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# **MESA: Precision Physics at Low-Energy High-Intensity Accelerators**

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# *The Success of the Year 2012*

**July 2012**  
**Higgs discovery**  
**→ Last particle of the**  
**Standard Model discovered**



# *But what about New Physics ?*

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## **New Physics is highly motivated**

### **Observations:**

- Baryogenesis
- Dark matter
- Neutrino sector

### **Conceptual:**

- Unification of forces
- Gravity not included
- No theory of flavour structure
- Fine tuning for Higgs mass



# *But what about New Physics ?*

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## **2012: No clear indications for New Physics at the LHC**

- New Physics mass exclusion limits up to ~ 1 TeV scale or beyond
- Indications for **CP violation in the D-meson sector** (compatible with SM?)
- **Rare B-decays (LHCb):**
  - „smoking gun” signals for New Physics in flavour sector found to be in agreement with SM prediction;  
**LHCb BR measurement of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$**





# *Two Long-Standing Puzzles ....*

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- 1) Electroweak mixing angle  $\sin^2\theta_W$  (legacy of LEP/SLD era):  
→ discrepancy btw. LEP/CERN and SLC/SLAC

MESA Impact:  PRISMA

→ Precision measurement of  $\sin^2\theta_W$  at low energies

*Precision Frontier*

- 2) Anomalous magnetic moment of the muon  $(g-2)_\mu$   
→ discrepancy btw. SM and direct measurement (3 ... 4  $\sigma$ )

MAMI / MESA Impact:   PRISMA

→ Direct search for MeV ... GeV scale New Physics to explain

$(g-2)_\mu$  puzzle: Dark Photons

*Discovery Programme*

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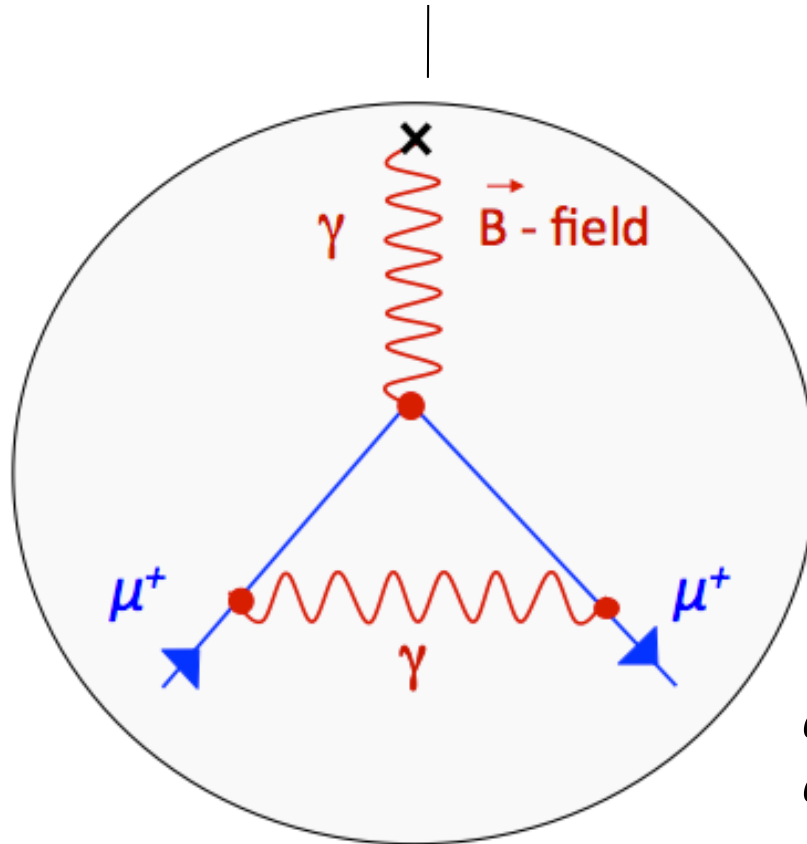
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Davier et al. PRL 2011



$a_\mu^{\text{QED}} = (11\,658\,471.809 \pm 0.015) \cdot 10^{-10}$   
 $a_\mu^{\text{weak}} = (15.4 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-10}$   
 $a_\mu^{\text{strong}} = (693.0 \pm 4.9) \cdot 10^{-10}$

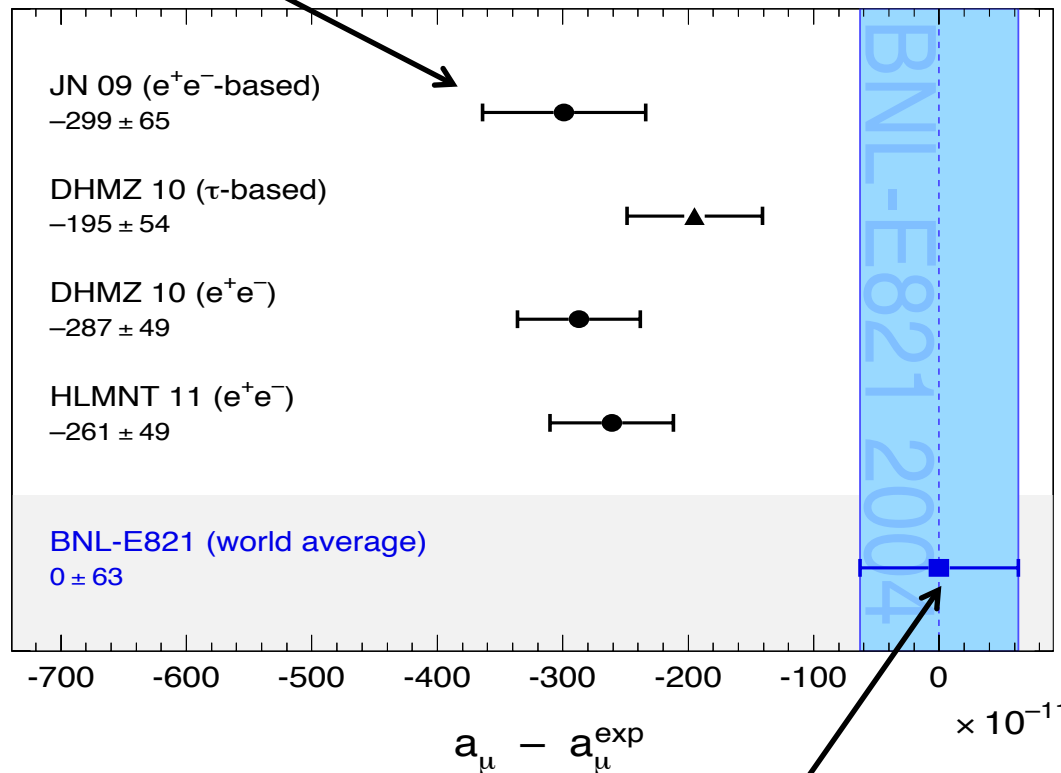
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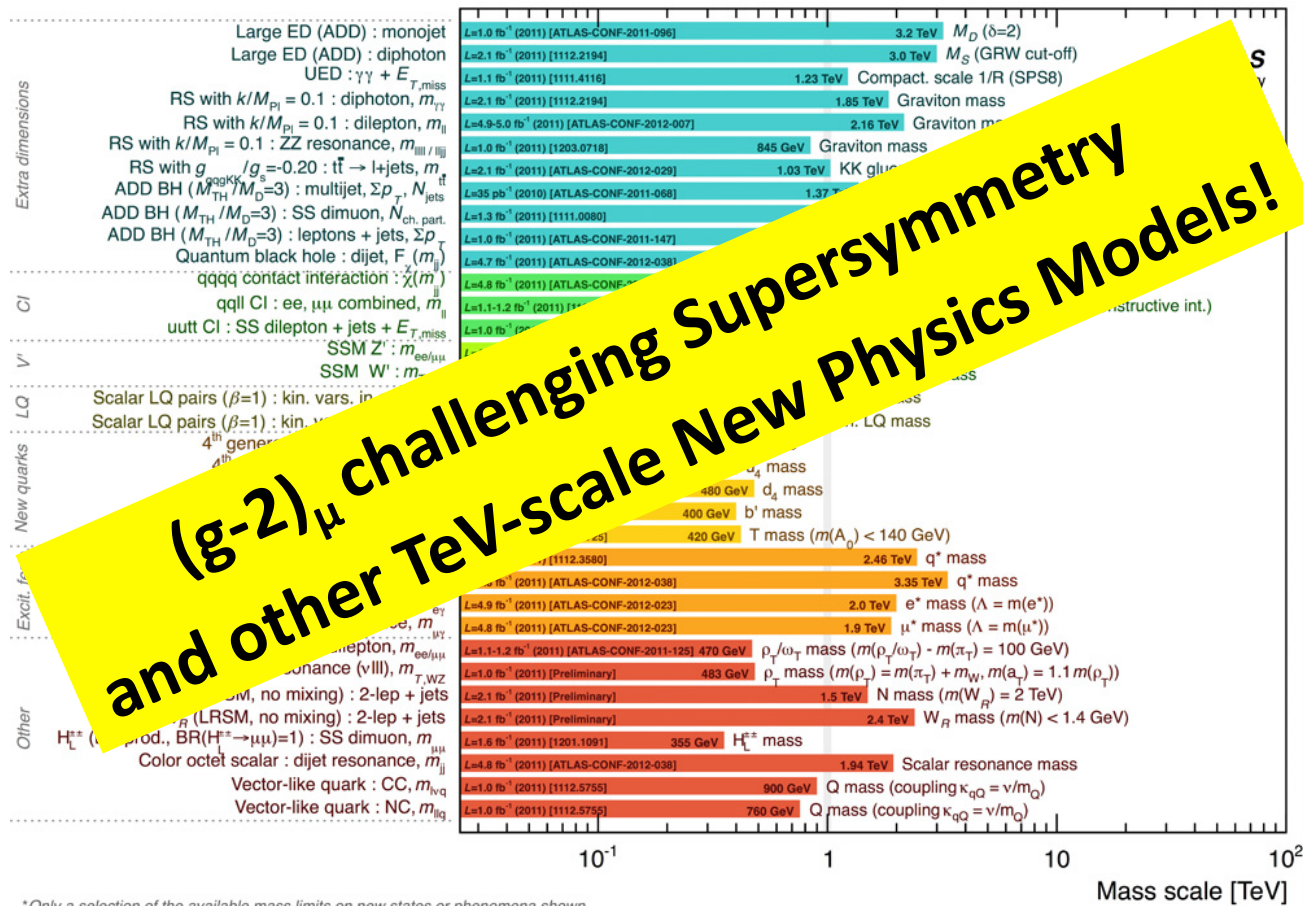
$\Delta a_\mu = a_\mu^{\text{exp}} - a_\mu^{\text{SM}} = (28.7 \pm 8.0) \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ (3.6 } \sigma)$

**Error(s) or New Physics ?**

**E821 measurement  $a_\mu^{\text{exp}} = (11\,659\,208.9 \pm 6.3) \cdot 10^{-10}$**

# Supersymmetry and $(g-2)_\mu$ ?

$$\Delta a_\mu^{\text{SUSY}} \approx +13 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{sgn}(\mu) \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\text{SUSY}}} \right)^2 \tan \beta = 28 \times 10^{-10}$$





