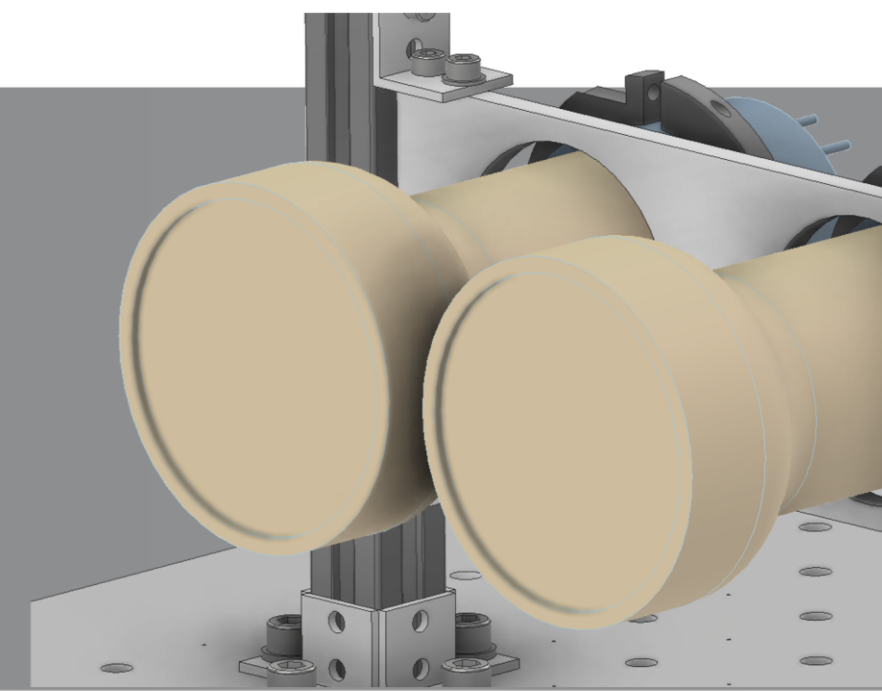




The P2 experiment

High precision determination of the weak mixing angle

Goal: Determination of weak mixing angle $\sin^2 \theta_W$

Test of Standard Model of particle physics (SM):

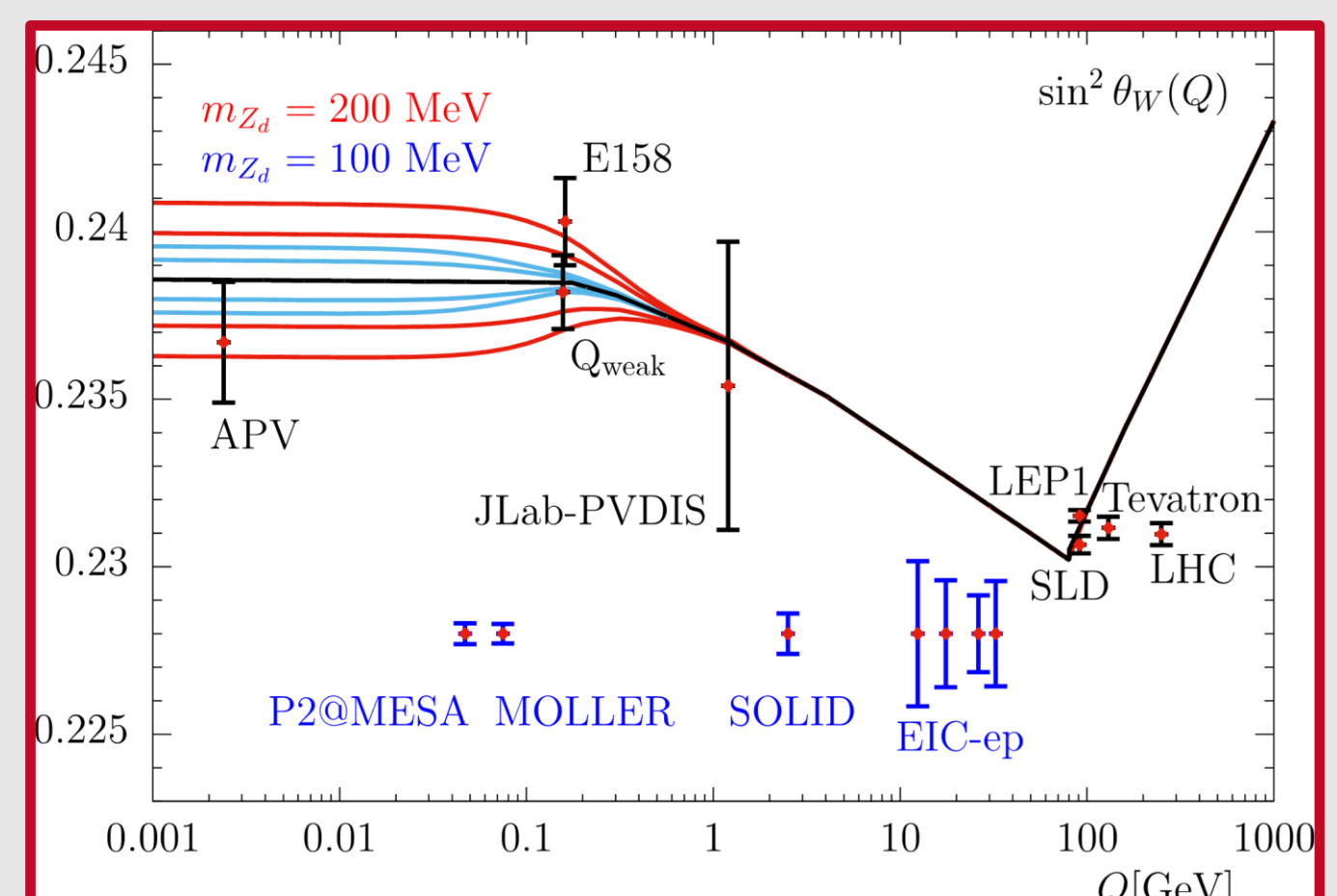
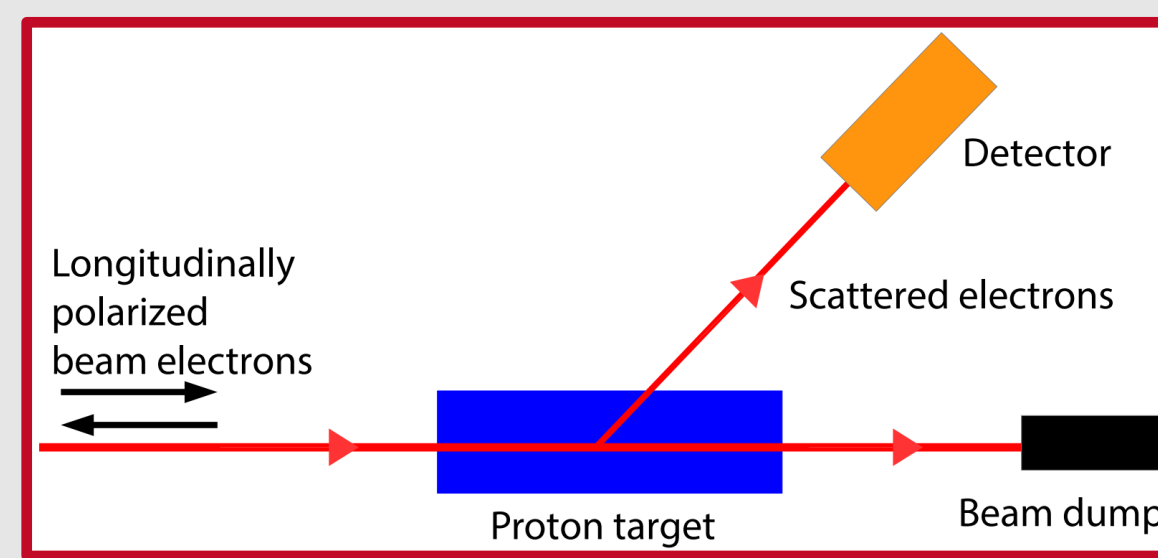
Weak mixing angle is related to the parity violating asymmetry A^{PV} in elastic electron proton scattering

