

From deep inside to outer space: exploring neutron skins

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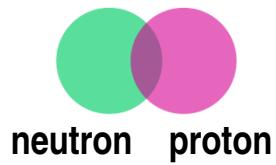
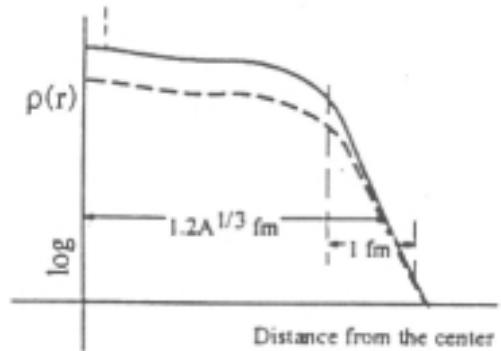
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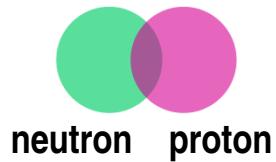
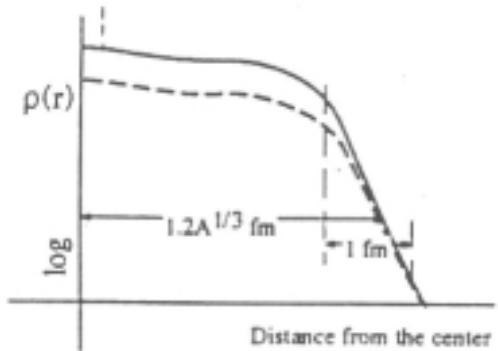
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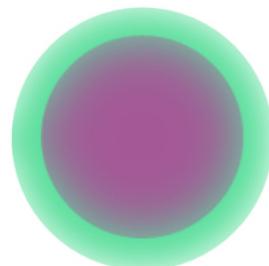
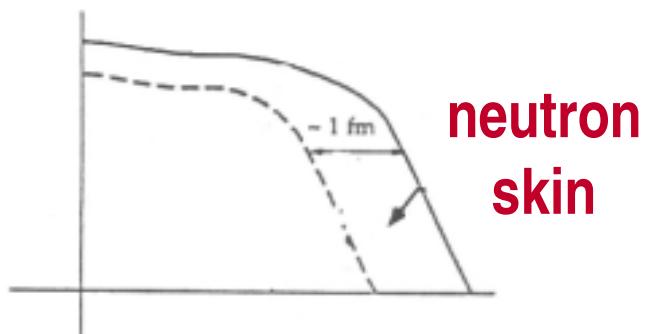


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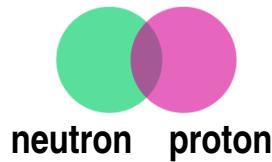
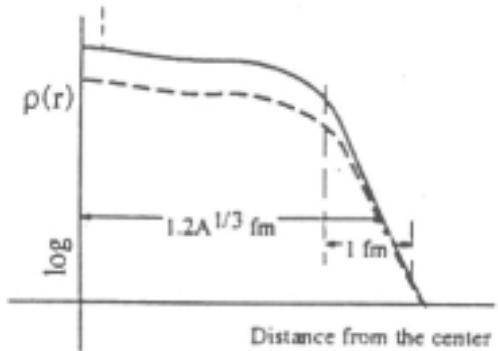


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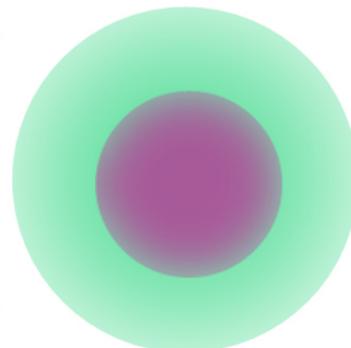
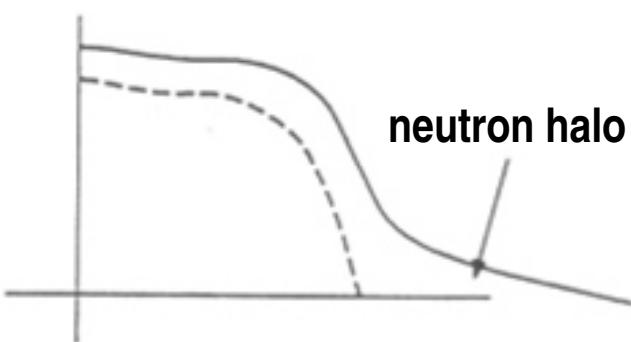
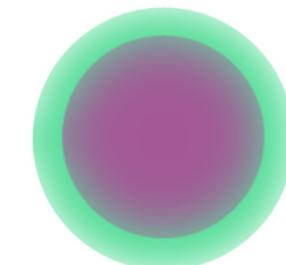
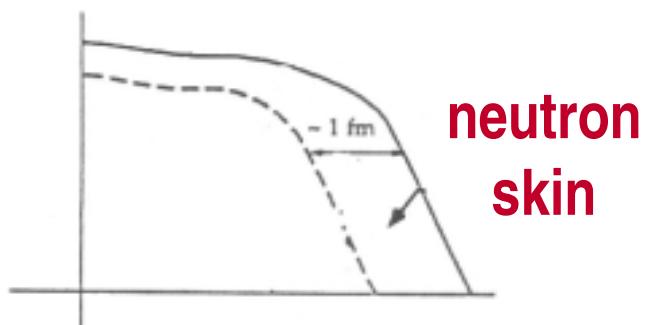


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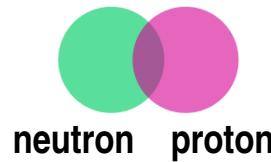
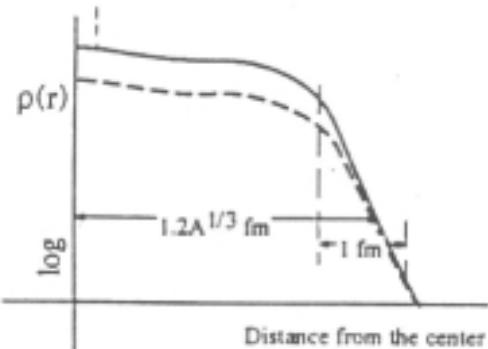


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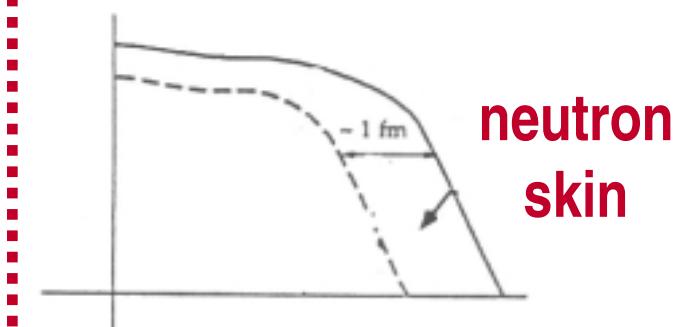


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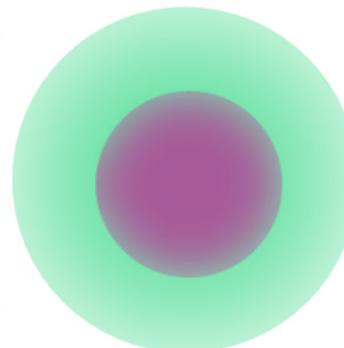
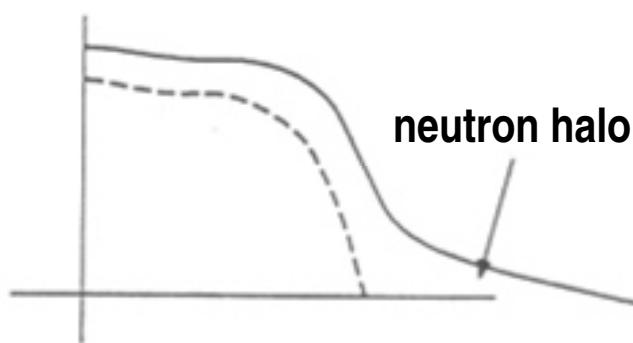
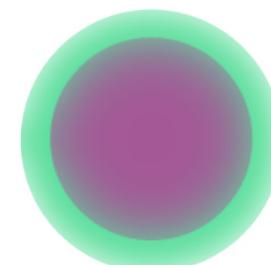


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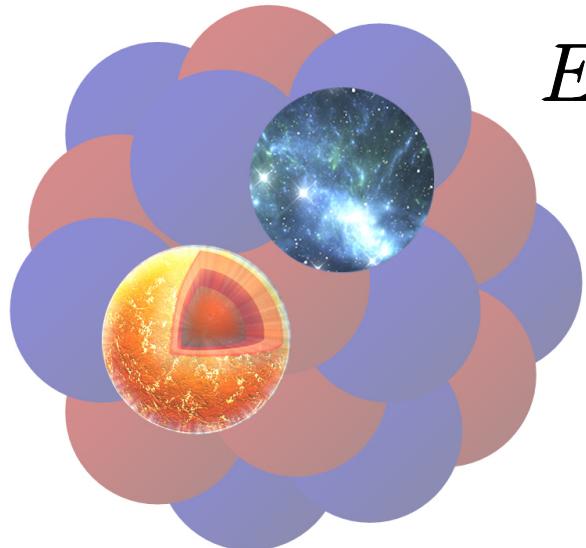


pressure forces

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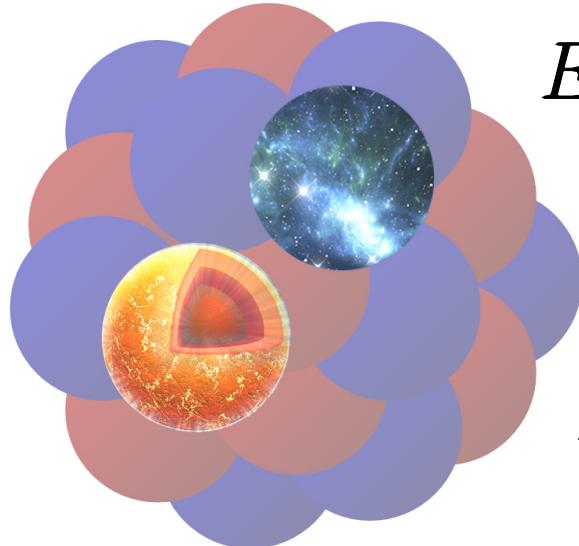


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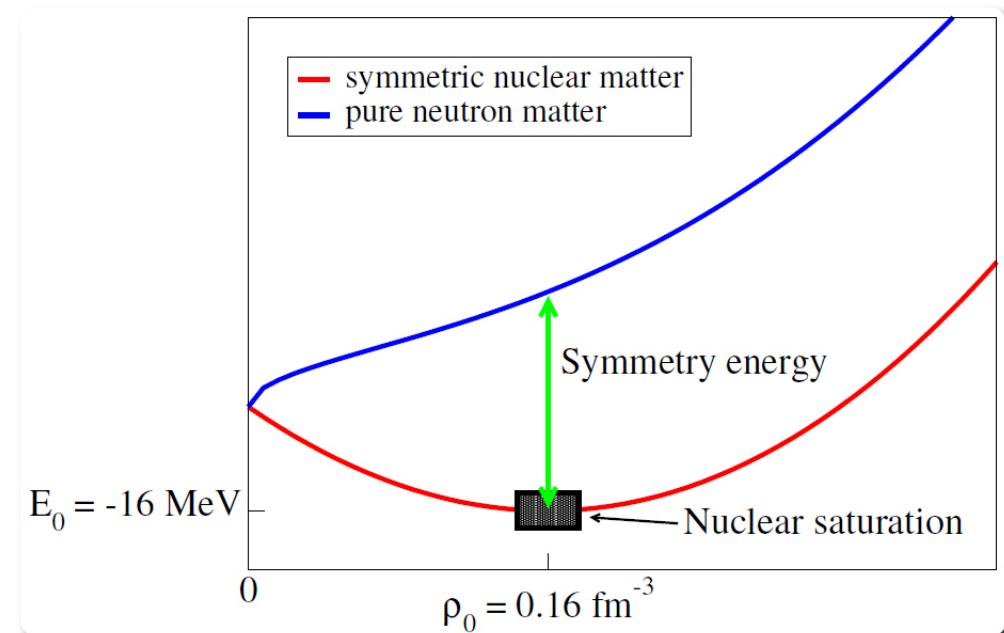


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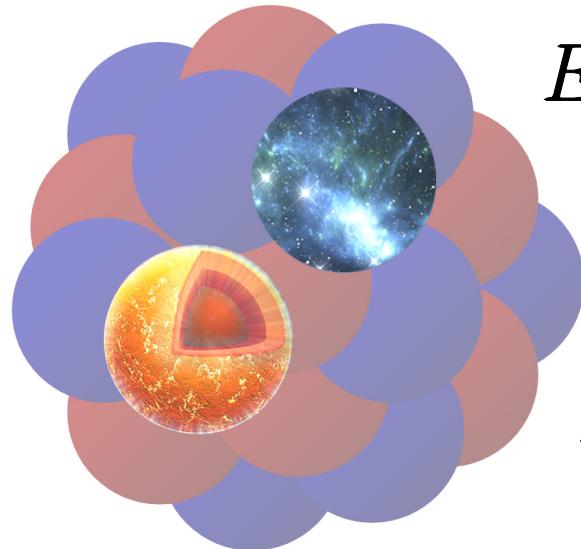


