

Puzzling out the proton radius puzzle with initial state radiation

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THE LOW-ENERGY FRONTIER
OF THE STANDARD MODEL



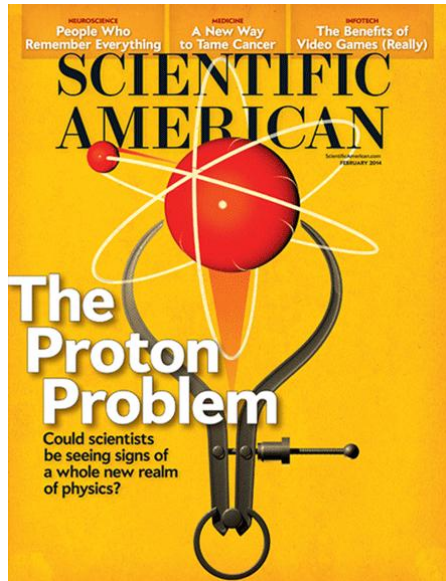
Outline

- Motivation: Proton radius puzzle
- Initial state radiation
- Experimental setup
- Data analysis
- Conclusions

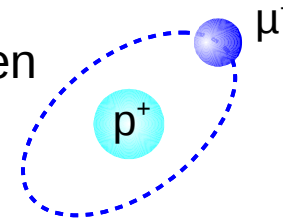
The proton radius puzzle

rms proton charge radius
for:

- electronic hydrogen:
→ 0.8770 ± 0.0045 fm
- muonic hydrogen:
→ 0.8409 ± 0.0004 fm



muonic hydrogen spectroscopy



Antognini et al. (2013)

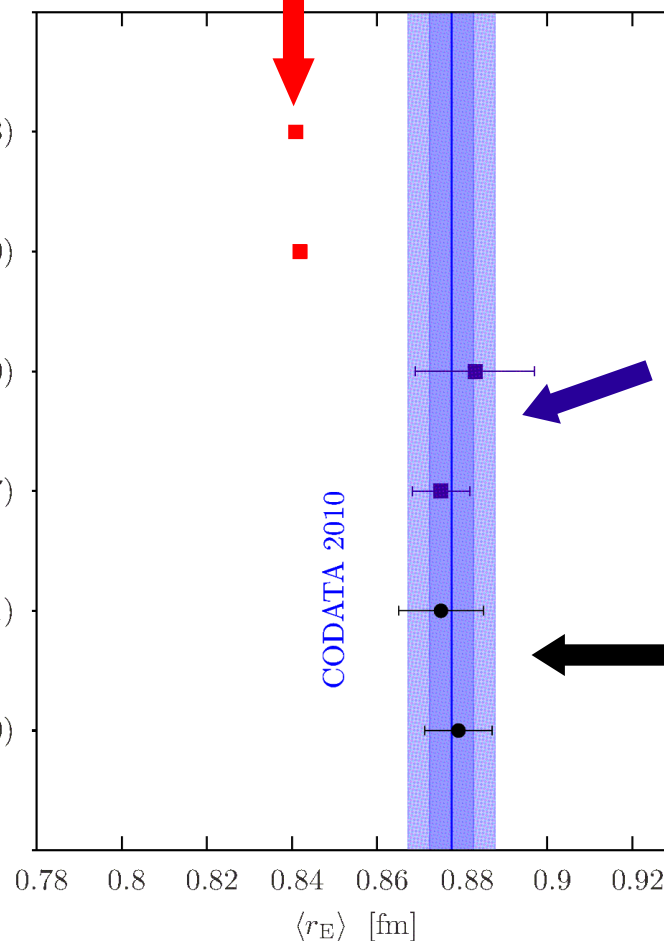
Pohl et al. (2010)

Melnikov et al. (2000)

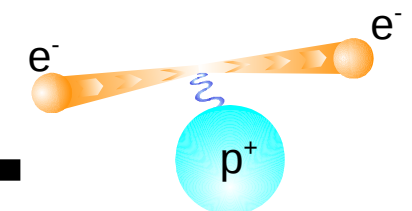
Udem et al. (1997)

Zhan et al. (2011)

Bernauer et al. (2010)



electronic hydrogen spectroscopy



electron-proton scattering

Elastic cross section measurement

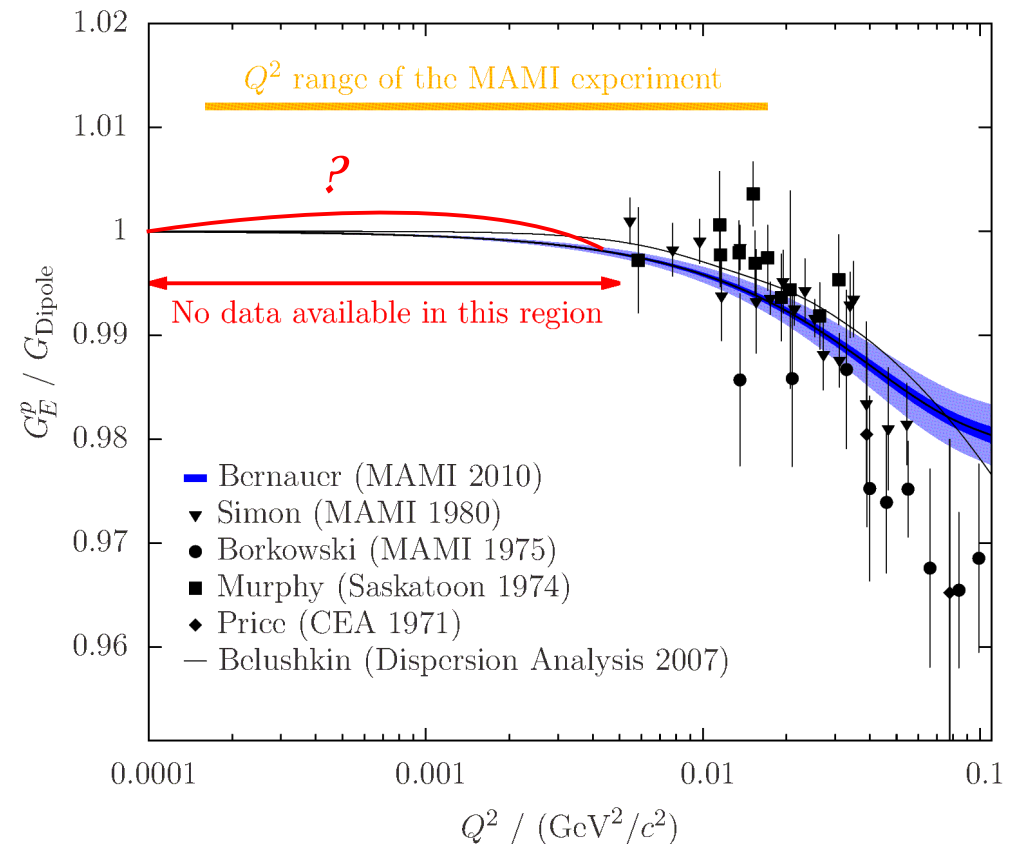
- Elastic cross section of H(e,e')p:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Mott} \frac{1}{1+\tau} \left(G_E^2(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2(Q^2) \right)$$

- Proton charge radius :

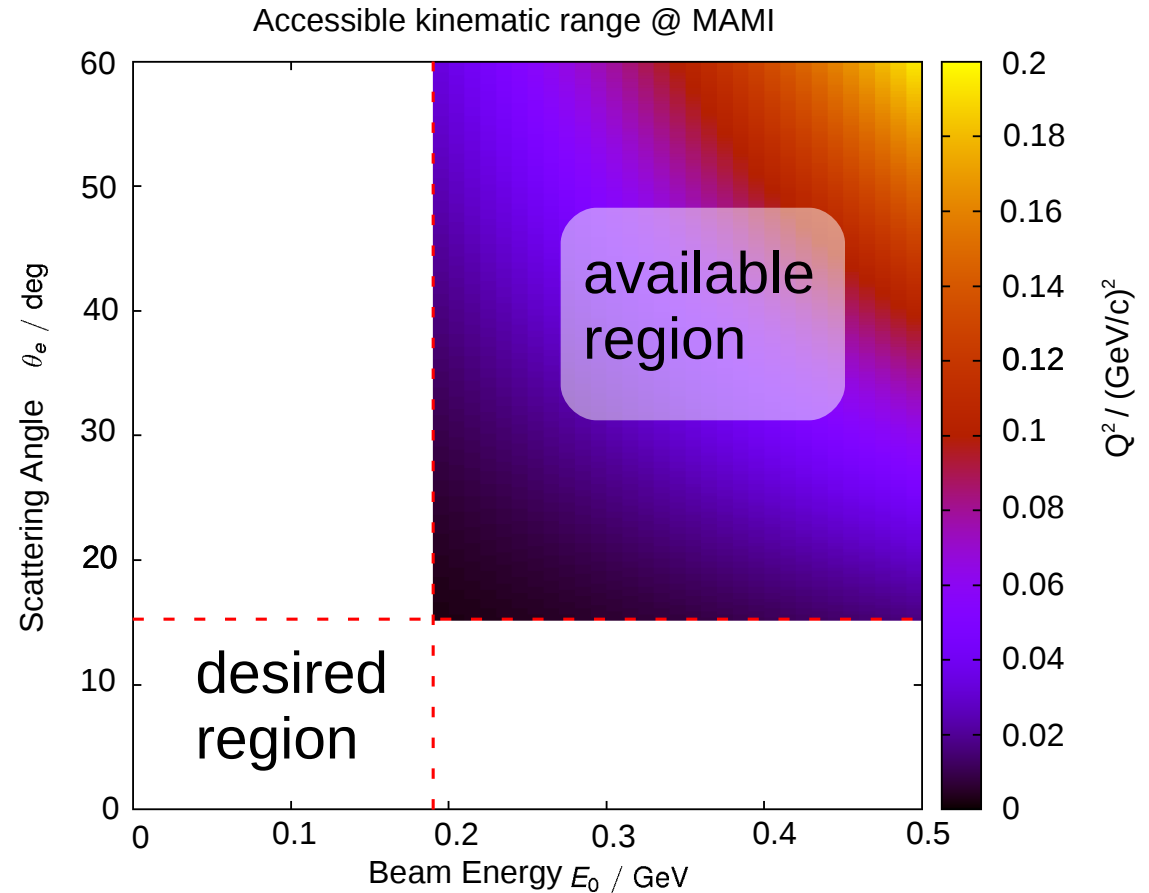
$$r_P^2 := -6\hbar^2 \left[\frac{dG_E(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \right]_{Q^2=0}$$

- No data at very low Q^2
 - For precise radius determination data in this region needed



