

# P2( $^{12}\text{C}$ ) – Measurement of the Weak Charge of the carbon-12 nucleus

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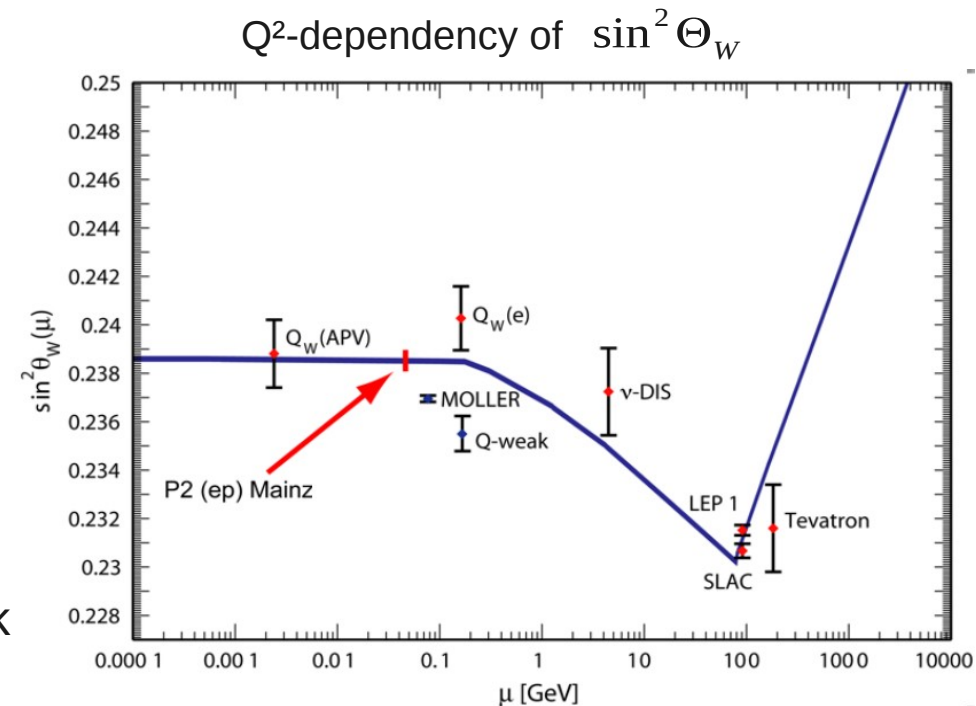
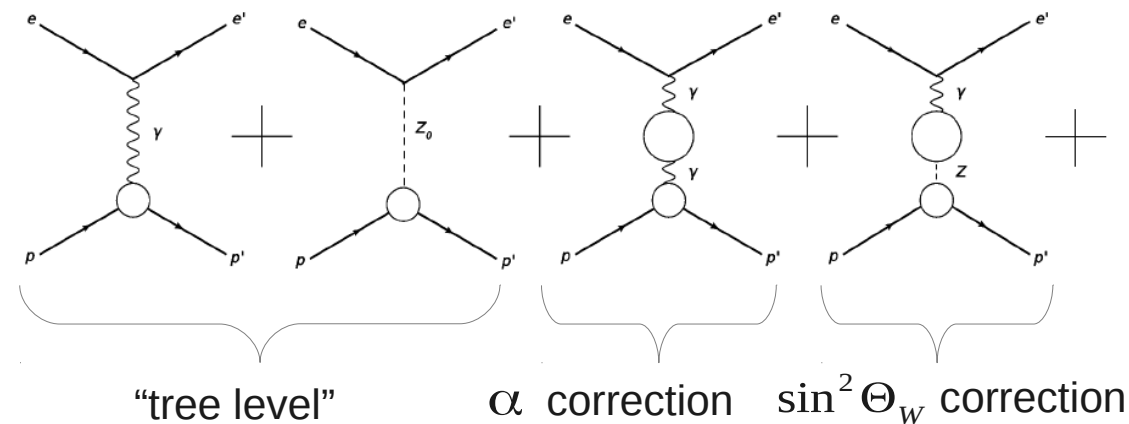
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## MOTIVATION: Measurement of the Weak Mixing Angle



SIGNIFICANT DEVIATION  
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SIGN FOR "NEW PHYSICS"

## MOTIVATION FOR P2(<sup>12</sup>C)

- Measurement of the Weak Mixing Angle with <sup>12</sup>C target
- Original Idea: Faster measurement due to dependency of cross section on Z<sup>2</sup>

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sim Z^2$$

- Simpler target: graphite instead of cryogenic hydrogen
- Could we gain new information?



## “NEW PHYSICS”

Parametrization of “new” quantum loop corrections:

$$Q_W^C = -5.5080(5)[1 - 0.003T + 0.016S - 0.034X(Q^2) + \chi]$$

$$Q_W^P = +0.0708(9)[1 + 0.150T - 0.200S + 0.4X(Q^2) + 4\chi]$$

$$Q_W^e = -0.0458(6)[1 + 0.240T - 0.34S + 0.7X(Q^2) + 7\chi]$$

$$Q_W^{Cs} = -73.24(4)[1 + 0.010S - 0.023X(Q^2) - 0.9\chi]$$

$$\chi = m_Z^2 / m_{Z_\chi}^2$$

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“NEW PHYSICS”



Measurements of different Weak Charges  
are complementary!

Measurement of Weak Charge of carbon is more sensitive to the “Dark Photon”



## BASIC APPROACH: Classical Parity Violation Experiment

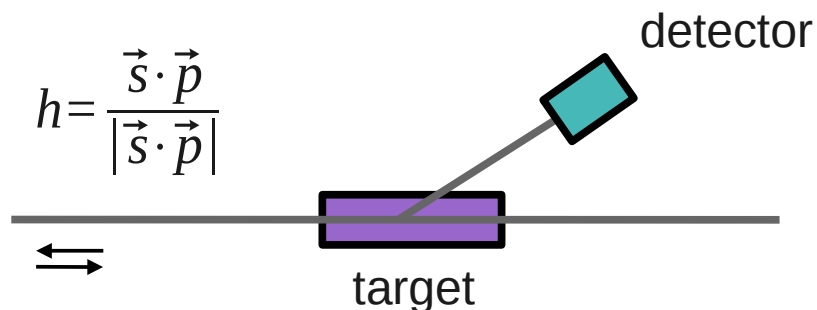
Cross section:  $\sigma_{e^{12}\text{C}} \sim \left| \begin{array}{c} e \quad e' \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ c \quad c' \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} e \quad e' \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \bullet \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ c \quad c' \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Z_0 \\ \end{array} \right|^2 \sim |M_Y + M_Z|^2$

$Q(C) = +6e$

$Q_W(C) = -24 \sin^2(\Theta_W)$

The weak interaction is **parity violating** :

$$N^\uparrow \neq N^\downarrow$$

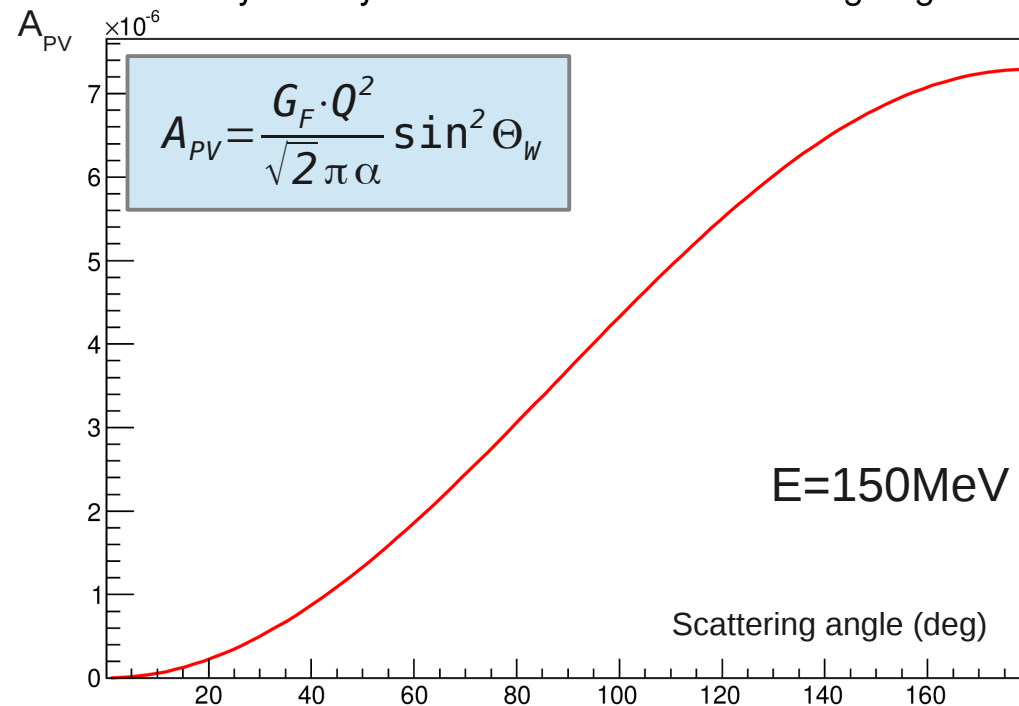


$$A_{\text{exp}} = \frac{N^\uparrow - N^\downarrow}{N^\uparrow + N^\downarrow} = P \cdot A_{PV} + A_{\text{app}}$$

$$A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma^\uparrow - \sigma^\downarrow}{\sigma^\uparrow + \sigma^\downarrow}$$

