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Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons

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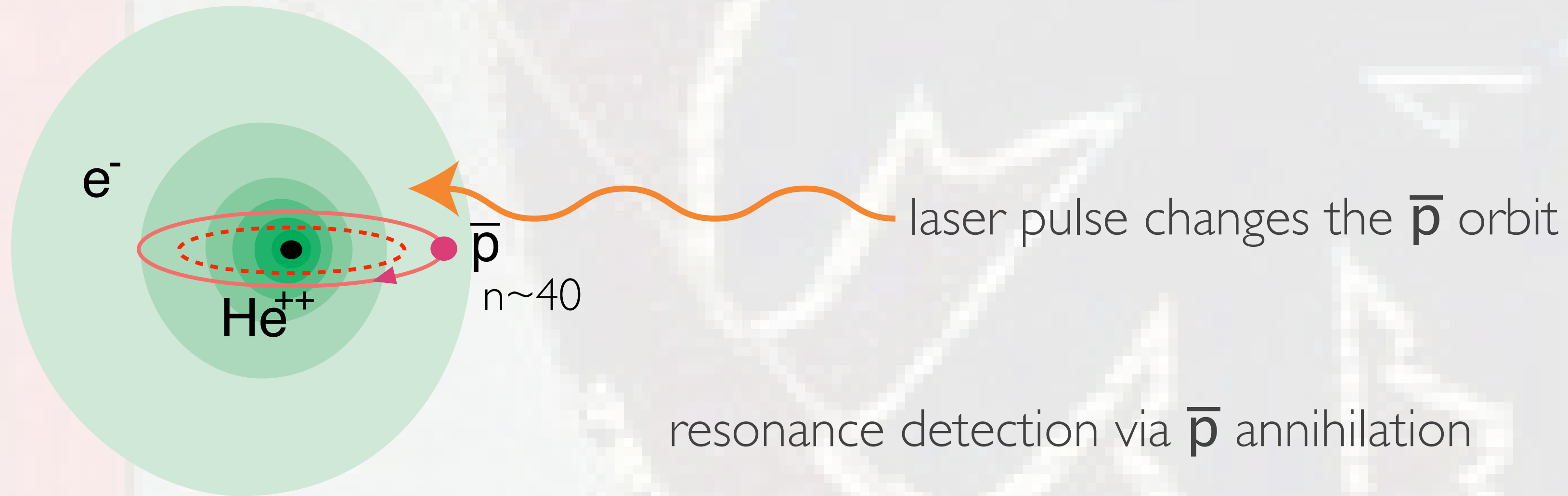
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# ASACUSA:

## Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons

1. Antiprotonic helium ( $\bar{p} - e^- - \text{He}$ ) laser **spectroscopy**  
(CPT & fundamental const.)
2. Antihydrogen ground-state hyperfine splitting **spectroscopy**  
(CPT)
3. Hydrogen ground-state hyperfine splitting  
(closely related to 2.)
4.  $\bar{p}$ -nucleus **collision** (annihilation cross section  $\sigma_{\text{ann}}$ )  
(no beam used in 2016)

# 1. Antiproton-to-electron mass ratio



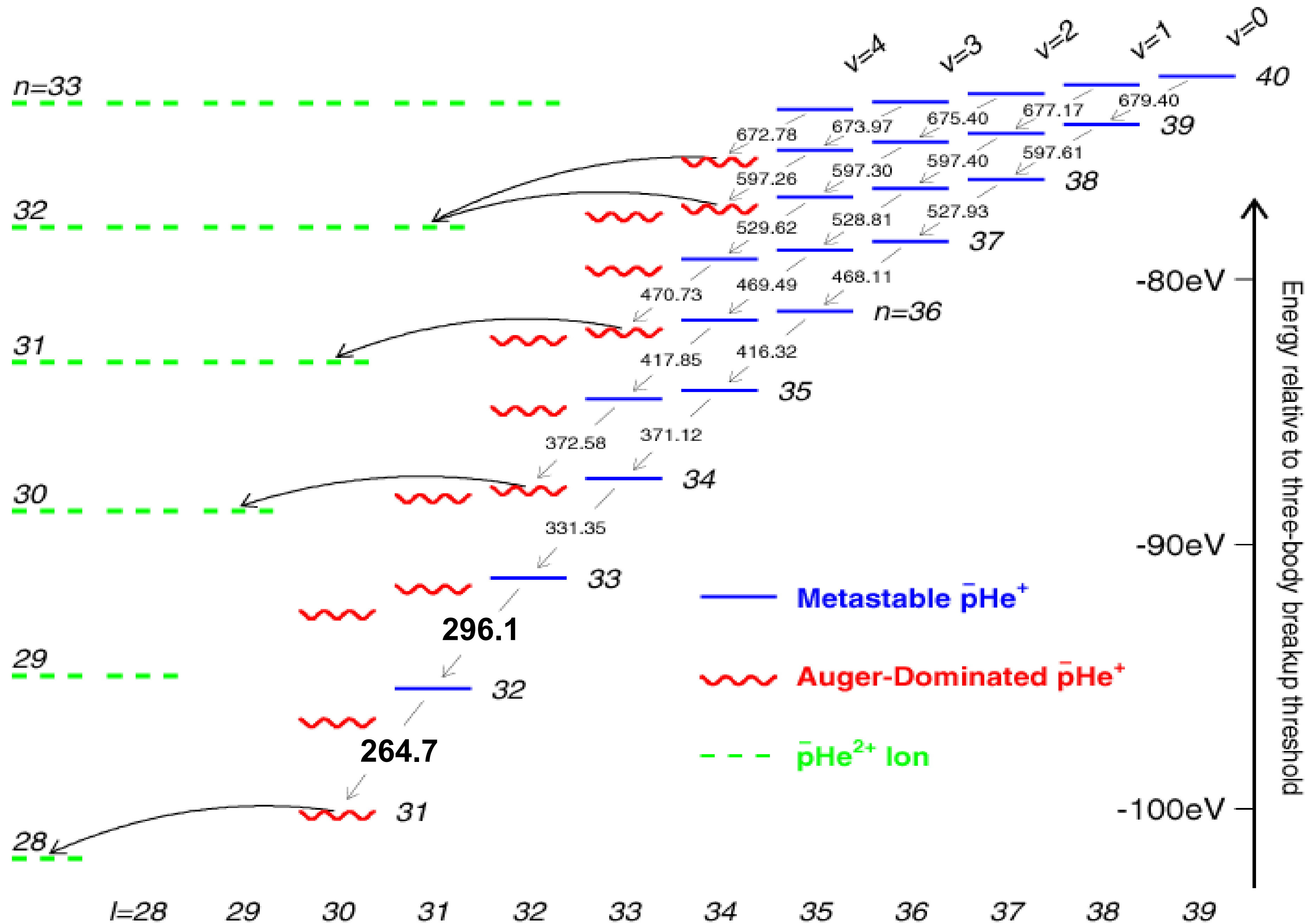
resonance detection via  $\bar{p}$  annihilation

Frequency

$$\nu_{n,l \rightarrow n',l'} = R c \frac{m_{\bar{p}}^*}{m_e} Z_{\text{eff}}^2 \left( \frac{1}{n'^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) + \text{QED}$$

$\bar{p}$  (p) - e mass ratio

Theory



# Single-photon experiments

(Doppler width reduced by cooling the atoms to  $\sim 1.5\text{K}$ )

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## Buffer-gas cooling of antiprotonic helium to 1.5 to 1.7 K, and antiproton-to-electron mass ratio

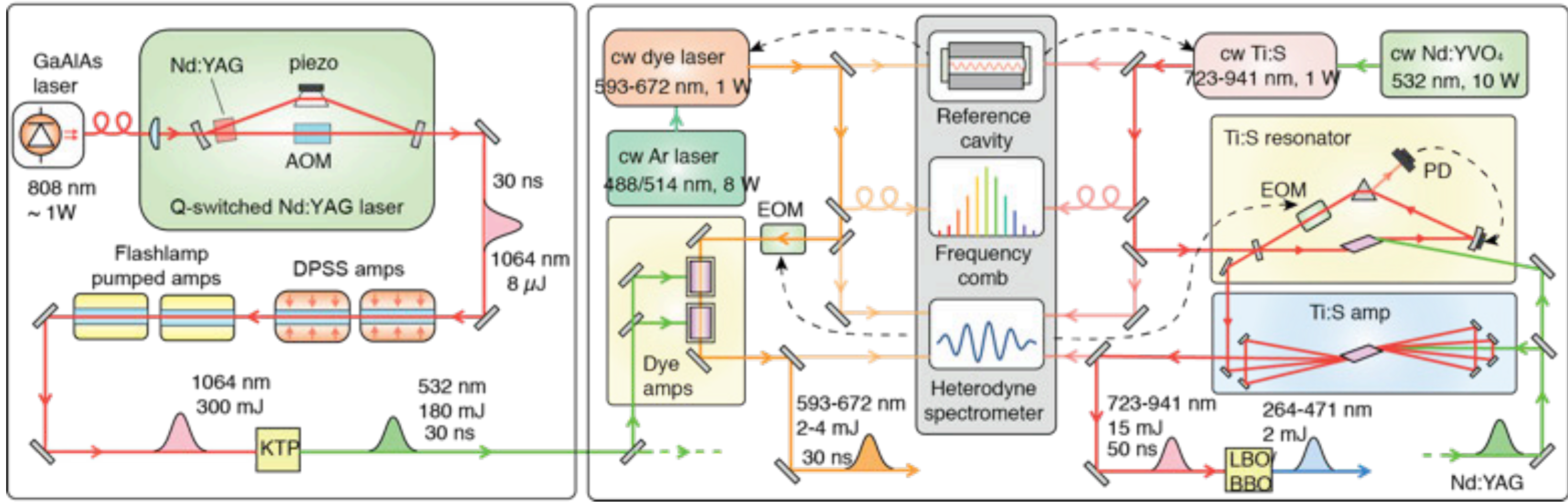
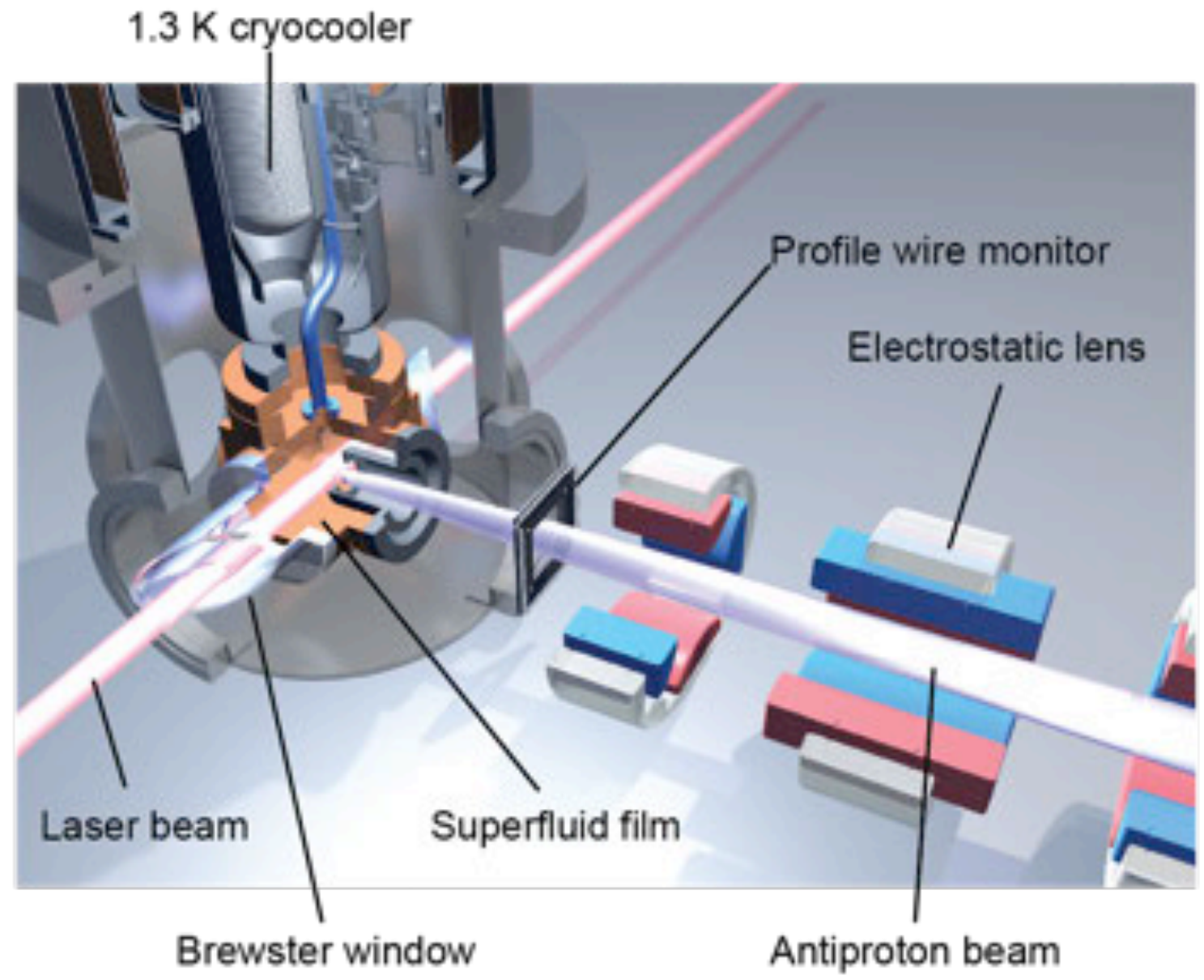
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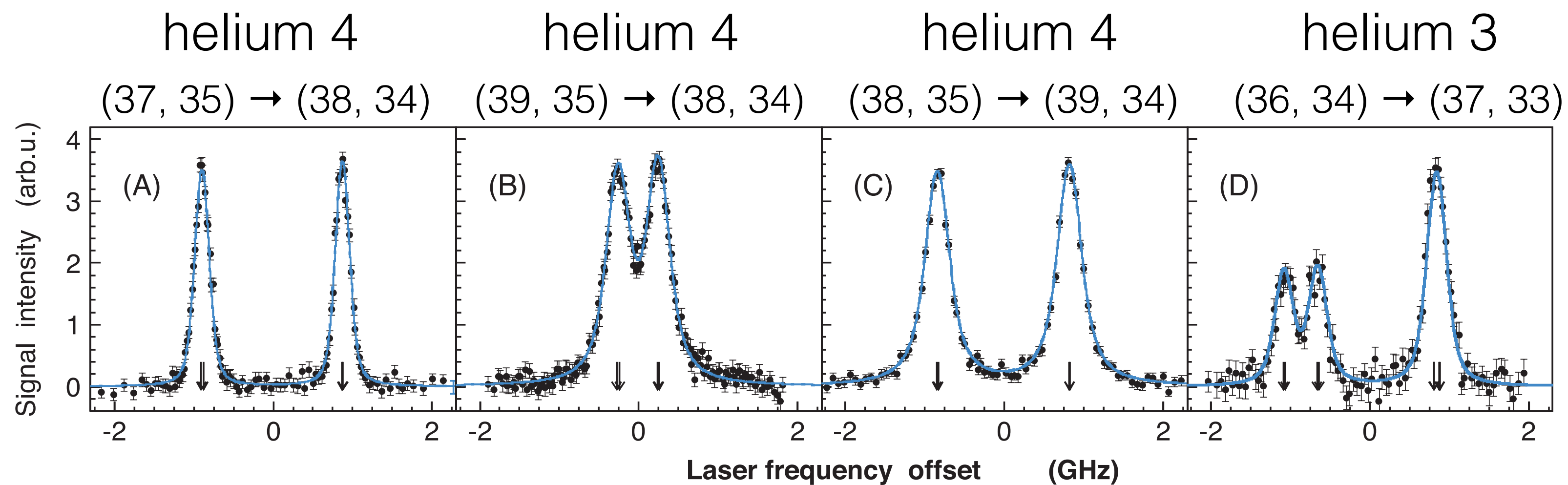


# Experimental setup



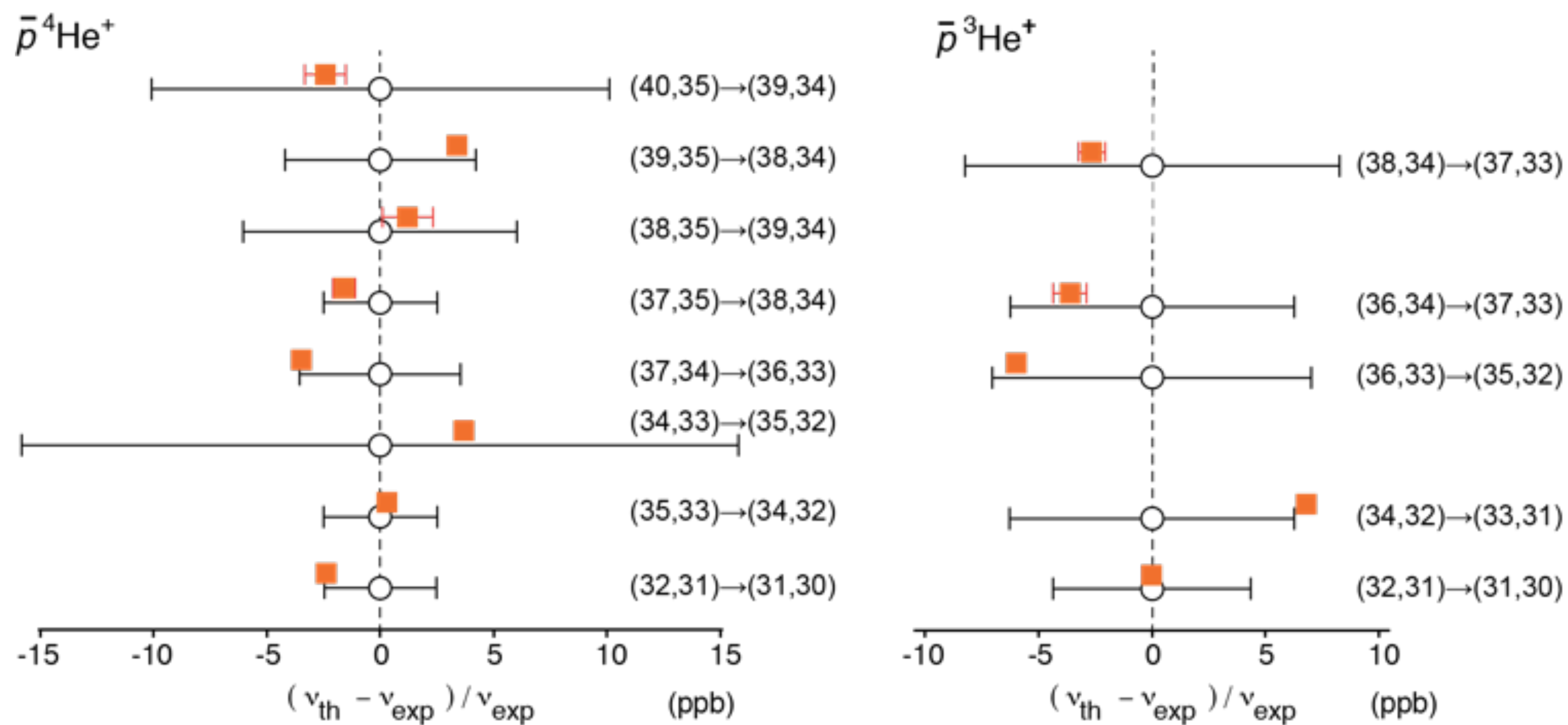


# Single-photon resonances of cooled antiprotonic helium



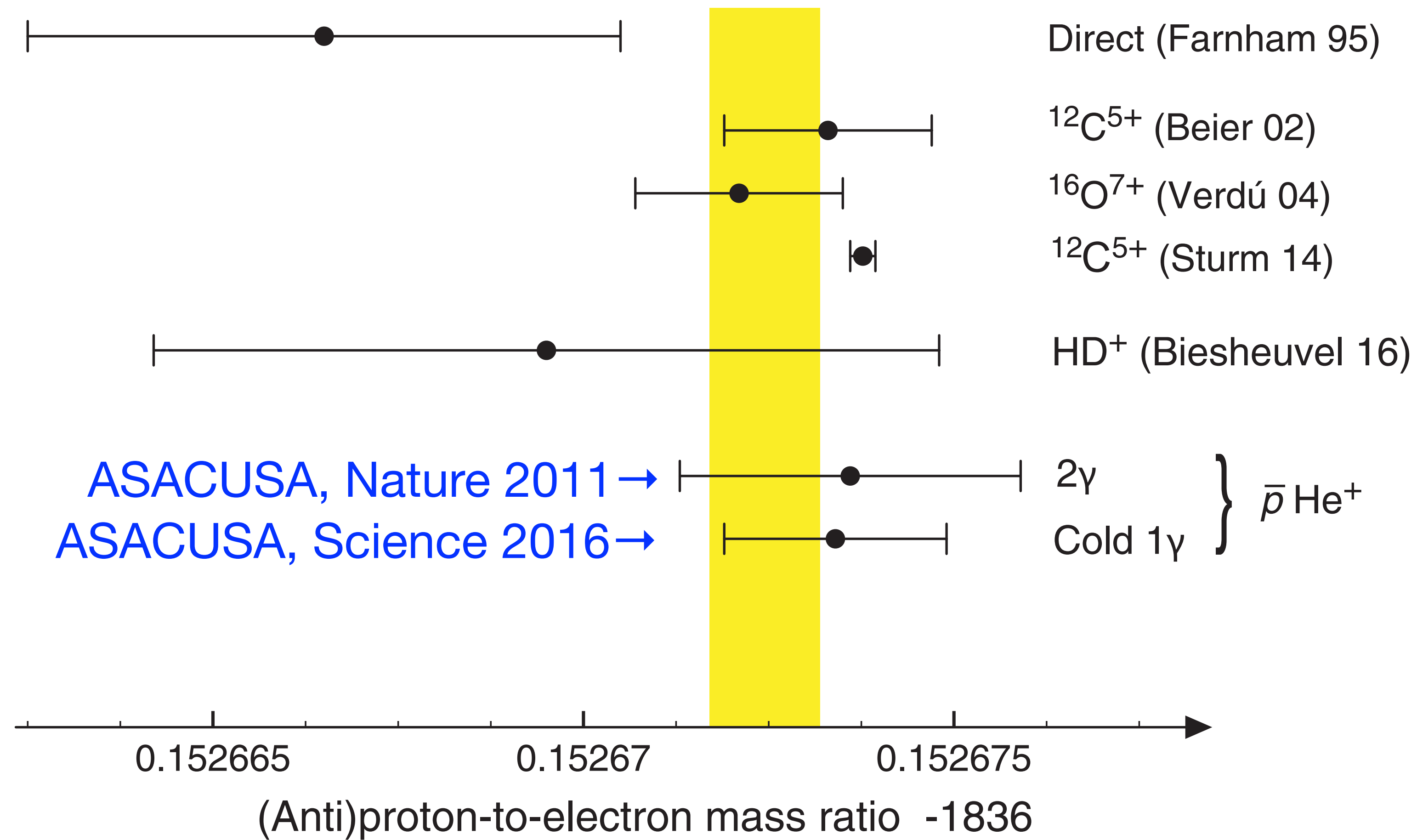
Resonance lines imply Doppler width consistent with atoms cooled to  $T=1.5-1.7$  K...

# Comparison between experimental and theoretical transition frequencies of 13 single-photon resonances



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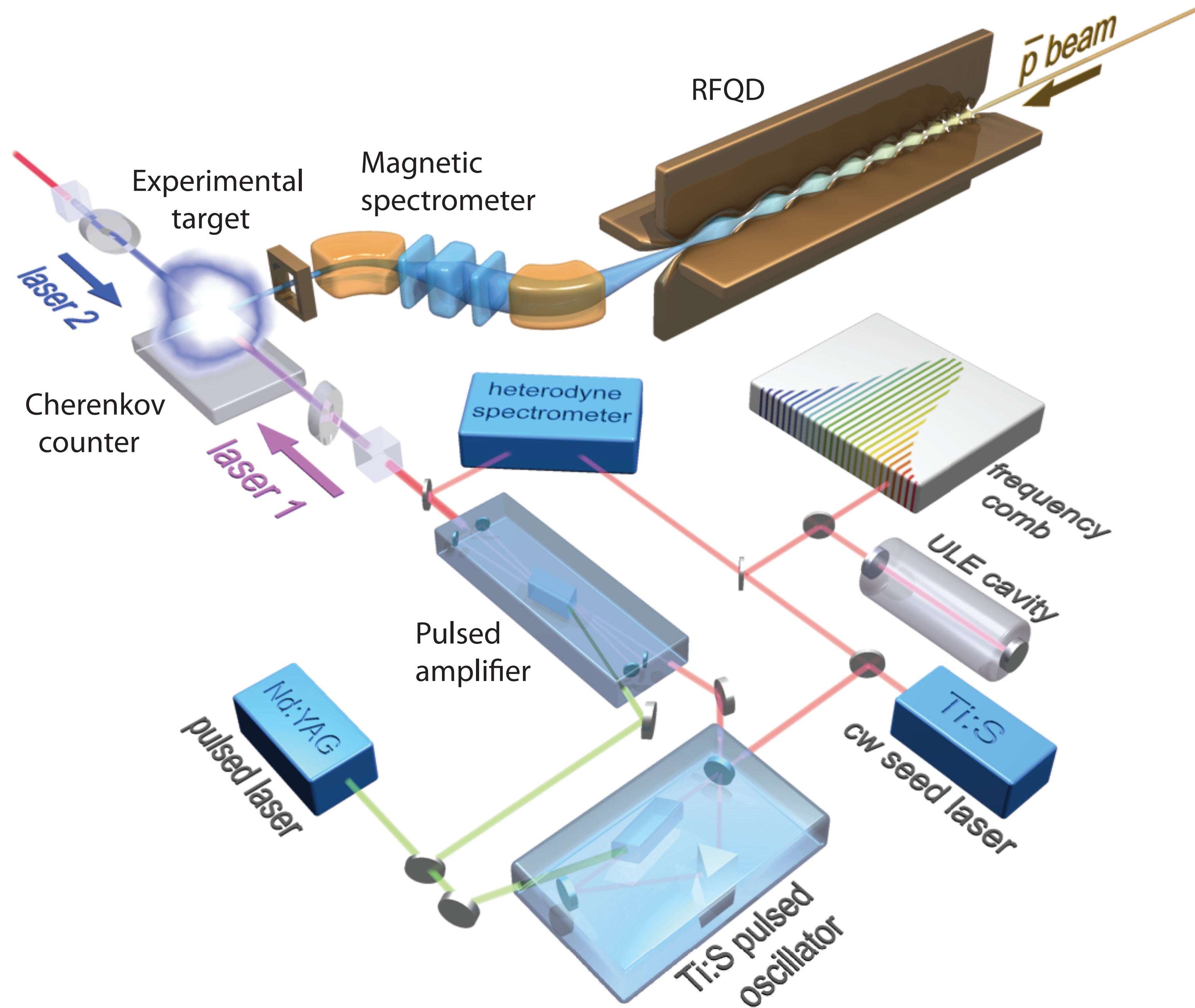
# Single-photon resonance (Final result)



Antiproton-to-electron mass ratio **1836.1526734 (15)**

## two-photon experiments

(Doppler width further reduced by using counter-propagating beams)



## Beam usage 2016

Weeks 1-2.5 (1.5 week): Continued switchover from CUSP, setup, cooldown  
Beam tuning, RFQD energy tuning, laser optimization  
Careful work to avoid accidents like 2015.

Weeks 2.5-4.5 (2 weeks):

Single-photon resonance, debugging.

Two-photon signal tuning (optimization of laser energy)

Old wavelength meter CCD failure, new wavelength meter  
had calibration issue, took time to debug

Breakdown of Infinity Nd:YAG pump laser

Coherent doesn't support laser.

Guy in US still fixes the laser and had spare parts.

Flew to Texas to get new pump crystal.

Weeks 4.5 - 7 (3.5 weeks)

Accumulated **18 days** of publishable data

High voltage electrostatic lens cable issue.

Week 7 -7.5 (0.5 weeks) Discovered new resonance  $3\text{He}$   
(39,35)->(40,34) 1168 nm

