

# NUCLEAR PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS AT MESA

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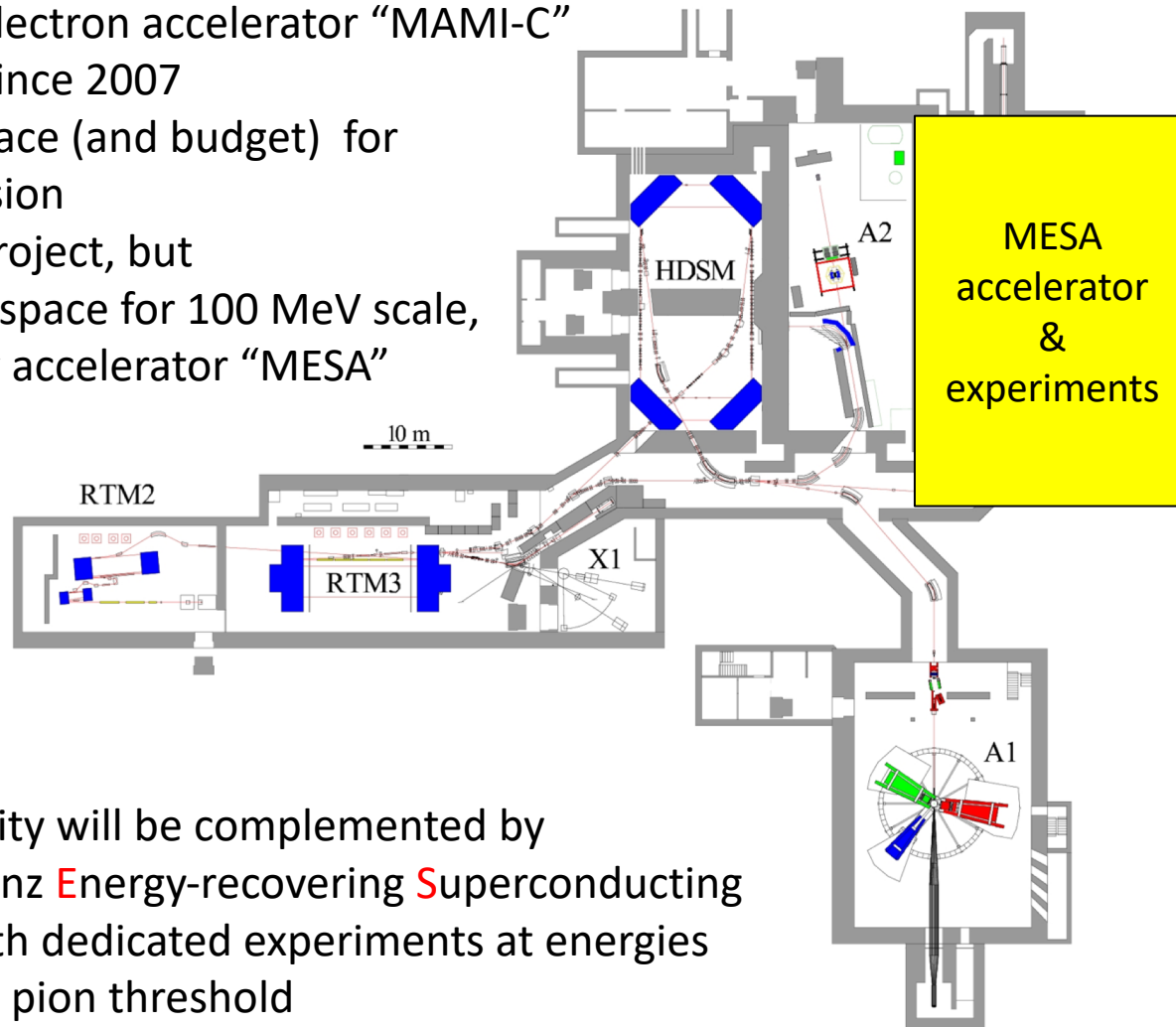


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- MESA Concept & facility layout
- Exp-1: „P2“
  - a conventional polarized beam experiment pushed to the limit
- Exp-2: „MAGIX“
  - opportunities of a new experimental regime at low energies

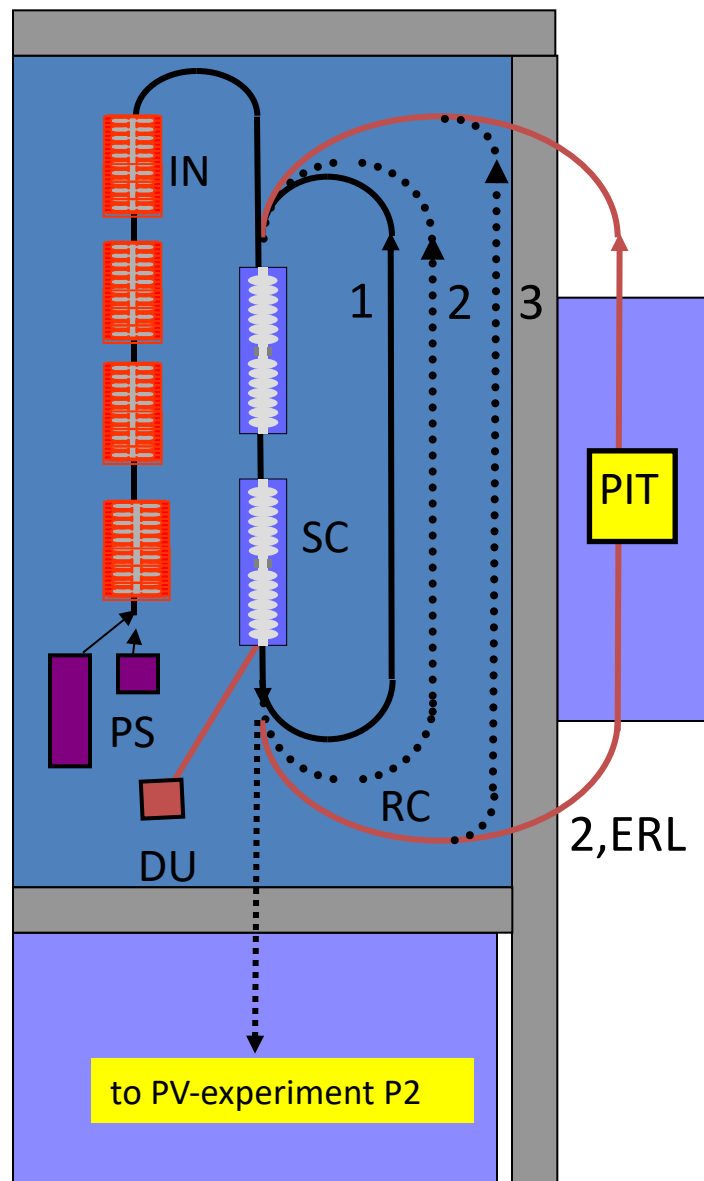
# The MESA concept

- 1.6 GeV c.w. electron accelerator “MAMI-C” in operation since 2007
- Insufficient space (and budget) for further extension
- no MAMI D project, but use available space for 100 MeV scale, high intensity accelerator “MESA”



The MAMI facility will be complemented by **MESA**, the **M**ainz **E**nergy-recovering **S**uperconducting **A**ccelerator, with dedicated experiments at energies below or at the pion threshold

# MESA concept as proposed in 2009



## MESA main objectives

1. Precision measurement of the weak mixing angle (P2-experiment)
2. Accelerator physics: Multi-turn, superconducting ERL
3. New experimental technique for nuclear and particle physics: The PIT - high luminosity/low background at low energies

## MESA BEAM PARAMETERS (as of today):

### CW beam

**EB-mode:** 150  $\mu\text{A}$ , ~~200~~ 155 MeV spin polarized beam  
(liquid Hydrogen target  $L \sim 10^{39}$ )

**ER-mode:** 1 mA (10 mA), 105 MeV unpolarized beam  
(Pseudo-Internal Hydrogen Gas target, PIT  $L \sim 10^{35}$ )



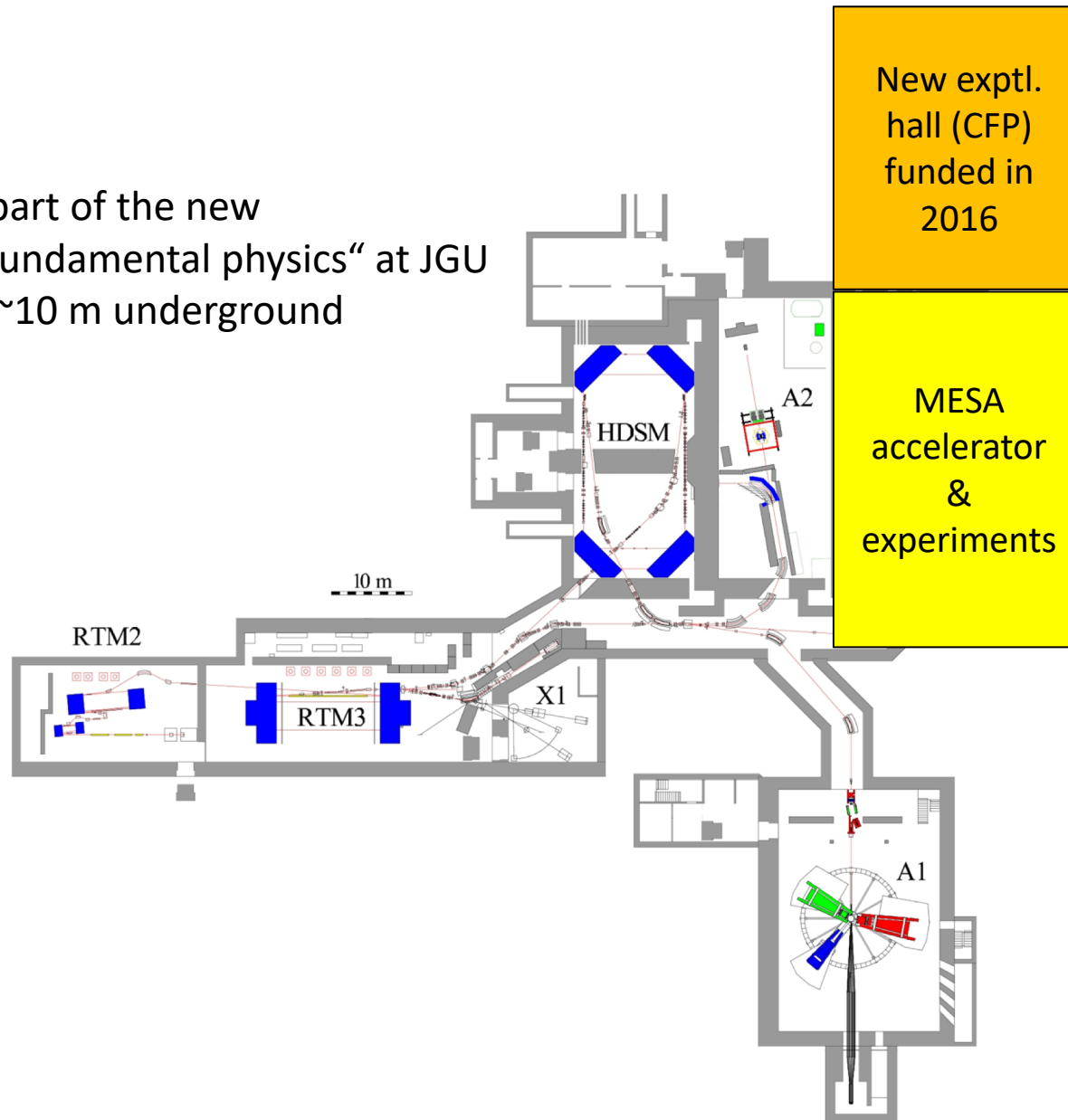
# MESA ORGANISATION/ FUNDING

- In 2012 application for excellence cluster „PRISMA“ successful
- MESA is the largest of the „structural initiatives“ within PRISMA
- ~ 15 Scientists, Post docs and PhD students presently work to realize the accelerator, many more for experiments
- In 2015 a „Forschungsbau“ application by PRISMA for a building extension for MESA was successful
- → increased experimental capabilities as an answer to increased demand!
- Downside: MESA commissioning only possible after civil construction work!
- MESA „facility“ is supposed to start operation in 2020

