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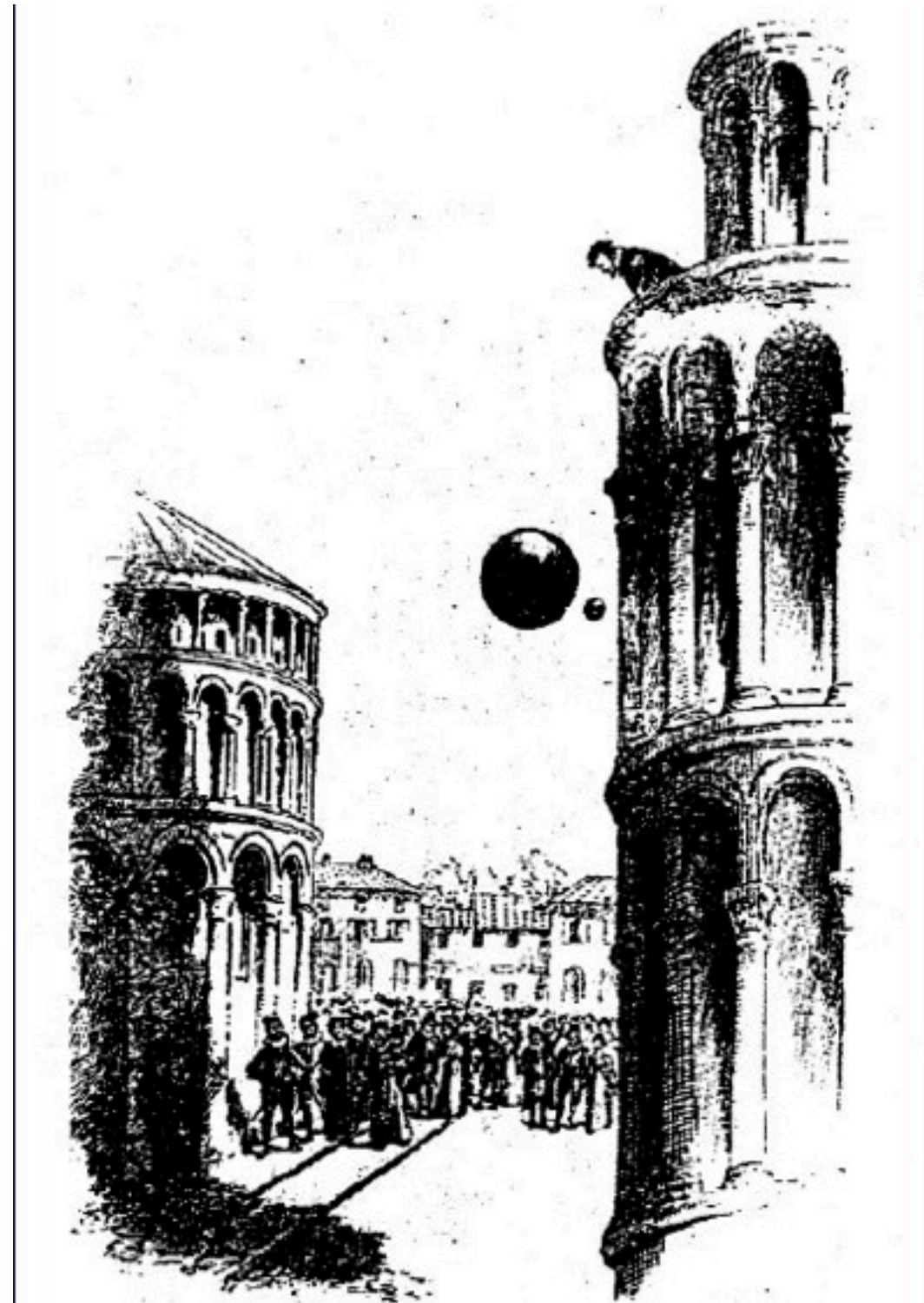


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# Motivation

- General relativity is a classical (non quantum) theory;
- EEP violations may appear in some quantum theory
- New quantum scalar and vector fields are allowed in some models (Kaluza Klein ....)

Einstein field: tensor graviton (Spin 2, “Newtonian”)

+ Gravi-vector (spin 1)

+ Gravi-scalar (spin 0)

- These fields may mediate interactions violating the equivalence principle

Discussion and experimental constraints

*M. Nieto and T. Goldman, Phys. Rep. 205 (1991) 221*

Motivation for antigravity in General Relativity

*G. Chardin, Hyperfine Interactions 109 (1997) 83*

Scalar: “charge” of particle equal to “charge of antiparticle” : **attractive force**

Vector: “charge” of particle opposite to “charge of antiparticle”: **repulsive/attractive force**

$$V = - \frac{G_{\infty}}{r} m_1 m_2 \left( 1 \mp a e^{-r/v} + b e^{-r/s} \right) \quad \text{Phys. Rev. D 33 (2475) (1986)}$$

Cancellation effects in matter experiment if  $a \approx b$  and  $v \approx s$



# AEgIS: Antihydrogen Experiment: Gravity, Interferometry, Spectroscopy

Tests of gravity require very cold trapped  $\bar{\text{H}}$  or a pulsed cold beam of  $\bar{\text{H}}$

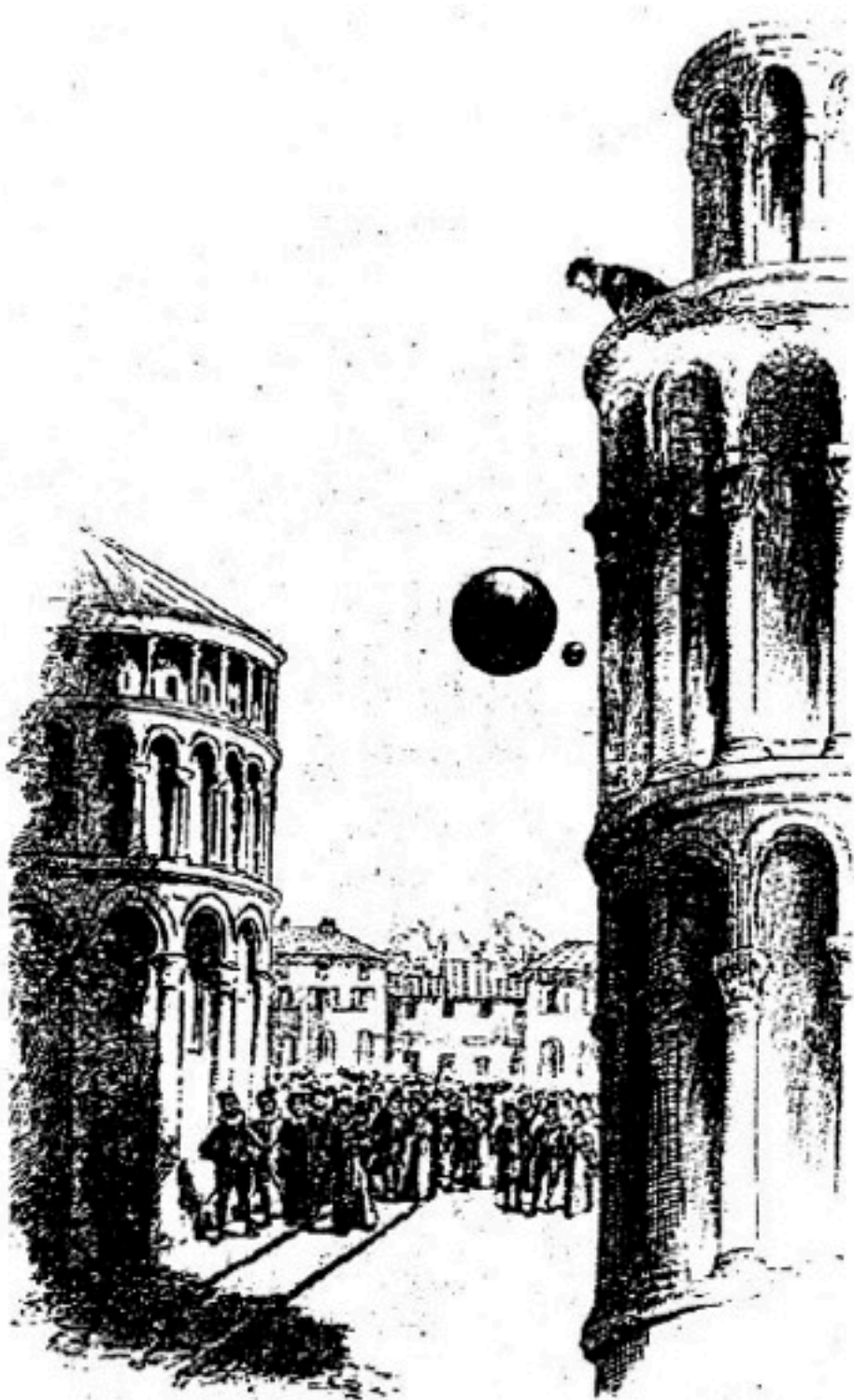
$$G \sim 100 \text{ nV/m on } \bar{p}$$

Experimental goal: g measurement with 1% accuracy on antihydrogen

(first direct measurement on antimatter)

a) production of a pulsed cold beam of antihydrogen ( $T \sim 0.1 \text{ K}$ )

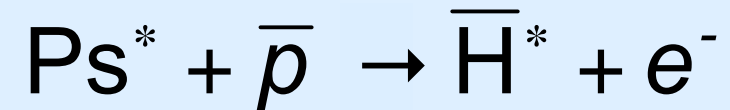
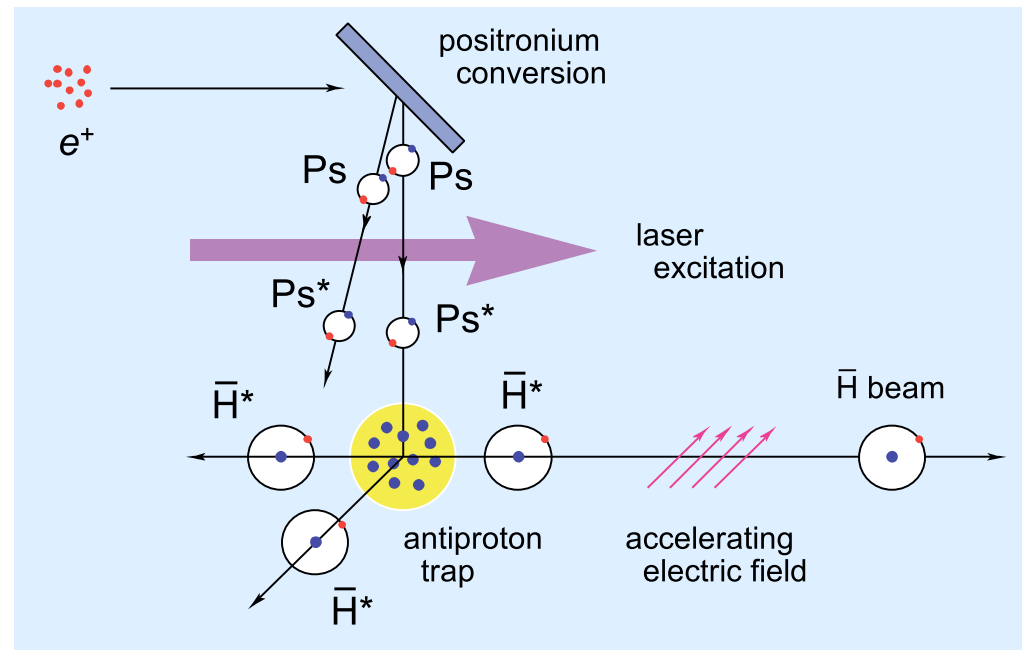
b) measurement of the beam deflection with a Moiré deflectometer





# Schematic: i) antihydrogen formation

- Charge exchange reaction:



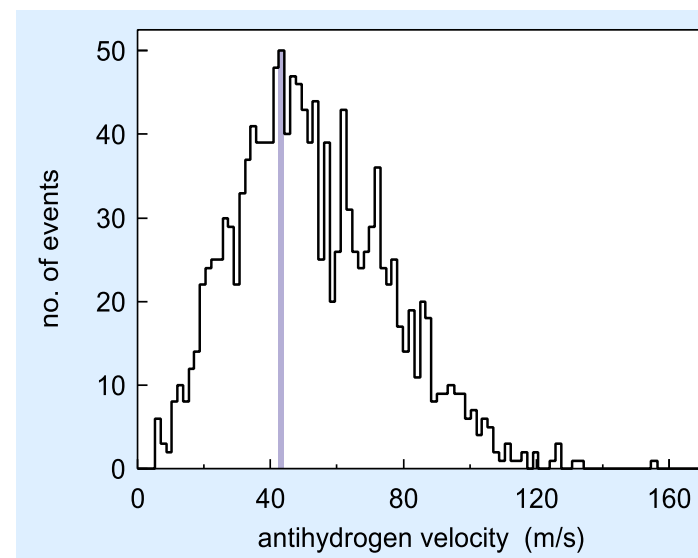
Works well at temperatures from 0–10 K

- Principle demonstrated by ATRAP ( $Cs^* \rightarrow Ps^* \rightarrow \bar{H}^*$ )

[C. H. Storry *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93** (2004) 263401]

- Advantages:

- Large cross-section  $\sigma = a_0 n^4$
- Narrow and well-defined  $\bar{H}$   $n$ -state distribution
- $\bar{H}$  production from  $\bar{p}$  at rest  
→ ultracold  $\bar{H}$



At  $T(p) = 100\text{mK}$ ,  
 $n(Ps) = 35$   
 $\Rightarrow v(H) \approx 45 \text{ m/s}$   
 $T(H) \approx 120\text{mK}$



## Schematic: ii) beam formation

- Neutral atoms are not sensitive to static electric and magnetic fields
- Electric field gradients exert force on electric dipoles:

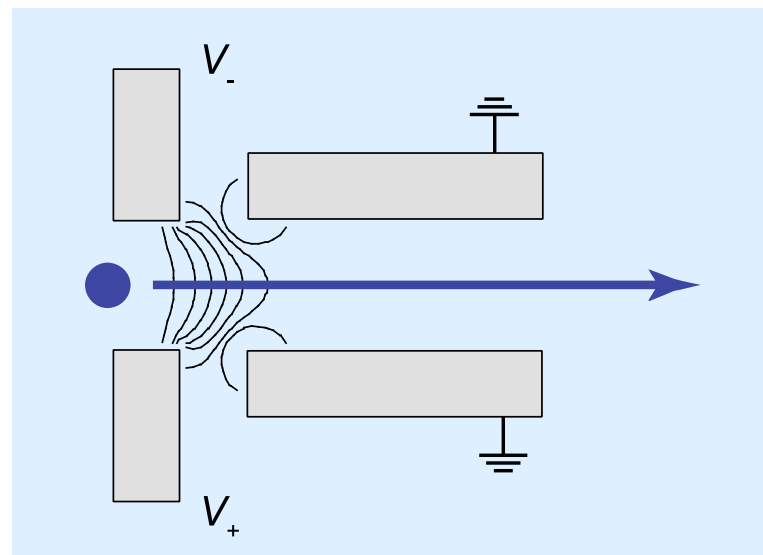
$$E = -\frac{1}{2n^2} + \frac{3}{2}nkF$$

$$Force = -\frac{3}{2}nk\vec{\nabla}F$$

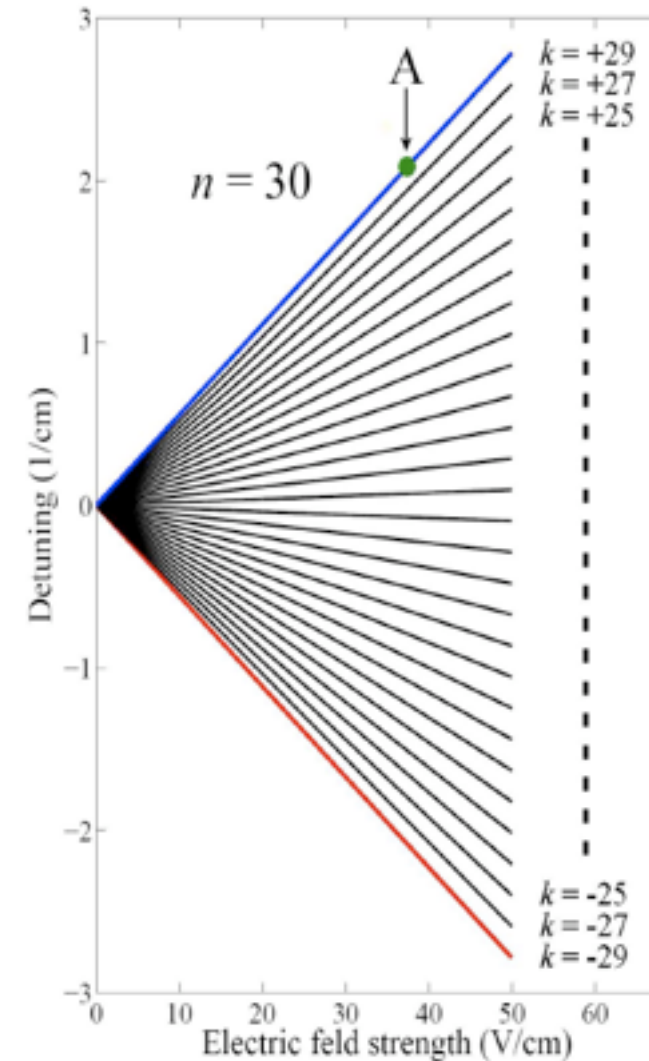
⇒ Rydberg atoms are very sensitive to inhomogeneous electric fields

- Stark deceleration of hydrogen demonstrated

[E. Vliegen & F. Merkt, J. Phys. B **39** (2006) L241 - ETH Physical Chemistry]



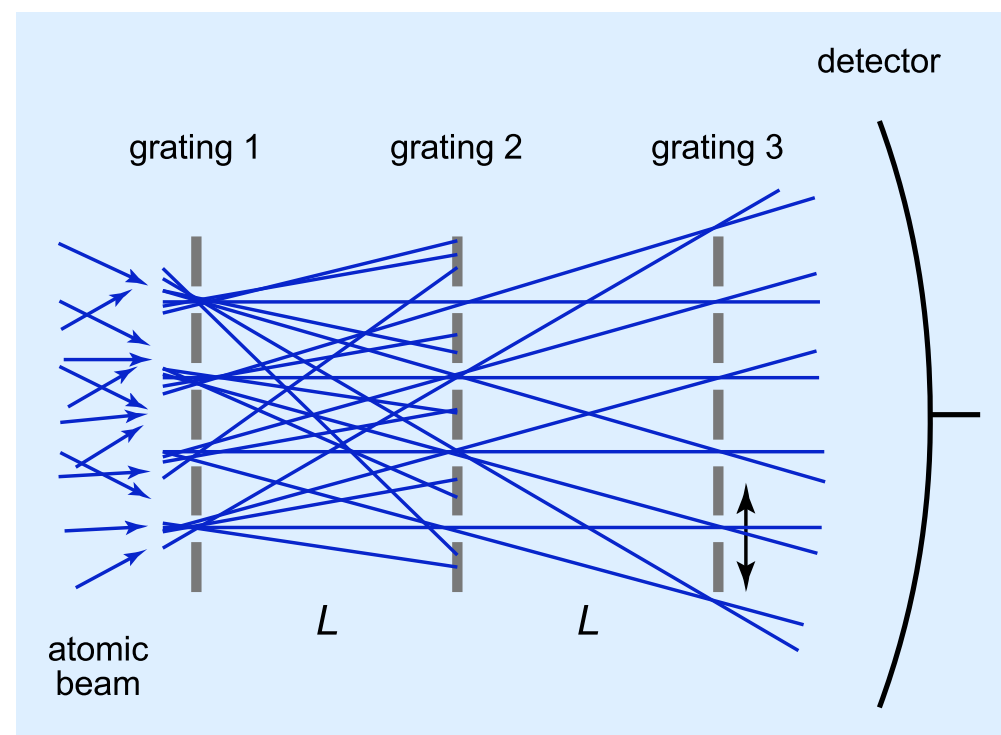
- $n = 22, 23, 24$
- Accelerations of up to  $2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}^2$  achieved
- Hydrogen beam at  $700 \text{ m/s}$  can be stopped in  $5 \mu\text{s}$  over only  $1.8 \text{ mm}$





# Schematic:     iii) trajectory measurement

- Classical counterpart of the Mach-Zehnder interferometer
  - Decoherence effects reduced
  - “Self-focusing” effect – beam collimation uncritical



