

# Initial state radiation experiment @ MAMI

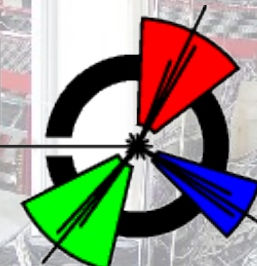
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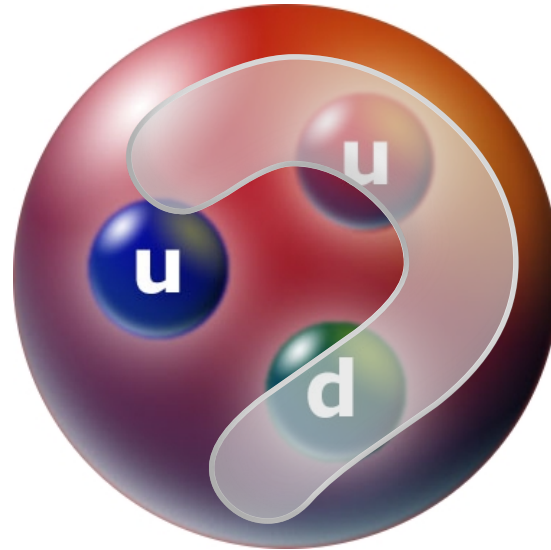
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# What is the size of the proton?



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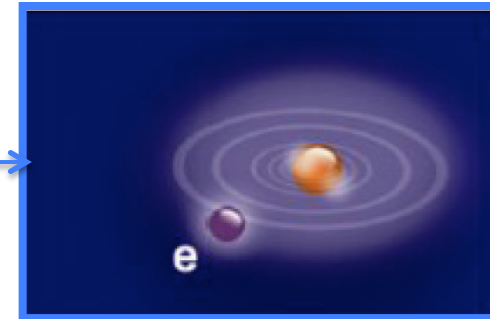
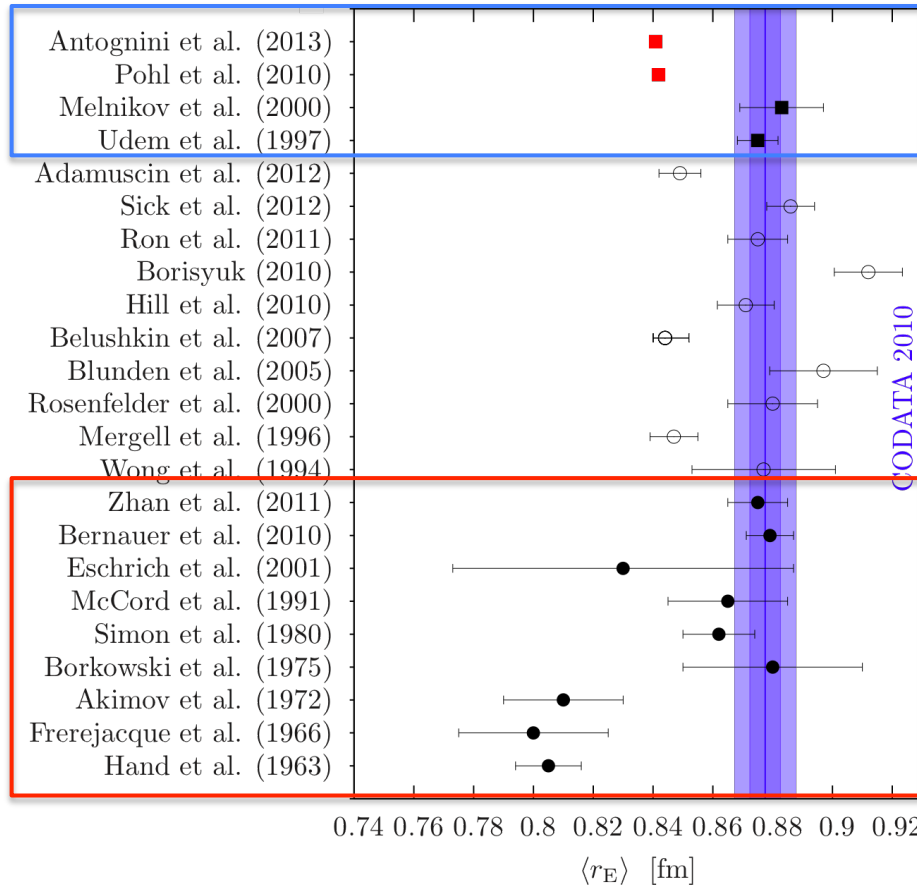


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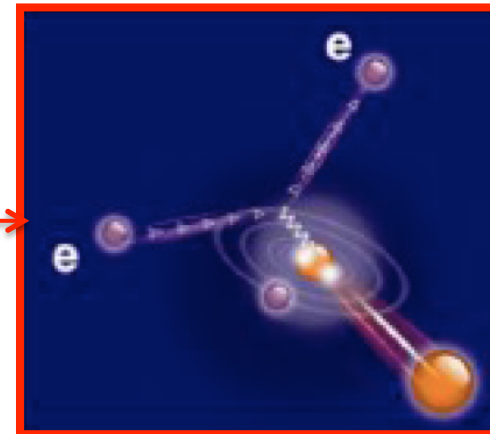


After 50 year of research is the size of the proton still not understood to a desirable accuracy!

# The proton radius puzzle



Atomic spectroscopy



V. Sulkosky

Scattering experiments

- Many different measurements done through the years.
- New  $\mu$ -p Lamb shift measurement,  $7\sigma$  away.
- Further investigations necessary.

# Elastic Cross-Section measurement

- Radius can be obtained by measuring cross section of  $H(e, e')p$ :

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

$$\varepsilon = \left[ 1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2 \frac{\vartheta_e}{2} \right]^{-1} \quad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4m_p^2},$$

- Extraction of FF via Rosenbluth, Super-Rosenbluth Separation:

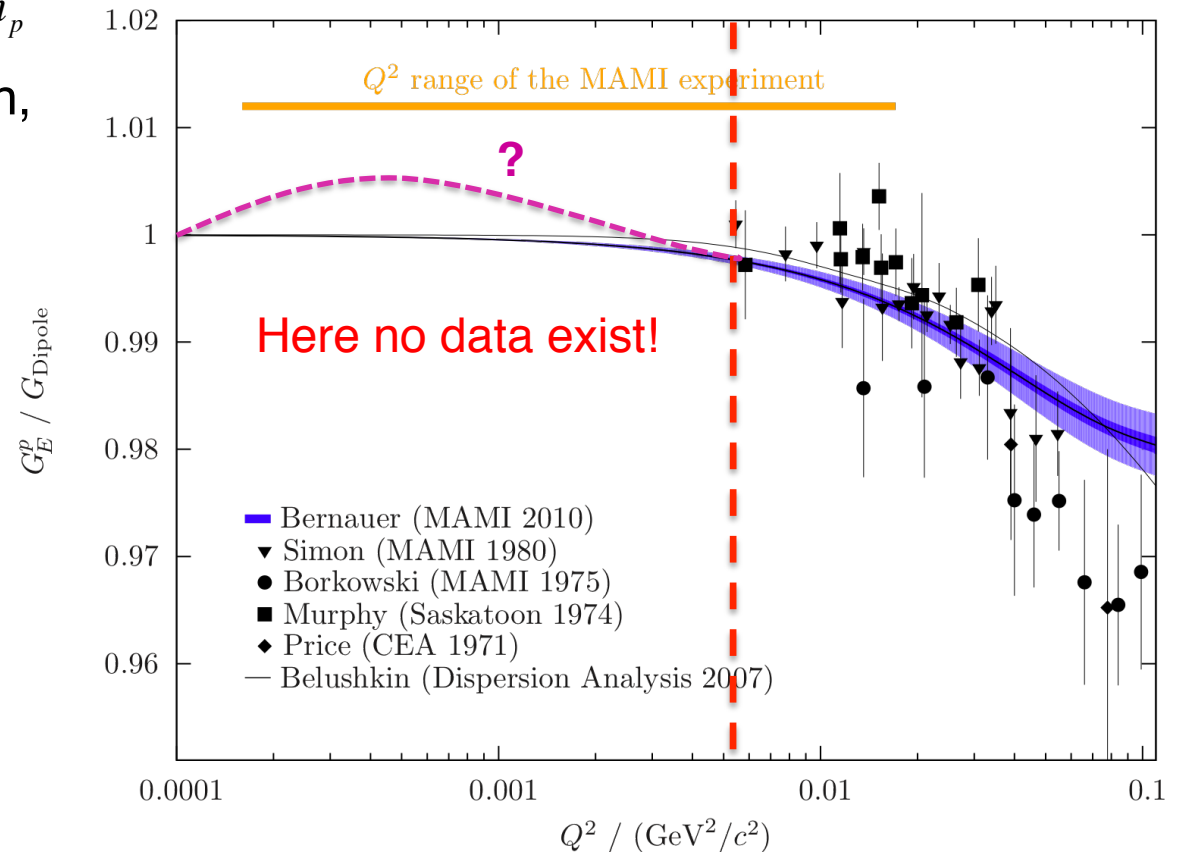
$$G_E(Q^2) \approx G^{Dipole}(Q^2) = \left( 1 + \frac{Q^2}{0.71} \right)^{-2}$$

- Best estimate for radius:

$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle = -6\hbar^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} G_E(Q^2) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$$

$$\rho_{Dipole}(r) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left( \frac{12}{\langle r_E^2 \rangle} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp \left( -r \sqrt{\frac{12}{\langle r_E^2 \rangle}} \right)$$

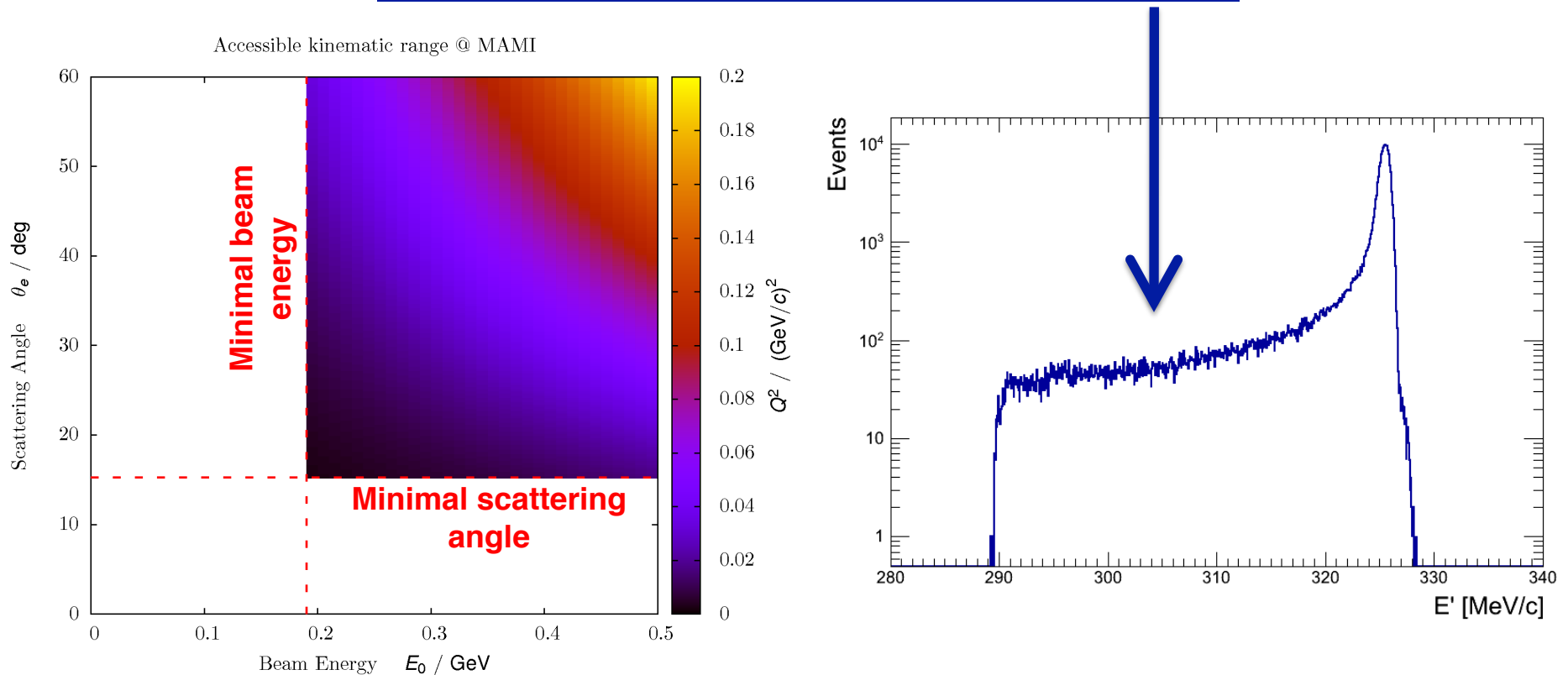
No data at lowest  $Q^2$ . Determination of proton radius depends on the slope of FF ( $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ ).



