E12-09-005: MOLLER Status Update

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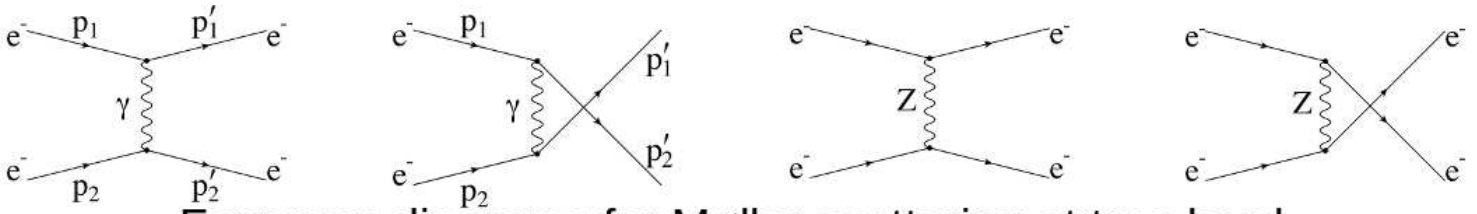
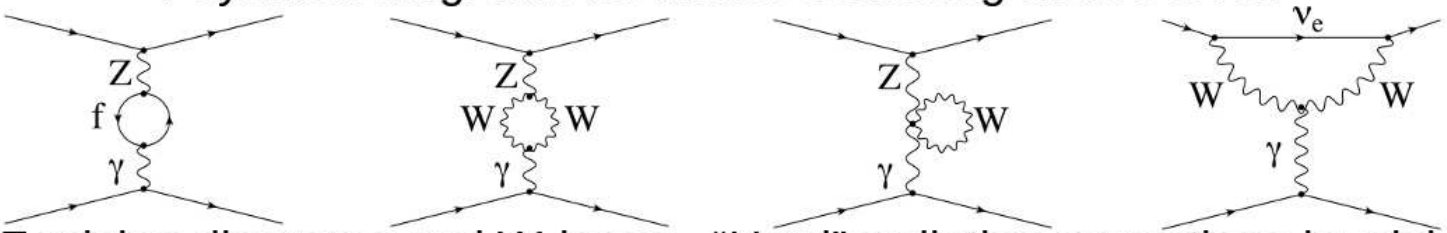
Møller Scattering, A_{PV} Measurement

- MOLLER aimed at precision measurement of parity-violating asymmetry A_{PV} in polarized electron-electron scattering.
- According to SM, A_{PV} results from interference between electromagnetic and weak neutral current amplitudes.

$$A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} = \frac{A_\gamma A_Z}{A_\gamma^2} = m_e E_{lab} \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \frac{4sin^2\theta}{(3+cos^2\theta)^2} Q_W^e, \quad (1)$$



Feynman diagrams for Møller scattering at tree level.



– Z mixing diagrams and W-loops. "Hard" radiative corrections involving the massive vector bosons--modify the tree level prediction quite significantly.

Møller Scattering, A_{PV} Measurement

- At proposed kinematics: 11GeV e^-_{beam} (75μA, 80% polarization), and 5mrad $< \theta_{lab} <$ 20mrad:

  $\rightarrow$ Predicted $\langle A_{PV} \rangle$ = 36ppb at $\langle Q^2 \rangle$ = 0.0056 (GeV/c)^2

- For 49 (PAC) week run: $\delta(A_{PV})$ = 0.74ppb:

  $\rightarrow \delta(Q^e_W)/Q^e_W = \pm 2.1\%(\text{stat}) \pm 1.0\%(\text{syst})$

  $\rightarrow \delta(\theta_W) = \pm 0.00026(\text{stat}) \pm 0.00012(\text{syst}) \sim 0.1\%$ precision!

Very challenging measurement requiring:

- Unprecedented precision matching of electron beam characteristics for Left versus Right helicity states
- Precision non-invasive, redundant continuous beam polarimetry
- Precision knowledge of luminosity, spectrometer acceptance (Q^2) and backgrounds