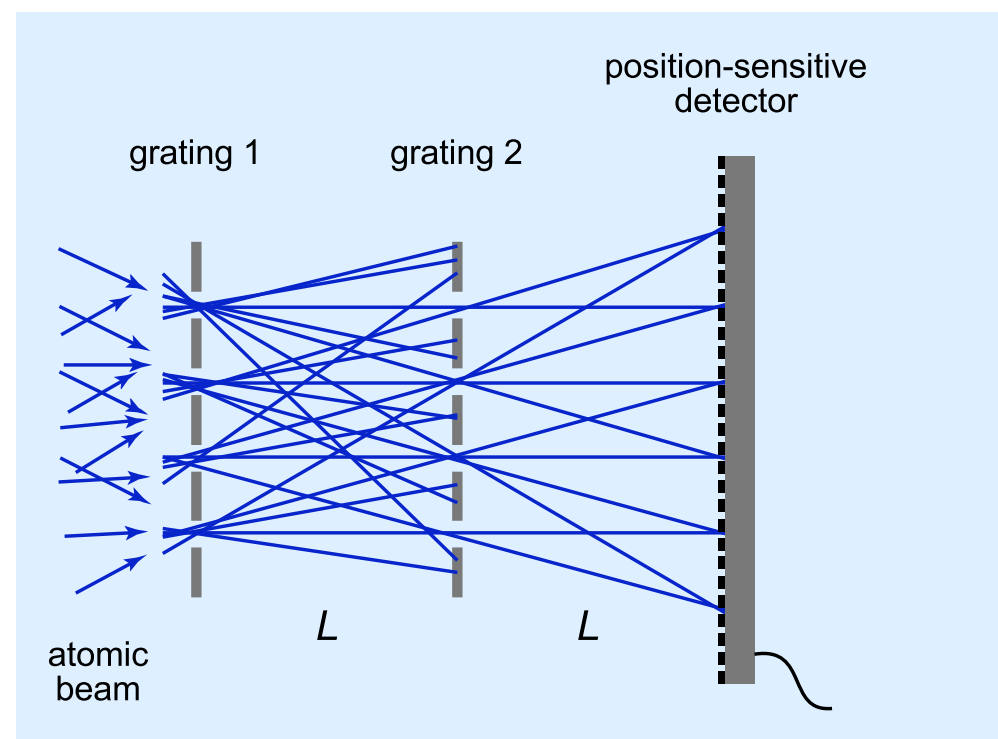
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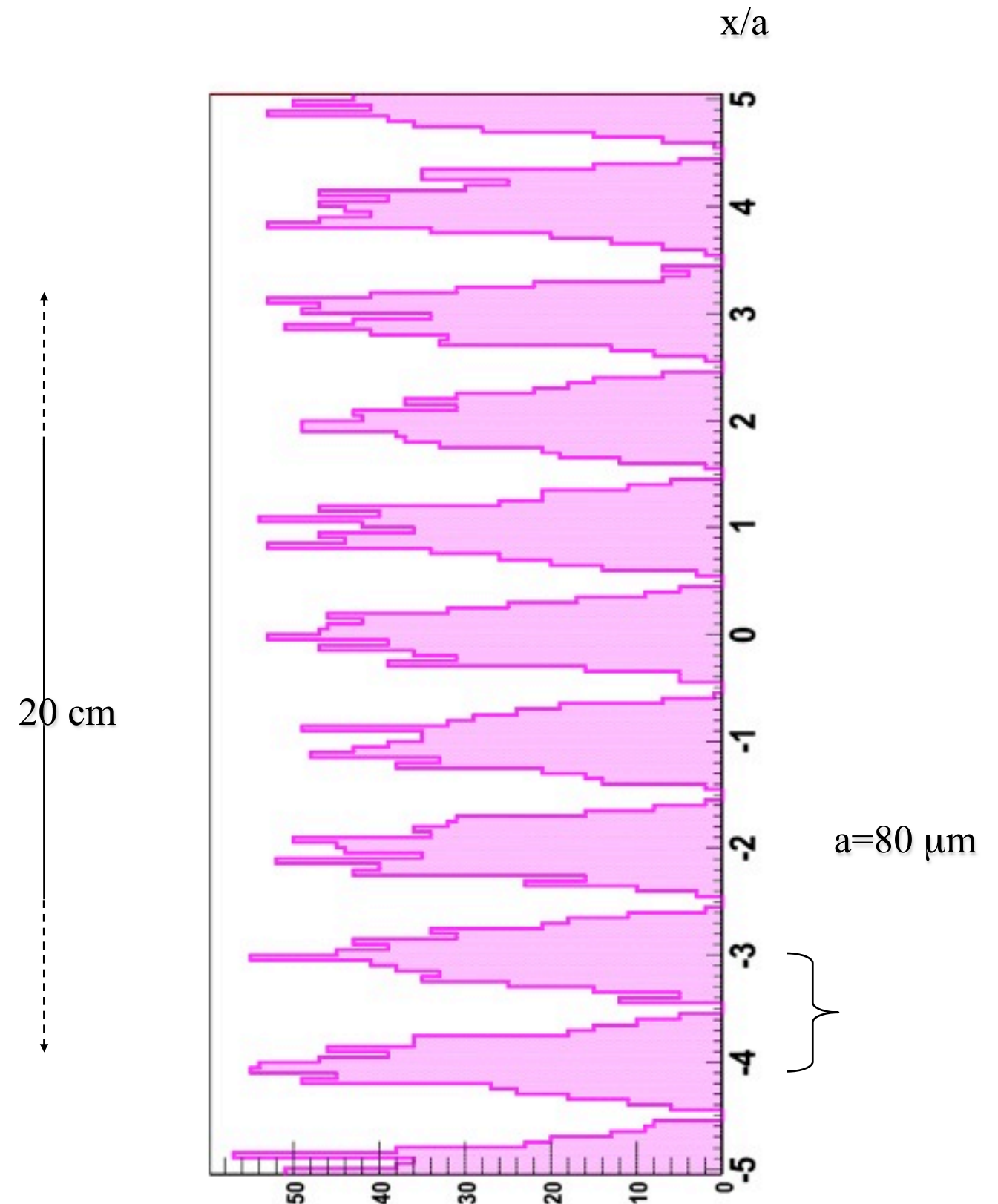
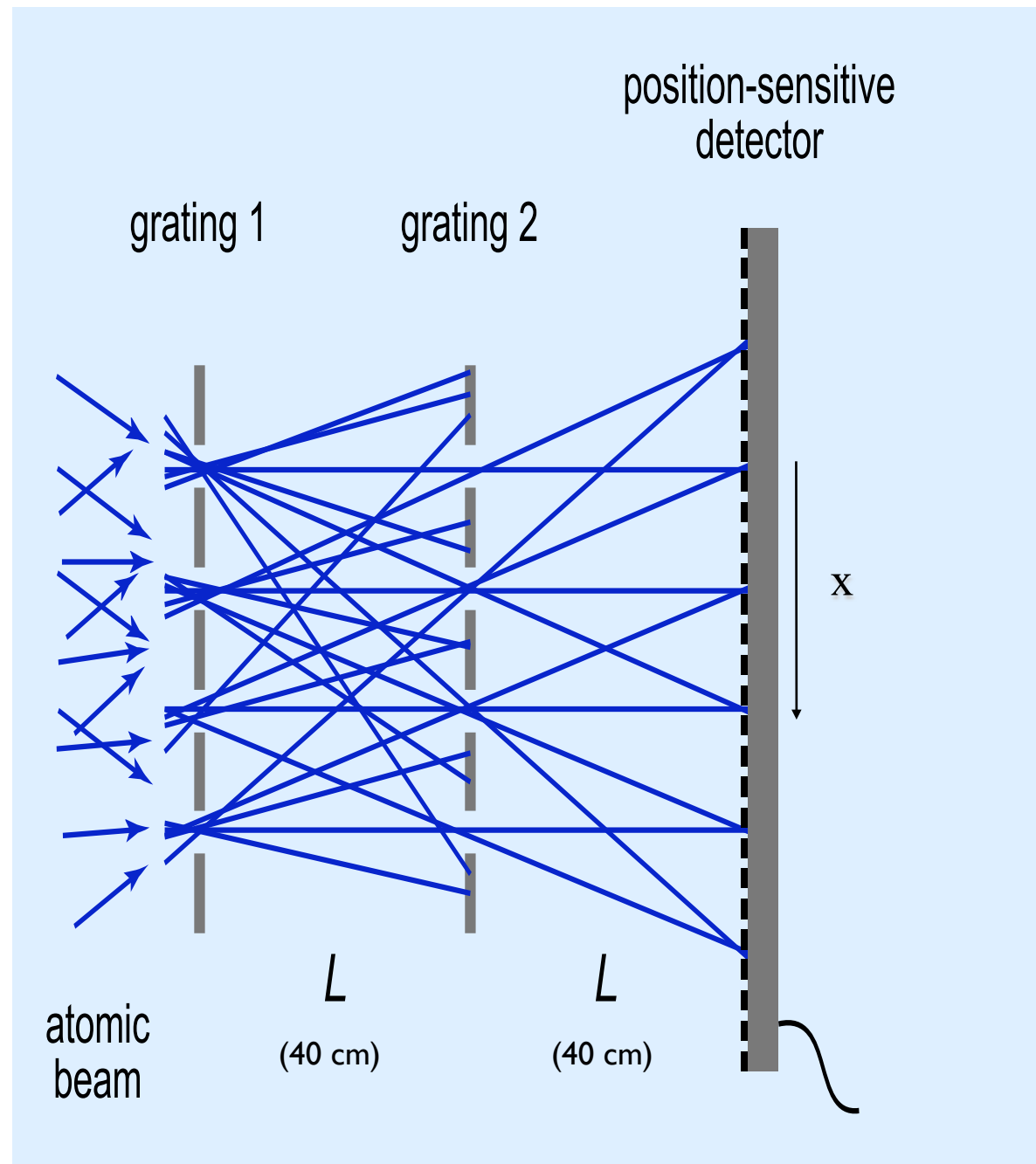
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# Moiré deflectometer: principle of operation

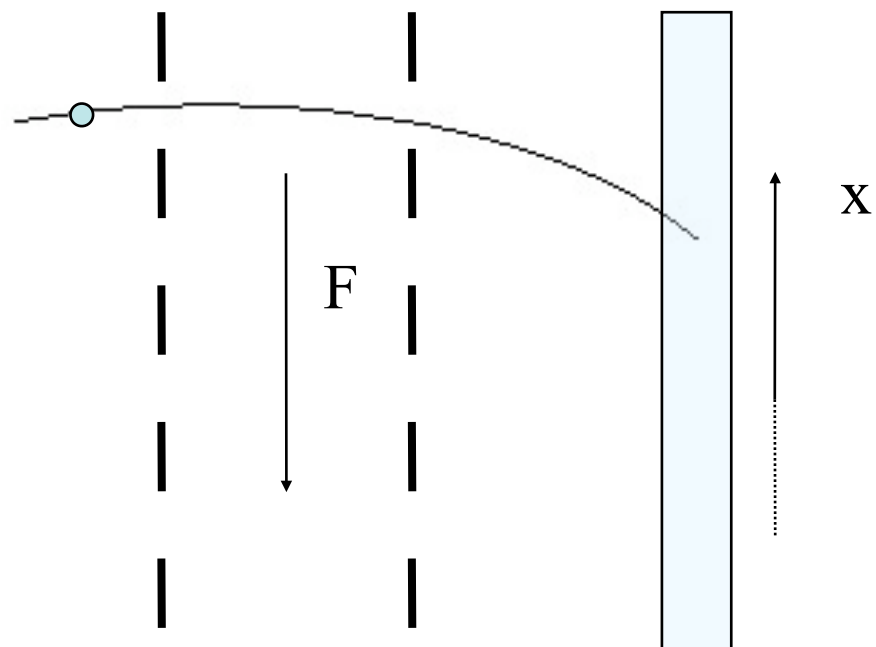
1) No gravity, very high statistics



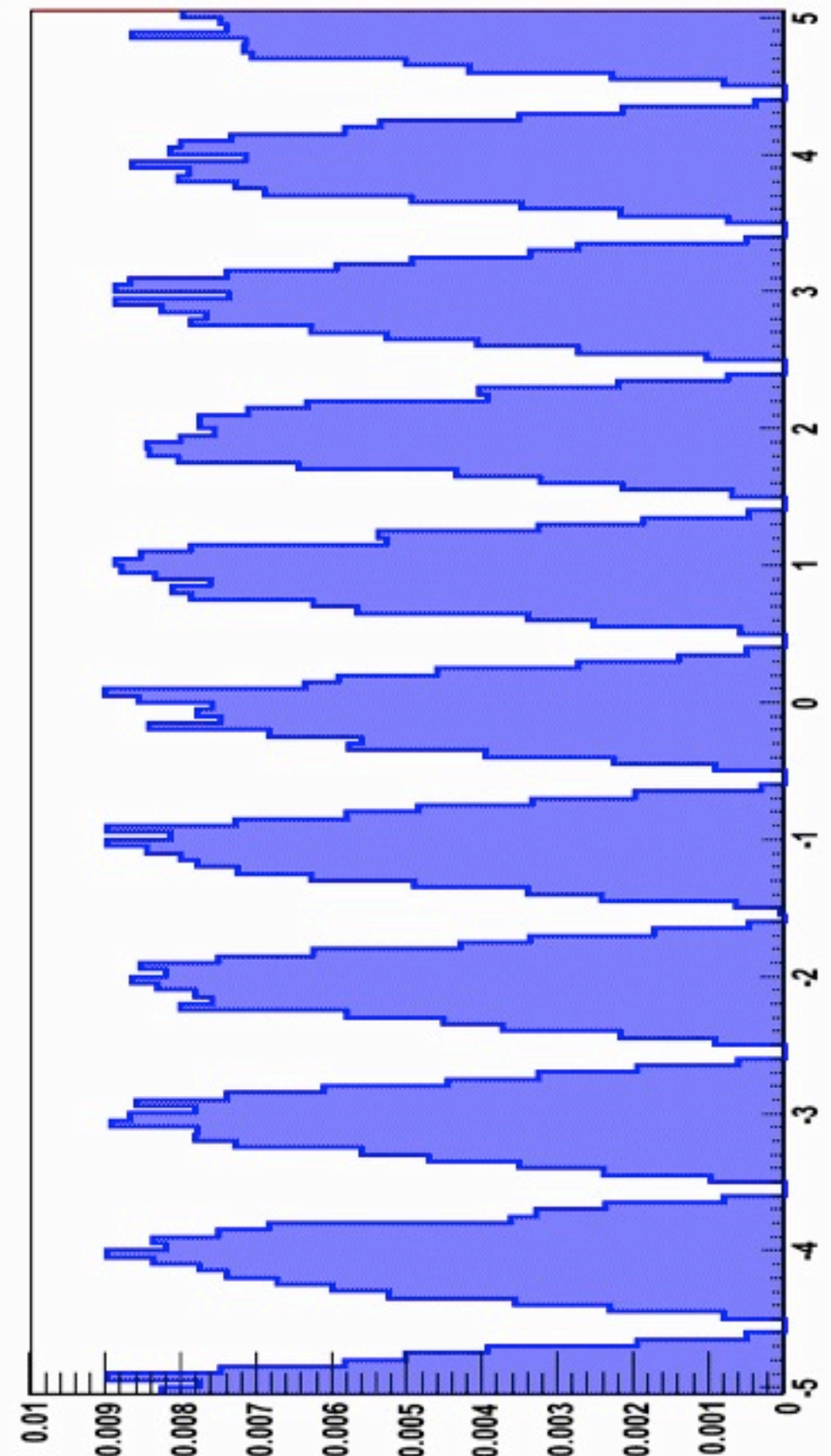


$$V_h = 600 \text{ m/s}$$

With gravity

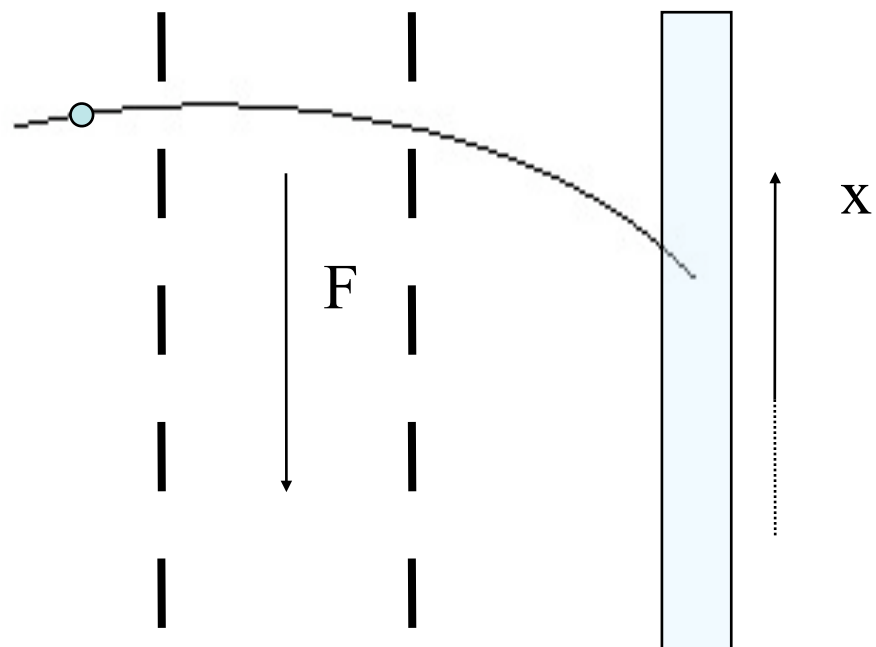


Grating  
units





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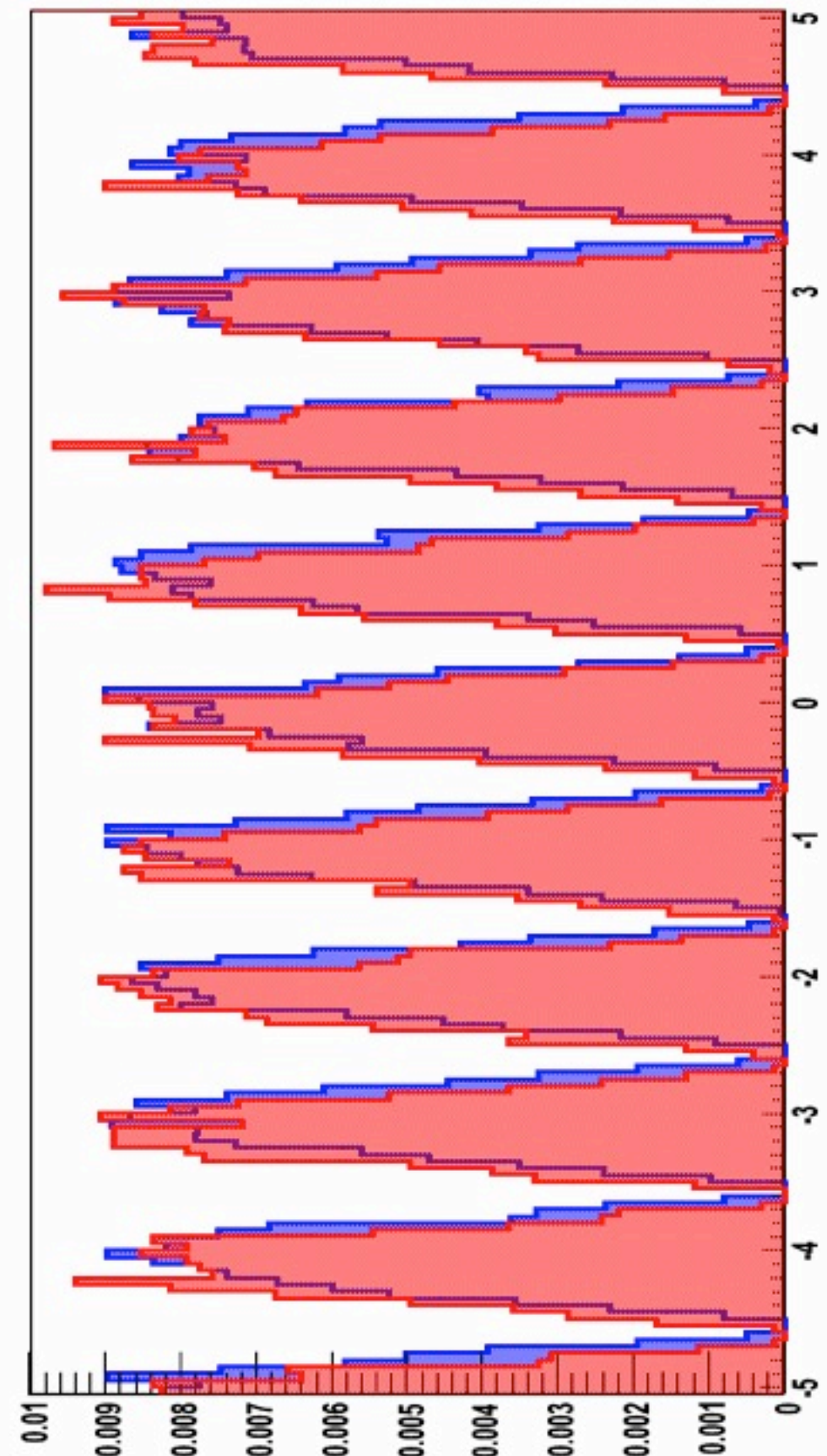


slight shift ( $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ )

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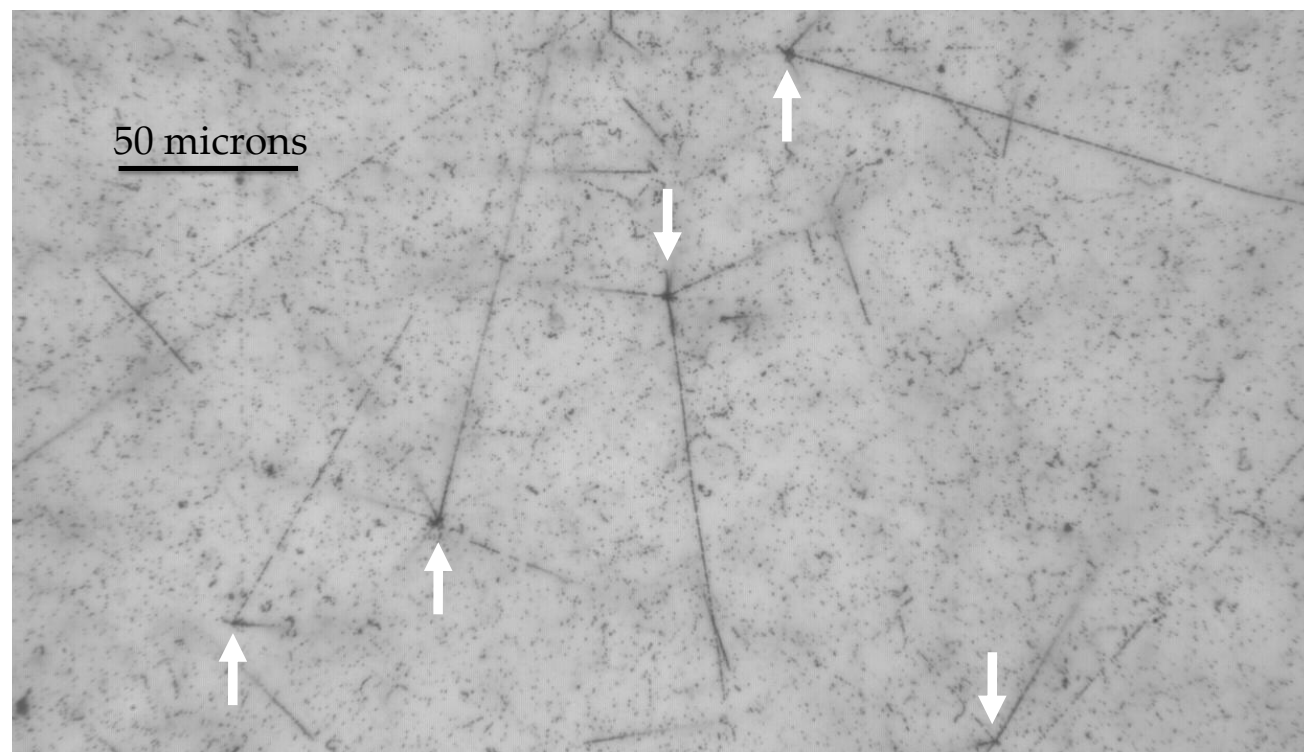
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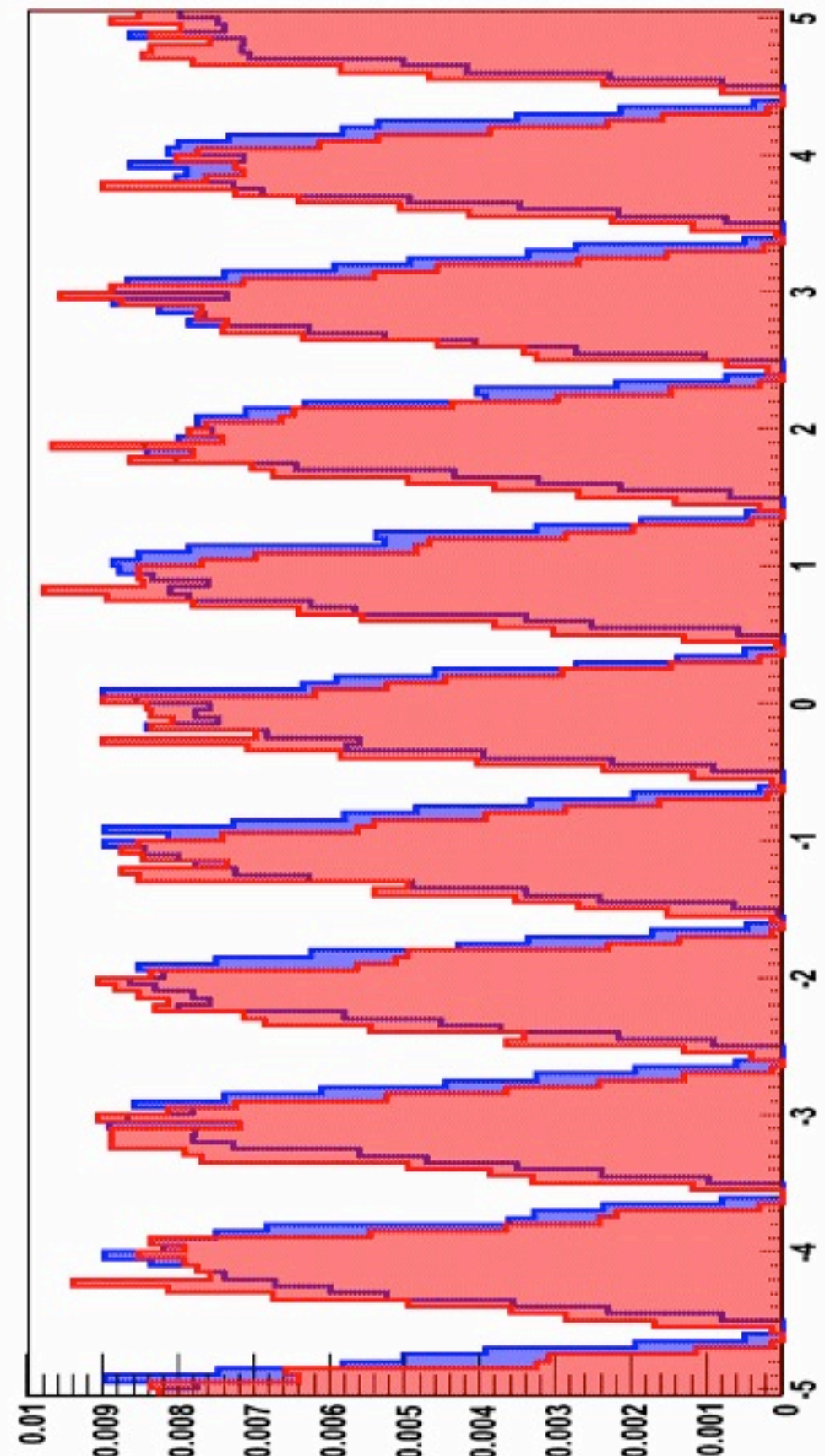
measure impact point to ( $\leq 10$   $\mu\text{m}$ )

solution 1: Si strip detectors ( $\sim 10$   $\mu\text{m}$  ?)

