



Overview of Nuclear Physics Program @MAMI and MESA



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PRISMA



THE LOW-ENERGY FRONTIER
OF THE STANDARD MODEL



The MAMI Legacy



Upgrade to ...
MAMI-C

Harmonic Double Sided Microtron (2007)
up to $E = 1.6 \text{ GeV}$

HIGH

Intensity

up to $100 \mu\text{A}$

Resolution

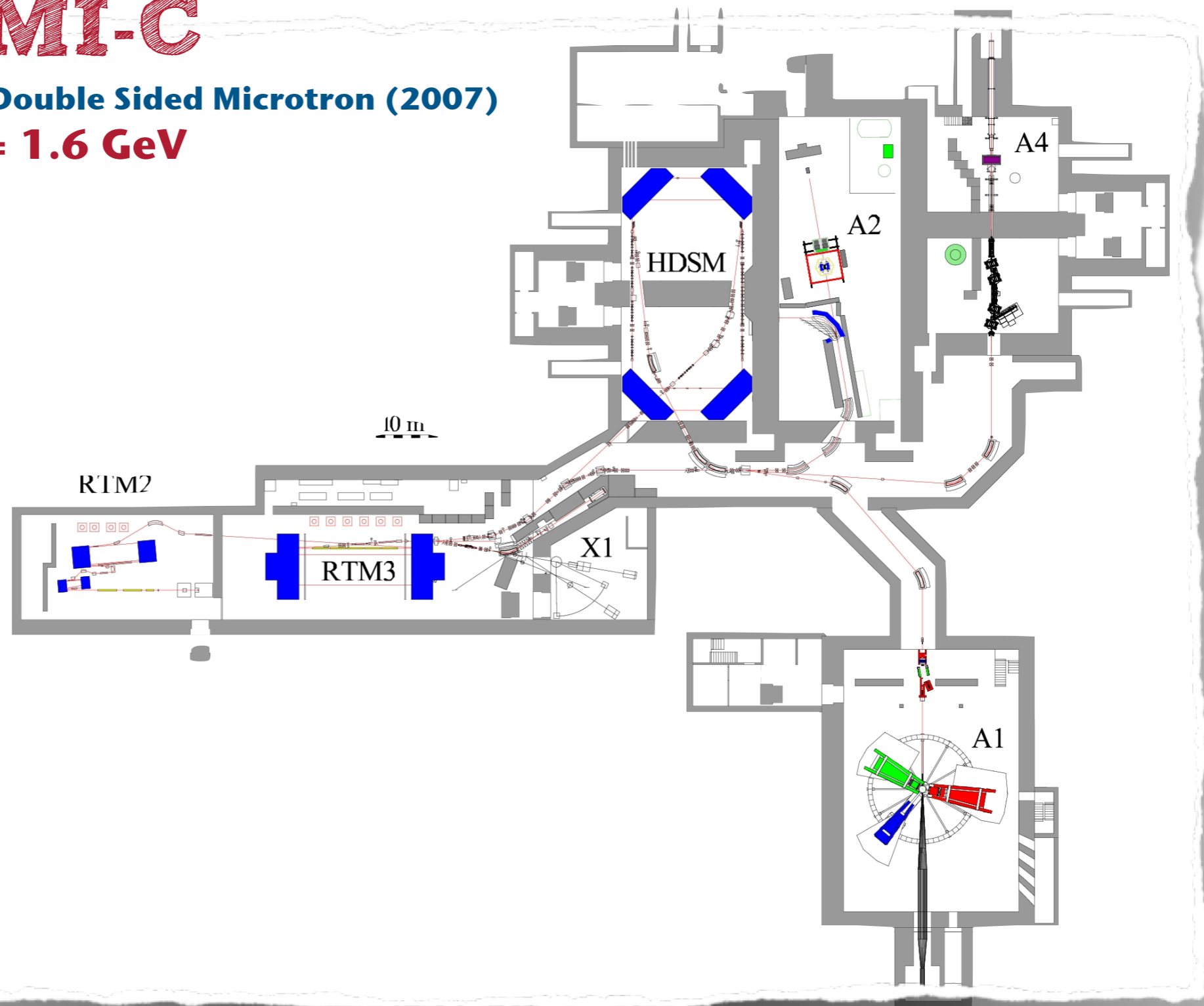
$\sigma_E < 0.100 \text{ MeV}$

Polarization

up to 80% @ $40 \mu\text{A}$

Reliability

85% (7000 h/y)

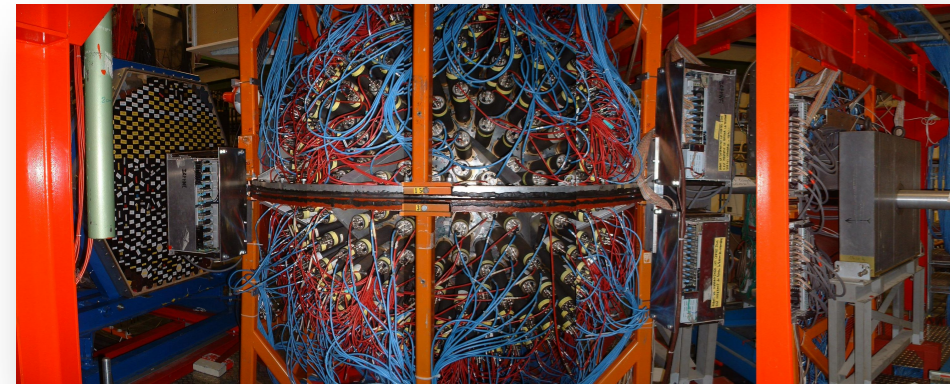


The Wheelers

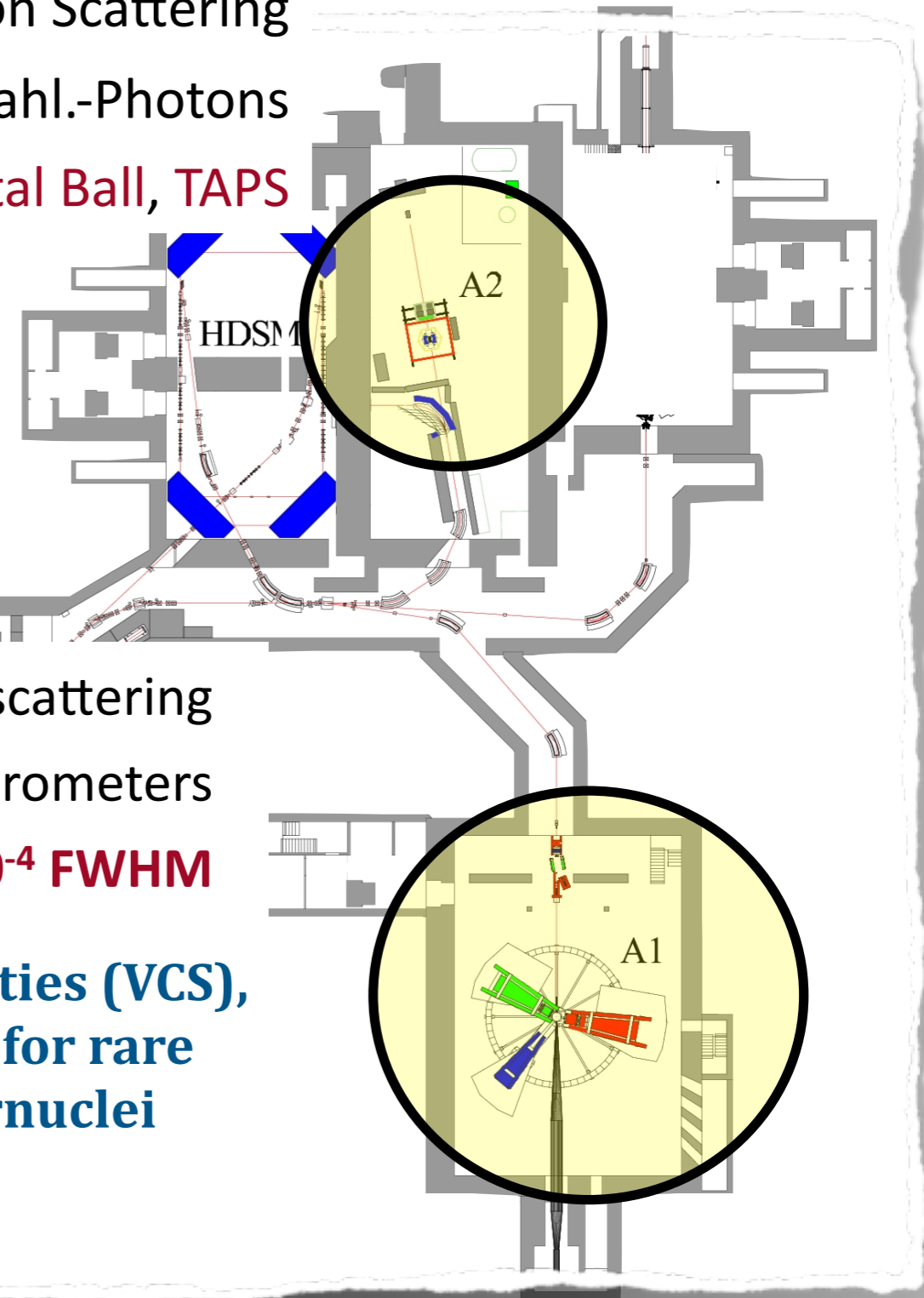
A2: Real Photon Scattering

✧ *Tagged* Bremsstrahl.-Photons

✧ 4π -Setup: Crystal Ball, TAPS



Polarizabilities (RCS), Low Energy Excitation of light hadrons, Neutron Skin, Light Mesons dynamics



RTM2

A1: Electron scattering

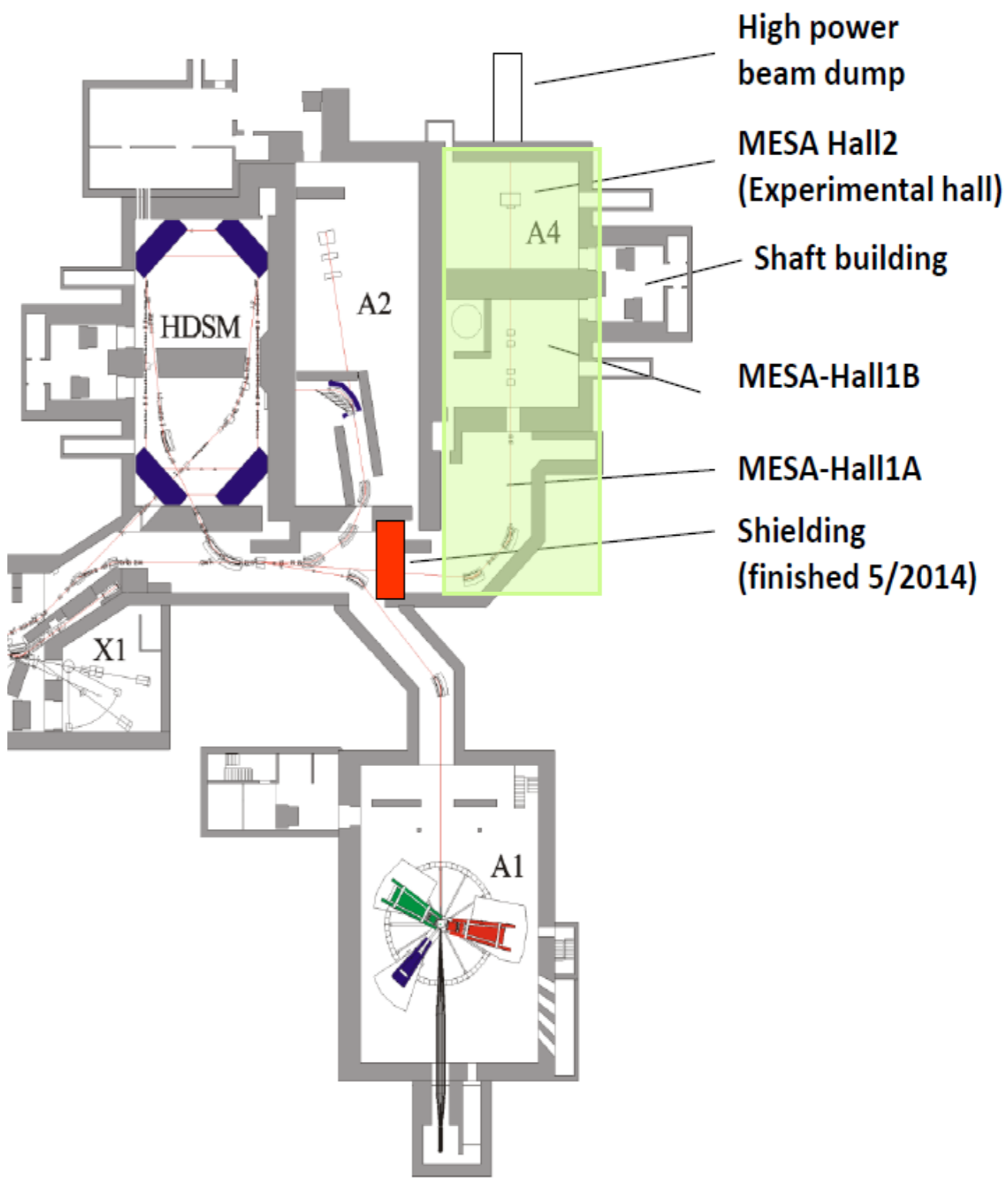
Three High Resolution Spectrometers

$\Delta p/p < 10^{-4}$ FWHM

Form Factors, Polarizabilities (VCS), Few-Body Physics, Search for rare events, EW Physics, Hypernuclei



The Mainz Energy Superconducting Accelerator



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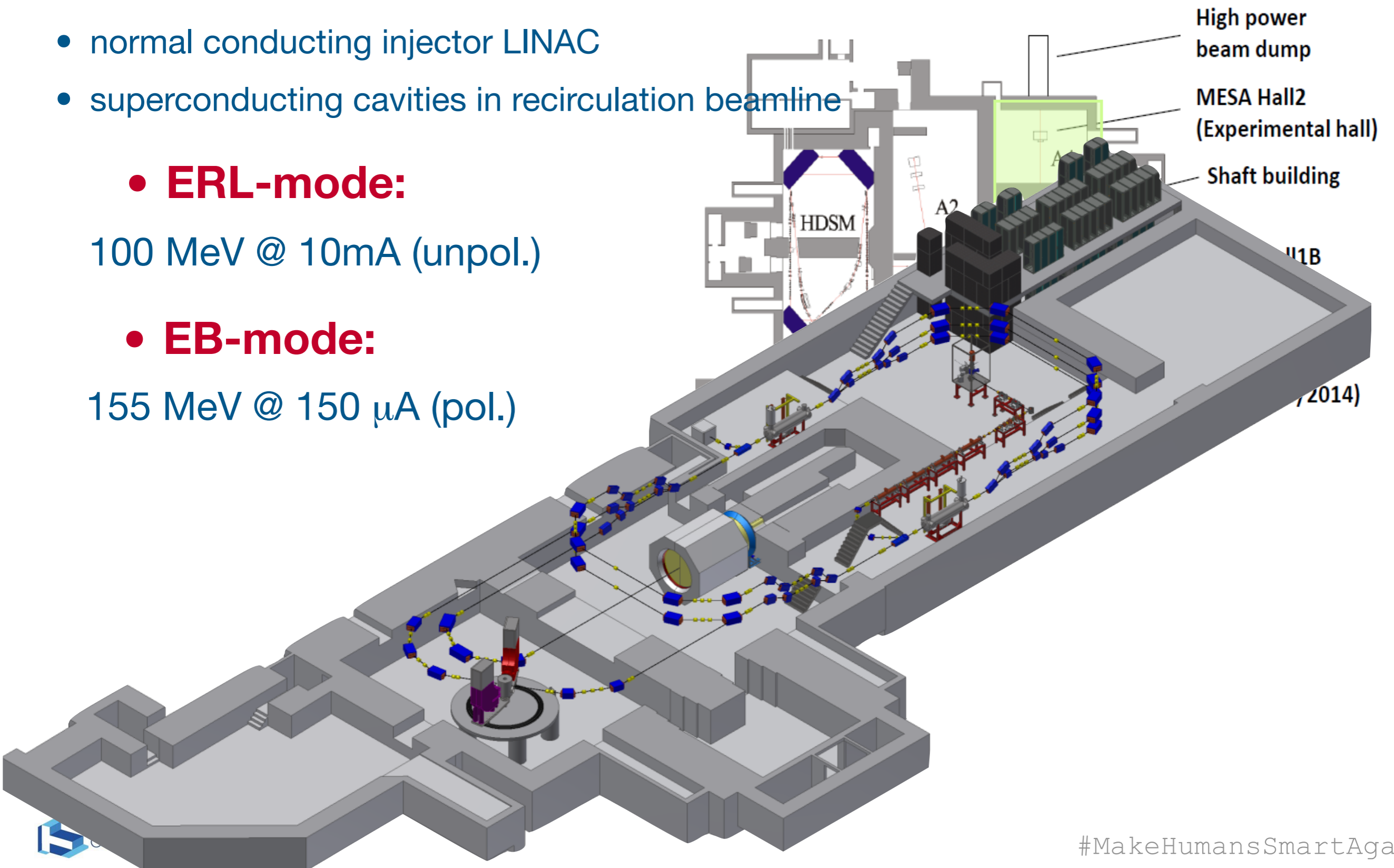
- 1.3 GHz c.w. beam
- normal conducting injector LINAC
- superconducting cavities in recirculation beamline