$$A^{PV} \equiv \frac{d\sigma_{ep}^+ - d\sigma_{ep}^-}{d\sigma_{ep}^+ + d\sigma_{ep}^-} \frac{\Delta \sin^2 \theta_W}{\sin^2 \theta_W} < 0.15 \%$$

P2 experiment electron beam:

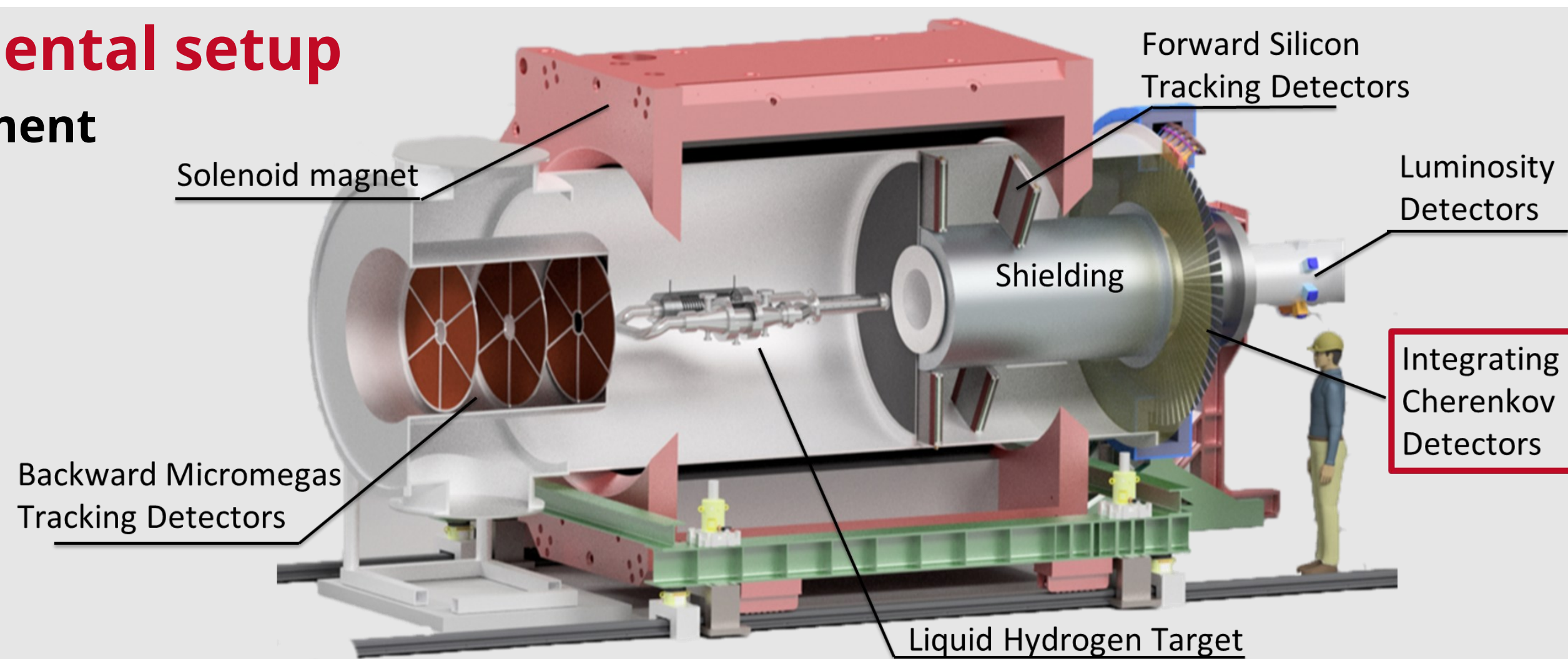
- provided by the Mainz Energy-Recovering Superconducting Accelerator (MESA)
- longitudinally polarized electrons ($E_{Beam} = 155$ MeV)
- Interaction with liquid hydrogen target
- Flipping helicity of beam electrons (parity)