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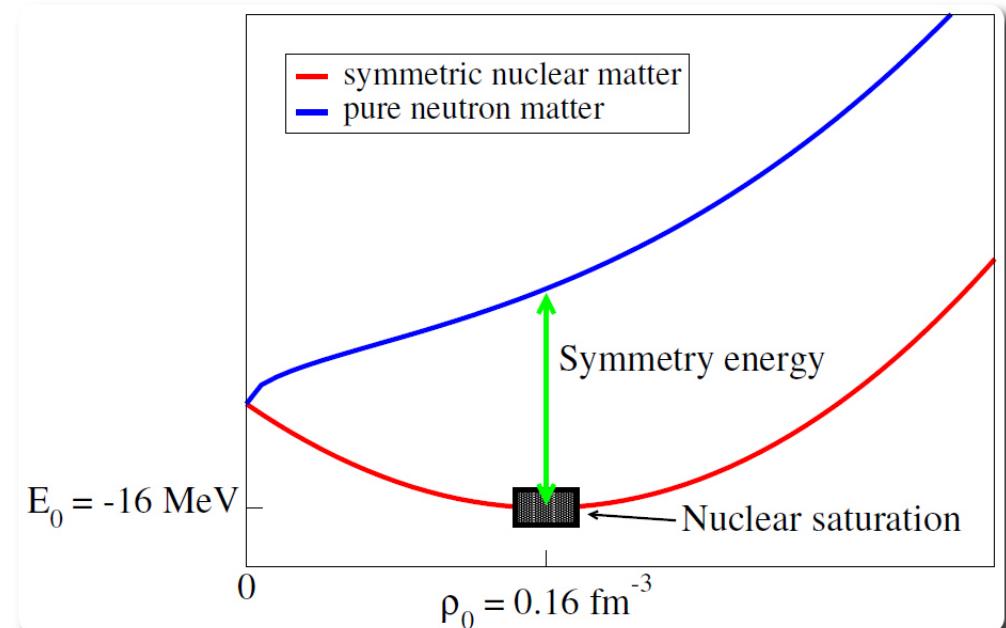
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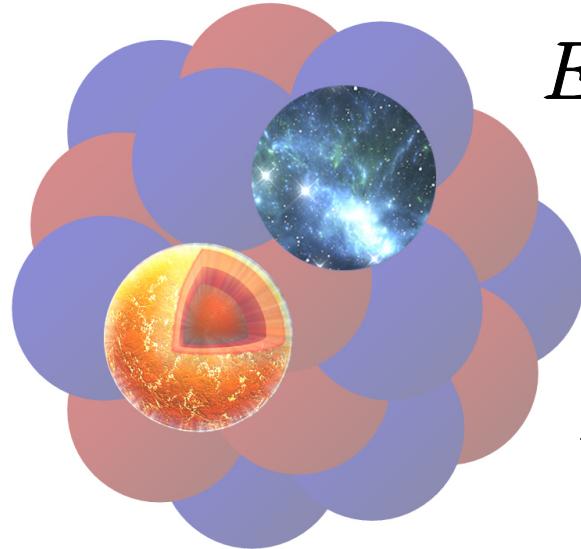
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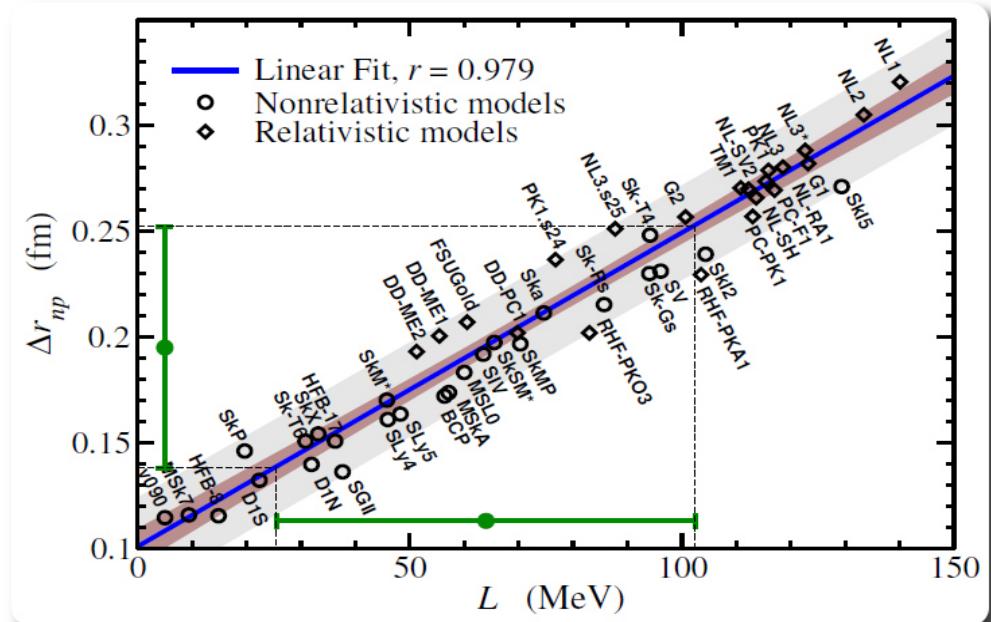
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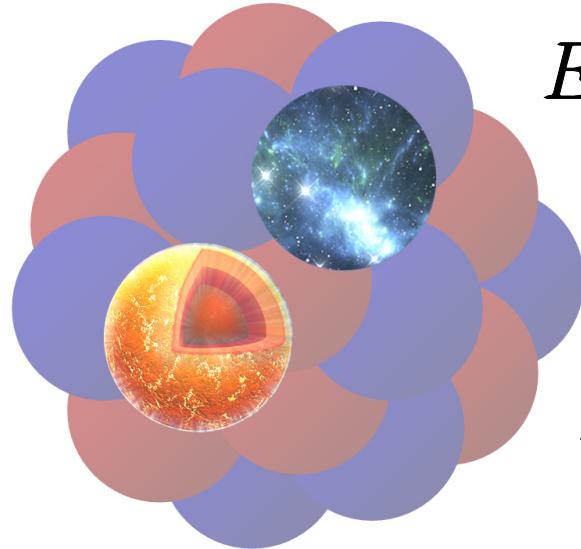
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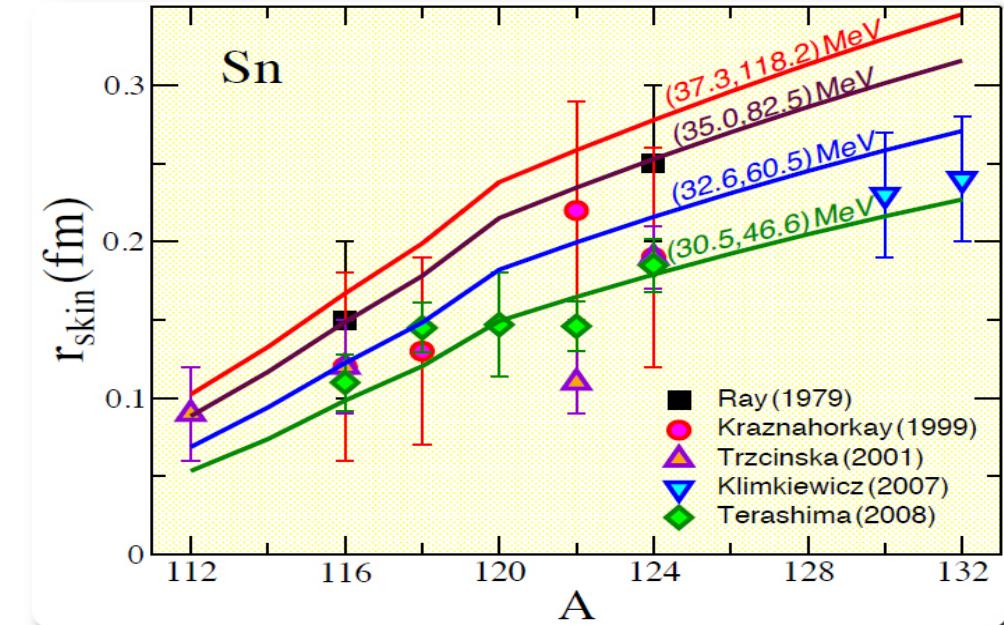
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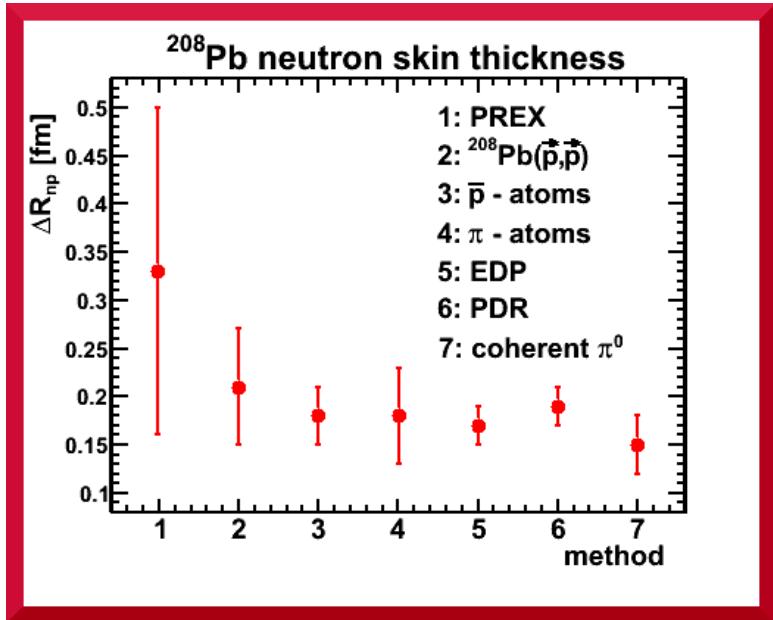
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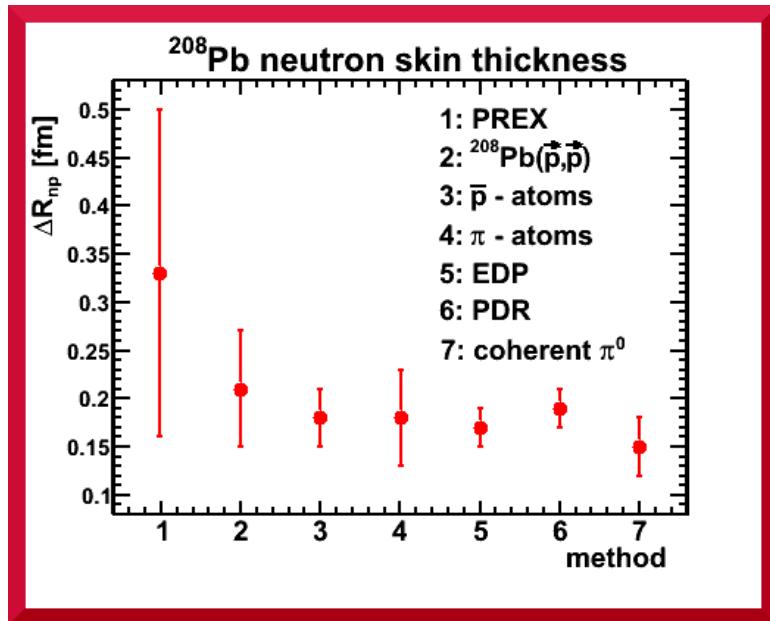


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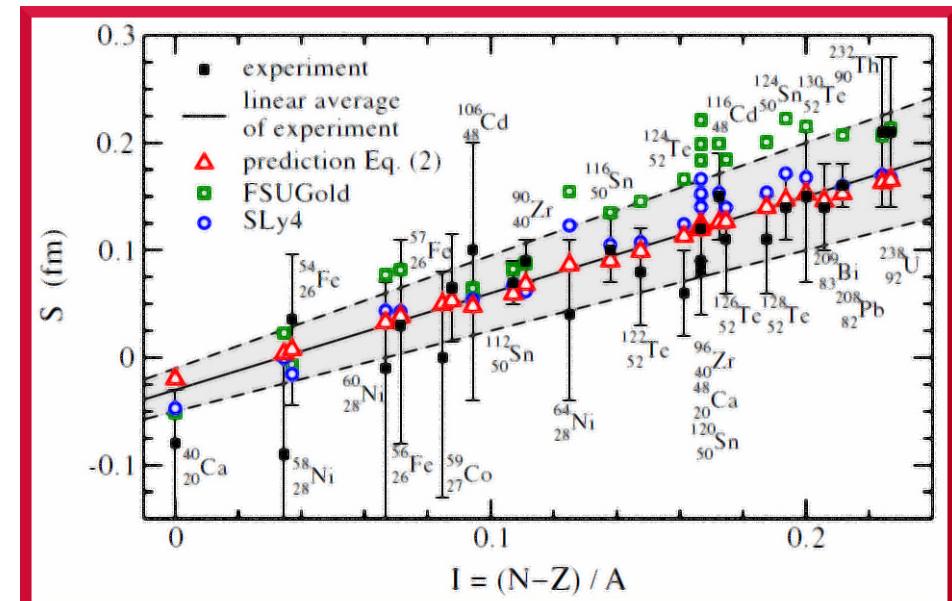


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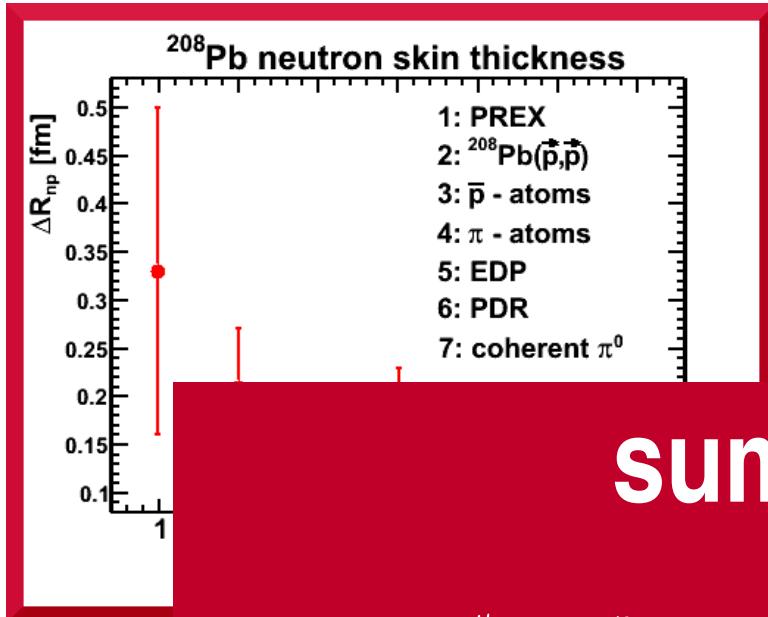
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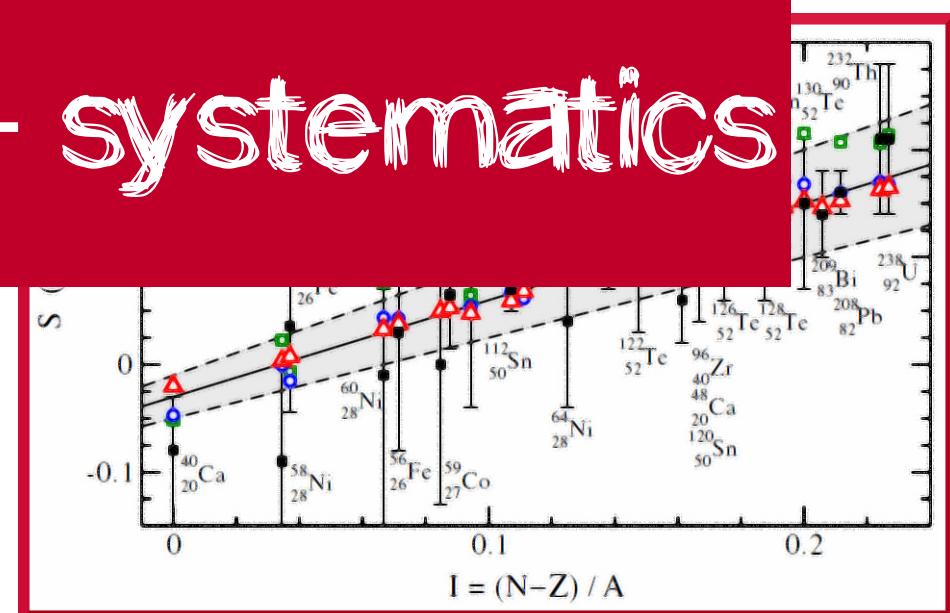
summing up:

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resolution + systematics

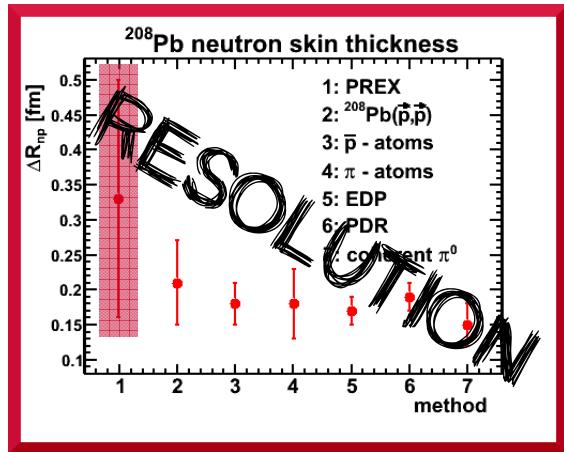
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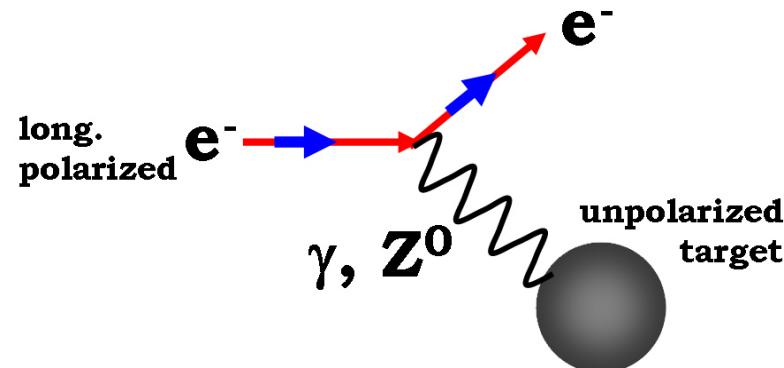
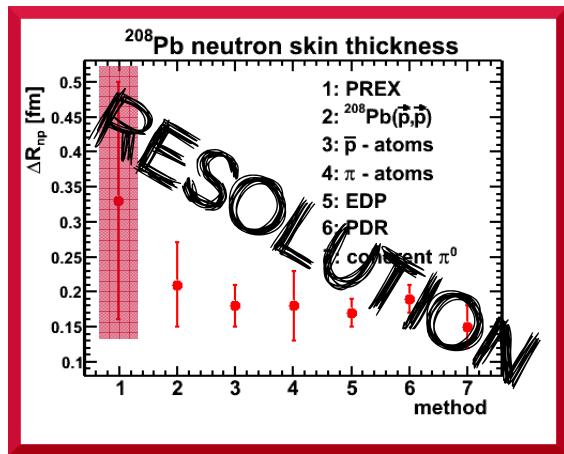