- **ERL-mode:**

100 MeV @ 10mA (unpol.)

- **EB-mode:**

155 MeV @ 150 μ A (pol.)

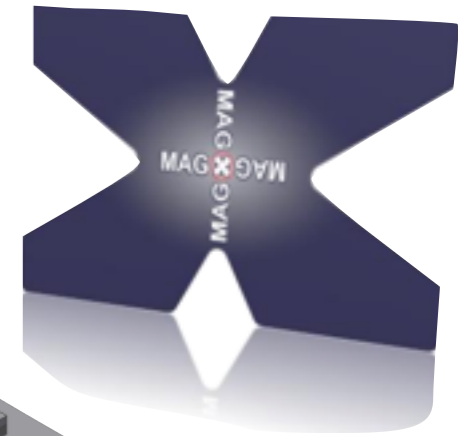
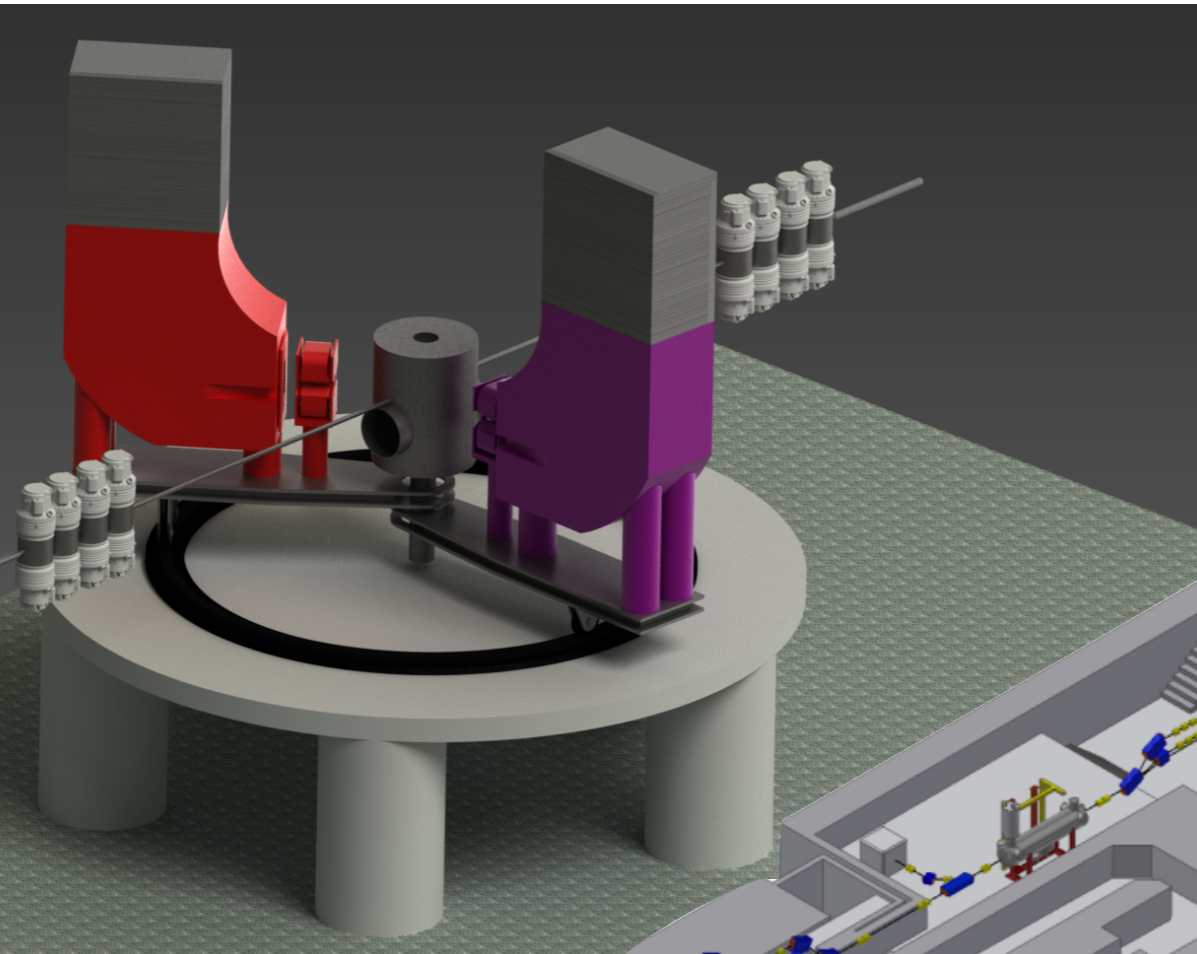


The **MESA** Wheelers

Internal Gas Target

Differential pumping system

Twin ARM Dipole Spectrometer



High resolution on low momentum electrons

- $1 < p < 100$ MeV
- $\frac{\Delta p}{p} \approx 10^{-4}$
- $\Delta\theta \approx 5 * 10^{-2} \text{ }^\circ$

Material reduction

- No window before the magnet
- Thin detector

Large sensitive surface

- $120 * 30 \text{ cm}^2$ focal plane surface

Good point resolution

- $50 \mu\text{m}$ point resolution along the in the dispersive plane

Multiple samples

- At least 2 points to reconstruct the full kinematics

High rate capability

- With a CW operation rates up to $O(1 \text{ MHz})$



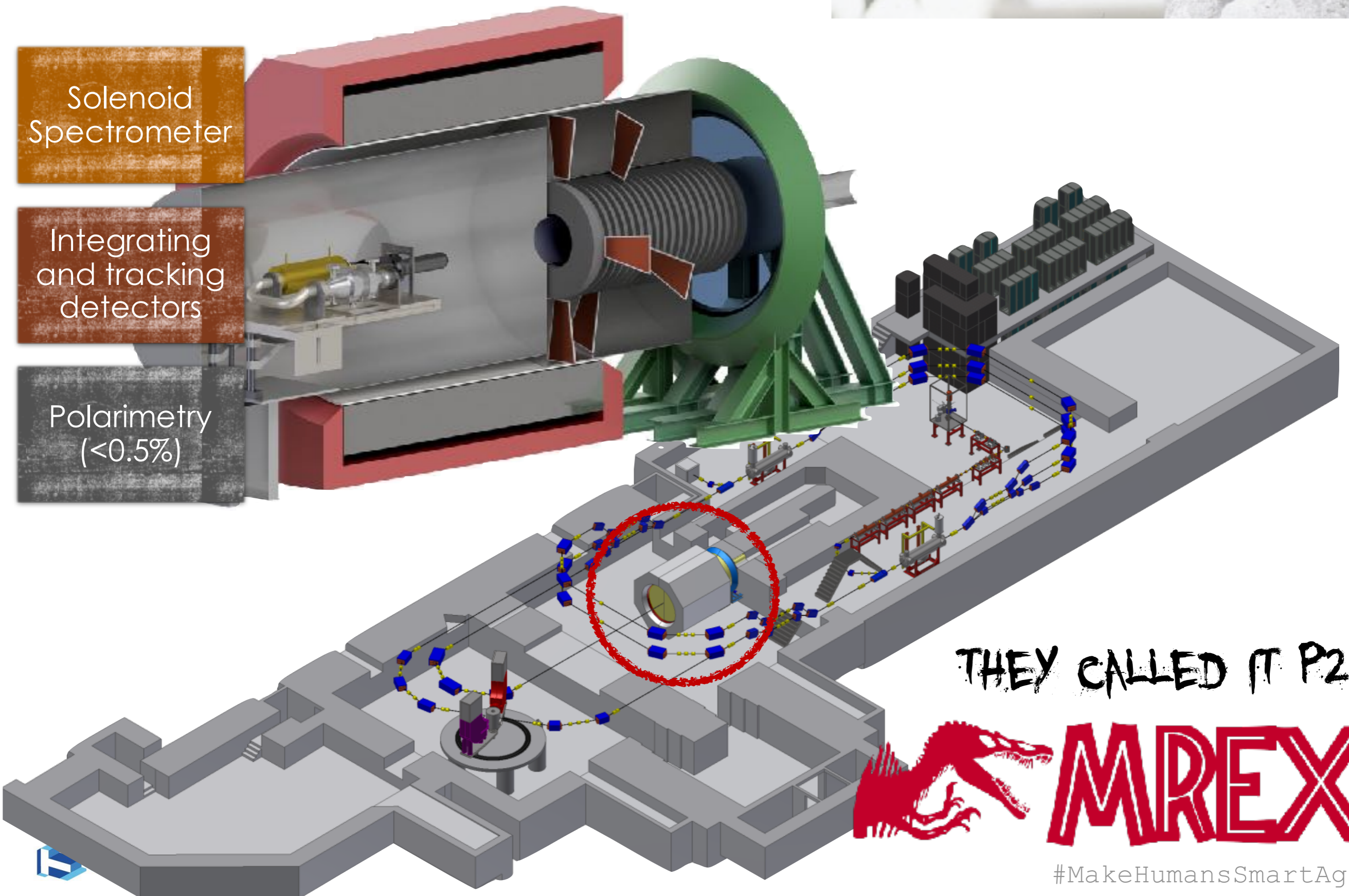
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Solenoid Spectrometer

Integrating and tracking detectors

Polarimetry (<0.5%)



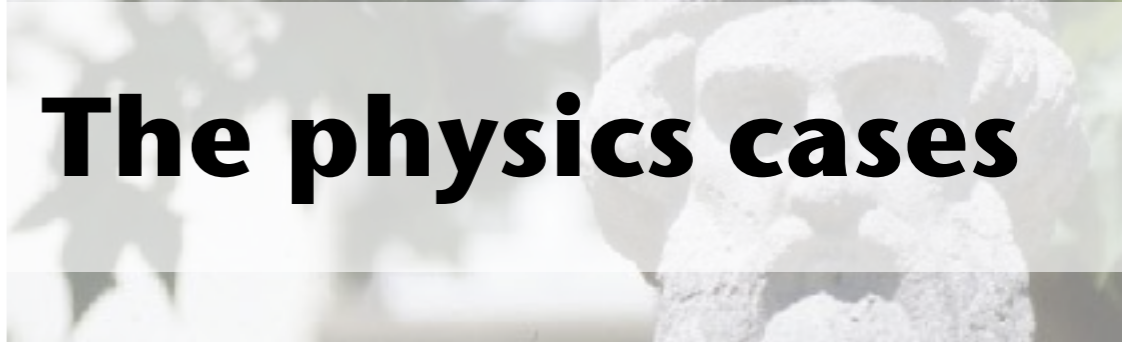
THEY CALLED IT P2...



MREX

#MakeHumansSmartAgain

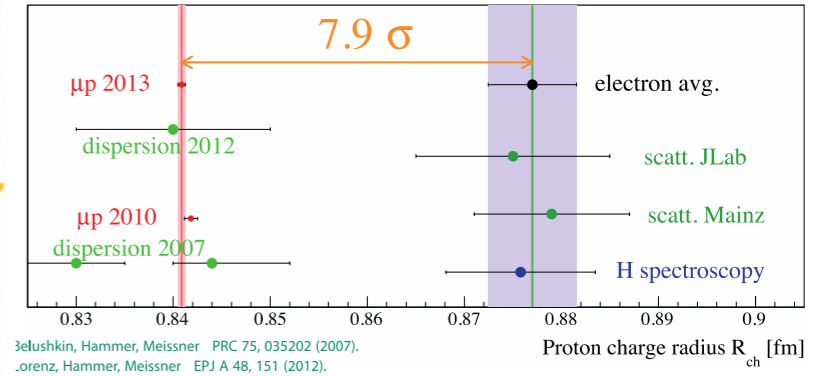




The physics cases

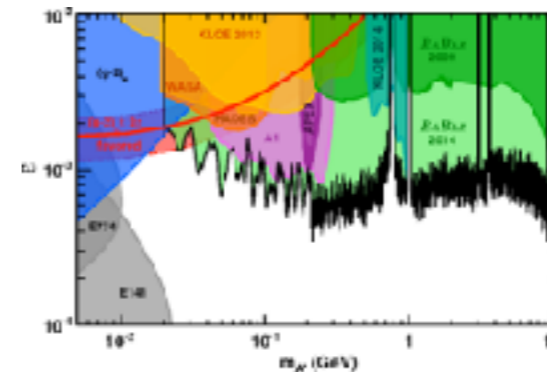
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High luminosity + high resolution + polarized beam and target



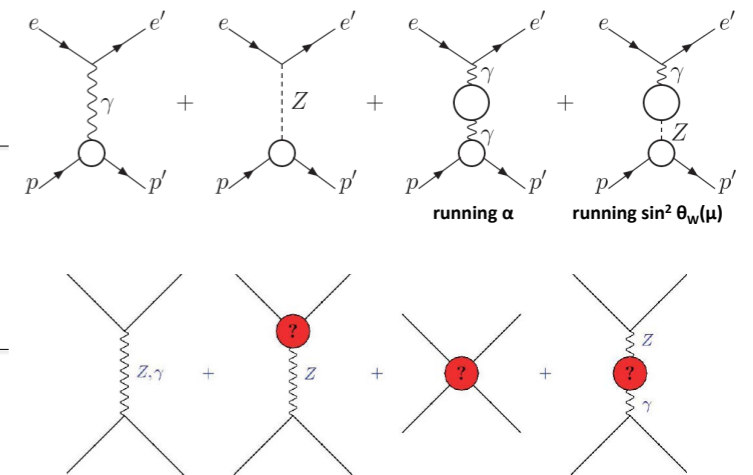
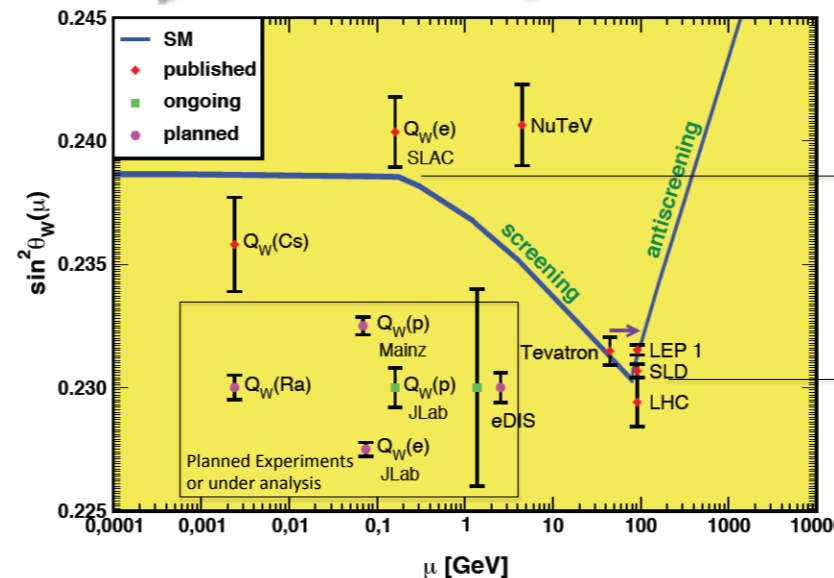
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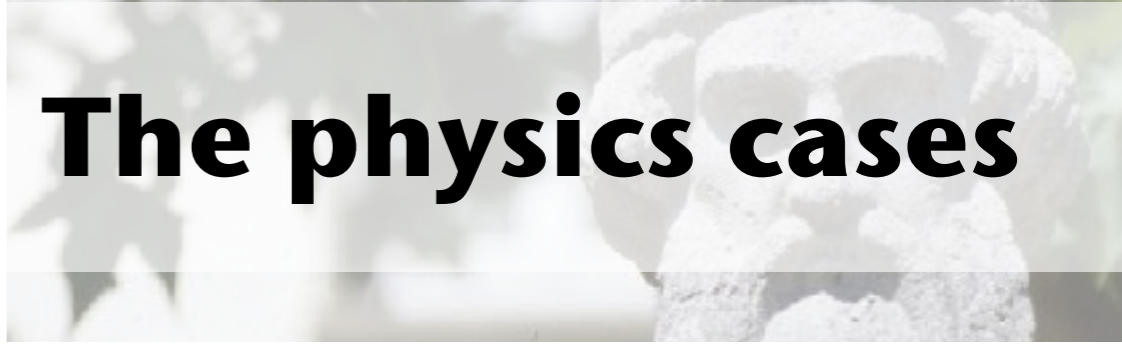
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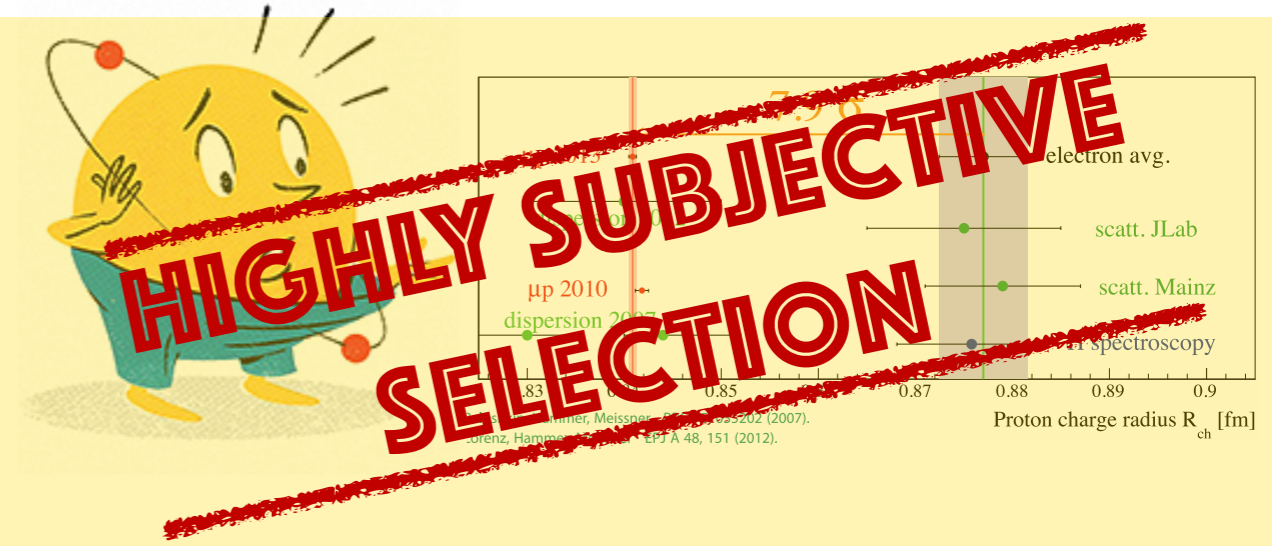




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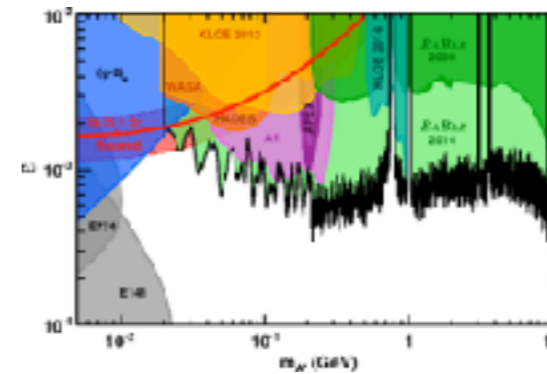
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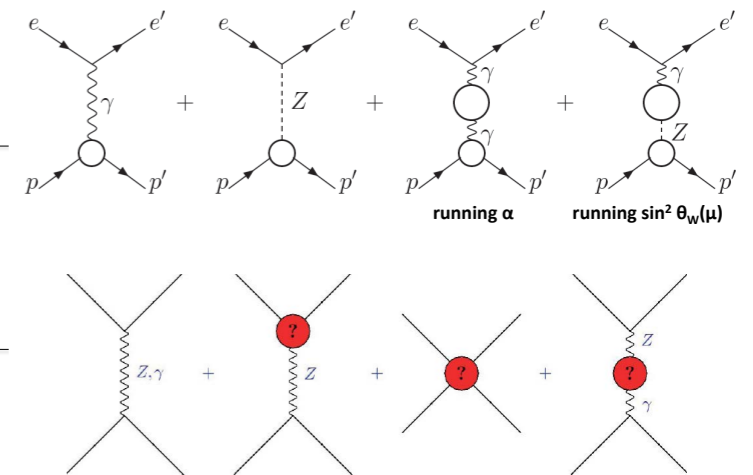
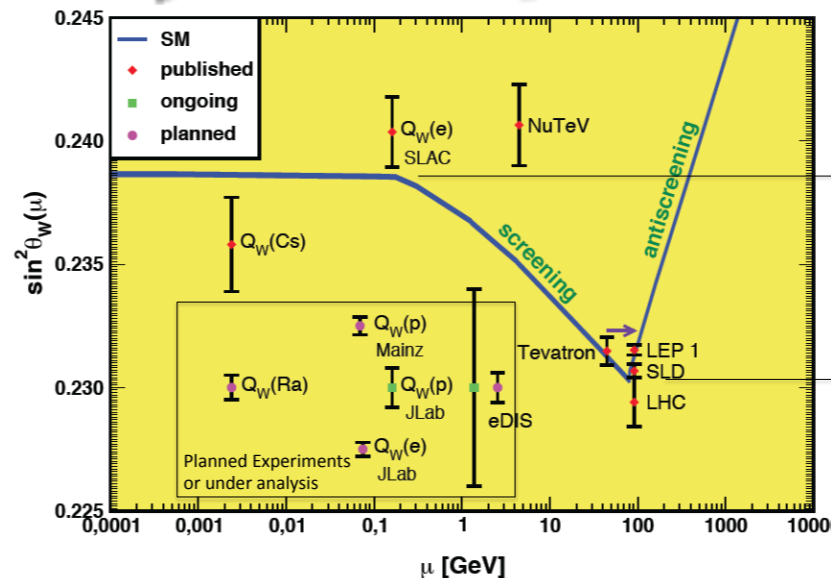
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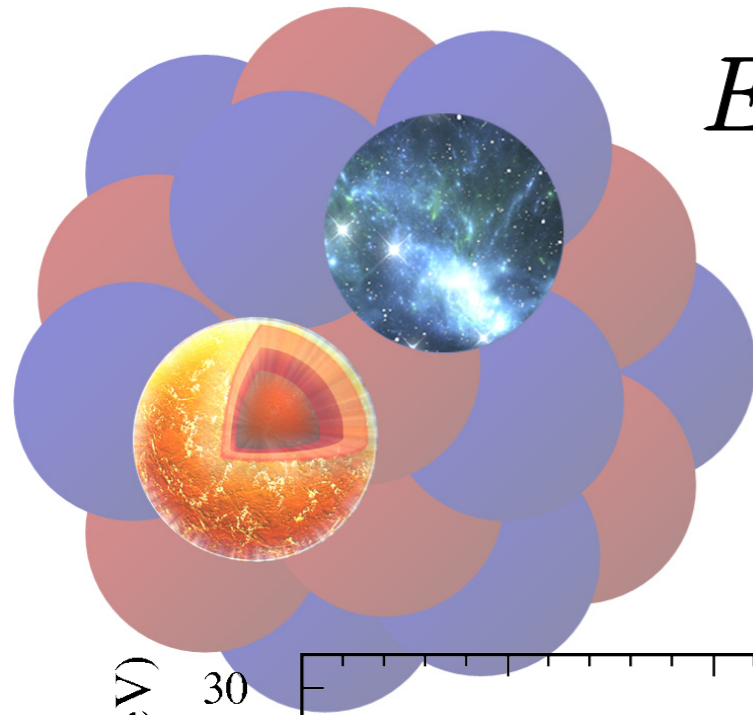


