

# Generation of Antimatter Antiprotons and Positrons



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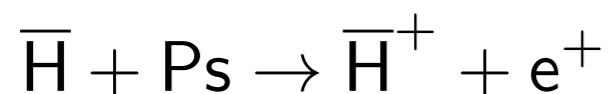
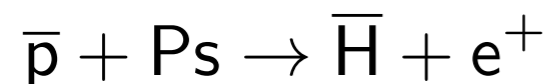
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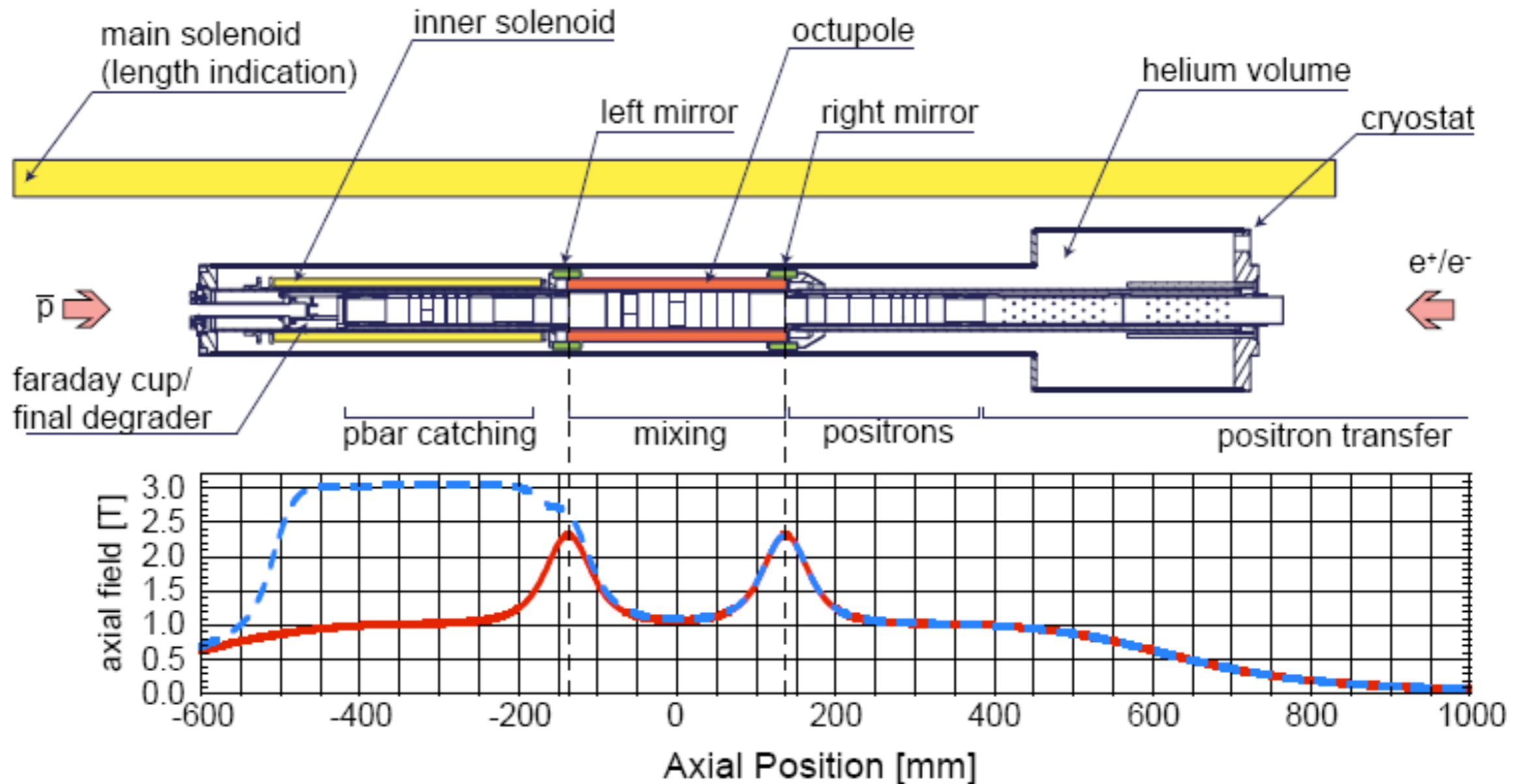
## HBAR+ formation processes using positronium



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# ALPHA: uses non-neutral plasmas



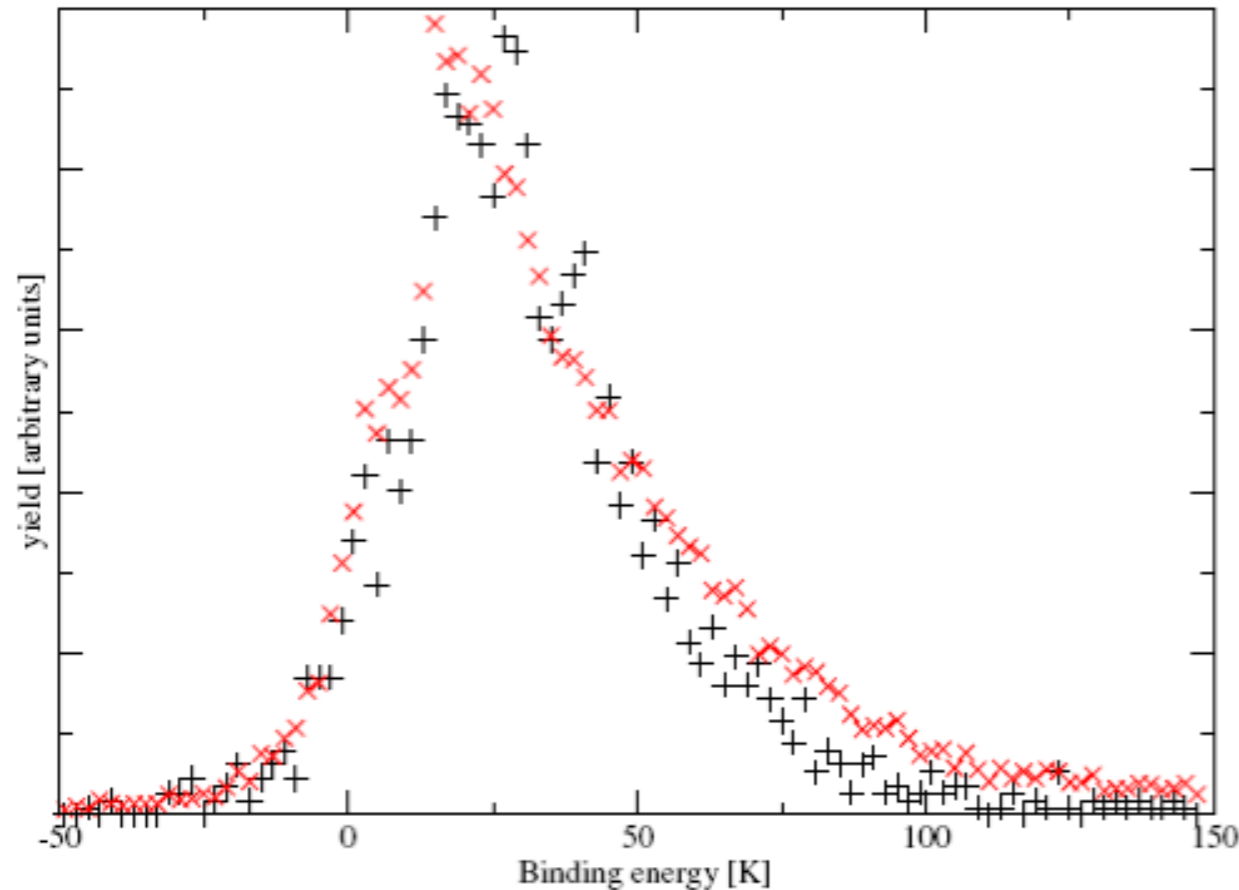
Debye length  $\ll$  particle cloud size

Antihydrogen formed by mixing positrons and antiprotons

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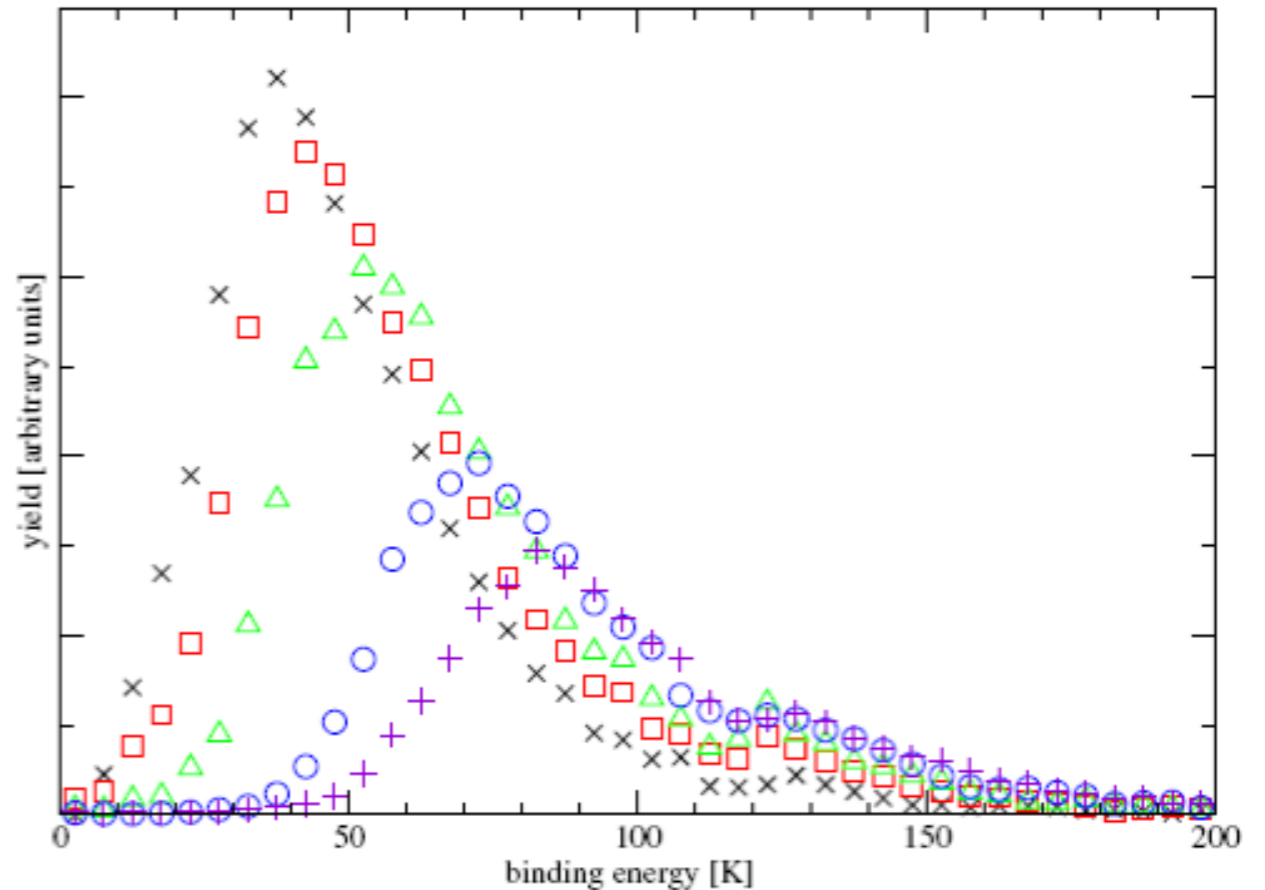
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Effects of plasma self field on antihydrogen binding energies



Antihydrogen binding energies as the atoms leave the positron plasma

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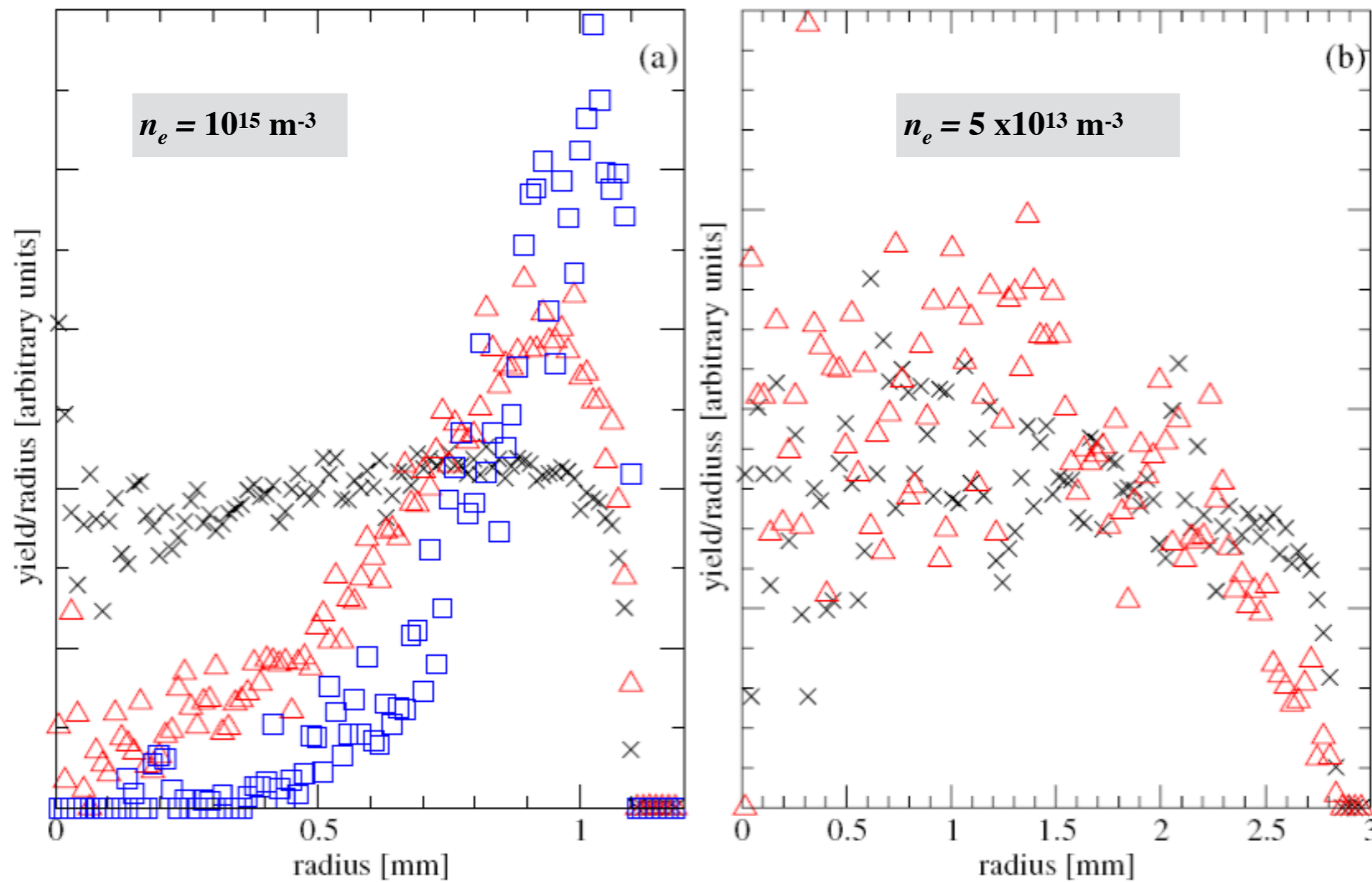
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Radial distribution of antihydrogen formation positions at different time intervals

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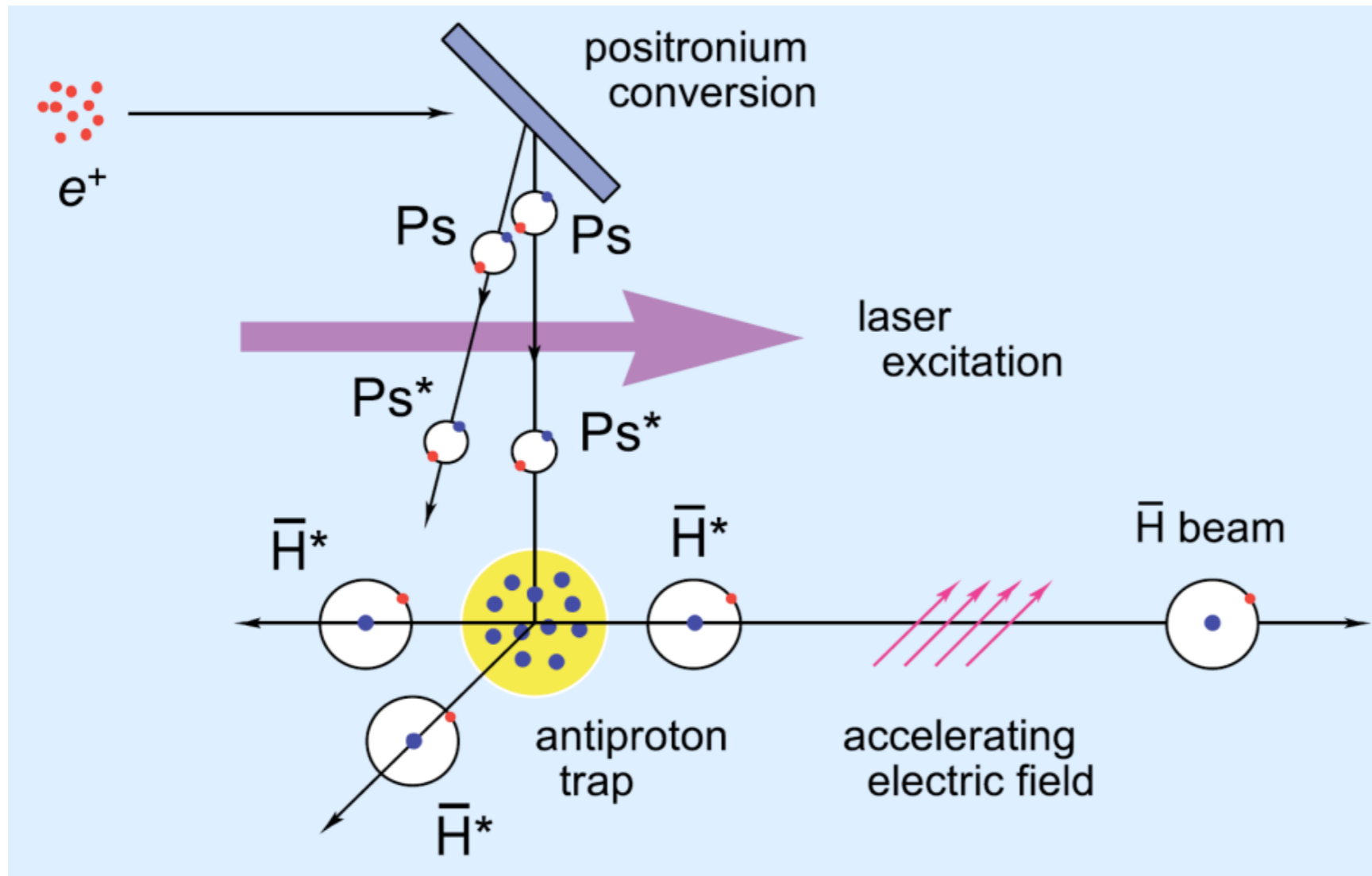
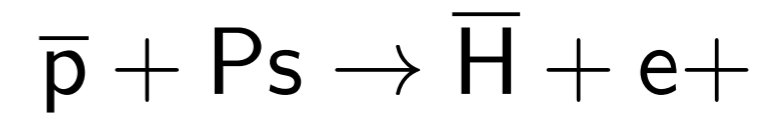
short (x), medium ( $\Delta$ )  
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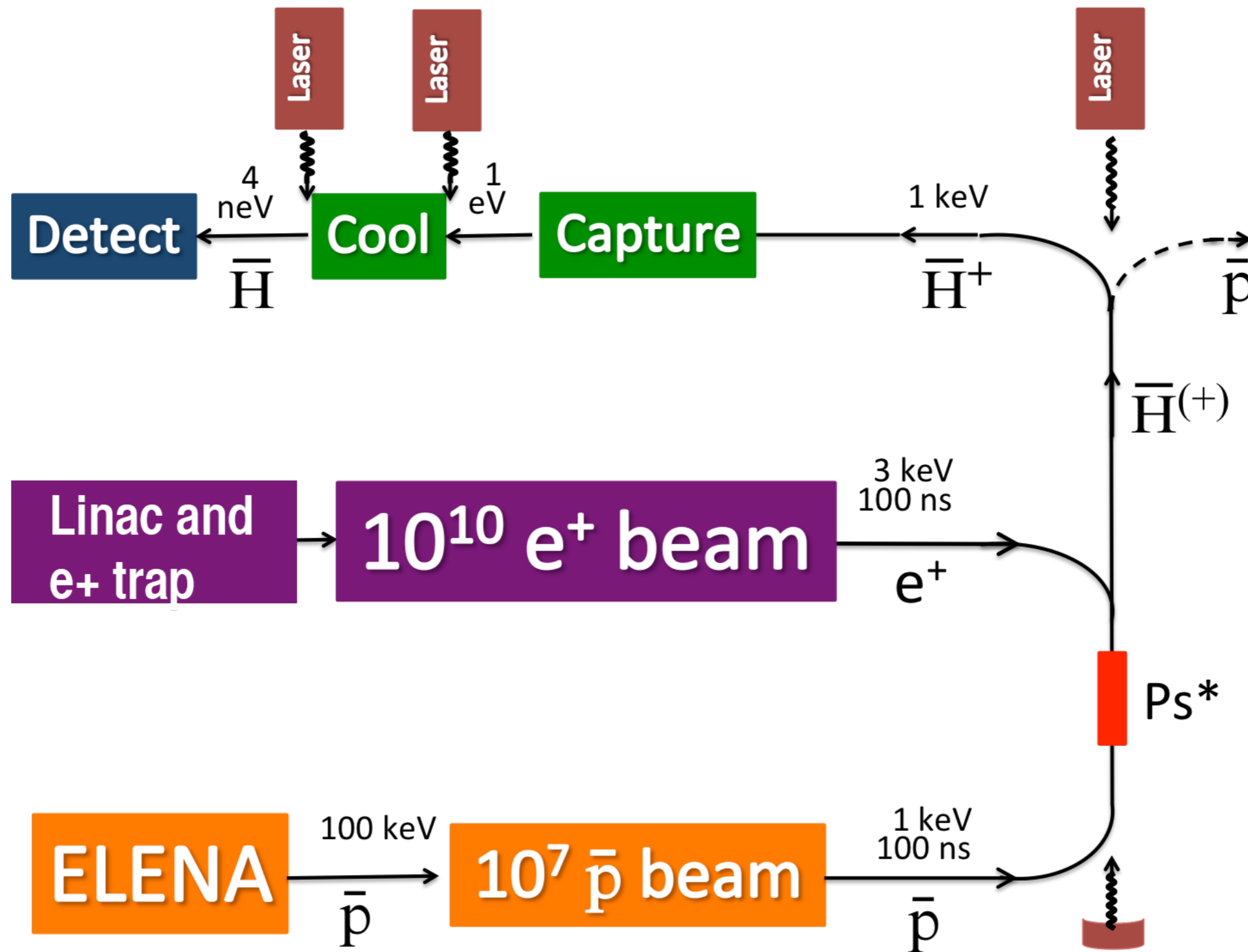
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Rydberg Ps can offer dramatic increases in reaction rates – leads to Rydberg antihydrogen