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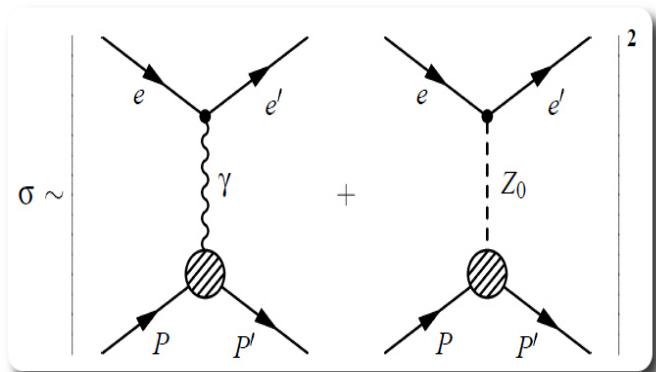
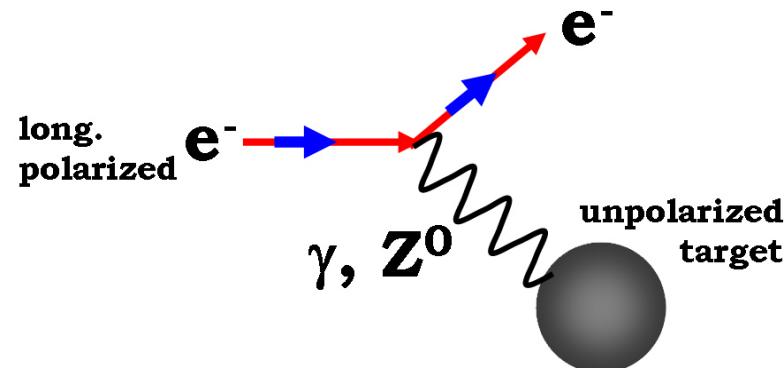
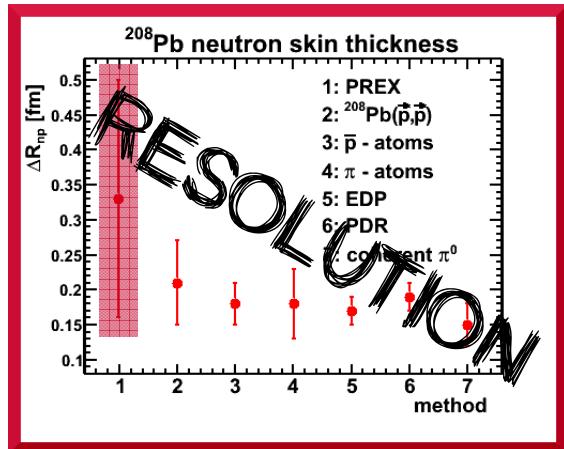
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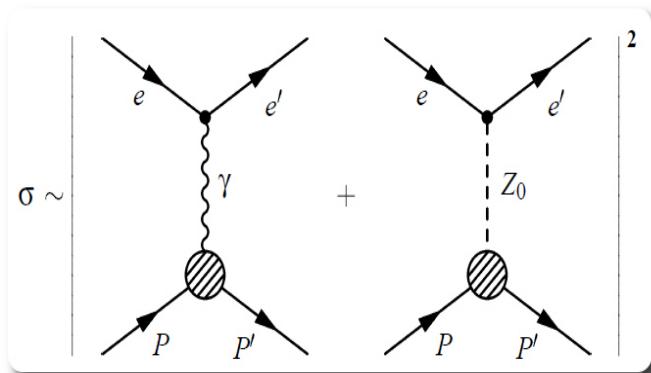
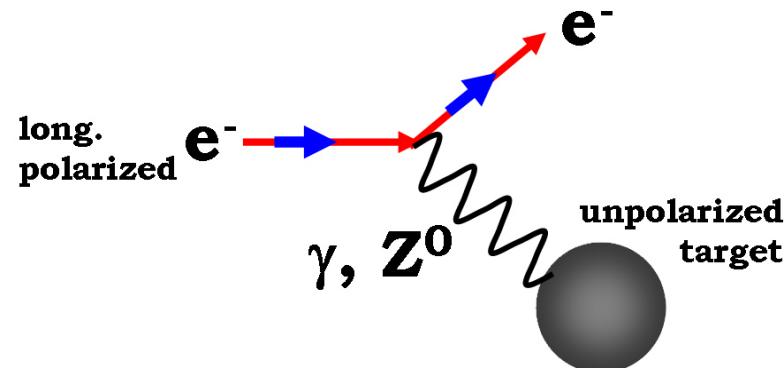
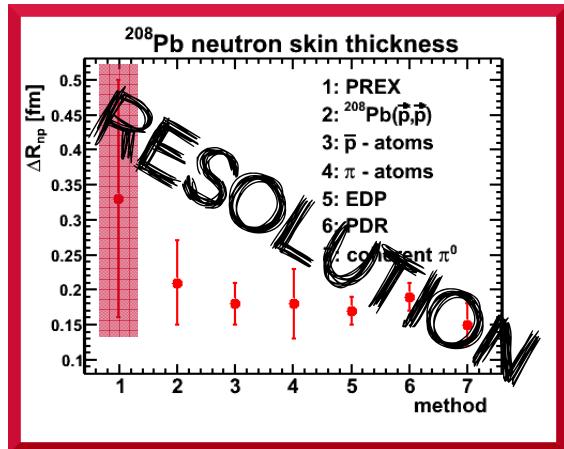


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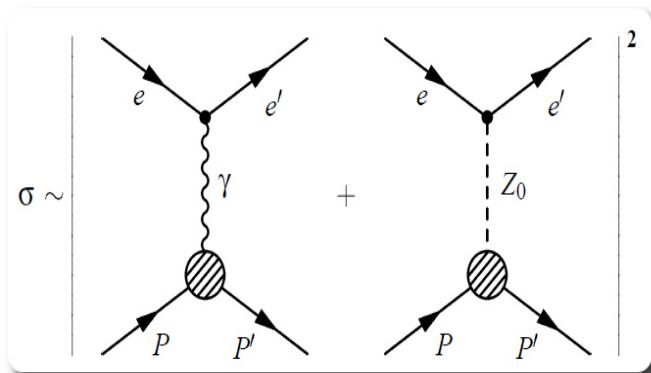
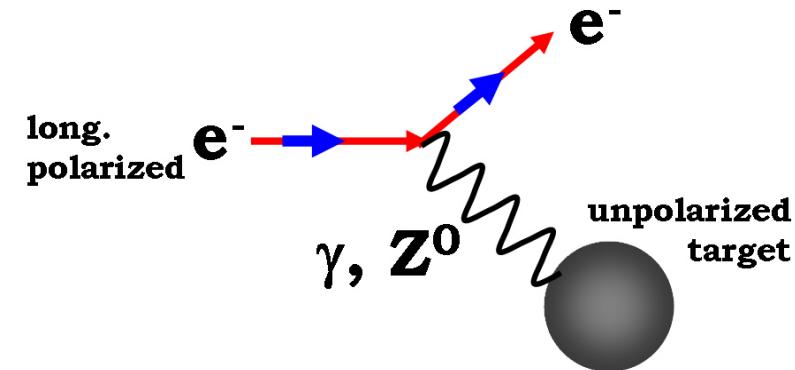
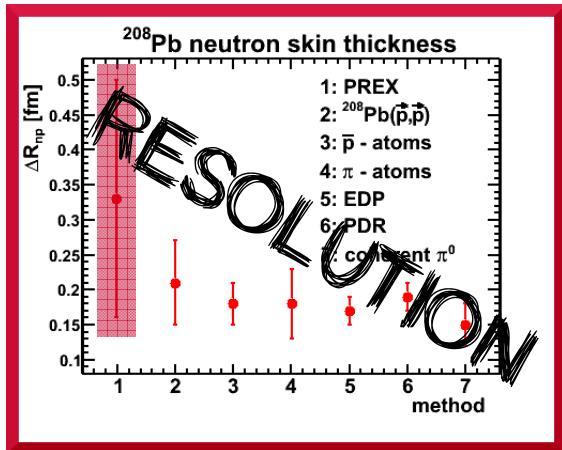
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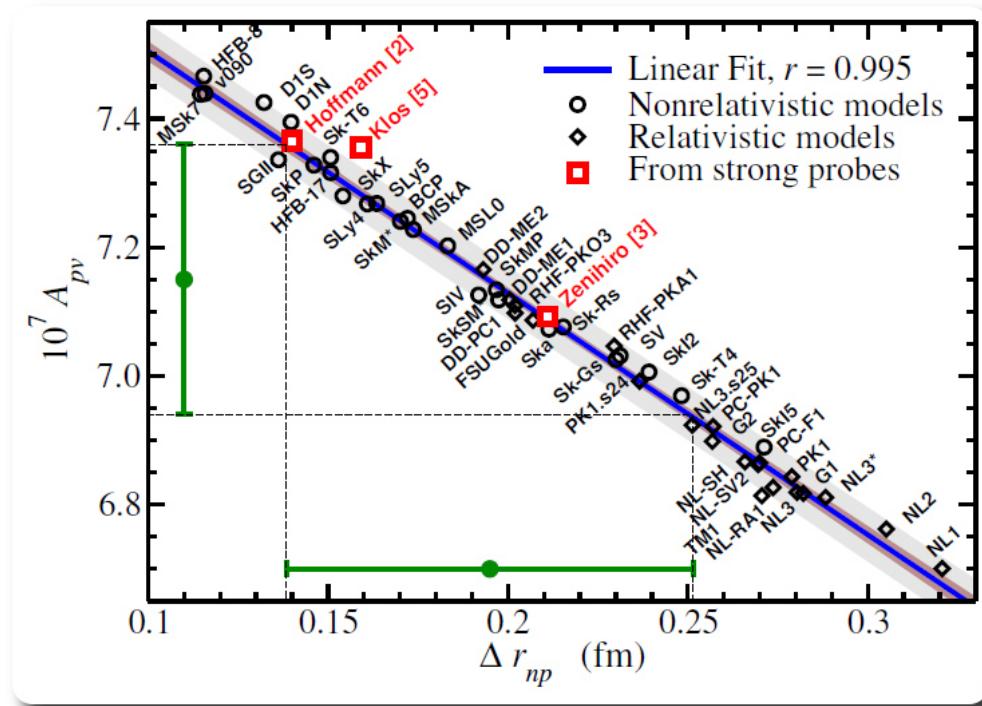
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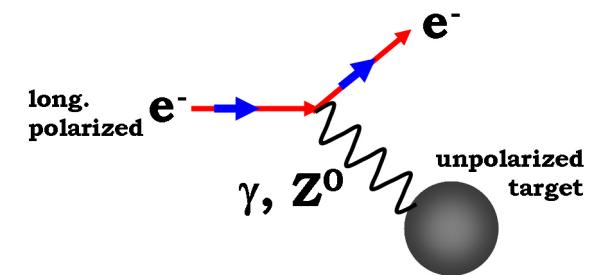
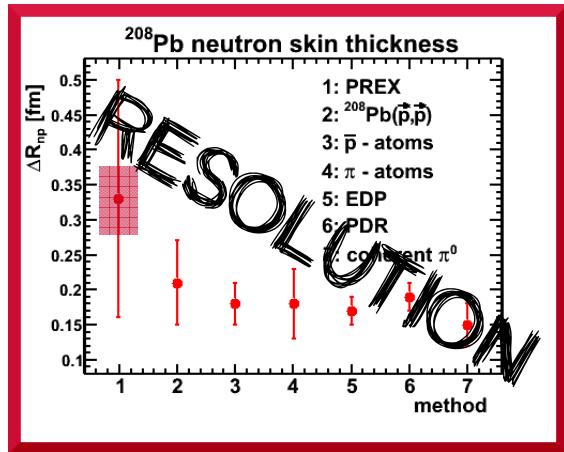
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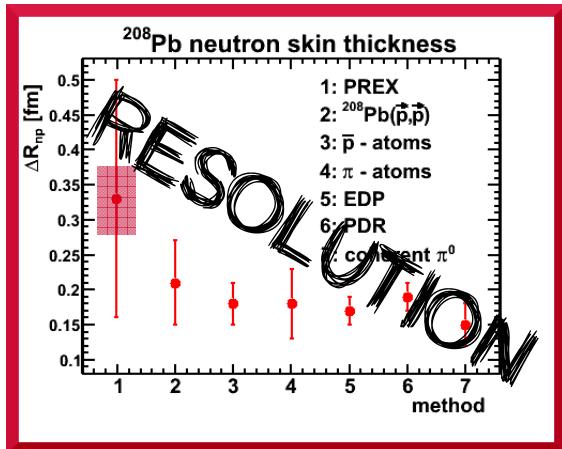


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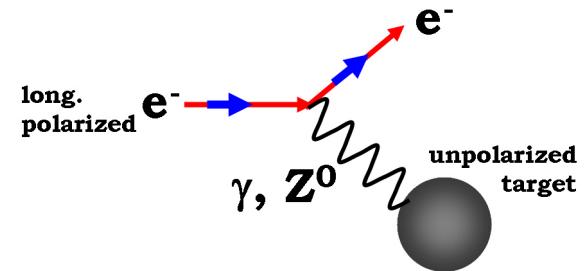


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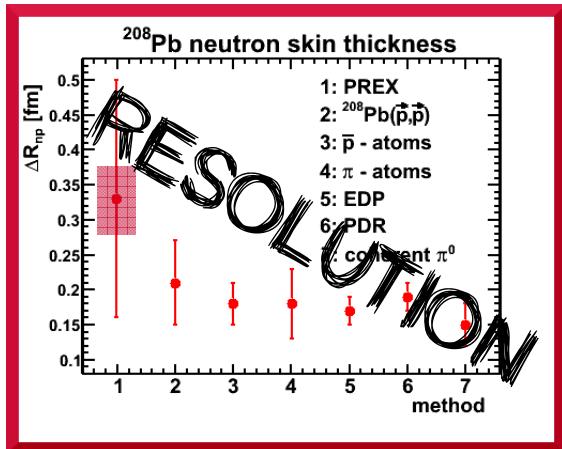