## INTRODUCTION: The parity violating asymmetry

Asymmetry as a function of the scattering angle



The parity violating asymmetry depends purely on  $Q^2$  and the **WEAK MIXING ANGLE**

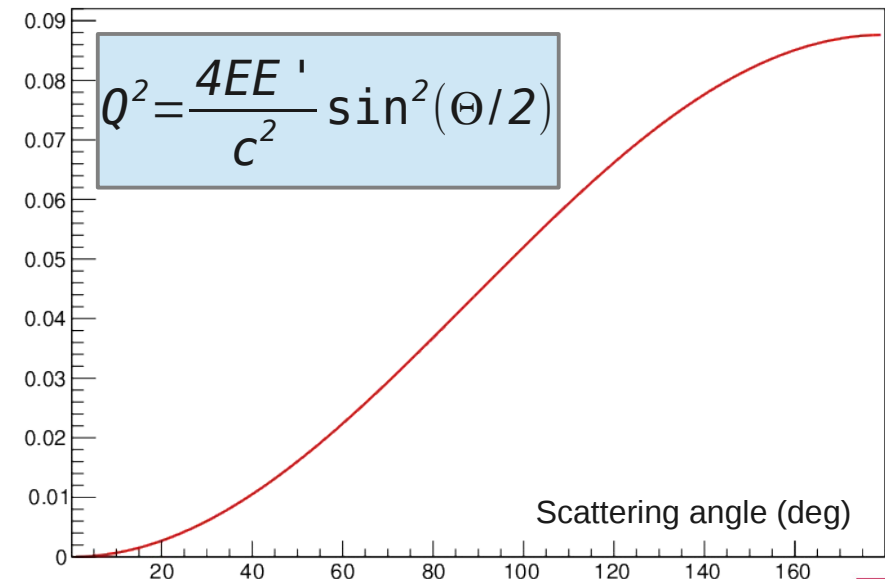
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NO MAGNETIC  
FORM FACTORS

Electric form factors cancel out when computing parity violating asymmetry

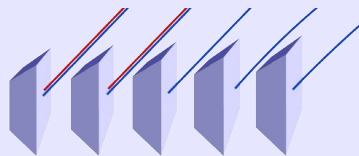
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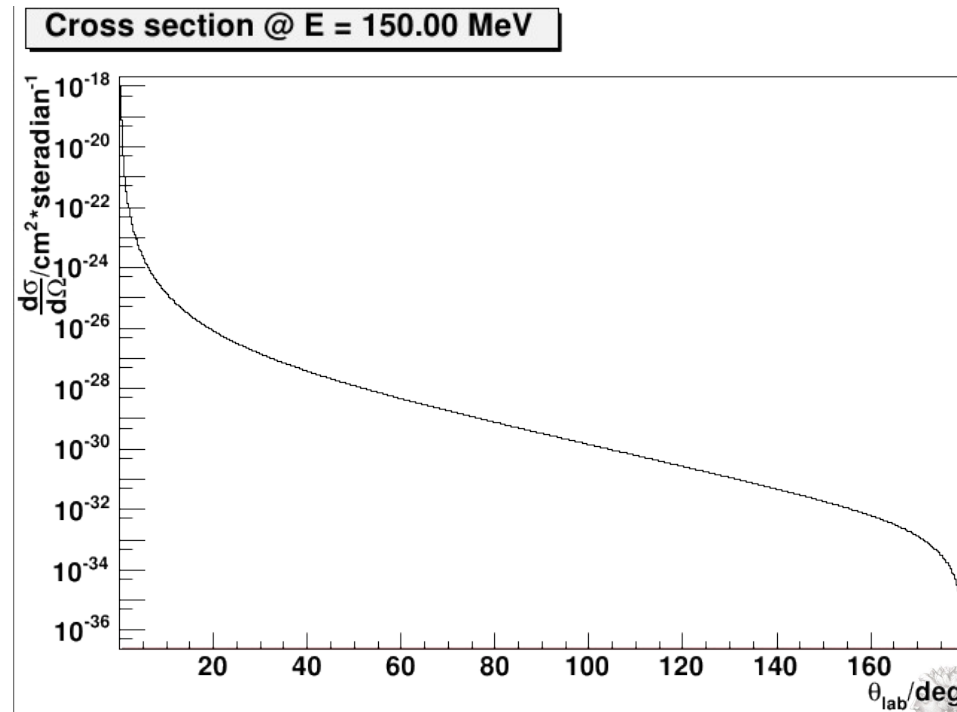
## BASIC APPROACH

Measuring time	2500 h	
Beam polarization	85%	$\pm 0.3\%$
Beam energy	150MeV	$\pm 20\text{ppm}$
Beam current	150 $\mu\text{A}$	

Target: “5-finger” graphite  
5g/cm<sup>2</sup>



Luminosity:  $2.33 \cdot 10^{38} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$



## MONTE CARLO ERROR PROPAGATION

$$A_{\text{exp}} \pm \delta A_{\text{exp}} = (P \pm \delta P) \cdot (A_{PV} \pm \delta A_{PV}) + (A_{\text{app}} \pm \delta A_{\text{app}})$$

Integration over detector acceptance

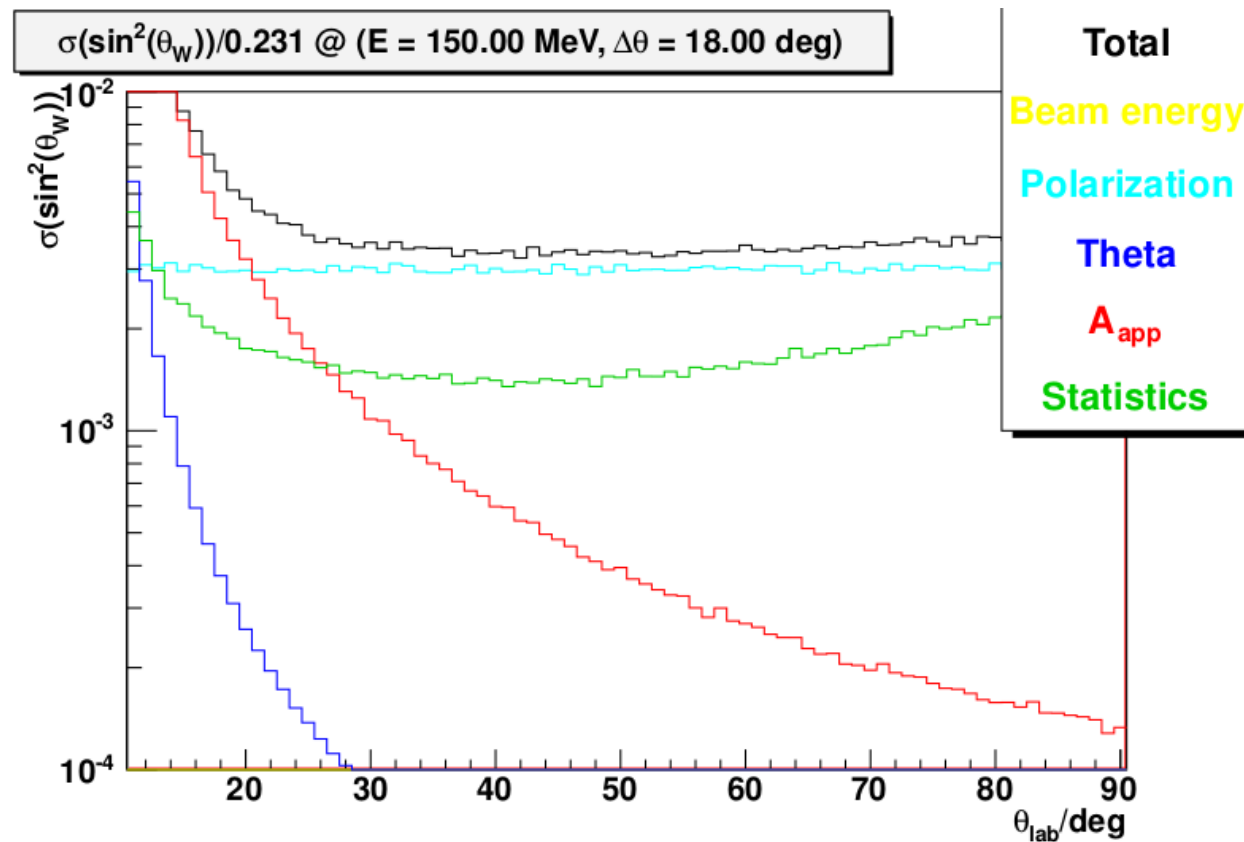
$$A_{\text{exp}} \pm \delta A_{\text{exp}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}}_{\text{polarization}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\int_{\Delta\Omega \pm \delta(\Delta\Omega)} d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(E \pm \delta E, \vartheta) \cdot A^{PV}(E \pm \delta E, \hat{s}_z^2 \pm \delta \hat{s}_z^2, \vartheta)}{\int_{\Delta\Omega \pm \delta(\Delta\Omega)} d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(E \pm \delta E, \vartheta)}}_{\text{beam energy}} + (A_{\text{app}} \pm \delta A_{\text{app}})$$