**AEGIS Schematic**

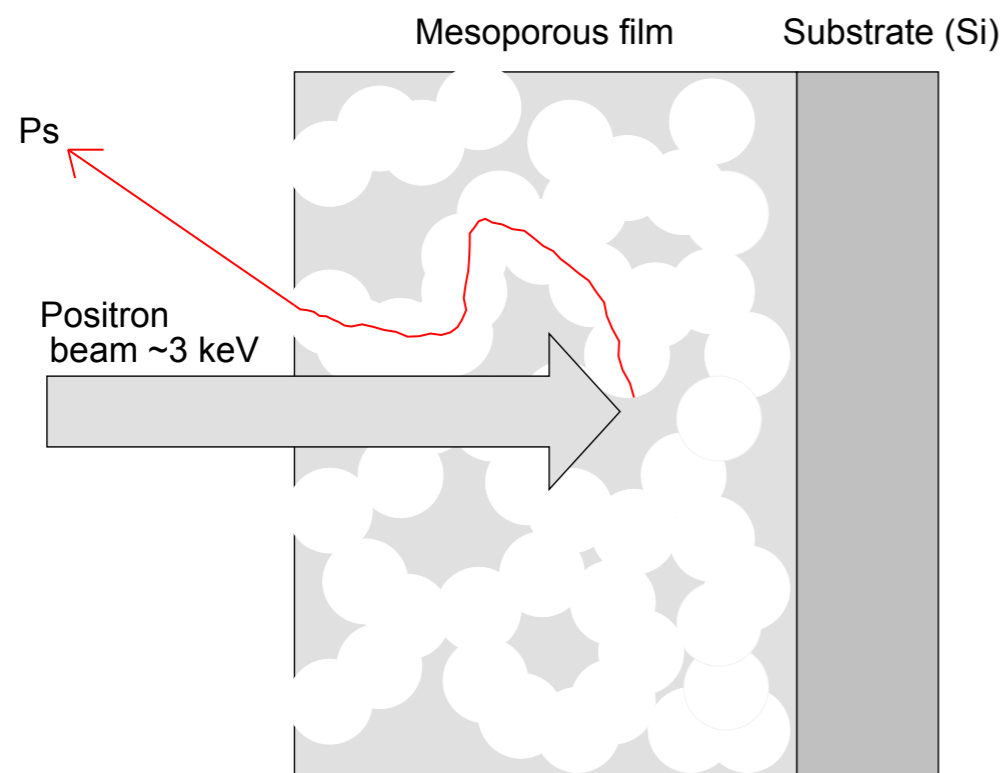
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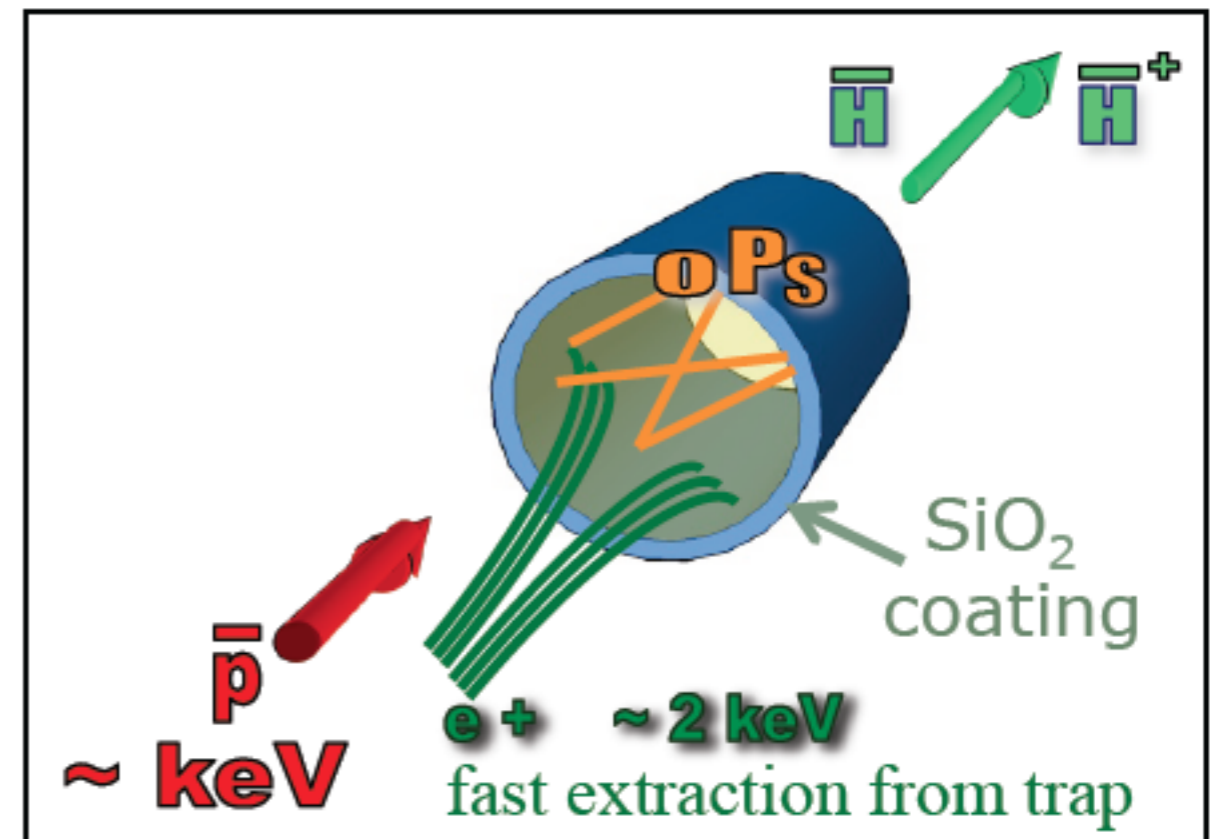
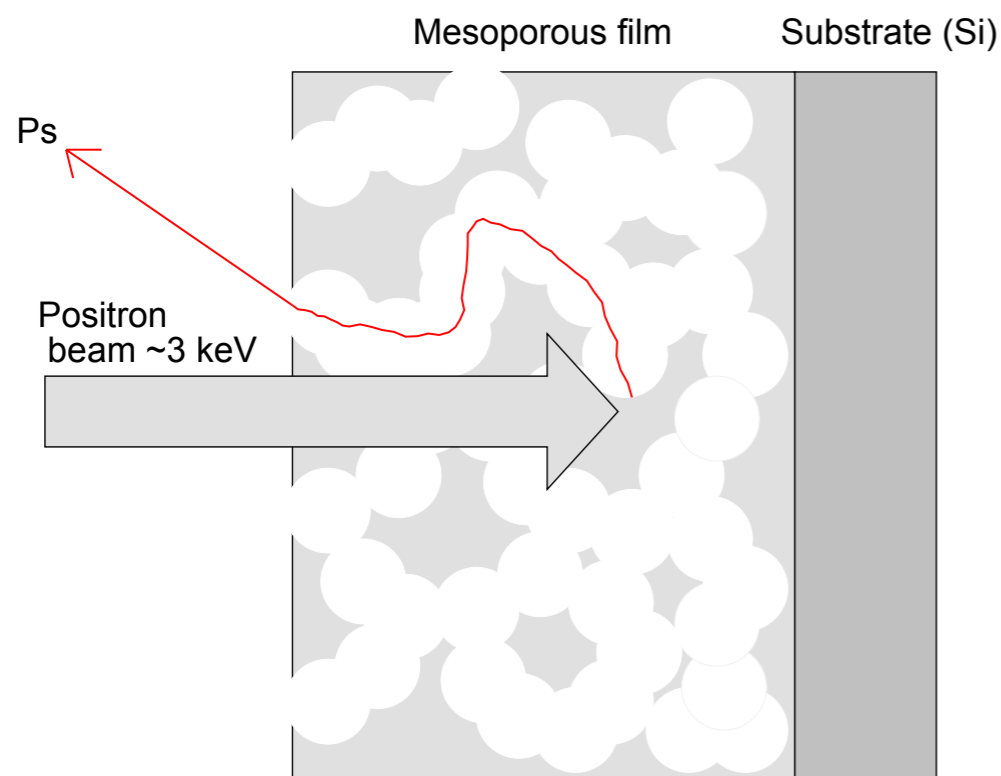
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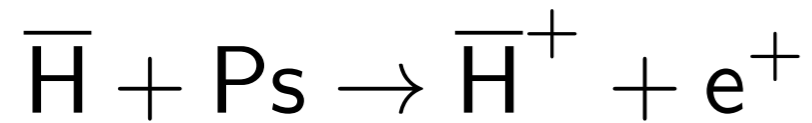
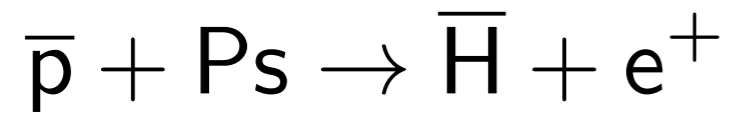


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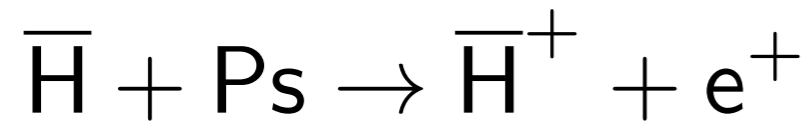
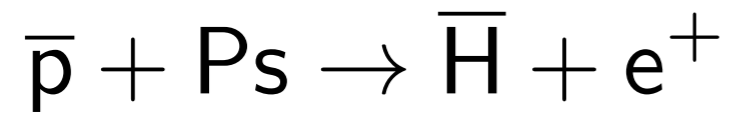
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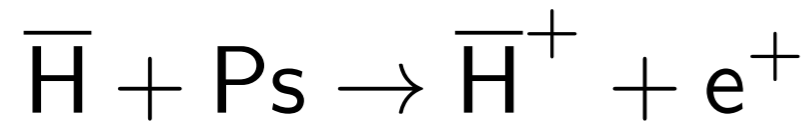
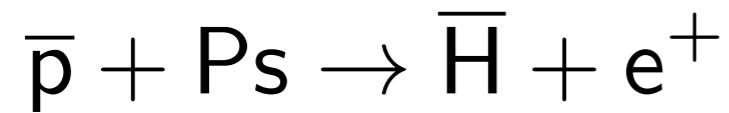
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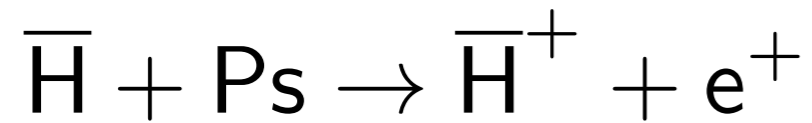
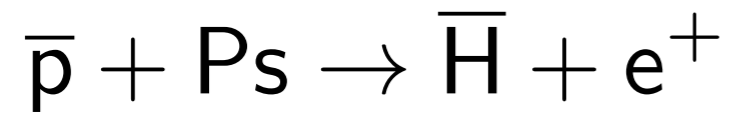
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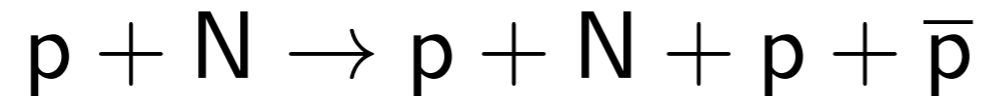


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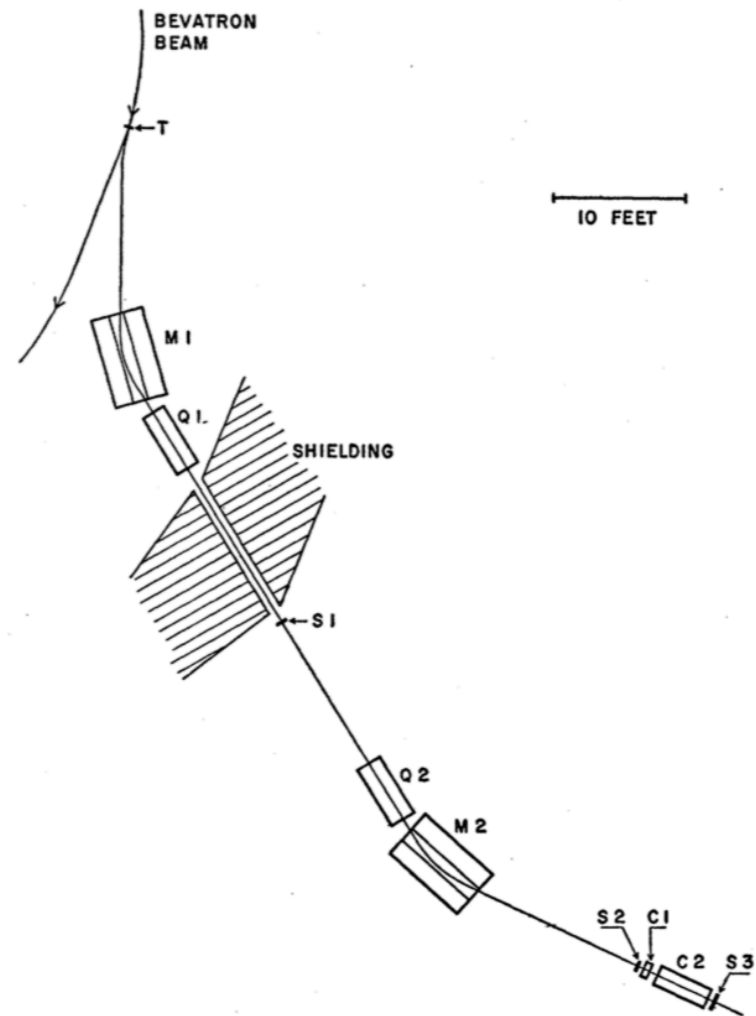
Antiprotons are produced using pair production i.e.:



Where N is a nucleon, and the threshold energy of the incoming proton is about 6 GeV.

At CERN, N is an Iridium nucleon

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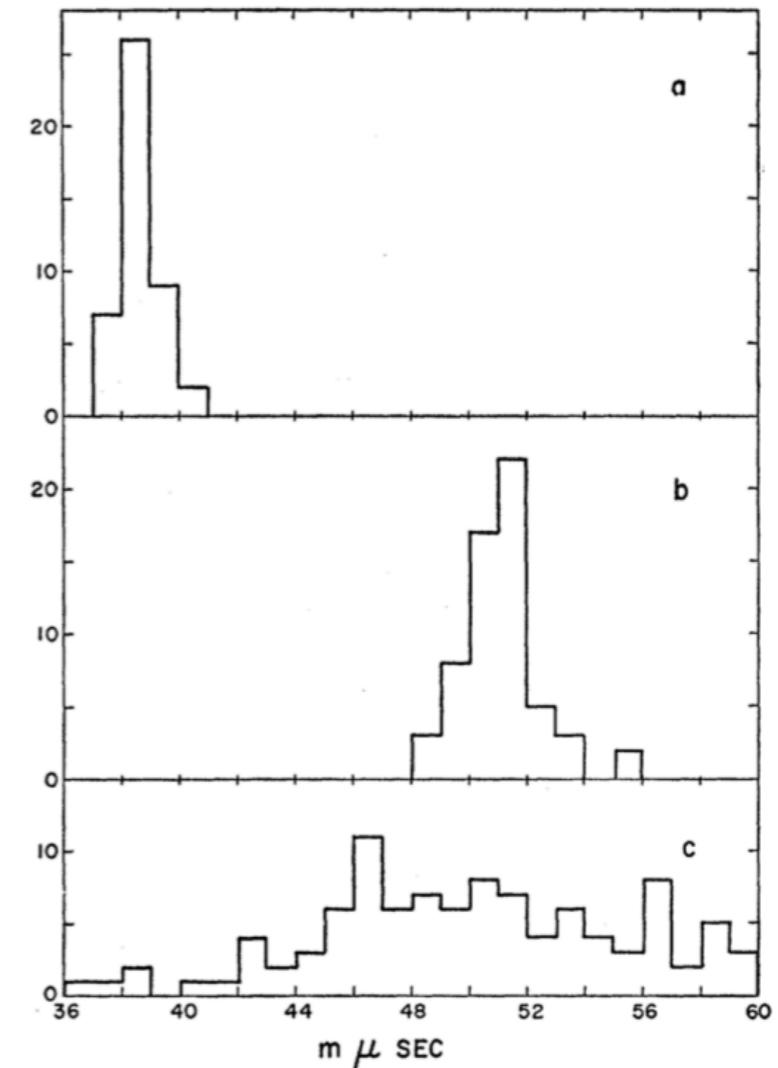
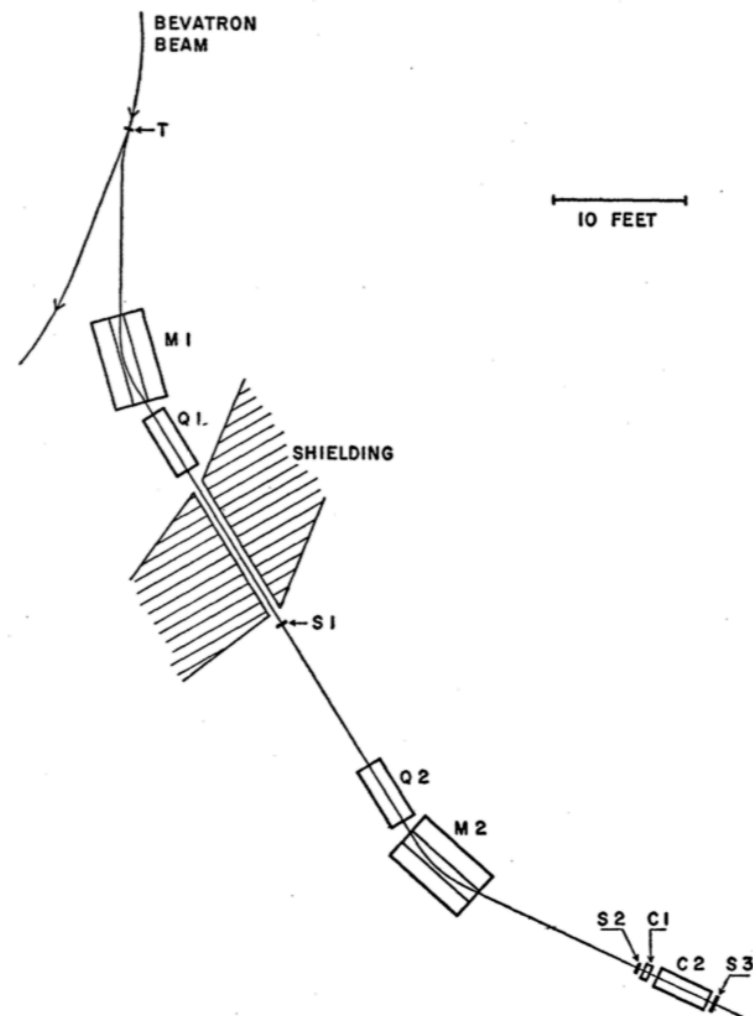


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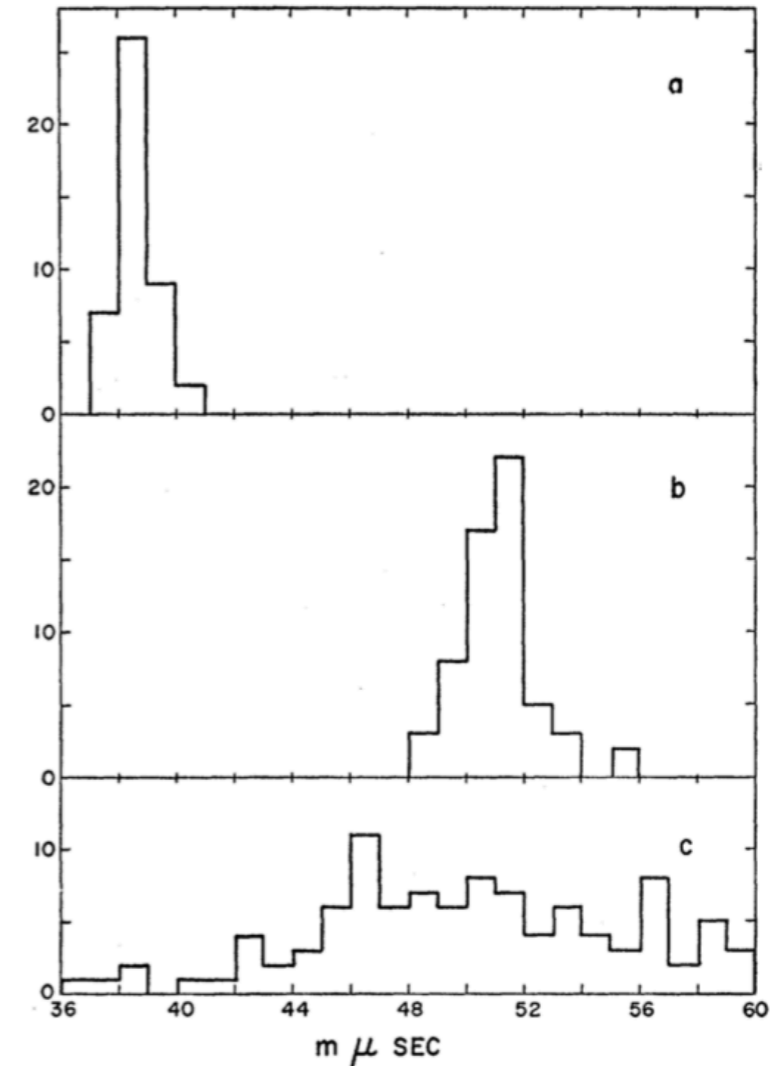
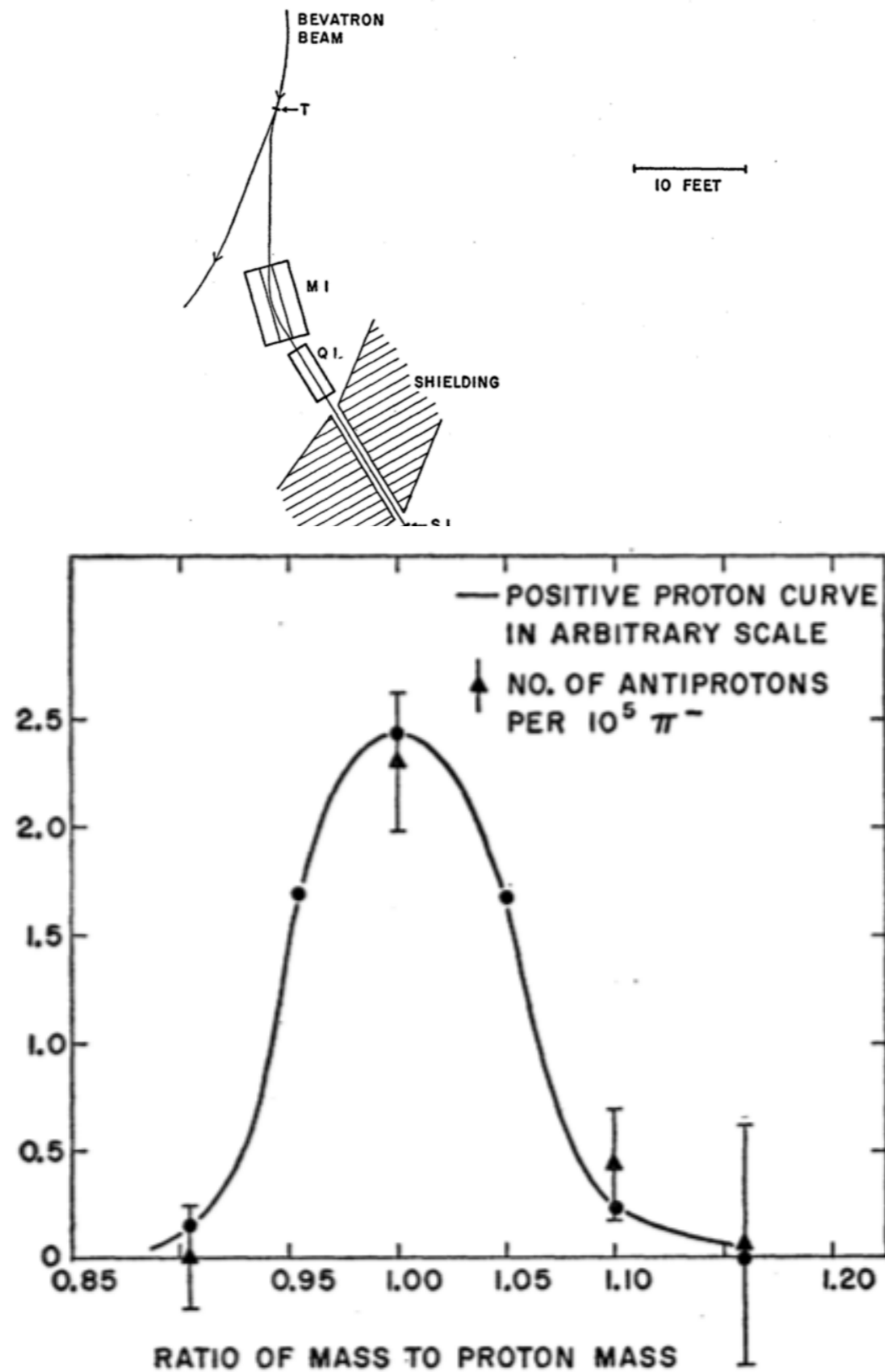


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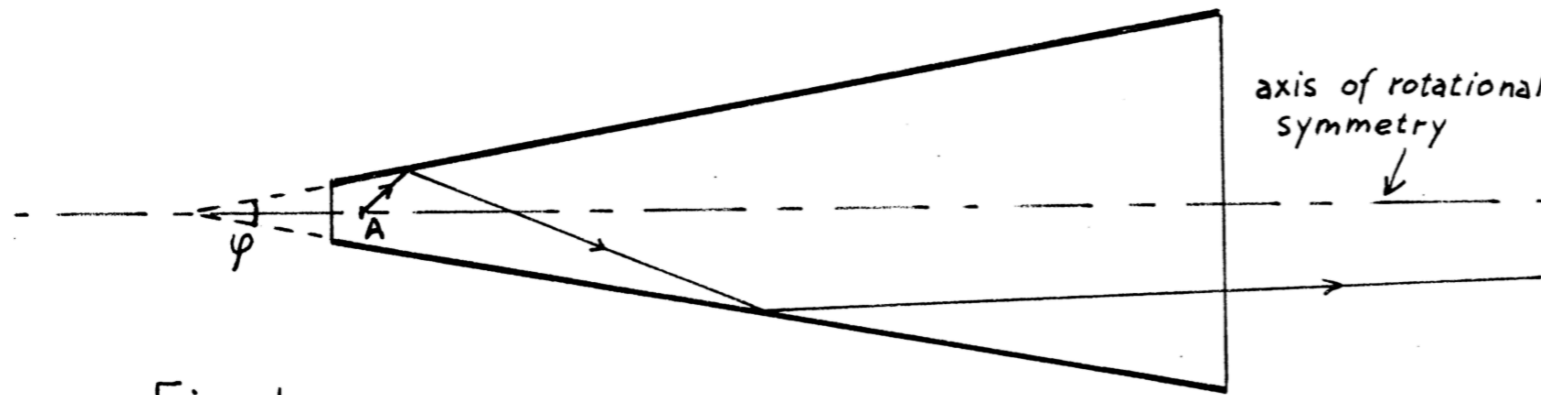


