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Electrons are Not Ambidextrous:

New Insights from a Subatomic Matter of Fact

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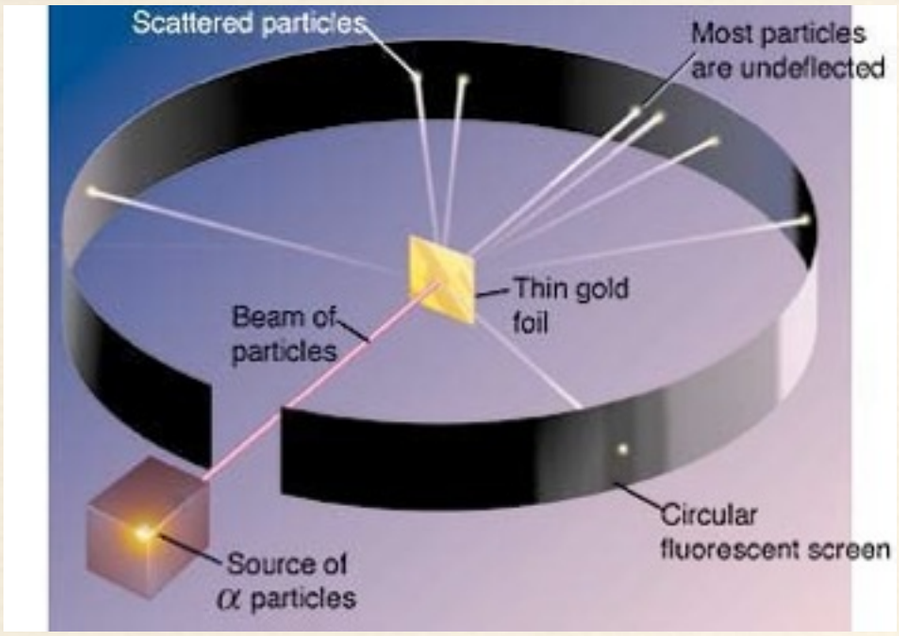

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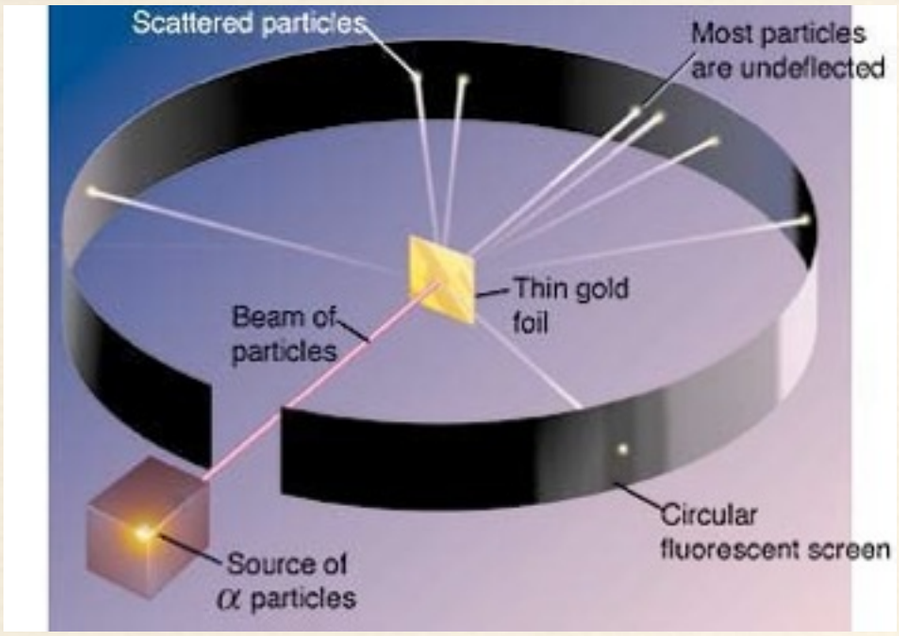

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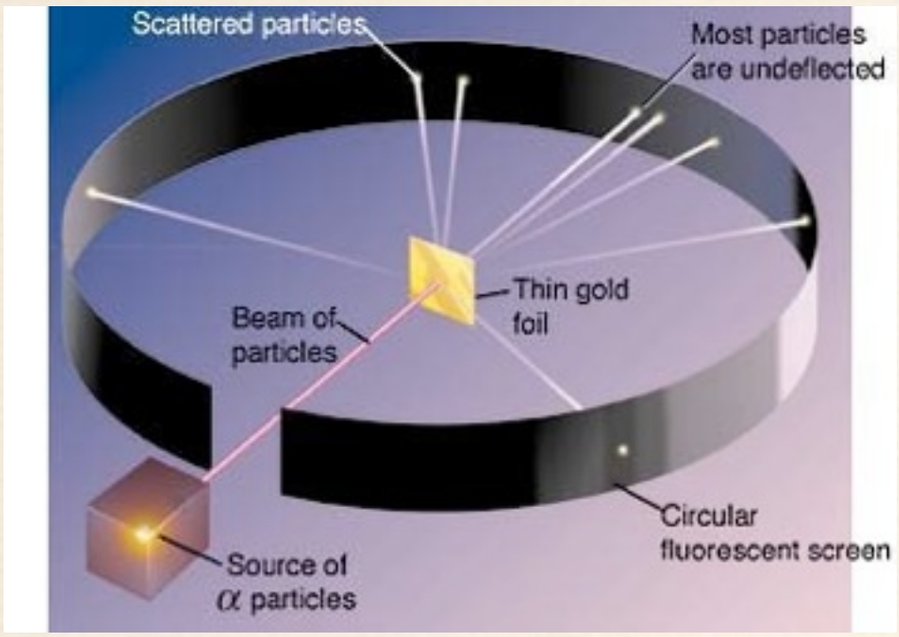

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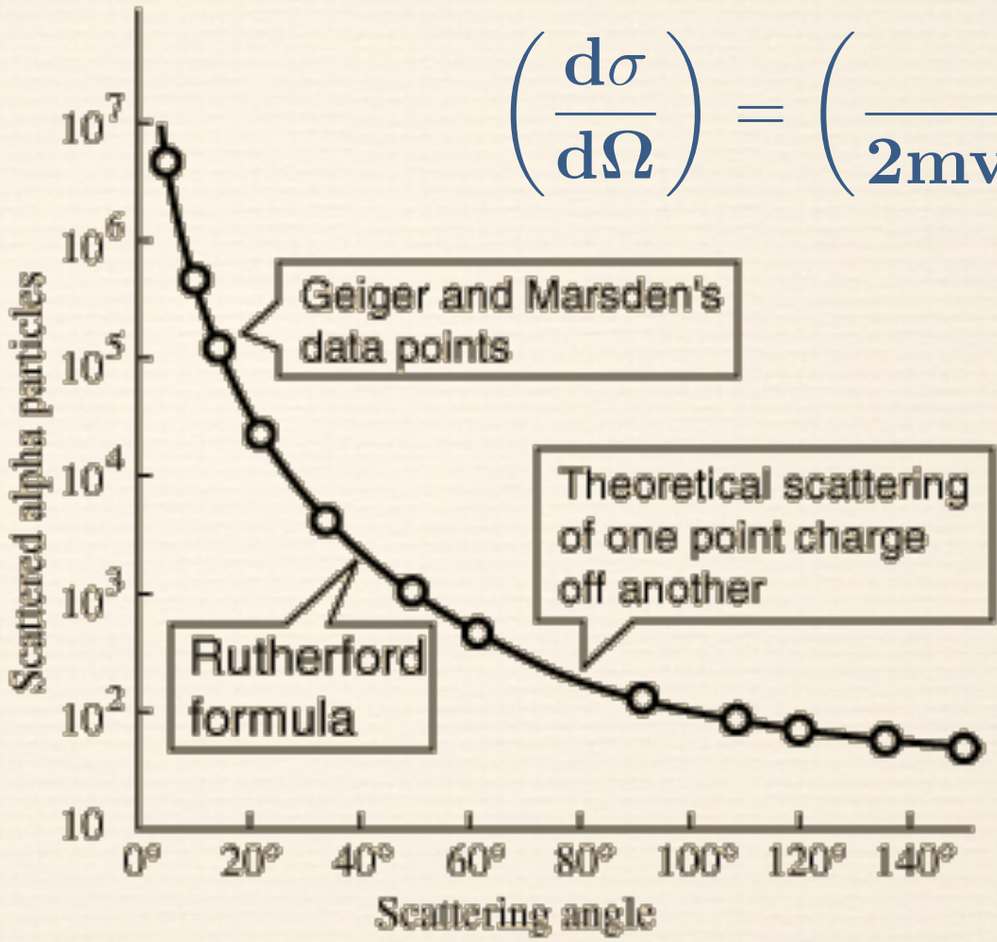

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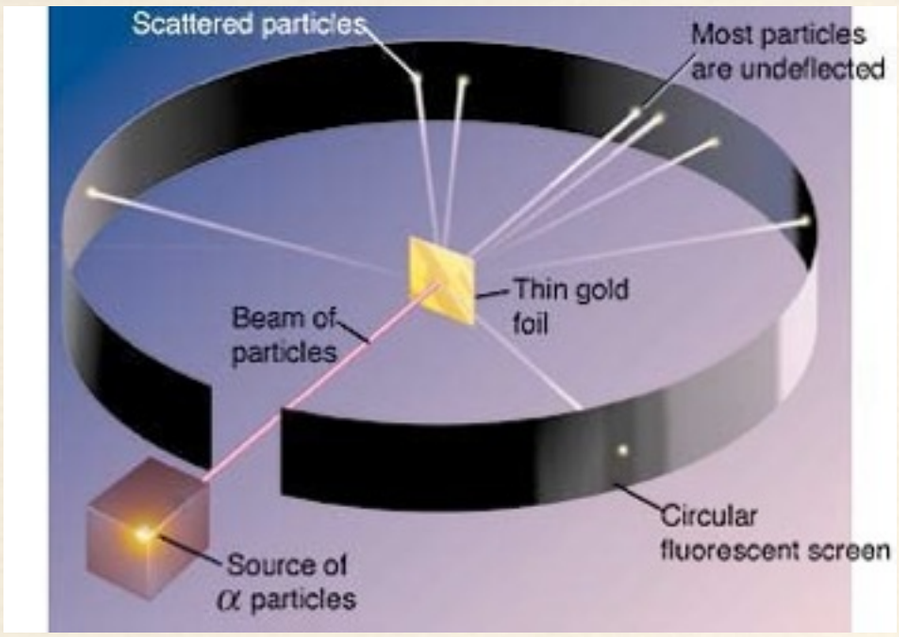

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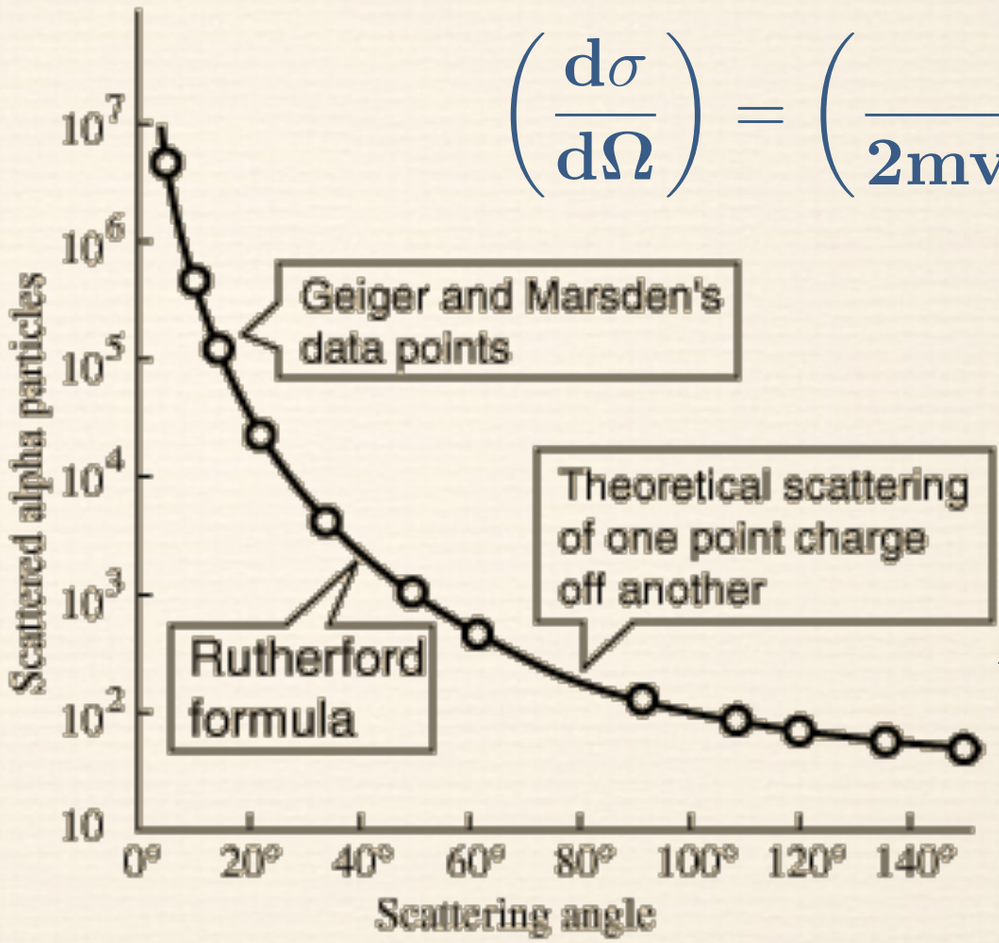

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- *Revolutionized experimentation: particle scattering as a microscope*

A femtoscope

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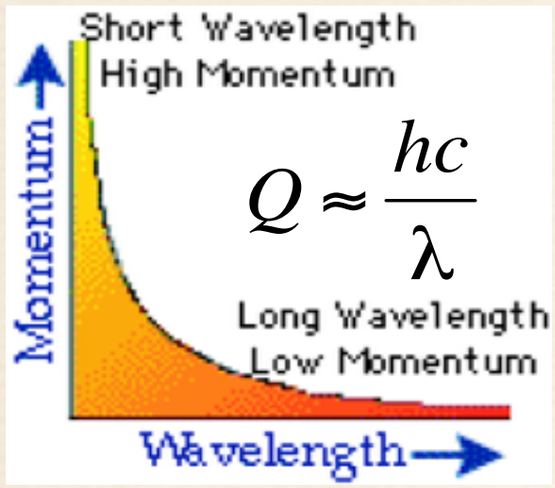

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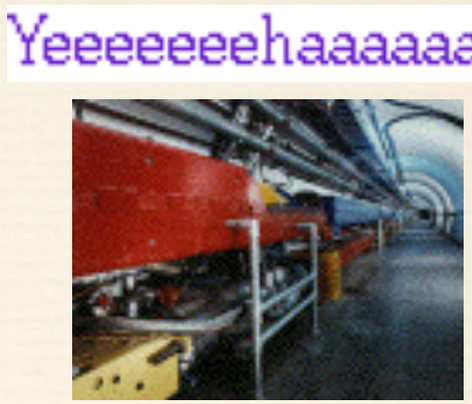

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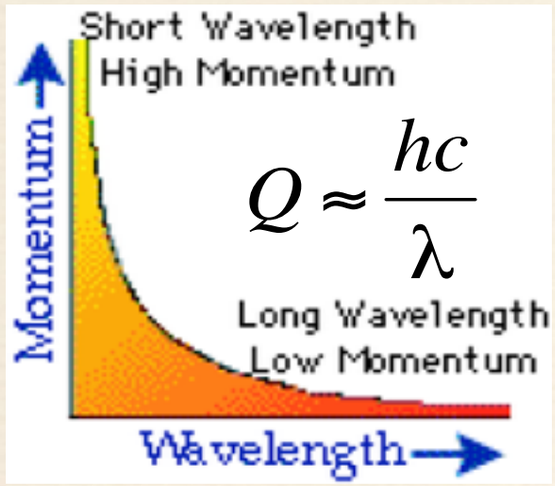

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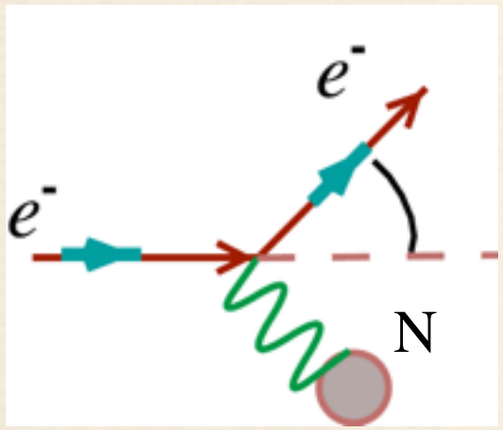

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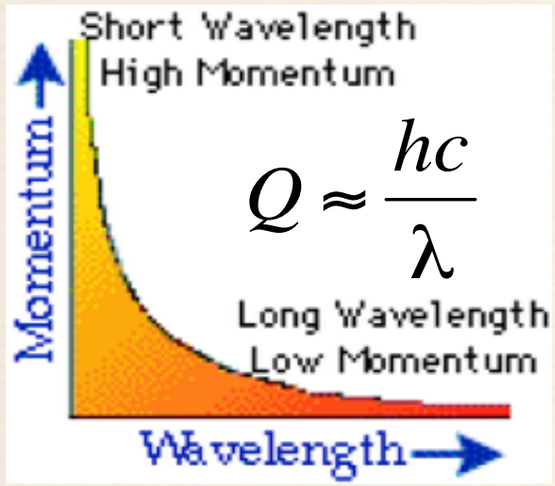

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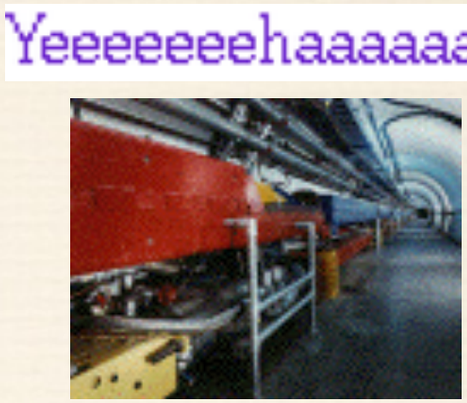

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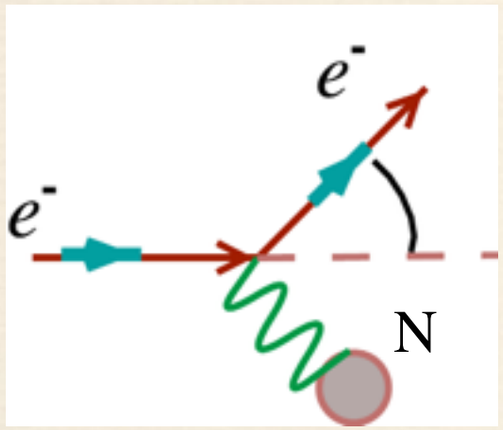

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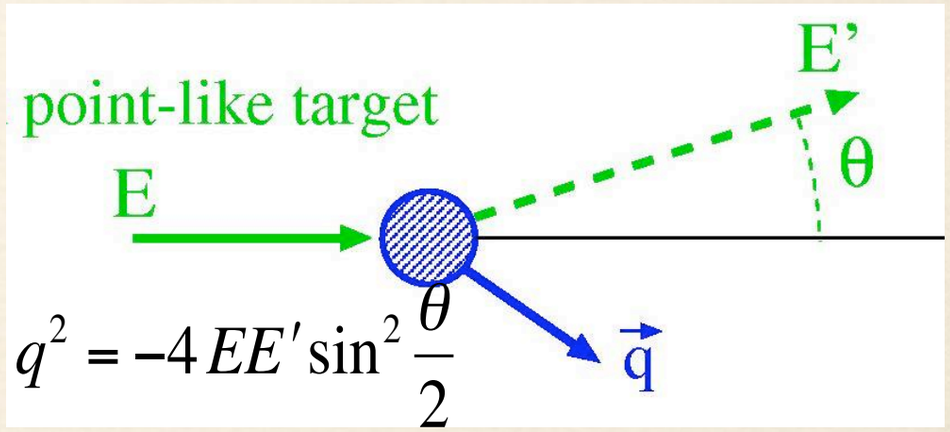

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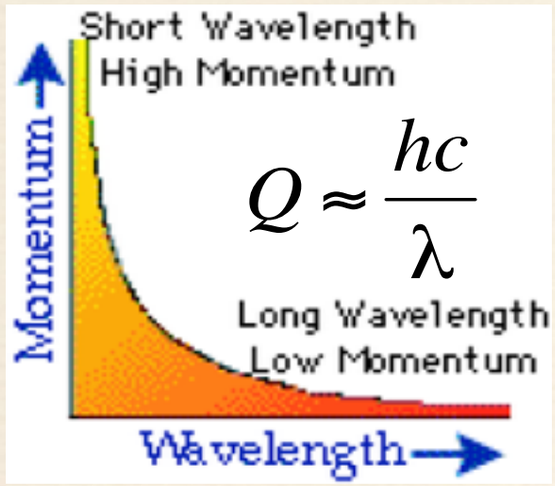

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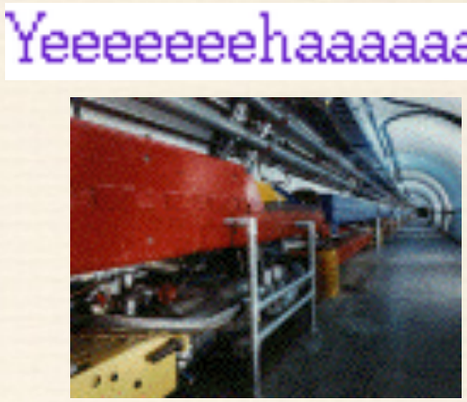

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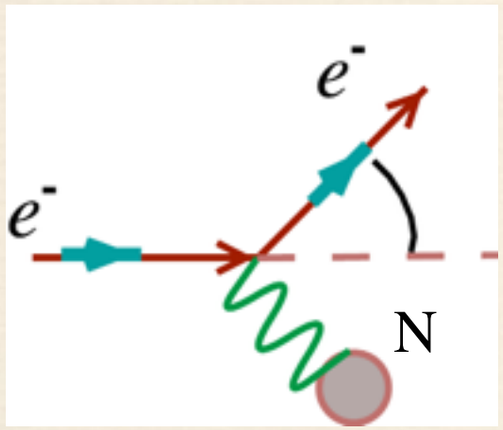

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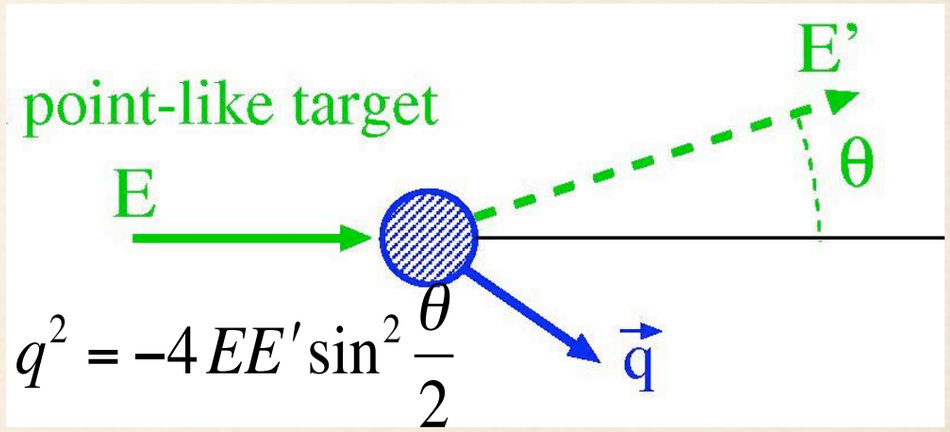

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Powerful technique: high statistics and precise event-by-event kinematic determination

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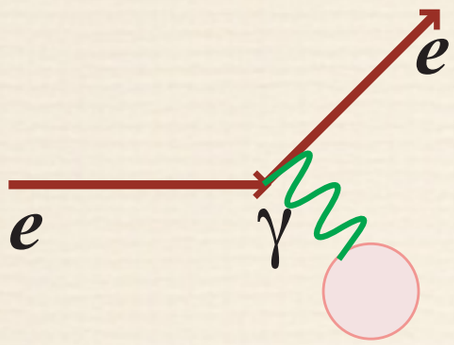

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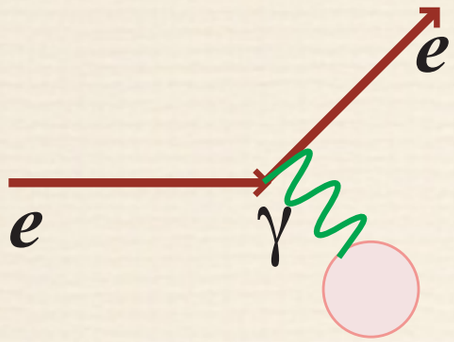

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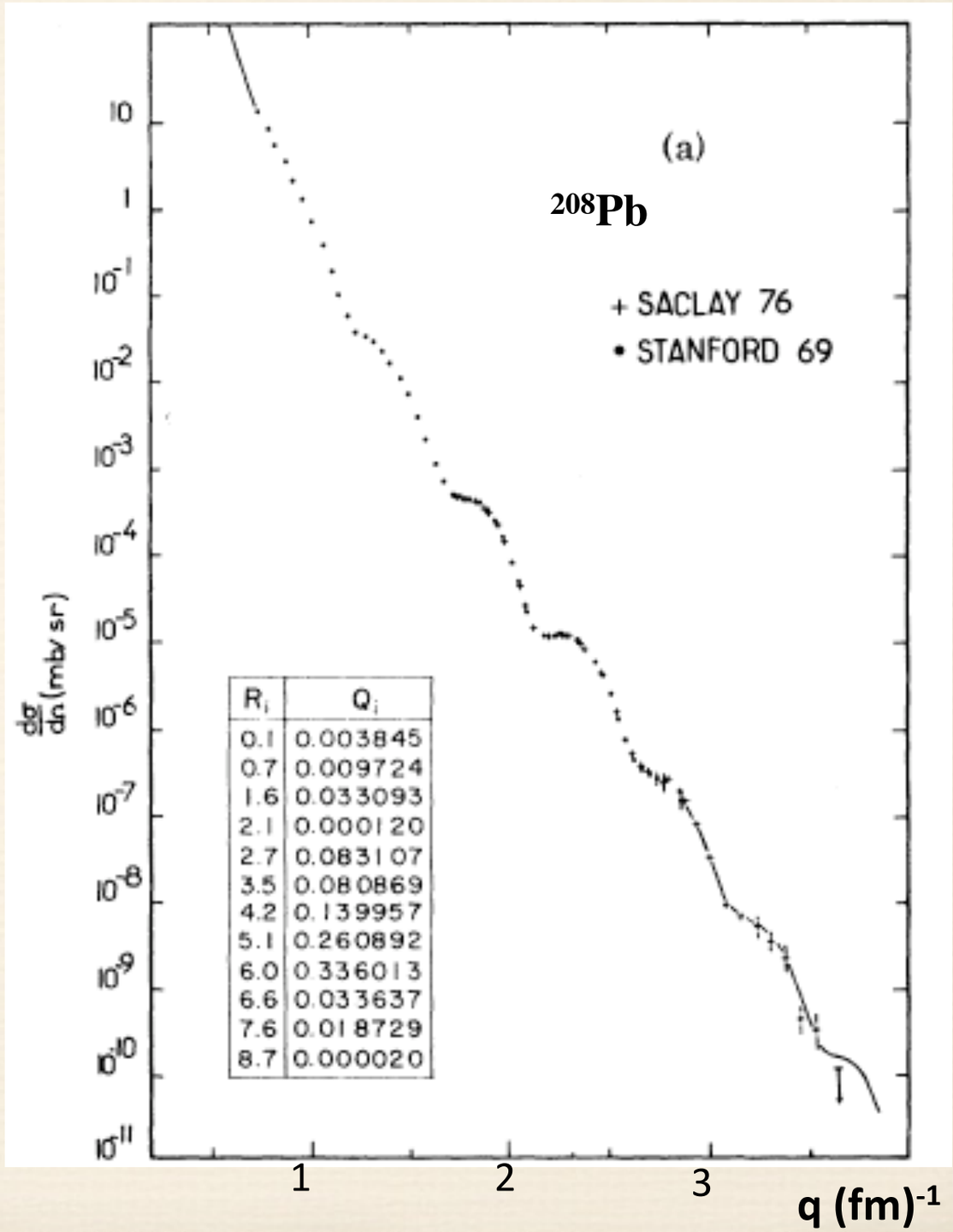

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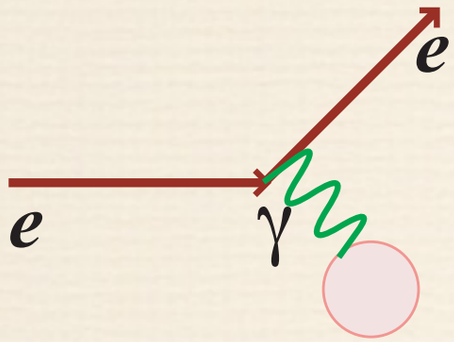

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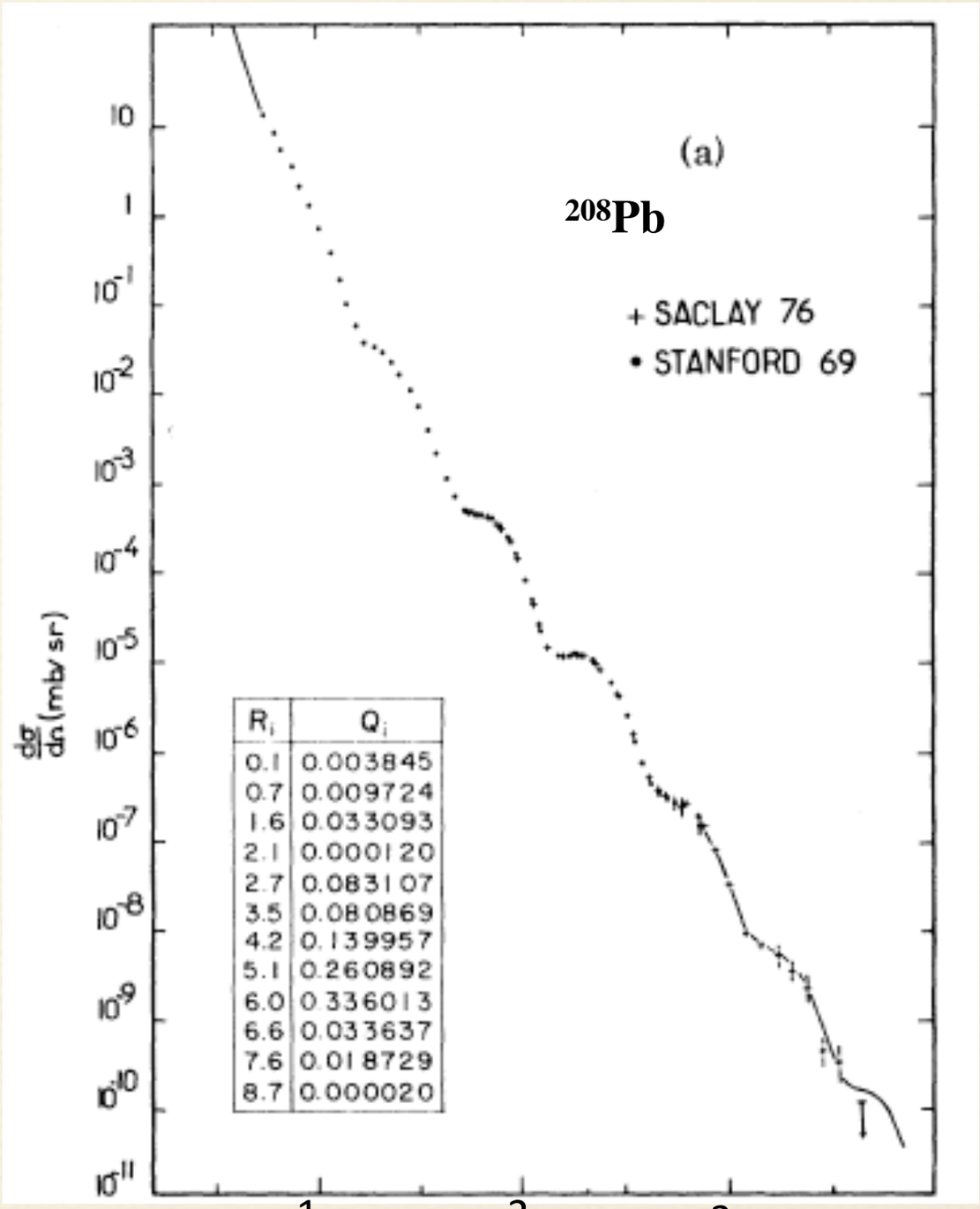

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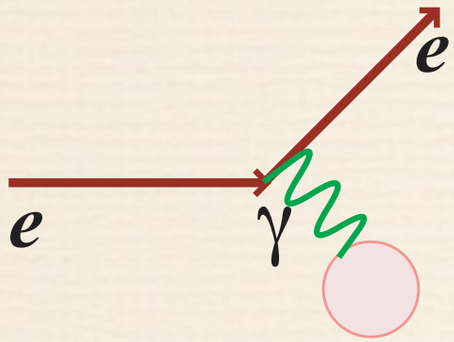

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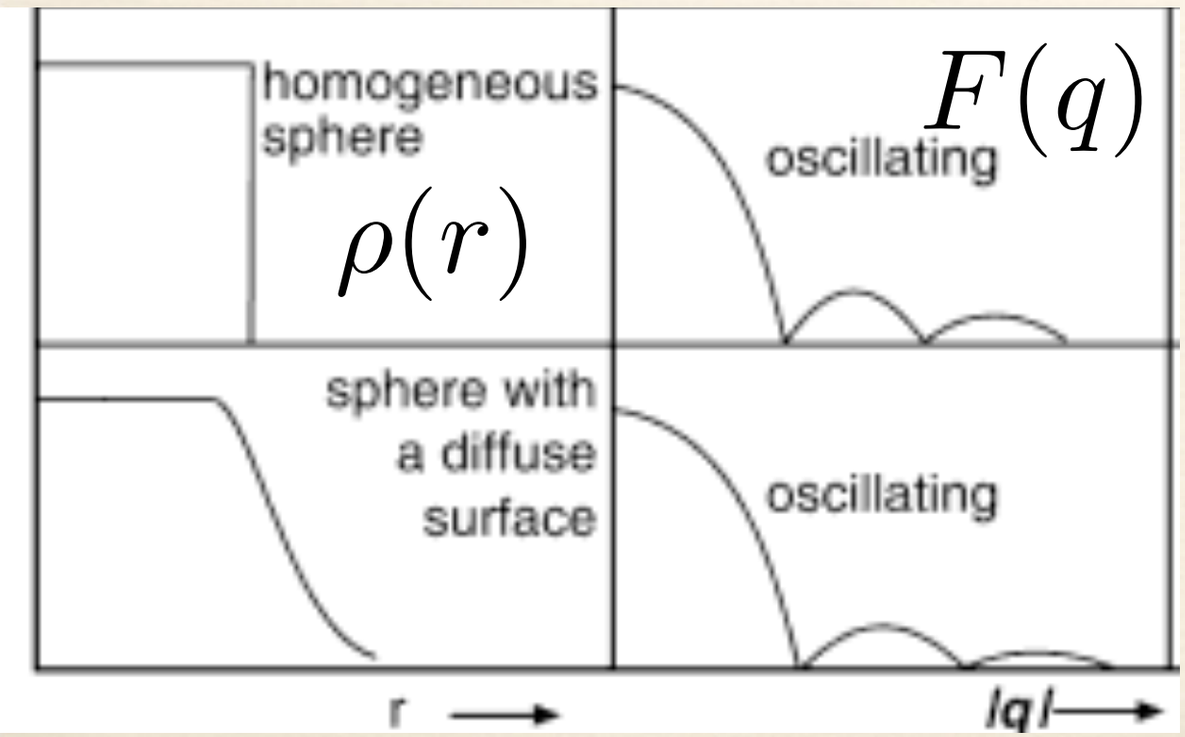

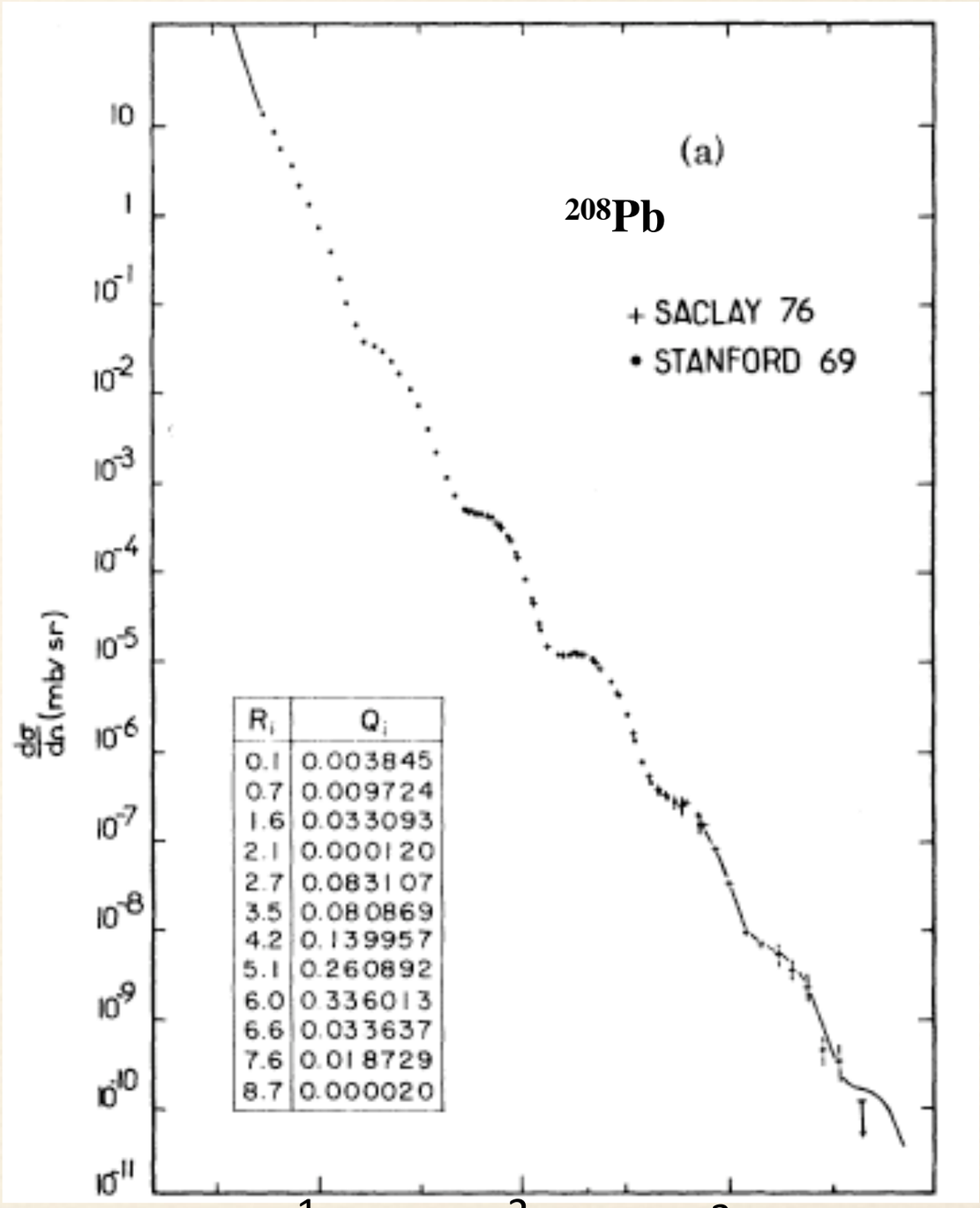

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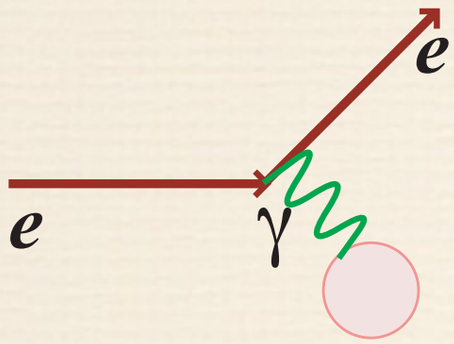

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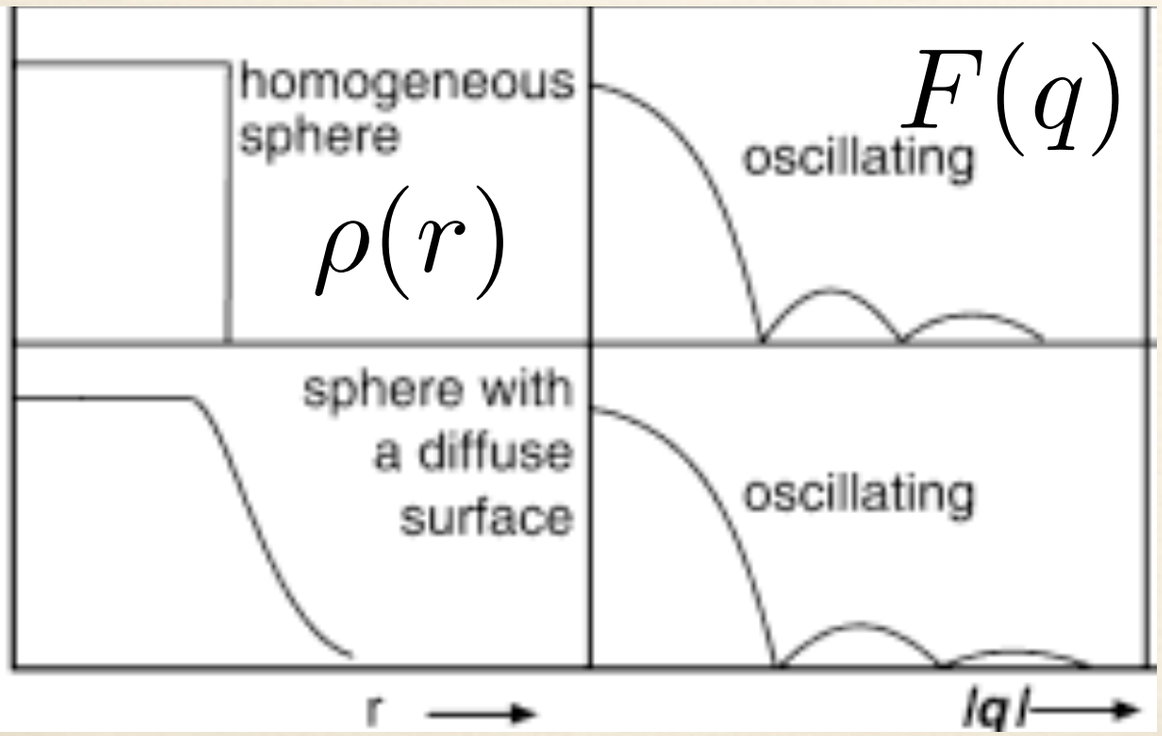

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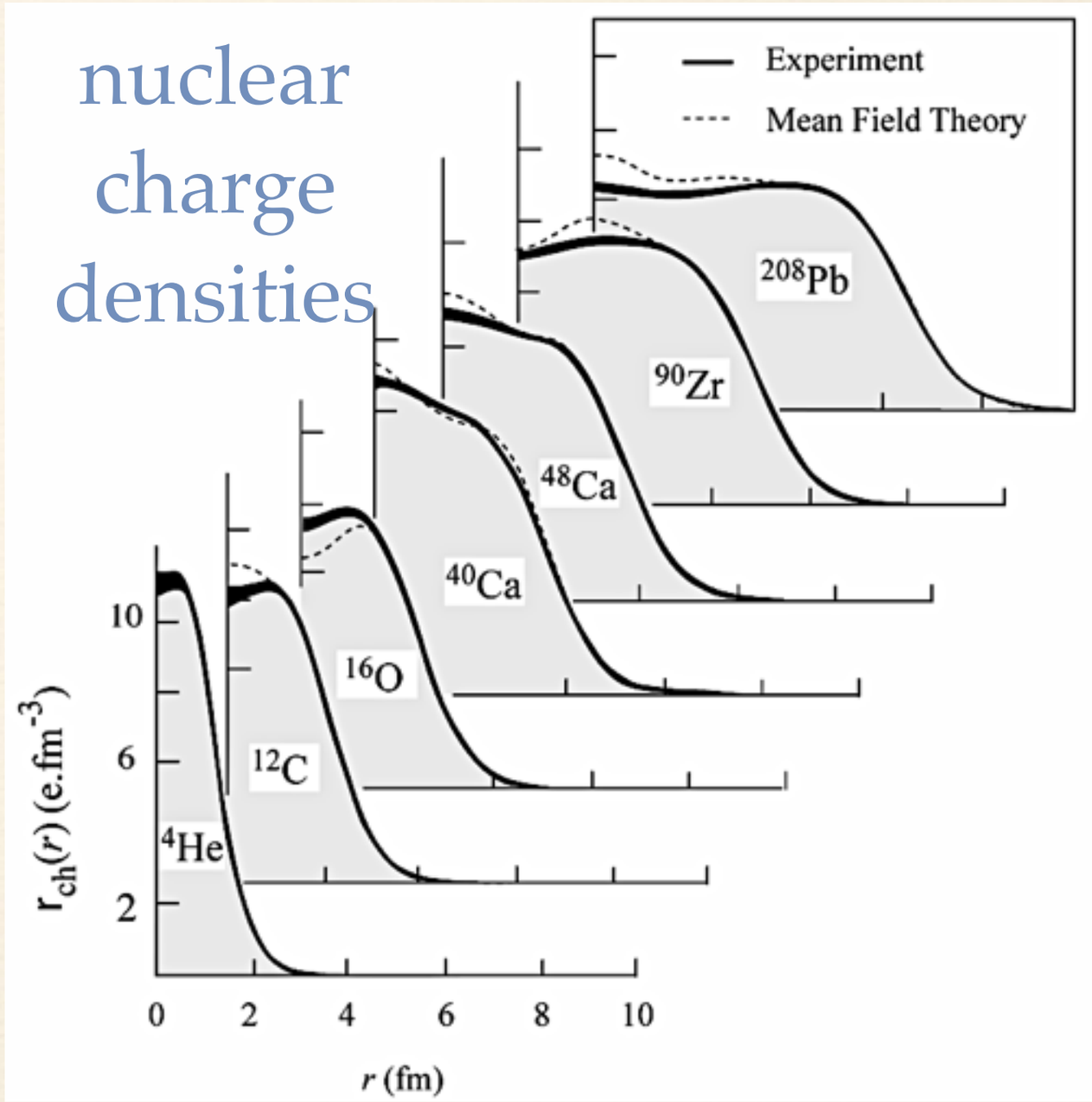

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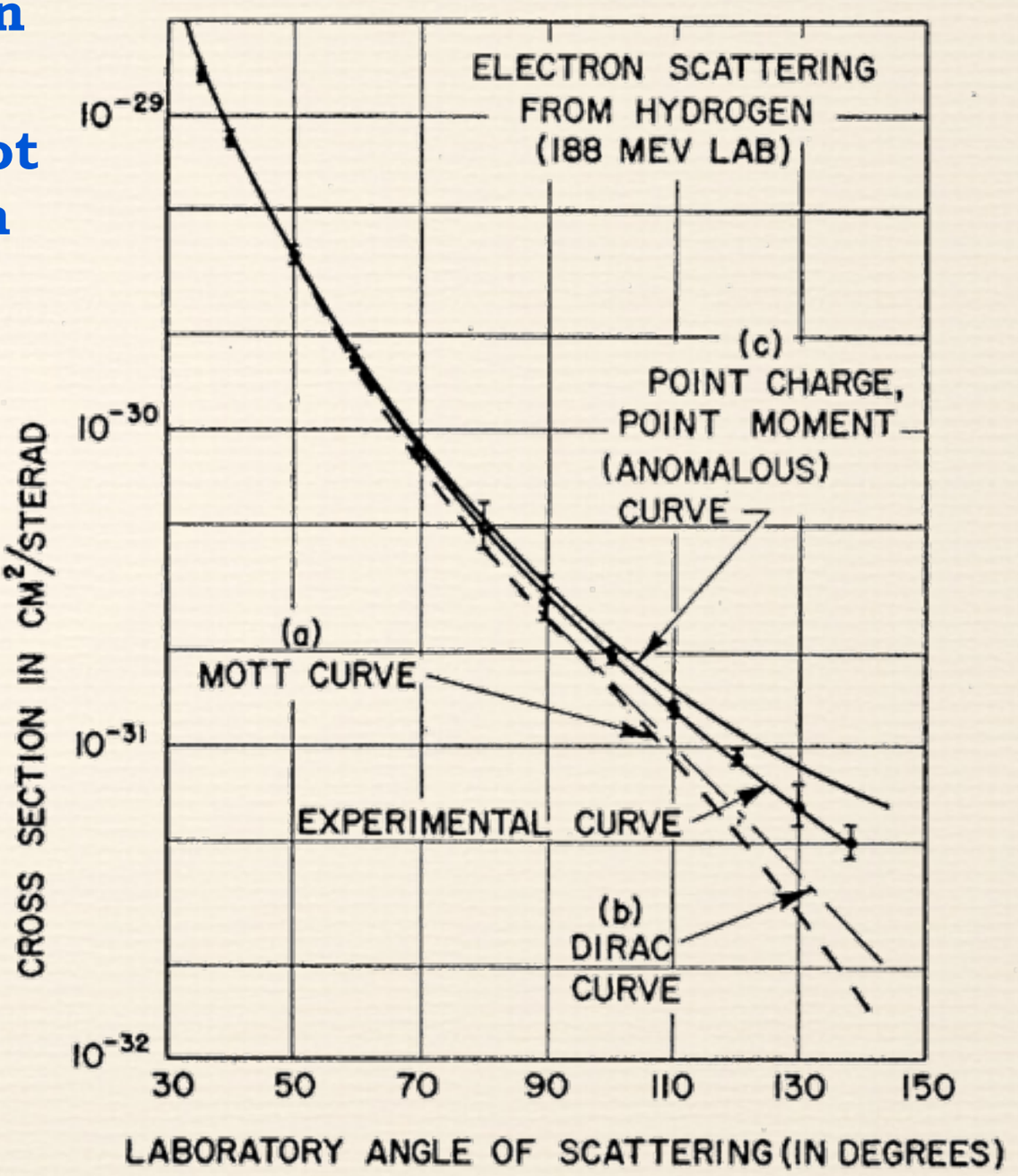

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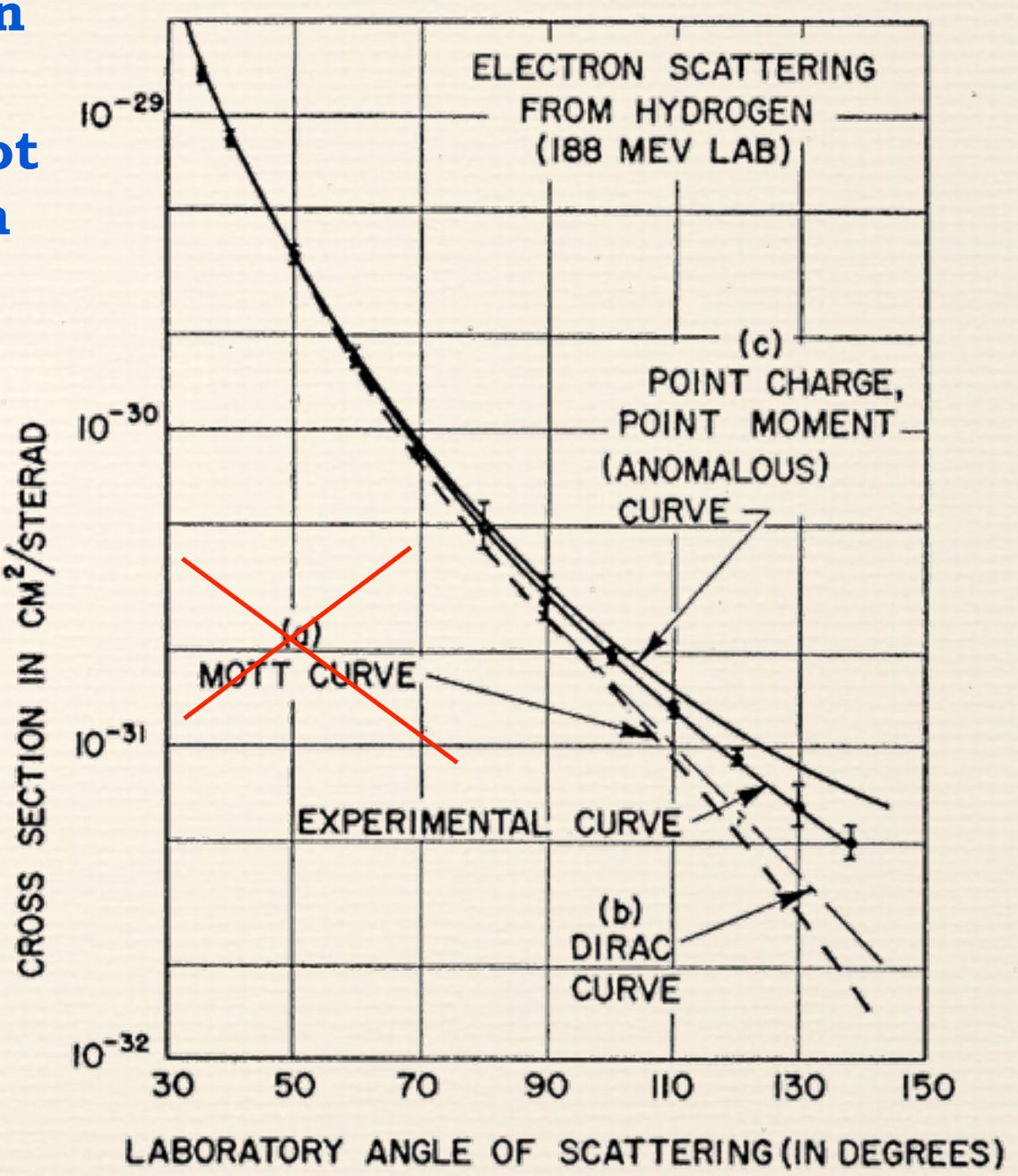

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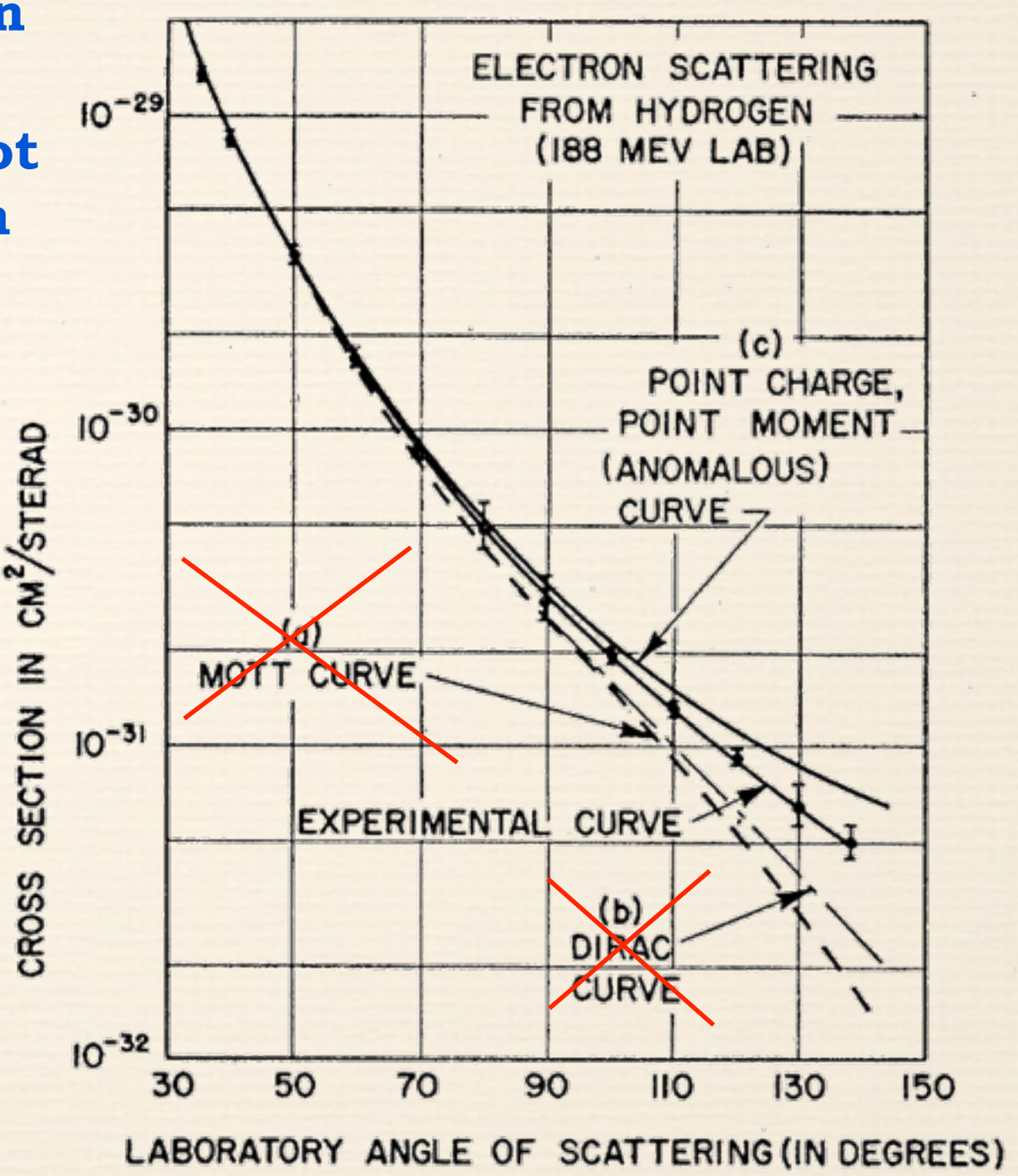

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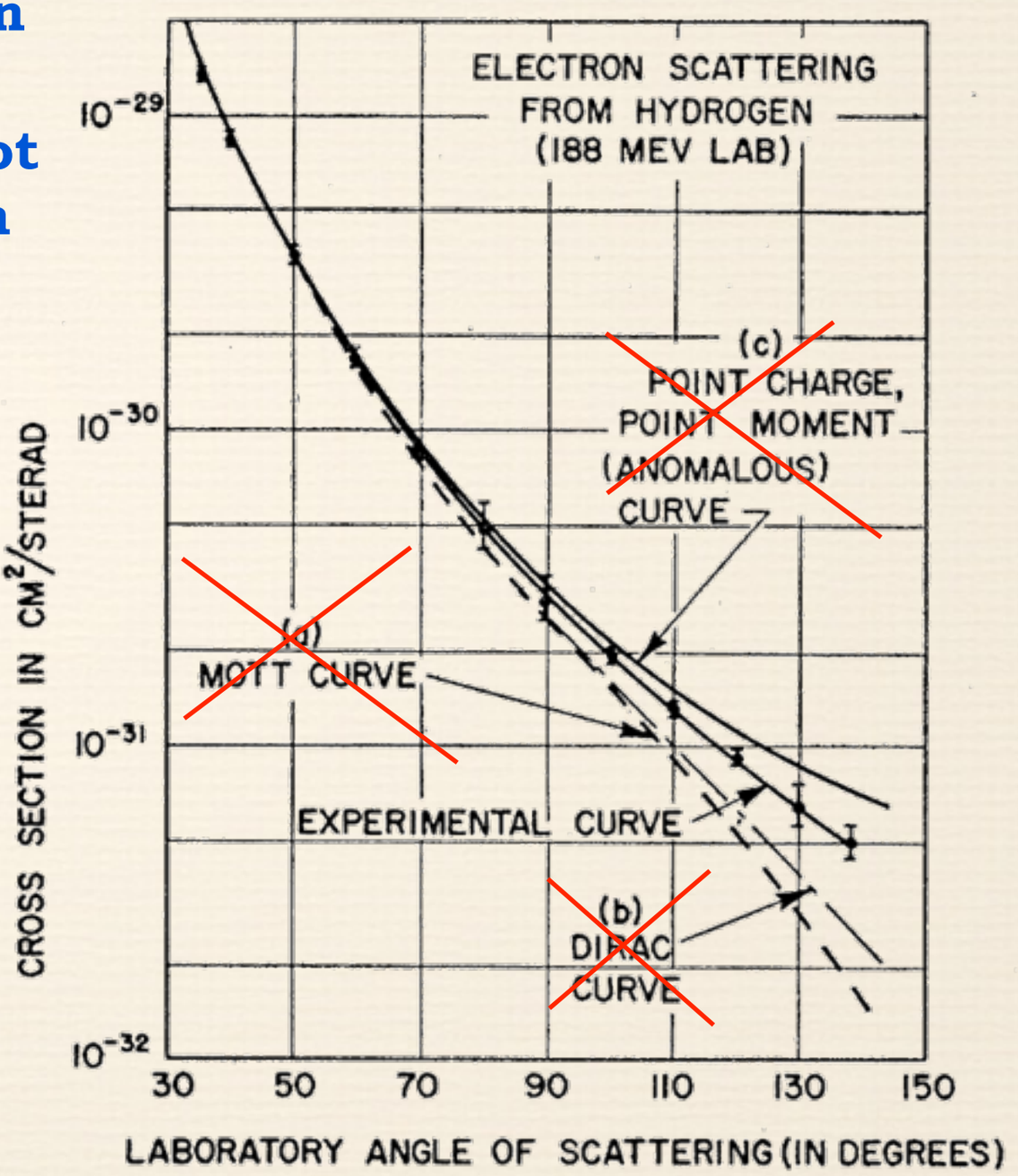

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Robert Hofstadter –
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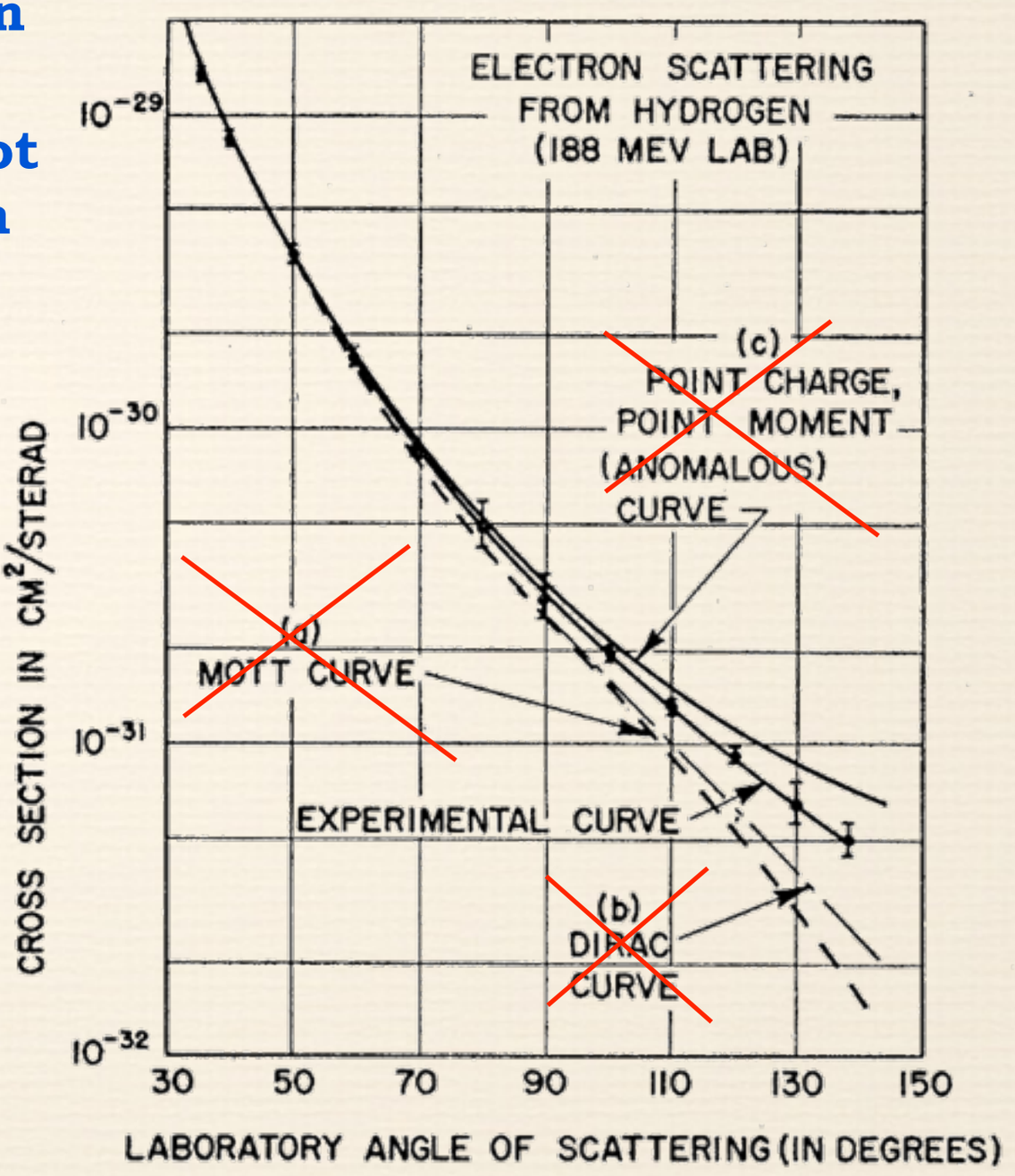

