

NUCLEAR PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS AT MESA

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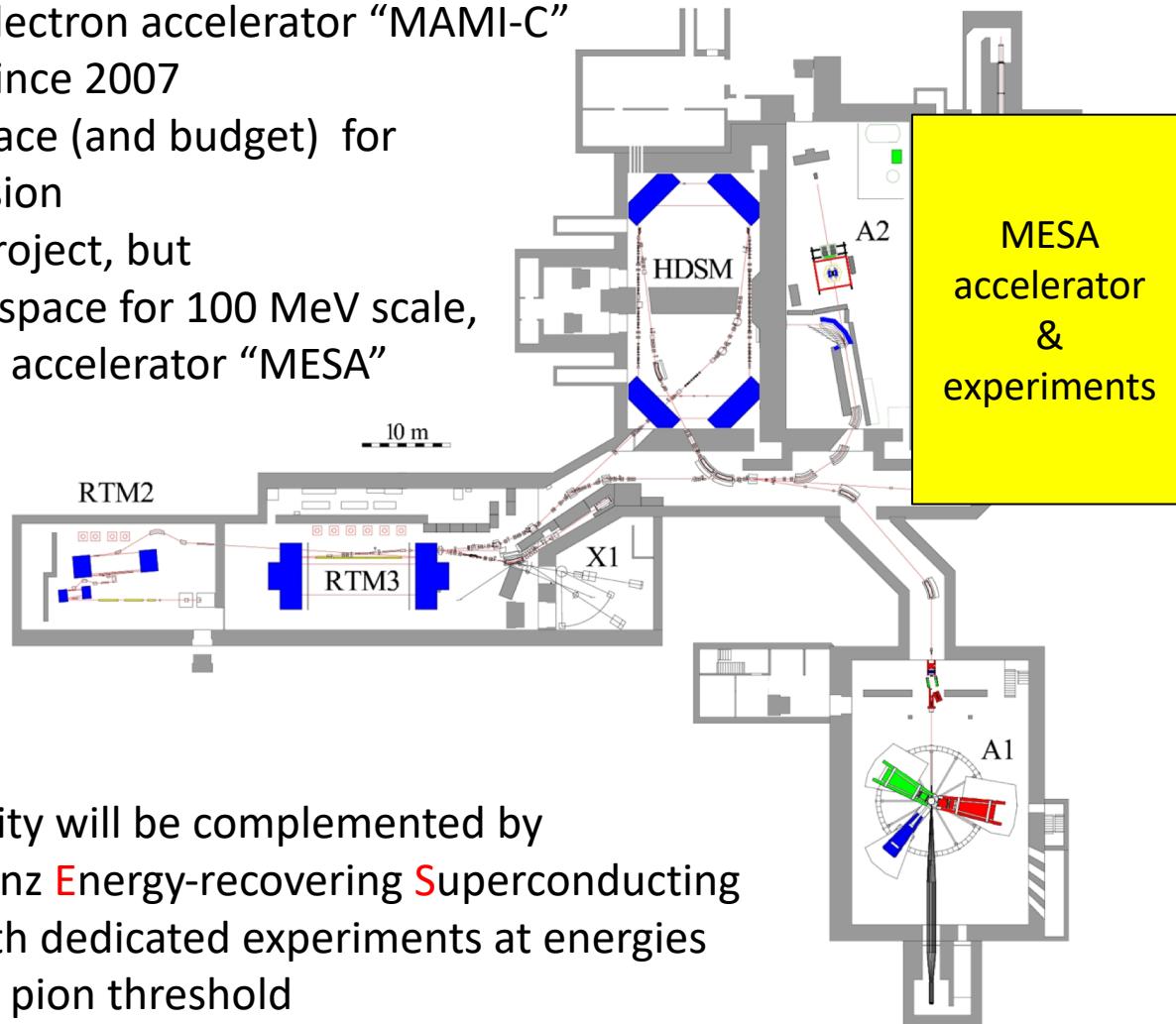
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OUTLINE

- 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

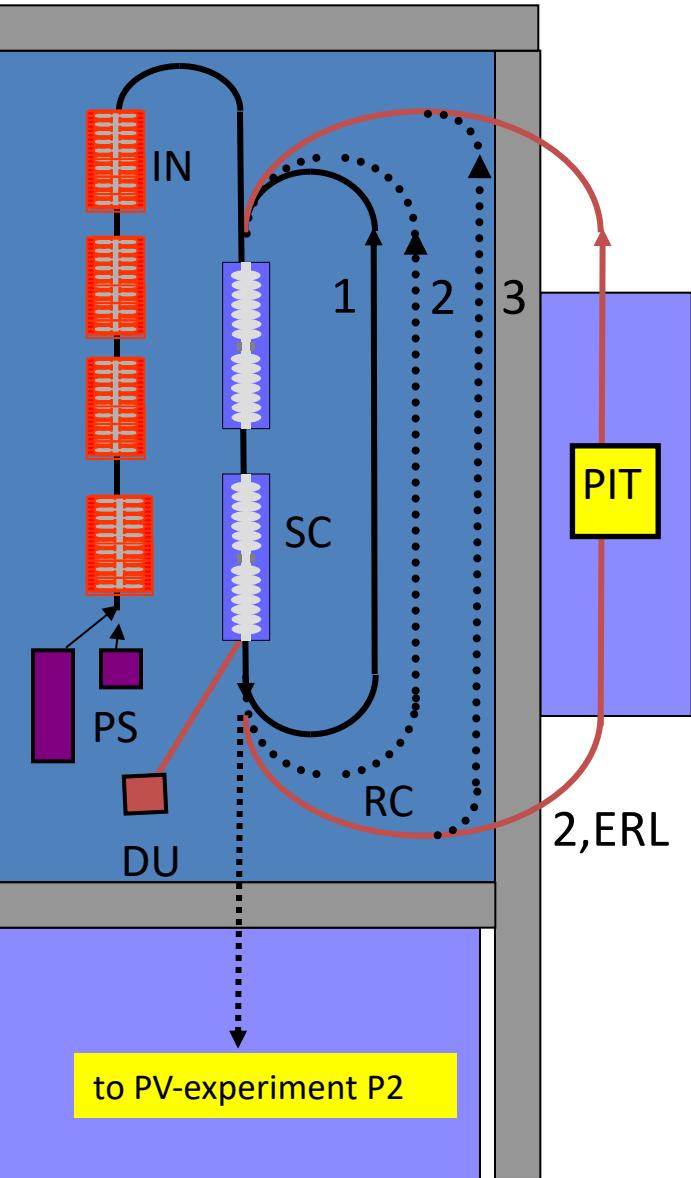
The MESA concept

- 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 Mainz Energy-recovering Superconducting Accelerator, 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 μ 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

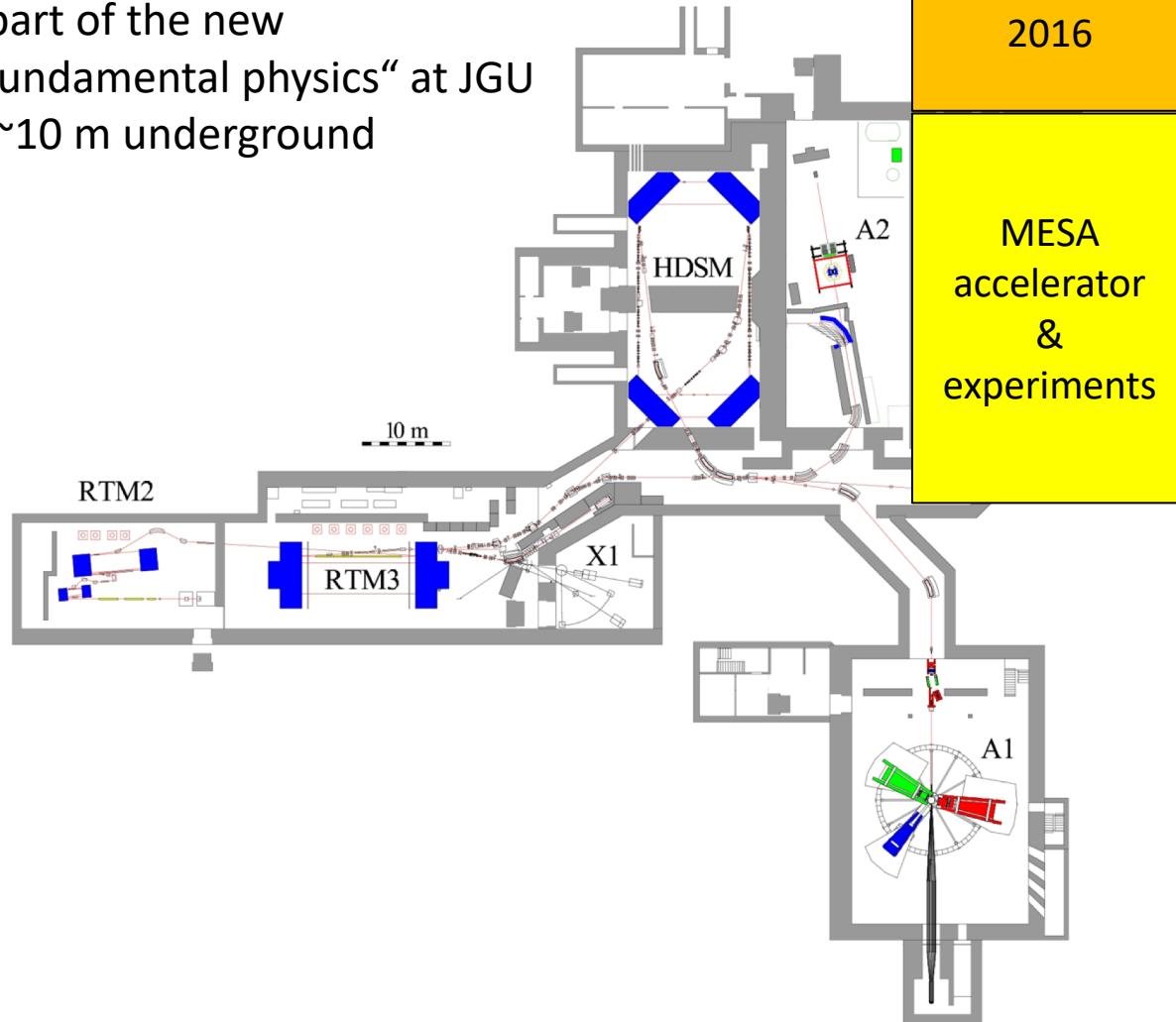
- In 2012 application for excellence cluster „PRISMA“ successful
- MESA is the largest of the „structural initiatives“ within PRISMA
- ~ 15 Scientists, Post docs and PhD students presently work to realize the accelerator, many more for experiments
- In 2015 a „Forschungsbau“ application by PRISMA for 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

