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Прецизионное измерение сечения
упругого электрон-протонного рассеяния
при малых переданных импульсах

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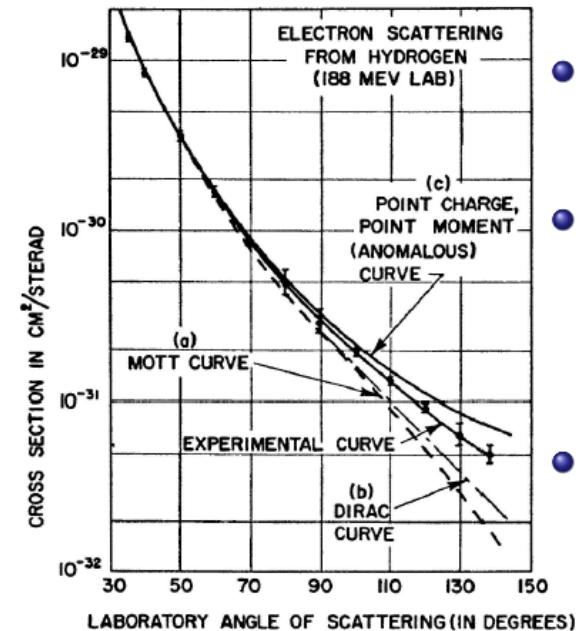
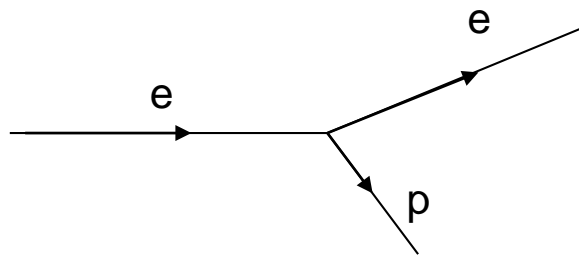
Прецизионное измерение
радиуса протона

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1955 Proton is not a point-like particle !!!

Hofstadter, McAlister

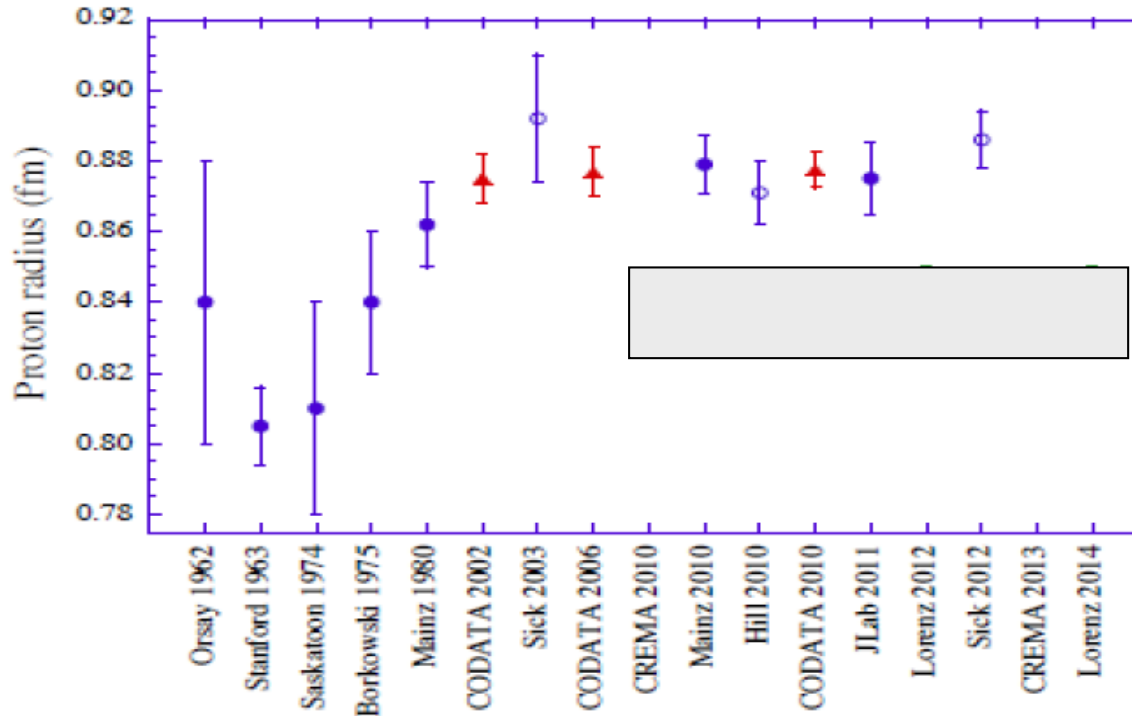
Electron-proton scattering



$r_p = 0.80 \pm 0.04$ fm Hofstadter et al (1958)

Nobel prize 1961 г.

Proton radius from ep-scattering 1962-2014



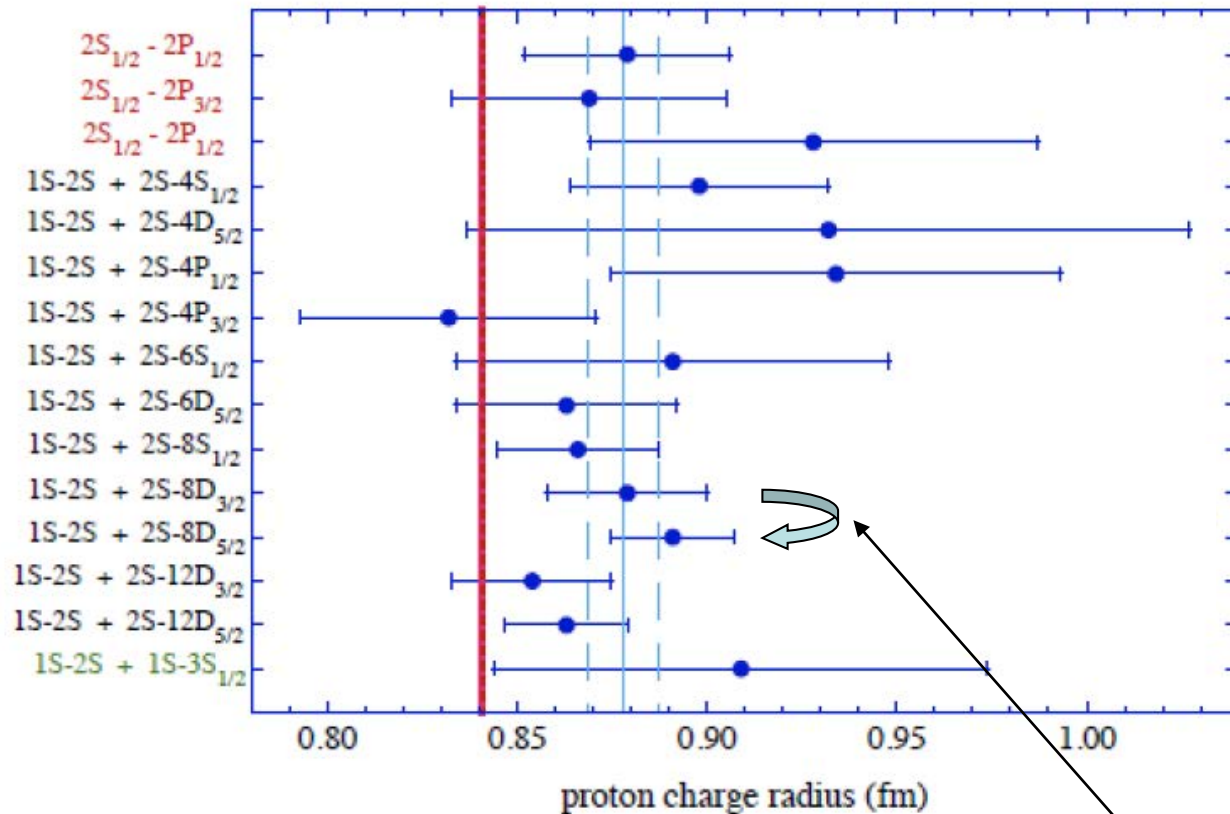
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① $r_p = 0.879(8)$ fm, Mainz, A1 Collaboration, 2010

② $r_p = 0.875(10)$ fm, JLab, Zhan et al, 2011

- CODATA: $r_p = 0.877\ 5\ (51)$ fm 2010

Proton radius from Lamb shift in hydrogen atom (ep-atom)



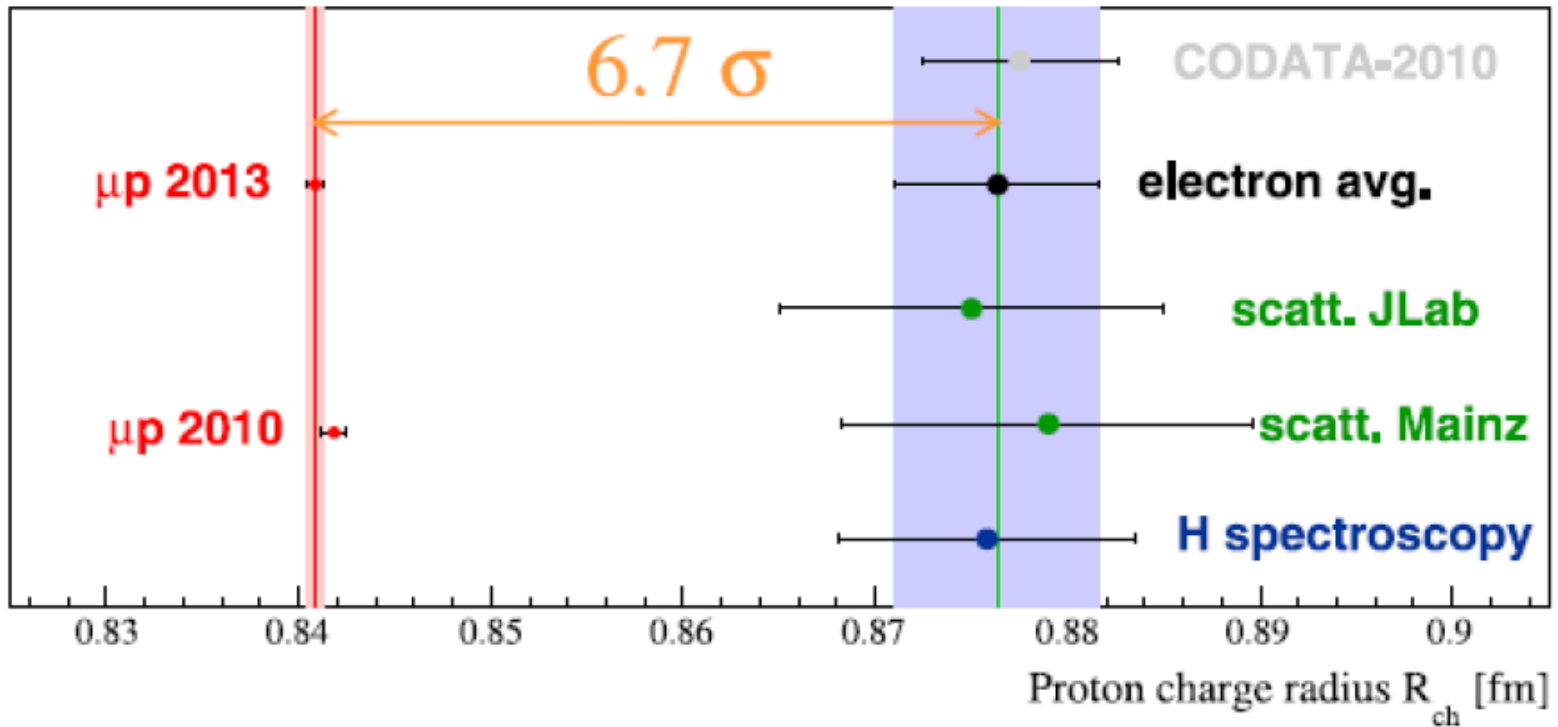
$r_p = 0.877(7)$ fm, *Garching-Paris, 2006-2011*

Proton radius 2010

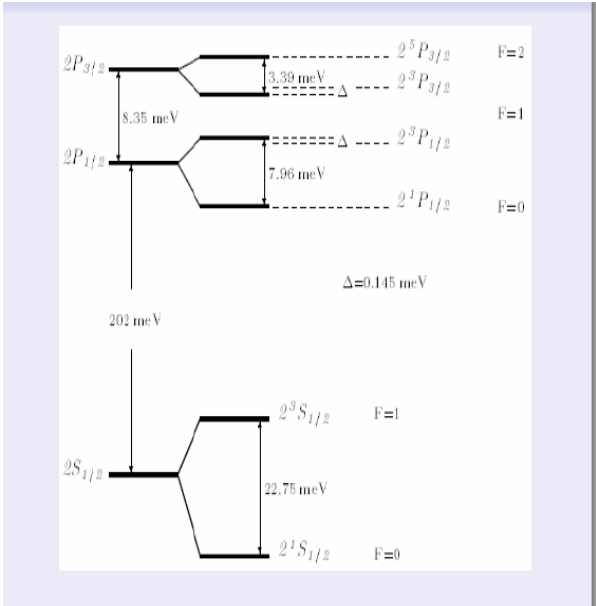
Electron Data

- Electron-proton scattering:
 - ① $r_p = 0.879(8)$ fm, *Mainz, A1 Collaboration, 2010*
 - ② $r_p = 0.875(10)$ fm, *JLab, Zhan et al, 2011*
- 1S Lamb shift in ep: $r_p = 0.877(7)$ fm, *Garching-Paris, 2006-2011*
- CODATA: $r_p = 0.877\ 5\ (51)$ fm *2010*

Proton radius 2015

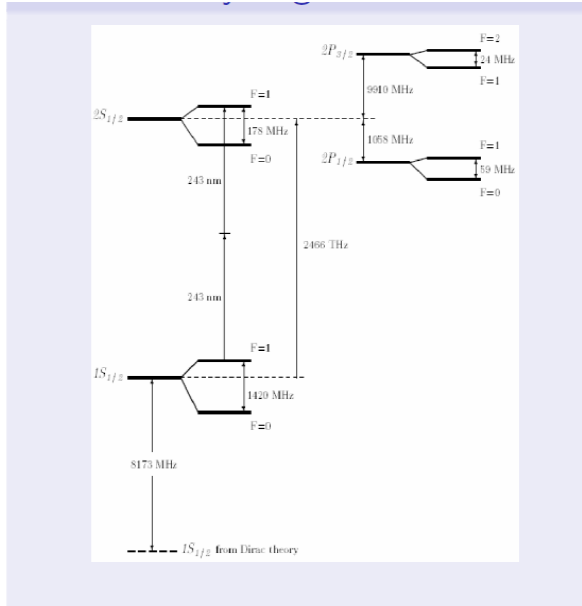


μp atom



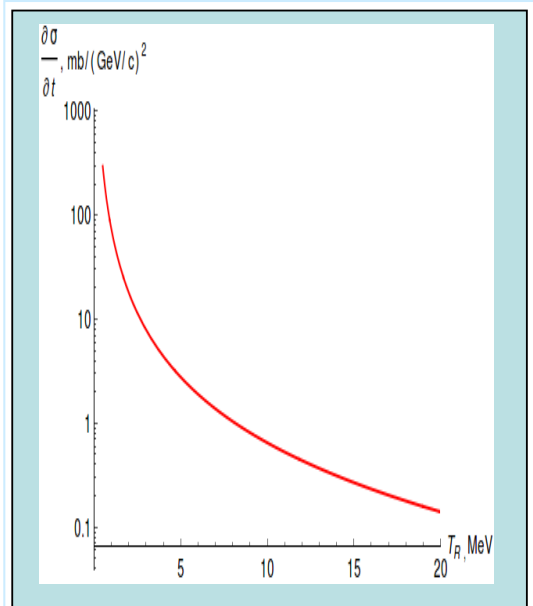
$$R_p = 0.8409(4)\text{fm}$$

ep atom

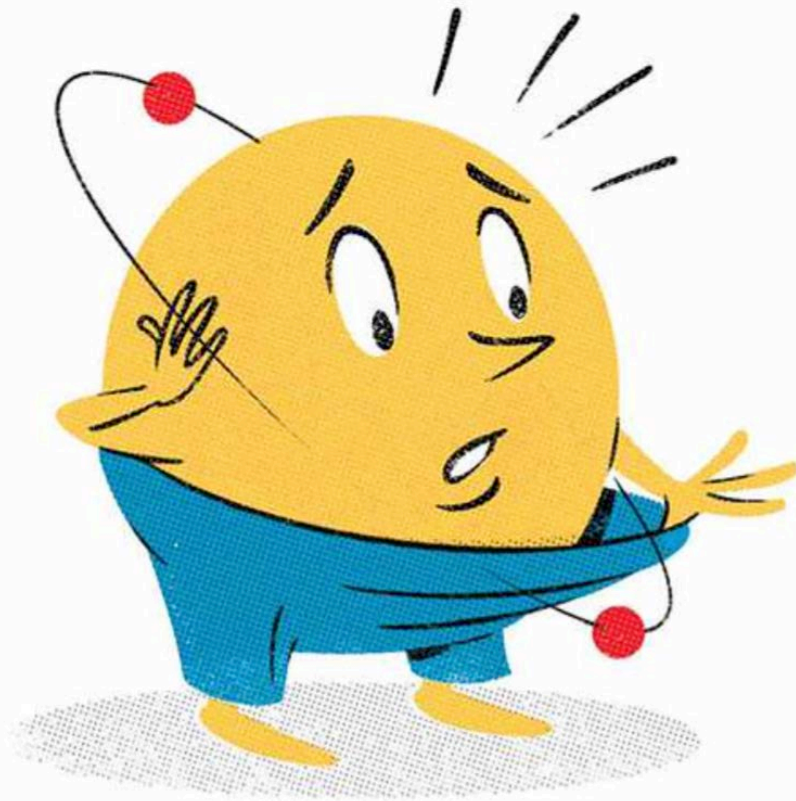


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ep scattering



$$R_p = 0.877(7)\text{fm}$$



The New York Times

Proton radius puzzle

$$R_p = 0.877 \text{ fm}$$

or

$$R_p = 0.841 \text{ fm}$$

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Letter of Intent for a European Proton Radius Network (EuPCRNet)

D. Marchand (CNRS/IPN Orsay), R. Pohl (JGU Mainz)

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- CNRS, France; contact persons: D. Marchand (Institut de Physique Nucléaire d'Orsay - IPN Orsay) and J.-Ph. Karr (Laboratoire Kastler Brossel - LKB),
- ETH Zurich, Switzerland; contact person: A. Antognini, P. Crivelli,
- Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel; contact person: G. Ron,
- Johannes Gutenberg-Universität (JGU) Mainz, Germany; contact persons: M. Ostrick, R. Pohl, M. Vanderhaeghen,
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- University of Warsaw, Warszawa, Polska; contact person: Krzysztof Pachucki.

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- George Washington University, Washington DC, USA; contact person: A. Afanasev,
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA; contact person: J. Bernauer,
- North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC, USA; contact person: A. Gasparian,
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- Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute (PNPI), Gatchina, Russia; contact person: A. Vorobyov,**

- Ошибки в экспериментах

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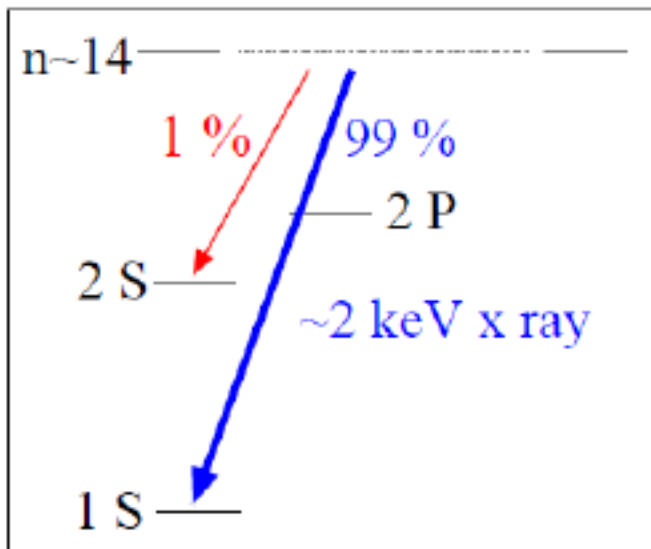
Нарушение μ -е универсальности
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Lamb shift in muonic atom (μH -atom)

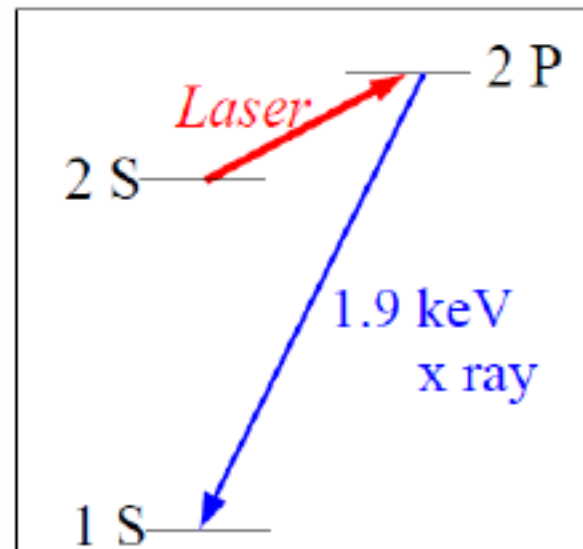
Experiment at PSI

A. Antognini et al. Science 339, 417 (2013)

Muon stop in Hydrogen gas



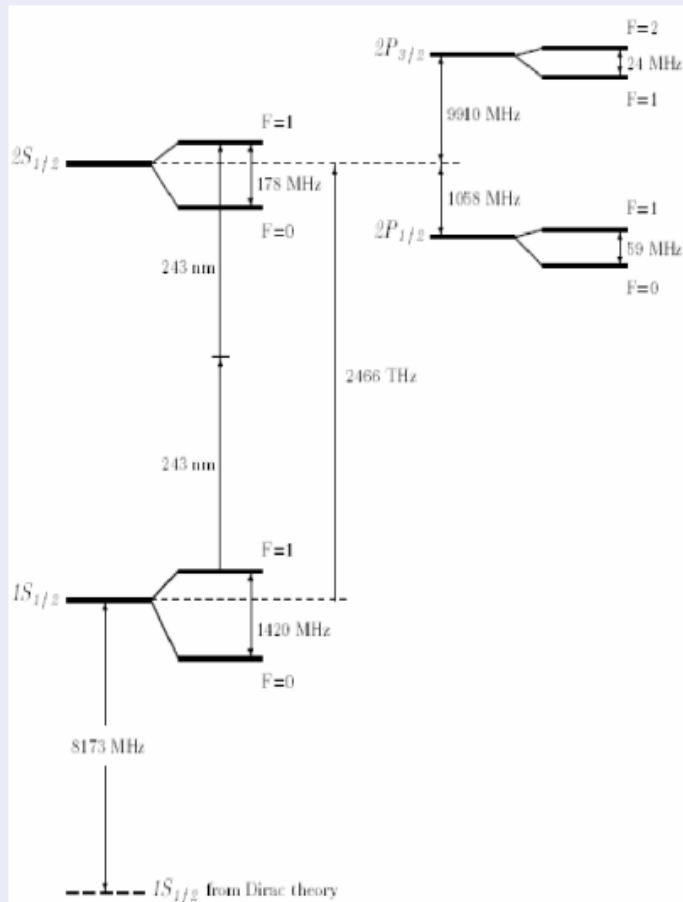
$2\text{S} \rightarrow 2\text{P}$ transfer



$$R_p = 0.8409(4)$$

Proton radius from Lamb shift in hydrogen atom (eH-atom)

