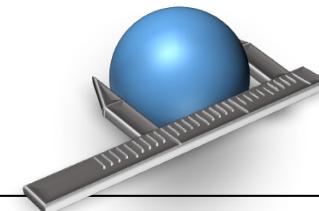
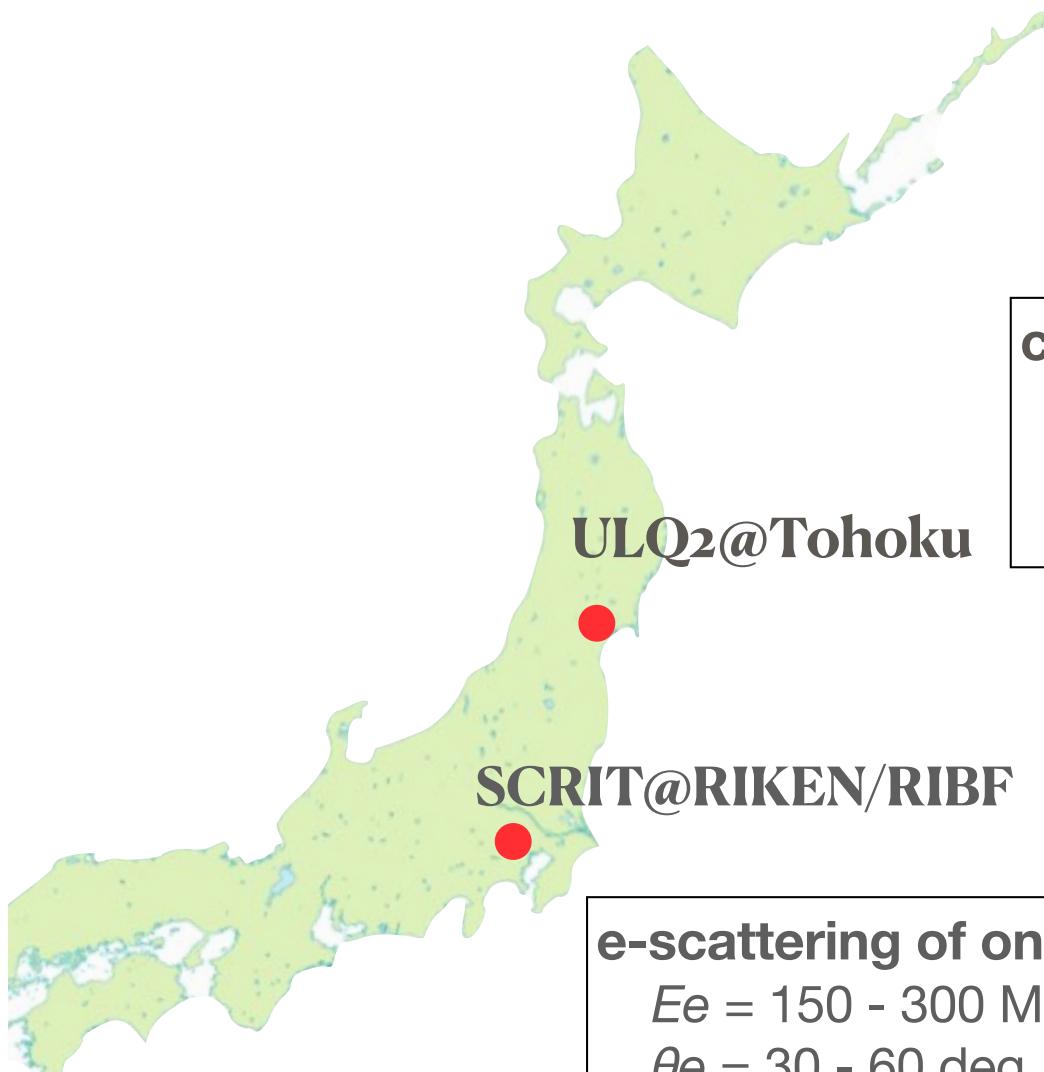


# Electron Scattering off Protons and Exotic Nuclei

*- ULQ2 and SCRIT -*

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for SCRIT collaboration  
ULQ2 collaboration



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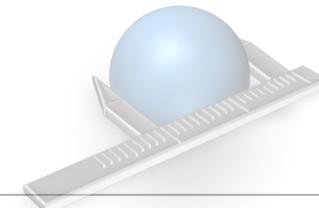


**this talk**

# ULQ2 (Ultra-Low Q<sub>2</sub>) for proton-radius measurement 3



ULQ2 collaboration: Tohoku, Kyoto, RIKEN and IJCLab



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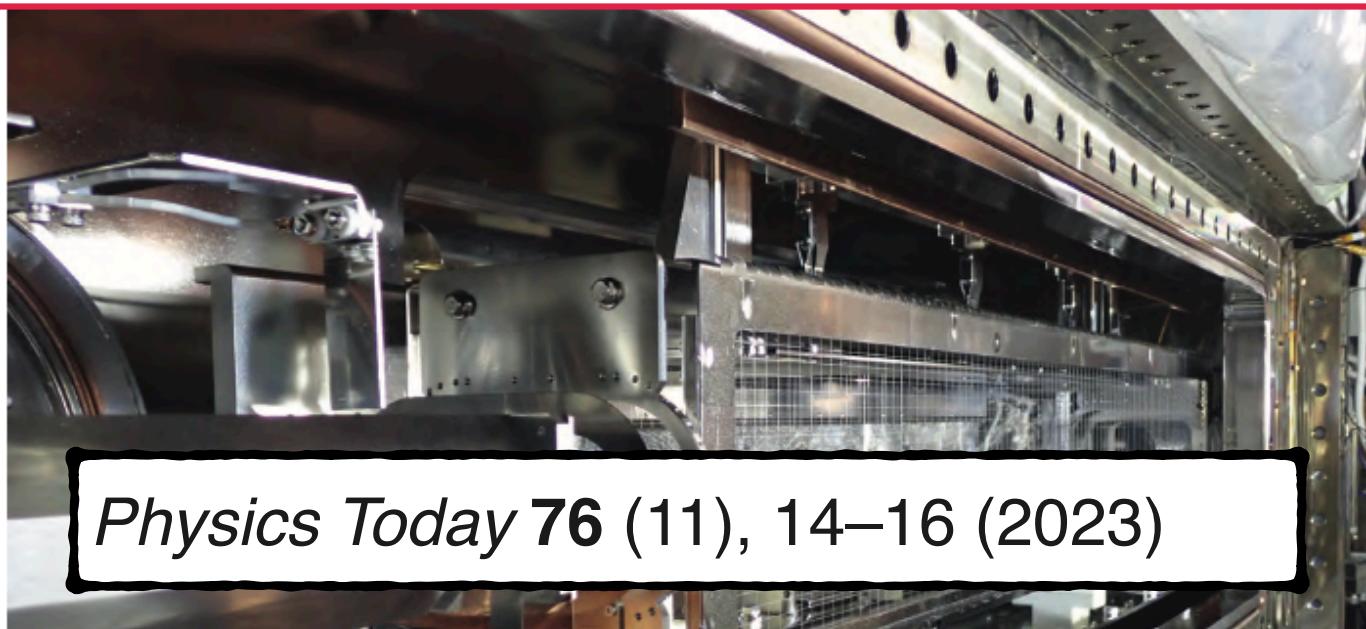
Nuclear reactions produce a plethora of short-lived artificial isotopes. Figuring out what they look like has been a challenge.

The cartoon picture of an atomic nucleus looks kind of like the inside of a gumball machine that dispenses only two flavors: protons and neutrons,

stranger the structures it can adopt. Short-lived nuclei might form bubble structures with depleted central density, or they might have a valence nu-

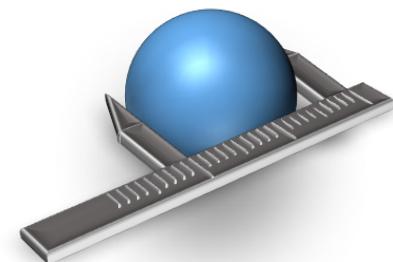
and colleagues, working at RIKEN's Radioactive Isotope Beam Factory (RIBF) in Wako, Japan, have performed the first electron-scattering experiment on unstable nuclei produced on the fly in a nuclear reaction.<sup>1</sup> Their isotope of choice, cesium-137, has a half-life of 30 years. It's not so exotic that the research-

electron scattering - the gold standard for probing nuclear structure - has been off limits to short-lived exotic nuclei



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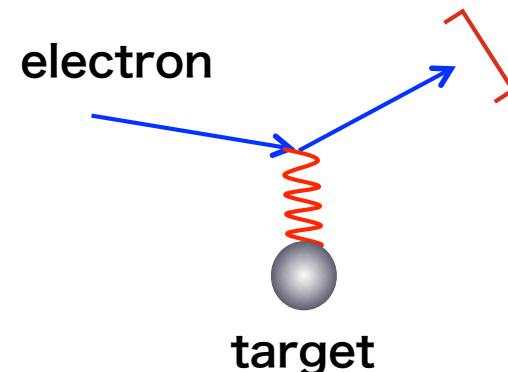
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# Electron scattering

**Electron scattering has consistently played an essential role to reveal detailed structures of nucleon and nuclei**

one detects only scattered electrons

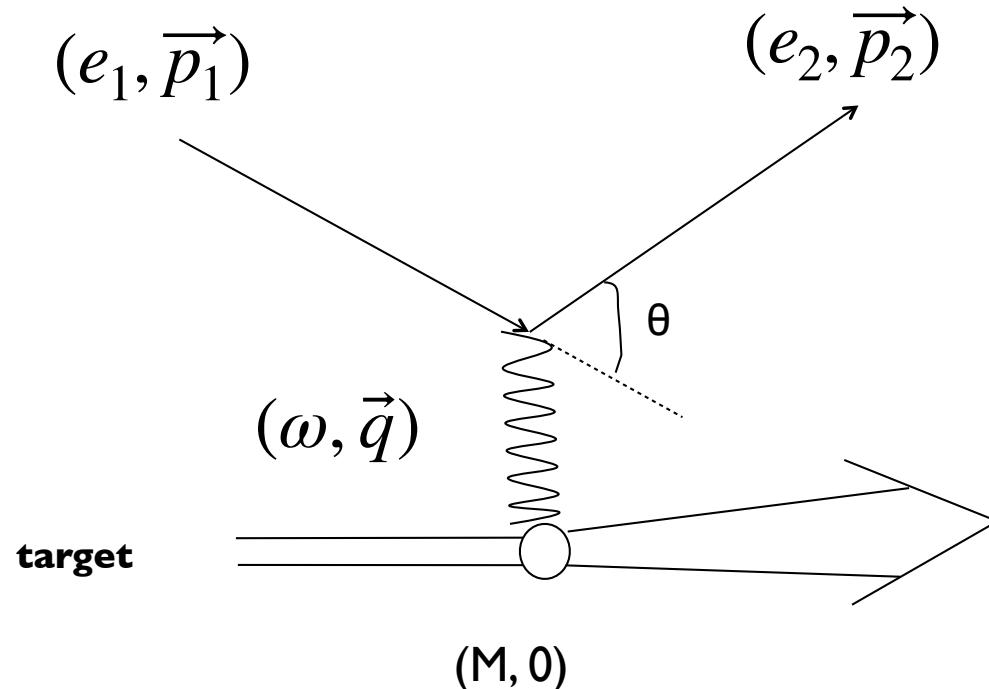
→ very “simple” measurements



1. elementary particle - structure-less -
2. electro-weak interaction - best understood -
3. “relatively” weak - probing deep inside of the target -

*Electrons do not experience the nuclear strong force.*

# Electron scattering



## kinematical variables

Under URL (Ultra-Rel. Limit) :  $me \rightarrow 0$

energy transfer

$$\omega = e_1 - e_2$$

momentum transfer

$$\vec{q} = \vec{e}_1 - \vec{e}_2$$

4-momentum transfer

$$Q^2 = \omega^2 - \vec{q}^2 = 4e_1 e_2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

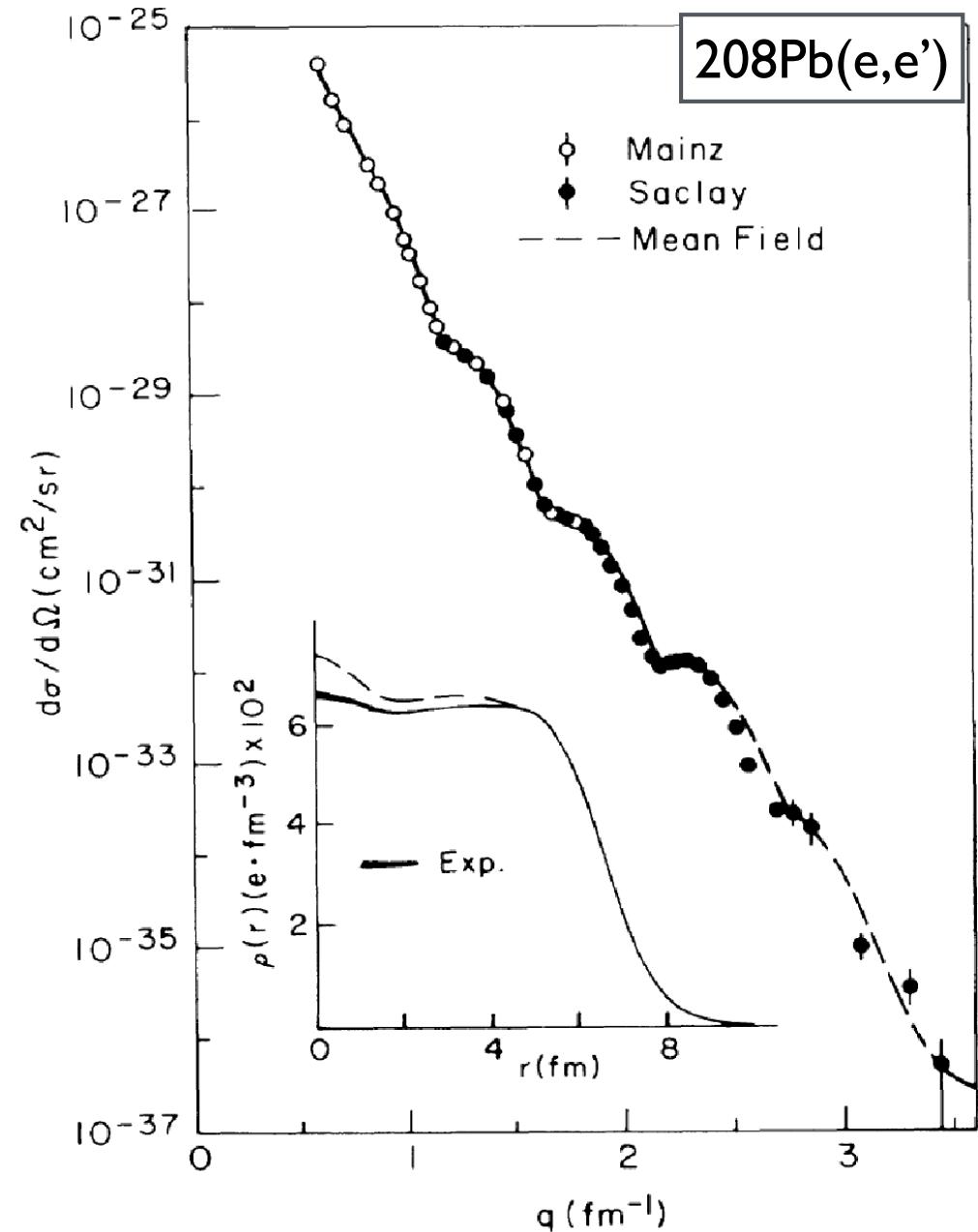
for (spin-less) nuclei

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma_{Mott}}{d\Omega} |F_c(q)|^2$$

$$F_c(q) = \int \rho_c(r) e^{iqr} d^3r$$

charge distribution

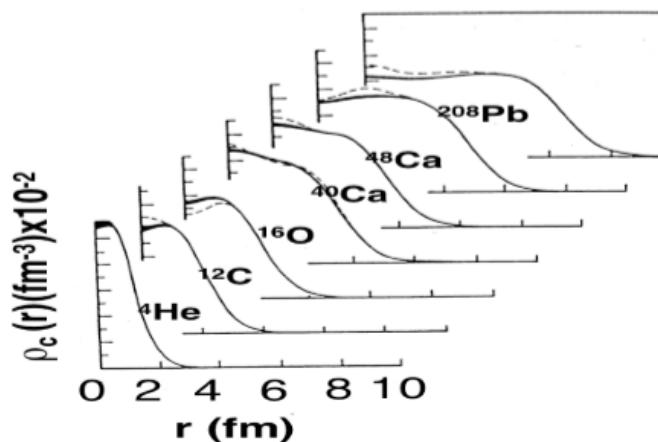
$$\frac{d\sigma_{Mott}}{d\Omega} \propto e^2/q^4$$



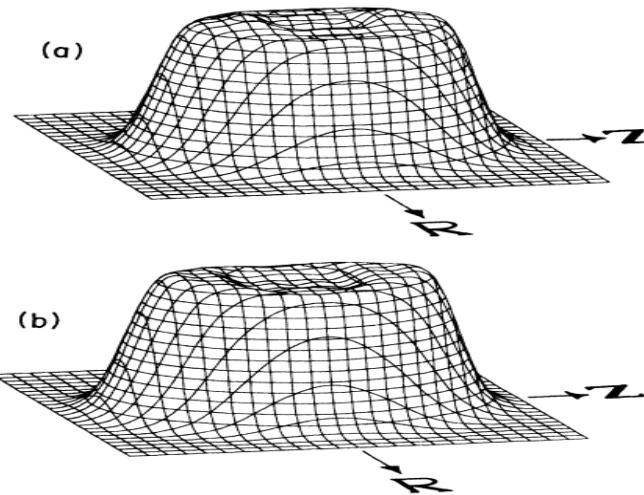
# examples of nuclear structure by e-scattering

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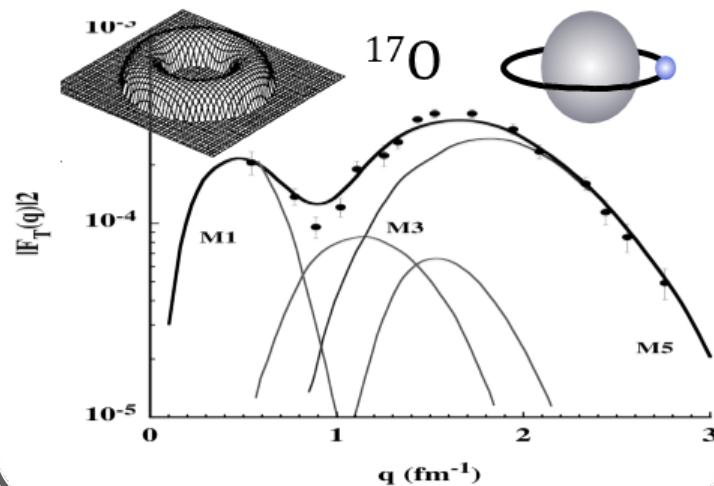
elastic scattering  
→ charge distribution



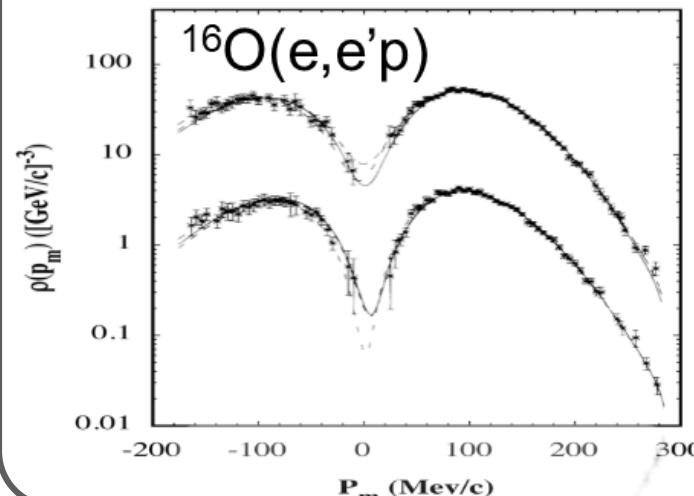
elastic + inelastic scattering  
→ deformation



magnetic scattering  
→ valence neutron



quasi-elastic ( $e, e'p$ )  
→ S-factor



- strictly limited to stable nuclei
- never applied for exotic nuclei (short-lived)

incl. several unstable nuclei

$^3\text{H}$  (12.3 y)

$^{14}\text{C}$  (5700 y)

$^{41}\text{Ca}$  ( $1 \times 10^5$  y)

...

