



# Laboratoire de Physique des Hautes Energies

**LPHE**  
**for future**  
**Master**  
**students**

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Laurent Dufour  
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Chiara Perrina  
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- Experimental particle physics

- participation in several international collaborations

- LHCb at the LHC at CERN
    - NA62 at the SPS at CERN
    - SND@LHC at CERN
    - SHiP at the SPS at CERN
    - Future Circular Collider (FCC-ee) – future flagship CERN facility
    - DAMPE/HERD in space (astroparticles)

- 37 scientists

- 18 PhD students, 12 postdoctoral researchers

- 7 teachers

- Prof. F. Blanc
    - Prof. L. Dufour (to join in September)
    - Dr. G. Haefeli
    - Prof. R. Marchevski
    - Prof. C. Perrina
    - Prof. O. Schneider
    - Prof. L. Shchutska

BSP (=Cubotron), 6<sup>th</sup> floor + labs 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



Prof. Chiara Perrina



Prof. Olivier Schneider



Prof. L. Dufour



Prof. Fred Blanc



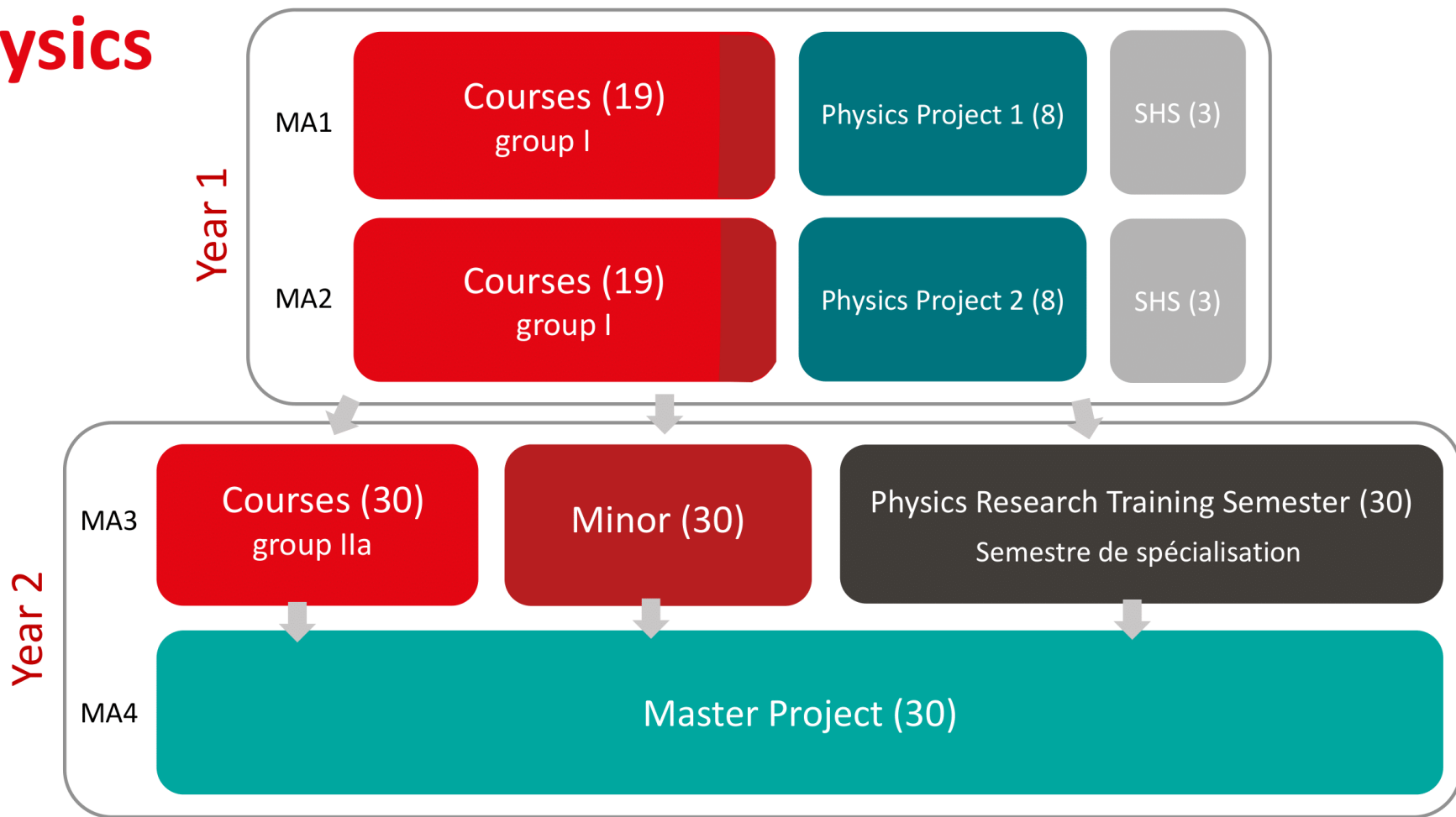
