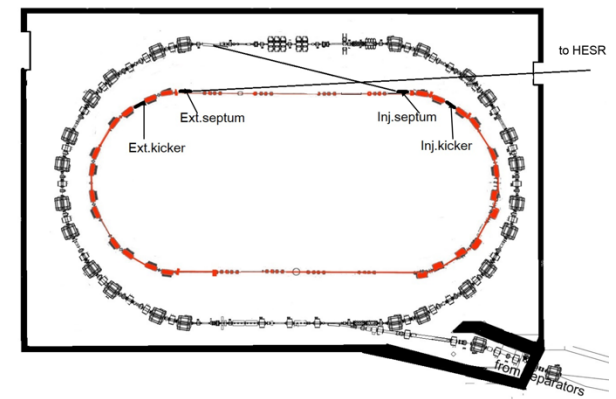
At **shorter timescales** and **with fewer resources** needed, one could speculate about **FS++(+)**

- First experiments with Antiprotons at FAIR prior to MSVc

# First Step : Conservation of COSY

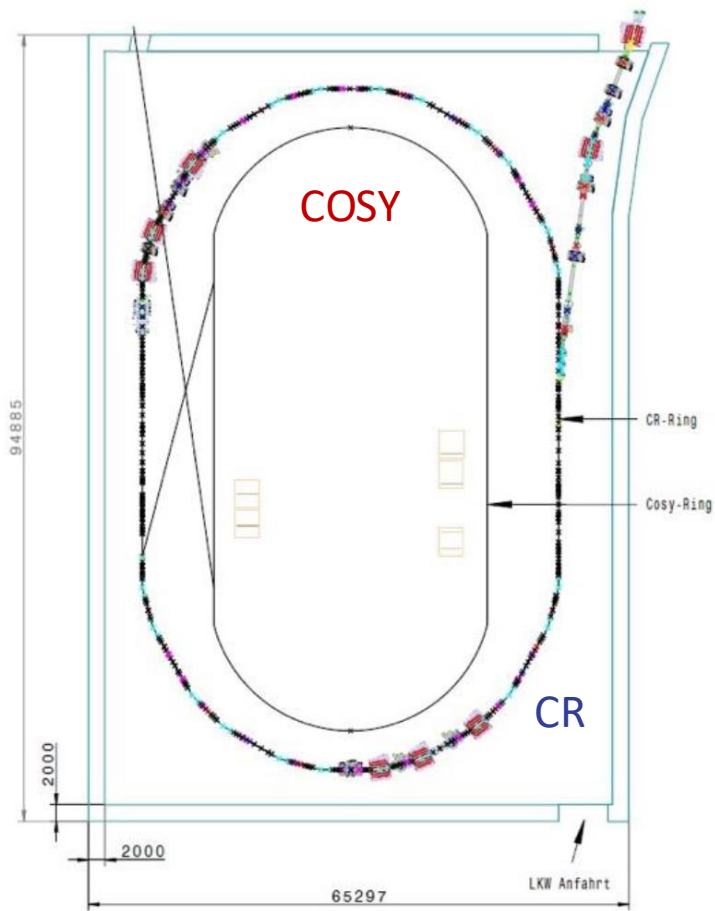
- MSVc study group (lead by L. Schmitt) has presented to the committees (ECE and JSC) the results concerning COSY
- in a nutshell: dismantling costs 38-42 M€ and conserving it for later use needs about +10% (must ~4 M€)
- an important aspect is, that the new CR hall layout with COSY may leave space for experiments with COSY