Electronic Hydrogen



Rydberg constant

Lamb shift

$$E_{nlJ} \approx -c_{nlj} \frac{R_\infty}{n^2} + \frac{L_{nlj}}{n^3}$$

$$L_{nS} = L_{nS}^{(0)} + cr_p^2$$

$$L_{1S} = 8171.636(4) + 1.5645 \langle r^2 \rangle \text{ MHz}$$

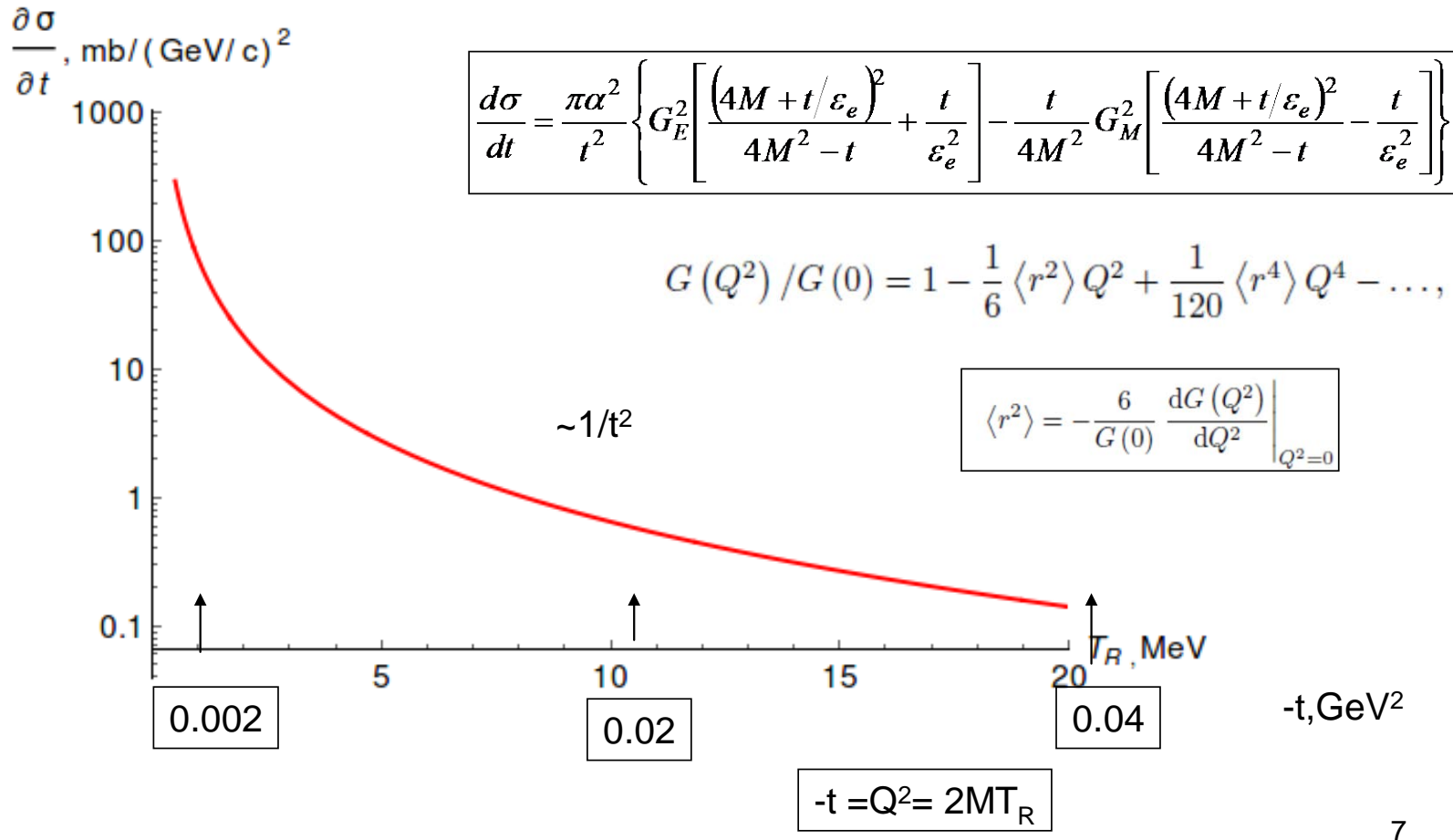
0.5% in r_p

CODATA 2014

$$R_\infty = 10973731.568508(65) \text{ m}^{-1}$$

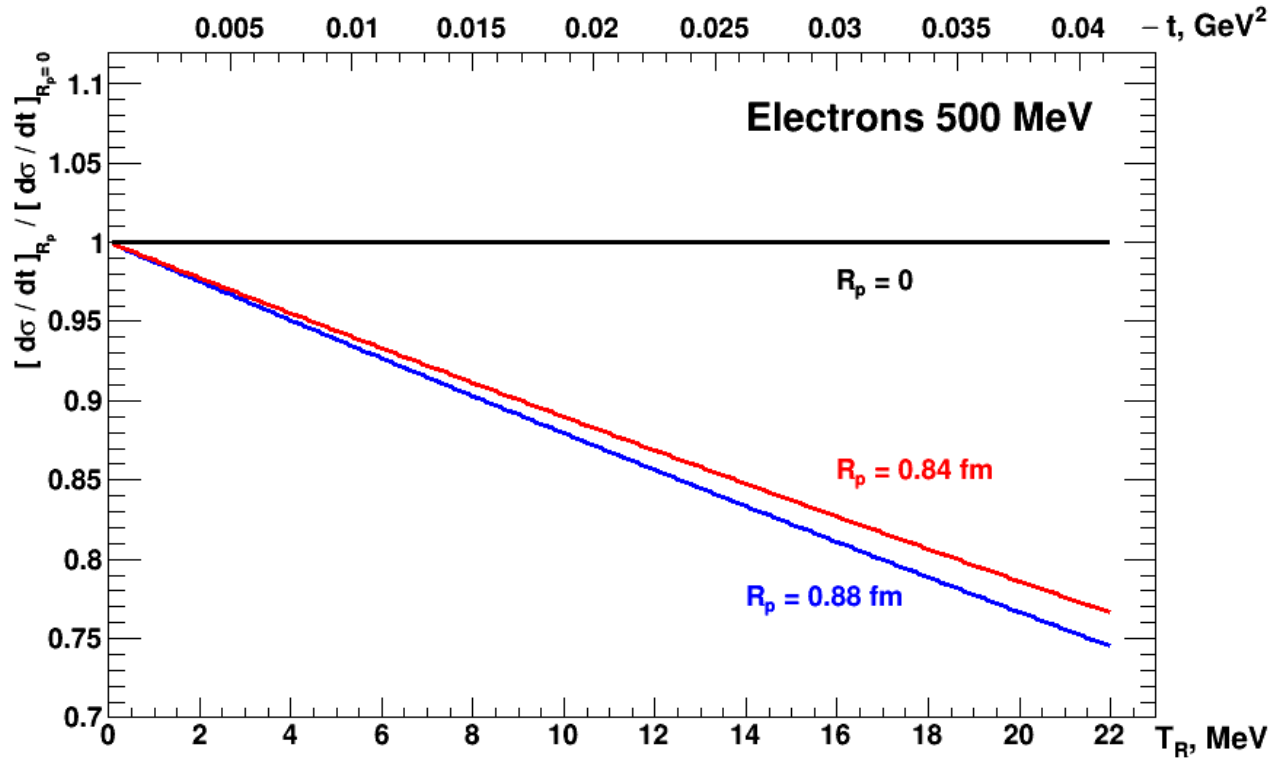
Change in this digit by 1 unit (10^{-12}) will change r_p by 1%

Extraction of the proton radius from ep cross sections



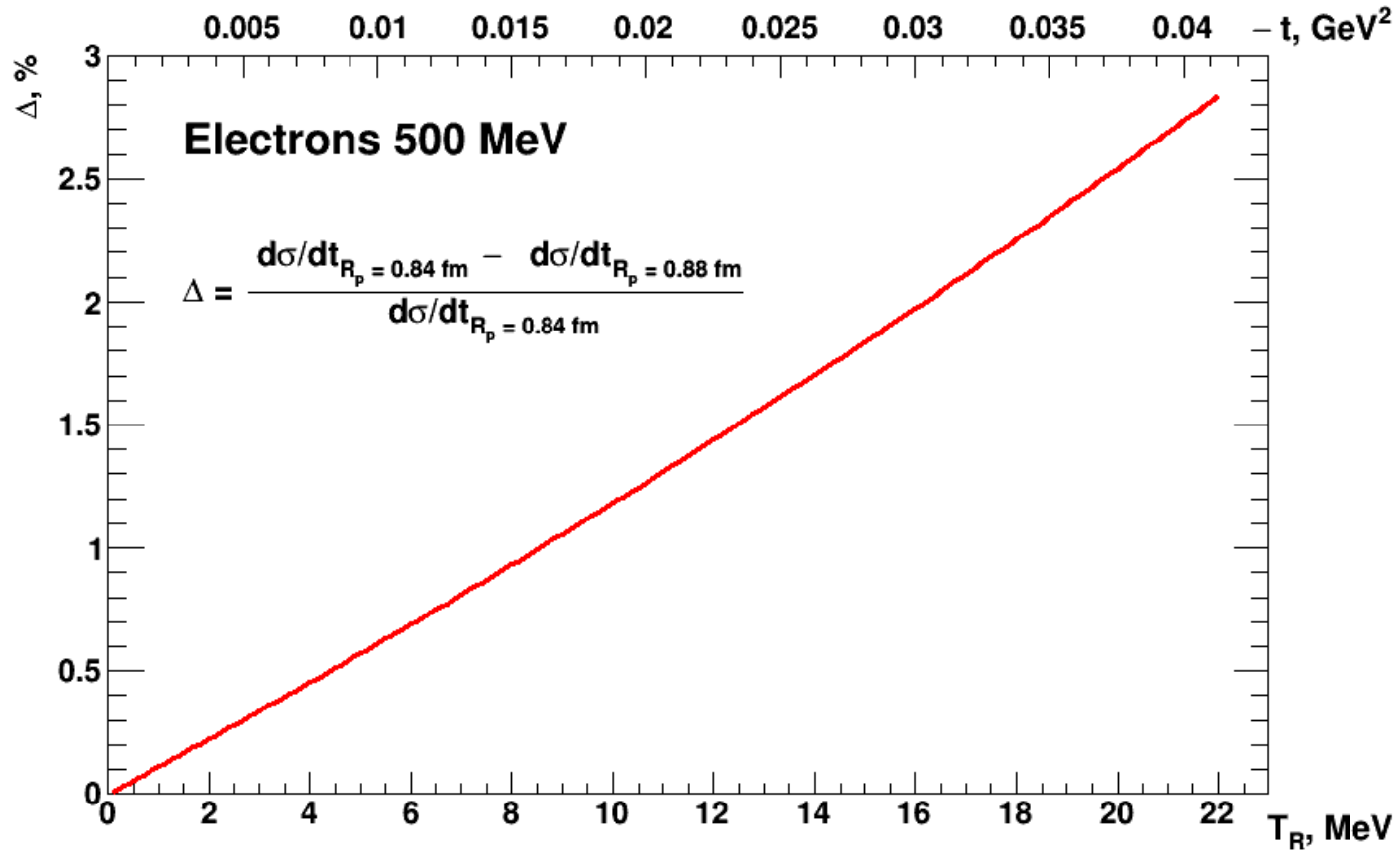
0.001 GeV² ≤ Q² ≤ 0.04 GeV²

$$\left[\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right]_{R_p} / \left[\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \right]_{R_p=0}$$



Difference in $d\sigma/dt$ between $R_p=0.84 \text{ fm}$ and $R_p=0.88 \text{ fm}$
 is only 1.3% at $Q^2 = 0.02 \text{ GeV}^2$

Sensitivity of $d\sigma/dt$ to proton radius

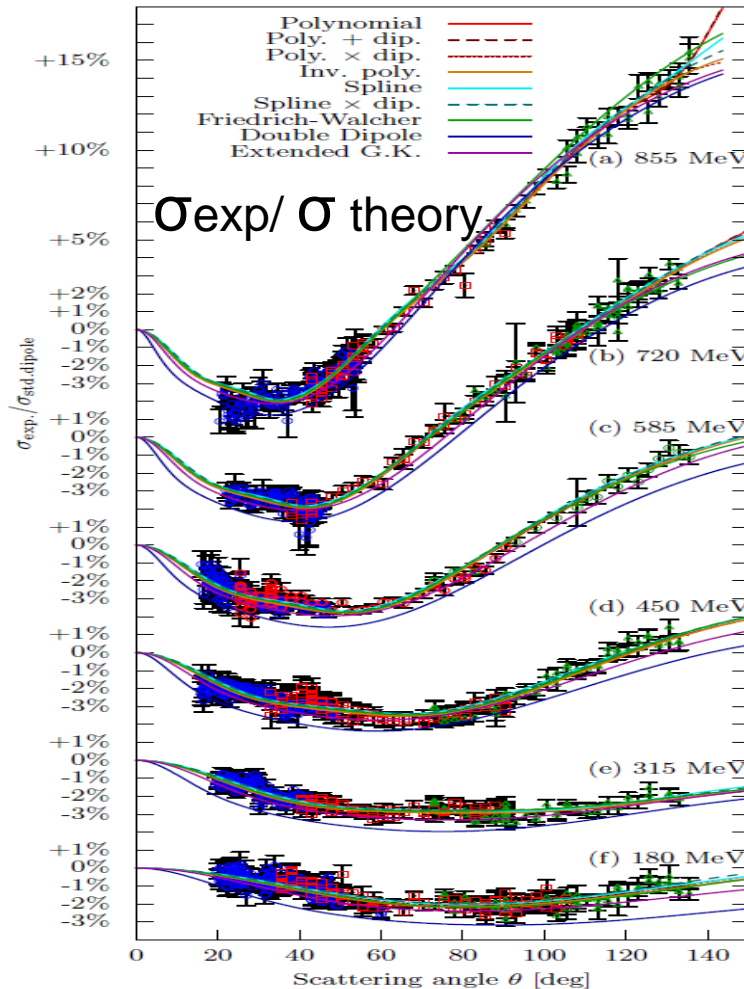


Measurement of $d\sigma/dt$ with point-to-point precision 0.1%

Requirements to the ep-scattering experiments aimed at measurements of the proton radius

- Low t-range $0.001 < -t < 0.02 \text{ GeV}^2$
larger Q^2 are useful to see possible deviations from FM linear dependence on Q^2
- High t-resolution.
- $\leq 0.2\%$ point-to-point precision in $d\sigma/dt$.
- $\leq 0.2\%$ absolute precision in $d\sigma/dt$ (highly desirable).
- Control for radiative corrections.

Most recent data on e-p scattering from experiment A1 were a subject of various analyses



$$0.003 < Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

No absolute normalization

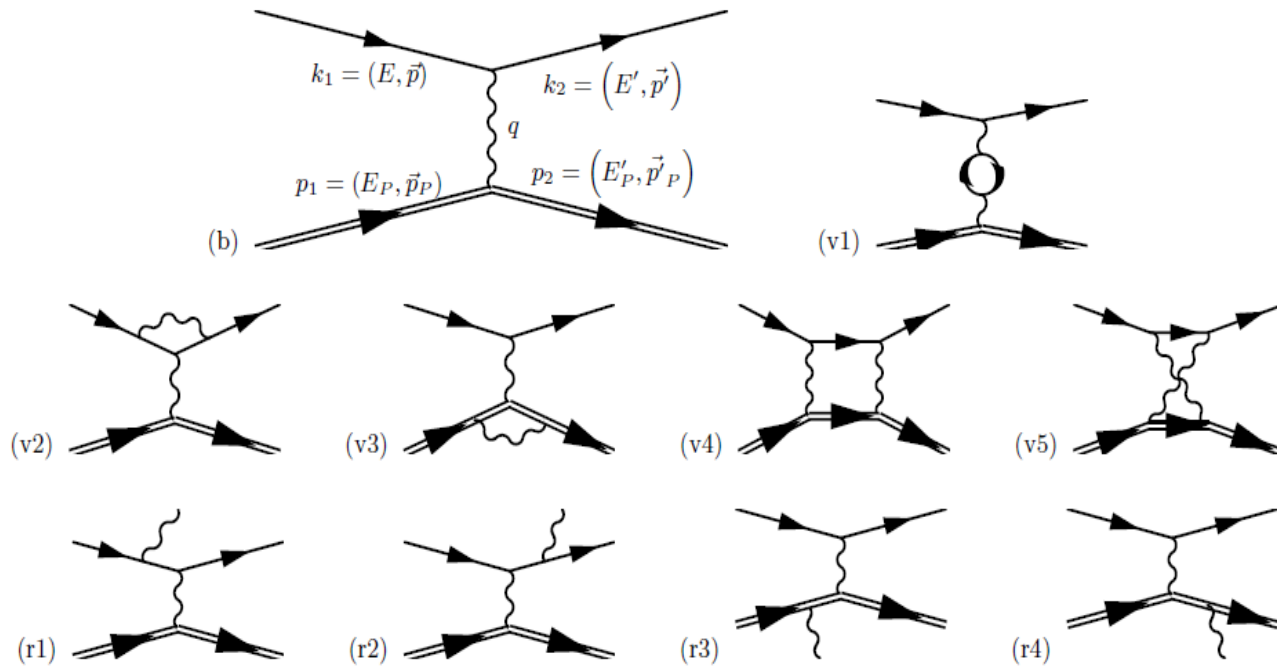
0.37% point-to-point error in σ

Large t-range analyses

$$r_p \rightarrow 0.877 \text{ fm}$$

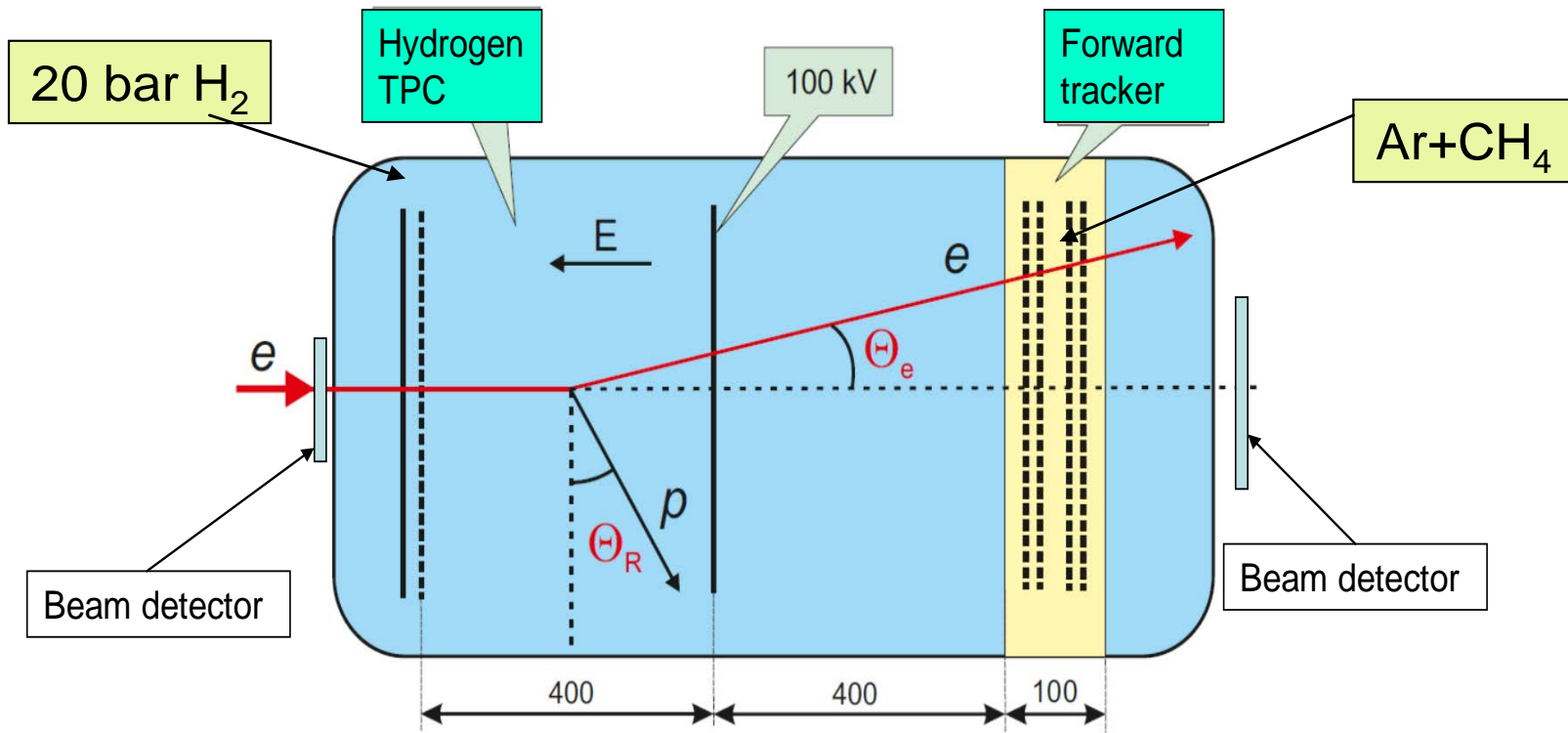
Radiative corrections

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_1 = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_0 (1 + \delta).$$



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Recoiled proton @ Scattered Electron Detector



Measured quantities:

Recoil energy T_R

Recoil angle Θ_R

Vertex Z coordinate

E scattering angle Θ_e

$$-t = \frac{4\varepsilon_e^2 \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}{1 + \frac{2\varepsilon_e}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}$$

$$-t = 2MT_R$$

$$\sin(\theta_R) = \frac{(\varepsilon_e + M)T_R}{P_e P_R}$$

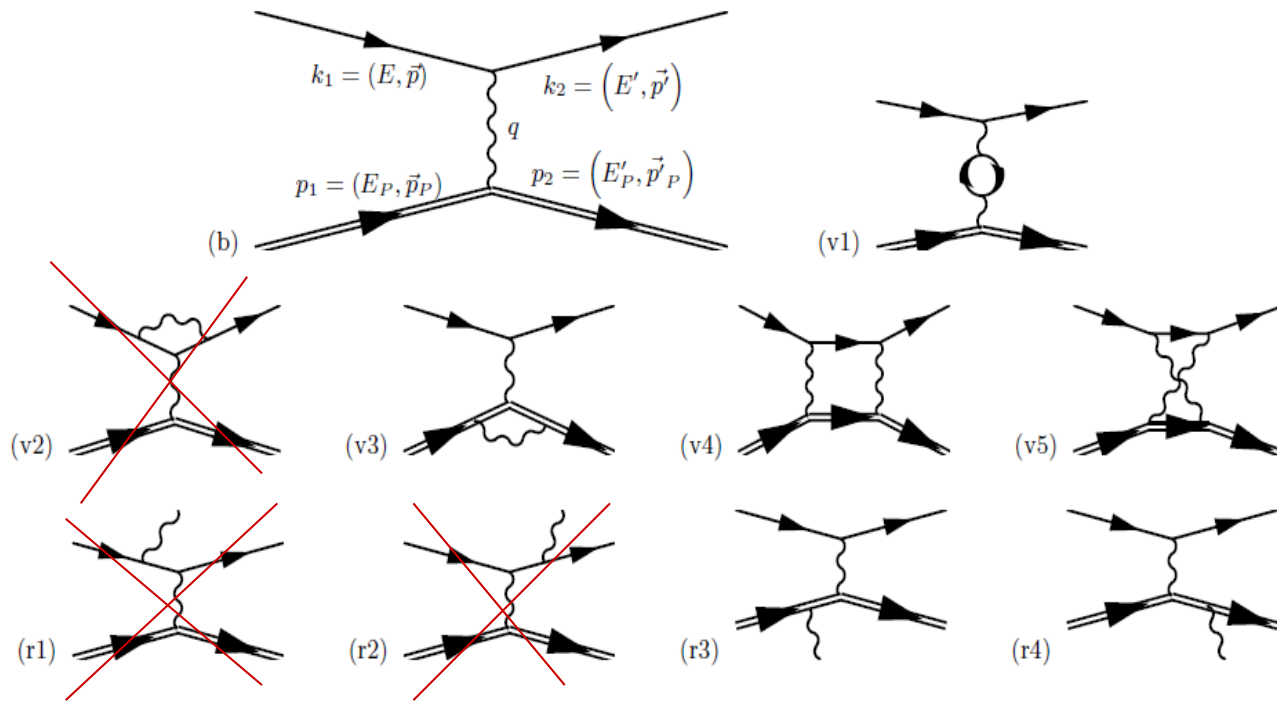
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- t-range $0.001 < -t < 0.04 \text{ GeV}^2$
- High t-resolution. ~ 100 resolved points
- 0.1% point-to-point precision in $d\sigma/dt$.
- 0.2% absolute precision in $d\sigma/dt$

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Radiative corrections

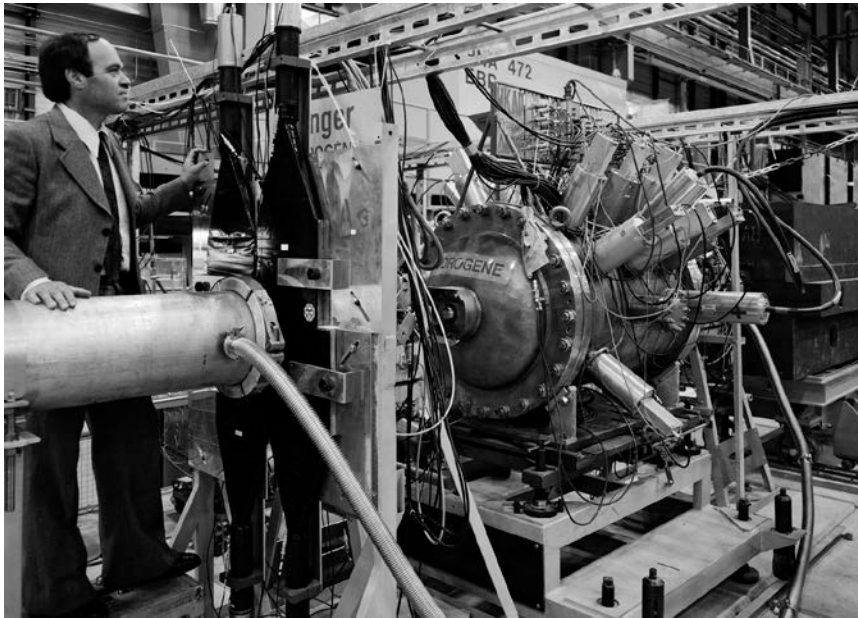
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_1 = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_0 (1 + \delta).$$



Absolute normalization of $d\sigma/dt$ with $\leq 0.2\%$ precision

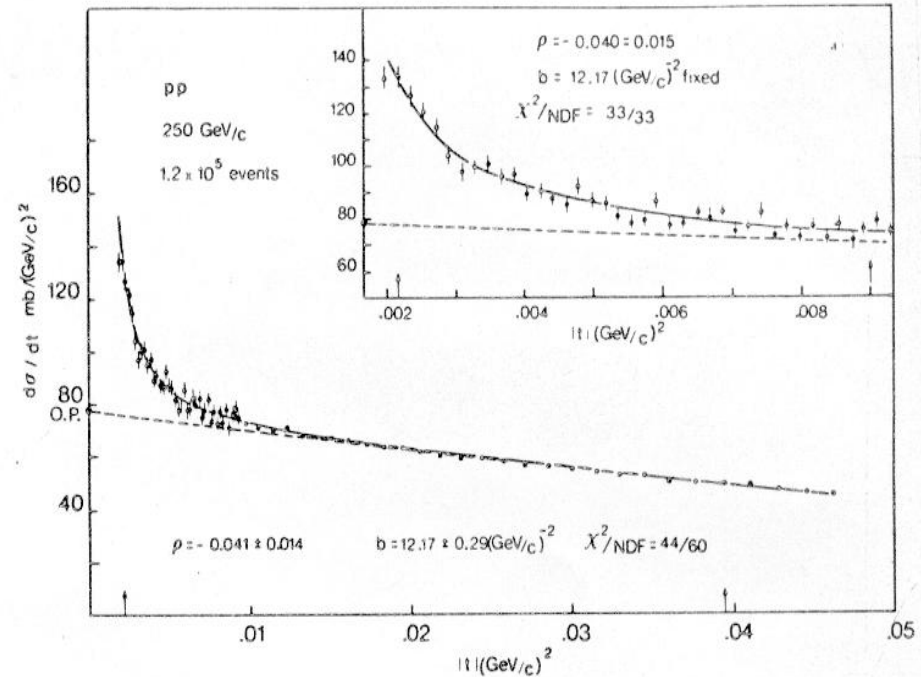
The proposed experiment is based on
the recoiled proton detection method
 which was used in WA9 and NA8 experiments
 at CERN to measure small angle pp- and πp - scattering.