Prof. Radoslav Marchevski



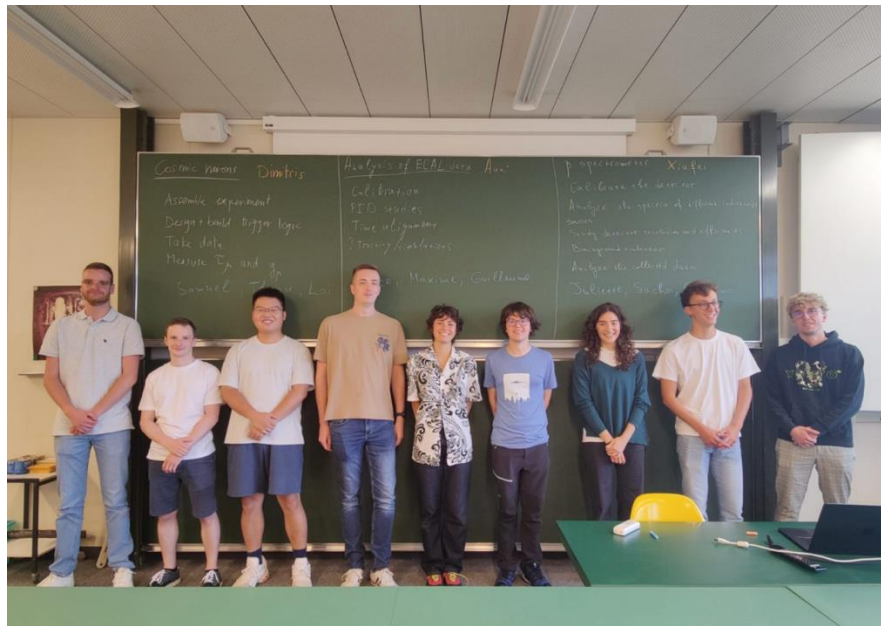
Dr. Guido Haefeli



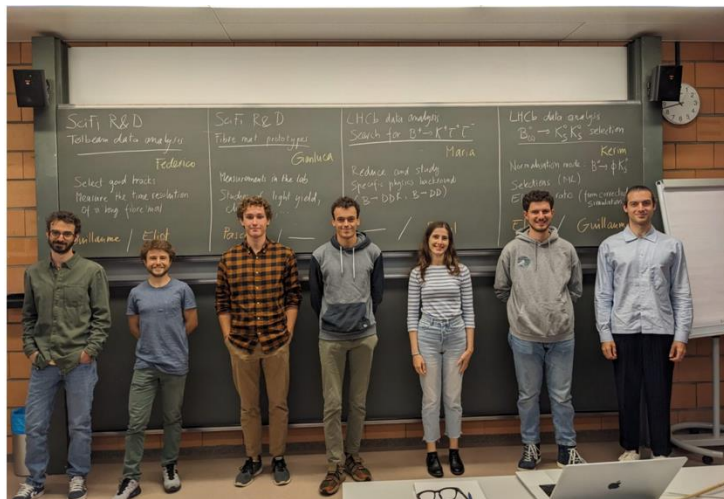
# Physics



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- The students interested in doing their Physics Master degree at LPHE will
  - obtain general knowledge about particle physics phenomena and particle detection
  - be introduced to advanced concepts in modern particle physics with emphasis on relevant research topics
  - conduct small but complete particle physics experiments in teams of 2-3 students
    - beta spectrometer, “measurement” of the neutrino mass, measurement of muon lifetime and magnetic moment, development of a cosmic ray detector
  - get involved in particle physics research
    - working on small individual projects
    - completing a semester-long specialization
    - master thesis on a specific research topic
- At the end of the program the students will have the necessary skillset to pursue a doctoral degree
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# EPFL Master courses offered by LPHE in 2025-2026