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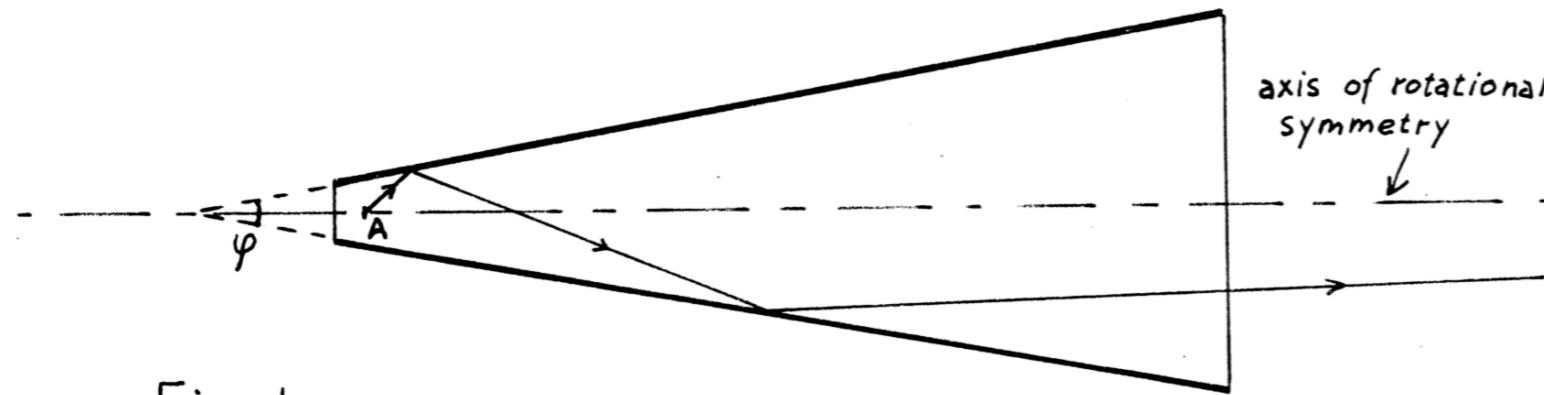


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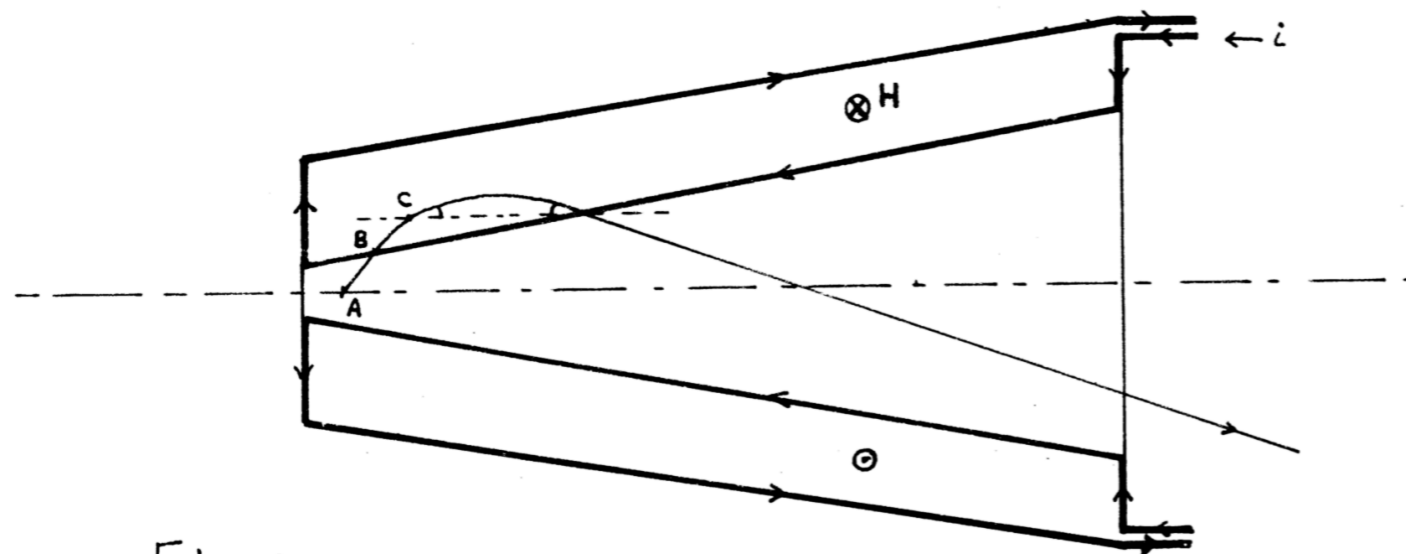
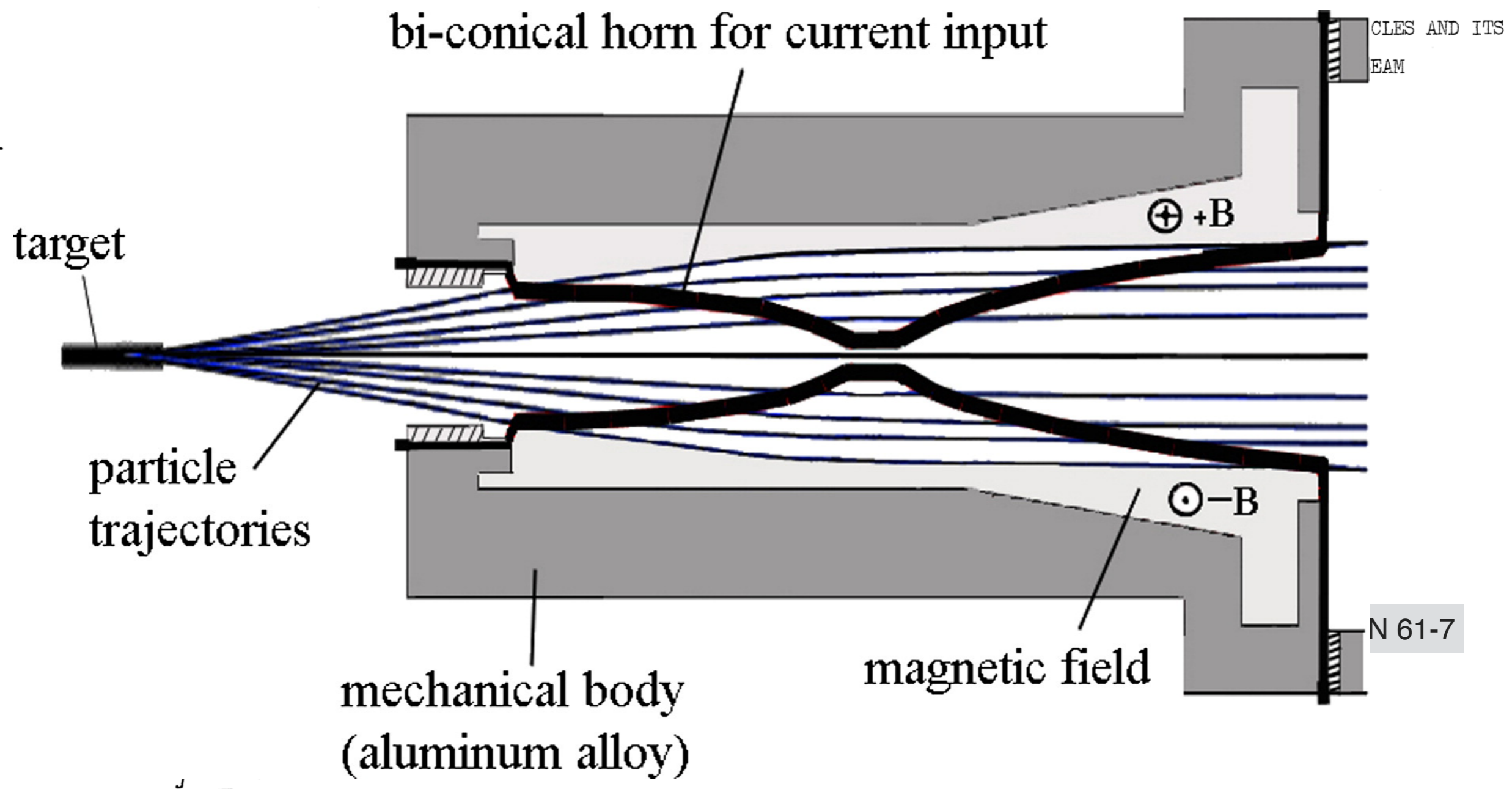


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# AD source + horn

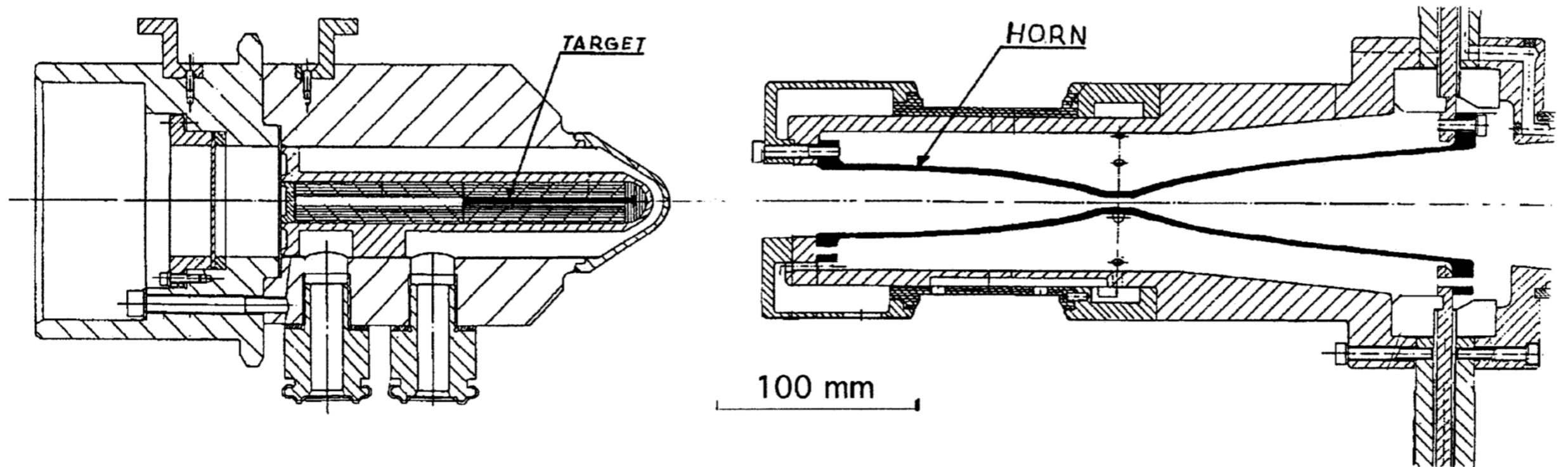
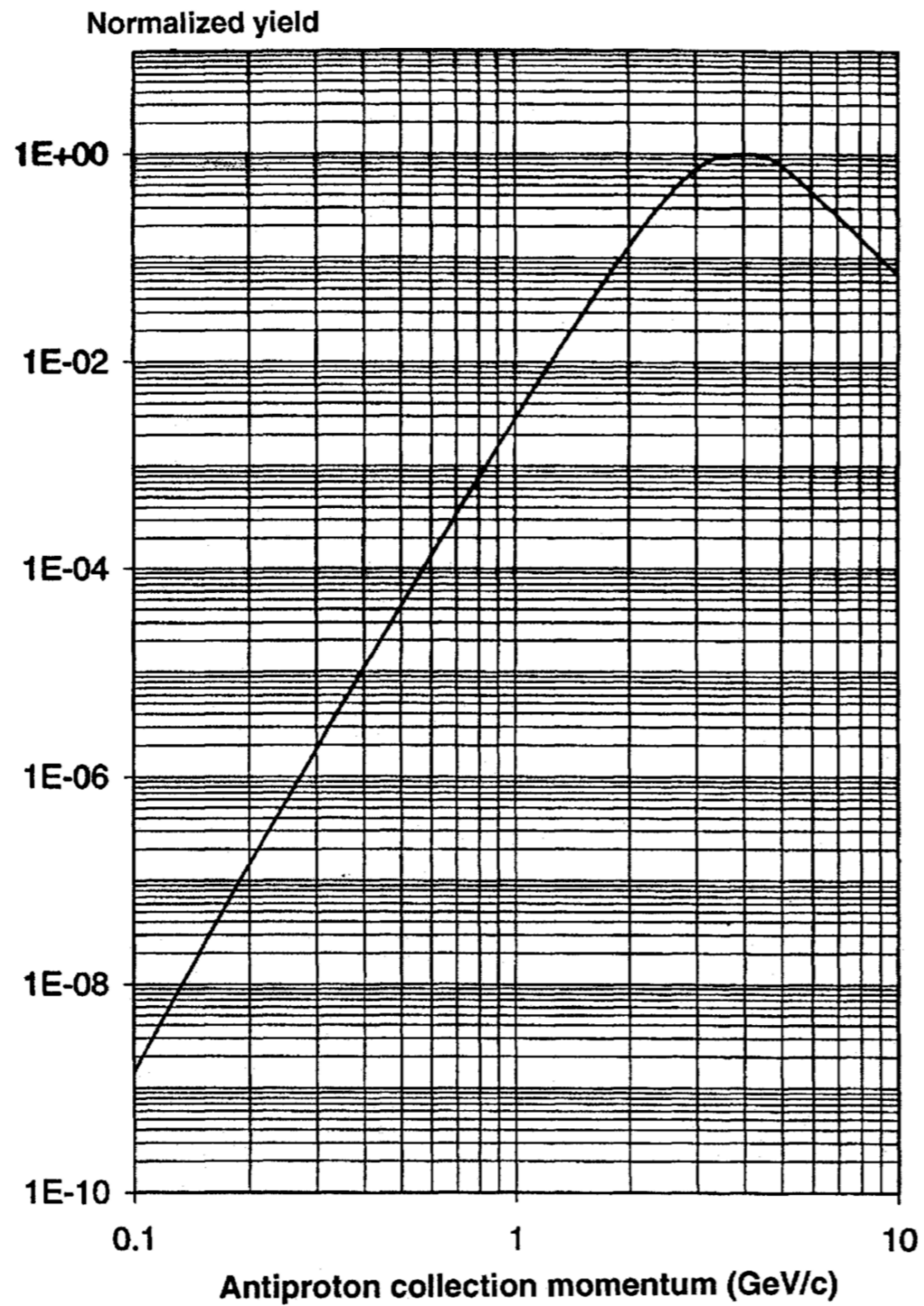


Fig. 1. Target and magnetic horn assembly. The target is a 55 mm long 3 mm diameter iridium rod embedded in graphite. A pulse current of 400 kA is fed into the horn-shaped electrode at the downstream end and creates an azimuthal magnetic field in the region between the horn and the wall of the container.

# Yield for 26 GeV protons



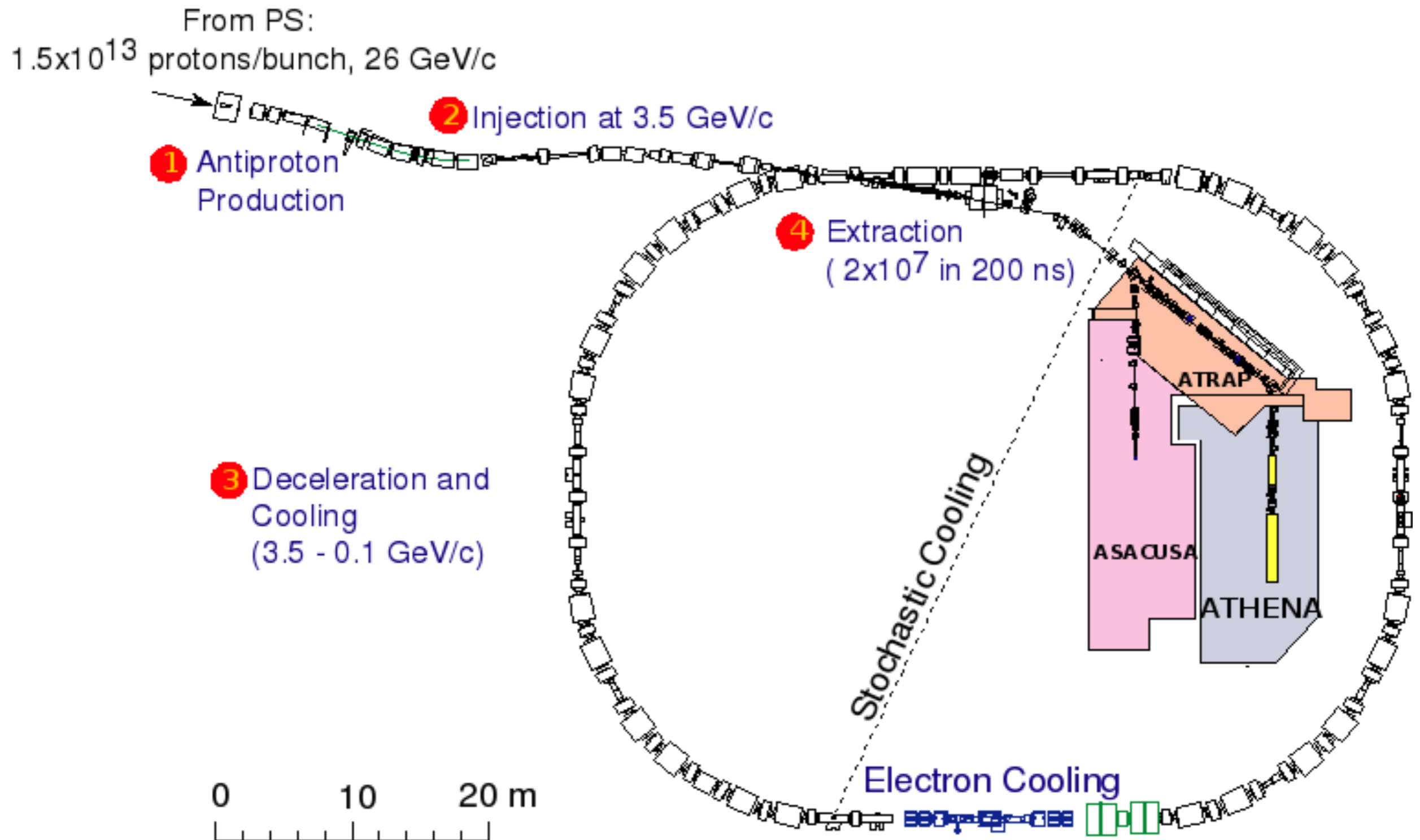


# Fermilab vs CERN

Comparison of antiproton sources. In contrast to [9] we take in the Fermilab case a higher intensity production beam thus partly anticipating the upgrade program [9]. For the CERN case we use the measured yield with a magnetic horn.

Machine	CERN AC	Fermilab Debuncher
Production beam momentum (GeV/c)	26	120
Collection momentum (GeV/c)	3.5	9
Production cross-section [(sr×GeV/c) <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.013	0.25
Acceptances $A_h$ ( $\pi$ mm mrad)	200	25
$A_v$ ( $\pi$ mm mrad)	200	25
$\Delta p/p$ ( $10^{-3}$ )	60	40
$\sqrt{A_h \times A_v} \times \Delta p/p$ ( $\pi$ mm mrad)	$12 \times 10^3$	$1 \times 10^3$
Yield ( $\bar{p}/p$ )	$3.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$14 \times 10^{-6}$
Protons per pulse	$1.5 \times 10^{13}$	$0.5 \times 10^{13}$
Antiprotons per pulse	$5 \times 10^7$	$7 \times 10^7$

# AD ring



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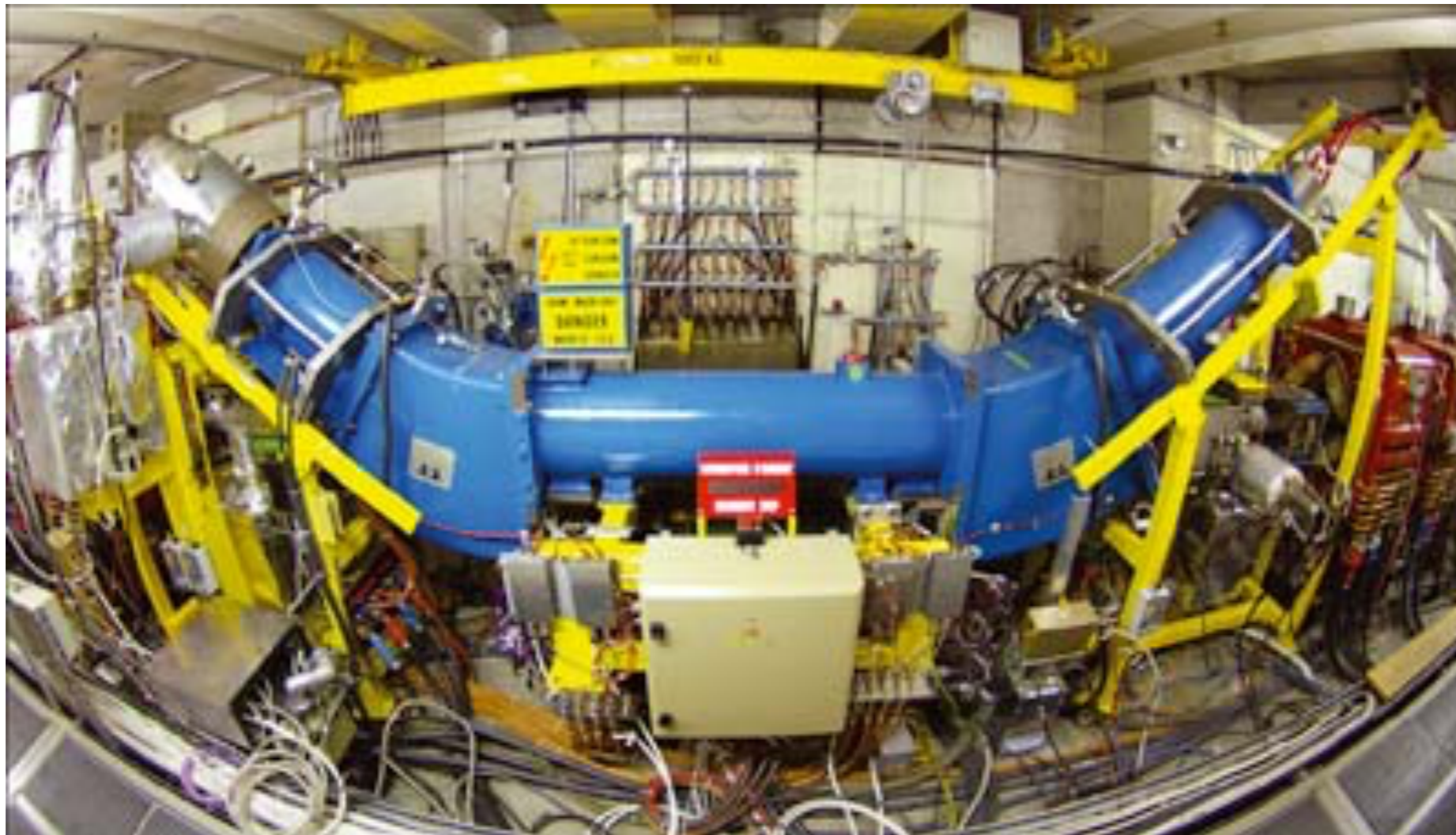
As is well known, Liouville's theorem predicts that betatron oscillations cannot be damped by the use of electromagnetic fields deflecting the particles. However, this theorem is based on statistics and is only strictly valid either for an infinite number of particles, or for a finite number if no information is available about the position in phase plane of the individual particles. Clearly, if each particle could be separately observed and a correction applied to its orbit, the oscillations could be suppressed. It is also well known to be possible to damp coherent betatron oscillations (where the beam behaves like a single particle) by means of pickup-deflector feedback systems. In the same way, the statistical fluctuations of the average beam position, caused by the finite number of particles, can be detected with pickup electrodes and a corresponding correction applied. In other words, the small fraction of the oscillations that happens to be coherent at any time due to the statistical fluctuations, can be damped.

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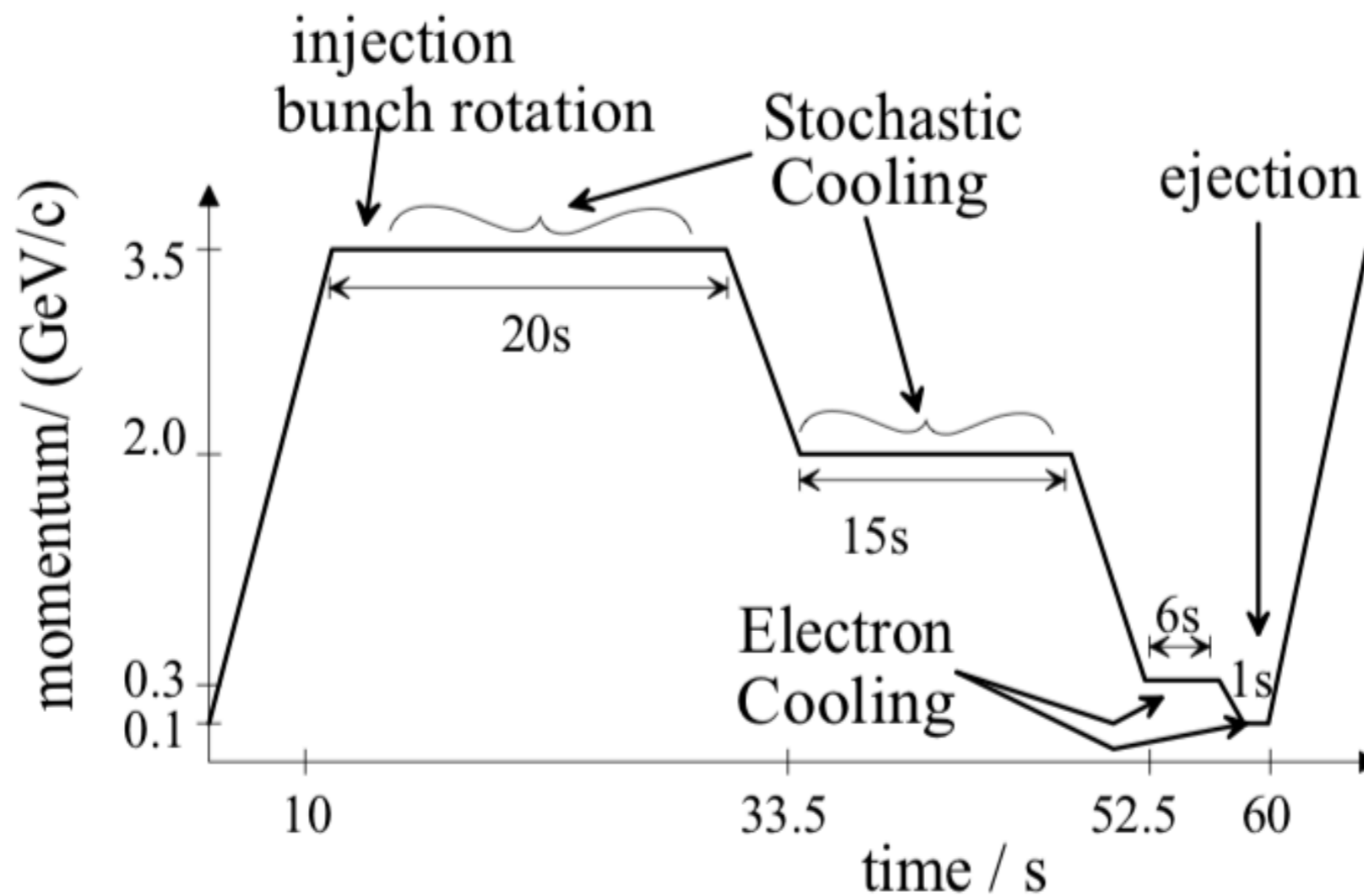
At lower energies stochastic cooling does not work that well anymore, so another method is used: electron cooling.