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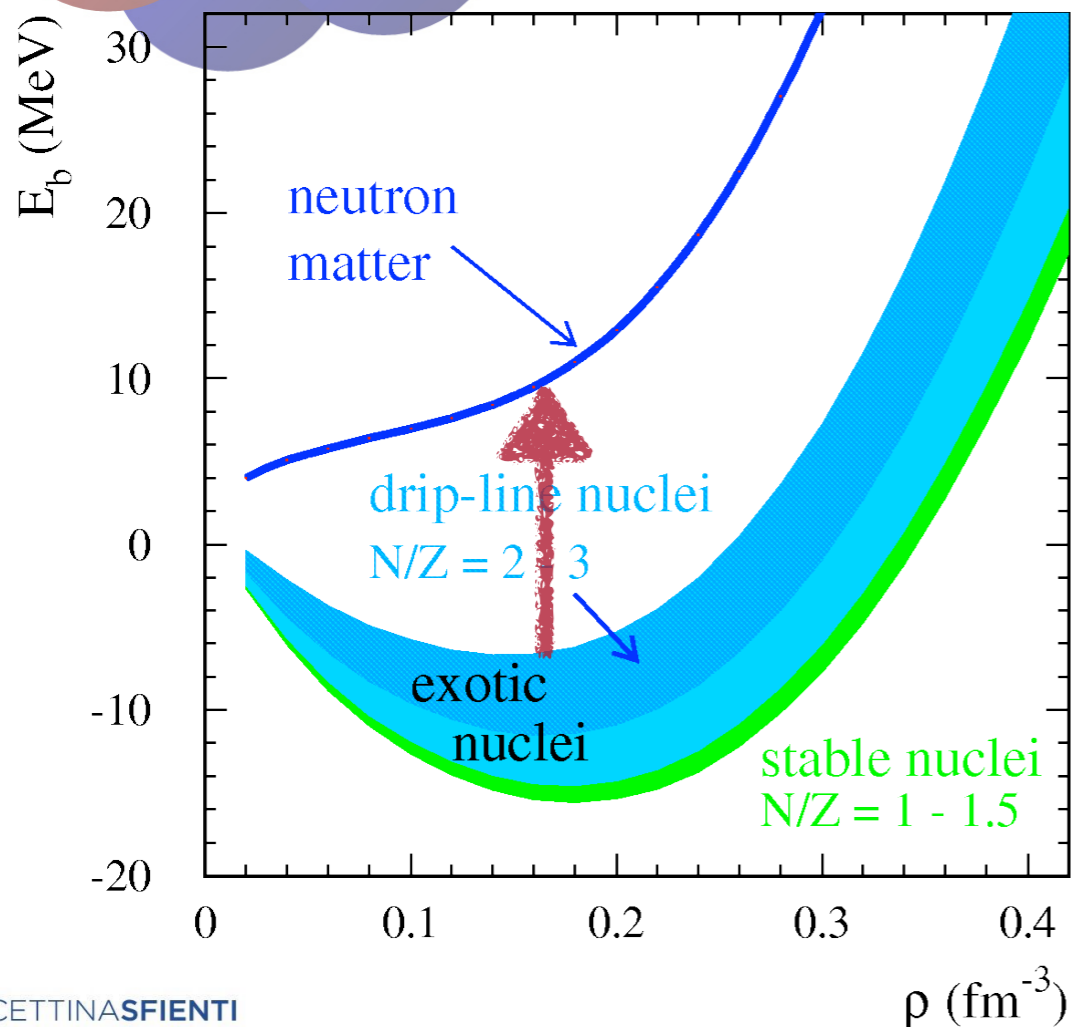


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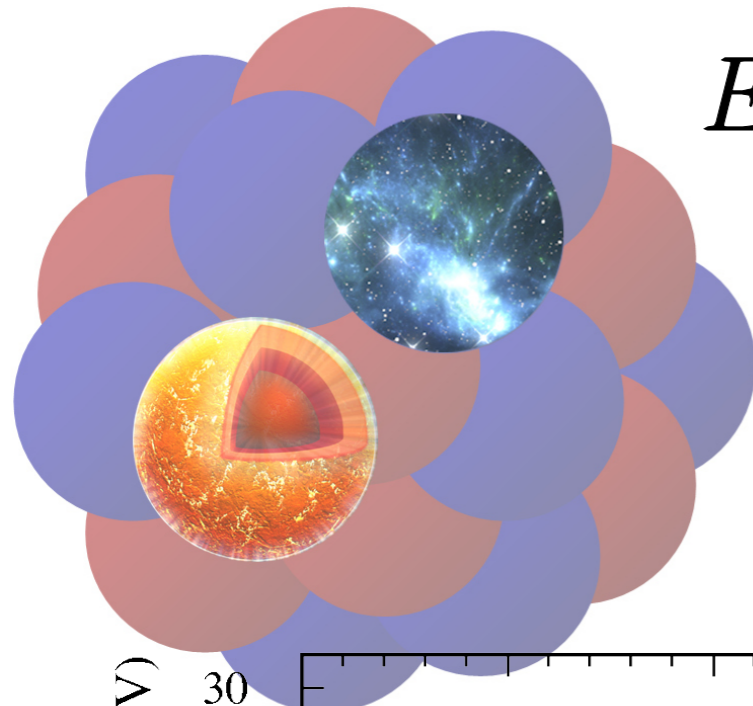


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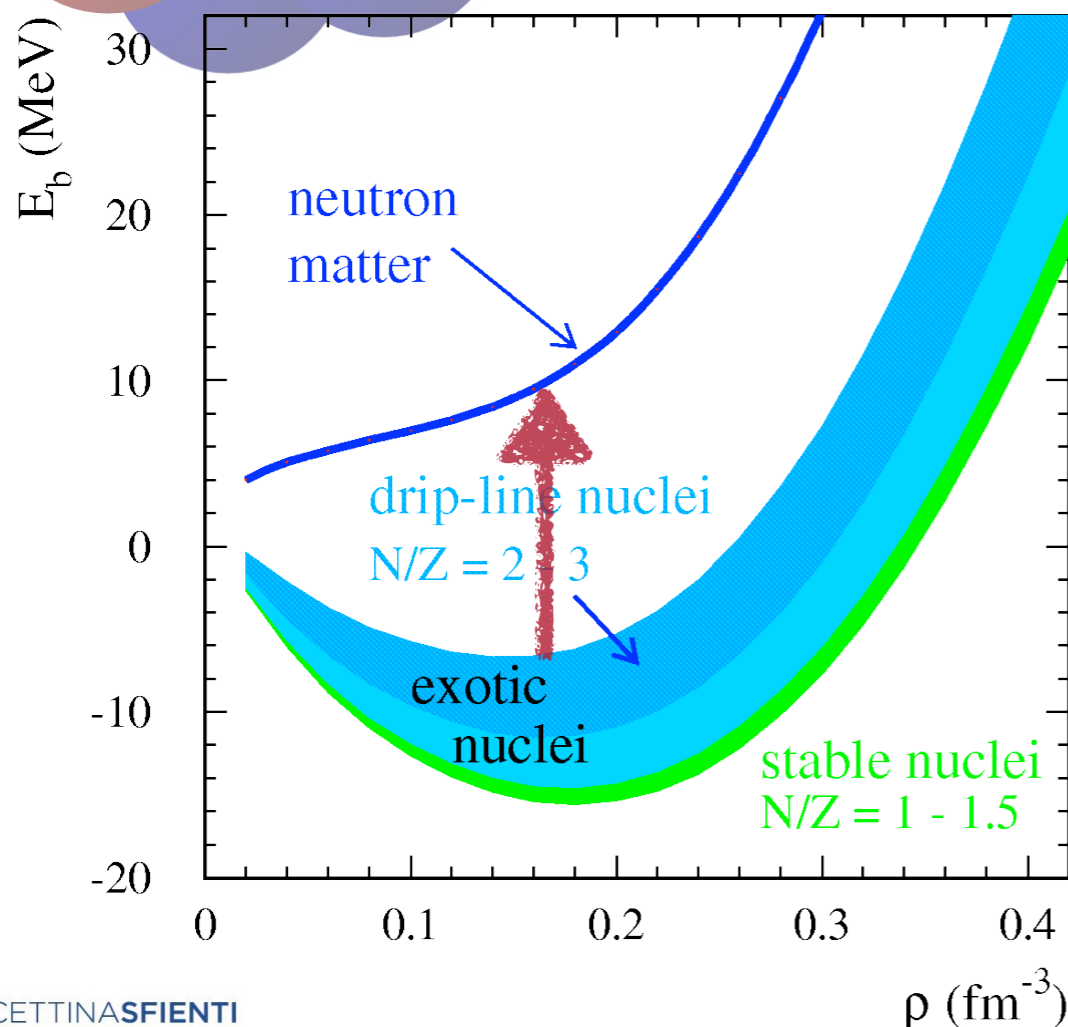


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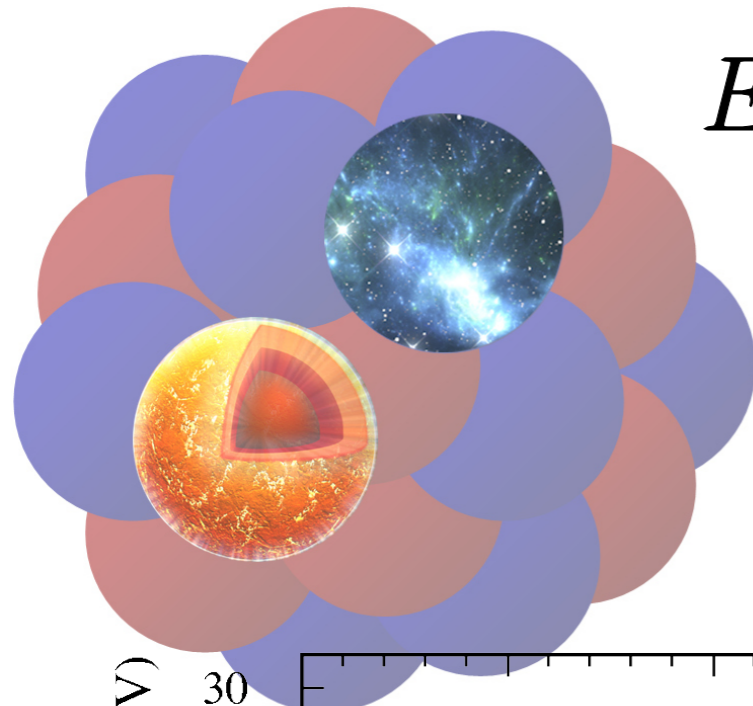
slope parameter

$$L = 3\rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial E_{sym}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \right|_{\rho_0}$$

curvature parameter

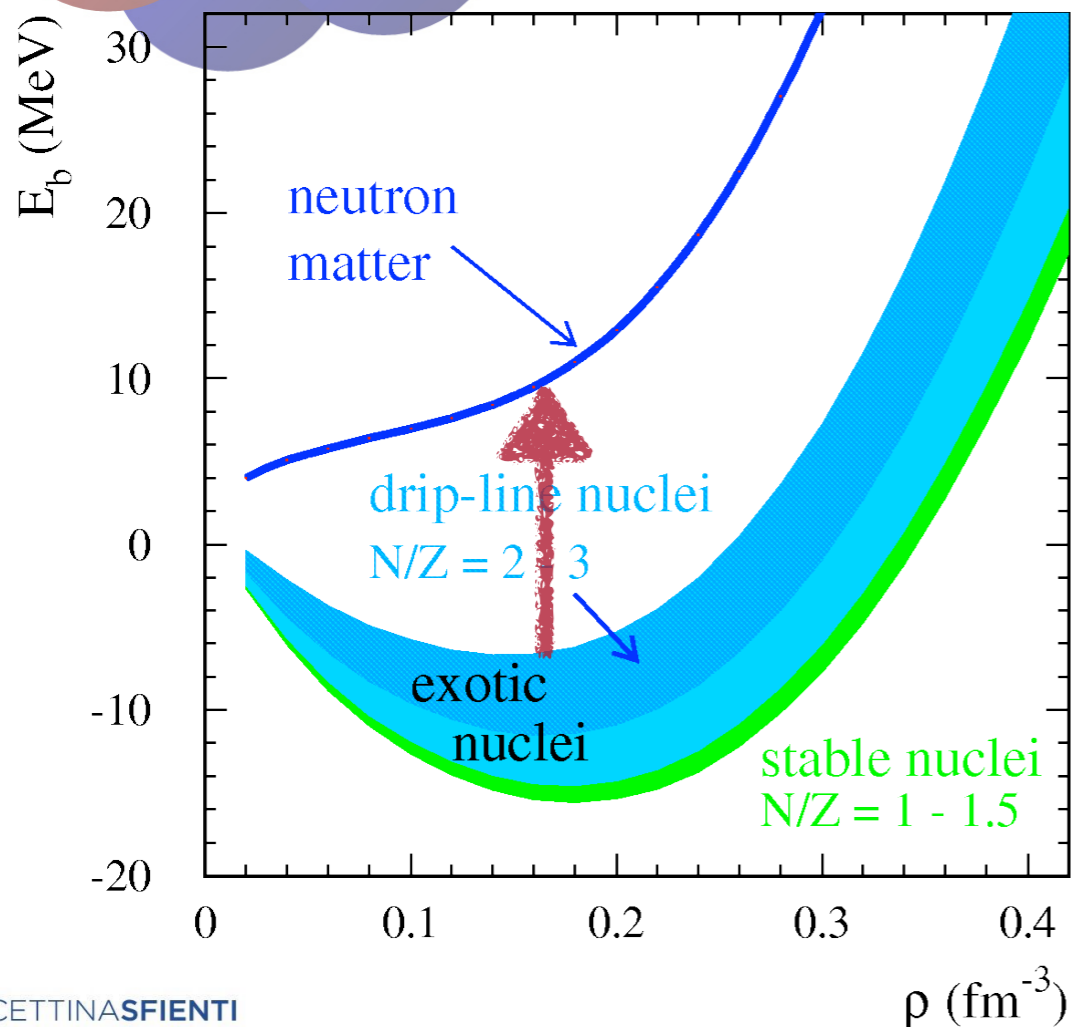
$$K_{sym} = 9\rho_0^2 \left. \frac{\partial^2 E_{sym}(\rho)}{\partial \rho^2} \right|_{\rho_0}$$

...the (blind!?) search for the Nuclear Symmetry Energy



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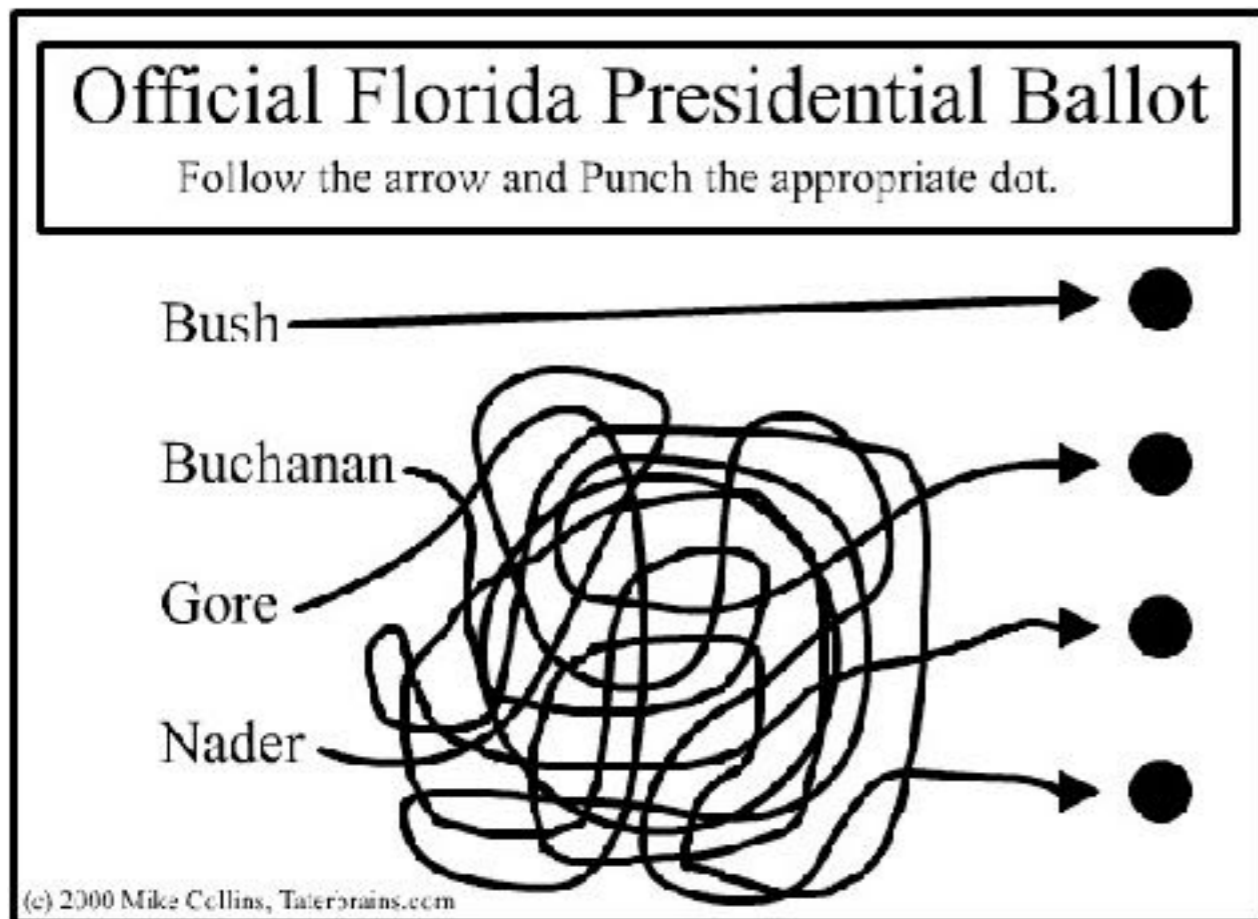
The long winding road



...FROM MEASURABLE
OBSERVABLES TO THE
NEUTRON SKIN

All observables are equal, but
some observables are more equal
than others ... Pedigree!