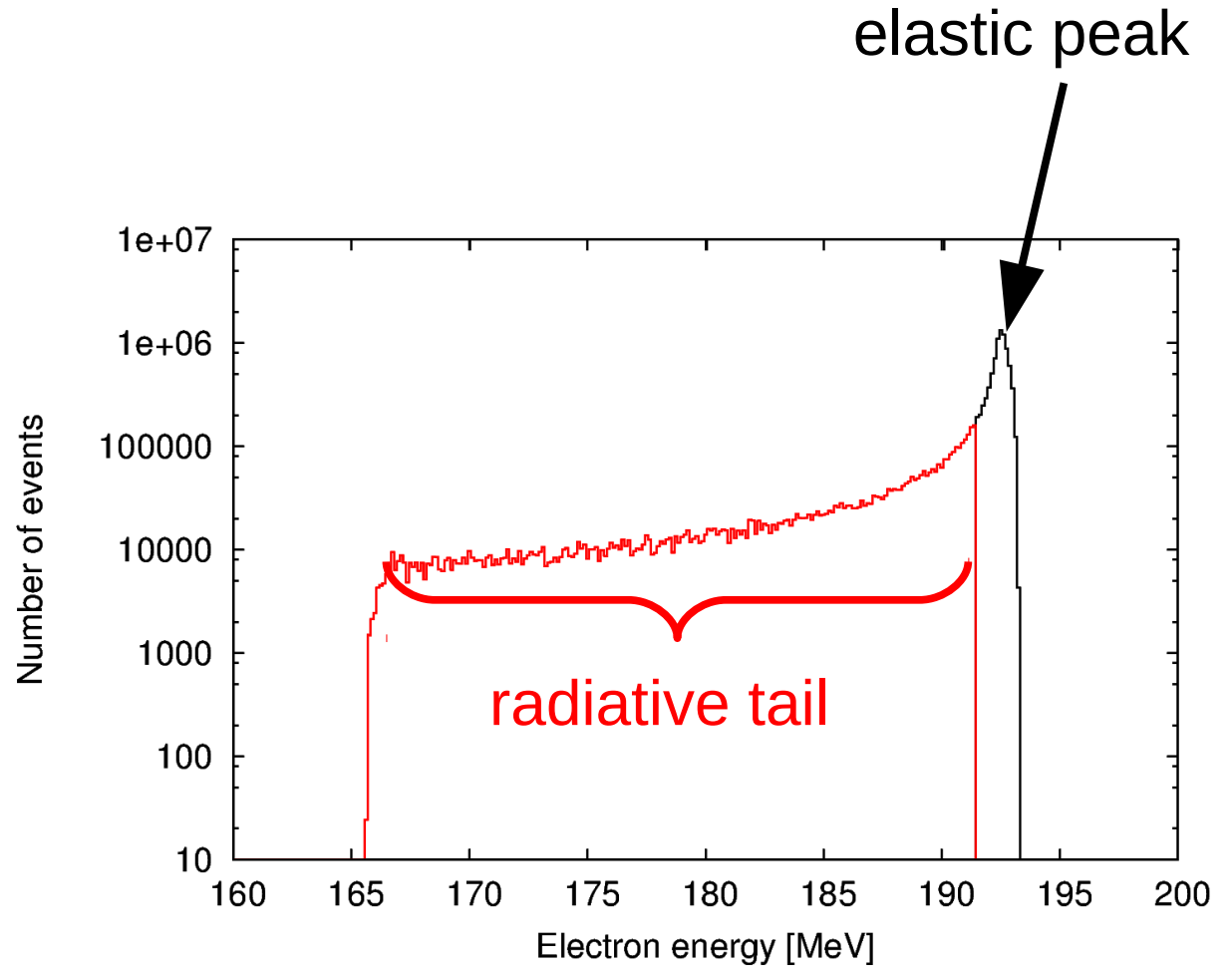
Experimental boundaries

- For elastic cross sections below $Q^2=0.004 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$:
 - lower scattering angles
 - lower beam energies
- Available experimental apparatus limits both.

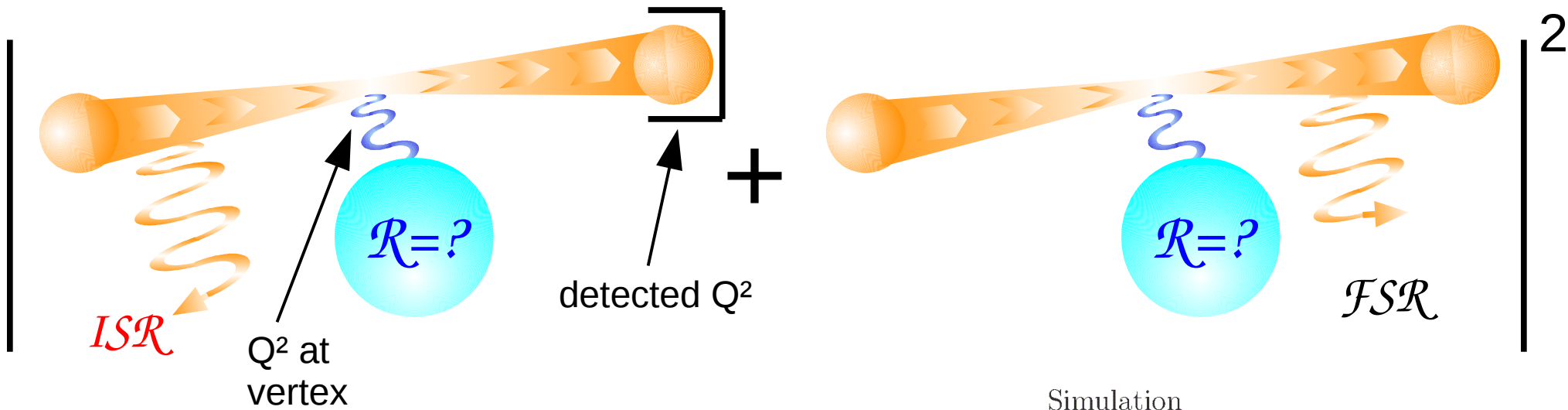


Exploiting the radiative tail

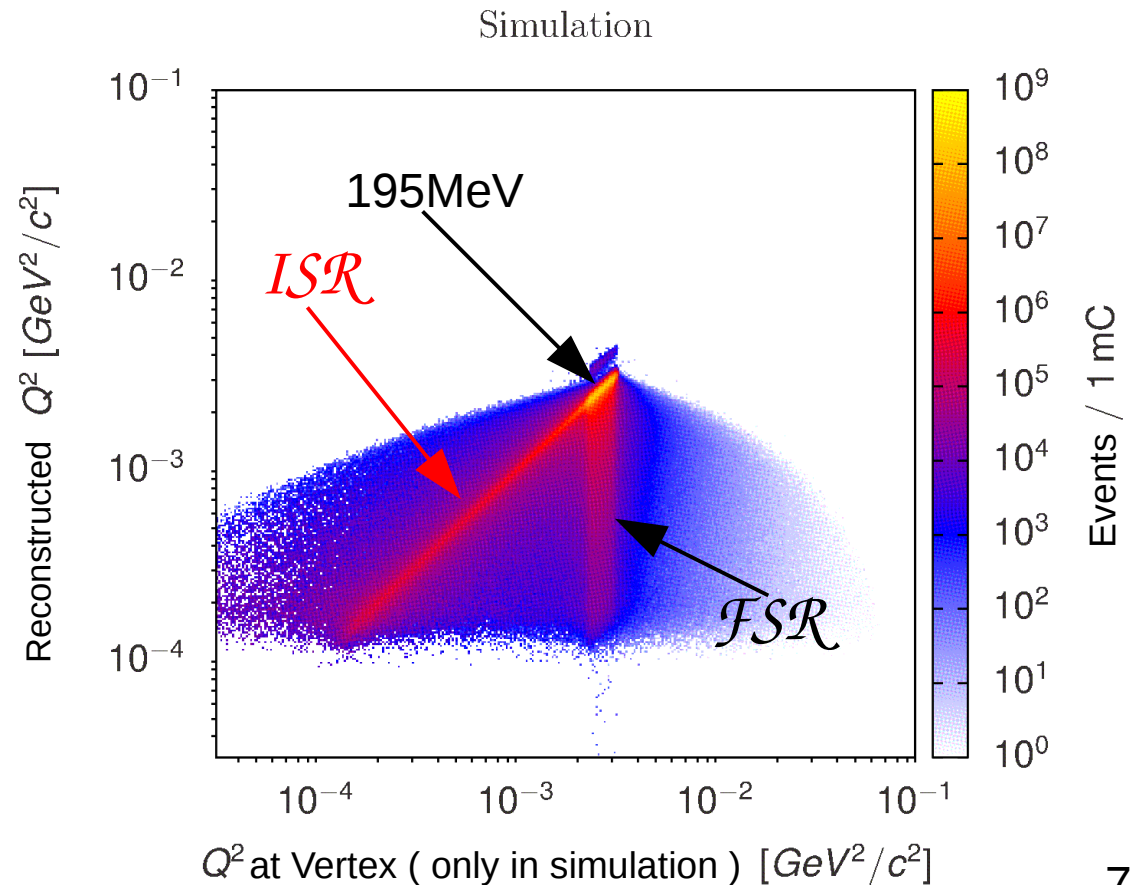
- For even lower Q^2 novel approaches needed:
 - consider information from **radiative tail**