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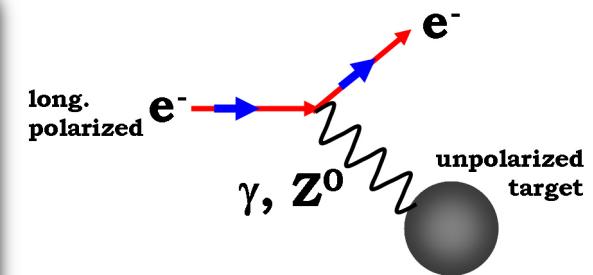
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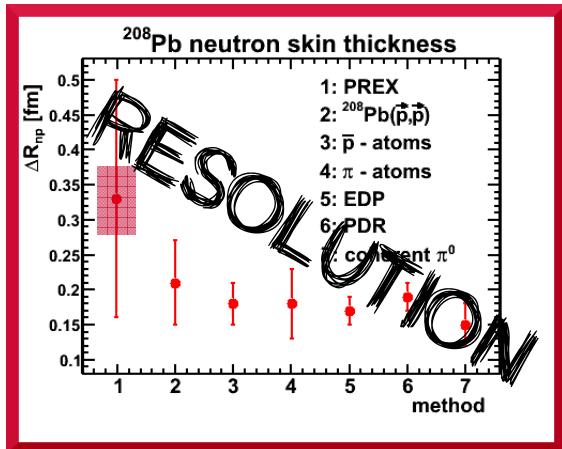
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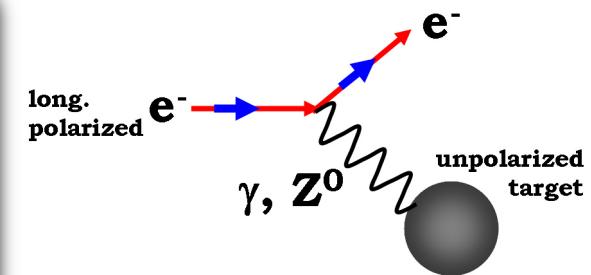
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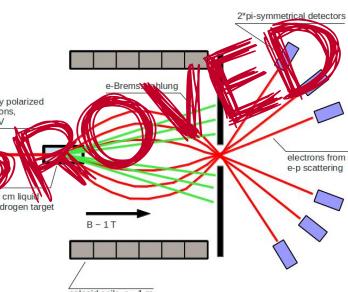
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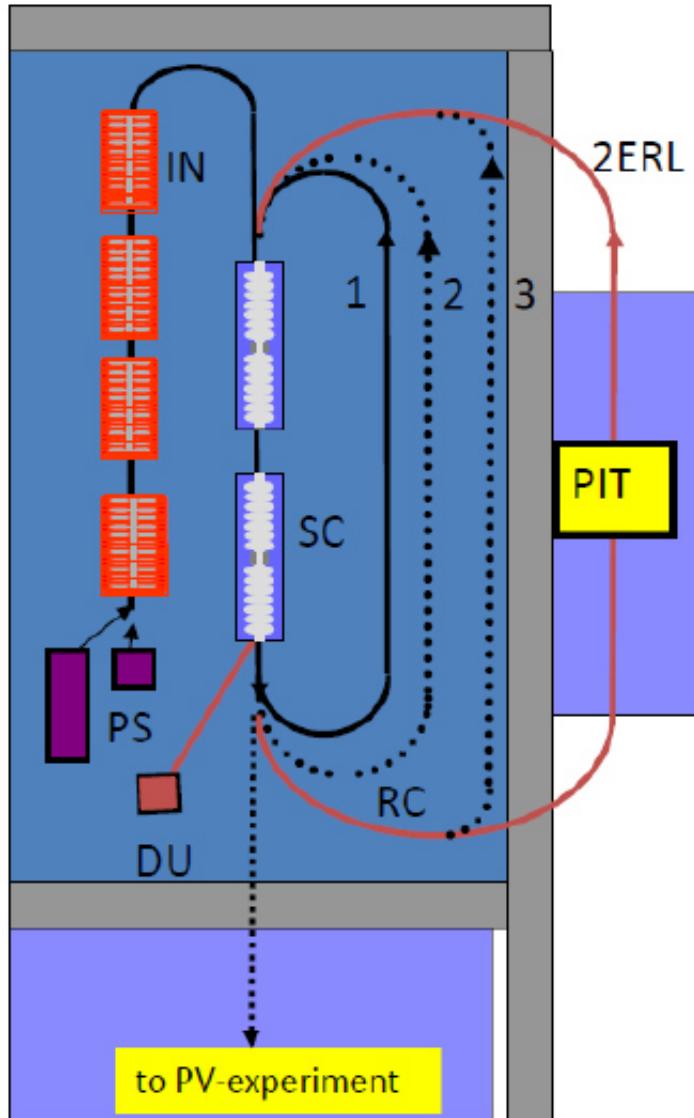
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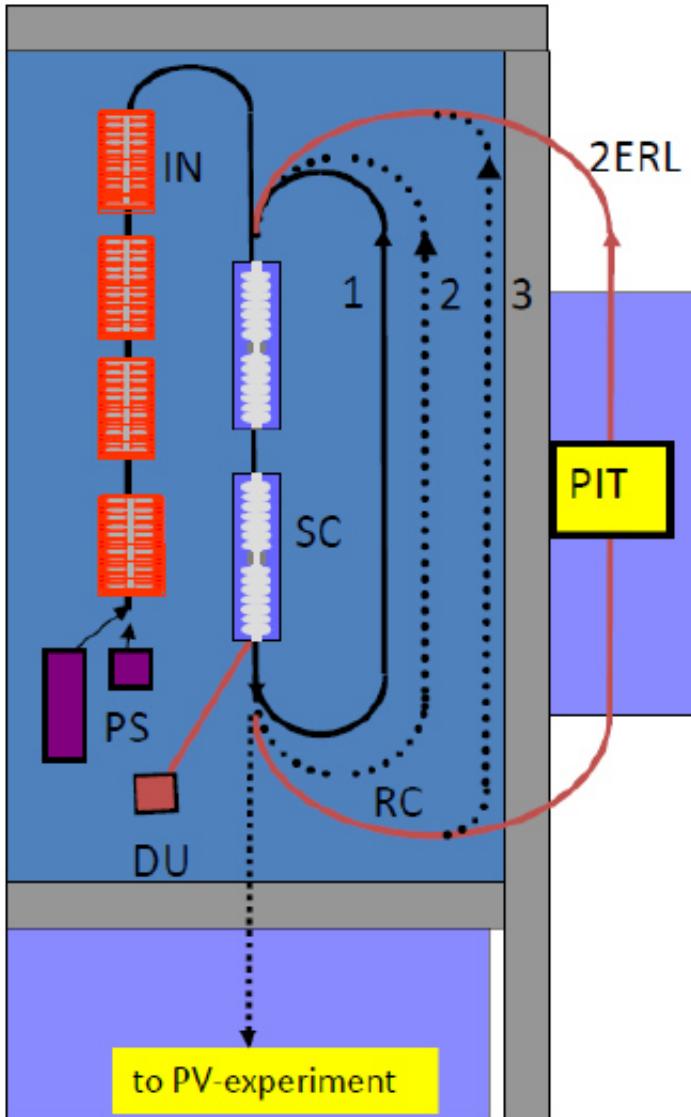
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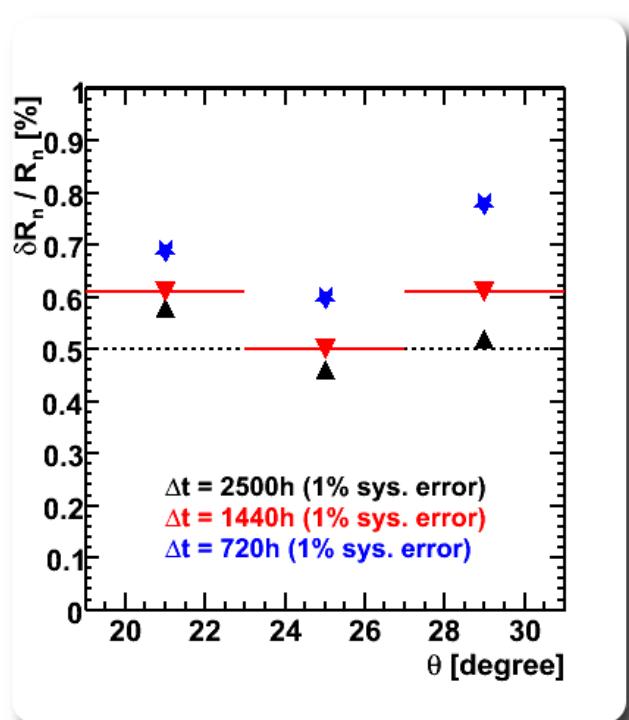
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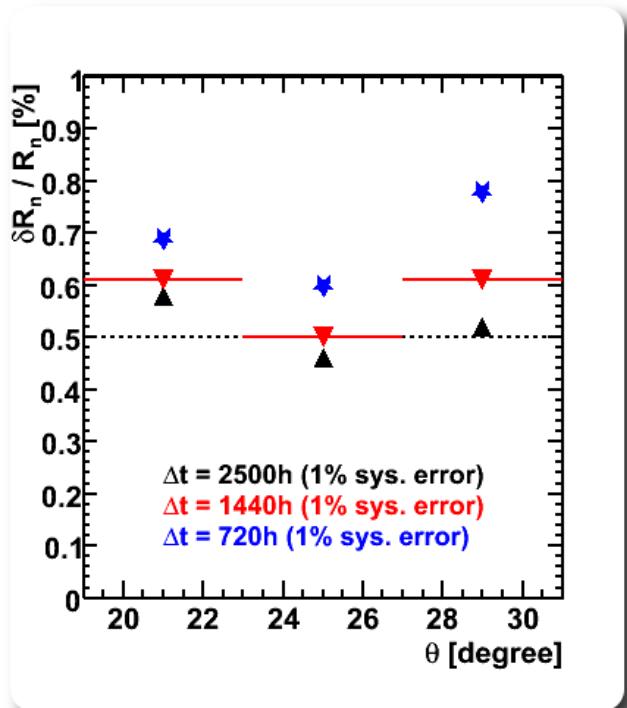
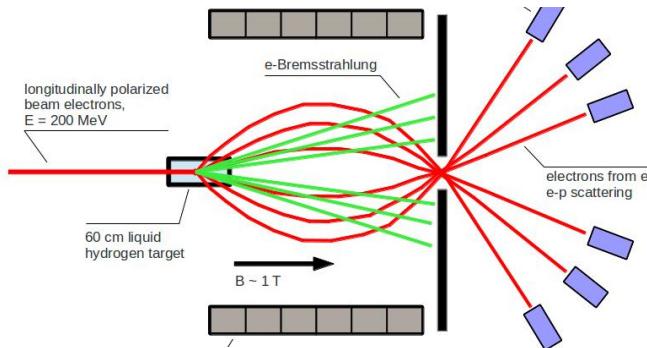
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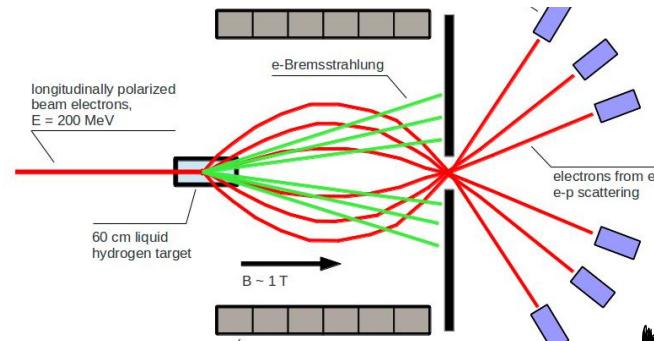
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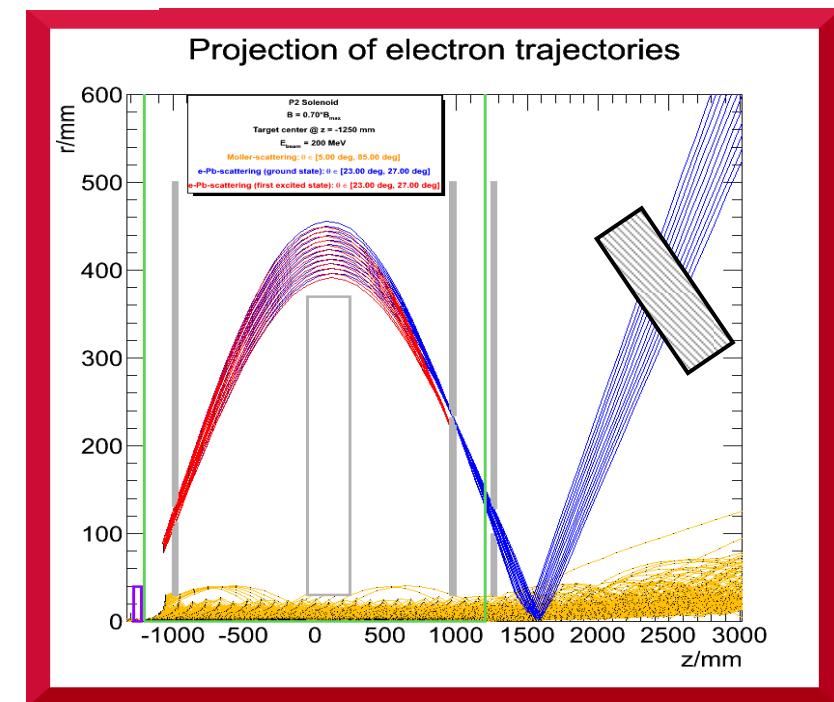
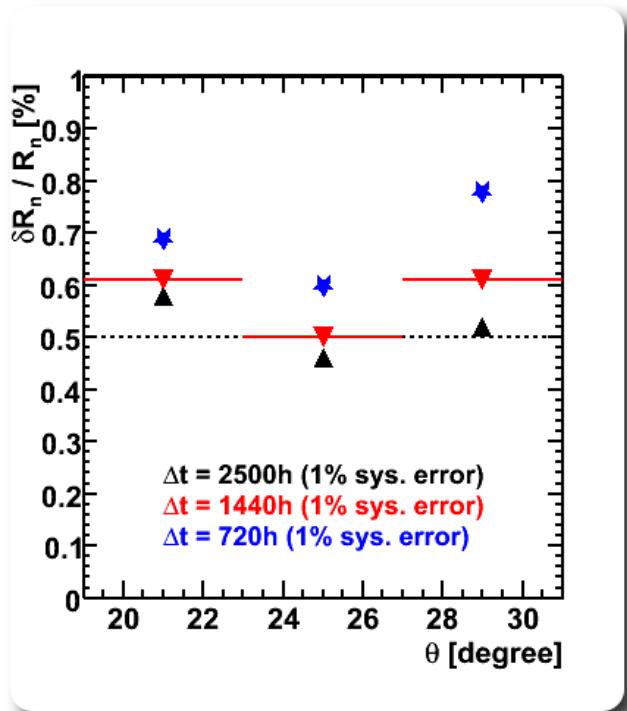
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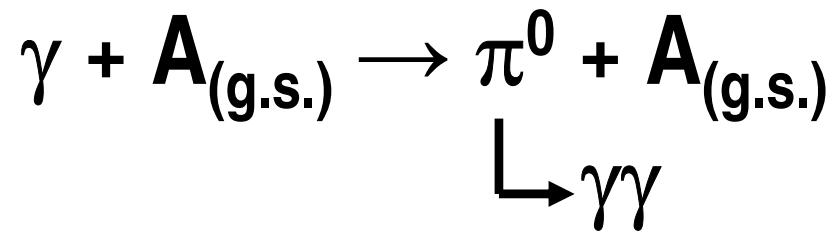
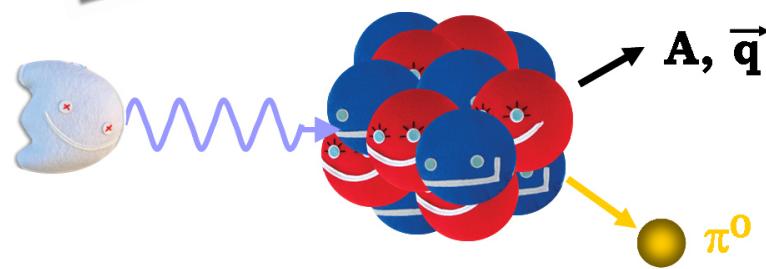


