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MAMI/MESA: future perspectives

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Outline

- ➔ **Introduction: QCD 50 years**
where do we stand, where do we go?
- ➔ **MAMI and MESA accelerators**
- ➔ **Future physics program at MAMI and MESA**

1974: QCD asymptotic freedom



Nobel Prize Physics 2004: D.J. Gross, H.D. Politzer, F. Wilczek

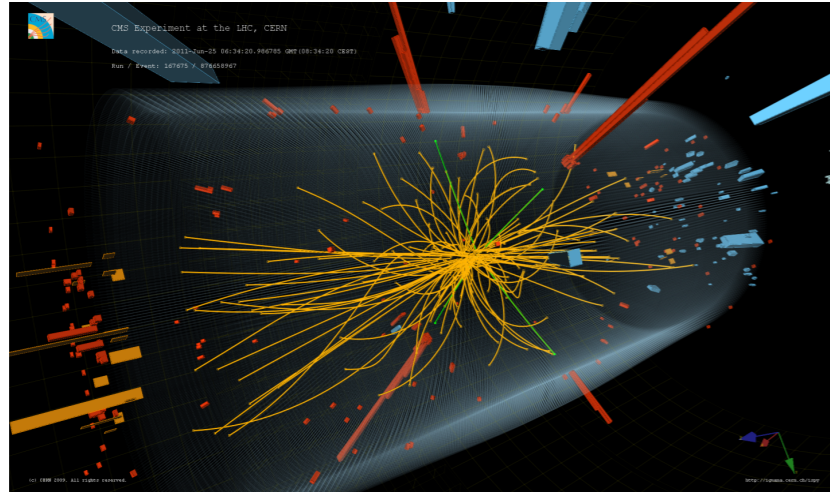
50 Years of Quantum Chromodynamics

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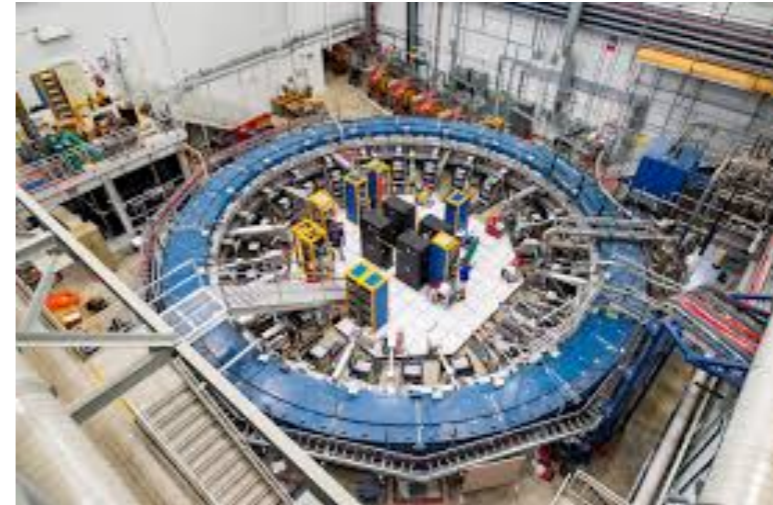
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Quo vadis?



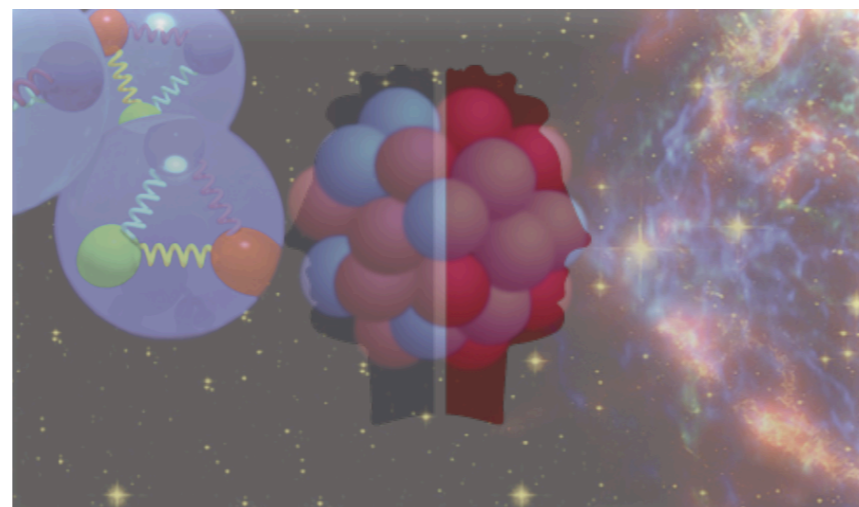
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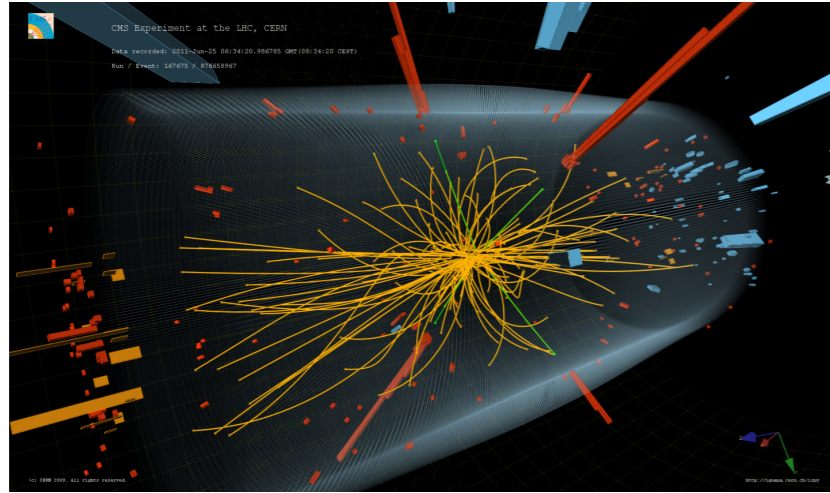


Precision frontier



Low-energy frontier





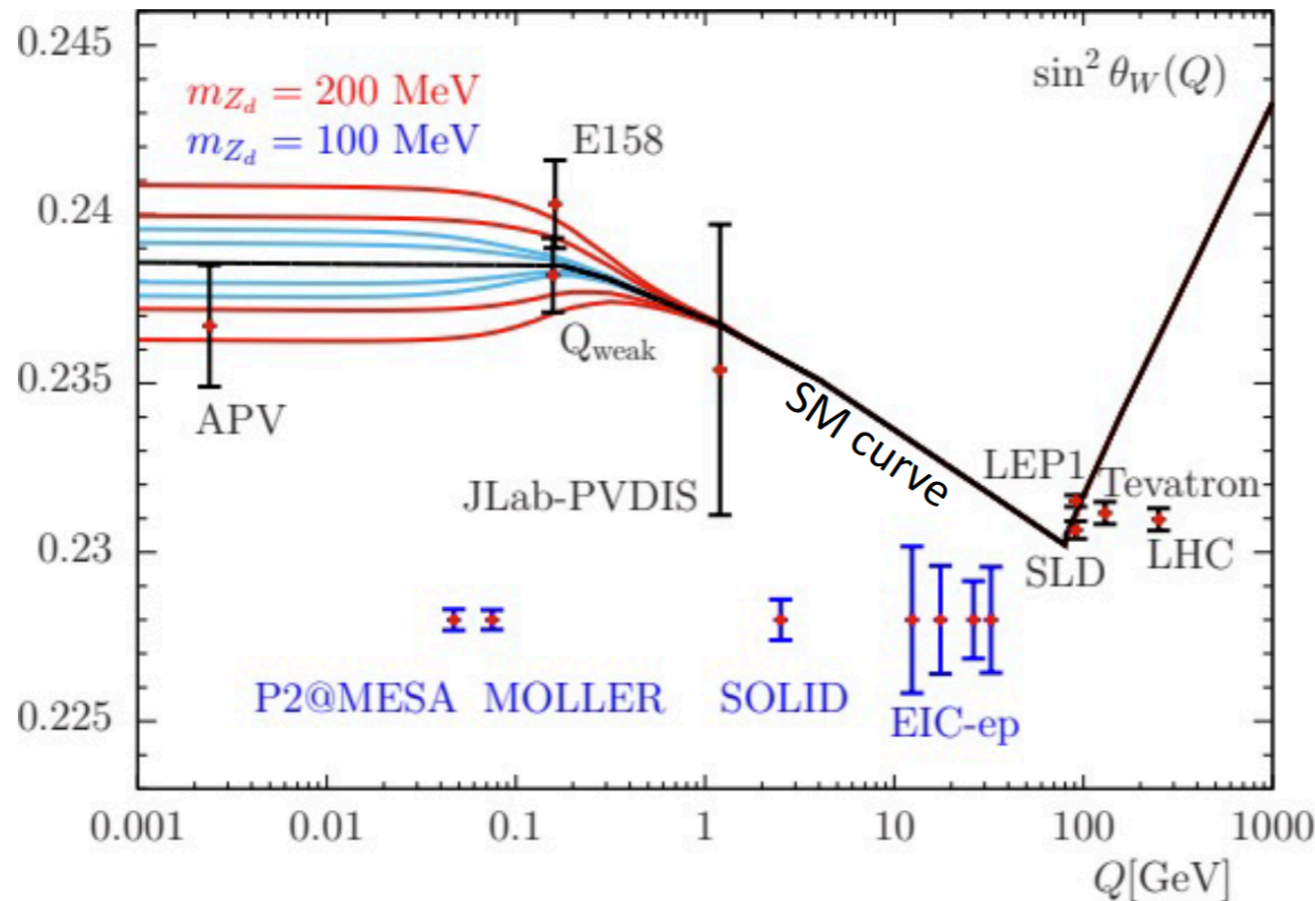
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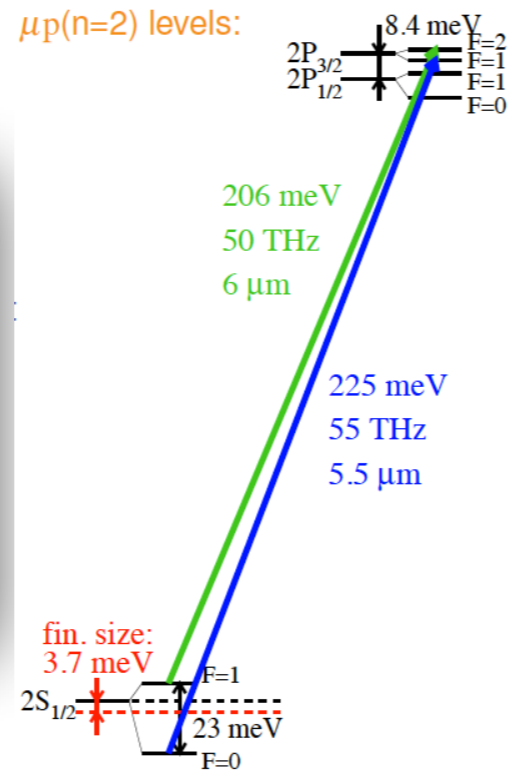


Running of $\sin^2 \theta_W$



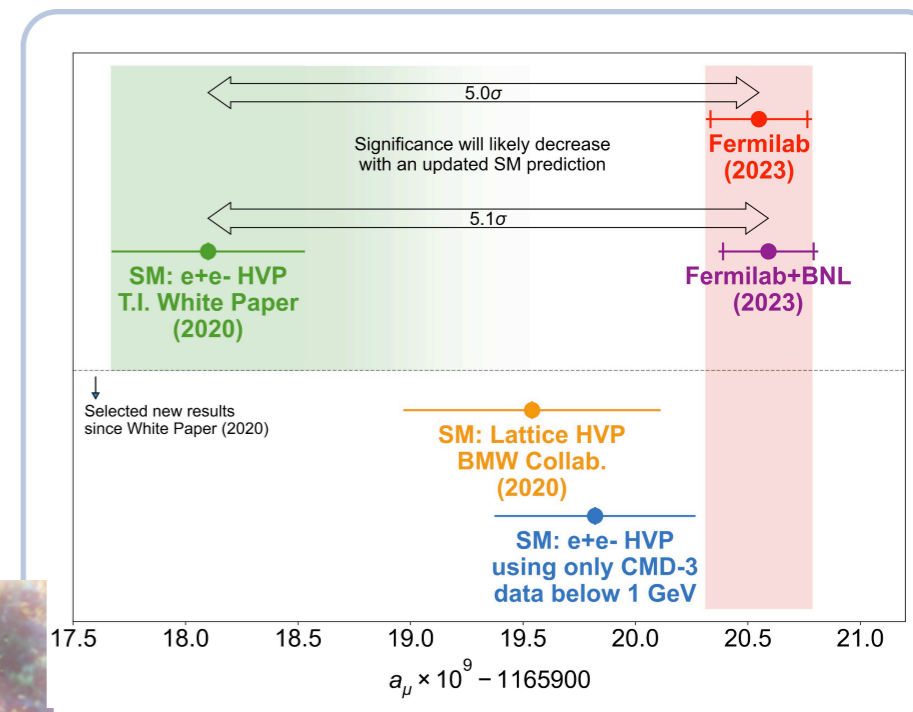
Precision low Q^2 expt.
 -> complementing high-energy experiments
 -> reaches new physics scale of ~ 50 TeV !

