

From EXILL to FIPPS

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Summary

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- ▶ EXILL
 - Motivation
 - Setup
 - Performances
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 - FIPPS layout
 - Phase I
 - Phase II&III
- ▶ Conclusion

Institut Laue-Langevin



- operates 58 MW high flux reactor with intense extracted neutron beams
- operating since 1971
- today 14 member states: F, D, UK, E, CH, A, I, CZ, S, HU, B, SK, DK, IN
- over **40 instruments**, mainly for neutron scattering
- **user facility**: 2000 scientific visitors from 45 countries per year

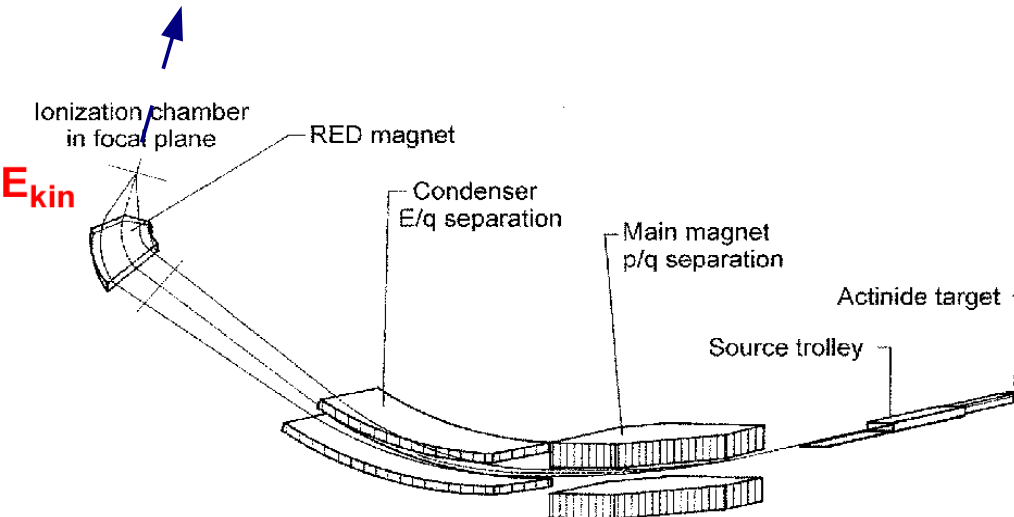
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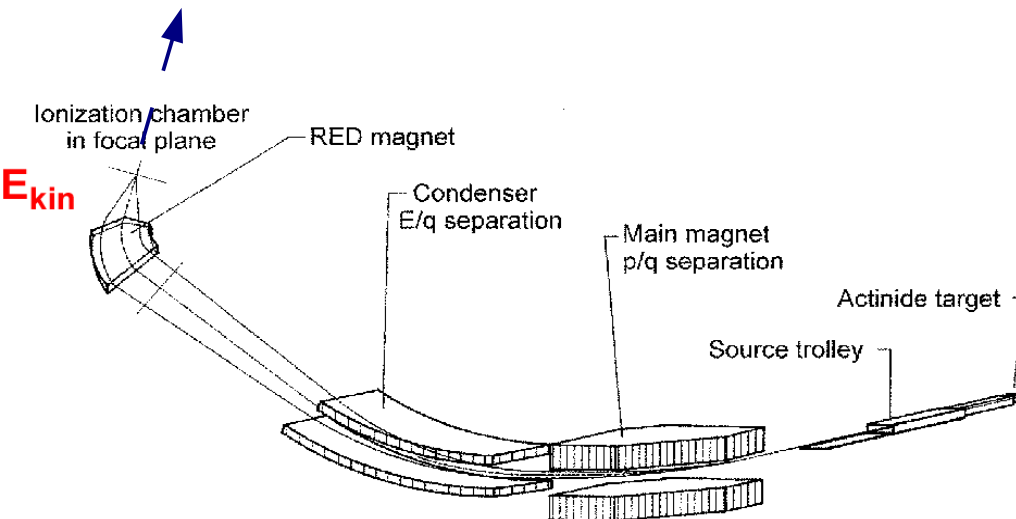
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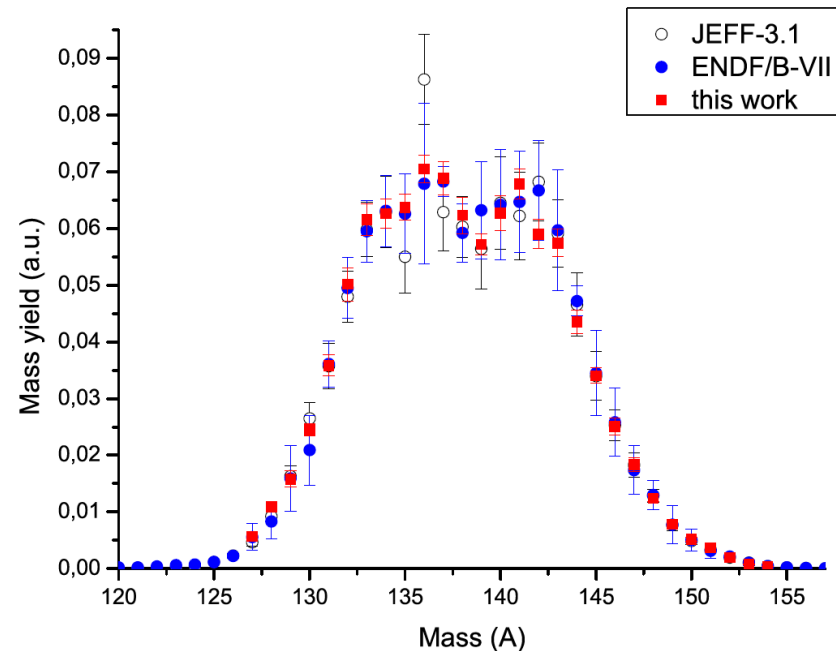
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F.Martin PhD thesis(2014) : $^{233}\text{U}(n,f)$