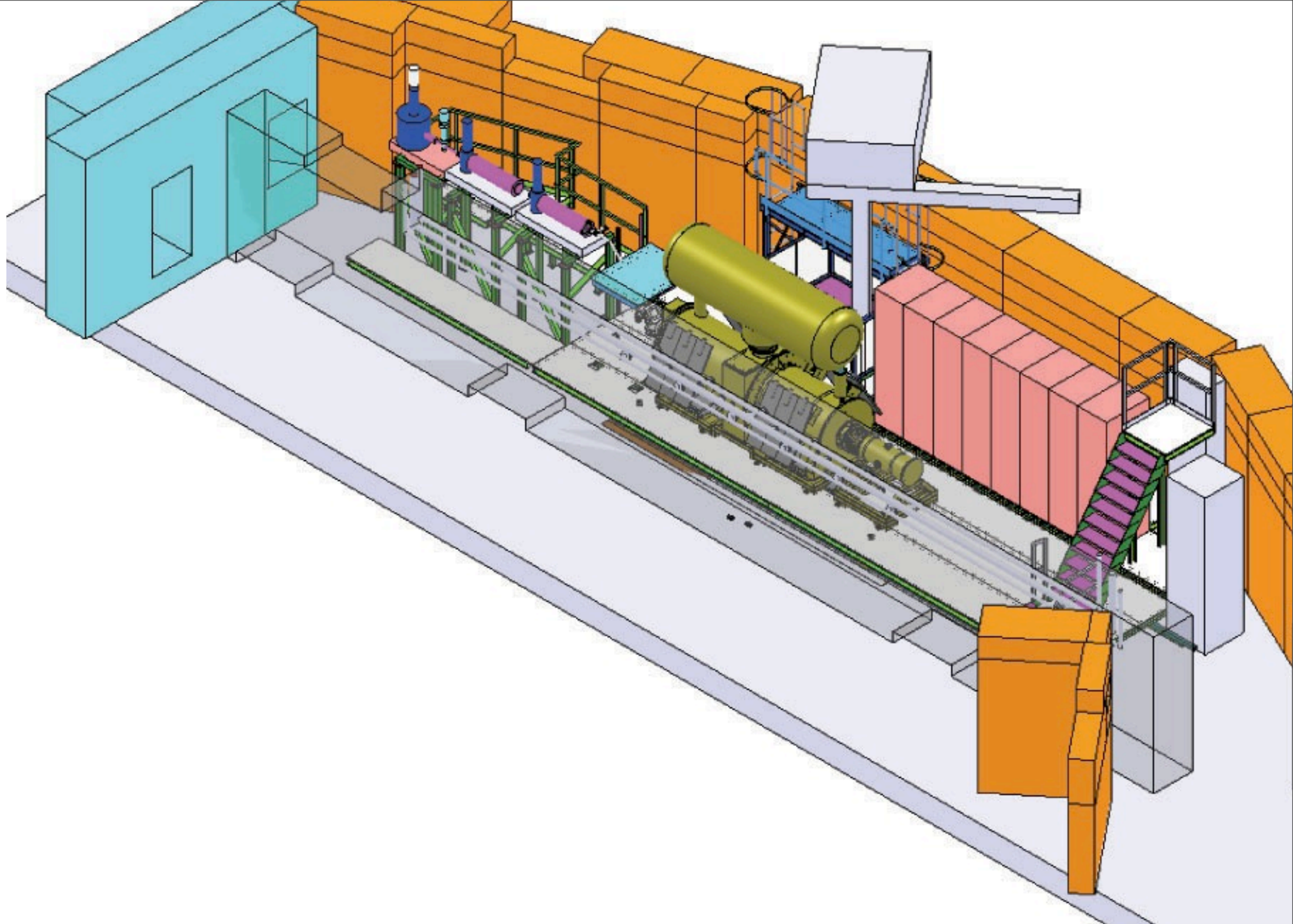
solution 2: photographic emulsion ( $\leq 1$   $\mu\text{m}$  ?)



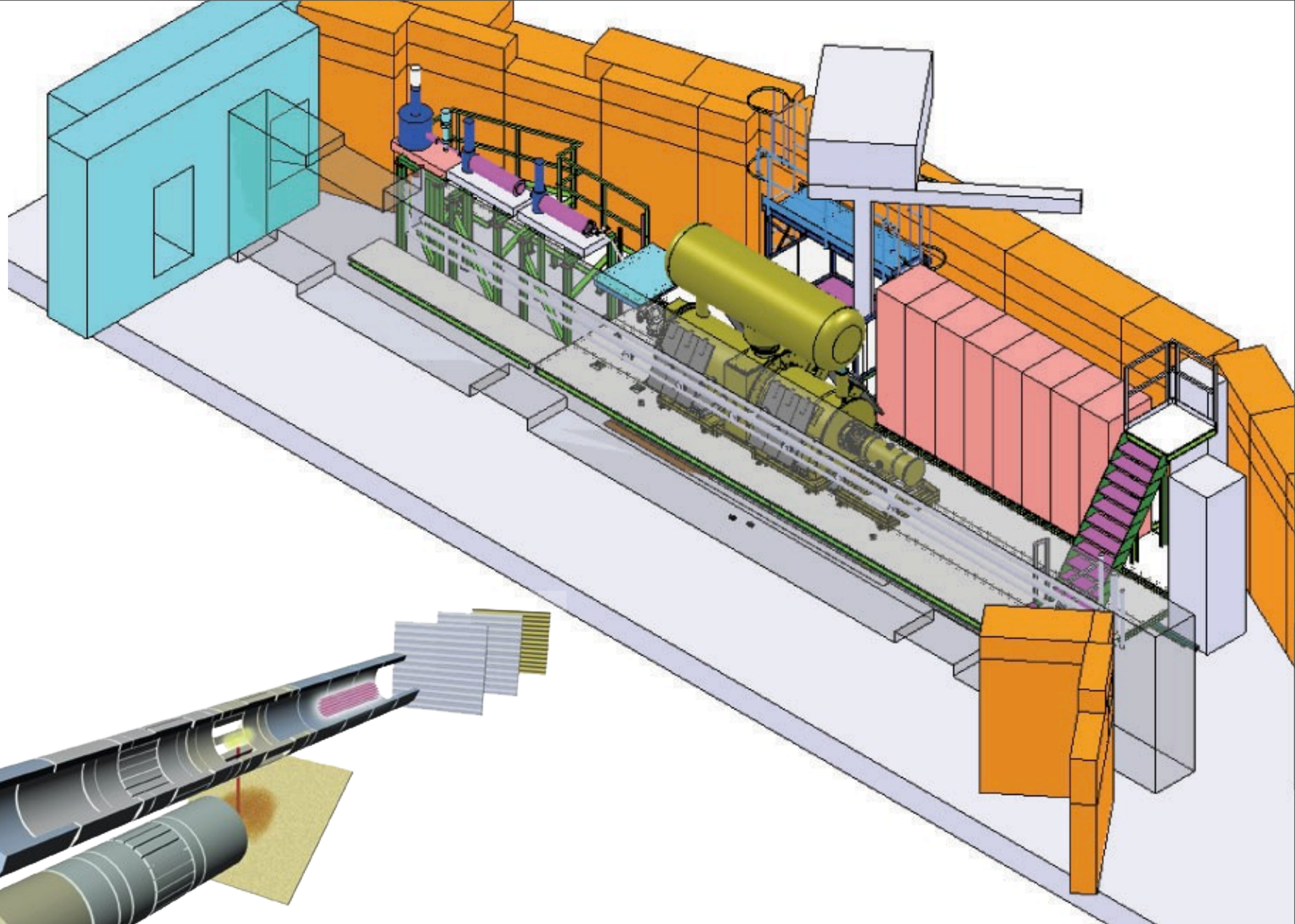
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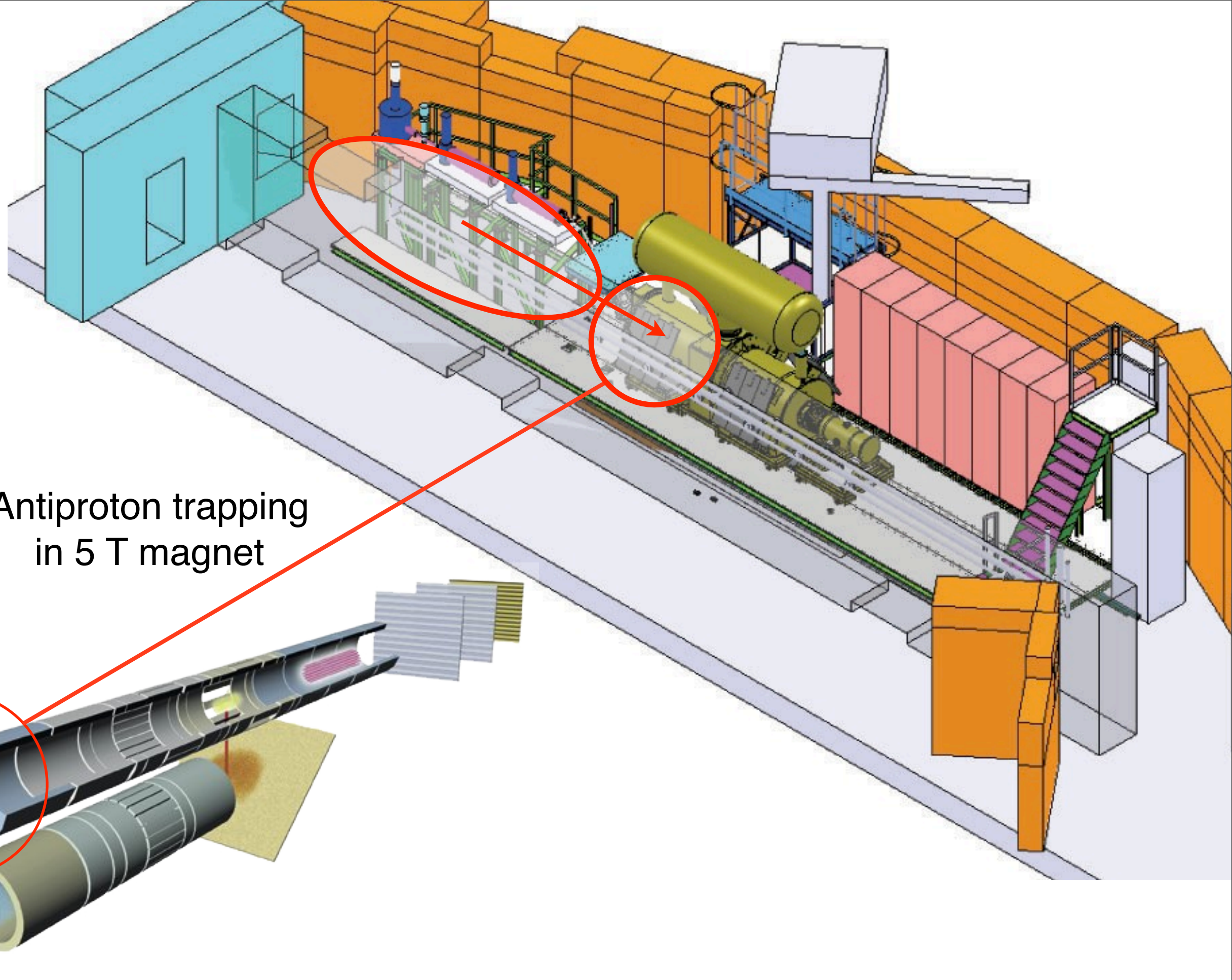






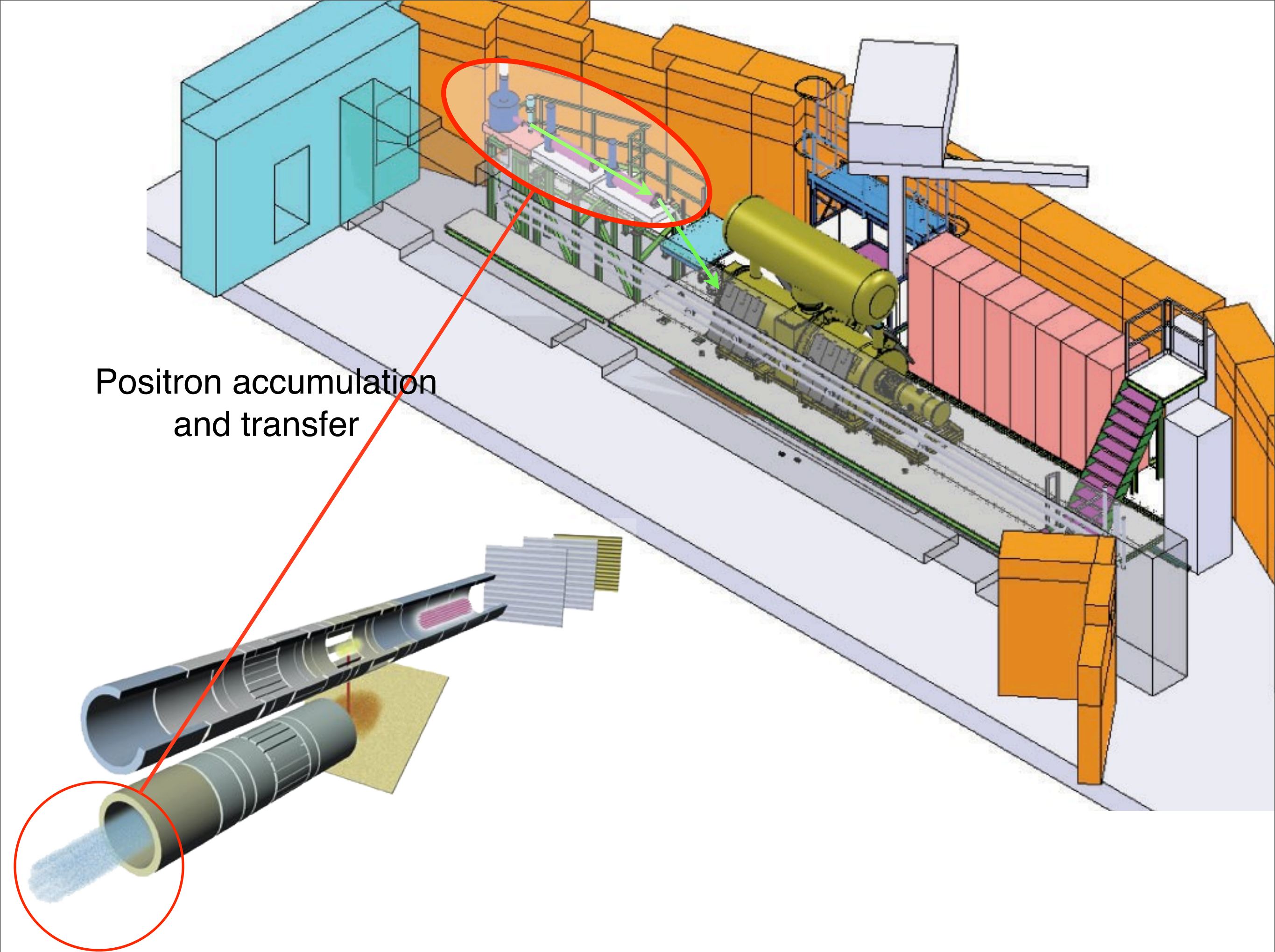


Antiproton trapping  
in 5 T magnet

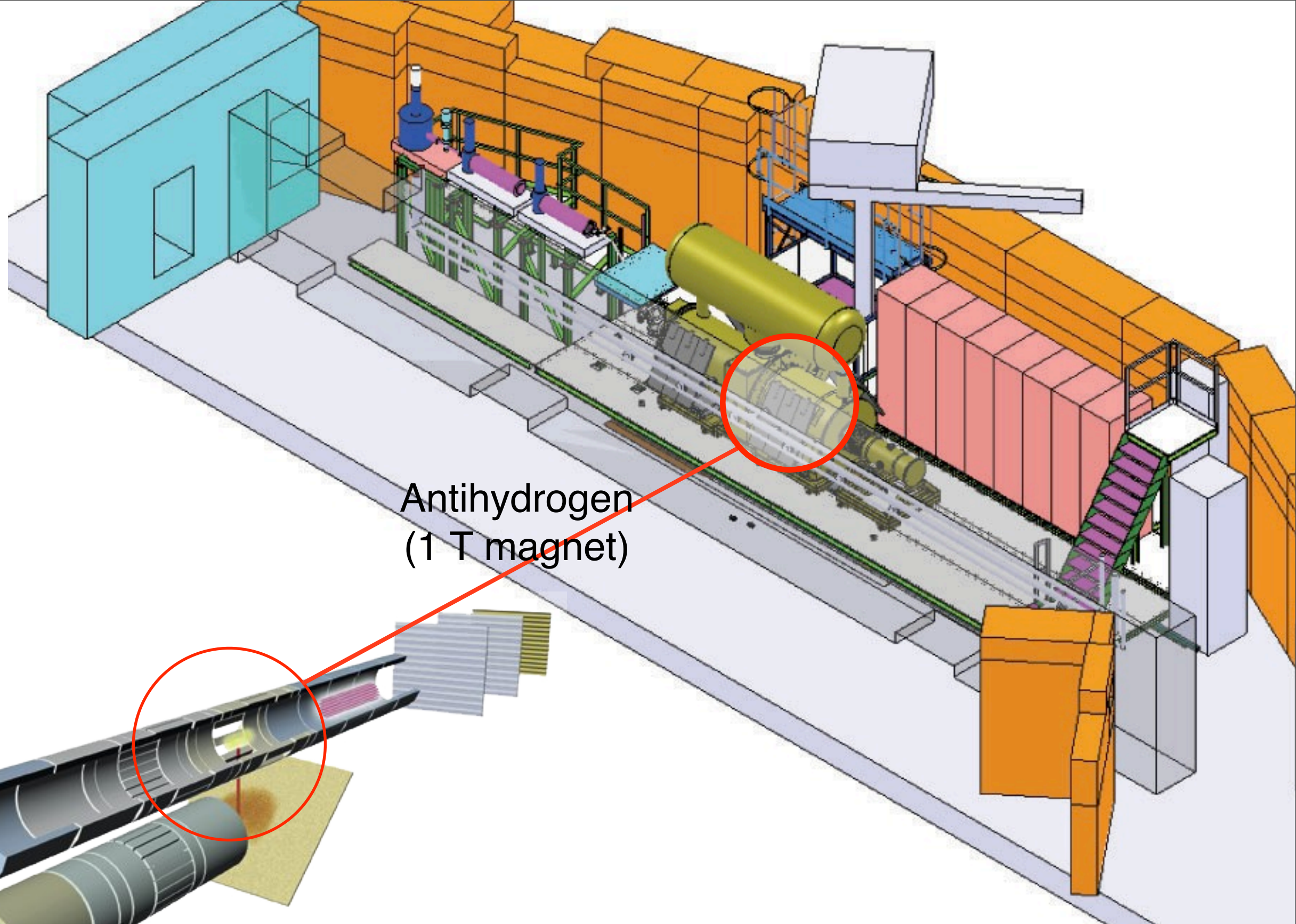




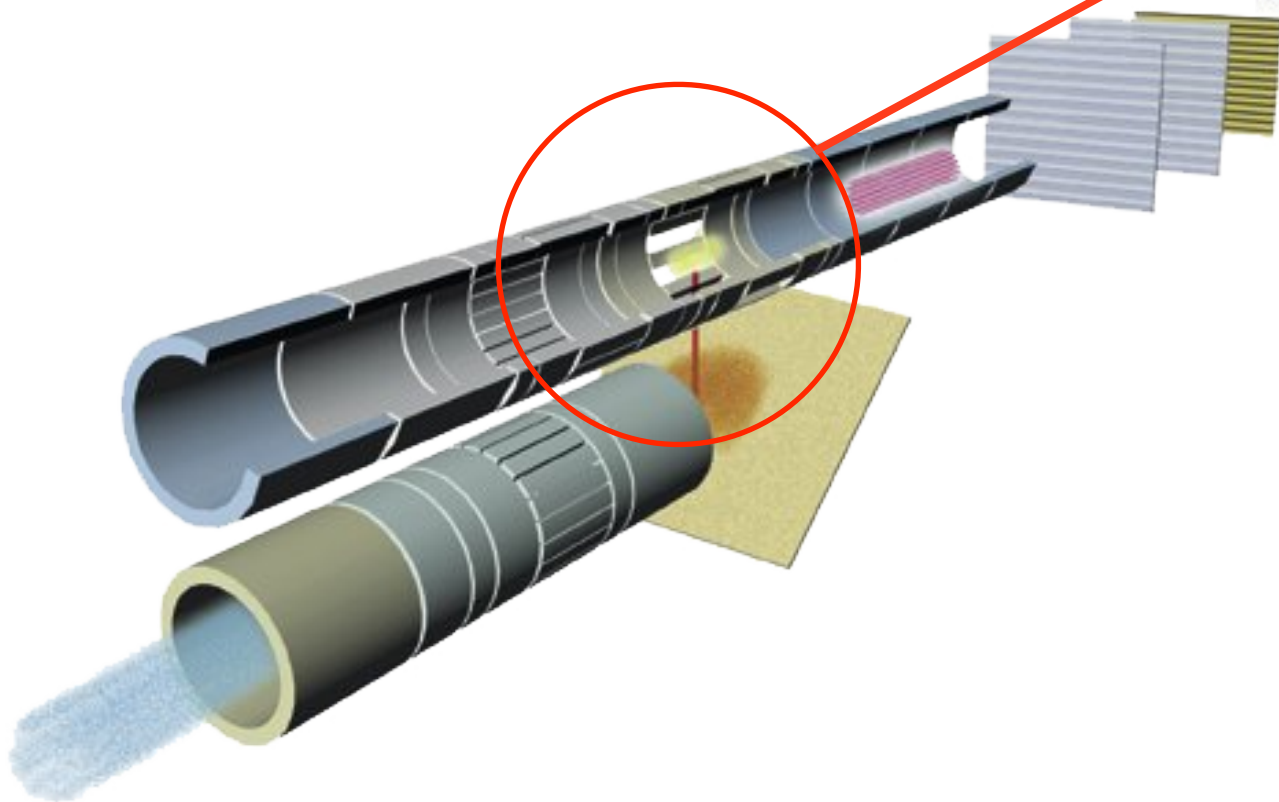
Positron accumulation  
and transfer



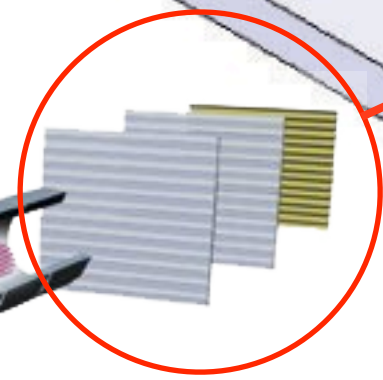
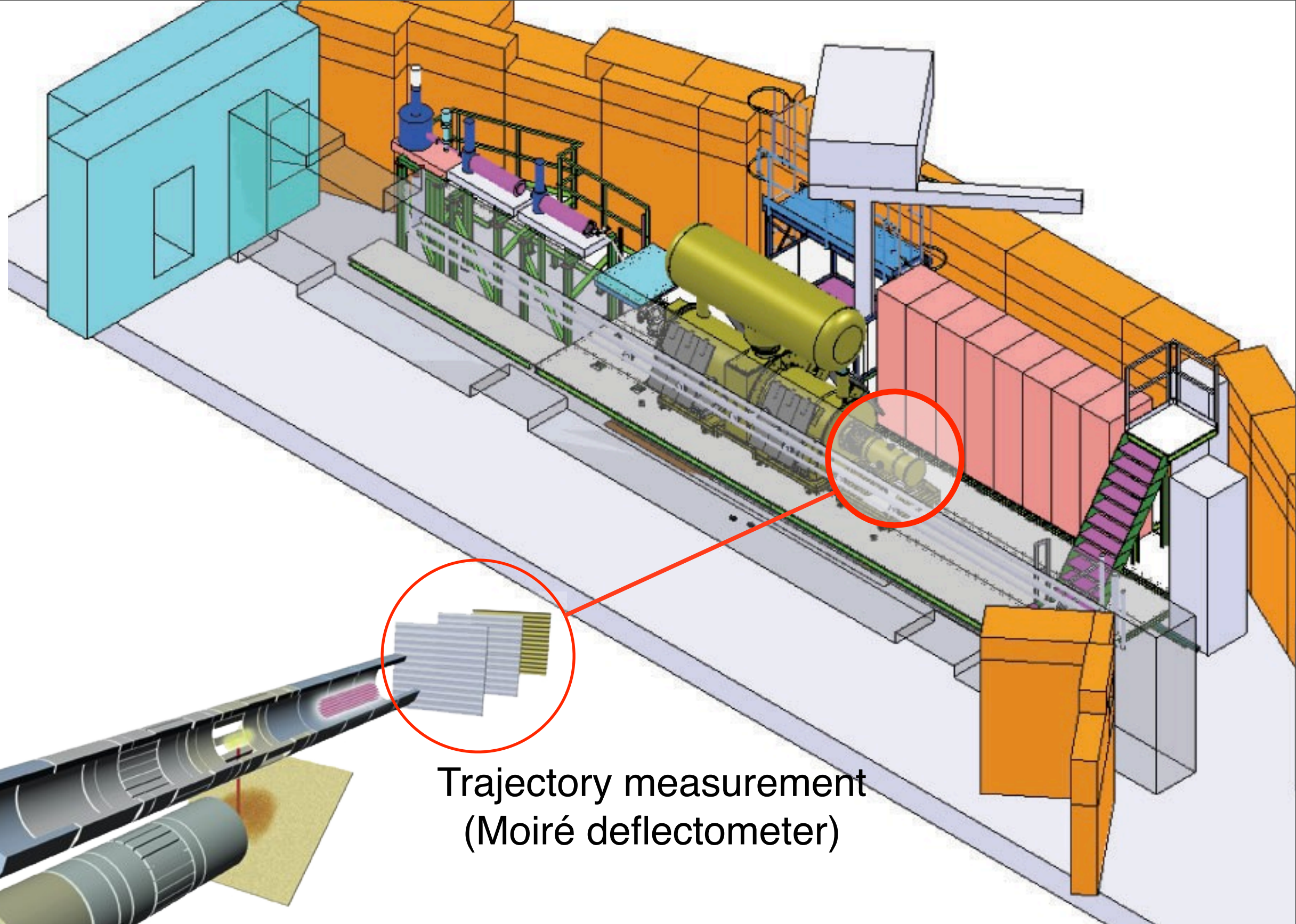




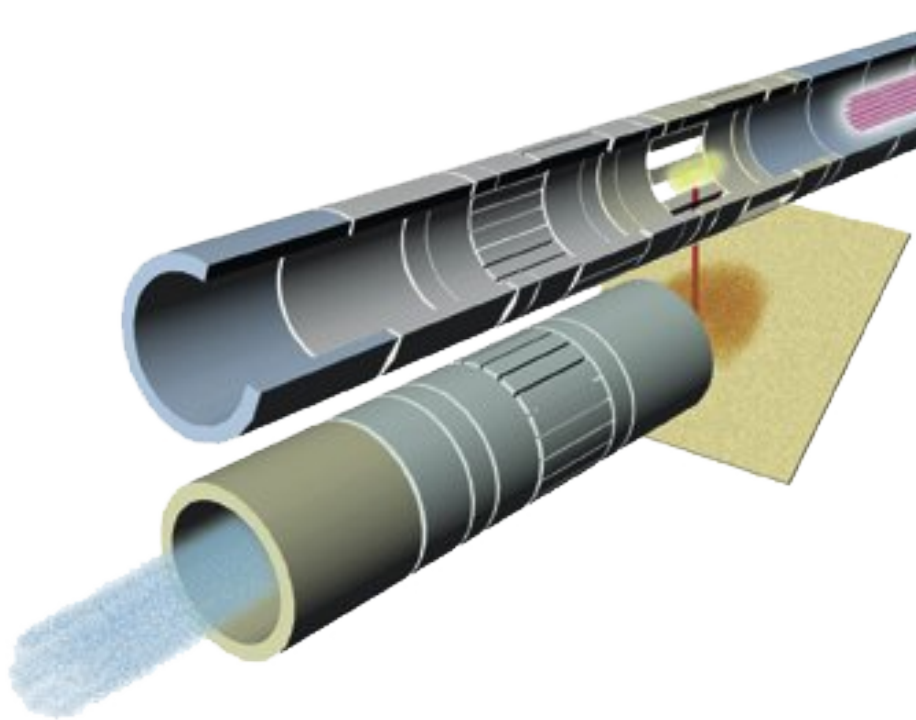
Antihydrogen  
(1 T magnet)







Trajectory measurement  
(Moiré deflectometer)





## Timeline:

2012: AEGIS assembly, tests with H production

2013: no antiprotons! tests with H production

2014: antiprotons only late in year: H (and then  $\bar{H}$ )  
beam production, first measurements?

