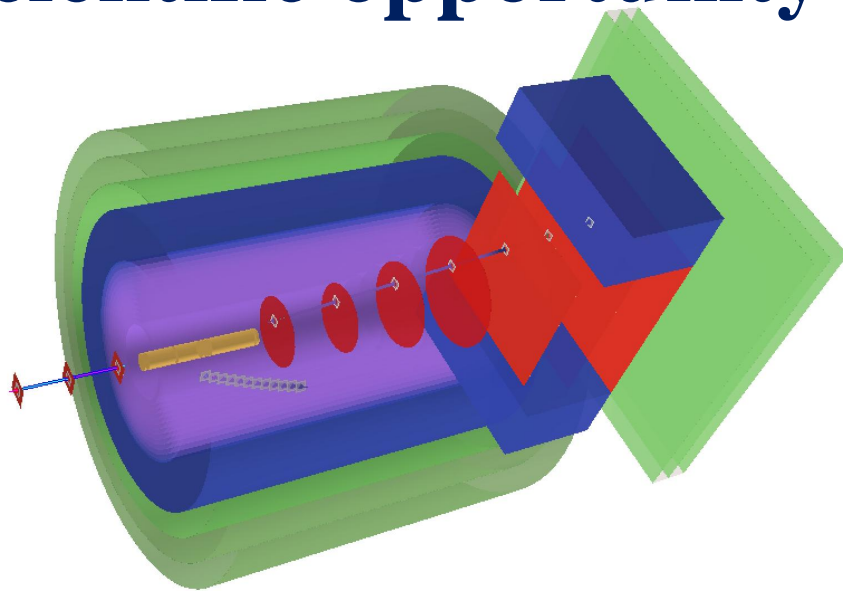




# The LUNE experiment

## -- A new scientific opportunity @ HIAF



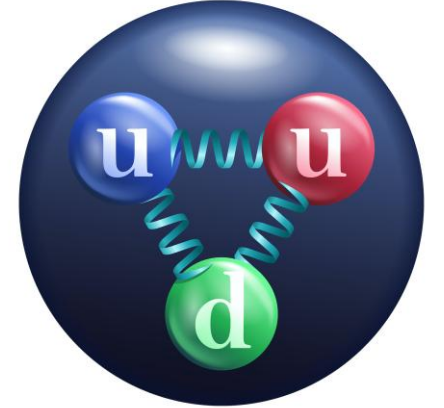
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On behalf of LUNE collaboration

第七届粒子物理天问论坛

September 19th, 2025

# Proton: basic questions



- The origin of its **mass**?
  - Make up nearly 90% of the normal matter in the universe
  - Elementary valence quarks: 1% level contribution
- The origin of **confinement**?
  - Quarks hadronized and form protons as the universe cooled below Hagedorn temperature
- **Distribution of strong force**?
  - Keep quarks confined
  - Make protons stable particles

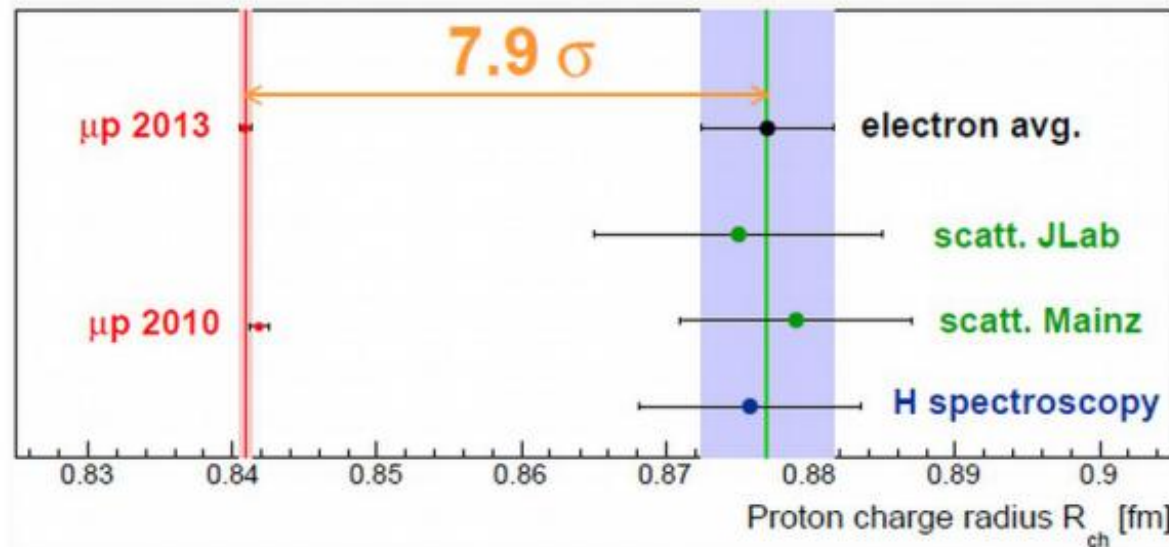
# Fundamental global properties of proton

- The structure of strongly interacting particles can be probed using other fundamental forces
  - Electromagnetic, weak, gravity (in principle)

<b>em:</b>	$\partial_\mu J_{\text{em}}^\mu = 0$	$\langle N'   J_{\text{em}}^\mu   N \rangle$	$\longrightarrow$	$Q_{\text{prot}}$	$=$	$1.602176487(40) \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$
<b>Vector</b>				$\mu_{\text{prot}}$	$=$	$2.792847356(23) \mu_N$
<b>weak:</b>	PCAC	$\langle N'   J_{\text{weak}}^\mu   N \rangle$	$\longrightarrow$	$g_A$	$=$	$1.2694(28)$
<b>Axial</b>				$g_p$	$=$	$8.06(0.55)$
<b>gravity:</b>	$\partial_\mu T_{\text{grav}}^{\mu\nu} = 0$	$\langle N'   T_{\text{grav}}^{\mu\nu}   N \rangle$	$\longrightarrow$	$M_{\text{prot}}$	$=$	$938.272013(23) \text{MeV}/c^2$
				$J$	$=$	$\frac{1}{2}$
<b>Tensor</b>				$D$	$=$	$?$

# Proton charge radius

- Back to 2013, a lot of interest on the proton charge radius
- The Proton Radius Puzzle
  - Test theoretical understanding of proton
  - Related to the QCD



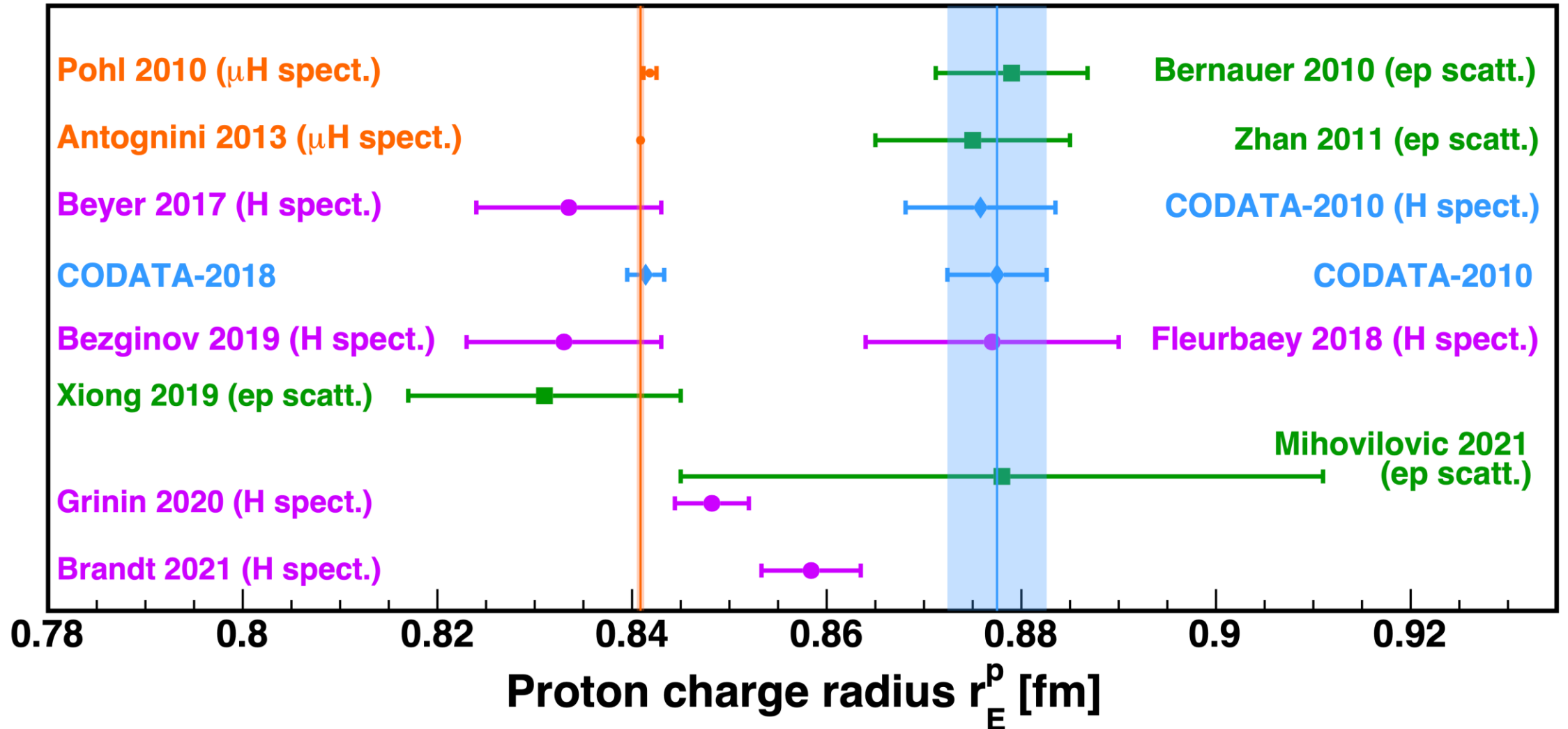
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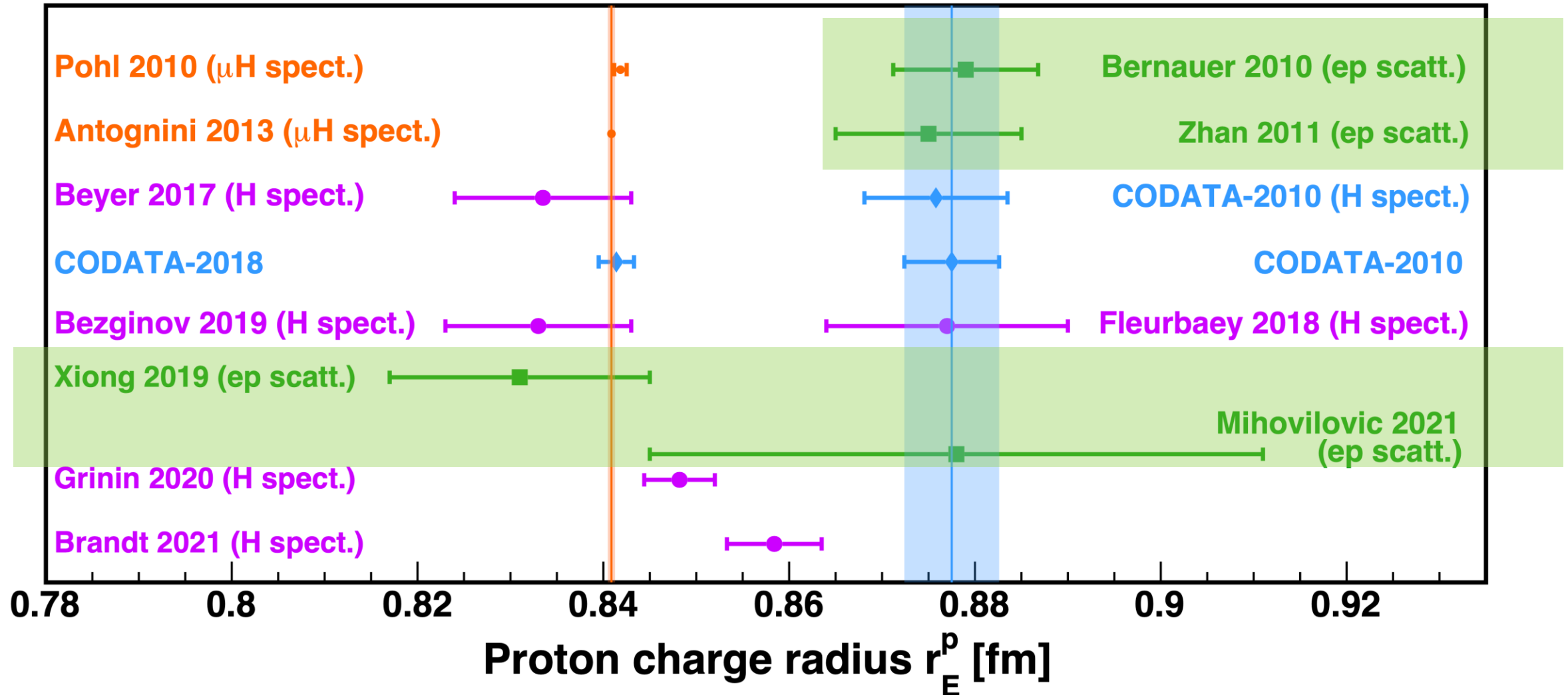
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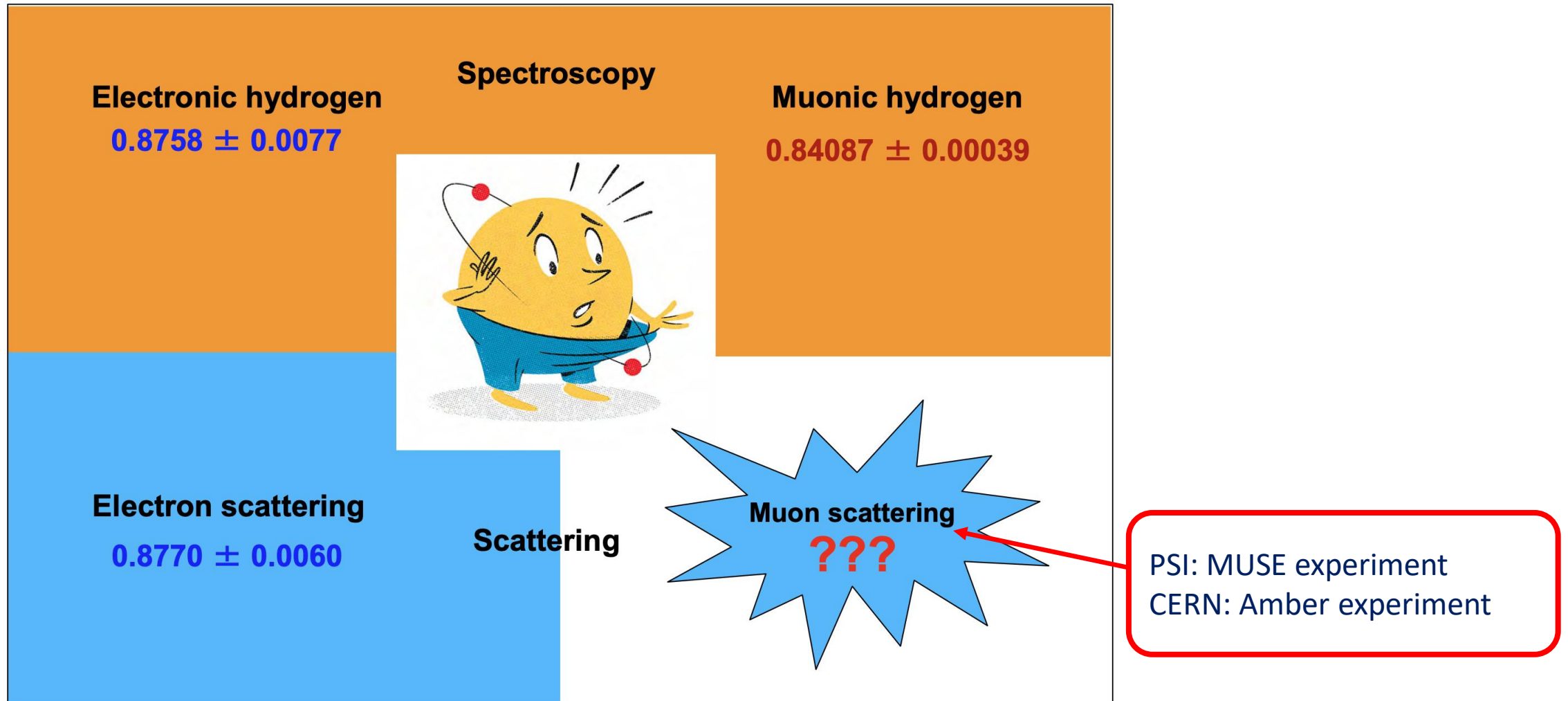


# Proton charge radius

Results from electron-scattering experiments



# $\mu p$ scattering





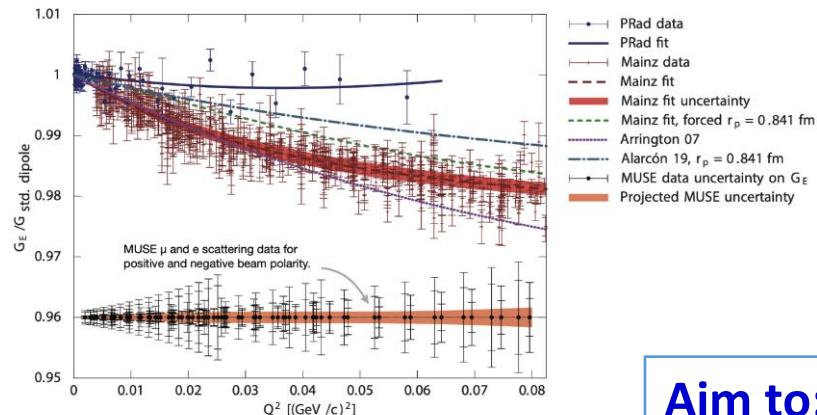
# MUSE @ PSI

- Beams of  $e^\pm, \pi^\pm, \mu^\pm$  on liquid  $H_2$  target

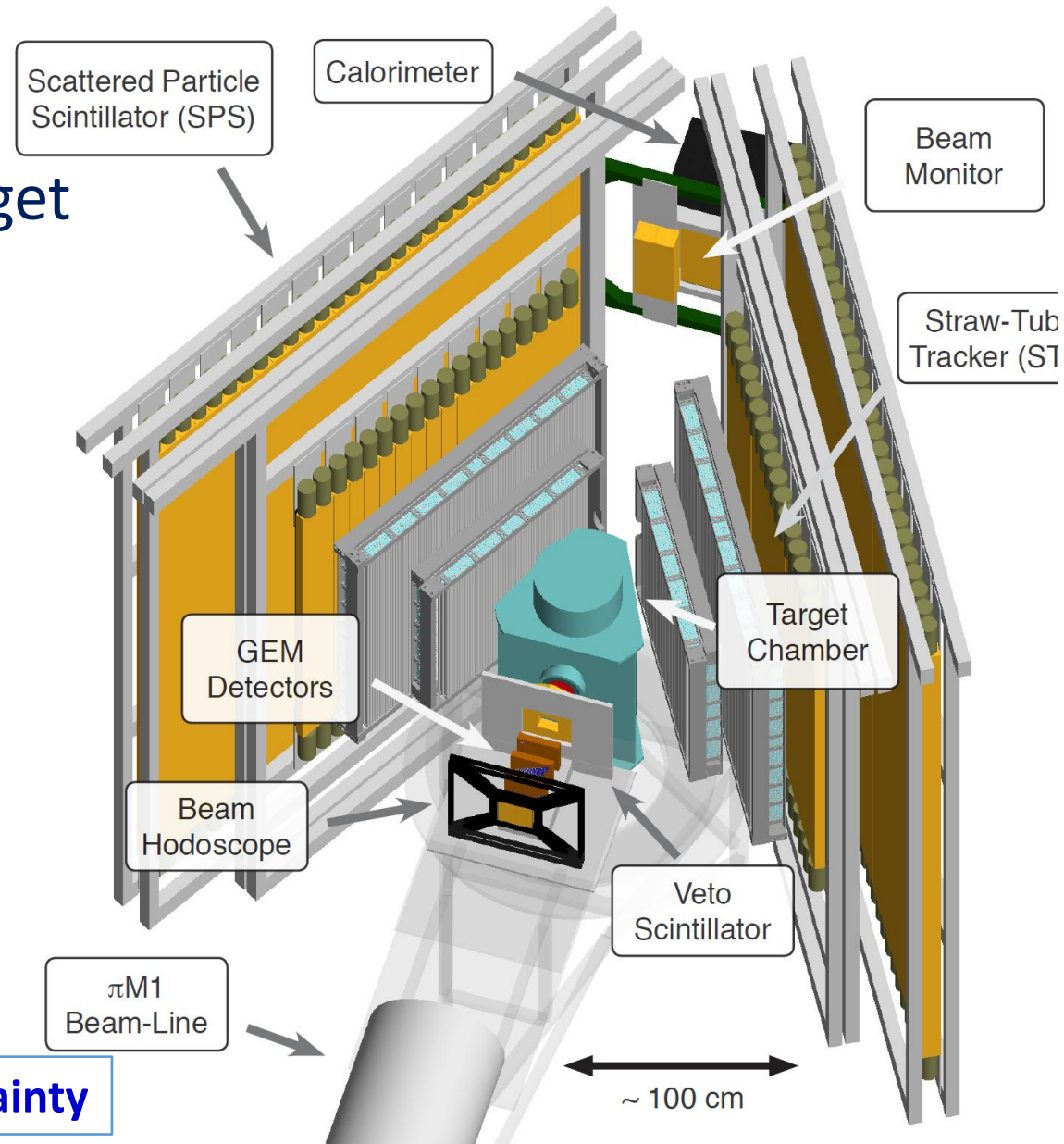
- Separate particles by TOF
- Start to taking data: ~2023