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What is actually measured?

Cross section, asymmetry, spin observables, ...

How is the measured observable connected to the neutron skin?

What are the assumptions implicit in making this connection?

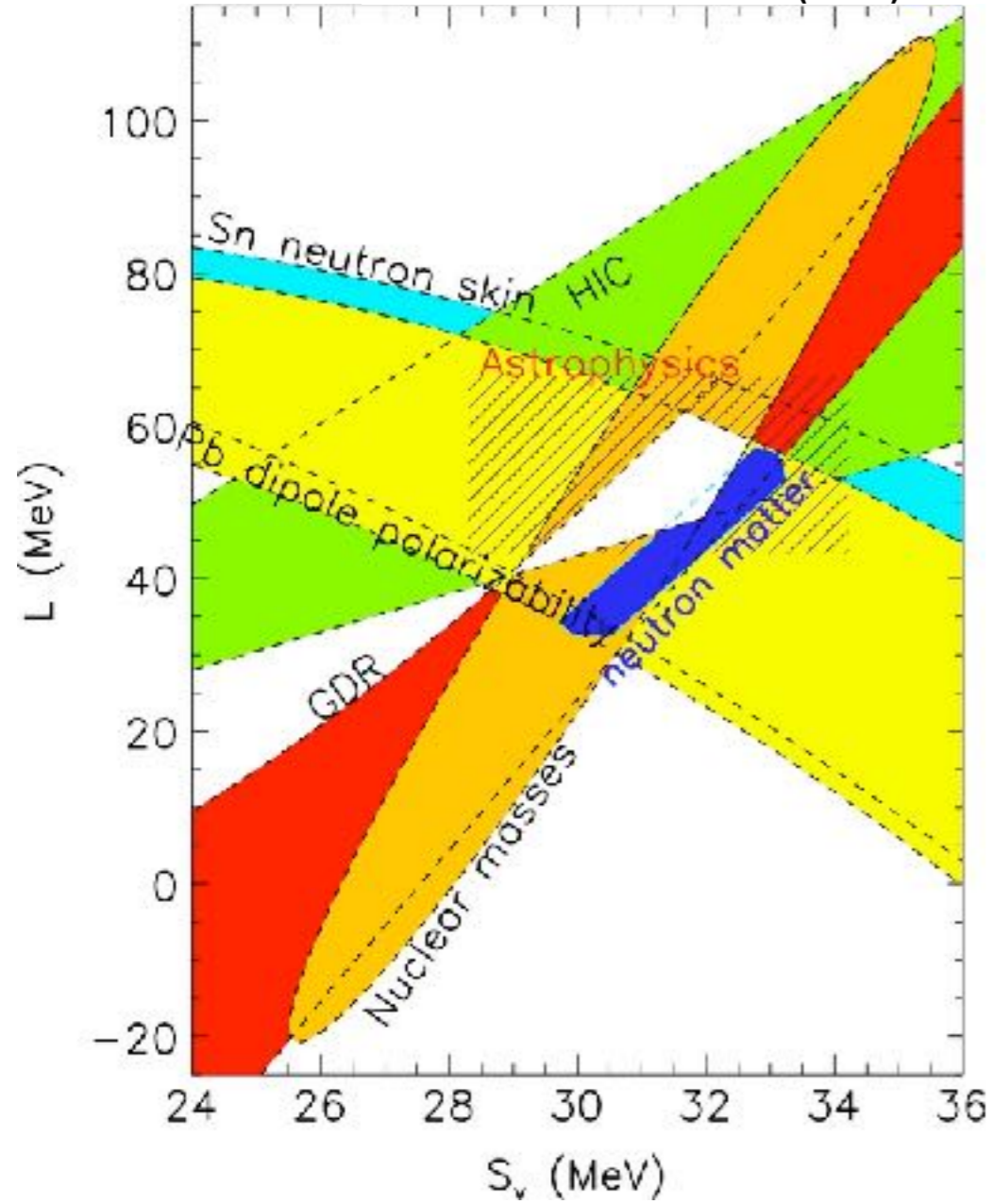
Impulse approximation, off-shell ambiguities, distortion effects, ...

How sensitive is the extraction of the neutron radius/skin to these assumptions?

Quantitative assessment of both statistical and systematic errors

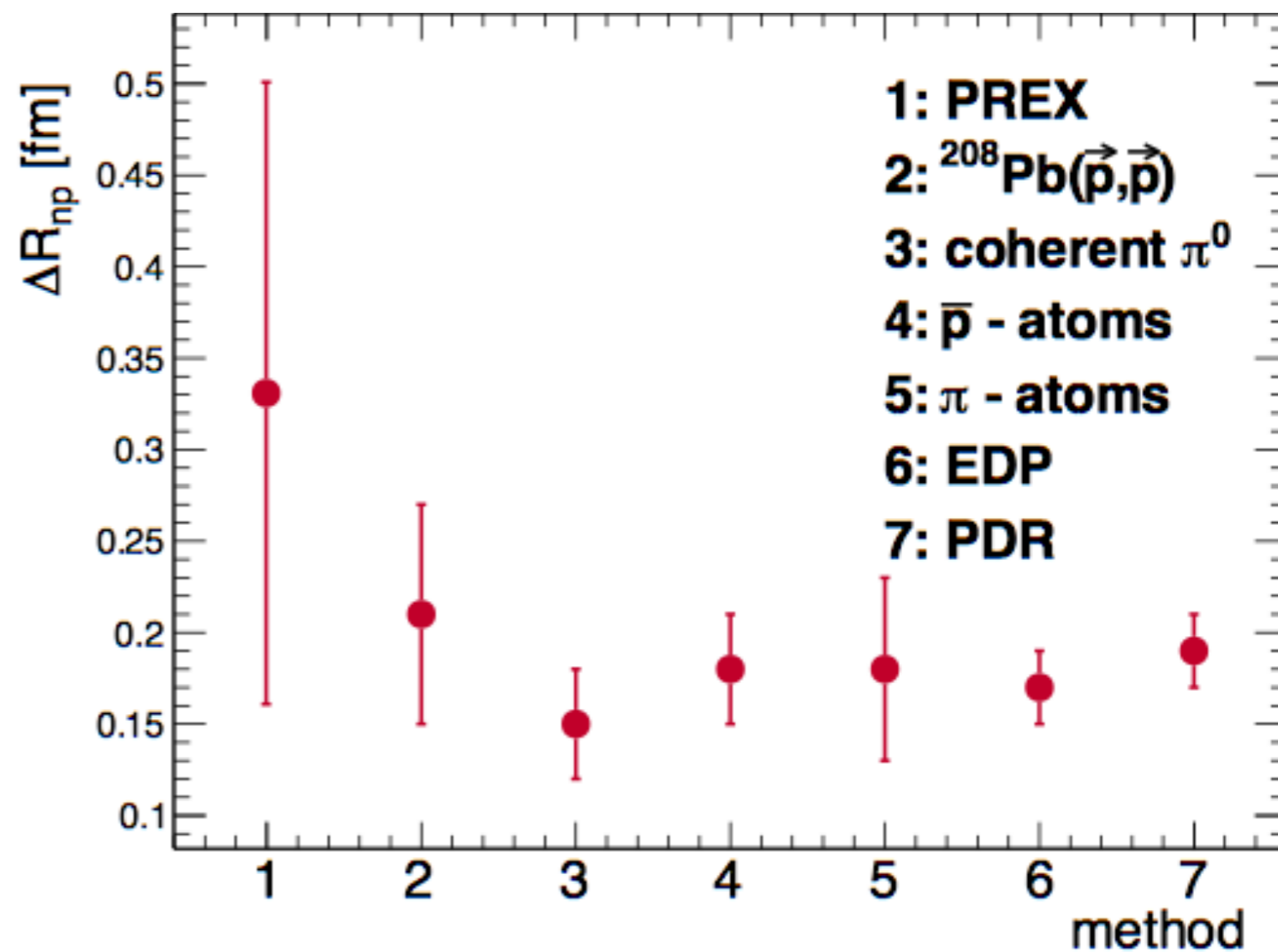
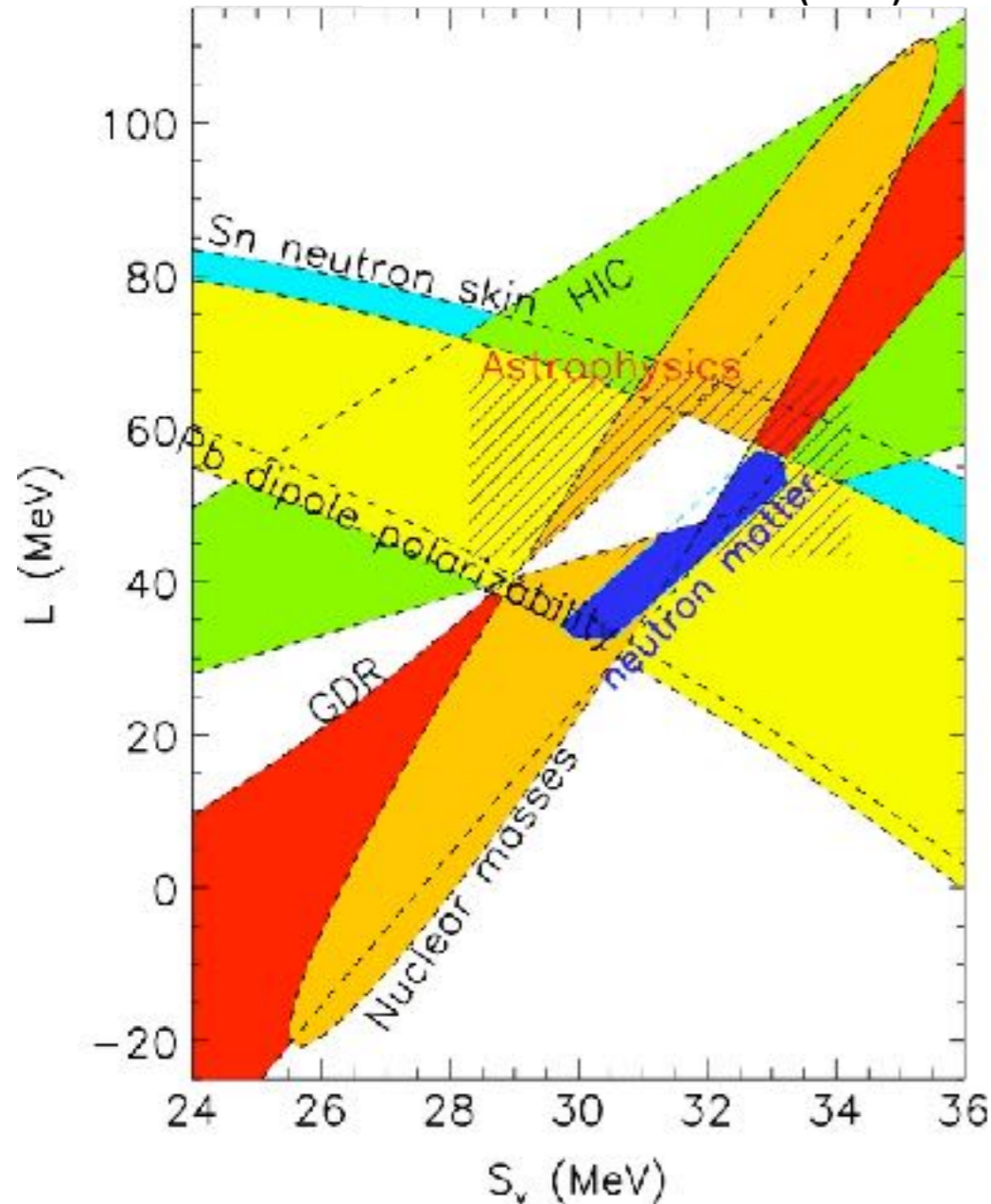
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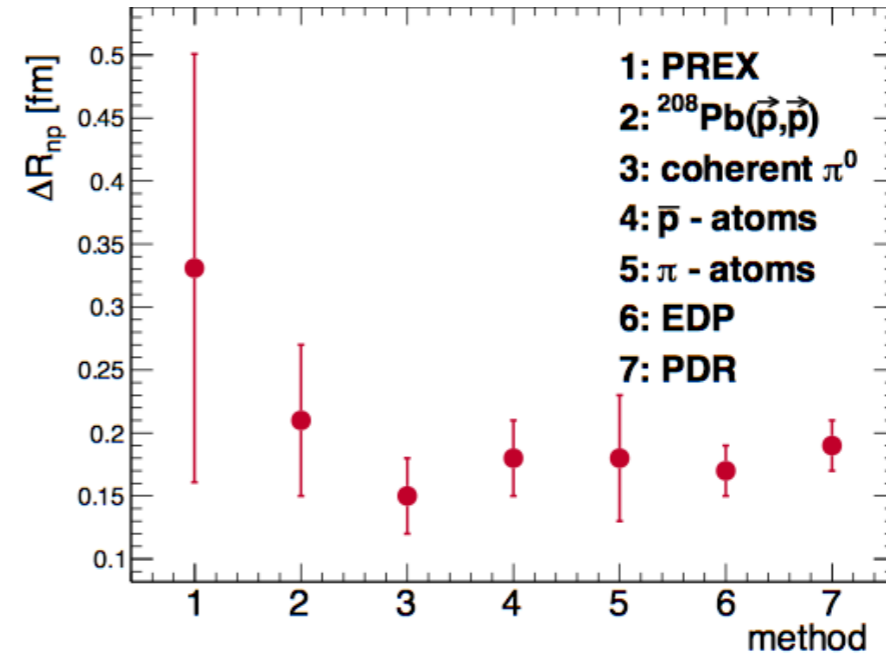
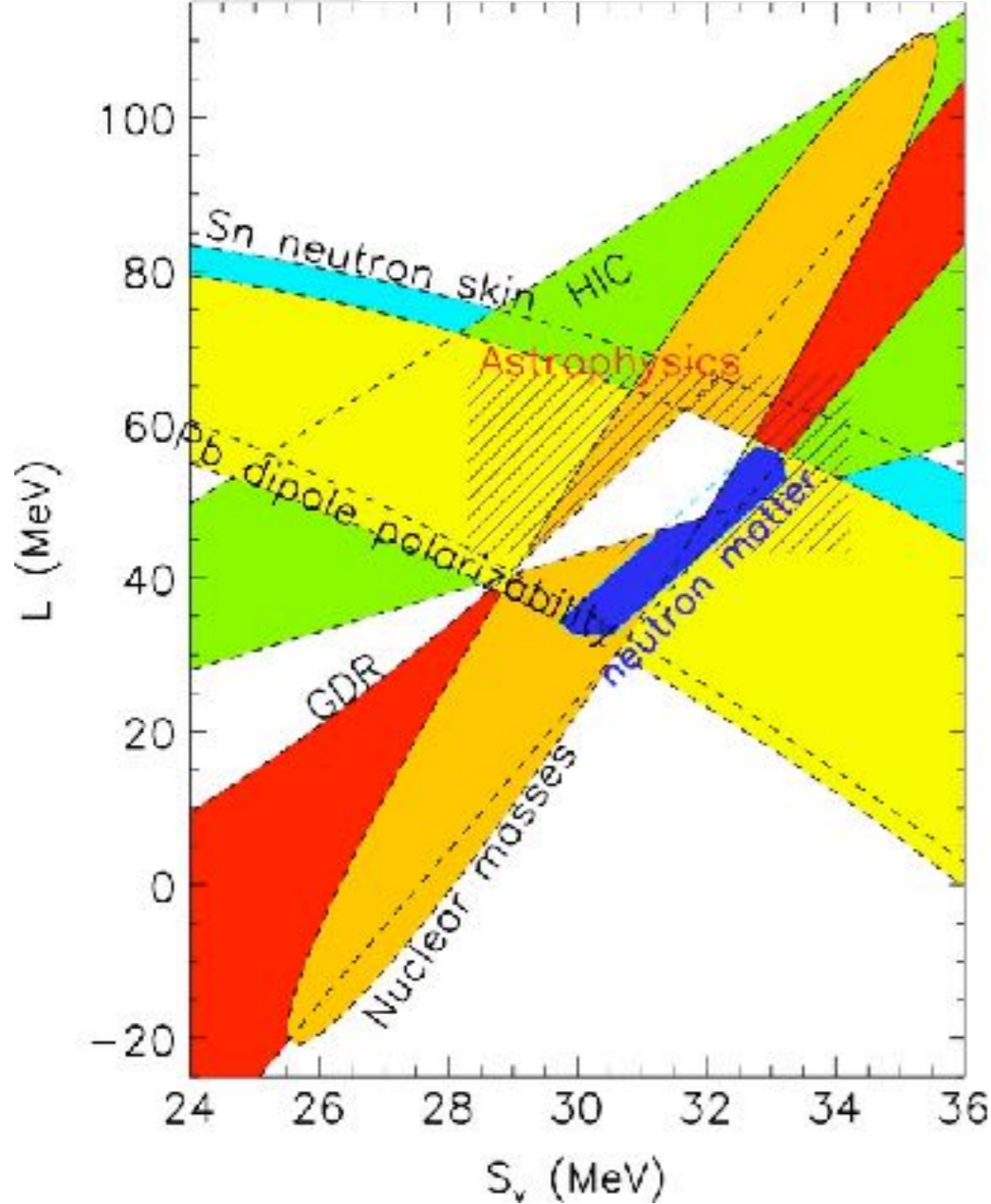
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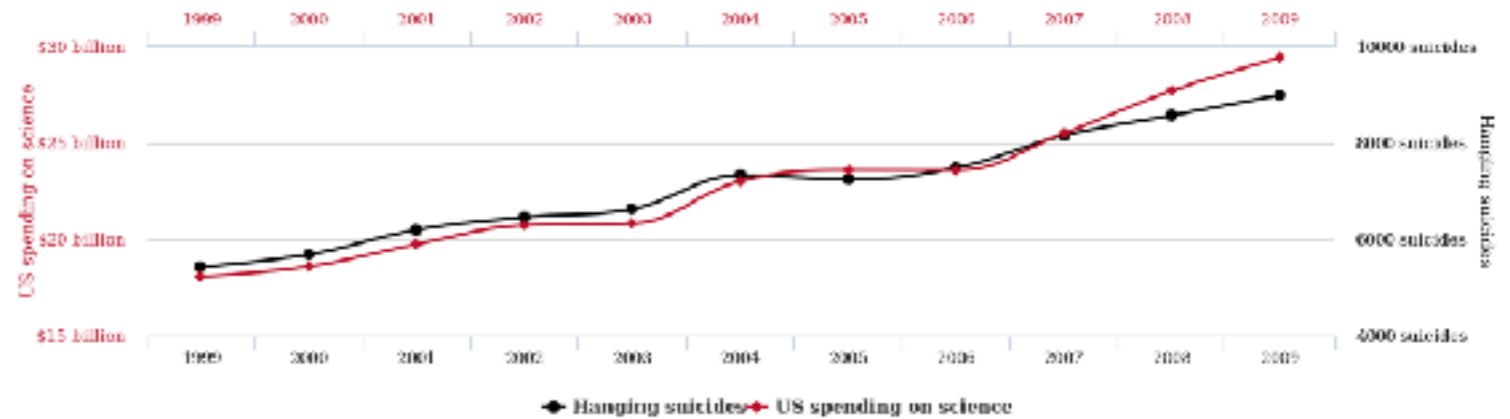
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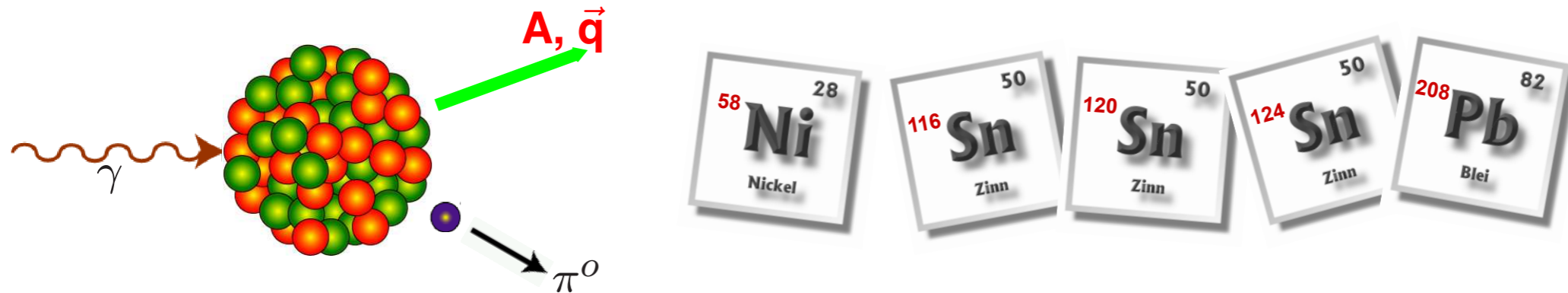
US spending on science, space, and technology
correlates with
Suicides by hanging, strangulation and suffocation



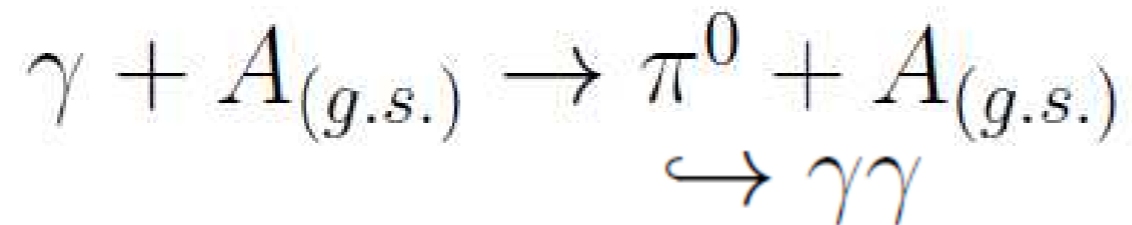
.... could not lead to Rome...