2015: gravity measurement &  $\bar{H}$  spectroscopy

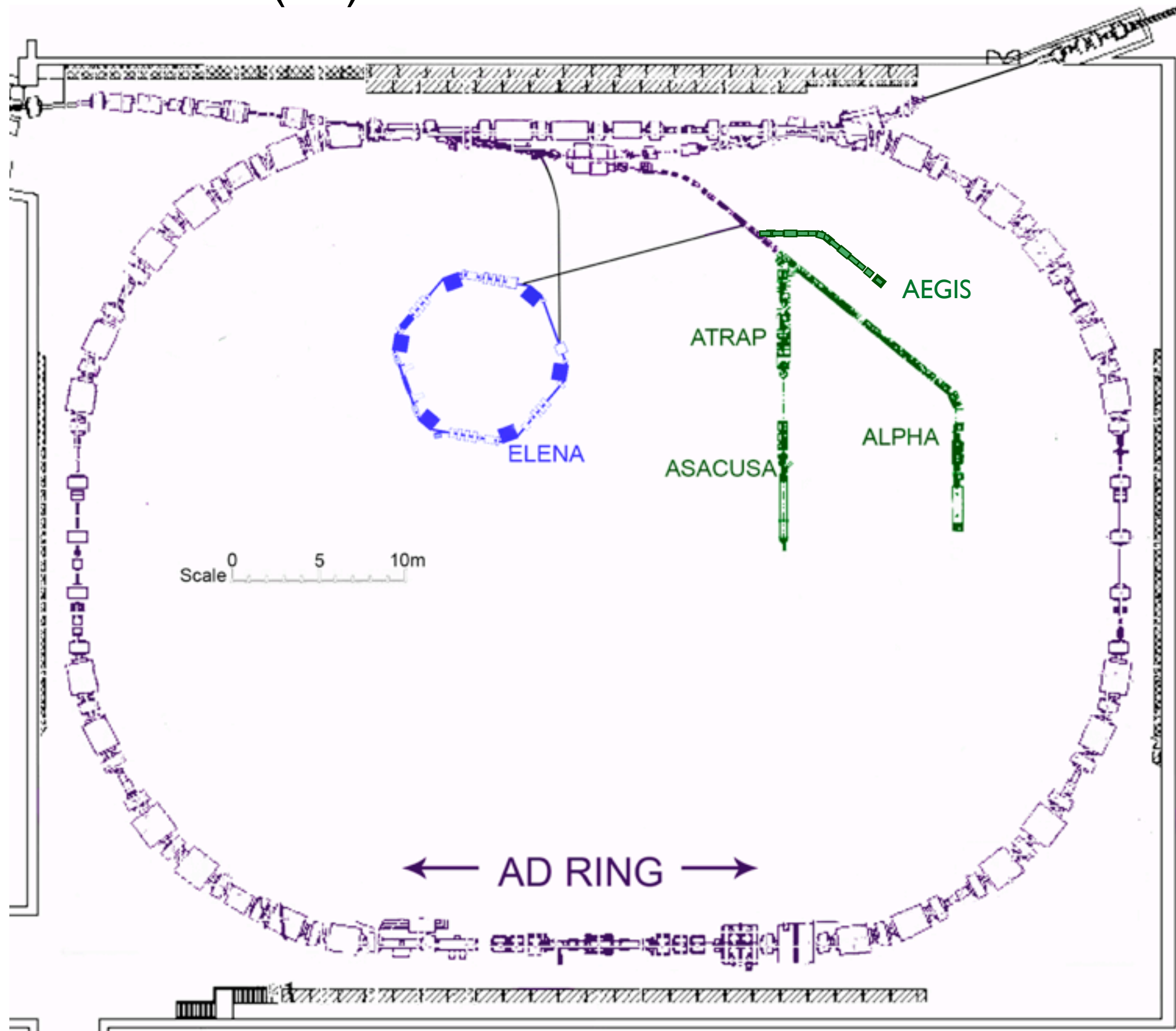
2016: gravity measurement &  $\bar{H}$  spectroscopy

2017: ELENA starts up: GBAR enters the game

(meanwhile, of course, ALPHA, ATRAP, ASACUSA are very active....)

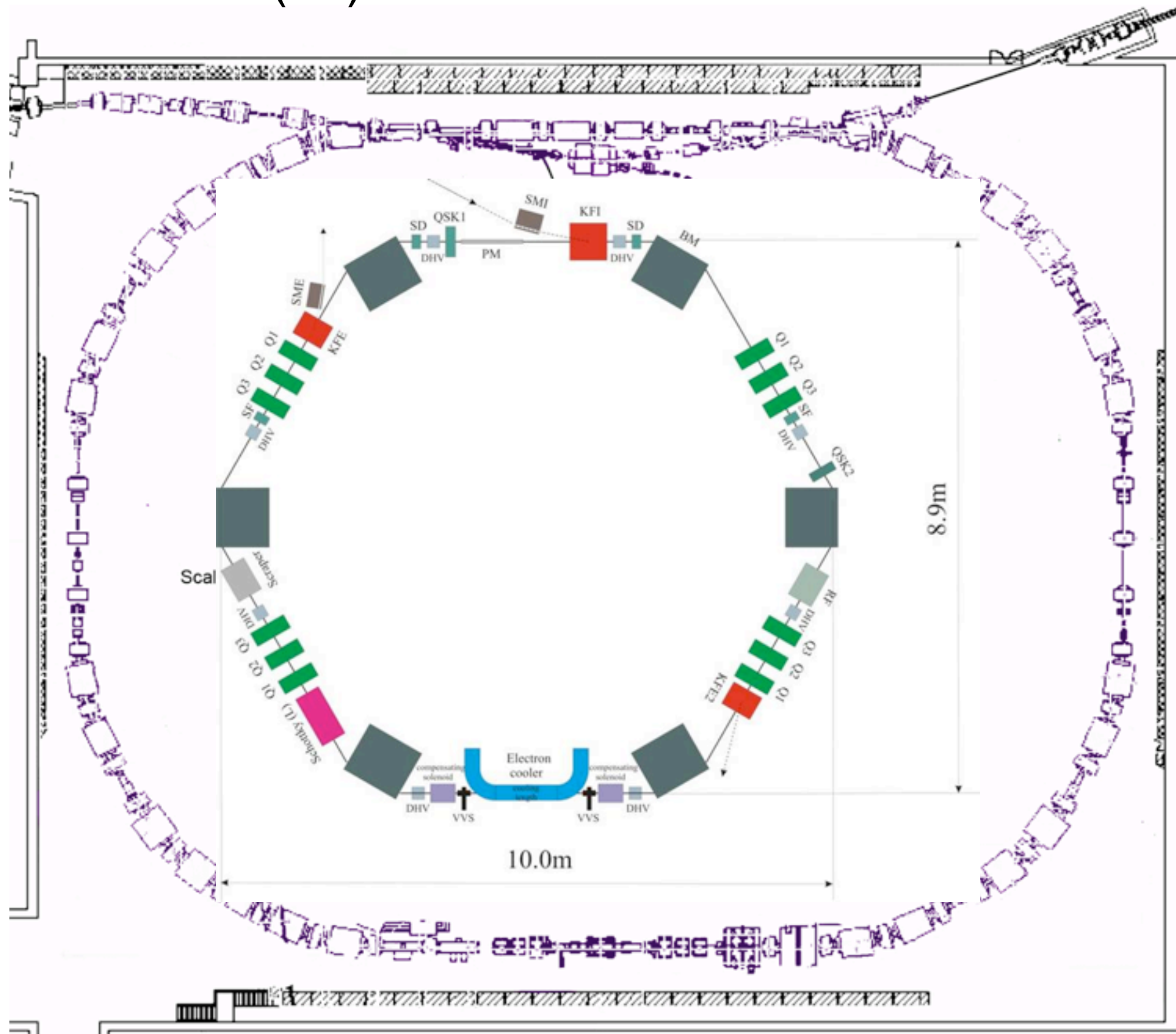


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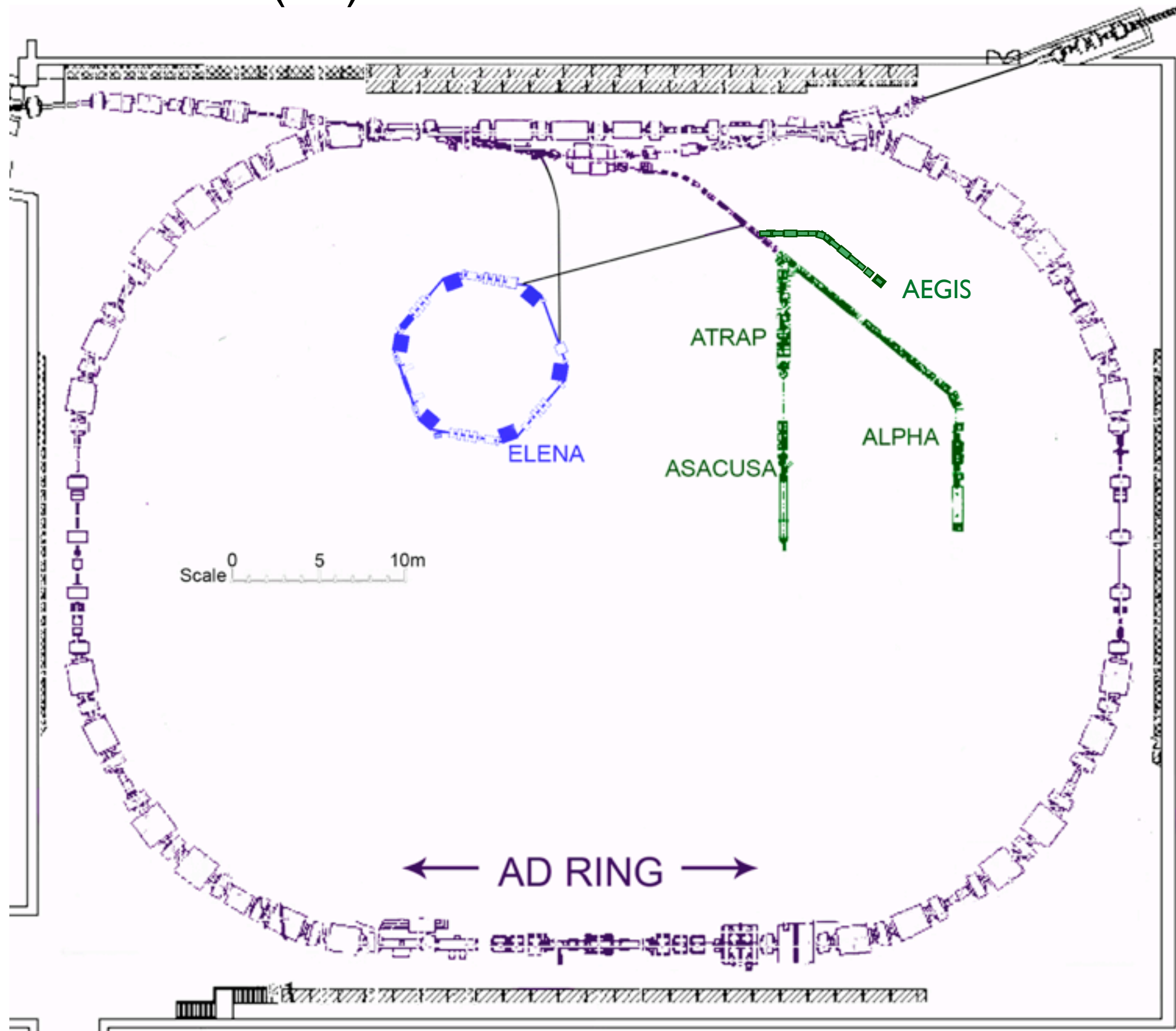


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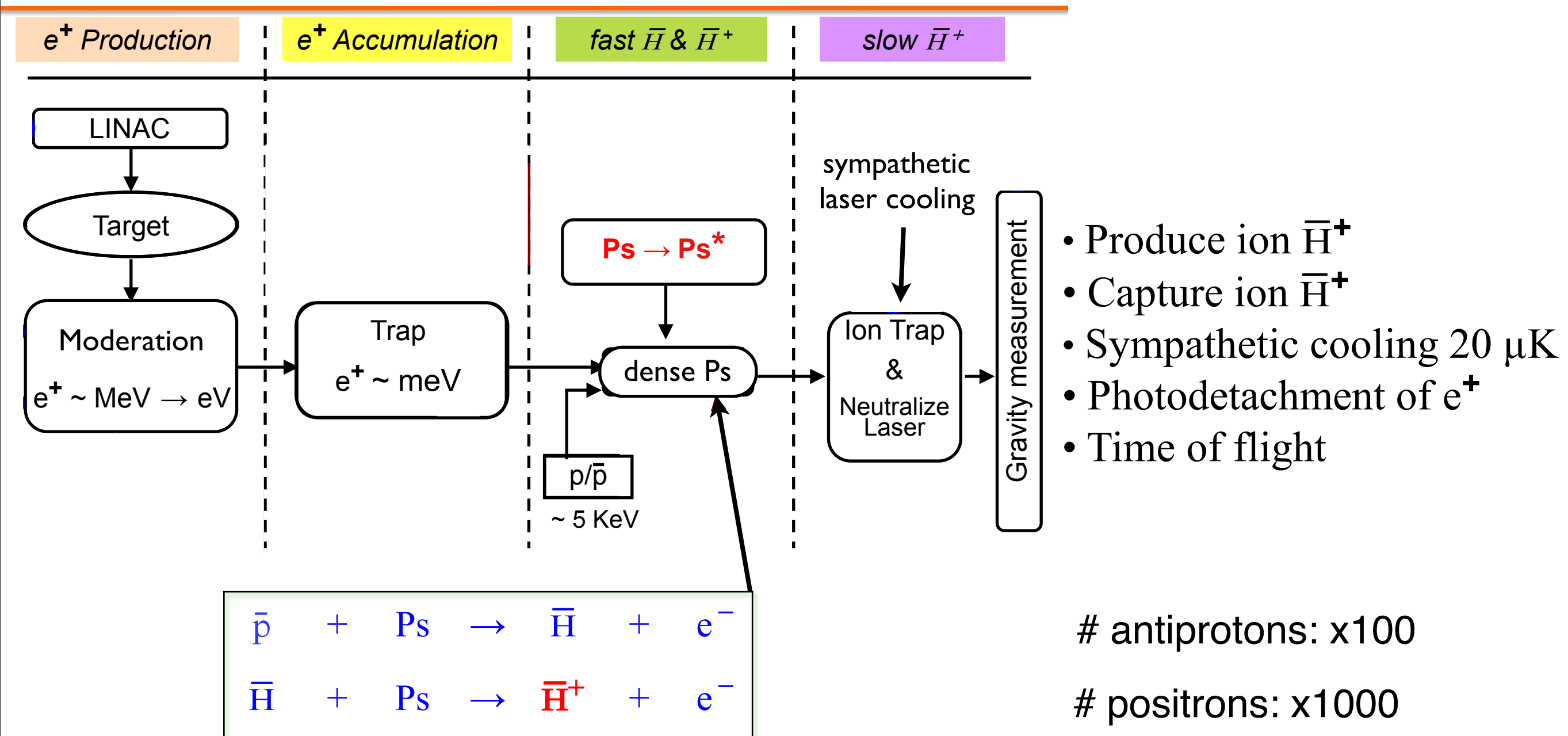
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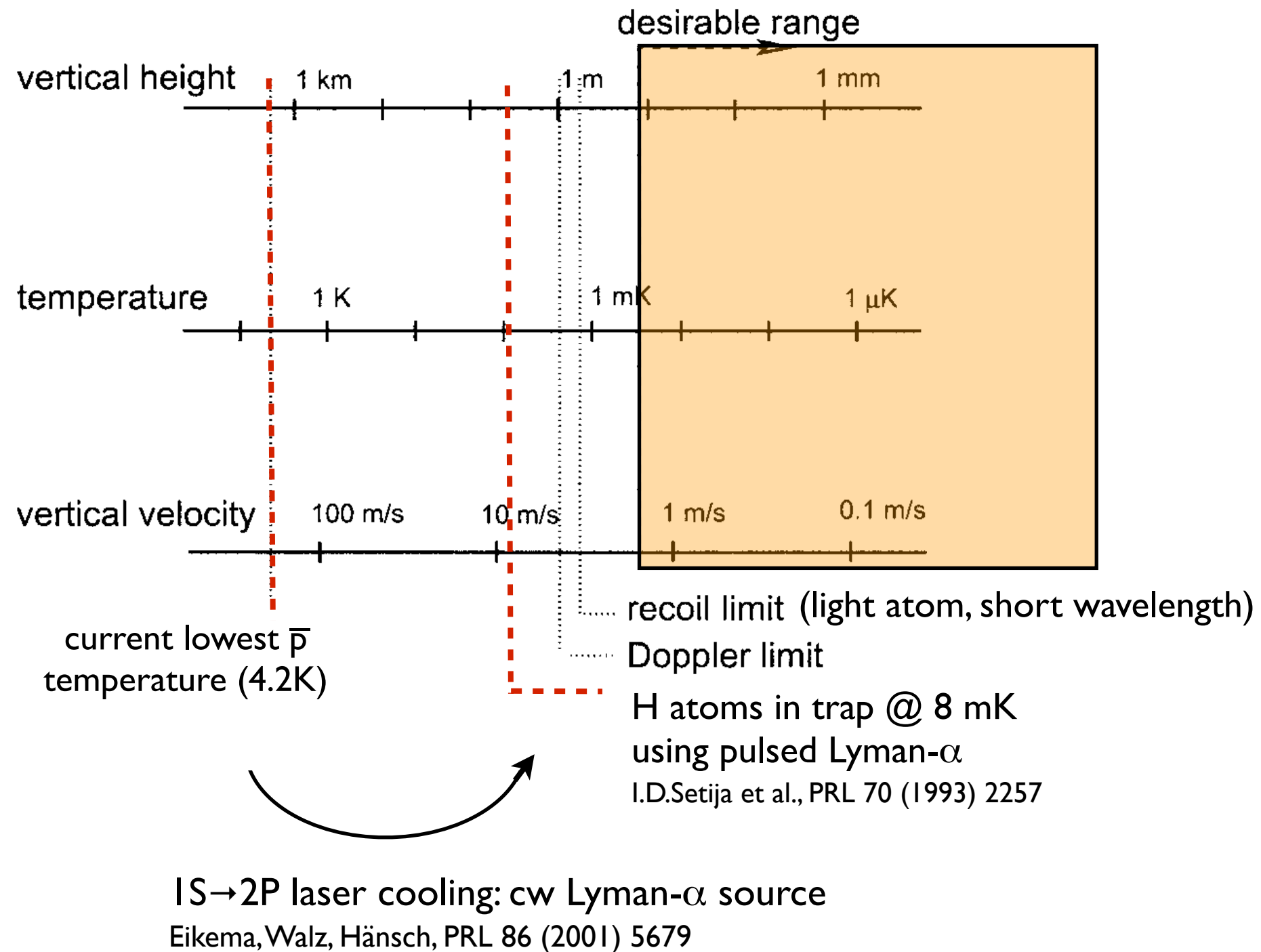
## new experiments in 2017: GBAR

## Synoptic Scheme





# Precision requires “Ultra-cold” ( $\sim 1 \mu\text{K}$ ) Antihydrogen





# sympathetic cooling to the rescue

GBAR

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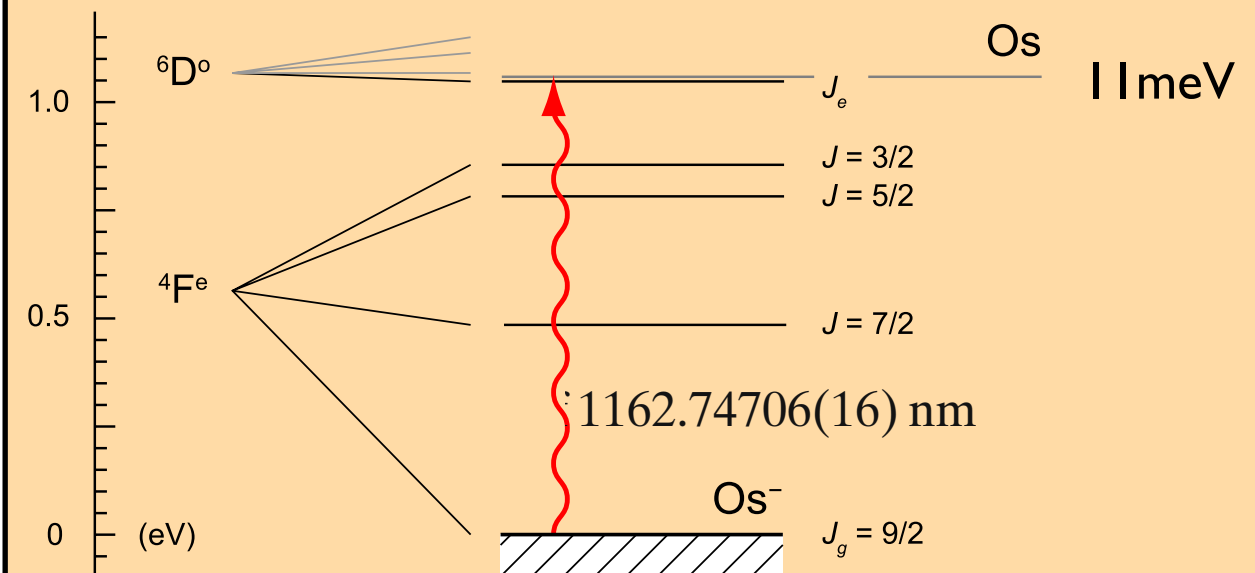
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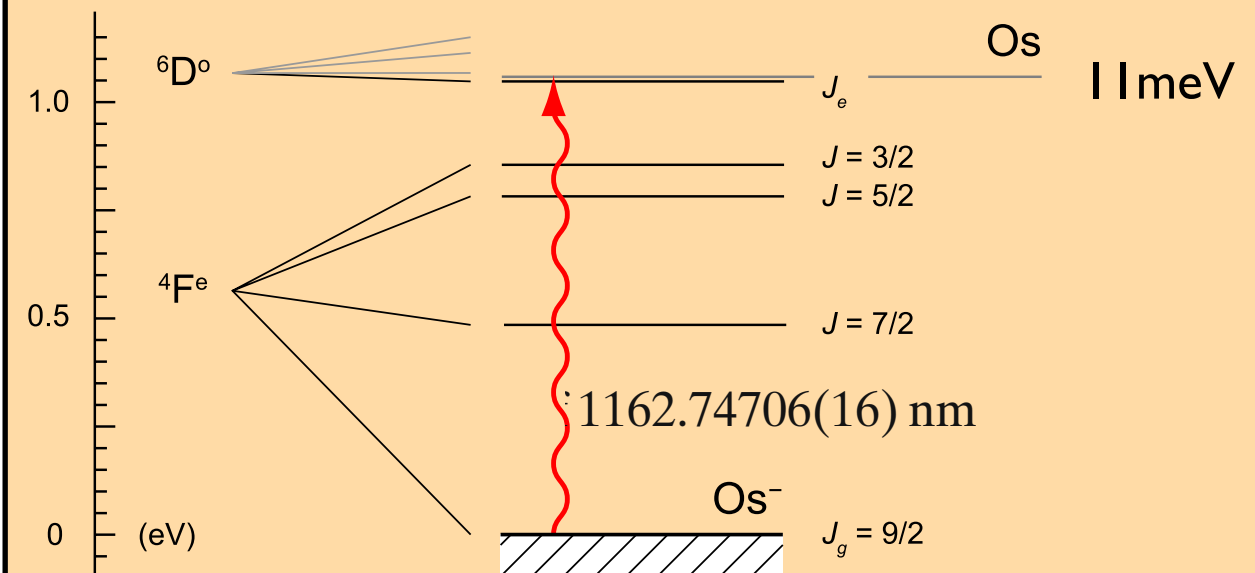
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should allow reaching same precision on  $g$  as with atoms ( $10^{-6}$  or better)



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(aka: can it make me rich?)