# Exploiting the radiative tail

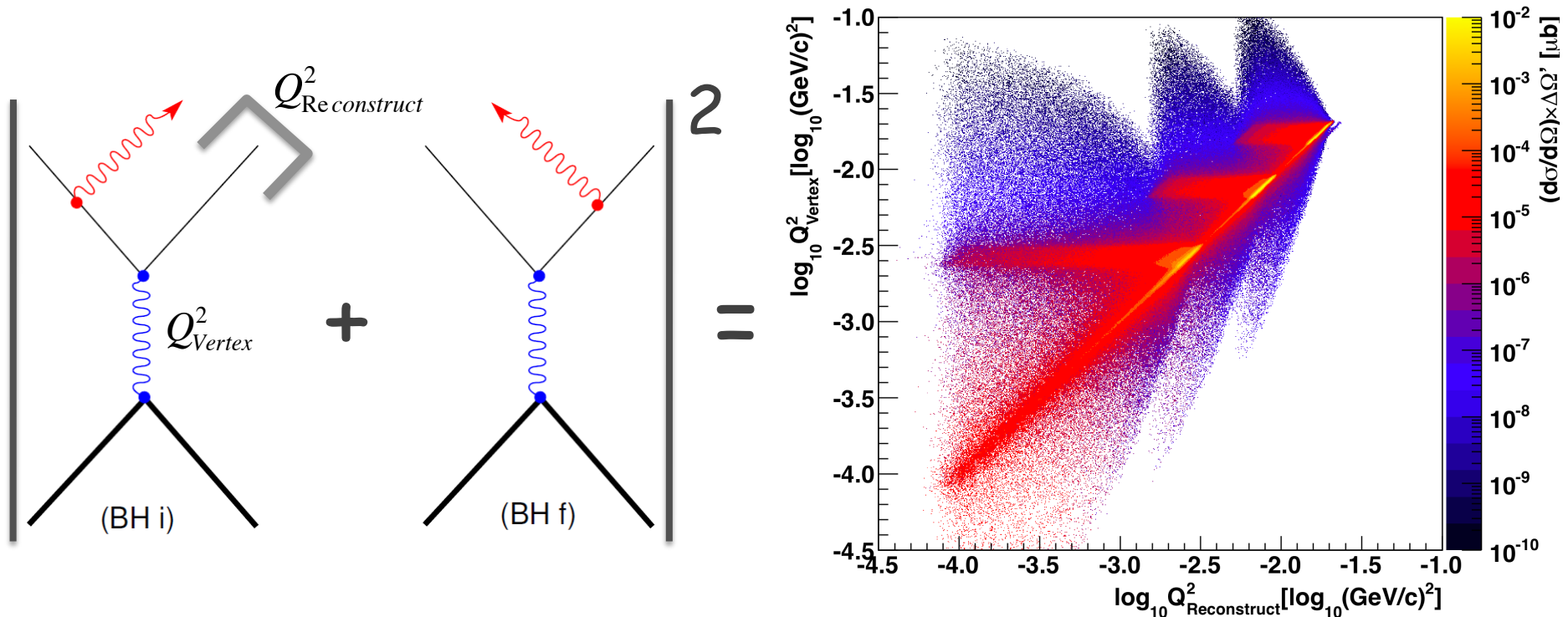
- To test the behavior of FFs at  $Q^2 \sim 0$ , elastic cross-section measurements at lower  $Q^2$  would be needed.
- Lowest  $Q^2$  is constrained by the limitations of experimental apparatus (beam energy, scattering angle ...).

**WAY AROUND:** Use information stored in the radiative tail.



# Initial state radiation

- Radiative tail dominated by coherent sum of two Bethe-Heitler diagrams.

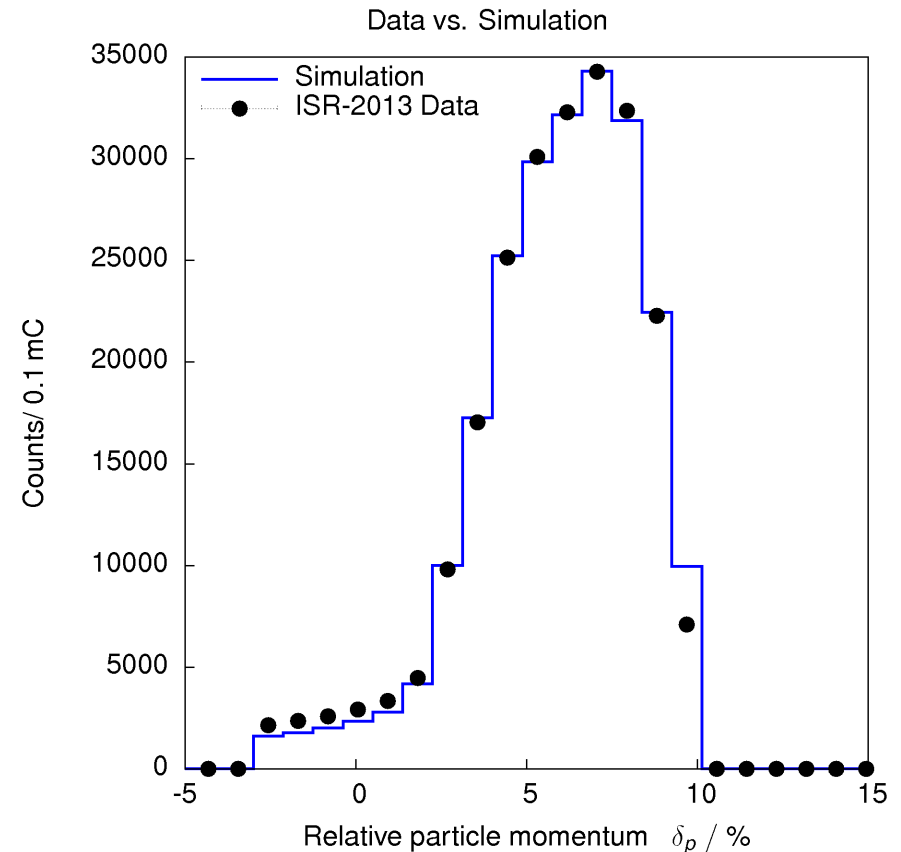


- In data ISR can not be distinguished from FSR.
- **Combining data to the simulation, ISR information can be reached.**
- Idea behind new MAMI experiment to extract  $G_e^p$  at  $Q^2 \sim 10^{-4} (\text{GeV}/c)^2$
- Redundancy measurements at higher  $Q^2$  for testing this approach in a region, where FFs are well known.

# Simul++

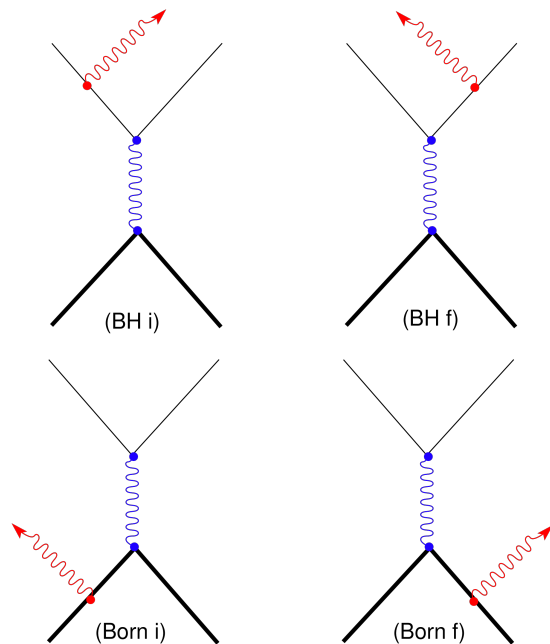
- In the experiment **the  $G_e^p$  will not be directly extracted** from data.
- FF are camouflaged by effects that accompany FSR and ISR diagrams (Born diagrams, vertex corrections).
- Approach analogous to Bernauer et al. will be used, where **simulated distributions are directly compared to measured data**.
- Simulate **ep→e $\gamma$**  with a sophisticated Monte-Carlo simulation `Simul++`.
- Simulation will be run with various values of  $G_E^p$ . Contribution of  $G_M^p$  is neglected @  $Q^2 \sim 0$ .
- Final values of FFs will be determined by a  $\chi^2$ -minimization.

Searching for  $G_e^p$  which gives the best agreement between data and simulation

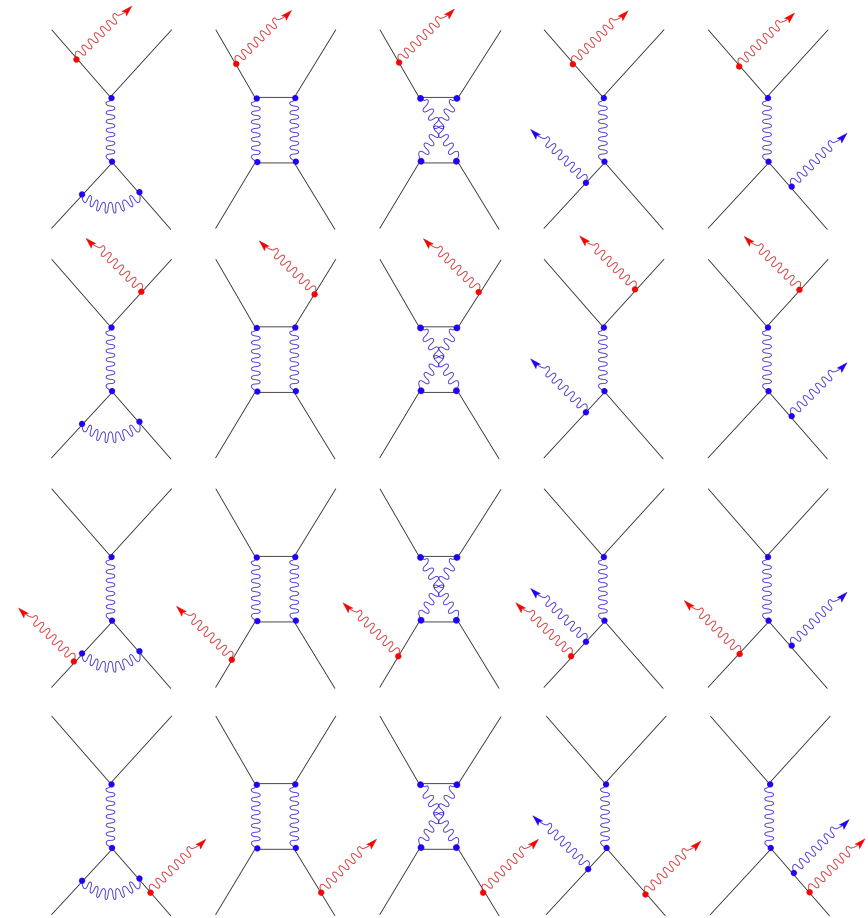


# Going beyond simple approximation

- Simul++ employs an advanced event generator, **which exactly calculates amplitudes for four leading order diagrams.**



- Next order terms considered via effective correction to the cross-section.



- Precise spectrometer acceptances, particle energy-losses and rescatterings are also implemented.

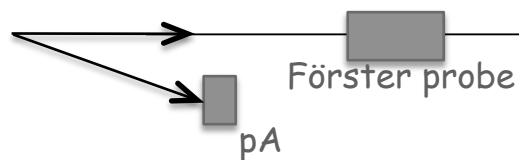


# First experiment

- First measurements done in 2010. Three weeks of data taking. (2 weeks with full target, 1 week with empty target)
- **Purpose:** Is the experiment feasible? Discover potential problems.