One MZ-Example

Coherent π^0 photoproduction: easy and quick (A2 Coll. Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 242502)

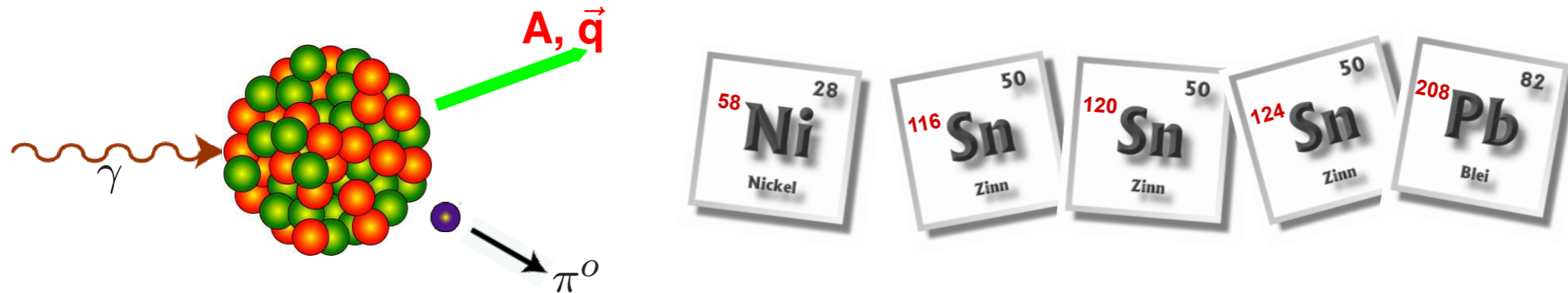


... shine light on the nucleus!

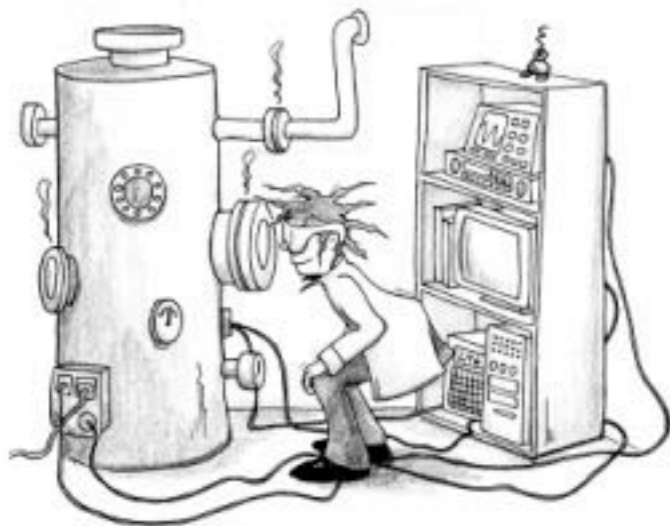
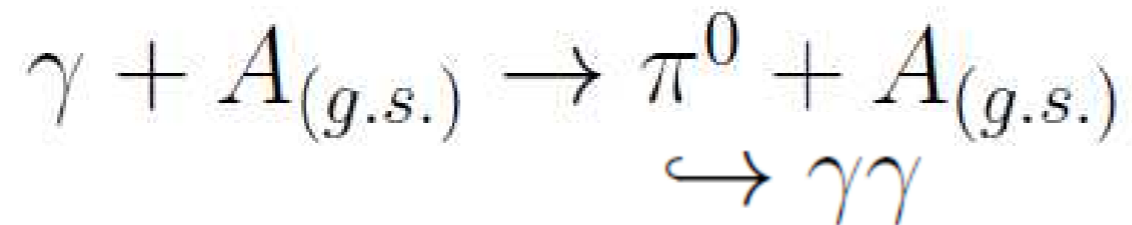


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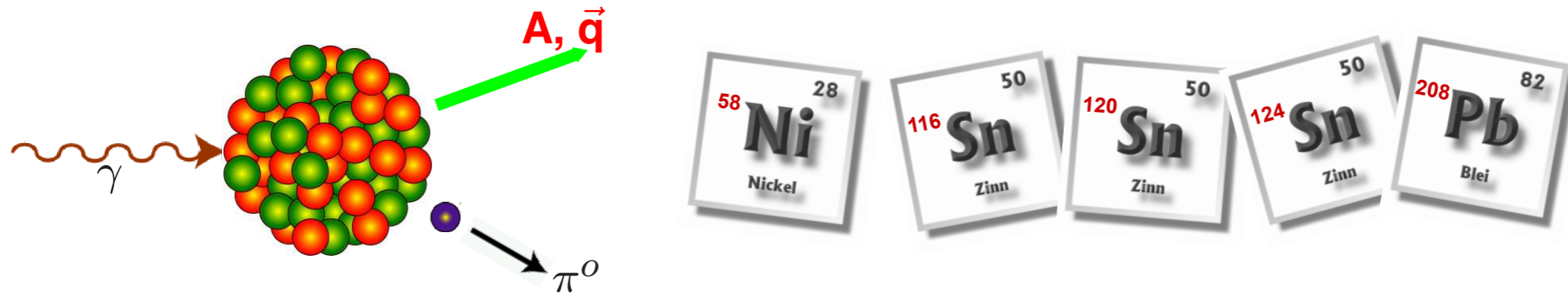
Photon probe interaction well understood: No ISI

π^0 meson produced with \approx probability on **p AND n**

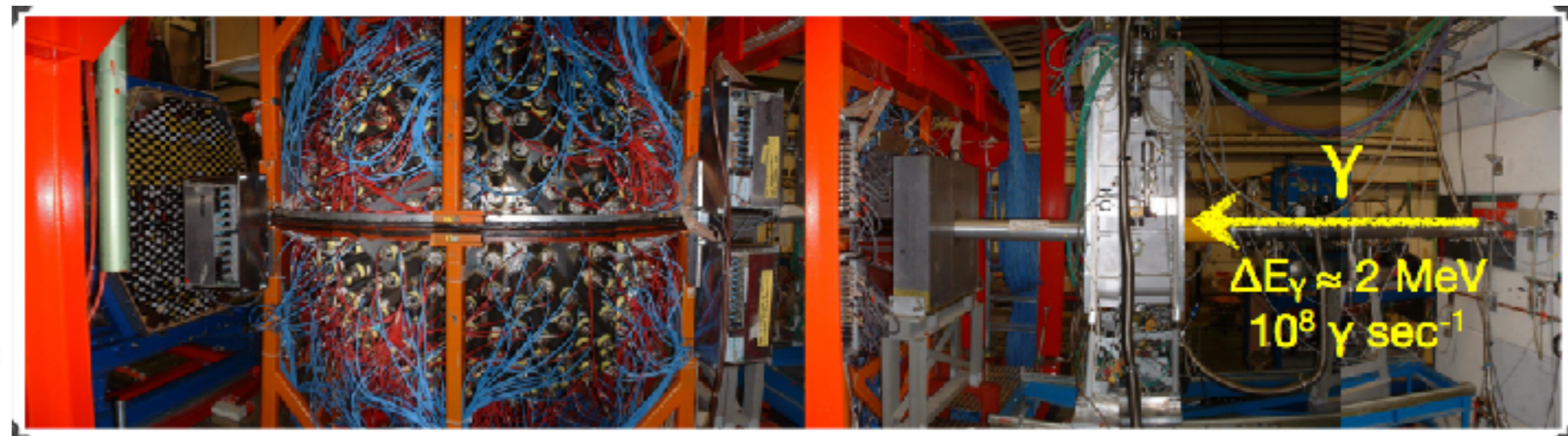
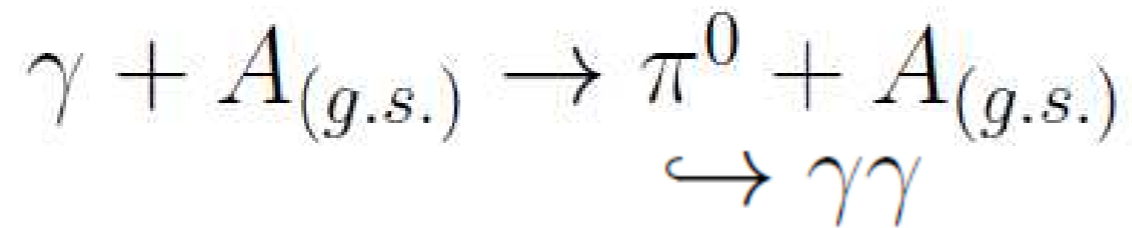
TO DO: Reconstruct π^0 from $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$ decay

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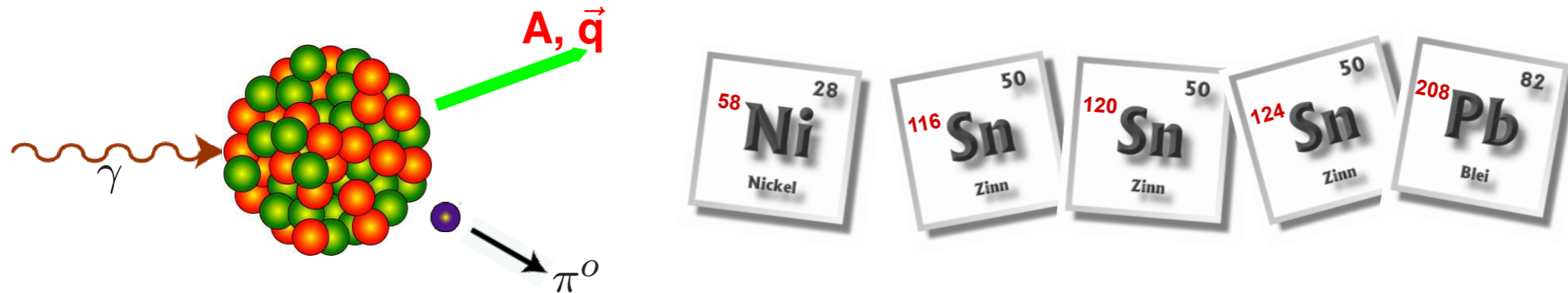


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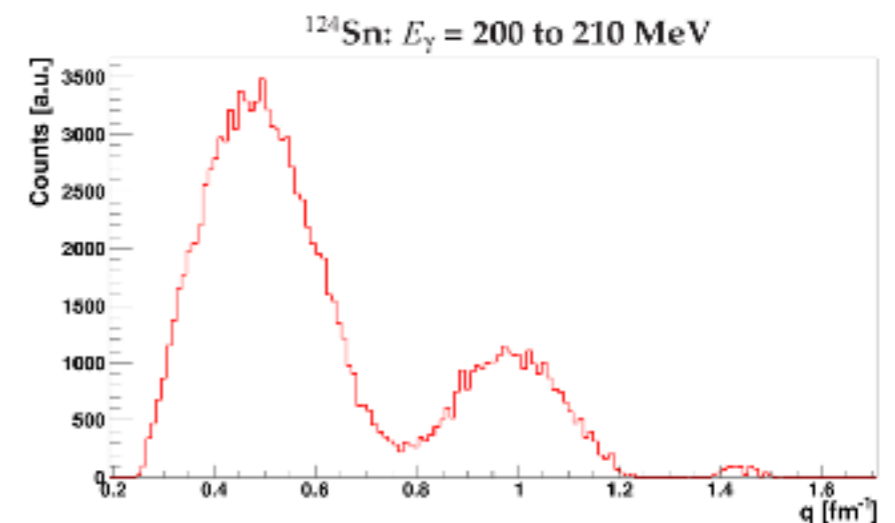
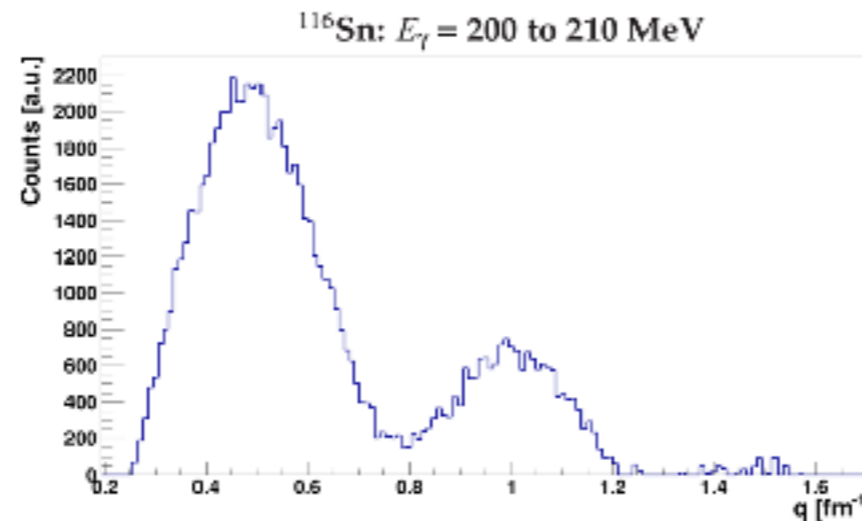
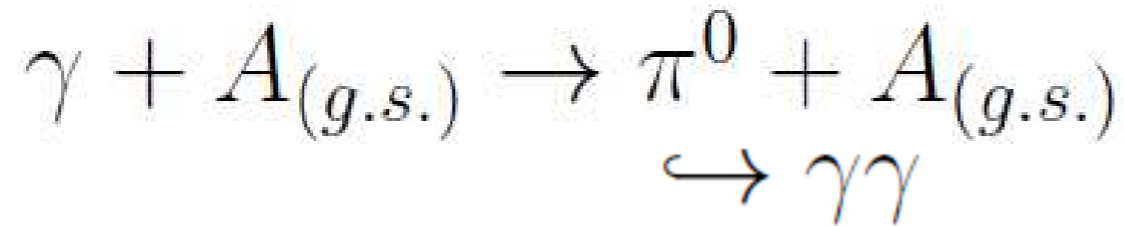


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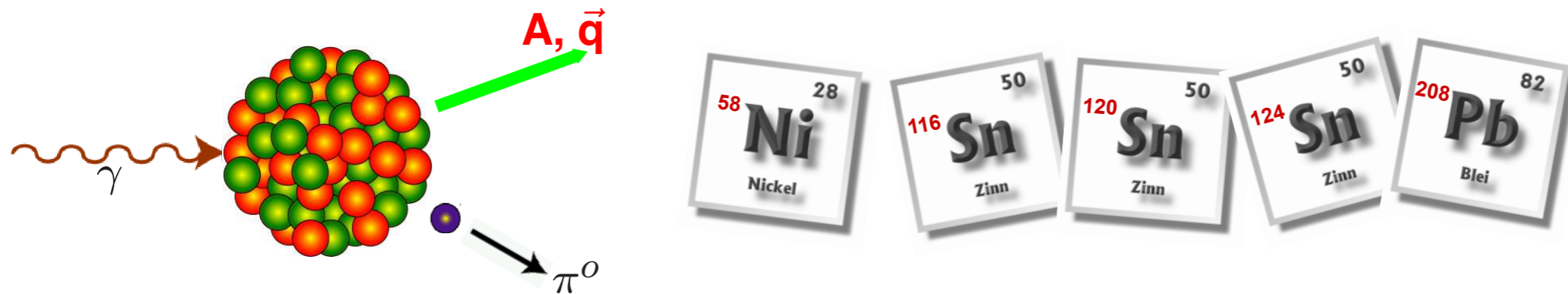


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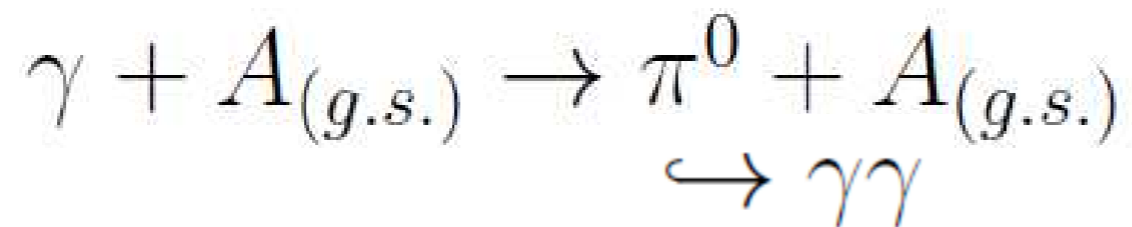