- Muon beam:

- 115 – 210 MeV/c
- $\theta$ :  $20^\circ - 100^\circ$



Aim to: 0.5% uncertainty

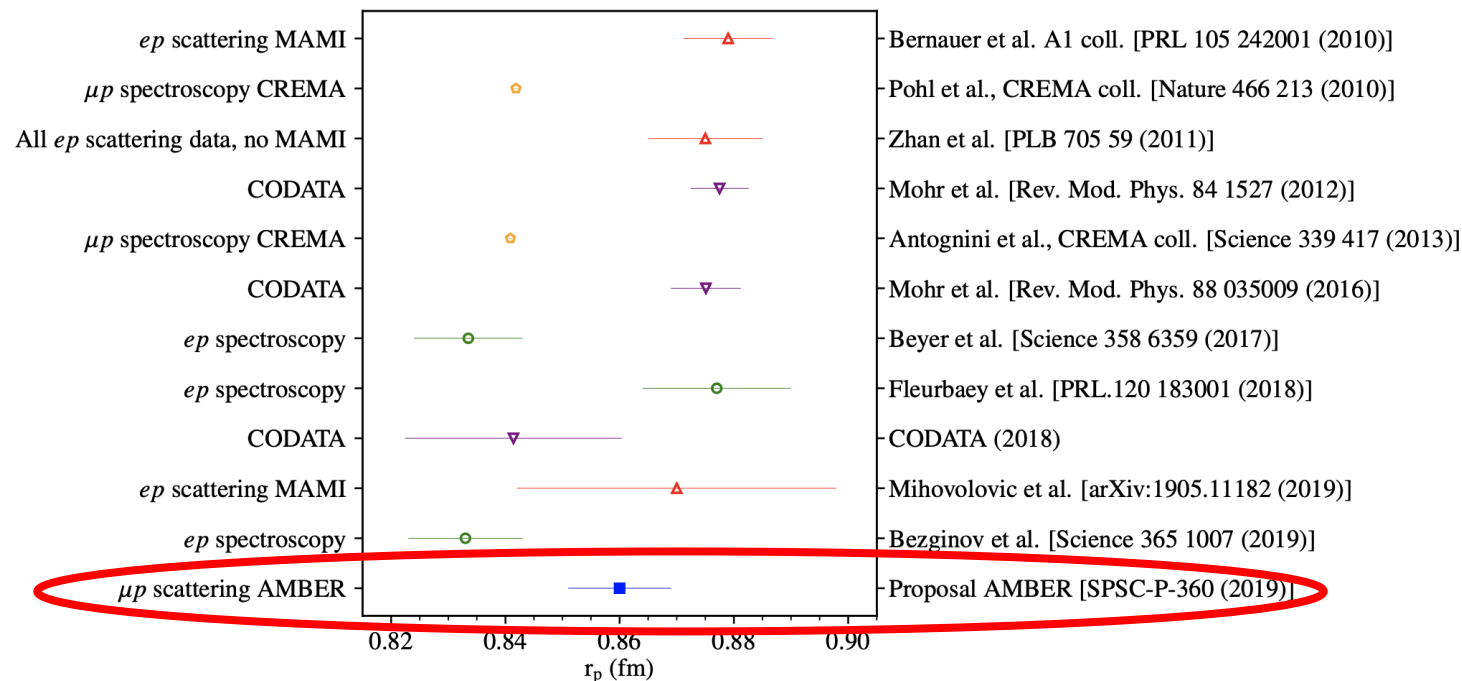




# Amber @ CERN

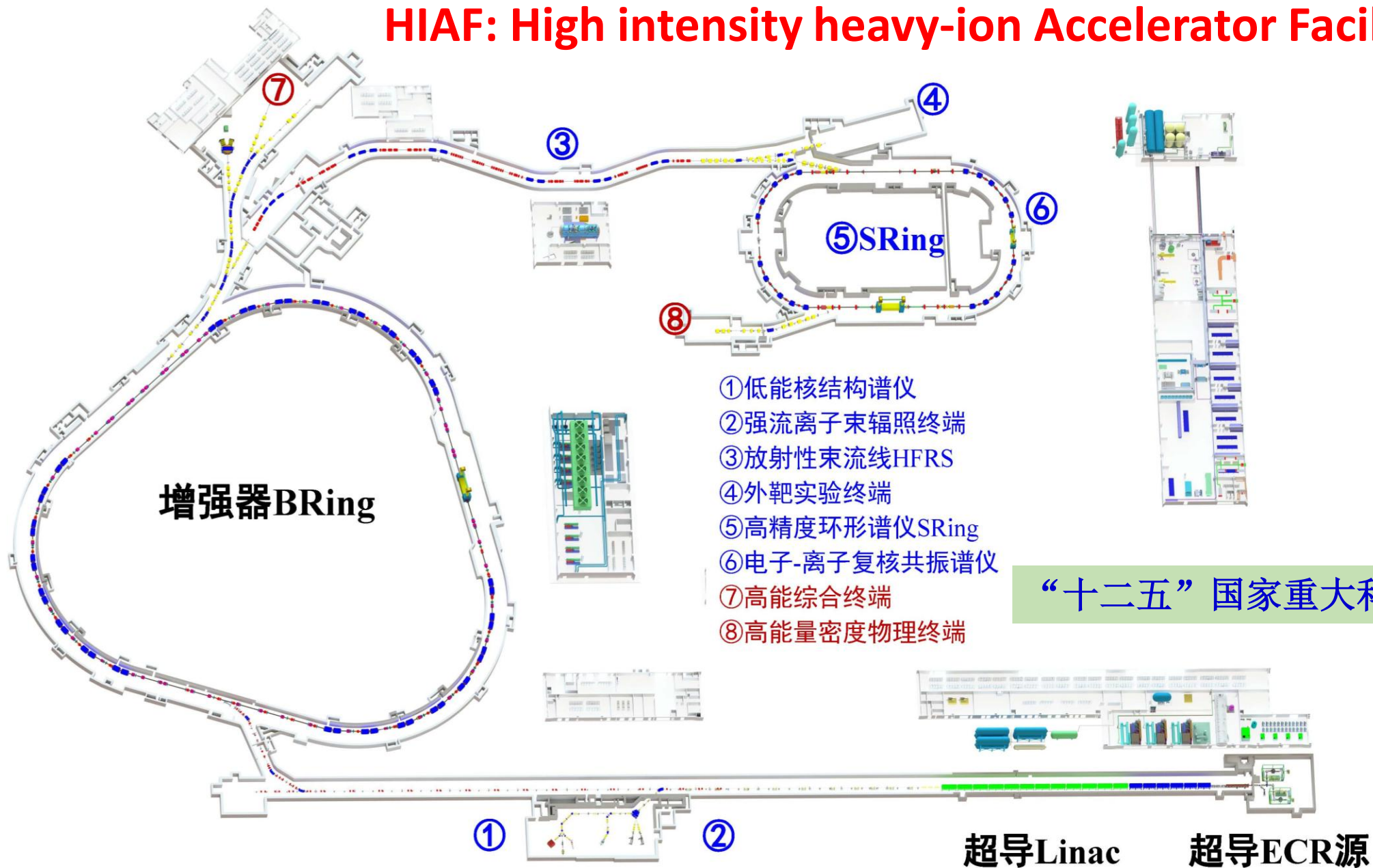
## Compass -> **Amber** (NA66): Apparatus for Meson and Baryon Experimental Research

- A fixed target experiment at M2 beam line
- Beam: **muon**, proton, pion, kaon from **50 GeV to 280 GeV**



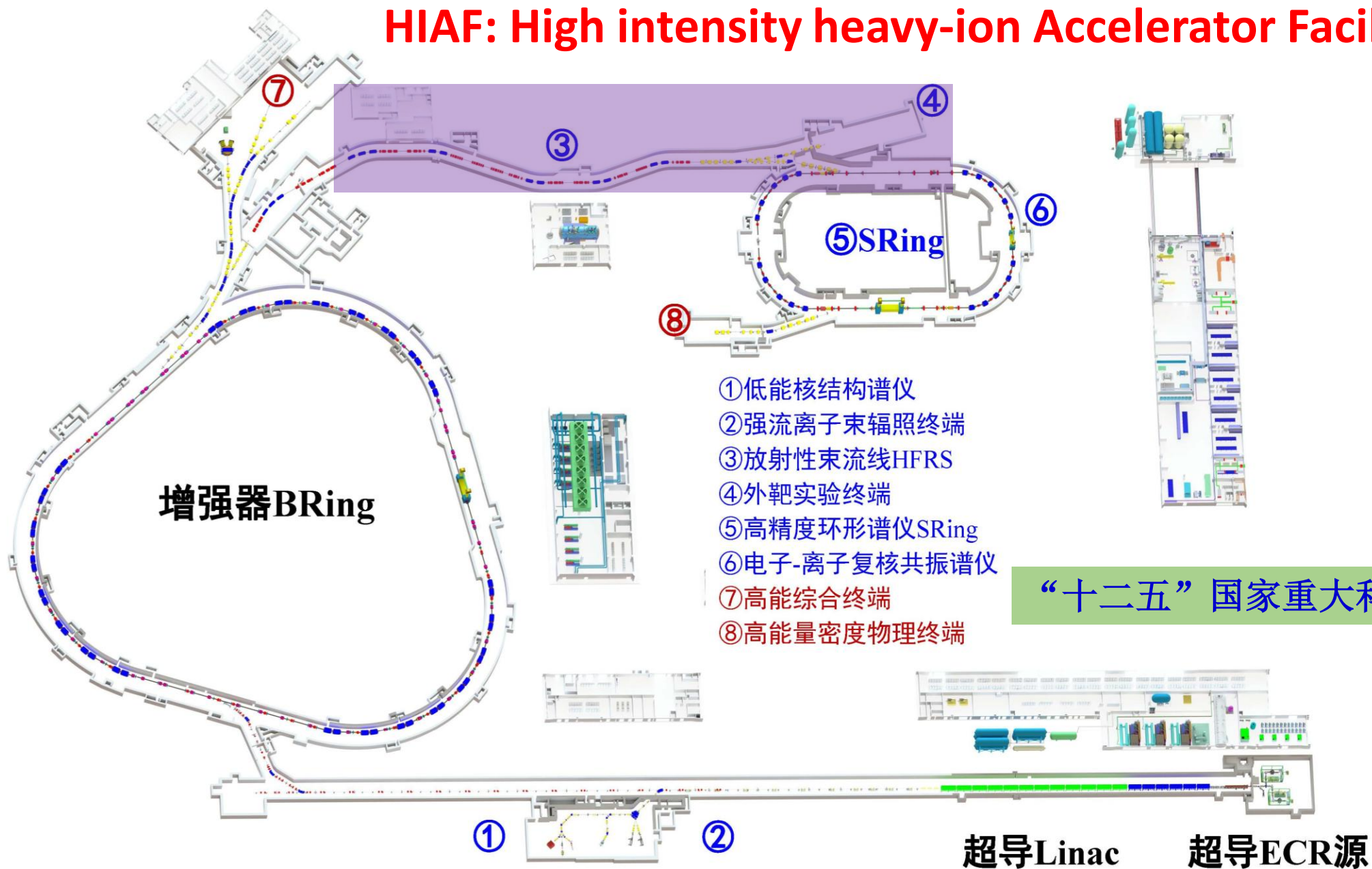
**Aim to: 1% uncertainty**

# HIAF: High intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility



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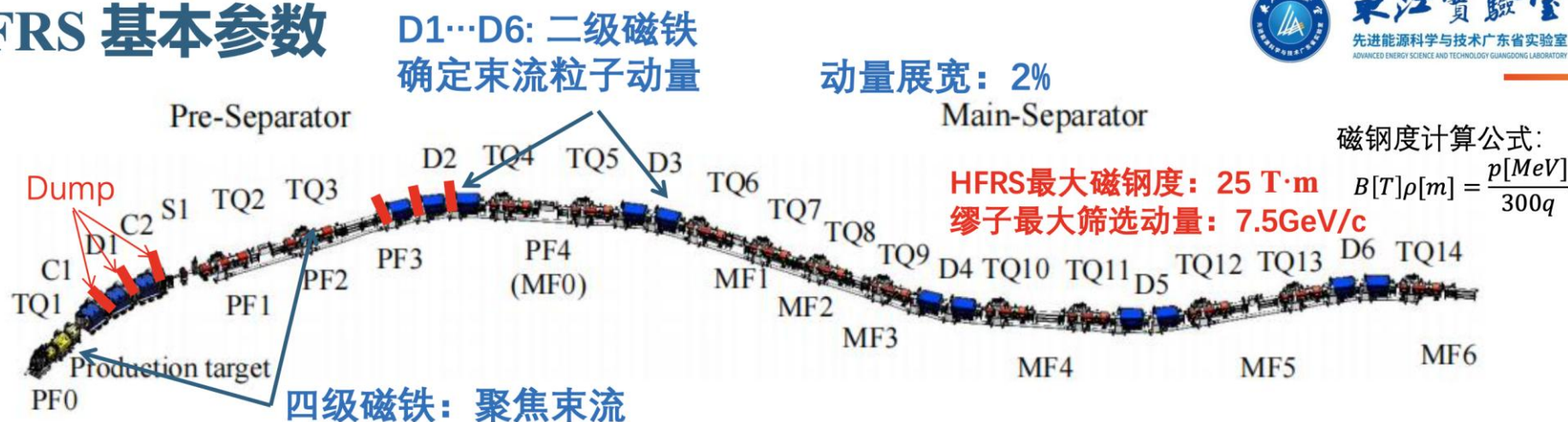
# HIAF muon source

## HIRIBL

From 徐宇's talk

- HIAF可以利用~~HFRS~~束线产生缪子束流
  - 动量:  $500\text{MeV}/c - 7.5\text{GeV}/c$
  - 产额:  $10^6 - 10^7 \mu/s$
  - 束斑大小:  $10\text{cm} \times 10\text{cm}$
  - 经过特殊设置, 纯度可以达到100%

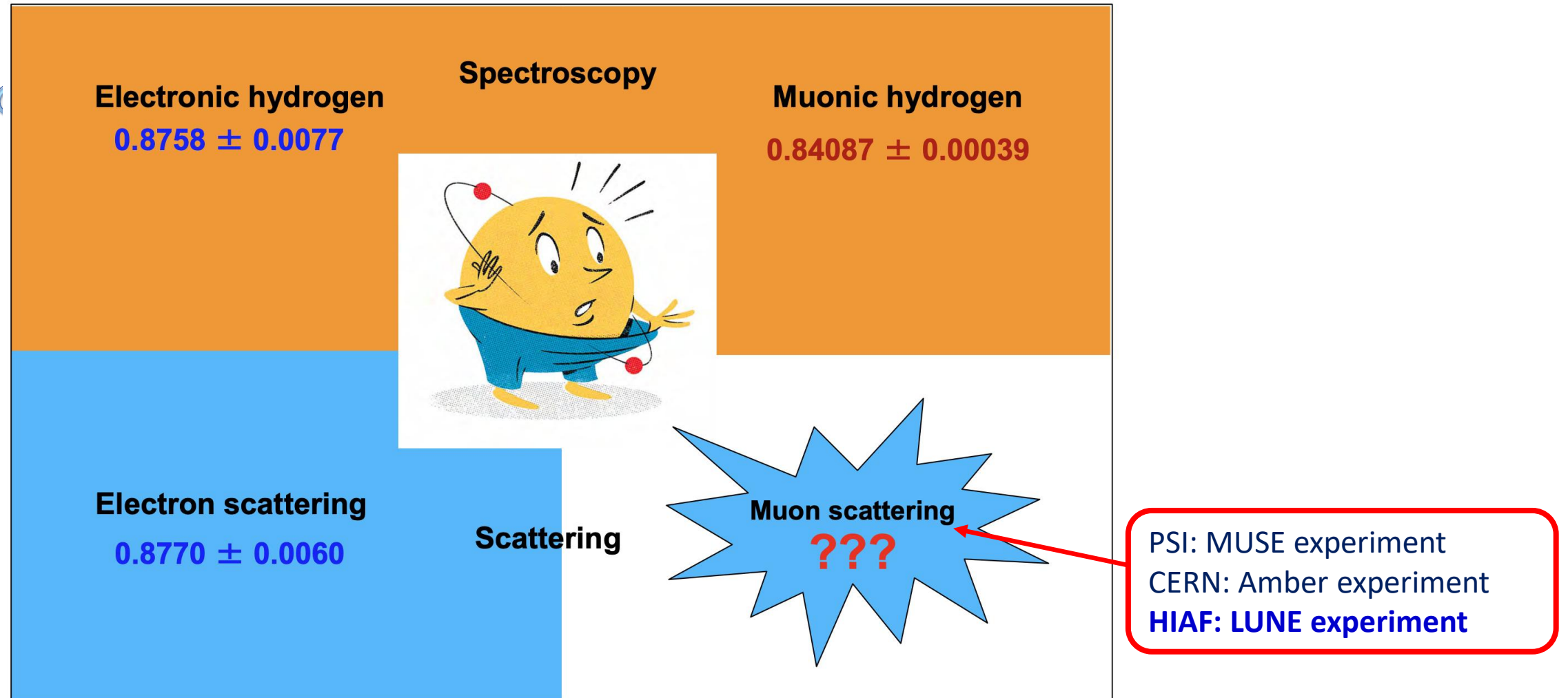
## HFRS 基本参数



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# $\mu p$ scattering

Scientific opportunities with a few-GeV muon beam at HIAF?



# LUNE Collaboration

## ○ Low-energy mUon-Nucleon scattering Experiment

### ○ 目前参与单位及成员:

蓝色为学生

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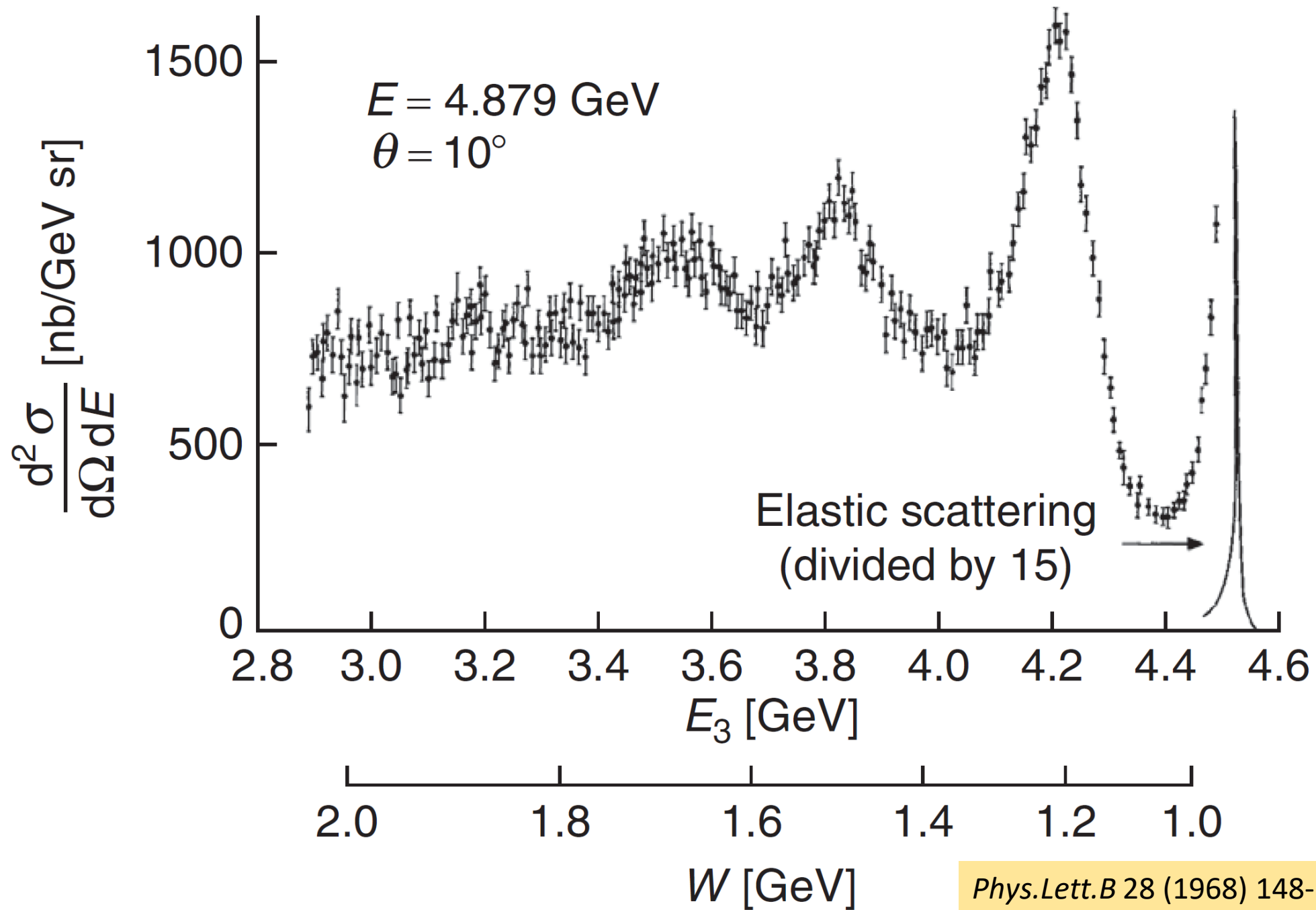
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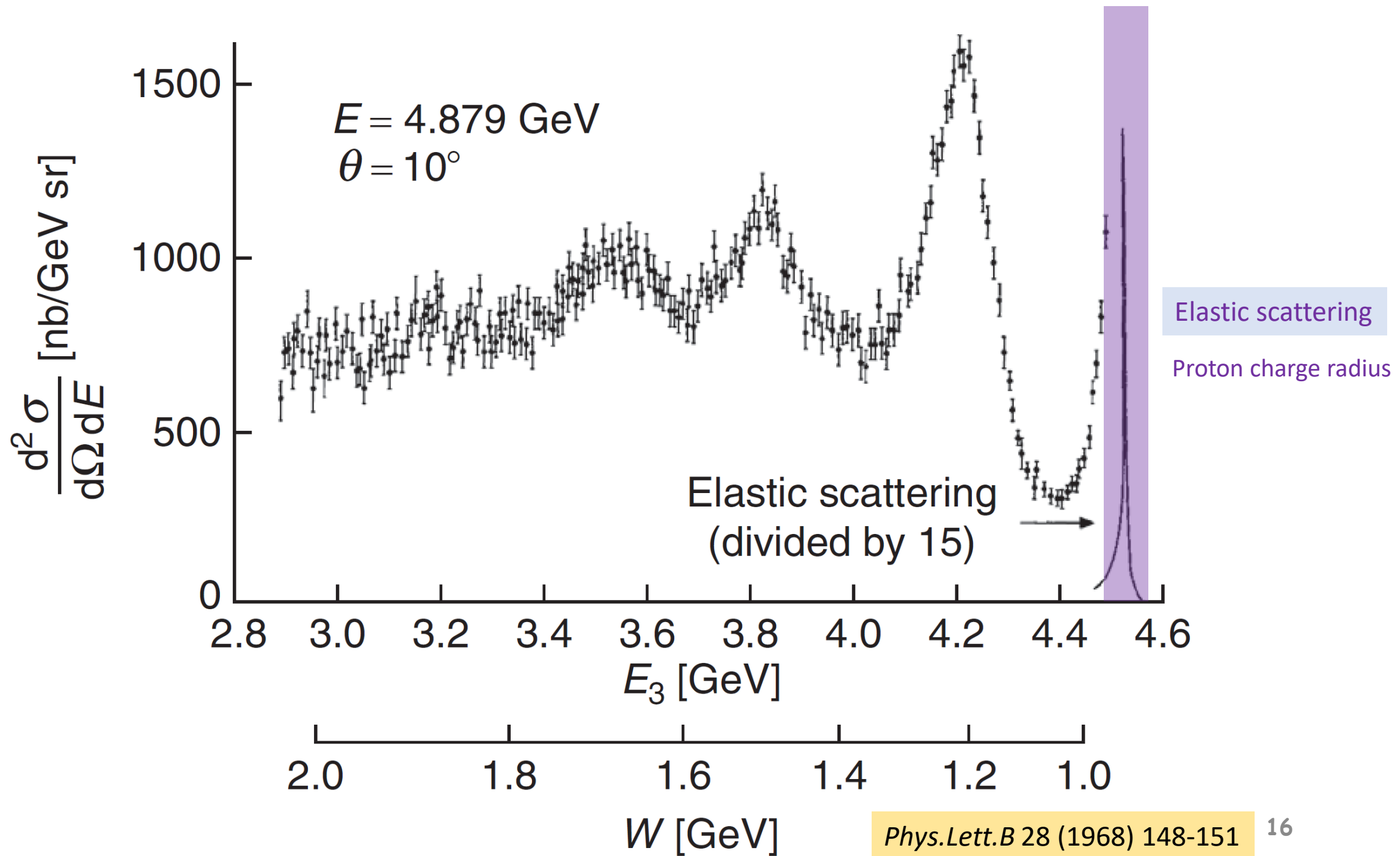