Here the antiproton beam is merged with electrons and the antiprotons are cooled by collisions with these electrons.

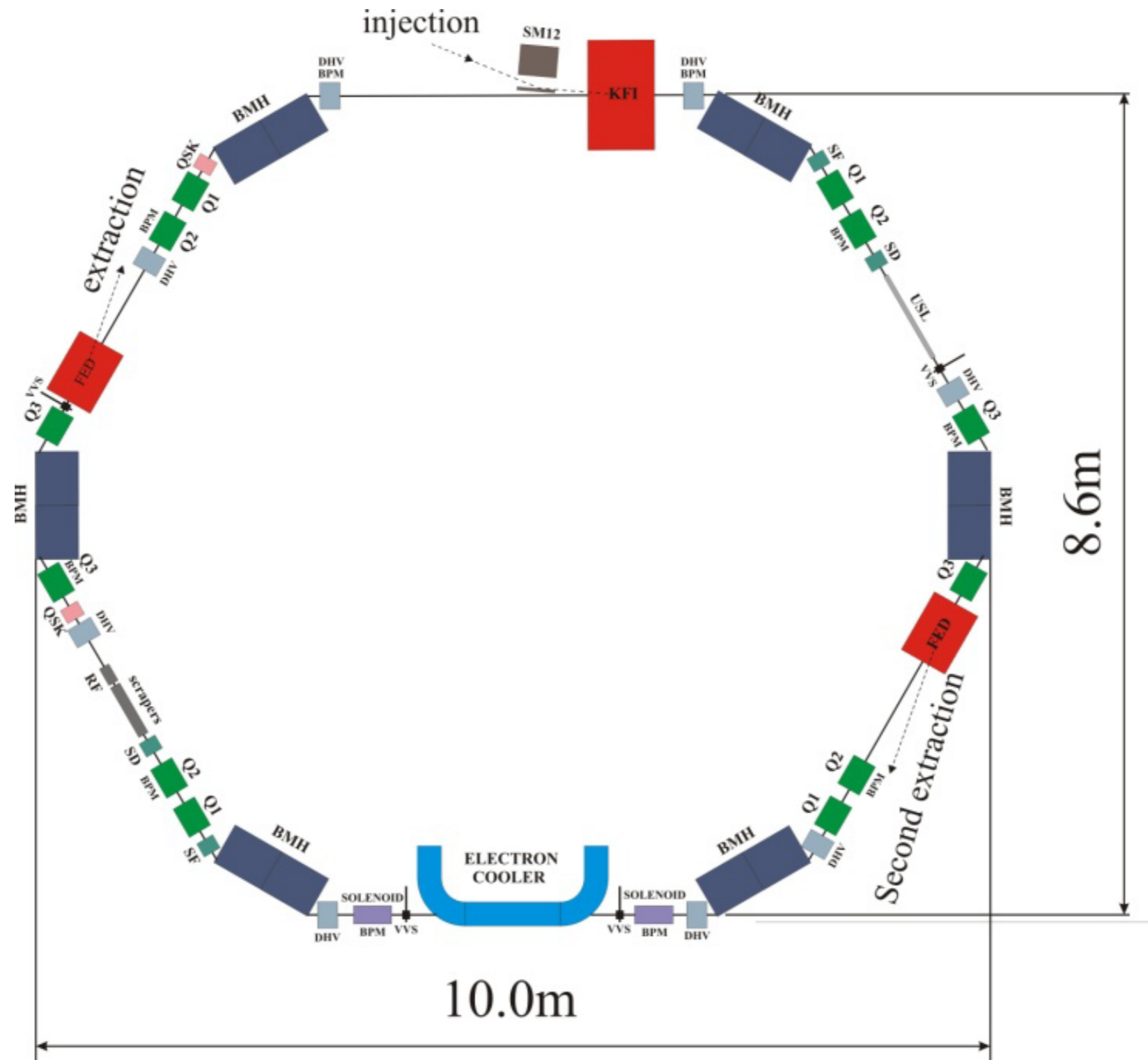


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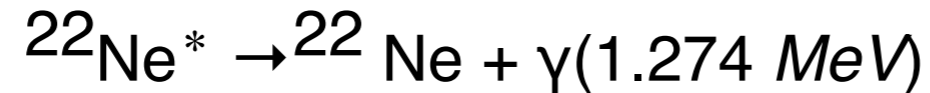
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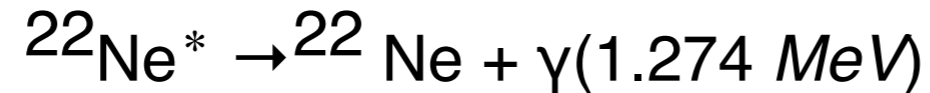
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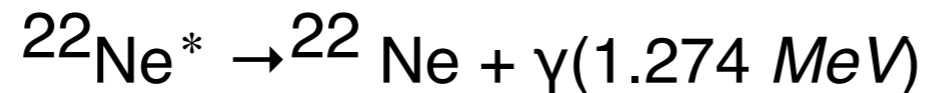
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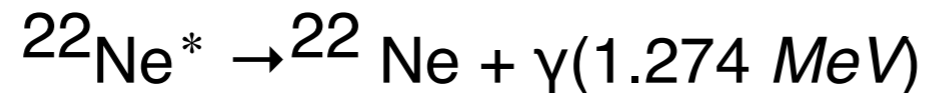


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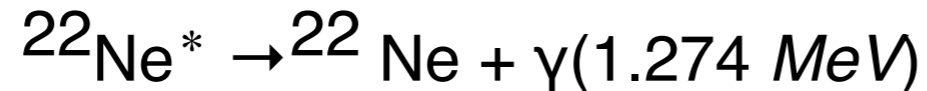


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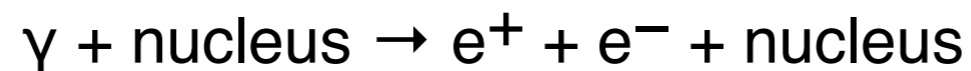
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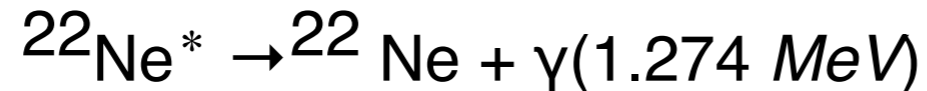




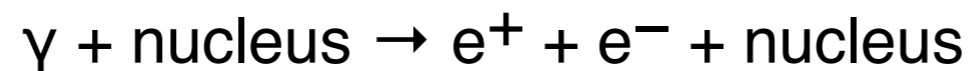
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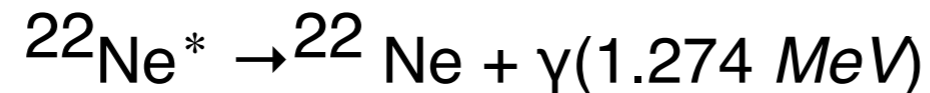
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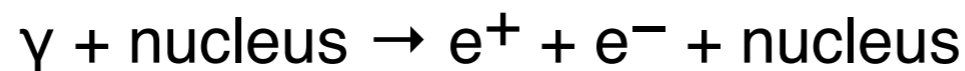
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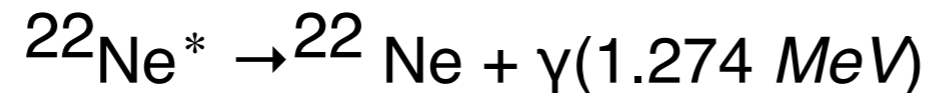


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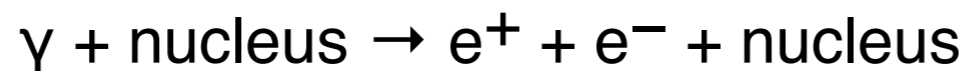
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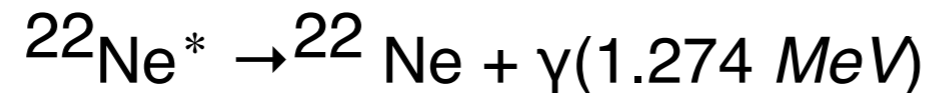


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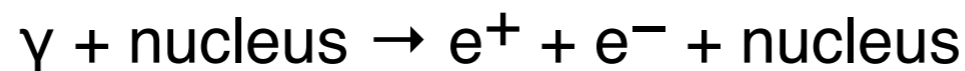
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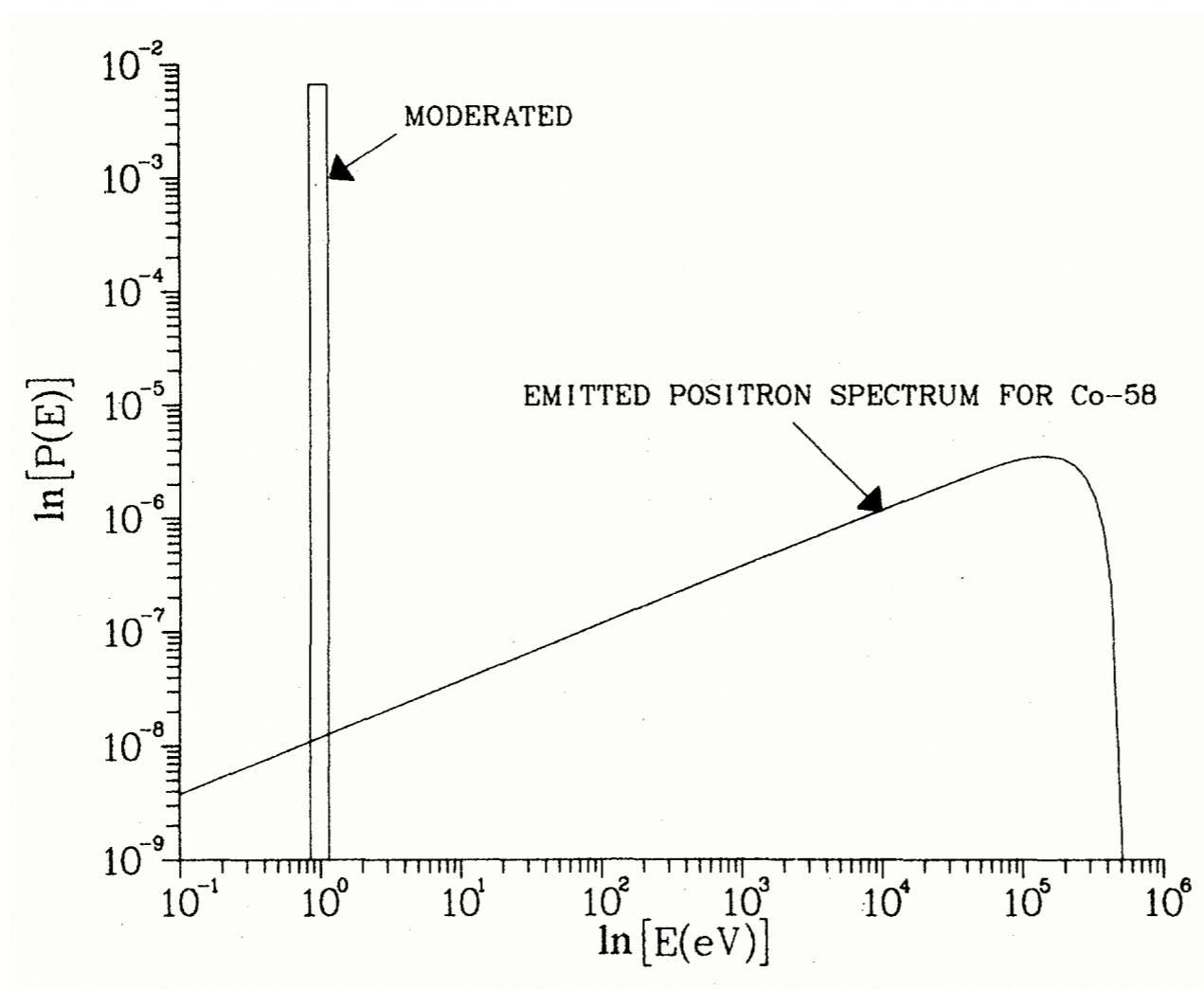


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# Moderation

The kinetic energy of the positrons is quite broad and up to 545 KeV for positrons originating from  $^{22}\text{Na}$  and a couple of MeV for LINAC produced positrons

To obtain a mono-energetic positrons beam they need to be moderated, i.e. the positrons lose energy inside a solid and are subsequently emitted into the vacuum.



# Typical moderators

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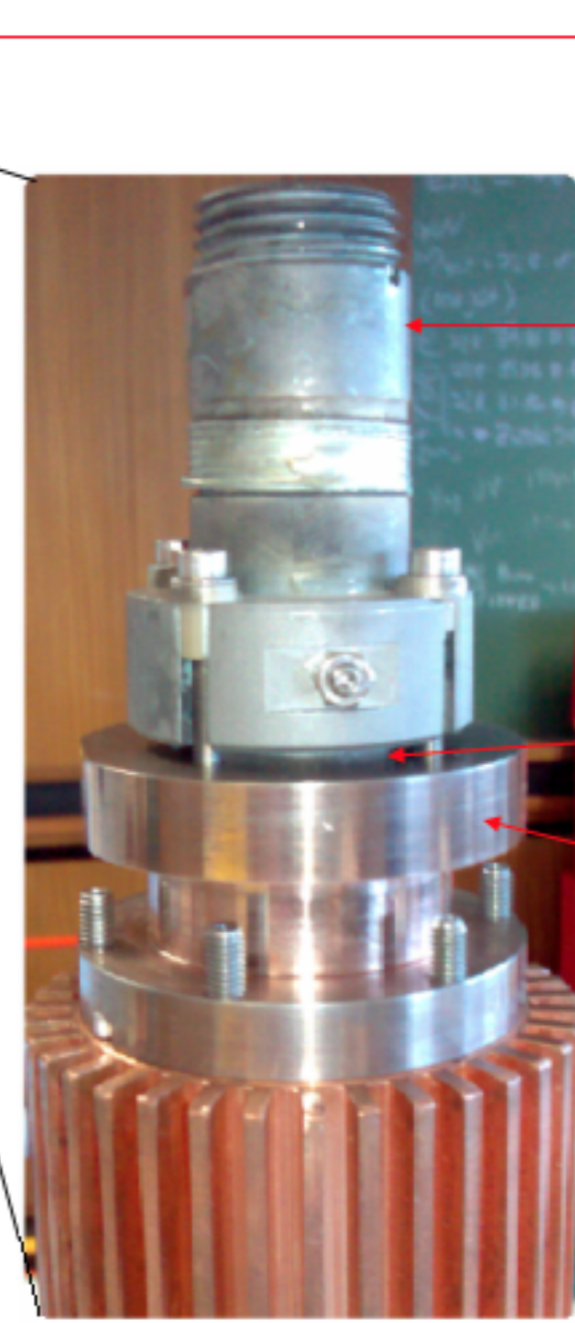
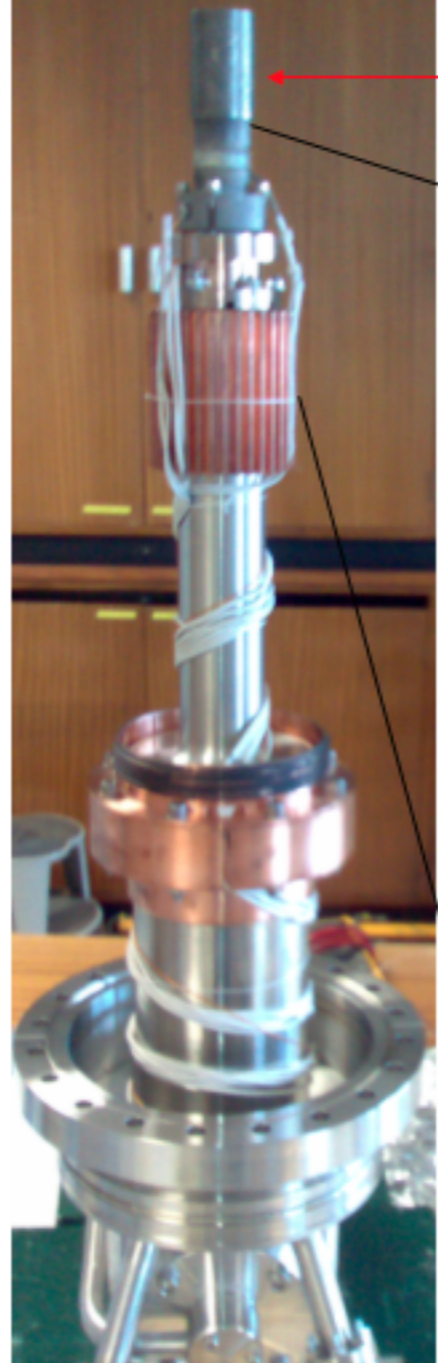
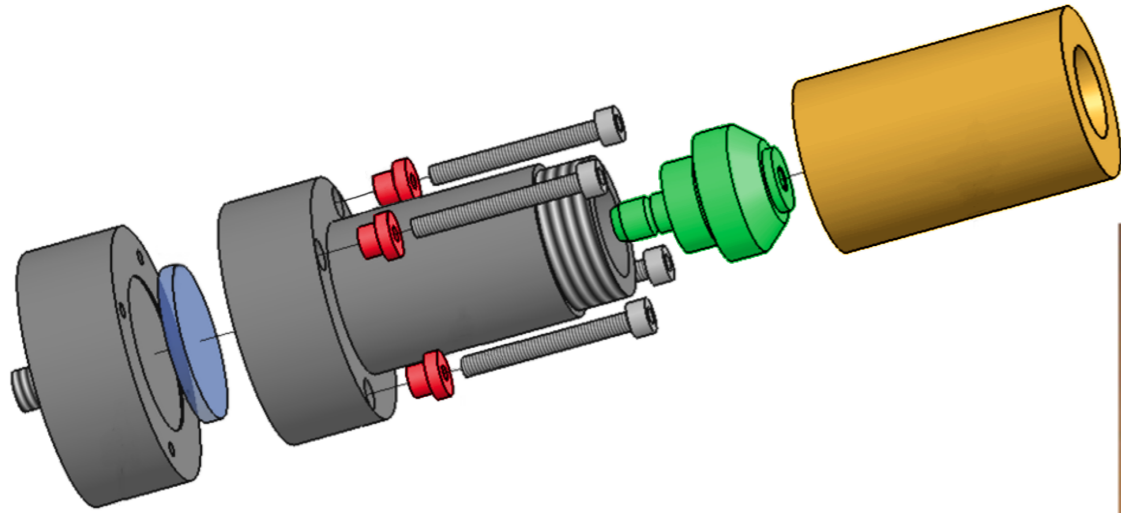
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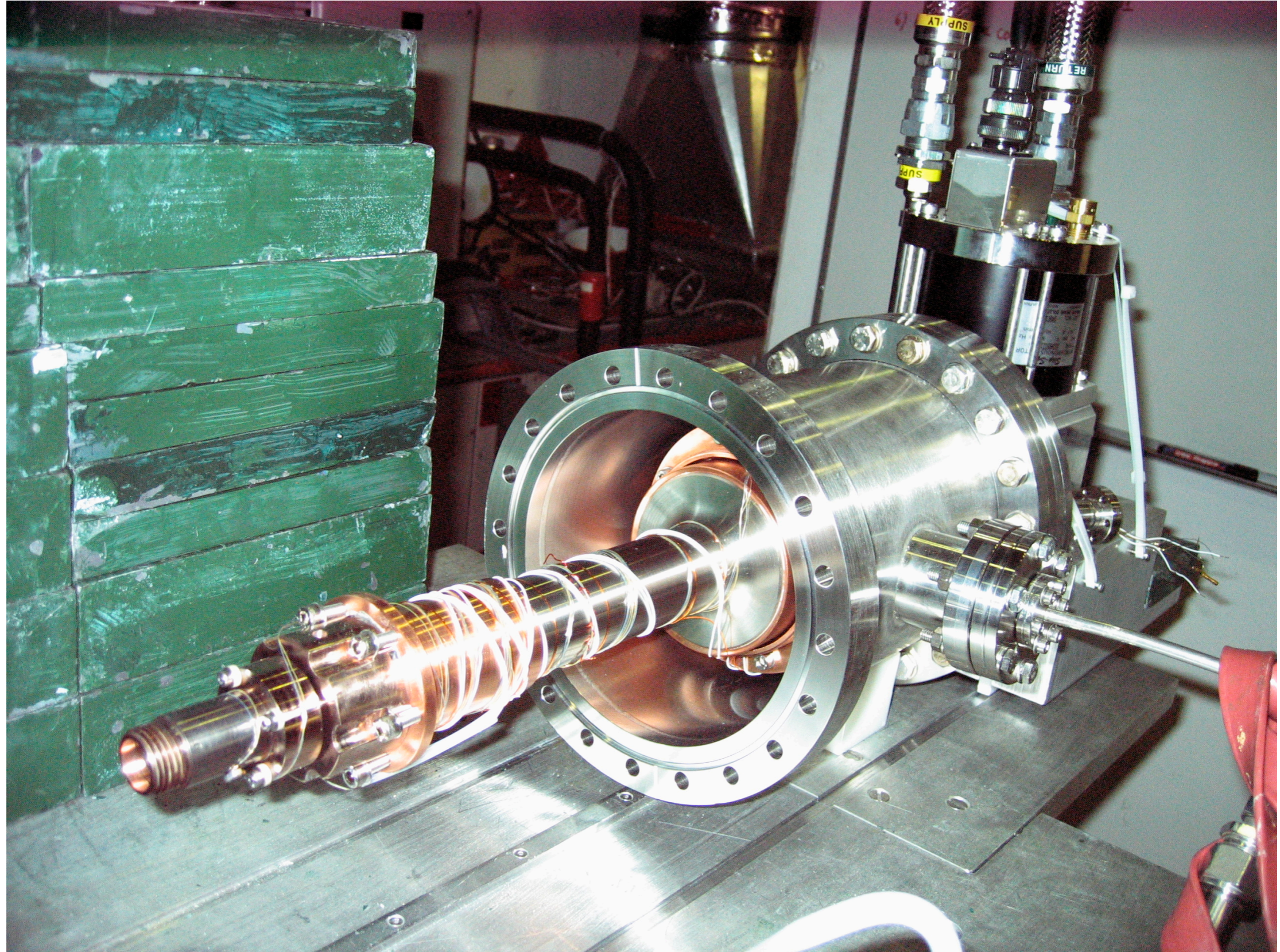
- Positrons are thermalized by electron-hole excitation until their energy is lower than the bandgap. Thereafter they can only lose energy via the production of acoustic phonons (slow process).
- Rare gases have positive workfunctions for positrons, so only so-called epithermal positrons can escape from the surface.
- The moderated energy distribution  $\sim 2$  eV.
- Max efficiency  $\sim 10^{-2}$

# Example source/neon moderator (ALPHA)



Cone  
Source holder  
Sapphire disc  
Source holder base





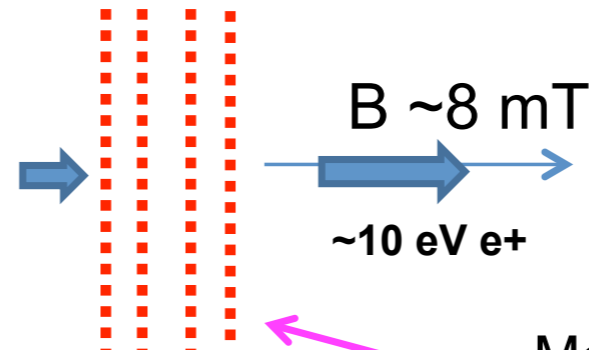
# Example Linac (Saclay)

