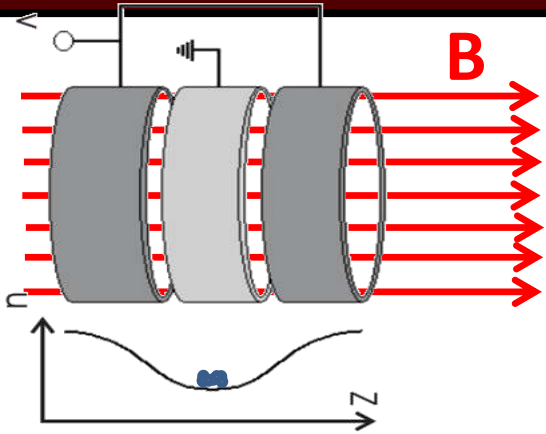
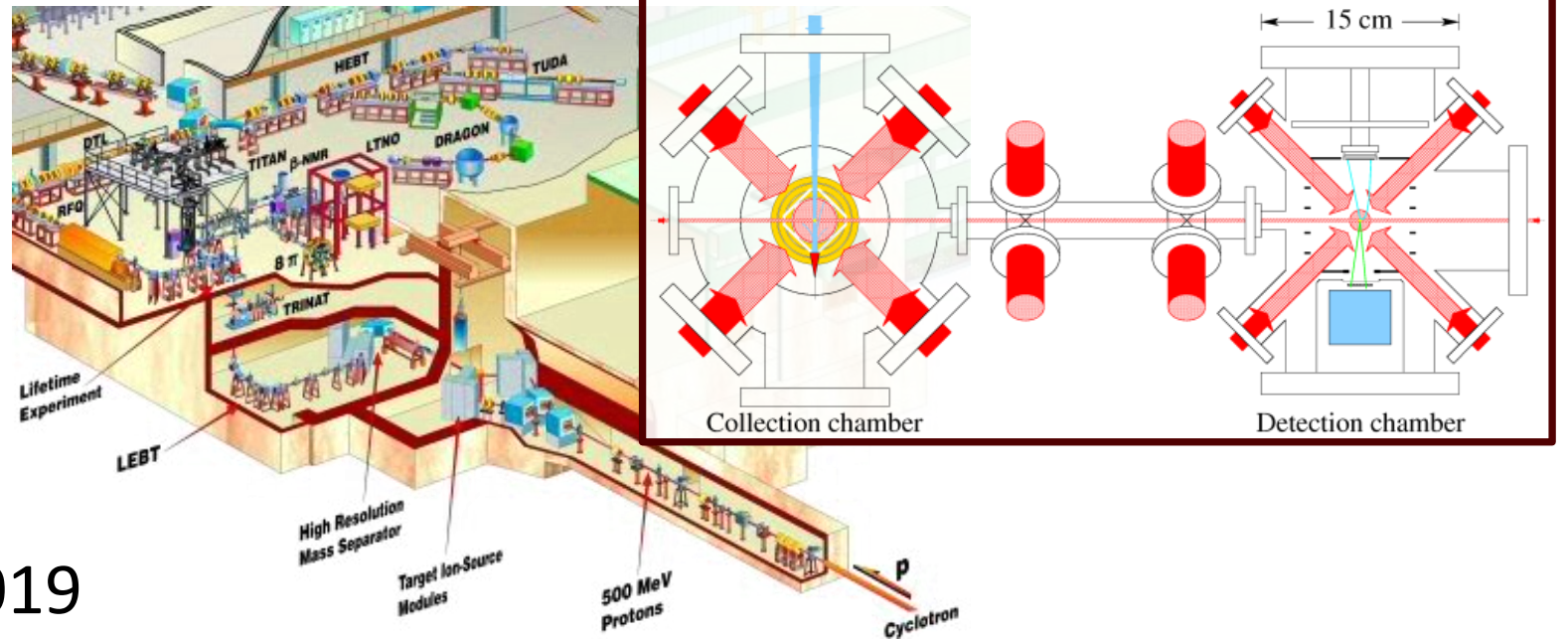
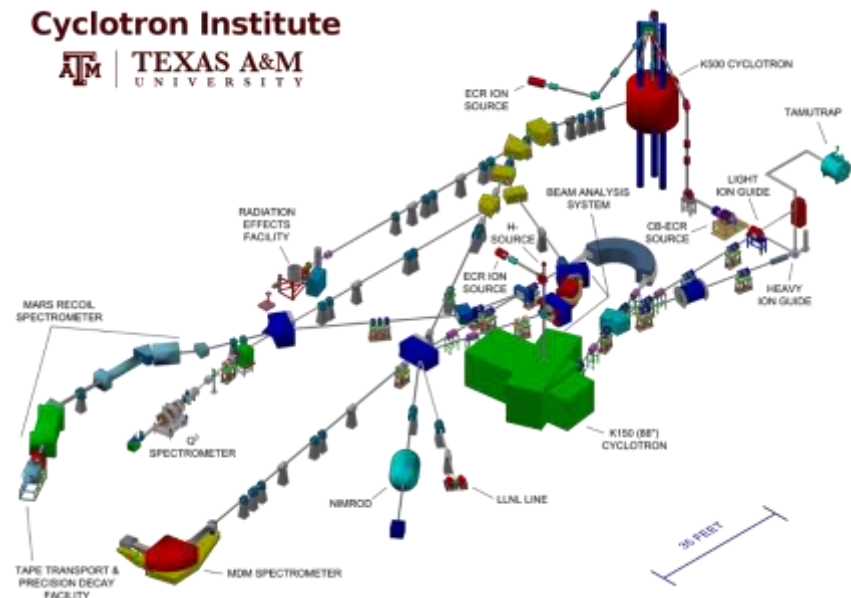
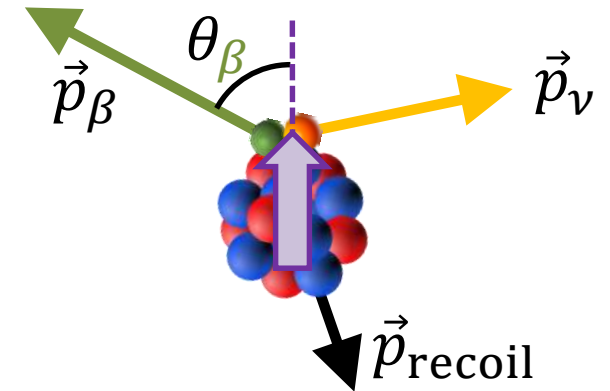
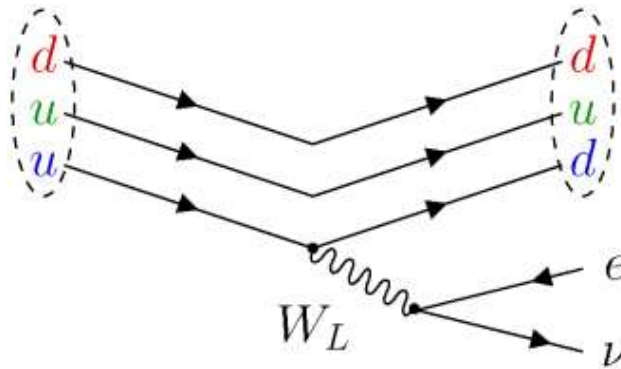


Fundamental Symmetry Tests using Atoms and Ions



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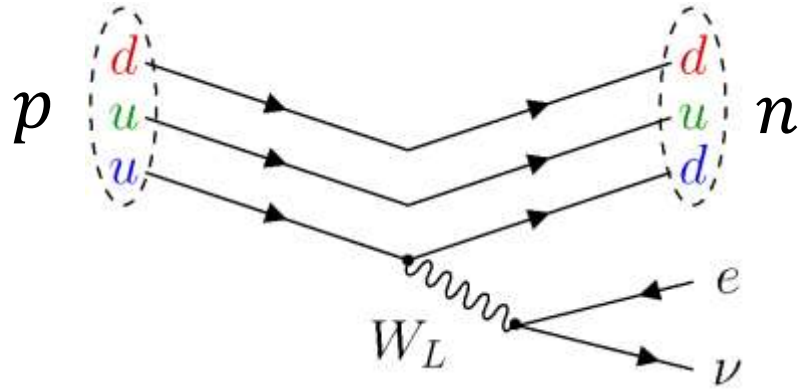
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The standard model and beyond

- This is the standard model:



pure $V - A$ interaction

$$H_\beta = \bar{p}\gamma_\mu n(C_V \bar{e}\gamma^\mu \nu + C'_V \bar{e}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \nu) - \bar{p}\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 n(C_A \bar{e}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \nu + C'_A \bar{e}\gamma^\mu \nu)$$

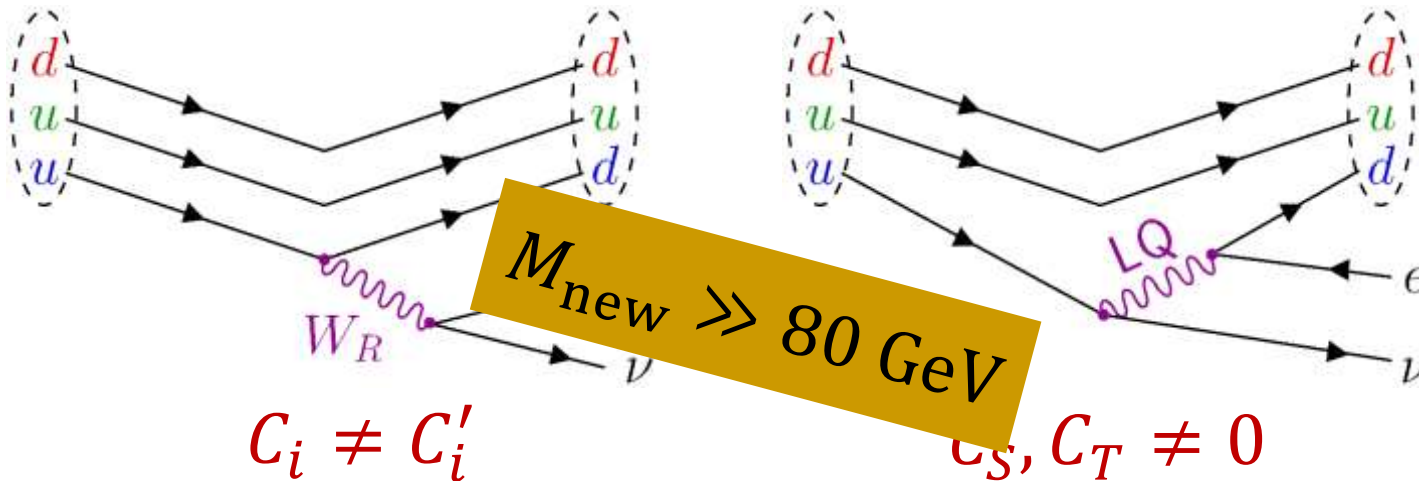
$$C_V = C'_V = 1$$

$$C_A = C'_A \approx 1.27$$

$$M_W = 80.385 \text{ GeV}$$

- These are not:

Right-handed bosons, or scalar/tensor leptoquarks, or SUSY, or...



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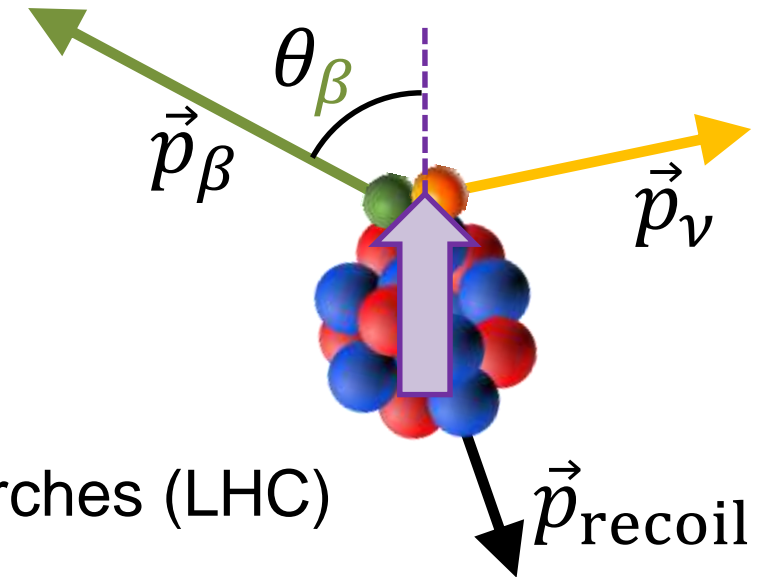
The precision frontier

• Goal:

- ✱ To **complement** high-energy experiments by pushing the **precision frontier**
- ✱ **Angular correlations** in β decay: values sensitive to **new physics**

• Global gameplan:

- ✱ **Measure** the β -decay parameters
- ✱ **Compare to SM** predictions
- ✱ Look for **deviations** \Leftrightarrow **new physics**
- ✱ Precision of $\leq \mathbf{0.1\%}$ needed to complement other searches (LHC)



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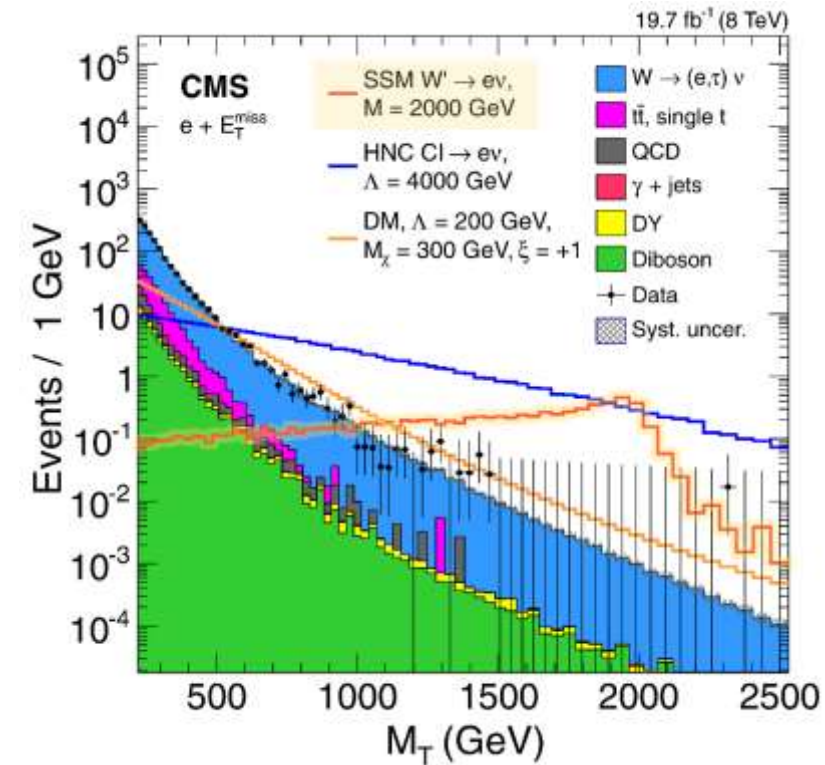
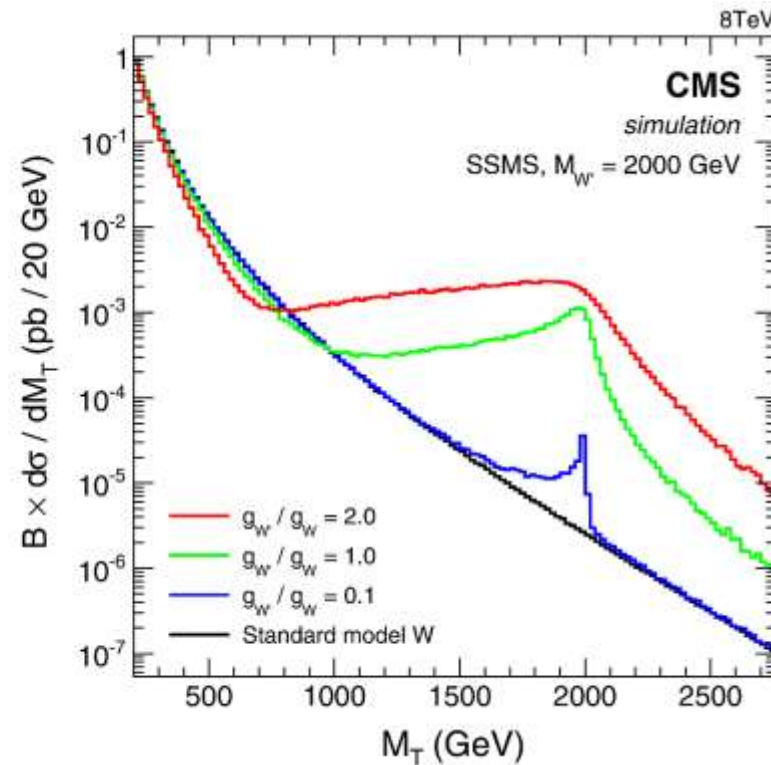
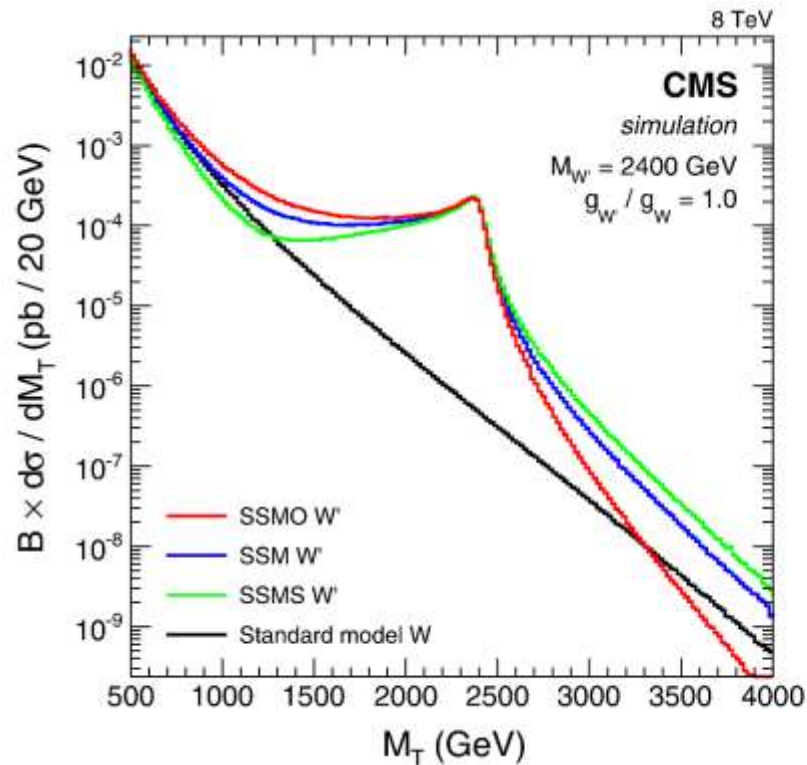
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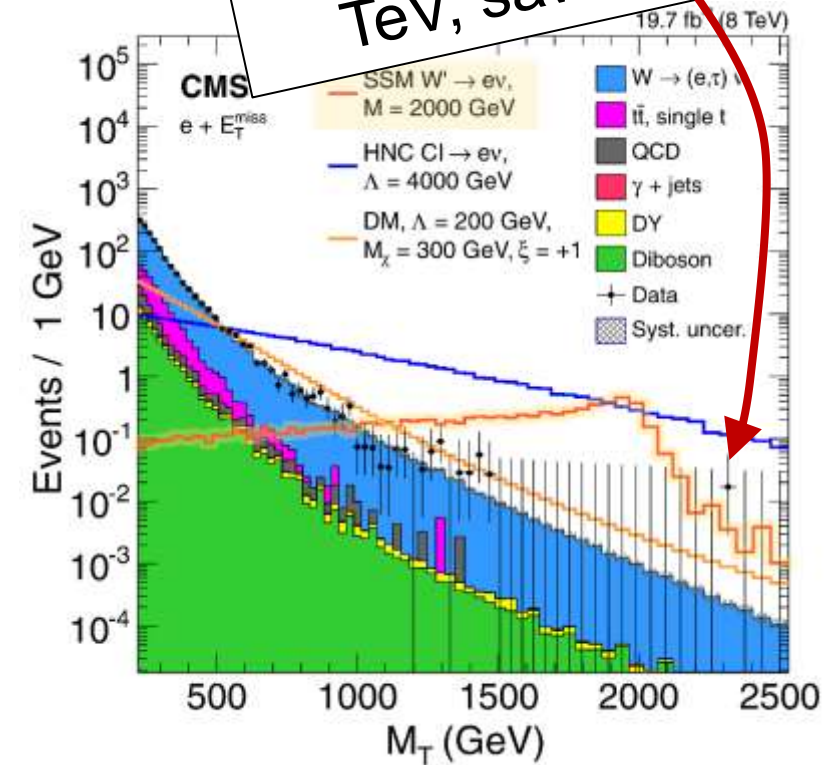
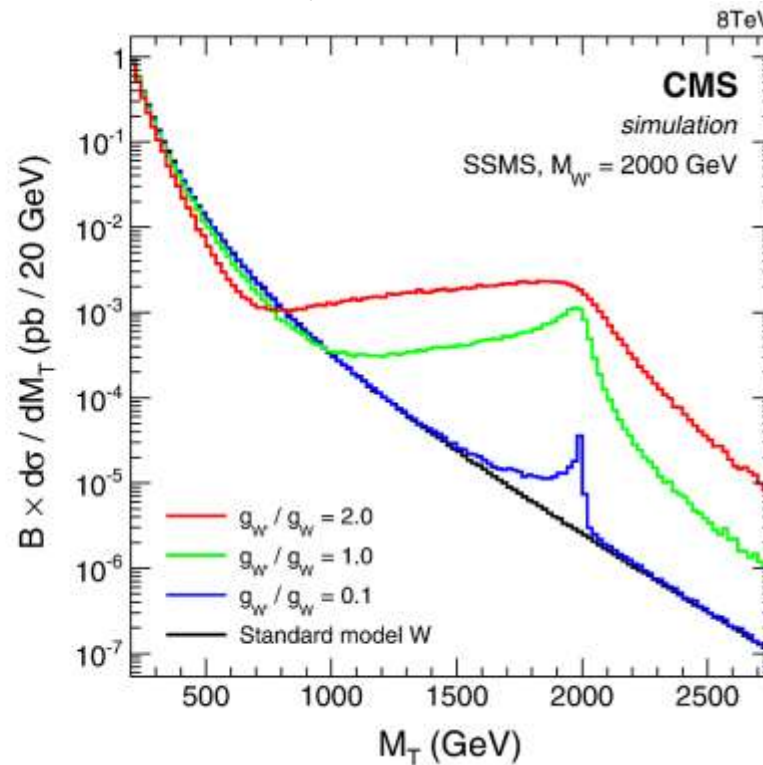
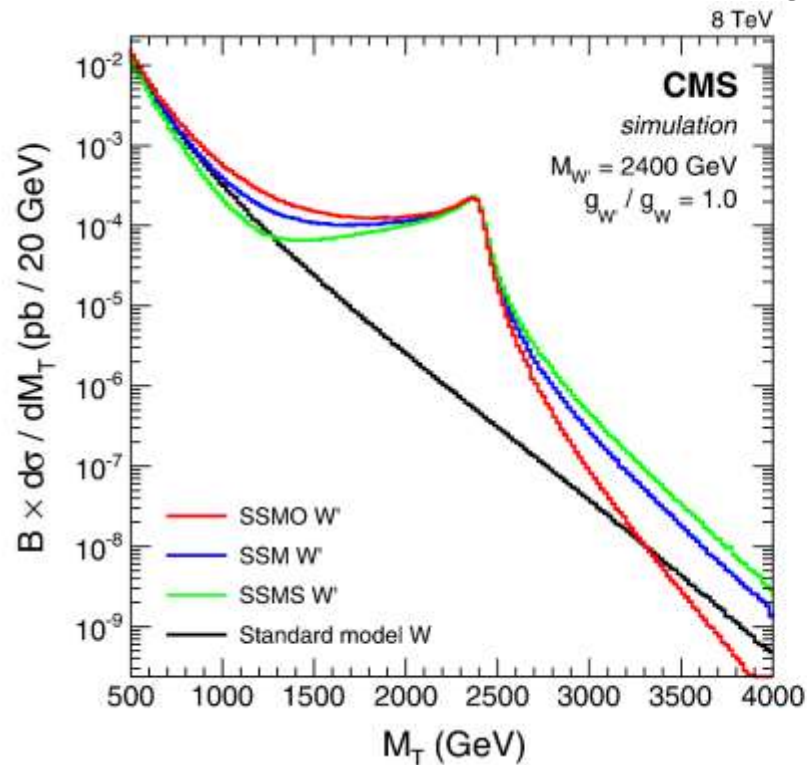
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(see Gonzalez-Alonzo, Prog. Part. Nucl Phys **104** for EFT interpretation)

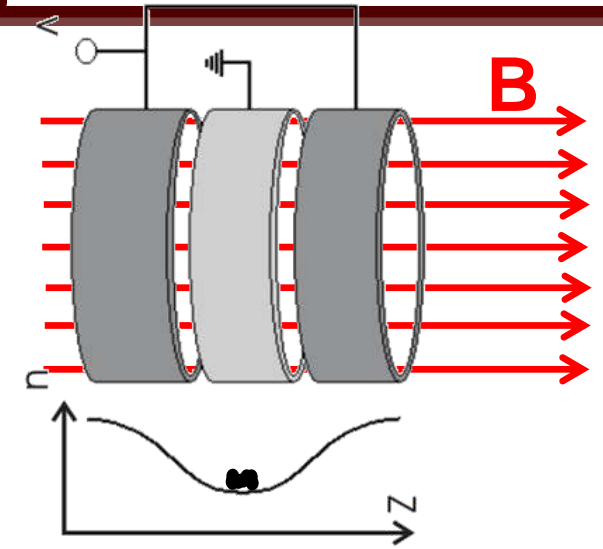


Expected 2.0 ± 0.3
events above 1.5
TeV, saw one

0.1% is a tall order...how to reach that precision?

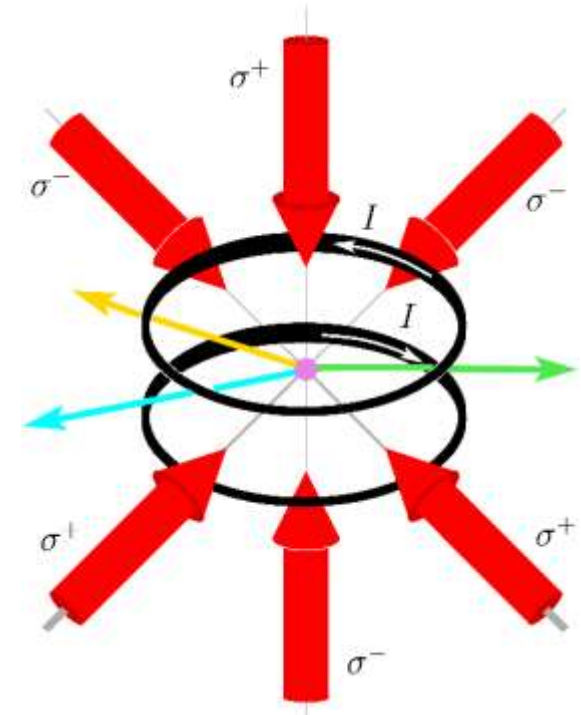
• Ion traps

- ✱ Can trap **any** ion; well-known for mass measurements (**CPT**, ISOLTRAP, JYFLTRAP, LEBIT, TITAN,...)
- ✱ **Beta-Decay Paul Trap @ ANL**
 - β - ν correlation of ^8Li to 1%; poised to reach 0.1% precision
- ✱ No other correlation experiments completed yet, but a number planned:
 - TAMUTRAP @ Texas A&M (^{20}Mg , ^{24}Si , ^{28}S , ^{32}Ar ; ^{36}Ca , ^{40}Ti)
 - LPCTrap @ GANIL (^6He)
 - EIBT @ Weizmann Institute \rightarrow SARAF (^6He to start)
 - NSLTrap @ Notre Dame (^{11}C , ^{13}N , ^{15}O , ^{17}F)



• Magneto-optical traps

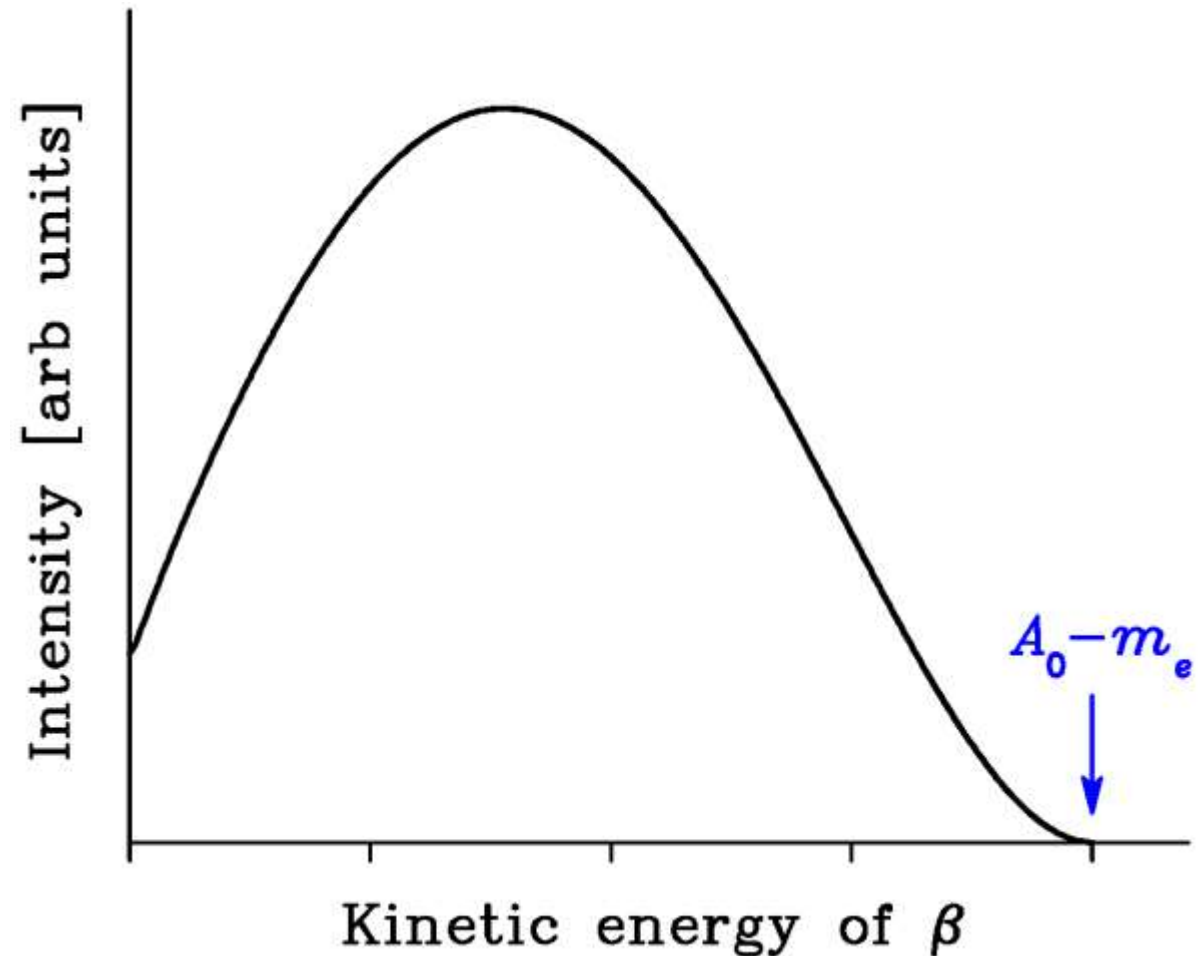
- ✱ Atoms are cold and confined to a small volume
- ✱ TRINAT @ TRIUMF (K isotopes)
- ✱ **UW/ANL** (you know...! [^6He])
- ✱ NeAT @ SARAF (Ne isotopes)



How does β decay test the SM?

