

# STATUS OF THE MESA PROJECT

- EXPLORING NEW TECHNIQUES FOR ACCELERATOR BASED RESEARCH

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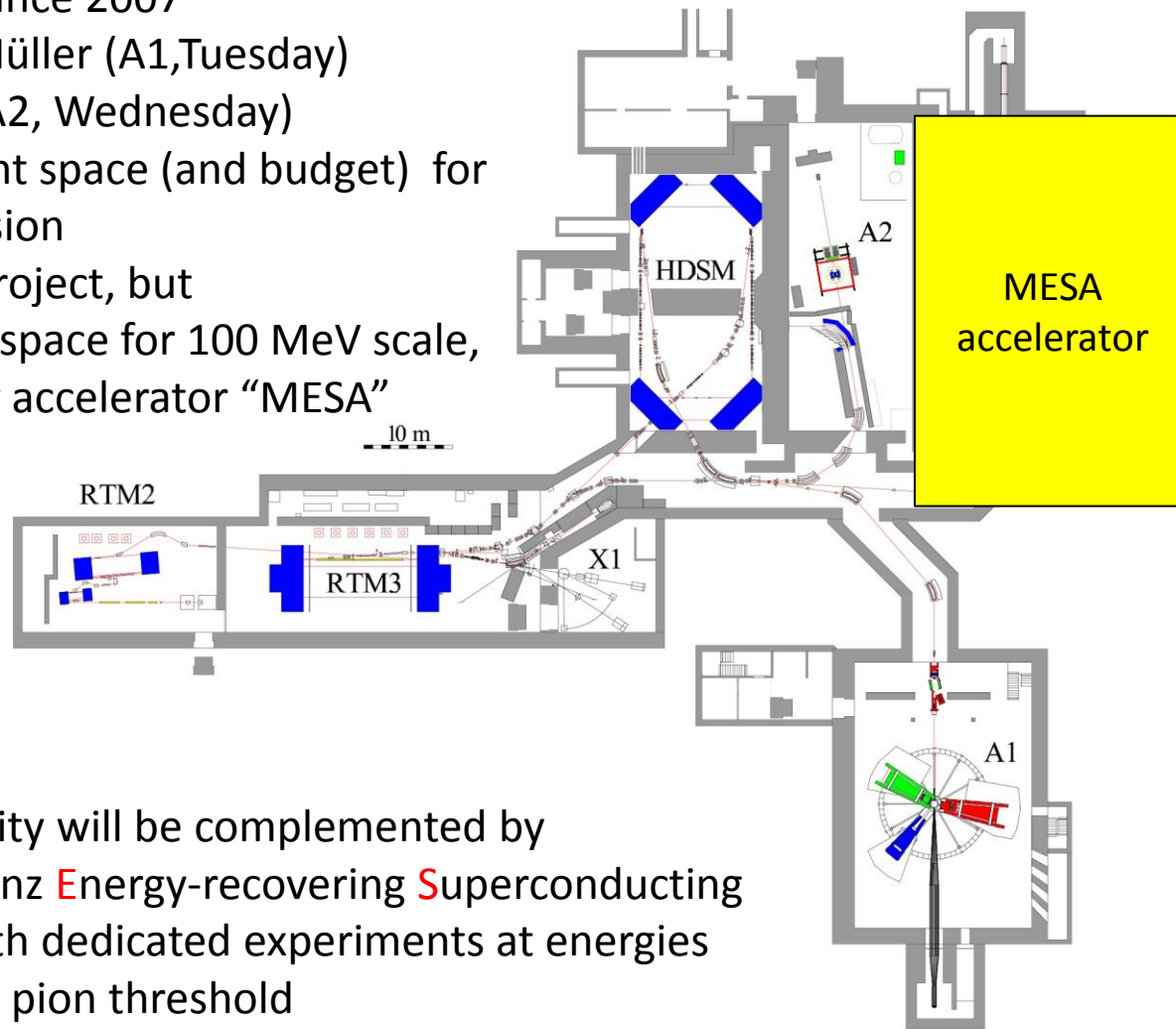
- The MESA Concept
- Accelerator Layout
- Exp-1: „P2“
  - a conventional polarised beam experiment pushed to the limit
- Exp-2: „MAGIX“
  - opportunities of a new experimental regime at low energies

# The MESA Concept:

## What is an ERL and what is it good for?

# Expanding the MAMI facility by “MESA”

- 1.6 GeV c.w. electron accelerator “MAMI-C” in operation since 2007
- talks by U. Müller (A1,Tuesday)  
A. Thomas (A2, Wednesday)
- BUT: Insufficient space (and budget) for further extension
- no MAMI D project, but use available space for 100 MeV scale, high intensity accelerator “MESA”

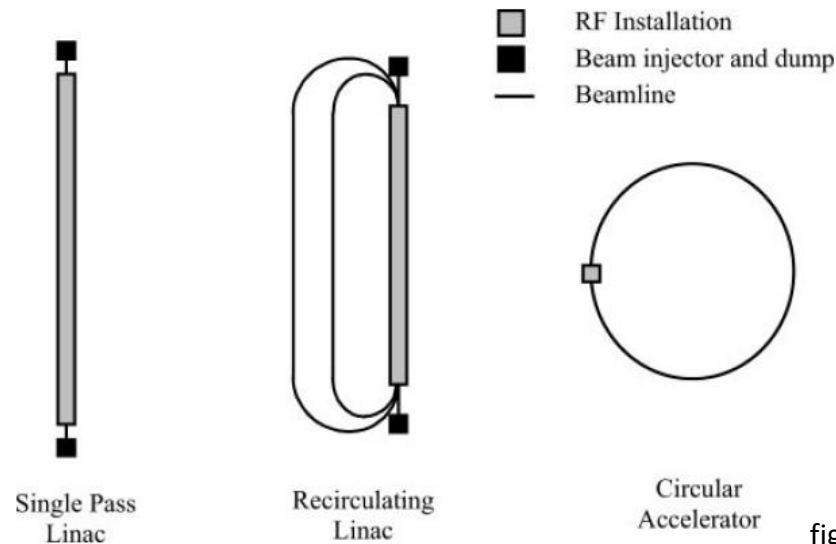


The MAMI facility will be complemented by **MESA**, the **M**ainz **E**nergy-recovering **S**uperconducting **A**ccelerator, with dedicated experiments at energies below or at the pion threshold

# The ERL primer

**Linacs** have many advantages but they are very expensive

Main cost driver for high intensity is RF-power.



**Figure 1** Main accelerator types.

fig. taken from  
L. Merminga et al.:  
Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2003. **53**:387–429

- **Recirculating linacs** reduce investment and running costs, but do not really „solve“ the issue
- **Storage rings** are extremely effective, but are limited in luminosity, in particular at low energies

The idea of an **E**nergy **R**ecovery **L**inac is to recover the kinetic energy in the same RF-resonator that has accelerated the particle. (Tigner, 1965).

Tigner, M. *Nuovo Cim.* 37:1228 (1965)

## LETTERE ALLA REDAZIONE

(La responsabilità scientifica degli scritti inseriti in questa rubrica è completamente lasciata dalla Direzione del periodico ai singoli autori)

### A Possible Apparatus for Electron Clashing-Beam Experiments (\*).

M. TIGNER

Laboratory of Nuclear Studies, Cornell University - Ithaca, N. Y.

(ricevuto il 2 Febbraio 1965)

tions. A schematic drawing of this arrangement is given in Fig. 3. In this configuration the beam is turned back upon itself and re-enters the accelerator where it gives back its energy to the

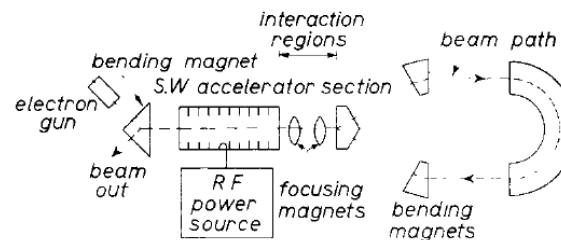
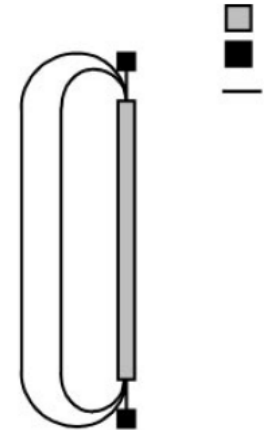


Fig. 3.

accelerating field provided that the path length through the magnet system has been correctly chosen. As shown the magnet system would work only for



Recirculating  
Linac

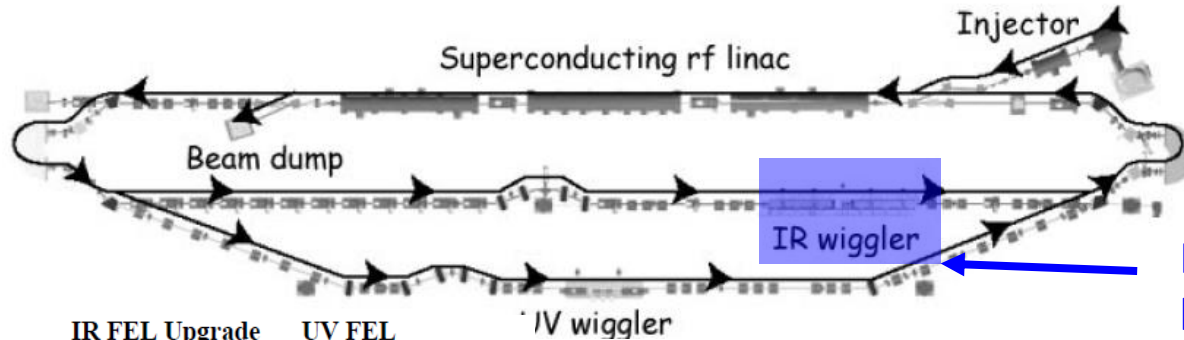
Main accelerator types.

Deceleration demonstrated in the 1970's in "Reflexotron" Linacs

→ Parasitic Bunch collisions can be avoided by using the recirculating linac arrangement

→ Idea was not pursued seriously until the 1990's...

# c.w. Laser from an accelerator (JLAB 2001)



Replace wiggler  
by „Pseudo“  
internal target

Parameter	IR FEL Upgrade	UV FEL
Beam energy at wiggler	80–210 MeV	200 MeV
Average beam current	10 mA	5 mA
Bunch charge	135 pC	135 pC
Bunch repetition rate	74.85 MHz	74.85 MHz
Normalized emittance (rms)	13 mm-mrad	5–10 mm-mrad
Bunch length at wiggler (rms)	200 fs	200 fs
Peak current	270 A	270 A
FEL extraction efficiency	1%	0.25%
$\delta p/p$ before wiggler (rms)	0.5%	0.125%
$\delta p/p$ after wiggler (full)	10%	5%
CW FEL power	>10 kW	>1 kW

JLAB ERL Laser output: 10kW

Beam Power in Wiggler: ~1MW

R.F power needed: ~100kW

L Merminga et al. Ann. Rev. Part. Sci 53 387 (2003)

The energy taken away by scattered particles  
in one passage of the target can be much smaller  
than the one extracted in the FEL

→ Experiments with „Pseudo“  
internal targets could be attractive.

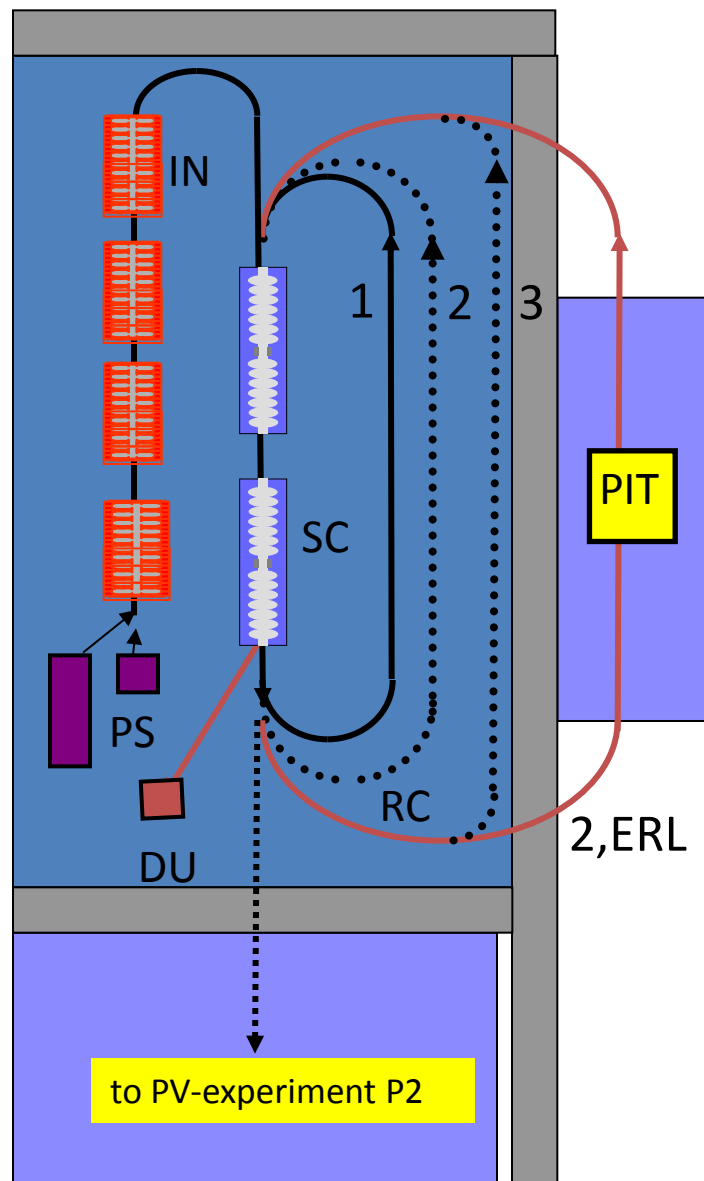
(Proposed for dark matter search

by Heinemayer et al. (2007): arXiv:0705.4056v2 )





