

The frontiers of the virtual photon program @ MAMI

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The MAMI/A1 Legacy



Upgrade to ...

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Harmonic Double Sided Microtron (2007)

up to **E = 1.6 GeV**

HIGH

Intensity

up to 100 μA

Resolution

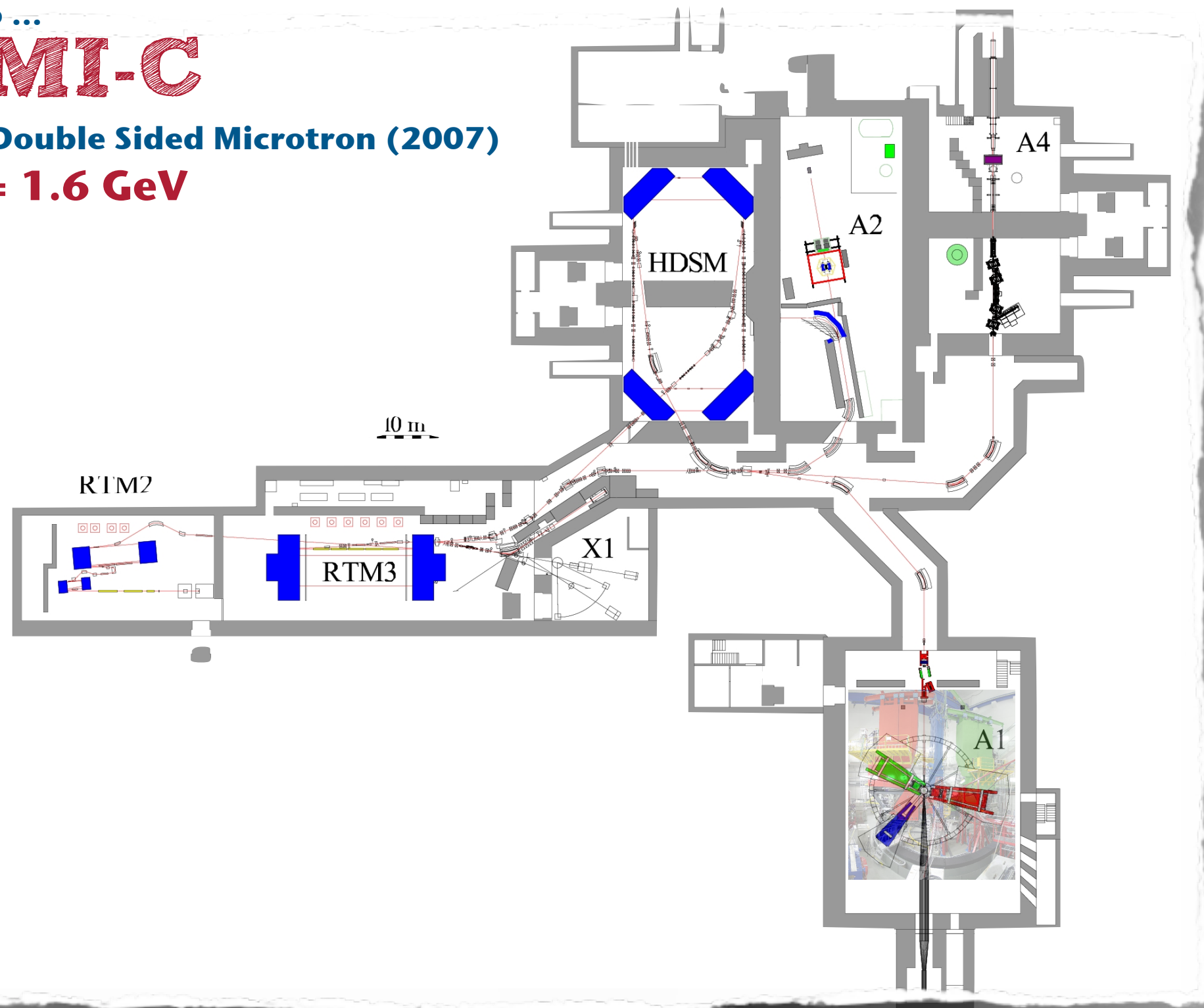
$\sigma_E < 0.100 \text{ MeV}$

Polarization

up to 80% @ 40 μA

Reliability

85% (7000 h/y)



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Spectrometer A:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &> 20^\circ \\ p &< 735 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \\ \Delta\Omega &= 28 \text{ msr} \\ \Delta p/p &= 20\%\end{aligned}$$



Spectrometer B:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &> 8^\circ \\ p &< 870 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \\ \Delta\Omega &= 5.6 \text{ msr} \\ \Delta p/p &= 15\%\end{aligned}$$

Spectrometer C:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &> 55^\circ \\ p &< 655 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \\ \Delta\Omega &= 28 \text{ msr} \\ \Delta p/p &= 25\%\end{aligned}$$

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

Coincidence and
polarization meas.

KAOS Spectrometer



Hadron Physics at Low Energies

**Effective laboratory for
non-perturbative QCD**

Fundamental Structure of Matter

Charge and magnetism distributions

Spin distribution

Quark momentum and flavour distribution

Polarizabilities

Strangeness Content

Theoretical Tools:

pQCD, OPE, Lattice QCD, ChPT



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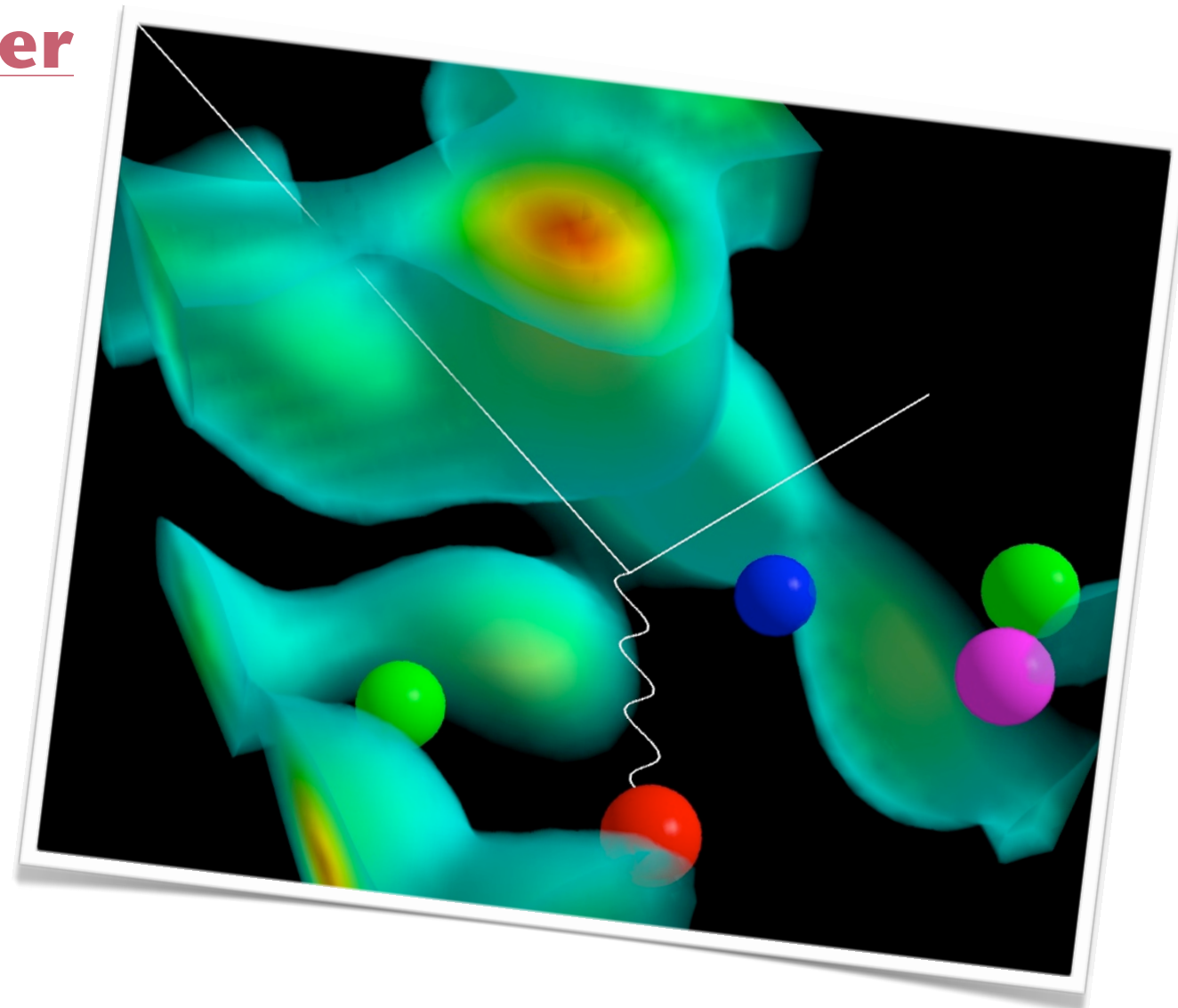
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Clean probe of hadron structure

- Electron-vertex well-known from QED
- One-photon exchange dominates
- Higher-order exchange diagrams are suppressed
- Vary the wavelength of the probe to view deeper inside the hadron



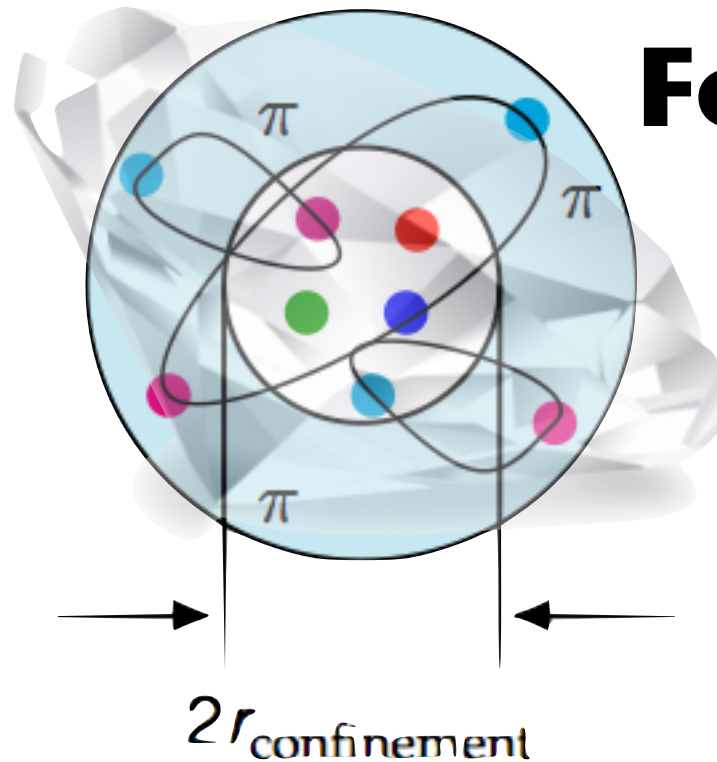


“**Diamonds are** *for ever...*”



“Diamonds are *for ever* ...

Form Factors are *eternal*”



What can we learn?

Low- $Q \Leftrightarrow$ Long range structure

How big is the proton?

Is there evidence for a pion cloud?

Form factors from elastic ep scattering

Form Factors from Elastic ep scattering

Cross section for one photon exchange (Rosenbluth-cross section + Separation at constant Q^2)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} \right)_{Mott} \frac{1}{(1+\tau)} \left[G_E^2(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^2(Q^2) \right]$$

with $\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4m_p^2}$ and $\varepsilon = \left[1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} \right]^{-1}$

charge distribution

distribution of magnetic moments

... and the slope of G_E

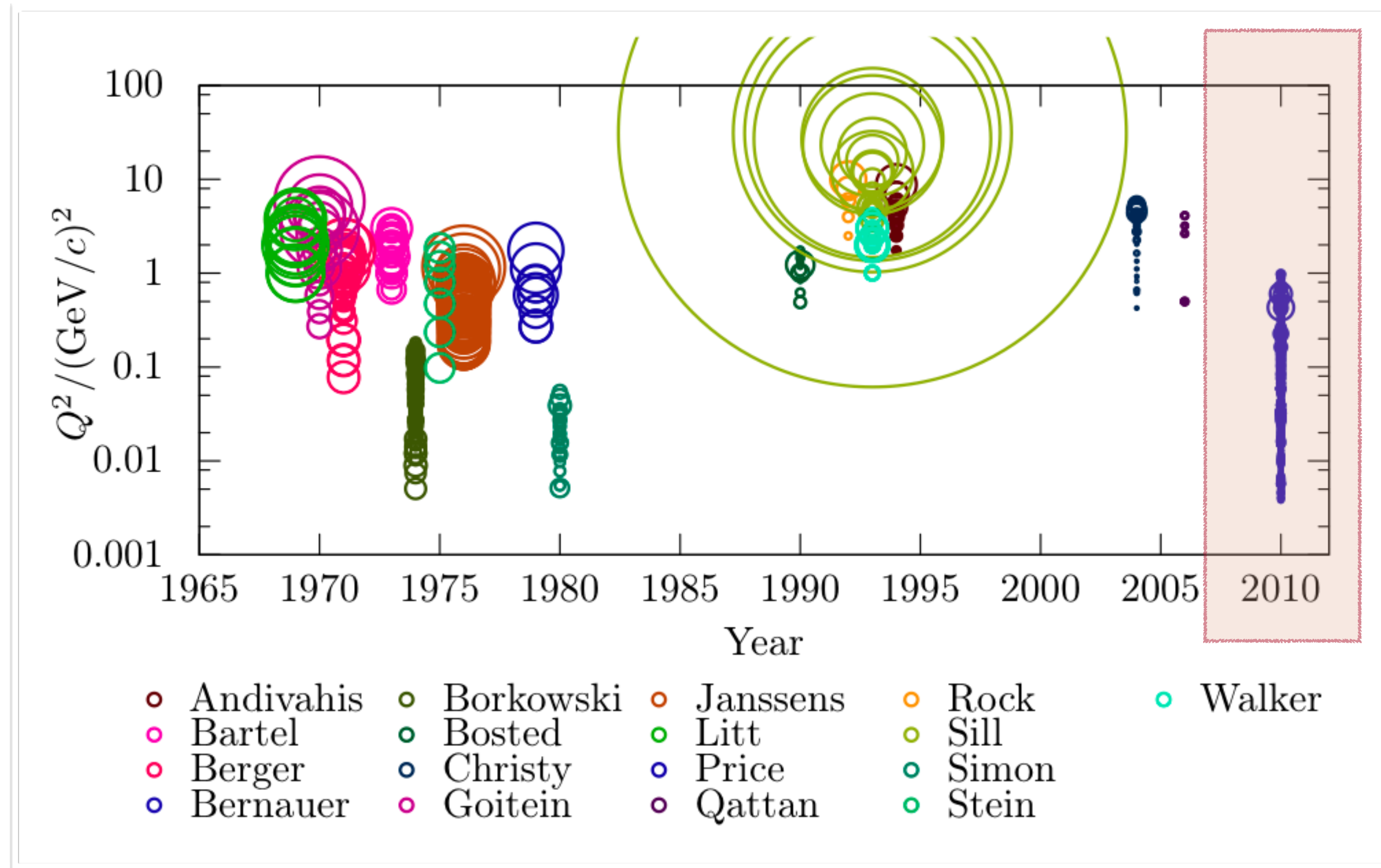
$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle = -6\hbar^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} G_E(Q^2) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$$

✓ Separated $G_E(Q^2)$ and $G_M(Q^2)$

✗ but contribution from two photon exchange (TPE)

Form Factors from Elastic ep scattering

... as always in physics: What accuracy can be reached???



The latest MAMI measurement

The experiment designed for ...
high precision by redundancy

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(A1 Collaboration)

- Statistical precision $\sigma < 0.1\%$
- $\delta\theta < 0.5$ mrad vertical and horizontal
- Control of luminosity and systematic errors

➔ All quantities measured by more than one method

Rosenbluth with a twist

“Super-Rosenbluth Separation”: fit of form factor models **DIRECTLY** to cross sections