⇒ Weak mixing angle determined out of the parity violating asymmetry



Experimental setup

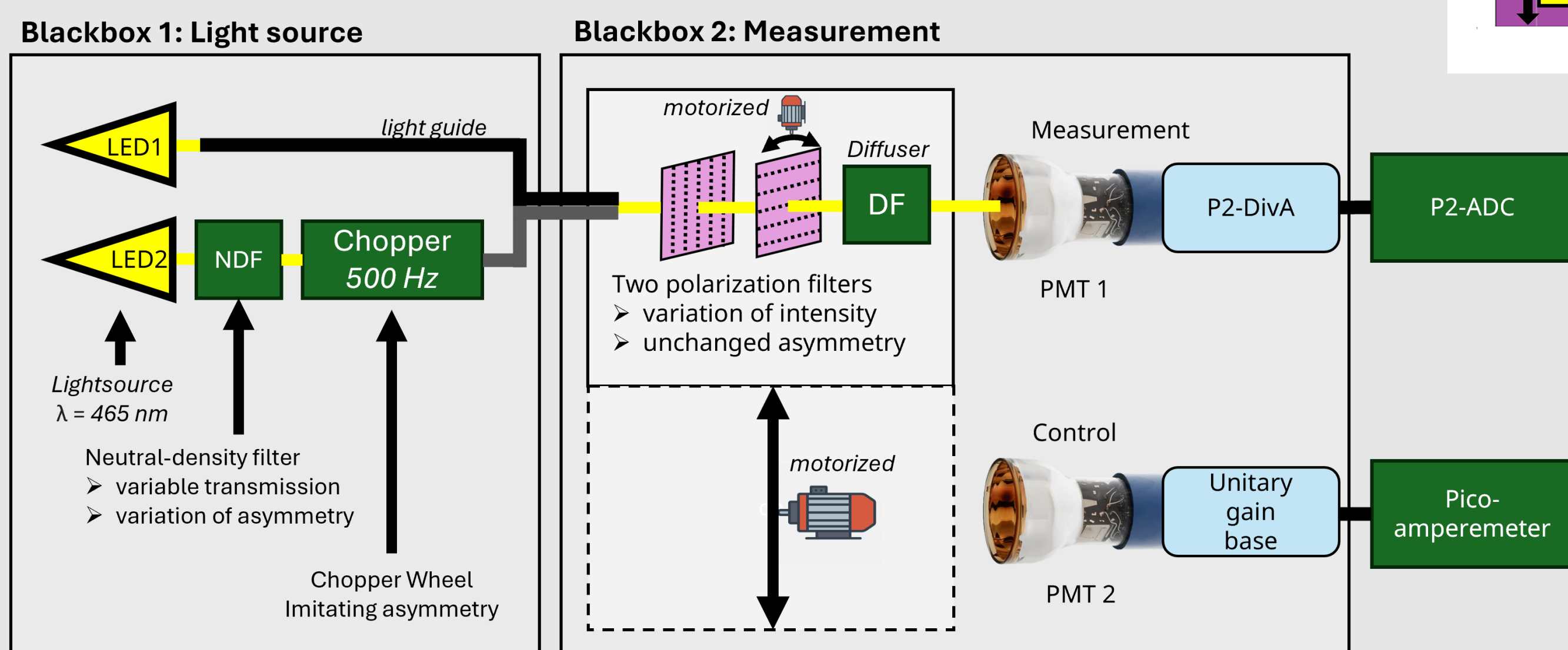
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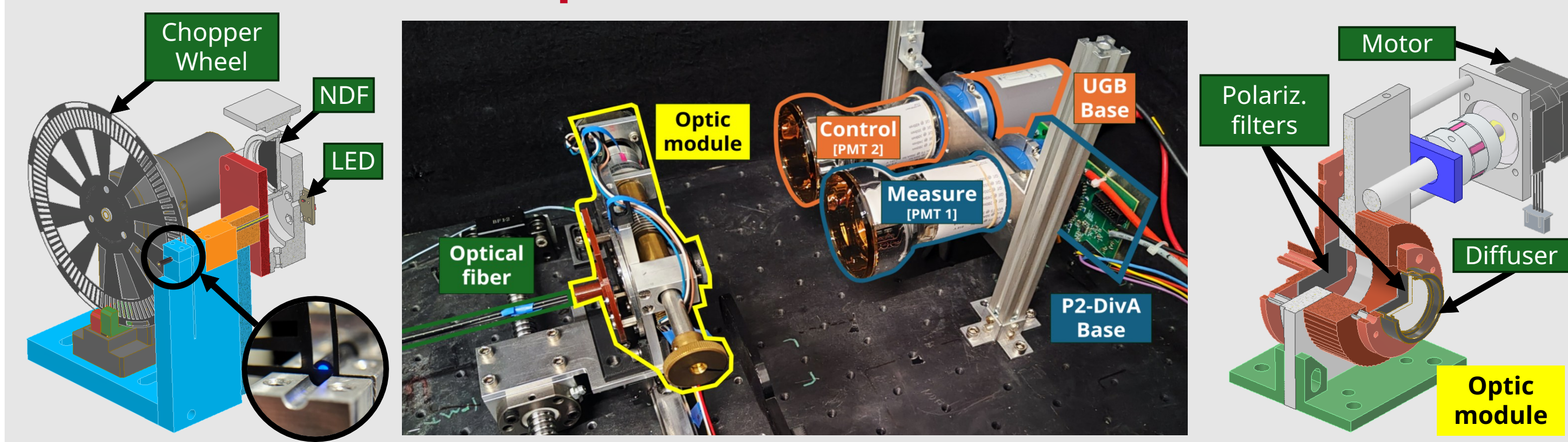
Characterization of readout electronics – Emulating an asymmetric light signal