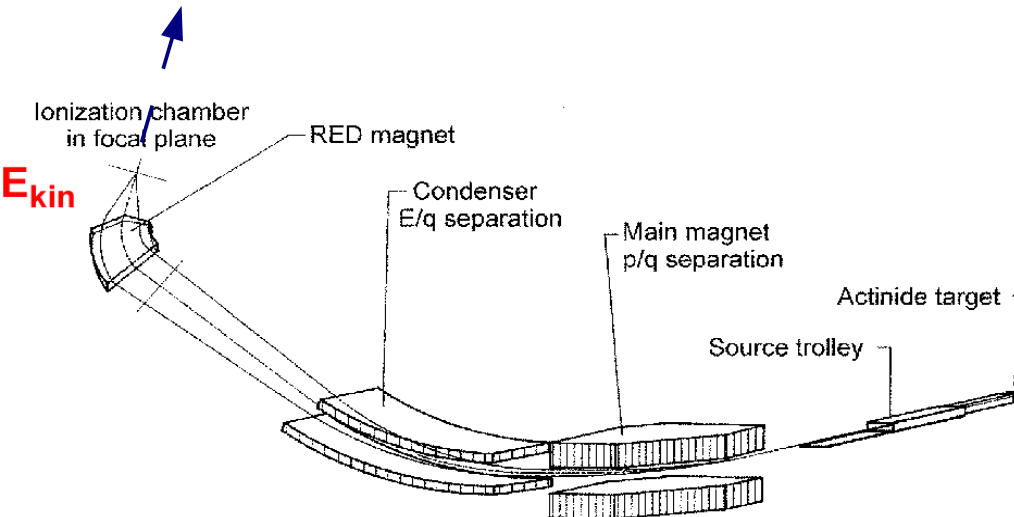
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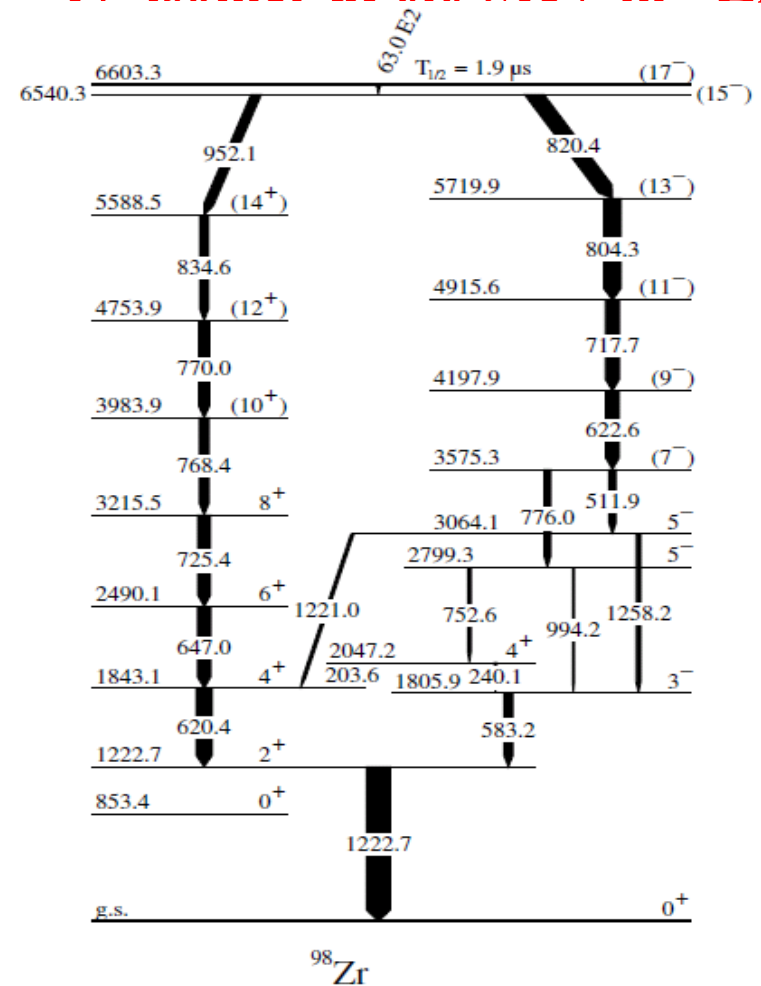