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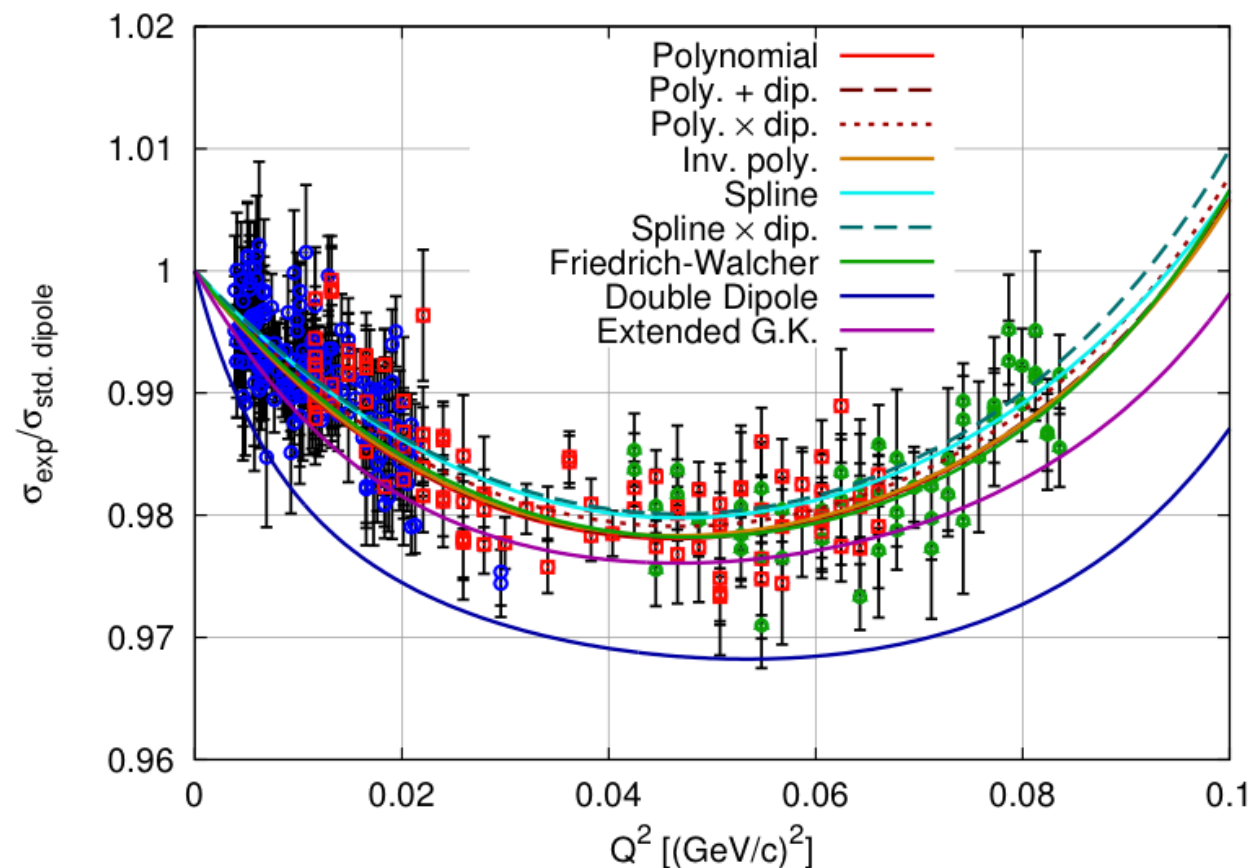
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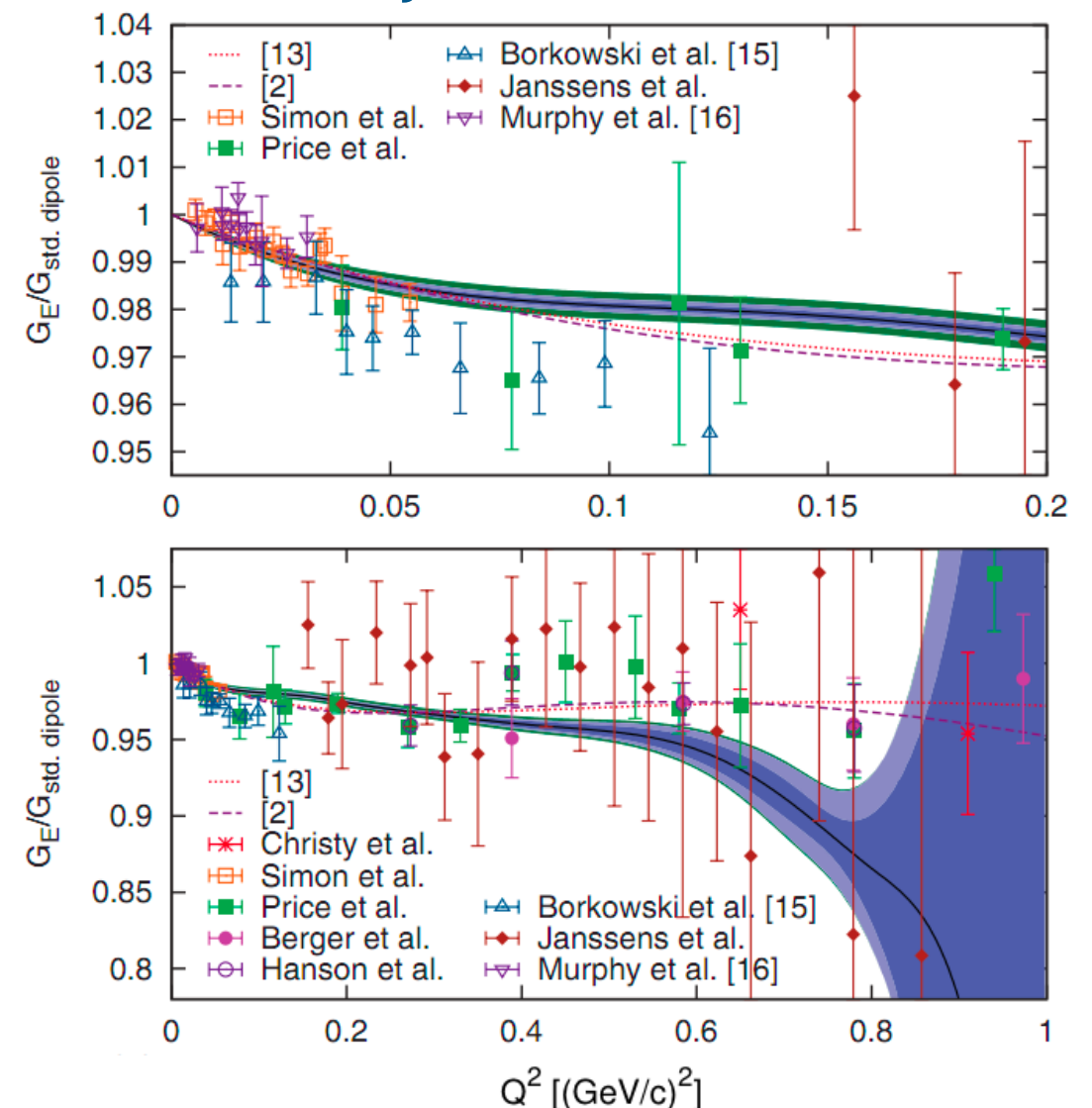
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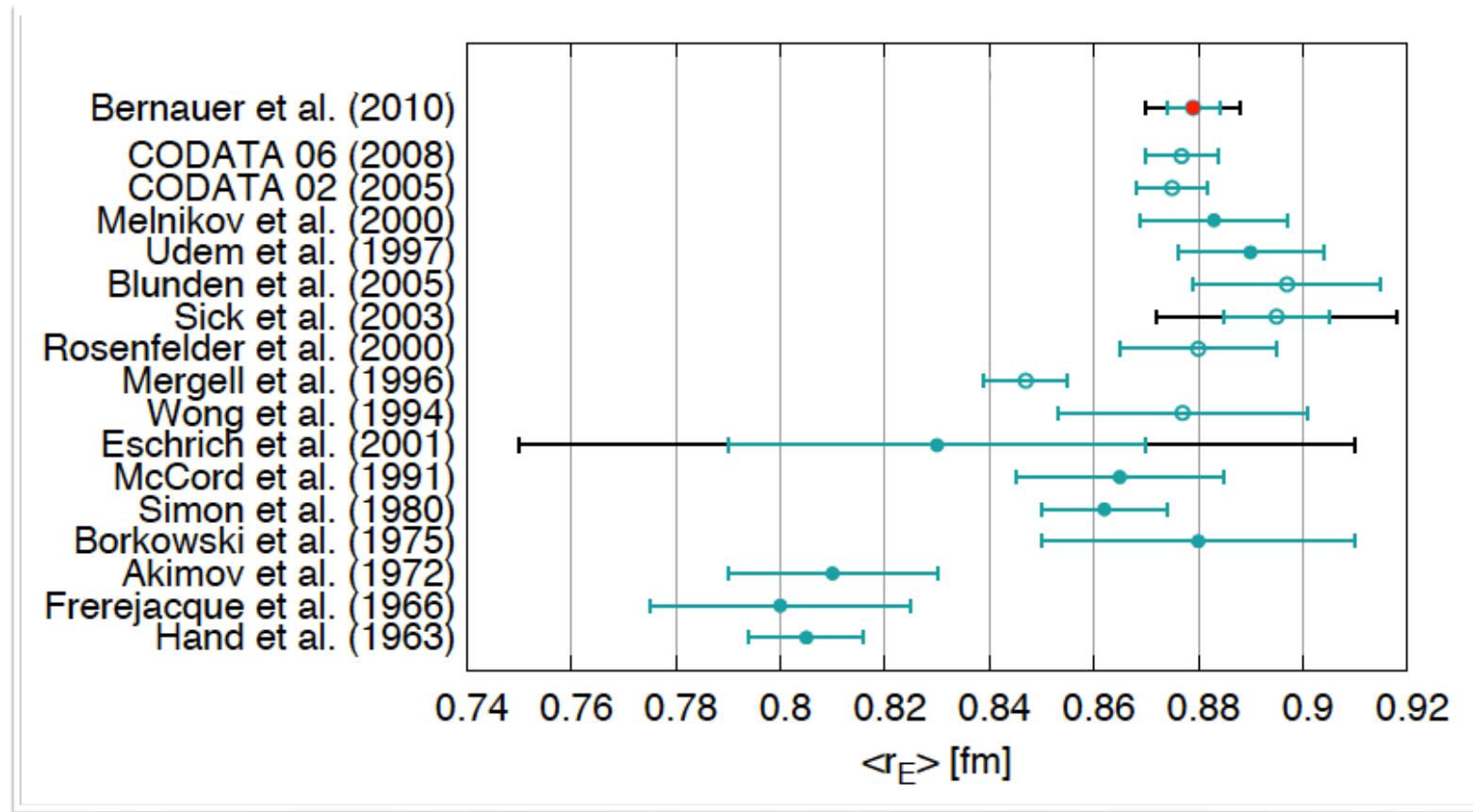
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- All Q^2 and ϵ data are used in one fit
- No projection to constant Q^2
 - ➔ no limit of kinematics
- One “estimator”
 - ➔ stat. theory “robust estimator”

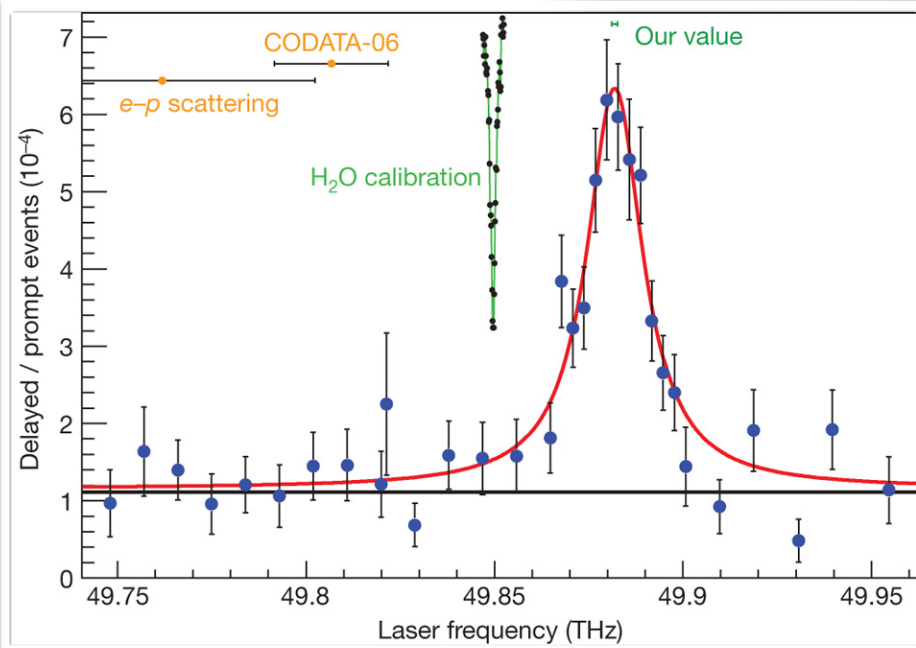


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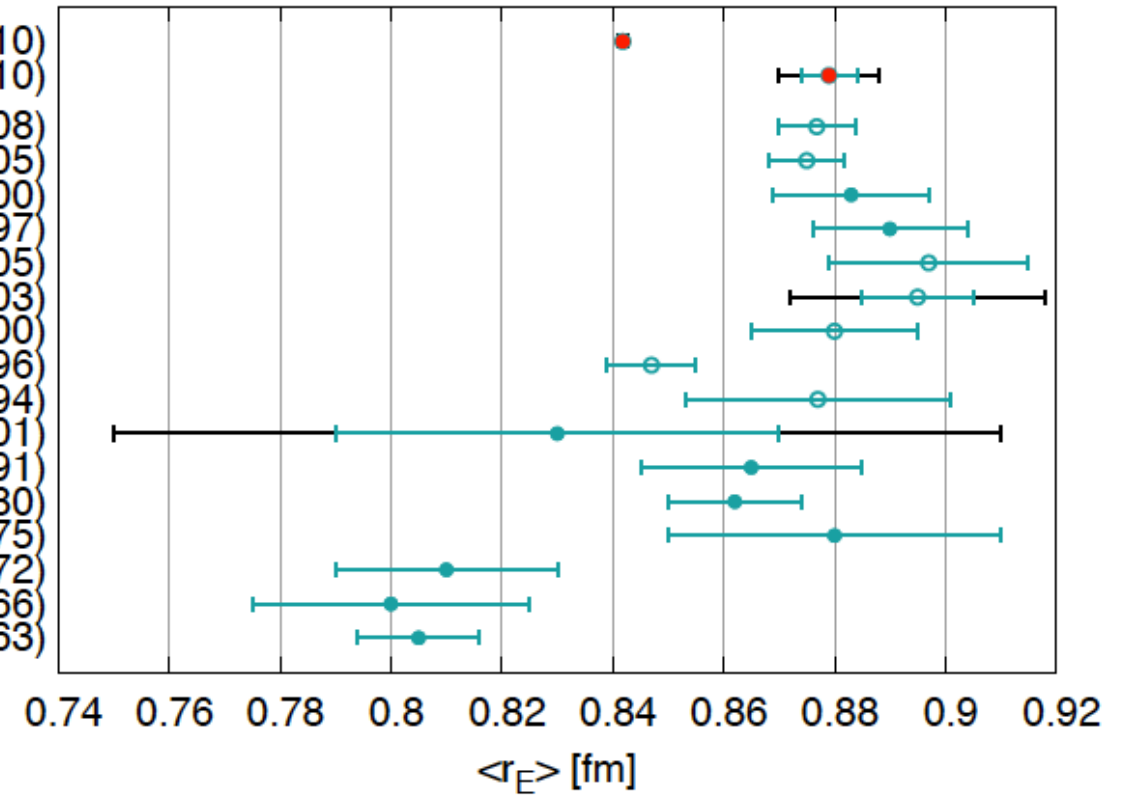


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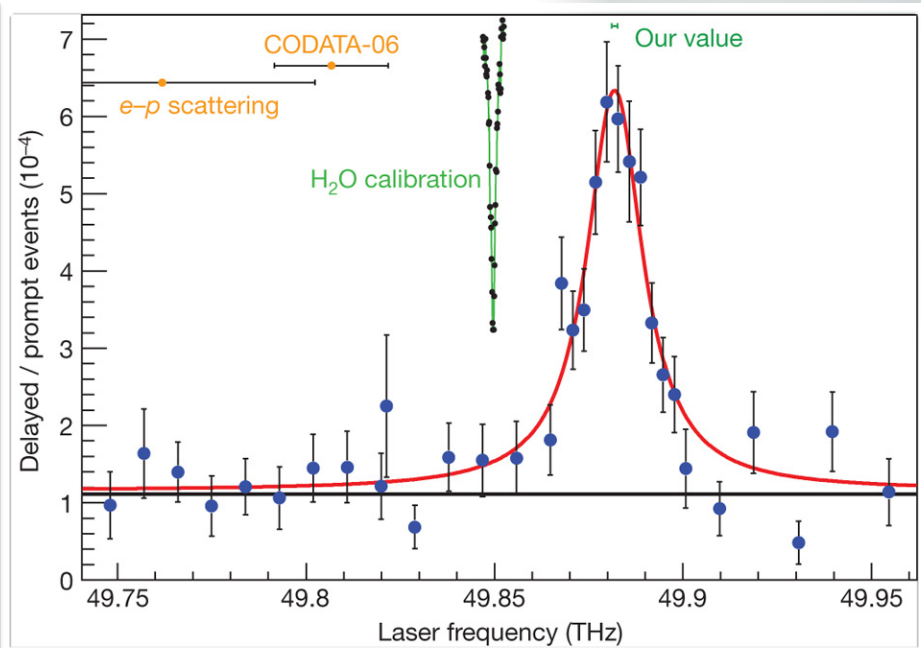


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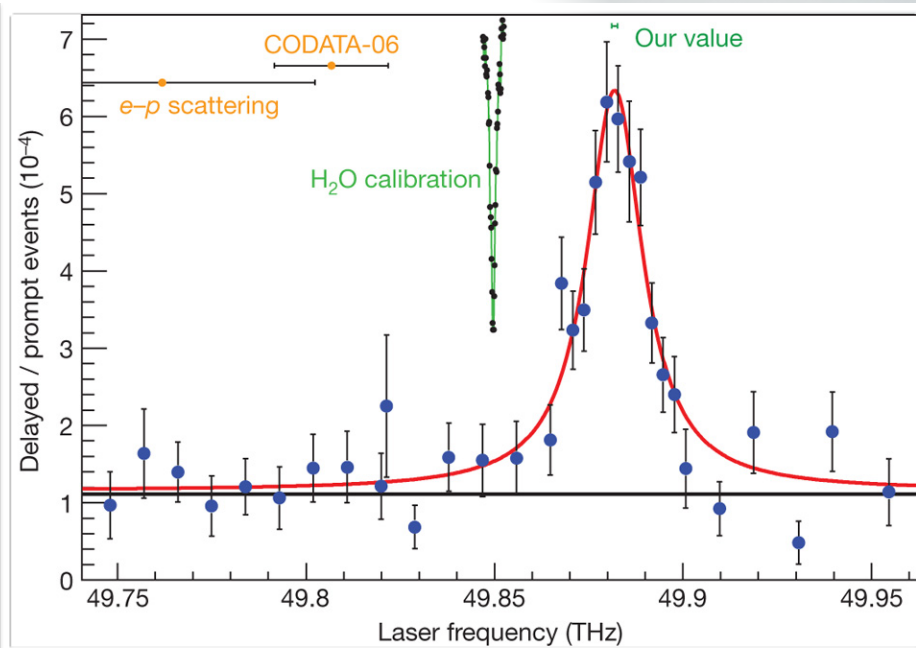
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**Discrepancy is between muonic
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What could be
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or
Is it “new” physics?

iN SPIRE HEP

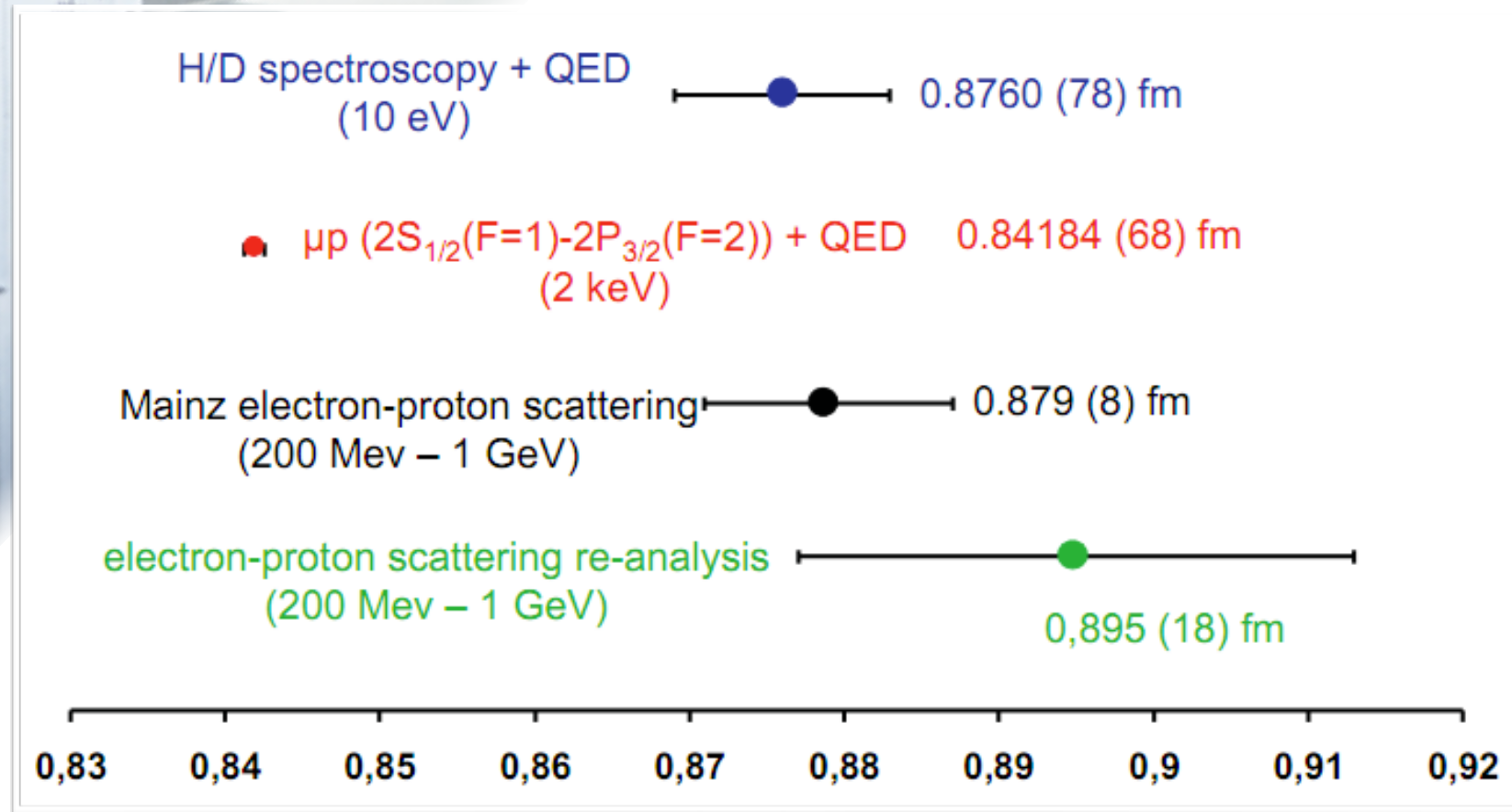
more than 50 citations

Exotic particles, contribution to the Lamb shift in μp ,
higher Zemach moments, Two-Photon-Exchange,
structure corrections to hyperfine splitting,
radiative corrections, [...]