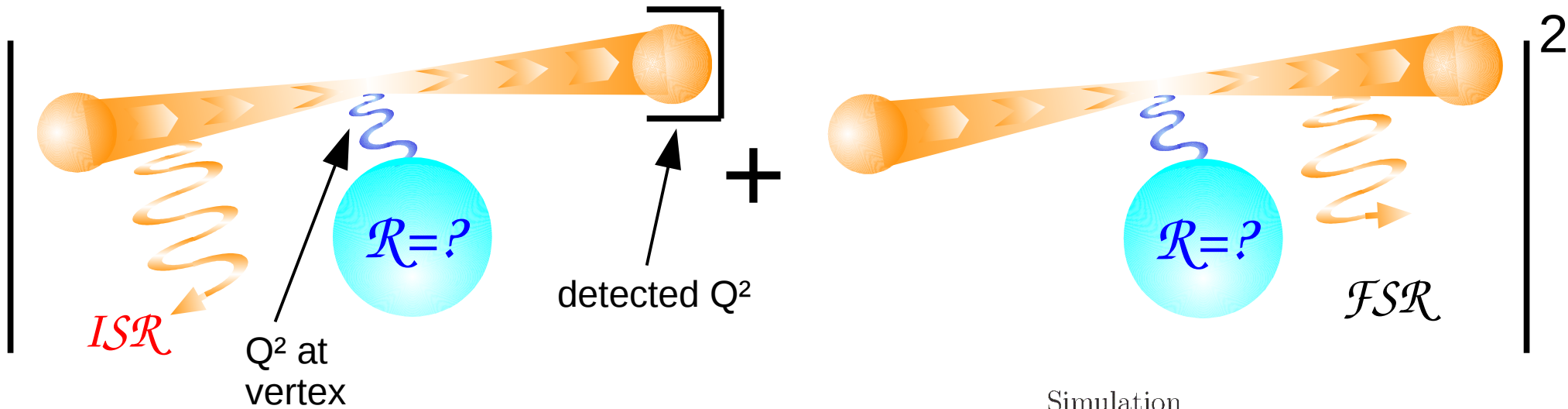
Initial State Radiation



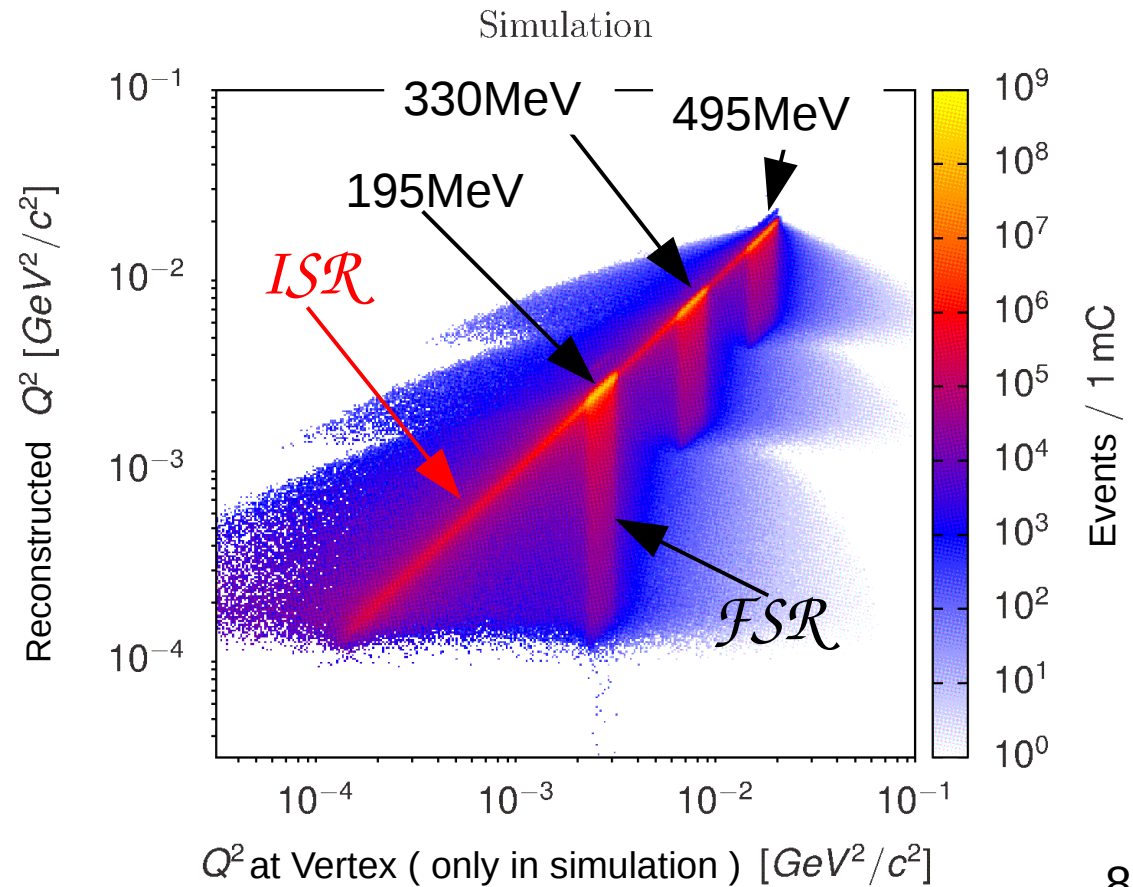
- Combine data with simulation to distinguish ISR from FSR
- Using **Initial State Radiation** allows investigating G_E at lower Q^2 till $\sim(1-3) \cdot 10^{-4} (\text{GeV}/c)^2$



Initial State Radiation



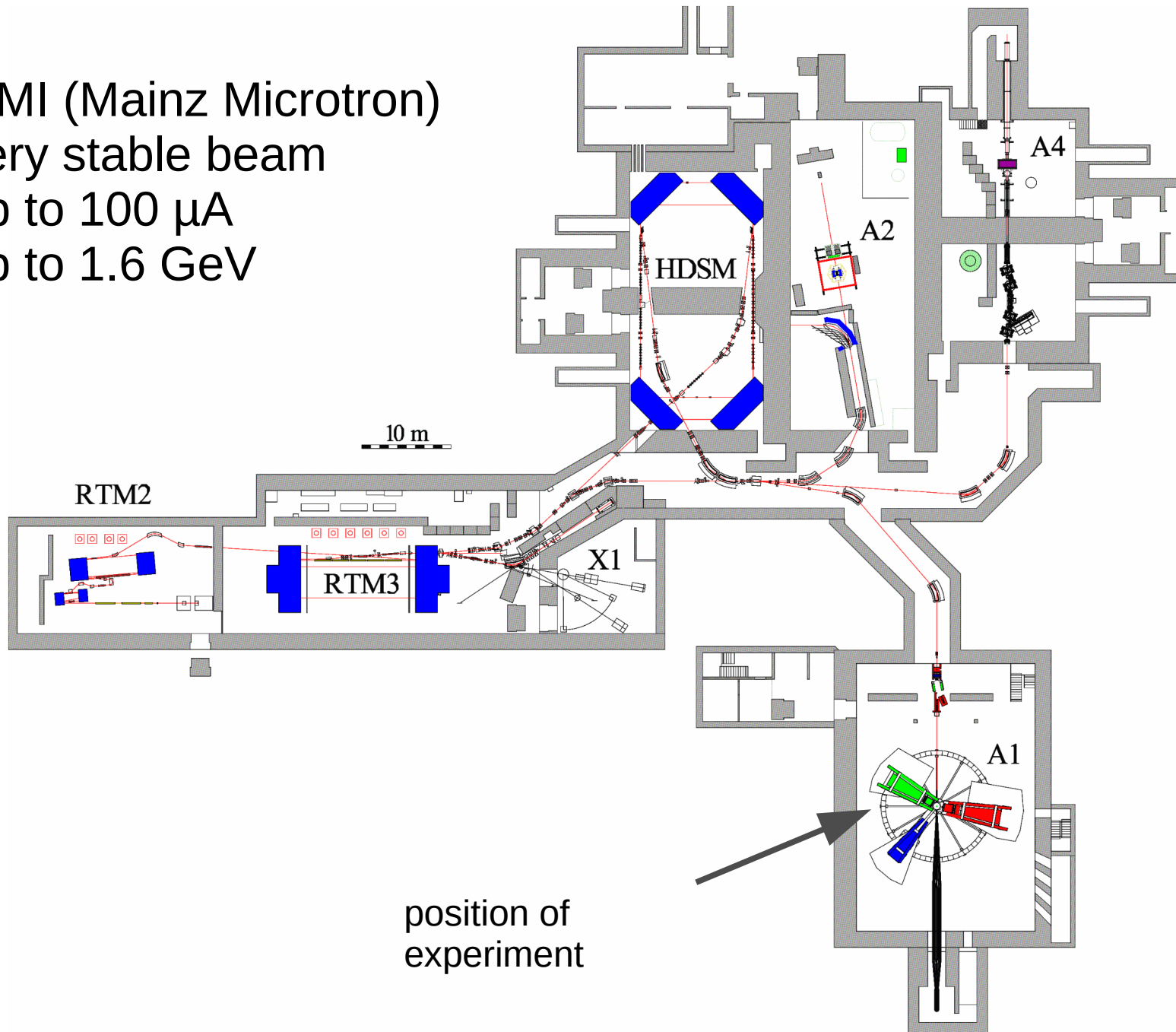
- Cross check new method:
 - measurements at higher Q^2

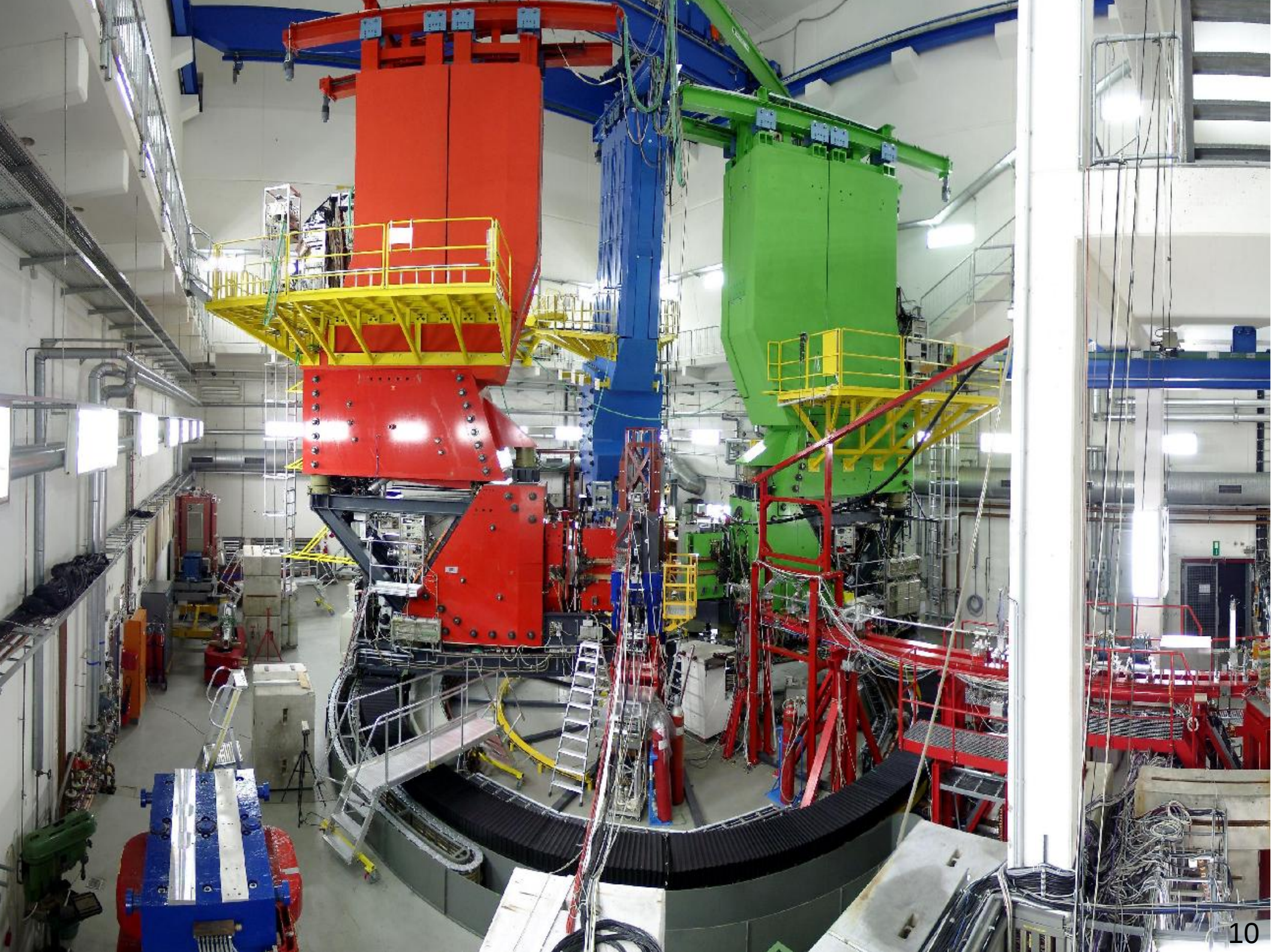


MAMI

MAMI (Mainz Microtron)