## Improvements 2016

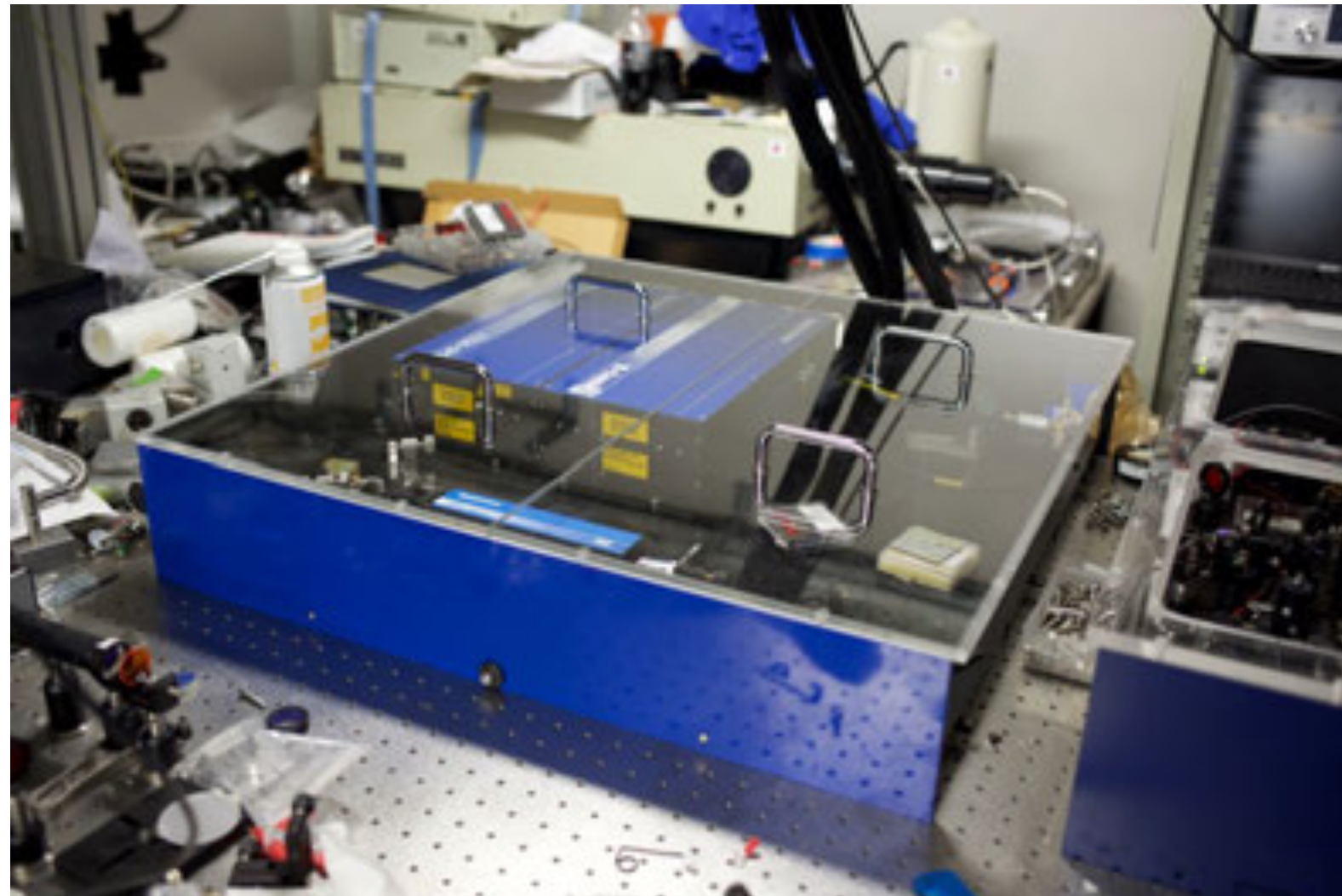


Figure-9 femtosecond resonator  
90 mW visible output power

New Er fiber frequency comb

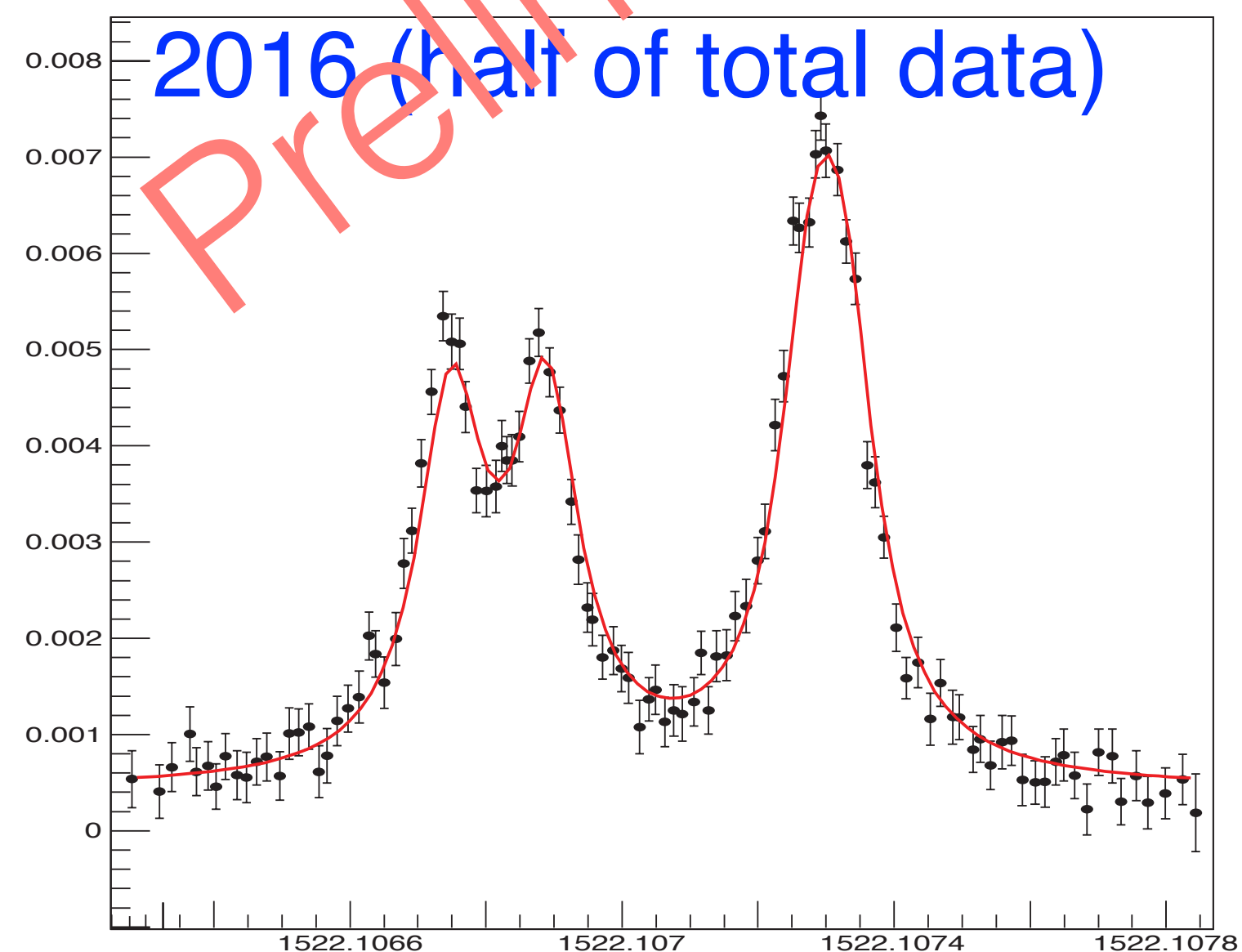
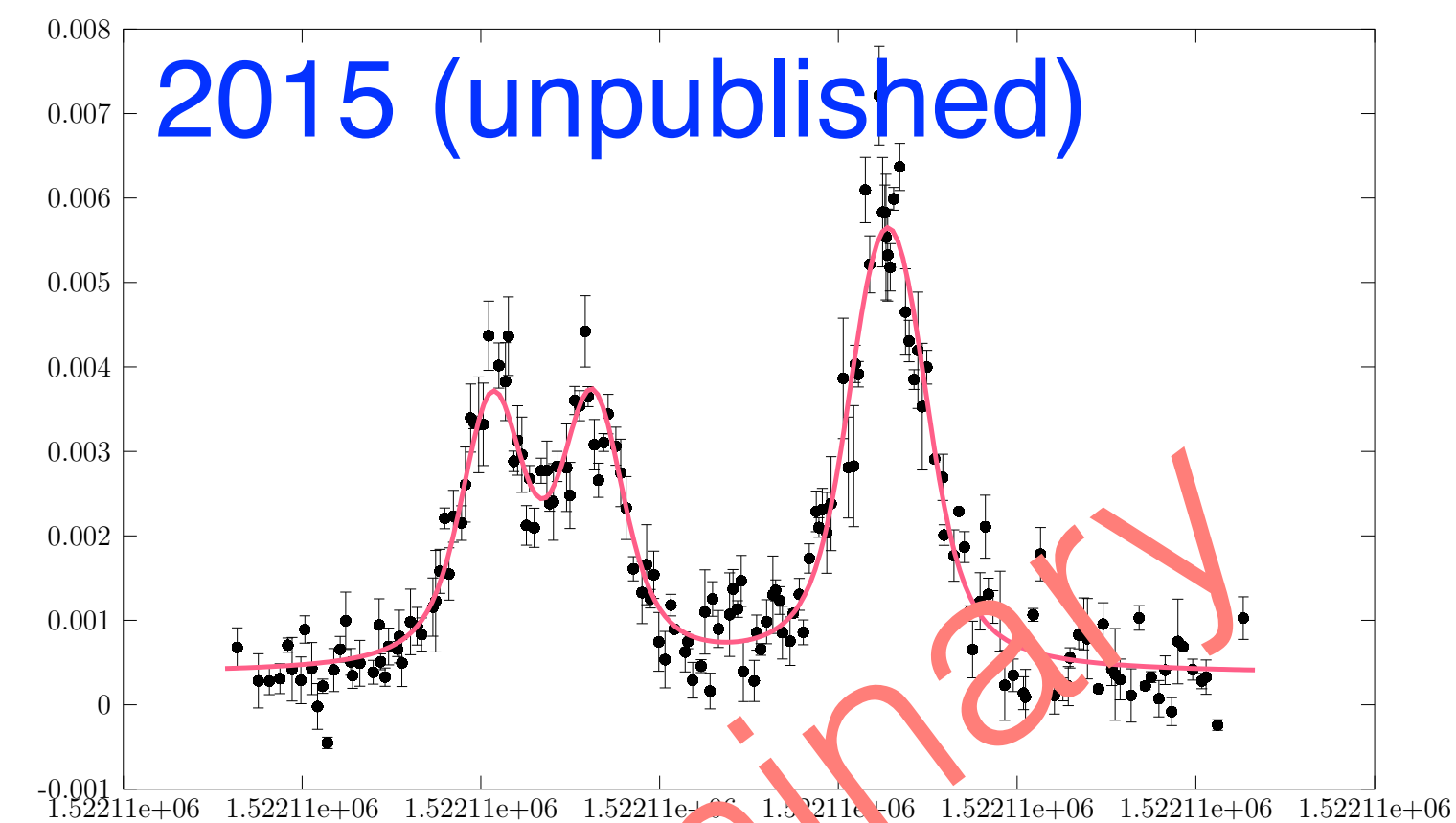
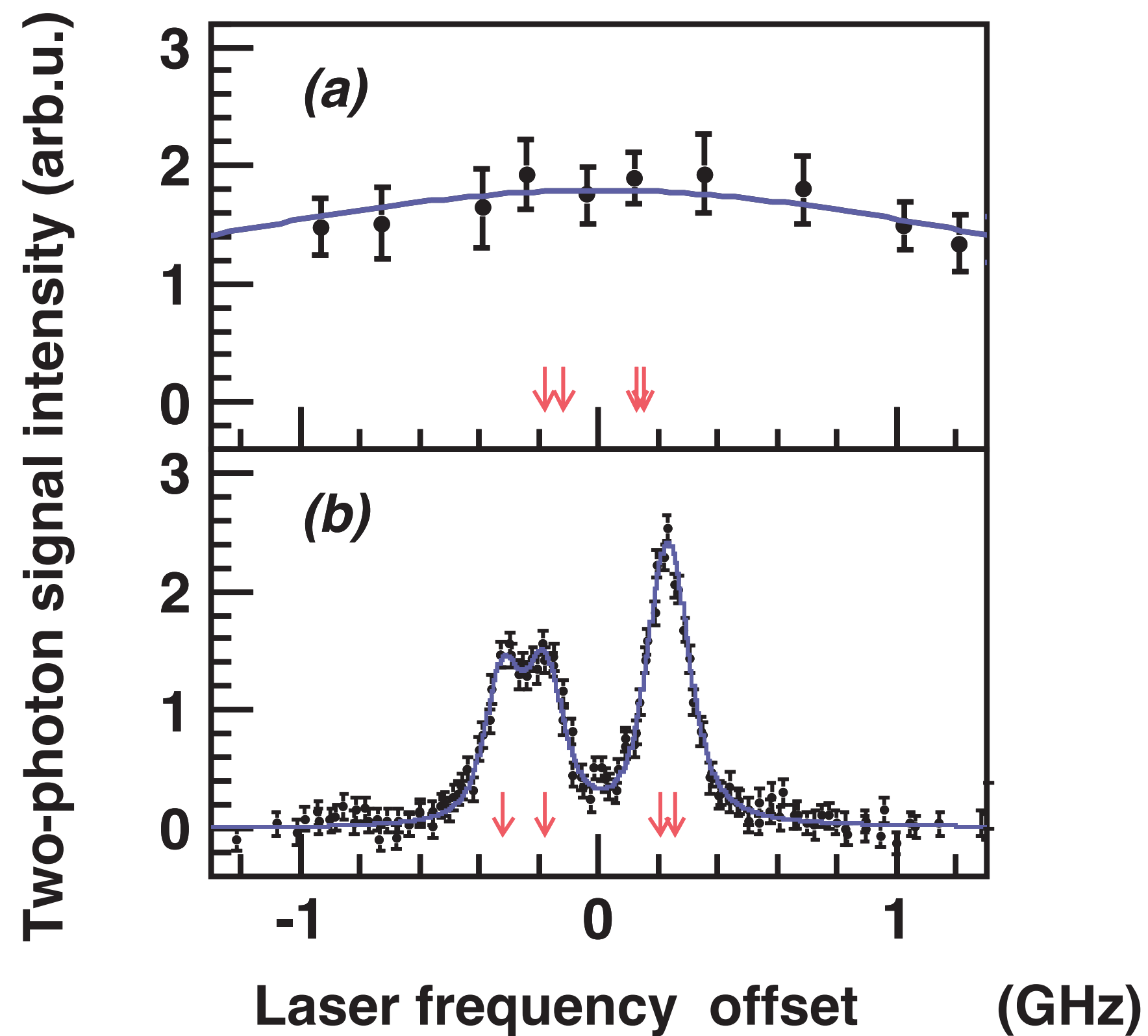
New large-memory capacity  
oscilloscope

Improved pump laser  
(refurbished)

Fixed entrance window

New cryogenic brewster window

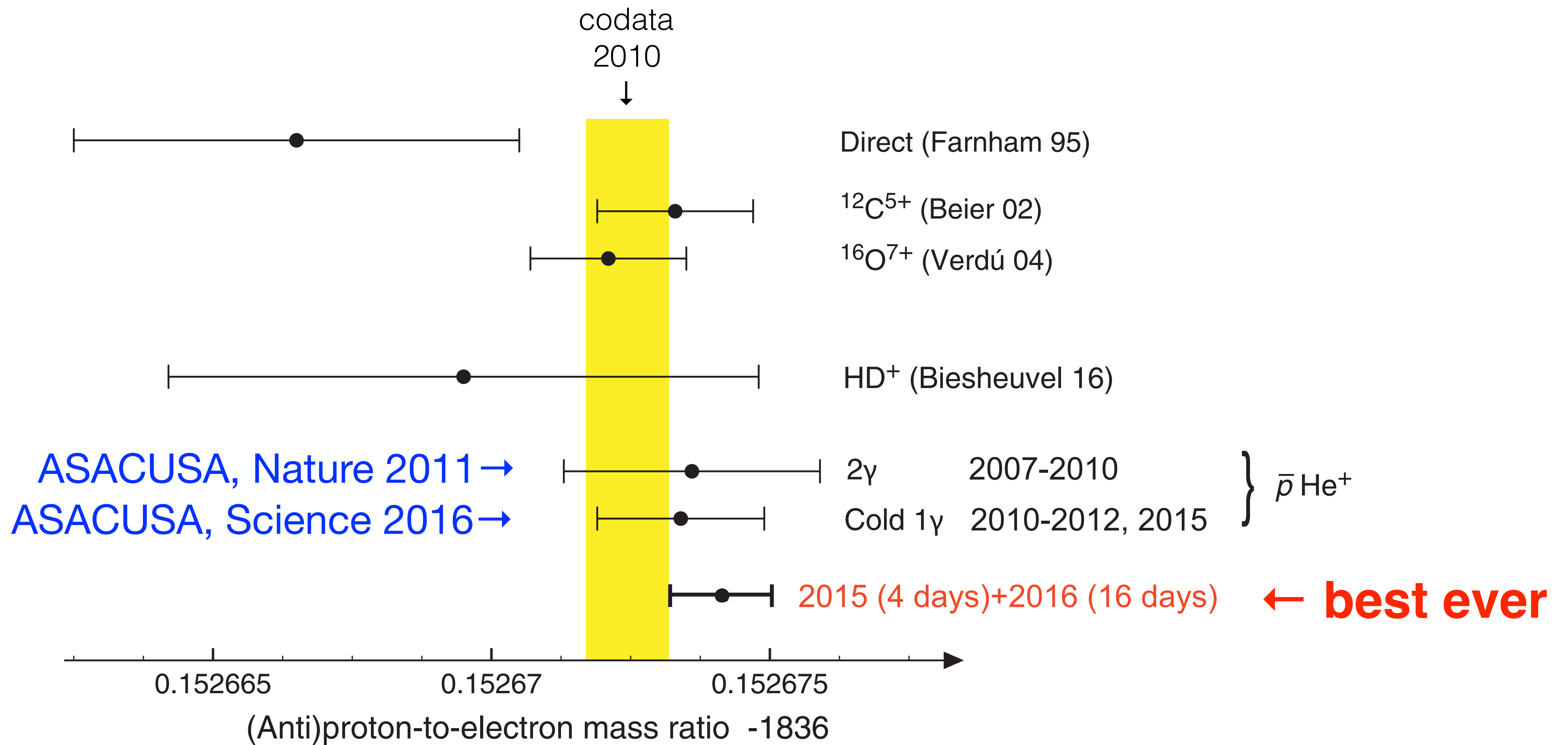
# Two-photon resonance 4He (36,34)->(34,32)



Preiminary

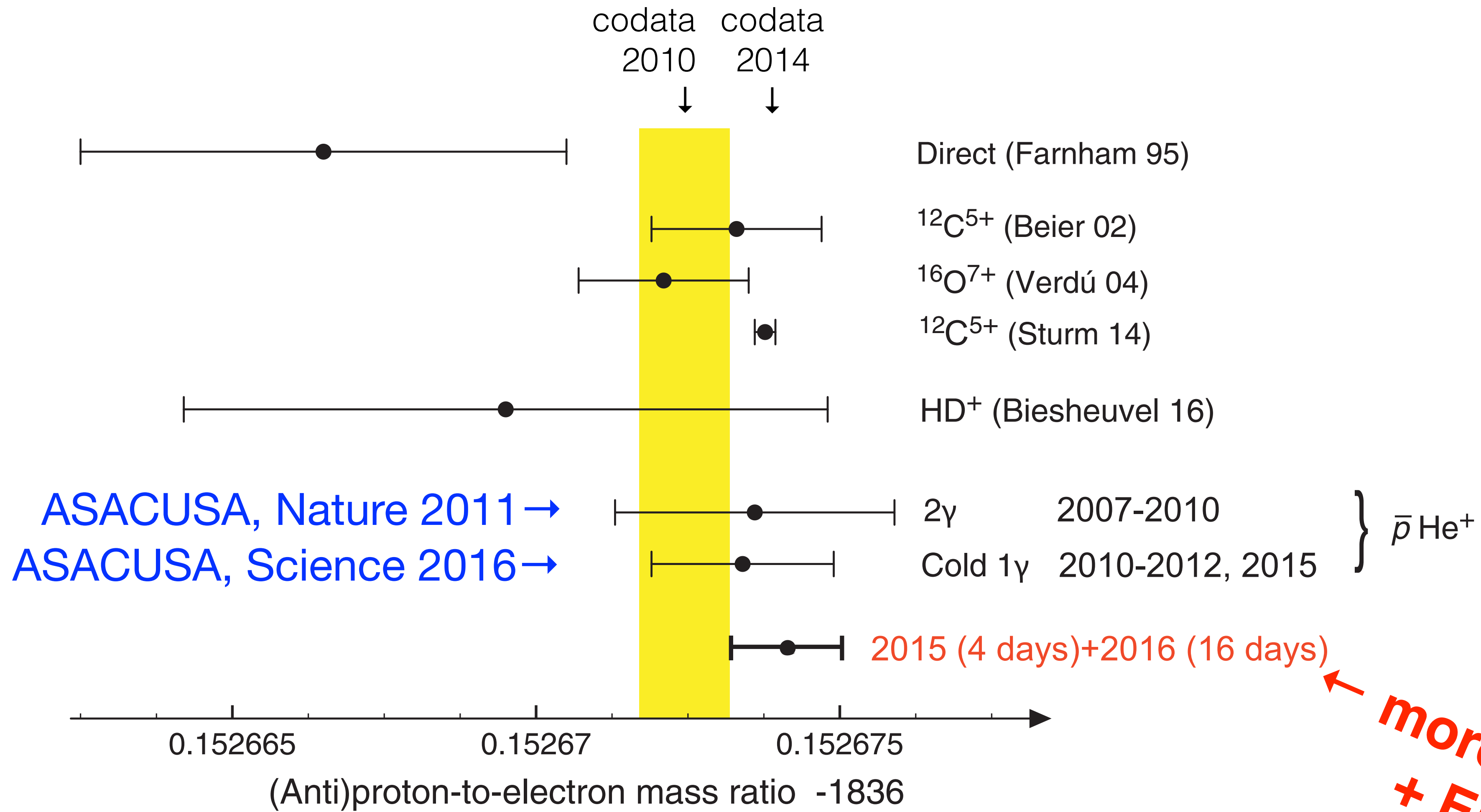


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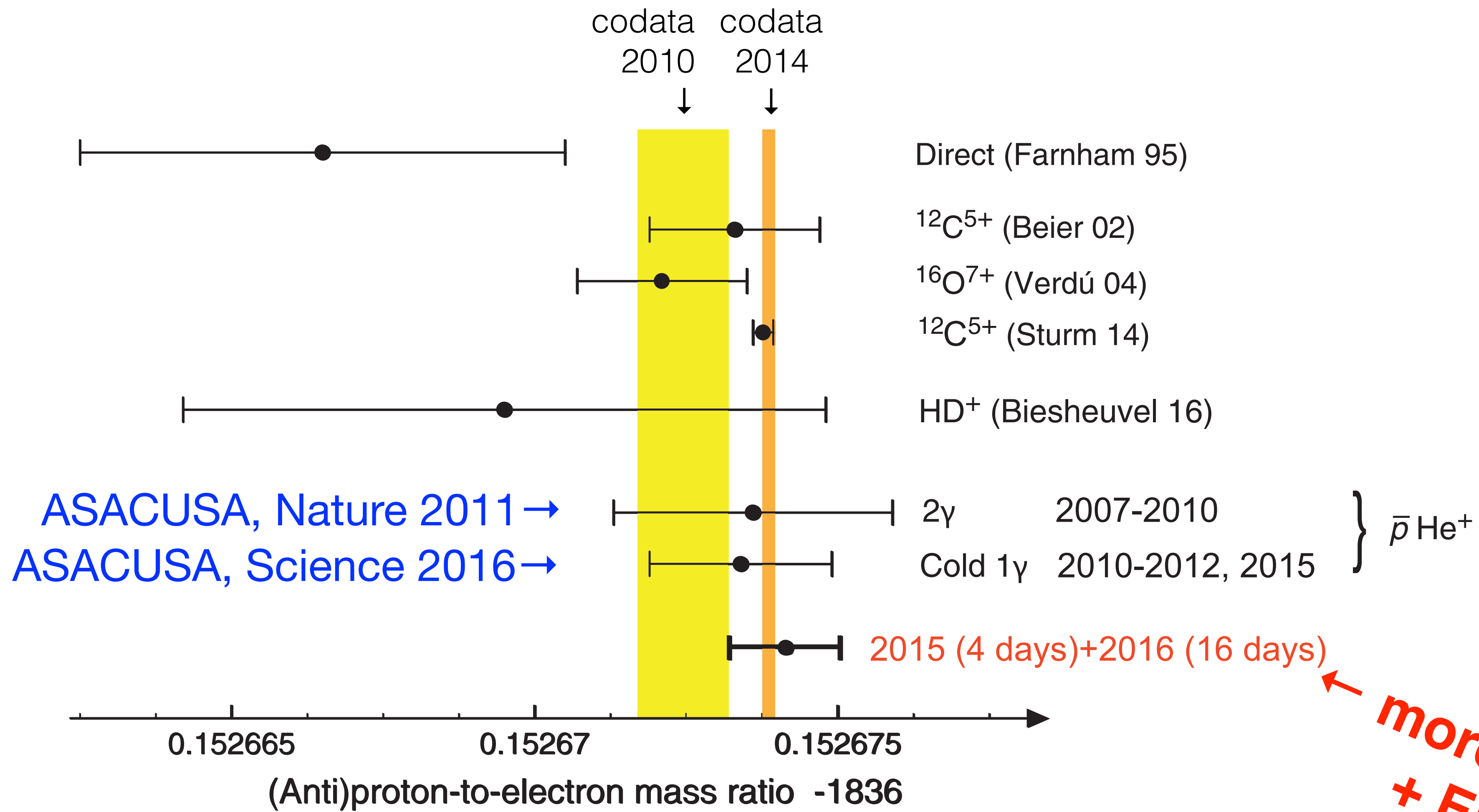
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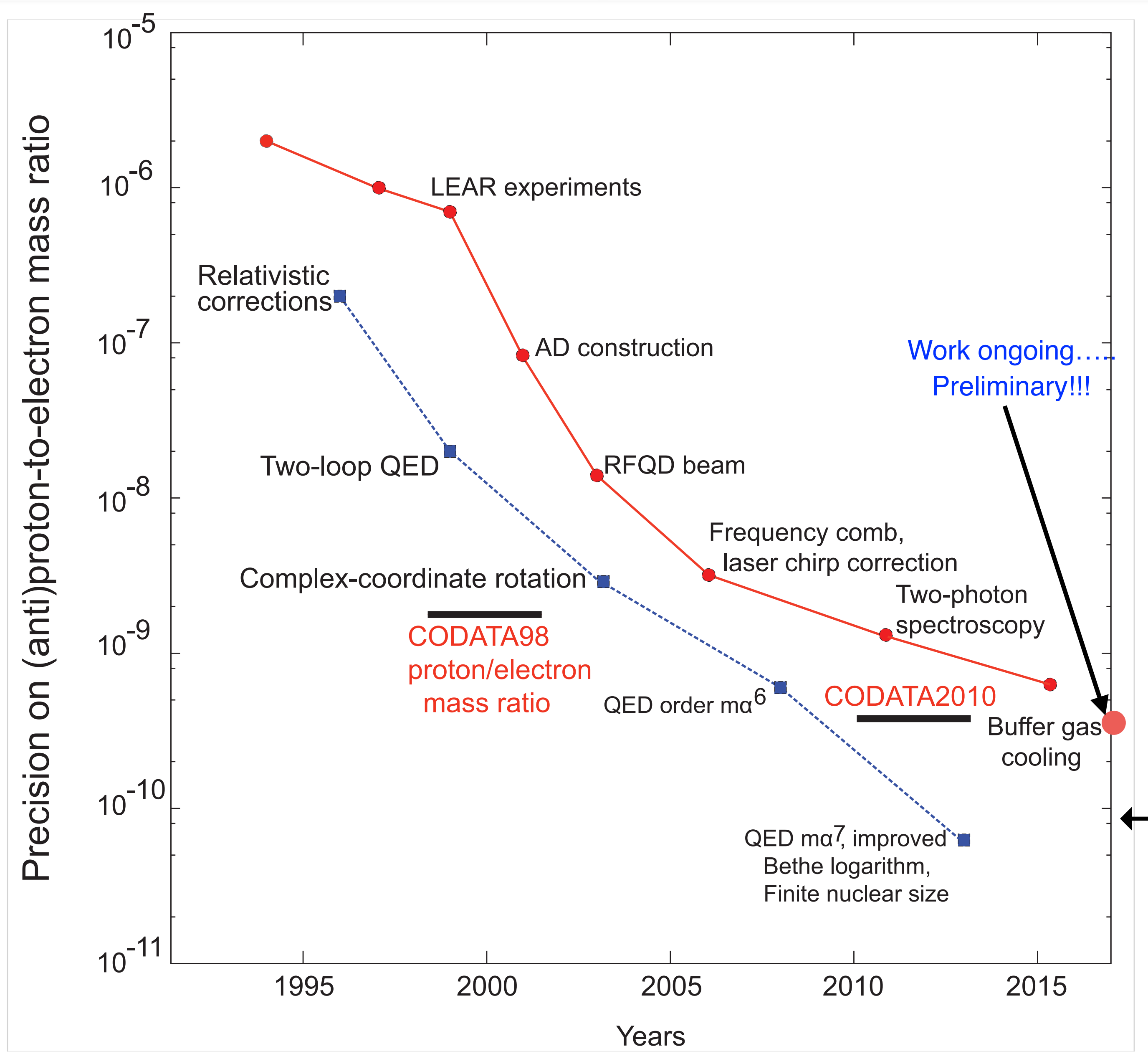
**more statistics  
+ ELENA**

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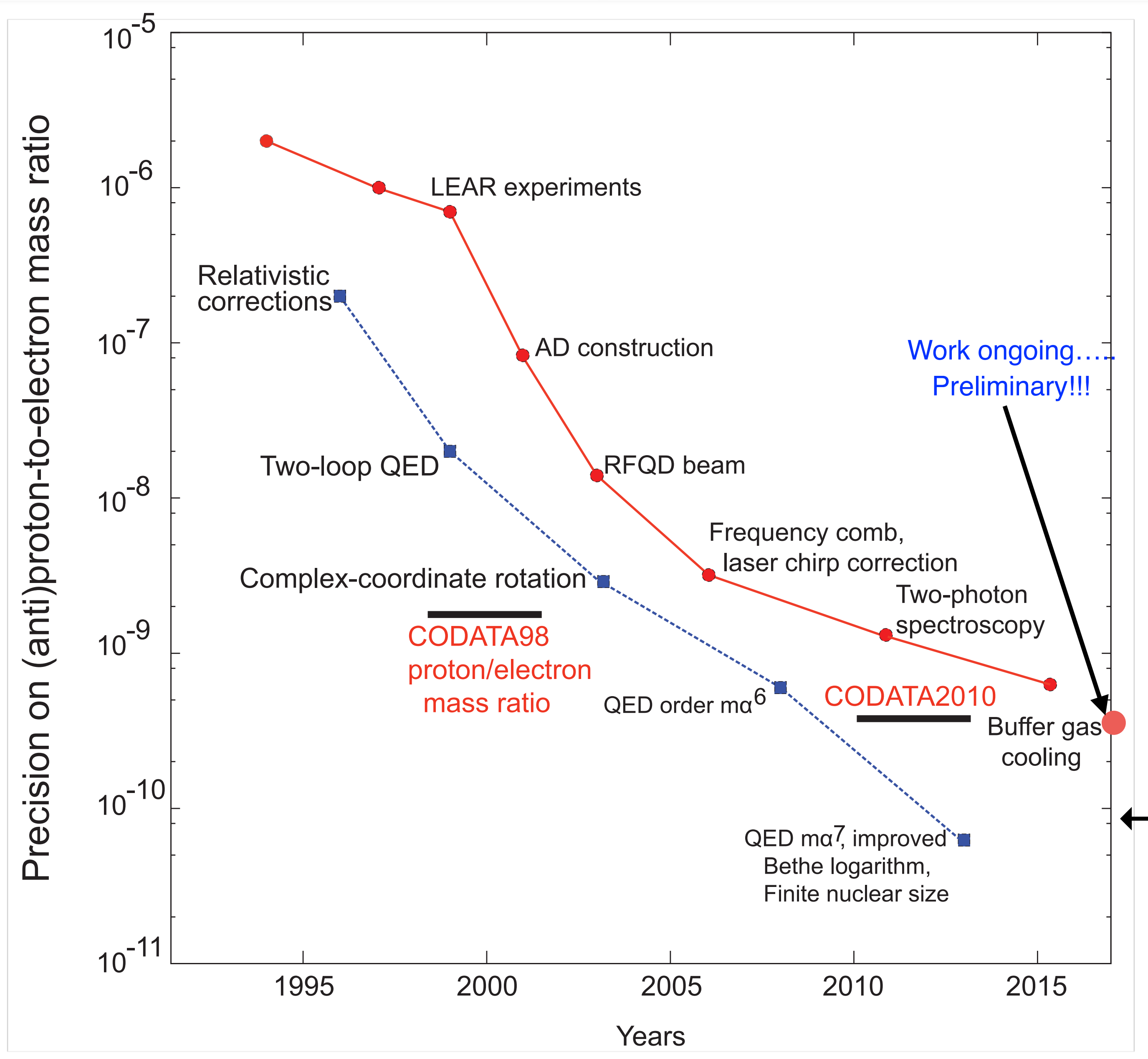


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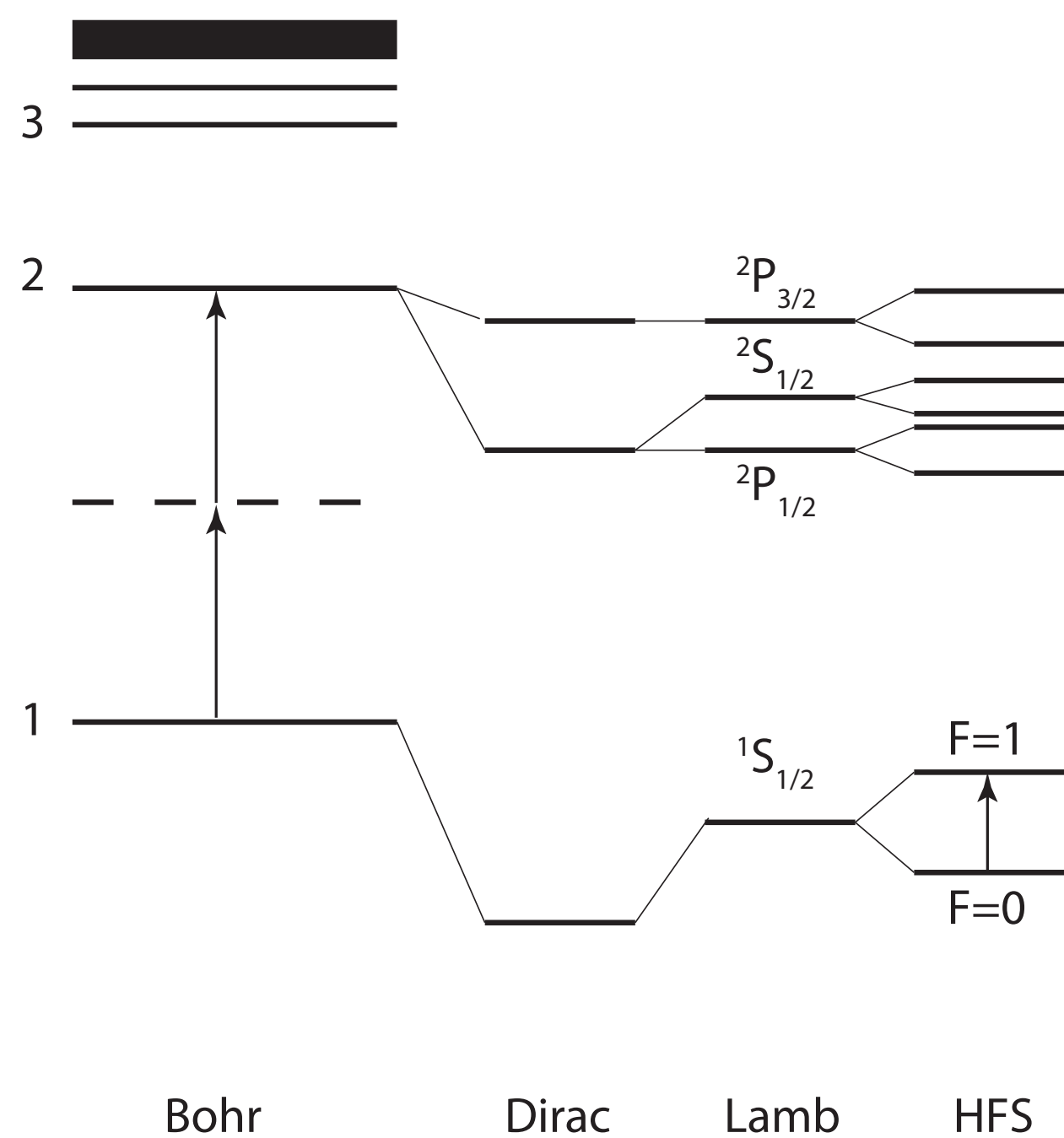