- Begin by looking at the basic decay rate

$$\frac{dW}{dE_e} = \overbrace{\frac{G_F^2 |V_{ud}|^2}{(2\pi)^5} p_e E_e (A_0 - E_e)^2}^{\text{basic decay rate}}$$



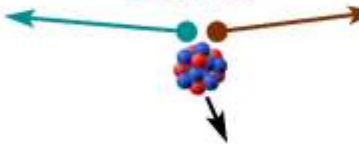
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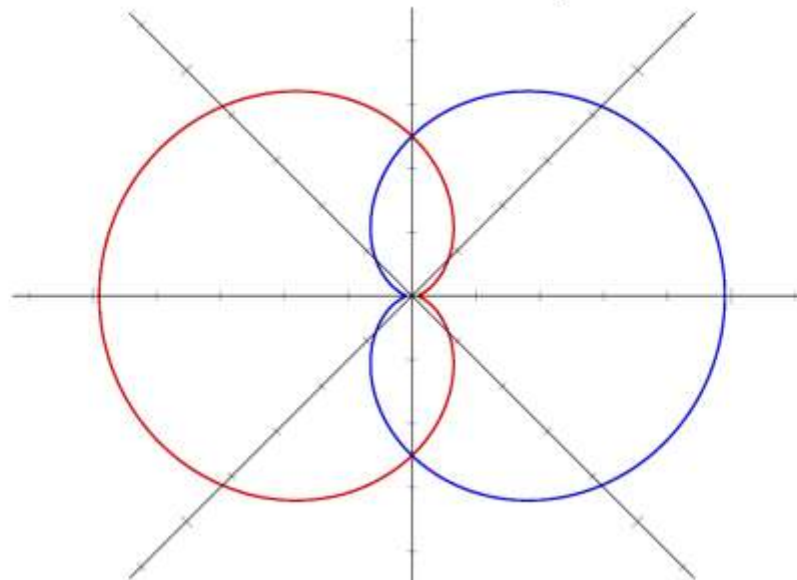
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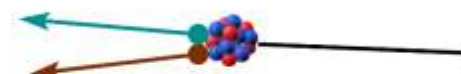
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The β - ν correlation parameter is quadratic in the couplings...not as sensitive as the Fierz parameter, which is linear:

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Point is β decay depends on the current mediating the weak interaction
 \Rightarrow **sensitive to new physics** \Leftarrow
 Goal must be **< 0.1%** precision to complement other searches (LHC)

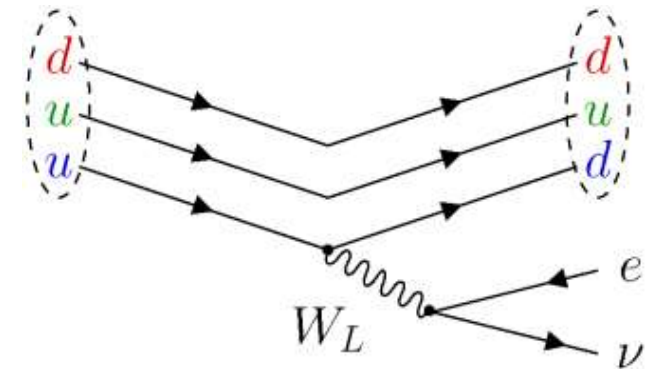
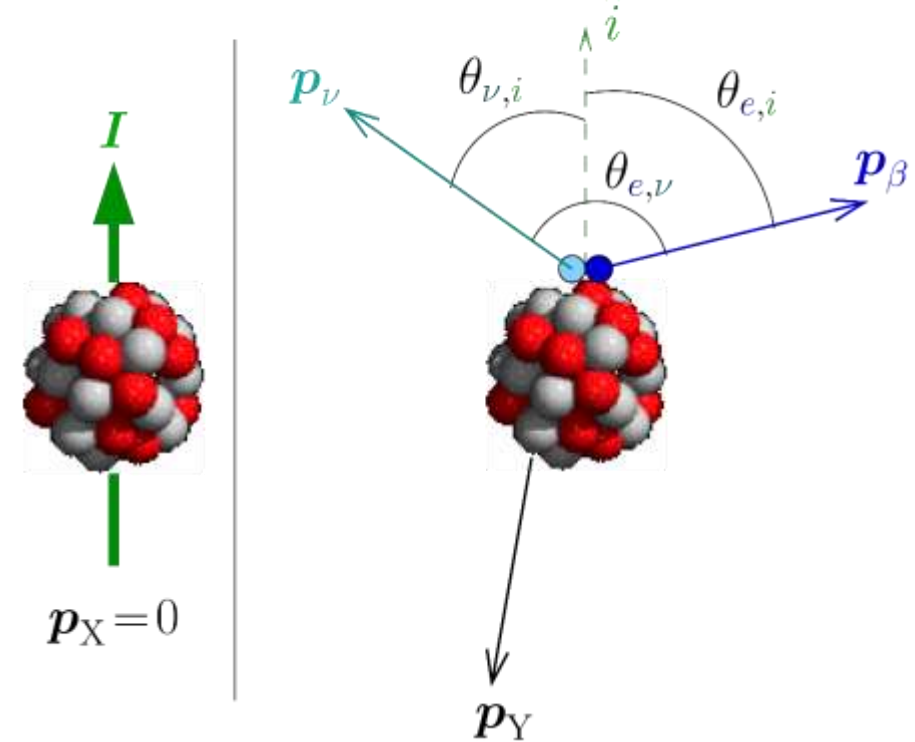
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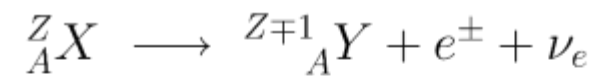
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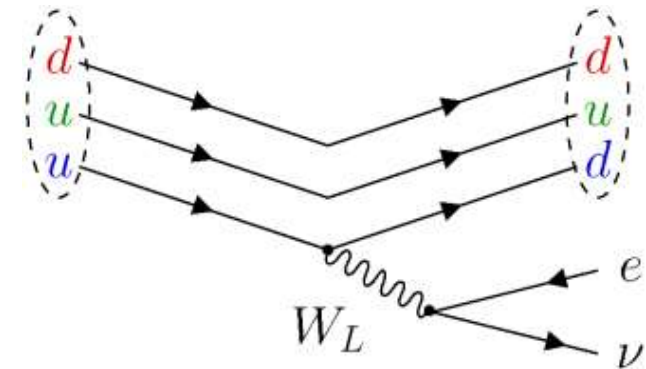
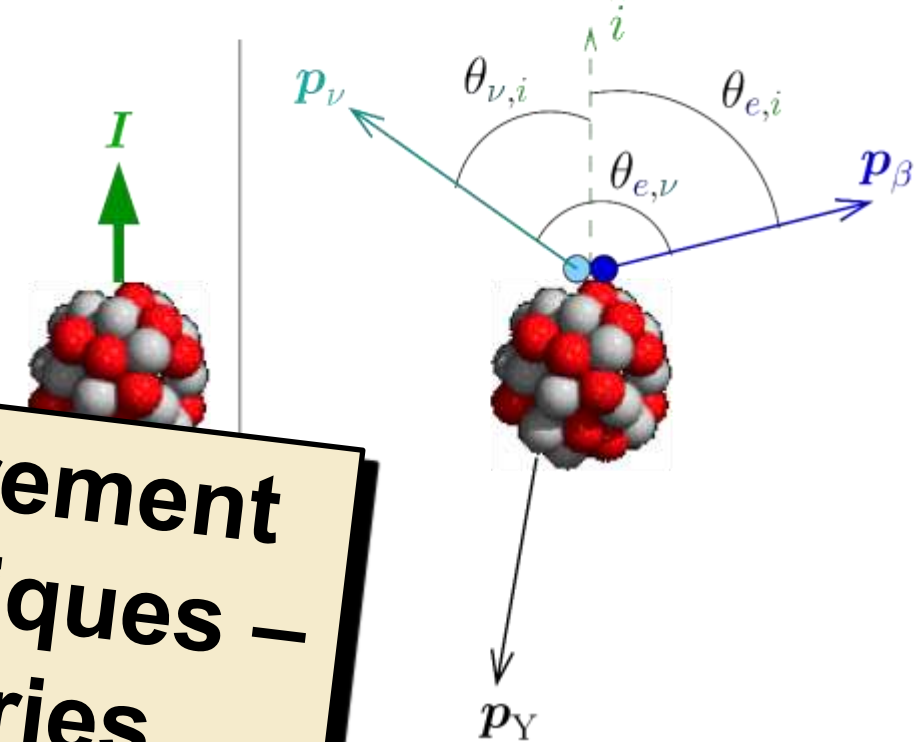
$${}^Z_AX \longrightarrow {}^{Z\mp 1}_AY + e^\pm + \nu_e$$



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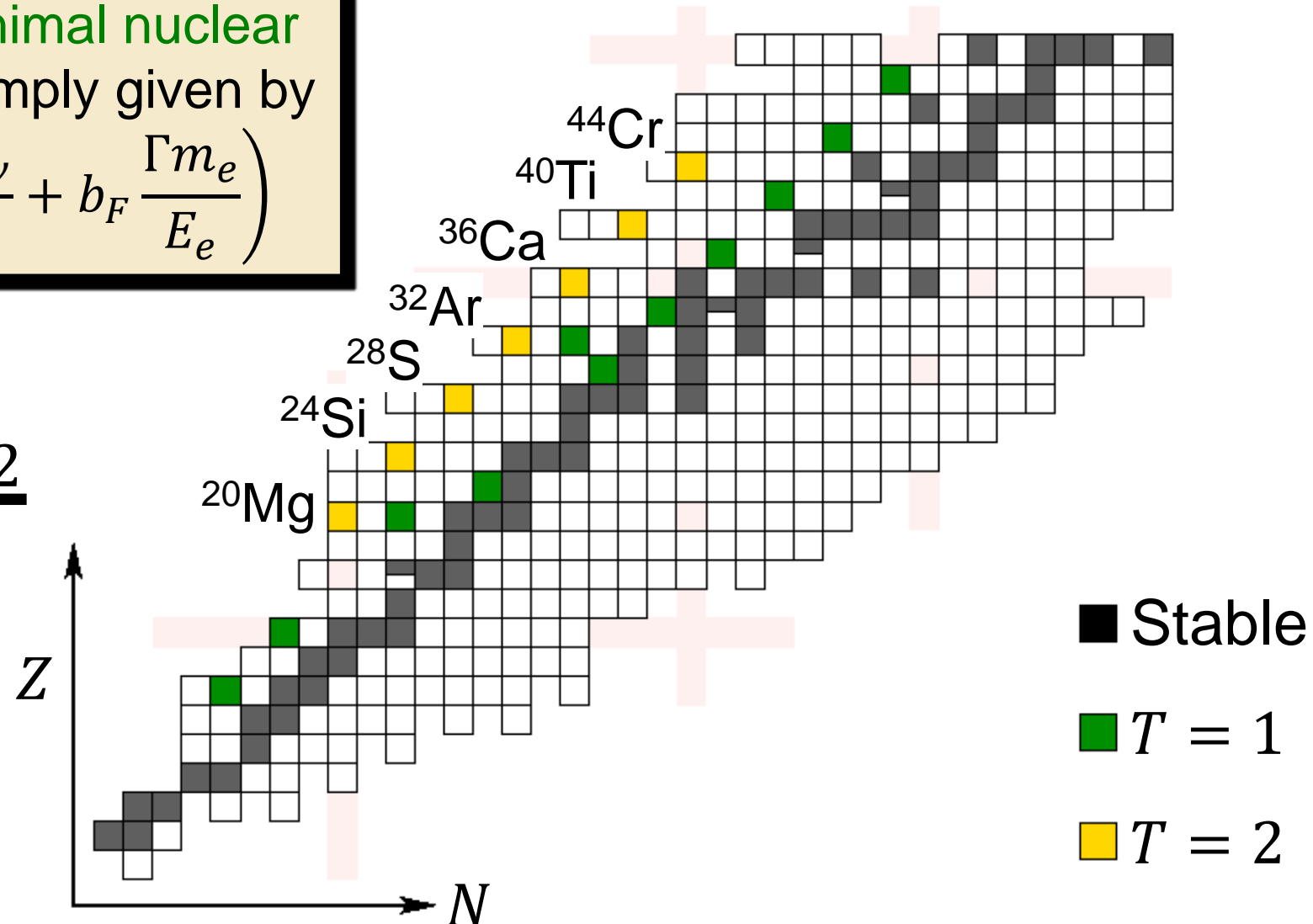
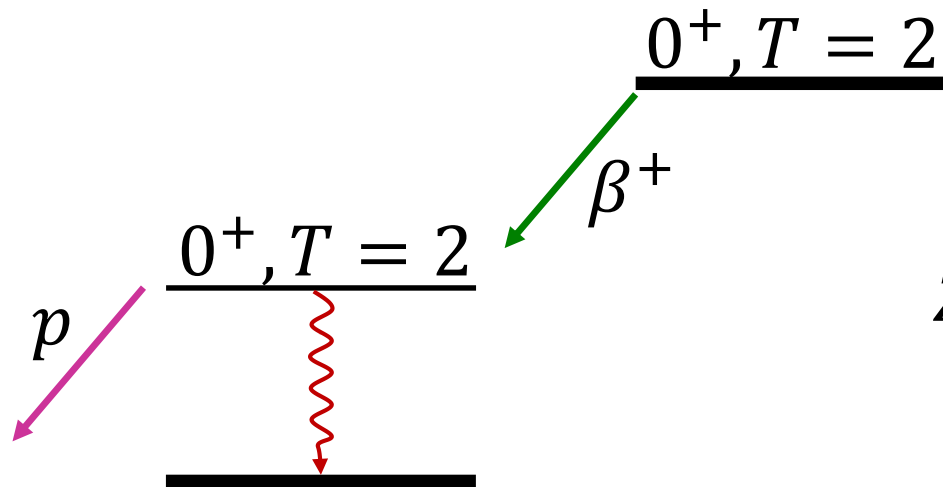
^{37}K at TRIUMF

- ✱ The TRINAT facility
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$T = 2$ Superalowed decays

Recall: pure Fermi decay \Leftrightarrow minimal nuclear structure effects; decay rate is simply given by

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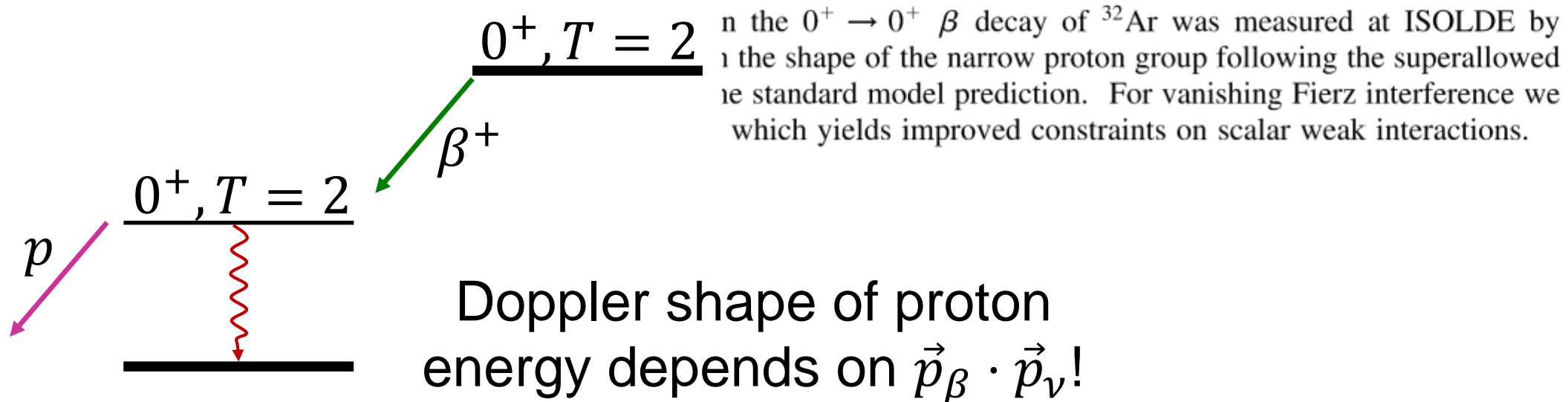
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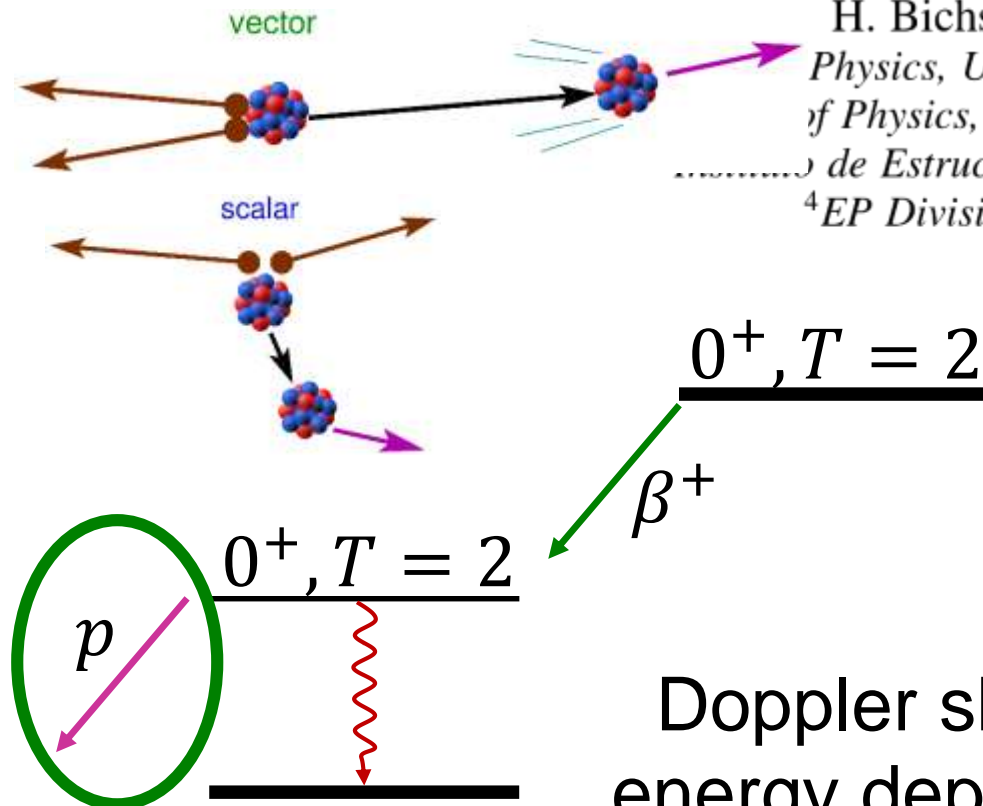
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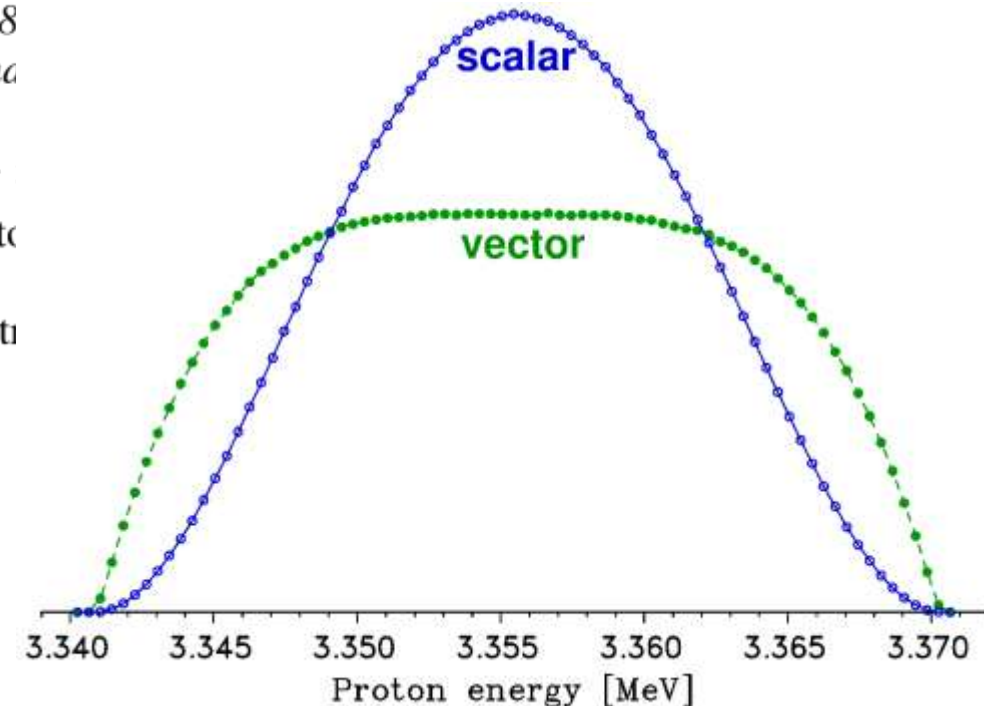
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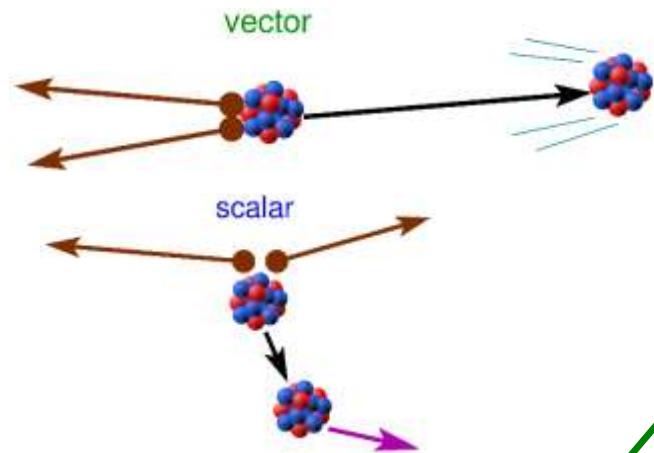
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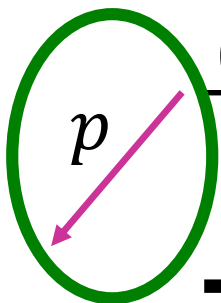
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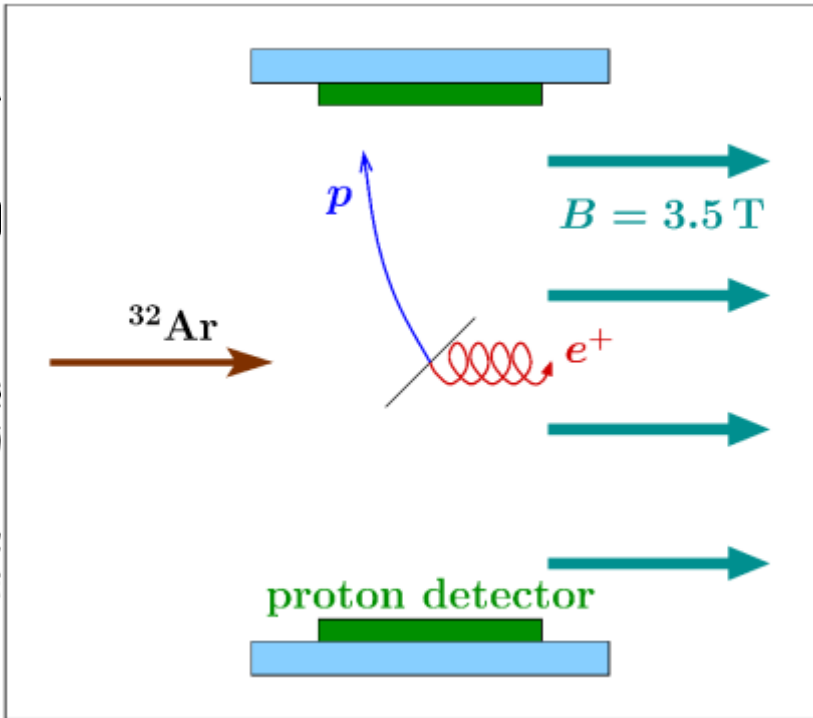
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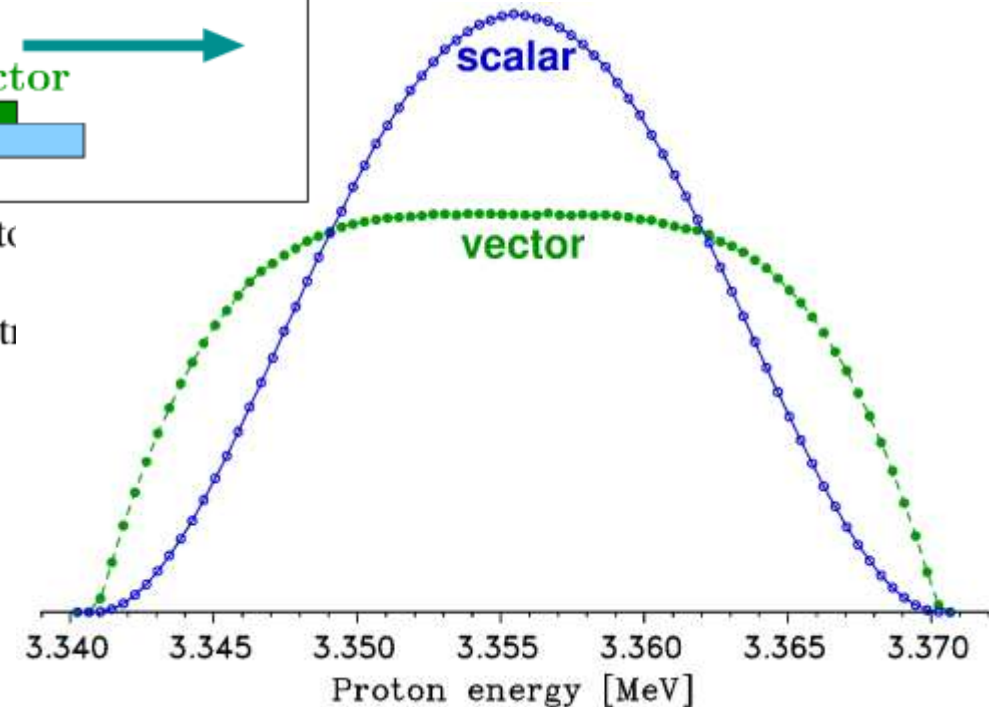
Doppler shape of proton
energy depends on $\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{p}_\nu$!