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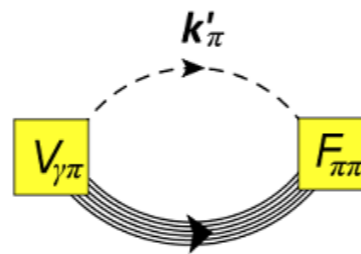
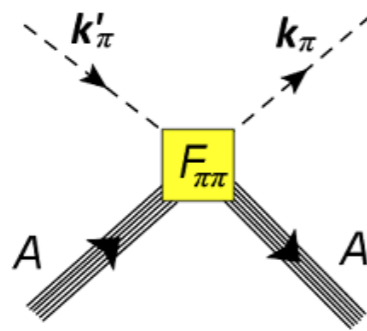
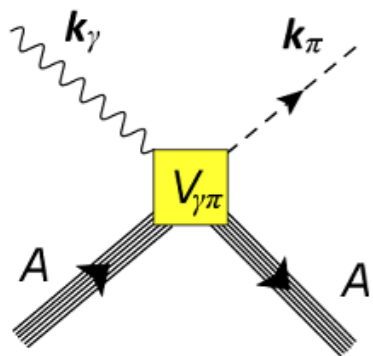
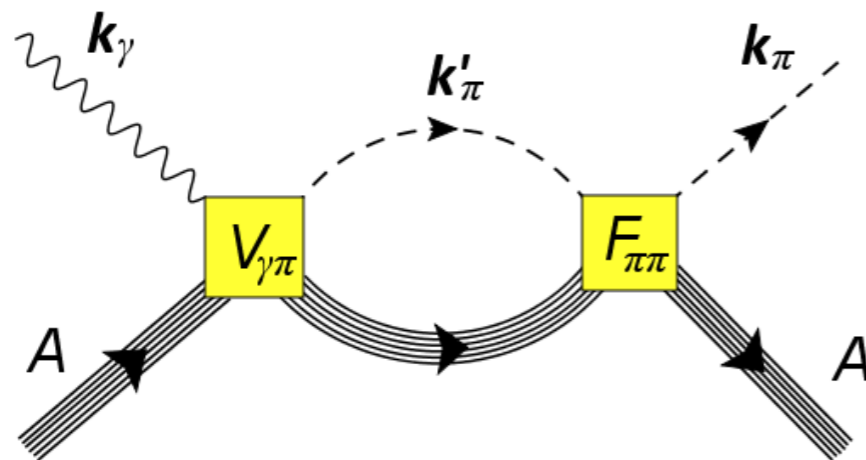


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\text{PWIA}) \propto \sin^2(\theta_{\pi}^*) A^2 F^2(q)$$

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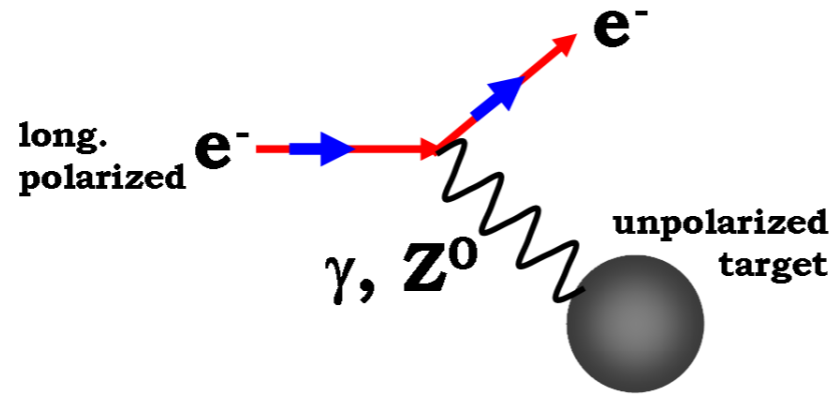
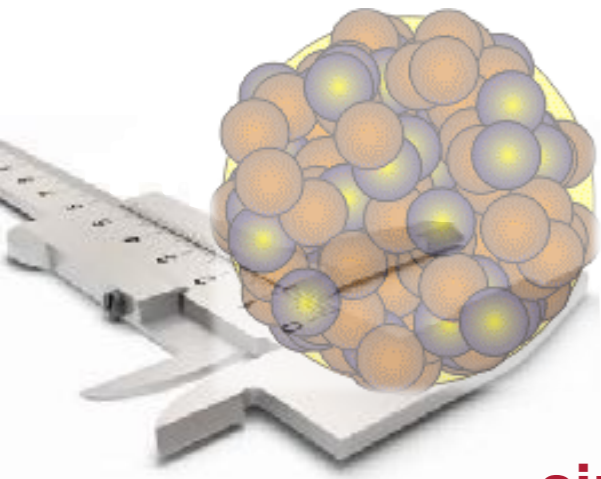




- Working code for PWIA amplitudes for photoproduction $V_{\pi\gamma}^{(\lambda)}(\mathbf{k}_\pi, \mathbf{k}_\gamma)$
- Working code for scattering matrix $F_{\pi A}$ of π^0
 - Resolution of the Lippmann-Schwinger equation
 - Singularity of Coulomb solved : better constrains on $U^{\text{Nucl}}(k', k)$
- DWIA amplitudes calculation
 - Off-shell photoproduction amplitudes $V_{\pi\gamma}^{(\lambda)}(\mathbf{k}'_\pi, \mathbf{k}_\gamma)$
- Devise a better form for $U^{\text{Nucl}}(k', k)$

- + Treatment of Resonances,
- + Use Effective Potentials (J. Piekarewicz)
- + Sensitivity of σ_{coherent} to neutron density
- + Benchmark theory with A/Z and Z variation

...it is a long way till Rome ...

The shortest of the roads ...

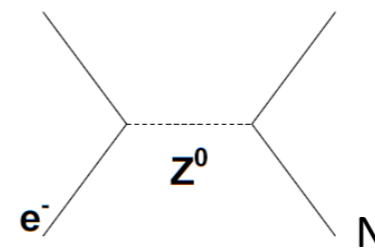


		
electric charge	1	0
weak charge	≈0.07	1

...since...

$$\sigma \propto \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } \gamma \\ \text{diagram with } Z^0 \end{array} \right|^2$$

...to measure ...

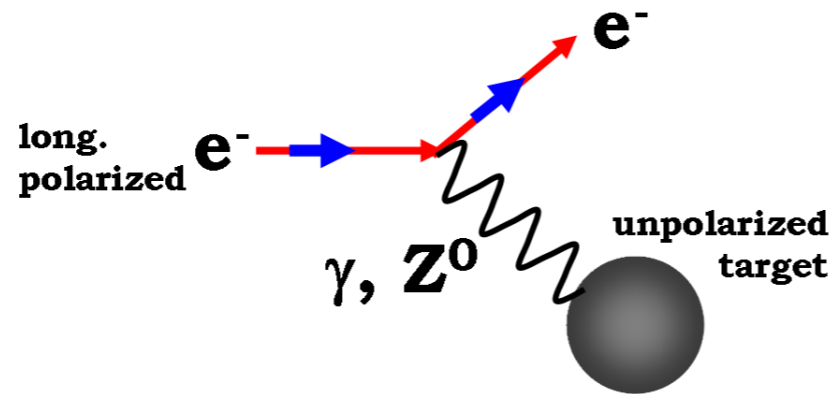
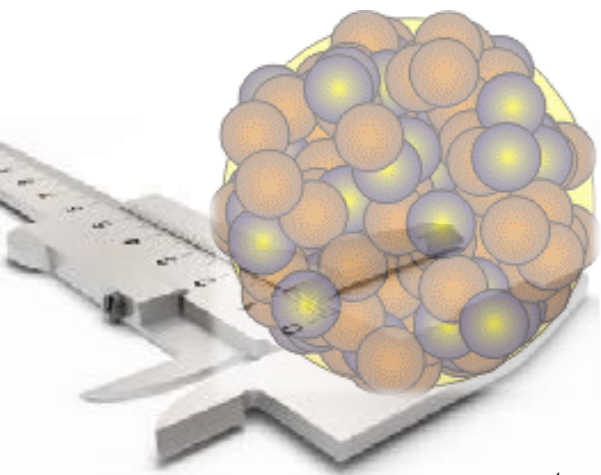


....construct

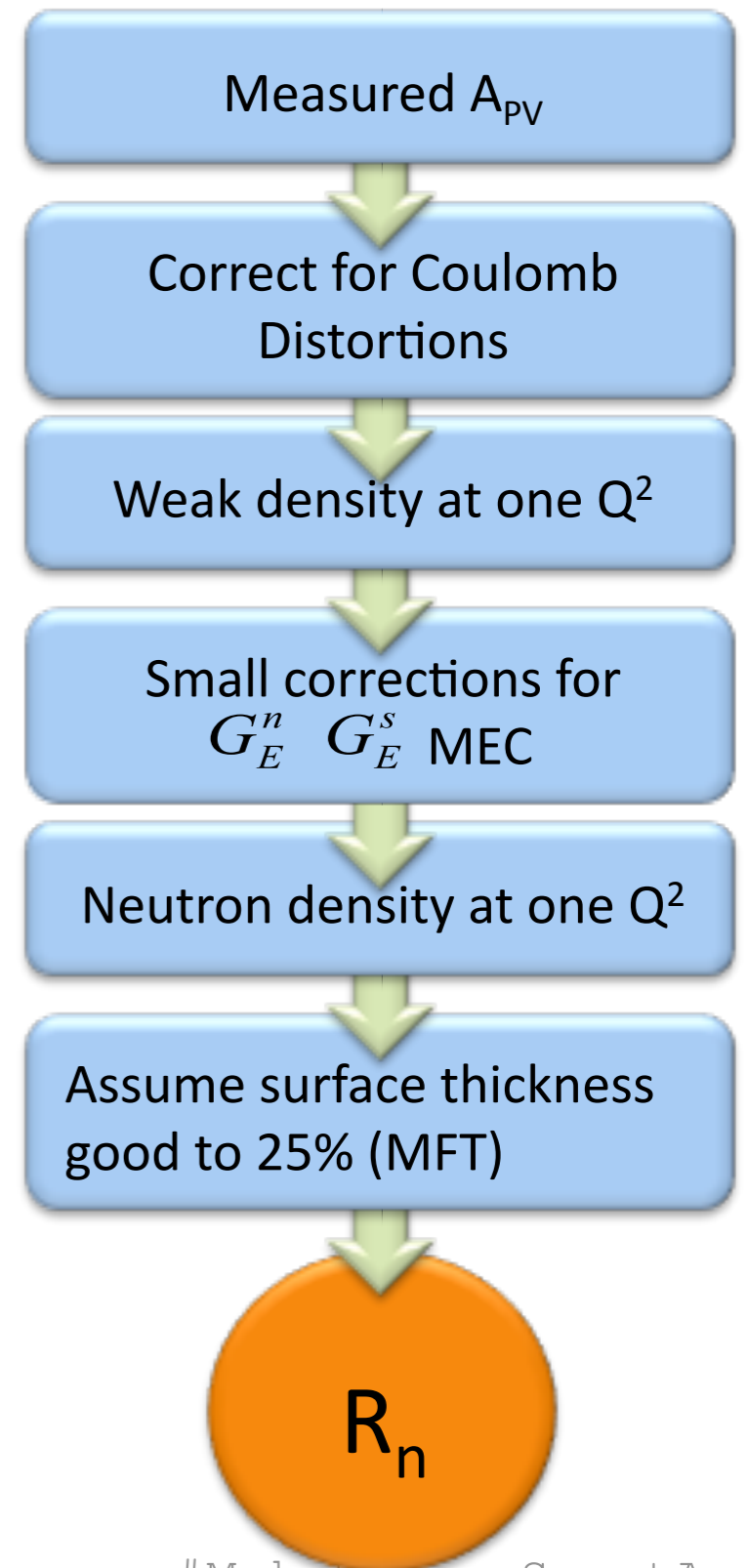
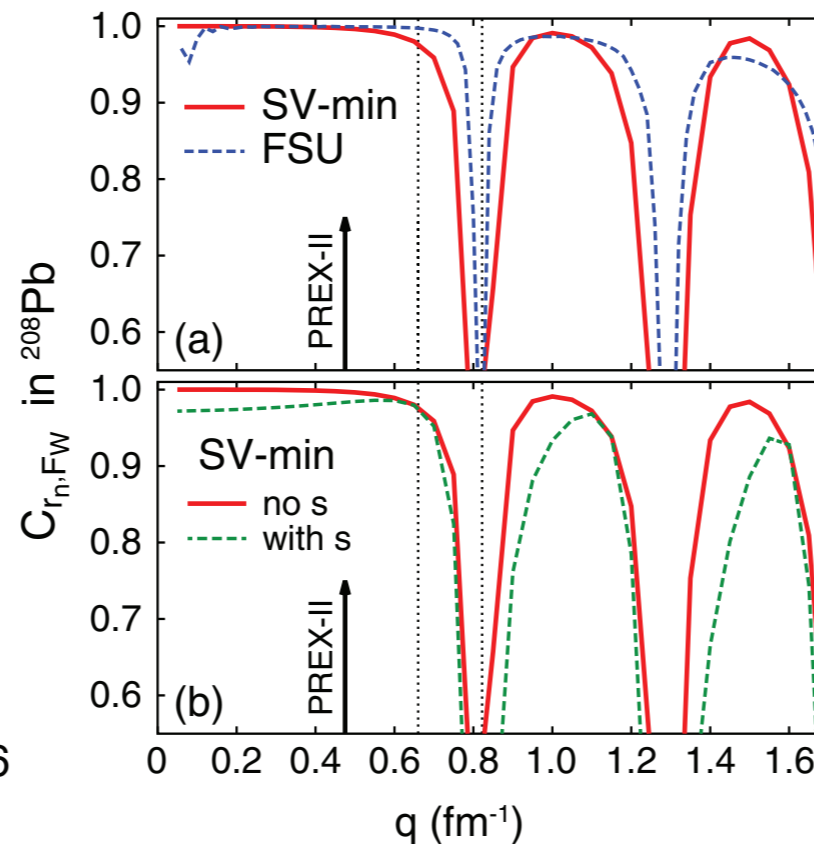
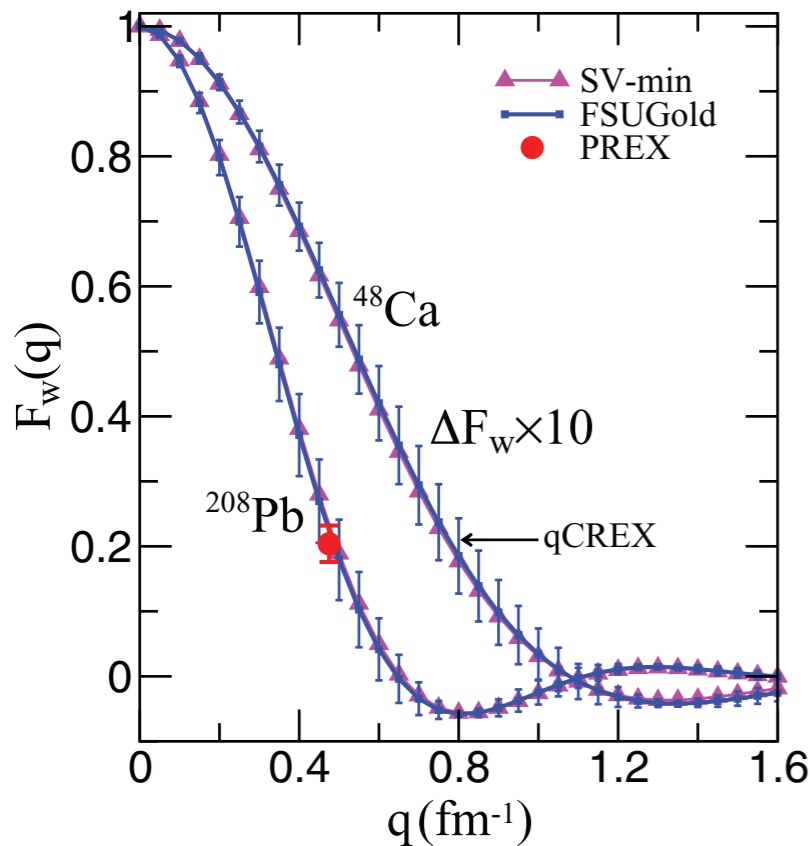
$$A_{PV} = \frac{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_+ - \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_-}{\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_+ + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_-} \approx \frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } \gamma \\ \text{diagram with } Z^0 \end{array}}{\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } \gamma \end{array} \right|^2} = \frac{G_F Q^2}{2\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}} \left[\underbrace{1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W}_{\approx 0} - \frac{F_n(Q^2)}{F_p(Q^2)} \right]$$

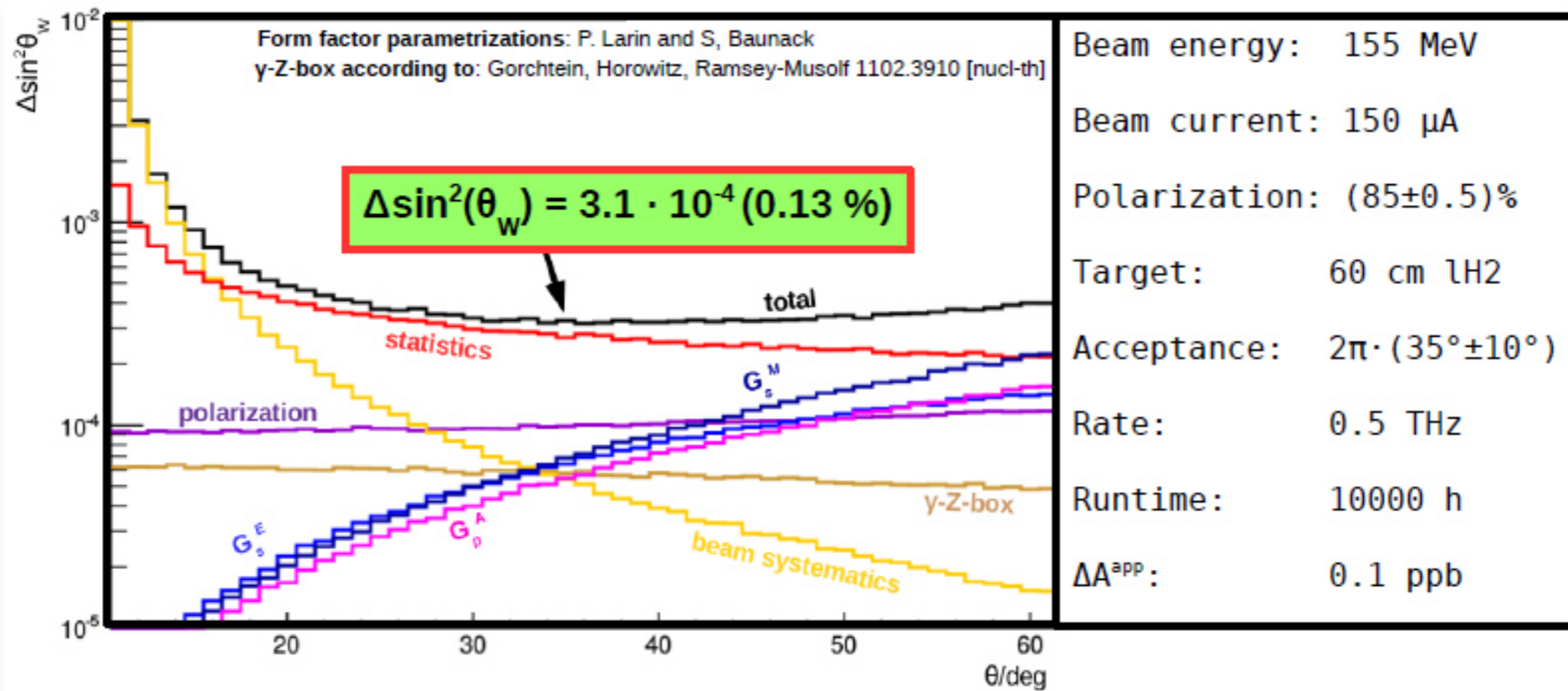
$$F_{n,p}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r j_0(qr) \rho_{n,p}(r)$$

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$\langle A^{exp} \rangle = -28.35$ ppb $\langle Q^2 \rangle = 4.49e-3$ GeV²/c²