I. Scheme of measurement

- Emulate the parity violating asymmetry in the Cherenkov light
- Measure asymmetric light signal using the P2 readout electronics



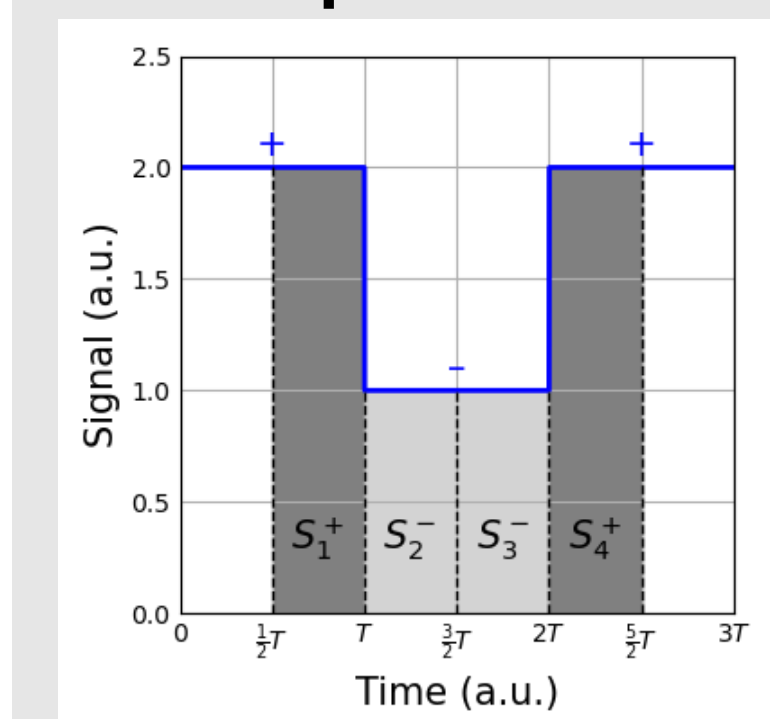
II. Measurement setup



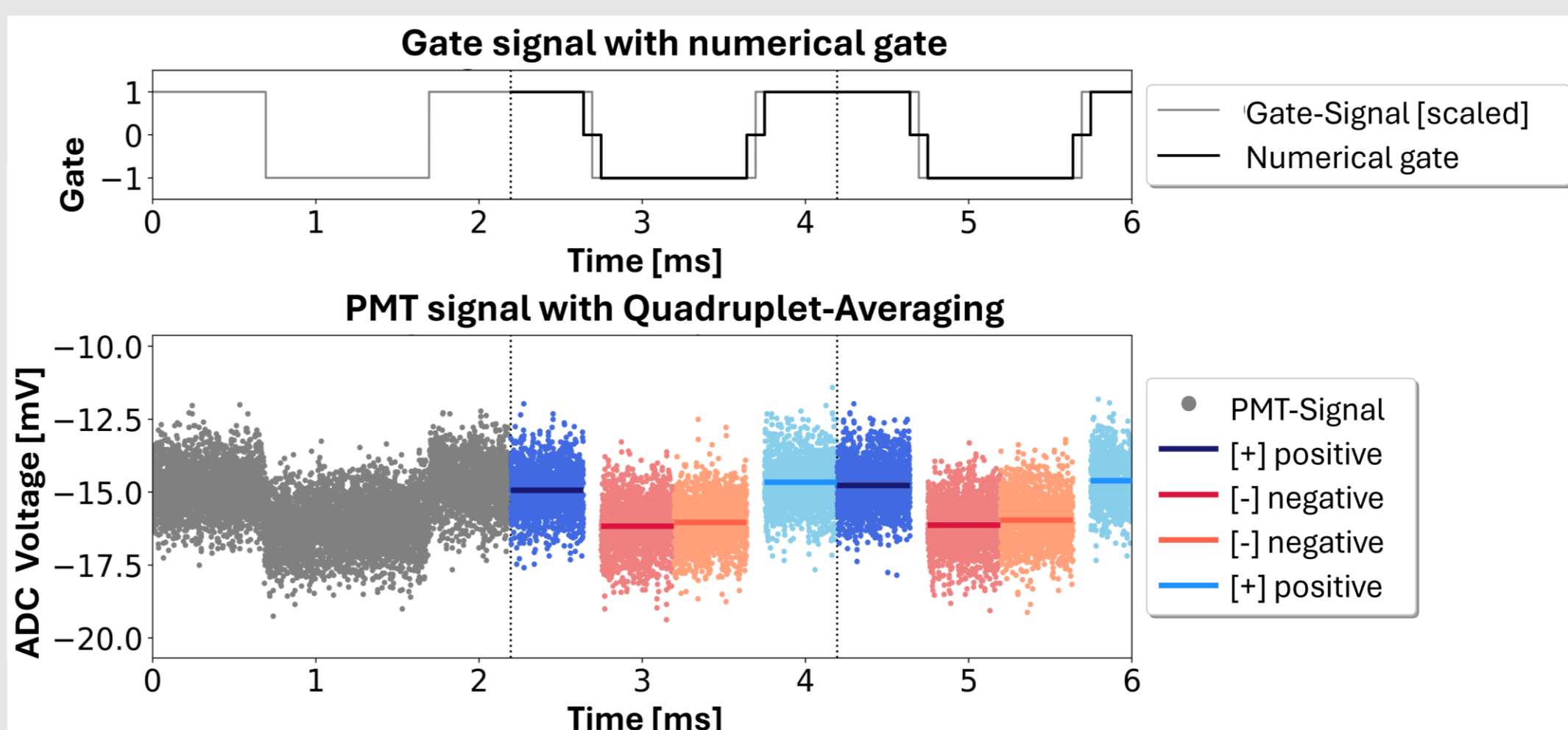
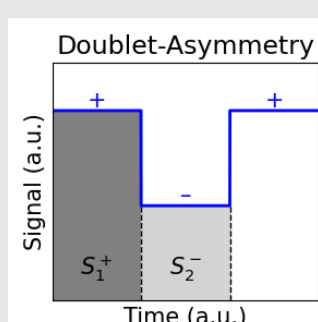
III. Quadruplet asymmetry and test signal