**Linac**

4.3 MeV  $e^-$   
 200 Hz,  $\sim 2.5 \mu\text{s}$   
 $\sim 140 \text{ mA}$  (peak)



Water cooled  
 W electron  
 target



$\sim 1 \text{ MeV } e^+$

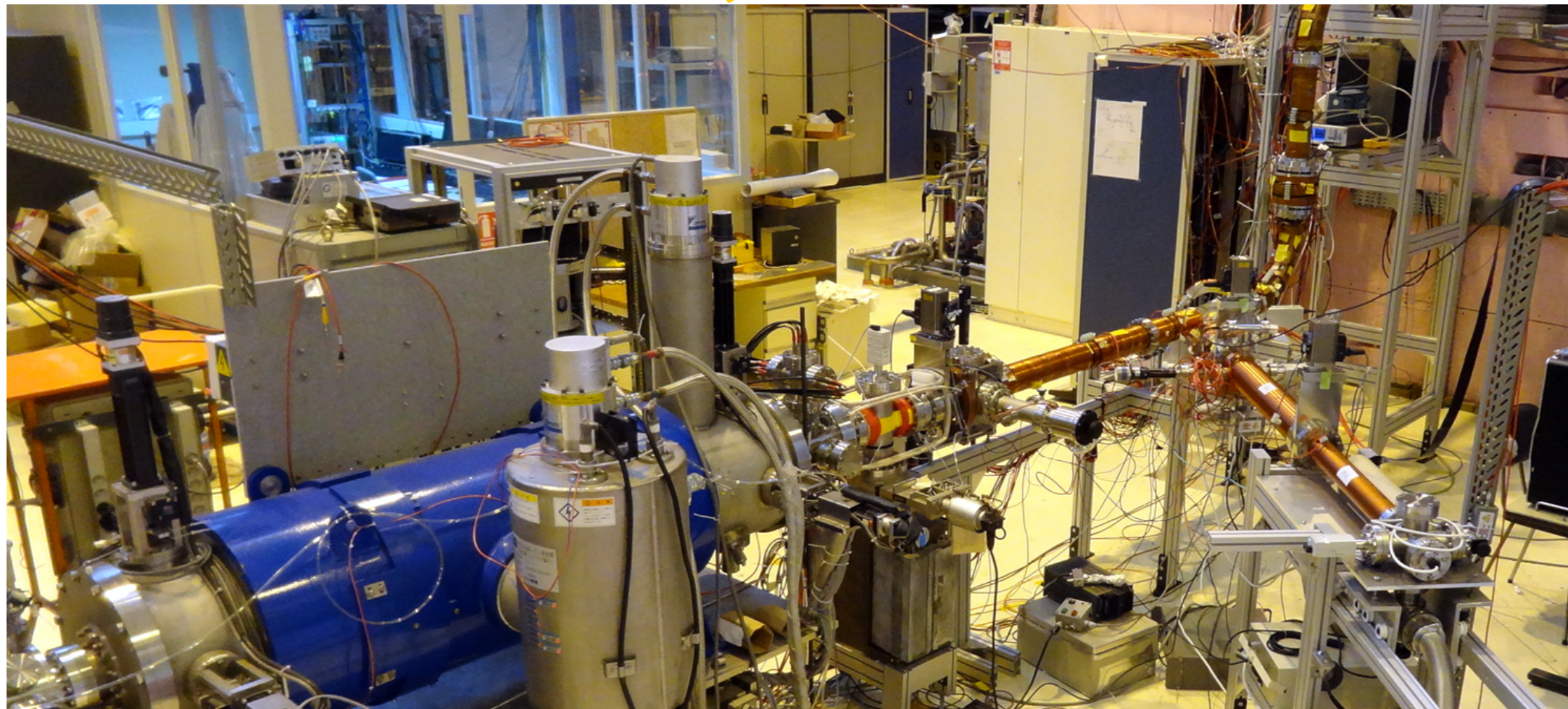
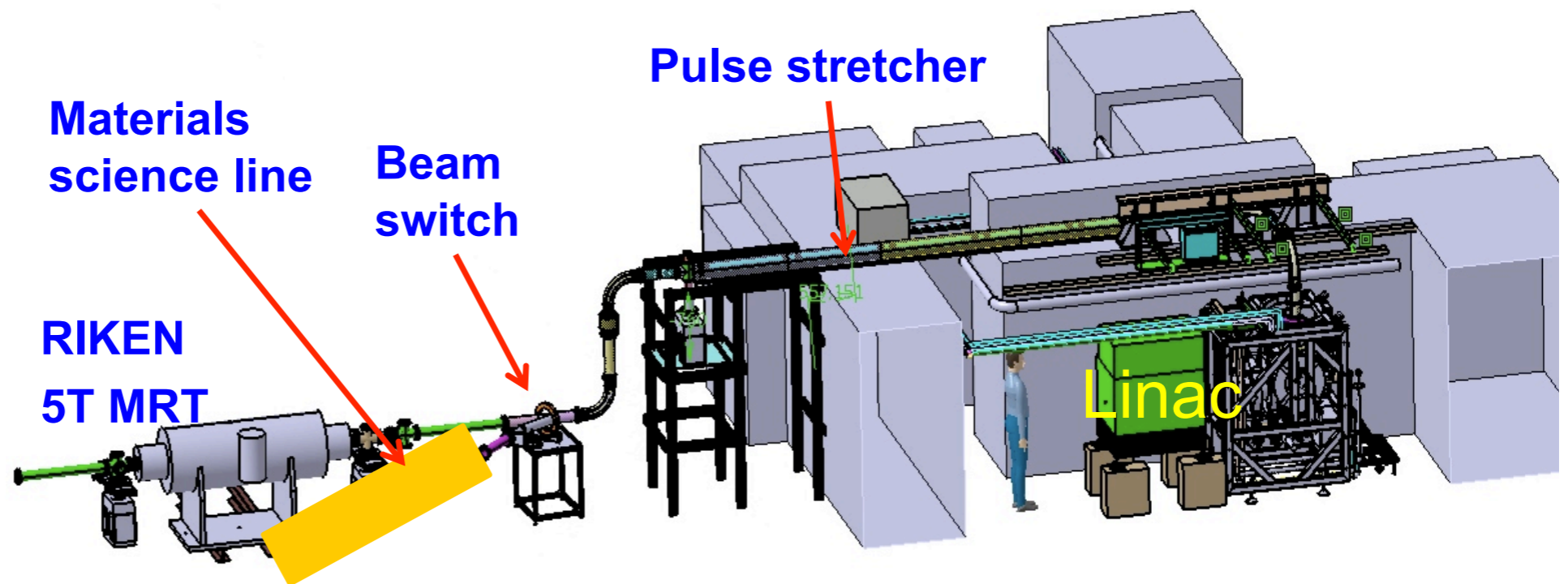
$B \sim 8 \text{ mT}$

$\sim 10 \text{ eV } e^+$

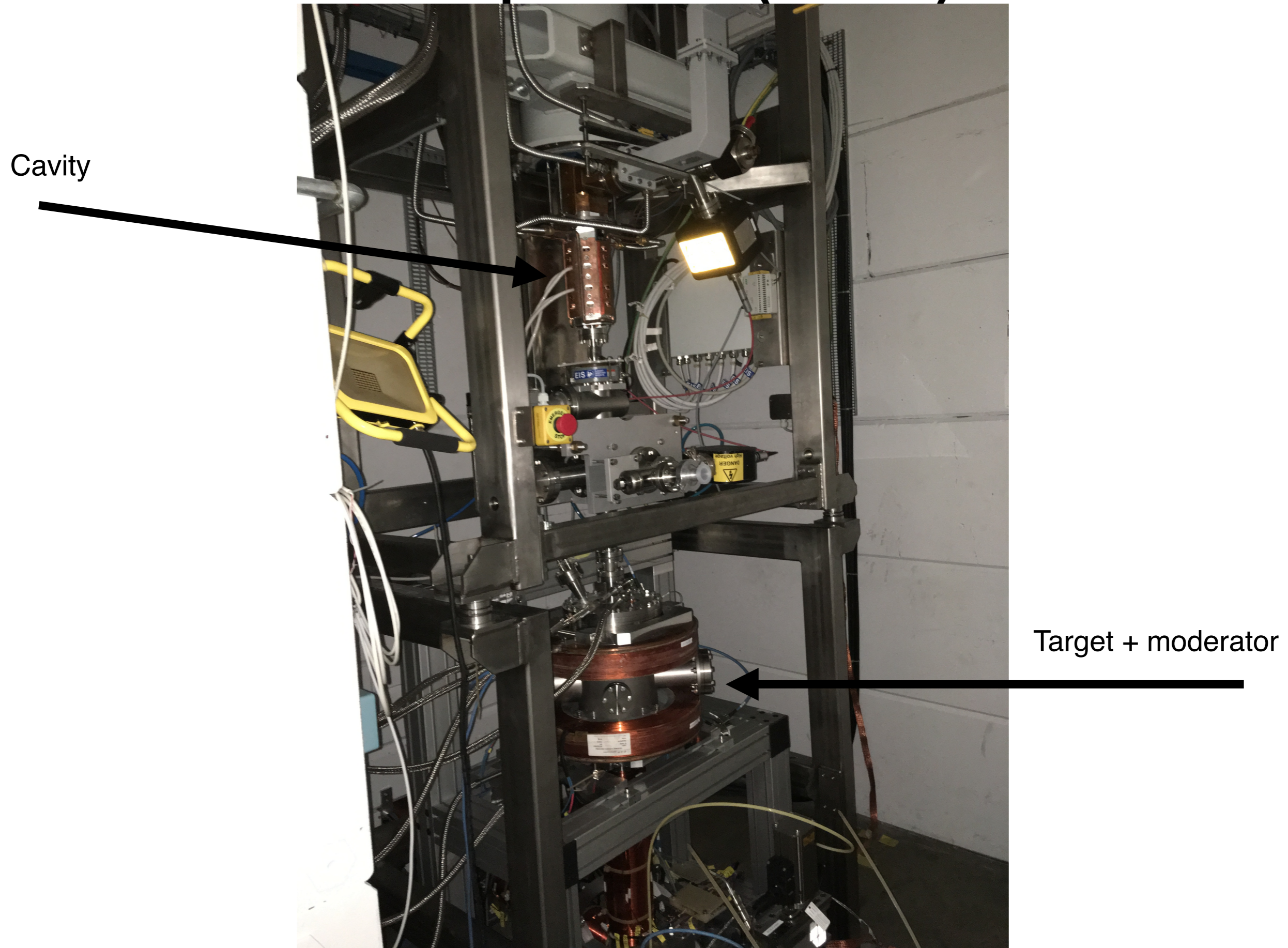
Moderator: Annealed W  
 mesh ( $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$ )

<b>Present slow <math>e^+</math> rate</b>	<b><math>3.2 \cdot 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}</math></b>
Extrap. to 10 MeV linac	$4.3 \cdot 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$
target value	$2.8 \cdot 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$

# Example Linac (Saclay)



# Example Linac (GBAR)

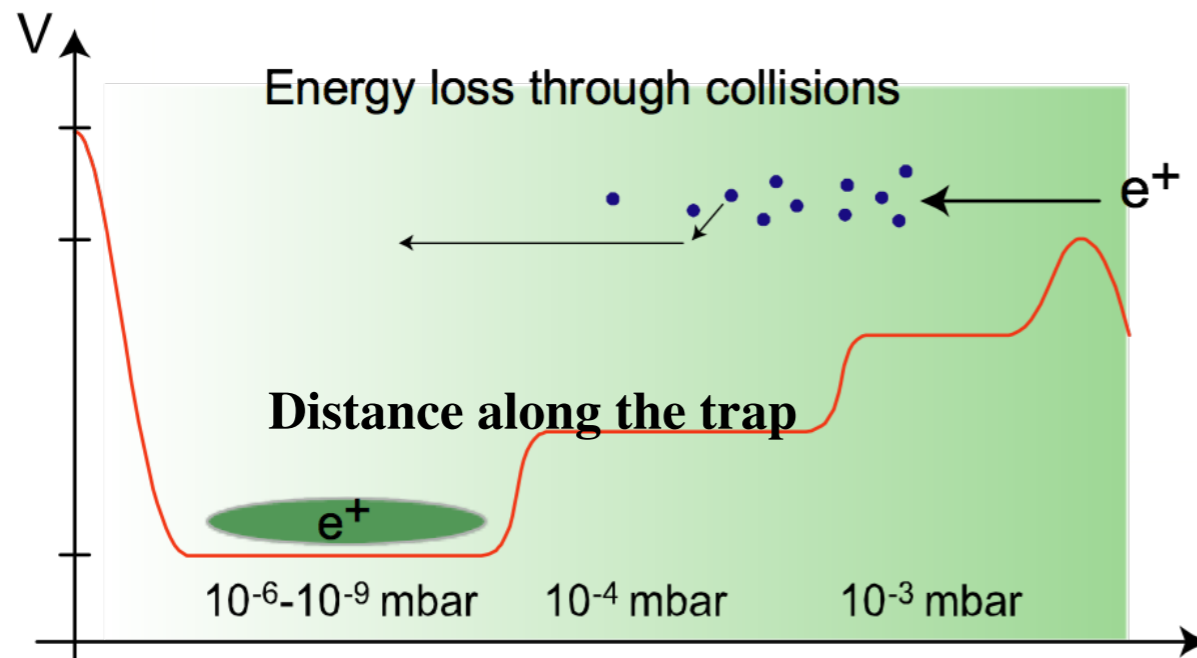
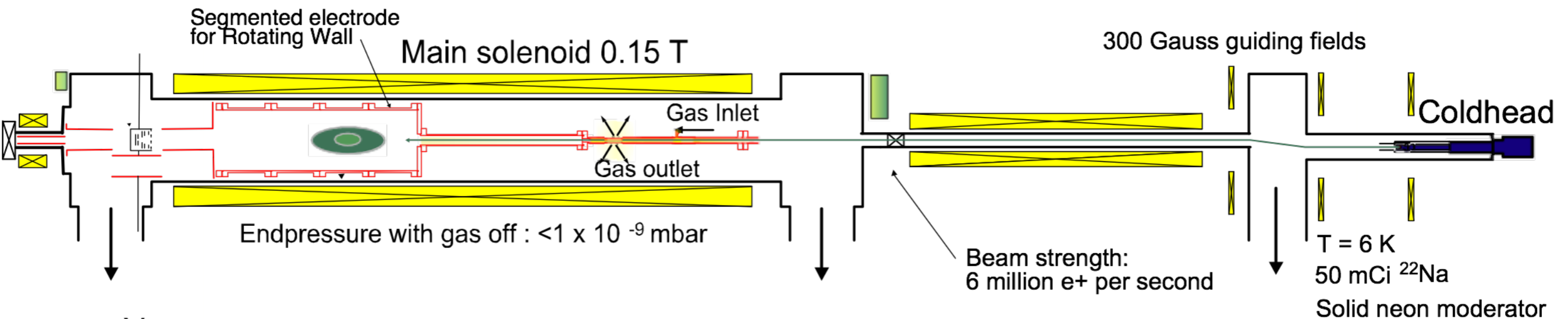


# GBAR bunker



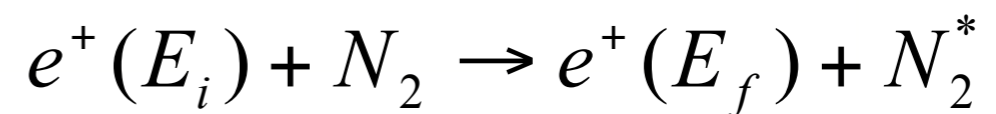
# Accumulation: Buffer gas accumulator

Used by ATHENA, ALPHA, AEGIS, ASACUSA and ATRAP



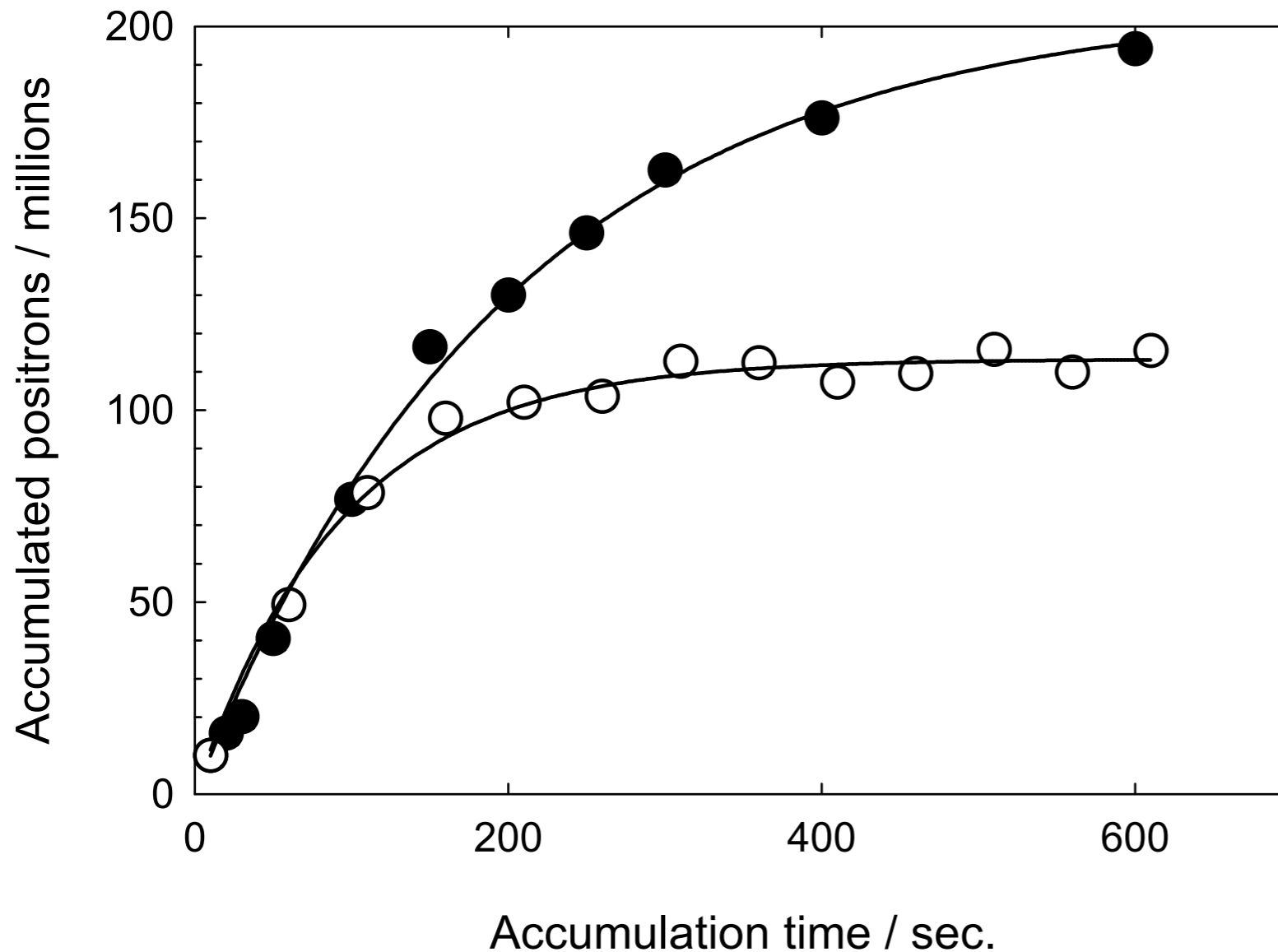
Based upon the industry standard ...

{Solid-Ne moderator -plus - UCSD Penning  
Malmberg buffer gas trap: Surko and co-workers}



# Accumulation: Buffer gas accumulator

$$N(t) = N(\infty)(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \quad N(\infty) = R\tau,$$



Open circles:  
no rotating electric field

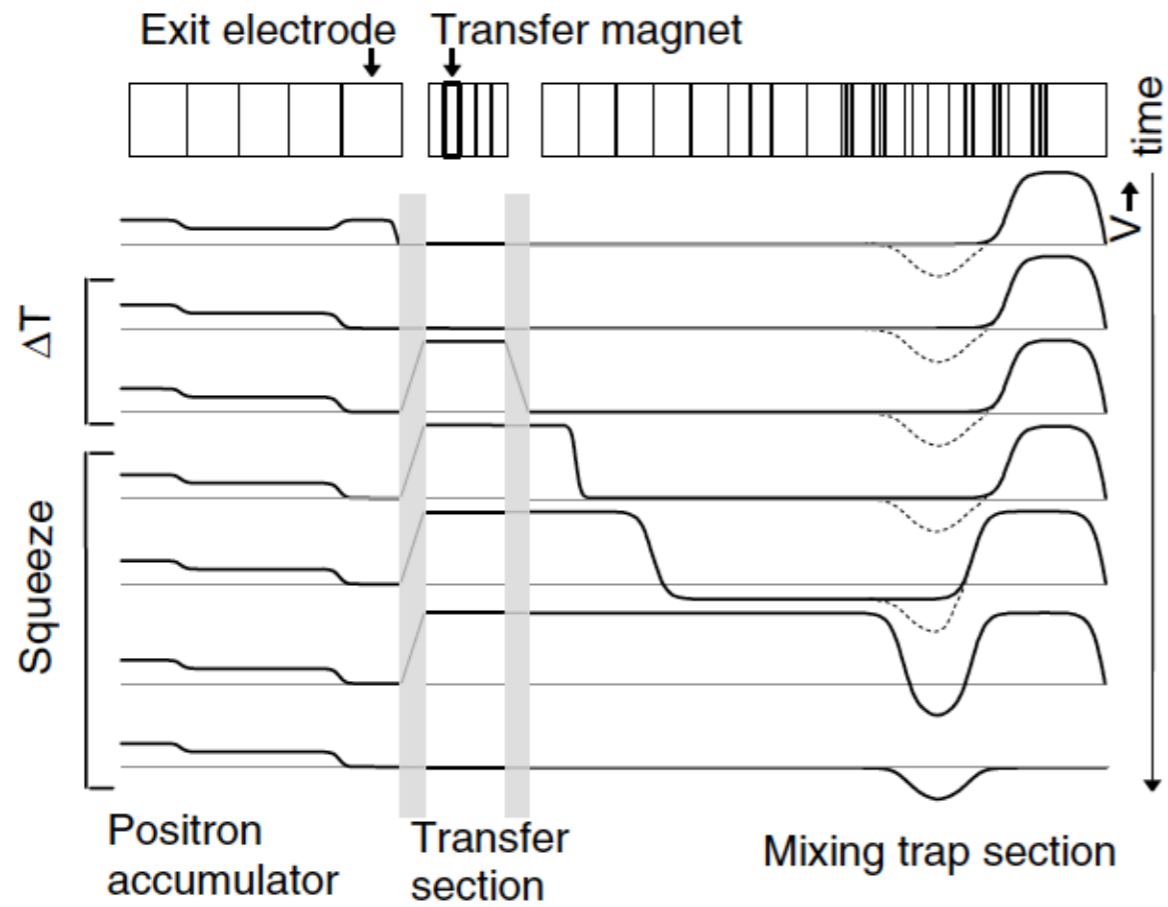
Closed circles:  
rotating field applied