# Mainz Energy-Recovering Superconduct. Accelerator

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## MESA: High-Intensity CW Electron Accelerator 200 MeV @ 10 mA current

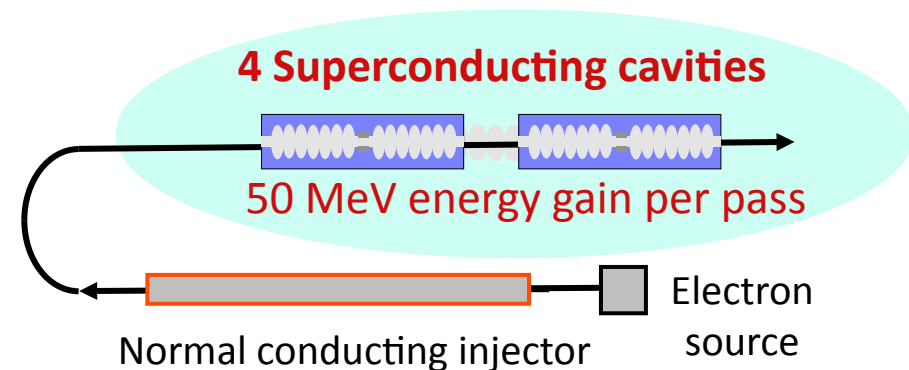


### ➤ Experiments in low-energy precision physics

- Precision measurement of electroweak mixing angle  $\sin^2\Theta_W$
- Search for the Dark Photon
- Precision Particle, Hadron, and Nuclear Physics

### ➤ Challenging accelerator project

- High-gradient superconducting cavities (1.3 GHz)
- Energy-Recovering (ERL) technology



**A Precision  
Measurement  
of  $\sin^2\Theta_w$  at MESA**

# *$\sin^2\theta_W$ within the Standard Model and Beyond*

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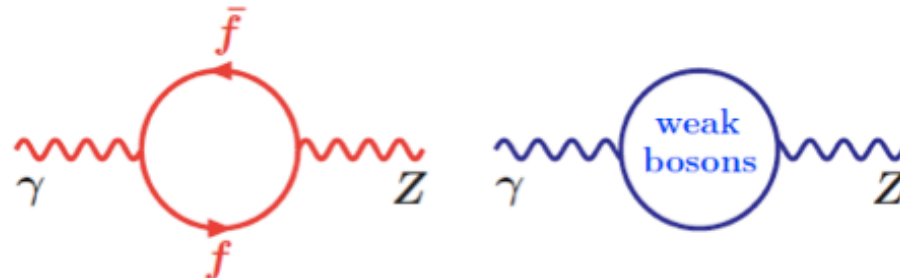
Probably the key parameter of the SM:  
The Electroweak mixing angle  $\theta_W$

$$\sin^2\theta_W = (e/g)^2 = 1 - (M_W/M_Z)^2$$

Incorporates:

$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  + Higgs Mechanism + Renormalizability

**Rad. corrections strongly correlated with masses of top quark, Higgs, New Physics!**

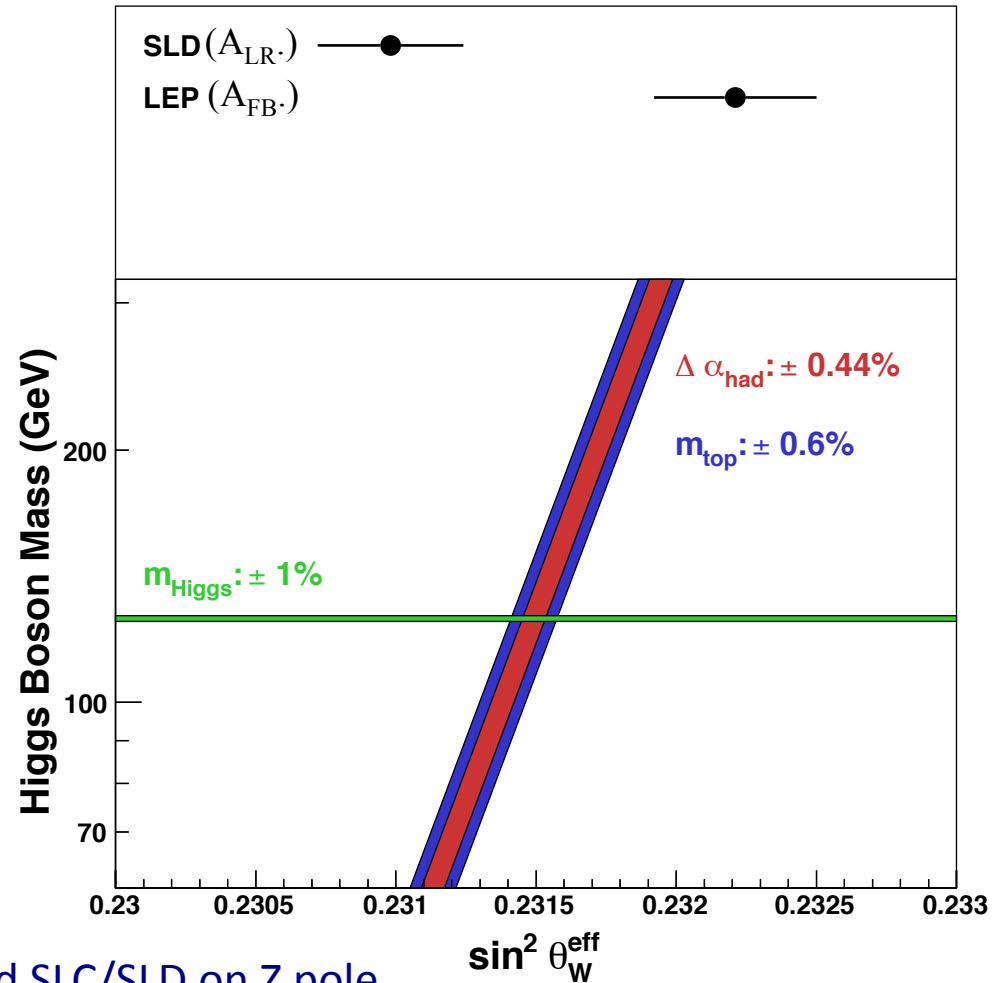


**Low  $Q^2 \rightarrow$  High sensitivity to New Physics**

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# *EW Precision Physics after Higgs Discovery*

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## Experimental status:

- 2 precision measurement at LEP and SLC/SLD on Z pole
  - Low Energy experiments (e-e<sup>-</sup>, Neutrino scattering, APV)
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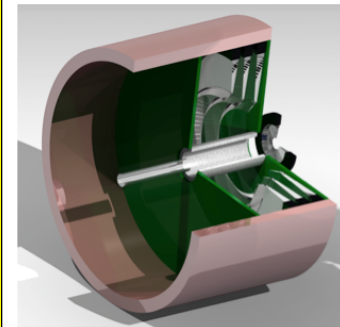
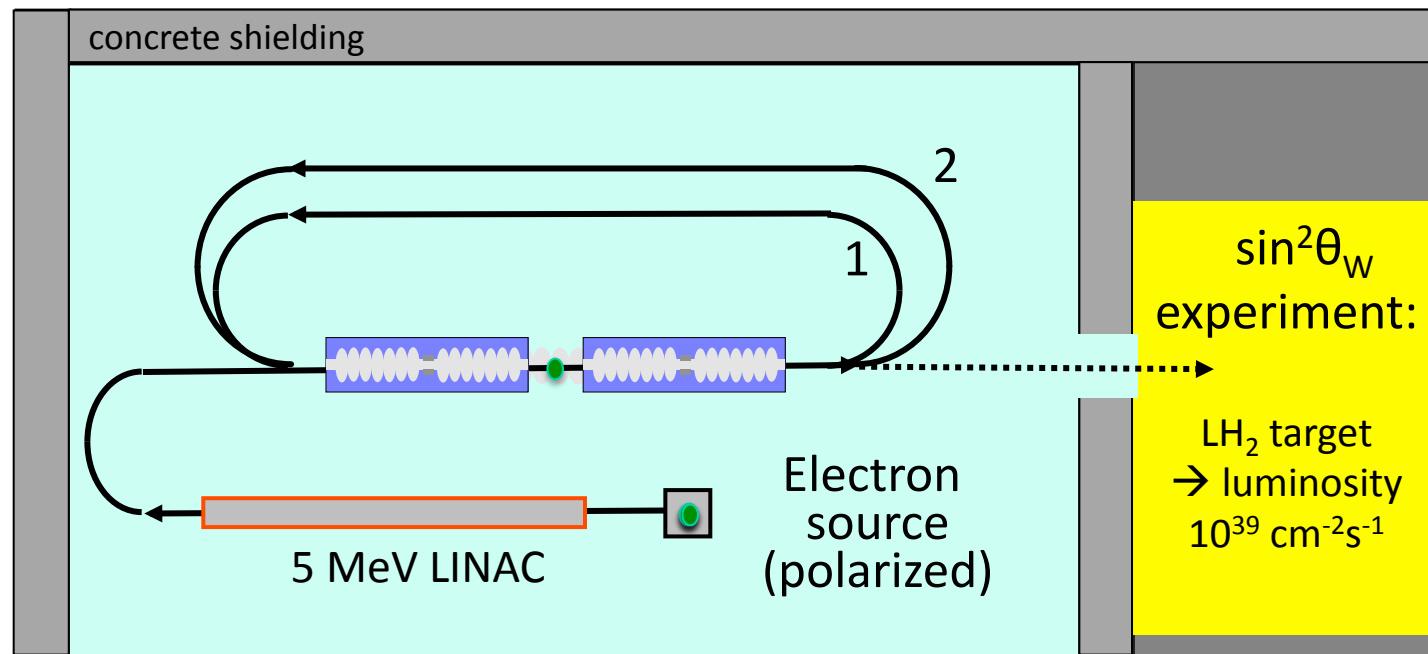
# *Accelerator MESA (Extracted Beam Mode)*

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**Extracted beam mode:**

→ 2 recirculating arcs

→ 155 MeV beam energy @ 150  $\mu\text{A}$



# *A Low- $Q^2$ Measurement of $\sin^2\theta_W$ at MESA*

## Scattering of longitudinally polarized electrons on unpolarized protons

- Z boson exchange in electron-proton scattering introduces **parity-violating effect**
- Measure **parity-violating Left-Right cross section asymmetry  $A_{LR}$**

$$A_{LR} = \frac{\sigma(e \uparrow) - \sigma(e \downarrow)}{\sigma(e \uparrow) + \sigma(e \downarrow)} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} (Q_W - F(Q^2))$$

$$Q_W = 1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W(\mu)$$

↑  
hadron structure

### MESA goal:

**Measure parity-violating Left-Right asymmetry  $A_{LR}$  of  $20 \times 10^{-9}$  with 1.8% precision**

### Why low beam energies?

- **Dramatically reduced hadronic uncertainties** from  $\gamma Z$  box diagrams (QWEAK 1.2 GeV)
- At low energies there is a **significantly enhanced sensitivity to resolve New Physics**