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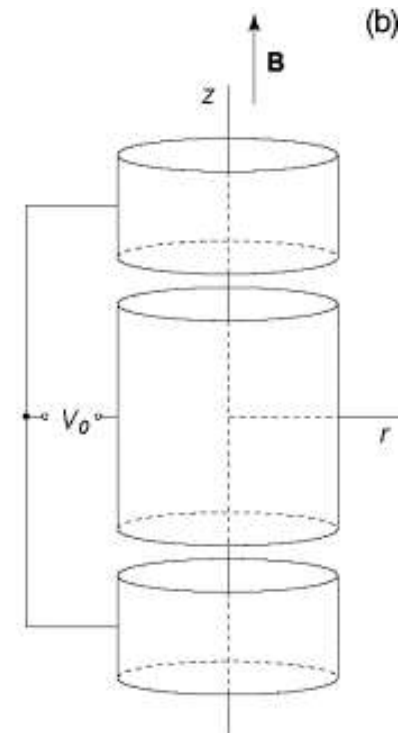
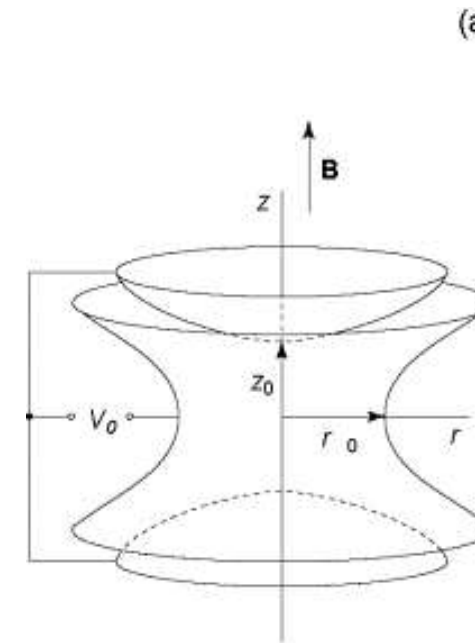
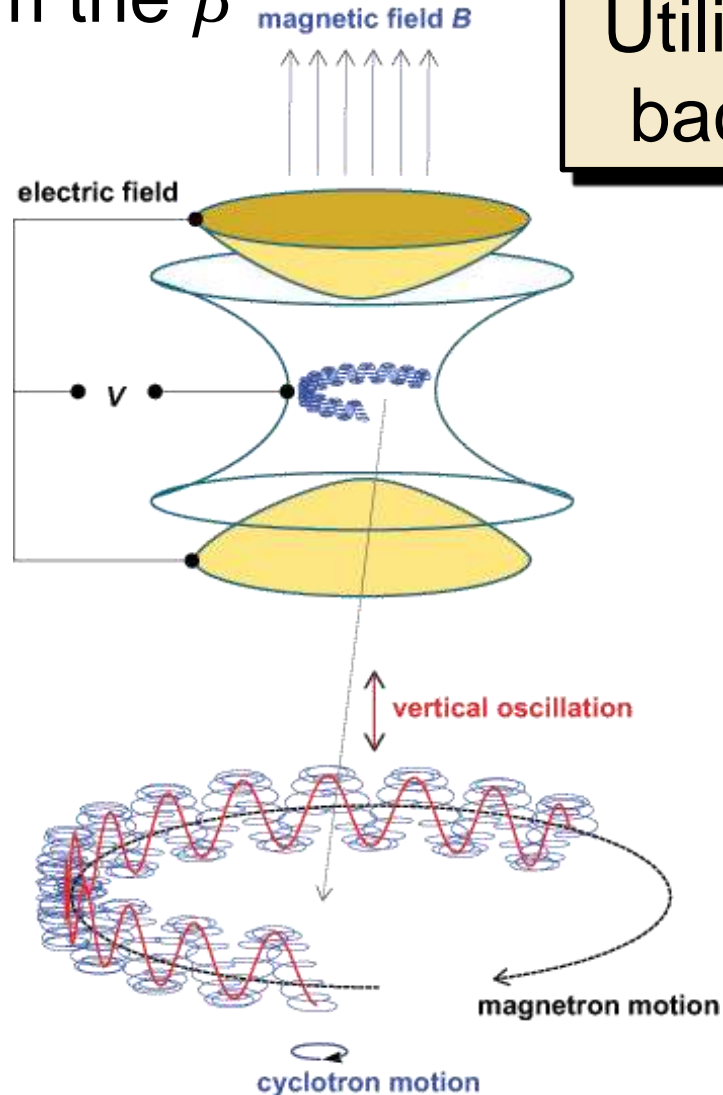
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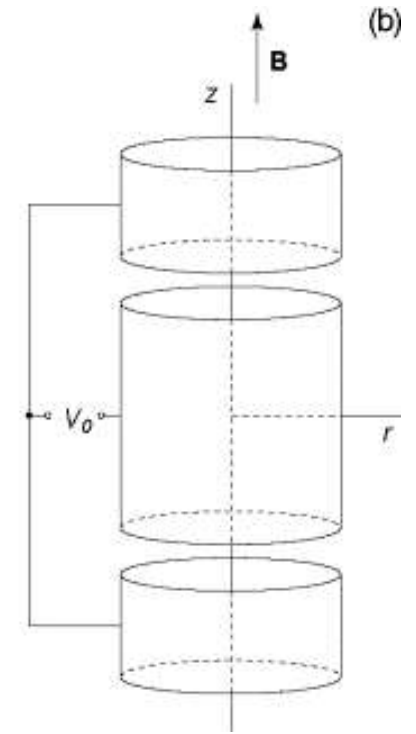
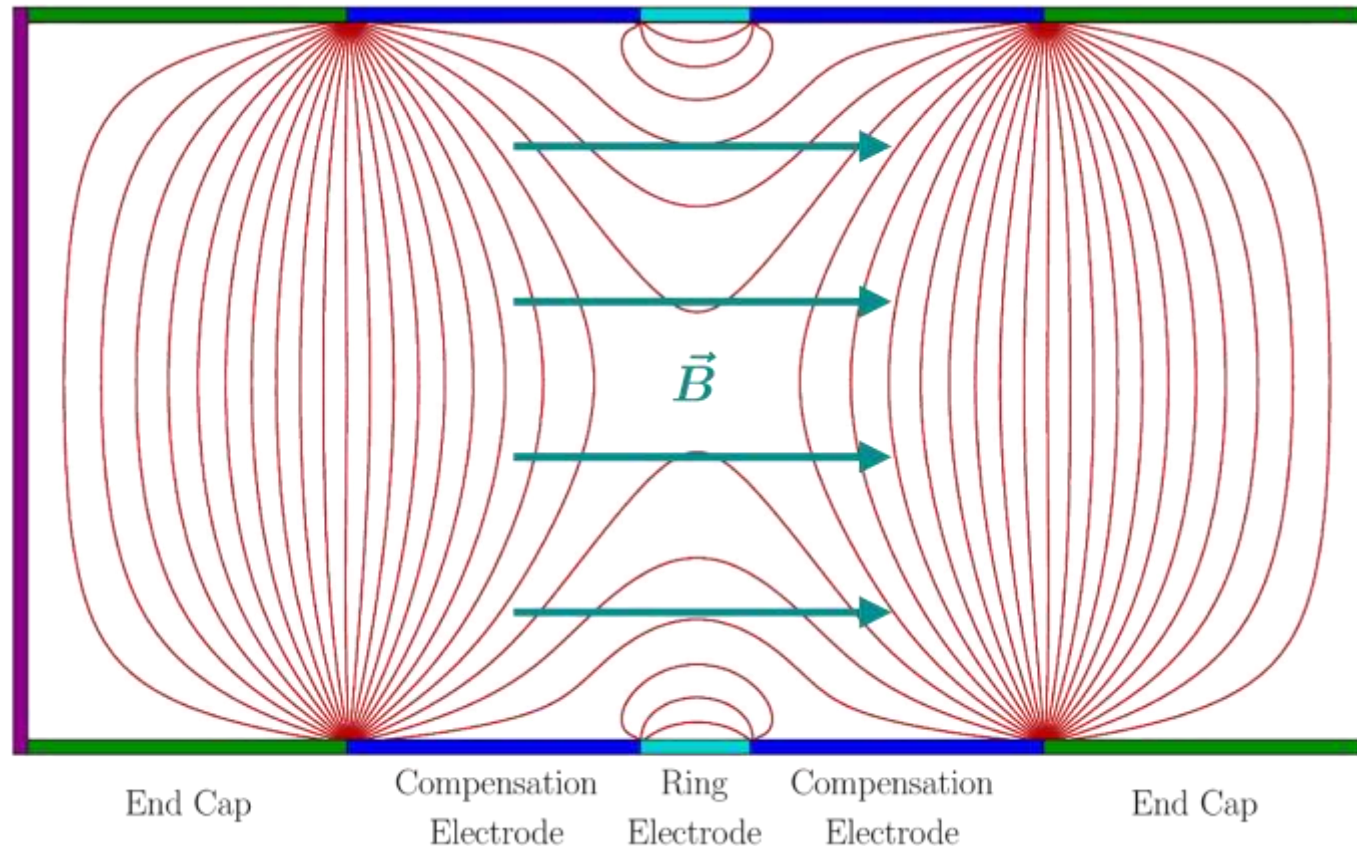
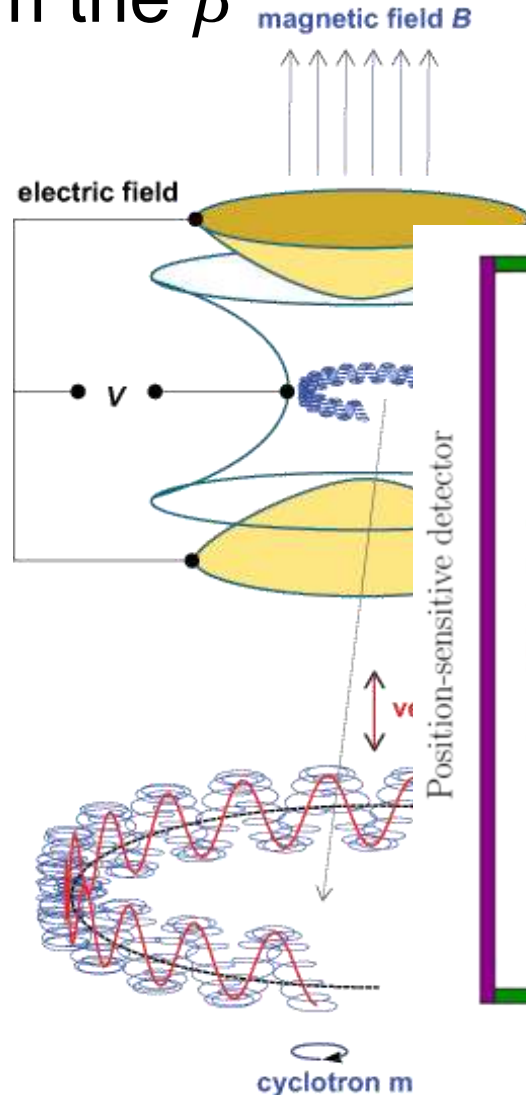
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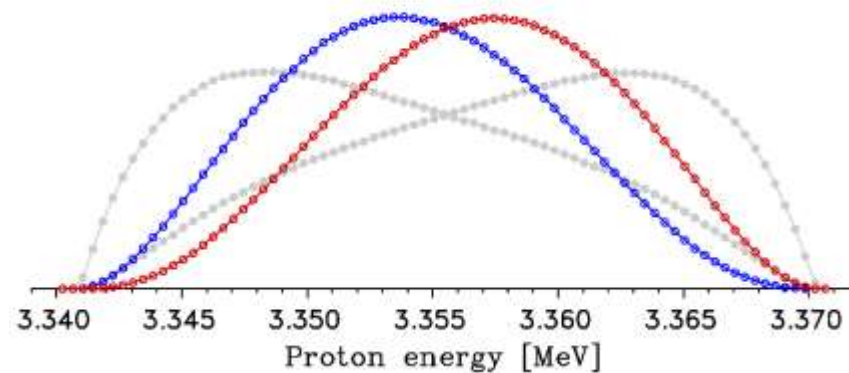
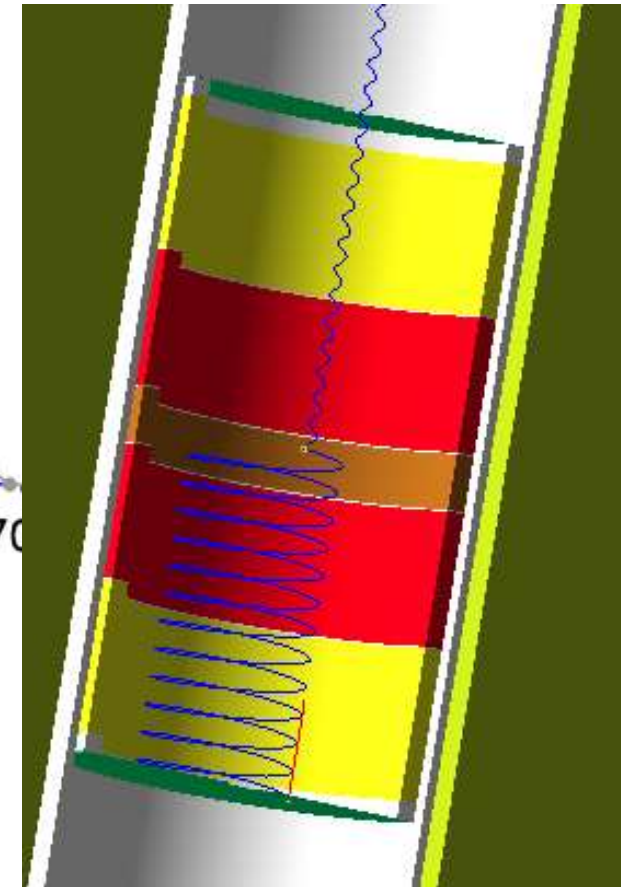
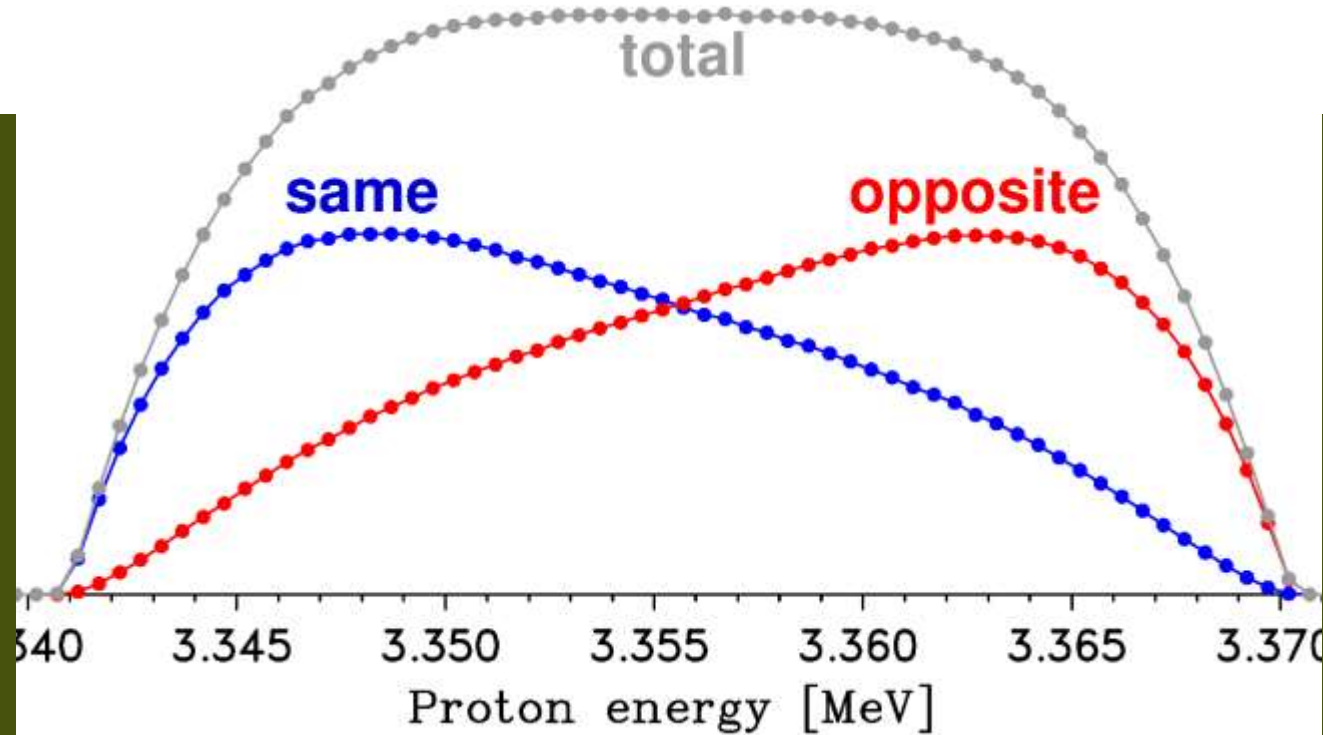
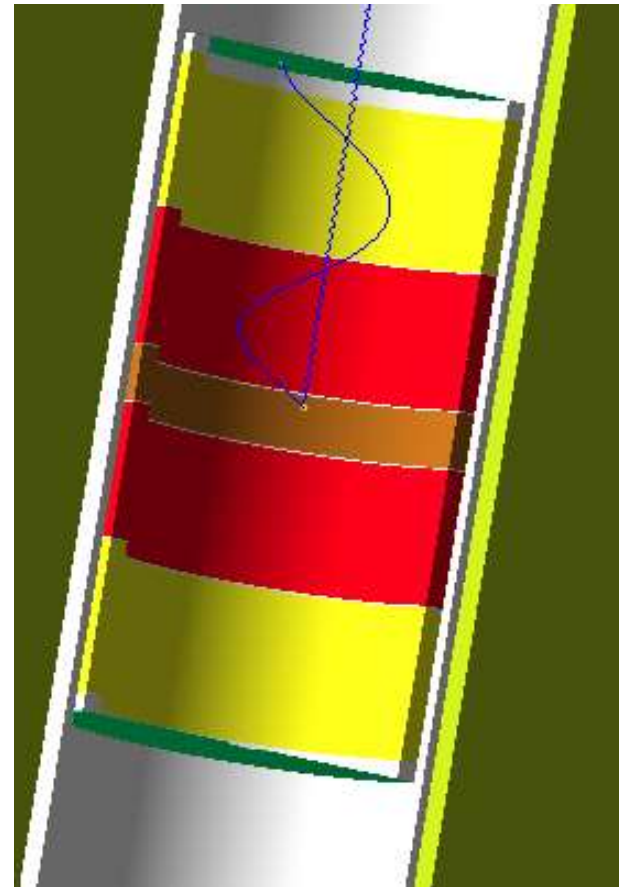
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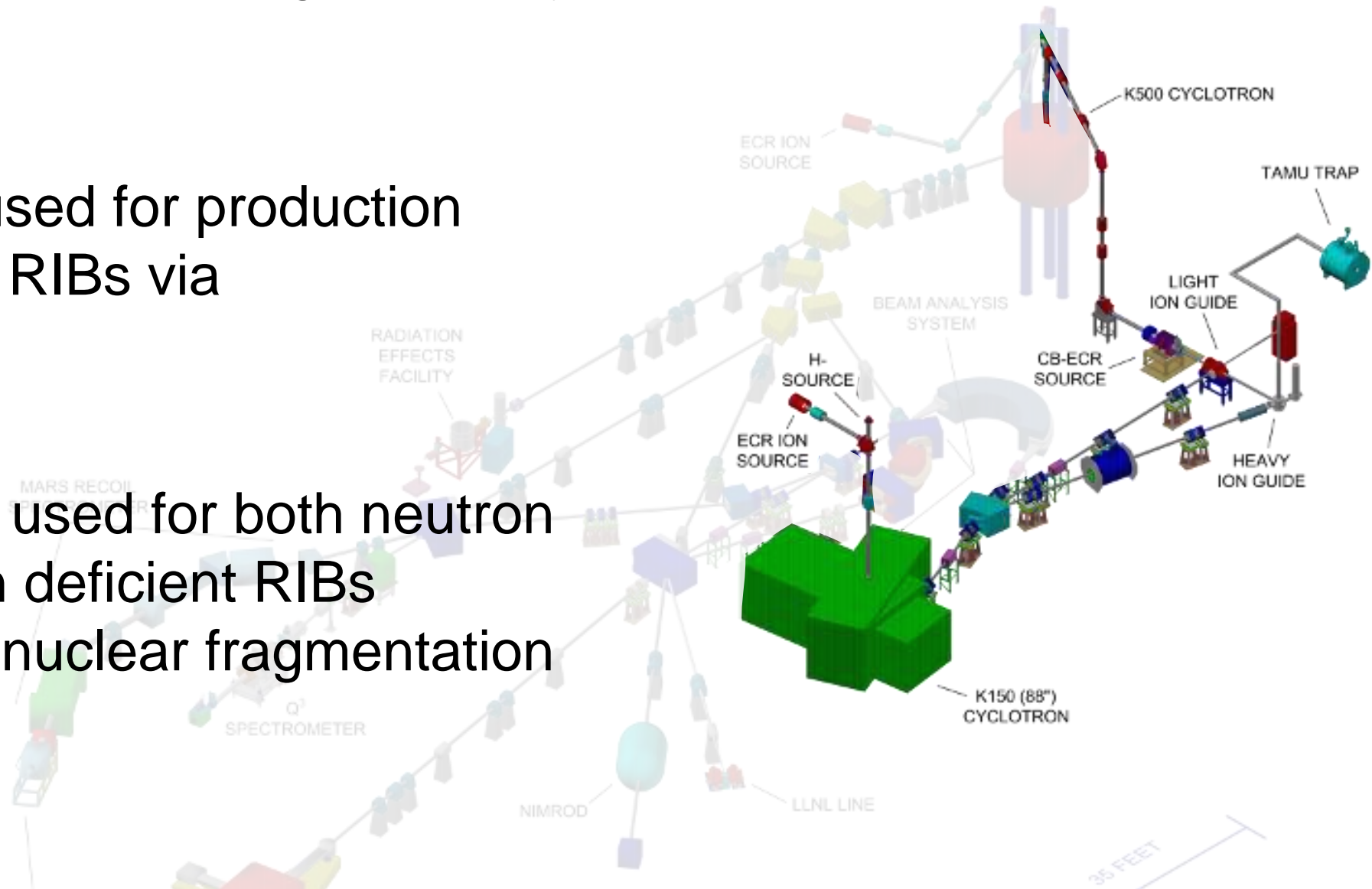


Measure means instead of 2nd moments



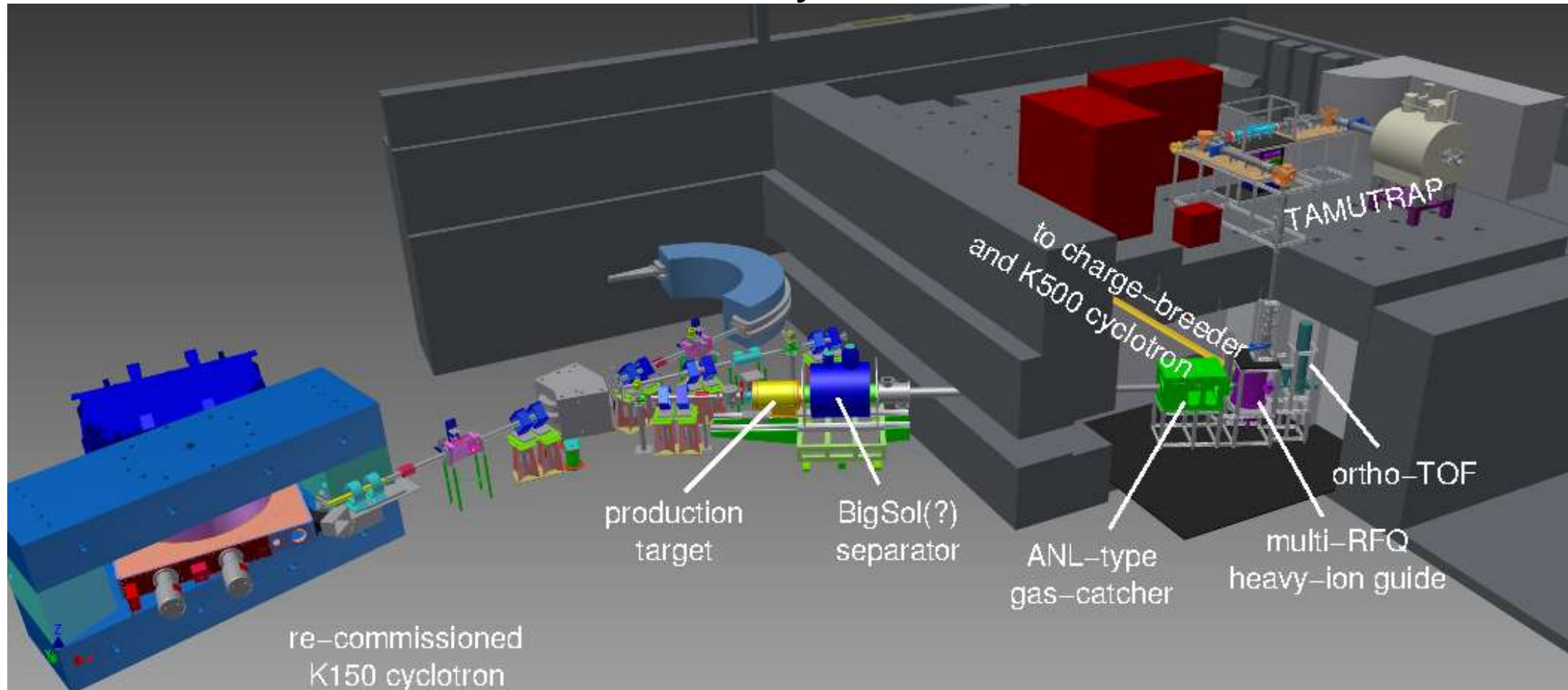
The T-REX Upgrade Project

- Re-commission the K150 for high intensity beams and/or to re-accelerate RIBs in the K500
- Light Ion Guide – used for production of neutron deficient RIBs via $A(p, xn)B$ reactions
- Heavy Ion Guide – used for both neutron deficient and proton deficient RIBs (deep inelastic and nuclear fragmentation reactions)



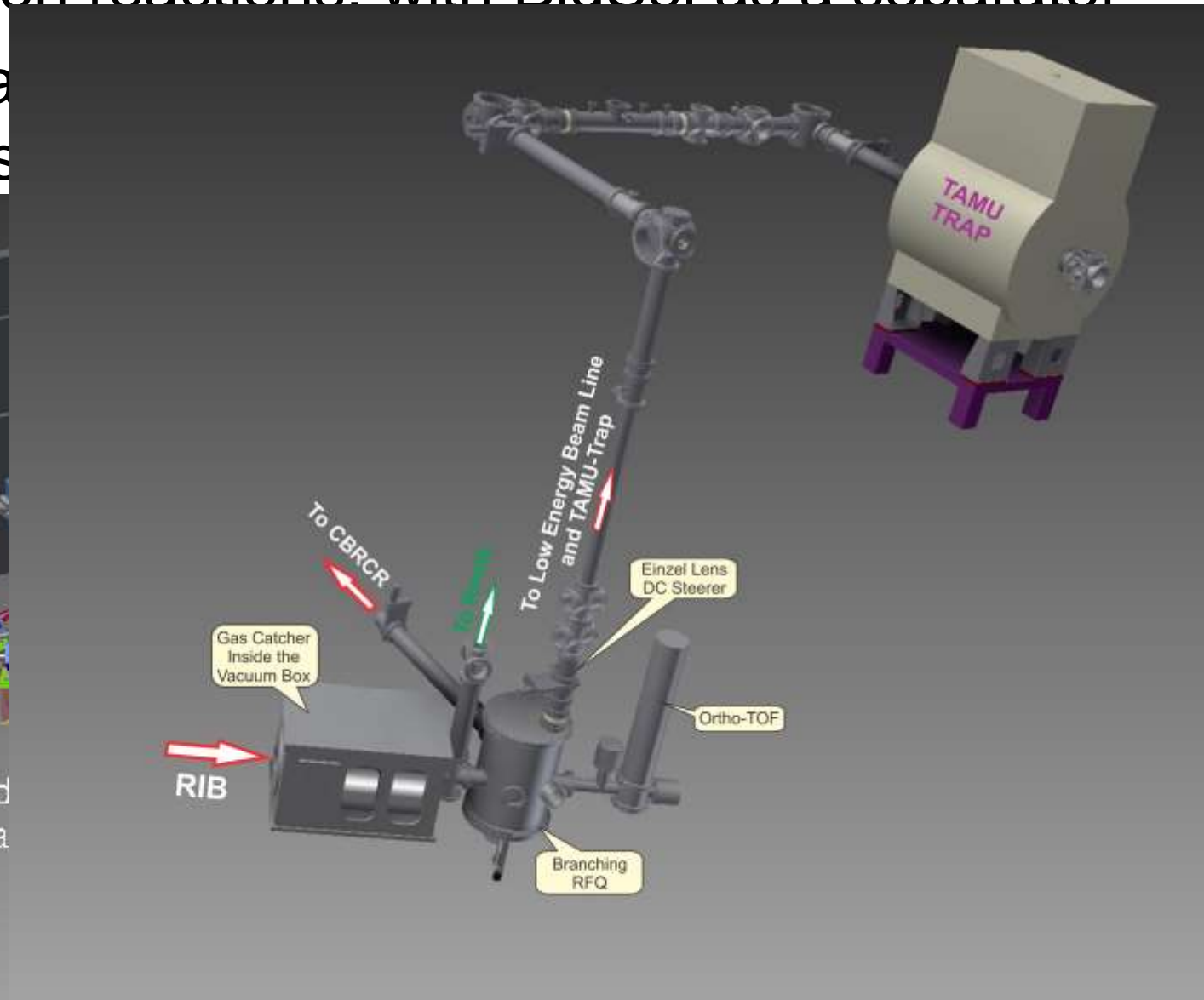
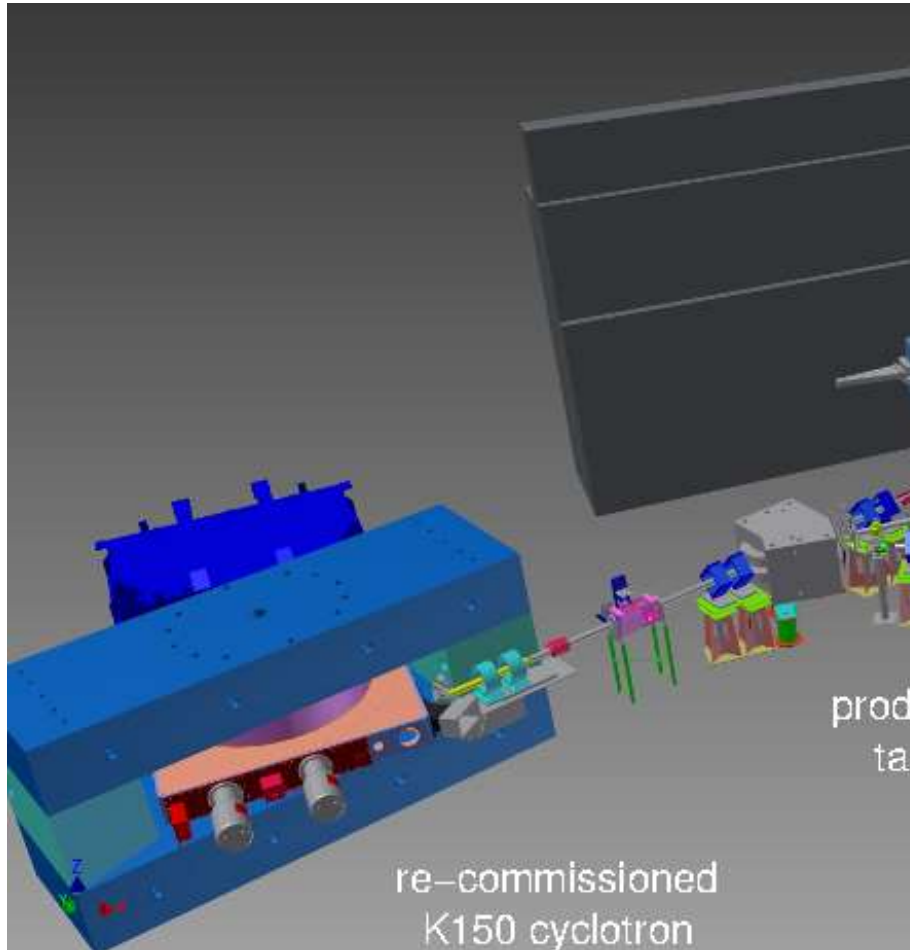
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- Deep-inelastic and fragmentation reactions, with BigSol as a separator
- Stopped in an ANL-type gas-catcher; able to transport to CB-ECR or TAMUTRAP with a multi-RFQ switchyard