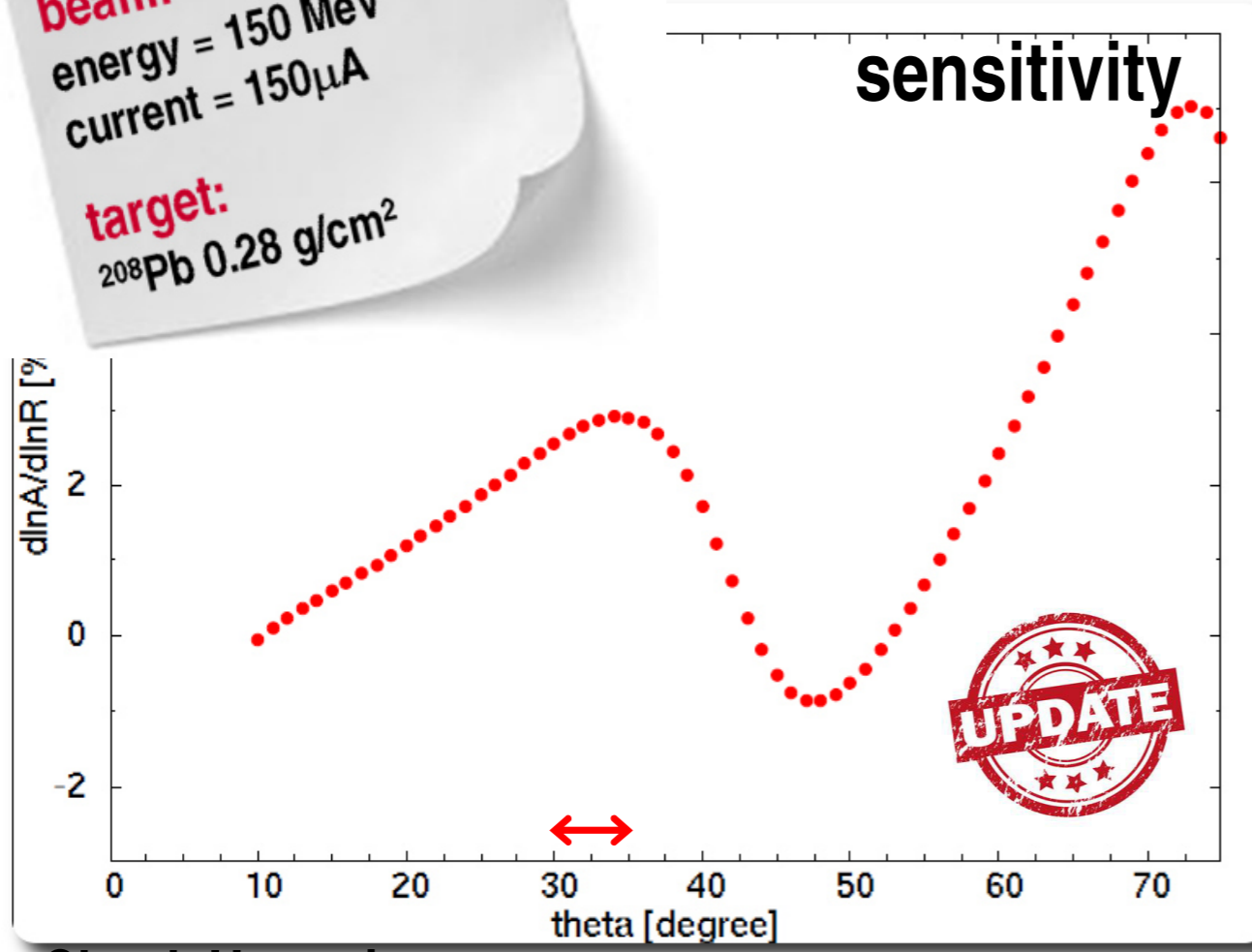
	Total	Statistics	Polarization	Apparative	FF	Re(χ_{YZA})
$\Delta \sin^2(\theta_W)$	3.1e-4 (0.13 %)	2.6e-4 (0.11 %)	9.7e-5 (0.04 %)	7.0e-5 (0.03 %)	1.4e-4 (0.04 %)	6e-5 (0.03 %)
$\Delta A^{exp}/ppb$	0.44 (1.5 %)	0.38 (1.34 %)	0.14 (0.49 %)	0.10 (0.35 %)	0.11 (0.38 %)	0.09 (0.32 %)

Dominik Becker

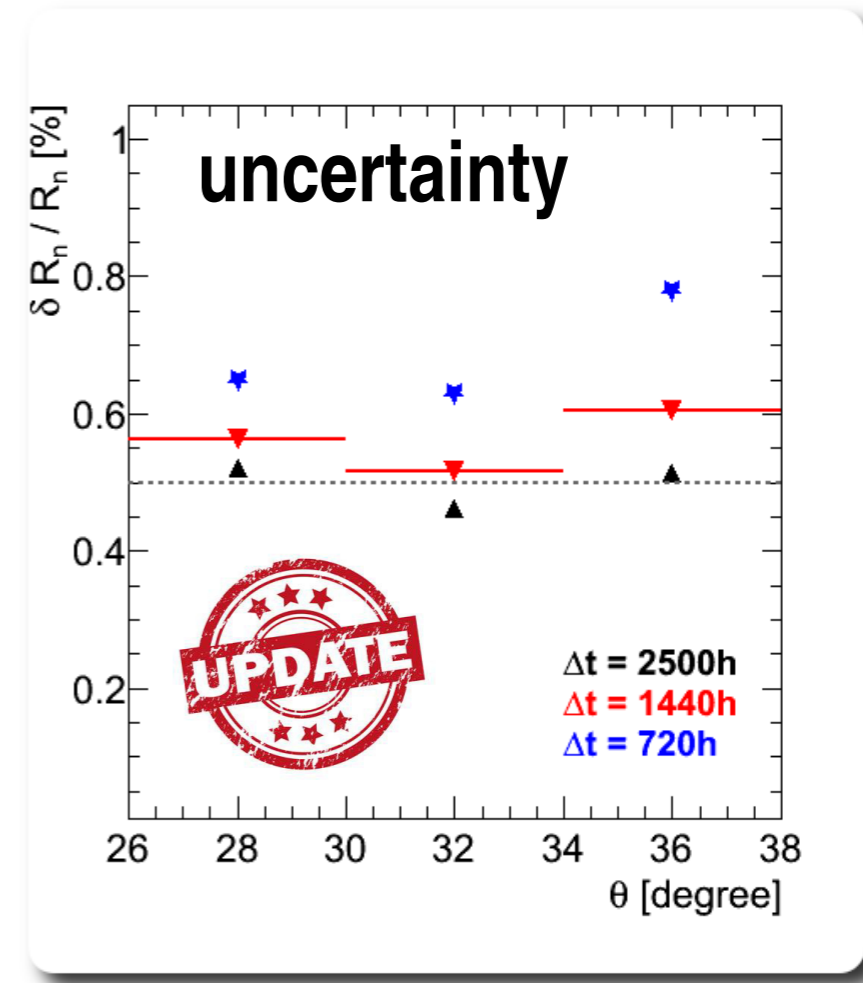
$\Delta A(sys) \approx 0.8\%$



General condition:
beam:
 energy = 150 MeV
 current = 150 μ A
target:
 ^{208}Pb 0.28 g/cm 2



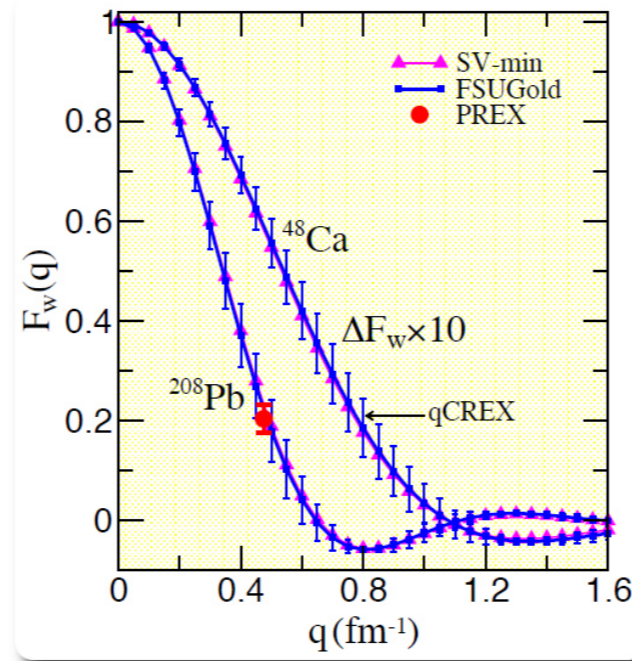
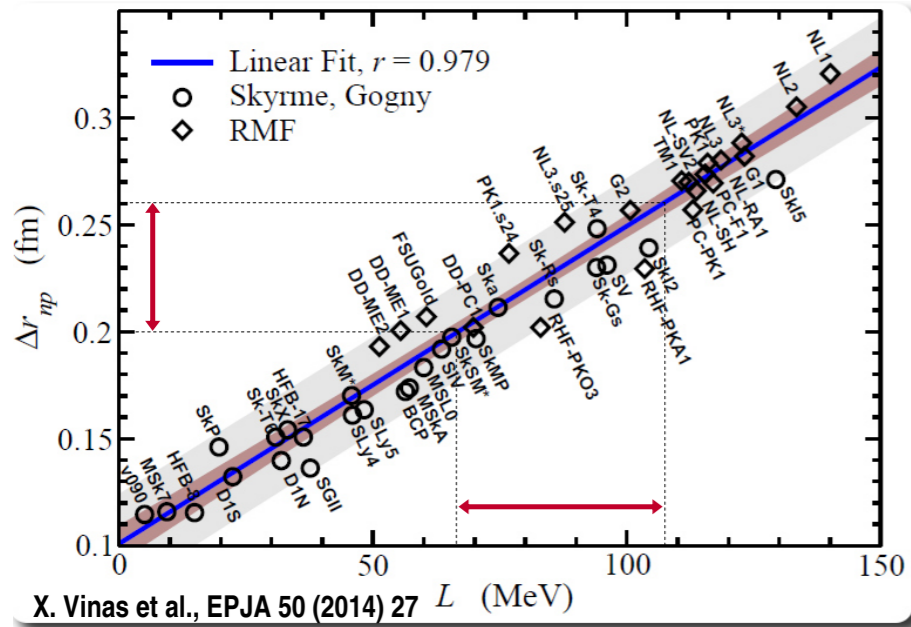
Chuck Horowitz



Michaela Thiel

$\Delta\theta=4^\circ$: expected rate = 8.25 GHz, $A_{pV} = 0.66$ ppm, $P = 85\%$, $Q \approx 86$ MeV

1440h \rightarrow $\delta R_n / R_n = 0.52\%$ (^{208}Pb @ 155 MeV)



➤ **PREX-II & CREX Results needed**

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PREX-II

CREX

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Q	86 MeV / 58 MeV 0.44 fm ⁻¹ / 0.29 fm ⁻¹	143 MeV / 75 MeV 0.73 fm ⁻¹ / 0.38 fm ⁻¹	86 MeV 0.44 fm ⁻¹	154 MeV 0.78 fm ⁻¹
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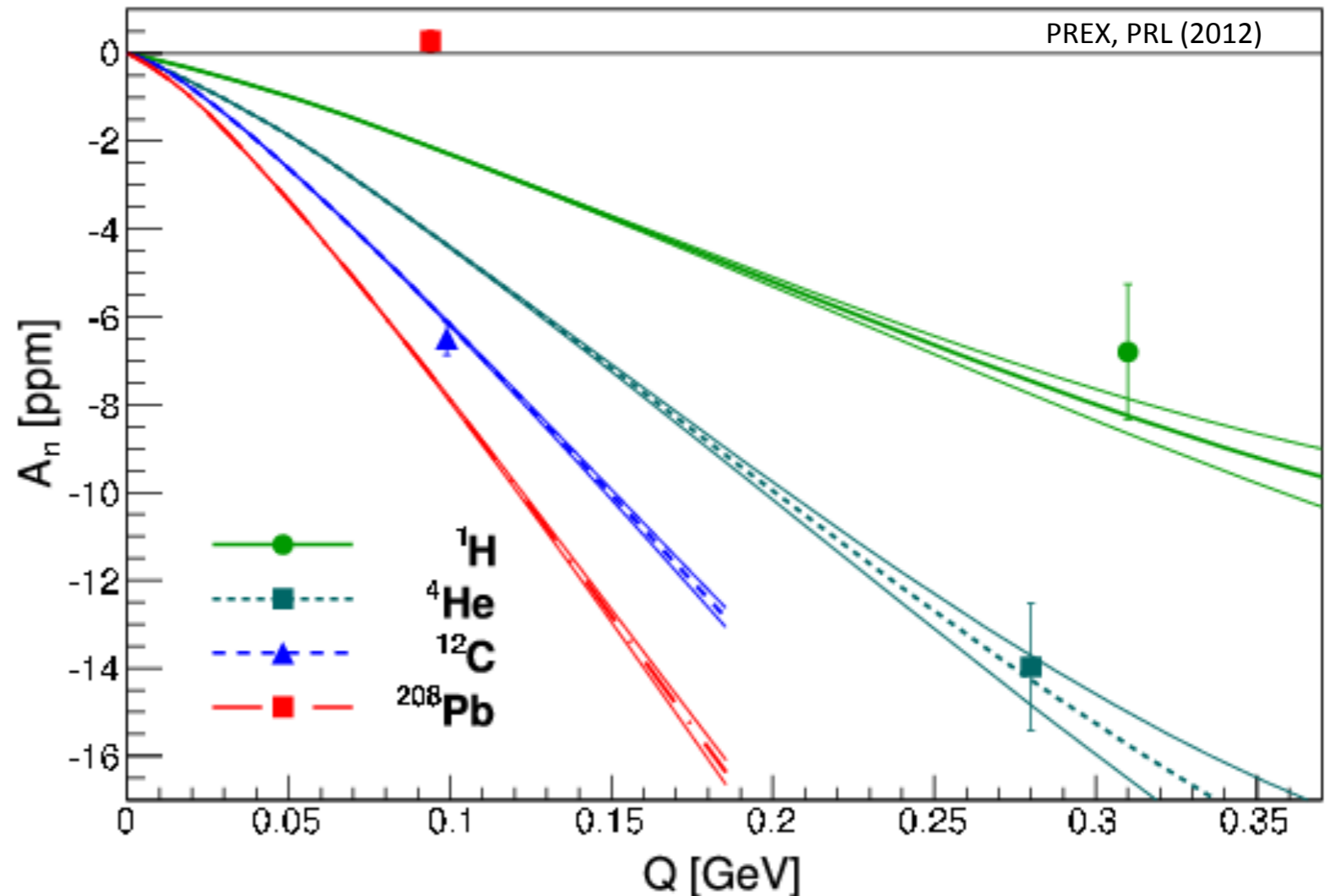
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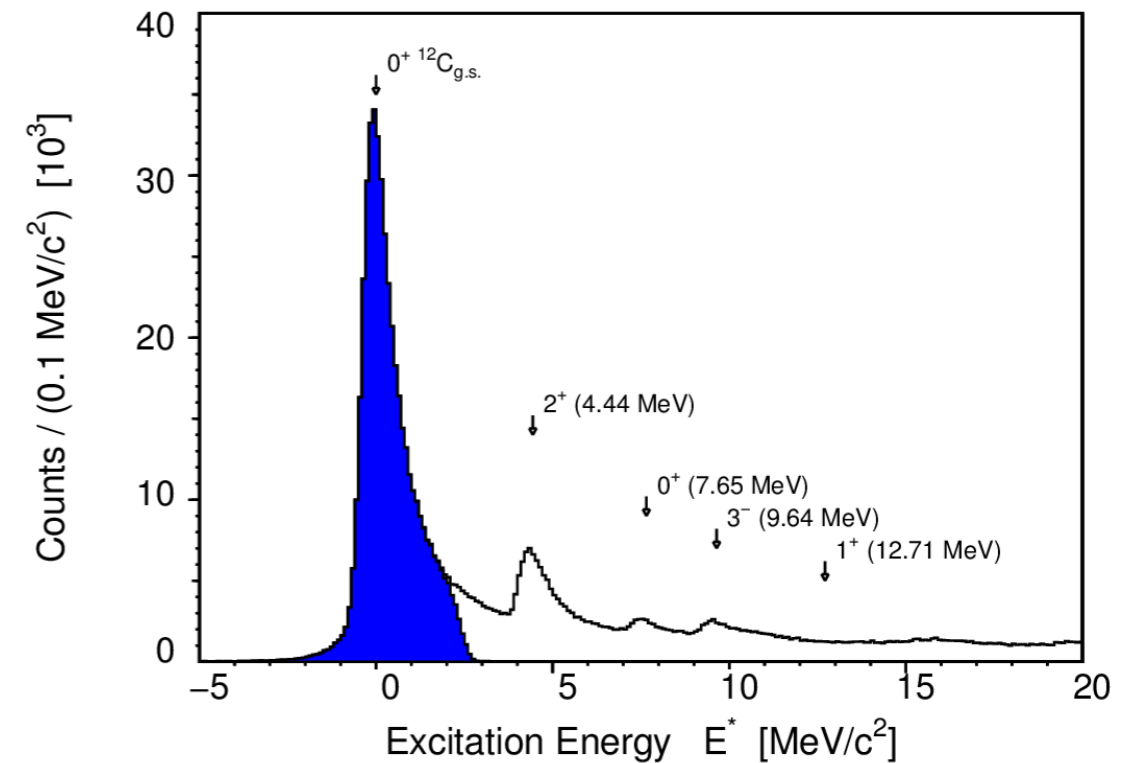
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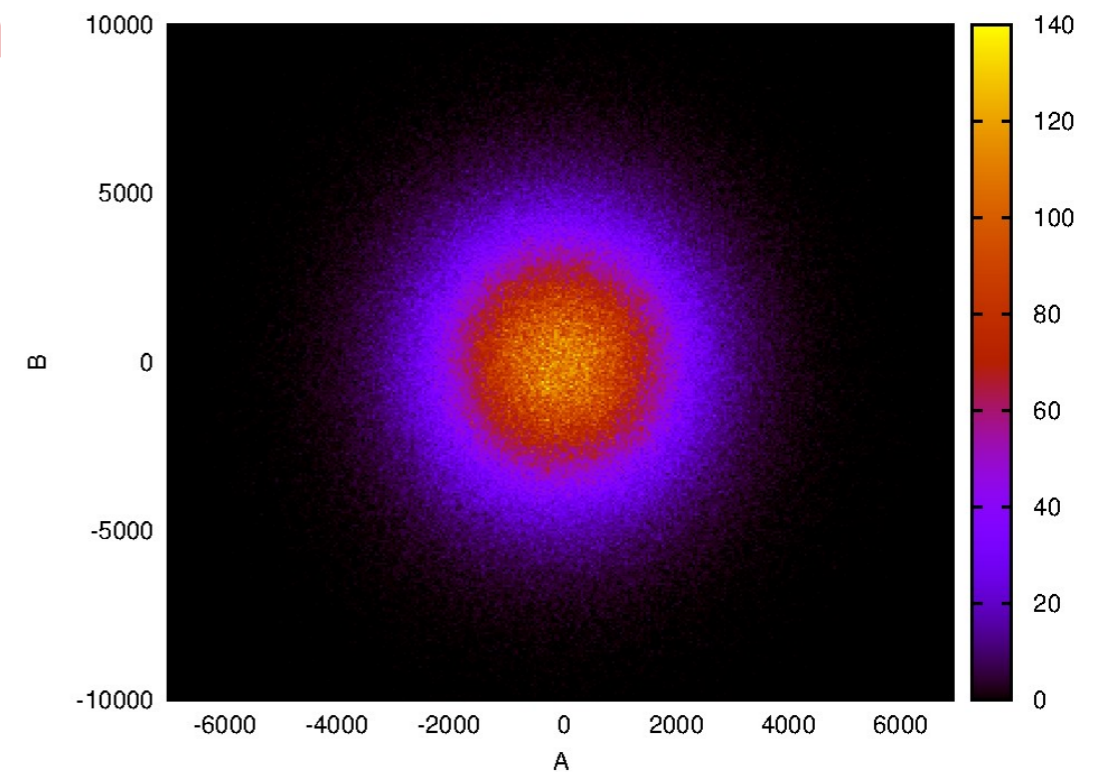
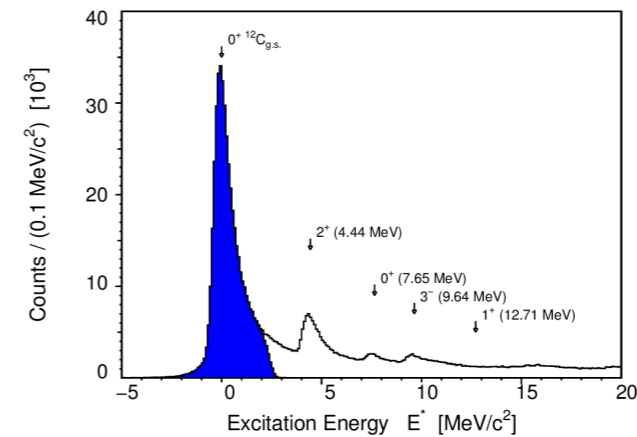
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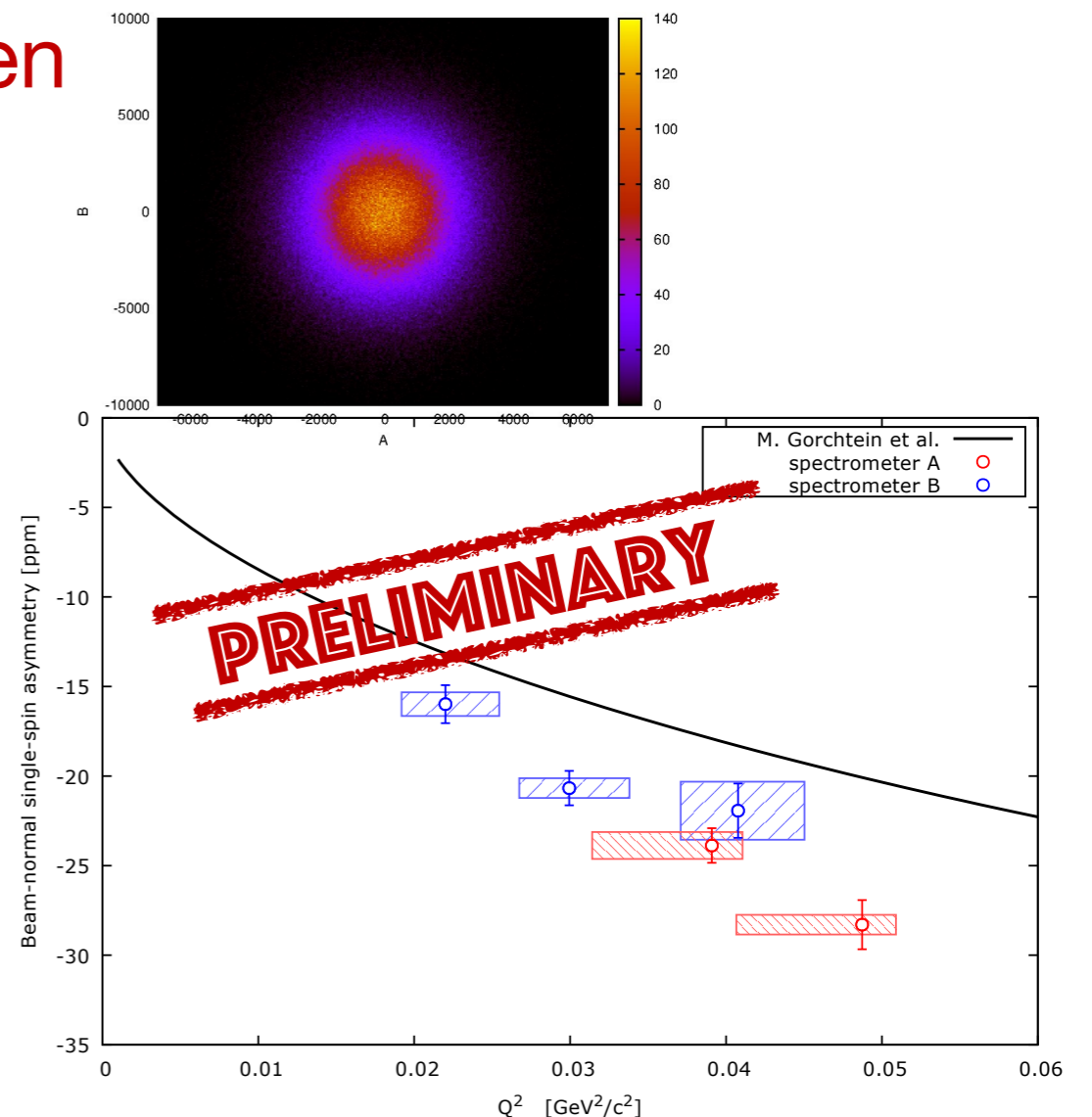
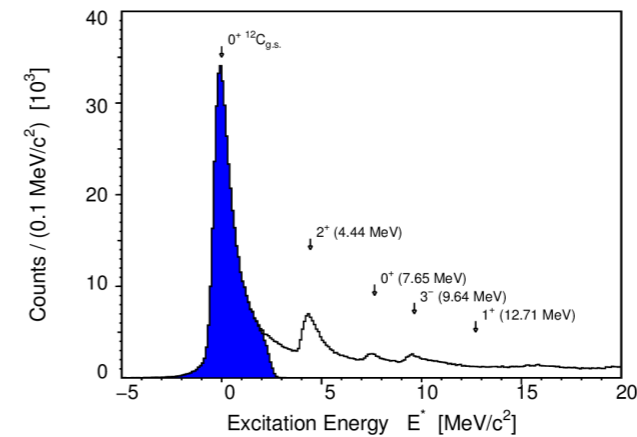
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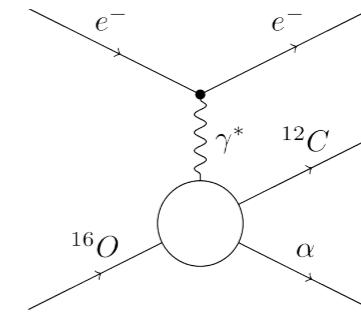
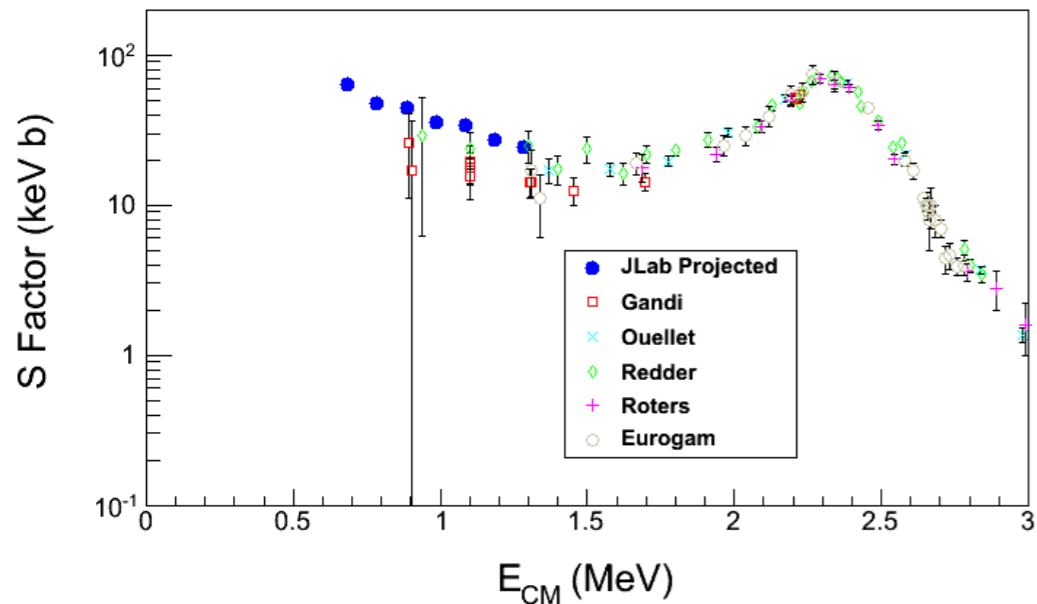
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 - Lowest Q@MAGIX