# 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):

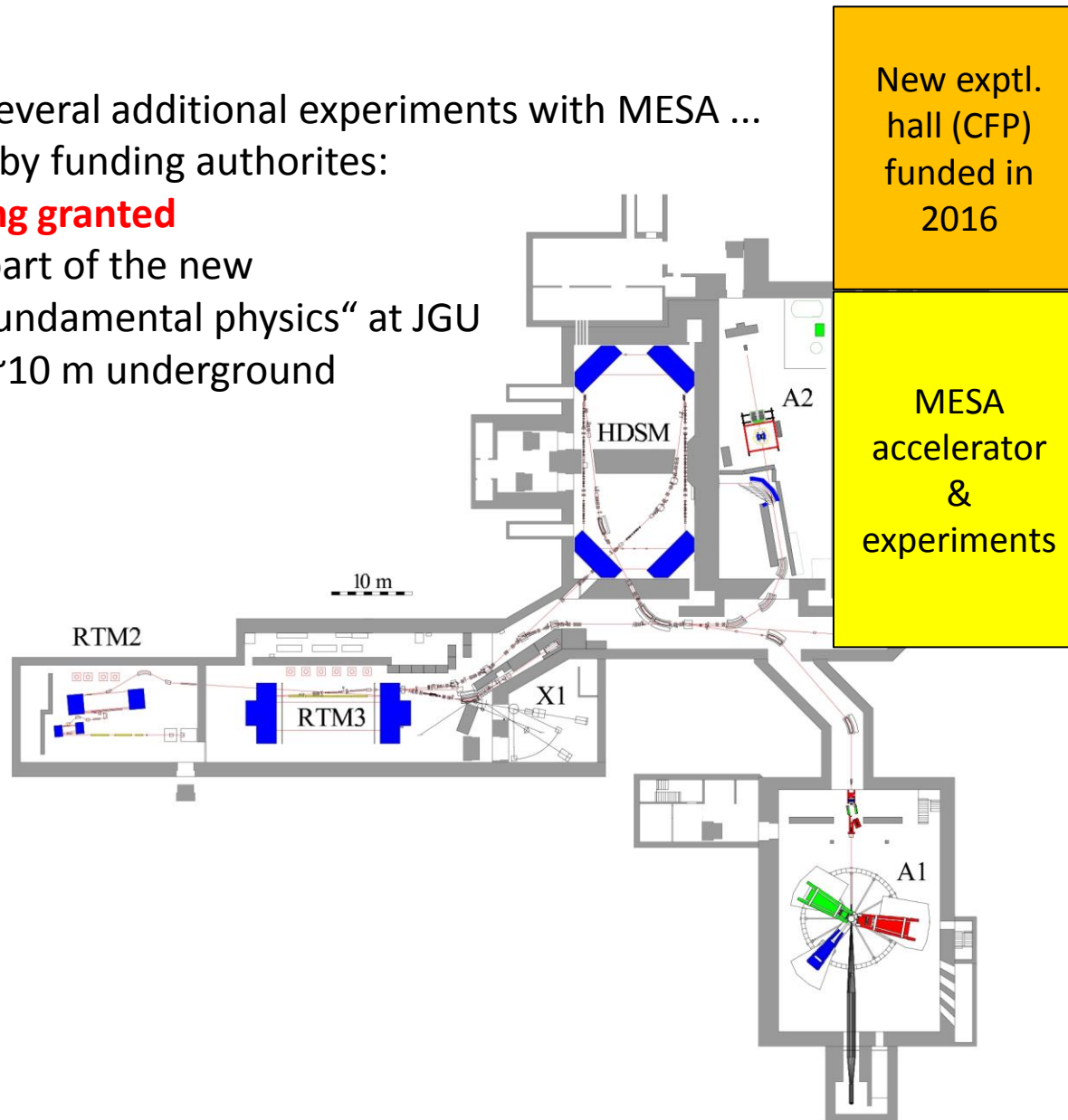
### CW beam

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

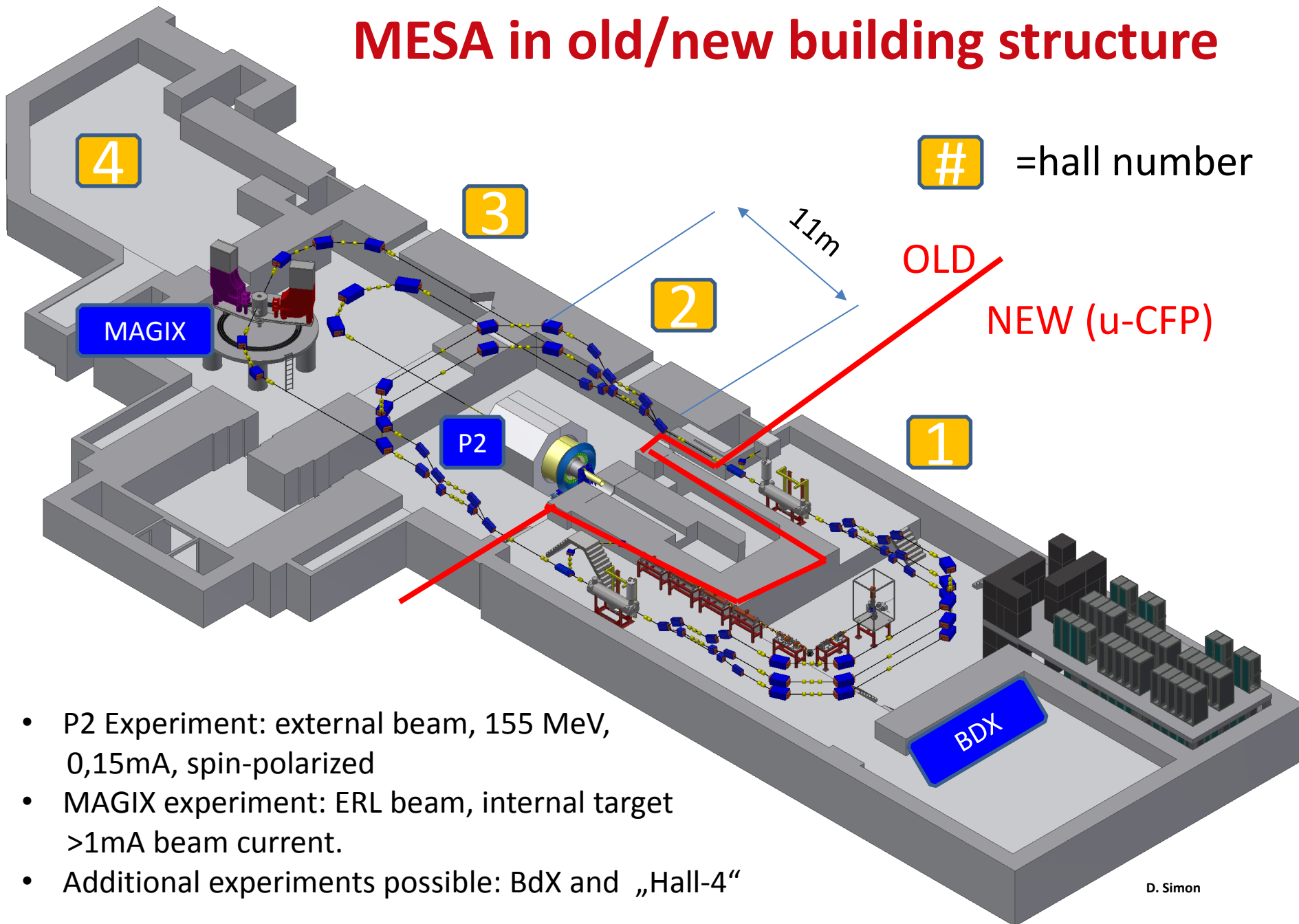
**ER-mode:** 1 mA (10 mA), 105 MeV (un)polarized beam  
(Pseudo-Internal Hydrogen Gas target, PIT  $L \sim 10^{35}$ )

# MESA EXTENSION BUILDING

- Ideas for several additional experiments with MESA ...
- ...Endorsed by funding authorities:  
**new building granted**
- Building is part of the new  
„Center of fundamental physics“ at JGU
- floor level ~10 m underground

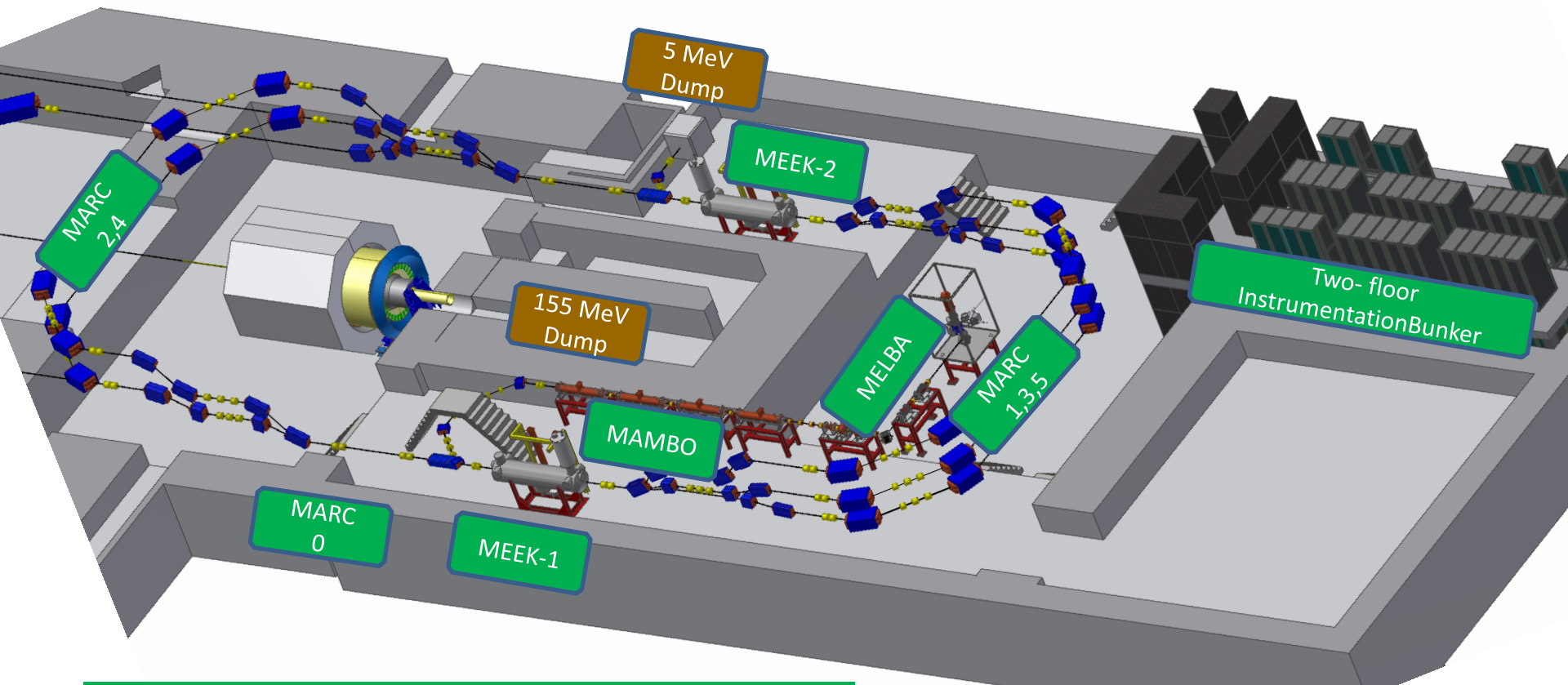


# MESA in old/new building structure



D. Simon

# Accelerator components



MELBA: MEsa Low –energy Beam Apparatus

MAMBO: MilliAMpere Booster

MEEK: Mesa Elbe-Enhanced-Kryomodule

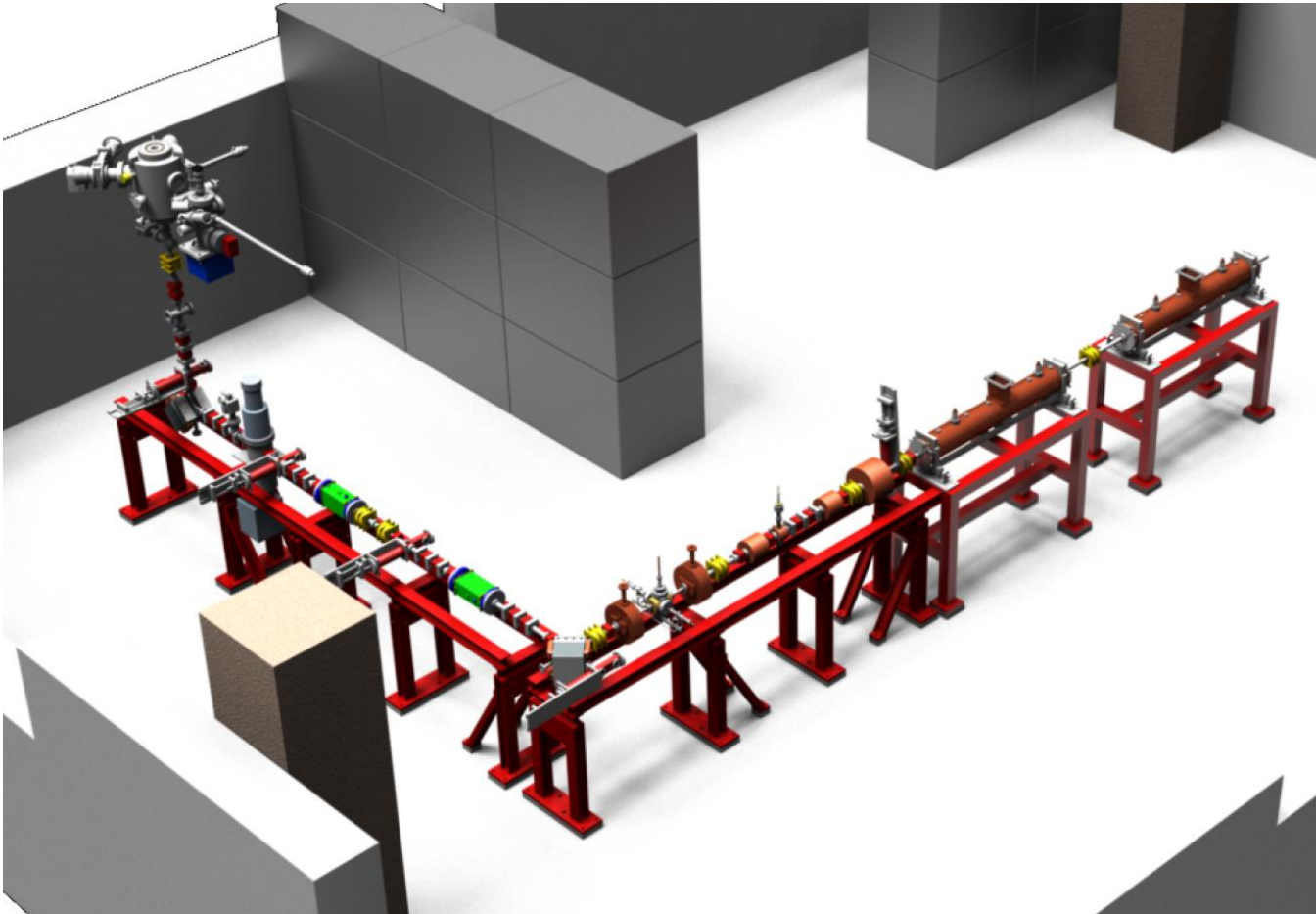
MARC: MESA (recirculation) ARC

**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

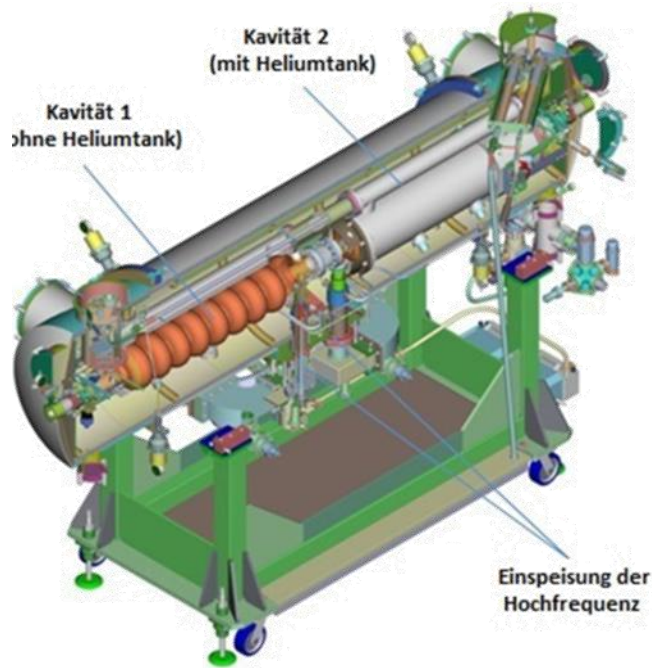
# Beam test of MELBA and “50%” MAMBO planned until end 2018



- First two sections of MAMBO will be installed. → 2.5 MeV „full relativistic“ beam
- 1300 MHz Rf power generated by **solid state amplifiers** with up to 80kW c.w.
- Beam current >1mA can be tested