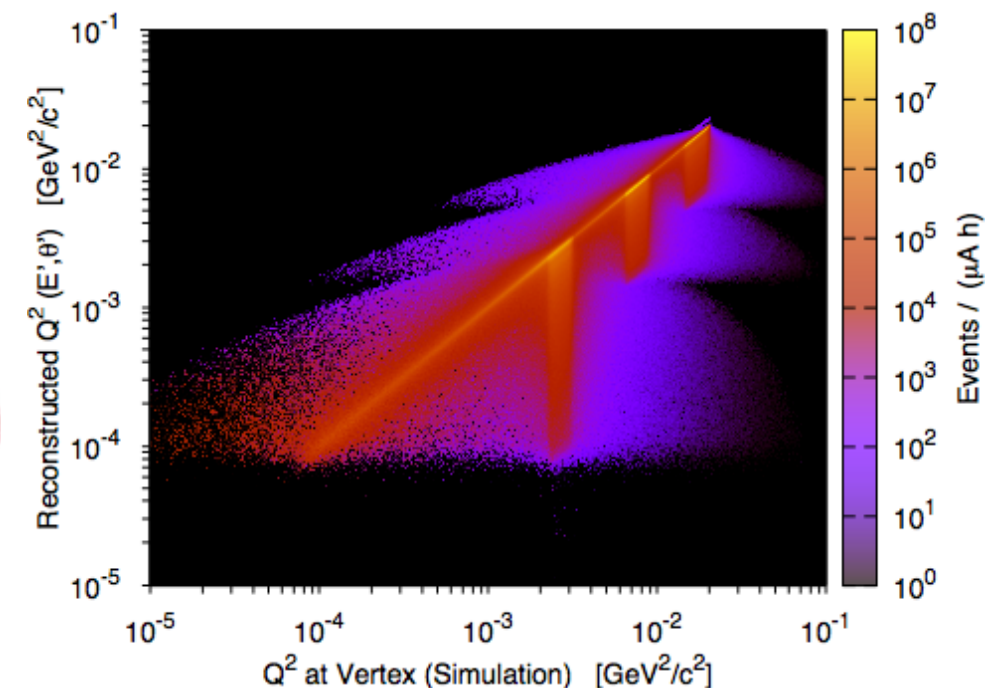
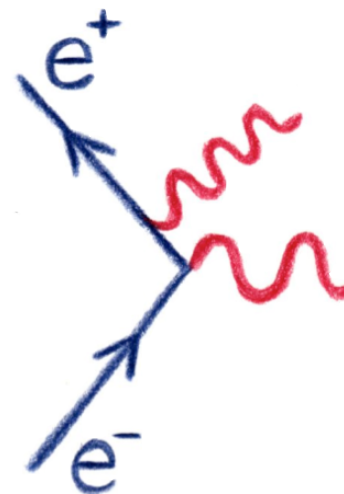
still an unresolved problem

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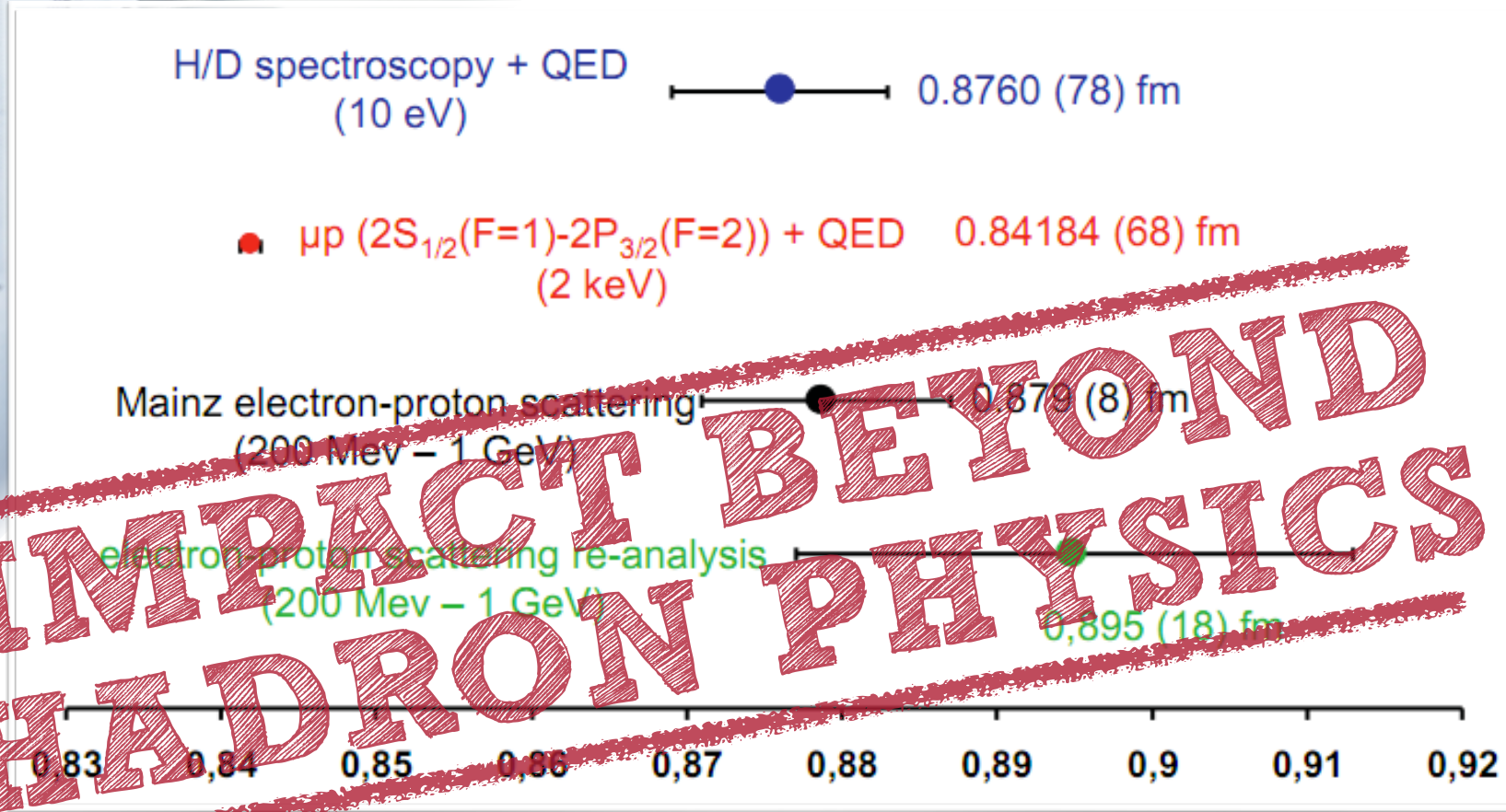
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Muonic Lamb shift

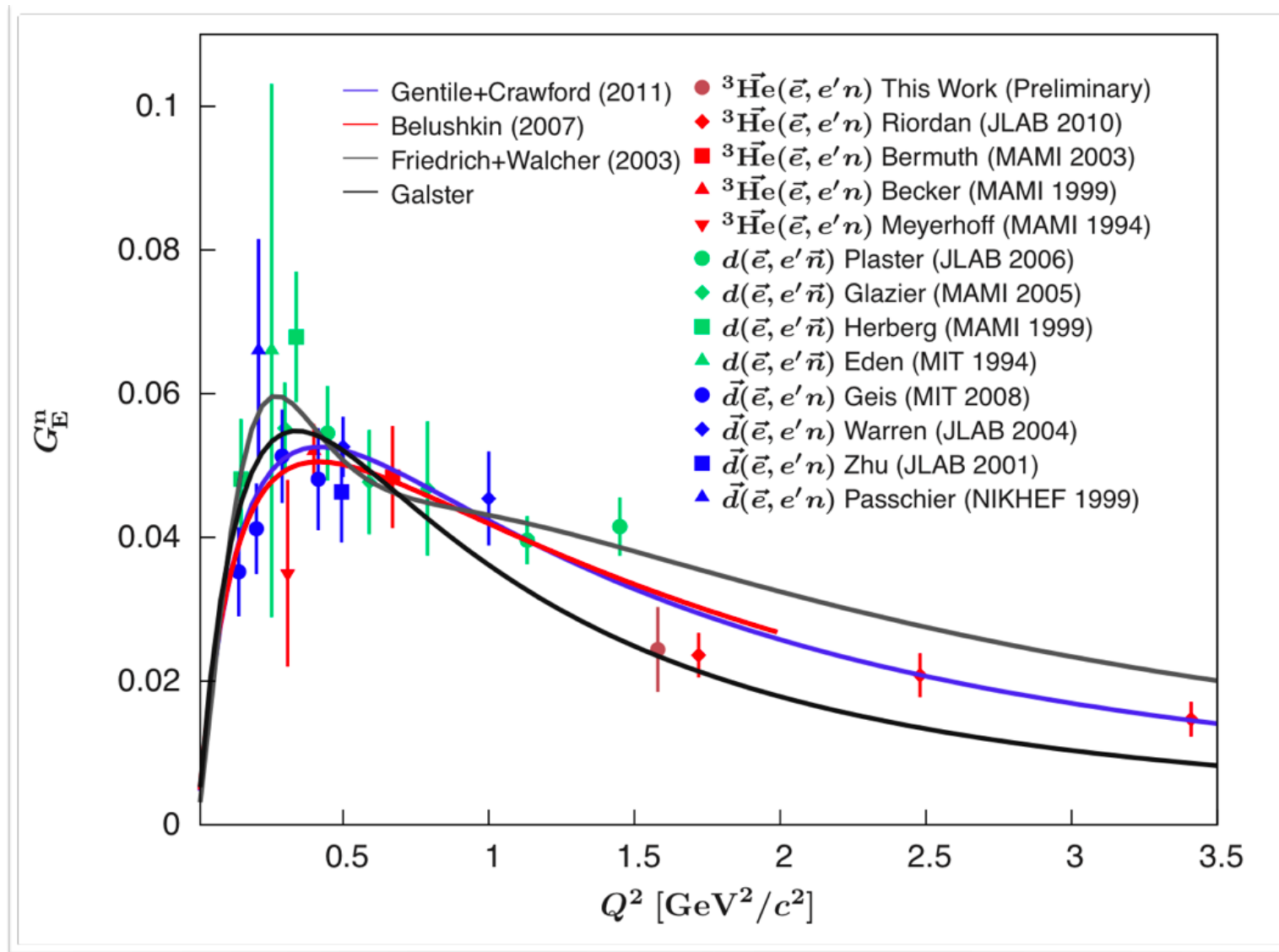
μD , μ - ^3He , μ - ^4He measurements (PSI)

New G_{Ep} measurements

Extension up to 1.6 GeV for proton and very low Q^2 for light nuclei (MAMI)

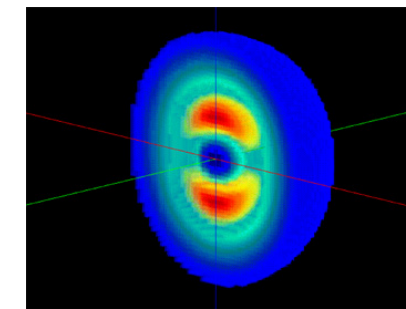
Few Nucleon Systems Form Factor

Neutron form factor



S. Schlimme PhD, JGU, Mainz (2012)

No **FREE** neutron target
use light nuclei (deuteron)



M. Garcon, J. W. Van Orden, *Adv. Nucl. Phys.* 26, 293 (2001).

Resolution and Consistency

NEW dedicated n-DET
WIDE range

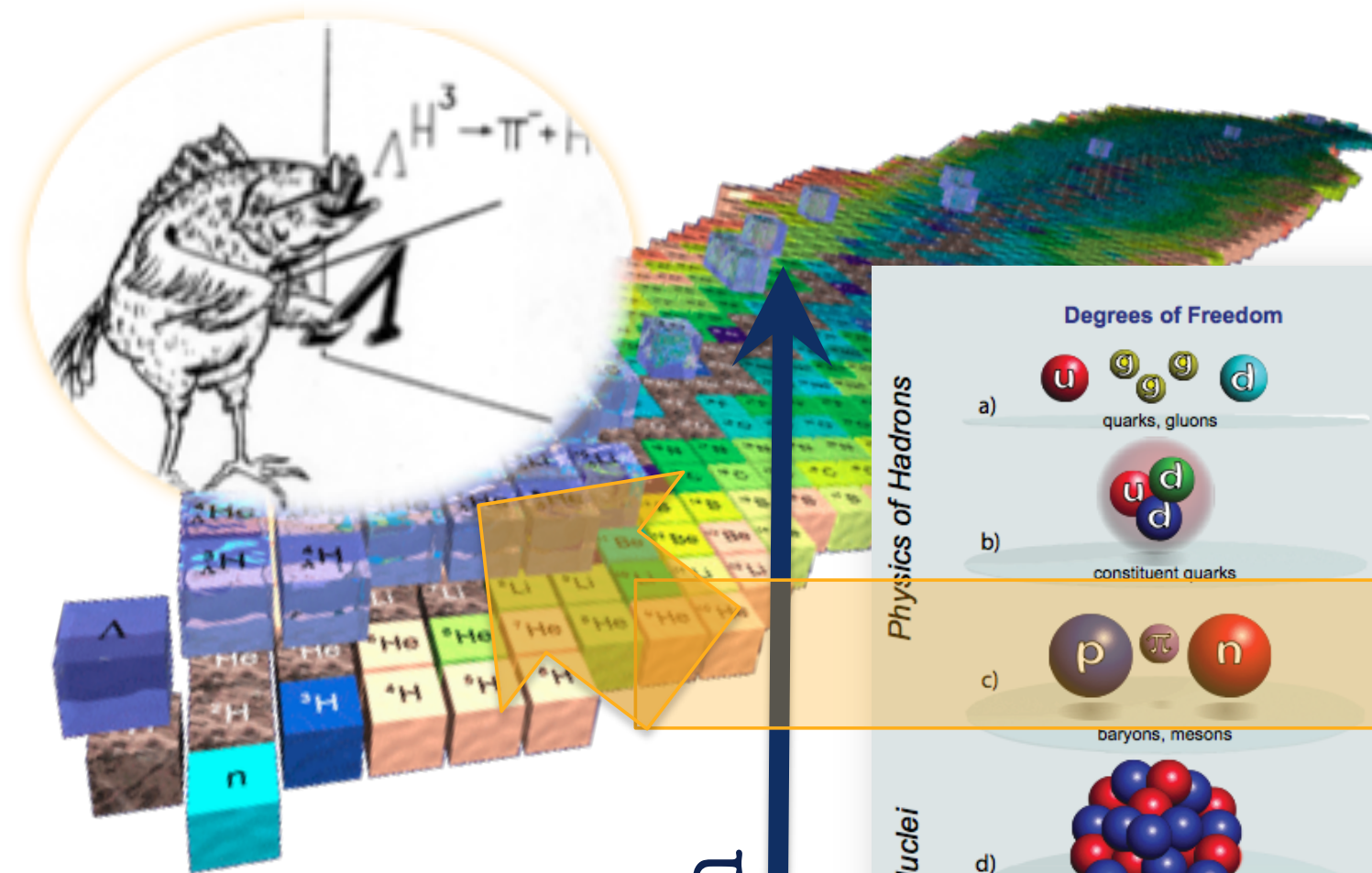
$Q^2 \approx 0.2$ to $1.5 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$

The Challenge:

“ Describing complexity in terms of fundamental interactions ”

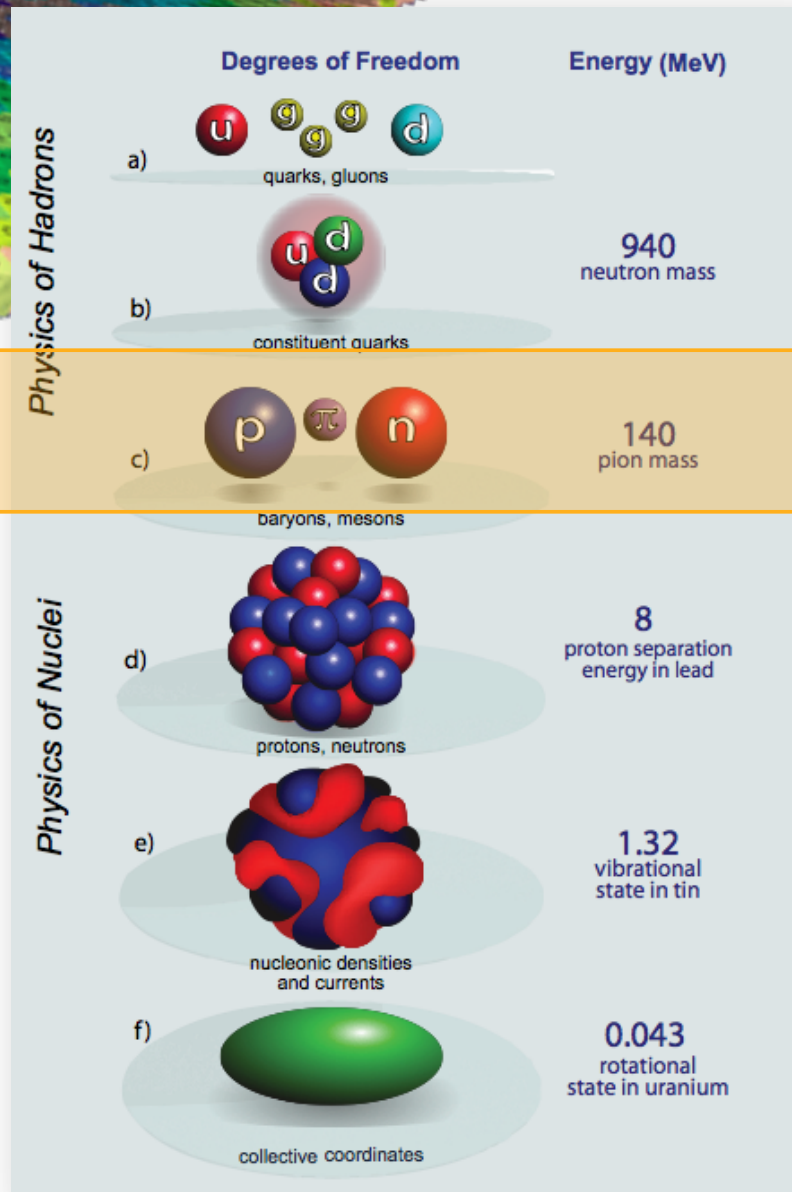
NuPECC Long Range Plan

Linking QCD to many body systems



“Hypernuclear physics is **neither fish nor fowl**. “
from a book review by J.D.
Jackson, *Science* (1968)

Resolution



LRP Nuclear Science Advisory Committee(2008)