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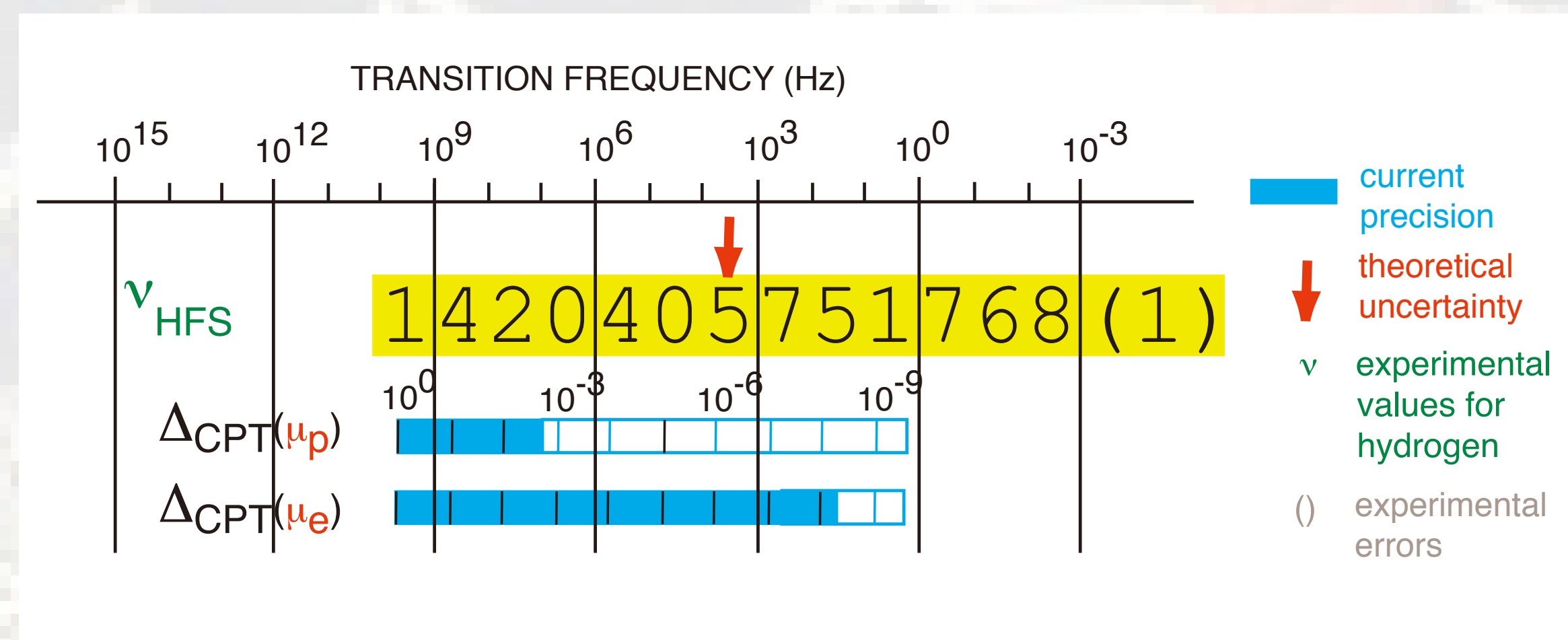
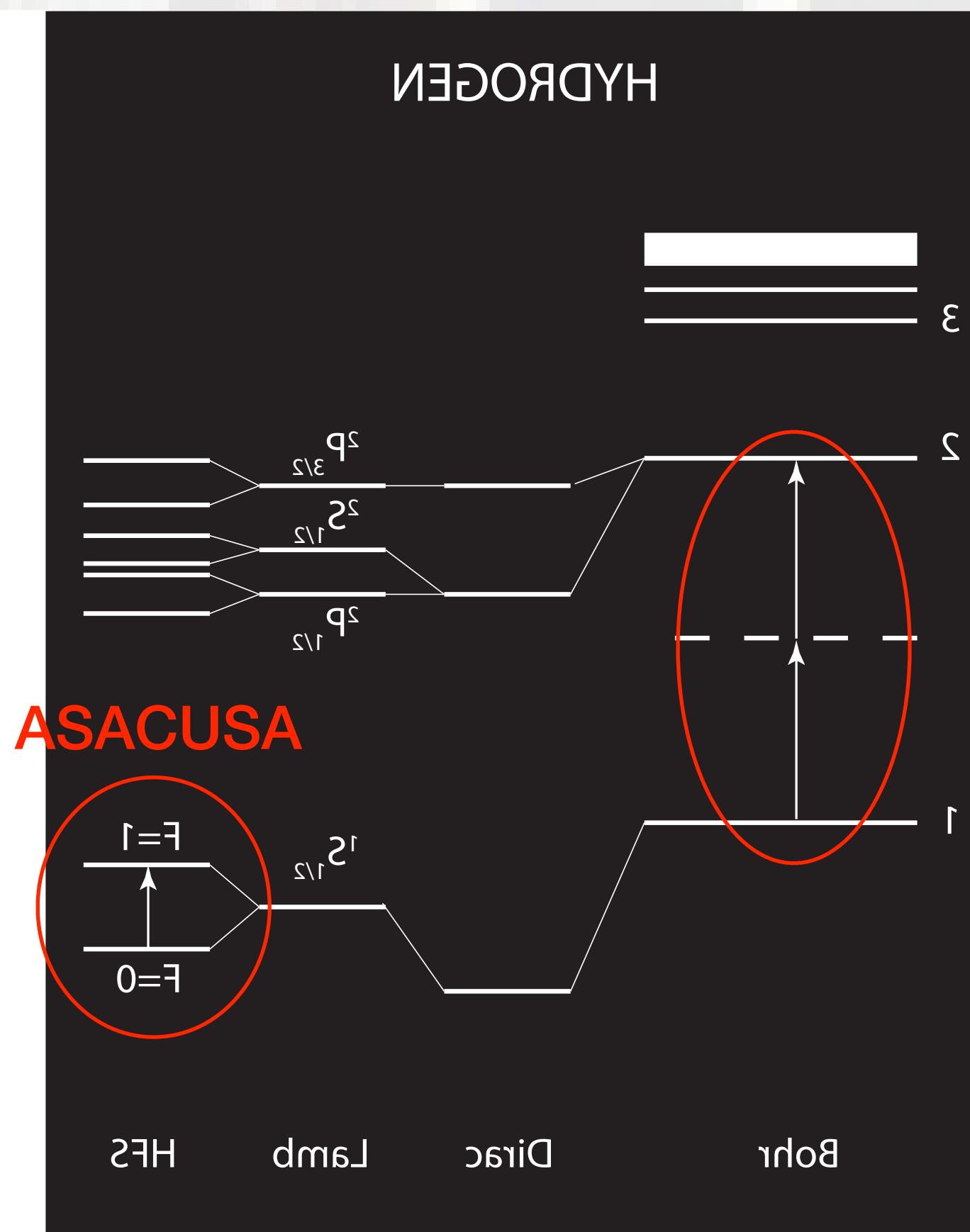
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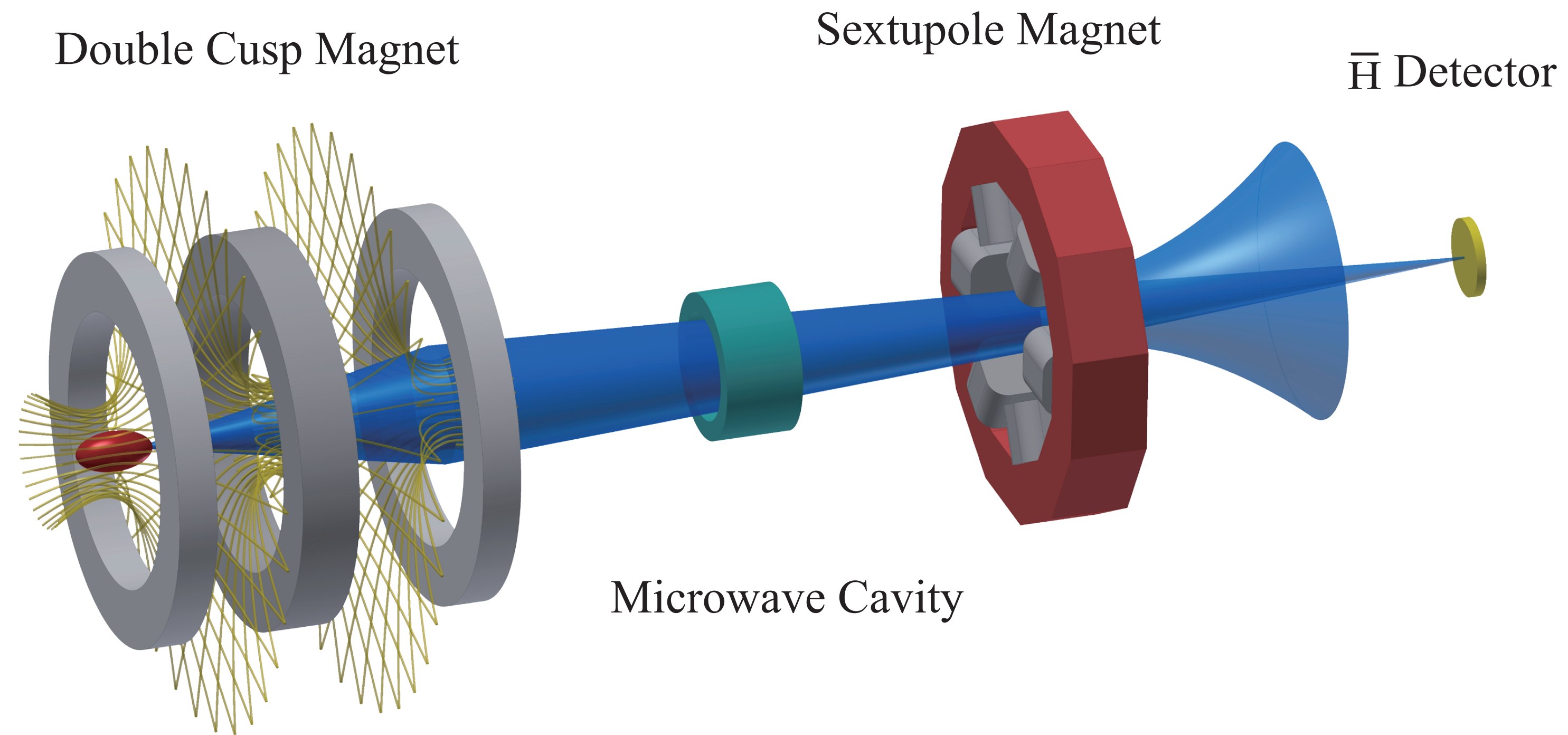
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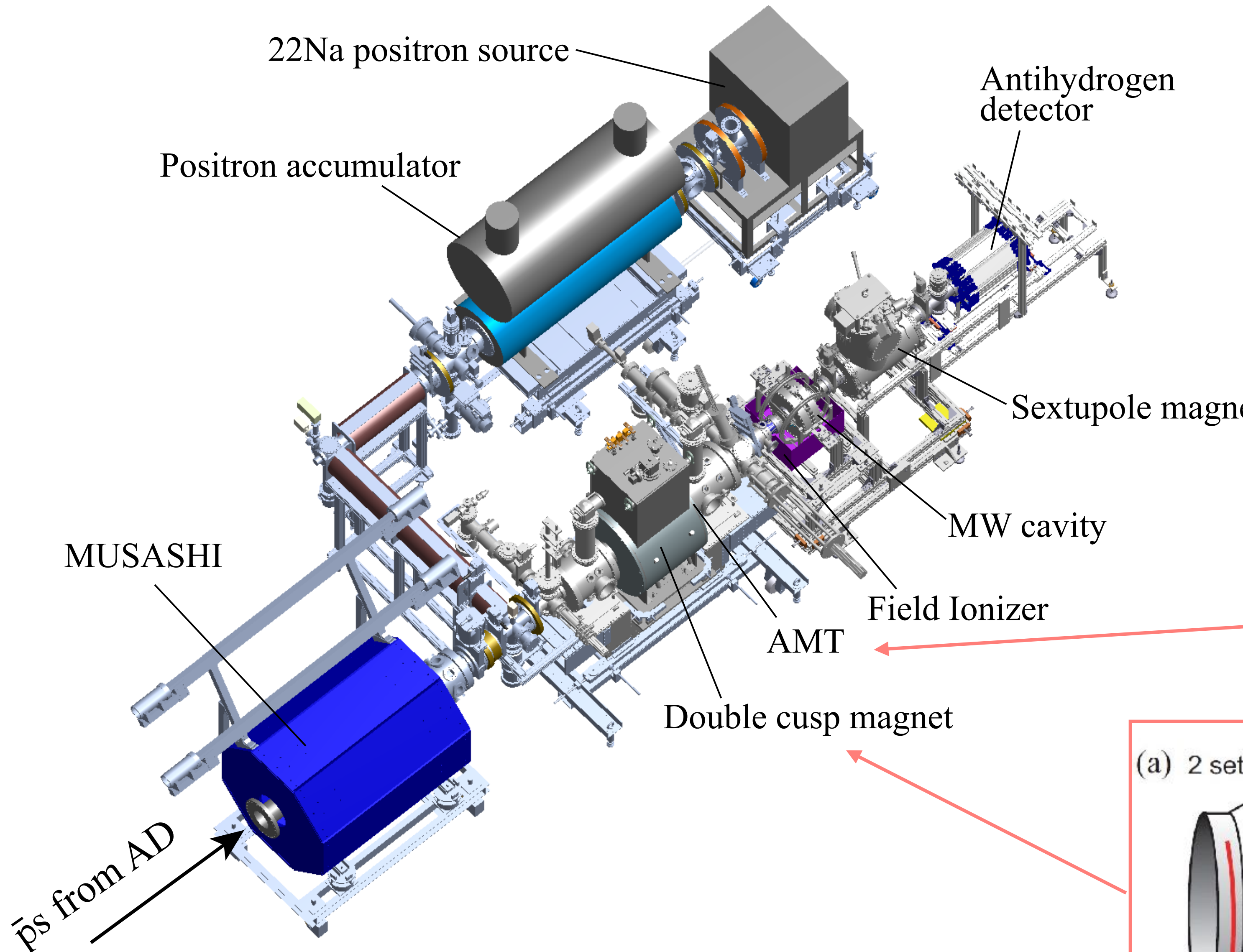
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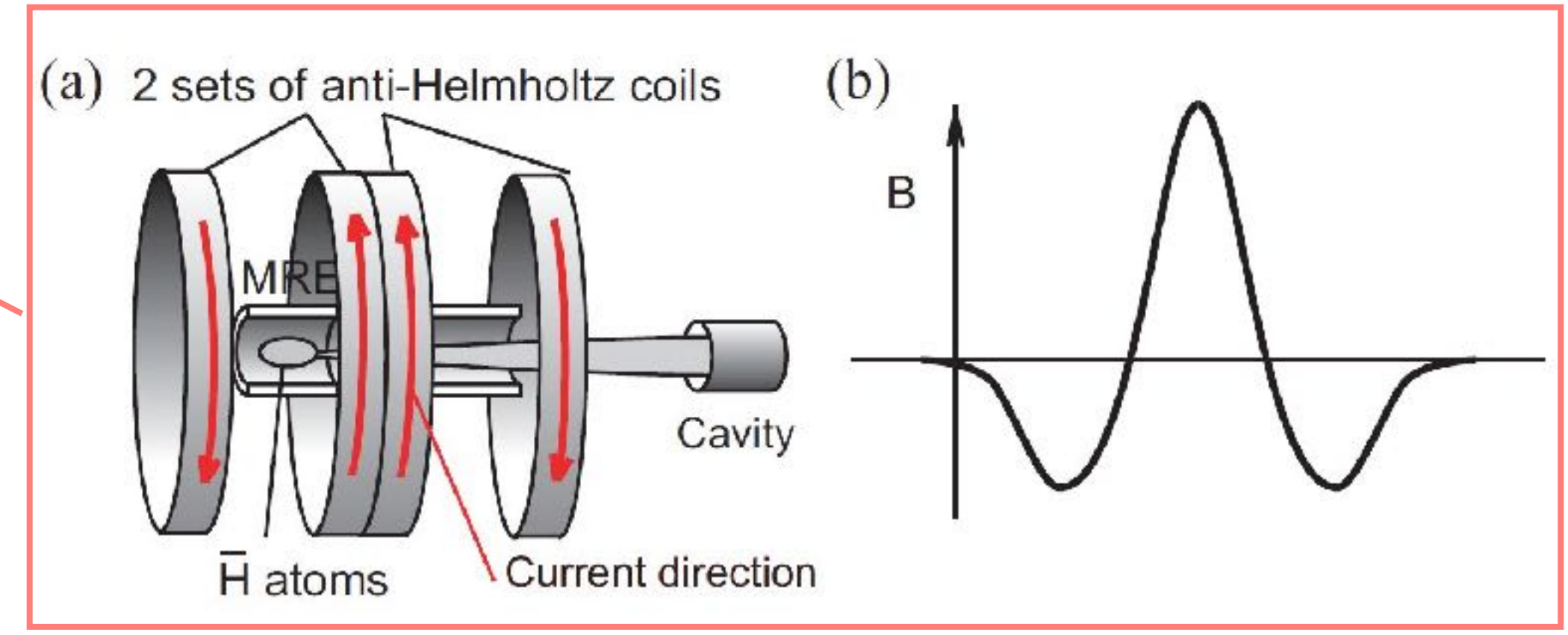
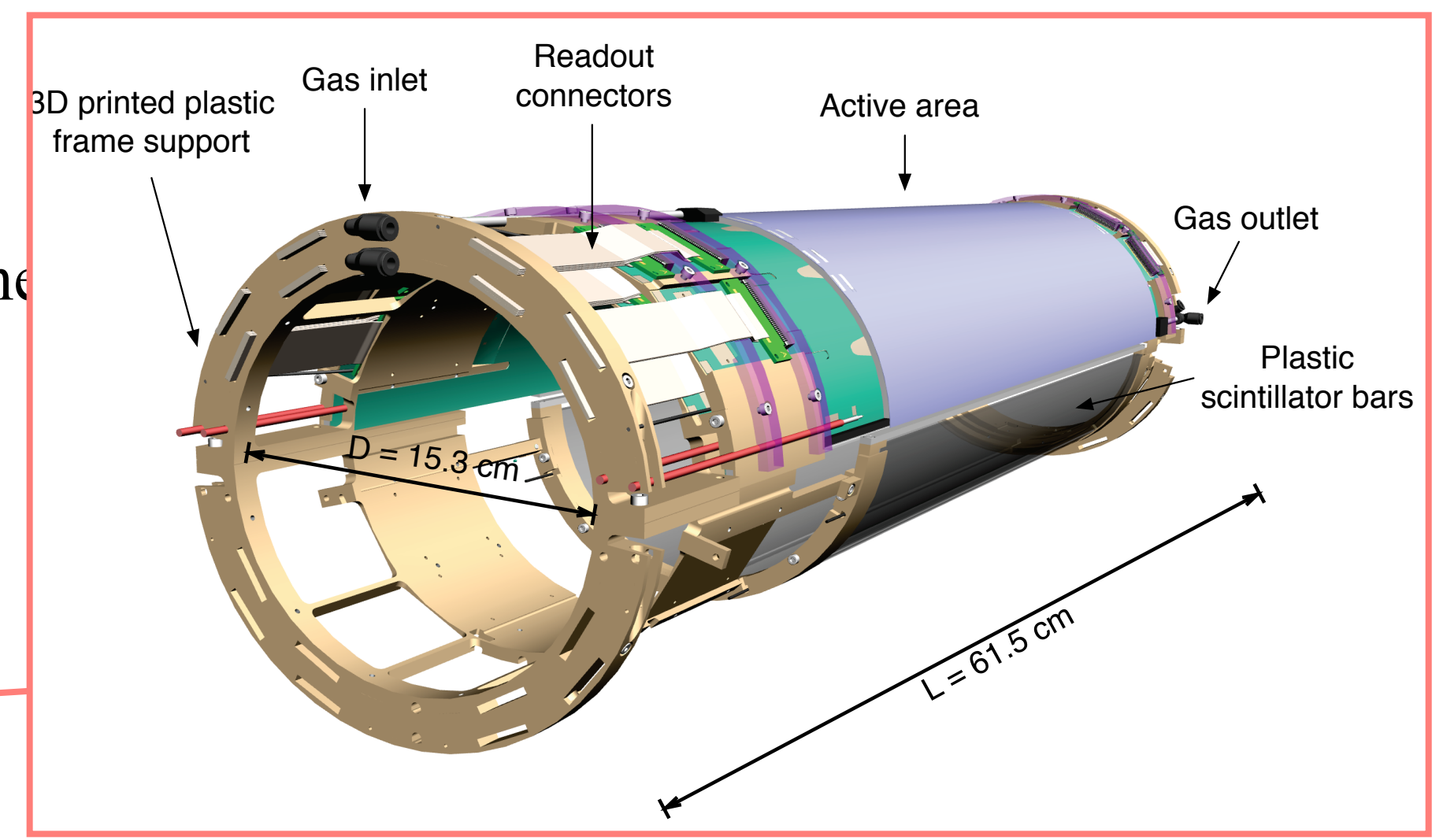
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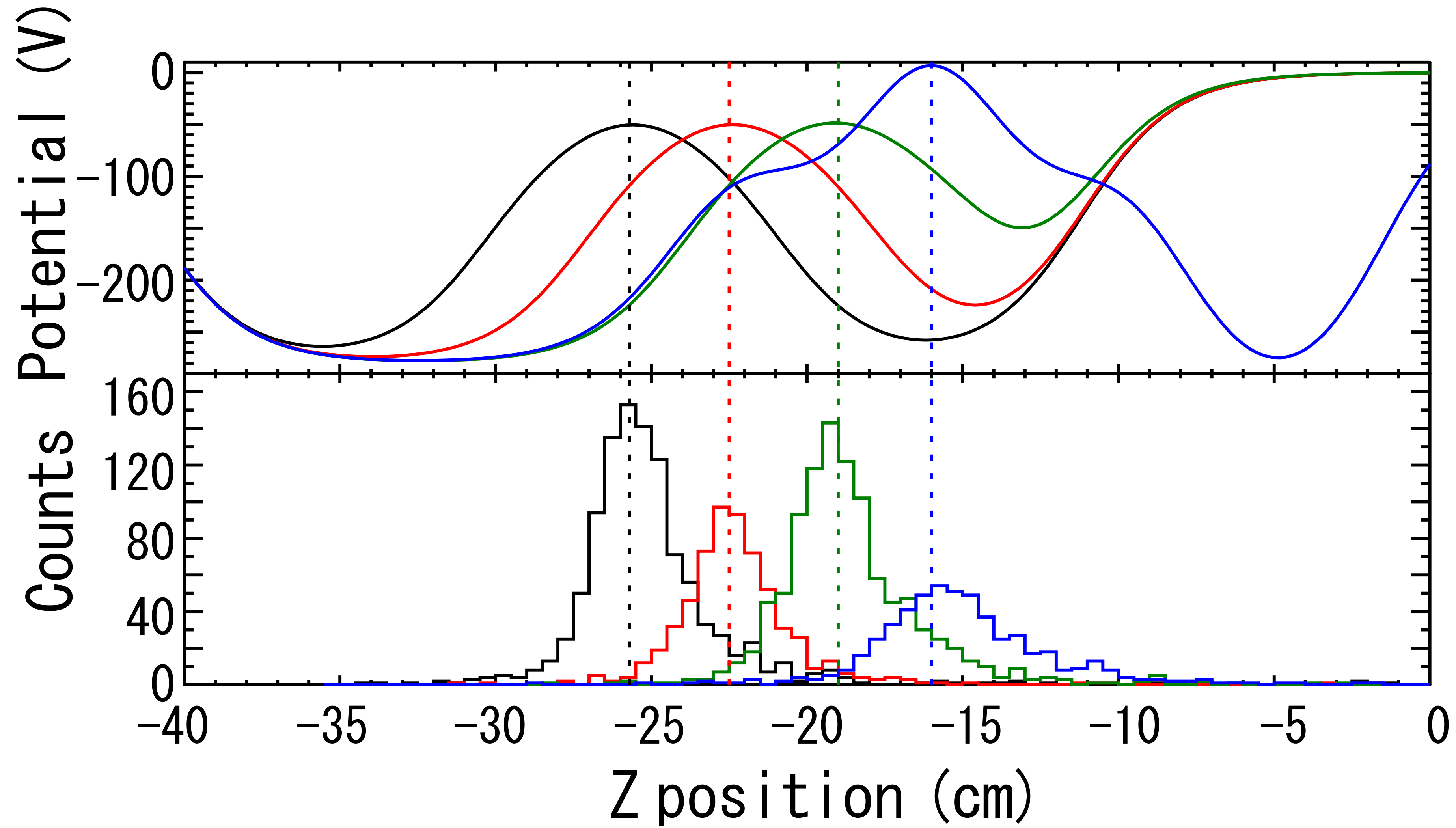


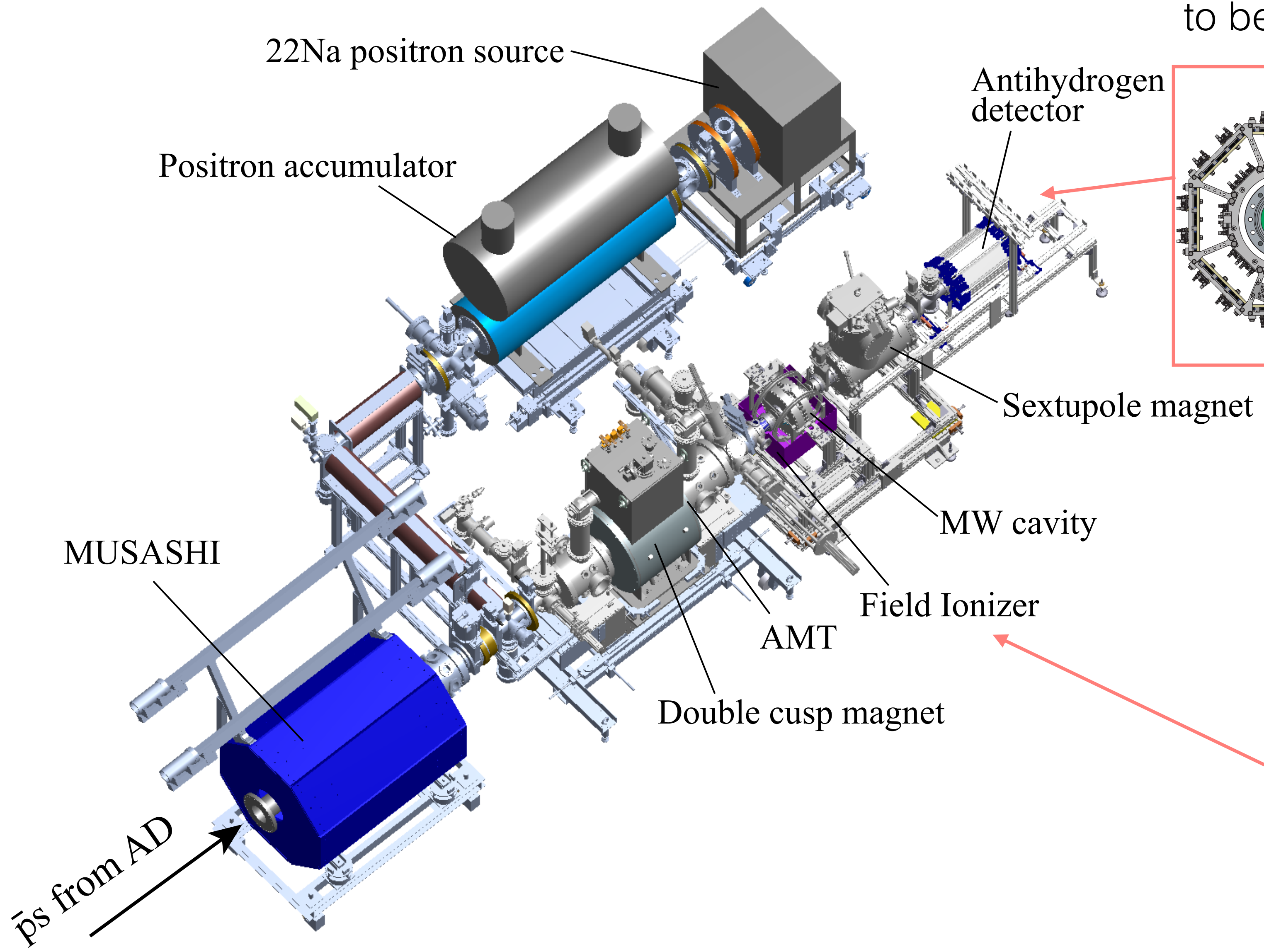
distance from the mixing position  
Cavity: +1840mm  
Sextupole: +2628mm  
 $\bar{H}$  detector: +3739mm



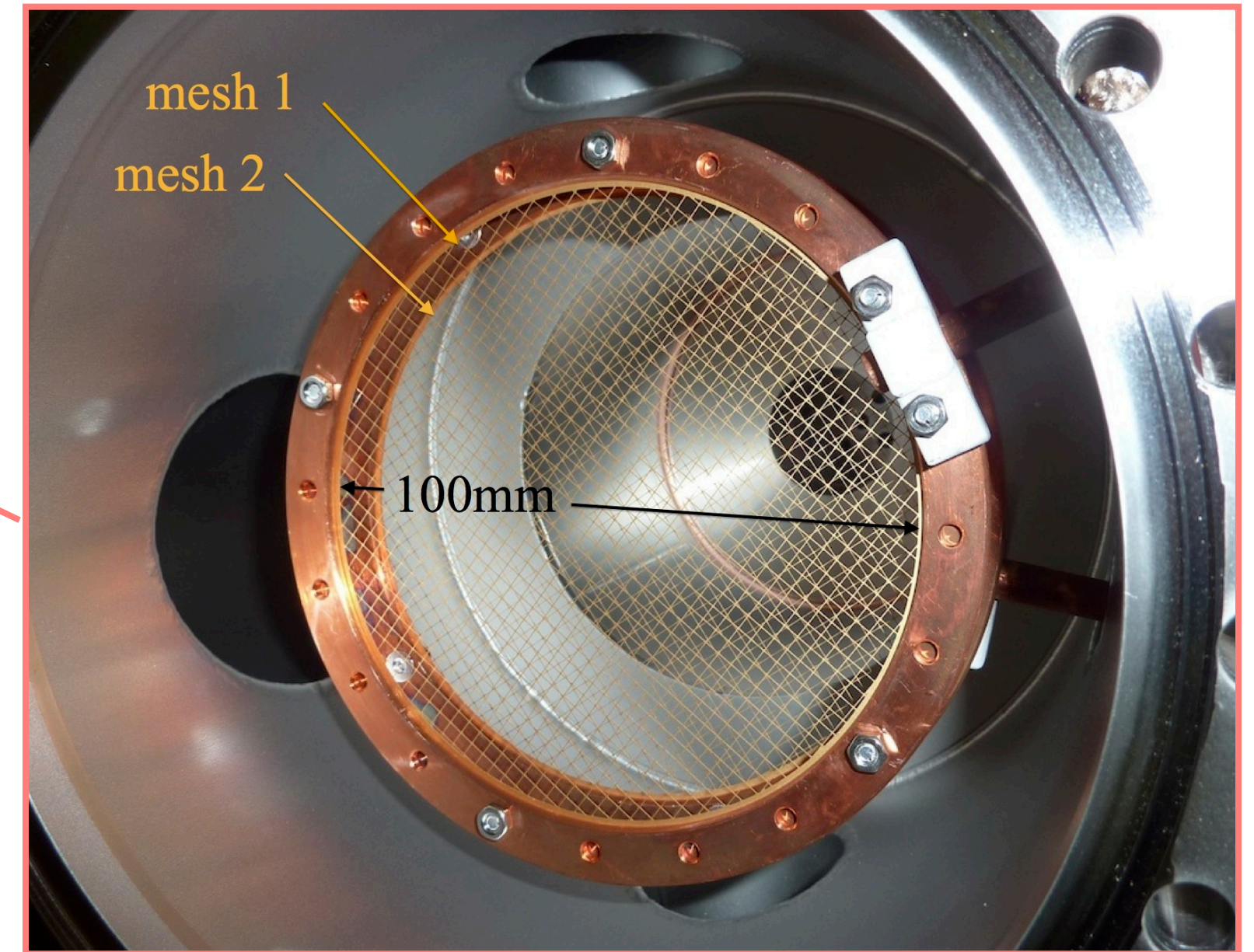
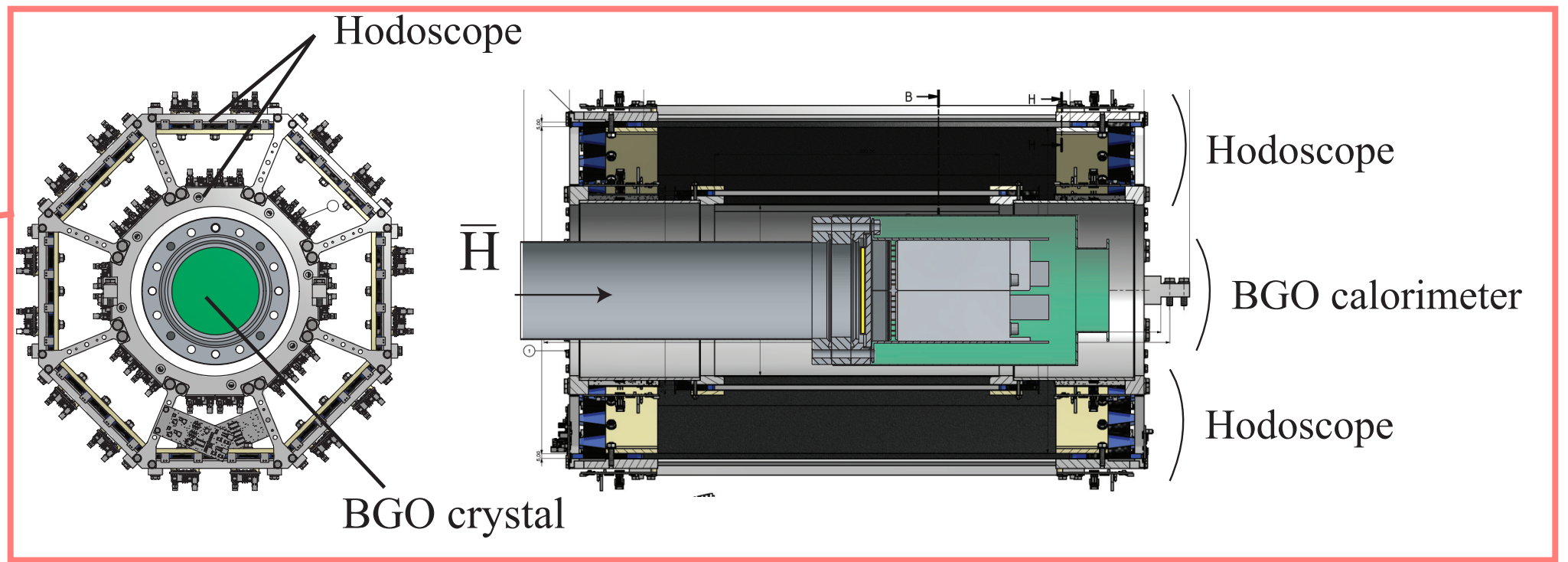


### Z-axis calibration of the AMT





to be upgraded using fibers and the Timepix3

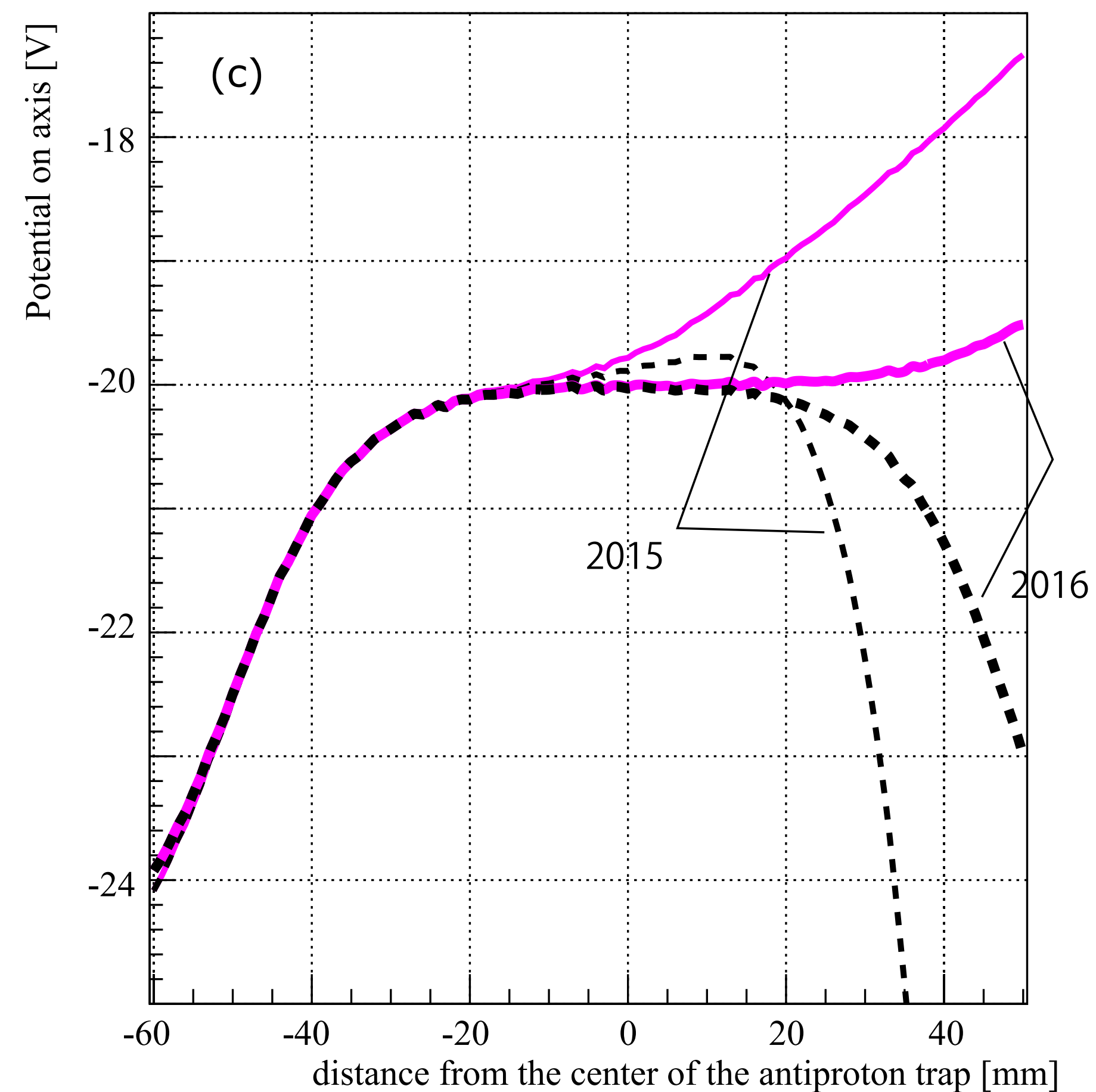
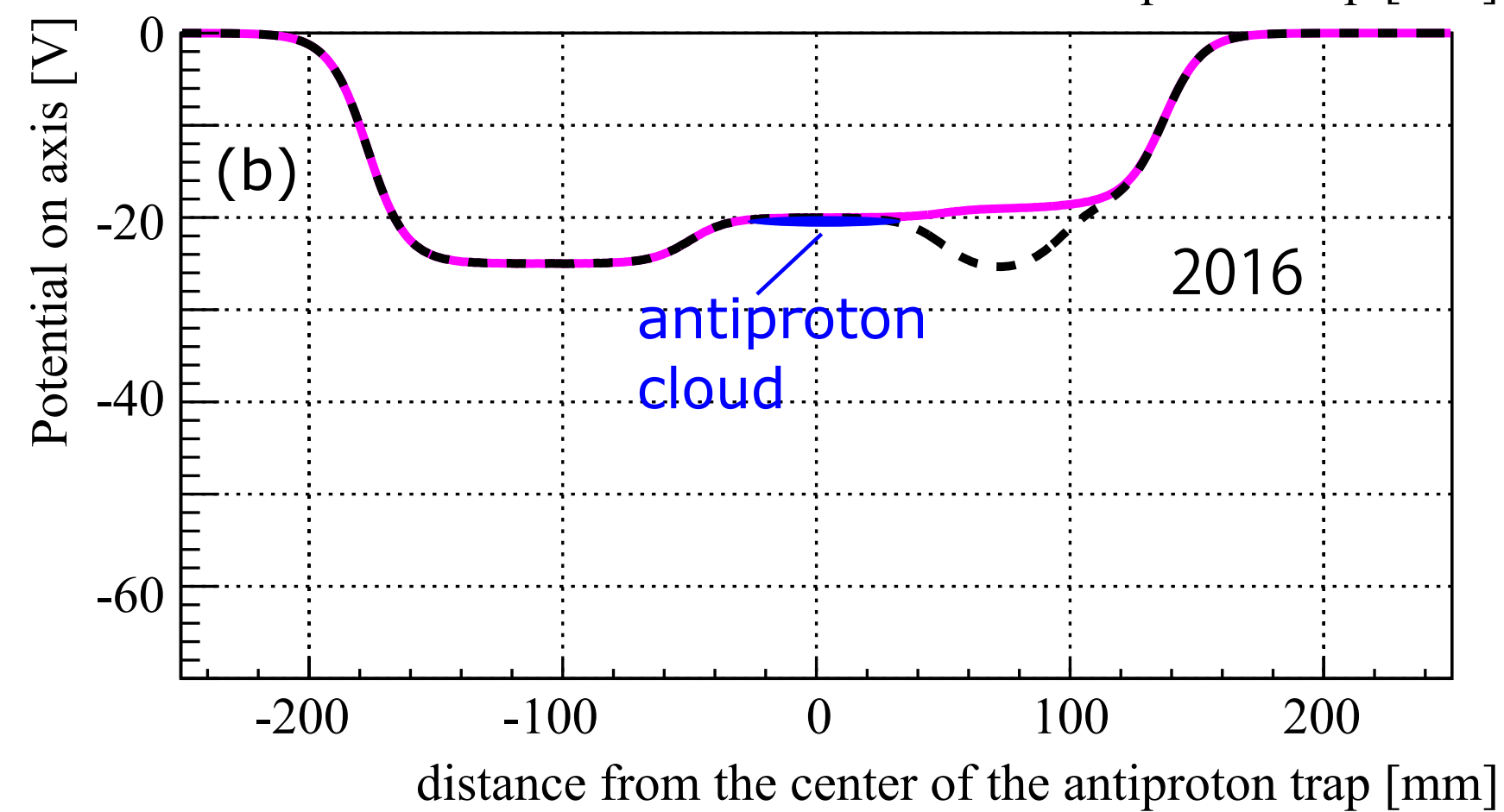
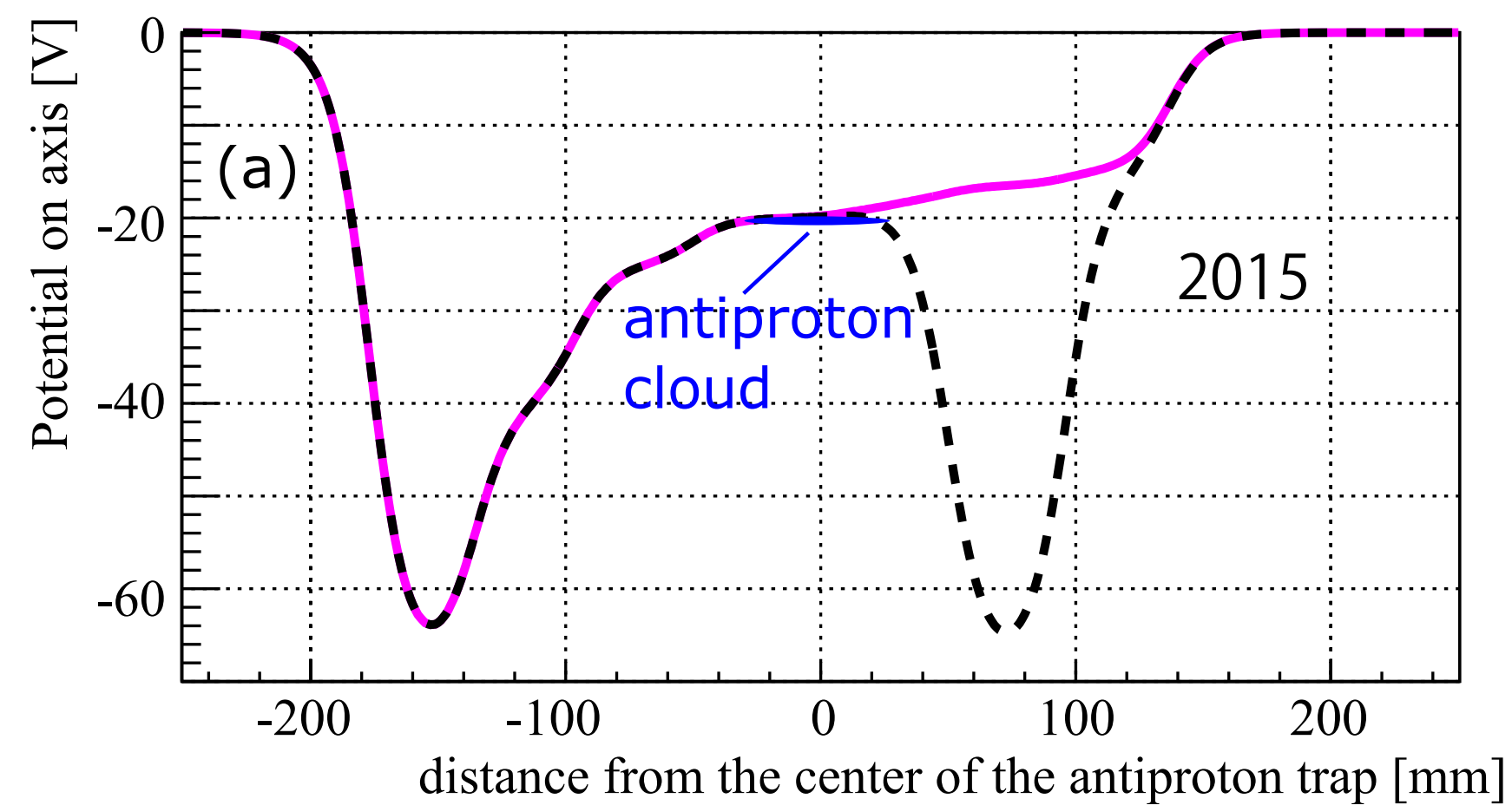