$\sin^2 \Theta_W$

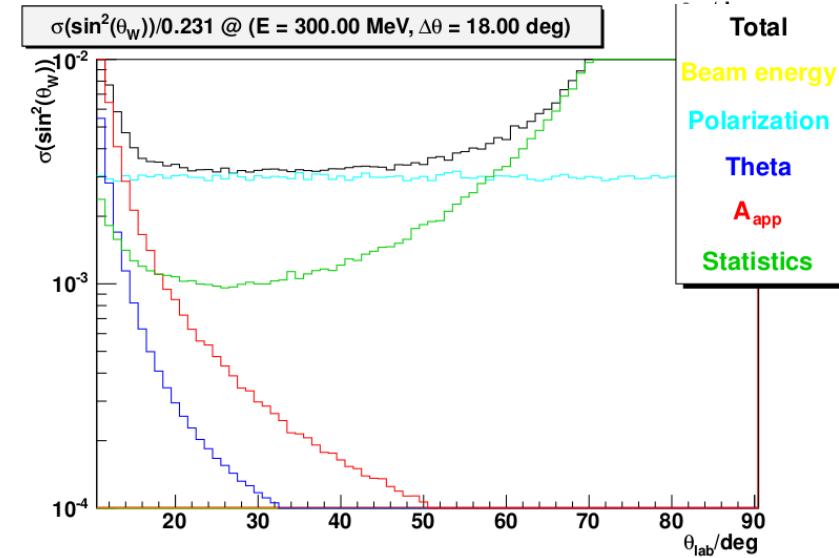
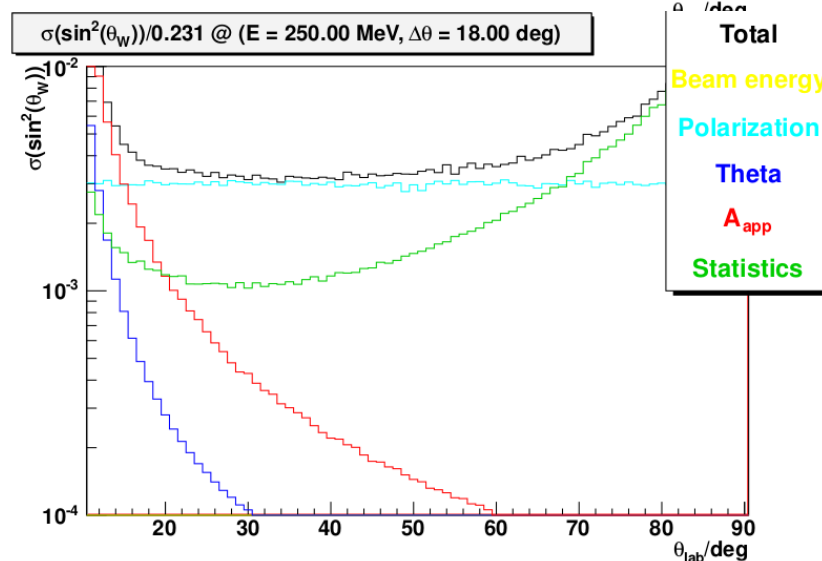
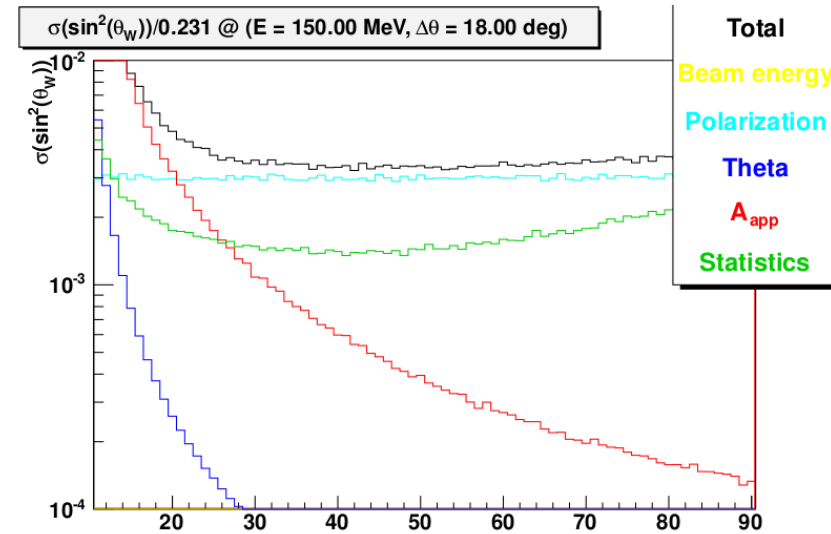
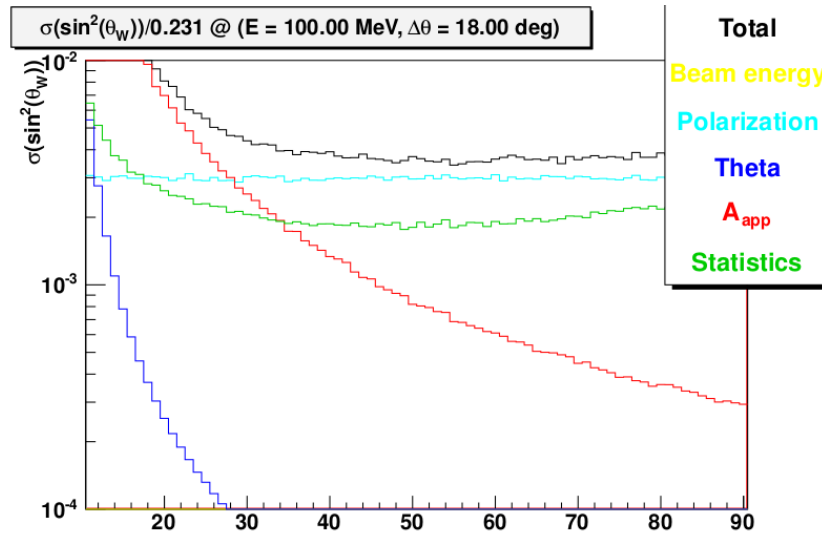
THIS WAS DONE FOR:

- Beam energies:  $E = 100\text{MeV to } 300\text{MeV}$
- Detector acceptances:  $2^\circ \text{ and } 20^\circ$