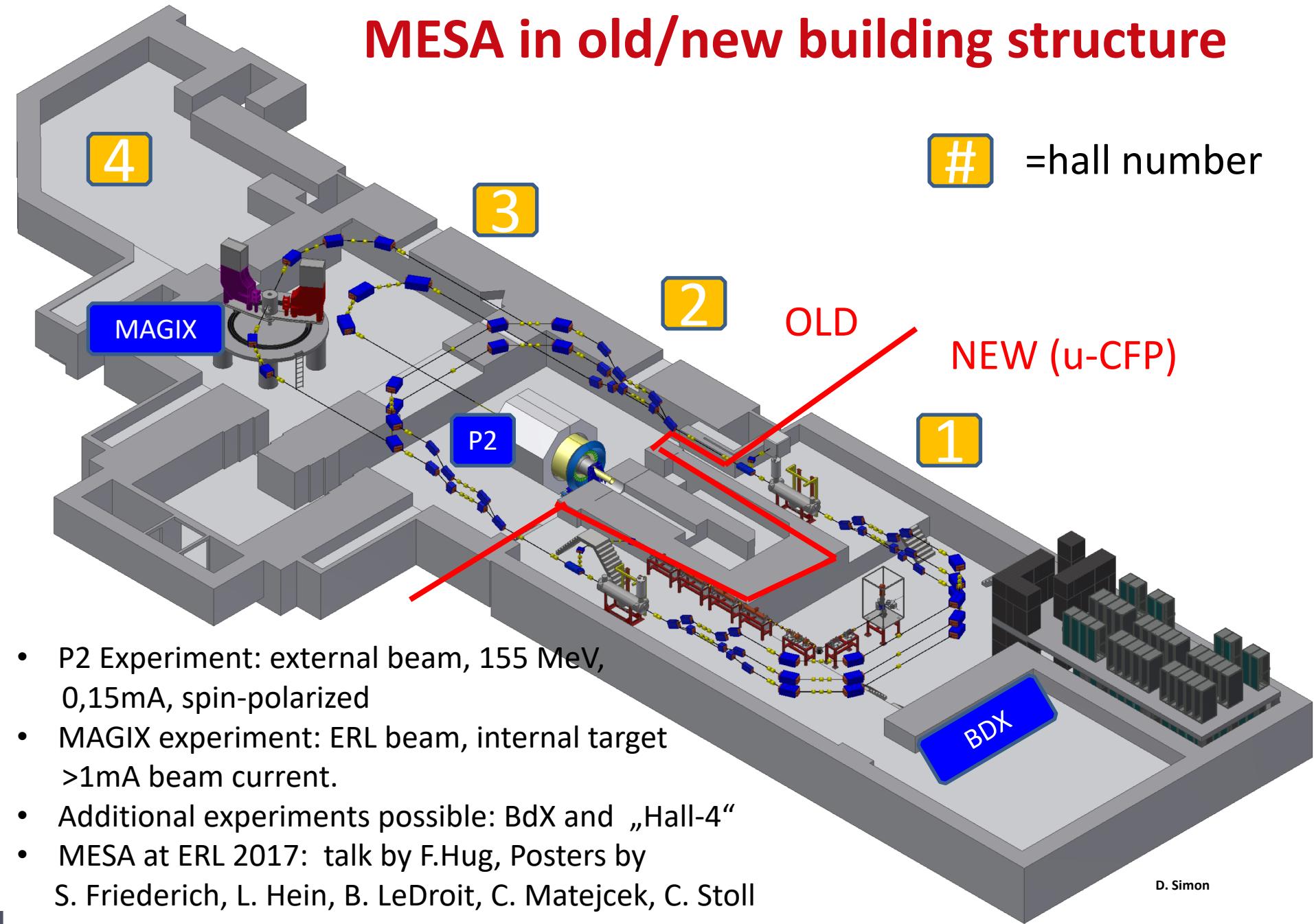


MESA EXTENSION BUILDING

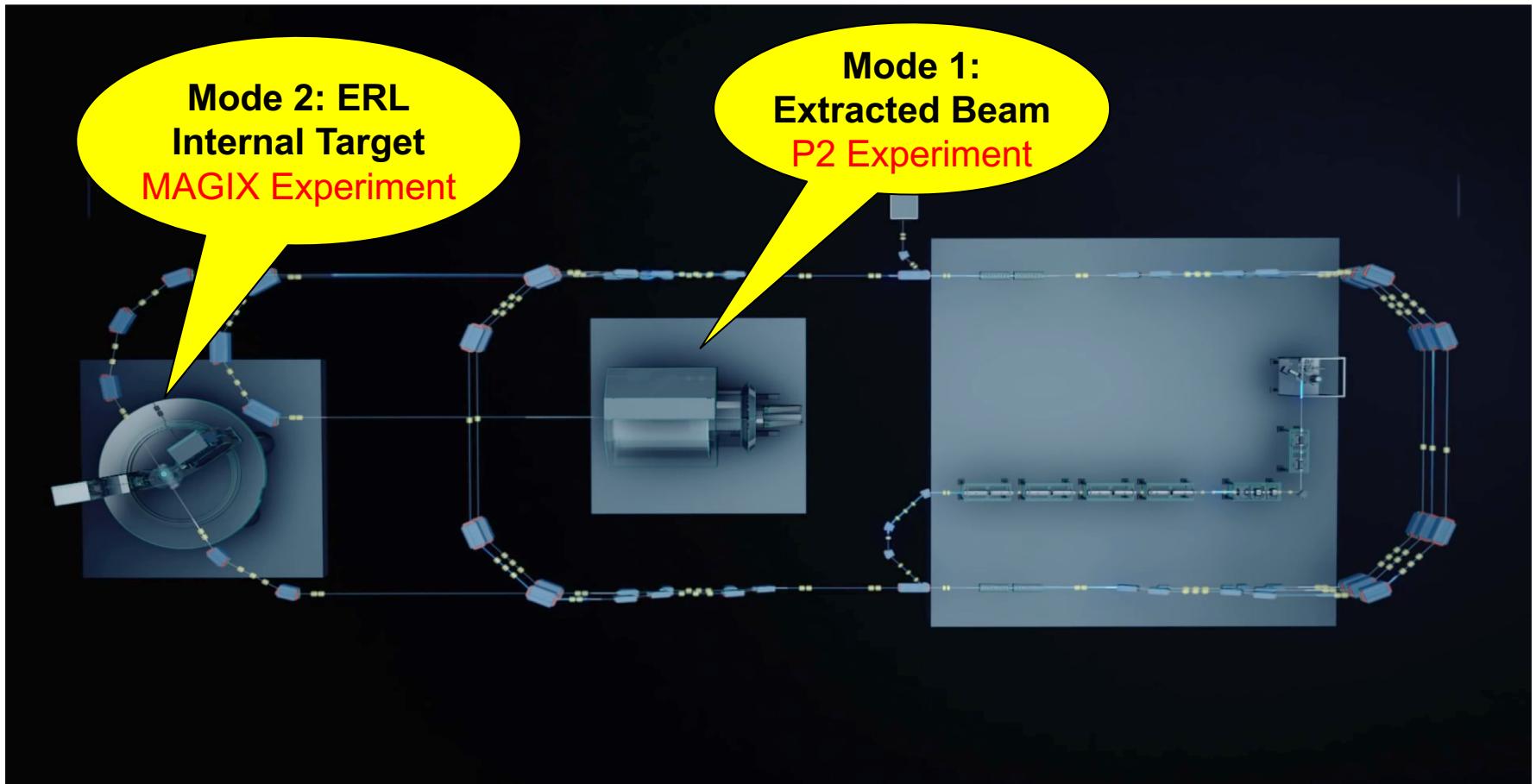
- Building is part of the new „Center of fundamental physics“ at JGU
- floor level ~10 m underground



MESA in old/new building structure

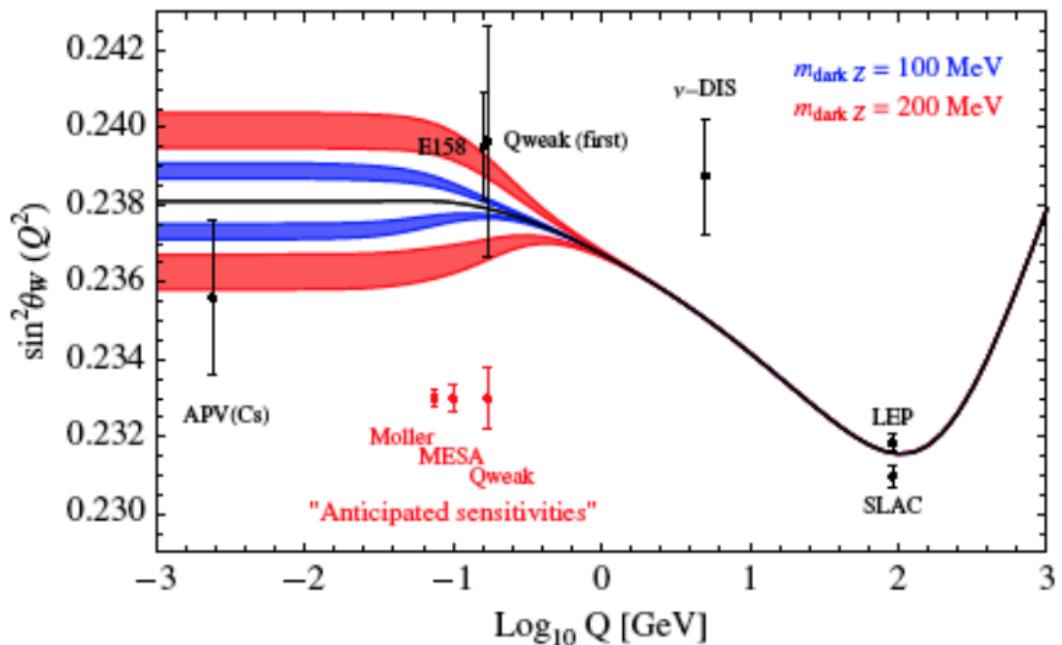


Experiments at MESA



<http://www.prisma.uni-mainz.de/1795.php#imagefilm>

The P2 experiment at MESA



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

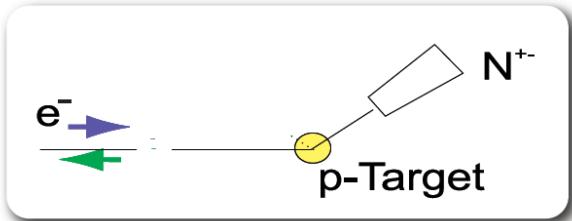
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„Elastic electron scattering on proton measures $1-4\sin^2\Theta_W \rightarrow$ small asymmetry , high sensitivity