## beamtime in 2016

- Start on week 17, and run until week 38.
- in May : (fire at PS MPS)
  - test with 20 eV of transport energy
  - MUSASHI potential manipulation to minimize  $\Delta E$  of  $\bar{p}$
- in June :
  - lowering transport energy (10, 5, 2.5, 1.5, and 1 eV)
  - measurement of energy spread of  $\bar{p}$  beams
  - $\bar{H}$  production by adjusting energy diff. between  $\bar{p}$  and  $e^+$
- in July
  - $\bar{H}$  production with 1.5 eV beam
  - optimization of catching pulse (height, timing) and potential configuration of the nested well (steep or shallow?)
- in August and September
  - optimization of  $\bar{H}$  production and measurement of  $n$
  - distribution of  $\bar{H}$

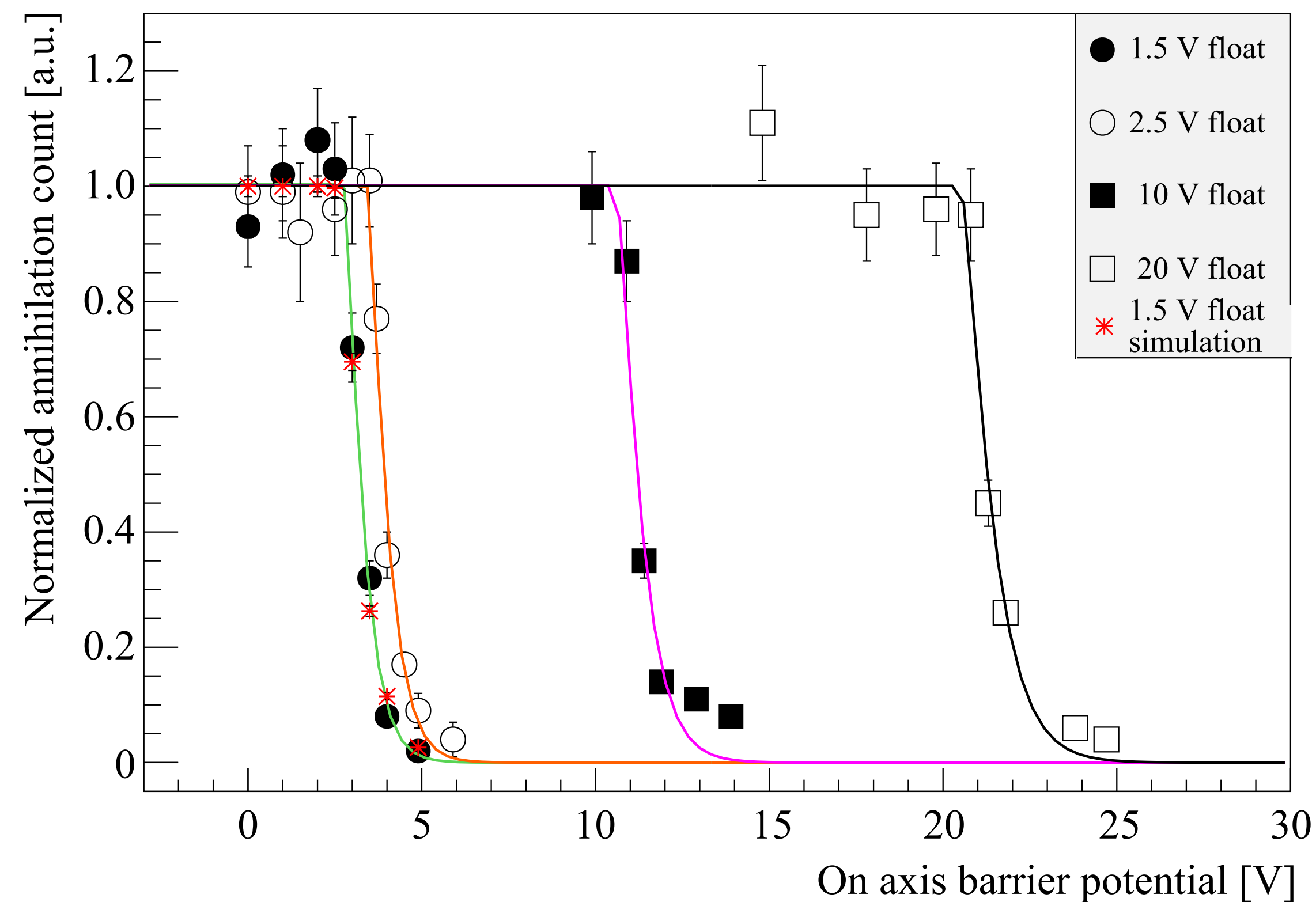
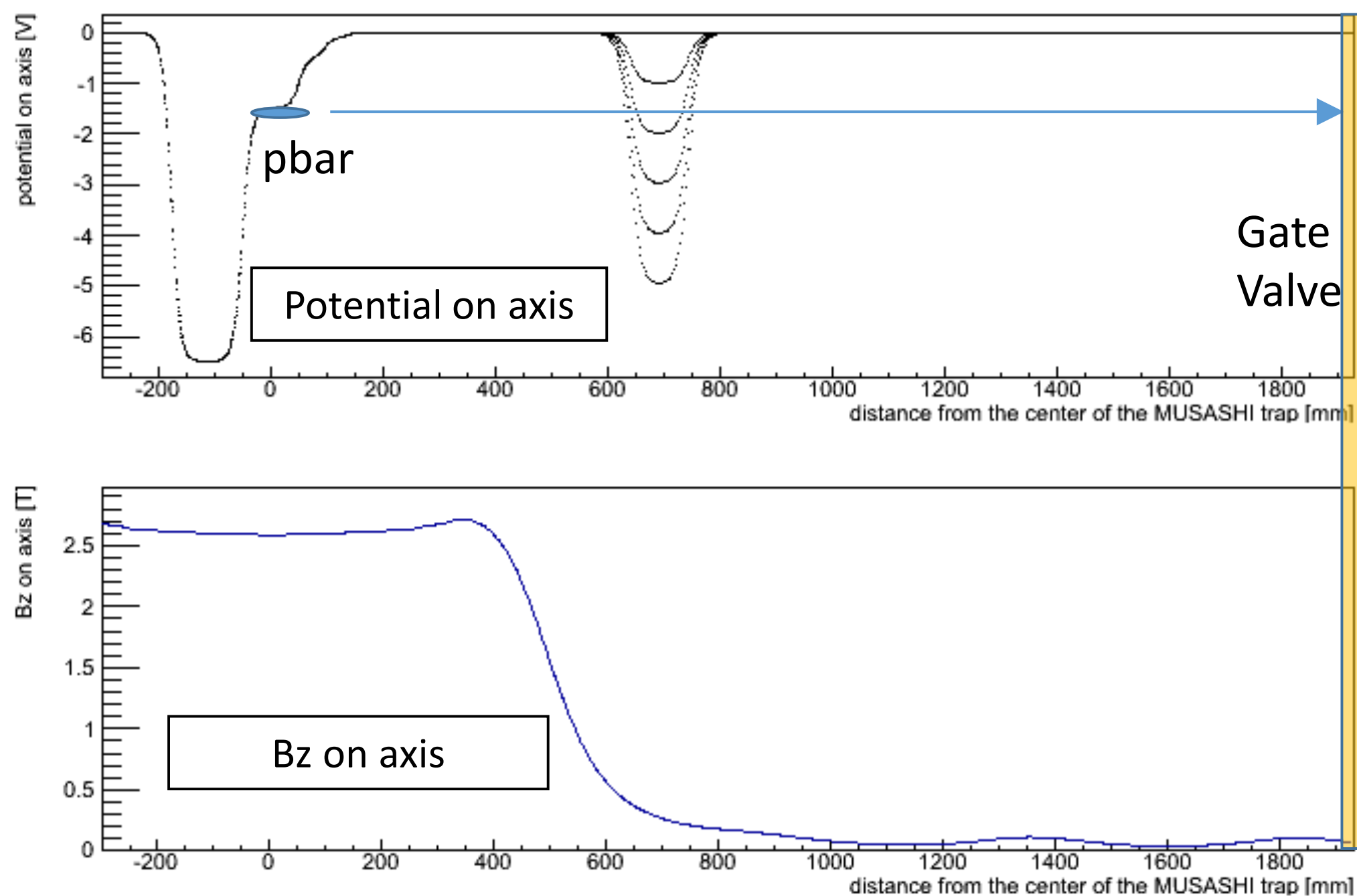
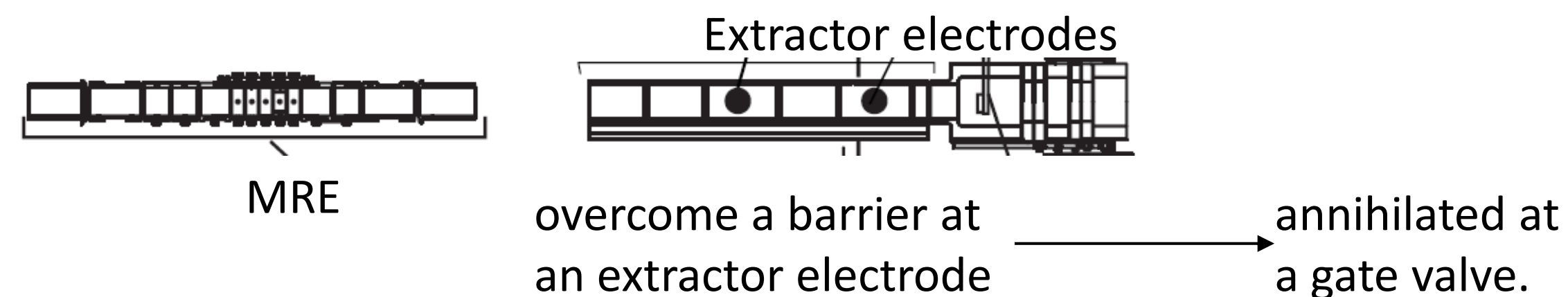
# Optimization of extraction scheme for better initial $\bar{p}$ energy distribution

2015 - 20 eV beam, 2016 - 1.5 eV beam



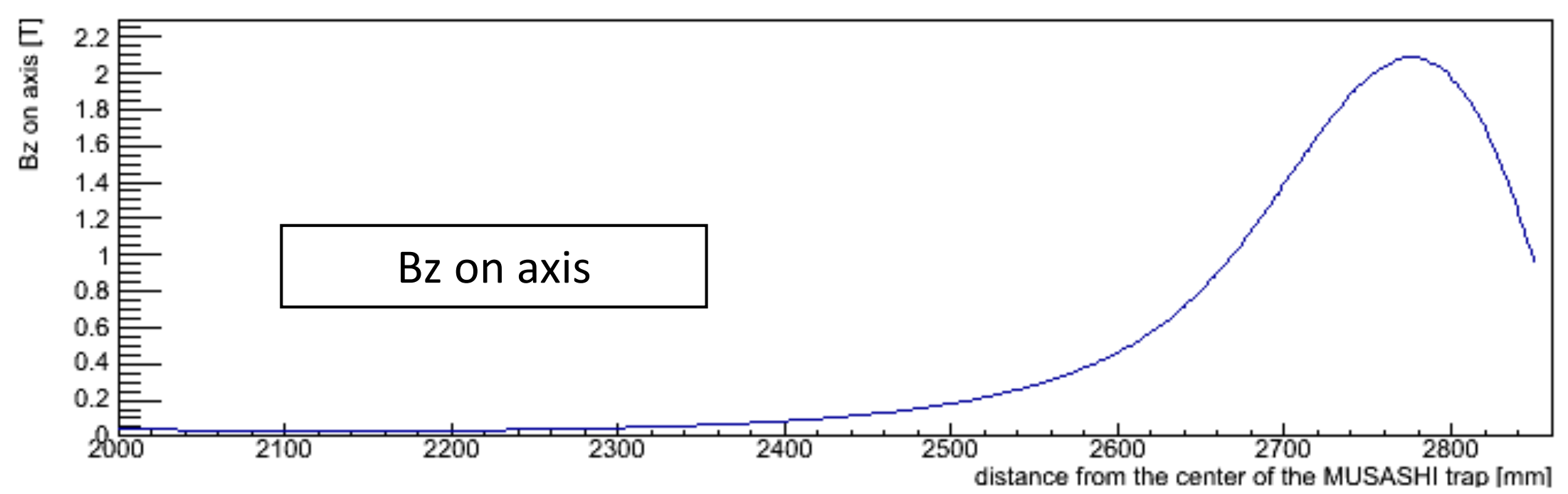
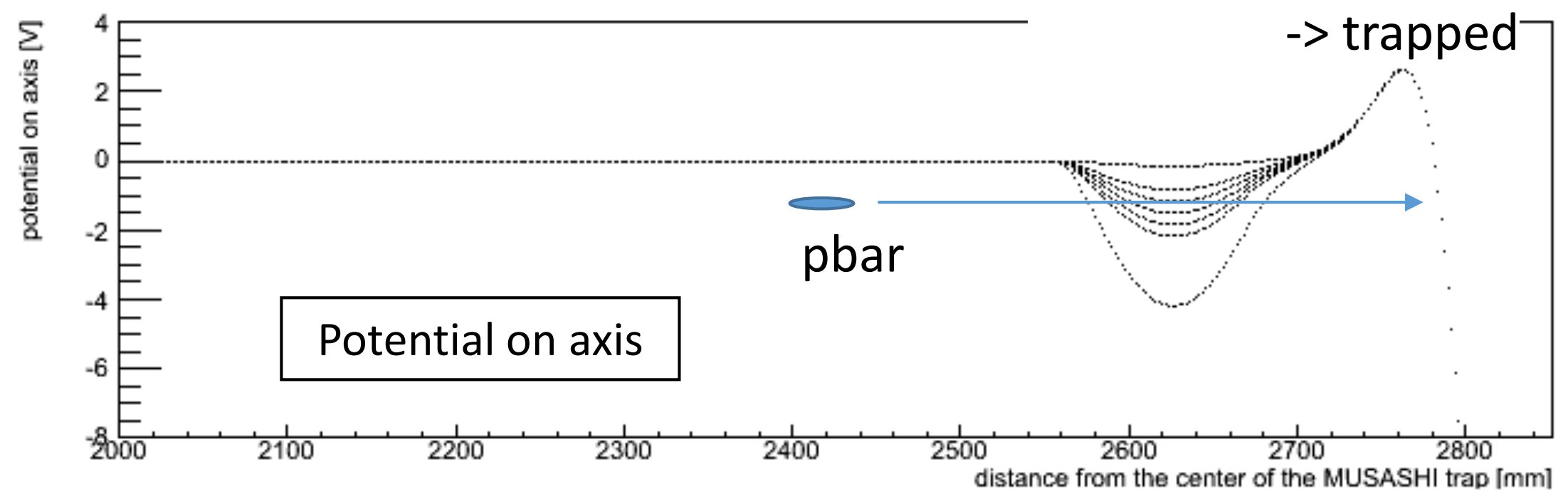
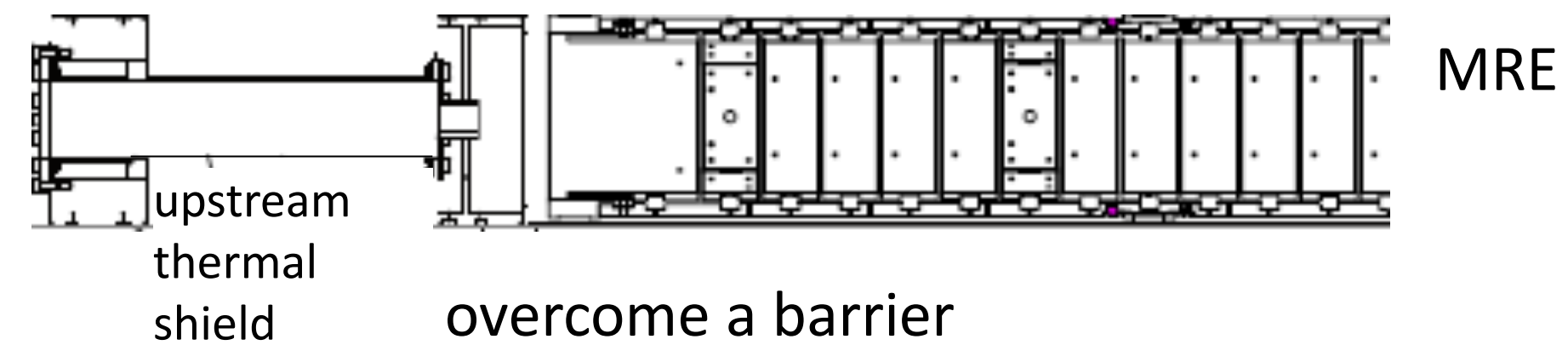
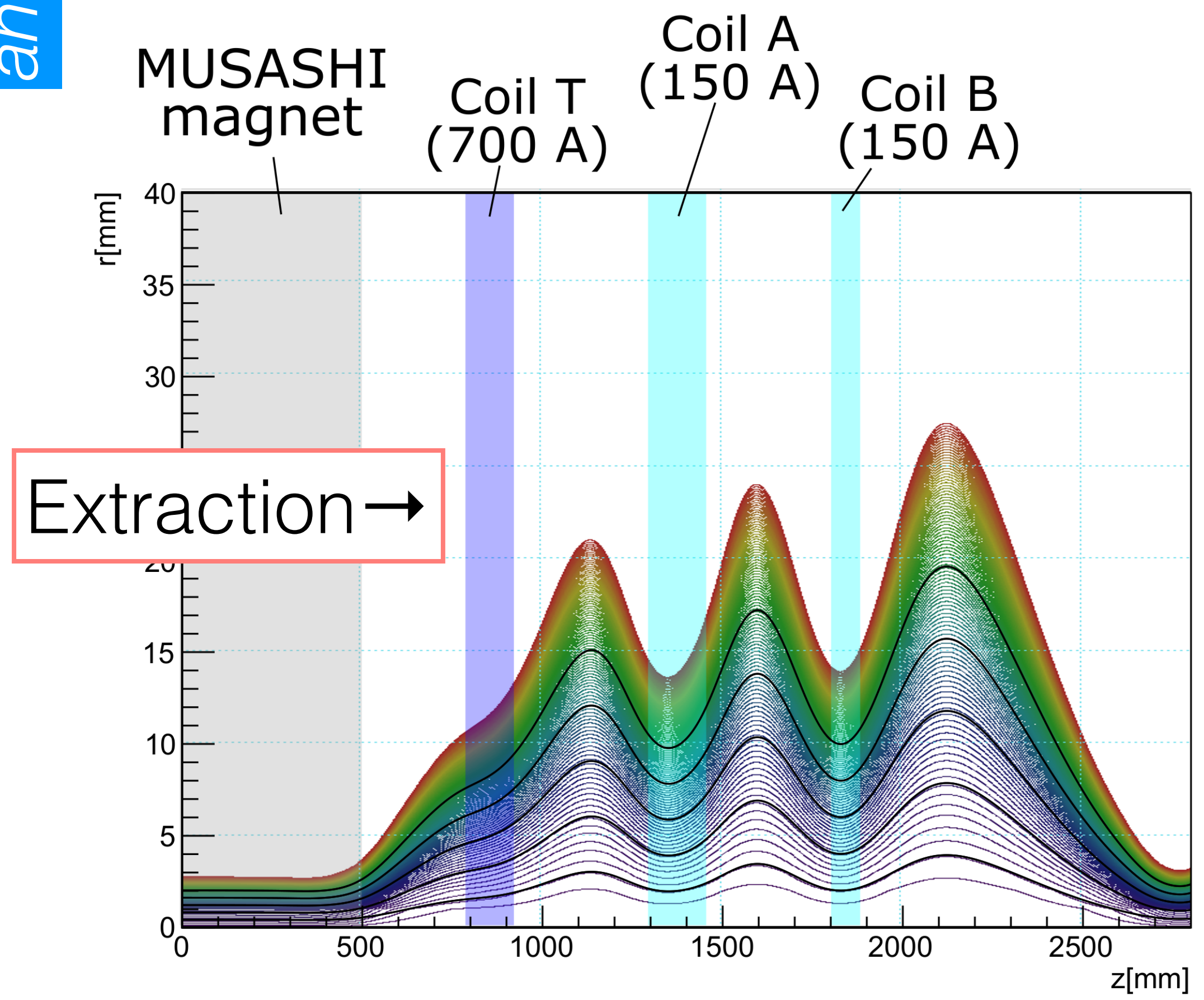
# Axial $\bar{p}$ energy distributions at ~700 mm downstream

$$\frac{3}{2}k_B T = 0.4_{-0.1}^{+0.1} eV$$



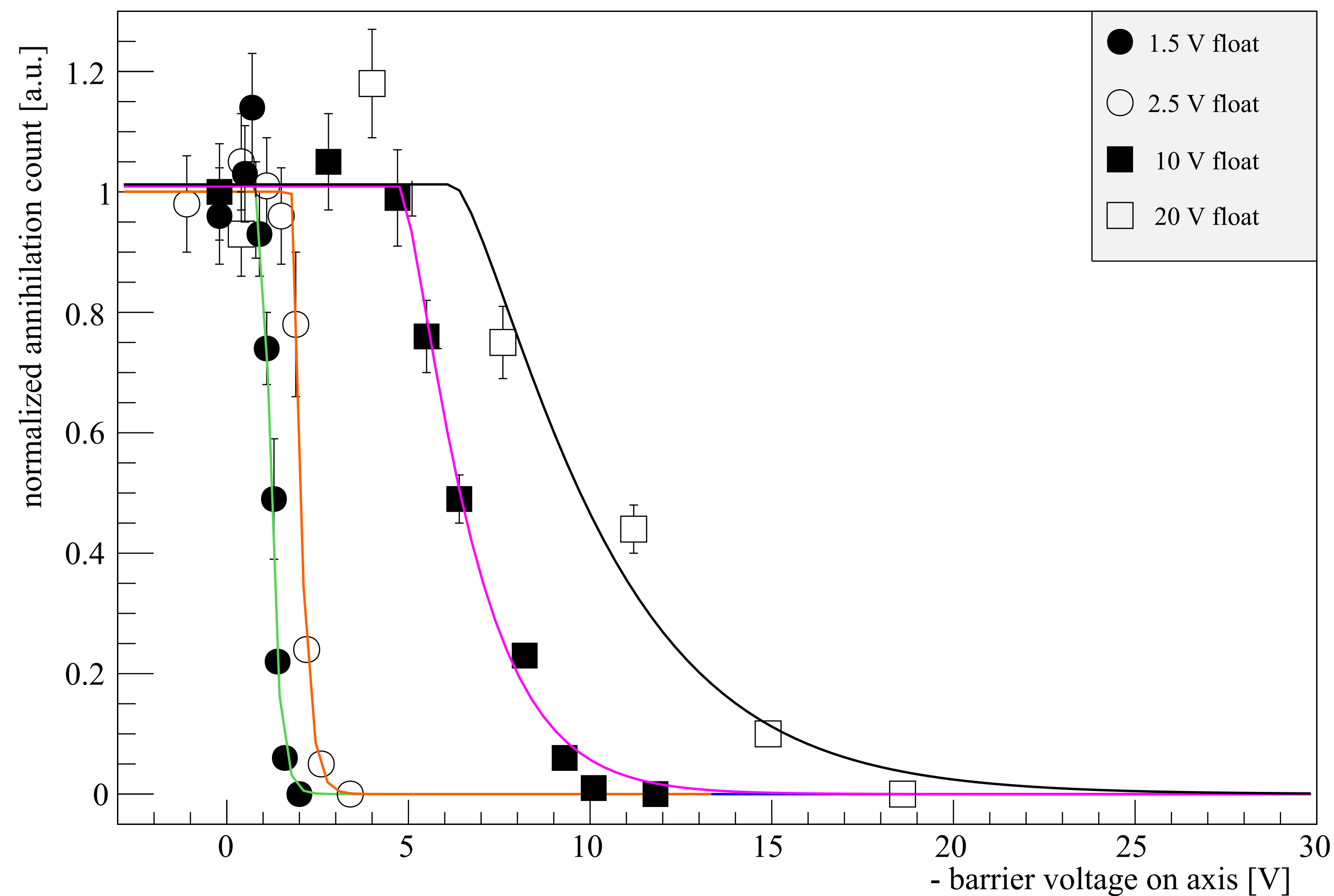
# Guide $\bar{p}$ s using pulsed coils

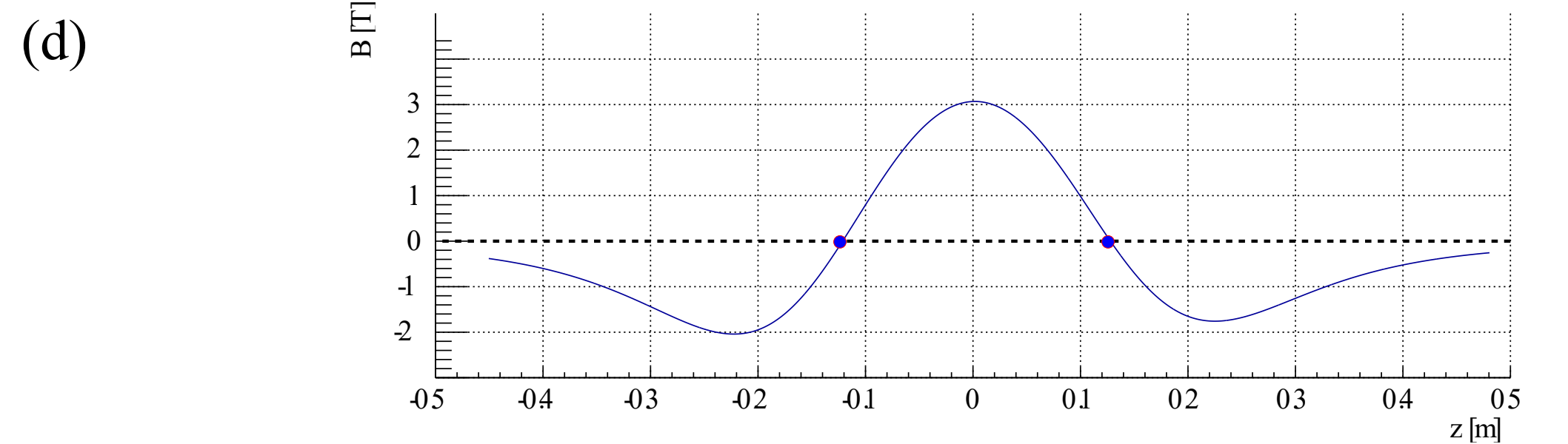
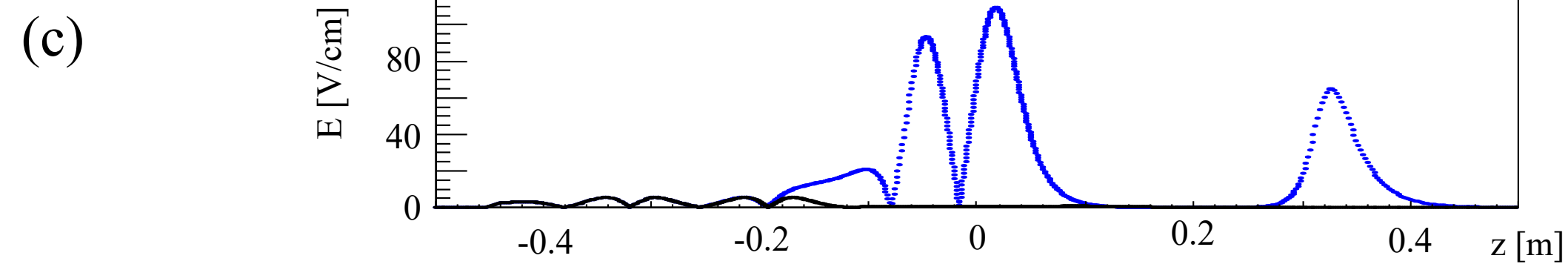
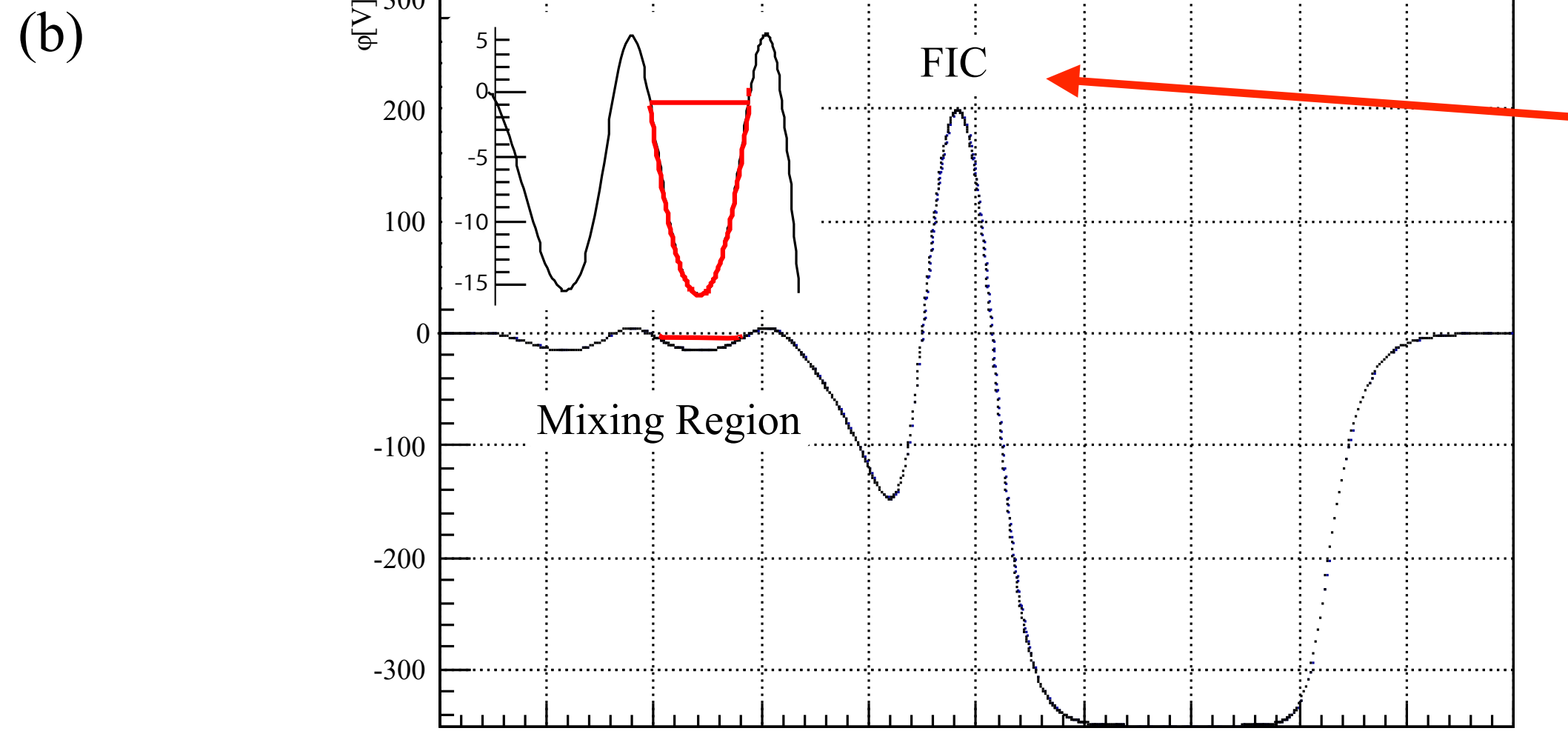
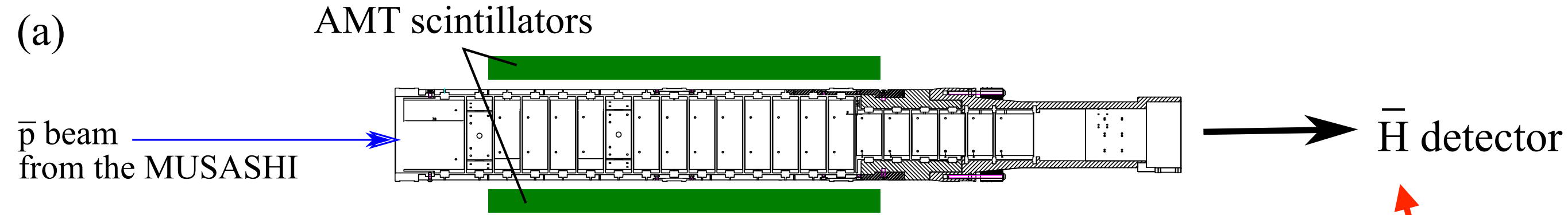
# Measure $\bar{p}$ energy distribution in cusp