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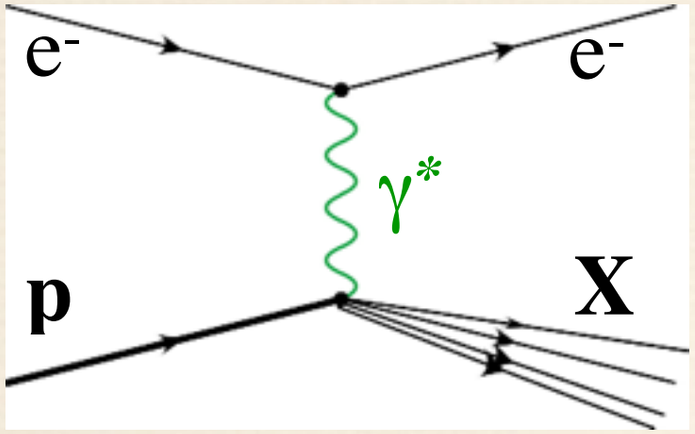

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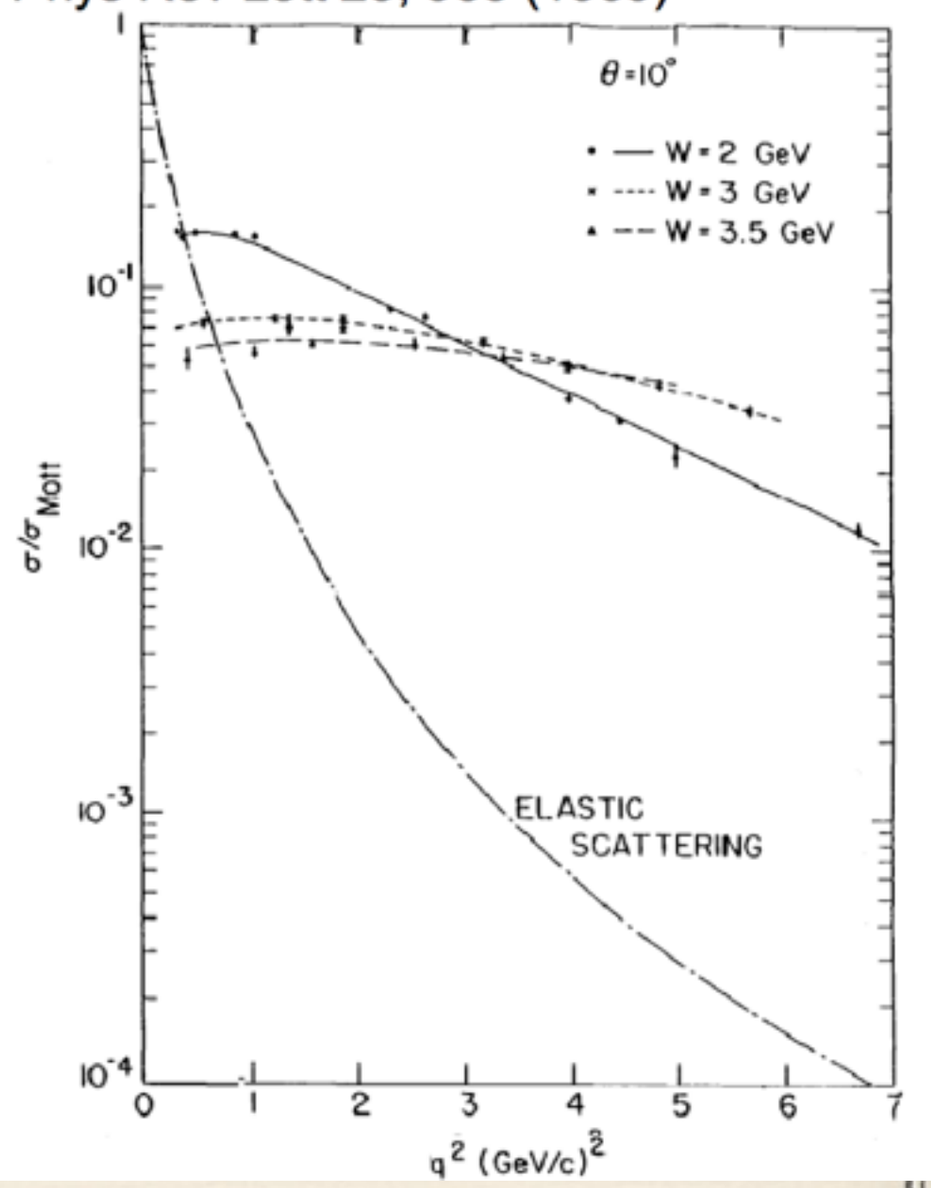
M. Briedenbach et al,
Phys Rev Lett 23, 935 (1969)



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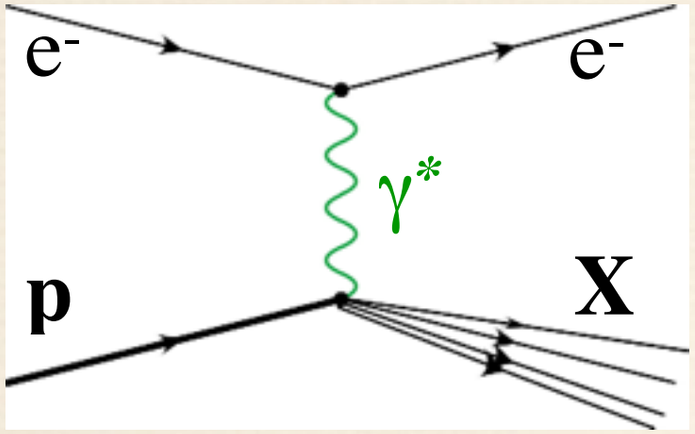

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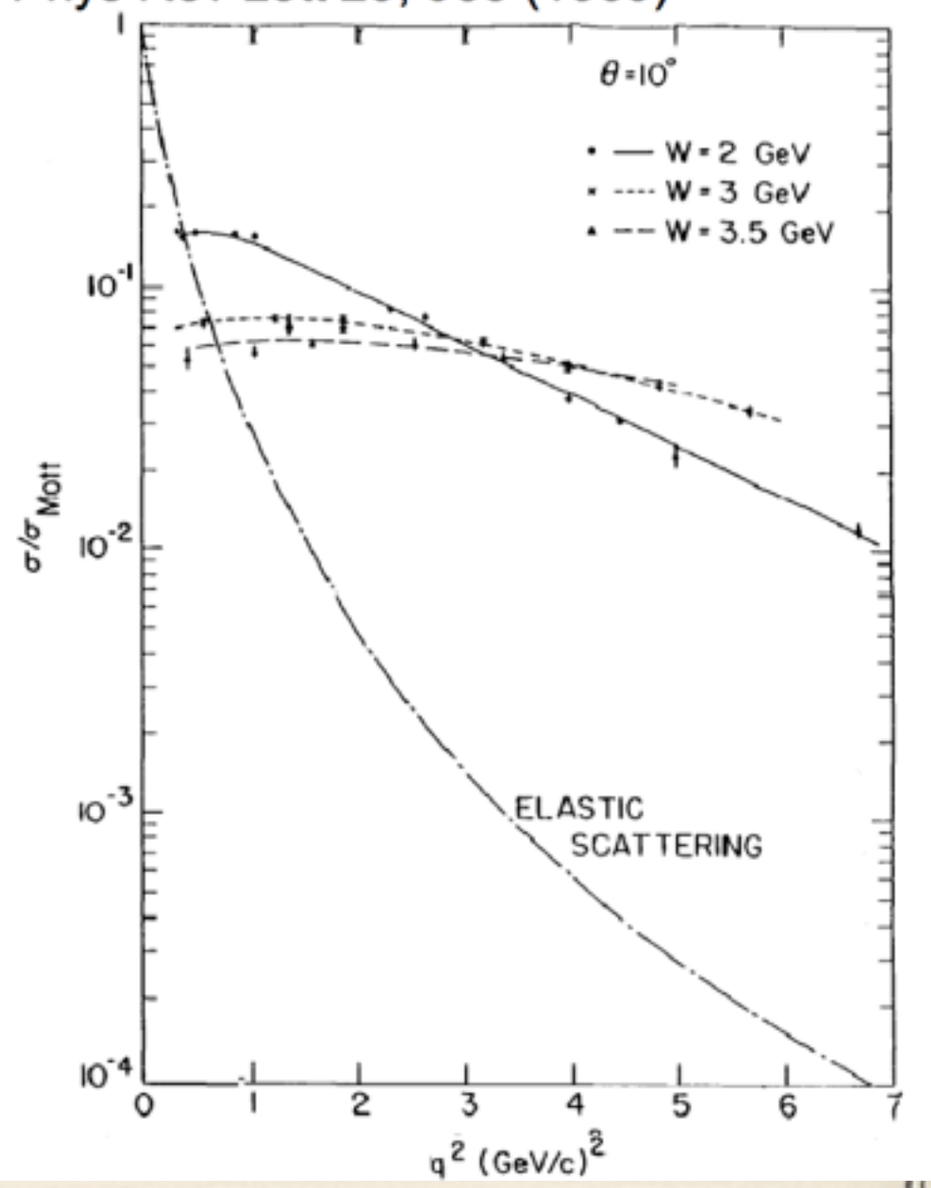

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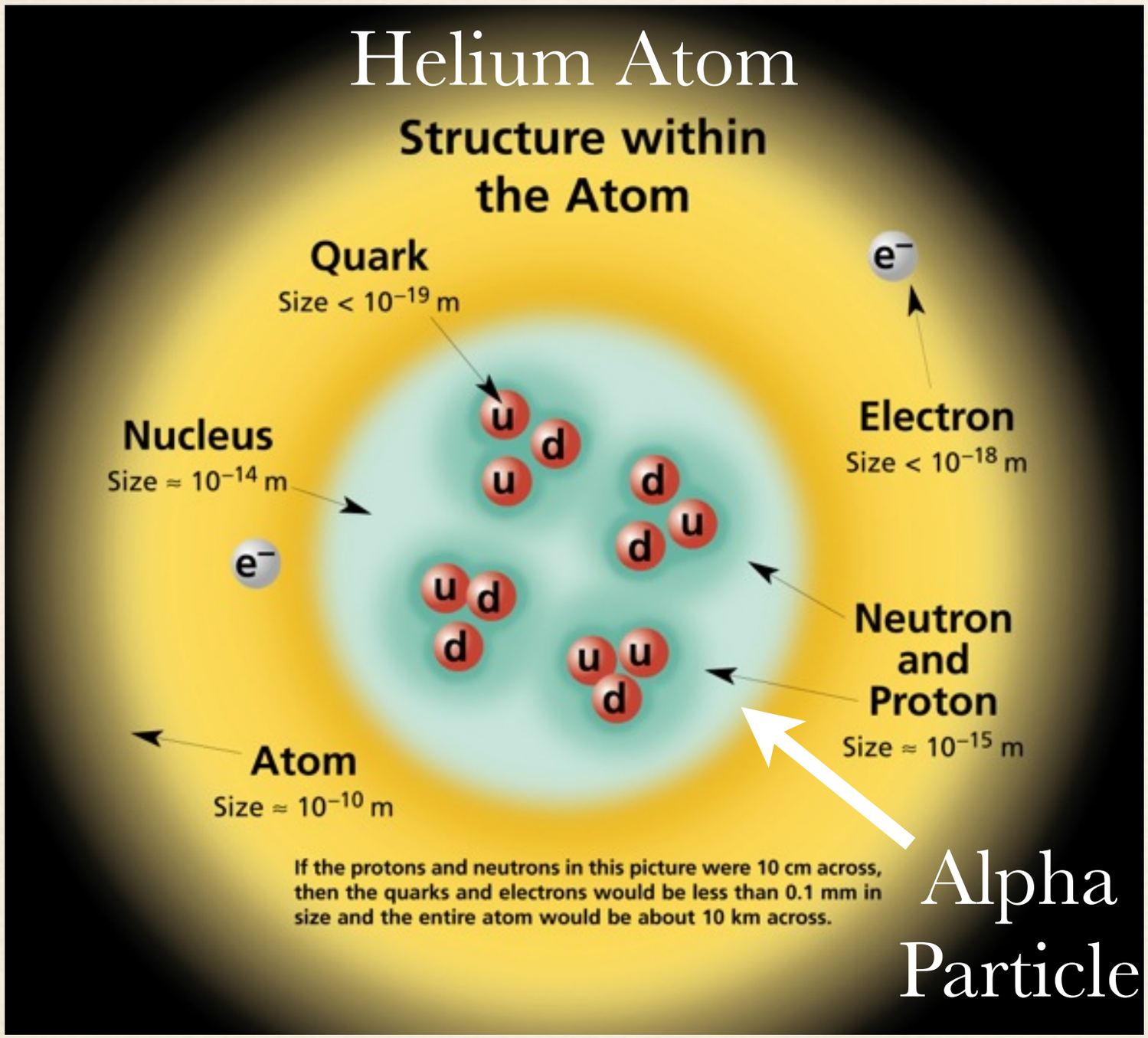

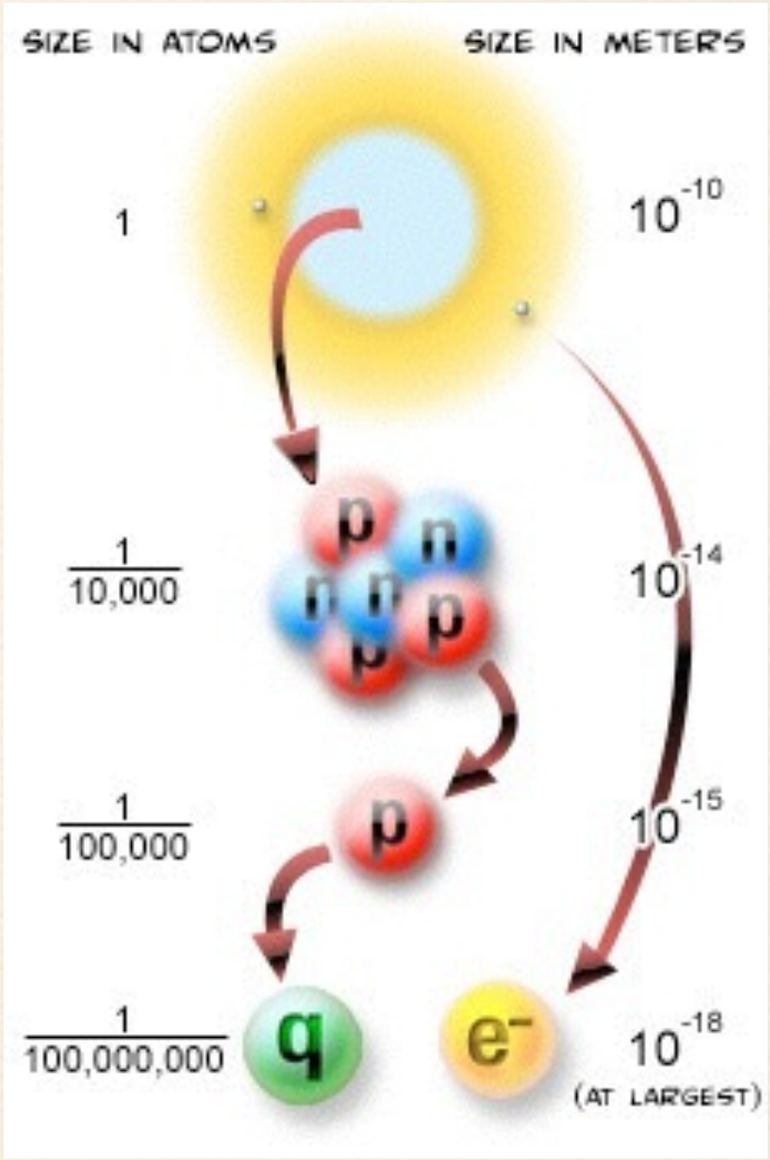

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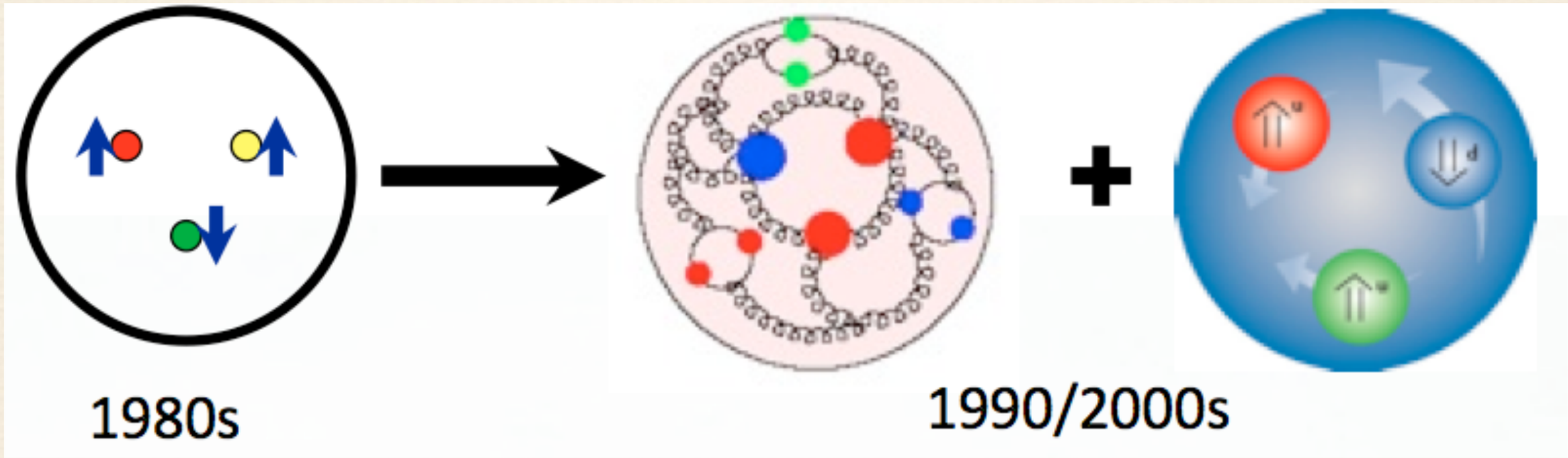

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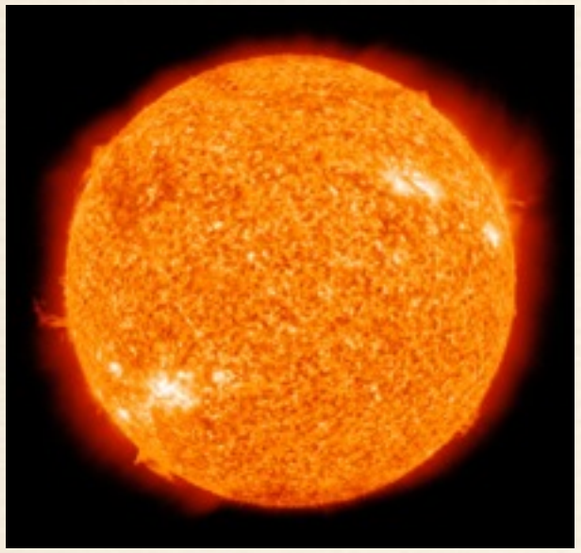

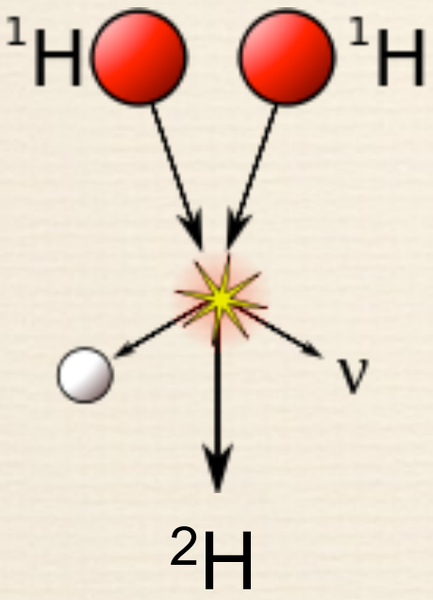

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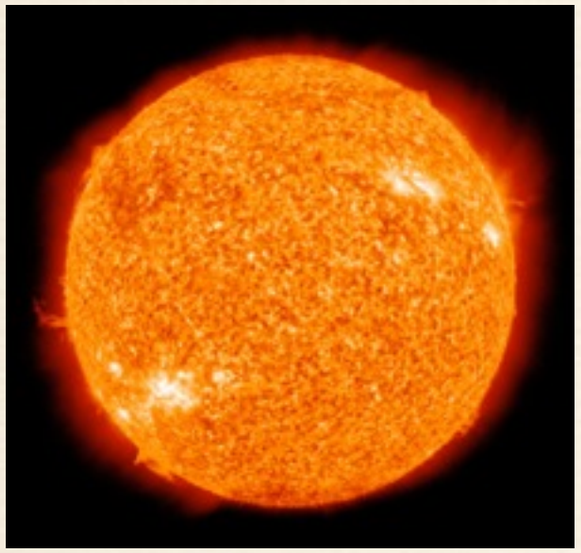

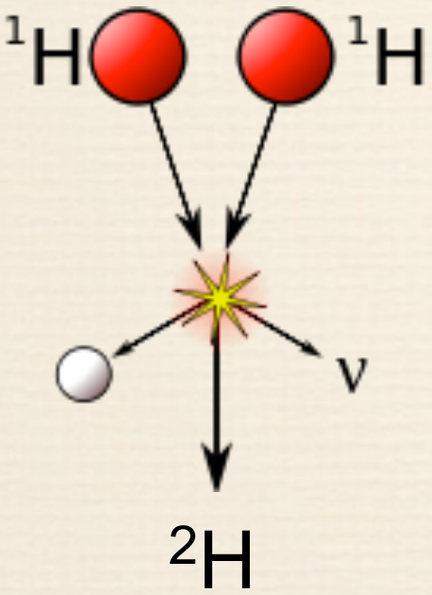

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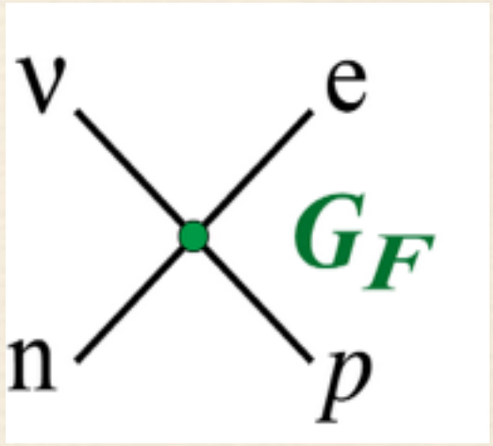

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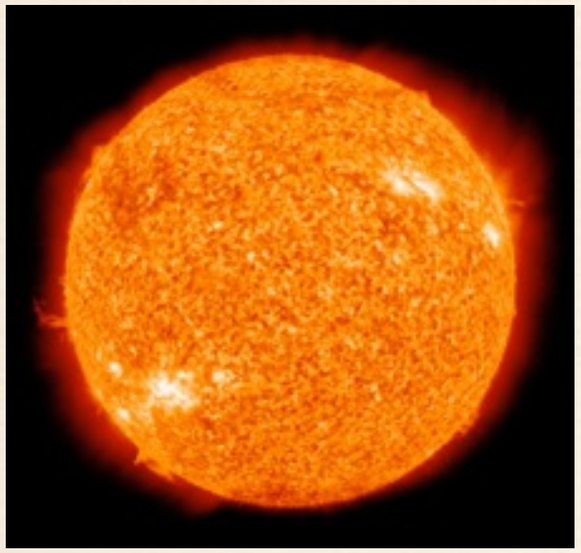

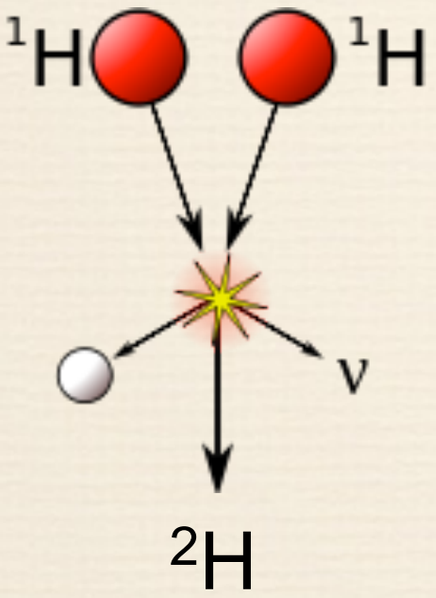

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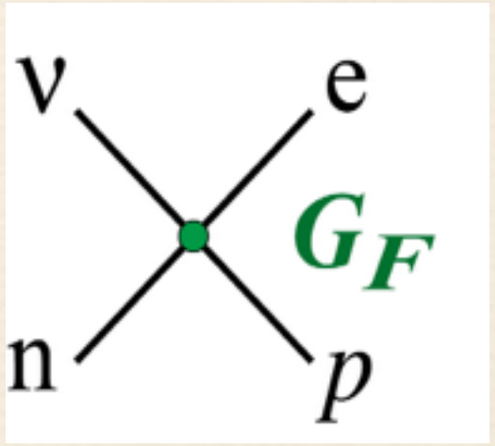

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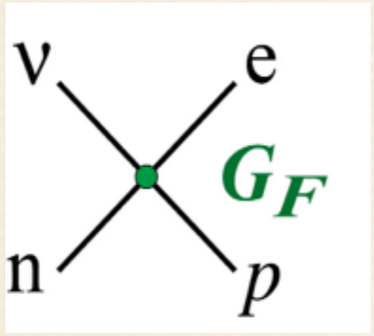

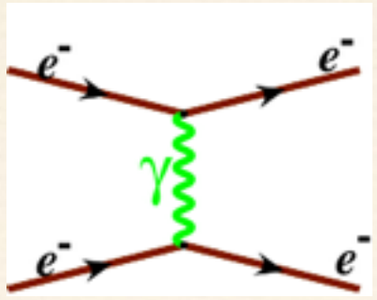

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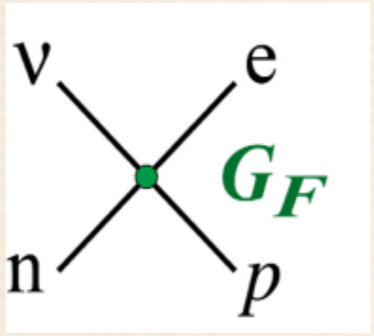

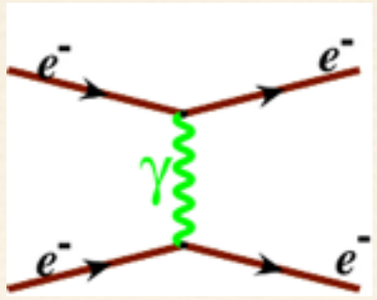

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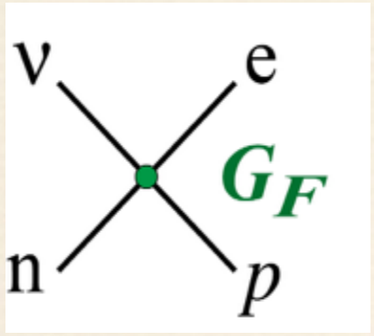

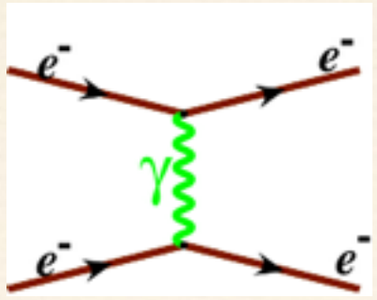

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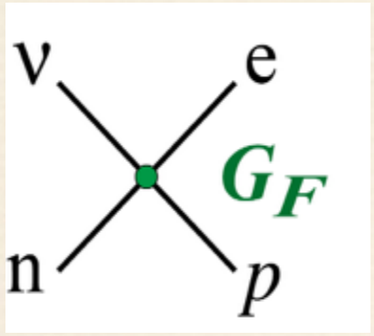

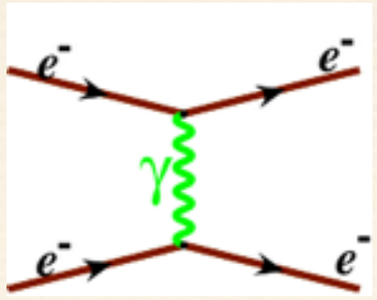

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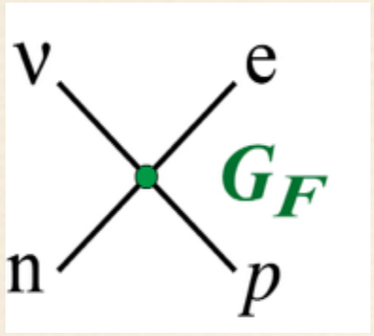

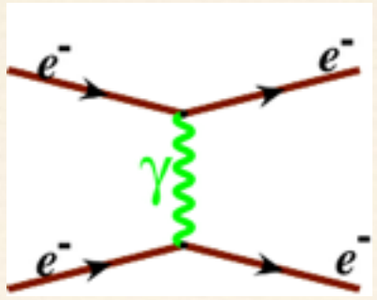

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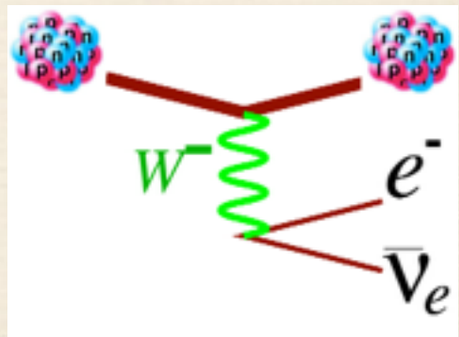

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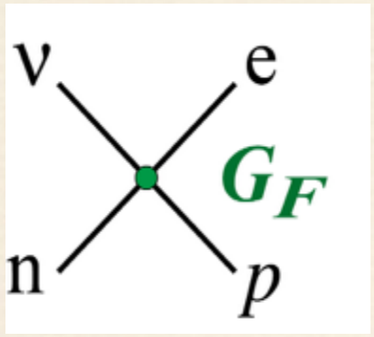

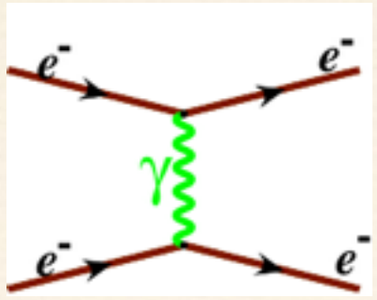

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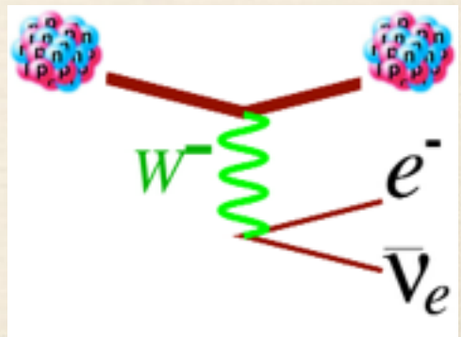

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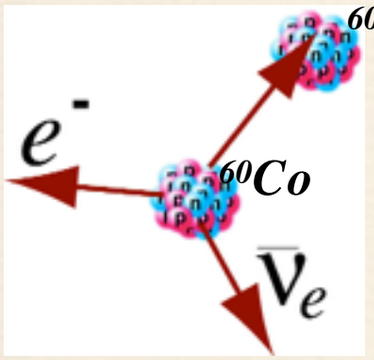

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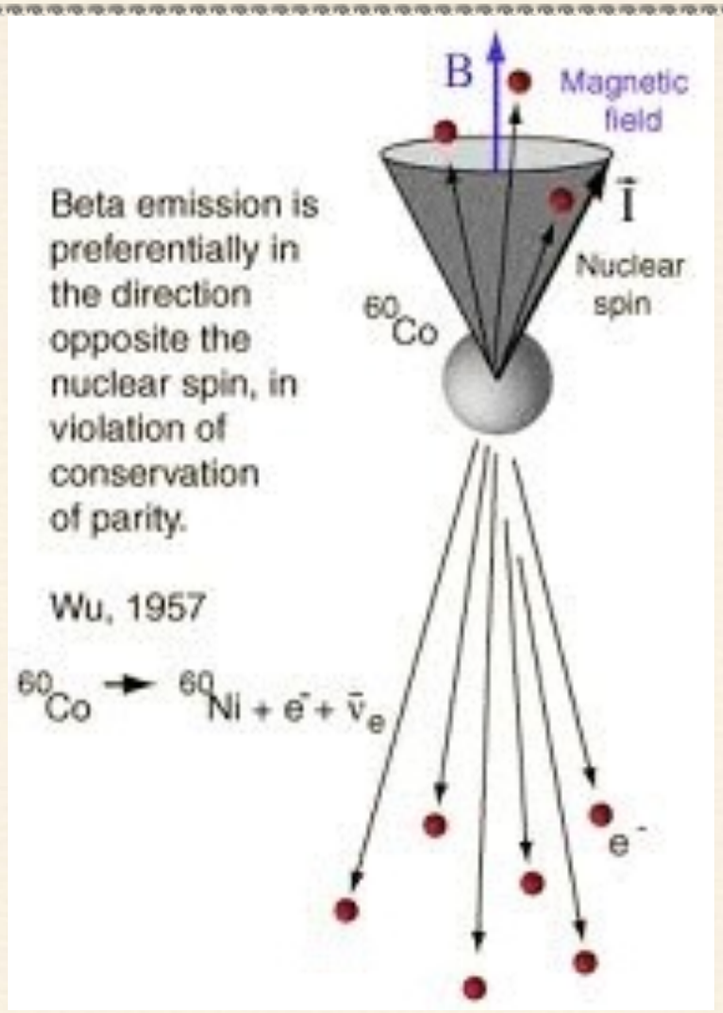

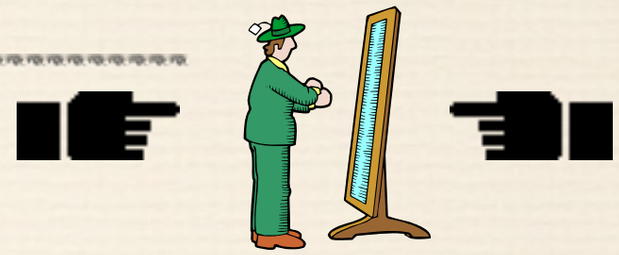

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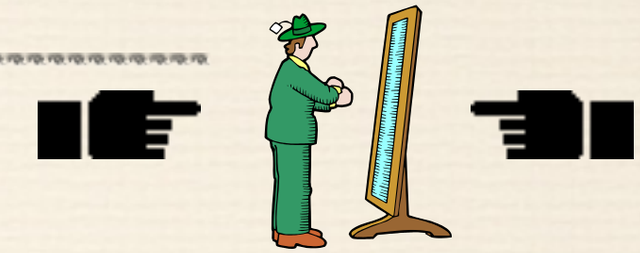

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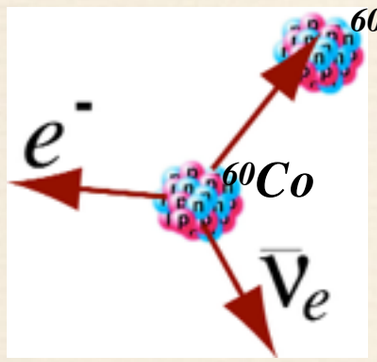

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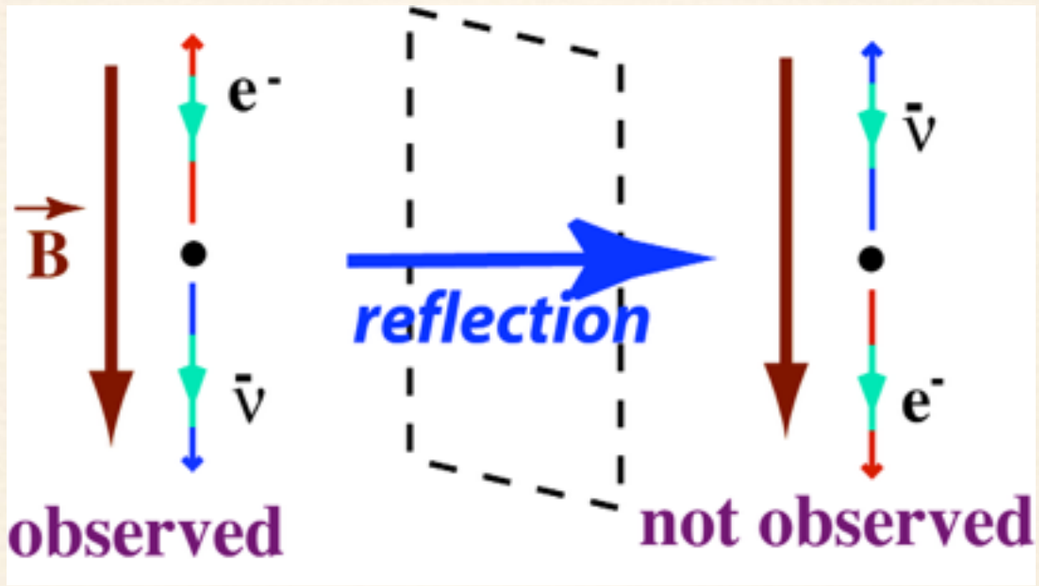

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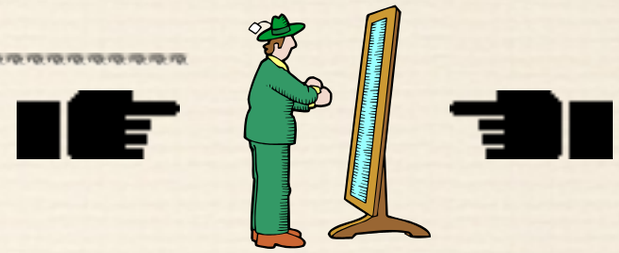

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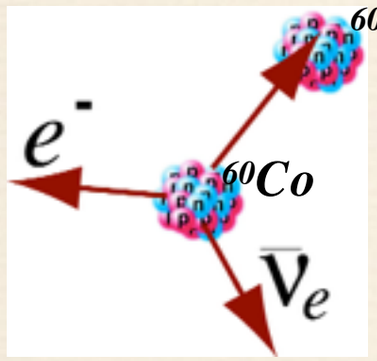

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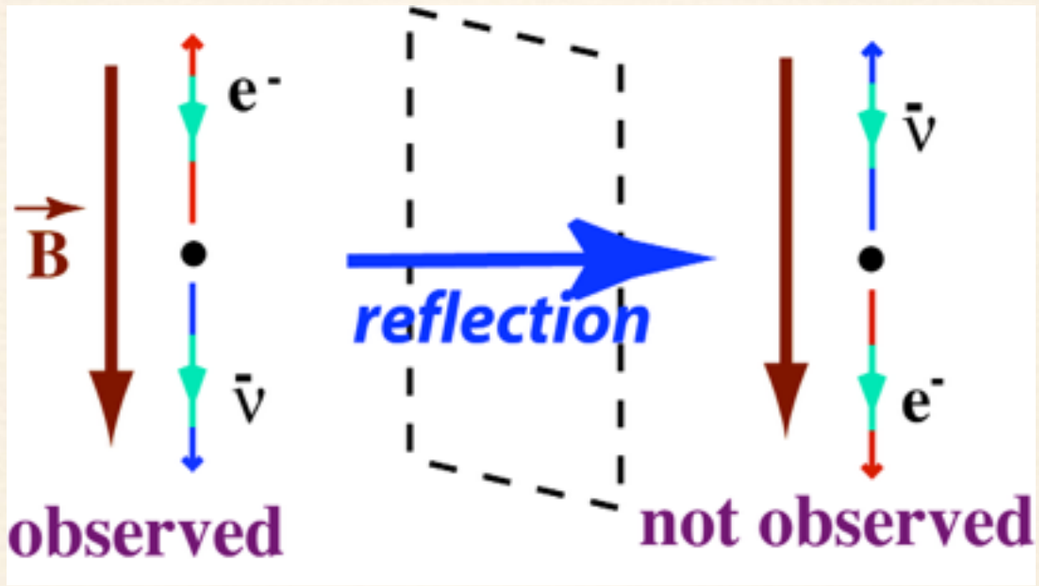

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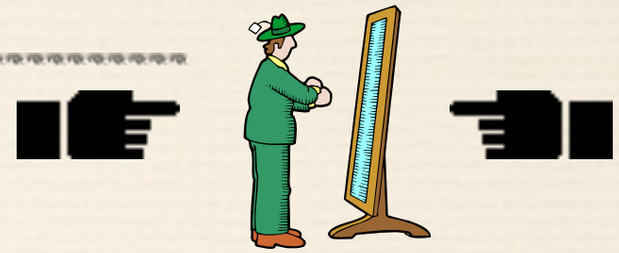

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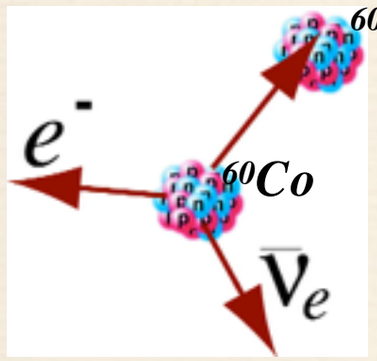

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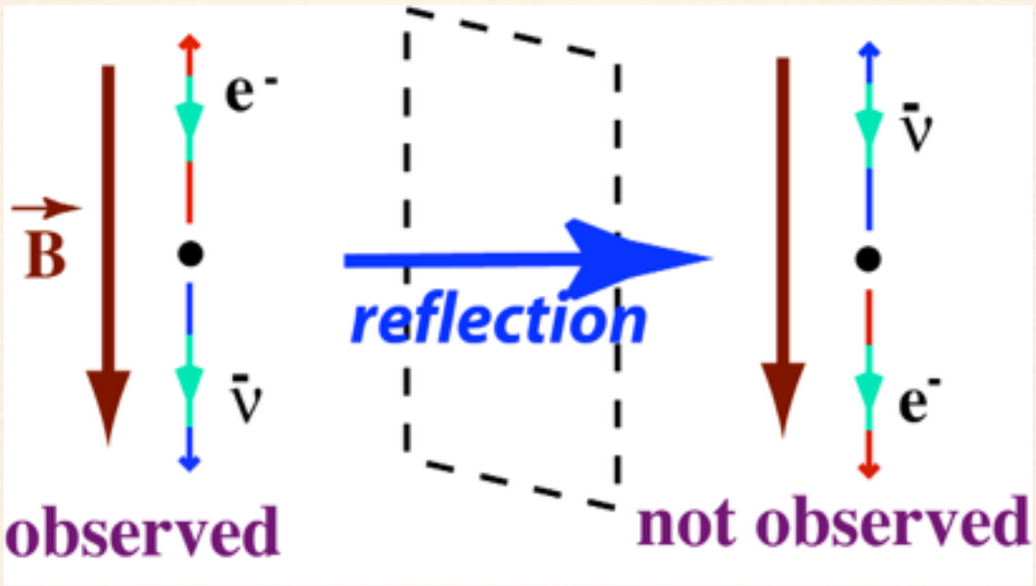

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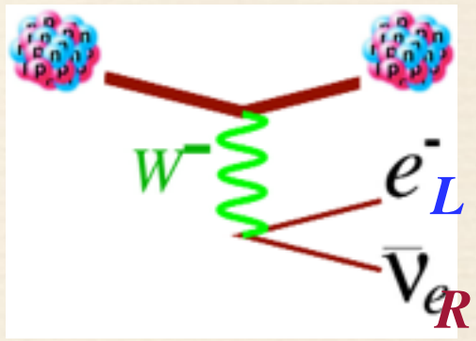

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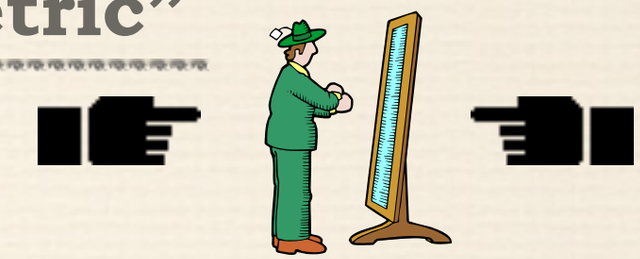

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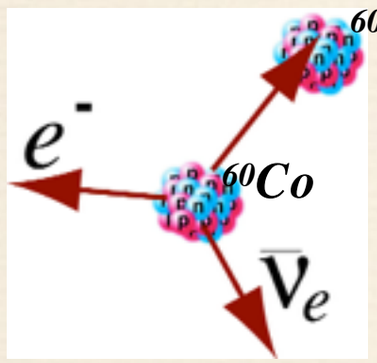

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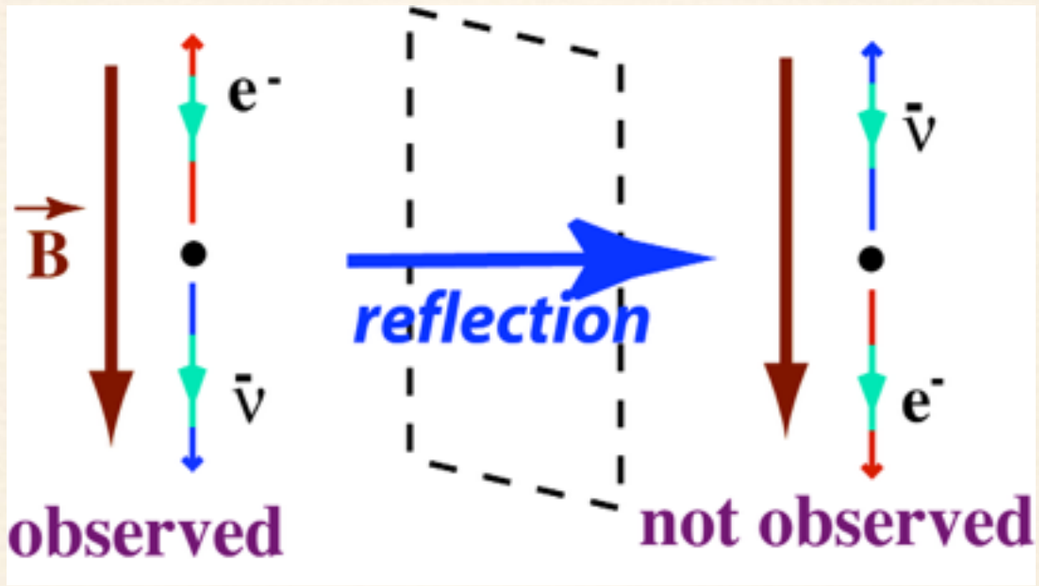

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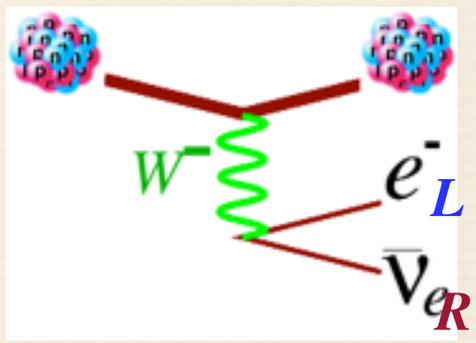

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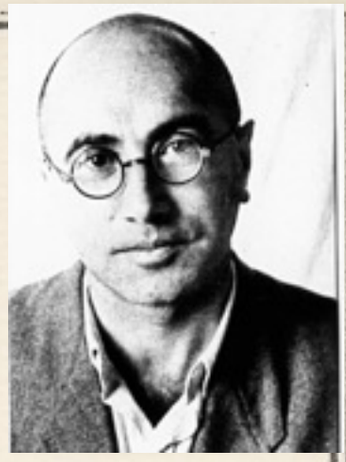

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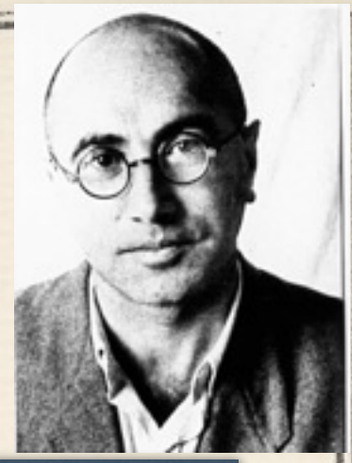

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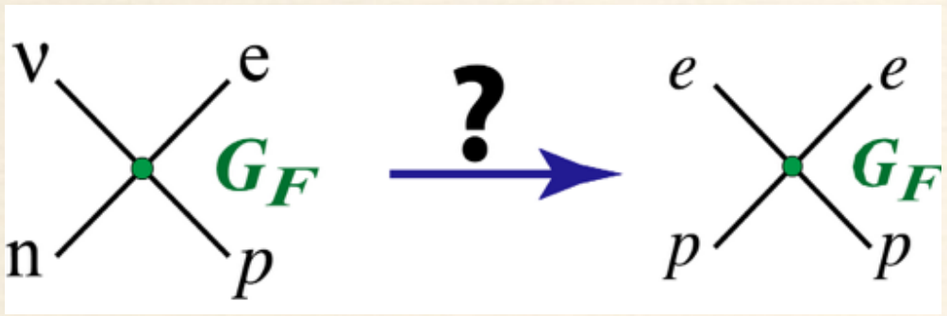

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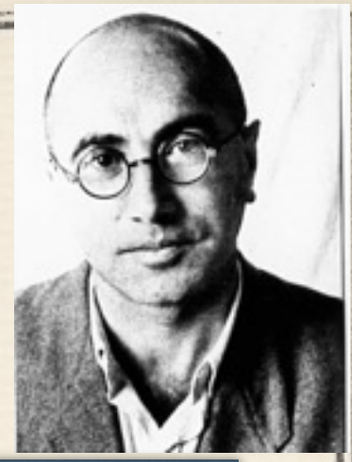

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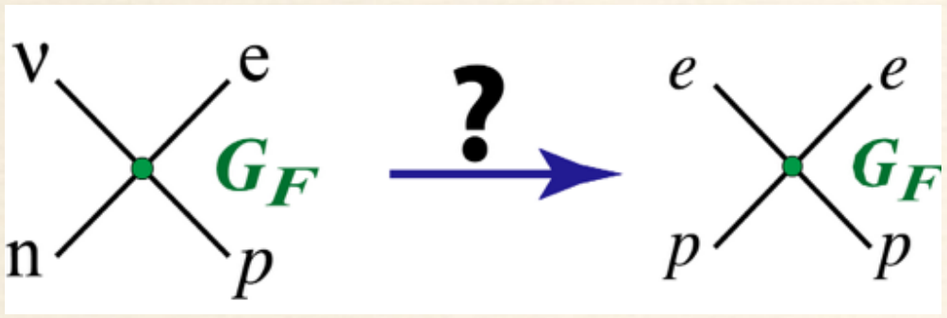

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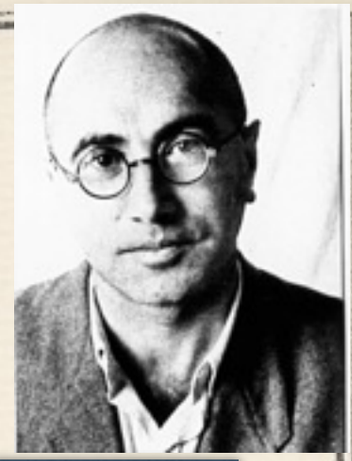

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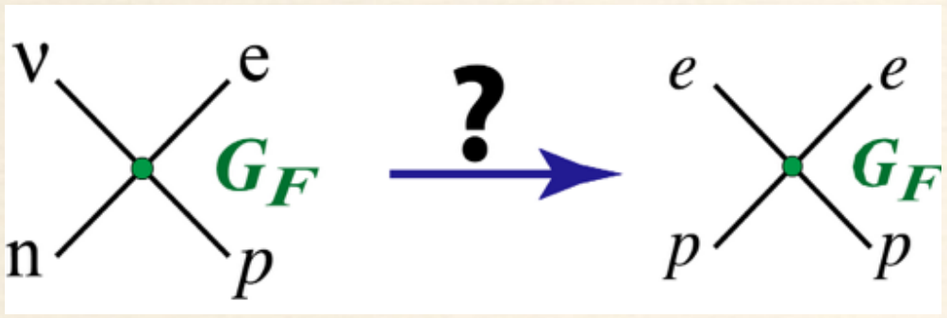

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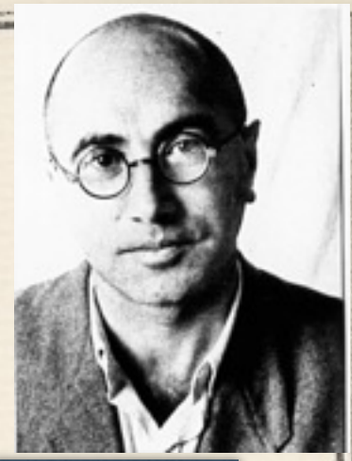

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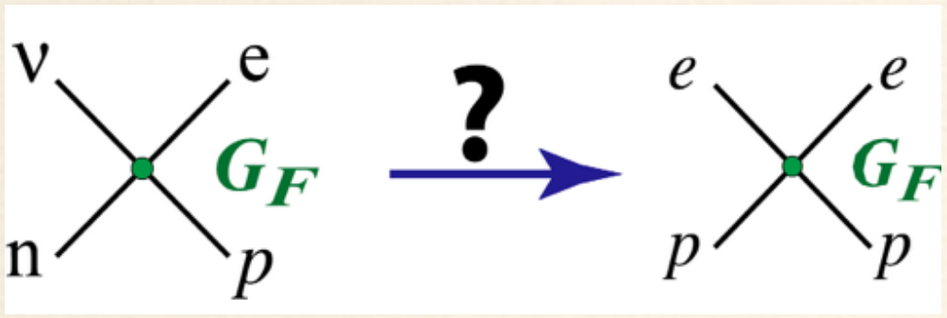

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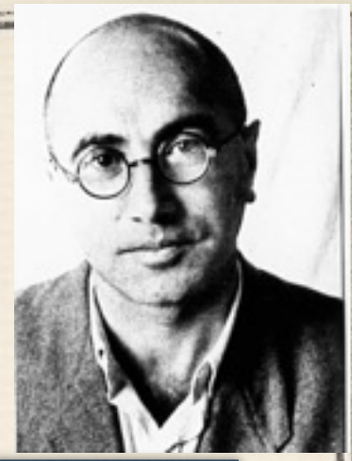

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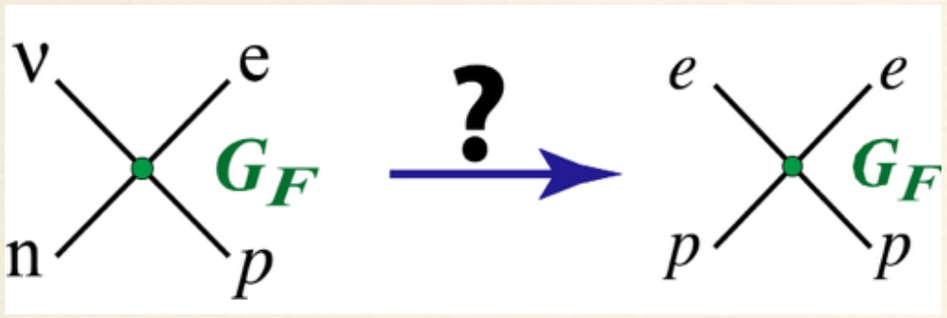

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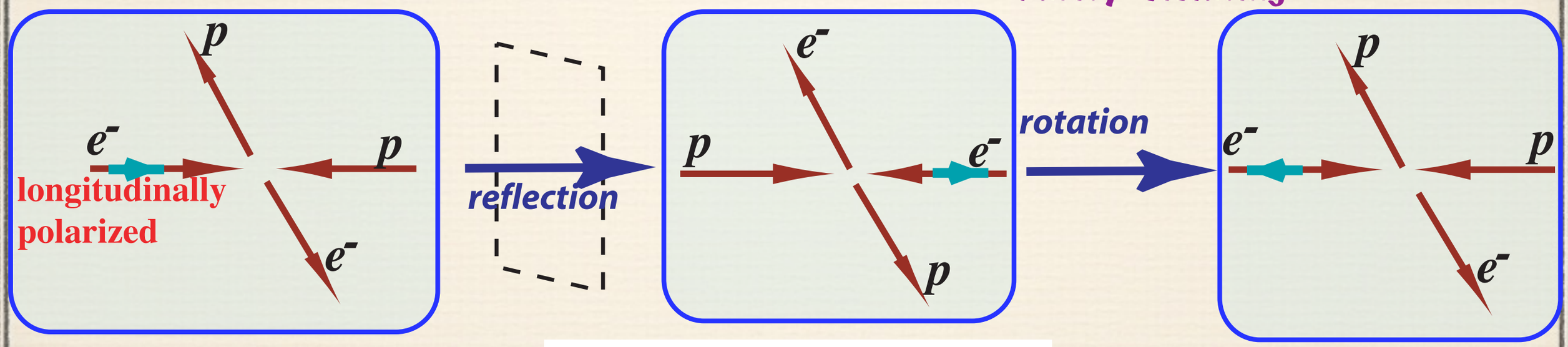

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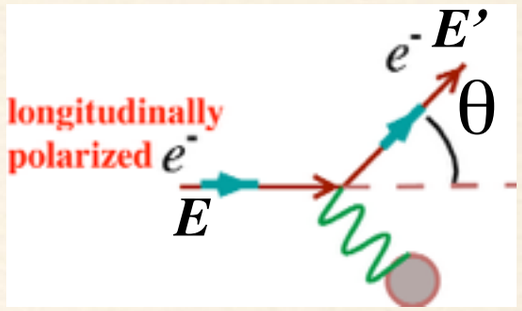

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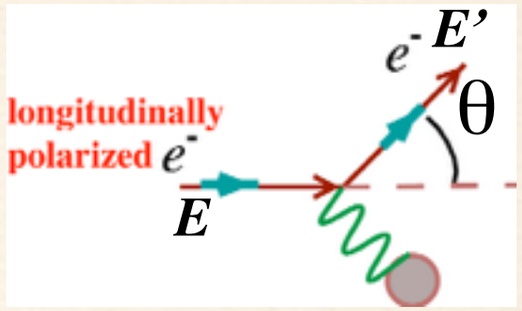

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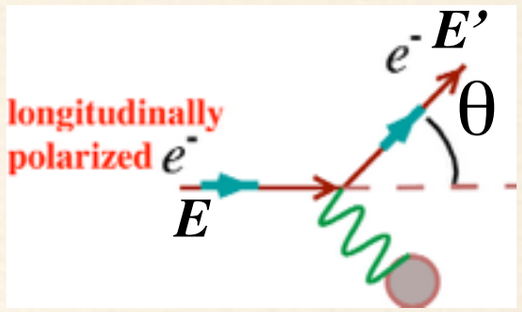

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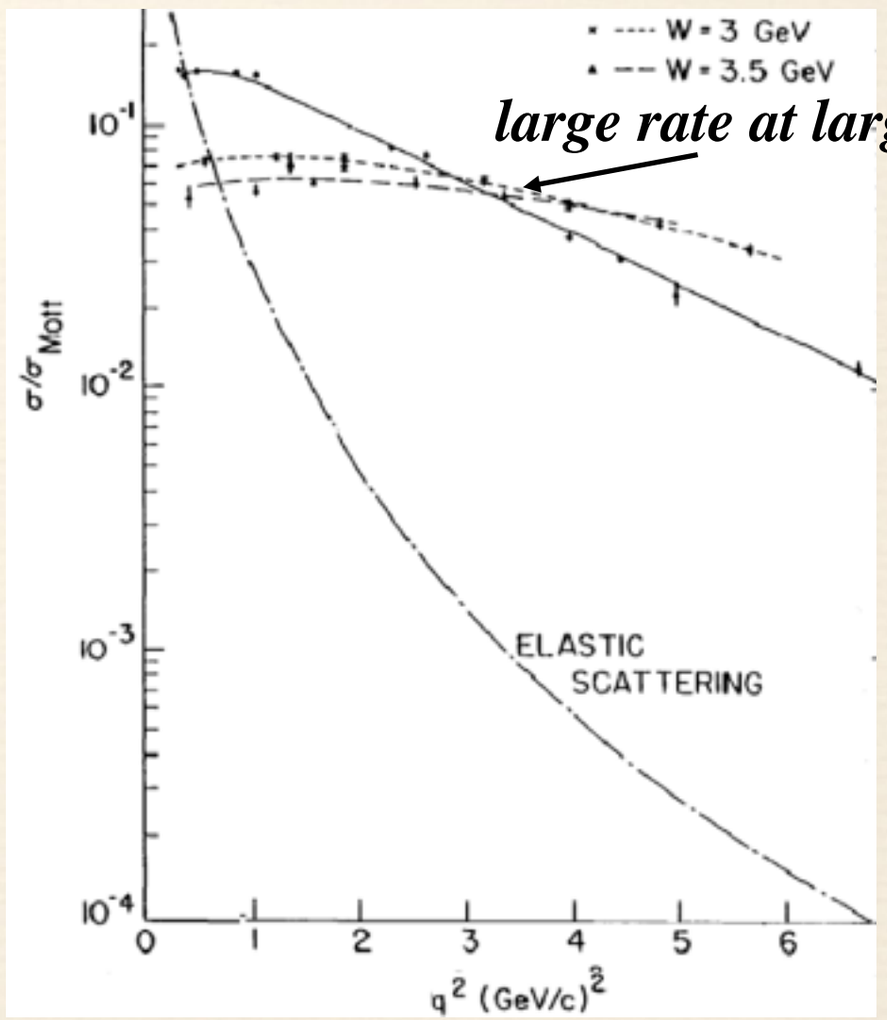

