

# Vacuum Design for PUMA

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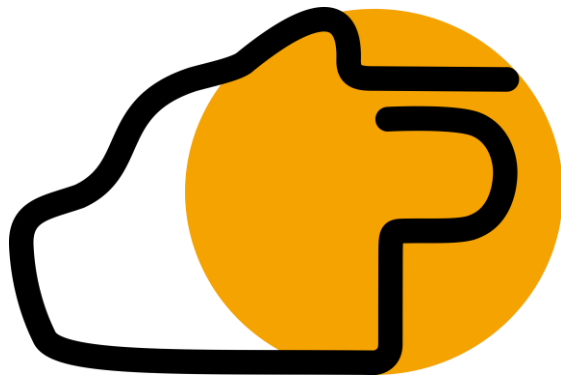
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# What does PUMA mean?

**antiProton**



**Unstable**

**Matter**

**Annihilation**

# Collaboration

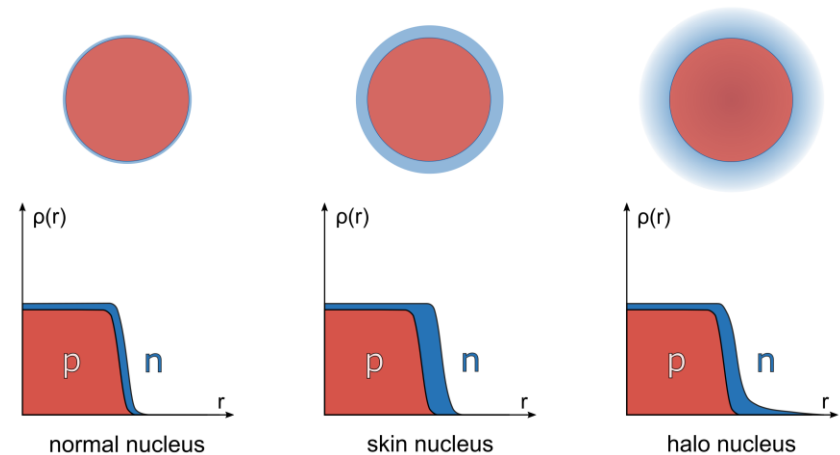
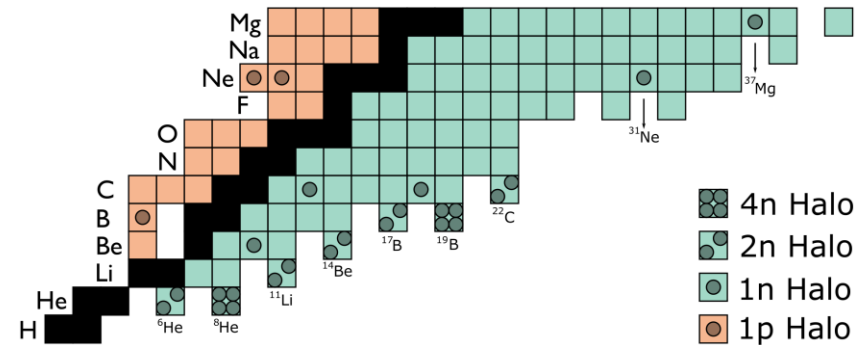


# Motivation and objectives

Characterization of neutron halos and neutron skins

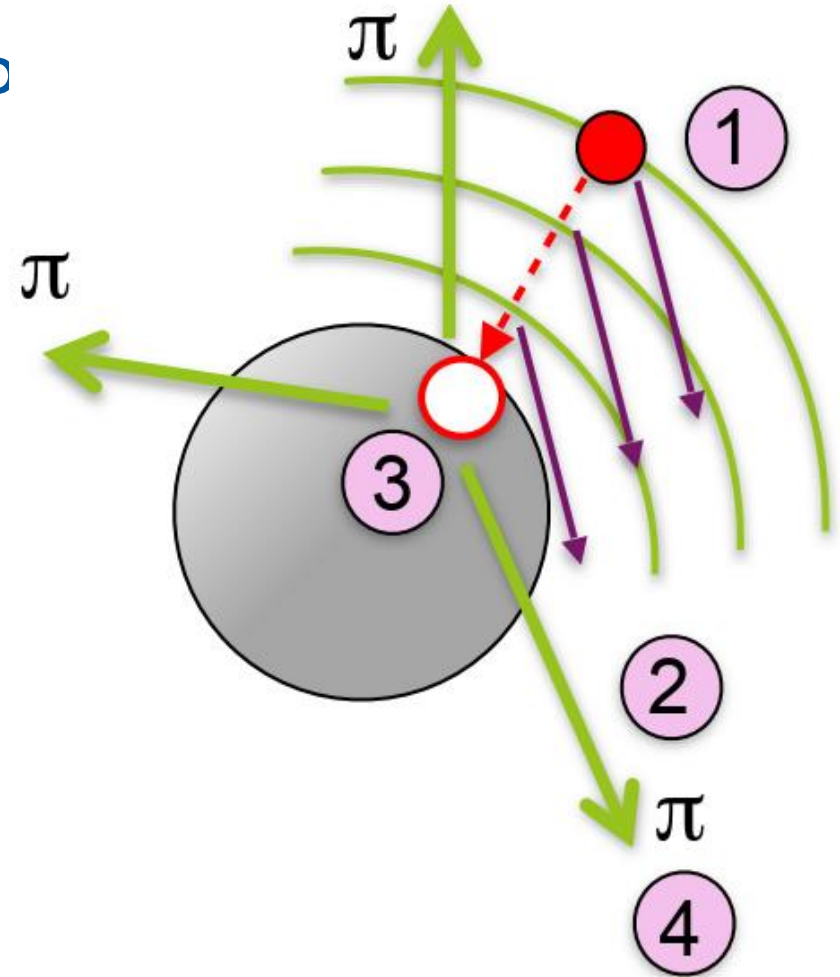
Objectives [1]:

- ❑ to provide a new observable for radioactive nuclei that characterises the neutron to-proton asymmetry of their density tail, namely the neutron-to-proton annihilation ratio,
- ❑ to characterize the density tail of known halos and neutron skins with this new method,
- ❑ to evidence new proton and neutron halos,
- ❑ to understand the development of neutron skins in medium-mass nuclei along isotopic chains.

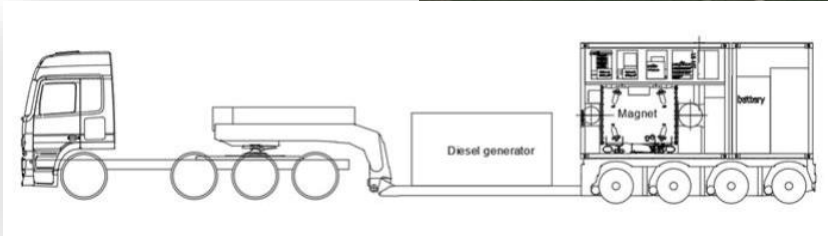
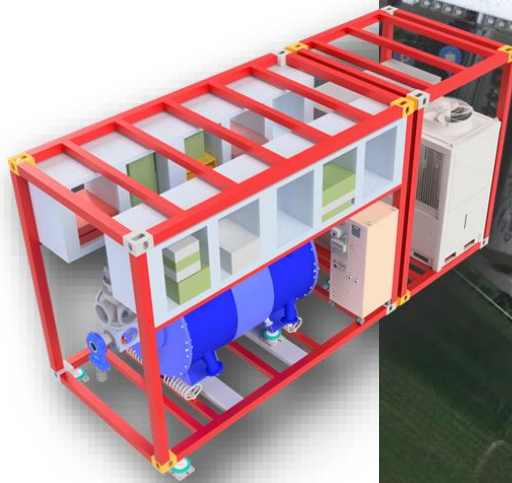


# Antiproton annihilation with nuclei

1. Antiprotons captured into atomic orbital.
2. Decay into lower atomic orbital. X-rays & Auger electrons
3.  $\bar{p}$  reaches at the density tail of nuclei. Annihilate with  $p$  or  $n$ .
4. Annihilation product: Multiple pions and residual nucleus

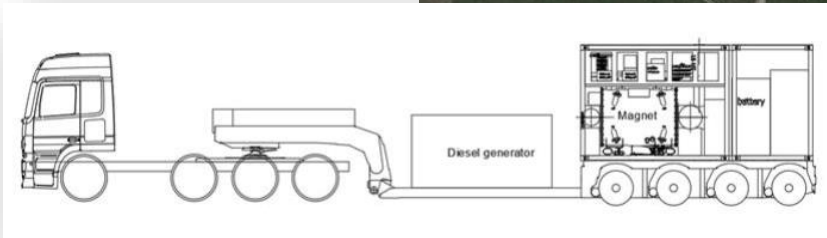
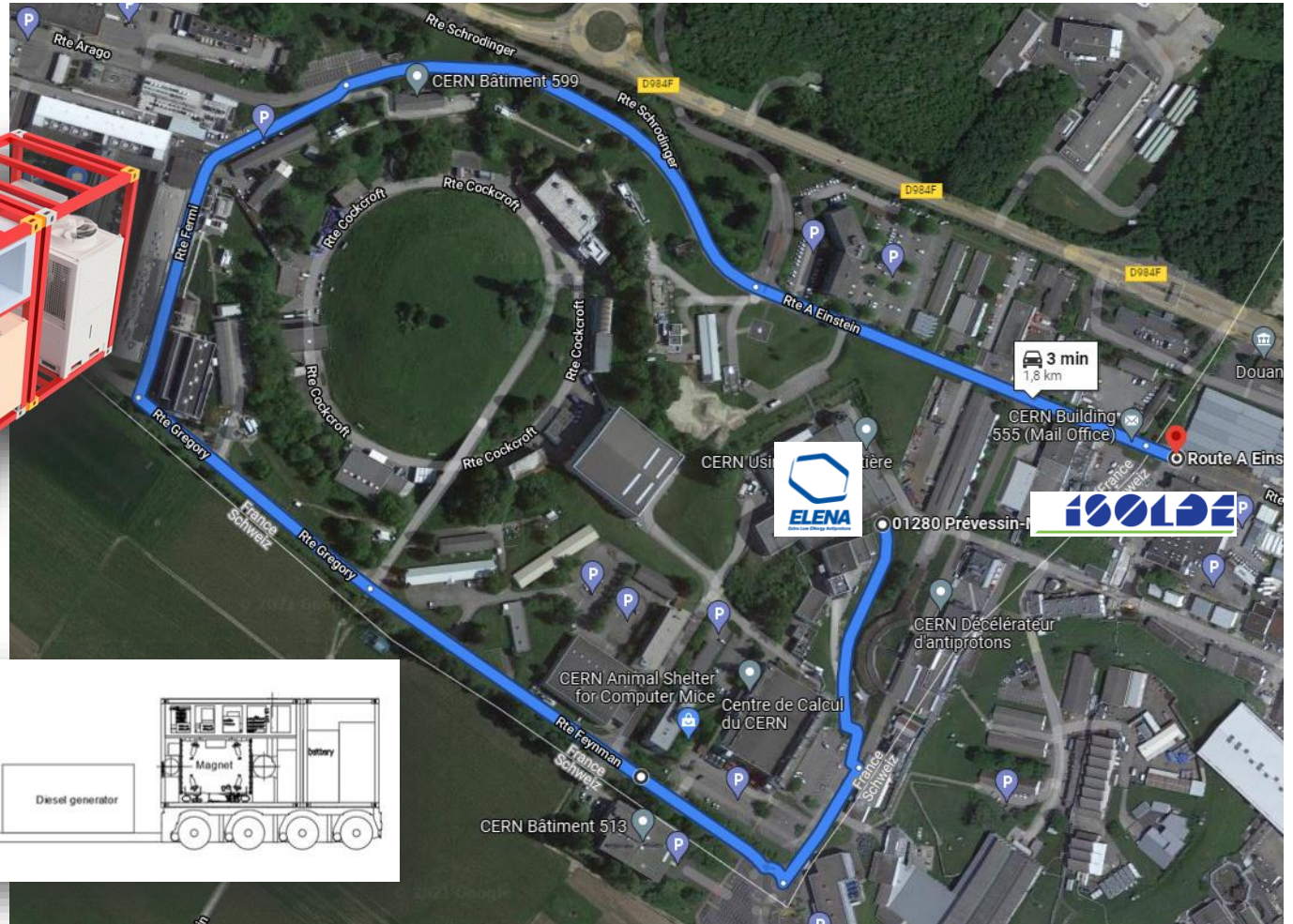
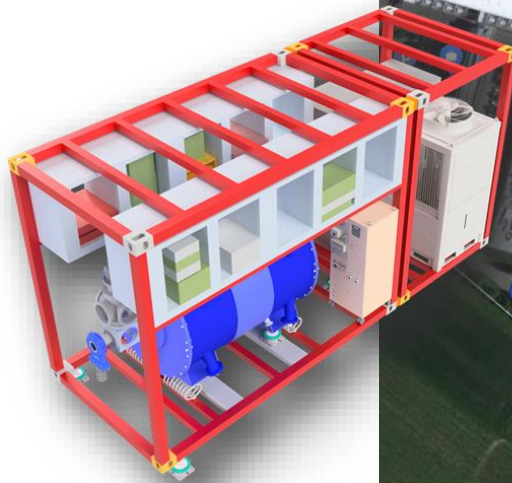