# Precision Measurement of $\sin^2 \Theta_W$

courtesy: Frank Maas

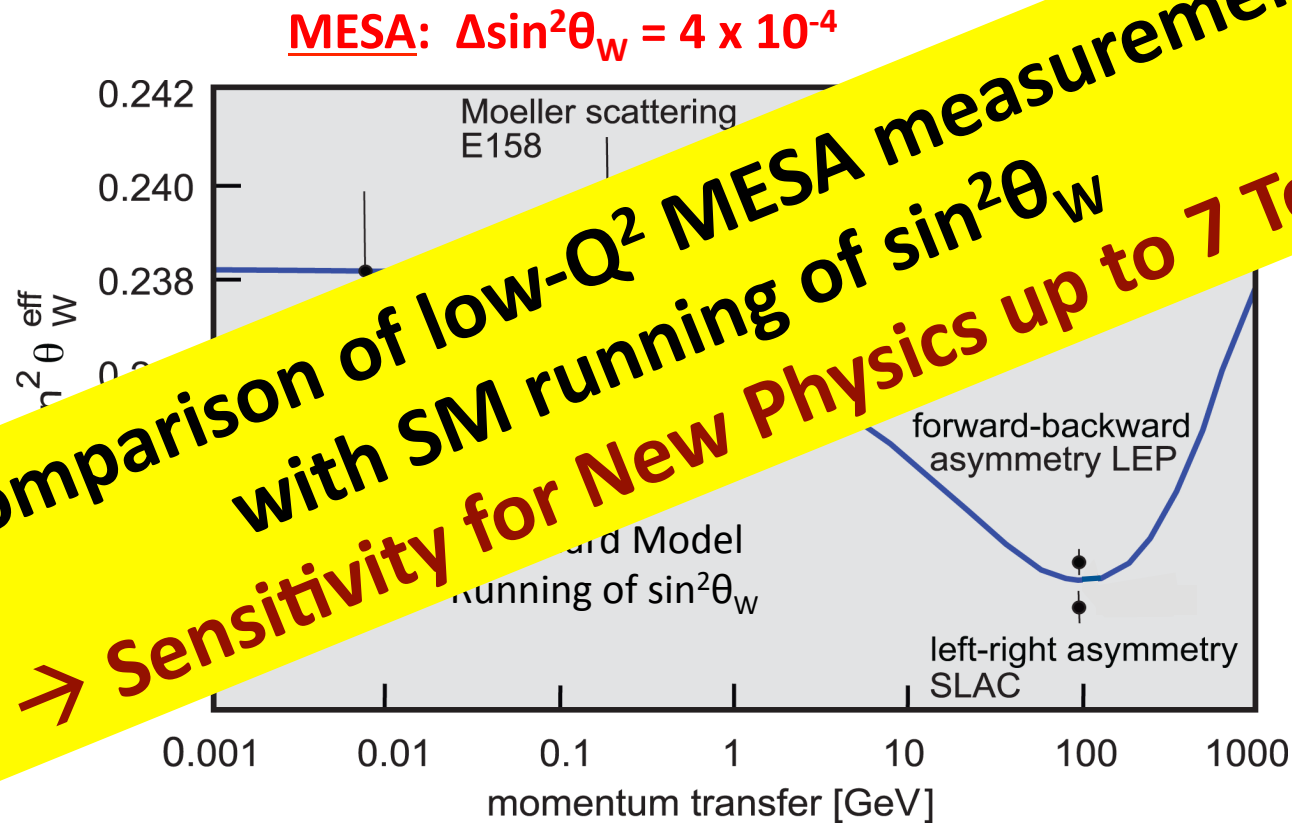
	<b>A4 / MAMI</b>	<b>MESA</b>	<b>Challenge</b>
Asymmetry	1-15 ppm	10-20 ppb	HC beam fluct.
Rates	100 MHz	0.2 - 1 THz	2kHz flipping
Polarimetry	1.5 % (4%)	0.5 %	hydro-Moller
Electronics	Counting	Integrating	18 bit, 500 kHz ADCs
Spectrometer	Calorimeter	Magnetic spectrometer	Solenoid/ Toroid
Liquid H <sub>2</sub> Target	120 W	3.9 kW	beam raster, new target cell

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**Main  
challenges**  
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- 15 years of experience in parity-violating e-p measurements (A4@MAMI)
- Strong international collaboration ( MØLLER expt. )

# MESA contribution to $\sin^2\theta_W$

**Comparison of low- $Q^2$  MESA measurement with SM running of  $\sin^2\theta_W$**   
**→ Sensitivity for New Physics up to 7 TeV!**

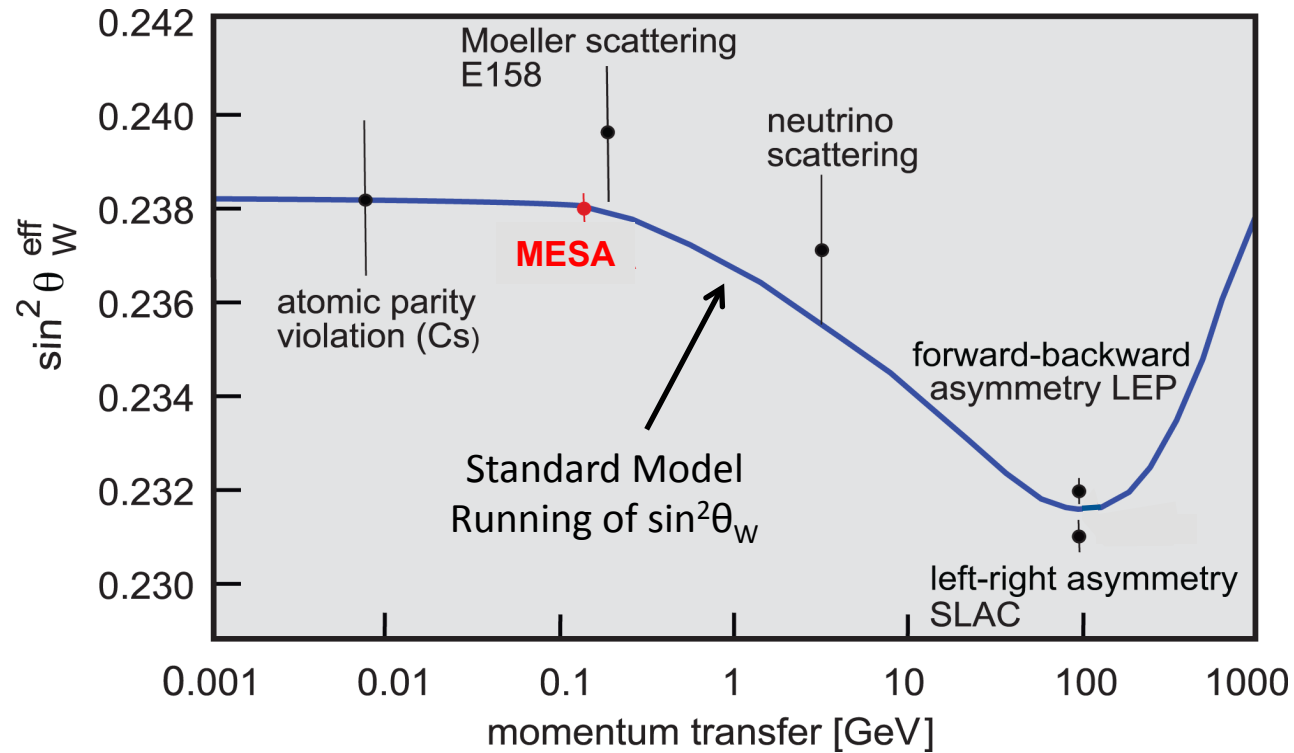




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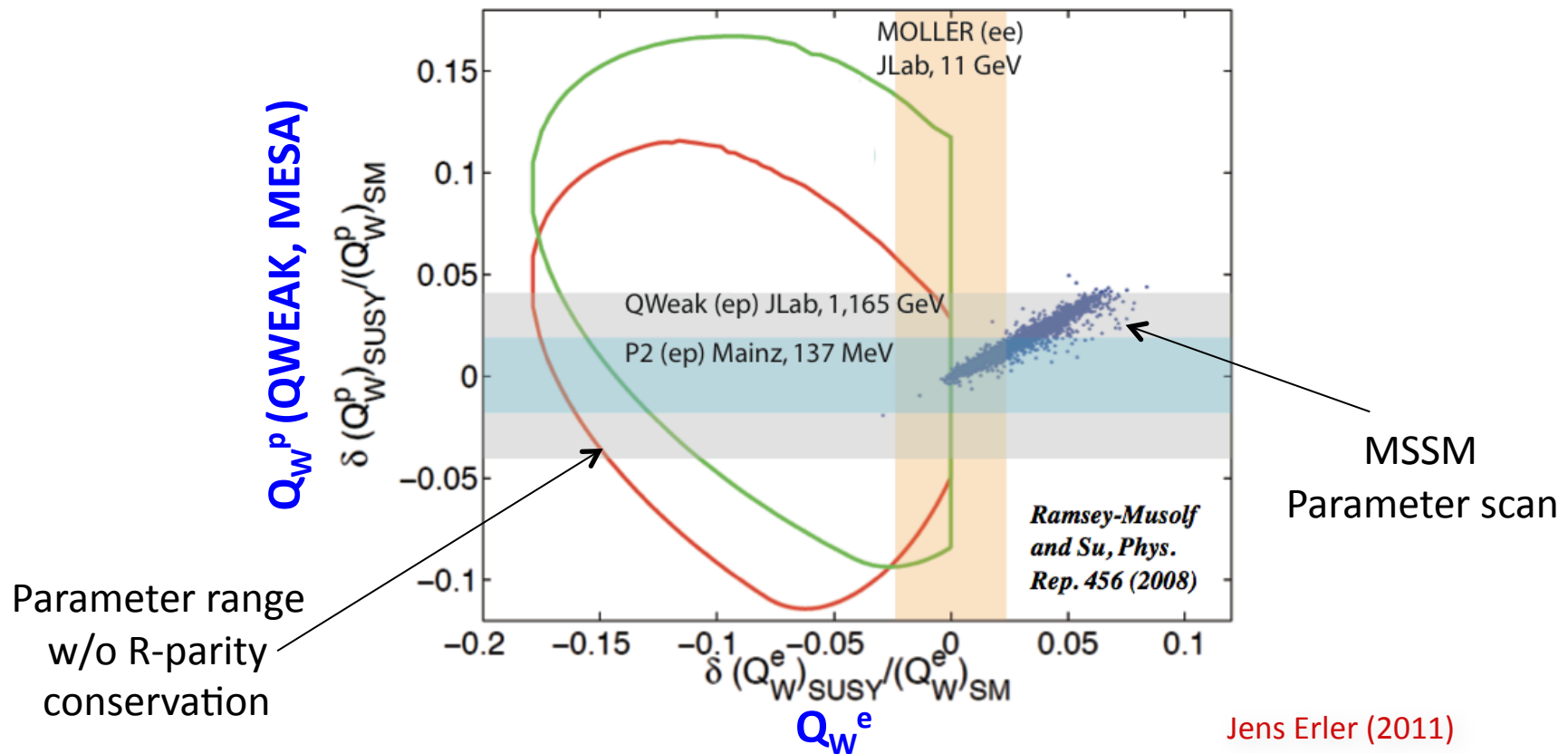
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**MESA:  $\Delta\sin^2\theta_W = 4 \times 10^{-4}$**



