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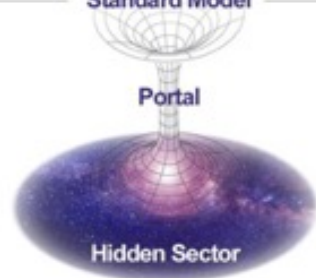
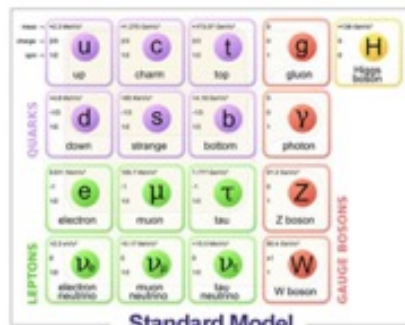
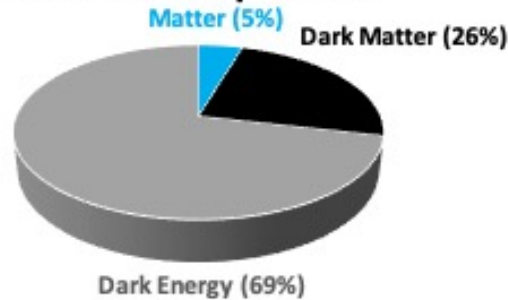
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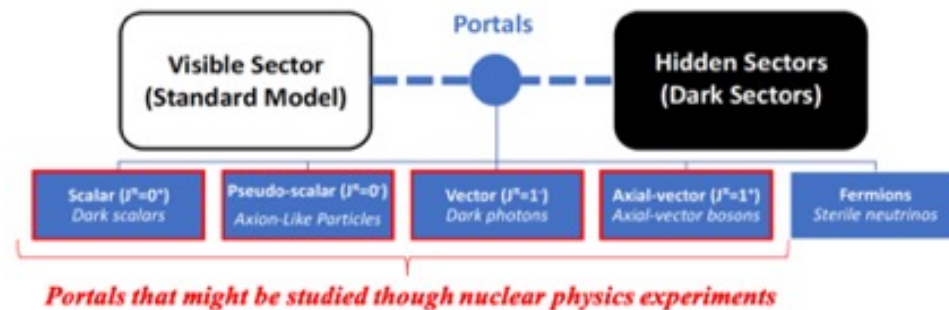


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Well-known four forces of nature?

1 Gravity

10^{-39}

Graviton

2 Electromagnetic force

10^{-2}

Photon

3 Weak force

10^{-7}

W and Z bosons

4 Strong force

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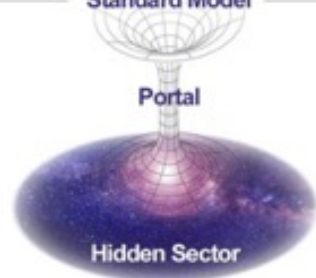
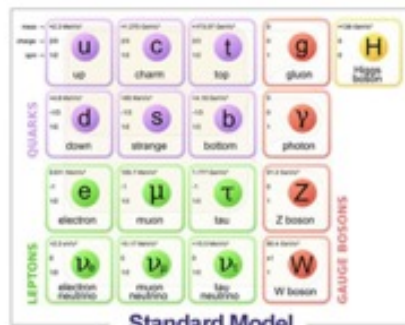
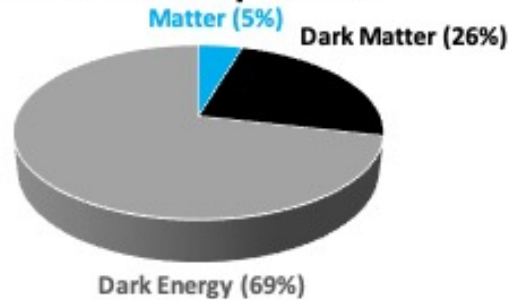
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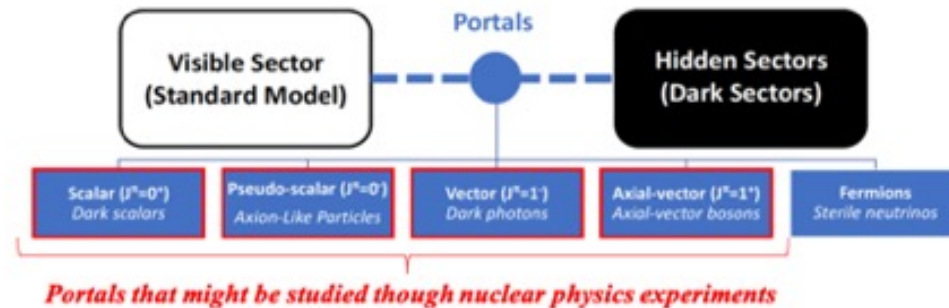


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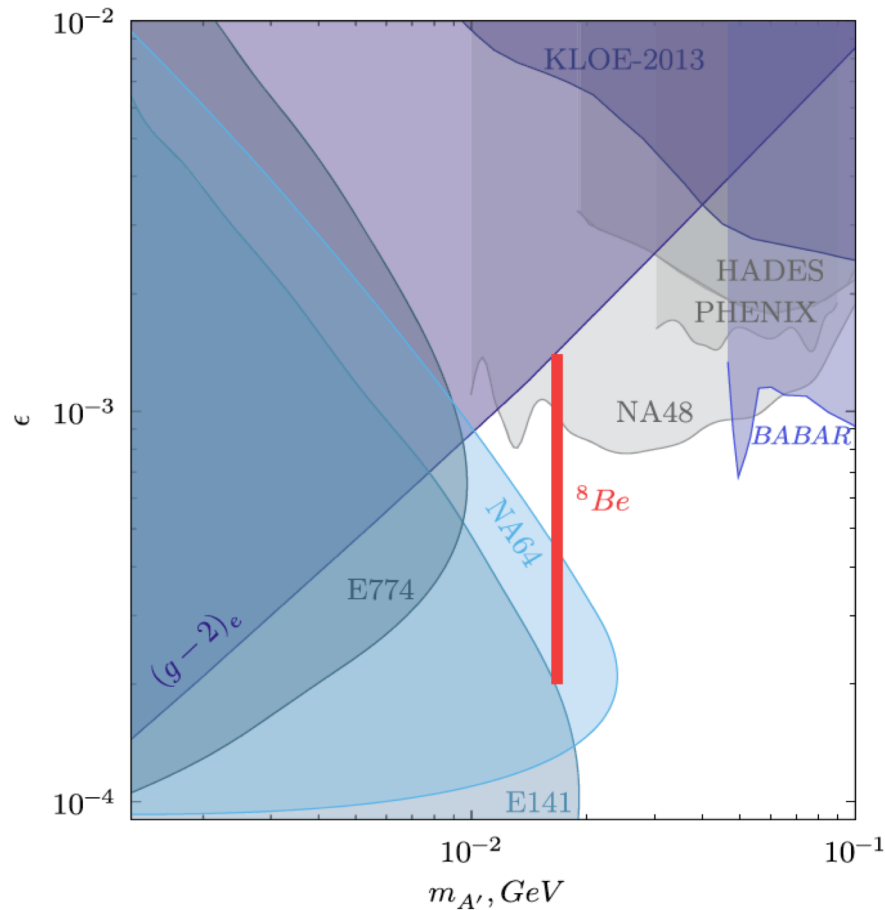
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Focus on dark photons



- The main constraint on $m_{A'}$ comes from the ^8Be Anomaly [Kra16]:
 $\mathbf{m_{A'} = m_X = 16.70 \pm 0.35 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (syst) MeV/c}^2}$

Note : from this experiment, $|\epsilon_e| \gtrsim 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$

$$\Gamma(X \rightarrow e^+e^-) = \epsilon_e^2 \alpha \frac{m_X^2 + 2m_e^2}{3 m_X} \sqrt{1 - 4m_e^2/m_X^2}$$

- The limits on the figure are from [Fen16][Fen17] :
 - $|\epsilon_e| < 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ (3σ) anomalous magnetic moment of the electron
 - $|\epsilon_e| > 2 \times 10^{-4}$ from the E141 SLAC experiment (search for dark photons bremsstrahlung)
- Recently NA64 : $1.3 \times 10^{-4} \lesssim \epsilon_e \lesssim 4.2 \times 10^{-4}$
 (bremsstrahlung reaction $e^- + Z \rightarrow e^- + Z + X$)

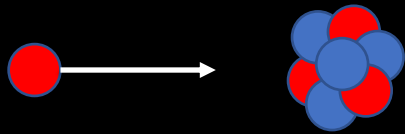
Not really compatible with the NA48 experiment (CERN)

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow X \gamma$$

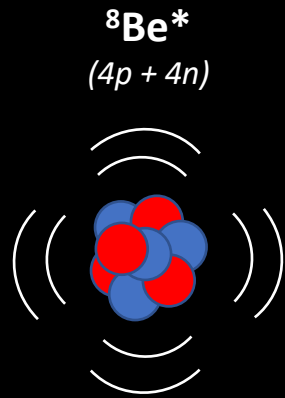
=> Protophobic boson

^8Be Anomaly

^7Li
($3p + 4n$)