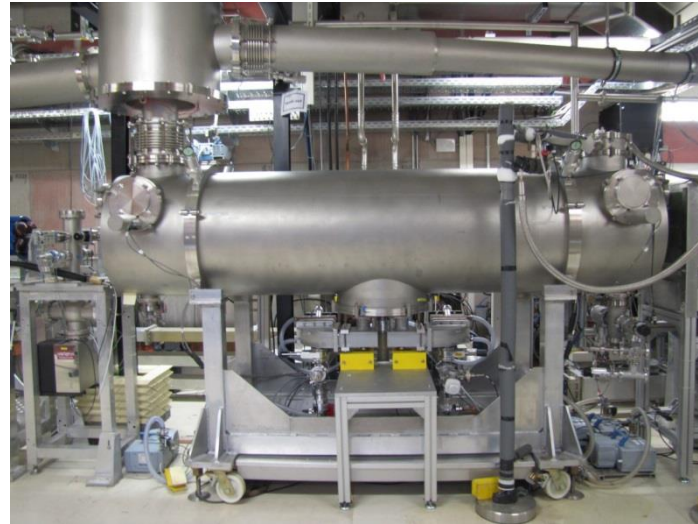


# MEEK (Mesa Elbe Enhanced Kryomodules)



J. Teichert et al. NIMA 557 (2006) 239

- Design Gradient 13MV/m at  $Q_0 = 1.5 \cdot 10^{10}$ .
- 2 Cryomodules with four cavities will yield 50MeV energy gain/turn
- „Enhancements“: -faster tuner and improved HOM capabilities for higher current
- Under fabrication at RI Instruments Bergisch Gladbach
- Delivery date for the two modules and April/June 2017
- Performance tests at new „HIM experimental hall“

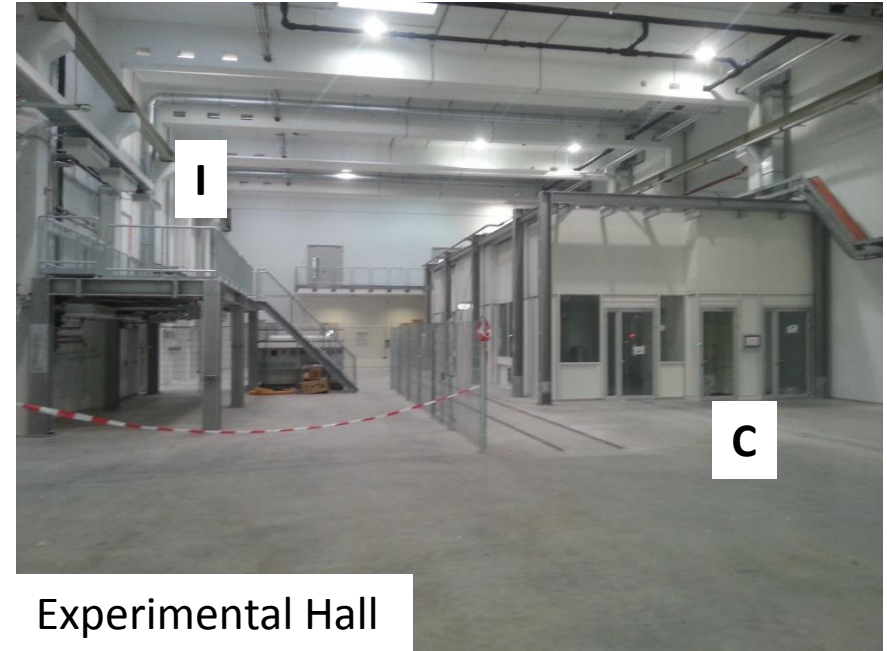
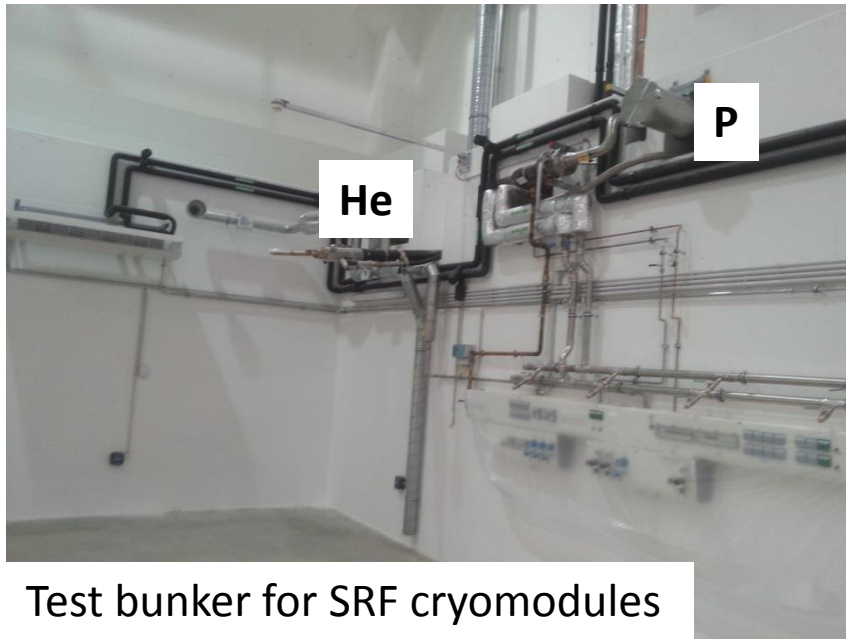


Installation at ELBE

# MEEK Cryomodules

## -preparing for the test phase

„Helmholtz Institut Mainz“ (HIM) is ready for operation !

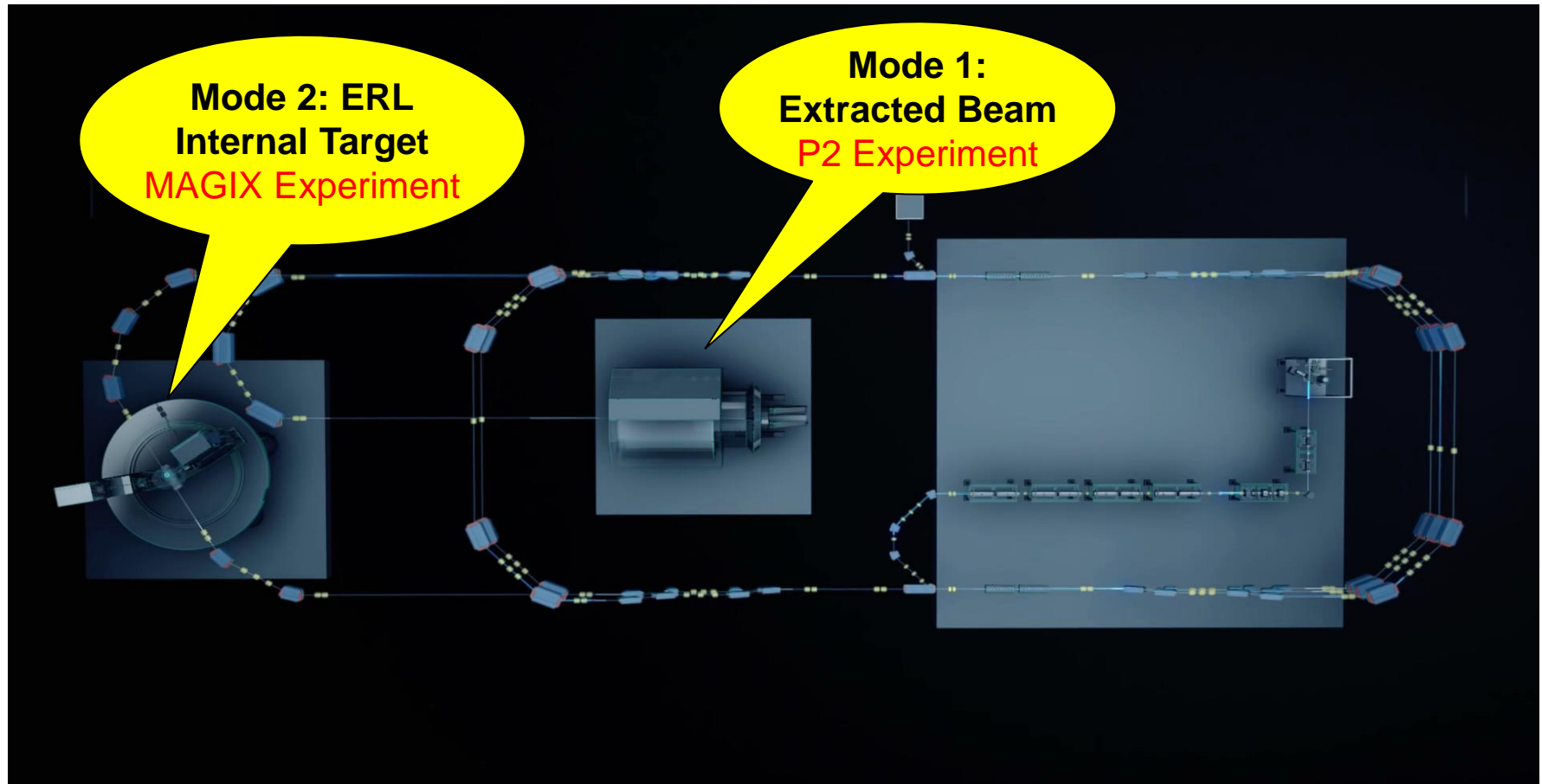


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**He:** Lq. Helium supply line from liquifier in nuclear physics institute: >50l/hour through 220 m long pipe **demonstrated**. **P:** 4g/s pump stage at 16mbar is presently being ordered.

**I:** Instrumentation platform, **C:** Clean room for cryomodule maintenance

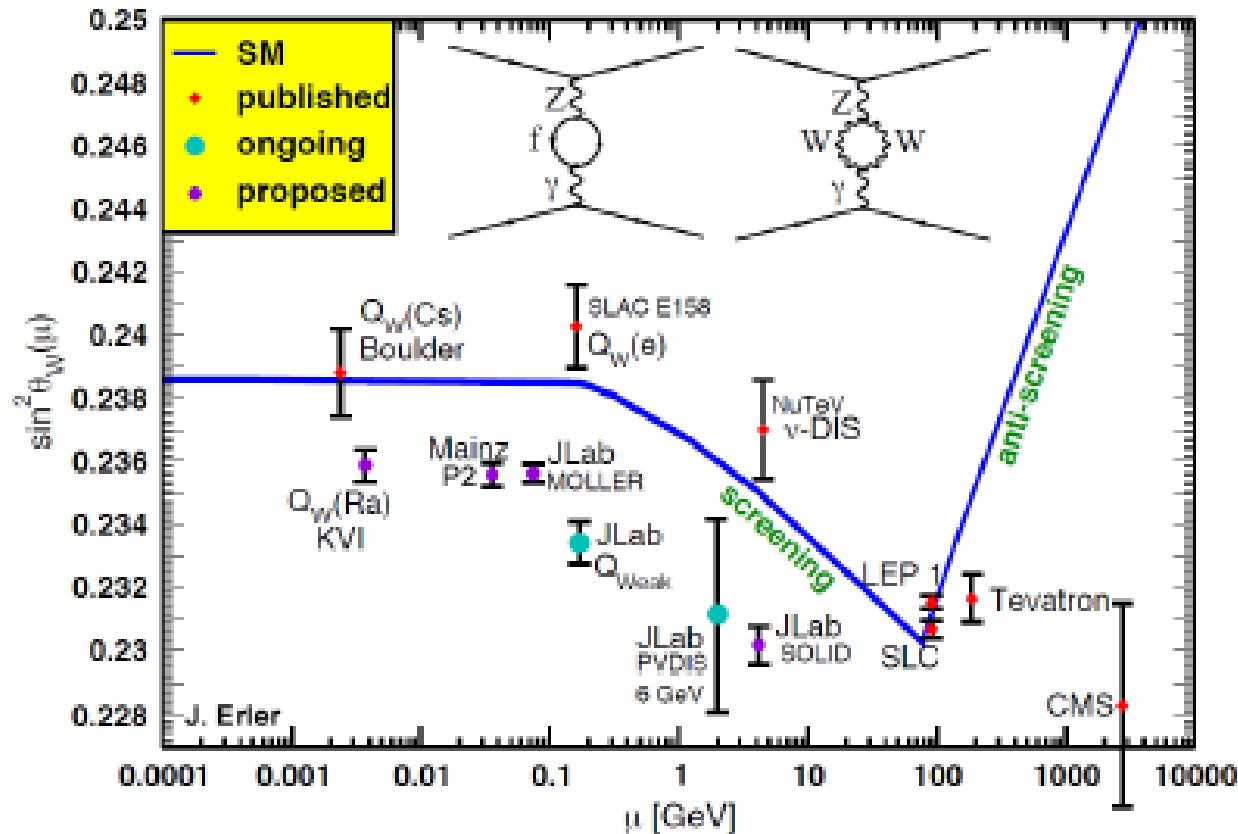
# Experiments at MESA



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



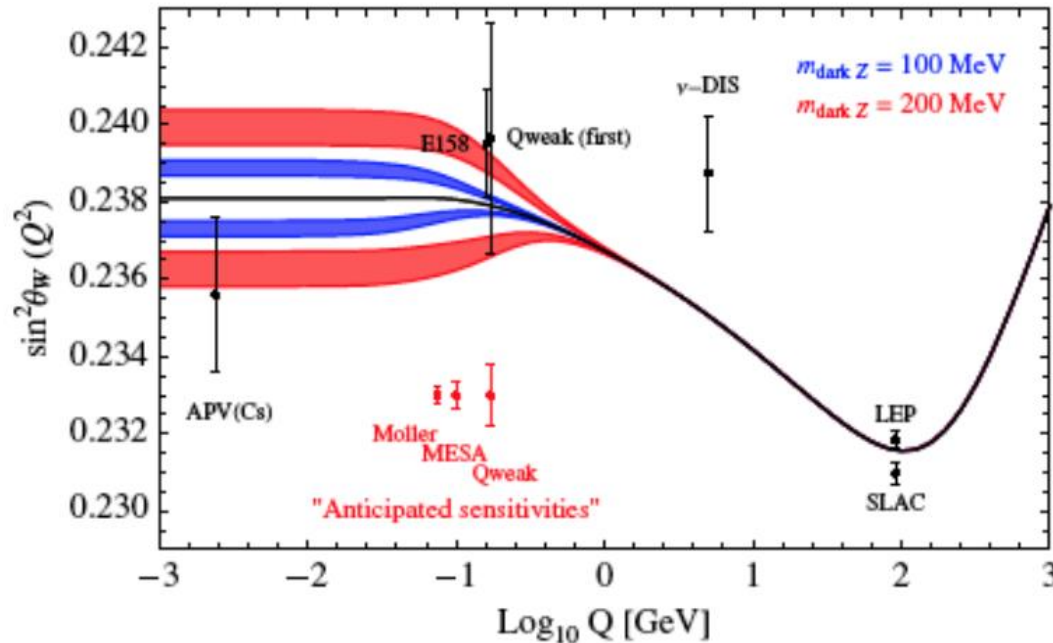
# Electroweak mixing angle past, present and future



## PDG 2014:

- Q<sub>W</sub>(Cs): Atomic parity violation
- SLAC E158: Møller scattering
- NuTeV: Neutrino scattering
- Z-Pole Measurements  
LEP  
SLAC  
Tevatron  
LHC

# The P2 experiment at MESA



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

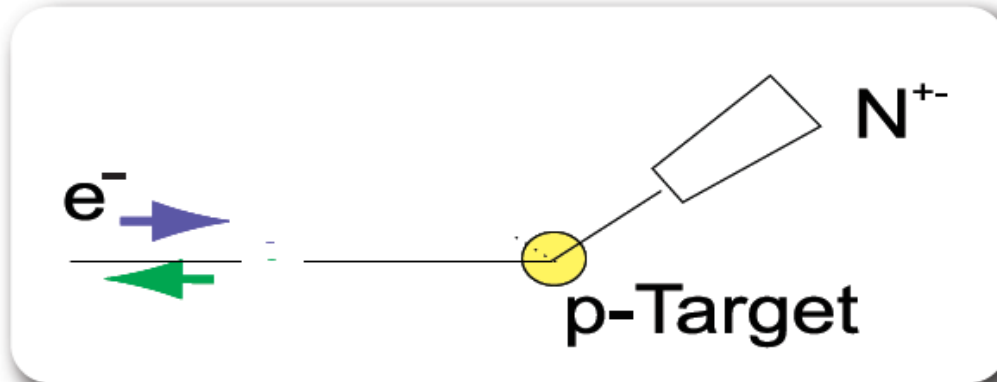
F. Maas, PAVI2014 conf.