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The Heavy Ion Guide gas catcher

- Designed and built in close collaboration with G. Savard (ANL)
- In a vacuum box to avoid condensation from cooling lines



Transporting the stopped RIBs

- Gas flow and rf funnel guide RIB through multi-RFQ system

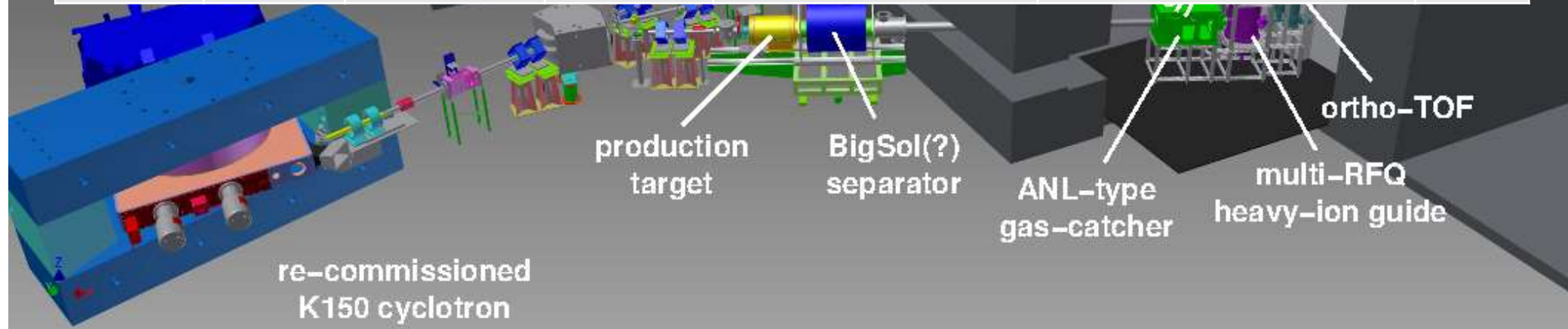


The original plan for TAMUTRAP

• Use the heavy ion guide to produce the proton-rich nuclei

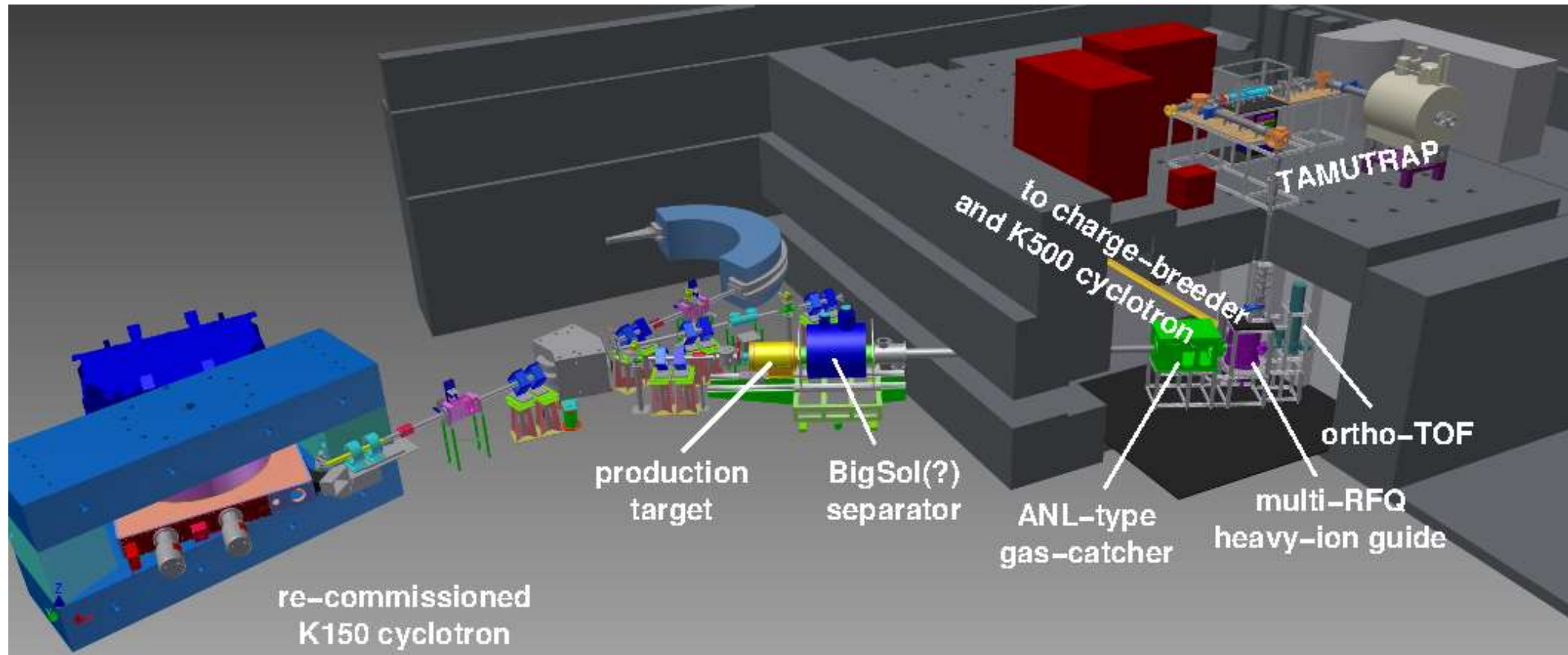
✱ ^3He target, 10% overall efficiency, **assuming** K150 specs from White Paper

RIB	$t_{1/2}$ [ms]	Projectile	Energy [MeV/u]	Target thickness [mg/cm ²]	Expected rate @ target chamber [pps]
^{20}Mg	90	^{20}Ne	23-30	22.5 (66)	$68 (400) \times 10^4$
^{24}Si	140	^{24}Mg	22-30	22.5 (70)	$26 (160) \times 10^4$
^{28}S	125	^{28}Si	22-30	22.5 (60)	$7 (40) \times 10^4$
^{32}Ar	98	^{32}S	20-24	22.5 (42)	$5 (17) \times 10^4$
^{36}Ca	102	^{36}Ar	23-30	22.5 (28)	$12 (31) \times 10^4$
^{40}Ti	53	^{40}Ca	23-30	22.5 (26)	$4 (8) \times 10^4$



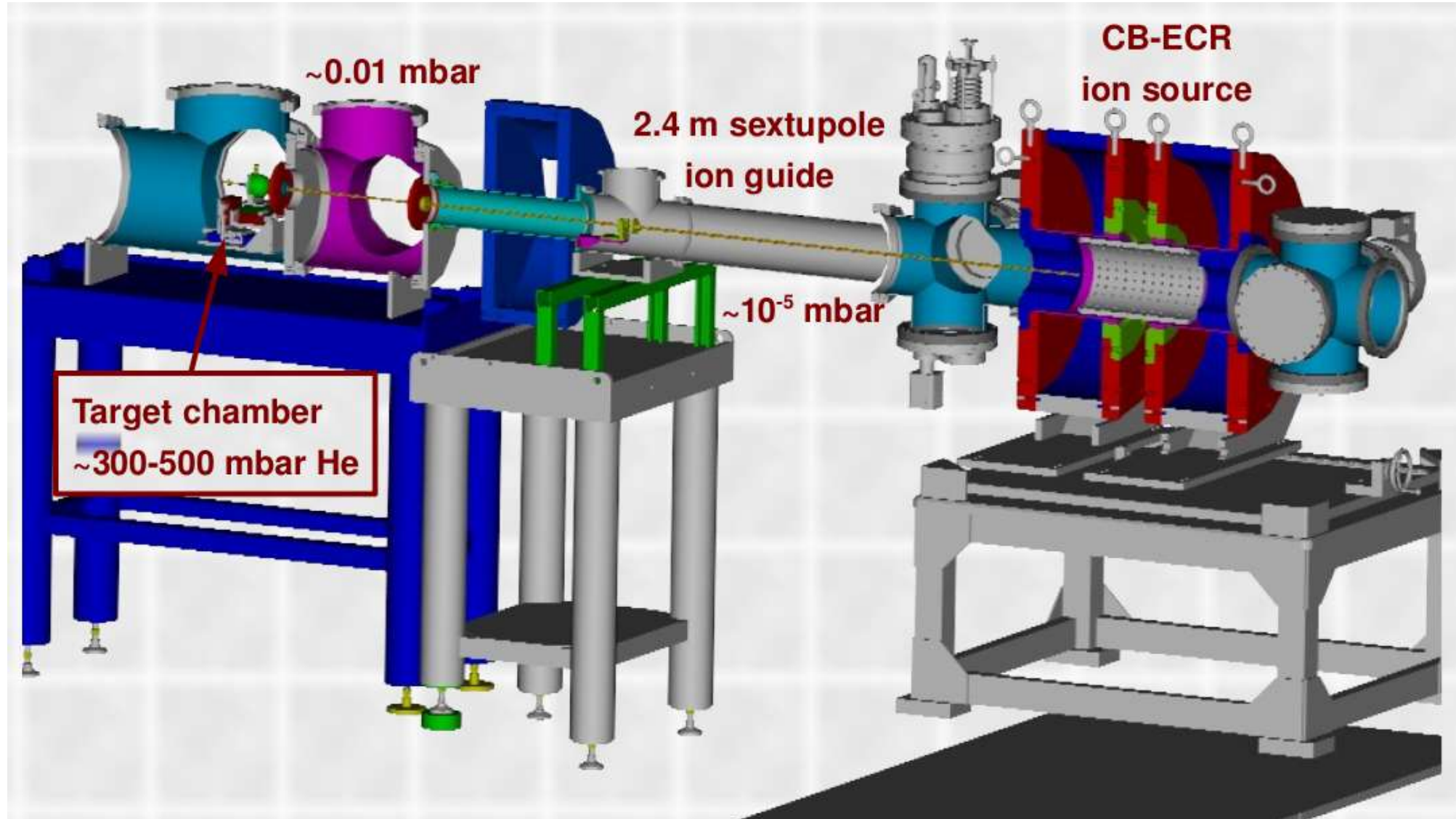
Issues with original plan

- Ion source not performing to specs
 - K150 not able to go to full energy/intensity
 - No separator, no one working on it
- “You can expect one ion every 9 or 10 seconds”*



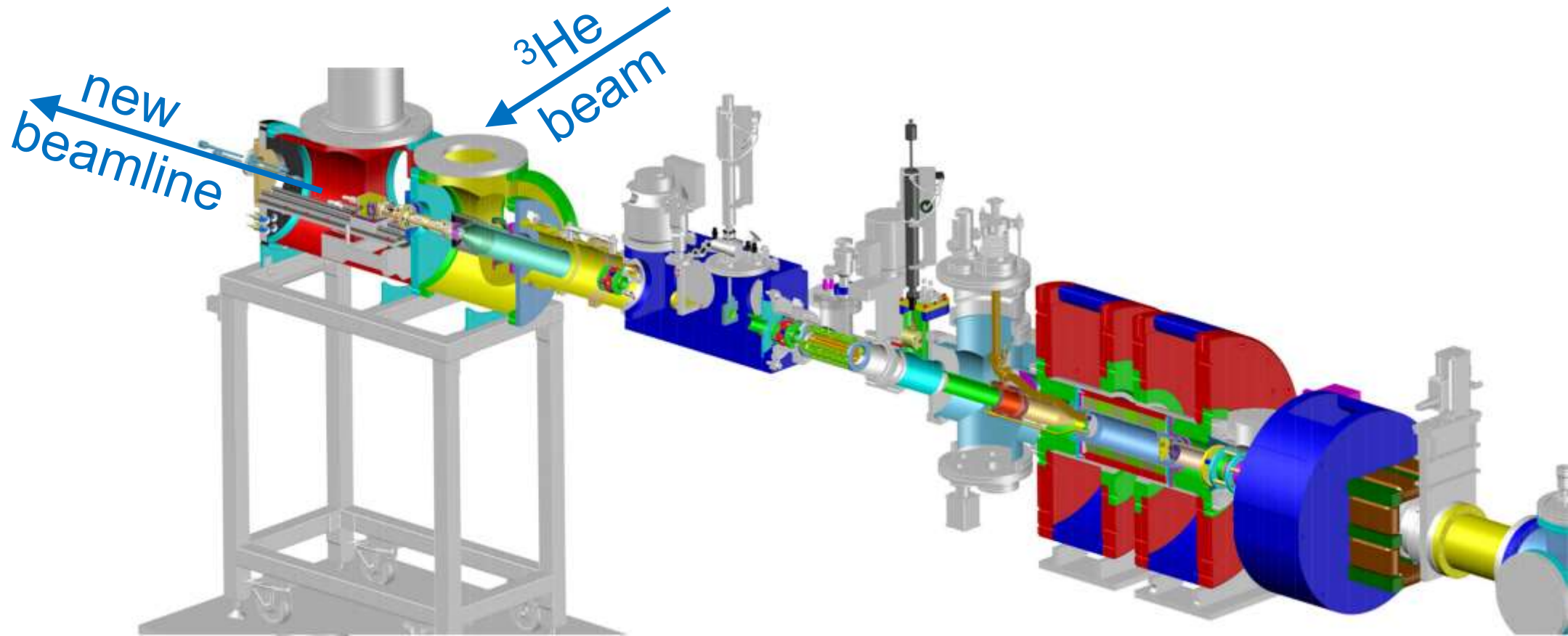
The Light Ion Guide is farther along

- Concept: like Jyvaskyla, light ions on heavy target



Latest plan: try using the LIG for TAMUTRAP

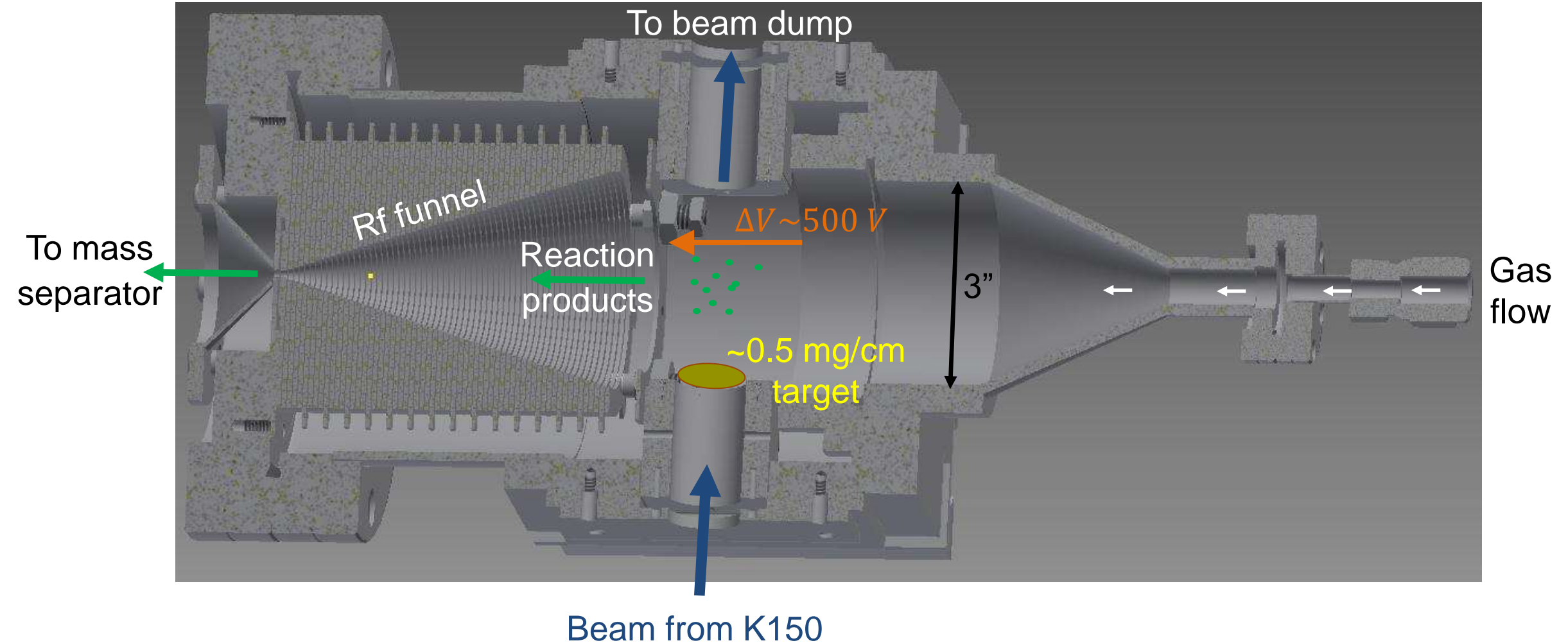
- Use ($^3\text{He}, 3n$) reaction; e.g., expect 5,000 $^{24}\text{Si}/\text{sec}$ using a ^{24}Mg target
- Same reaction cross-sections, lighter is better for the K150
- New gas cell. Mass separation? Incompatible with HIG...



New gas cell – to be tested this spring

• Efficiency is absolutely critical – need ~20% overall efficiency

✱ Gas cell → separator → cooler/bunch → Penning trap



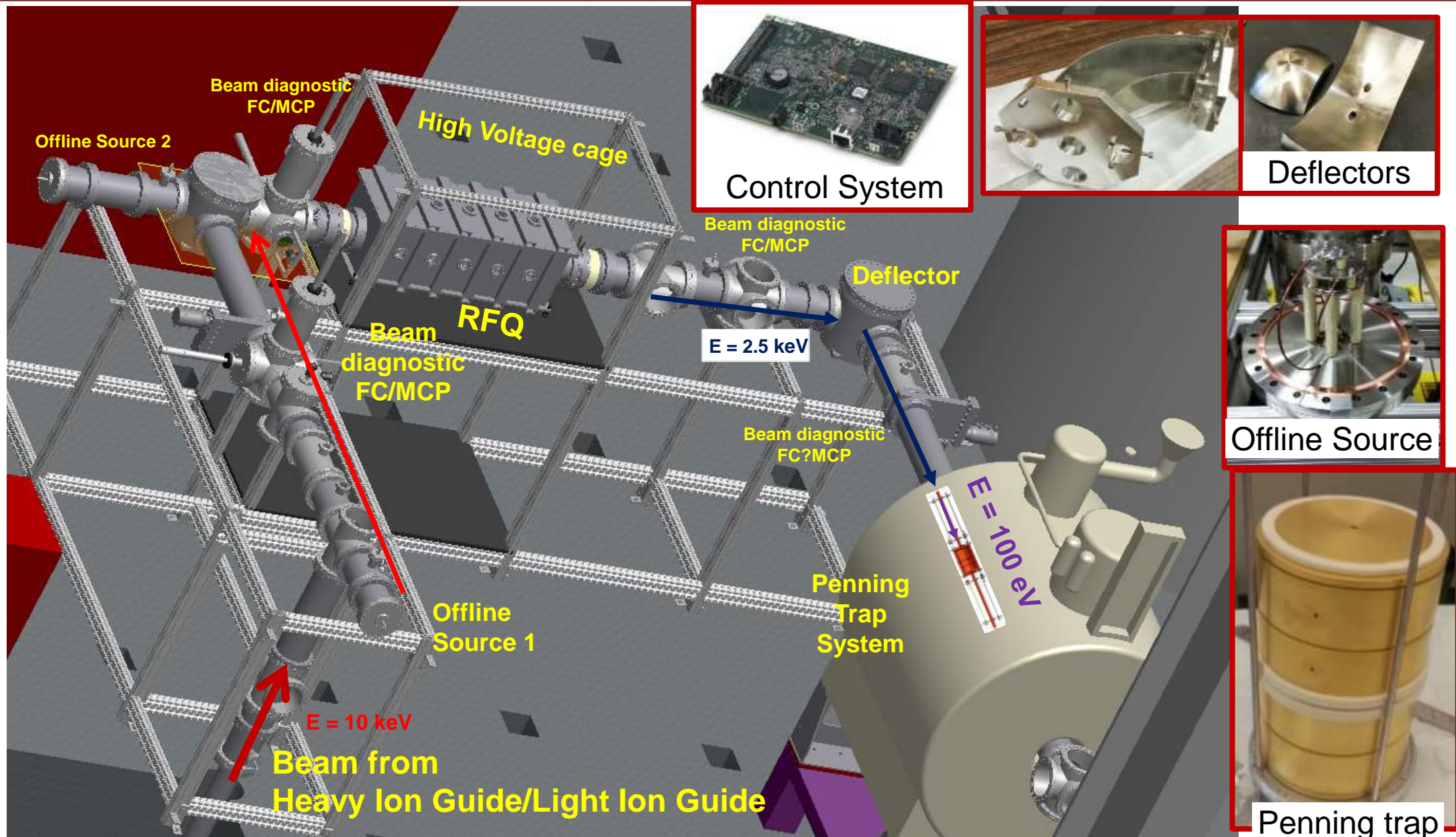
In the meantime, we haven't been picking our noses...



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Lens



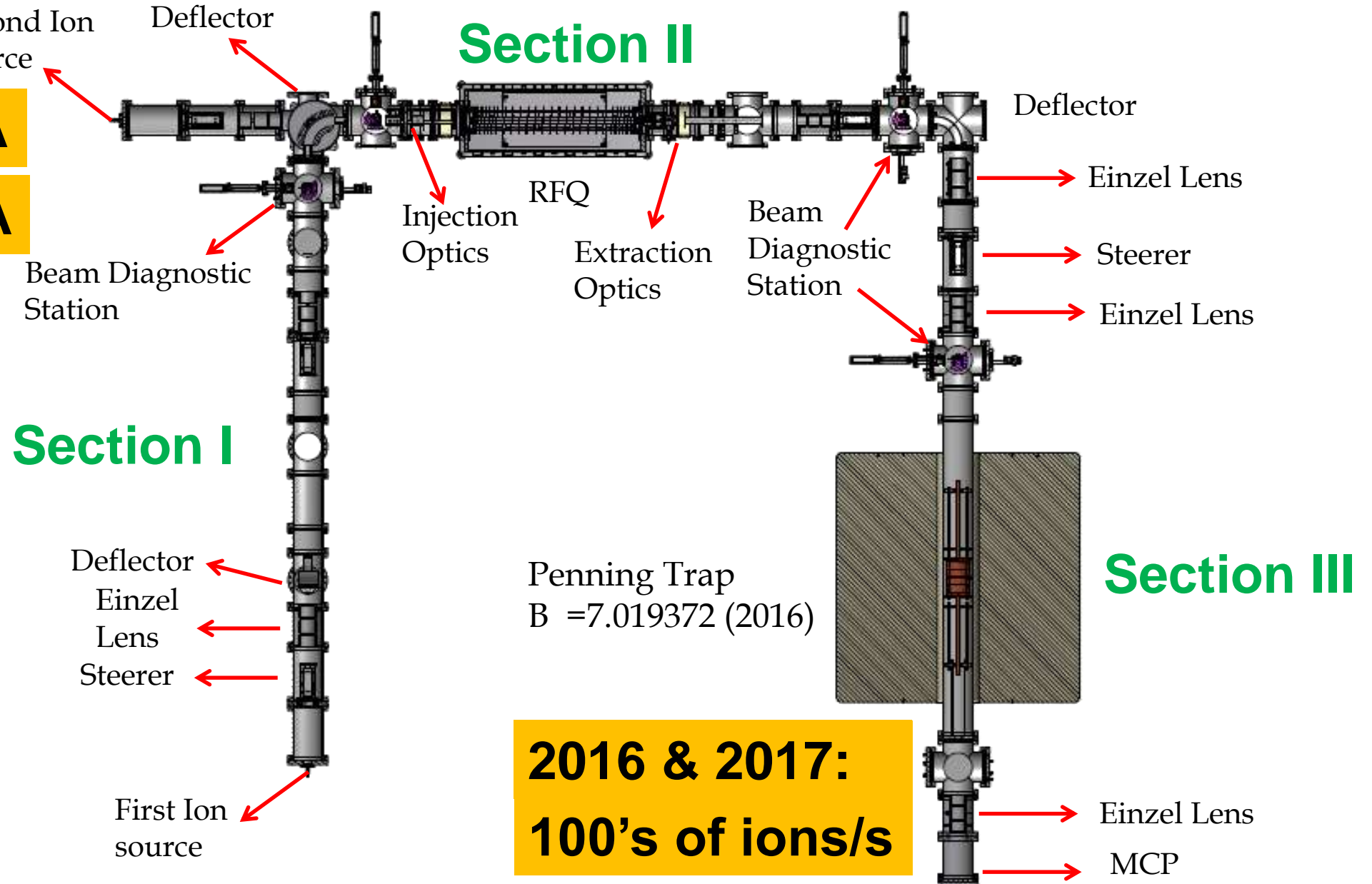
Steerer



Optimizing the TAMUTRAP beamlines

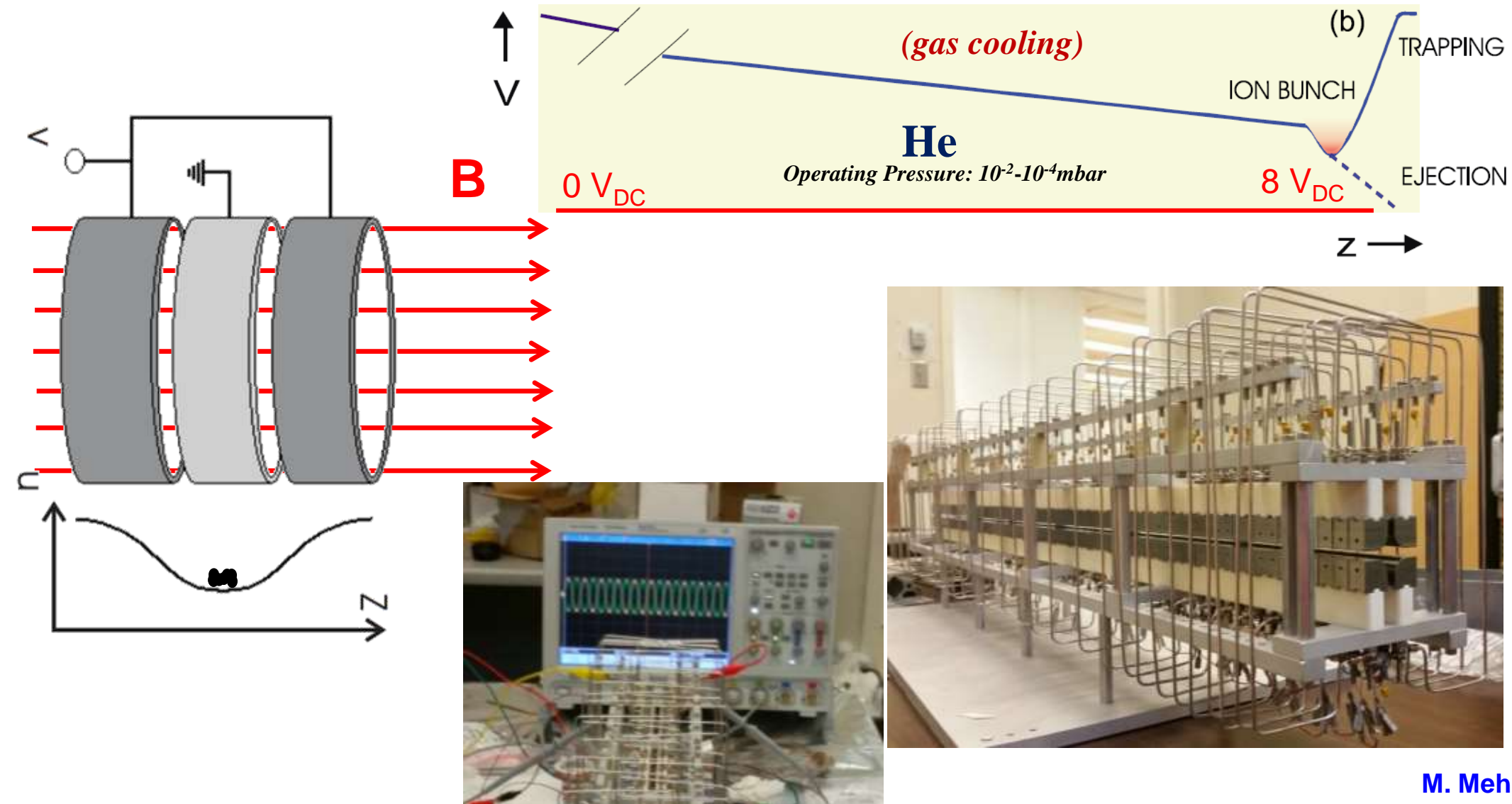
2016: 120 pA

2017: <1 pA



The RFQ cooler/buncher (v2)

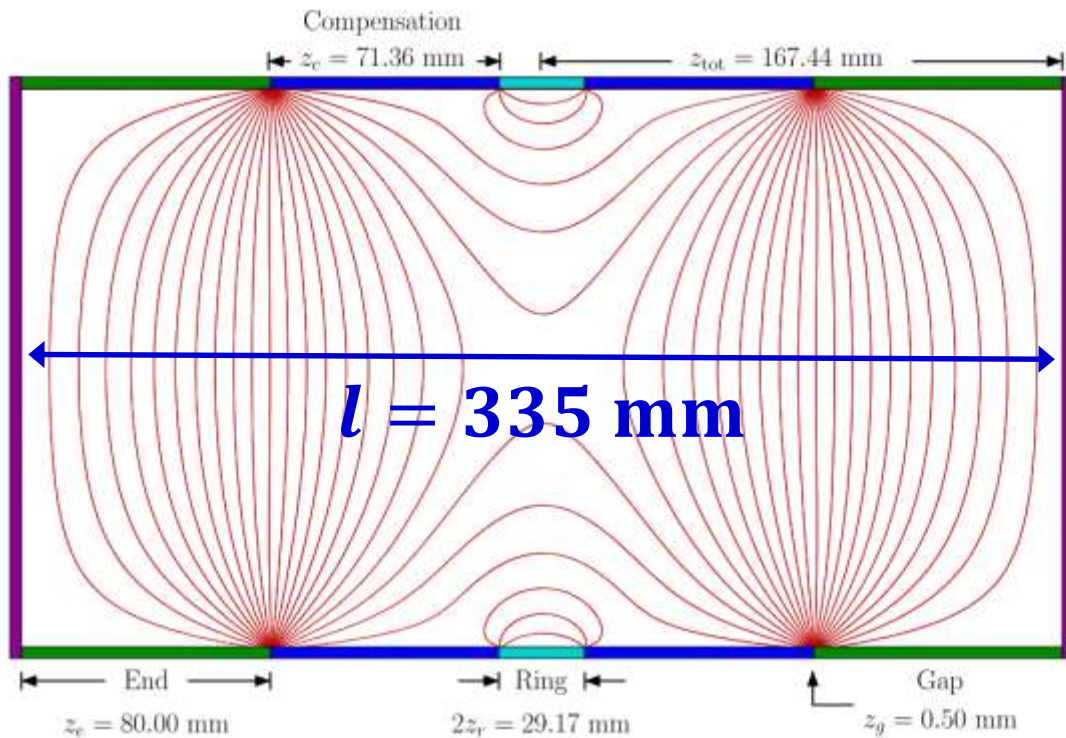
- Need bunched beams to load the trap



M. Mehlmann (Ph.D. Thesis)

Prototype Penning trap commissioned

- Most cylindrical Penning traps have a length-to-radius ratio of $l/r = 11.75$
- To confine the protons from $T = 2$ decays, need $r = 90$ mm
- Needed a new design to make it fit in the 7T magnet