^8Be Anomaly



Case N°1 : emission of a photon

^8Be
(4p + 4n)



photon

Case N°2 : emission of a photon + e-/e+ pair creation

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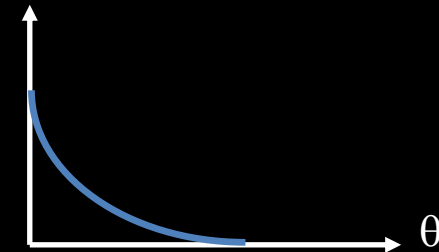
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Case N°3 : émission of a boson (X17) and an e-/e+ pair

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Boson X
 $\sim 17 \text{ MeV}$

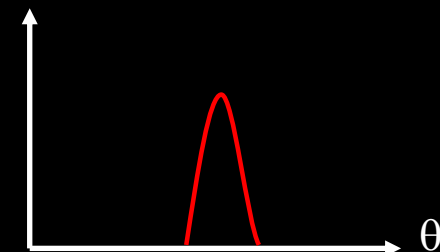
electron
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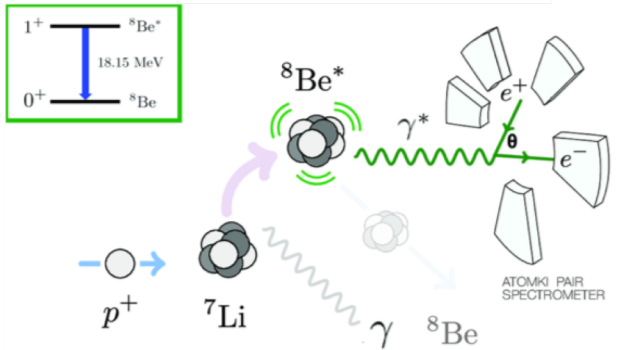
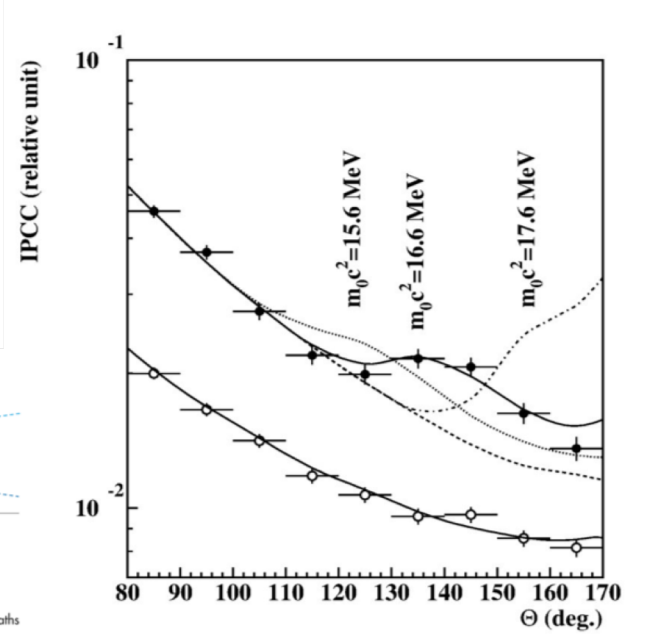
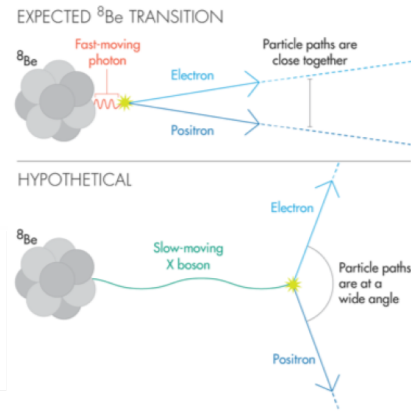
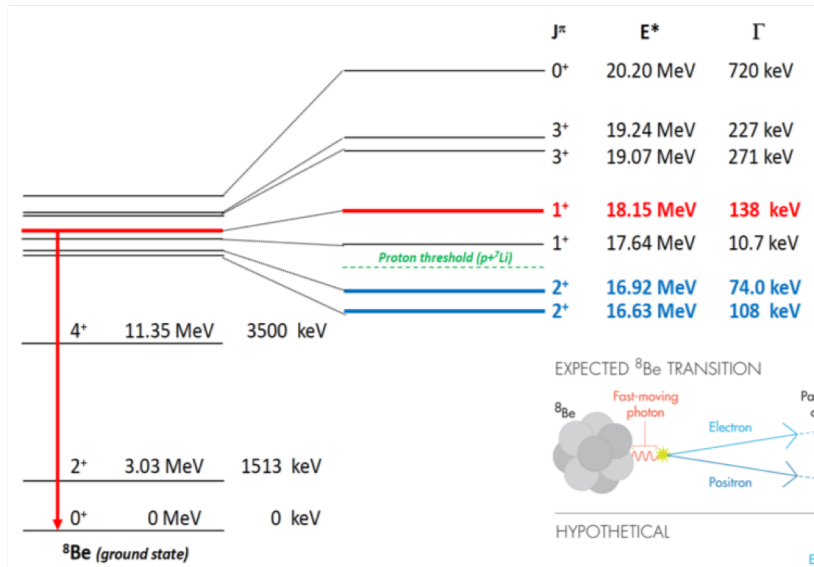
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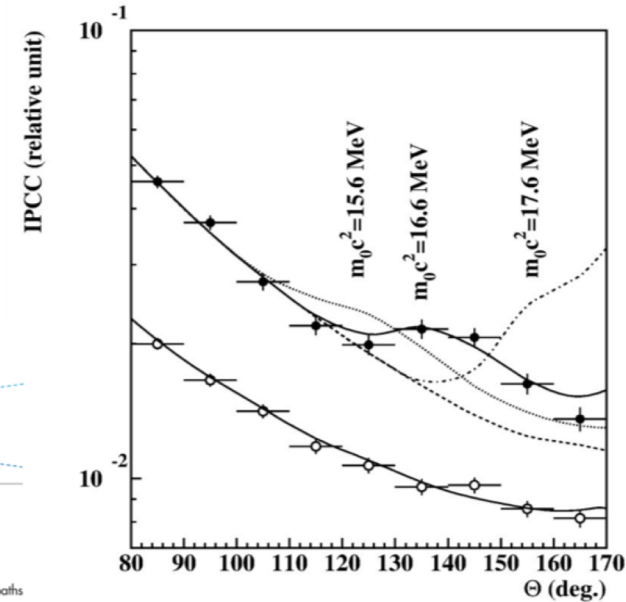
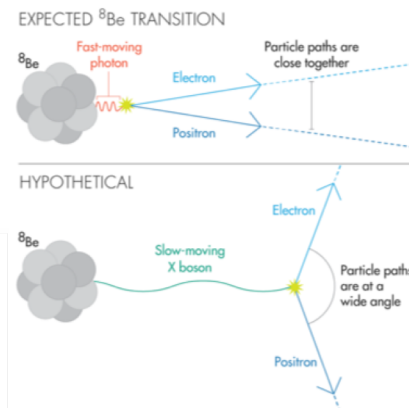
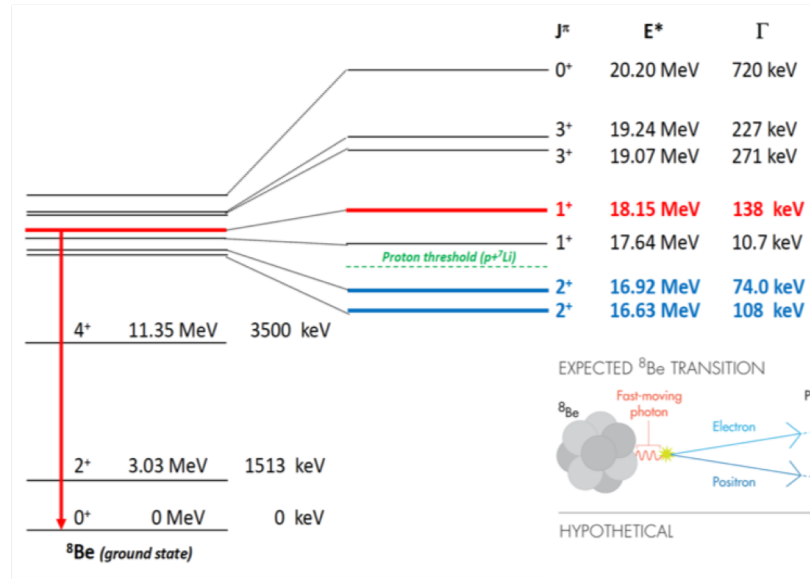
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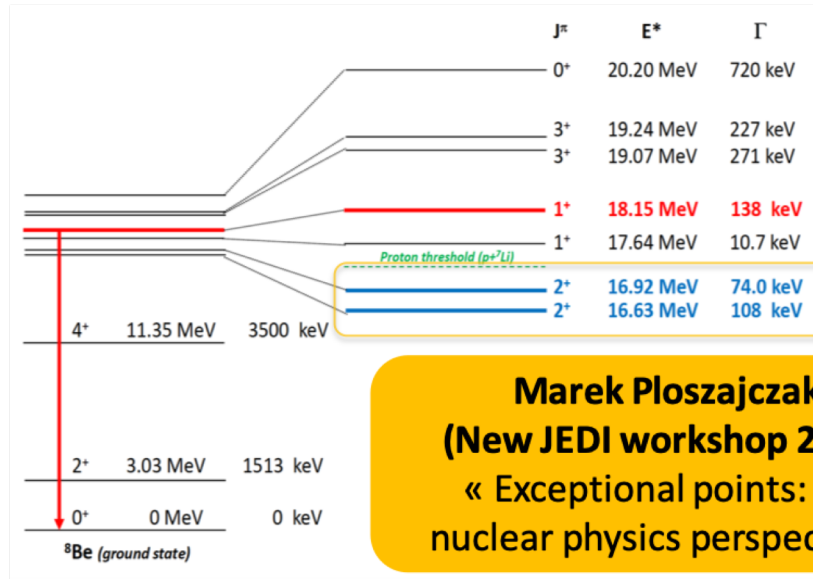
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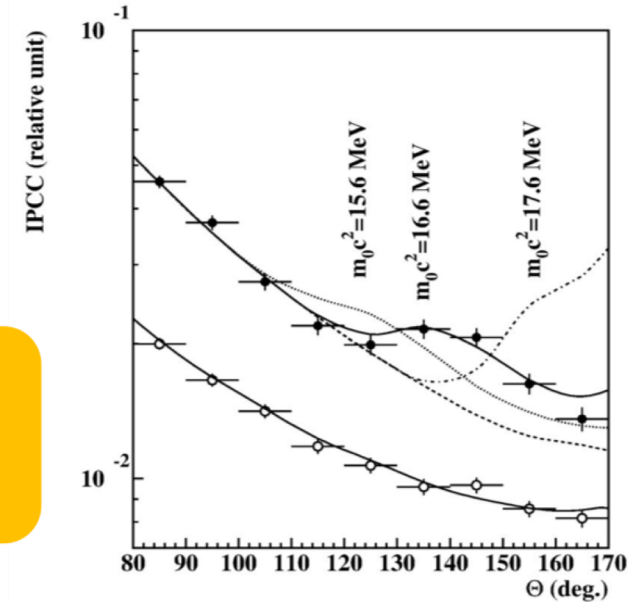
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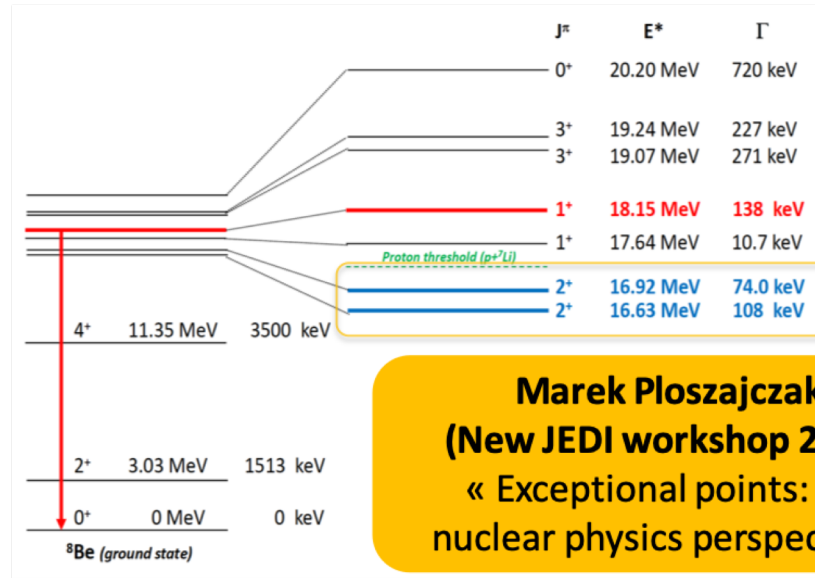
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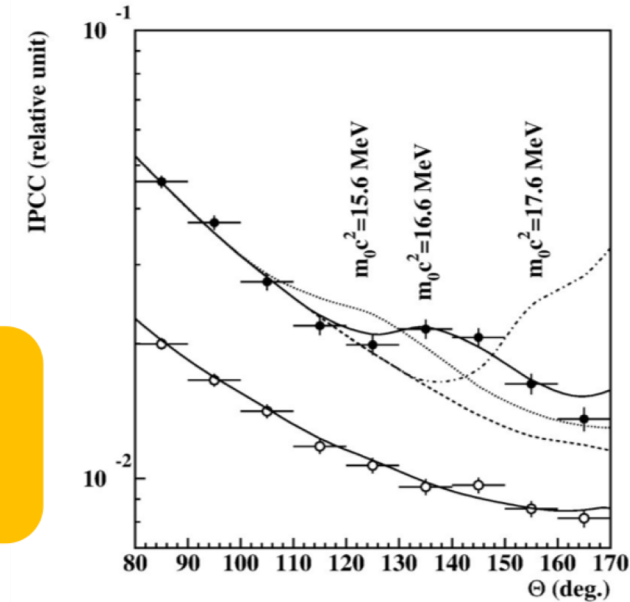
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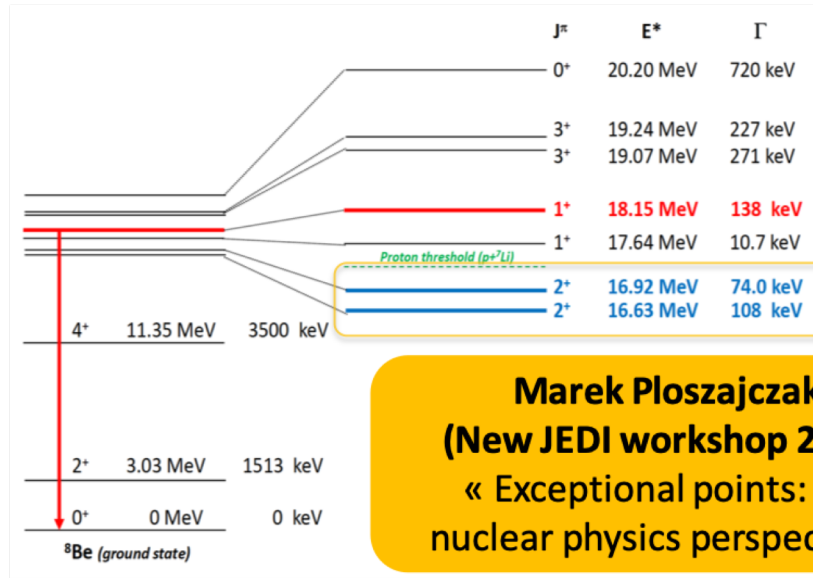
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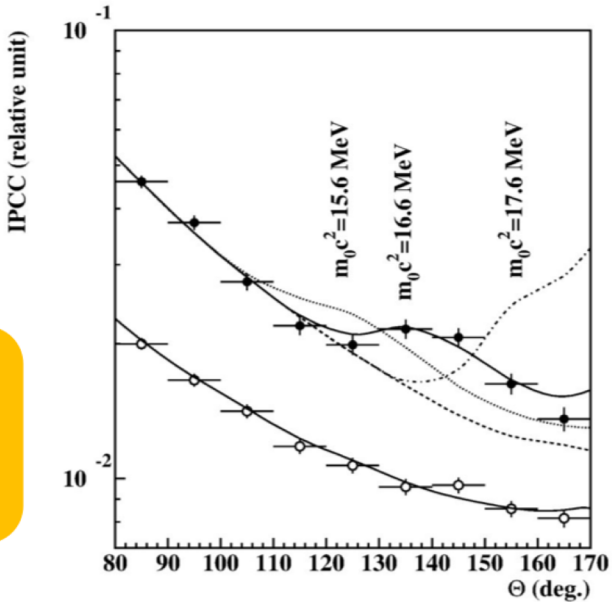
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TABLE III. Nuclear excited states N_* , their spin-parity $J_*^{P_*}$, and the possibilities for X (scalar, pseudoscalar, vector, axial vector) allowed by angular momentum and parity conservation, along with the operators that mediate the decay and references to the equation numbers where these operators are defined. The operator subscripts label the operator's dimension and the partial wave of the decay, and the superscript labels the X spin. For example, $\mathcal{O}_{4P}^{(0)}$ is a dimension-4 operator that mediates a P -wave decay to a spin-0 X boson.