Nuclear Physics B217 (1983) 285-335

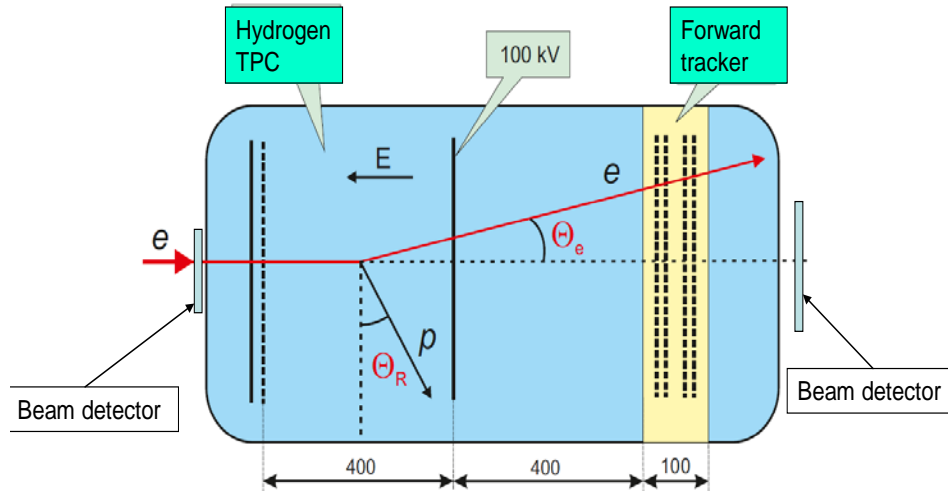


Recoiled proton detector ICAR at CERN

H₂ 10 bar TPC



Forward Tracker



Two pairs of Cathode Strip Chambers X1/Y1 and X2/Y2.
Size: 600mm x 600 mm.
Strip width: 2mm.
Spatial resolution: **30 μ m.**
Time resolution : **5 ns.**

Linear scale with 0.02 % absolute precision

Electron scattering angle with 0.02 % absolute precision

Systematical errors

1	Drift velocity, $W1$	0.01%
2	High Voltage, HV	0.01%
3	Temperature, K	0.015 %
4	Pressure, P	0.01%
5	H ₂ density, ρ_p	0.025 %
6	Target length, L_{tag}	0.02 %
7	Number of protons in target, N_p	0.045 %
8	Number of beam electrons, N_e	0.05 %
9	Detection efficiency	0.05 %
10	Electron beam energy, ε_e	0.02 %
11	Electron scattering angle, θ_e	0.02 %
12	t-scale calibration, T_R relative	0.04 %
13	t-scale calibration, T_R absolute	0.08 %
	$d\sigma/dt$, relative	0.1%
	$d\sigma/dt$, absolute	0.2%

Микротрон MAMI идеальный ускоритель для нашего эксперимента

- **MAMI Specifications**

- Beam energy 720 MeV
- Energy spread < 20 keV (1σ)
- Absolute energy $\pm < 150$ keV (1σ)
- Duty factor 100%

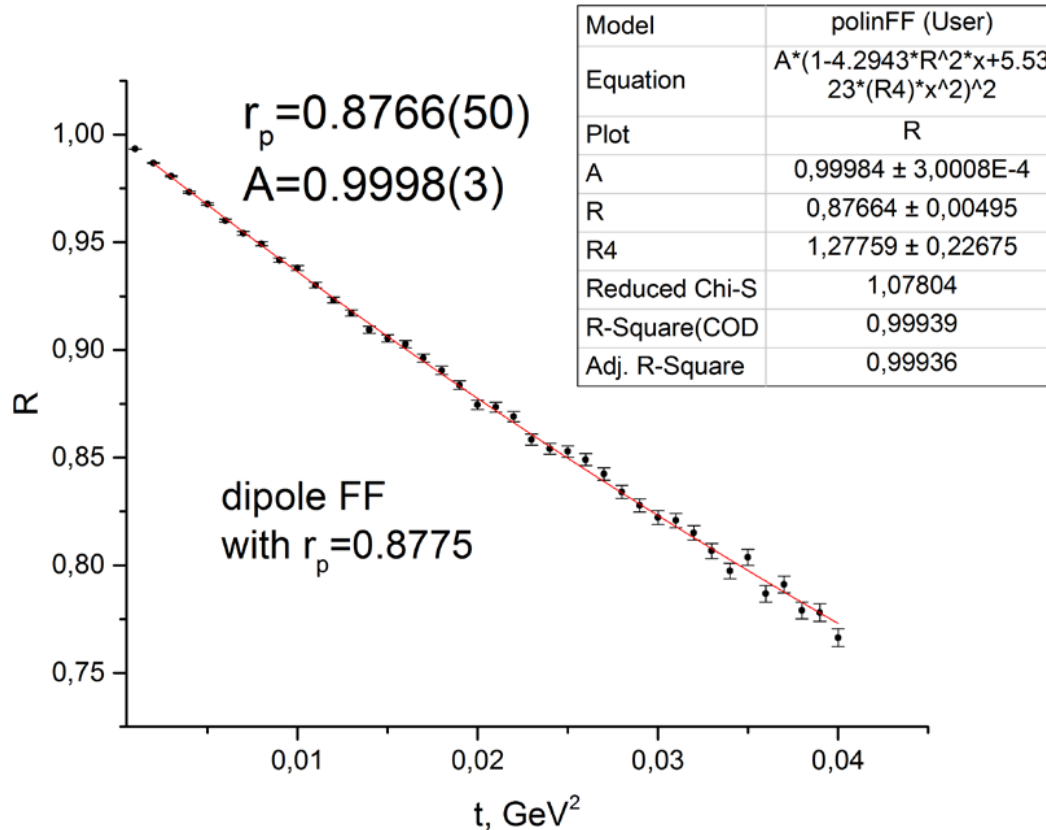
- **Electron Beam Specifications**

- Beam intensity (main run) 2×10^6 e/sec
- Beam intensity for calibration 10^4 e/sec and 10^3 e/sec
- Beam divergence ≤ 0.5 mrad
- Beam size ≤ 0.2 mm

Statistics

45 days 33x10⁶ events

$$\frac{G(Q^2)}{G(0)} = 1 - \frac{1}{6} \langle R_p^2 \rangle Q^2 + \frac{1}{120} \langle R_p^4 \rangle Q^4 - \dots,$$

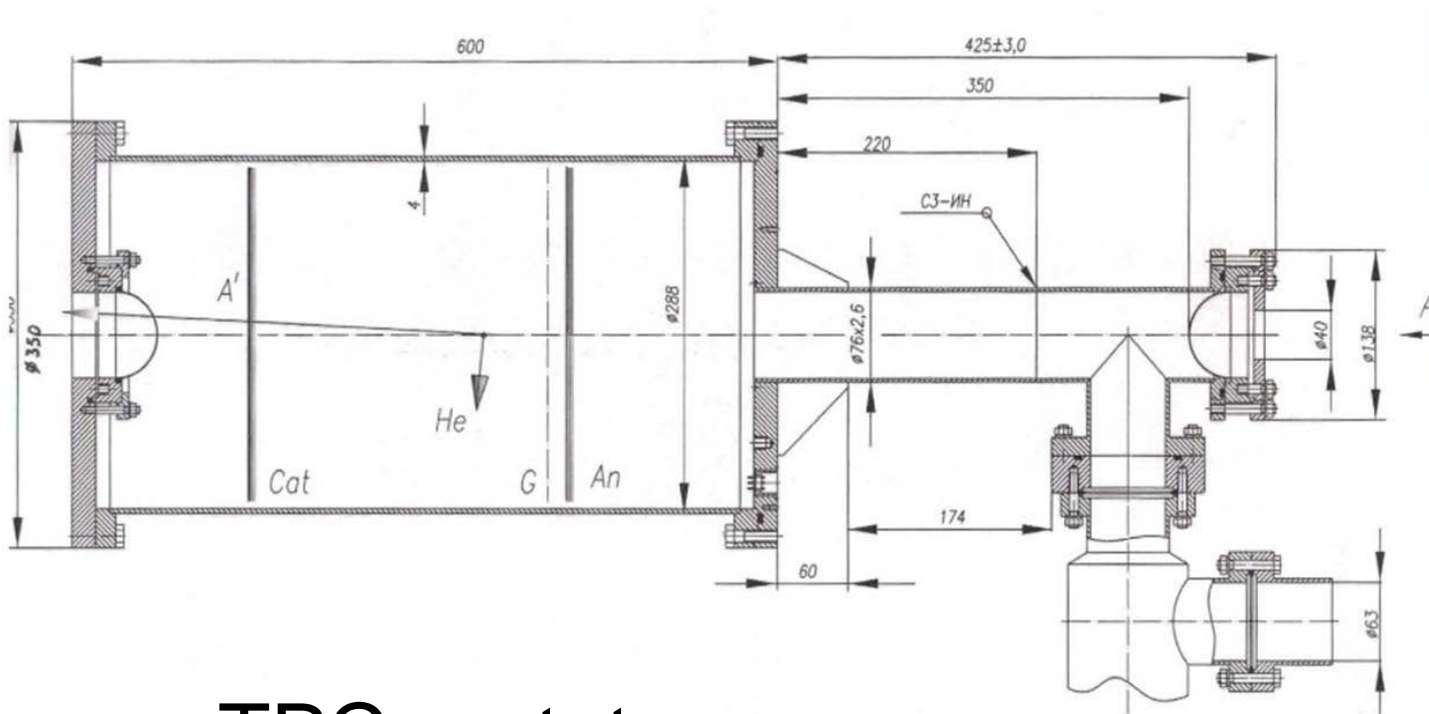


$R_p \pm 0.005$ fm

Статус эксперимента

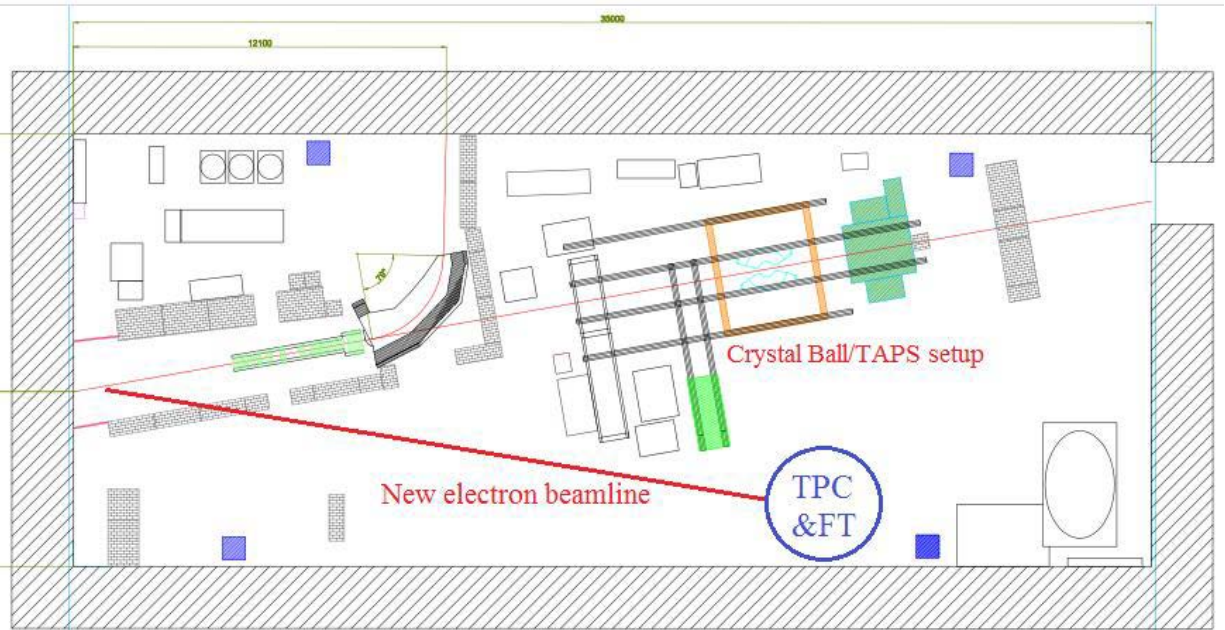
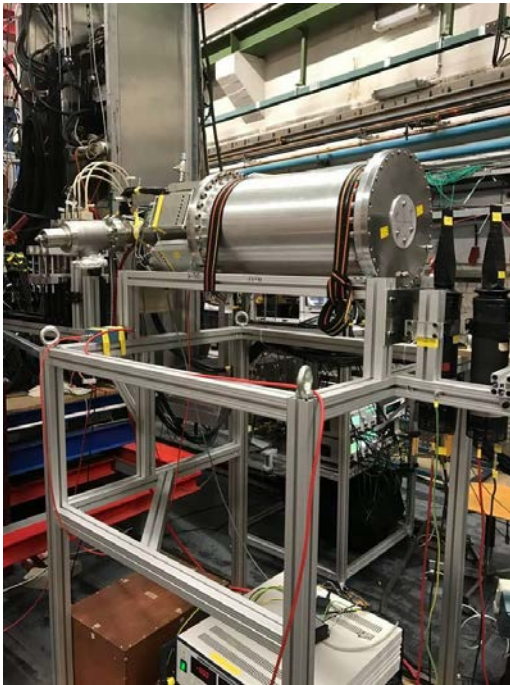
- Ноябрь 2016
PAC_MAMI одобрил LOI.
- Февраль 2017
Соглашение PNPI_INP Mainz.
- Сентябрь 2017
Test run на MAMI.
- Ноябрь 2017
PAC_MAMI одобрил Proposal.

Test run at MAMI



TPC prototype

Test run at MAMI



The ACTAR2 setup downstream of the Cristal Ball/Taps setup.

Participants in the test run and data analysis

- **Mainz:** Patrik Adlarson, Marco Dehn, Peter Drexler, Andreas Thomas, Frederik Wauters, Vahe Sokhoyan, Achim Denig, Michael Ostrick, Niklaus Berger, Oleksandr Kostikov Maik, Biroth, Edoardo Mornacchi, Jurgen Ahrens.
- **PNPI:** Alexey A. Vorobyov, Alexander Vasilyev, Petr Kravtsov, Marat Vznuzdaev, Kuzma Ivshin, Alexander Solovyev, Ivan Solovyev, Alexey Dzyuba, Evgeny Maev, Alexander Inglessi, Gennady Petrov.
- **GSI:** Peter Egelhof, Oleg Kiselev
- **College of William and Mary:** Keith Griffioen, Timothy Hayward

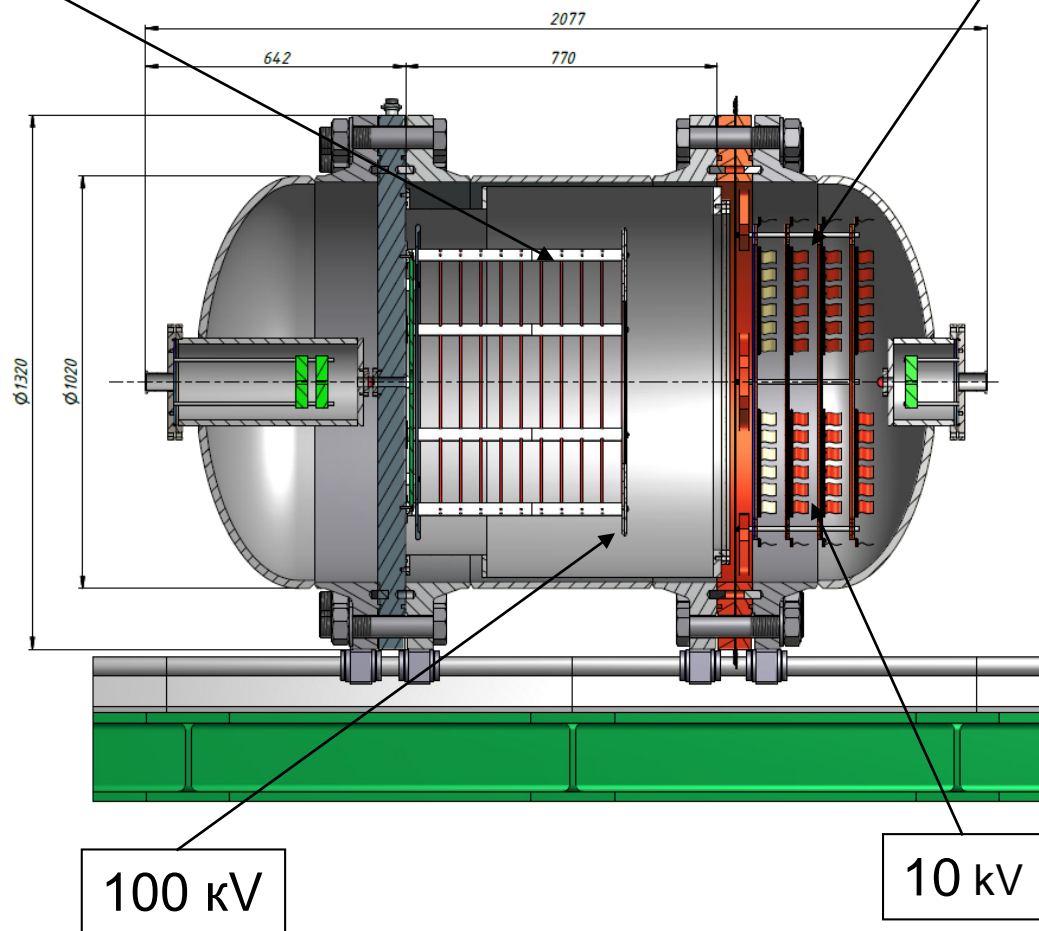
План подготовки эксперимента

- Сентябрь 2018
Test run на MAMI
- Июнь 2019
Завершение создания установки
Транспортировка в Майнц
- Ноябрь 2019
Пробный рабочий сеанс
- 2020
Физические измерения