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

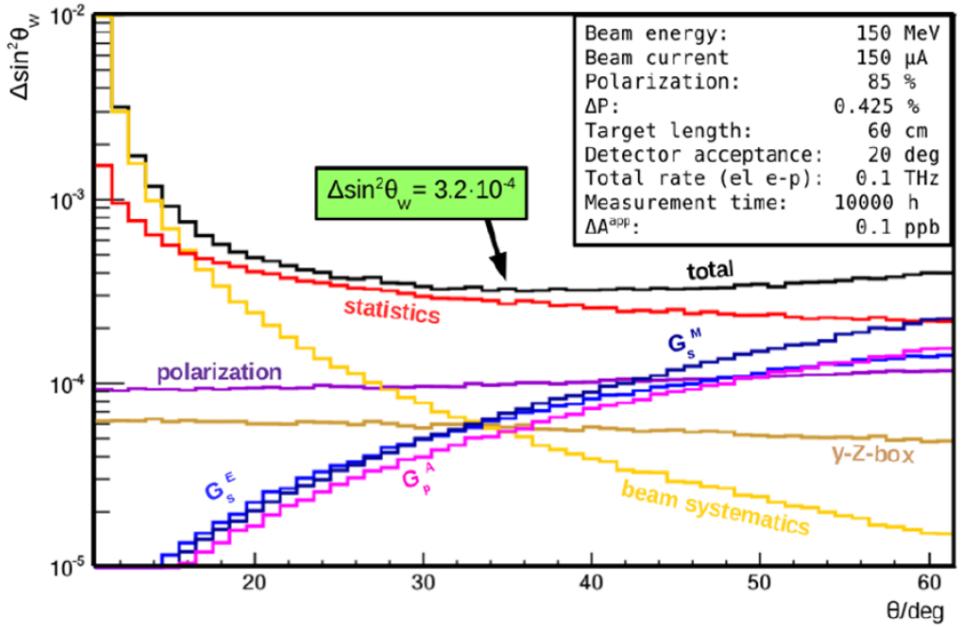
The P2 Experiment at MESA

-basic demands



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

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

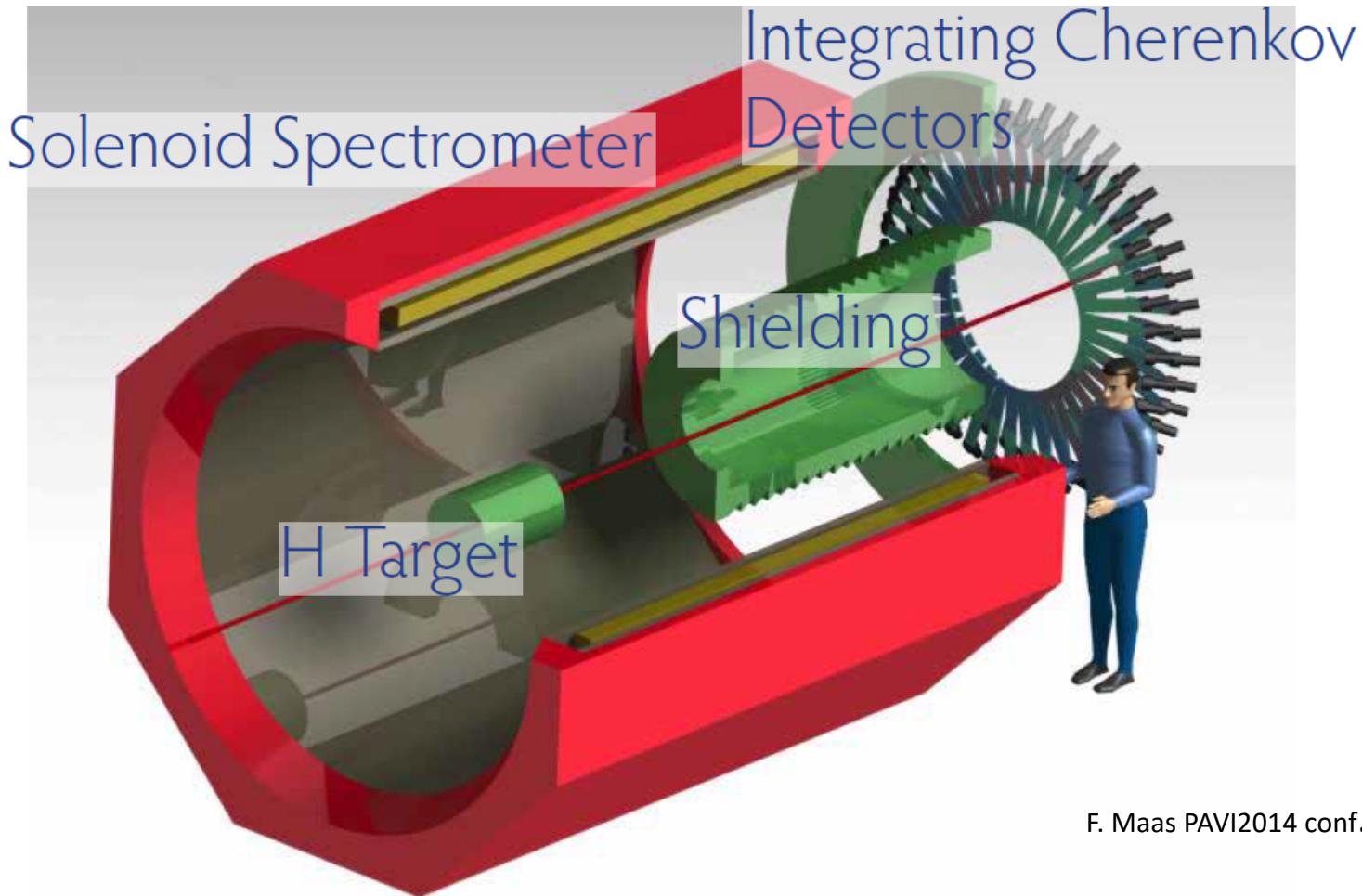


→ small asymmetry = $P \cdot 35 \text{ ppb}$, to be measured with 500 ppt accuracy,
→ but high sensitivity towards $\sin^2 \theta_W$

- 150 μA Beamcurrent, 60cm lg. H₂, Beampol: 85%, 10000 h Data-taking
- High accuracy polarization measurement ($\Delta P/P=0.5\% \text{ !!}$)
- Extremely high demands on control of HC-fluctuations!
- Count rate several hundred Gigahertz → Integrating detector + spectrometer

The P2 Experiment at MESA

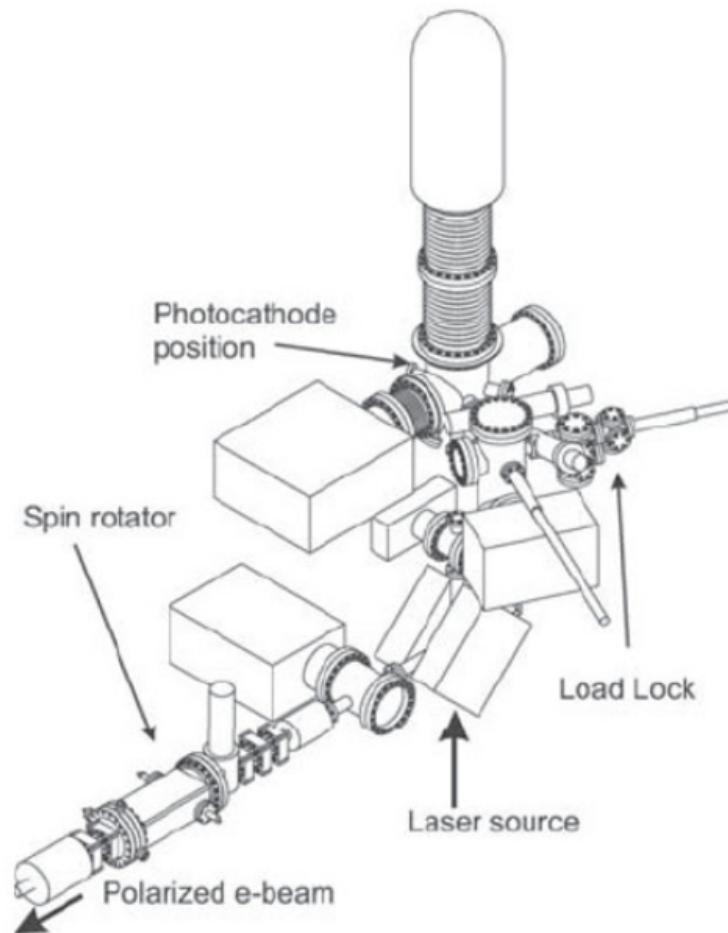
- detector



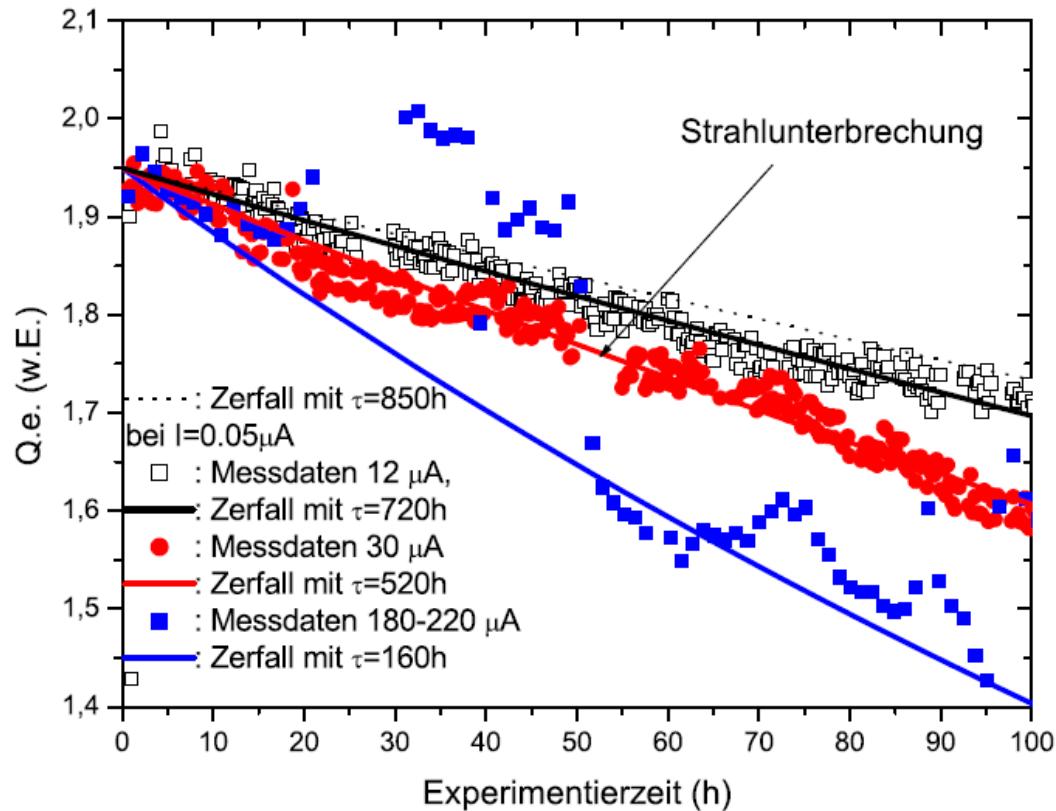
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High current polarised beam for MESA : From EB to ERL mode

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 .

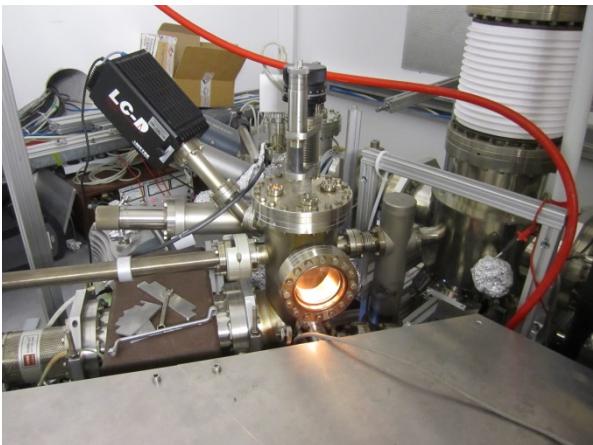
Note: P2 experiment operates at $150 \mu\text{A}$ (Cathode heating problem must be solved!)

→ P2 needs 13C/day

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

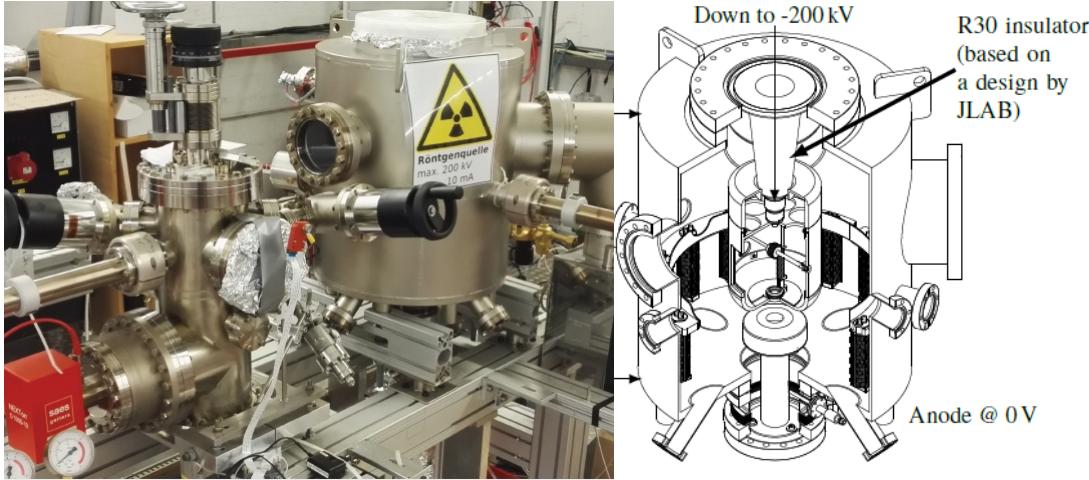
→ Cathode exchange <3hours → possible to operate at 1mA polarised average current, but lifetime improvement desirable!

Polarisation: From EB to ERL mode



MESA Polarized Source (MAPS)