N_*	$J_*^{P_*}$	Scalar X	Pseudoscalar X	Vector X	Axial Vector X
$^8\text{Be}(18.15)$	1^+	—	$\mathcal{O}_{4P}^{(0)}$ (27)	$\mathcal{O}_{5P}^{(1)}$ (37)	$\mathcal{O}_{3S}^{(1)}$ (29), $\mathcal{O}_{5D}^{(1)}$ (34)
$^{12}\text{C}(17.23)$	1^-	$\mathcal{O}_{4P}^{(0)}$ (27)	—	$\mathcal{O}_{3S}^{(1)}$ (29), $\mathcal{O}_{5D}^{(1)}$ (34)	$\mathcal{O}_{5P}^{(1)}$ (37)
$^4\text{He}(21.01)$	0^-	—	$\mathcal{O}_{3S}^{(0)}$ (39)	—	$\mathcal{O}_{4P}^{(1)}$ (40)
$^4\text{He}(20.21)$	0^+	$\mathcal{O}_{3S}^{(0)}$ (39)	—	$\mathcal{O}_{4P}^{(1)}$ (40)	—

A. J. Krasznahorkay *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 104 (2021) 044003

Conclusion : « This anomalous excess of e^+e^- pairs can be described by the creation and subsequent decay of a light particle during the direct capture process »

Following somehow idea of Zhang and Miller Phys. Lett. B 813, 136061(2021), protopho-bic vector boson model :

X17 production is dominated by direct capture transitions both in ^8Be and ^4He without going through any nuclear resonance).