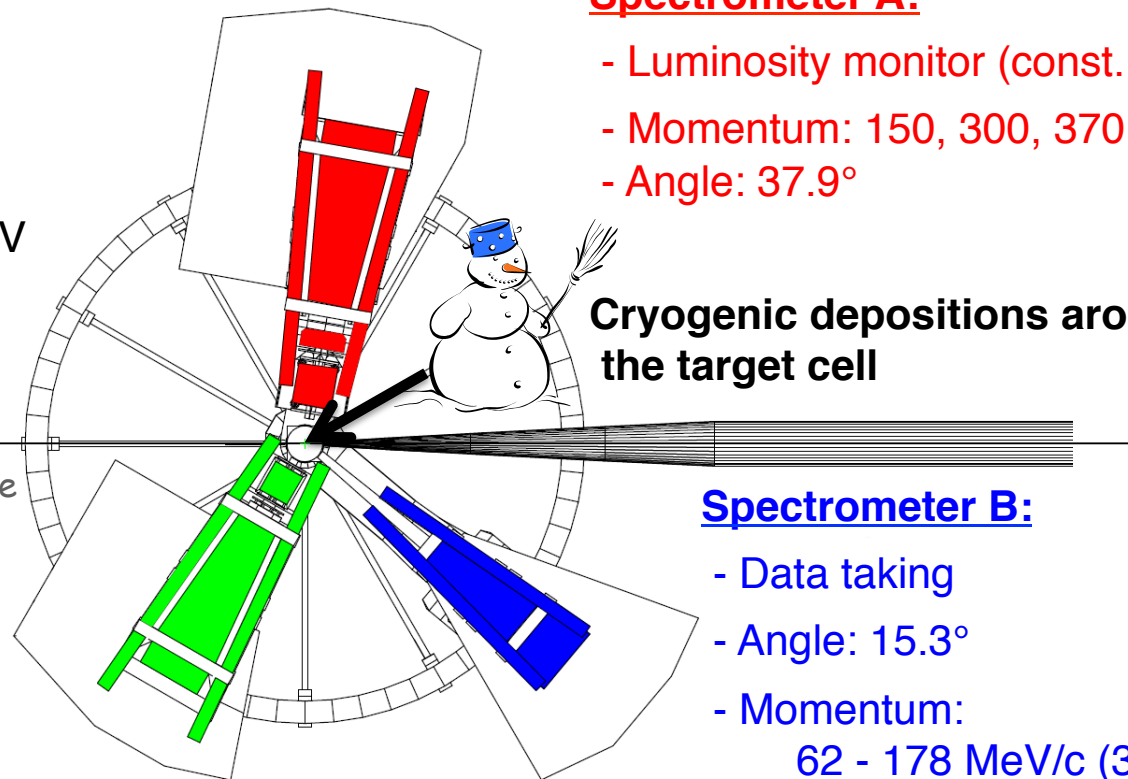
## Electron Beam:

- Energy: 195, 330, 495 MeV
- Current: 10nA – 1 $\mu$ A
- Rastered beam



## Luminosity monitors:

- pA-meter
- Förster probe



## Spectrometer A:

- Luminosity monitor (const. setting)
- Momentum: 150, 300, 370 MeV/c
- Angle: 37.9°

**Cryogenic depositions around the target cell**

## Spectrometer B:

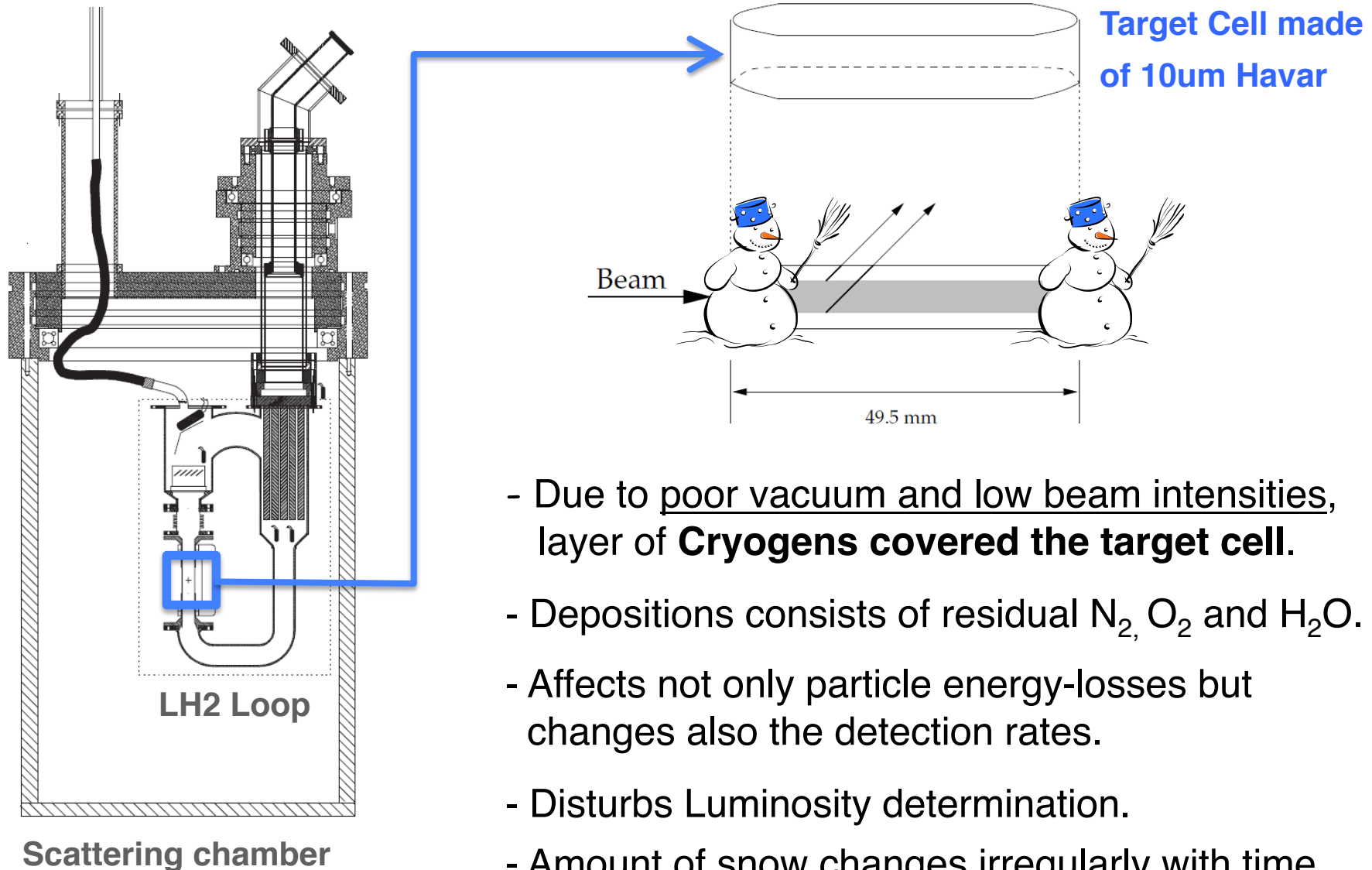
- Data taking
- Angle: 15.3°
- Momentum:
  - 62 - 178 MeV/c (35 setups)
  - 167 - 313 MeV/c (9 setups)
  - 236 - 468 MeV/c (16 setups)

## Spectrometer C:

- Not used

# Major handicap of the pilot experiment

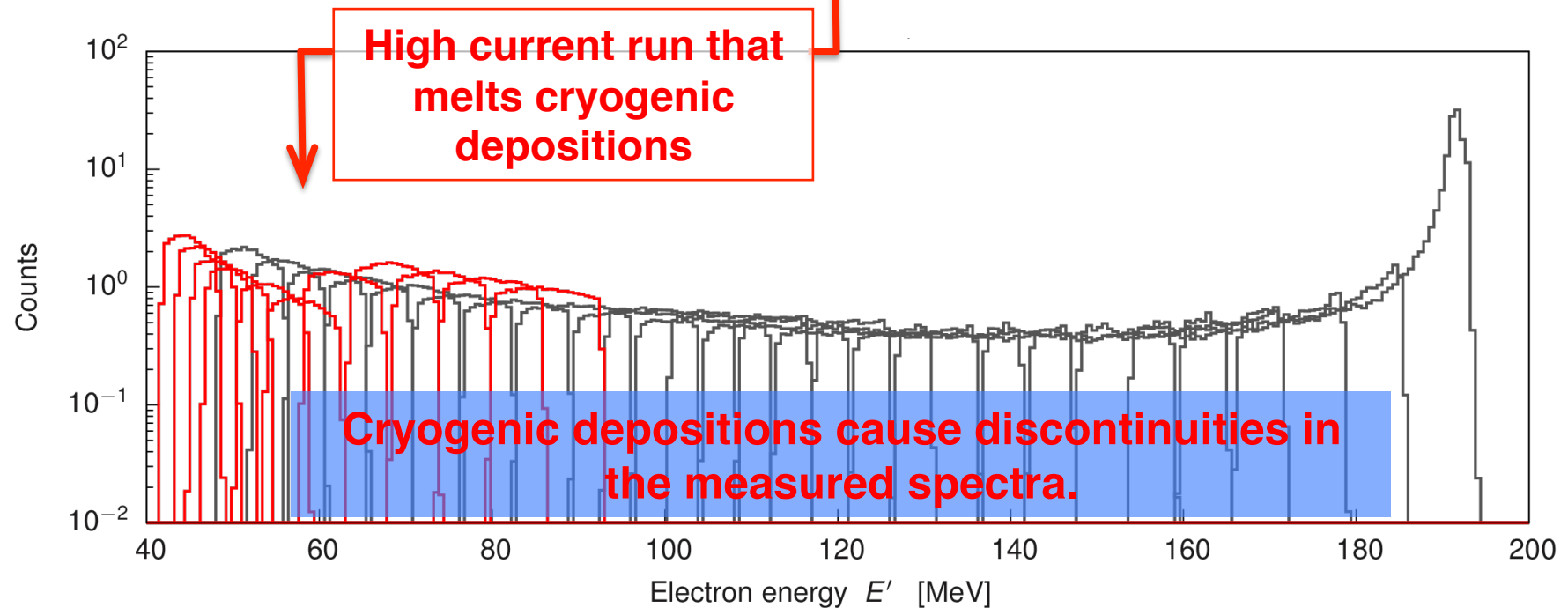
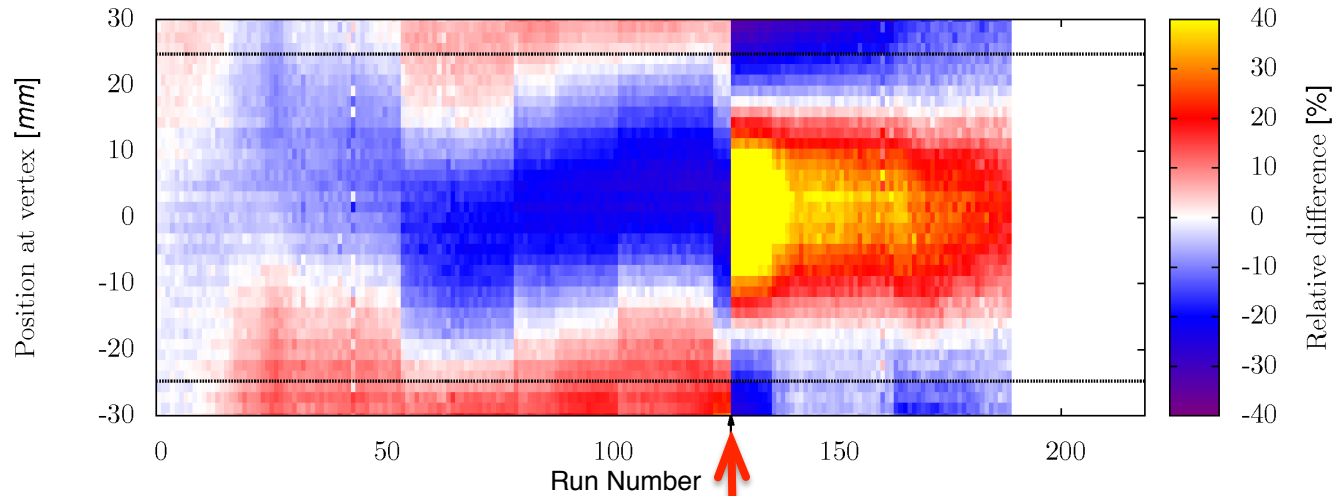
- Experiment utilizes a standard Liquid-Hydrogen target.



- Due to poor vacuum and low beam intensities, layer of **Cryogenics covered the target cell.**
- Depositions consists of residual  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$  and  $H_2O$ .
- Affects not only particle energy-losses but changes also the detection rates.
- Disturbs Luminosity determination.
- Amount of snow changes irregularly with time.

# Effects of cryogenic depositions

Old data

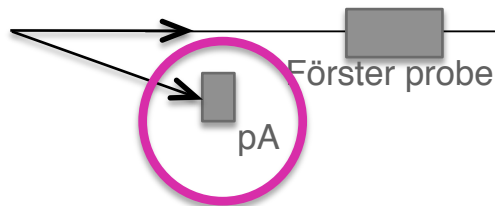


# Full experiment

- Full experiment done in August 2013. Four weeks of data taking.