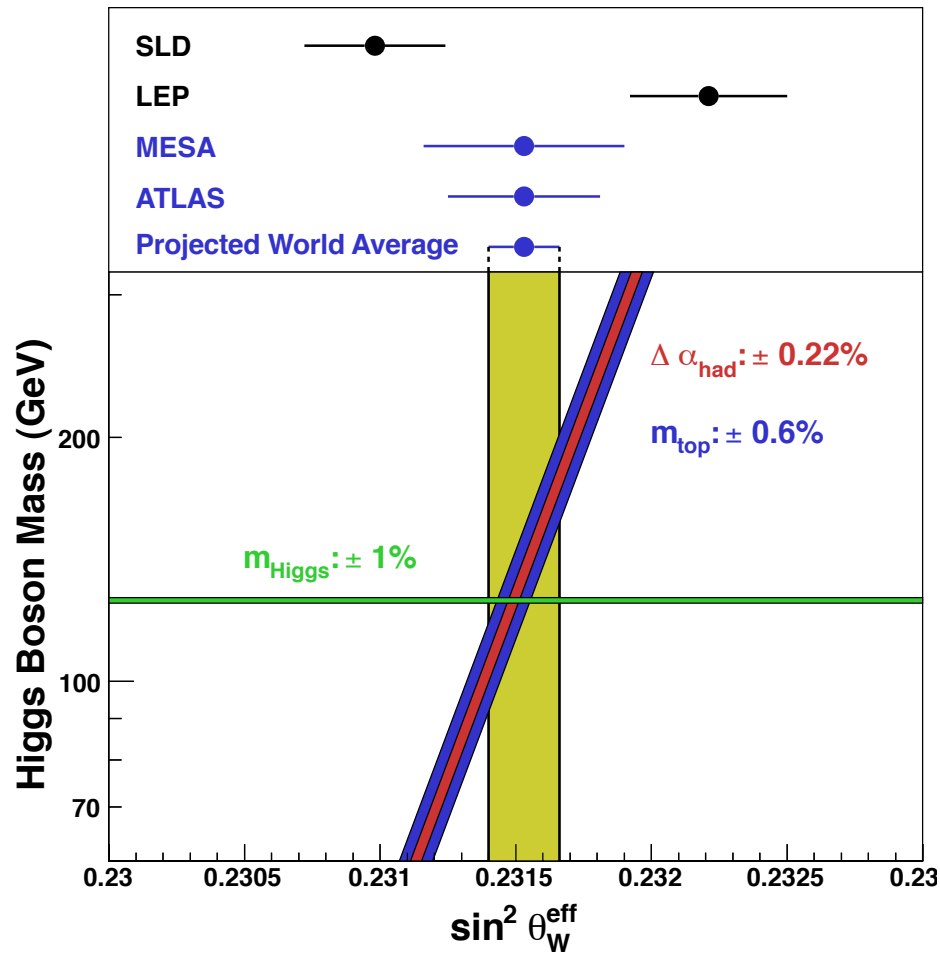
# Complementarity btw. $e^-p$ and $e^-e^-$ Scattering

## Complementarity btw. $Q_W^p$ (MESA) and future $Q_W^e$ (Moller@JLAB)

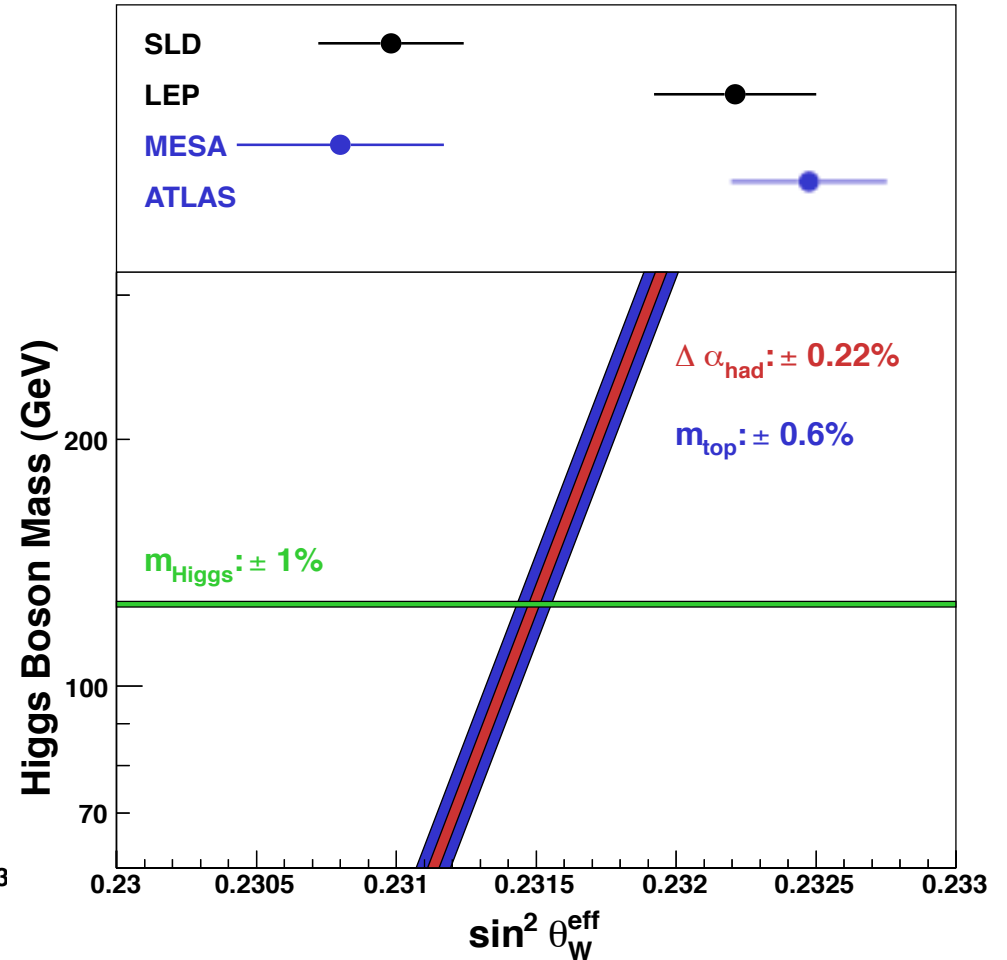


# Possible Scenarios 2016+

**Scenario:**  
No physics beyond the SM



**Scenario:**  
Physics beyond the SM

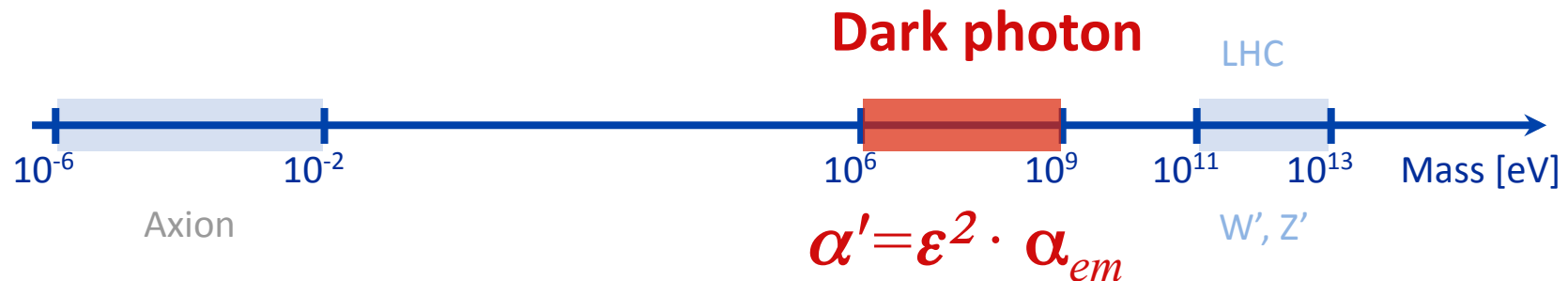


**A Search for the  
Dark Photon  
at MAMI and MESA**

# Dark Photon Search

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New massive force carrier of extra  $U(1)_d$  gauge group;  
predicted in almost all string compactifications



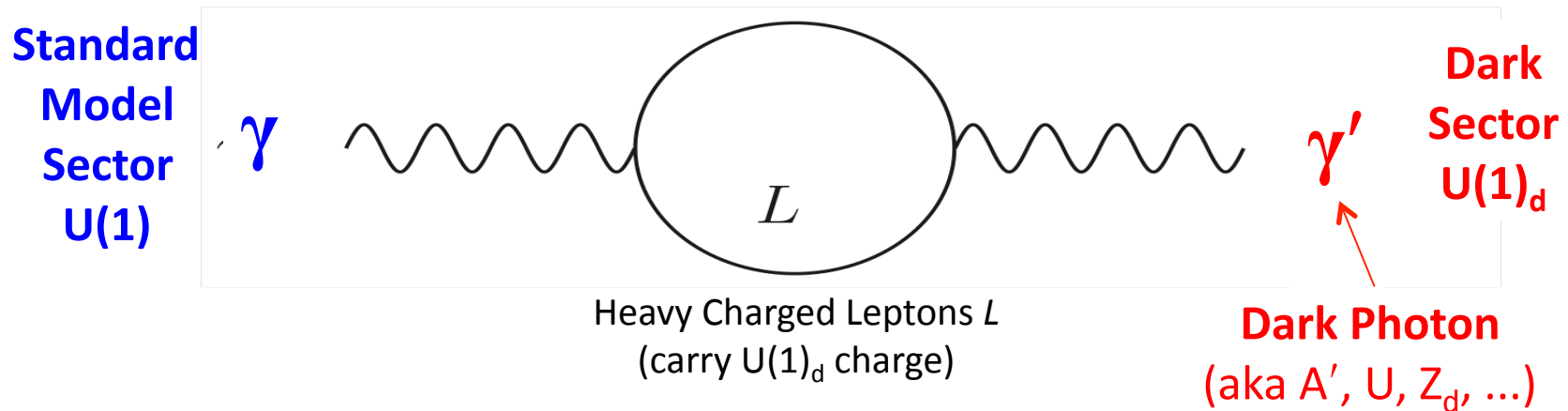
## Search for the $O(\text{GeV}/c^2)$ mass scale in a world-wide effort

- Could explain large number of **astrophysical anomalies**  
Arkani-Hamed et al. (2009)  
Andreas, Ringwald (2010); Andreas, Niebuhr, Ringwald (2012)
  - Could explain presently seen **deviation of  $3.6\sigma$  between  $(g-2)_\mu$**   
Standard Model prediction and direct  $(g-2)_\mu$  measurement  
Pospelov (2008)
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# Kinetic Mixing and Dark Matter

Holdom [1986]