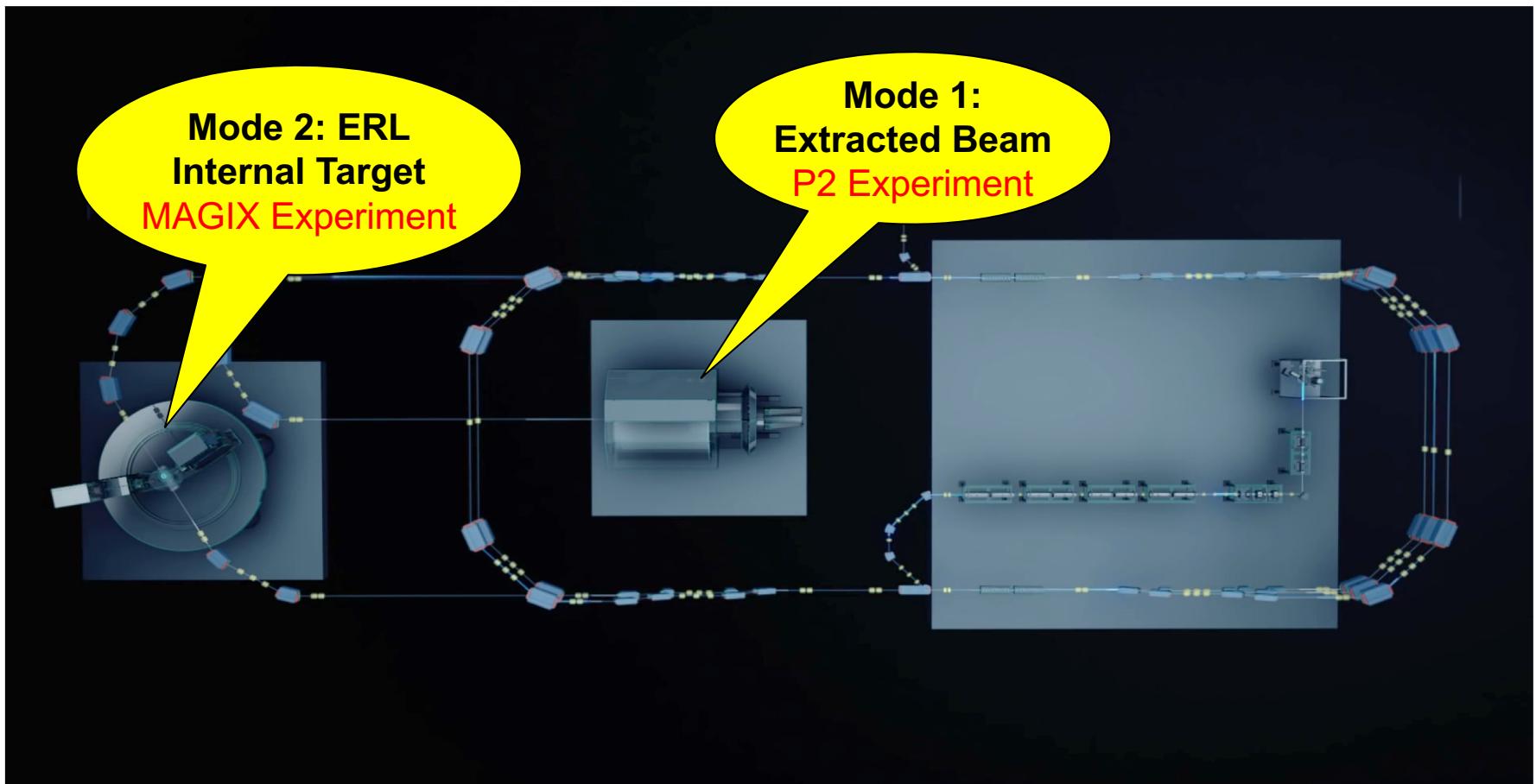
- ❖ Essentially a copy of MOPS
- ❖ But: higher pumping speed
- ❖ Many small details...
 - better vacuum lifetime ($>*2$)
 - Charge lifetime 700C@2mA
(but at 400nm!)
 - Components for **M**Esa **L**ow-energy **B**eam **A**pparatus (MELBA) tested:
Beam diagnostics, Wien filter, Polarimeter, deflector cavity



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 successful (STEAM → 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

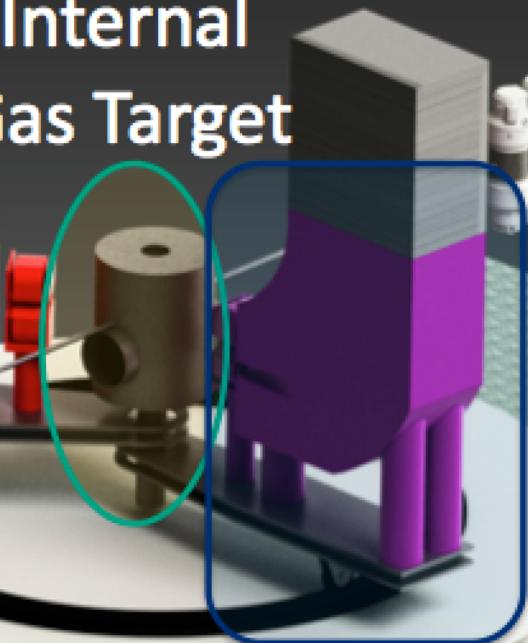
Operation of a high-intensity (polarized) ERL beam
in conjunction with light internal target

- 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!

Focal Plane
Detectors



Internal
Gas Target



Dipole
Spectrometers

High resolution spectrometers MAGIX:

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

MAGIX-impact on beam?

TARGET Induced halo (TAIL)

Poster by B. Ledroit

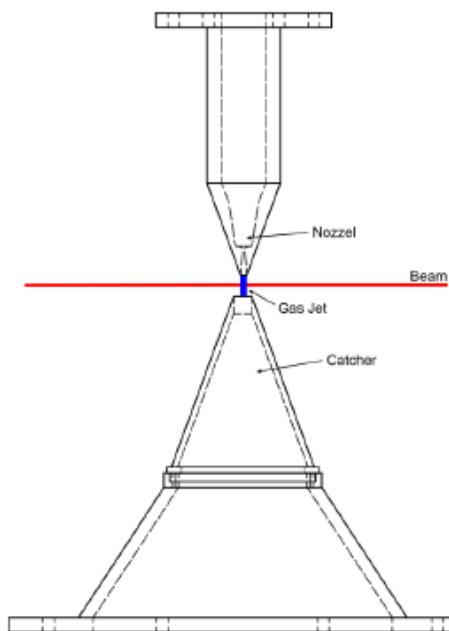
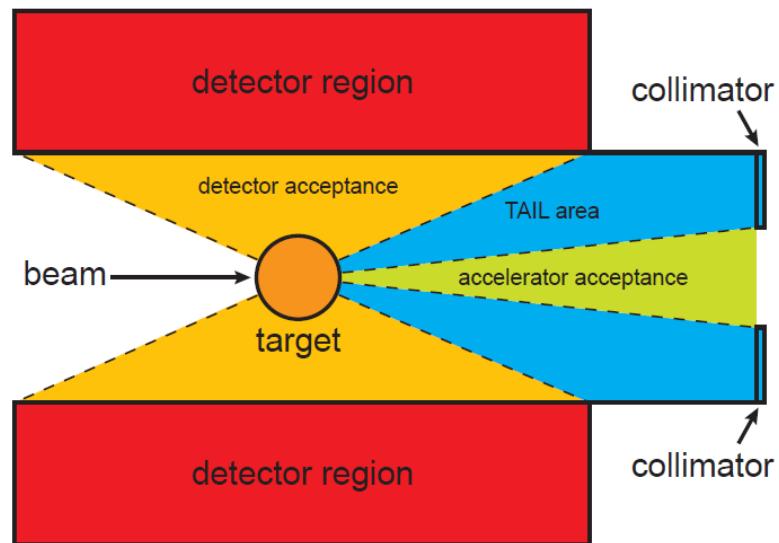


Figure 1: Schematic drawing of the MAGIX gas target.

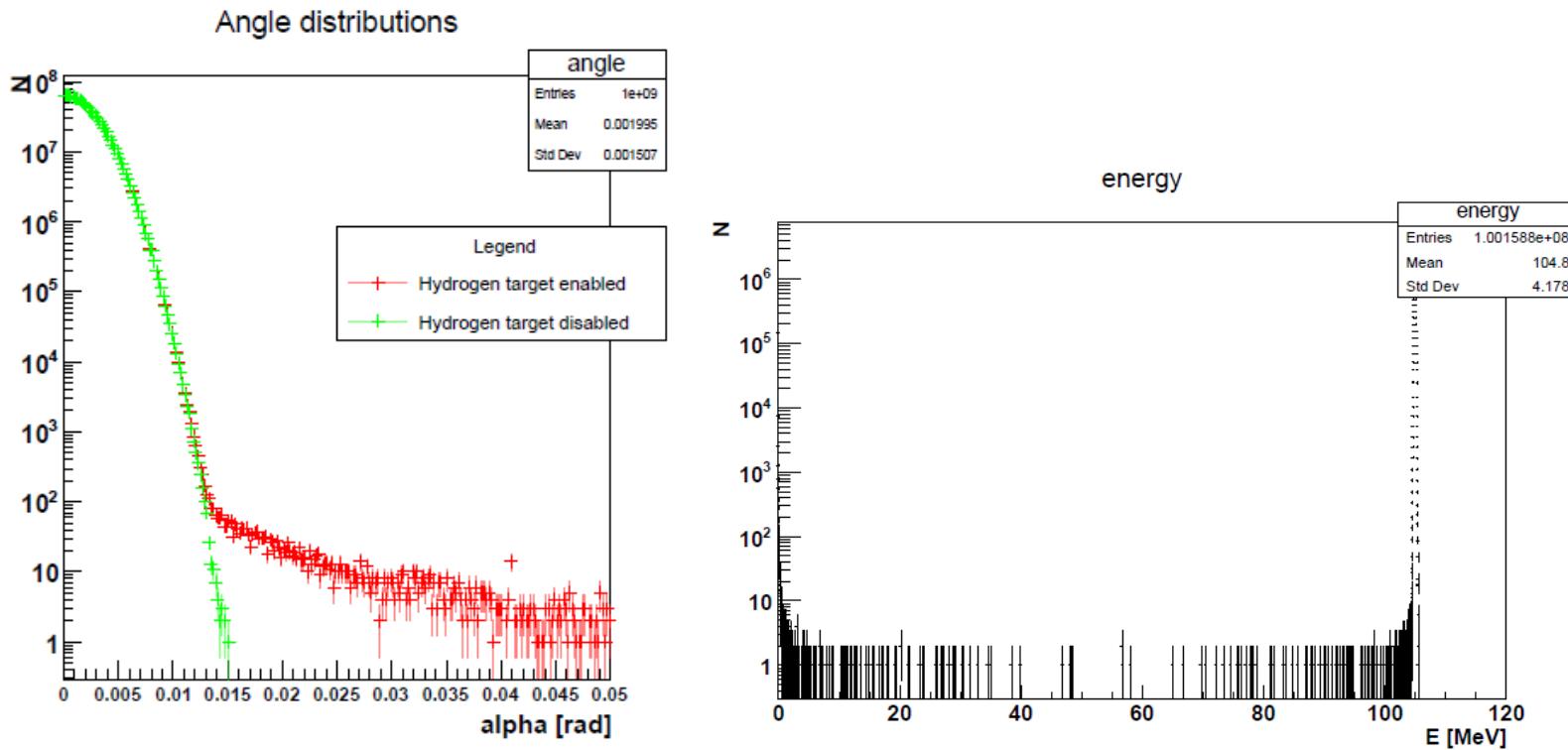
Target areal density 10^{19} nuclei cm^{-2} H_2
→ 6×10^{34} $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ luminosity at 1mA



Schematic Illustration of the TAIL-problem

MAGIX-impact on beam?

Geant-4 simulation reveal expected particle distributions



MAGIX polarized portfolio-I / Form factors



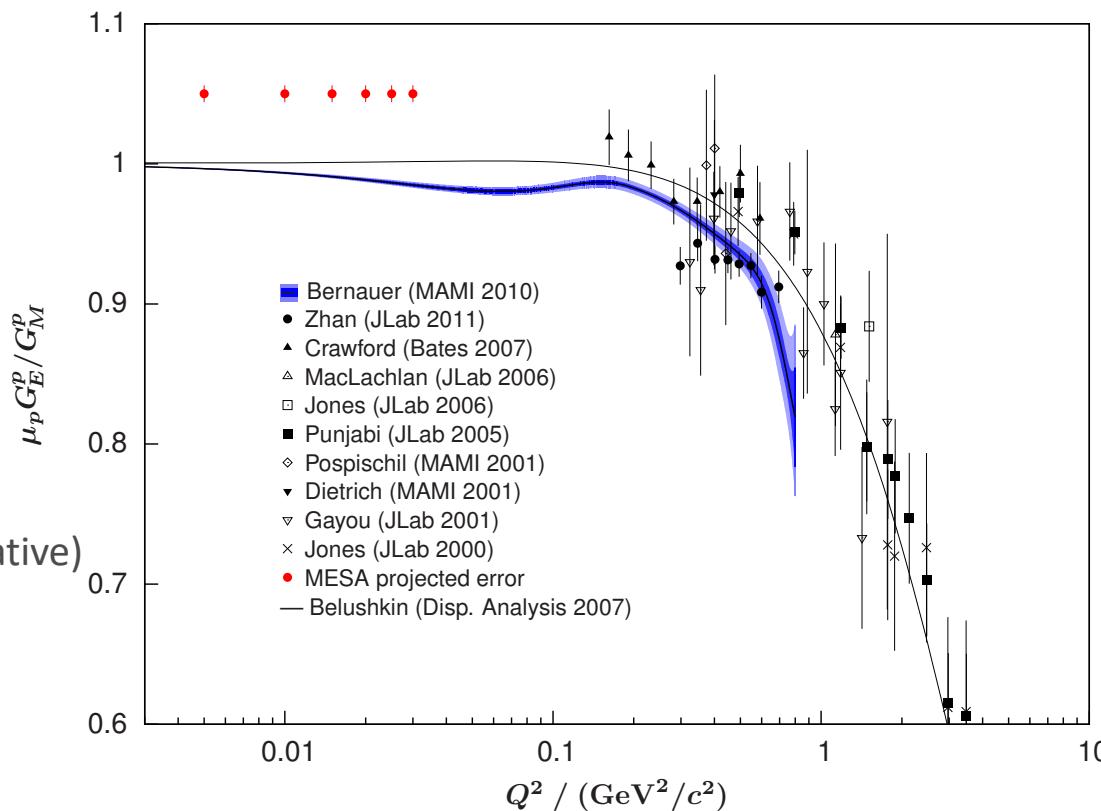
Revived interest in form factors due to „proton radius puzzle“