Precision atomic spectroscopy

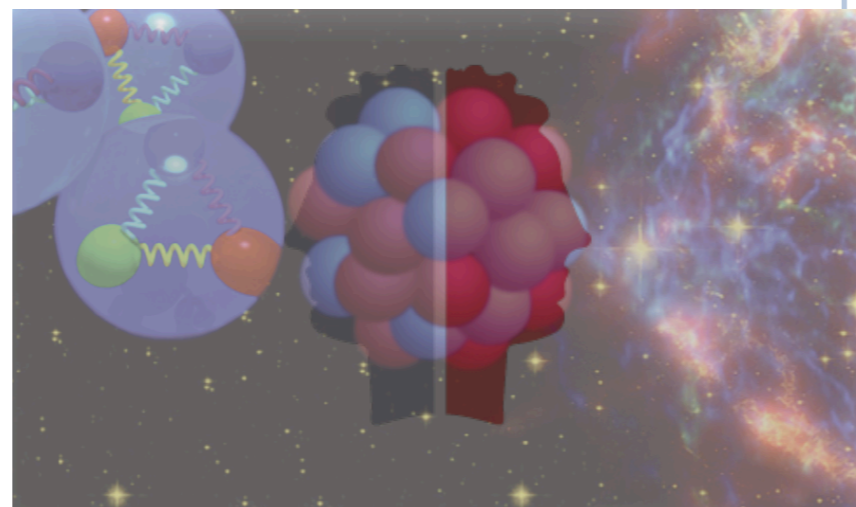


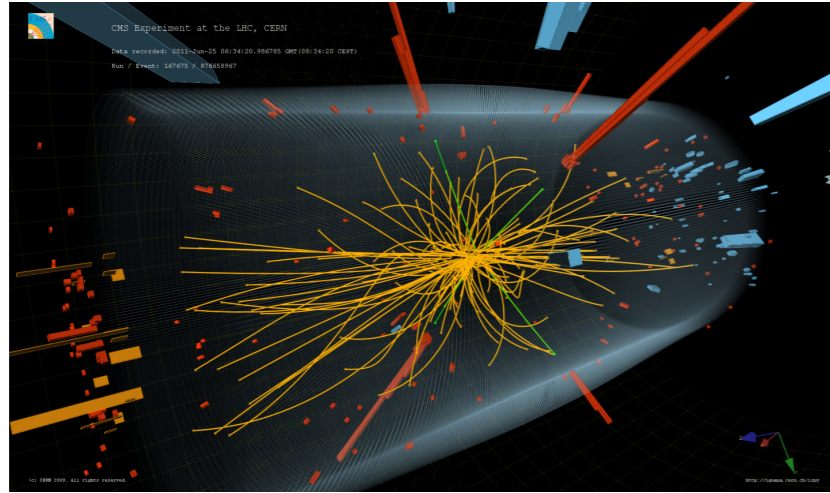
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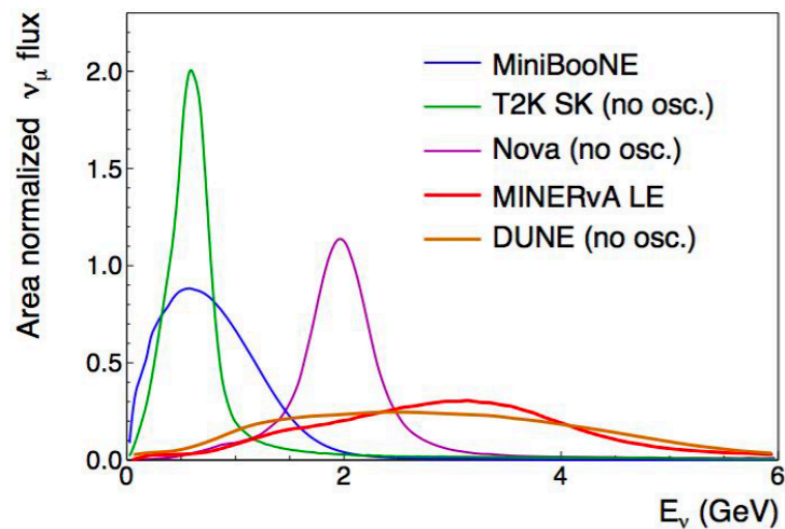


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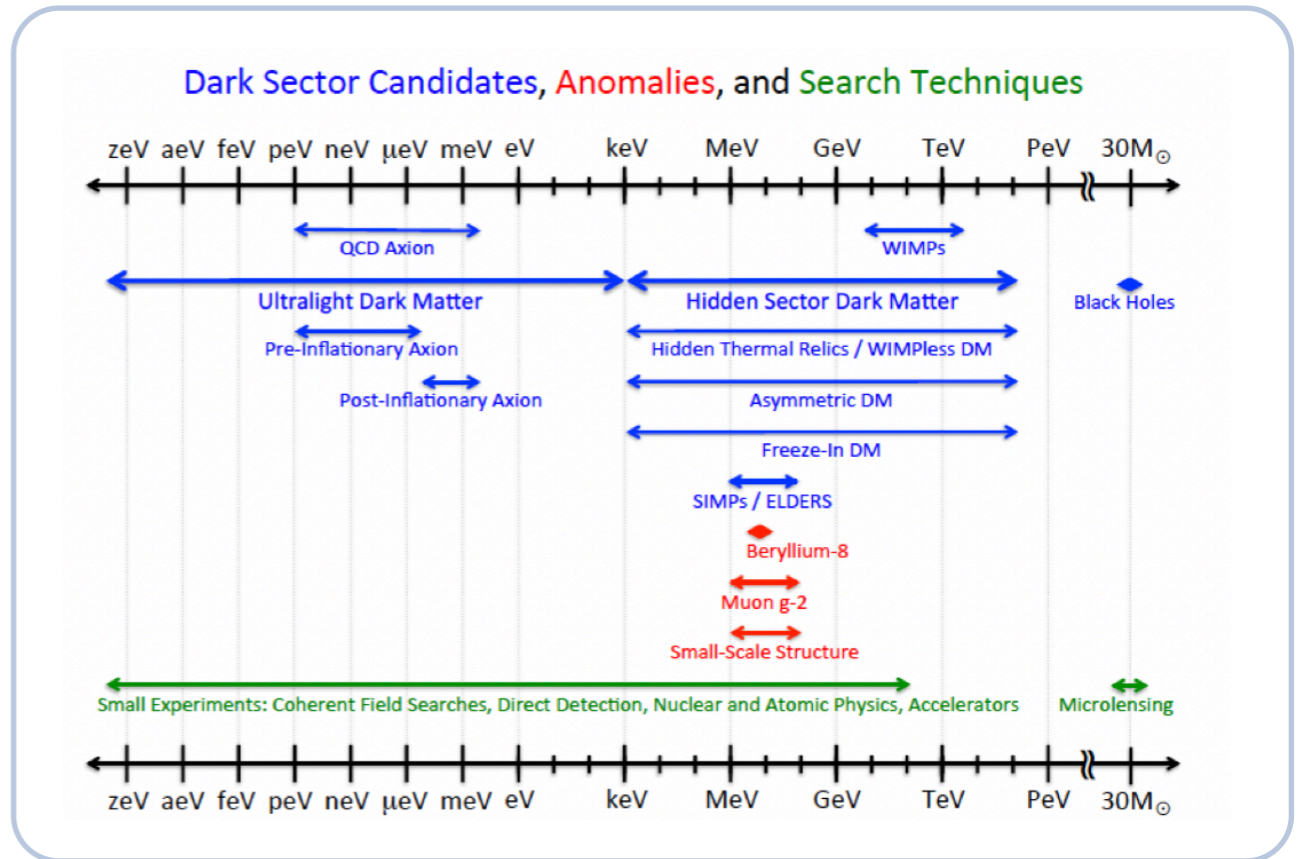




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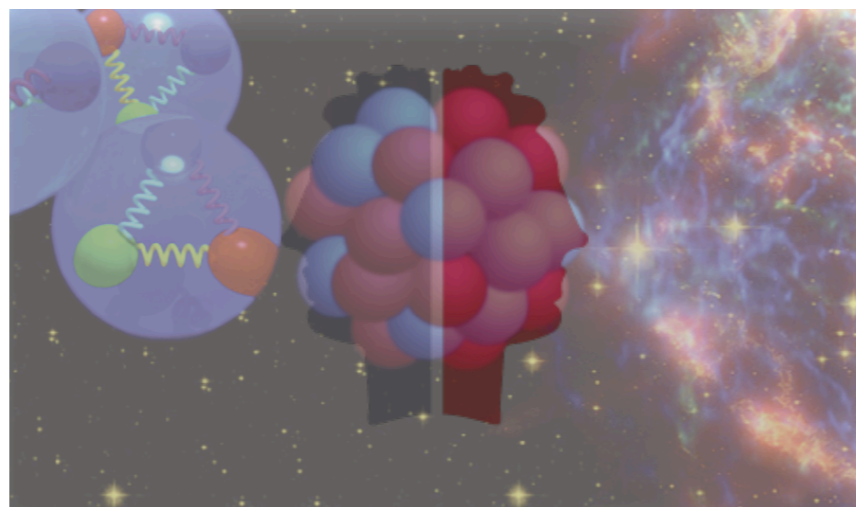


nuclear physics input
needed for long-baseline
neutrino facilities



Dark matter could be lighter than
previously thought, **MeV - GeV mass range:**
ALPs, dark photon, X17, ...

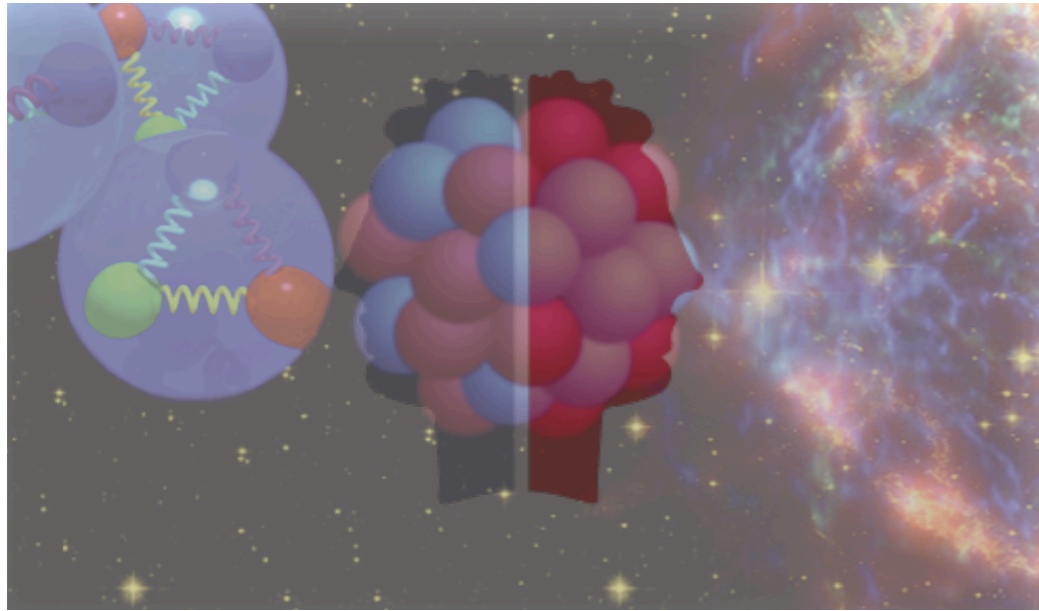
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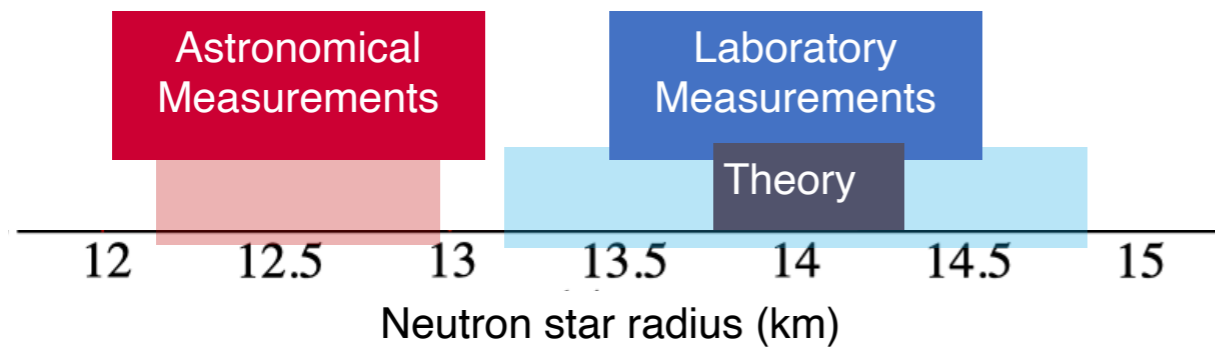
New opportunities:
PADME, Belle II, ...
MESA, BDX@JLab, ...