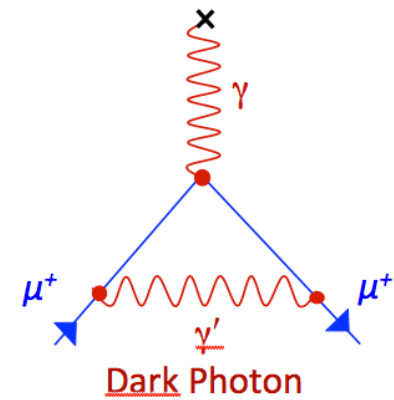
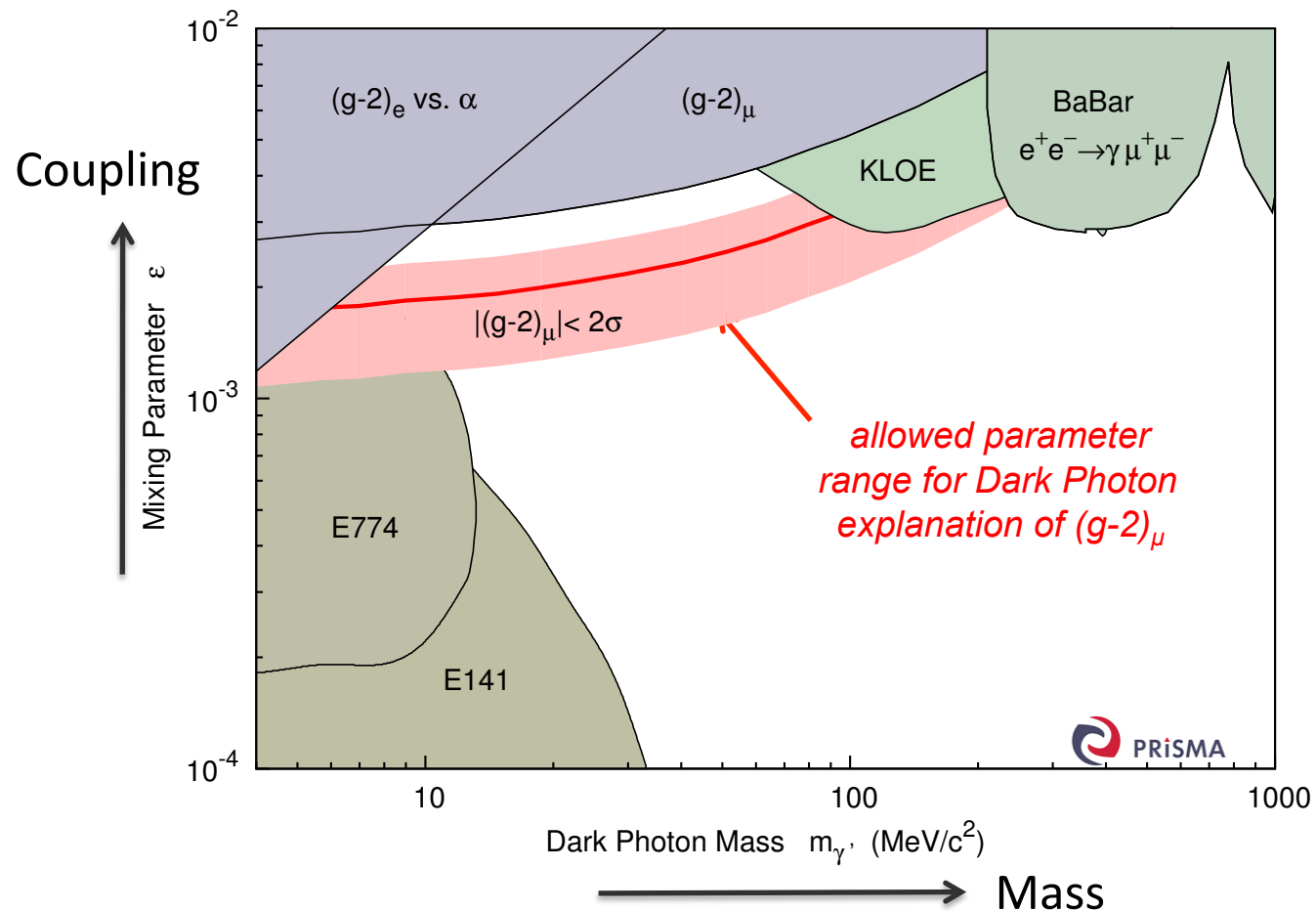
A way to relate the dark sector to the SM (coupling  $\sim \epsilon^2$ )



## Features à la Arkani-Hamed: A theory of Dark Matter

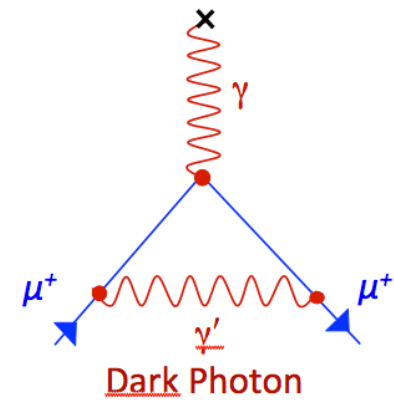
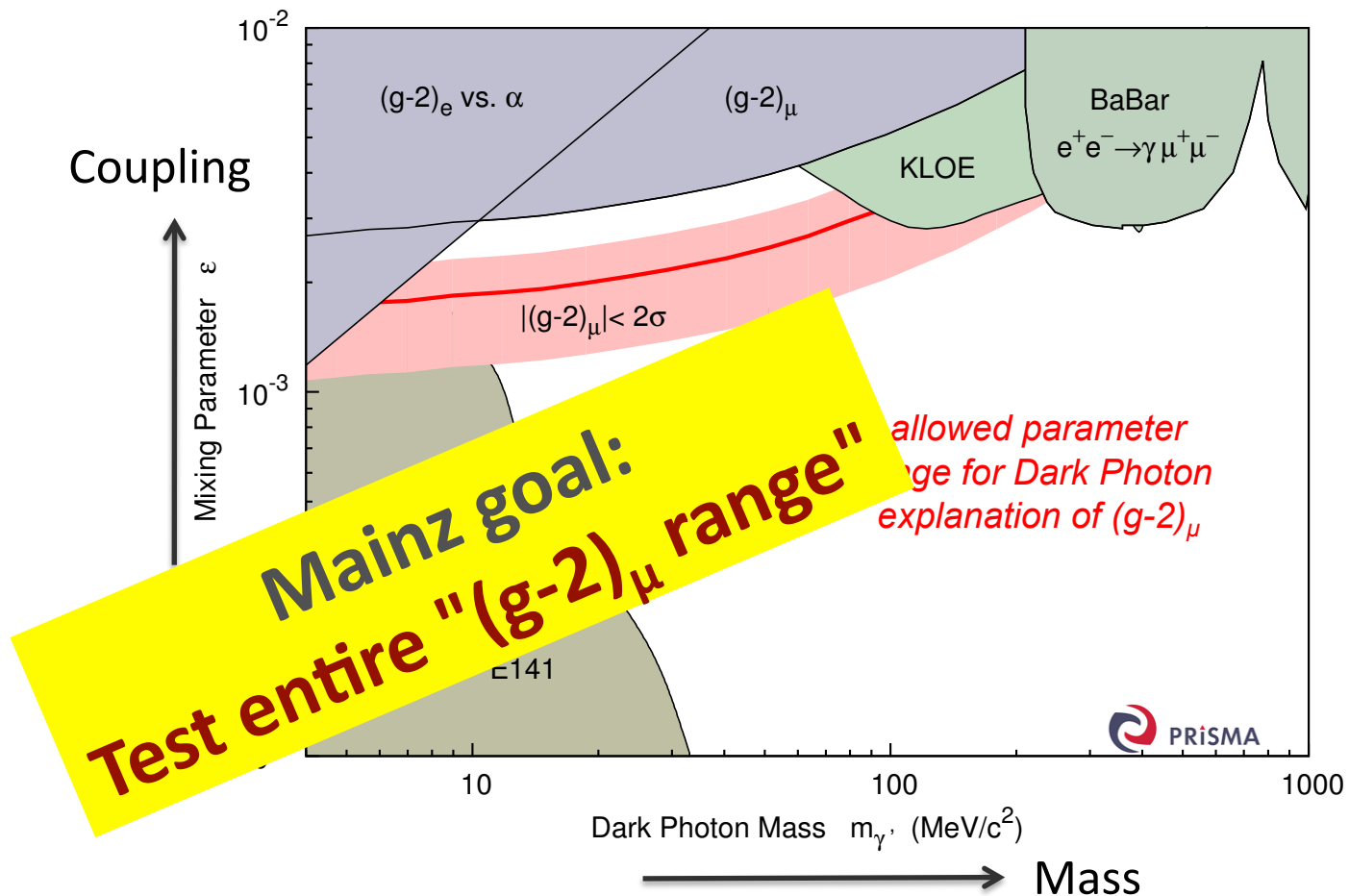
- More than one Dark Matter particle  $\rightarrow$  Dark Sector
- $dm + dm \rightarrow e+e^-$  explains positron excess
- Astrophysical anomalies (PAMELA, FERMI, DAMA/LIBRA, INTEGRAL, ...) suggest dark photon mass on GeV mass scale (and lighter than  $2M_p$ )
- Dark Matter annihilation enhanced by  $\gamma'$  exchange

# The $(g-2)_\mu$ Parameter Range





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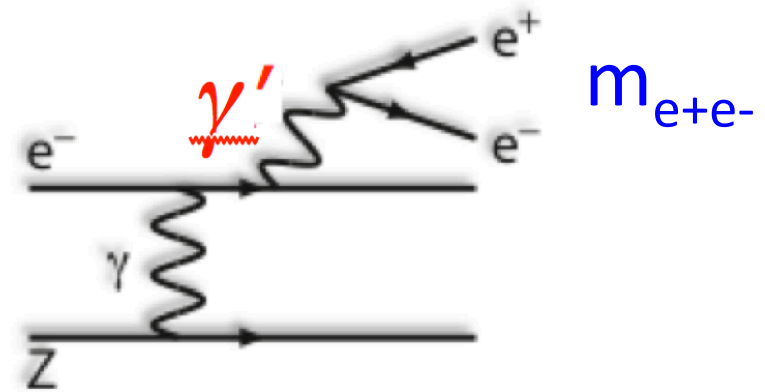
# Searches using Fixed-Target Experiments

Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro (2009)

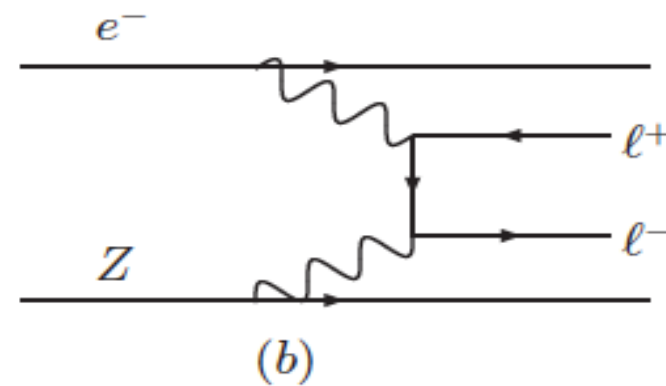
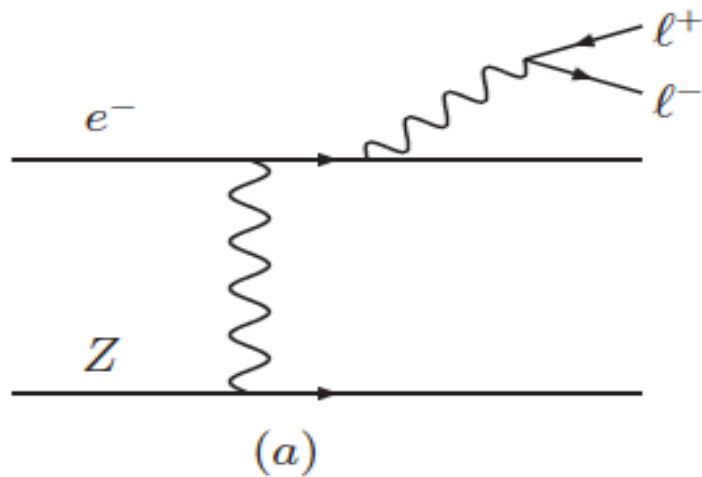
**Low-energy, high-intensity accelerators are ideally suited for Dark Photon searches**