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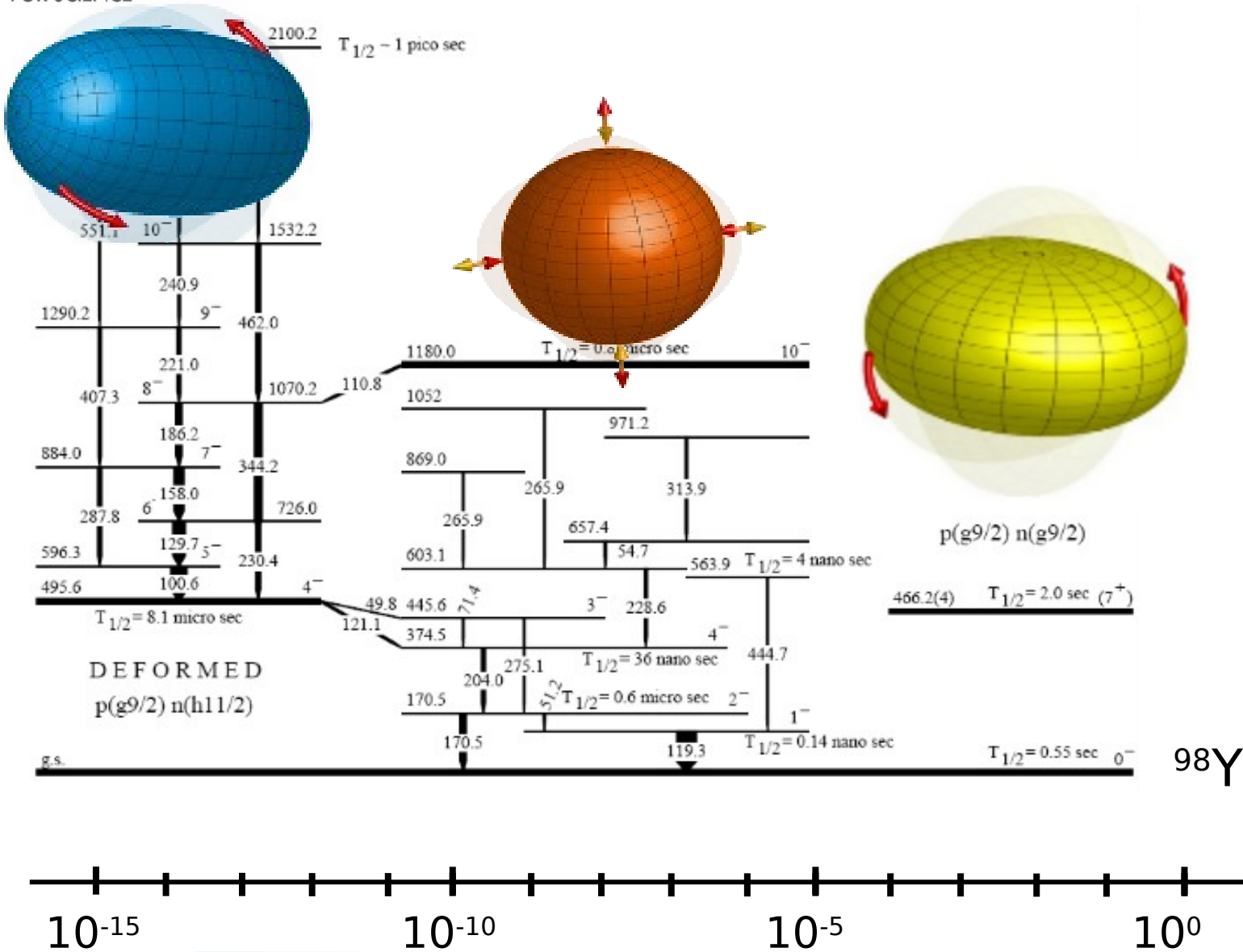
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17- isomer at 6.6 MeV in ^{98}Zr