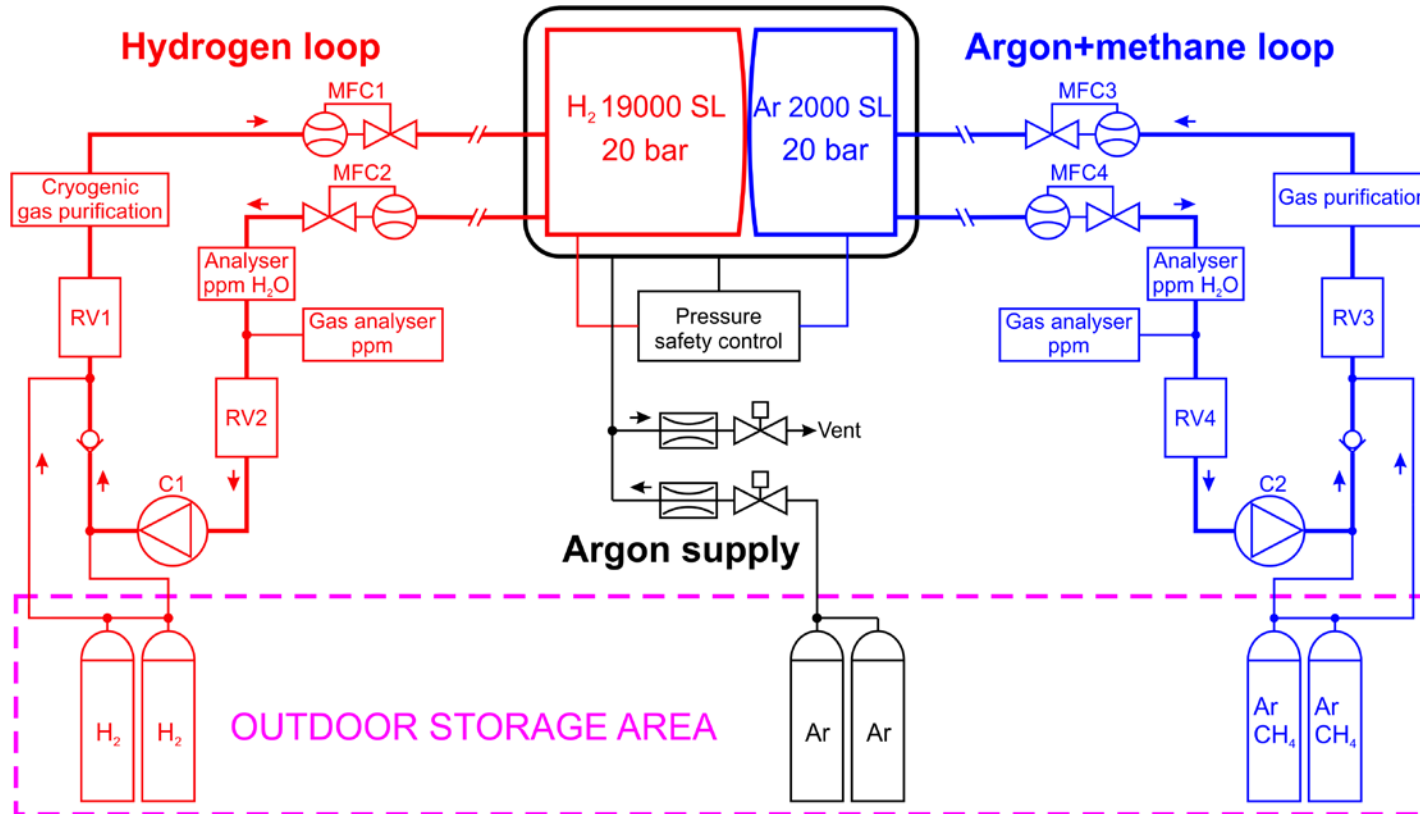
ИКАР -М

20 bar H₂ TPC
Gas purity 10⁻⁸

Ar +CH₄ 20 атм

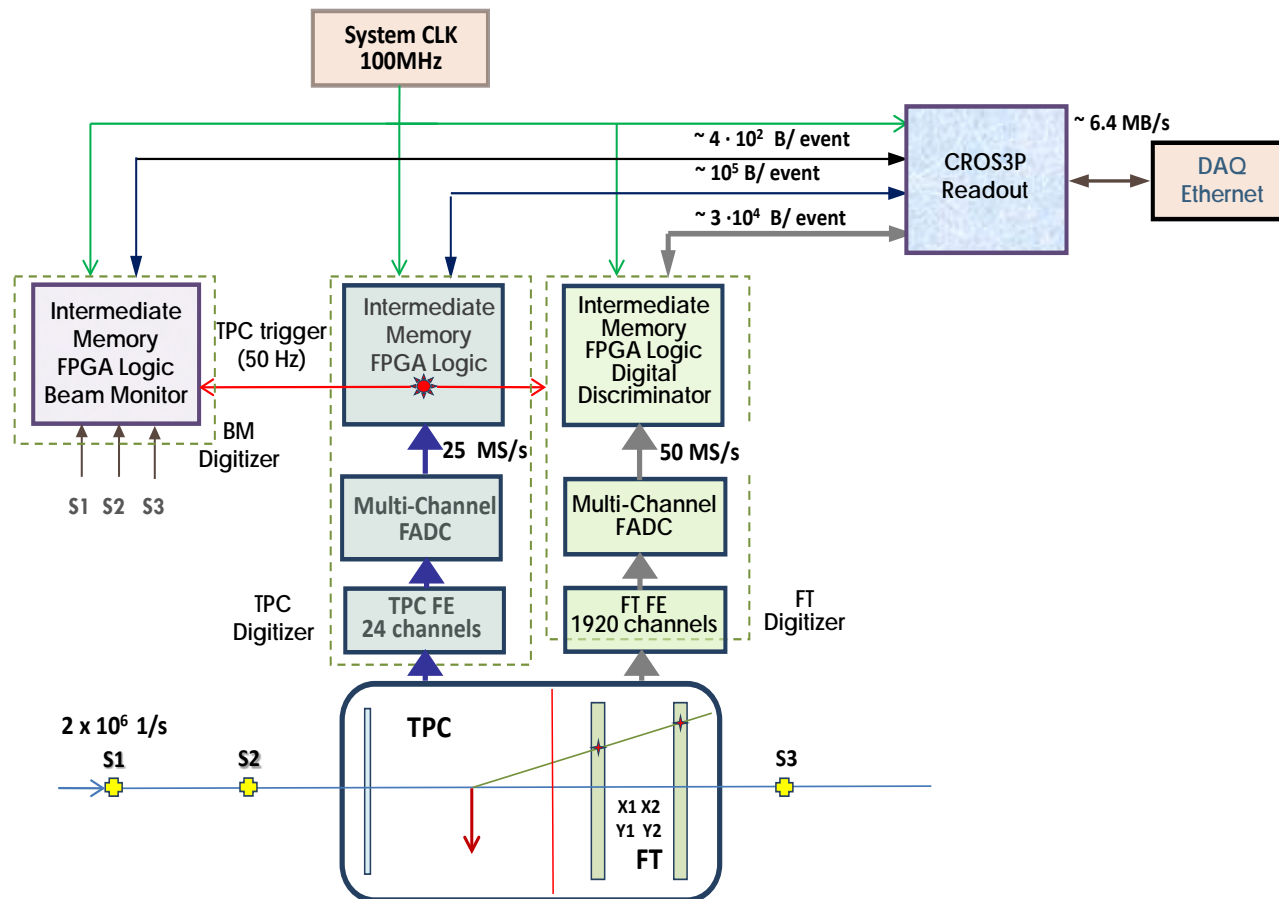


Gas system

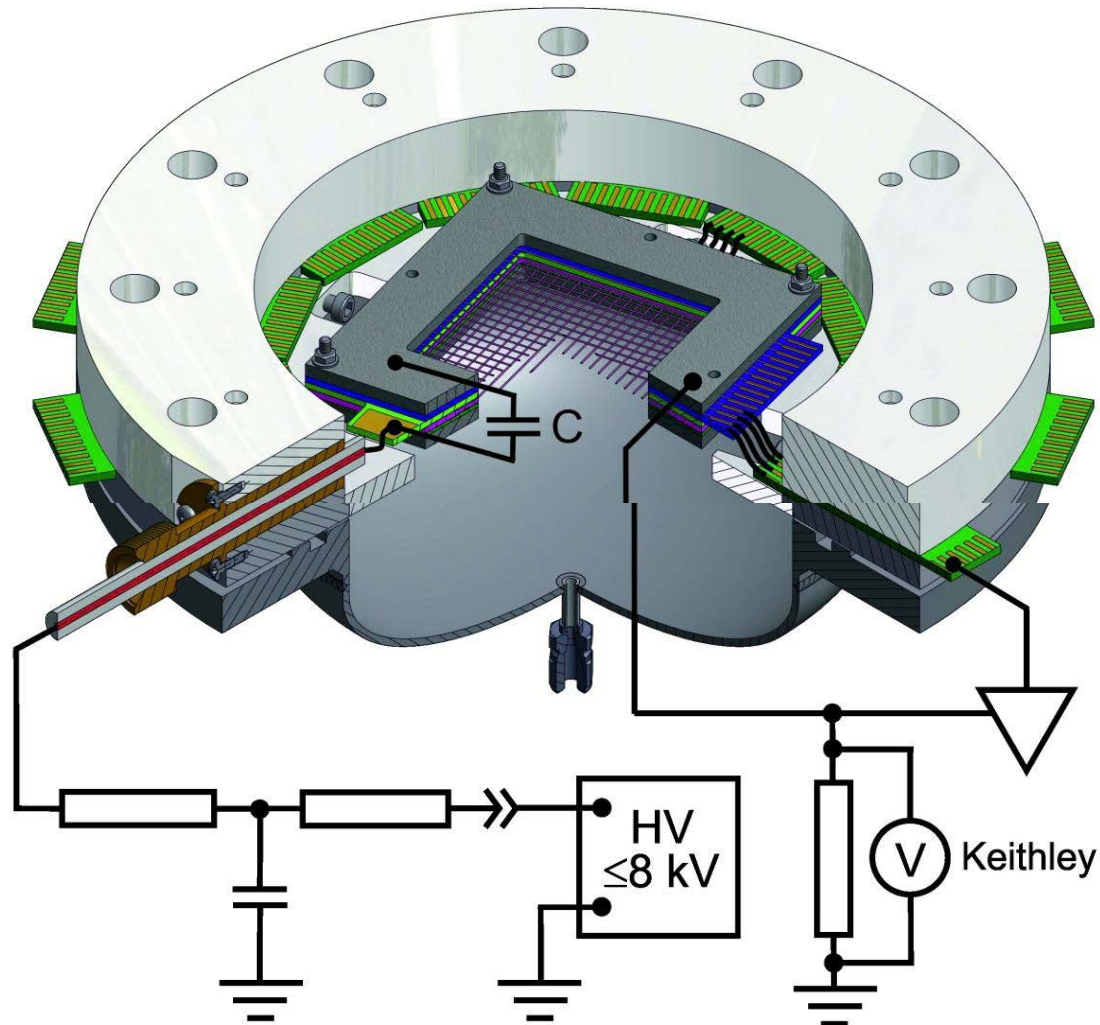


DAQ system

TPC self-trigger. Continuous data flow. No dead time.



Forward Tracker



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Lepton scattering:

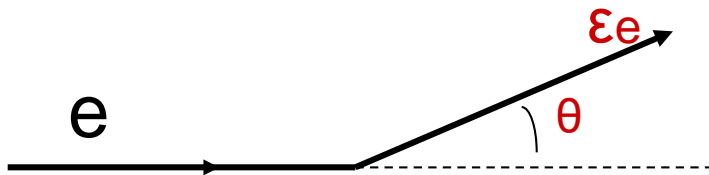
. In this context, an intensive experimental program will be performed at Mainz: a **new e-p scattering experiment, based on Initial State Radiation**, will reach Q^2 values down to a few $10^{-4} \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$, the MAGIX experiment relying on MESA (Mainz Electron-recovering Superconducting Accelerator) which is based on an intense polarized beam, a polarized target and two high resolution magnetic spectrometers. MAGIX will provide a precise measurement of the proton charge and the magnetic radii.

Another experiment at Mainz will take advantage of the active Time Projection Chamber (TPC) designed by the team of A. Vorobyov (PNPI) to detect low-energy recoil protons. So as the COMPASS (Common Muon and Proton Apparatus for Structure and Spectroscopy, CERN) collaboration which proposed very recently to exploit its high energy muon beam to measure muon proton elastic scattering at very low Q^2 down to $10^{-4} \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ relying on an hydrogen gas target inside a TPC (same design as the one used in Mainz) and an active scintillator fiber to complete the standard set-up. The advantages of such an experiment are the reduction of radiative corrections, of low multiple scattering effects and easy charge flips to measure both μ^+ and μ^- scattering.

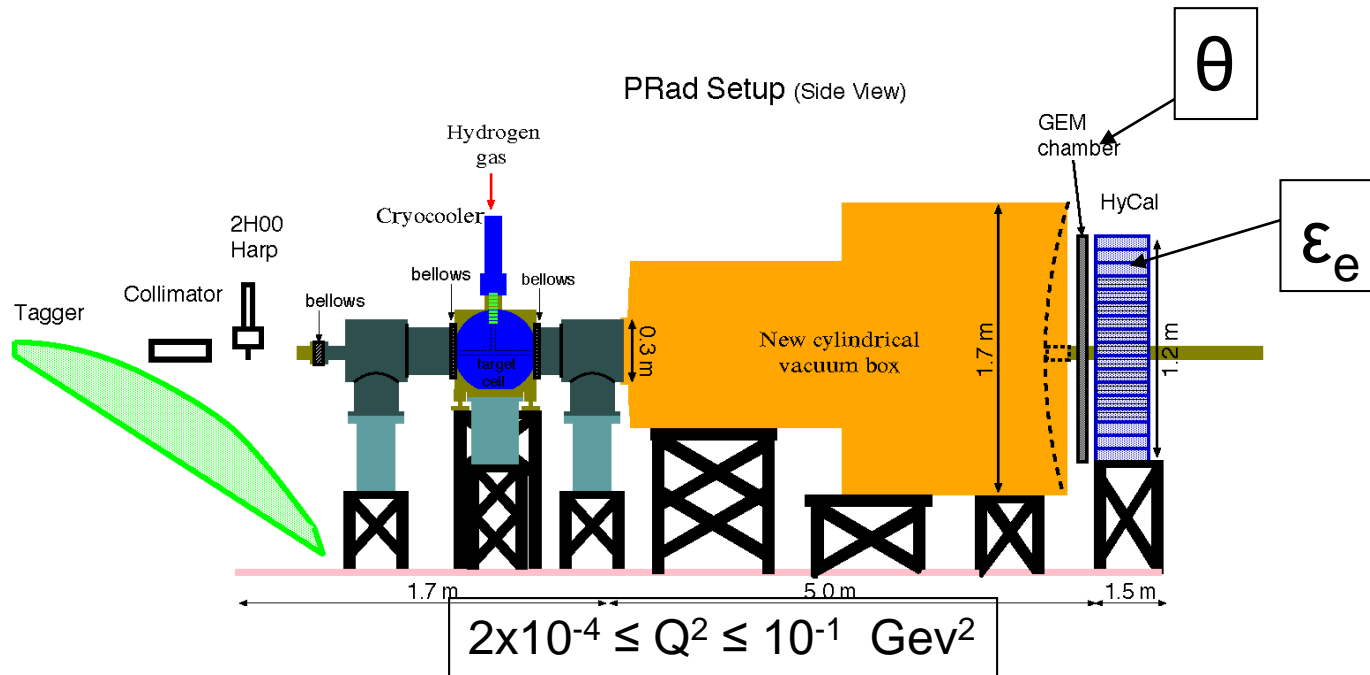
Furthermore, an international collaboration, lead by G. Ron from Israel, **proposed the MUon proton Scattering Experiment (MUSE) at PSI (Switzerland)** whose goal is to perform by 2019 electron and muon elastic scatterings simultaneously with both beam polarities. These measurements will test universality of leptons and will provide a measurement of the effect of the two-photon exchange. Besides, by 2020, the ProRad e-p elastic scattering experiment which will be held at the Platform for Research and Applications with Electrons (PRAE) in Orsay (France) aims to go down to a Q^2 value of a few $10^{-5} \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ relying on a high performance pulsed electron beam of energy ranging from 30 to 70 MeV.

Experiment PRad (Proton Radius)

Jefferson Lab



$$-t = \frac{4\epsilon_e^2 \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}{1 + \frac{2\epsilon_e}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}$$



Absolute normalization via ee-scattering

Agreement on Collaboration in Fundamental Research in Experimental Particle Physics

between PNPI NRC KI and INP Mainz

Topic: High Precision Measurement of the ep elastic
cross section at small Q^2

INP Mainz : electron beam

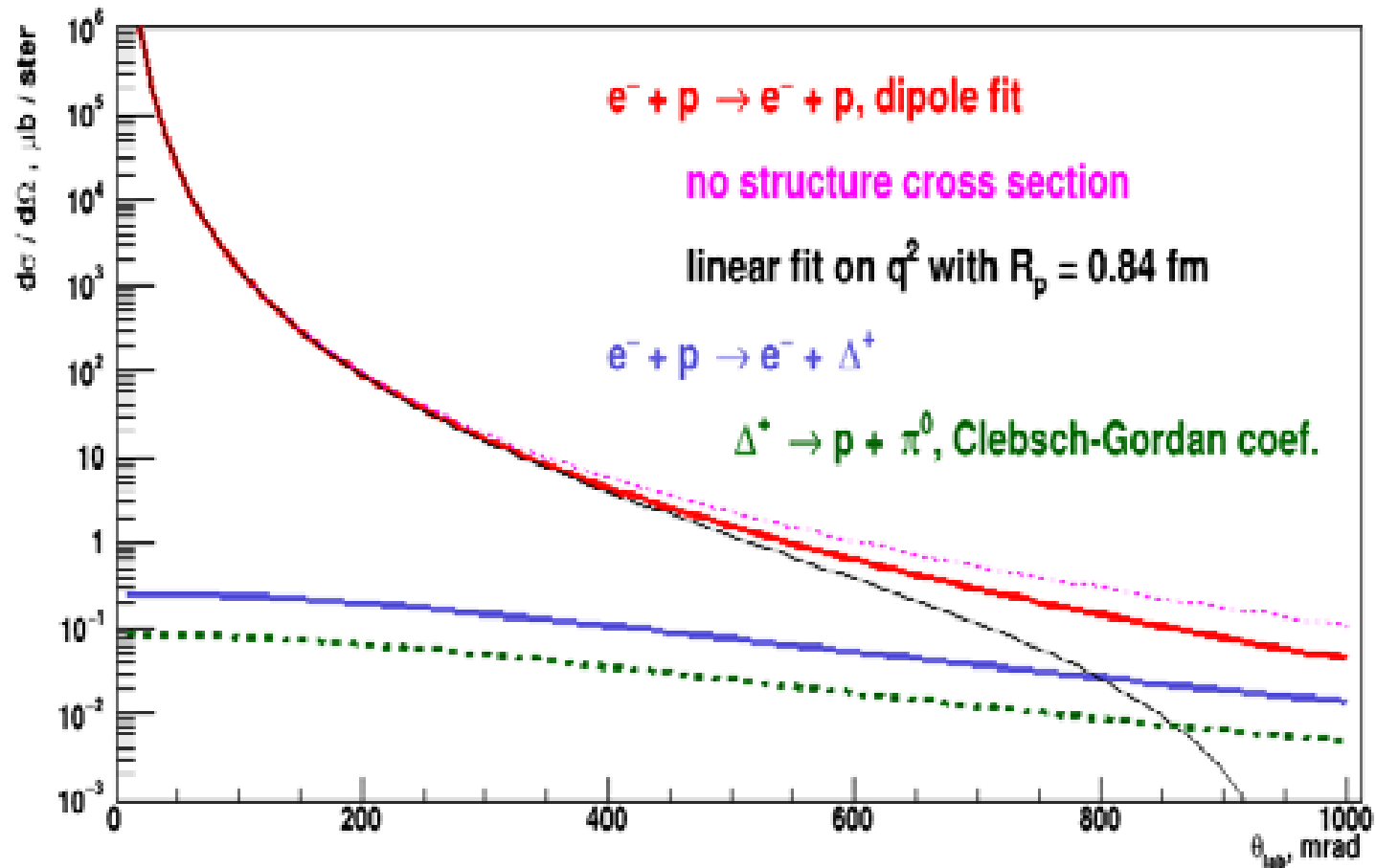
PNPI : PC@FT detector

Director of the INP Mainz
Prof. Dr. Achim Denig

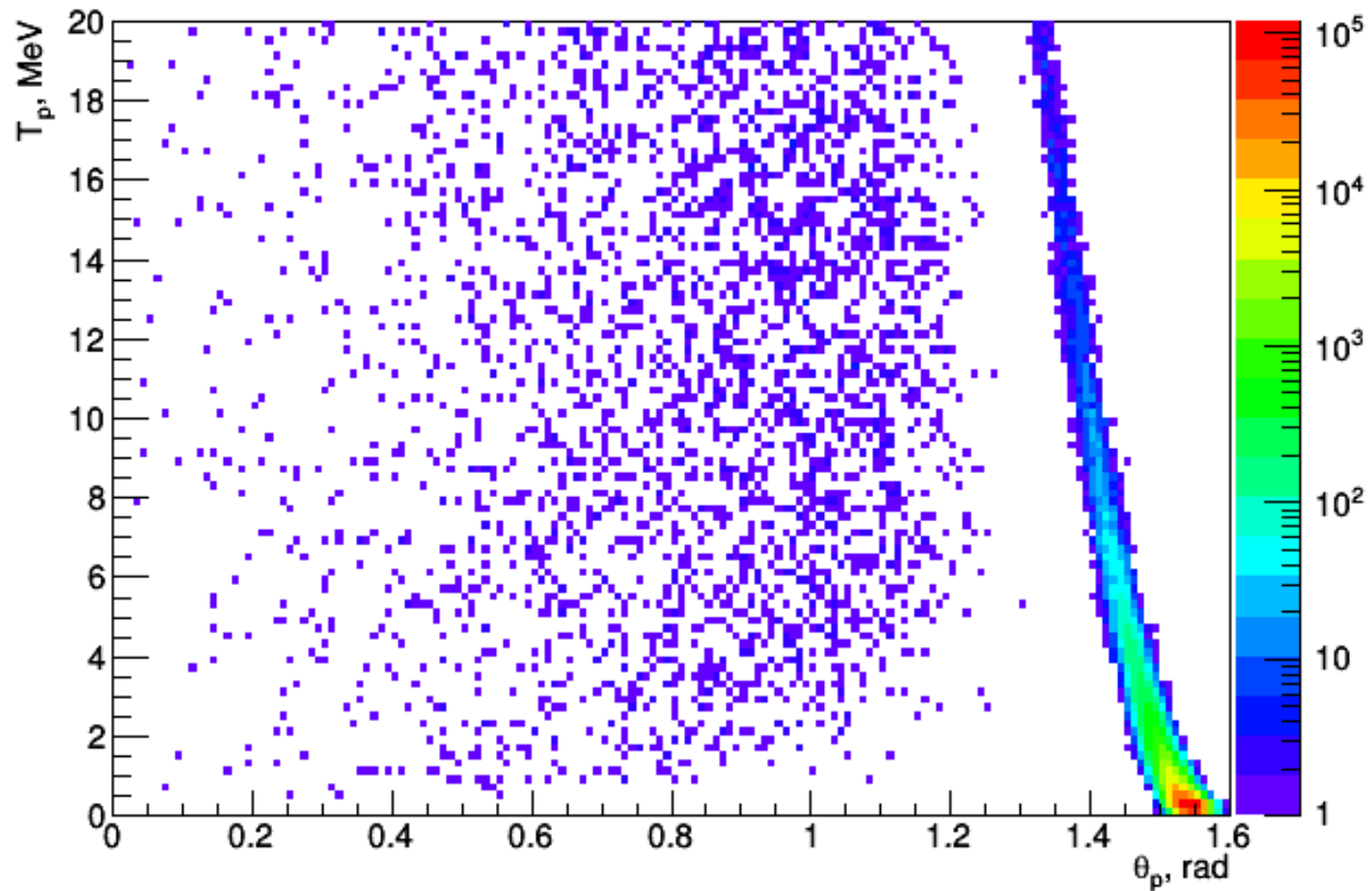
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Prof. Dr.Sc. Denis Yu. Minkin