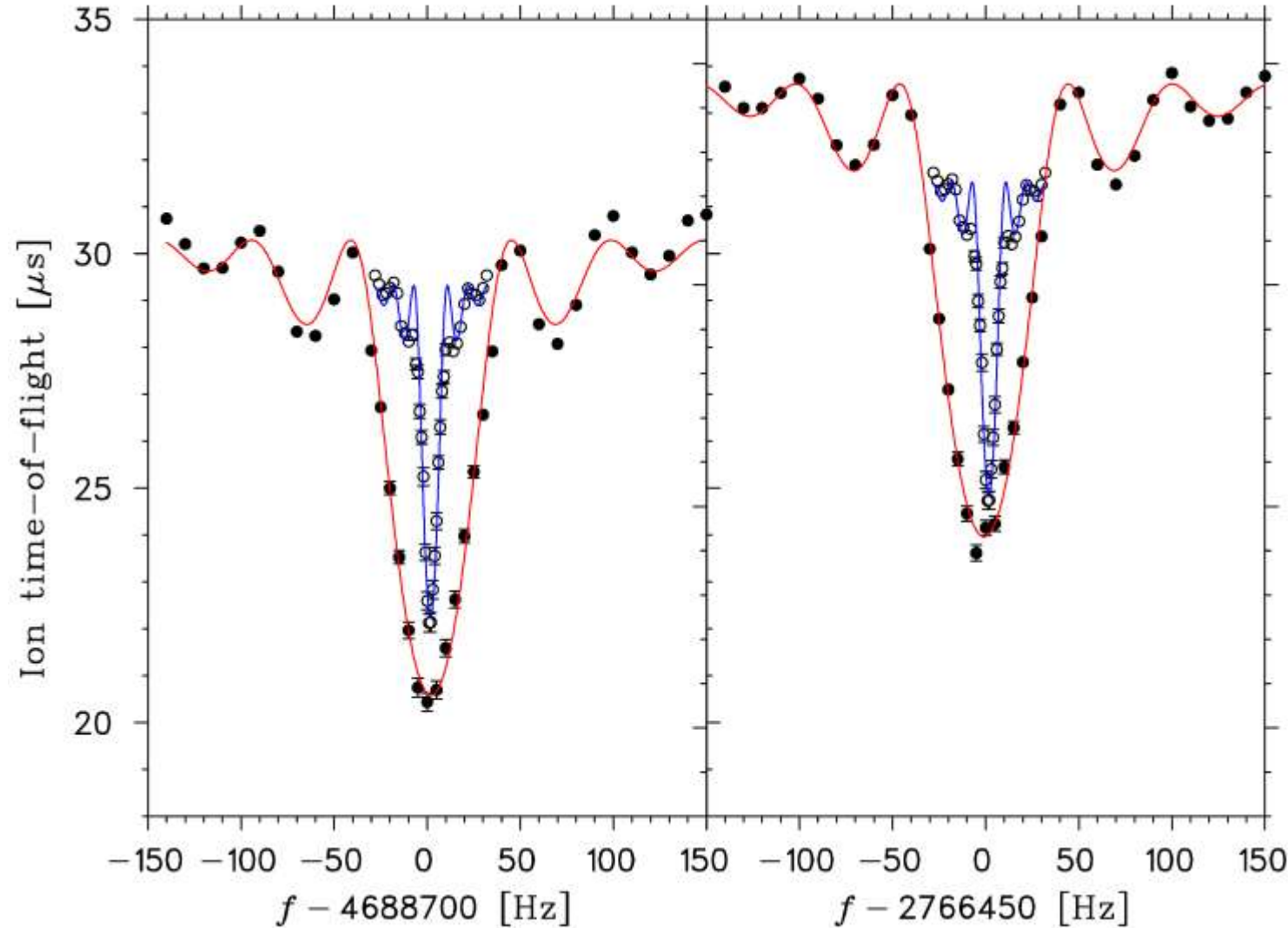


$$l/r = 3.72$$

M. Mehlman *et al.*
NIMA 712 (2013) 9

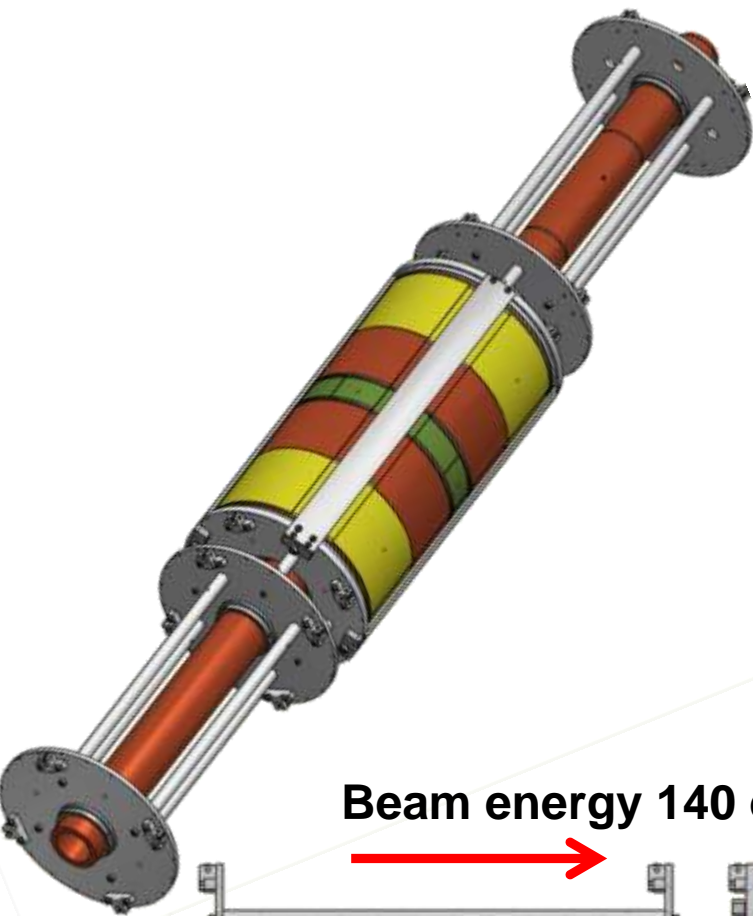
Mass measurement of ^{23}Na

- Find resonant frequencies for ^{23}Na and ^{39}K
- Use AME value for ^{39}K , and calculate $M(^{23}\text{Na})$
- 20 ms excitation (solid points, red curve)
 - $\Rightarrow M_{\text{diff}} = \text{calc} - \text{AME}$
 $= 2.8 \pm 2.5 \text{ keV}$
a 0.13 ppm measurement
- 100 ms (open points, blue)
 - $\Rightarrow M_{\text{diff}} = -0.3 \pm 1.3 \text{ keV}$
a 0.06 ppm measurement



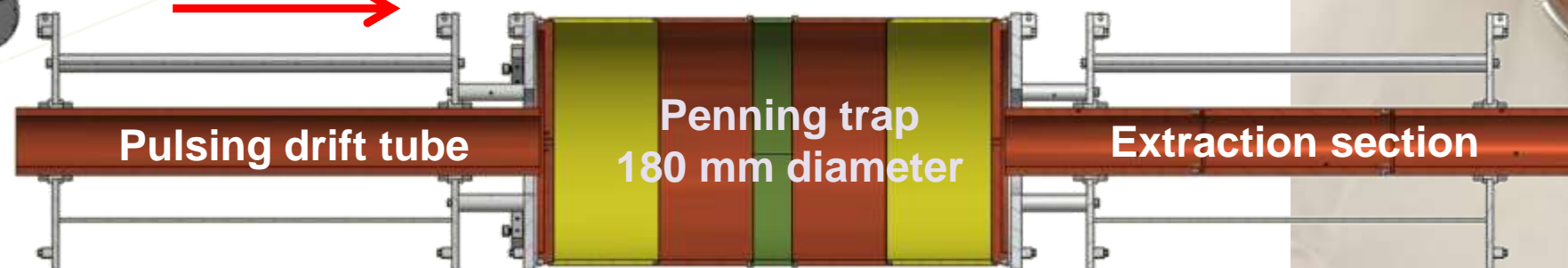
About to install the full Penning trap

180 mm in diameter



Nuclide	Larmour radius (mm)
^{20}Mg	42.7
^{24}Si	40.8
^{28}S	39.7
^{32}Ar	37.8
^{36}Ca	33.0
^{40}Ti	39.9
^{48}Fe	22.9

Beam energy 140 eV



Outline

• Introduction

- ✱ Testing the standard model via the precision frontier
- ✱ Angular correlations of β decay

• TAMUTRAP

- ✱ $T = 2$ decays to test the SM
- ✱ Current status

• ^{37}K at TRIUMF

- ✱ The TRINAT facility
- ✱ Polarizing the cloud
- ✱ Recent measurement of A_β

THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

57 La Lanthanum 138.906	58 Ce Cerium 140.125	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.908	60 Nd Neodymium 144.24	61 Pm Promethium 144.913	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.925	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.50	67 Ho Holmium 164.930	68 Er Erbium 167.26	69 Tm Thulium 168.934	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.04	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967
89 Ac Actinium 227.028	90 Th Thorium 232.038	91 Pa Protactinium 231.036	92 U Uranium 238.029	93 Np Neptunium 237.048	94 Pu Plutonium 244.064	95 Am Americium 243.061	96 Cm Curium 247.070	97 Bk Berkelium 247.070	98 Cf Californium 251.080	99 Es Einsteinium [252]	100 Fm Fermium 257.085	101 Md Mendelevium 258.1	102 No Nobelium 259.101	103 Lr Lawrencium [262]

Difficulty with MOTs: not all atoms can be trapped

**THE PERIODIC TABLE
OF THE ELEMENTS**
trappable

1 IA 1A	2 IIA 2A											13 IIIA 3A	14 IVA 4A	15 VA 5A	16 VIA 6A	17 VIIA 7A	18 VIIIA 8A
1 H Hydrogen 1.008																	2 He Helium 4.003
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012											5 B Boron 10.81	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.007	8 O Oxygen 15.999	9 F Fluorine 18.998	10 Ne Neon 20.180
11 Na Sodium 22.990	12 Mg Magnesium 24.305	13 Al Aluminum 26.982	14 Si Silicon 28.086	15 P Phosphorus 30.974	16 S Sulfur 32.06	17 Cl Chlorine 35.45	18 Ar Argon 39.948										
19 K Potassium 39.098	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.956	22 Ti Titanium 47.88	23 V Vanadium 50.942	24 Cr Chromium 51.996	25 Mn Manganese 54.938	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933	28 Ni Nickel 58.693	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.38	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.63	33 As Arsenic 74.922	34 Se Selenium 78.96	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.80
37 Rb Rubidium 85.468	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.906	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium 98.906	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.906	46 Pd Palladium 106.37	47 Ag Silver 107.868	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.710	51 Sb Antimony 121.757	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.905	54 Xe Xenon 131.29
55 Cs Cesium 132.905	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57-71 Lanthanide Series	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.948	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.222	78 Pt Platinum 195.084	79 Au Gold 196.967	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.384	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.980	84 Po Polonium 209	85 At Astatine 210	86 Rn Radon 222.018
87 Fr Francium 223.020	88 Ra Radium 226.025	89-103 Actinide Series	104 Rf Rutherfordium 261	105 Db Dubnium 262	106 Sg Seaborgium 266	107 Bh Bohrium 264	108 Hs Hassium 277	109 Mt Meitnerium 268	110 Ds Darmstadtium 271	111 Rg Roentgenium 272	112 Cn Copernicium 285	113 Uut Ununtrium 284	114 Fl Flerovium 289	115 Uup Ununpentium 288	116 Lv Livermorium 293	117 Uus Ununseptium 294	118 Uuo Ununoctium 294

Lanthanide Series: La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Pm, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu

Actinide Series: Ac, Th, Pa, U, Np, Pu, Am, Cm, Bk, Cf, Es, Fm, Md, No, Lr

Legend:

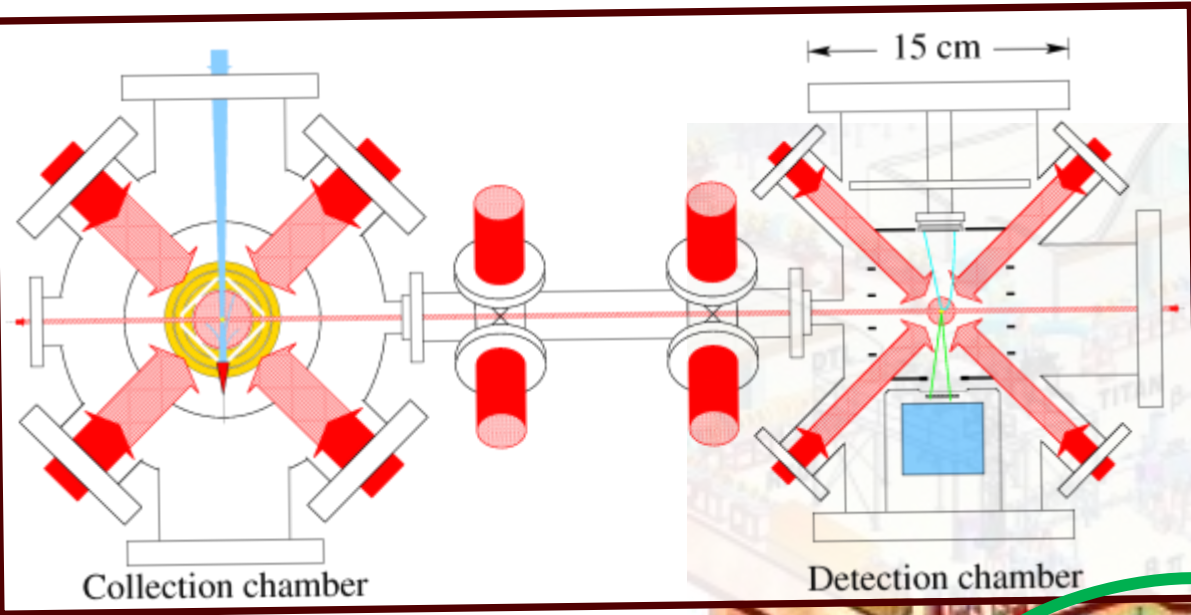
- Alkali Metal
- Alkaline Earth
- Transition Metal
- Basic Metal
- Semimetal
- Nonmetal
- Halogens
- Noble Gas
- Lanthanide
- Actinide

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(LBNL)
TRINAT
TRIUMF APV
ANL EDM
UW/ANL
NeAT
ATTA trace analysis

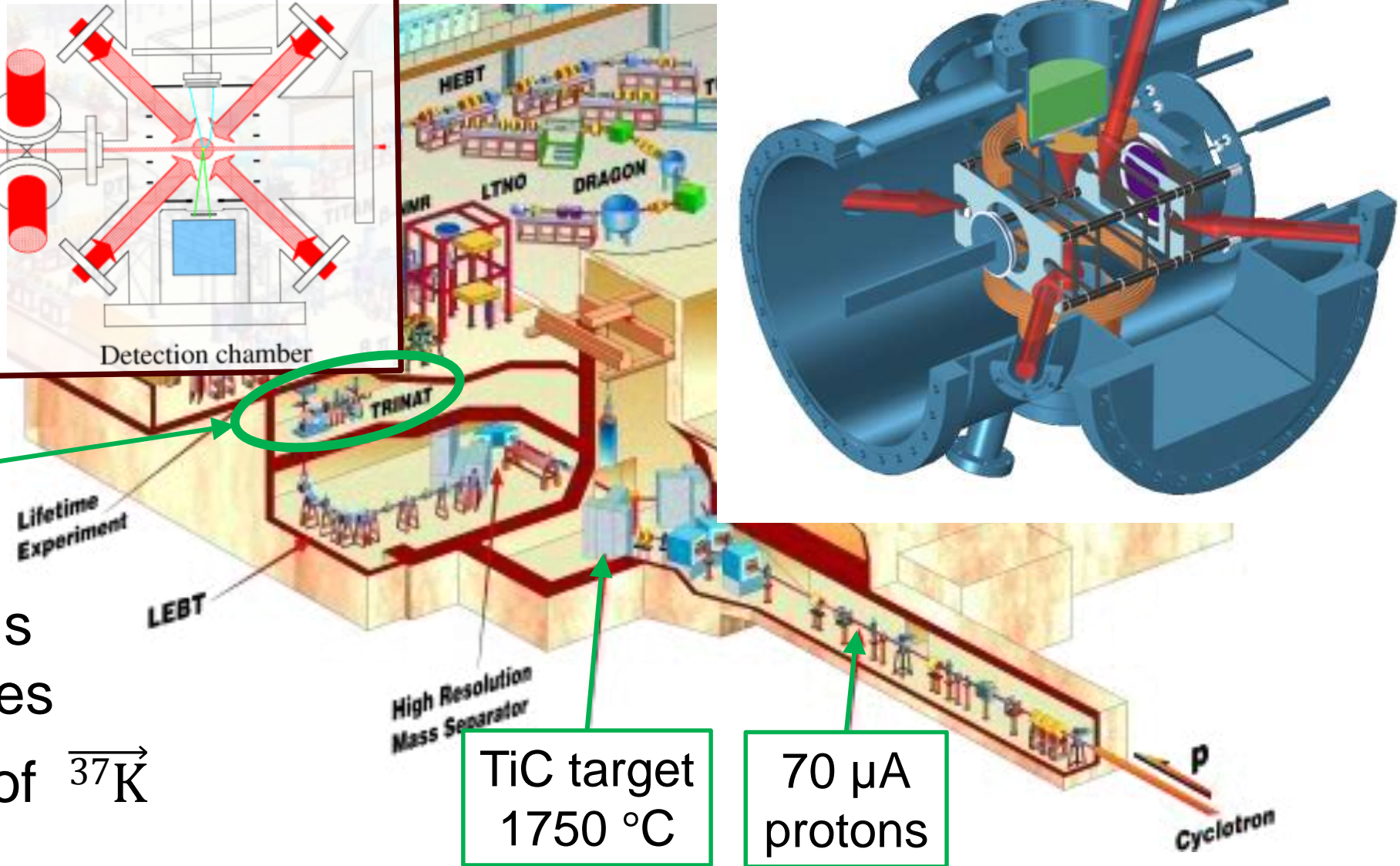
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The TRIUMF Neutral Atom Trap



up to 8×10^7 $^{37}\text{K/s}$

- Angular correlations of K and Rb isotopes
- Recent result: A_β of ^{37}K



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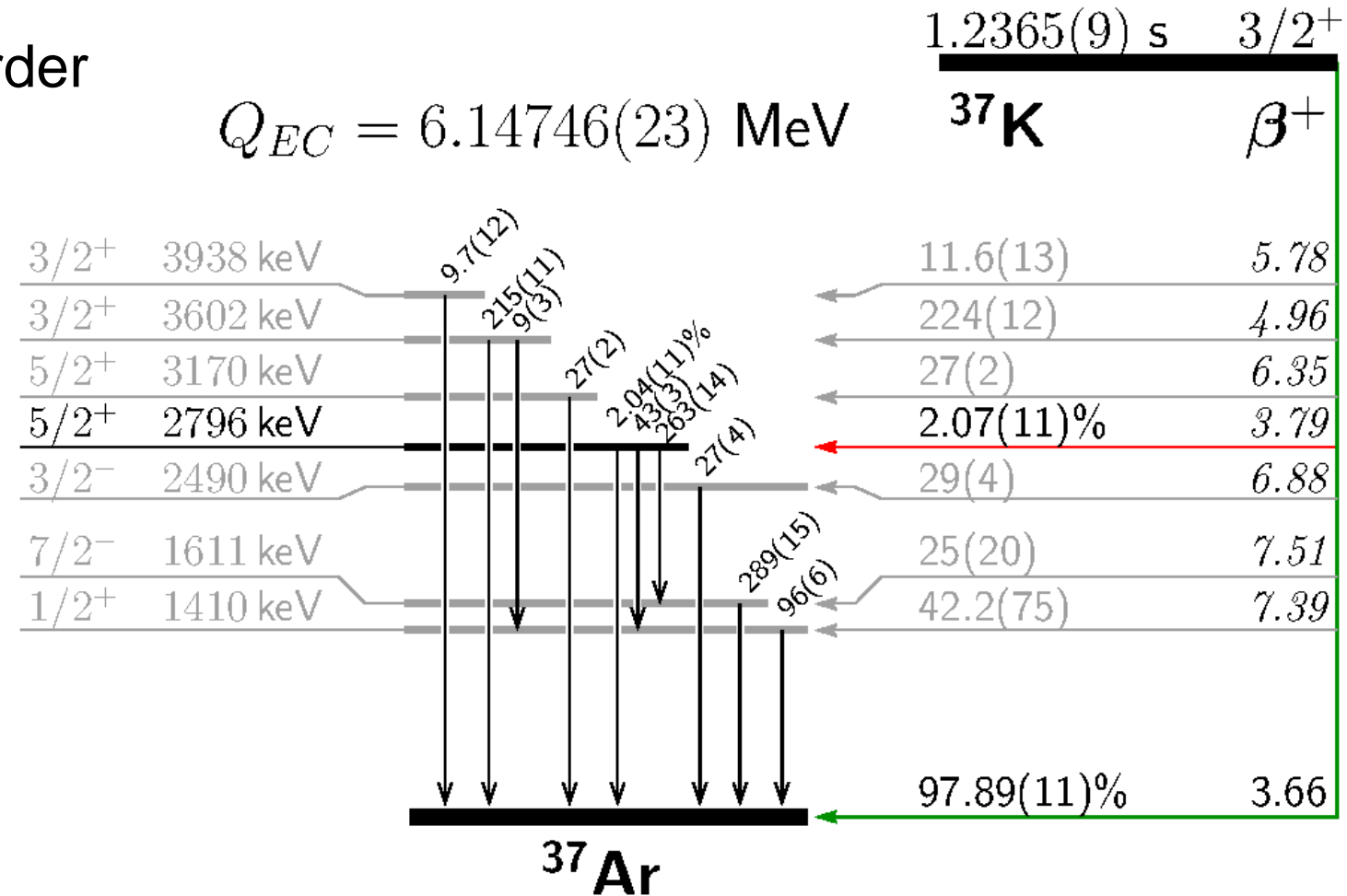
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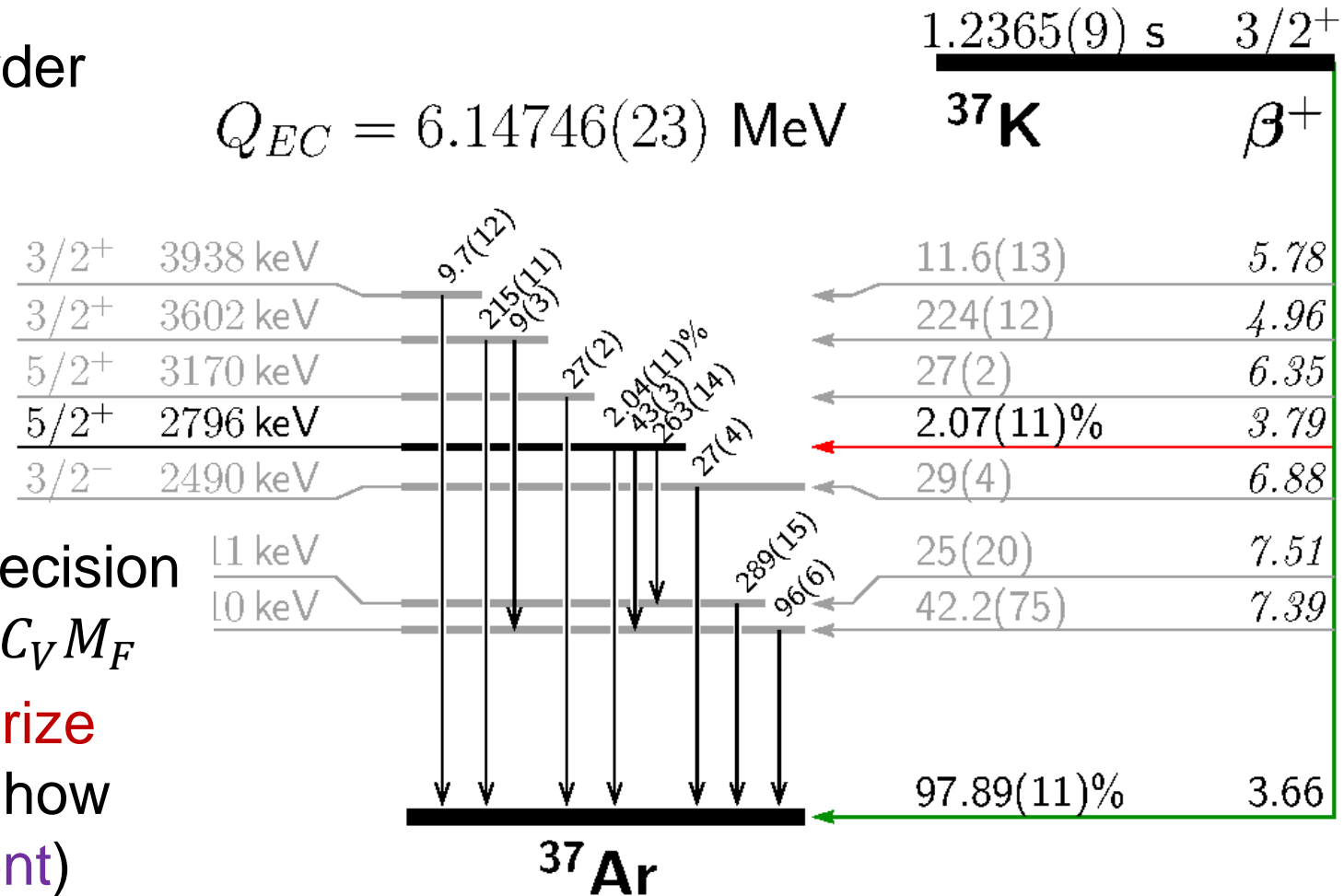
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But there are challenges...