„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



150  $\mu\text{A}$  Beamcurrent , 60cm lq. H<sub>2</sub>, Beampol: 85%.

10000 h Data-taking (~13-15000 h Runtime)

High accuracy polarization measurement ( $\Delta P/P=0.5\%$ )

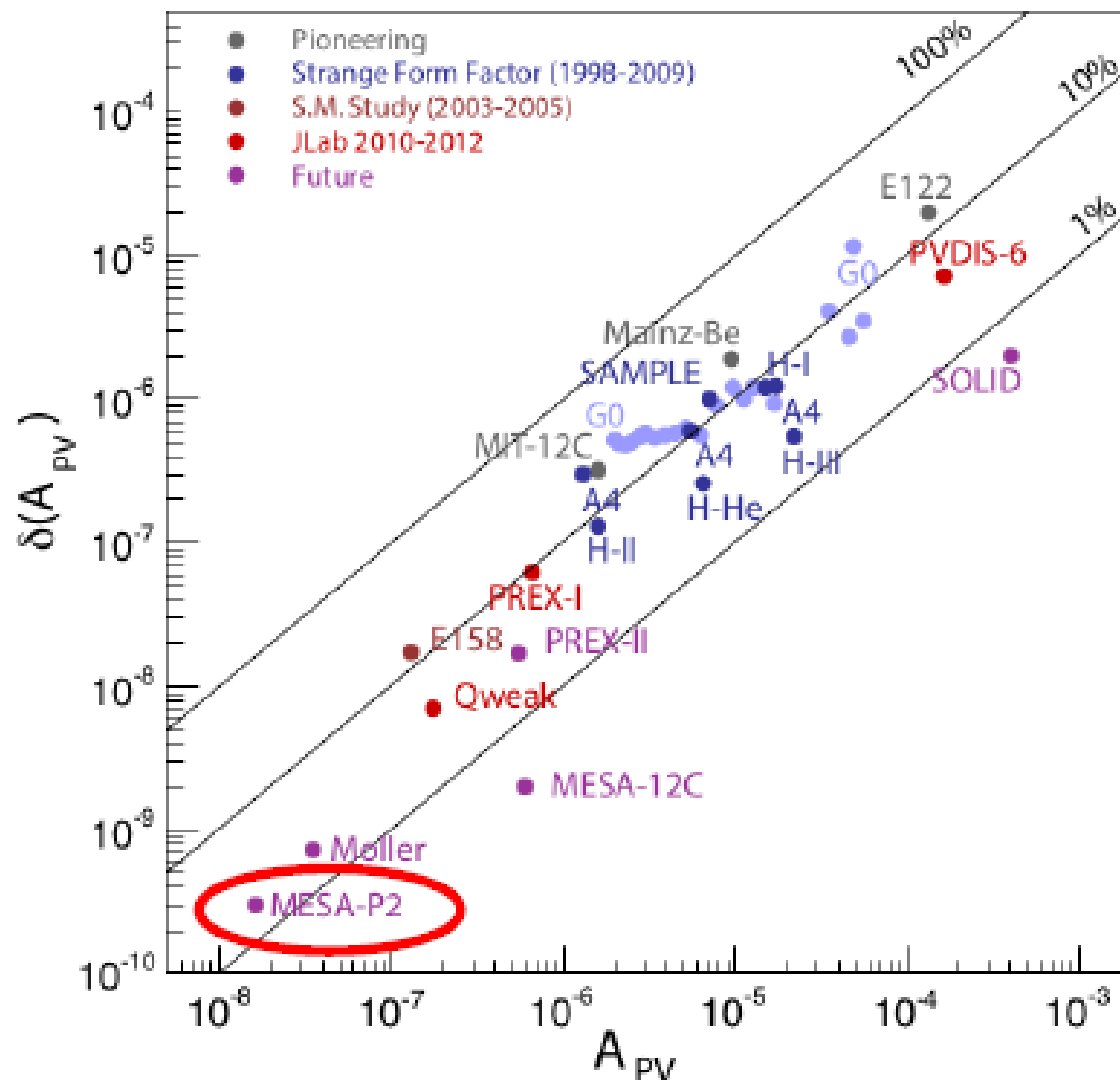
Extremely high demands on control of HC-fluctuations!

→ ~4000h/Year Runtime

→ Accelerator must be optimized for reliability& stability

→ Count rate several hundred Gigahertz → Integrating detector + spectrometer

# The P2 experiment at MESA

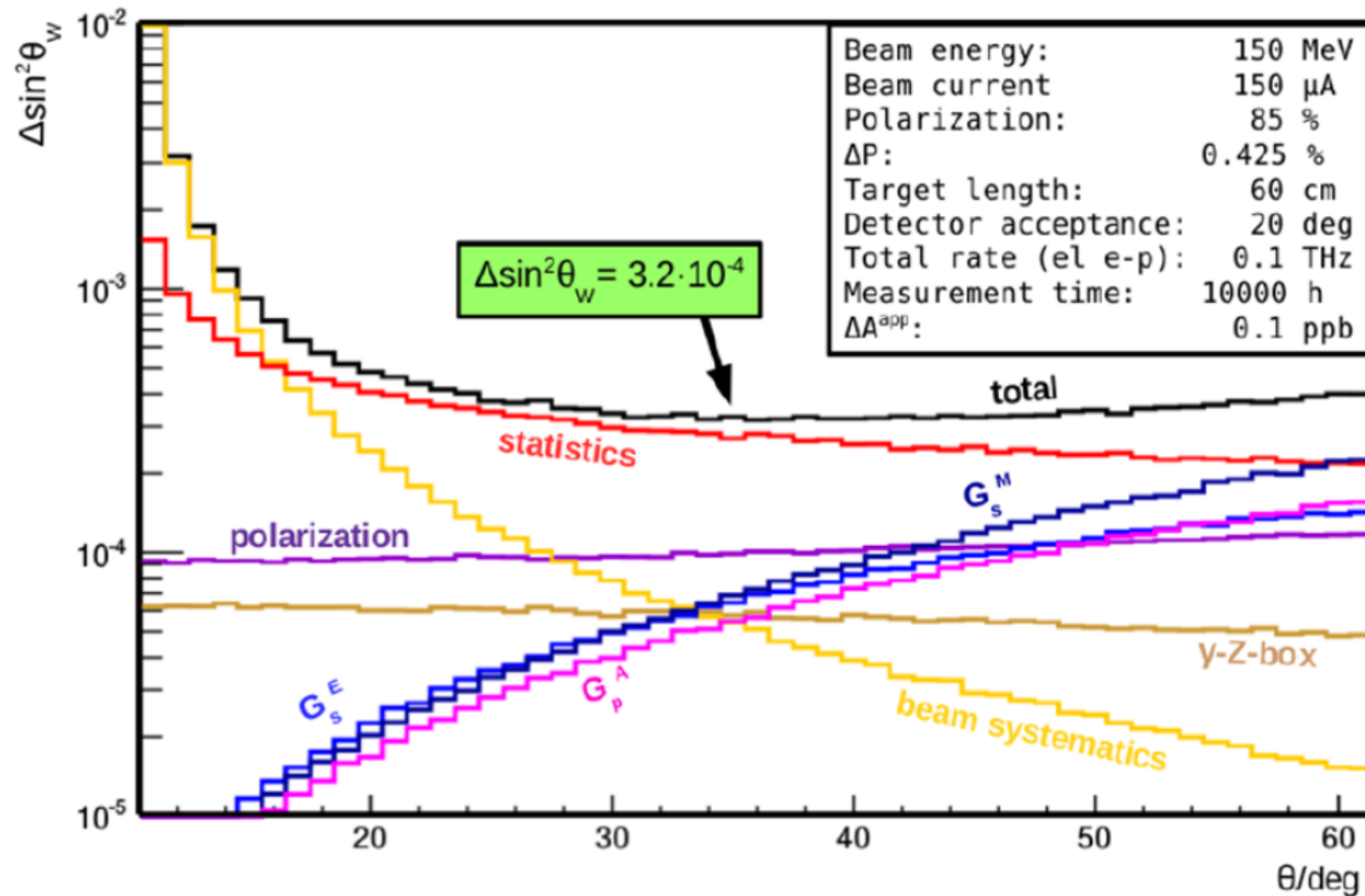


P2 experiment

$$A = -28.35 \text{ ppb}$$

$$\Delta A = 0.44 \text{ ppb}$$

# The P2 experiment at MESA



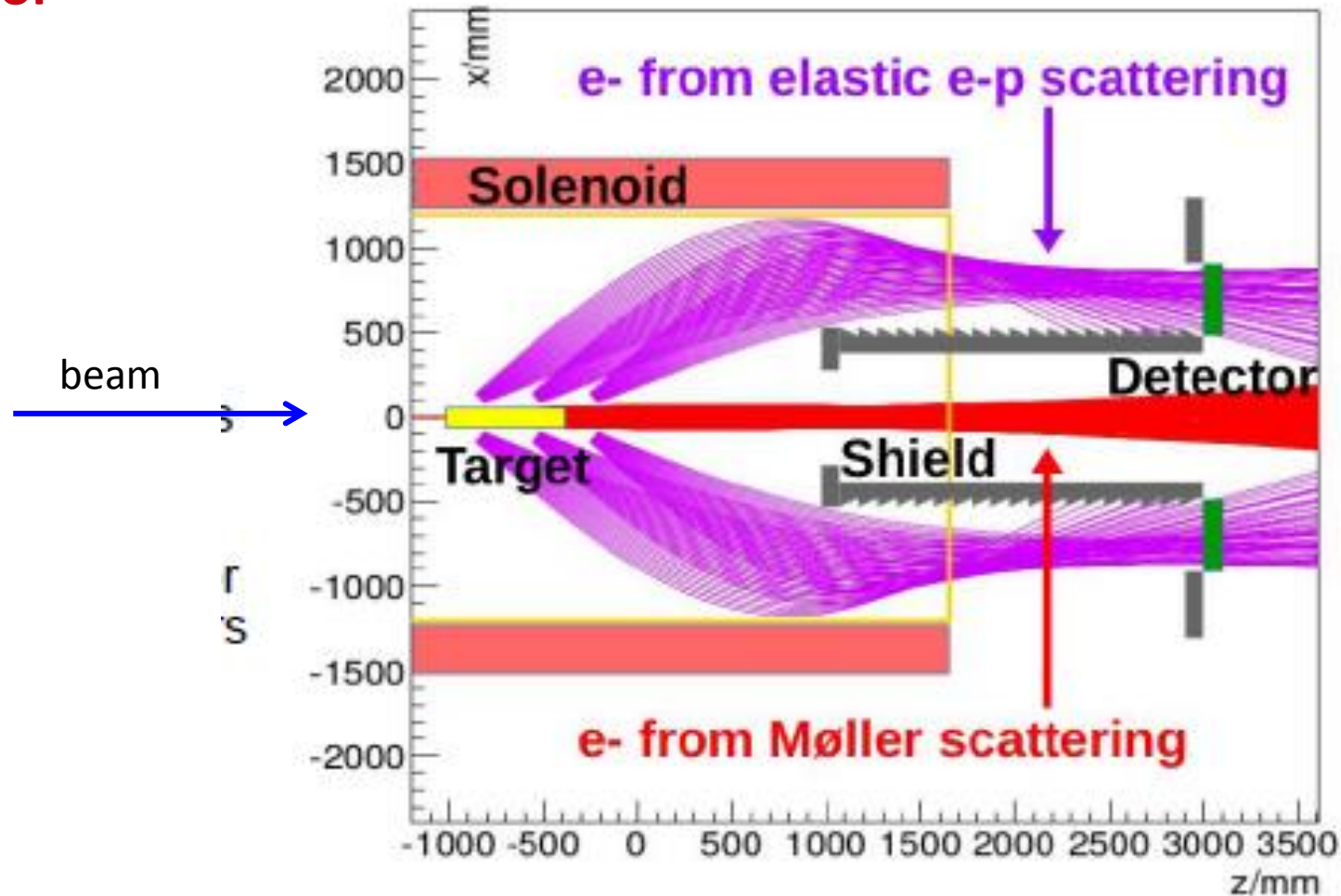
The SM-model value for Asymmetry\*Beampol is 28 ppb  
to be measured with an accuracy of 0.44 ppb....

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Details in Talk by S. Baunack (Tuesday)