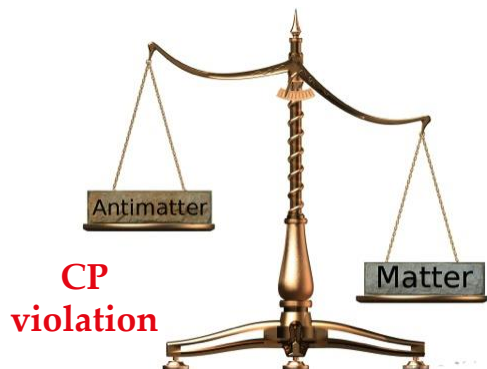
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- **Year 2025-2026:** all courses are optional
- **We encourage students interested in particle physics to look at theory or accelerator course**
  - e.g. Machine learning for physicists (Zdeborova), Quantum Field Theory (Rattazzi), Introduction to particle accelerators (Pieloni)
  - for more info see <https://www.epfl.ch/schools/sb/sph/en/master/master-in-physics/>

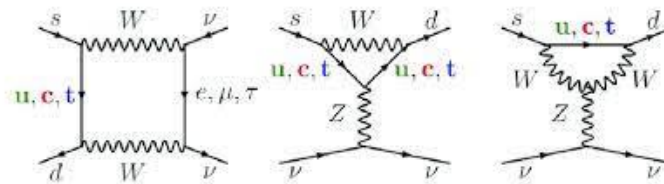
Course title	Code	Semester	Hours/week	Teacher(s)
Particle Physics I	<a href="#">PHYS-415</a>	MA1	2C + 2E (4 ECTS)	R. Marchevski
Particle Physics II	<a href="#">PHYS-416</a>	MA2	2C + 2E (4 ECTS)	L. Shchutska
Particle detection	<a href="#">PHYS-440</a>	MA1	2C + 2E (4 ECTS)	G. Haefeli
Selected topics in nuclear and particle physics	<a href="#">PHYS-400</a>	MA2	2C + 2E (4 ECTS)	F. Blanc
Particle physics: the flavour frontiers	<a href="#">PHYS-471</a>	MA2	2C + 2E (4 ECTS)	R. Marchevski
Introduction to astroparticle physics	<a href="#">PHYS-439</a>	MA2	2C + 2E (4 ECTS)	C. Perrina A. Neronov

## Particle physics: the flavour frontiers

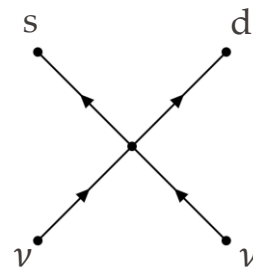
- explore the mysteries of the flavour structure in the Standard Model of particle physics
- CP violation and its connection to matter-antimatter asymmetry observed in the Universe
- differences between the flavour interactions of strange, charm, beauty quarks
- study of rare or forbidden by the SM processes and understand why they can have discovery potential far beyond the energy frontier