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## Luminosity monitors:

- pA-meter
- Förster probe
- **SEM**

## Spectrometer A:

- Luminosity monitor (const. setting)
- Momentum: 180, 305, 386 MeV/c
- Angles: 50°, 60°

## Spectrometer B:

- Data taking
- Angle: 15.3°
- Momentum:
  - 48 - 194 MeV/c (35 setups)
  - 156 - 326 MeV/c (12 setups)
  - 289 - 486 MeV/c (9 setups)

## Spectrometer C:

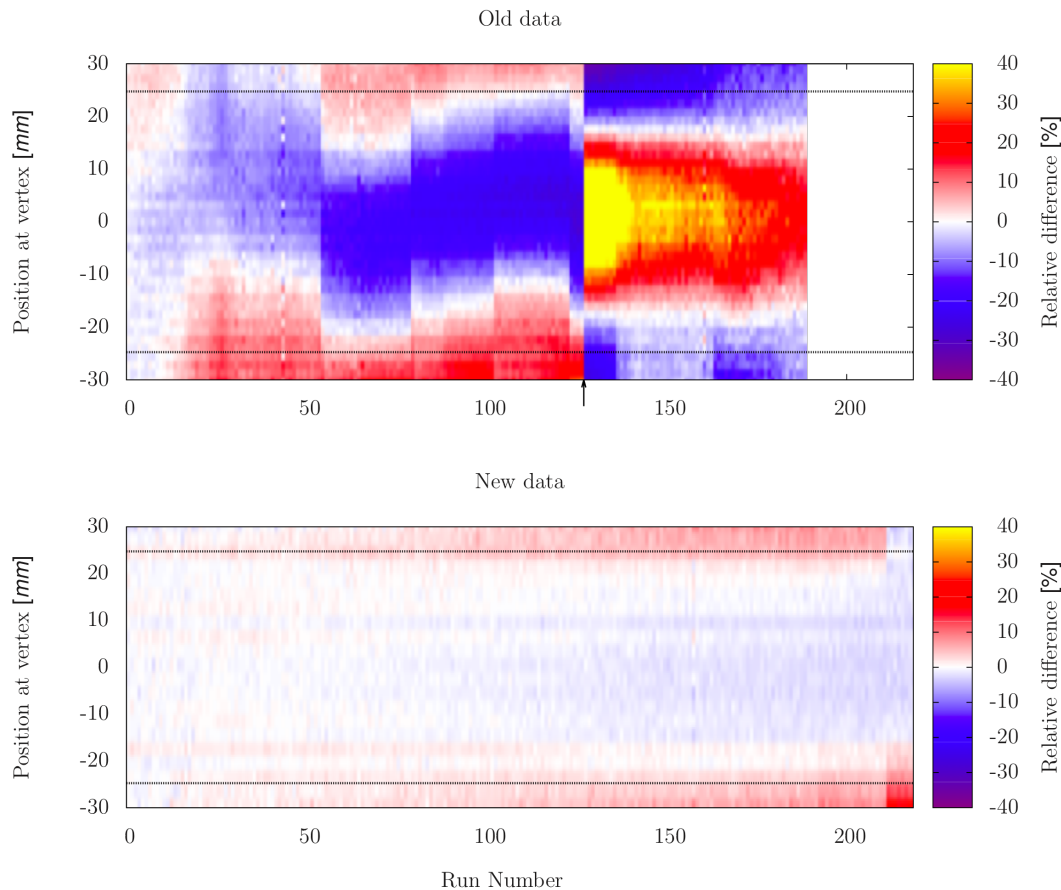
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## Beam control module:

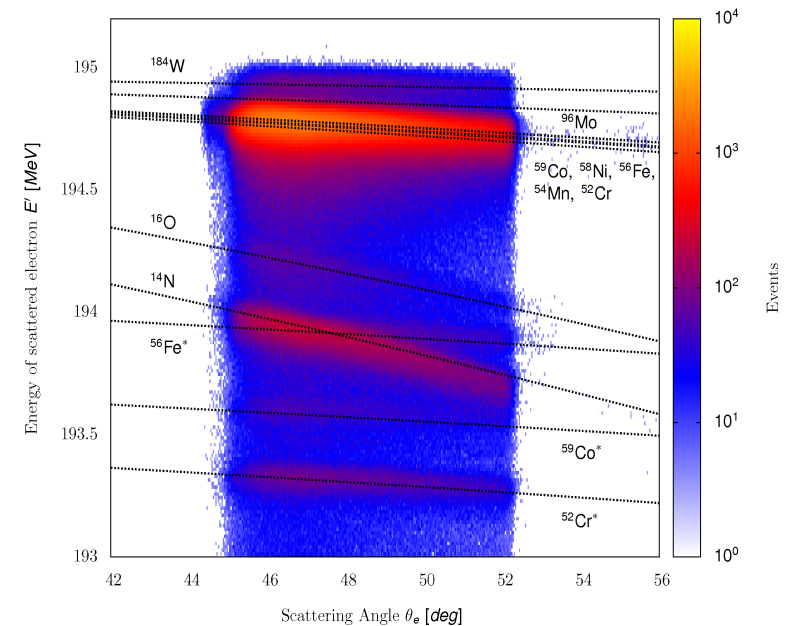
- Communicates with MAMI and ensures very stable beam.
- BPM and pA-meter measurements performed automatically every 3min.

# Minimizing cryogenic depositions

- Improved vacuum in target chamber ( $10^{-4} \rightarrow 10^{-6}$  mbar).
- New target windows with additional layer of Aramid.
- Fixing Spectrometer A to elastic settings to see effects of snow gathering more clearly.

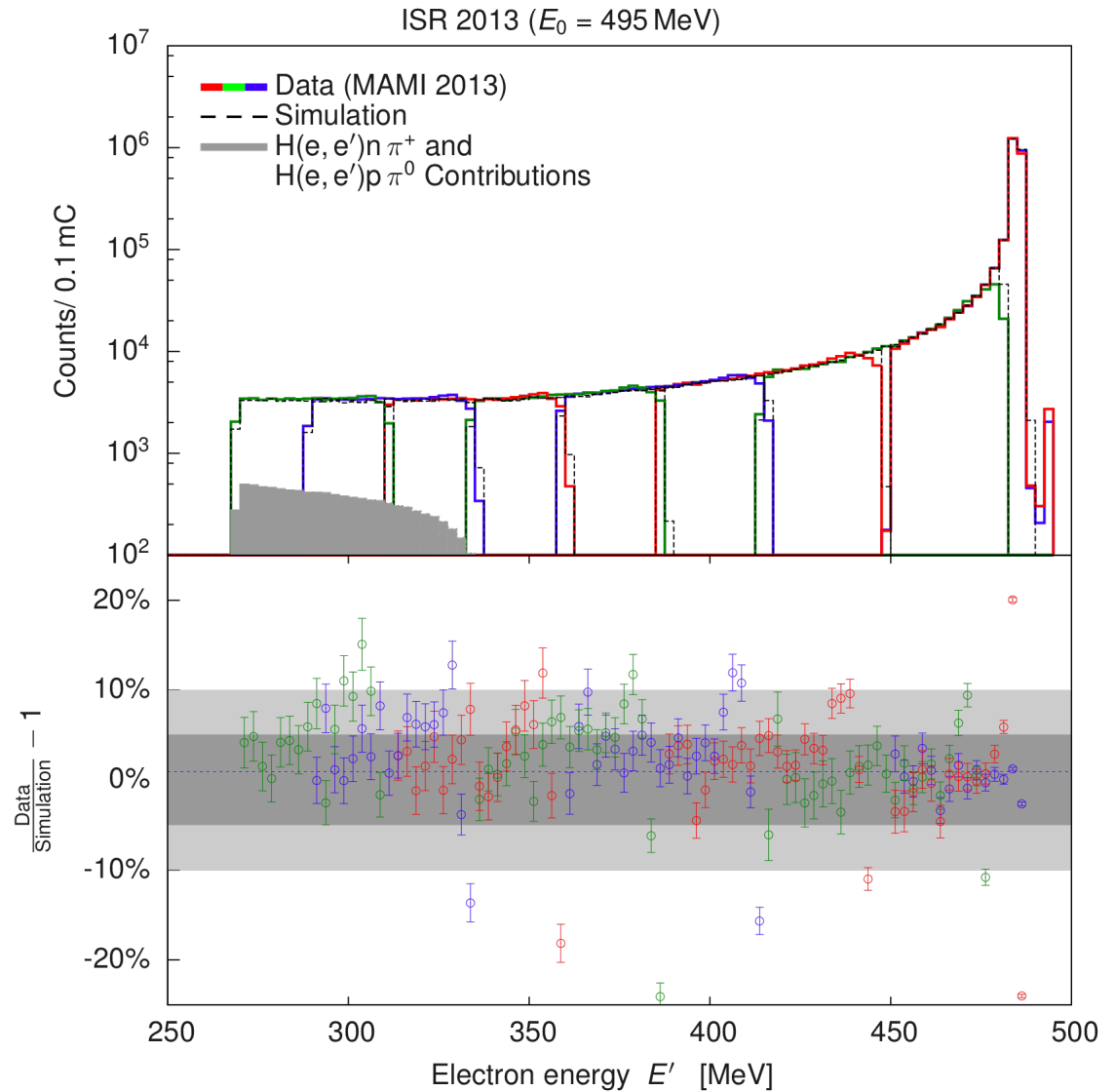


Spectrometer A has enough resolving power for clear identification of Nitrogen and Oxygen.



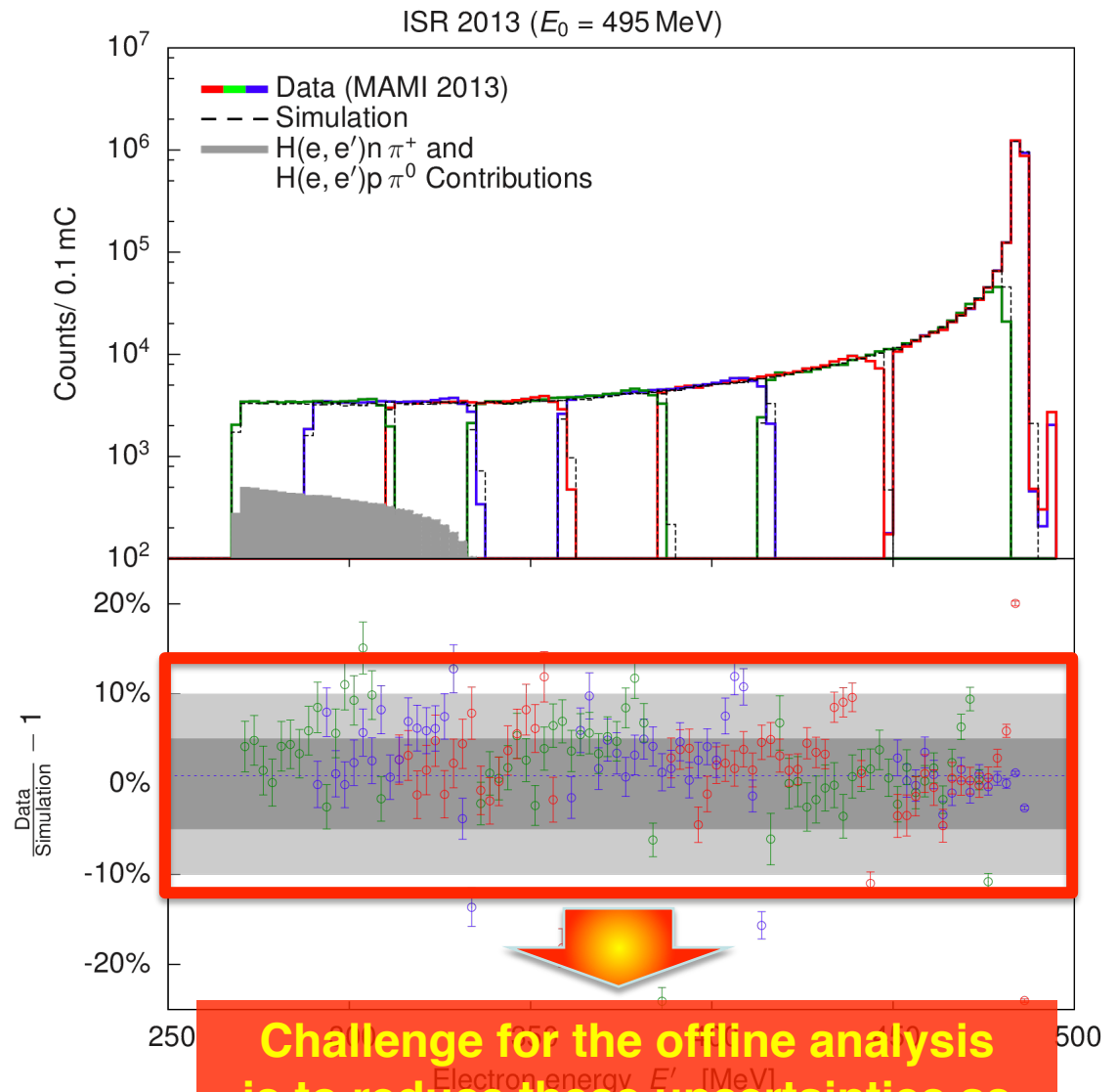
# First Results

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- Data are normalized to 0.1 mC using Förster probe & Spec-A.
- Only acceptance and Vertex-z cuts considered.
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# First Results #2