An independant measurement is needed...

Aims and objectives of the New JEDI project

- **Goal #1 (exp. ^8Be @ ANDROMEDE done):** confirm or reject the X boson experimental signature observed in ^8Be through an independent measurement.
 - **Goal #2 (exp. ^8Be @ iThemba LABS 2023):** check the existence and the impact of additional nuclear physics effects in the ^8Be quantum system and to see to what extent it impacts the result concerning the X boson.
 - **Goal #3 (exp. next SPIRAL2 / ANDROMEDE >2023):** check the existence of a light gauge boson in much simpler quantum systems, for which uncertainties linked to nuclear structure are greatly reduced
- + Bring additional constraints on the boson characteristics (mass, coupling strength with ordinary matter) and clarify its nature, if it exists.

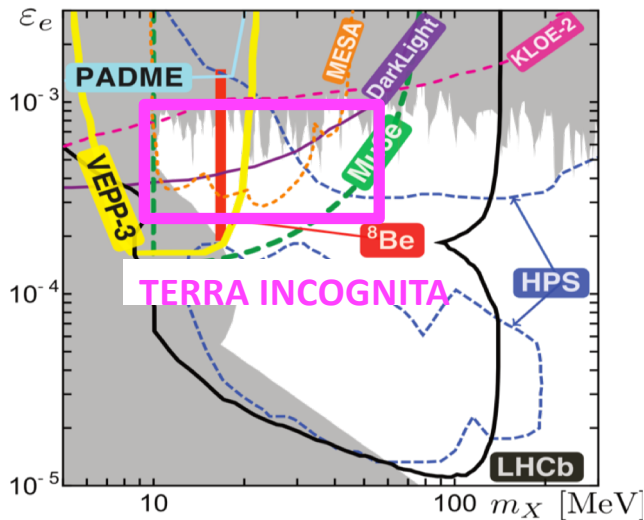


Figure: (left) projected sensitivities of future experiments on the kinetic mixing parameter ϵ_e and a possible dark photon mass m_X , taken from [Fen17]. Current experimental constraints (grey) and constraint from ^8Be (red), established from [Kra16][Fen16][Fen17], are also reminded. In pink the Terra Incognita area that the New JEDI BiTh project can investigate (Right) details concerning these experiments: foreseen reaction and timeline (see [Fen17] for references about these projects). In addition, new emerging NP experimental programs are indicated within the red frame, including New JEDI [Bro17][Lan17][Hug20][Mit20][Gus21].

Experiment			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
LHCb	[8]	Charm meson decay $D^*(2007)^0 \rightarrow D^0 A'$ $A' \rightarrow e^- e^+$							
Mu3e	[8]	Muon decay channel $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu (A' \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
VEPP-3	[8]	$e^- e^+ \rightarrow A' \gamma$							
KLOE-2	[8]	$e^- e^+ \rightarrow \gamma (X \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
MESA	[8]	e- beam on gaseous target, to produce A'							
Darklight	[8]	e- scattering of H gas target, to produce A'							
HPS	[8]	e- beam on W to study $A' \rightarrow e^- e^+$ and $A' \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+$							
PADME	[8]	e+ beam on diamond target $e^- e^+ \rightarrow X \gamma$							
NA64		$eZ \rightarrow eZ + X17$							
NSL	[Bro17]	$^8\text{Be} (A' \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
8BeP	[Lan17]	$^8\text{Be} (A' \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
New JEDI		$^8\text{Be}/^3\text{He}/d\dots (A' \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
Montréal Uni.		$^8\text{Be} (A' \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
NSCL	[Mit20]	$^8\text{Be} (A' \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
IUAP CTU	[Hug20]	^8Be and $^4\text{He} (A' \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
INFN Roma	[Gus21]	^8Be and $^4\text{He} (A' \rightarrow e^- e^+)$							
Zürick (MAG2)		^8Be							

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*retirement

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IJCLab experiments (⁸Be)
Jurgen Kiener
Isabelle Deloncle

NPI experiments (commissioning)
Jaromir Mrazek

**iThemba LABS experiments
(⁸Be structure)**
Lindsay Donaldson
Philip Adsley

TARGETs
Livio Lamia
Christelle Stodel

FASERED (Protea 2021*)

Dark Sector theory
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Pierre Fayet

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis theory
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Implication of the New JEDI members in the project

(very active and interactive : 57 collaboration meetings up to now)

GANIL:

Mainly SC, in collaboration with some technical staff: coordination, reporting, mechanical assembly, tests of detectors, electronics development and characterization of the New JEDI prototype, as well as the online and the offline data analysis programs.

+ Only few others researchers (4) contributed to the ^8Be experiment at ANDROMEDE.

IJCLab:

Mainly Isabelle Deloncle, Jurgen Kiener*: optimization and the new design of the Plastic detectors, in collaboration with the IJCLab mechanical design department + GEANT 3 simulations needed for the project.

+ IJCLab Nuclear Physics researchers' community provided an active contribution during the ^8Be experiment @ ANDROMEDE, ensuring to a large extent its success.

INFN LNS:

All the group involved with Livio Lamia as representative. In charge of all the **targets production and characterization + Active contribution during meetings and experiments (2 persons/week during all the experimental process).**

NPI:

Mainly Jaromir Mrazek with post-doc and Phd student as well as some technical staff : co-leading commissioning (assembling and realization) , material support for the beam current monitoring and network system.

+ Very strong contribution during meetings and the ^8Be experiment at ANDROMEDE.

+ Active and recurrent interactions with theoreticians (annual collaboration meetings, Academic lectures...)

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(New JEDI : New Judicious Experiments for Dark Sectors Investigations)



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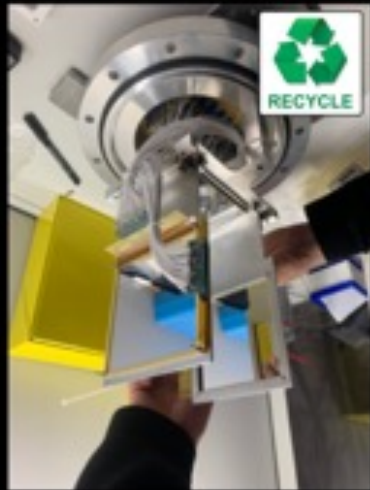
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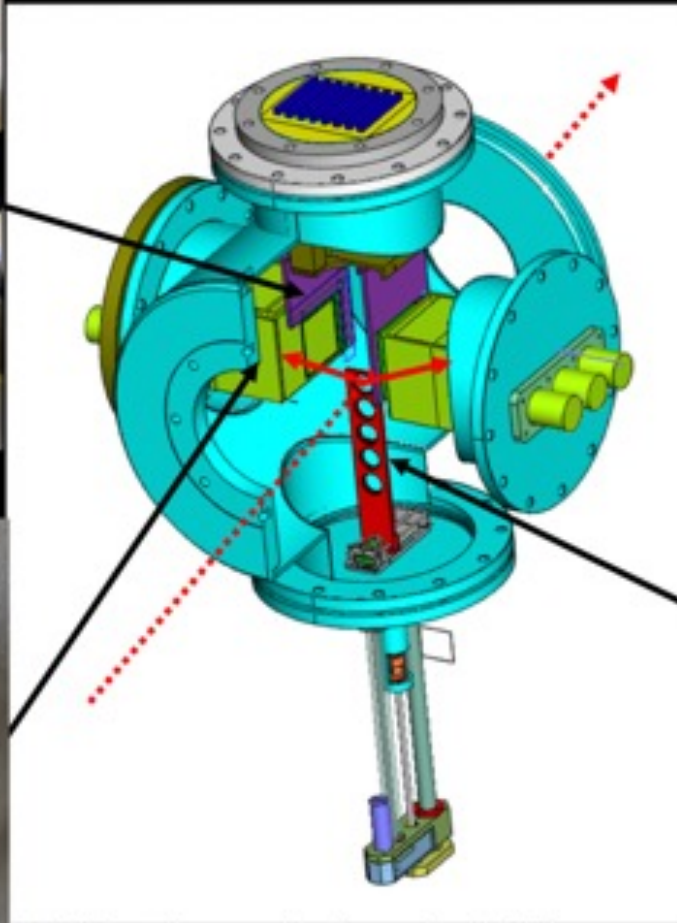
New JEDI 2021 setup (offline tests @ GANIL and commissioning @ NPI)

Based on results from test runs carried out in 2018 and 2019 @ ARAMIS-SCALP (IJCLAB) + GEANT3 simulations