# $\bar{p}$ Trip





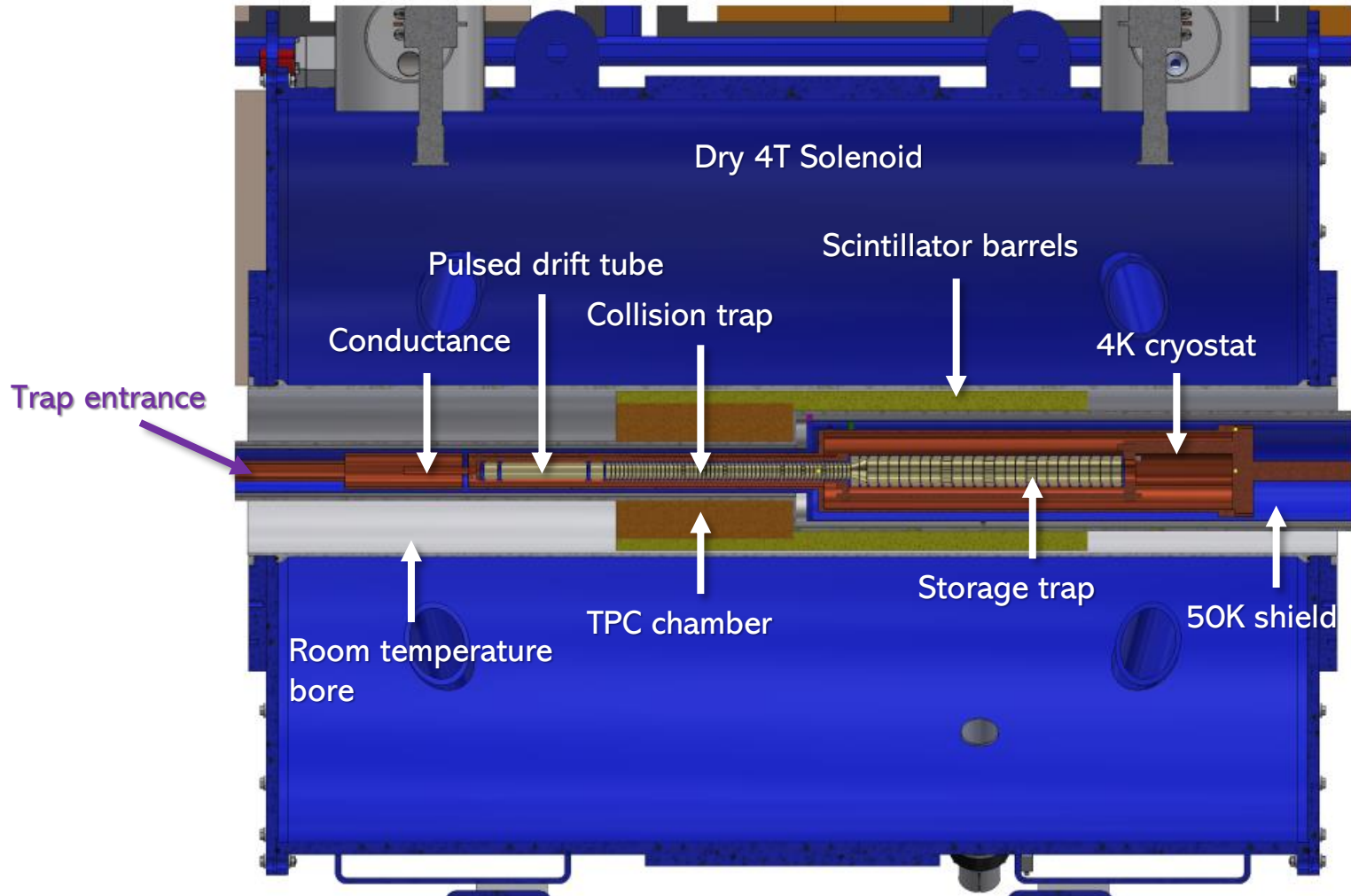
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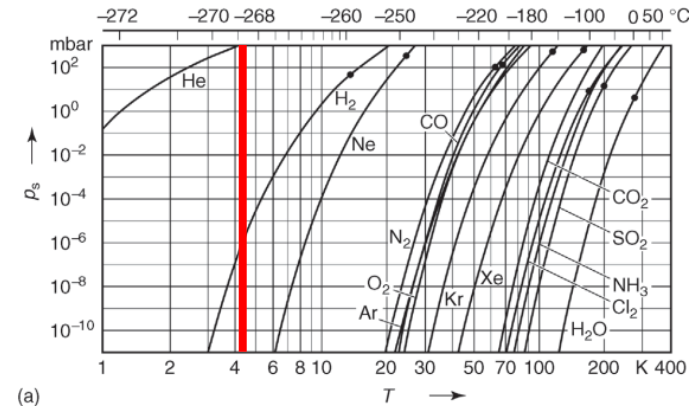
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# PUMA Trap

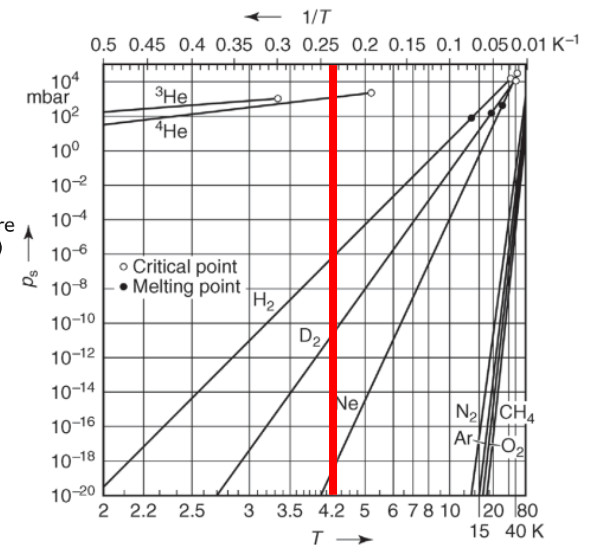


# Pumping concept

- ❑ Pumping on cold surfaces (4.2K) of gases entering the trap
- ❑ Maximum allowed pressure at the entrance of trap  
⇒ Defined by expansion of gas entering the trap
- ❑ Only H<sub>2</sub> and He pressure will evolve with time ⇒ Sub ML coverage
- ❑ Small conductance between the entrance and collision and storage trap.

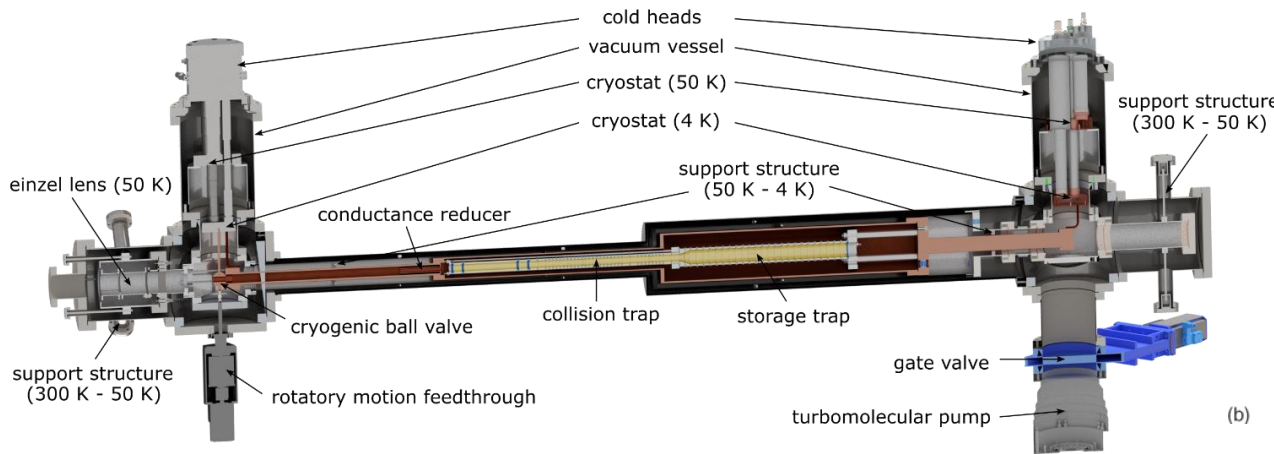


(a)



(b)

Ref [6]



# PUMA vacuum requirements

Storing  $10^9$  antiprotons ( $10^7$  as first milestone)

Vacuum level:

- ❑ Antiproton lifetime ( $>30$  days)
- ❑ Low Signal background during measurement

Specifications:

- ❑  $T = 4K$
  - ❑  $\tau > 200$  days
- $\Rightarrow n_{H_2} \approx 20 \text{ cm}^{-3} \rightarrow$
- $P \approx 10^{-17} \text{ mbar}$**
- $\Rightarrow 0.5\text{Hz}$  background ( $10^7 \bar{p}$  in collision trap)

From [2]:

$$\sigma_{H_2} = 3\pi a_0^2 \sqrt{\frac{27.2\text{eV}}{E_{CM}}}$$

$$a_0 = 5.29 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ m}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\tau} = n_{H_2} v_{rel} \sigma$$

$$v_{rel} = \sqrt{\frac{4E_{CM}}{m_p}}$$

$$n_{H_2} = \frac{\left(6\pi a_0^2 \sqrt{\frac{27.2\text{eV}}{m_p}}\right)^{-1}}{\tau} = 3.91 \cdot 10^8 \text{ s} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \frac{1}{\tau(\text{s})}$$

Case:  $^{132}\text{Sn}$ :

$\sigma=10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2$ ,  $10^5$  ions/bunch  $\Rightarrow 100\text{Hz}$

Case:  $^{11}\text{Li}$ :

$\sigma=10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$ ,  $200$  ions/bunch  $\Rightarrow 0.5\text{Hz}$

# Cross section for other gases (He)

Langevin cross section (ion-atom interaction) [2]:

$$\sigma = \pi \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha q_e^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 E}}$$

$$v_{CM} = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{\mu}}$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = n_{gas} \sigma v_{CM} = 2\pi n_{gas} \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha q_e^2}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 \mu}}$$



$$n_{gas} \tau = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 \mu}{2\alpha q_e^2}}$$

$$\alpha'_{H_2} = 0.802 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\alpha'_{He} = 0.205 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\tau > 200 \text{ d}$$

$$n_{H_2} \tau = 4500 \text{ d/cm}^3 \Rightarrow n_{H_2} \approx 20 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$n_{He} \tau = 7560 \text{ d/cm}^3 \Rightarrow n_{He} \approx 40 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

- Higher tolerance to He
- No hard limit, but implications in physics program

# Adsorption Isotherm

- Low temperature gas adsorption modelled with Dubinin–Radushkevich (DR) isotherm

$$\theta = \exp\left(-\beta\left(RT \ln\left(\frac{P}{P_{sat}}\right)\right)^2\right) = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{T}{T_0} \ln\left(\frac{P}{P_{sat}}\right)\right)^2\right)$$

$\theta$  relative surface coverage

$T_0$  adsorption energy (expressed in K)

$P_{sat}$  Saturation vapor pressure

- Available data

- $H_2$  from [3]:

$$T_0 = 209 \text{ K} \quad ML = 0.645 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

- $He$  from [4]:

$$T_0 = 67.8 \text{ K} \quad ML = 1.27 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

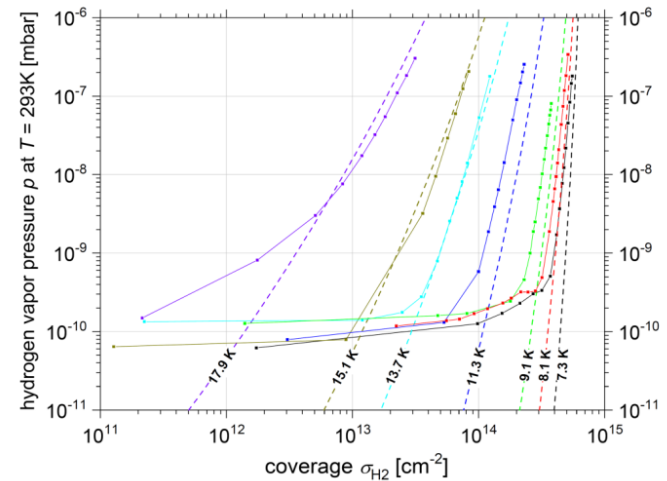
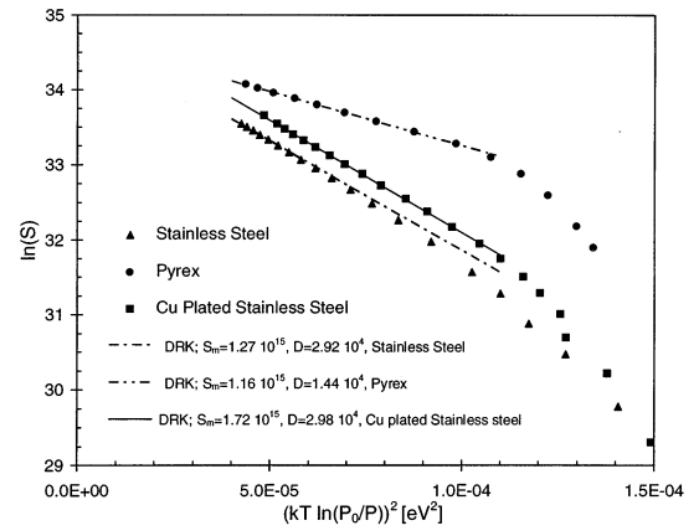


FIG. 3. Adsorption isotherms of  $H_2$  on an electropolished stainless steel surface in the temperature range between 7.3 and 17.9 K. The dashed curves are the theoretical isotherms calculated according to the DRK [Eq. (2)] with the experimentally determined constants,  $B = 3075 \text{ eV}^{-2}$  and  $\sigma_{mono} = 6.45 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .