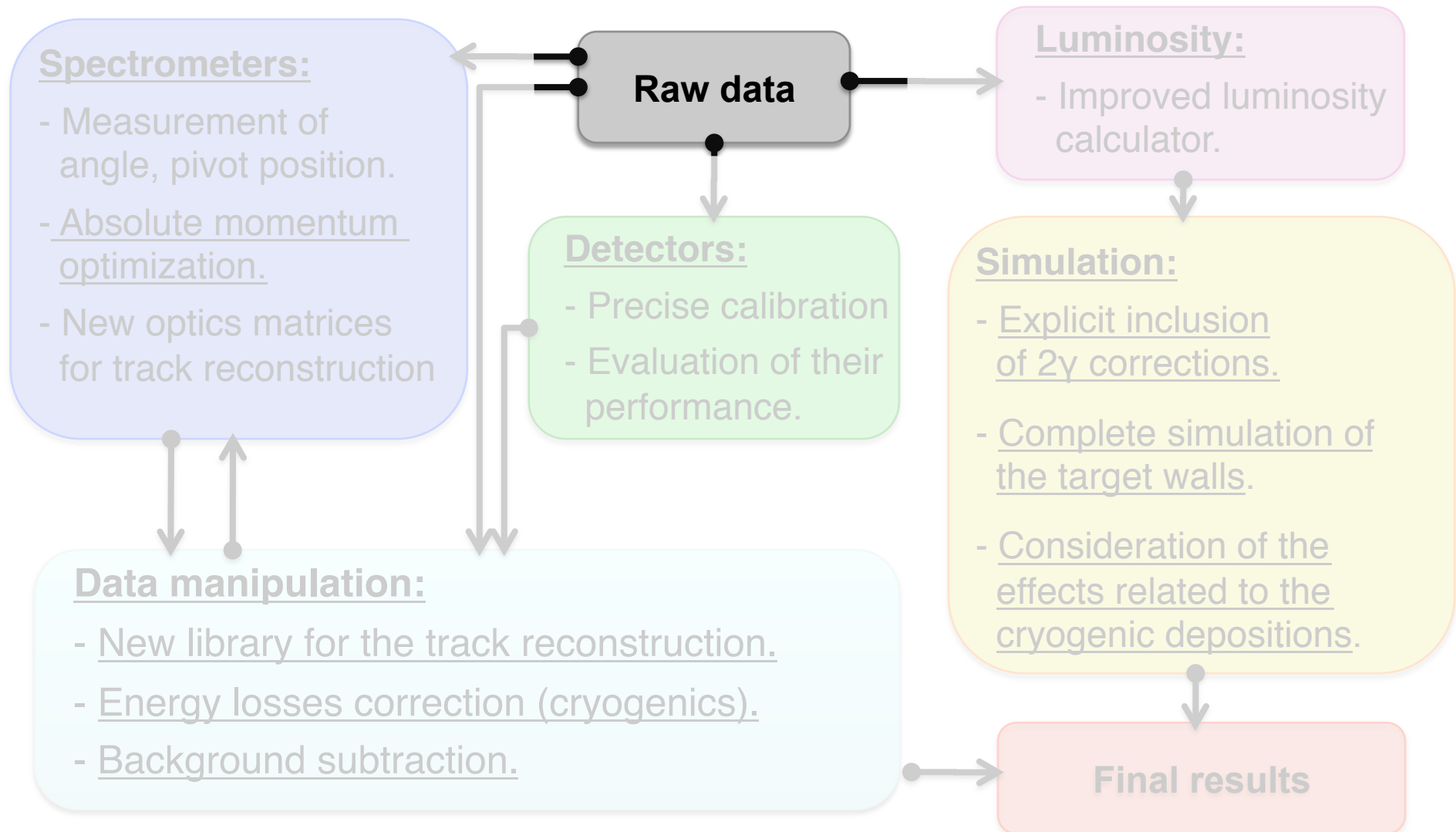
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**Challenge for the offline analysis is to reduce these uncertainties as much as possible!**

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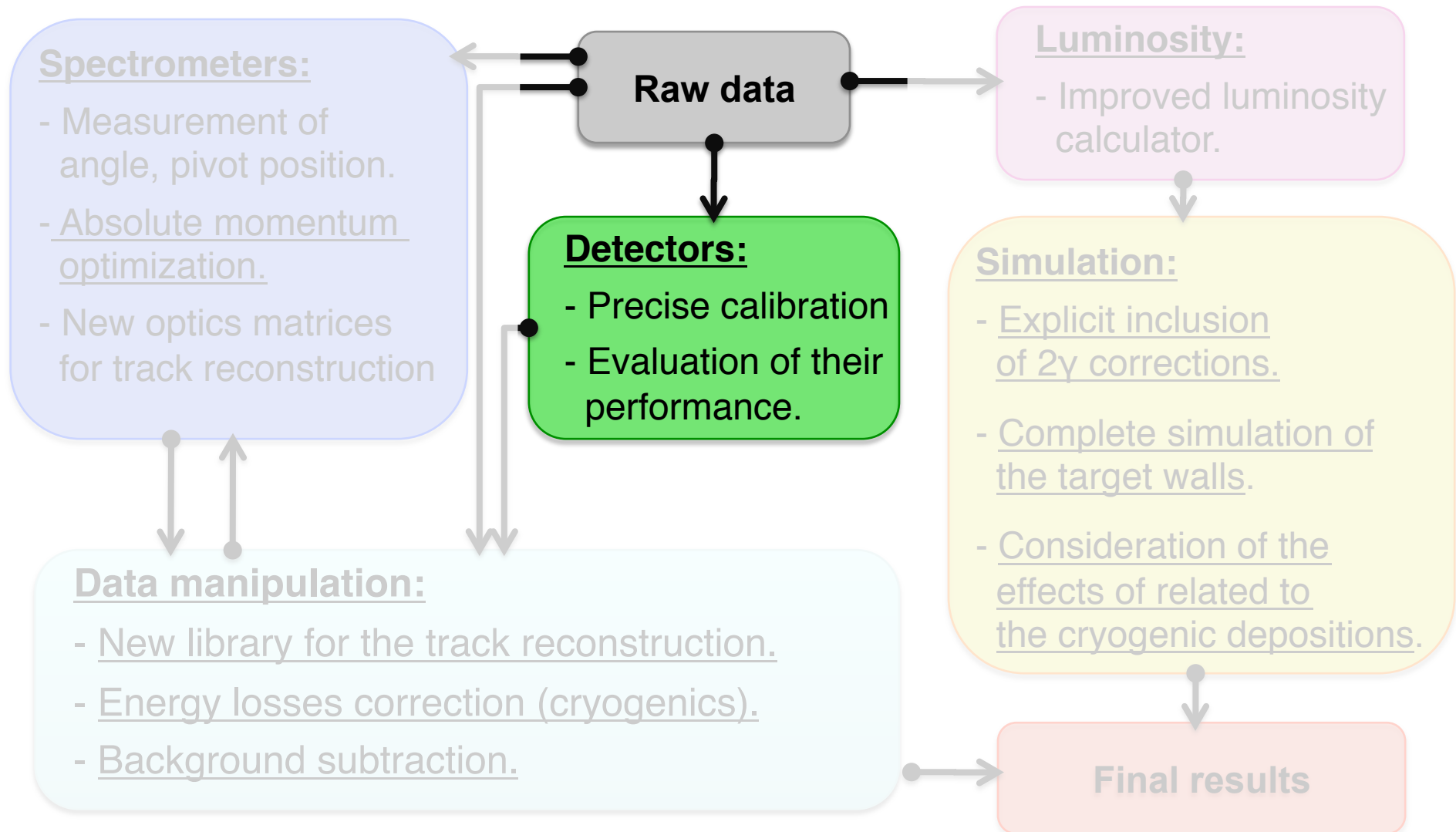
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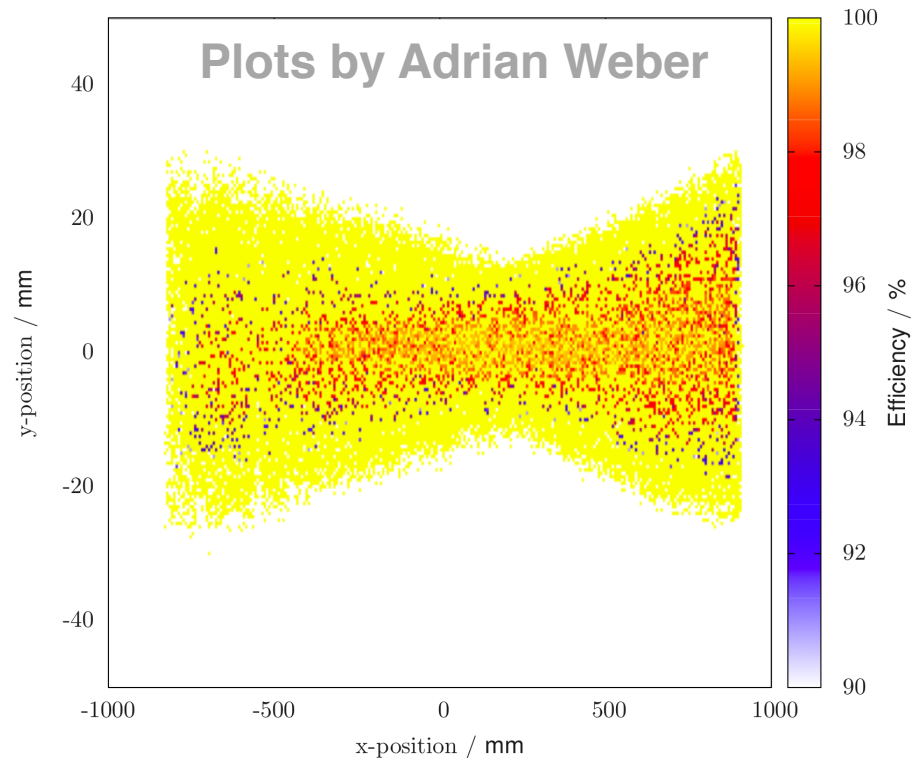
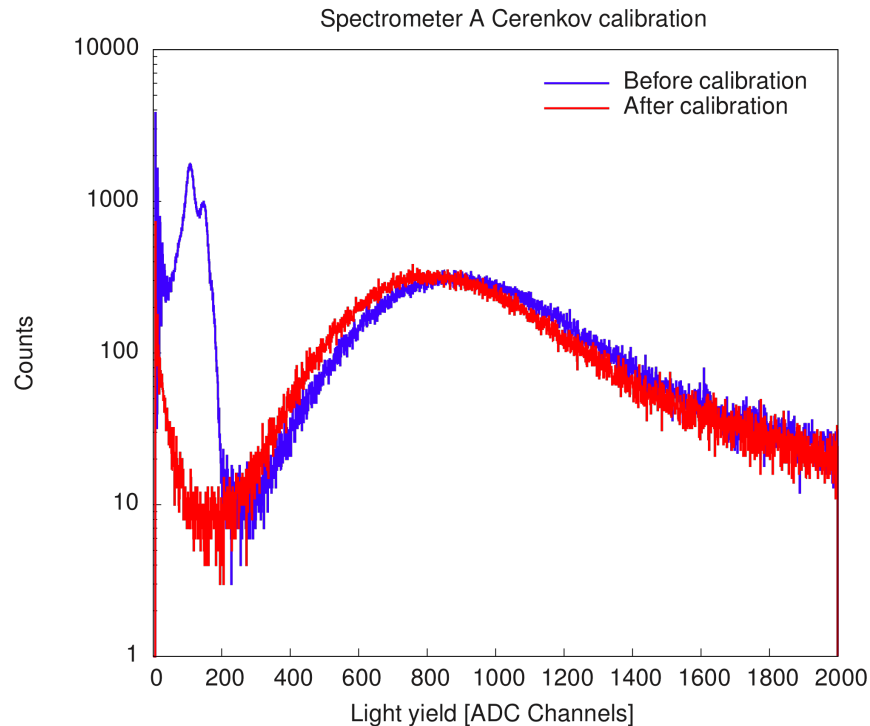
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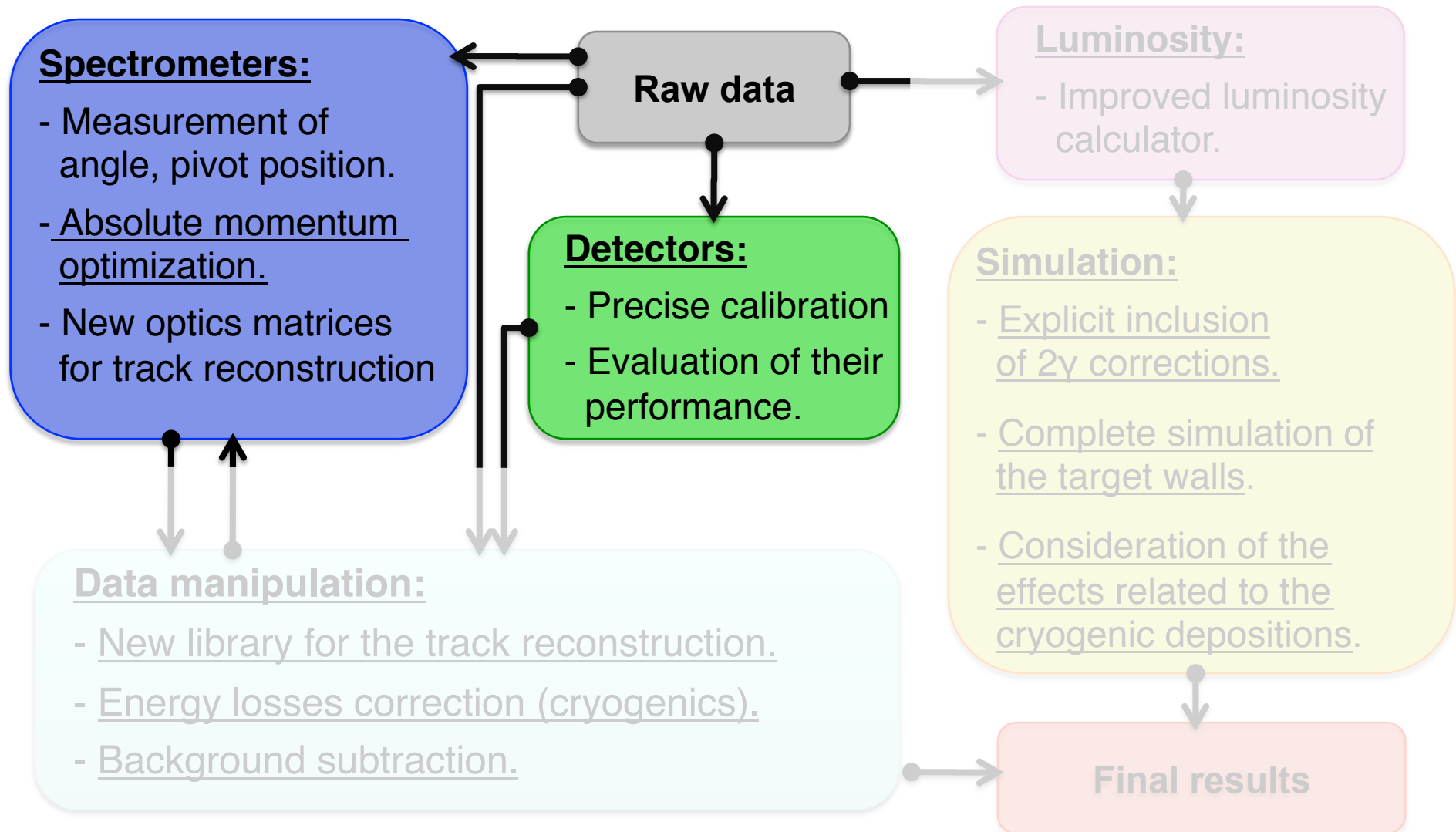
- **Cherenkov detector:** Pedestal subtraction and alignment of the ADC. Determination of the detection efficiency (99%).