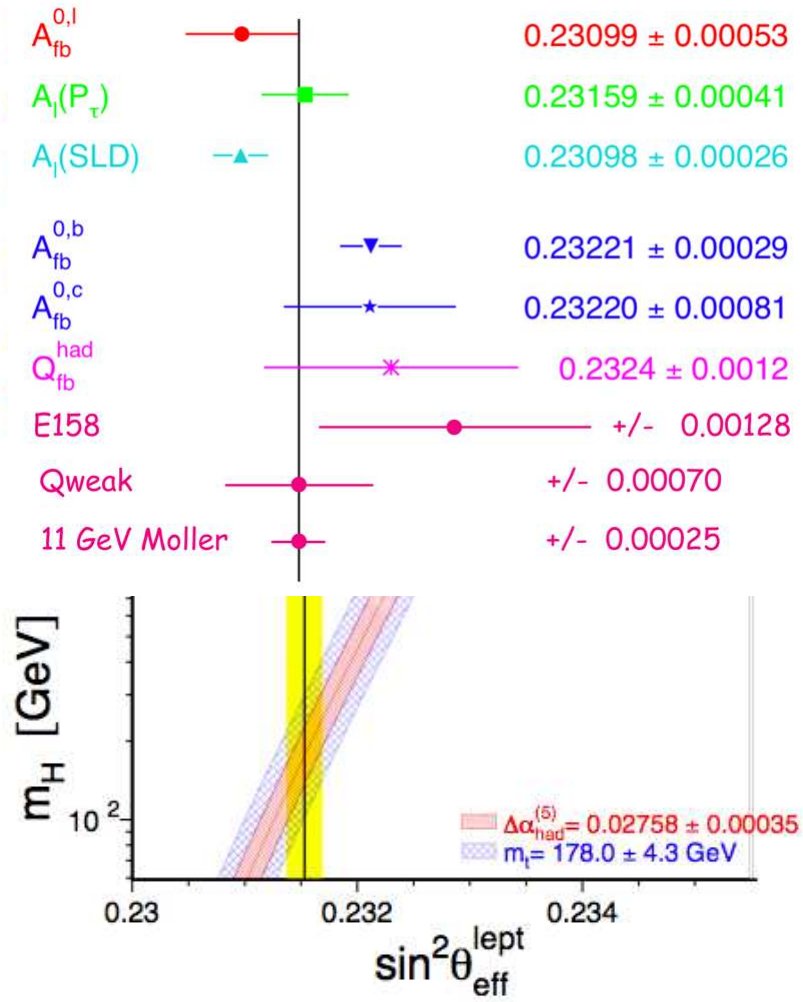
Physics Motivation: $\sin^2\theta_W$, the Higgs Mass, and Contact Interactions Beyond SM

- World data avg: $sin^2\theta_W = 0.23122(17)$
  $\Rightarrow m_H = 89^{+38}_{-28}$ GeV