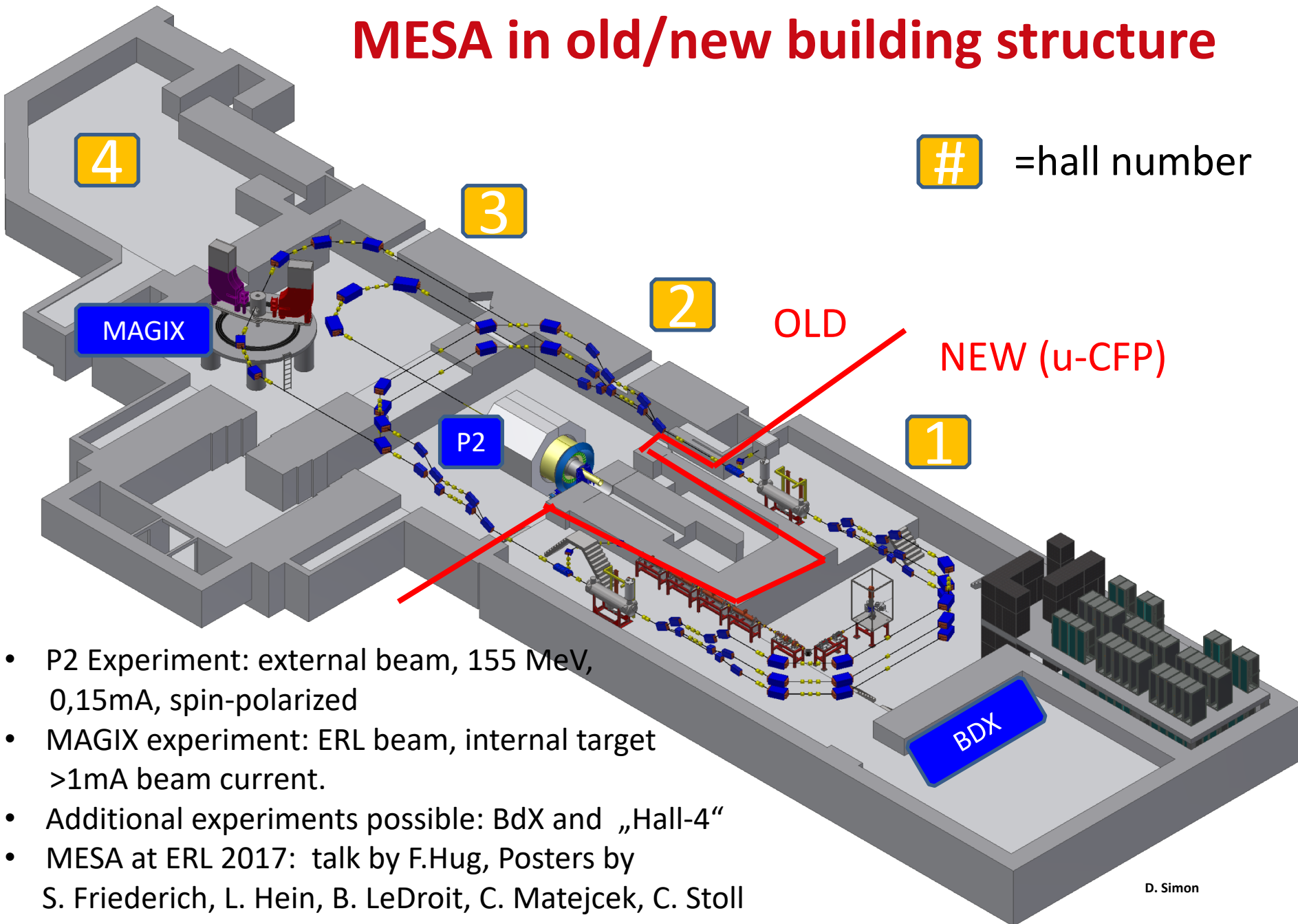
# MESA Layout-accelerator and experiments

# MESA EXTENSION BUILDING

- Building is part of the new „Center of fundamental physics“ at JGU
- floor level ~10 m underground

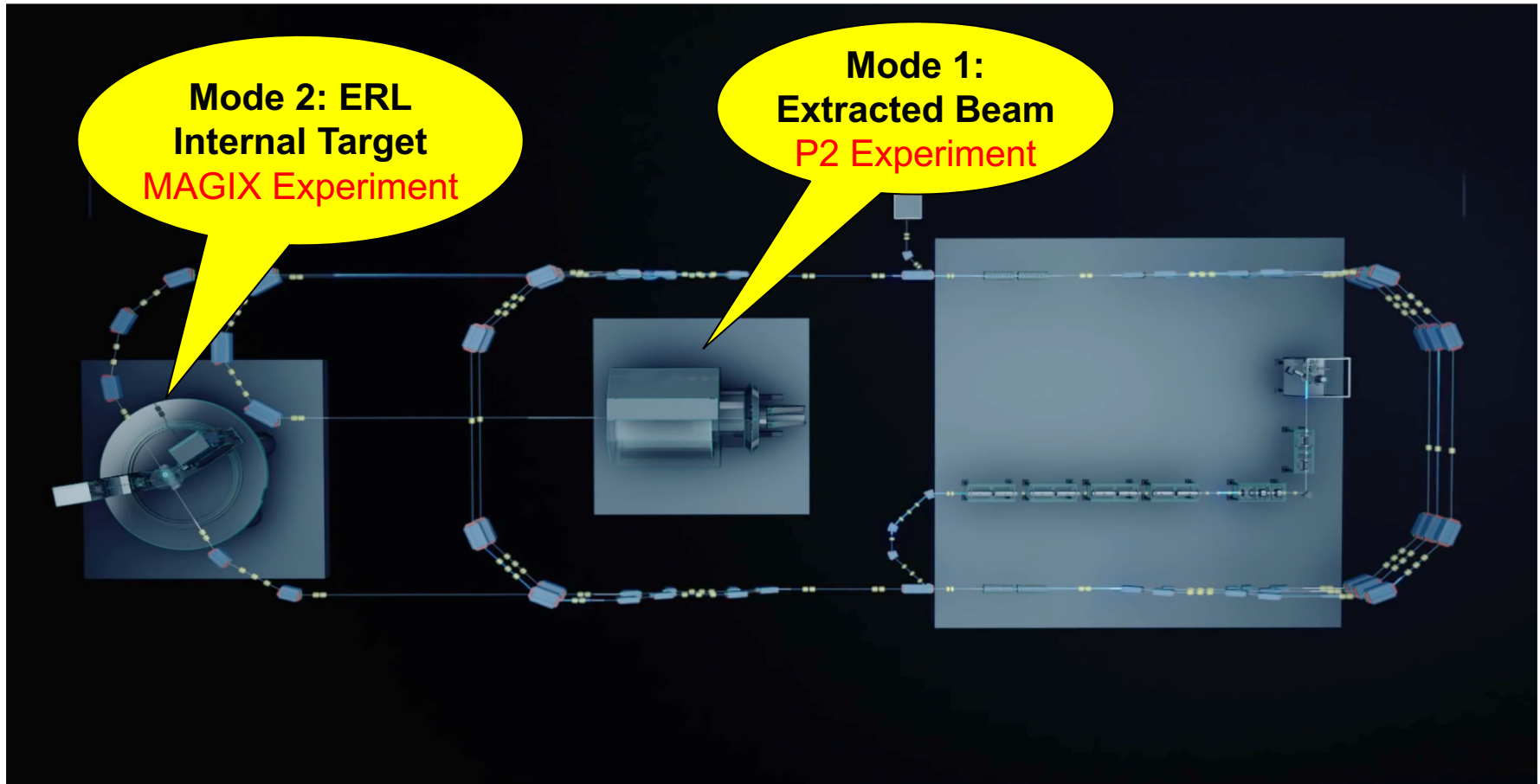


# MESA in old/new building structure



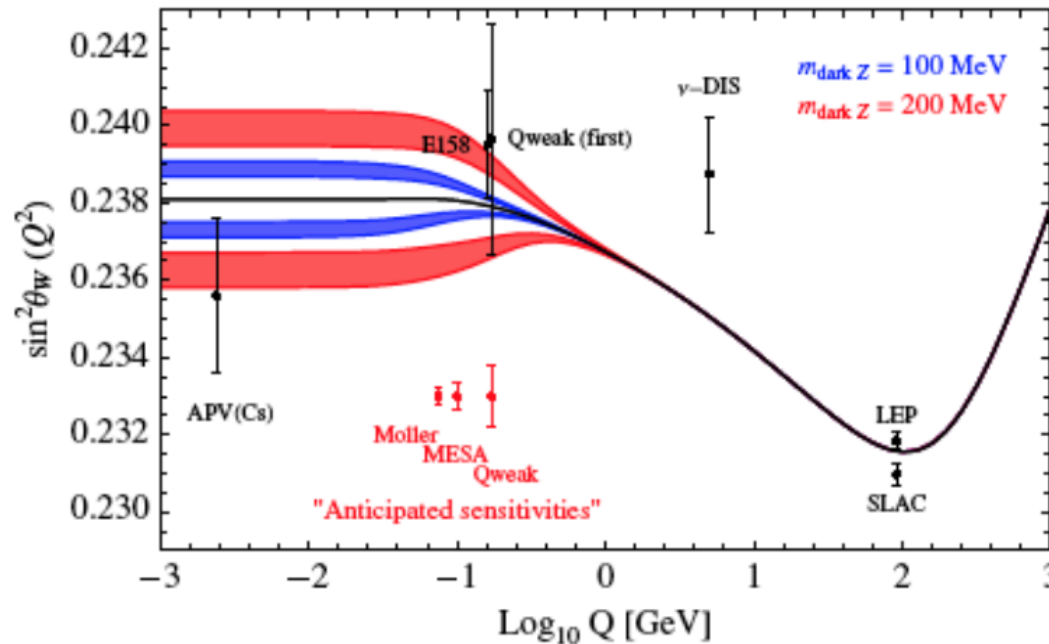
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# Experiments at MESA



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# The P2 experiment at MESA



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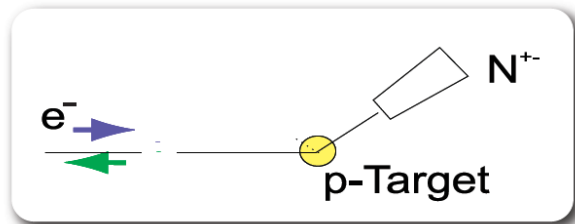
Influence of „dark Z boson“ which also contributes to muon anomalous magnetic moment..

„Elastic electron scattering on proton measures  $1-4\sin^2\Theta_W \rightarrow$  small asymmetry , high sensitivity

- Suppressing hadronic contributions favours low momentum transfer **and** low beam energy

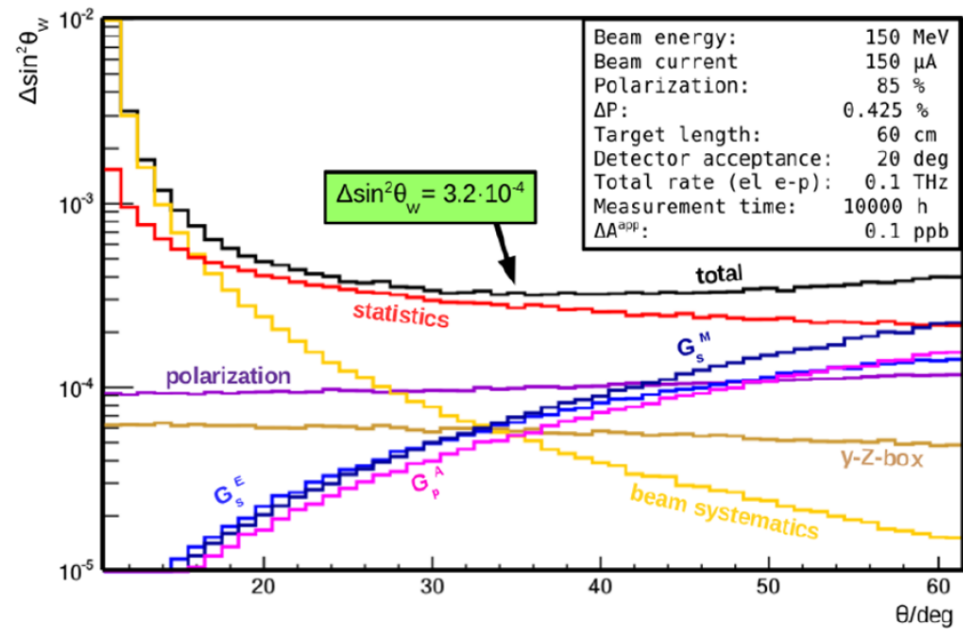
# The P2 Experiment at MESA

## -basic demands



$$A_{\text{exp}} = PA_{\text{Phys}} = \frac{N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}}{N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow}}$$

$$A_{\text{Phys}} \propto \frac{Q^2}{M_Z^2} (1 - 4 \sin^2(\Theta_W))$$



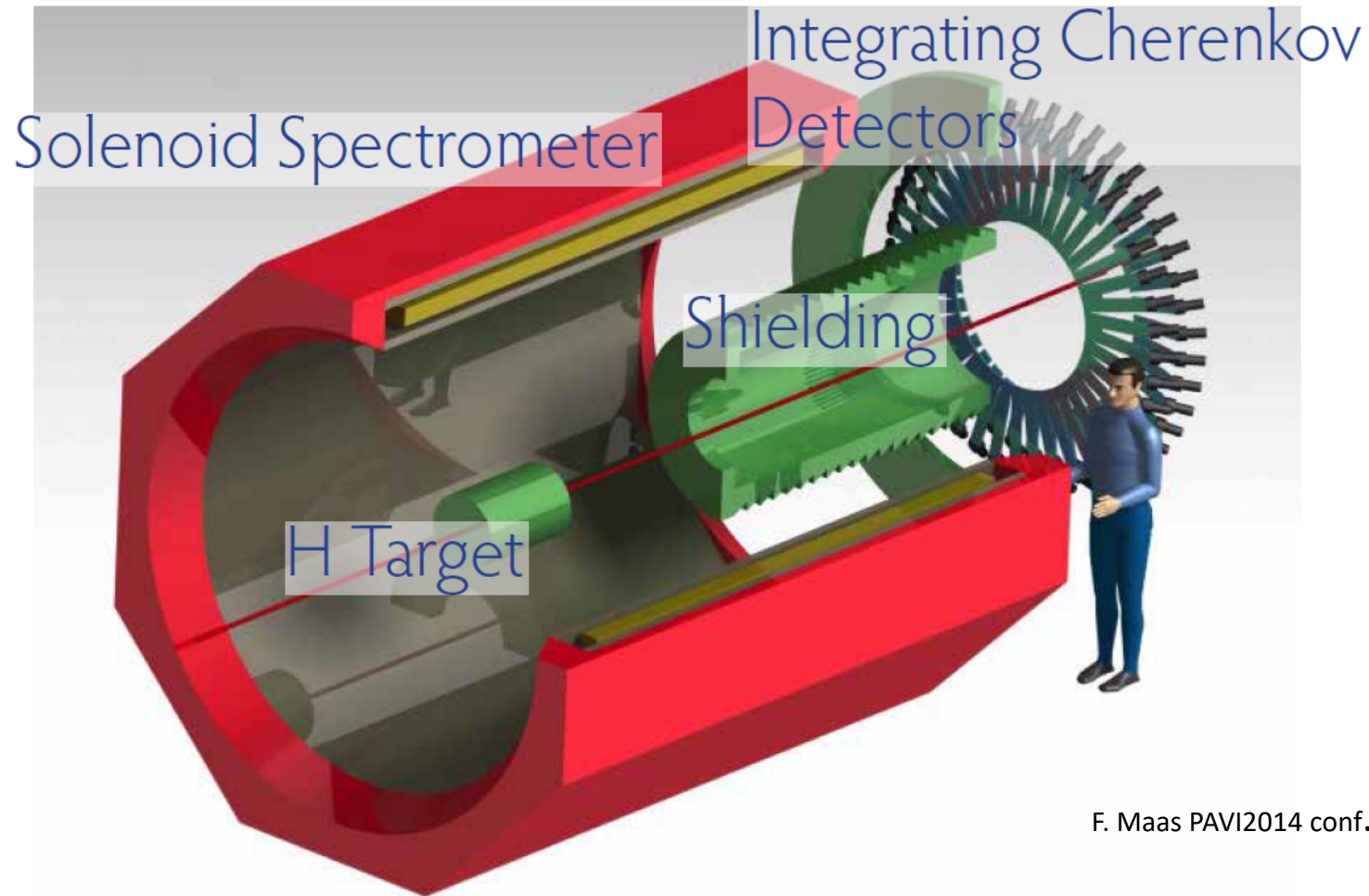
→ small asymmetry =  $P \cdot 35 \text{ ppb}$ , to be measured with 500ppt accuracy,