→ MAMI:  $E_\gamma < 1.6$  GeV

→ A1 spectrometer setup



**QED background processes:**

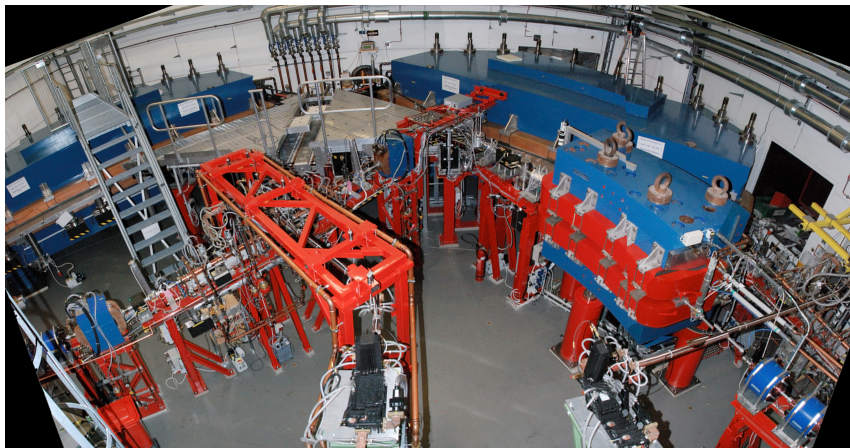
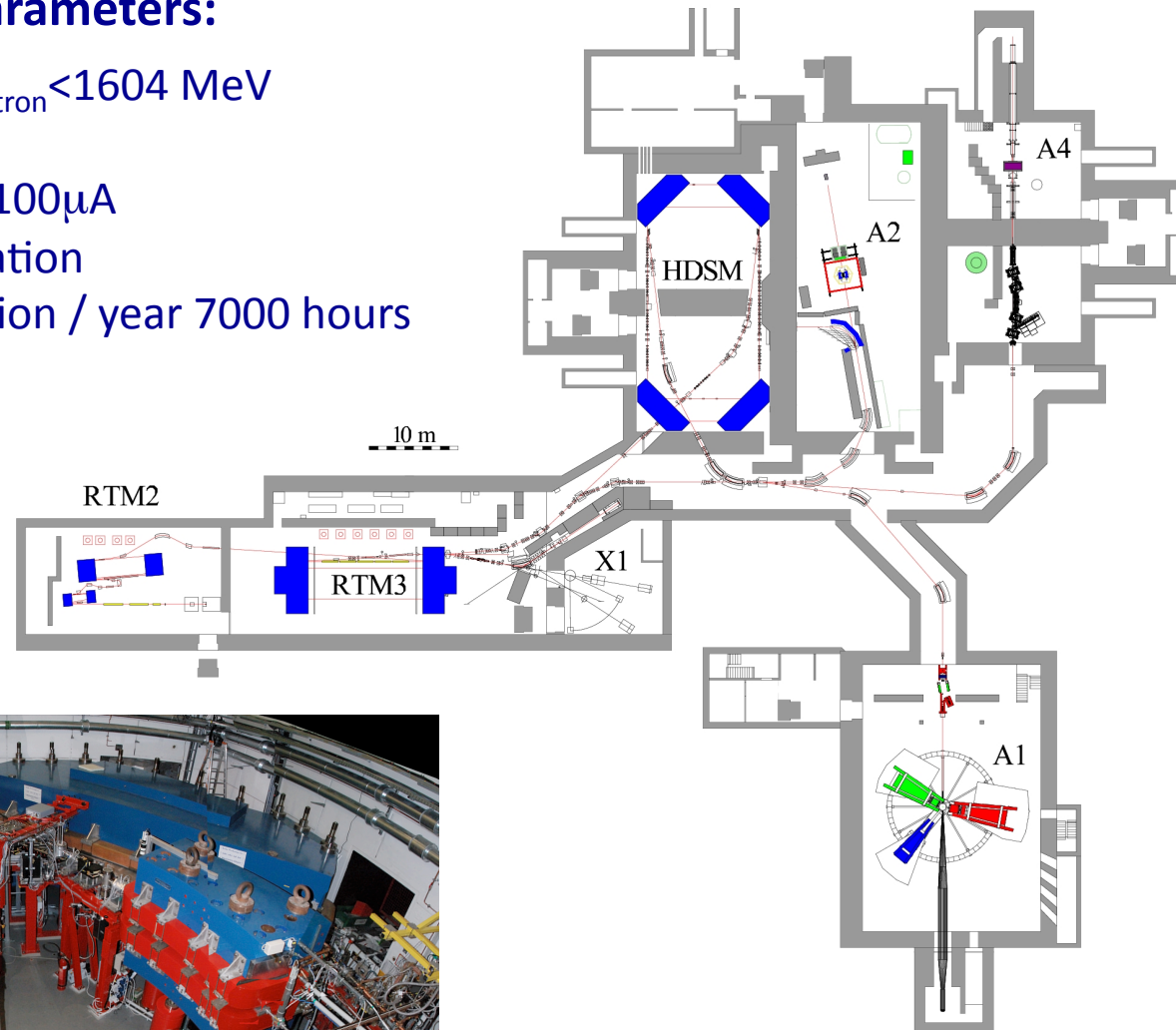


# 1.6 GeV Electron Accelerator MAMI

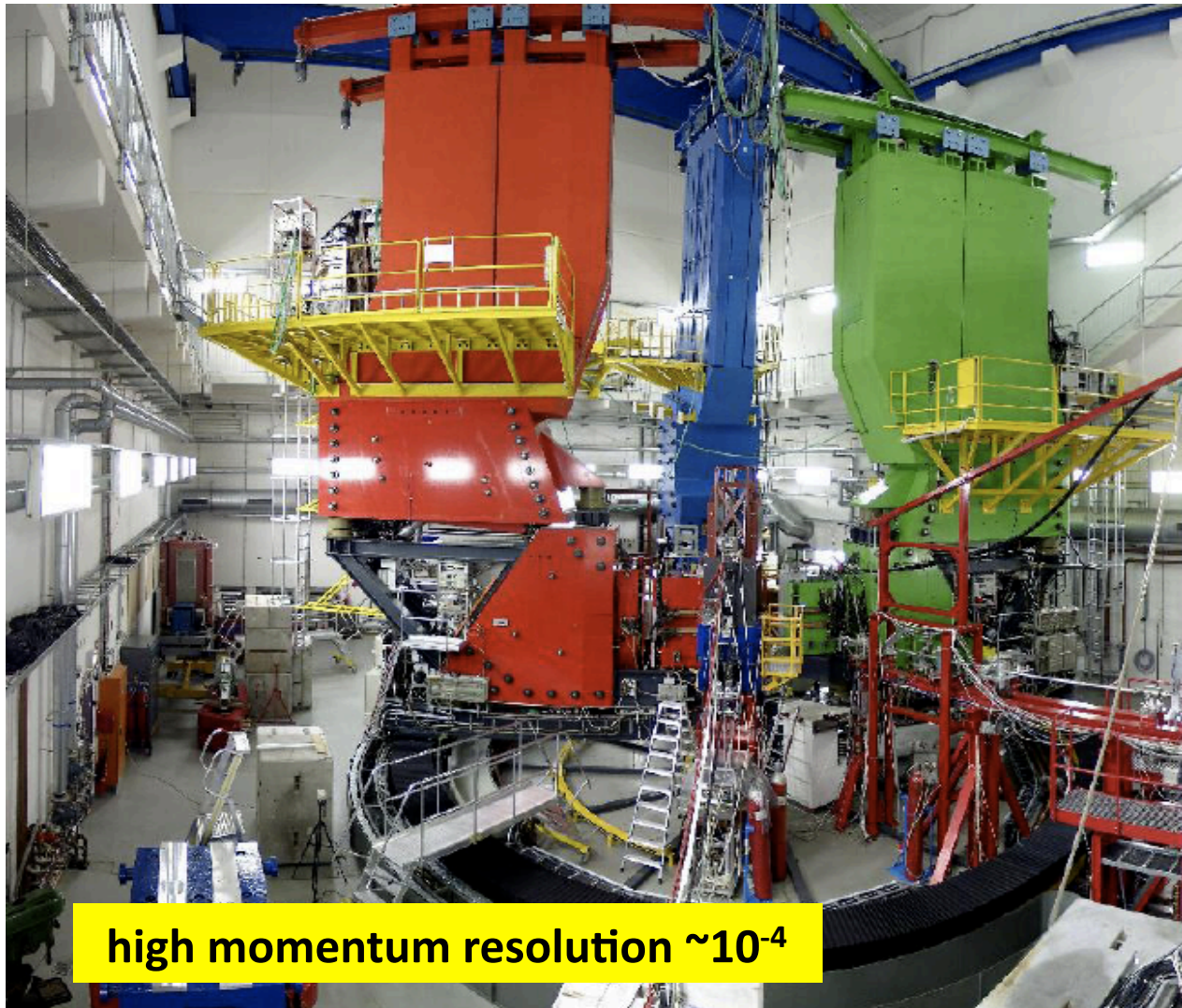


## MAMI beam parameters:

- $180 \text{ MeV} < E_{\text{electron}} < 1604 \text{ MeV}$
- $\sigma_E < 0.100 \text{ MeV}$
- Intensity up to  $100 \mu\text{A}$
- ca. 80% Polarization
- hours of operation / year 7000 hours



# A1 High Resolution Spectrometers



Spektrometer A:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &> 20^\circ \\ p &< 735 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \\ \Delta\Omega &= 28 \text{ msr} \\ \Delta p/p &= 20\%\end{aligned}$$