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

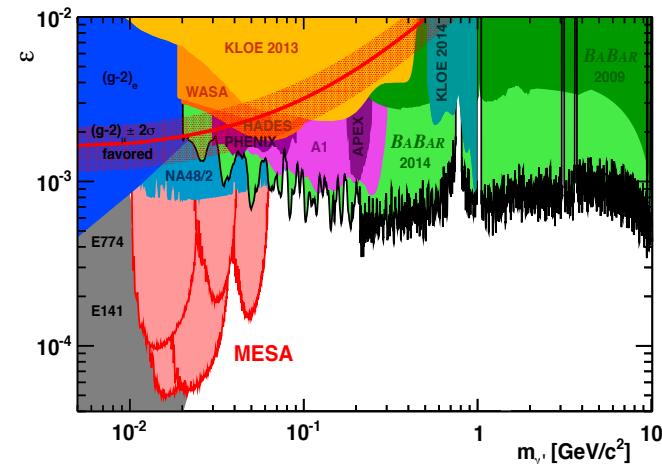
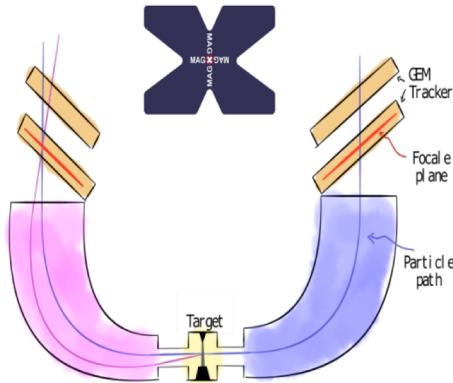
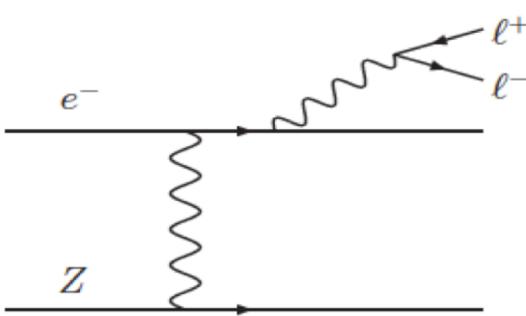
Simulation:

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



MAGIX portfolio-II / dark photon searches

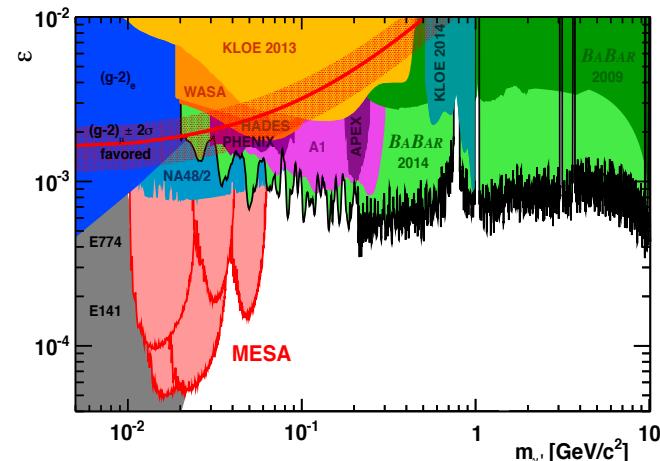
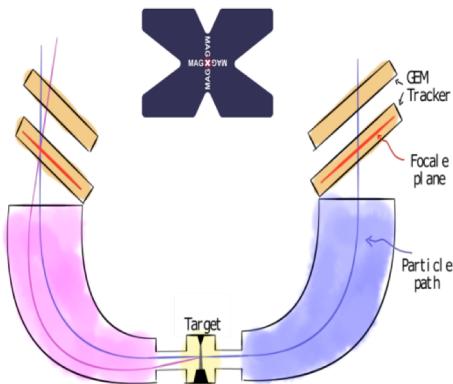
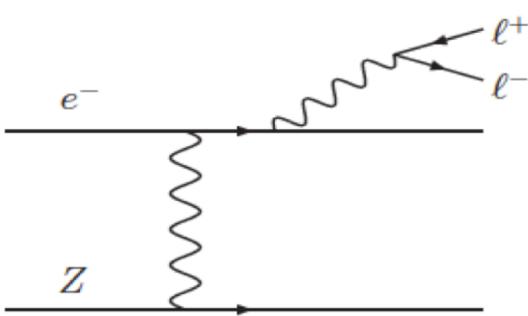
- Pseudo internal target experiment: Initially foreseen for dark photon search



Expected coverage...

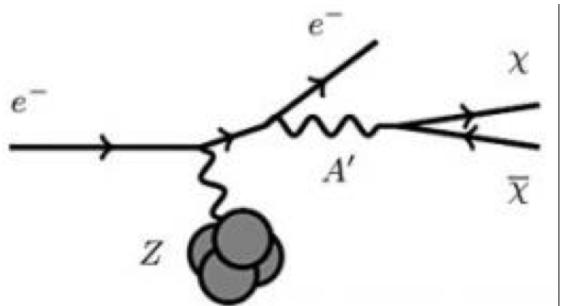
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Dark photon decays into light lepton pair..



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!