$^{41}\text{Ca}$

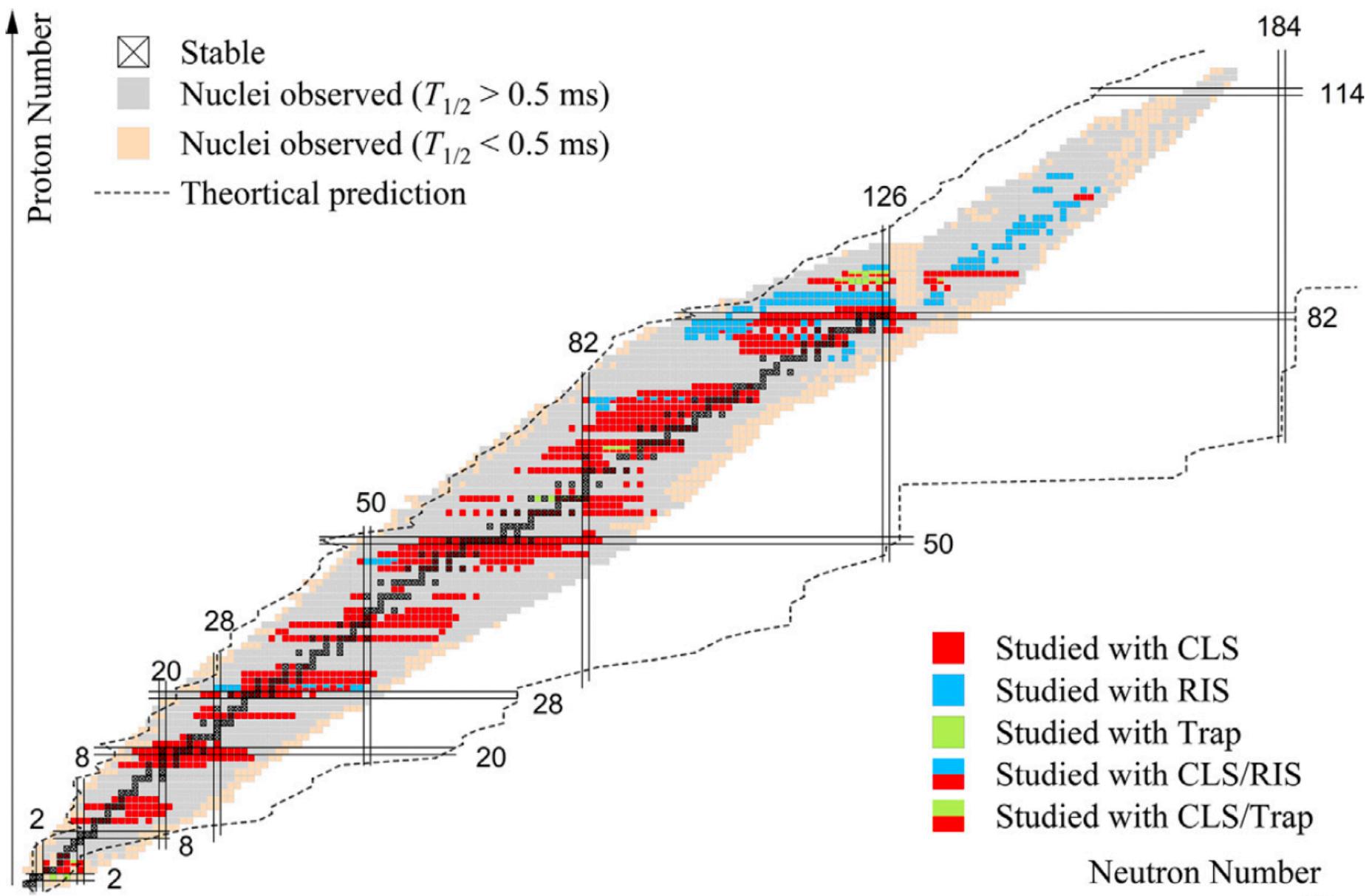
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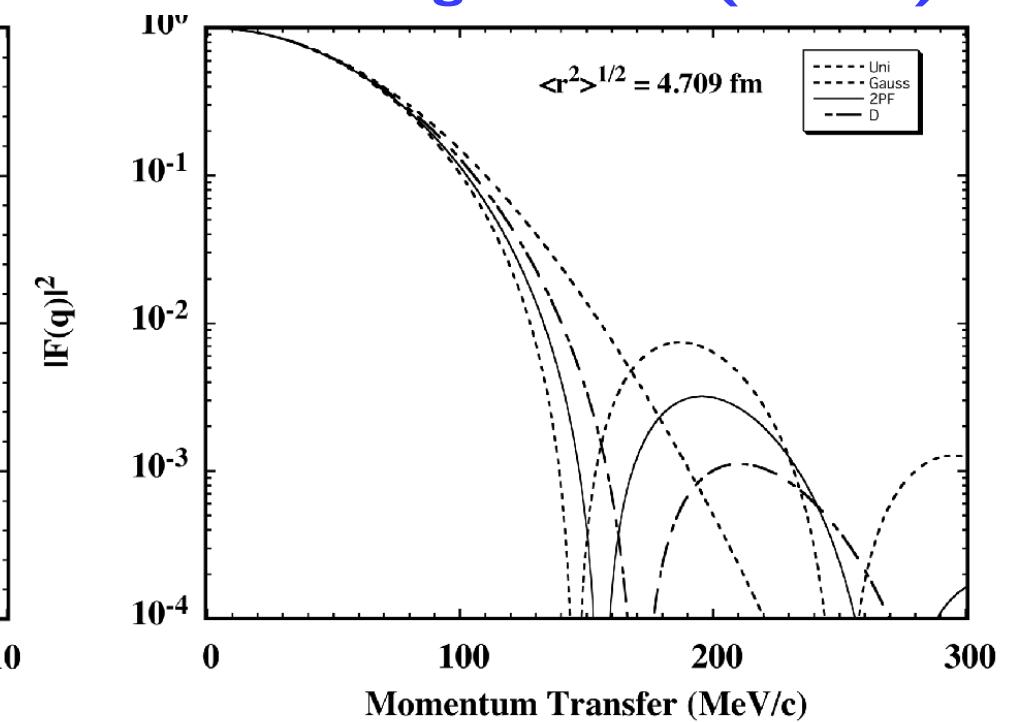
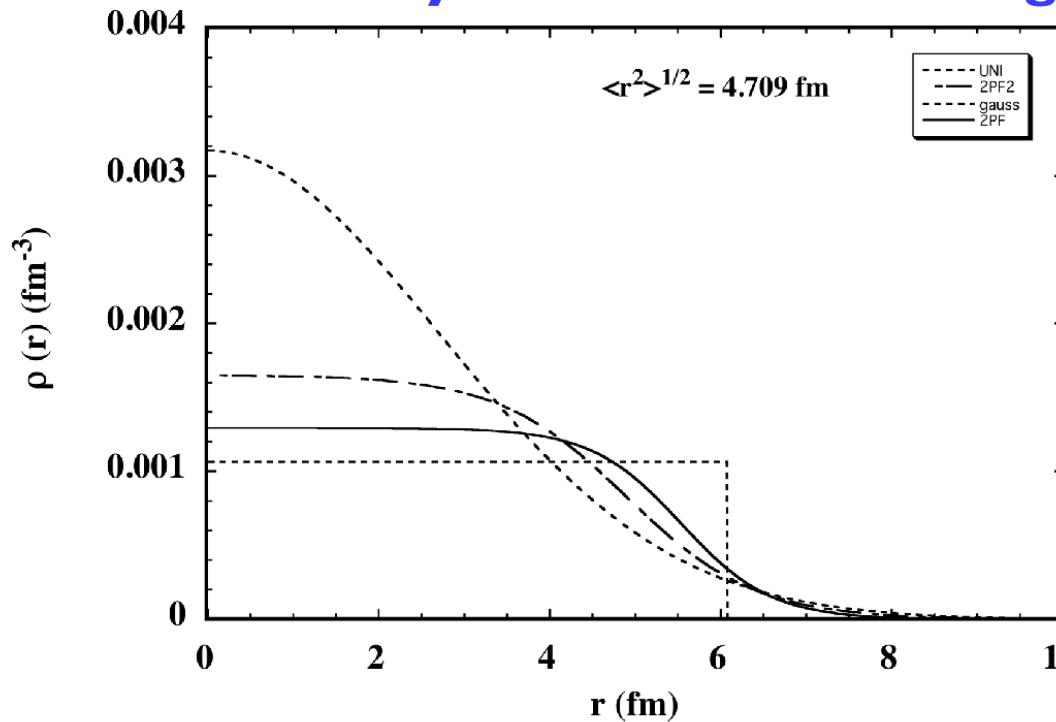


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**Density distributions having the same charge radius (4.7 fm)**



**further beyond “proton distribution” for exotic nuclei ??**

=> possible new opportunities  
*neutron distribution*  
*photonuclear reaction*

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = L \times \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$$

Luminosity

Exotic nuclei ( production-hard & short-lived)

Extremely “thin” targets



Low luminosity

Elastic scattering

largest  $\sigma$  up to modest  $q$



## “Hofstadter’s” exp. for exotic nuclei

R. Hofstadter  
(Nobel prize : 1961)

	E <sub>e</sub>	N <sub>beam</sub>	target thickness	L
Hofstadter's era (1950s)	150 MeV	~1nA (~10 <sup>9</sup> /s)	~10 <sup>19</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup>	~10 <sup>28</sup> /cm <sup>2</sup> /s

# Elastic Scattering for Exotic Nuclei

(for medium-heavy nuclei)

$$L \gtrsim 10^{27} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{s}$$

with a “medium-angular-accept.” spectrometer ( $\sim 100$  mSr)

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## SCRIT : Self-Confining Radioactive Ion Target



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Section A

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A new method for electron-scattering experiments using a  
self-confining radioactive ion target in an electron storage ring

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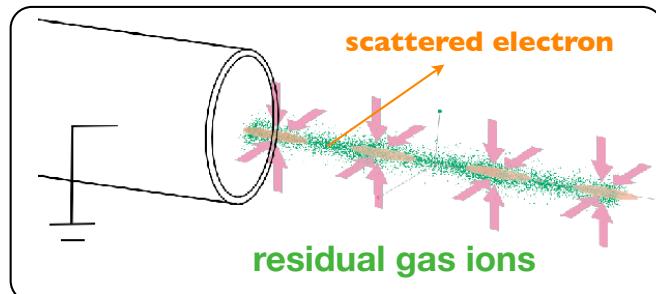
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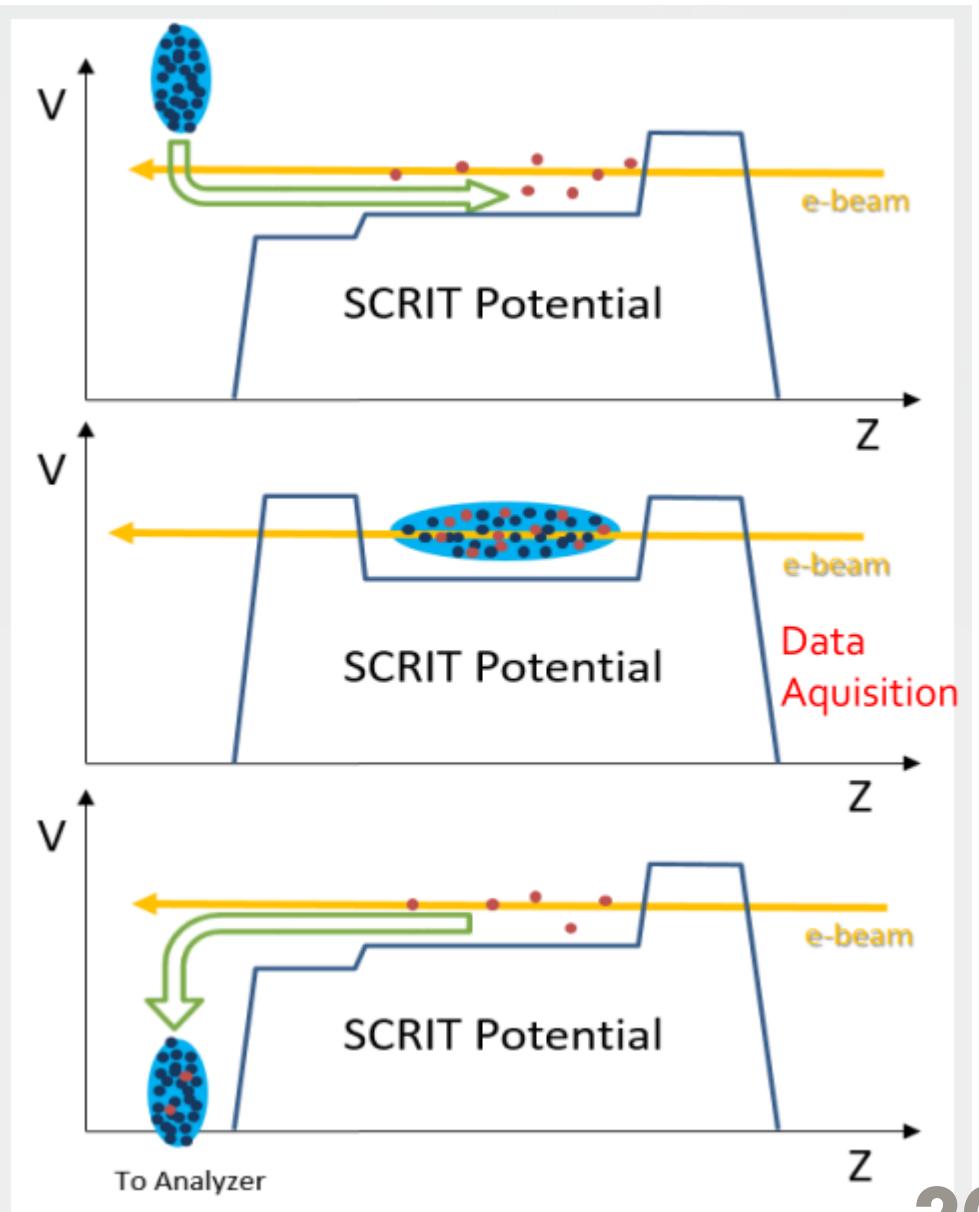
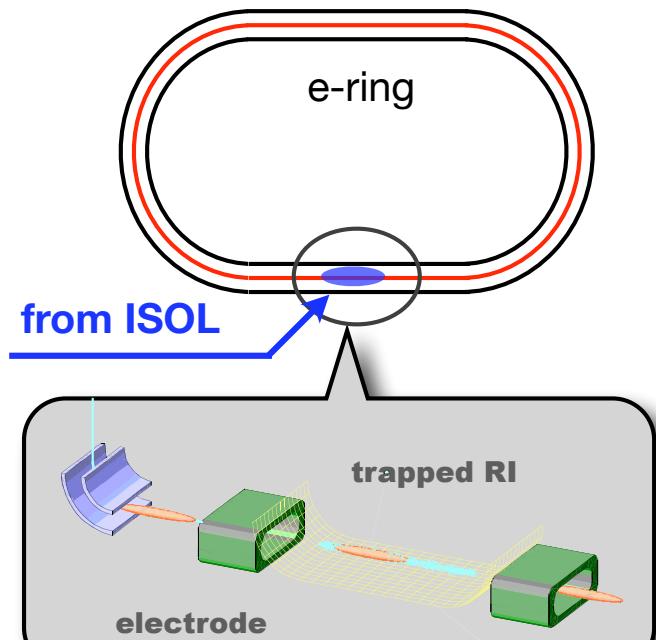
# SCRIT (Self-Confining RI Ion Target)

Idea : “ion trapping” at SR facilities

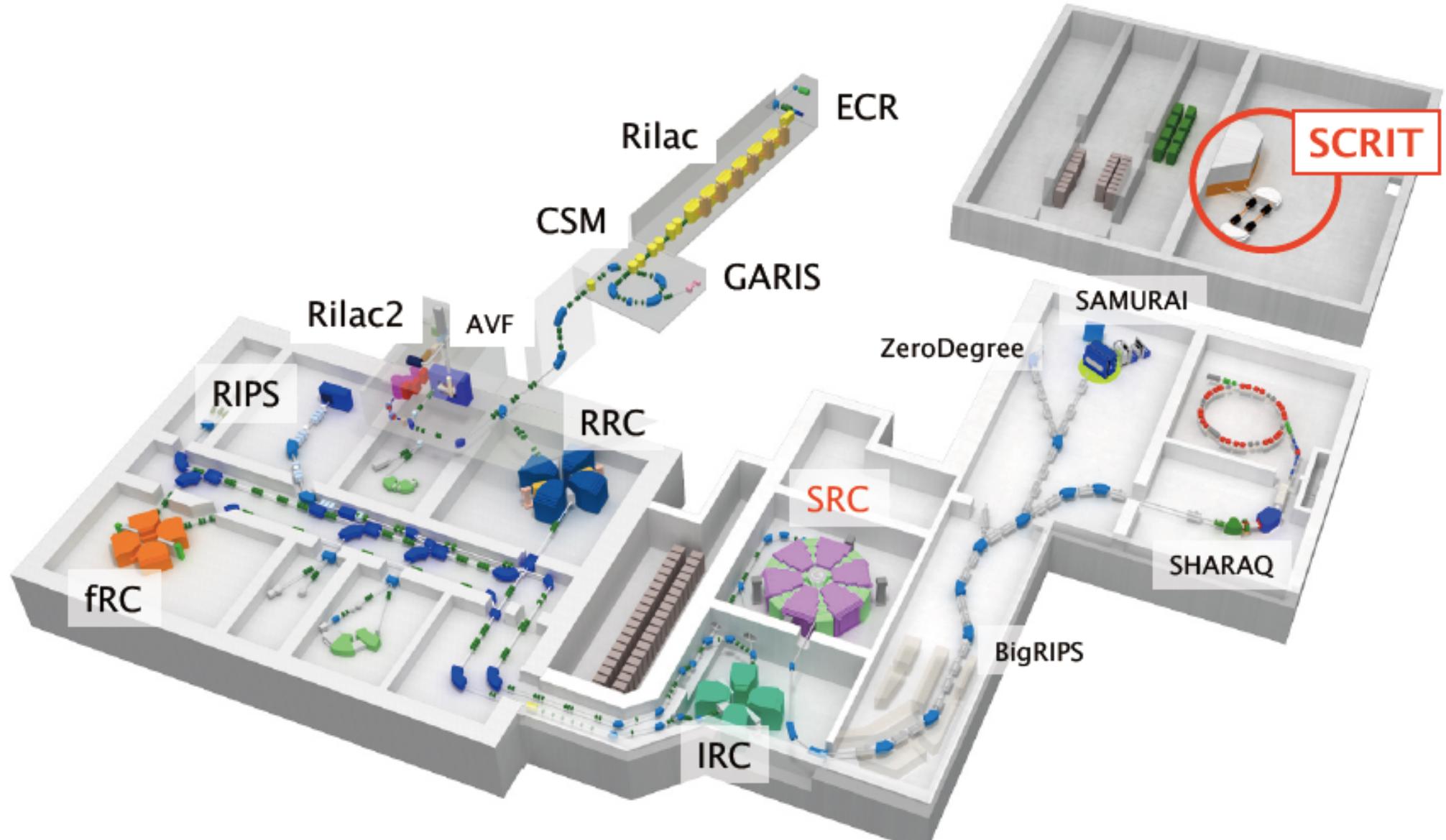
ionized residual gases are trapped by the circulating electron beam