Plasma formed after  
about  $10^{-15}$  s

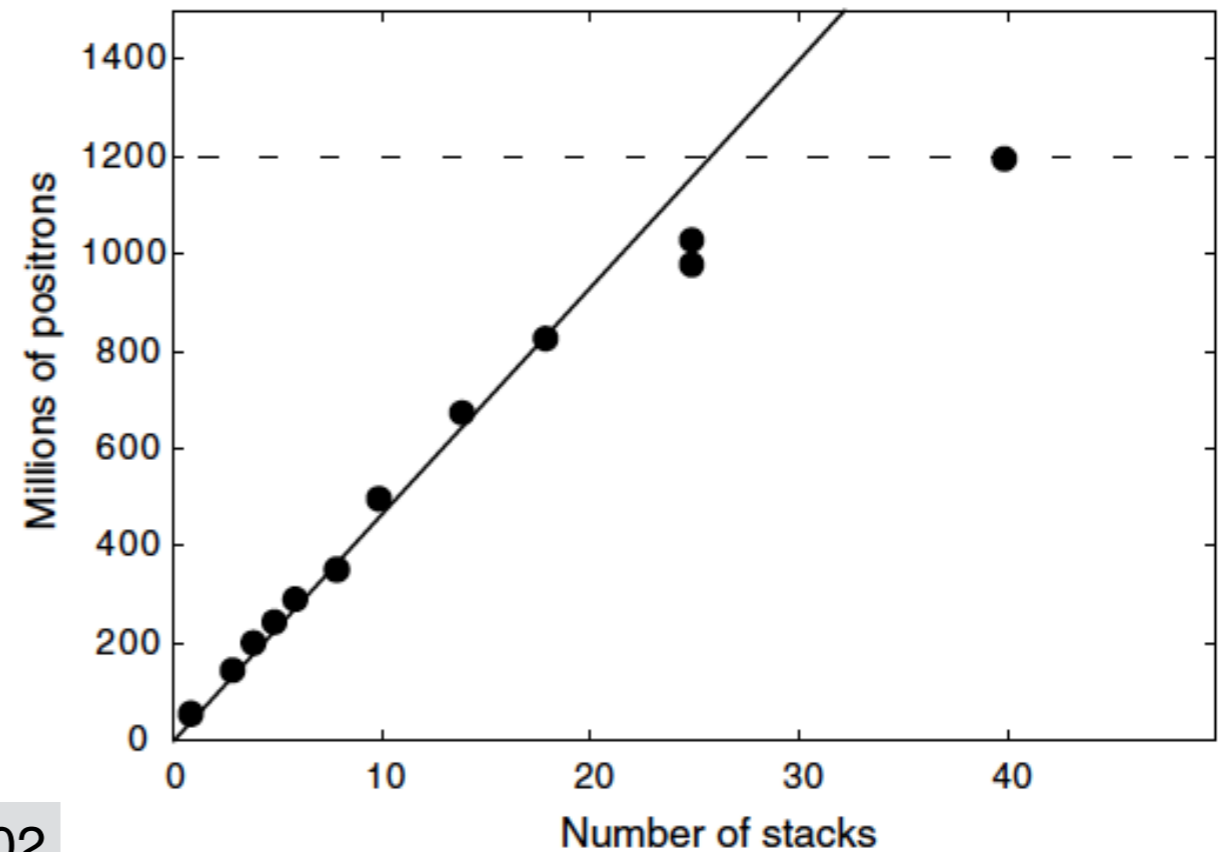
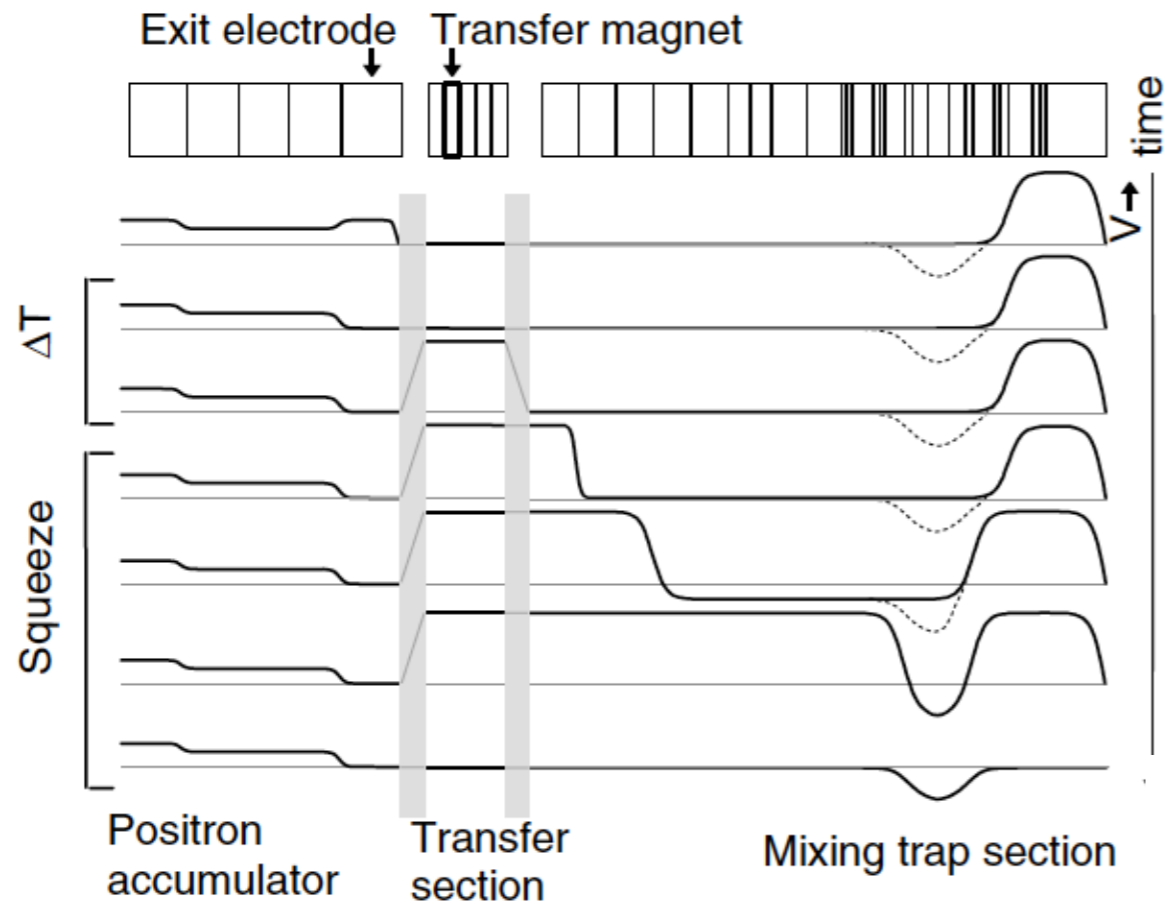
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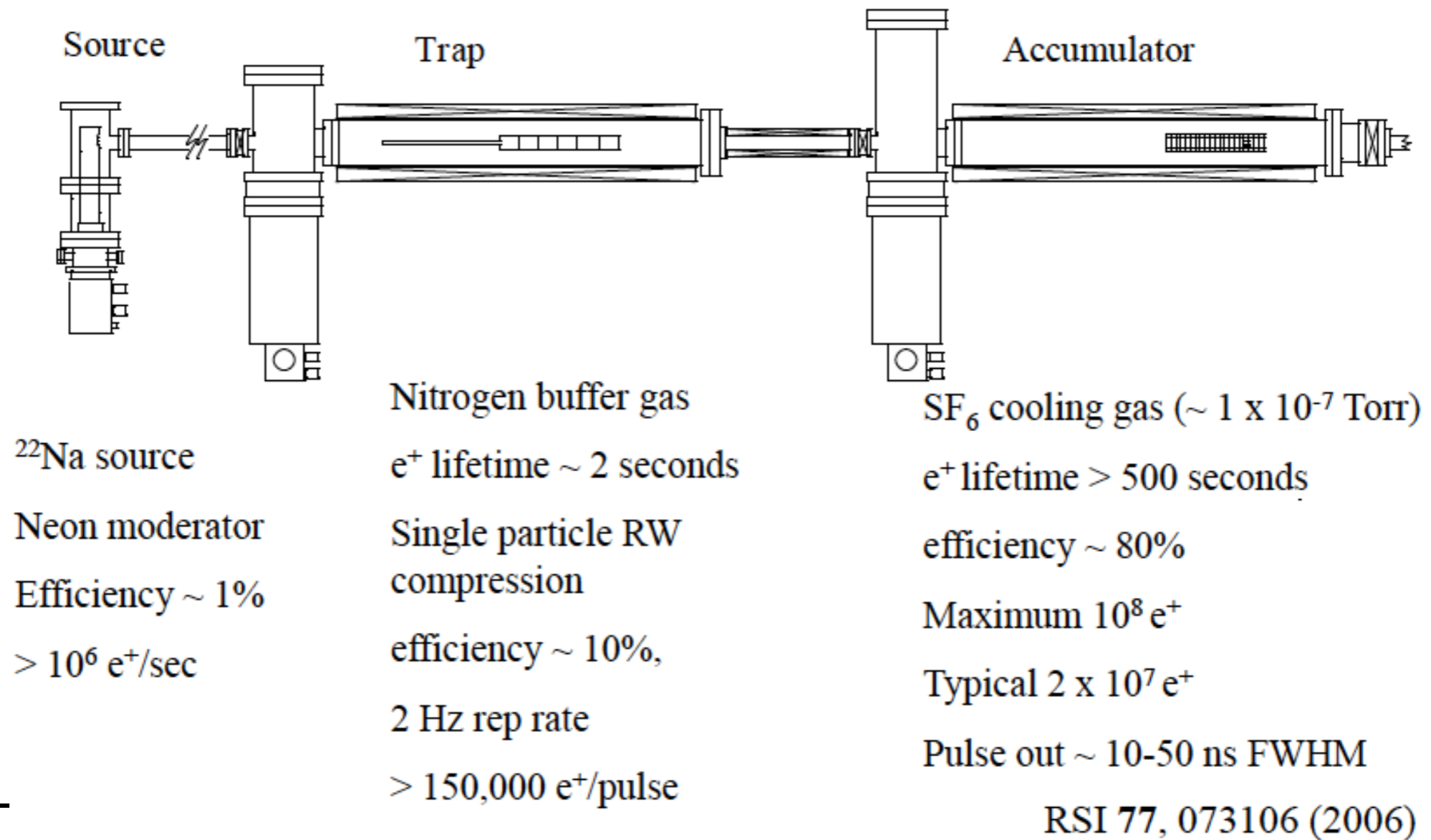


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# Commercial available

## Experimental methods: positron plasma production

### 2-stage Surko trap + accumulator



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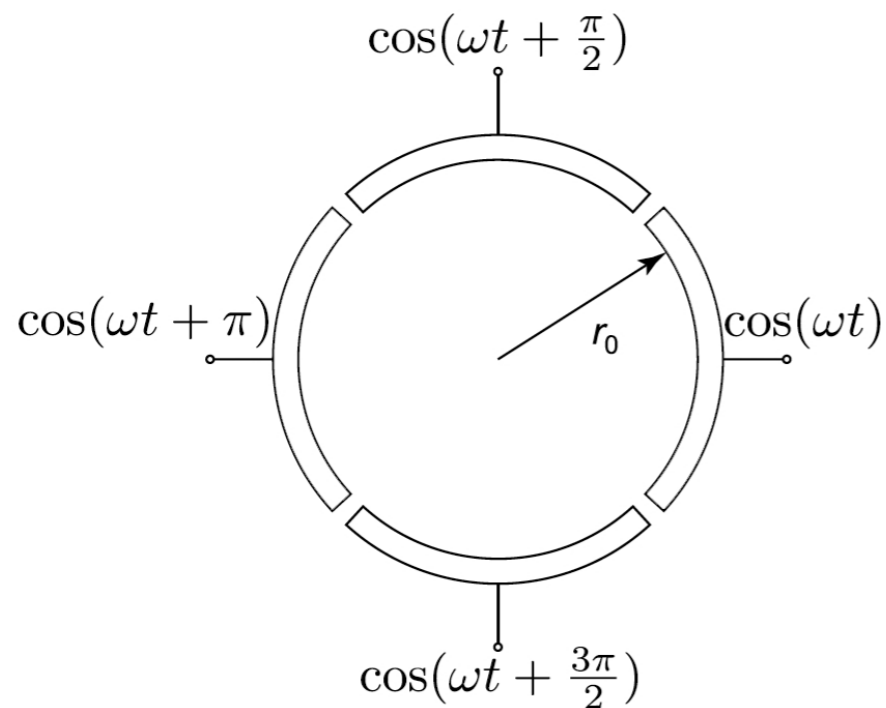
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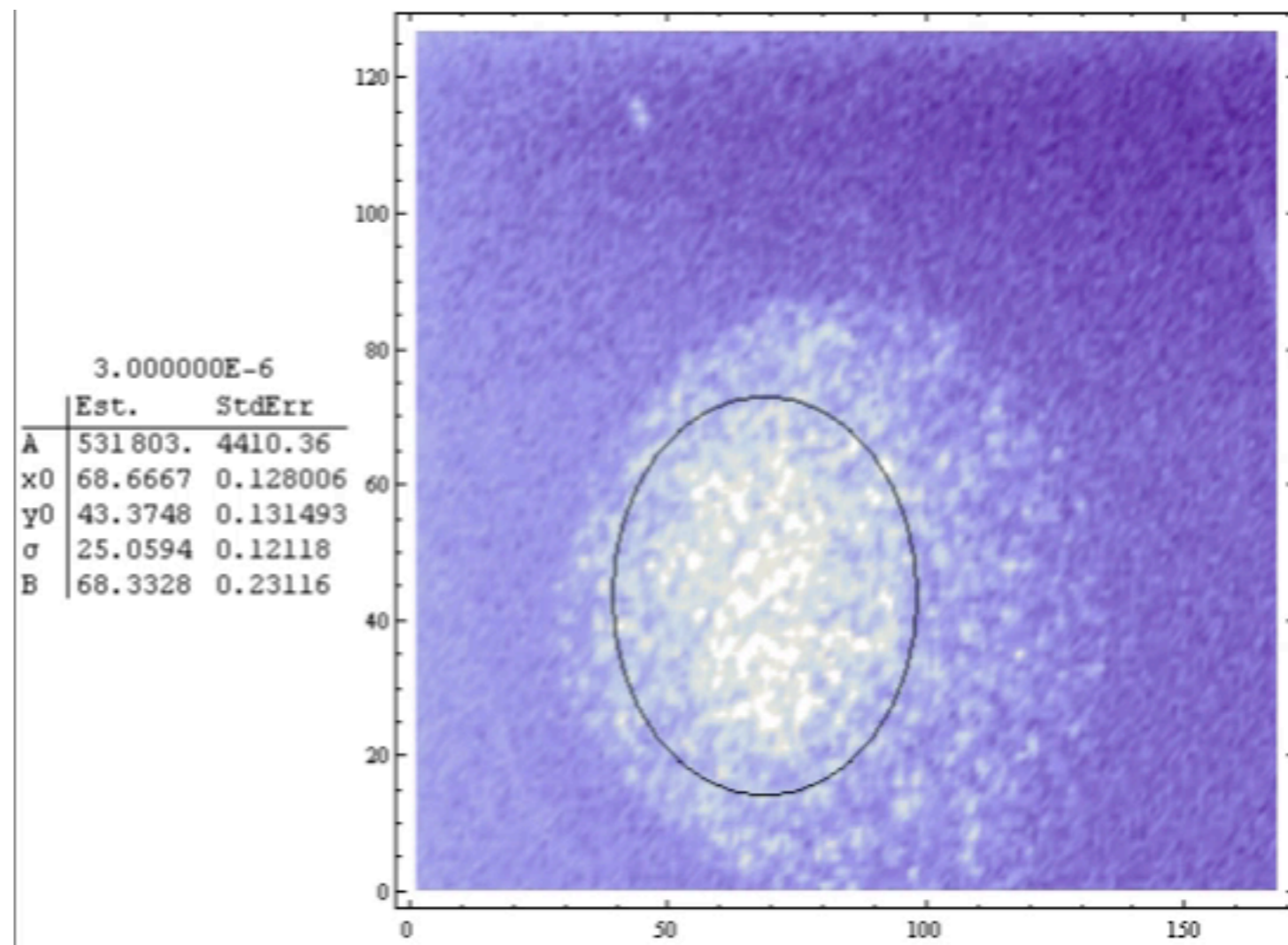
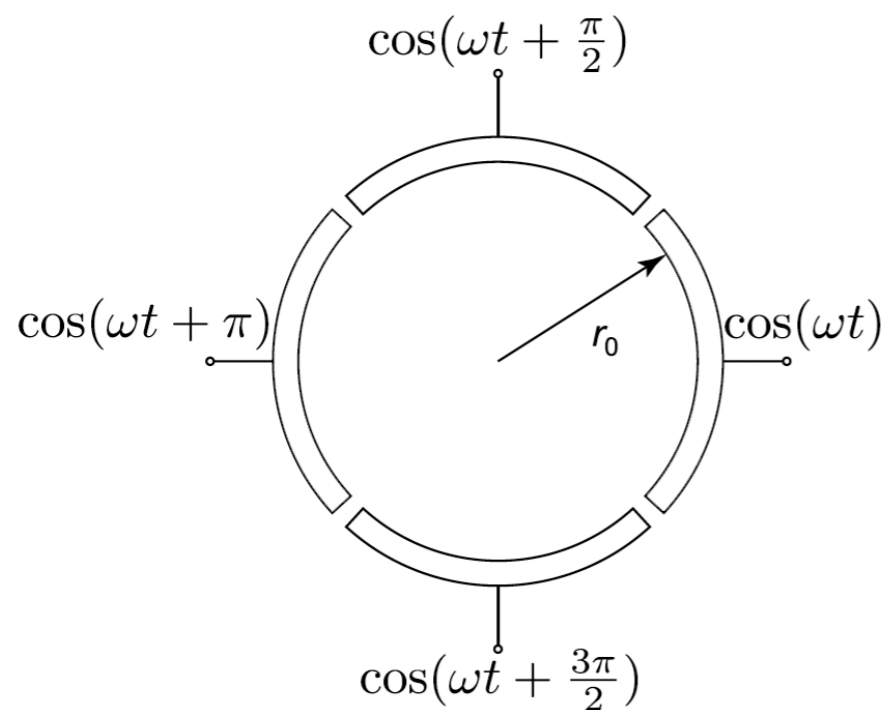
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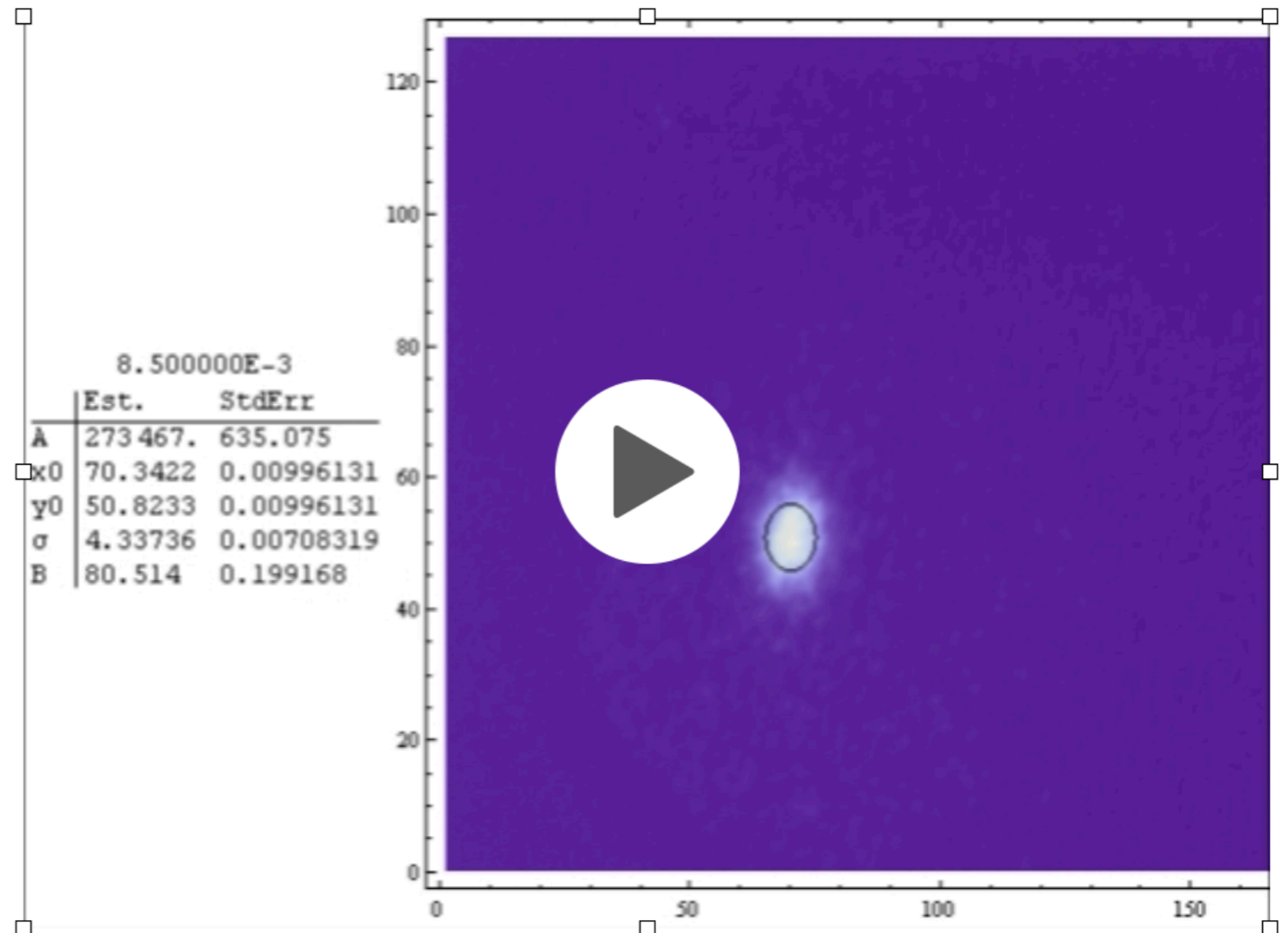
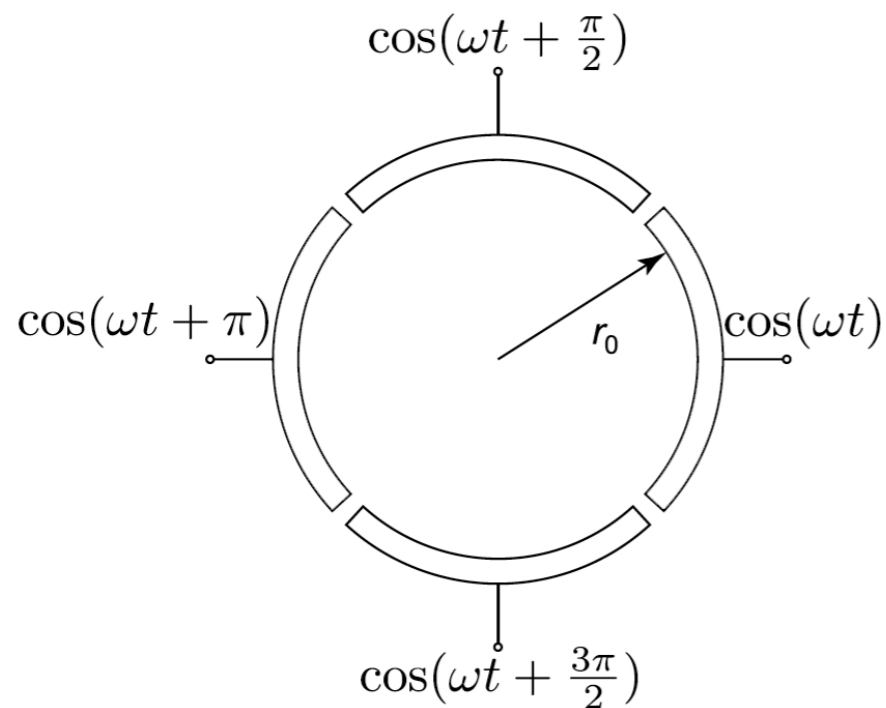
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- Single particle  $\lambda_D \gg L$
- Plasma  $\lambda_D \ll L$
- Rarefied Plasma  $\lambda_D \sim L$

# Ideal Penning trap motions

Charged particle in  $\mathbf{B} = B\hat{\mathbf{z}} \rightarrow$  cyclotron orbit around  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ ,  $\Omega_c = qB/m$

Adding ideal Penning Trap potential

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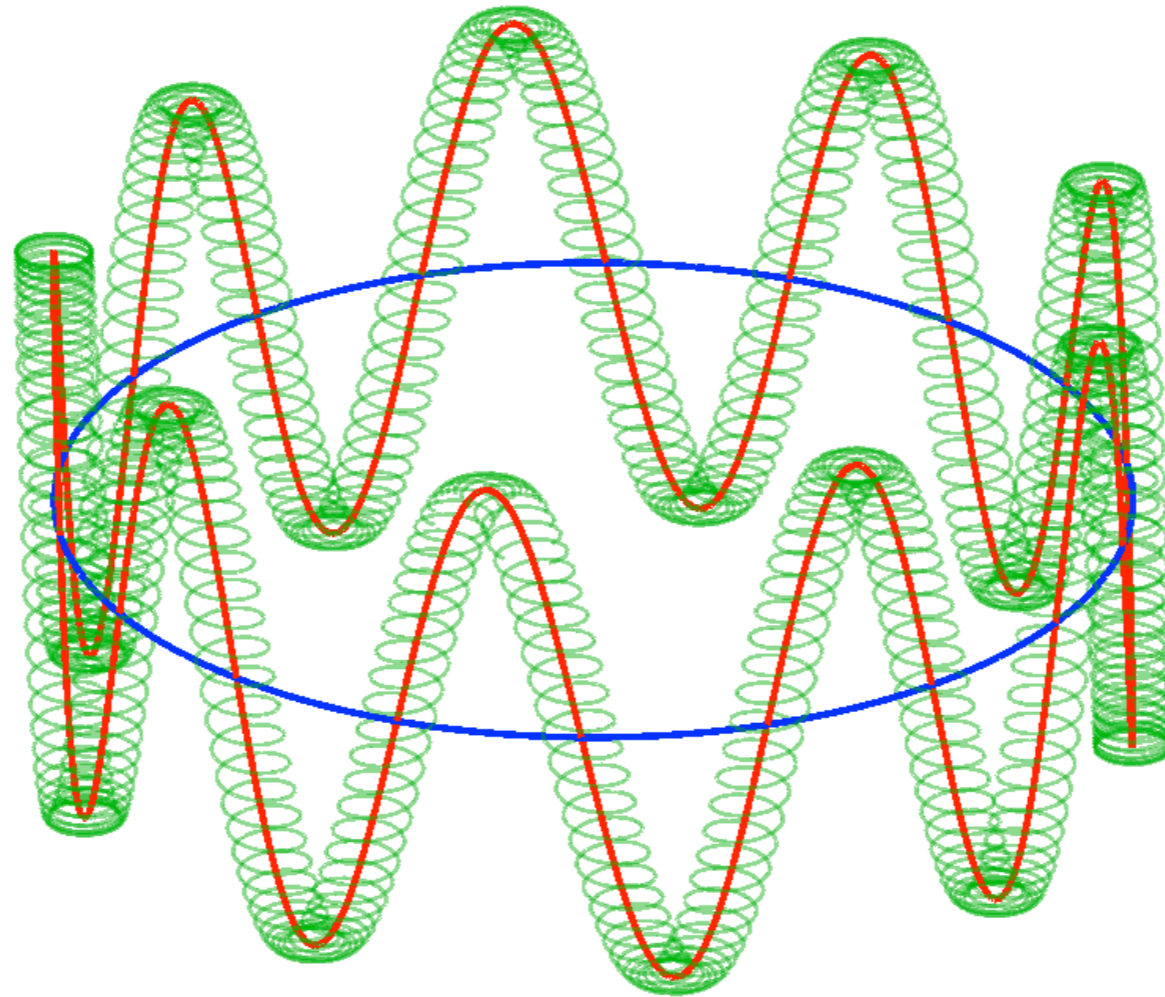
Three frequencies:

- Axial bounce frequency  $\omega_z$

And due to  $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$

- Modified cyclotron orbit  $\Omega_c \rightarrow \omega_+ = \frac{1}{2} \left( \Omega_c + \sqrt{\Omega_c^2 - 2\omega_z^2} \right)$
- Magnetron motion  $\omega_- = \frac{1}{2} \left( \Omega_c - \sqrt{\Omega_c^2 - 2\omega_z^2} \right)$