February 27, 2017

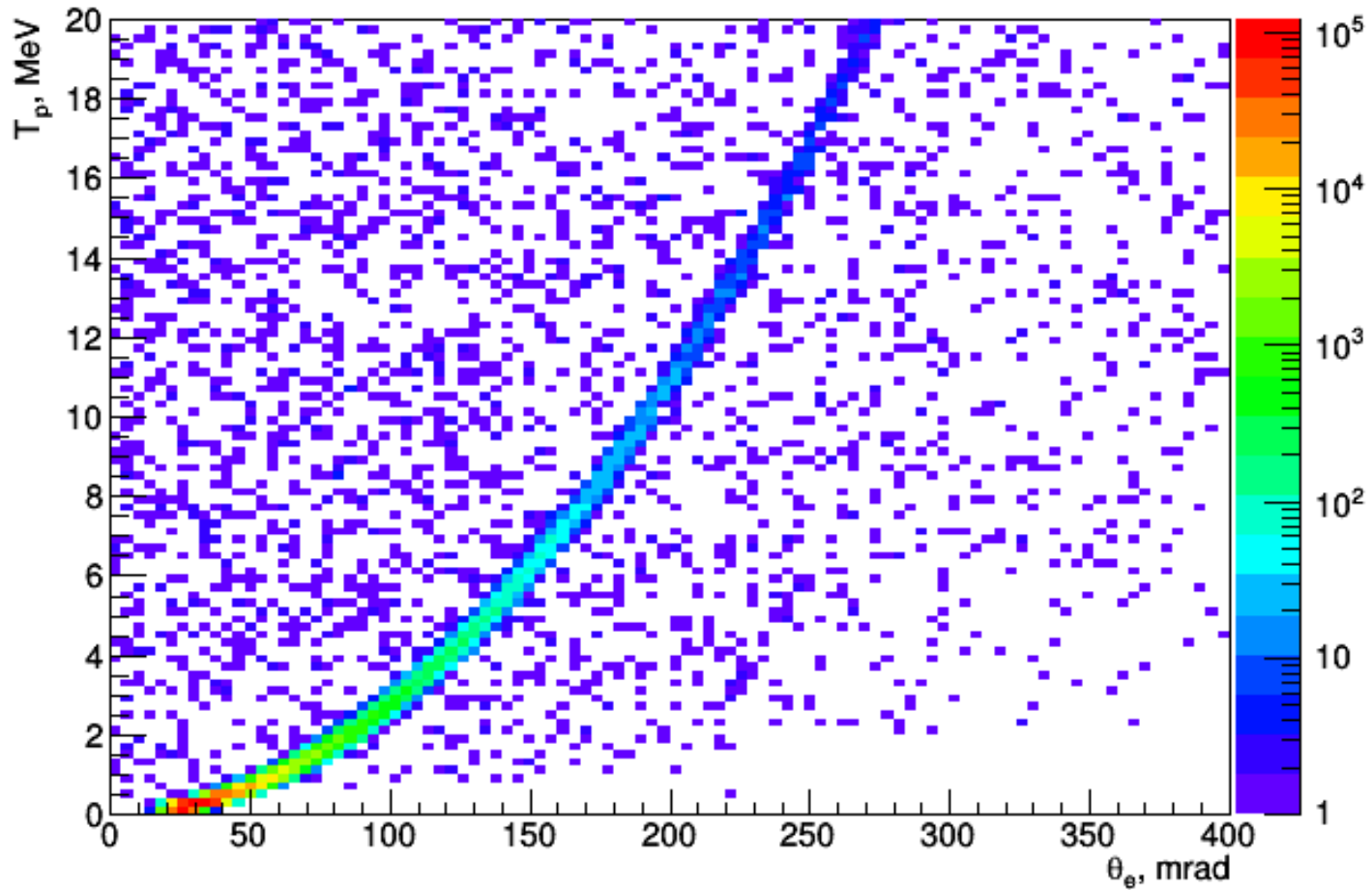
Elimination of the background reactions



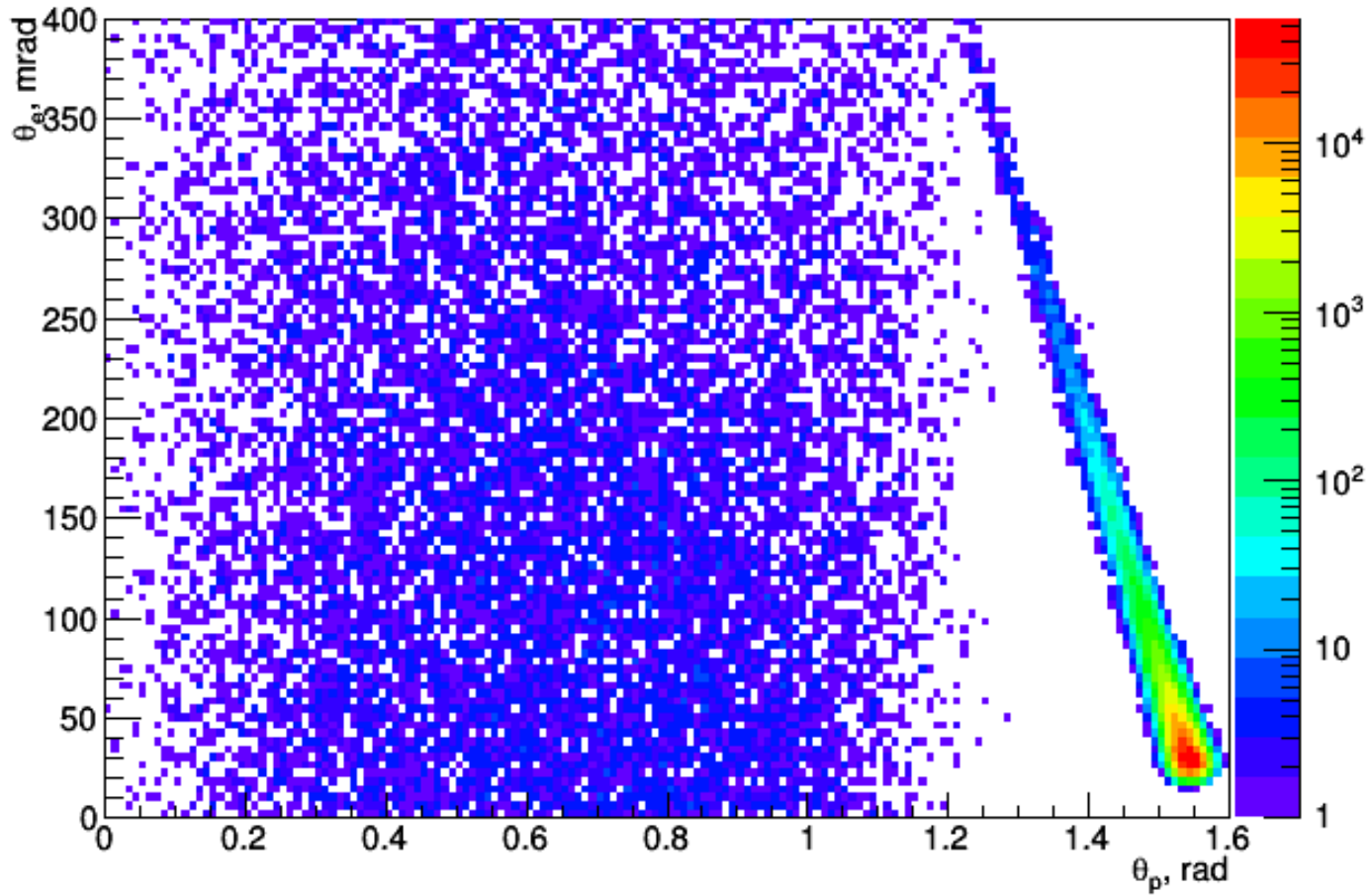
Proton energy- proton angle correlation



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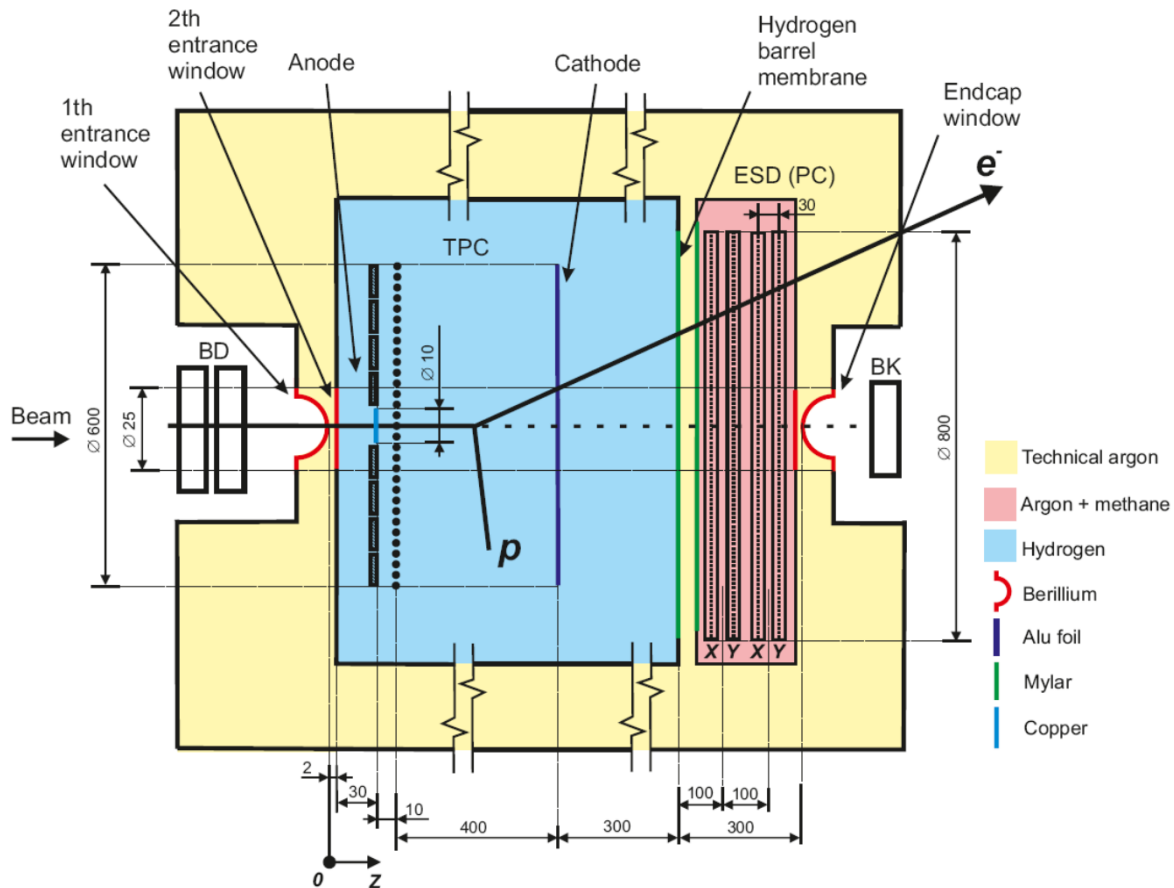
Proton angle- electron angle correlation



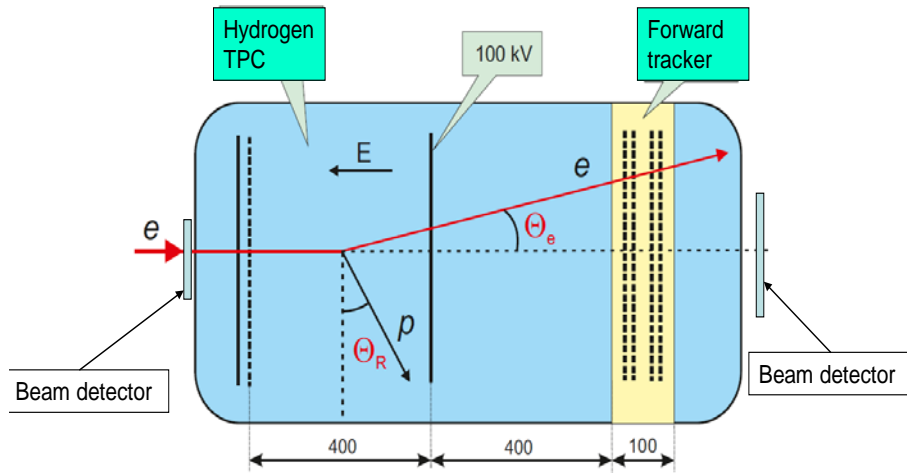
Gas system

Three different gases Hydrogen, Ar + 1%CH₄, Ar in one vessel

Gas pressure from 4 atm to 20 atm.
Absolute precision and stability 0.01%



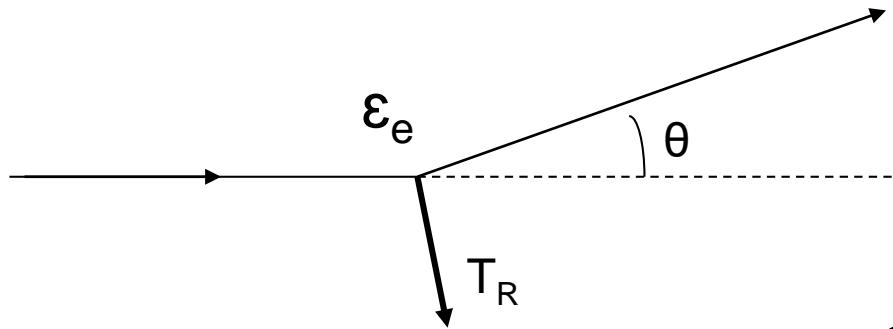
Beam monitoring



Absolute beam rate monitoring

0.05 %

-t scale self-calibration

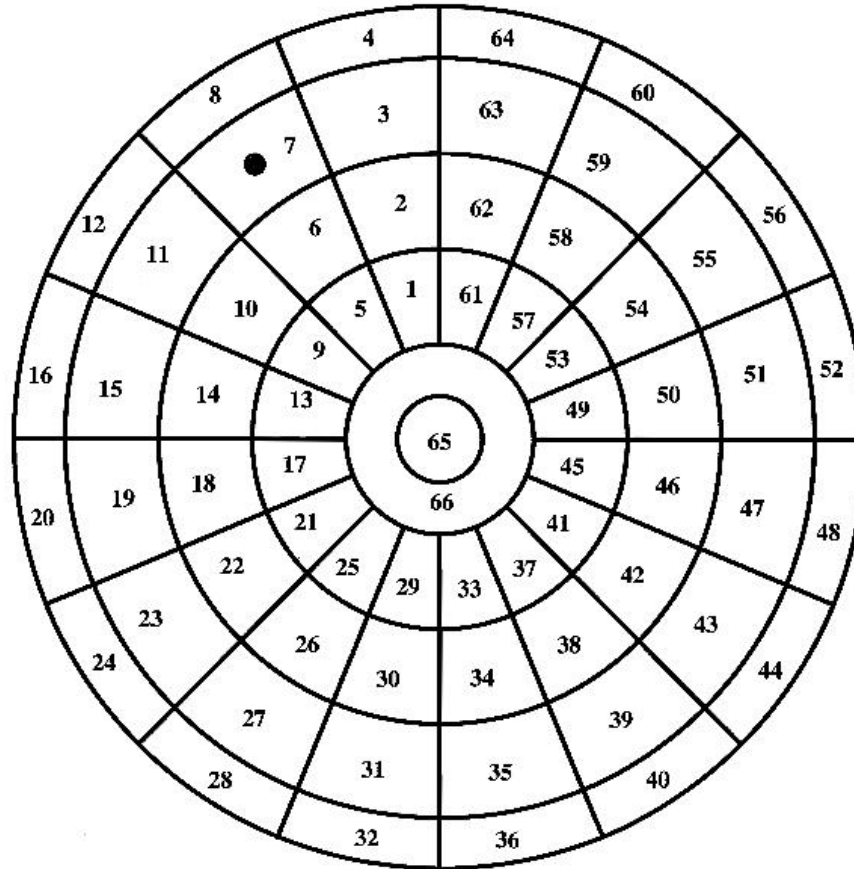


Absolute electron angle	0.02%
T_R-scale calibration, relative	0.04 %
Absolute electron energy	0.02%
T_R-scale calibration, absolute	0.08%

$$-t = \frac{4\epsilon_e^2 \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}{1 + \frac{2\epsilon_e}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}$$

$$-t = 2MT_R$$

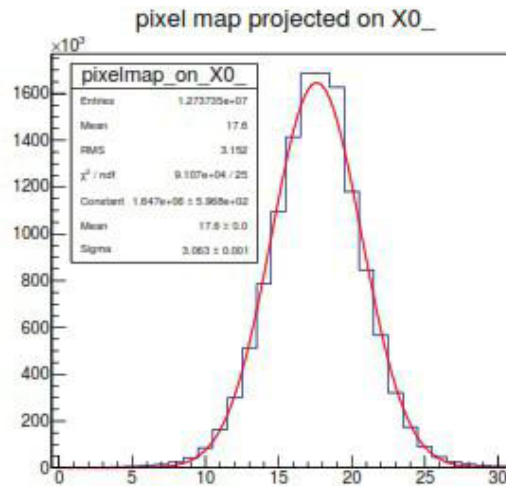
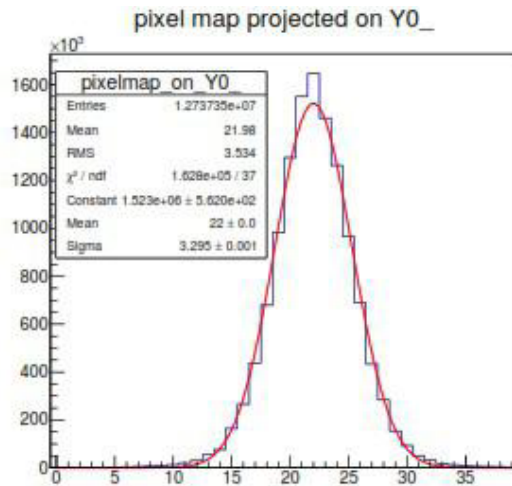
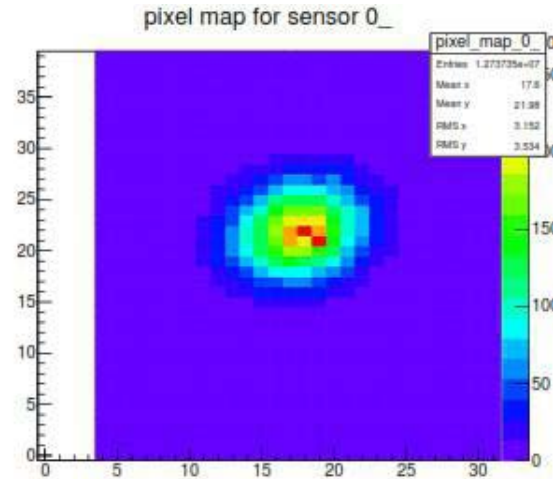
Anode segmentation in ACTAR2



66 pads in total. The central pad is 20 mm in diameter

Read out with FADC from each pad

Pixel detectors and electron beam parameters



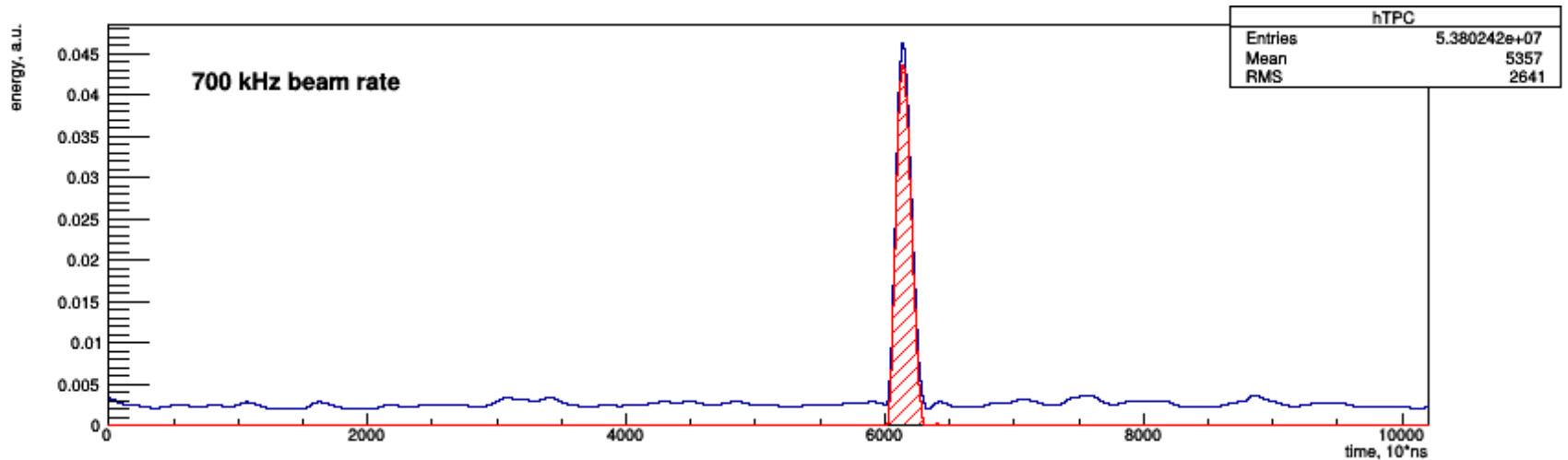
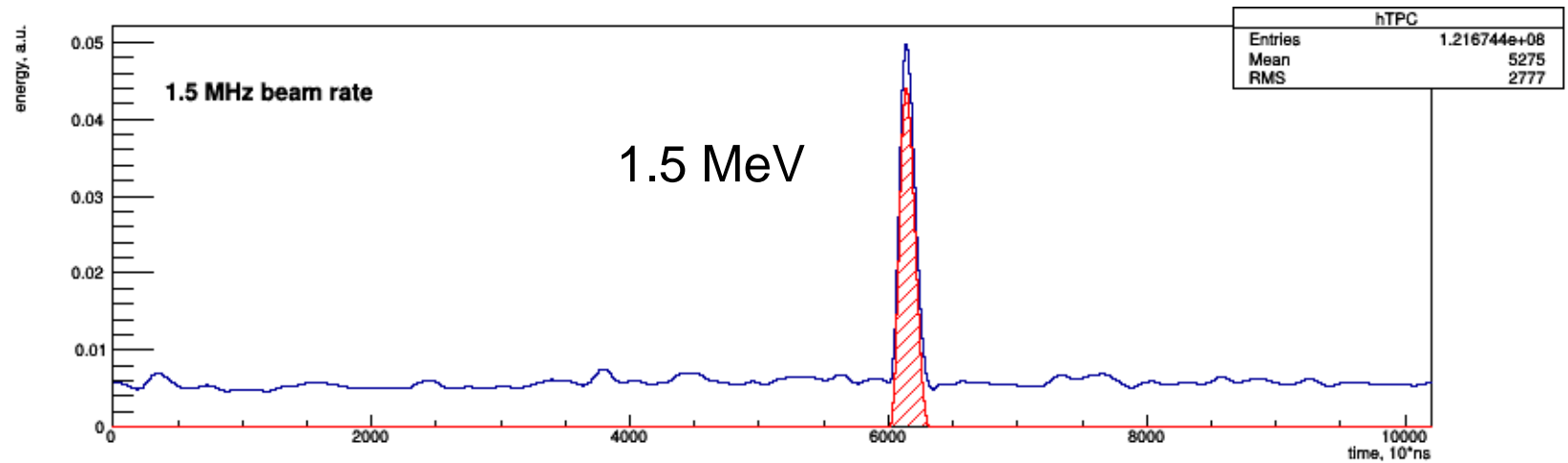
Beam telescope - four planes of 80 μm x 100 μm pixels

Measured beam parameters

- Beam size : 250 μ m (sigma) OK
- Beam divergence: 1 mrad ~ OK
- Beam intensity: $2 \times 10^6 - 10^3$ e/sec OK
- Intensity stability OK
- Beam spot position stability Satisfactory
to be under control during the run

Beam ionization noise in TPC

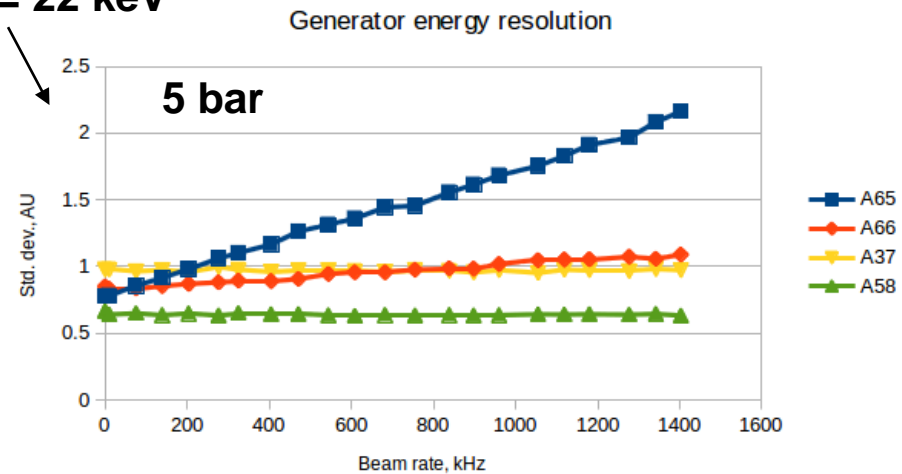
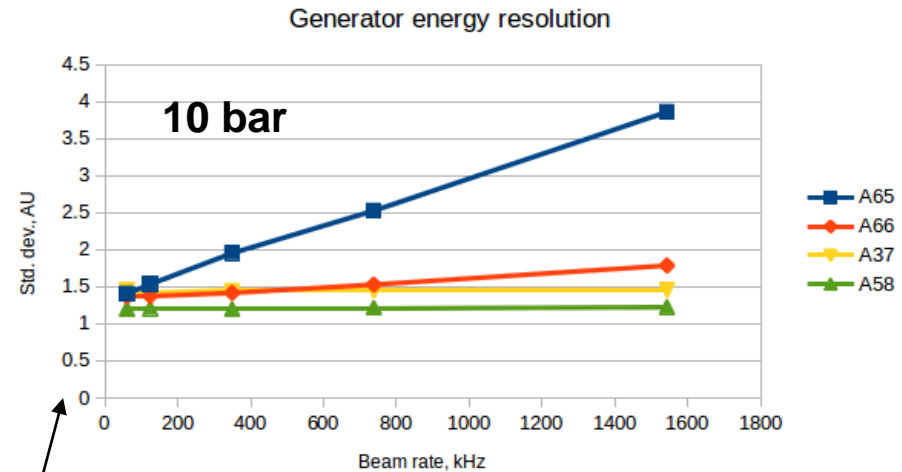
The central pad



Measured pulse generator resolution

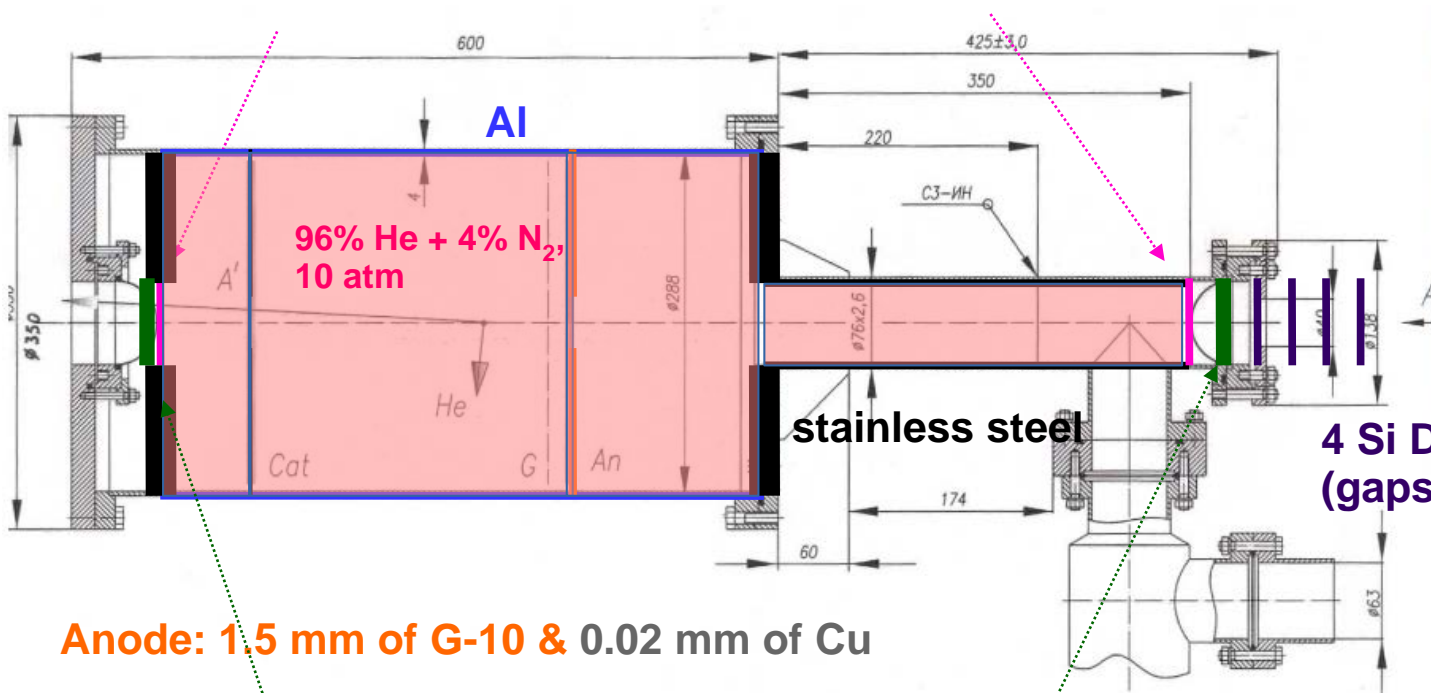
- **Sizeable effect** only for central anode (**A65**);
- **Visible effect** for the second ring (**A66**);
- Practically no effects in the other channels (**A37 / A58**).