ill problem of e-storage rings

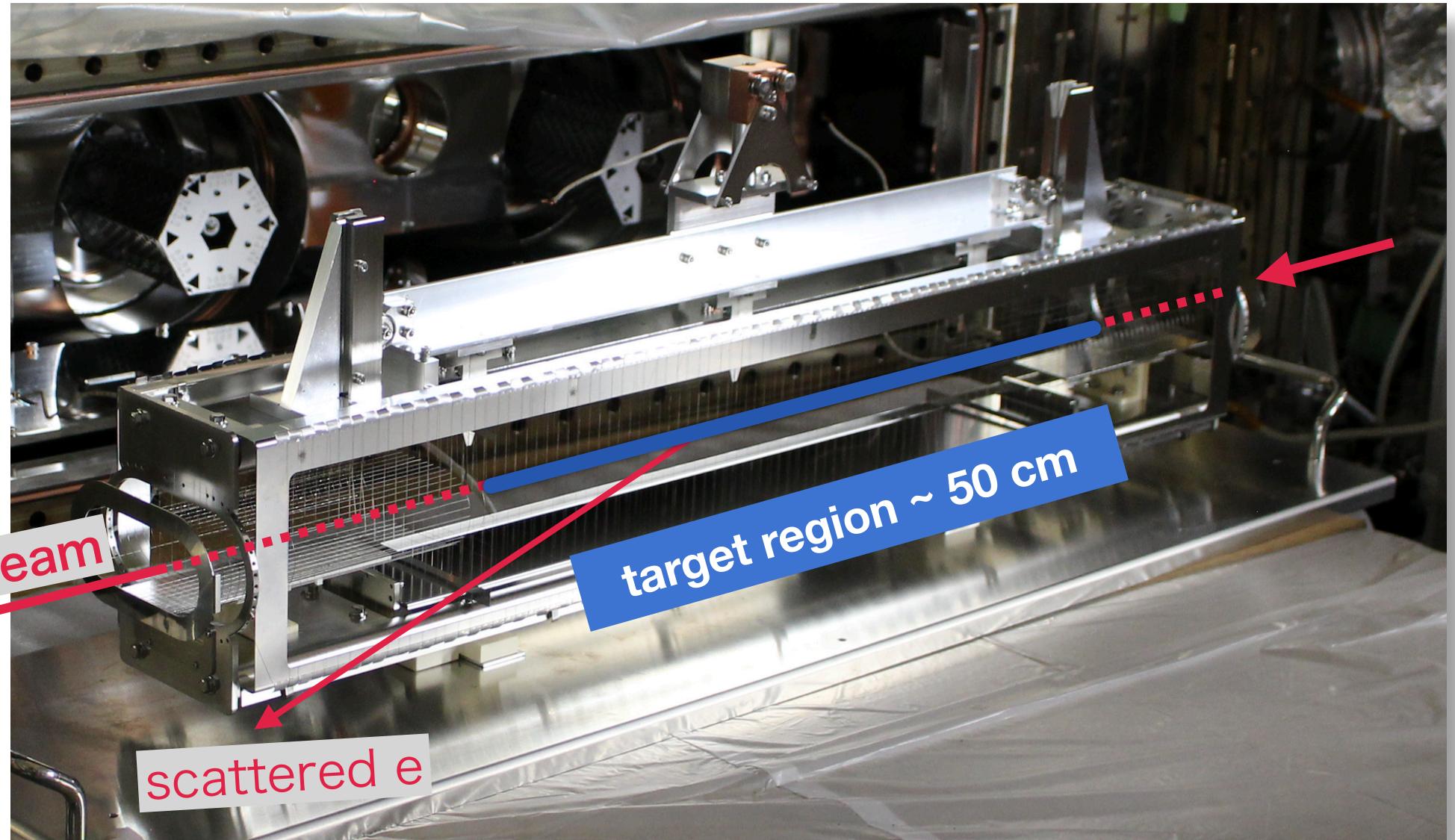


World's first electron facility dedicated for exotic nuclei



RIKEN RI Beam Factory (Japan)

# SCRIT device for preparing a target on e-beam 22



## WiSES spectrometer

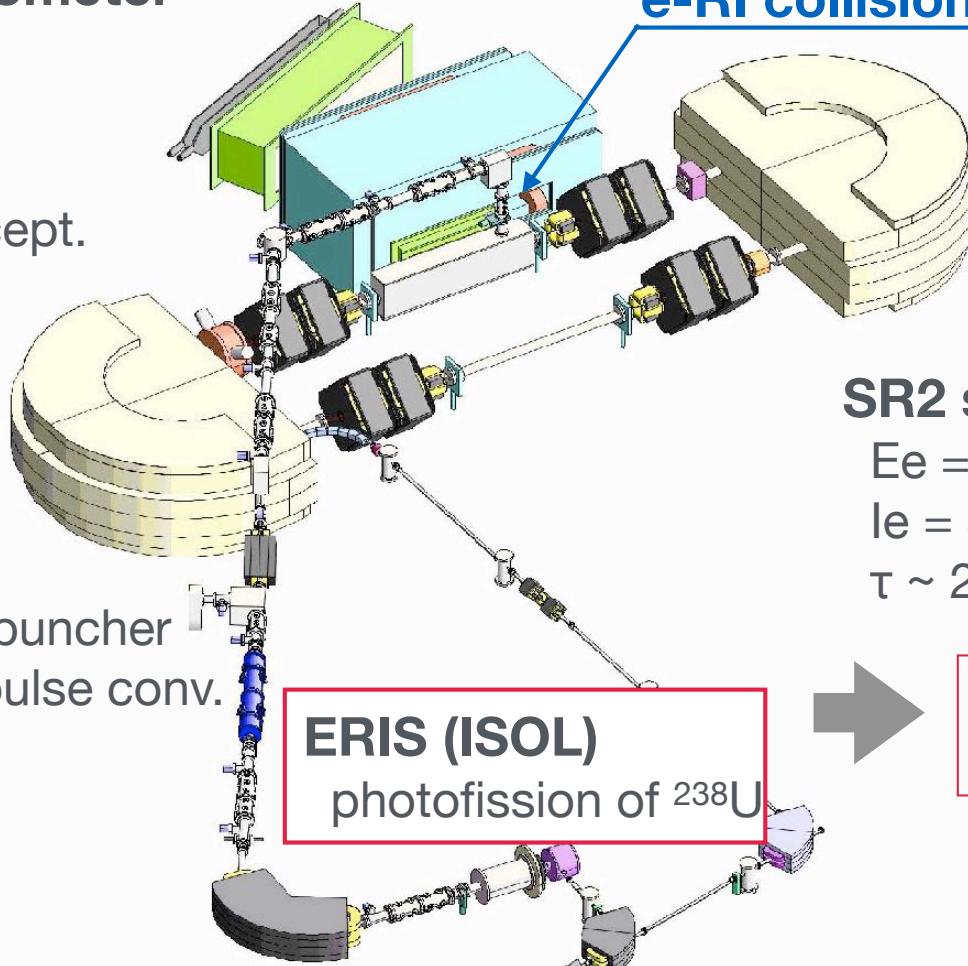
$\Delta\Omega \sim 90$  mSr

$\theta = 30 - 60^\circ$

$\Delta p/p \sim 10^{-3}$

long target accept.

## e-RI collisions



## FRAC

cooler-buncher

dc-to-pulse conv.

**ERIS (ISOL)**  
photofission of  $^{238}\text{U}$

## SR2 storage ring

$E_e = 150 - 700$  MeV

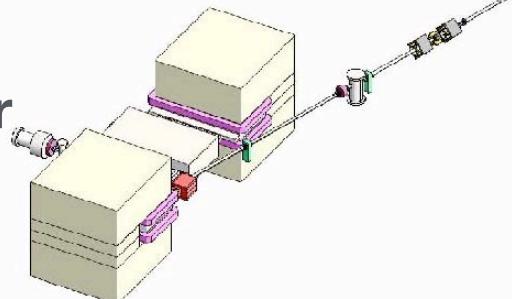
$I_e = 300$  mA

$\tau \sim 2$  hours

neutron-rich nuclei  
by  $\gamma + ^{238}\text{U}$

## Injector + ISOL driver

150 MeV Microtron



## SCRIT

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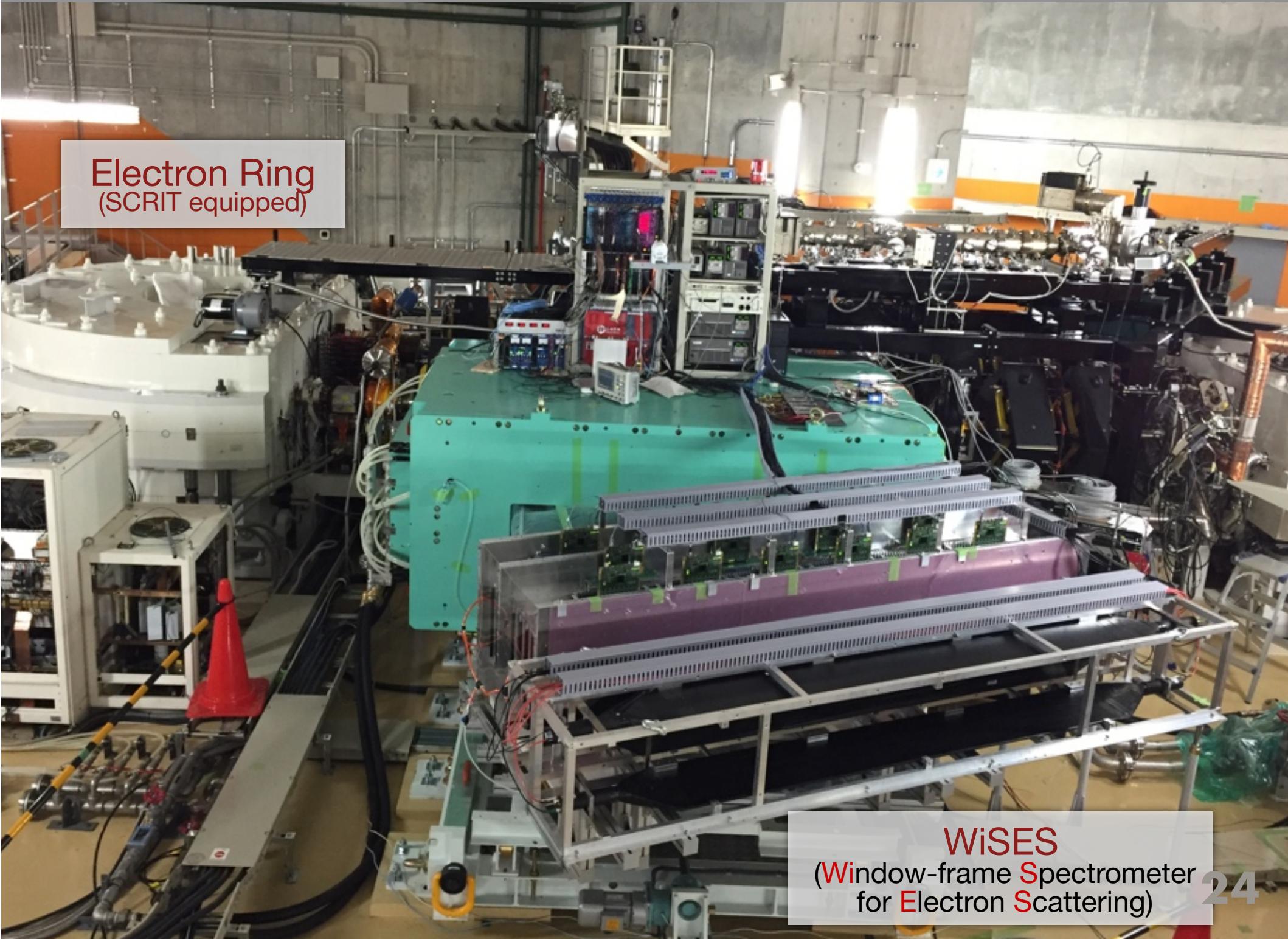
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Electron Ring  
(SCRIT equipped)

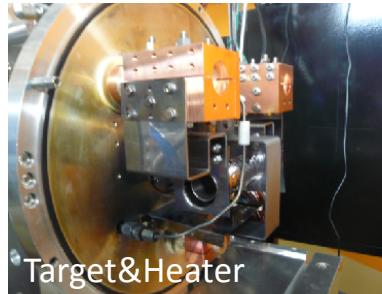
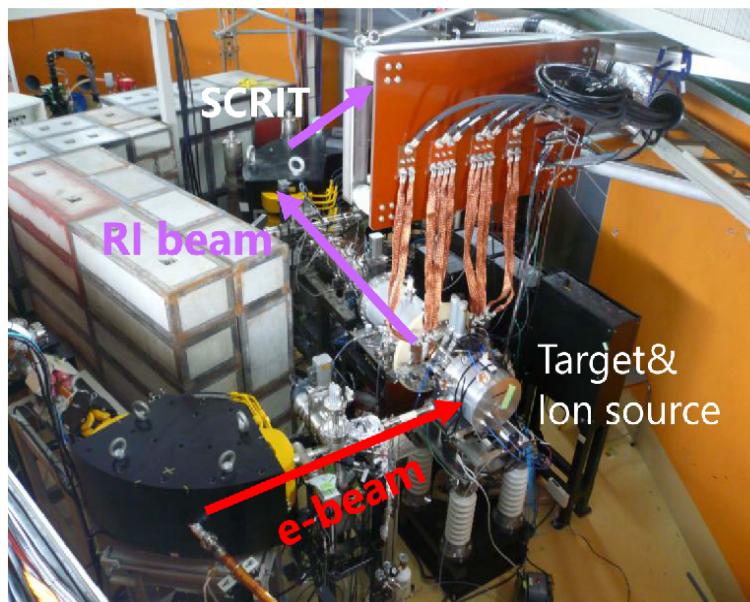
WiSES  
(Window-frame Spectrometer  
for Electron Scattering)

**Reaction** : photo- (electro-) fission of  $^{238}\text{U}$ .  
**Ion Source** : FEBIAD type (Sn, Xe...)  
 Surface Ionization (Cs, Ba,...)

### House-made Uranium carbide (UCx)



$\varphi$  18 mm, t 0.8 mm disks



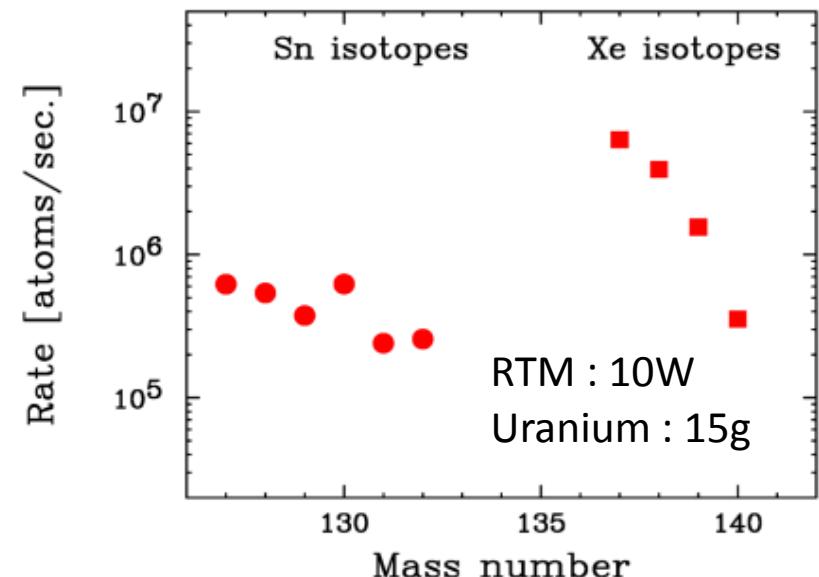
### Production Rate

$$N_{\text{fission}} \sim 10^8 / \text{watt}$$

$$N^{132}\text{Sn} \sim 10^6 / \text{watt} * 1\% (\varepsilon_{\text{trans.}})$$

beam power :  $\sim 20\text{W}$  (today)

$\sim 2 \text{ kW}$  (in a few years)



$^{138}\text{Xe} : 3.9 \times 10^6 \text{ cps}$

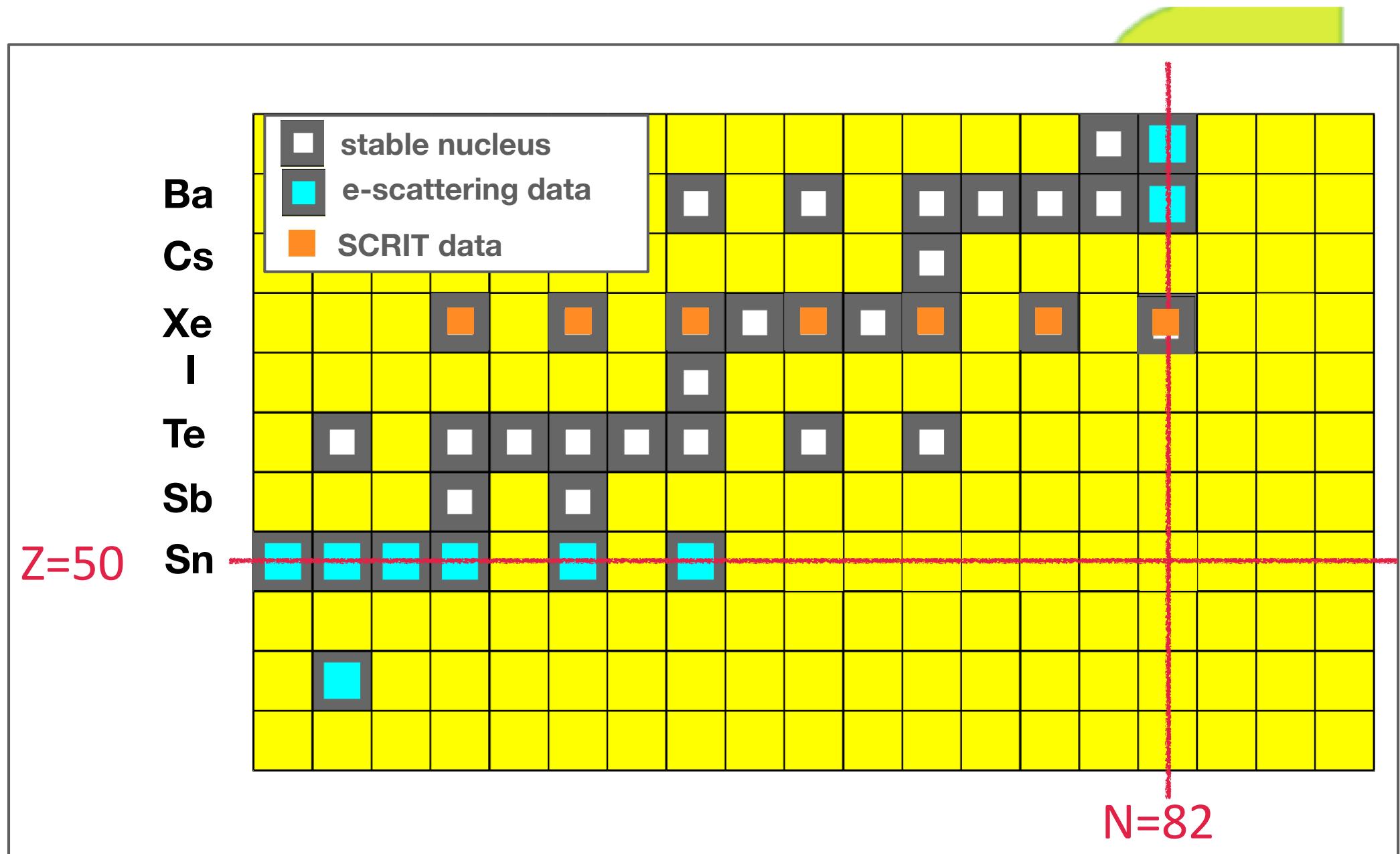
$^{132}\text{Sn} : 2.6 \times 10^5 \text{ cps}$