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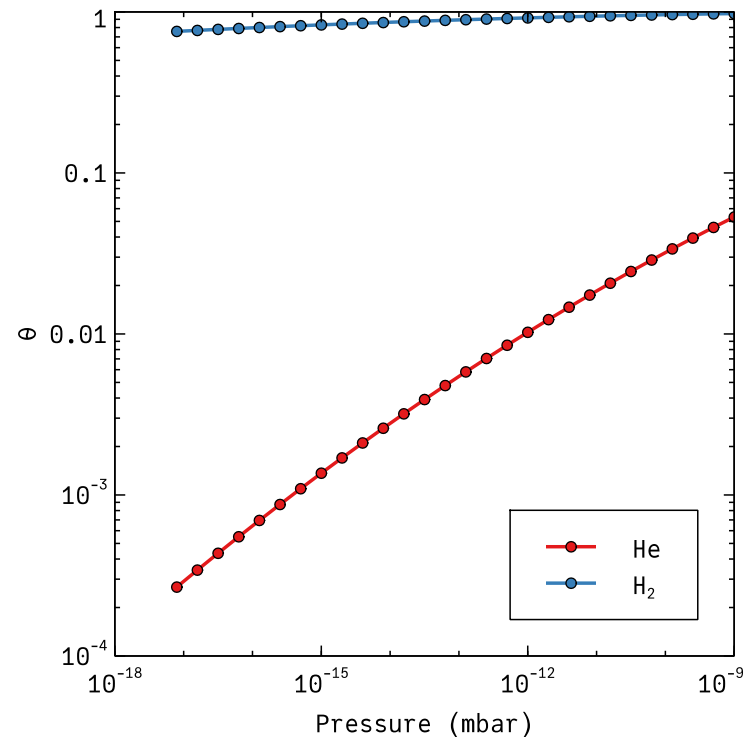
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Is the extrapolation to very low equilibrium pressure valid?



# COMSOL model

- ❖ Molecular flow simulation using view factors between elements to simulate the reflexion of molecules
- ❖ COMSOL allows the study of an evolving wall following the surface coverage
- ❖ Quasi-static equilibrium

$$\frac{1}{P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} \ll s \frac{A}{V} \frac{\bar{v}}{4}$$

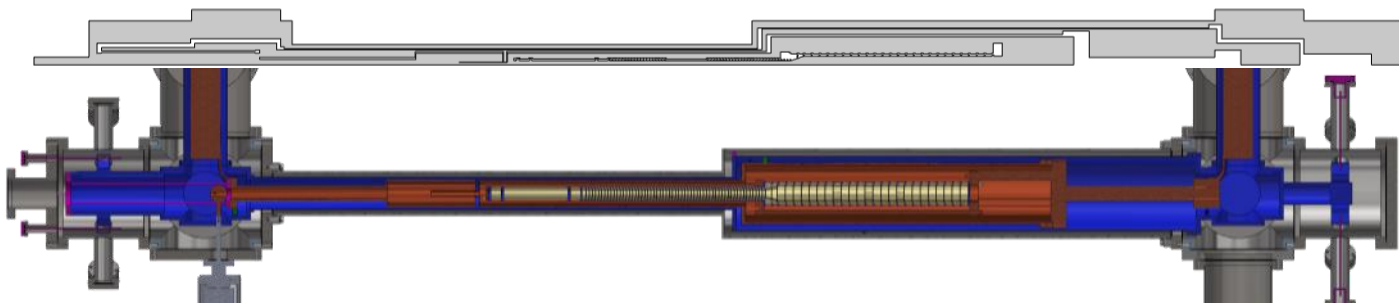
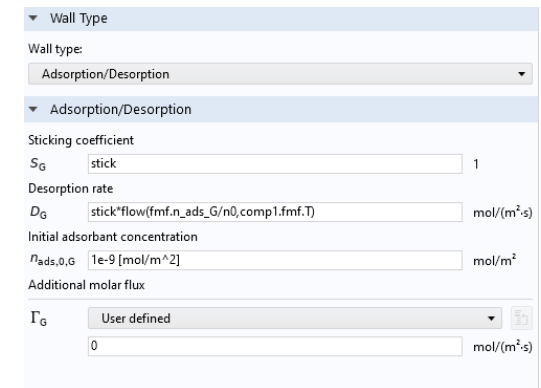
- ❖ 2D axisymmetric model
- ❖ Pressure at the entrance isotropic distribution (no beaming)
- ❖ DR isotherm model for 4.2K walls in COMSOL

- ❖ Pumping:

$$\frac{1}{4} s_0 n_{gas} v_{th} \rightarrow \theta$$

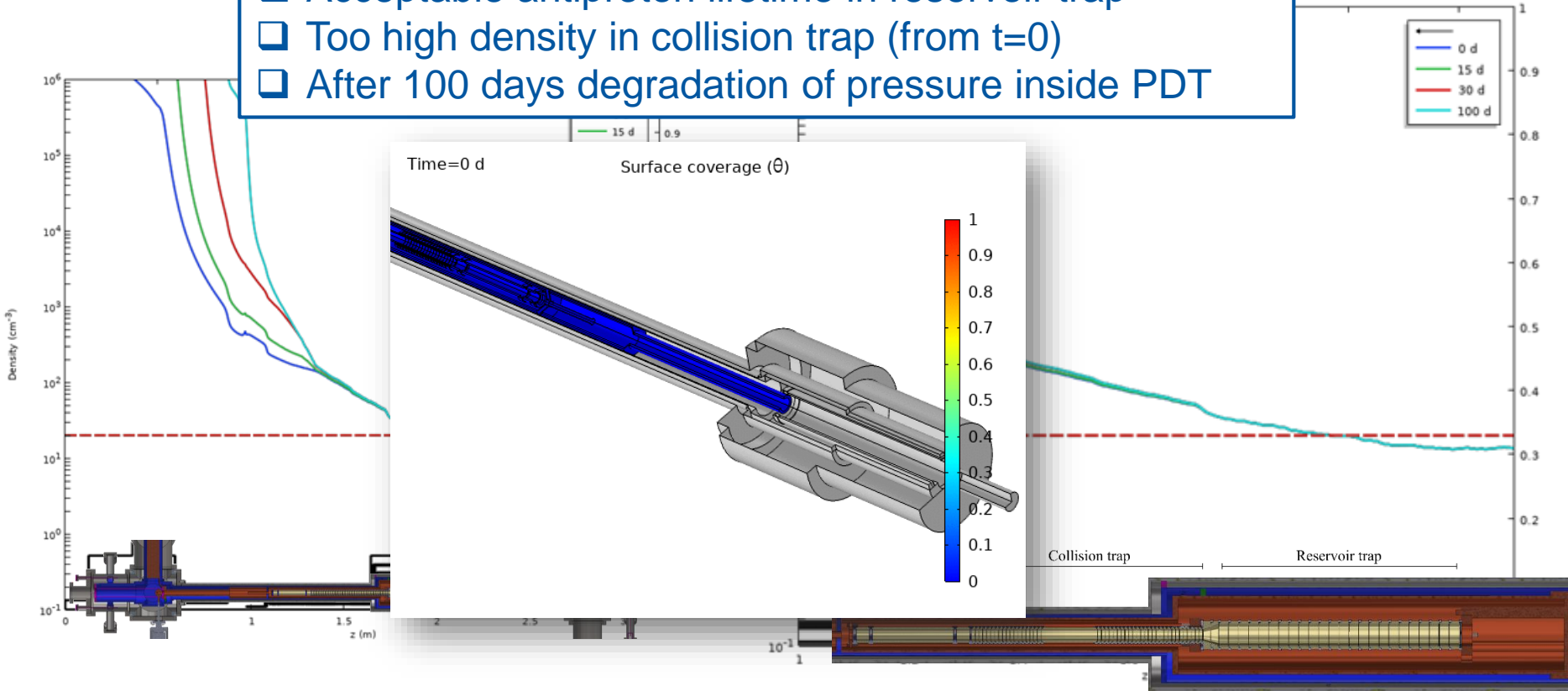
- ❖ Gas Desorption:

$$\frac{1}{4} s_0 n_{eq}(\theta) v_{th} \rightarrow n_{eq}(\theta) = n_{sat} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{T_0}{T} \sqrt{-\ln(\theta)}\right)$$



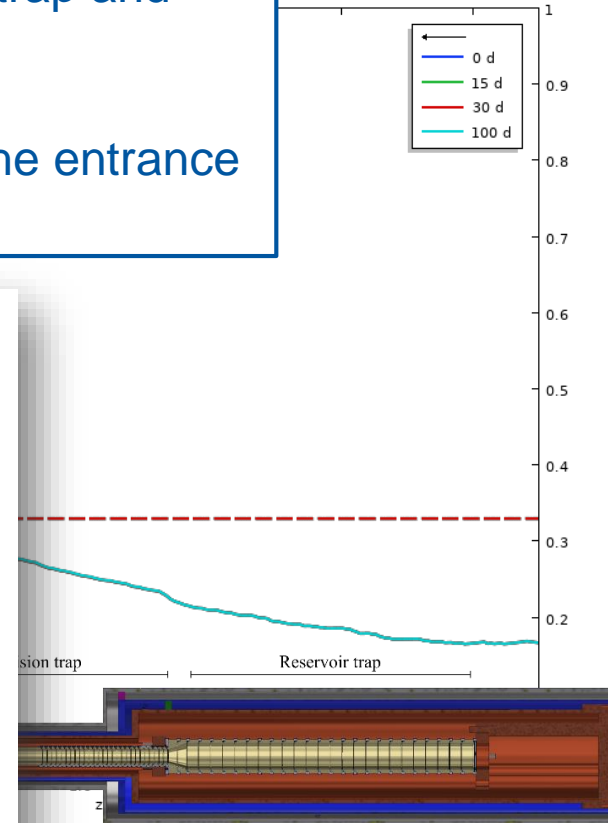
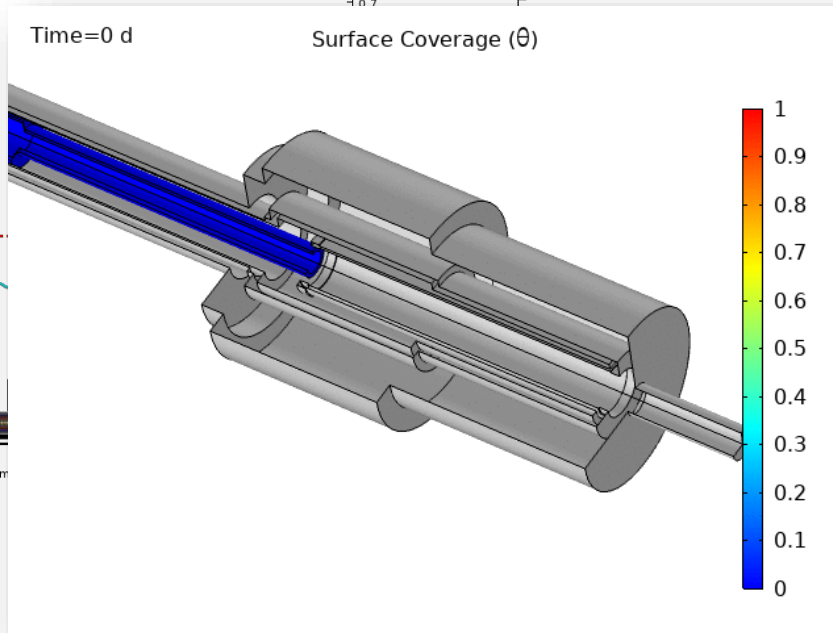
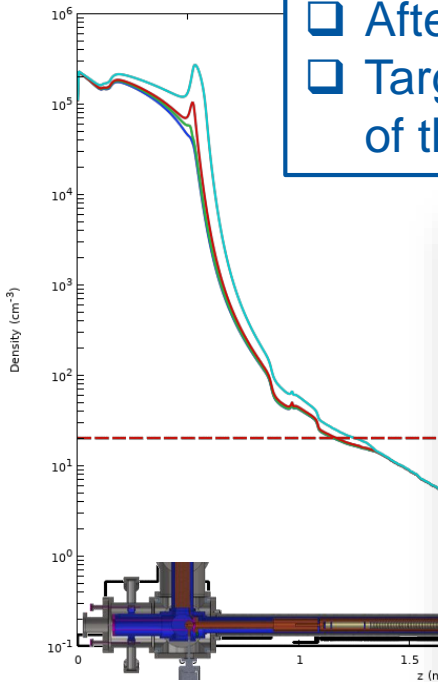
# COMSOL model: $P_{H_2} = 10^{-10}$ mbar

- ❑ Acceptable antiproton lifetime in reservoir trap
- ❑ Too high density in collision trap (from  $t=0$ )
- ❑ After 100 days degradation of pressure inside PDT