1 AU = 22 keV



TPC & GEANT4 model

Be windows of 0.5 mm thickness



$T(e) = 720 \text{ MeV}$



4 Si Detectors 0.05 mm (gaps of 50 mm)

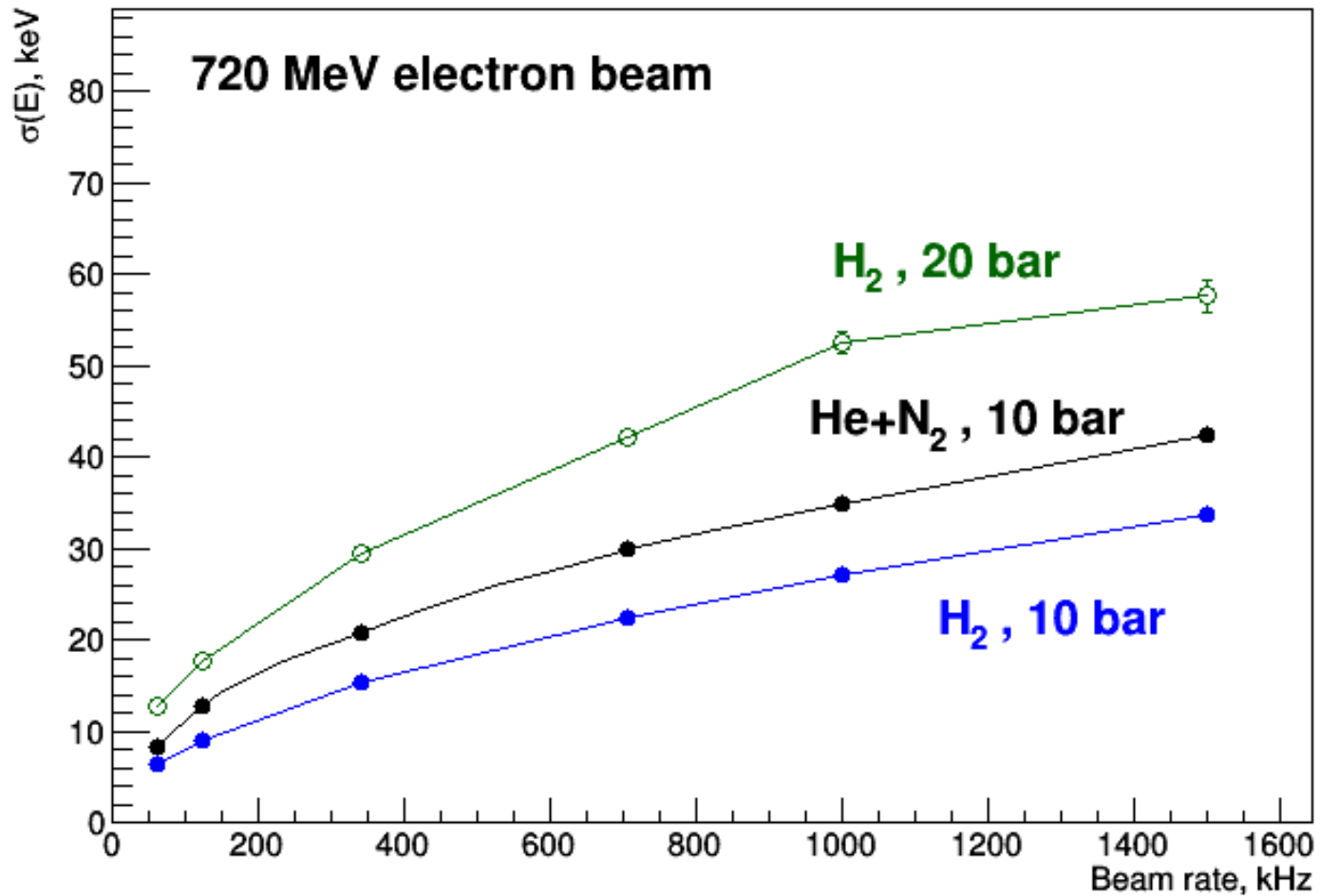
Anode: 1.5 mm of G-10 & 0.02 mm of Cu

Cathode: 1 mm of steel & 0.02 mm of Al

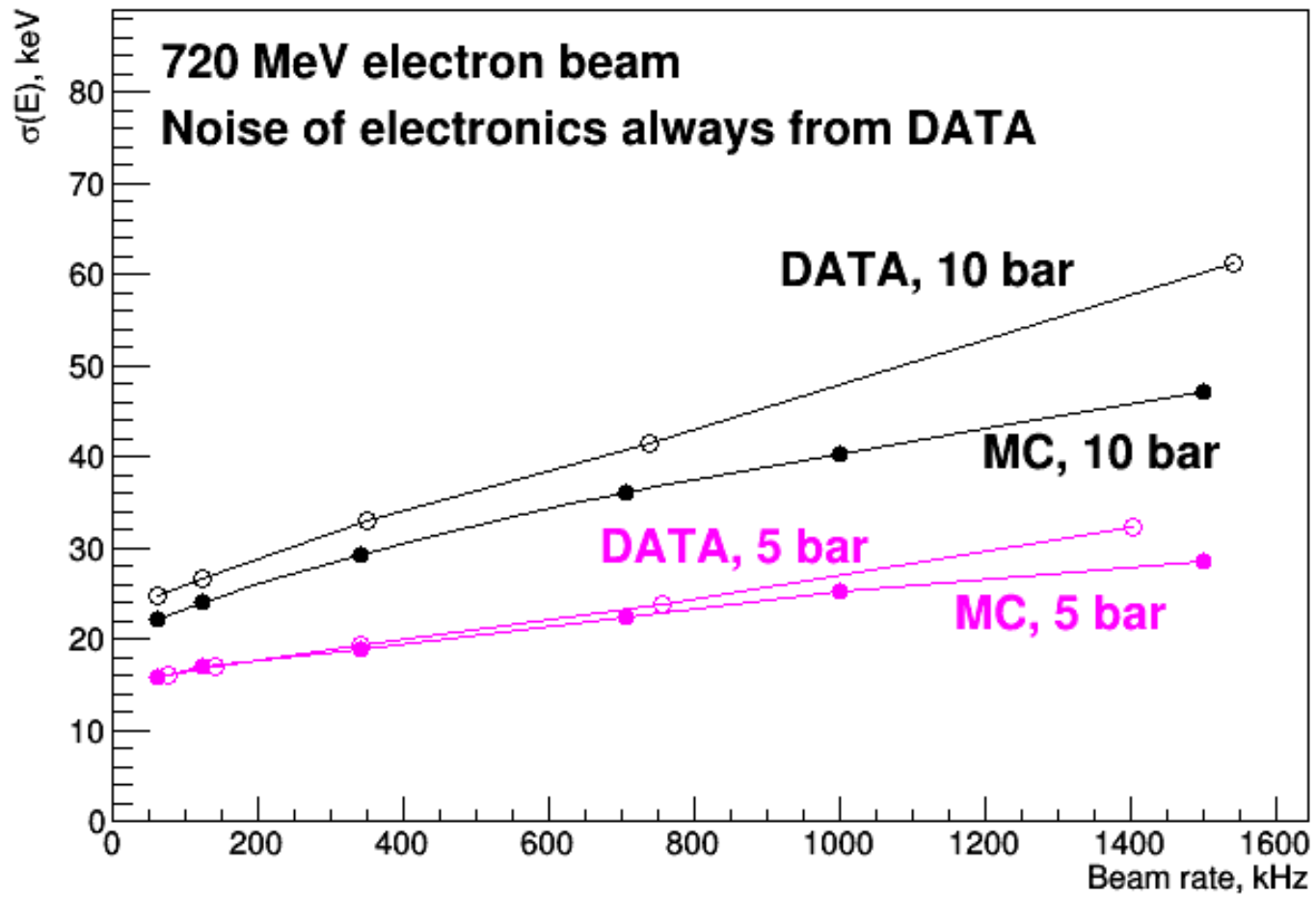
Scintillators (C_9H_{10}), 2 mm



Beam ionization noise MC simulation



MC - measurements comparison

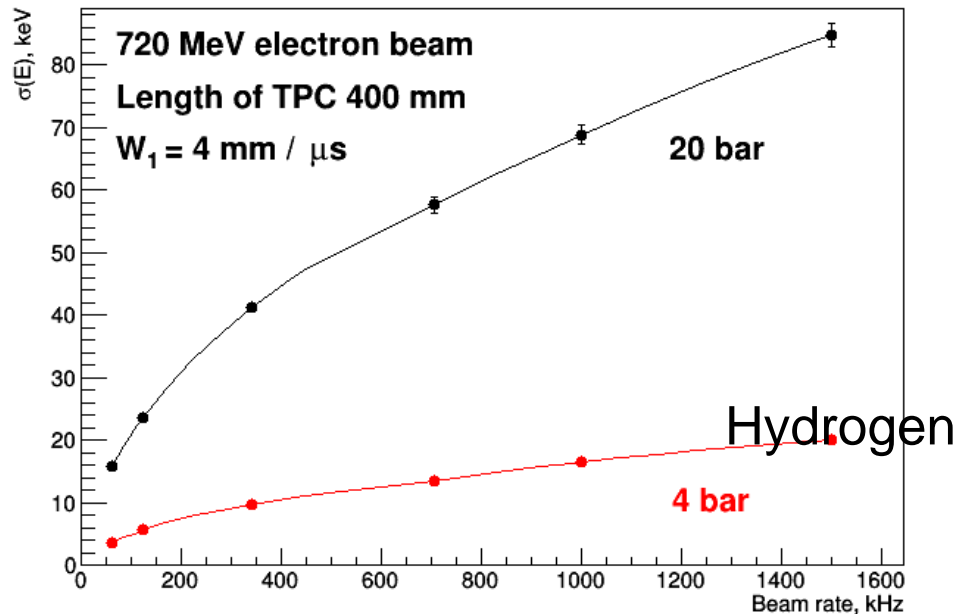


Summary on beam ionization noise studies

- The beam noise is increasing with beam rate as a root square of the beam rate;
- The beam noise is nearly proportional to the gas pressure;
- Measurements are in reasonable agreement with MC;
- The beam noise in hydrogen is expected to be smaller than that in the He+4%N₂ mixture by ~ 20%.

Predictions for the main experiment

Beam ionization noise at the central pad



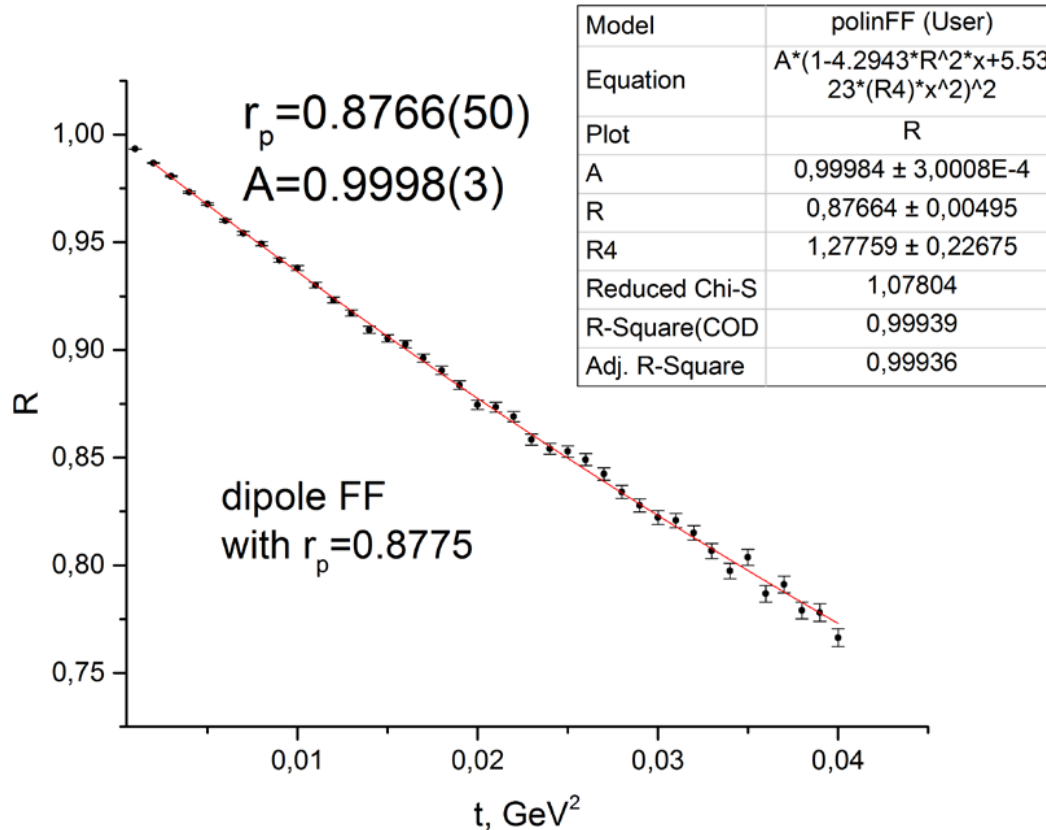
Expected TPC energy resolution in the main expt. at 2 MHz beam rate

90 keV at the central pad, 20-30 keV at the other pads, 20 bar pressure
30 keV at the central pad, 20-30 keV at the other pads, 4 bar pressure

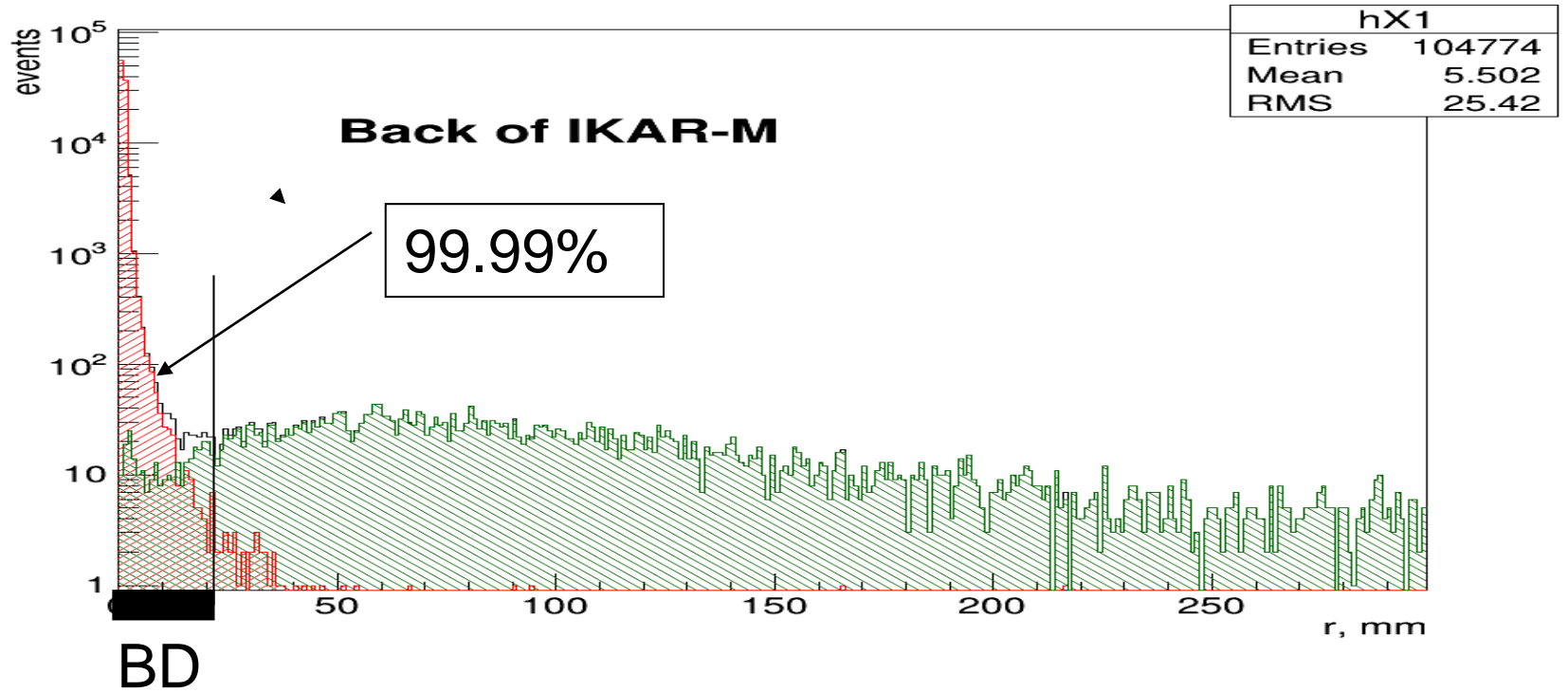
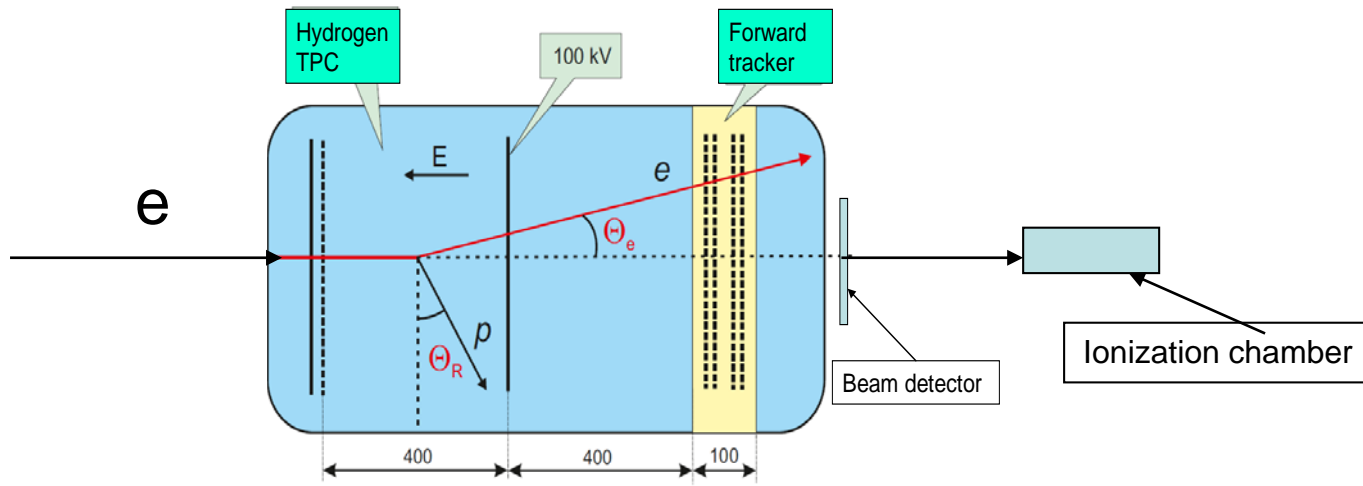
Statistics

45 days 33x10⁶ events

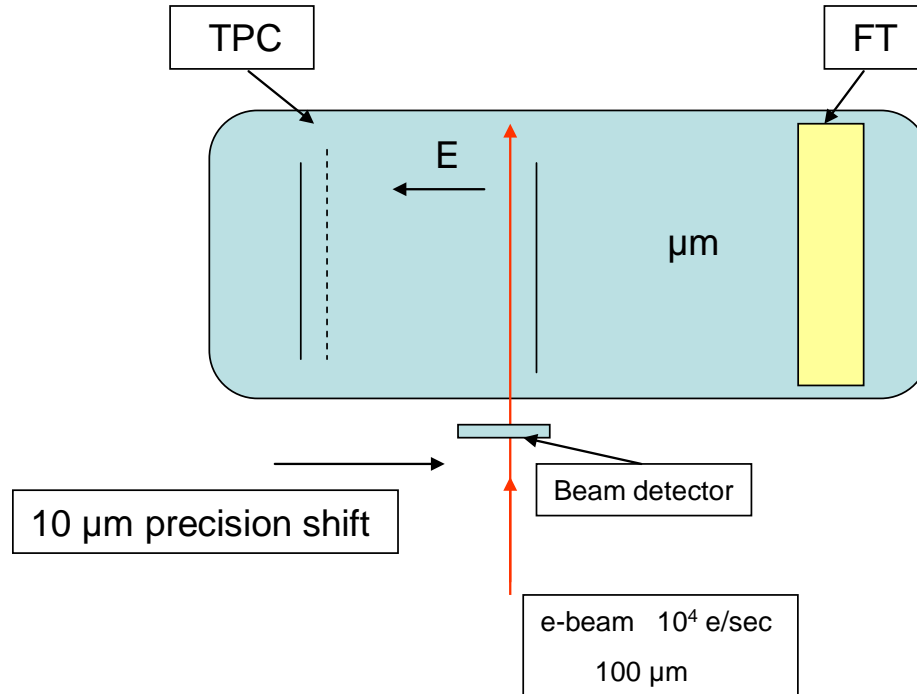
$$\frac{G(Q^2)}{G(0)} = 1 - \frac{1}{6} \langle R_p^2 \rangle Q^2 + \frac{1}{120} \langle R_p^4 \rangle Q^4 - \dots,$$