$^{137}\text{Cs} : 8.0 \times 10^6 \text{ cps}$  (28-g U)

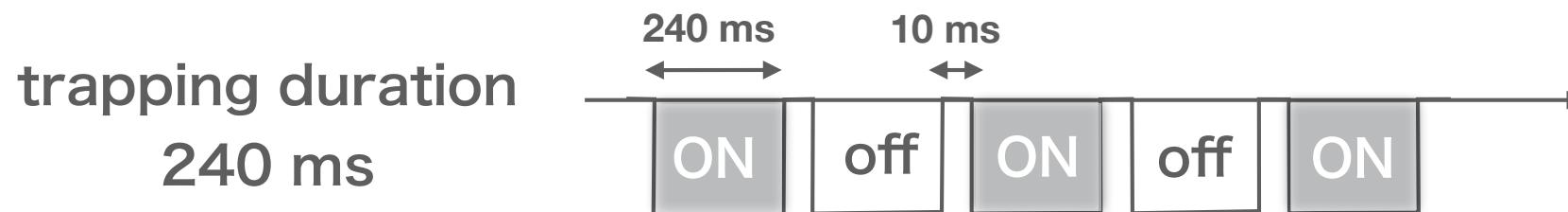
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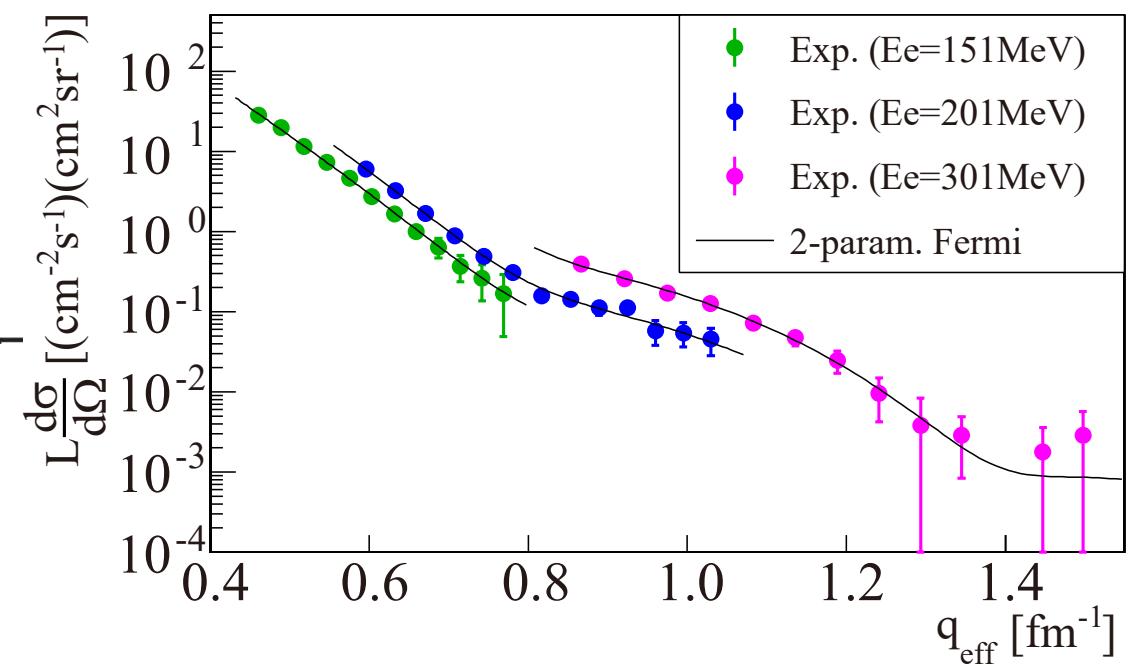
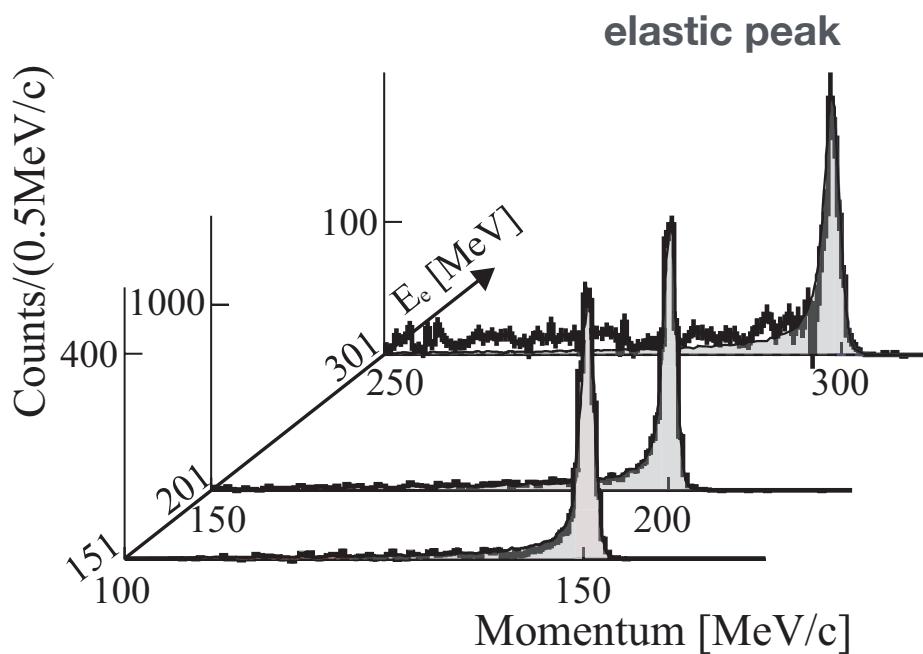
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$$L \sim 10^{27} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s} \text{ with } N_{\text{trapped}} \sim 10^7$$

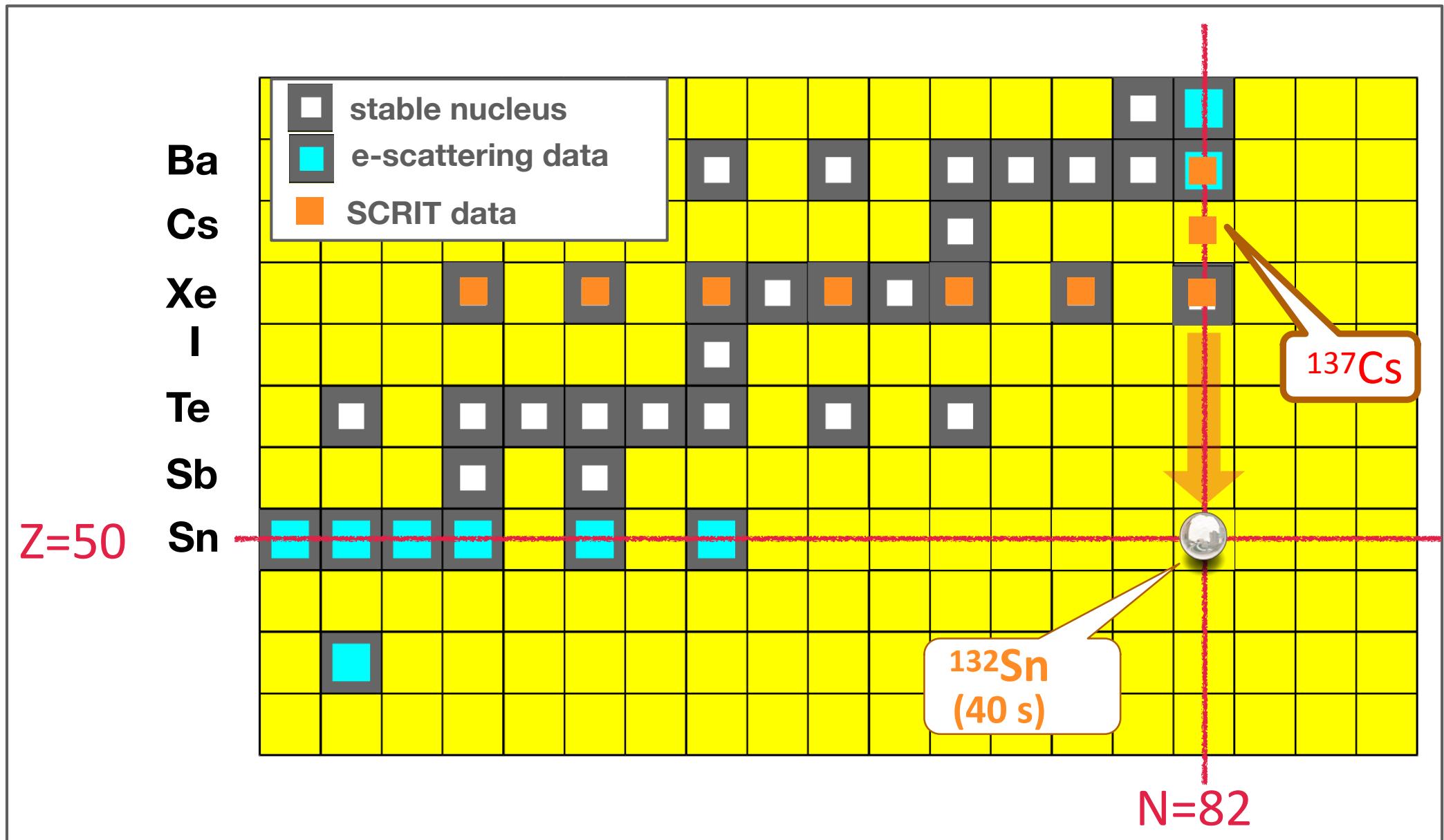


$$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 4.789 \begin{array}{l} +0.12 \\ -0.10 \end{array} \text{ fm}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 4.787 \text{ fm} (\mu\text{-atom X-rays})$$

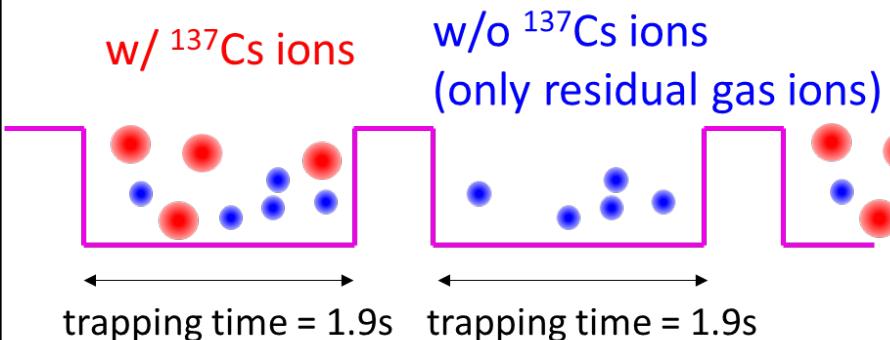
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# First demonstration of e-scattering off online-produced radioactive isotope : $^{137}\text{Cs}(e,e')$

Time sequence of ion trapping



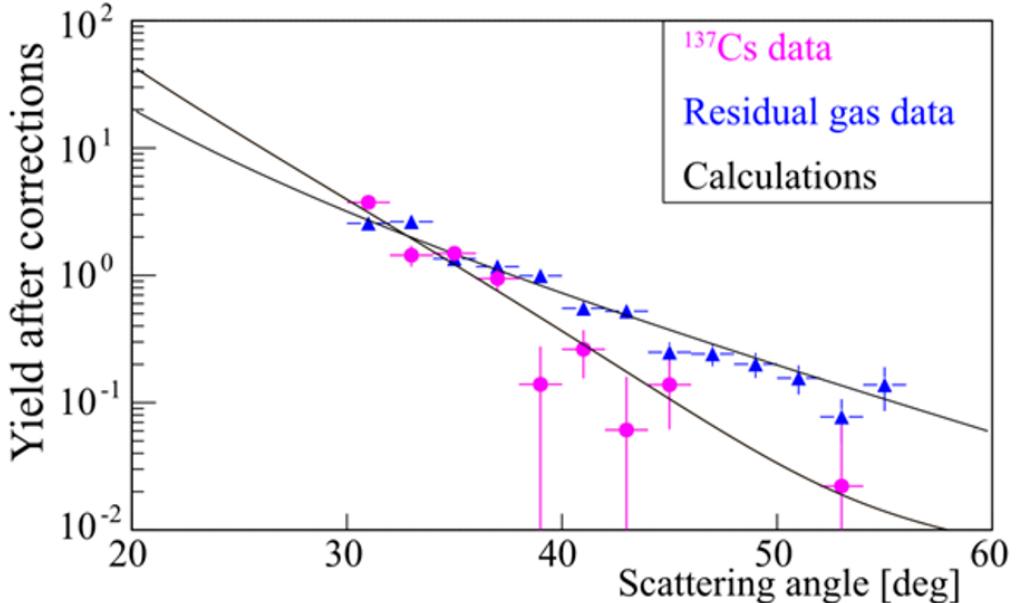
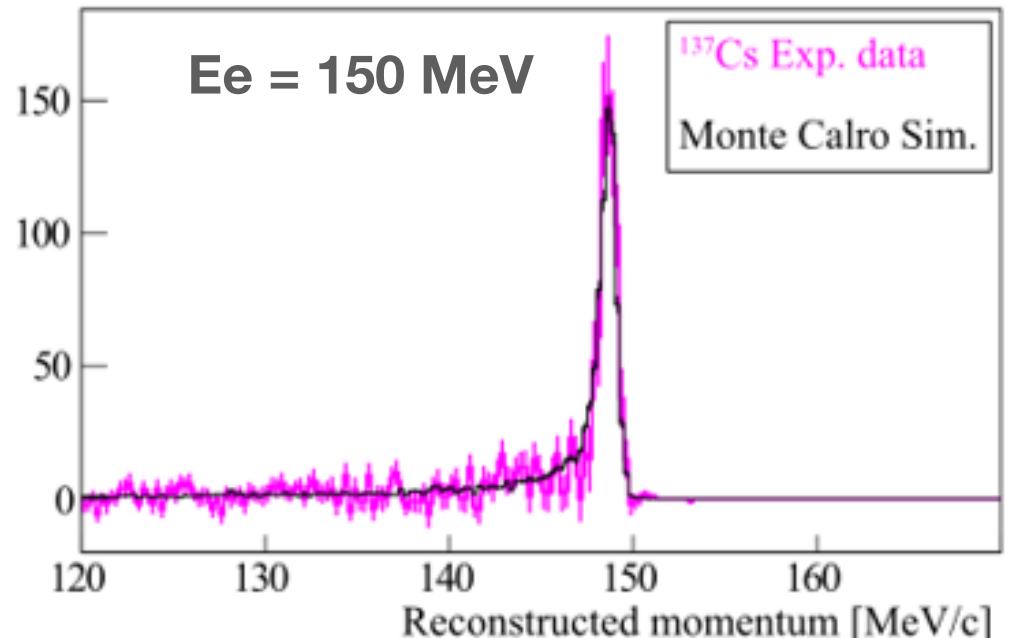
1.9 s trapping

=> mimicking “short-lived” nuclei

$N_{\text{trapped}} \sim 2 \times 10^7$

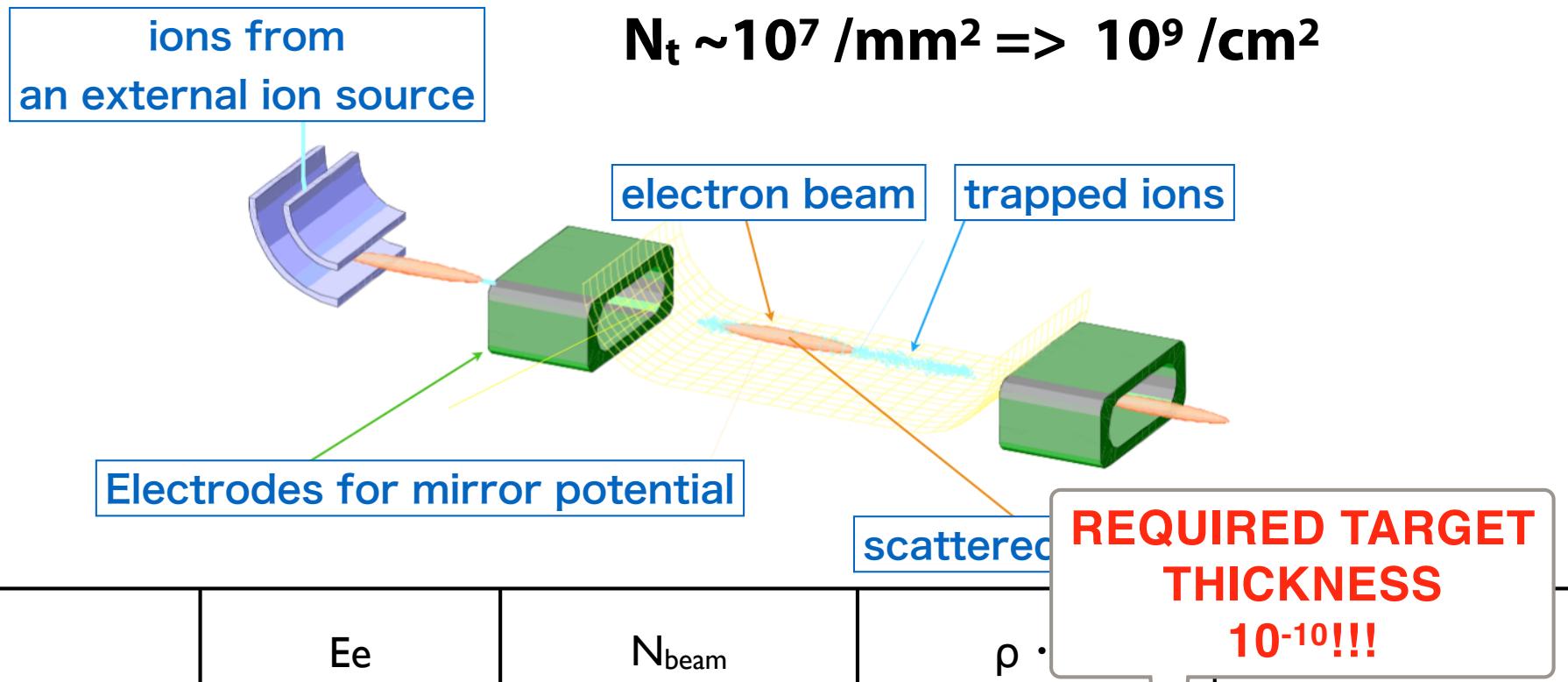
=>  $L \sim 0.9 \times 10^{26} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

successful demonstration for  
online-produced unstable nuclei



# Luminosities

$\sim 10^7$  ions are trapped on e-beam ( $\sim 1 \text{ mm}^2$ )