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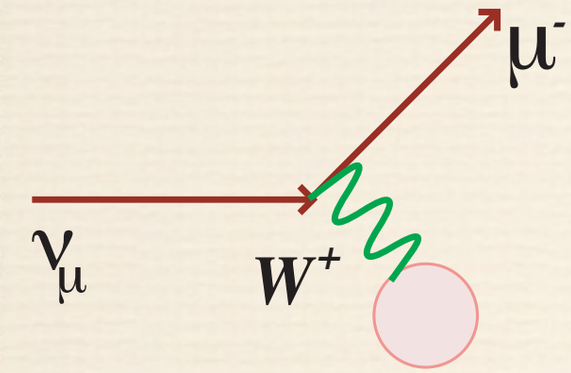

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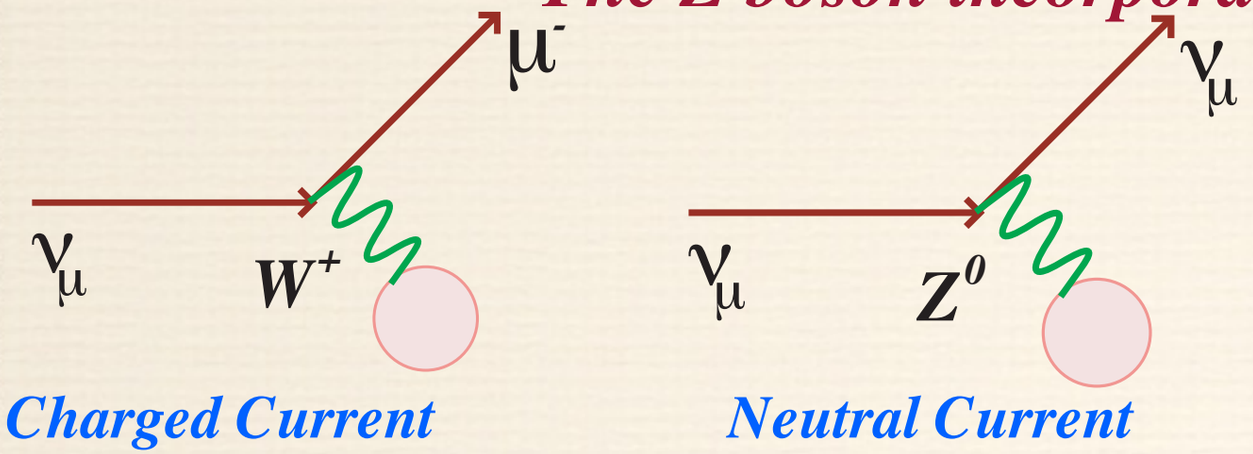

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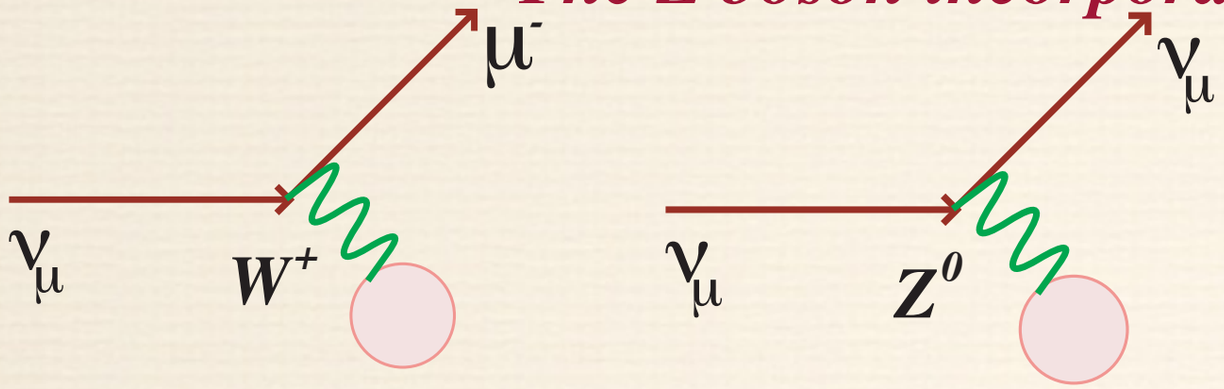

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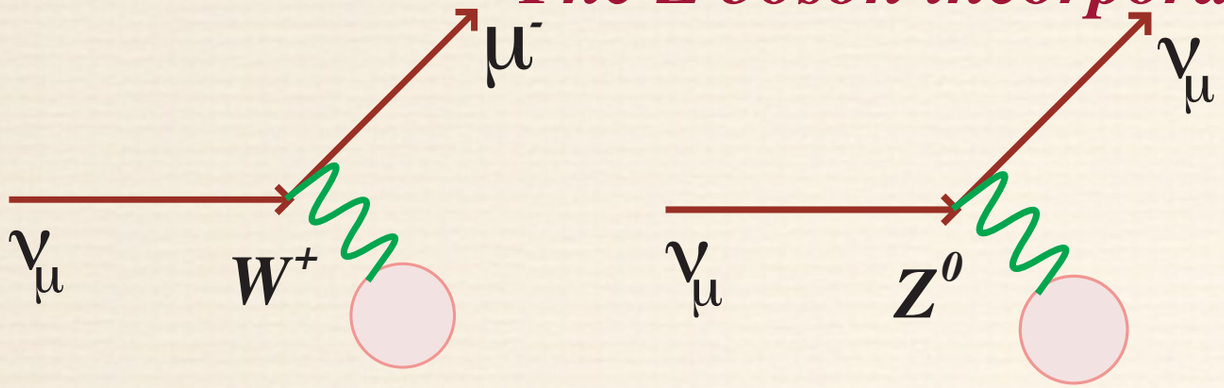

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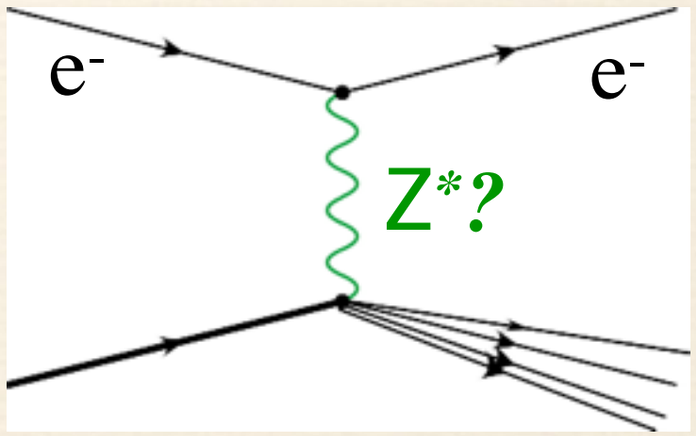

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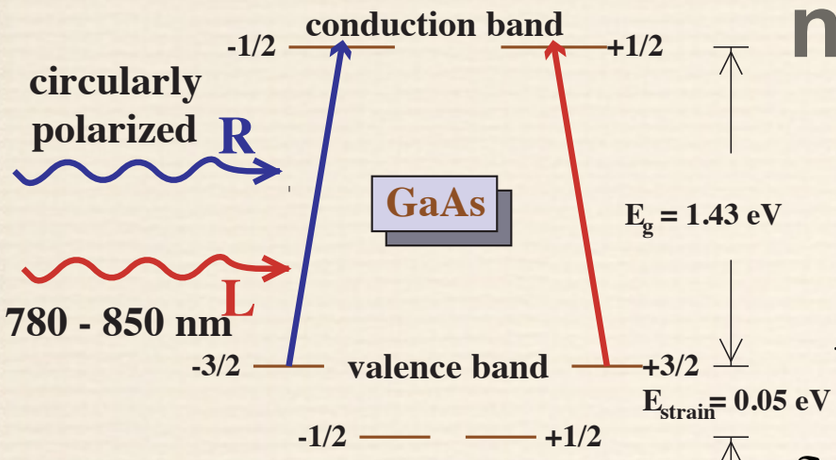

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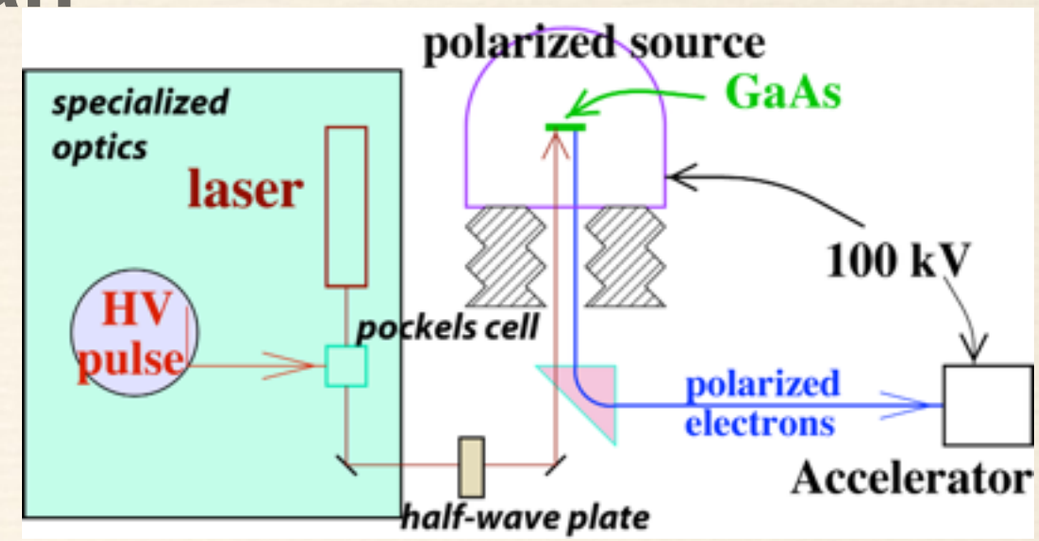

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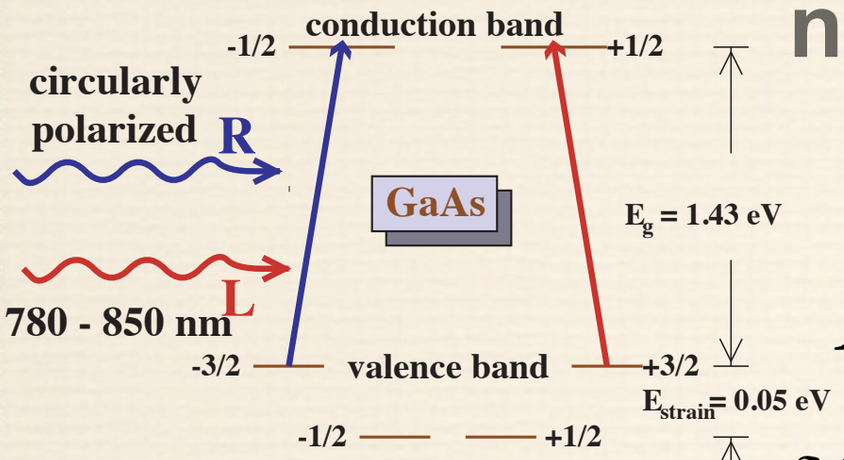

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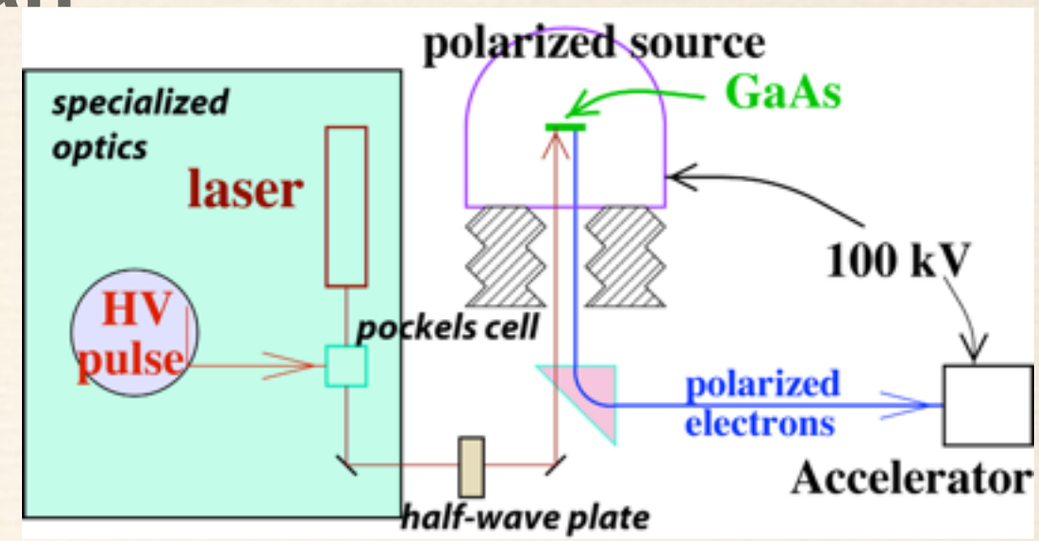

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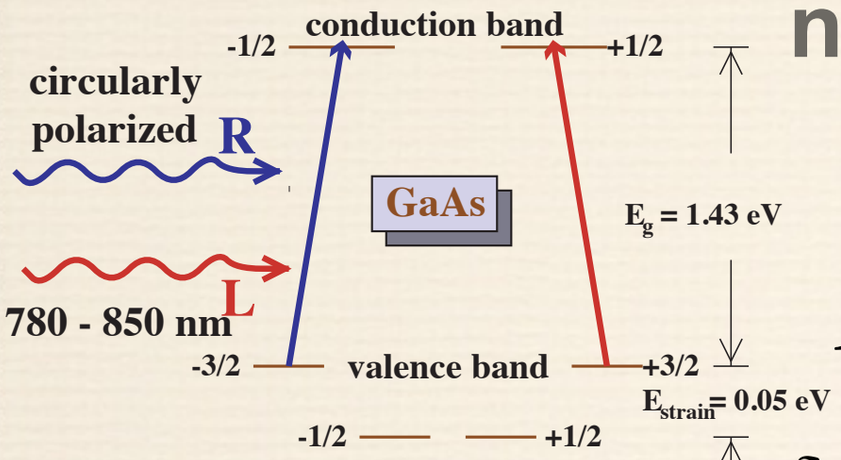

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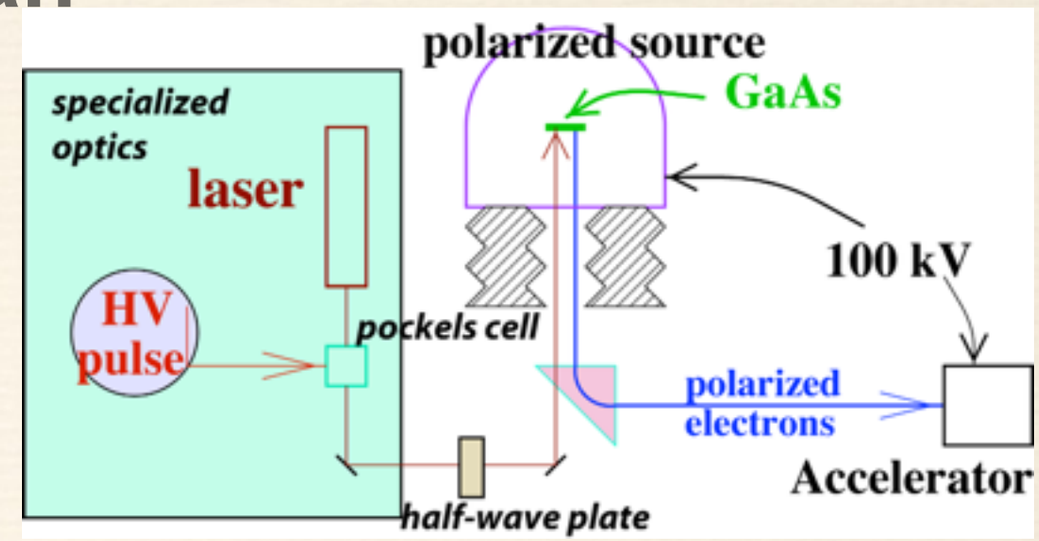

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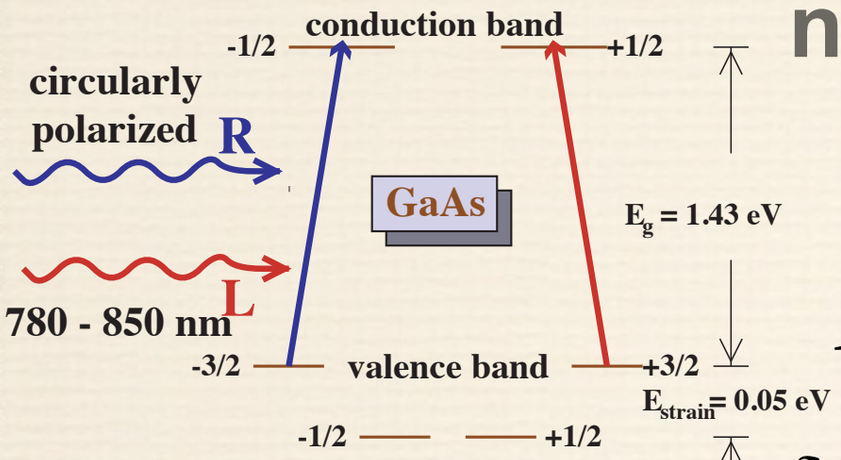

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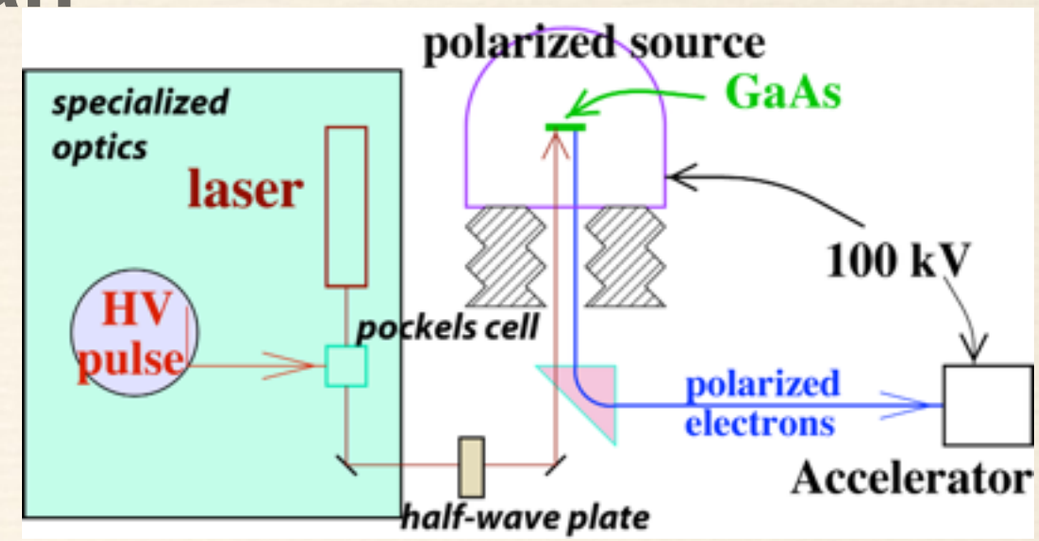

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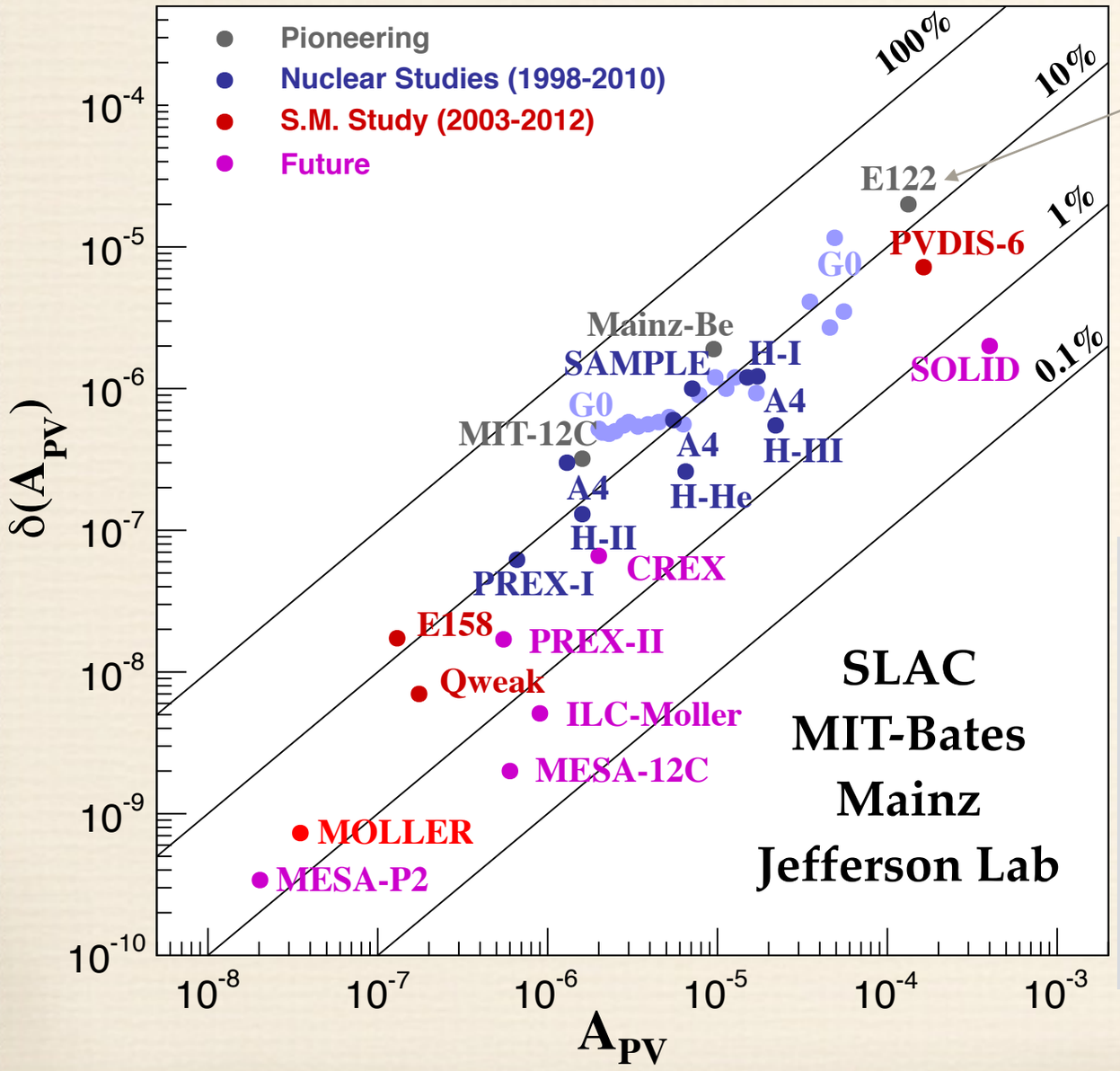

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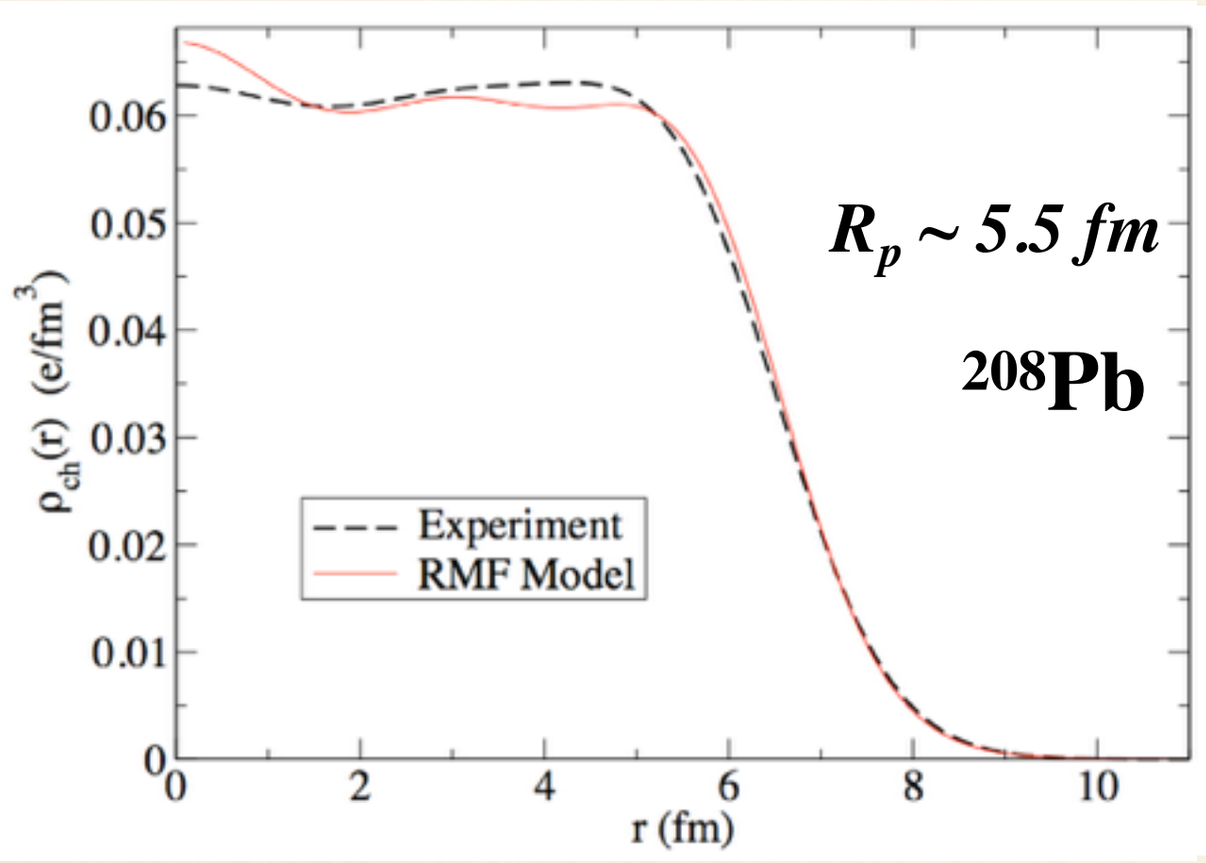

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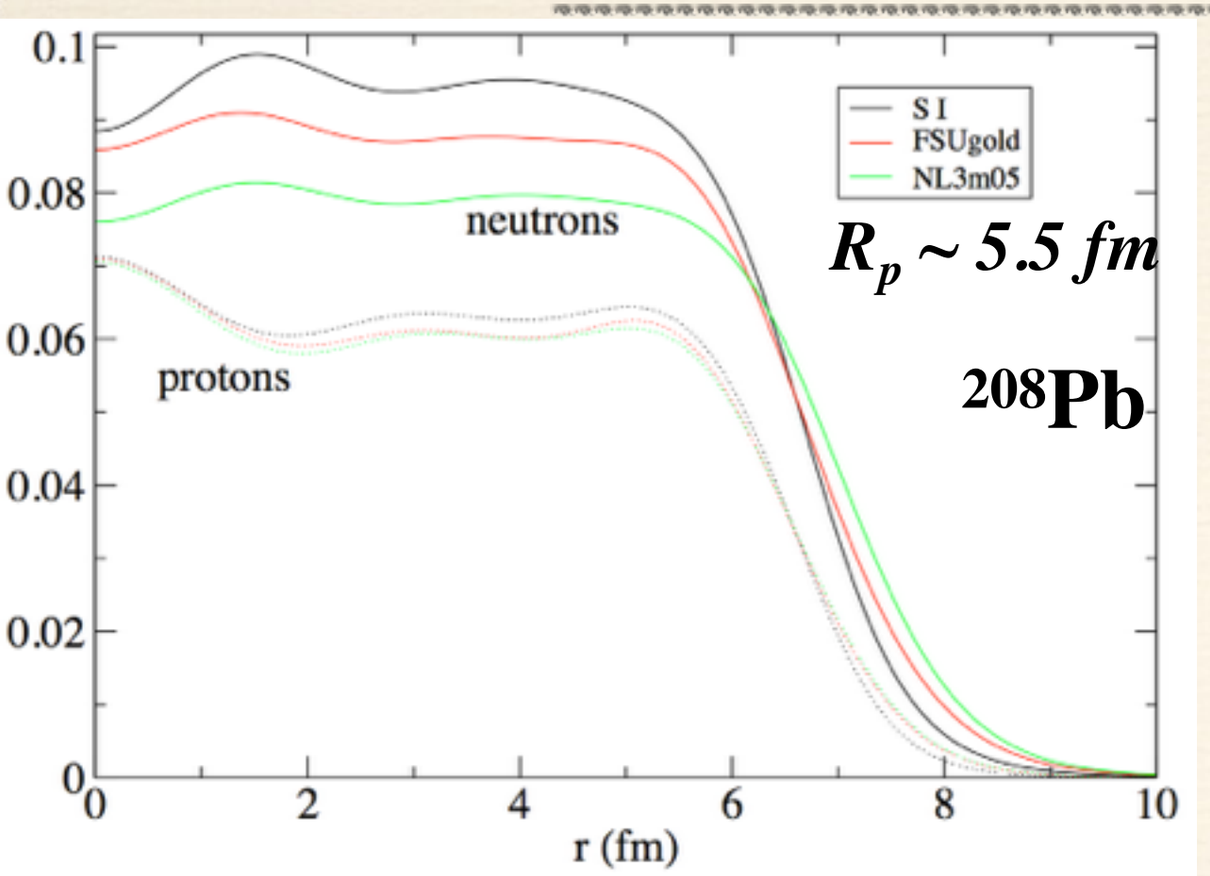

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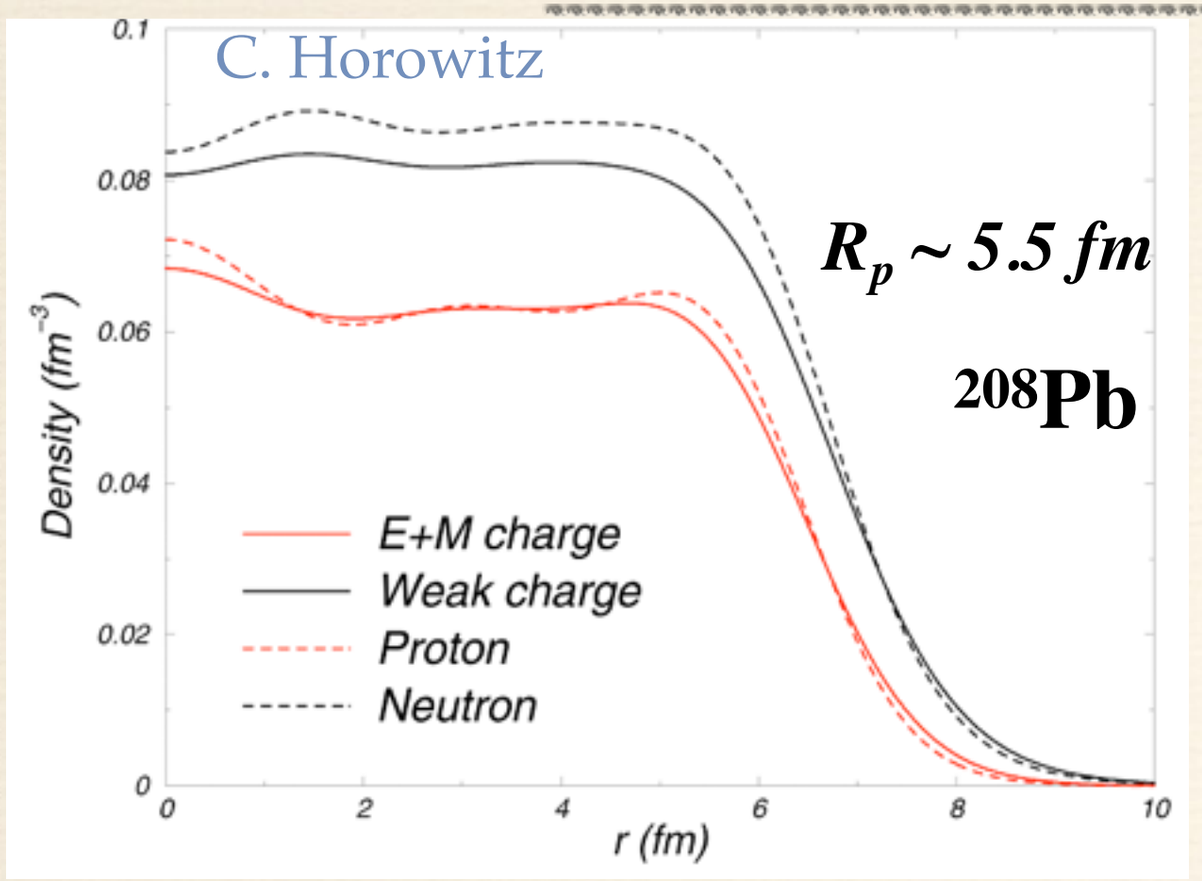

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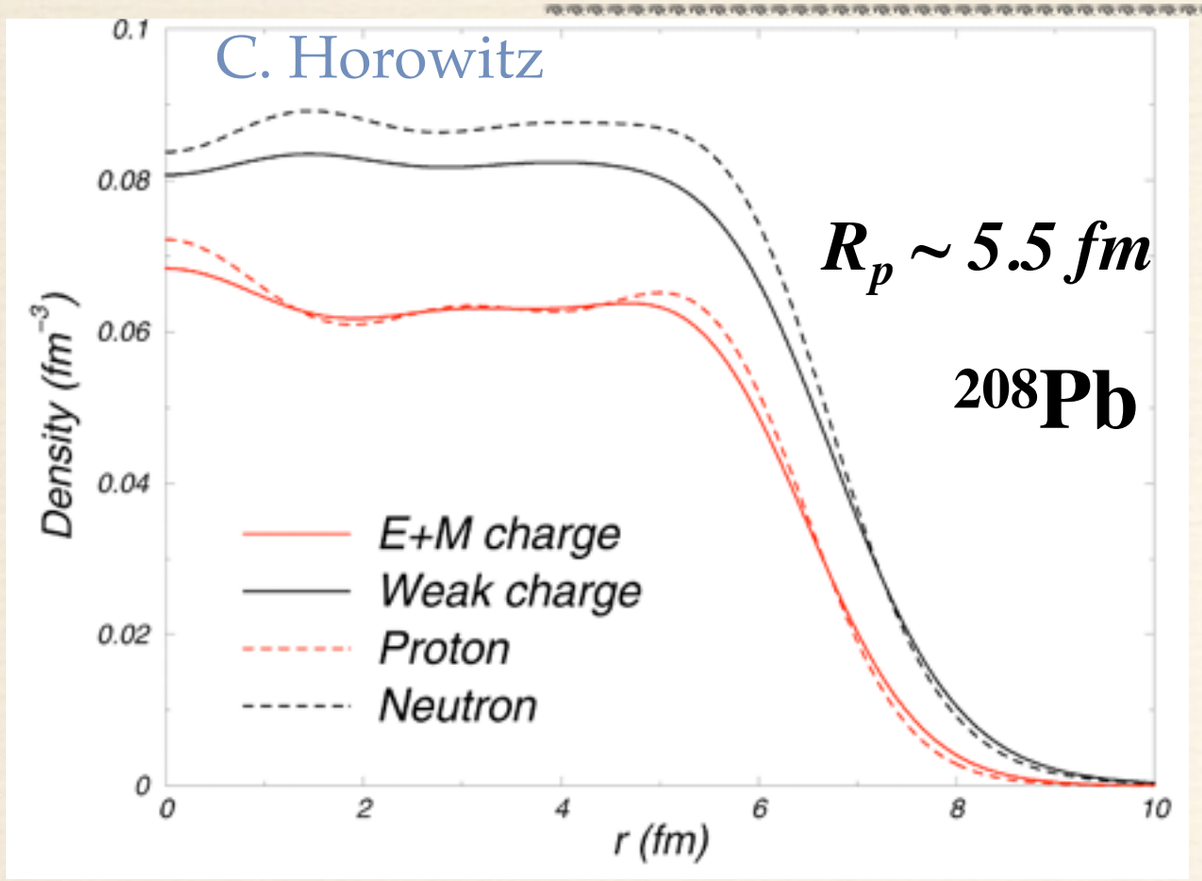

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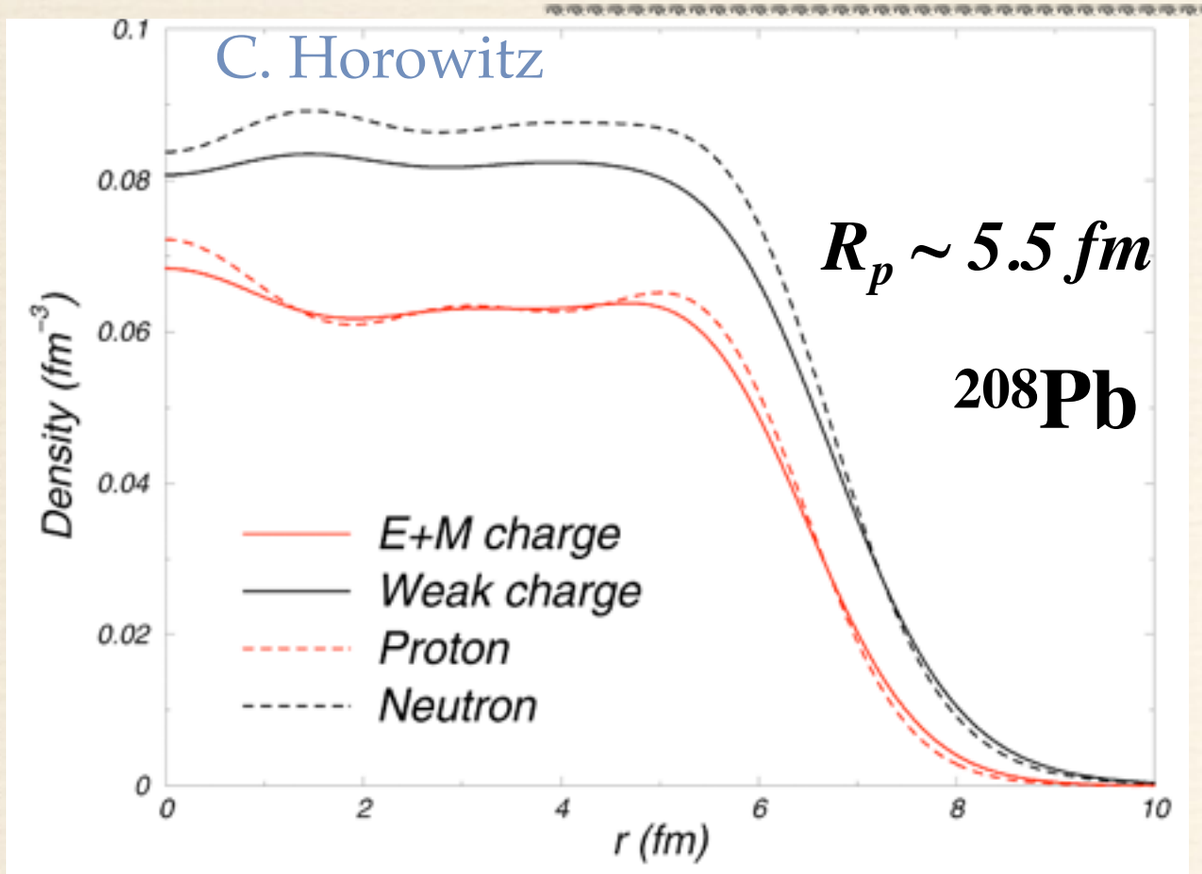

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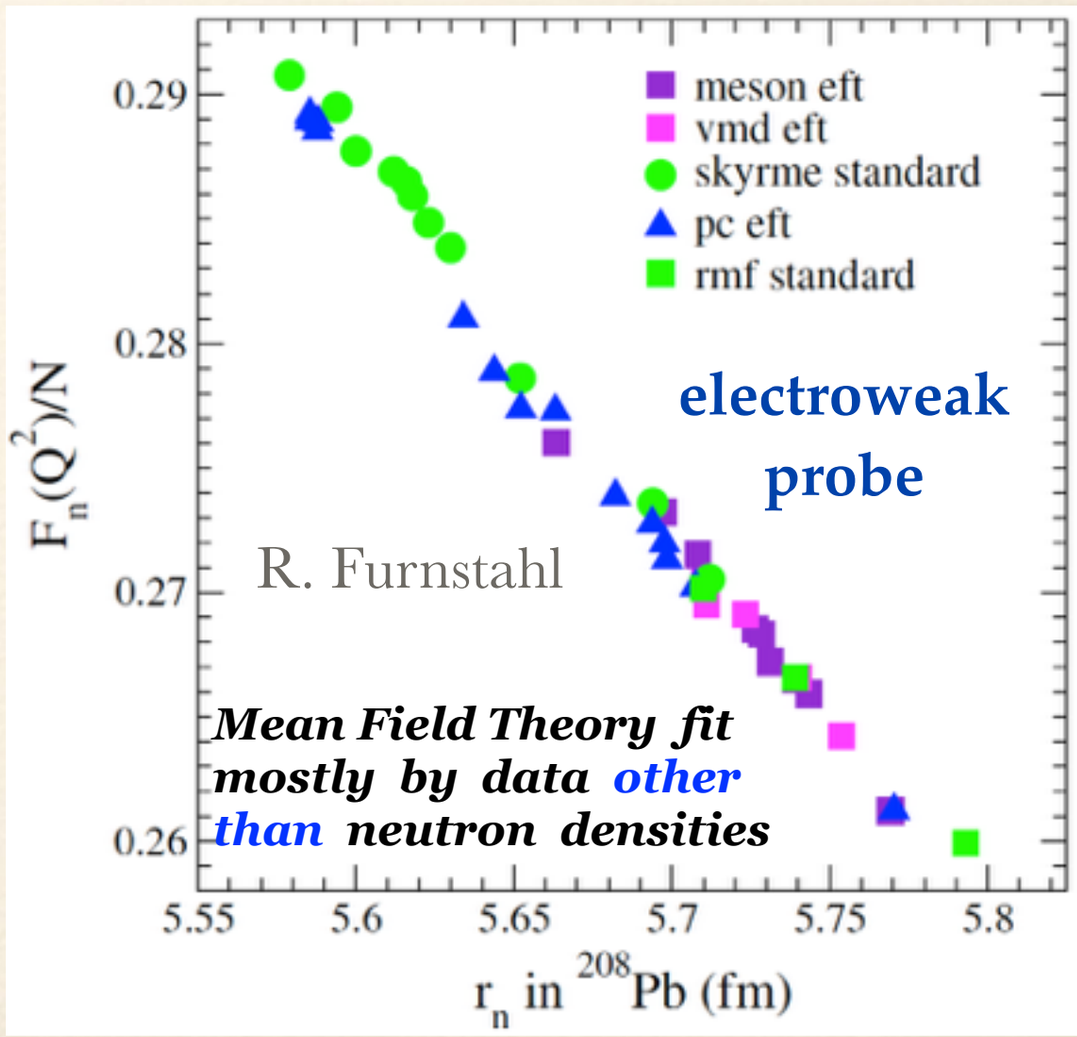

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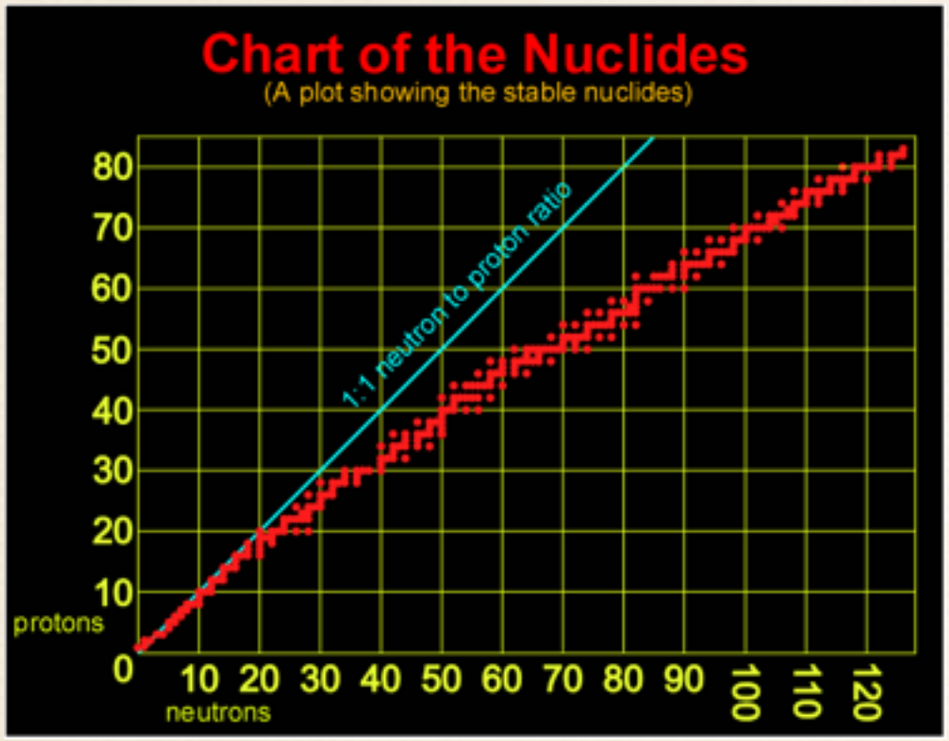

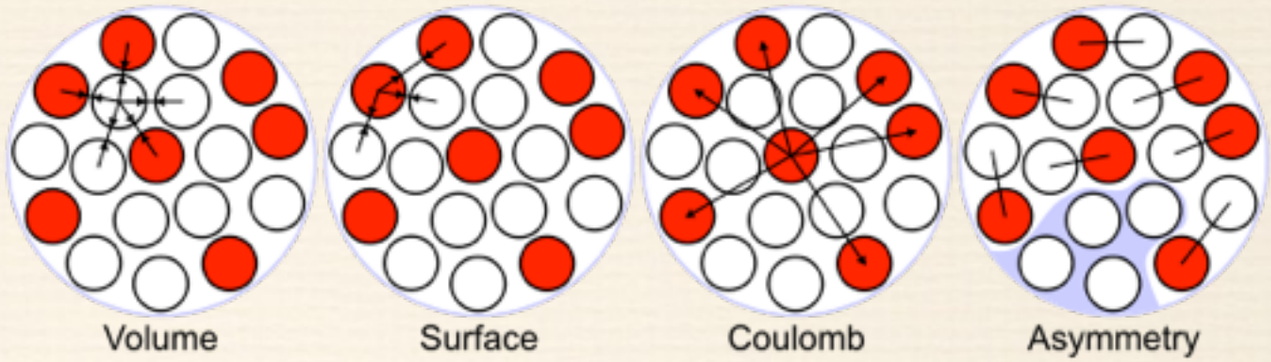

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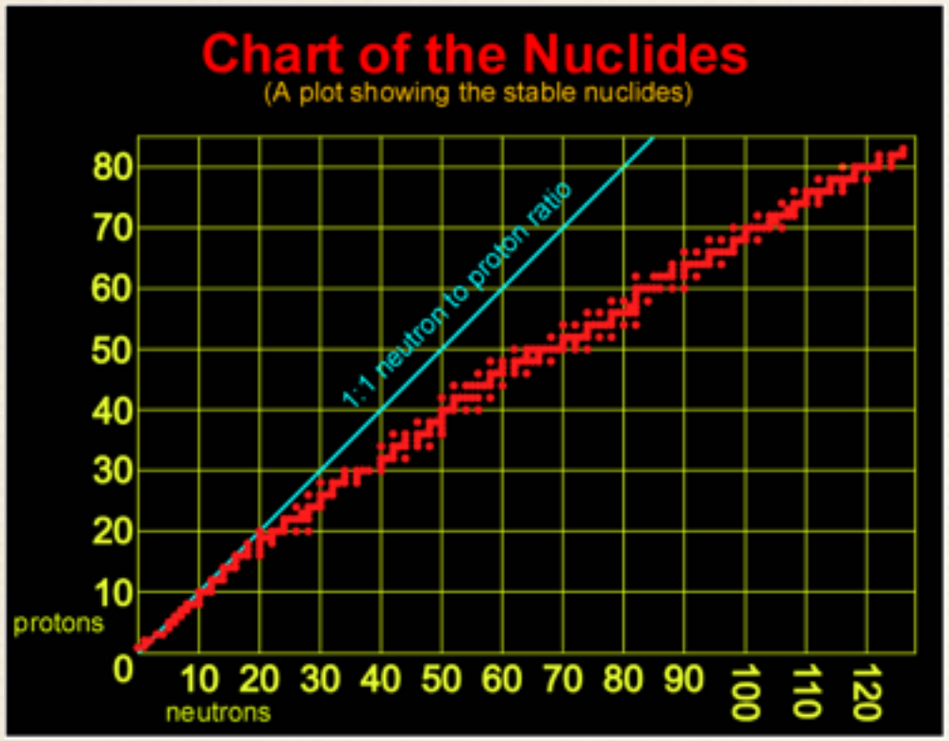

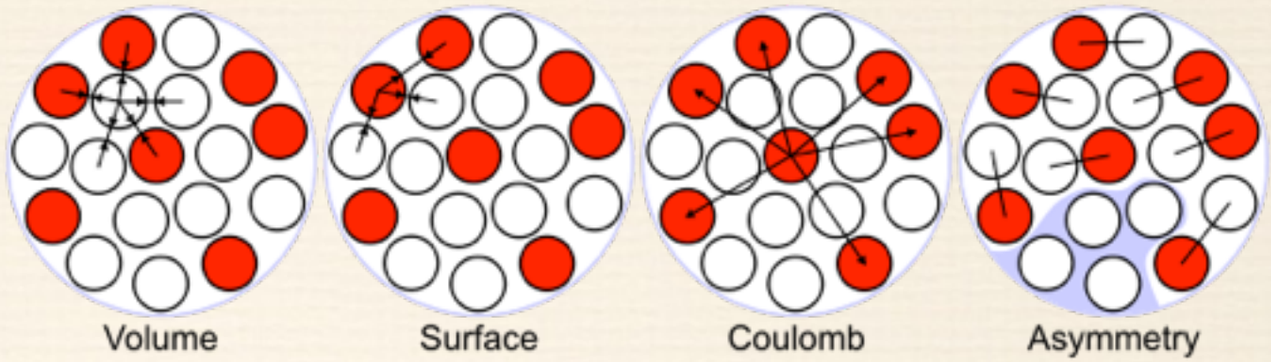

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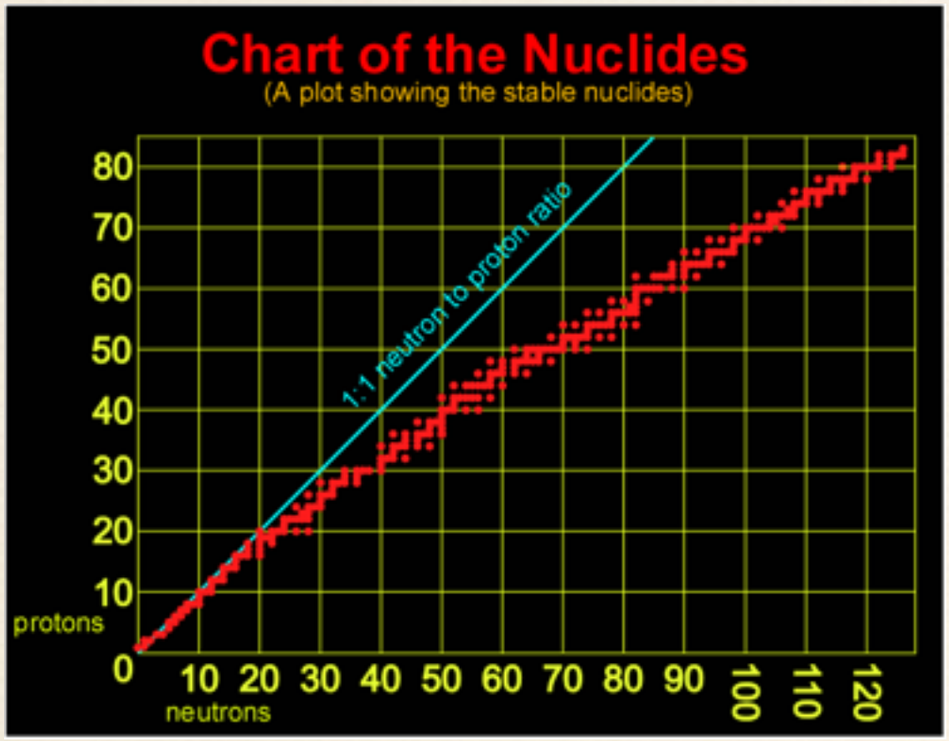

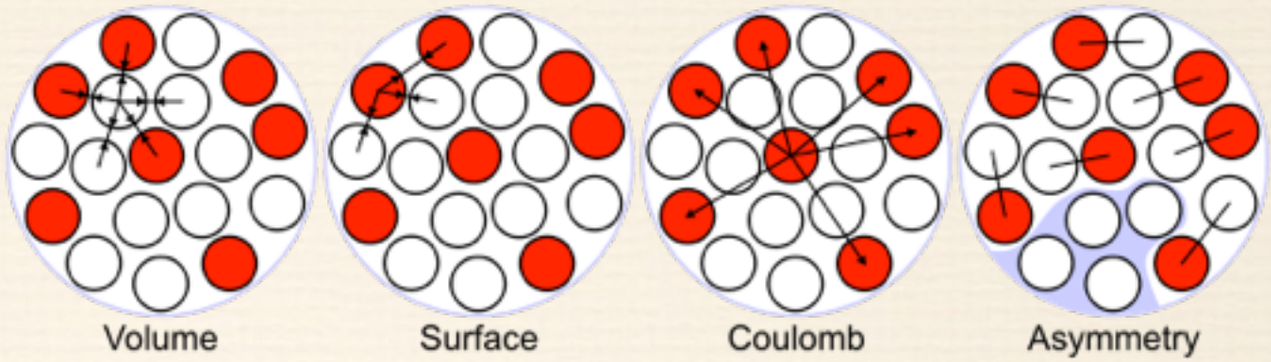

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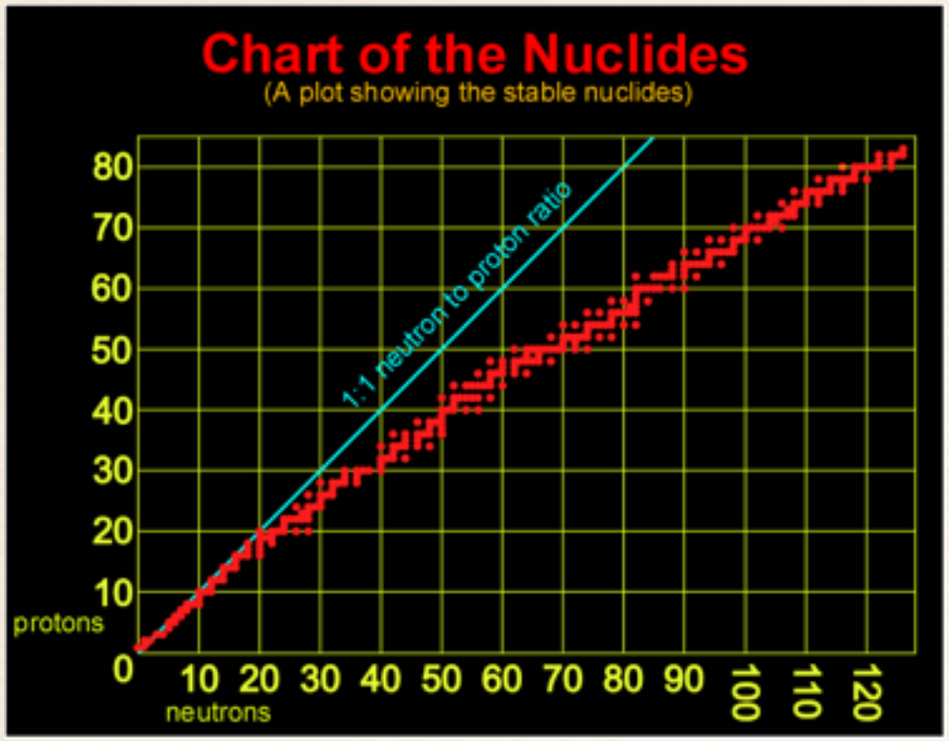

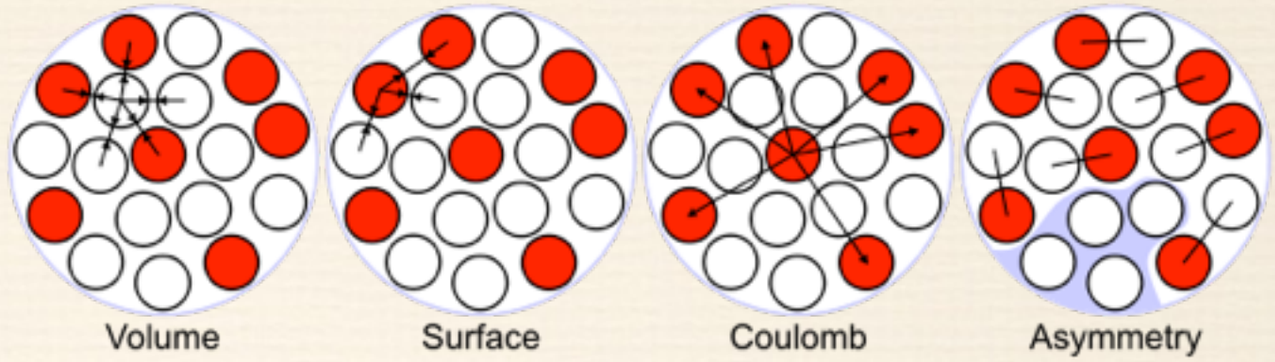

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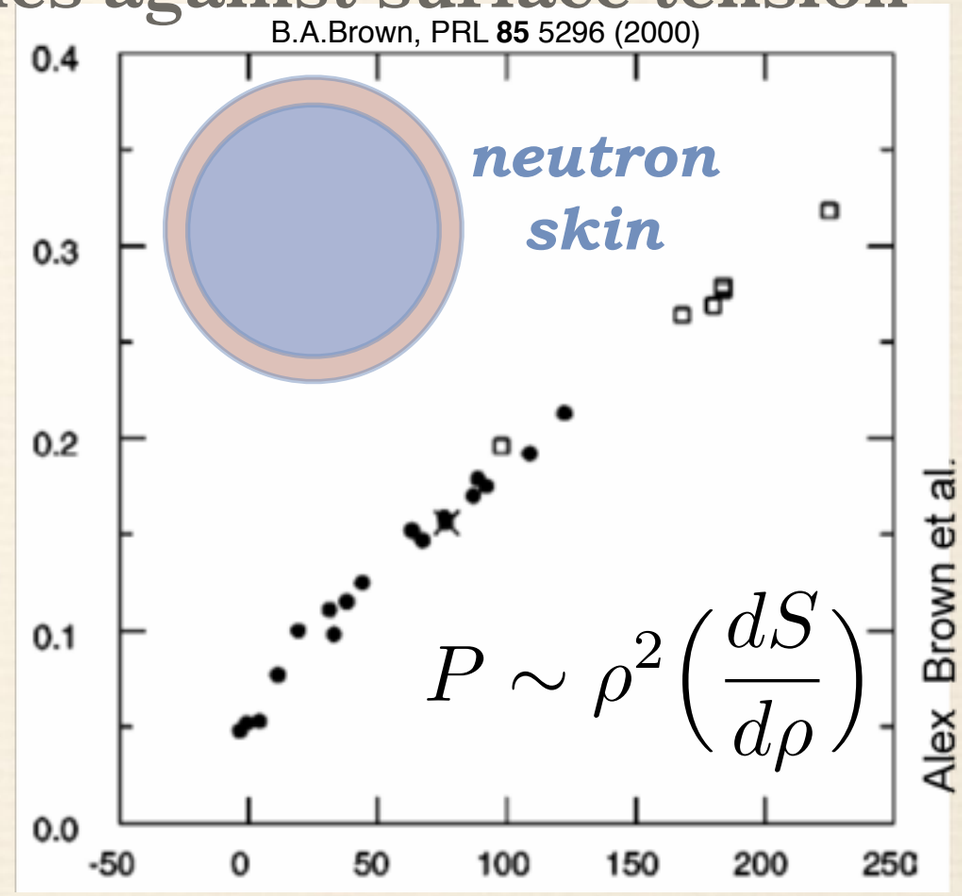

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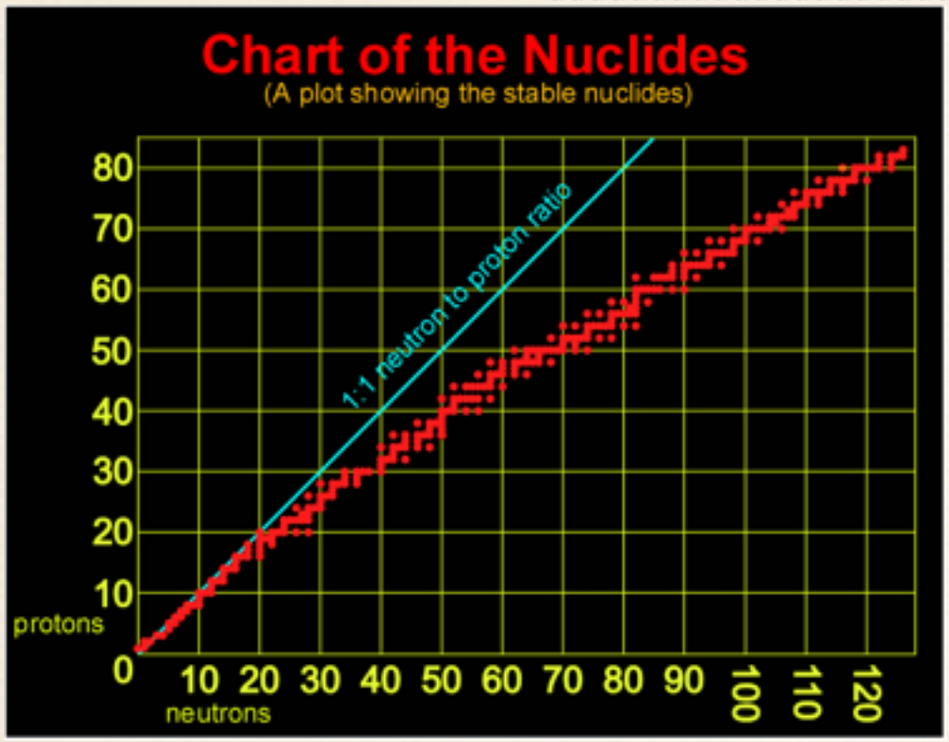