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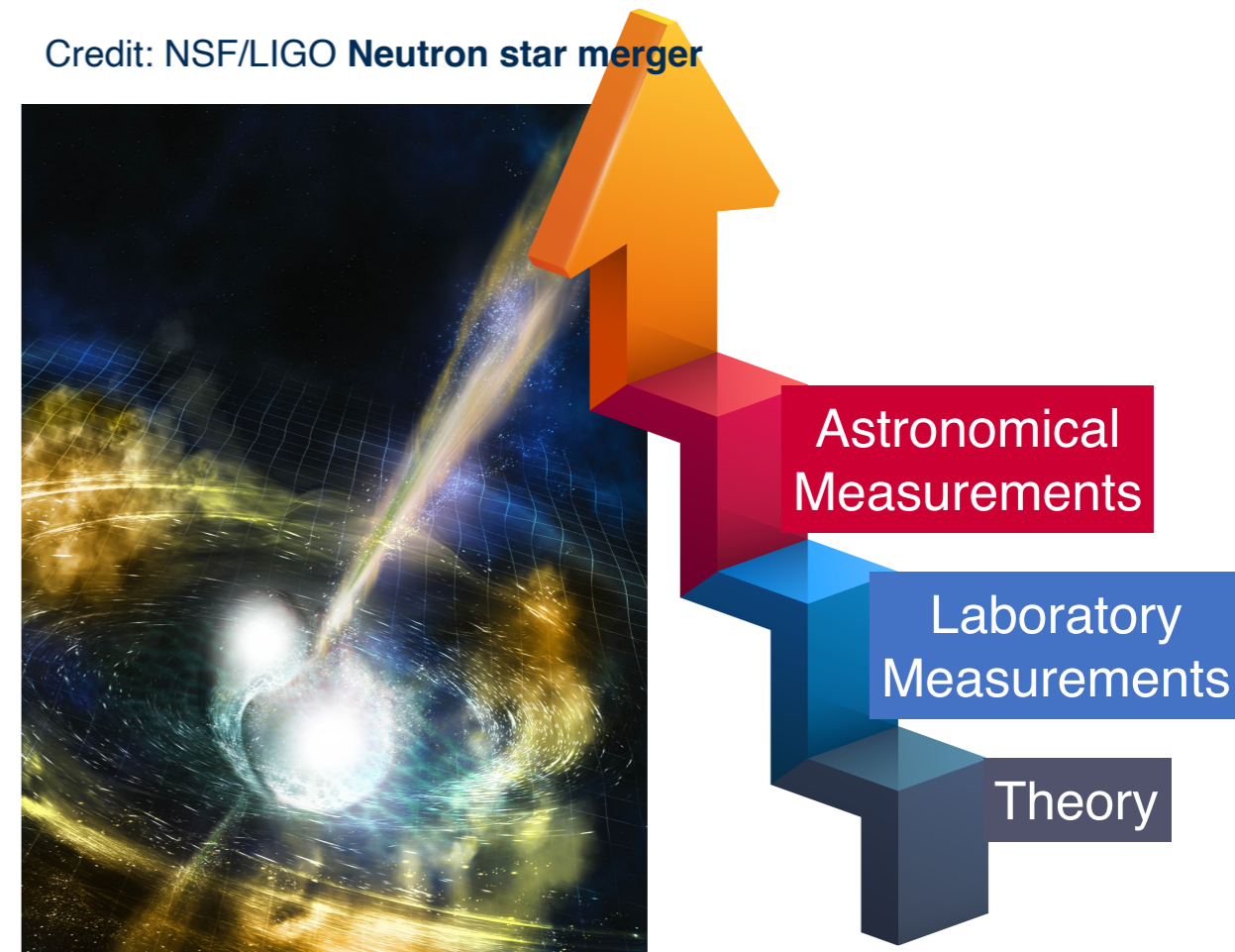


Low-energy frontier allows to connect the LAB to the astrophysical domain



- Astronomical measurement from gravitational wave (LIGO/Virgo) in **neutron star merger** and pulse profile (NICER) in pulsar measurements
- Laboratory measurement from neutron skin of nuclei and heavy ion reactions

Credit: NSF/LIGO Neutron star merger



Are discrepancies hinting at scale-specific phenomena or gaps in our understanding of nuclear matter?

Key physics programs at the low-energy frontier

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 - Low-energy precision determination of the **weak charge** of the **electron** and **proton**
 - **Muon's (g-2)**
 - Search for **dark sector** and **dark matter** particles in the MeV - GeV mass range
- ➔ **Understanding of hadronic processes to high precision** drives discoveries in different fields of physics
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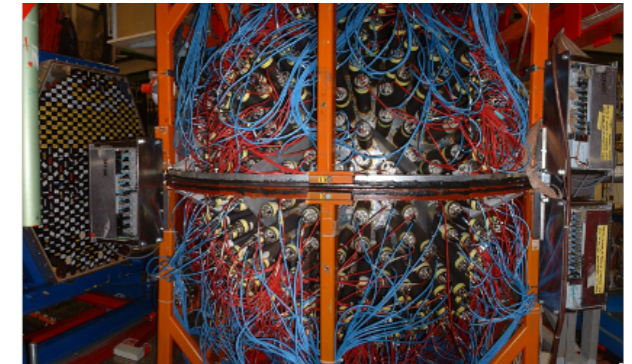
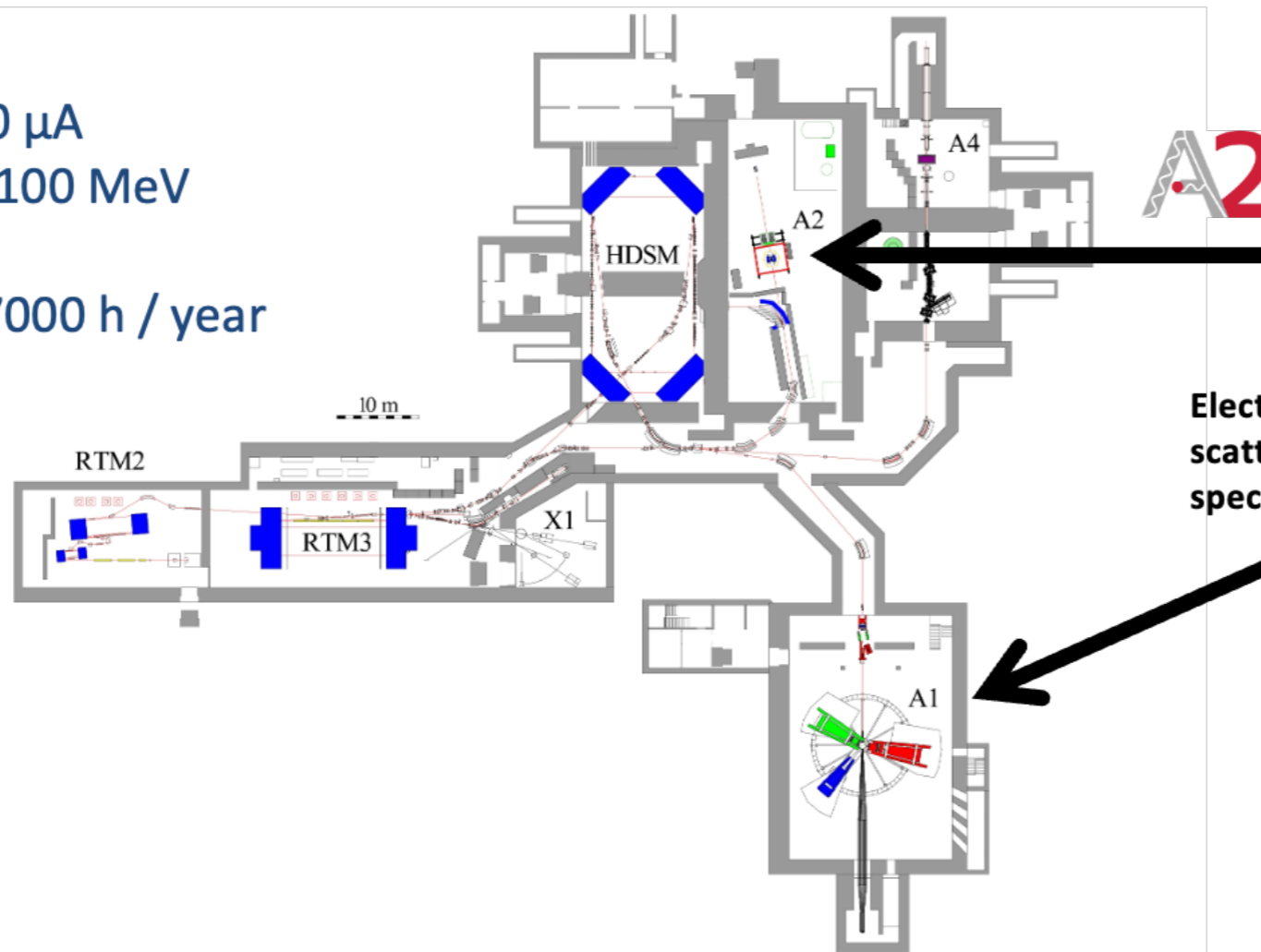
**MAMI in combination with new accelerator MESA:
tailored to address these physics questions**

The Mainz Microtron MAMI

Electron Accelerator E = 0.185 GeV - 1.6 GeV (CW)
operated at JGU Mainz

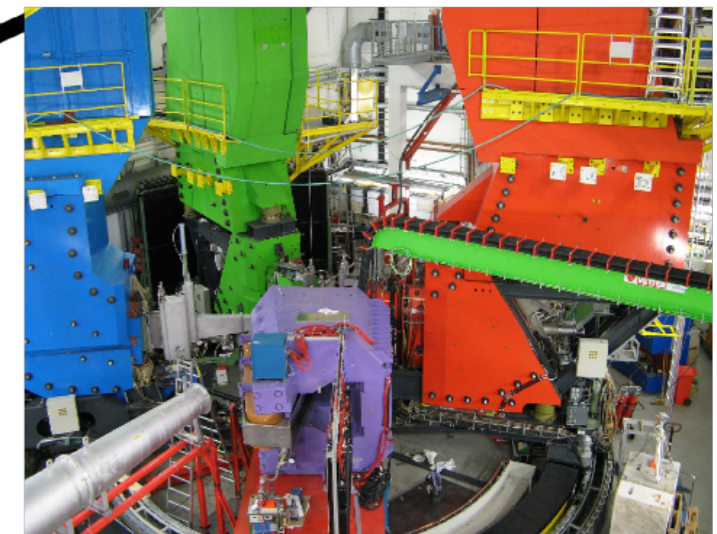
Hallmarks

- Intensity max. 100 μA
- Resolution $\Delta_E < 0.100 \text{ MeV}$
- Polarization 85%
- Reliability: up to 7000 h / year



Photon scattering (A2 hall)
(Crystal Ball / TAPS calorimeters; Polarized frozen-spin target
☑ currently at Univ. Bonn)

Electron scattering (high resolution spectrometer setup)

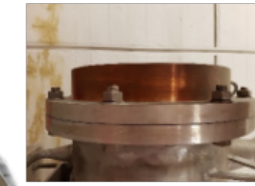
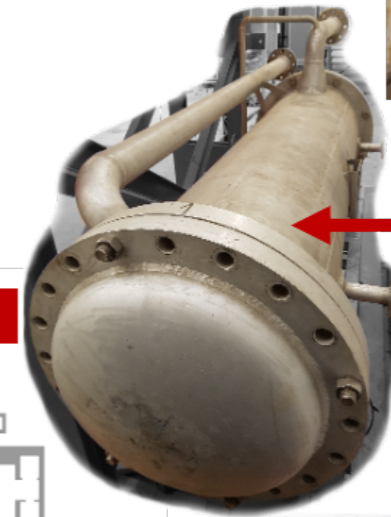
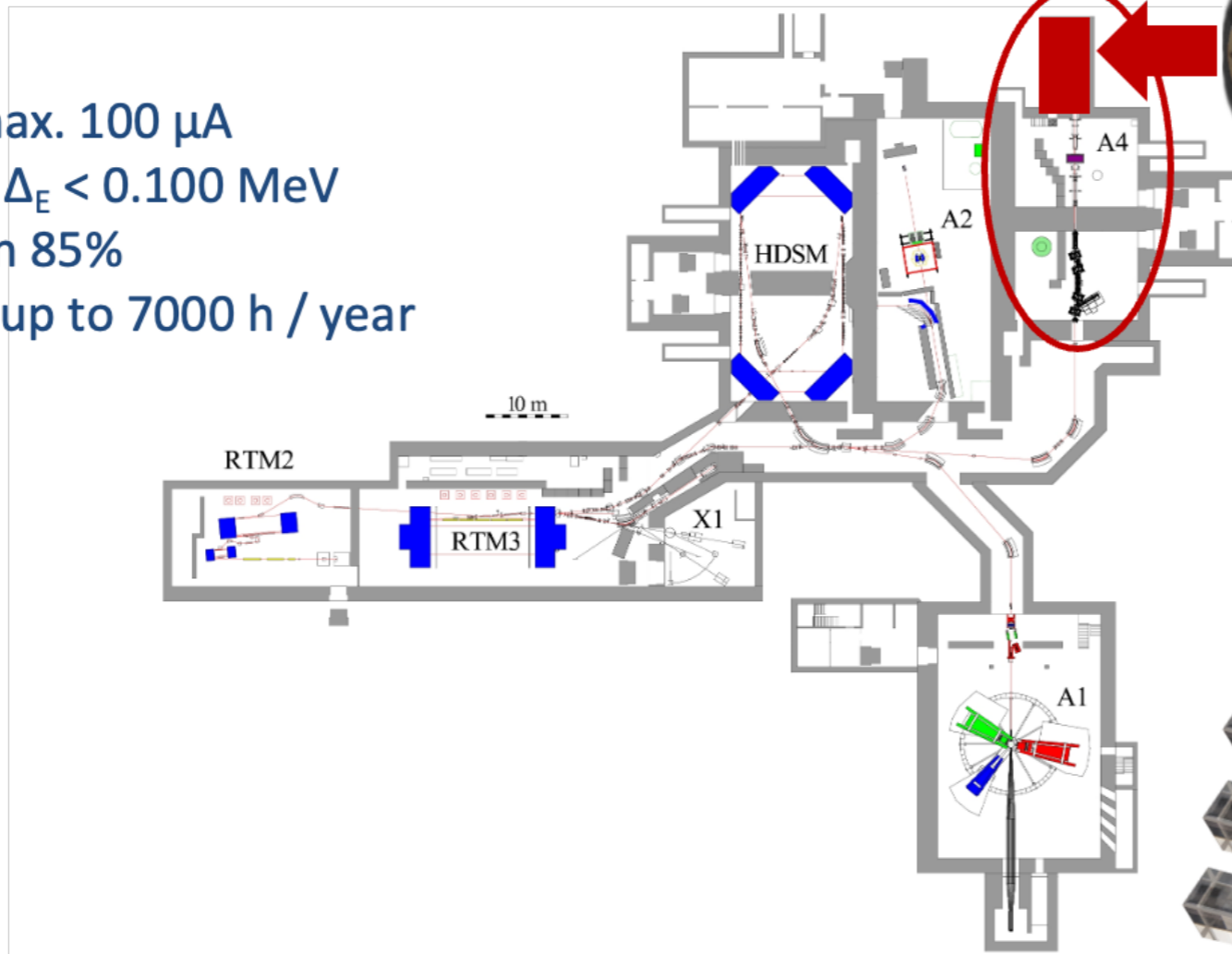