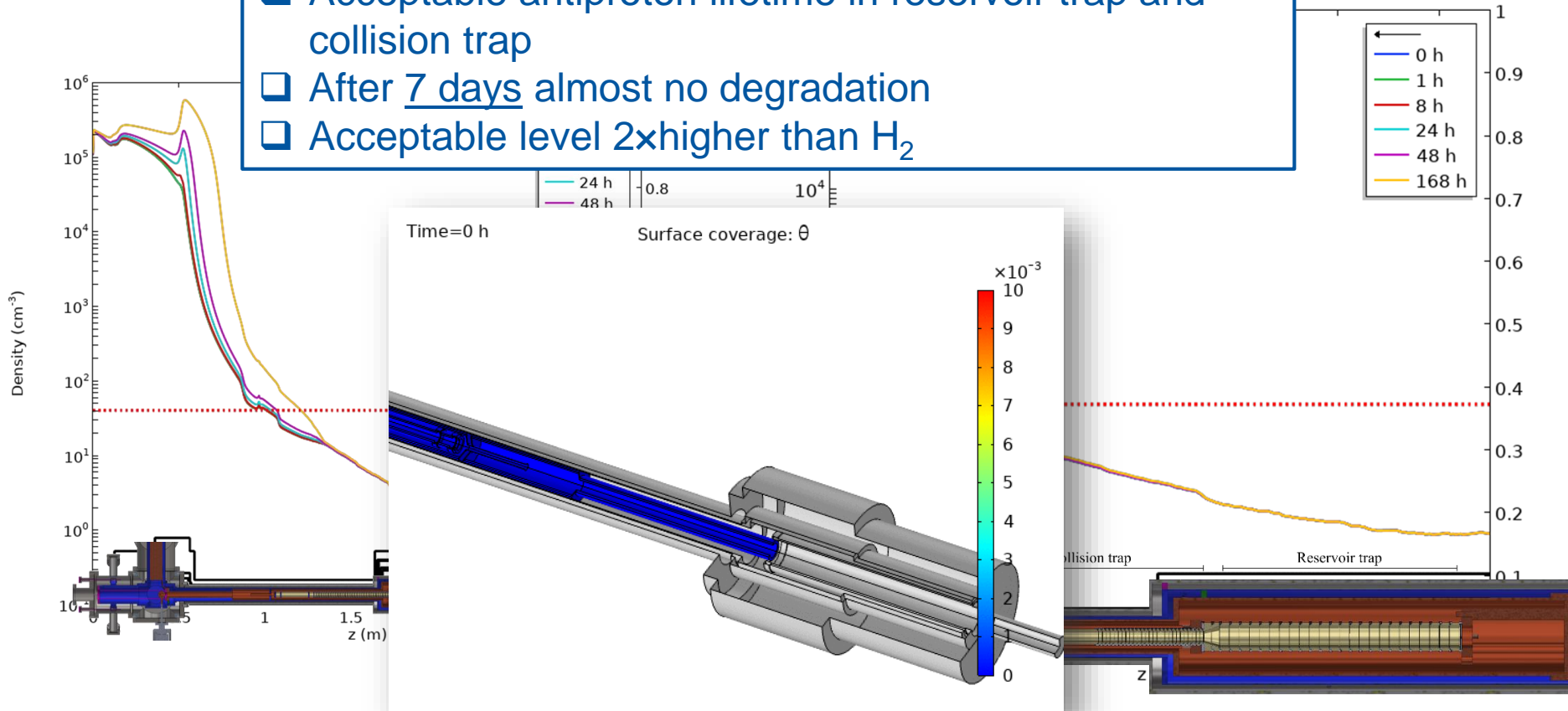
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- Acceptable antiproton lifetime in reservoir trap and collision trap
- After 100 days almost no degradation
- Target the lowest achievable pressure at the entrance of the trap



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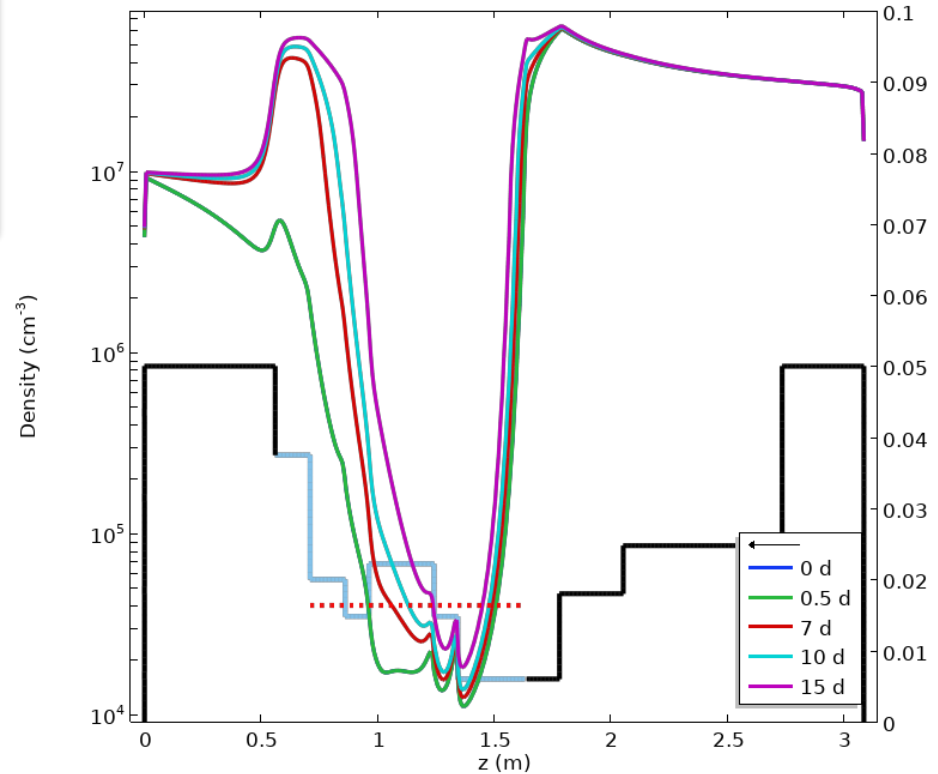
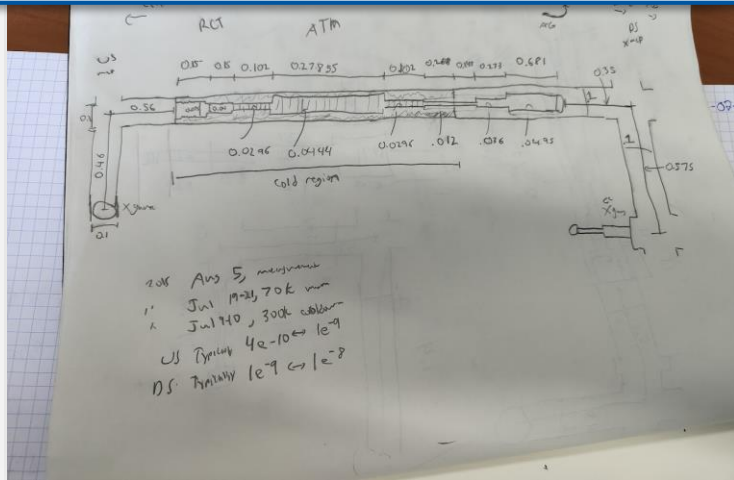
- ❑ Acceptable antiproton lifetime in reservoir trap and collision trap
- ❑ After 7 days almost no degradation
- ❑ Acceptable level 2x higher than  $\text{H}_2$



# Comparison with experimental results: Alpha experiment

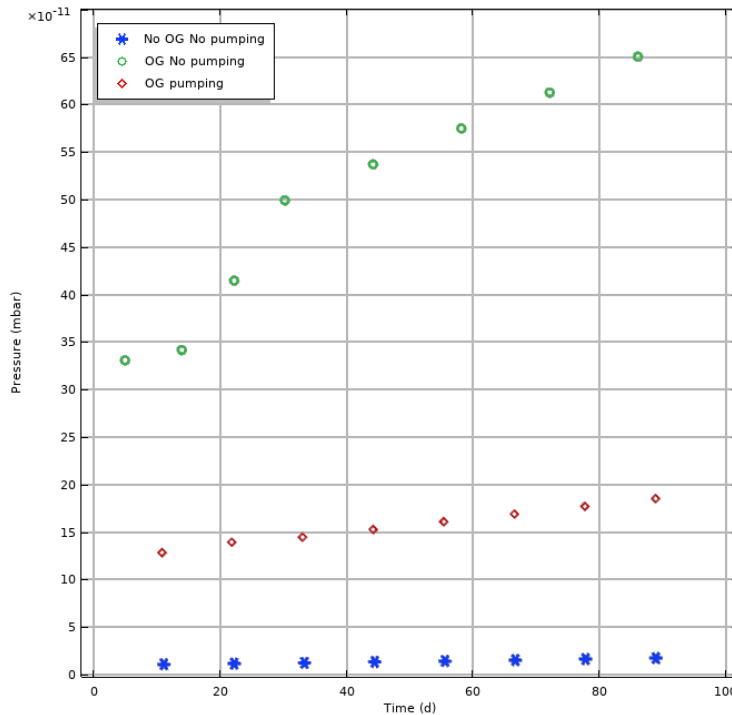
- Trap at 6.6K
- $P_{\text{upstream}} = 7 \times 10^{-10}$  mbar
- $P_{\text{downstream}} = 1 \times 10^{-9}$  mbar
- After 15 days  $\bar{p}$  lifetime estimated in 11600 s  
 $\Rightarrow 3.4 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  or  $3 \times 10^{-14}$  mbar
- Model assuming 10xMLs
- $s=0.3$

The model predicts a significant lower lifetime than observed  $\Rightarrow$  Conservative assumptions



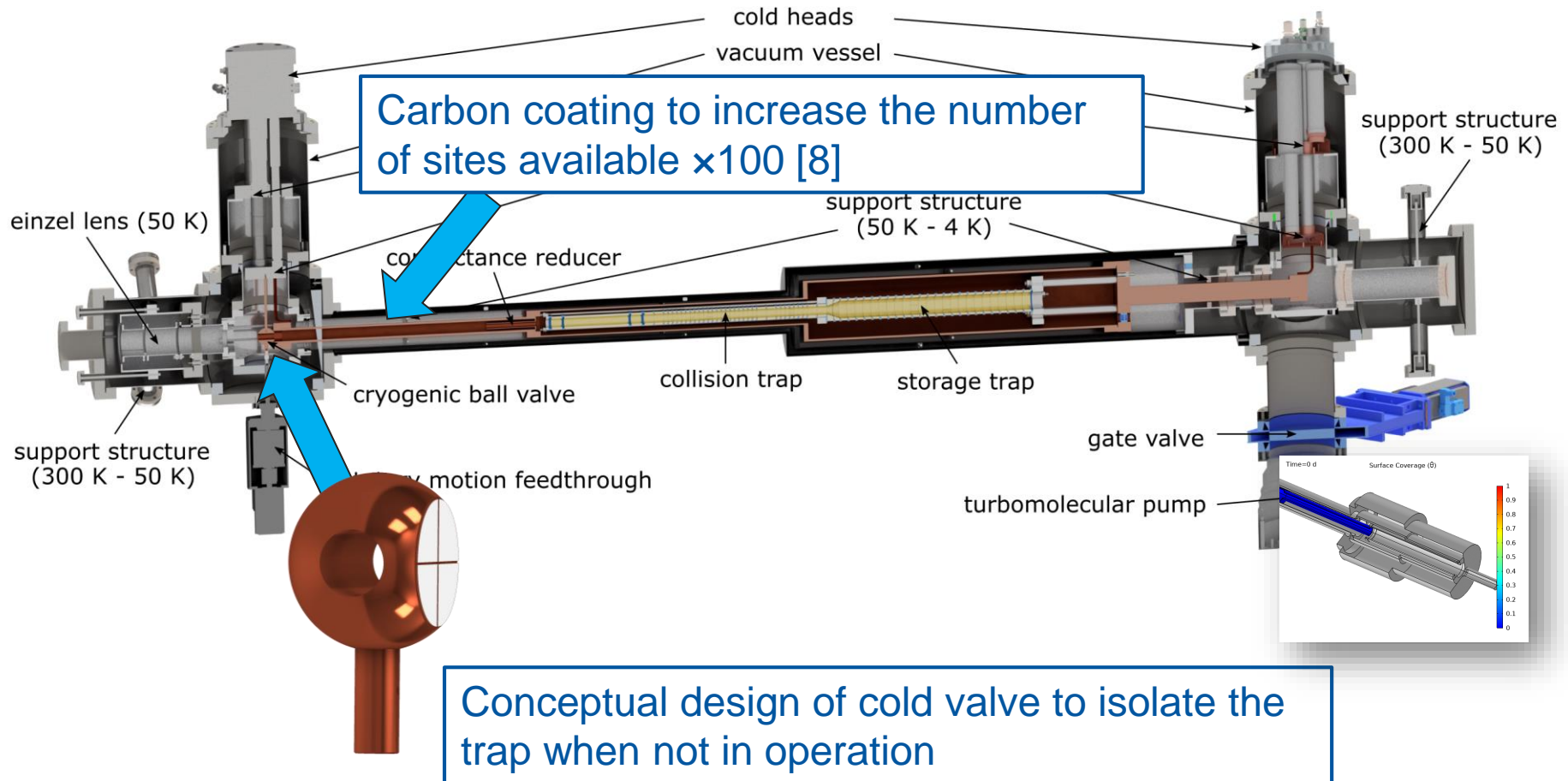
Data provided by Andrew Jordan Christensen