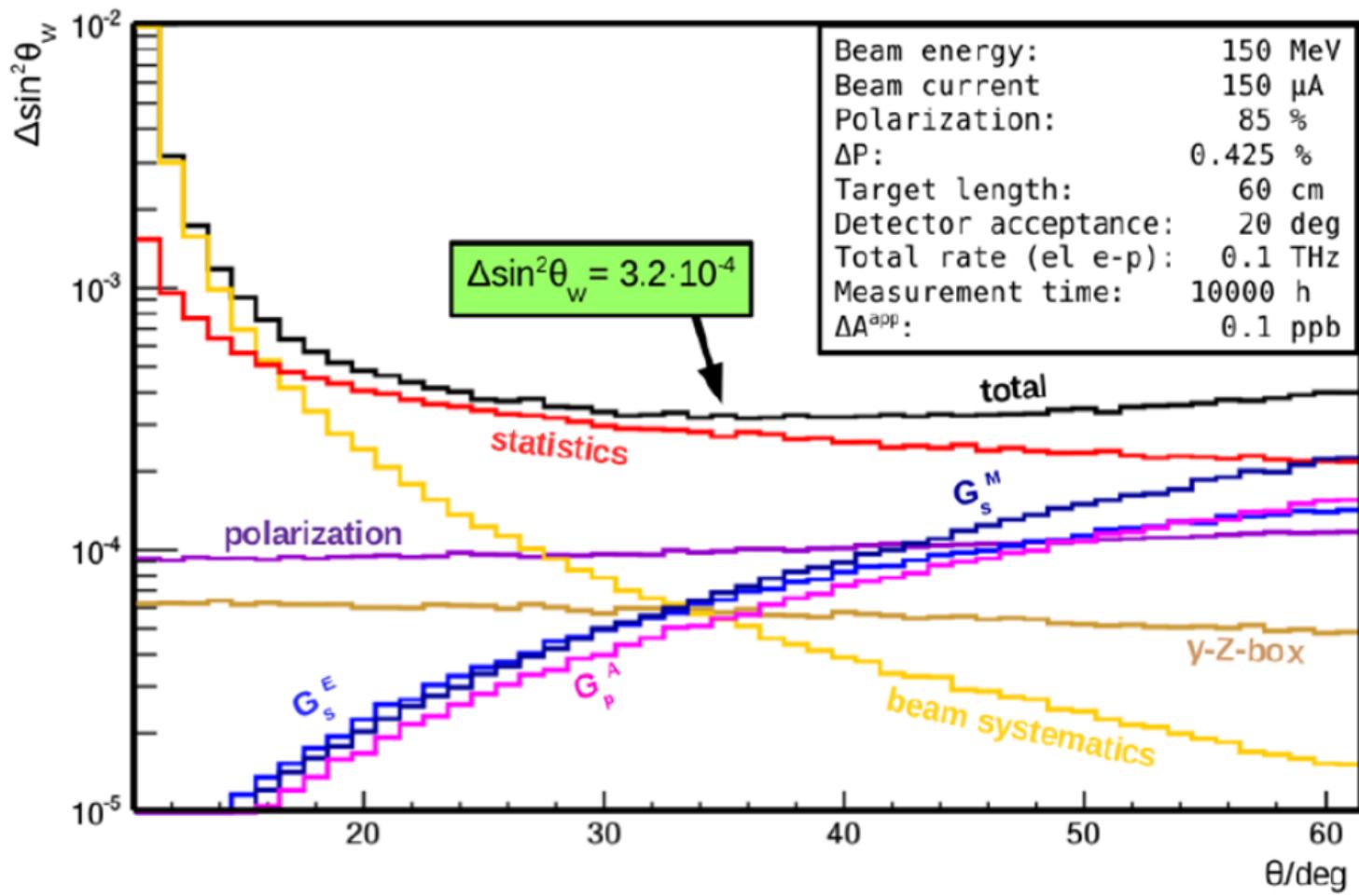
Conclusion

- 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

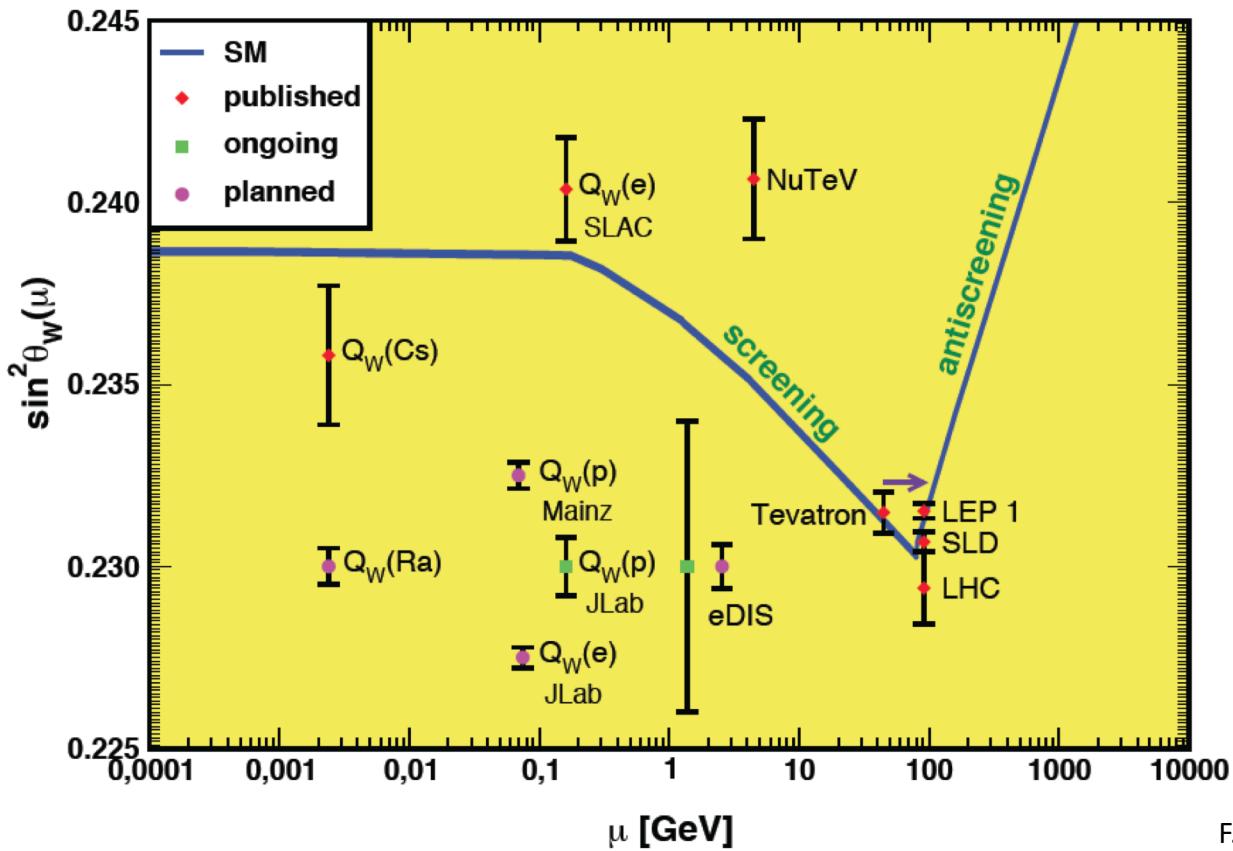
The P2 experiment at MESA



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

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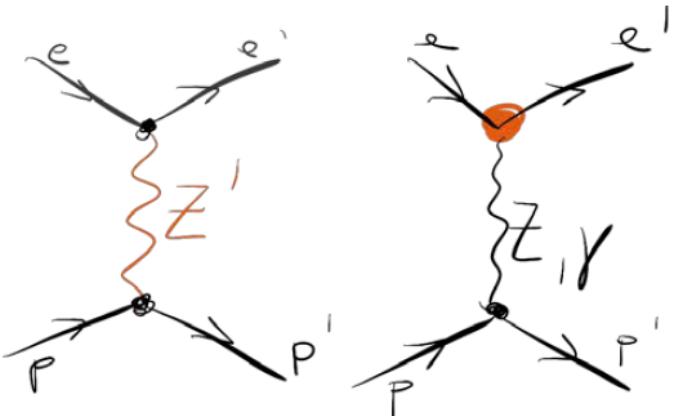
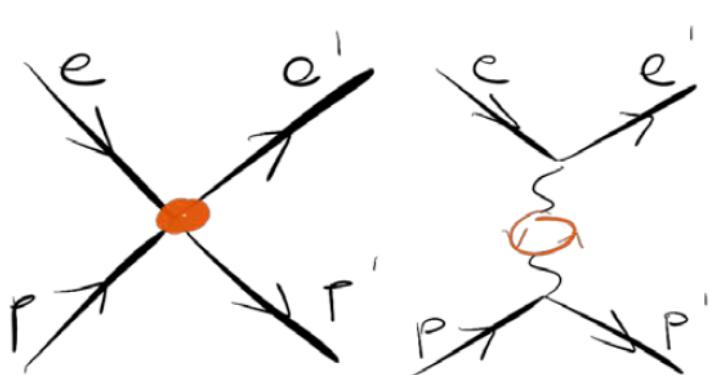
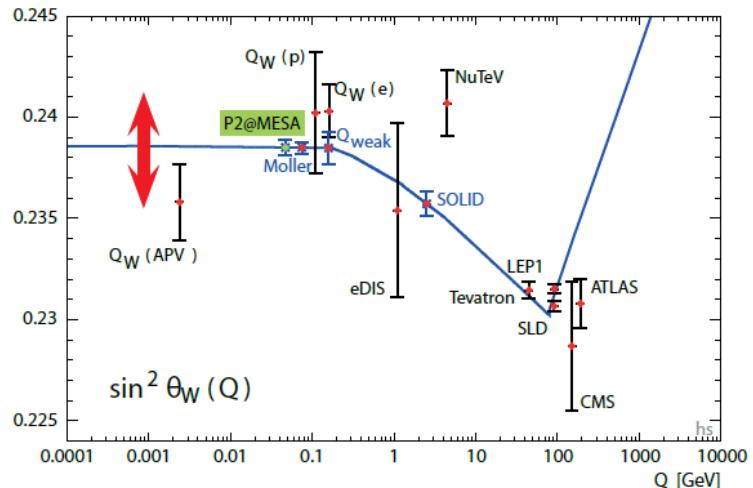
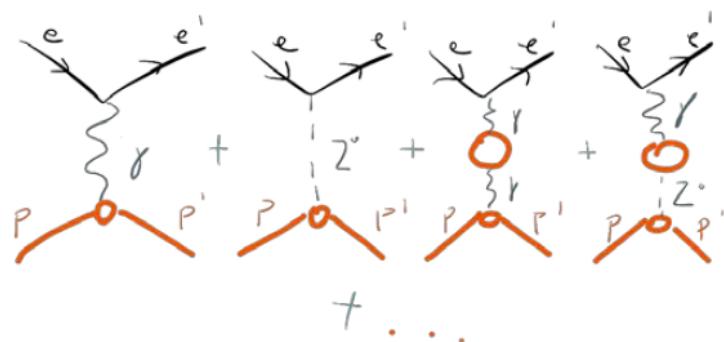
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„Running“ of mixing angle: predicted by standard model, and confirmed by several Experiments.

The P2 experiment at MESA



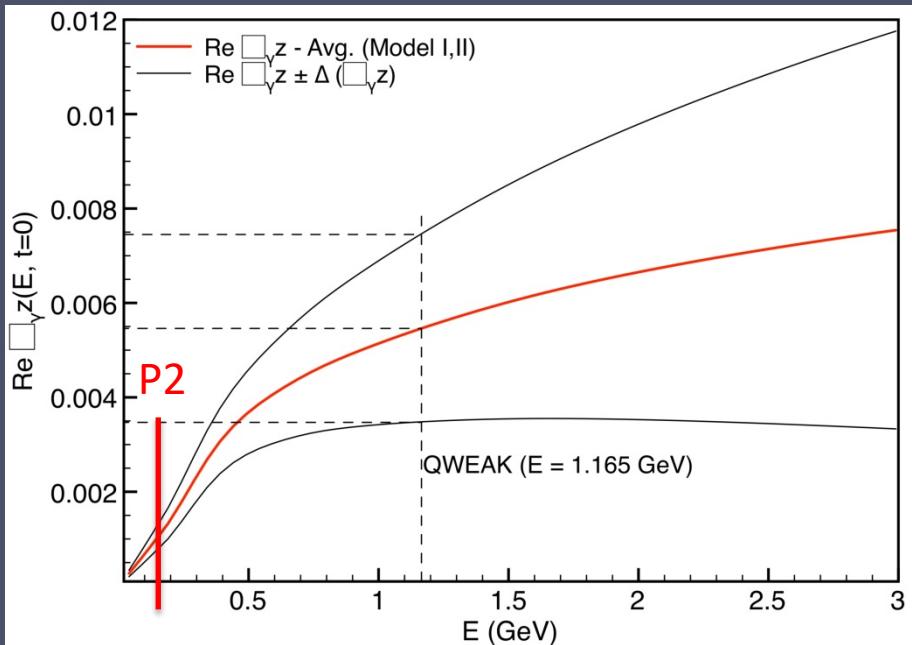
New Physics in the running



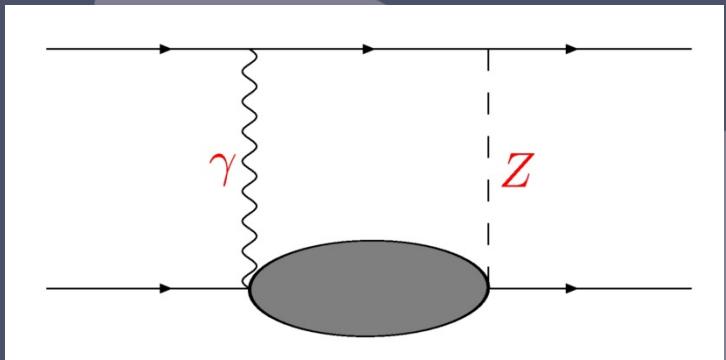
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- γZ box graph contributions obtained by modelling hadronic effects:



[Gorchtein, Horowitz & Ramsey-Musolf 2011]



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

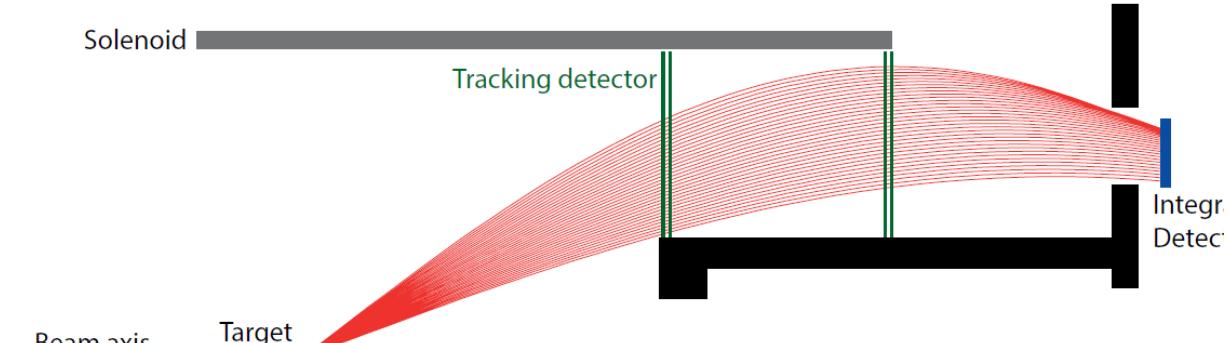
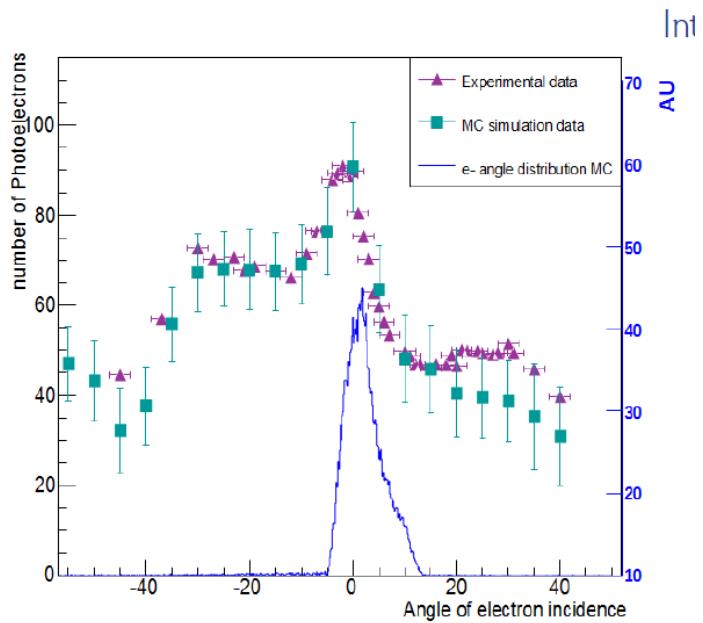
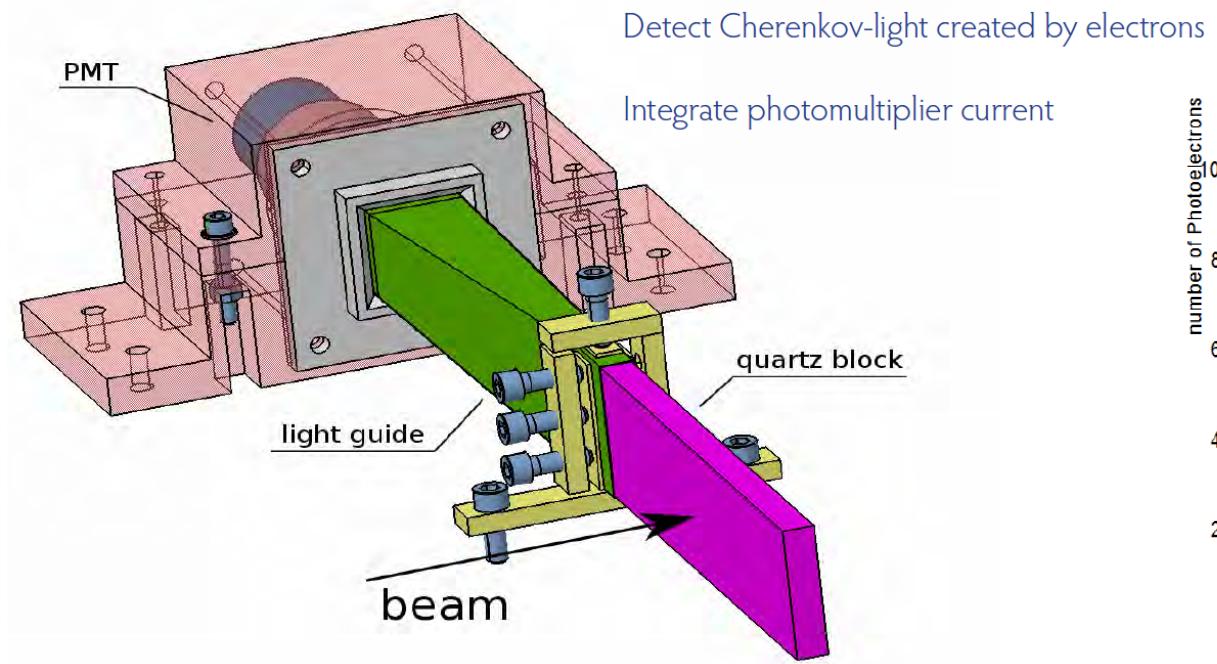
Dominant theoretical uncertainty:

γZ box graphs, $\bullet_{\gamma Z}$

Sensitive to hadronic effects

The P2 Experiment at MESA

- detector components/tests at MAMI

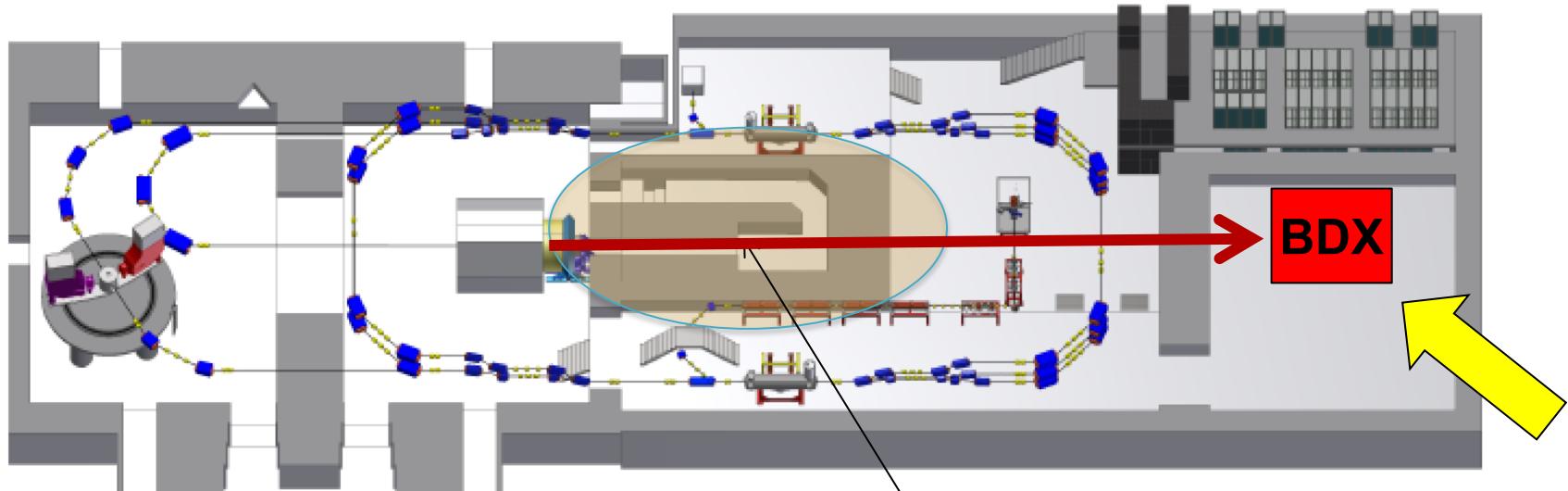


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The P2 Experiment at MESA

Beam Dump Experiment (BDX) @ MESA

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

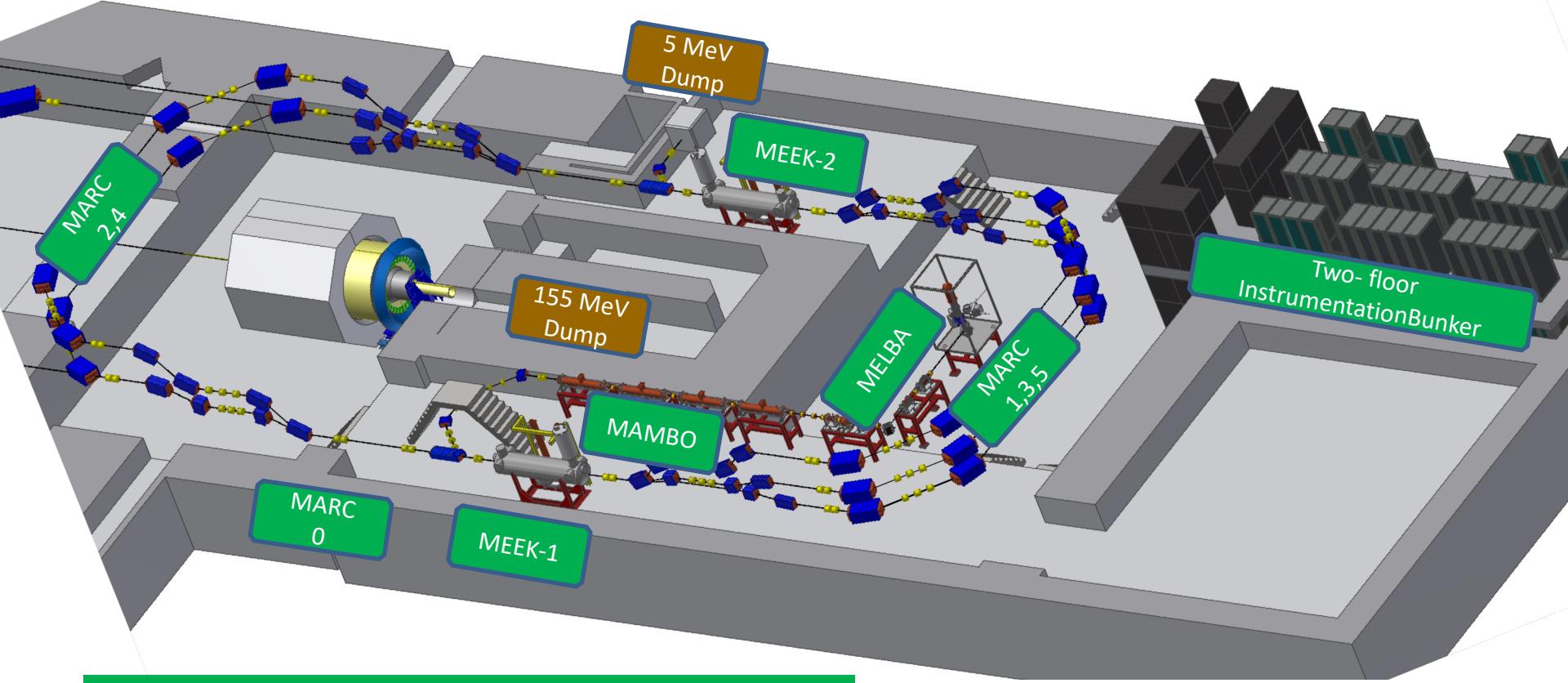


This existing beam dump is going to be the P2 beam dump

10,000 hours @ 150 μ 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

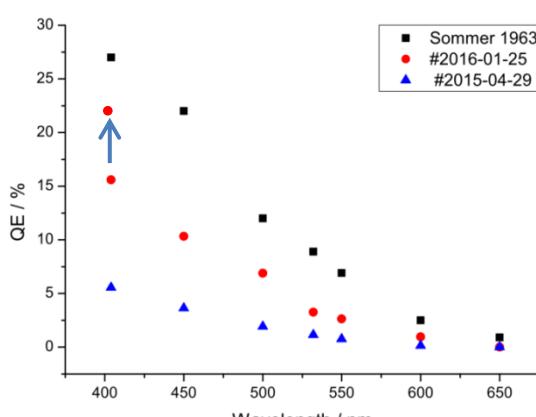
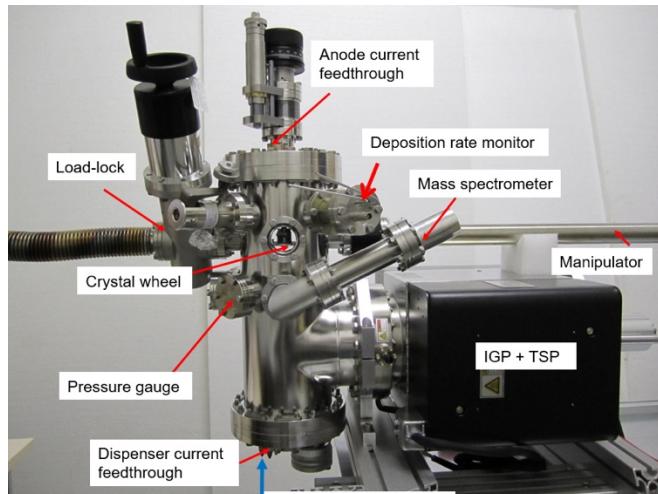
MELBA& MAMBO will be tested until end 2018 in available buiding