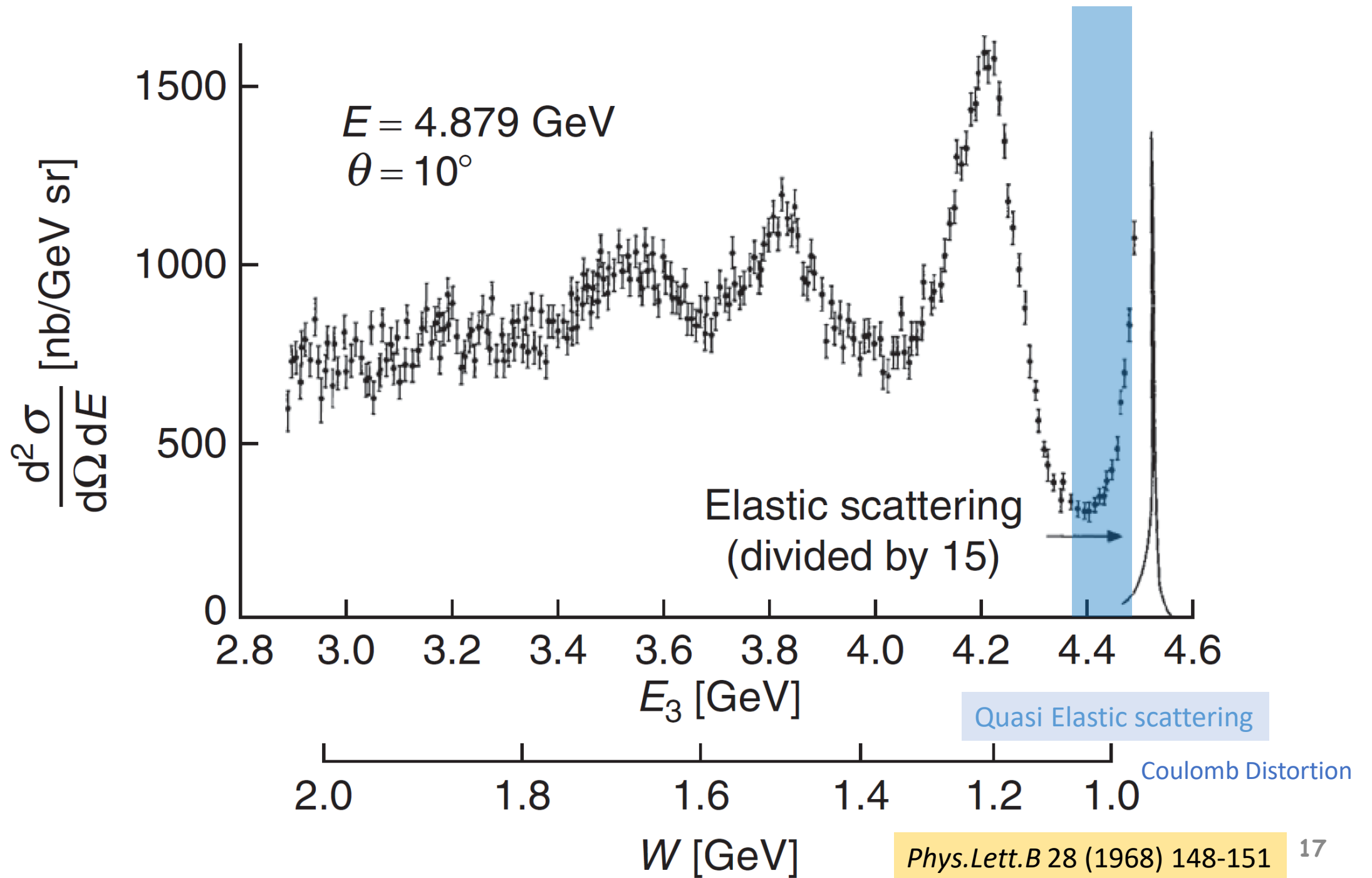
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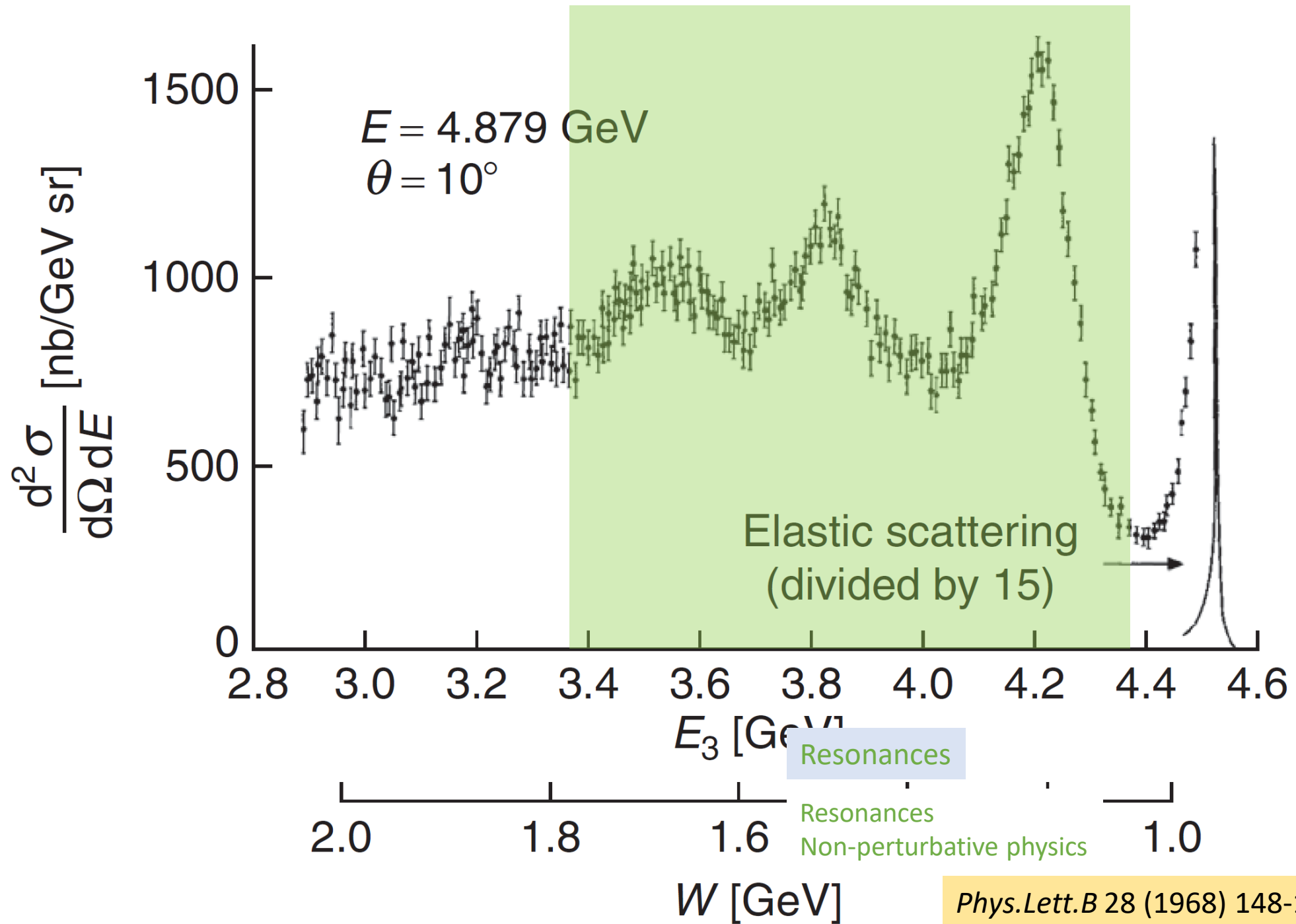


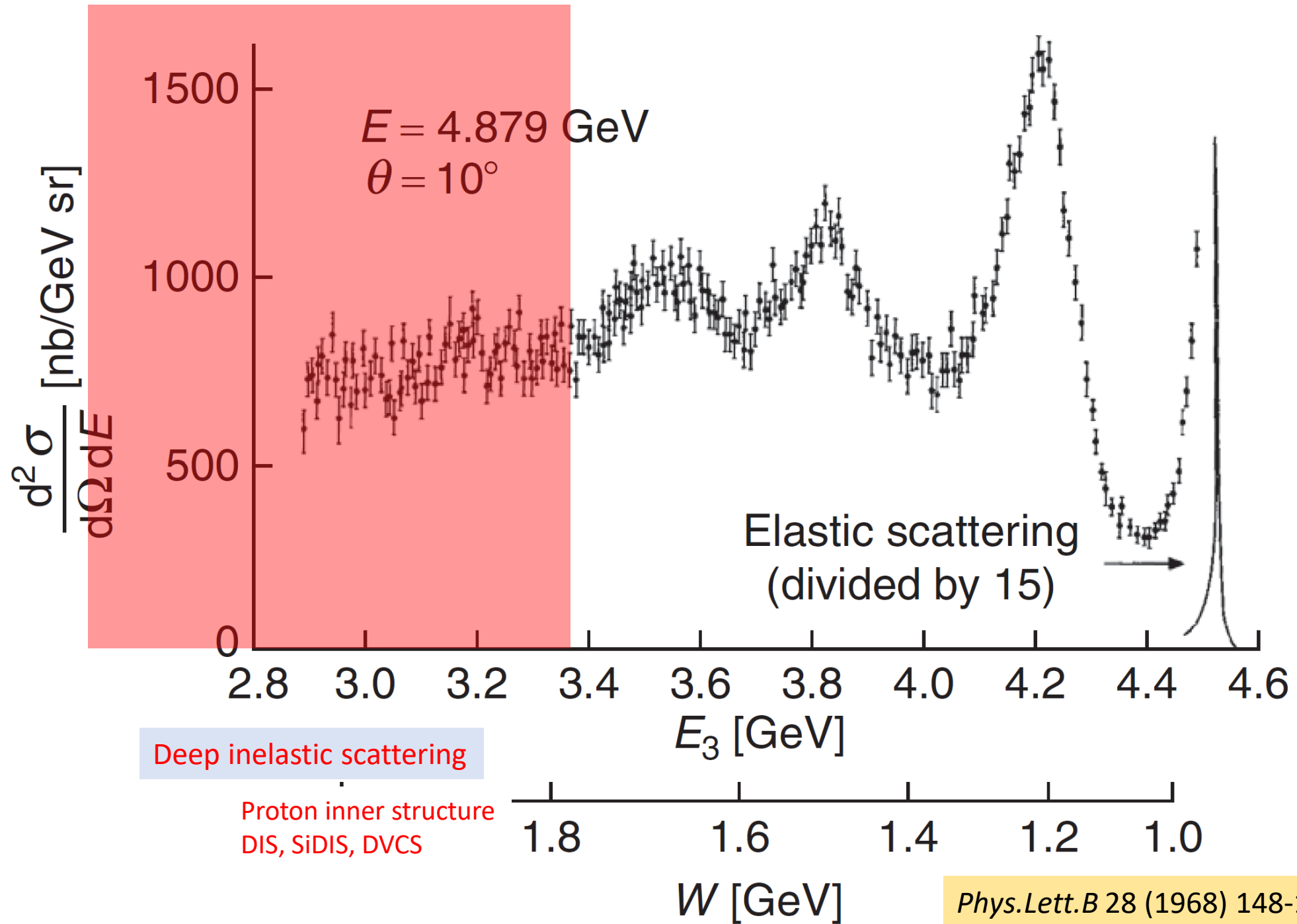


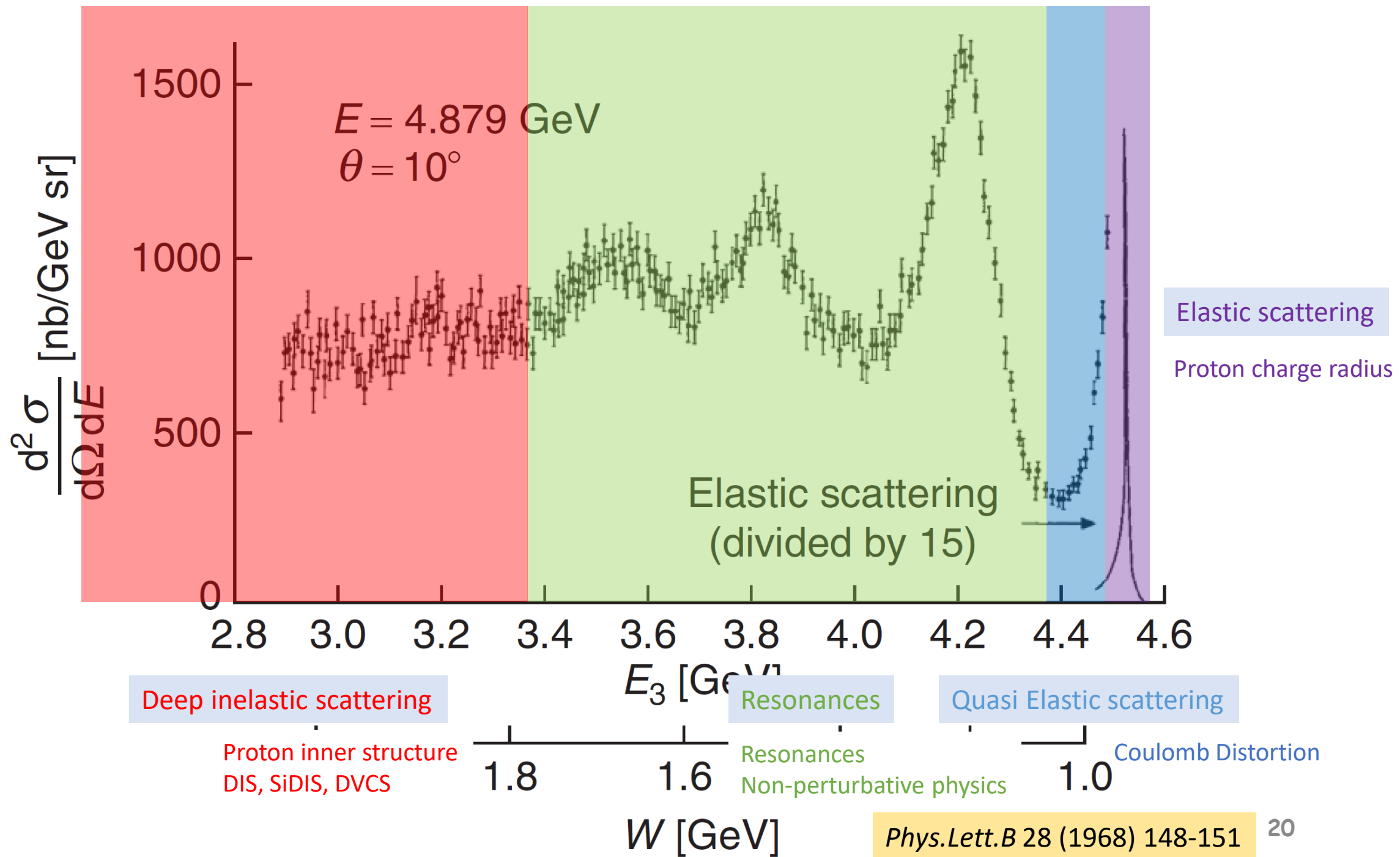












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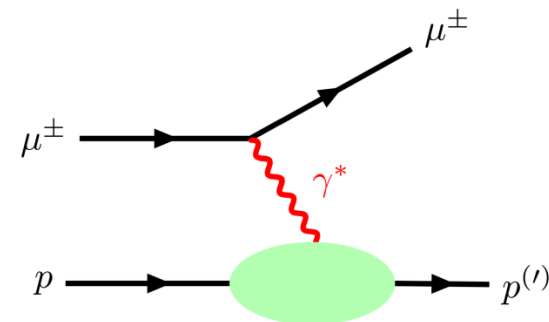
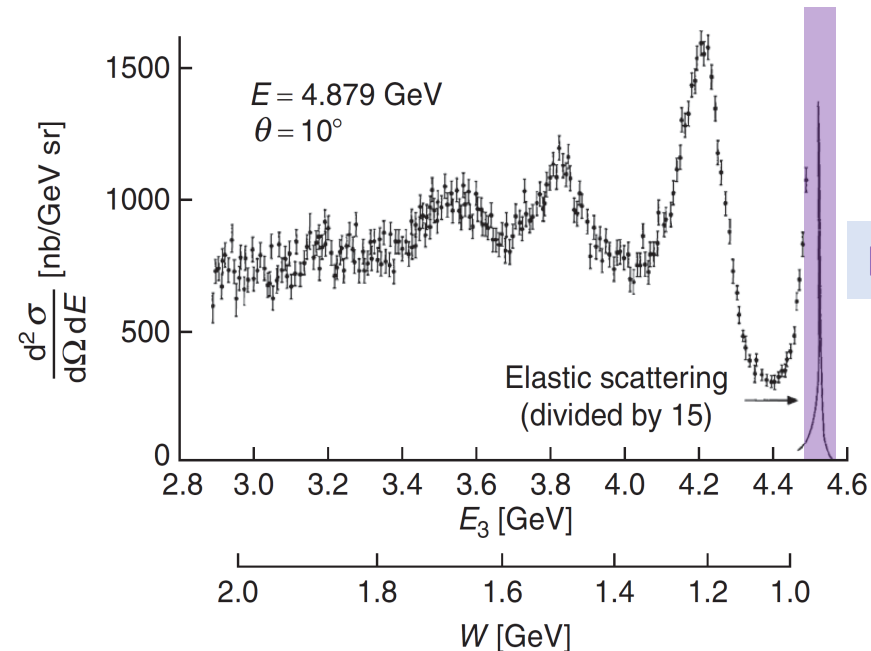
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- Proton charge form factors: (LFU)