✱ Can't calculate $C_A M_{GT}$ to high precision
 \Rightarrow need to measure $\rho \equiv C_A M_{GT} / C_V M_F$

✱ Nuclear spin $3/2 \Rightarrow$ need to polarize the atoms, and especially know how polarized they are (also alignment)



The Ft is measured well enough (for now)

$$dW = dW_0 \left[1 + a \frac{\vec{p}_\beta \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta E_\nu} + b \frac{\Gamma m_e}{E_\beta} + \frac{\langle \vec{I} \rangle}{I} \cdot \left(A_\beta \frac{\vec{p}_\beta}{E_\beta} + B_\nu \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D \frac{\vec{p}_\beta \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_\beta E_\nu} \right) + \text{alignment term} \right]$$

Correlation

SM expectation

$\beta - \nu$ correlation

$$a_{\beta\nu} = 0.6648(18)$$

Fierz interference

$$b = 0 \quad (\text{sensitive to scalars \& tensors})$$

β asymmetry

$$A_\beta = -0.5706(7)$$

ν asymmetry

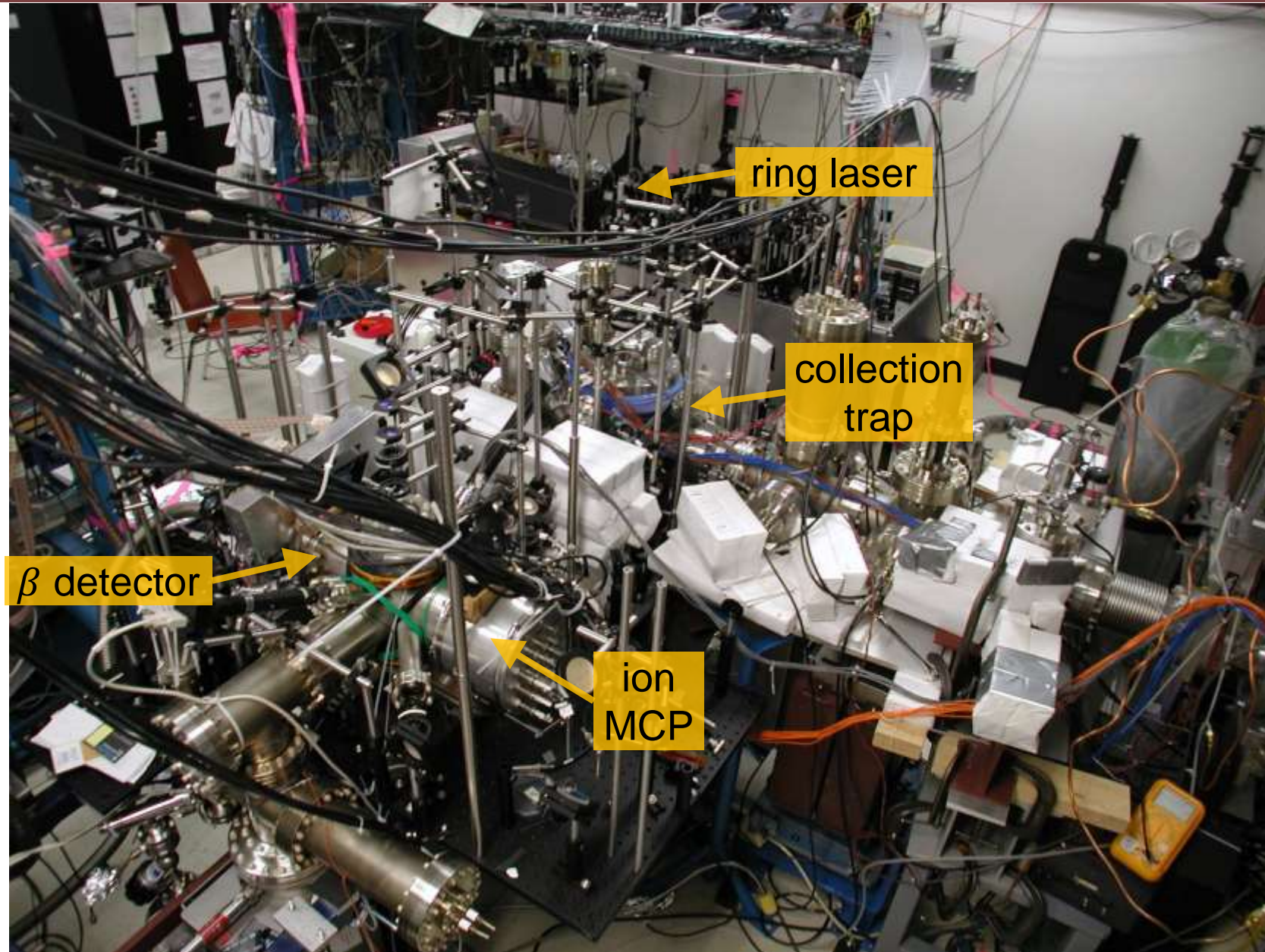
$$B_\nu = -0.7702(18)$$

Time-violating correlation

$$D = 0 \quad (\text{sensitive to imaginary couplings})$$

→ Data is in hand for improved branching ratio (currently limits predictions)

The TRINAT lab (an older picture)

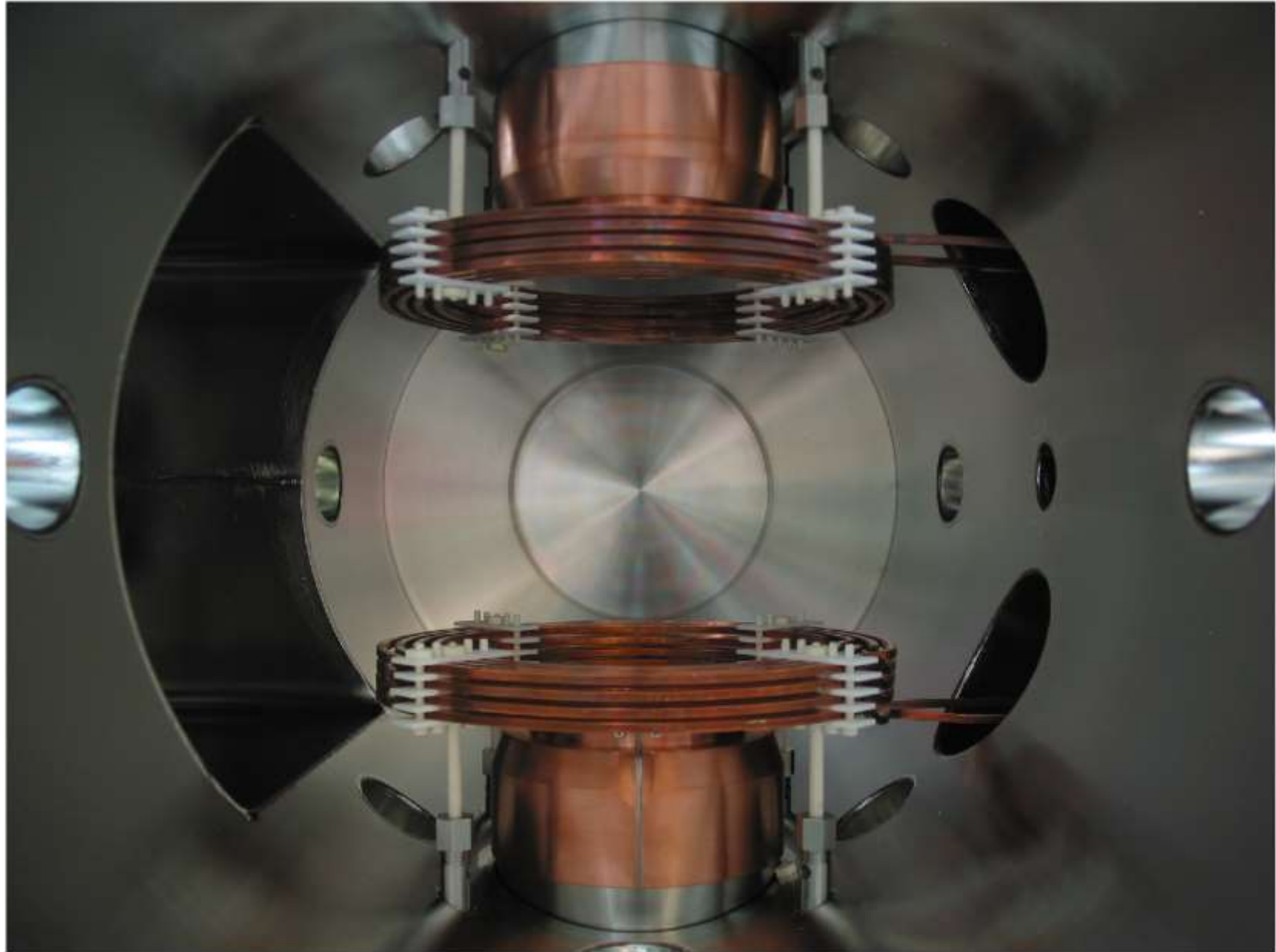


RIB from
ISAC

Outline of β asym & polarization measurements

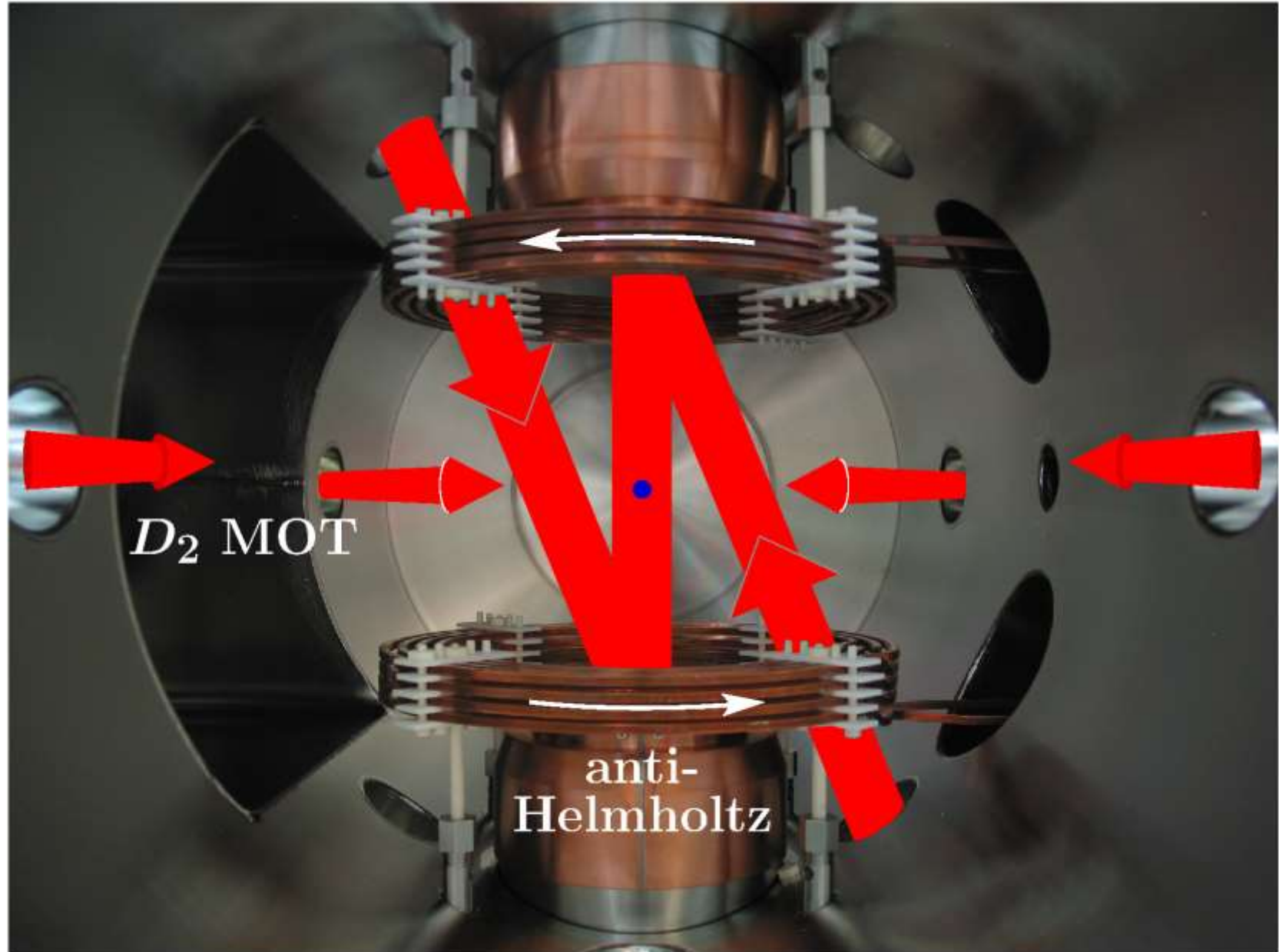
• Not shown:

- ✱ Recoil MCP detector into page
- ✱ Shake-off e^- MCP out of page
- ✱ Hoops for electric field to collect recoil and shake-off e^-
- ✱ The β telescopes within the re-entrant flanges (top *and* bottom)



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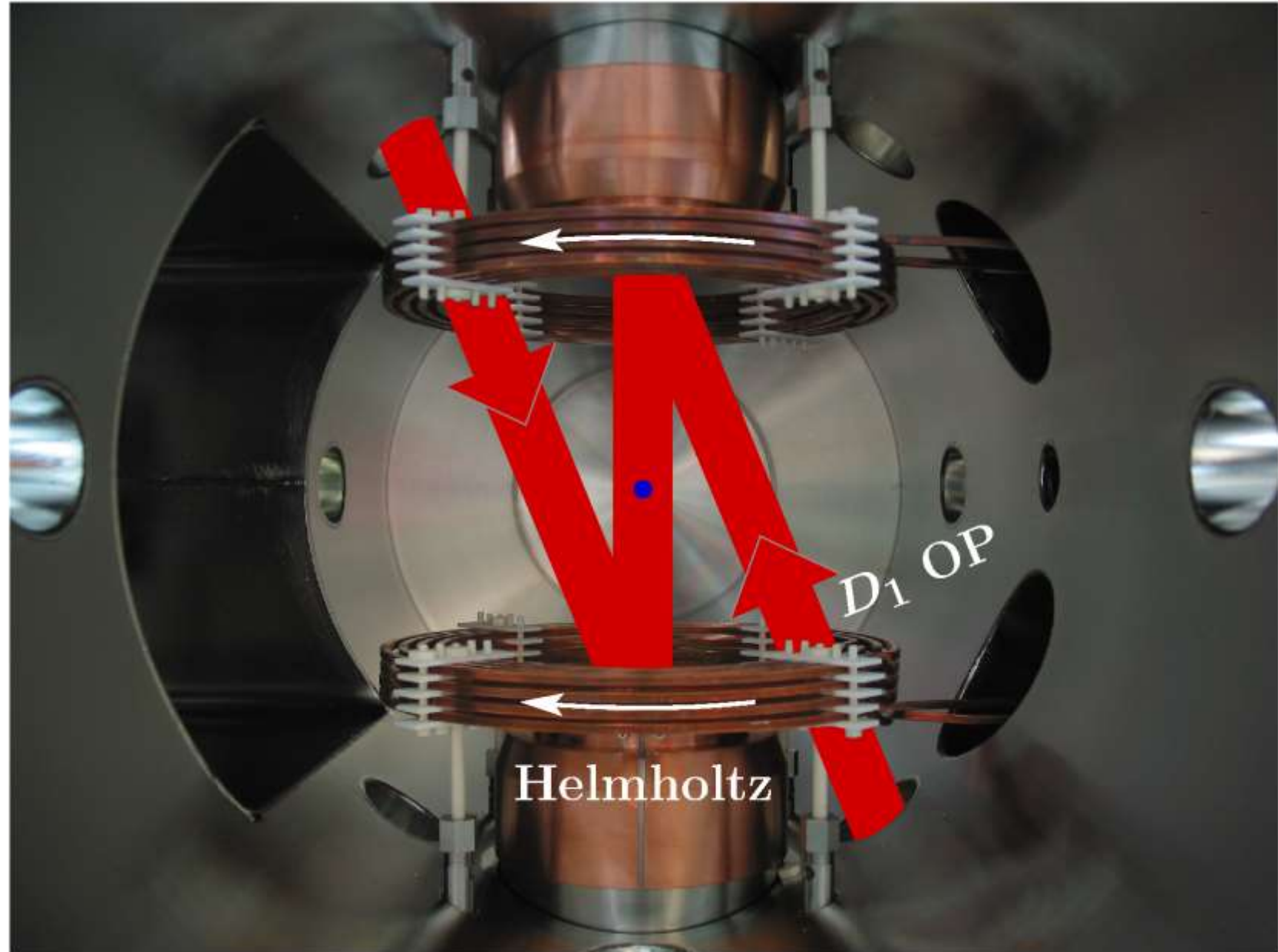
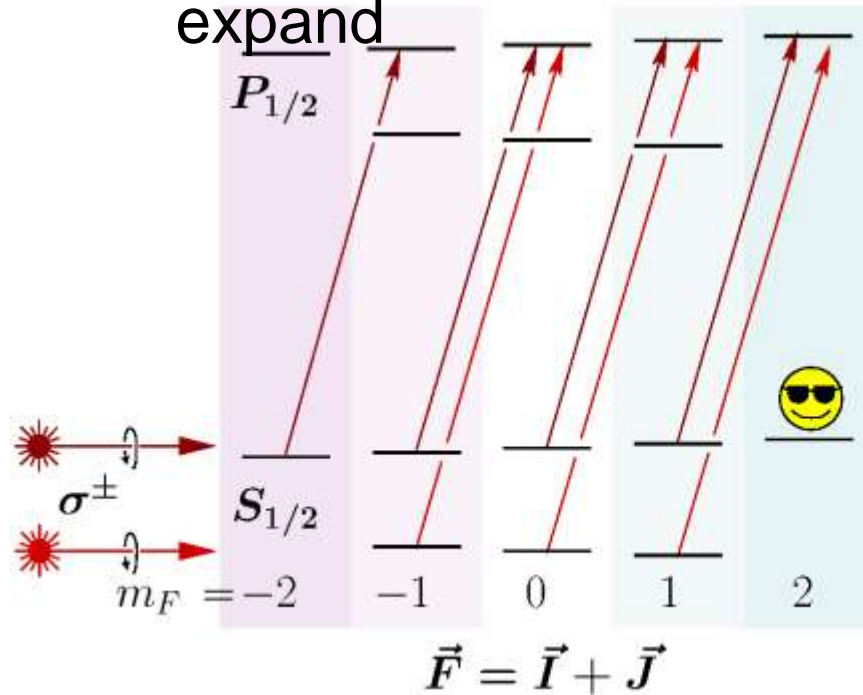
- MOTs provide a source that is:
 - * Cold (~ 1 mK)
 - * Localized (~ 1 mm³)
 - * In an open, backing-free geometry
- Allows us to detect \vec{p}_β and \vec{p}_{rec}
 \Rightarrow deduce \vec{p}_ν event-by-event



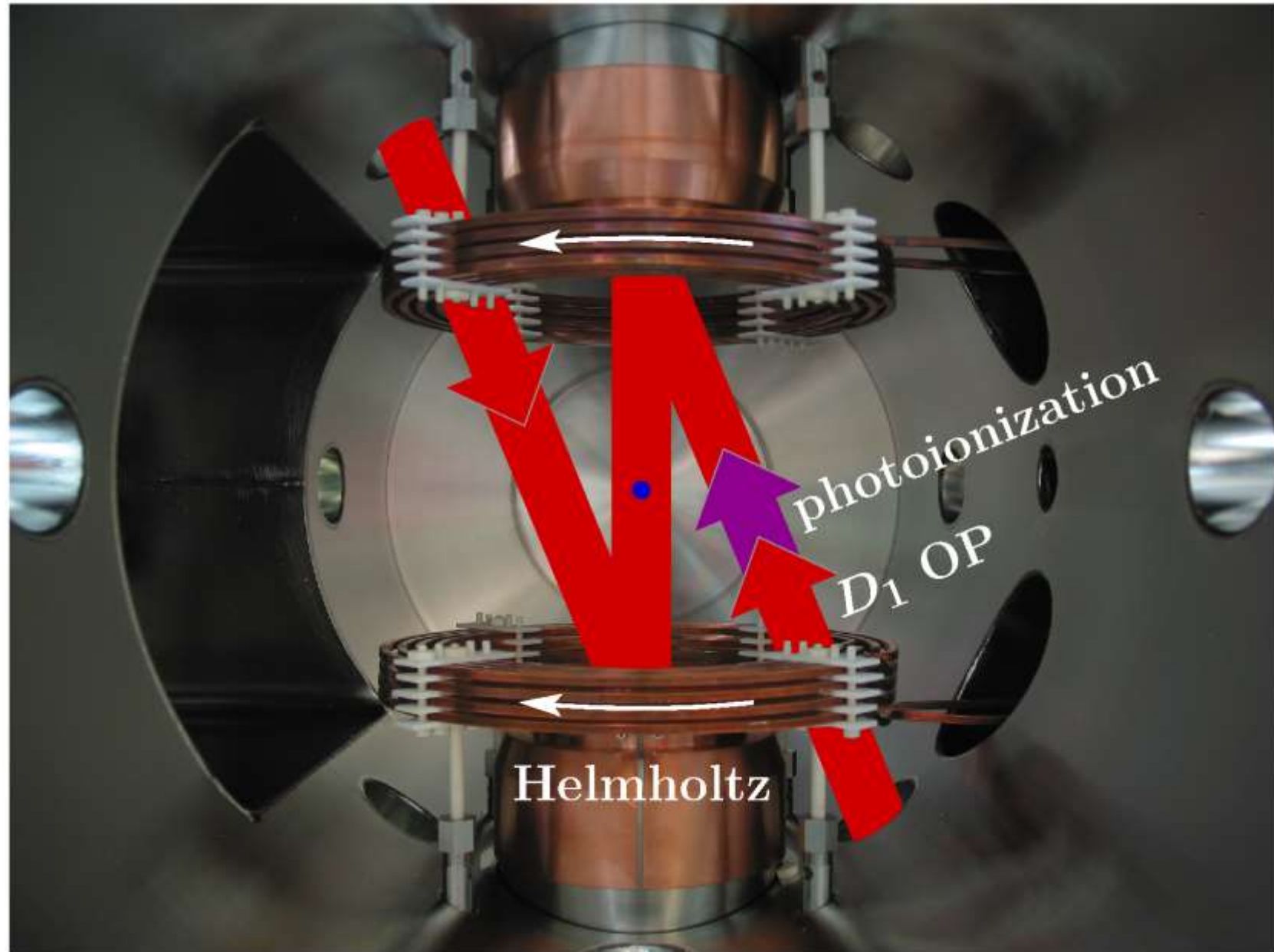
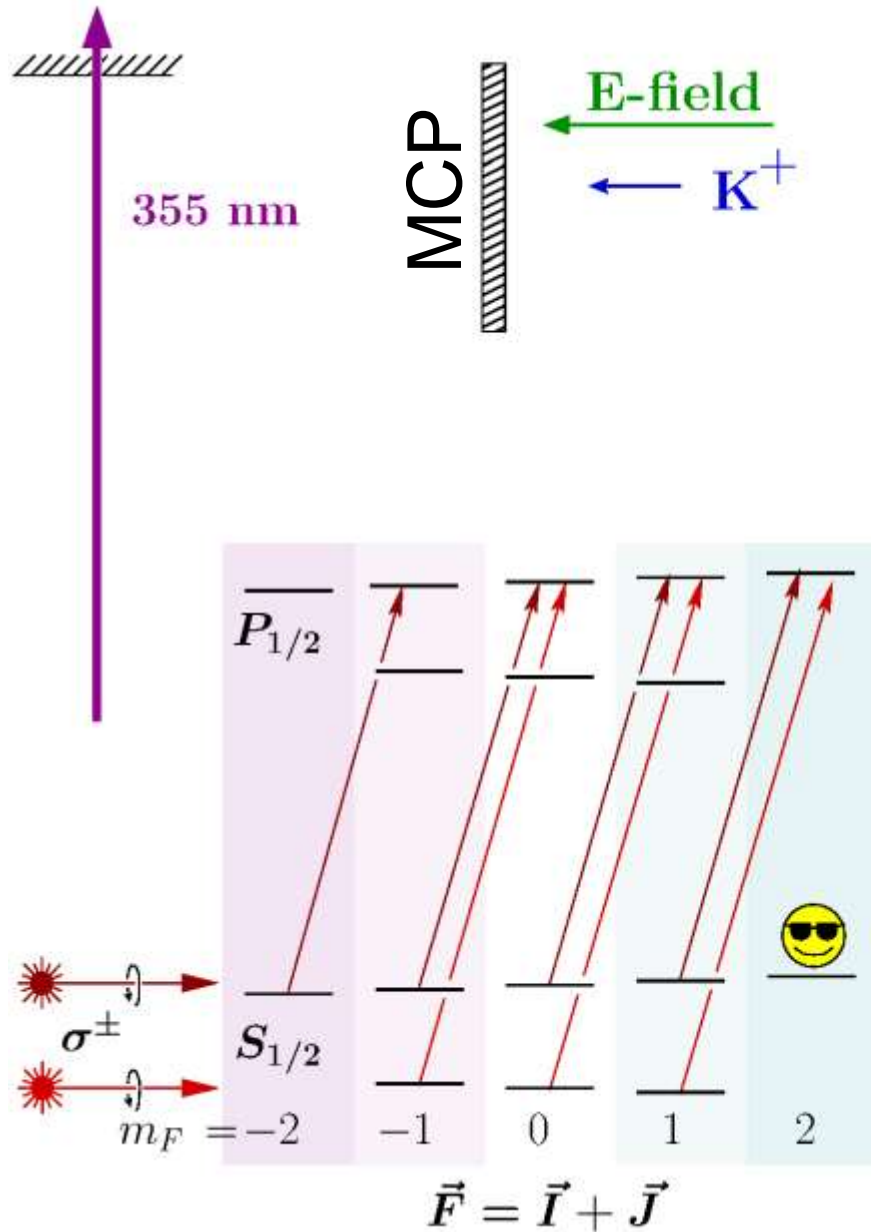
Outline of β asym & polarization measurements

Optical pumping:

- ✱ Polarized light transfers ang momentum to atom
- ✱ Nuclear and atomic spins are coupled
- ✱ Polarize as (cold) atoms expand



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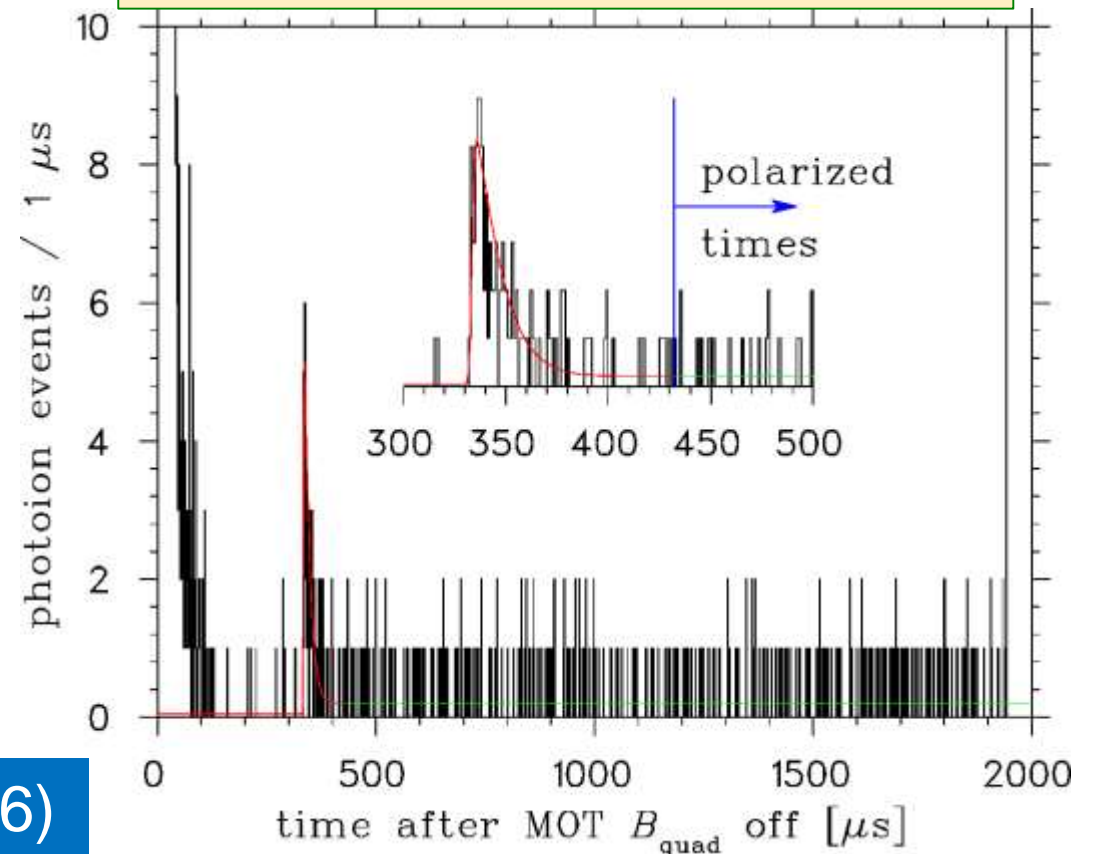
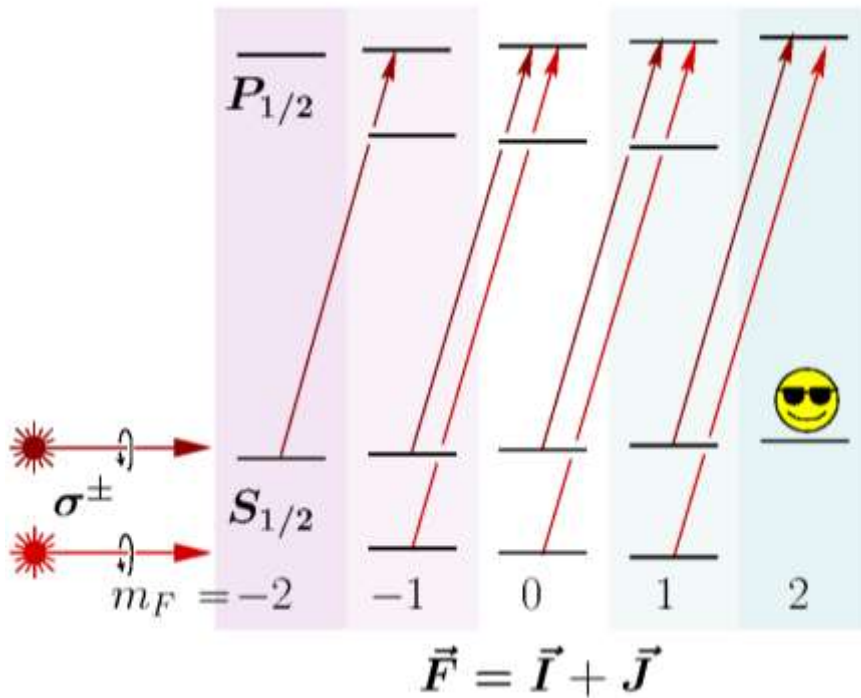


Optical pumping is fast and *efficient*!