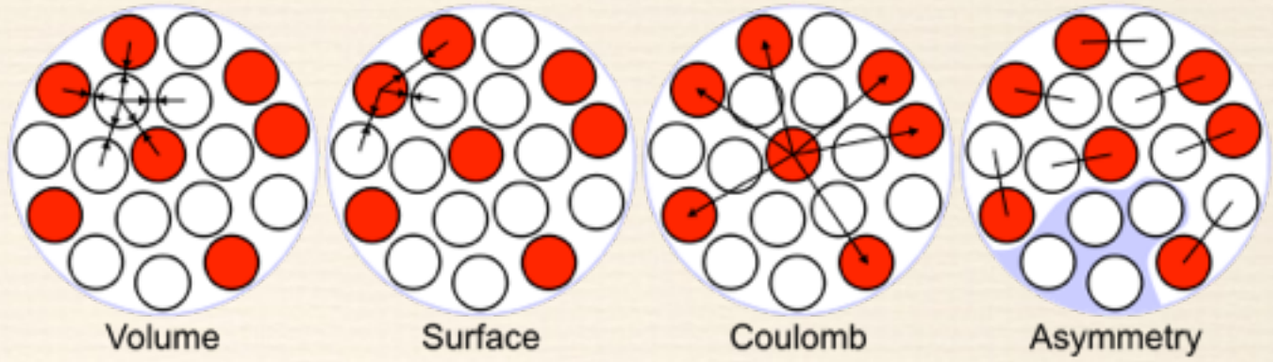

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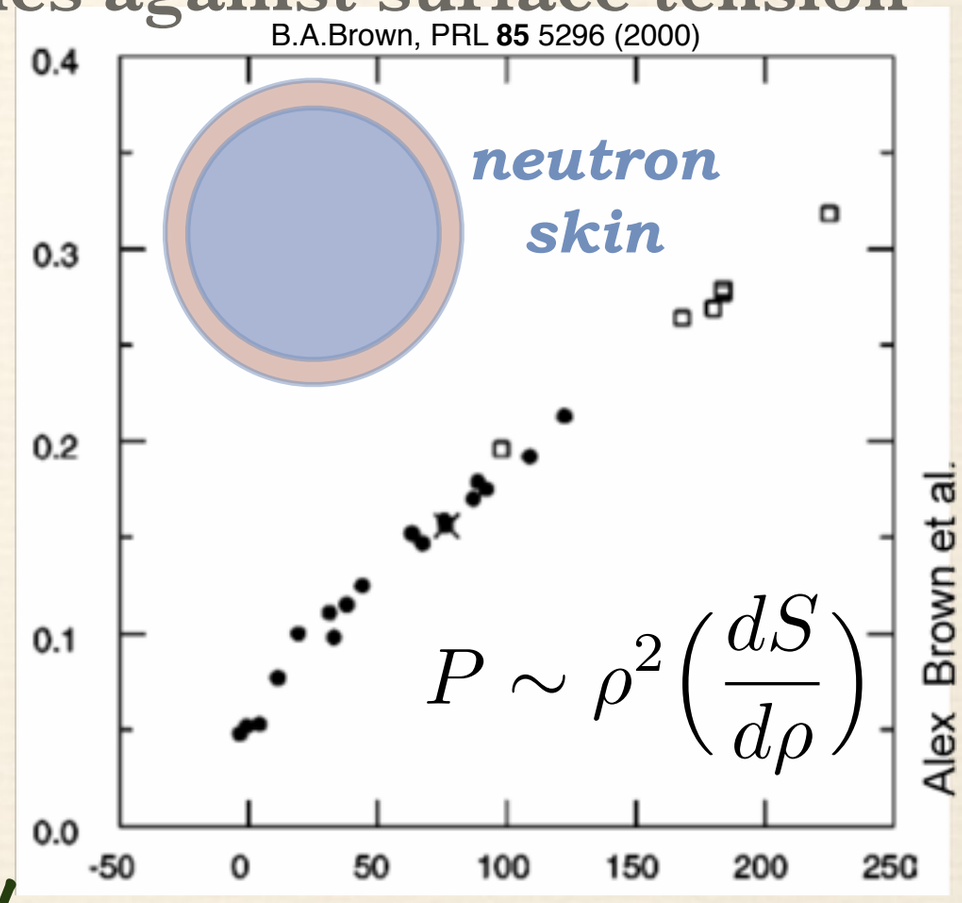

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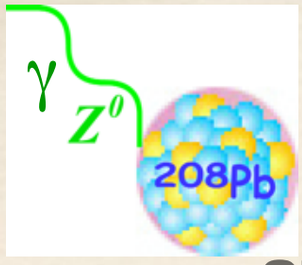

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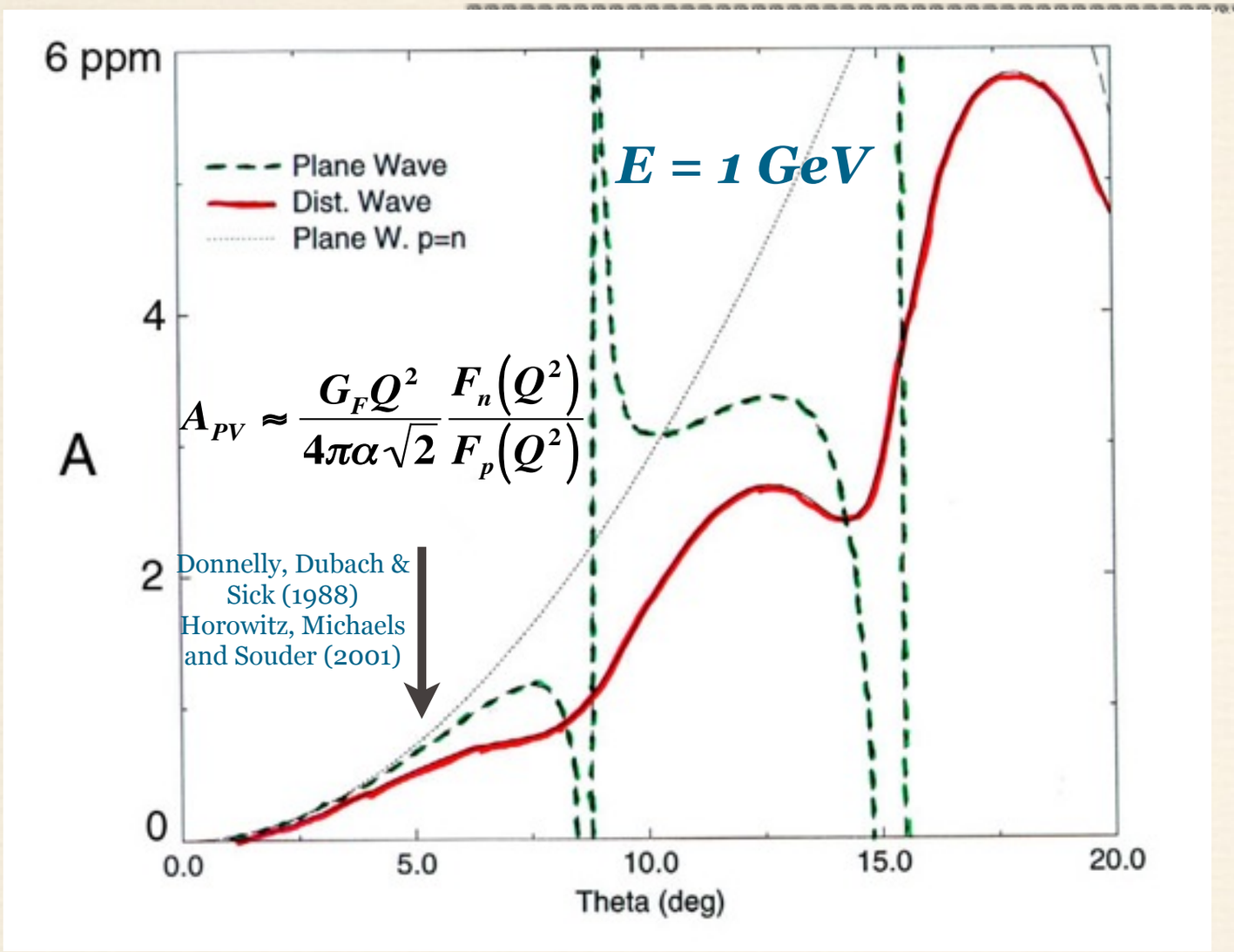

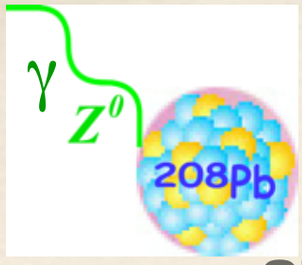

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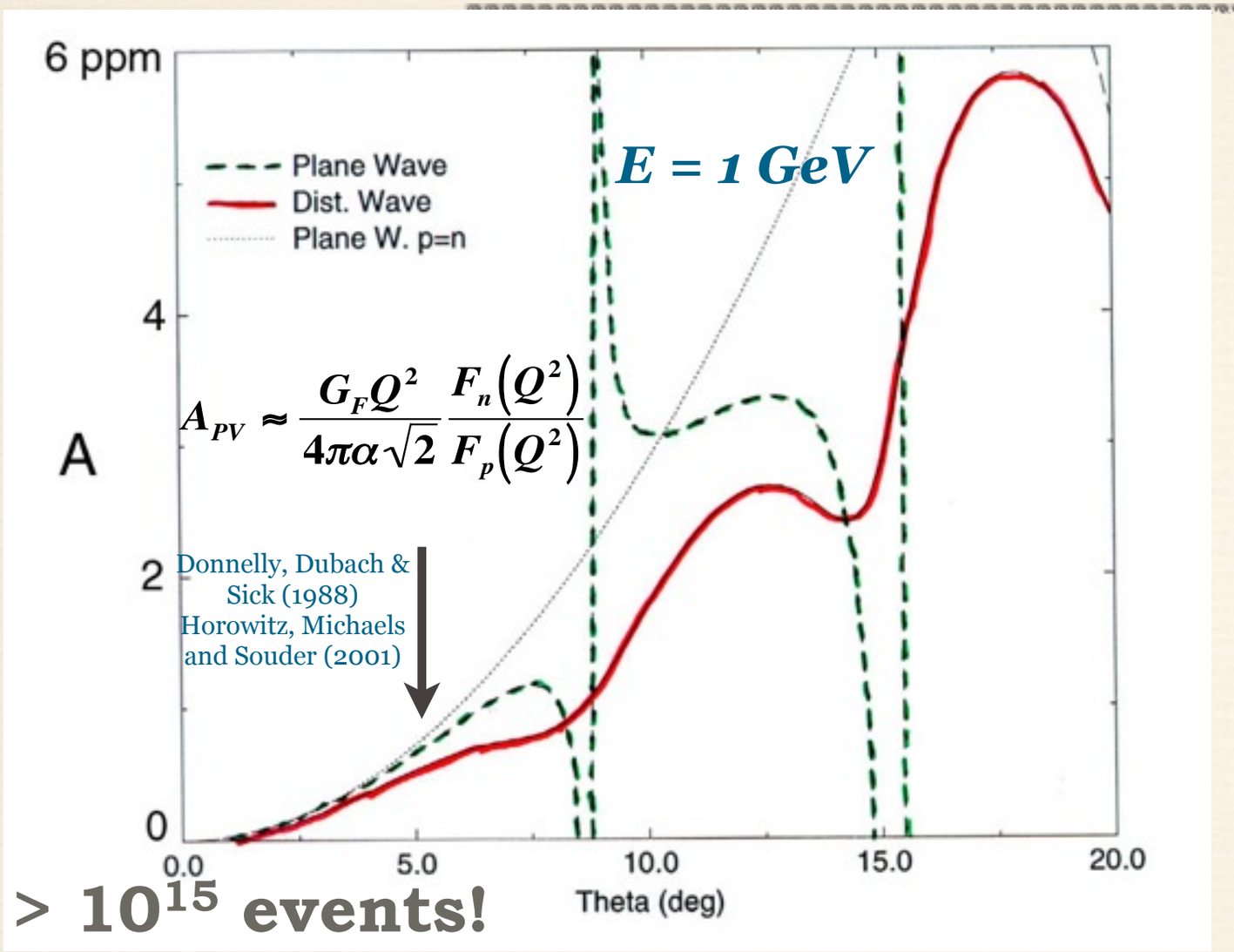

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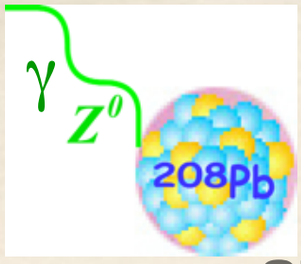

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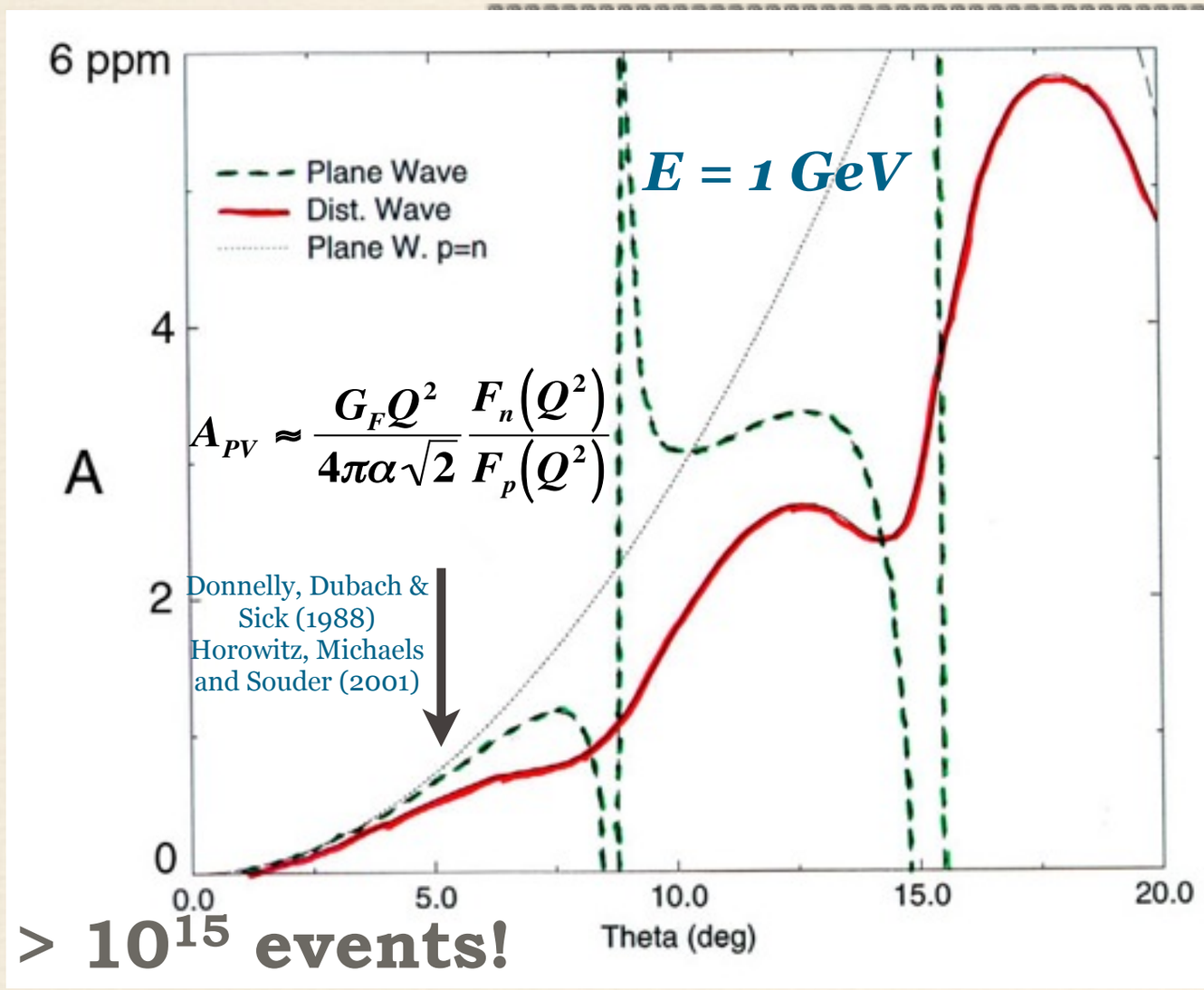

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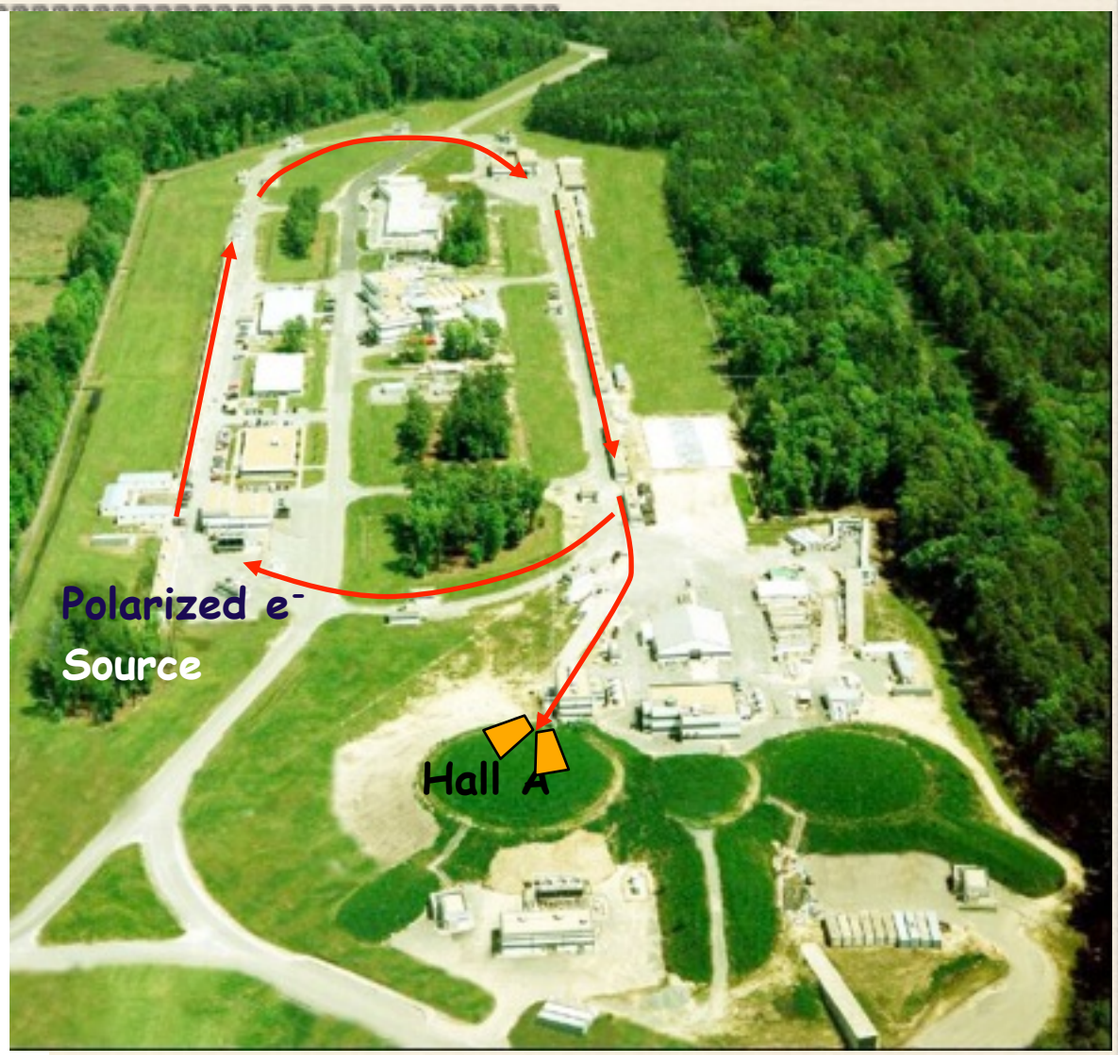

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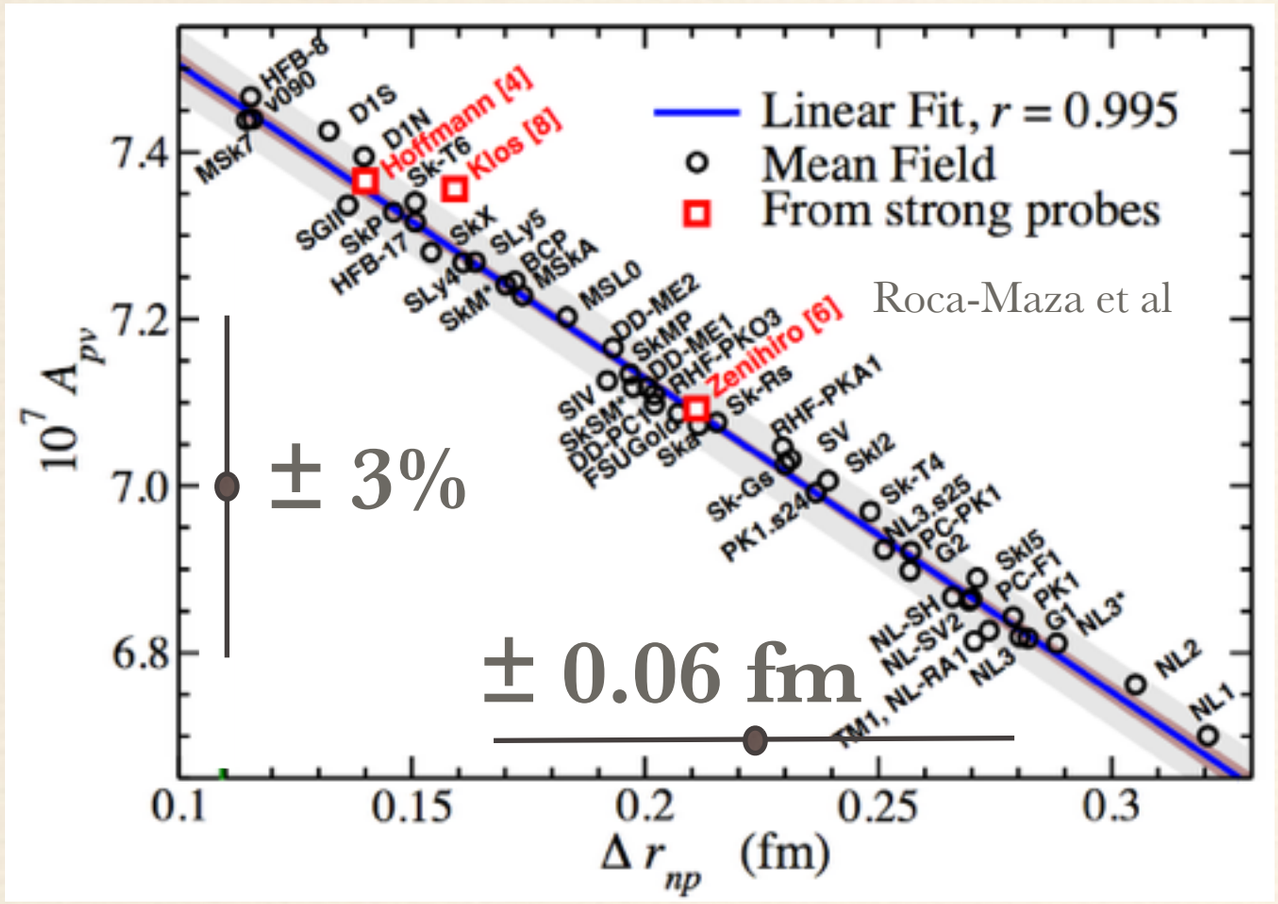

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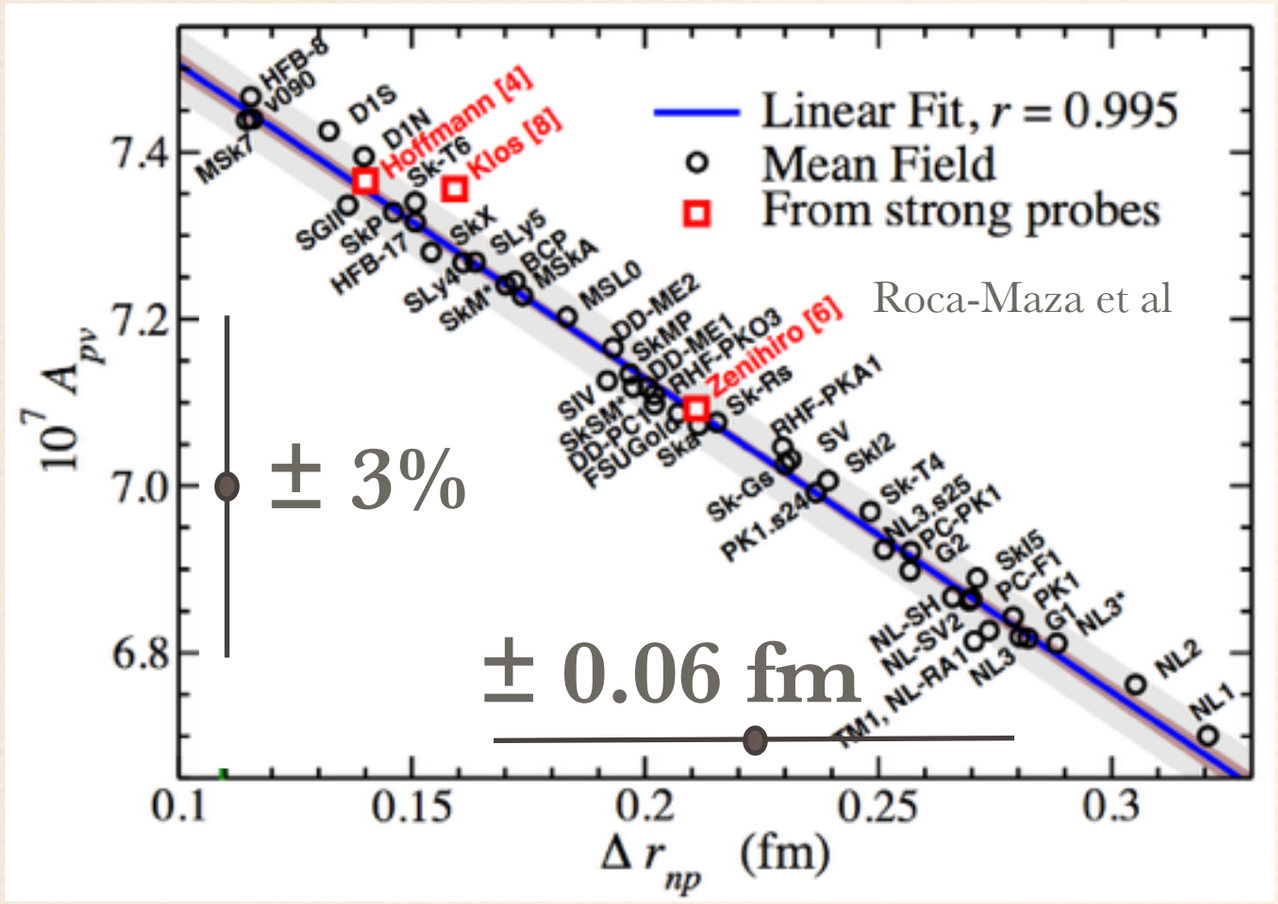

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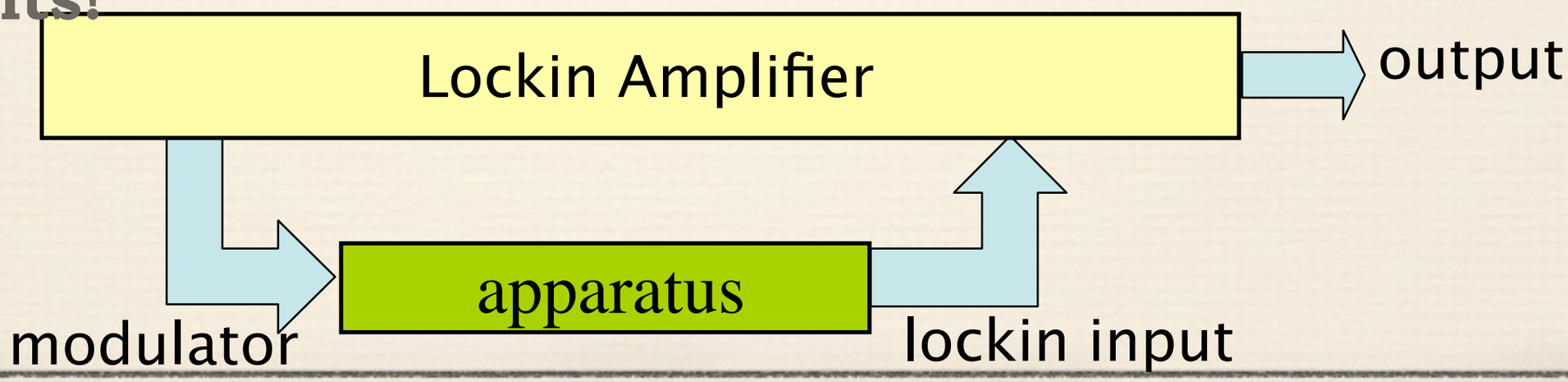

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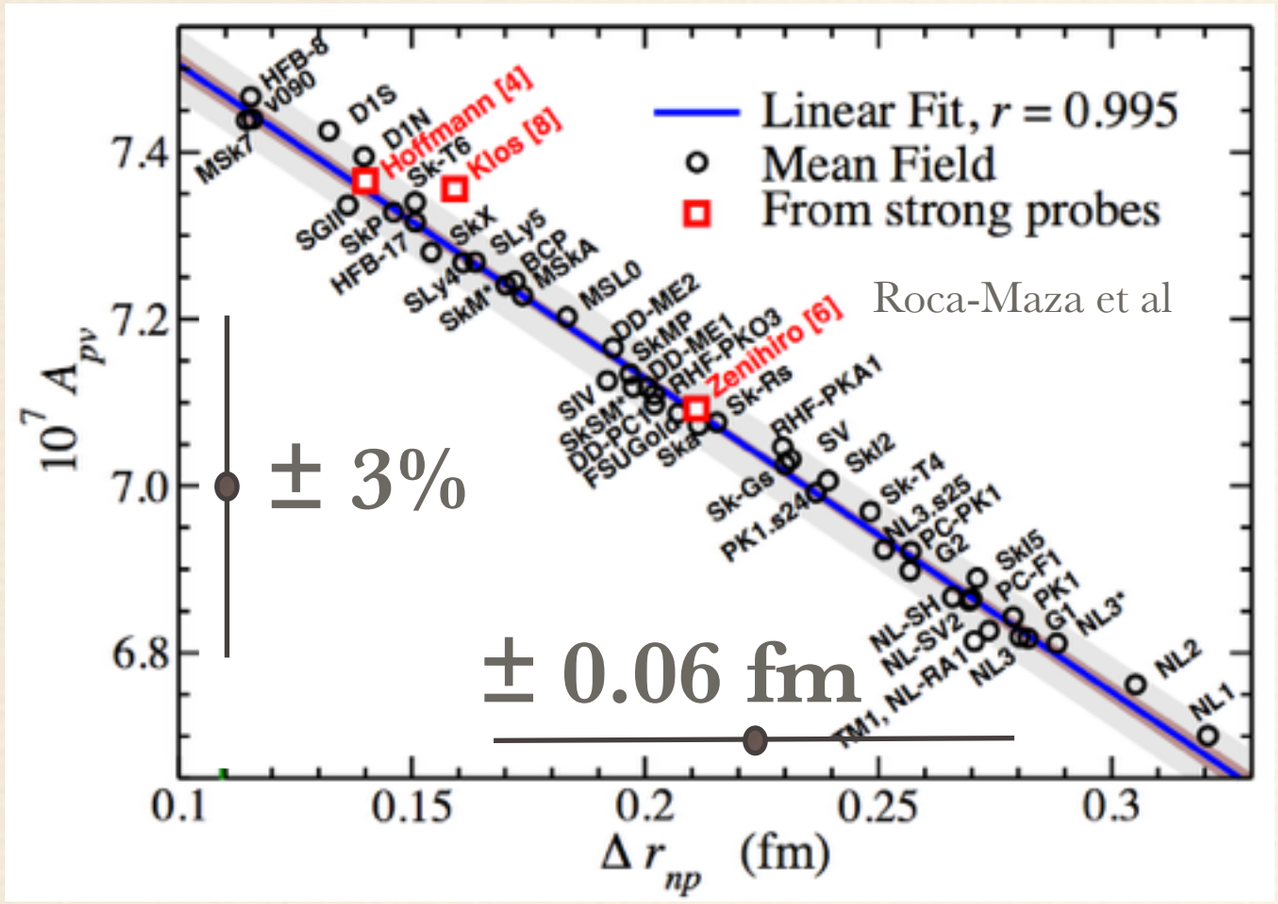

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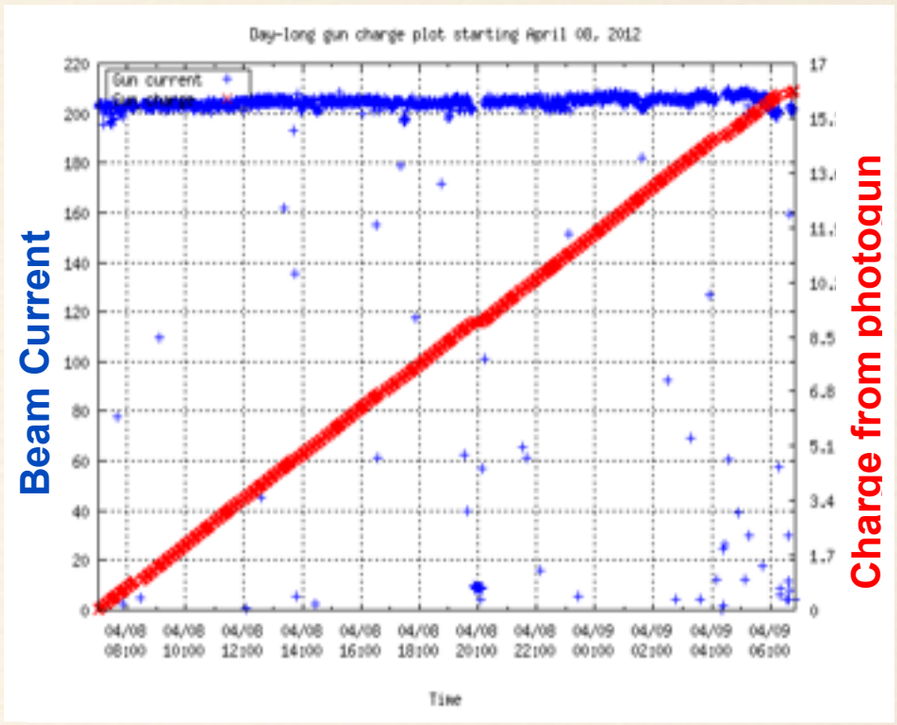

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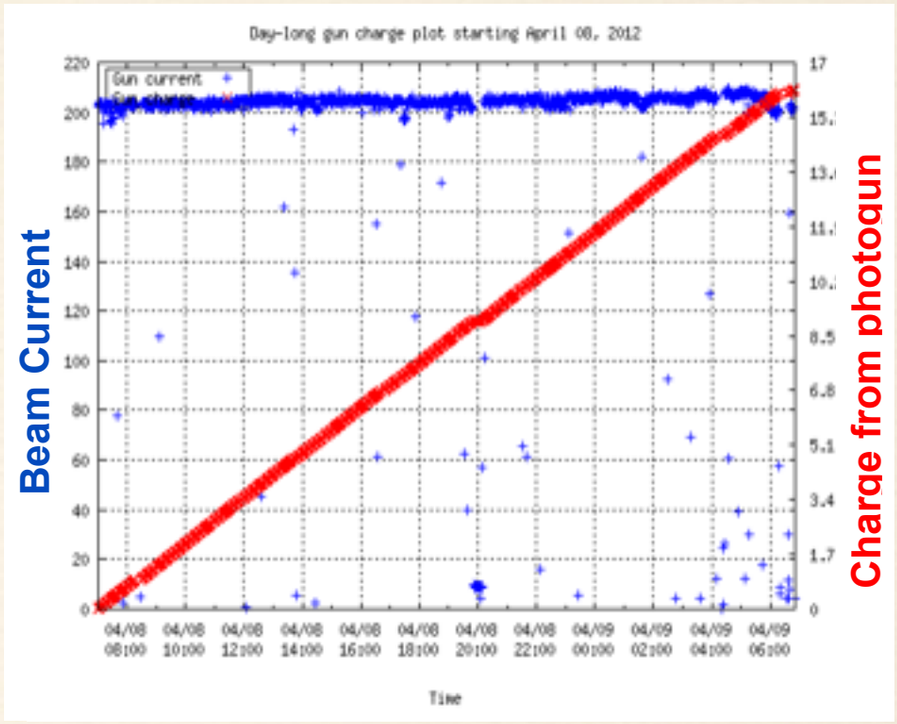

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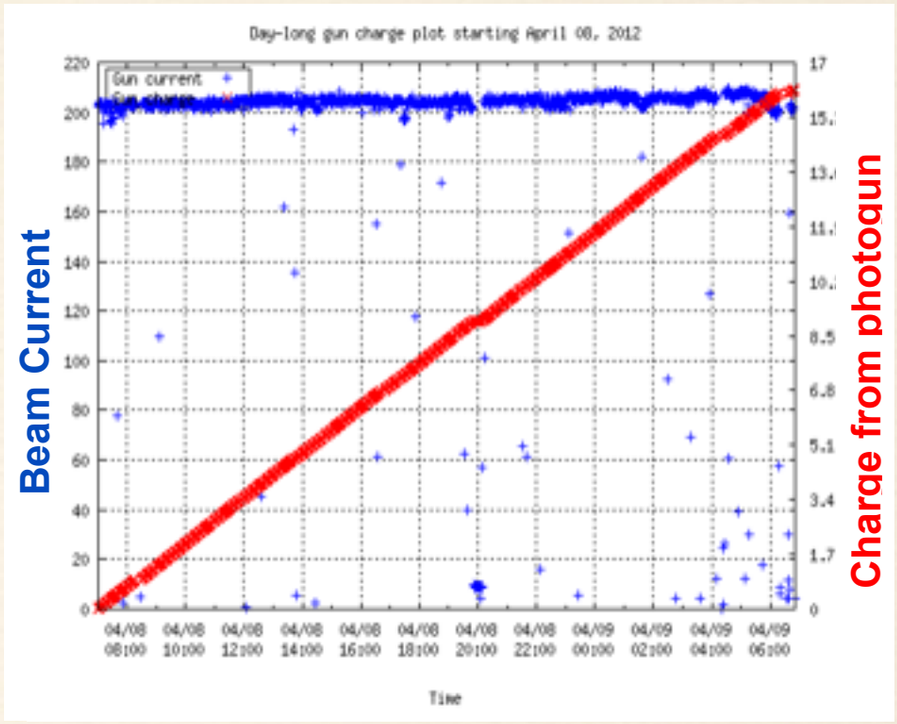

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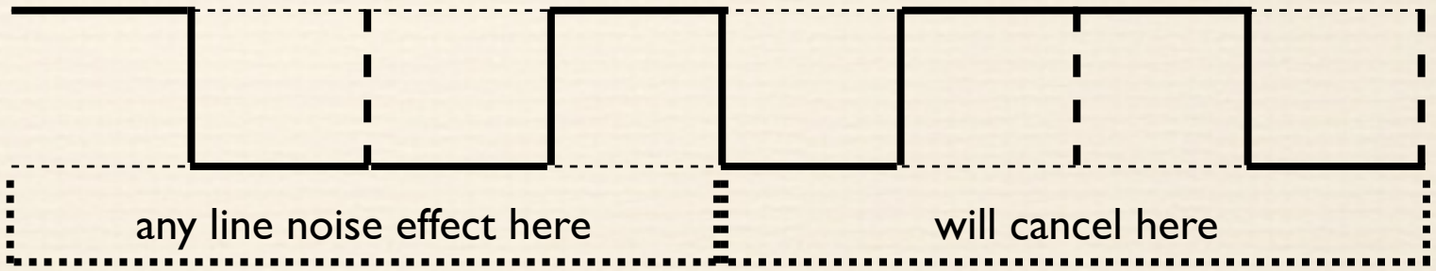

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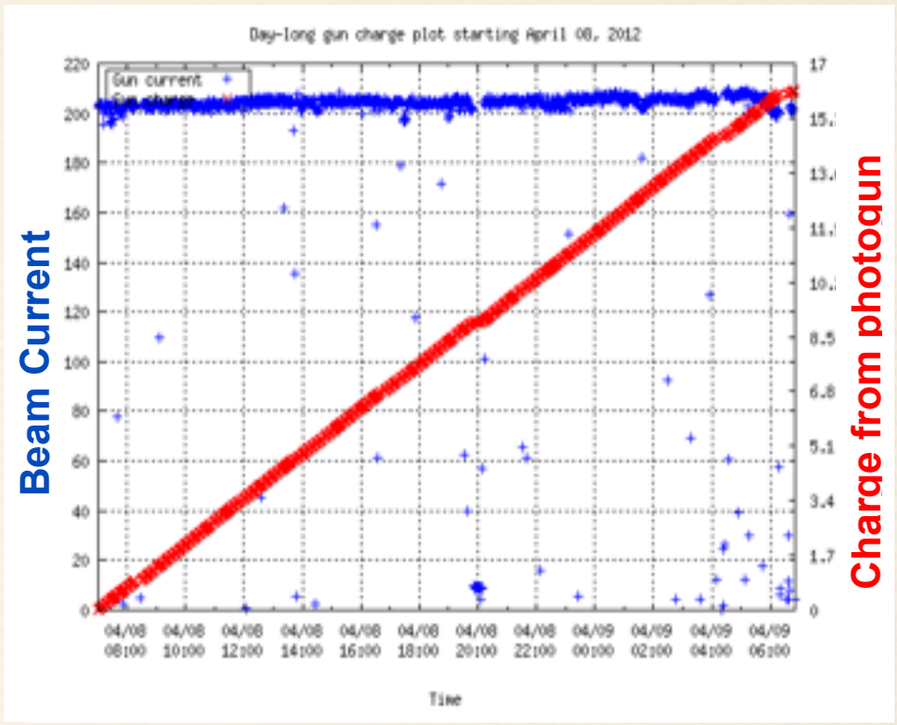

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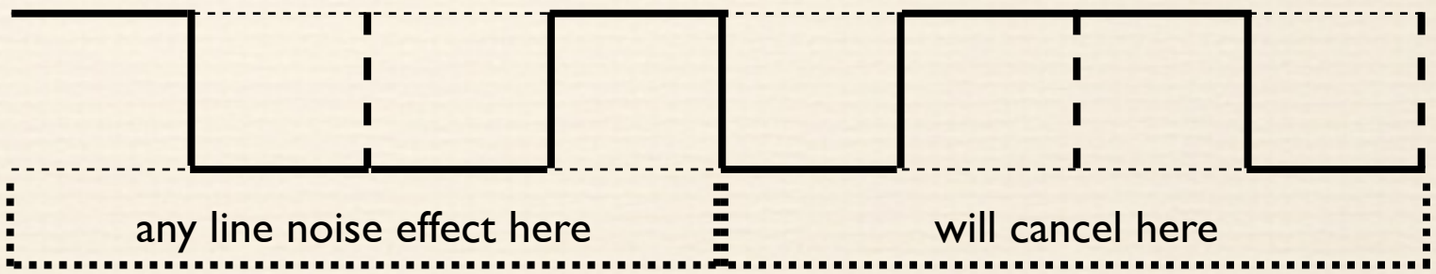

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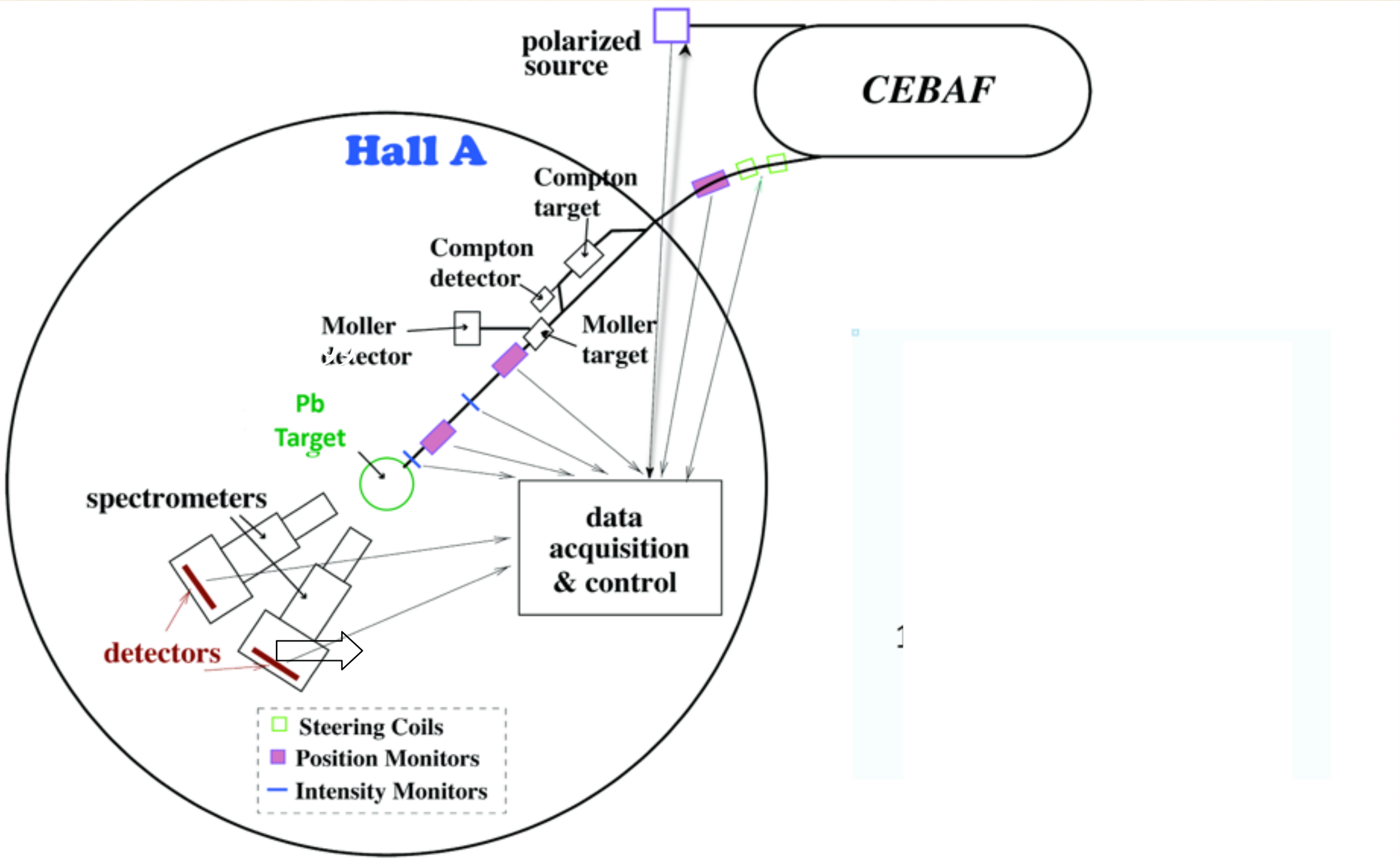

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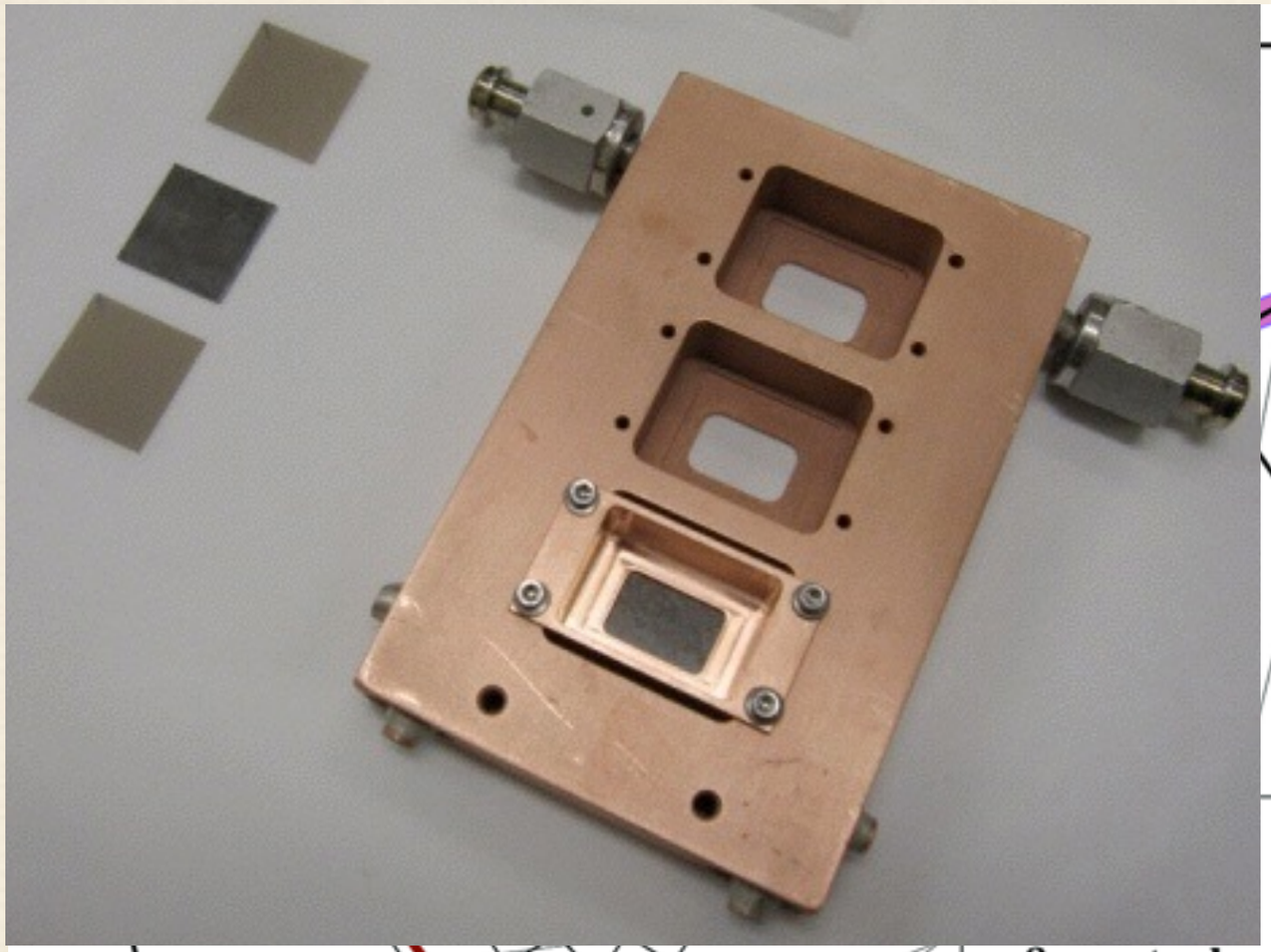

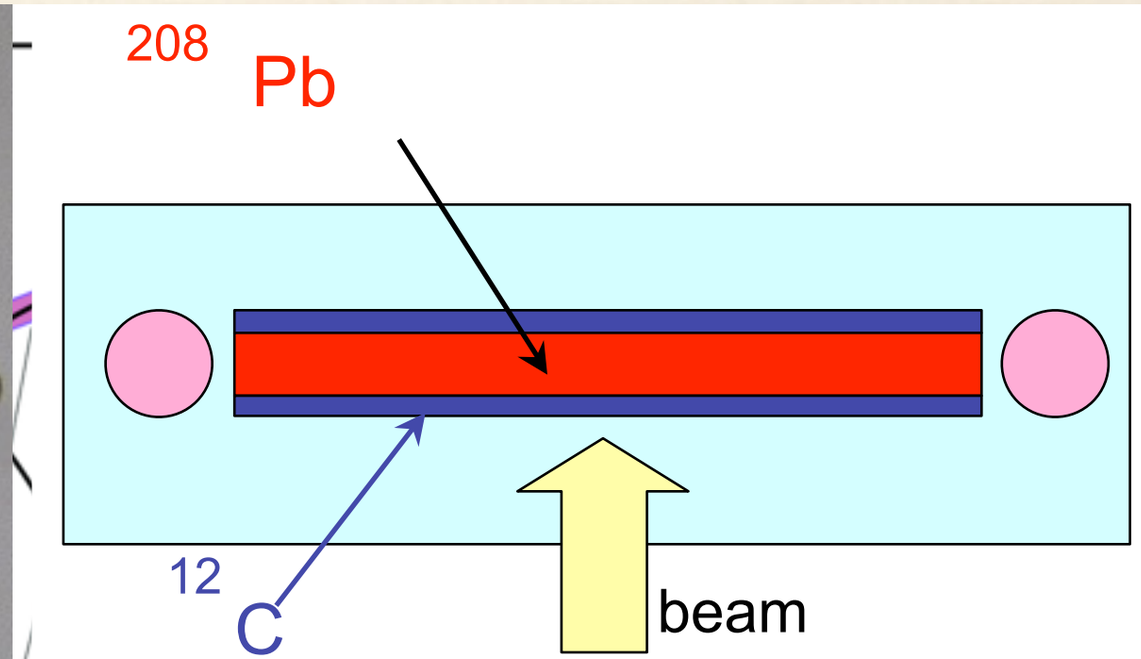

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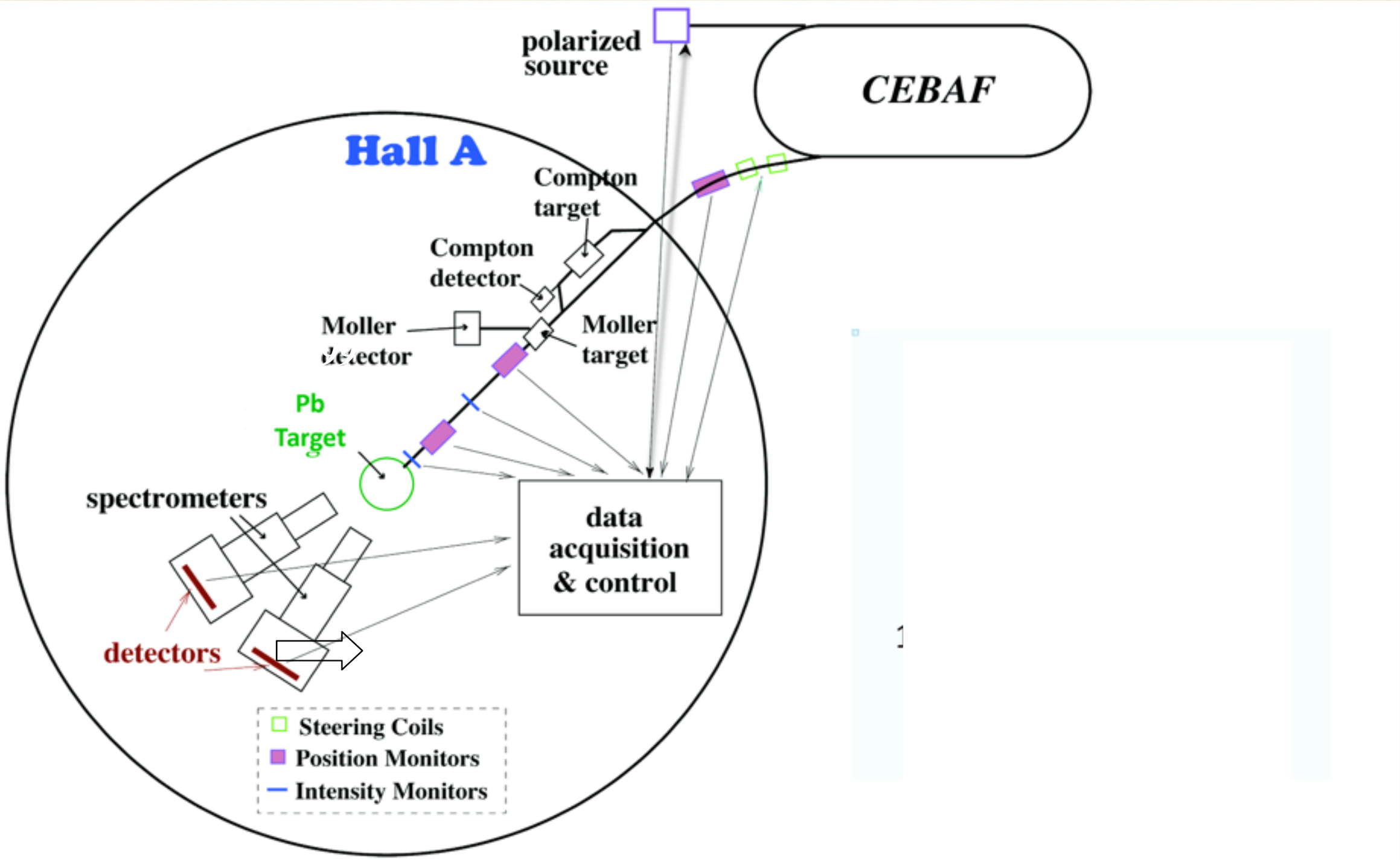

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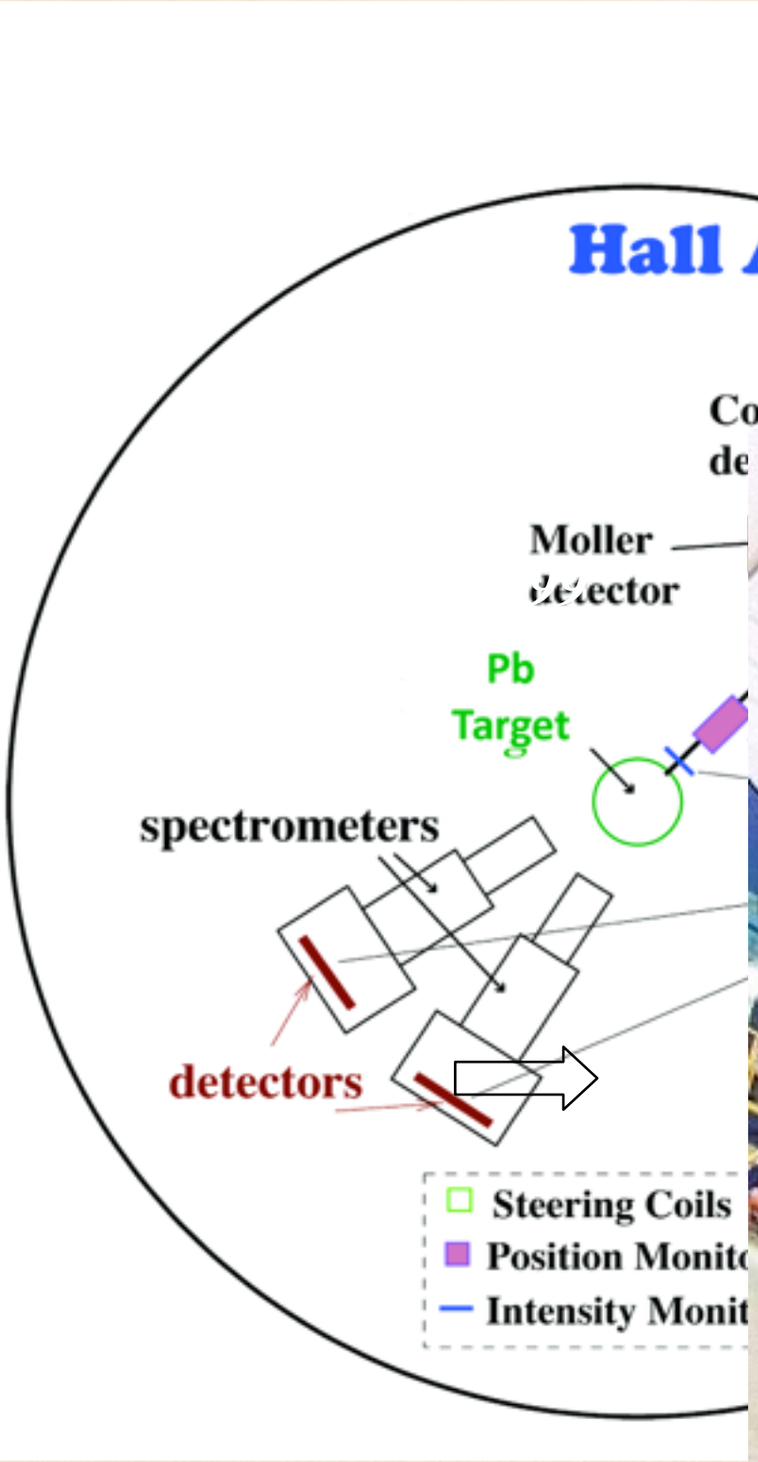

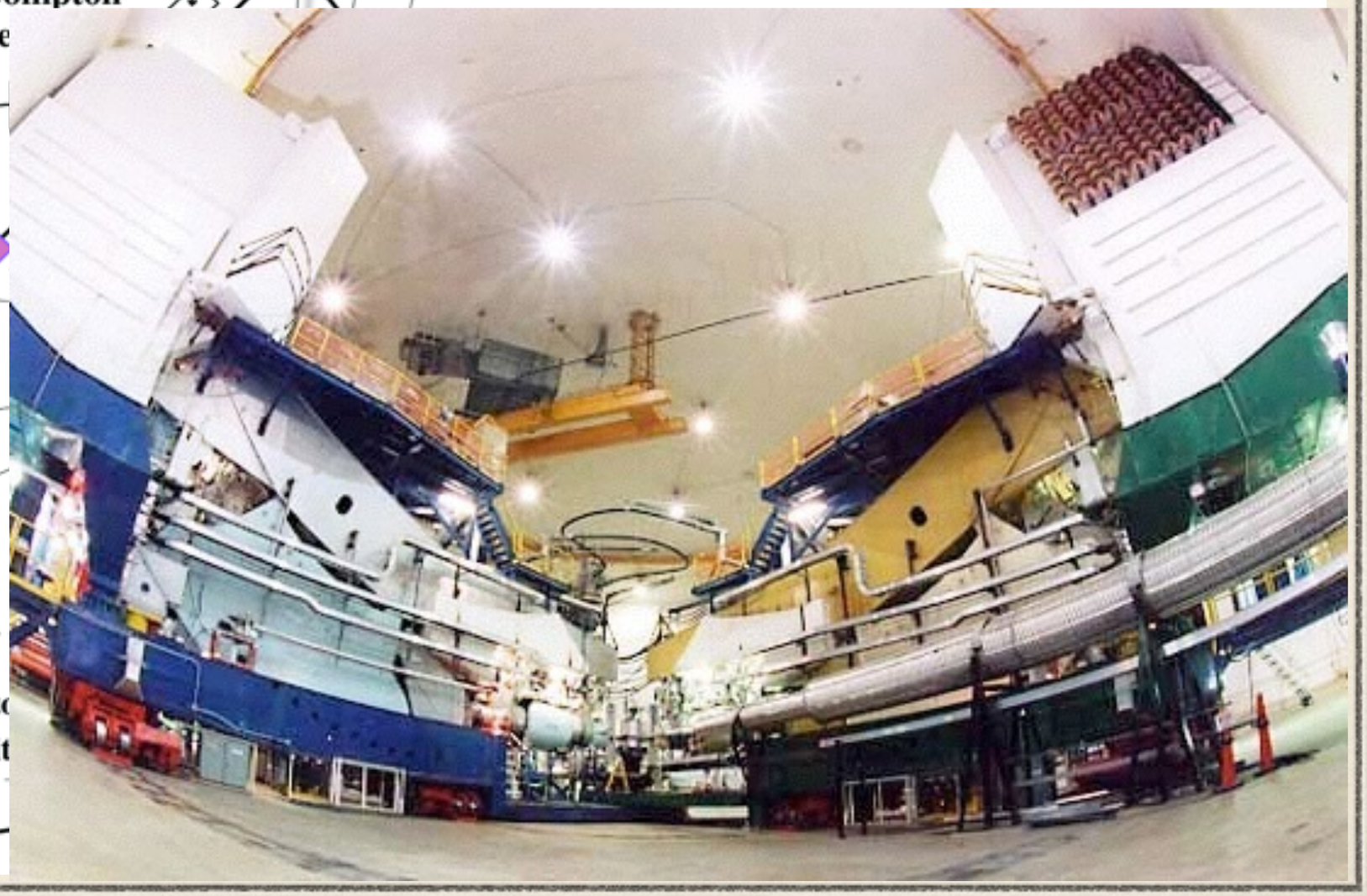

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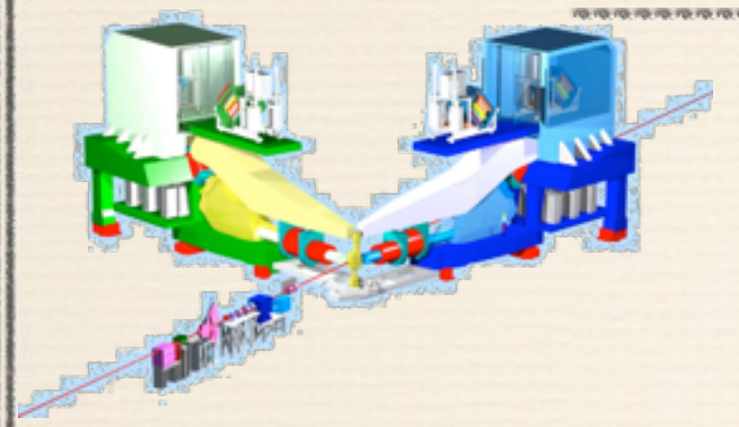