Extension to Nuclear Astrophysics



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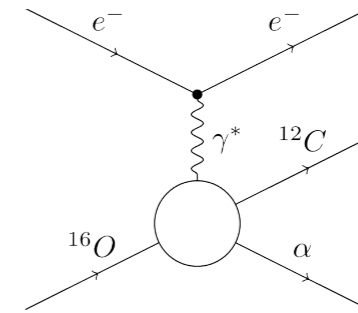
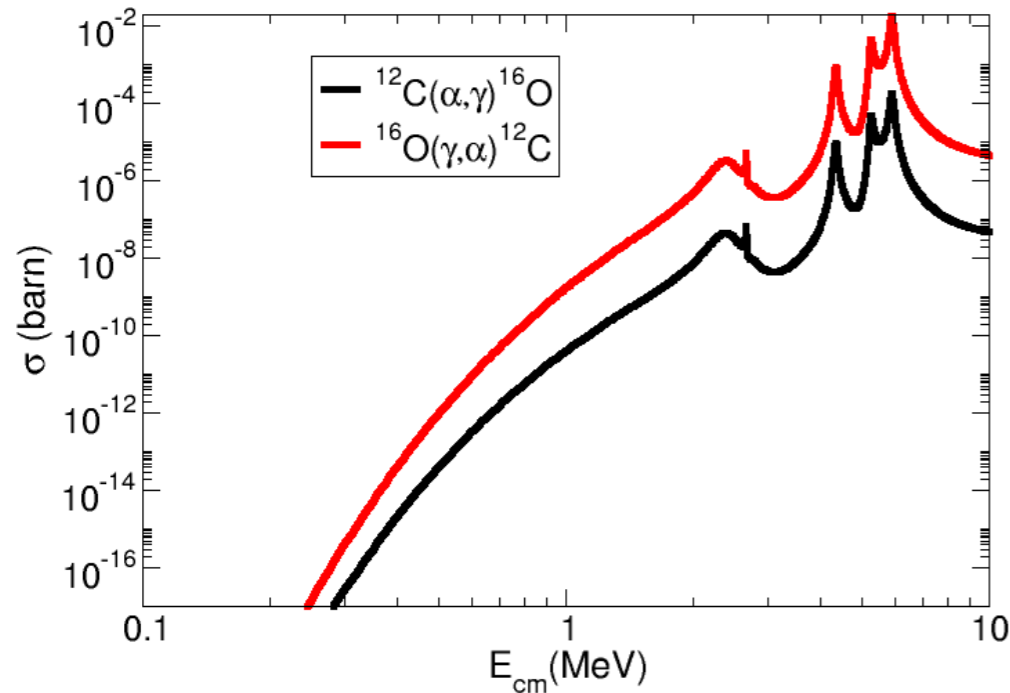
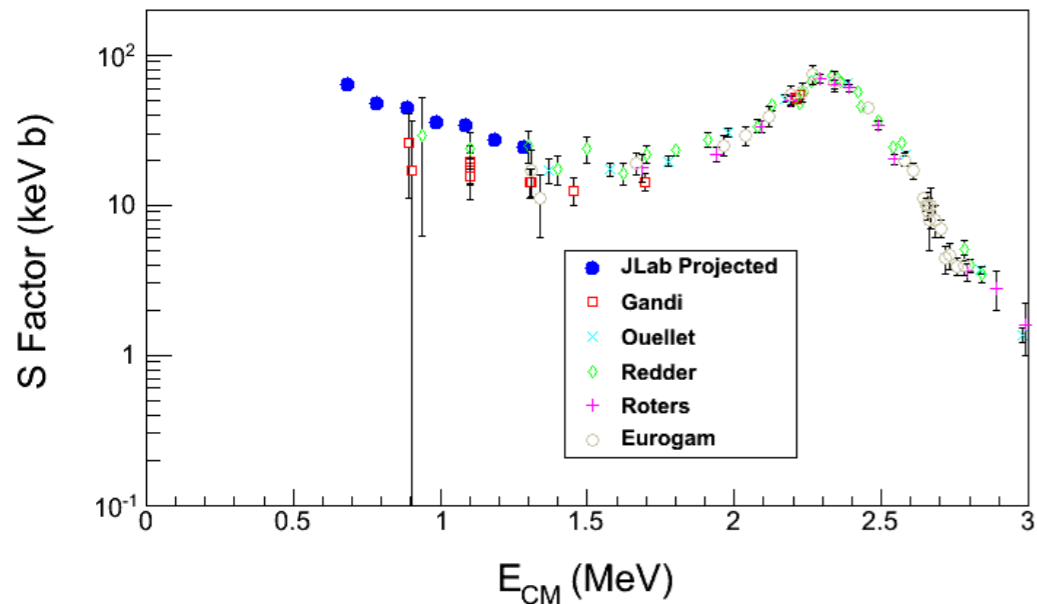
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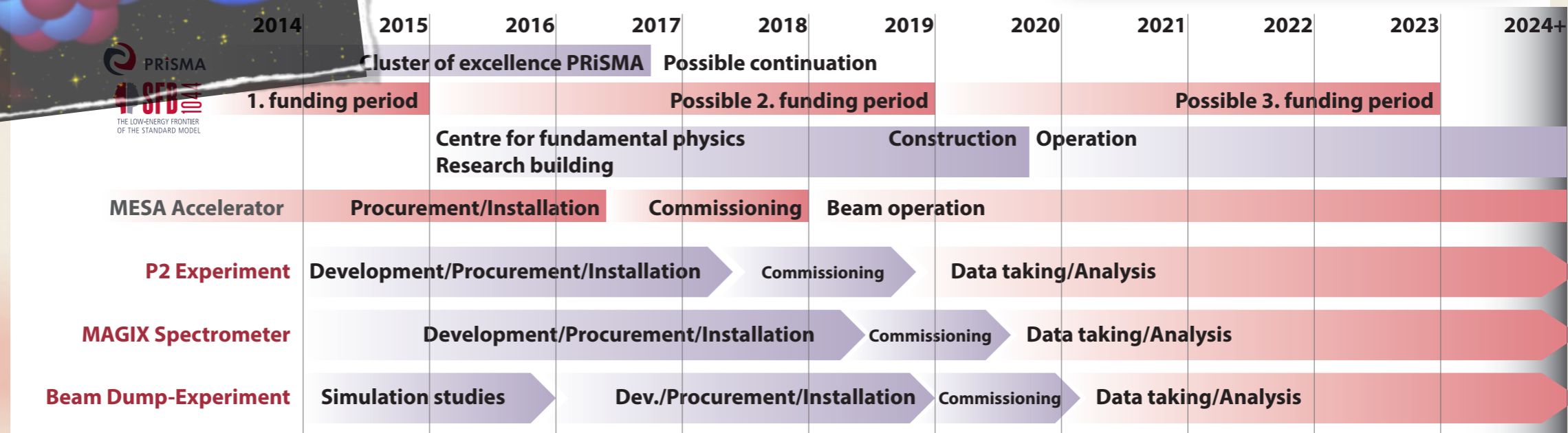
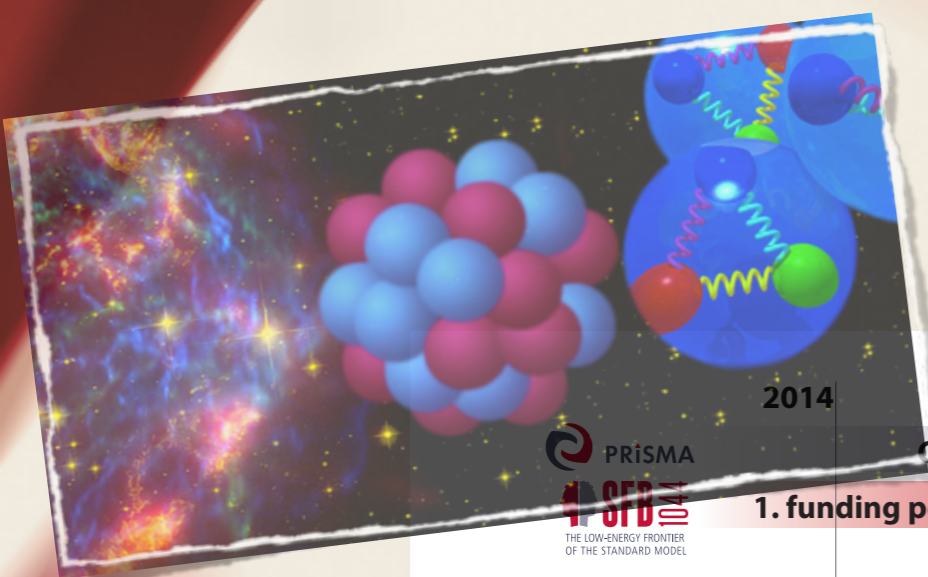
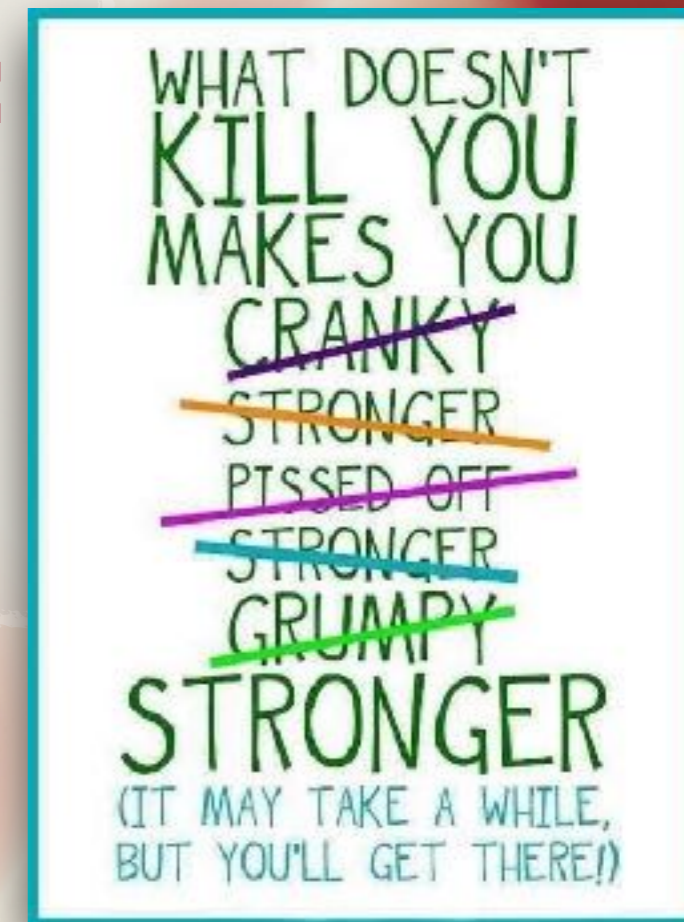
- Commissioning of method for higher E_{cm} @ MAMI

Current and future programs on:

The proton crisis: ISR, d-FF, p-FF at lowest Q
 Few-body systems, Search for exotic particles...

and new data on...

n-FF, $^3,^4\text{He-FF}$, d-breakup, eLi



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