No NDF – test signal

Quadruplet:



Doublet:
Out of two segments
Volatile to linear drift

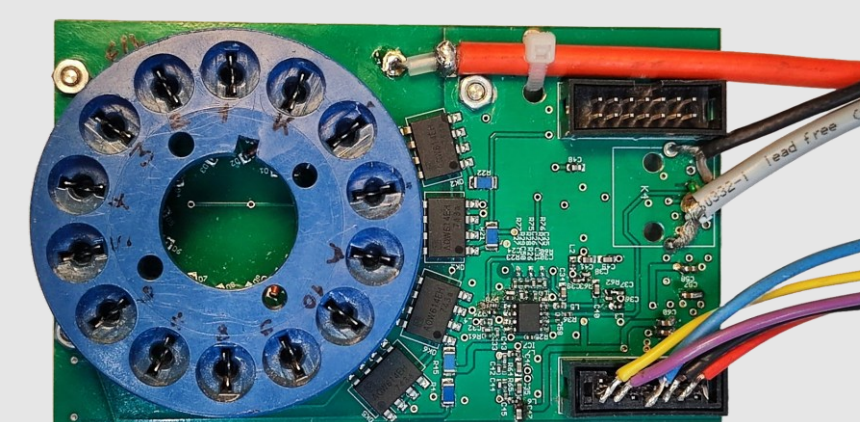
$$A_{Db} = \frac{S_1^+ - S_2^-}{S_1^+ + S_2^-}$$


Upper: Gate signal (reference signal of the chopper control unit)
Numerical gate to exclude the transition range
Lower: Delay-corrected PMT signal (P2-ADC)
Signal sections for two "+--+" quadruplets