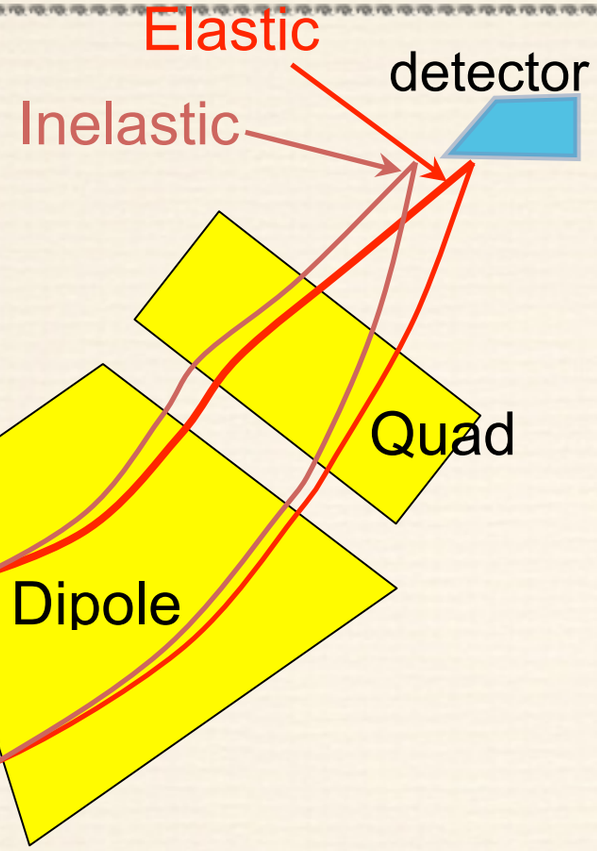

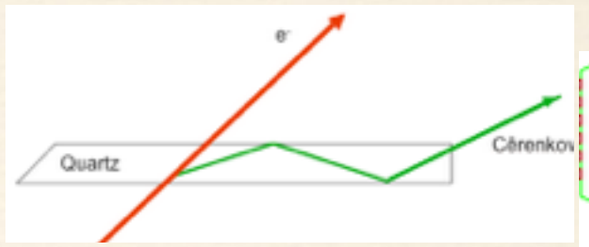

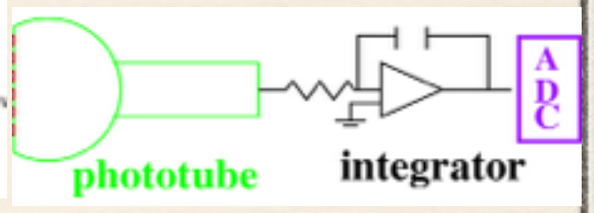

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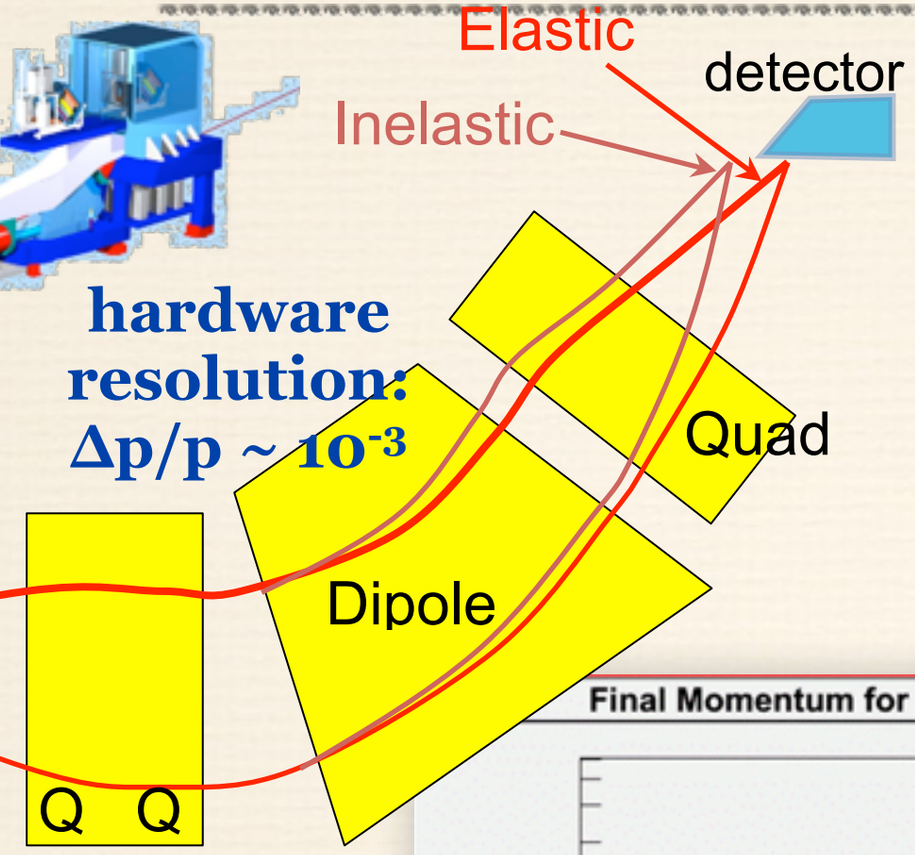

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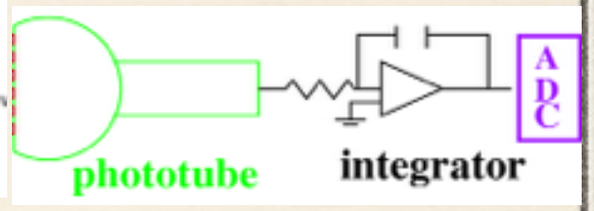

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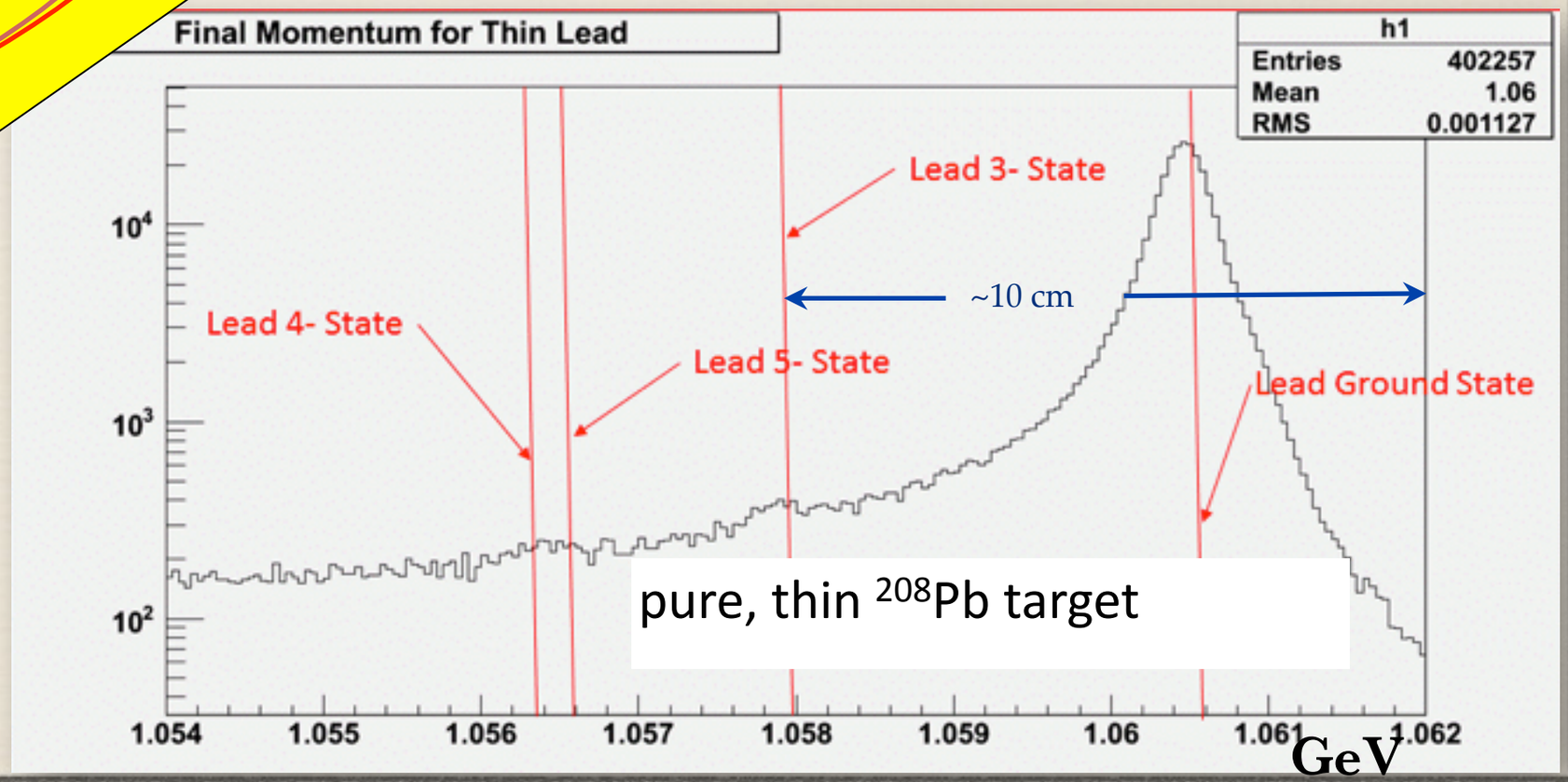

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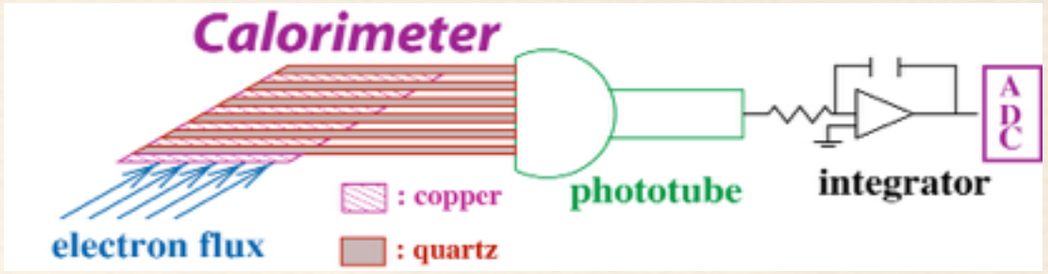

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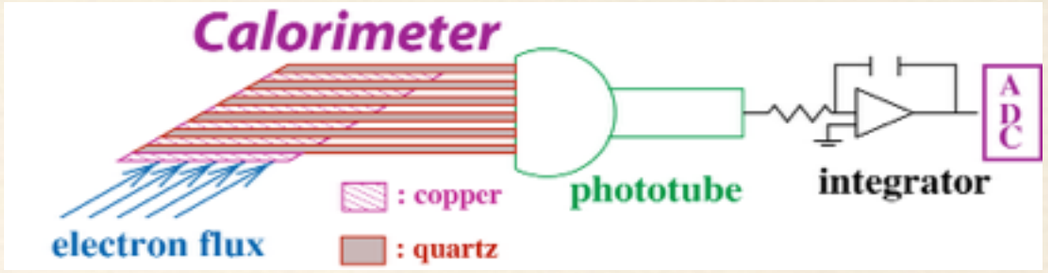

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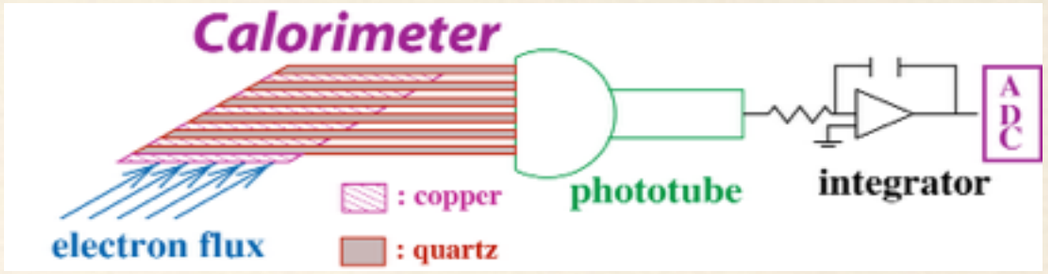

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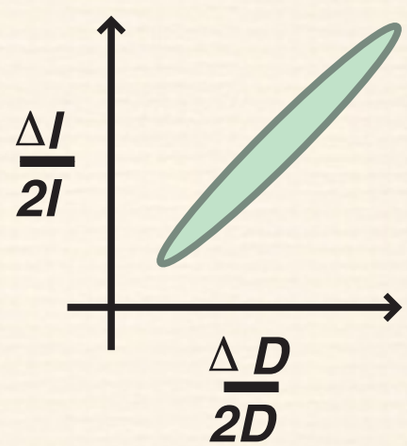

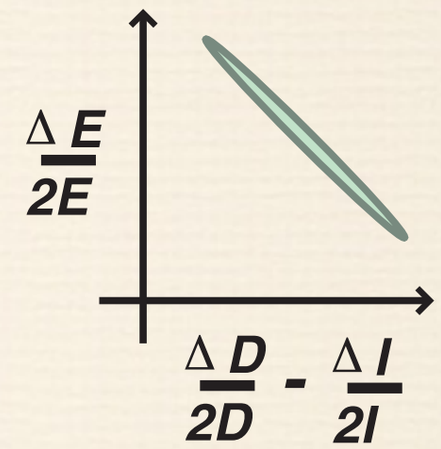

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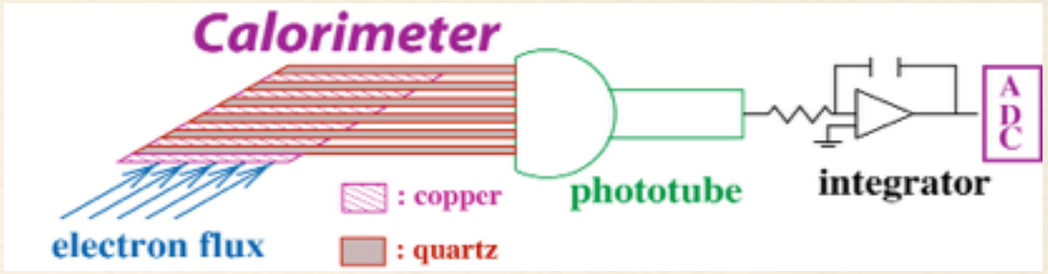

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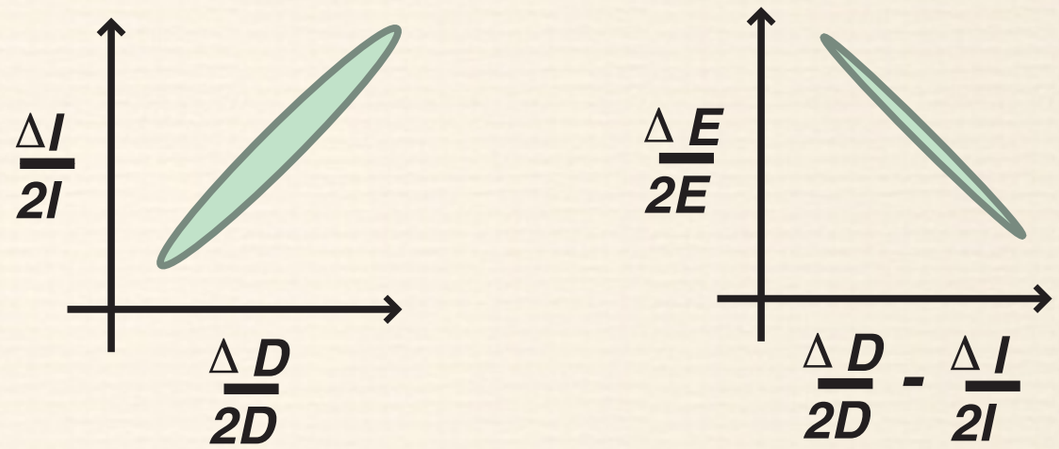

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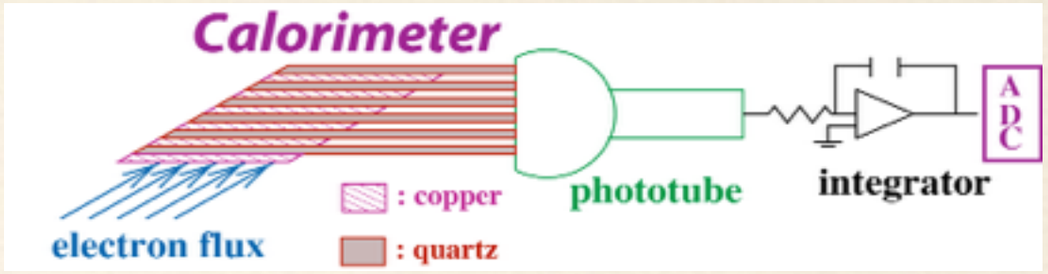

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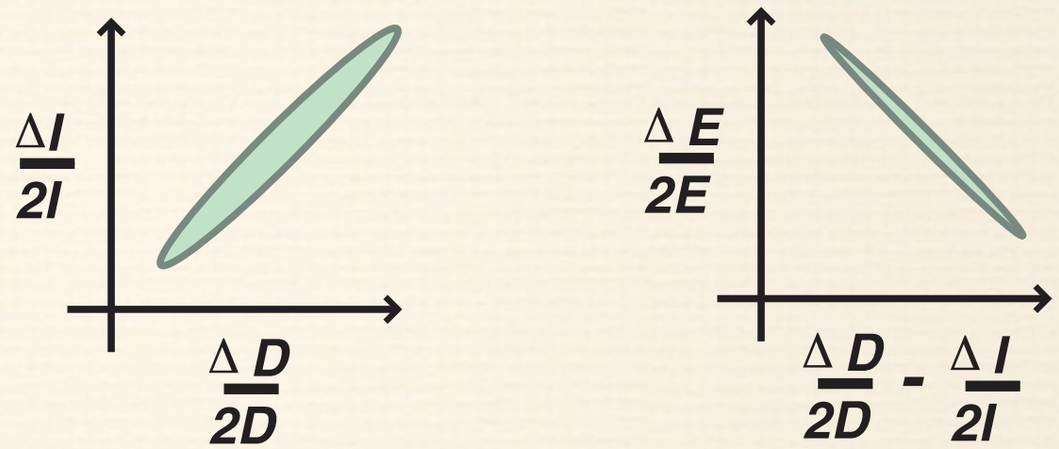

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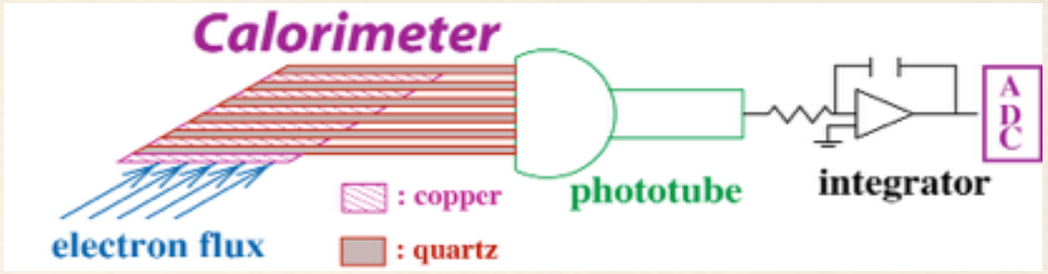

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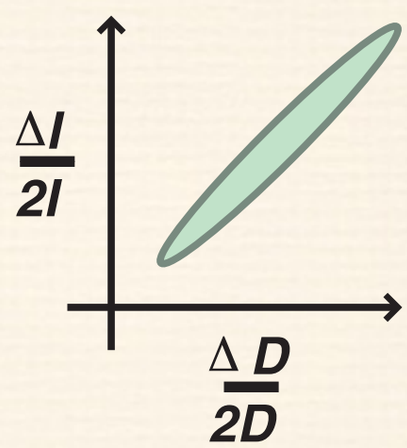

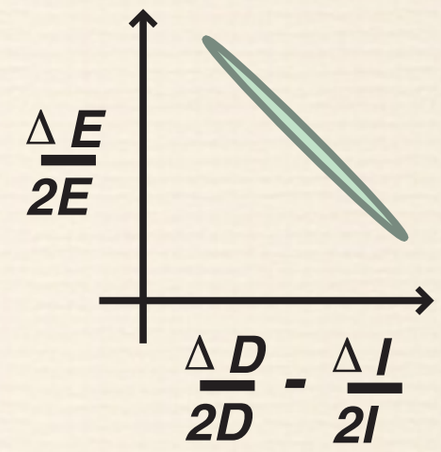

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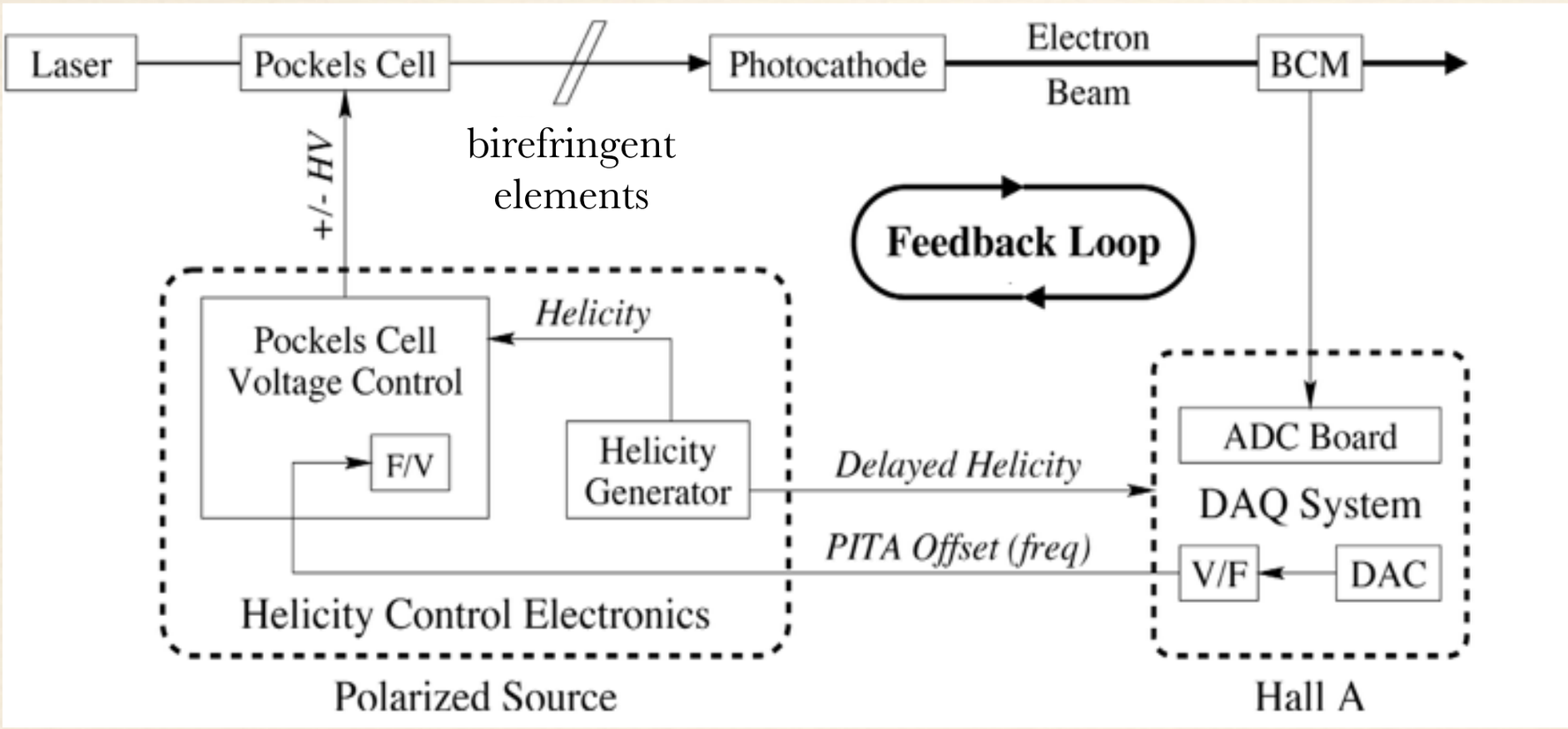

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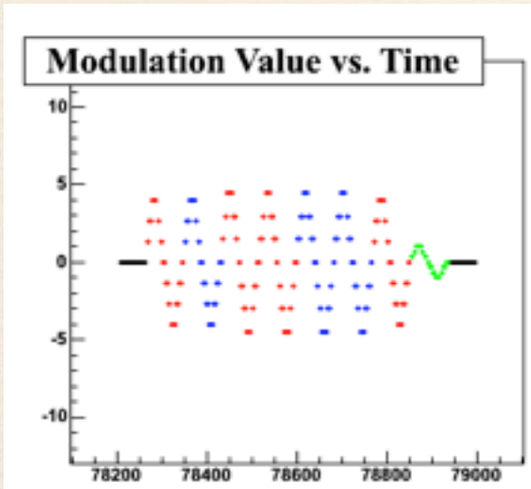

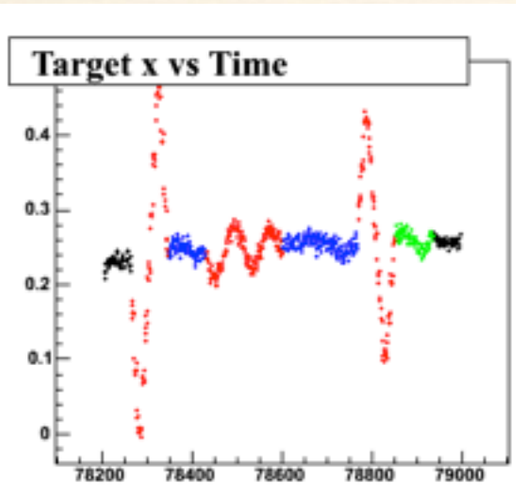

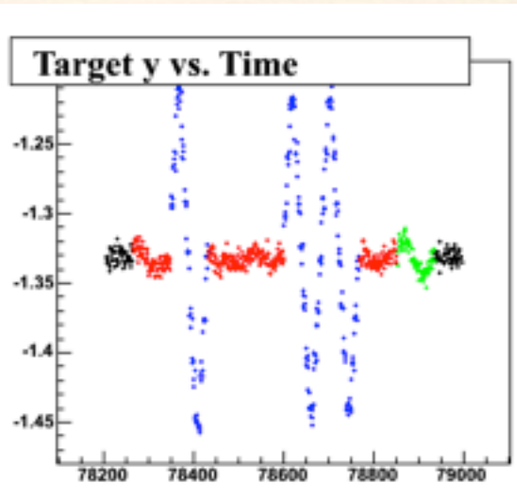

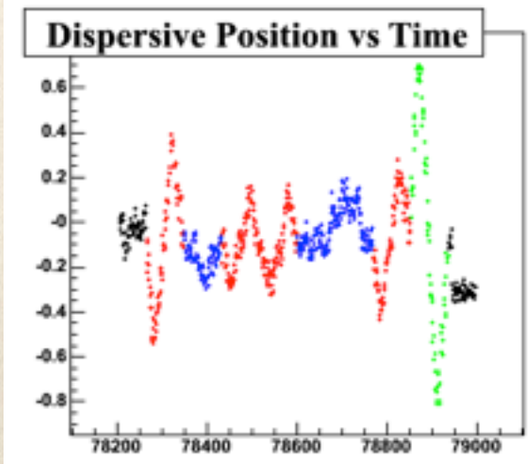

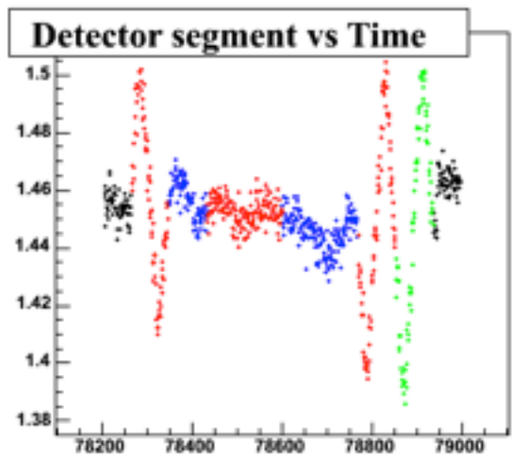

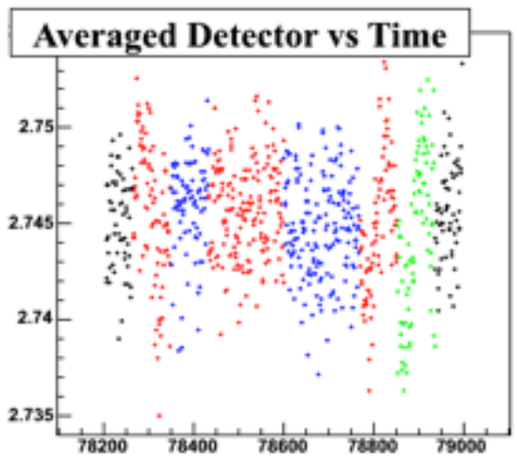

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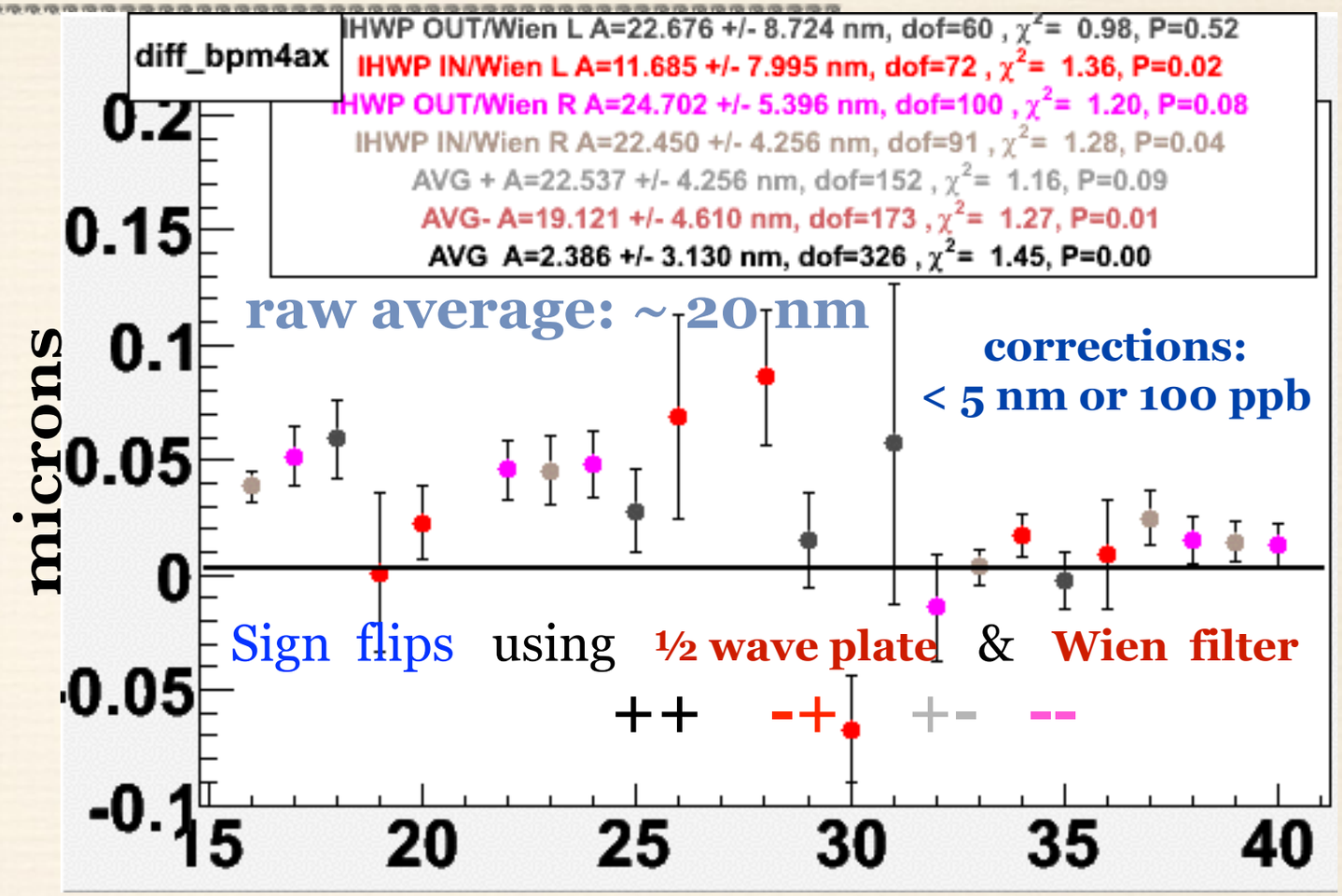

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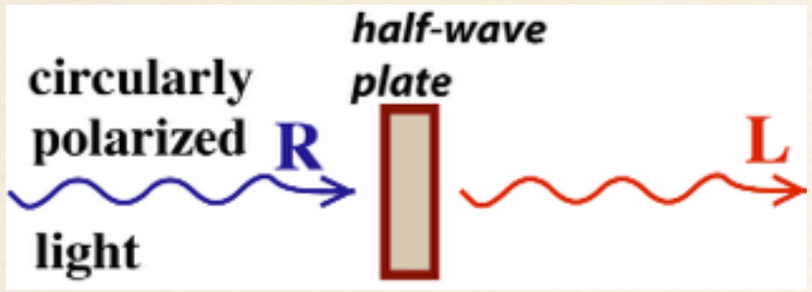

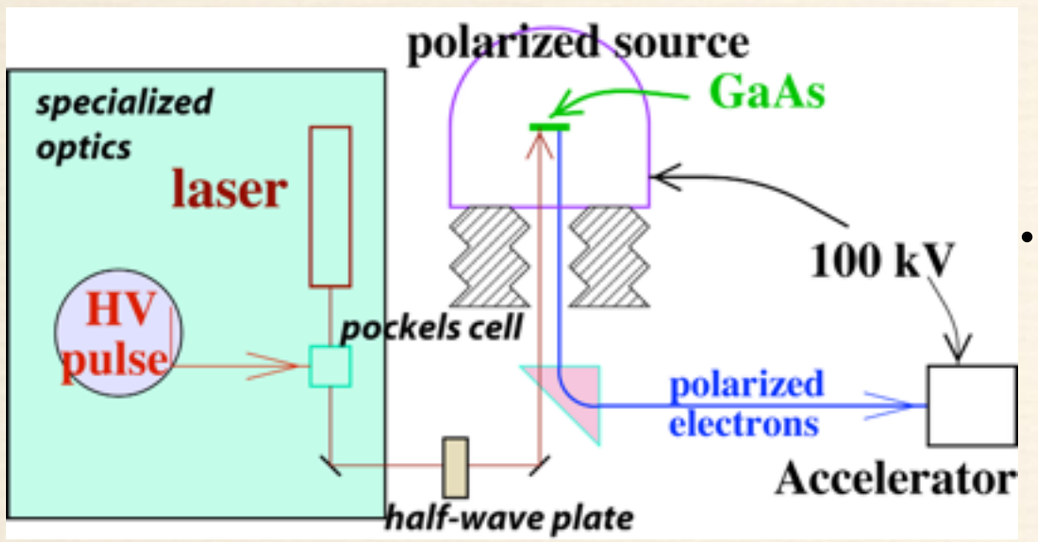

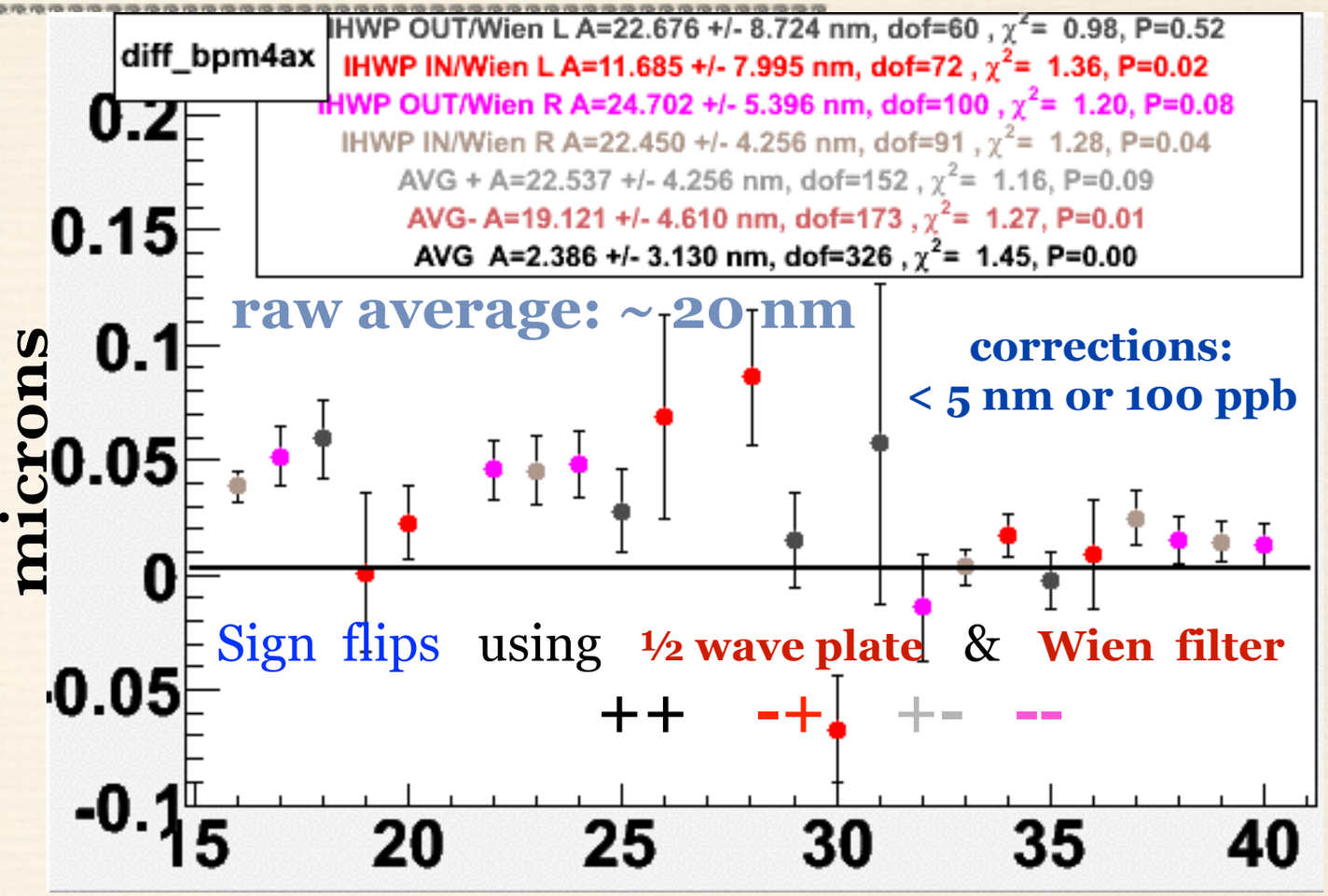

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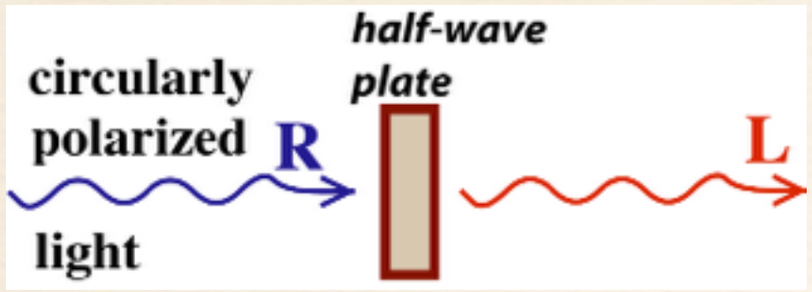

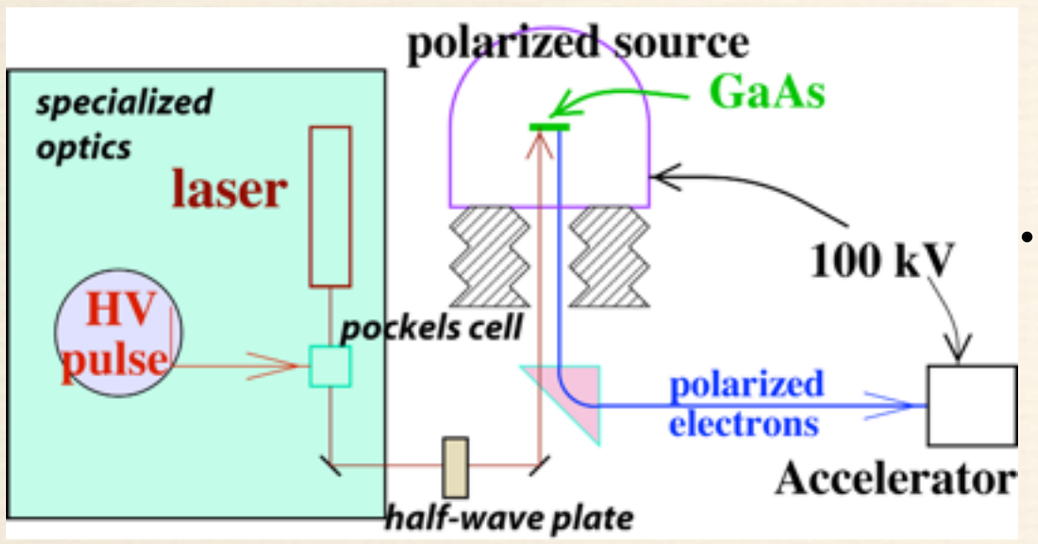

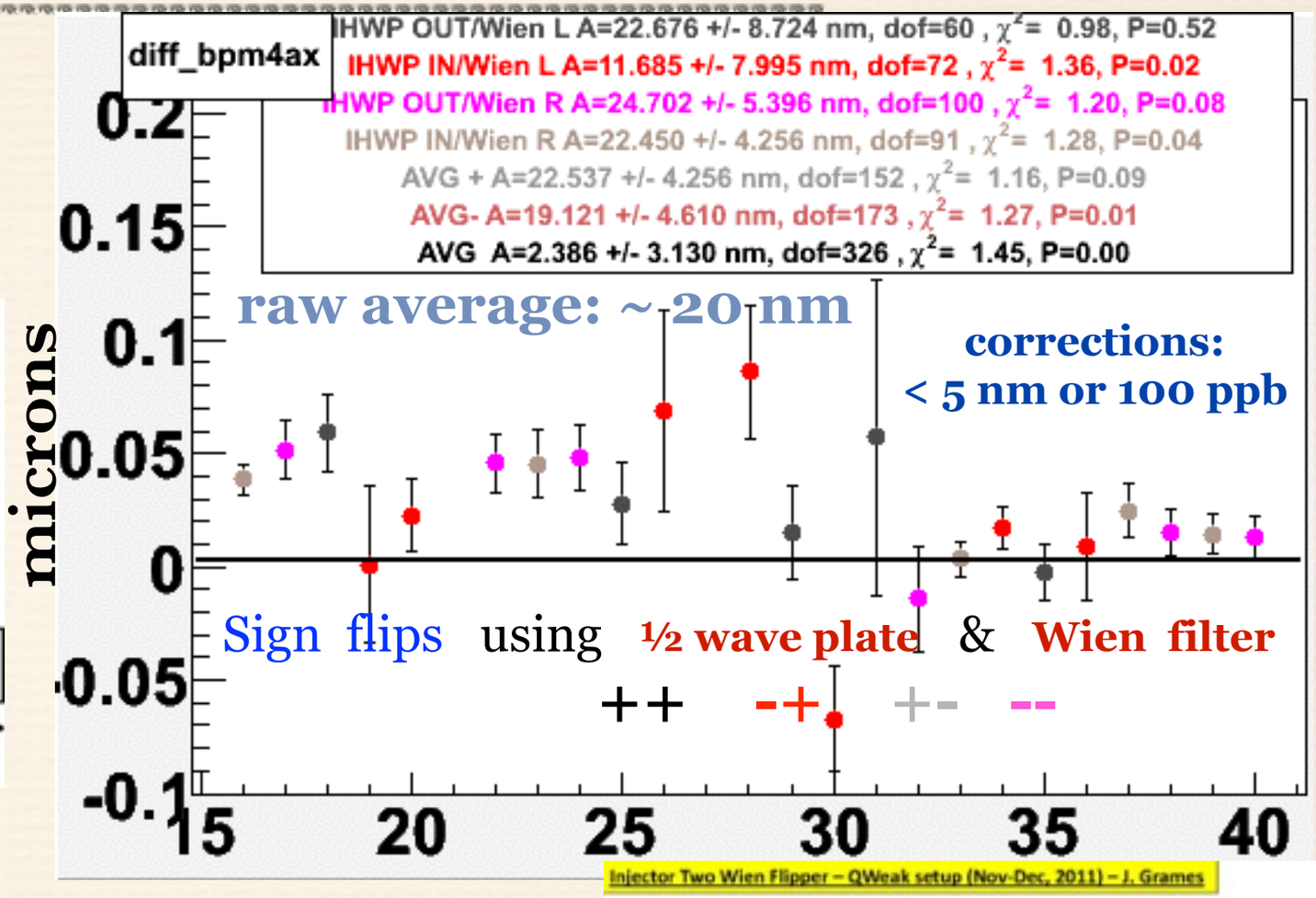

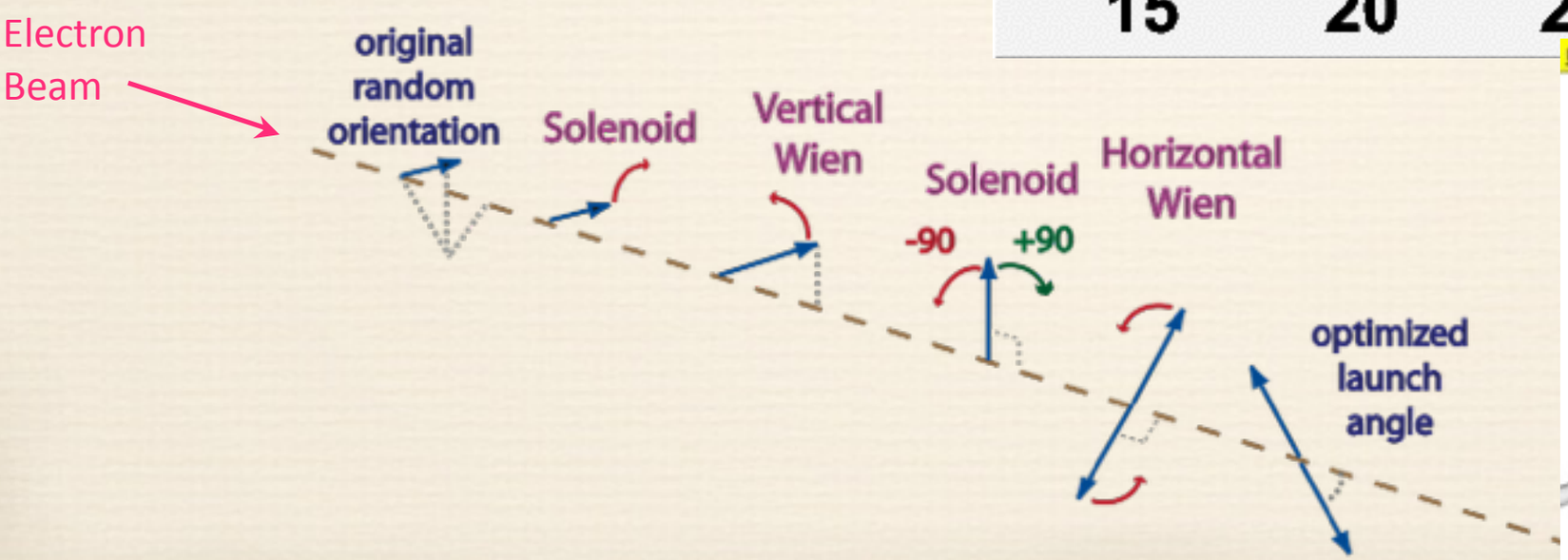

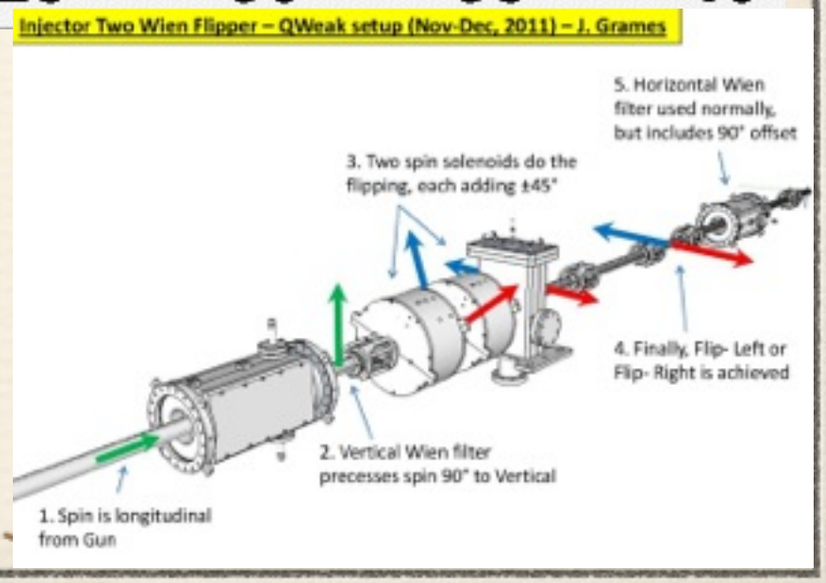

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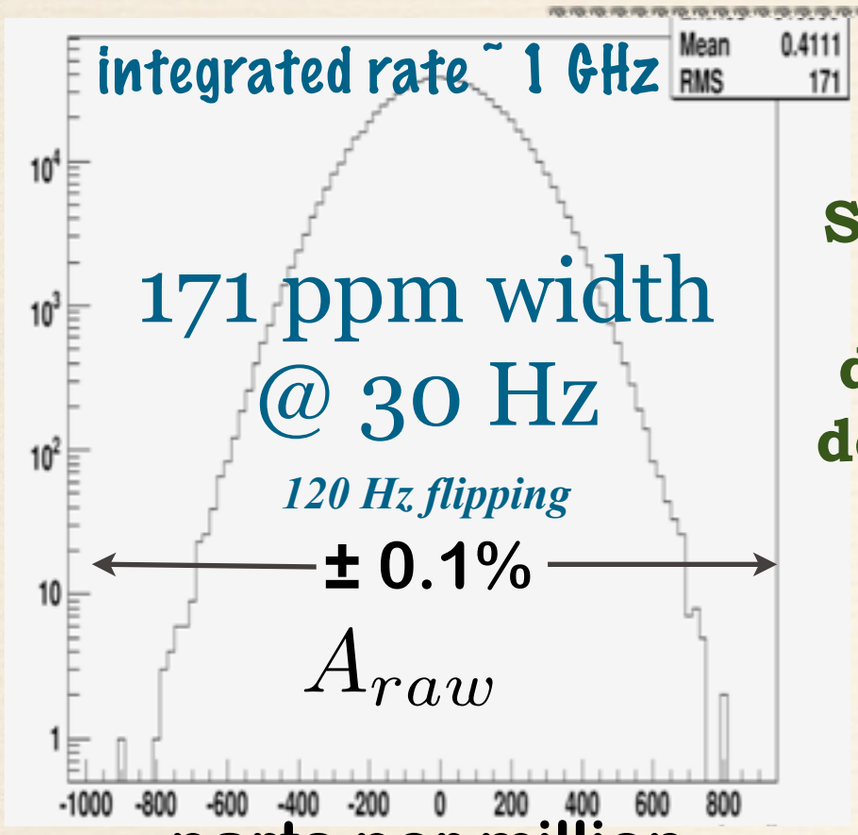

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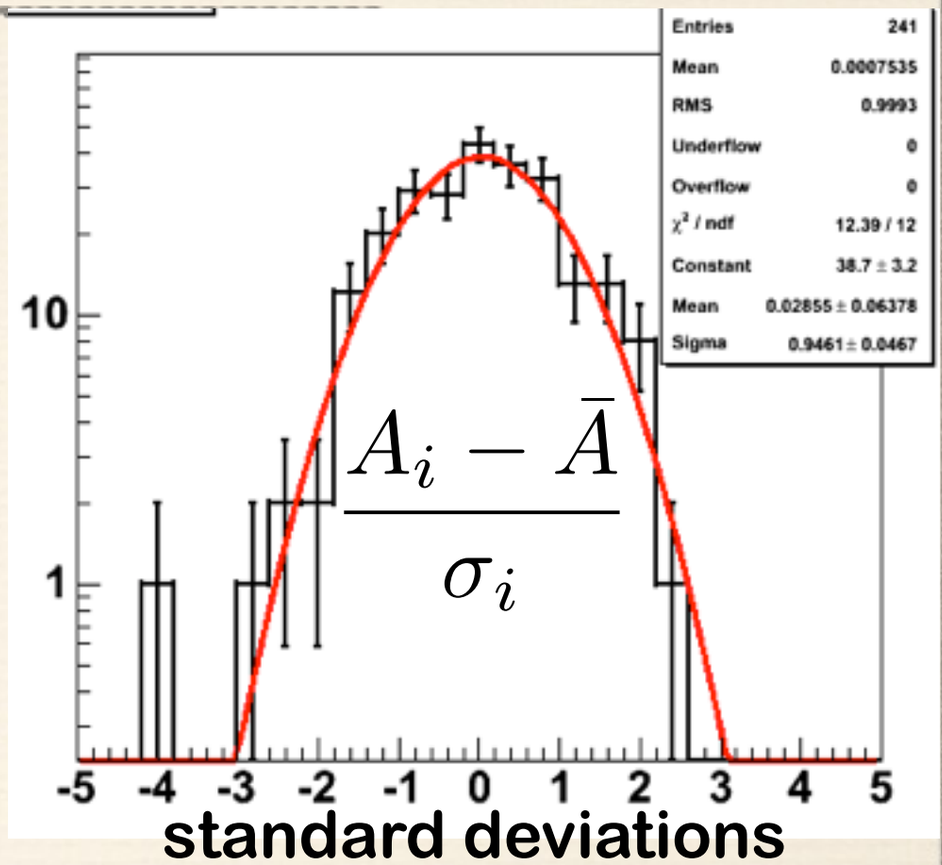

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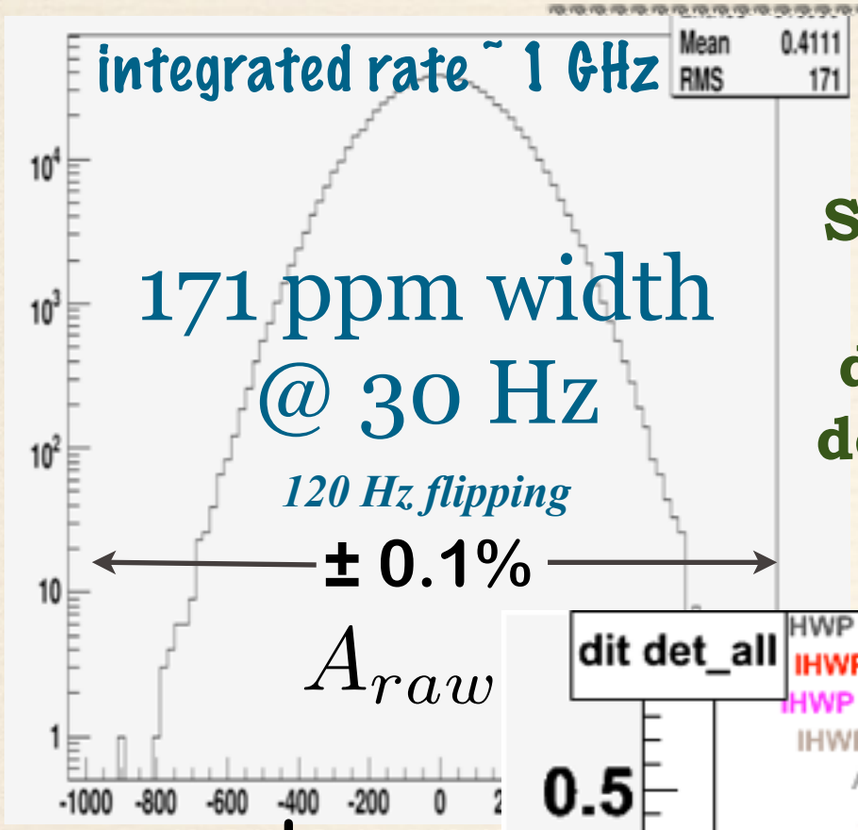

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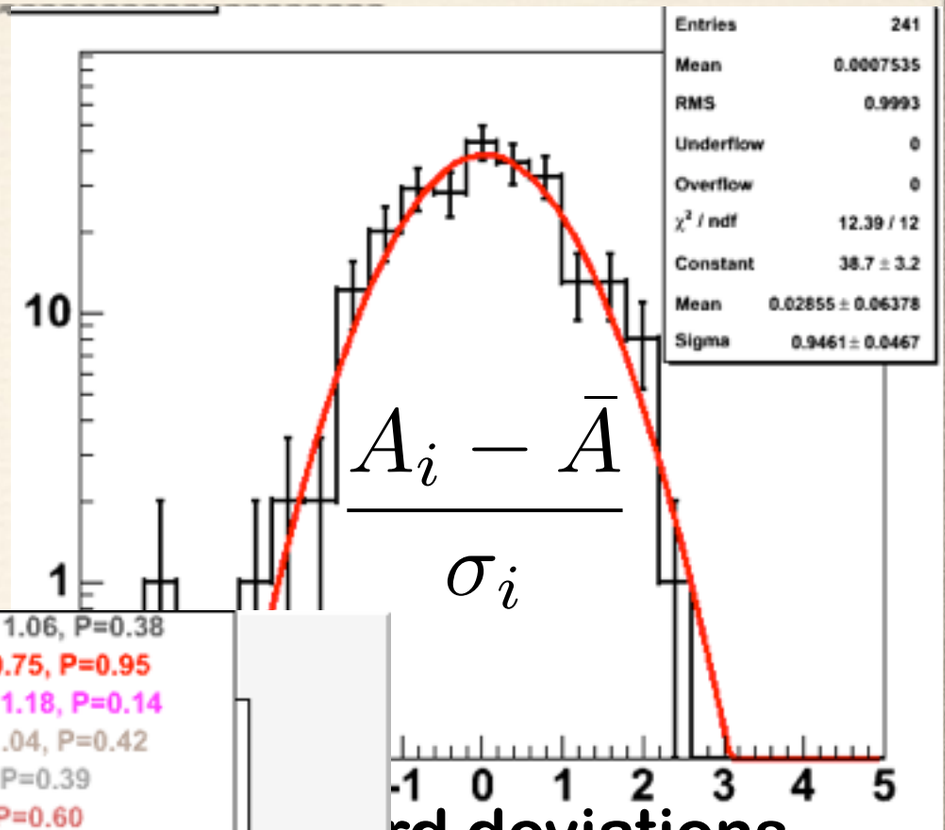

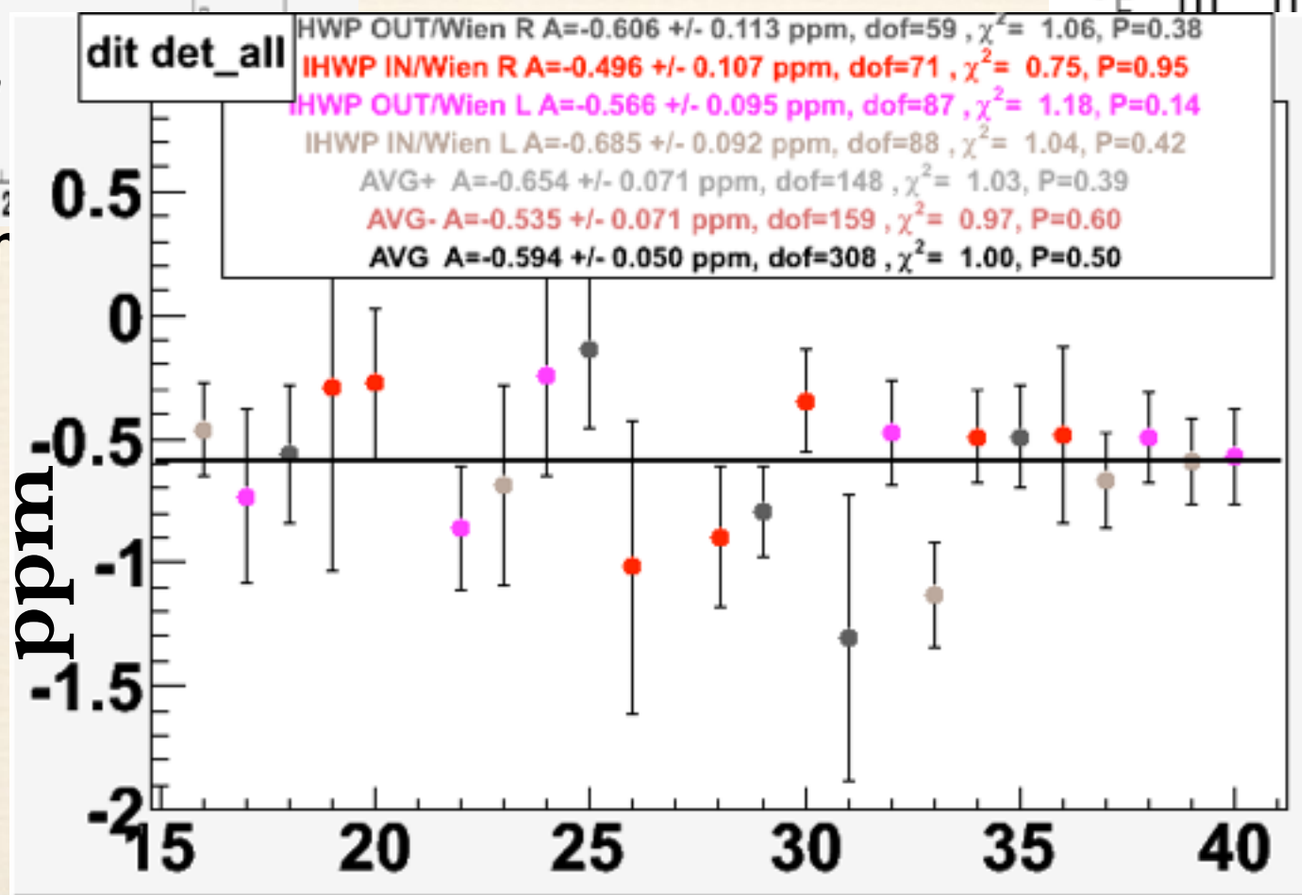

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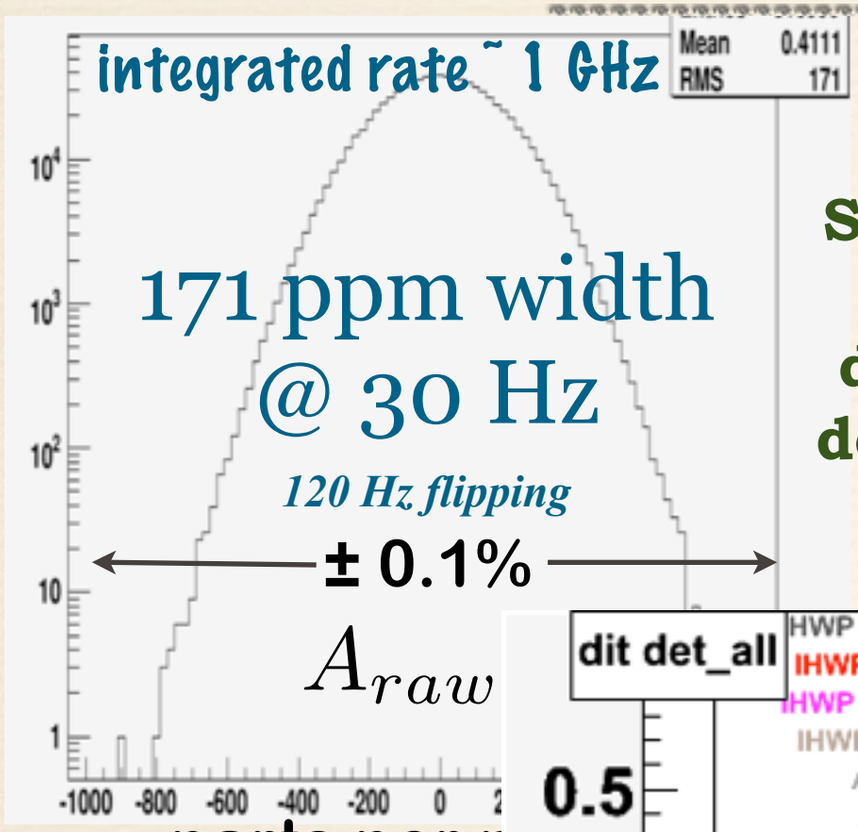