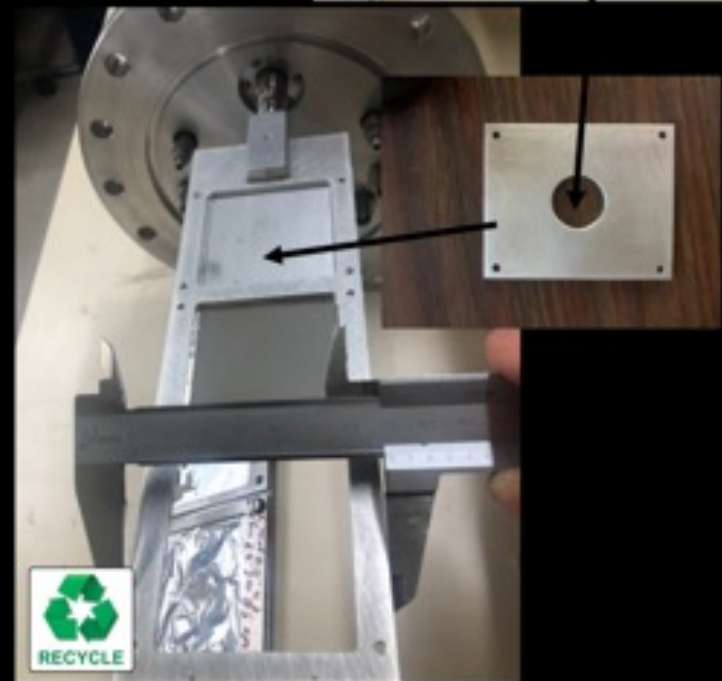
DSSSDs from Microns (only new elements! B-grades!! 2 x 6000 € + 600 € maintenance)



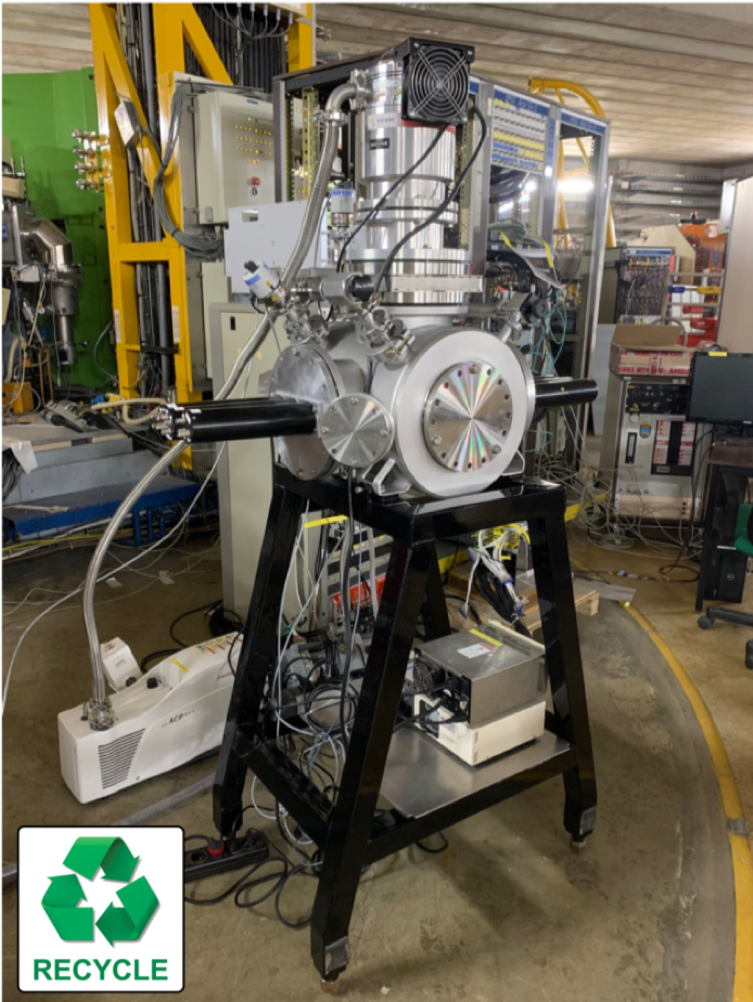
Plastic detectors



Offline characterisation using ^{207}Bi source

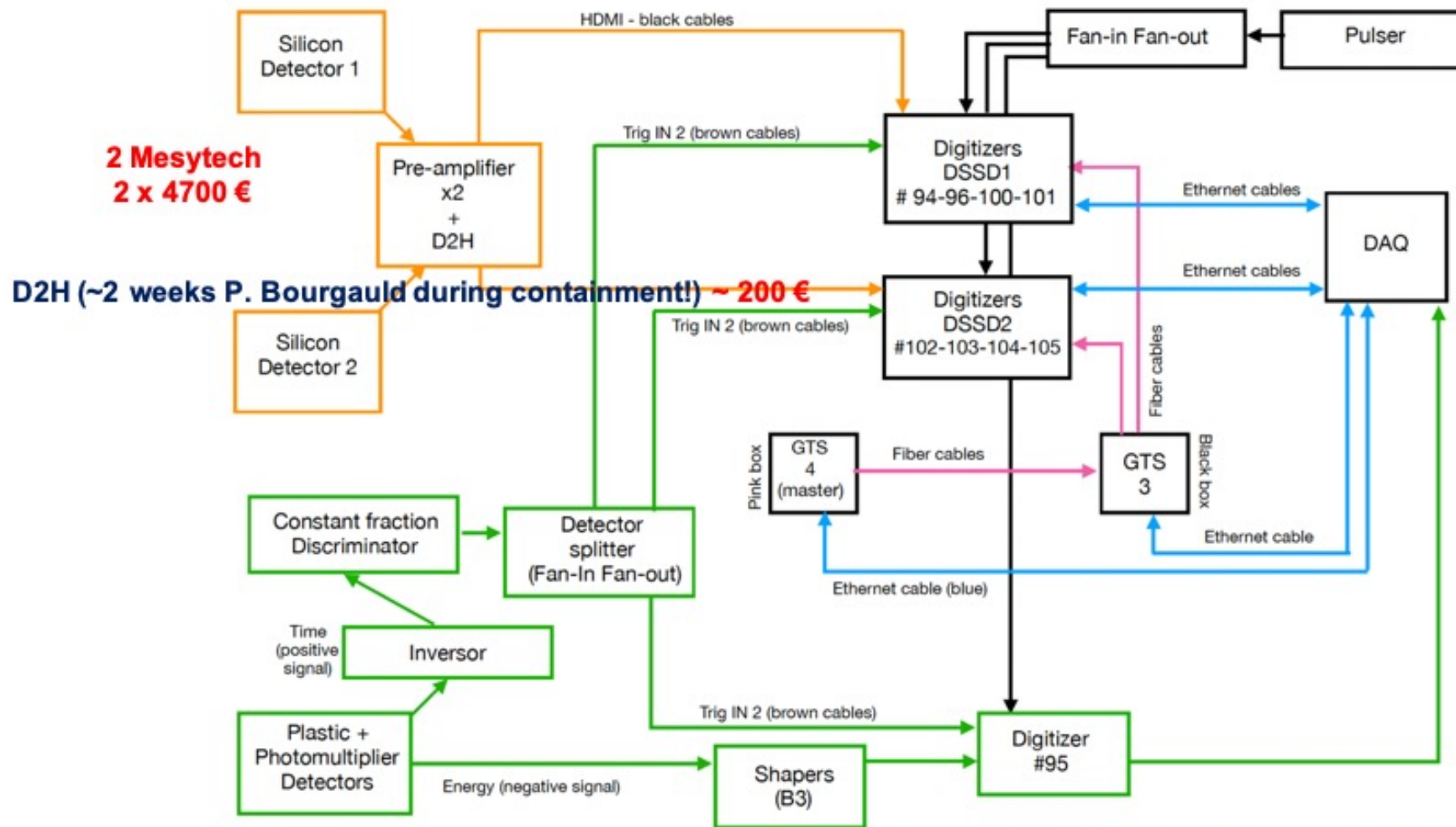


With some home staging...



Target chamber and frame from CIMAP garbage (17/06/2020)
(acid bath : 500 €)





Used also for the LISE zero degree detection!!! QDC + Fusion mode (~3 weeks C. Houarner during calm working periods)

New JEDI commissioning at Rez 3MV tandetron facility (May-June 2021)



Before



After



ONLINE



TARGETS :
Made in Catania
INFN-LNS



New JEDI commissioning at Rez 3MV tandetron facility (May-June 2021)

New physics + New detection system + New Facility => no data taking but rather trying to understand and to fix issues!



New JEDI commissioning at Rez 3MV tandetron facility (May-June 2021)



- **Major contribution of the $^{19}\text{F}(p,\alpha)^{16}\text{O}$ reaction** in the DSSSDs
- **The Lithium target emits also a lot of electrons**
- **Observed clearly lot of multi-scattering processes** that needs to be investigated more in details (GEANT simulations).
- **The methods developed to measure and to check the proper coincidences between the different detectors seems to work properly.**
- **XXX and XXX targets** developed by the INFN-LNS laboratory (disentangle the contribution of reaction from F in the spectra) **showed online very promising characteristics.**
- The detection efficiency and observed count rates are very similar to those expected from the simulations. We estimate about a reasonable efficiency of 10% for the X boson electron-positron pair decay, if it exists.
- We also **observed interesting geometrical effects**

Major difficulties for on/off-line analysis (use of new Digitizers):

- the merging process of data was not possible online due to very asymmetric flux => need to develop specific offline programs.
- the data conversion speed : we record 4 Gb every 6 minutes. This requires 45 minutes conversion process!