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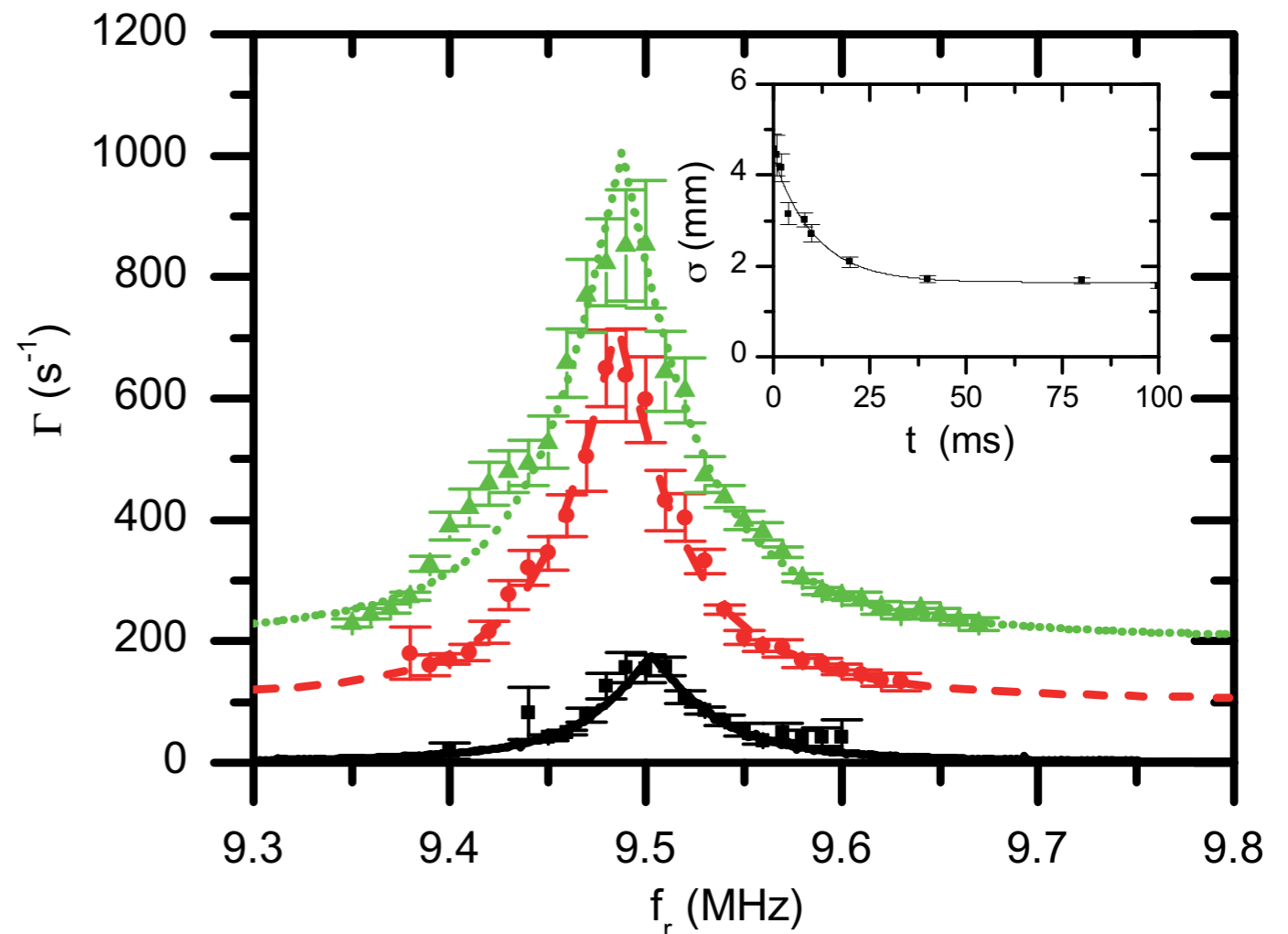


$$\omega_+ \approx 6.6 \text{ Grad s}^{-1} \gg \omega_z \approx 60 \text{ Mrad s}^{-1} \gg \omega_- \approx 270 \text{ krad s}^{-1}$$

# Compression Rate

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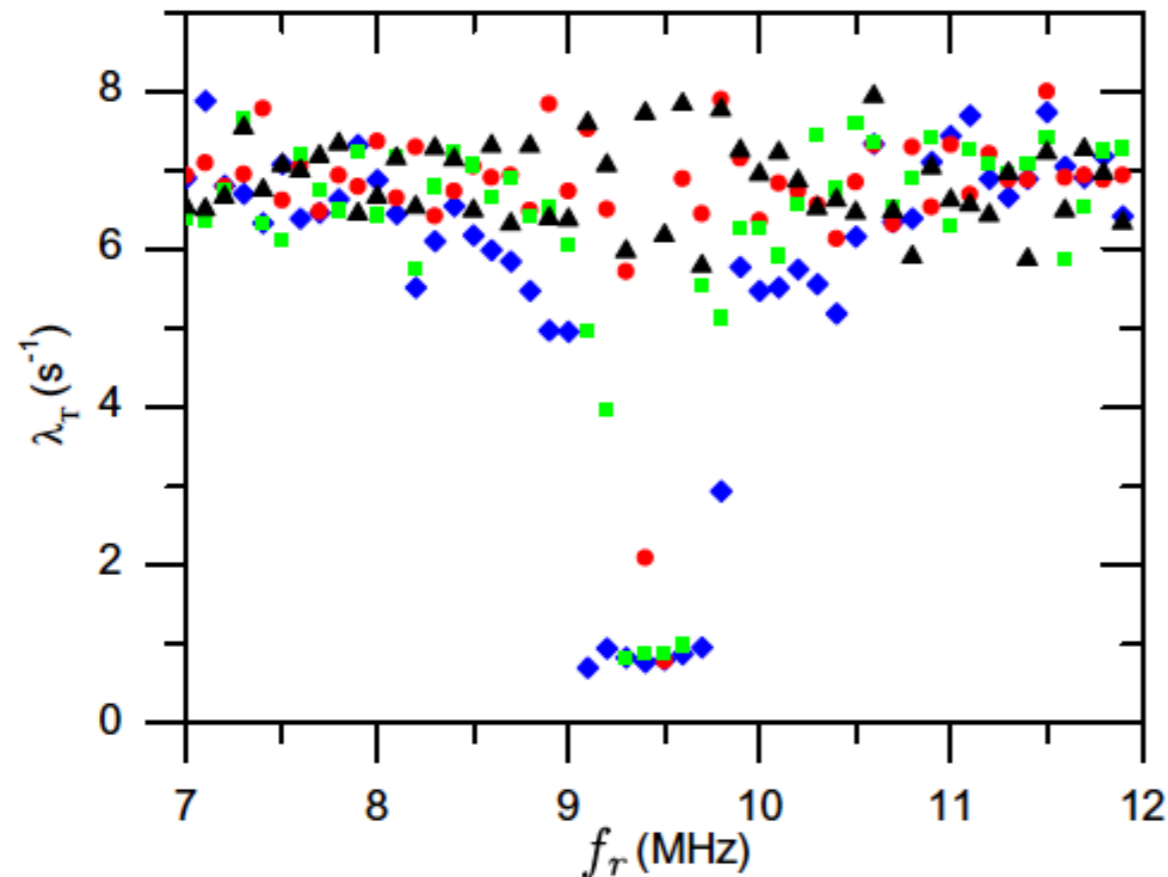
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# Importance of rotating wall for accumulation efficiency

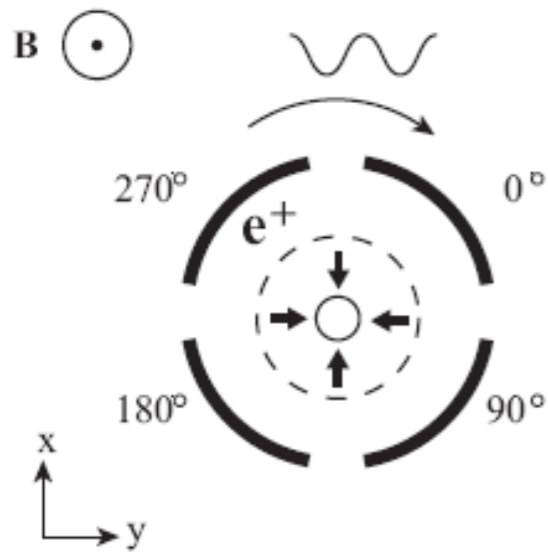


The minimum in  $\lambda_T$  is consistent with the expected annihilation rate. Thus, the rotating wall eliminates cross field transport

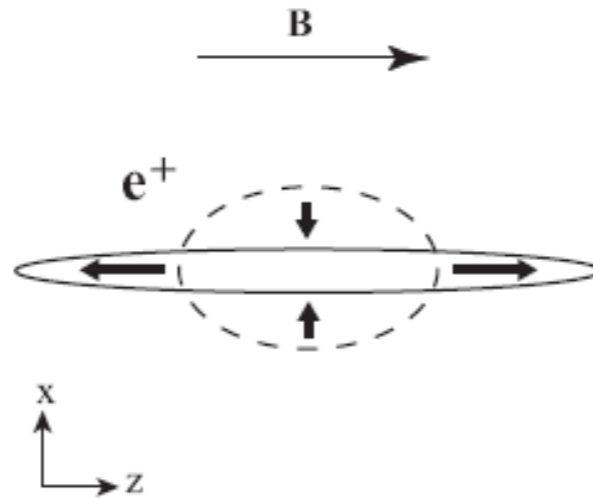
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# Plasma Regime (ALPHA)



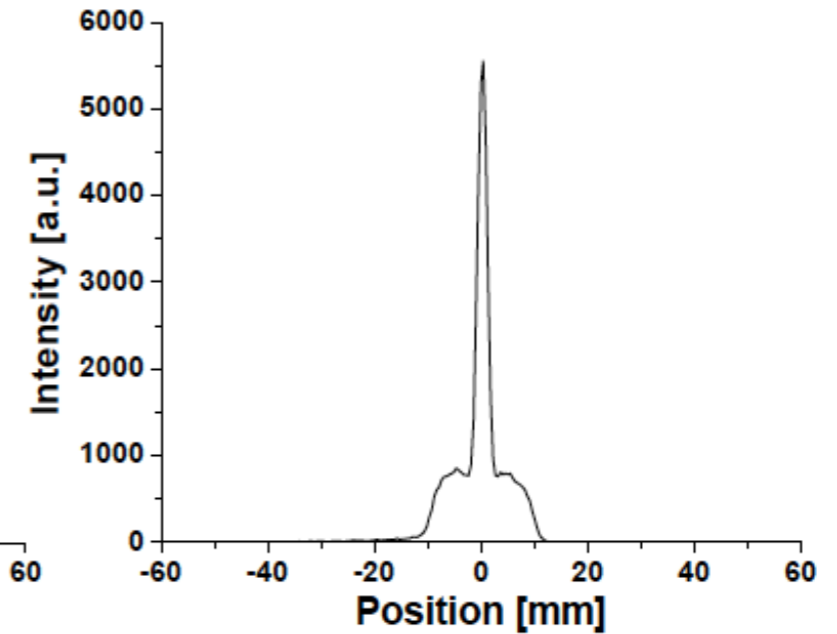
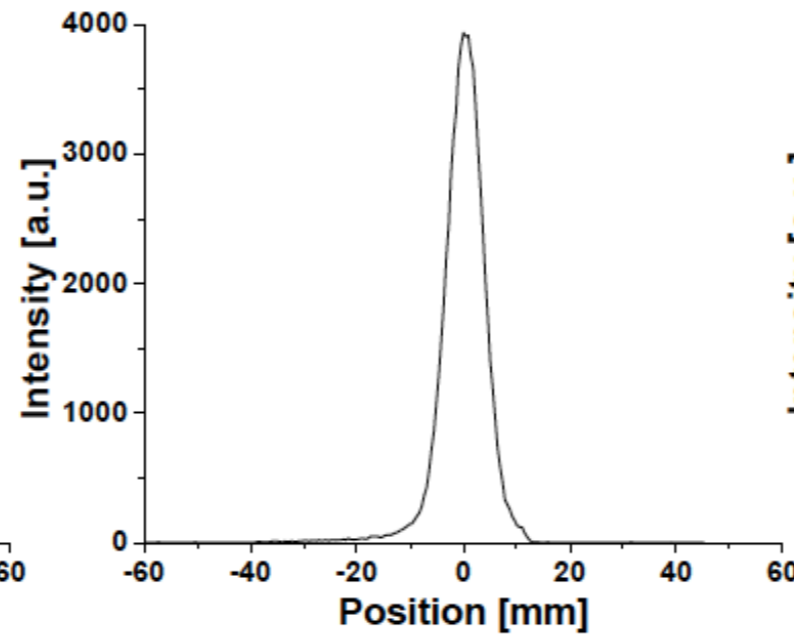
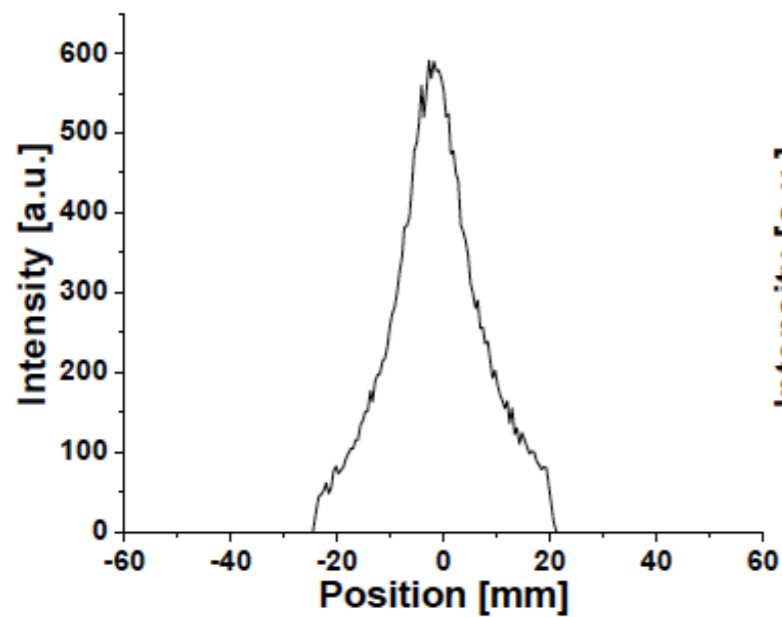
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r.w. with N<sub>2</sub>

N<sub>2</sub> promotes capture, but an extra cooling gas is needed to maximize compression

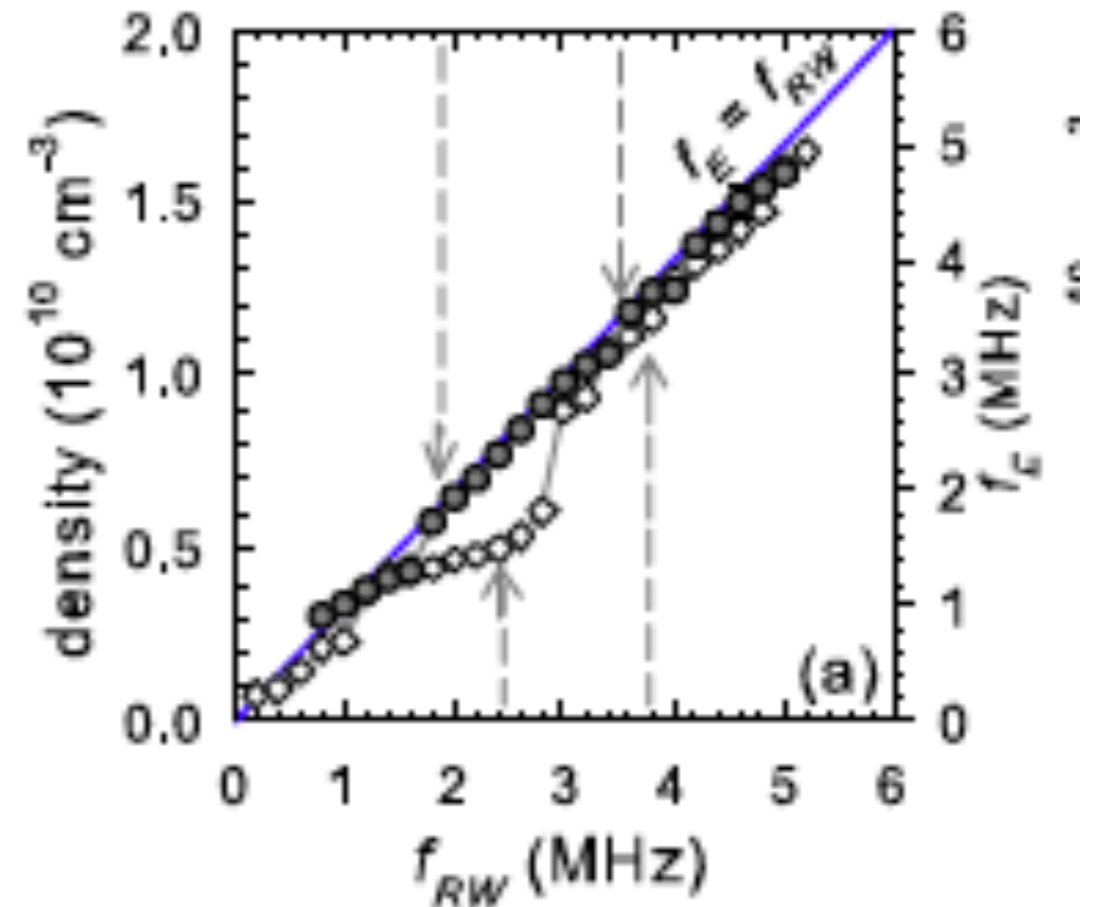
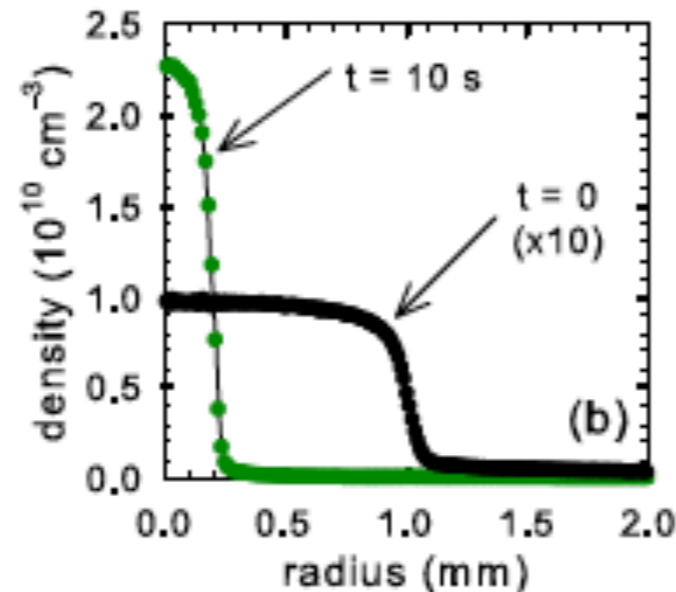
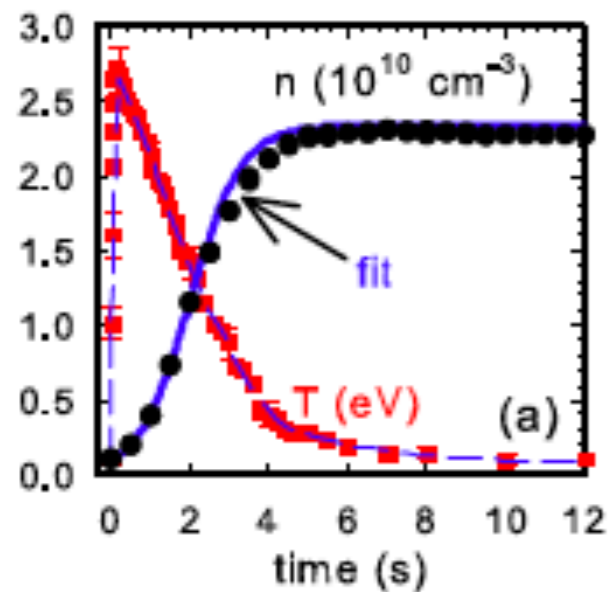
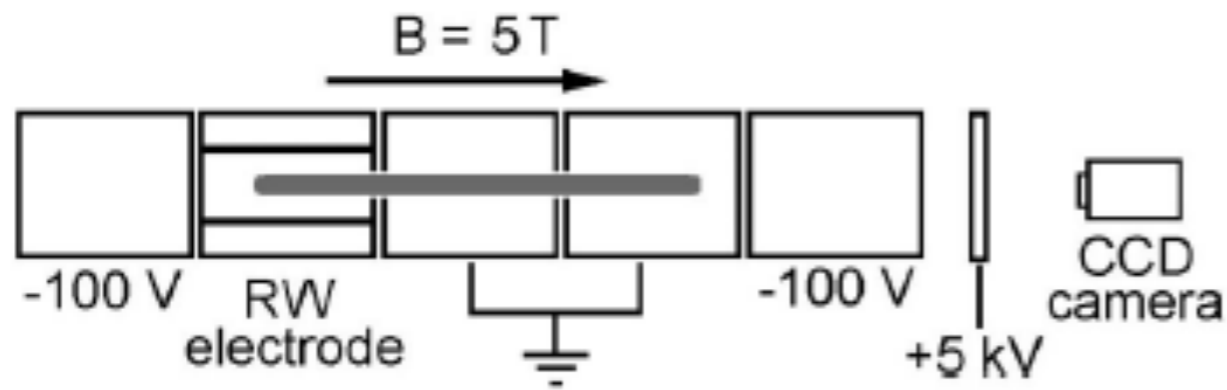
r.w with added cooling gas



Positron plasma radial Distributions



# Plasma Regime (Surko)

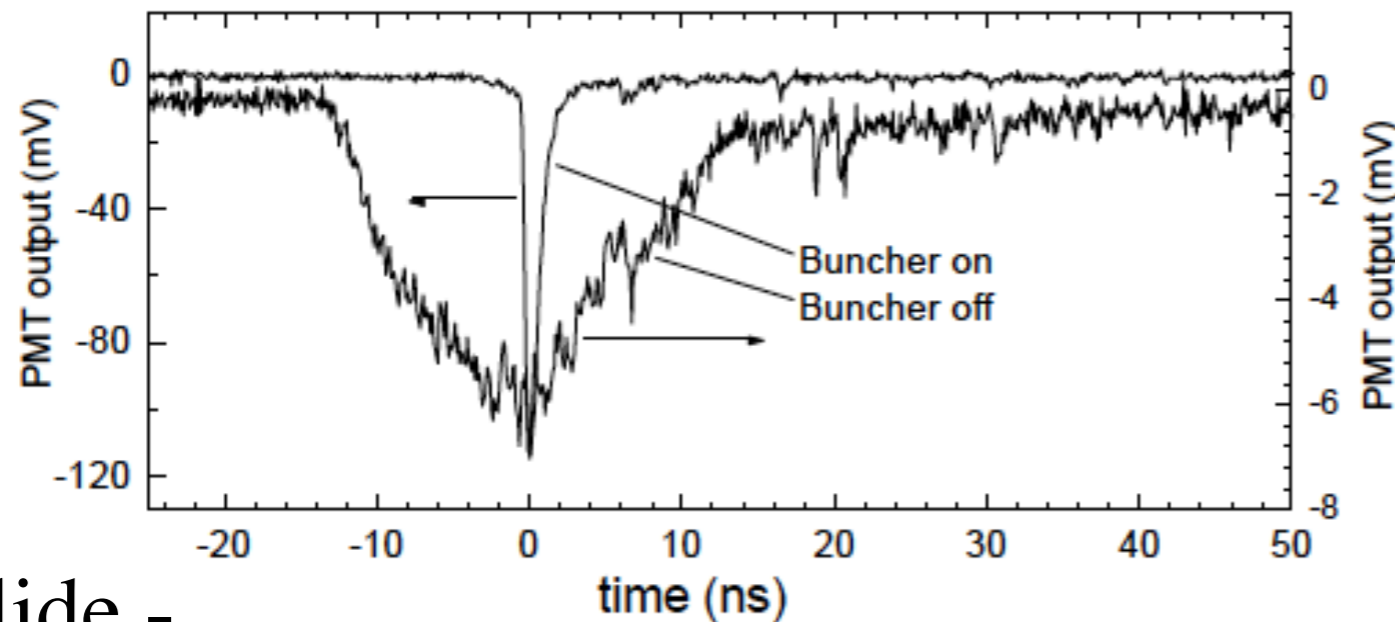
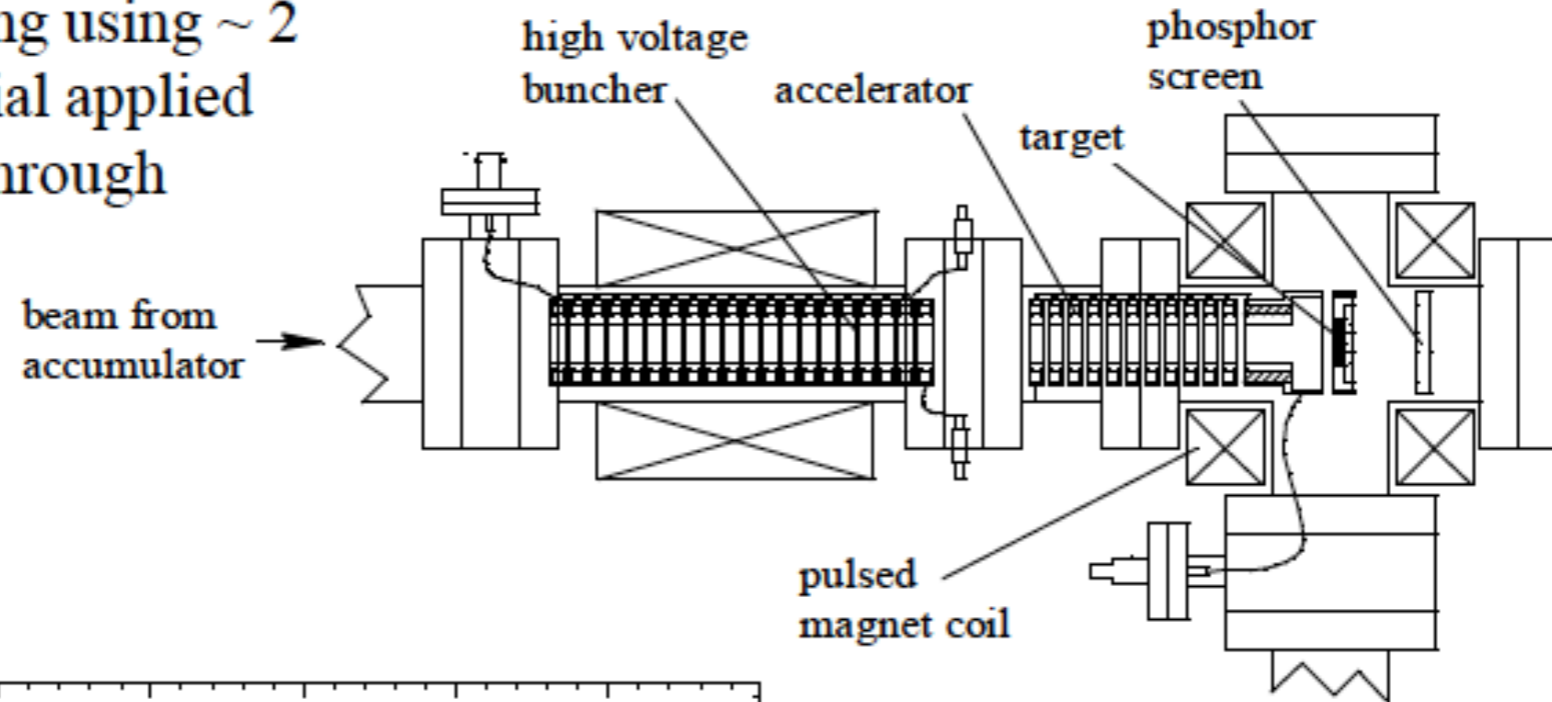