$\bar{p}$  energy distribution in the cusp trap  $\frac{3}{2}k_B T = 0.3_{-0.1}^{+0.1} eV$

Transport efficiency  $\sim 20\%$  at 1.5 eV (typically 600 k  $\bar{p}$ s)





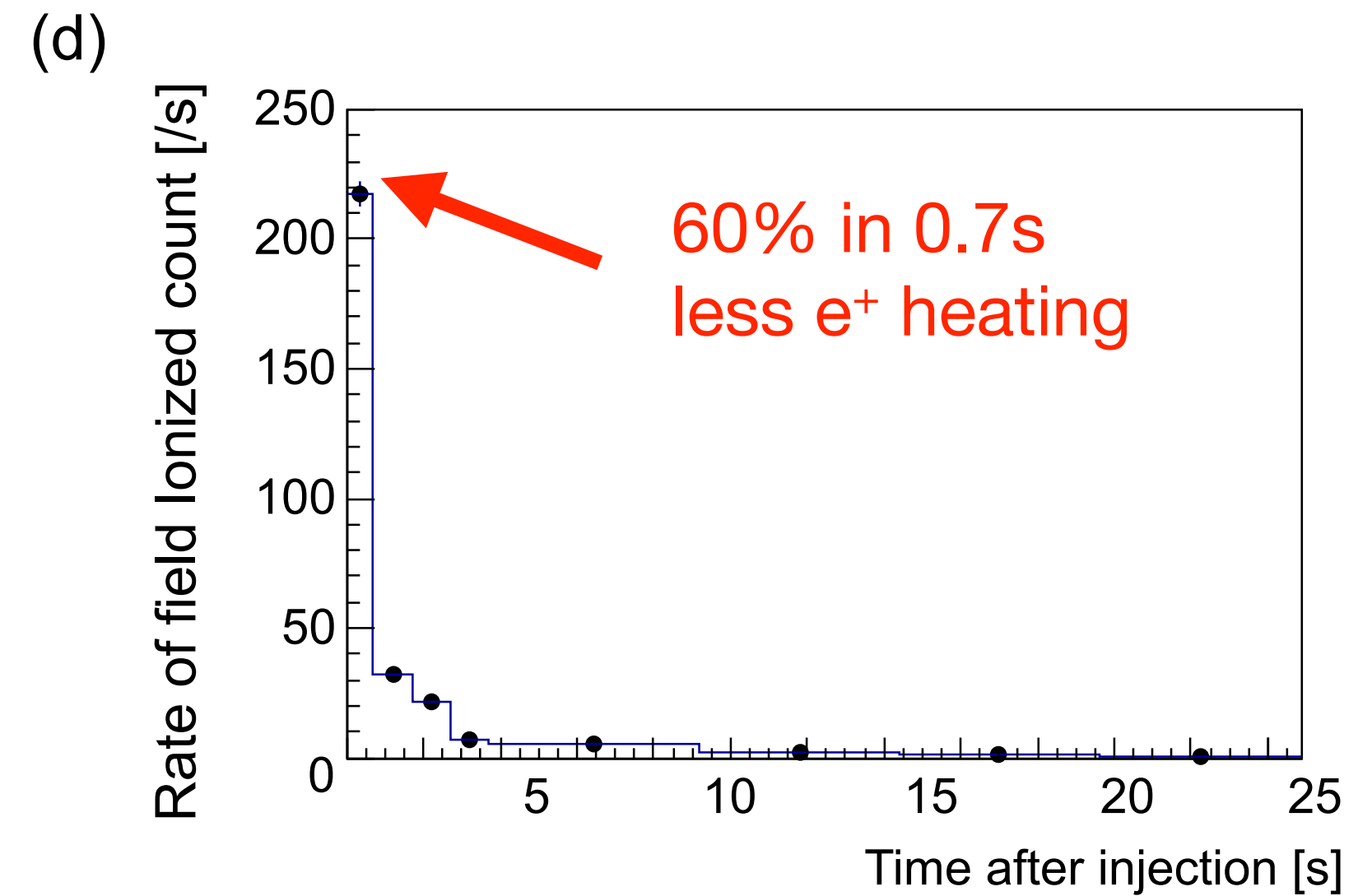
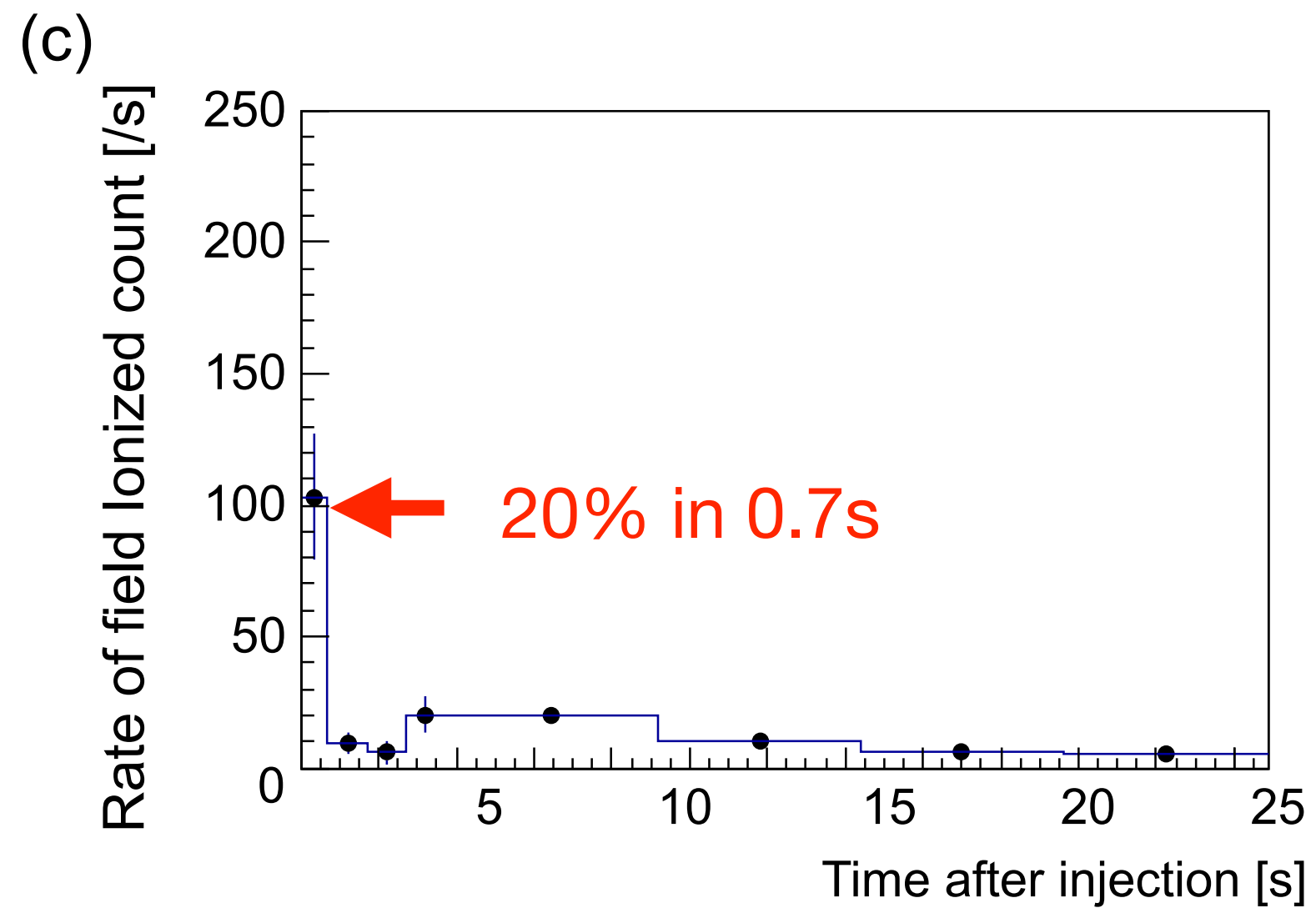
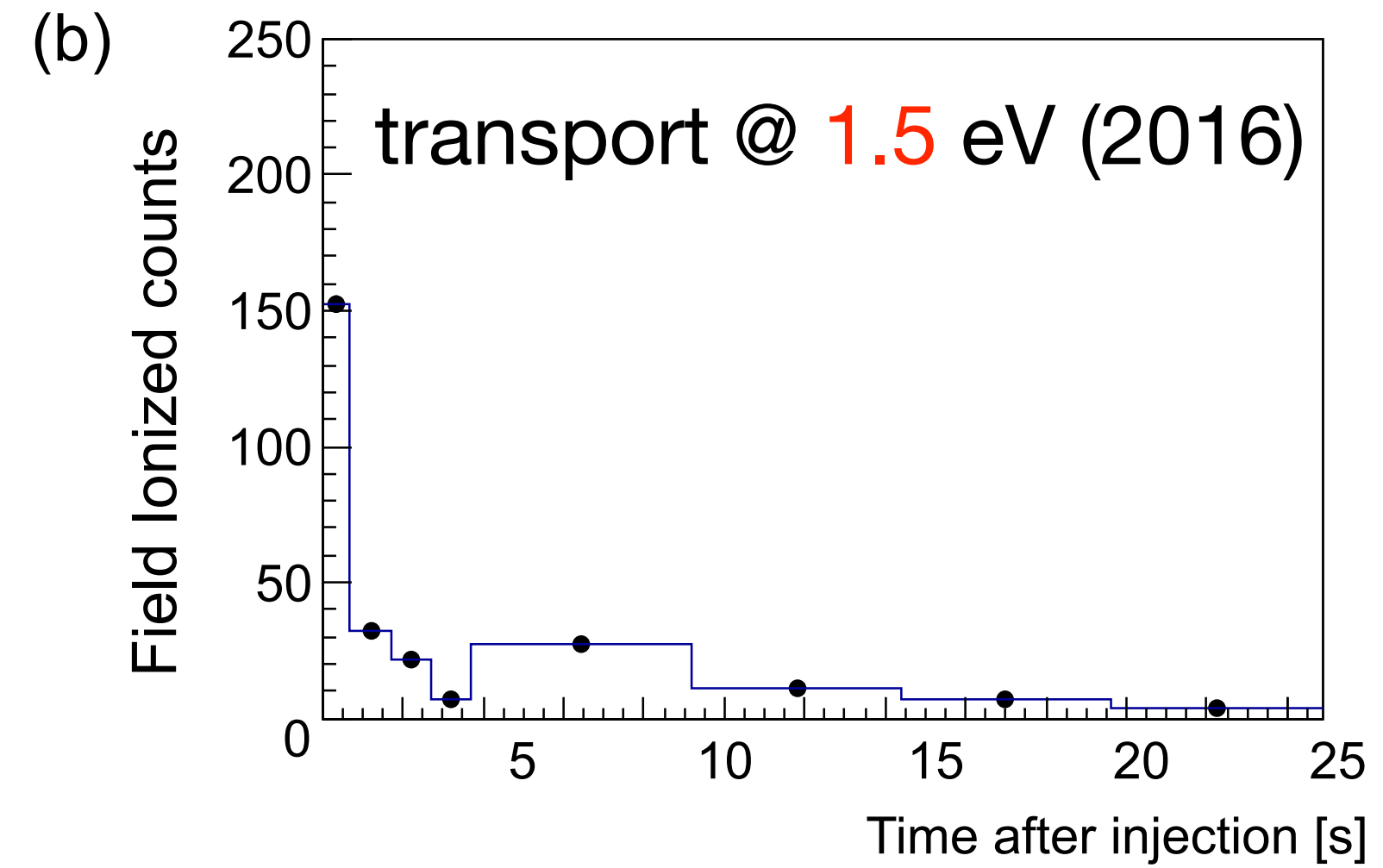
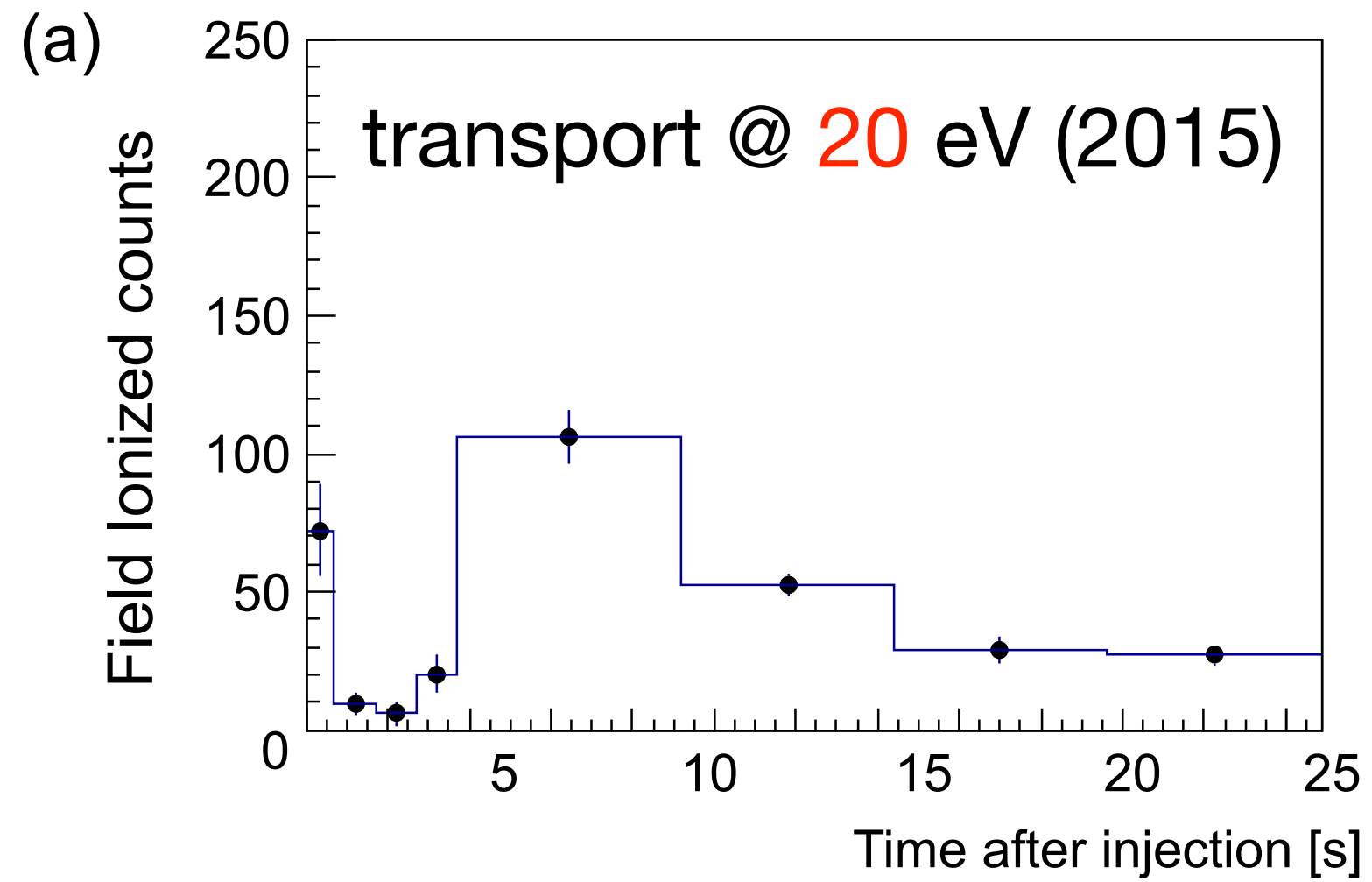
- Field ionization counting of  $\bar{H}$ s
- $43 < n \approx 54$  can be observed
  - $\Omega_{FI} \sim 0.0132/4\pi$
  - $14 < n \approx 54$  can be observed
  - $\Omega_{det} \sim 0.00018/4\pi$



## mixing conditions

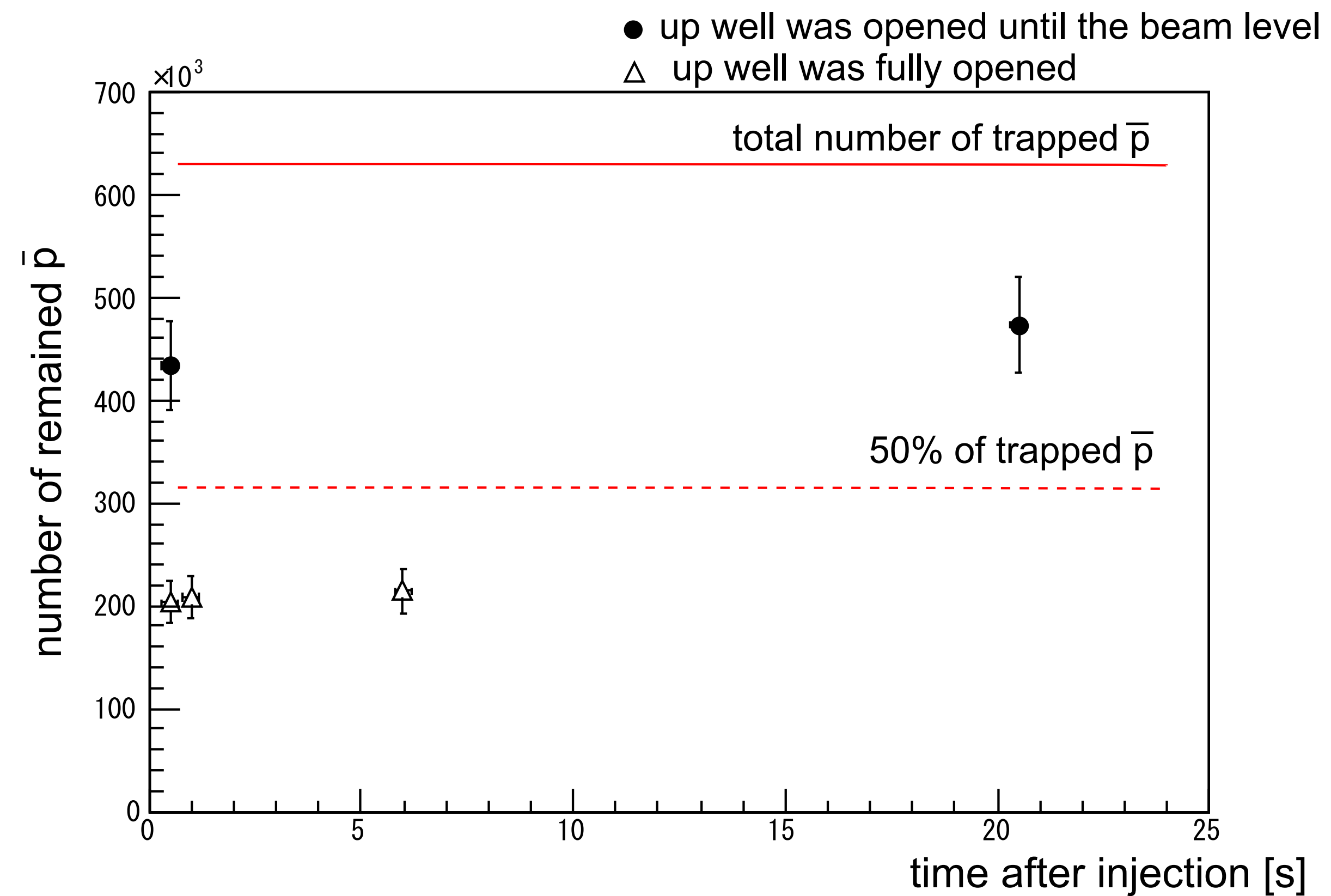
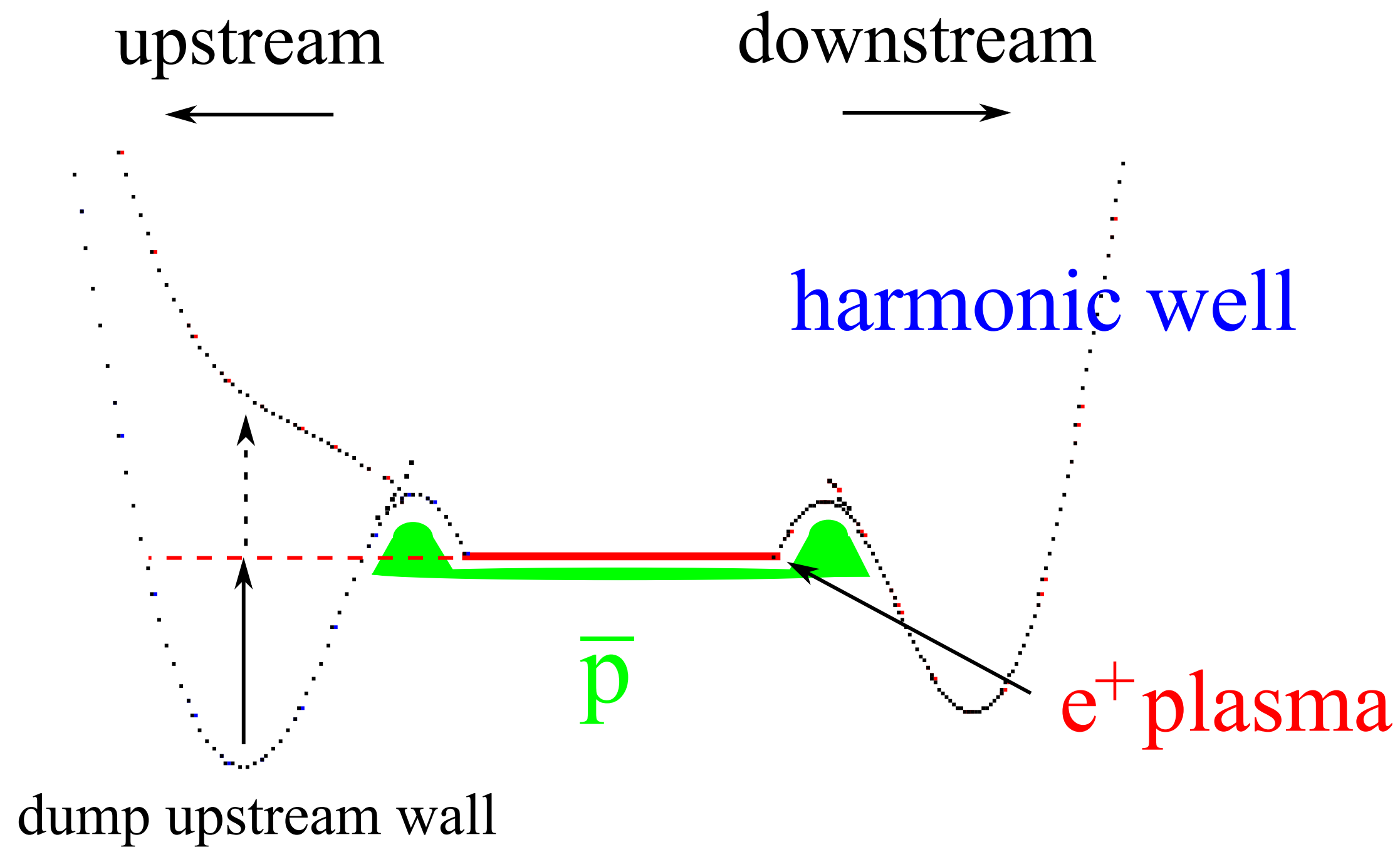
1.  $0.6 \times 10^8 e^+$  (12 stacks),  $r \sim 2.1 \text{ mm}$ ,  $n \sim 1 \times 10^8 / \text{cm}^3$  captured  $\bar{p} = \text{ca. } 6\text{--}8 \times 10^5$
2.  $1.2 \times 10^8 e^+$  (25 stacks),  $r \sim 1.3 \text{ mm}$ ,  $n \sim 1 \times 10^8 / \text{cm}^3$  captured  $\bar{p} = \text{ca. } 6\text{--}8 \times 10^5$
3.  $1.2 \times 10^8 e^+$  (25 stacks),  $r \sim 0.9 \text{ mm}$ ,  $n \sim 6 \times 10^8 / \text{cm}^3$  captured  $\bar{p} = \text{ca. } 6 \times 10^5$
4.  $1.9 \times 10^8 e^+$  (40 stacks),  $r \sim 1.2 \text{ mm}$ ,  $n \sim 8.3 \times 10^8 / \text{cm}^3$  captured  $\bar{p} = \text{ca. } 3 \times 10^5$

# Time distribution of field-ionized (FI in cusp) counts & rates



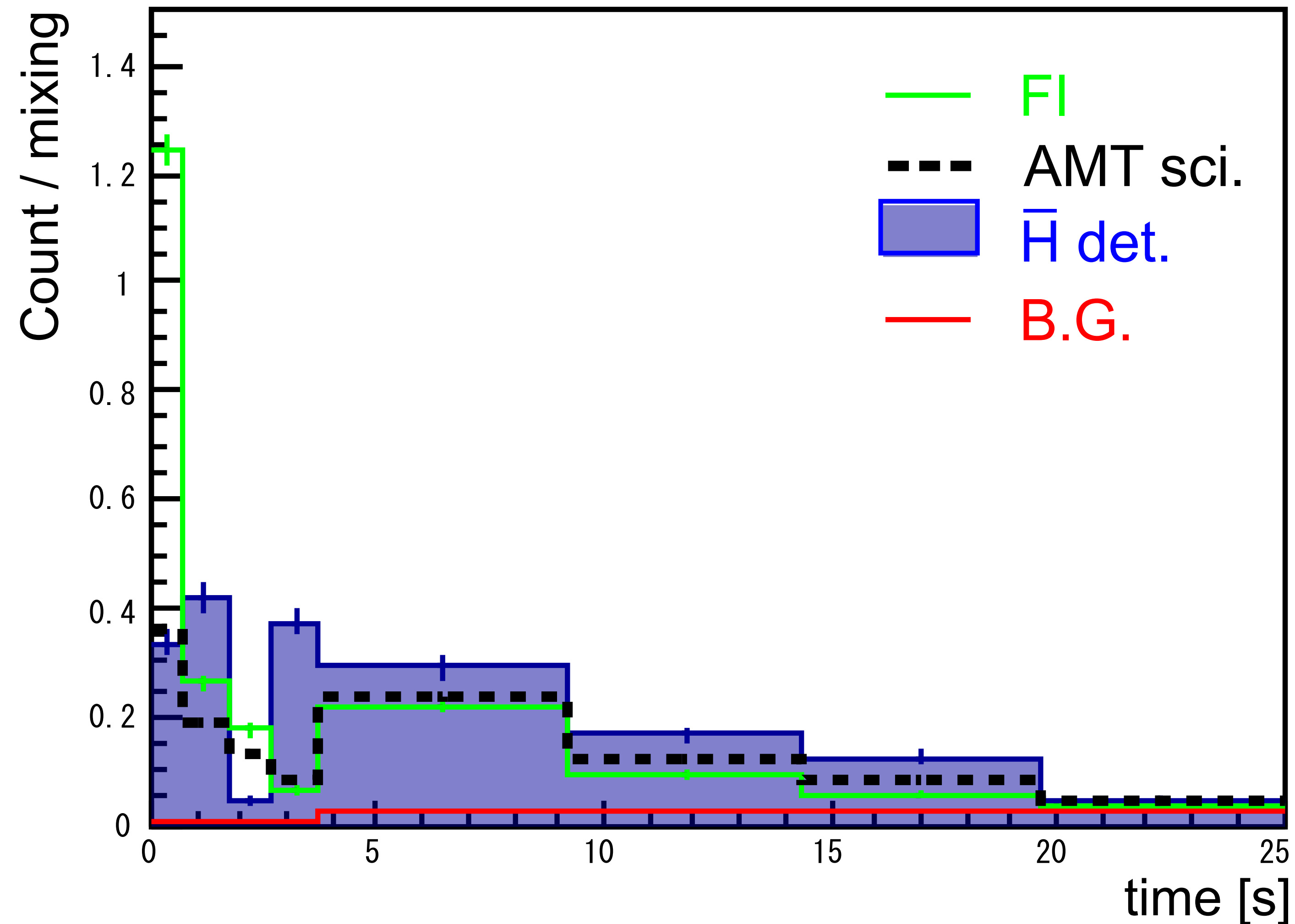
# quick separation of $\bar{p}$ s from $e^+$

~80% of  $\bar{p}$ s quickly separated within 1 s; the rest continue interacting

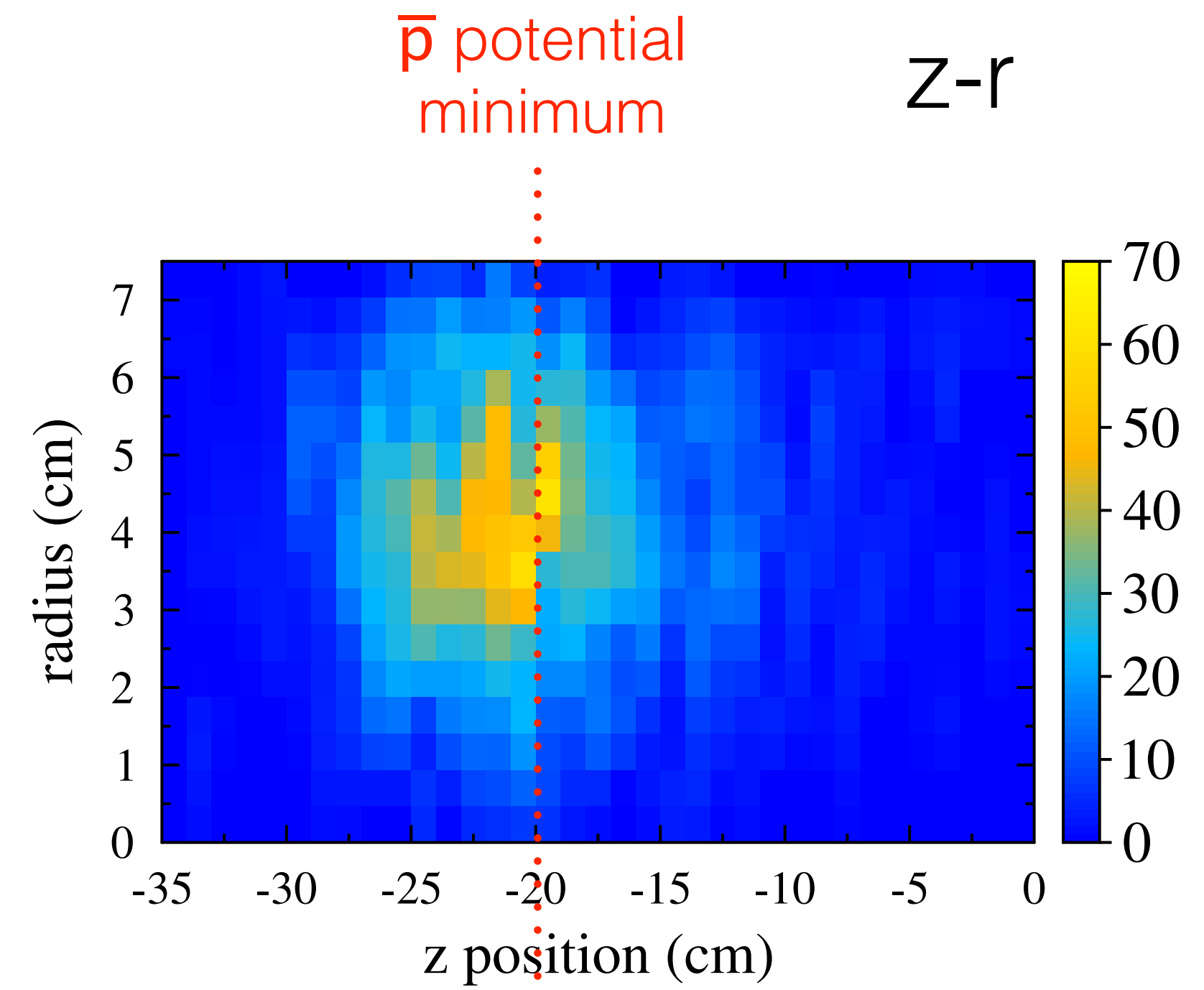
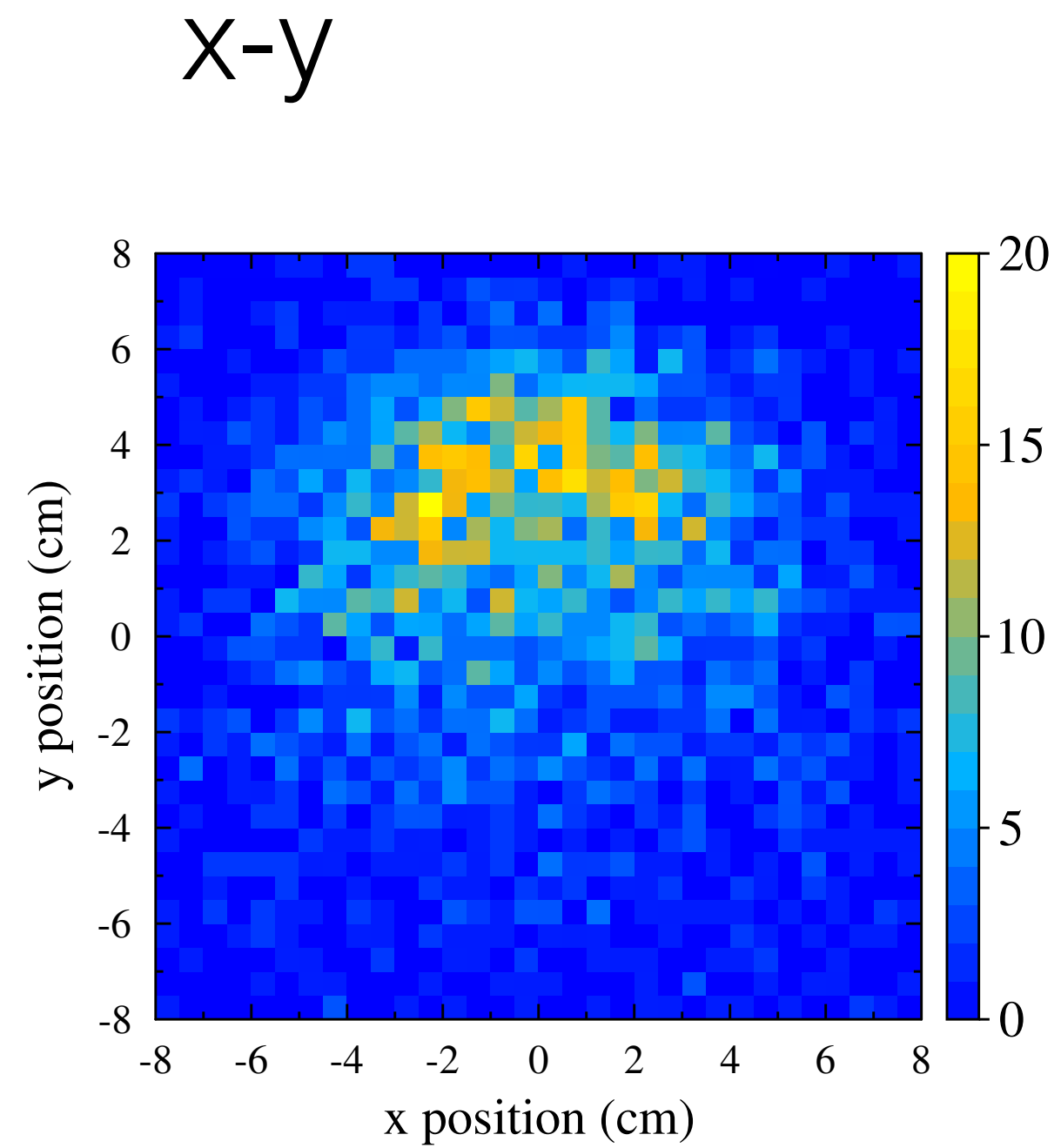


Annihilation time distribution (measured with the  $\bar{H}$  detector)