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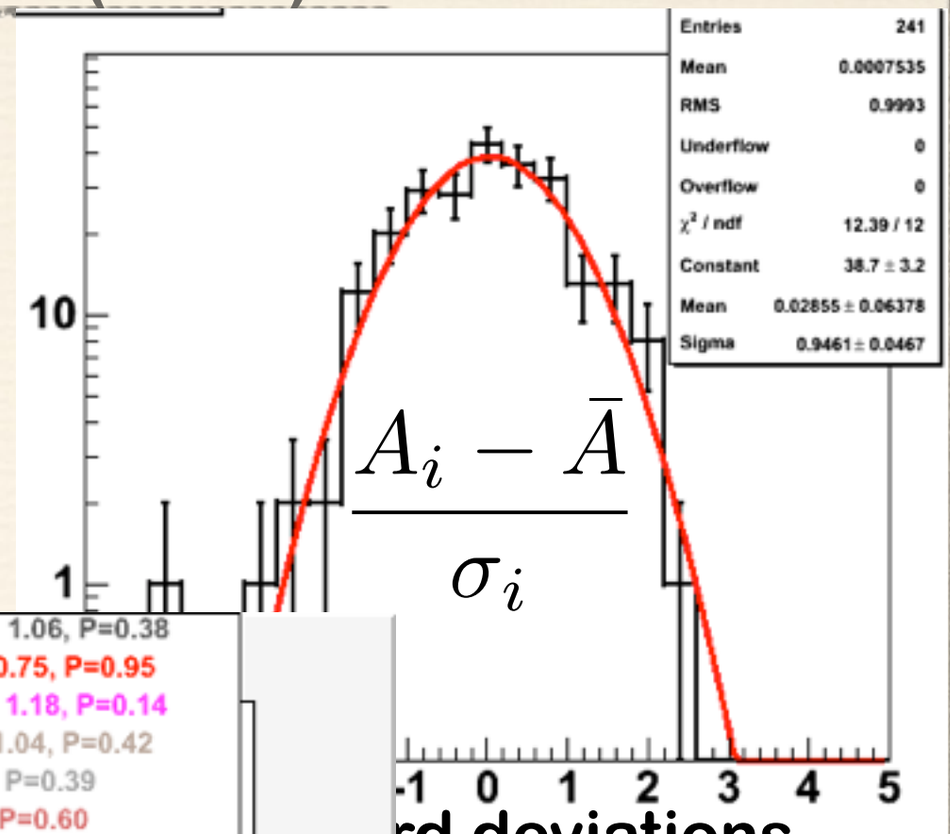

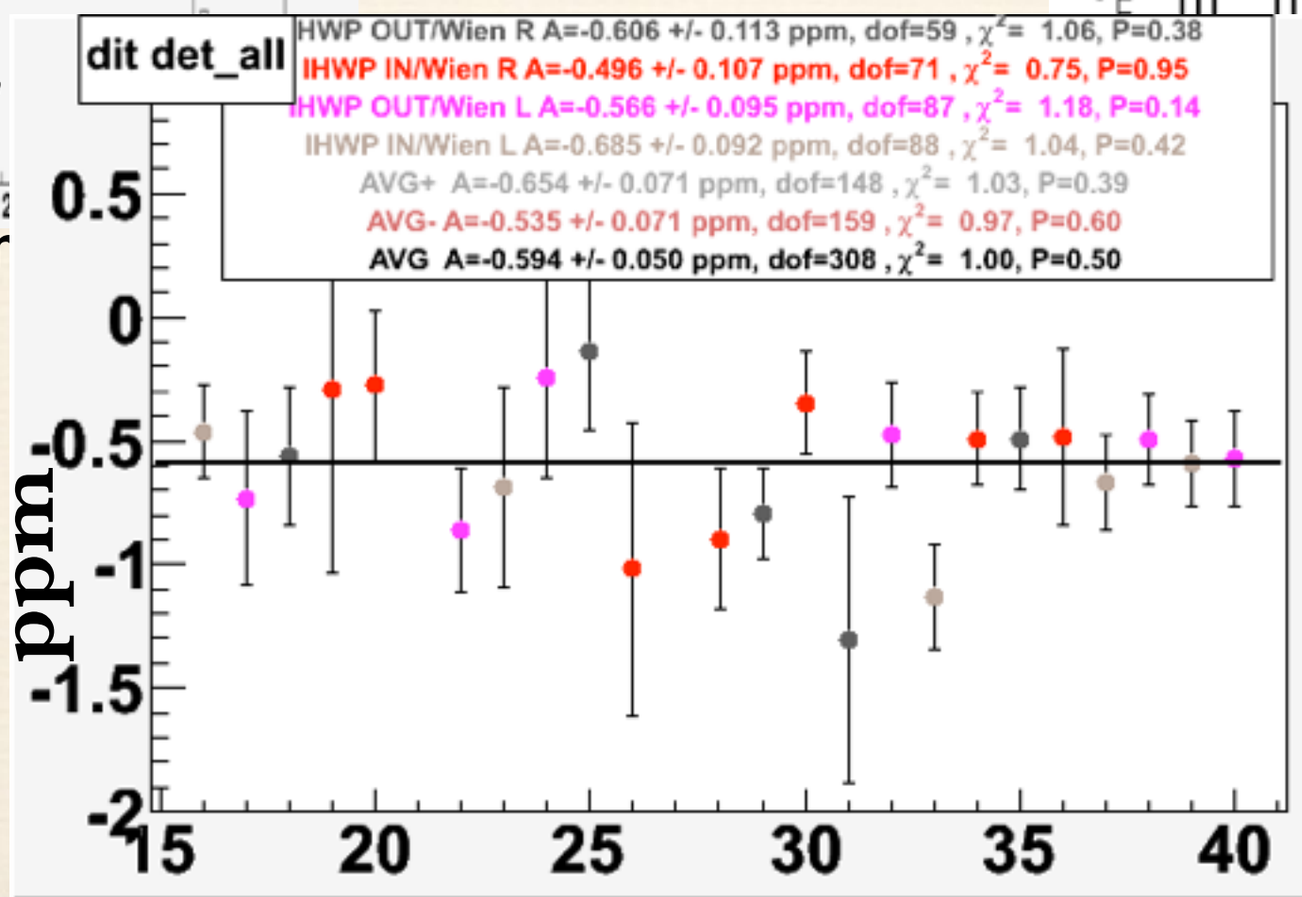

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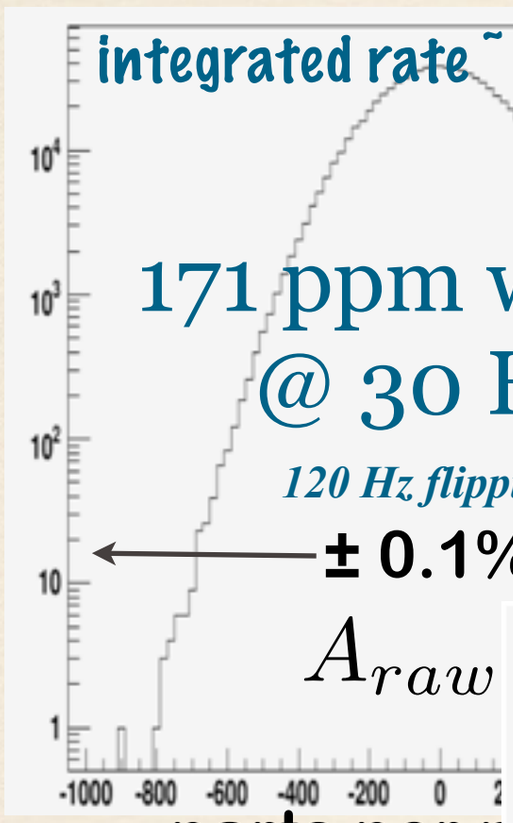

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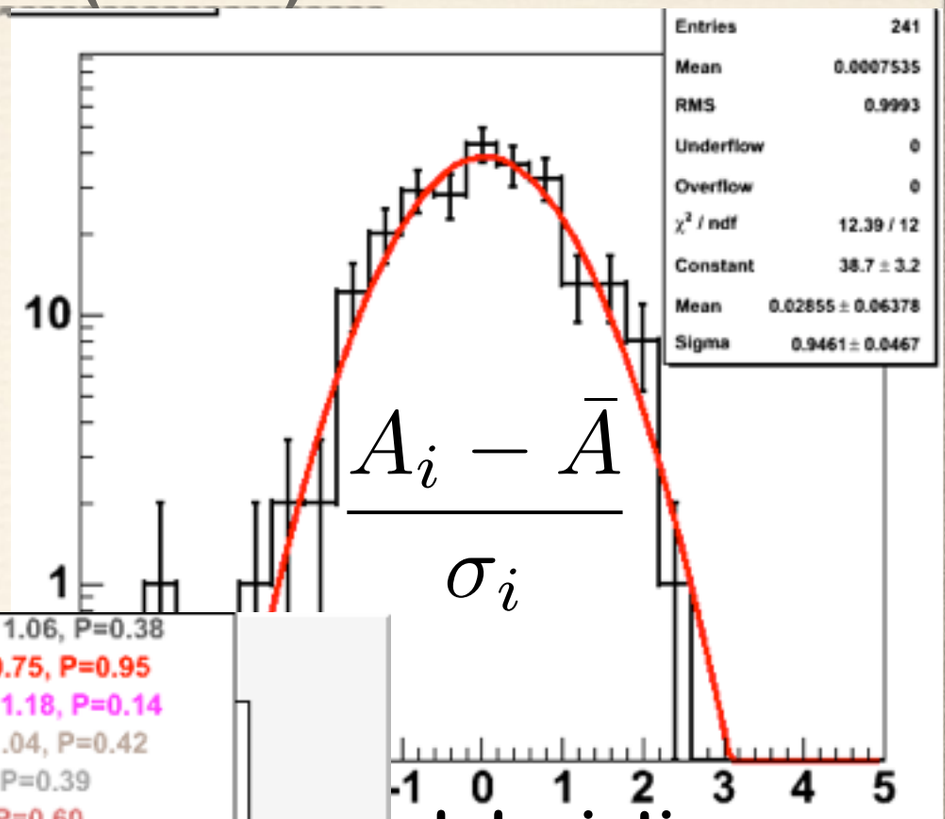

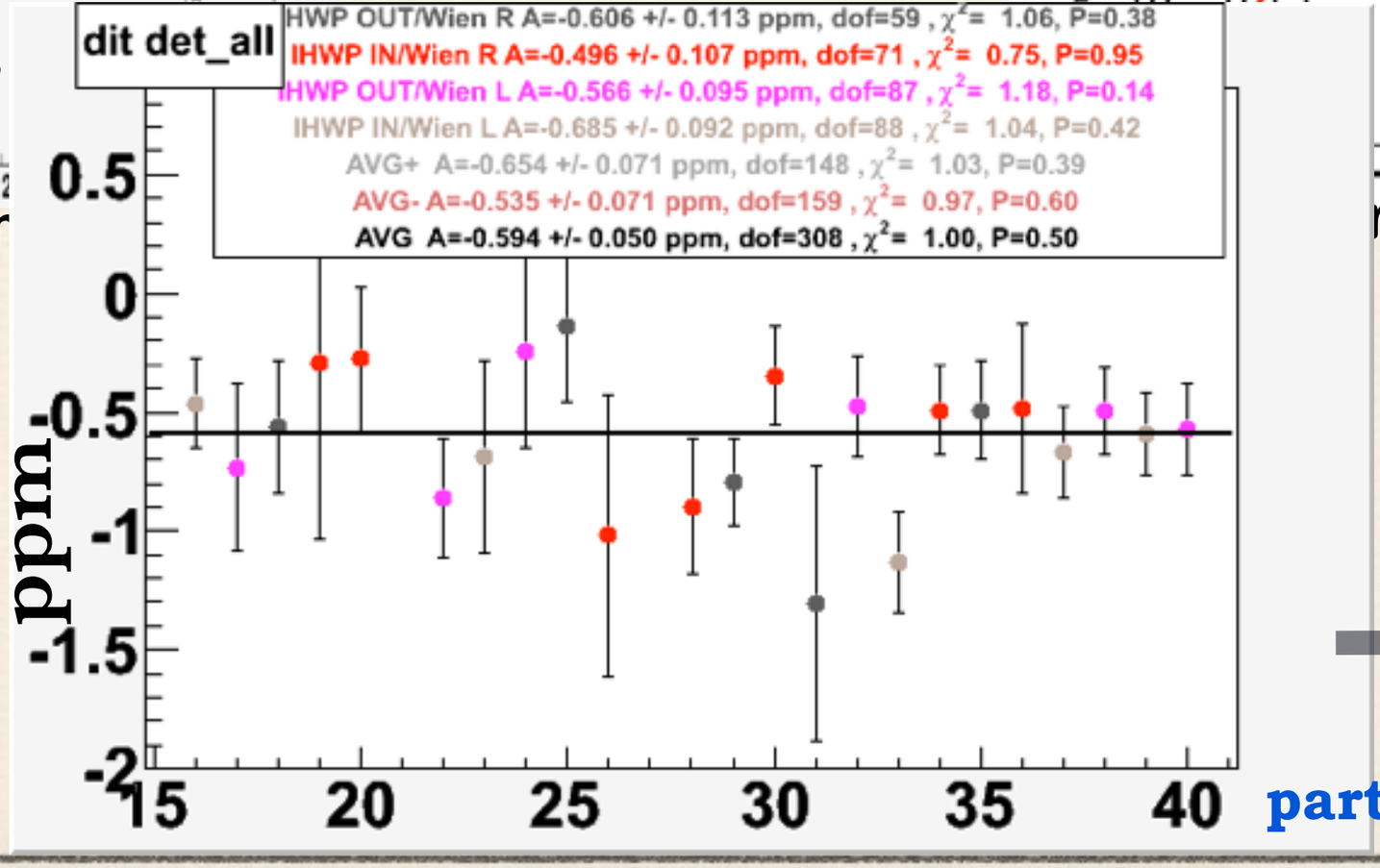

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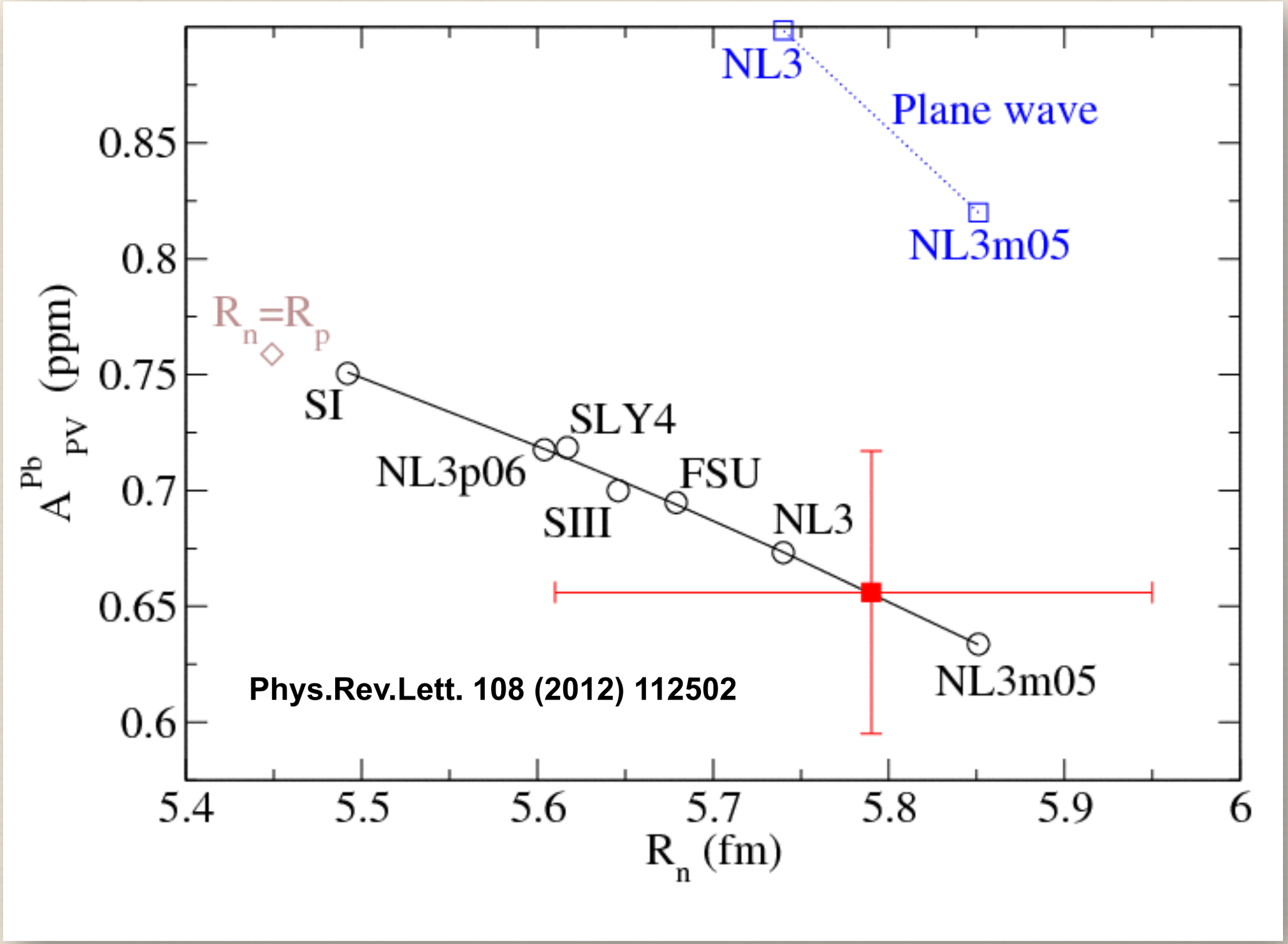
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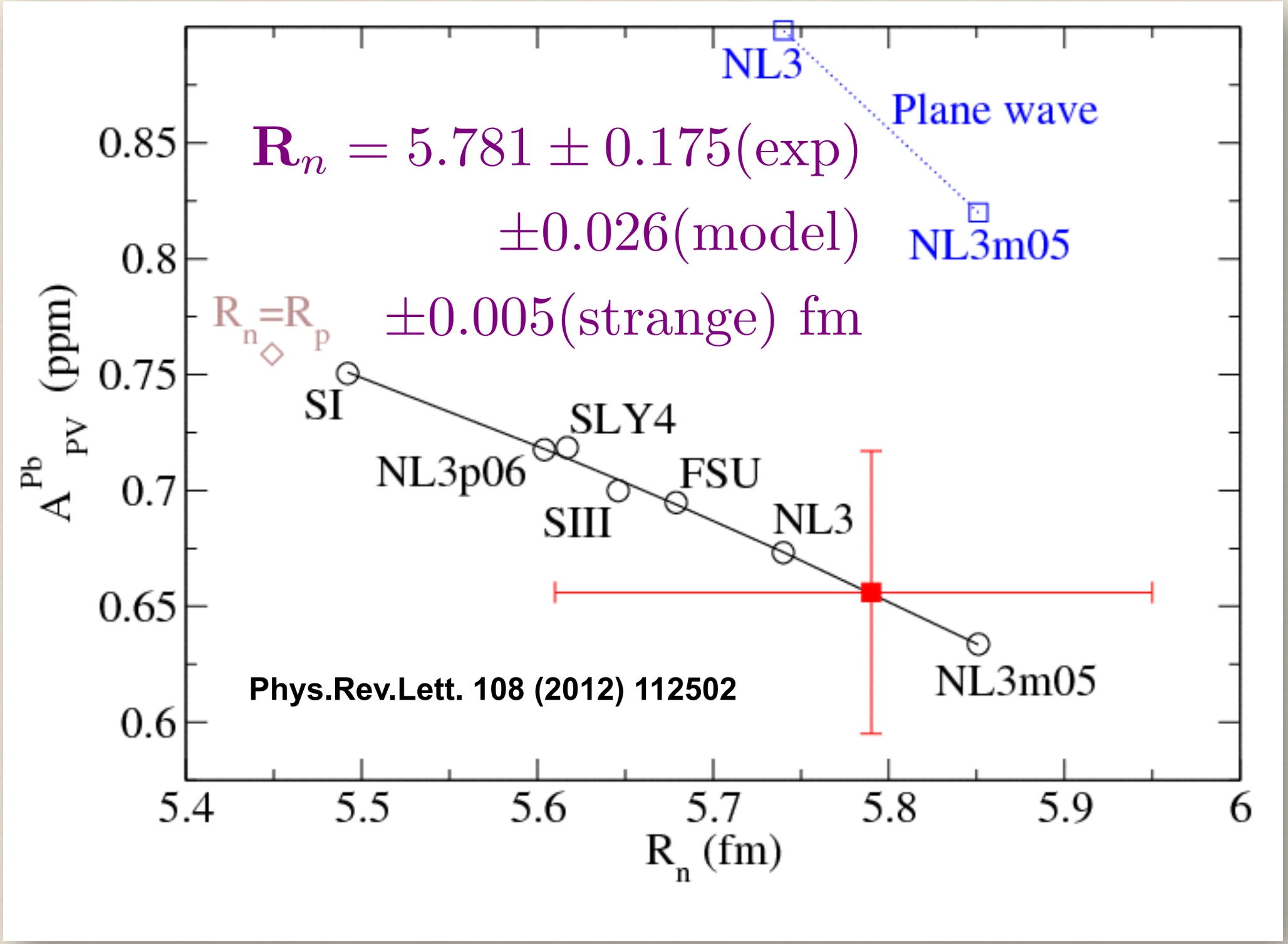
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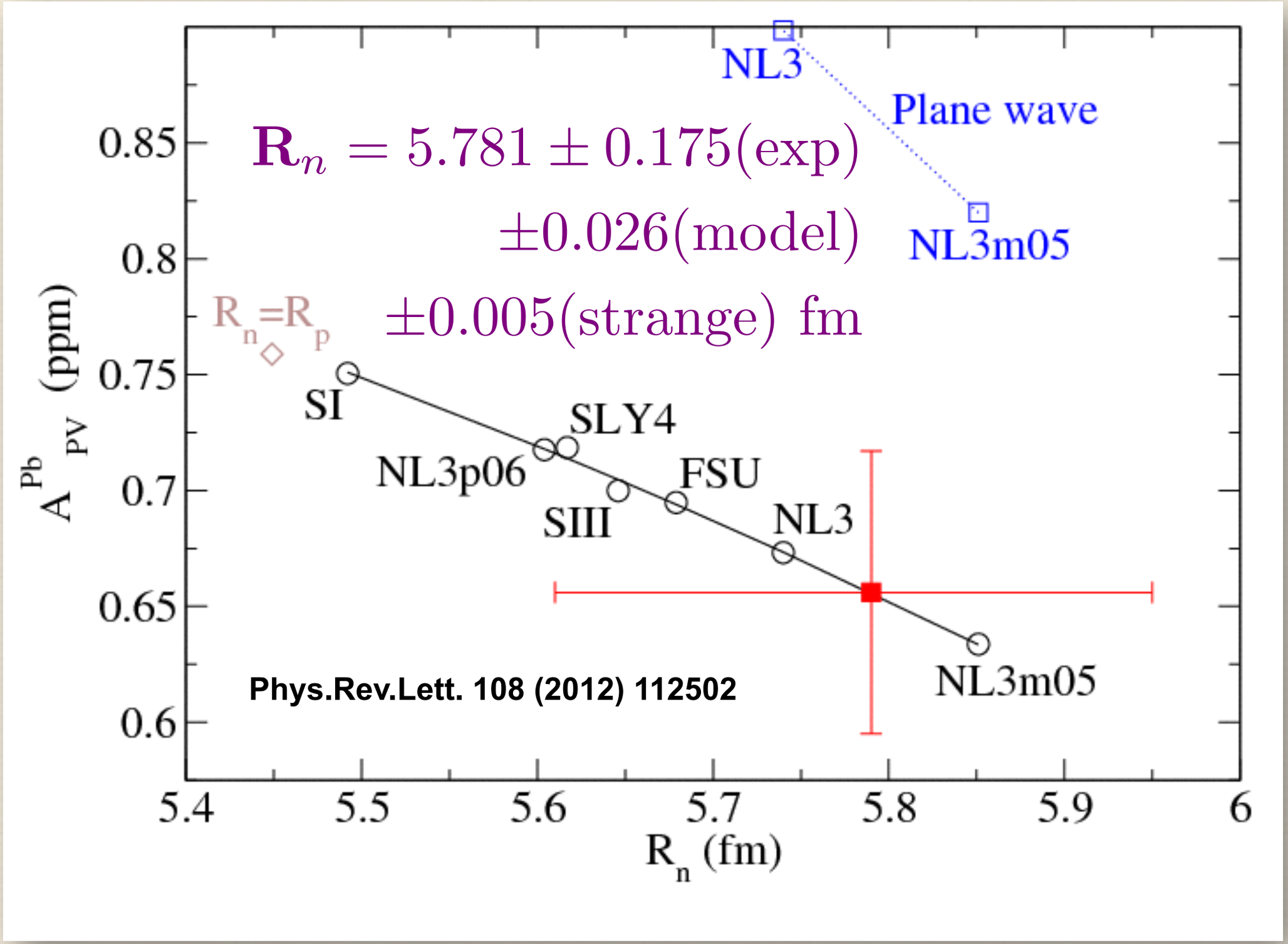

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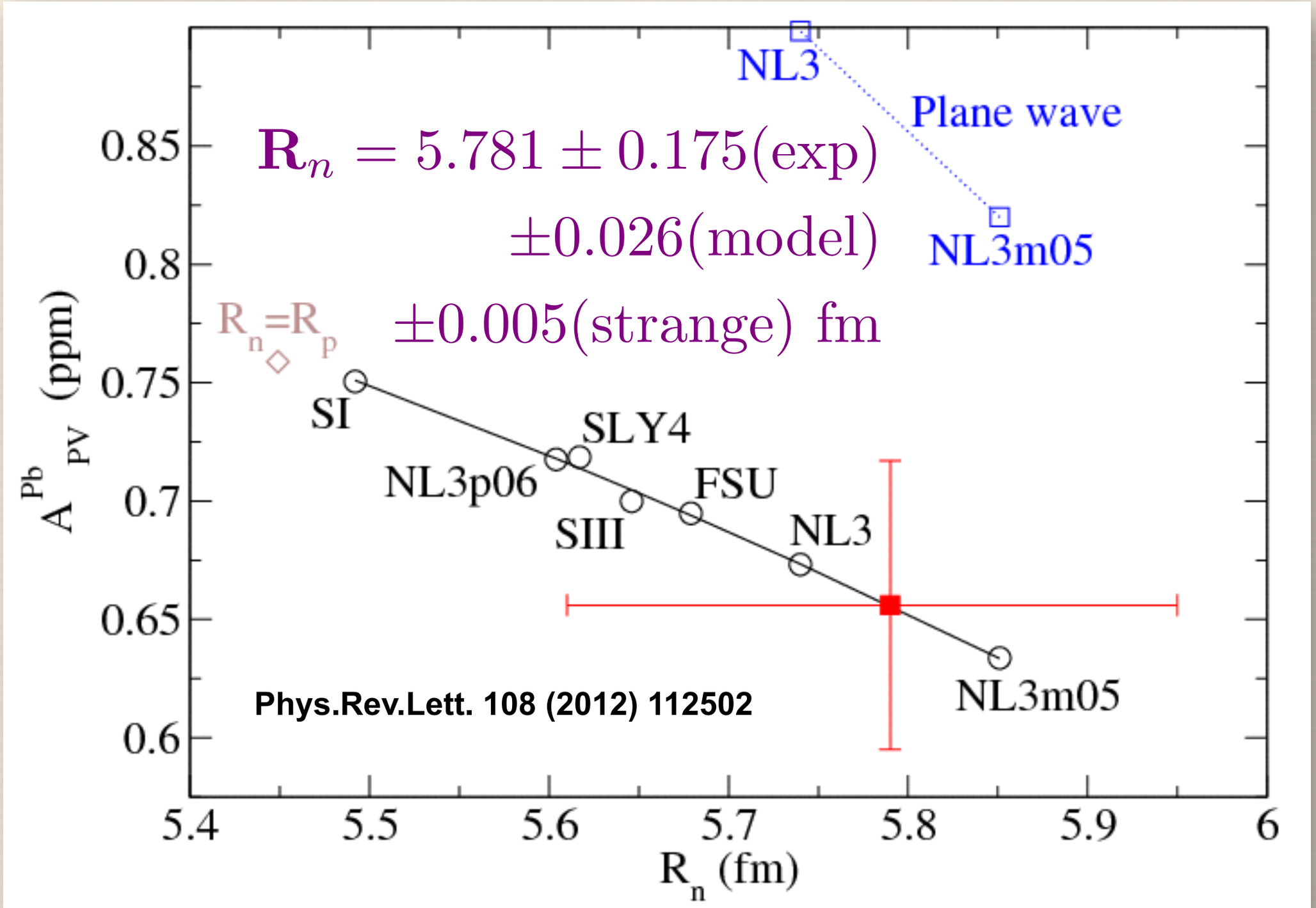

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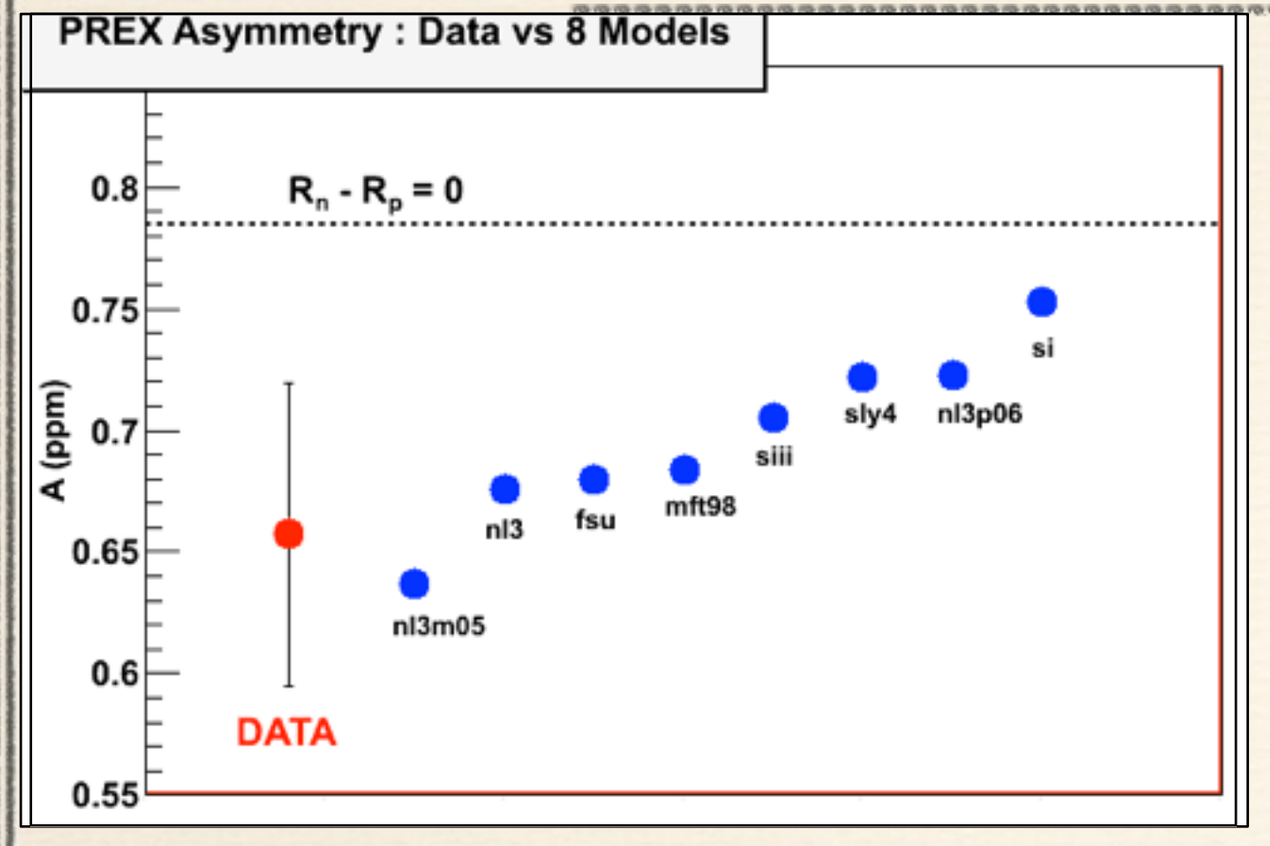

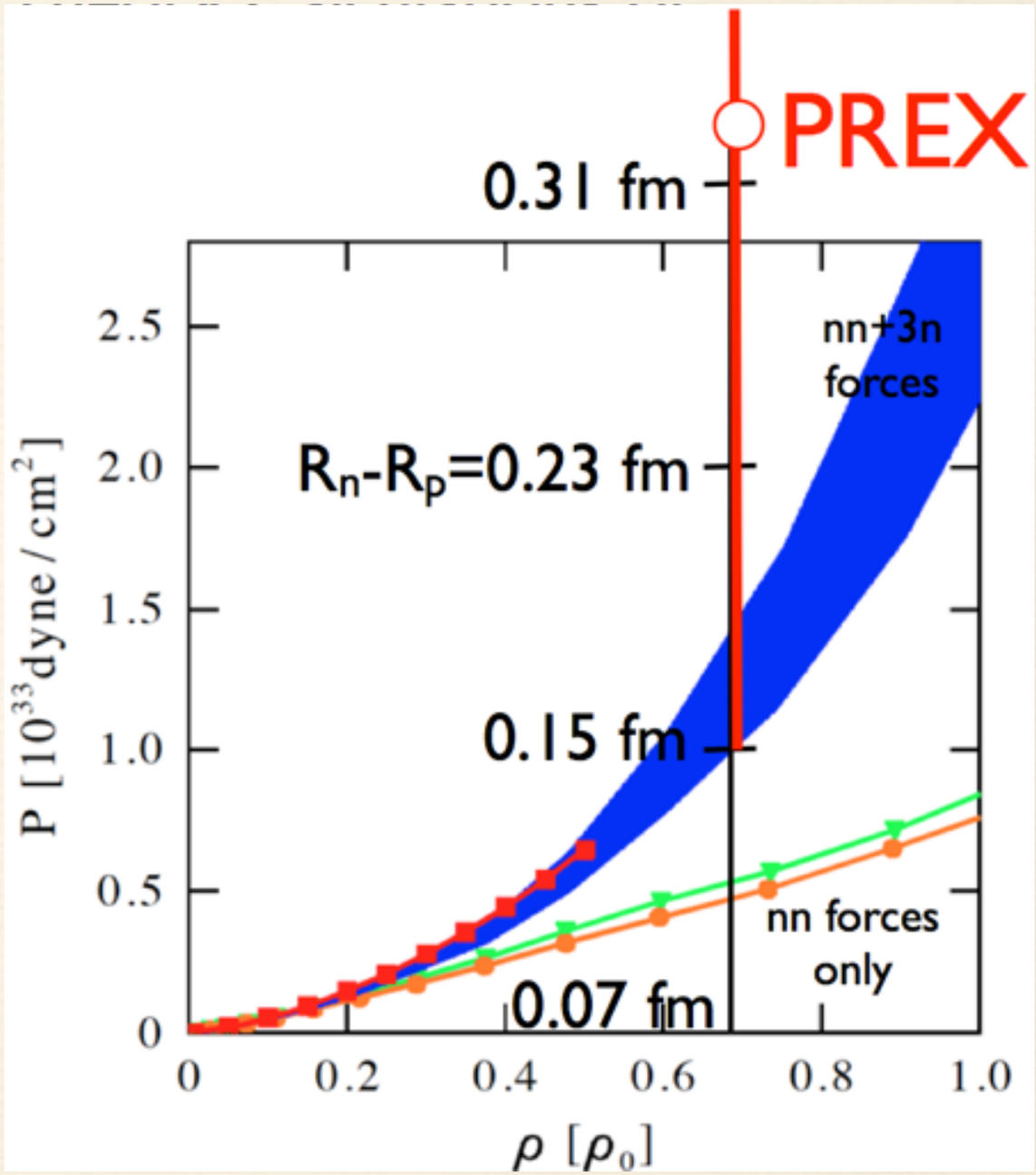

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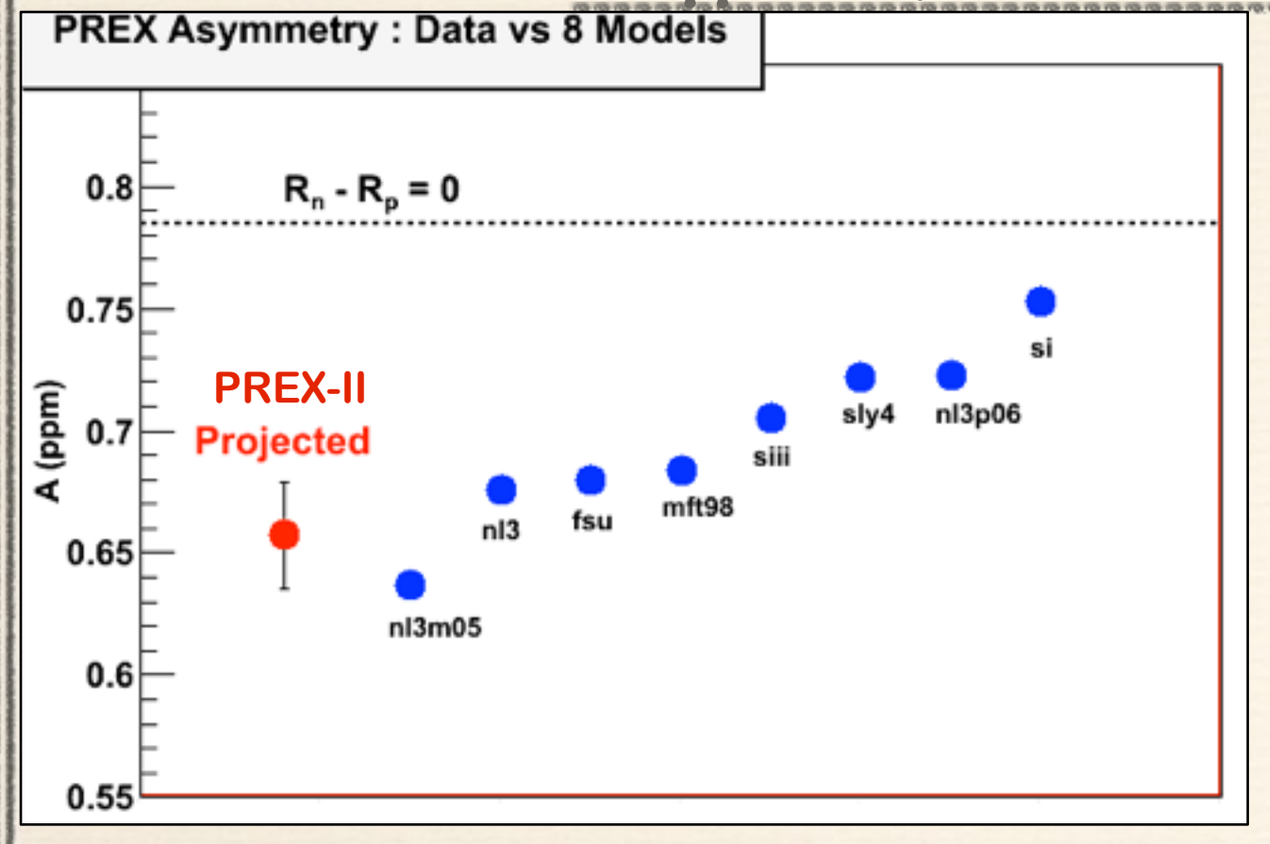

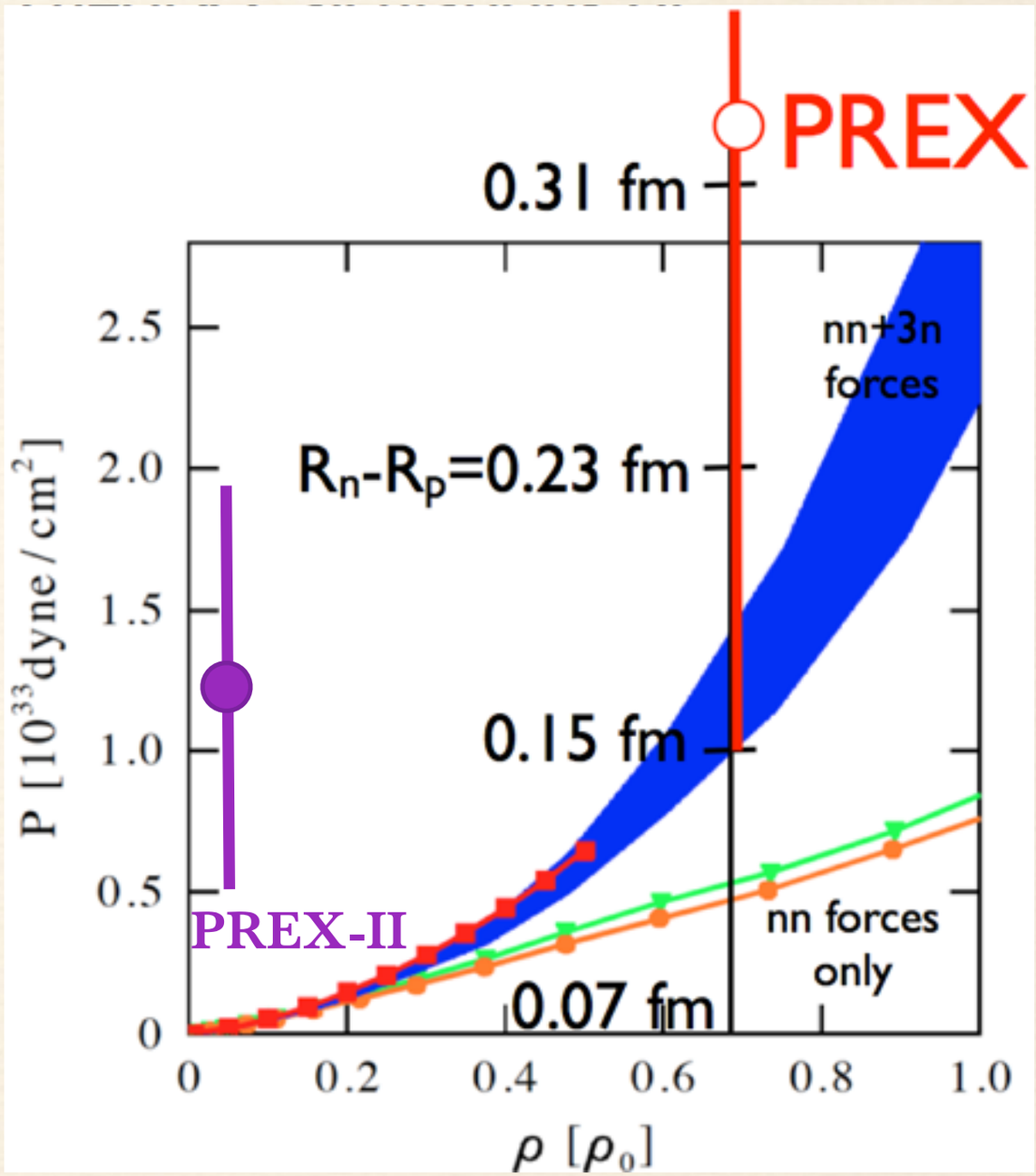

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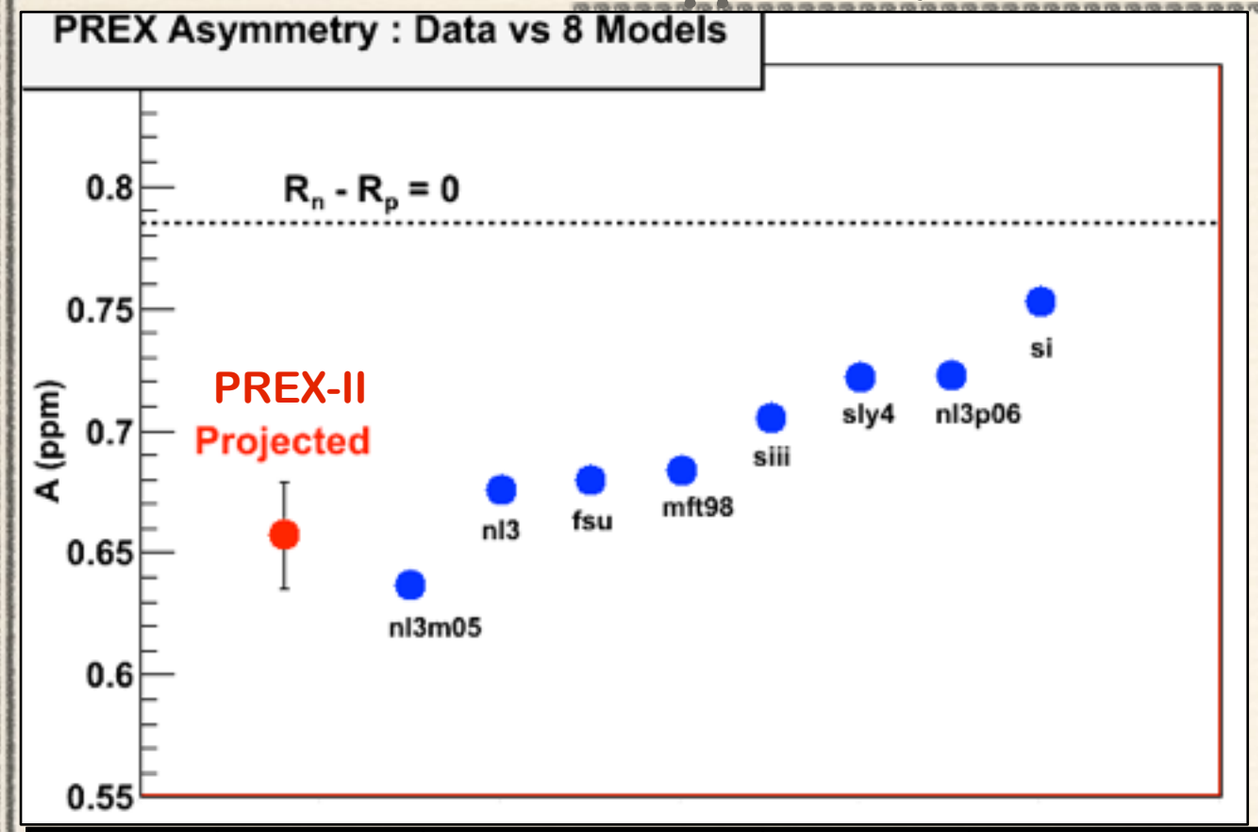

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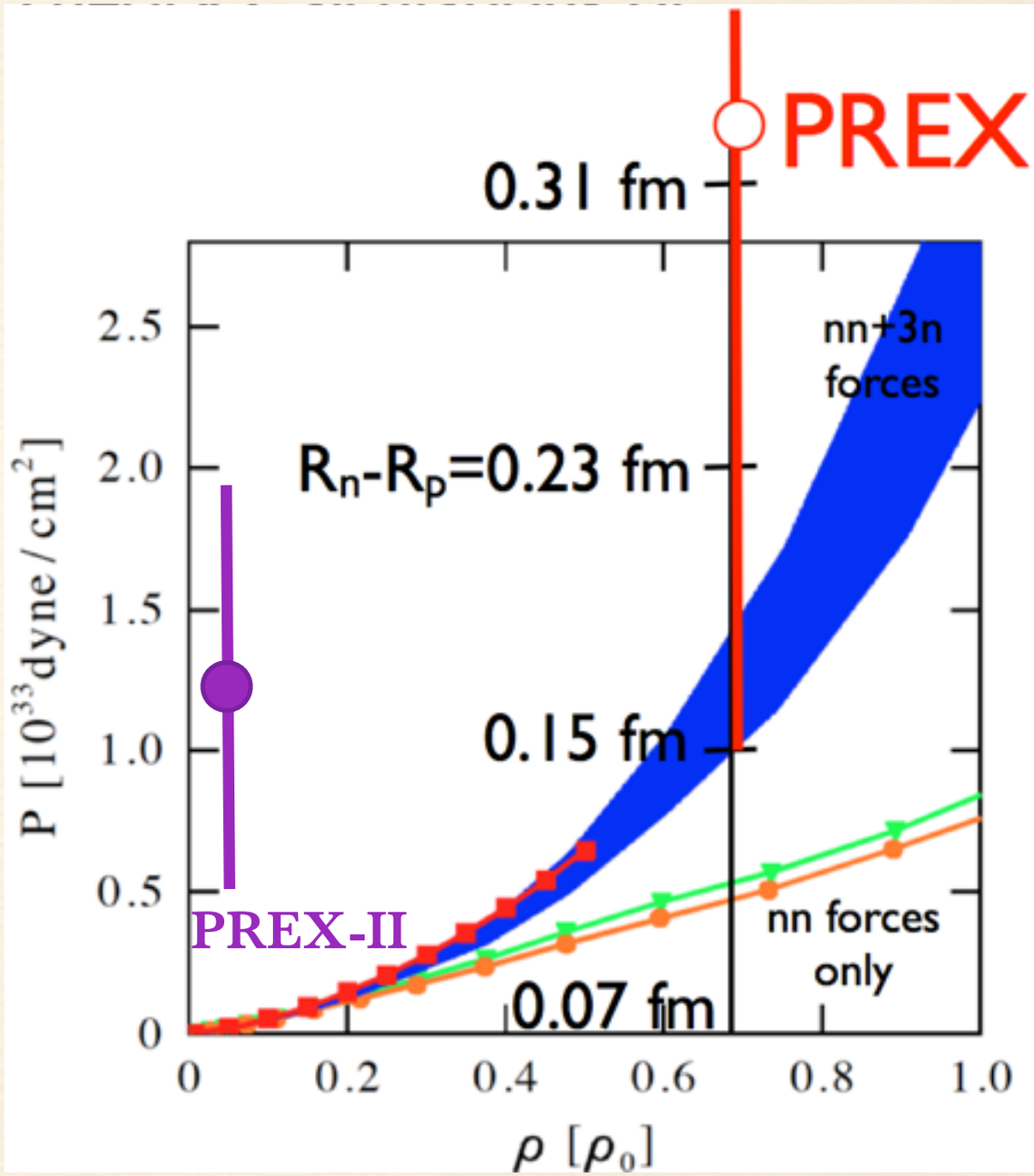

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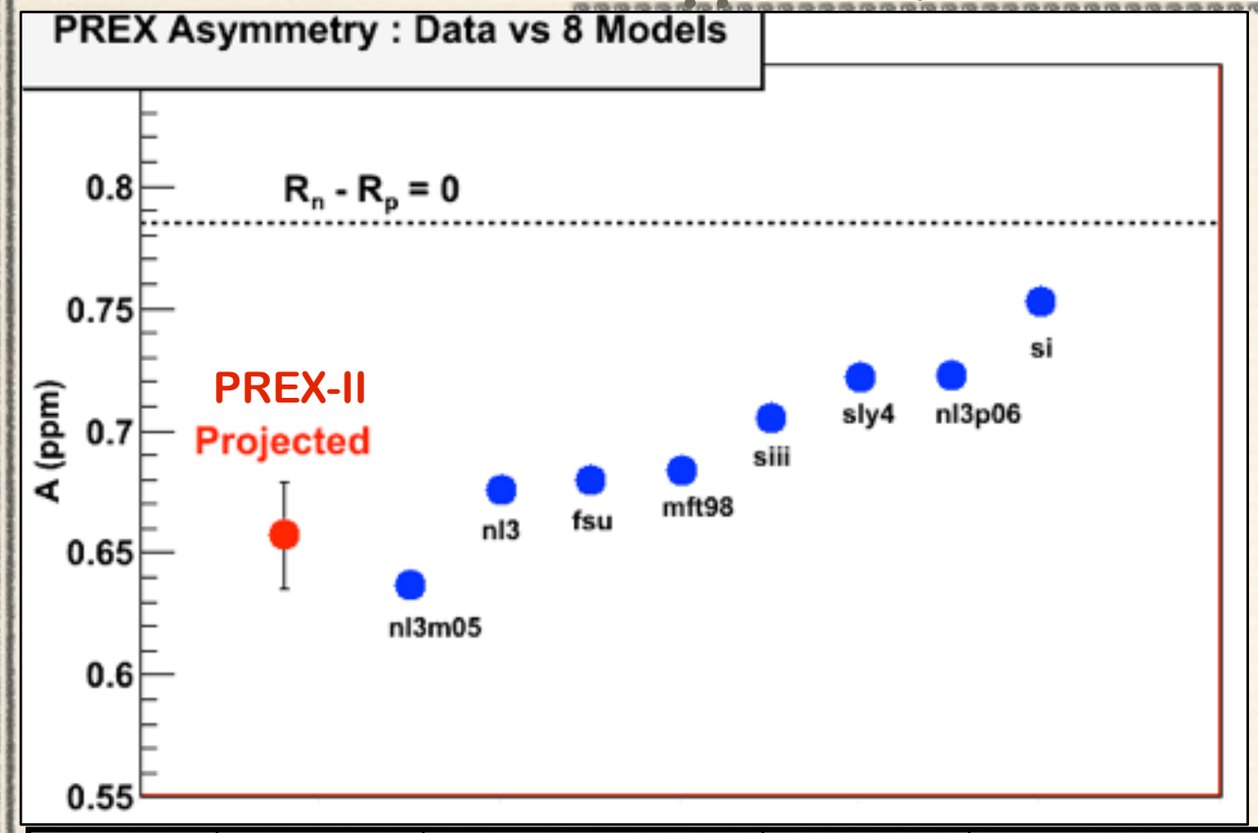

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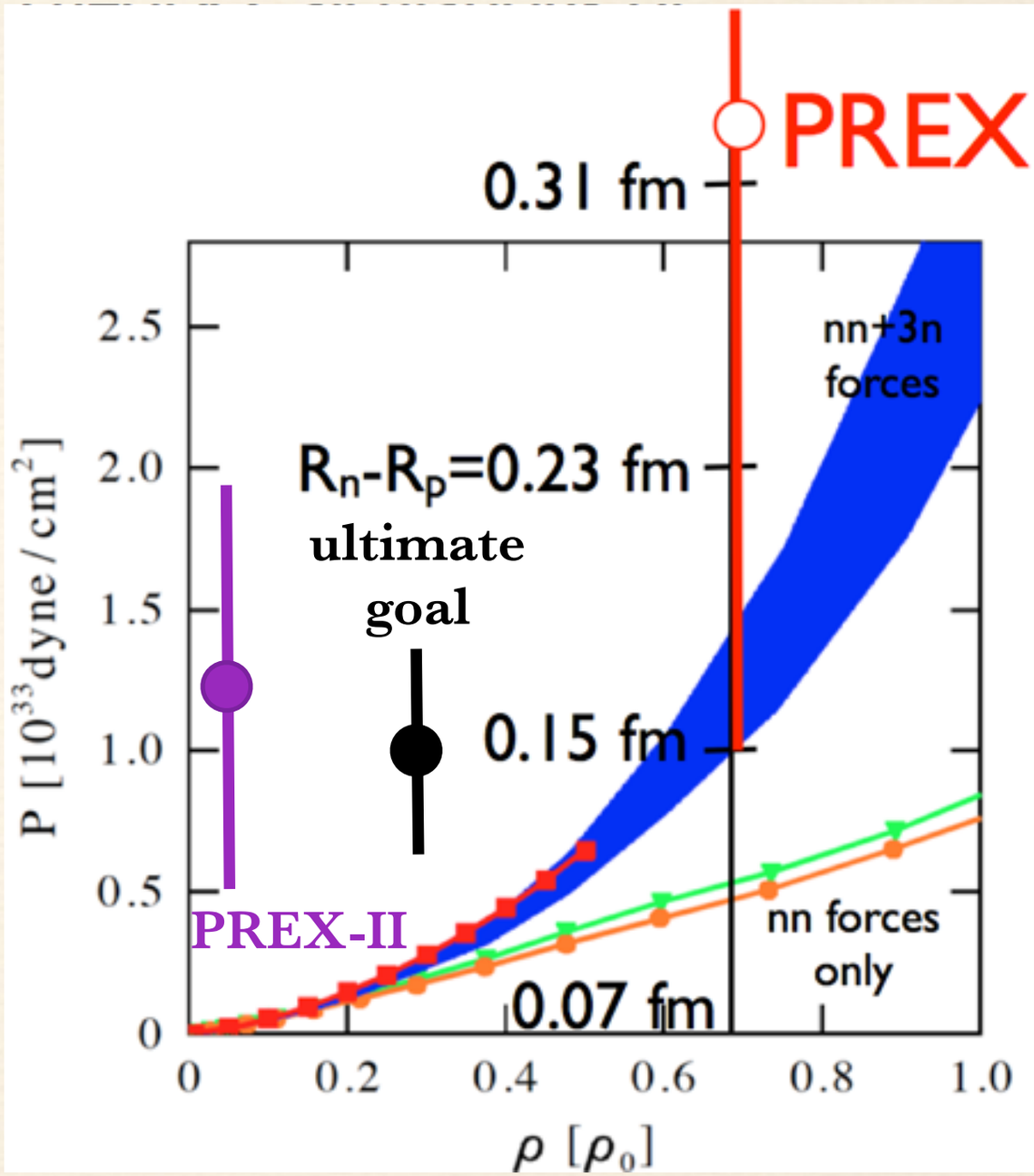

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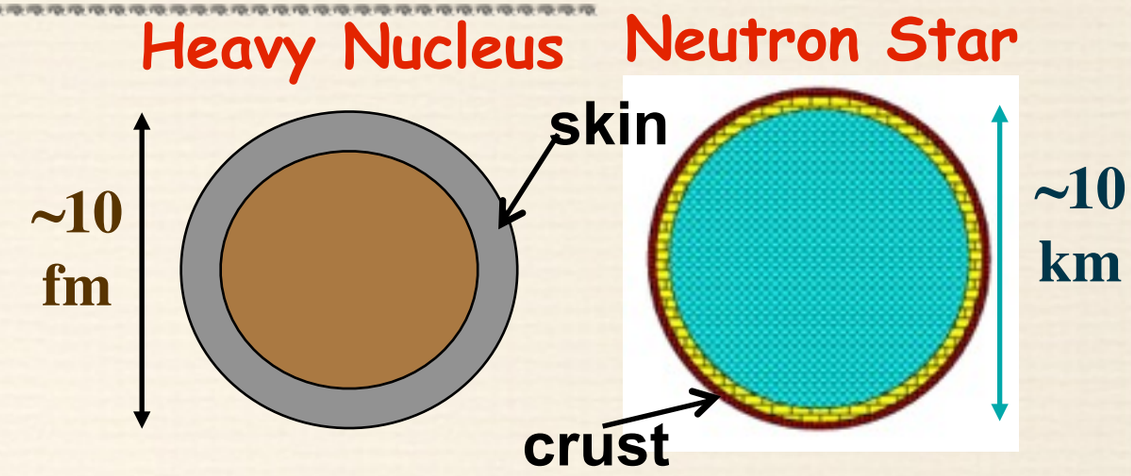

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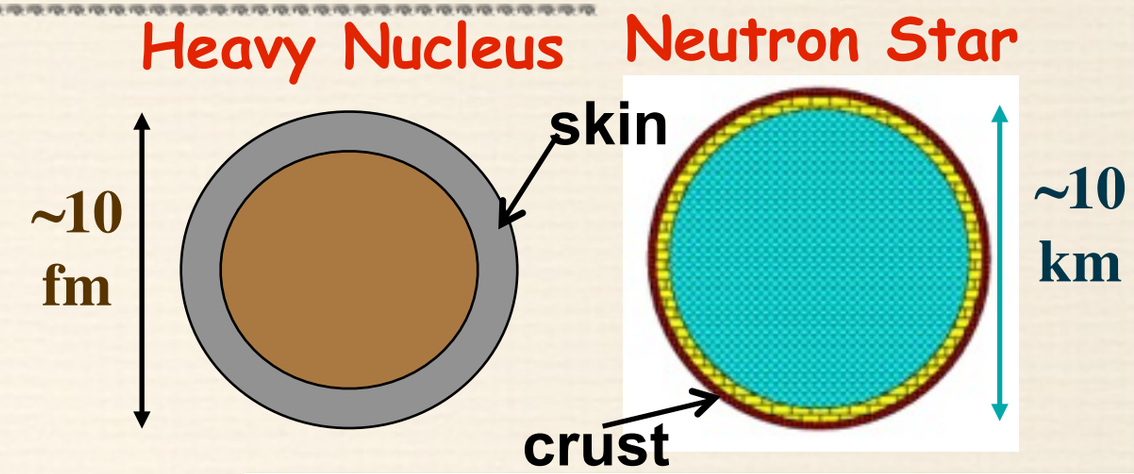