# Outgassing of room temperature material

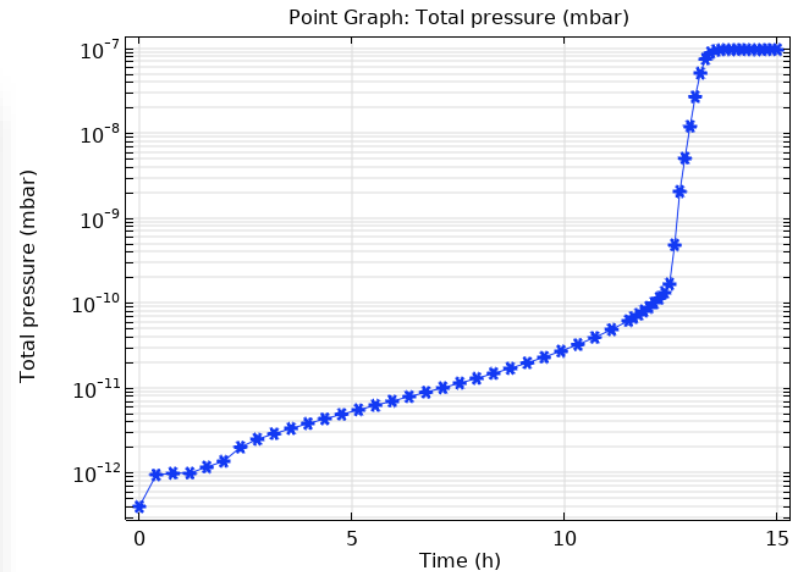
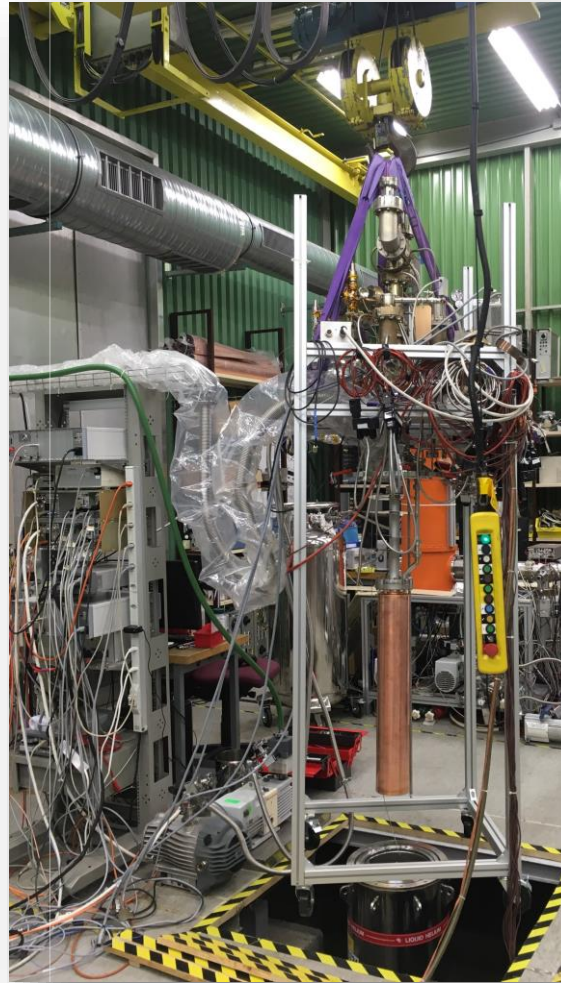
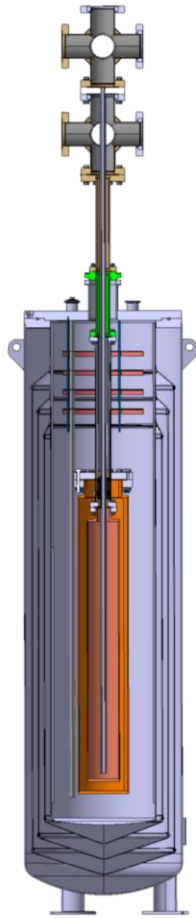


- ❑ Insulation vacuum in communication with trap vacuum.
- ❑ H<sub>2</sub> from room temperature materials can be the dominant gas source unless is pumped
- Reduce conductance between trap and insulation vacuum
- Add pumping

# Improvements of the trap



# H<sub>2</sub> and He isotherm data at low pressure



- ❑ New setup to measure isotherms at low pressure
- ❑ COMSOL to extract information from experiment
- ❑ Data to validate trap models

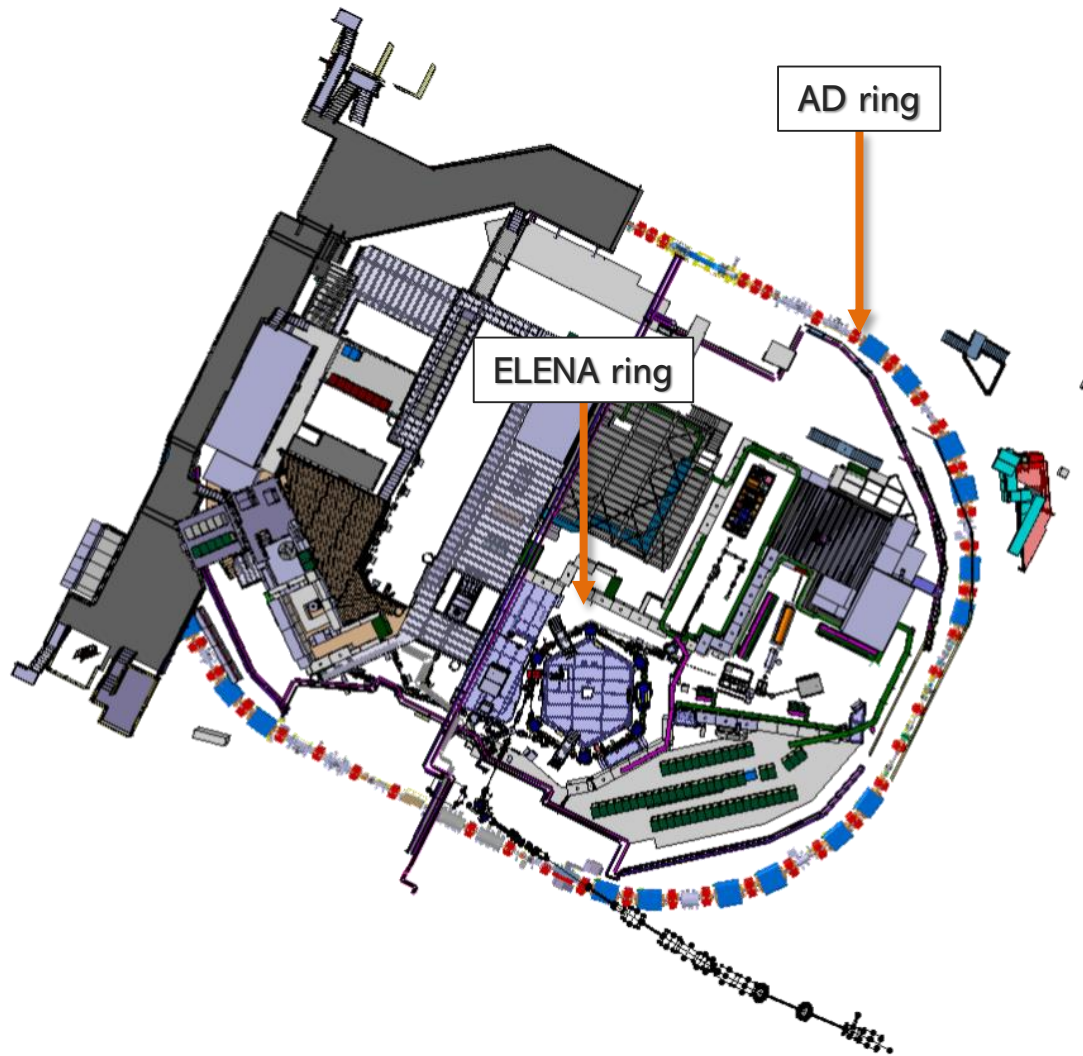


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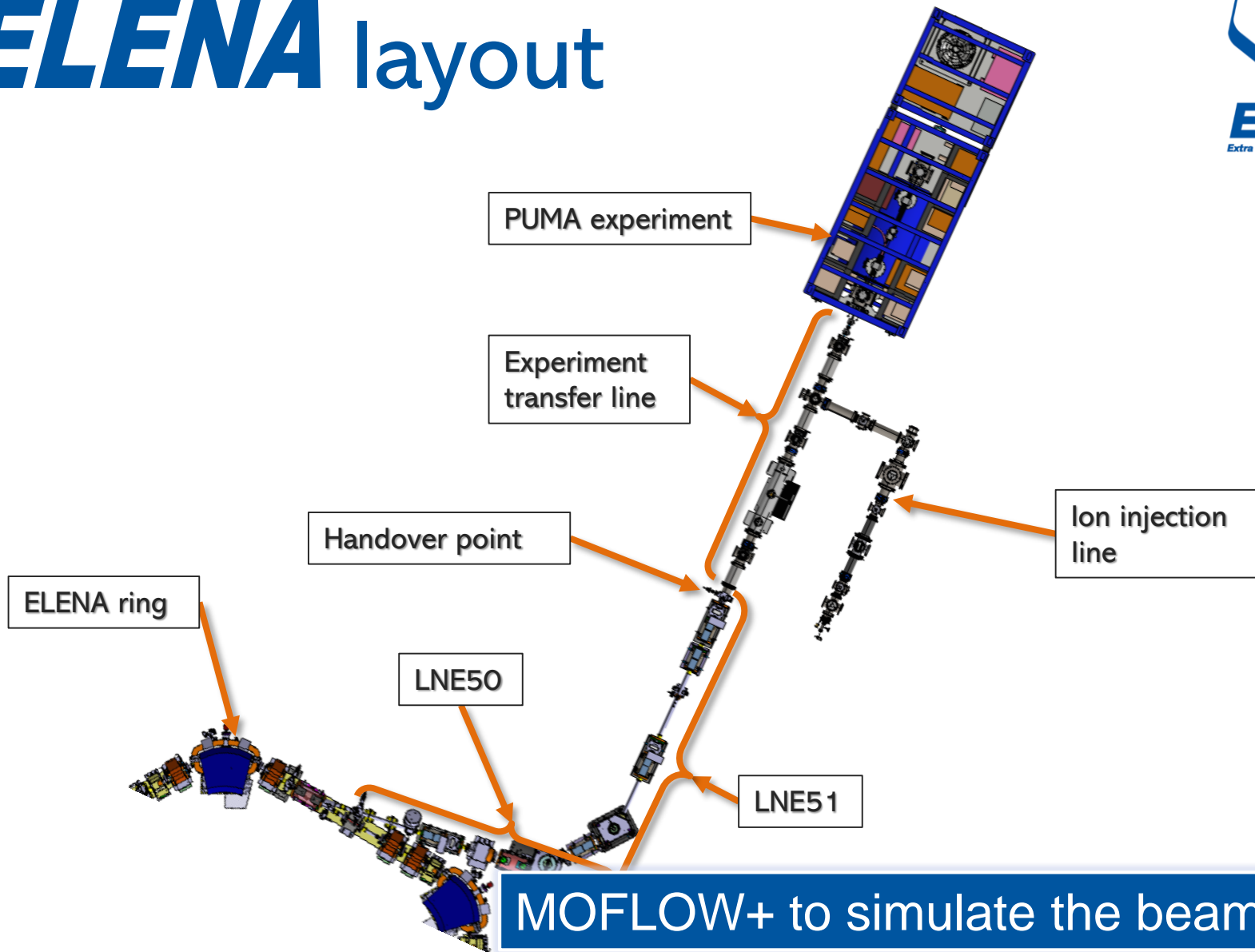
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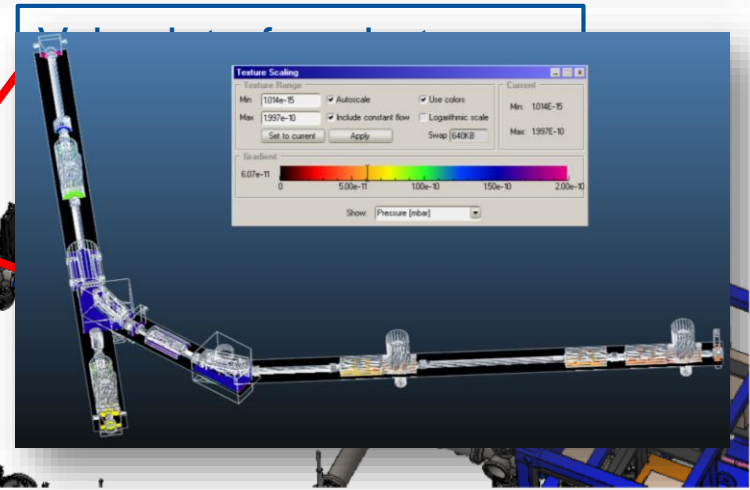
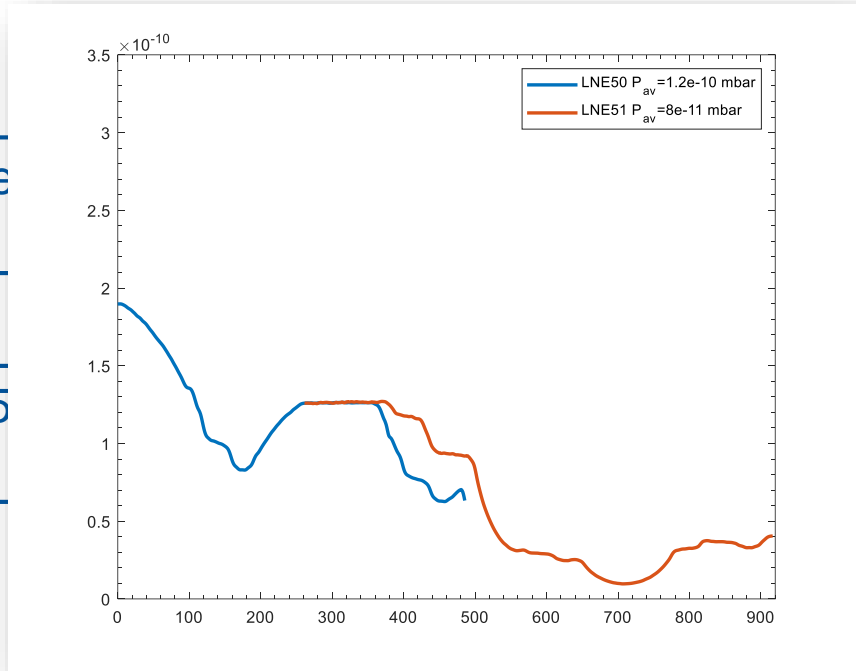
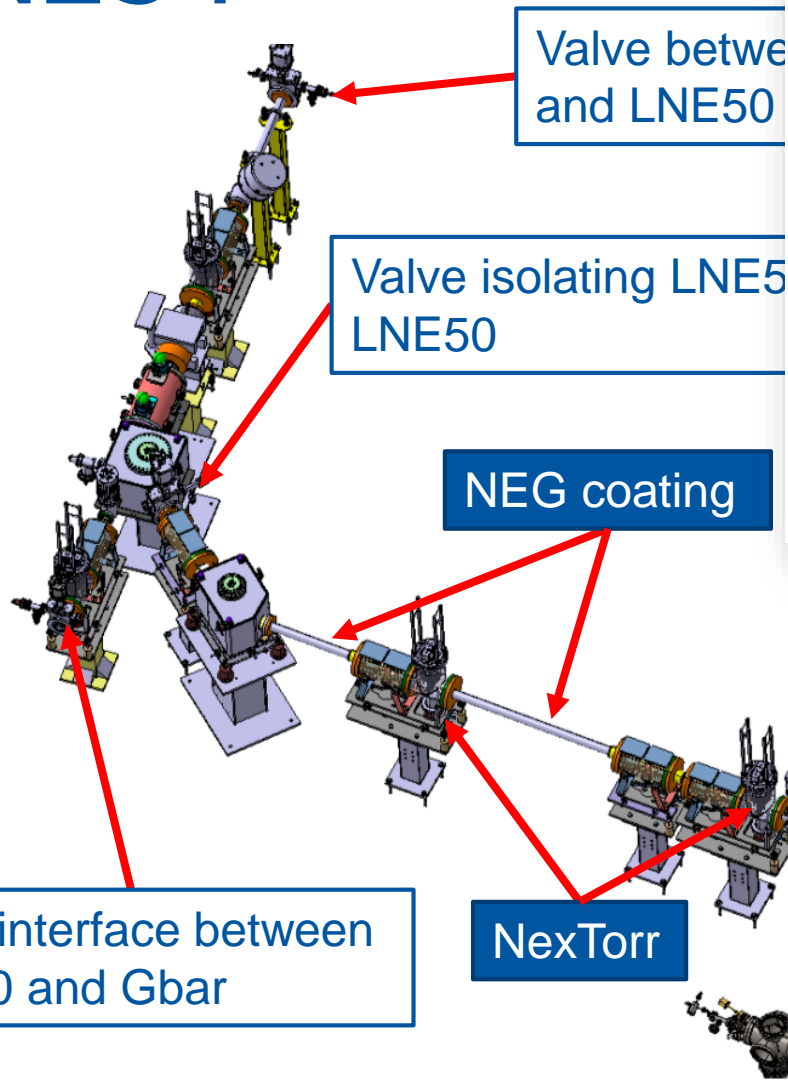