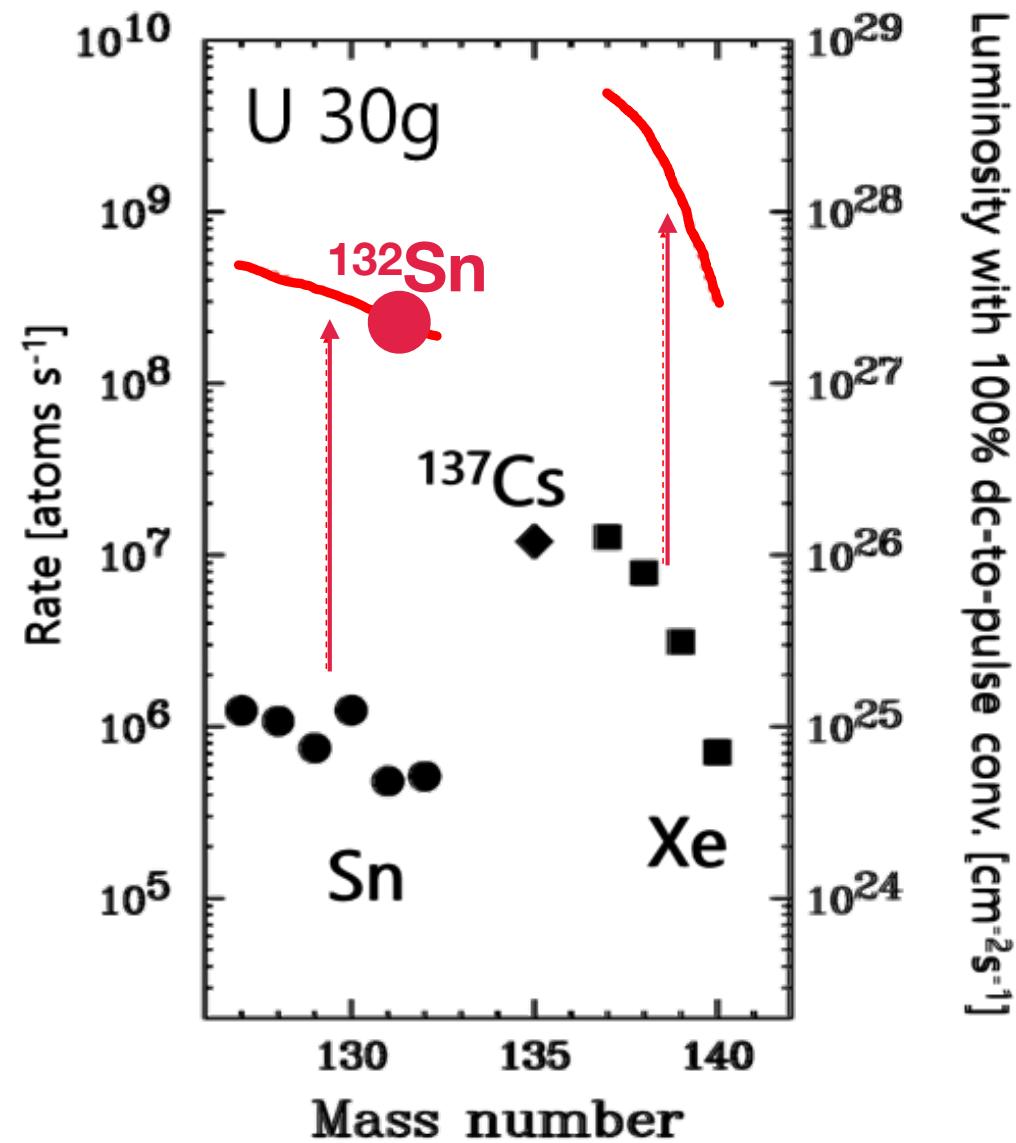
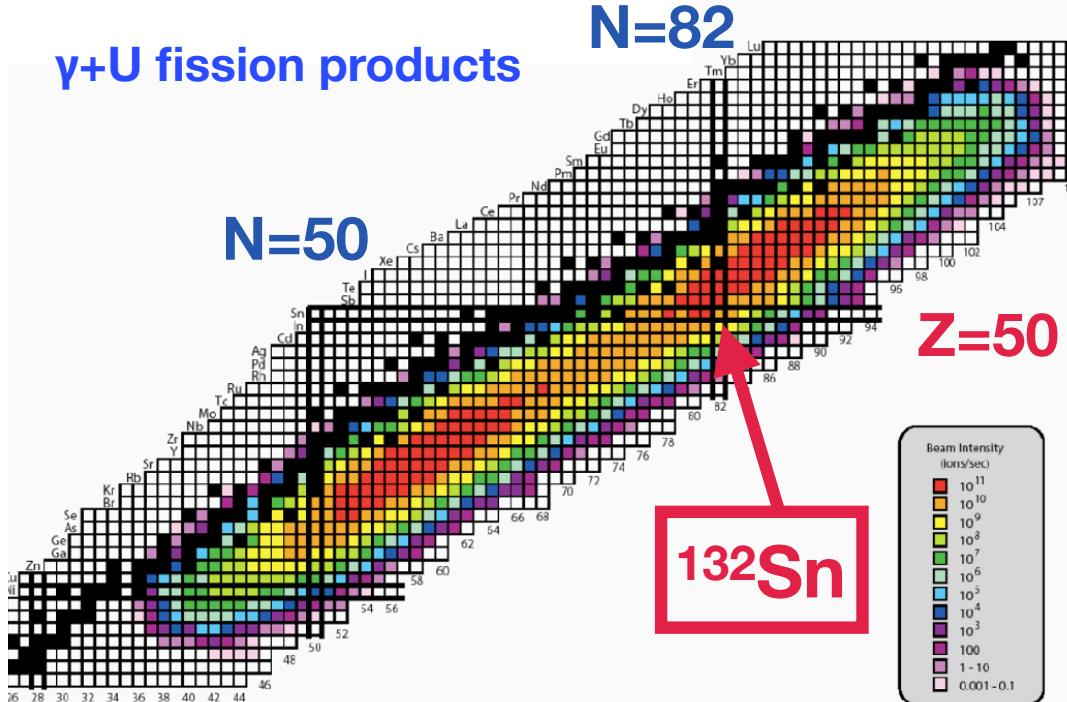


The diagram illustrates the ion trapping process. An external ion source (blue box) provides ions to a green rectangular target. A blue grid represents the electron beam, which is focused onto the target. Trapped ions are shown as a blue cloud within the target. Labels include: 'ions from an external ion source', 'Electrodes for mirror potential' (green arrow), 'electron beam' (orange arrow), 'trapped ions' (blue arrow), and 'scattered' (yellow arrow). A red box on the right contains the text 'REQUIRED TARGET THICKNESS  $10^{-10}!!!$ '.

	E <sub>e</sub>	N <sub>beam</sub>	$\rho \cdot$	REQUIRED TARGET THICKNESS $10^{-10}!!!$
Hofstadter's era (1950s)	150 MeV	$\sim 1 \text{nA}$ ( $\sim 10^9 / \text{s}$ )	$\sim 10^{19} / \text{cm}^2$	$\sim 10^{28} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$
JLAB	6 GeV	$\sim 100 \mu\text{A}$ ( $\sim 10^{14} / \text{s}$ )	$\sim 10^{22} / \text{cm}^2$	$\sim 10^{36} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$
<b>SCRIT</b>	<b>150 - 300 MeV</b>	<b><math>\sim 200 \text{ mA}</math> (<math>\sim 10^{18} / \text{s}</math>)</b>	<b><math>\sim 10^9 / \text{cm}^2</math></b>	<b><math>\sim 10^{27} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}</math></b>

## Upgrade of ISOL driver : underway

towards 2 kW e-beam  
higher repetition  
higher peak intensity

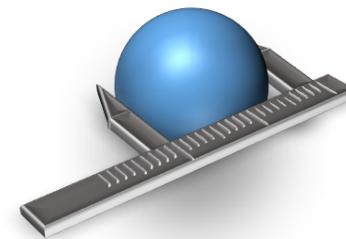
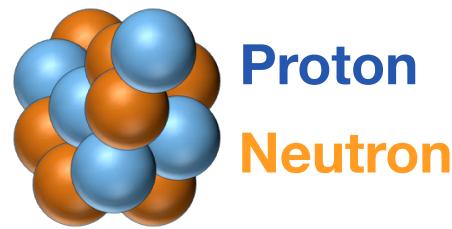


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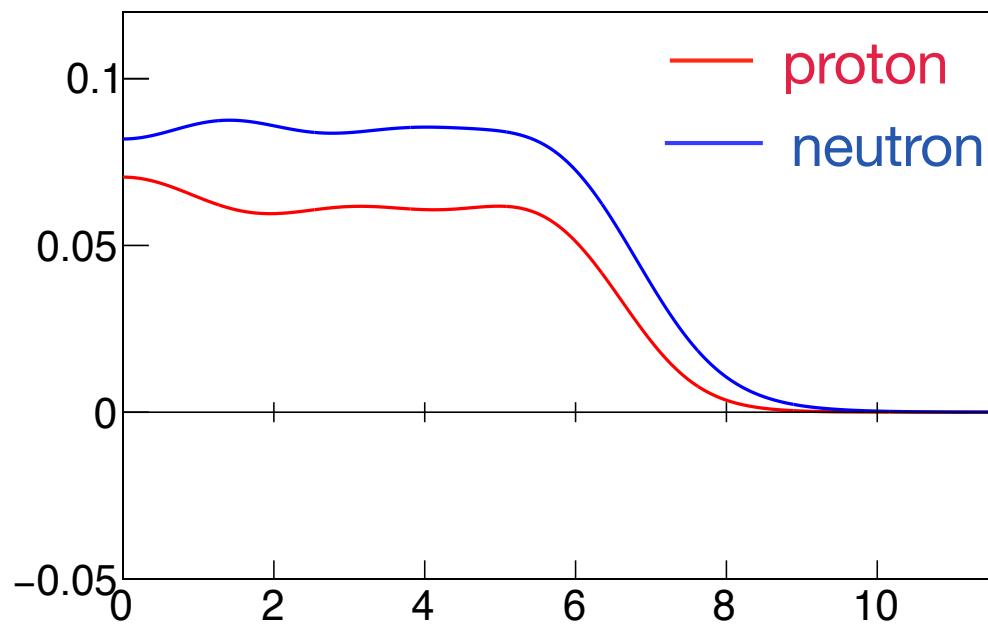
**4th moment of the charge distribution of a nucleus  
and  
RMS radius of neutron distribution**

$$\langle r_c^4 \rangle = \int r^4 \rho_c(r) d^3r$$

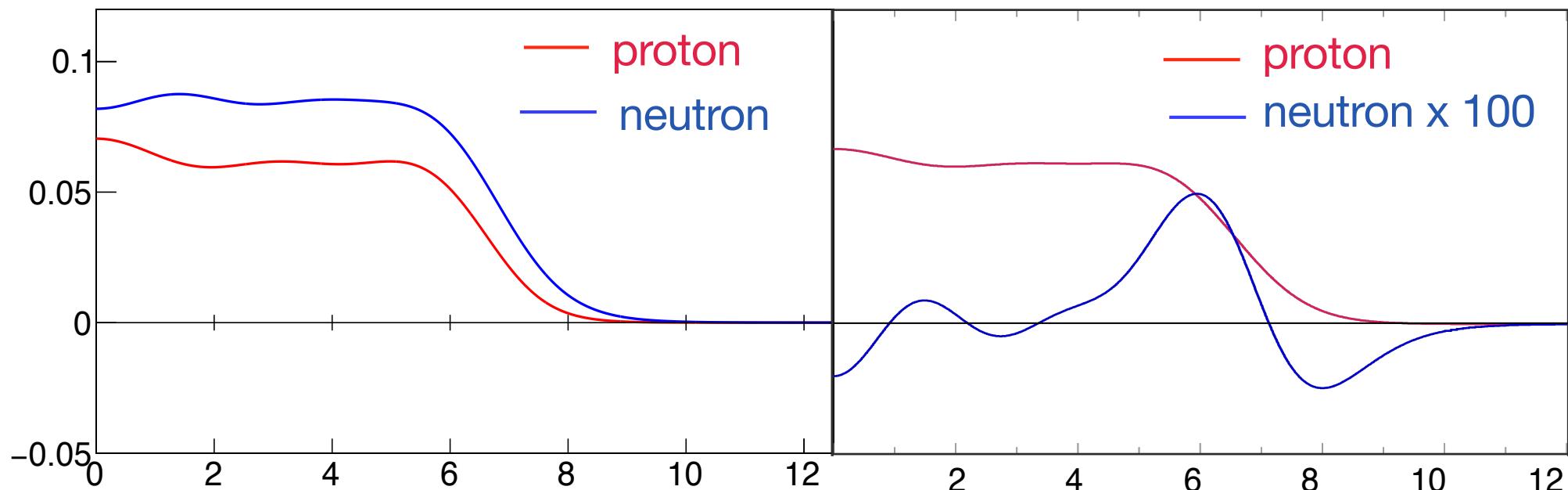
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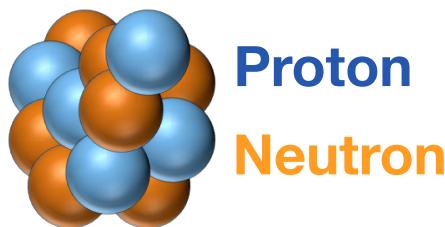
(point) nucleon density



charge density distributions



RMF NL3 (H. Kurasawa)



## 1) charge density

$$\rho_c(r) = \rho_c^p(r) + \rho_c^n(r)$$

$$\rho_c^p(r) = \int \rho_p(r) \rho_{p(point)}(r - r') d^3r'$$

$$\rho_c^n(r) = \int \rho_n(r) \rho_{n(point)}(r - r') d^3r'$$

## 2) 2nd moment

$$\langle r_c^2 \rangle = \int r^2 \rho_c(r) d^3r \text{ Proton}$$

$$= \langle r_{p(point)}^2 \rangle + \langle r_p^2 \rangle +$$

**Neutron**

$$\cancel{\langle r_{n(point)}^2 \rangle} + \frac{N}{Z} \langle r_n^2 \rangle + \text{rel. corr.}$$

## 3) 4th moment

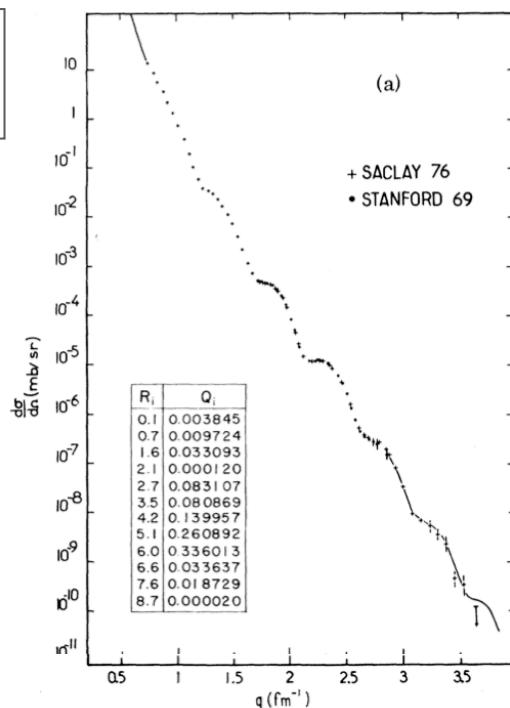
$$\langle r_c^4 \rangle = \int r^4 \rho_c(r) d^3r$$

$$= \langle r_{p(point)}^4 \rangle + \frac{10}{3} \langle r_{p(point)}^2 \rangle \langle r_p^2 \rangle$$

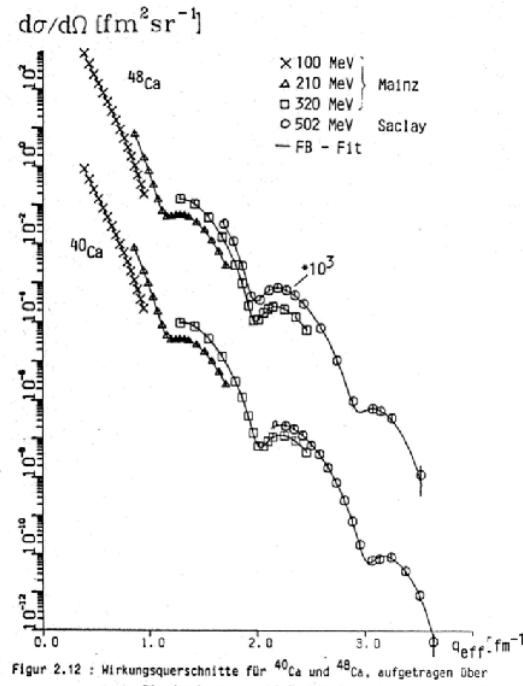
$$+ \cancel{\langle r_{n(point)}^4 \rangle} + \frac{10}{3} \cancel{\langle r_{n(point)}^2 \rangle} \langle r_n^2 \rangle \frac{N}{Z} + \text{rel. corr.}$$

**RMS n-radius**

$^{208}\text{Pb}$



$^{48}\text{Ca}$



		$R_p$	$R_n$	$\delta R$
$^{208}\text{Pb}$	Rel.	5.454(0.013)	5.728(0.057)	<u>0.275(0.070)</u>
	Non.	5.447(0.014)	5.609(0.054)	0.162(0.068)
	Exp.		$R_c = 5.503(0.014)$	

JLab : PREX I,II (parity-violating e-scattering)

$$\Delta r_{np} \equiv R_n - R_p = 0.283 \pm 0.071 \text{ fm}$$

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		$R_p$	$R_n$	$\delta R$
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	Rel.	3.378(0.005)	3.597(0.021)	<u>0.220(0.026)</u>
	Non.	3.372(0.009)	3.492(0.028)	0.121(0.036)
	Exp.		$R_c = 3.451(0.009)$	

JLab : CREX (parity-violating e-scattering)

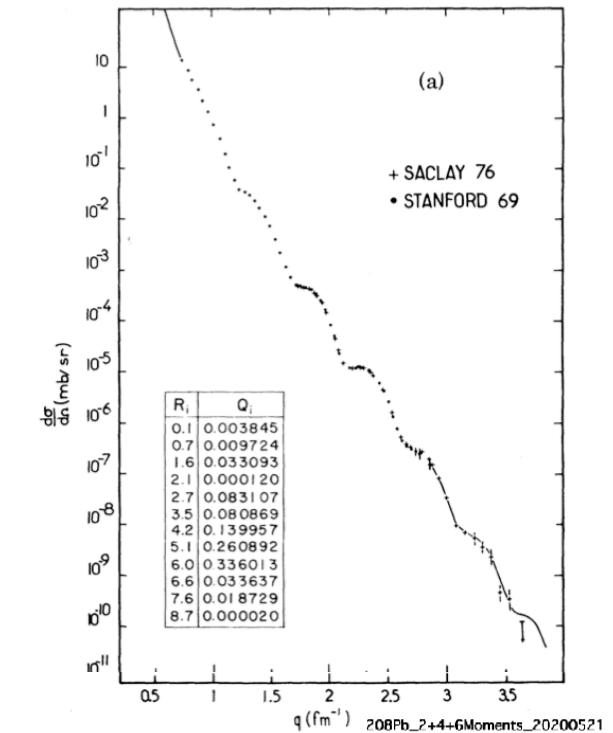
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1) elastic scattering at very high  $q$  (0<sup>+</sup> nuclei)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma_{\text{Mott}}}{d\Omega} |F_c(q)|^2$$

$$F_c(q) = \int \rho_c(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}$$

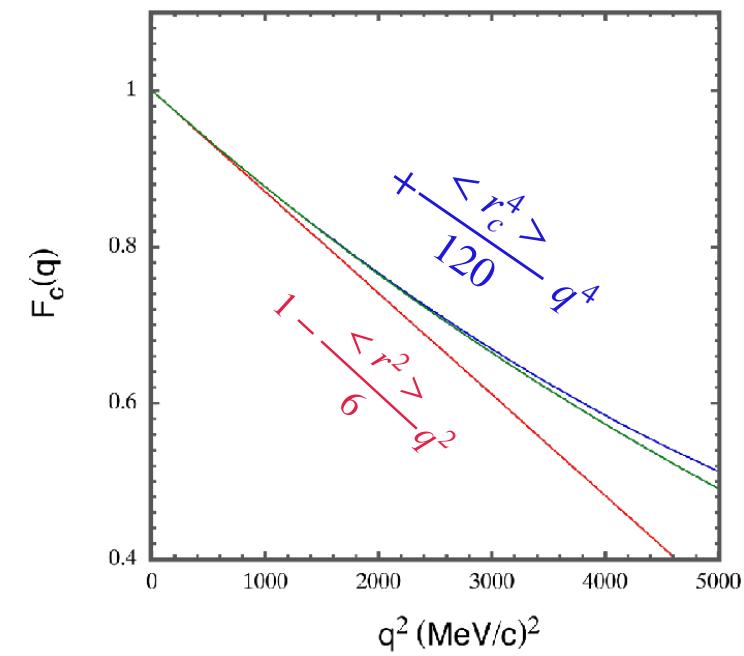


2) elastic scattering at very low  $q$

$$F_c(q) \sim 1 - \frac{\langle r_c^2 \rangle}{6} q^2 + \frac{\langle r_c^4 \rangle}{120} q^4 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{Mott}}}{d\Omega} \propto 1/q^4$$

=> low-L SCRIT exp. ??