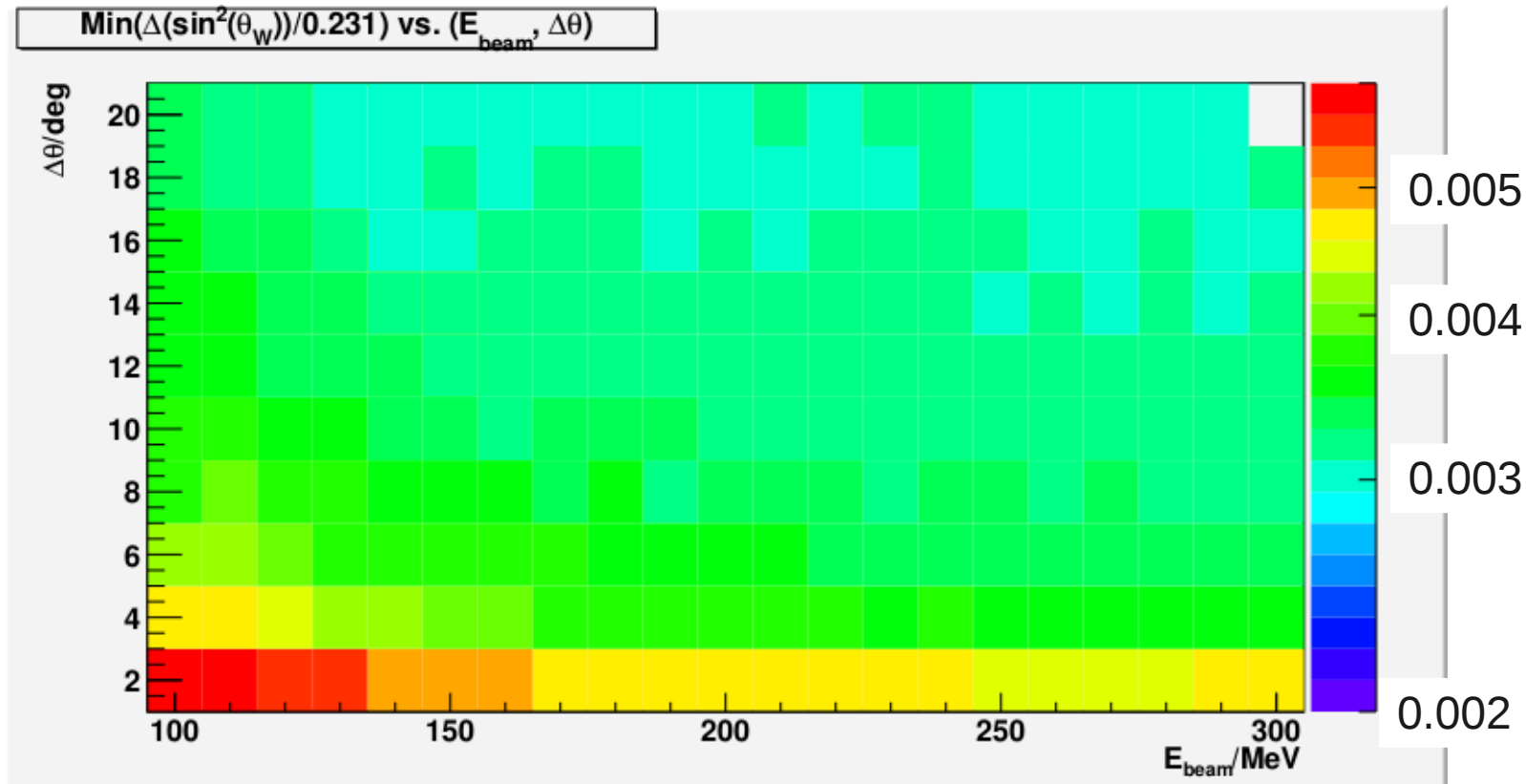
## Achievable Precision for different BEAM ENERGIES



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## Achievable Precision at energies $100\text{MeV} < E < 300\text{MeV}$

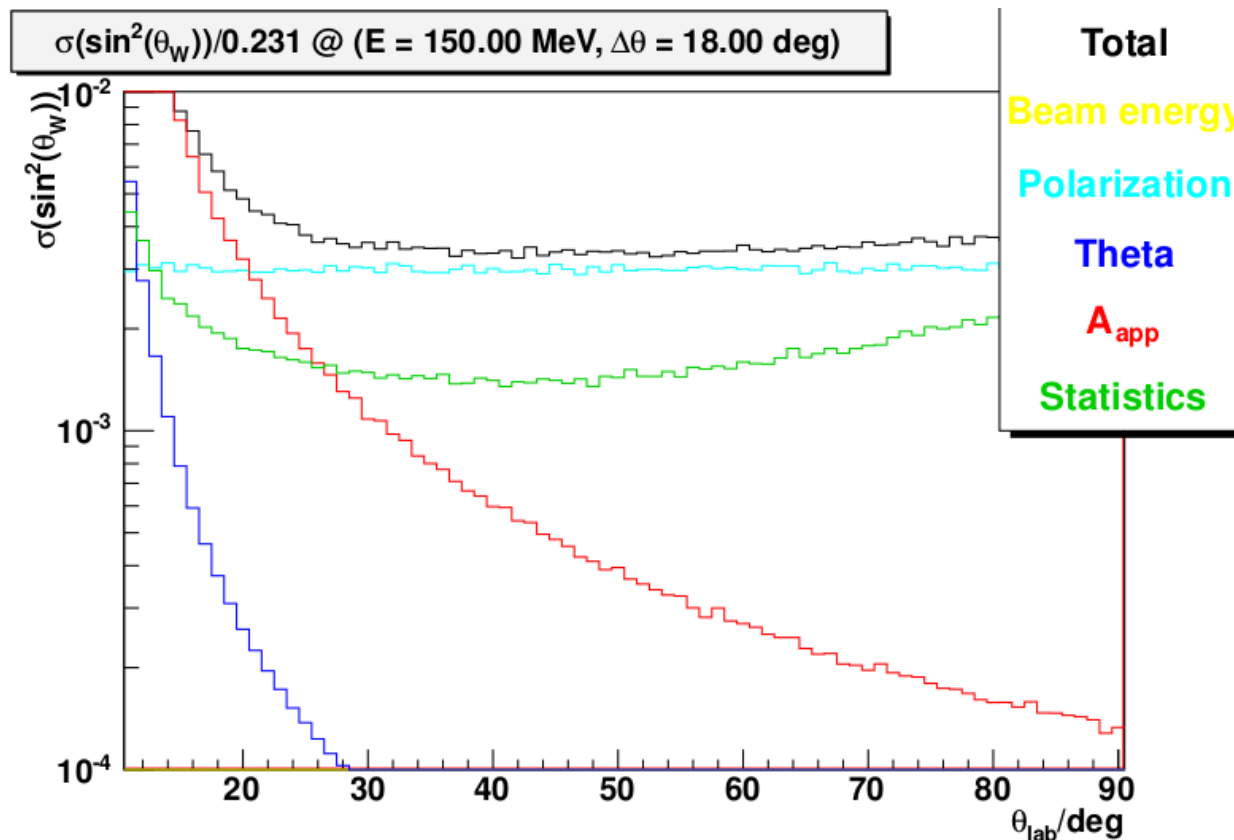


Higher energies yield no significant benefit

$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \Theta_W}{\sin^2 \Theta_W} \approx 0.003$$



## Achievable Precision from Monte Carlo sampling



$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \Theta_W}{\sin^2 \Theta_W} \approx 0.003$$