Simplicity

Hot and dense quark-gluon matter

Hadron structure

Hadron-Nuclear interface

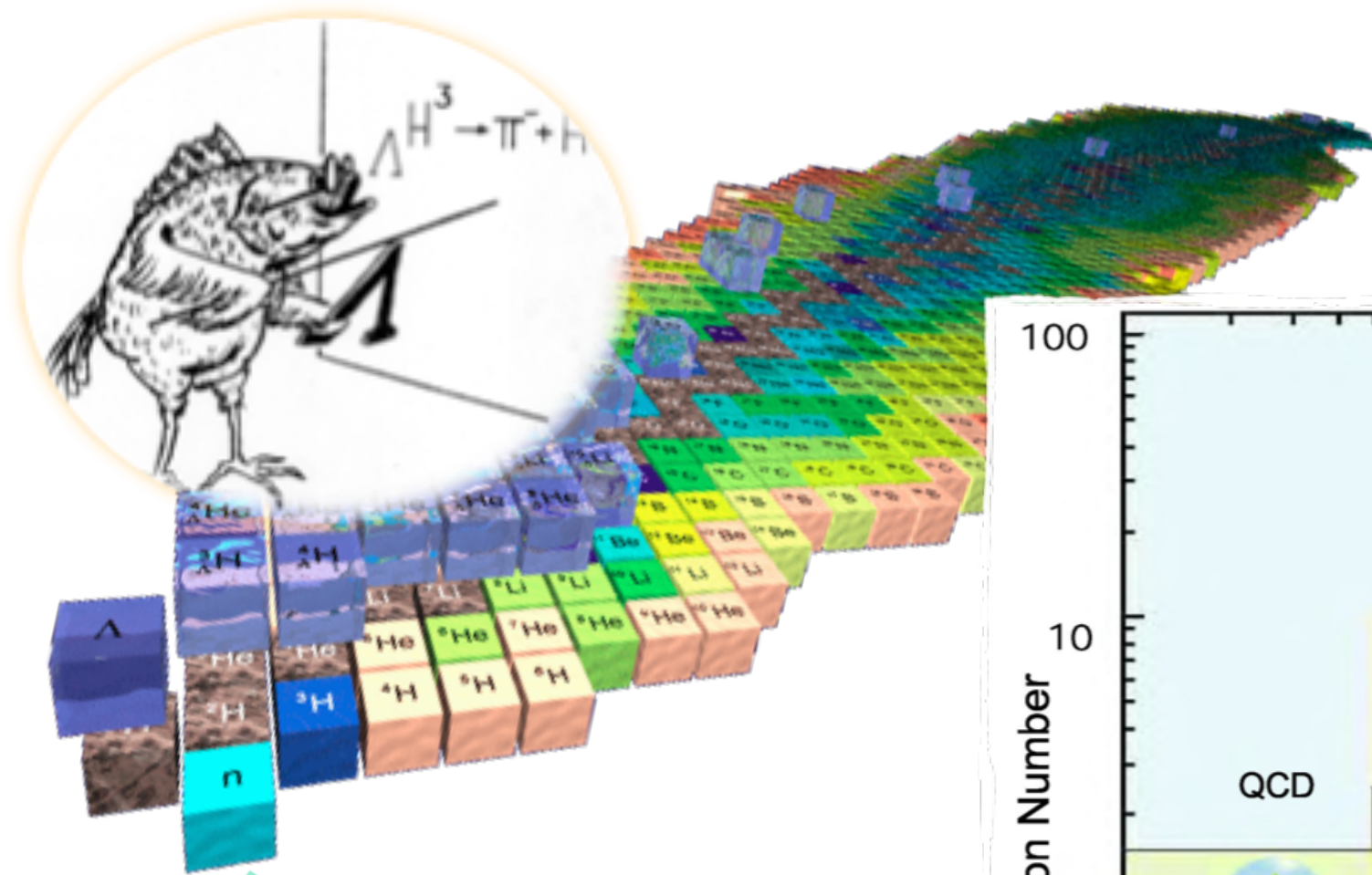
Nuclear structure
Nuclear reactions

Nuclear astrophysics

Applications of nuclear science

Complexity

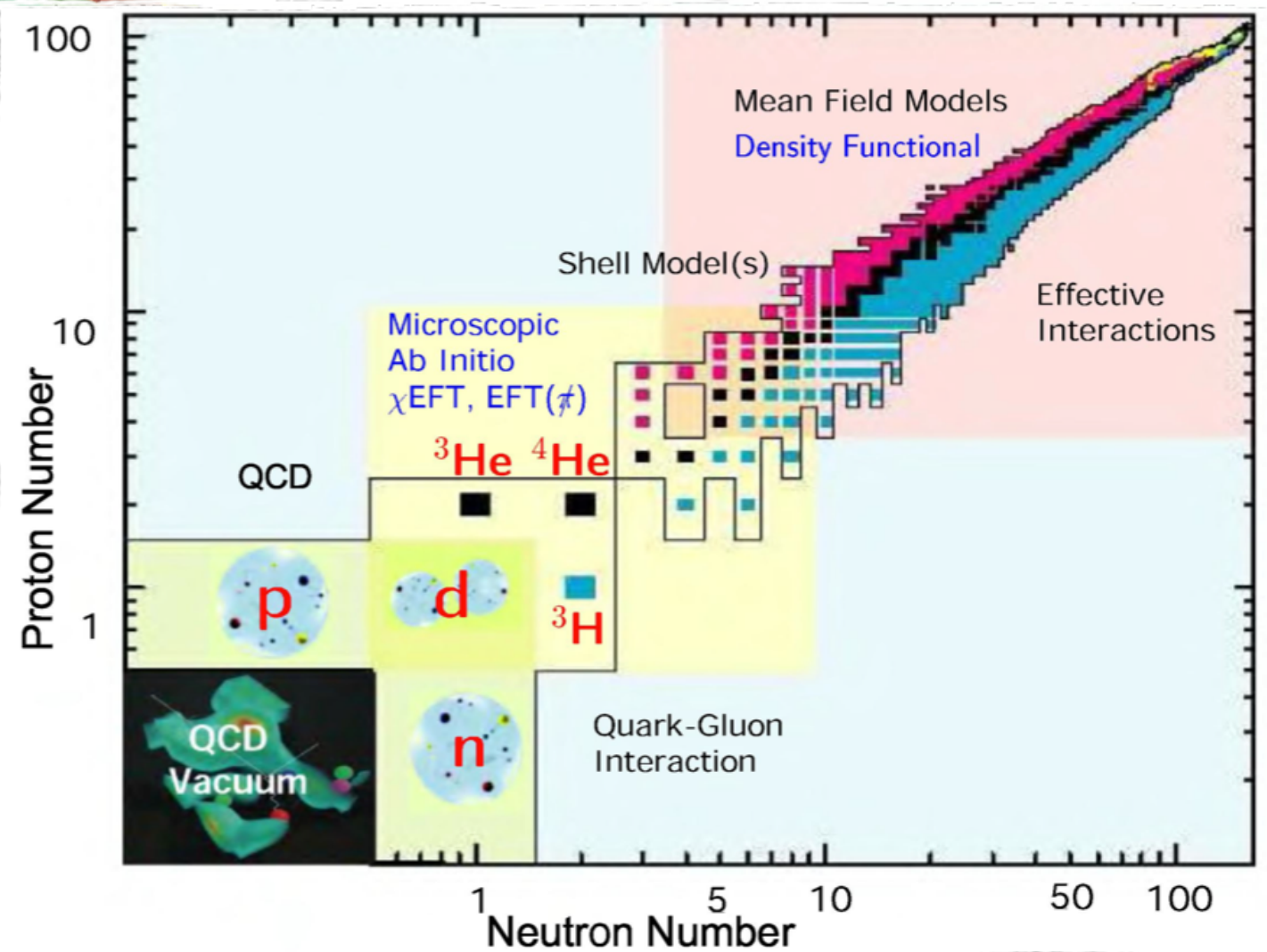
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Constrain modern calculation:

**Precision
Experiments**

**Relevant
Observables**



UNEDF SciDAC Collaboration
Universal Nuclear Energy Density Functional

↑ Complexity

↑ Simplicity

Strangeness Nuclear Physics

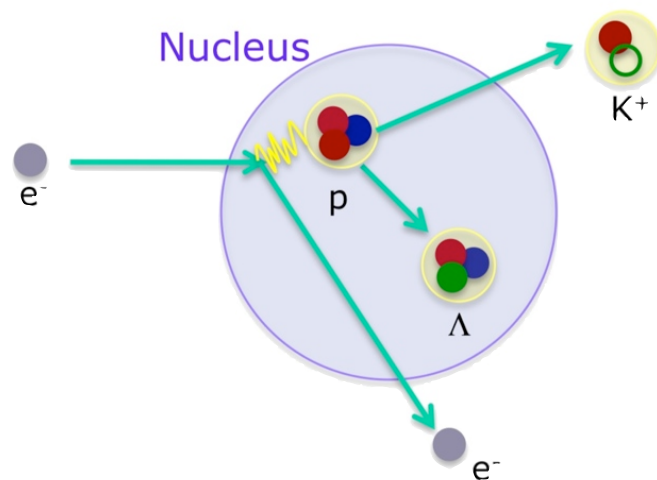


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Electroproduction $Z(e,e',K^+)_{\Lambda}(Z-1)$



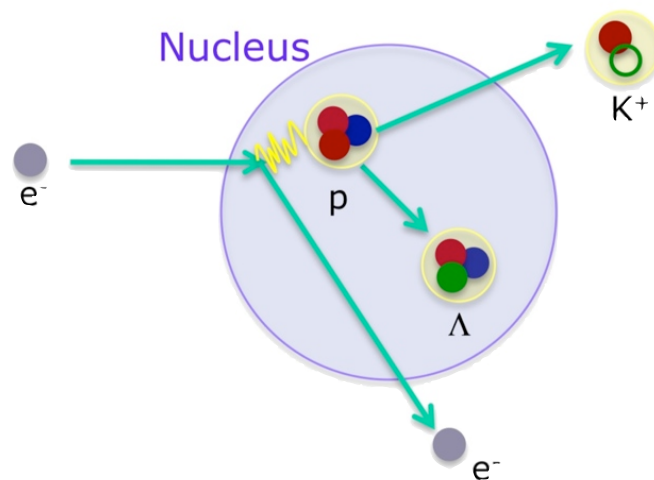
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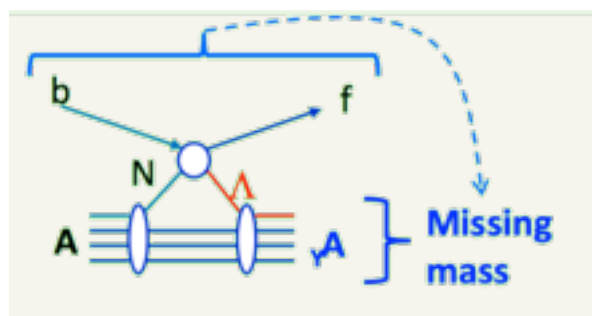
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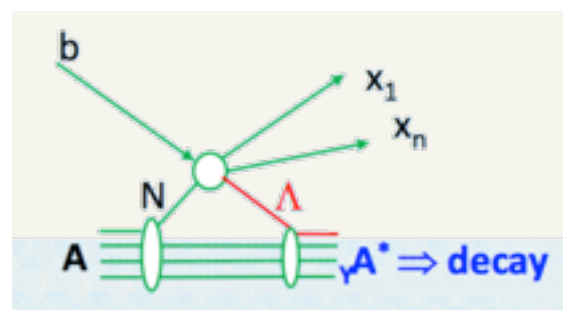
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A two-fold way

DIRECT PRODUCTION
spectroscopy



DECAY
spectroscopy

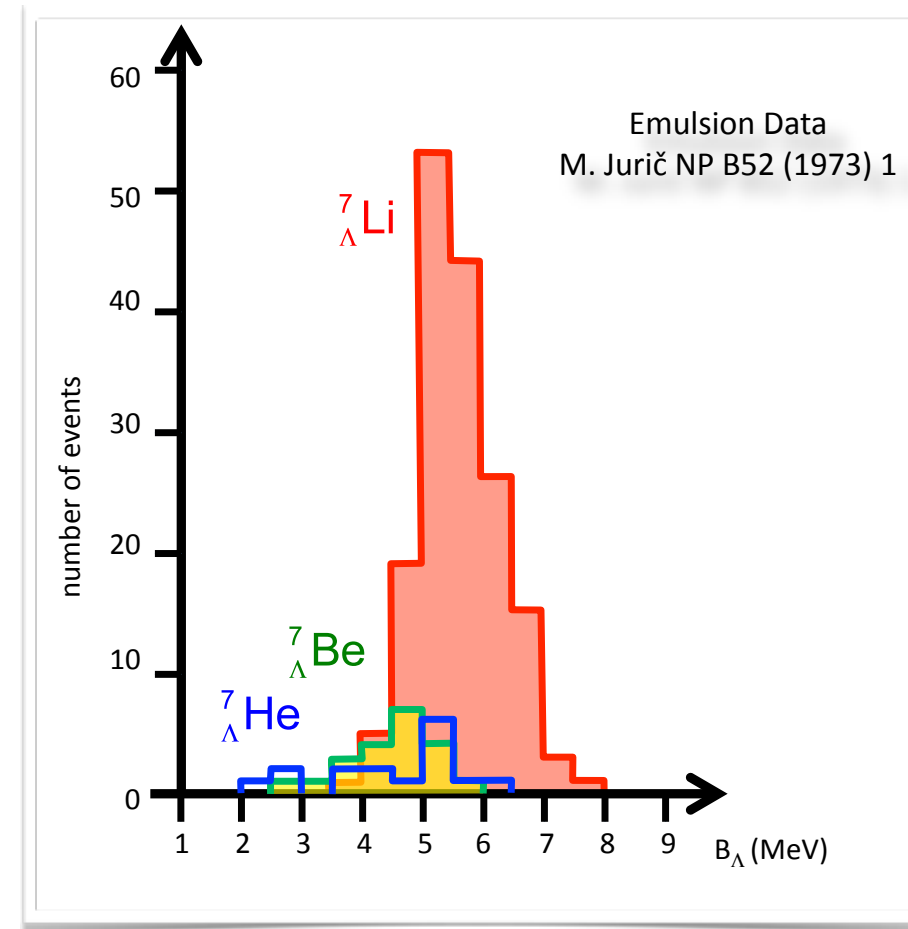


P. Achenbach Friday PS-C1
"Elementary kaon electroproduction"

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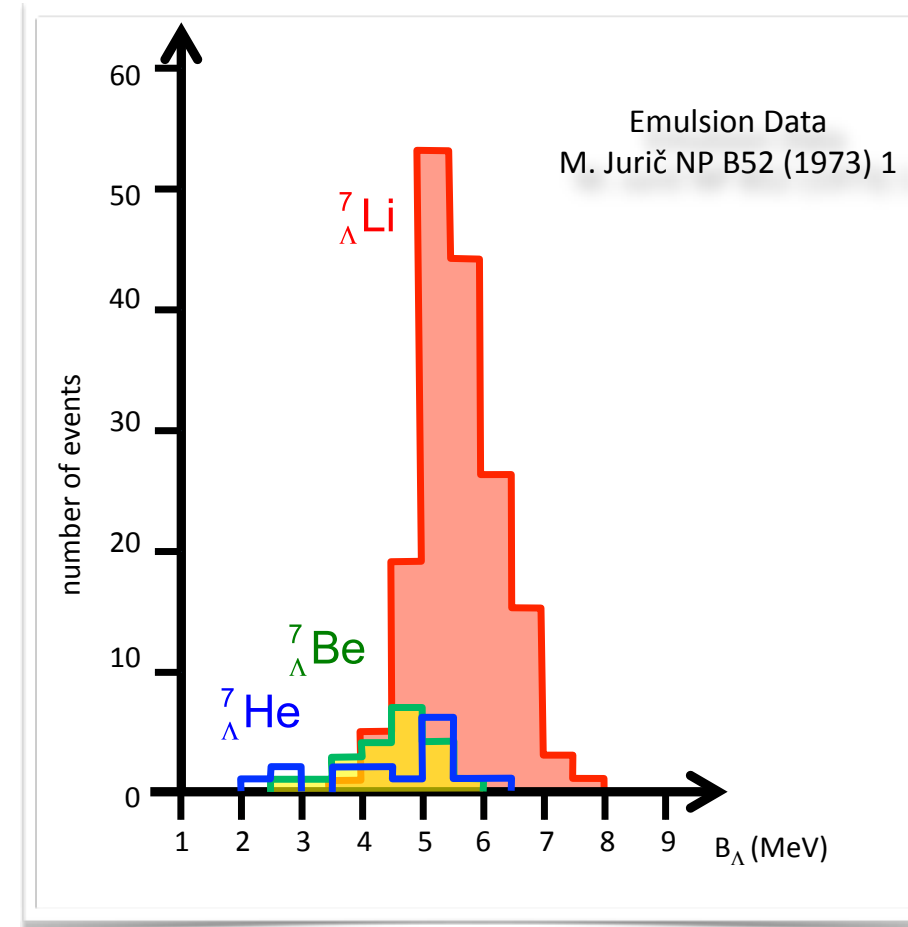
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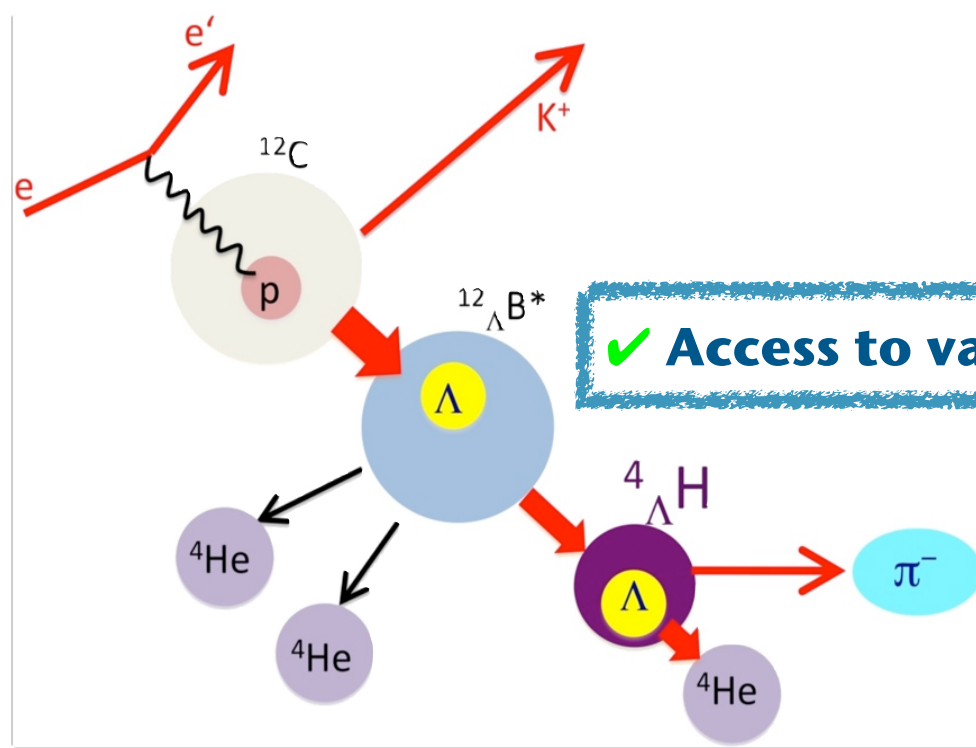
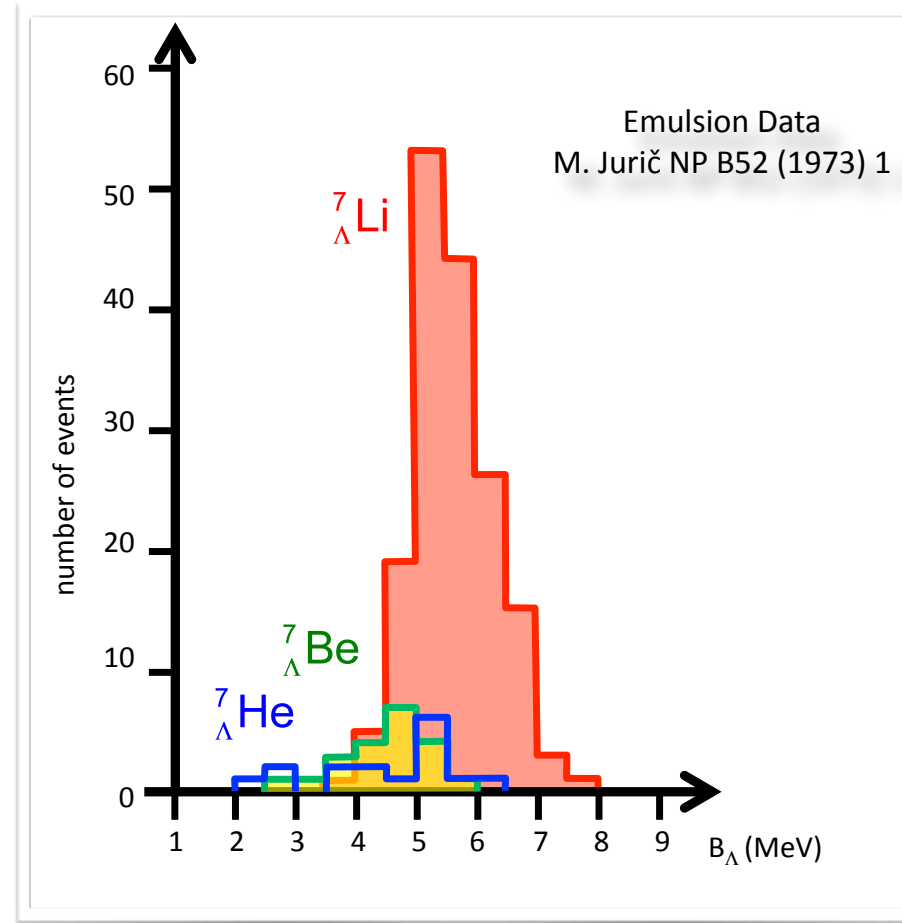
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👉 **High resolution decay π spectroscopy**



✓ Access to variety of **light and exotic hypernuclei**

Weak mesonic two-body decay $\rightarrow$ mono-energetic π

✓ Resolution (δB_Λ) limited by π^- momentum resolution

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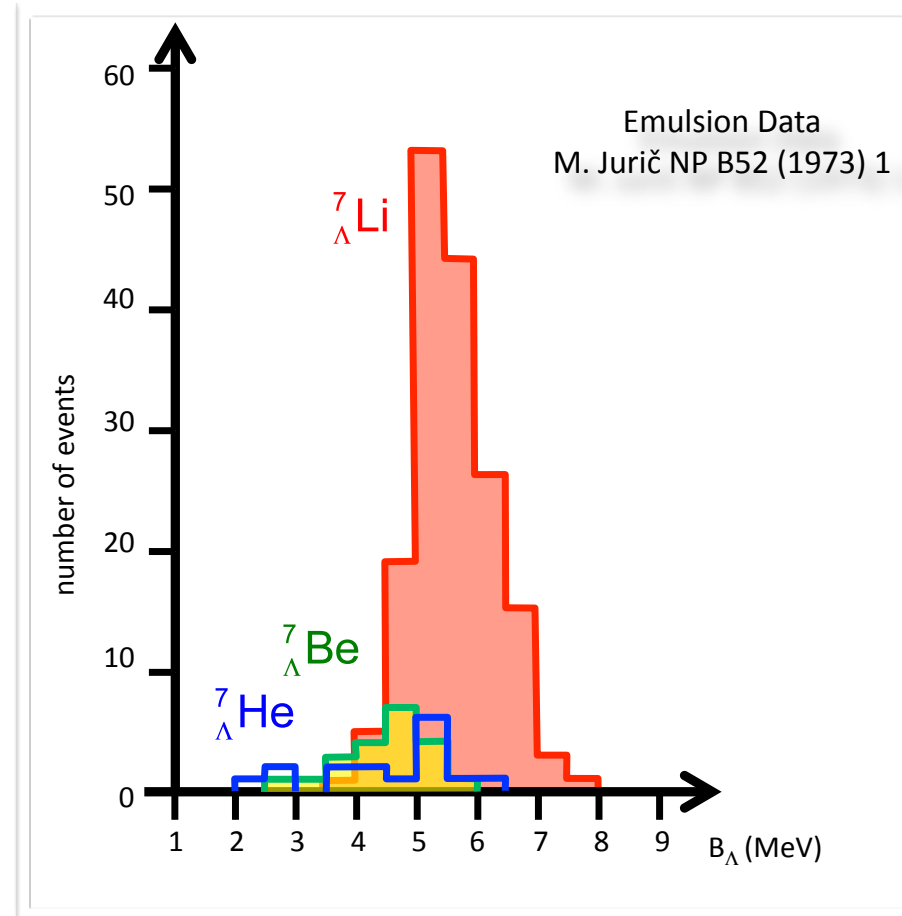
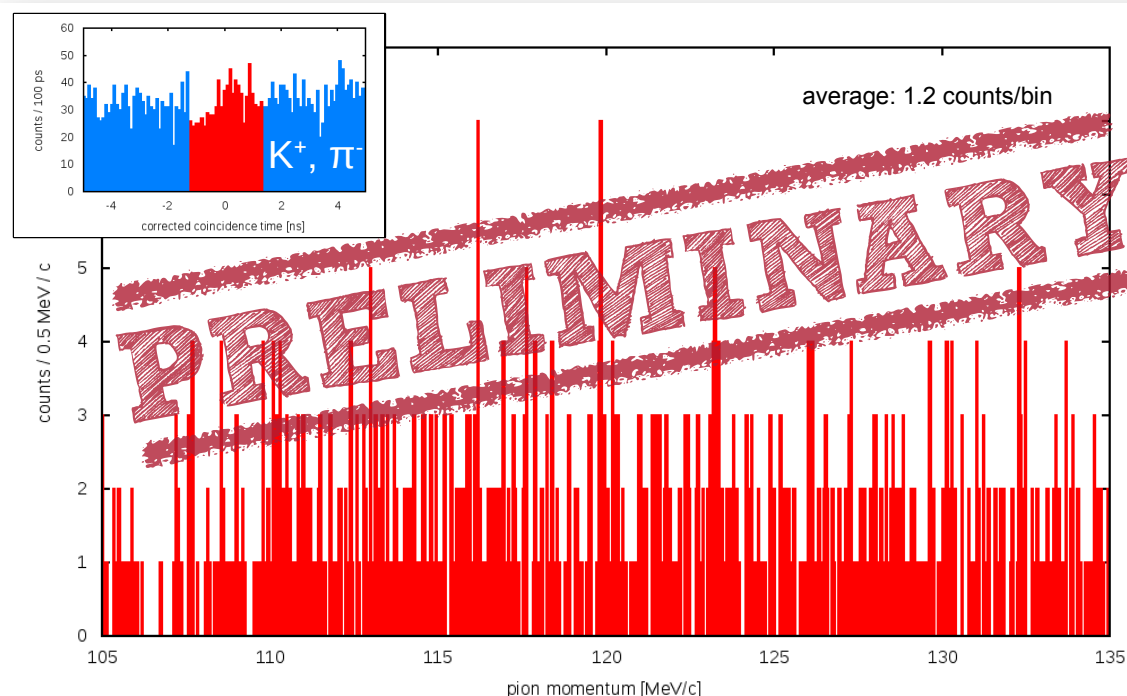
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👉 Pilot experiment (2011)