# The P2 Experiment at MESA

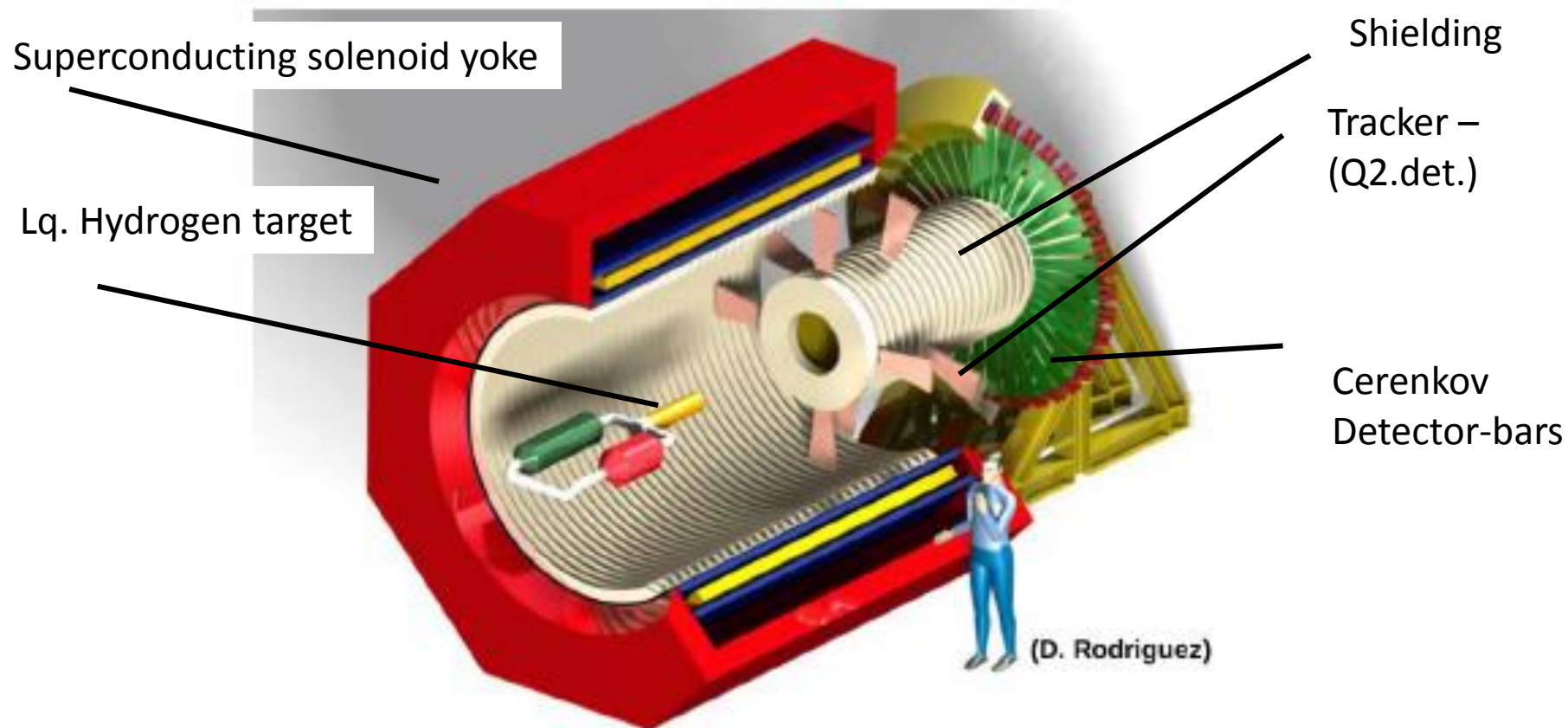
- detector



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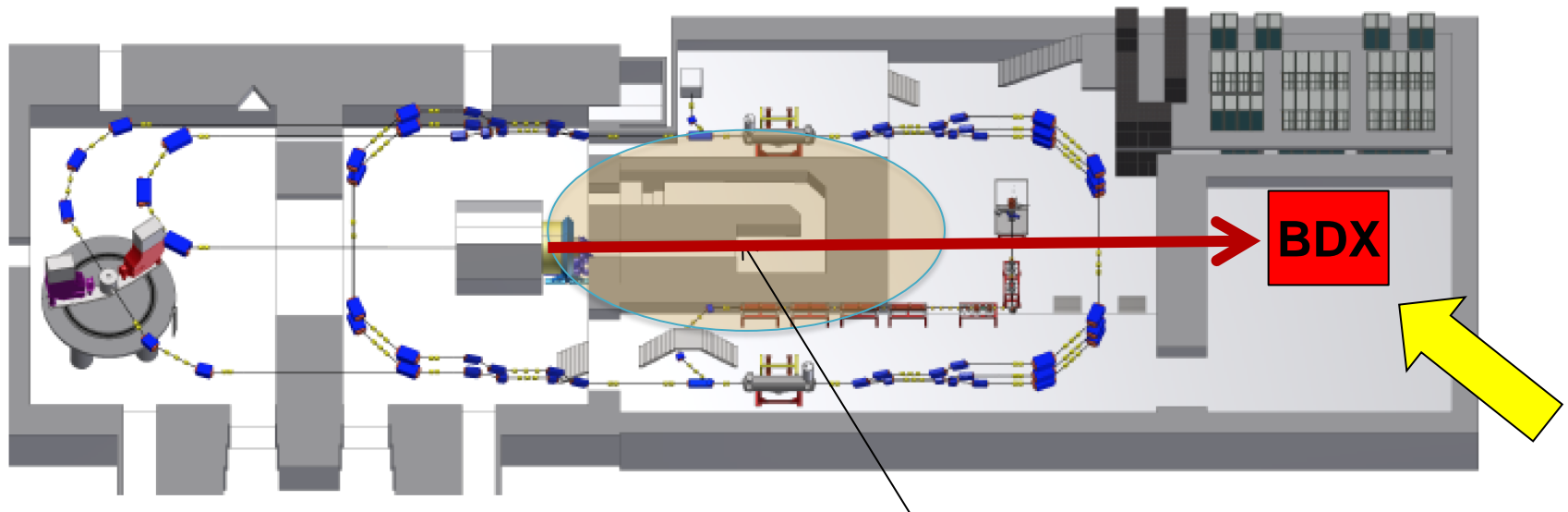
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# The P2 Experiment at MESA

-parallel („for free“) experiment !

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

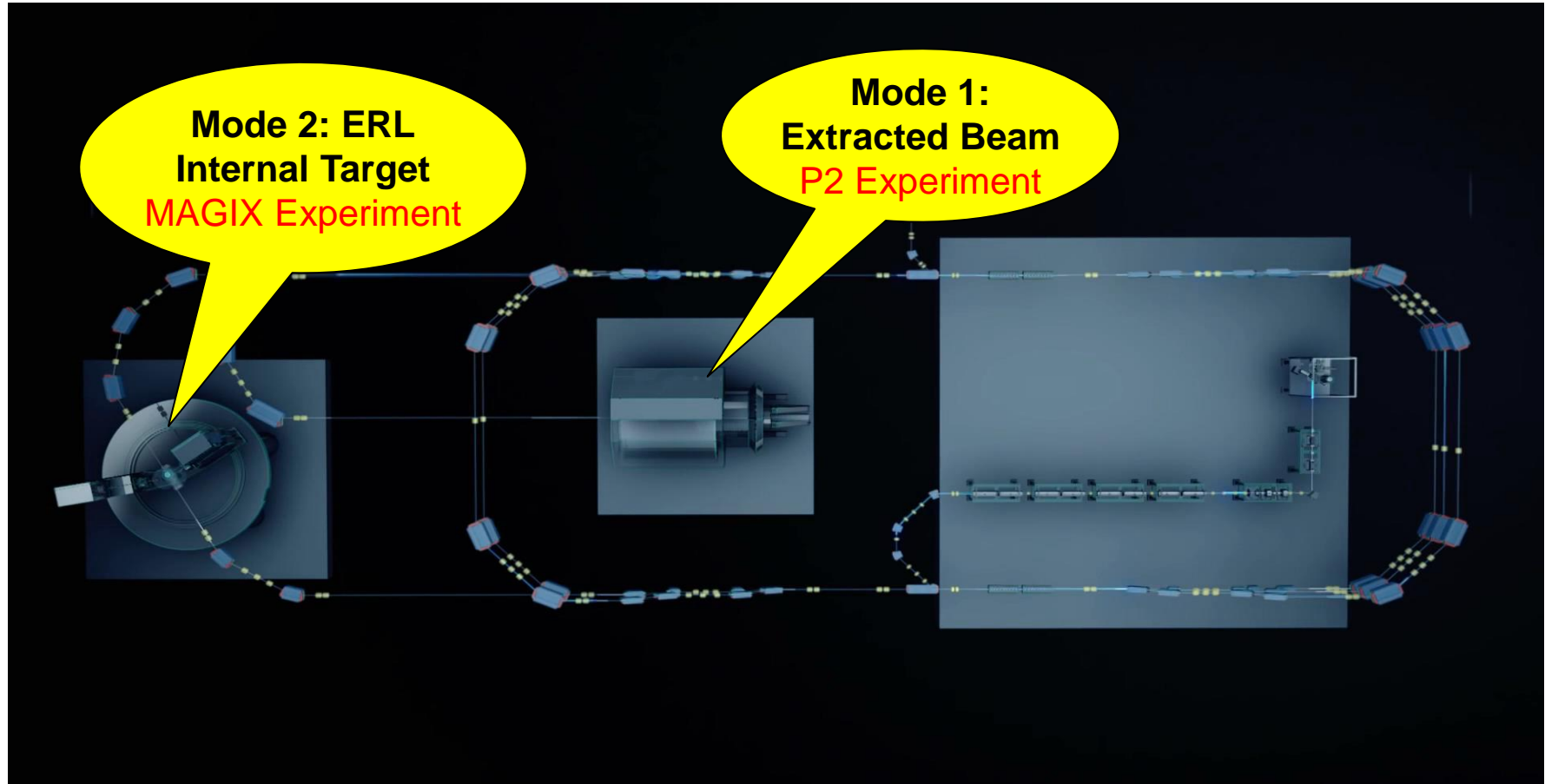
Electron Scattering on Beam Dump → Collimated pair of Dark Matter particles !



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



# The MAInz Gas Internal EXperiment (MAGIX) at MESA

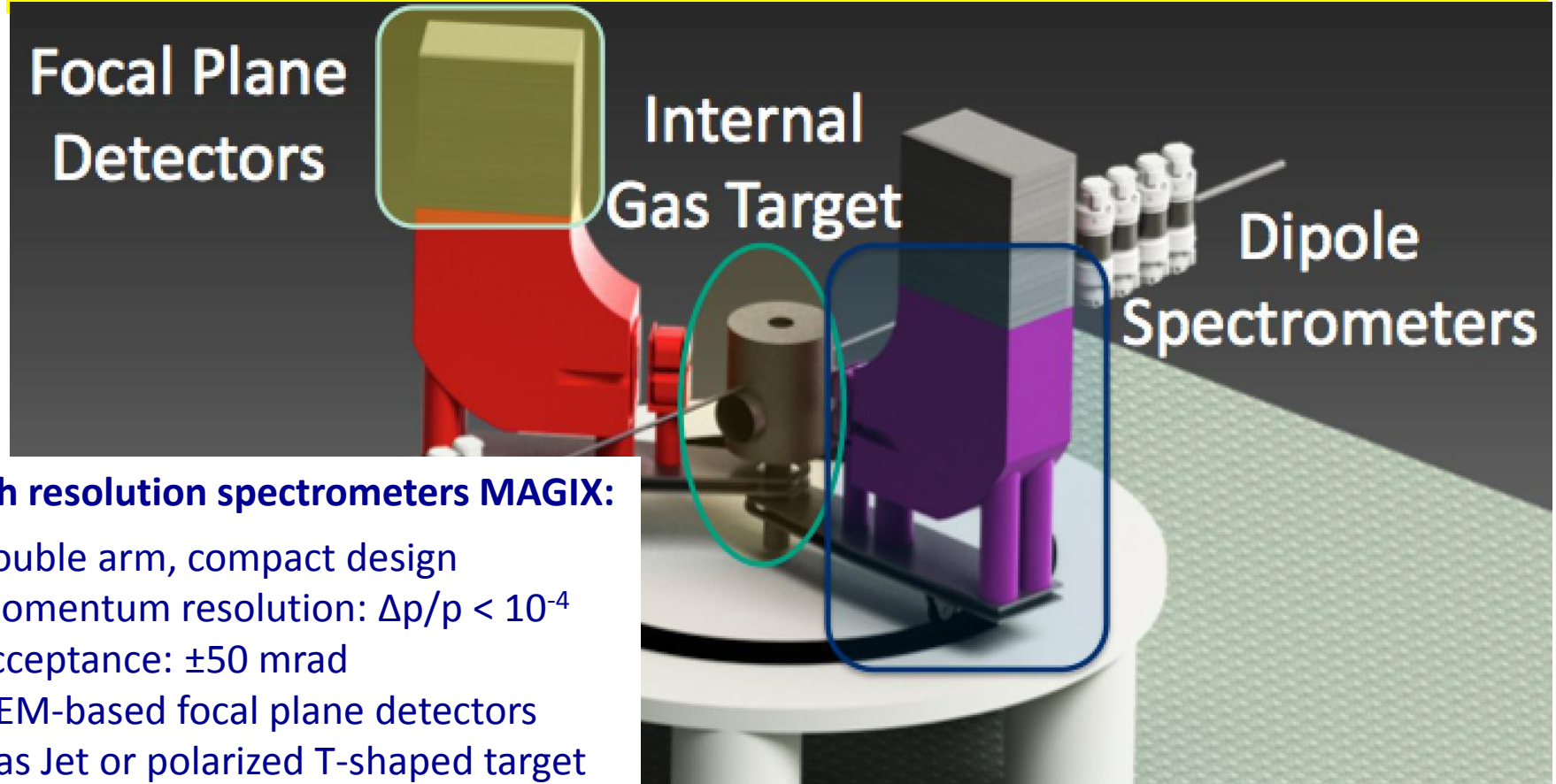


- 1mA Beam current in ERL mode
- → high luminosity in spite of thin (in particular polarized) target.

# 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!

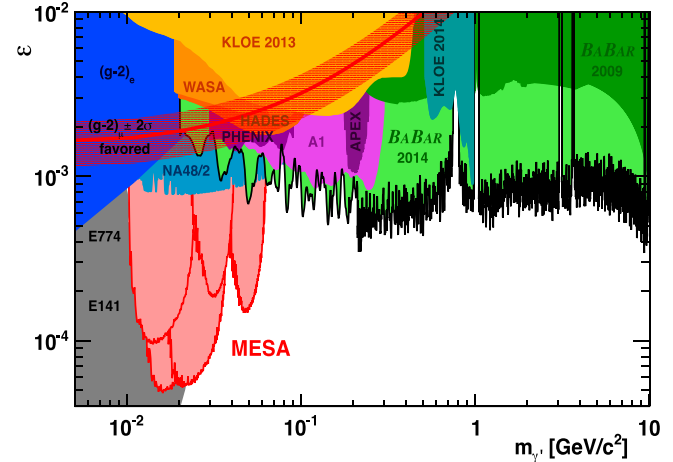
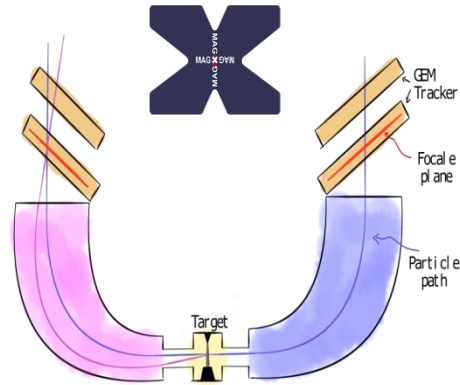
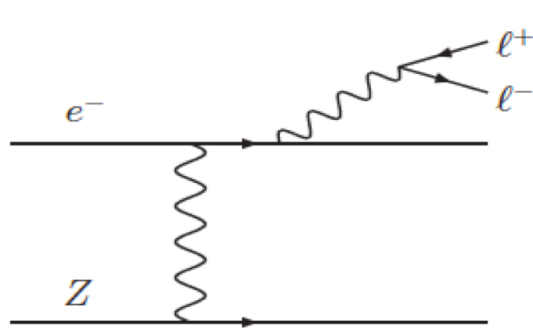


## High resolution spectrometers MAGIX:

- 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 portfolio-I / dark photon searches

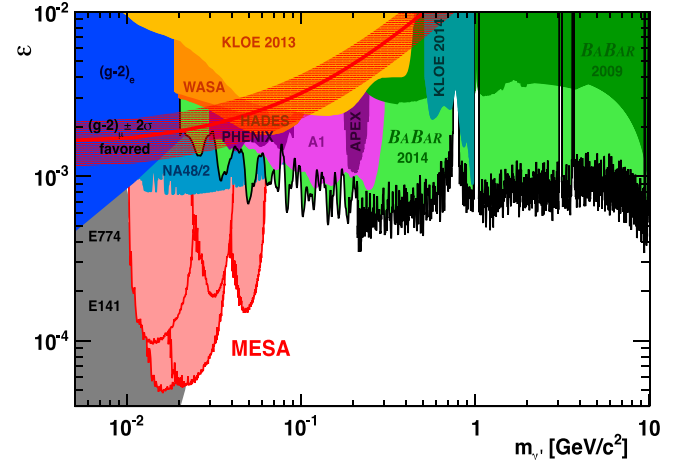
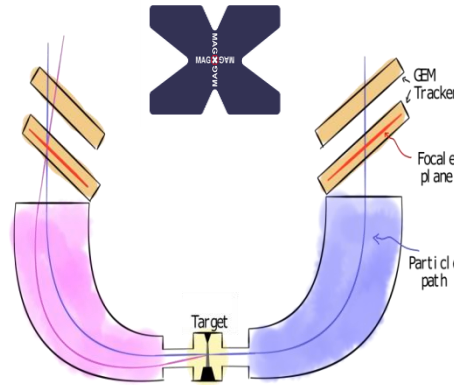
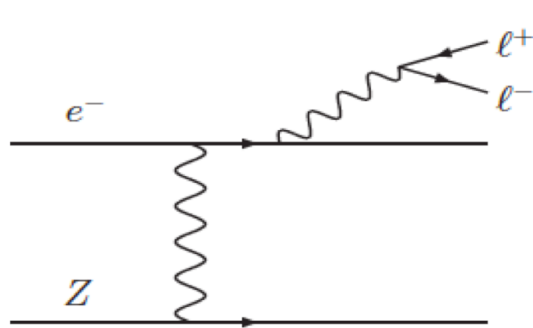
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Expected coverage...