Nov. 2021 : moved to the ANDROMEDE facility to prepare the first exp. (8Be)



ANDROMEDE

EVE Mass Spectrometer
Ionic Imaging
Material modifications

Magnetic deflection

STELLA Experiment
Nucleosynthesis

Material modification
Astrochemistry

4 MV NEC Accelerator
ECR Source & LMI Source
from protons to gold nanoparticles

First long experimental run (May to July 2022 = 7 weeks of beam)



Hundreds of targets (LNS)

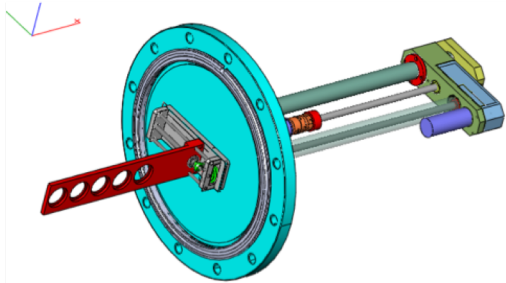
Developments for the ^8Be experiment at ANDROMEDE & ^3He @ GANIL-SPIRAL2

At GANIL

1) 2 DSSSDs A-grade : **2 x 8 000 €**

2) New target holder (allow H&V movements) (**G. Frémont**) :

- Design 02/09/2020
- Construction 05/2022



3) Target holder command & control (**C. Gouyet et al. ~2-3 weeks**) : mandatory for the SP2-NFS experiment



4) HV with an interlock for DSSSDs (**6 000 €**)

At IJCLab

5) New Plastics design construction @ IJCLab ; 2 units (**7000 €**)

6) Additional equipment :

- 4 PMs (1 broke already) : **4 x 1 500 €**
- Electronics crane : **~4 000 €**
- Pumping system : **~4 000 €**

Study of the existence of a Dark Boson in the MeV range in ^8Be

- Count rates on spectra as expected
- Fine analysis needed... (expect ~ 500 bosons / week, if it exists)

Experiment setup

Faraday cup

Plastic scintillator DSSSD

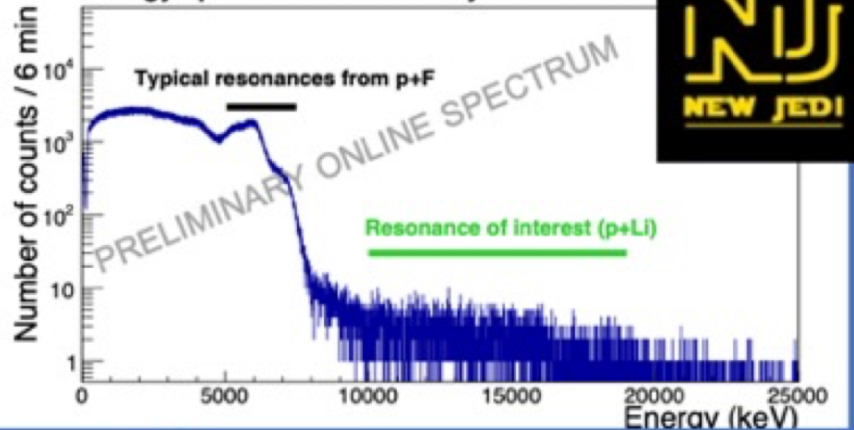
PMT 3" light guide

proton beam
300 nA



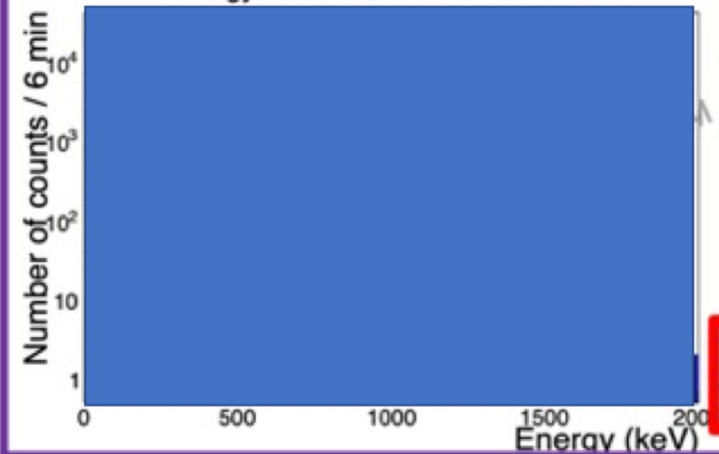
Nal

Energy spectrum measured by Plastic detector

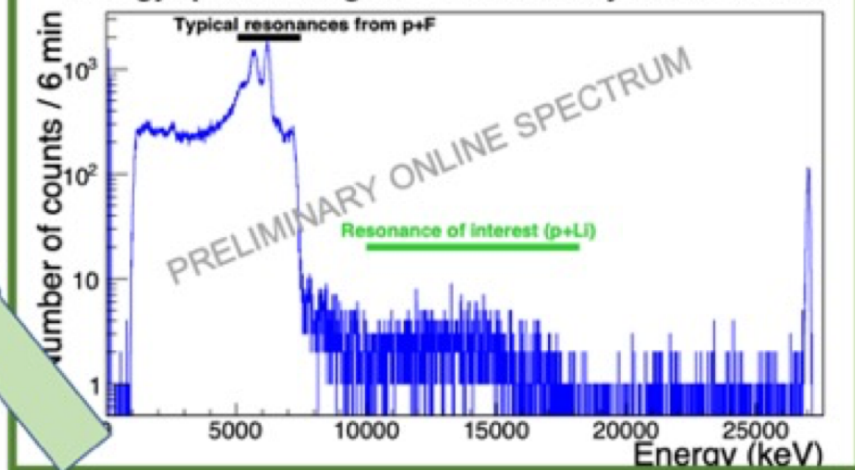


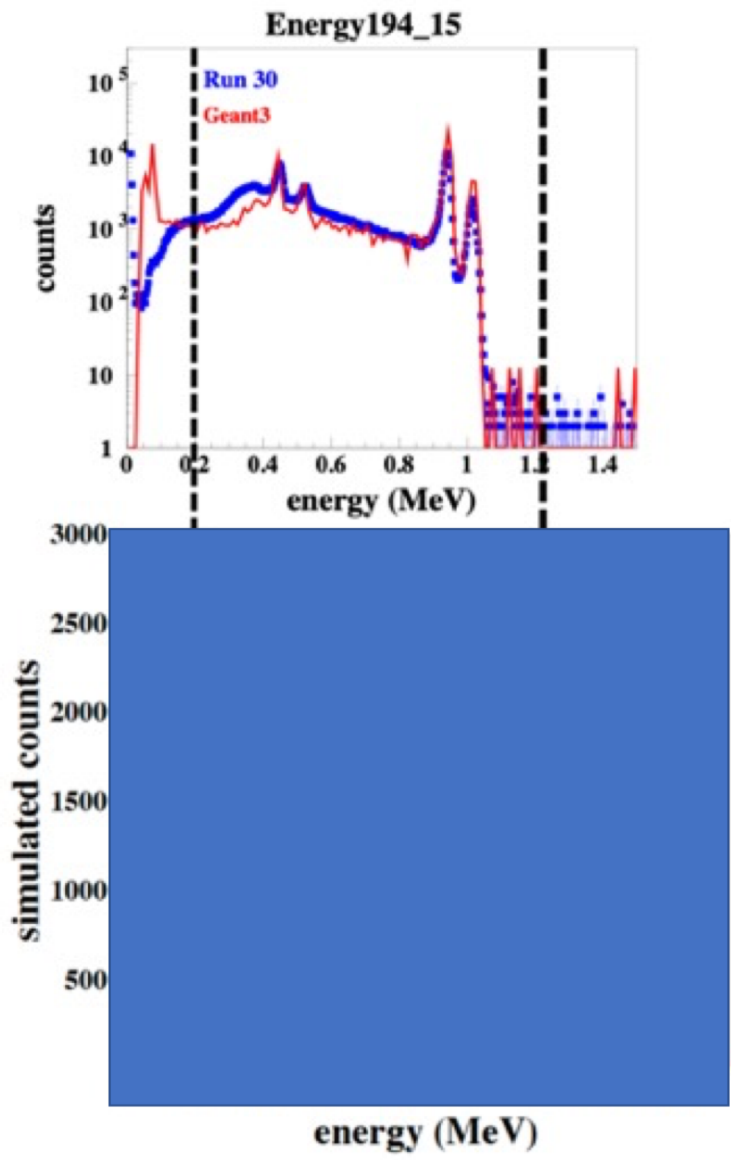
Target : $300 \mu\text{gr}/\text{cm}^2$ LiF on $30 \mu\text{gr}/\text{cm}^2$ C backing