- **Scintillation detectors:** Detection efficiency determination ( $\geq 98\%$ ).
- **VDC:** Precise efficiency studies revealed a room for improvements. New analysis library for the improved track reconstruction efficiency.

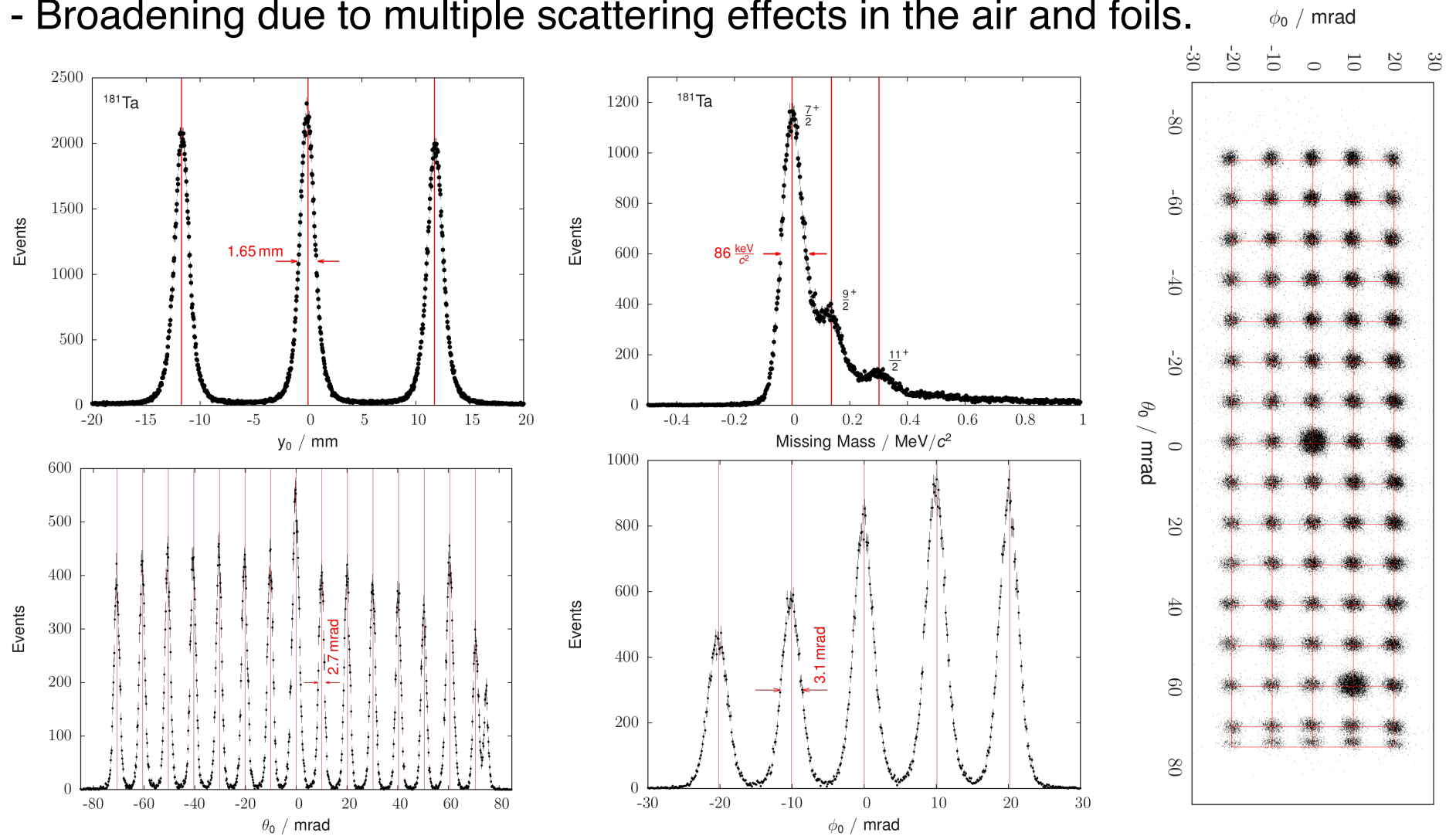
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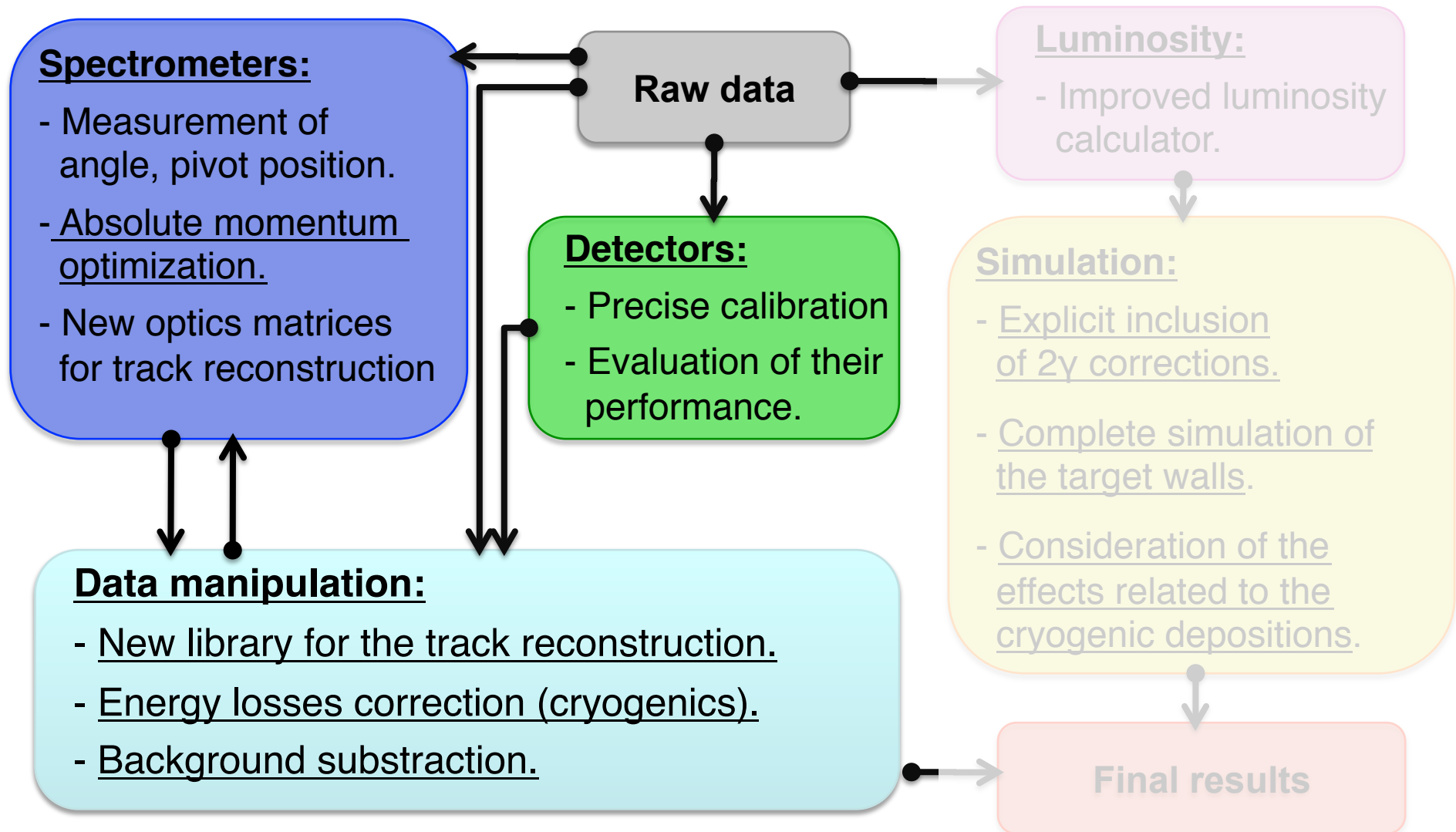
# Improved Spectrometer optics

- Dedicated 3-week optics calibration beam time.
- Data collected for all three considered beam energies.
- Broadening due to multiple scattering effects in the air and foils.



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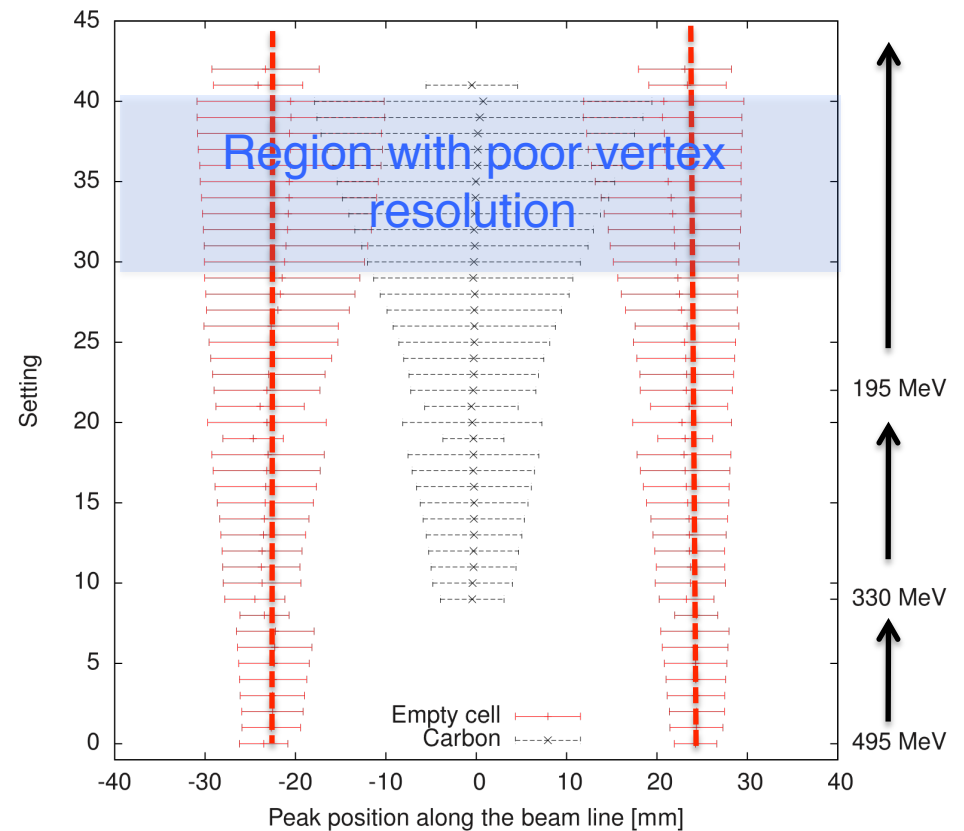
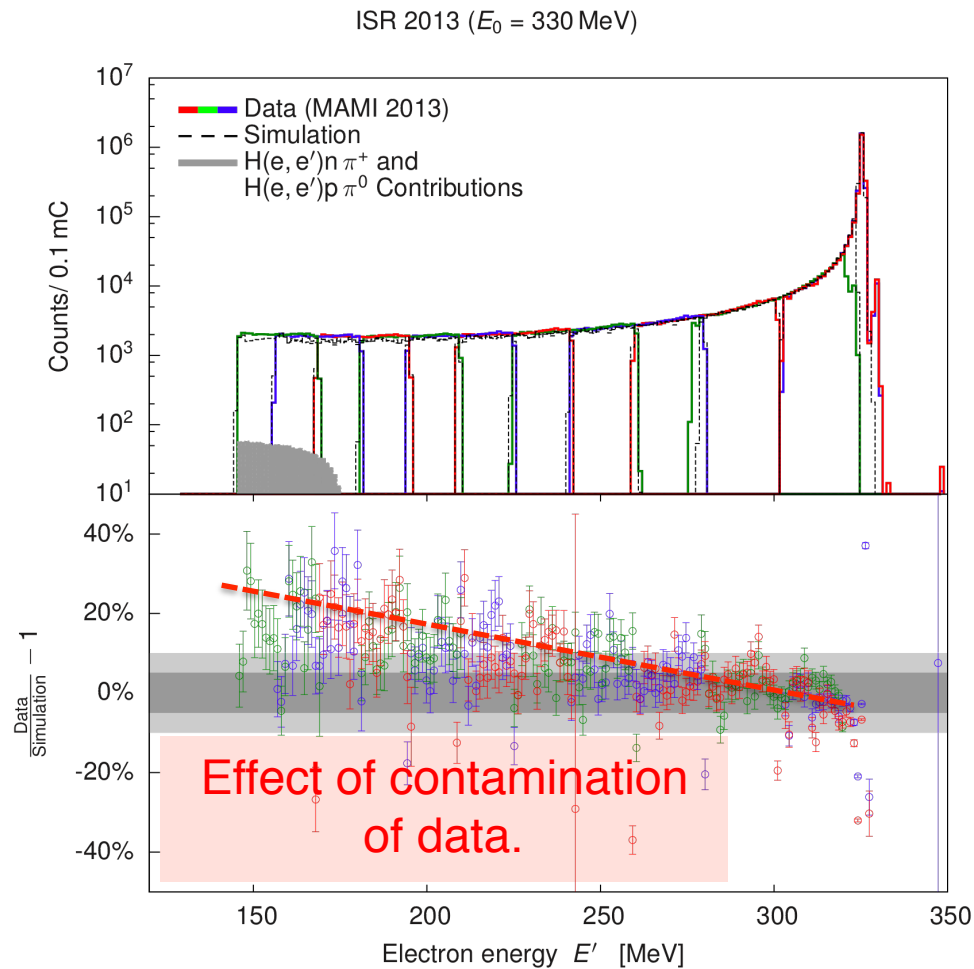