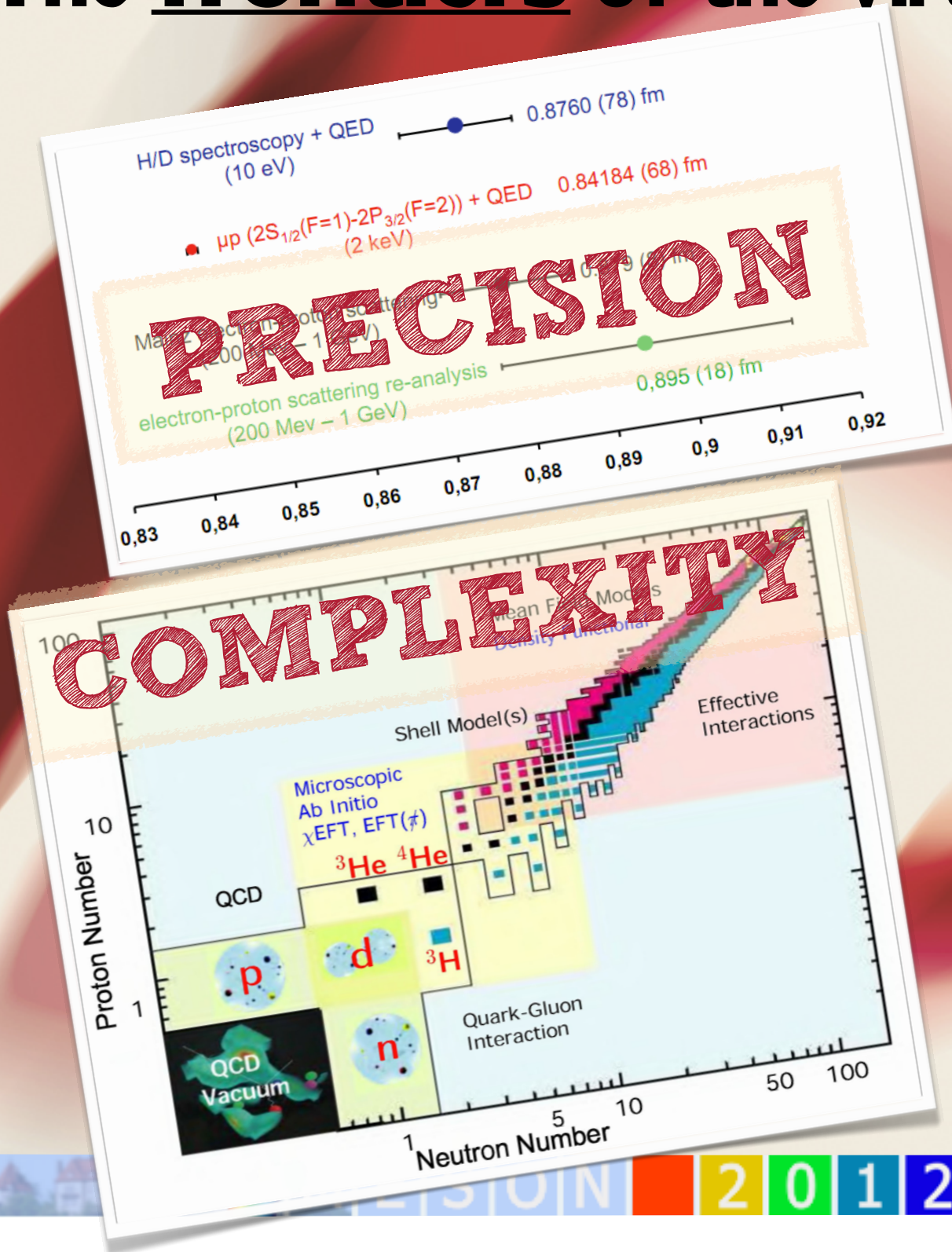
- Zero-degree kaon tagging by KAOS
- High resolution spectrometers for π detection ($\Delta p/p \leq 10^{-4}$ FWHM)
- FPGA trigger setups for maximizing background suppression

The frontiers of the virtual photon program @ MAMI

**Hadron physics plays
a central and
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Stay tuned for Meson 2014:

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DarkSide

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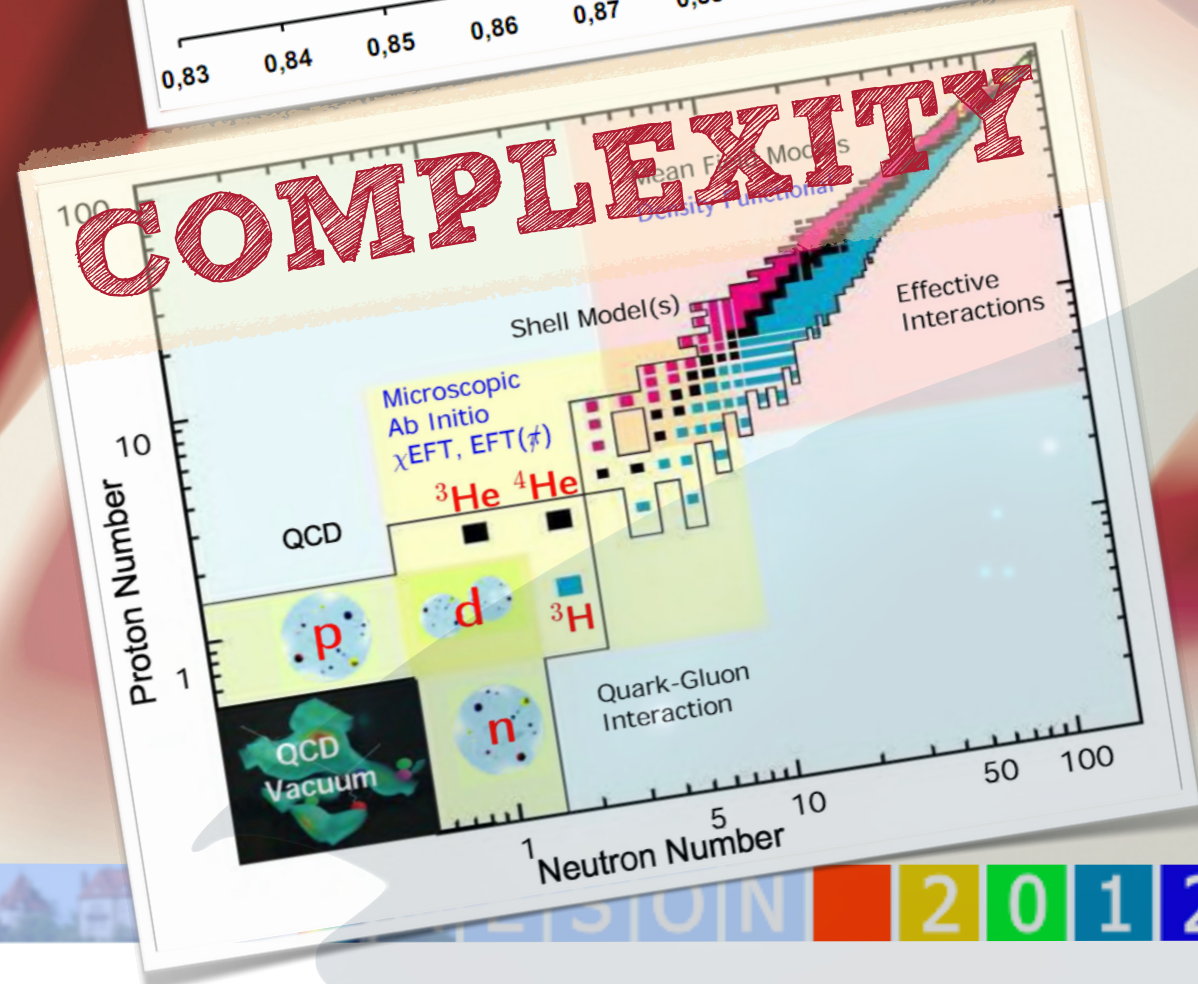
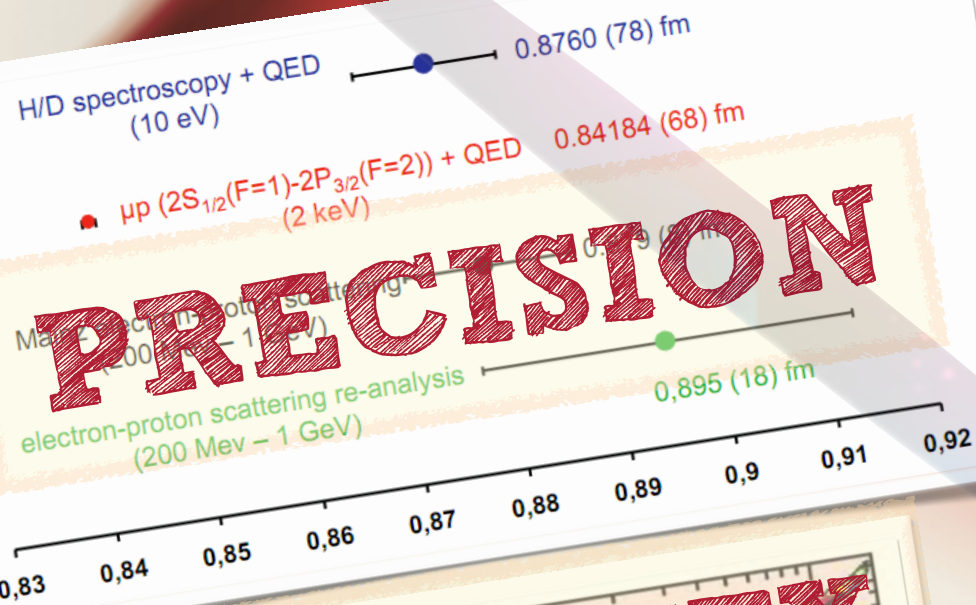
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COMPLEXITY



2012

Probing Dark Forces @ GeV Scale

Dark Photon

**Light weakly coupled
U(1) gauge boson**

N. Arkani-Hamed, et al., Phys. Rev. D 79 (2009) 015014

...it explains ...

terrestrial anomalies

(DAMA, CDMS, XENON)

satellite anomalies

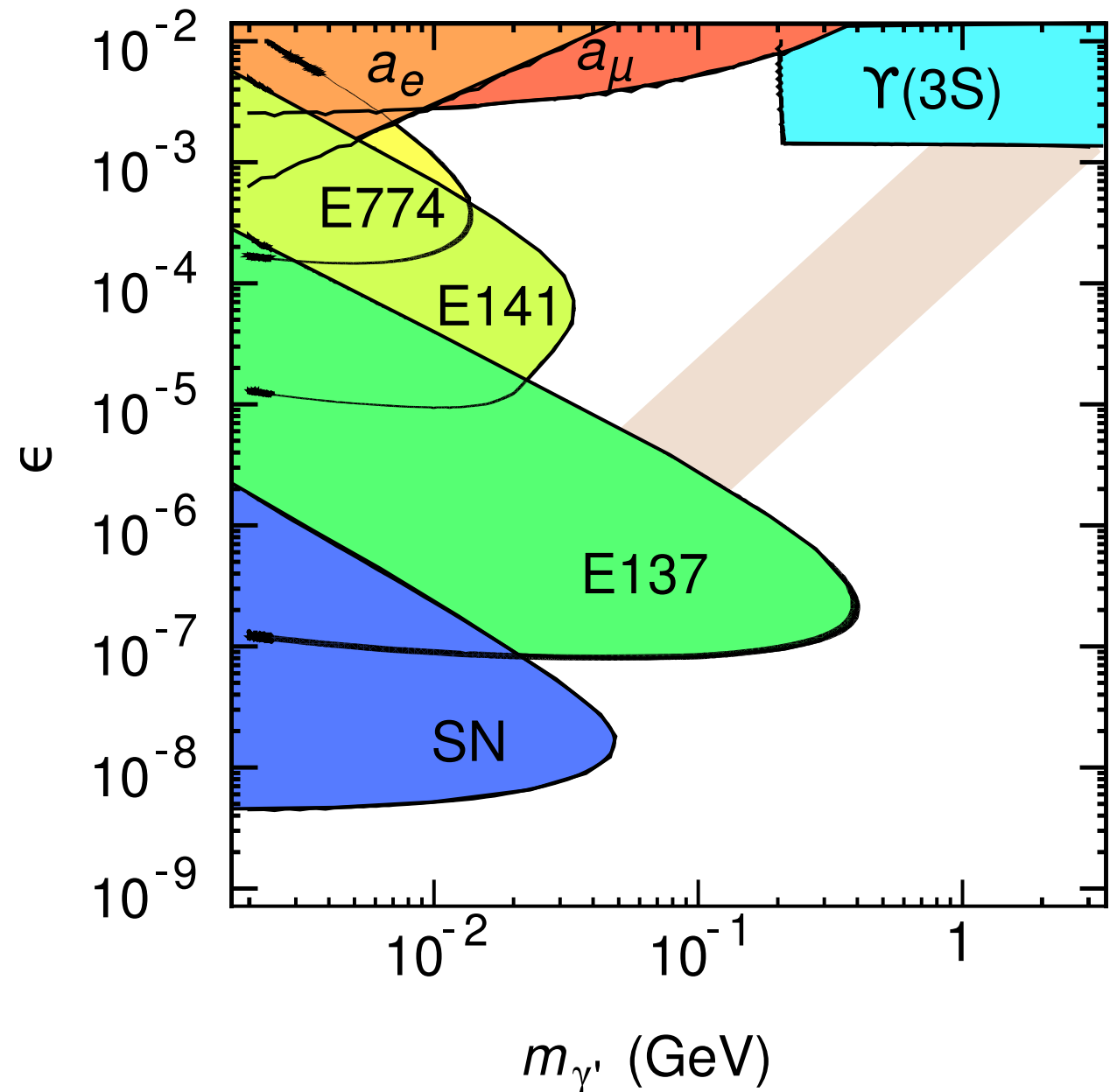
(PAMELA, FERMI)

$(g-2)_\mu$ anomaly

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Probing Dark Forces @ GeV Scale

Dark Photon

**Light weakly coupled
U(1) gauge boson**

N. Arkani-Hamed, et al., Phys. Rev. D 79 (2009) 015014

...it explains ...

terrestrial anomalies

(DAMA, CDMS, XENON)

satellite anomalies

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Predictions are testable:

Large cross section in leptons

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **80**, 075018 (2009)

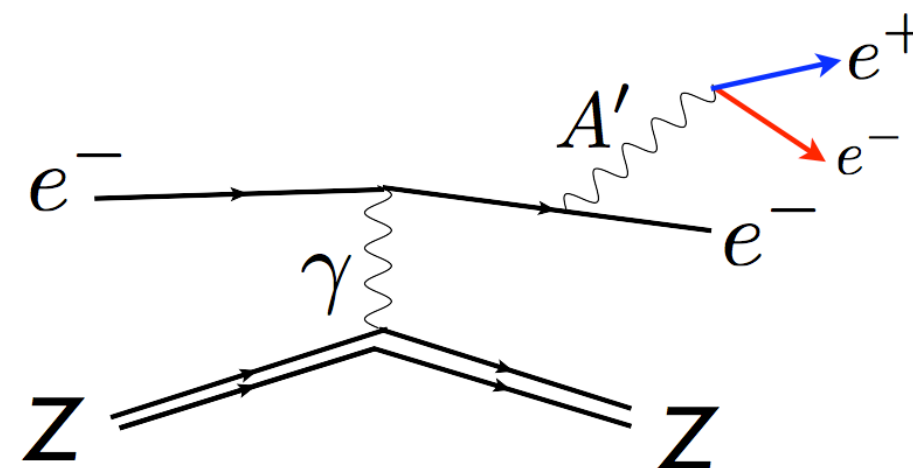
New fixed-target experiments to search for dark gauge forces

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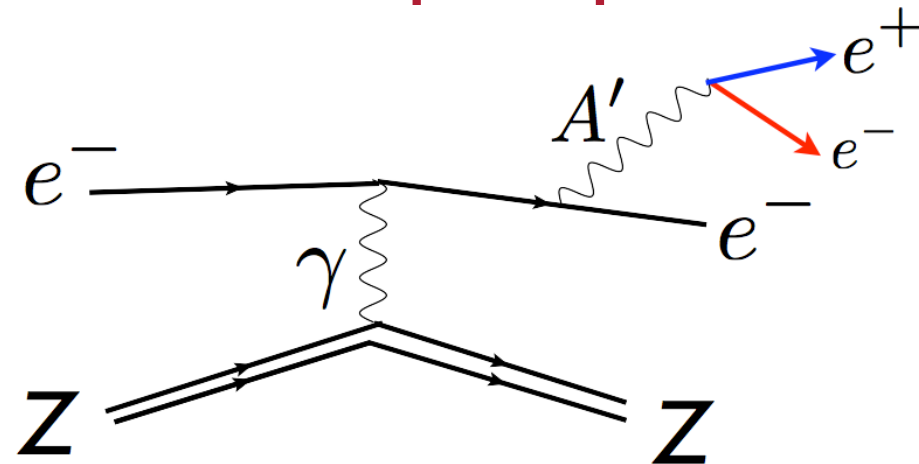


⇒ World wide effort (CERN, DESY, JLAB, MAMI, all e^+e^- colliders, ...)