The decision to save COSY must be taken very soon

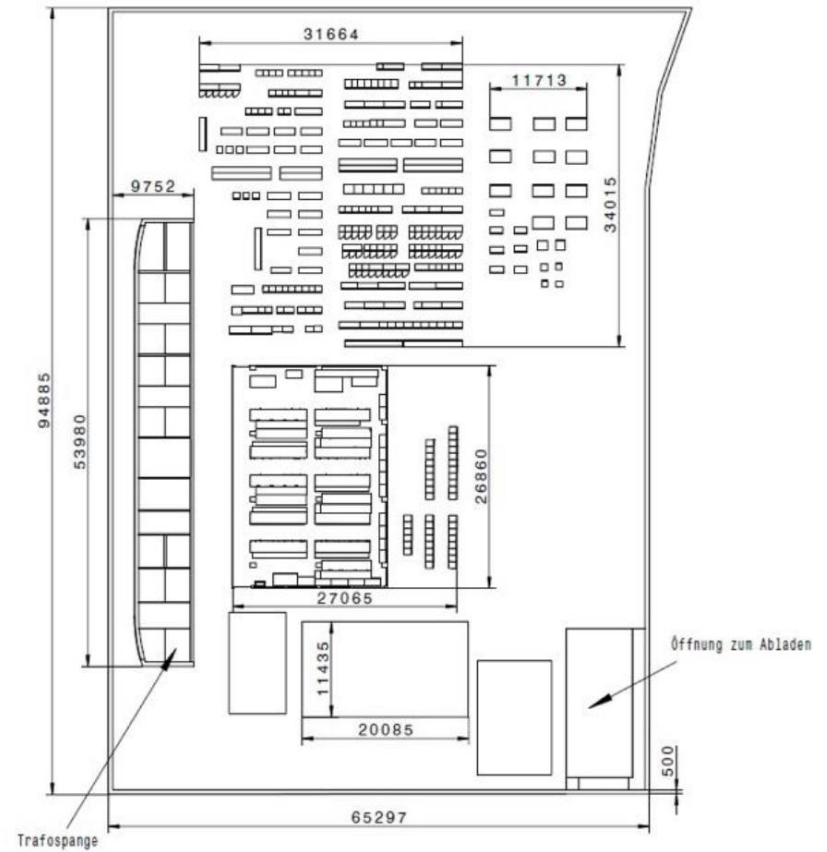


# CR Hall Layout w/ COSY inside CR

Ground floor

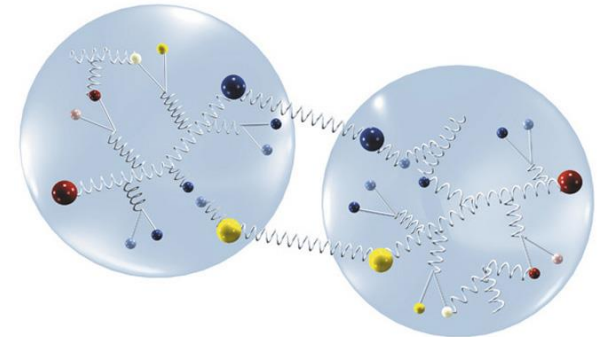


Upper floor



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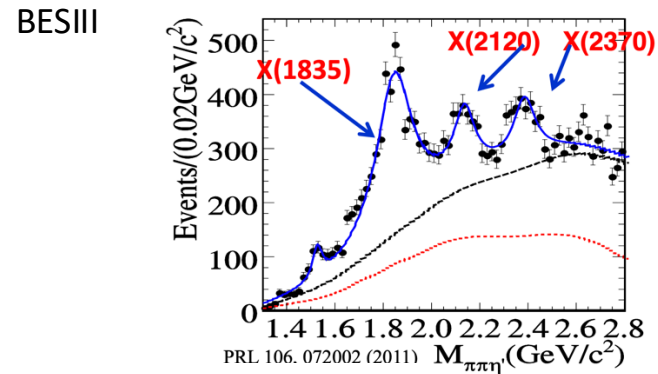
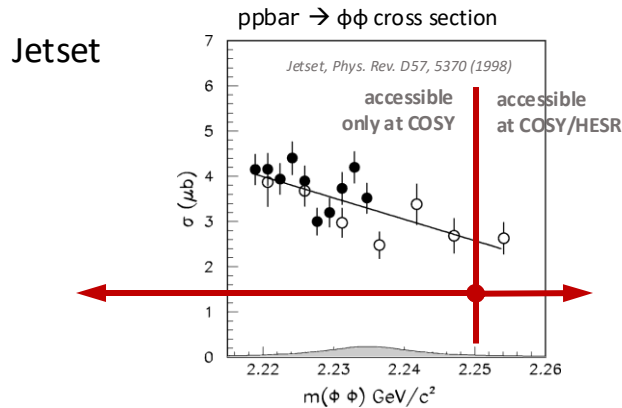
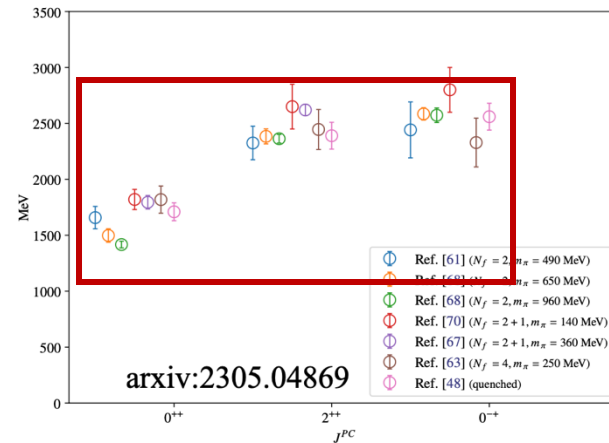
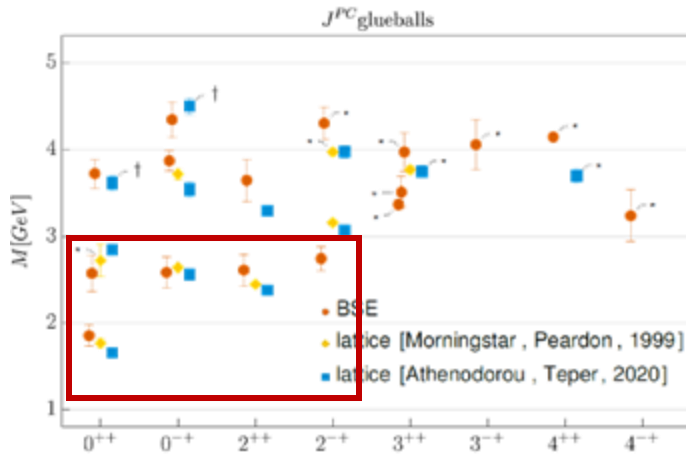
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  - Glueballs
  - High Precision Scans of Charm
- Plus: Highlights from our Report to the Review 2022
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  - **Glueballs** (partly possible)
  - Energy too low: ~~High Precision Scans of Charm~~