- very stable beam
- up to $100 \mu\text{A}$
- up to 1.6 GeV

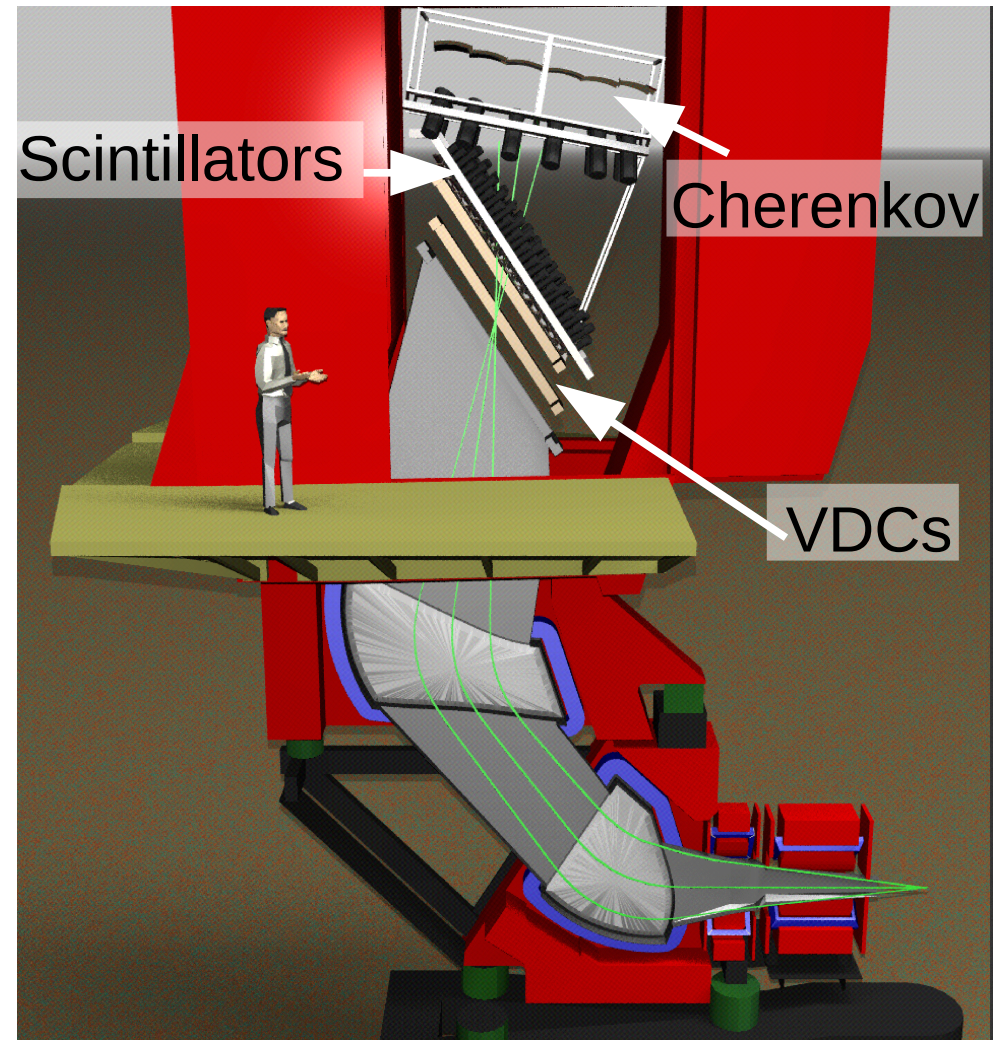




Spectrometers

	Spec A	Spec B
relative momentum resolution	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$
resolution at target [mm]	3-5	1

- Both spectrometers use same detector setups:
 - VDCs (Vertical Drift Chambers) for track reconstruction
 - Scintillators for triggering
 - Cherenkov detector for particle identification



The ISR experiment at MAMI

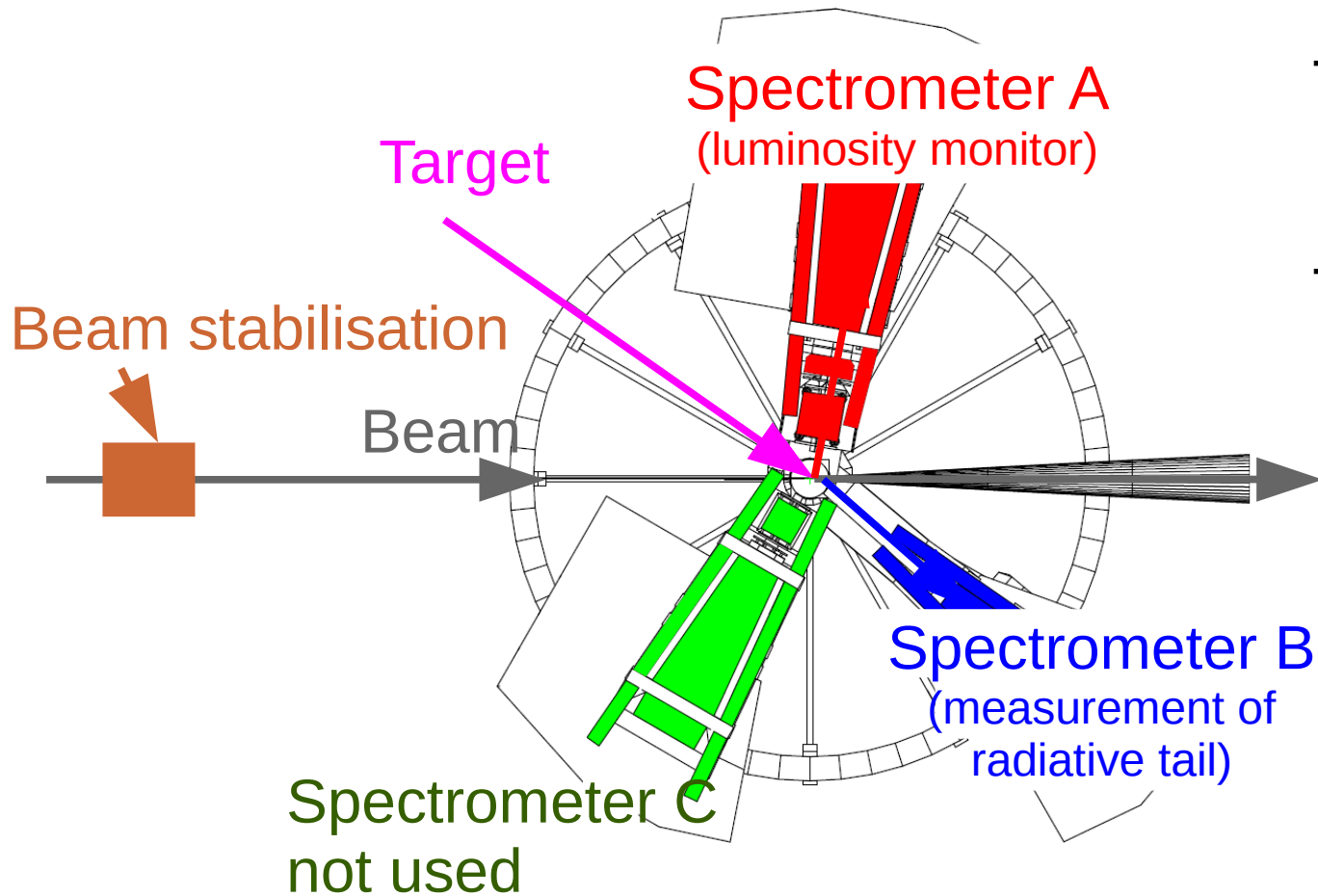
- Beam stabilisation
- Liquid hydrogen target

- Three beam energies and various momenta:

→ 495MeV:
289-486MeV/c

→ 330MeV:
156-326MeV/c

→ 195MeV:
48-194MeV/c

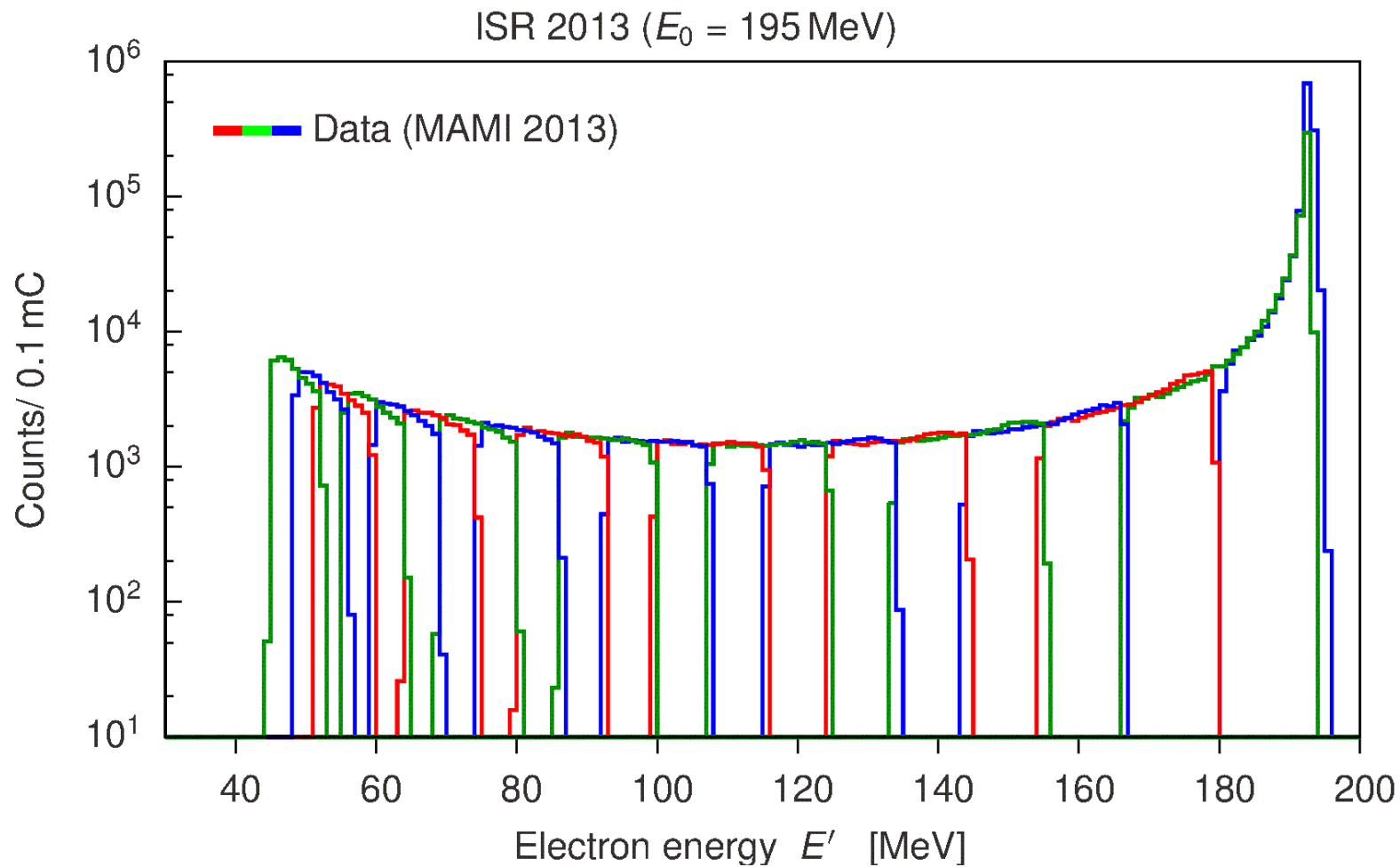


Data analysis

Data (2013):
3 beam energies:
495MeV, 330MeV and
195MeV

Data analysis

- online data: excellent quality



Detector calibration

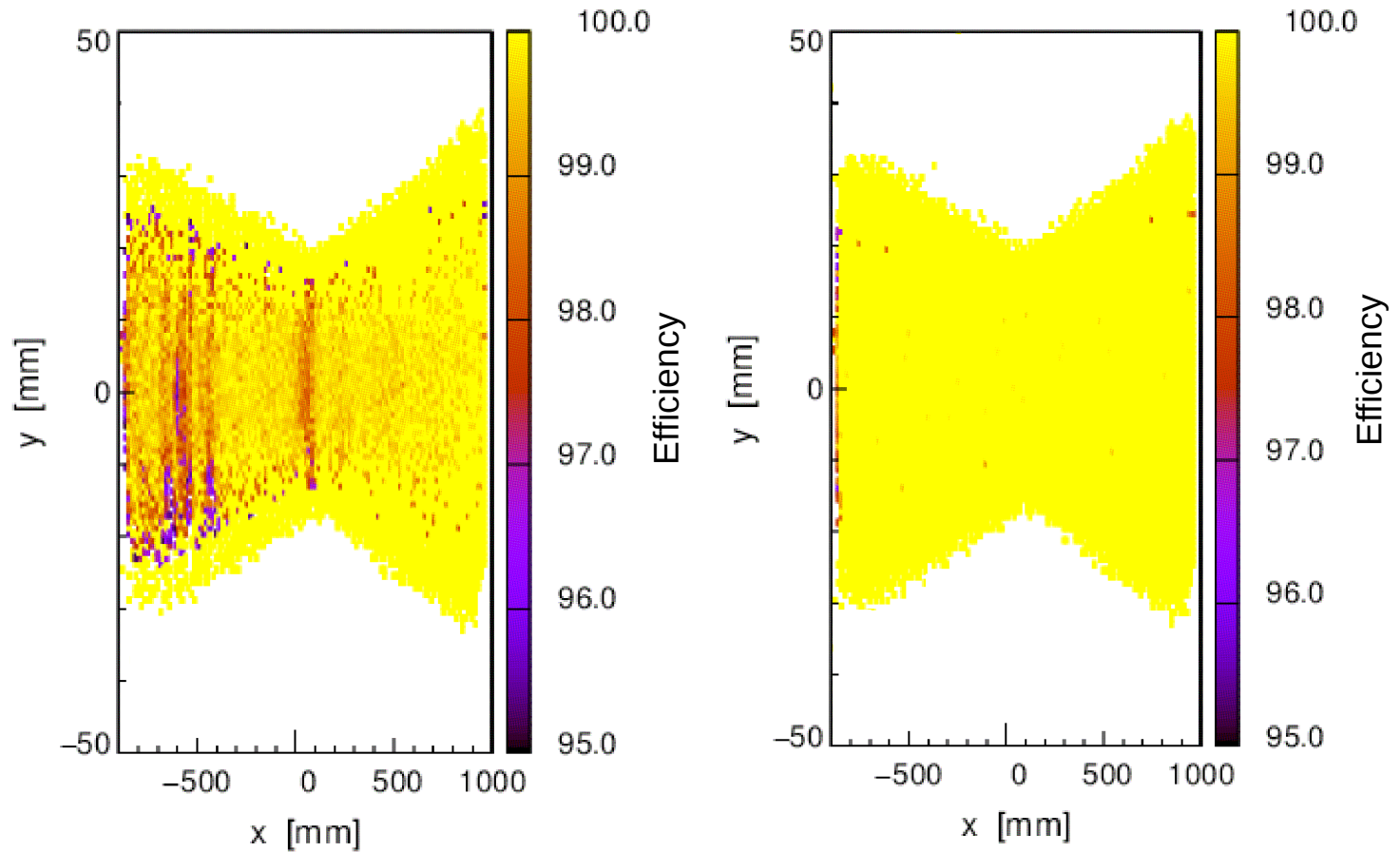
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Detectors:
Efficiency calibration
New tracking algorithm

Detector efficiency

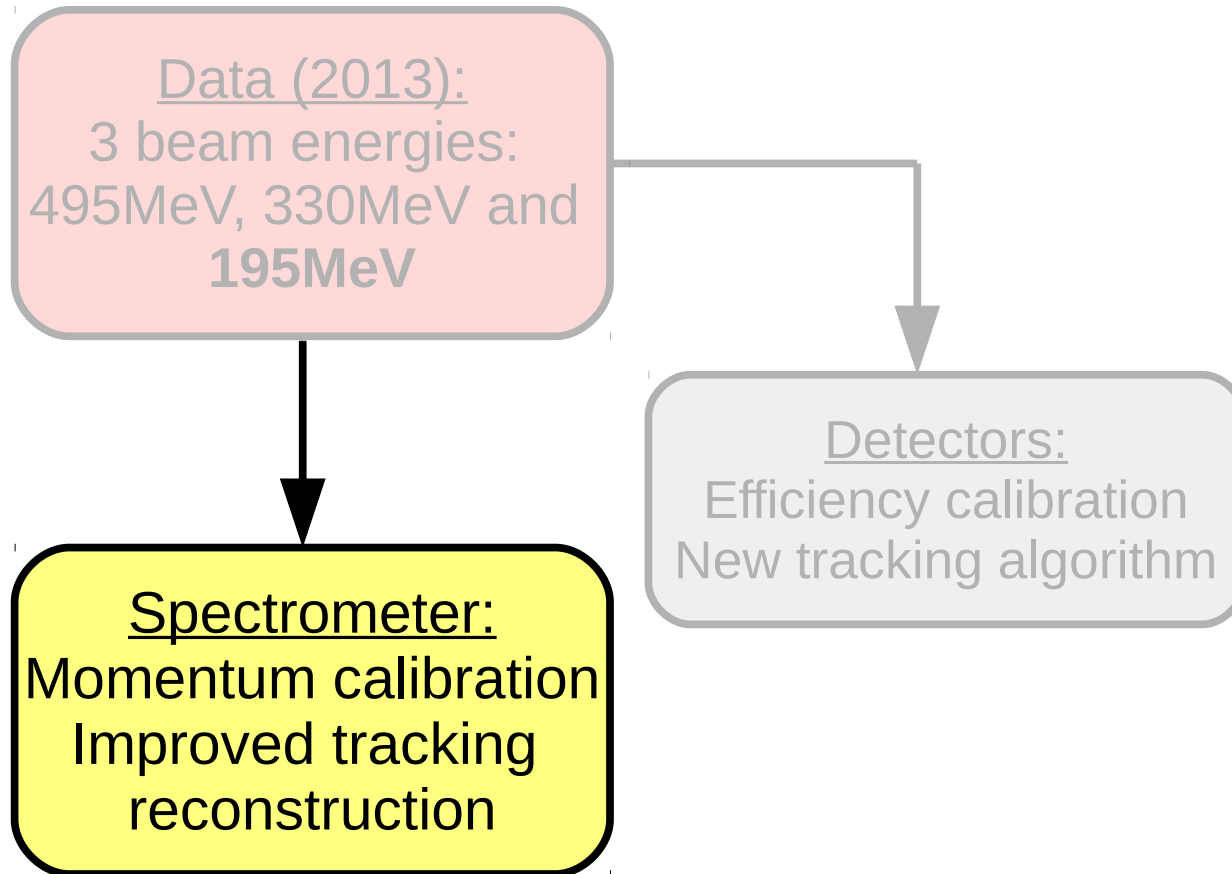
- Efficiency inhomogeneities in VDC layers
- New tracking algorithm developed
 - further improvement