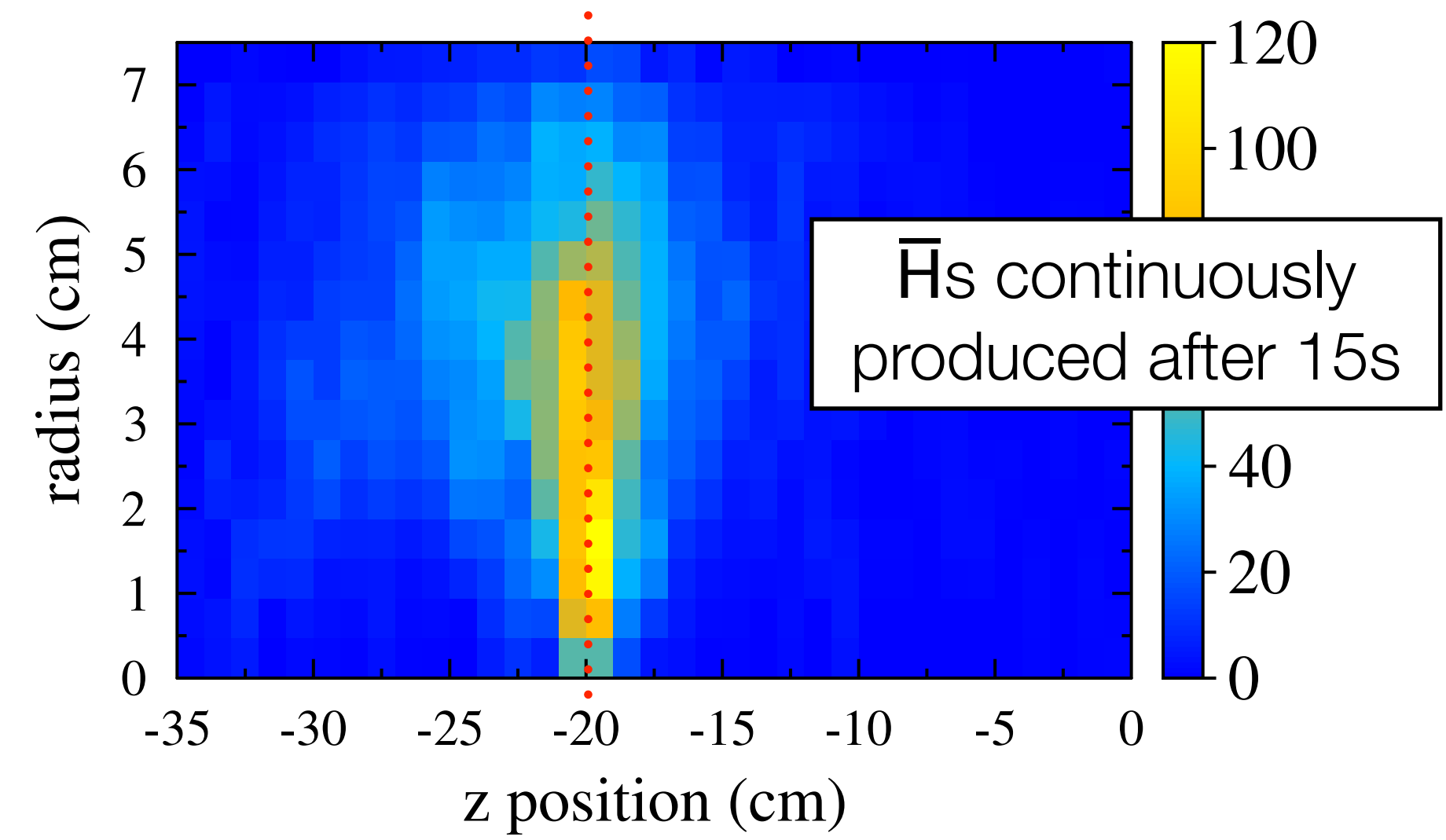
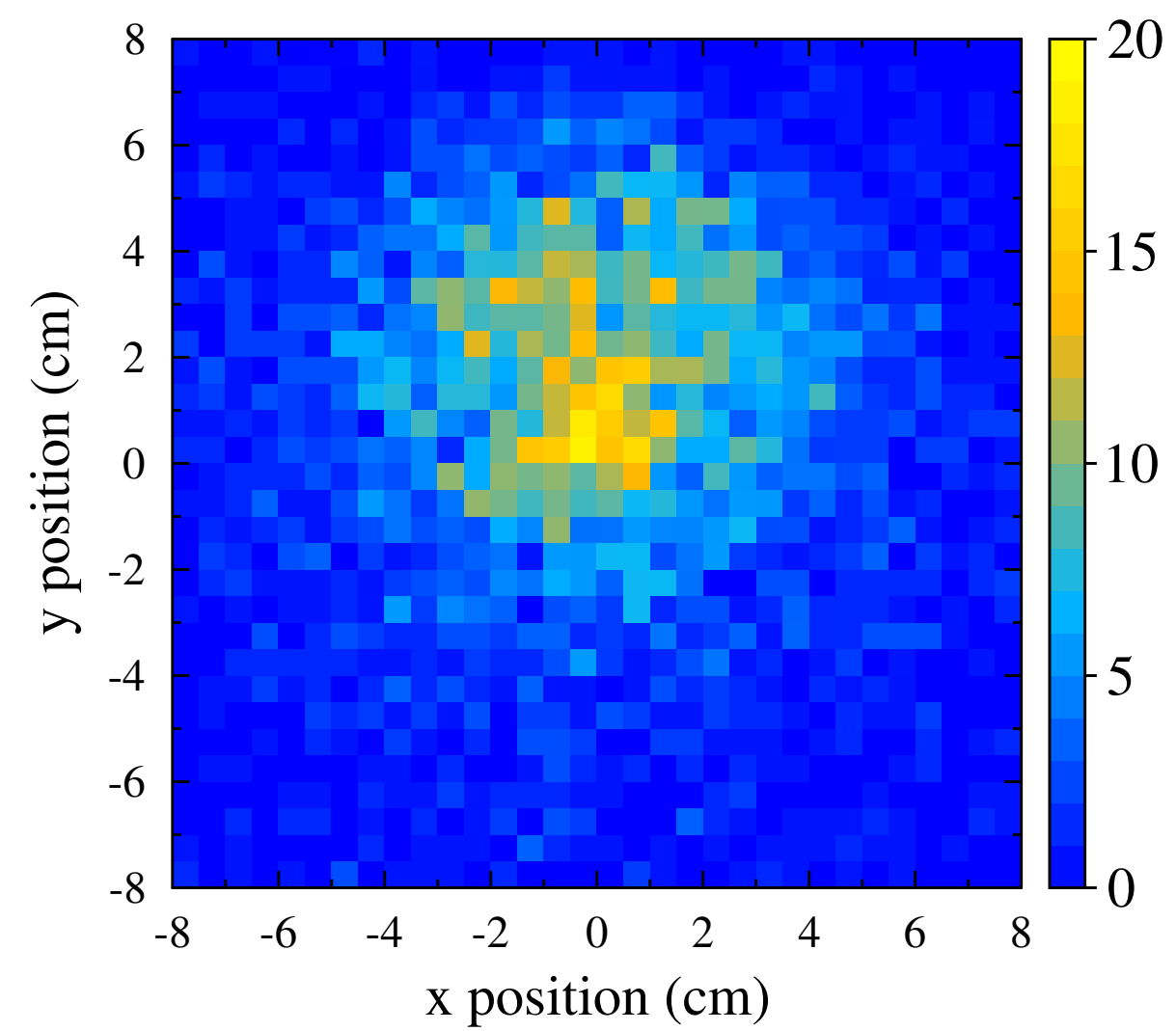
$t < 0.7$ , the counts less than estimated from the FI result (more study needed)



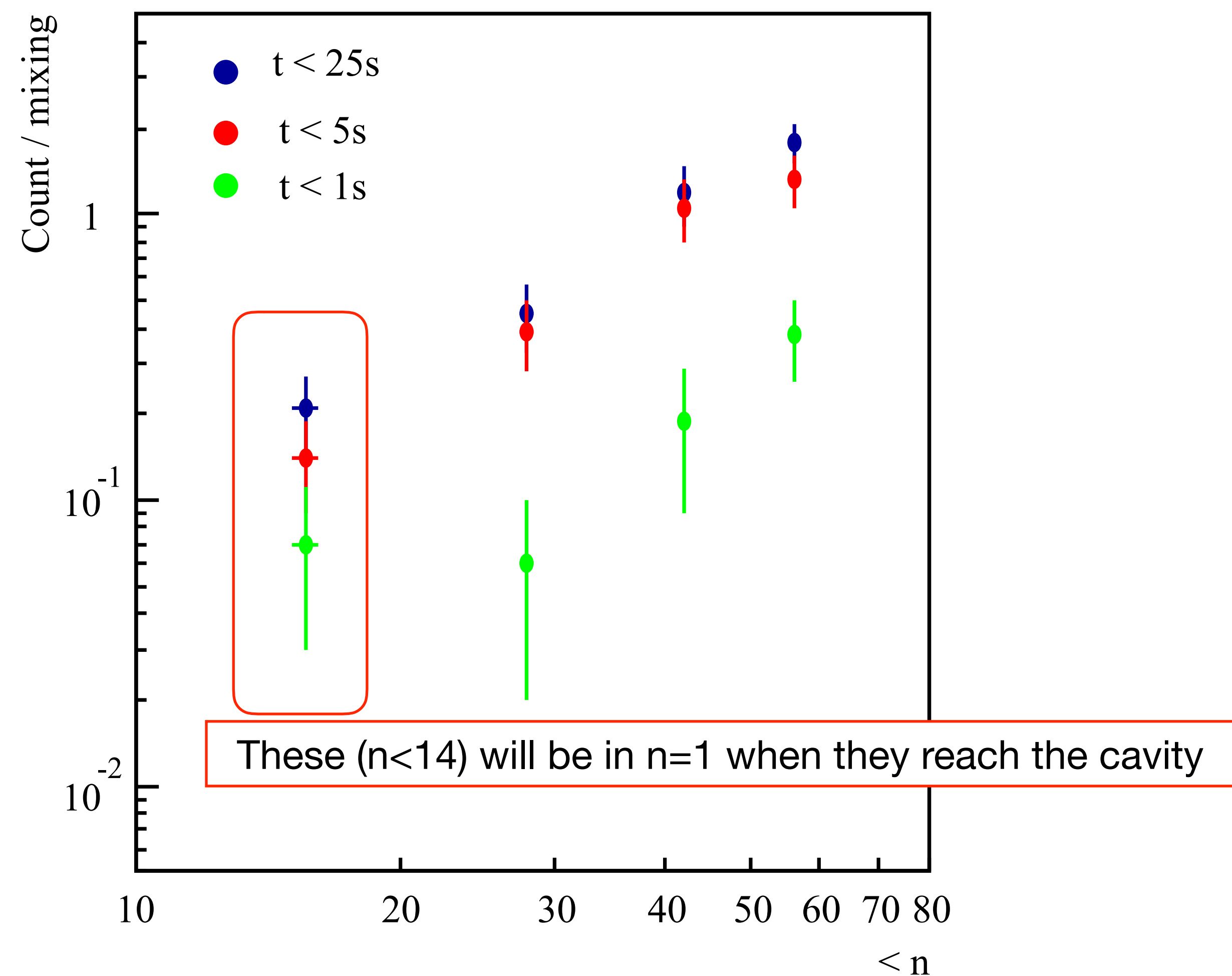
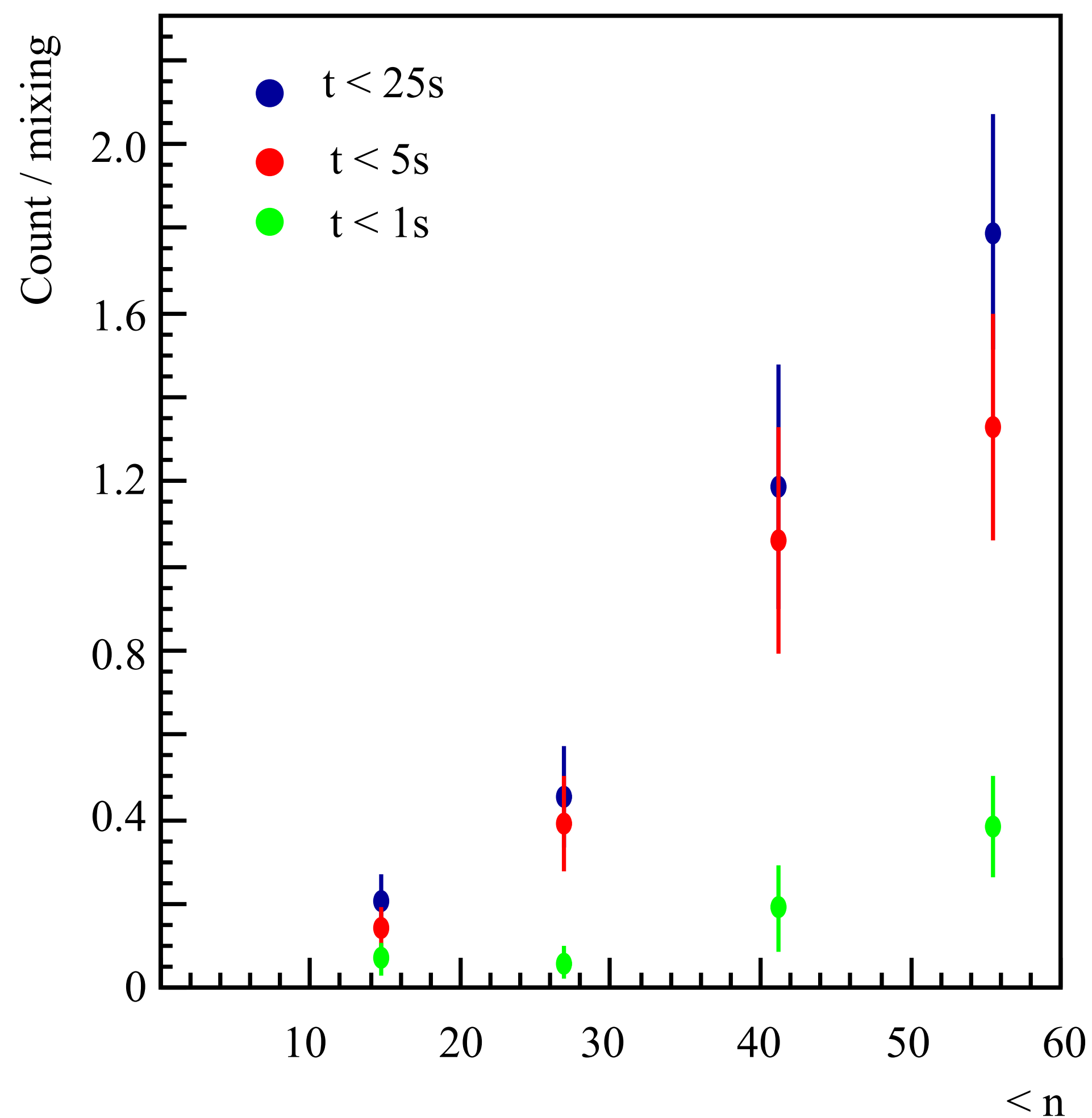
t=0-3s



t=15-30s

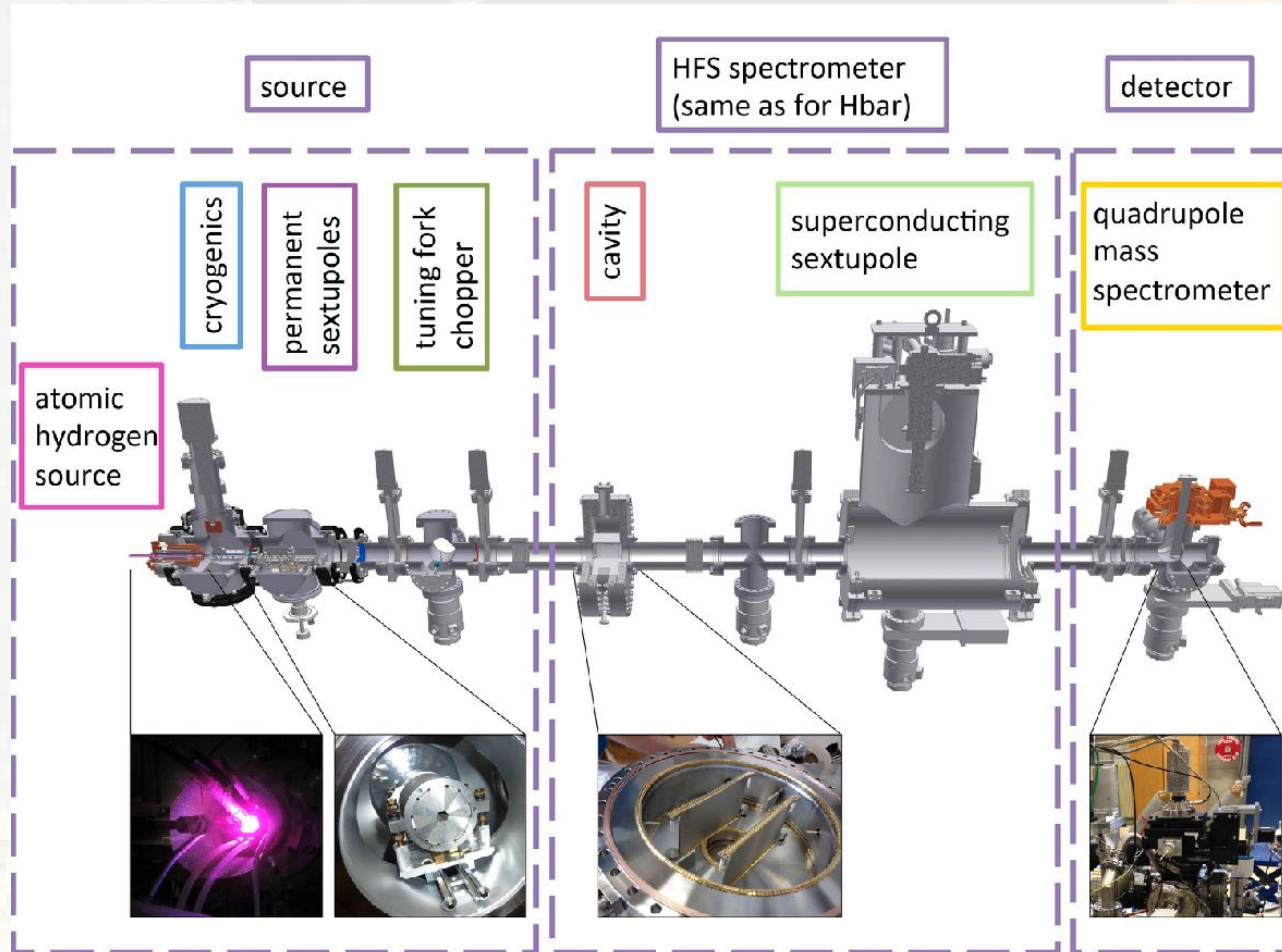


# $\bar{H}$ principal quantum number study (using the FI in front of the $\bar{H}$ detector)



1. Successful transport of  $\bar{p}$ s at 1.5 eV ( $T \sim 0.4$  eV)
2. Around 60% of FIC events were localized within the first 0.7 s  
(this is different from the  $\bar{H}$ -detector result - more study needed)
3.  $\sim 80\%$  of  $\bar{p}$ s quickly separated from  $e^+$  while the rest continue to contribute to the  $\bar{H}$  formation
4.  $\bar{H}$  formation fraction is  $\sim 4\%$   
 $n < 14$   $\bar{H}$  production confirmed
5. 10  $\bar{H}$ gs / mixing needed for spectroscopy

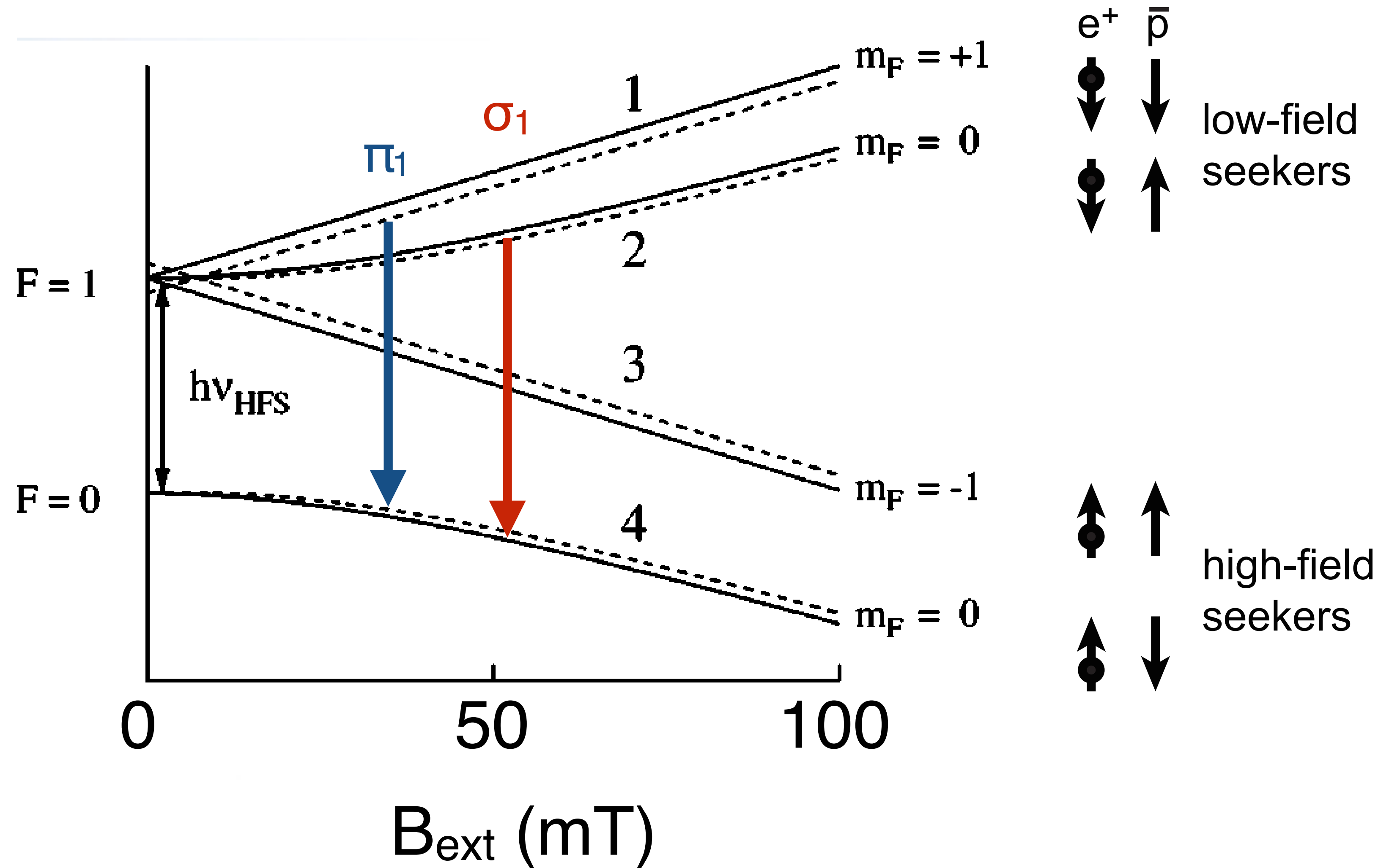
# 3. H GSHFS Spectroscopy

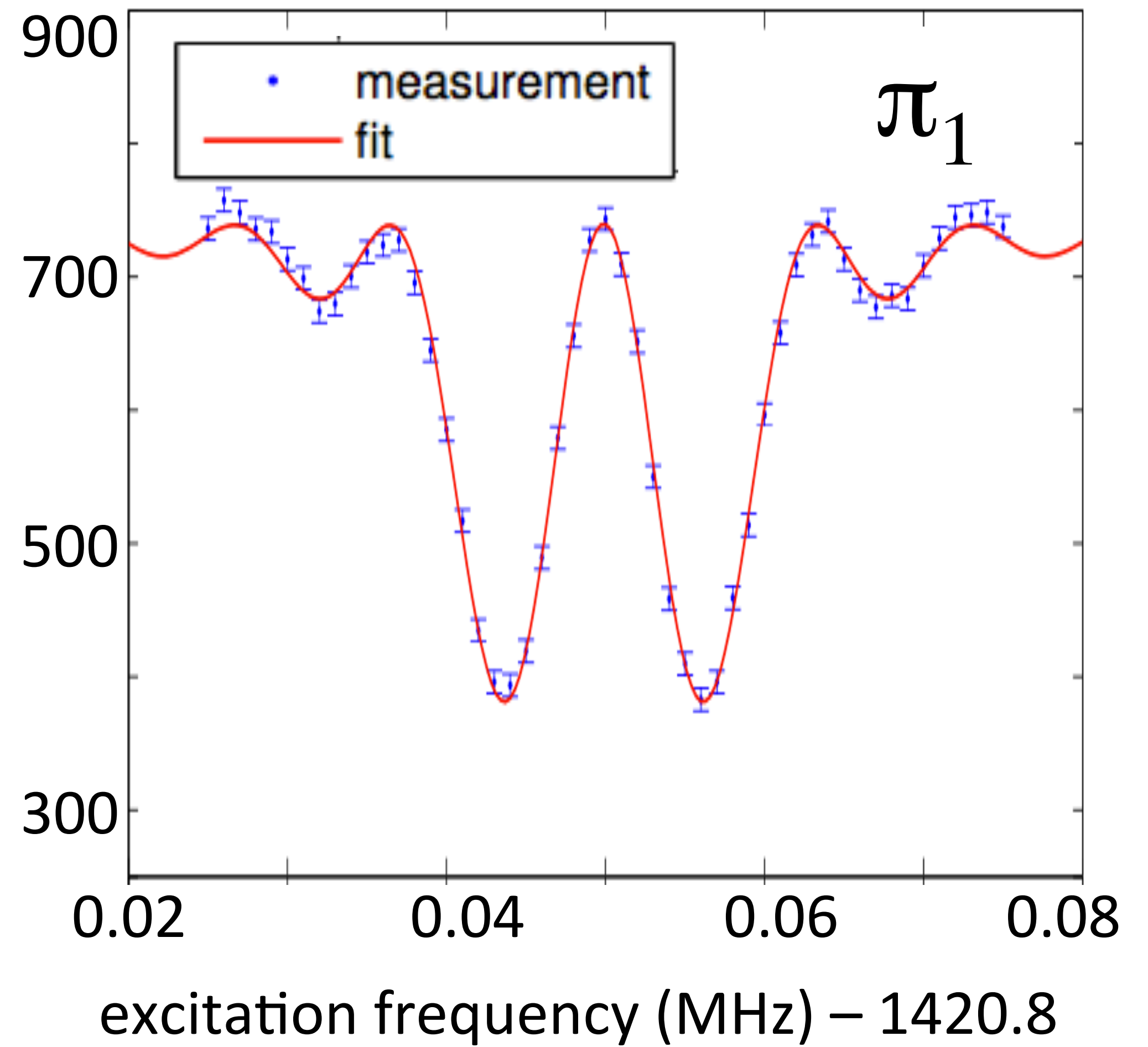
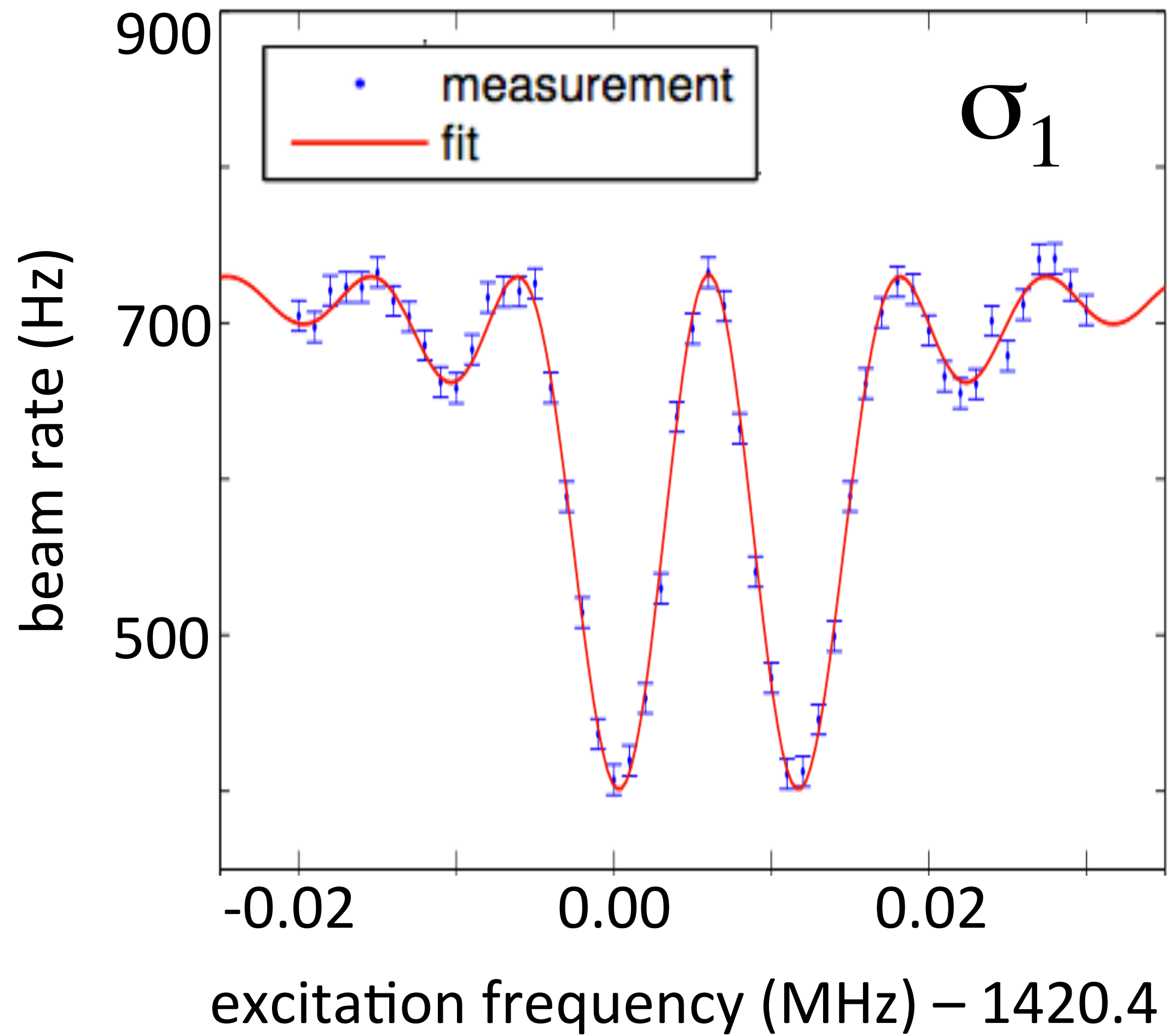




$\sigma_1$  - less sensitive to  $B_{\text{ext}}$

$\pi_1$  - more sensitive to  $B_{\text{ext}}$   
& possible CPTV effects





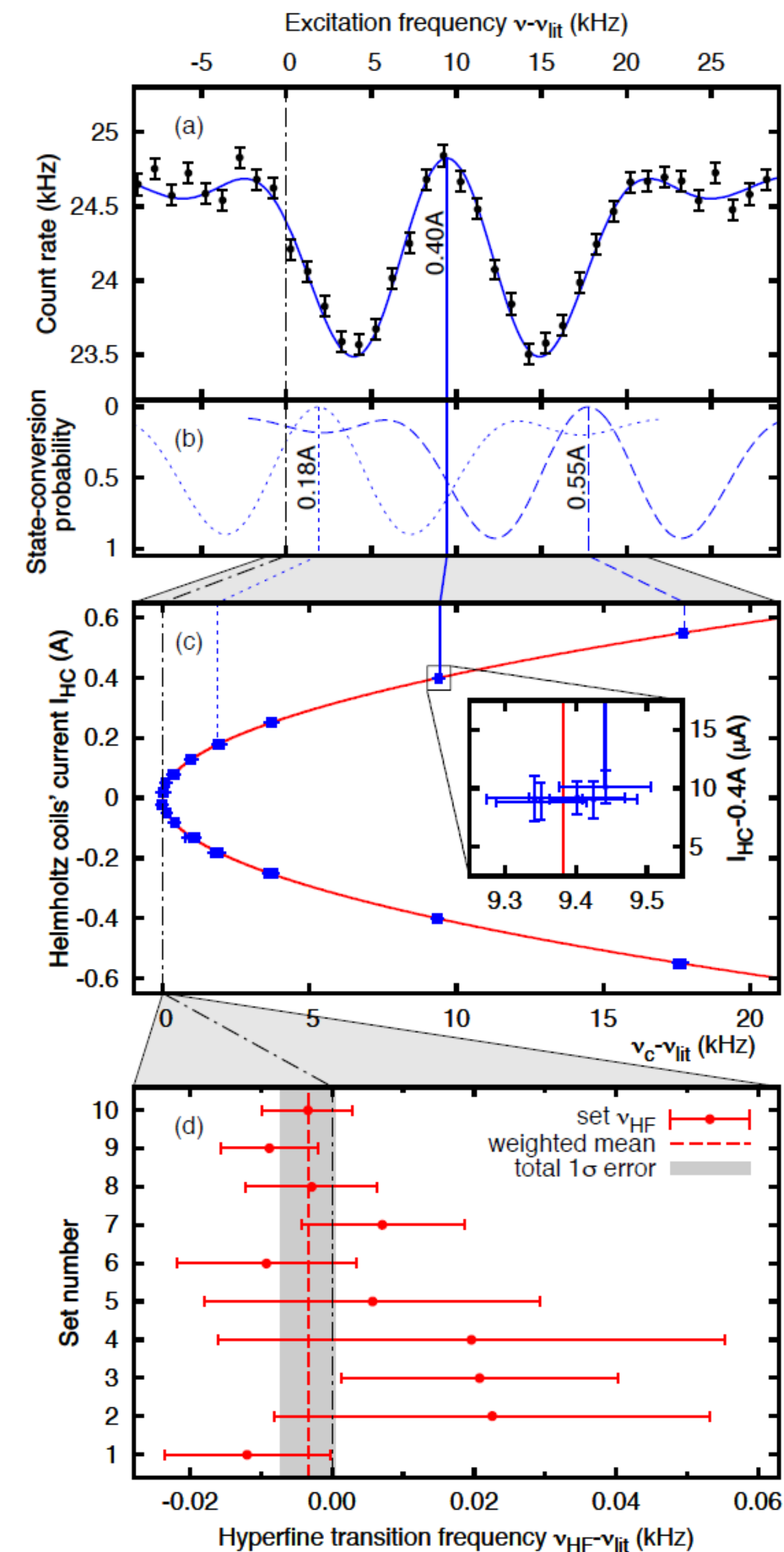
# H-HFS $\sigma_1$

$$\nu_{\text{HF}} = 1\,420\,405\,748.4(3.4)(1.6) \text{ Hz}$$

Error **2.7 ppb**: 18x improvement over  
*Kush, Phys. Rev. 100, 1188 (1955)*  
 Deviation from maser ( $\Delta f/f \sim 10^{-12}$ ):  
**3.4 Hz** <  $1\sigma$  error

contribution	$1\sigma$ st.dev. (Hz)
systematic error	
frequency standard	1.62
common fit parameters	
$\bar{\nu}_H$	0.05
$\sigma_v$	0.03
$B_{\text{osc}}$	0.02
systematic error total	1.62
statistical error	3.43
total error	3.79