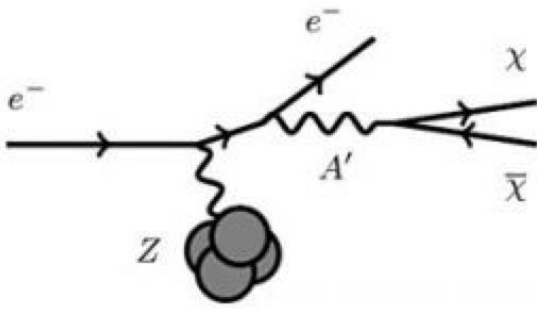
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Dark photon decays into light lepton pair..



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...

# MAGIX portfolio-II / Form factors

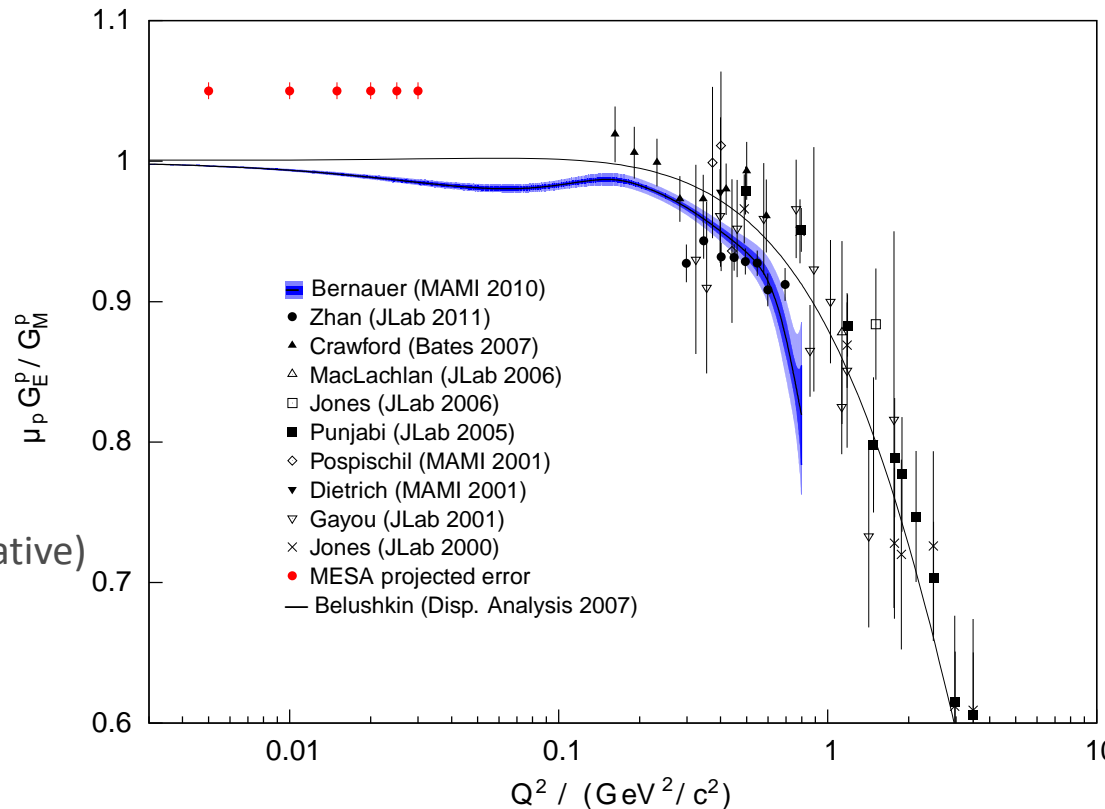


H<sup>-</sup> ion by  
The New York Times

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

# Options for MAGIX portfolio III-V ?

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

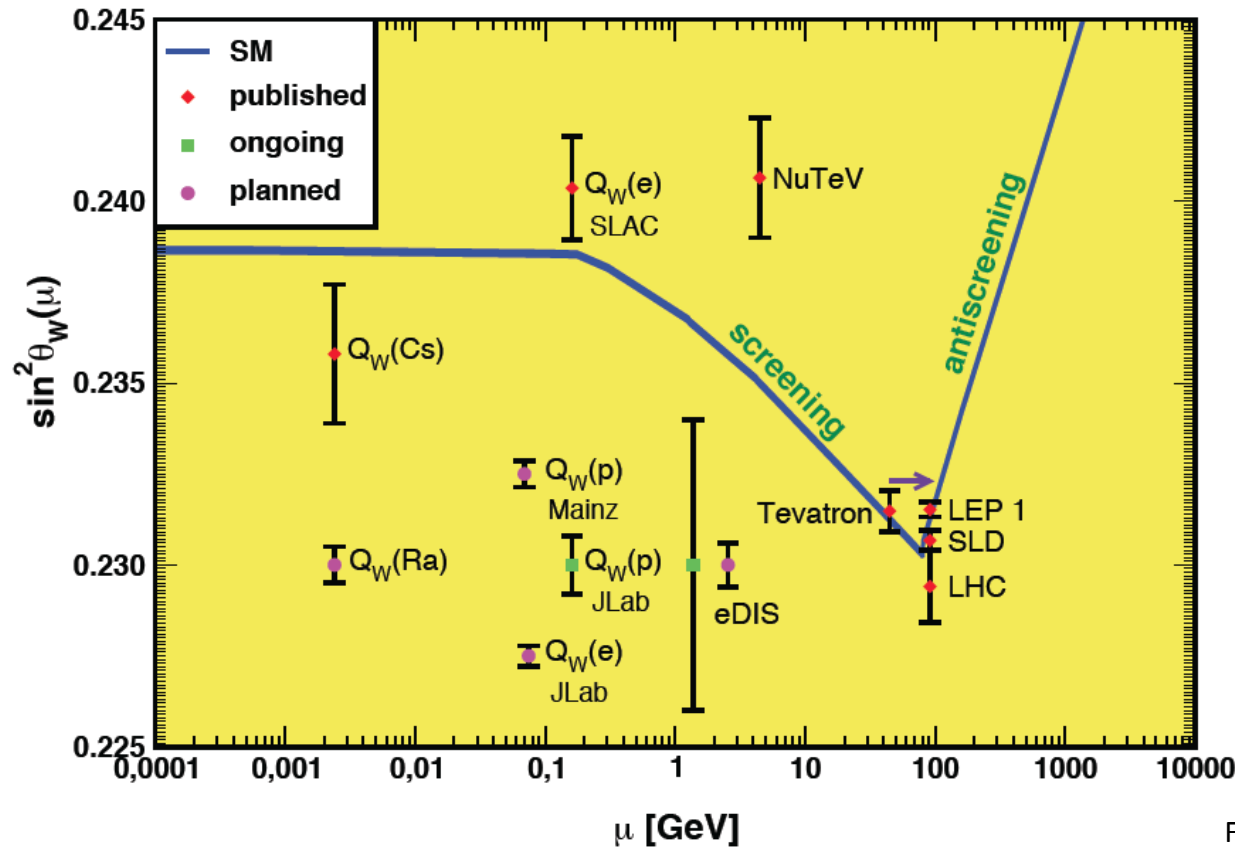
# Conclusion

- 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!**



# The P2 experiment at MESA



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

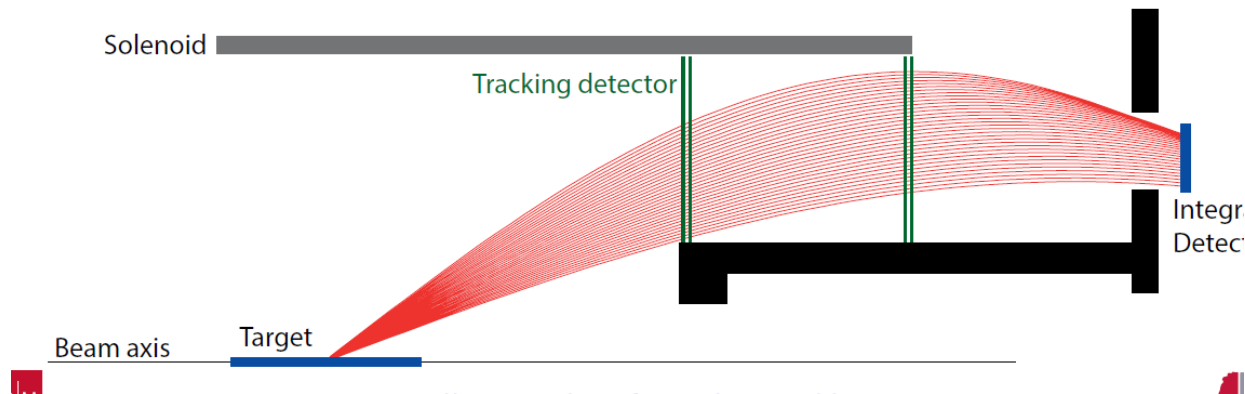
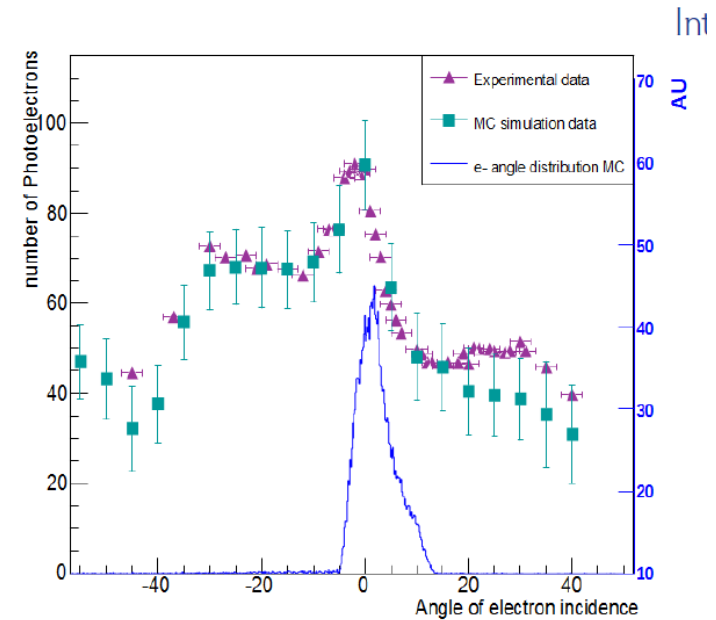
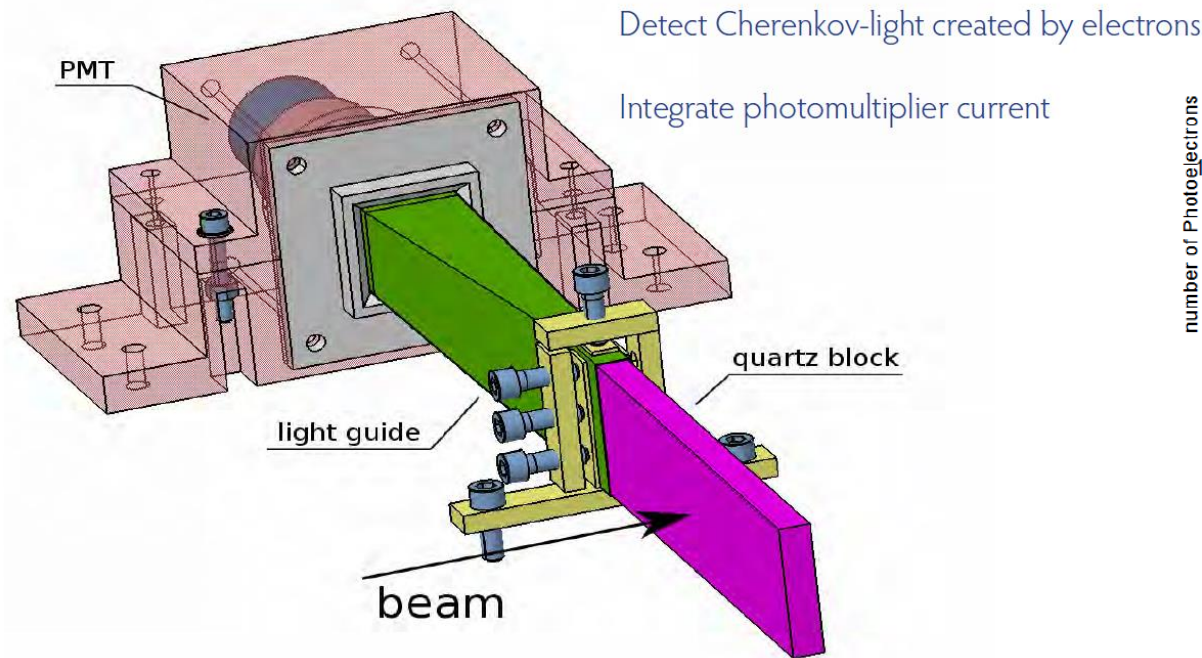
# MESA ORGANISATION/ FUNDING

- 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!
- MESA „facility“ is supposed to start operation in 2020

# Supplementary transparencies

# The P2 Experiment at MESA

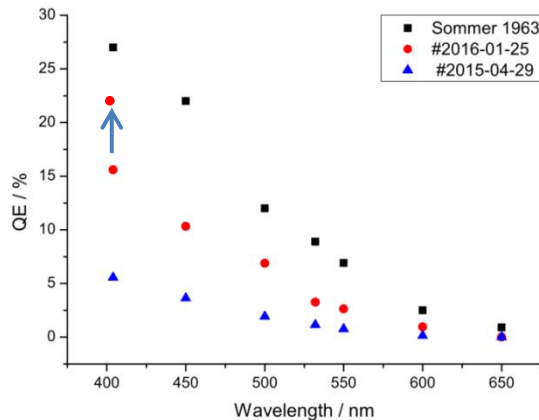
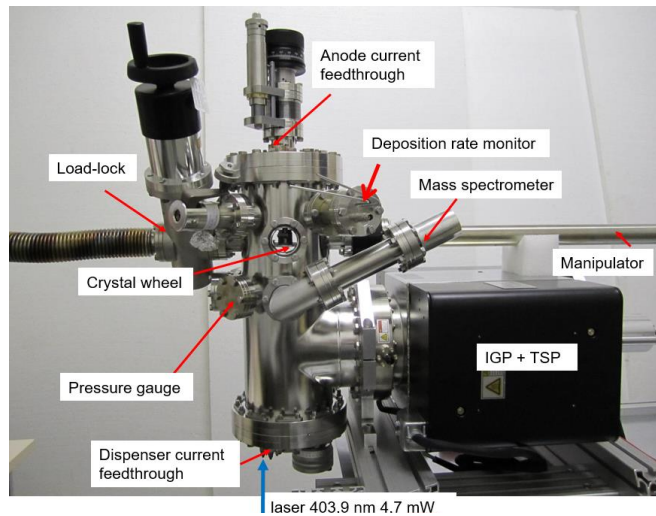
## - detector components/tests at MAMI



