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# Physics Opportunities at a Beam Dump Facility at PIP-II and Beyond

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## **PIP-II and the Fermilab Accelerator Complex Evolution (ACE)**

- PIP-II Linac upgrade to the Fermilab accelerator complex enables among the highest power ~GeV proton beams in the world
  - Capable of 1.6 MW at 800 MeV proton energy continuous wave
  - Small percentage of protons (1.1%) needed to support DUNE
- ACE has two components
  - Upgrades to Main Injector and target station allowing DUNE to achieve results on an accelerated schedule
  - A Booster replacement, which will
    - Provide a robust and reliable platform for the future of the Fermilab accelerator complex
    - Enable the capability of the complex to serve precision experiments and searches for new physics with beams from 1-120 GeV
    - Create the capacity to adapt to new discoveries





## **Opportunity for GeV PIP-II Beam Dump Facility**

- Accelerator-based dark sector searches were identified as an HEP priority during the most recent Snowmass process
  - Proton beam dump-based dark sector searches highlighted as part of Fermilab's future program
- Beam dump target facility and experimental hall can be optimized for HEP-based physics searches
  - Low-Z target such as carbon, improve pion/ proton ratio
  - Optimize for neutron background suppression
  - Multiple detectors at flexible locations
- Possibilities for different configurations from 0.8-2.0 GeV proton energy
  - PIP-II Linac or an proton accumulator ring coupled to PIP-II
- Physics opportunities studied at a recent <u>PIP-II Beam Dump Workshop</u> and the <u>ACE Science Workshop</u> held at Fermilab



This diagram highlights a lot of the possibilities!



#### Proposed Small- and Mid-scale Experiments at a PIP-II Beam Dump Facility





eV-scale threshold e.g. <u>SENSEI@MINOS</u> and Oscura: kg-scale skipper-CCD detectors Millicharged particle searches



## Summary

- The PIP-II project at Fermilab and the further improvement under the ACE plan will produce among the most powerful GeV proton beams in the world
- There is a possibility to create an HEP-focused facility for dark sector searches by coupling PIP-II to a beam dump with or without an accumulator ring
- This facility could host a suite of small- to mid-scale with different detector thresholds to target a broad range of dark sector models
- The physics opportunities were explored at a recent PIP-II beam dump workshop and the ACE Science Workshop at Fermilab



# Thank you!

# **Questions?**



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