  (favors SUSY, rules out Technicolor)
- Avg dominated by two measurements separated by 3σ:

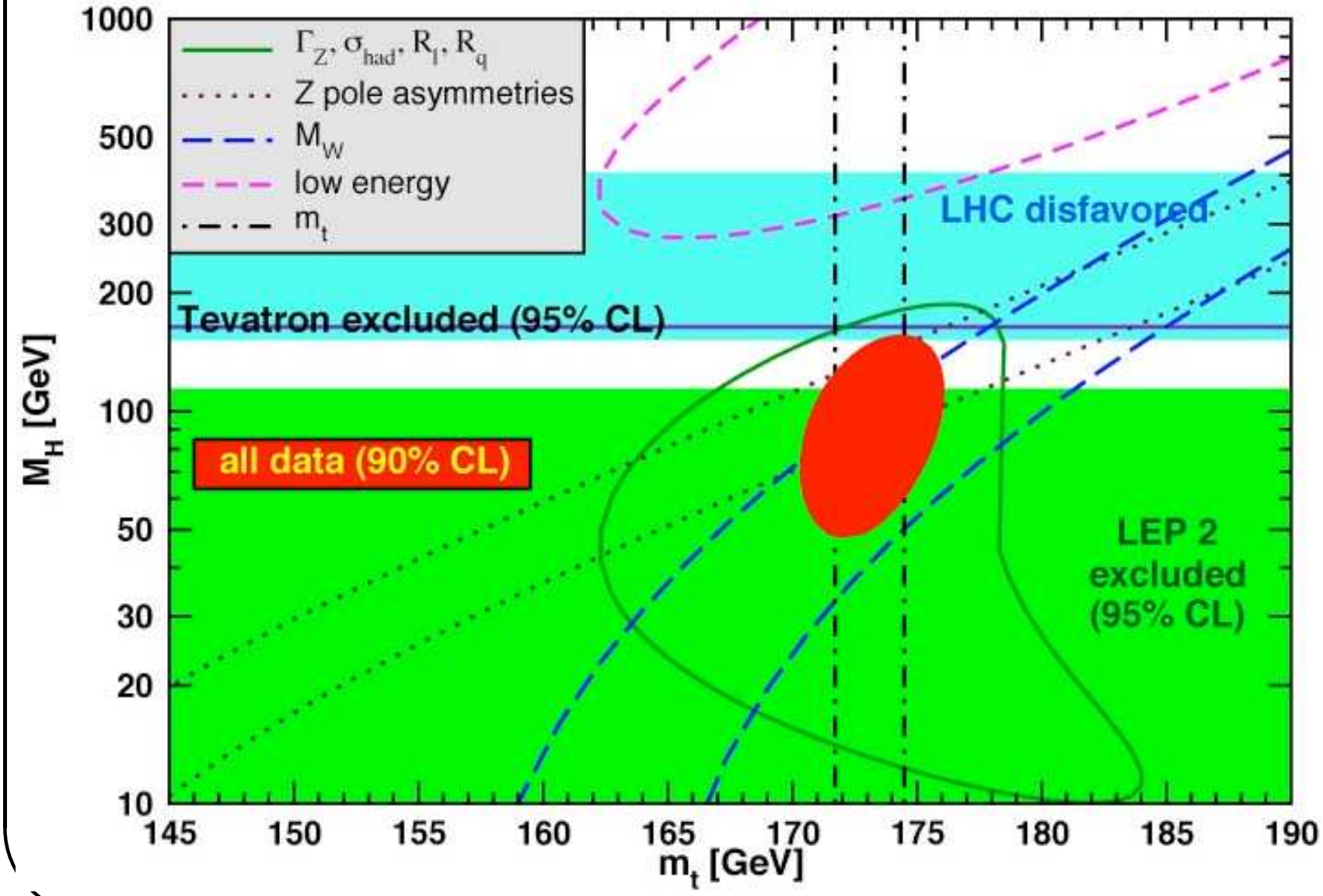
$\rightarrow A_l(SLD) : 0.2310(3), \Rightarrow m_H = 35^{+26}_{-17}$ GeV
rules out SM!