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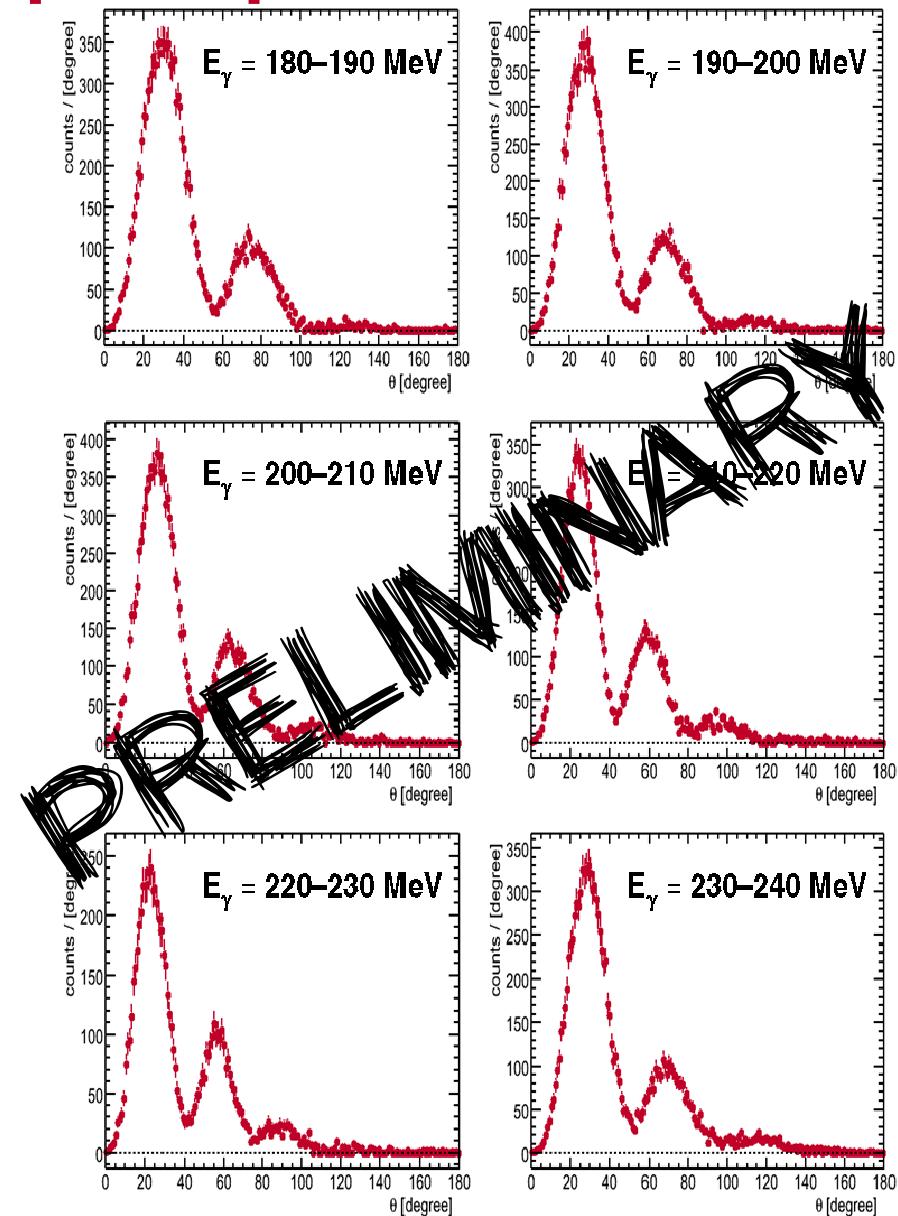
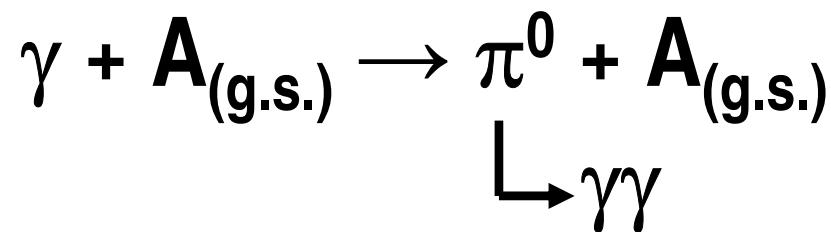
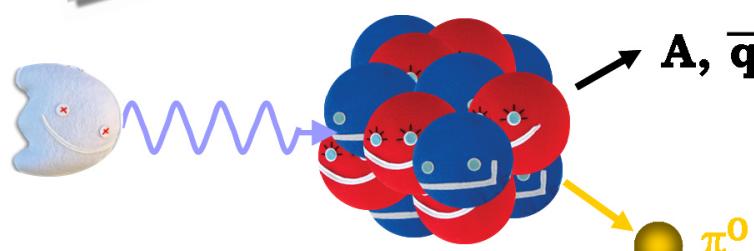
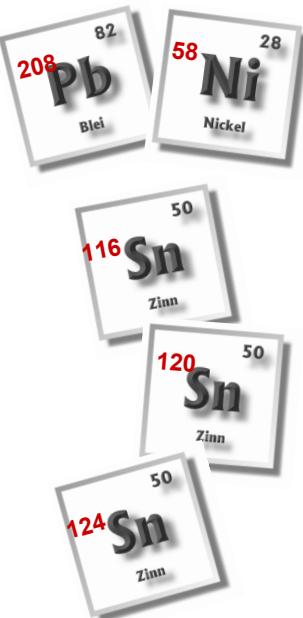
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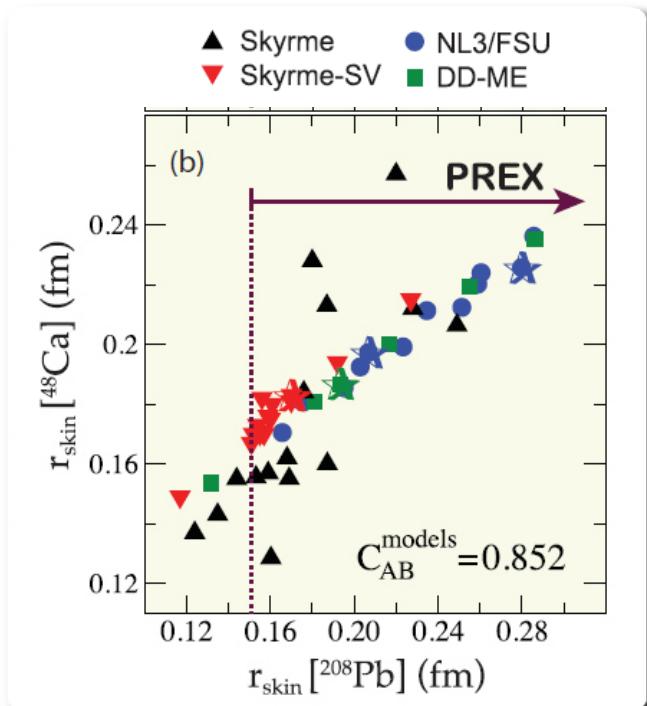


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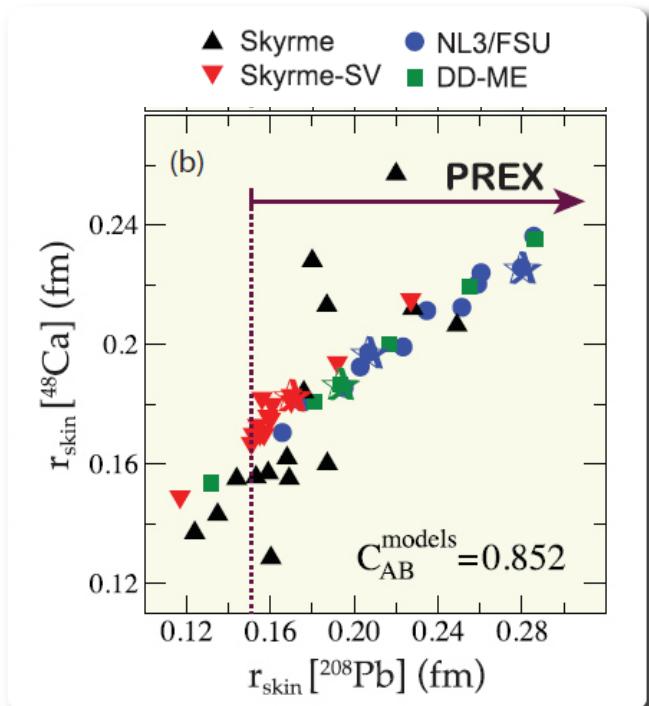
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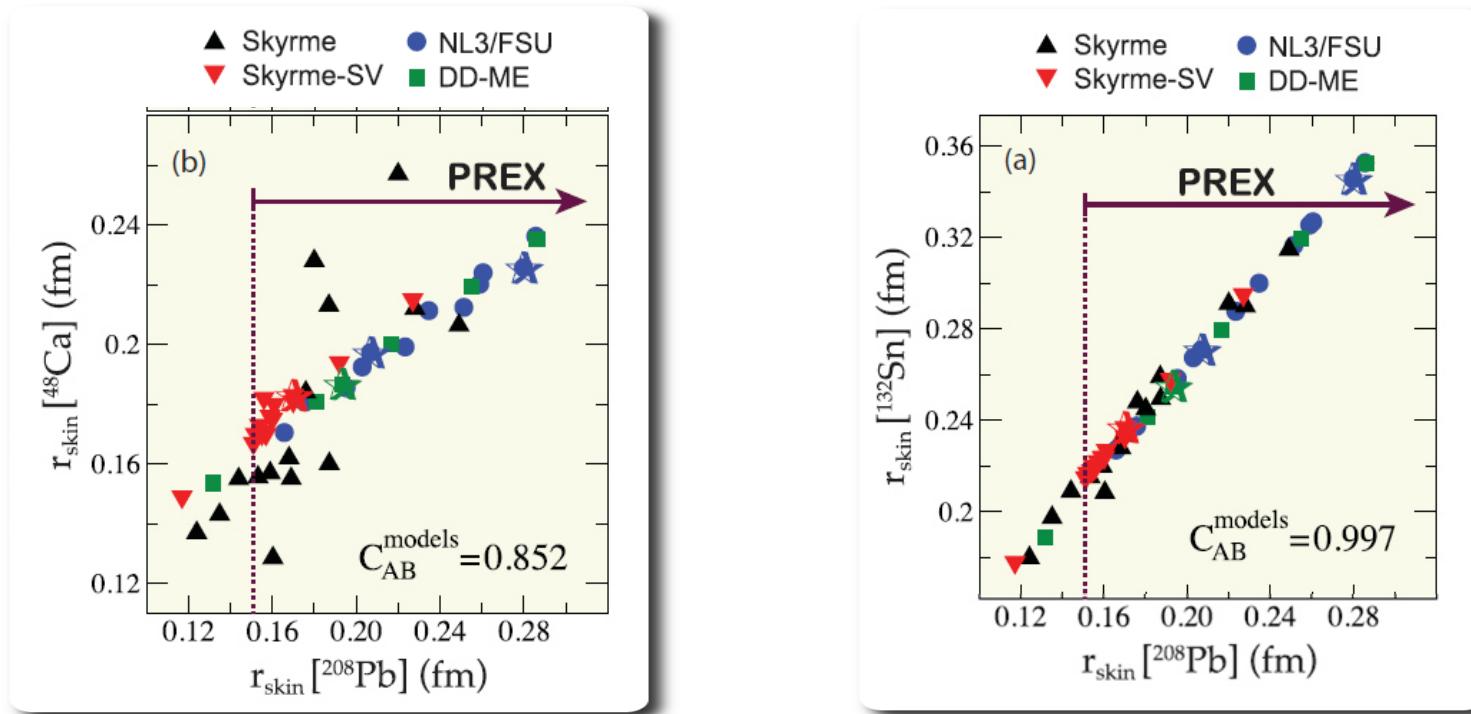


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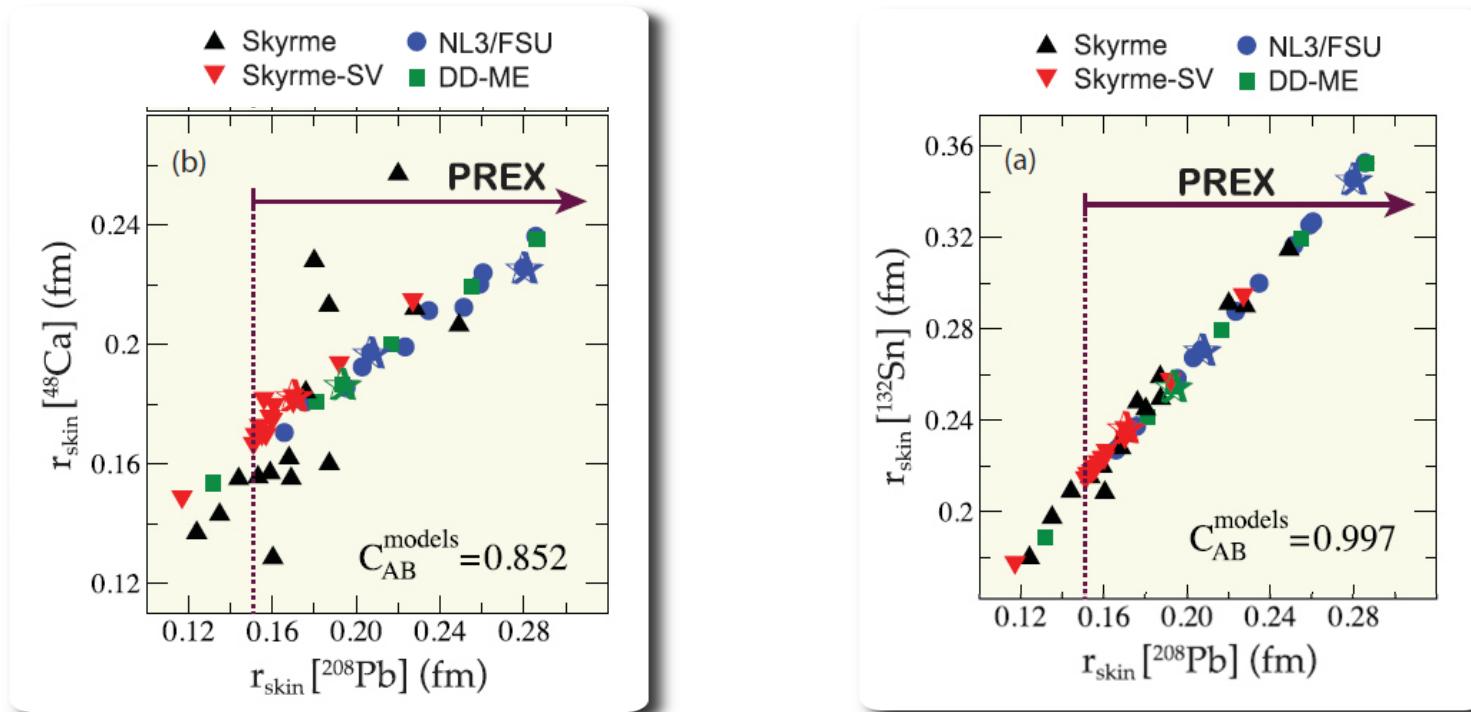
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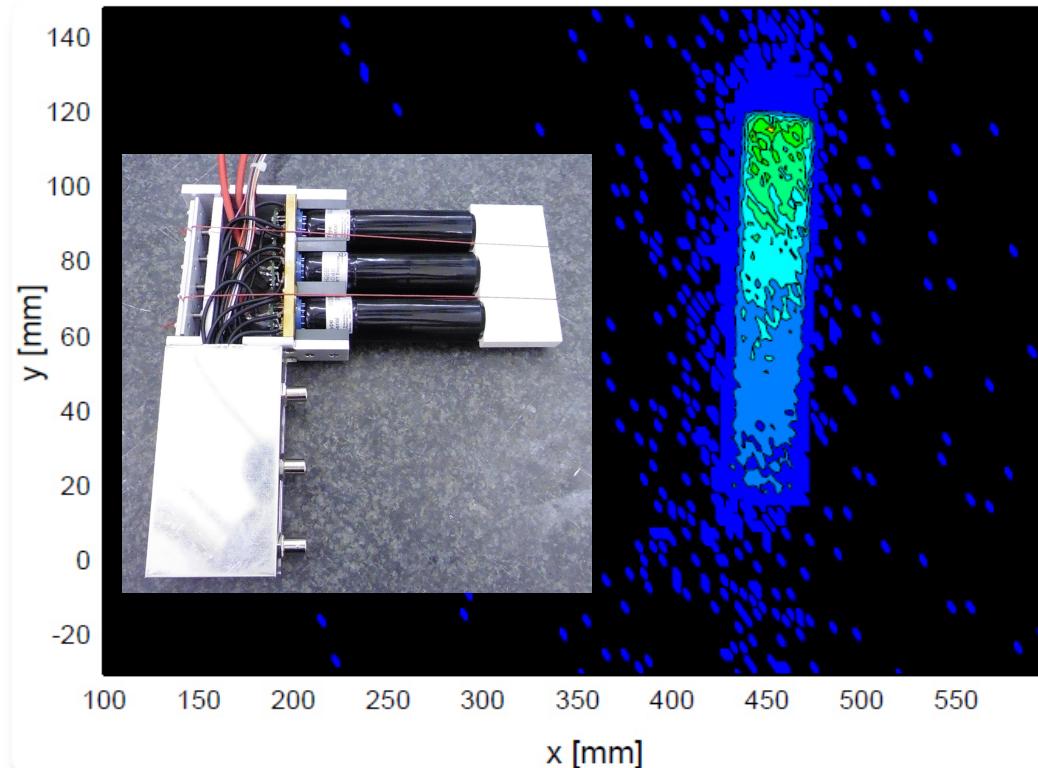
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better FOM at low energy!