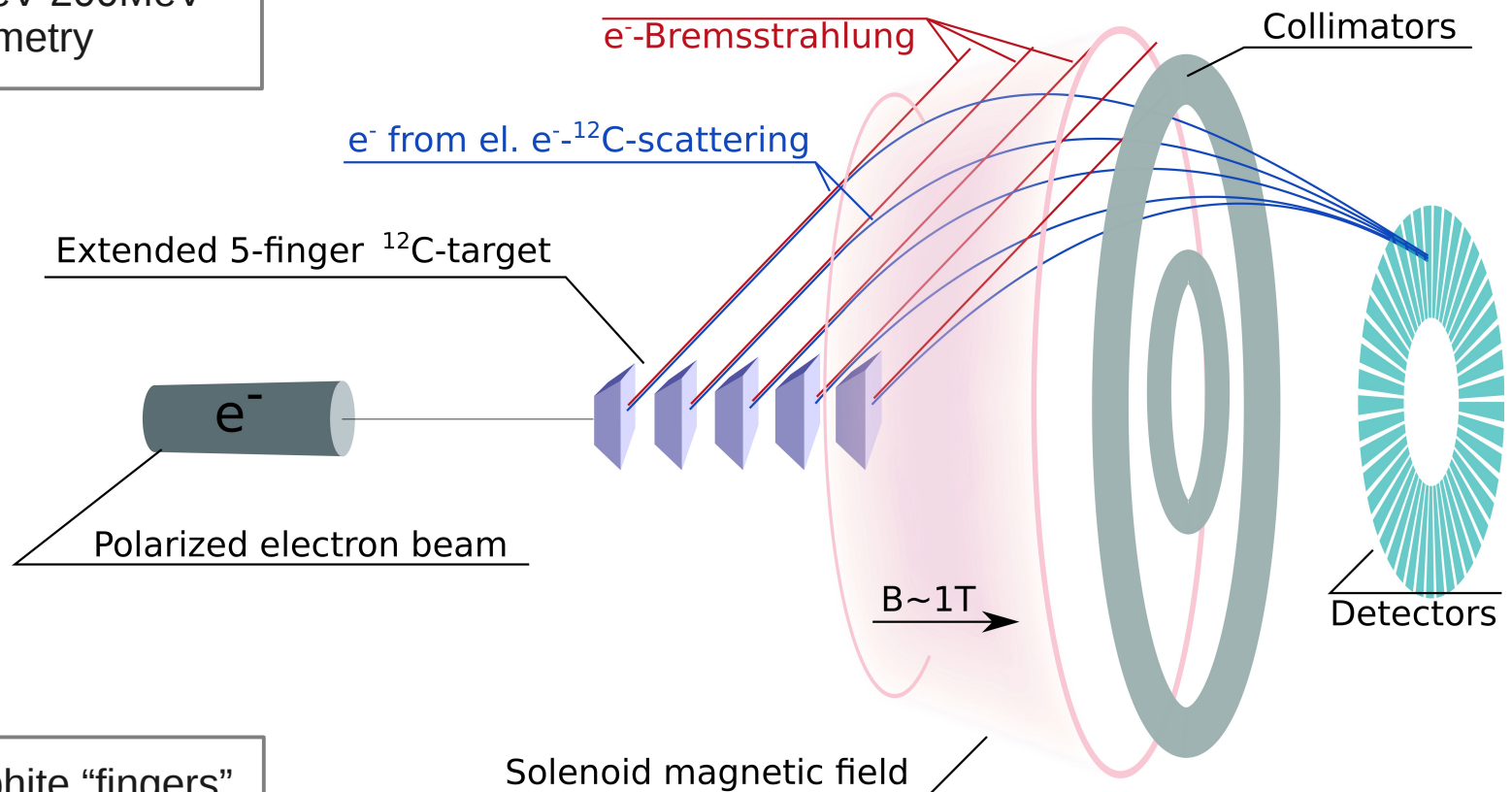
At

- $E = 150 \text{ MeV}$
- Scattering angles about  $40^\circ$

**BUT:** Measurement with P2 detector setup is not possible

## EXPERIMENTAL REALIZATION

- MESA:
- 150  $\mu\text{A}$
  - 150 MeV-200 MeV
  - Polarimetry



- Target:
- 5 graphite "fingers"
  - 5 g/cm<sup>2</sup> total
  - 36 mm spacing

## Feasibility study with Geant4

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

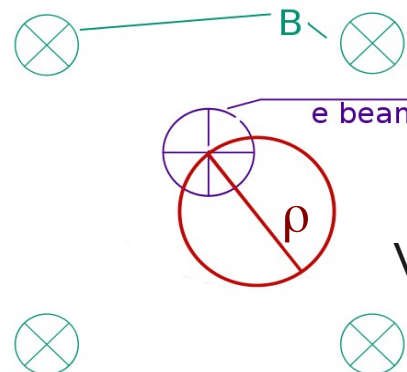
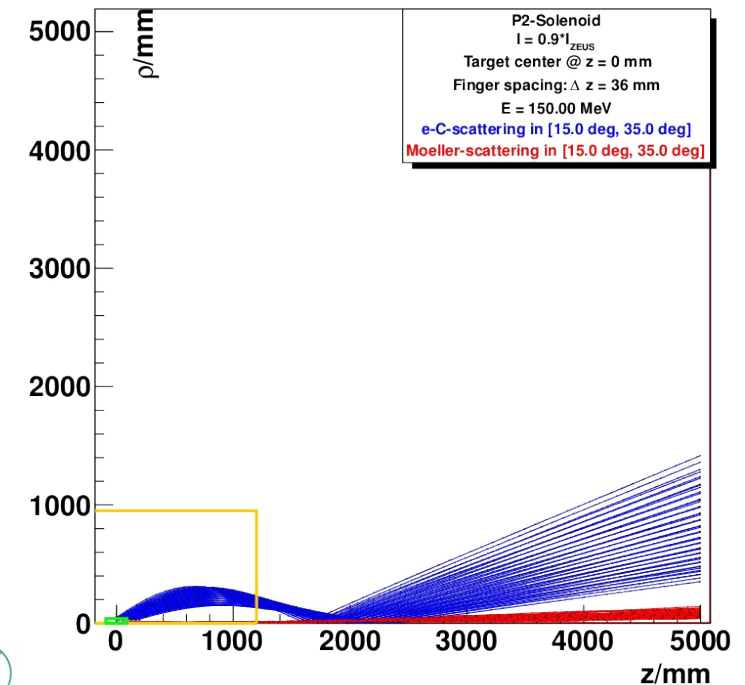
#### Objectives

- Can we filter scattered electrons of interest from background?
- How do we have to place target, collimators and detectors?

#### Method

- Rays with Geant4
- Vary target position  
 **$z = -2000\text{mm}$  to  $2000\text{mm}$**   
relative to solenoid center
- Vary magnetic field from  
 **$B = 0.18\text{T}$  to  $1.8\text{T}$**

#### Projection of electron trajectories



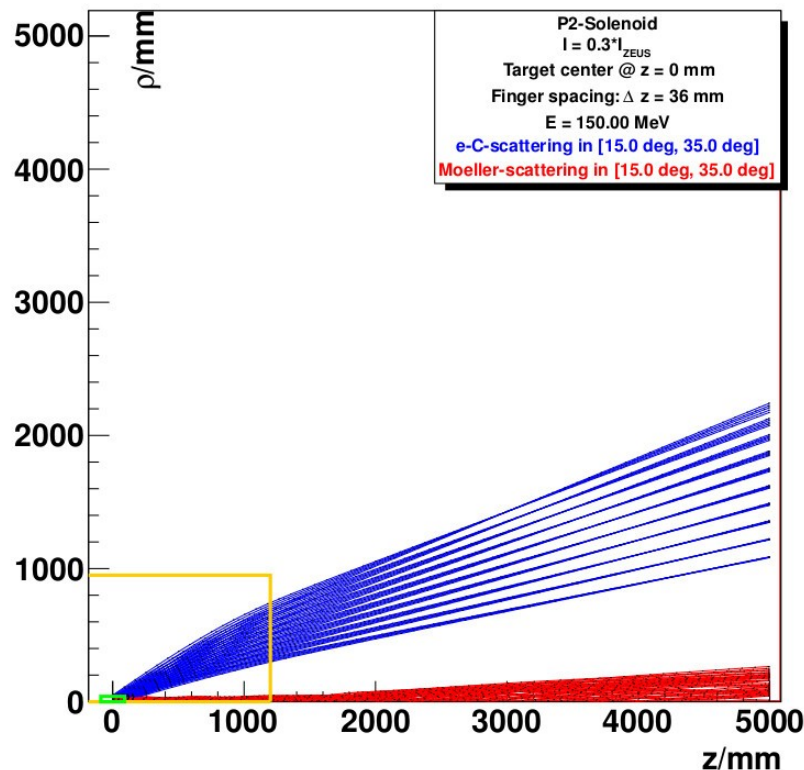
## Feasibility study with Geant4

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

#### Magnetic field varied

$B = 0.54\text{T}$

#### Projection of electron trajectories



#### INPUT

- 150MeV  $e^-$  beam
- 5g/cm<sup>2</sup> graphite target split into 5 fingers with 36mm spacing
- Target center = 0mm

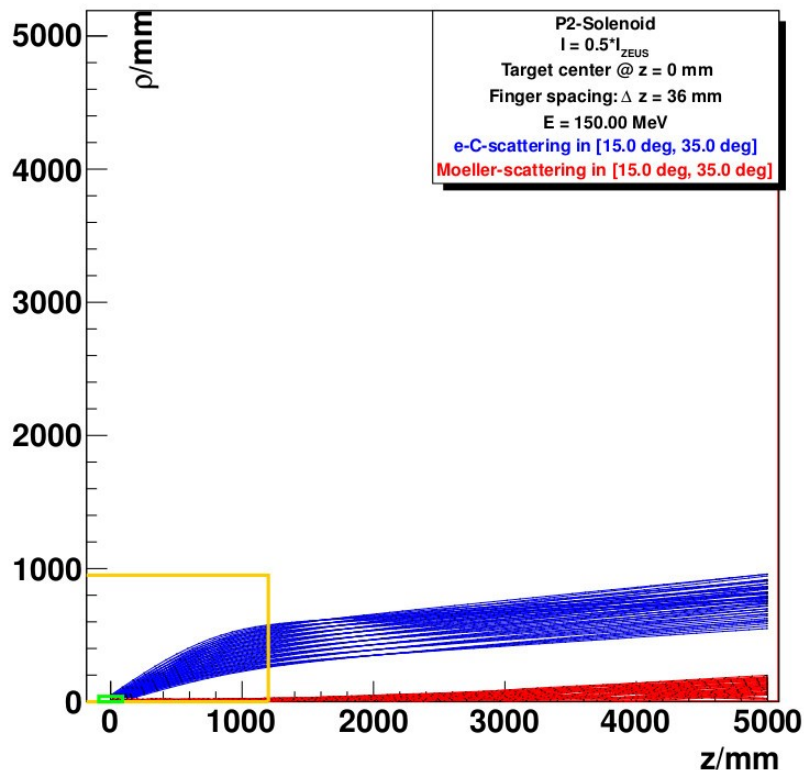
## Feasibility study with Geant4

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

#### Magnetic field varied

**B = 0.9T**

#### Projection of electron trajectories



#### INPUT

- 150MeV  $e^-$  beam
- 5g/cm<sup>2</sup> graphite target split into 5 fingers with 36mm spacing
- Target center = 0mm