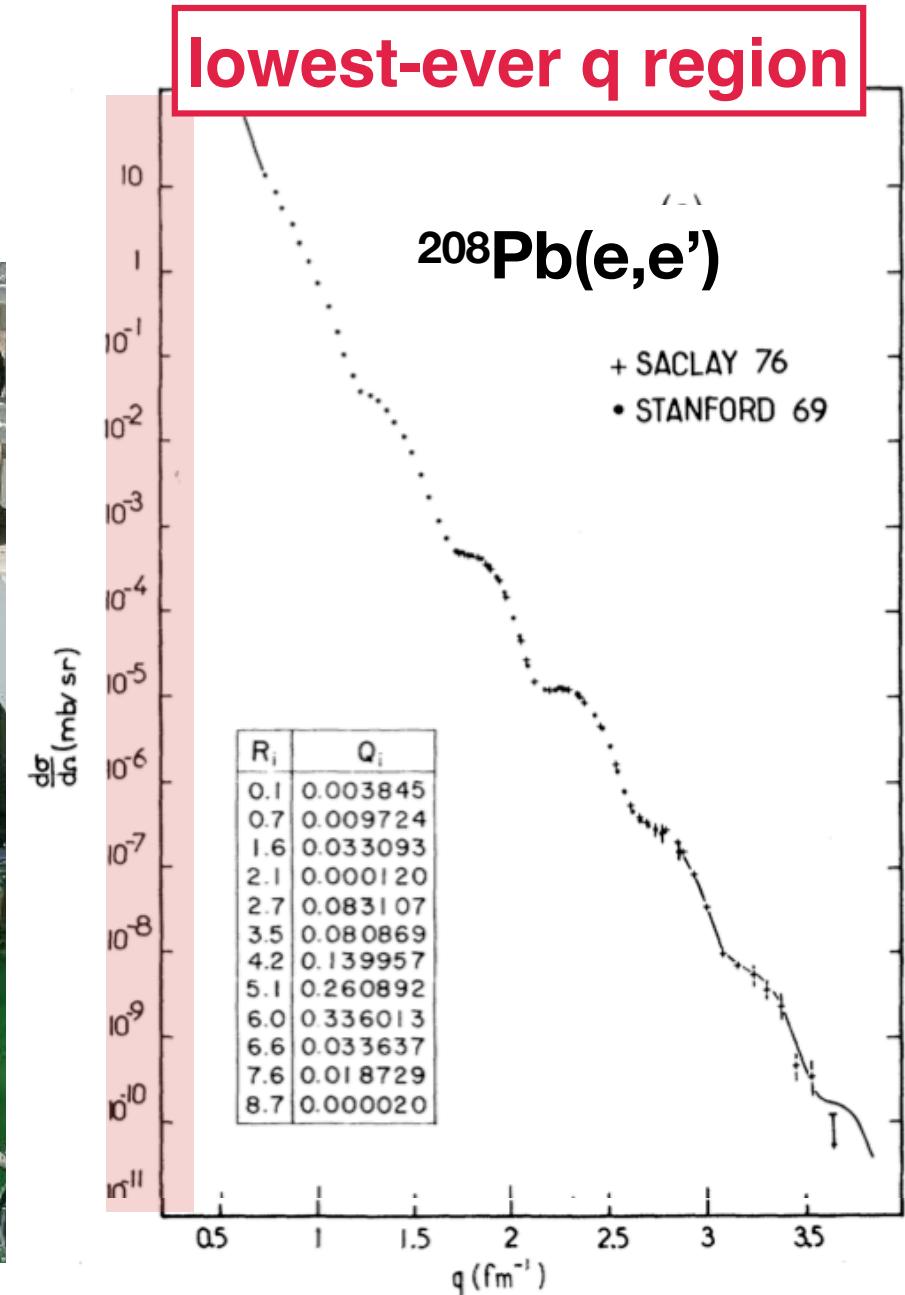
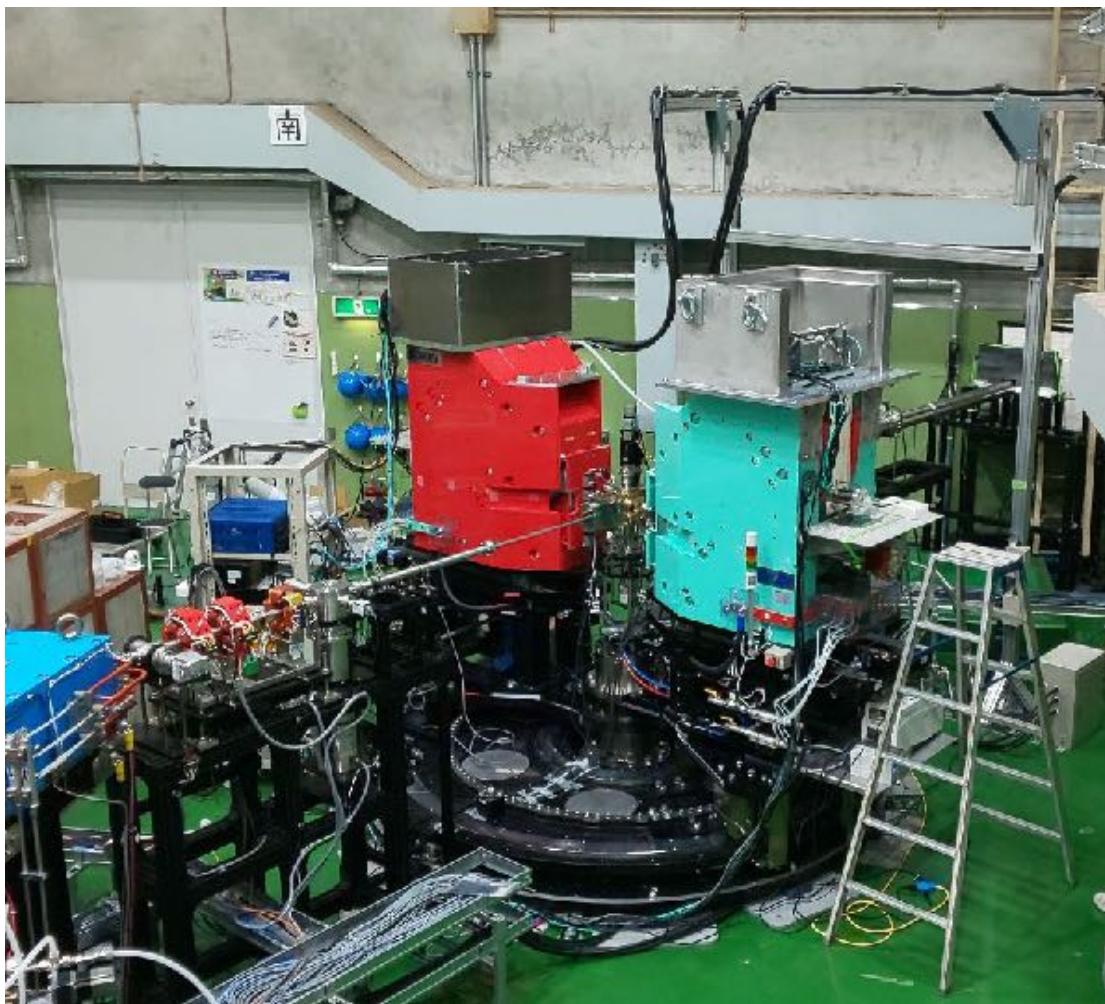


- $^{208}\text{Pb}(e,e')$  at the lowest-ever q region

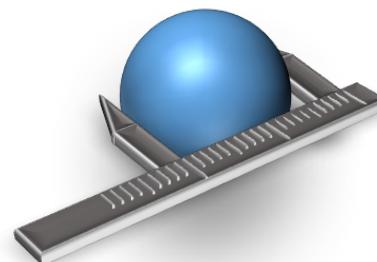
$E_e \sim 10 - 50 \text{ MeV}$

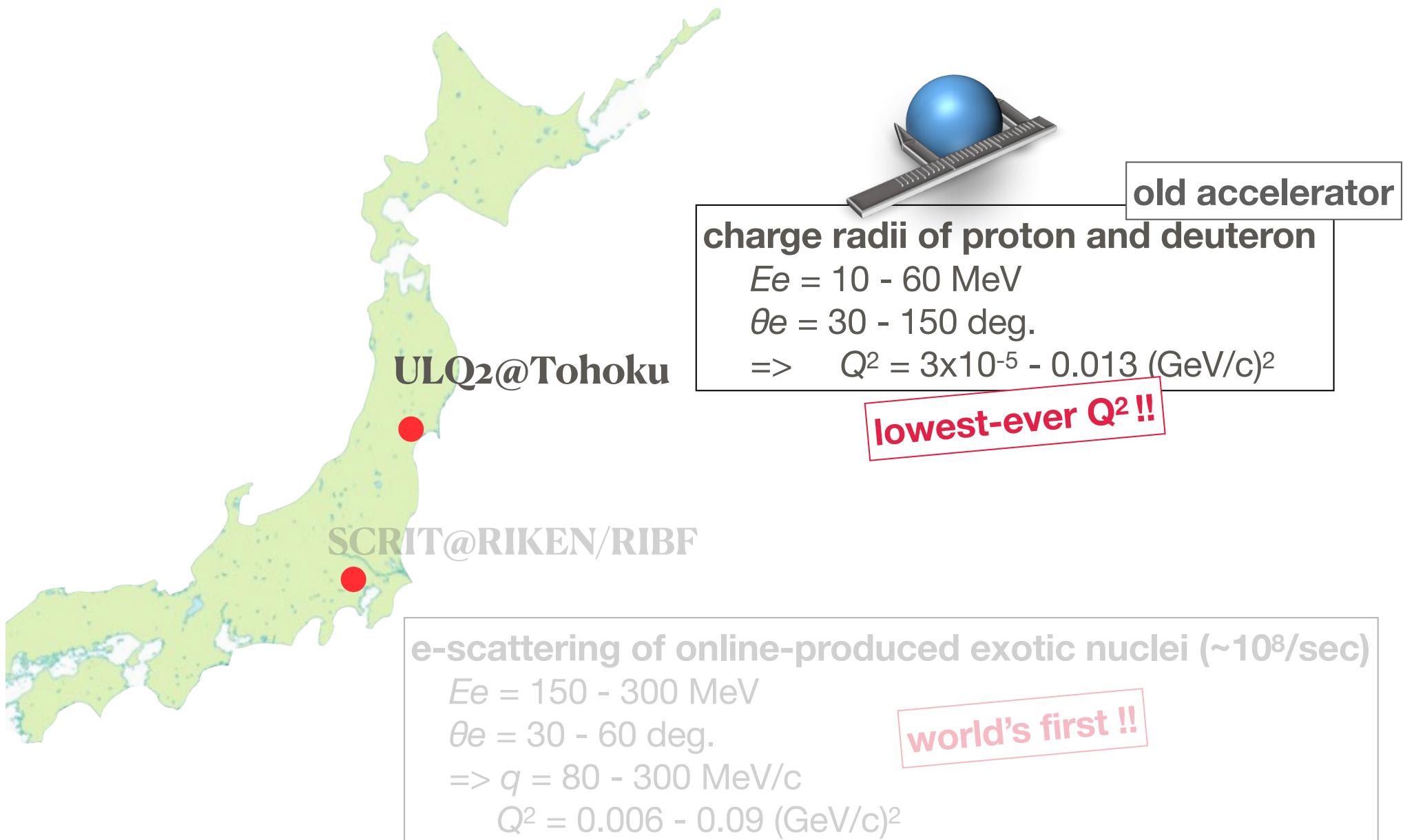
$\theta = 30 - 150^\circ$

$q = 5 - 50 \text{ MeV}/c$



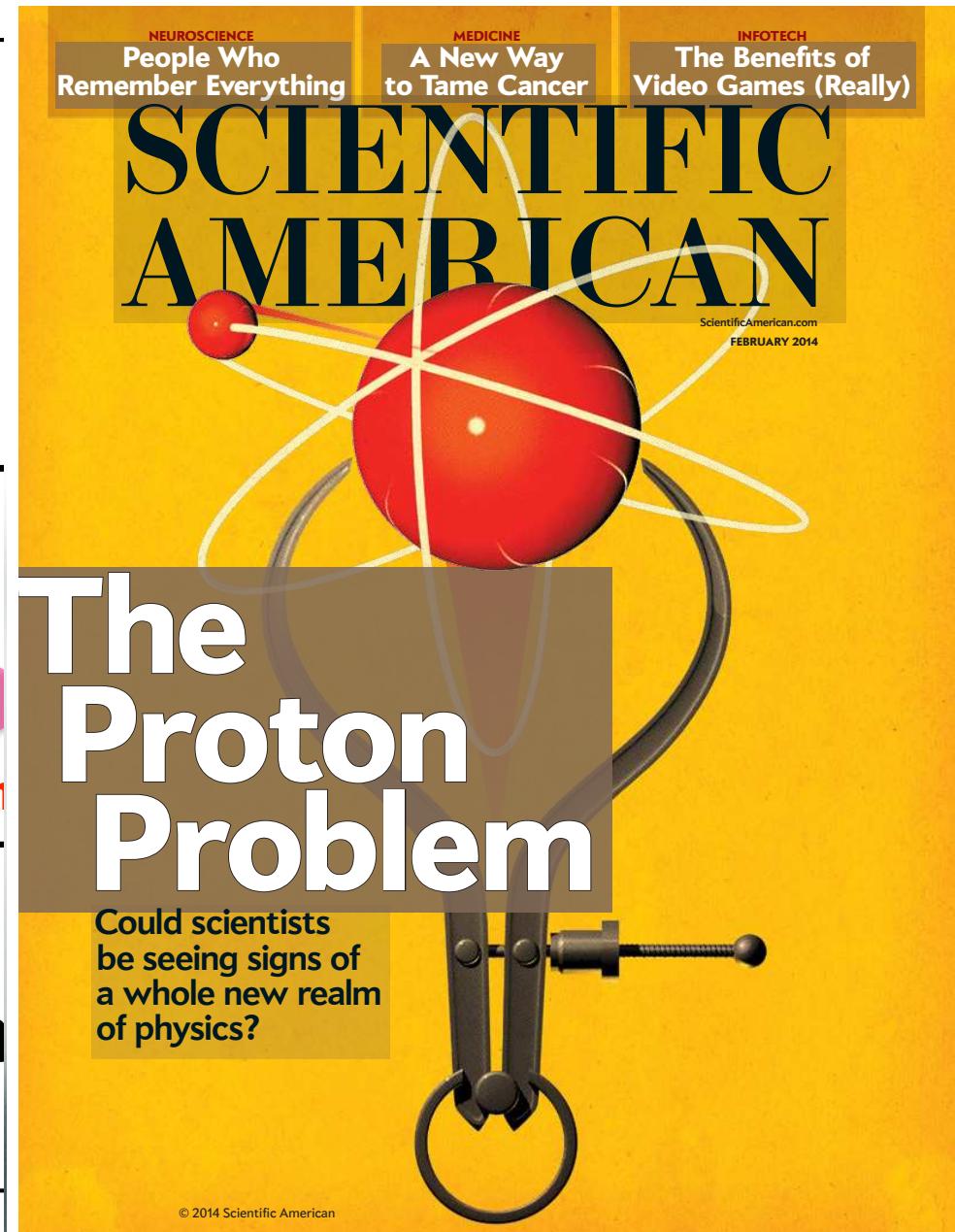
1. electron scattering for unstable nuclei
2. SCRIT facility
3. first result for online-produced unstable nuclei
4. new research possibilities
  1. neutron distribution by electron scattering
  2. photonuclear response
5. ULQ2 at Tohoku for proton radius





this talk

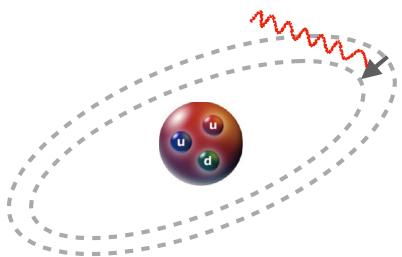
# Proton Radius Puzzle



C. Carlson, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 82 (2015) 59.

# Why is the proton (charge) radius a hot topics ?

- 1) the radius is one of the basic properties of the nucleon
- 2) the radius is strongly correlated to the Rydberg constant



$$\Delta E = R_{Rydberg} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{m^2} \right)$$

$$\Delta E = \alpha \cdot R_{Rydberg} + \beta \cdot \langle r^2 \rangle$$

- 3) possible new physics beyond Standard Model (??)

Lepton Universality ( $e \leftrightarrow \mu$ ) ??

muon magnetic moment  $g = 2(1 + a_\mu)$

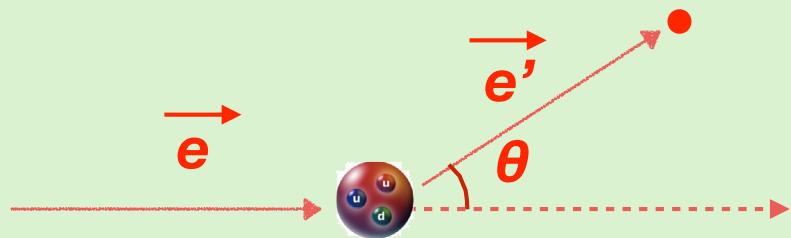
$$a_\mu^{exp} = 1\ 165\ 920.89 \text{ (0.63)} \times 10^{-9}$$

$$a_\mu^{SM} = 1\ 165\ 918.28 \text{ (0.49)} \times 10^{-9}$$

**3.5 $\sigma$  discrepancy**

**possible MeV-order force carrier  
(dark photon ...?)**

# electron scattering and proton charge radius



**momentum transfer**

$$\vec{q} = \vec{e} - \vec{e}'$$

**energy transfer**

$$\omega = e - e'$$

**4 momentum transfer**

$$\begin{aligned} Q^2 &= q^2 - \omega^2 \\ &= 4 e e' \sin^2(\theta/2) \end{aligned}$$

Charge FF      Magnetic FF

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

$$\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Mott} = \frac{z^2 \alpha^2}{4e^2} \frac{\cos^2(\theta/2)}{\sin^4(\theta/2)} \propto \frac{e^2}{q^4}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4m_p^2}$$

## Proton charge radius

$$\langle r^2 \rangle \equiv -6 \frac{dG_E(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \Big|_{Q^2 \rightarrow 0}$$

**no measurement is possible at  $Q^2 = 0$**

**$G_E(Q^2)$  at low  $Q^2$  as possible**

G. A. Miller, PRC 99 (2019) 035202

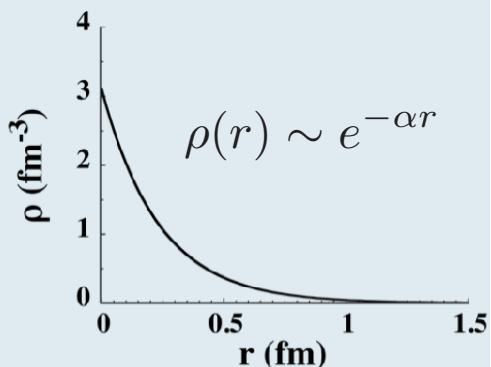
## 2nd moment of charge density $\rho(r)$ ??