$f_{RW}$  is rotating wall frequency;  $f_E = \omega_D/2\pi$

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# Time compression

**Time compression:** Important to sync Ps with pulsed lasers:  
Electrostatic bunching using  $\sim 2$  kV harmonic potential applied while beam passes through



Creation of  $\sim 1$  ns FWHM pulses routine. No dependence on number of positrons apart from requirement of beam to fit in buncher

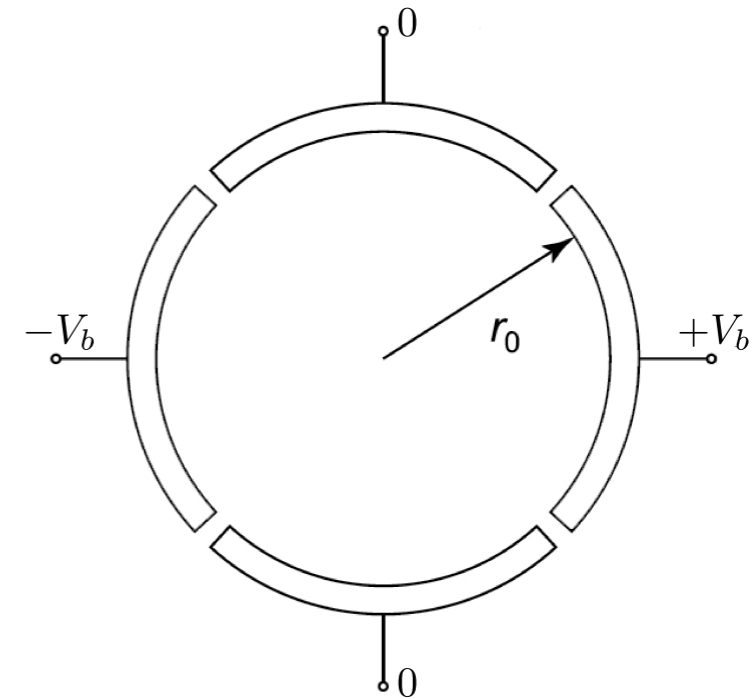
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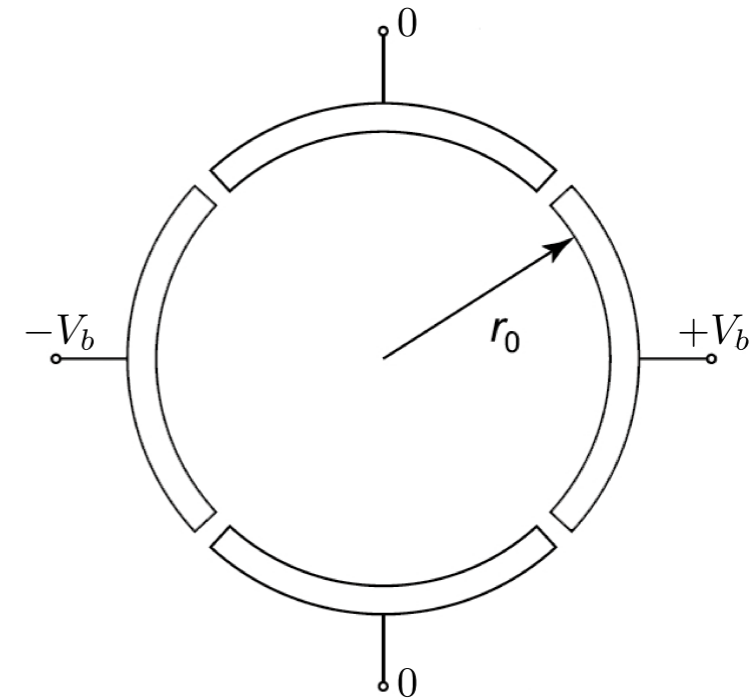
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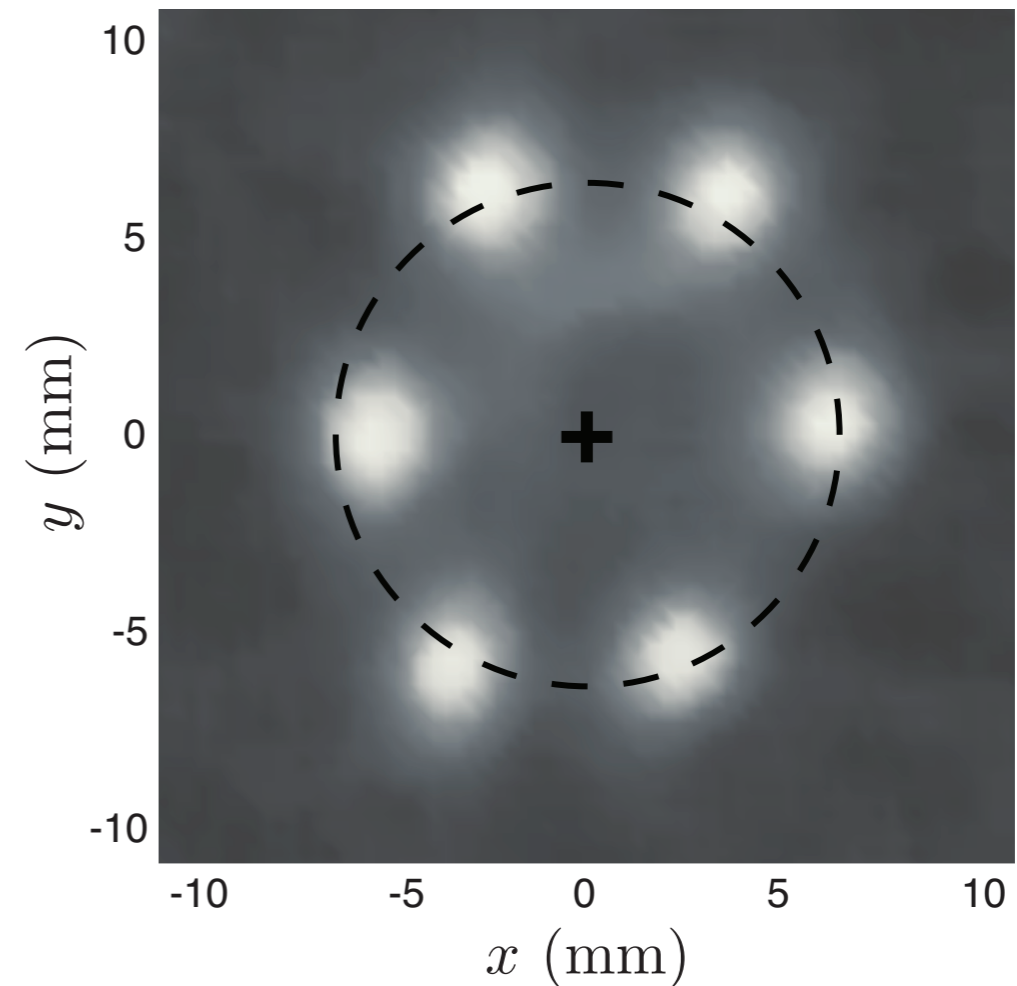
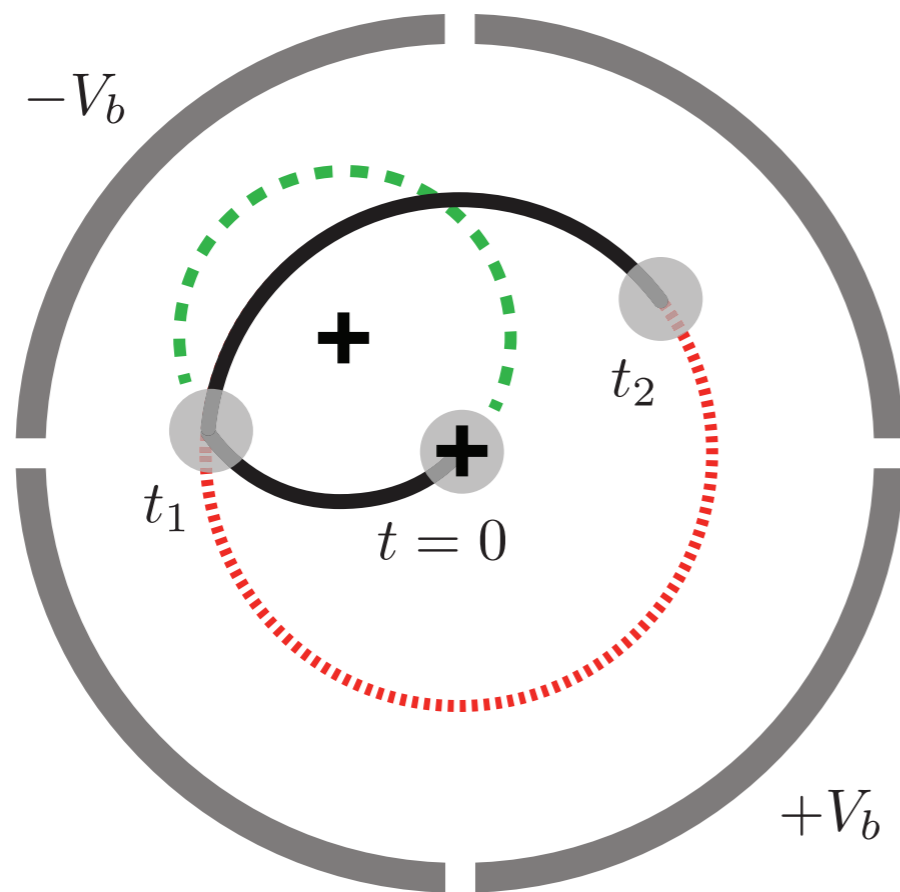
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$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= -\frac{m\omega_z^2}{4q} (-2z^2 + x^2 + y^2) + \frac{m}{q} ax \\ &= -\frac{m\omega_z^2}{4q} \left( -2z^2 + \left( x - \frac{2a}{\omega_z^2} \right)^2 + y^2 \right) + \frac{a^2 m}{q\omega_z^2}. \end{aligned}$$

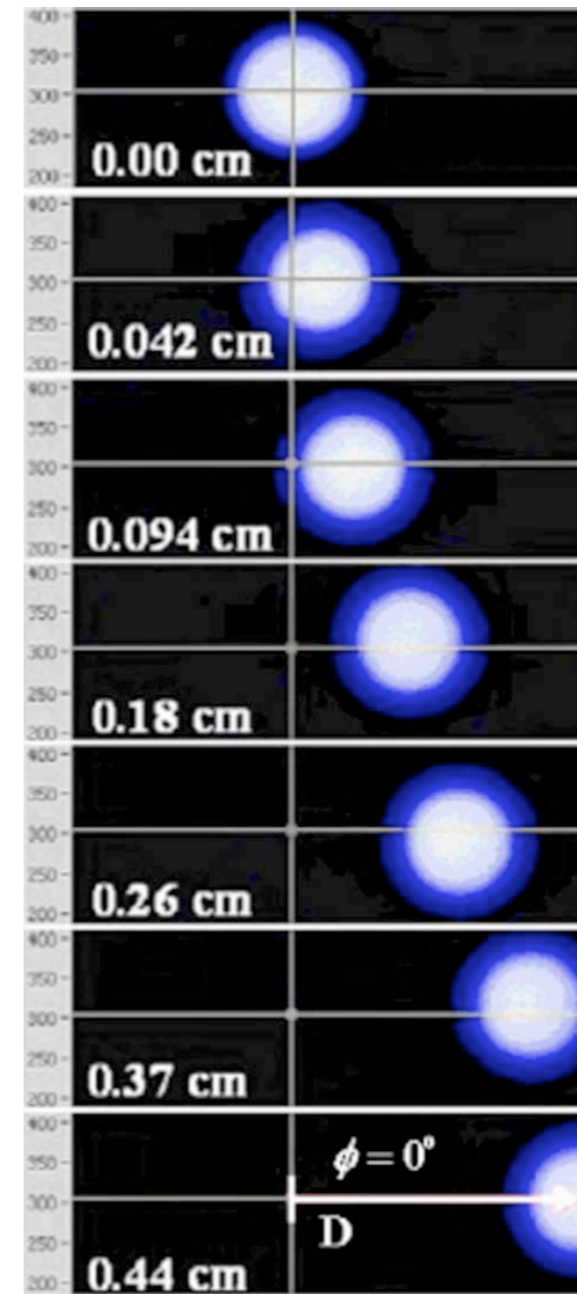
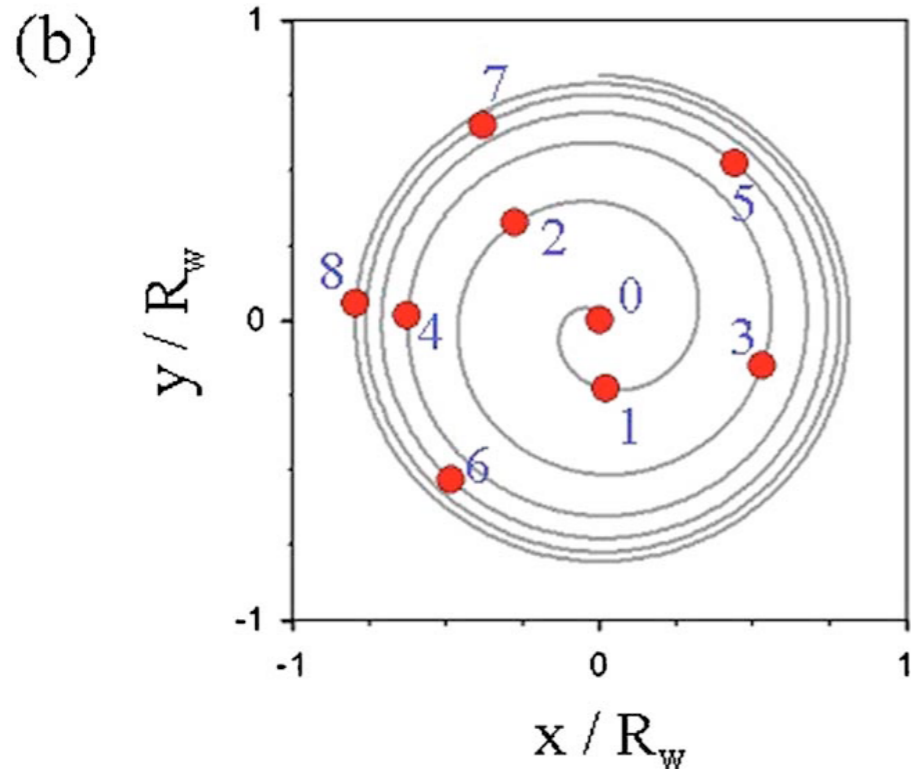
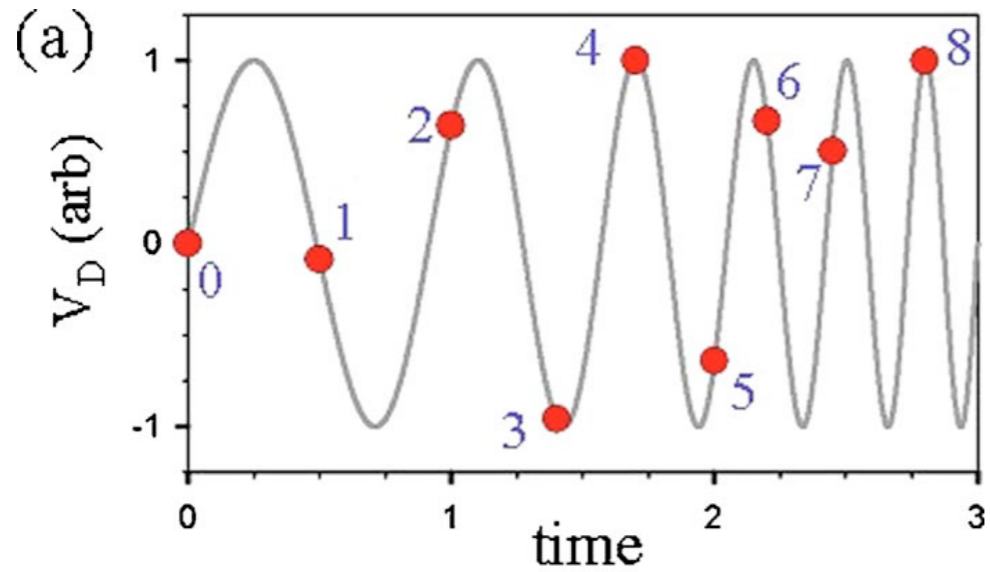
# Orbit Manipulation

1. Load and compress positrons
2. Bias on for a time  $t_1$
3. Dump at time  $t_2$



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# Autoresonant diocotron excitation (plasma)



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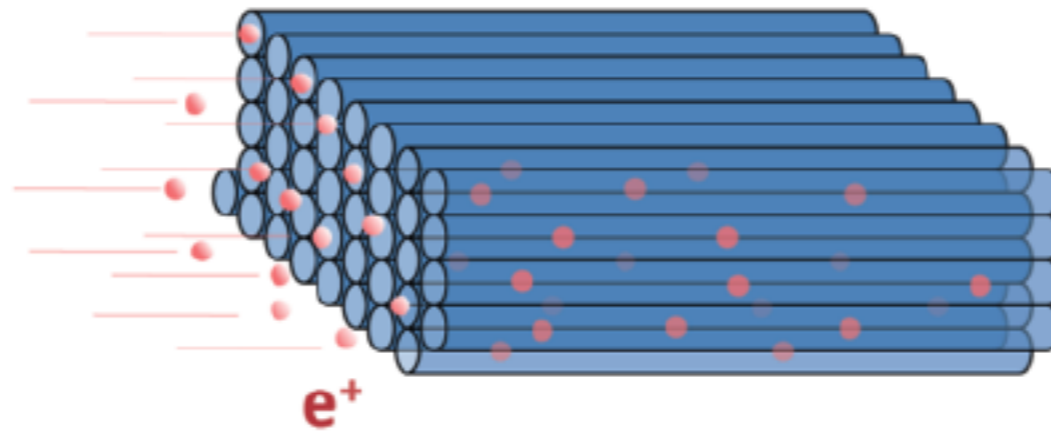
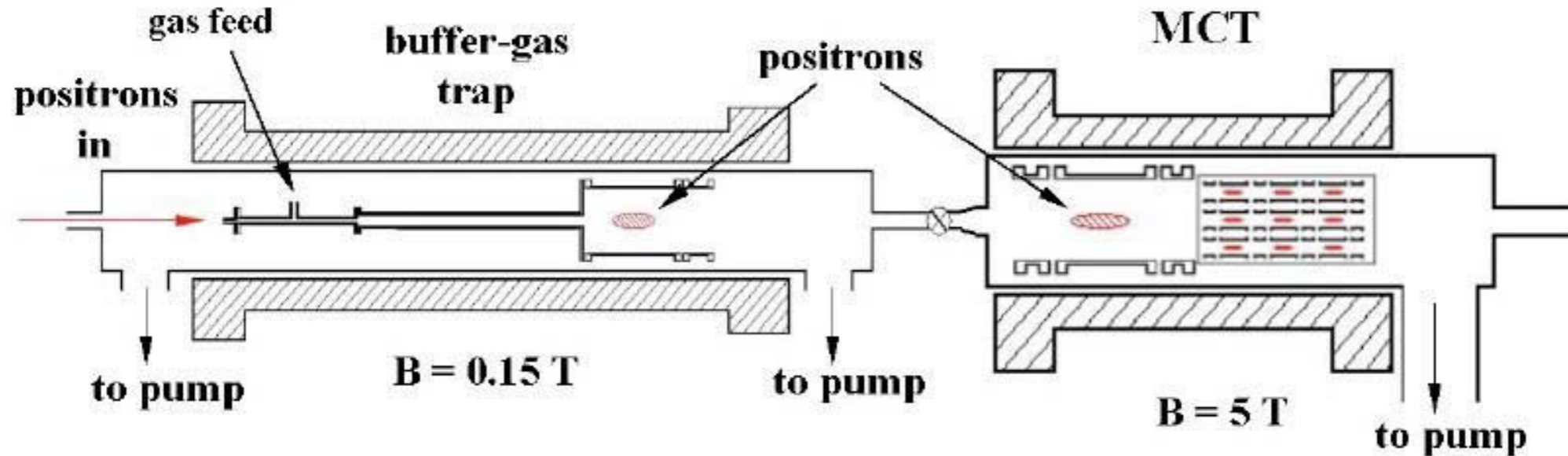
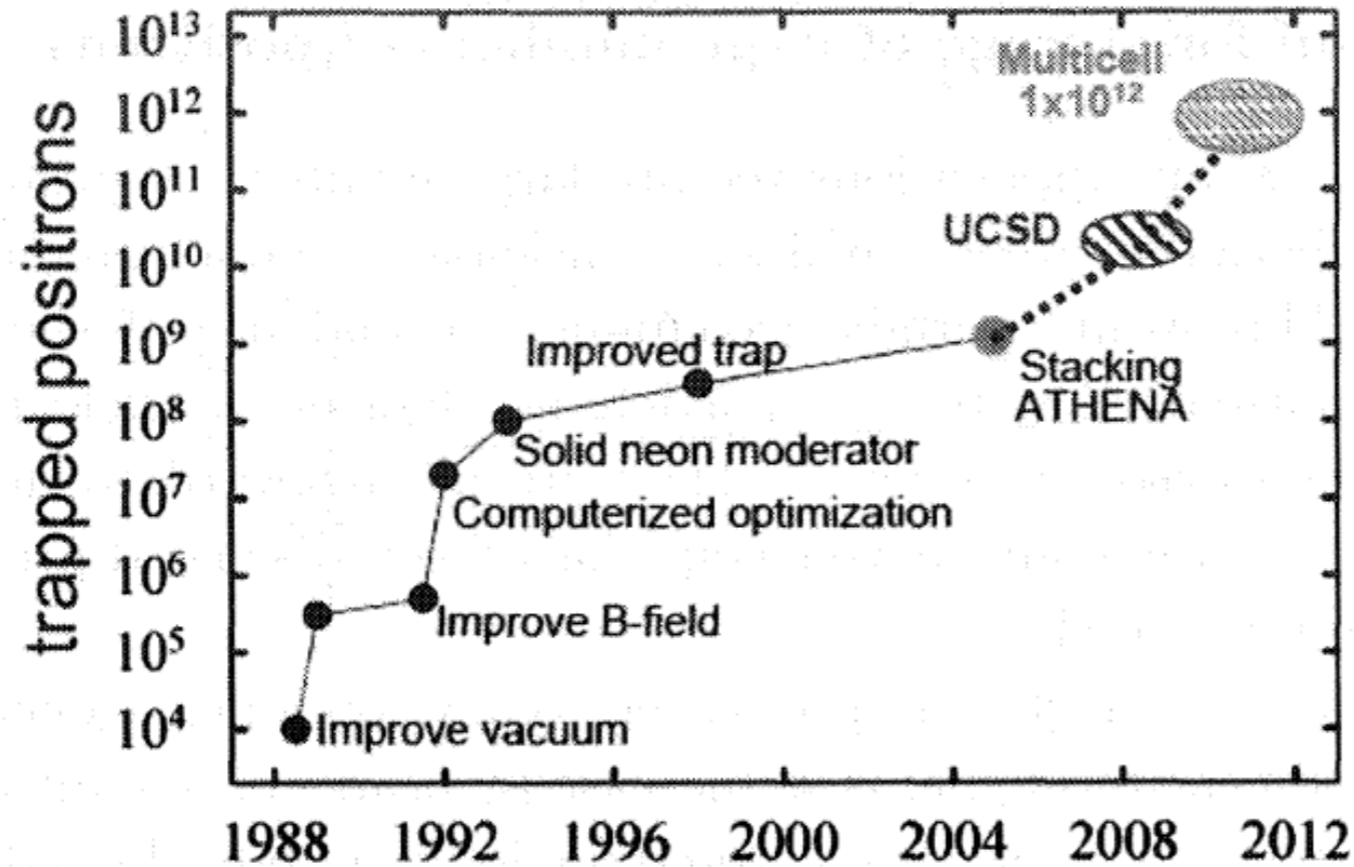


FIG. 1: Schematic configuration of an array of microtraps. The image is not to scale.

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