$\rightarrow A_{fb}^{0,1} : 0.2322(3), \Rightarrow m_H = 480^{+350}_{-230}$ GeV
rules out SUSY, favors Technicolor

- Proposed measurement precise enough to effect the central value of $sin^2\theta_W$ and provide new indirect evidence for the range of allowed m_H values

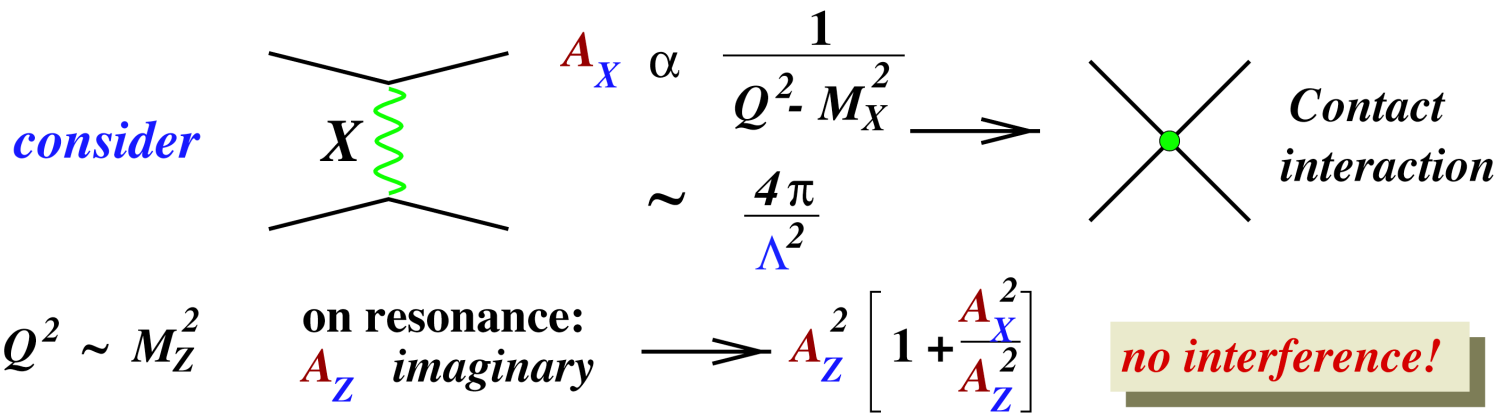


Higgs Mass Constraints



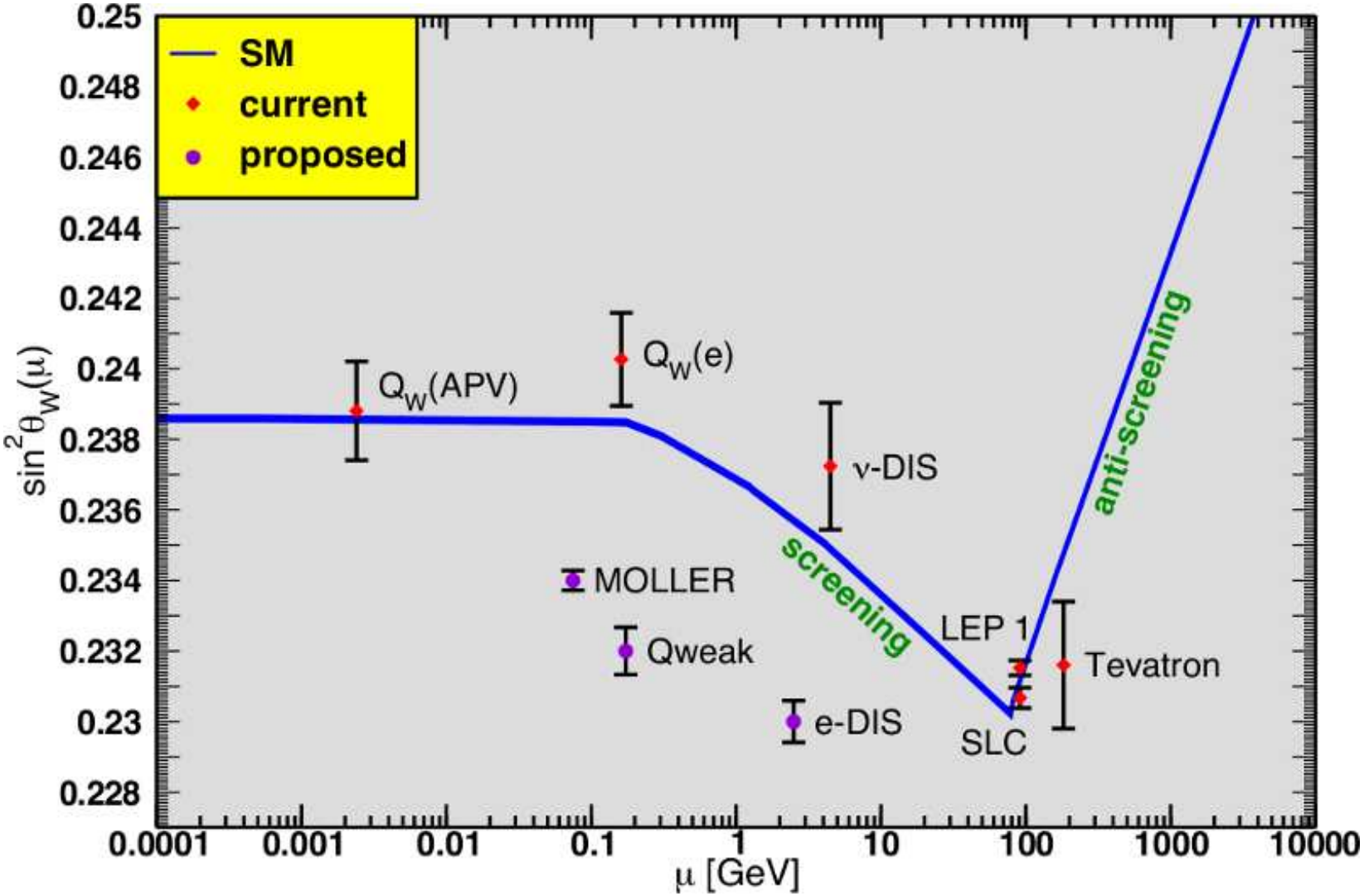
Establishing Limits for New Contact Interactions (Off the Z Resonance)

Important component of indirect signatures for"new physics"