→ but high sensitivity towards  $\sin^2 \theta_w$

- 150  $\mu\text{A}$  Beamcurrent, 60cm lq. H<sub>2</sub>, Beampol: 85%, 10000 h Data-taking
- High accuracy polarization measurement ( $\Delta P/P = 0.5\%$  !!)
- Extremely high demands on control of HC-fluctuations!
- Count rate several hundred Gigahertz → Integrating detector + spectrometer

# The P2 Experiment at MESA

- detector

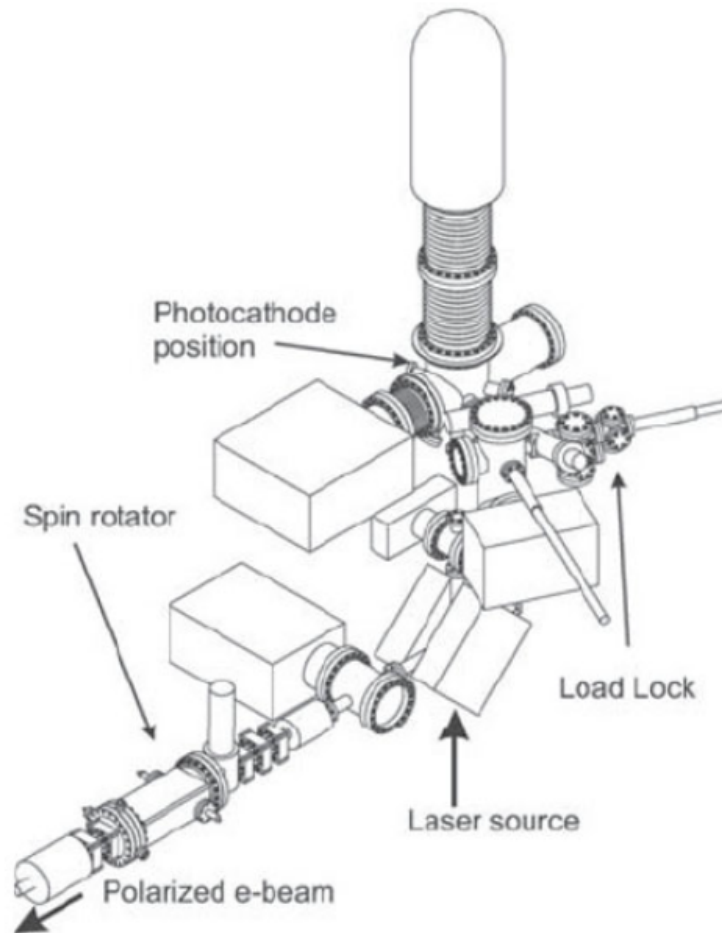


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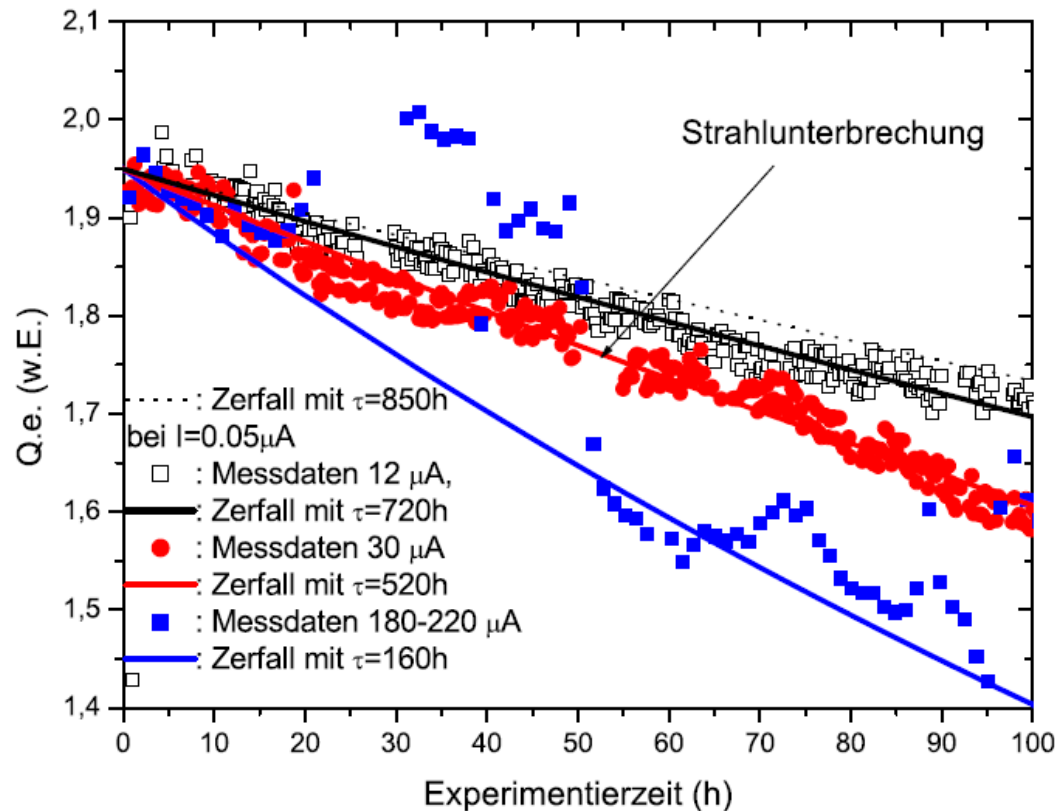


# High current polarised beam for MESA : From EB to ERL mode

Some old (2005) results from **MAMI Operational Polarized Source (MOPS)**



# Polarisation: From EB to ERL mode



Plot shows results from

- GaAs based superlattices ( $I \leq 30 \mu\text{A}$ )
- bulk GaAs ( $I = 200 \mu\text{A}$  result)
- operated at 800nm.
- Spot size on cathode  $\sigma \sim 0.1\text{mm}$

Analysis of results shows:

- Operation with HV on, zero current (i.e. 50nA)  $\tau = 850$  hours
- Current dependent lifetime term: „Charge lifetime“ is 200 Coulomb .

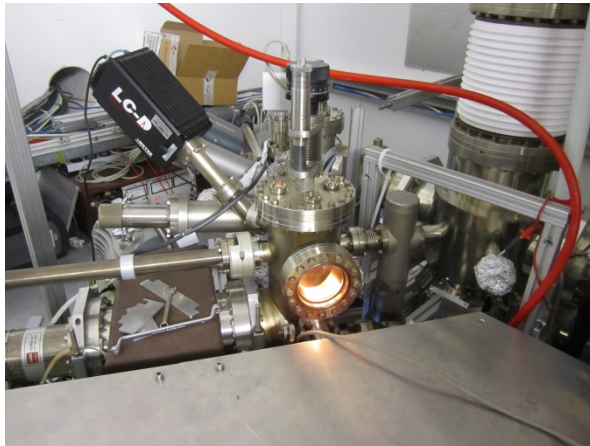
Note: P2 experiment operates at  $150 \mu\text{A}$  (Cathode heating problem must be solved!)

→ P2 needs 13C/day

→ ~Two weeks continuous operation possible, fits well to planned operation mode of MESA

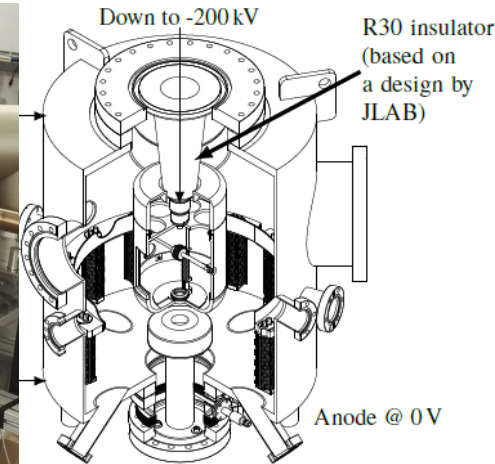
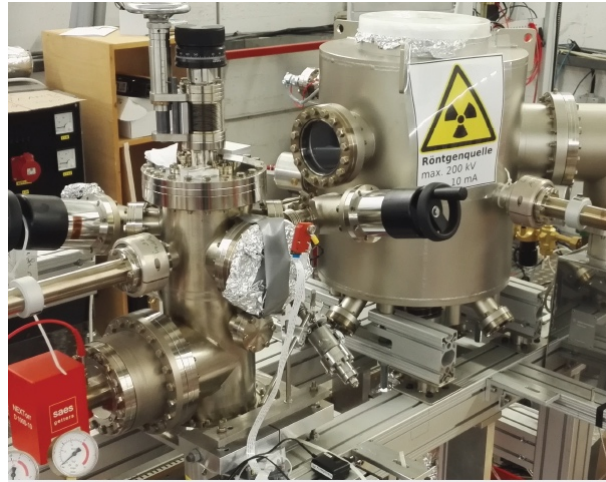
→ Cathode exchange <3hours → possible to operate at 1mA polarised average current, but lifetime improvement desirable!

# Polarisation: From EB to ERL mode



## MESA Polarized Source (MAPS)

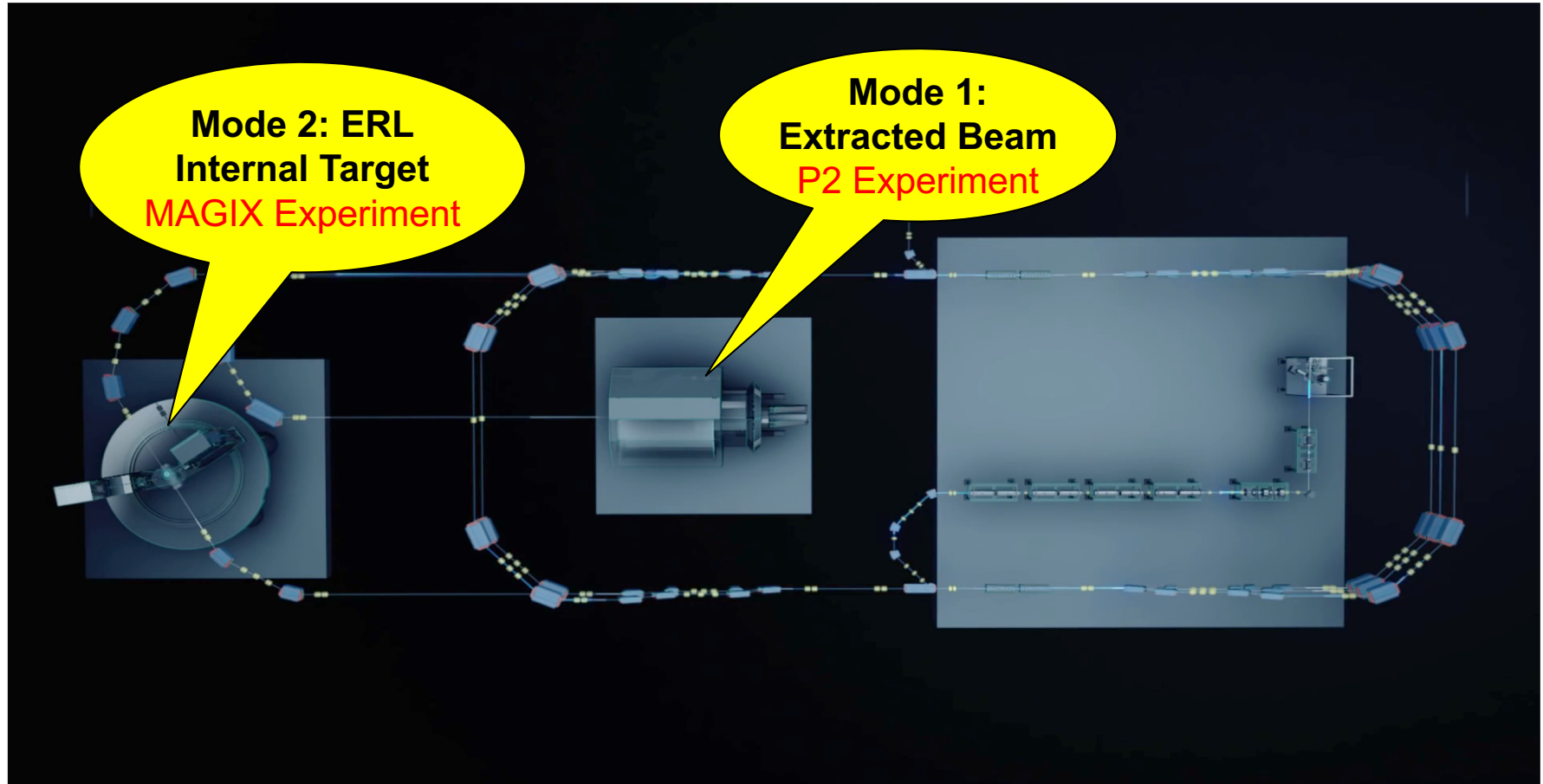
- ❖ Essentially a copy of MOPS
- ❖ But: higher pumping speed
- ❖ Many small details...
  - better vacuum lifetime ( $> \times 2$ )
  - Charge lifetime 700C@2mA (but at 400nm!)
  - Components for **MEsa Low-energy Beam Apparatus (MELBA)** tested: Beam diagnostics, Wien filter, Polarimeter, deflector cavity