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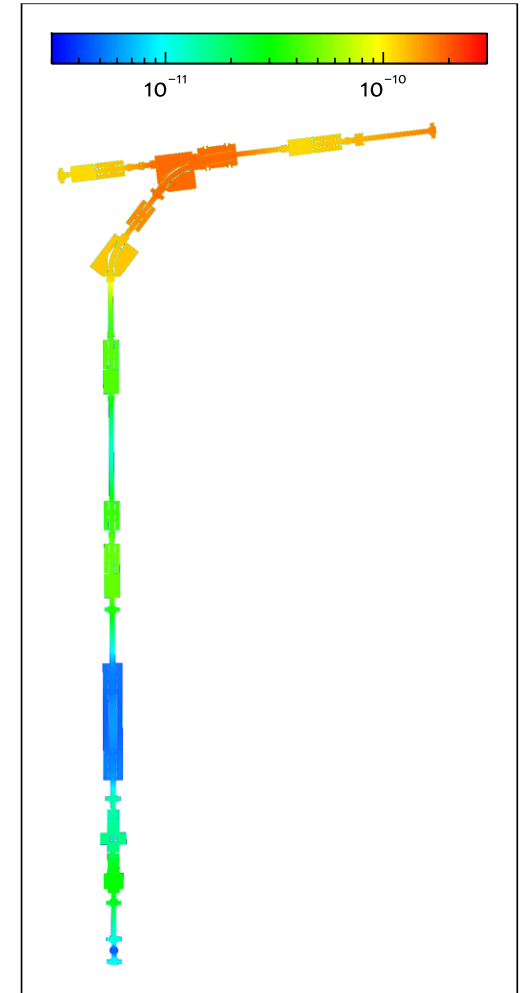
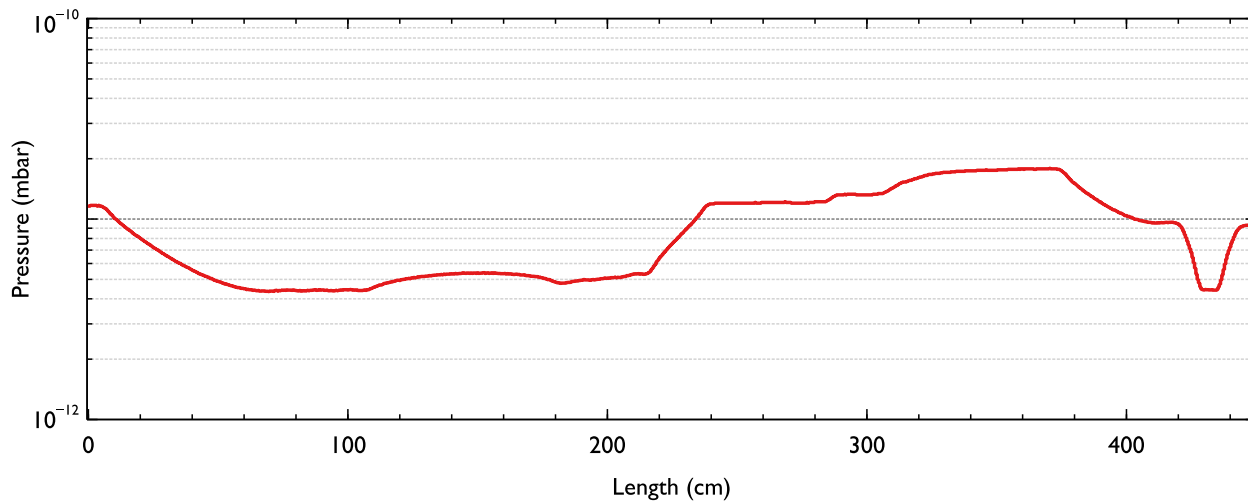
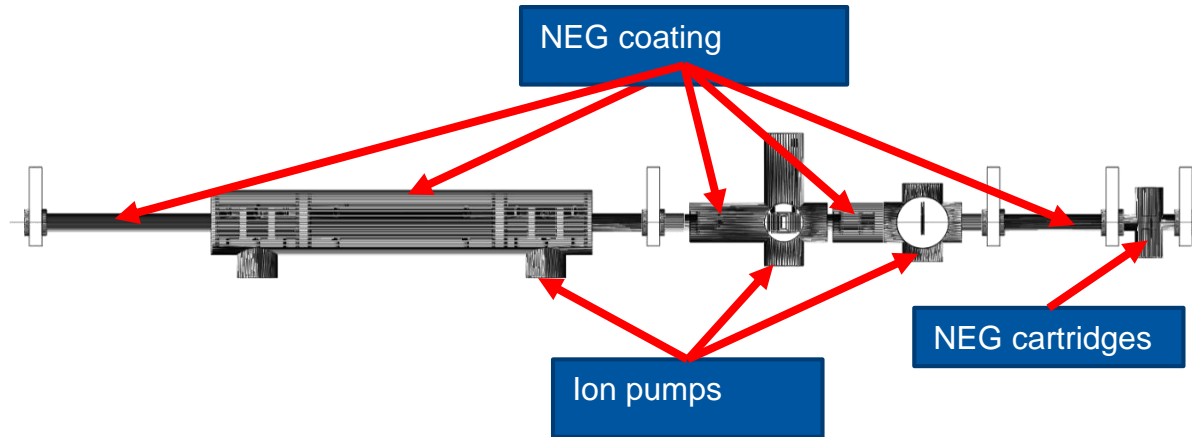