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- small scattering angle ( $1-10^\circ$ )
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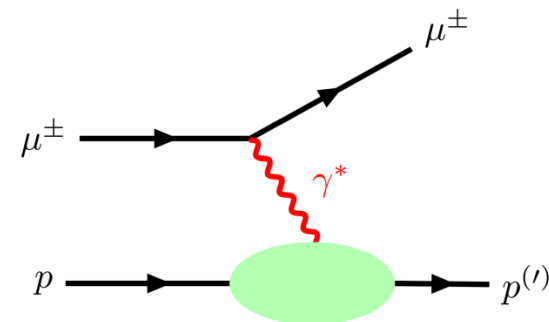
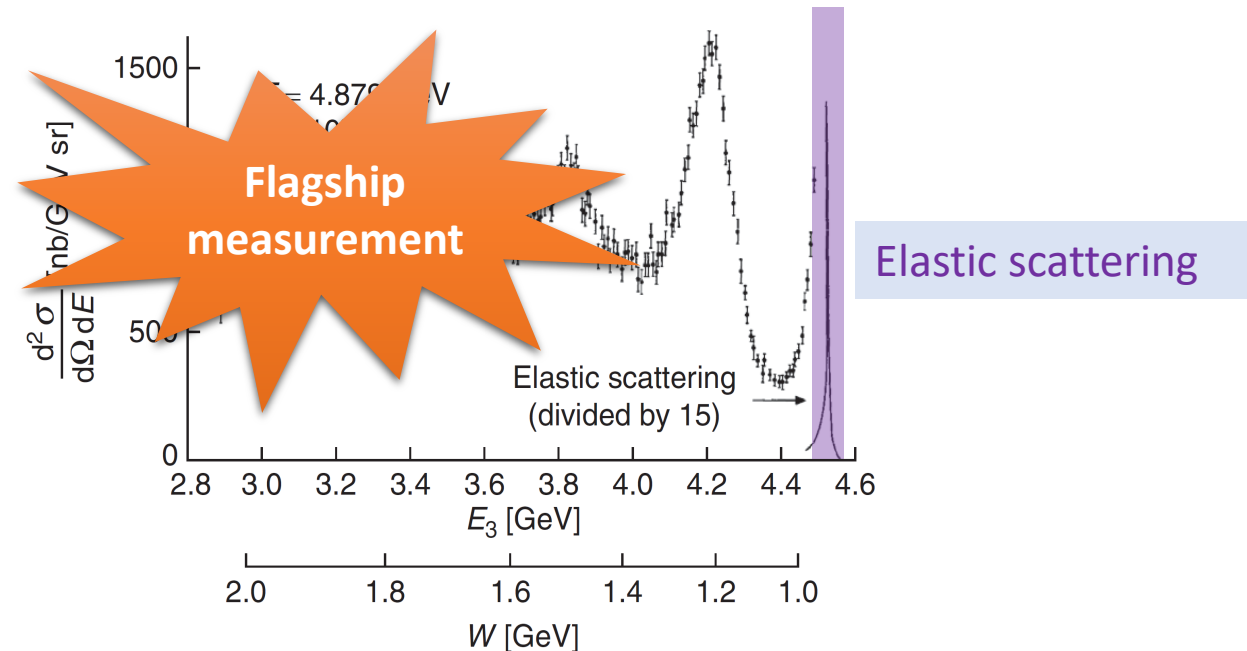
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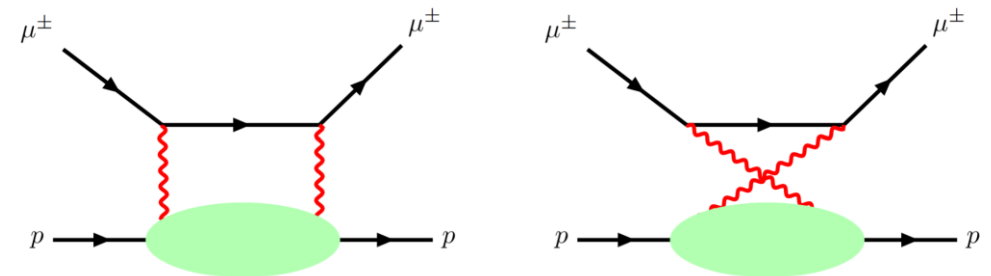
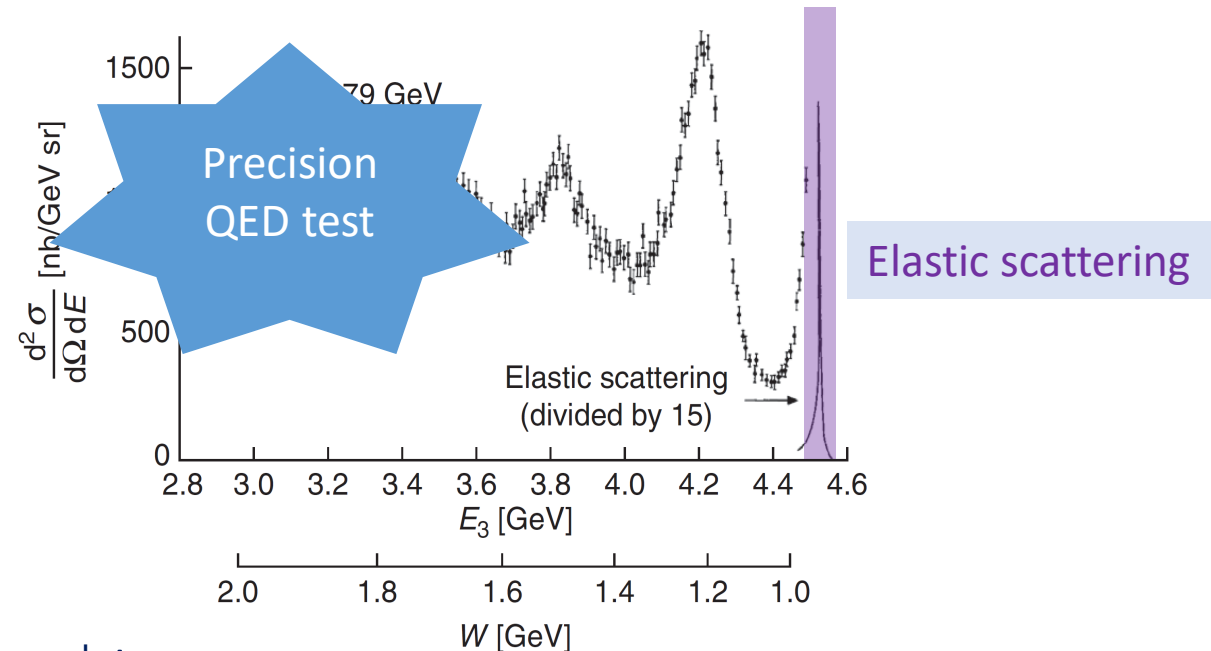
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- Electron-scattering experiments:
  - the difficulty of producing high-intensity  $e^+$  beams

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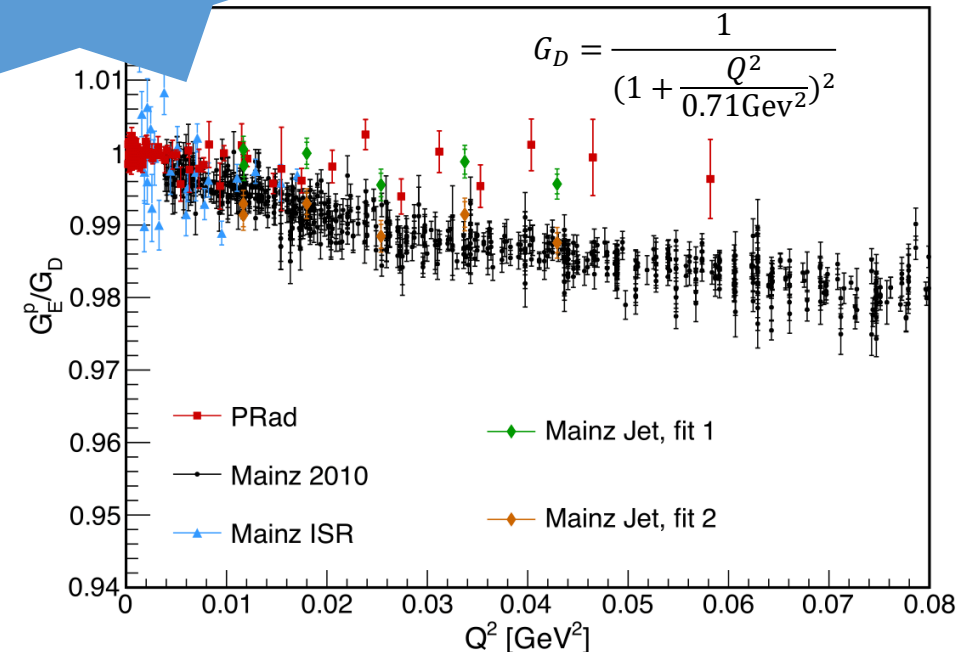
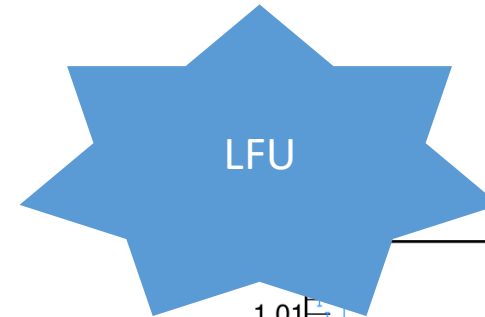
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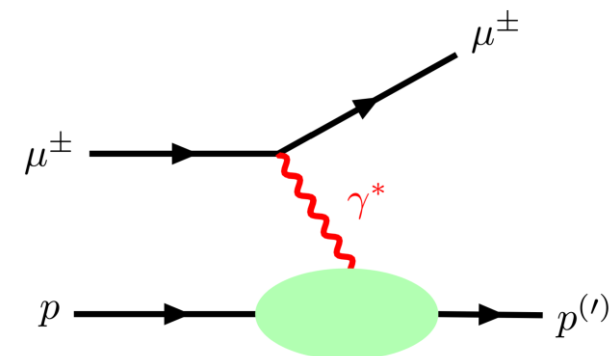
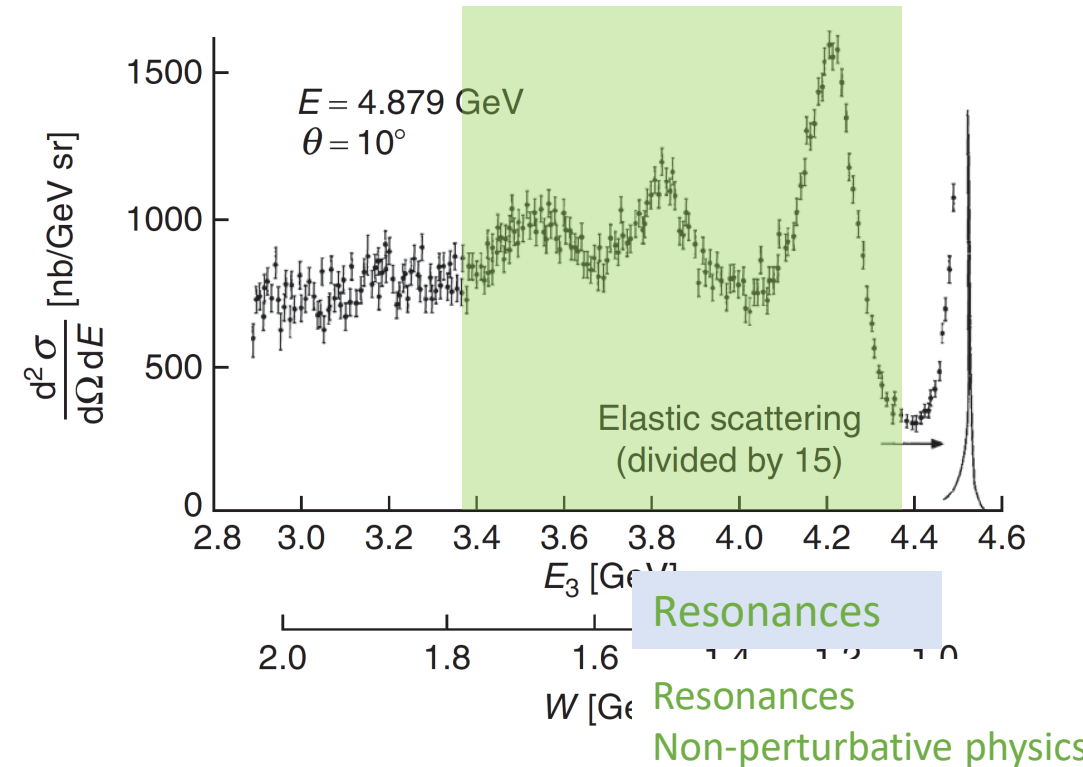
# Physics Motivation (inelastic)

## ○ Inelastic scattering (resonances):

- Resonance studies
- A clean probe of non-perturbative QCD

## ○ Reasonable cross-section:

- $\mu\text{b}$
- momentum measurement of incoming/scattered muon



# Physics Motivation (DIS)

## ○ Deep-Inelastic scattering (DIS):

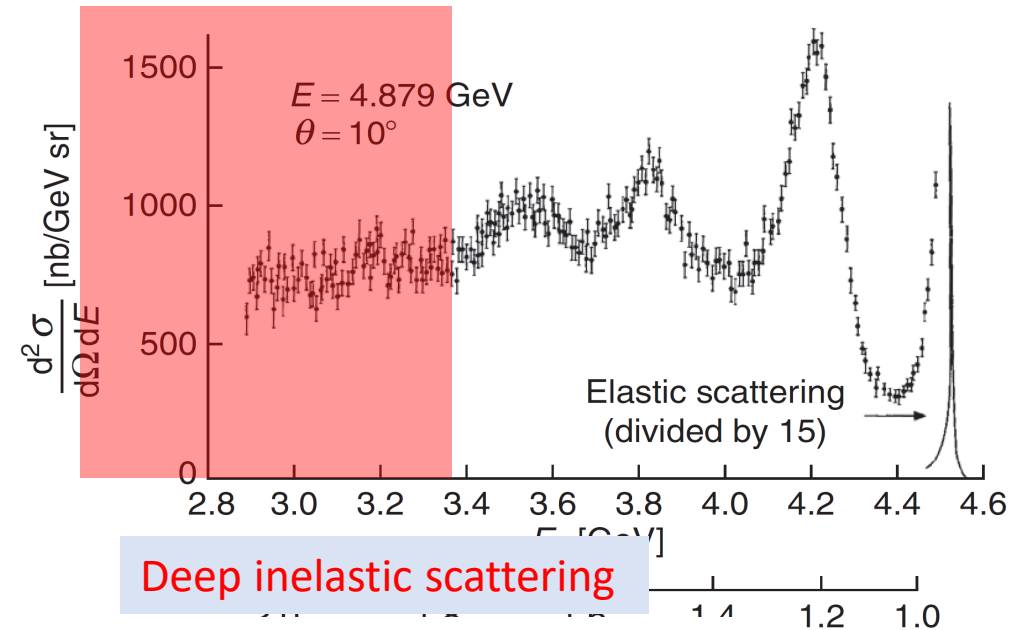
- PDFs related studies
- Proton structure
- New physics

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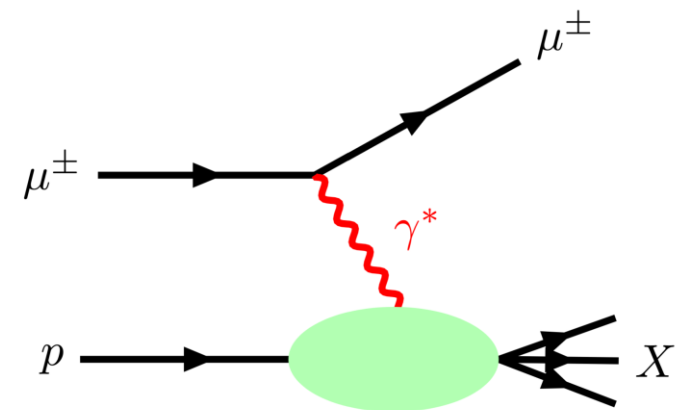
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## ○ Detector requirements:

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Proton inner structure  
DIS, SiDIS, DVCS



# Physics Motivation (DIS)

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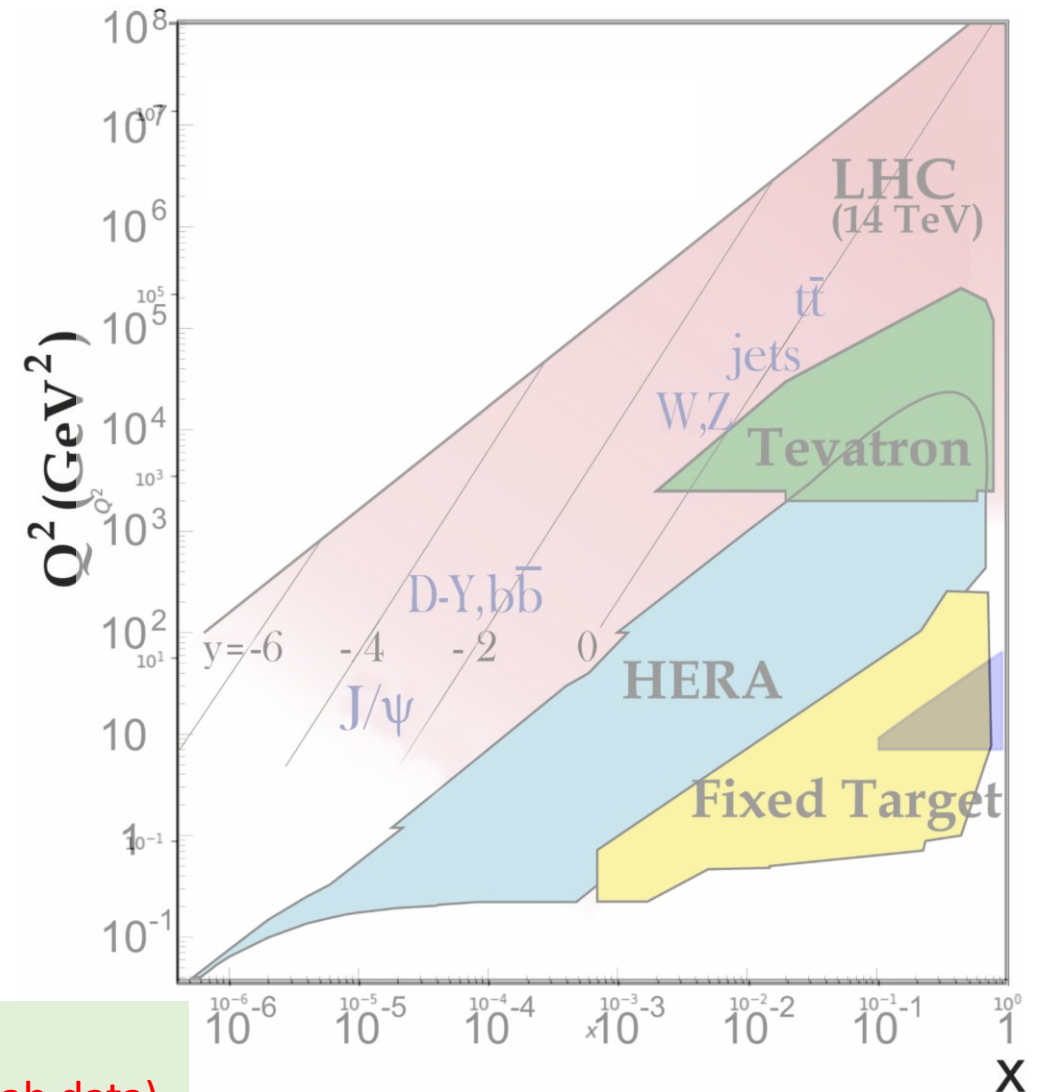
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Too close to the non-perturbative region,  
excluded in the PDFs global fit (also true for JLab data)

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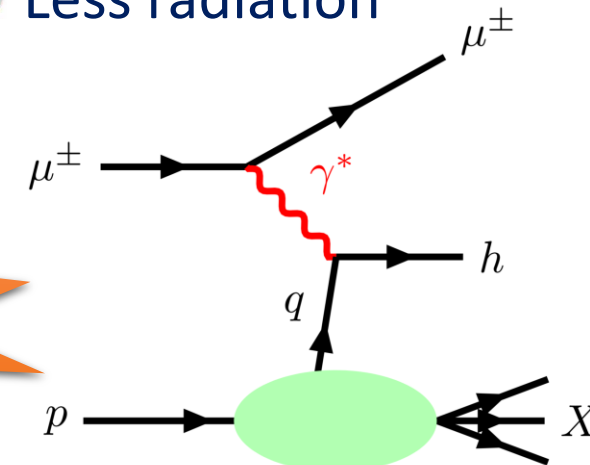
- **Particle-ID: PID**

## ○ Semi-inclusive Deep-Inelastic scattering (SIDIS):

- TMD

## ○ Small cross-section:

- 100-900  $\text{nb}$
- Clean environment
- Less radiation



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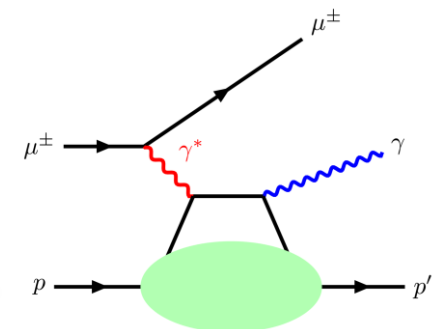
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## ○ Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS):

- Proton inner structure
- Gravitational form factor

## ○ Small cross-section:

- $\text{nb}$
- polarized muon beam
- motivation for upgrade of HIAF muon source





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## ○ **New physics:**

## ○ With Pb as target

- $\mu N \rightarrow \mu N + MET$
- $\mu N \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu N$
- $\mu N \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\mu N$
- $\mu N \rightarrow \mu N' + MET$