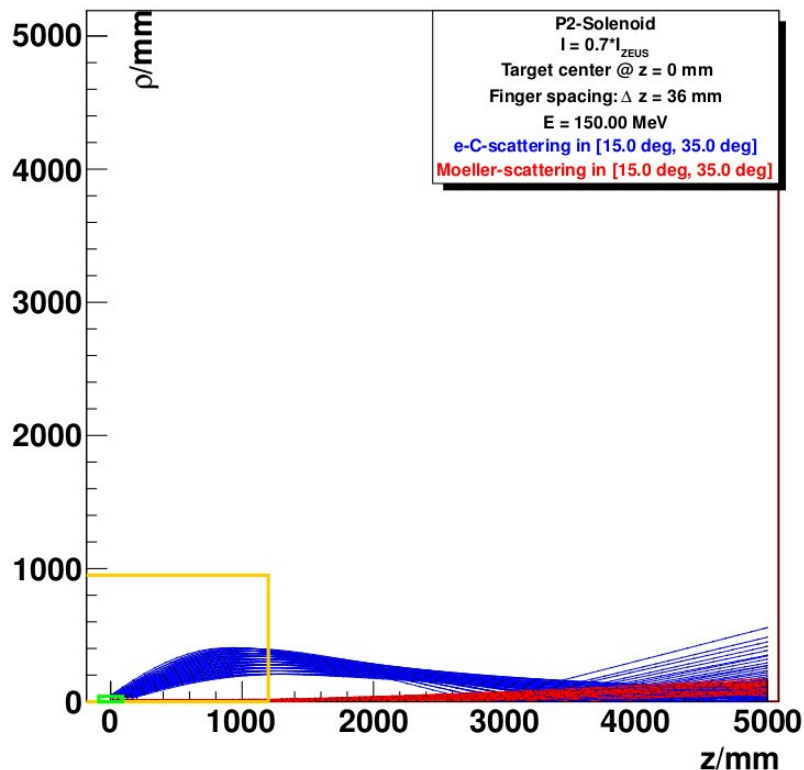
## Feasibility study with Geant4

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

#### Magnetic field varied

**B = 1.26T**

#### Projection of electron trajectories



#### INPUT

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- Target center = 0mm

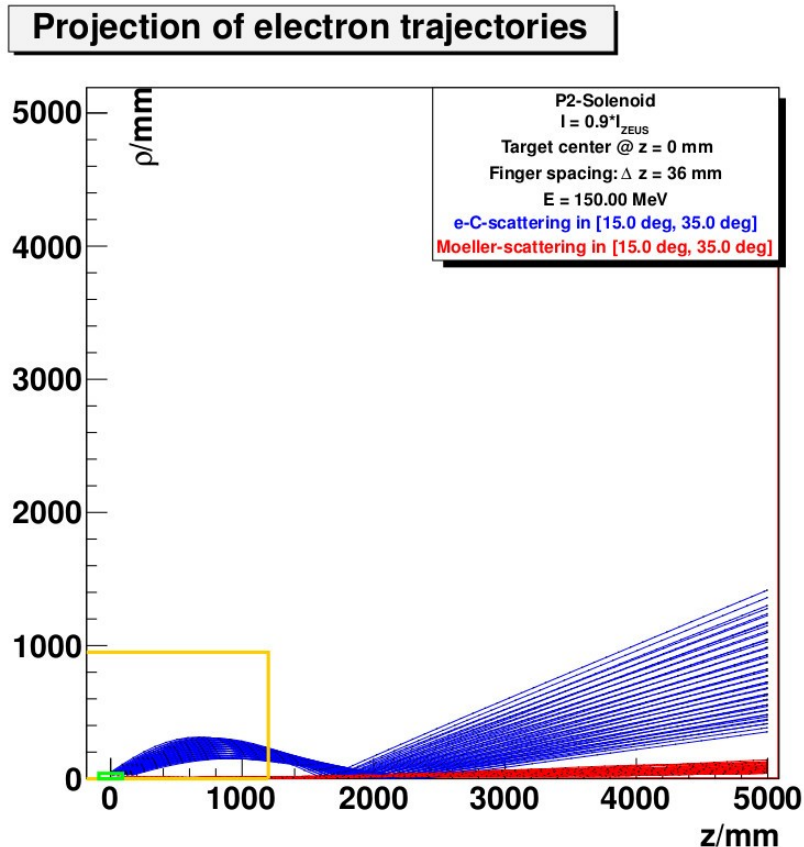


## Feasibility study with Geant4

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

#### Magnetic field varied

$B = 1.62\text{T}$



#### INPUT

- $150\text{ MeV } e^-$  beam
- $5\text{ g/cm}^2$  graphite target split into 5 fingers with  $36\text{ mm}$  spacing
- Target center =  $0\text{ mm}$

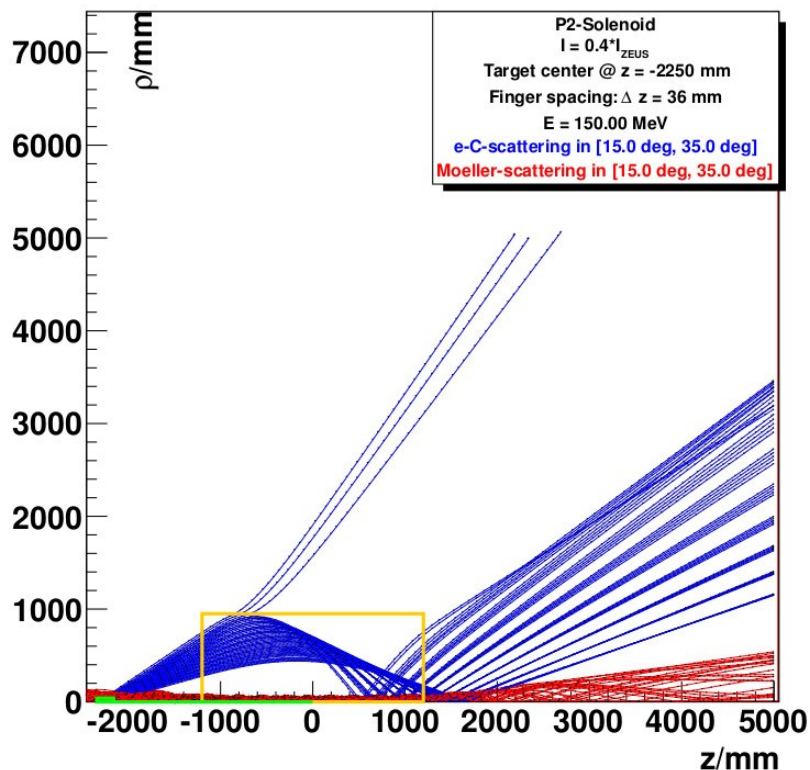
## Feasibility study with Geant4

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

#### Target position varied

$z = -2250\text{mm}$

#### Projection of electron trajectories



#### INPUT

- 150MeV  $e^-$  beam
- 5g/cm<sup>2</sup> graphite target split into 5 fingers with 36mm spacing
- $B = 0.72\text{T}$

#### Target position varied



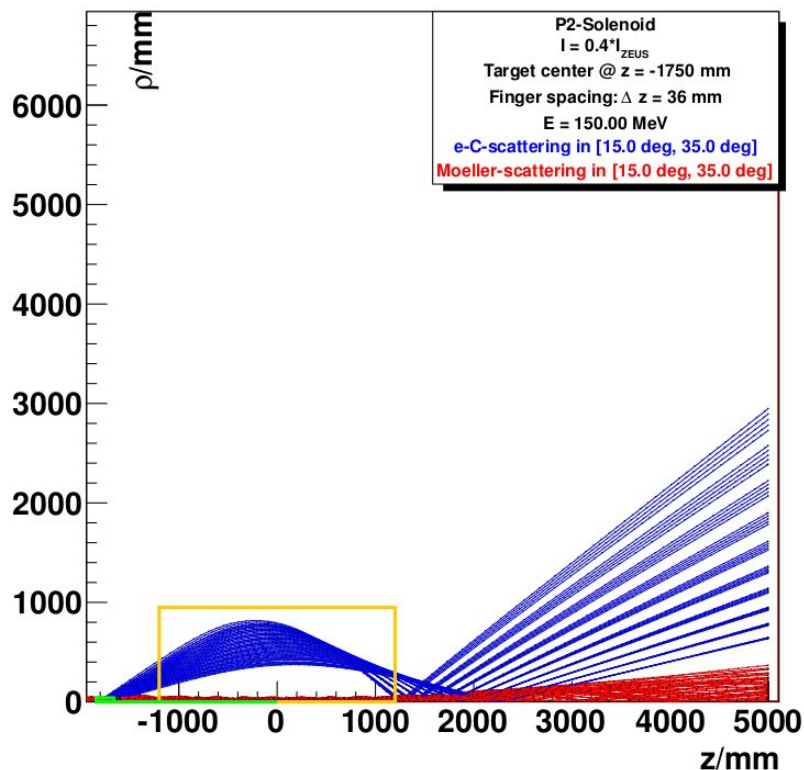
## EXPERIMENTAL REALIZATION

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

#### Target position varied

$z = -1750\text{mm}$

#### Projection of electron trajectories



#### INPUT

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- 5g/cm<sup>2</sup> graphite target split into 5 fingers with 36mm spacing
- $B = 0.72\text{T}$