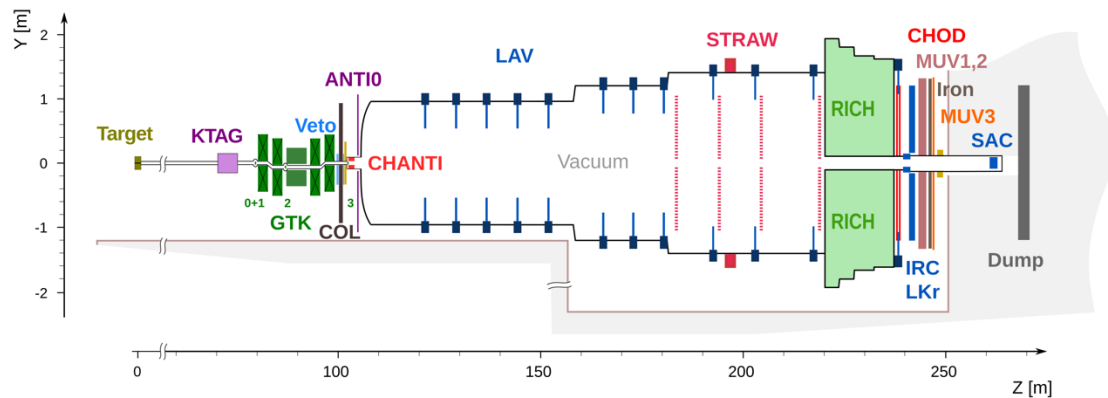
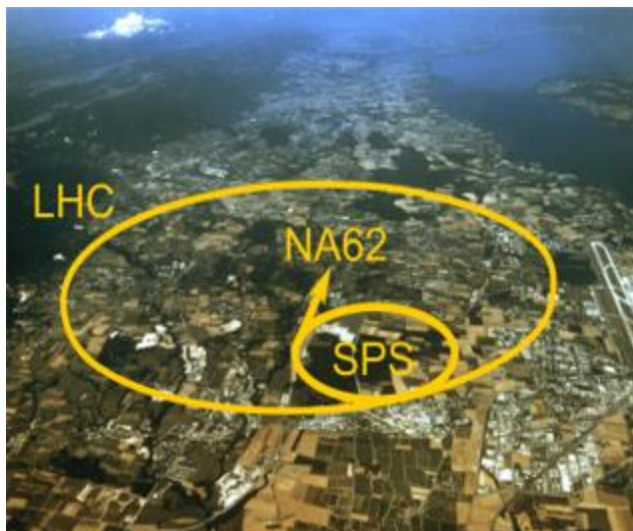


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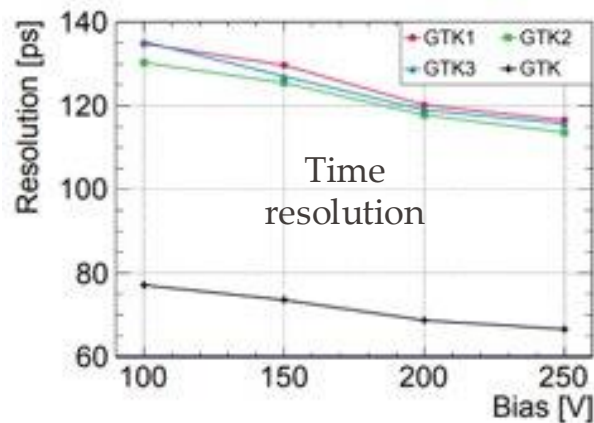
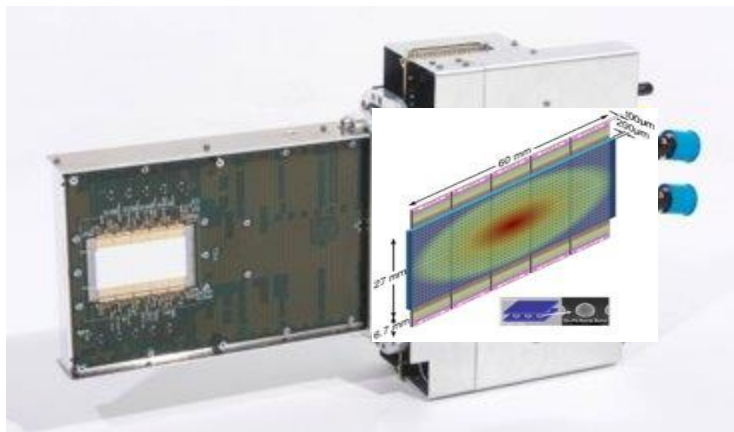