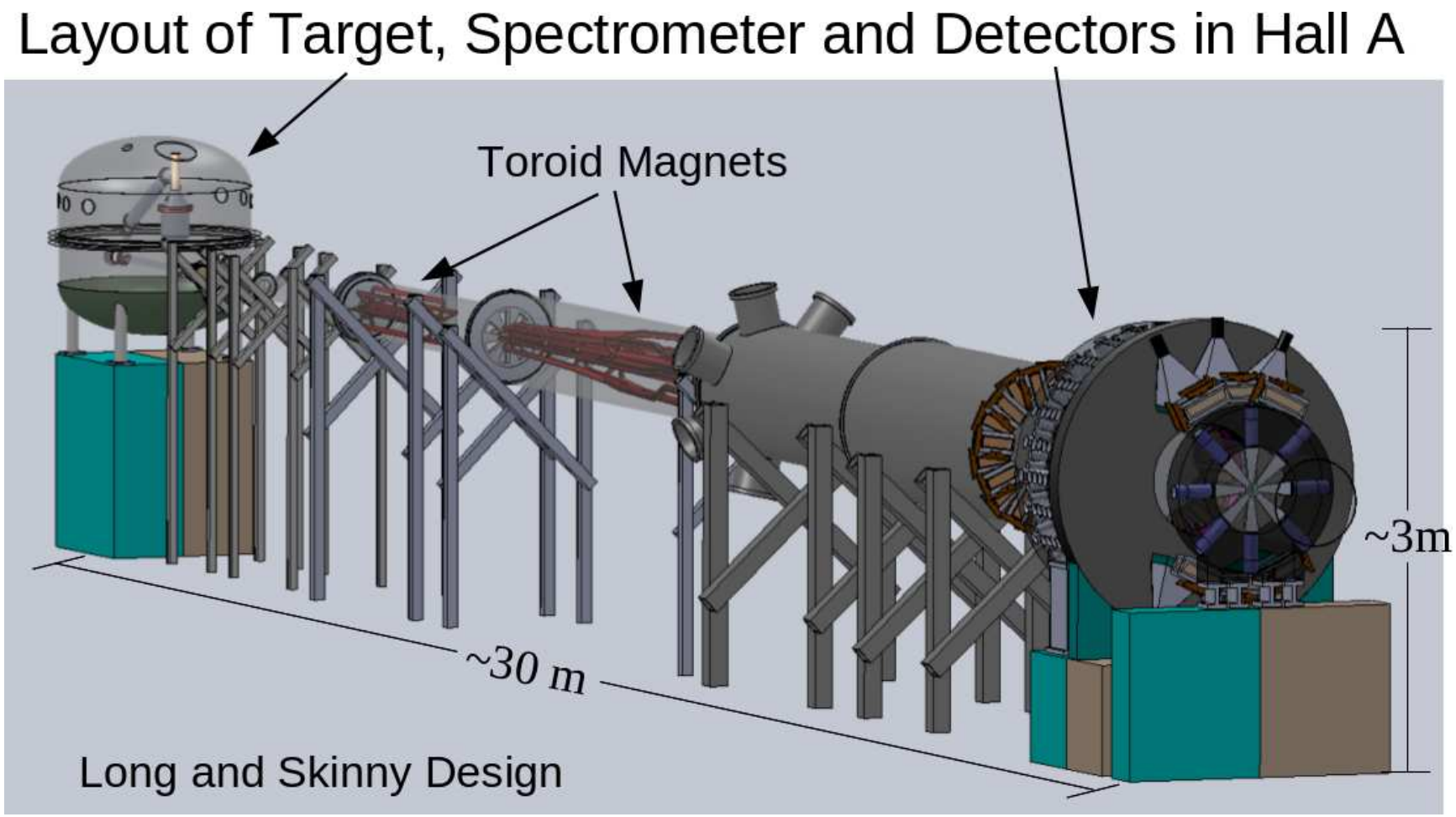


- Proposed meas. sensitive to new neutral current amp. as weak as $\sim 10^{-3} \cdot G_F$ from undiscovered high energy dynamics ($\Lambda_{new} \sim 7.5$TeV)
- Current best limits on $4e^-$ contact interac. come from LEP, LEPII: Probed $\Lambda_{new} \sim 5$ TeV, but was insensitive to $|g_{RR}^2 - g_{LL}^2|$
- Near the Z resonance, new physics interactions (e.g. Z'_X exchange) don't visibly mix with standard model A_Z (Collider Experiments)
- This underscores importance of low energy measurements of Q_W: E158, Qweak, PVDIS, MOLLER, and Mainz P2