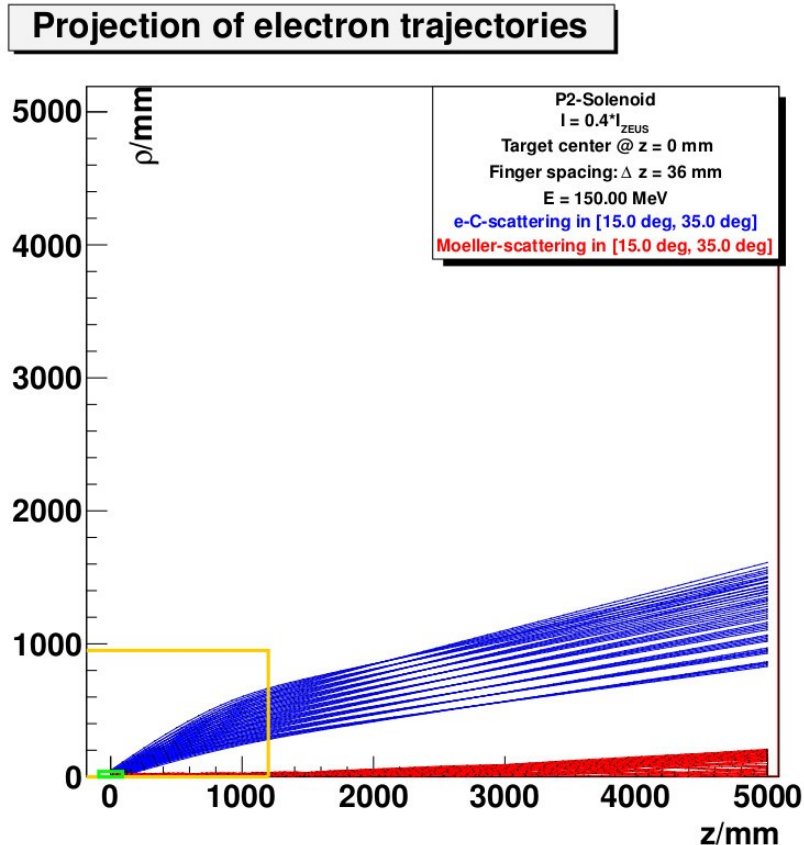
#### Target position varied

## EXPERIMENTAL REALIZATION

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

#### Target position varied

$z = 0\text{mm}$



#### INPUT

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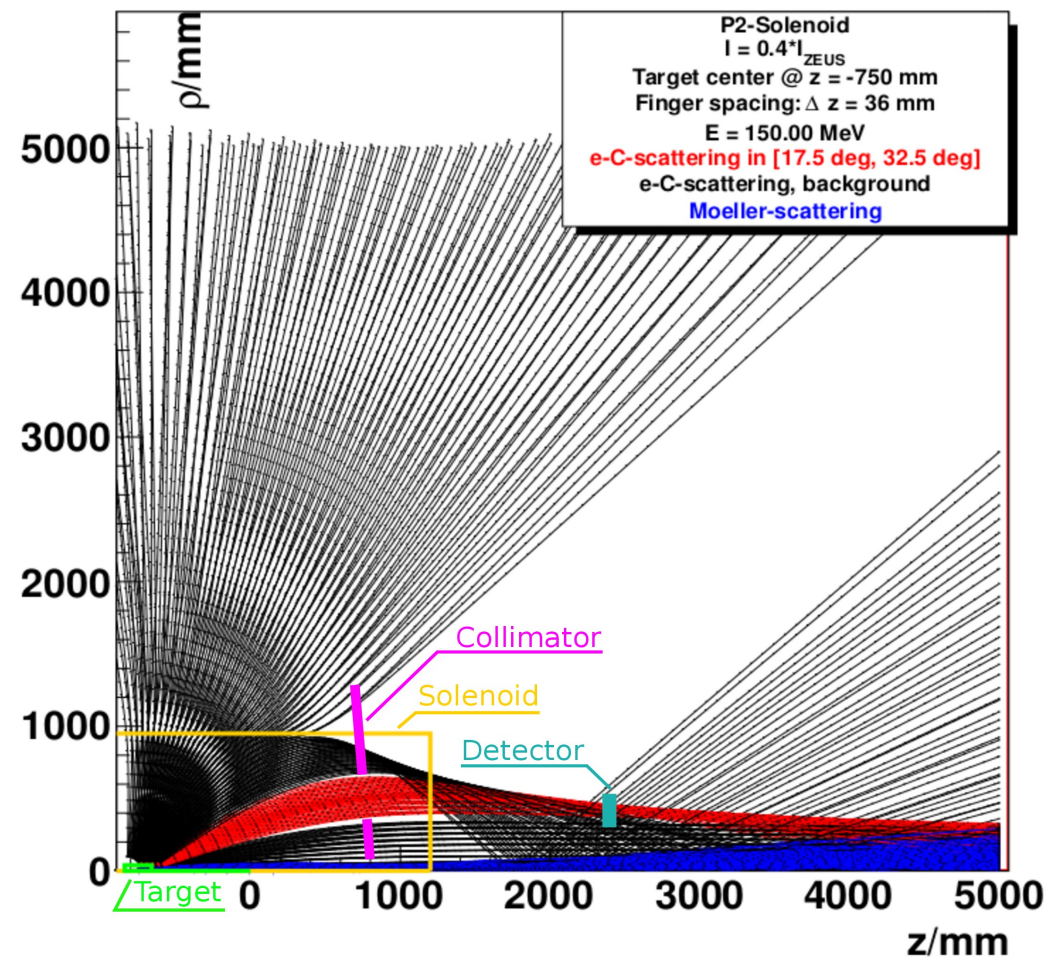
## EXPERIMENTAL REALIZATION

### RAY TRACING PLOTS

#### POSSIBLE SETUP

- Target position  
 $z = -750\text{mm}$
- $B = 0.72\text{T}$

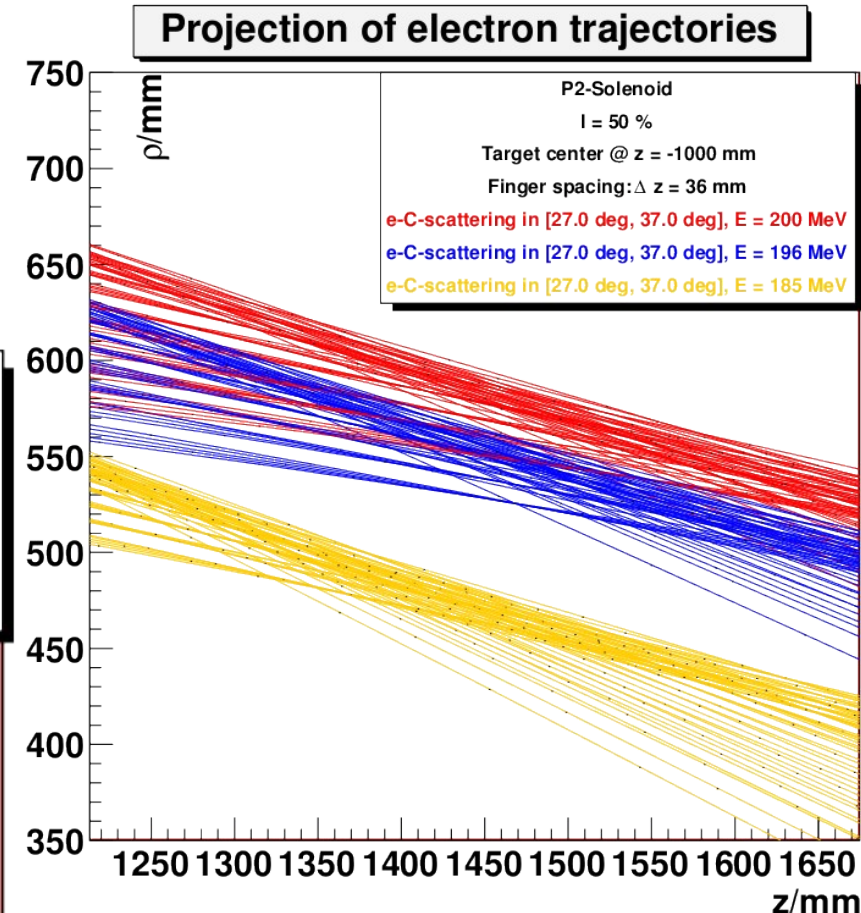
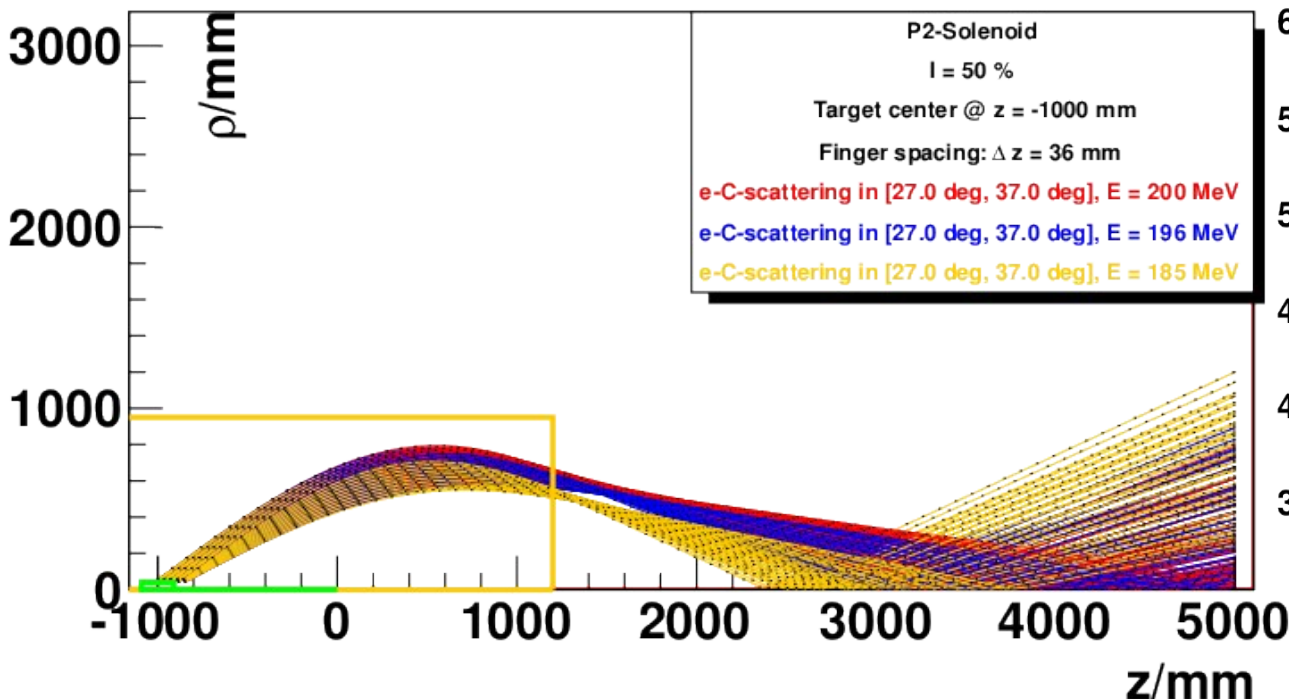
#### Projection of electron trajectories