- Plus: Highlights from our Report to the Review 2022
  - **$\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  CP-Violation**
  - **Double  $\Lambda$ -Hypernuclei**
- Plus: many other topics from our Physics book
- Plus: topics which require momenta below  $1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

# Glueballs



- can be studied in Formation and Production



Antiproton-Proton Annihilation is

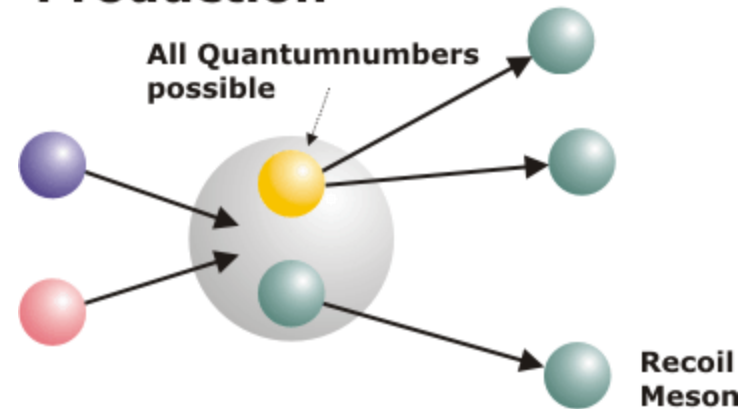
- a gluonrich process
- an antiquark-quark rich process

Thus, it is extremely versatile

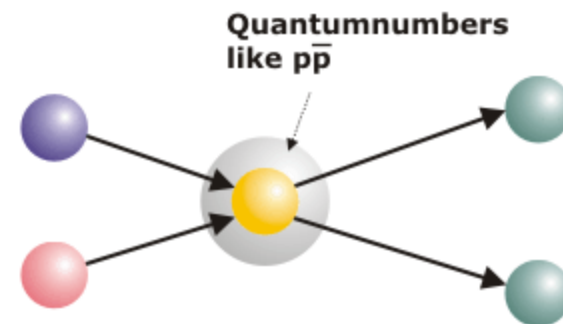
main modes of operation

- Production : which has the least restrictions for the final state
- Formation : which has the highest precision and yields the smallest ambiguities