efficiency plot for 1 of 4 layers



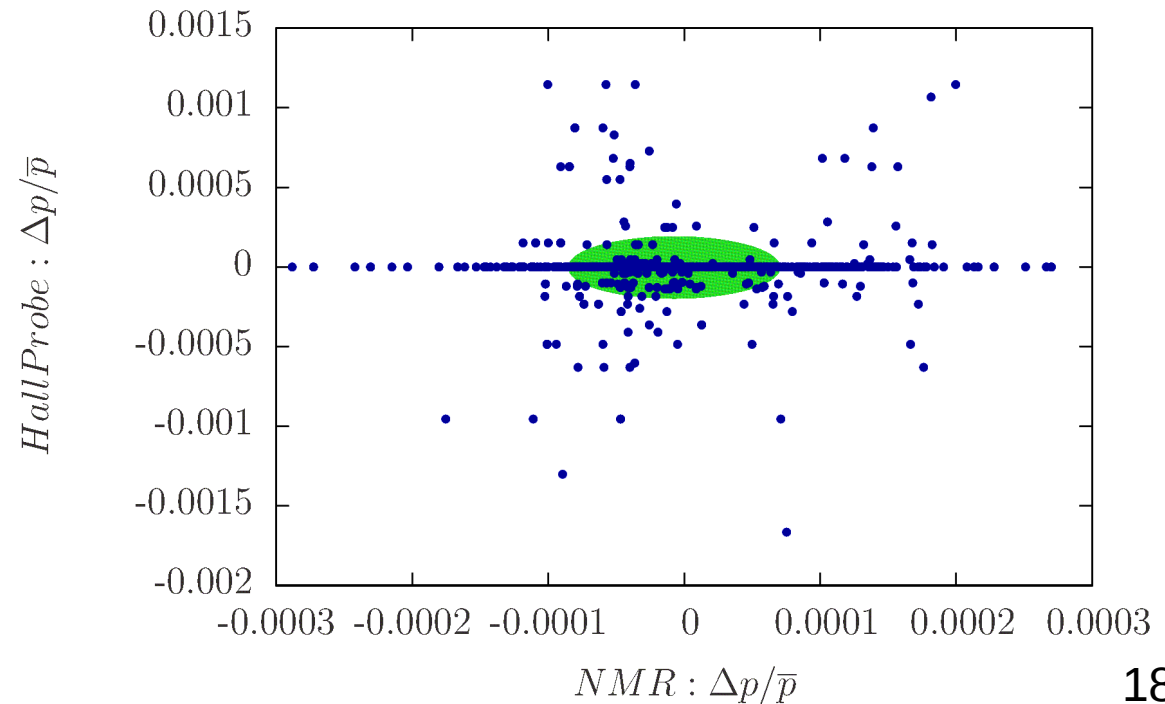
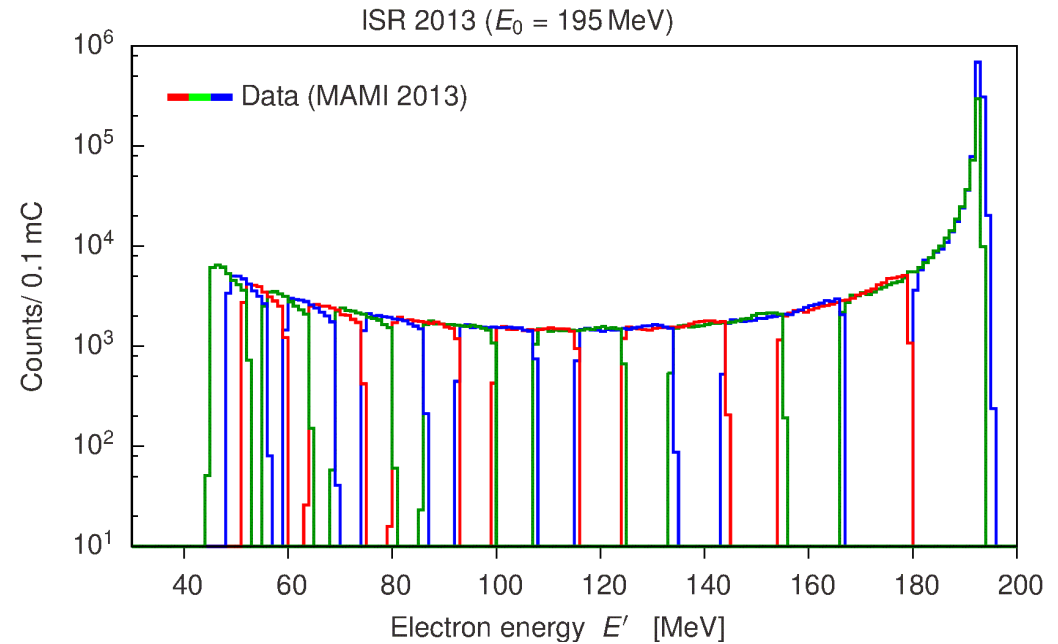
- Scintillator efficiency $\sim 99.3\%$
- Cherenkov efficiency $\sim 99.6\%$

Resolution calibration



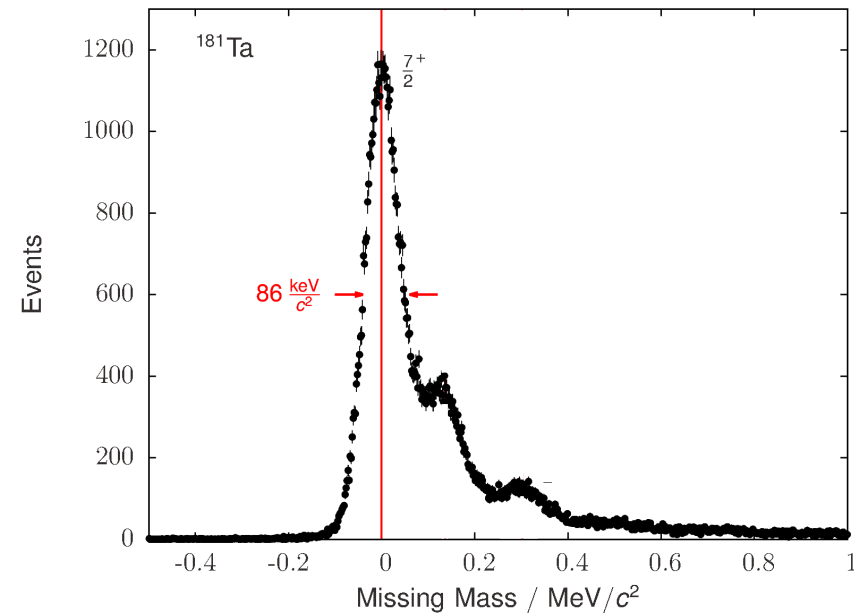
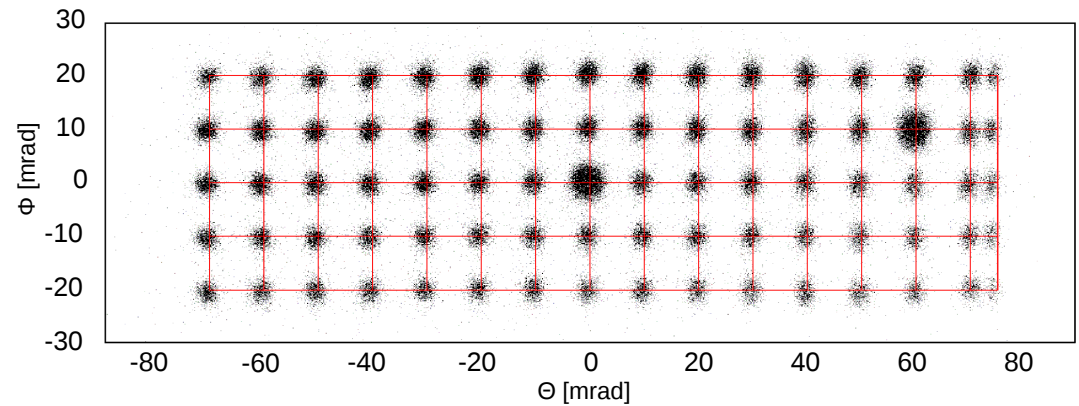
Momentum calibration

- Good spectrometer resolution is crucial for precise ISR measurements.
- Central momentum and its resolution must be known precisely.
- Central momentum: relative precision $\sim 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$.

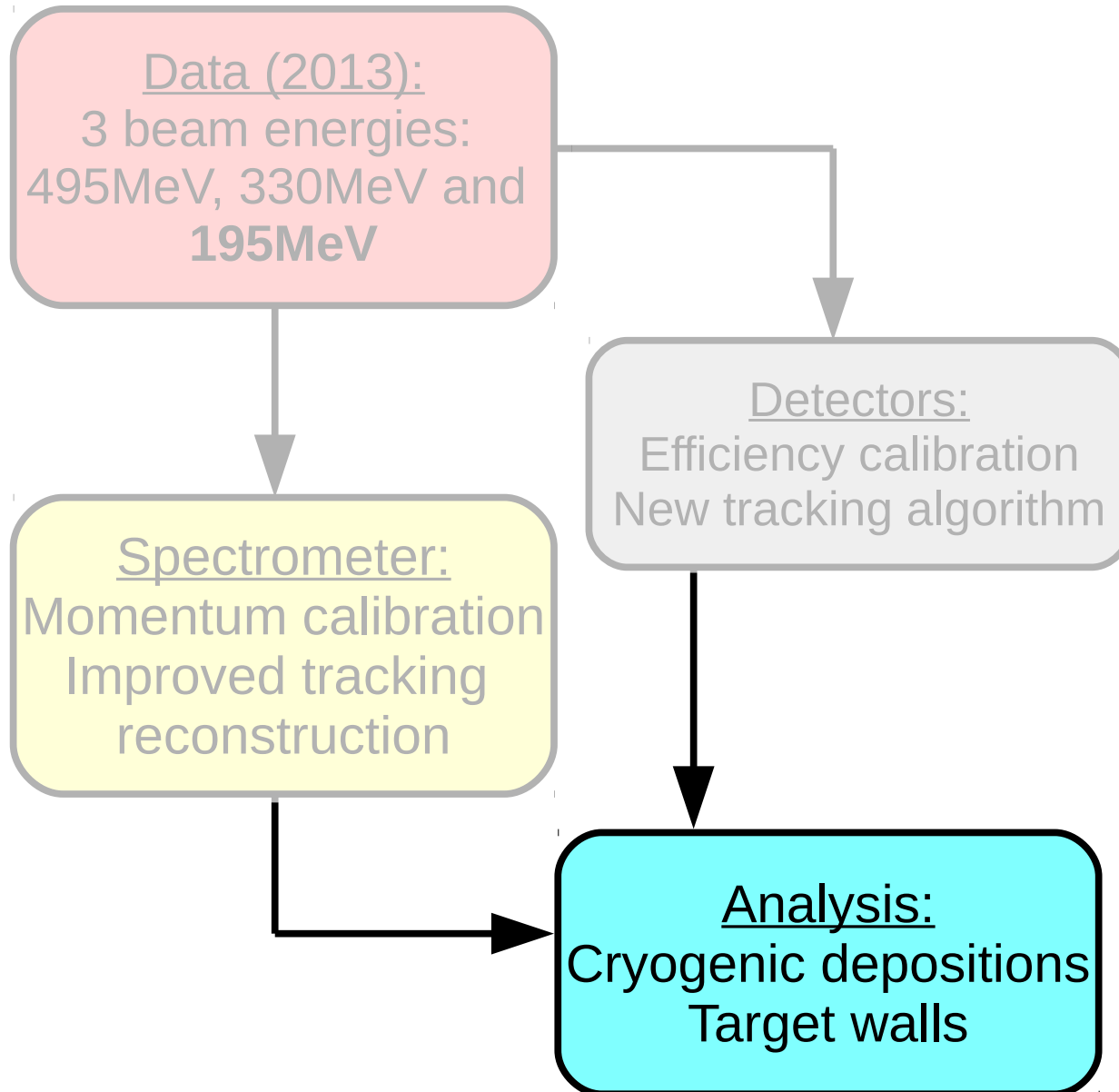


Recalibration of tracking reconstruction

- Transfer matrix for track reconstruction
- Sieve slit collimator used to find best matrix
- Achieved momentum resolution: $1.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$