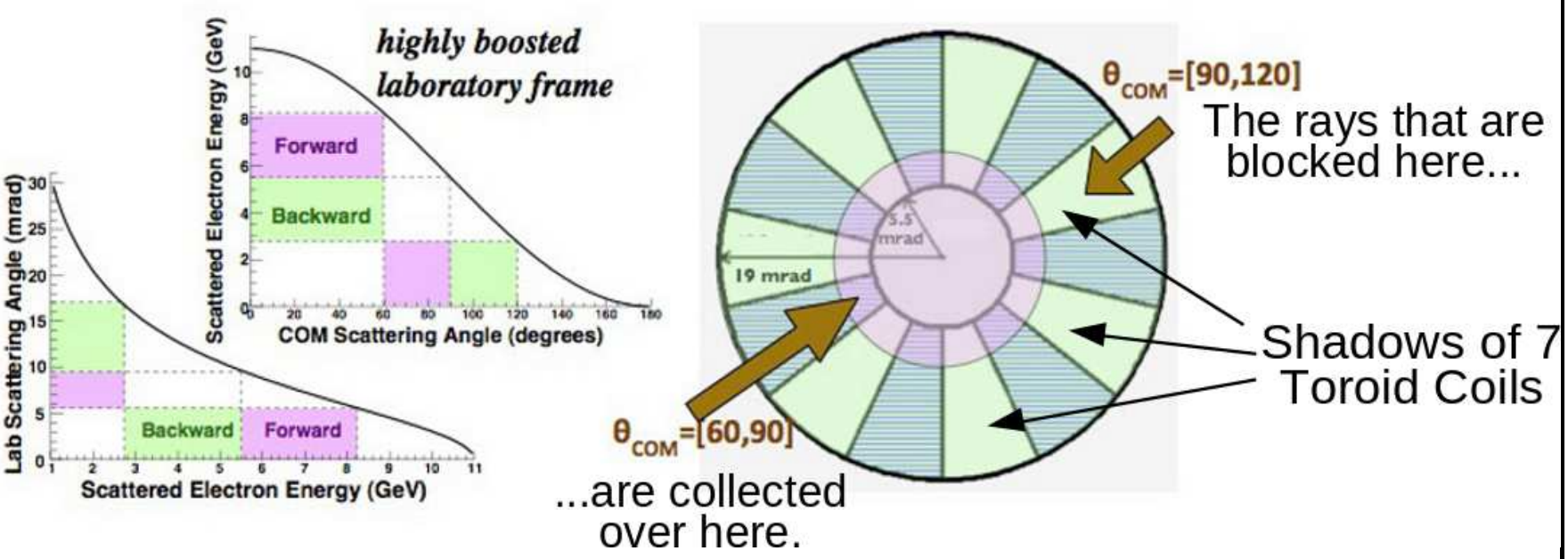
Current and Future $sin^2\theta_W$ Measurements



Experimental Design Update

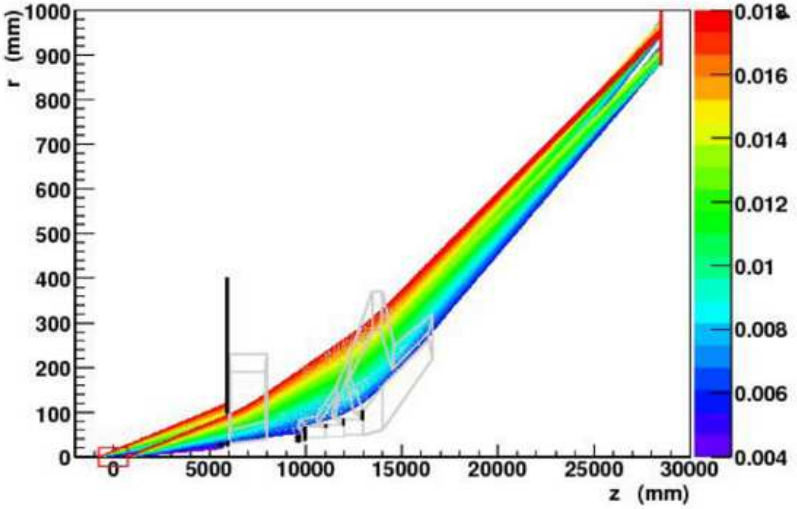


Optimized Spectrometer (~ 100% Acceptance)

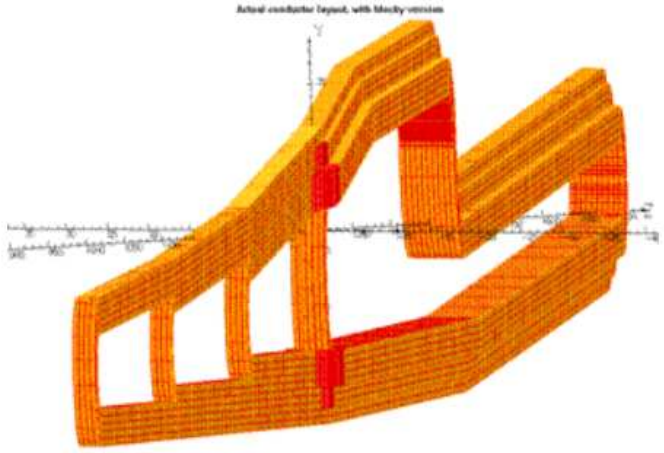


- The combination of a toroidal magnetic system with an odd number of coils together with the symmetric, identical particle scattering nature of the Møller process allows for ~ 100% azimuthal acceptance

Toroid Design Concept



Projected radial coordinate of scattered Møller electron trajectories. Colors represent θ_{lab} (rad). Magnet coils (grey) and collimators (black) are overlaid.