Energy Loss in a silicon detector channel



Energy spectrum of gamma measured by the Nal detector





Optimizing thresholds of detectors

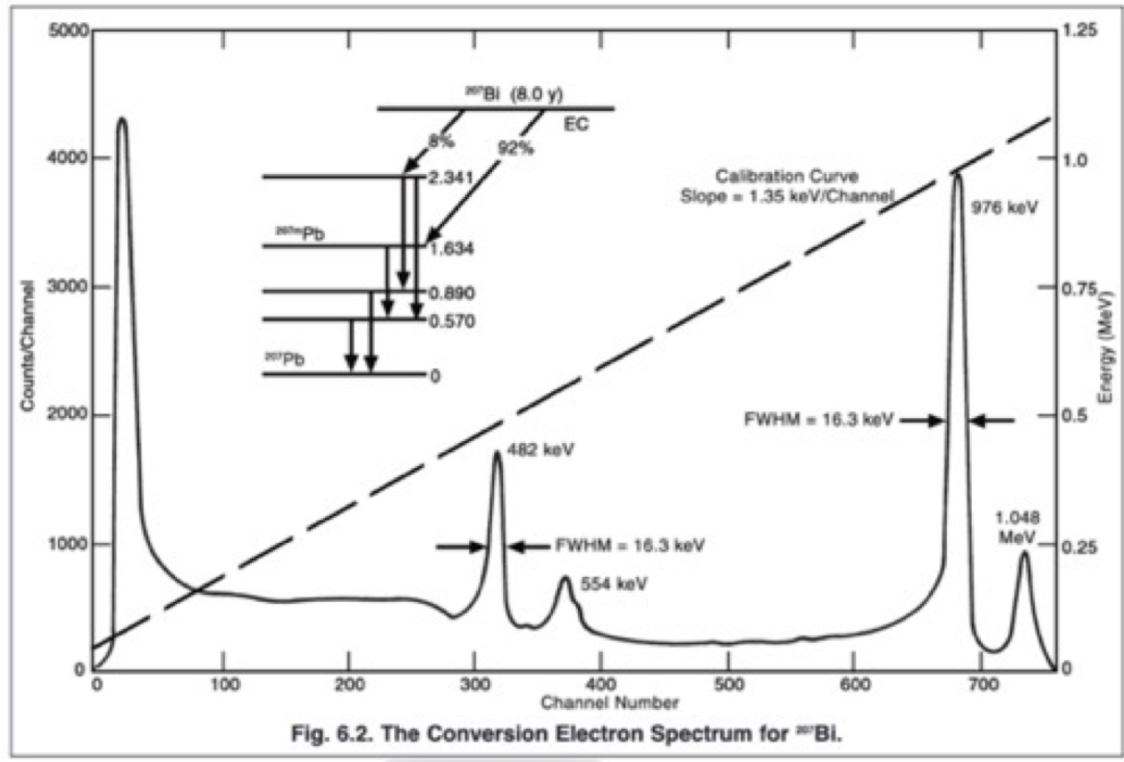


Fig. 6.2. The Conversion Electron Spectrum for ²⁰⁹Bi.

Note : Atomki is using a 500 μm thick DSSSD and claim to have a 50 keV threshold

Fine analysis of New JEDI data on ⁸Be : Ignasio WAKUDYANAYE Phd Thesis

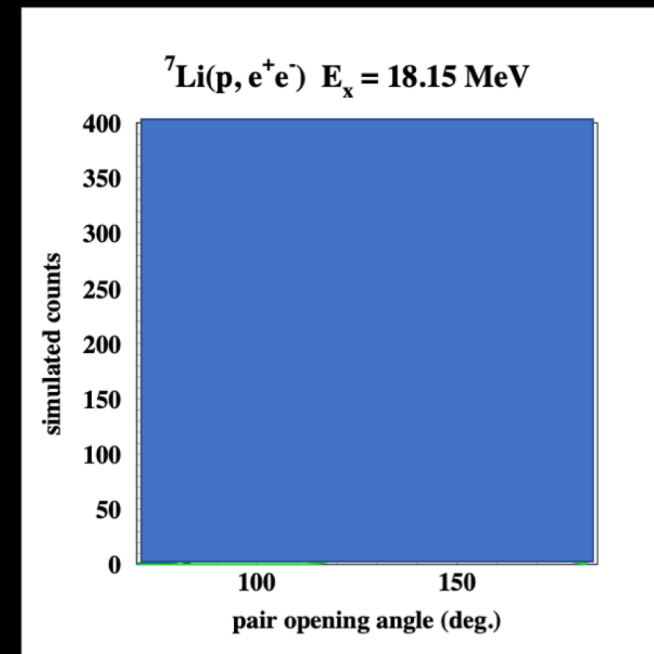
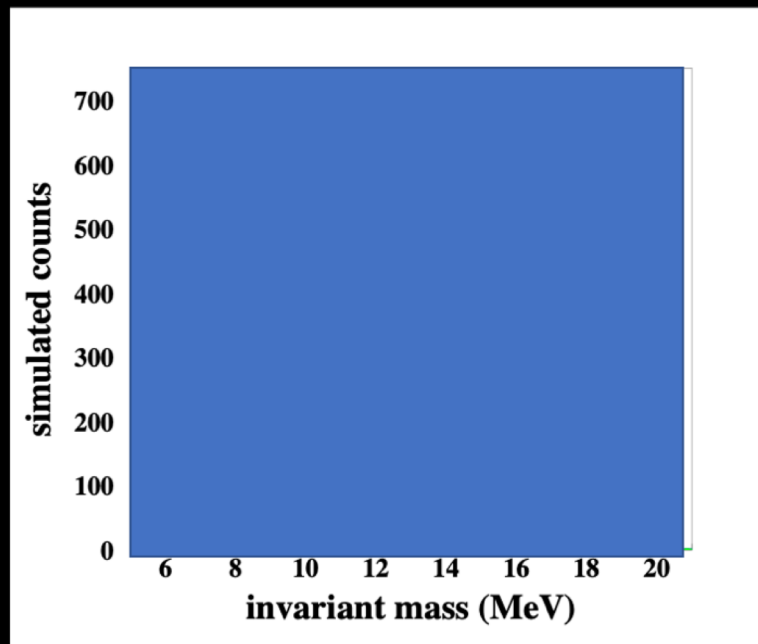
What do simulations say?

For the simulation

- the diameter of the beam spot was set to **4 mm** and **1 μA**
- spatial resolution of the DSSSD considered was **$\Delta x=2.0$ mm**
- energy resolution of the DSSSD and the plastic scintillator used were typically **$\Delta E=20$ keV at 1 MeV** and **$\Delta E=240$ keV at 5 MeV**

If Energy sum between **16 to 20 MeV** + selection on the **e-e+ symmetry energy** (selection of symmetric pairs), the X signal is much more improve with respect to IPC contribution.

The detection efficiency for X boson e-e+ pair decay is still reasonable $\epsilon_{\text{coinc}}=18.0\%$.



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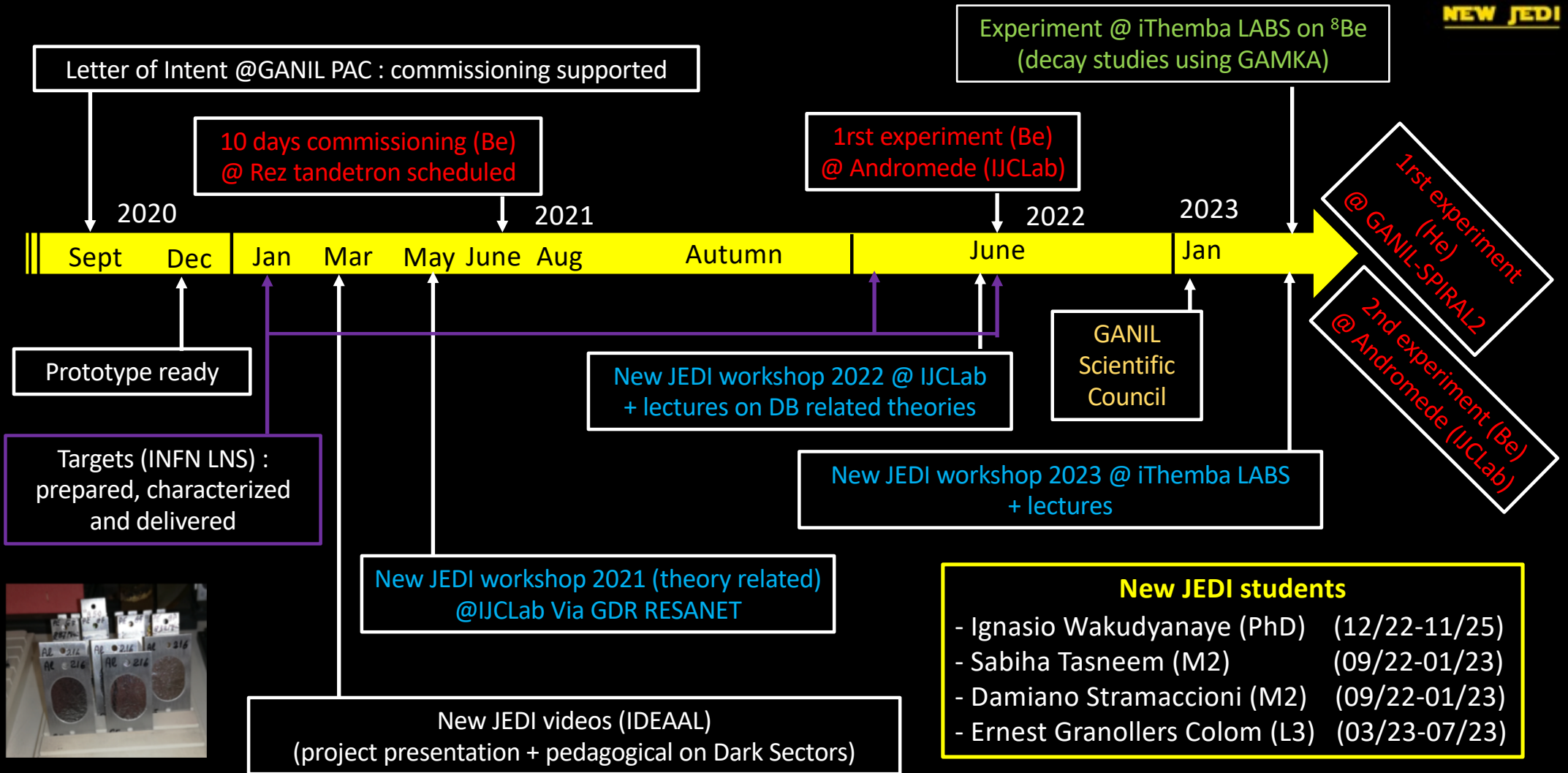
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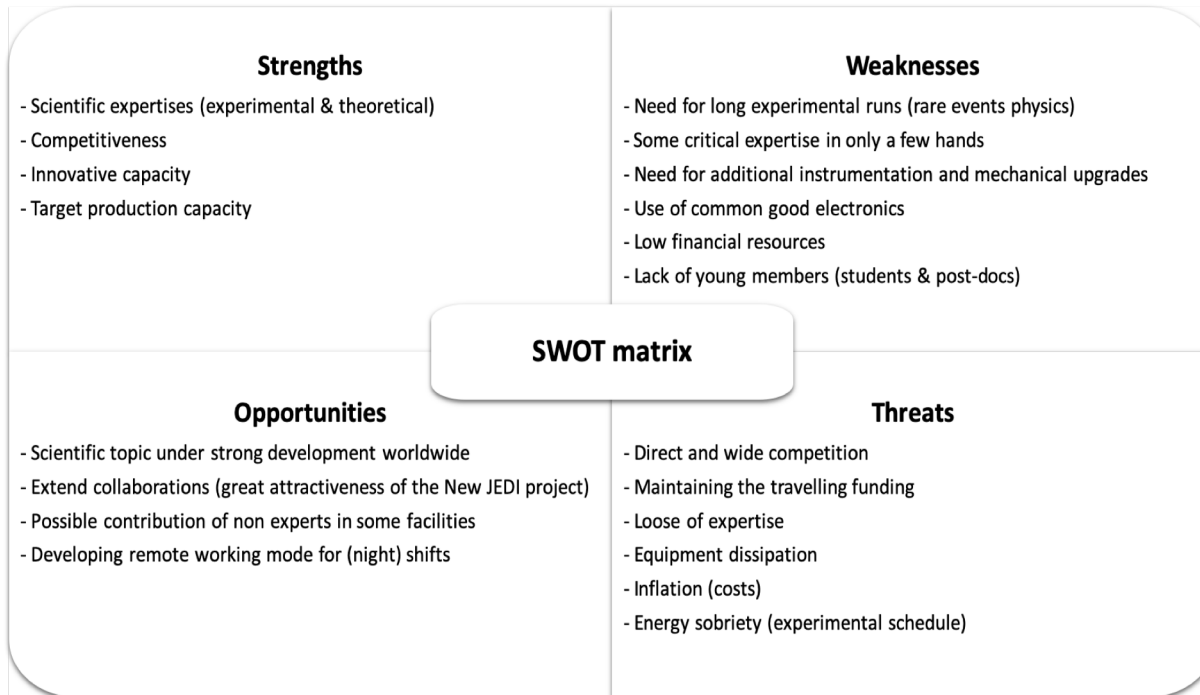
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New JEDI PROJECT timeline