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

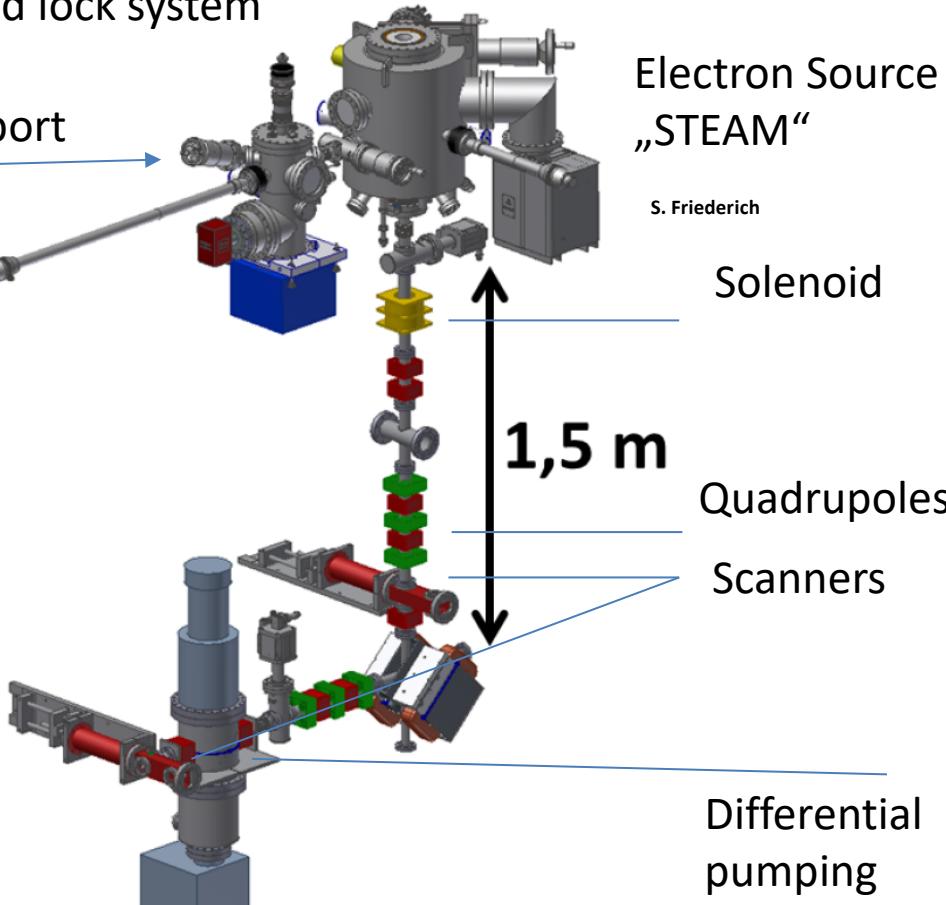
Photocathode „factory“



V. Bechthold

Load lock system

transport



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

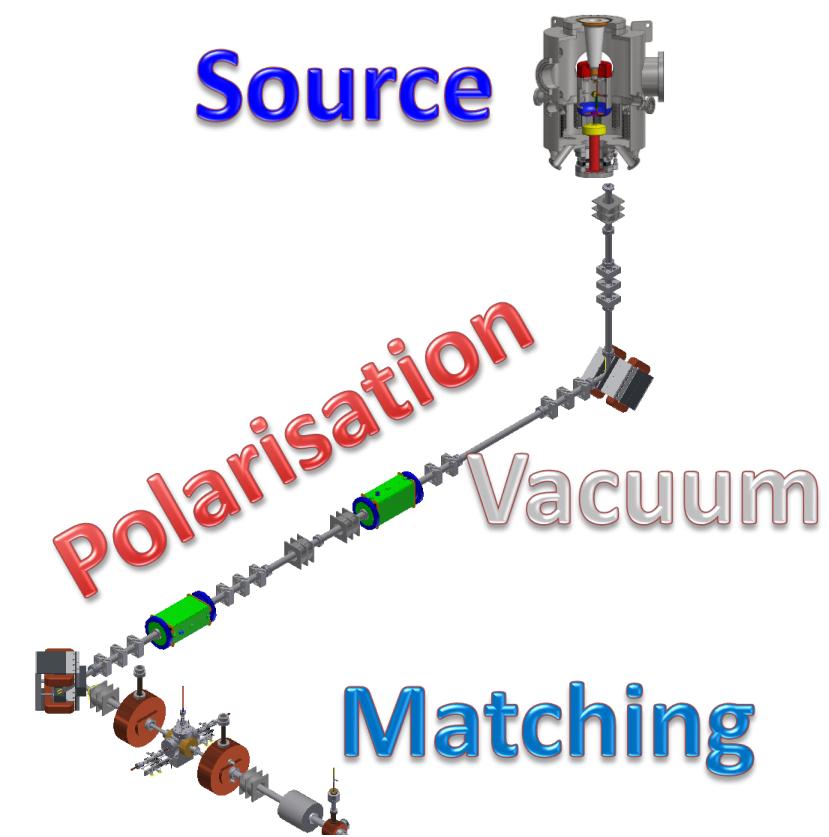
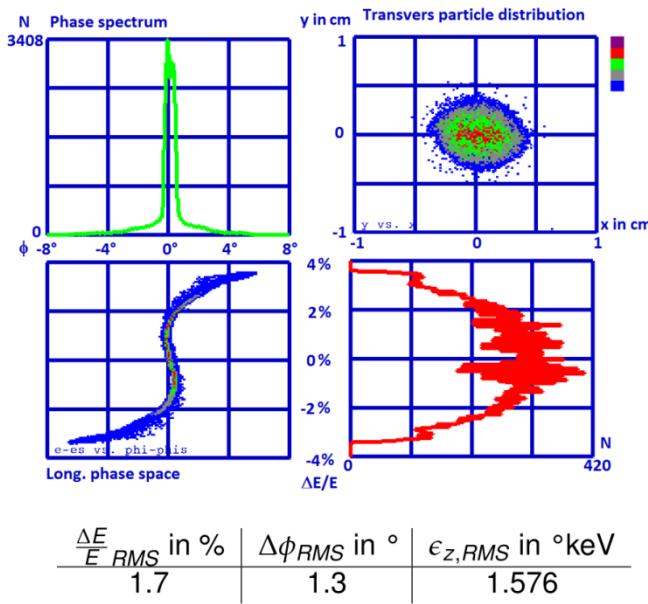
Full Assembly of MELBA planed until early 2017

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

-Compatibility with spin rotation

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

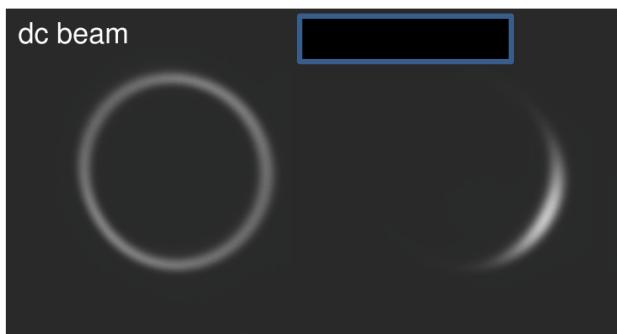
At the end of MELBA:



α_x	β_x in m	$\epsilon_{x,RMS,n}$ in μm	α_x	β_x in m	$\epsilon_{y,RMS,n}$ in μm
16.5	4.6	0.419	12.2	3.7	0.386

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

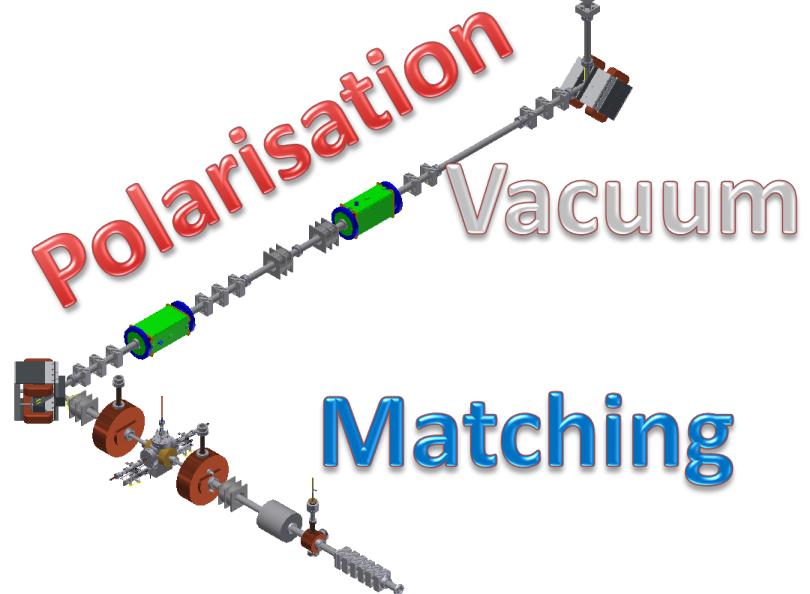
Blue ray disc laser and longitudinal diagnostics already tested....



I. Alexander

Longitudinal diagnostics at
Bunch charges corresponding to
 $> 1\text{mA}$ average current

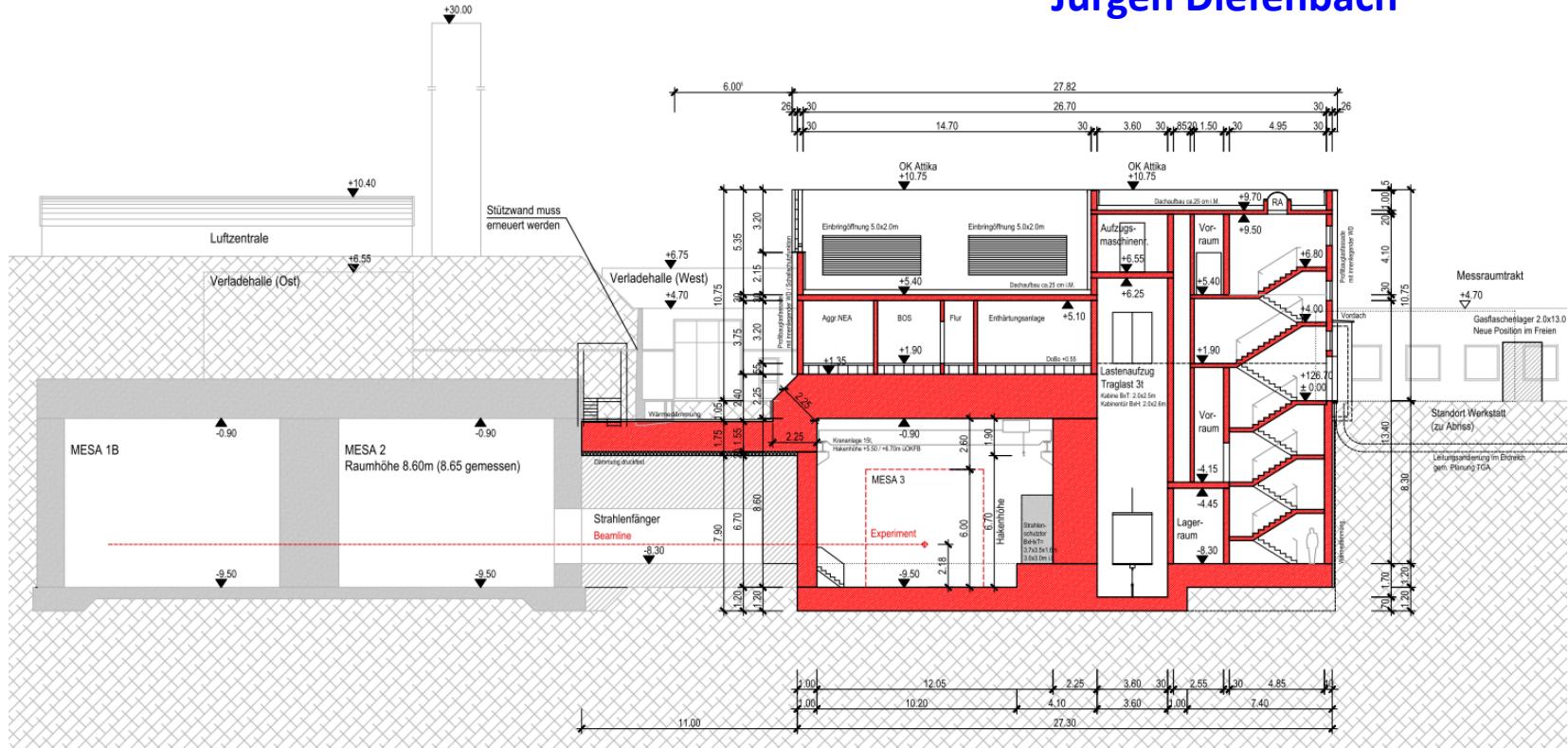
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“Centrum für Fundamentale Physik”, CFP

New underground building-some details

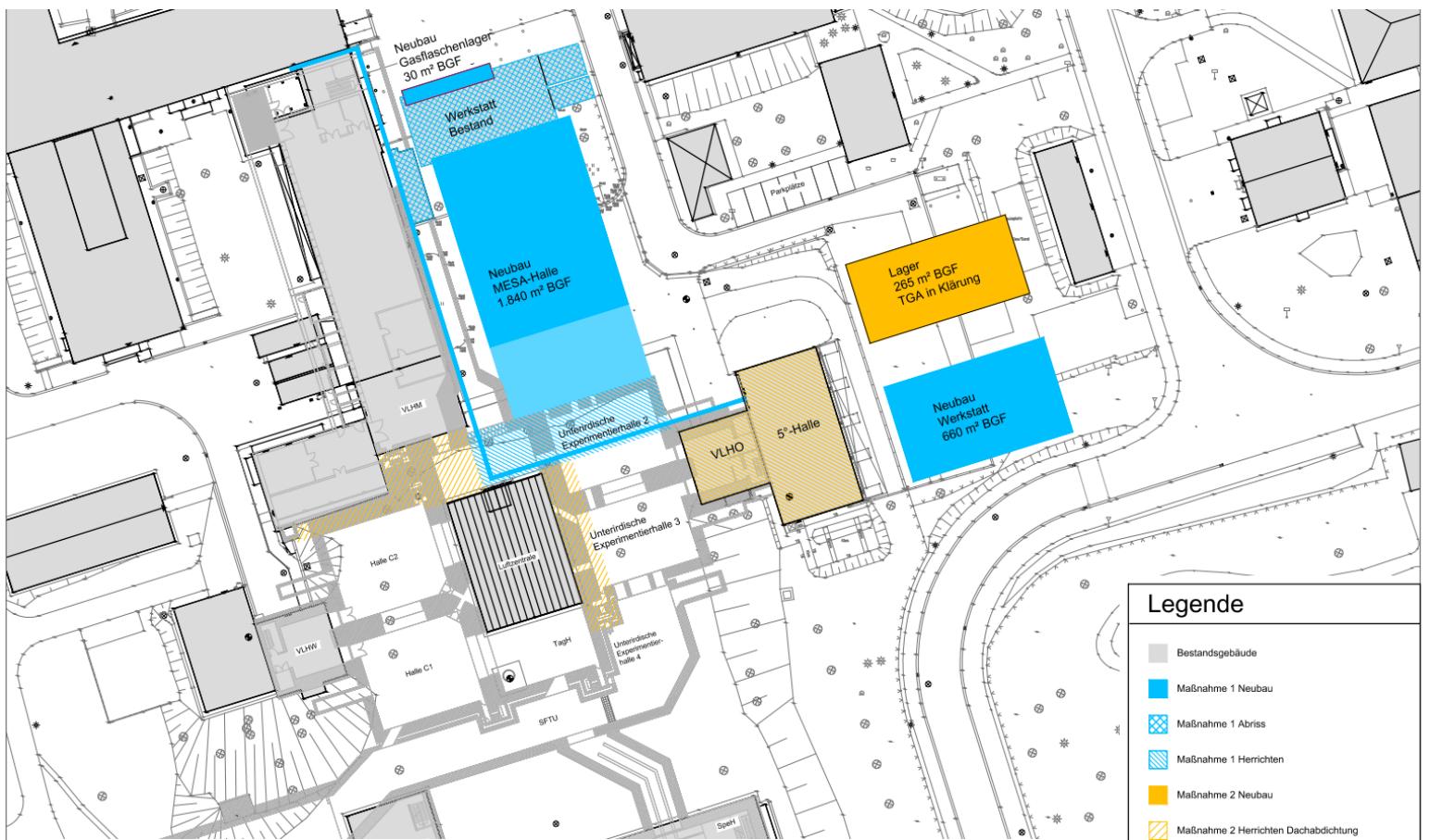
Radiation protection: see talk by
Jürgen Diefenbach



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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See talk by [D. Simon](#)



Five degree Hall becomes „Cryogenic center“

PLAN “B” – Kryogenics & R.f.

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