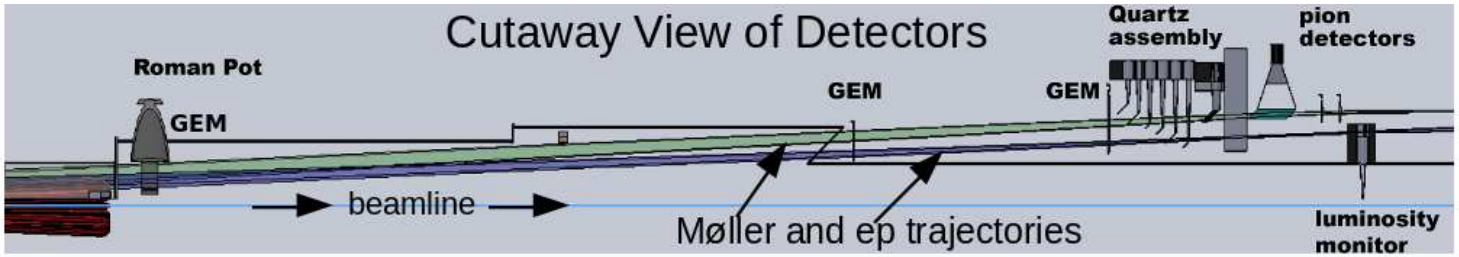
Single Hybrid coil shown with 1/10 scale in z direction. Note the 4 current returns give successively higher downstream fields.

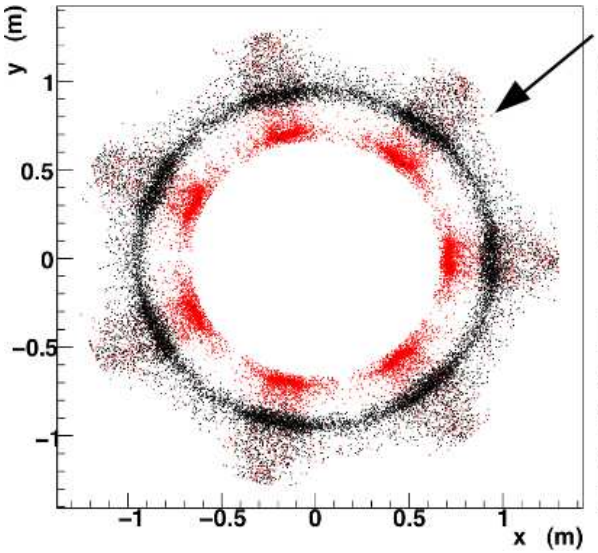
- Spec. employs two back-to-back toroid magnets and prec. collimation:

  → Upstream toroid has conventional geometry

  → Downstream "hybrid" toroid novel design inspired by the need to focus Møller electrons with a wide momentum range while separating them from e-p (Mott) scattering background

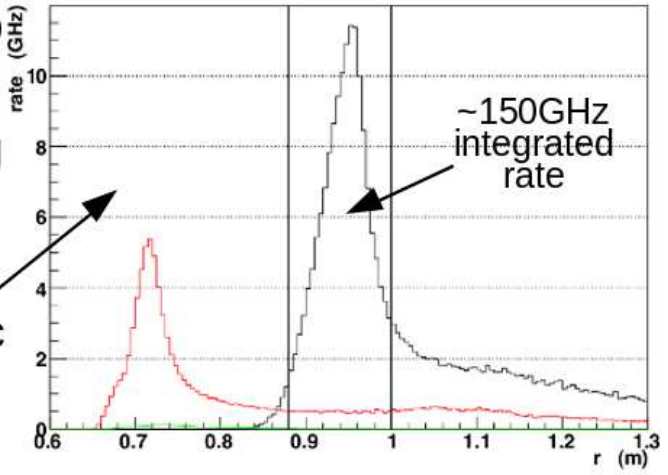
Tracking and Integrating Detectors





Transverse distribution of Møller (black) and ep (red) electrons 28.5 m downstream of target. Note the phi defocusing of spectrometer optics.

Radial rate distribution of Møller (black), elastic ep (red), and inelastic ep (green) electrons at main detector location.