A1 @MAMI

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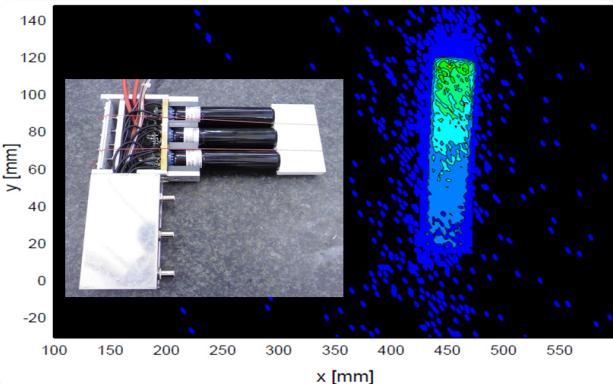
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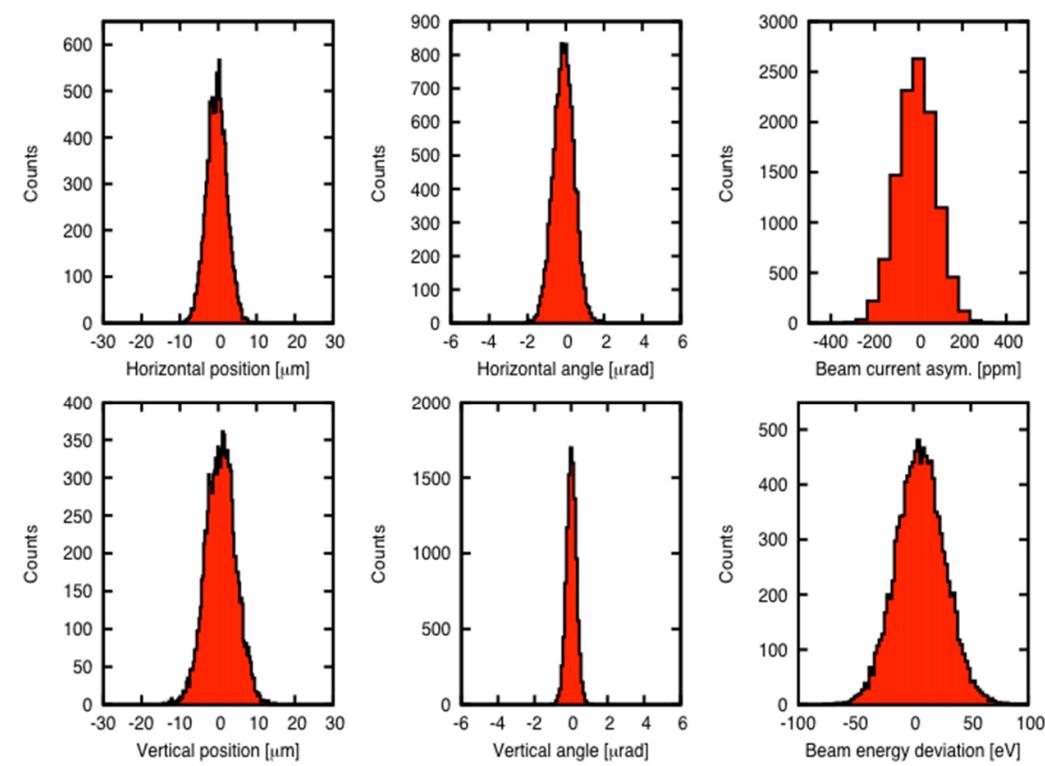
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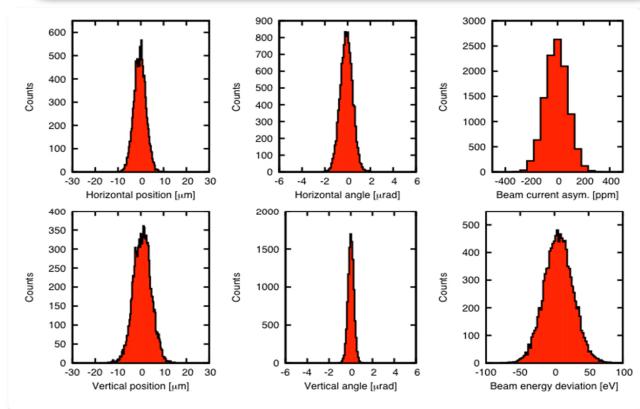
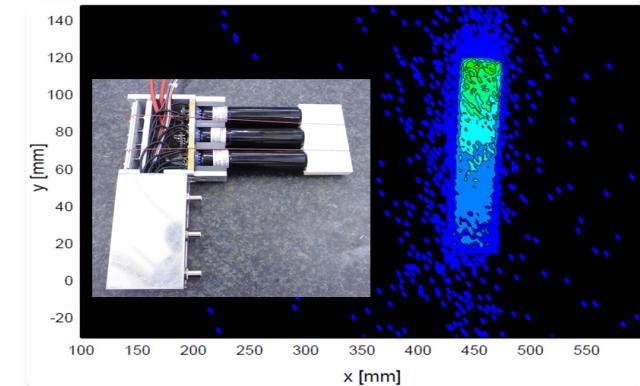
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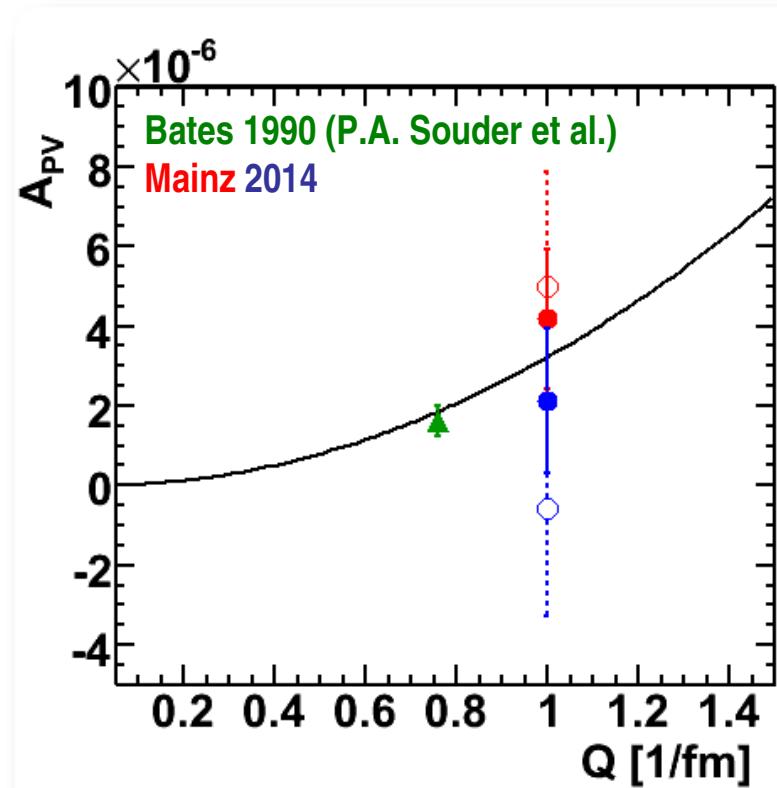
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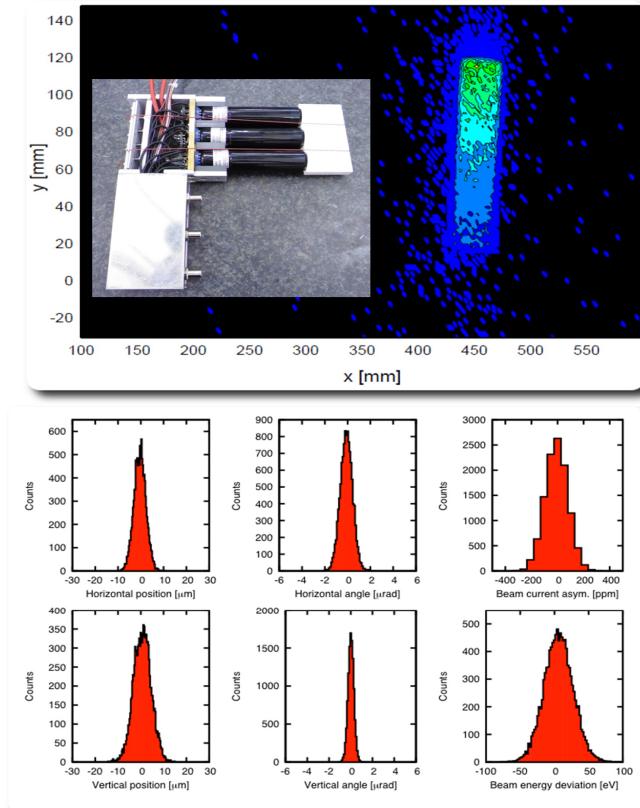
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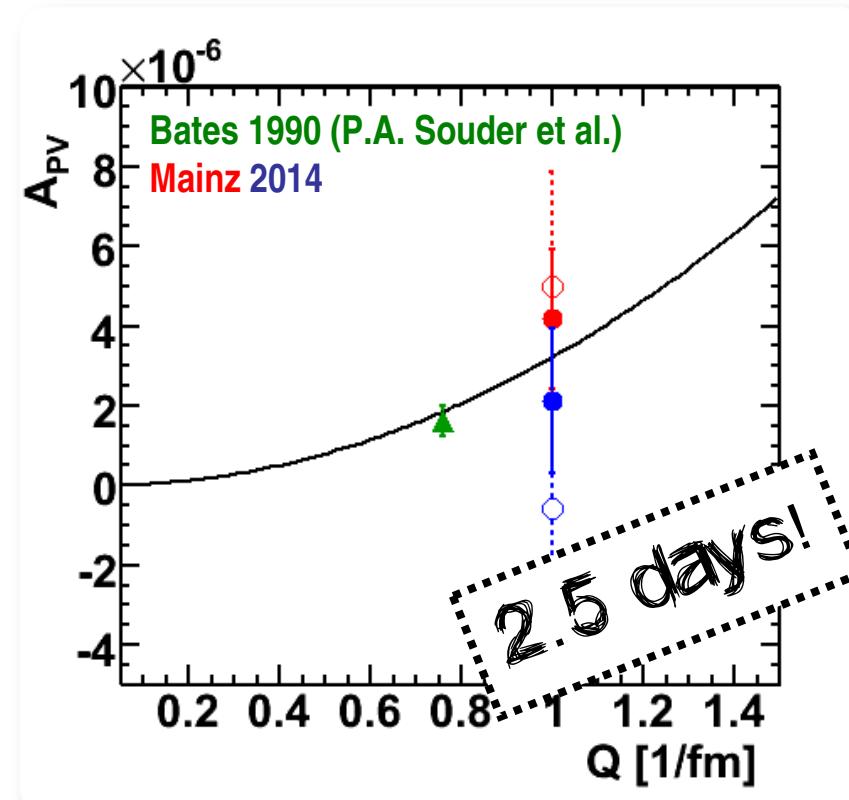
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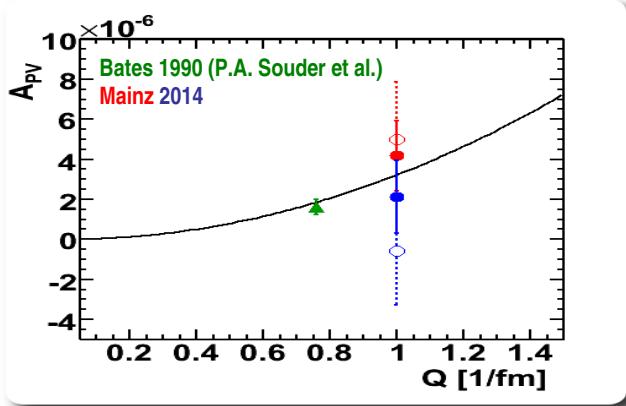
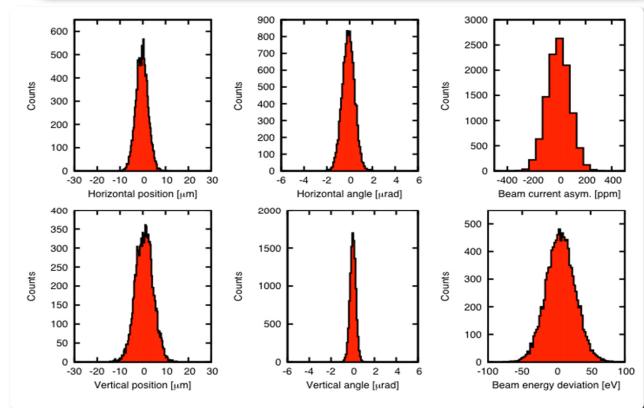
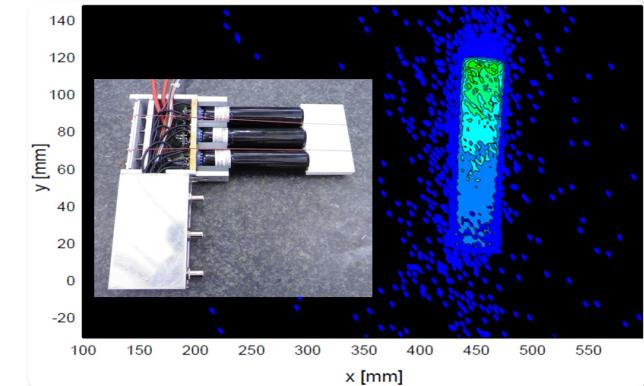
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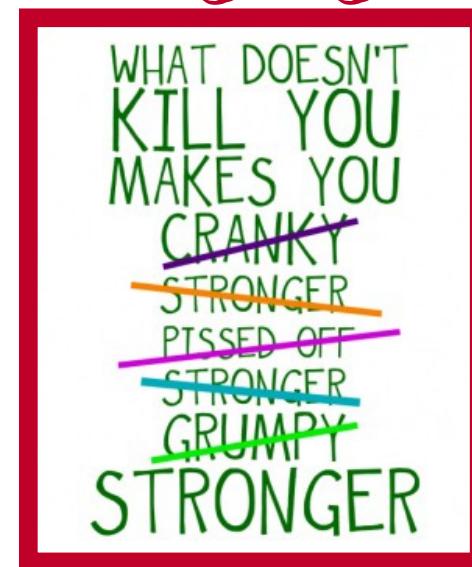
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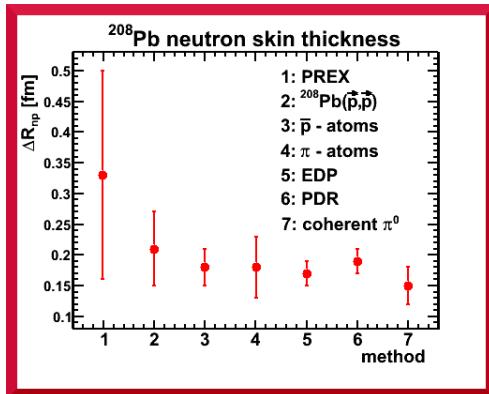
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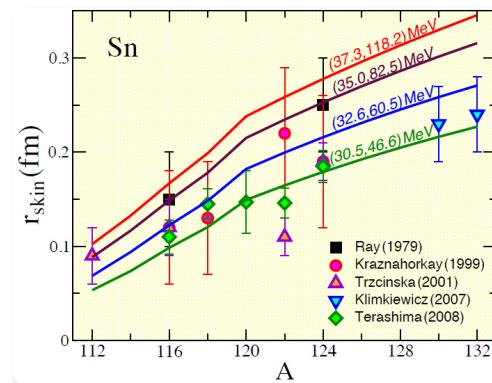
looking forward to
challenging times



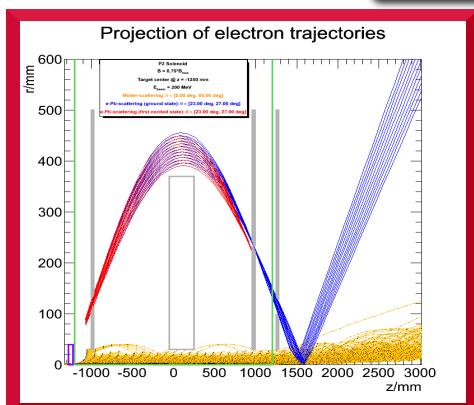
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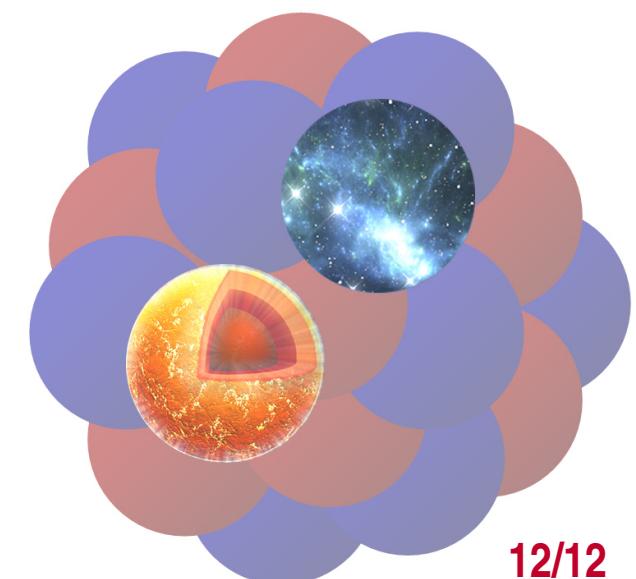
remarkable consistency
model dependencies under control?