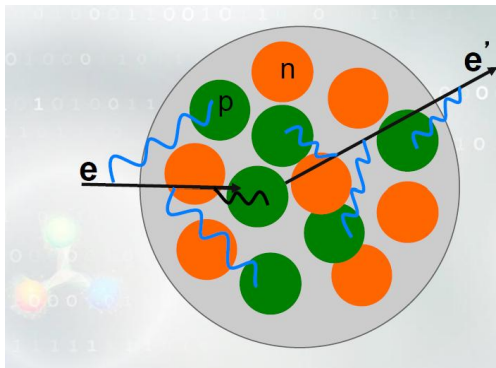
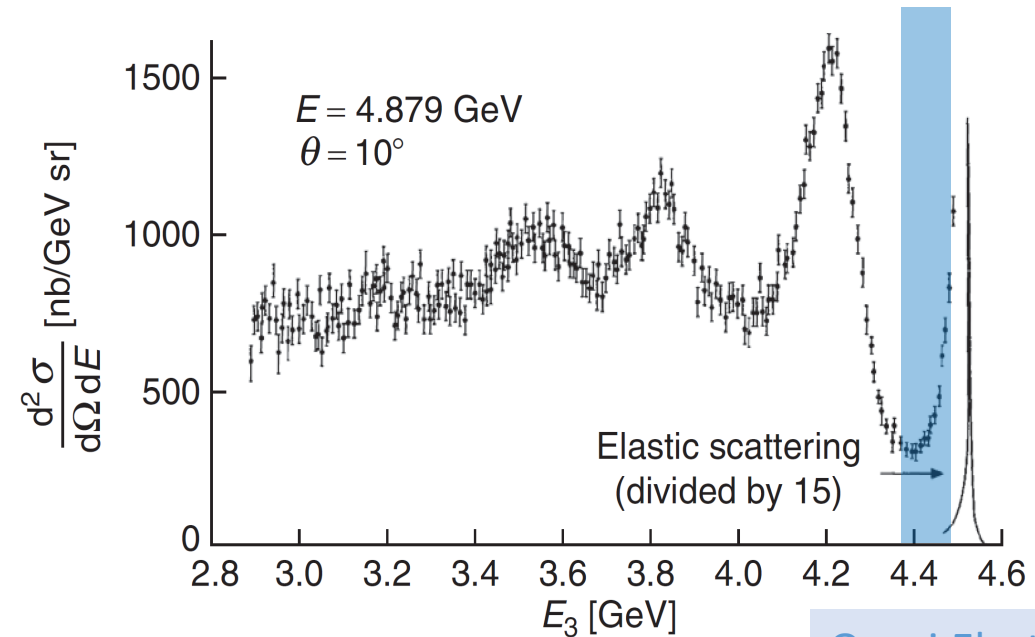
# Physics Motivation (Quasi-elastic)

## ○ Quasi-Elastic scattering:

- Coulomb Distortion

## ○ Target: Copper/Carbon

- Study this from QE to DIS
- Muon has less radiations



Electrons scattering from nuclei can be accelerated/decelerated in the Coulomb field of the nucleus  
→ This effect is in general **NOT** included in most radiative corrections procedures  
→ *Coulomb Corrections are perhaps more appropriately described in terms of multi-photon exchange, but Coulomb Corrections provide convenient shorthand*

Quasi Elastic scattering  
Coulomb Distortion

# Physics Motivation (Other targets)

- Liquid Deuterium ( $\text{LD}_2$ )
- Helium ( $^3\text{He}$ )
- Motivations:
  - Neutron charge distribution
  - EMC
  - SRC: Short range correlation
  - Form factors

# Physics @ LUNE

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<b>DVCS</b>	★ ★ ★ ★	Liquid hydrogen	Need polarized beam, higher flux (HIAF upgrade)
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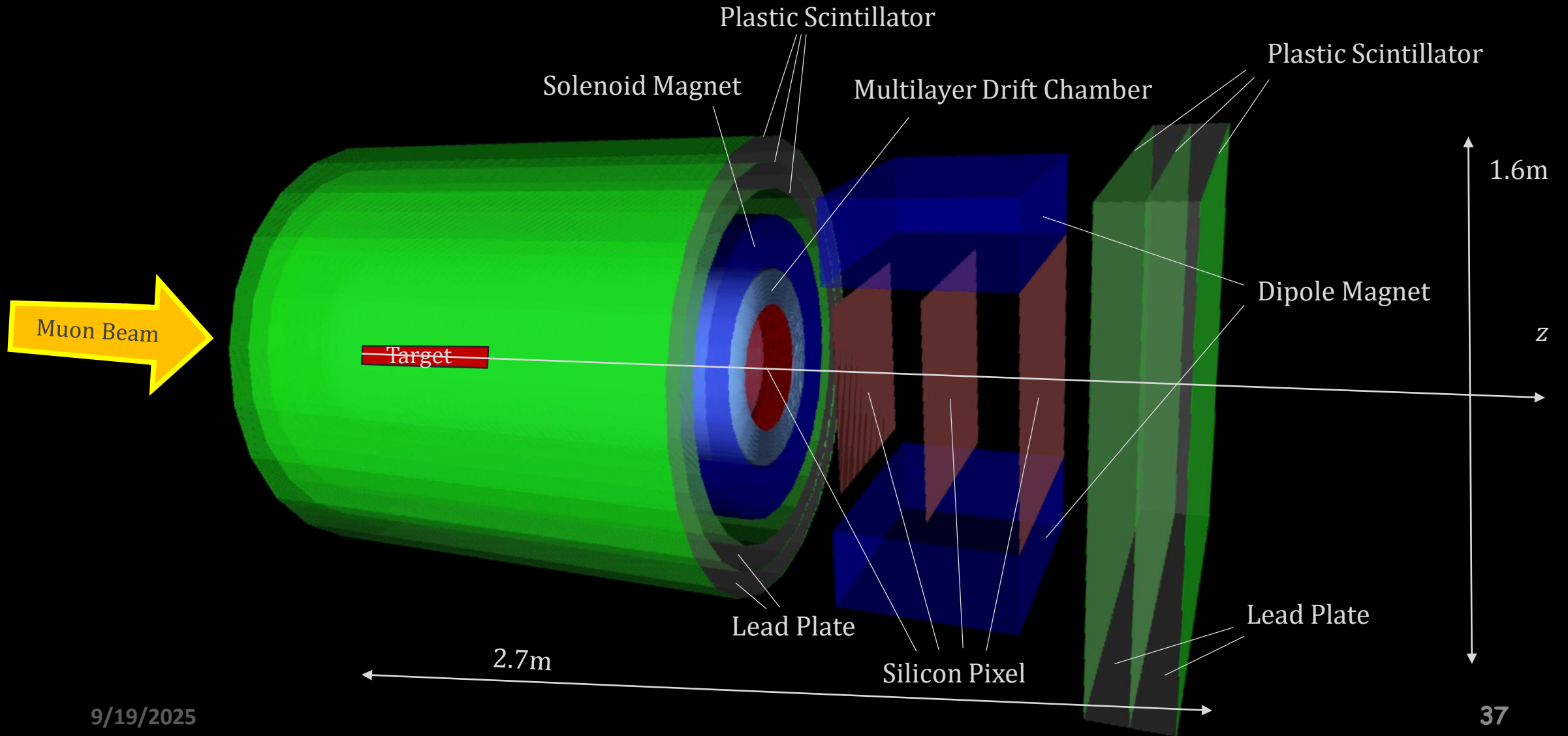
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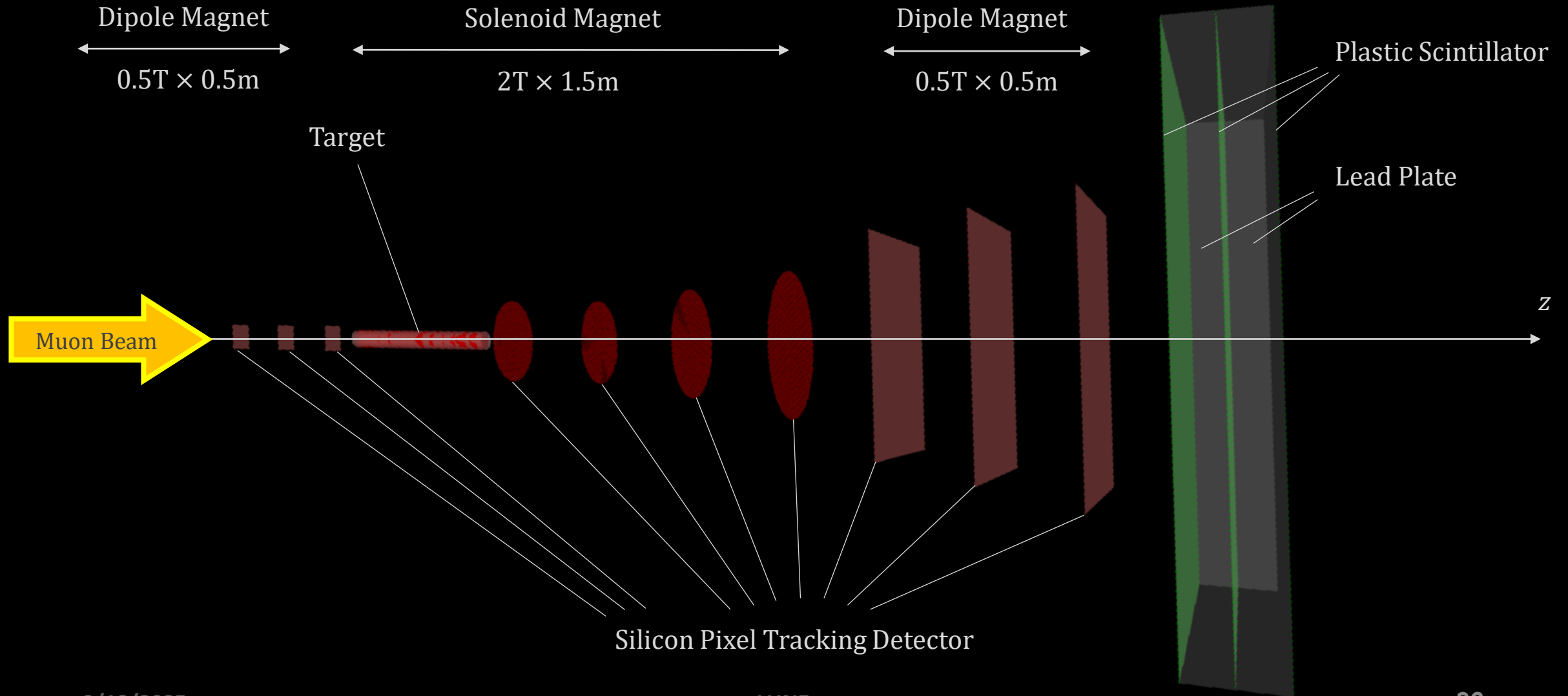
- Momentum measurement for scattering particles
  - A few GeV charged tracks: cannot use TOF
  - Magnetic fields: solenoid in center region, dipole in the forward region
- Position + angle measurement for incoming/scattering muons
  - silicon pixel detector
- Large detector acceptance, special for small scattering muon
  - Proton charge radius need go down to small  $Q^2$  region: small angle event
- Particle identification
  - Kaon, pion, proton, muon, electron, gamma identifications



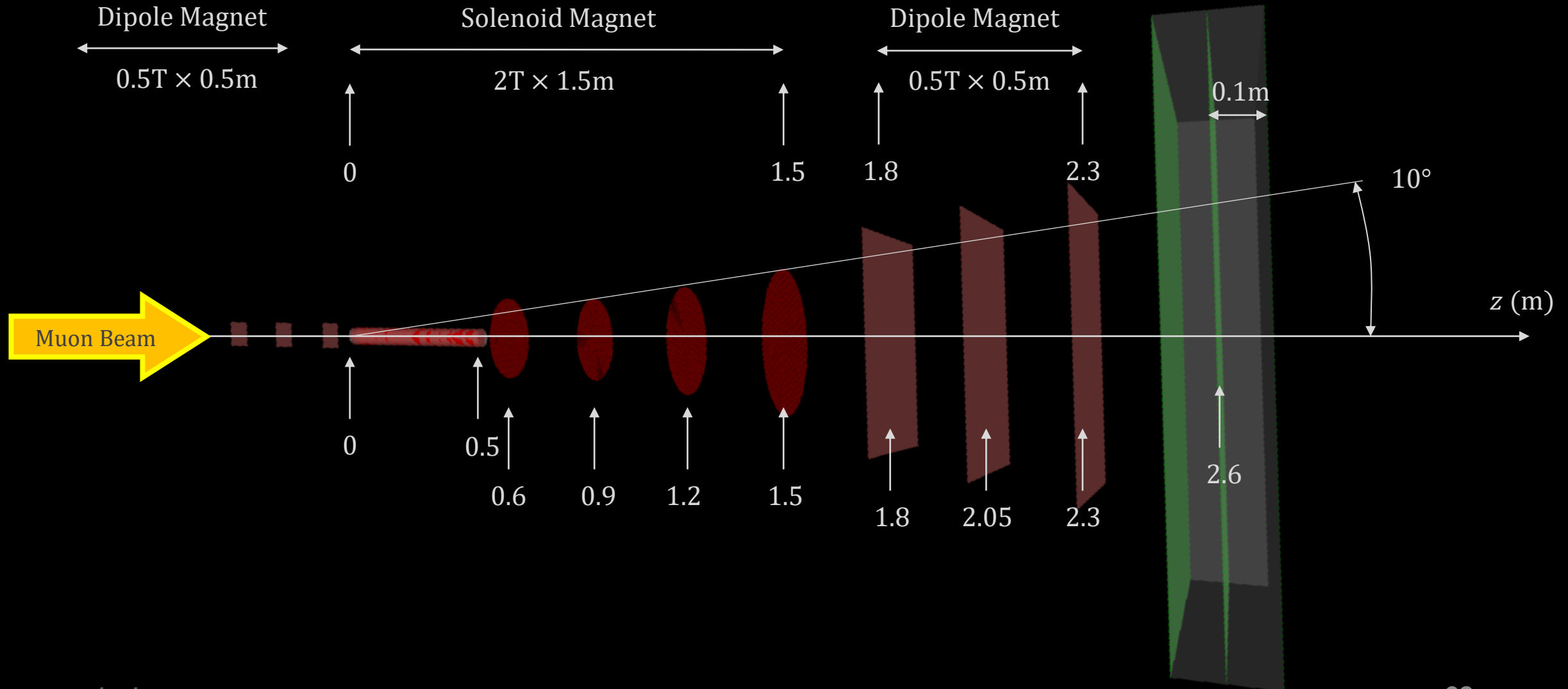
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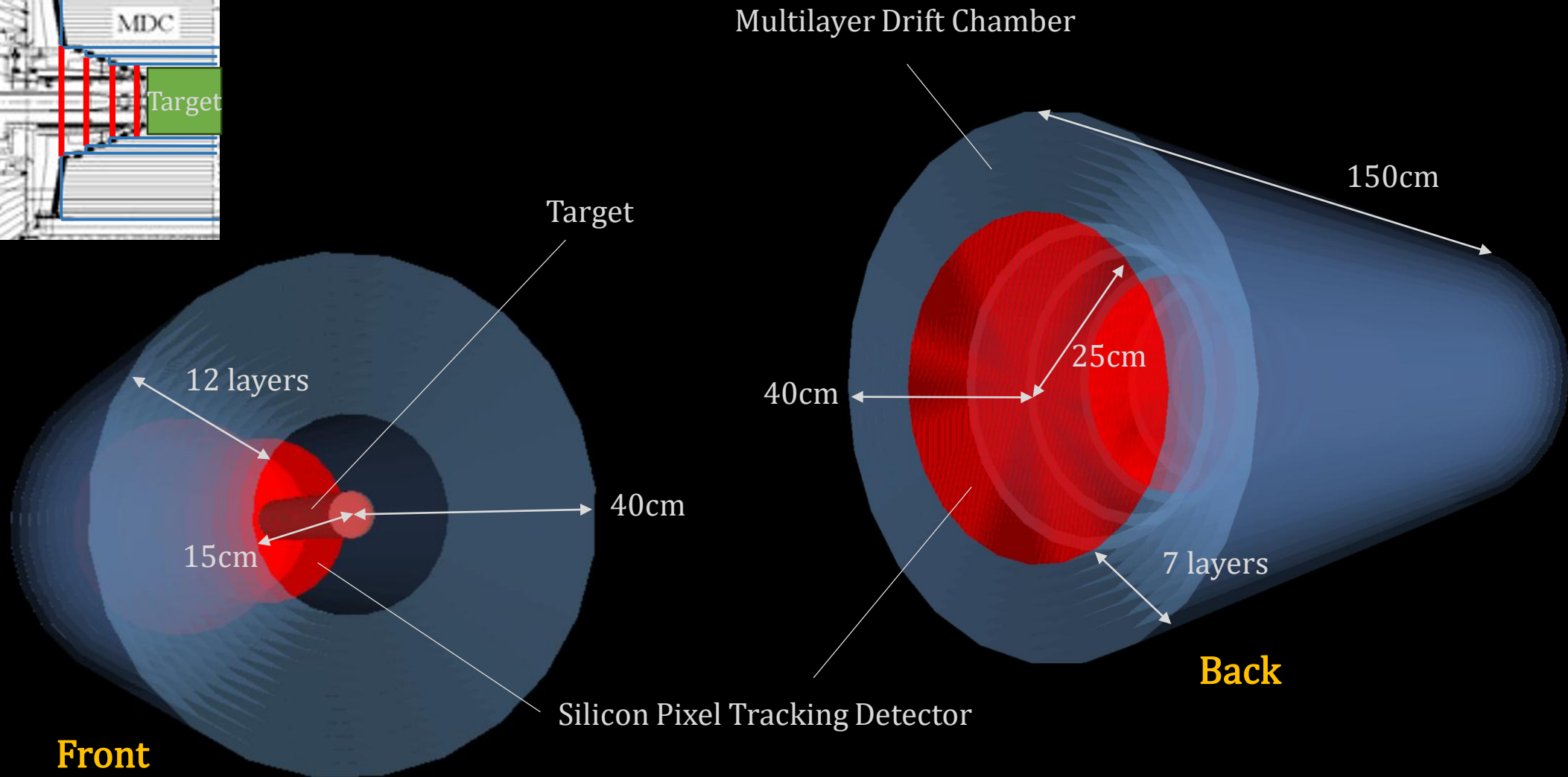
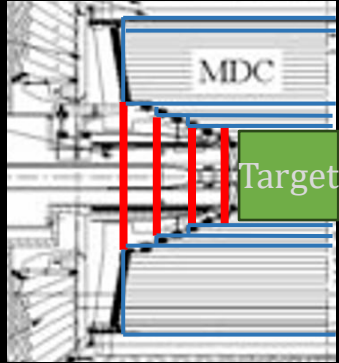
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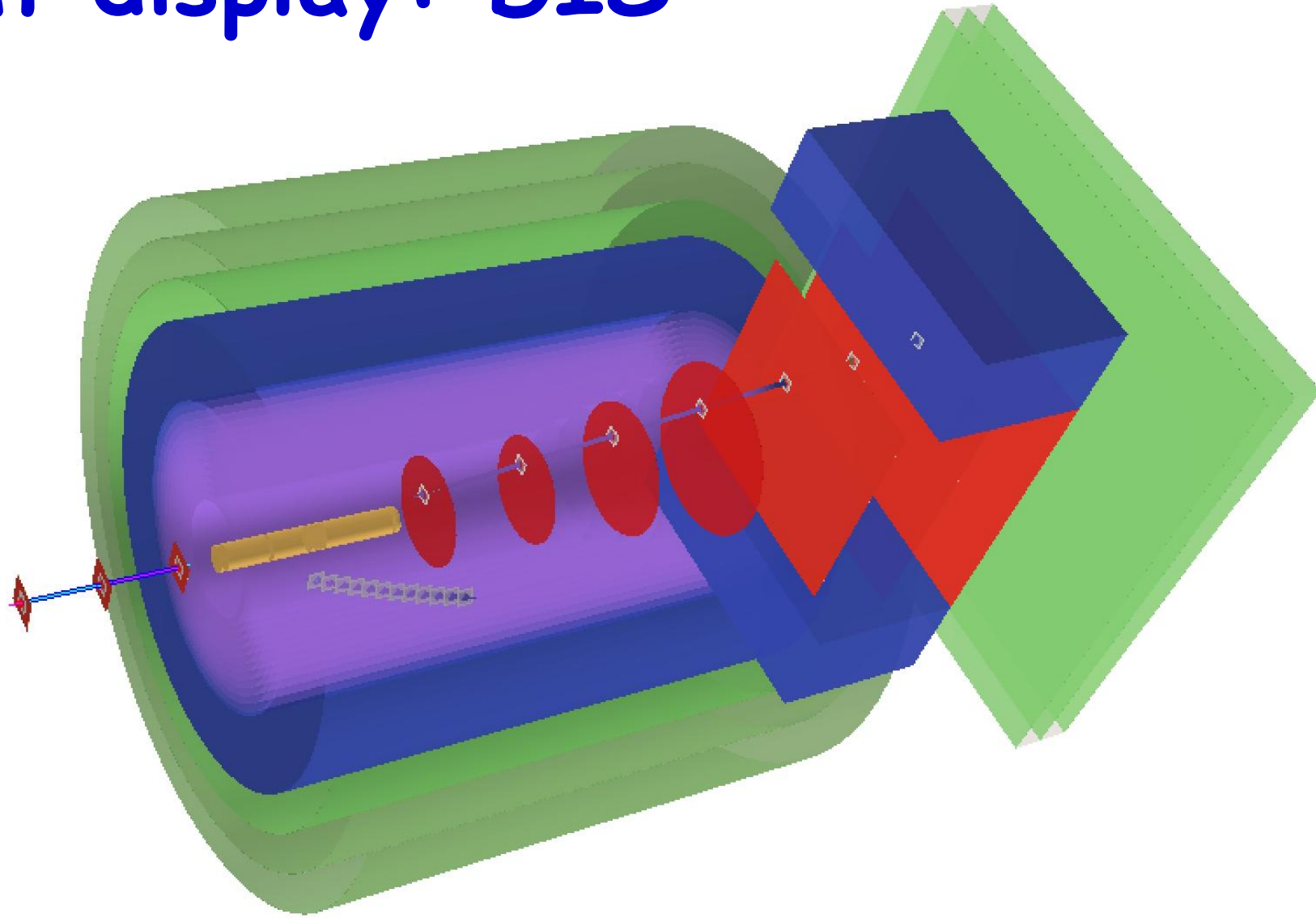
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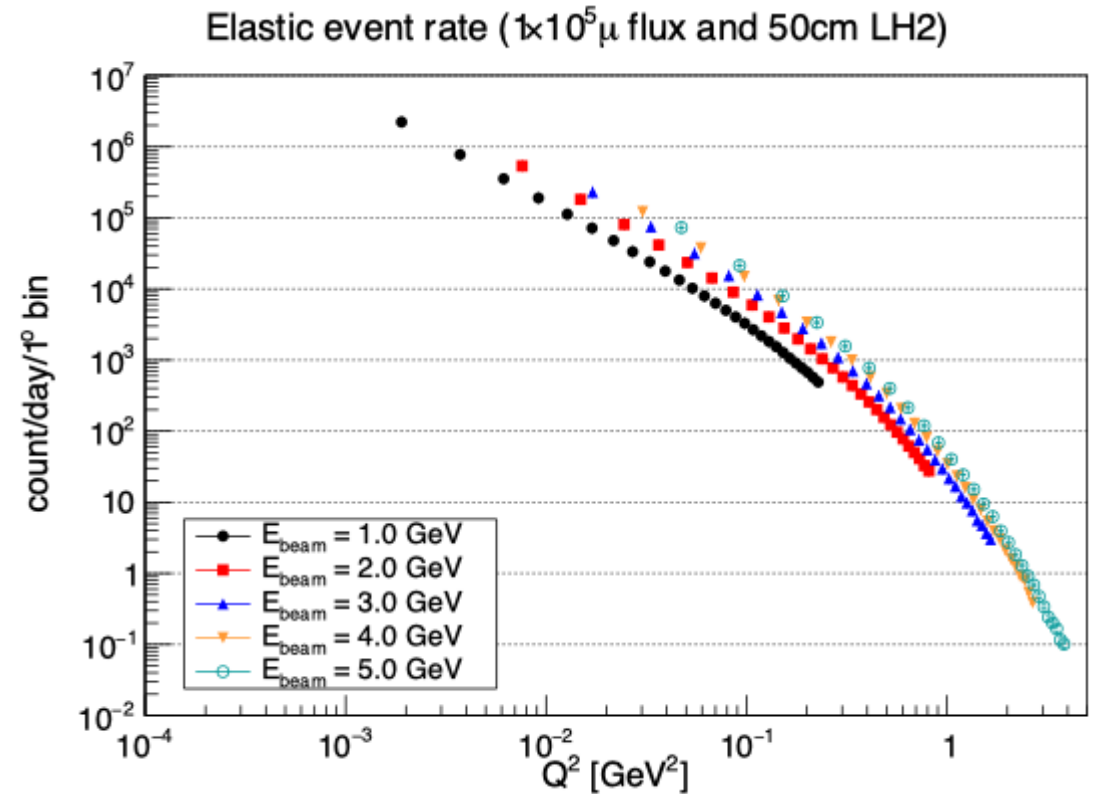
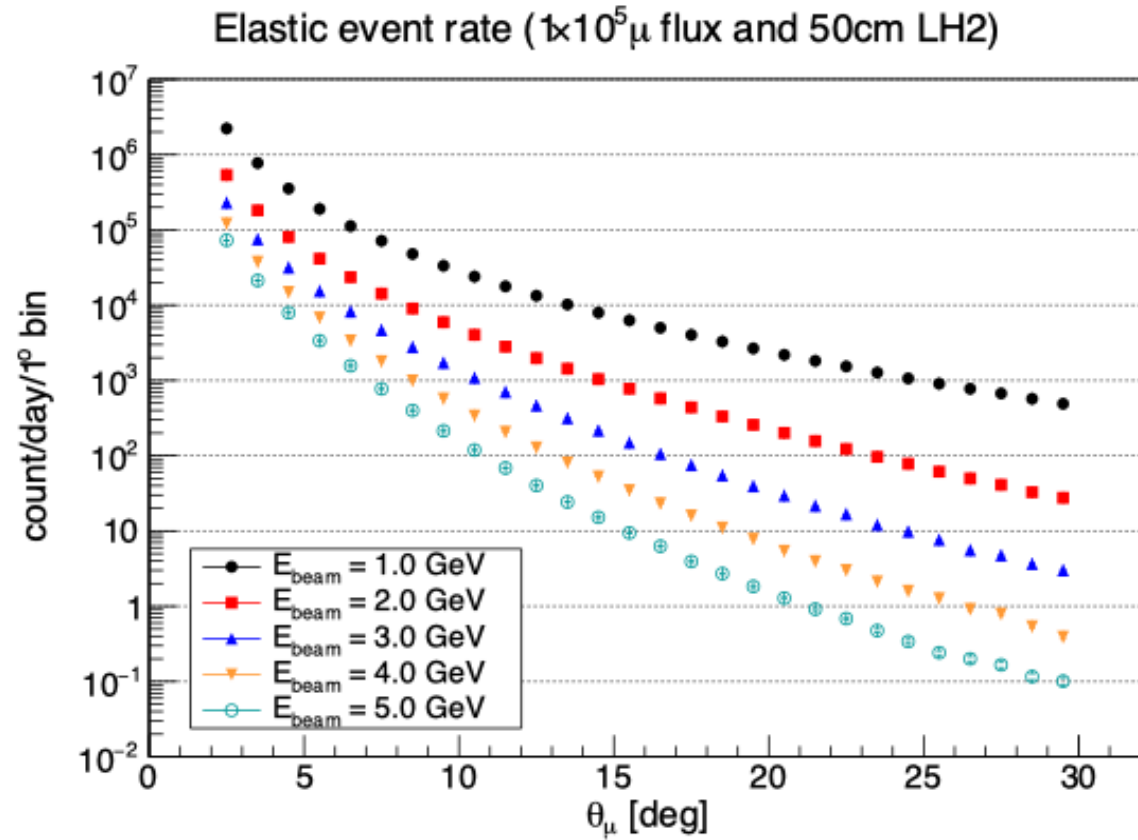
# Multilayer Drift Chamber