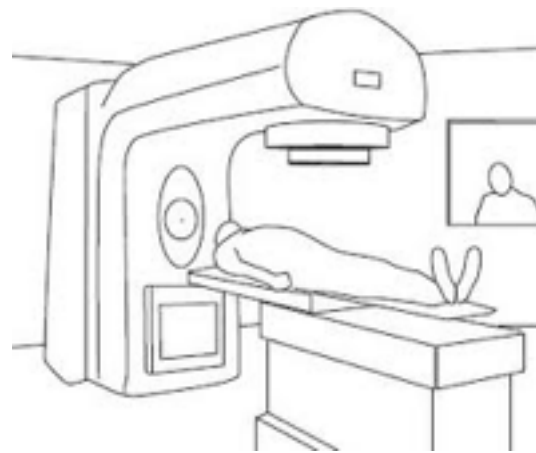
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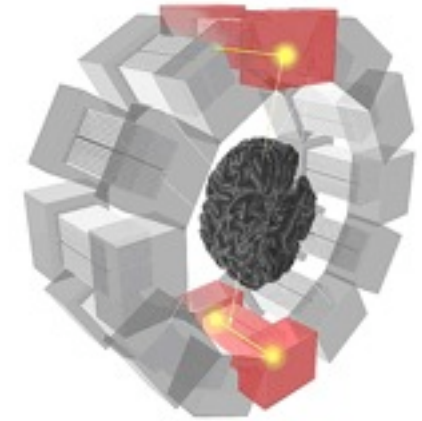
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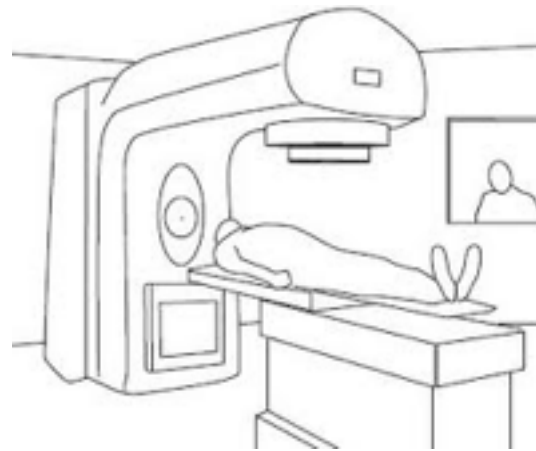


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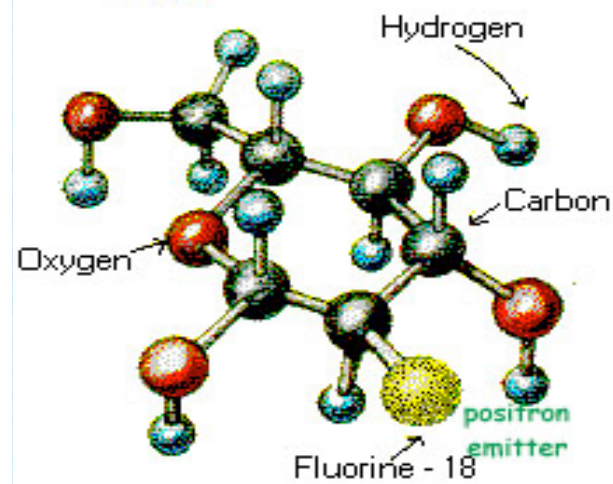


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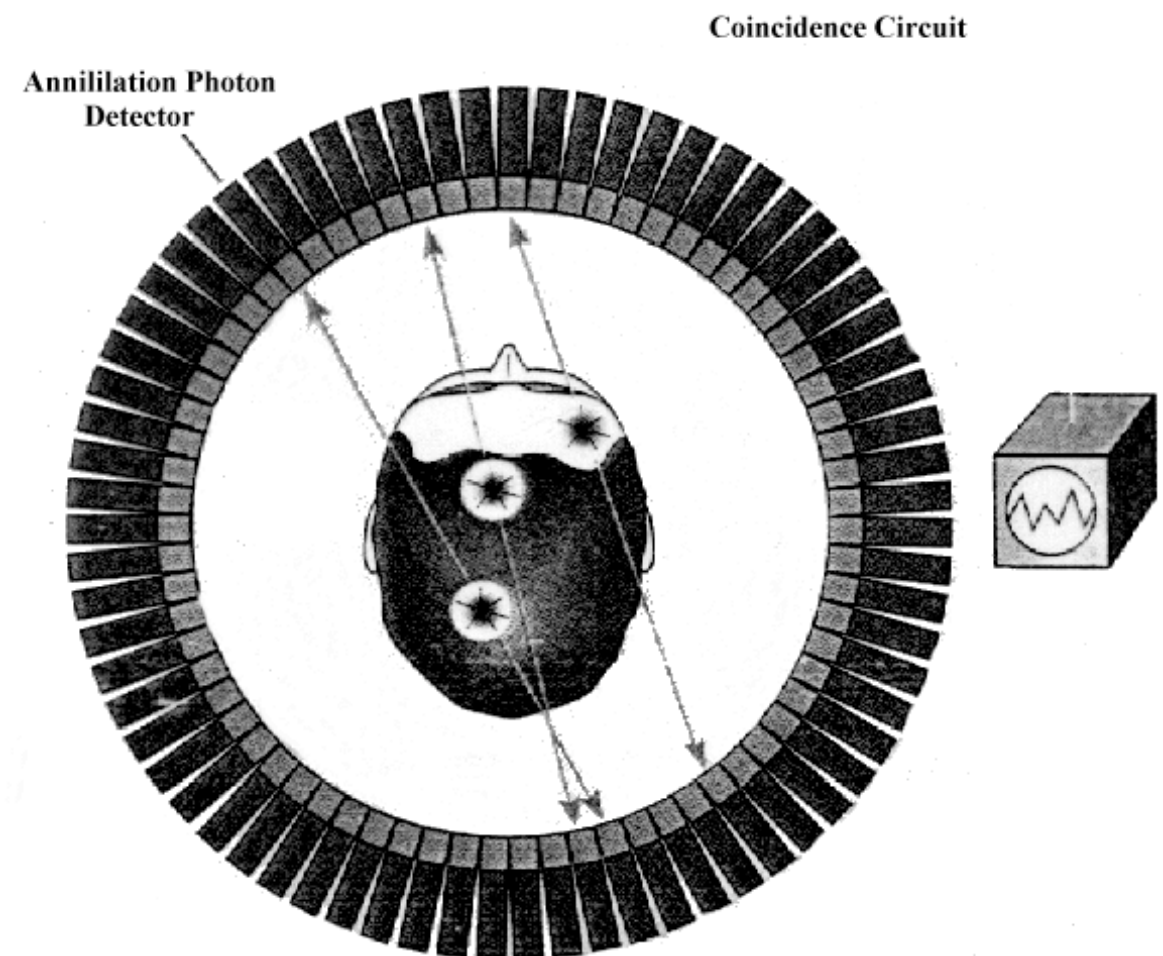
2-fluoro-  
2-deoxy-D-glucose  
"FDG"



Insert  $e^+$  emitting isotopes (C-11, N-13, O-15, F-18) into physiologically relevant molecules ( $O_2$ , glucose, enzymes) and inject into patient.

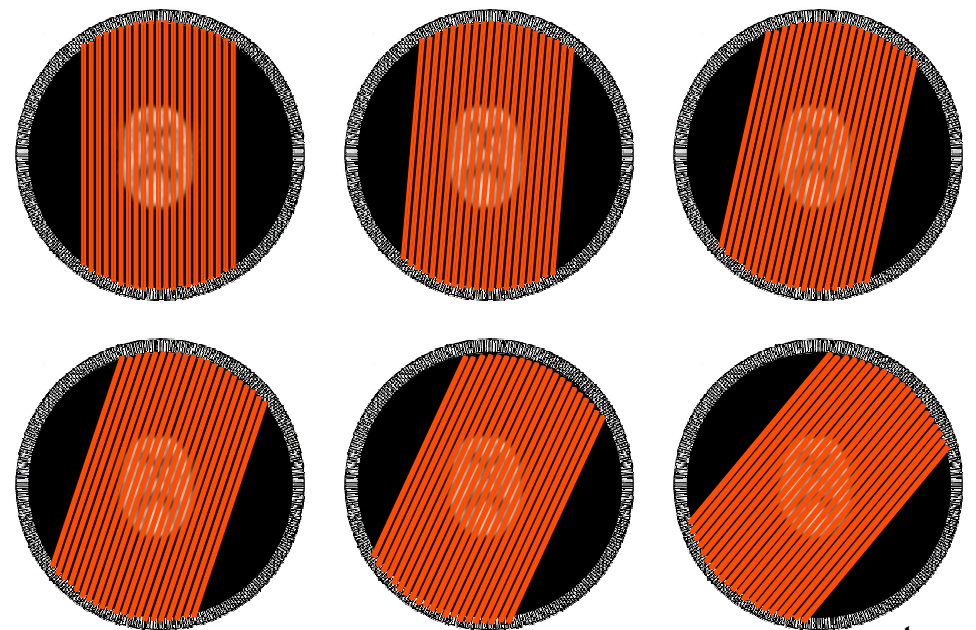
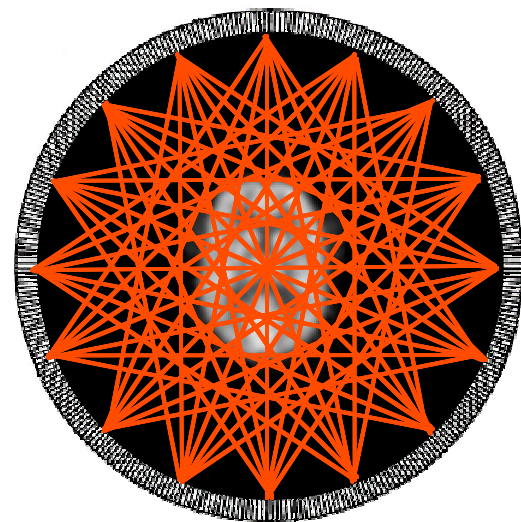
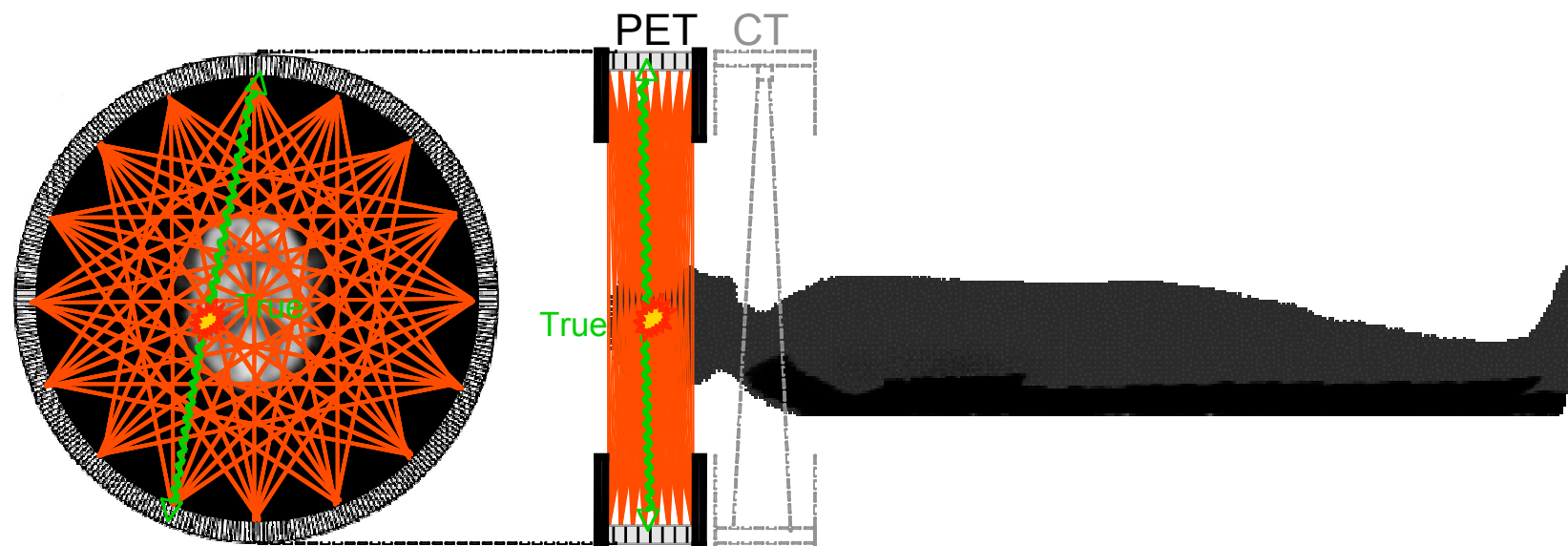
(Lifetimes  $\sim$  few to 100 minutes)

Reconstruct place of positron annihilation with crystal calorimeter



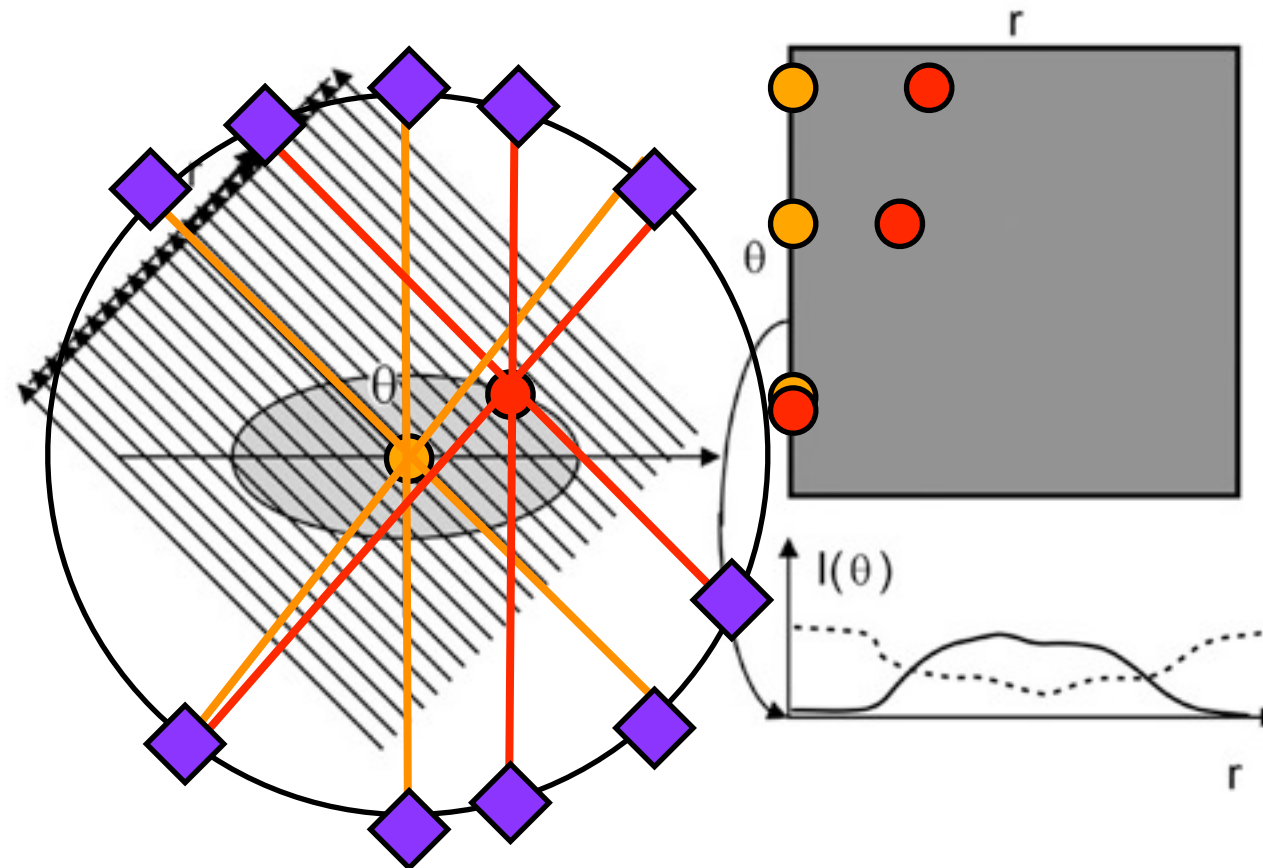
Multiple radiation detectors arranged around the subject's head are connected by coincidence circuits.



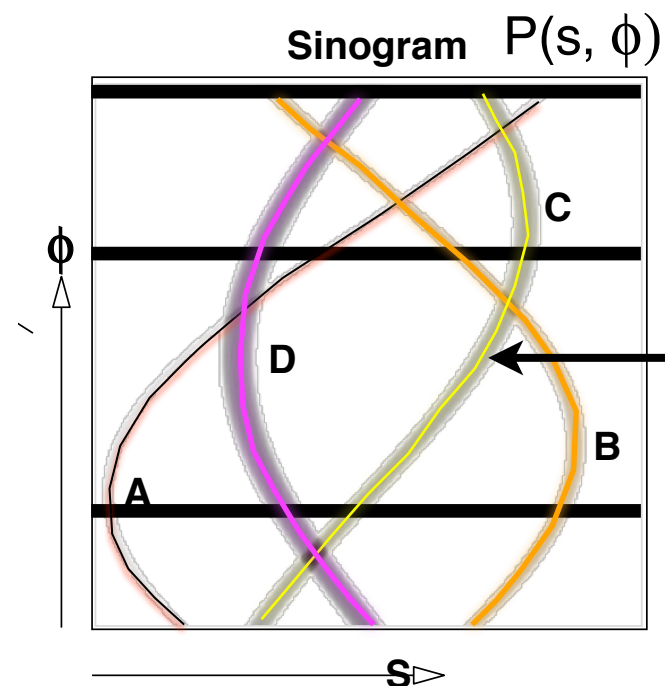
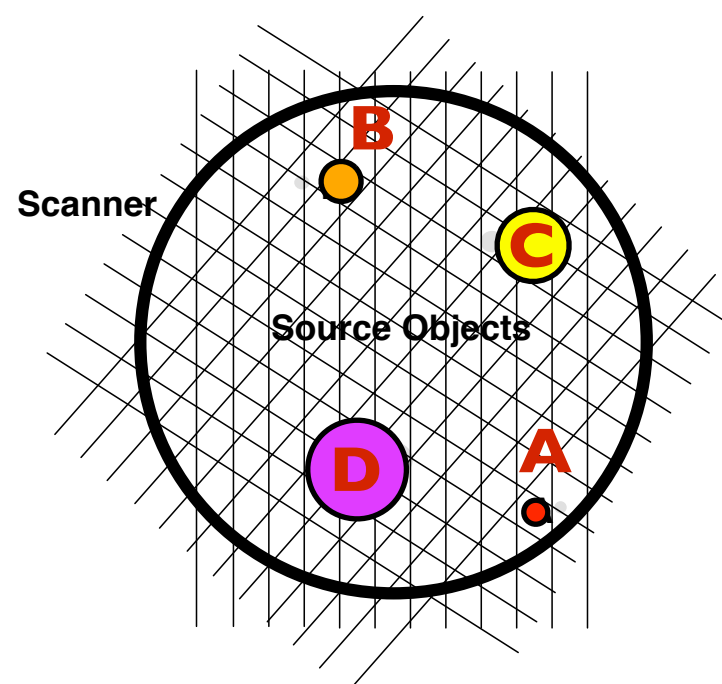




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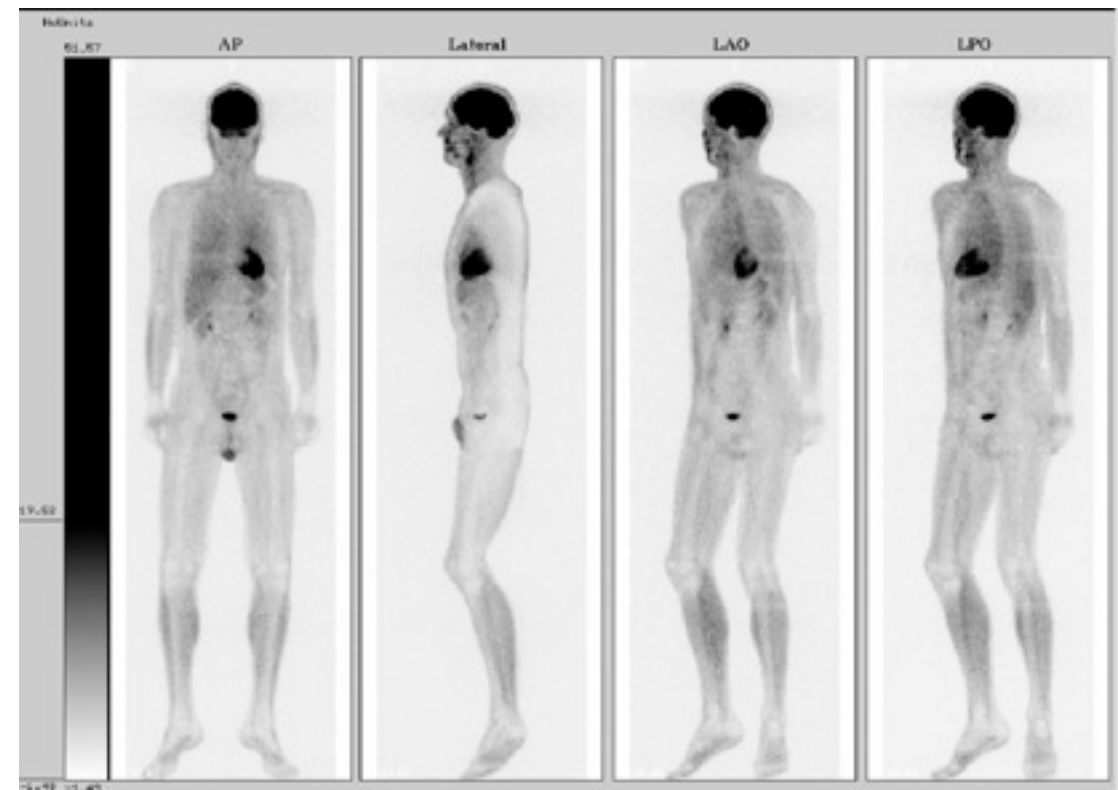
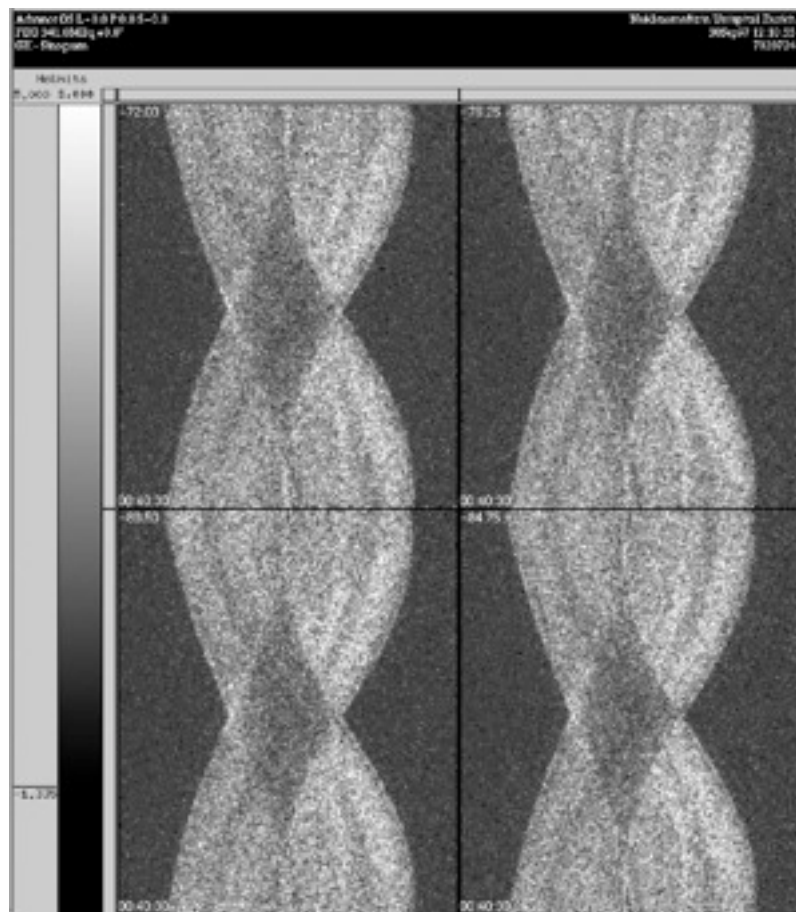