MOFLOW+ to simulate the beam line

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# PUMA Transfer line

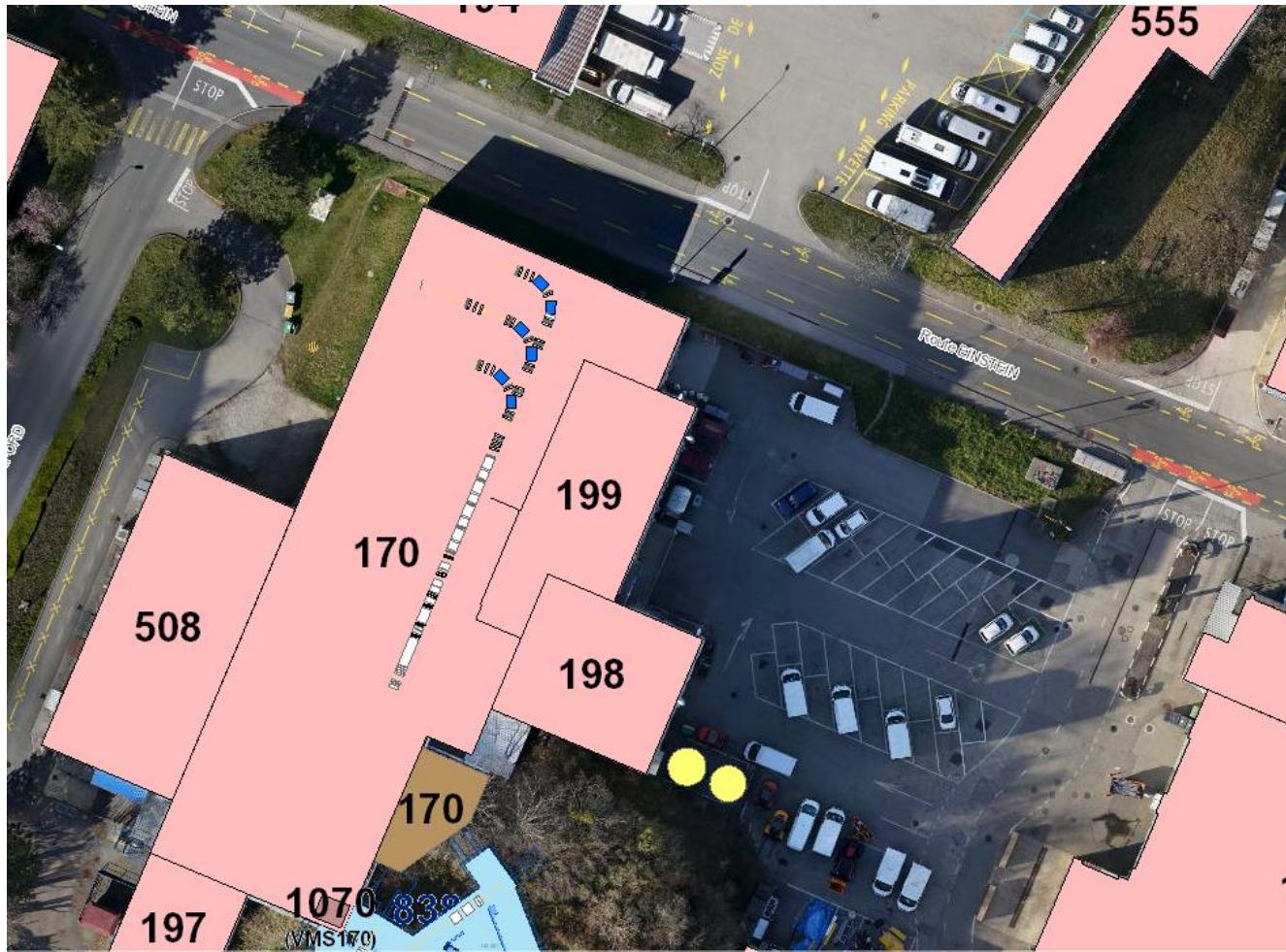


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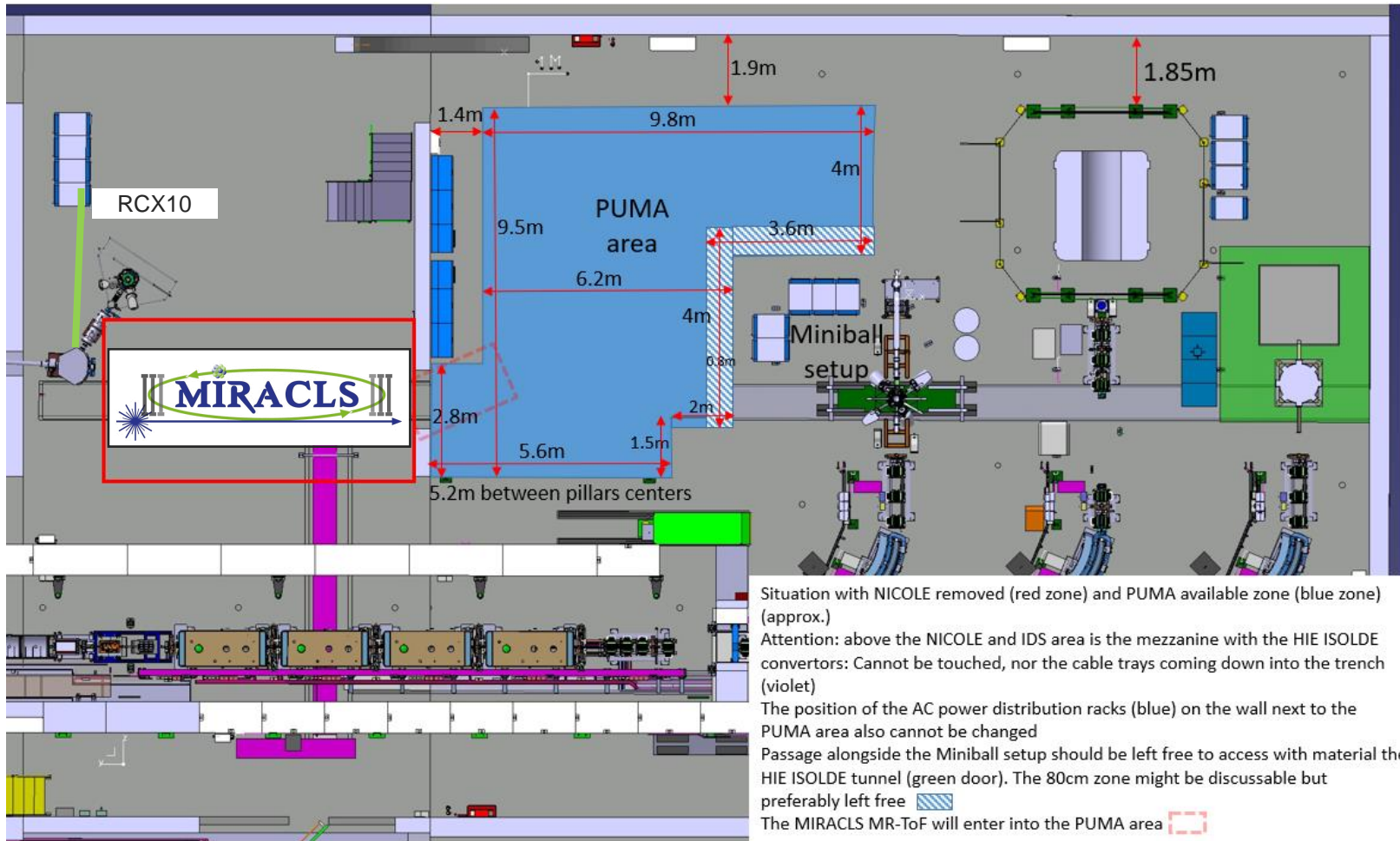
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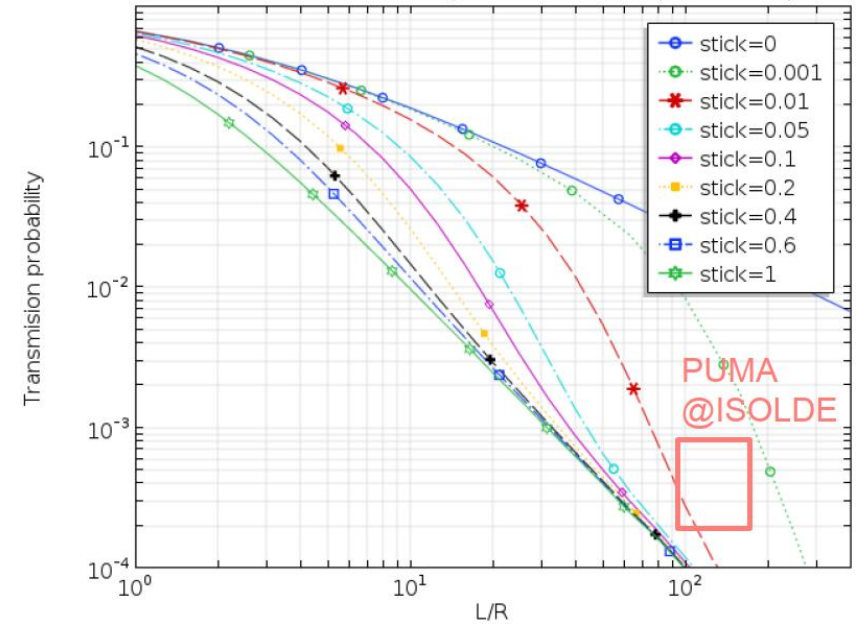
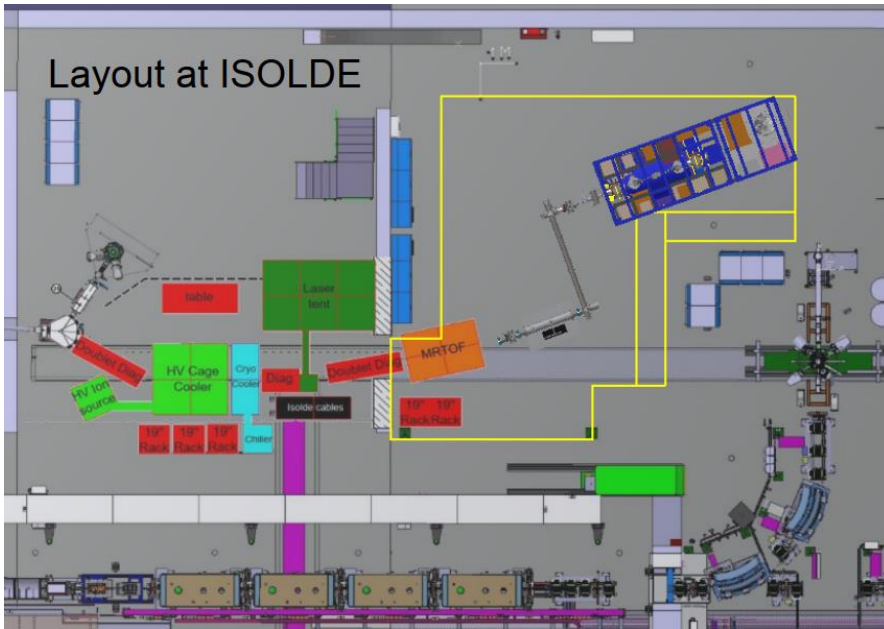
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# ISOLDE layout



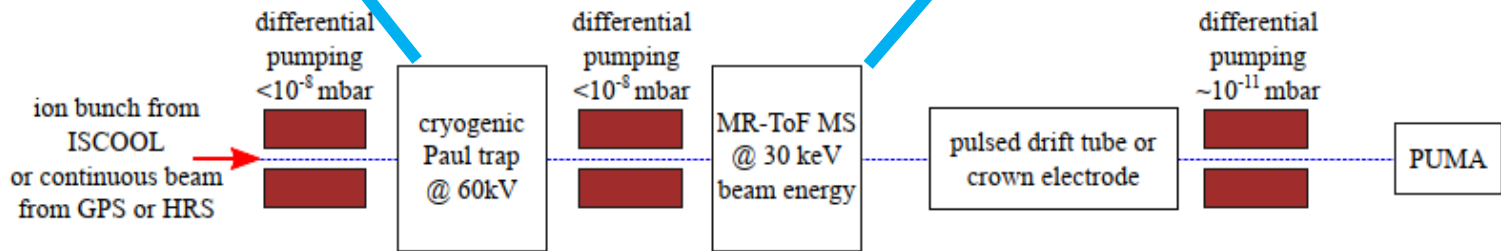
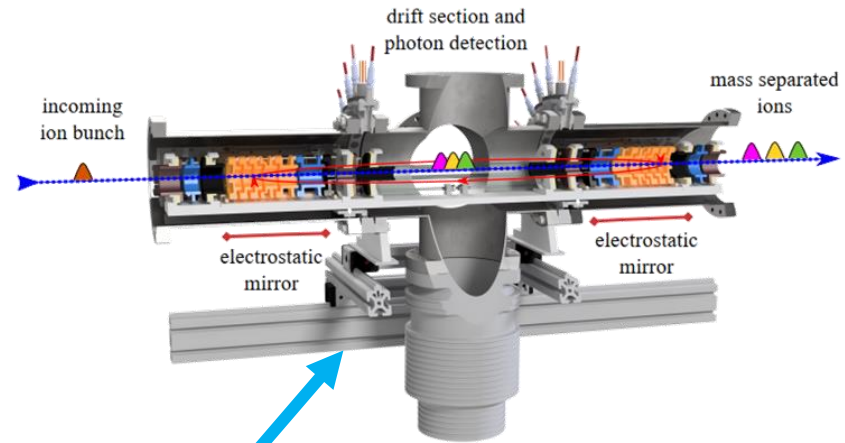
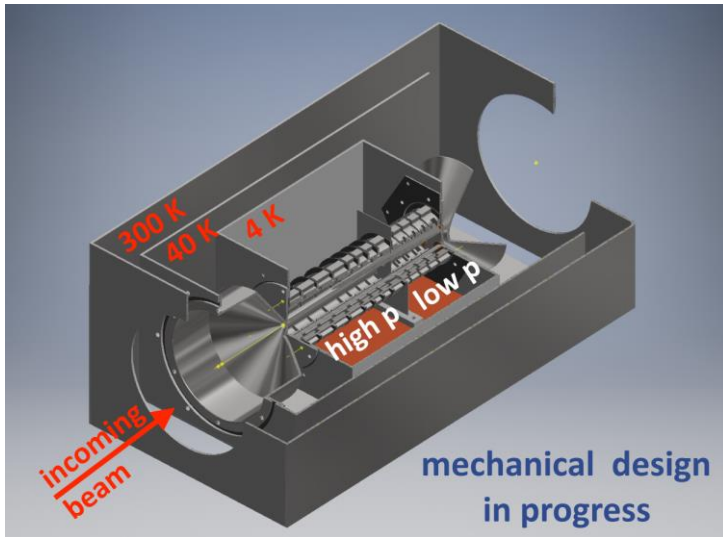
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- ❑ PUMA transfer line connected to MIRACLS  $\Rightarrow$  Handover Point  $<10^{-8}$  mbar
- ❑ Conductance reduction over  $\sim 2$  meters, smallest diameter 20 mm. Chicane to reduce beaming.
- ❑ Line still under definition