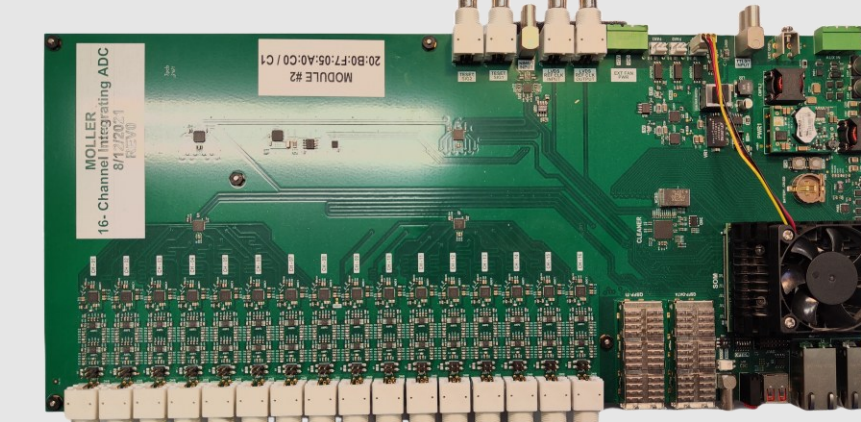
Readout electronics



Photomultiplier [PMT]
Cherenkov-Photons
→ Photoelectrons



P2-DivA Base
Current
→ Differential voltage

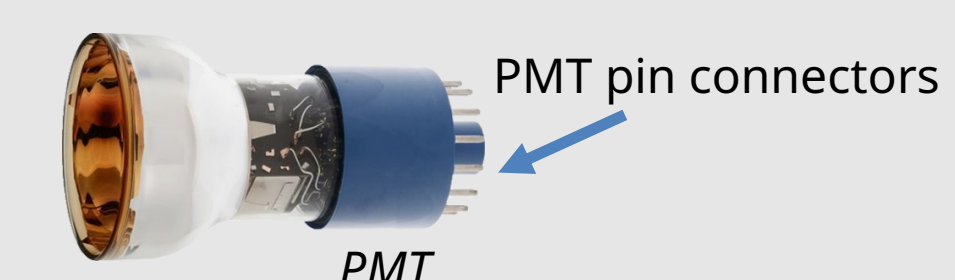
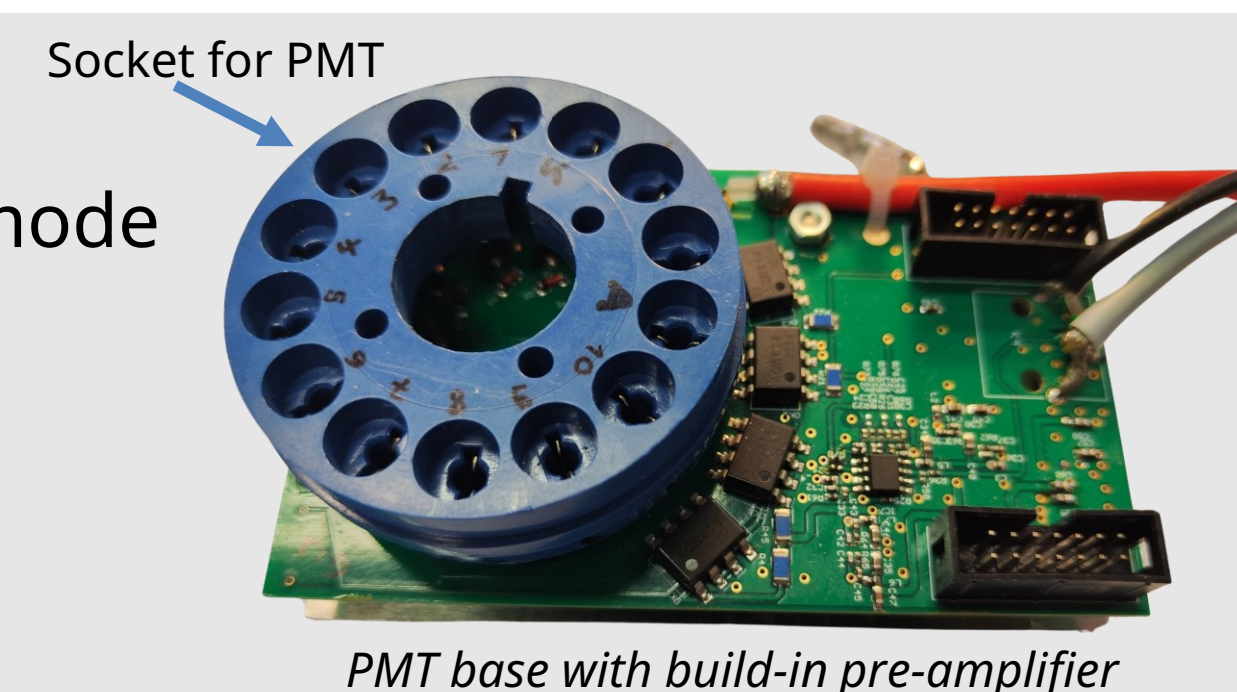


P2-MOLLER ADC
Diff. voltage signal
→ Digital data stream

Photomultiplier Base P2-DivA

Operatable in two modes: Pulse and integration mode

- Pulse mode:
 - Tracking detectors, calibration of setup
 - High gain required; all ten dynodes used
- Integration mode:
 - Cherenkov detector ring, high statistics (~160 GHz)
 - Lower gain required; only 5 dynodes
 - Current collected by the PMT anode is converted to a differential voltage signal by the P2-DivA base
- Pre-amplifier for additional signal amplification



P2 Analog-to-Digital converter

- Two DAQ-modes:
 - (Helicity-)Gated integration via on-board FPGA
 - Data stream of voltage and timestamp for all channels
- Number of channels per board: 16
- Measurement range: ± 4.096 V
- Sampling frequency: 14.7 MHz
- Resolution: 31.25 μ V (18-Bit ADC)
- Connectivity to multiple PMTs
- High sampling rate required for the extremely high electron rates and to obtain sufficient statistics