R_p ± 0.005 fm

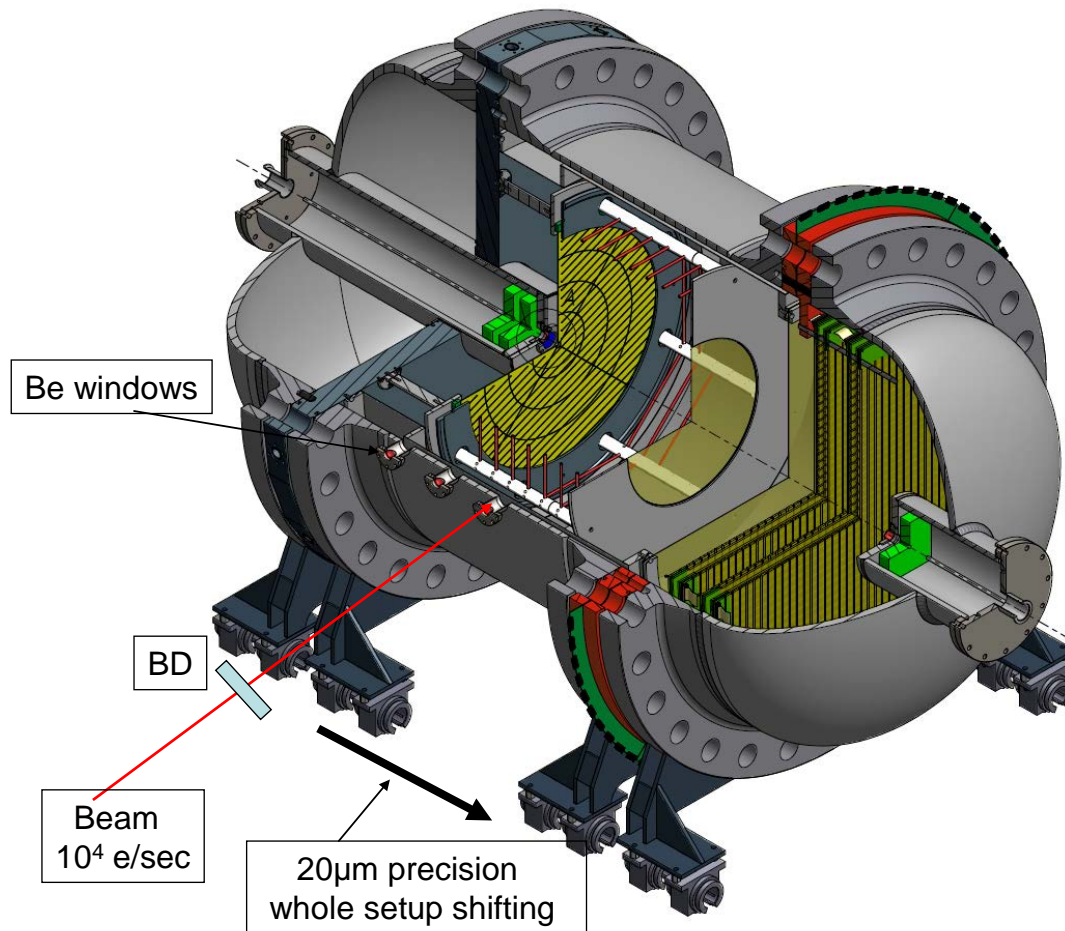


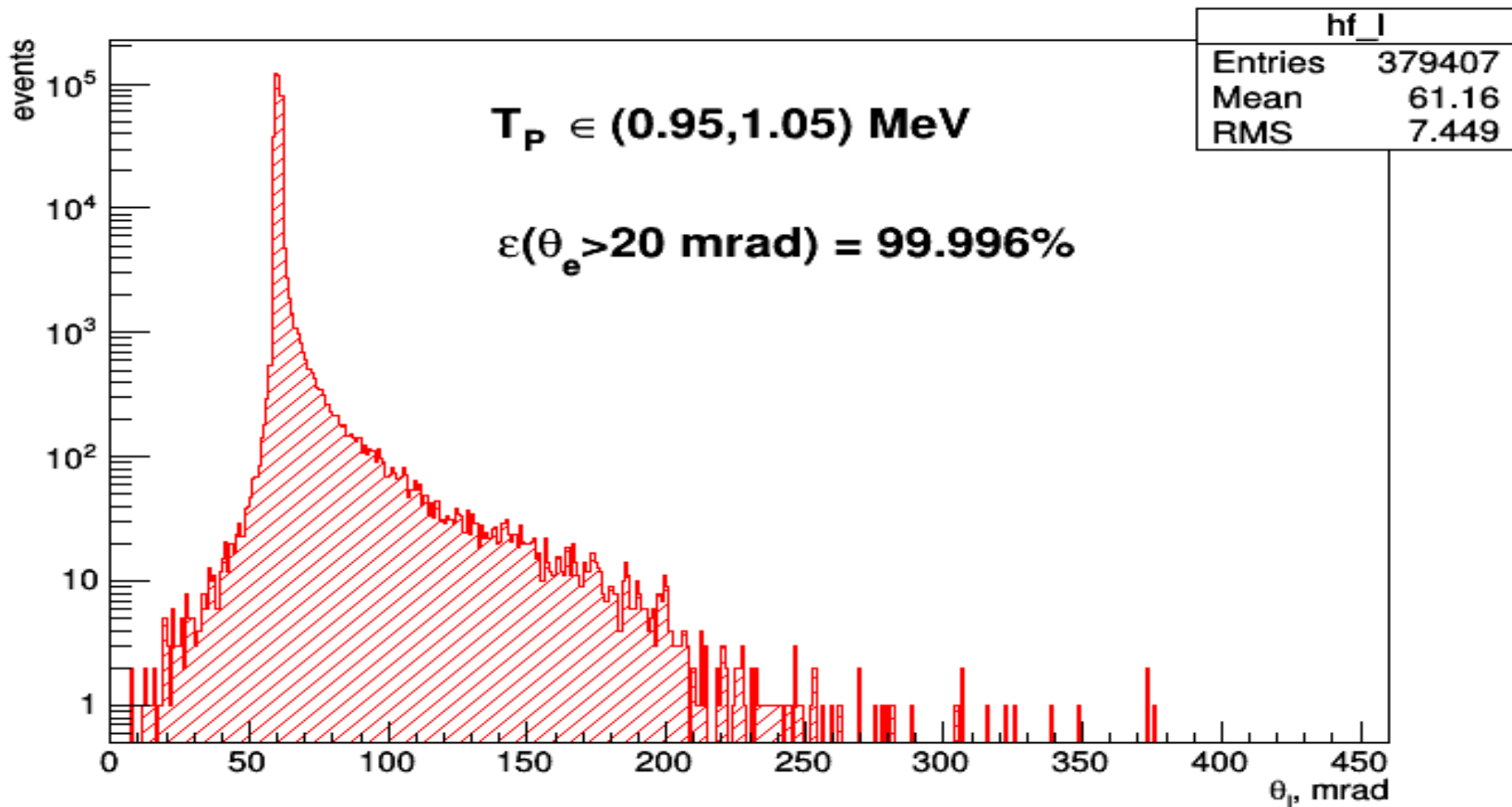
Drift velocity measurement

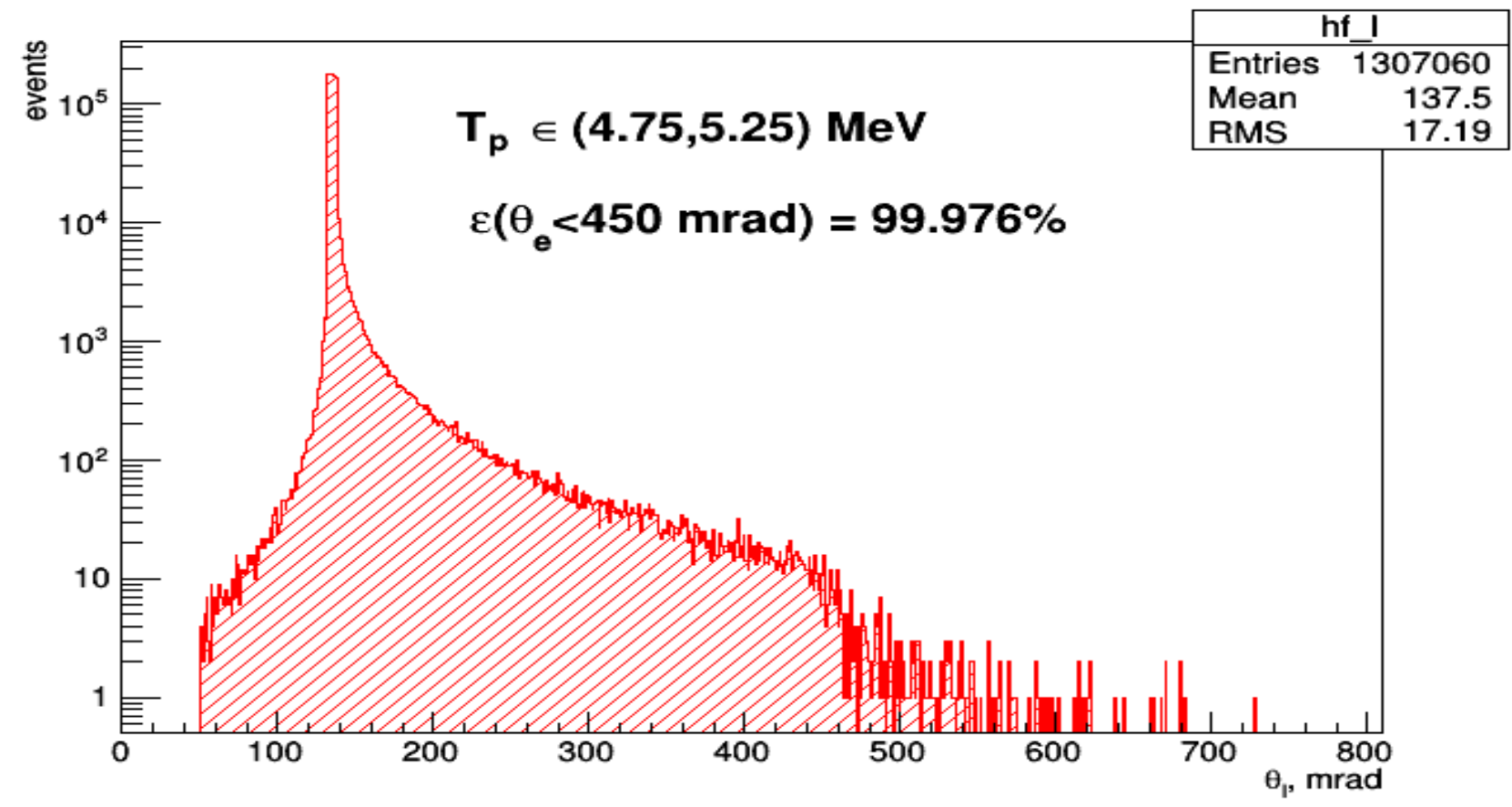


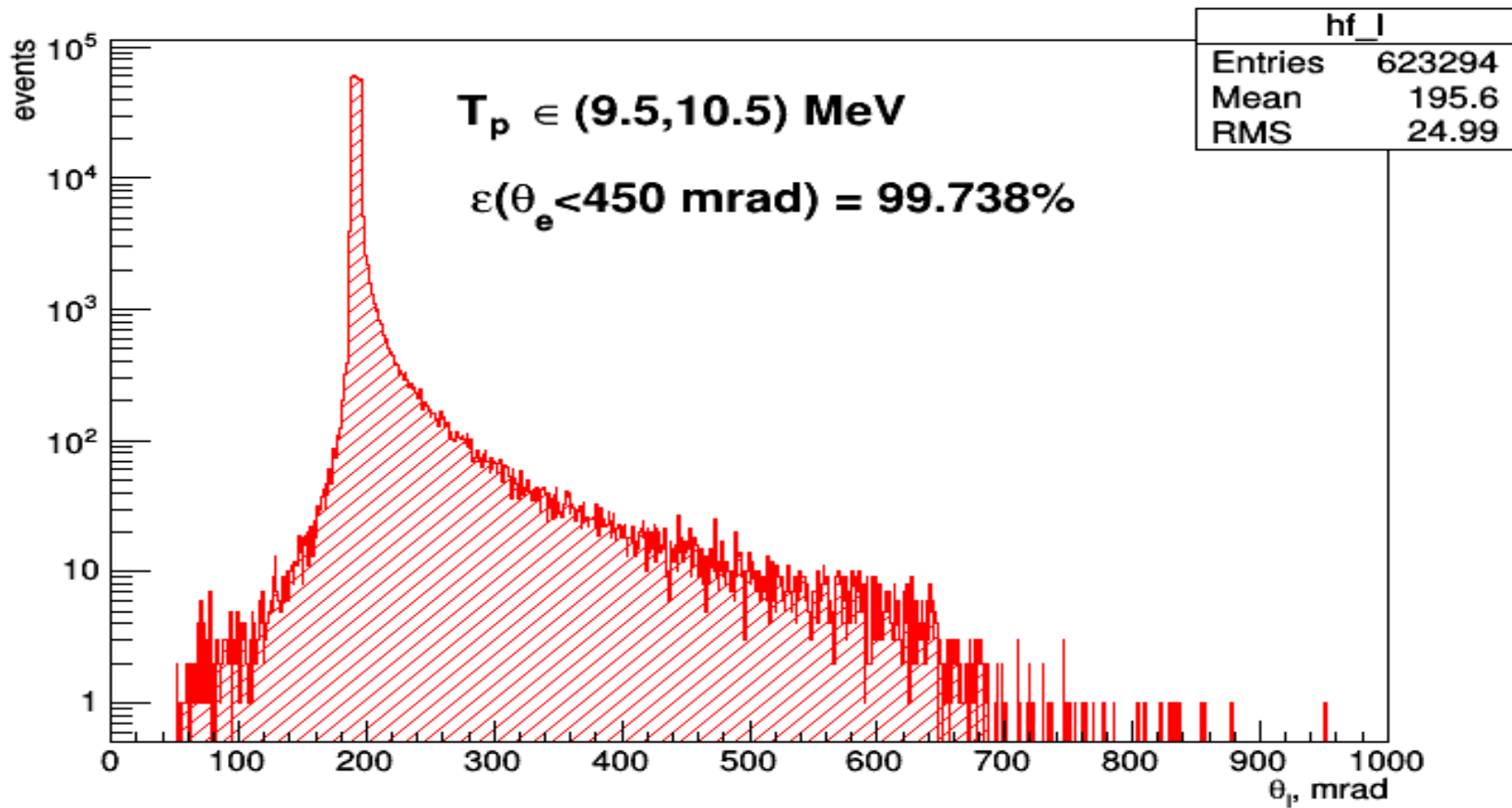
Precision in W measurements 0.01%

Experimental layout for high precision measurement of electron drift velocity.



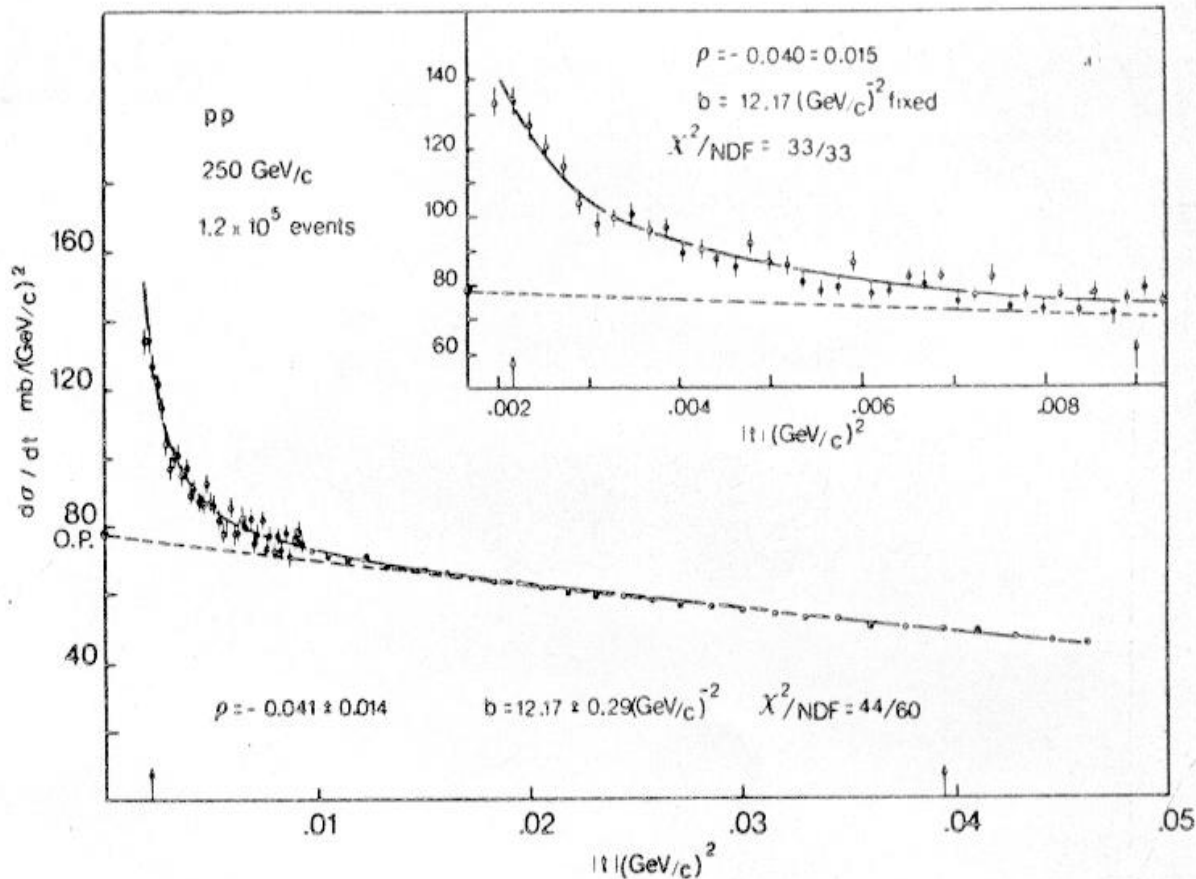






An example from cross sections of πp - and pp - scattering measured with ICAR

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$$\rho = \text{Re}A(0)/\text{Im}A(0)$$

$$b = d\sigma/dt(t=0)$$

0.4% T_R -scale calibration

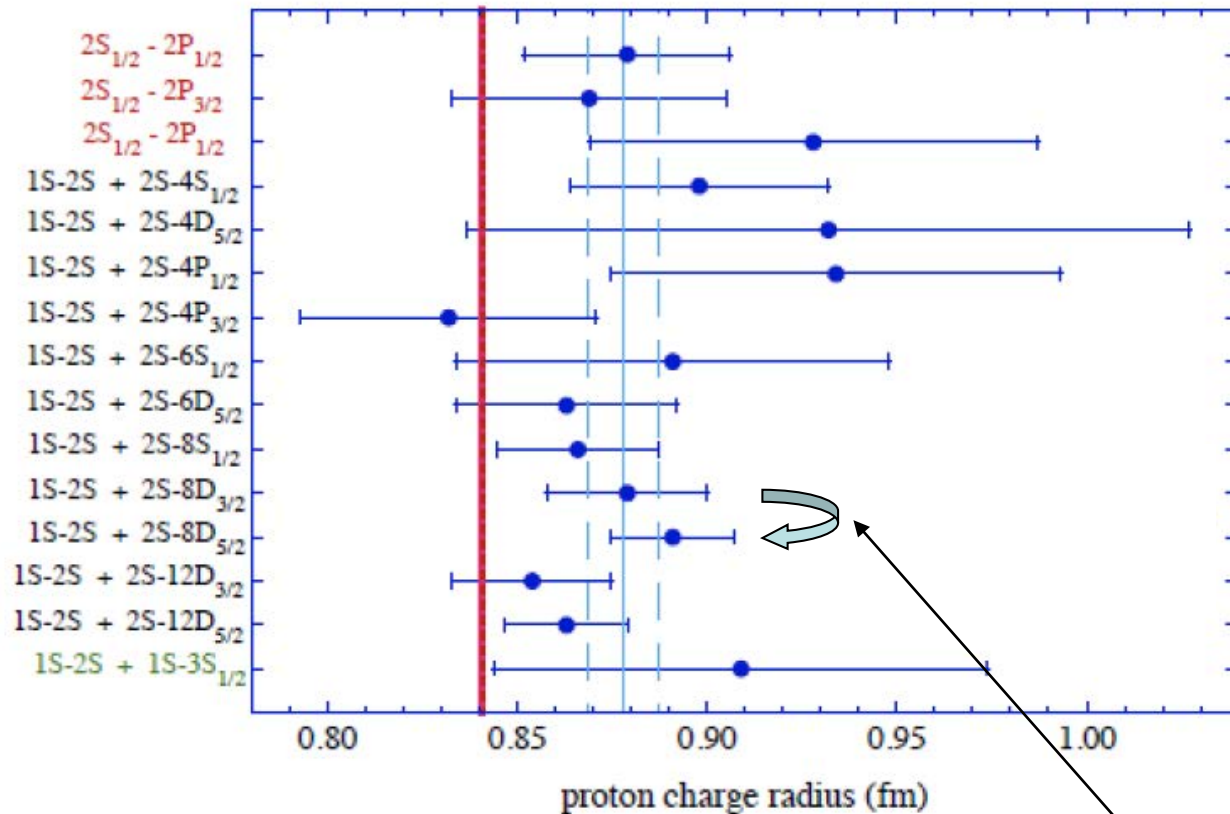
1% absolute precision in $d\sigma/dt$

ep- scattering experiments

Main concern:

- * The form factor $G_E(Q^2 \rightarrow 0)$ needed for extraction of the proton radius was obtained by **extrapolation of the cross sections measured at rather large Q^2 values to $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$**
- * **Large Radiative Corrections (~10%).**
Dependence of the RC on experimental conditions.

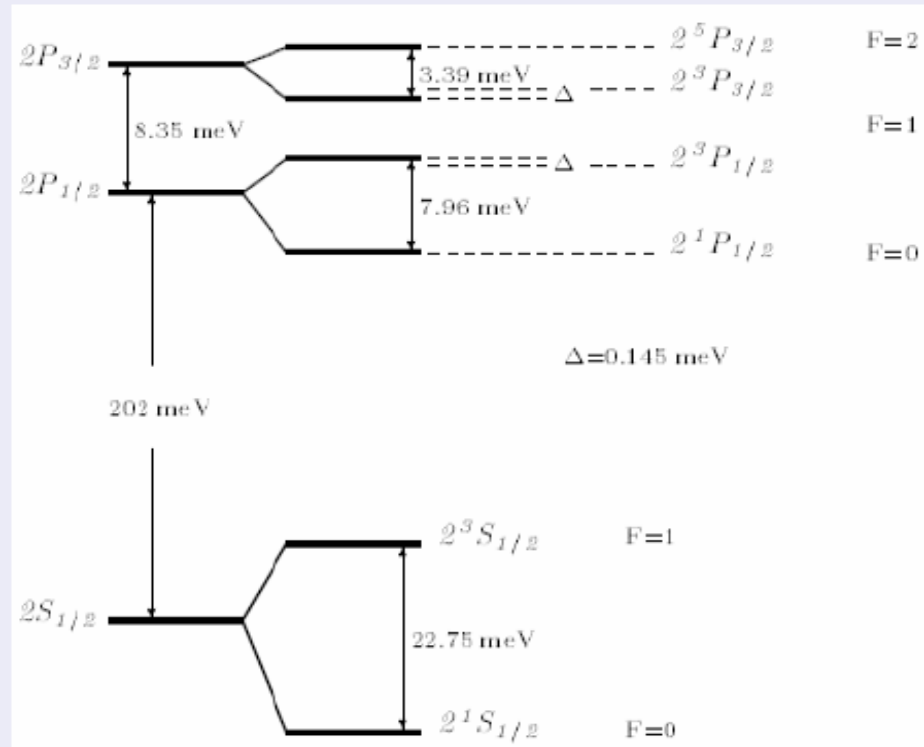
Proton radius from Lamb shift in hydrogen atom (ep-atom)



$r_p = 0.877(7)$ fm, *Garching-Paris, 2006-2011*

Lamb shift in muonic atom (μp -atom)

Muonic Hydrogen



Theoretical Prediction

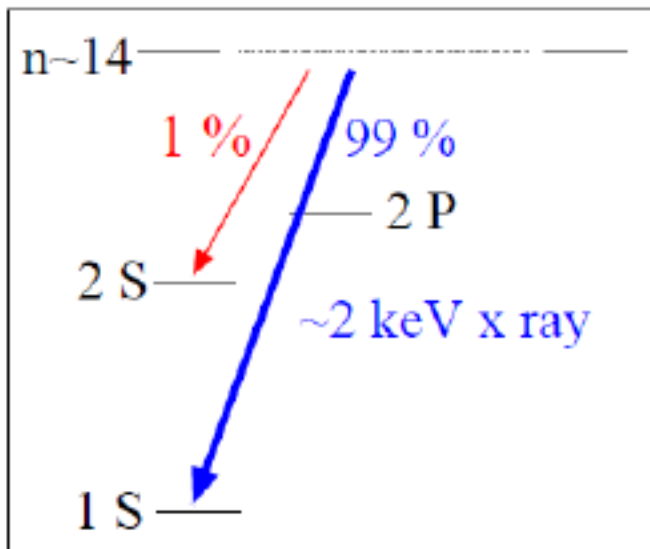
- $\Delta E_L^{th} = 206.0336 (15) - 5.2275 r_p^2 + \Delta E_{TPE}$ meV,
 $\Delta E_{TPE} = 0.0332 (20)$ meV

Lamb shift in muonic atom (μp -atom)