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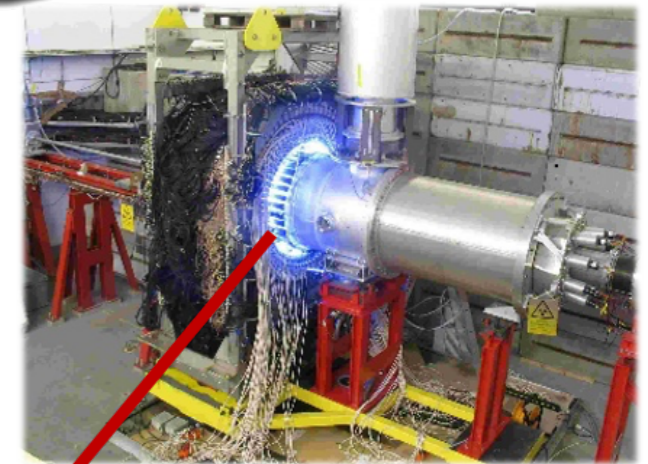
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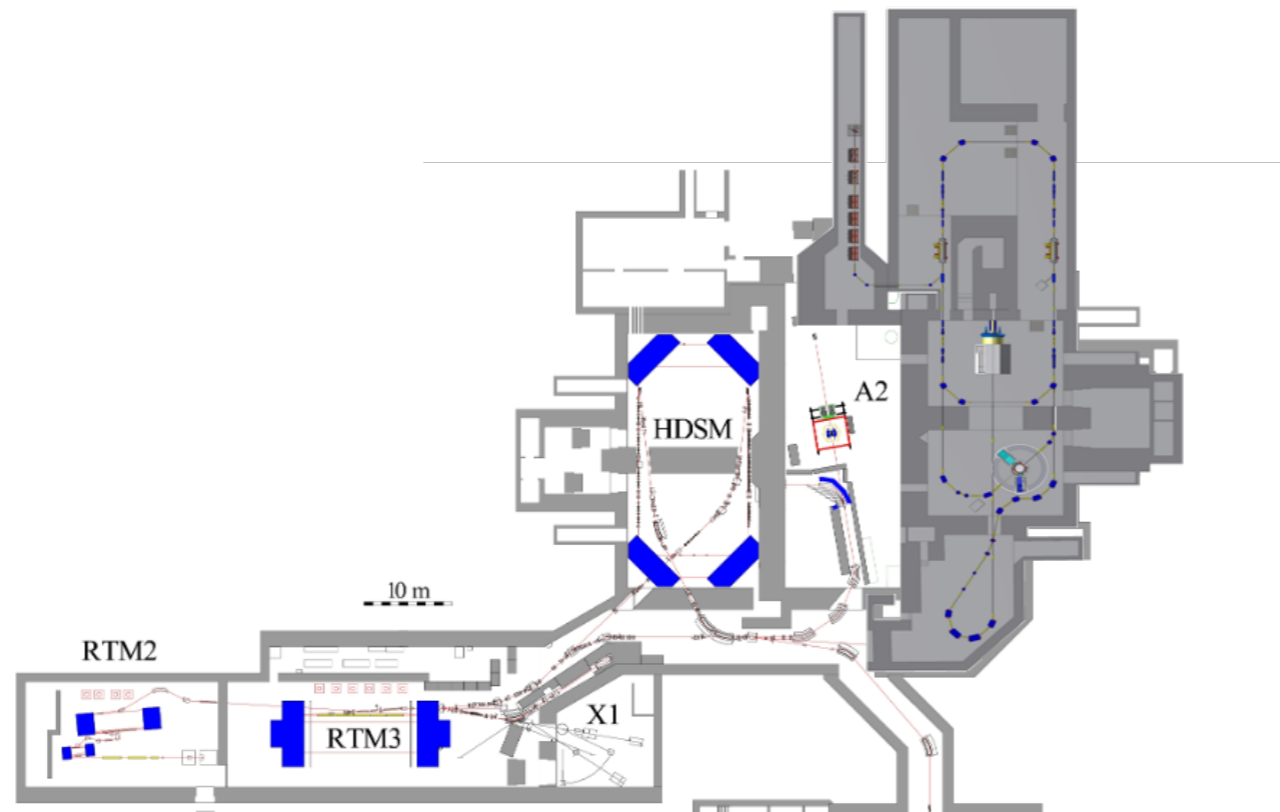
Former A4 beam dump:
Al, H₂O, Cu $\approx 20 X_0$



Former A4 experiment:
1000 PbF₂ crystals
and PMTs



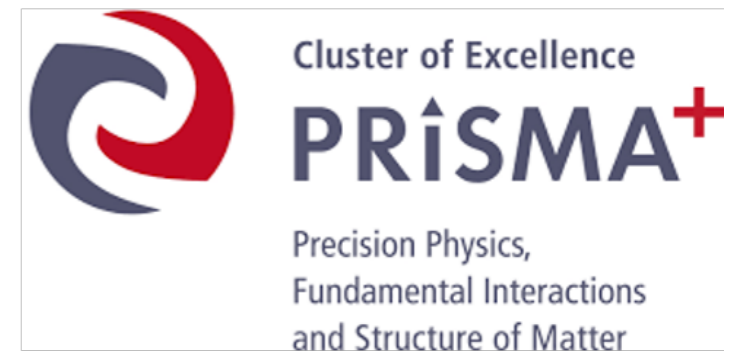
Mainz Energy-Recovering Superconducting Accelerator MESA



**New MESA accelerator:
Beam energies below MAMI energy range !
Increase of intensities by factor of 10 !**



New experimental hall



The MESA accelerator

Superconducting technology

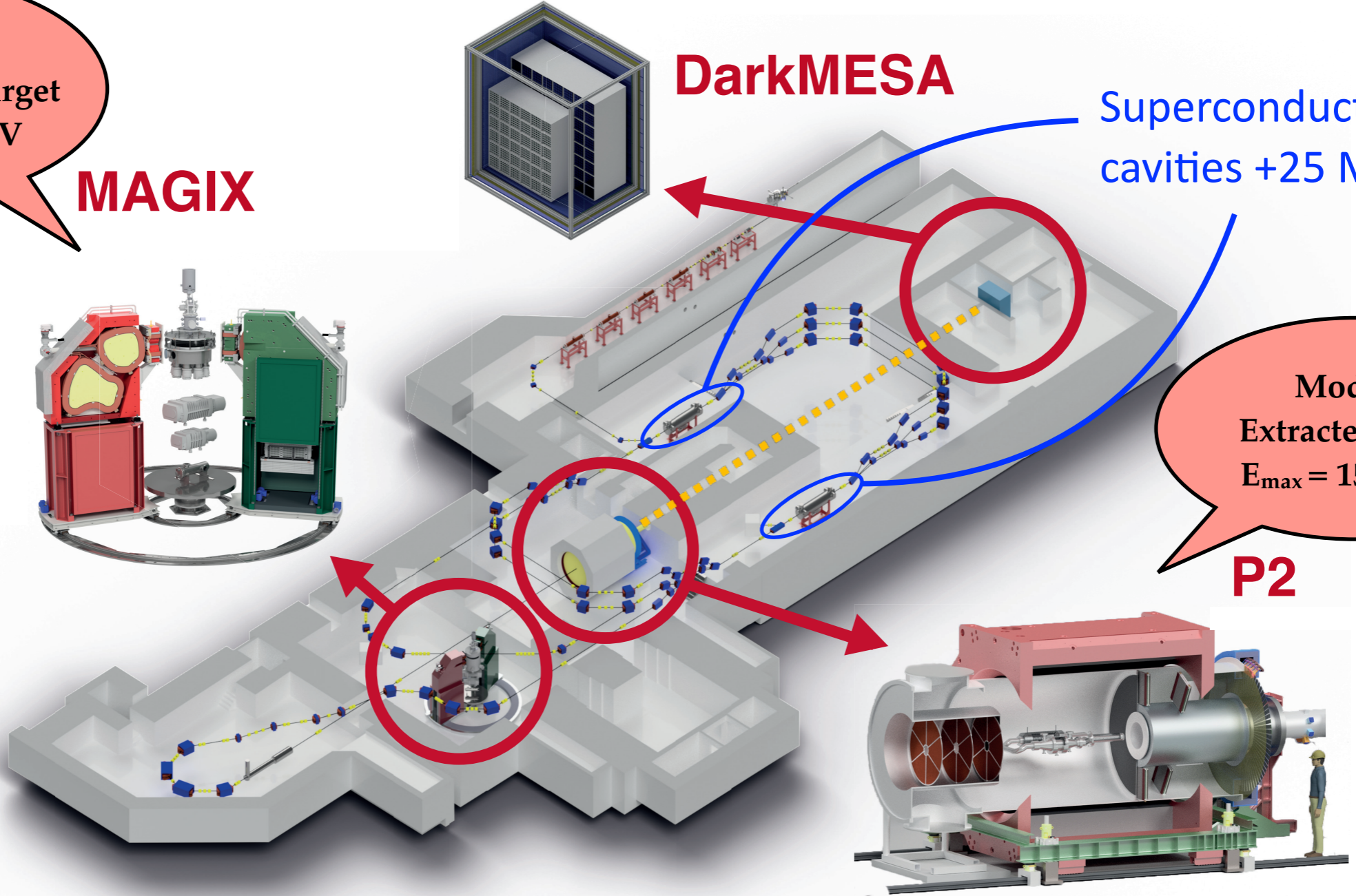
Recirculating ERL

$E_{\max} = 105/155 \text{ MeV}$

$I_{\max} > 1 \text{ mA (ERL)}$

Mode 2:
ERL / internal target
 $E_{\max} = 105 \text{ MeV}$

MAGIX



DarkMESA

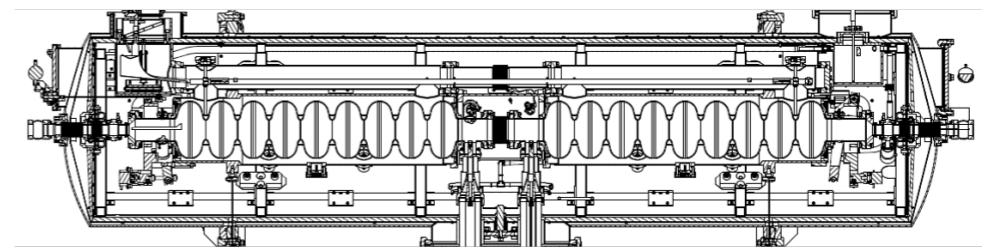
Superconducting
cavities +25 MeV

Mode 1:
Extracted Beam
 $E_{\max} = 155 \text{ MeV}$

P2

The MESA accelerator

Installation ongoing, commissioning foreseen in 2025



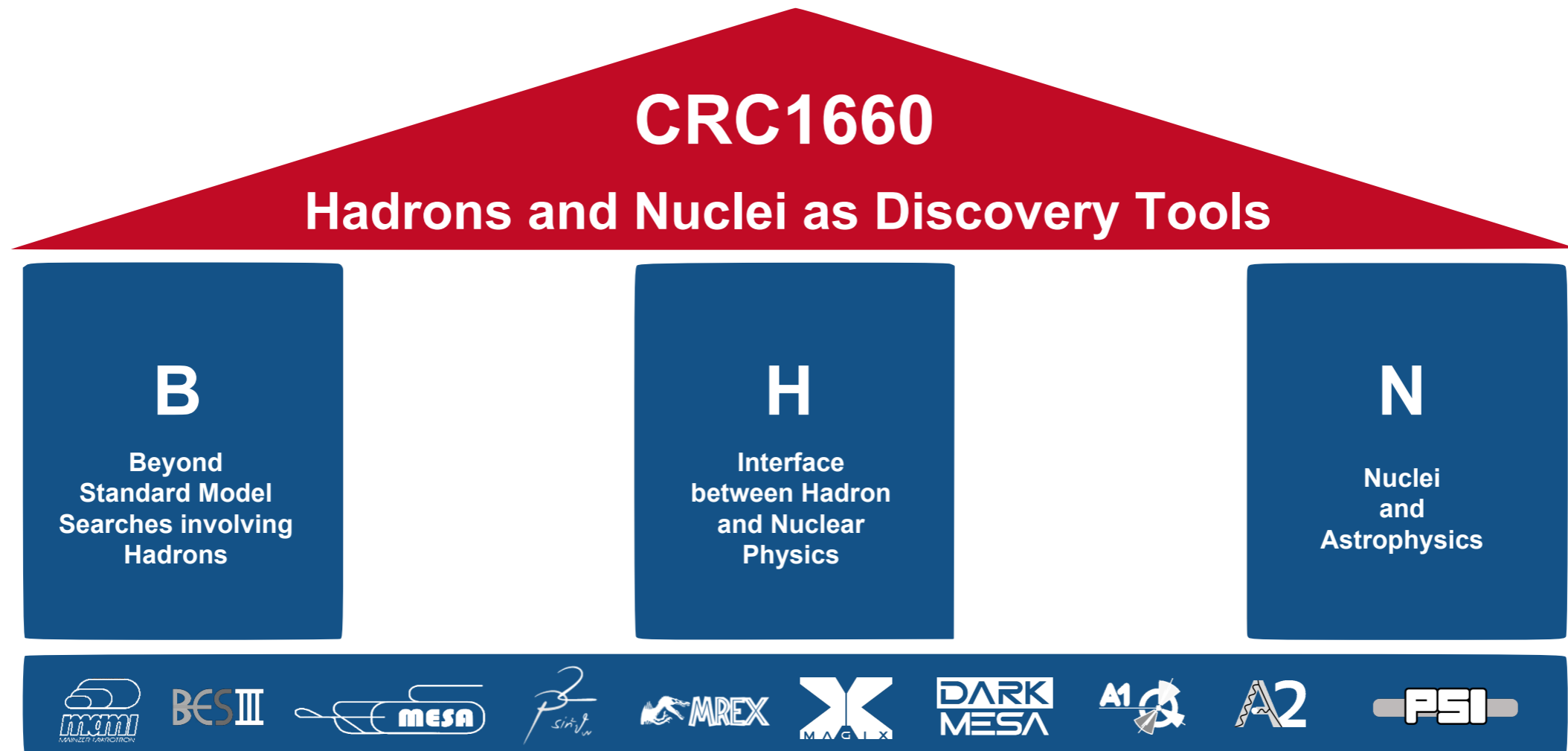
3.5 meter

MESA-main component: SRF-Cryomodule

Both MESA Cryo-Modules fulfill specifications:
25MV Acceleration voltage at <40 Watt thermal loss at 2Kelvin