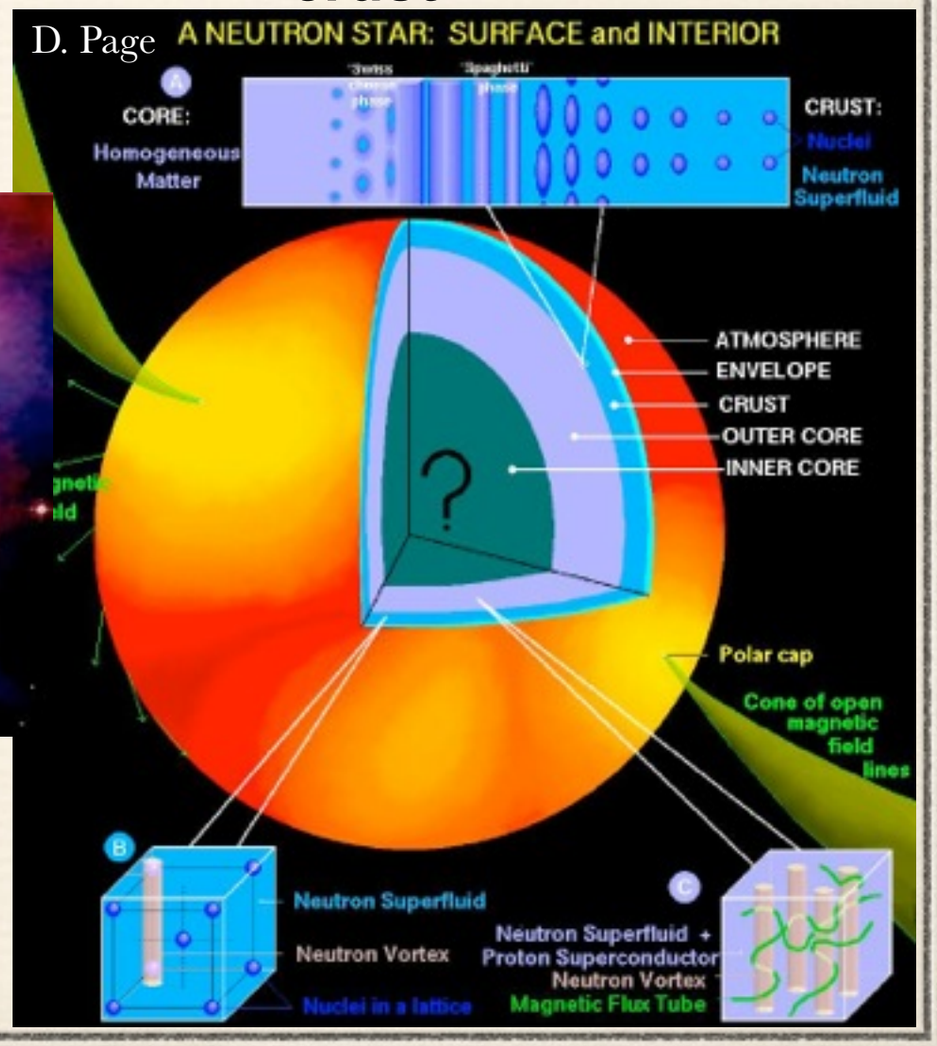

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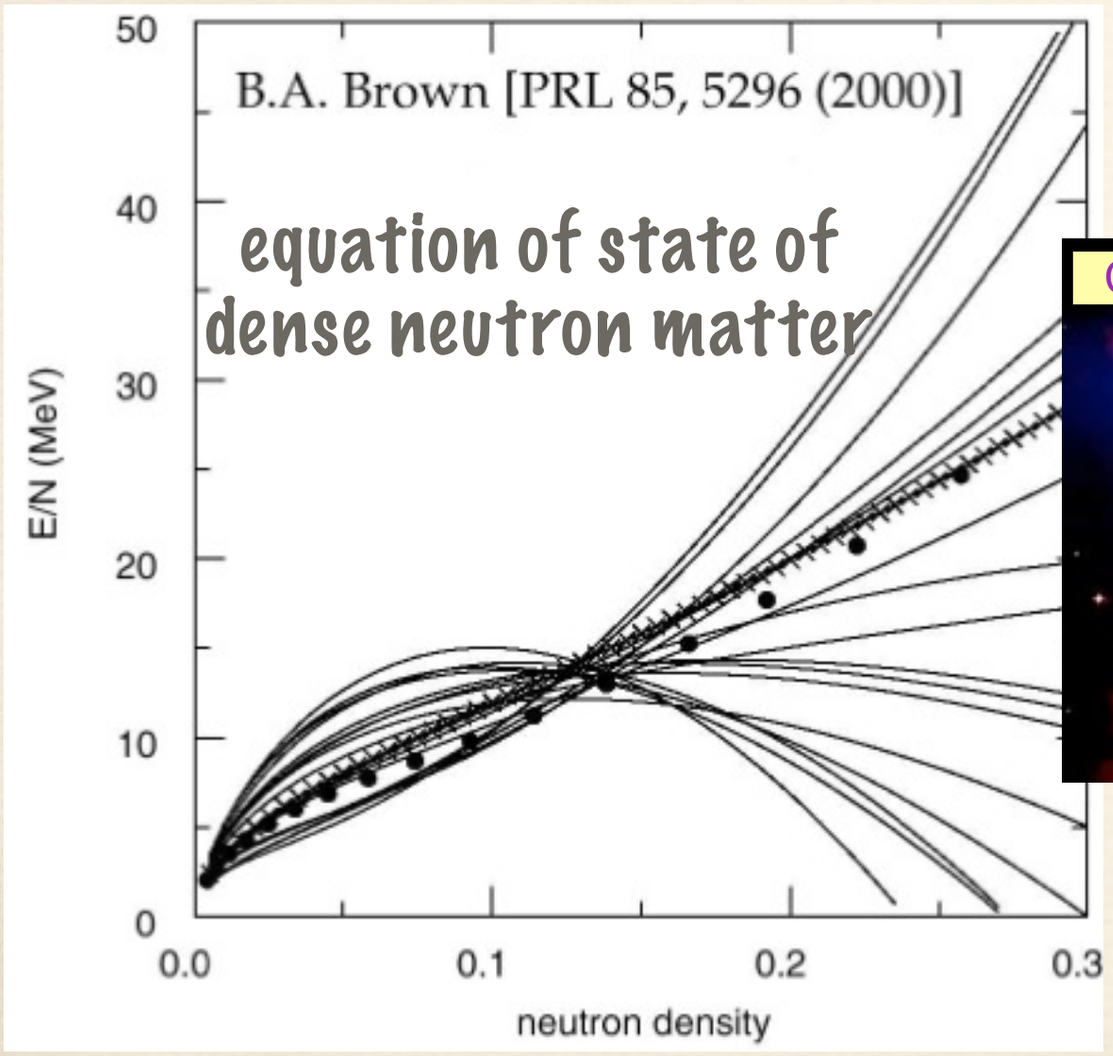

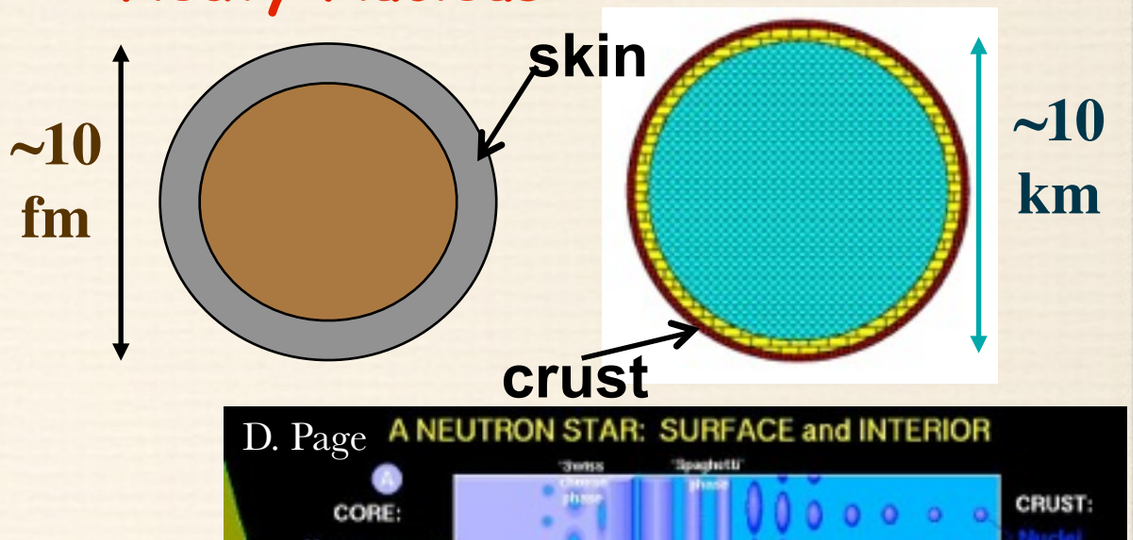

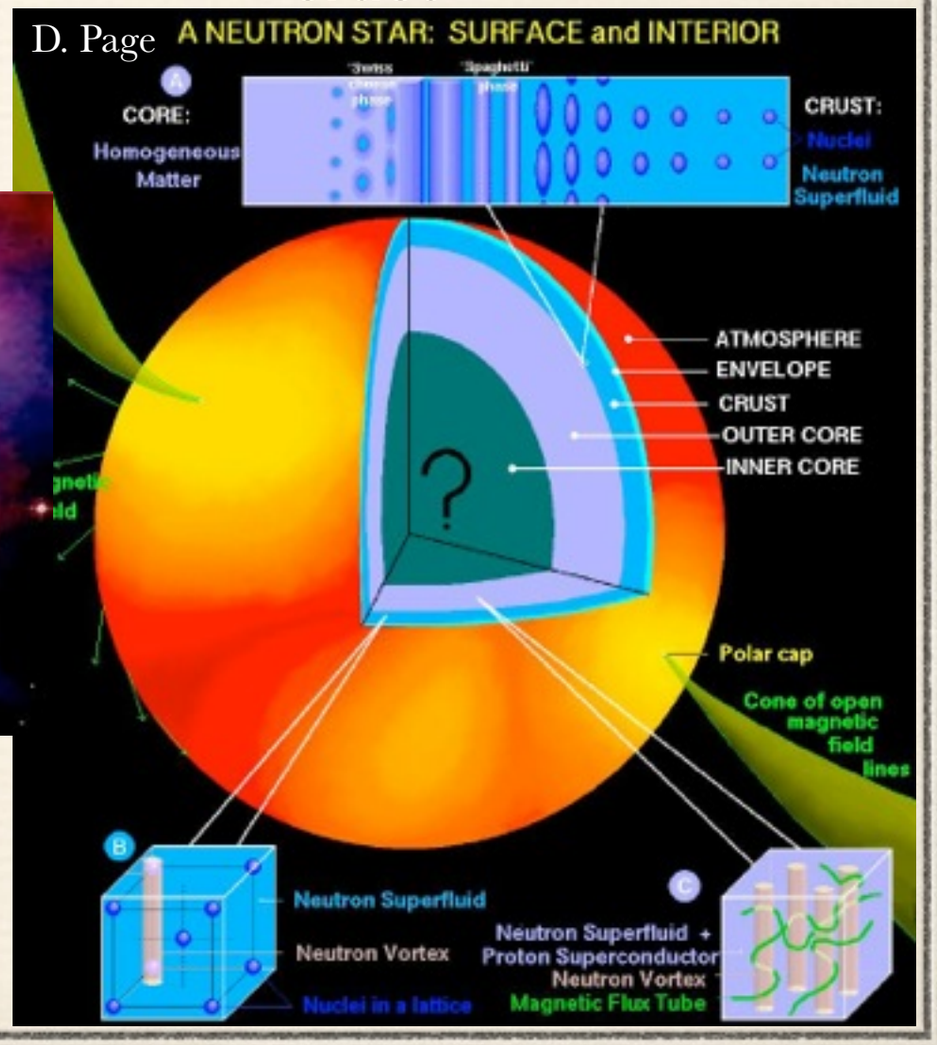

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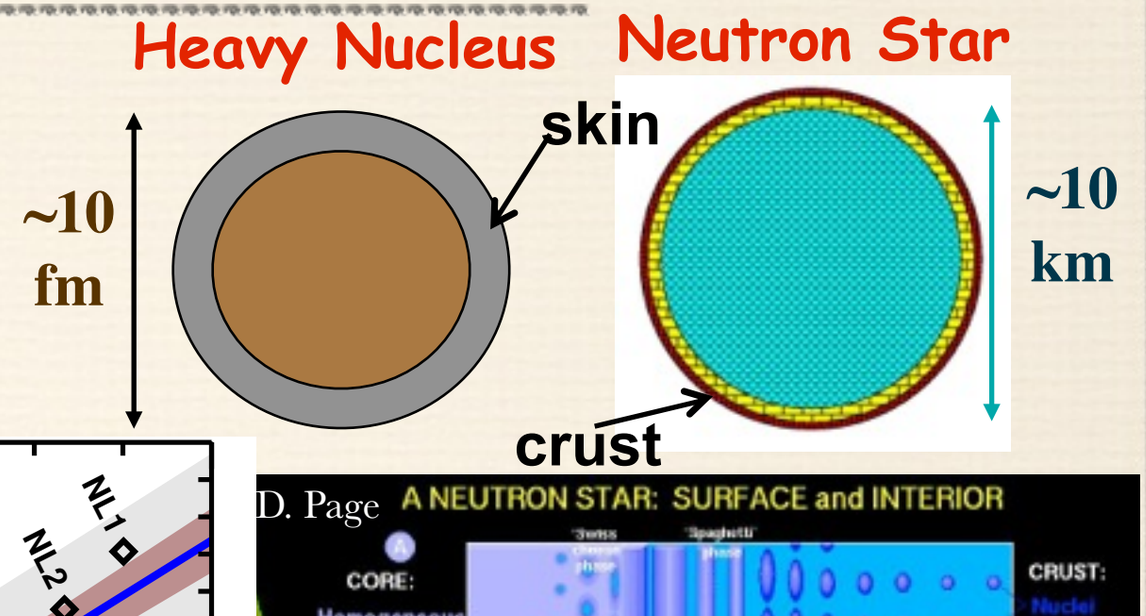

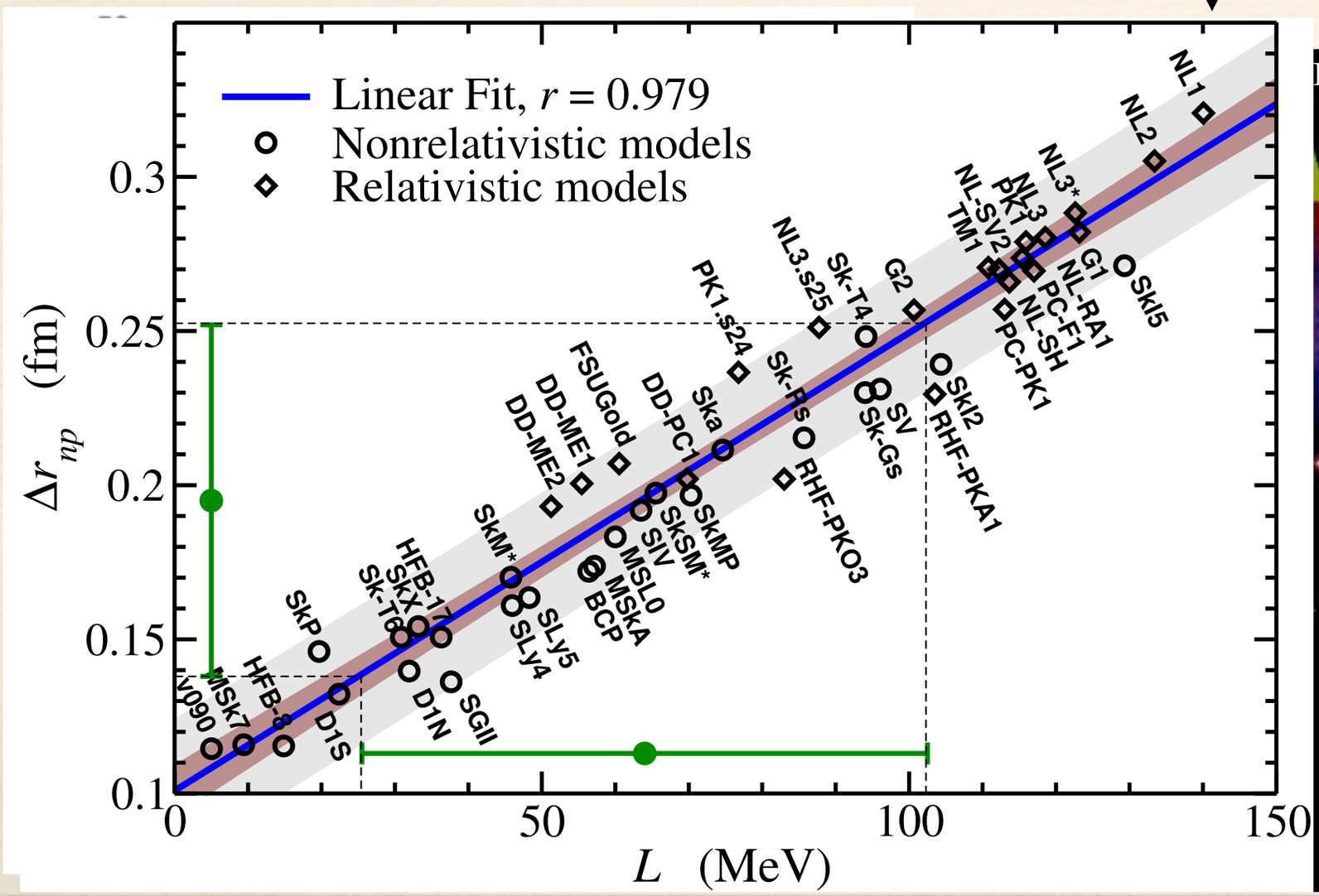

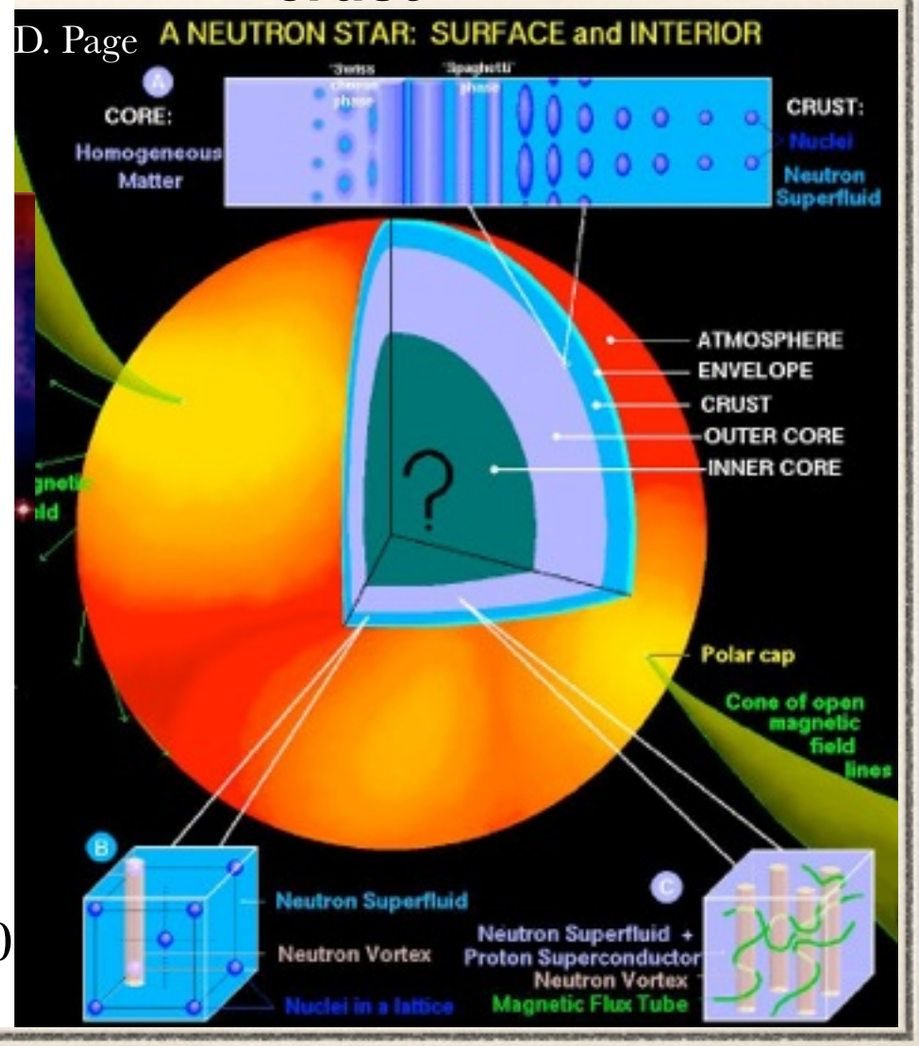

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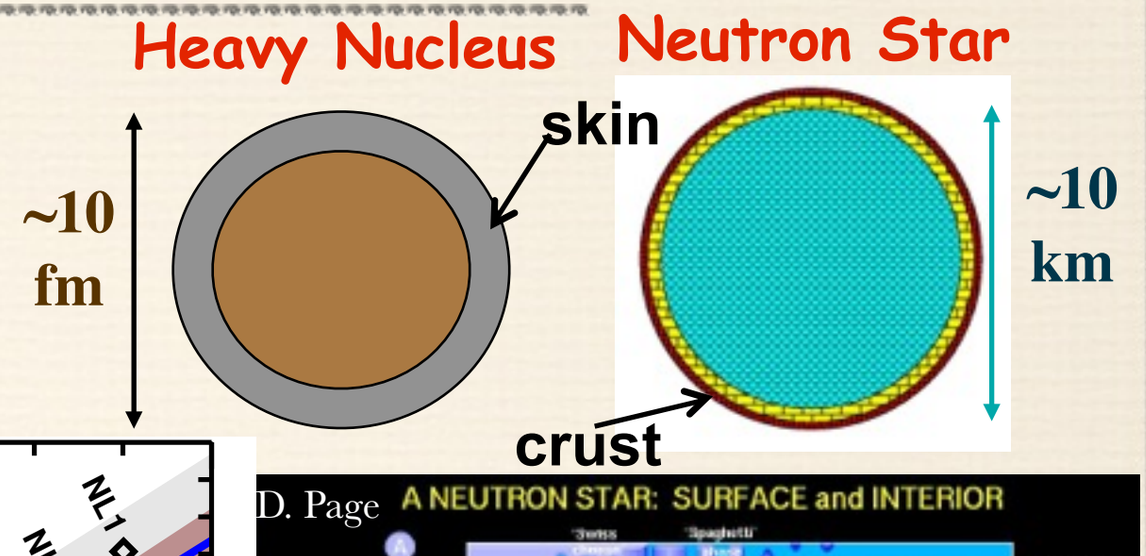

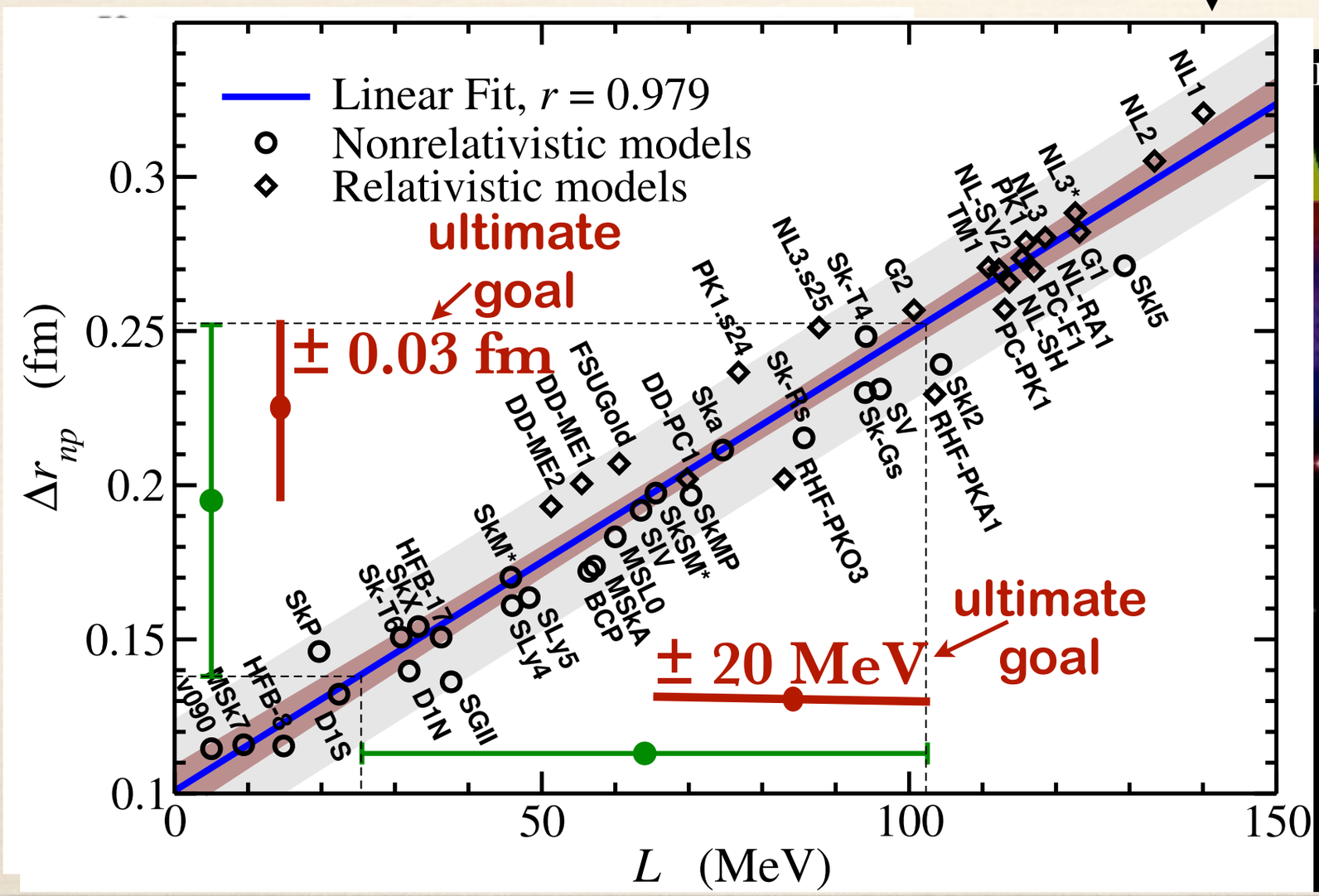

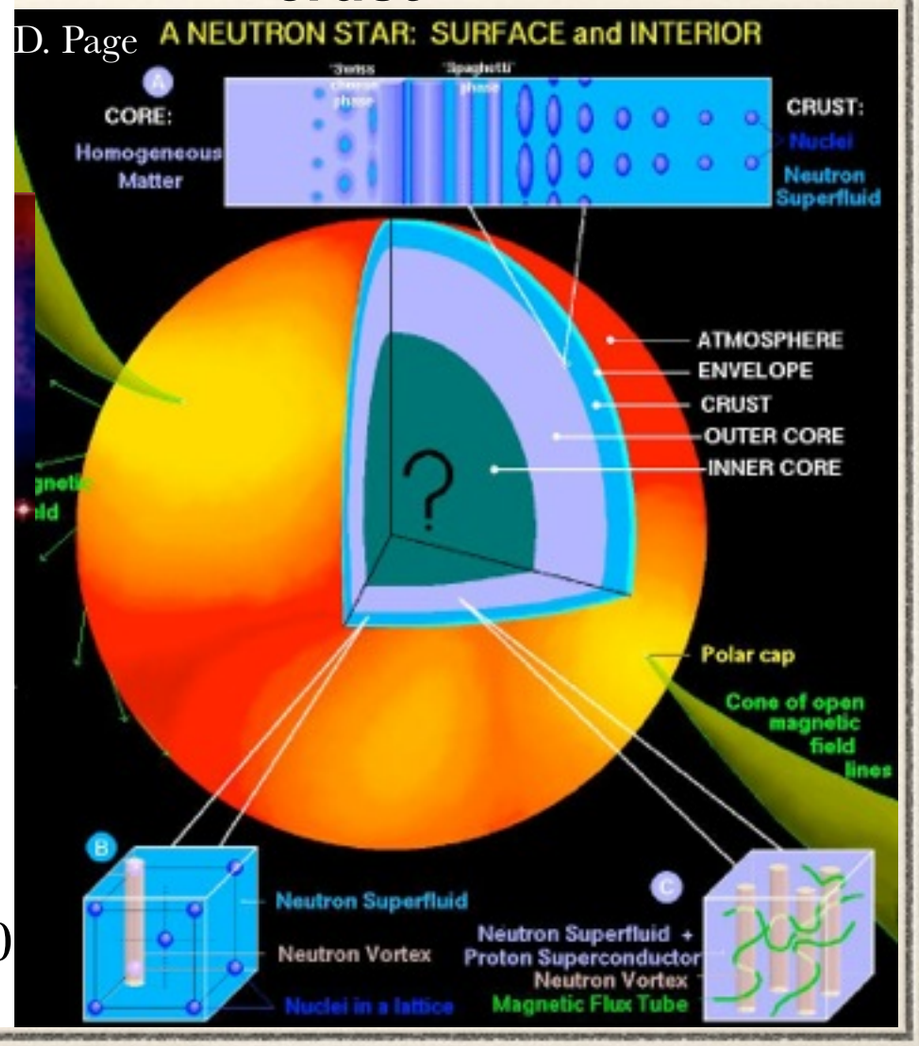

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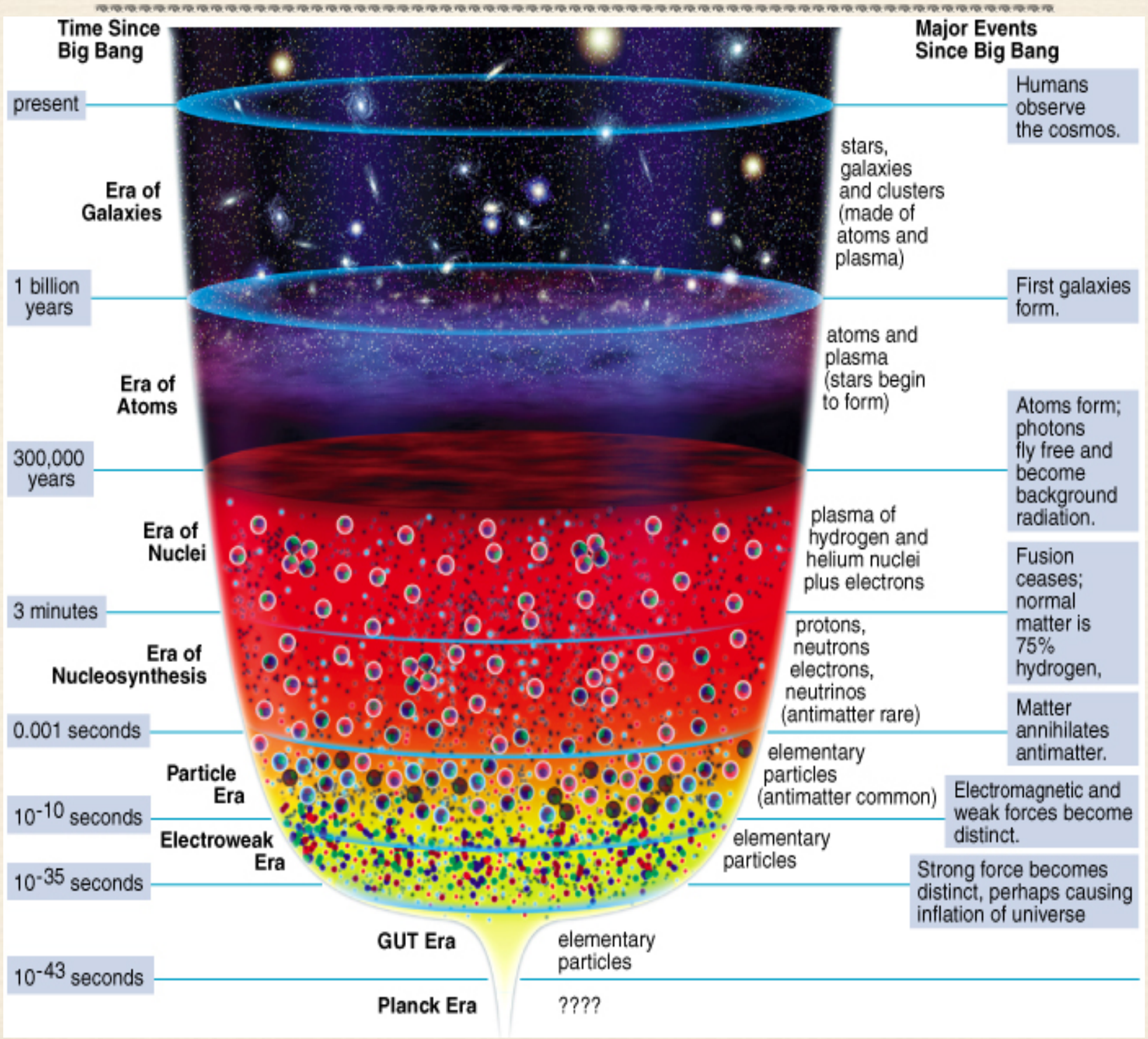

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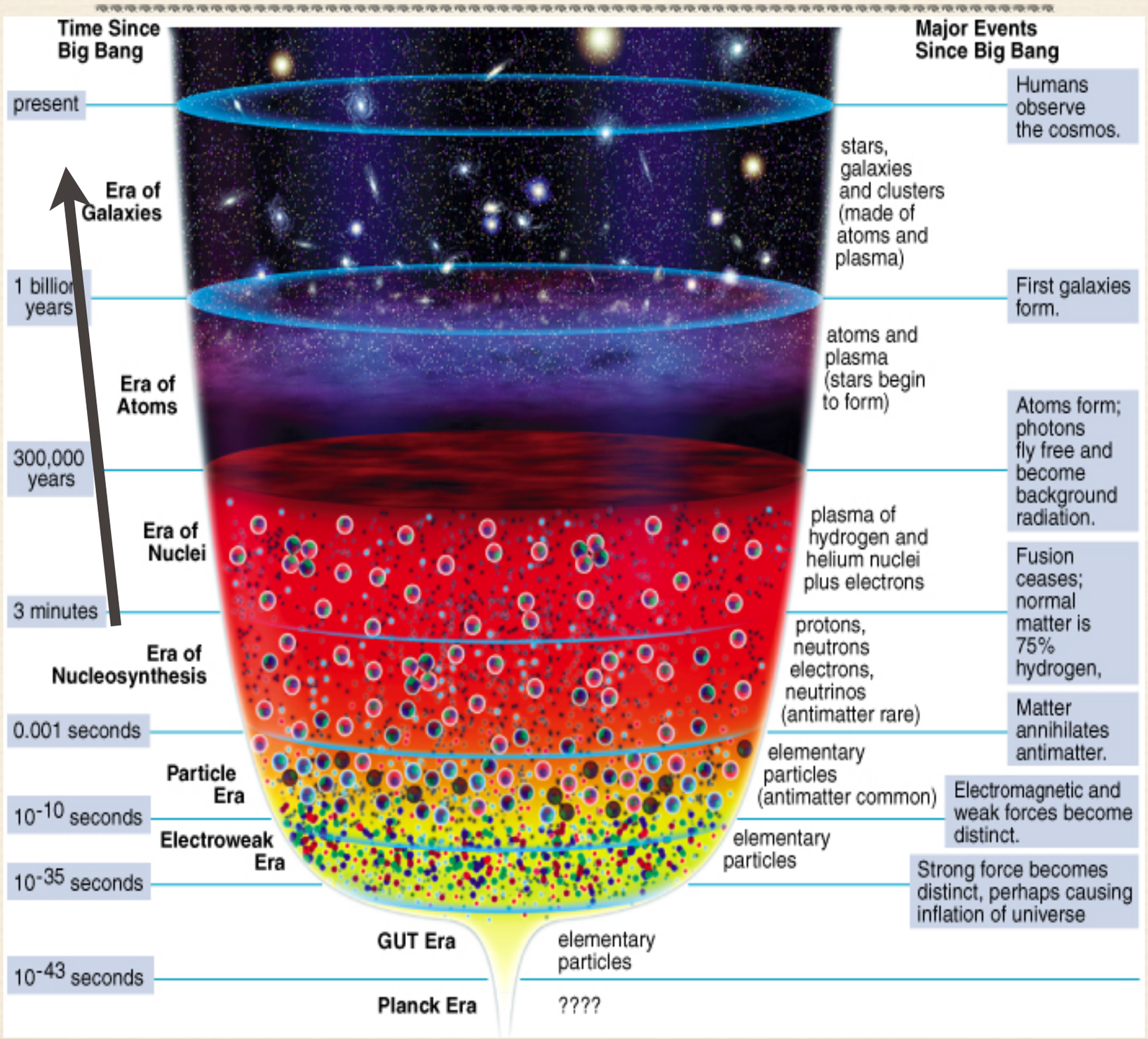

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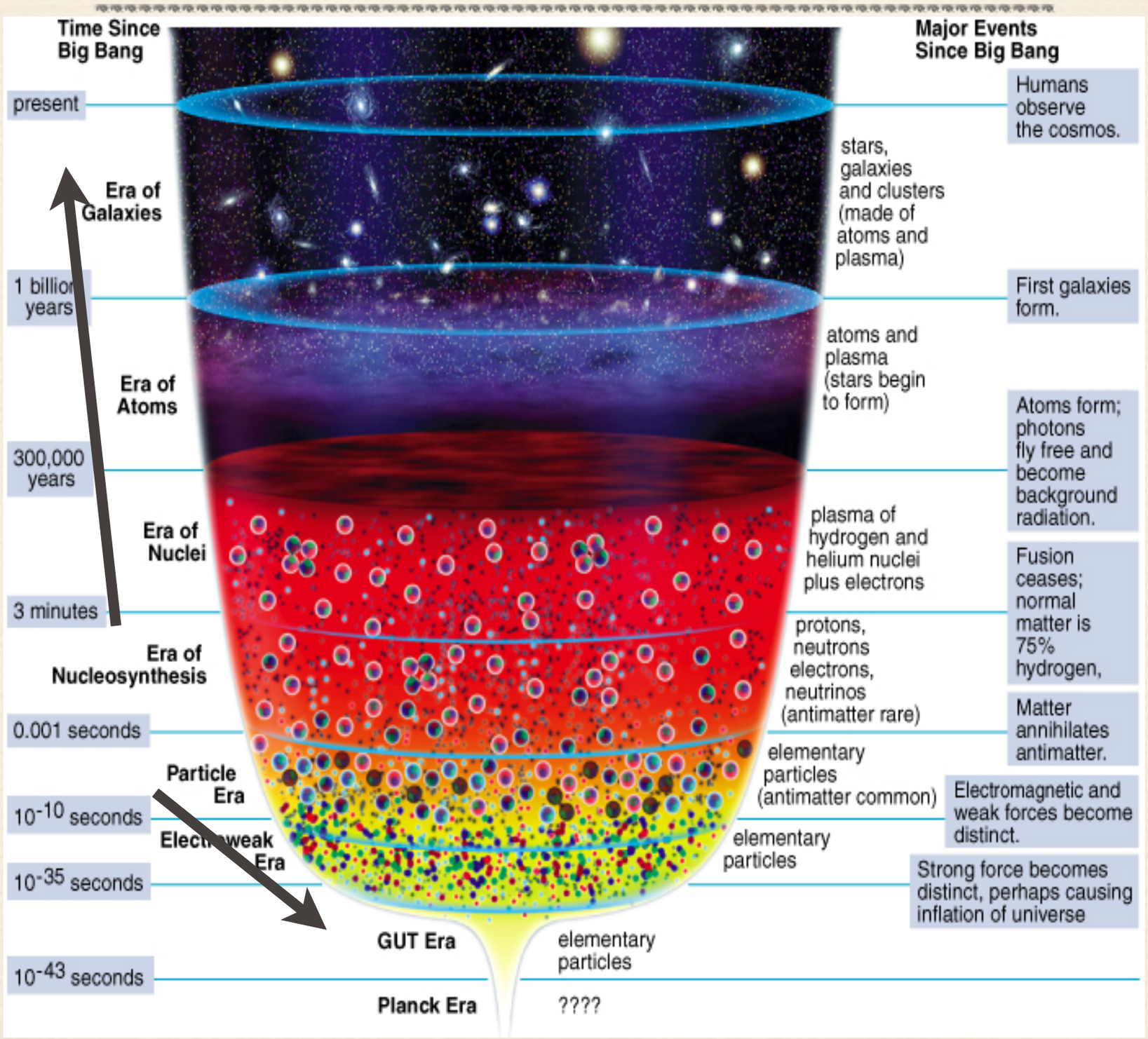

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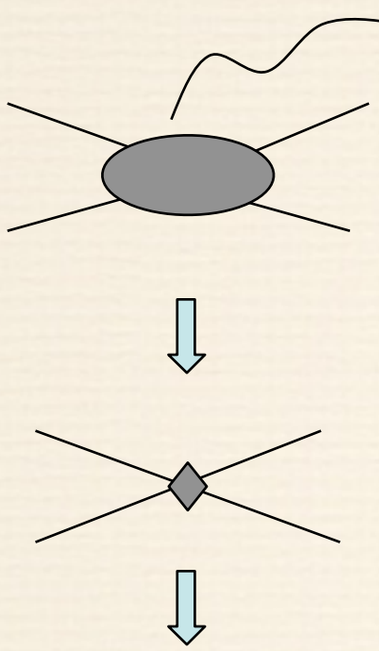

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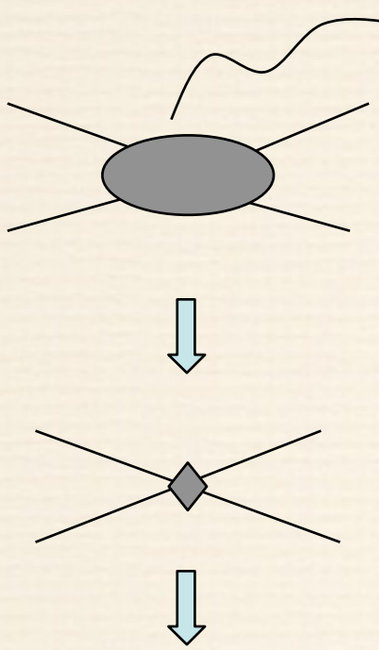

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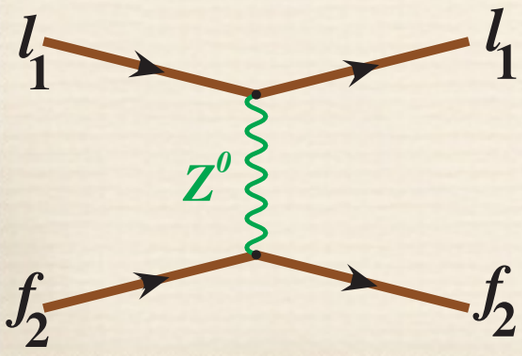

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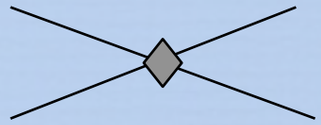

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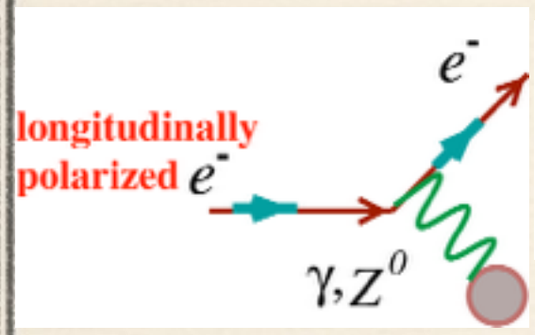

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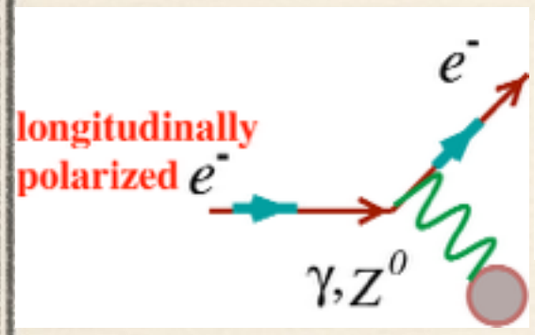

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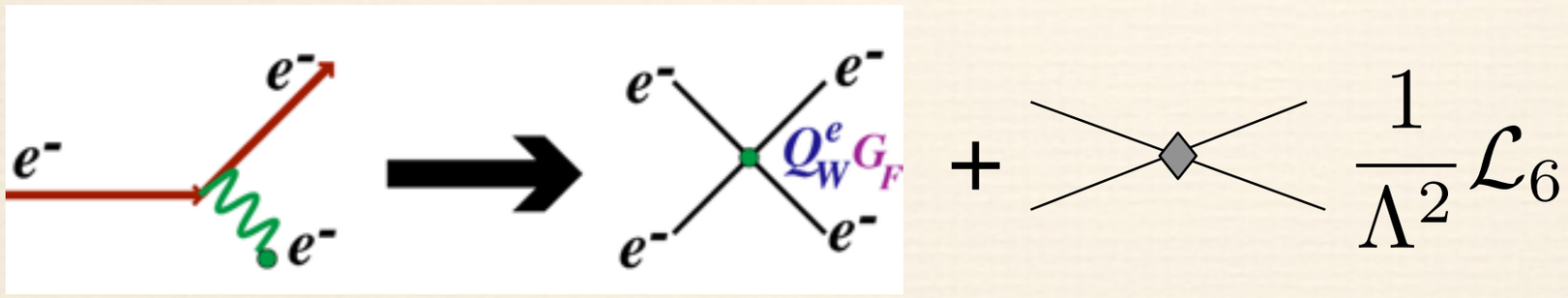

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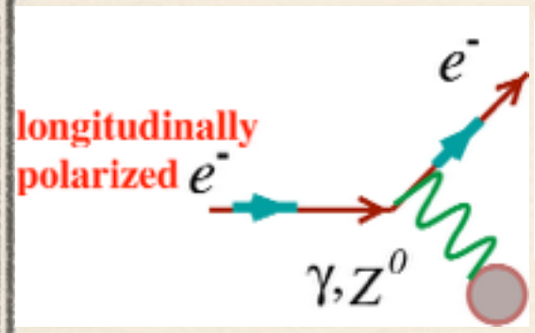

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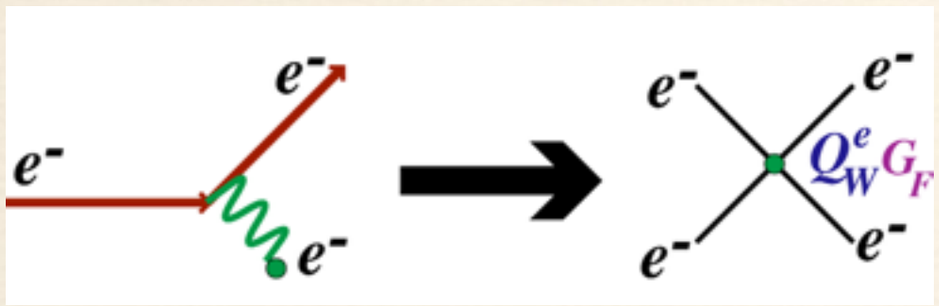

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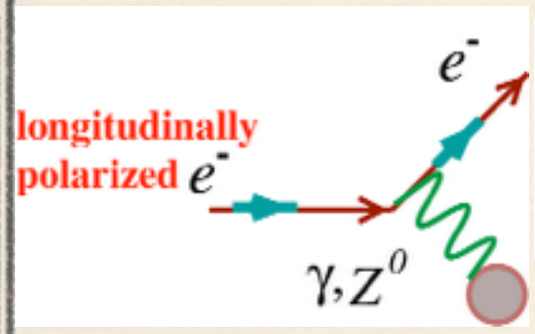

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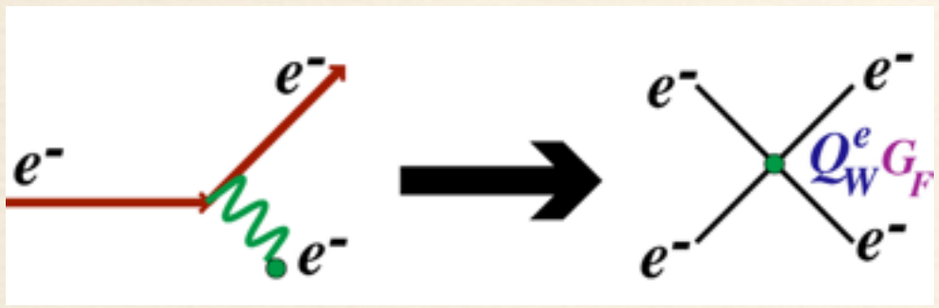

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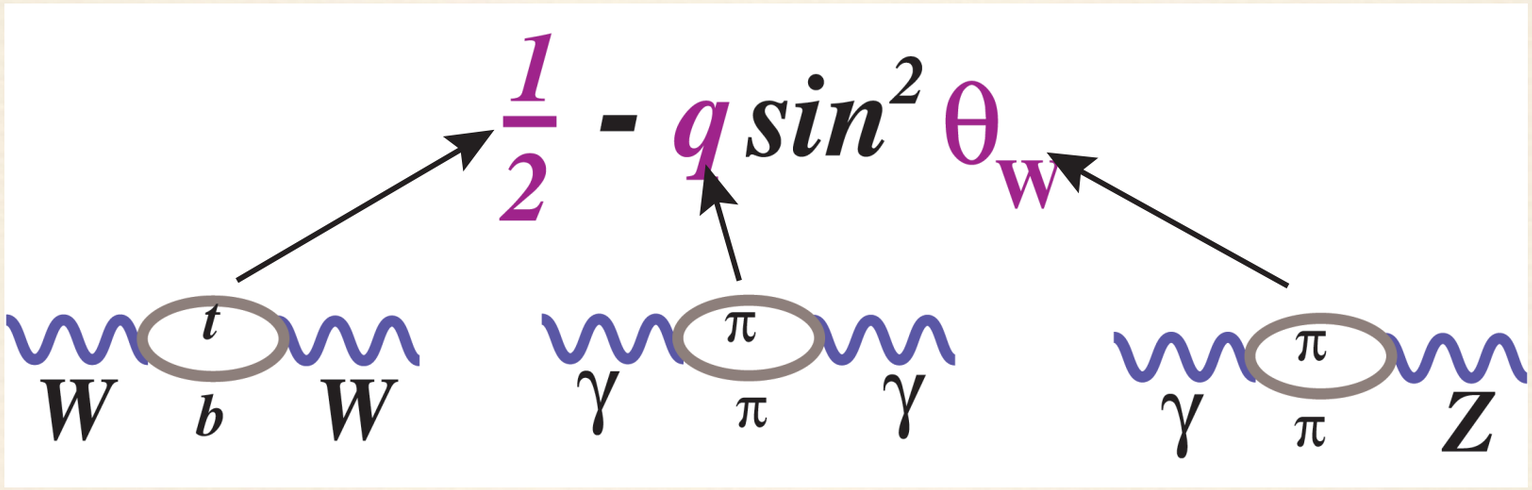

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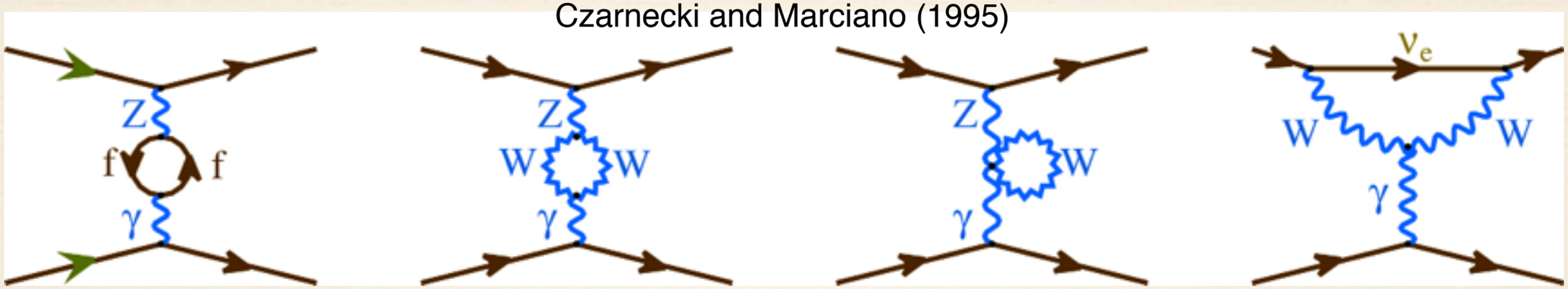

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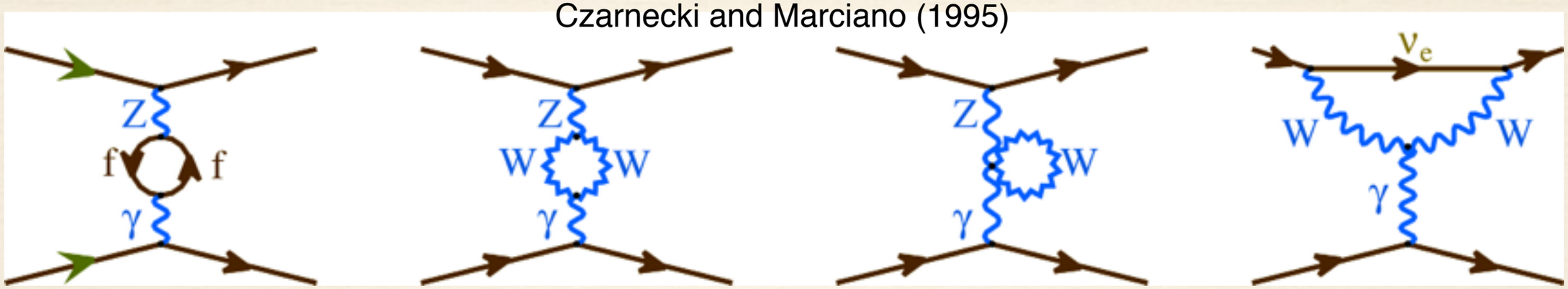

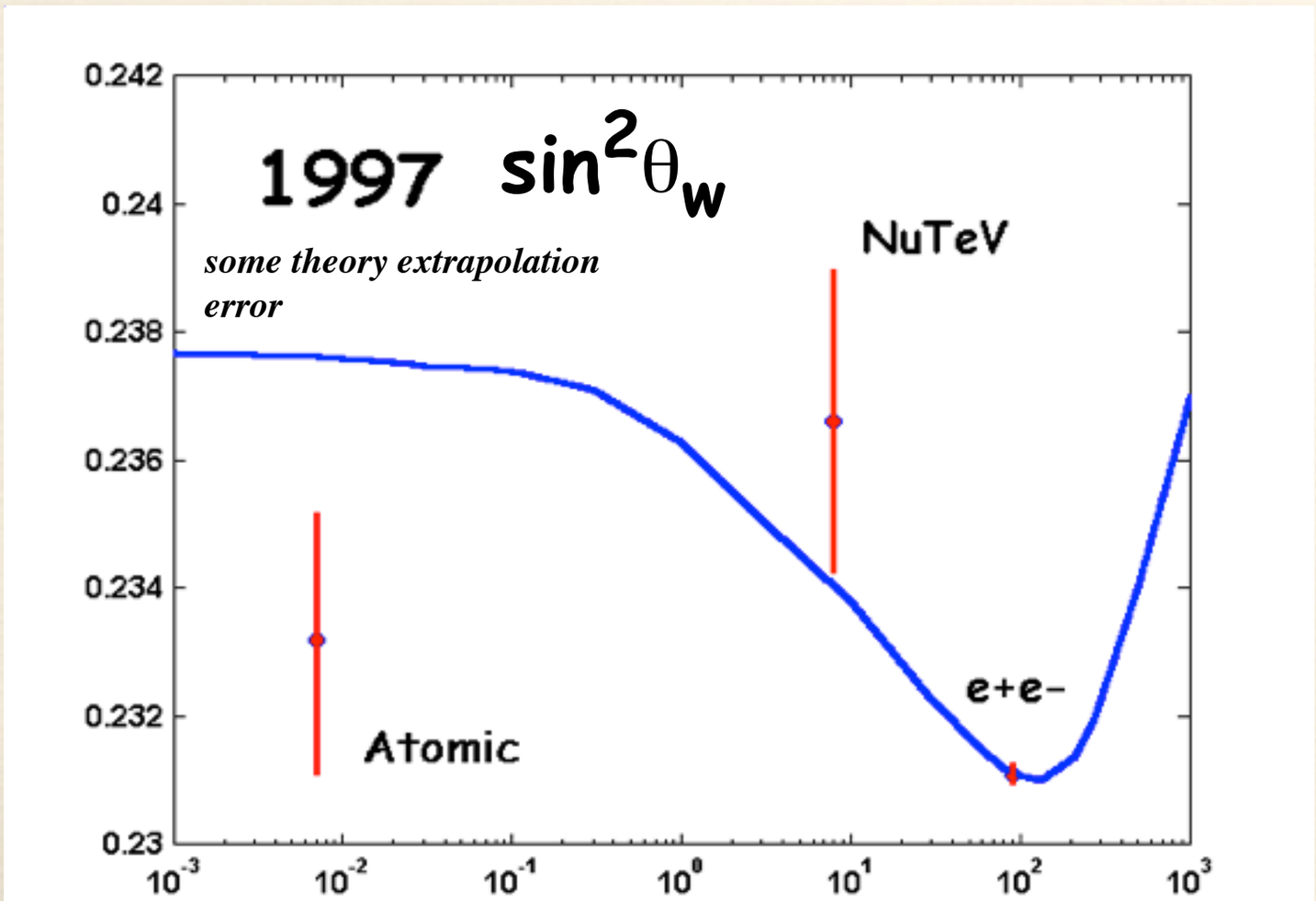

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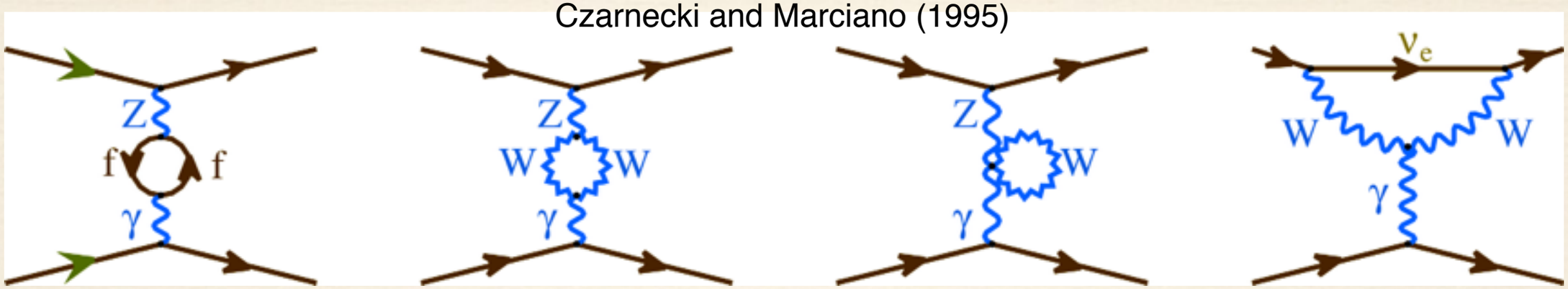

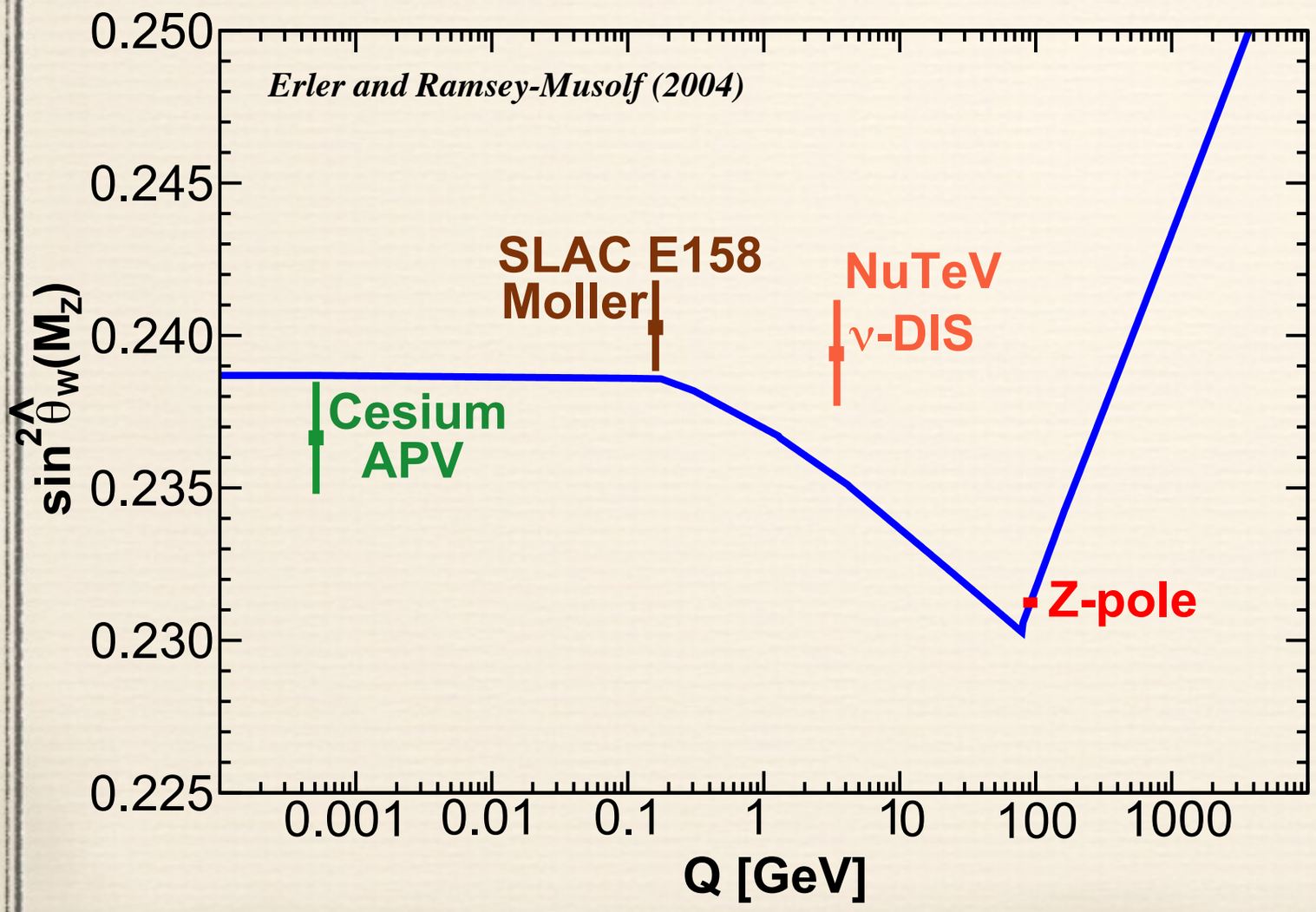

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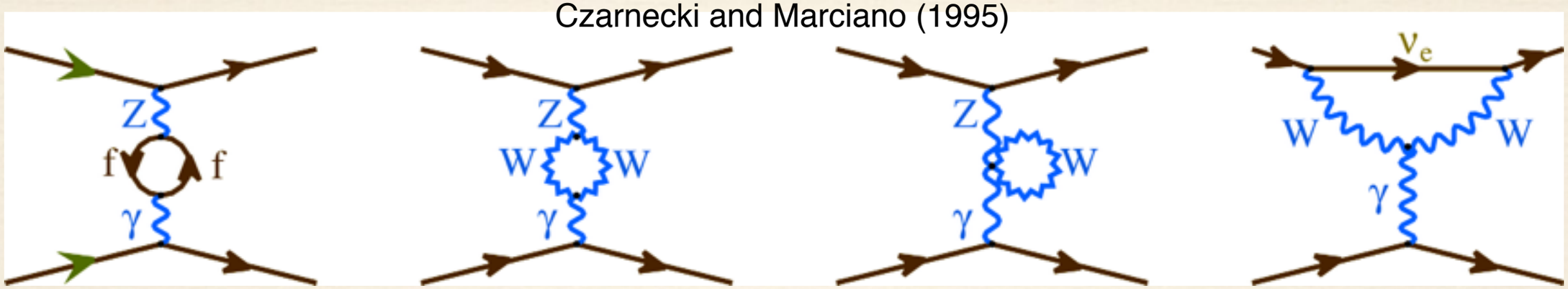