Spektrometer B:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &> 8^\circ \\ p &< 870 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \\ \Delta\Omega &= 5.6 \text{ msr} \\ \Delta p/p &= 15\%\end{aligned}$$

high momentum resolution  $\sim 10^{-4}$



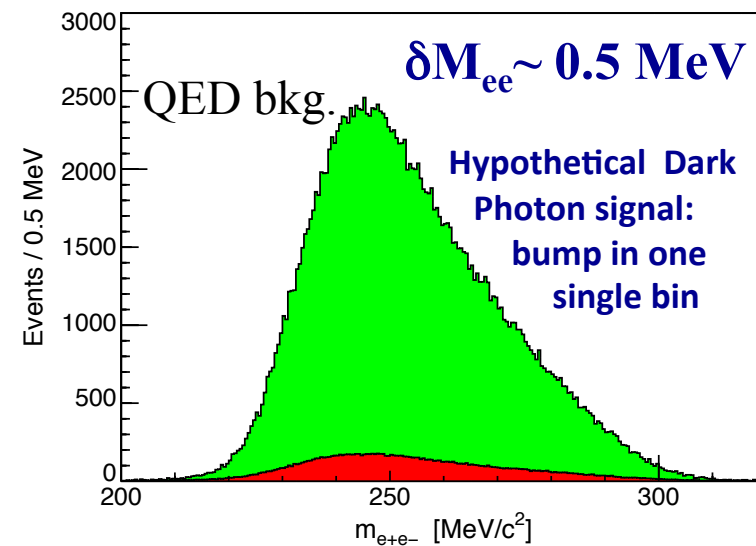
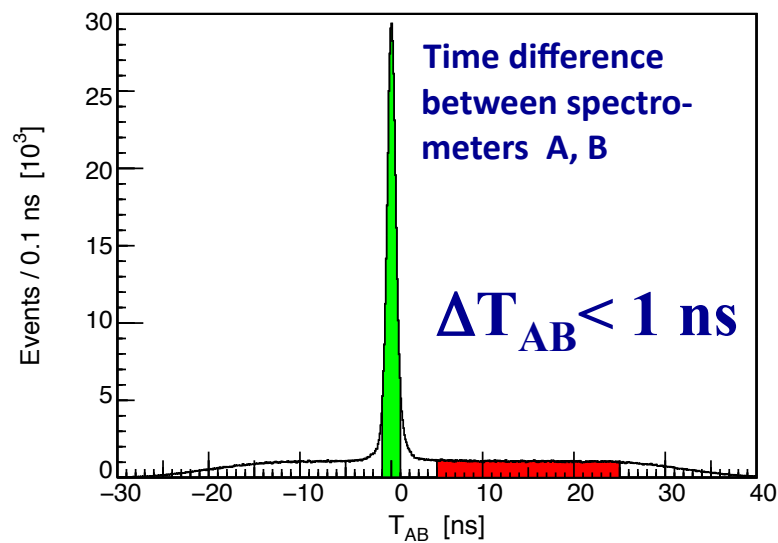
# Dark Photon Search @ A1



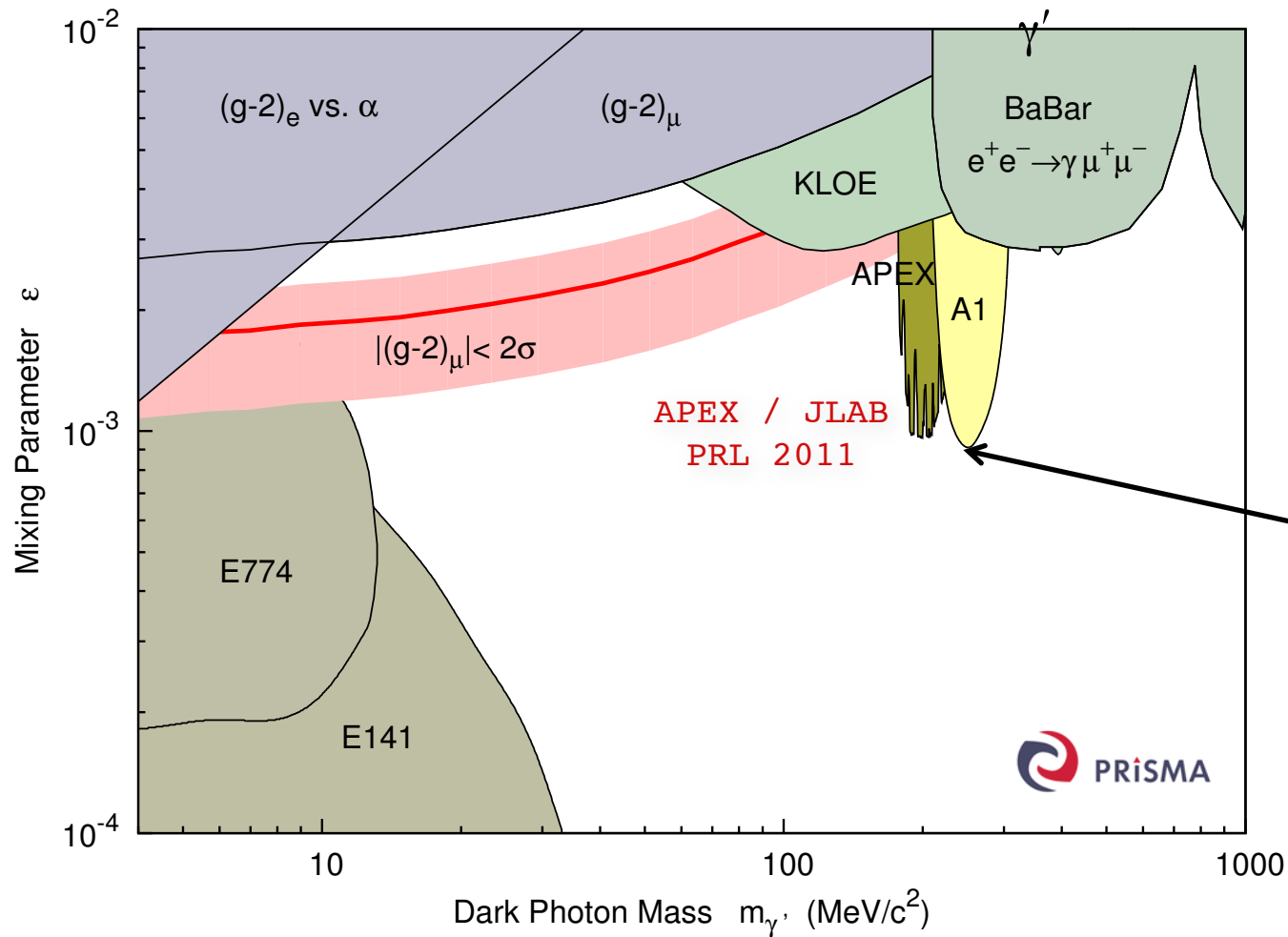
## 2010 pilot run with A1/MAMI

- 4 days of data taking
- Beam energy 855 MeV
- Target: 0.05 mm Tantalum
- Beam current  $\sim 100\mu\text{A}$