Physics program at MAMI and MESA embedded in newly established Collaborative Research Center CRC1660



- ▶ Strong **discovery** potential for new physics phenomena
- ▶ Powerful **tools** to sharpen our understanding of strongly interacting systems

CRC1660: Hadrons and Nuclei as Discovery Tools



- **13 projects: 26 PIs (24 JGU Mainz + PI Uni-Frankfurt + PI Uni-Münster)**
- **Interdisciplinary:** atomic, nuclear and hadron physics
- Close collaboration between **theory** and **experiment**
- 2 main infrastructures: **MAMI** and **MESA**
- **Integrated Graduate school**
- **DFG funding: ca 10 MEuro (2024 - 2028), 12 year funding perspective**
- **28 PhD + 6.5 PD positions**

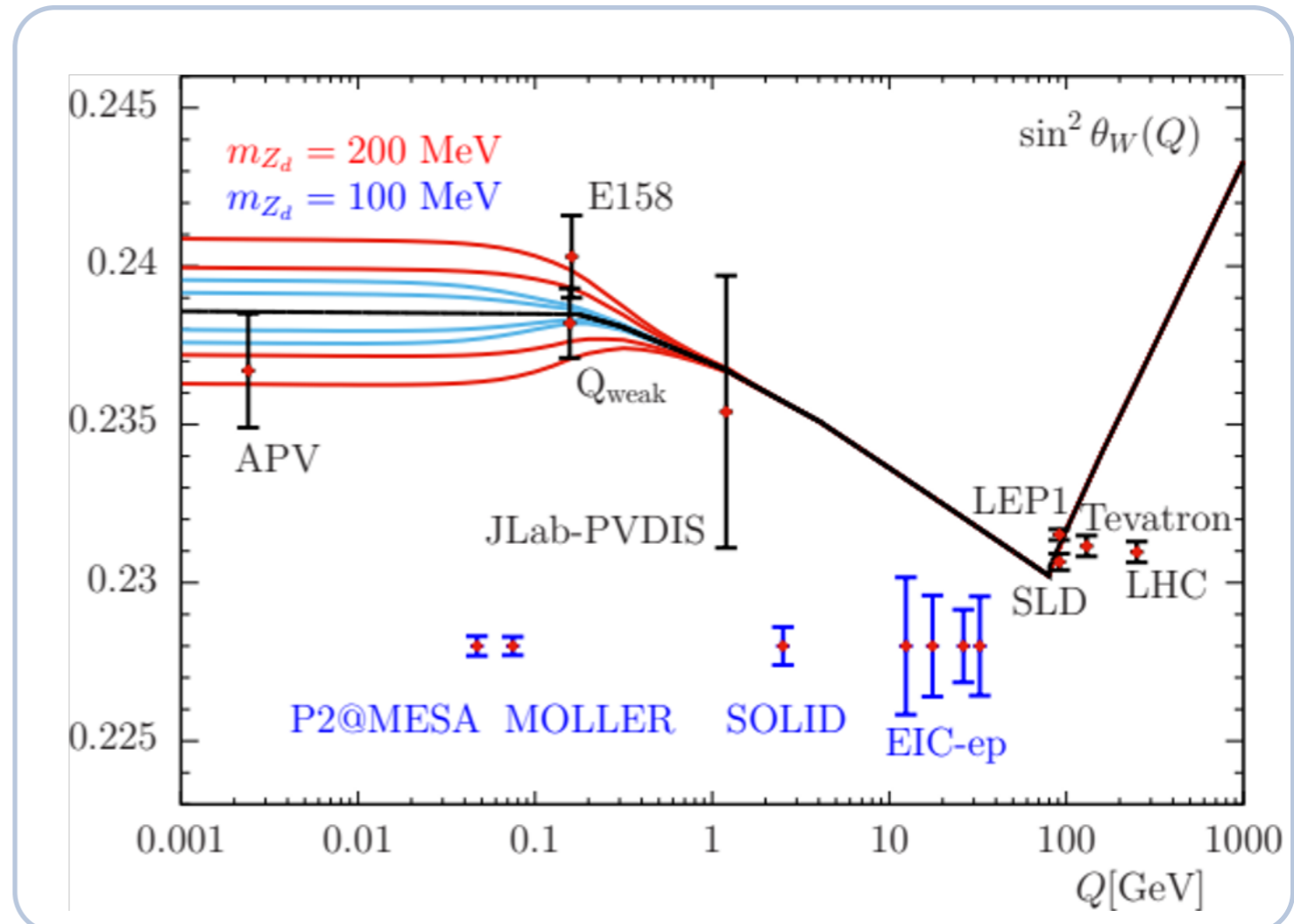
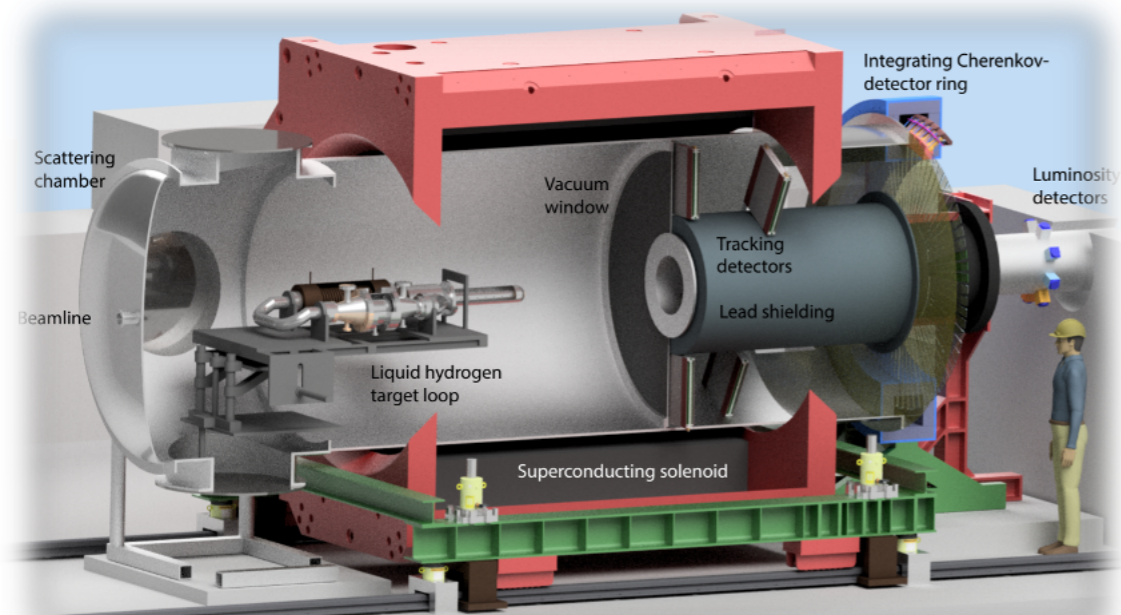
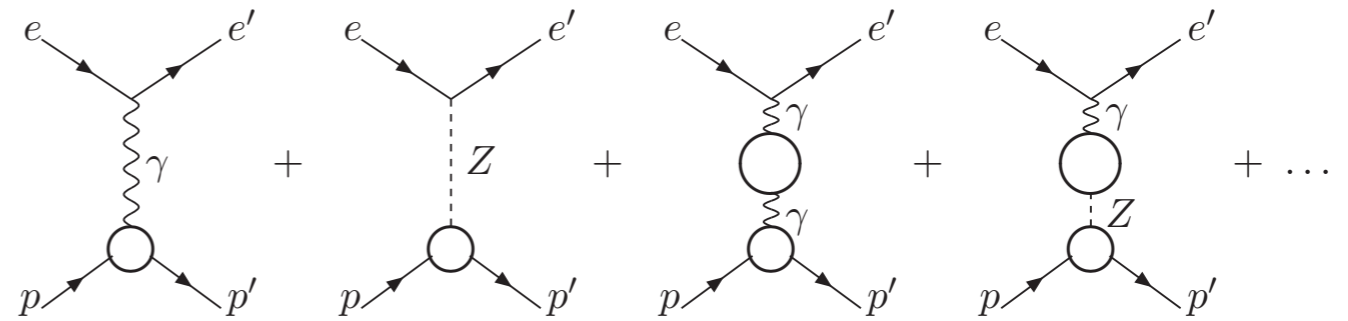


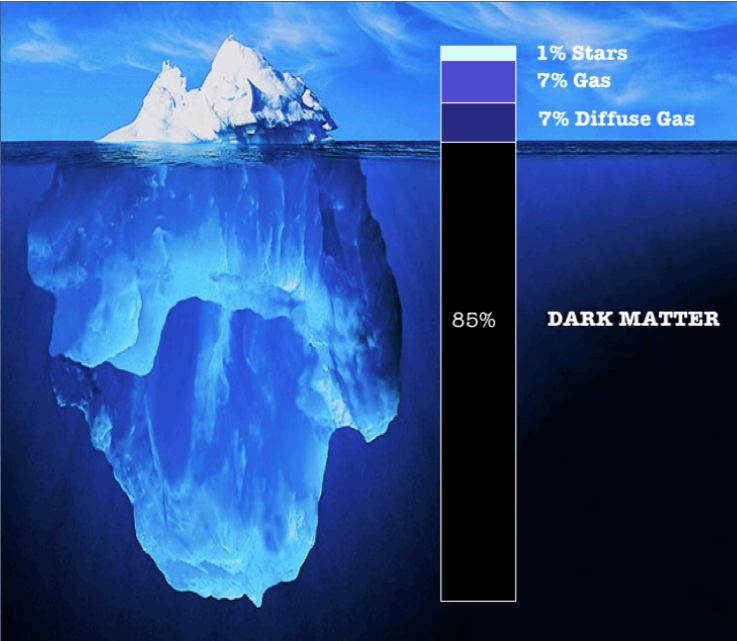
Spokespersons: C. Sfienti & M. Vdh



P2: Parity violating electron scattering at MESA

- P2@MESA measurement of proton **weak mixing angle $\sin^2 \theta_w$** at low scale to precision of 0.14%
- Precision test of Standard Model
- Complementary to LHC measurements at Z-boson mass
- dedicated theory radiative corrections
- **Sensitive to BSM physics at scales ~ 50 TeV**
- Extension to **nuclear targets** planned