• No time to go into details, but basically

- ✱ Measure the rate of photons (\Leftrightarrow fluorescence) as a function of time
- ✱ Model sublevel populations using the optical Bloch equations
- ✱ Determine the average nuclear polarization:

$$\langle |P_{\text{nuc}}| \rangle = 0.9913(9)$$



B.Fenker *et al*, New J. Phys. **18**, 073028 (2016)

The β asymmetry measurement

E_β detectors:

Plastic scintillator

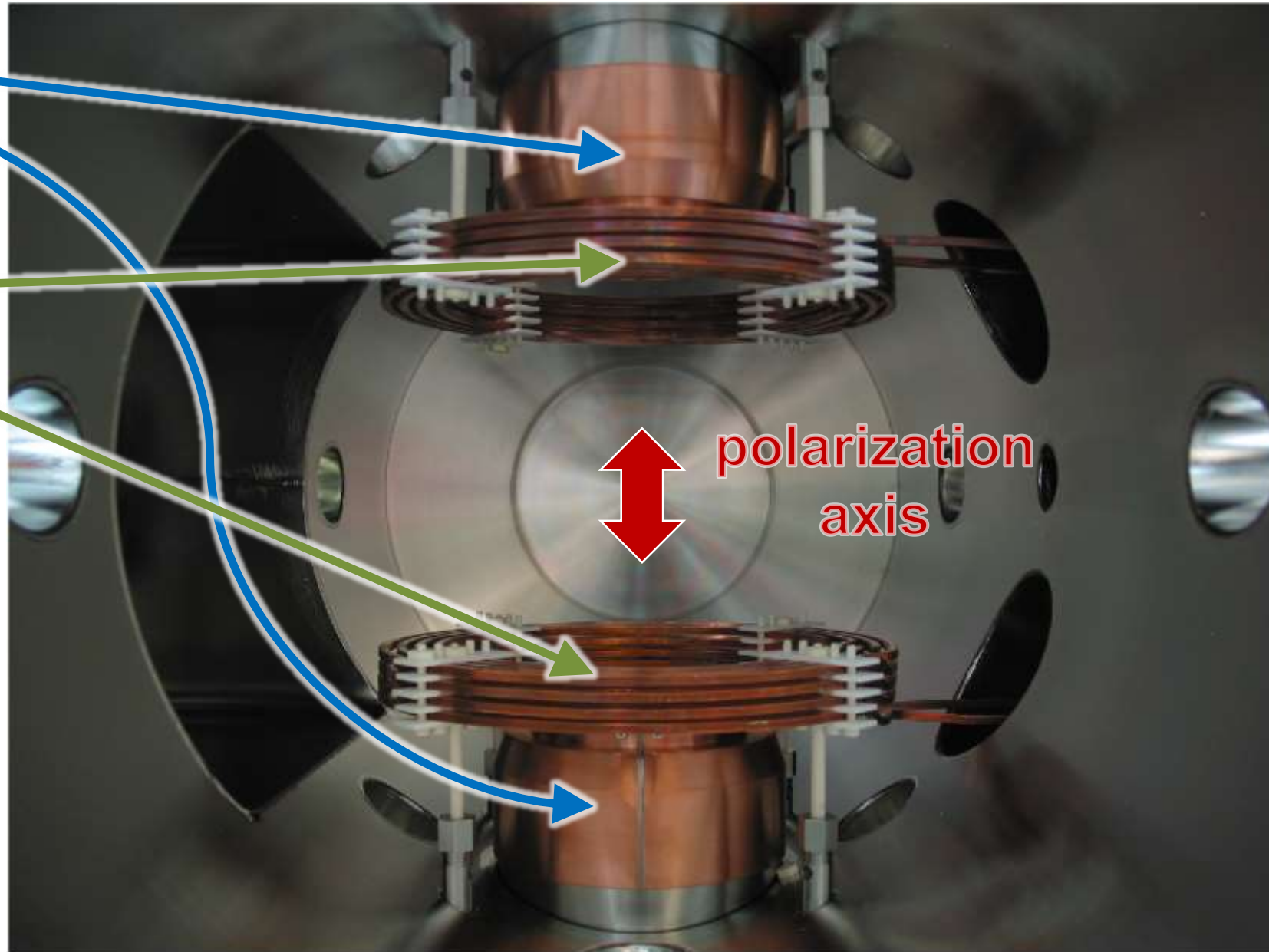
ΔE_β detectors:

Double-sided Si-strip

Use **all** information via the super-ratio:

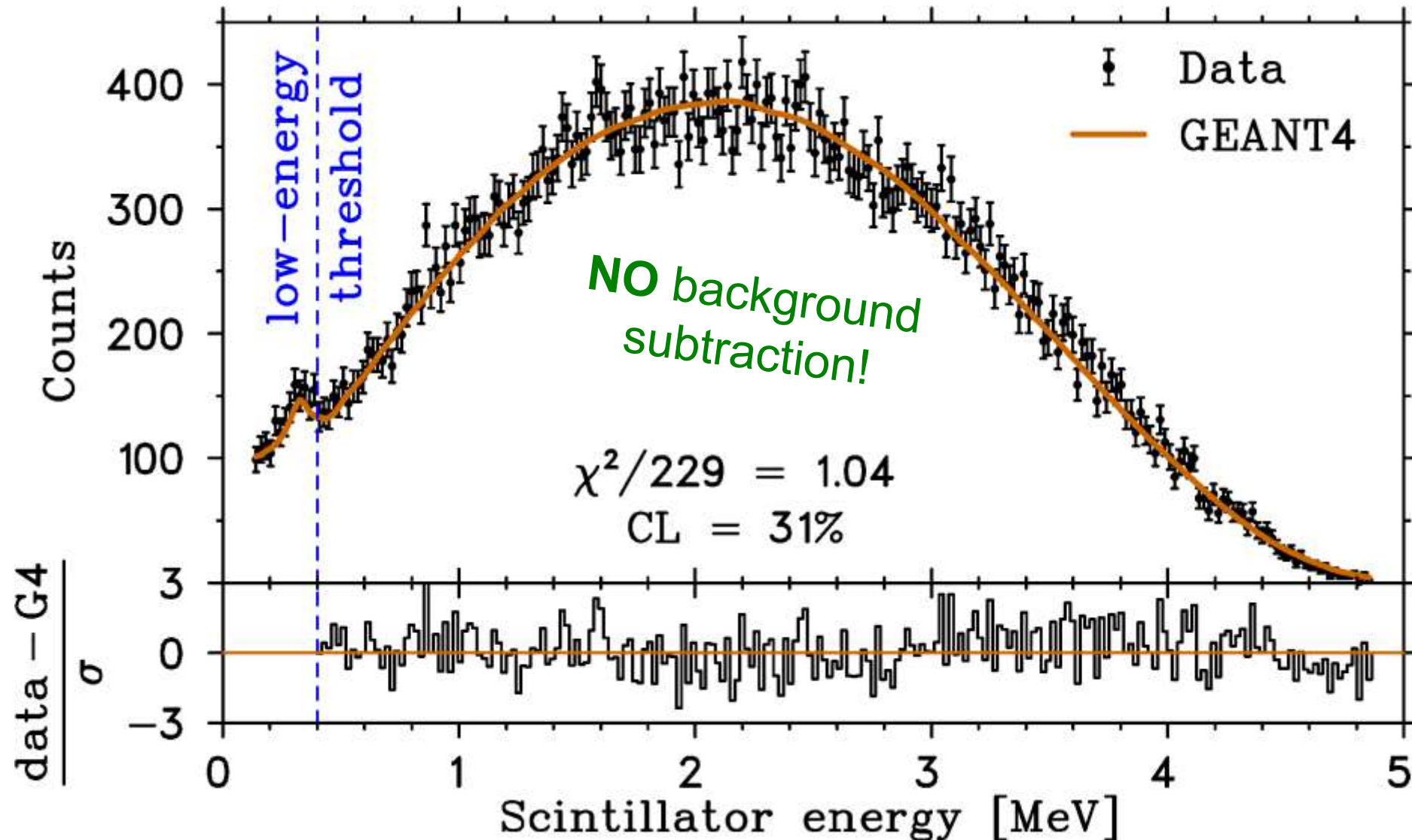
$$A_{\text{obs}}(E_e) = \frac{1 - S(E_e)}{1 + S(E_e)}$$

$$\text{with } S(E_e) = \sqrt{\frac{r_1^\uparrow(E_e) r_2^\downarrow(E_e)}{r_1^\downarrow(E_e) r_2^\uparrow(E_e)}}$$



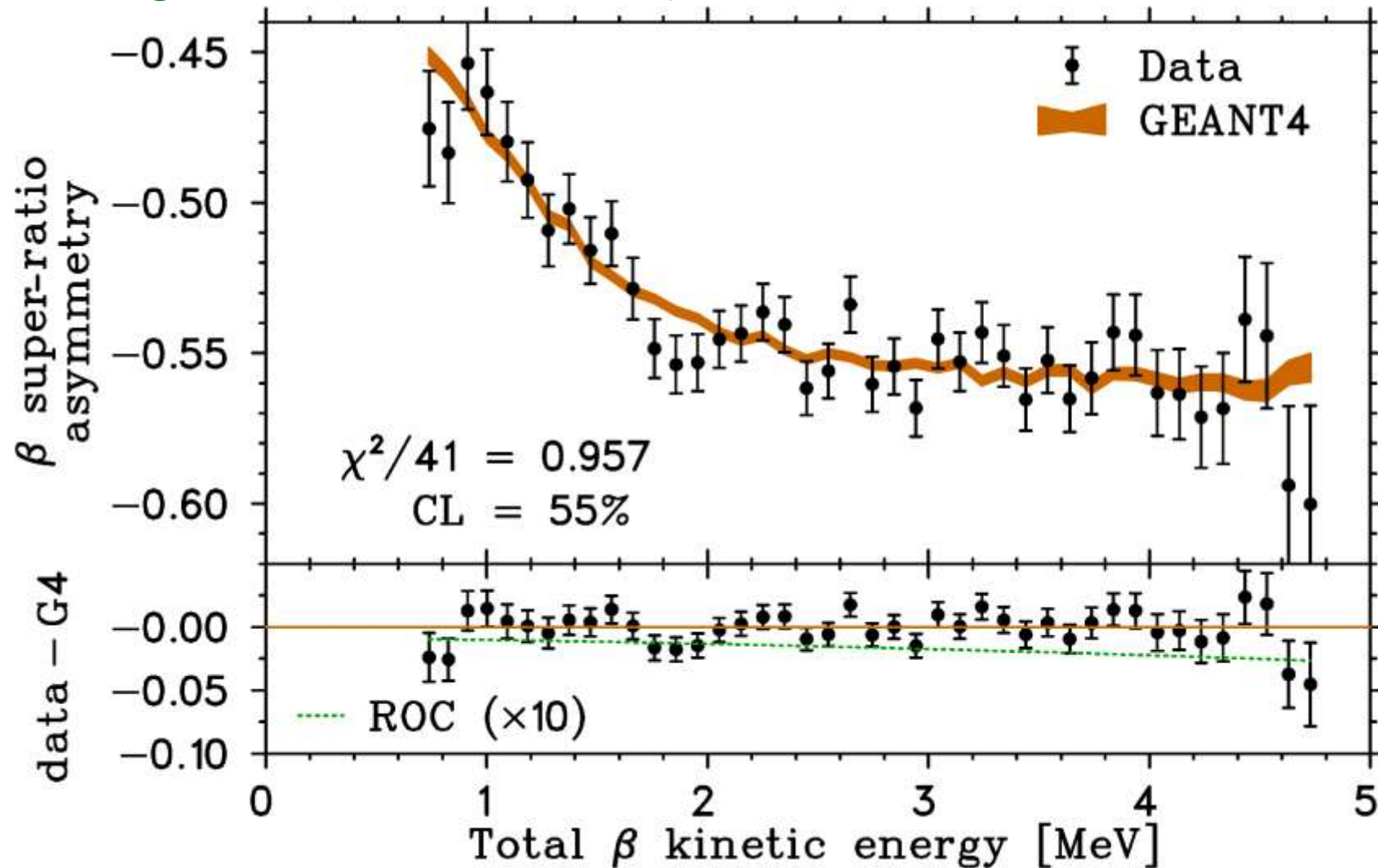
^{37}K β asymmetry measurement

- Energy spectrum – great agreement with GEANT4 simulations:



^{37}K β asymmetry measurement

- Asymmetry as a function of β energy after unblinding (again, **no background subtraction!**):

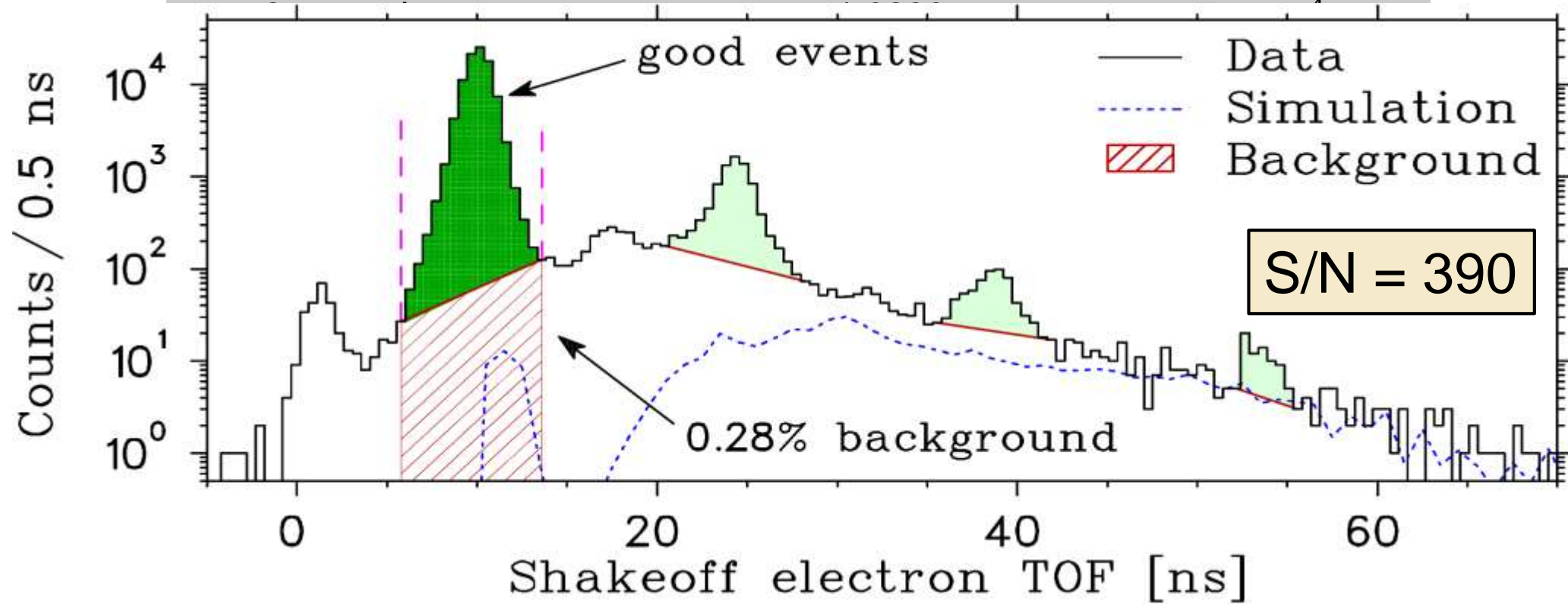


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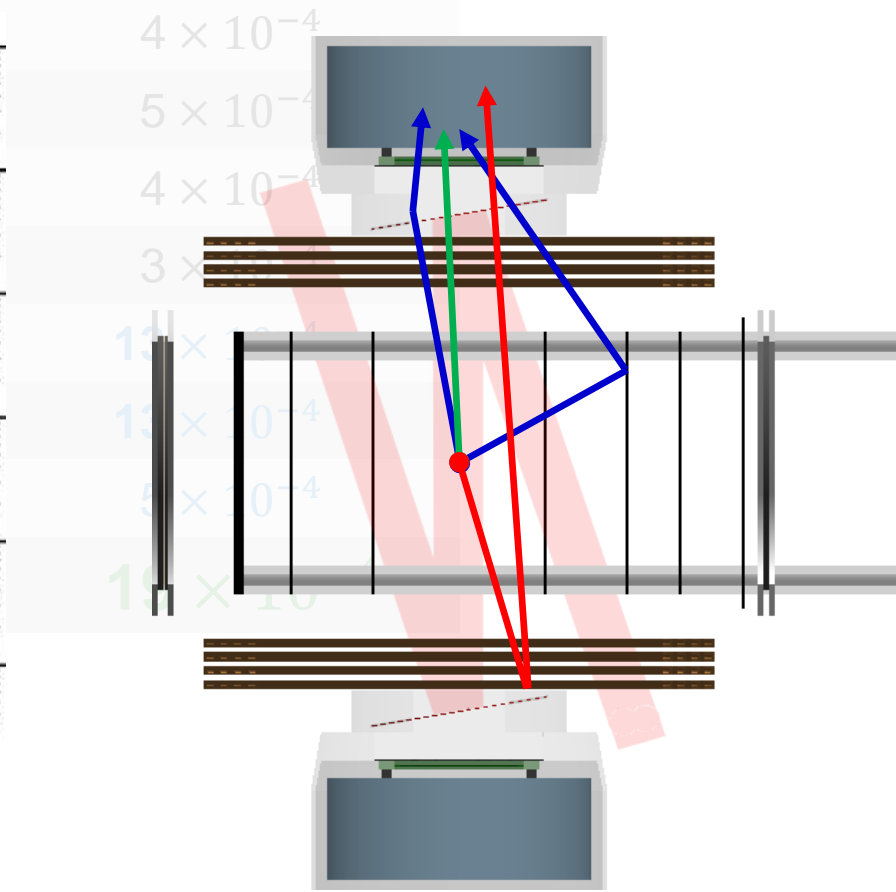
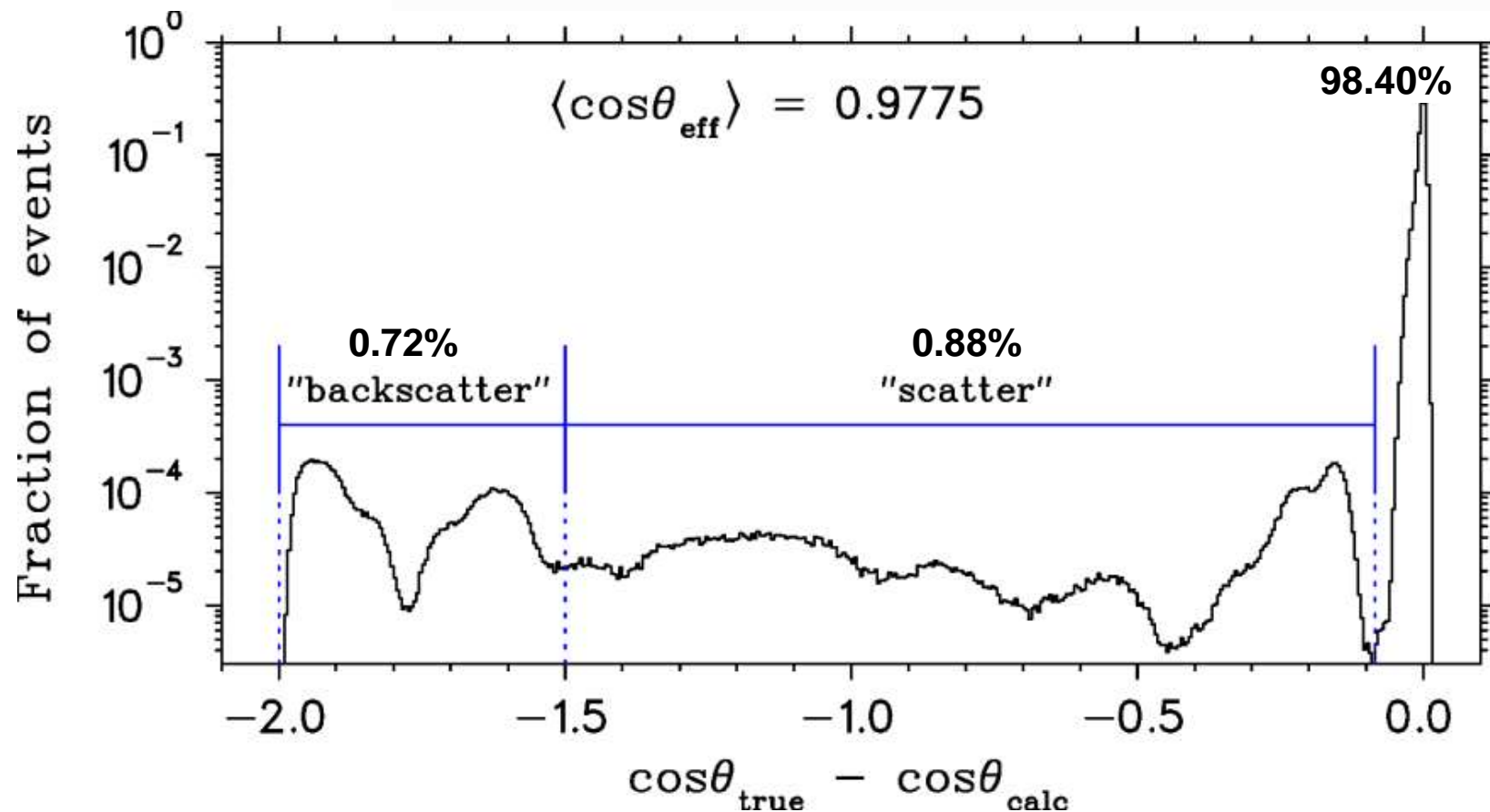
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How well can we trust GEANT4 to simulated β scattering?

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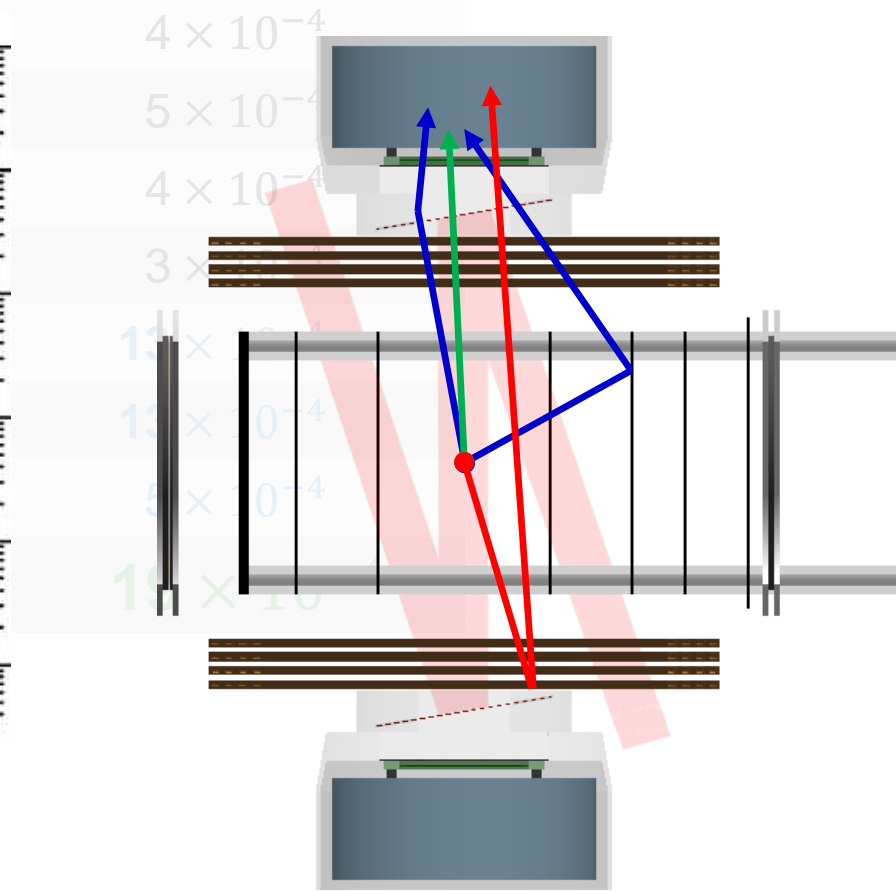
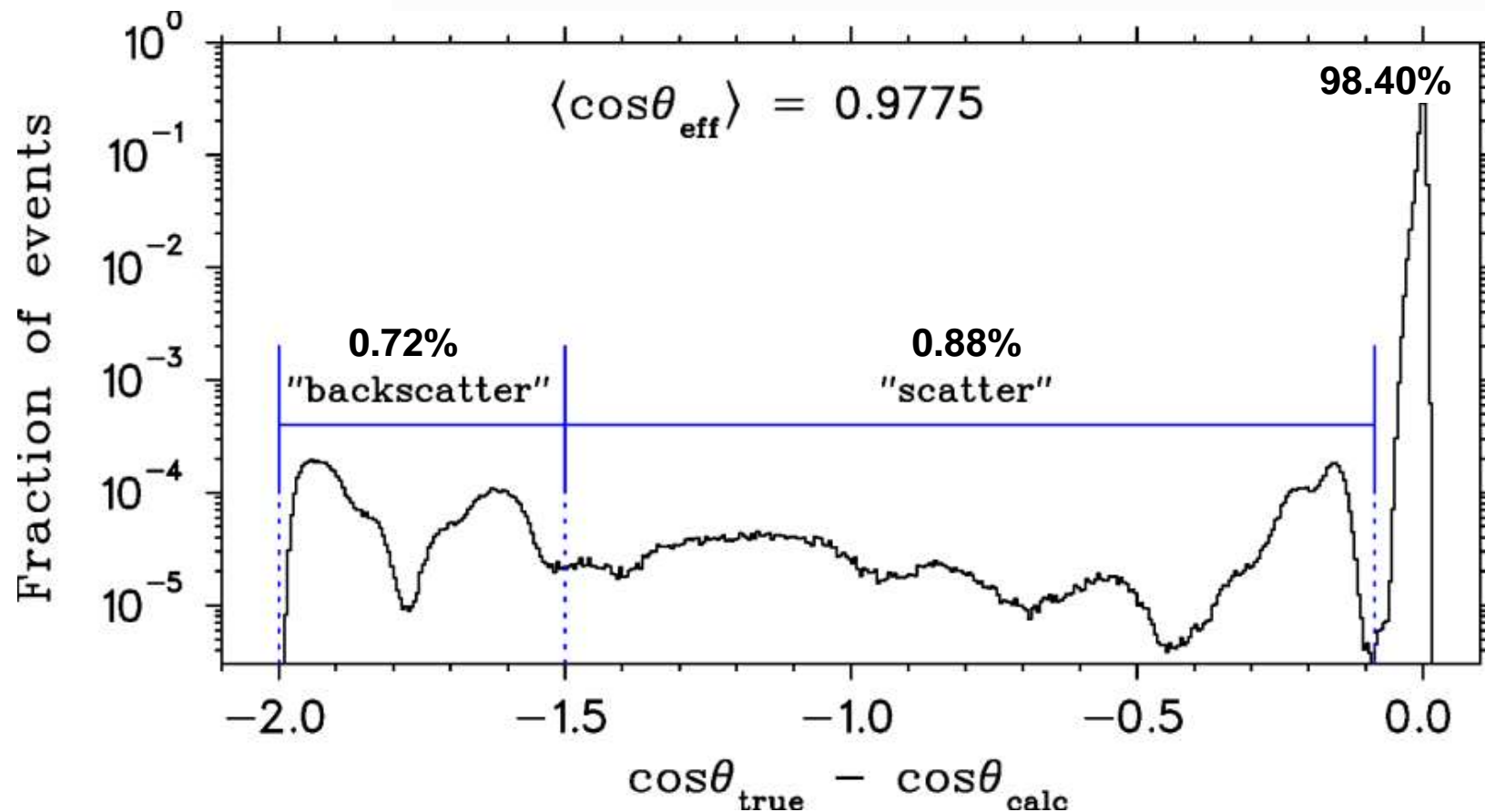
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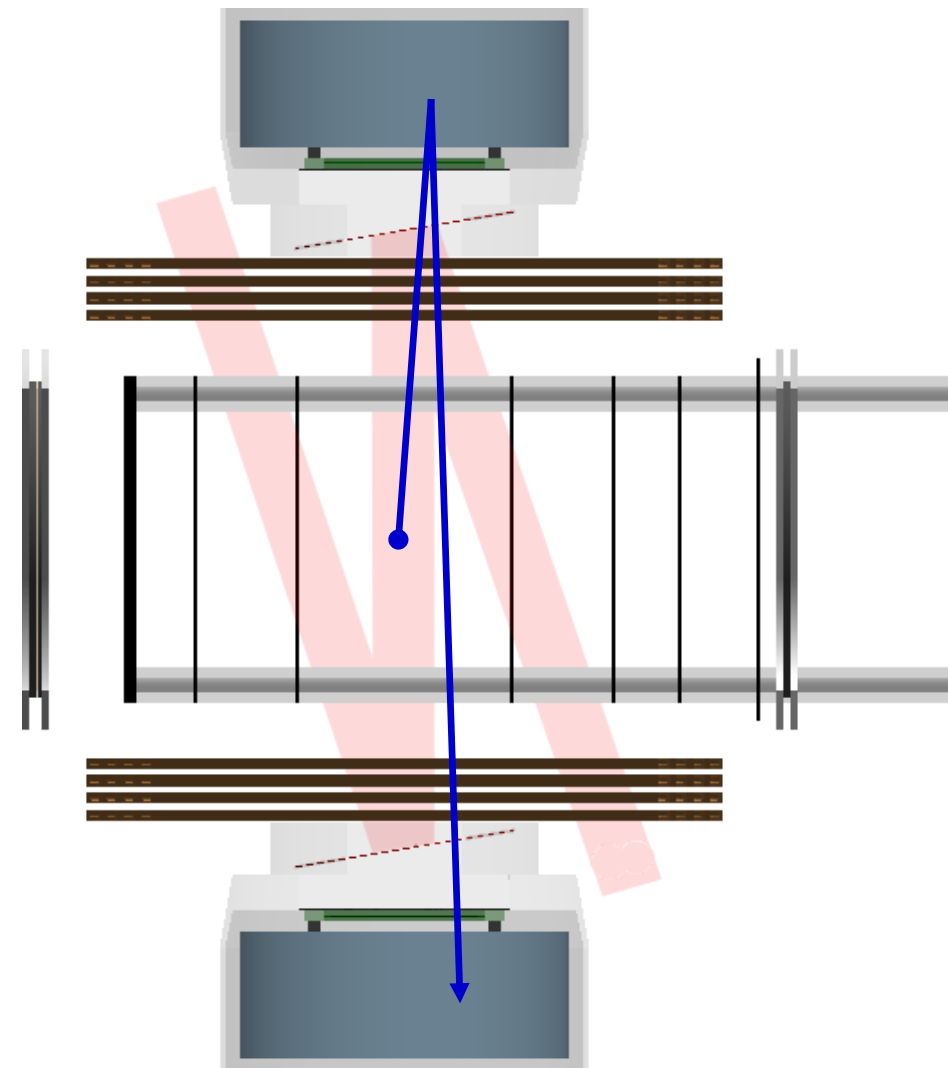
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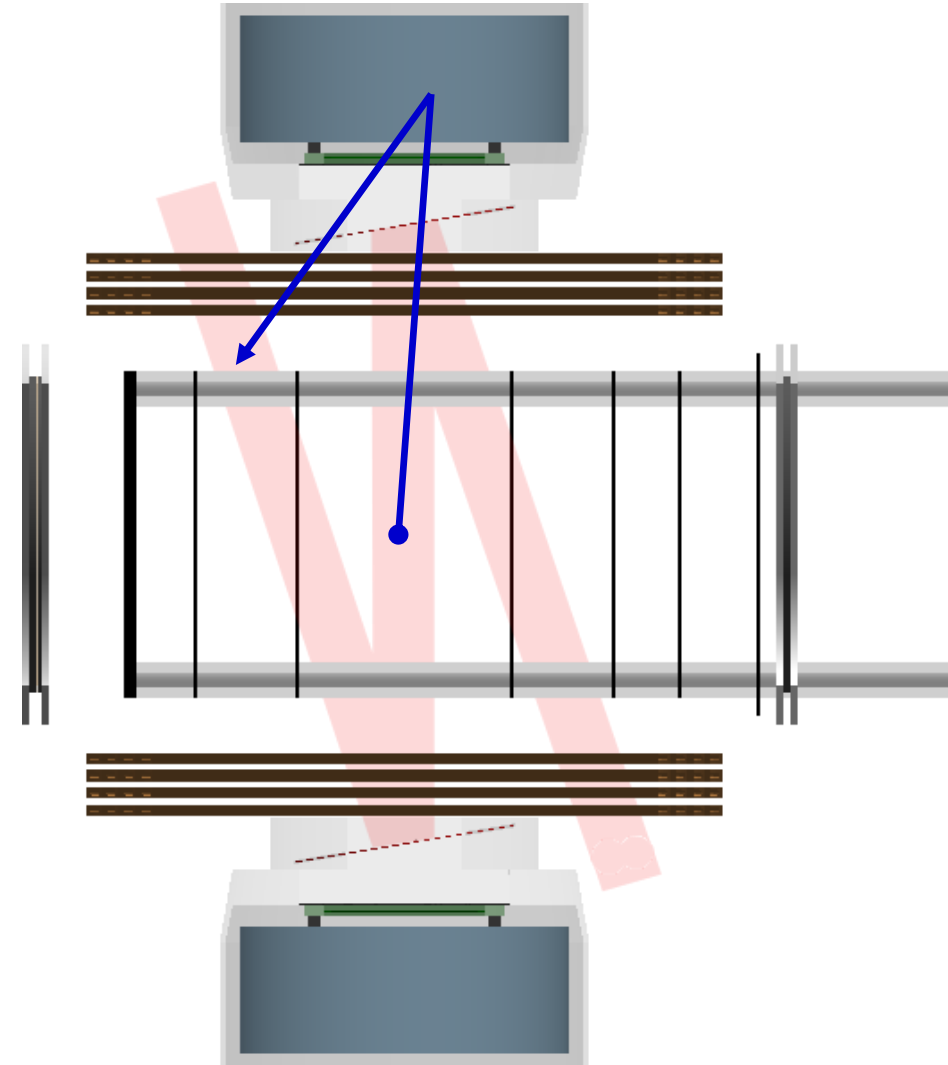
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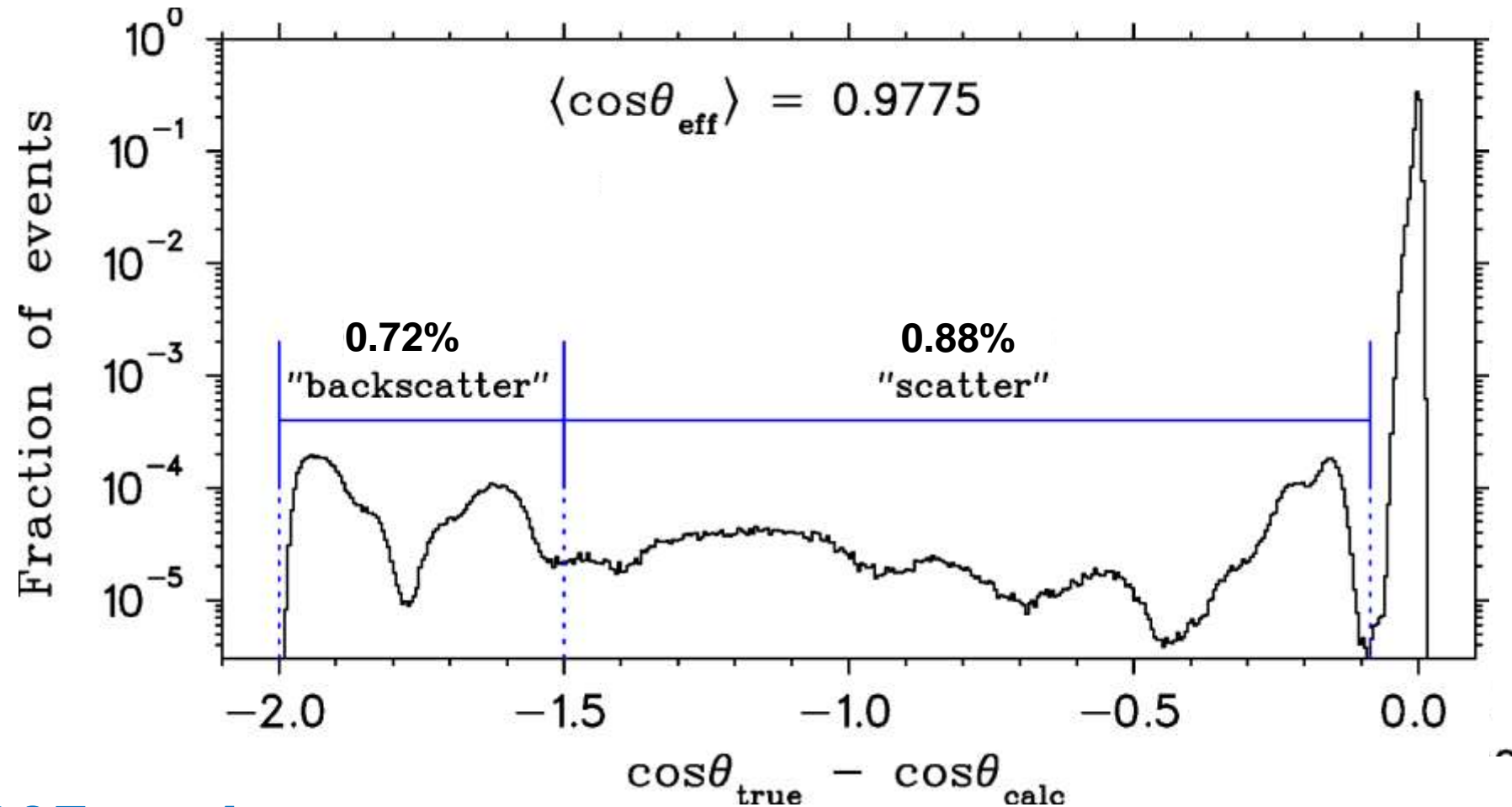
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- **Much more common**: backscattered out of the scintillator
- **Signature**: two separate pixels in the double-sided Si-strip detector with energy deposited in the scintillator