## Small Thermalized Electron-source At Mainz (STEAM)

- ❖ New approach: inverted source (JLAB)
- ❖ Higher cathode extraction field at 100kV
- ❖ Potential for 200kV operation
- ❖ Main research objective: demonstrate low temperature near bandgap emission at bunch charge  $> 1\text{pC}$ .
- ❖ Poster by Simon Friederich, this conf.
- ❖ First beam expected this summer
- ❖ Will replace MAPS, if succesful (STEAM  $\rightarrow$  MIST)

# The MAInz Gas Internal EXperiment (MAGIX) at MESA

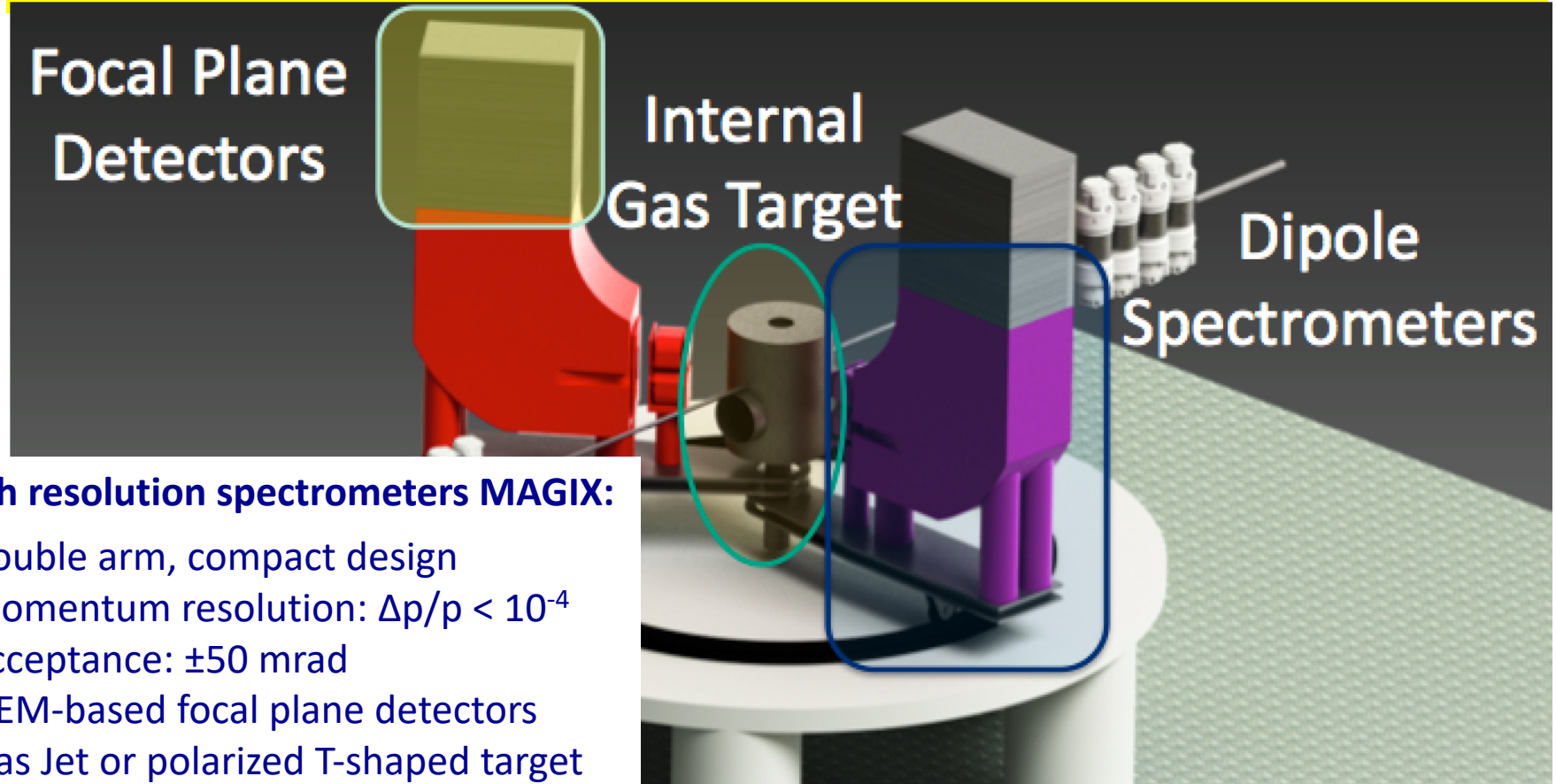


- 1mA polarized Beam current in ERL mode
- → high luminosity in spite of thin (in particular polarized) target.

# MAGIX-basic features

Operation of a high-intensity (polarized) ERL beam  
in conjunction with light internal target

- a novel technique in nuclear and particle physics
- measurement of low momenta tracks with high accuracy
- competitive luminosities
- Small device if compared to GeV scale spectrometer set ups!



## High resolution spectrometers MAGIX:

- double arm, compact design
- momentum resolution:  $\Delta p/p < 10^{-4}$
- acceptance:  $\pm 50$  mrad
- GEM-based focal plane detectors
- Gas Jet or polarized T-shaped target

# MAGIX-impact on beam?

TA**Target** Induced haLo (TAIL)

Poster by B. Ledroit

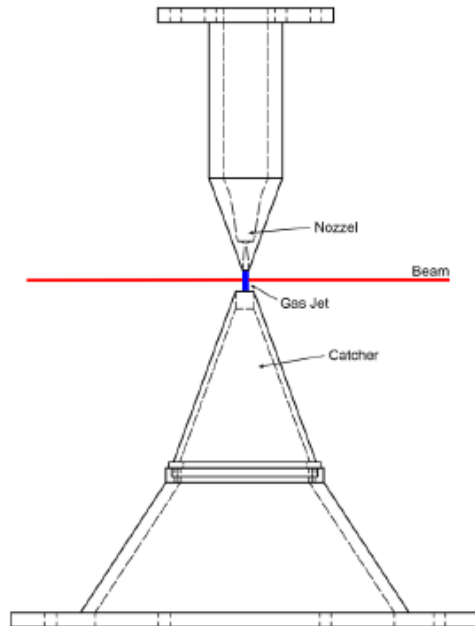
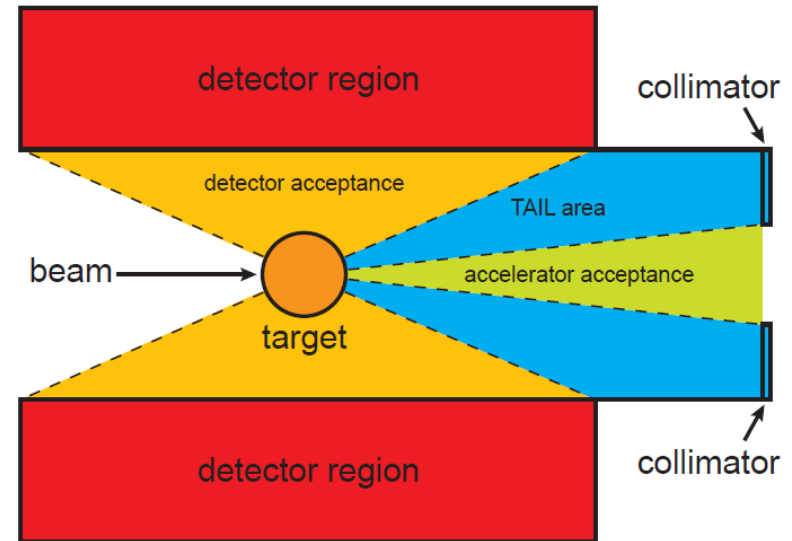


Figure 1: Schematic drawing of the MAGIX gas target.

Target areal density  $10^{19}$  nuclei  $\text{cm}^{-2}$   $\text{H}_2$   
 $\rightarrow 6 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  luminosity at 1mA

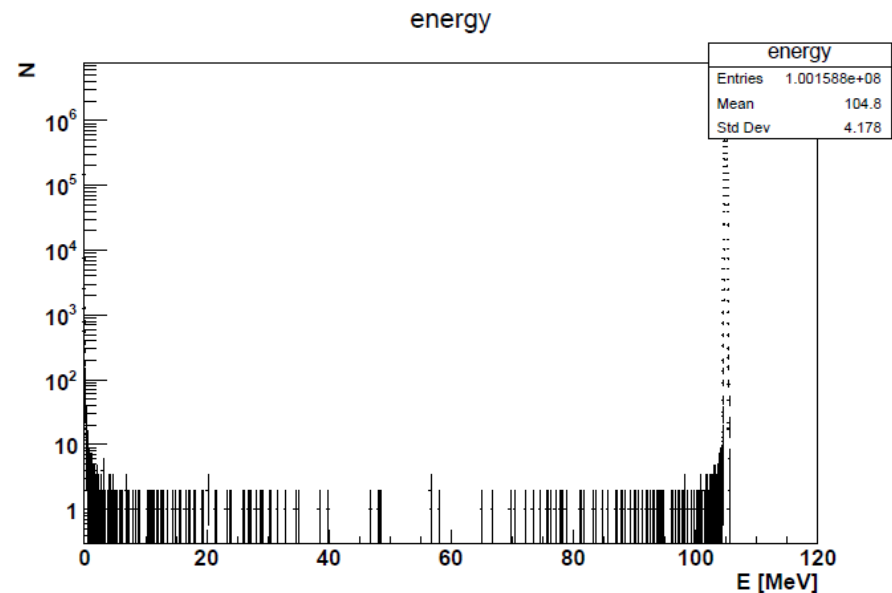
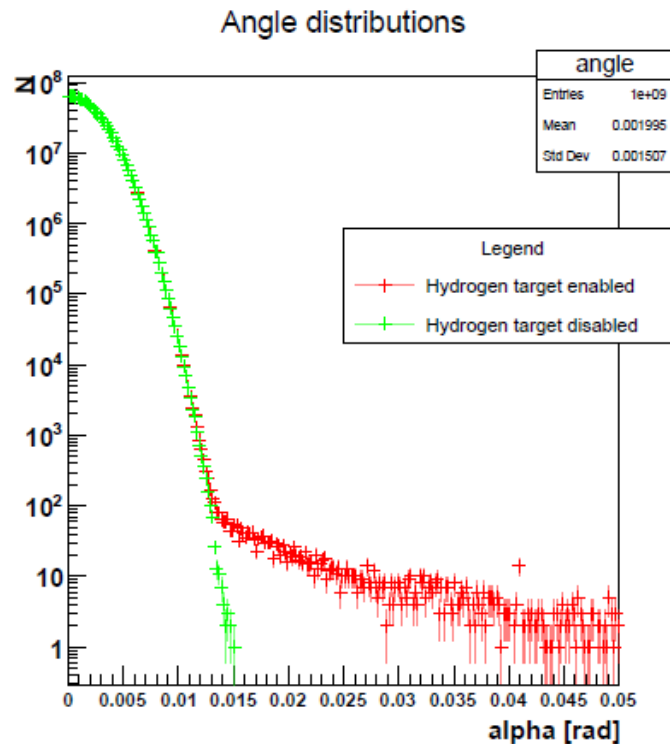


Schematic Illustration of the TAIL-problem

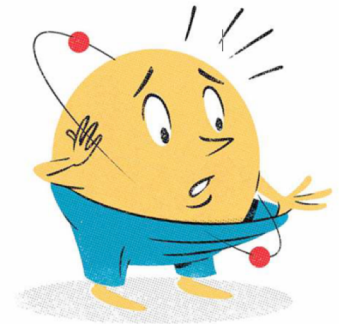


# MAGIX-impact on beam?

Geant-4 simulation reveal expected particle distributions



# MAGIX polarized portfolio-I / Form factors



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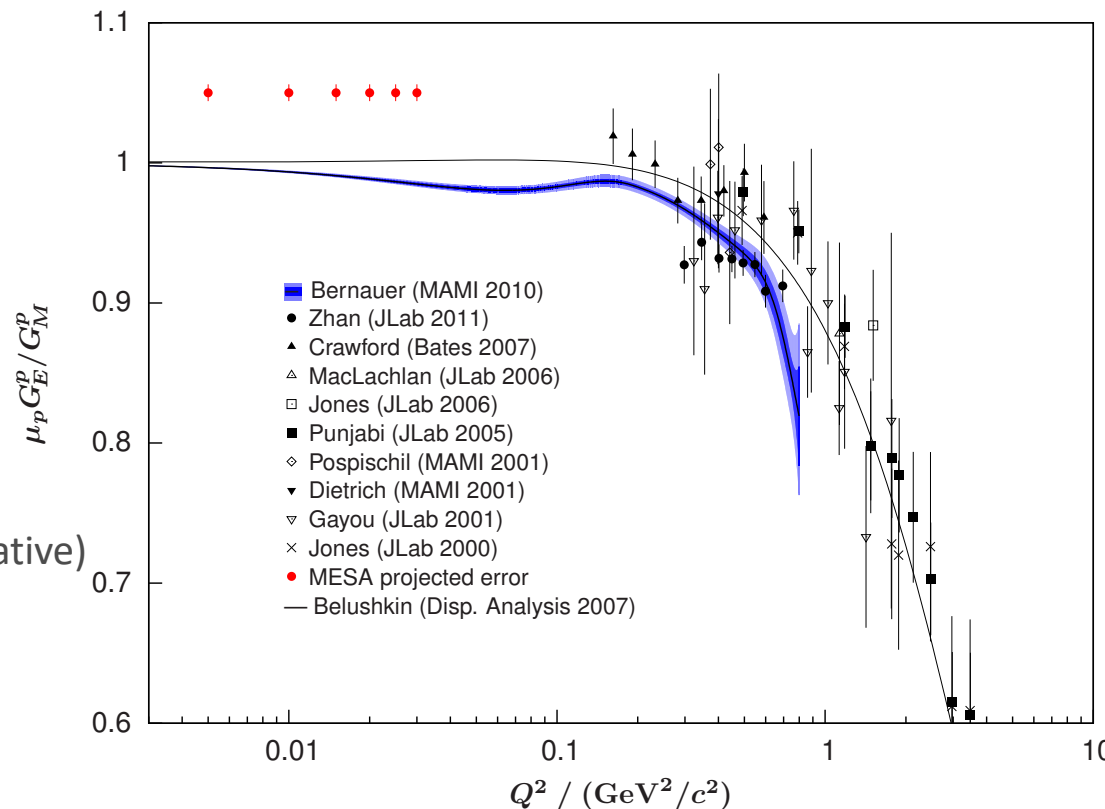
Revived interest in form factors due to „proton radius puzzle“

MAGIX allows to address much smaller momentum transfer due to very low energy, momentum transfer and minimized material budget...