## EXPERIMENTAL REALIZATION

### GEANT4 RAY TRACING PLOTS

Separation of excited states





## CONCLUSION

@ Beam energy  $E = 150\text{MeV}$   
Scattering angle  $\Theta = 40^\circ \pm 9^\circ$   
Target density  $d = 5\text{g/cm}^2$

Measuring time  $t = 2500\text{h}$   
Beam current  $I = 150\mu\text{A}$

We can achieve  $\frac{\delta \sin^2 \Theta_W}{\sin^2 \Theta_W} = 0.3\%$

$$A_{PV} = \frac{G_F \cdot Q^2}{\sqrt{2} \pi \alpha} \sin^2 \Theta_W \longrightarrow \frac{\delta A_{PV}}{A_{PV}} = \frac{\delta Q_W^C}{Q_W^C} = \frac{\delta \sin^2 \Theta_W}{\sin^2 \Theta_W} = 0.3\%$$

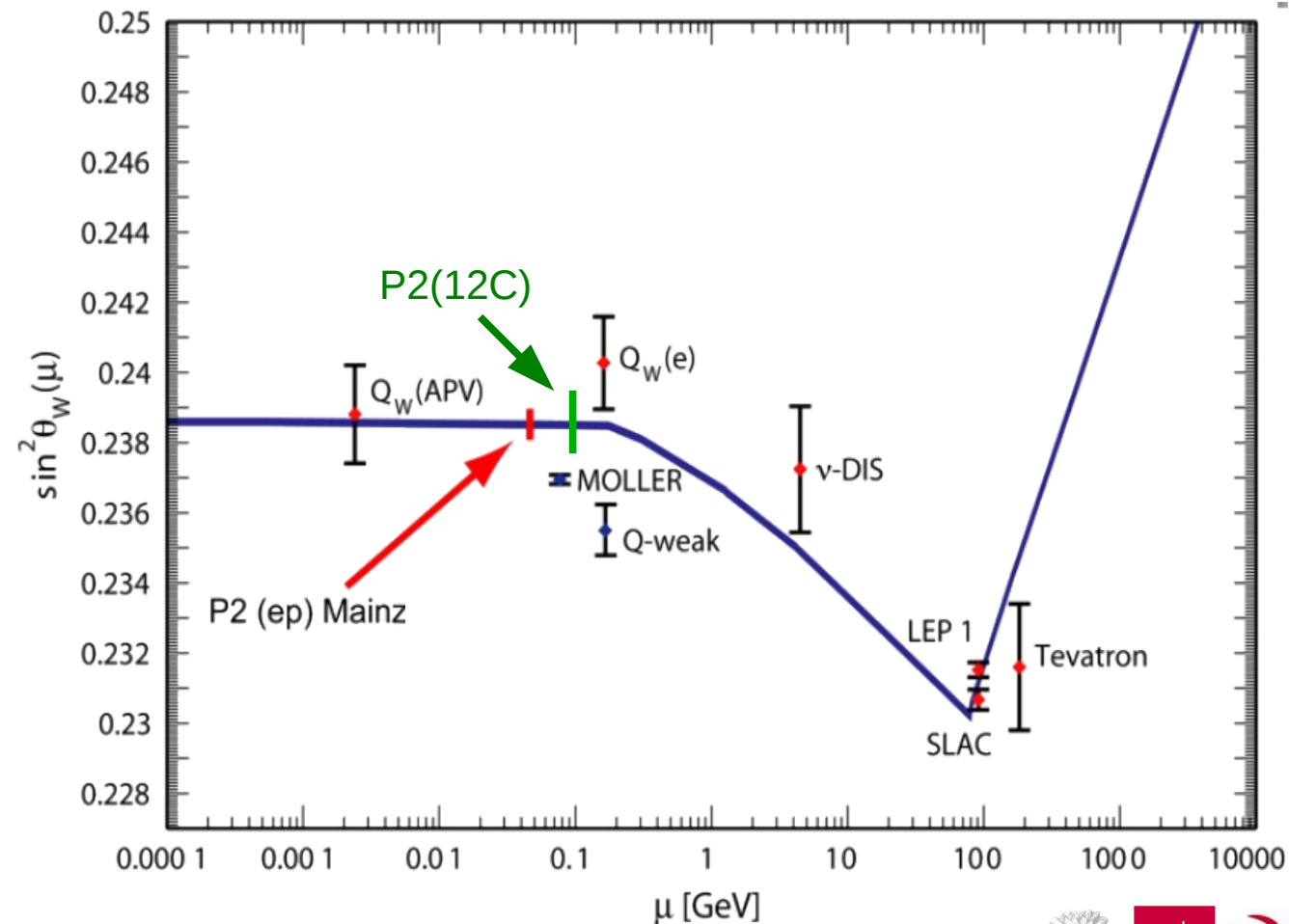
$$Q_W^C = -24 \sin^2 \Theta_W \longrightarrow$$

Reminder: With Hydrogen:  $\frac{\delta A_{PV}}{A_{PV}} = 1.7\%$   $\frac{\delta Q_W^H}{Q_W^H} = 2\%$   $\frac{\delta \sin^2 \Theta_W}{\sin^2 \Theta_W} = 0.15\%$

## CONCLUSION

$$\frac{\delta \sin^2(\Theta_W)}{\sin^2(\Theta_W)} \approx 0.003$$

@  $Q^2 \approx 0.01$



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$$\frac{\delta Q_W^C}{Q_W^C} = 0.003$$

$$\delta \chi = 0.003$$

$$\frac{\delta Q_W^P}{Q_W^P} = 0.02$$

$$\delta \chi = 0.005$$

MEASUREMENT OF THE WEAK CHARGE OF THE CARBON NUCLEUS IS MORE SENSITIVE TO DARK PHOTON MASS

## SUMMARY

- P2( $^{12}\text{C}$ ) can measure the weak mixing angle and the weak charge of the carbon nucleus to a relative precision of 0.3%.
- P2( $^{12}\text{C}$ ) is more sensitive to  $Z_{\text{dark}}$  than P2( $^1\text{H}$ ).
- First feasibility studies with solenoid spectrometer are promising
- Detector setup for larger scattering angles is needed.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!