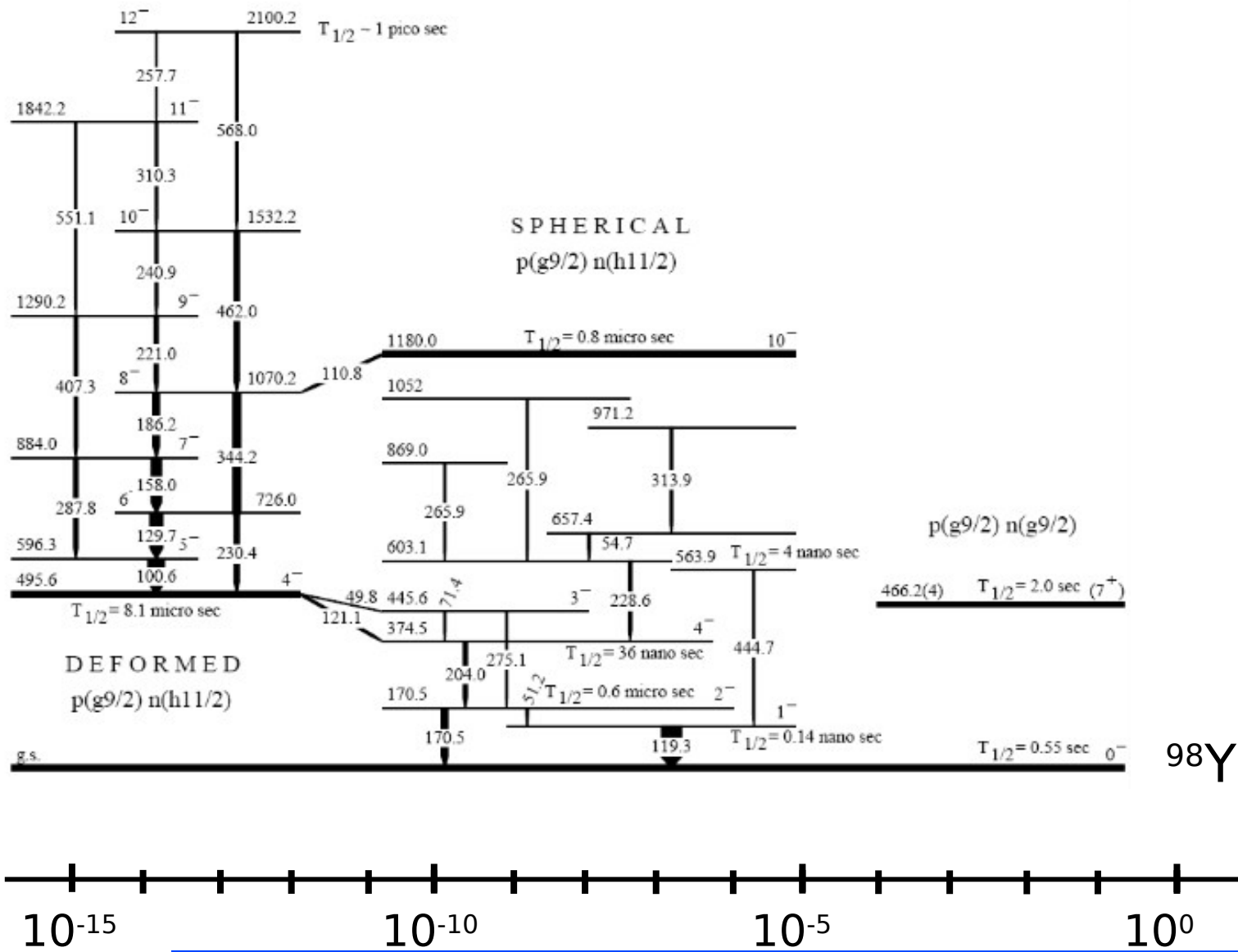


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