Dark sector searches at MESA



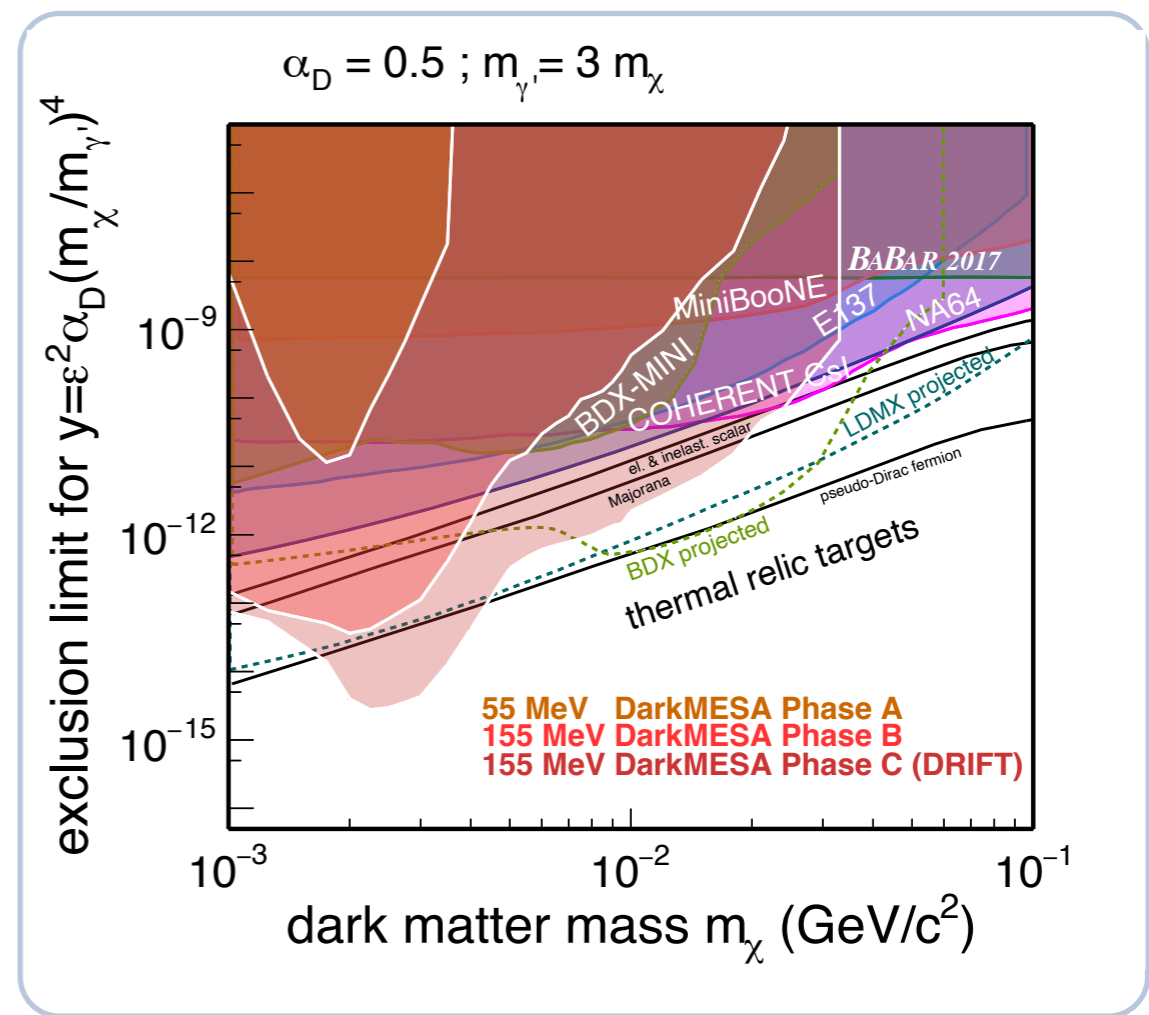
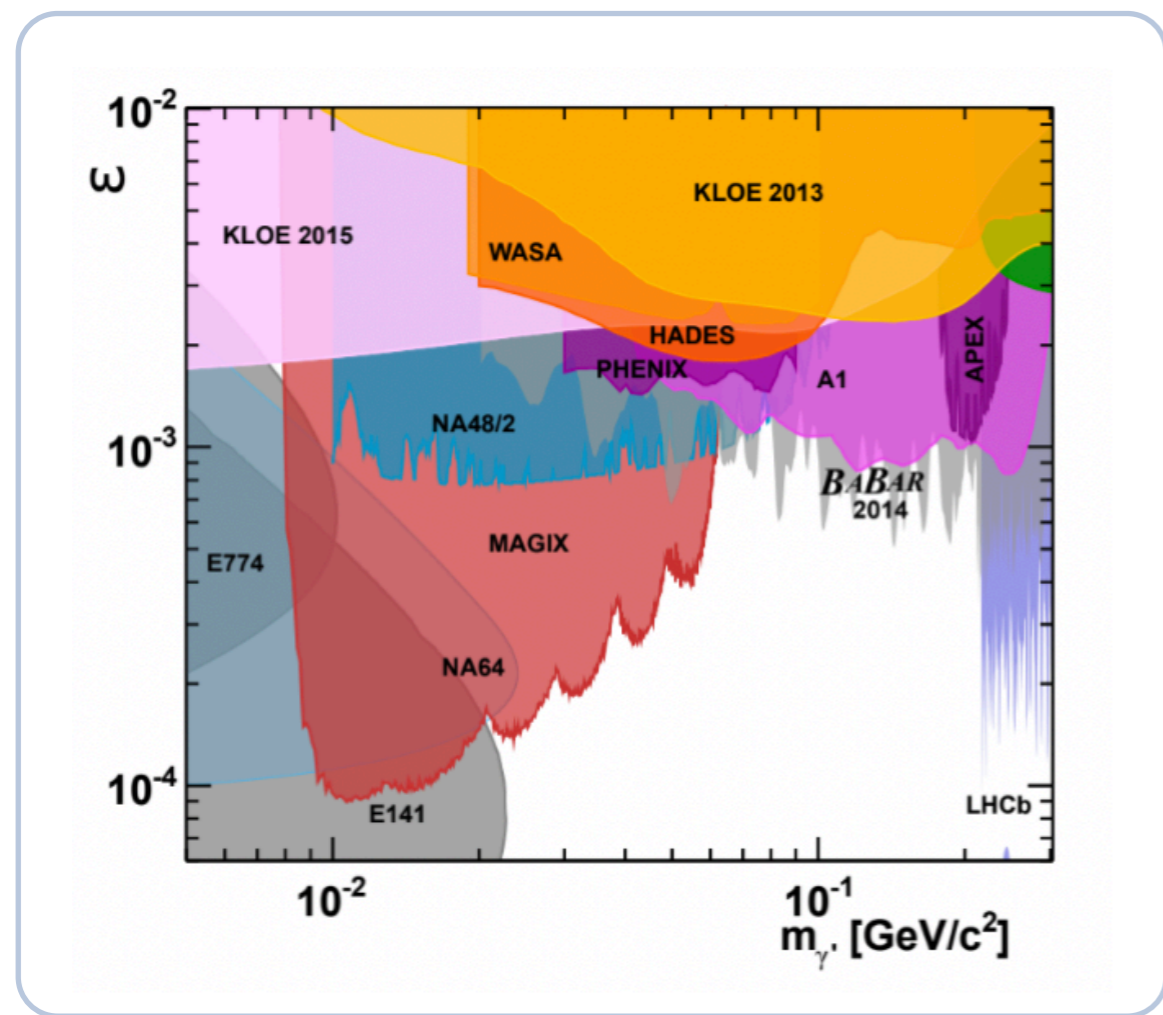
WIMPs

$\sim \text{GeV} < m_{\text{DM}} < \sim \text{TeV}$

- Search for **dark sector messenger particle(s)** in electron scattering with **MAGIX@MESA**

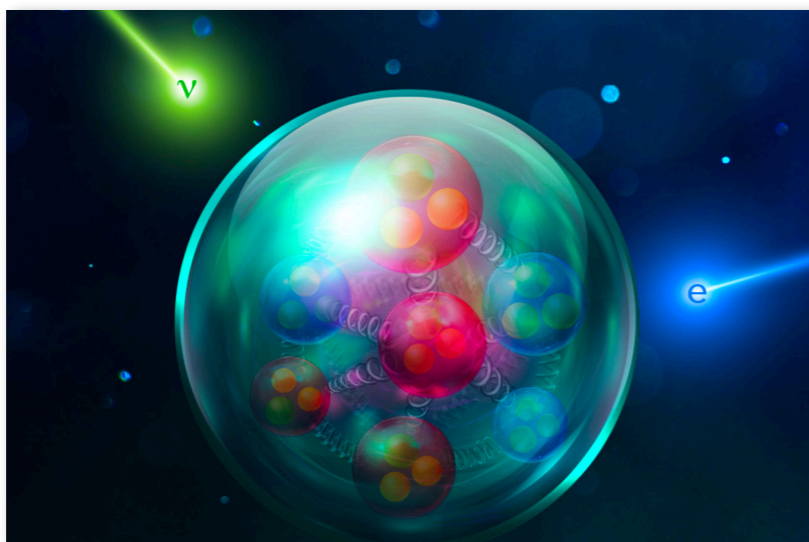
Light dark matter
 $\sim \text{MeV} < m_{\text{DM}} < \sim \text{GeV}$

- Search for **light dark matter** using extracted MESA beam at **DarkMESA**

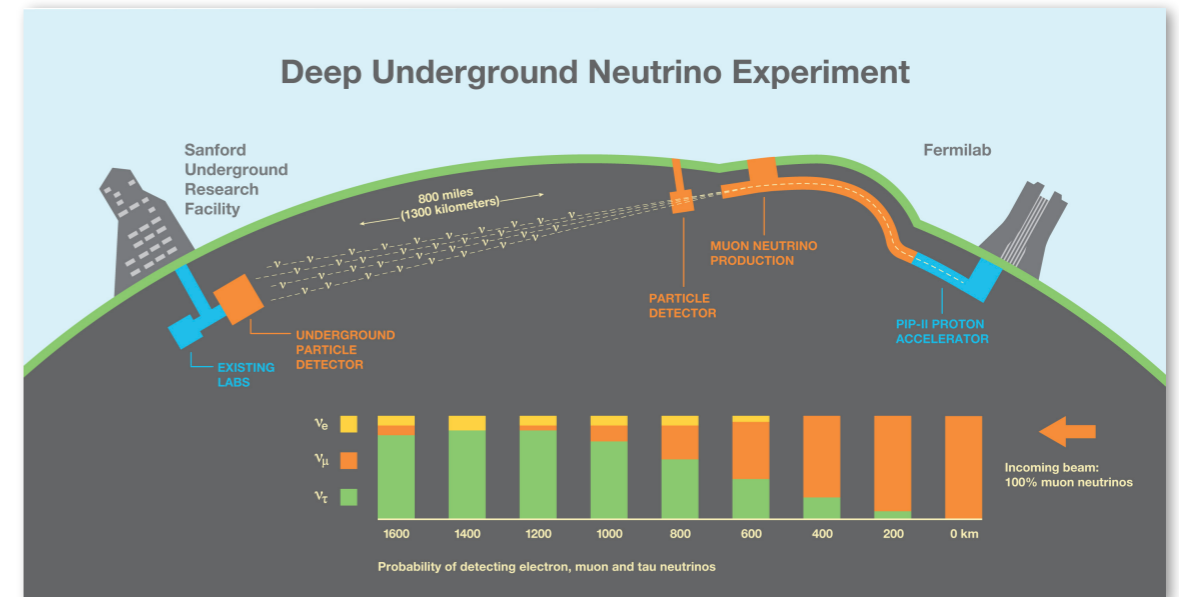


Electrons for neutrino program at MAMI

- Neutrino oscillations \Rightarrow neutrinos are massive
- Next generation of **long-baseline neutrino experiments** (DUNE, T2HK): oscillation parameters at 1% level
- Interpretation requires precise **neutrino-nucleus cross sections** as input
- e^- scattering off medium-mass nuclei at MAMI to reduce uncertainties from nuclear structure
- Complemented by lattice QCD program to determine nucleon axial form factors

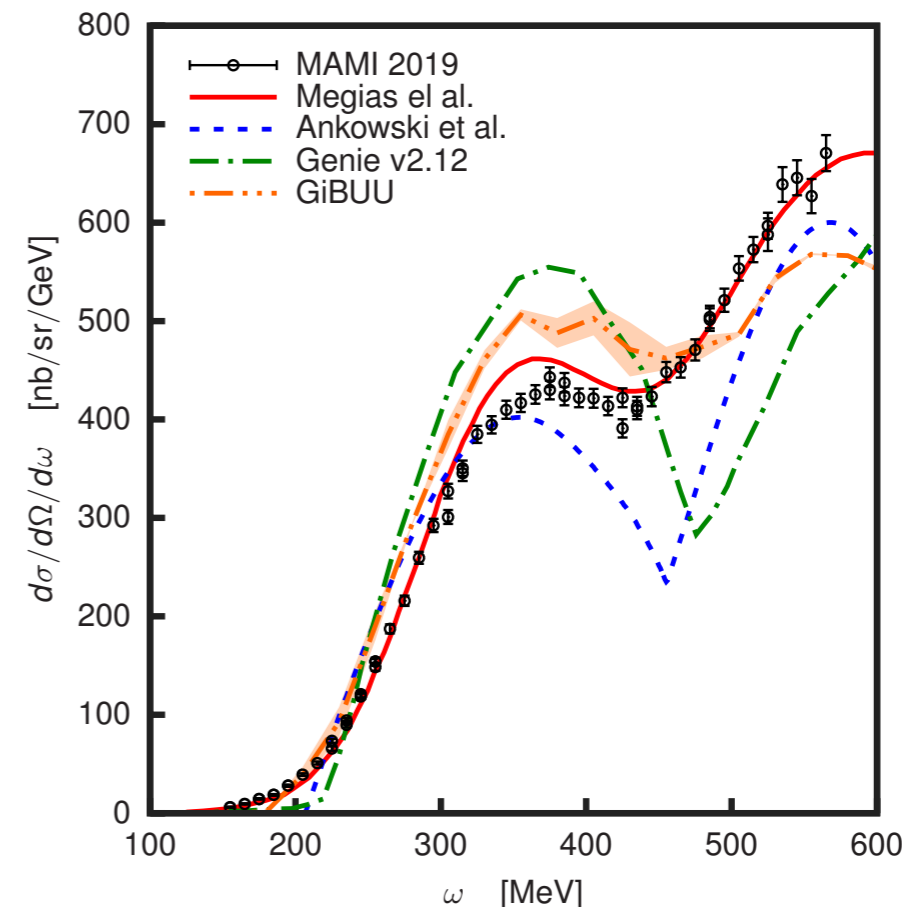


Credit: JLAB/Neutrino-nucleus interaction



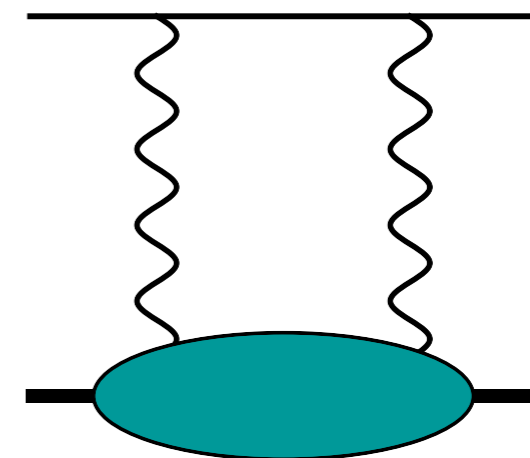
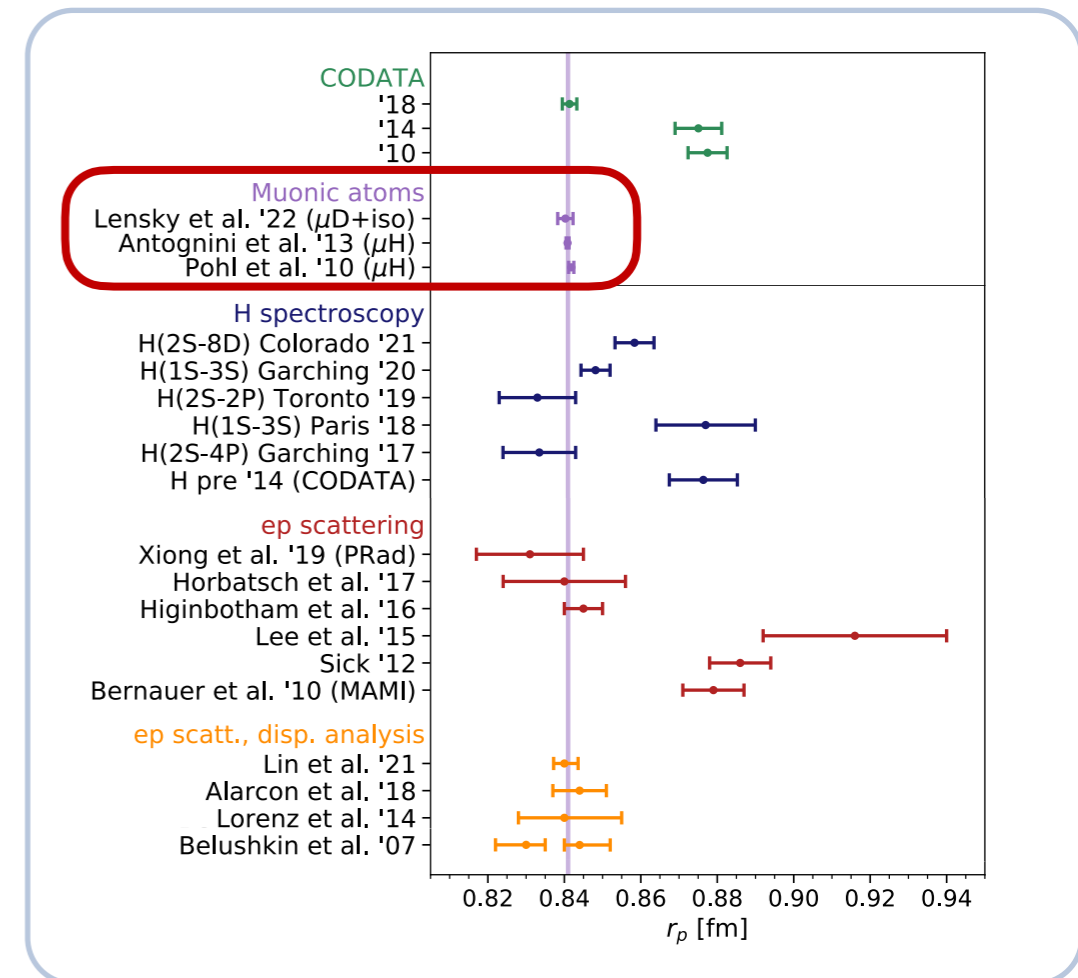
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$^{12}\text{C}(e,e')$ @ MAMI (855 MeV)