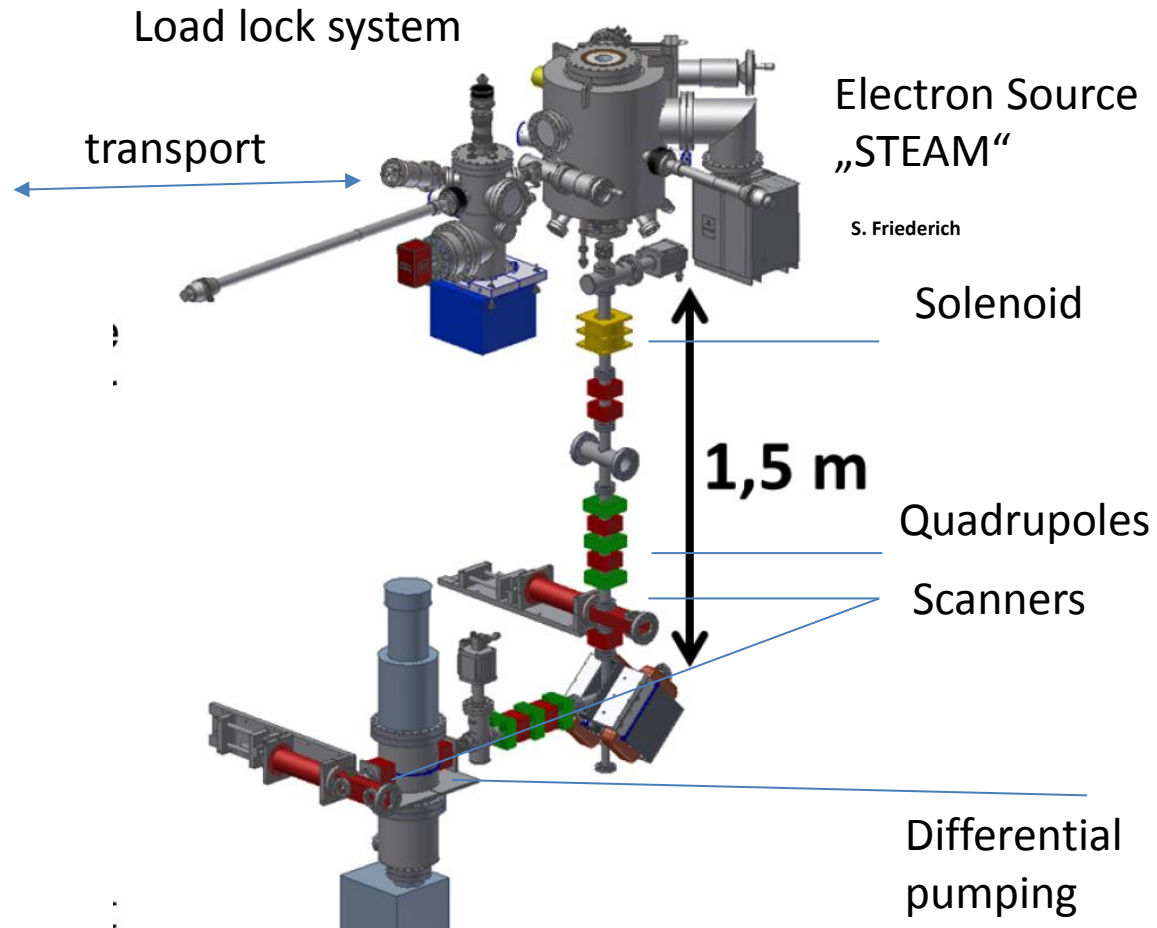
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# Assembly of source **STEAM** & first part of beamline “**MELBA**” has started

## Photocathode „factory“



V. Bechthold



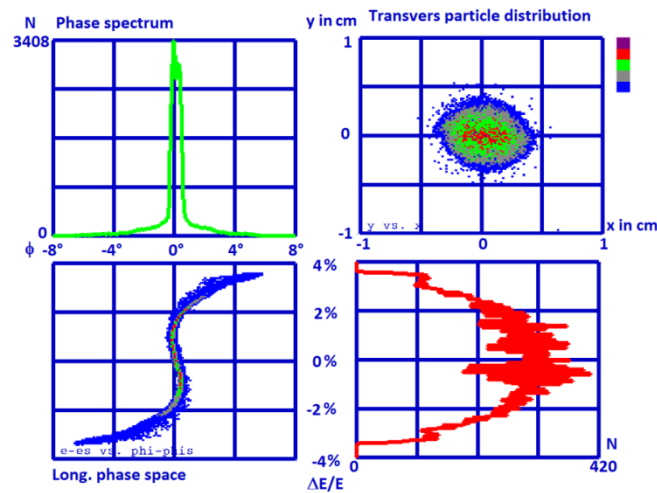
- **Robust Photocathodes with QE=22% (60mA/Watt) at 400 nm: available! → 1mA can be generated with laser from a blue ray disc player**

# Full Assembly of MELBA planed until early 2017

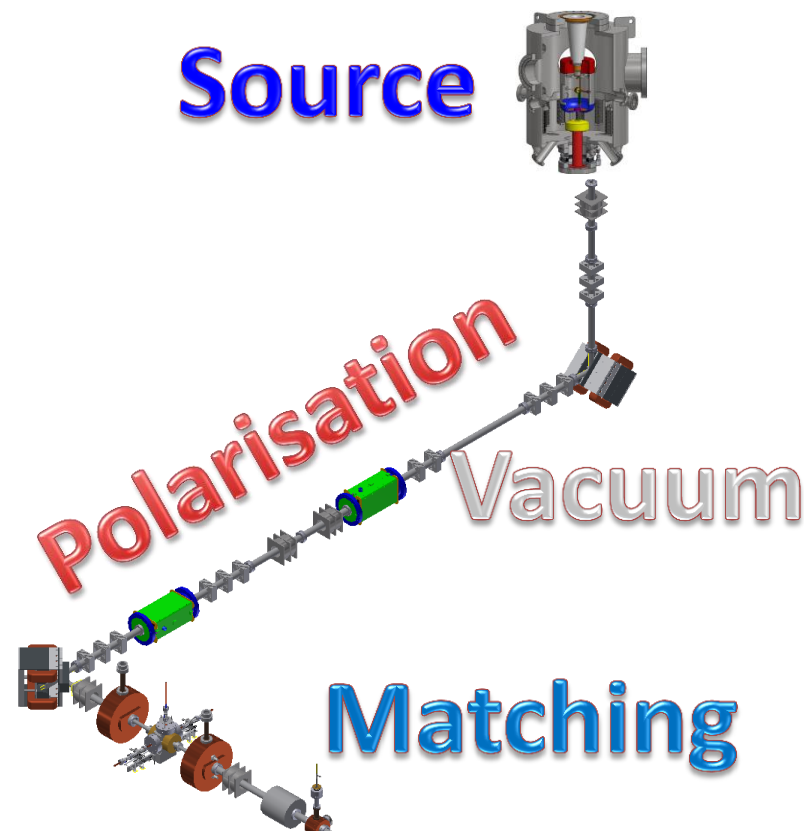
„Start to end“ Simulation predicts for 100keV beam:

- 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 °	$\epsilon_{z,RMS}$ in °keV
1.7	1.3	1.576

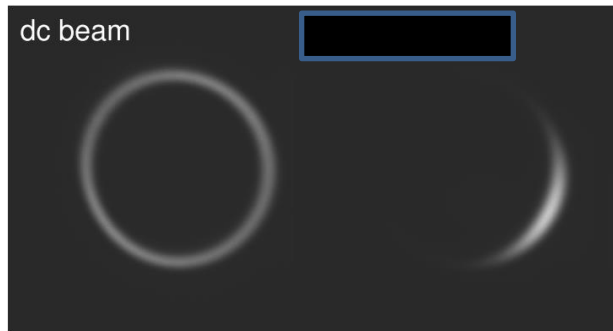


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$\alpha_x$	$\beta_x$ in m	$\epsilon_{x,RMS,n}$ in $\mu\text{m}$	$\alpha_x$	$\beta_x$ in m	$\epsilon_{y,RMS,n}$ in $\mu\text{m}$
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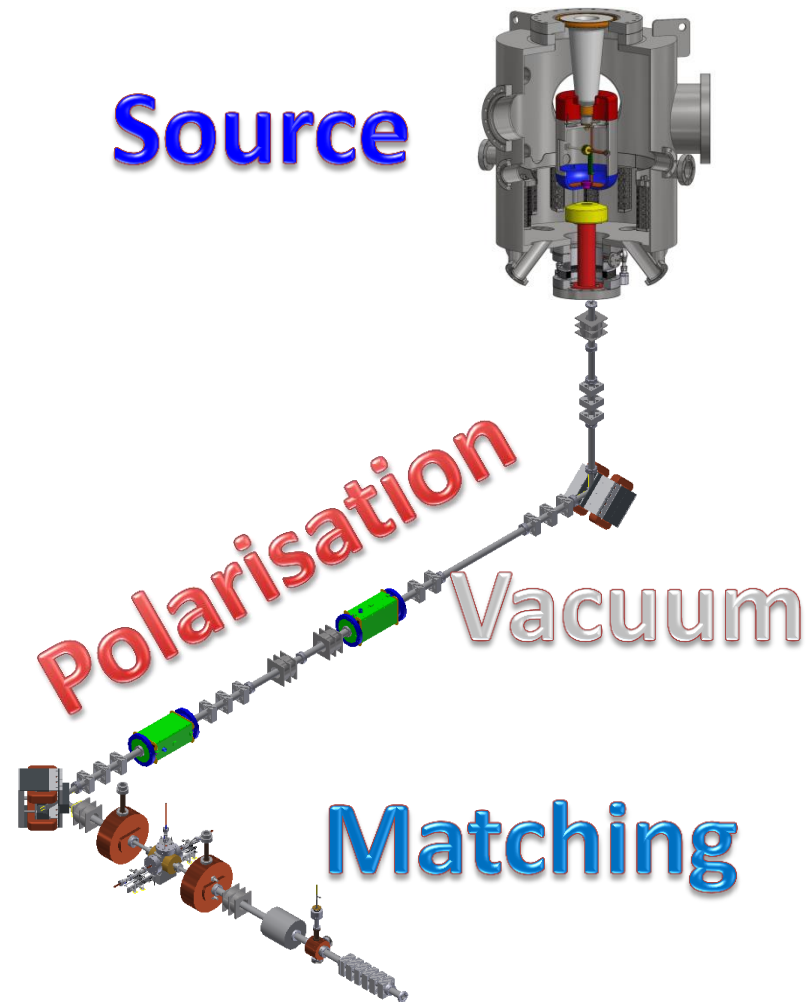
# Assembly of MELBA (MEsa Low Energy Beam Apparatus) in 2016

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



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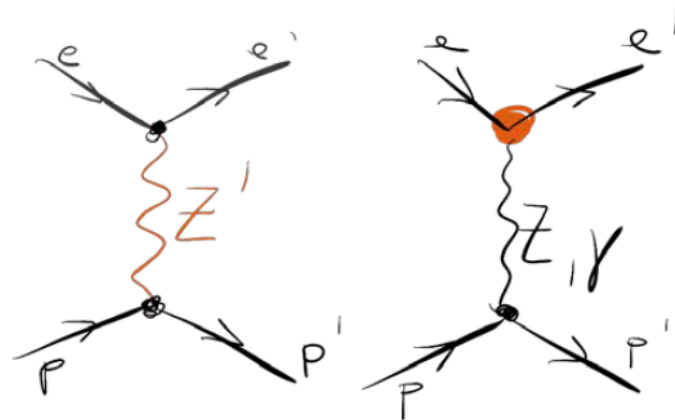
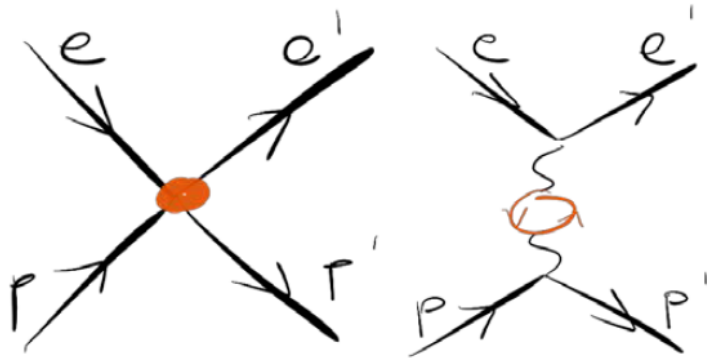
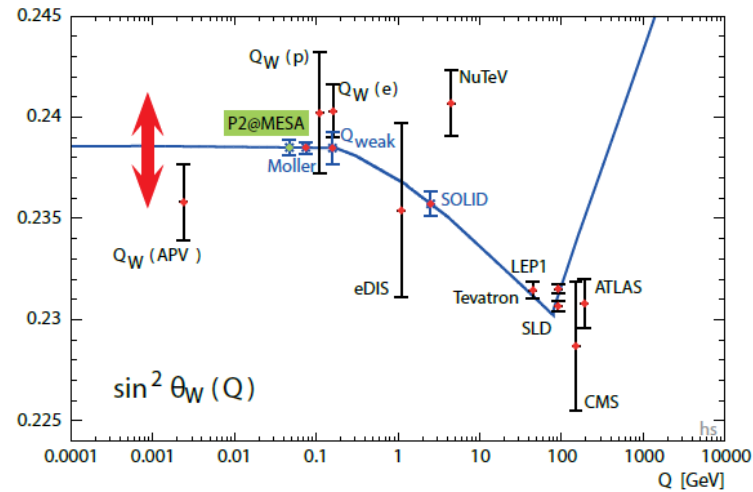
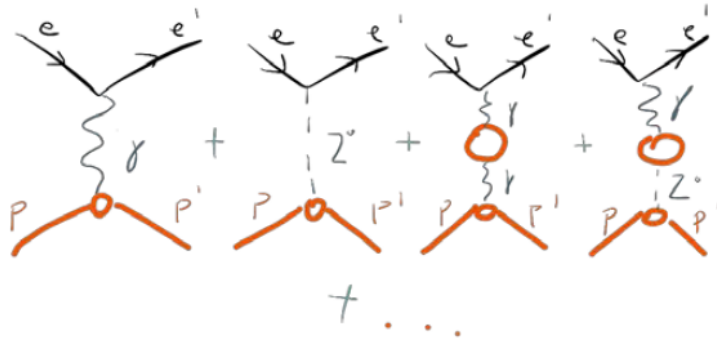
Longitudinal diagnostics at  
Bunch charges corresponding to  
> 1mA average current



# The P2 experiment at MESA



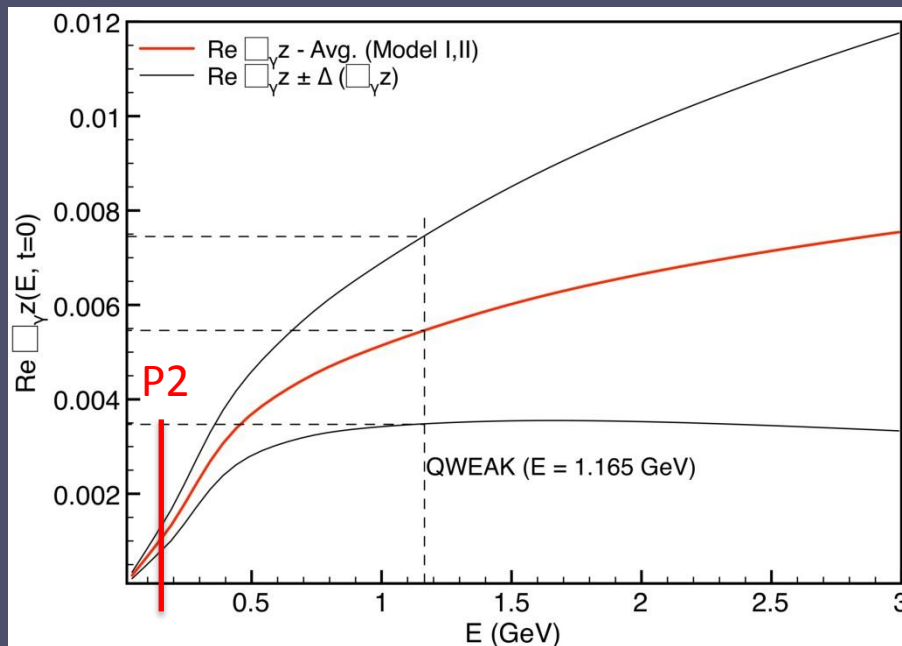
New Physics in the running



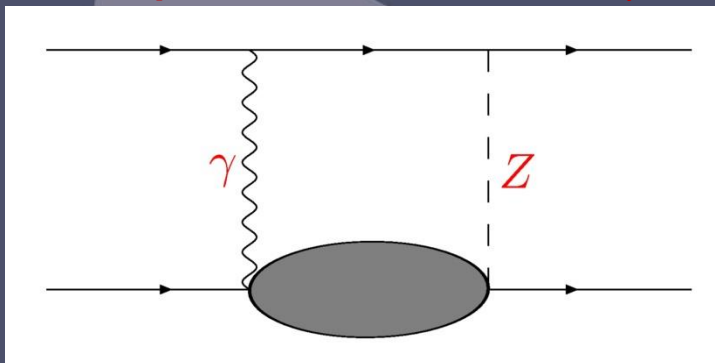
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- $\gamma Z$  box graph contributions obtained by modelling hadronic effects:



[Gorchstein, Horowitz & Ramsey-Musolf 2011]

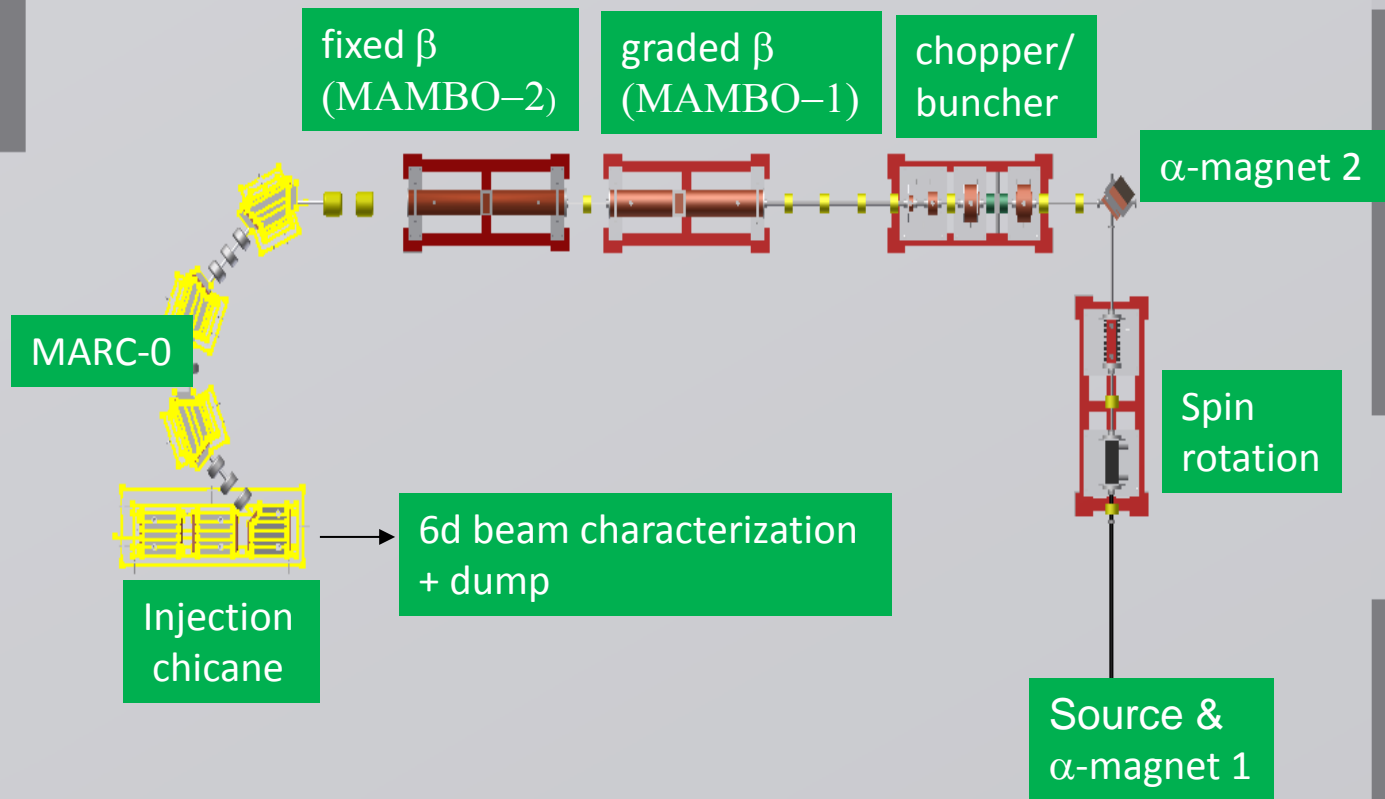


- Hadronic uncertainties suppressed at lower energies
- Low beam energy experiment:  
**P2 @ MESA**

Dominant theoretical uncertainty:

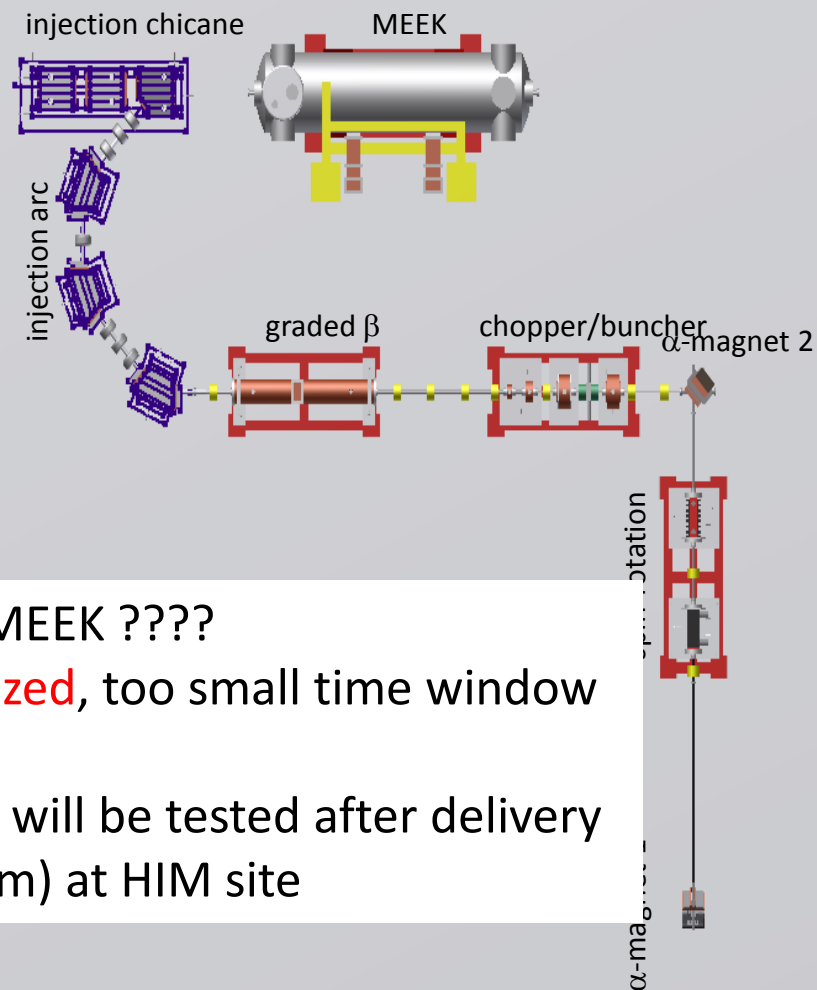
$\gamma Z$  box graphs,  $\square_{\gamma Z}$

Sensitive to hadronic effects



Exp.-Halle MESA 3

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Task 3: add MEEK ????

→ **Not favorized**, too small time window

Kryomodules will be tested after delivery  
(without beam) at HIM site

# GRK-2128 “Accelence”

- Common application by TUD and JGU for graduate school.
- Accelerator science and technology for energy recovery linacs
- Application successful in 10/2015
- First funding period (4,5 years) starts in 4/2016, 4 PhD positions for JGU.



## GRK 2128


date: March 31, 2015

## Accelence


Funding period: Apr. 2016 - Sept. 2020  
Coordinating university: Technische Universität Darmstadt  
Spokes-person: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Norbert Pietralla

Proposal to Establish a Research Training Group (RTG) in  
“Accelerator Science and Technology for Energy-Recovery Linacs”






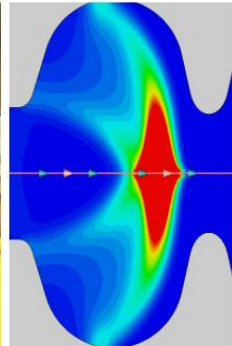

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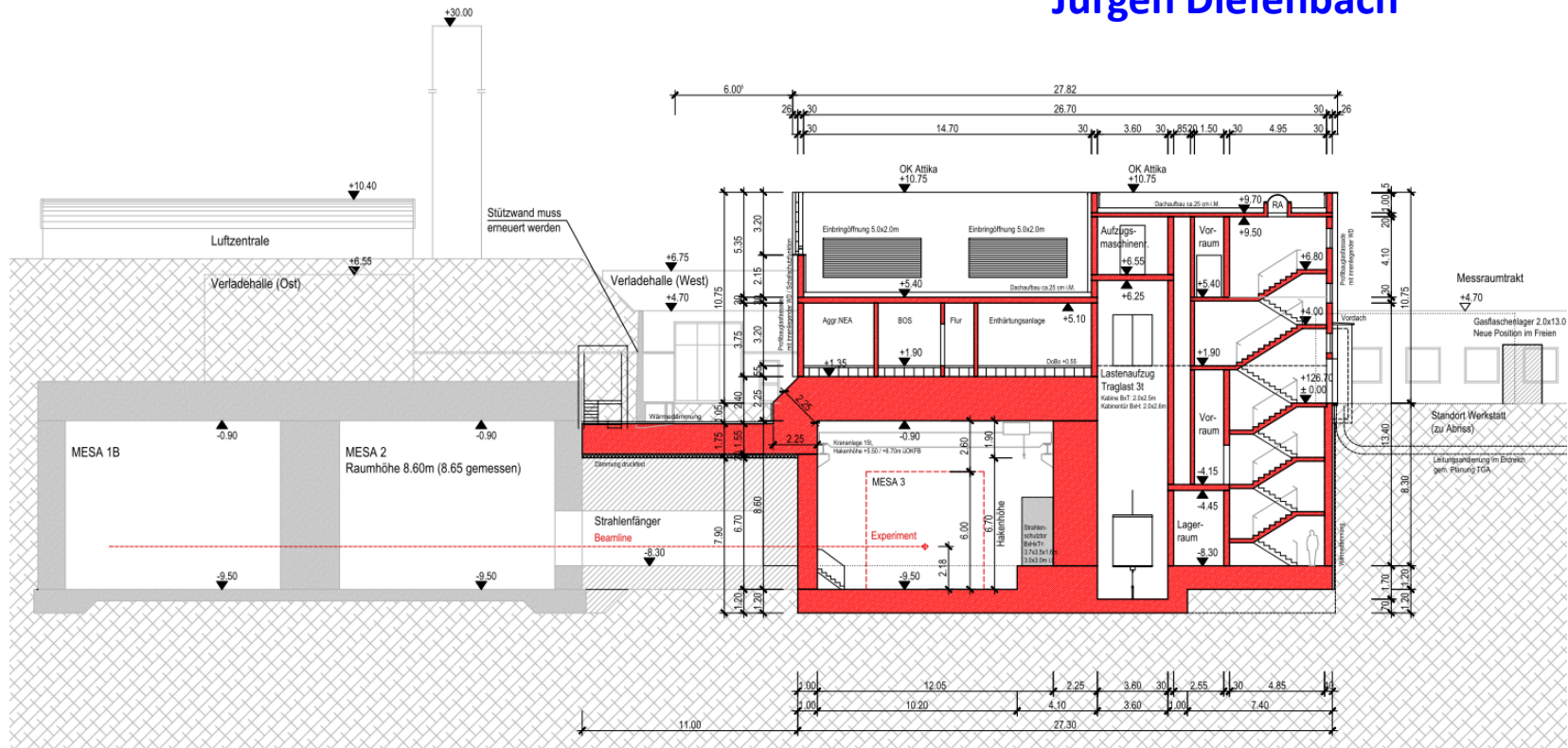


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**“Centrum für Fundamentale Physik”, CFP**  
**New underground building-some details**

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

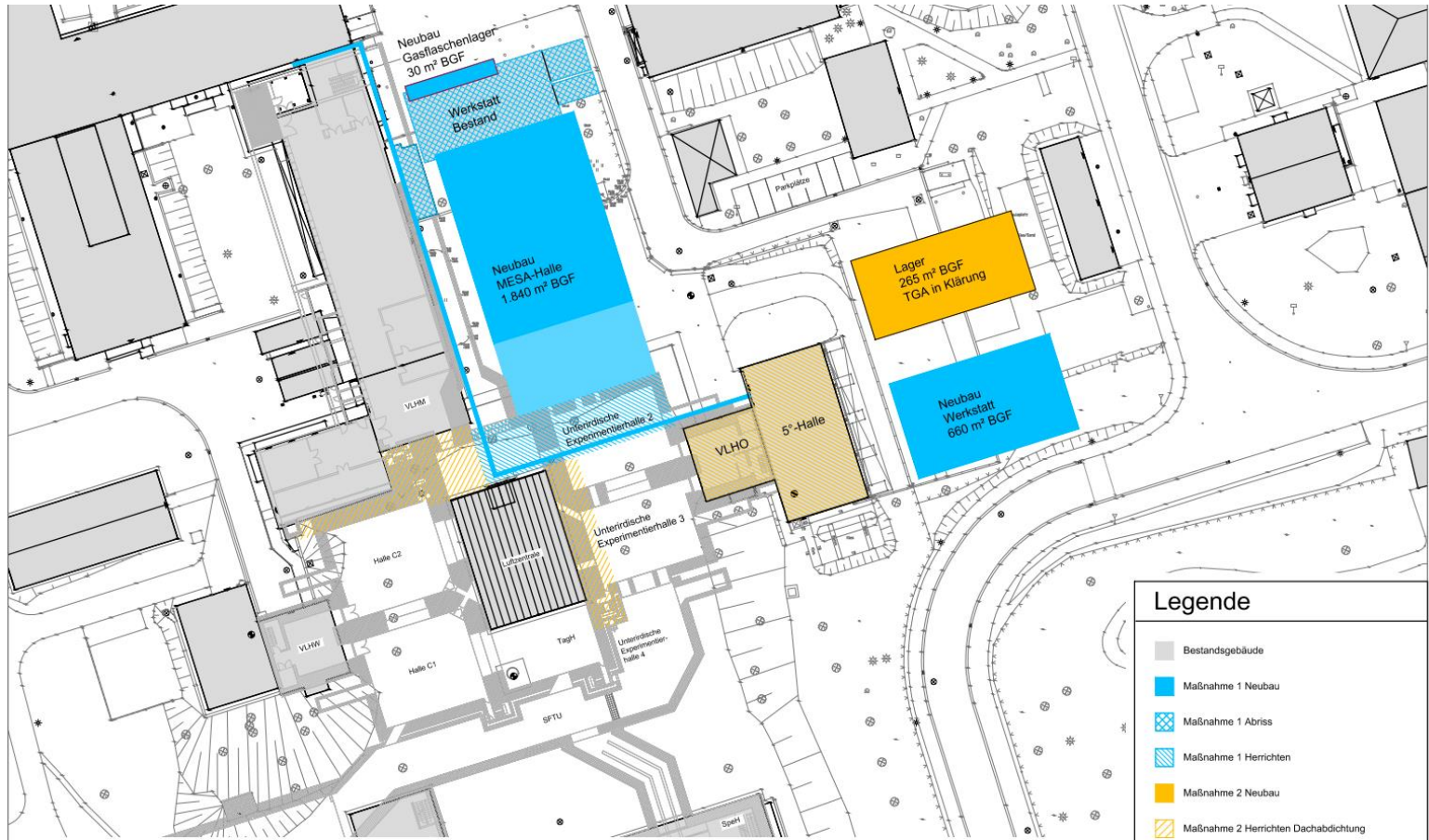


Note: Experiment and Accelerator power and cooling will be installed in the Technical rooms of new building ! → excellent infrastructure conditions ! (if compared to initial suggestion...)



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Five degree Hall becomes „Cryogenic center“

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