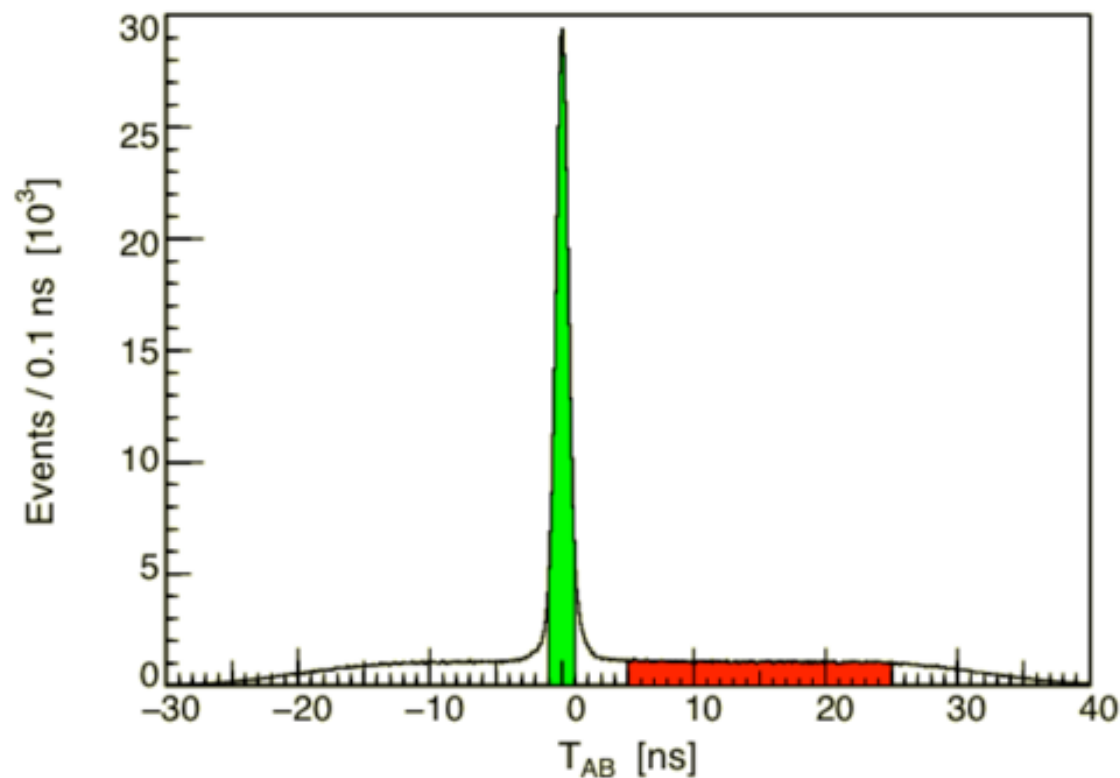
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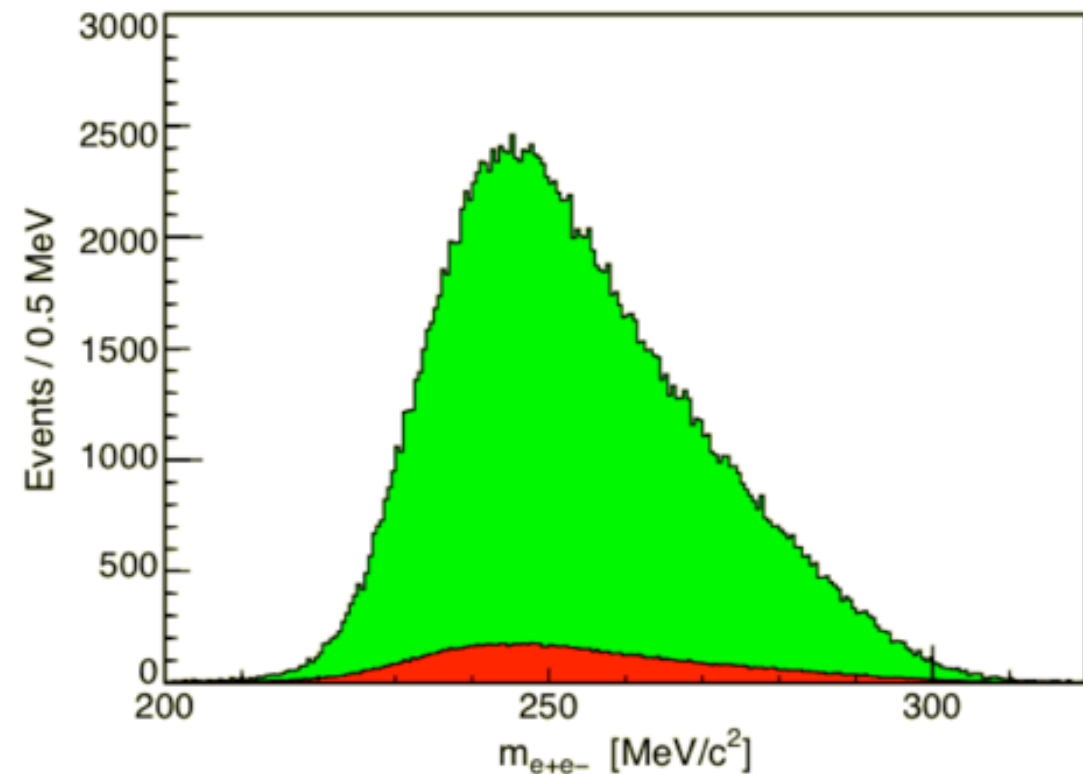
Bump Hunt: Quasi-photoproduction off ^{181}Ta target



Beam current: 100 μA
Luminosity: $L = 1.7 \cdot 10^{35} (\text{s} \cdot \text{cm}^2)^{-1}$
Minimal angles for spectrometers
Geometry as symmetric as possible
(background reduction)



Coincidence time resolution ≈ 1 ns FWHM
Almost no accidental background $\approx 5\%$
Above background: only coincident e^+e^- pairs!

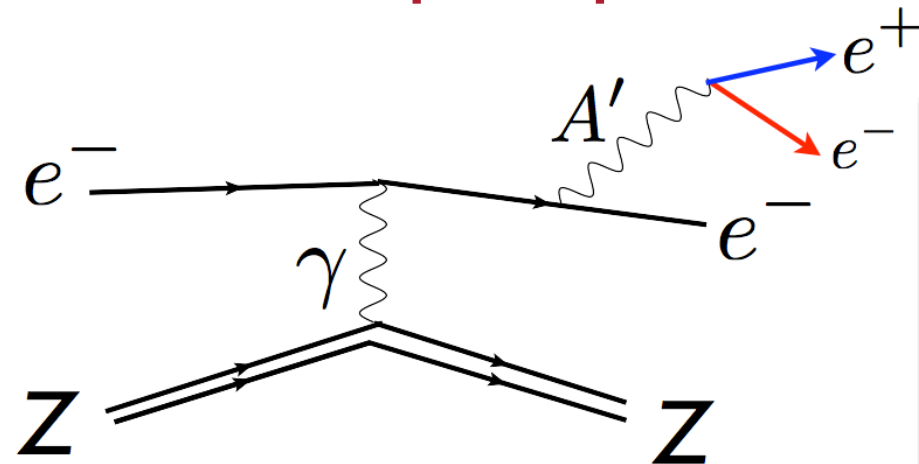


$\delta m_{e^+e^-} < 0.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

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→ **Fight background**

... with high intensity ...

... and resolution.

Feasibility:

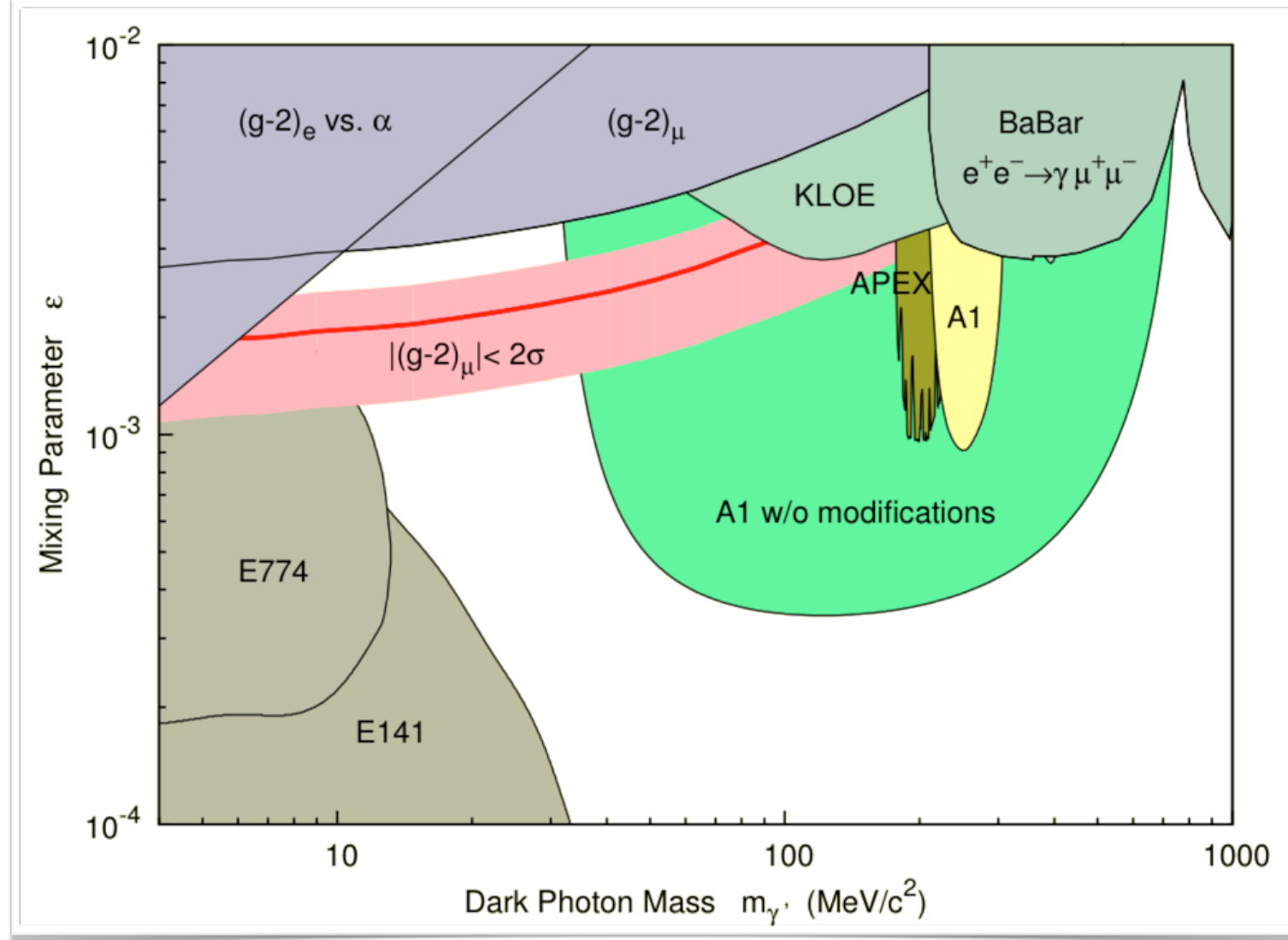
Background (within 1%)

First exclusion limits 10^{-3}

4 days beam time!!

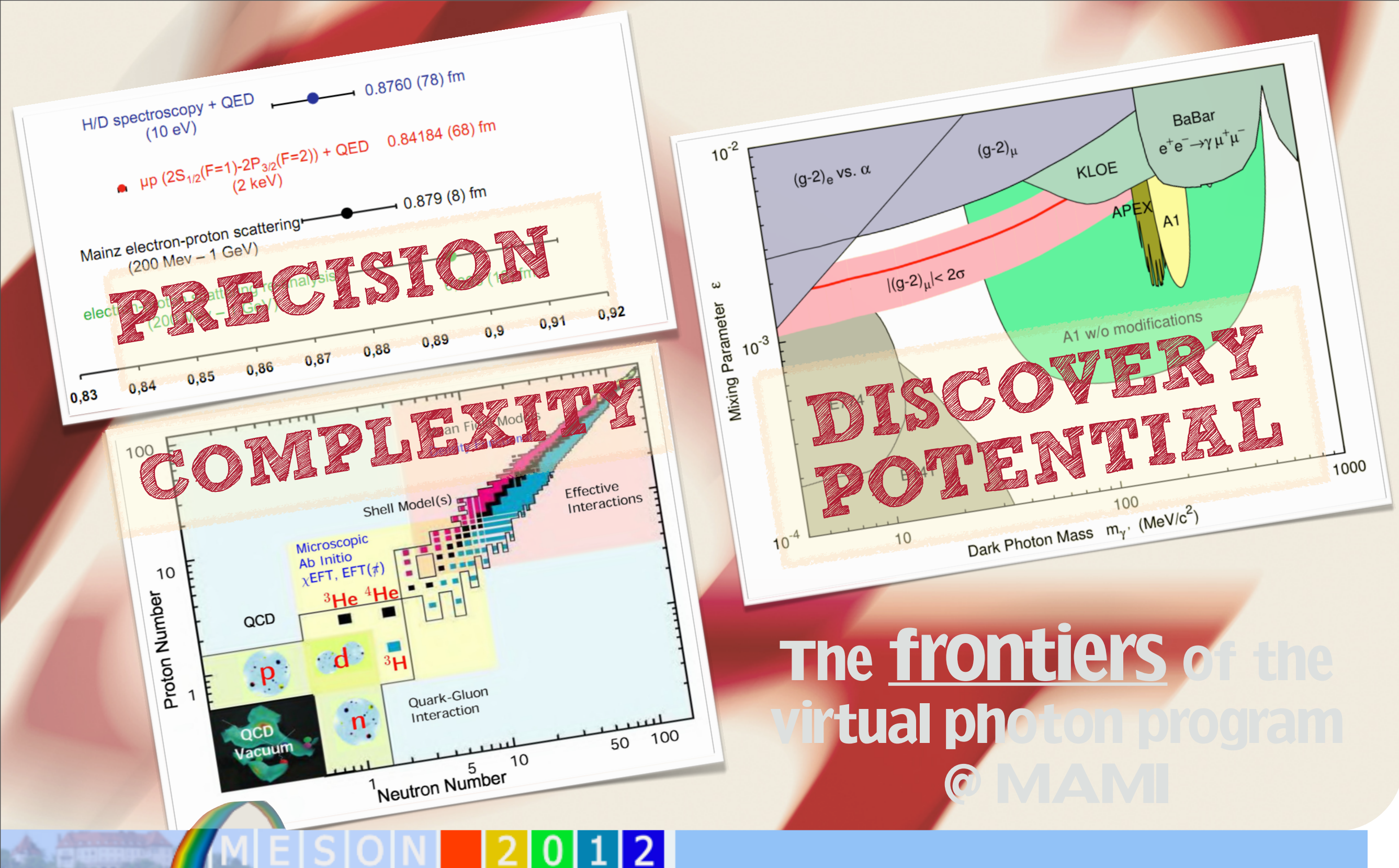
...the search continues ...

new $\epsilon/m_{\gamma'}$ scan March 2012



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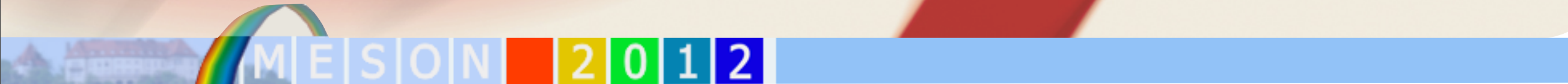
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The Low Energy Frontier
of the Standard Model



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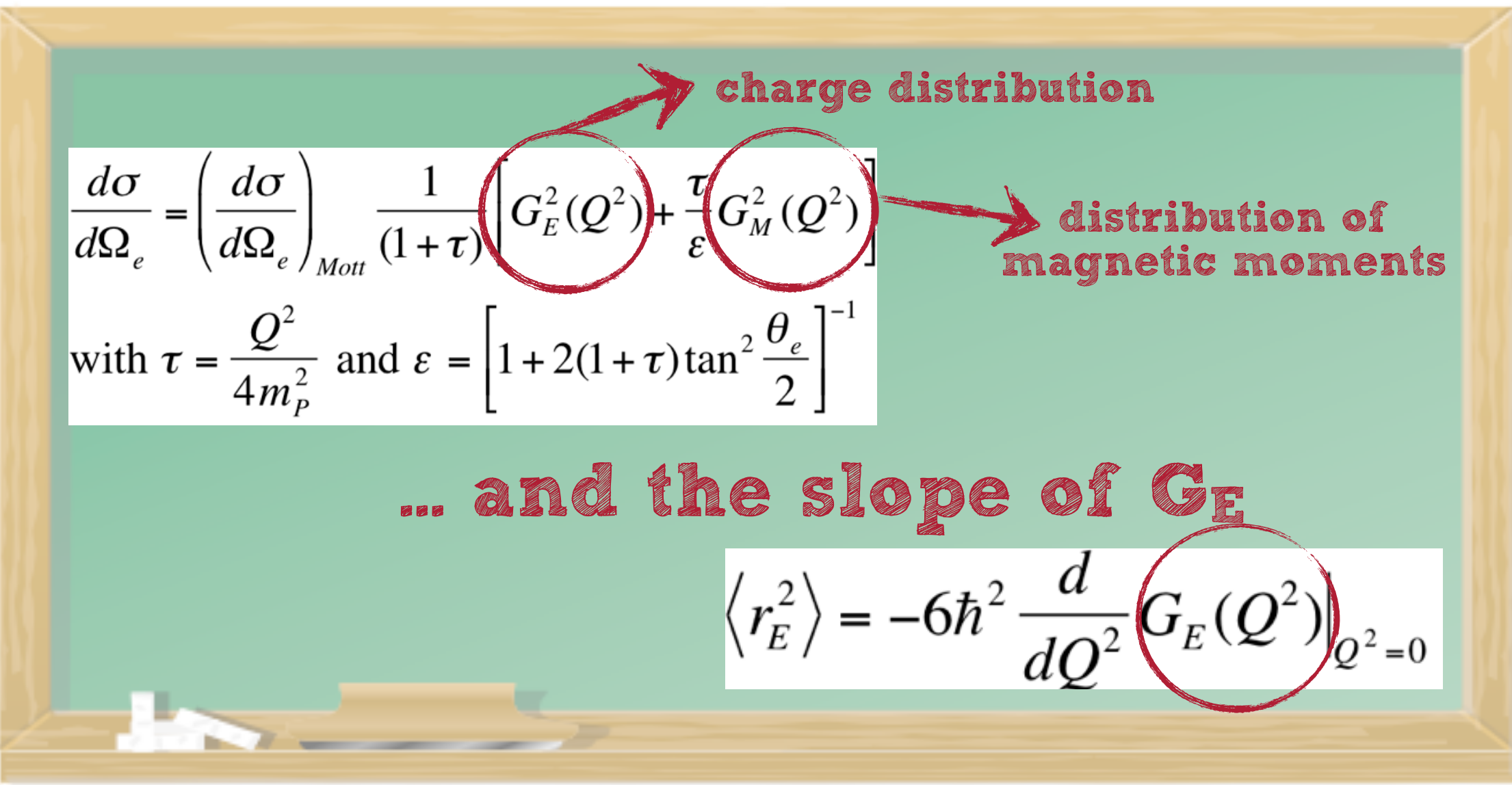
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Form Factors from Elastic ep scattering

Cross section for one photon exchange (Rosenbluth-cross section + Separation at constant Q^2)


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} \right)_{Mott} \frac{1}{(1+\tau)} \left[G_E^2(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2(Q^2) \right]$$

with $\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4m_p^2}$ and $\epsilon = \left[1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} \right]^{-1}$

charge distribution

distribution of magnetic moments

... and the slope of G_E

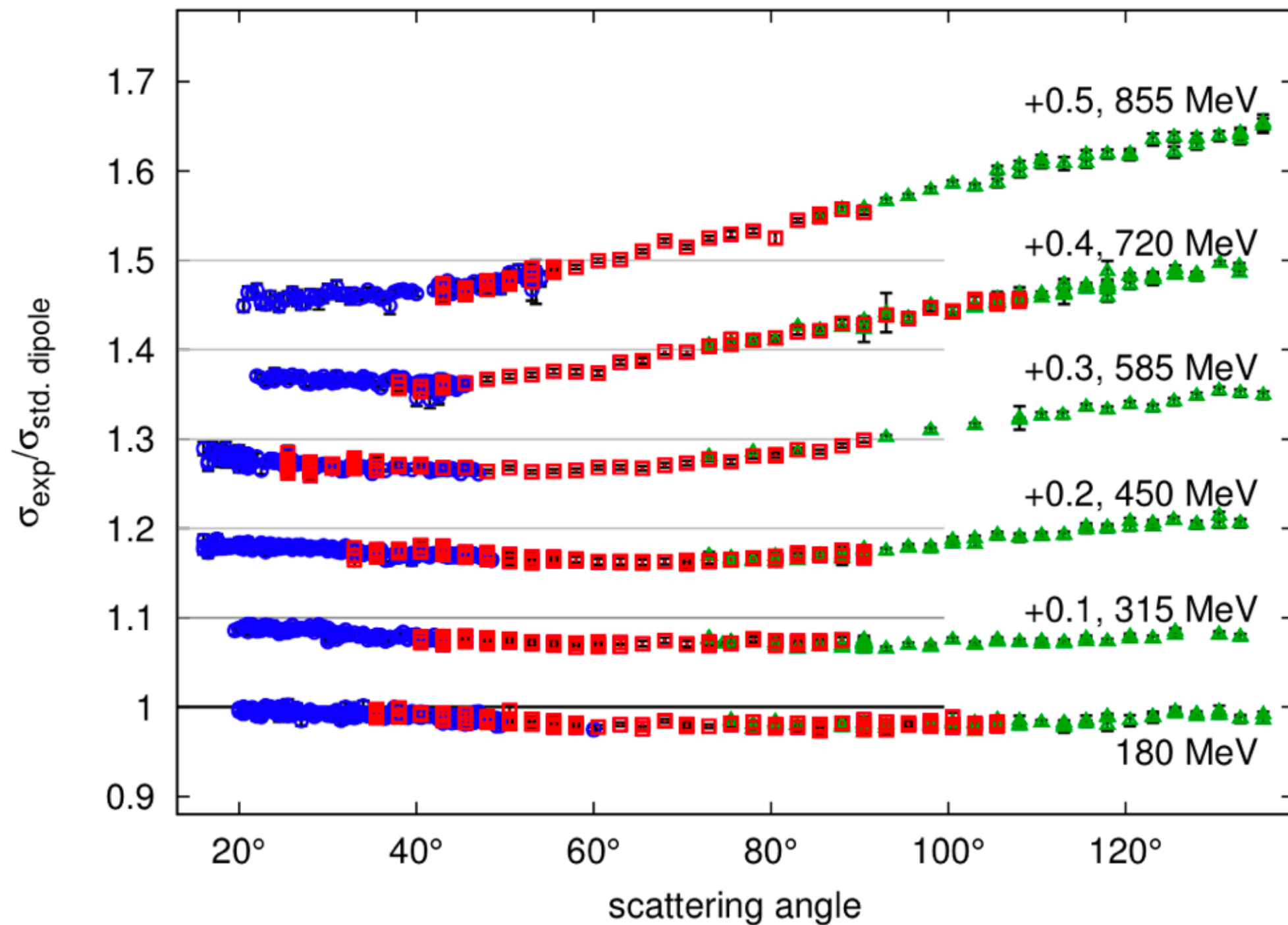
$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle = -6\hbar^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} G_E(Q^2) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$$