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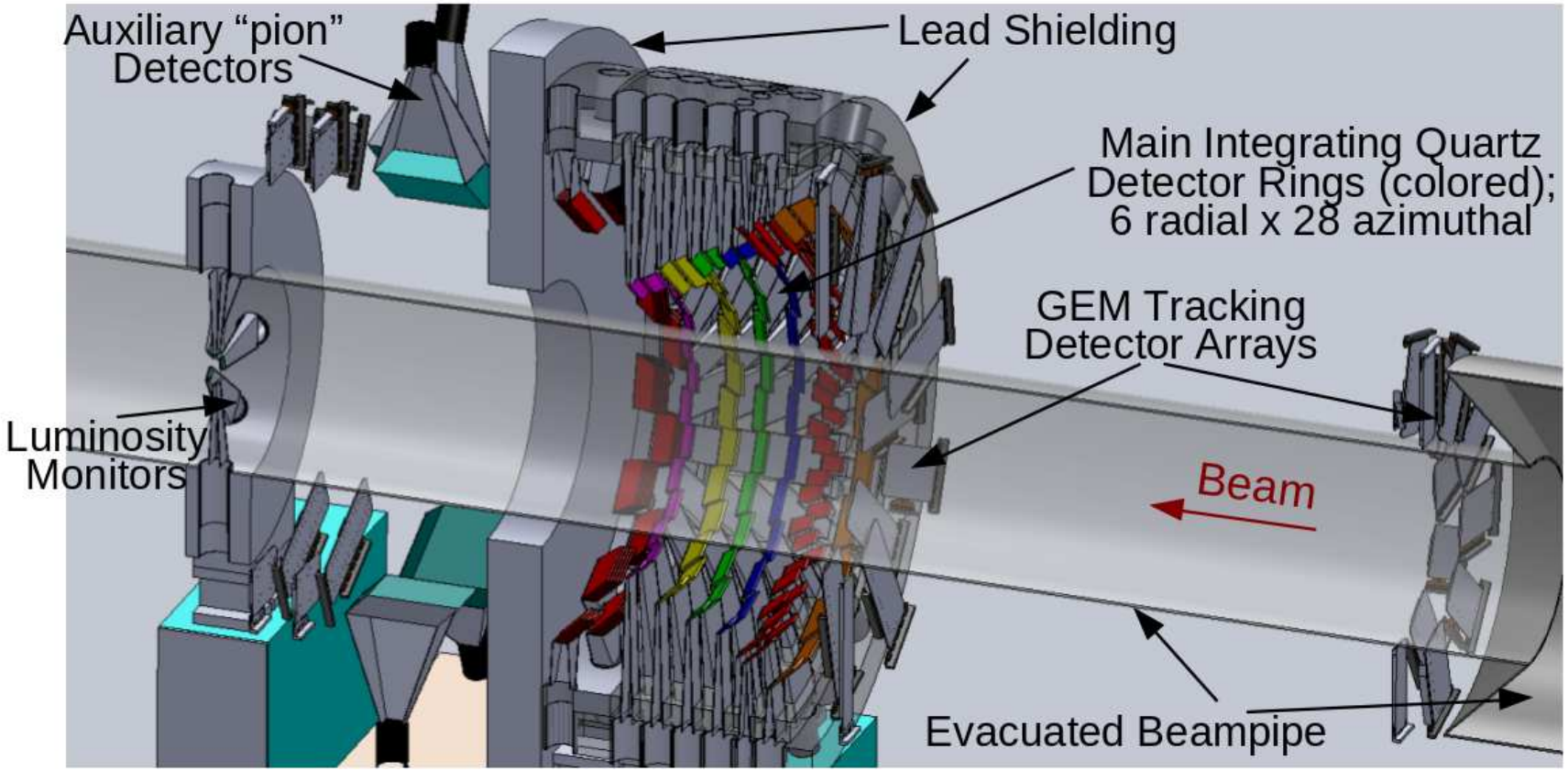
Perspective view of integrating detector assembly



Status and Future Plans

- JLab PAC 34 - full approval - strong endorsement
- This endeavor represents 4th generation JLab parity violation experiment with collaboration consisting of $\sim$ 100 physicists from 30 institutions
- MOLLER MIE proposal was submitted by JLab to DOE NP this past September–requesting to initiate CD process sometime next year
- Construction/Installation: 2012 - 2015
- Commissioning/Running: 2016 -
- Approved request of 344 PAC days for production running and 13 commissioning weeks over 3 running periods

Status and Future Plans

- List of key subsystems and institutions interested in their design, construction, and implementation:

  Polarized Source: UVa, JLab, Miss St.

  Hydrogen Target: JLab, VaTech, Miss St.

  Spectrometer: Canada, ANL, MIT, Umass, UVa

  Focal Plane Detectors: Syracuse, Canada, JLab, UNC A&T, VaTech

  Luminosity Monitors: VaTech, Ohio

  Pion Detectors: Umass, LATech, UNC A&T

  Tracking Detectors: W&M, Canada, Umass, UVa, INFN Roma

  Electronics: Canada, JLab

  Beamline instrumentation: Umass, JLab, VaTech

  Polarimetry: UVa, Syracuse, JLab, CMU, ANL, Miss St., Clermont-Ferrand, Mainz, W&M

  Data Acquisition: Ohio, Rutgers

  Simulations: ISU, Umass/Smith, Berkeley, LATech, UVa