→ Luminosity  $\sim 10^{39} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

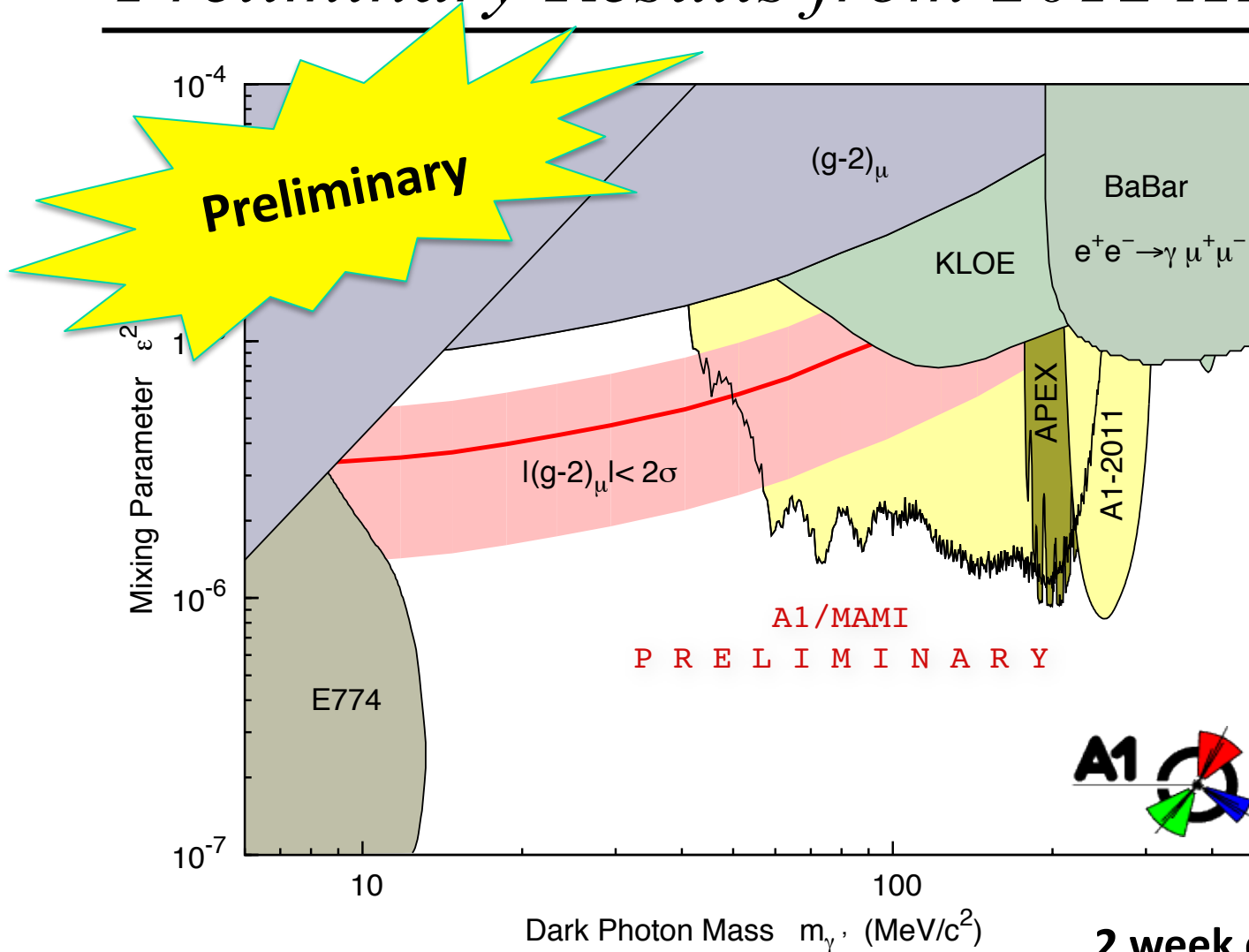


# Results from A1 Pilot Run (2010)



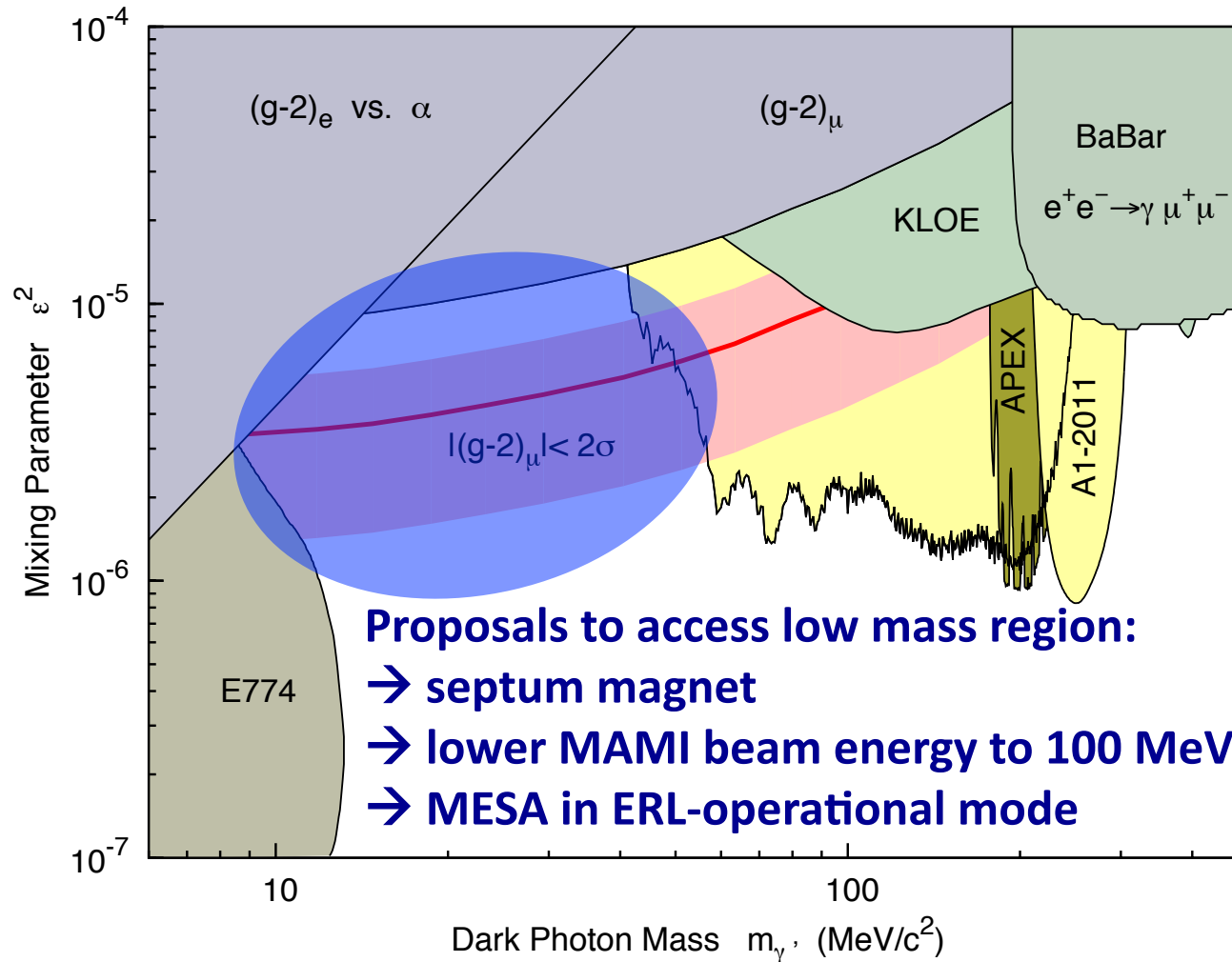
Exclusion range from  
**MAMI / A1 spectrometers**  
during **4-day pilot run**  
A1/MAMI  
Merkel et al. PRL 2011

# Preliminary Results from 2012 A1-Run



2 week data taking limited by rate of DCH readout!

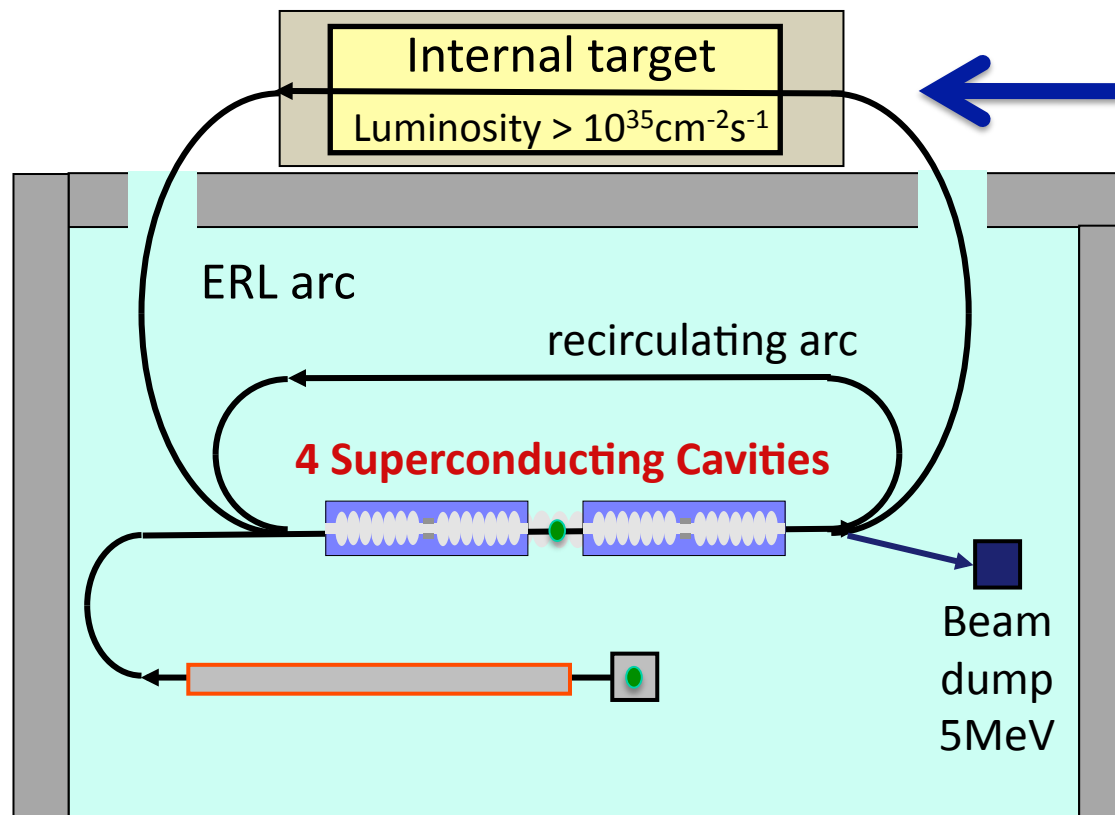
# Phase 2: Accessing the Low Mass Region





# Accelerator MESA (ERL mode)

Energy-Recovering (ERL) mode:  
105 MeV beam energy @ 10 mA



**ERL mode: A novel  
exptl. technique**

- Projects:**
- Dark Photon
  - Proton Radius
  - Nuclear physics
  - .....

# Workshop to Explore Physics Opportunities with Intense, Polarized Electron beams with Energy up to 300 MeV

MIT, Cambridge, MA  
March 14-16, 2013

With the availability of intense, polarized linac beams in the energy range up to 300 MeV, new types of experiments can be considered. The workshop is open to all good ideas but we solicit abstracts in the following categories:

- Parity violating electron scattering at low  $Q^2$
- Search for dark photons
- Precision nucleon structure
- Nuclear physics, inc. astrophysical reactions
- Technology: facilities, high power targets, high intensity polarized electron sources, precision electron polarimetry, optimized detectors and high brightness beam diagnostics

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# **Conclusions**



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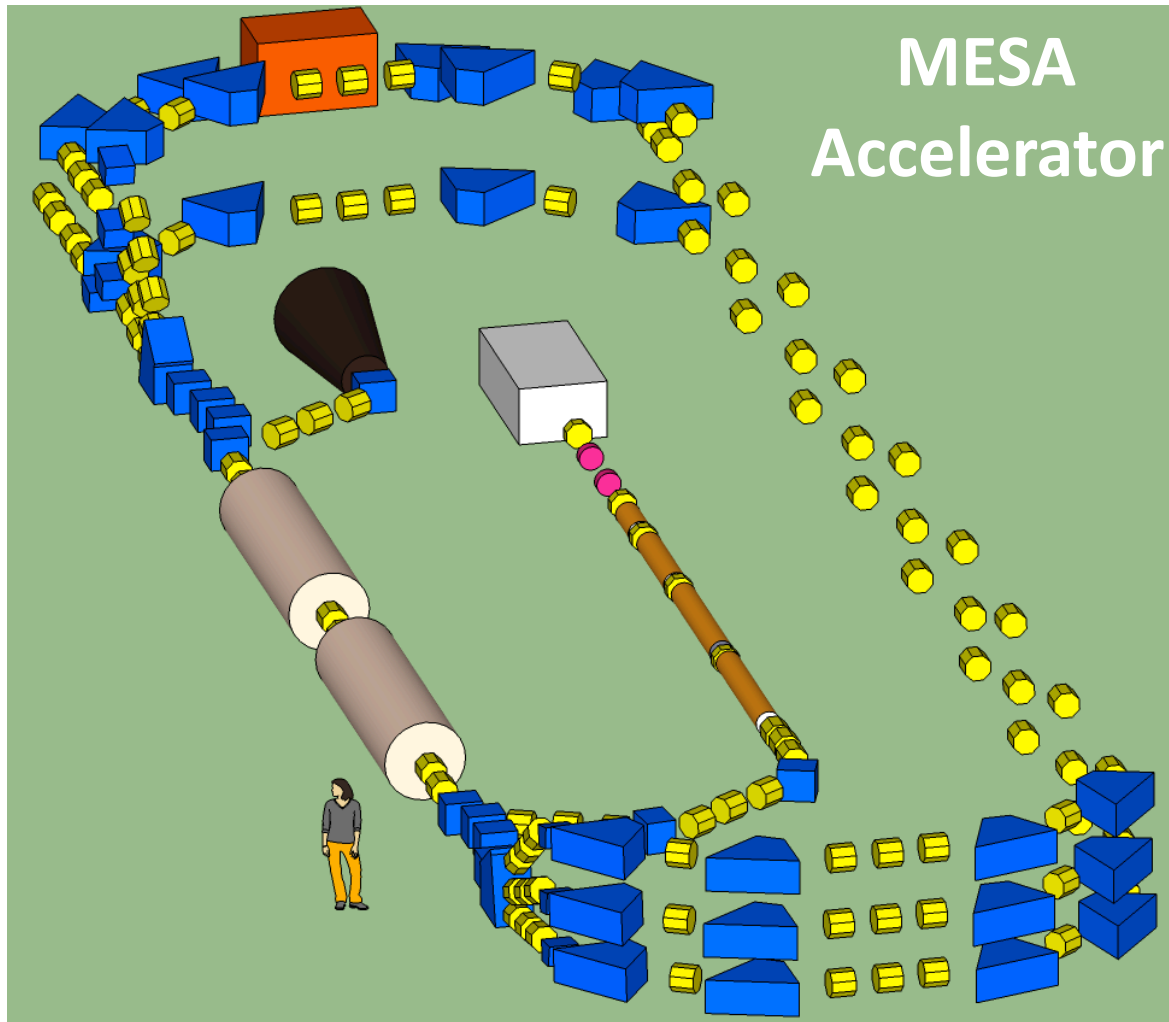


## **INTENSITY FRONTIER : Complementary program in the LHC era**

- **$\sin^2\theta_w$ : Frontier program in electroweak precision physics**
  - Sensitivity to New Physics up to 7 TeV
  
- **Dark Photon: Fundamental discovery potential**
  - High-risk - high-gain experiment
  
- **Hadron and nuclear physics program at MESA**
  - Proton radius
  - Strangeness content of the nucleon
  - Neutron skin of nuclei

**Can be done with MESA: 200 MeV Electron Accelerator**

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Experimental Hadron and  
Particle Physics

***“ MESA: A must-do facility ... for the price of an experiment ”***

***(B. Marciano, 2011 MESA workshop)***