Offline analysis



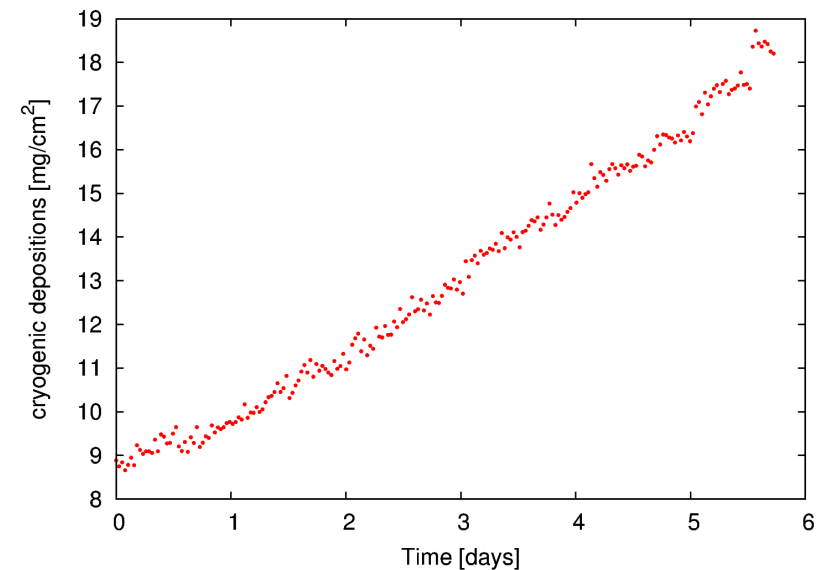
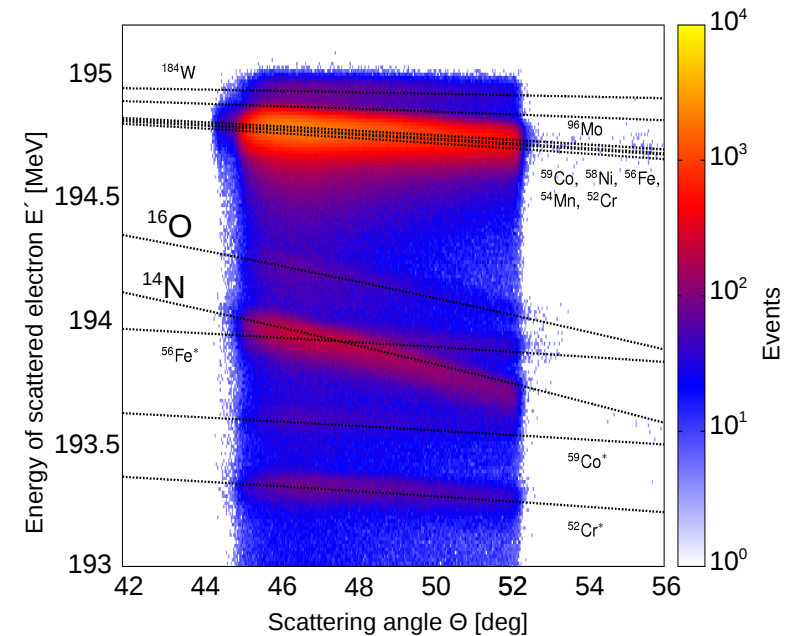
Cryogenic depositions

- For minimal cryogenic depositions:

- Aramid foils

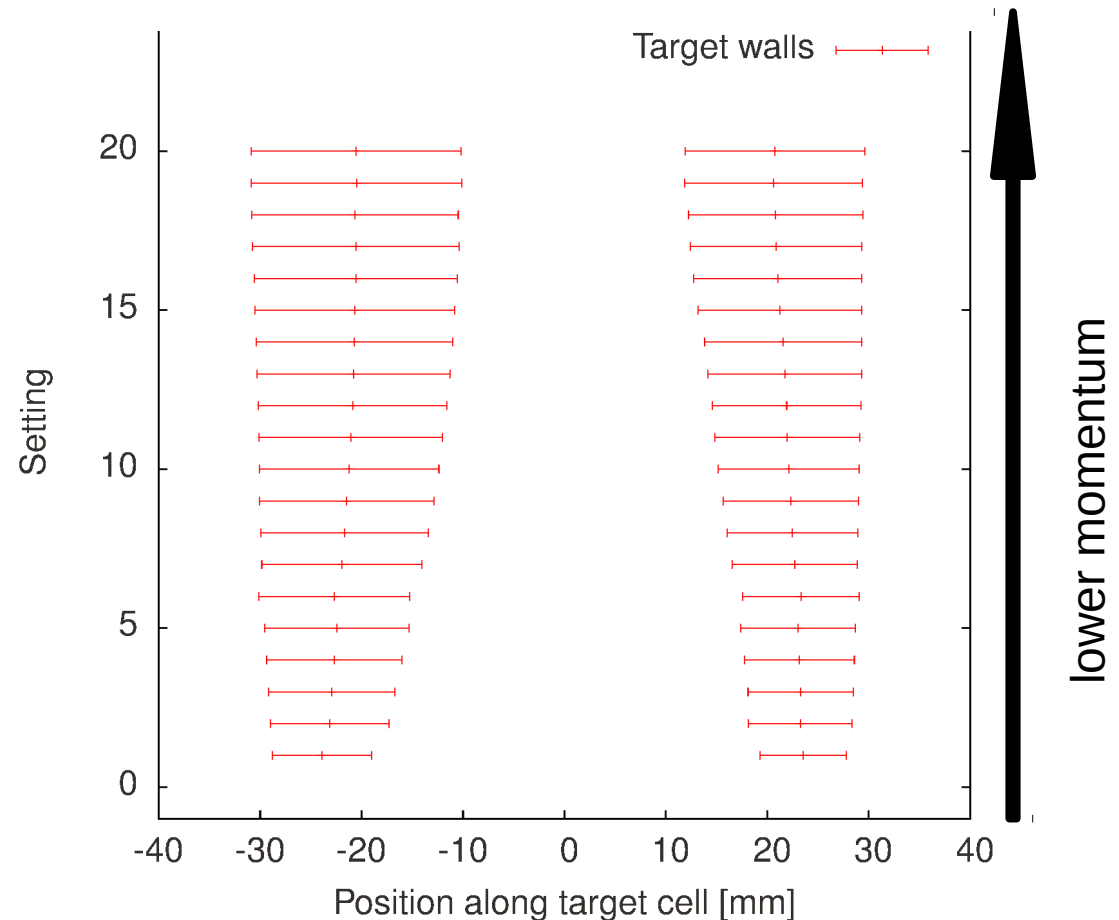
- Vacuum as good as possible: 10^{-6} mbar

- Spectrometer A monitors nitrogen and oxygen
- Nitrogen and oxygen identified
 - precise tracking of cryogenic depositions

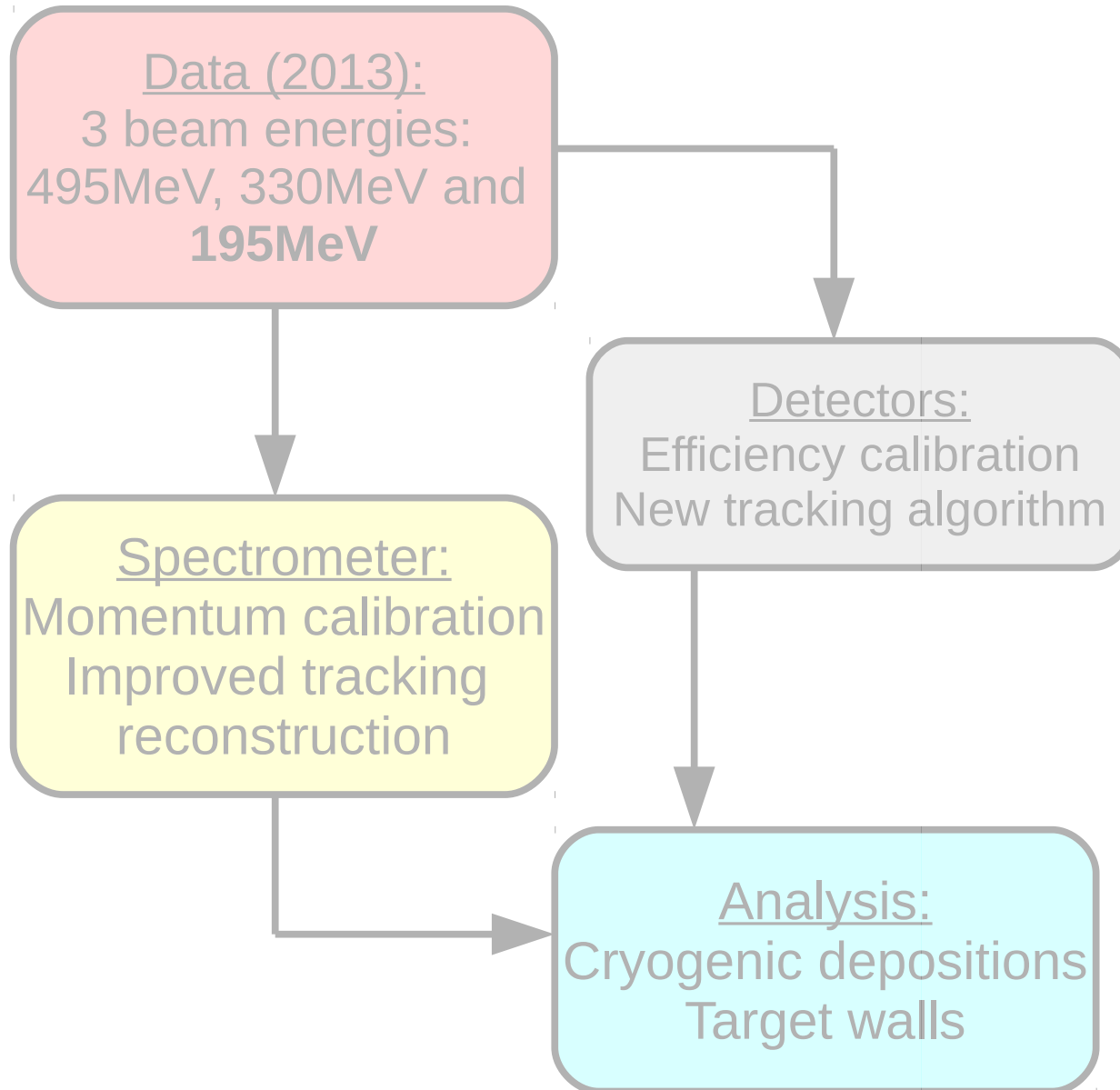


Dealing with the cell walls

- Events from cell walls contaminate hydrogen data
- Lower momenta worsens vertex resolution
 - no clean vertex cuts possible
- Solution: Subtract empty cell measurements from data
 - Empty cell measurement for every setting