**Example Electric/Magnetic Form Factor Ratio from double polarized Beam-Target asymmetry**

## Simulation:

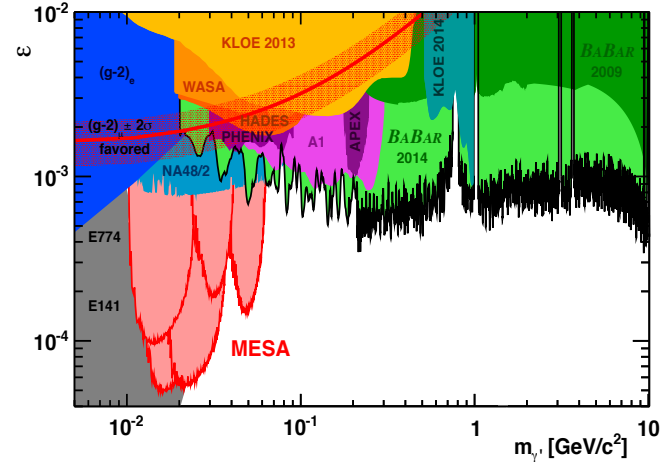
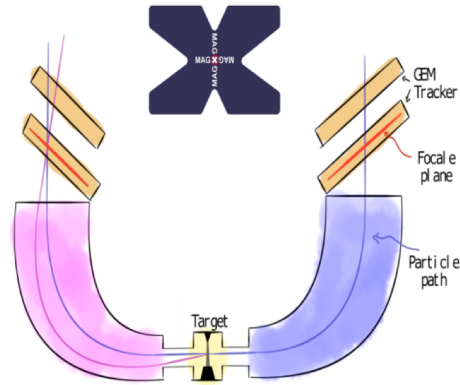
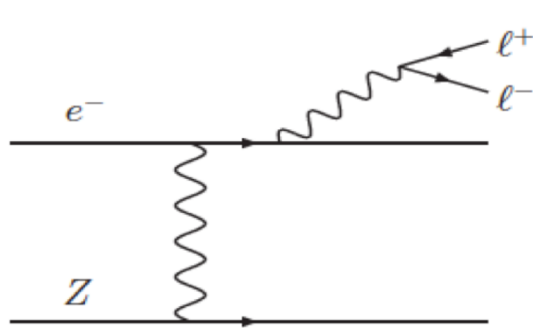
- Polarized target,  $3 \times 10^{15} / \text{cm}^2$  (very conservative)
- 80% polarisation
- 1mA beam current, 105 MeV





# MAGIX portfolio-II / dark photon searches

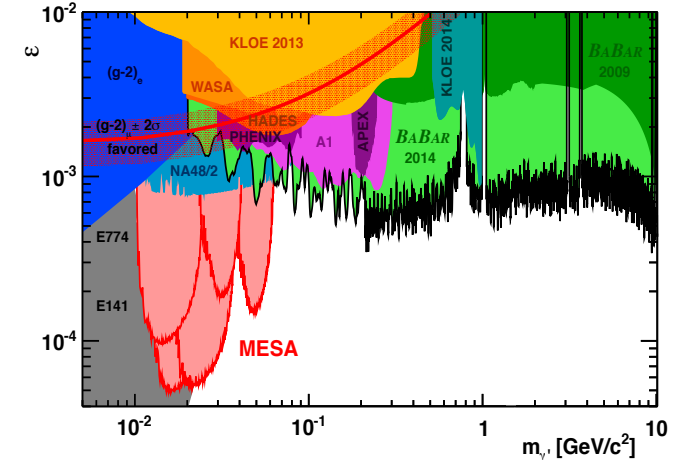
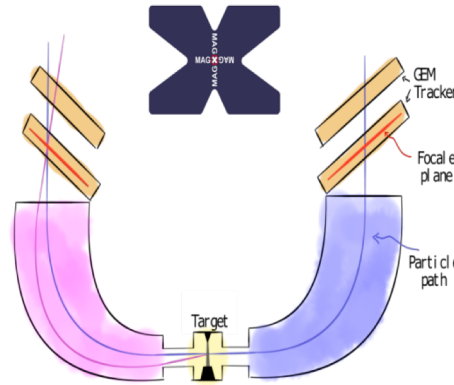
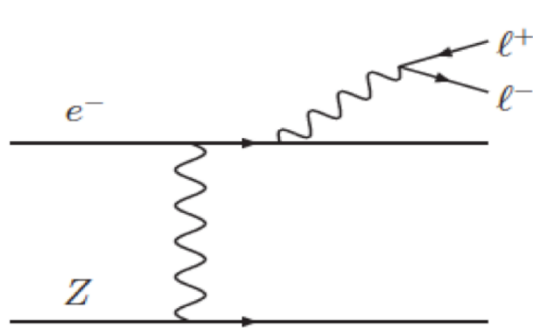
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Expected coverage...

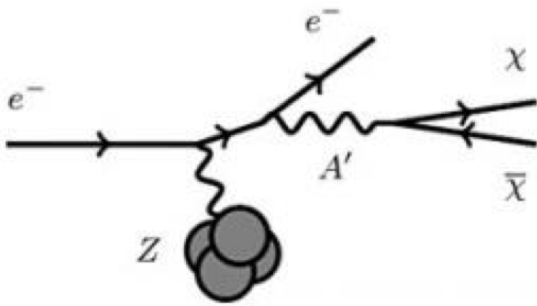
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Dark photon decays into light lepton pair..



Expected coverage...

- $g-2$  band could as well be motivated by „invisible“ decay into dark matter...



$$m_{\gamma'}^2 = (e + p - e' - p')^2$$

We currently investigate which coverage can be obtained by using very thin HV MAPS detector for proton recoil measurement...

# Options for MAGIX portfolio II-V ?

- .... Dark photon searches
- ....Nuclear astrophysics (S factors)
- .... Nuclear physics (three body forces)
- ..... Nucleon polarizabilities
- ....exploration of possibilities are ongoing!

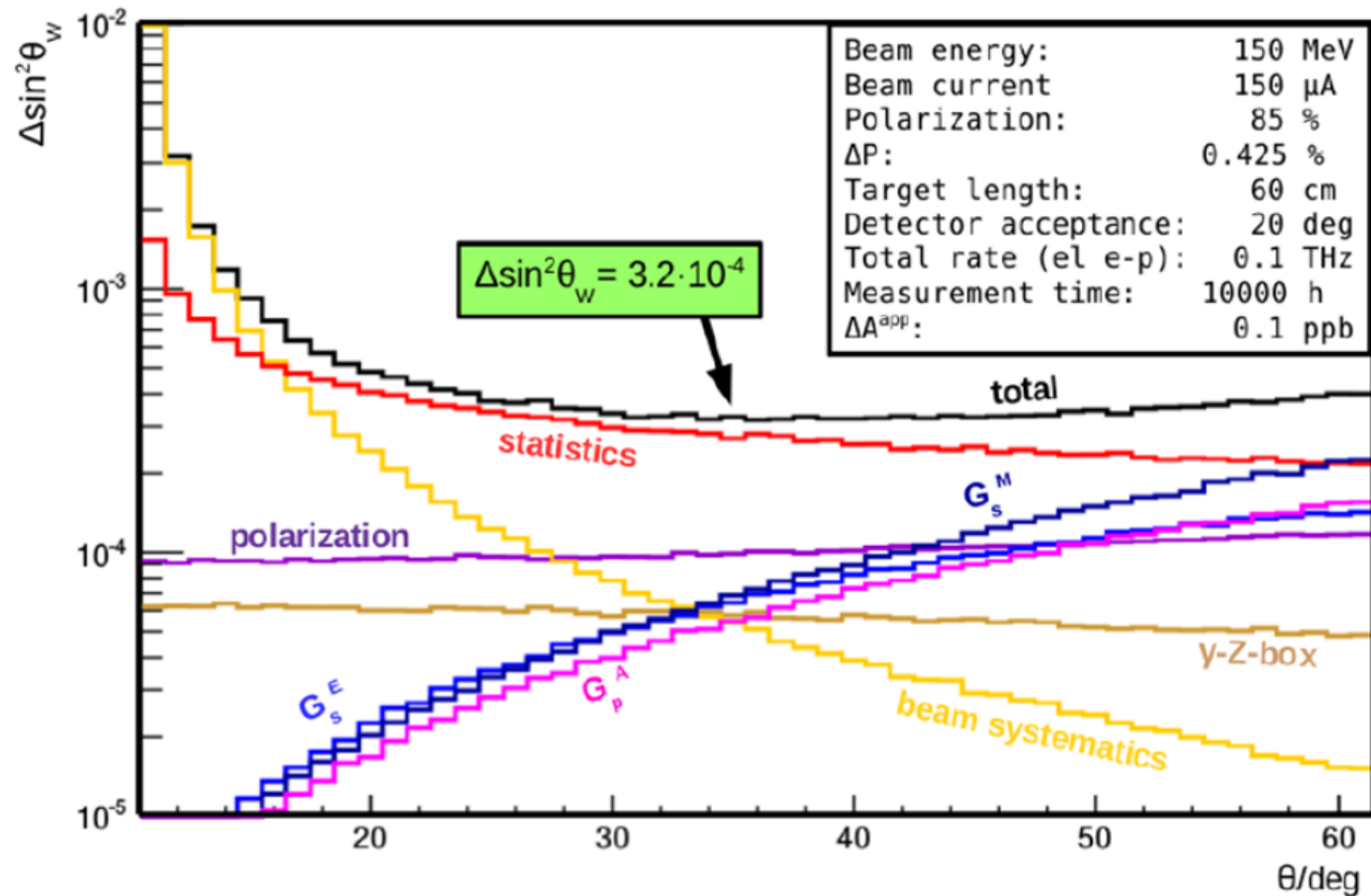
# Conclusion

- MESA is addressing fundamental physics questions by using modern accelerator physics techniques, in particular energy recovery
- Parity violating experiments with external polarized beams – P2 experiment for precision measurement of Electro-Weak mixing angle
- MAGIX experiment employing new ERL concept with very wide physics portfolio -dark matter searches, formfactors, nuclear astrophysics, and more...

**Thank you for your attention!**

# Supplementary transparencies

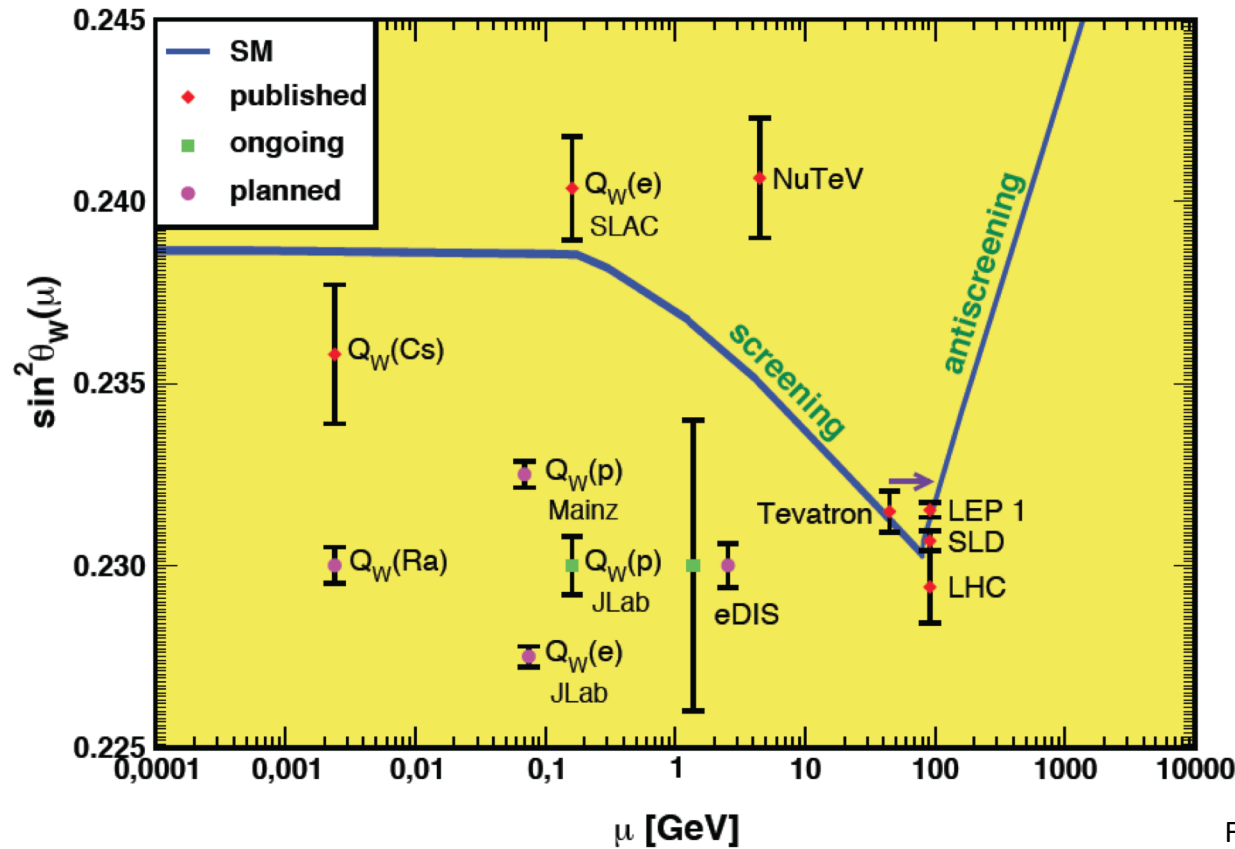
# The P2 experiment at MESA



The SM-model value for Asymmetry\*Beampol is 28 ppb  
to be measured with an accuracy of 0.44 ppb....