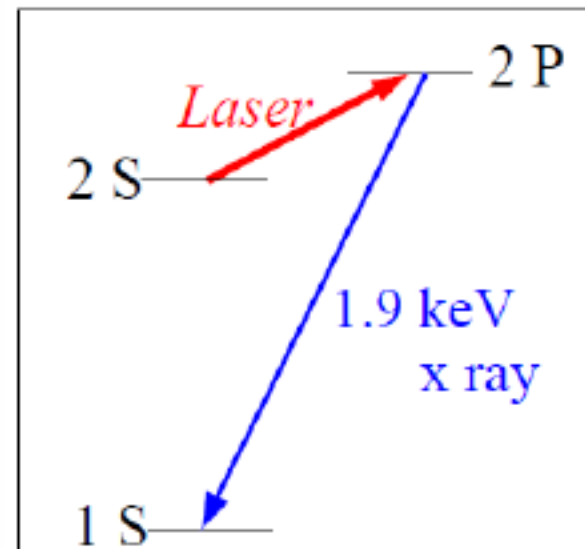
Experiment at PSI

A. Antognini et al. Science 339, 417 (2013)

Muon stop in Hydrogen gas

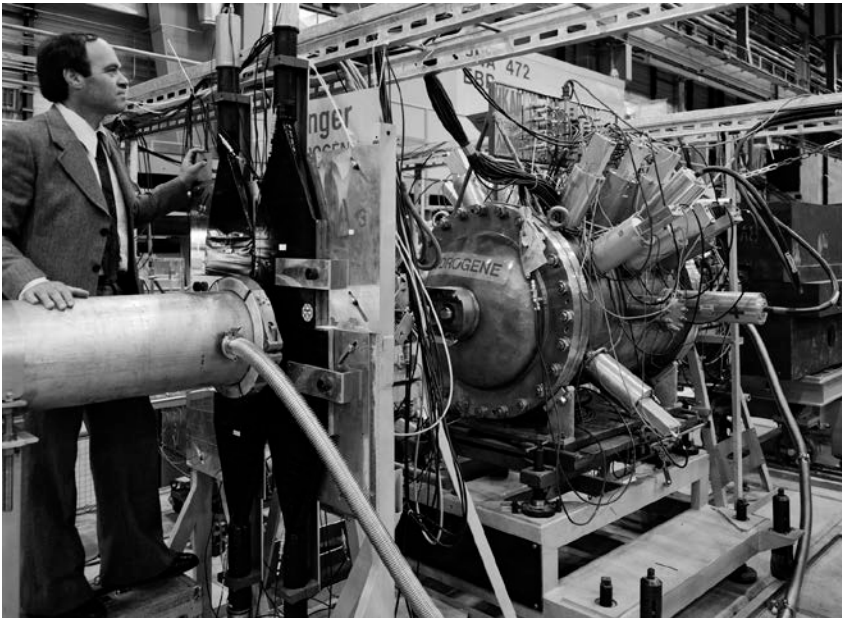


$2\text{S} \rightarrow 2\text{P}$ transfer



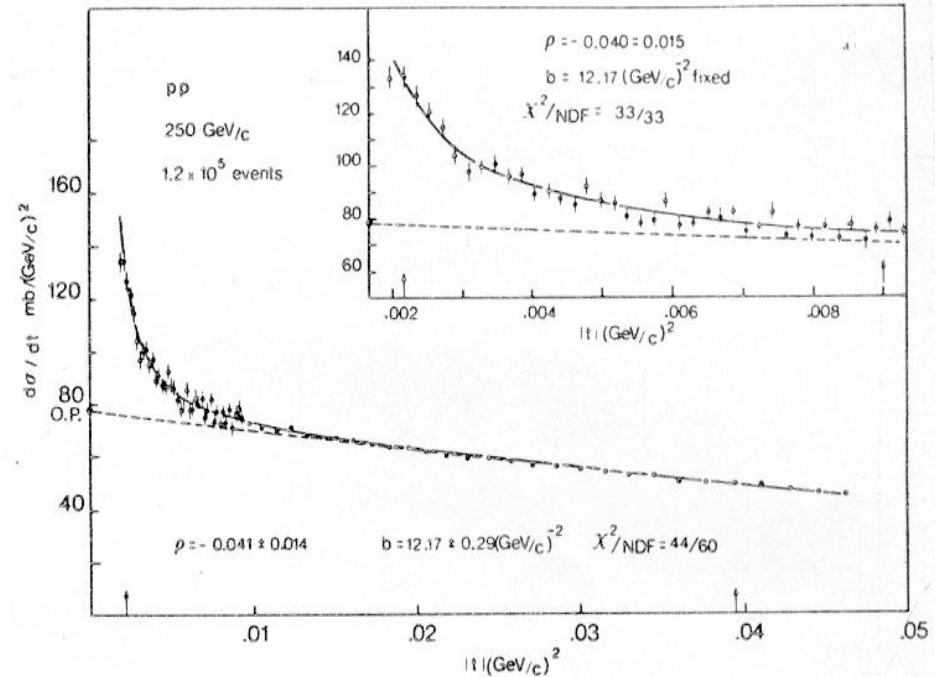
The proposed experiment is based on
the recoiled proton detection method
 which was used in WA9 and NA8 experiments
 at CERN to measure small angle pp- and $\pi\pi$ - scattering.

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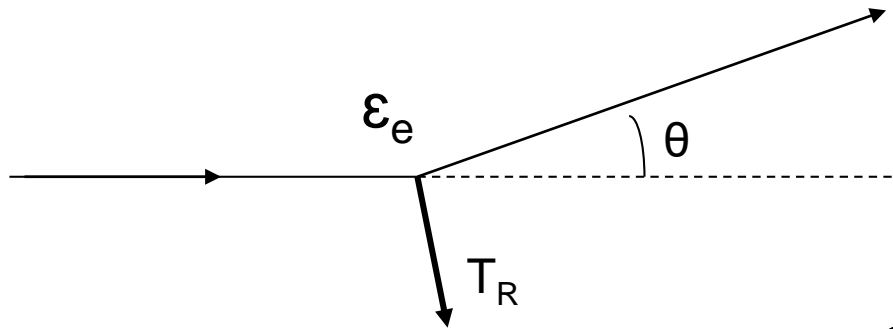
Recoiled proton detector ICAR at CERN

H₂ 10 bar TPC



Q² scale self-calibration

-t scale self-calibration

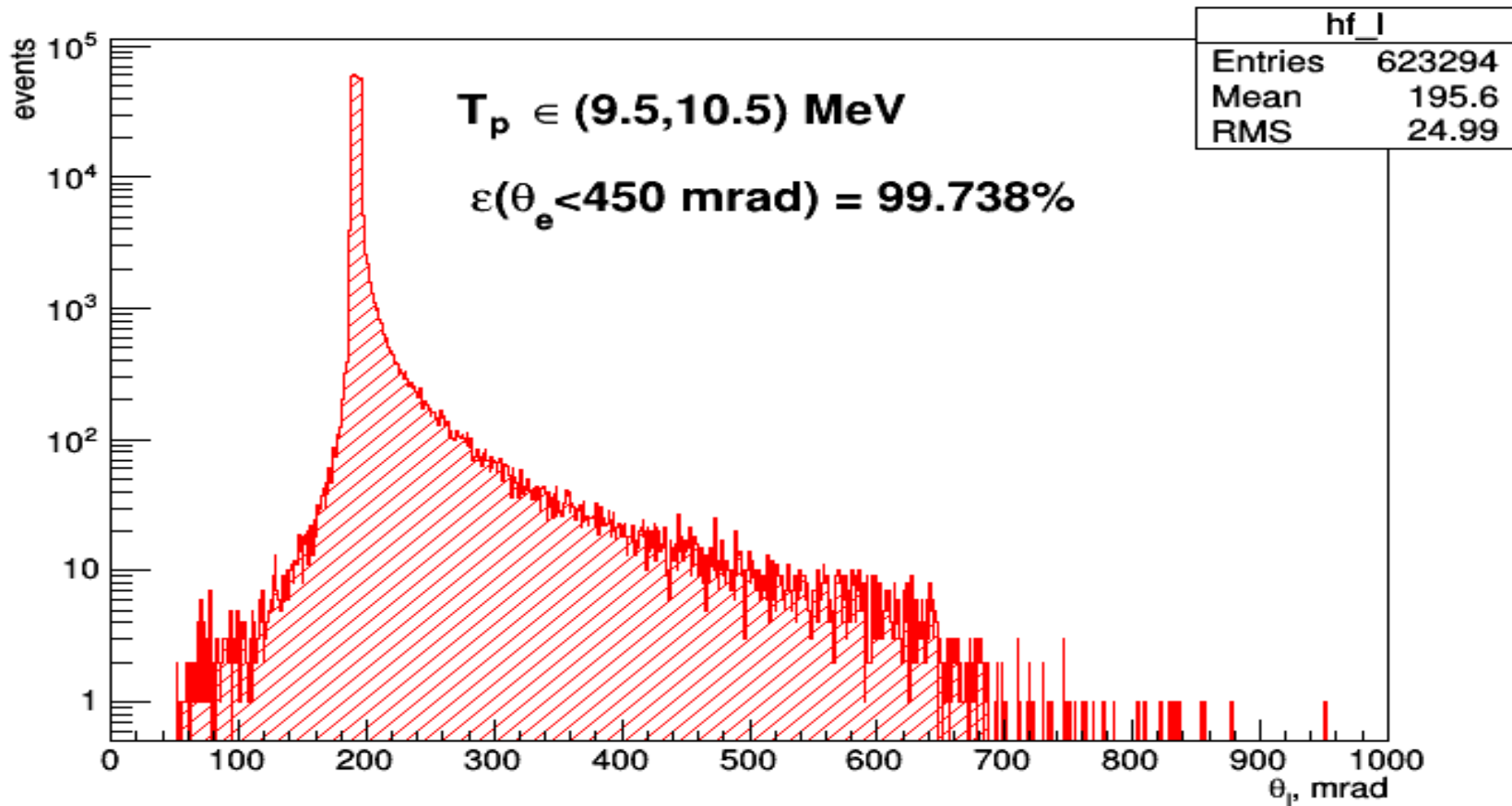


ϵ_e – electron energy in the collision point

$$-t = \frac{4\epsilon_e^2 \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}{1 + \frac{2\epsilon_e}{M} \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}$$

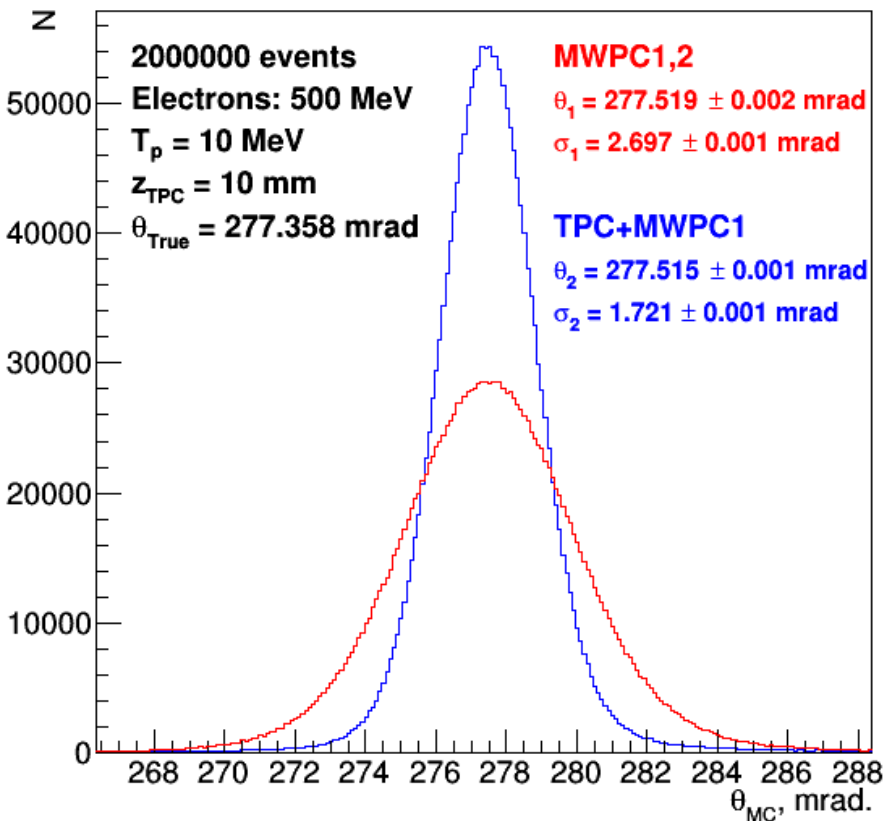
$$-t = 2MT_R$$

Electron angular distribution corresponding
to a selected bin in recoil proton energy
 $9.5 \text{ MeV} < T_R < 10.5 \text{ MeV}$



T_R scale calibration via T_R - θ_e correlation

Without correction for the electron energy loss in TPC

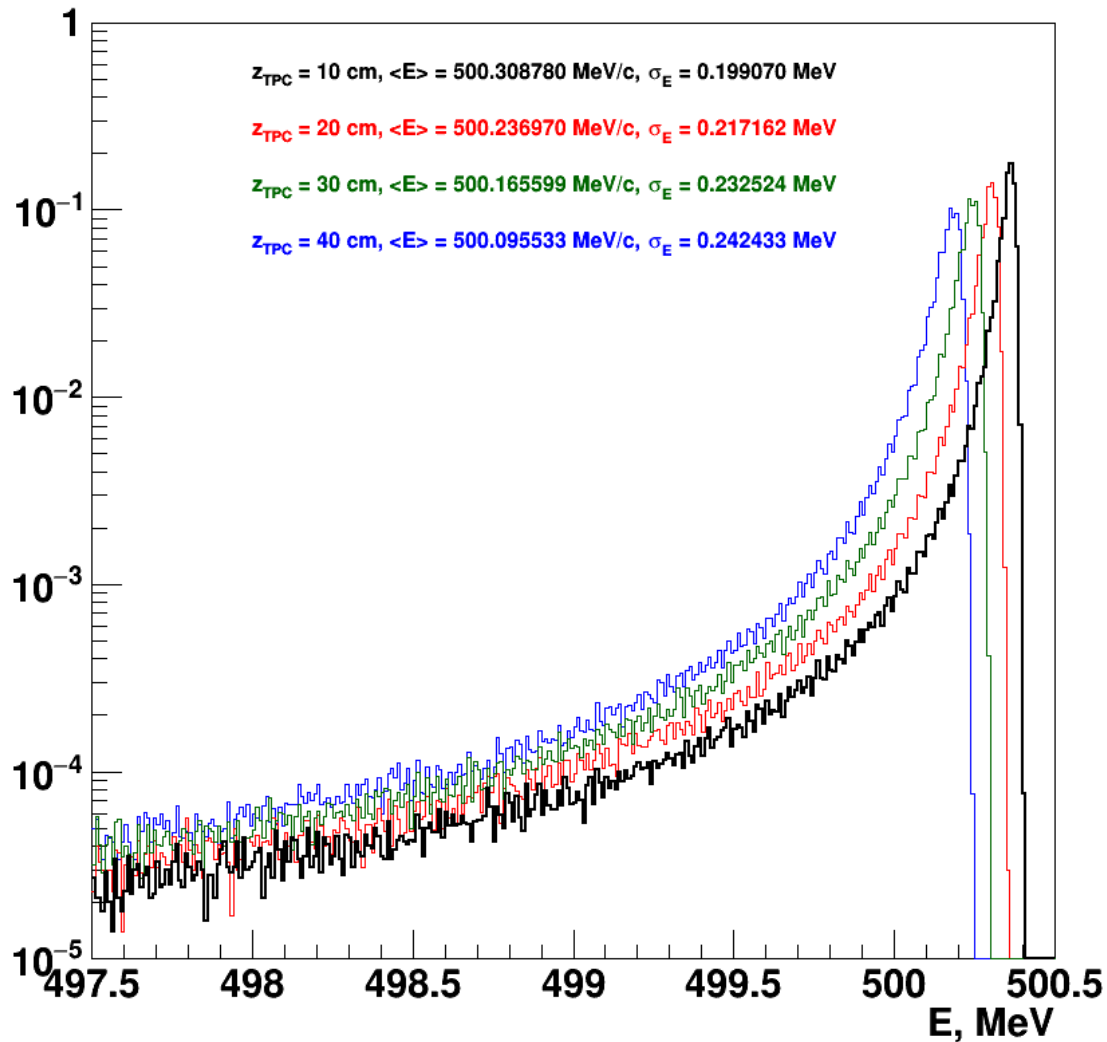


$$T_R^*(E_0, \theta_e) / T_R = 1 + 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

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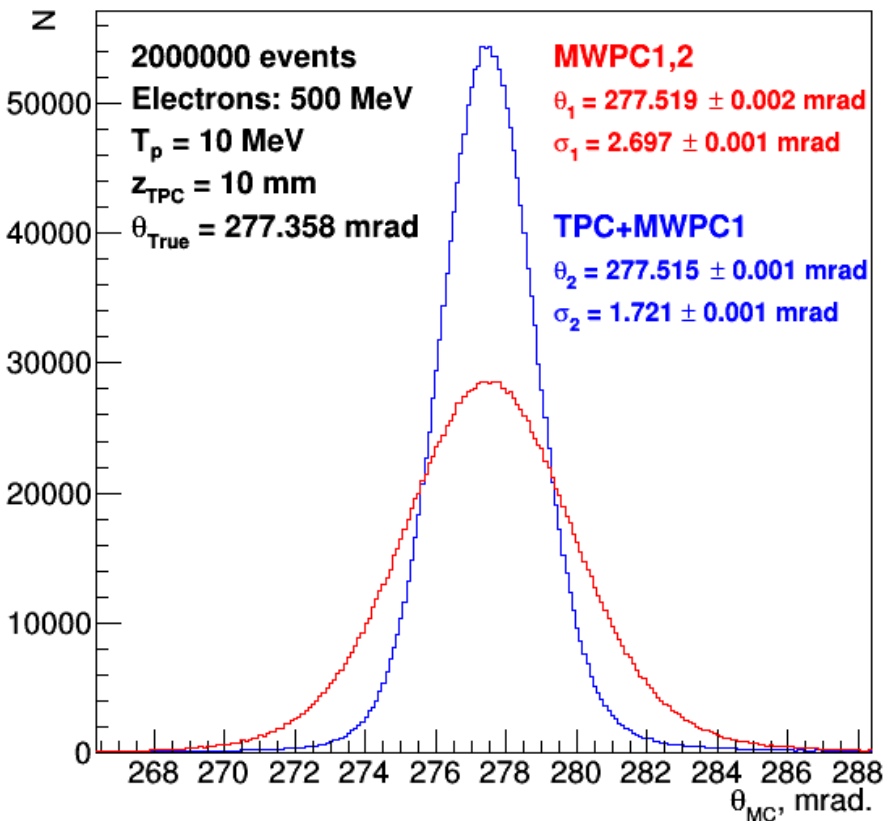
Electron energy in the collision point

GIANT4 calculation



T_R scale calibration via T_R - θ_e correlation

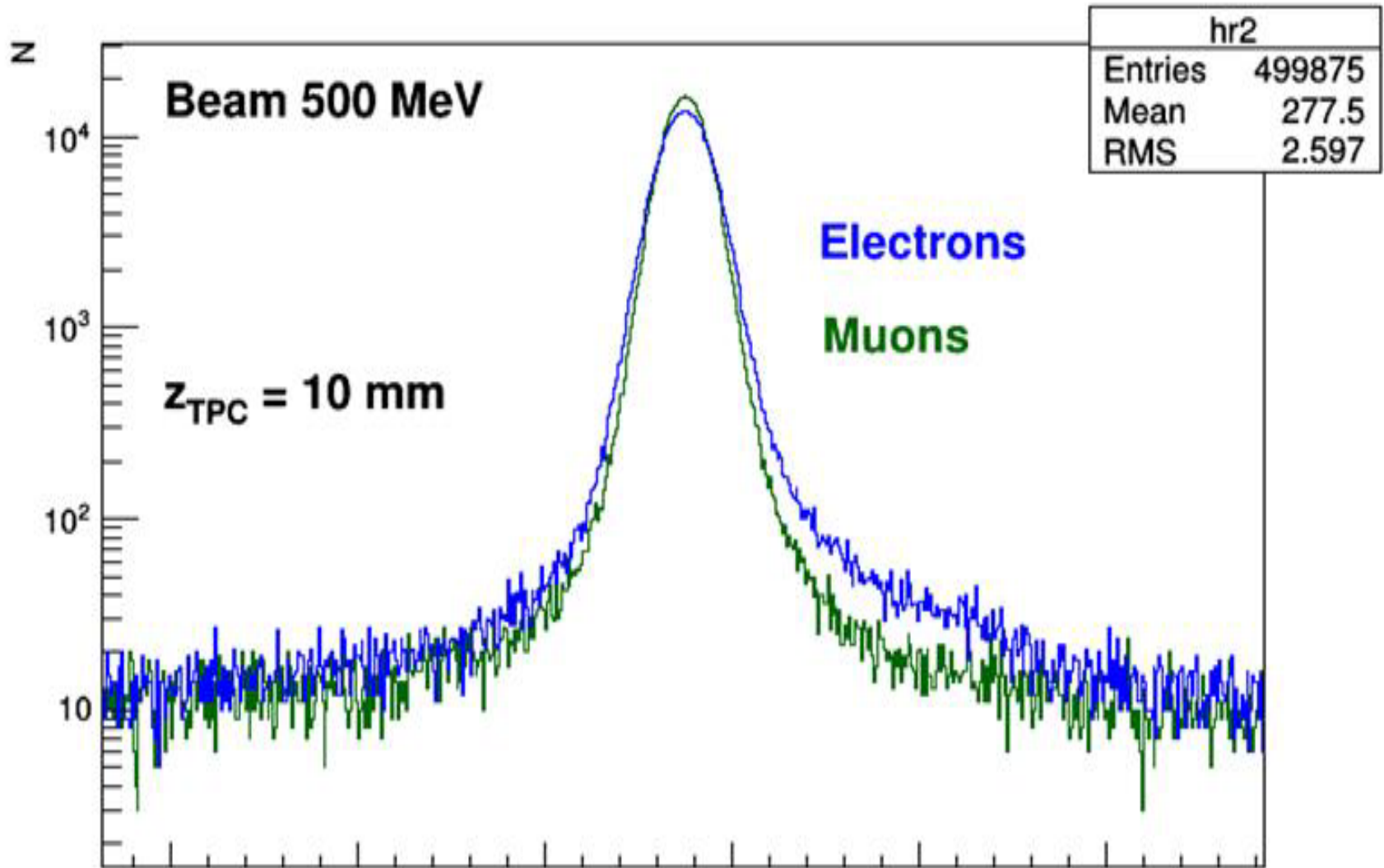
With correction for the electron energy loss in TPC



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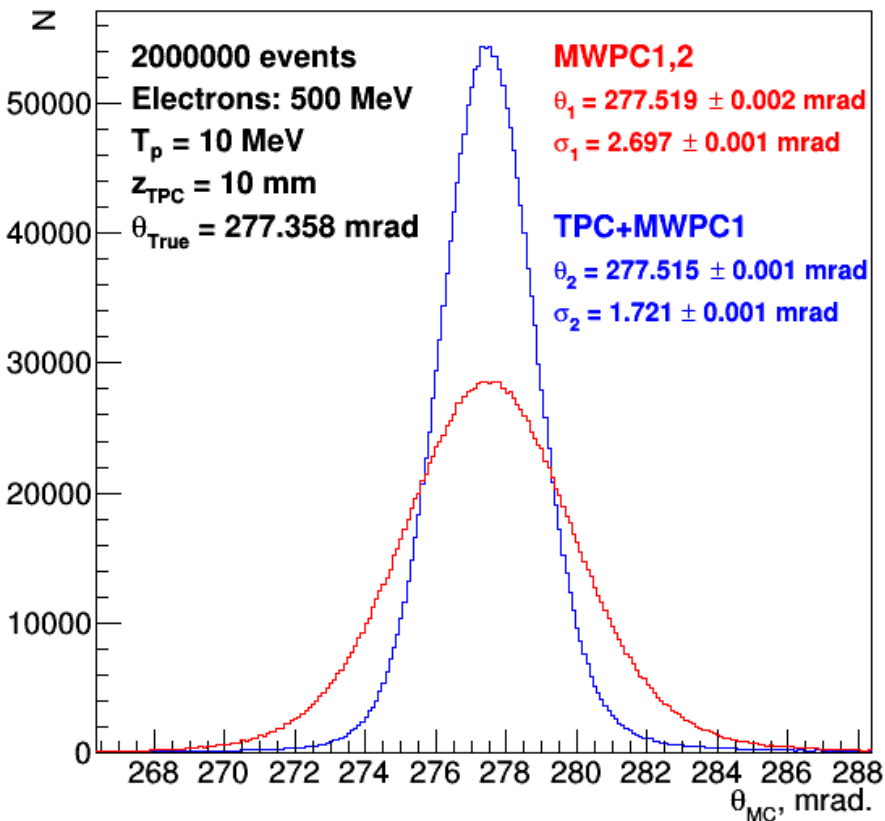
$$T_R^*(E^*, \theta_e) / T_R = 1 + 3.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

Peak asymmetry due to radiation tail



T_R scale calibration via T_R - θ_e correlation

With correction for the electron energy loss in TPC
and correction for asymmetry due to radiation tail



$$T_R^*(E_0, \theta_e) / T_R = 1 + 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$T_R^*(E^*, \theta_e) / T_R = 1 + 3.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

$$T_R^*(E^*, \theta_e^*) / T_R = 1 + 0.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

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