Precision nucleon structure from muonic atoms and e-scattering

- **Muonic atom spectroscopy:** allowed for 10-fold improvement in proton radius determination, **benchmark for nucleon/nuclear structure theory**
- Next generation of μ -atom experiments @PSI
 - ➔ First measurement of 1S hyperfine splitting in μ H to two orders of magnitude better than theory
 - ➔ Improvement of Lamb shift in μ H by factor 5
 - ➔ X-ray spectroscopy precision nuclear radii
- Dedicated theory to improve hadronic corrections to muonic atom spectroscopy using EFTs and dispersive techniques: **two-photon exchange**
- Framework for interpretation of electron and Compton scattering experiments
- Dedicated precision e⁻ scattering program to measure **proton form factors at MAGIX@MESA**
- **Compton scattering** program at **MAMI** will yield world's best determination of **neutron polarizabilities**

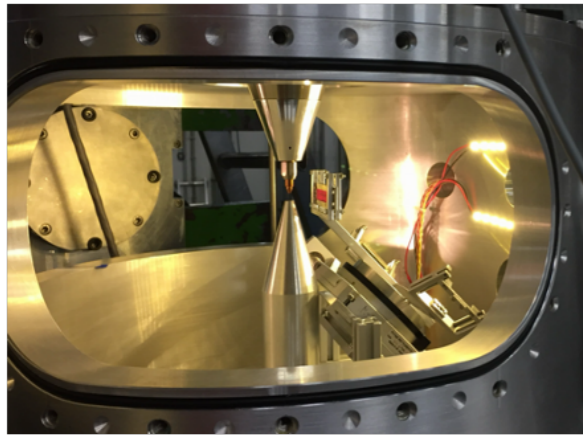




Electron scattering program with MAGIX @ MESA

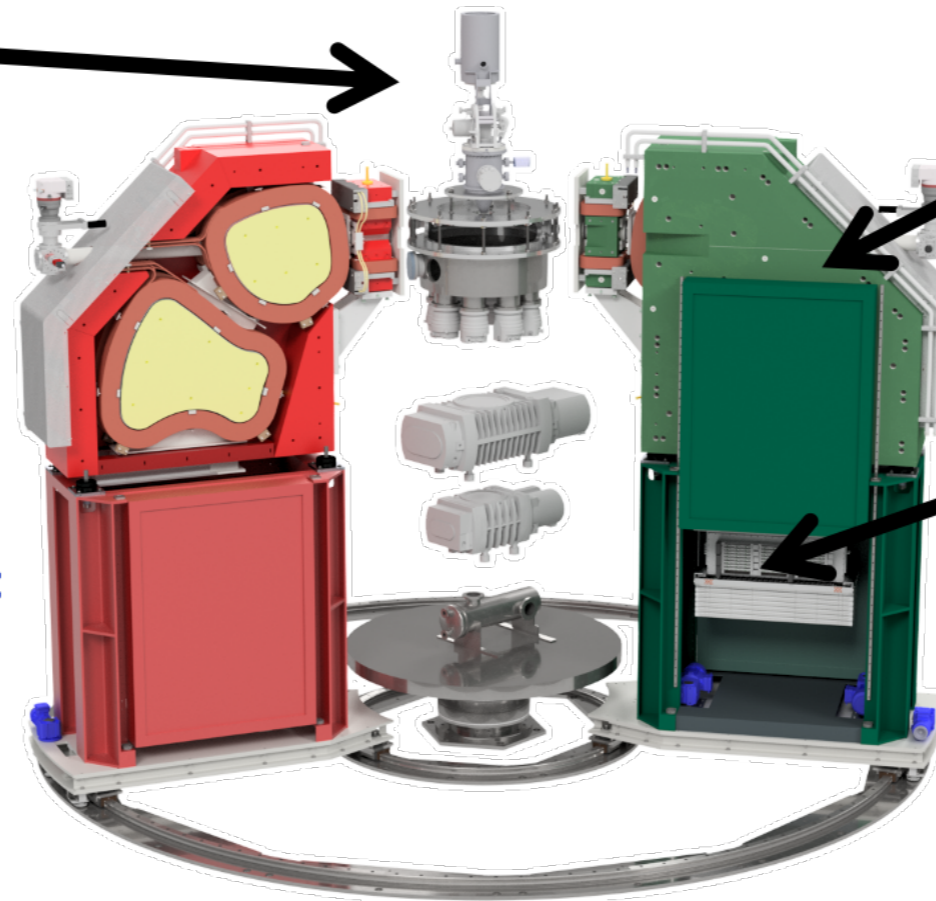
Operation of a high-intensity (polarized) ERL beam
in conjunction with light internal target
→ a novel technique in nuclear and particle physics

NIM A1013 (2021)



Supersonic cryogenic gas jet target

- Windowless environment
- Commissioned at A1/MAMI
- Design density $10^{19}/\text{cm}^2$



Two identical spectrometers

- Two dipoles each
- One quadrupole each

TPC-based focal plane detector

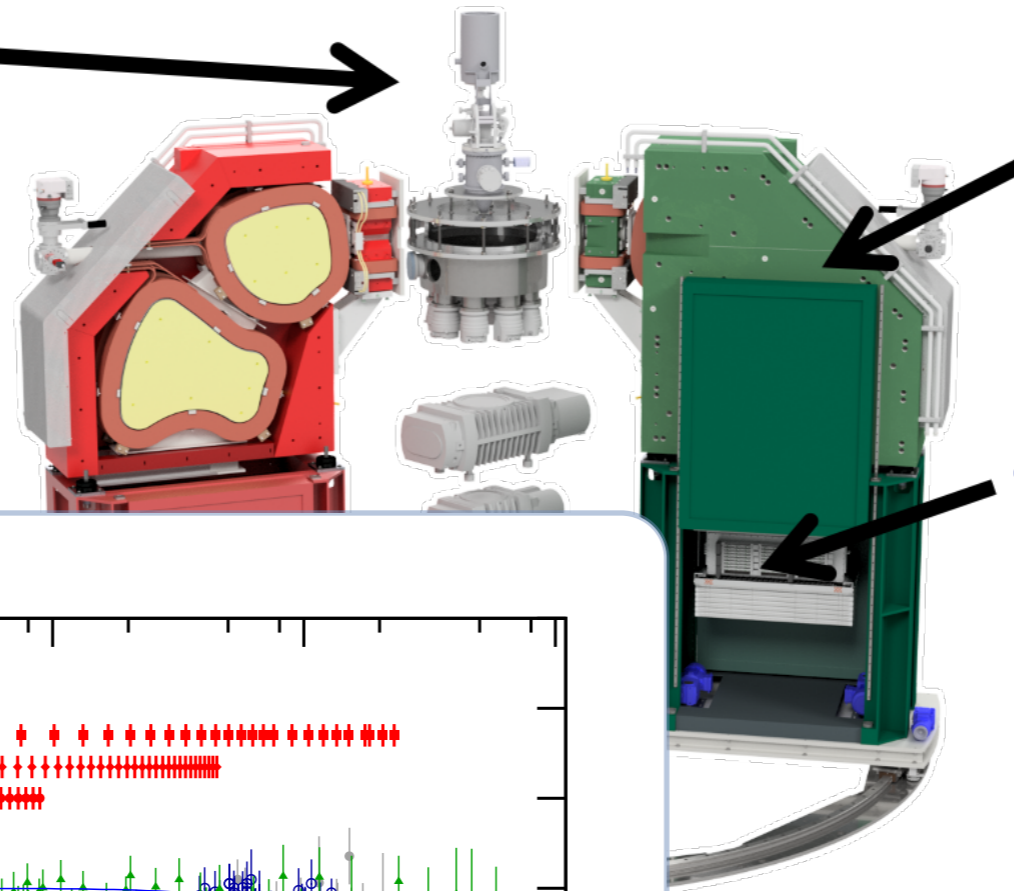
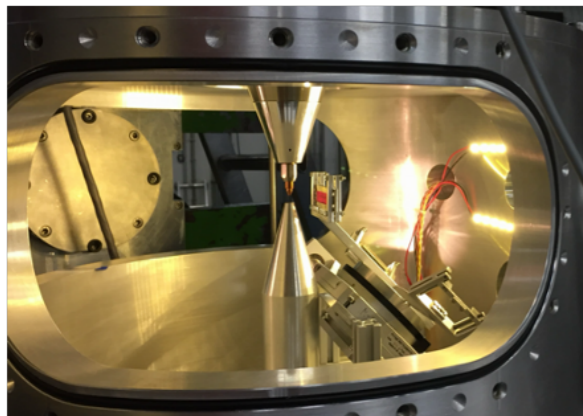
- 10^{-4} momentum resolution
- Requires spatial resolution of $O(100 \mu\text{m})$
- Open field cage
- GEM readout



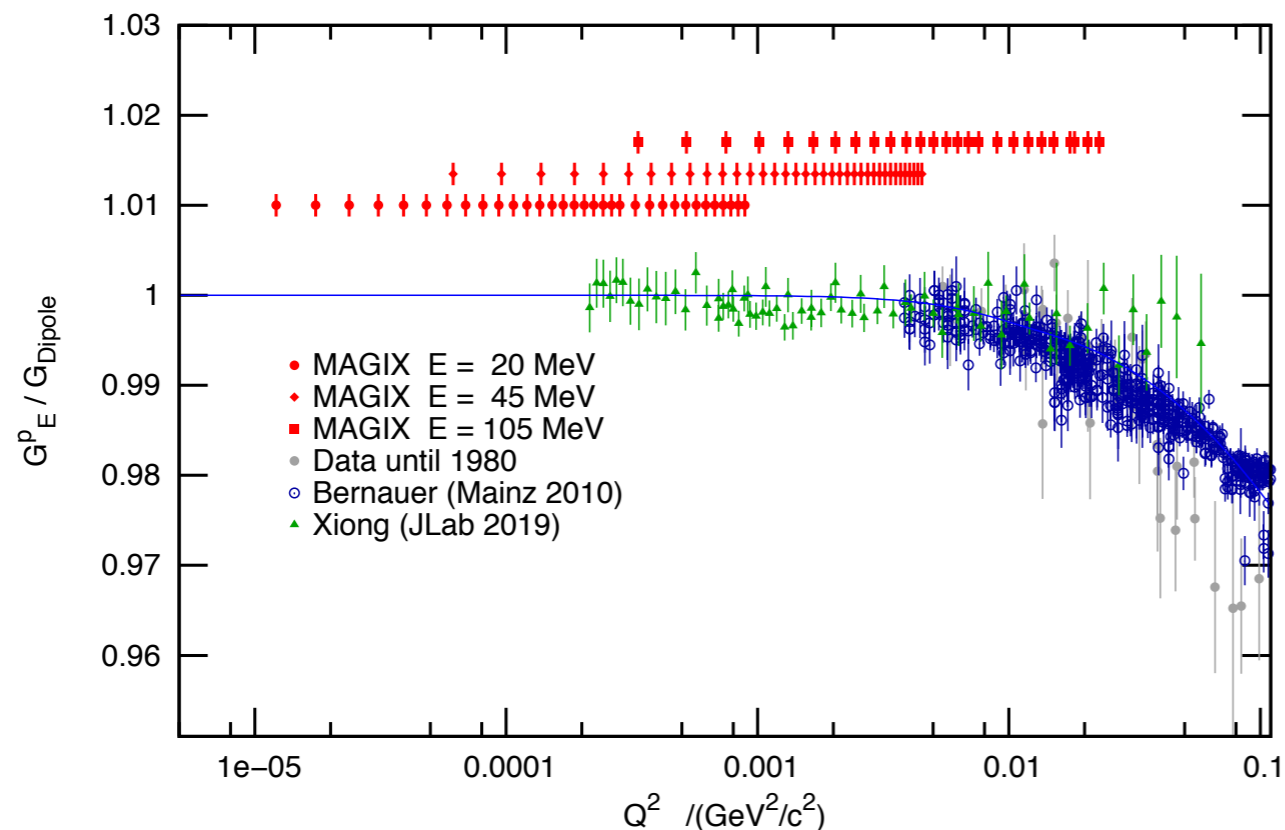
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• Will allow for high-precision measurement of **structure quantities of nucleon and light nuclei** at lowest momentum transfers