- New JEDI students**
- Ignasio Wakudyanaye (PhD) (12/22-11/25)
 - Sabiha Tasneem (M2) (09/22-01/23)
 - Damiano Stramaccioni (M2) (09/22-01/23)
 - Ernest Granollers Colom (L3) (03/23-07/23)

Critical analysis of the situation and identification of required resources



4 week of optimal data taking per experiment is needed!

Caution #1 : if the experimental activity of frozen for a too long time (last exp. 07/22):

- Lose of expertise
- Lose of recurrent funding (travelling)

Caution #2 : every exp. need to buy materiel 1 year before => If we want to carry out an exp. in 2024, we need to buy now!

- Delivery delay (6 months for microns)
- + additional time for tests and characterization

- There should be a **core-team of experts nuclear (astro)physicists in situ** (support 24/ 7/7) :

Need of an experienced post-doc (backup of the SC) + some manpower (Master/PhD students) for (i) **simulations** (efficiency corrections, define optimal New JEDI setup for a long term program including BGO and magnetic field), (ii) **measurements for systematics studies** and (iii) to **solve remaining issues**.

- Better organisation of the shift schedule :
 - Mainly senior researchers! Need of **more students** for night shifts.
 - Develop **remote shifts**
- Use of common use electronics and DAQ => **need for dedicated material**

Budget over 5 years (2017-2022)

Material	price
- 2 DSSSDs B-grade	12000
- 2 DSSSDs A-grade	16000
- 2 preamplifiers Mesytech	9400
- 1 DSSSD maintenance	600
- 1 HV with interlock	6000
- D2H cards	200
- Acid bath	500
- Others (tools, boxes...)	1200
TOTAL GANIL	45900

Material	price
- 2 set of new plastics with mechanics	7000
- 4 PMs	6000
- 1 electronics crane	4000
- 1 pumping	4000
TOTAL IJC Lab	21000

ERC 2019, ANR 2019, ERC 2021 : rejected (need of some results)

Personal note : if we have the results, we don't need means!

PROTEA-FASERED **2022 & 2023 : 20 000 €/year (mobility FR-SA)**

Financial resources needed for the New JEDI future scientific program

Assuming 4 weeks of pure data taking runs per experiment:

- 4 DSSSDs for each experiment : 32 000 €
- 2 PMs for each experiment : 3 000 € (depending on test results)
- Data storage : 3 000 €

Material needed for the next experiment:

- A Mesytech MSCF-16 amplifier and shaper : NEAM
- Linear Gate Stretchers (5 units) : NEAM

For identified future developments:

- BGO detectors : NEAM
- Magnetic field (e-/e+ discrimination) : NEAM
- A dedicated DAQ system : 120 000 €

To release progressively common use material :

- 3 electronic units / year : 20 000 €

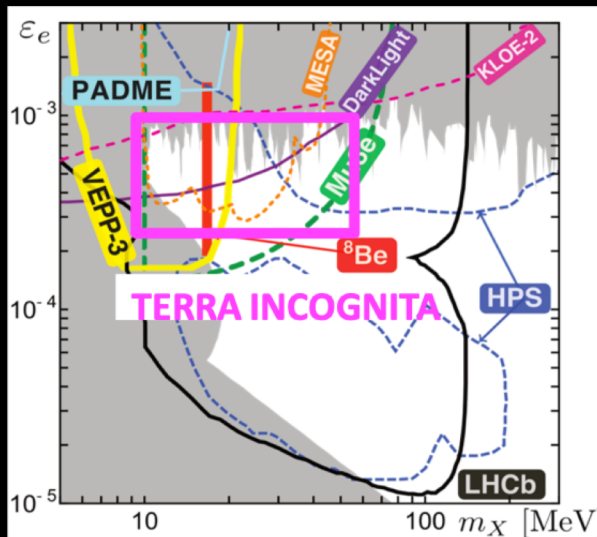
=> from 60 000€ to 80 000€ annual budget is needed

+ 1 post-doc / year and 1 PhD student / experiment

For example STELLA project : 2 CR + 1 DR + (1 PR) + 1 post-doc + 3 PhD students...

NEAM : not estimated at the moment

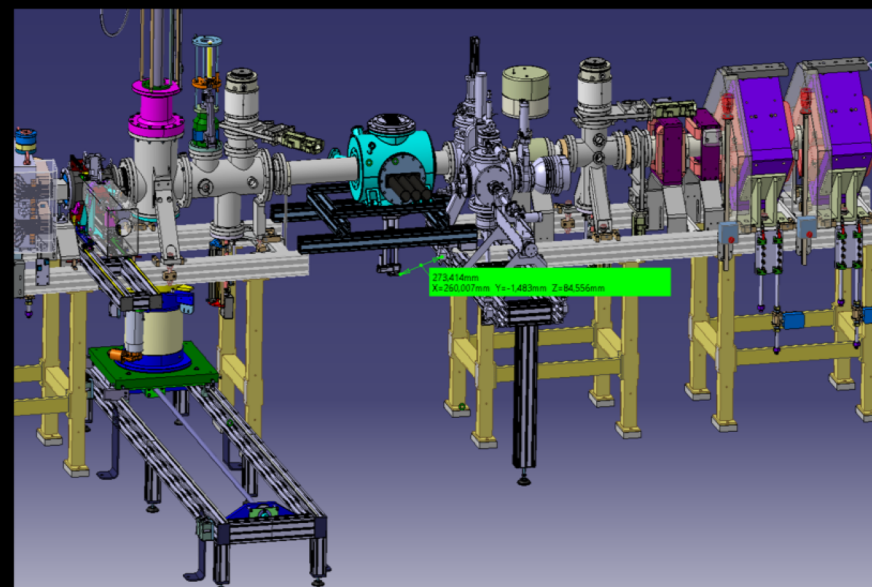
New JEDI @ GANIL-SPIRAL2 facility : existence of dark boson in other nuclei



If adequate resources are allocated to ensure the sustainability of the project, the New JEDI collaboration plans to **investigate the existence of a Dark Boson in the MeV range in other light quantum systems** where nuclear structure uncertainties are much reduced. This wider study will be carried out mainly at the GANIL-SPIRAL2 facility. **If this boson exists, it would open up an entire new field in Particle Physics Beyond the Standard Model.**



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