### New Physics?

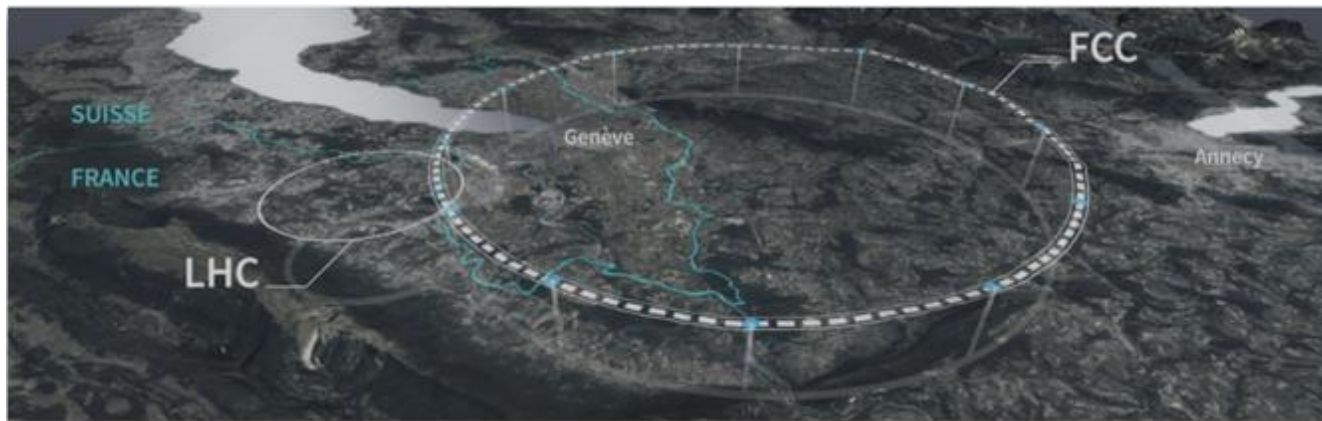




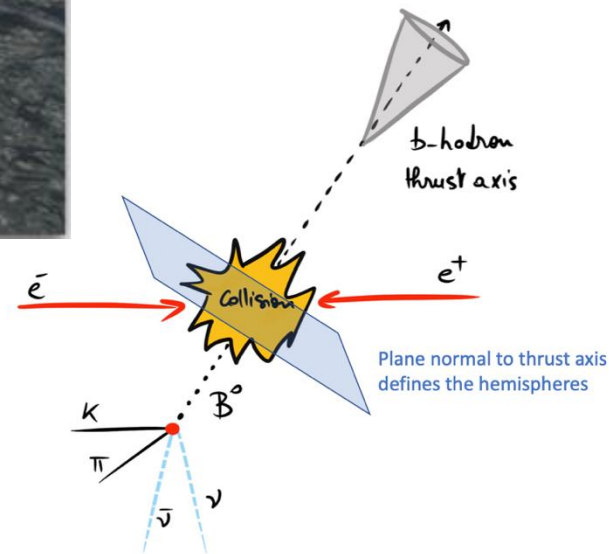
- Fixed-target flavour physics experiment at the CERN SPS studying kaon decays
- Main goal: measurement of one of the golden modes of flavour physics  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu} \nu$ 
  - $BR(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \bar{\nu} \nu) = (8.4 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-11}$
- Broader physics program: rare/forbidden kaon decays and searches for exotic particles
- LPHE has a strong involvement in NA62: operation, tracking, physics analysis



- LPHE is responsible for the GigaTrack (GTK) detector
  - silicon pixel tracker providing 4D track reconstruction
  - operating at very large particle rates (~750 MHz of particles)
  - one of the most crucial detectors in NA62 used for tracking and background suppression
- Performance studies and operational aspects using data collected after 2021
  - effects of intensity on the detector (time resolution, sensor irradiation, track reconstruction efficiency, etc.)
  - calibration of the detector (pixel-by-pixel time calibration, alignment, etc.)



- Dedicated research effort towards FCC-ee
  - brand new research program starting now at LPHE
  - effort towards the future flagship facility collider at CERN
- Plenty of new projects will become available in the following years
  - involvement in physics feasibility studies
  - assessing the potential of FCC-ee to perform flavour physics measurements and searches for long-lived particles





**SHiP**  
Search for Hidden Particles