# Background subtraction

## - Subtraction of the empty cell data:

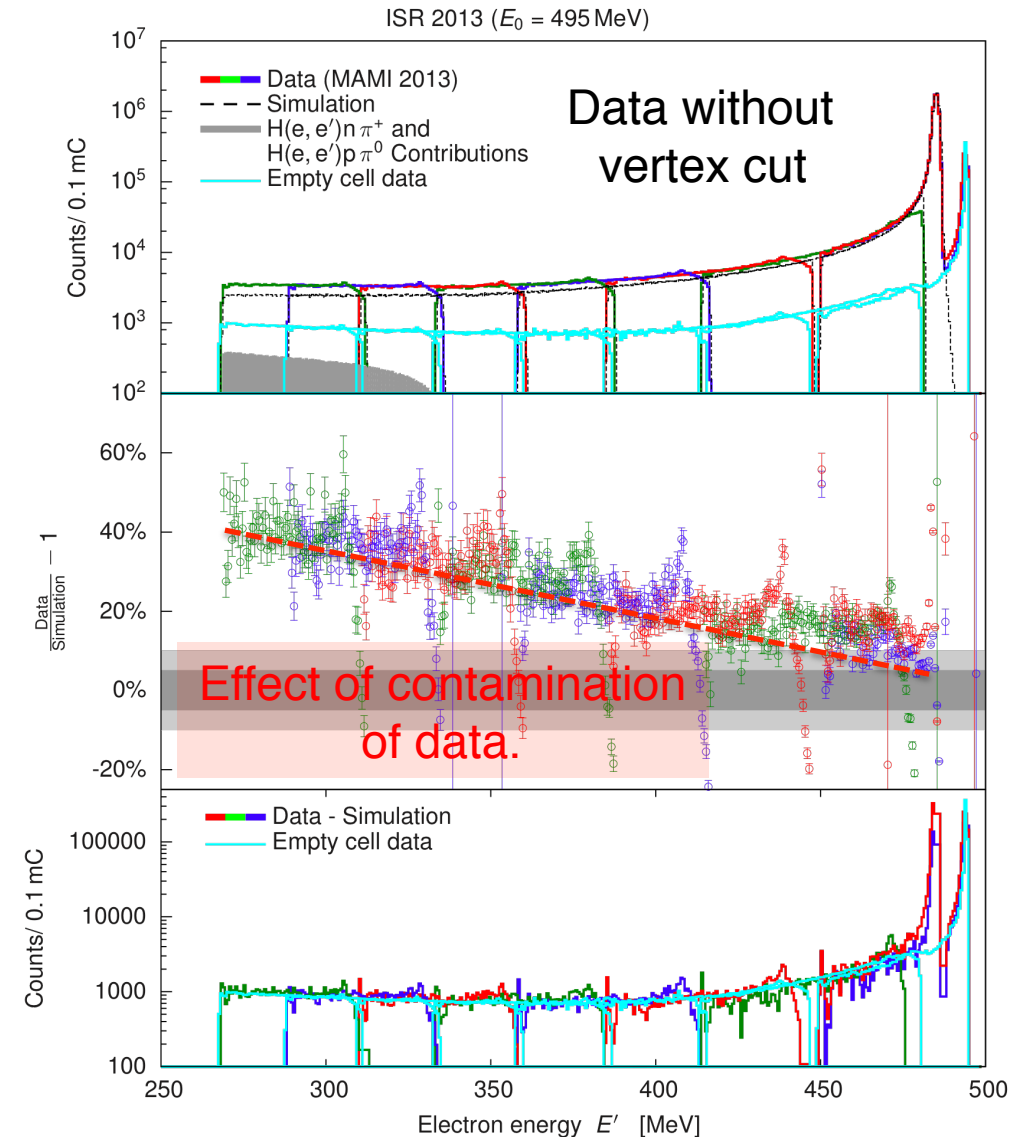
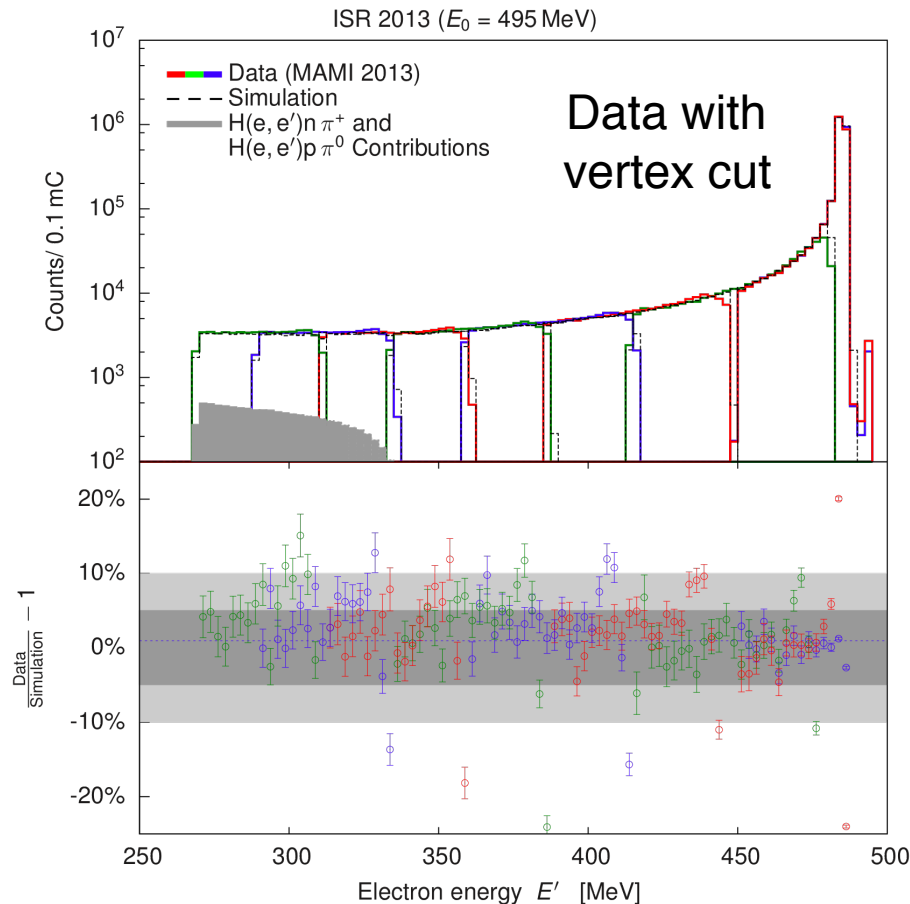
With the decreasing momentum the vertex resolution deteriorates.

Vertex cuts can no longer be successfully applied.



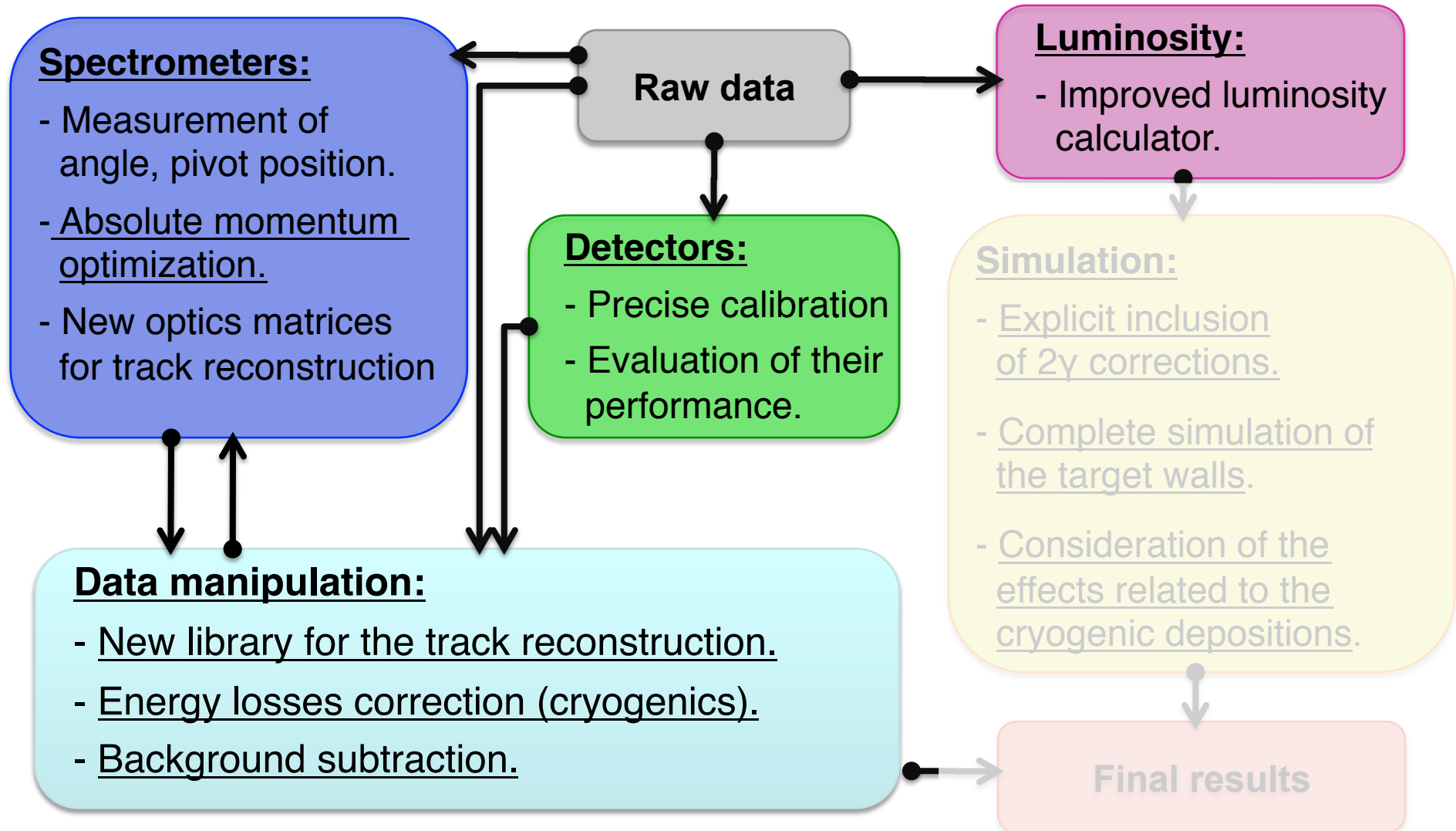
# Subtraction of the cell walls

- At low momenta vertex resolution insufficient for successful vertex cuts.
- LH2 data contaminated with events from walls.
- Empty cell data required. [They need to be tuned to full data!](#)