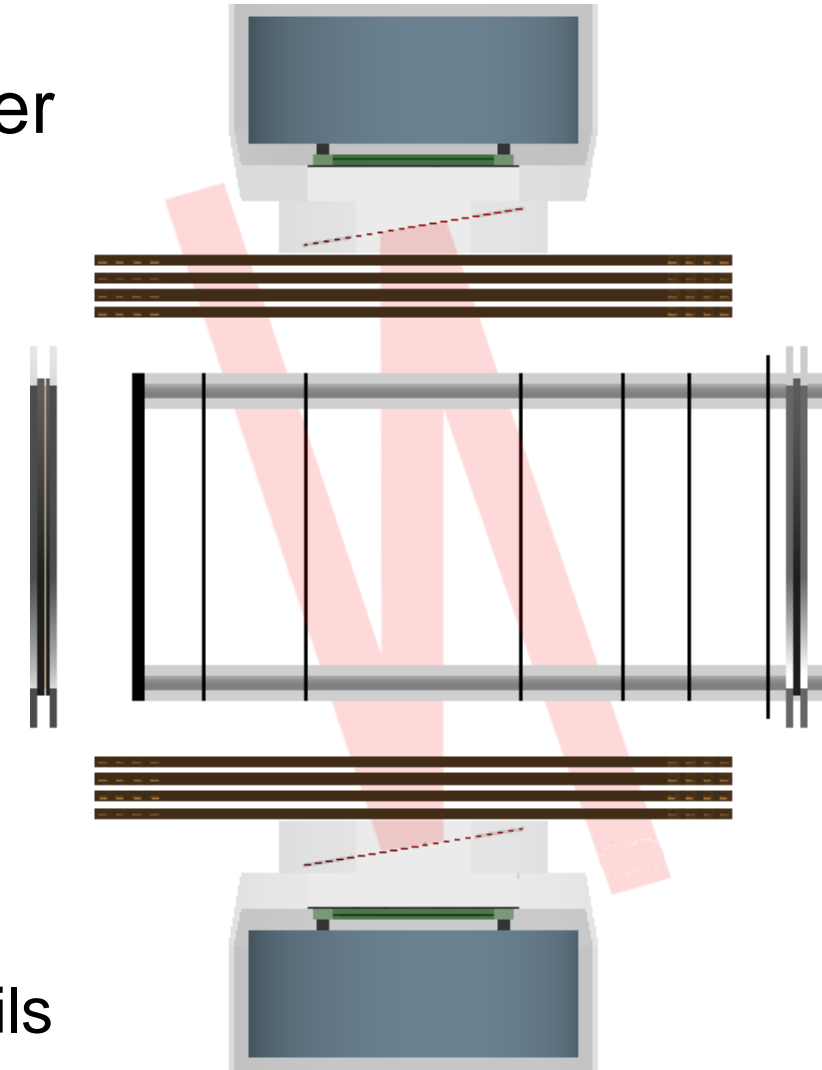
How does GEANT4 do?

- With non-standard options: **Surprisingly well!!**
- Take 2σ limit on observed deviation, or 5.1%, for “backscattered” events
- Assign 10% uncert to “scattered” events
- All together, a ± 0.0012 uncert on $\langle \cos \theta_{\text{eff}} \rangle$ and **± 0.0007 on A_β**



Looking forward: reducing β scattering systematic

- Goal: better benchmark our MC simulations
- $^{80,92}\text{Rb}$ production **>500x** higher than ^{37}K ; recent run has many more β^- decays (data in hand, under analysis)
- Much more precise scintillator backscatter benchmark
- Rb data in hand which should have enough decays to see two-telescope backscatters
- If necessary, further tests can be made with minimal disruption to our system:
 - Replace upper telescope with other active detectors (thick Si, CsI, BGO, ...)
 - Compare with/without inactive scattering volumes (W, Ta, stainless, ...), normalizing to shake-off e^- /recoils



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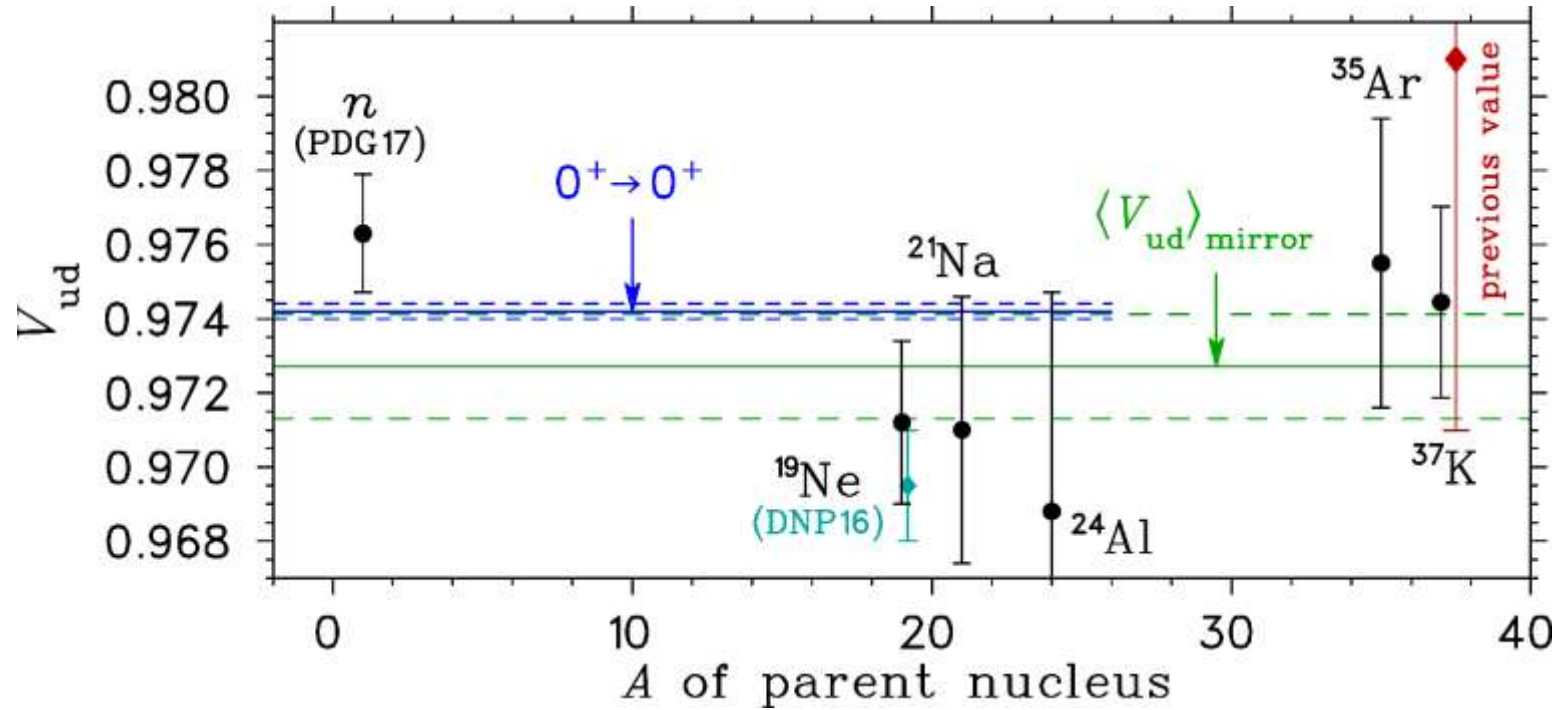
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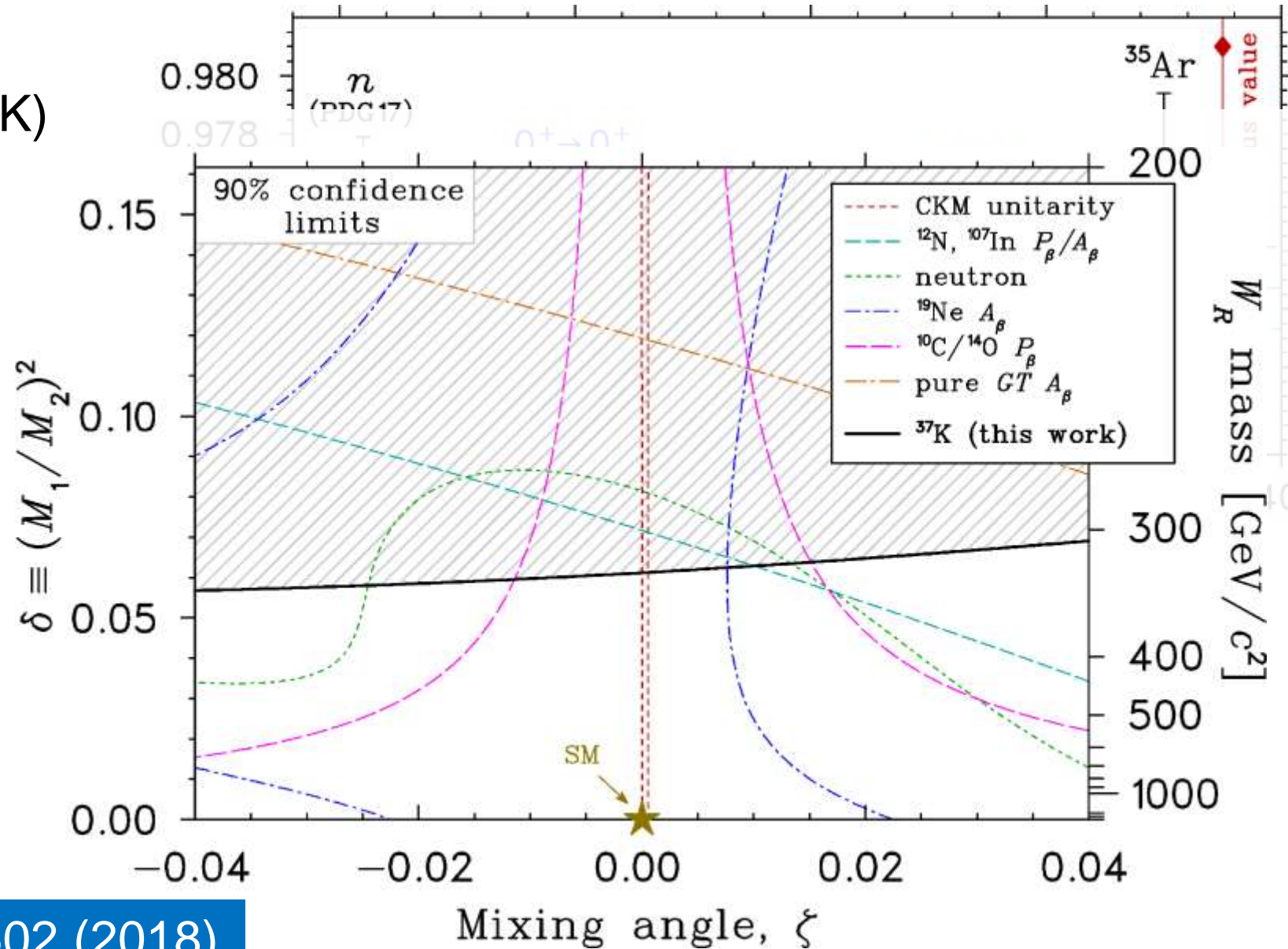
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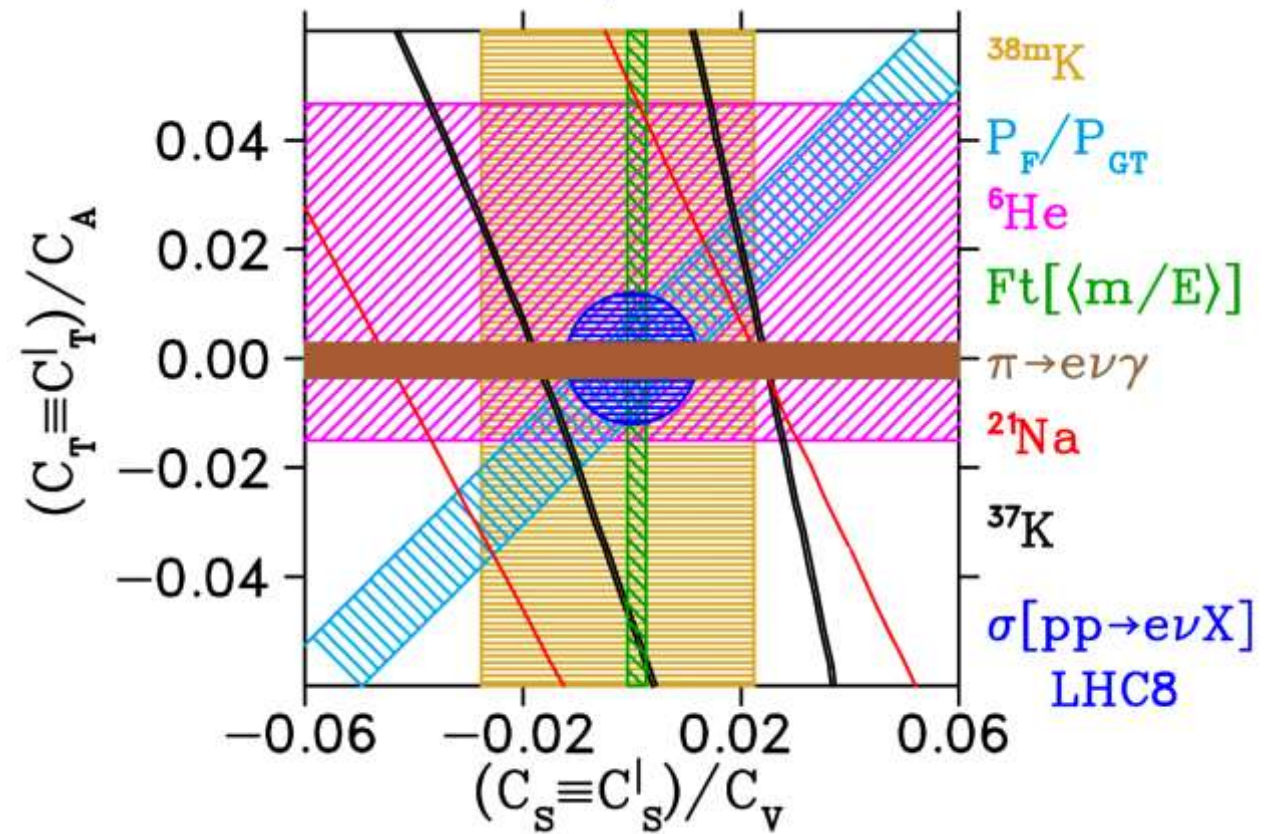
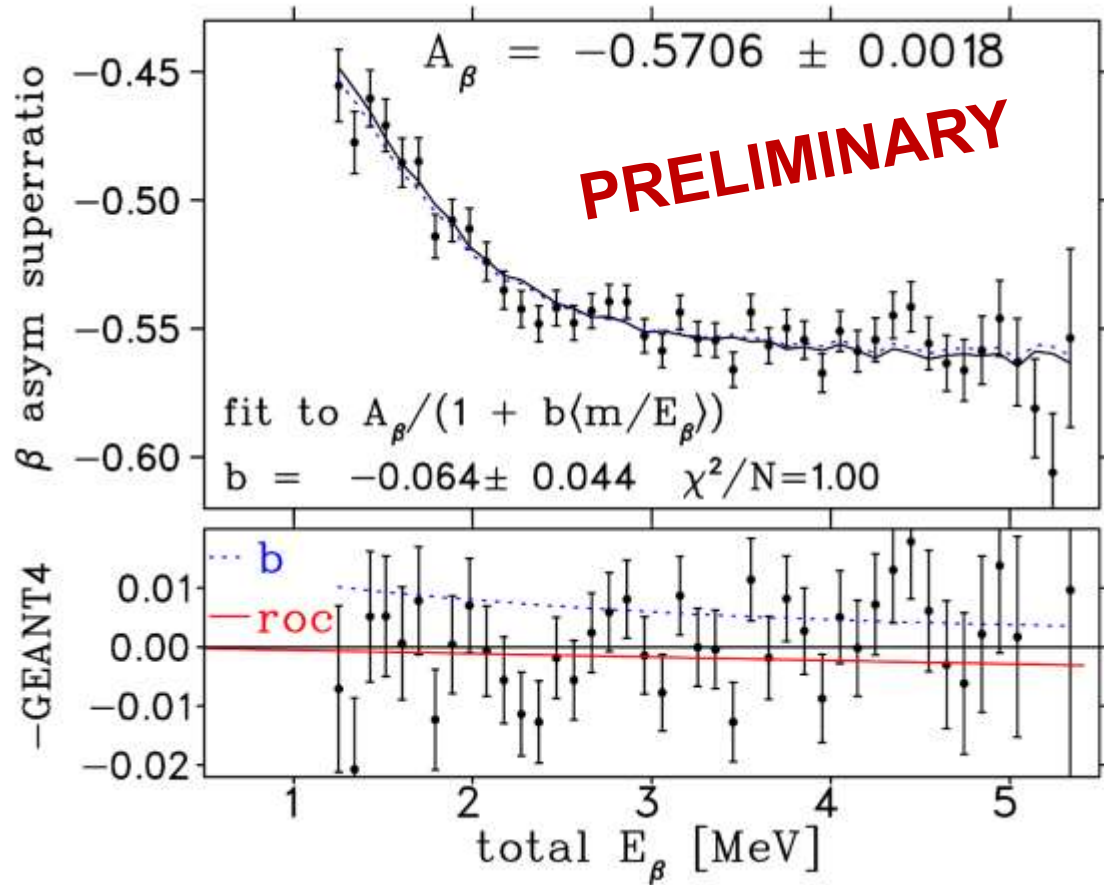
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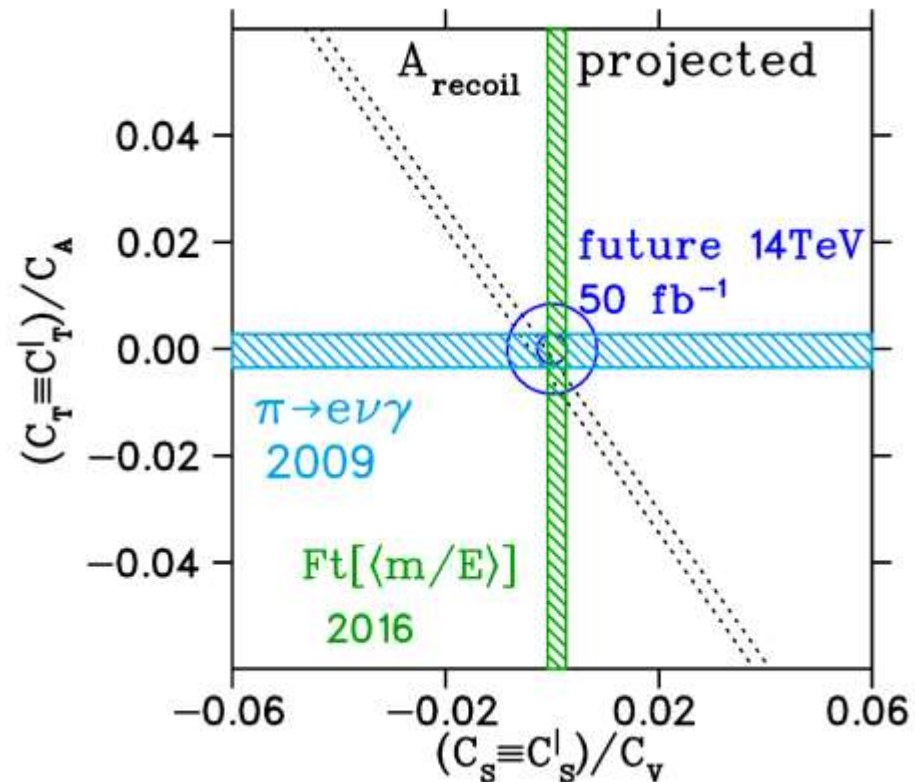
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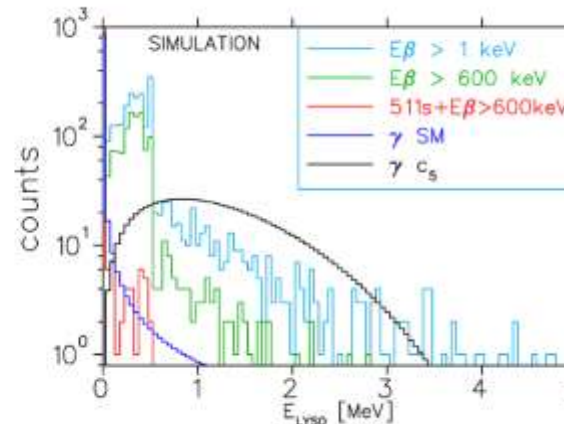
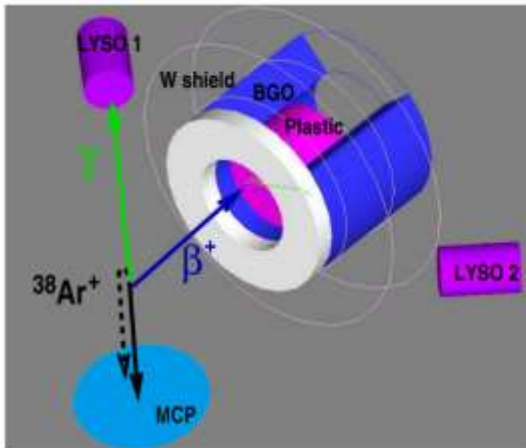
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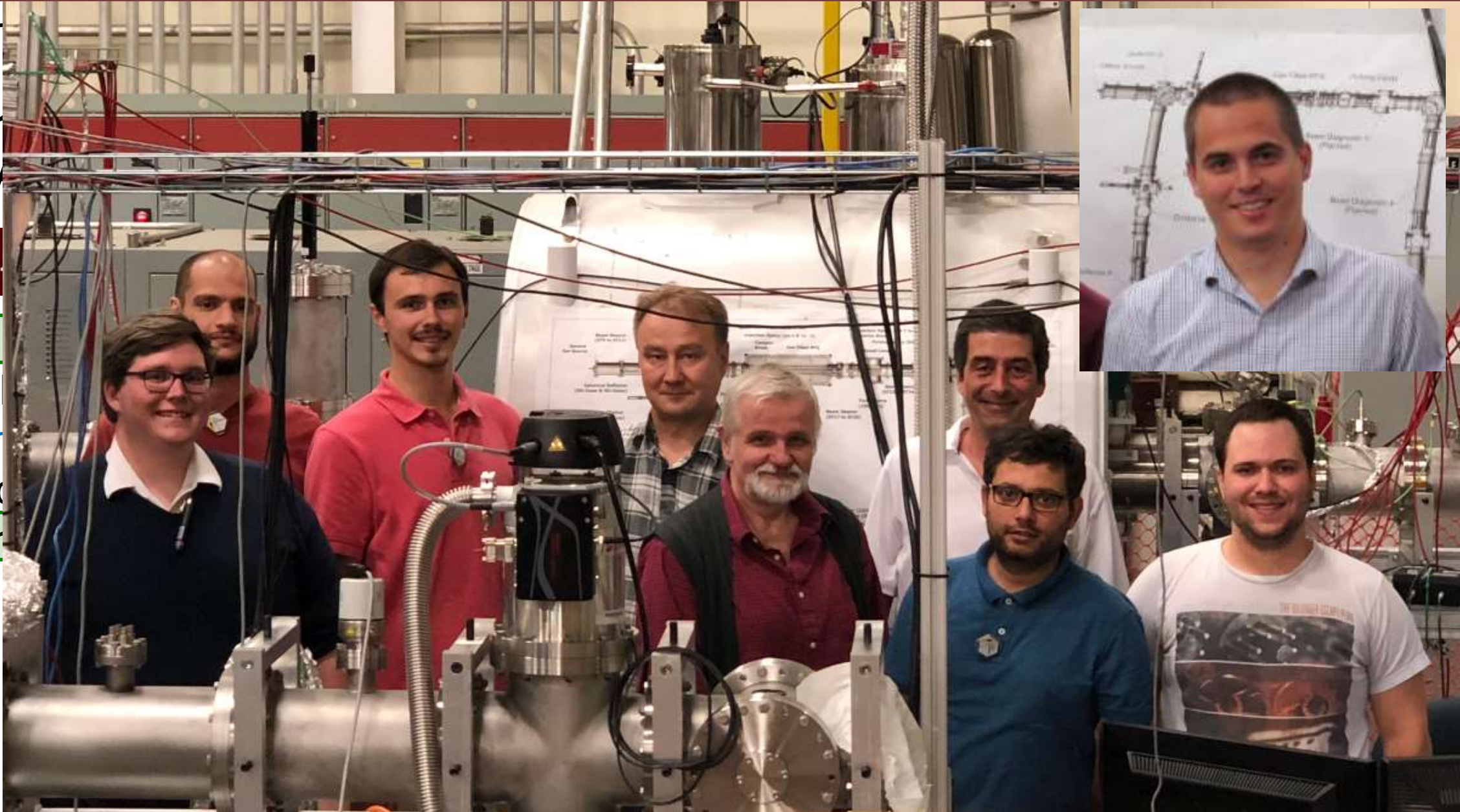
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