# Event display: DIS

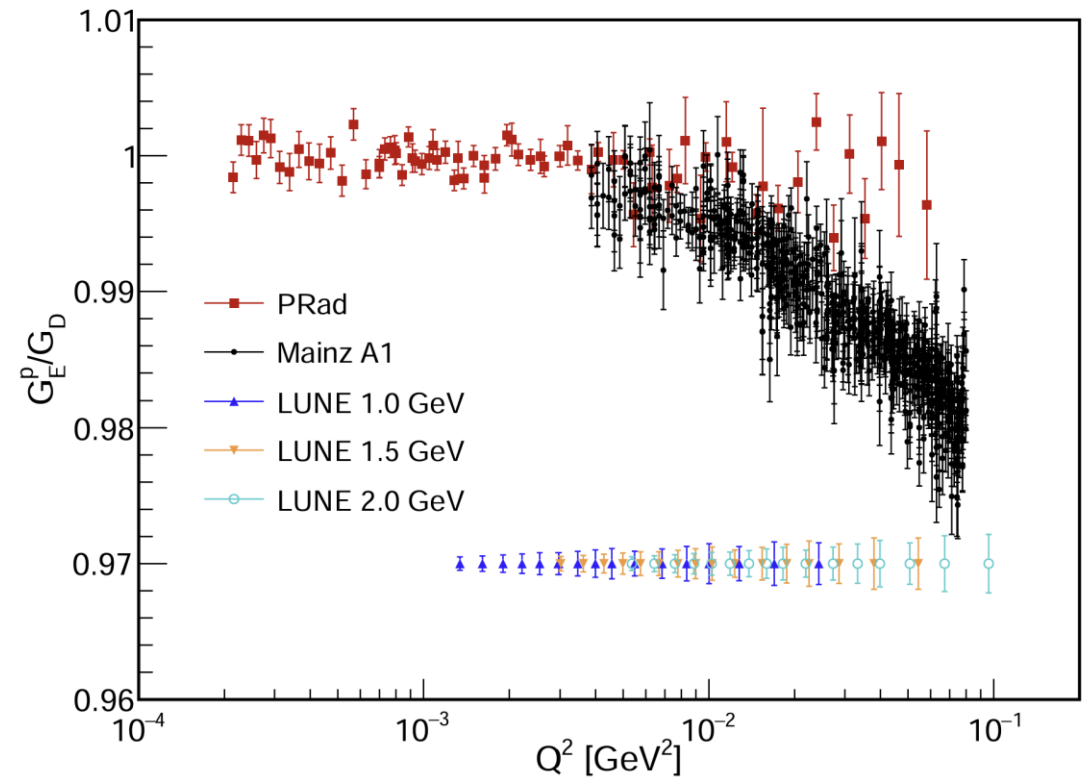


# Elastic scattering: event rate



# Projection

- Proton radius measurement needs low momentum muon beam
- Assuming 20 cm LH2 target
  - 15 days @ 1.0 GeV
  - 30 days @ 1.5 GeV
  - 60 days @ 2.0 GeV
- Stat. uncertainty on proton radius:
  - ~ 0.0022 fm (~0.3%)
  - Compared to 1% (Amber), 0.5% (MUSE)





# JLab muon facility

## Secondary Beams at Jefferson Lab

### Strategy and Plans for the Future Experimental Program

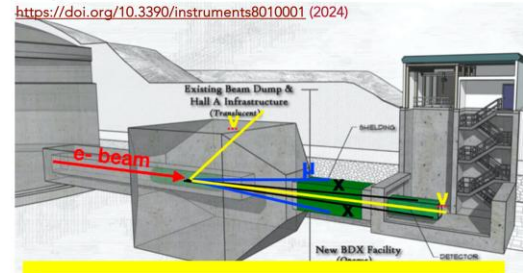
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Jefferson Lab Users Organization Annual Meeting

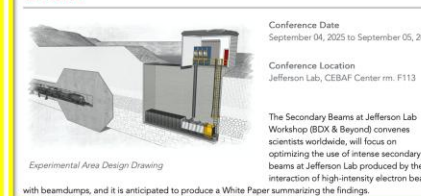
Newport News, VA, June 24-26, 2025

- High-intensity secondary beams are produced in the dump(s) fully parasitically with high-intensity 10 GeV (22 GeV) electron beam

<https://doi.org/10.3390/instruments8010001> (2024)



#### SECONDARY BEAMS AT JEFFERSON LAB WORKSHOP: BDX & BEYOND

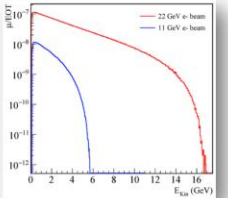


Conference Date  
September 04, 2025 to September 05, 2025

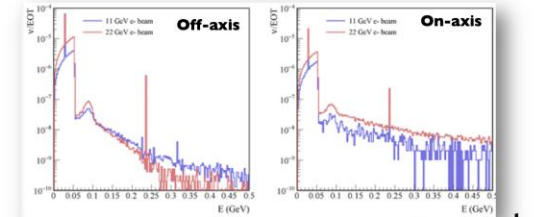
Conference Location  
Jefferson Lab, CEBAF Center rm. F113

The Secondary Beams at Jefferson Lab Workshop (BDX & Beyond) convenes scientists worldwide, will focus on optimizing the use of intense secondary beams at Jefferson Lab produced by the interaction of high-intensity electron beams with beamdumps, and it is anticipated to produce a White Paper summarizing the findings.

- A secondary **muon beam** with a bremsstrahlung-like energy spectrum extending up to 5 GeV could yield up to  $\sim 10^{-6}$   $\mu$ /EOT, corresponding to  $10^8$   $\mu$ /s for an  $i_e$  50  $\mu$ A



- A secondary **neutrino beam** with a typical decay-at-rest (DAR) energy spectrum could provide up to  $\sim 7 \times 10^{-5}$   $\nu$ /EOT when integrated over a 1 m<sup>2</sup> detector located 10 m above the beam dump; Considering a delivered charge of  $10^{22}$  EOT per year, the annual neutrino flux would be in the range of  $10^{18}$   $\nu$



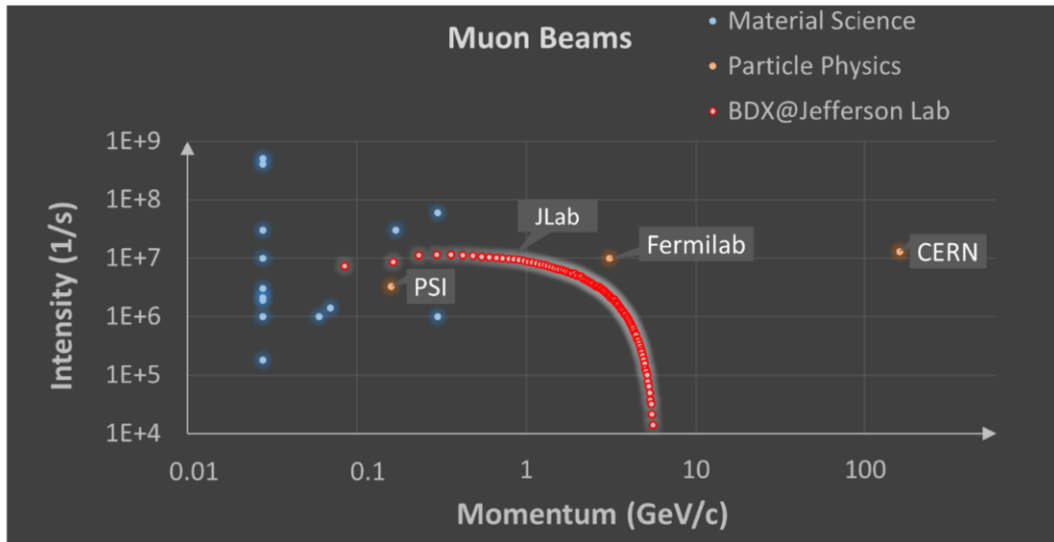
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Jefferson Lab

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Secondary Beams at Jefferson Lab

## Secondary Beams at Jefferson Lab



log scale!

Only 3 muon beamlines in use today: SPS/M2 at CERN for COMPASS, the muon storage ring for  $(g-2)\mu$  at Fermilab, and PiM1 for MUSE at PSI.

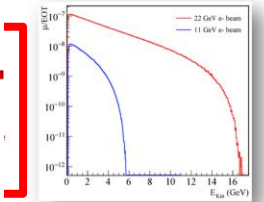
There are more planned beams, e.g. at J-PARC for a  $(g-2)\mu$ , not included in the graph.

The potential JLab facility would uniquely provide muons in a large range of momenta, while other muon beams have a small momentum bite. Fermilab, for example, is fixed to 3.1 GeV/c momentum.

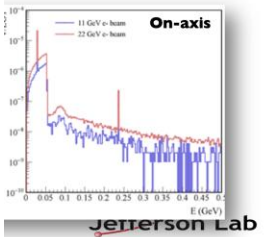
The surface muon beams for material science are low momentum.

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<https://indico.jlab.org/event/960/>



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# JLab muon facility

Secondary Beams at Jefferson Lab

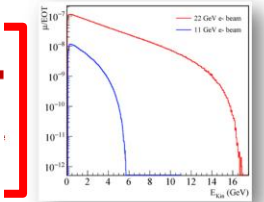
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## Conclusions and Outlook

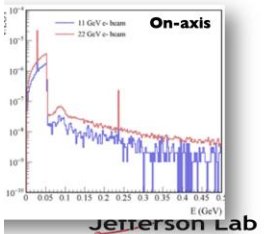
- Jefferson Lab offers an exceptional environment for exploring QCD in the non-perturbative regime, combining high luminosity with state-of-the-art experimental facilities. (*Upgrades here, too – see e.g. Keith, Paremuzyan talks Thursday afternoon*)
- Strategic upgrades, like the 22 GeV energy enhancement will expand our reach into uncharted regimes of hadronic physics.
- The development of positron beams is essential to isolating and quantifying two-photon exchange effects, while also enabling symmetry tests and rare process searches that deepen our exploration of the Standard Model and beyond.
- Innovative experiments such as MOLLER, SoLID, BDX, Hall C Hypernuclear and studies at the K-Long Facility will deepen our understanding of nucleon structure, dark sectors, and the role of strangeness in QCD.
- A new facility for muons and neutrinos is attracting new scientific communities to partner with the JLab community and nuclear physics.
- Advanced technology development, such as made possible by the proposed MPGD center, fuels new experiments broadly by allowing for enhanced measurement capabilities with improved resolution and high rate.
- Together, these opportunities signal a dynamic future, one that bridges precision measurements with bold exploration, and keeps Jefferson Lab at the forefront of discovery.

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  - **Proton charge radius**: critical cross-check from muon scattering
  - **Proton inner structure**: DIS, SIDIS, DVCS
  - **Neutron charge distribution**
  - **Nuclear effects**: SRC/EMC, Coulomb Distortion
  - **New physics**: Dark matter searches
- JLab is also planning a muon facility in the coming years
- Outlook: an unexplored research domain @ HIAF muon facility
  - **LUNE collaboration** would like to contribute to it

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**LUNE is an open collaboration: we warmly invite you to join**

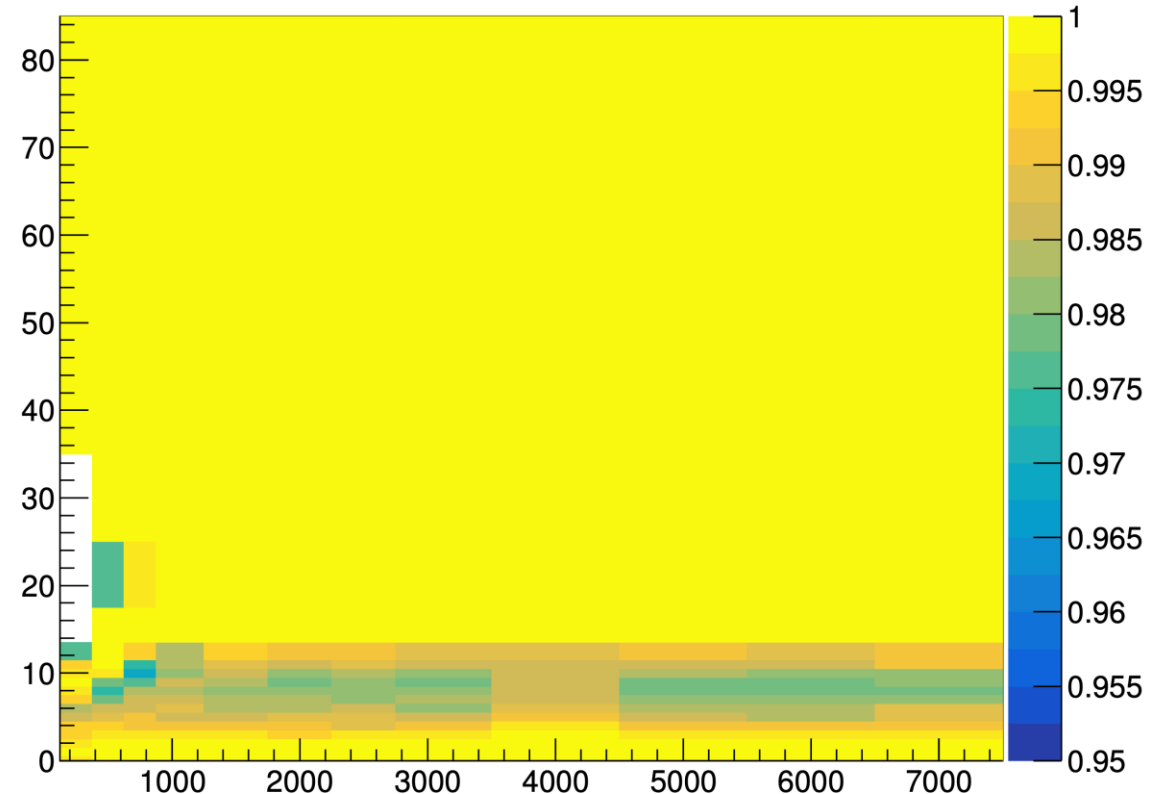
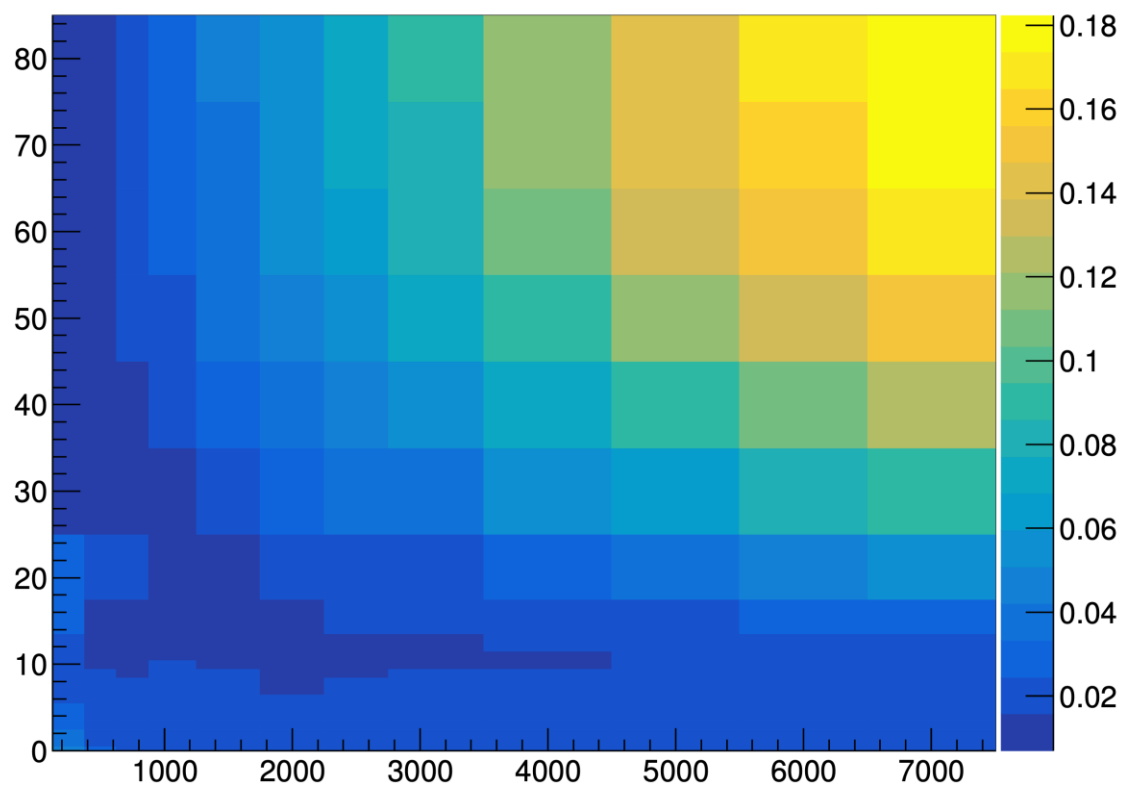
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**and help shape the future of muon-nucleon physics!!!**