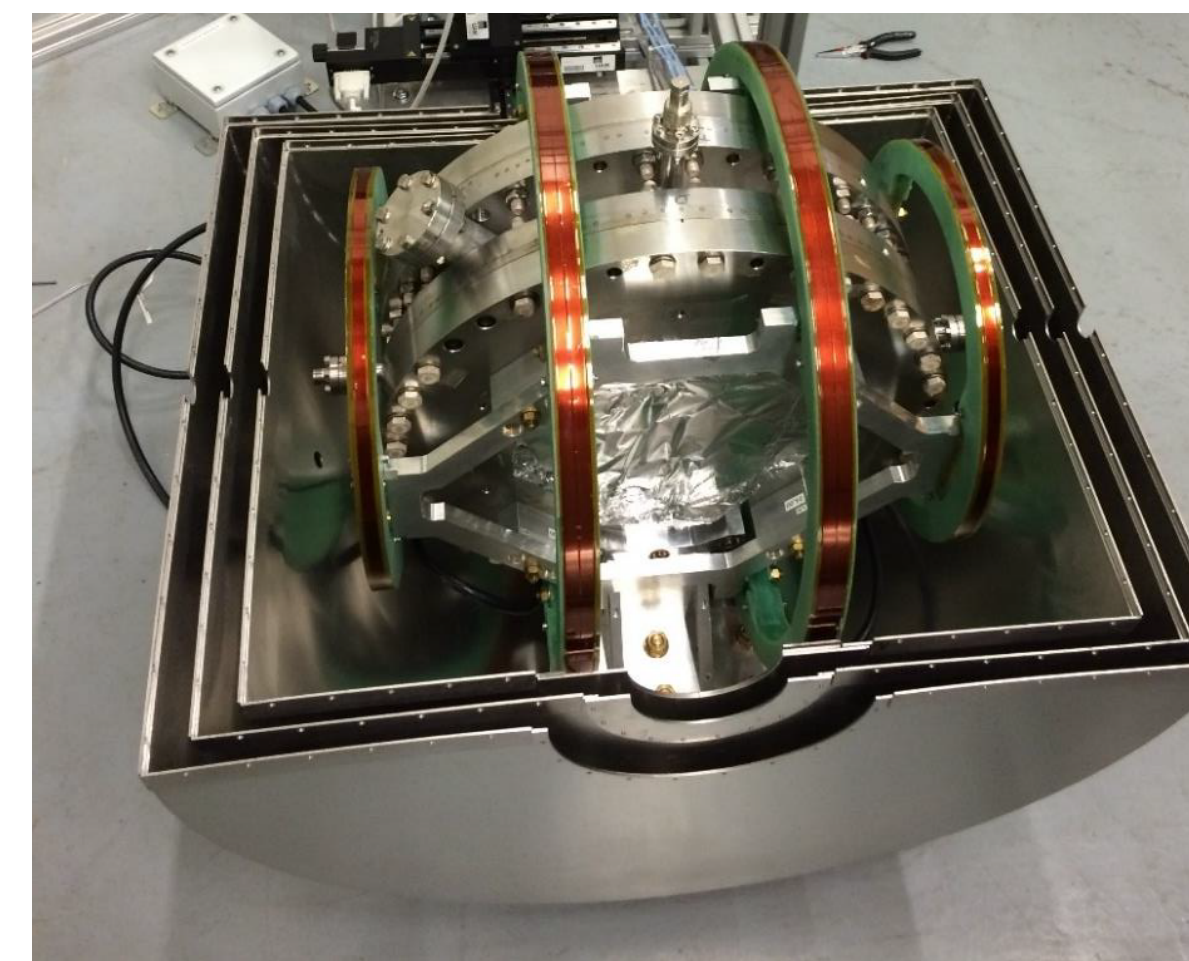
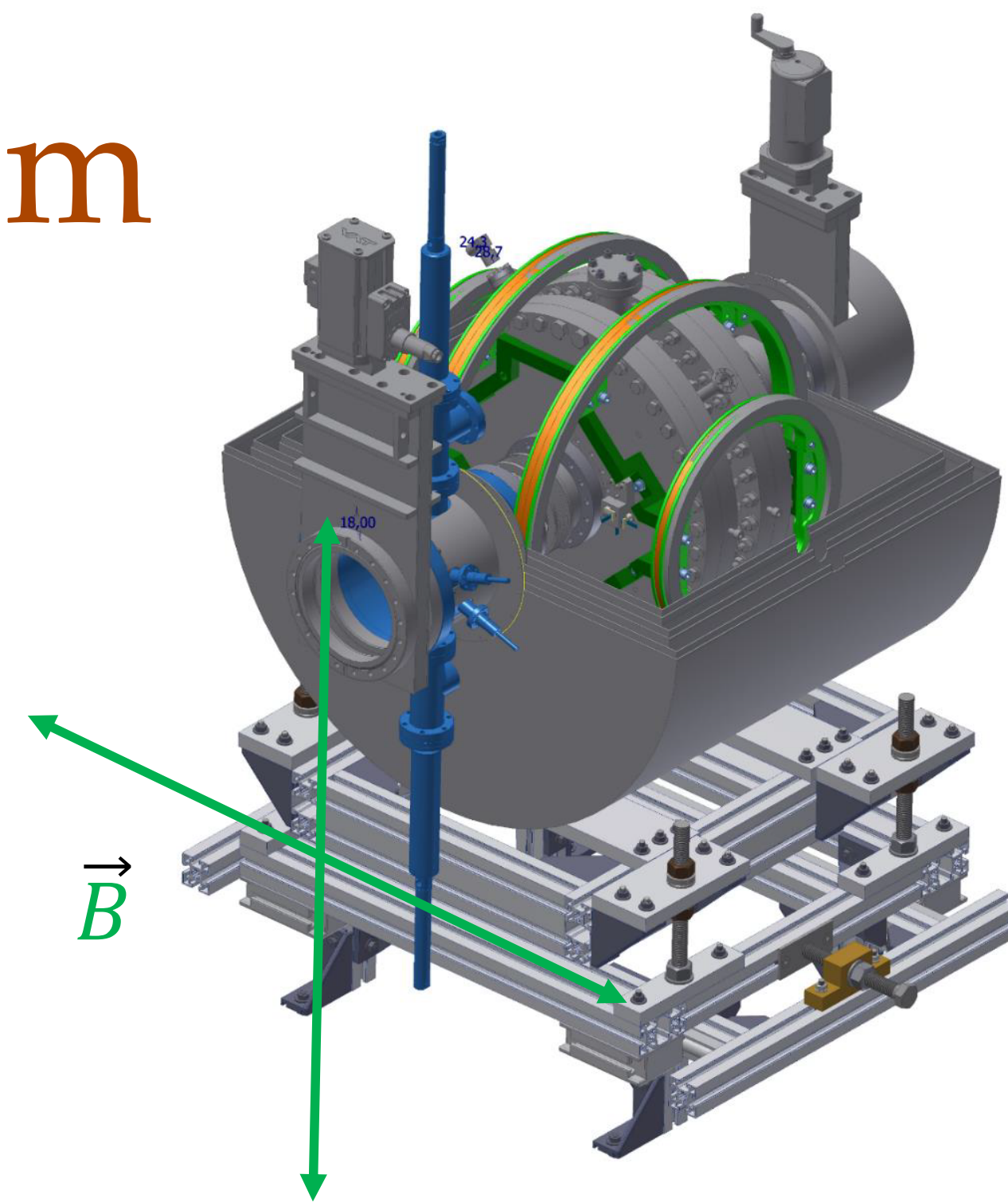
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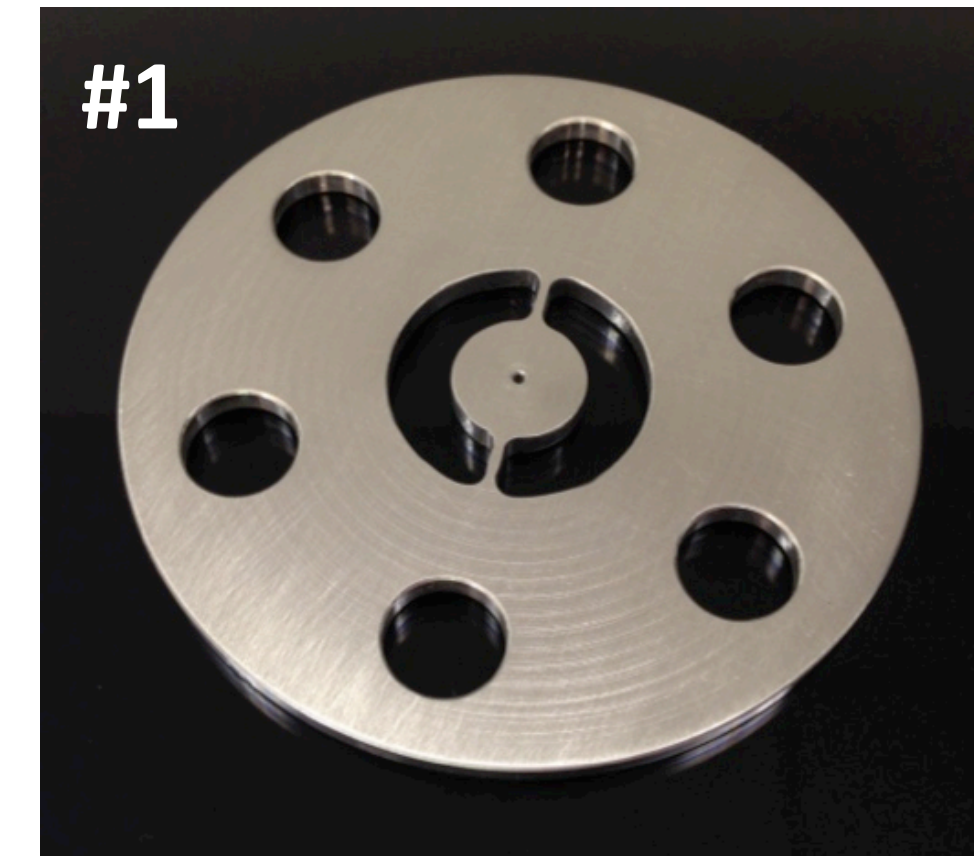
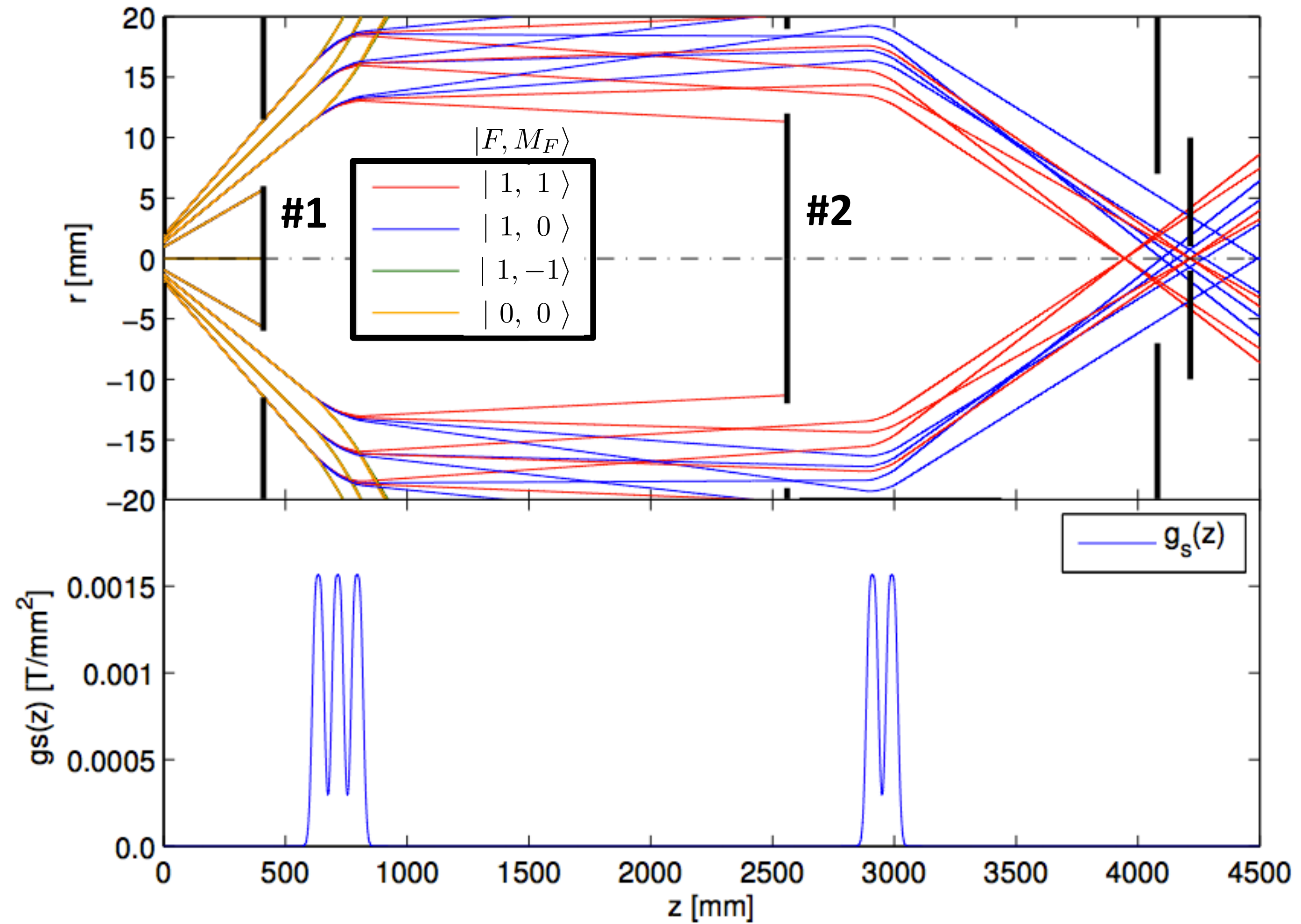


# Next steps for H-beam

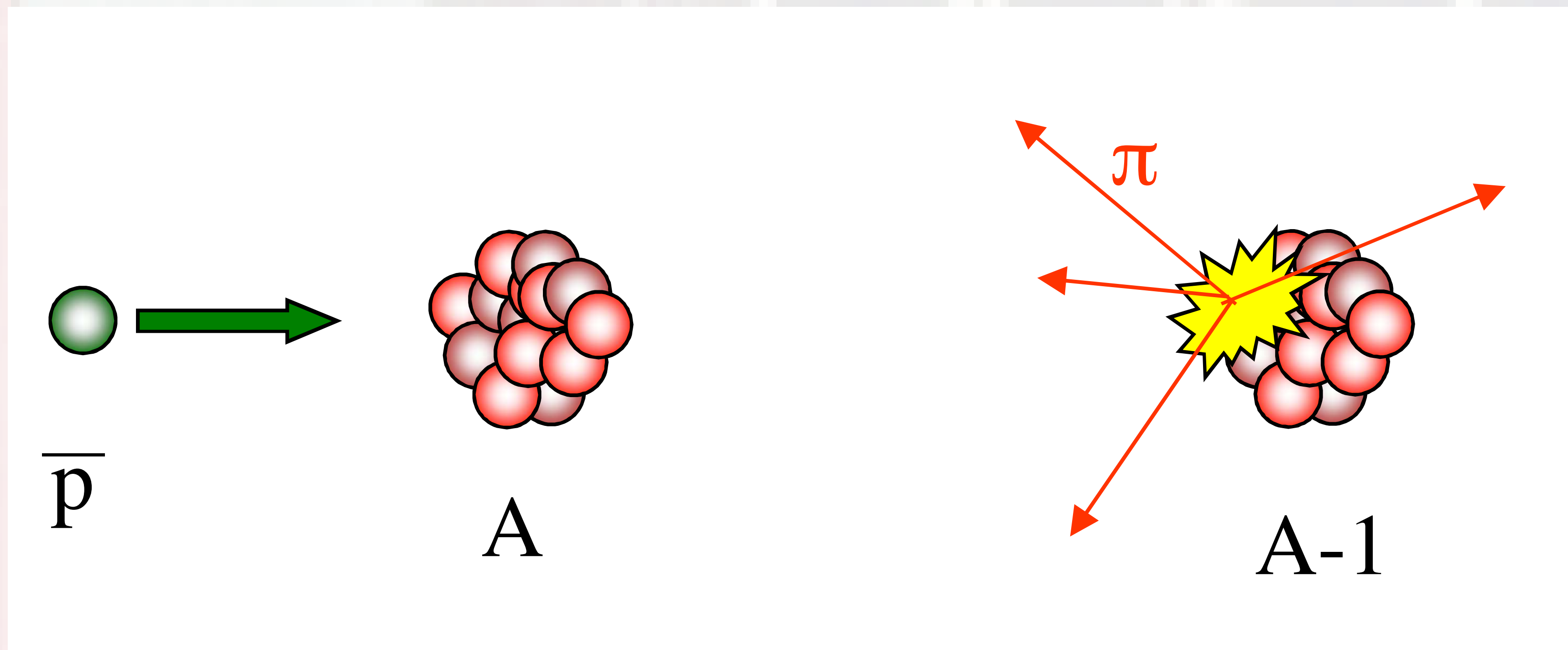
- $\pi_1$  transition
  - Better field homogeneity
    - Improved coils, shielding
  - SME: effect only in  $\pi_1$
  - Non-minimal SME: direction dependent coefficients accessible by beam
- Conditions
  - Invert direction of B-field
  - Rotate B-field
  - Measure also  $\sigma_1$  (no CPTV) as reference



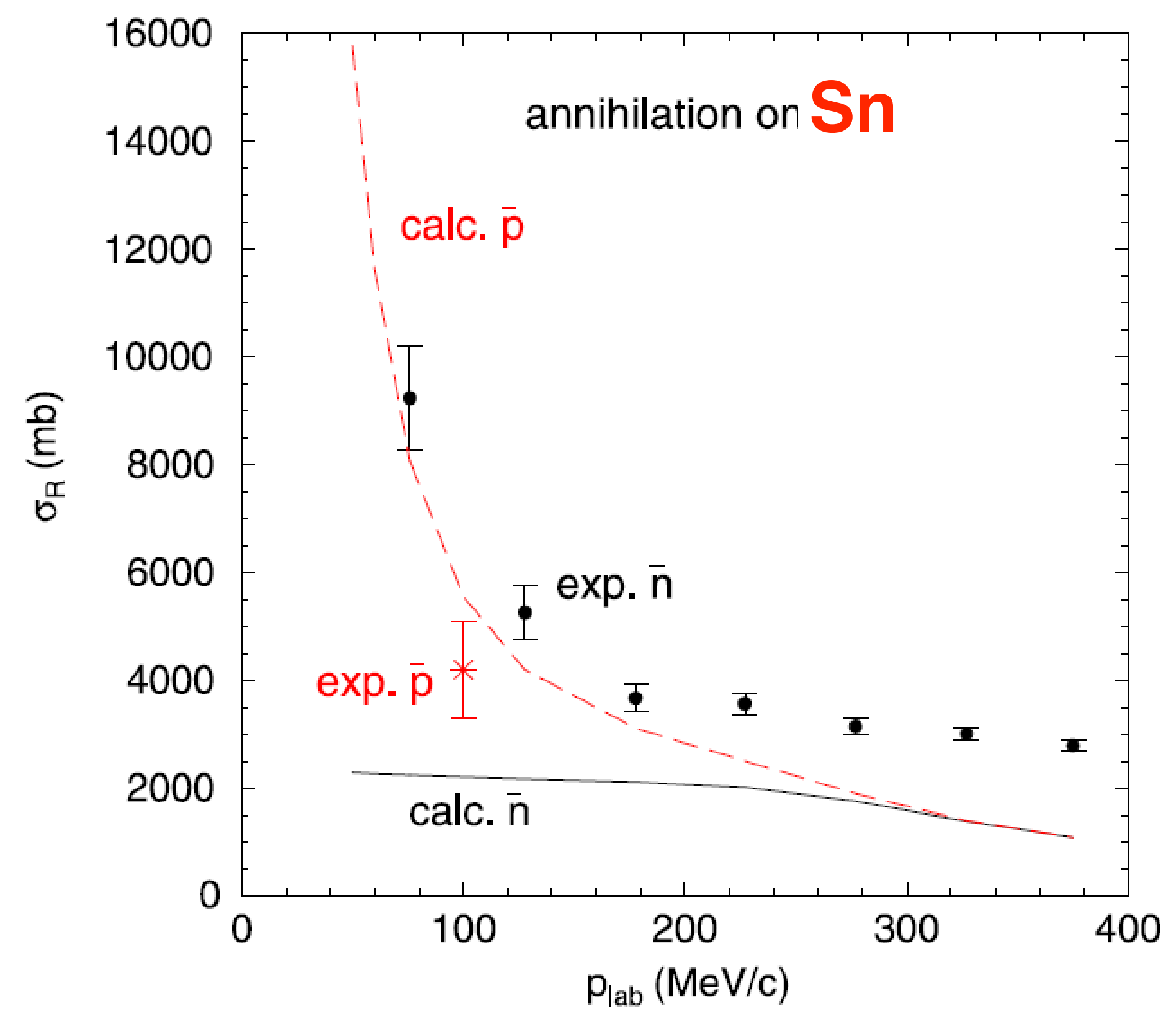
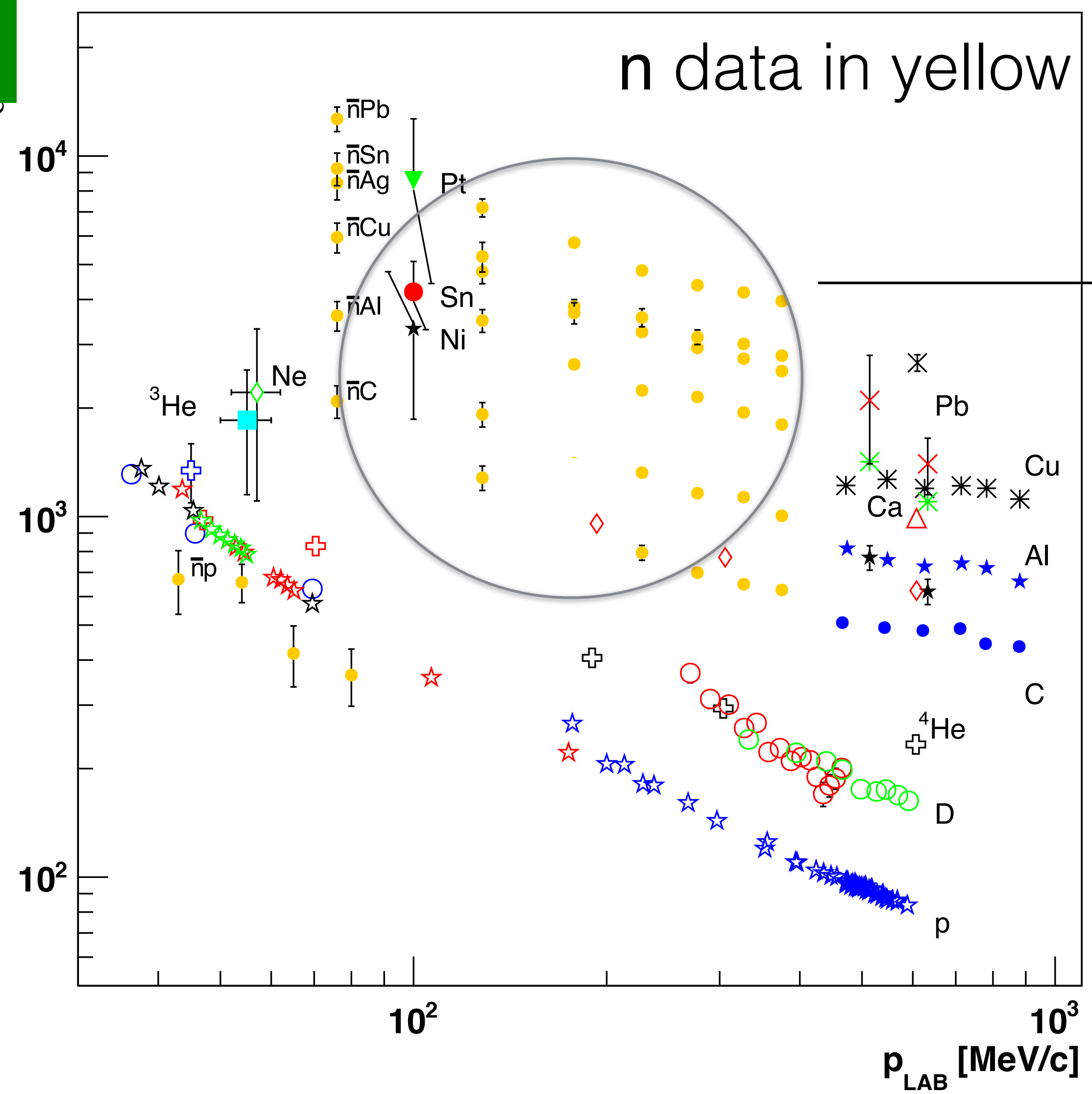
## hollow hydrogen beam (simulation)



# 4. $\bar{p}$ annihilation $\sigma$ at 5.3 MeV

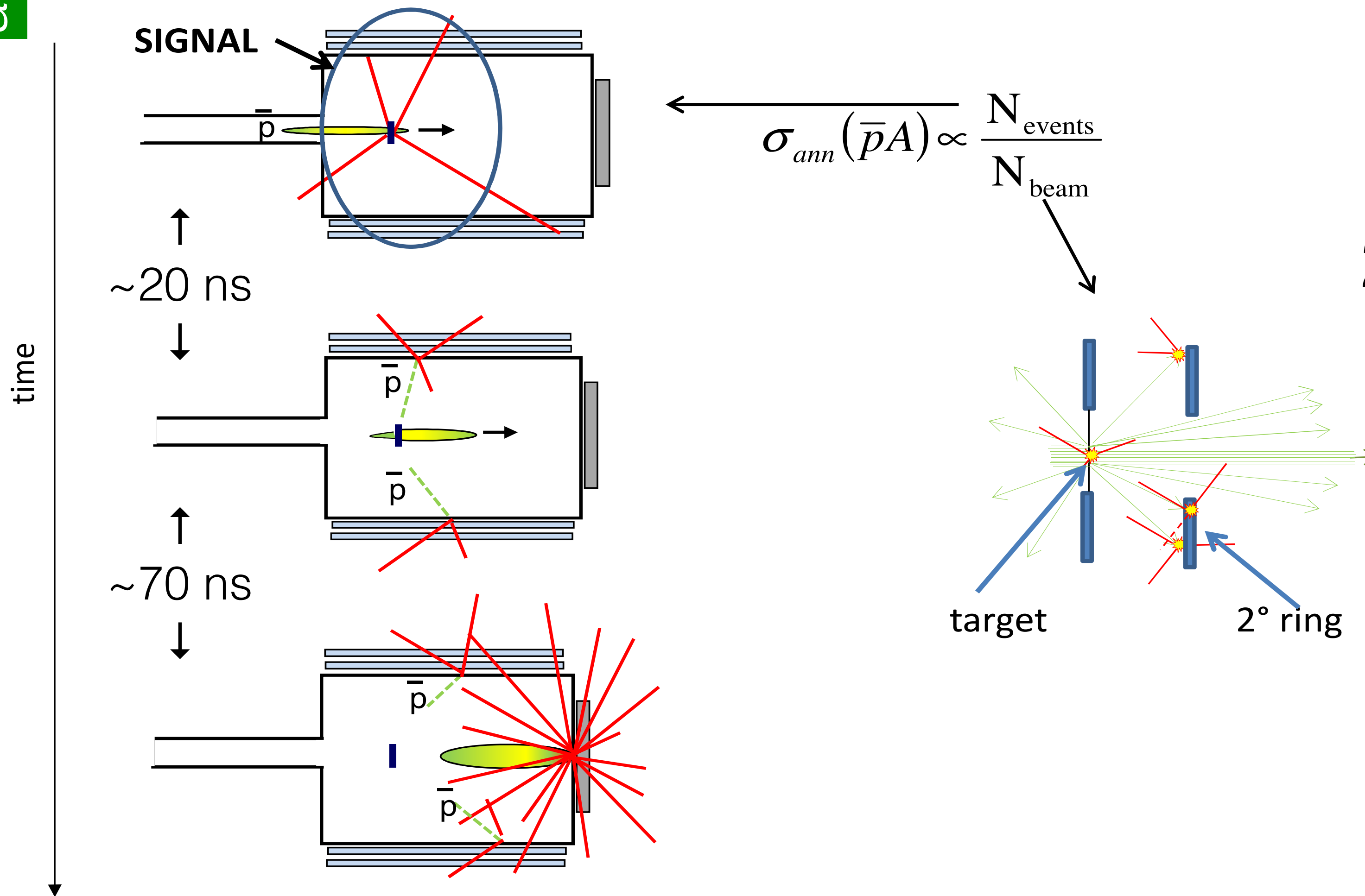


# Existing data



why  $\bar{n}$  behaving like  $\bar{p}$ ?  
puzzling behavior at  $\sim 5$  MeV

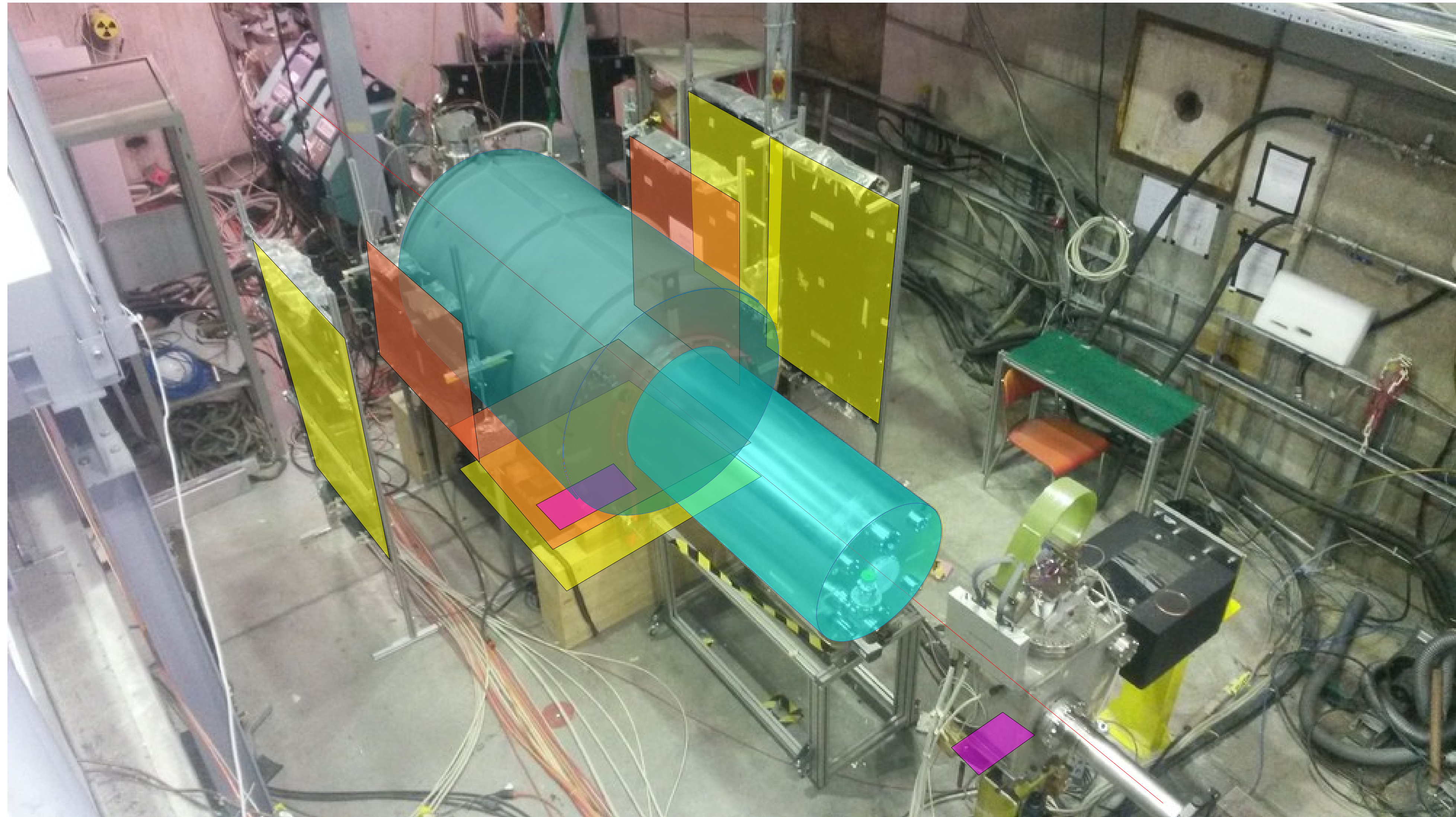
# $\bar{p}$ on C at 5.3 MeV, $\sigma$ precision <10%



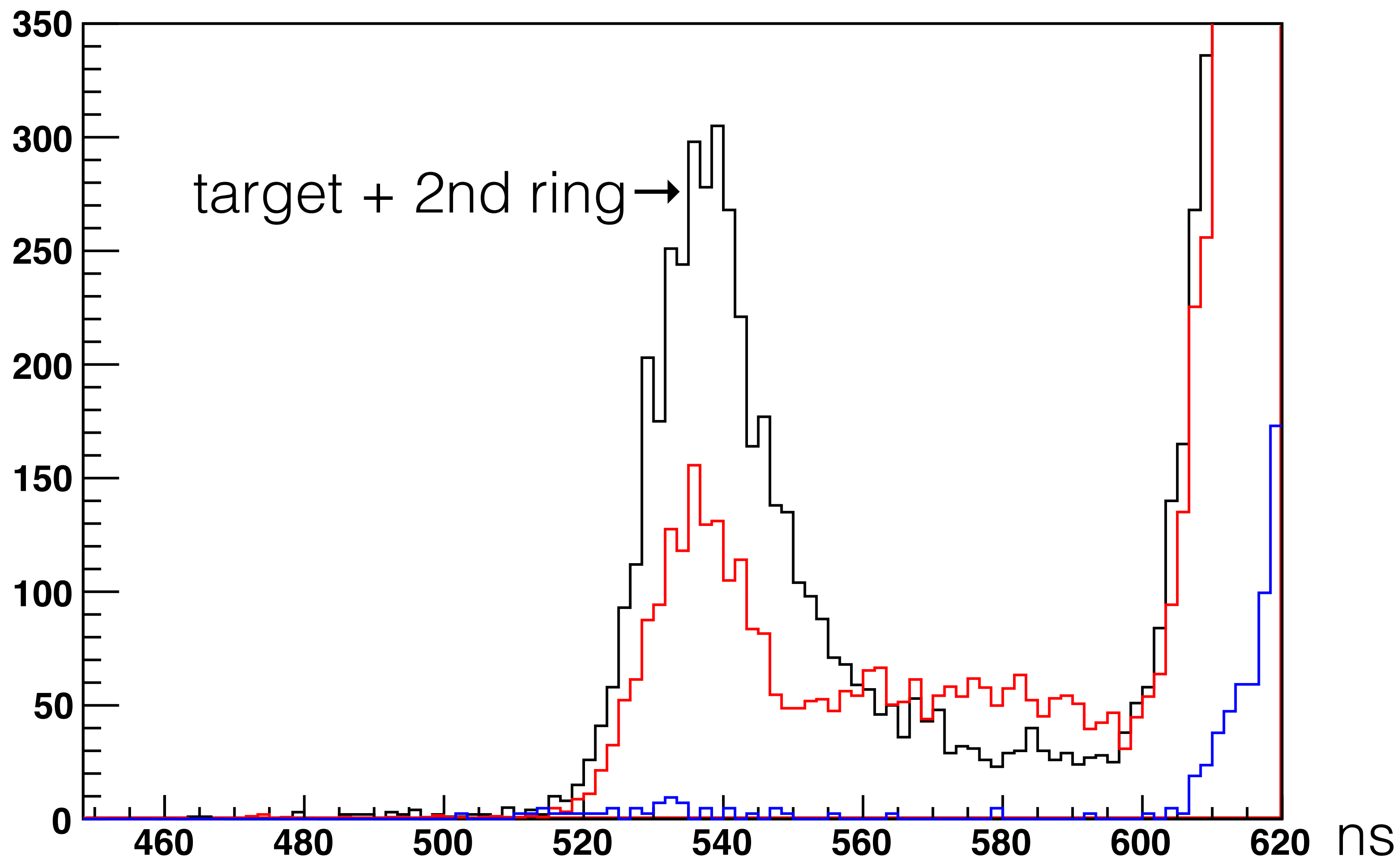
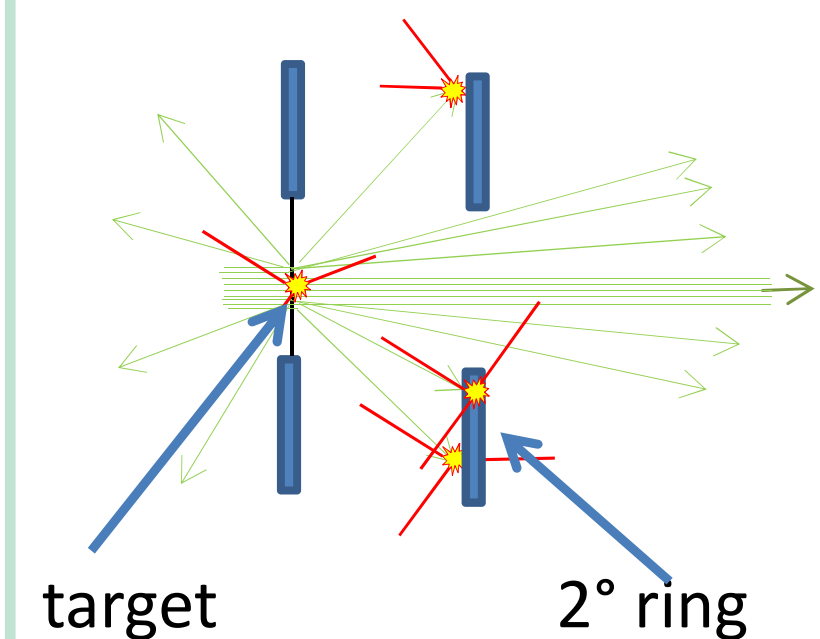
1. use timing to separate signal from background
2. use 2nd ring (Rutherford) to obtain absolute  $\sigma$