combine efforts from
theory & experiment



Mainz { PRECISION
SYSTEMATICS

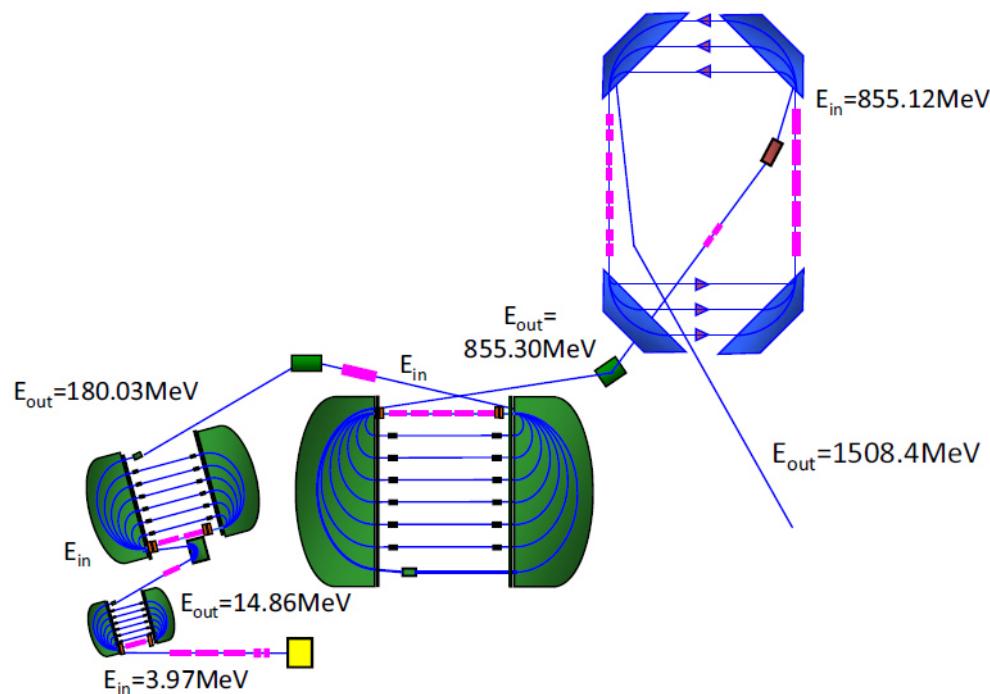


backup slides

QaD method: coherent π^0 photoproduction

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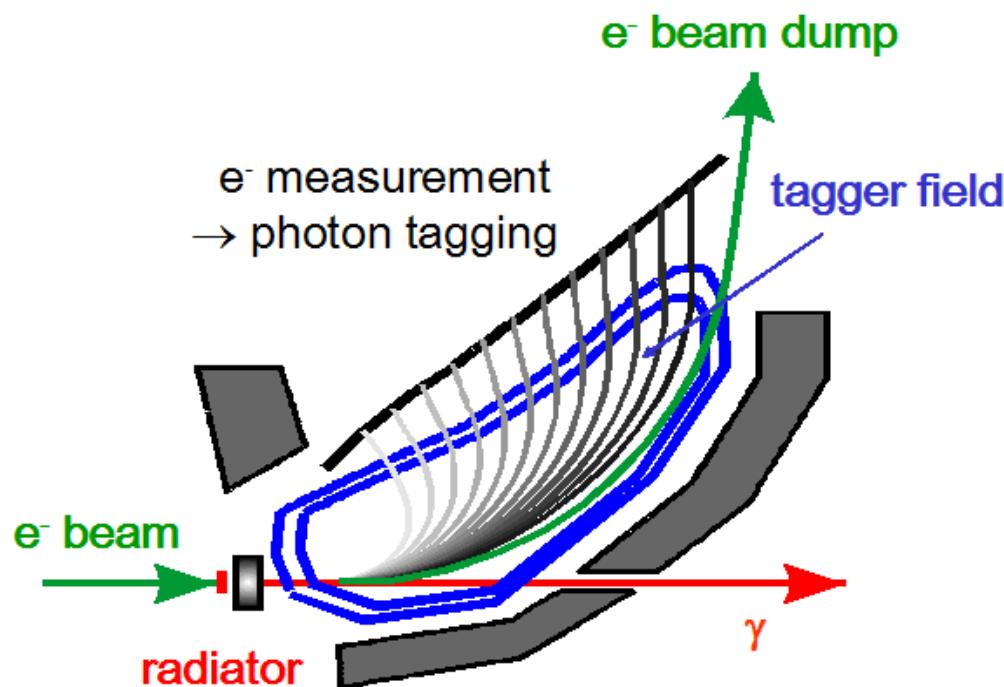
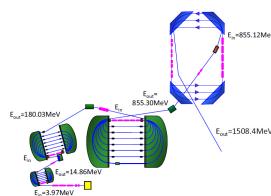
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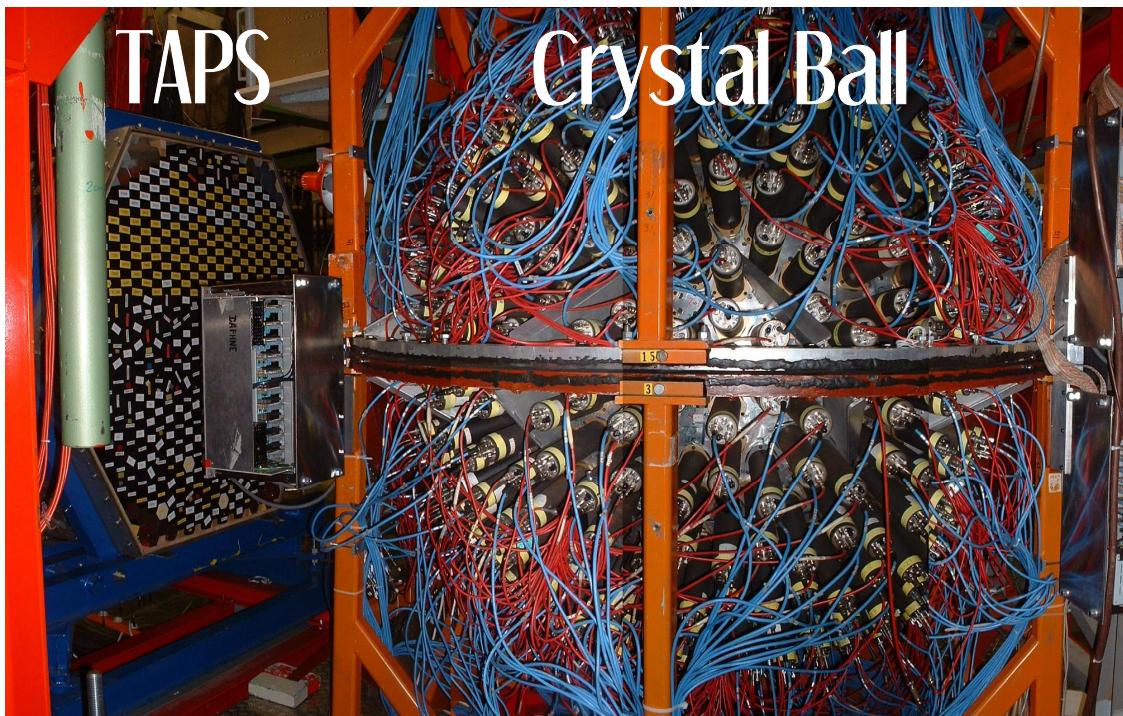
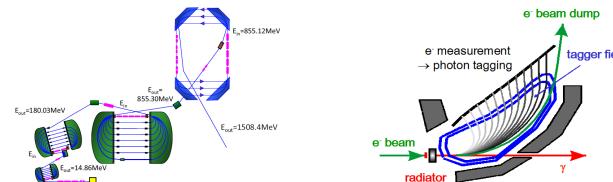
- (1) high quality accelerator
- (2) tagged photon facility



QaD method: coherent π^0 photoproduction

RECIPE:

- (1) high quality accelerator
- (2) tagged photon facility
- (3) 4π detector system



coherent π^0 photoproduction @ A2

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\text{PWIA}) = \frac{s}{m_N^2} \times \frac{1}{2} \frac{q_\pi^*}{k^*} |F_2(E_\gamma^*, \theta_\pi^*)|^2 \sin^2(\theta_\pi^*) \times A^2 F^2(q)$$

campaign in 2012:



separation of coherent
and incoherent events:
 $DE \approx 1.5\text{-}3 \text{ MeV}$



evolution along isotopic chain
plus measurement on



FSI:
complex optical potential
tuned to p-A scattering
NPA 660, 423 (1990)
correction modest at
low p momenta

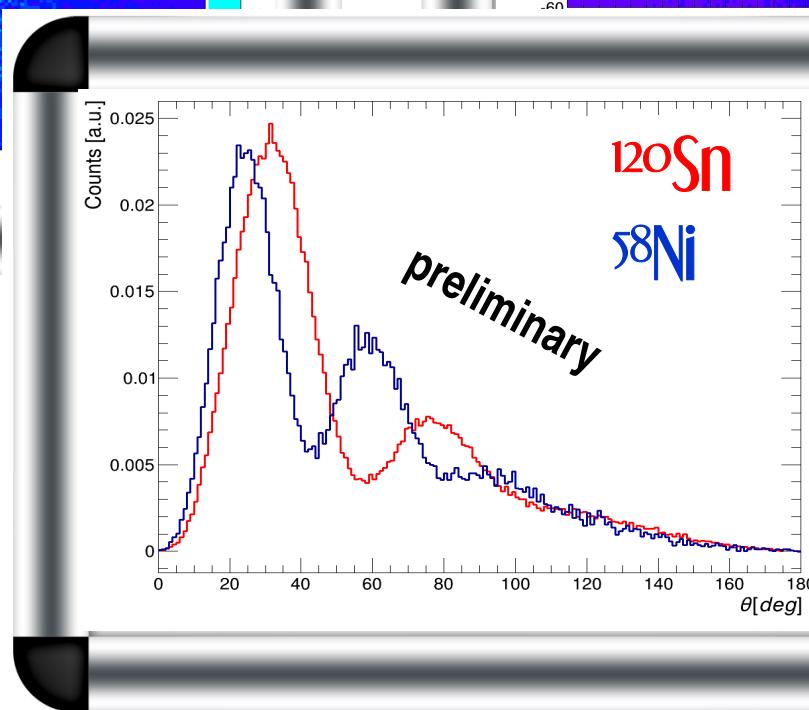
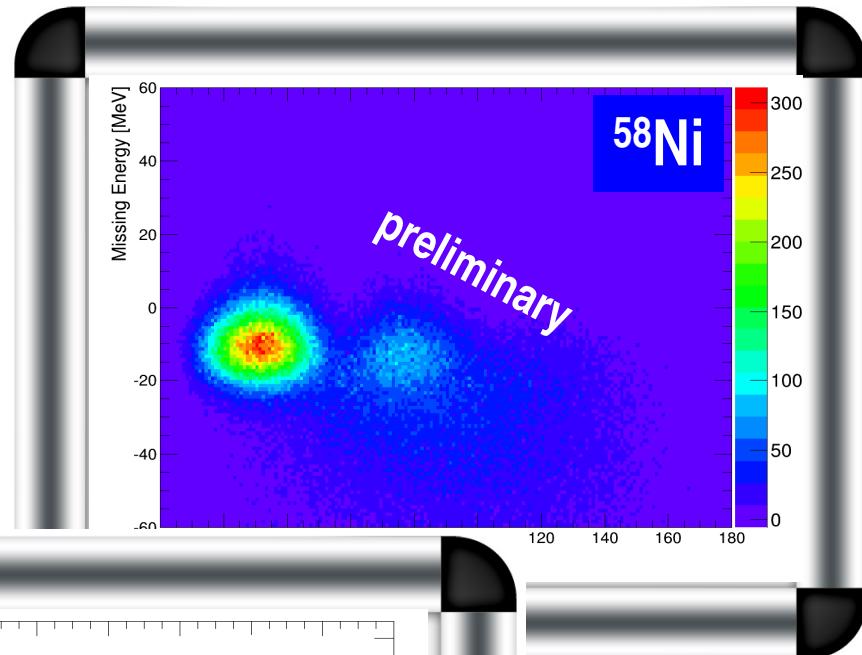
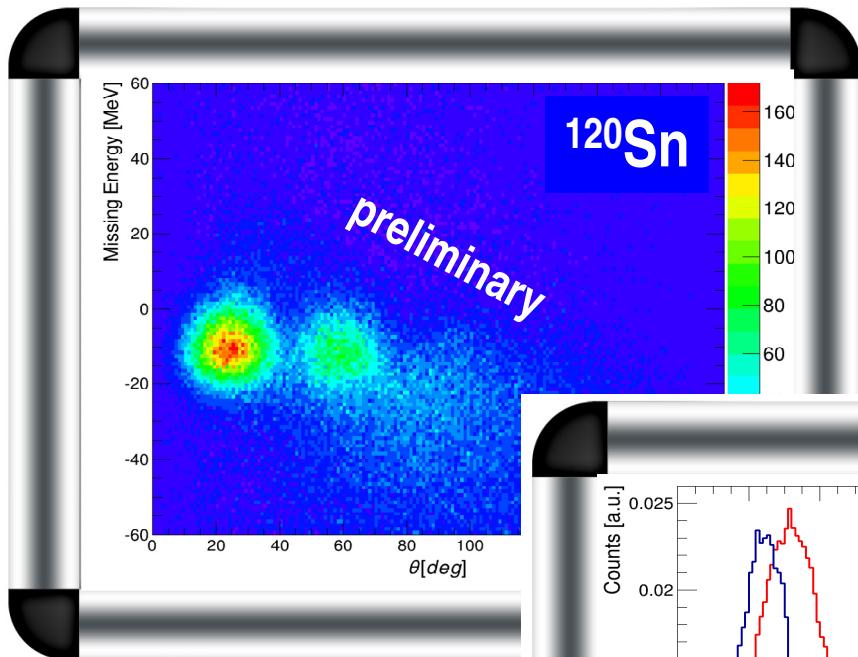


(N/Z: 1.07 to 1.54)

coherent π^0 photoproduction @



$E_g = 220 - 230 \text{ MeV}$

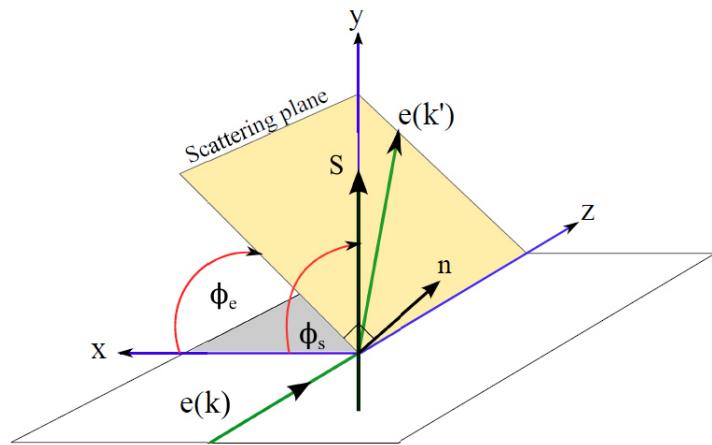
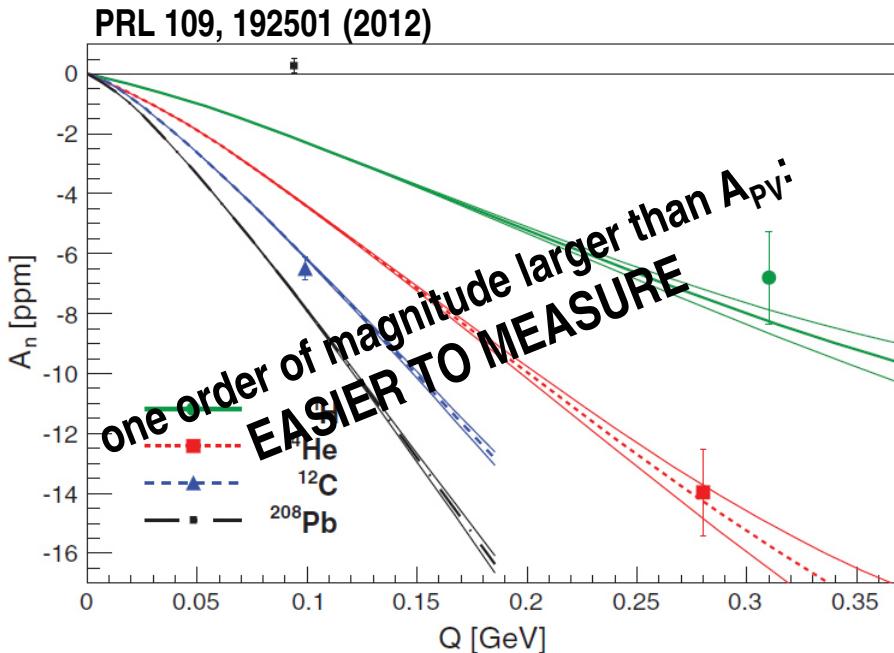


program 1: transverse Asymmetry A_n

direct probe of two or more photon exchange:

A_n is zero at first Born approximation
(forbidden by time reversal symmetry)

A_n can contribute to the extracted A_{PV}
if beam asymmetry has
transverse component



$$\mathbf{A}_n^m = \frac{\sigma_\uparrow - \sigma_\downarrow}{\sigma_\uparrow + \sigma_\downarrow} = \mathbf{A}_n \vec{\mathbf{S}}_e \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = -\mathbf{A}_n |\vec{\mathbf{S}}| \sin(\phi_e - \phi_s)$$