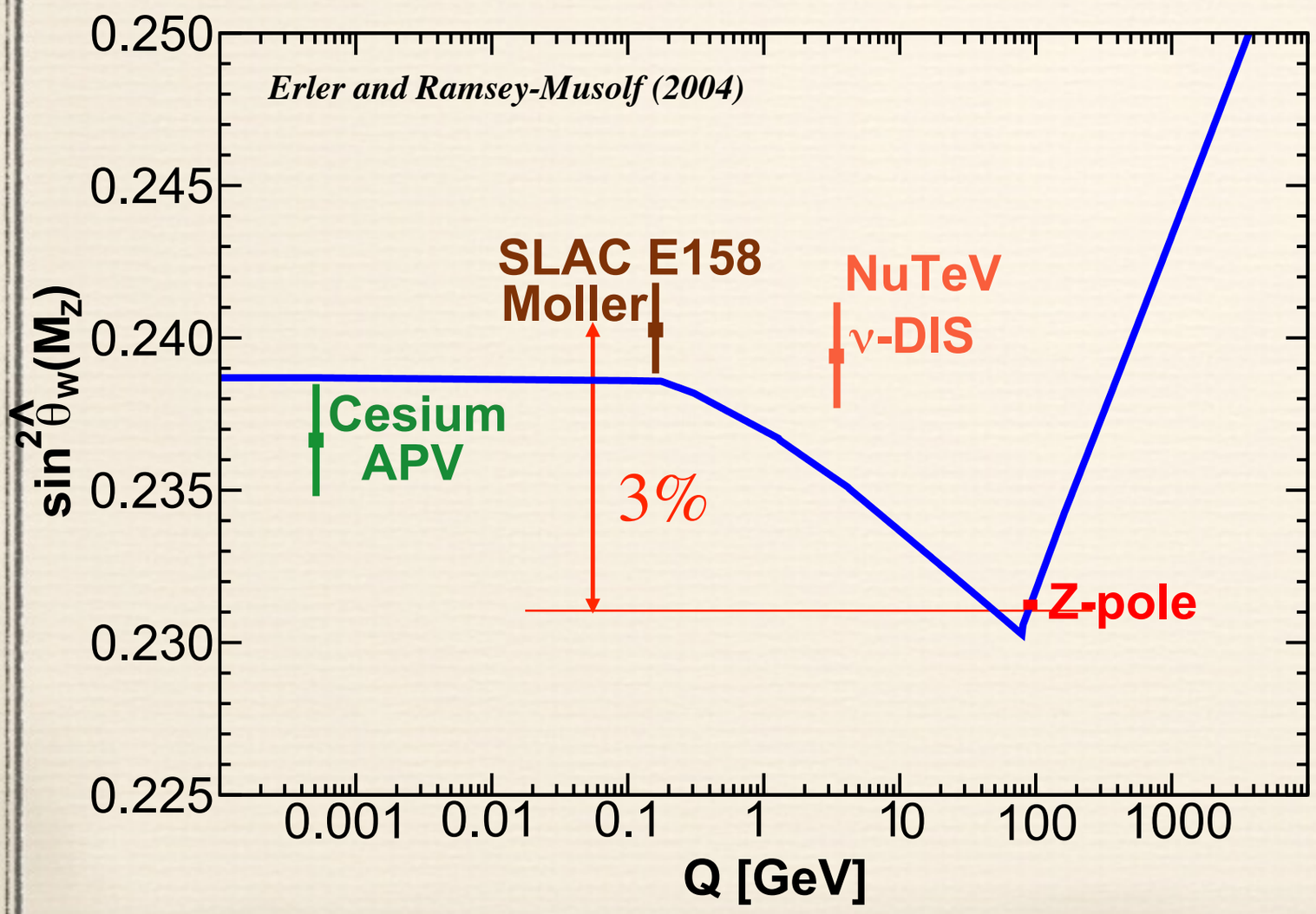

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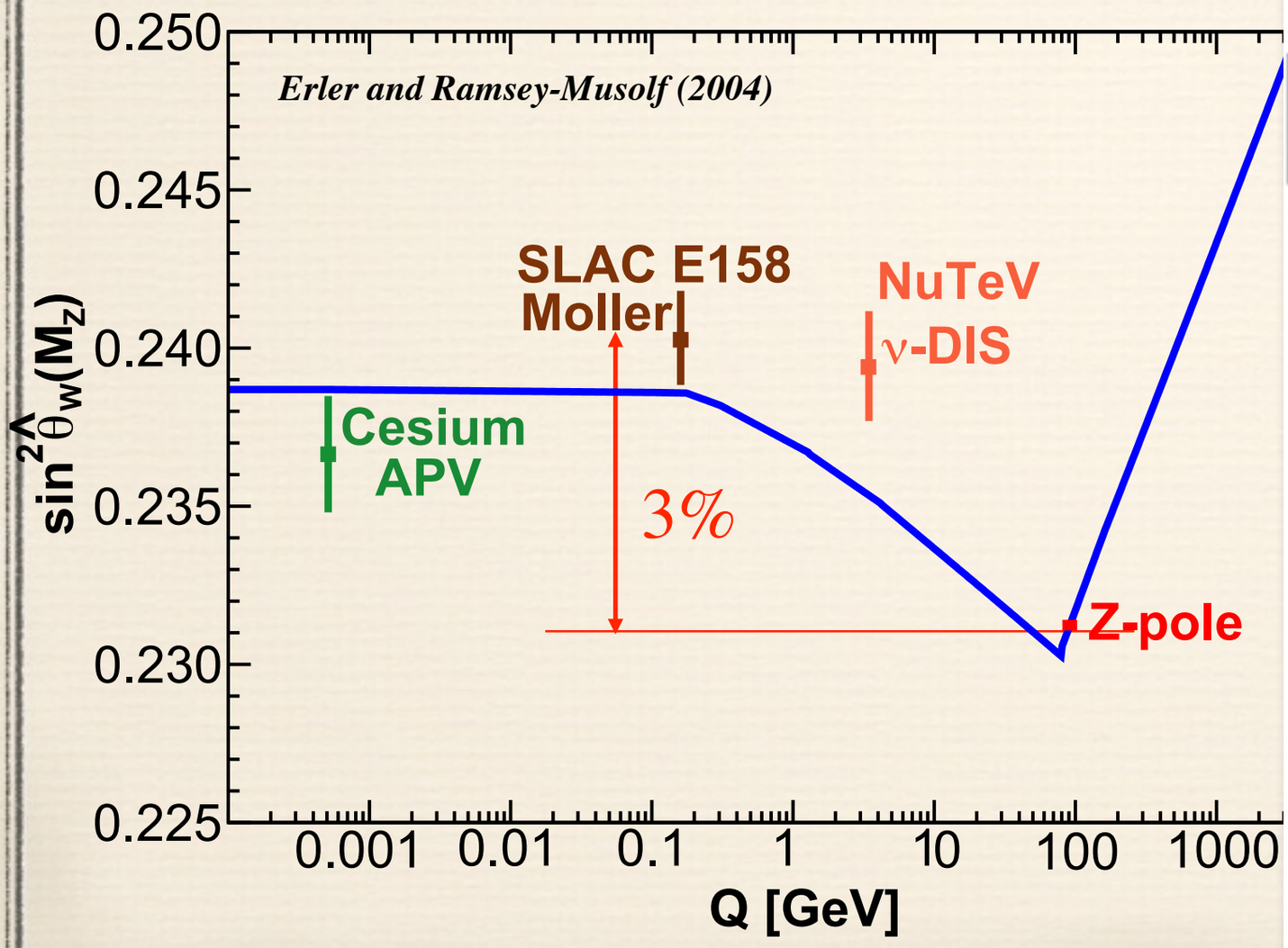

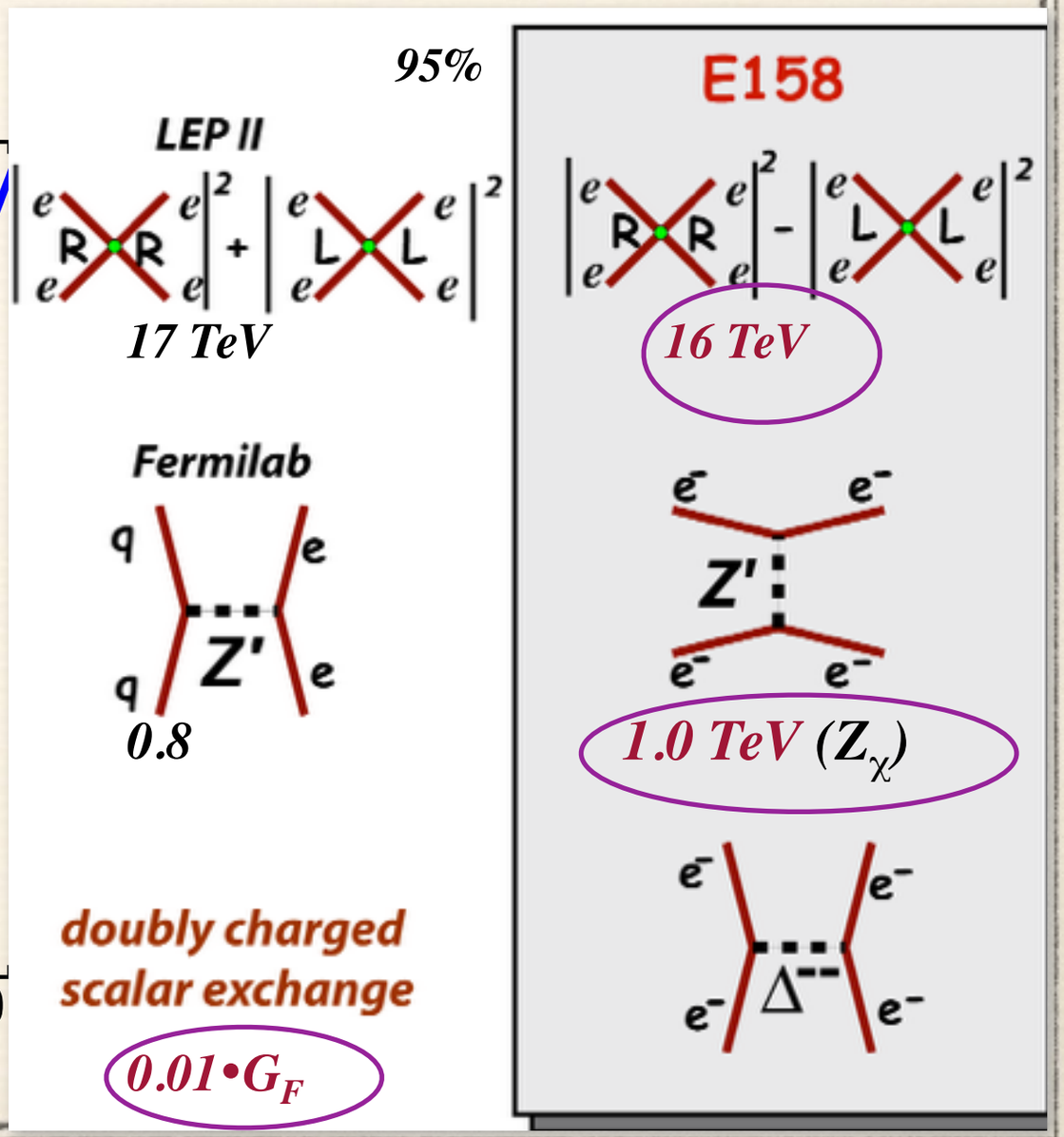

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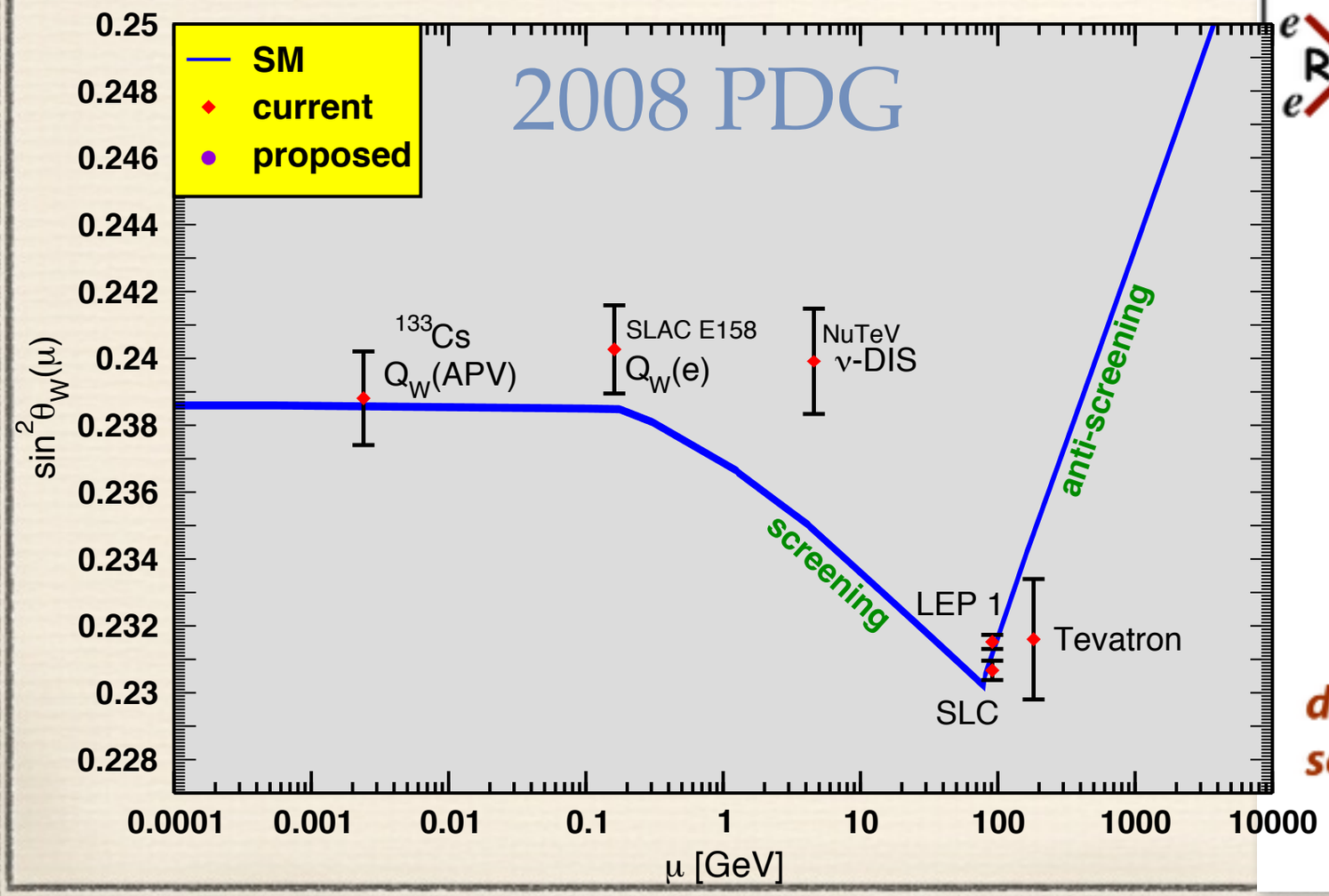

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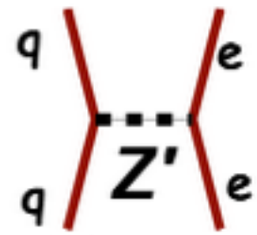

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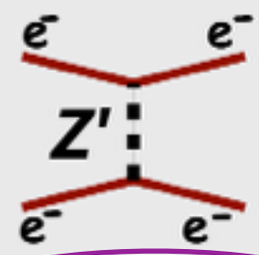

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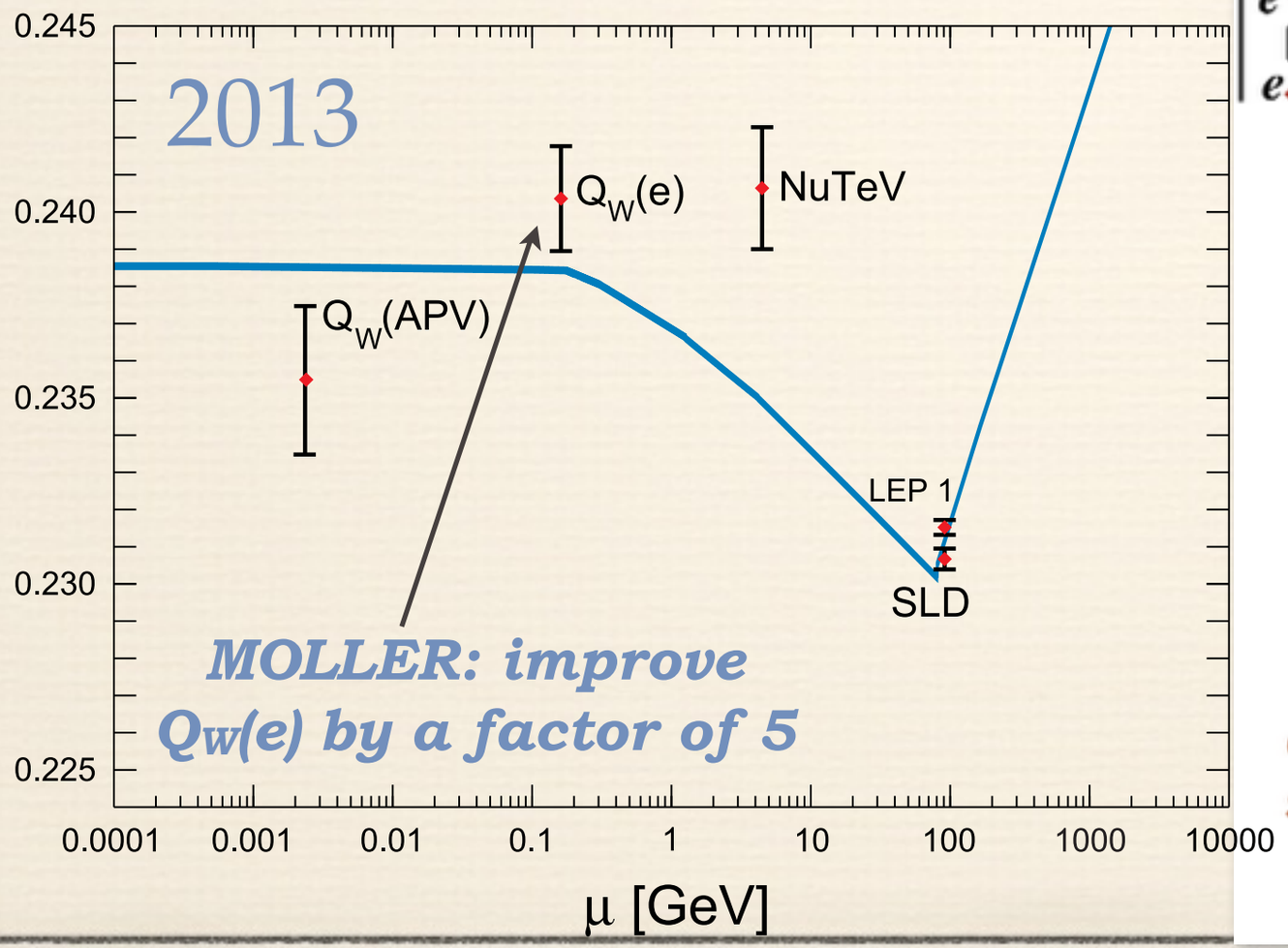

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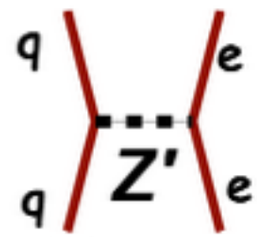

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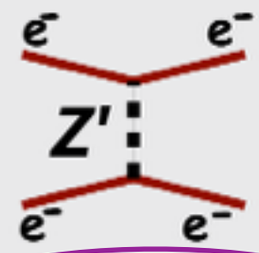

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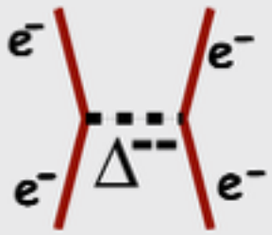

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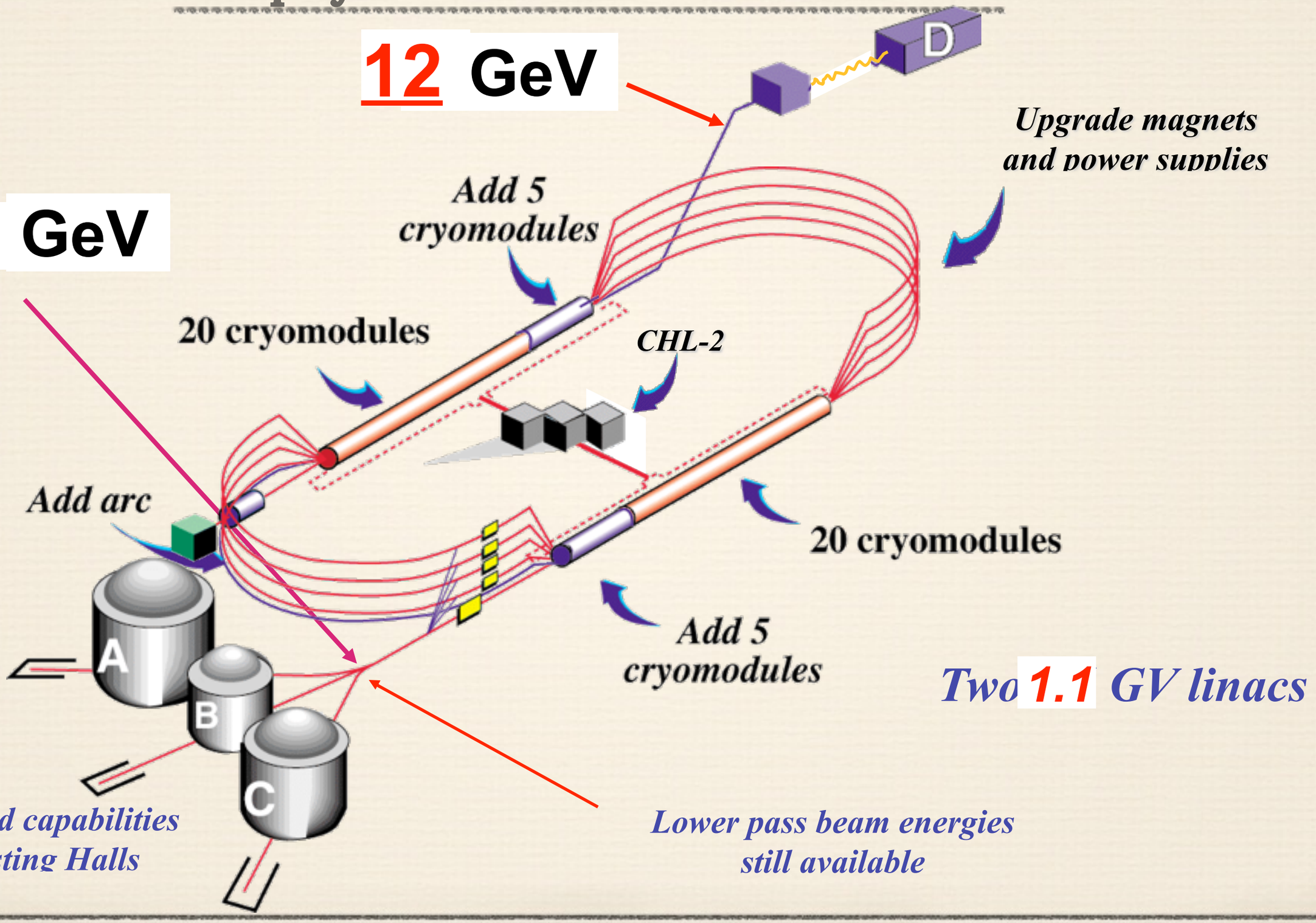

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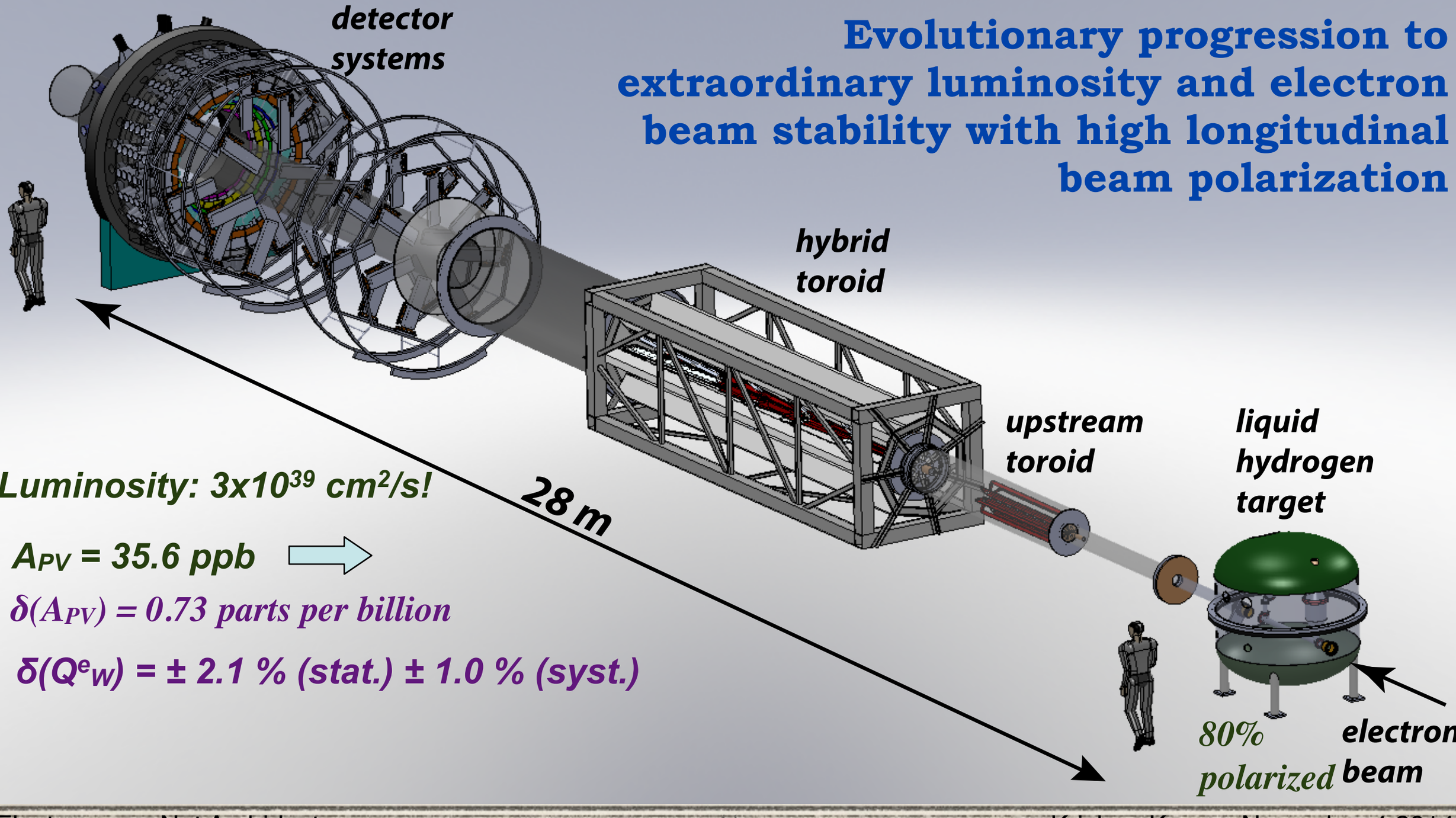

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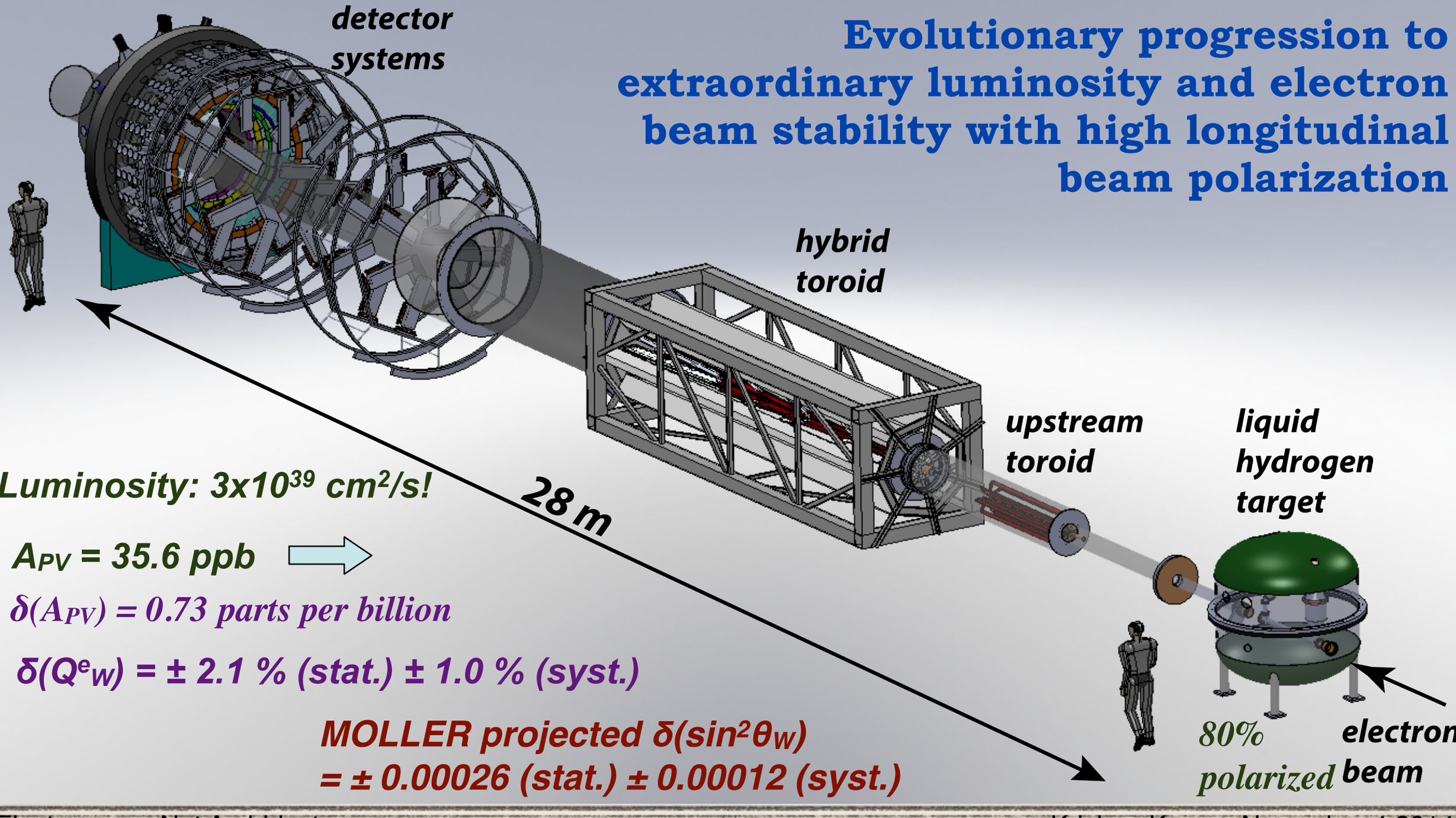

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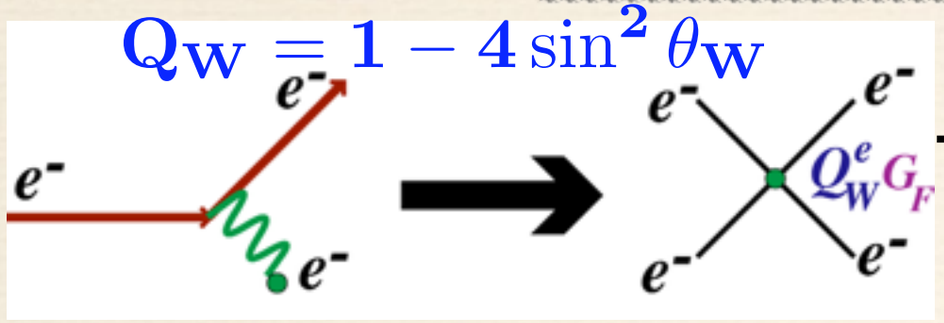

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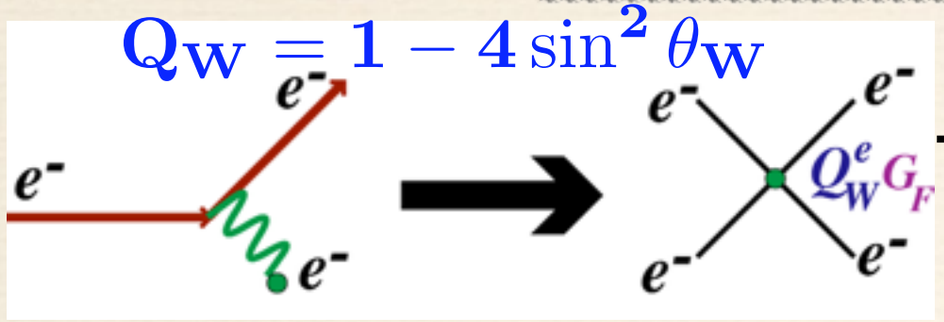

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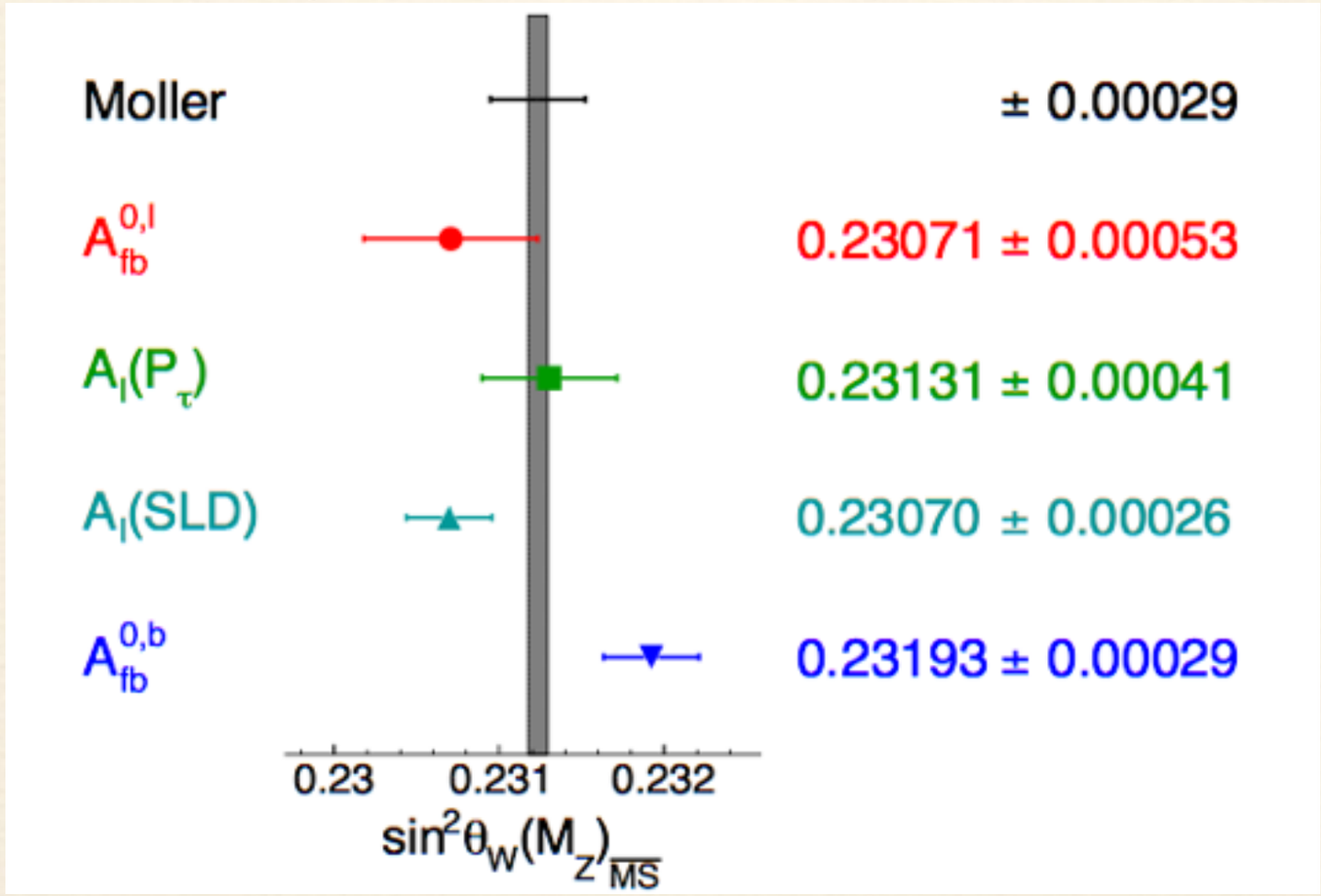

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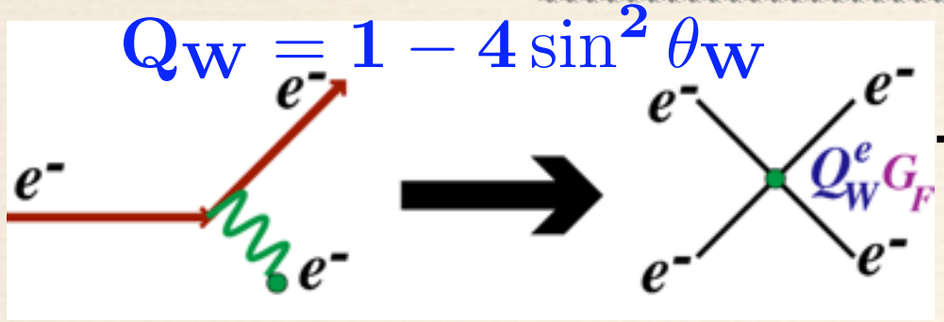

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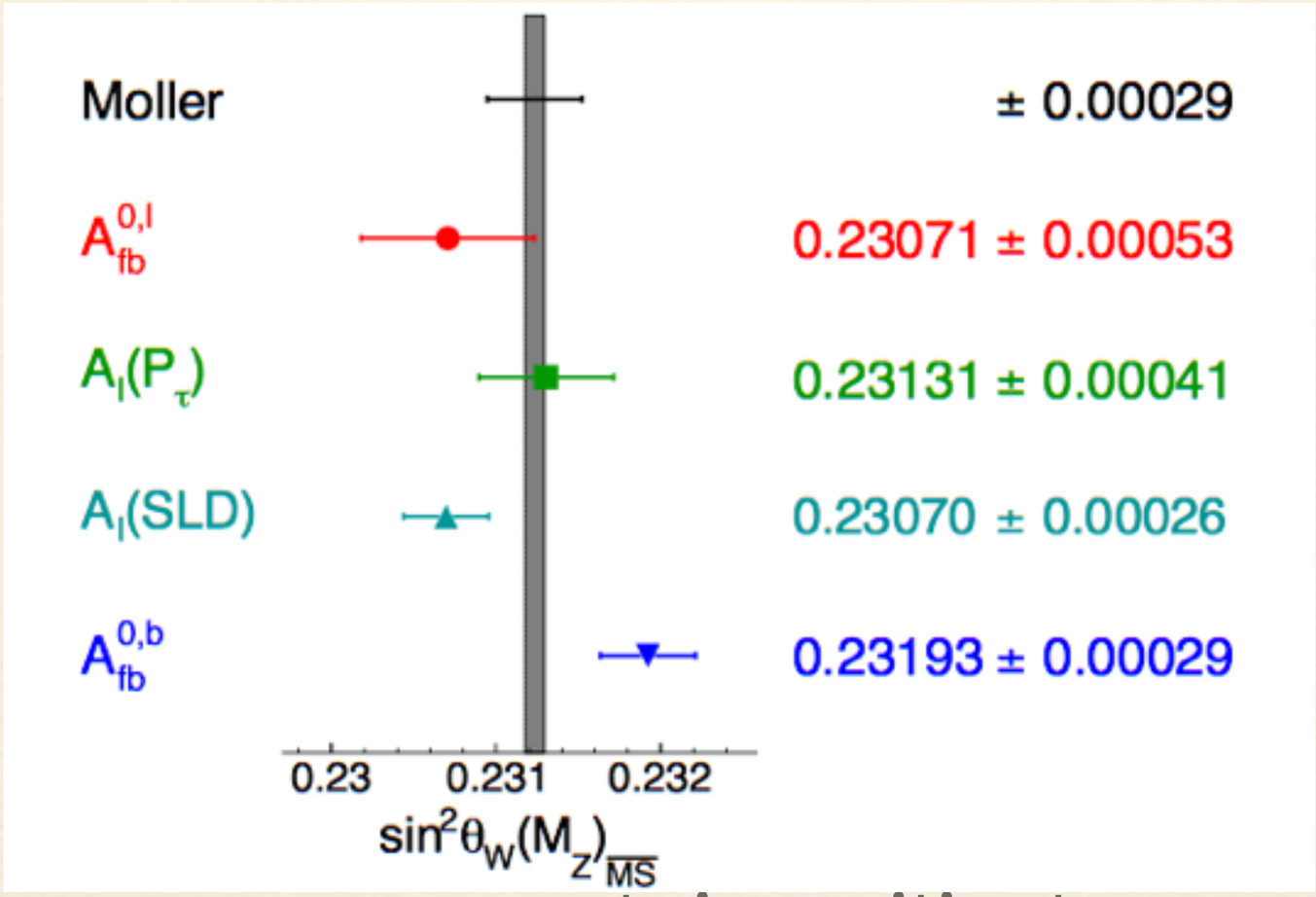

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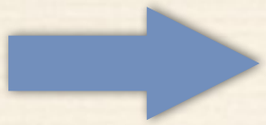

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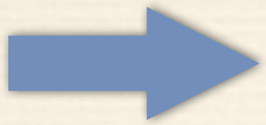

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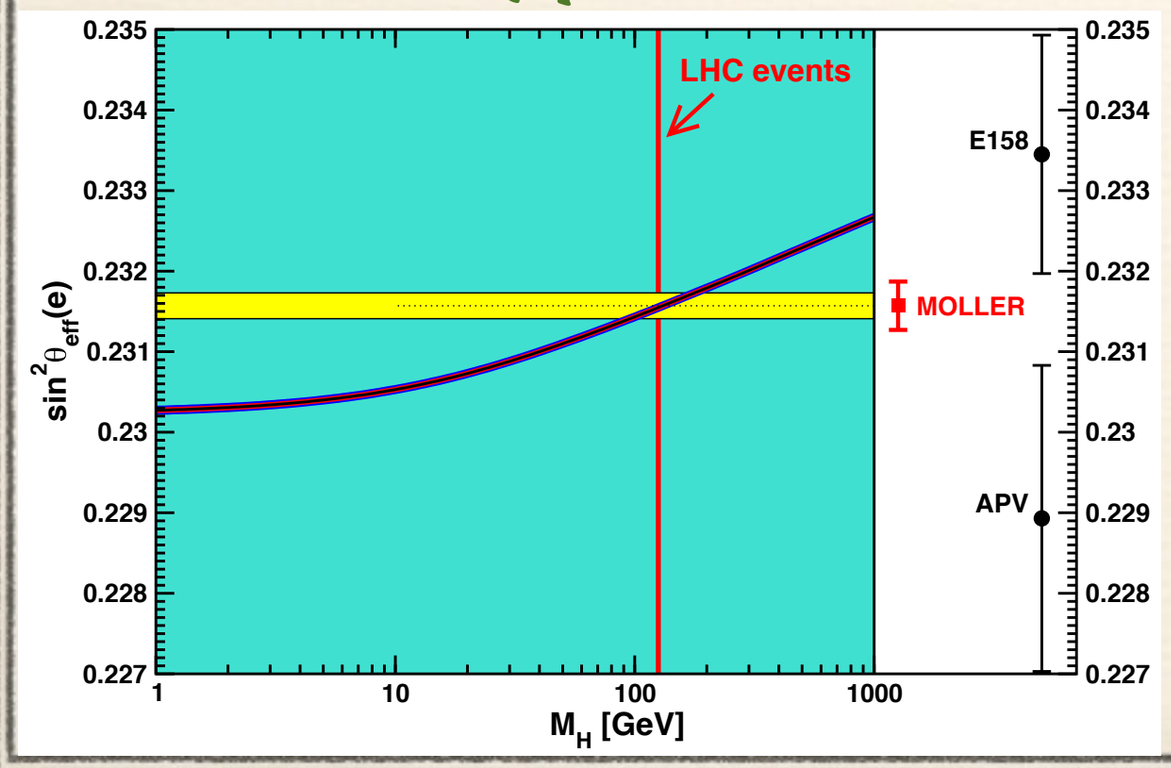

Future projections, similar time scale:

Mainz P2: ~ 0.00034

Final Tevatron: ~ 0.00041

LHC 14 TeV, 300 fb^{-1} : ~ 0.00036

Note: systematics-dominated (pdf uncertainties)

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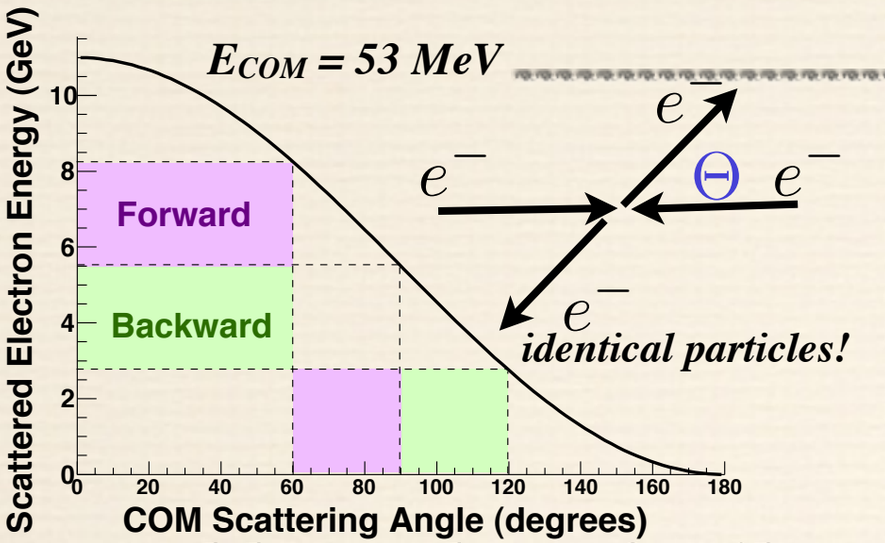

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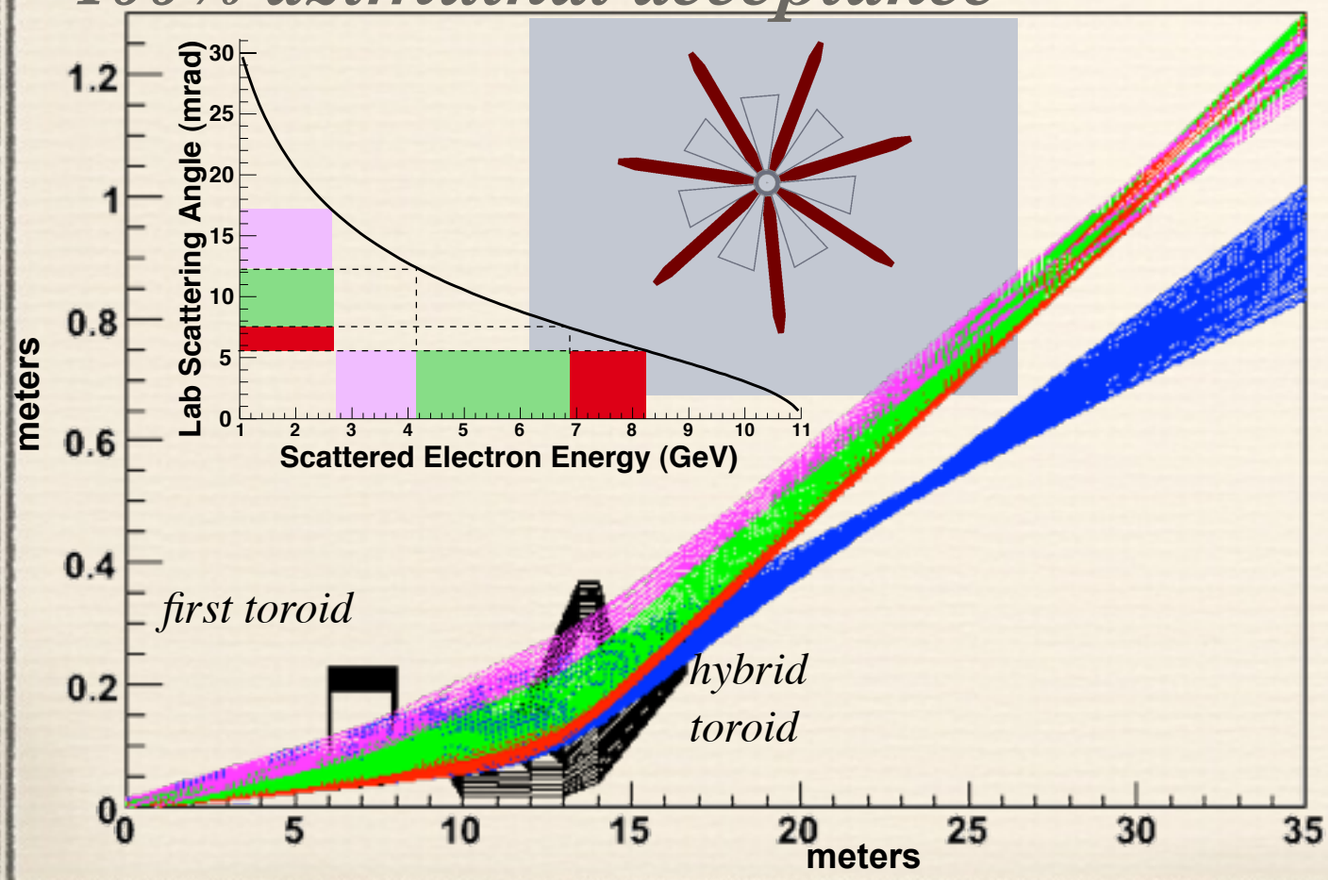

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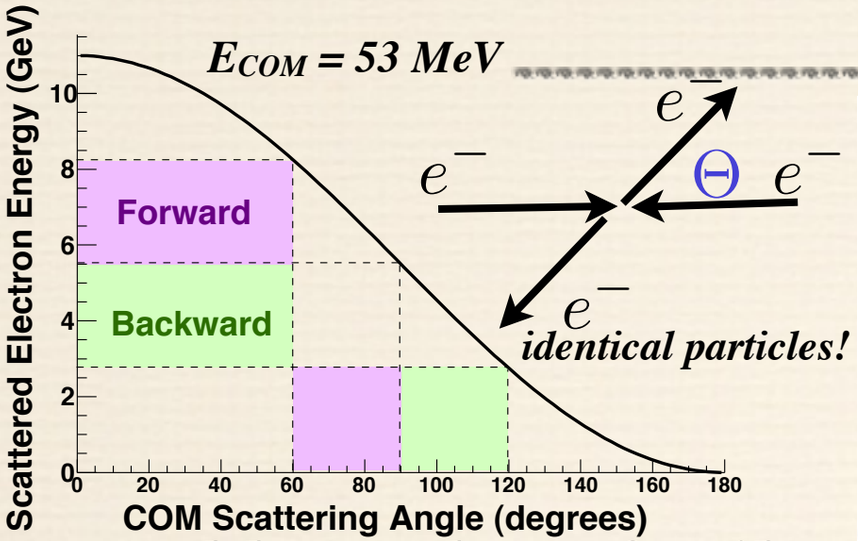

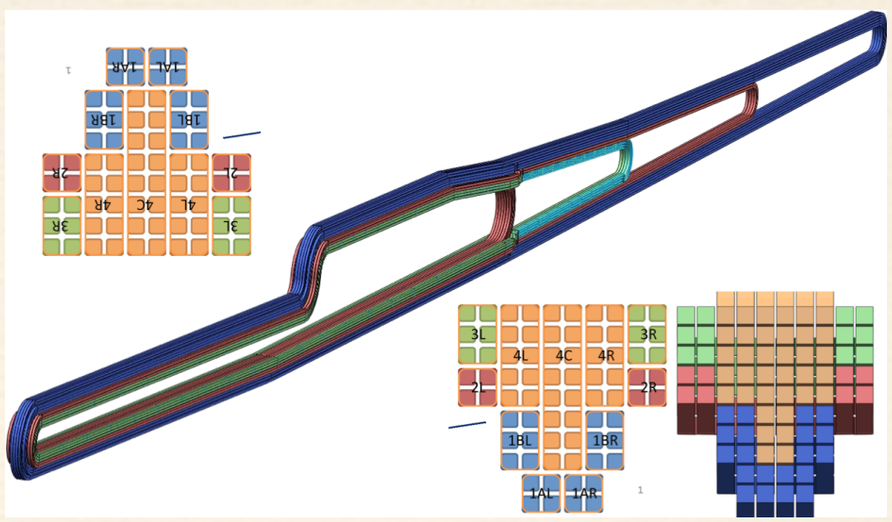

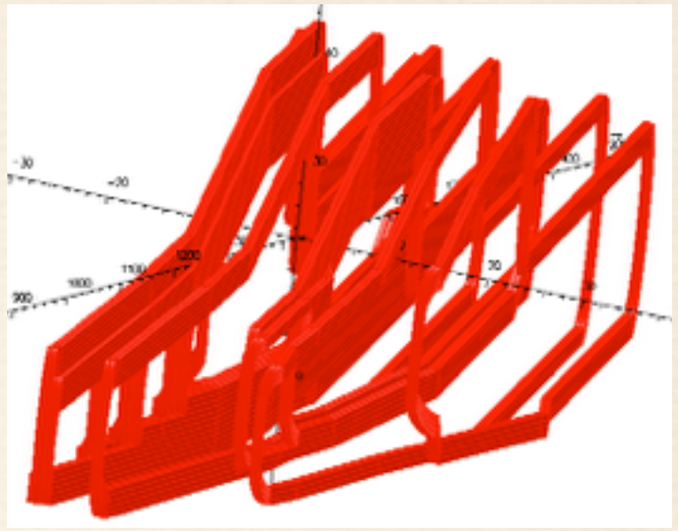

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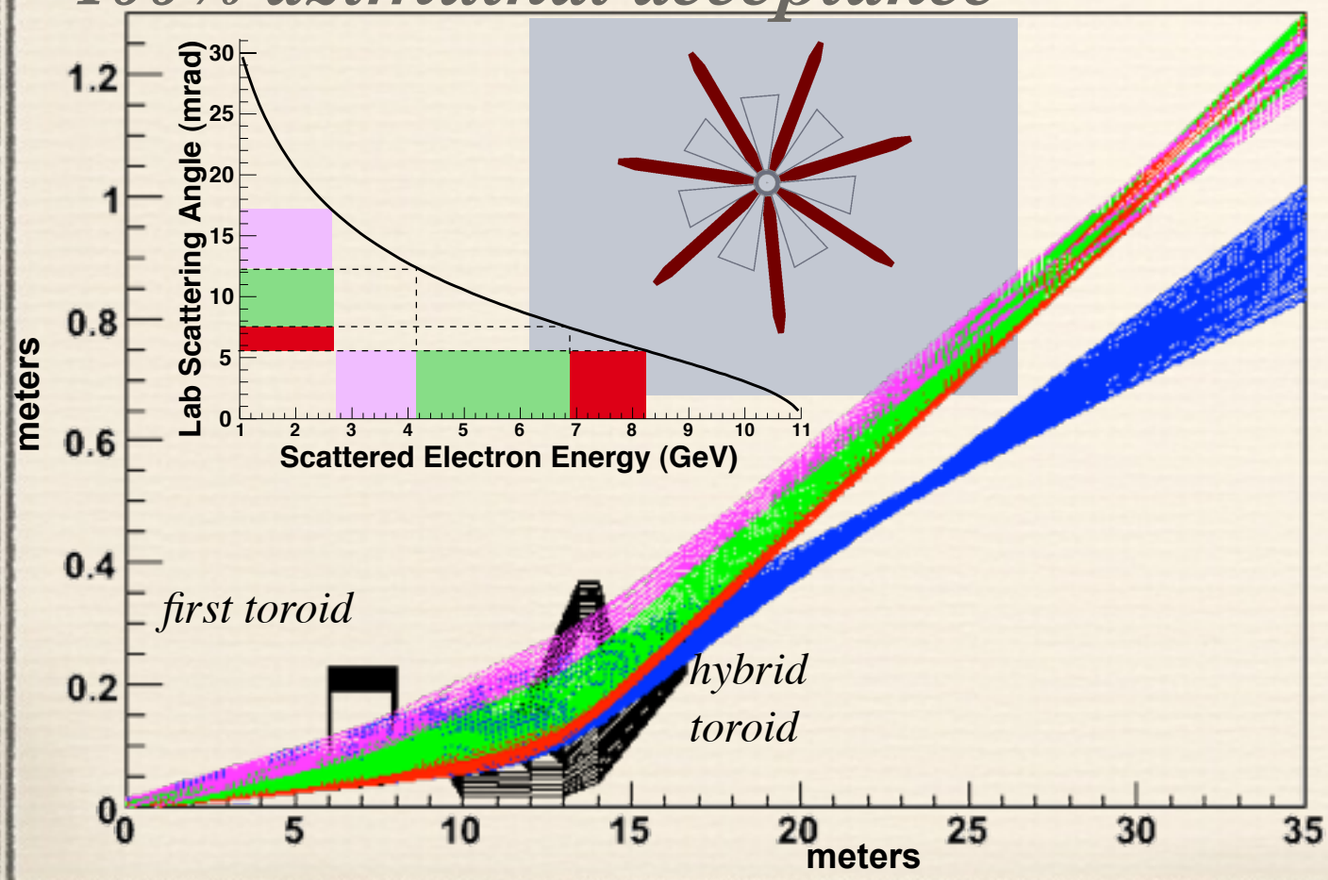

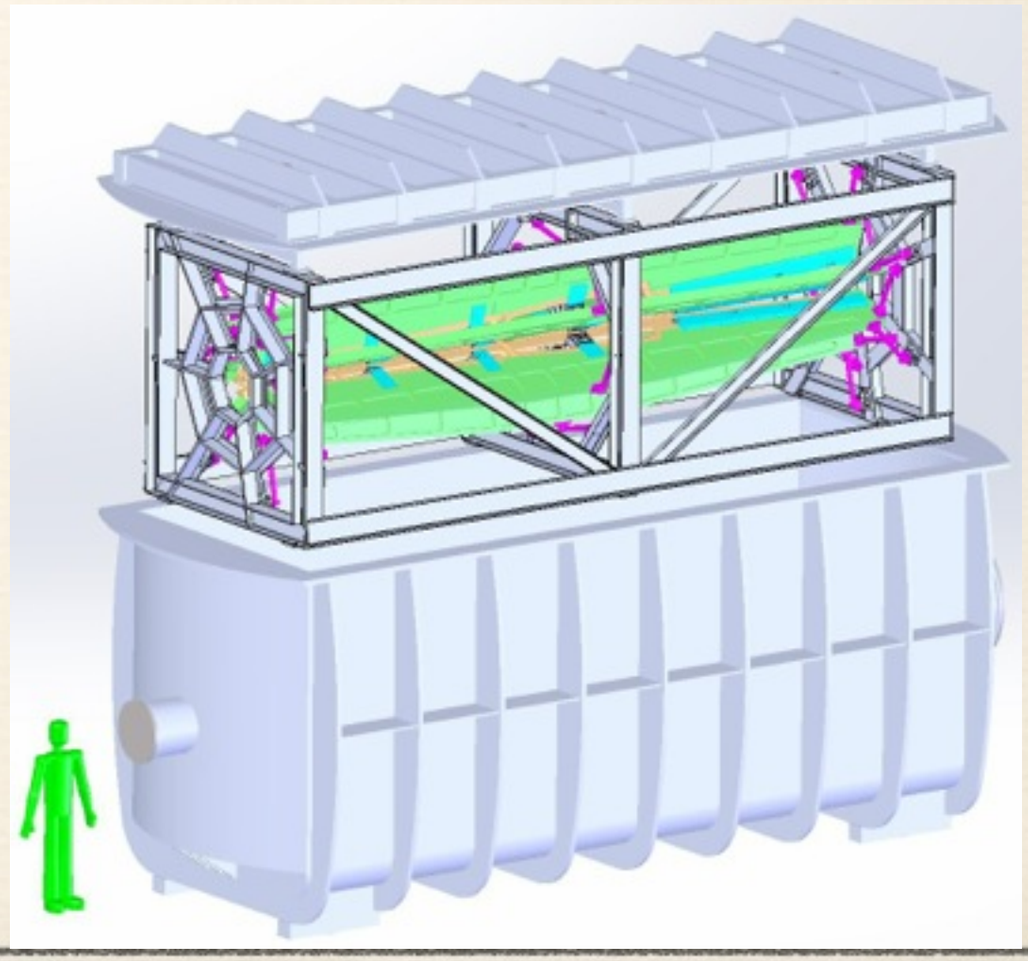

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Error Source	Fractional Error (%)
Statistical	**2.1**
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$e + p(+\gamma) \rightarrow e + X(+\gamma)$	0.4
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Transverse polarization	0.2
Neutral background (soft photons, neutrons)	0.1
Total systematic	**1.1**

All systematics required at sub-1% level

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MOLLER Summary

Cannot be done elsewhere in the world

Parameter	Noise (75 μA)	Noise (60 μA)
Statistical Width (0.5 ms)	**~79 ppm**	**~89 ppm**
Target Density Fluctuation	26 ppm	21 ppm
Beam Intensity Resolution	10 ppm	10 ppm
Beam Position Noise	7 ppm	7 ppm
Detector Resolution (25%)	3.1%	3.1%
Electronics Noise	10 ppm	10 ppm
Measured Width	**88 ppm**	**95 ppm**

60 μA, 90% polarization

Run Phases	1 kHz Width	PAC Days (prod)	Stat Error (ppb)	Stat Error (%)	Eff %	Calendar Weeks (prod.)	Comm Weeks	Total Weeks
I	105	14	3.09	10.9	40	5	6	11
II	100	95	1.13	3.9	50	27	3	30
III	95	235	0.68	2.4	60	56	4	60
Total		**344**	**0.57**	**2.01**			**13**	**101**

Commissioning + 3 years (~30 weeks/year)

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- ★ Unique observable and among the most sensitive in terms of discovery reach, for flavor- and CP-conserving scattering amplitudes, in the next decade
- ★ Textbook legacy

✦ Scope of Future Research Effort

- ★ Purely Leptonic Reaction: theoretical uncertainty already well under control
- ★ A strong, experienced and motivated group of experimental researchers

✦ Feasibility and Three Year Science Output

- ★ Evolutionary development of technical capabilities to reach unprecedented sensitivity

Perspective on Future PVES

MOLLER, SOLID, P2

Sensitive discovery reach over the next decade
for CP-/flavor-conserving and LNV scattering amplitudes

✦ If LHC sees ANY anomaly in Runs 2 or 3 (~2022)

- ★ The unique discovery space probed will become a pressing need, along with other sensitive low energy probes (e.g. g-2 anomaly)

✦ Discovery scenarios beyond LHC signatures

- ★ Hidden weak scale scenarios
- ★ Lepton Number Violating Amplitudes
- ★ Light Dark Matter Mediators
- ★ ...

Summary

✦ Parity-Violating Electron Scattering

- ★ Enabled unique studies of the weak force
- ★ Technical progress has enabled unprecedented precision
- ★ flagship experiments at electron accelerators

✦ Fundamental Nuclear/Nucleon Physics

- ★ Neutron RMS radii of heavy nuclei (PREX, CREX)
- ★ valence quark structure of protons and neutrons (SOLID)

✦ Fundamental Electroweak Physics

- ★ Search for new dynamics at the TeV scale (MOLLER, SOLID, P2)
  - *complementary to colliders; would help interpret potential anomalies*
  - *precision measurement of the weak mixing angle*

A remarkably productive research program that will continue to flourish over the next decade