## Production



## Formation



Energy scan (first coarse, then fine)

Trigger on specific channels and Minimum Bias

Luminosity detection and monitoring

Mass independent Partial Wave decomposition of final states

- well constrained 2-body formation reactions can be decomposed model-independent bin-by-bin
  - like e.g. Vector+Pseudoscalar, 2 Vectors, 2 Tensors, Tensor+Pseudoscalar, Tensor, Vector etc.
- 3-body formation reactions still need modelling of intermediate states
  - but the analysis bias is much smaller compared to (3+1)-body production

Main Targets (tbc.)

- $0^{++}$ ,  $0^{+}$ ,  $2^{++}$ ,  $2^{-+}$  glueballs
- Single and double strange tetraquarks
- Strangeonium Hybrids
- Strange Hexaquarks

Trade-off: no exotic Quantum-Numbers

- Production is the only possibility to identify states with exotic Quantum numbers
  - the statistics at COSY at FAIR would supersede the statistics of Crystal Barrel and Obelix by several orders of magnitude
  - the analysis is extremely difficult, quite model dependent and ambiguous
  - IMHO: Should be done nonetheless, but it may be not the first experiment to perform
- Antihyperon-Nucleon Annihilation
  - one example are Anti- $\Xi$ -Proton reactions to create double  $\Lambda$ -Hypernuclei in a secondary target
  - or a " $\pi$  beam" to create final states with open strangeness in a secondary target ("Kaon facility")

## Highlights / Flagship Experiments

- Glueballs (Tensor, Scalar, Pseudoscalar and Pseudotensor)
- Double  $\Lambda$ -Hypernuclei
- $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$  CP-Violation

as well as

- Other Light Exotics (e.g. Hybrids, Multiquarks from  $uds$ )
- Strange Meson Physics
- Strangeness in Nuclei (hyperon-N physics)
- Hyperon Physics ( $S=1[2]$  Dynamics and Spectroscopy)

plus

- $\bar{\Lambda}$  beam for secondary reactions : Kaon production
- Physics with momenta below HESR range (Pontecorvo a.o.m.)

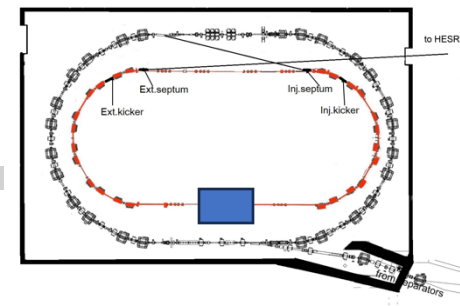
It is evident that a lower energy region could only be a first step

Due to lower energies and lower multiplicities the necessary detector layout could benefit from

- already completed PANDA components
- reused detectors and magnets from elsewhere
- very few new (or copied) detectors

which would result in **low residual costs** compared to MSVc

# Lower-Energy Antiproton Experiment



- all previous simulations have been done with HESR properties and the PANDA Detector
- simulation studies must be redone with COSY properties and a Low Energy Experiment
  - studies would start with the flagship expts
  - Toy MC to optimize basic properties of a detector setup
  - investigate COSY operation parameters
- Detector Workshop at GSI (2025, March 5-7)
- Physics Workshop on High and Low Energy Antiproton Physics in Uppsala in (2025, June 16-20)
  - jointly organized together with our Theory Advisory Group
  - revisit our physics case for the low and high energy range
  - identification of new topics for the low and high energy range
  - collect material for an Lol
- “Antiprotons @ FAIR” Workshop at GSI in Summer 2026

## and what about PANDA @ HESR ?



### PANDA @ HESR remains our goal

The Science Review from 2022 clearly indicates the uniqueness of our scientific program and **MSV Completion** is **mandatory** to realize it

### just to mention a few things

Exotic Glueballs, Exotic Charm(onium) and scanning,  $S > 1$  Hyperon Spectroscopy and Dynamics and most Electromagnetic Physics **are only possible with the HESR beam !**

and with an active Antiproton-Community at FAIR there is a good probability to realize PANDA eventually



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Thank you