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# Backup

# Track resolution and reco efficiency





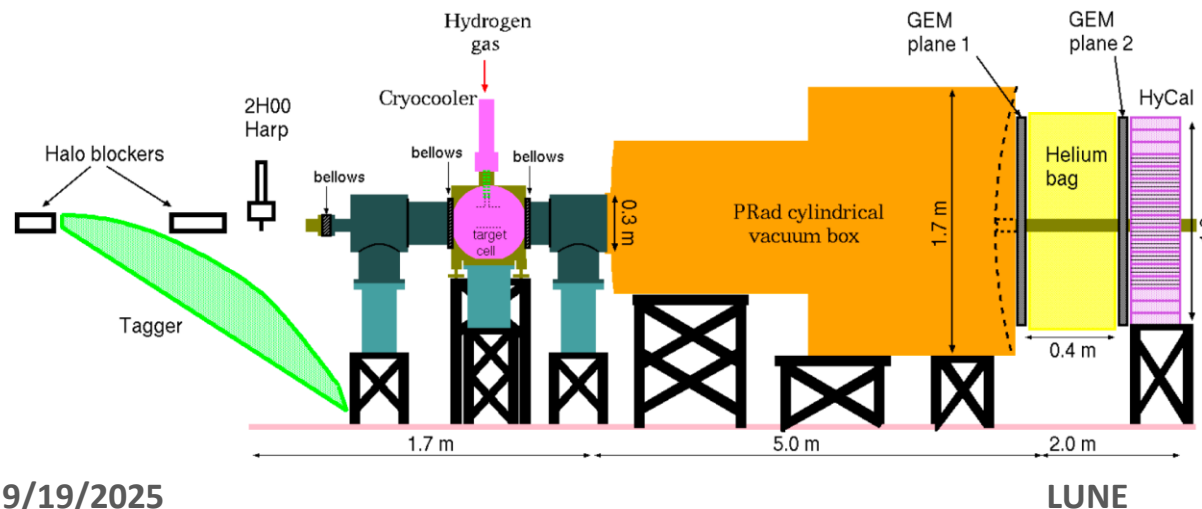
# Reconstruction/Generators

- **GenFit**: for track reconstruction
  - Experiment independent framework for track reconstruction
  - Also used in PANDA @FAIR, Belle II
- **Rave**: vertex finding and reconstruction
  - A toolkit for vertex reconstruction
  - Developed from CMS
- **K4reco**: cluster reconstruction + PID
  - Marlin algorithms ported to Gaudi, included in **Key4hep**
- **Generators**:
  - esepp (elastic), djangoh (DIS), epic (DVCS), HEPGen++ (DVCS)

# PRad-II @ JLab

- Forward acceptance, high resolution EM calorimetry and coordinate detector for tracking
  - Data taking: 2026
- Large angular acceptance:
  - $\theta_e: 0.5^\circ - 7^\circ$
  - $Q^2: 2 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}/c^2$

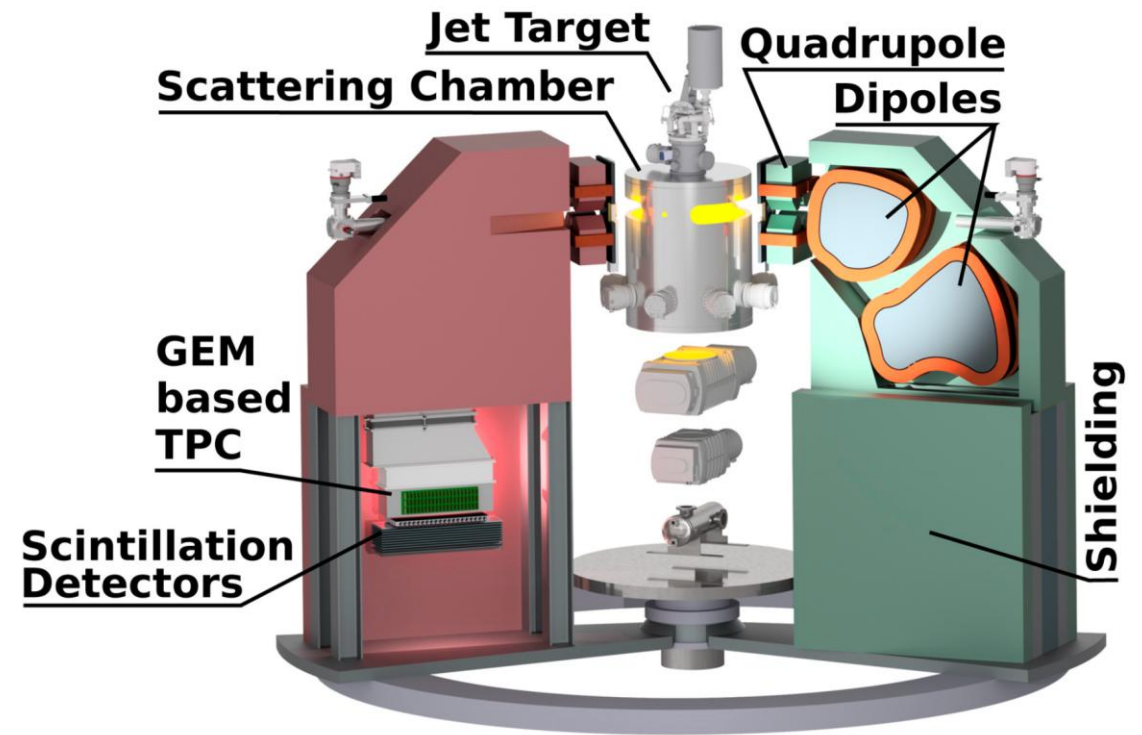
PRad-II Experimental Setup (Side View)



Source	PRad $\Delta r_p$ (fm)	PRad-II $\Delta r_p$ (fm)
<b>Stat. uncertainty</b>	0.0075	0.0015
Event selection	0.0070	0.0030
Radiative correction	0.0069	0.0004
Detector efficiency	0.0042	0.0025
Beam background	0.0039	0.0014
HyCal response	0.0029	0.0001
Acceptance	0.0026	0.0001
Beam energy	0.0022	0.0001
Inelastic ep	0.0009	0.0001
$G_M^p$ model	0.0006	0.0005
<b>Total syst.</b>	0.0115	0.0043
<b>Total uncertainty</b>	0.0137	0.0046

# MAGIX @ Mainz

- Accelerator: 1 mA electron beam, energy up to 105 MeV
- Target: cryogenic supersonic gas jet
  - Effectively point-like target
- Expected precision:  $< 0.1\%$



# ULQ2 experiment

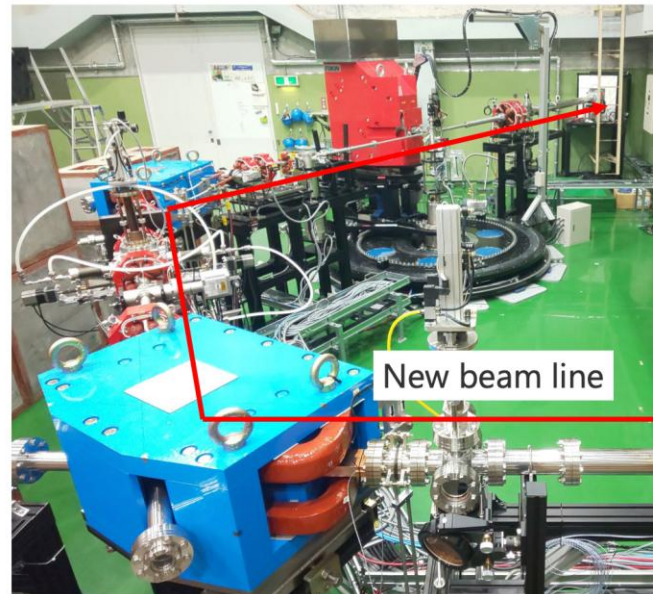
- Tohoku University: ELPH (Electron photon Science)
- Electron beam energy: from 20 to 60 MeV
- $Q^2$ :  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $8 \times 10^{-3}$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- Target: CH<sub>2</sub>
- Precision: 0.1%

First beam

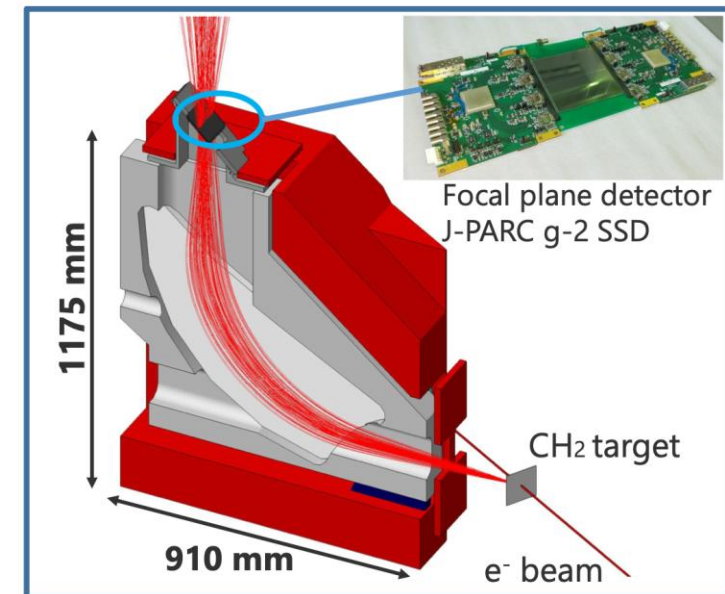
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Commissioning

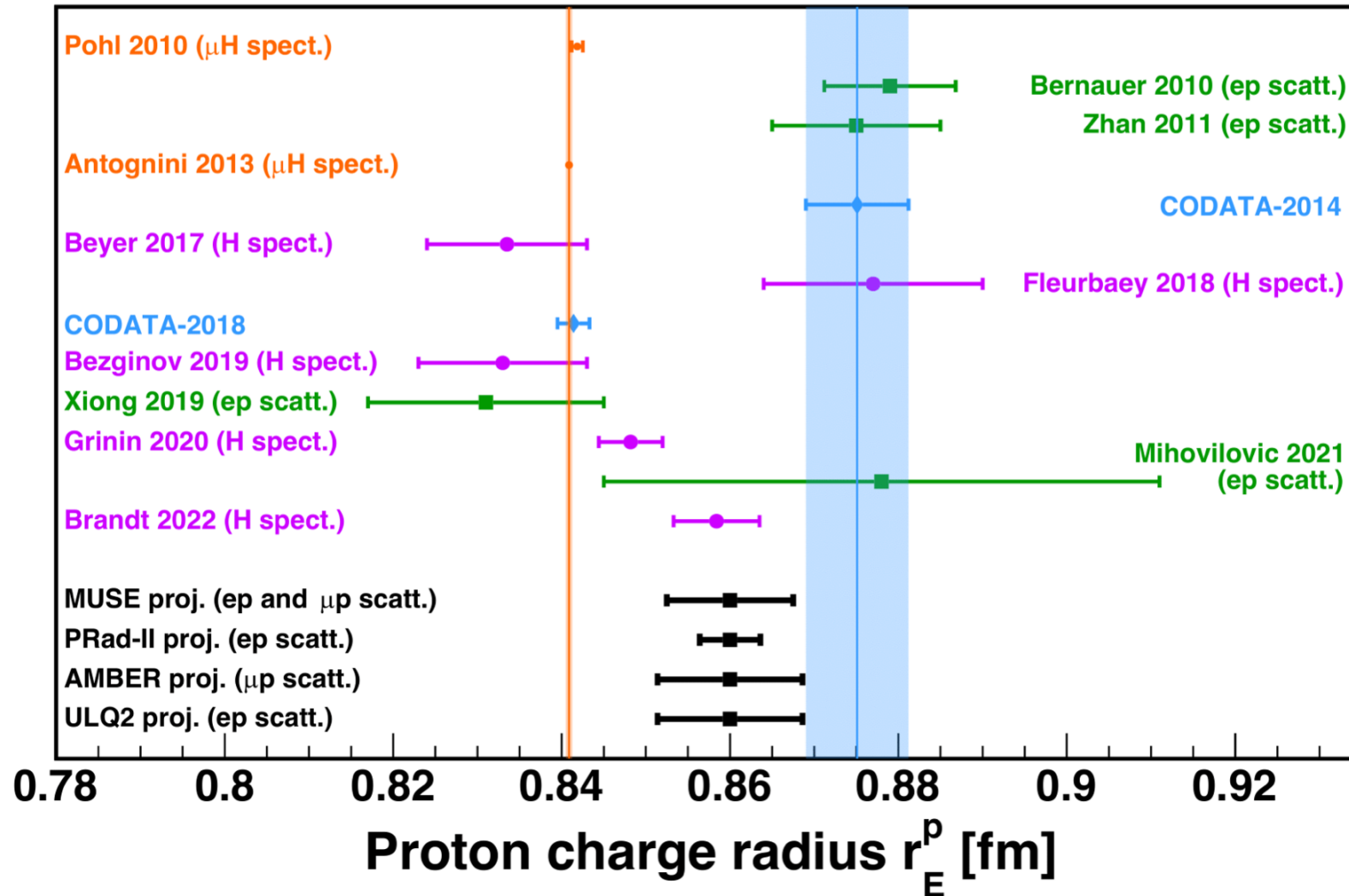
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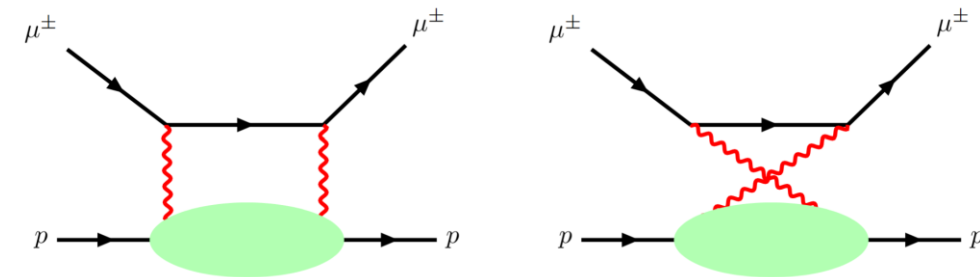
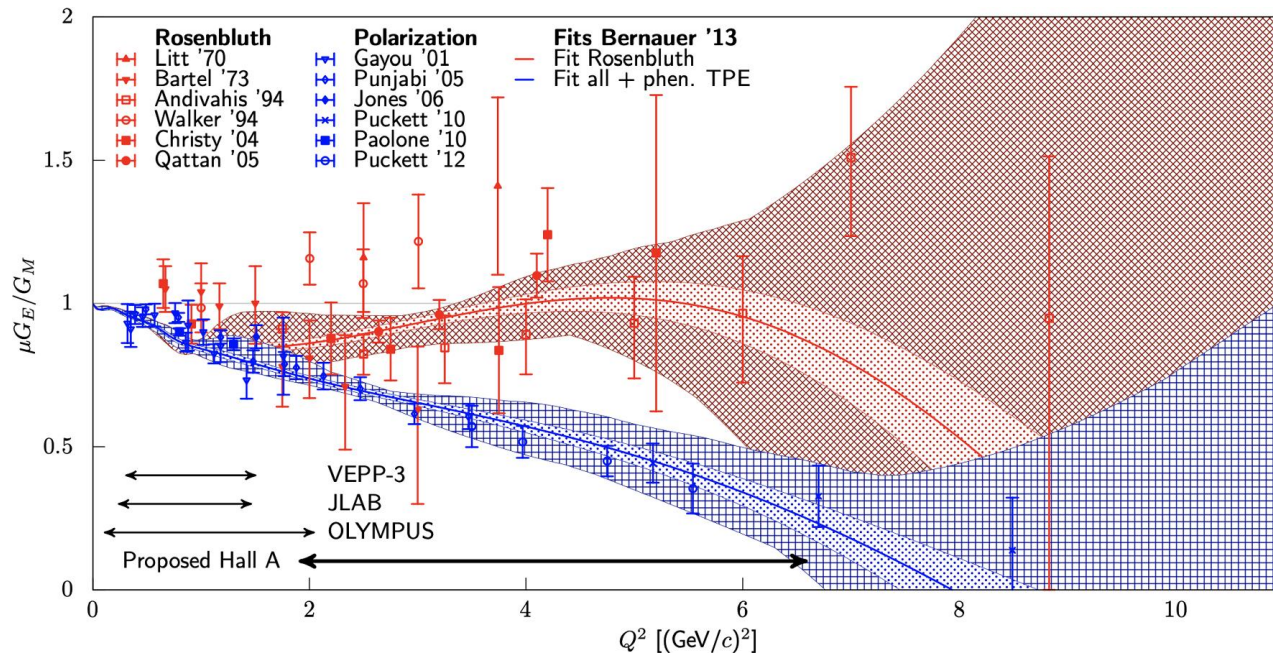
# Projection





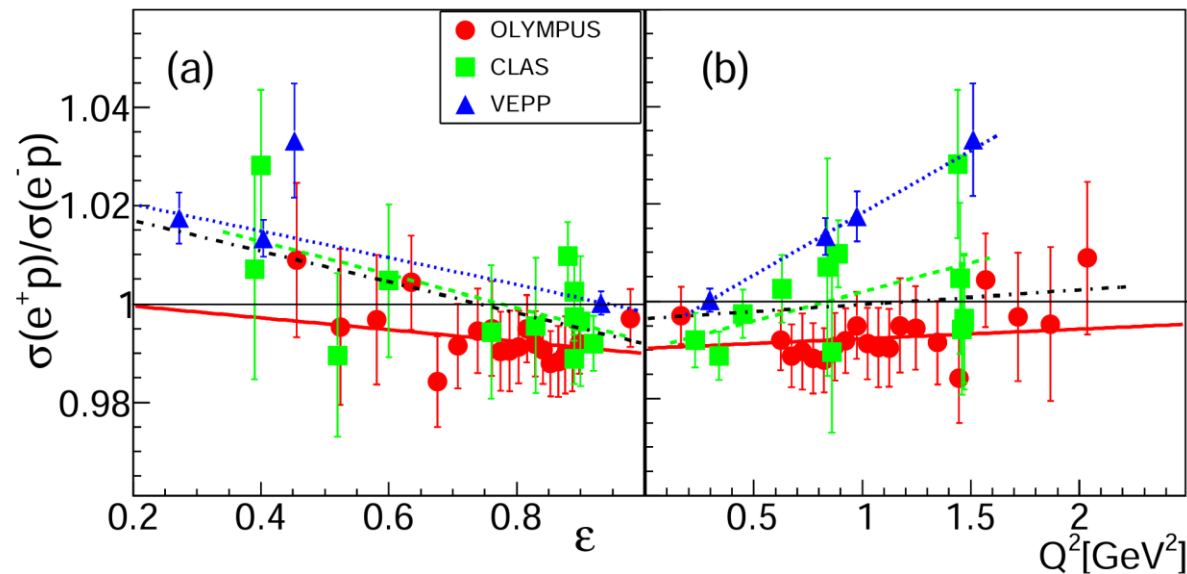
# Two photon exchange (TPE)

- Interference between one photon and two photon diagrams:  $\ell^\pm$
- Key to resolving the proton form factor discrepancy
  - Rosenbluth vs. polarization transfer methods
- Muon-proton scattering: unique test of lepton universality