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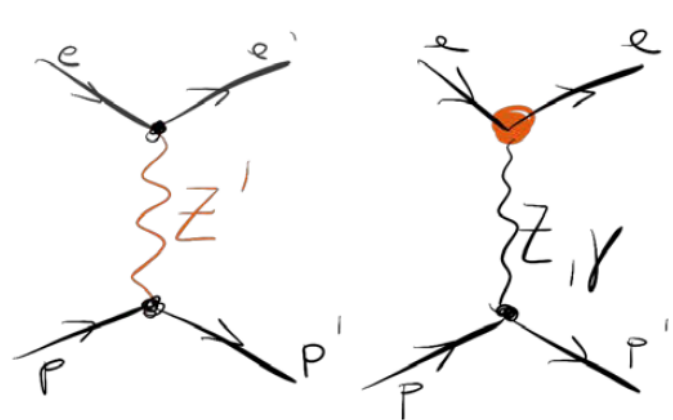
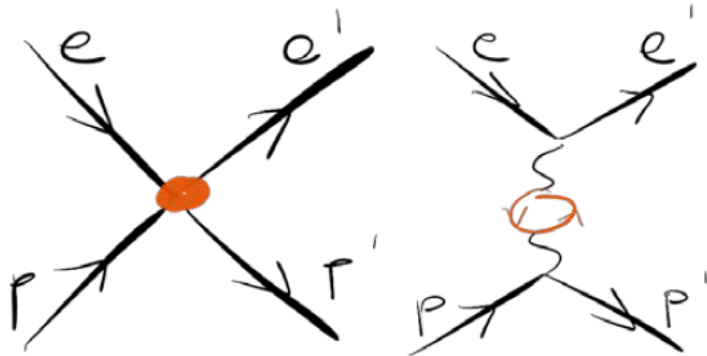
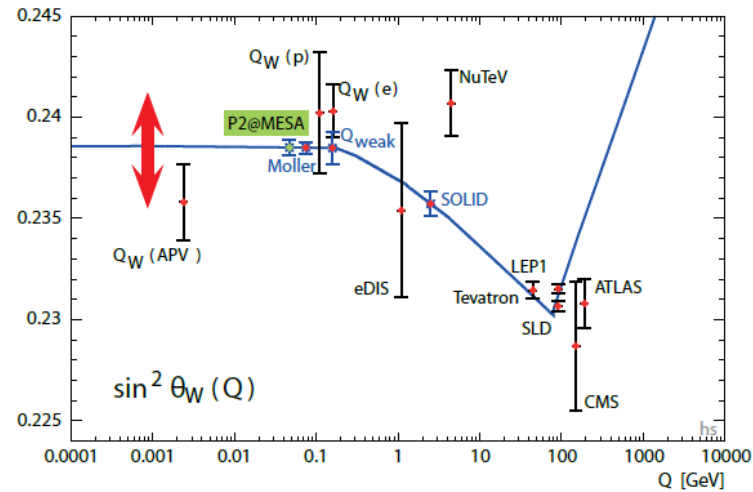
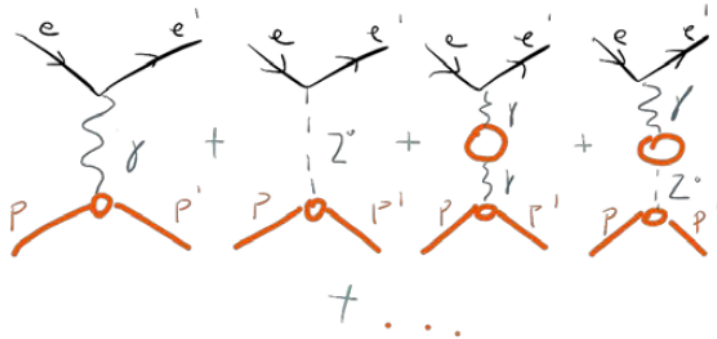
„Running“ of mixing angle: predicted by standard model, and confirmed by several Experiments.



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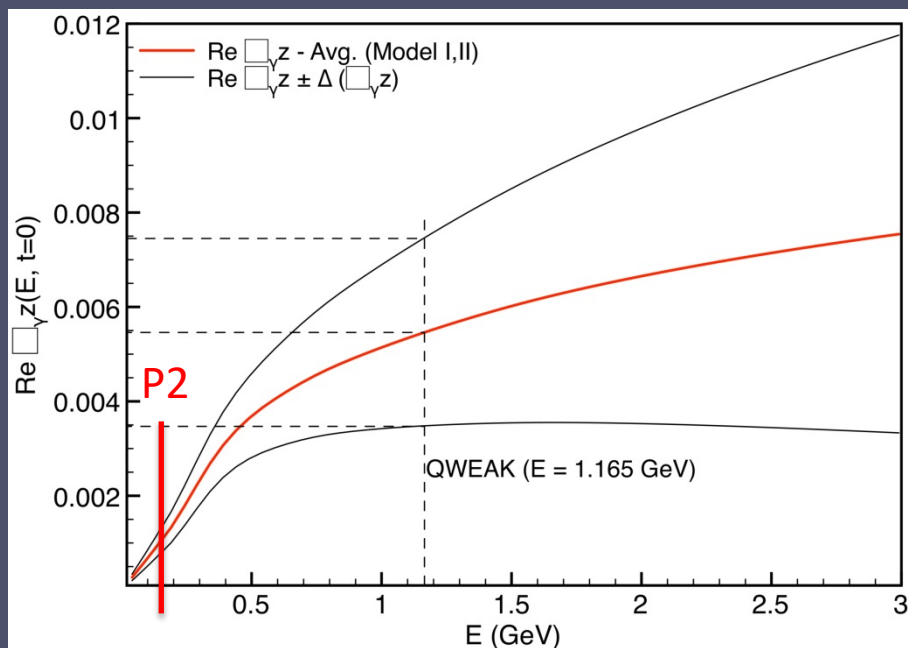
New Physics in the running



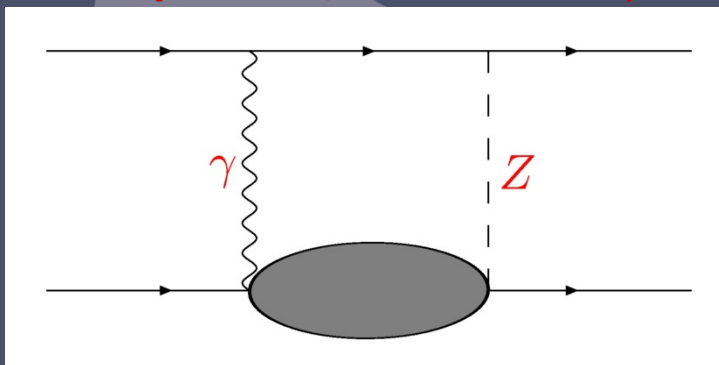
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- $\gamma Z$  box graph contributions obtained by modelling hadronic effects:



[Gorchstein, Horowitz & Ramsey-Musolf 2011]



- Hadronic uncertainties suppressed at lower energies
- Low beam energy experiment:  
**P2 @ MESA**

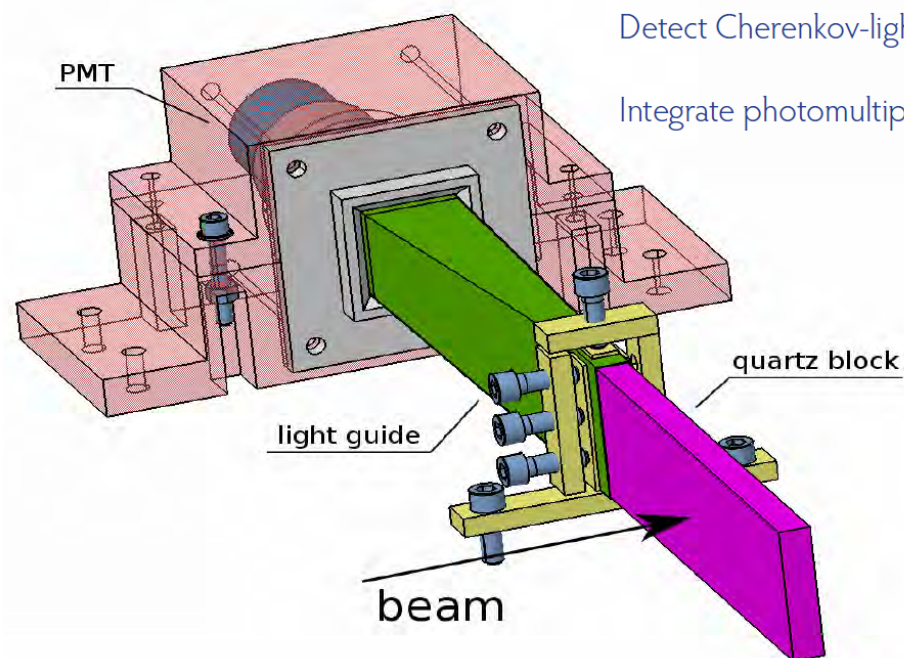
Dominant theoretical uncertainty:

$\gamma Z$  box graphs,  $\Pi_{\gamma Z}$

Sensitive to hadronic effects

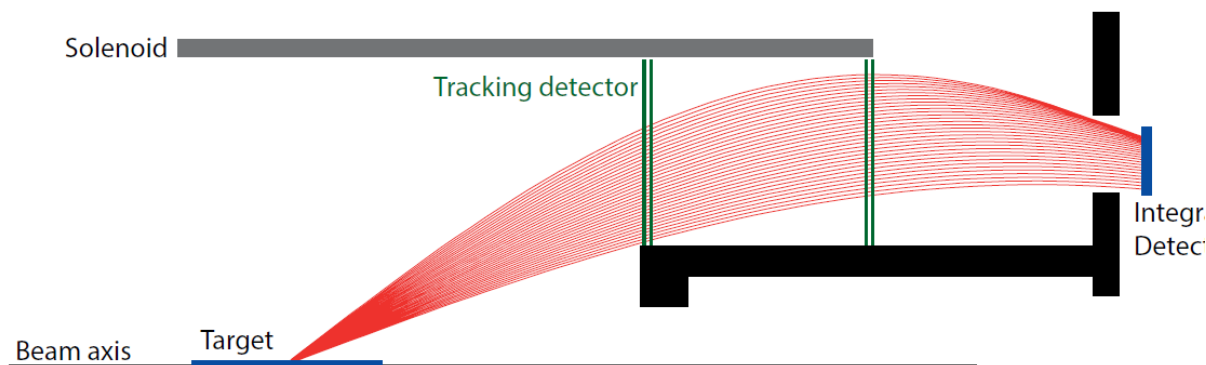
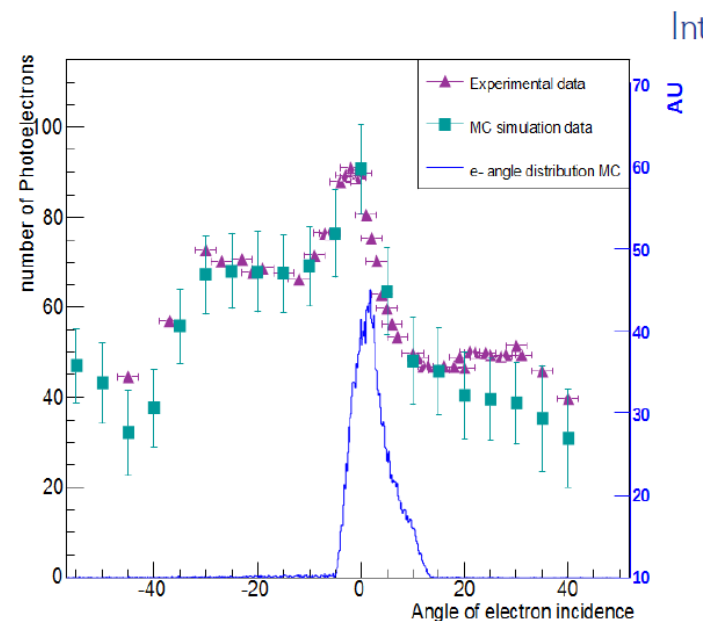
# The P2 Experiment at MESA