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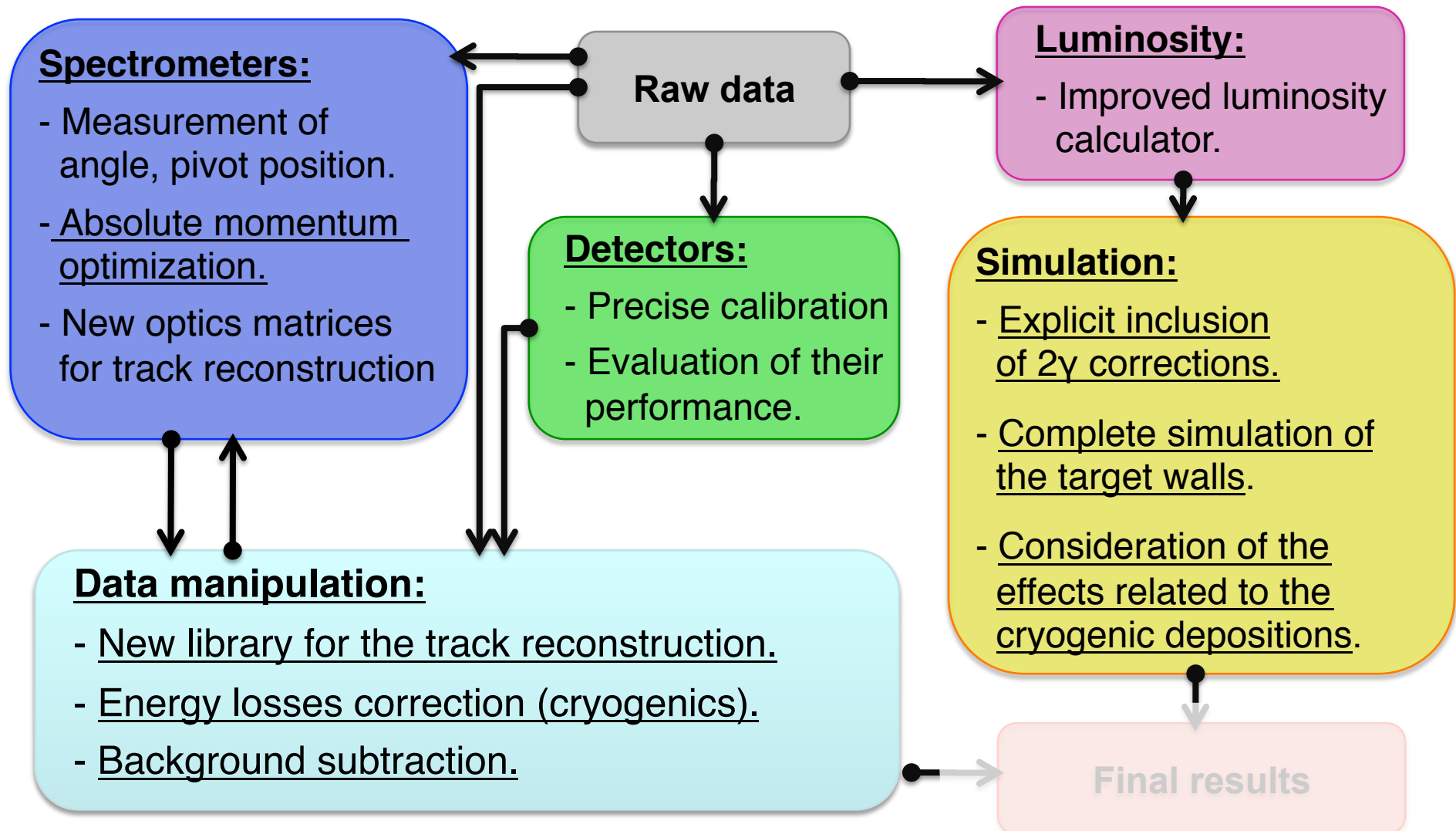
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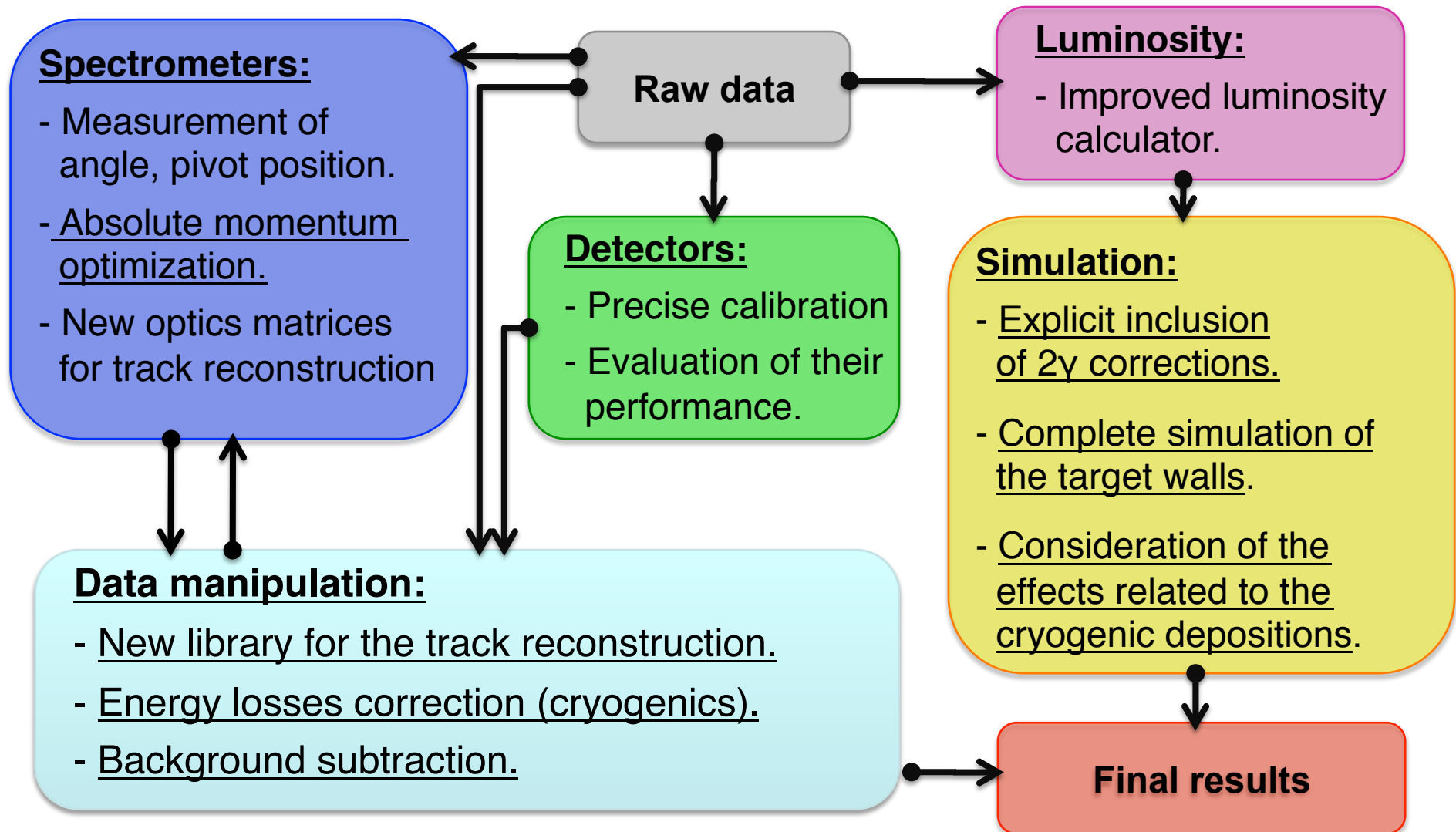
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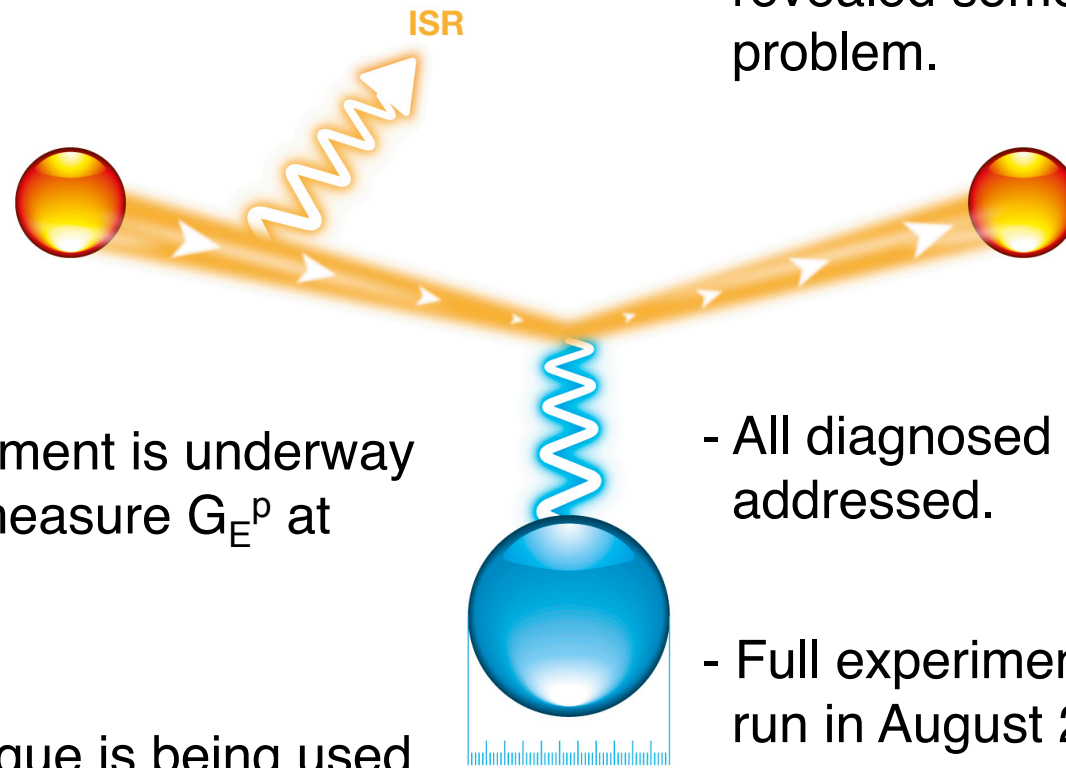
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# Conclusions

- Proton radius puzzle is an important open question of nuclear physics.

- First test measurements in 2010 proved the principle and revealed some experimental problem.



- A new experiment is underway at MAMI to measure  $G_E^p$  at very low  $Q^2$ .

- All diagnosed obstacles were addressed.

- A new technique is being used based on ISR, which exploits information from radiative tail to determine FF at lowest  $Q^2$ .

- Full experiment was successfully run in August 2013.

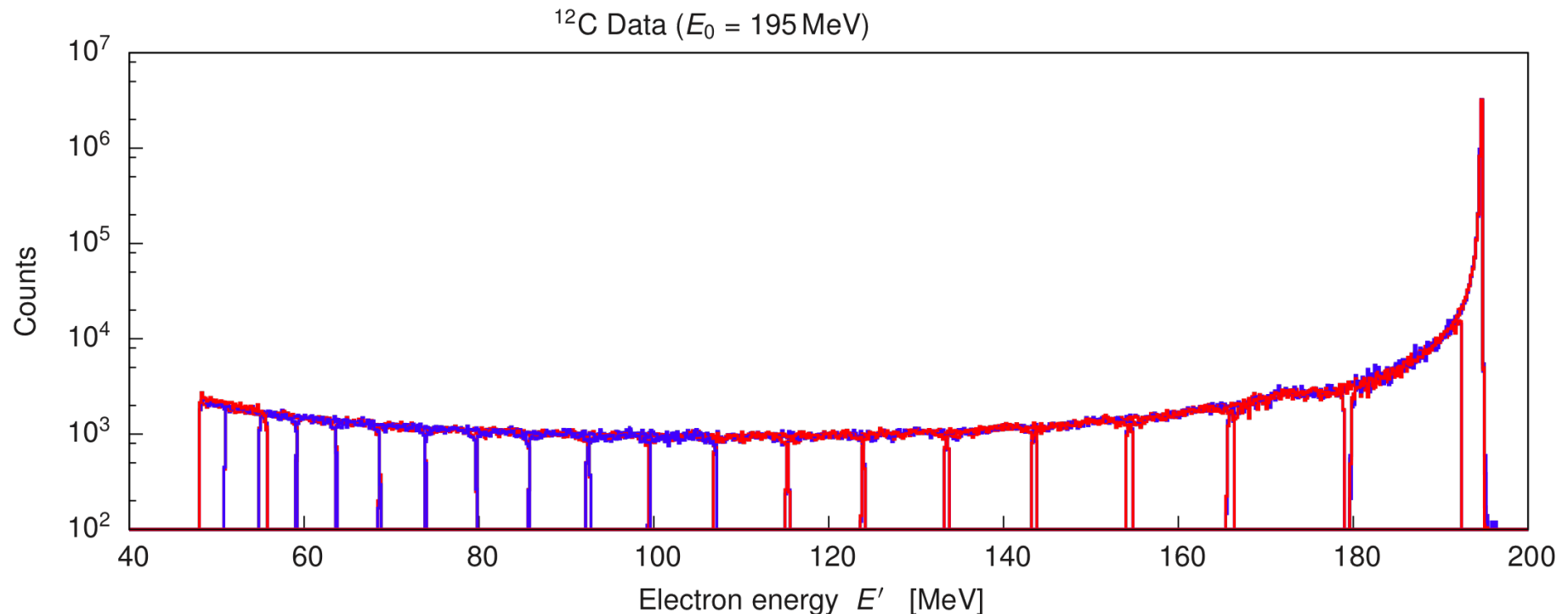
- **Data analysis is now underway.**



**Thank you !**

# Solid state $^{12}\text{C}$ data

- Old data showed discontinuities in the measured missing mass spectra.
- Effect most probably **consequence of cryogenic depositions**.
- Other explanations also possible (acceptance change at low missing momenta, other sources of background).
- Data with thin  $^{12}\text{C}$  target used to inspect the performance and stability of the apparatus.



# Kinematic settings of the full experiment

- Measured kinematic points and corresponding  $Q^2$  at vertex.
- Three kinematic regions overlap to verify ISR approach.