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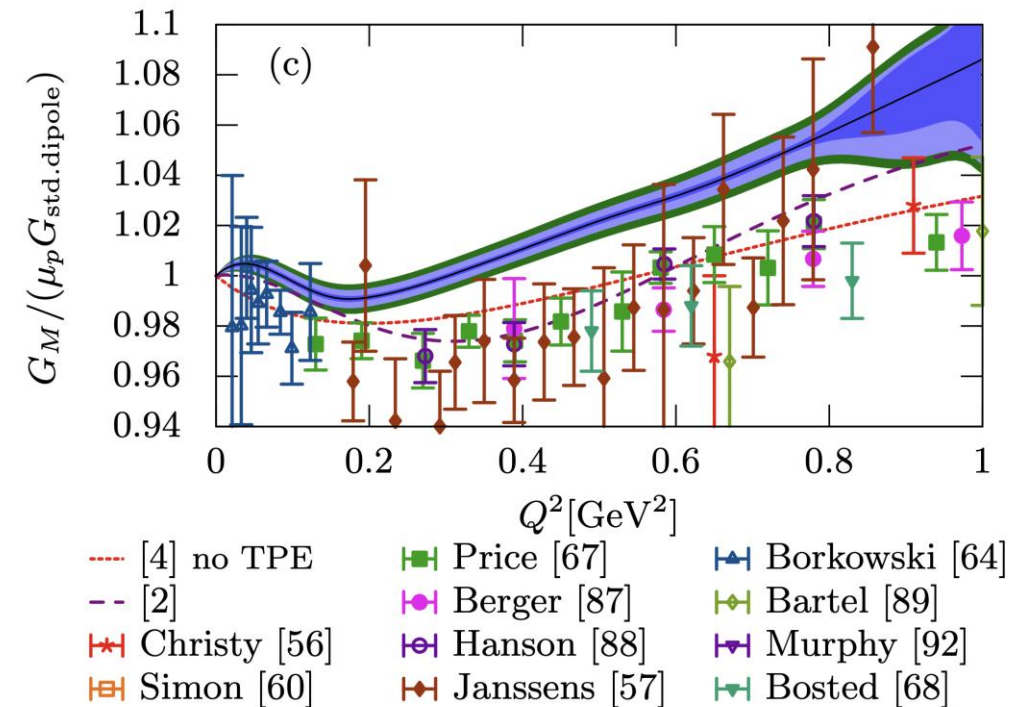
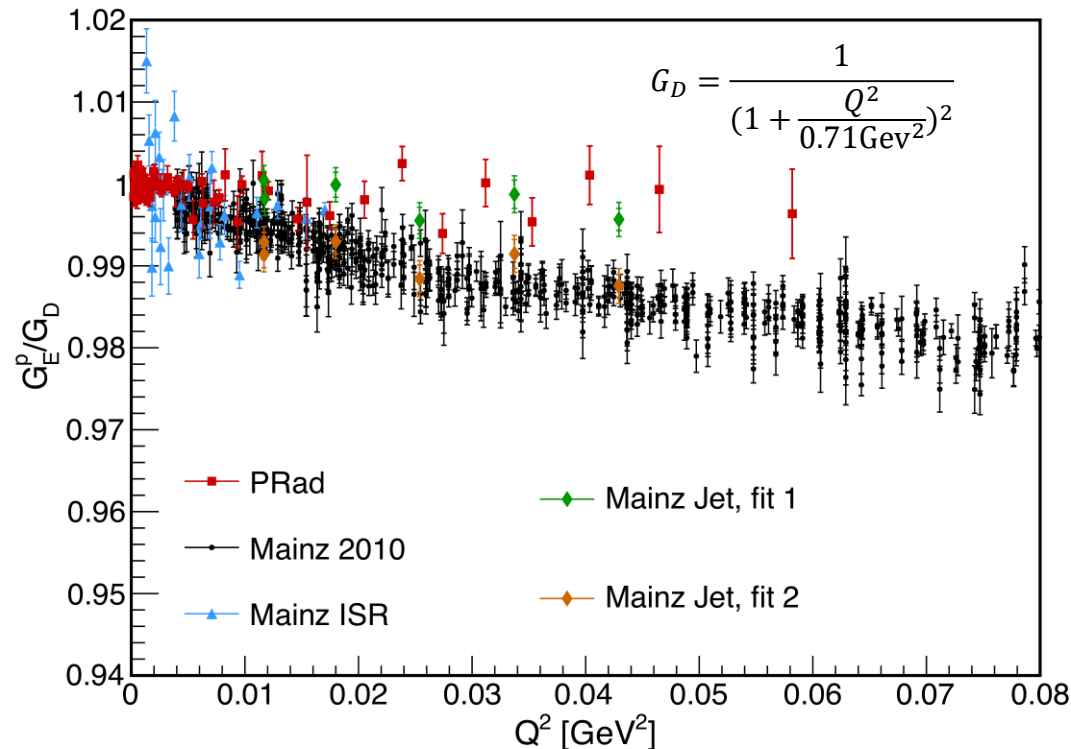
- Electron scattering:
  - JLab, OLYMPUS@DESY, VEPP-3@Novosibirsk
  - Compared  $e^+p$  with  $e^-p$  elastic scattering
  - TPE at few-% level: explain part of form factor discrepancy
- Muon scattering:
  - Heavier mass: sensitivity to TPE at low  $Q^2$
  - Direct test of TPE universality
- Essential correction for proton charge radius measurement





# Proton form factor puzzle

- Over 1% difference for  $G_E$  between the **PRad data** and the **Mainz data**
  - Possible reasons: radiative correction? Unknown systematics? Fitting procedure?...
- Large discrepancy also exist for magnetic radius and  $G_M$ 
  - 0.776(38) fm for Mainz data , 0.914 (35) fm for world data excluding Mainz (G. Lee et al. PRD 92 013013)



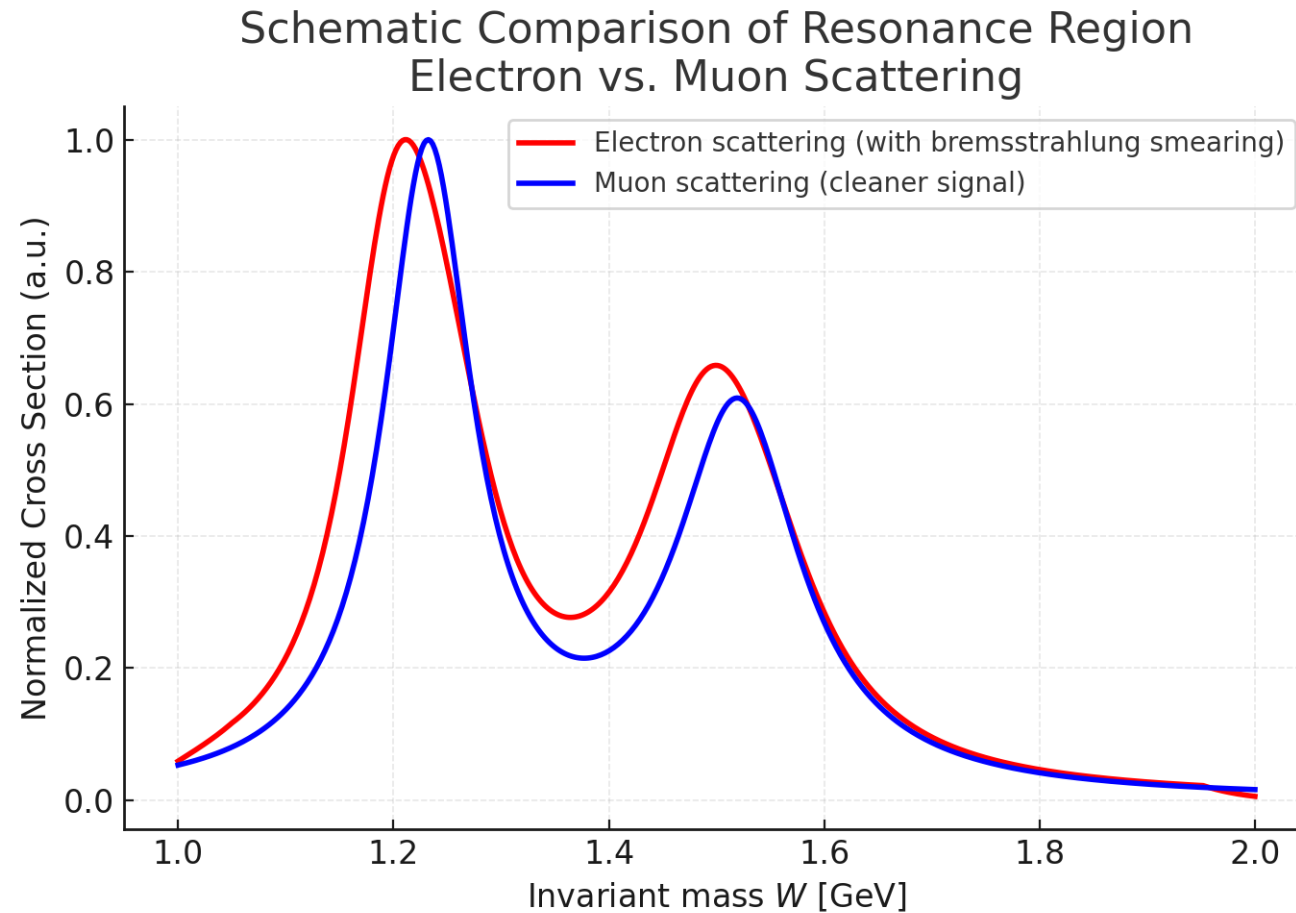
WX and Chao Peng (彭潮) *Universe* 9 (2023) 4, 182

J. Bernauer et al. *PRC* 90 (2014) 1, 015206

# Resonance studies

Aspect	$ep$	$\mu p$	Advantage of $\mu p$
Beam intensity	$10^{11} - 10^{12}/s$	$10^6/s$	Limited statistics
Radiative correction	Large bremsstrahlung, strong radiative tails that smear resonance peaks	Suppressed bremsstrahlung ( $m_\mu \gg m_e$ ): cleaner resonance signals	Clearer extraction of resonance cross sections
$Q^2$ Coverage	Wide, but low- $Q^2$ dominated by radiative effects	Access to lower “effective $Q^2$ ” region without huge radiative backgrounds	Complementary kinematics
Form Factor/Transition Studies	Extensive measurements at JLab & SLAC	Sparse — essentially unexplored	Opportunity for new data
New Physics Sensitivity	Limited — well tested with electrons	Tests lepton universality, motivated by proton radius puzzle & $g-2$	Unique physics reach

# Resonance studies



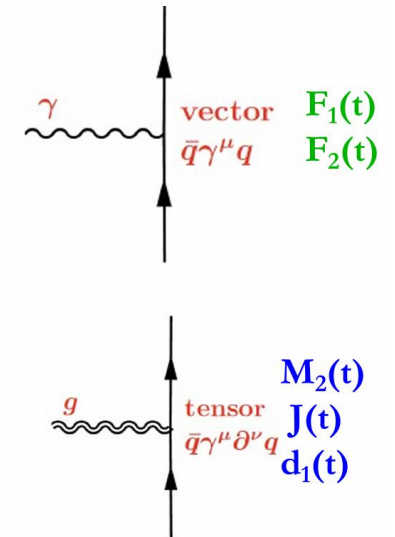
# Proton properties

The structure of strongly interacting particles can be probed by means of the other fundamental forces: *electromagnetic*, *weak*, and (in principle) *gravity*.

<b>em:</b>	$\partial_\mu J_{\text{em}}^\mu = 0$	$\langle N'   J_{\text{em}}^\mu   N \rangle$	$\longrightarrow$	$Q_{\text{prot}} = 1.602176487(40) \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$
	<i>vector</i>			$\mu_{\text{prot}} = 2.792847356(23) \mu_N$
<b>weak:</b>	PCAC	$\langle N'   J_{\text{weak}}^\mu   N \rangle$	$\longrightarrow$	$g_A = 1.2694(28)$
	<i>axial</i>			$g_p = 8.06(0.55)$
<b>gravity:</b>	$\partial_\mu T_{\text{grav}}^{\mu\nu} = 0$	$\langle N'   T_{\text{grav}}^{\mu\nu}   N \rangle$	$\longrightarrow$	$M_{\text{prot}} = 938.272013(23) \text{MeV}/c^2$
	<i>tensor</i>			$J = \frac{1}{2}$
				$D = ?$

*P. Schweitzer et al., arXiv:1612.0672, 2016.*

The D-term is the “last unknown global property” of the nucleon



extreme weakness of the gravitational interaction

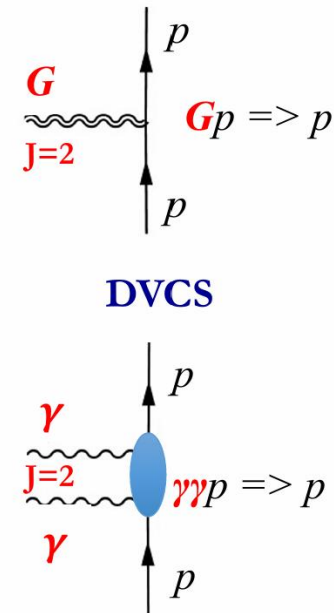
# Gravitational form factor (GFFs)

- Nucleon matrix element of Energy-Momentum Tensor (**EMT**) has three scalar form factors

$$\langle p_2 | \hat{T}_{\mu\nu}^q | p_1 \rangle = \bar{U}(p_2) \left[ M_2^q(t) \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{M} + J^q(t) \frac{i(P_\mu \sigma_{\nu\rho} + P_\nu \sigma_{\mu\rho}) \Delta^\rho}{2M} + d_1^q(t) \frac{\Delta_\mu \Delta_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{5M} \right] U(p_1)$$

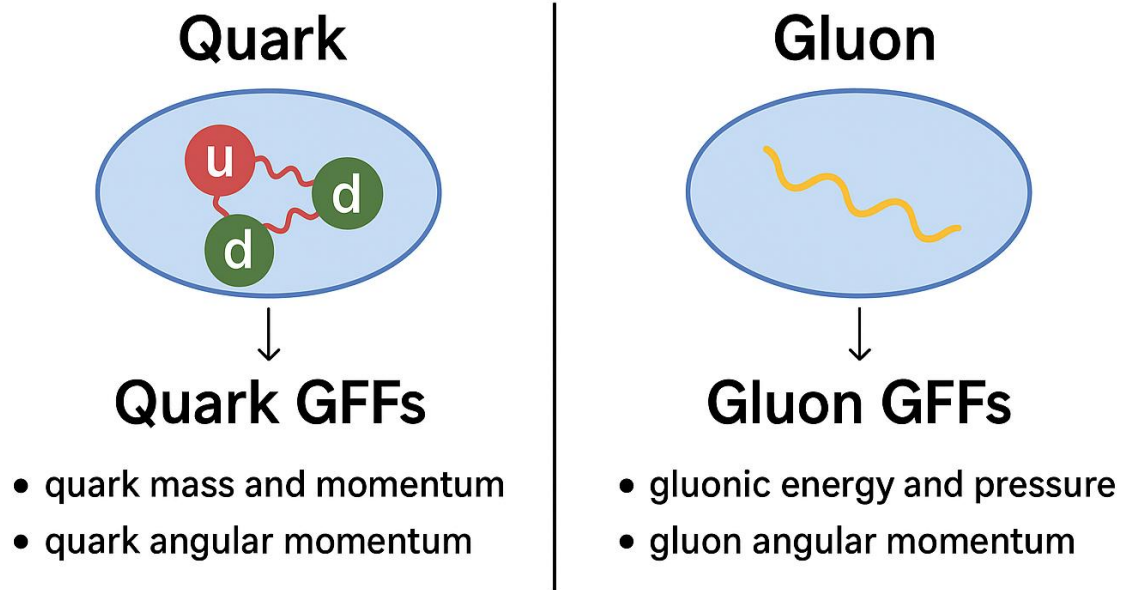
- $M_2^q(t)$ : Mass/energy distribution inside the nucleon
- $J^q(t)$ : Angular momentum distribution
- $d_1^q(t)$ : Forces and pressure distribution

**GPDs  $\leftrightarrow$  GFFs**



# GFFs: quark vs. gluon

## Quark vs Gluon Contributions to the Nucleon



	Quark GFFs	Gluon GFFs
Partons	u, d, s, ...	gluon
Probe	DVCS, SIDIS, ...	$J/\psi$ , $\Upsilon$ production
Status	JLab, COMPASS, HERA	only recently probed, still with large uncertainties
Structure	Quark “skeleton”	Gluon “binding glue”, nucleon mass
Muon energy	HIAF	HIAF upgrade (photon energy of 8.2 GeV for $J/\psi$ production)

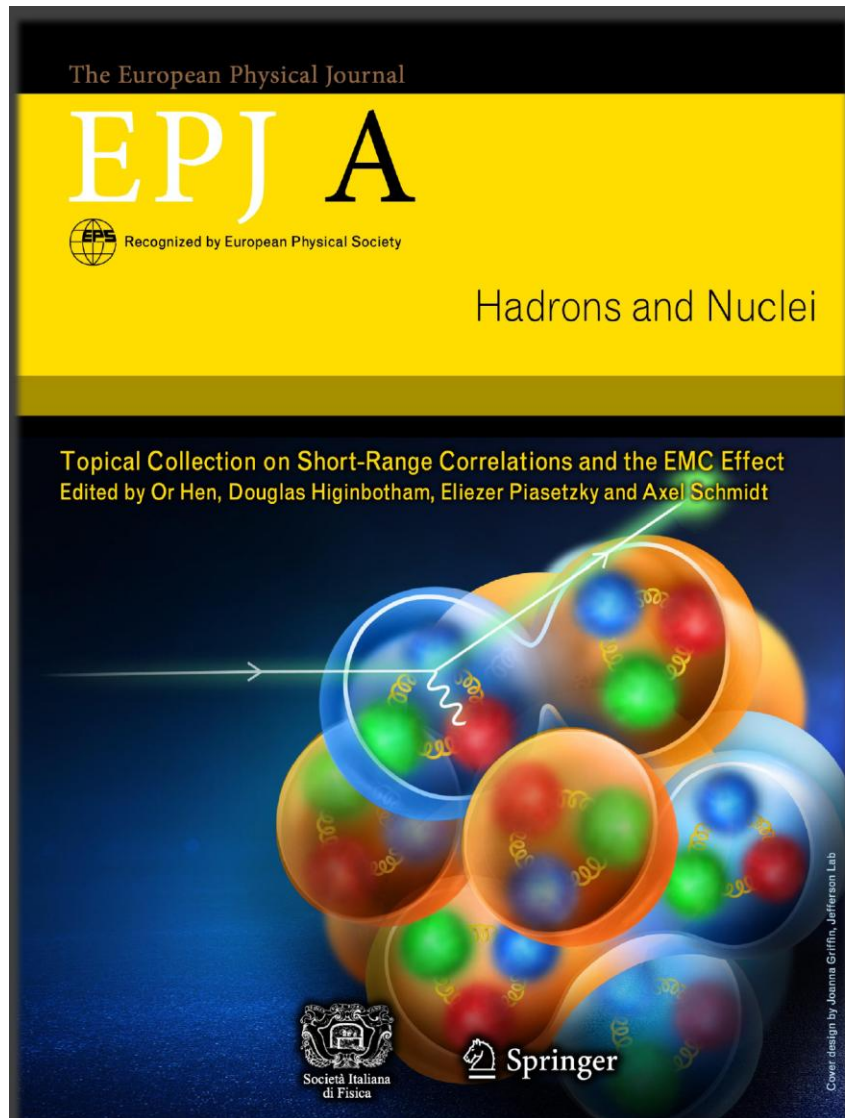
*JLab: Nature* **615**, 813–816 (2023)

# Short range correlation

- **Nuclear structure:** How nucleons are arranged in nuclei at short distances
- **Tensor forces:** How the nucleon–nucleon interaction works at high relative momentum
- **EMC–SRC connection:** Whether nucleon structure modifications (parton distributions in nuclei) originate from short-range nucleon–nucleon dynamics
- **Dense matter physics:** How nucleons behave in environments like neutron stars (where nucleons are packed closer than in normal nuclei)



# Short range correlation



## Isospin Structure:

Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 172502 (2019)  
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 Phys. Lett. B 797, 134792 (2019)  
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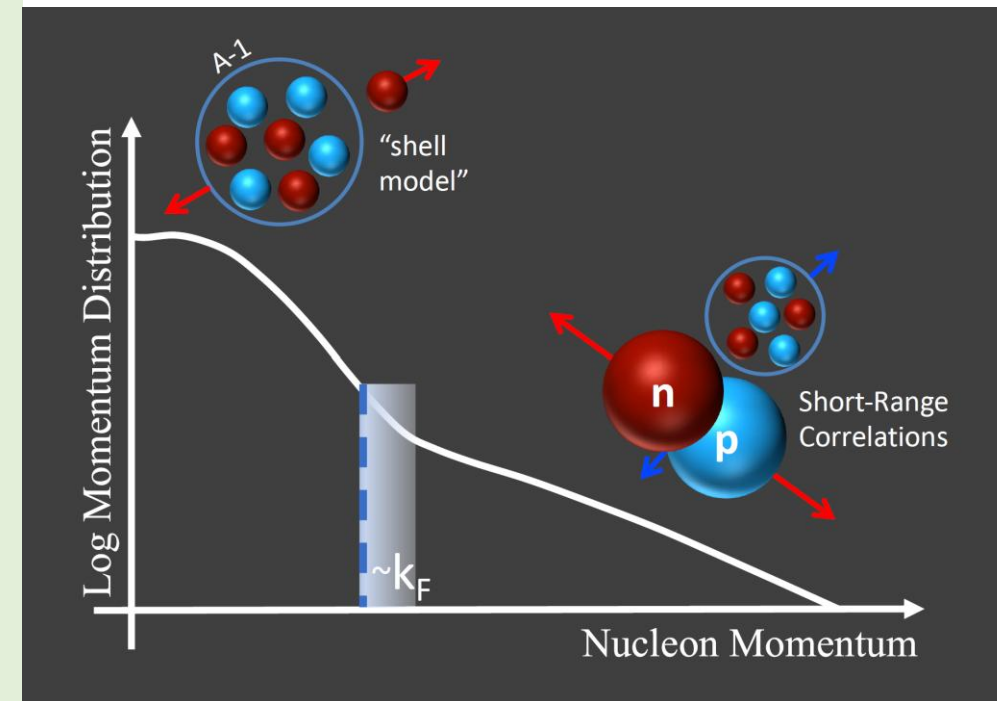
## Effective Theory:

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## Quantum Numbers, Mass,

## Asymmetry Dependence:

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# Luminosity

## ○ Instantaneous Luminosity:

- Target: 50 cm liquid hydrogen (LH)
- Muon flux:  $1 \times 10^5$
- $2 \times 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ pb}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

## ○ Integrated Luminosity:

- 6 months: 24 hours per day
- $3.1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$