Polarization transfer reaction: Measurement of recoil polarization

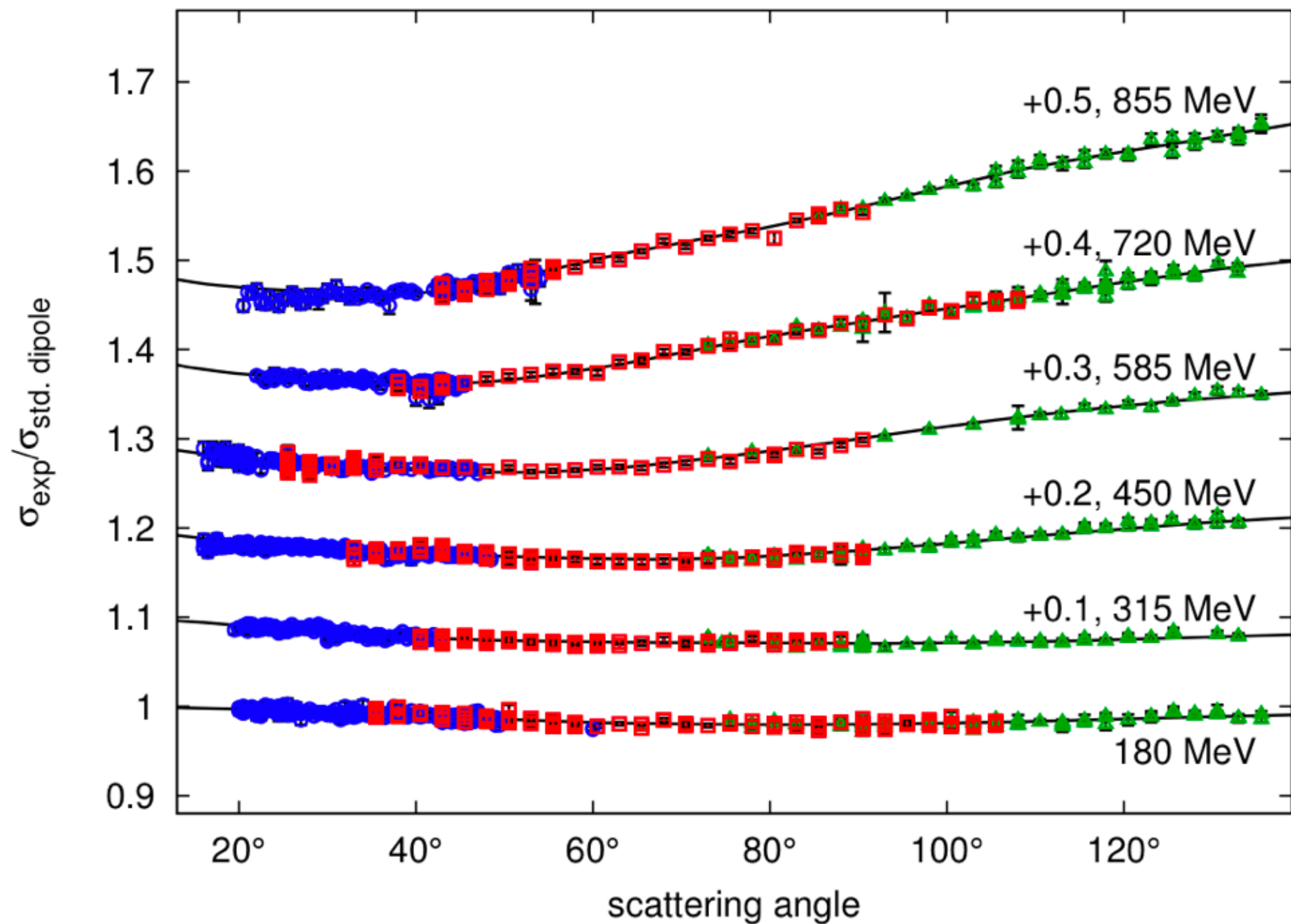
✓ **Little contribution from TPE (?)**

✗ **Only ratio $G_E(Q^2)/G_M(Q^2)$ + difficult below $Q^2 \approx 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$**

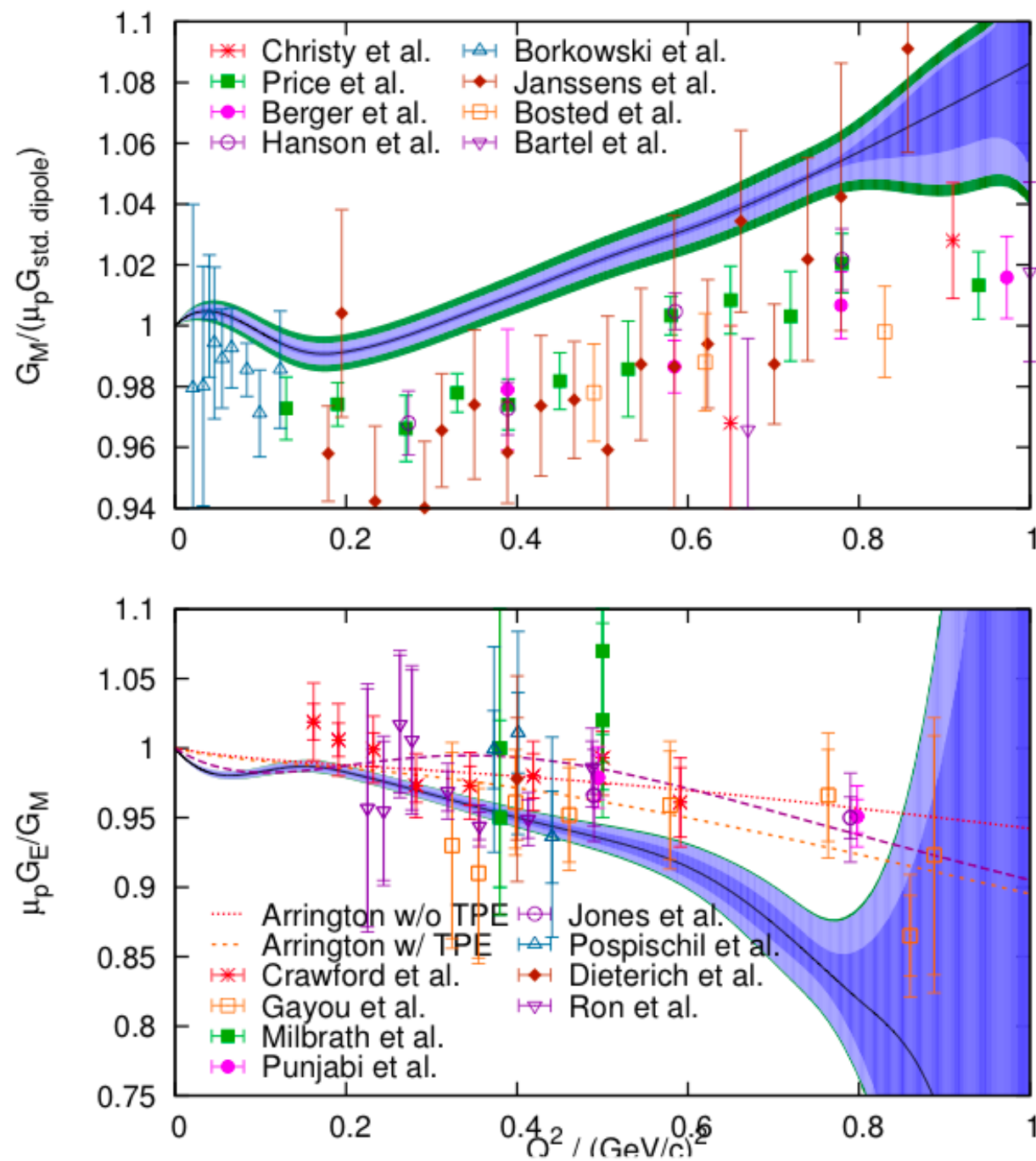
Cross sections/standard Dipole



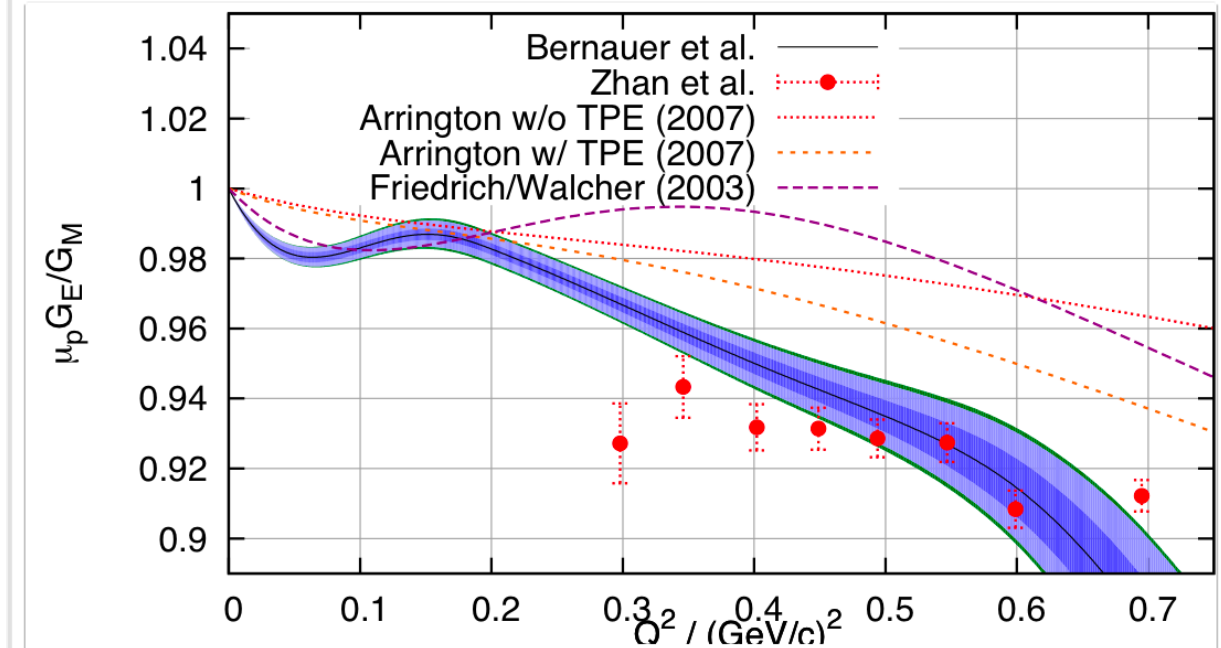
Cross sections + spline fit



Form Factor results: G_E/G_M ratio



Jan C. Bernauer et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 242001 (2010)



X. Zhan et al., arXiv:1102.0318

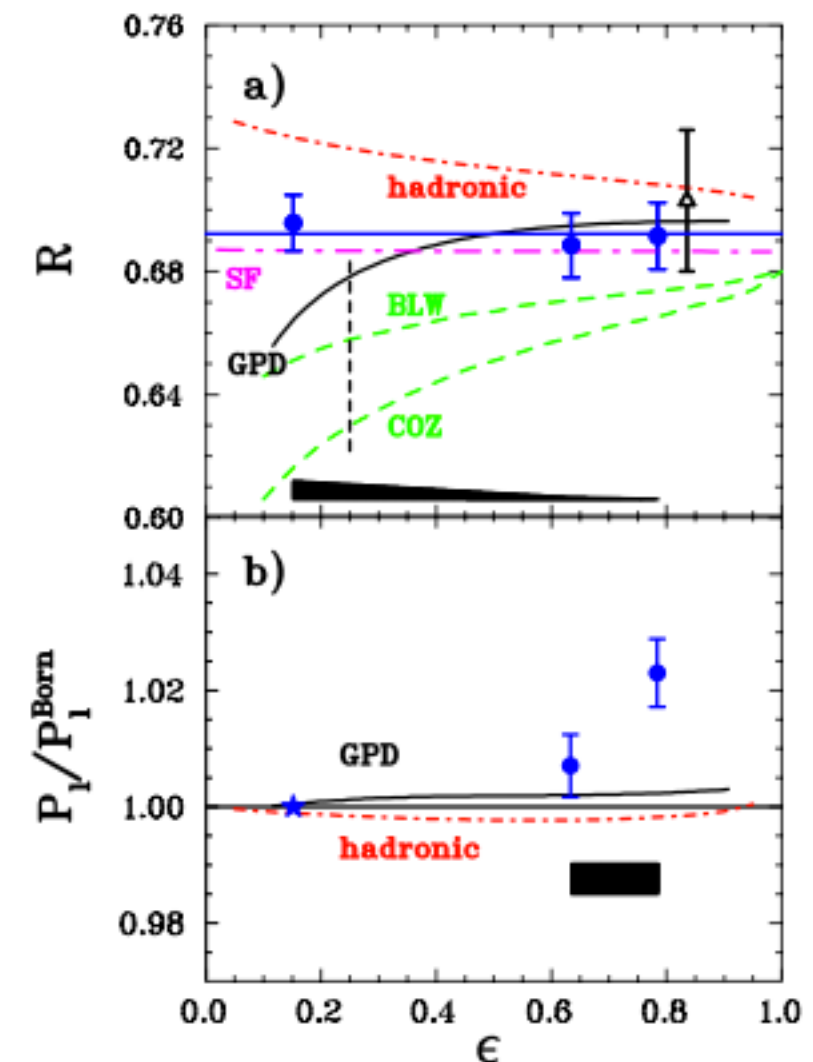
J. Arrington et al., Phys. Rev. C76 (2007) 035205

Comments on TPE

- Two-photon exchange (TPE) with and w/o excited intermediate states: Exchange of two hard photons

Still not reliable and highly debated

Figure shows a recent experimental result from JLab.

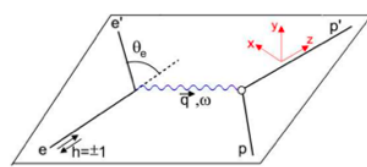


Meziane, M. et al.: *Search for effects beyond the Born approximation in polarization transfer observables in $\vec{e}p$ elastic scattering*, PRL 106, 132501 (2011), arXiv:1012.0339

Rosenbluth vs. Polarization Transfer

Polarization transfer reaction:

$$\vec{e} + p \rightarrow e + \vec{p}$$



Longitudinal and transverse polarization:

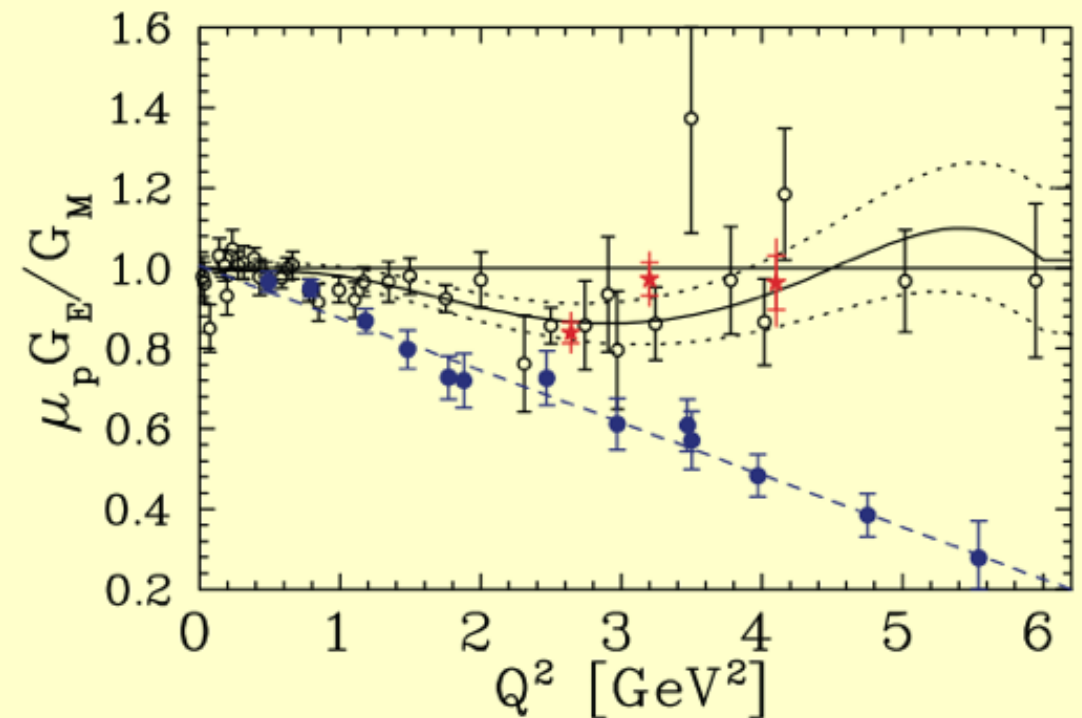
$$P_z = \frac{E + E'}{mI_0} \sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} G_M^2 \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$P_x = -\frac{2}{I_0} \sqrt{\tau(1+\tau)} G_E G_M \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$I_0 = G_E^2 + \tau \left[1 + 2(1+\tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] G_M^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{G_E}{G_M} = -\frac{P_x(E + E')}{P_z 2m} \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

- Signal proportional to $G_E(Q^2)$
- Systematic errors cancel out
- Requires measurement of recoil polarization

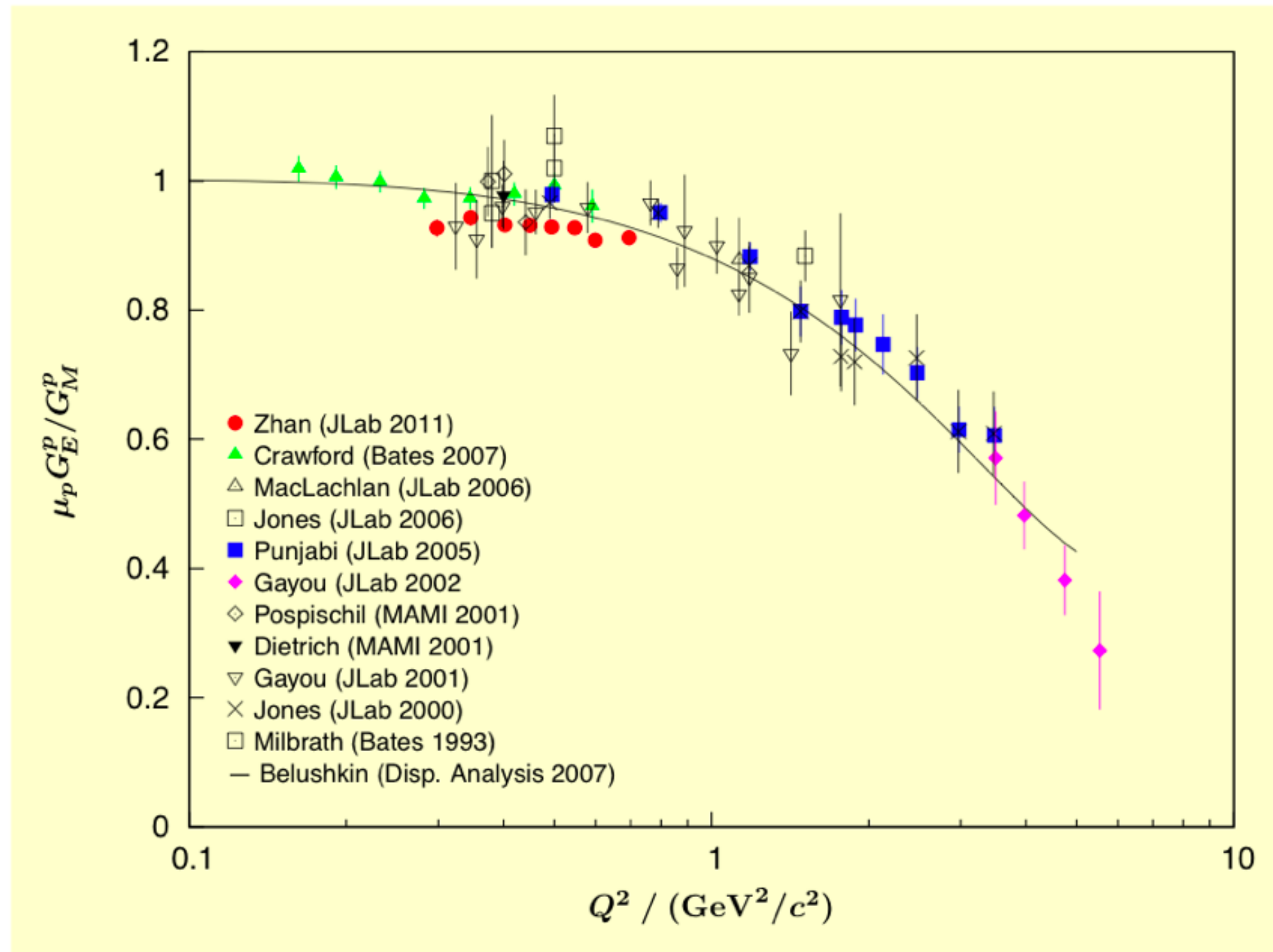


● Different results from different experimental techniques

⇒ 2-Photon Exchange

- M. K. Jones *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **84**, 1398 (2000), , O. Gayou *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **88**, 092301 (2002)
- ★ I. A. Qattan *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 142301 (2005)