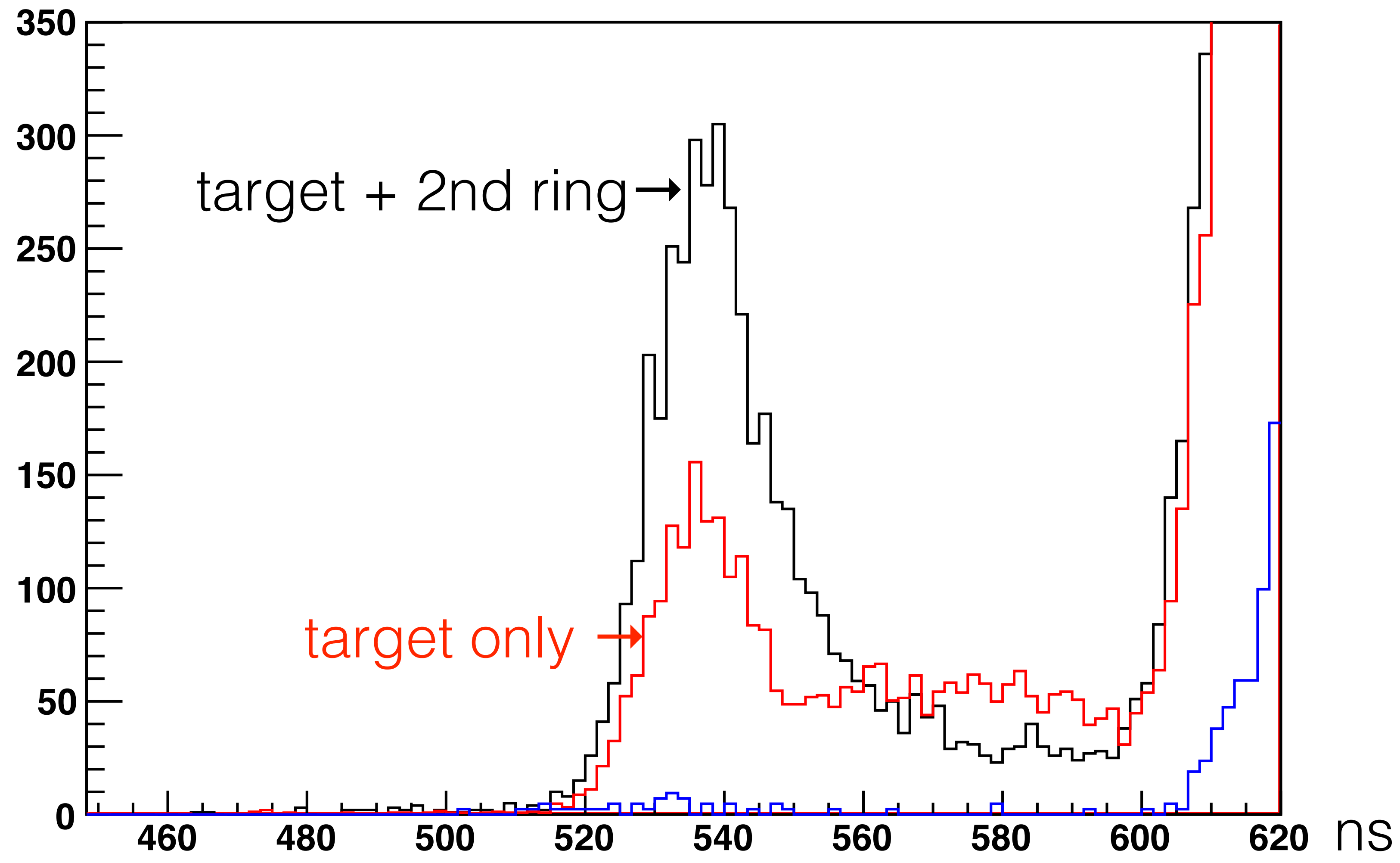
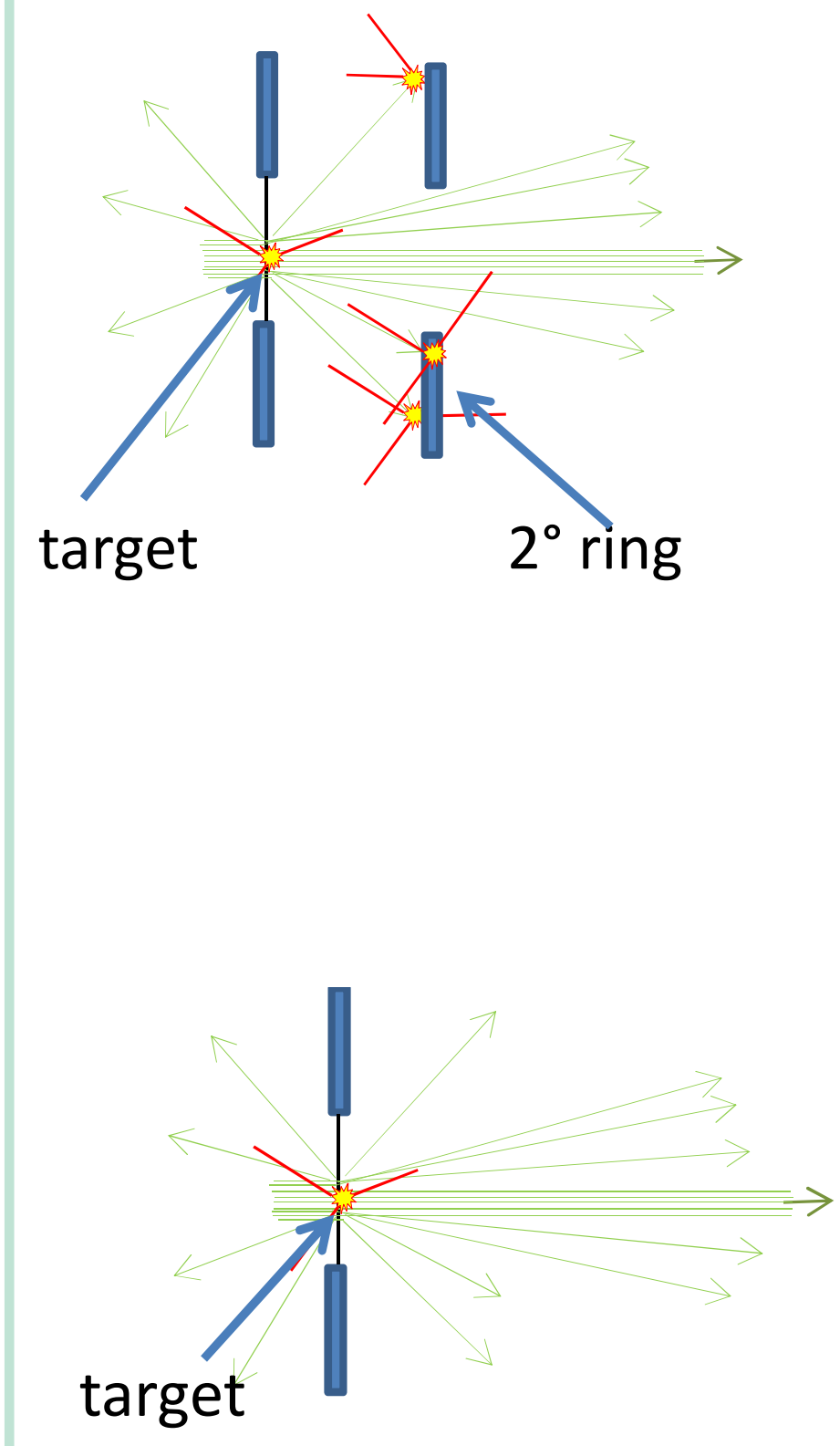
# $\sigma_{\text{ann}}$ setup 2015 (5.3 MeV beam)



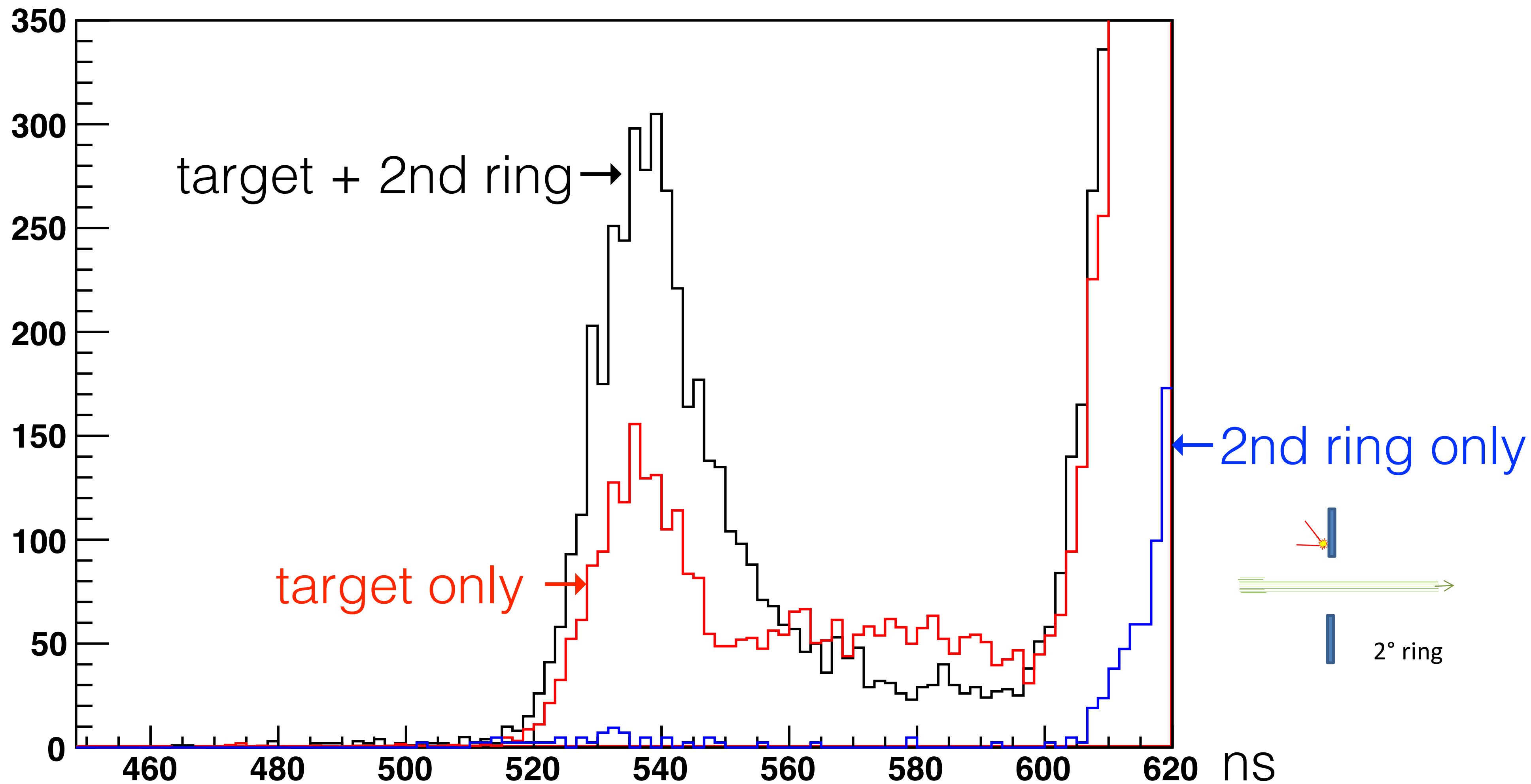
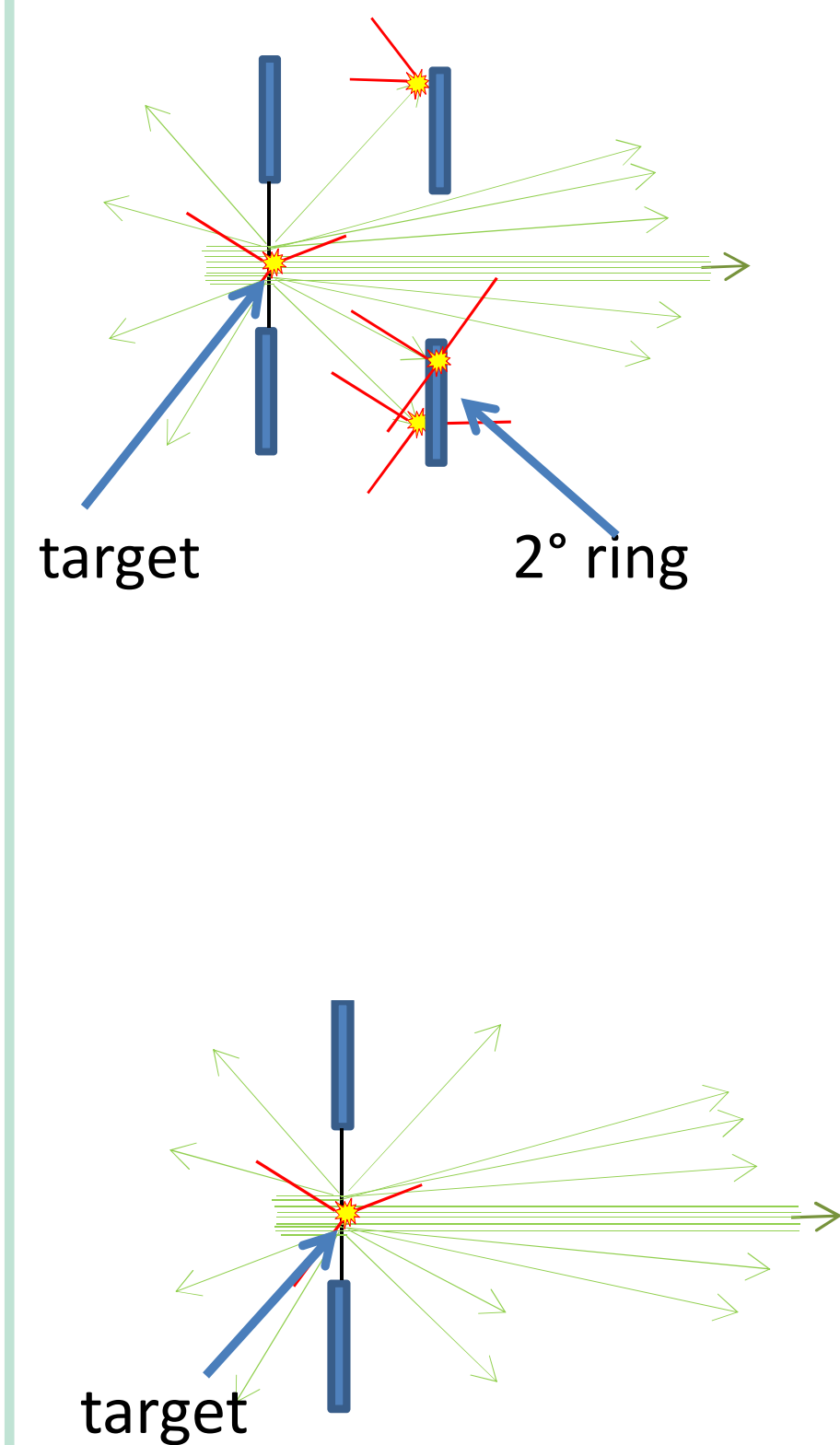
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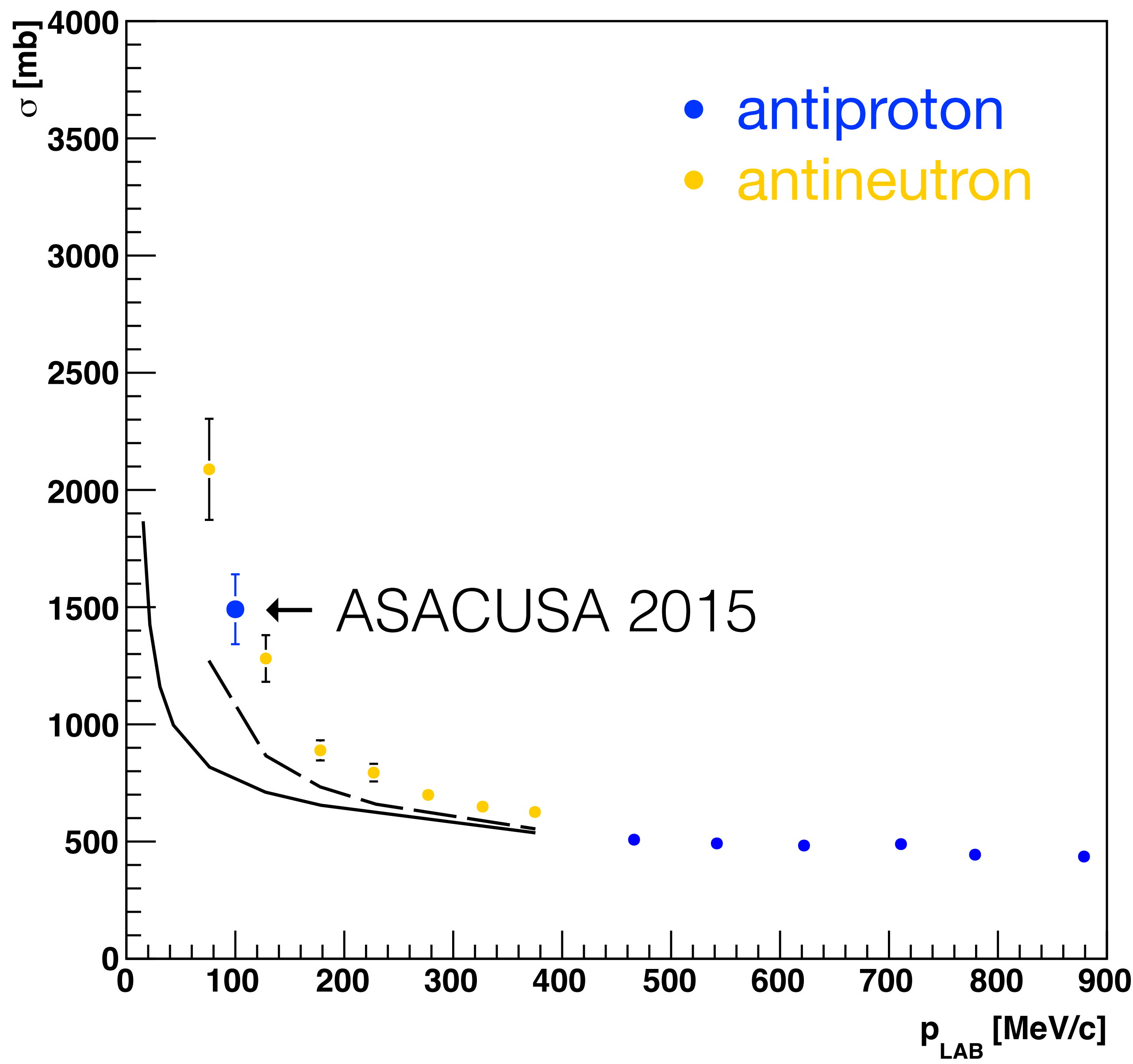


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Why  $pbar$  and  $nbar$   $\sigma_{ann}$  similar?  
 $pbar$   $\sigma_{ann}$  higher than theory?  
no clear explanations yet...

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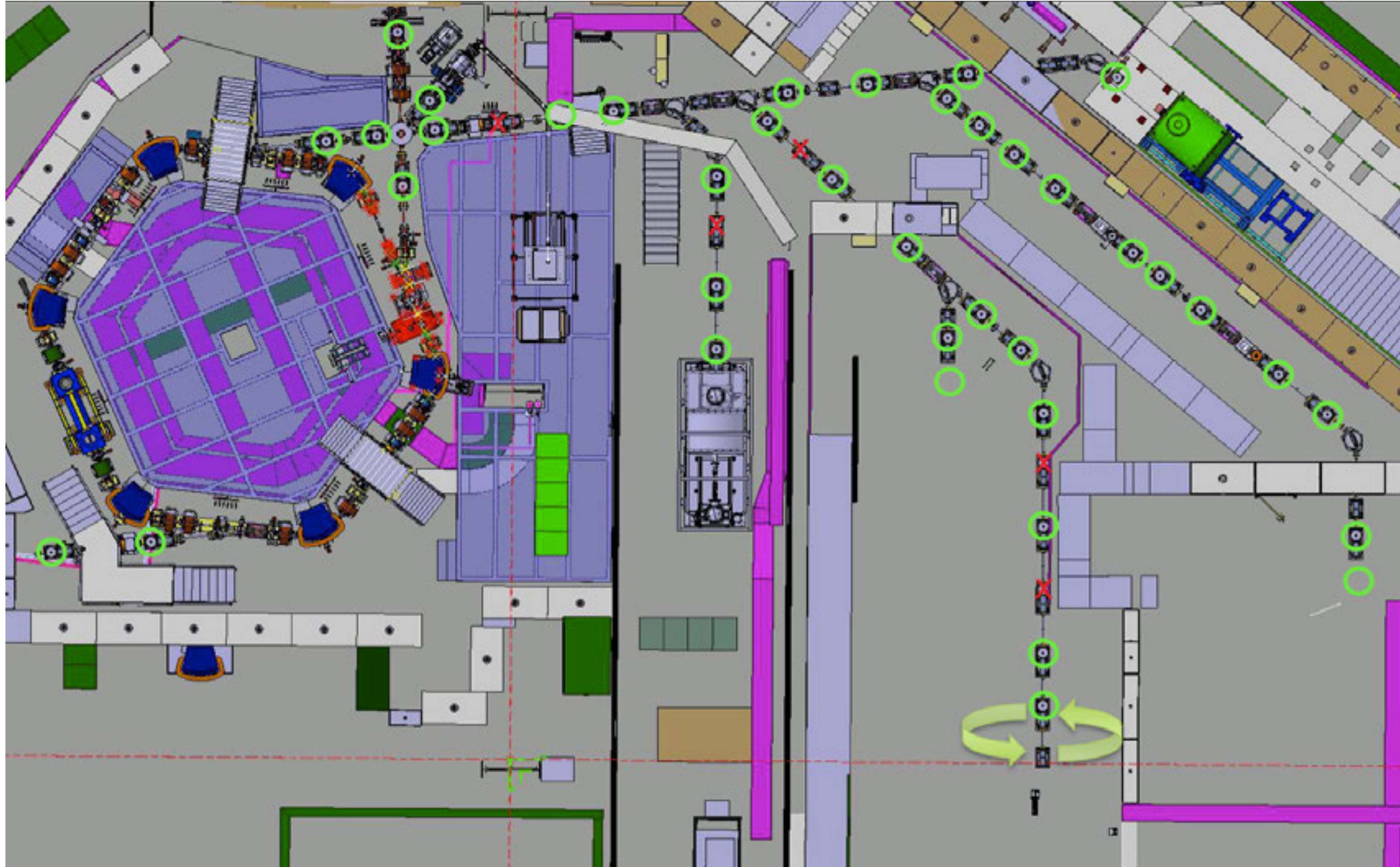
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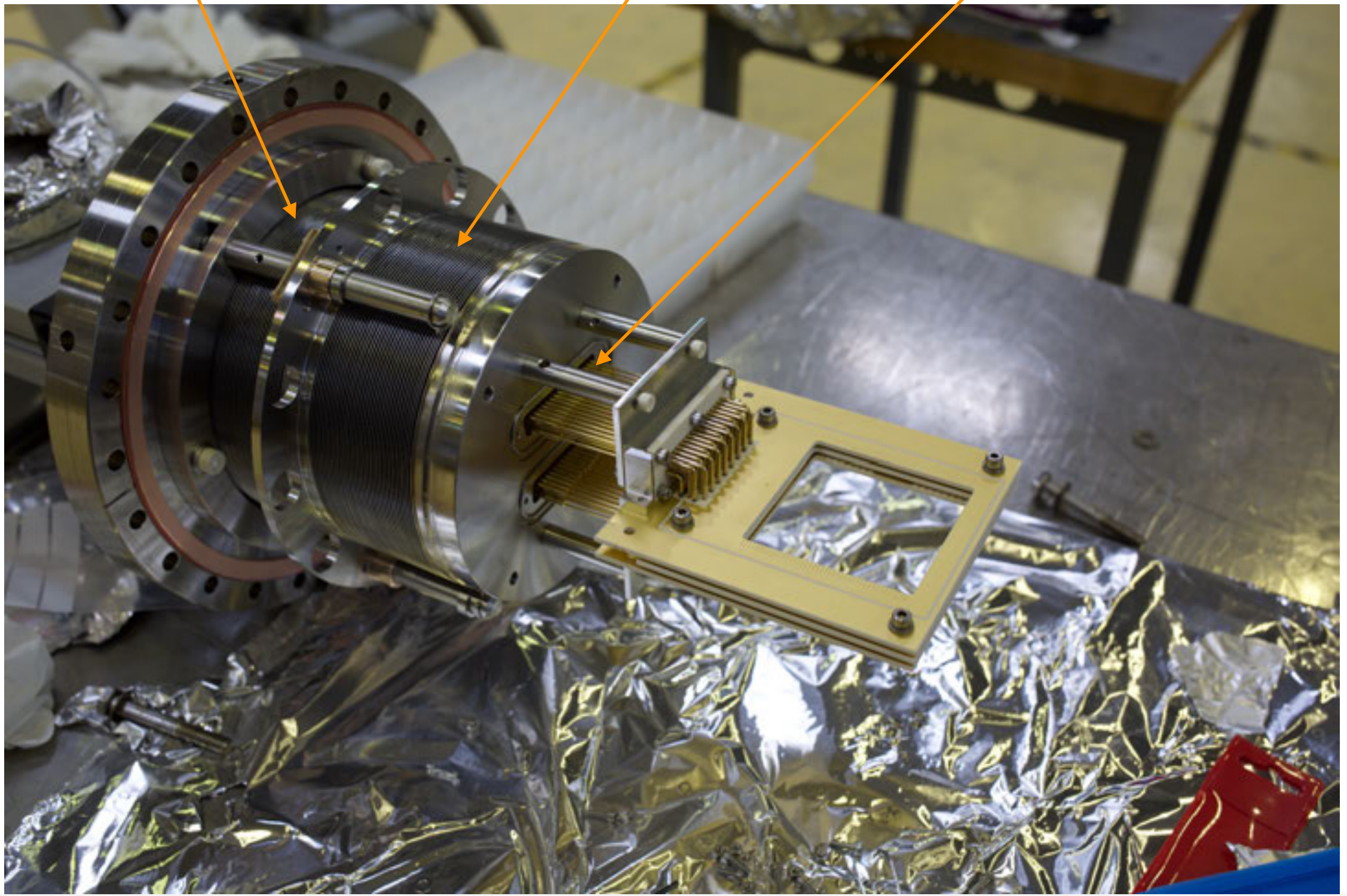


# **ASACUSA's contribution to ELENA**

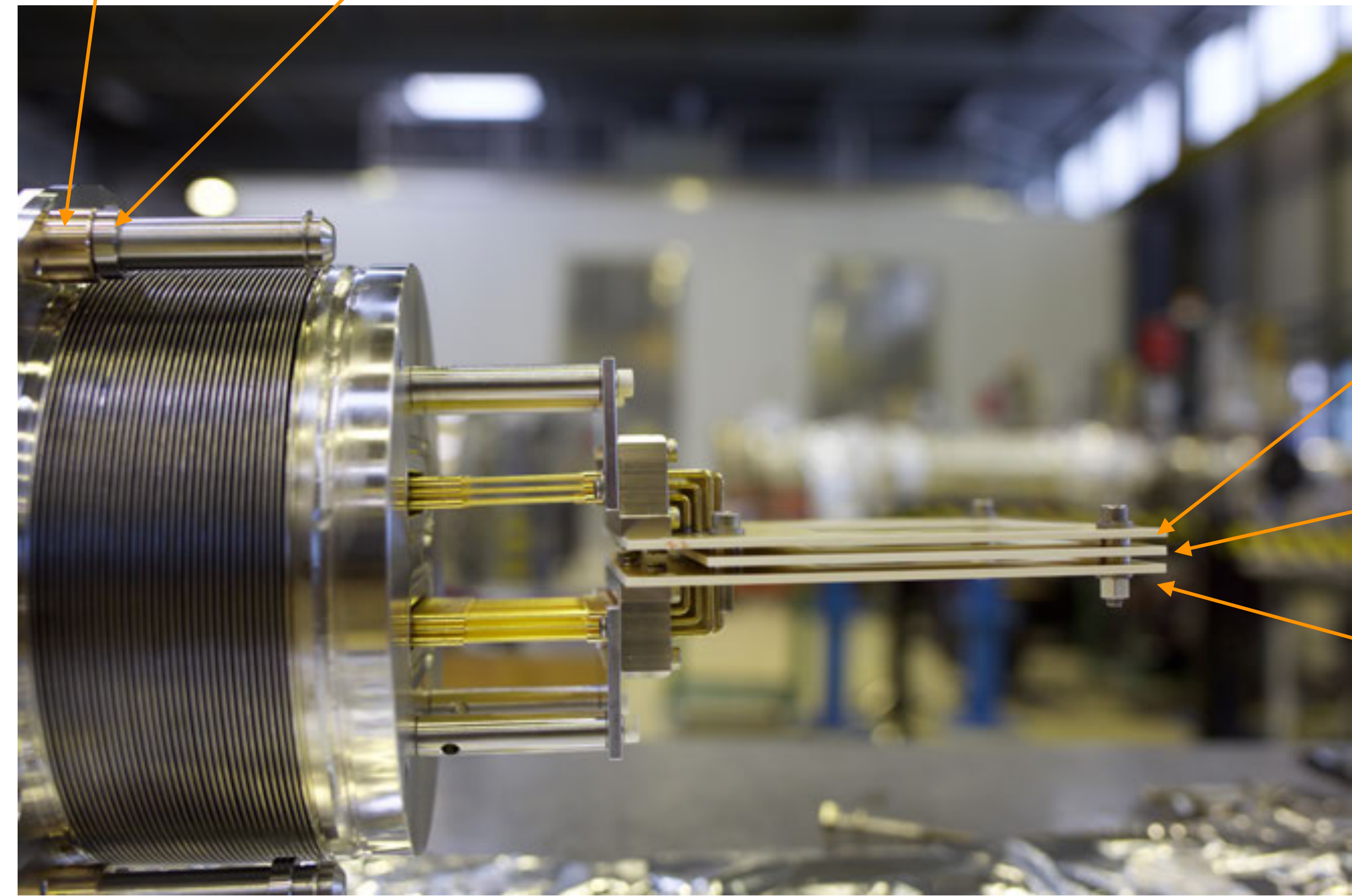
# Beam profile monitors for ELENA



Bellow 1st stage      Bellow 2nd stage      100-pin feedthrough



DuBe spacer      SUS316L spacer



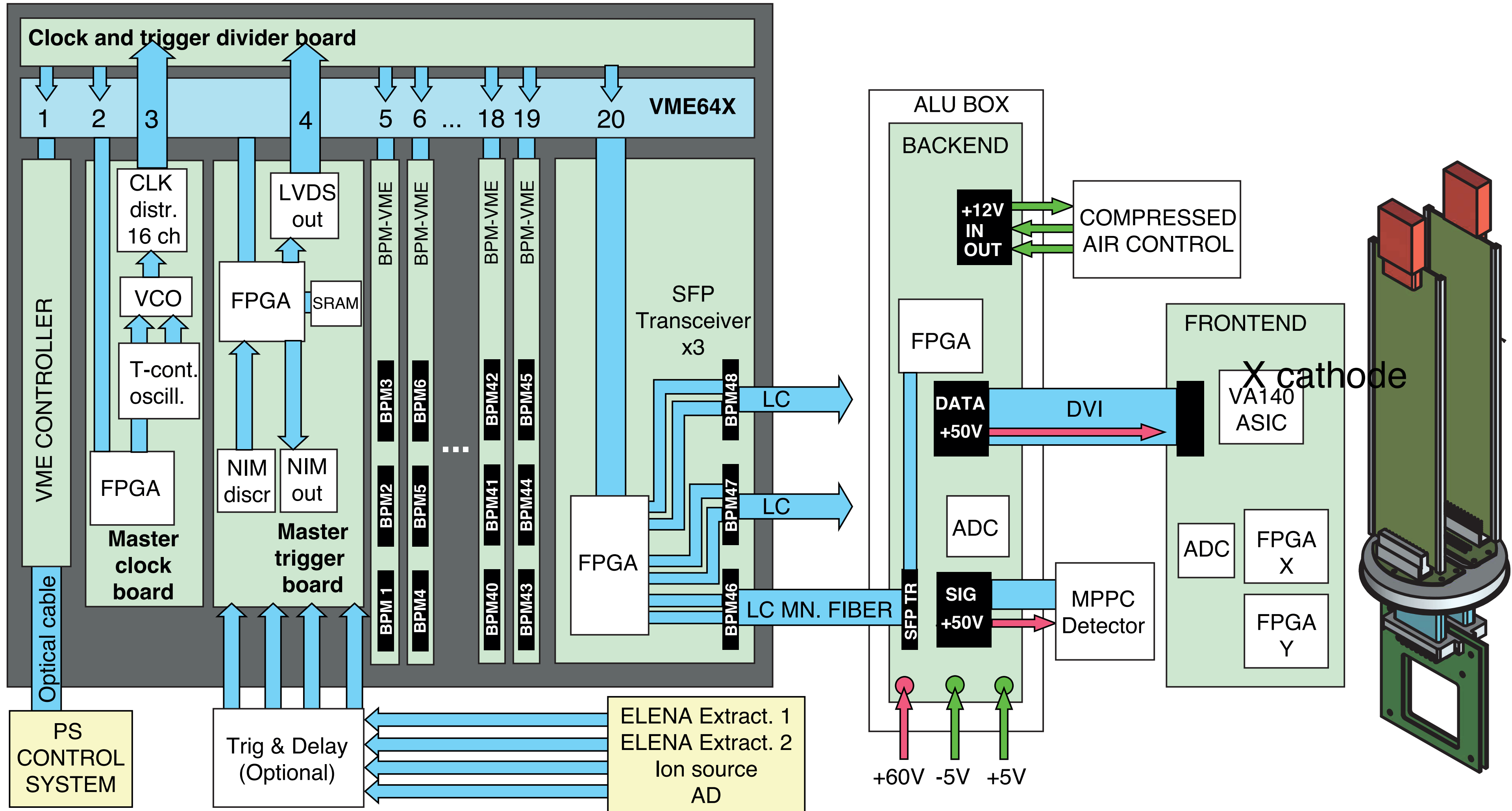
X cathode

Anode

Y cathode

Financed by Tokyo, developed by Hori @ MPQ





4 types of triggers, controls 45 monitors