- new theoretical calculations
 - treating dispersion corrections
 - and Coulomb distortion
 - simultaneously
- +
- systematic set of A_n

N_{skin} landscape: theory

Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (BHF)

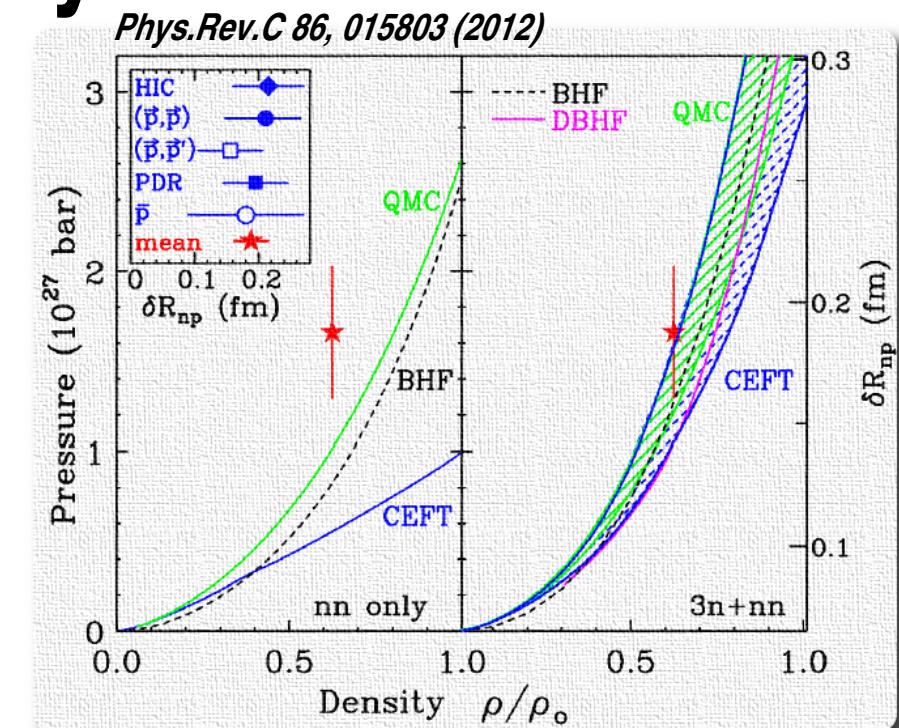
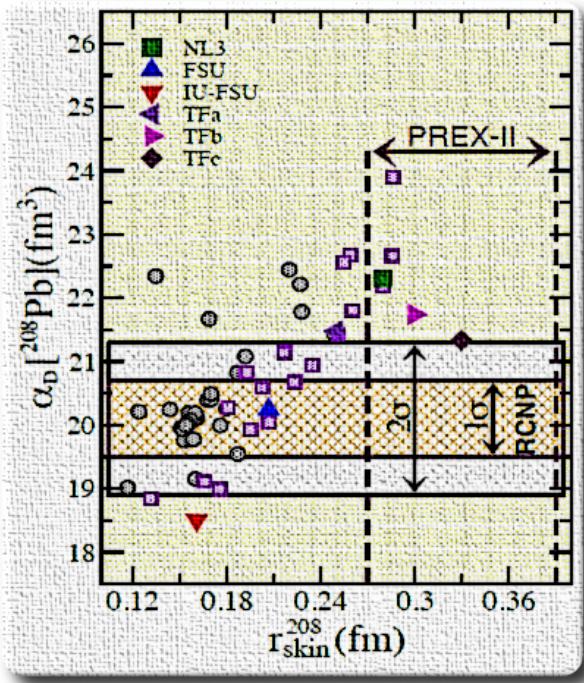
Phys. Rev. C 80, 045806 (2009)

Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)

Phys. Rev. C 85, 032801(R) (2012)

Chiral effective field theory (CEFT)

Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 161102 (2010)



are models with large neutron skins really incompatible with available laboratory or astrophysical data?

Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 162501 (2013)

parity violation program @



start with „easy“ target: **carbon** ...

... plenty of other challenges: **beam stability**

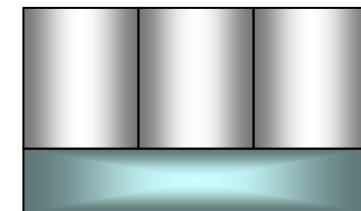
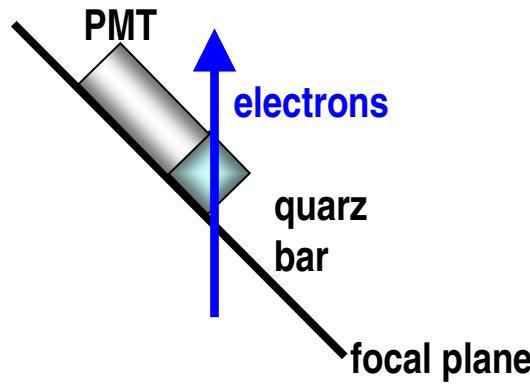
Polarimetry

polarization at several mA

low noise electronics

high rates

pilot experiment scheduled for July 2014:



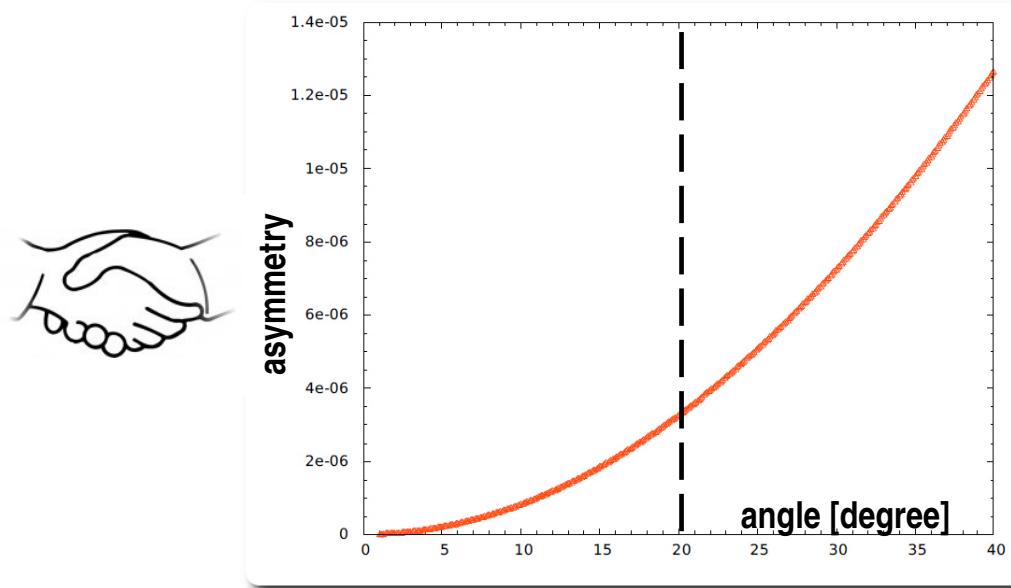
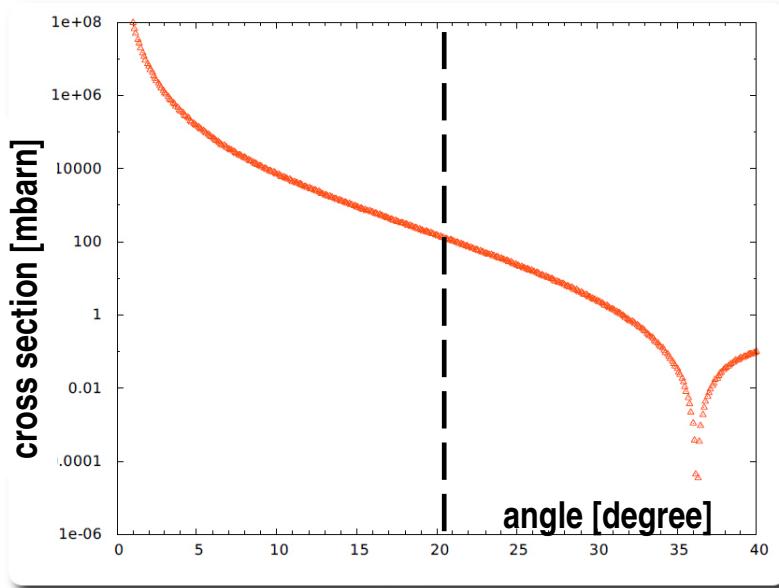
quarz bar:
 $(10 \times 50 \times 100) \text{ mm}^3$

**PMTs with
quarz window!**

parity violation program @



carbon measurement



E = 570 MeV

I = 20 mA

q = 20°

asymmetry: 3.260 ppm

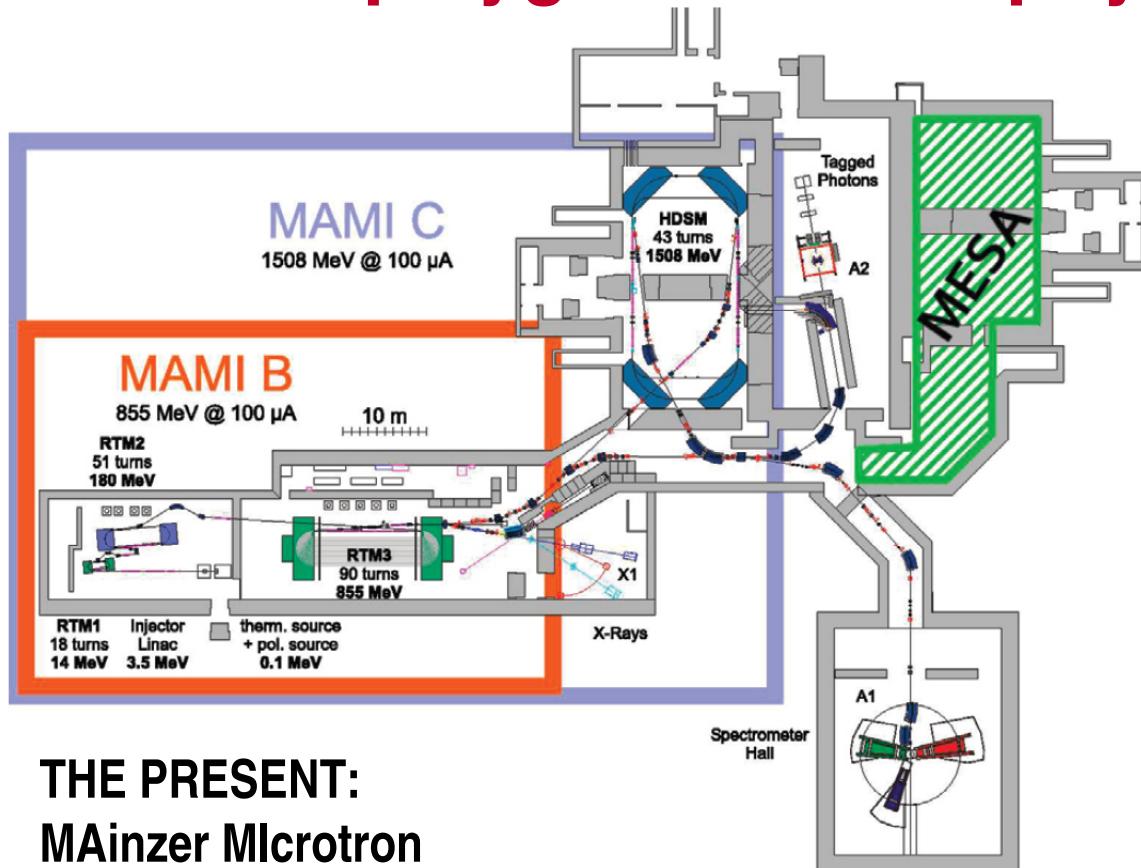
the complete program:

transverse asymmetry A_n

^{208}Pb measurement

^{120}Sn measurement

the best playground for a phycisist



THE PRESENT:
MAinzer Microtron

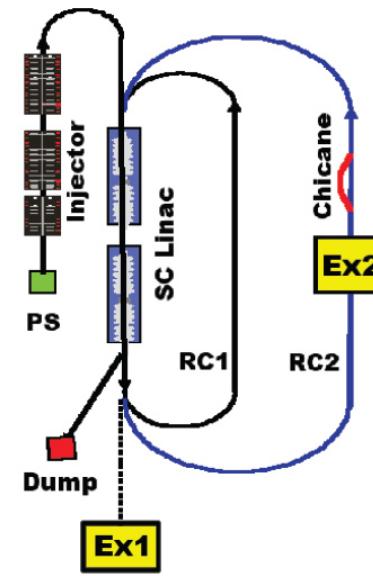
beam energy:
 E_{\max} : 1.6 GeV

intensity:
up to 100mA

resolution:
 $s_E < 100\text{keV}$

polarization:
up to 80% @ 40mA

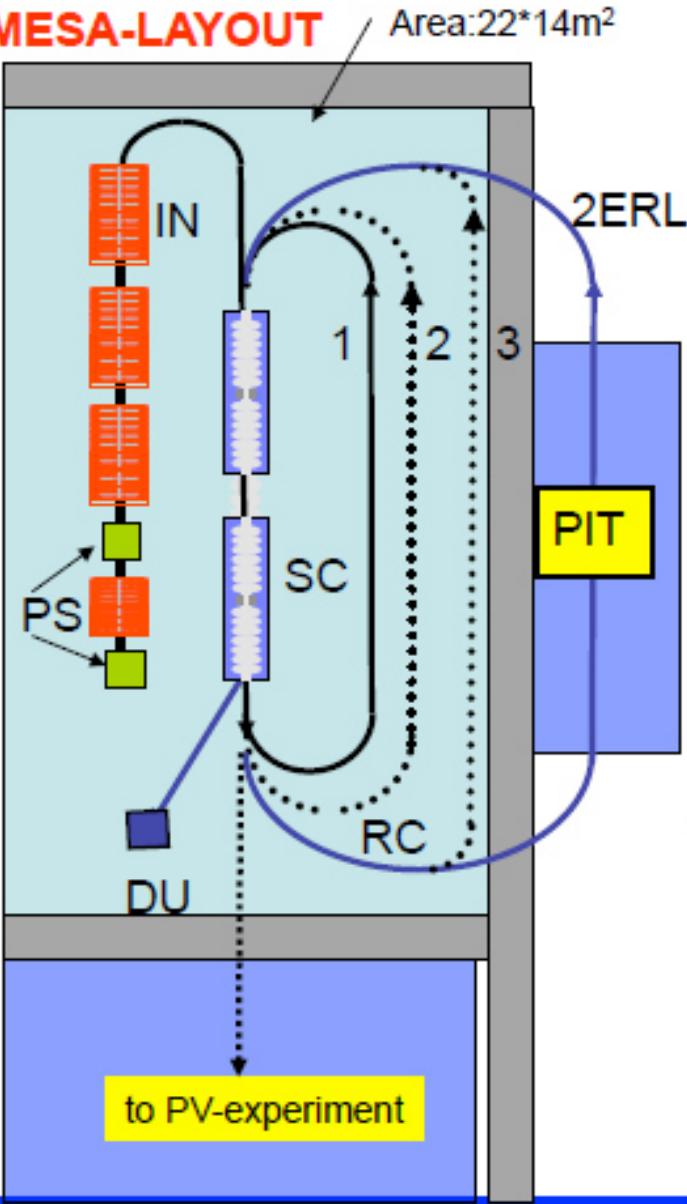
THE FUTURE:
MESA



EB-mode:
200 MeV @ 150 mA (pol.)

ERL-mode:
100 MeV @ 10mA (unpol.)

MESA-LAYOUT



KEY:

- PS: Photosources: 100keV polarized (EB, ERL (low charge)), 500keV unpolarized (ERL, high charge)
IN: 5 MeV – NC injector
SC: 4 Superconducting cavities Energy gain 50 MeV per pass.
1-3 Beam recirculations for EB
Orbit 1 common to ERL and EB,
Orbit 2 could be separate for ERL and EB
PIT: Pseudo Internal target (ER-experiment)
PV: Parity violation experiment (EB-mode)
DU: 5 MeV beam dump in ERL-mode
- Existing walls: 2-3m thick shielding

EXPERIMENTAL BEAM PARAMETERS:

1.3 GHz c.w.

EB-mode: 150 μ A, 200 MeV polarized beam (liquid Hydrogen target $L \sim 10^{39}$)

ERL-mode: 10mA, 100 MeV unpolarized beam (Pseudo-Internal Hydrogen Gas target, $L \sim 10^{35}$)