Recent data on polarization transfer



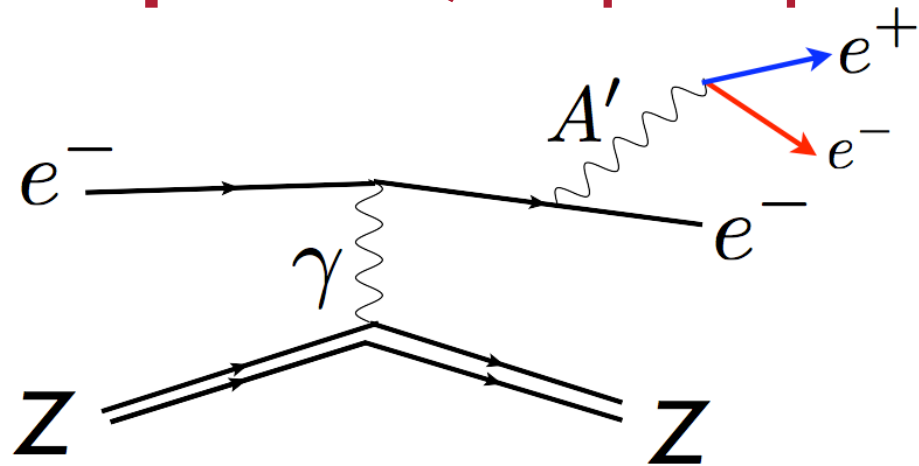
● Discrepancy at high Q^2 Rosenbluth $\nleftrightarrow$ Polarization transfer

● High quality data **not yet consistent** at low Q^2

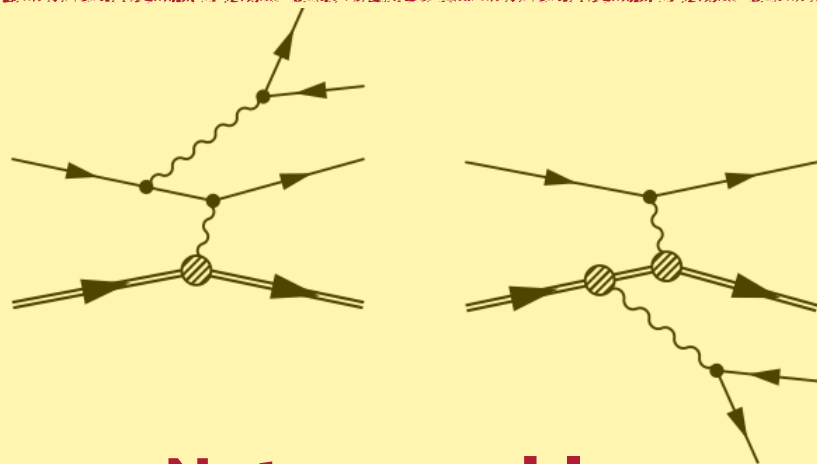
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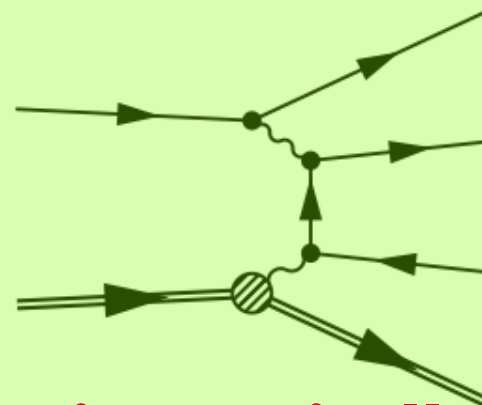
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→ Fight background



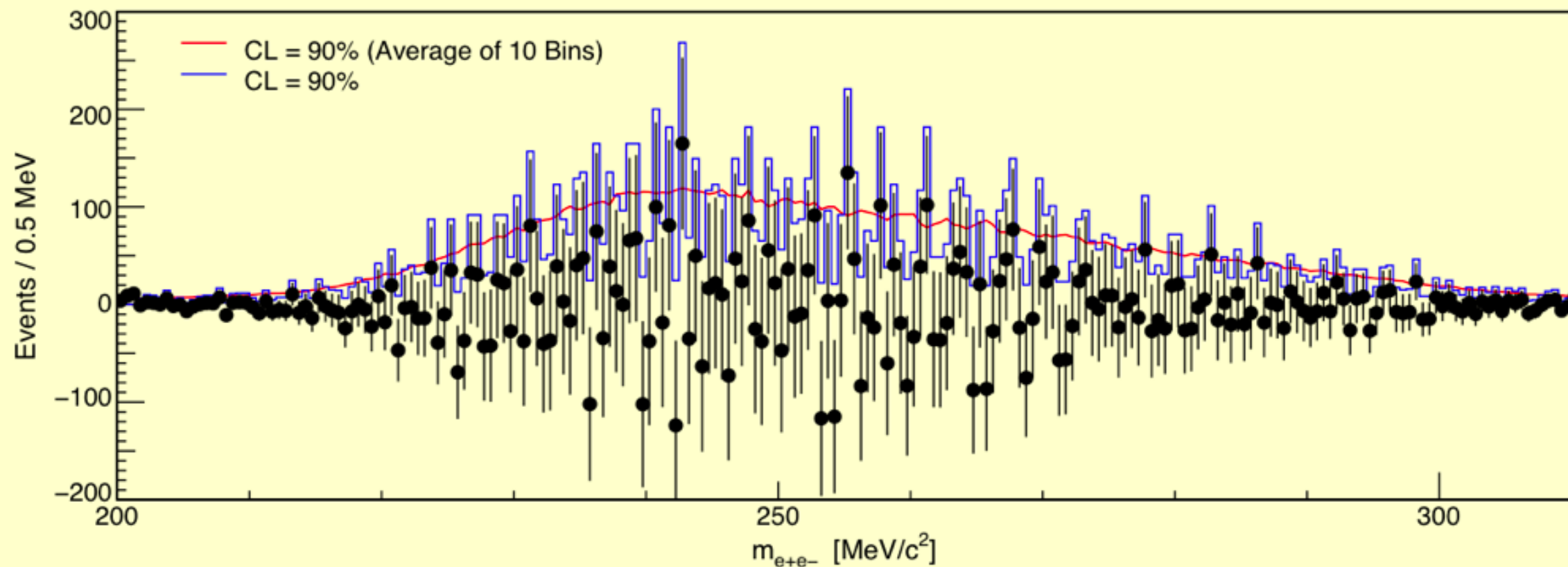
Not separable



Kinematically separable

Exclusion limits

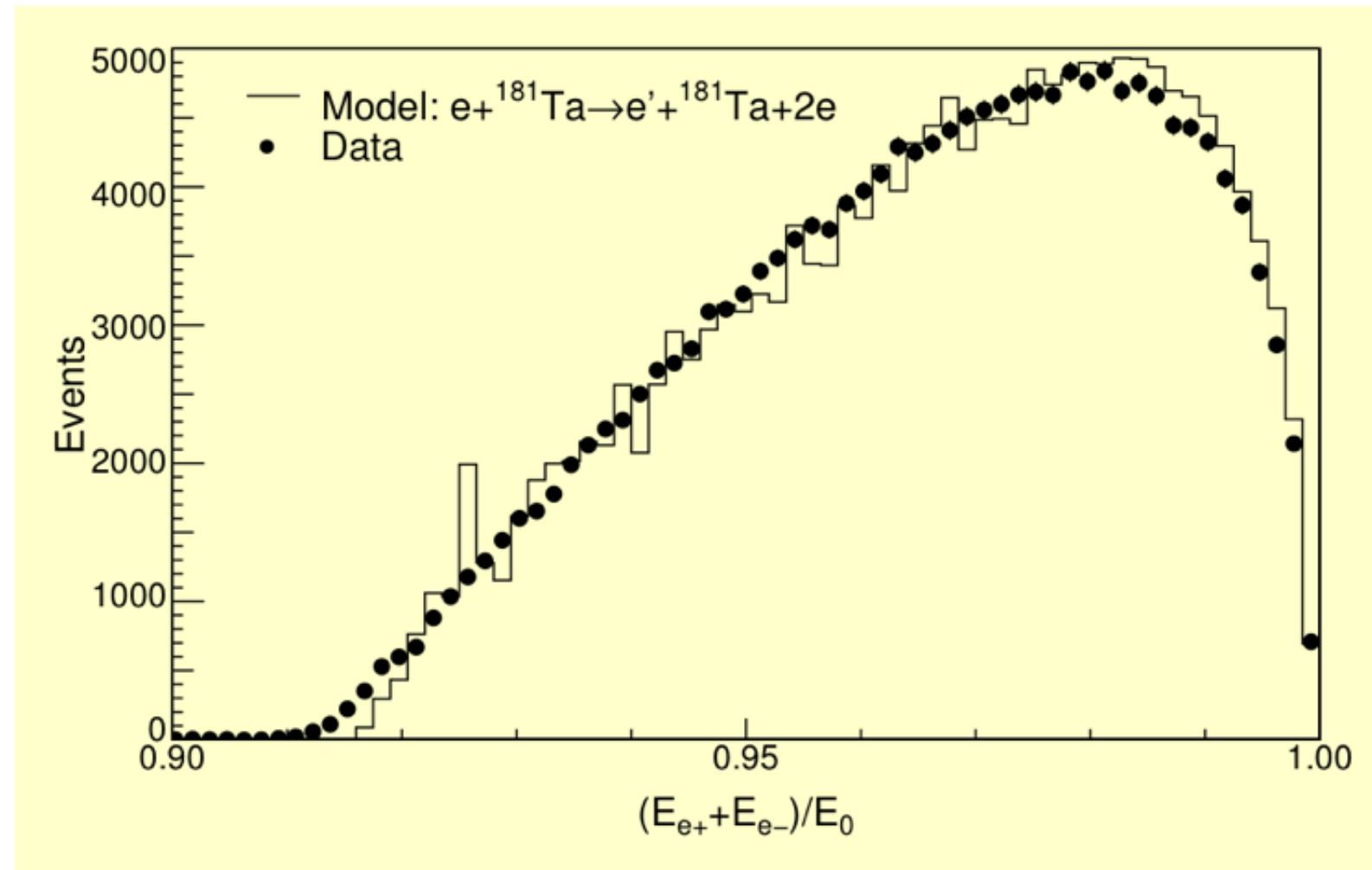
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- Confidence interval by Feldman-Cousins algorithm
- “Model” for Background-subtraction:
average of 3 Bins left and right of central bin
- Resolution $\delta m < 500 \text{ keV} = \text{bin width}$
- Averaging (mean of 10 bins) only for “subjective judgment”

Improved model

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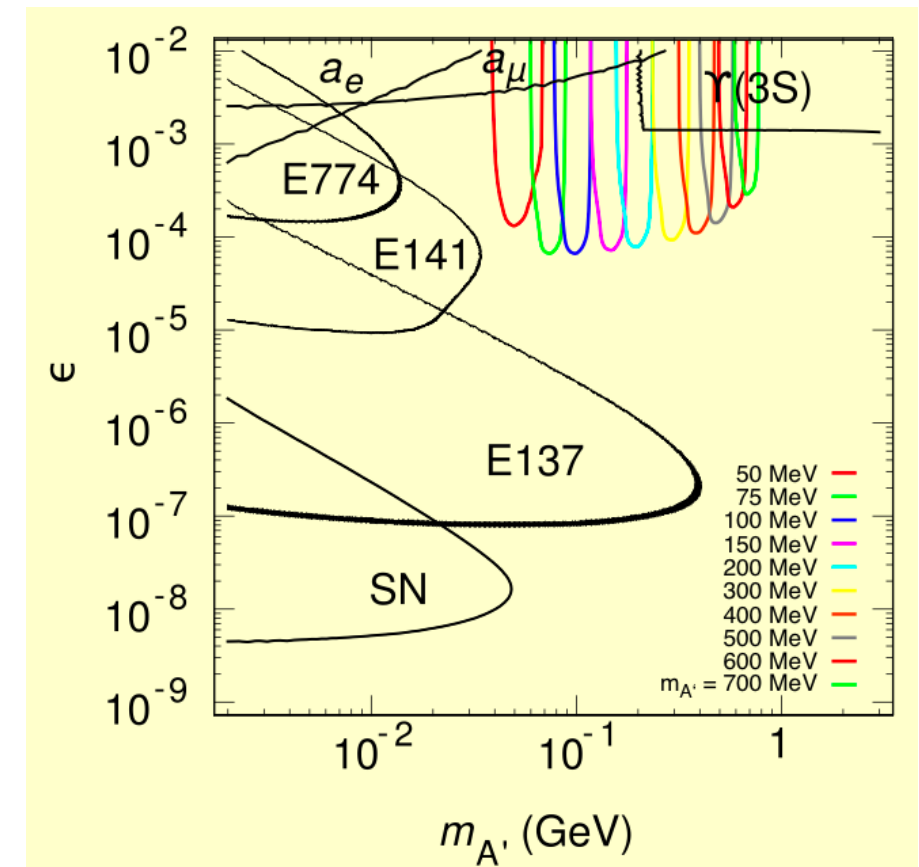
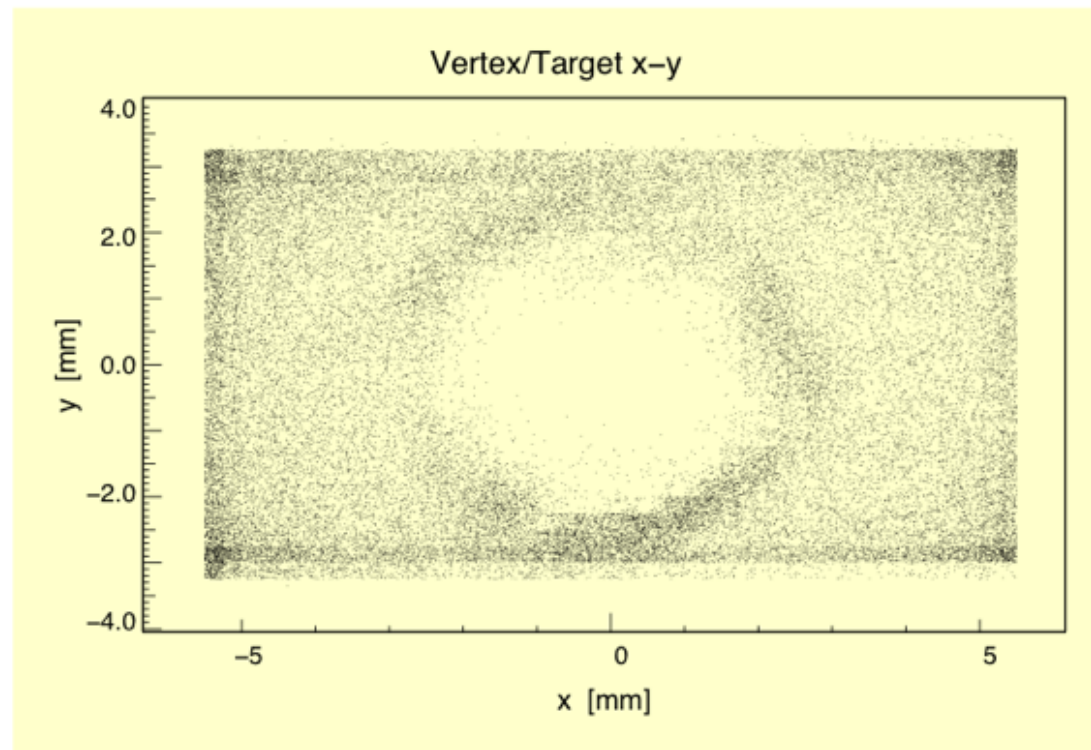


- Full Simulation
- Model: Coherent electroproduction production off heavy nucleus
- Q.E.D., nuclear form factor, coherent sum of all contributions, radiation corrections, ...

⇒ Describes data within a few percent

Limitation of the experiment

100 μ A beam current for 20 min on 0.05 mm ^{181}Ta target (melting point: 3017 $^{\circ}\text{C}$):



● Air activation

● Optimization of kinematics

● Target cooling

● Shielding

} $\Rightarrow$ 1 order of magnitude higher count rates possible

Hunting program

① Pair production on heavy target

$$\varepsilon > 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

② Low energy – high current

$$m_{\gamma'} < 50 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

③ Finite production vertex

$$10^{-6} < \varepsilon < 10^{-4}$$

Sensitivity to shorter decay length

👉 Beam stabilization, shielding, target cooling

The Intensity Frontier ...

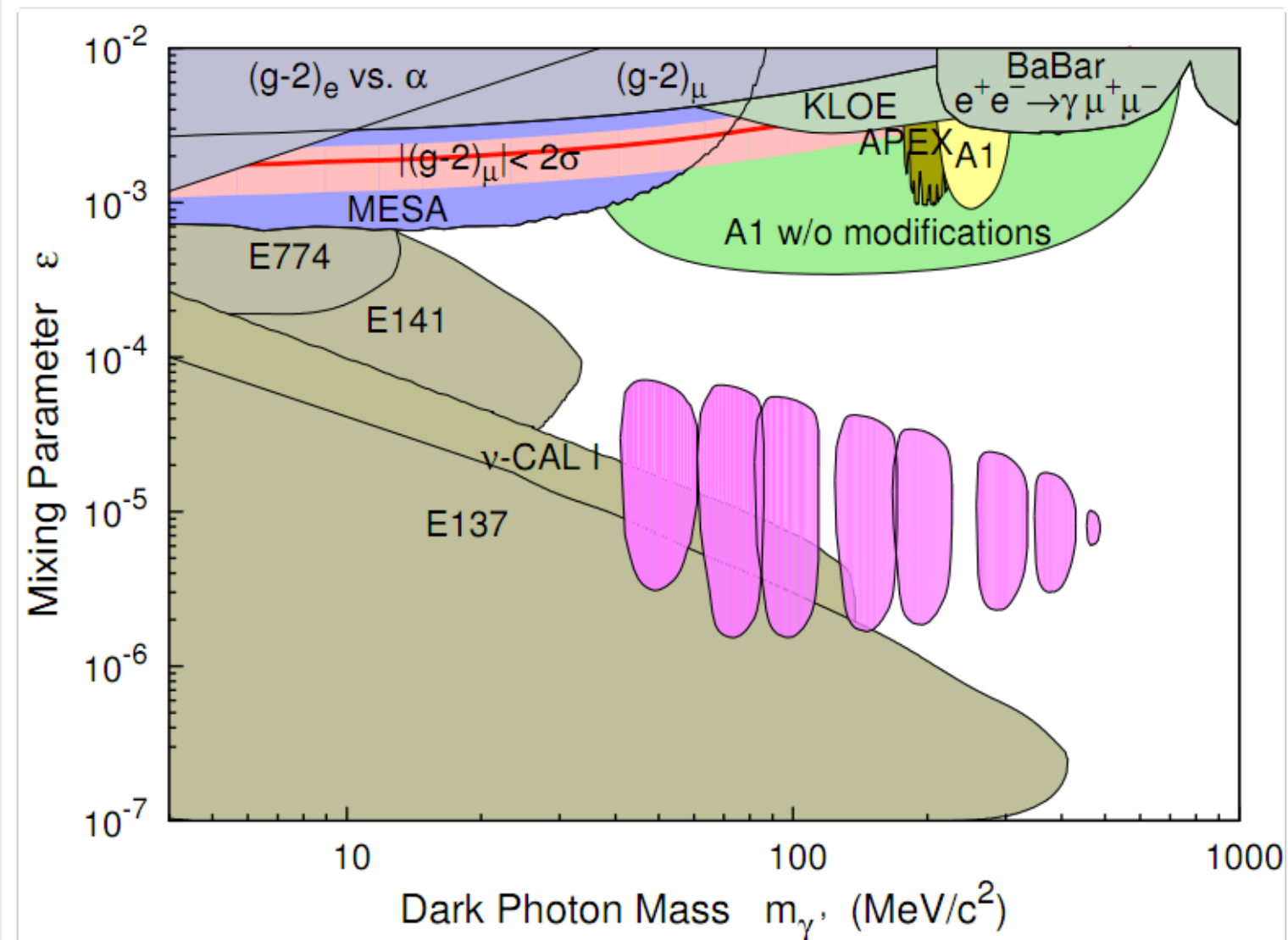
Access to small mass region:

Low energy – high current accelerator

Minimize multiple scattering by **gas target**

4π detector @ 200 MHz with high resolution

DarkLight (JLab FEL), MESA at Mainz



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