IV. Measurement results

NDF with OD: 3

Measured asymmetry in dependence of the PMT gain

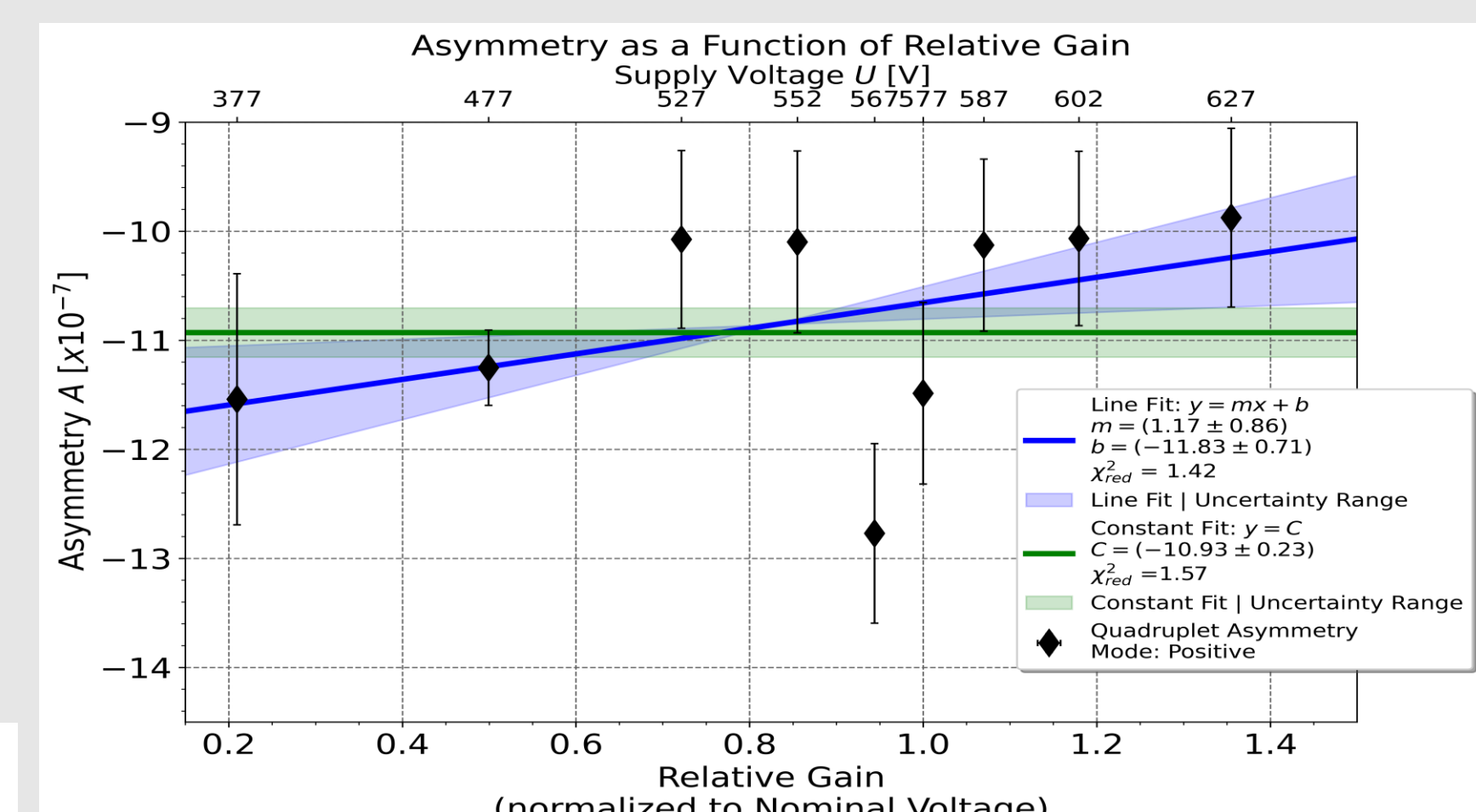
Measurement of the quadruplet asym. for different supply voltages
Nominal voltage of PMT: $U = 577$ V

Calculation of the quadruplet asym.: (from Gauss-Fit of 800.000 quadruplets)

$$A_{\mu}(U = 577 \text{ V}) = -(11.5 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-7}$$

Comparison to calibrated asym.:

$$A_{NE30A} \approx A_{no \text{ NDF}} \cdot \bar{T}_{NE30A} = -12 \times 10^{-7}$$