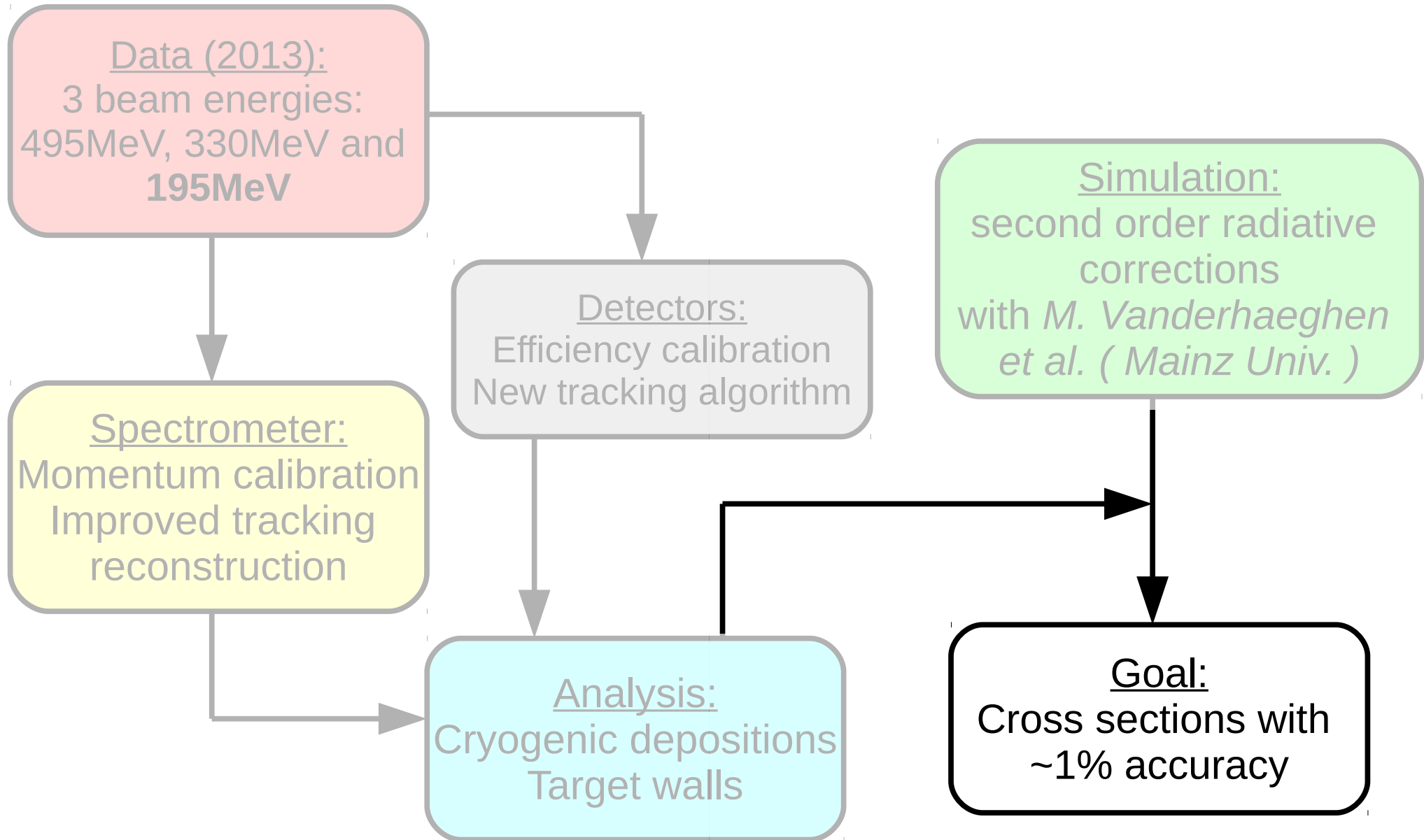


Simulation



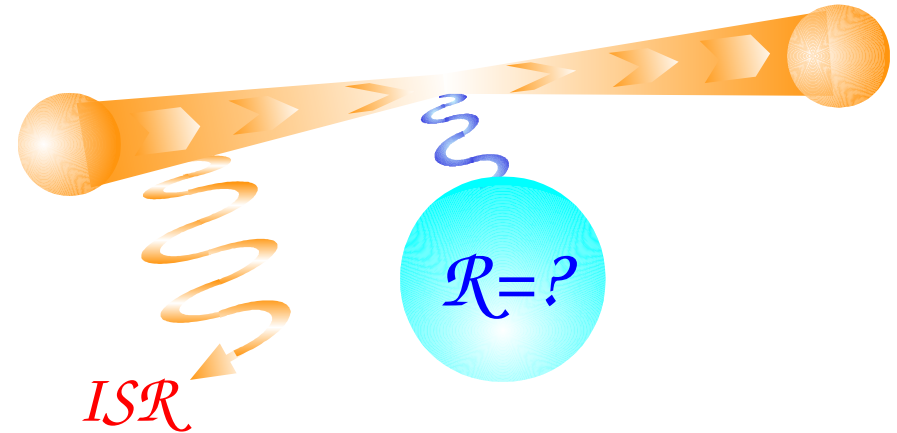
Simulation:
second order radiative
corrections
with *M. Vanderhaeghen*
et al. (Mainz Univ.)

Goal



Conclusions

- Proton radius puzzle is an open question in nuclear physics.
- New method based on ISR used to determine G_E at even lower Q^2 .
- Experiment took place in summer 2013.
- Data analysis is ongoing.
- Goal: determine cross section with $\sim 1\%$ accuracy.

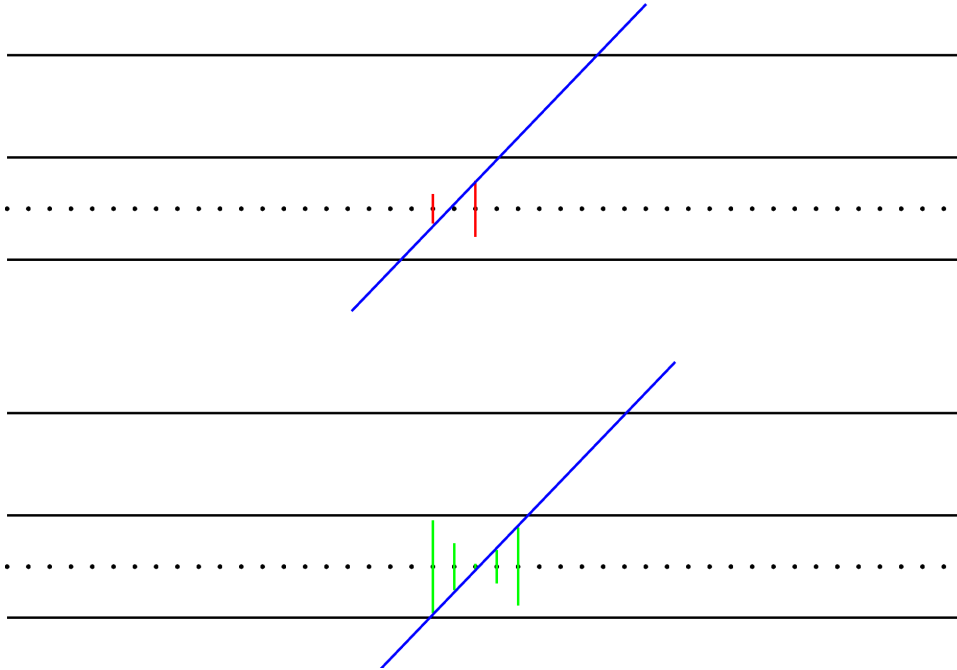


A large industrial facility, likely a particle accelerator or laboratory, featuring a prominent red and green machine structure. A yellow platform is visible on the left side. The scene is filled with various pipes, cables, and structural elements, suggesting a complex and high-tech environment.

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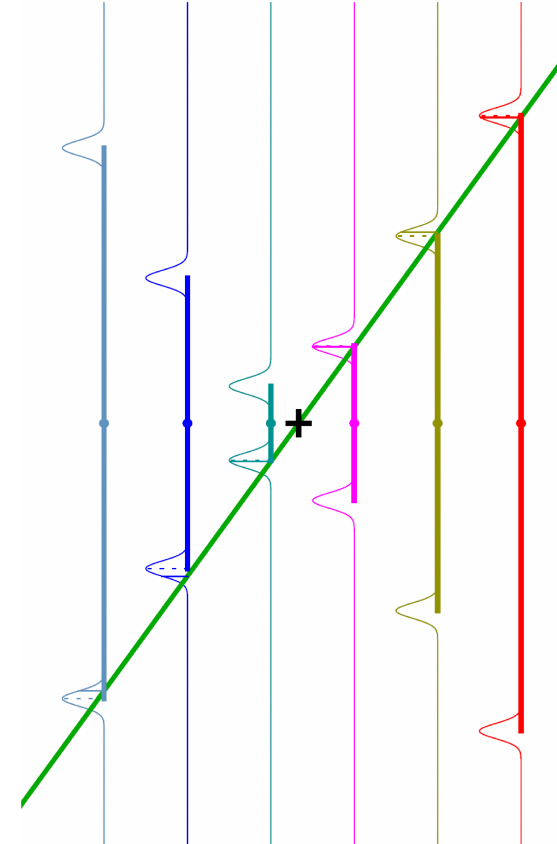
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New tracking algorithm



Old algorithm:

- Least Square Method
 - fast
 - very few tracks were ignored



New algorithm:

- Maximum Likelihood Method
 - slower
 - even more efficient