The number of events detected along a line is proportional to the integral of activity along that line



Intensity =  
Line integral through  
tracer distribution for  
a particular (s, phi)



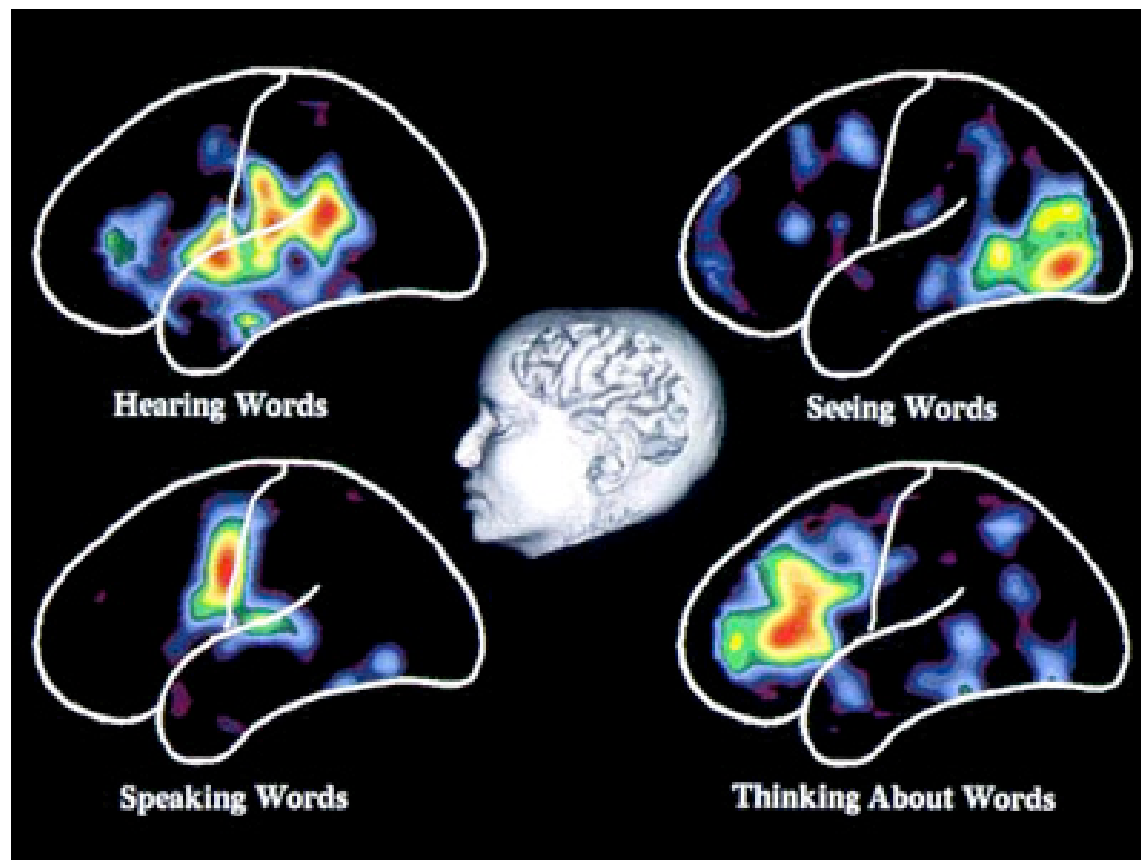
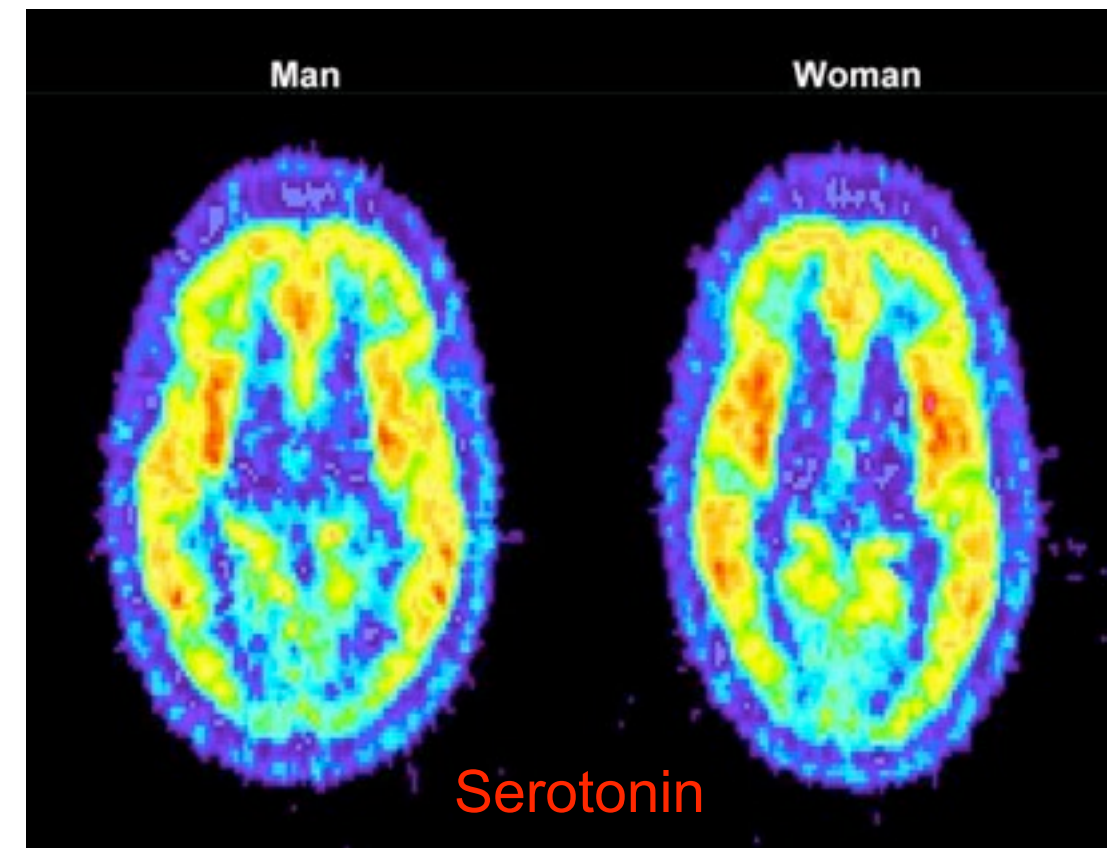
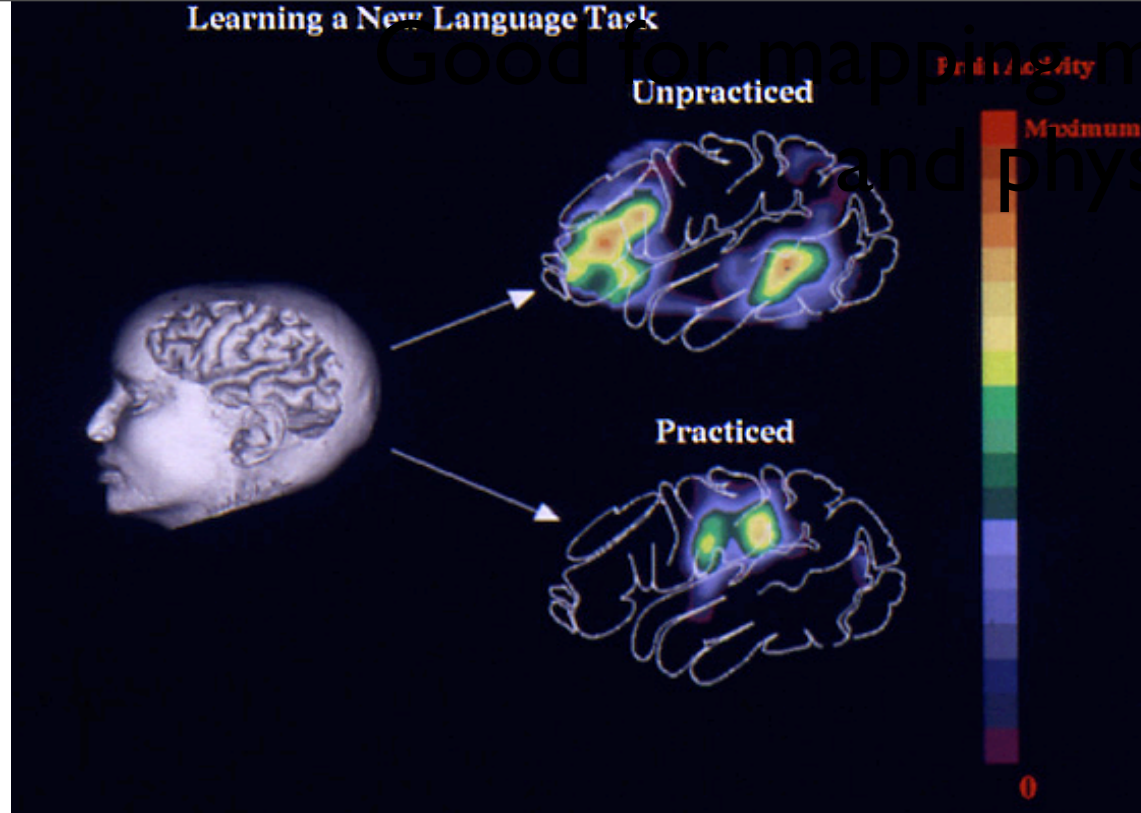


<http://research.nokia.com/files/tomoRGI.pdf>

- Filtered back-projection  
fast, cheap, inaccurate
- Expectation maximization (iterative procedure)  
slow, expensive, accurate



# Good for mapping metabolism, neurotransmitters and physiological changes



Serotonin receptors  
Dopamine receptors  
Glucose  
Amyloid-binding molecules  
Opioid receptors  
Pharmacological tests



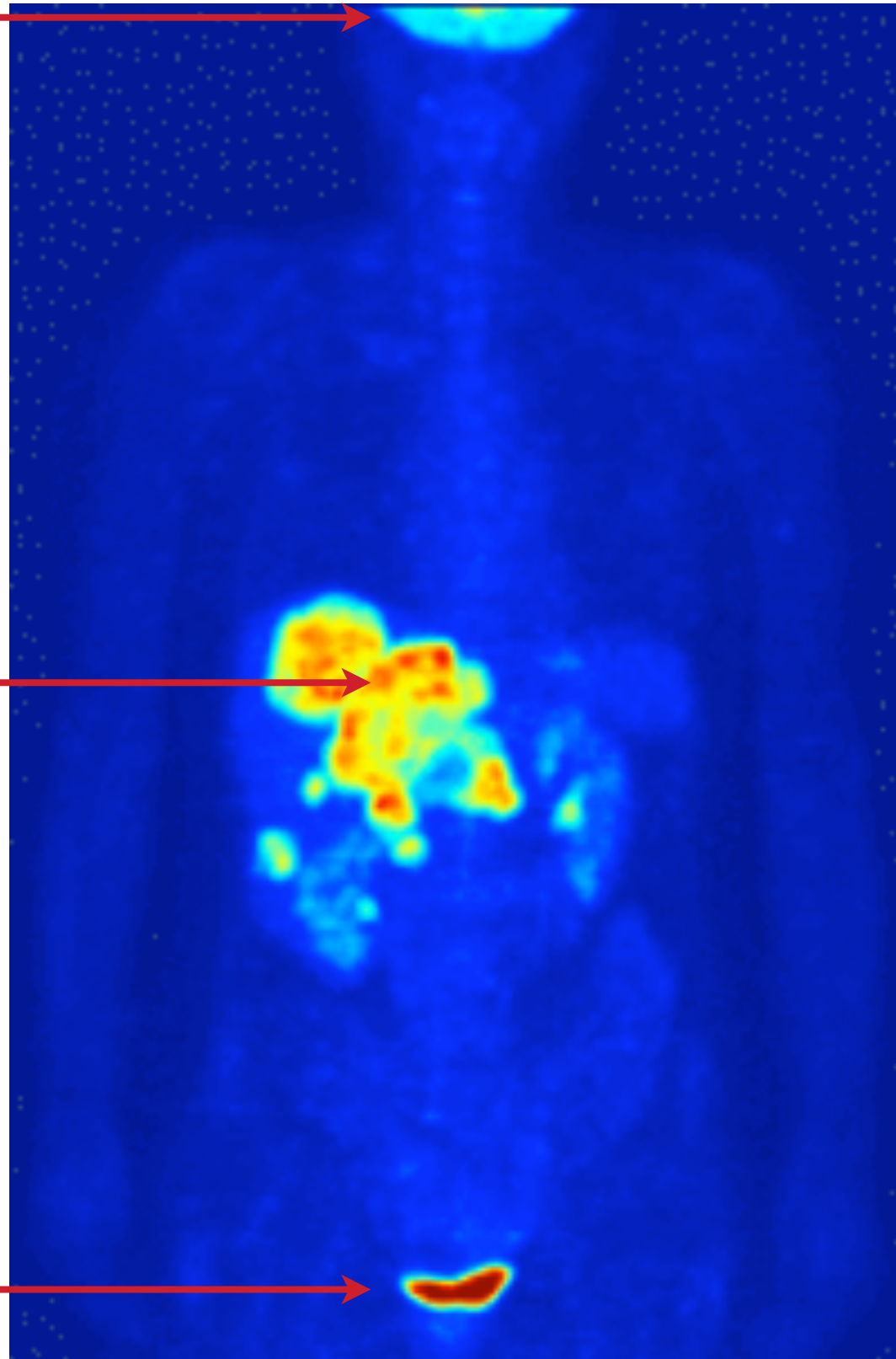
brain



stomach  
(abnormal)

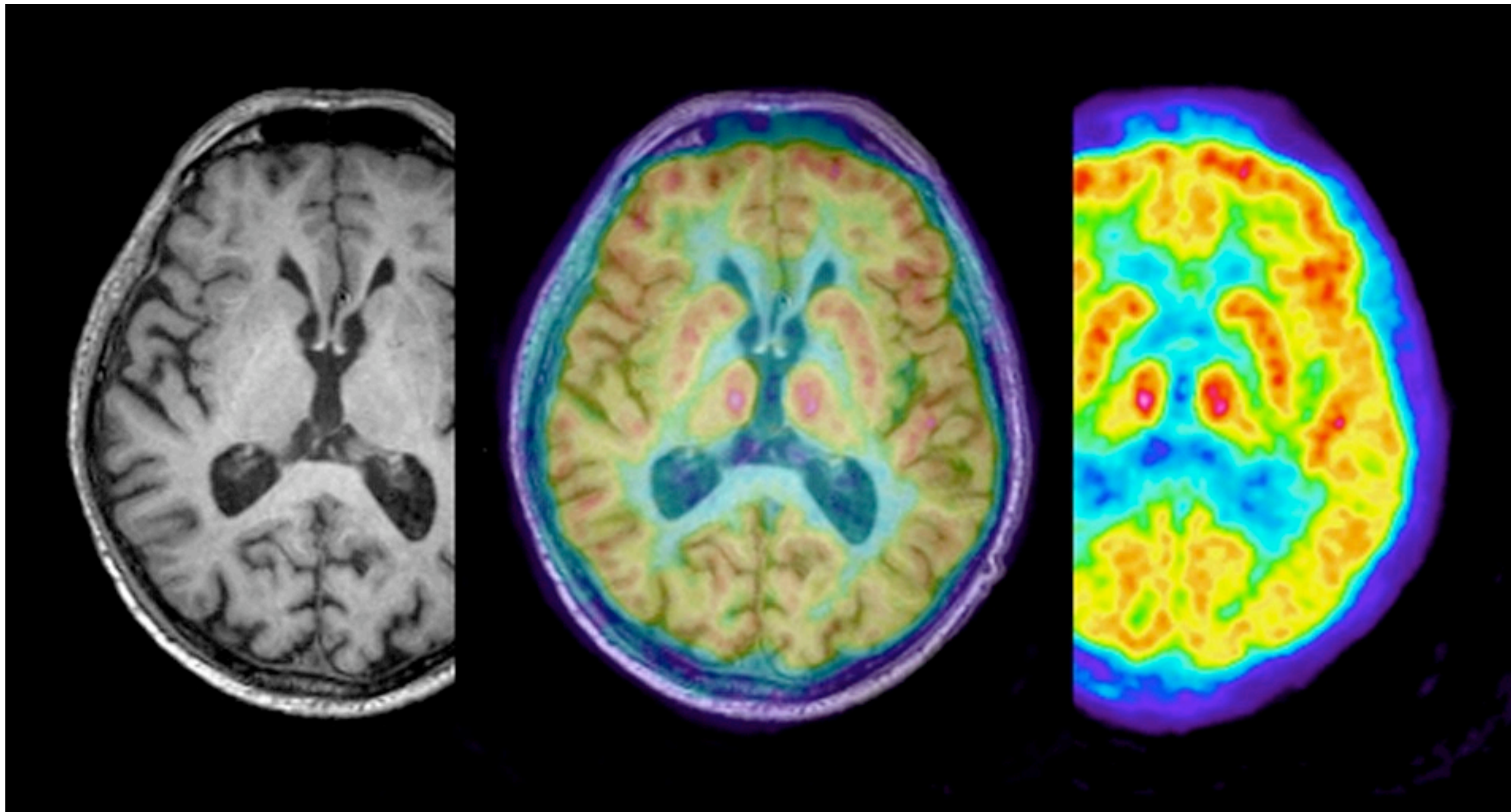


bladder



Maximum Intensity Projection of a  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG whole body PET acquisition





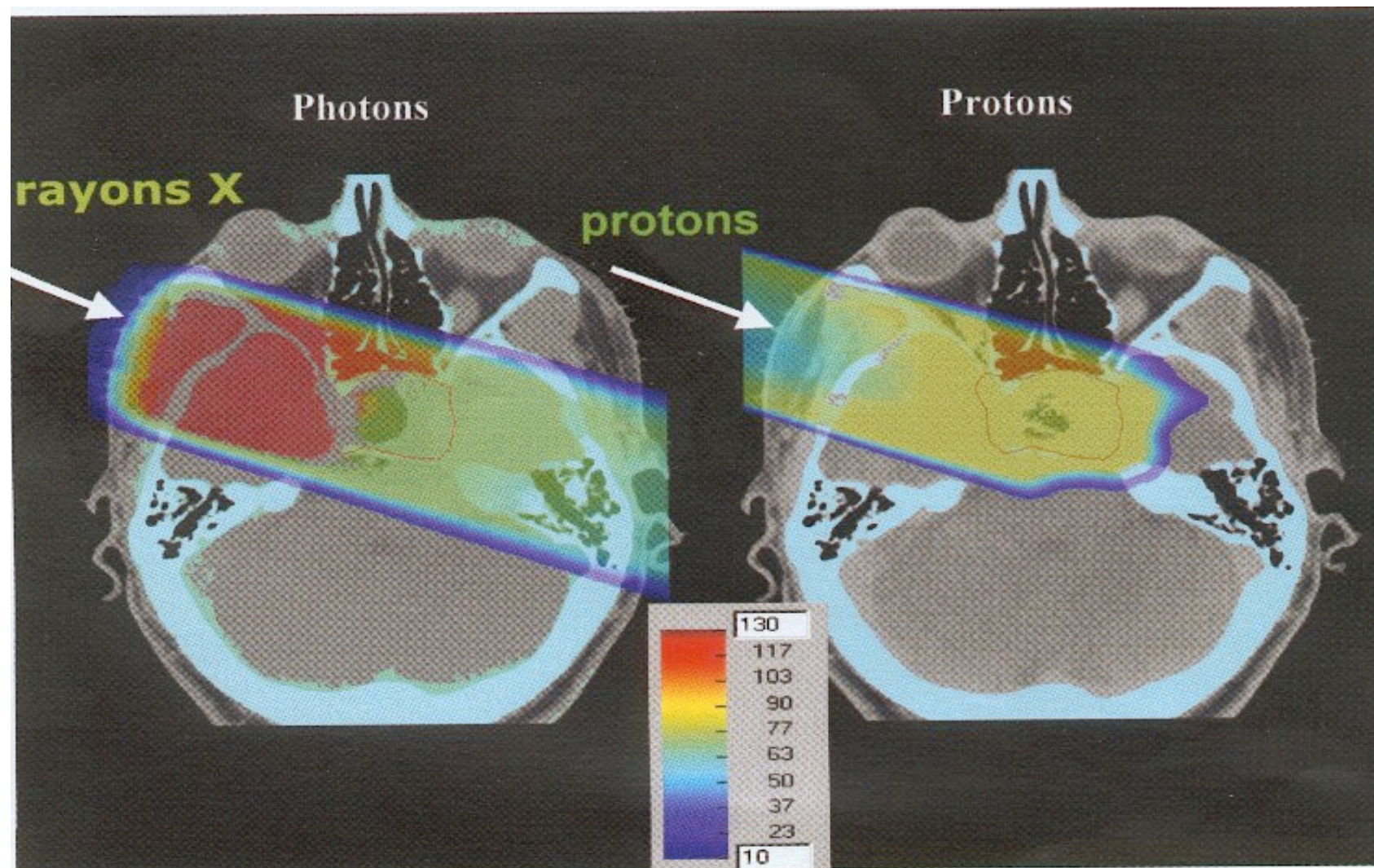
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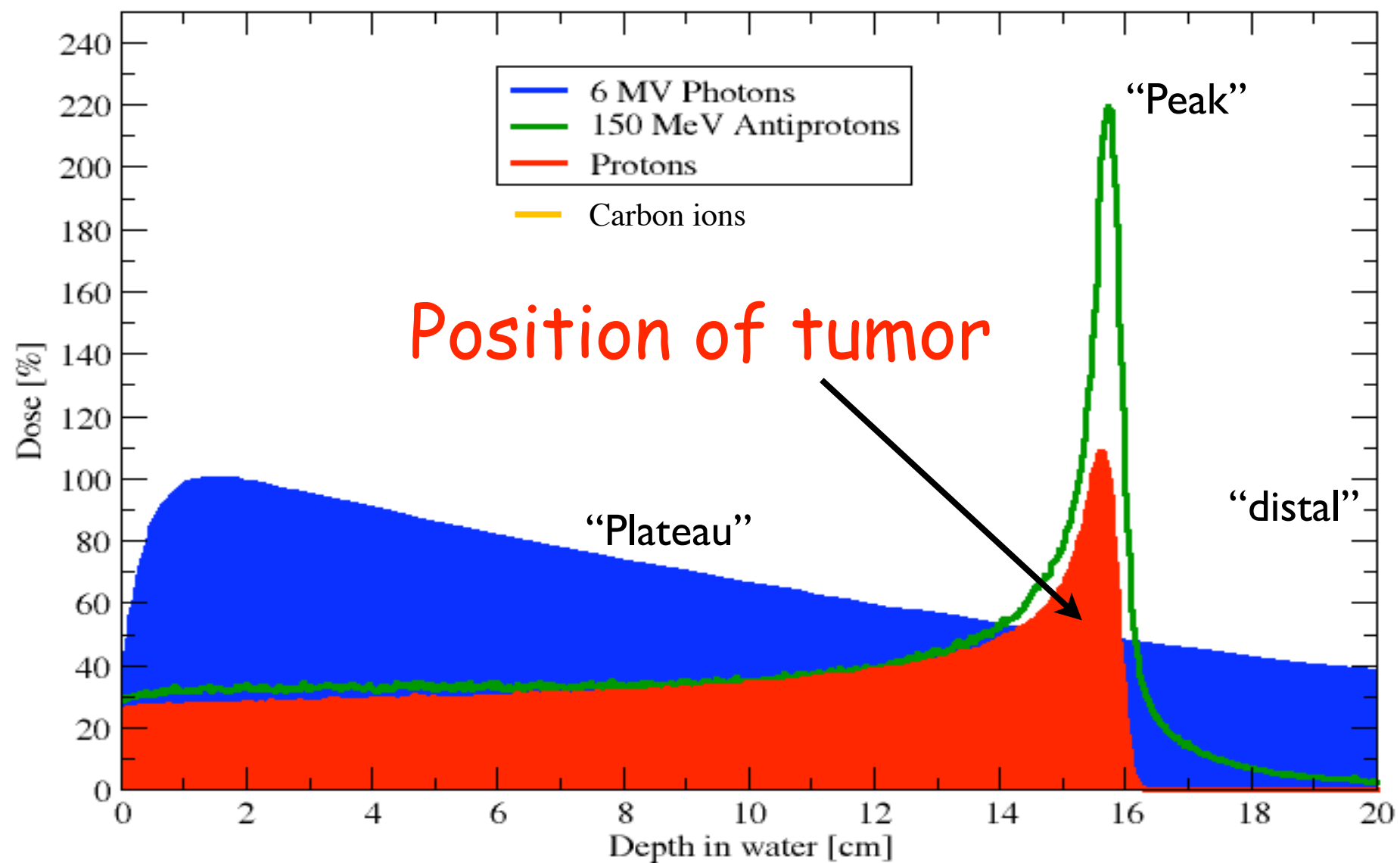