## - detector components/tests at MAMI



Detect Cherenkov-light created by electrons

Integrate photomultiplier current

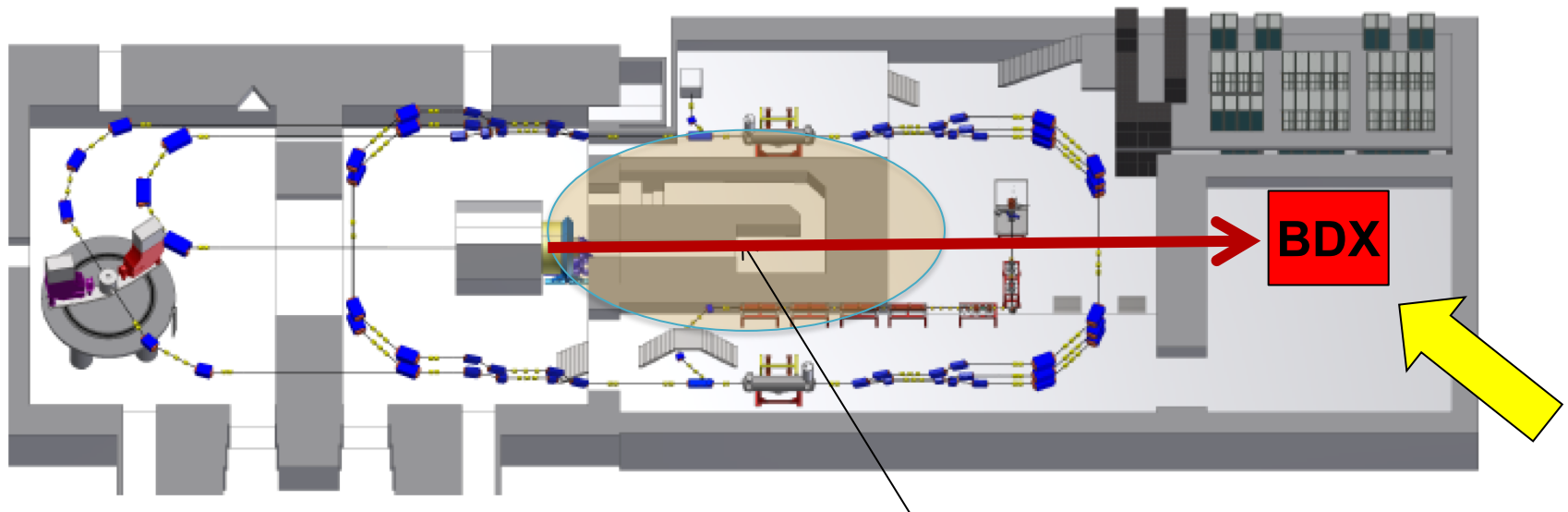


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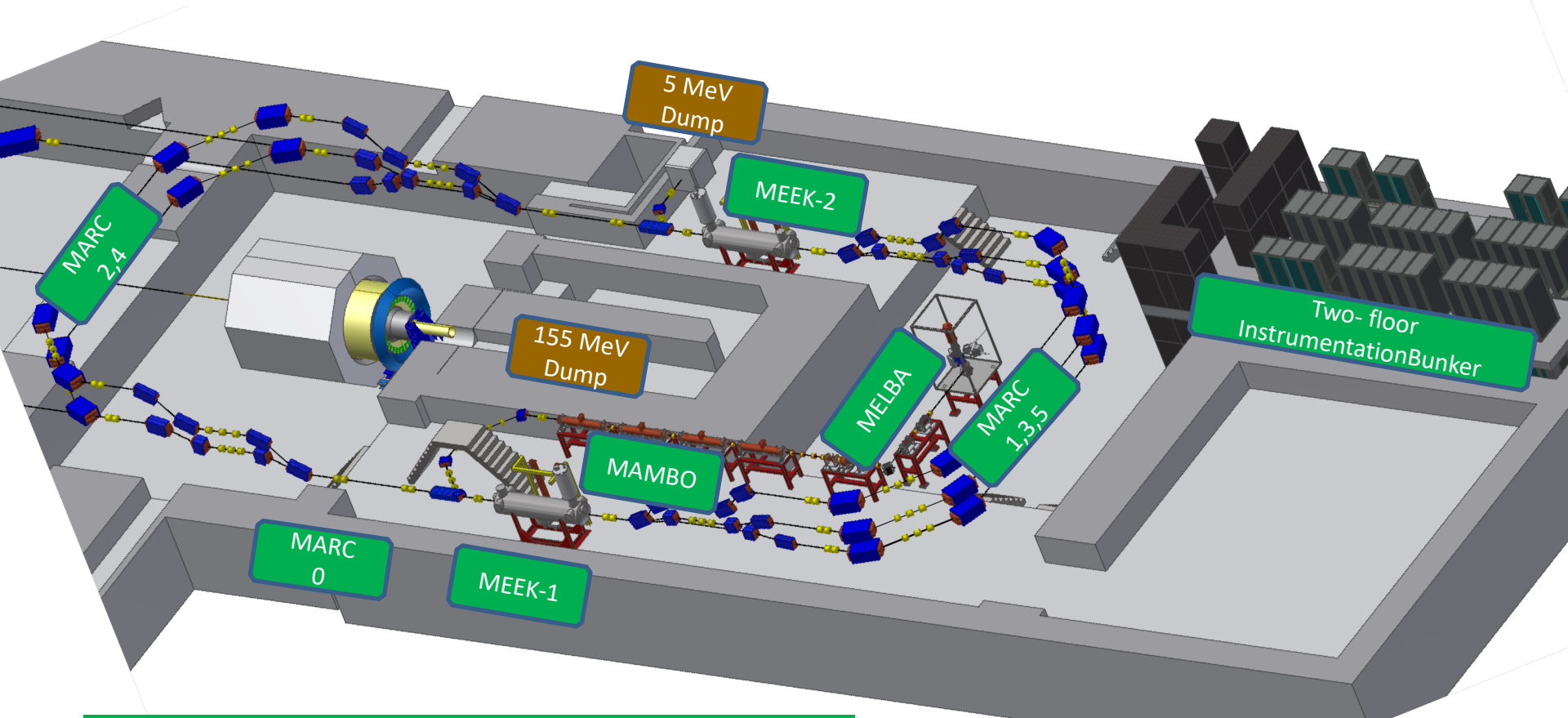
## *Beam Dump Experiment (BDX) @ MESA*

Electron Scattering on Beam Dump → Collimated pair of Dark Matter particles !



This existing beam dump is going to be the P2 beam dump  
**10,000 hours @ 150  $\mu$ A**  
**→  $10^{23}$  electrons on target (EOT)**

# Accelerator components



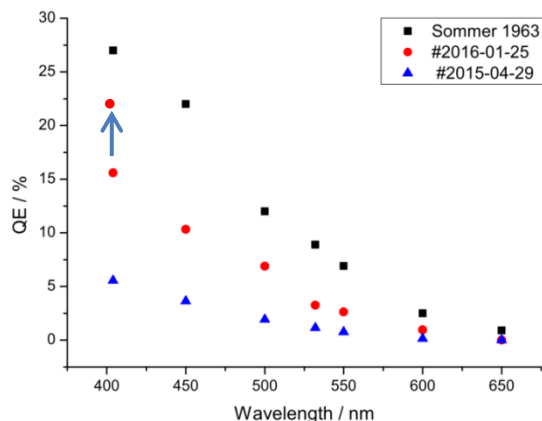
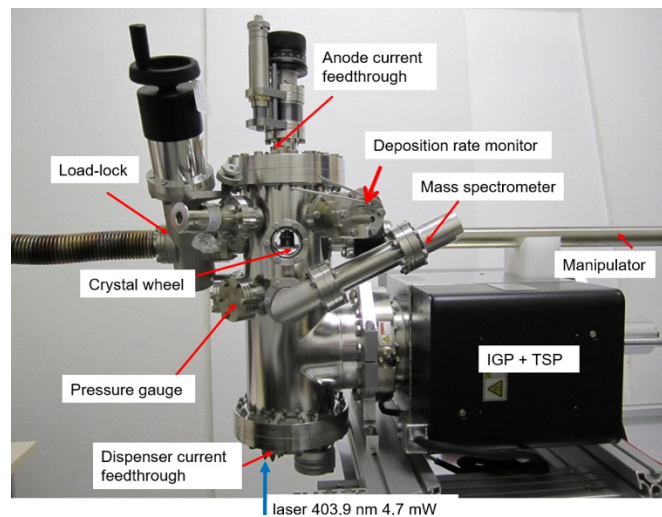
MELBA: MEsa Low –energy Beam Apparatus  
MAMBO: MilliAMpere Booster  
MEEK: Mesa Elbe-Enhanced-Kryomodule  
MARC: MESA (recirculation) ARC

**MELBA& MAMBO** will be tested until  
end 2018 in available buiding  
**MEEK's** will be tested in new testing hall  
**MARC's** cannot be installed before 2020

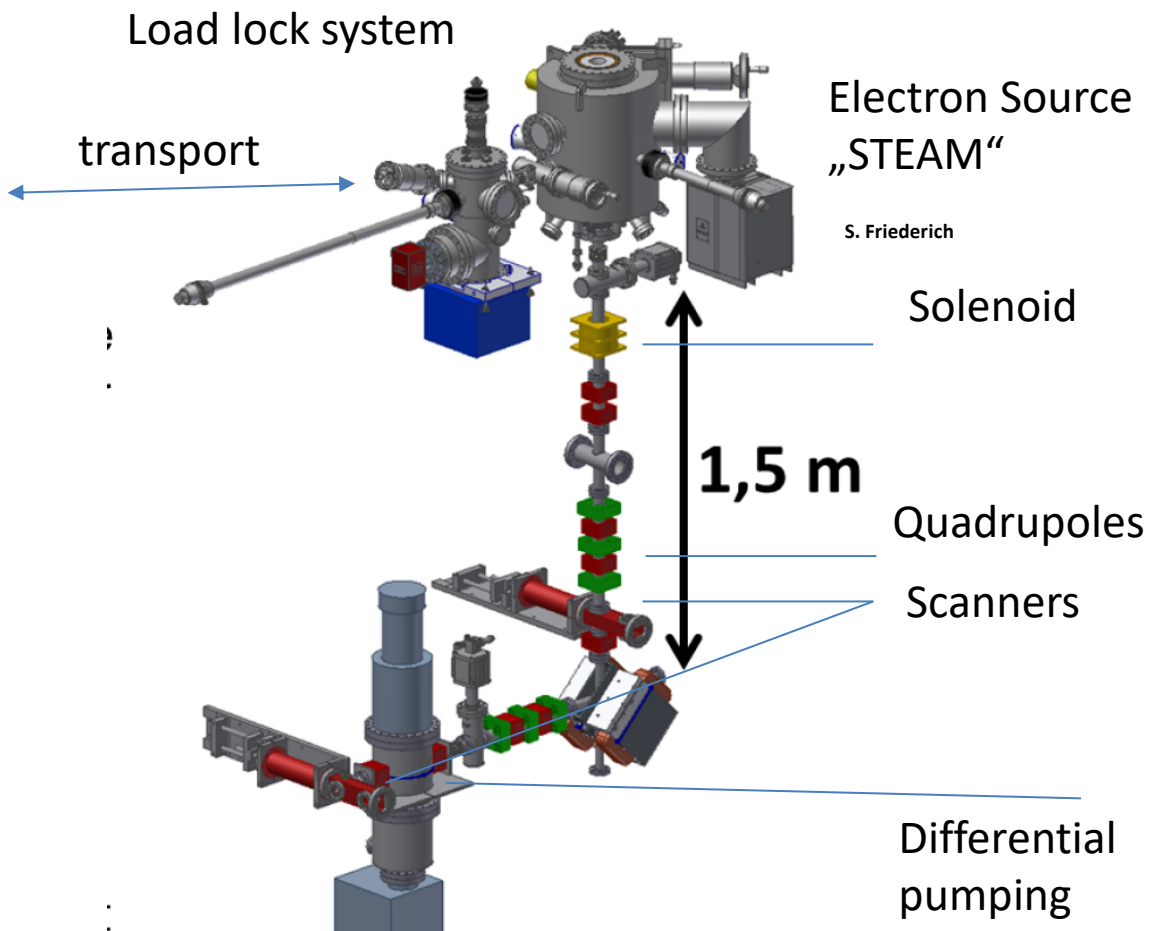


# Assembly of source **STEAM** & first part of beamline “**MELBA**” has started

## Photocathode „factory“



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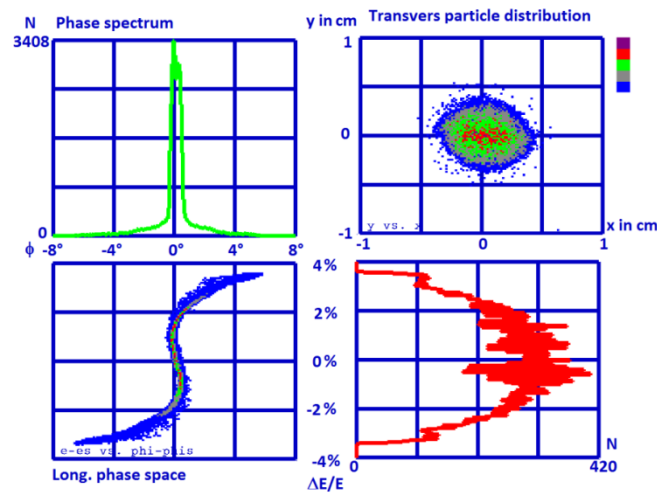
- **Robust Photocathodes with QE=22% (60mA/Watt) at 400 nm: available! → 1mA can be generated with laser from a blue ray disc player ,**