Electric Form Factor GE

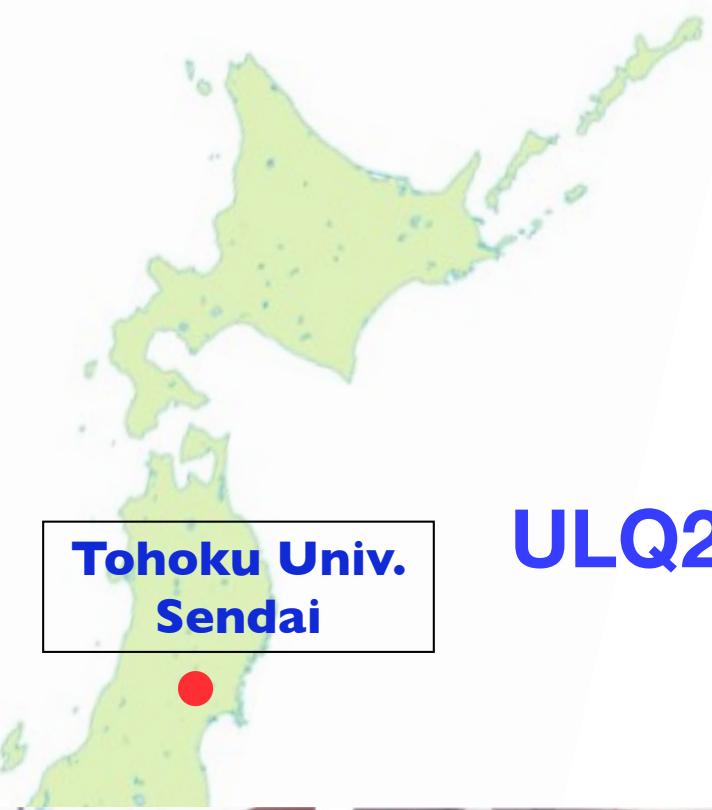


non-rel. limit

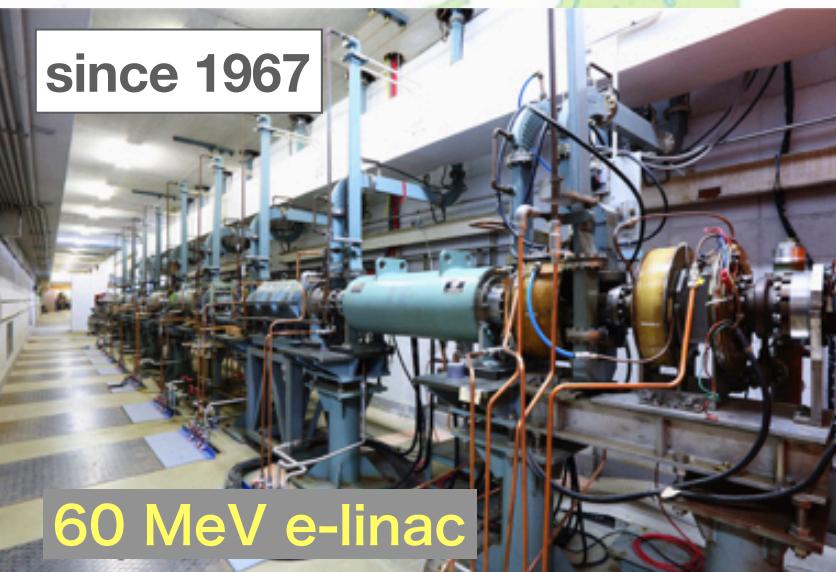
$\rho(r)$



$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \int r^2 \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$$

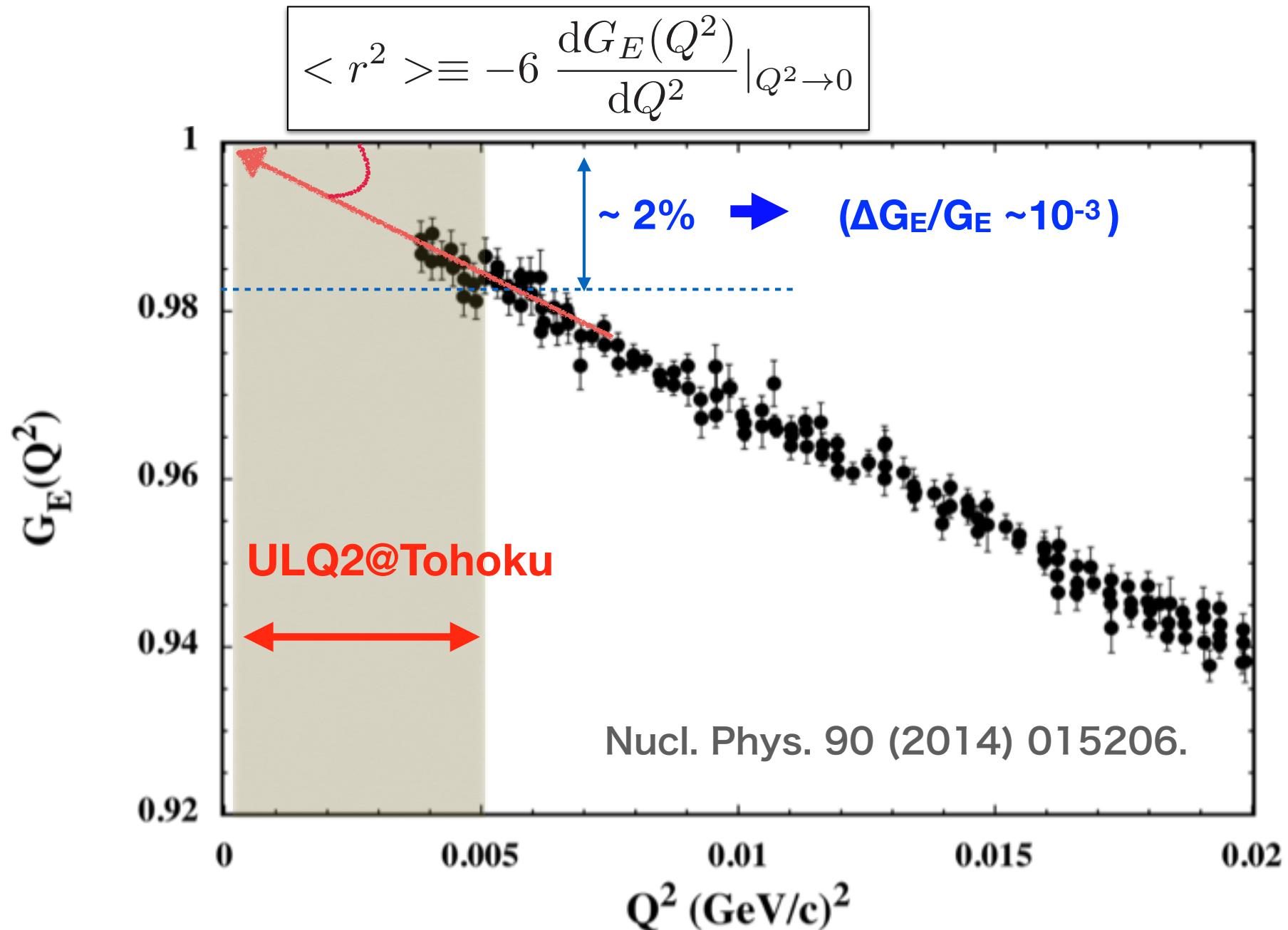


## ULQ2 : Ultra-Low Q2

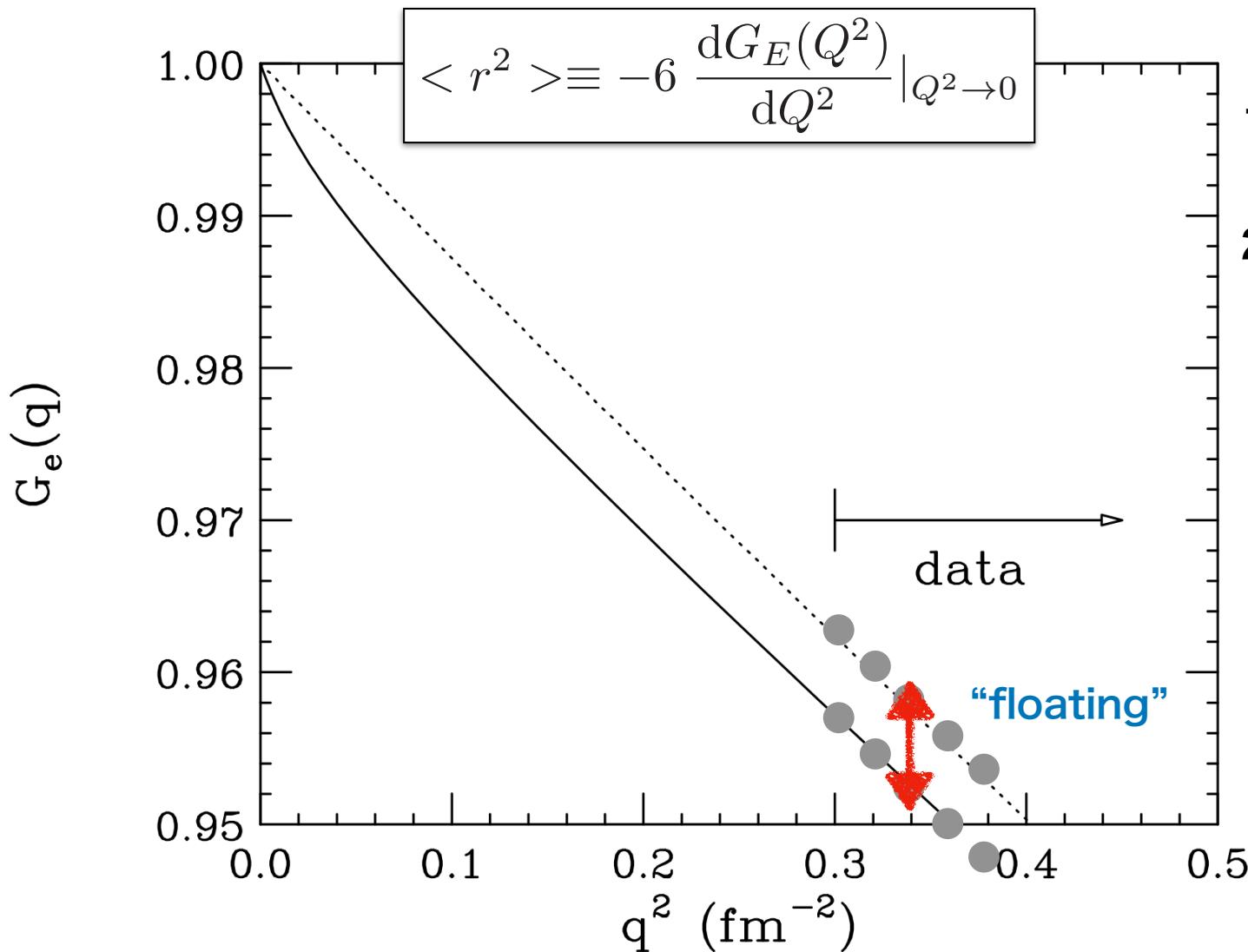


# Proton charge radius and current status

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# Absolute $G_E(Q^2)$ at lower $Q^2$ region



- 1) no absolute  $G_E(Q^2)$  ("floating")
- 2)  $\chi^2$  is similar for both

**ABSOLUTE  $G_E(Q^2)$   
at lower  $Q^2$  region**

aiming at the *least model-dependent* proton charge radius

- 1) covering the lowest-ever Q<sup>2</sup> for G<sub>E</sub>(Q<sup>2</sup>)  
lowest-energy electron scattering ever  
(E<sub>e</sub> = 10 - 60 MeV)

- 2) absolute cross section measurement with 10<sup>-3</sup>

CH<sub>2</sub> target  
 $\langle r_c^2 \rangle$  of <sup>12</sup>C is best known with 10<sup>-3</sup> accuracy