# Radiotherapy





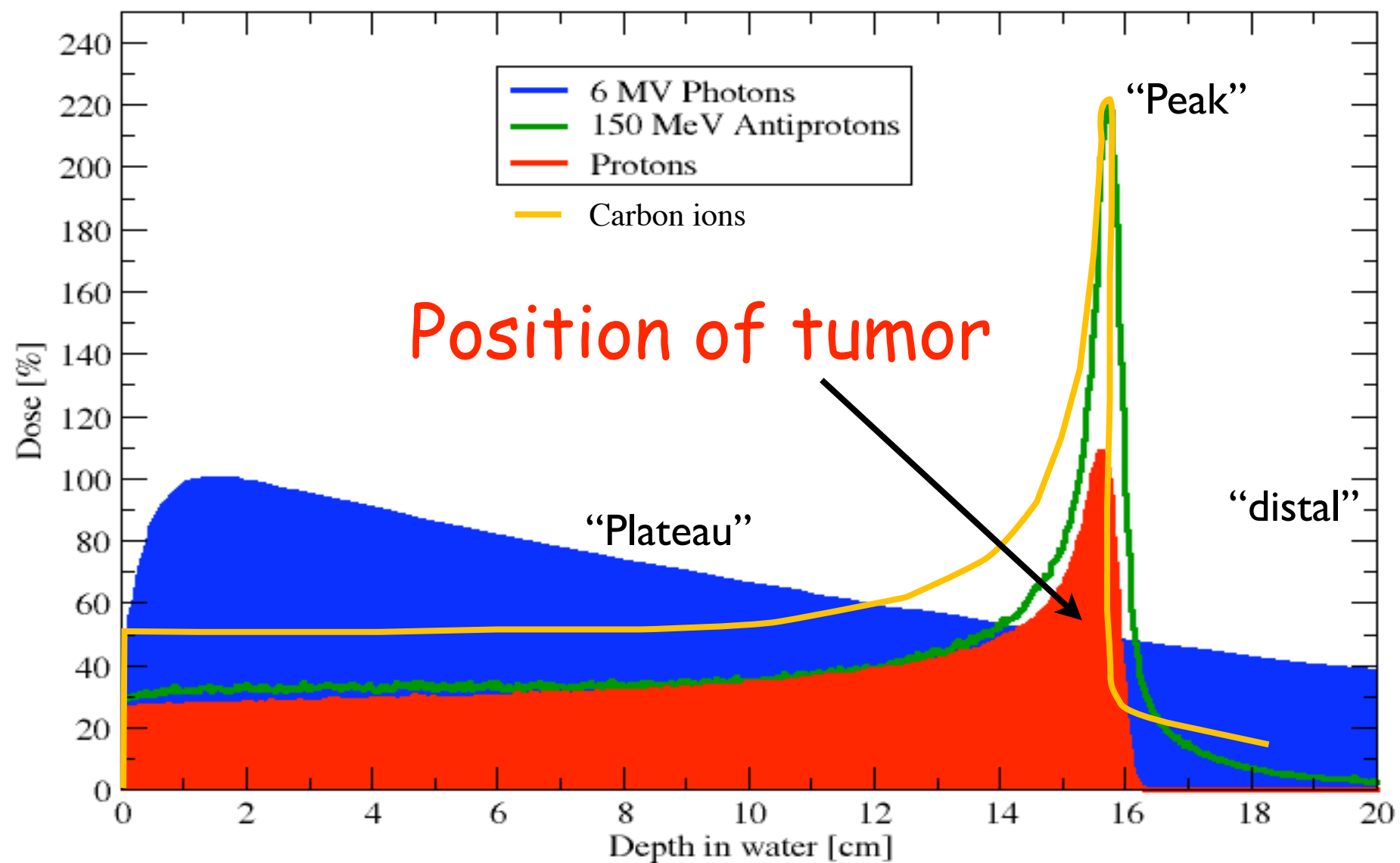
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MCNPX  
FLUKA  
GEANT  
SHIELD  
HIT  
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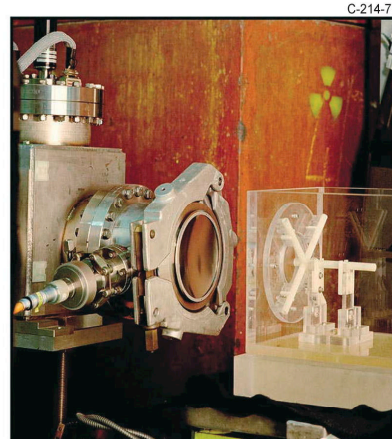
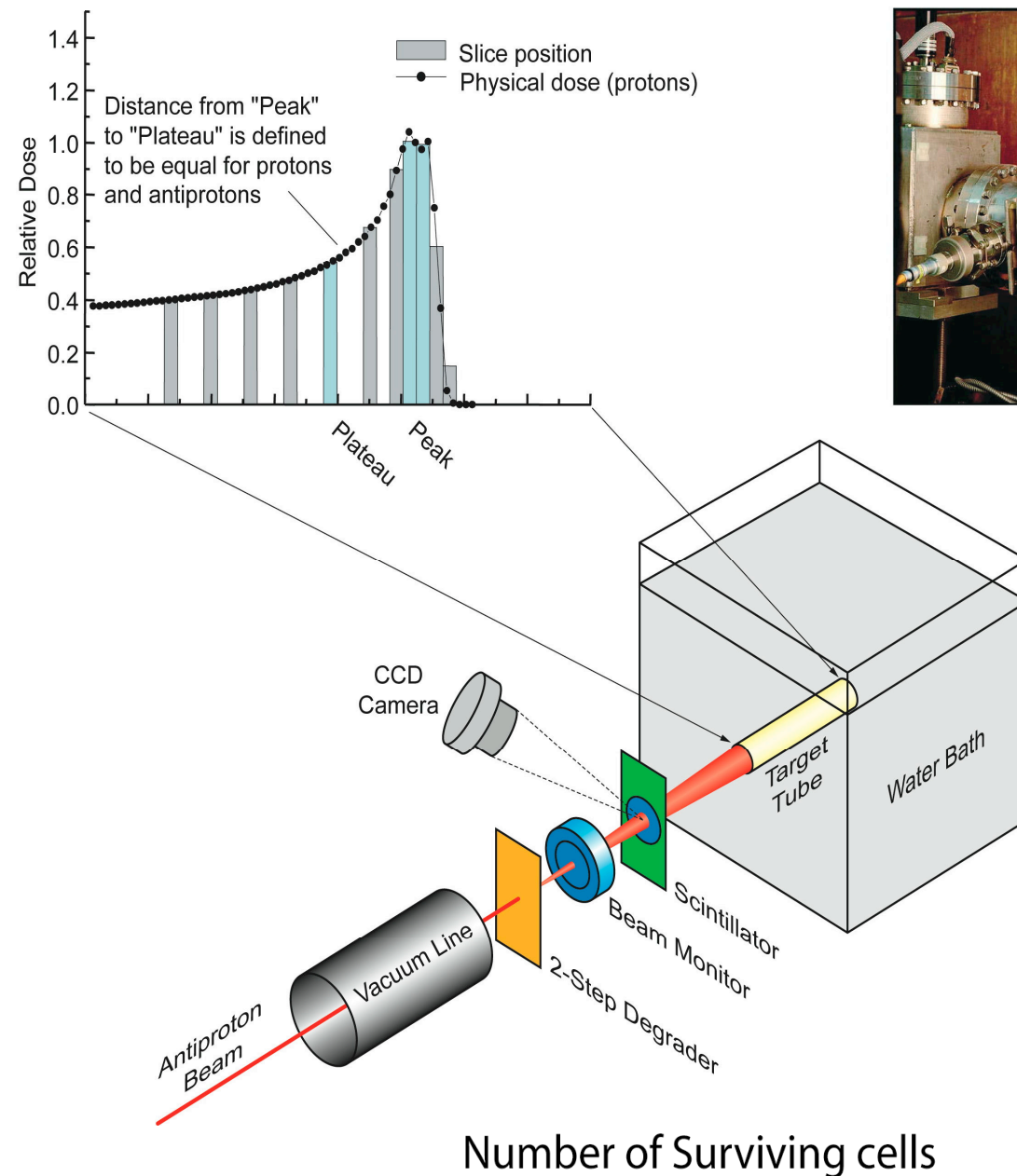
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# The AD-4 Experiment at CERN



## INGREDIENTS:

- V-79 Chinese Hamster cells embedded in gelatin
- **Antiproton** beam from AD (126 MeV)

## METHOD:

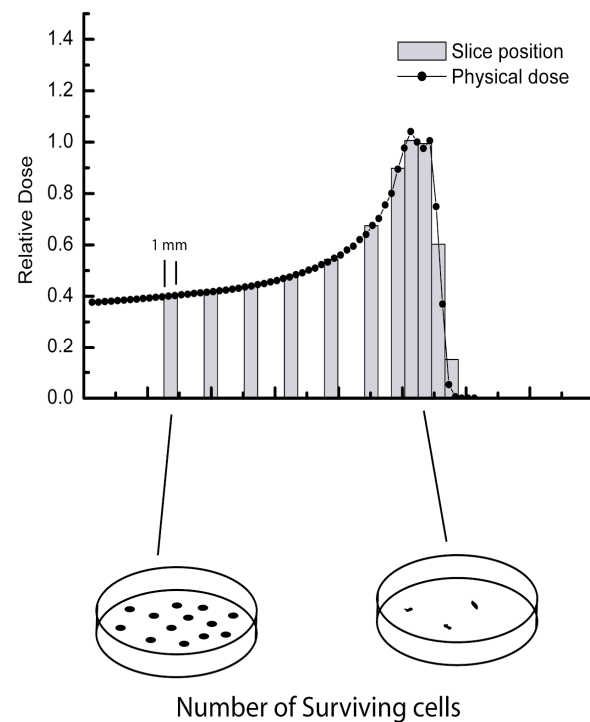
- Irradiate cells with dose levels to give survival in the peak is between 0 and 90 %
- Slice samples, dissolve gel, incubate cells, and look for number of colonies