# Full Assembly of MELBA planed until early 2017

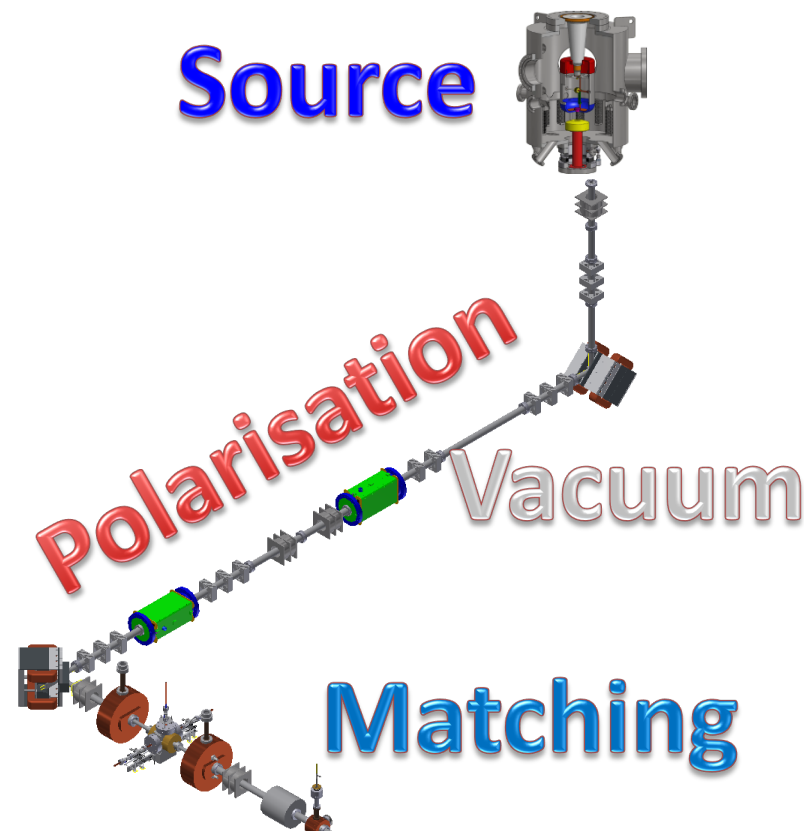
„Start to end“ Simulation predicts for 100keV beam:

- Compatibility with spin rotation
- Sufficient beam quality for injection into MAMBO with 1pC bunches (=1,3mA)

At the end of MELBA:



$\frac{\Delta E}{E}_{RMS}$ in %	$\Delta \phi_{RMS}$ in $^\circ$	$\epsilon_{z,RMS}$ in $^\circ\text{keV}$
1.7	1.3	1.576

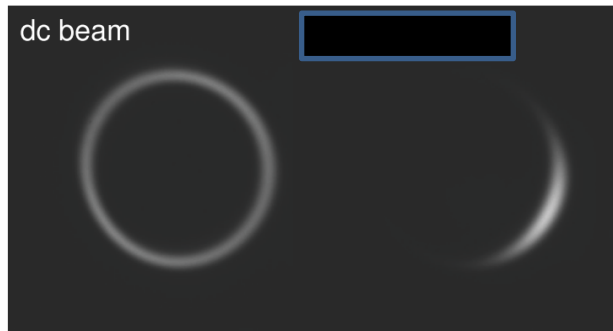


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$\alpha_x$	$\beta_x$ in m	$\epsilon_{x,RMS,n}$ in $\mu\text{m}$	$\alpha_x$	$\beta_x$ in m	$\epsilon_{y,RMS,n}$ in $\mu\text{m}$
16.5	4.6	0.419	12.2	3.7	0.386

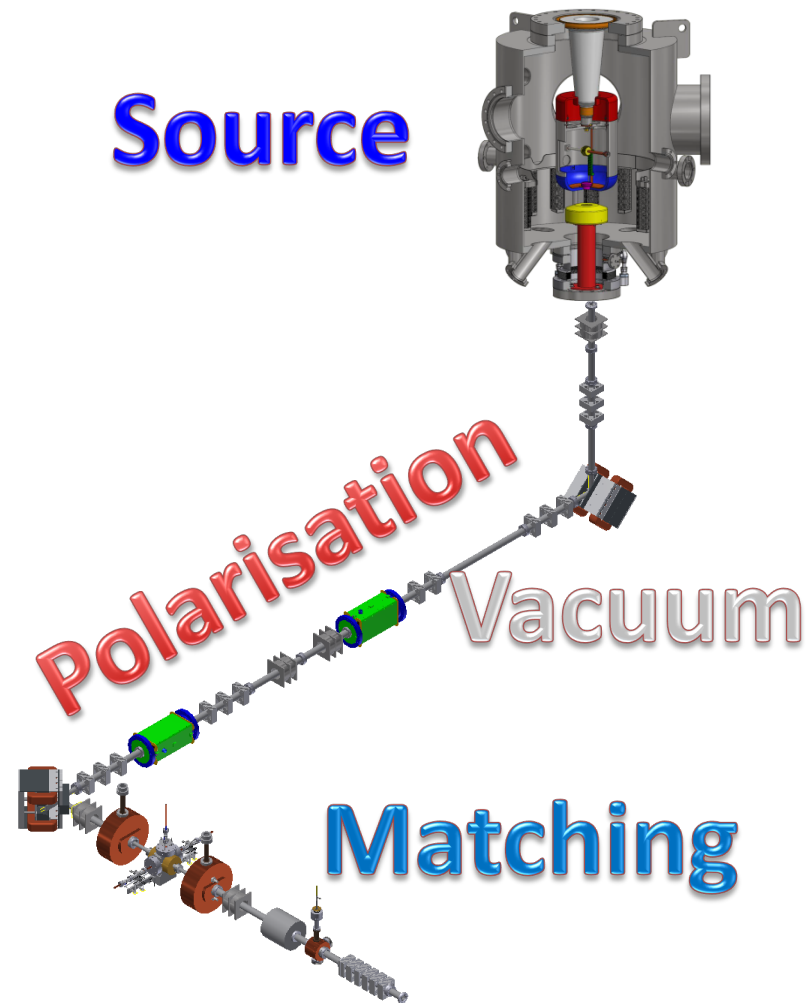
# Assembly of MELBA (MEsa Low Energy Beam Apparatus) in 2016

Blue ray disc laser and longitudinal diagnostics  
already tested....



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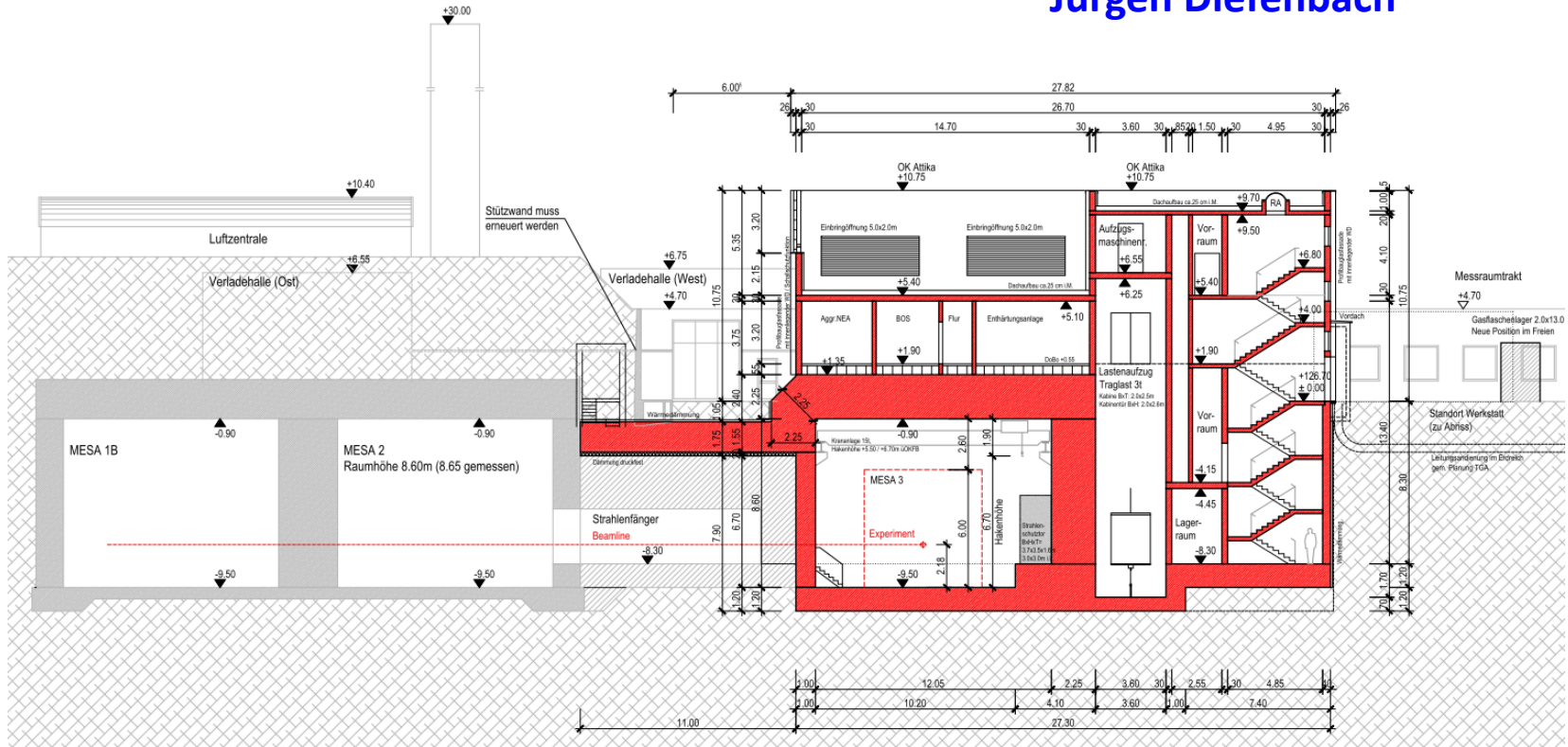
Longitudinal diagnostics at  
Bunch charges corresponding to  
> 1mA average current





**“Centrum für Fundamentale Physik”, CFP**  
**New underground building-some details**

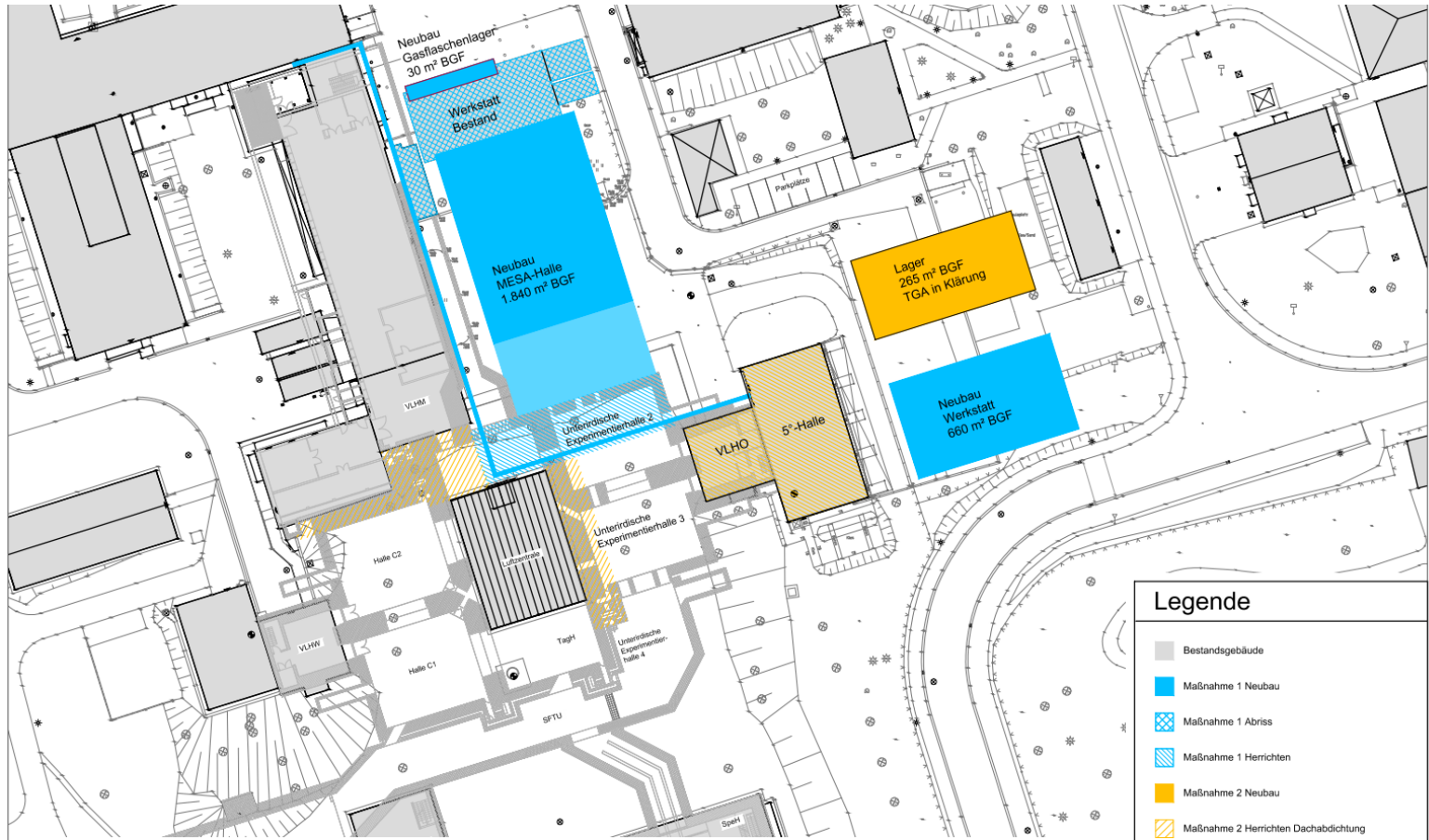
Radiation protection: see talk by  
**Jürgen Diefenbach**



Note: Experiment and Accelerator power and cooling will be installed in the Technical rooms of new building ! → excellent infrastructure conditions ! (if compared to initial suggestion...)

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Five degree Hall becomes „Cryogenic center“

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