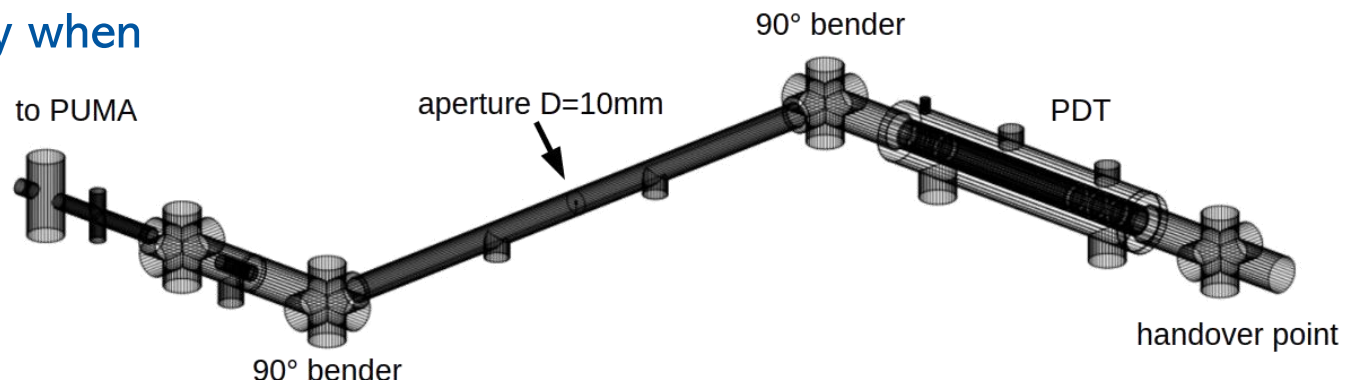
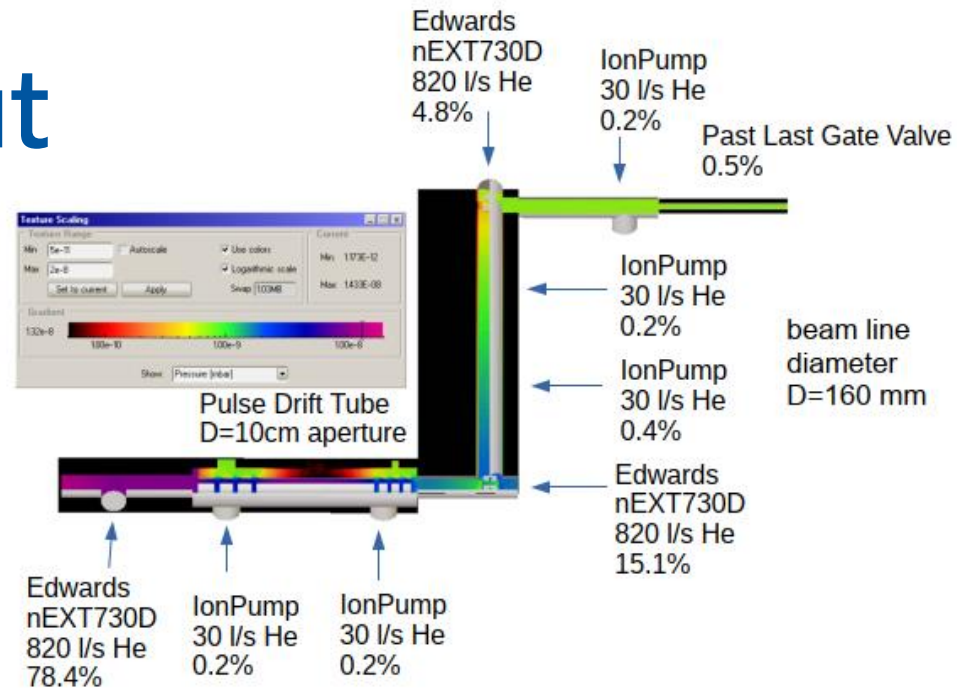


- ❑ MIRACLS: Multi Ion Reflection Apparatus for Collinear Laser Spectroscopy
- ❑ Bunches trapped in MR-ToF MS (Multi-Reflection Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer)
- ❑ Previous cryogenic Paul Trap for beam cooling with buffer gas for optimal longitudinal emittance.
- ❑ He gas for beam cooling!
- ❑ 30 keV final energy → Pulsed drift tube between PUMA and MIRACLS (<100 eV at PUMA)



# ISOLDE layout

- ❑ Light ions ( $A < 15$ ) can only be efficiently cooled down with He gas
- ❑ 0.5% transmission probability for He
- ❑ PUMA beam line at ISOLDE still to be optimised.
- ❑ Minimize the time He is injected while not in operation (open valve only when required)



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- ❑ PUMA will use  $\bar{p}$  as a high precision probe. The manipulation and transport of  $\bar{p}$  requires extreme low vacuum only achievable with cryo-pumping
- ❑ COMSOL and MOFLOW models to design the cold trap and the transfer lines
- ❑ The pressure at the entrance of the trap is crucial to reach the objective → Extensive use of NEG coatings and strict outgassing budget
- ❑ Isotherm data at very low pressure required to refine the models
- ❑ Aspects that require further development:
  - ❑ The trap needs to be loaded with  $e^-$  using a cold field emission source. At the end of the manipulation, they should be extracted out of the trap
  - ❑ Effect of vibrations during transport
- ❑ PUMA and BASE-STEP are targeting the transport of  $\bar{p} \Rightarrow$  It will open new physics opportunities



# EXPECTATIONS VS. REALITY

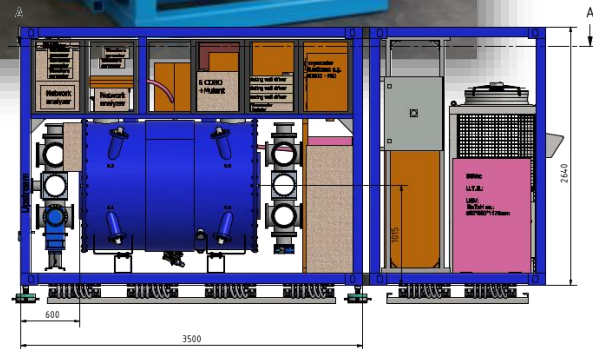


First Step!



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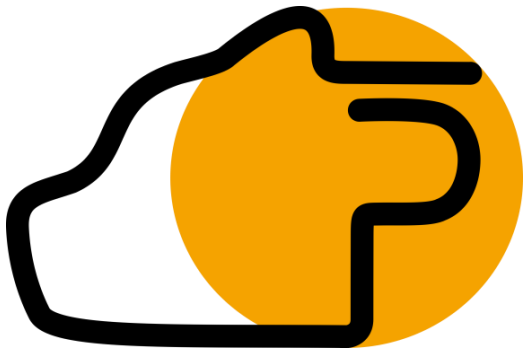
No magnet, no power supply, no special transport  
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Almost 10t, powered by diesel generator,  
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Thank you for your attention!!



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# Milestones

- ❑ Install and commissioning 100 kV Pulse Drift Tube at ELENA
- ❑ Build ELENA  $\bar{p}$  transfer line and commissioning
- ❑ Install trap and first  $\bar{p}$  trapped
- ❑ Install ion line at ELENA
- ❑ First ion trapped and  $\bar{p}$  annihilation with stable ions (first physics run)
- ❑ Build ISOLDE transfer line
- ❑ Transport of  $\bar{p}$  to ISOLDE
- ❑ Physics with unstable ions

# Influence of thermal radiation

- H<sub>2</sub> desorption can be stimulated by thermal radiation [9]
- First simulations show  $\ll 10^{-3}$  mW·cm<sup>-2</sup>
- Shielding of warm areas is mandatory

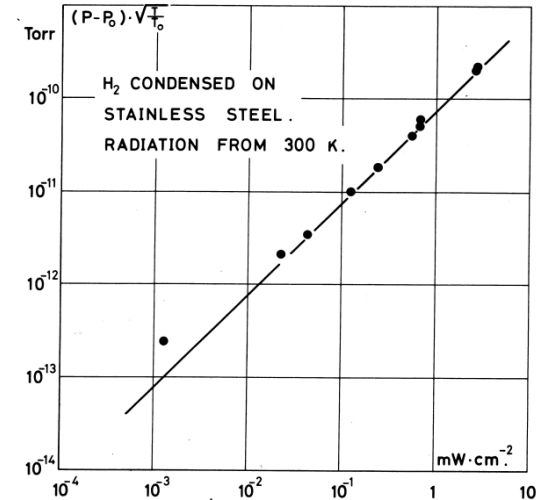
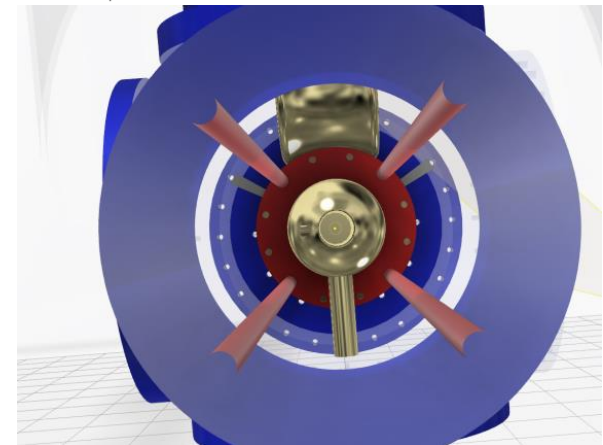
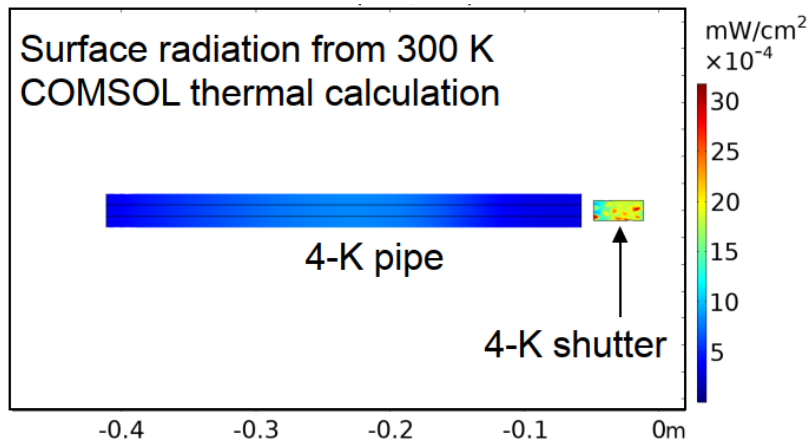
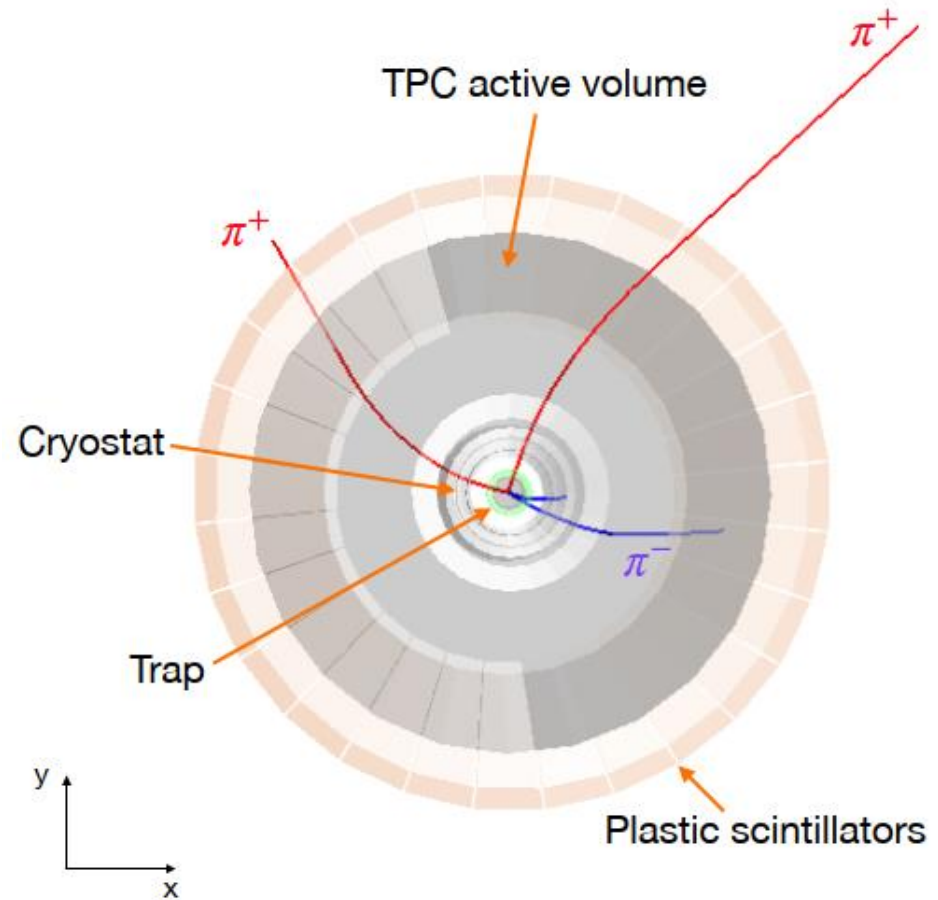


Fig. 11. Dependence of the H<sub>2</sub> saturated vapour pressure at 2.3 K on the thermal radiation power absorbed by the cryosurface.



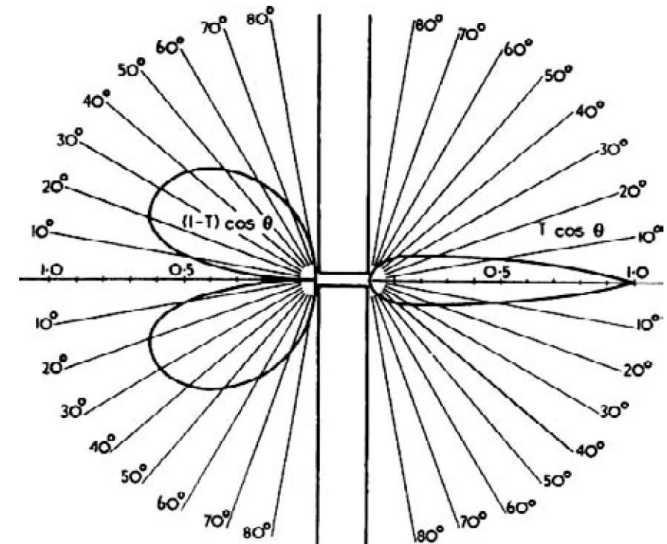
# Detection

- Measure the number of annihilated neutrons to the number of annihilated proton
- Electric charge conservation during the annihilation process → total charge of pions – 1 for a neutron and 0 for a proton.



# Density vs Pressure

- ❑ The flow through orifices in molecular flow disturbs the speed distribution → No longer isotropic.
- ❑  $PV = nRT$  doesn't apply in those conditions
- ❑ It is preferred to use density for cryogenic systems and/or anisotropic distributions



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