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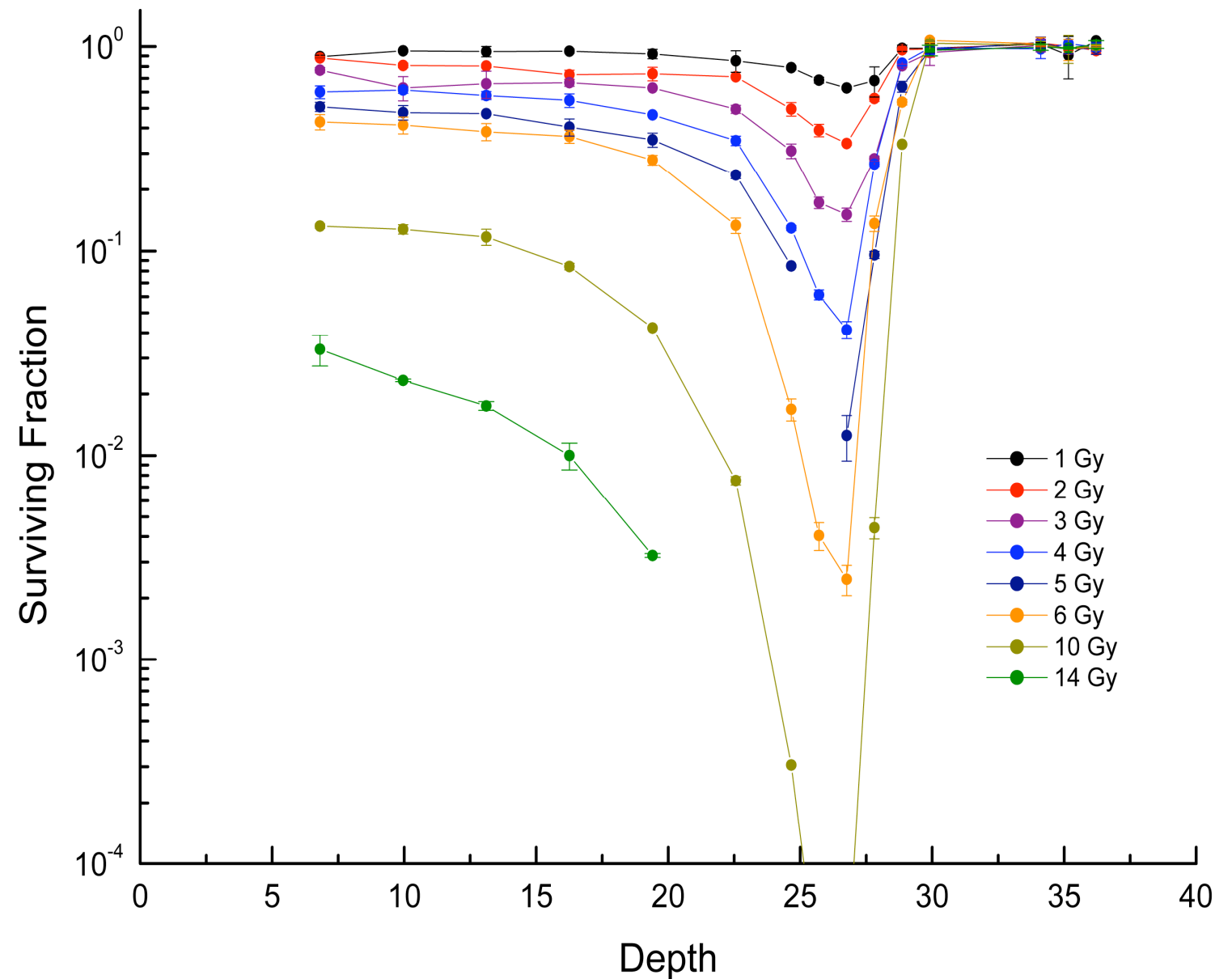
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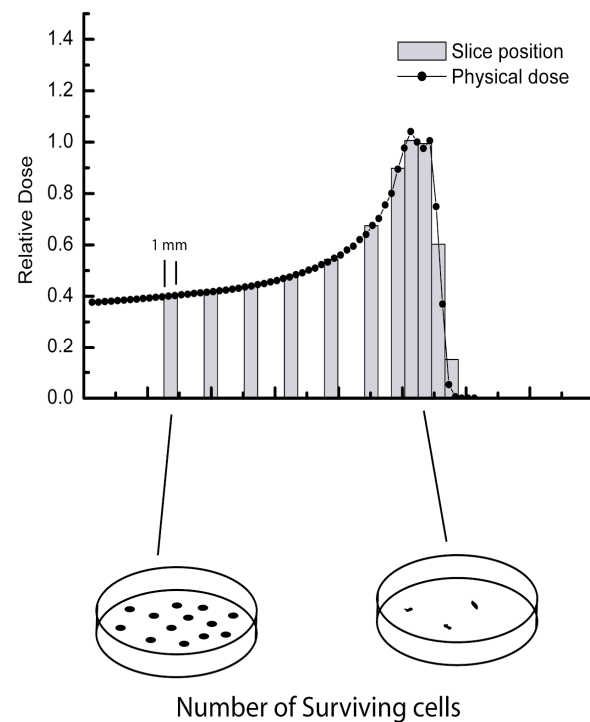
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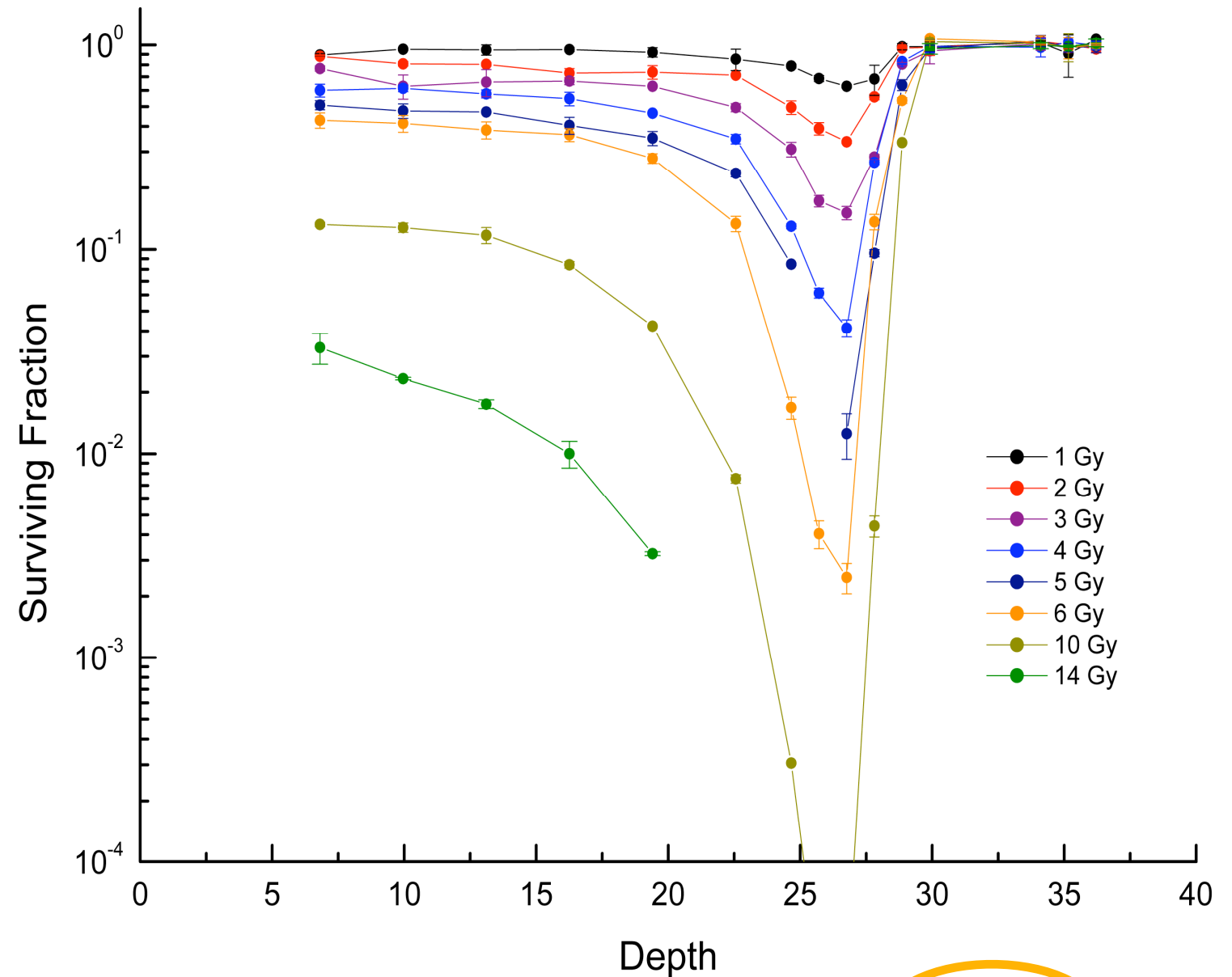
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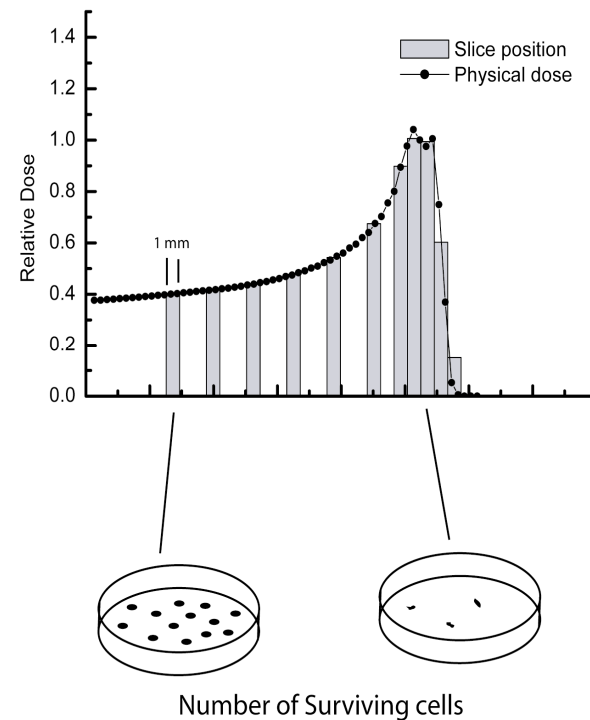
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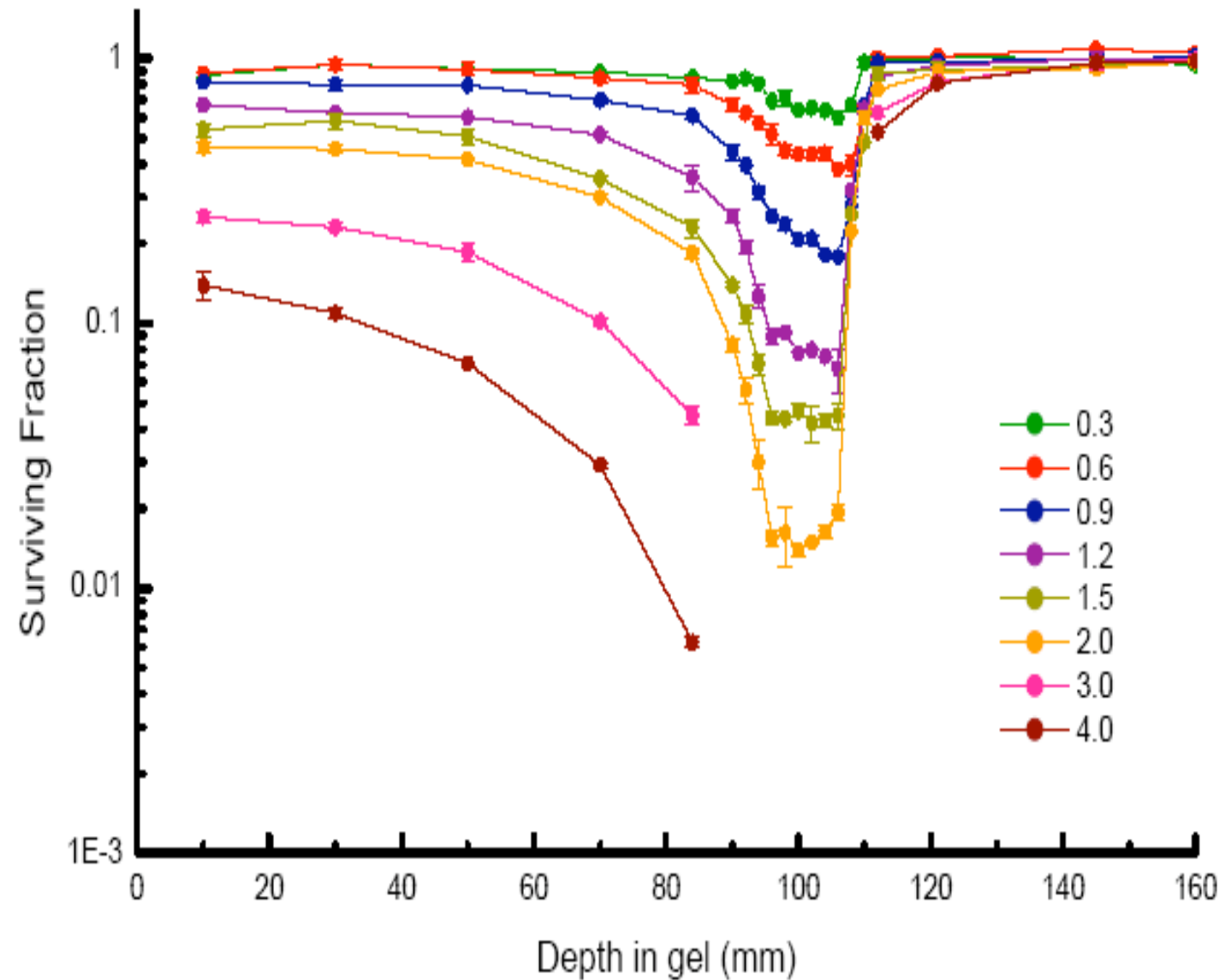
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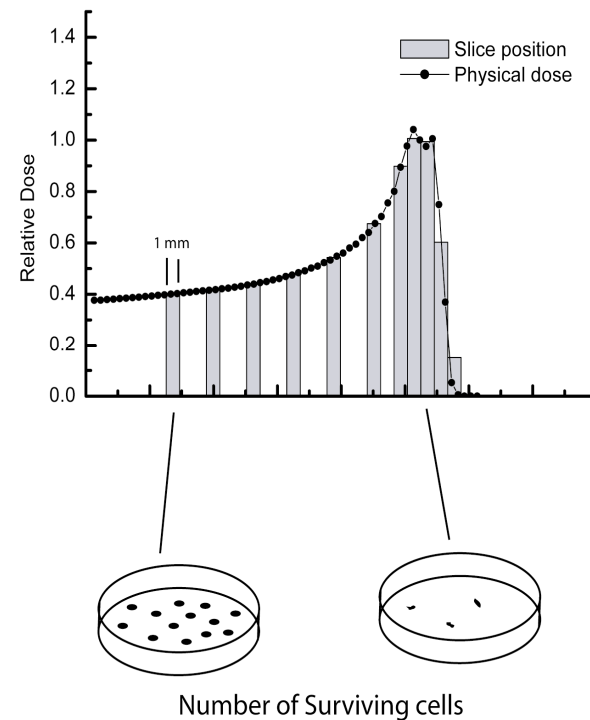
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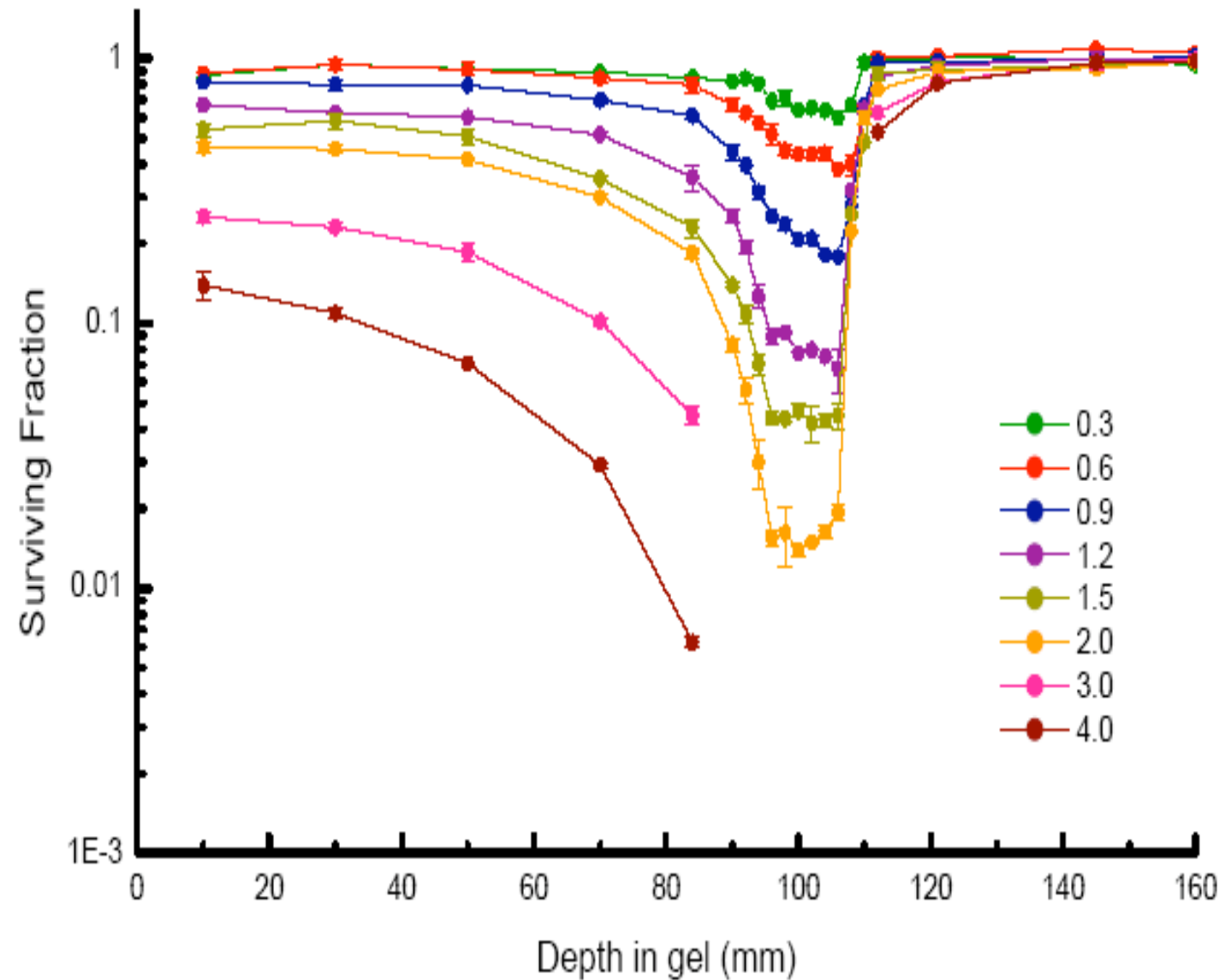
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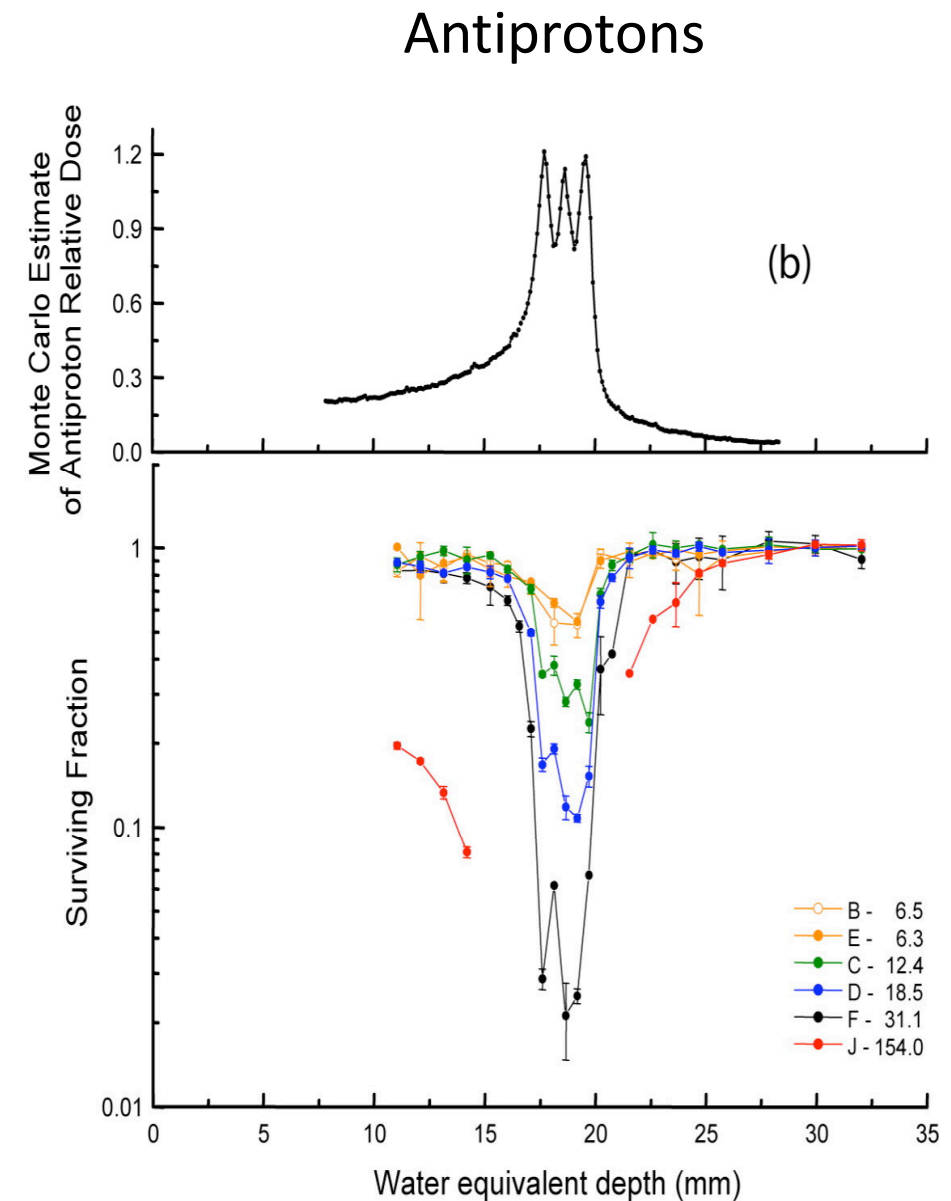
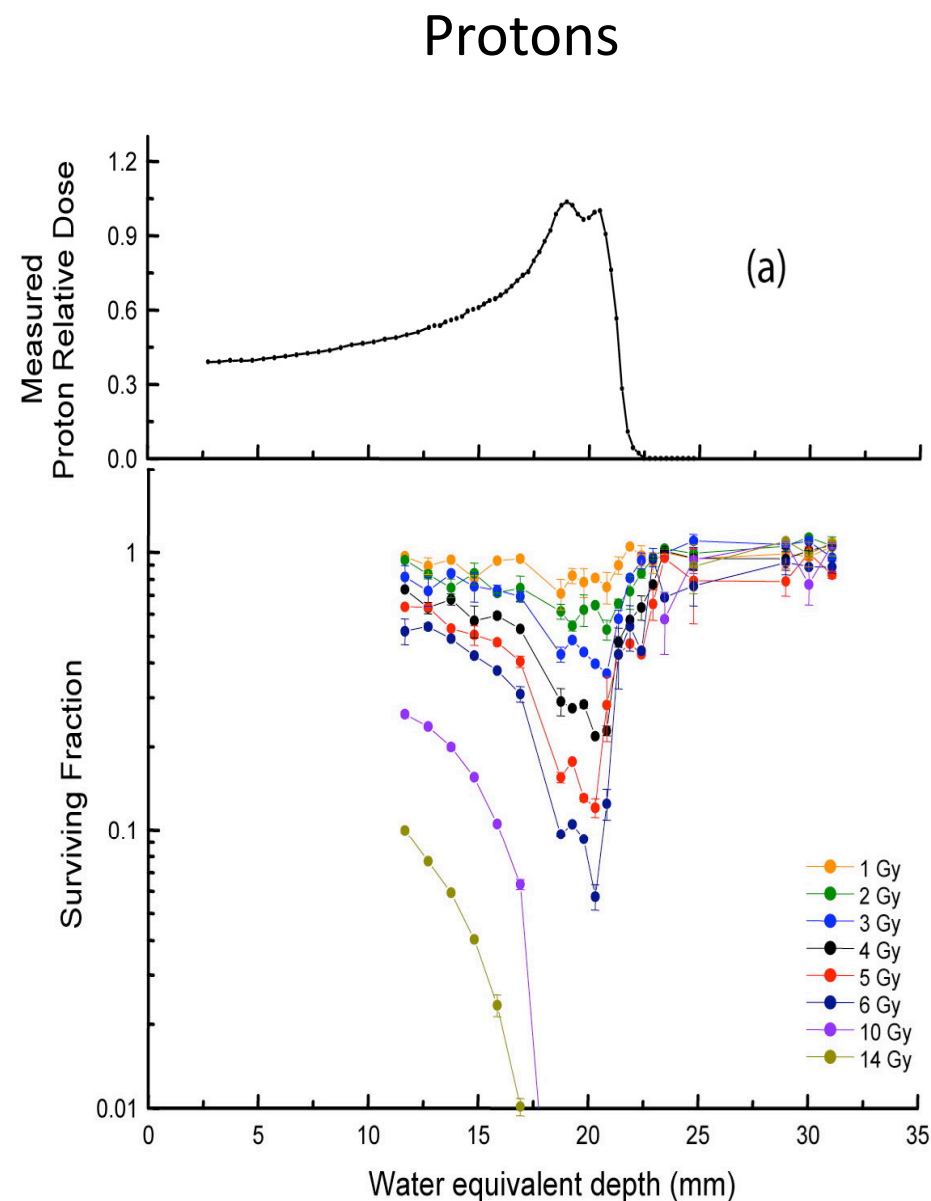
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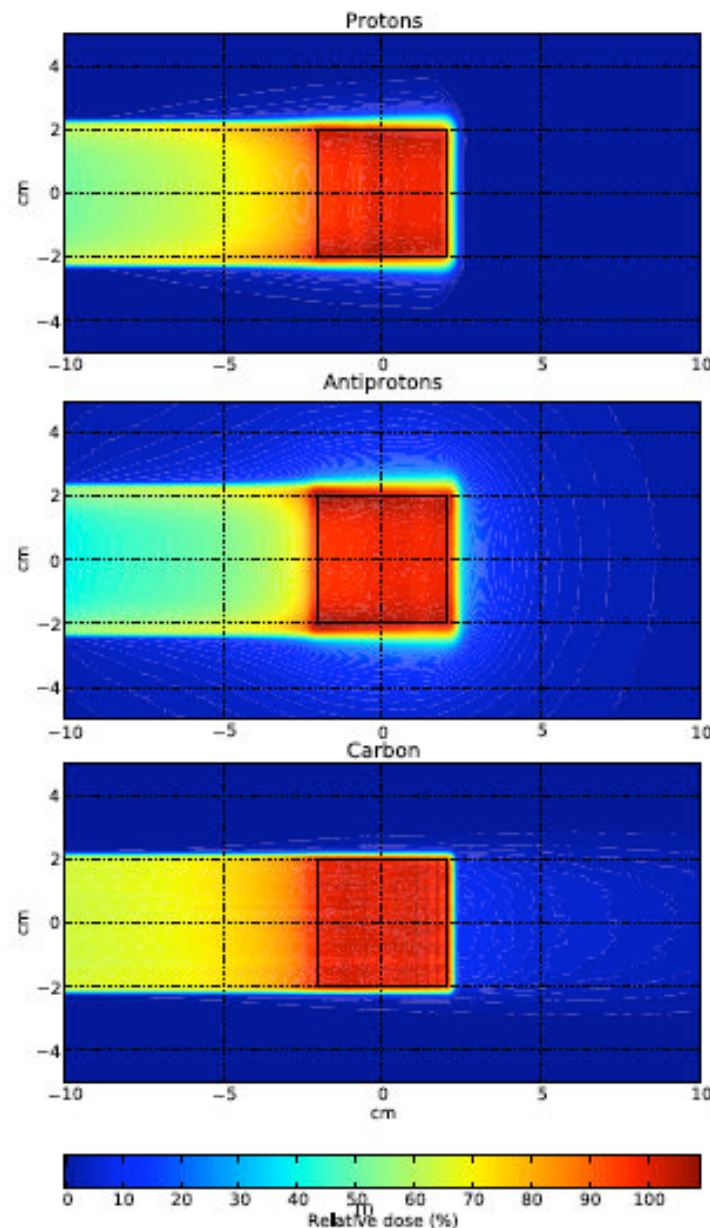


# Antiproton – Proton Comparison





# Potential Clinical Advantages?



Each Particle Type shows distinct features

- Protons are well known and easy to plan ( $RBE = 1$ ) which is the reason they are most widely adopted.
- Antiprotons have lowest entrance dose for the price of an extended isotropic low dose halo.
- Carbon ions have sharpest lateral penumbra but comparatively higher entrance dose than even protons (no RBE included here), but show forward directed tail due to in beam fragmentation.

**Detailed dose plans (including RBE) will need to be developed to assess applicability of particle types for different tumor types and locations!**

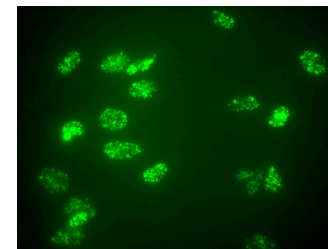


# DNA Damage Assays

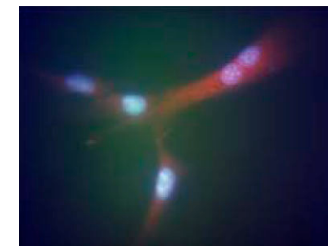
**There is more to biology than just clonogenics**  
**– especially outside the targeted area:**

- Immediately after attack on DNA proteins are recruited to the site
- This event signals cell cycle arrest to allow repair
- If damage is too extensive to repair programmed cell death (apoptosis) is induced
- Cells also deficient of cell cycle check point proteins may enter mitosis (cancer cells are often deficient in repair proteins and continue dividing)

$\gamma$ -H2AX: Phosphorylation of H2AX in the presence of Double Strand Breaks



Micronuclei: Fluorescent detection of micronuclei (parts of whole chromosomes) formed due to DNA damage indicating potential of tumorigenesis



**$\gamma$ -H2AX and Micronucleus assays are typically used to study immediate and long term DNA damage respectively**



# Fuel and energy



Antimatter in a trap  
(in the film *Angels and Demons*)



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....so, can (rare, expensive and difficult-to-produce) antimatter be used for anything useful?



# The usefulness of antimatter



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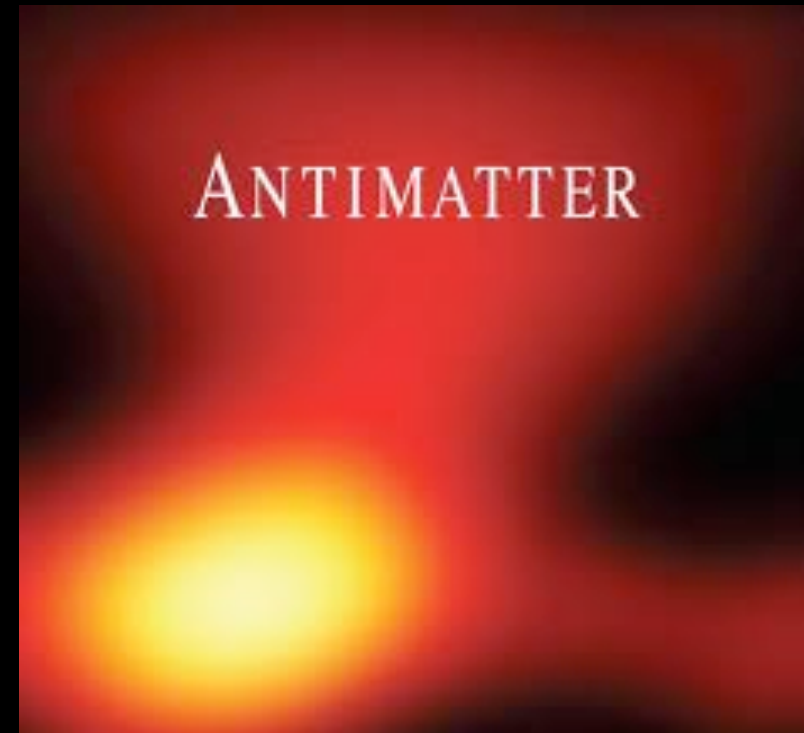


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...it's certainly an inspiration for the imagination of artists...



# The artistic value of antimatter





# The monetary value of antimatter

Gold:  
(50 kCHF/kg)

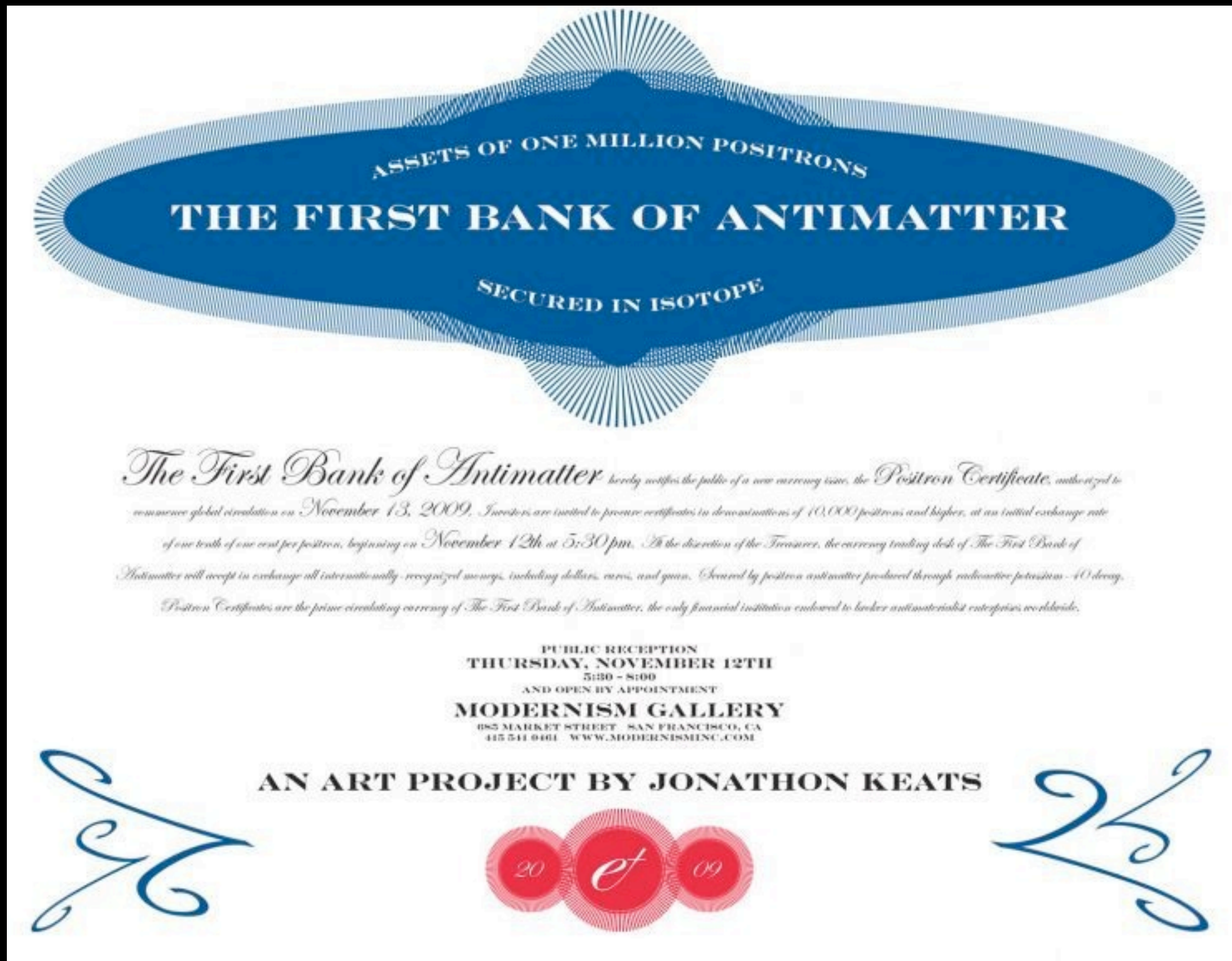


Antimatter (positrons):  
(50 kCHF/GBq)

(1.5 GBq  $^{22}\text{Na}$  source will produce about  
 $10^{17} e^+ \sim 10^{-10} \text{g}$ )



# The monetary value of antimatter





The end  
(really, this time)