Measured asymmetry in dependence of the photoelectron current

Rotating the second polarization filter to alter the light intensity

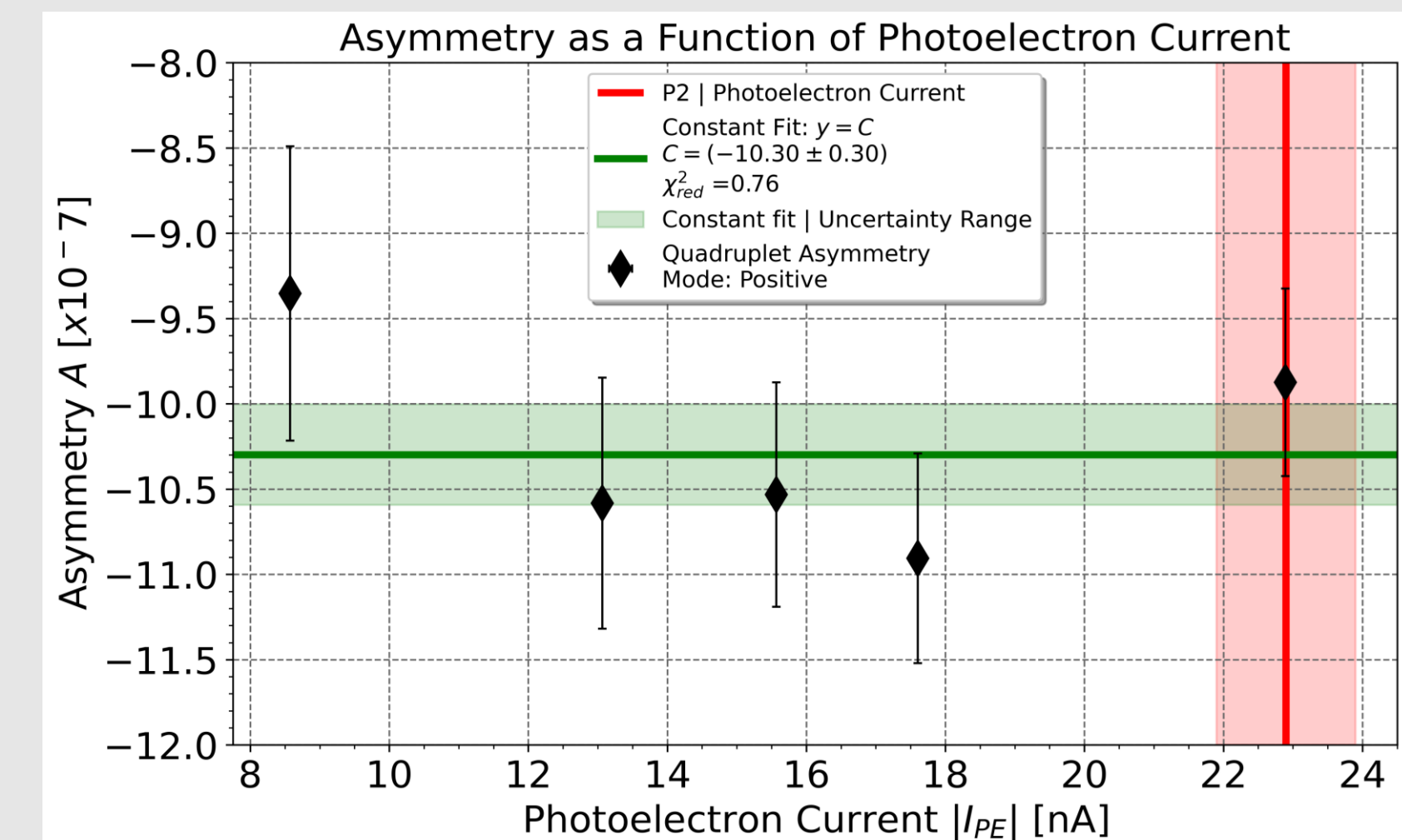
⇒ Asymmetry unchanged

Photoelectron current estimated for P2:

$$I_{pe}^{P2} \approx (23 \pm 1) \text{ nA}$$

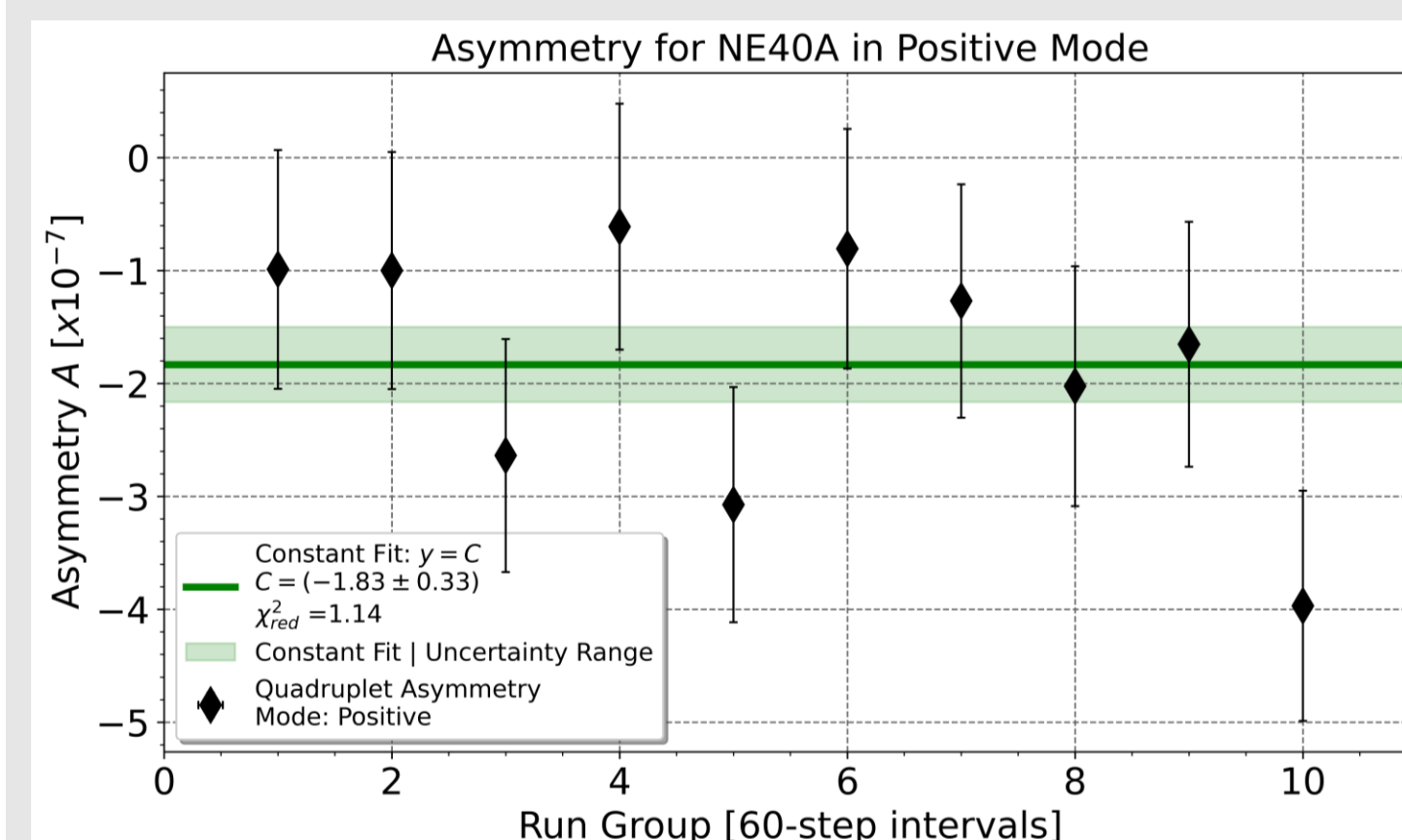
For this measurement:

- Five polarization filter settings
- I_{pe} between 8.5 and 23 nA



Limit test of measurement setup: Asymmetry $\mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$

NDF with OD: 4



Neutral density filter with optical density of four
⇒ Transmission in the order of 0.01%
⇒ Smallest asymmetry possible with current setup

Quadruplet asym. determined from Constant Fit:

$$A_{C-Fit} = (-1.83 \pm 0.33) \times 10^{-7}$$

Comparison to calibrated asym.:

$$A_{NE40A} \approx -1.1 \times 10^{-7}$$

V. Outlook

- Improvement of the measurement setup
 - ⇒ Photodiode to control LED stability, better NDF filter setup and optical fiber coupling
- Longer data taking for better statistics
- New ADC-Firmware enabling on-chip signal integration and quadruplet calculation