Our (old) accelerator is only facility for such measures

## 60 MeV electron linac

$E_e = 10 - 60 \text{ MeV}$

$\Delta E/E = 0.6 \times 10^{-4}$

beam size  $\sim 0.6 \text{ mm}$  on target

duty factor  $= 10^{-3}$

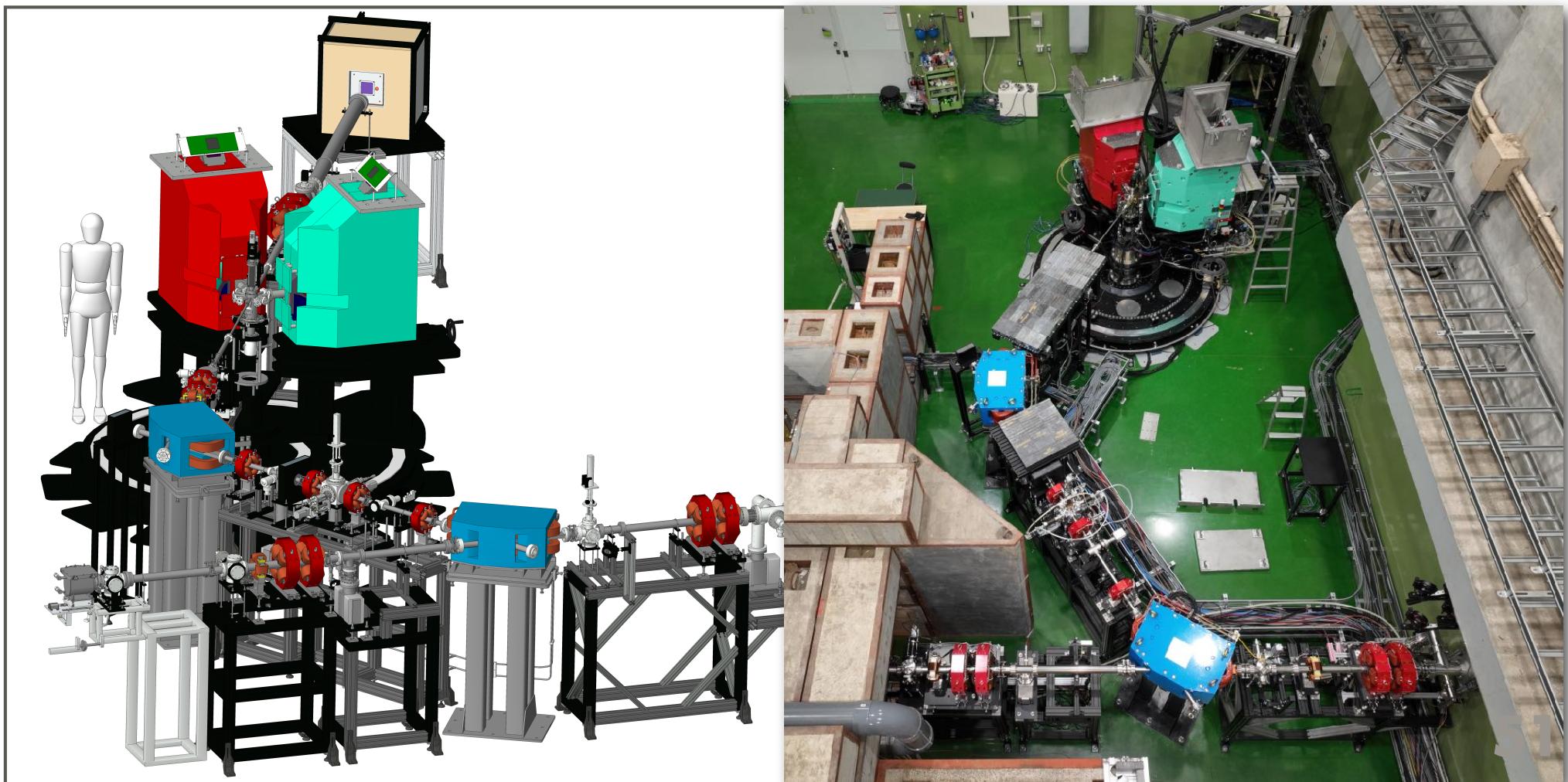
## ULQ2 twin-spectrometer setup

$\Delta p/p = 5.6 \times 10^{-3}$

$\Delta\Omega = 6 \text{ mSr}$

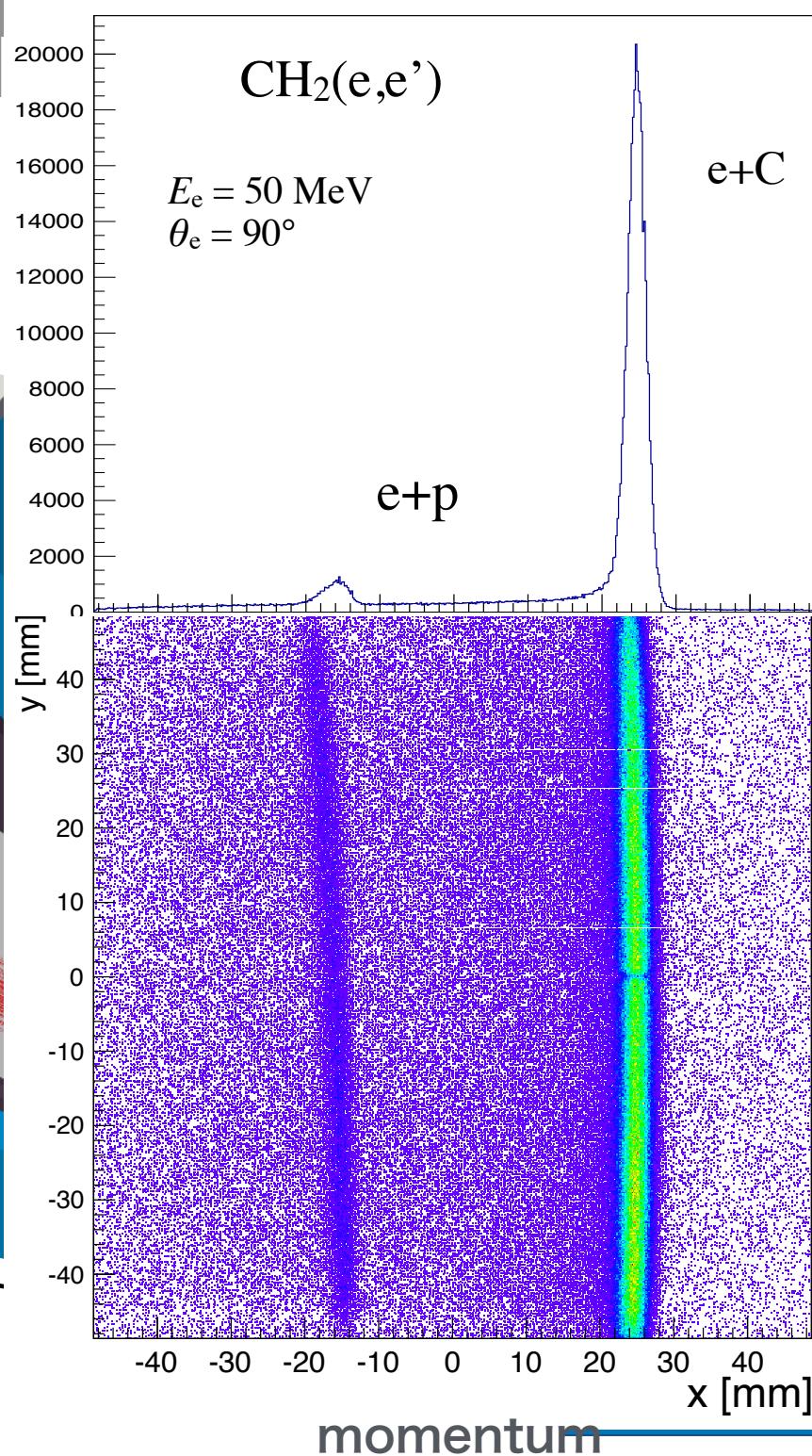
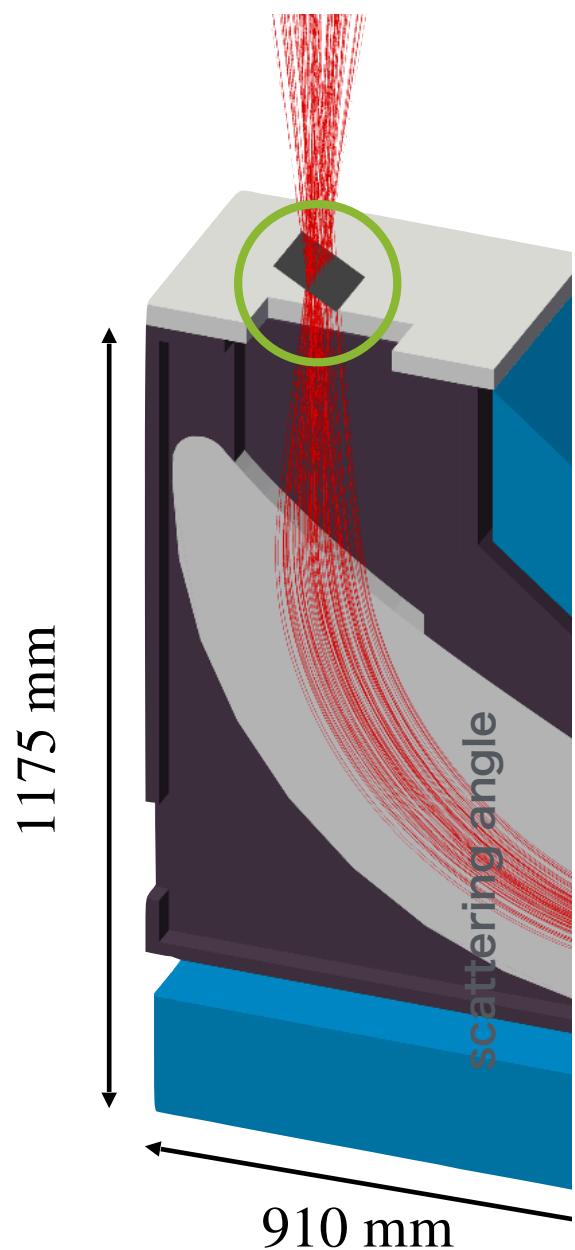
$\theta = 30 - 150 \text{ deg.}$

$Q^2 = 3 \times 10^{-5} - 0.013 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$



# ULQ2 twin s

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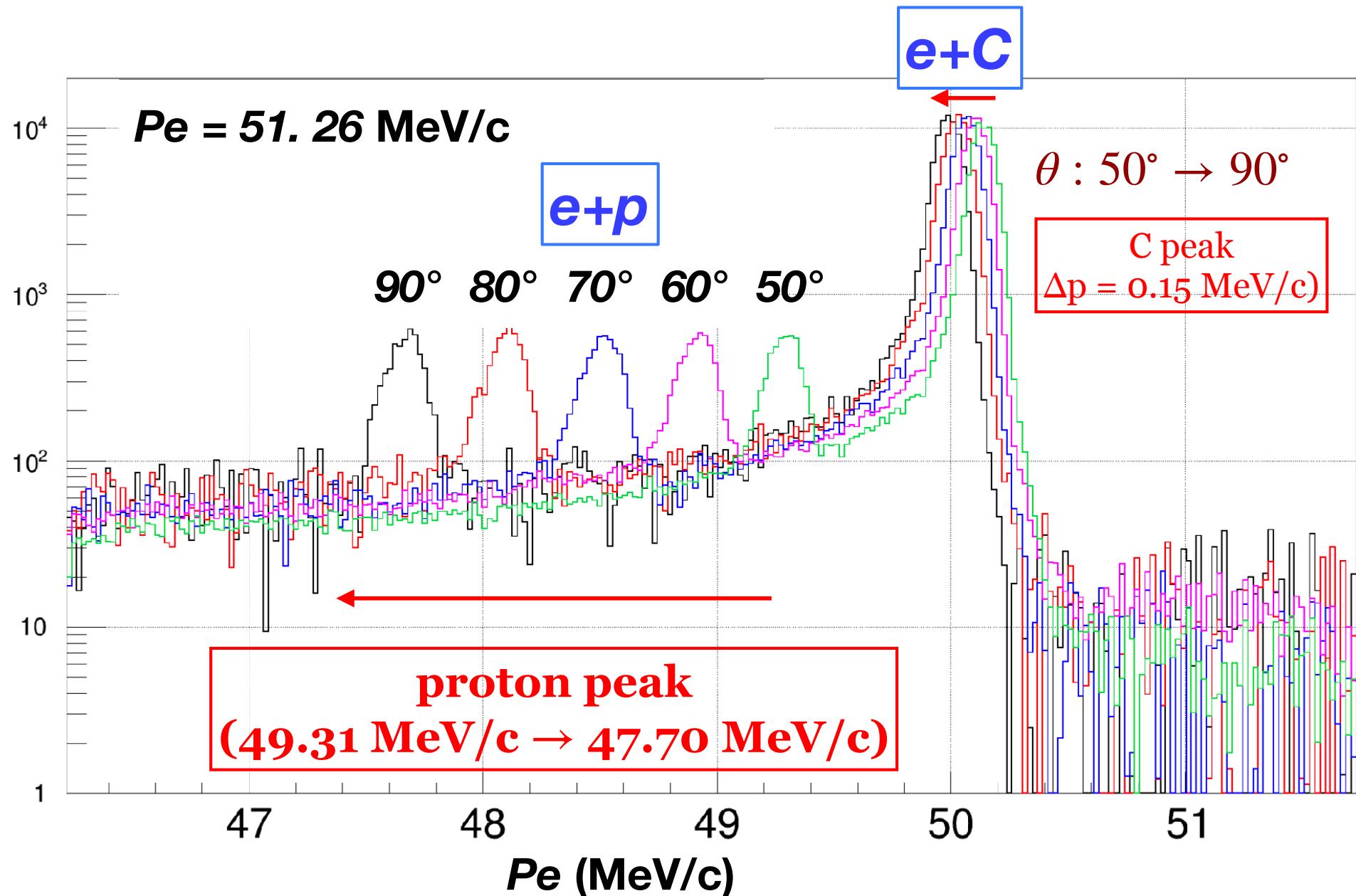


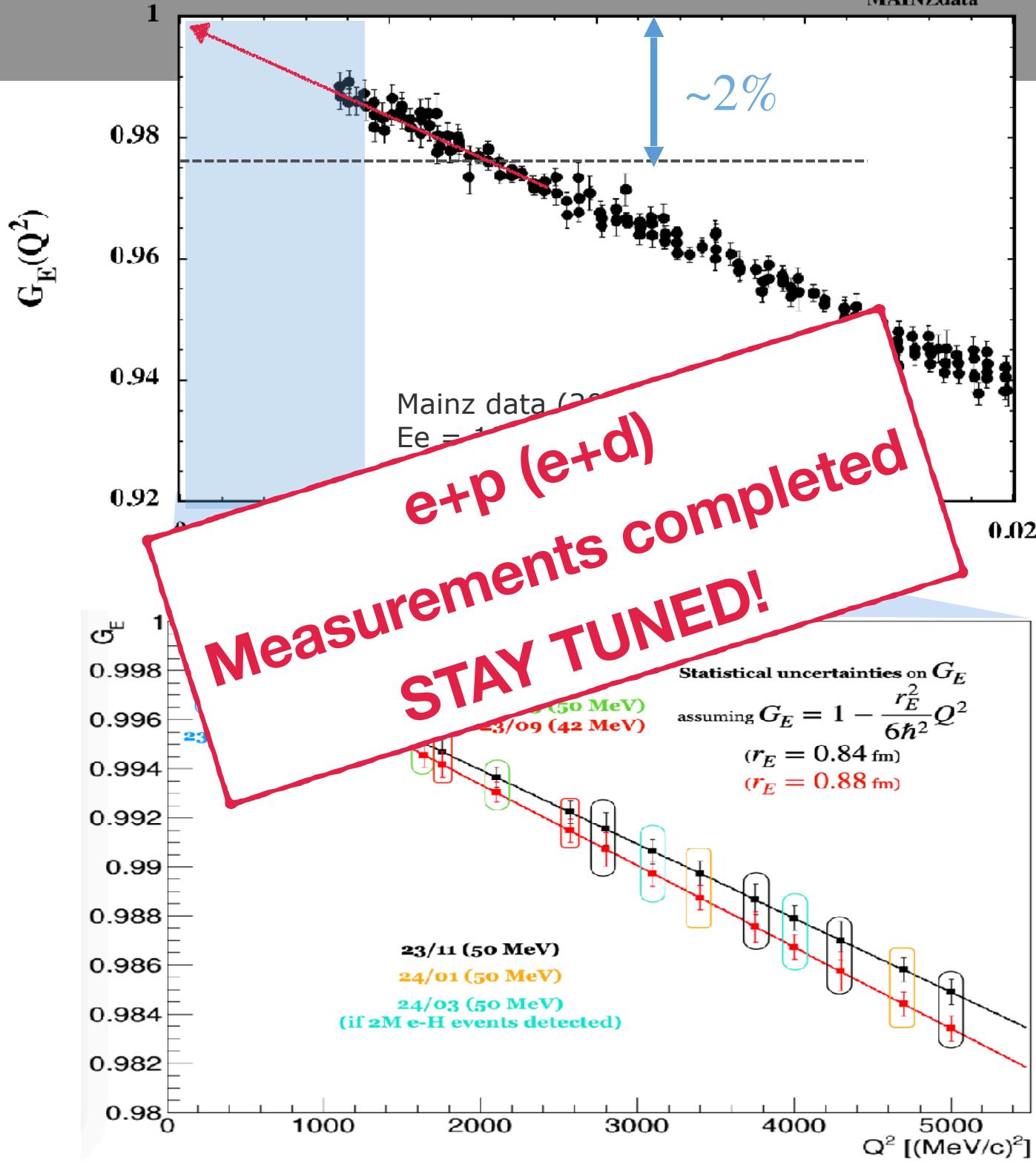
two SSSD for XY  
100 x 100 mm<sup>2</sup> (190  $\mu\text{m}$ )

beam spectrometer
500 mm
90°
0.4T @ 60MeV
70 mm
866 mm
$5.6 \times 10^{-4}$
10%
5 mrad
6 mSr
5 ton

Y. Honda

Physics data production run just started with CH<sub>2</sub> target

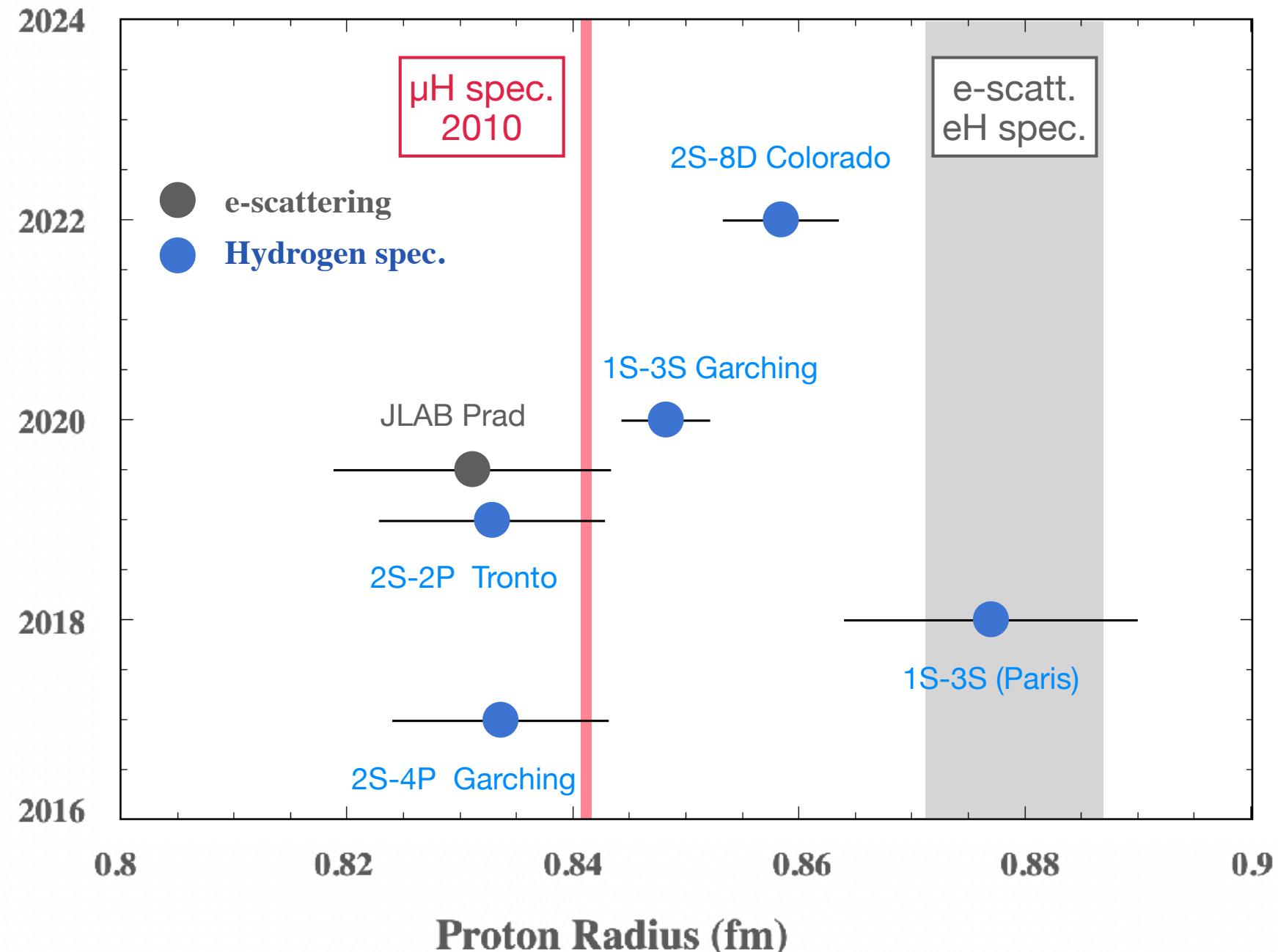


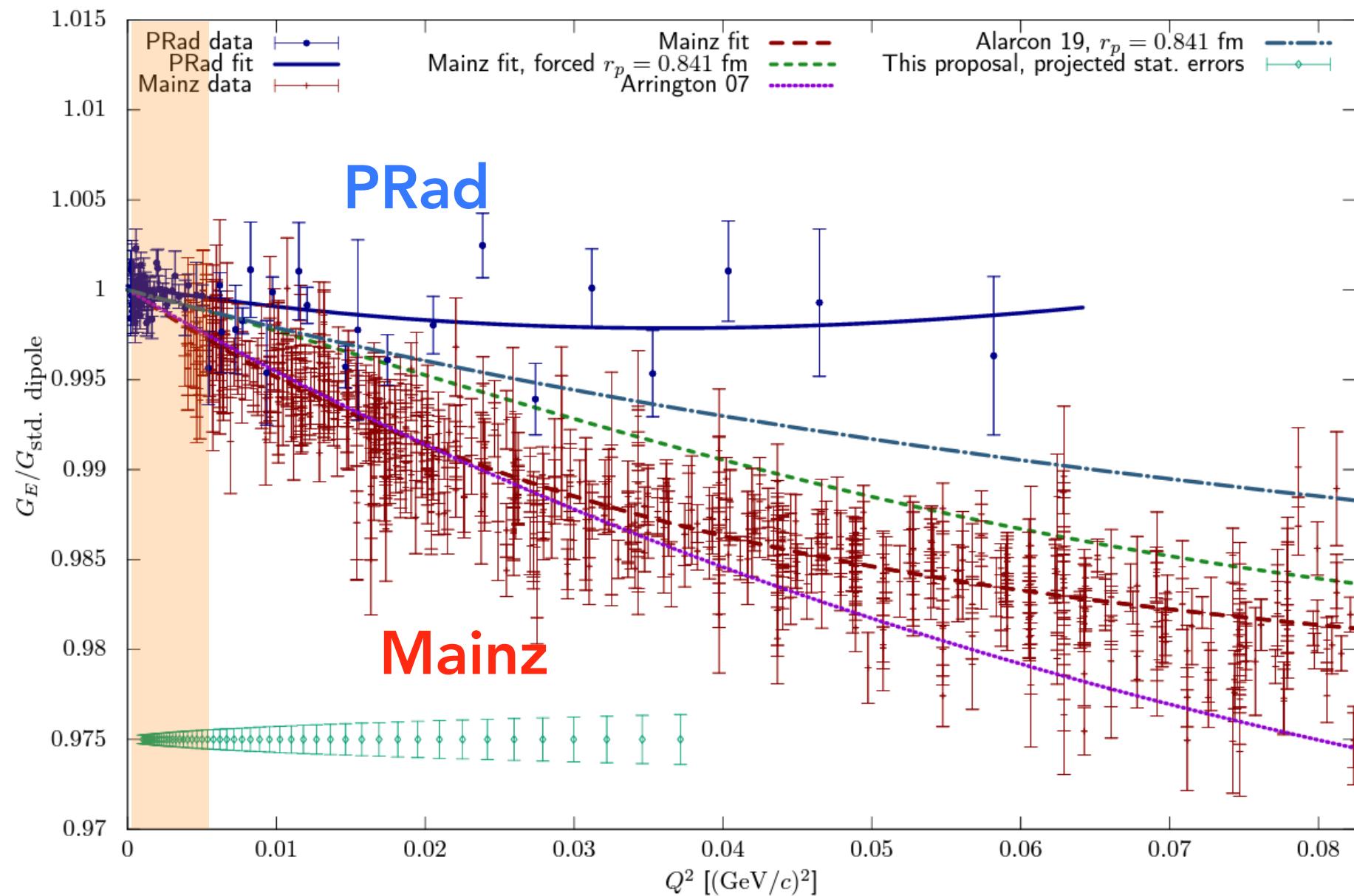


# proton charge radius as of today

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- The SCRIT facility started its operation
  - the world's first and currently only-one facility
  - e-scattering for short-lived nuclei
  - ISOL upgrade to 2kW is underway for  $^{132}\text{Sn}(\text{e},\text{e}')$
- Low-energy e-scattering activities in Japan
  - ULQ2 : 1)  $\text{e}+\text{p}$ ,  $\text{e}+\text{D}$  scattering (data collection completed)  
2)  $^{208}\text{Pb}(\text{e},\text{e}')$  under lowest-ever  $q$  region
  - SCRIT : charge densities of short-lived exotic nuclei  
neutron-distribution radius through  $\langle r_c^4 \rangle$  ??

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Place : Sendai, JAPAN

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late October is  
the best season for Tohoku visit!!

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