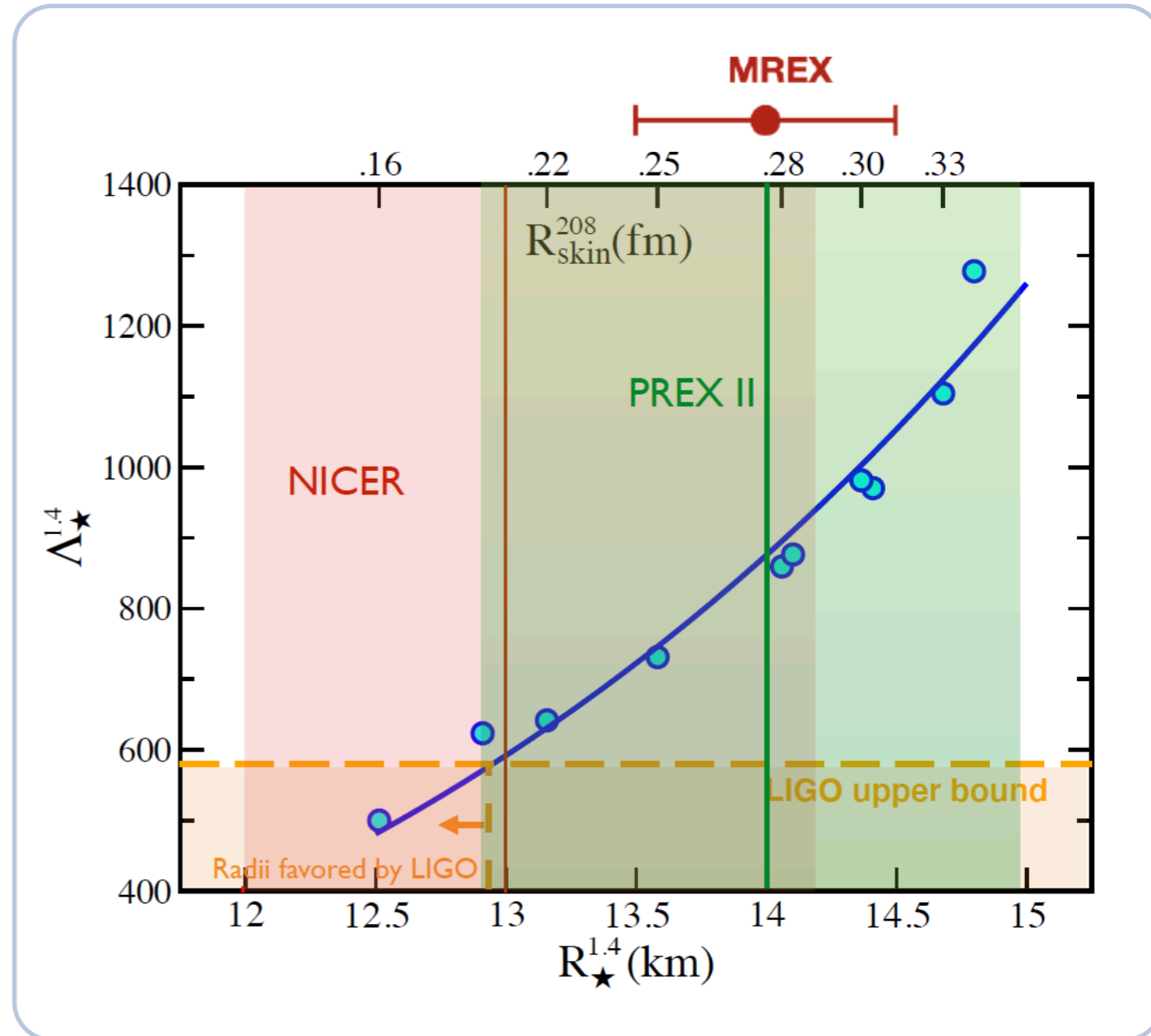
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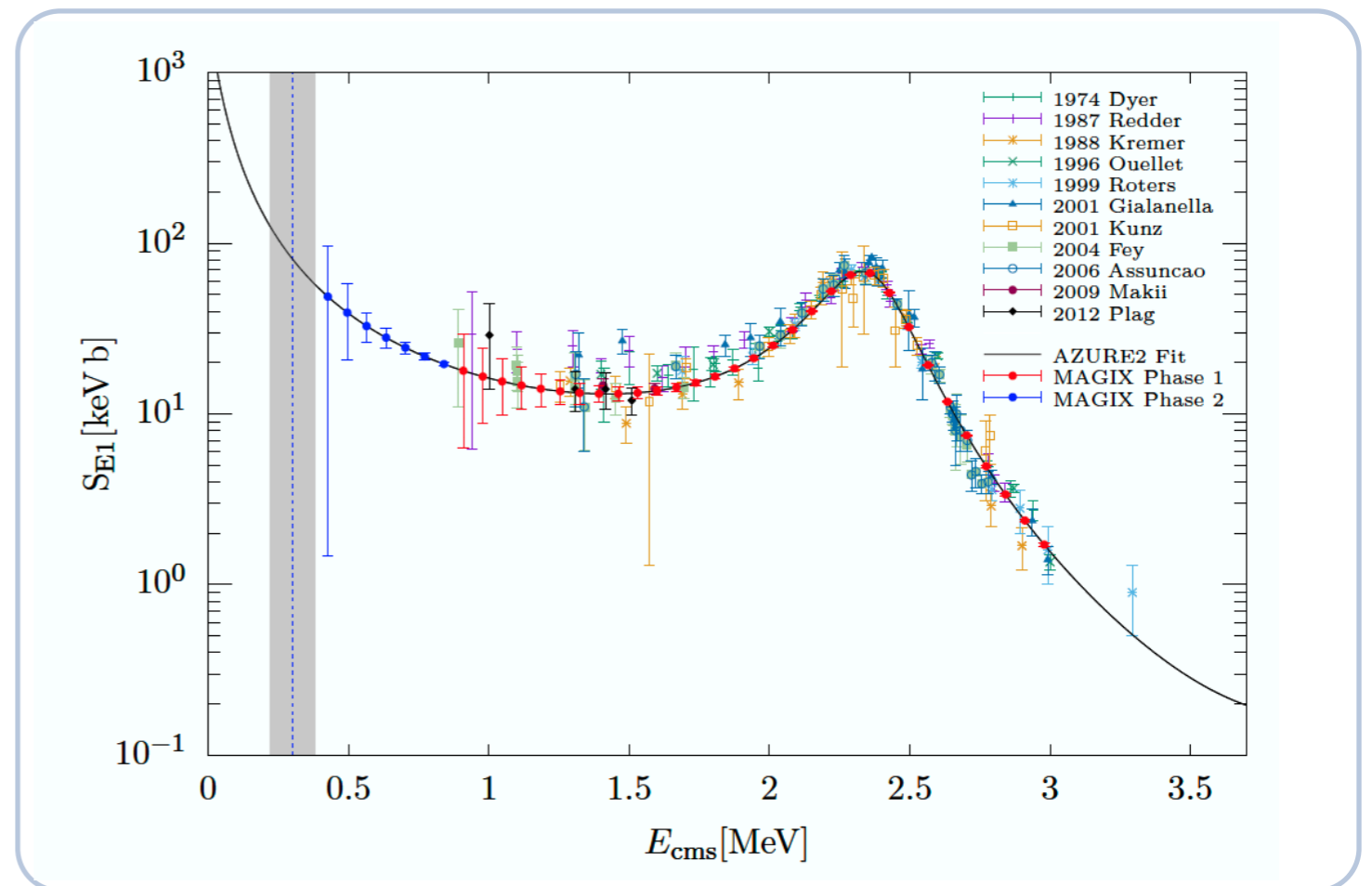
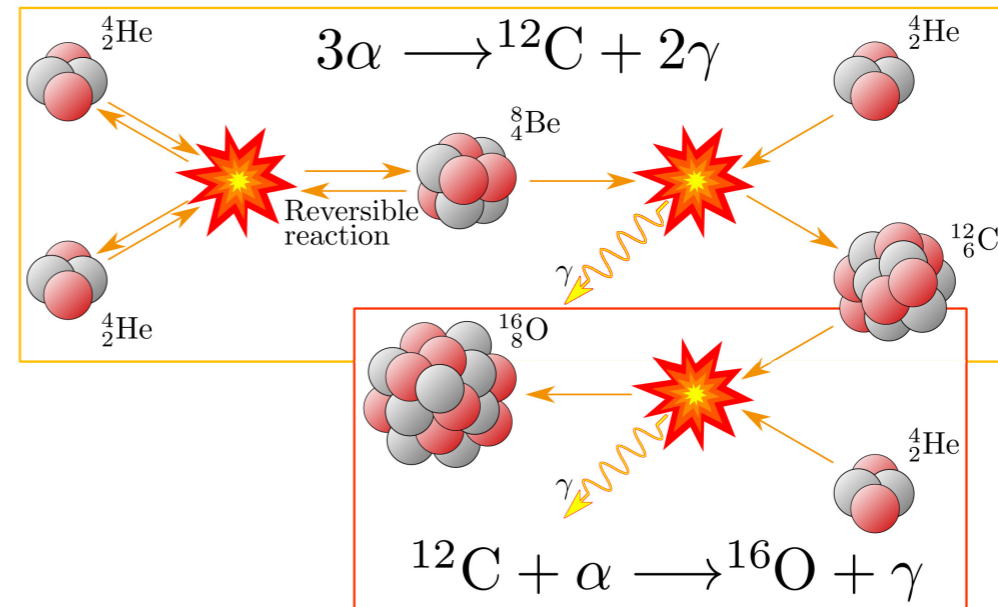
Neutron skin and surface thickness of ^{208}Pb

- **Multi-messenger astronomy:**
new window onto neutron-rich matter under extreme conditions
 - ➔ Detection of neutron star mergers by gravitational wave experiments
 - ➔ X-ray observations at ISS
- Need for precision experiments to constrain **nuclear equation of state**
- Clarify by world's best measurement of neutron skin thickness in ^{208}Pb using **parity-violating e⁻ scattering with P2@MESA**



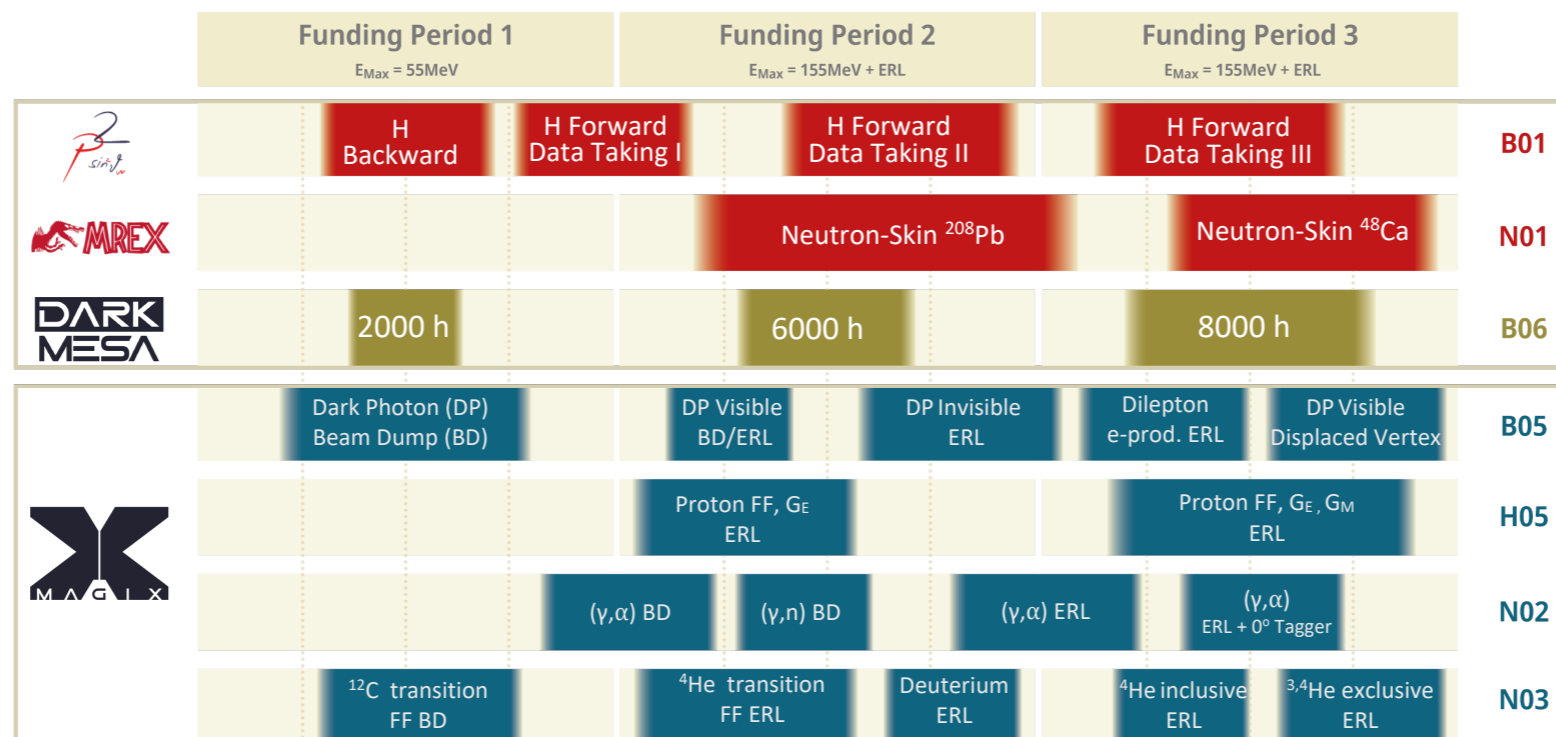
Reaction cross sections of astrophysical interest at MAGIX

- Nuclear physics input also impacts our understanding of **stellar nucleosynthesis**
- Radiative capture cross sections through measurement of (γ, α) and (γ, n) **inverse reactions**
- MAGIX@MESA will allow measurement to unprecedented low energy
- Theoretical analysis using effective field theory



Summary

- ➔ QCD is 50 years of age, but precision physics at femtoscale just started
- ➔ Interactions with precision and high-energy frontiers: MAMI and MESA tailored to address these questions
- ➔ CRC1660: rich 12 year physics program



➔ Close synergy theory <-> experiment will move field forward