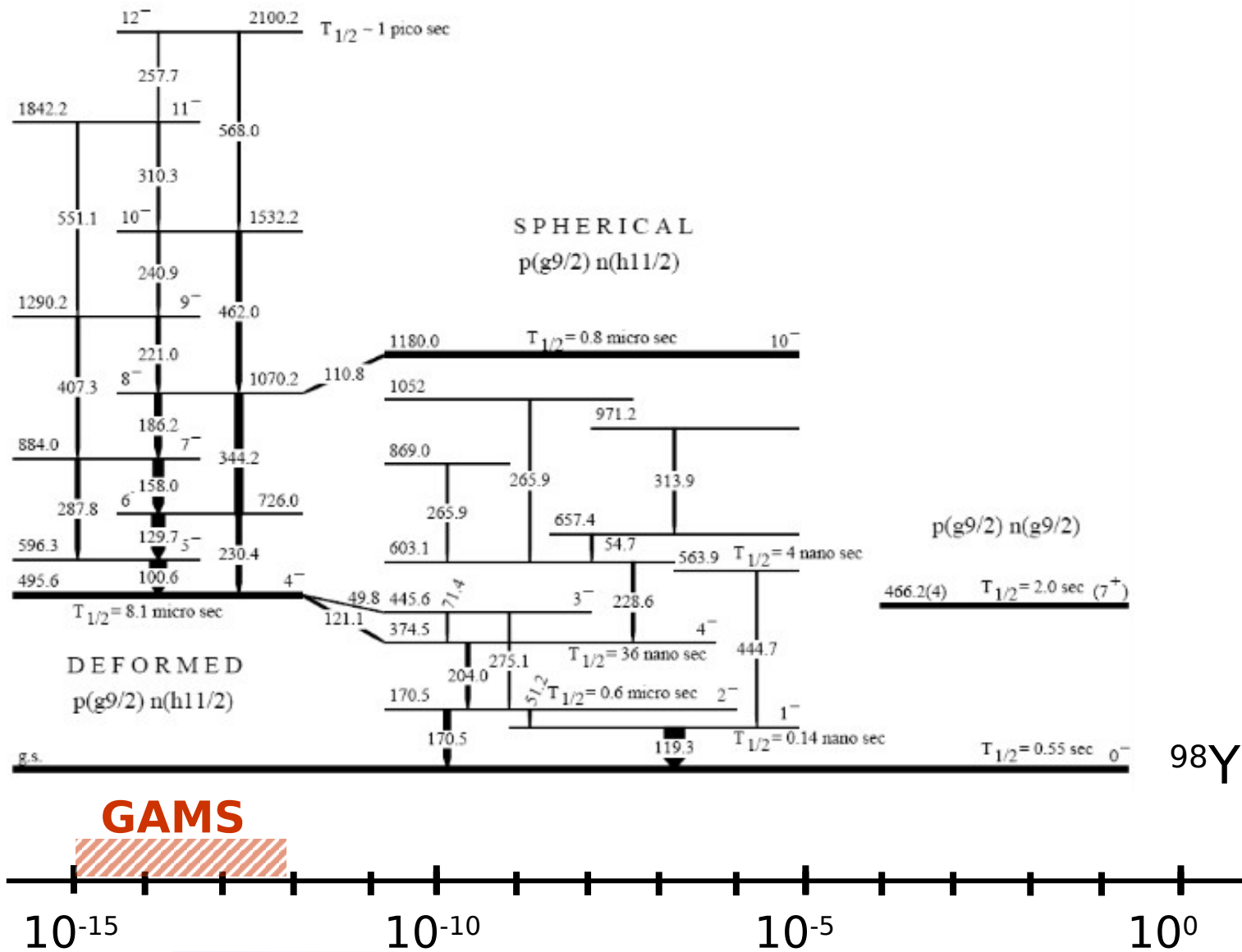
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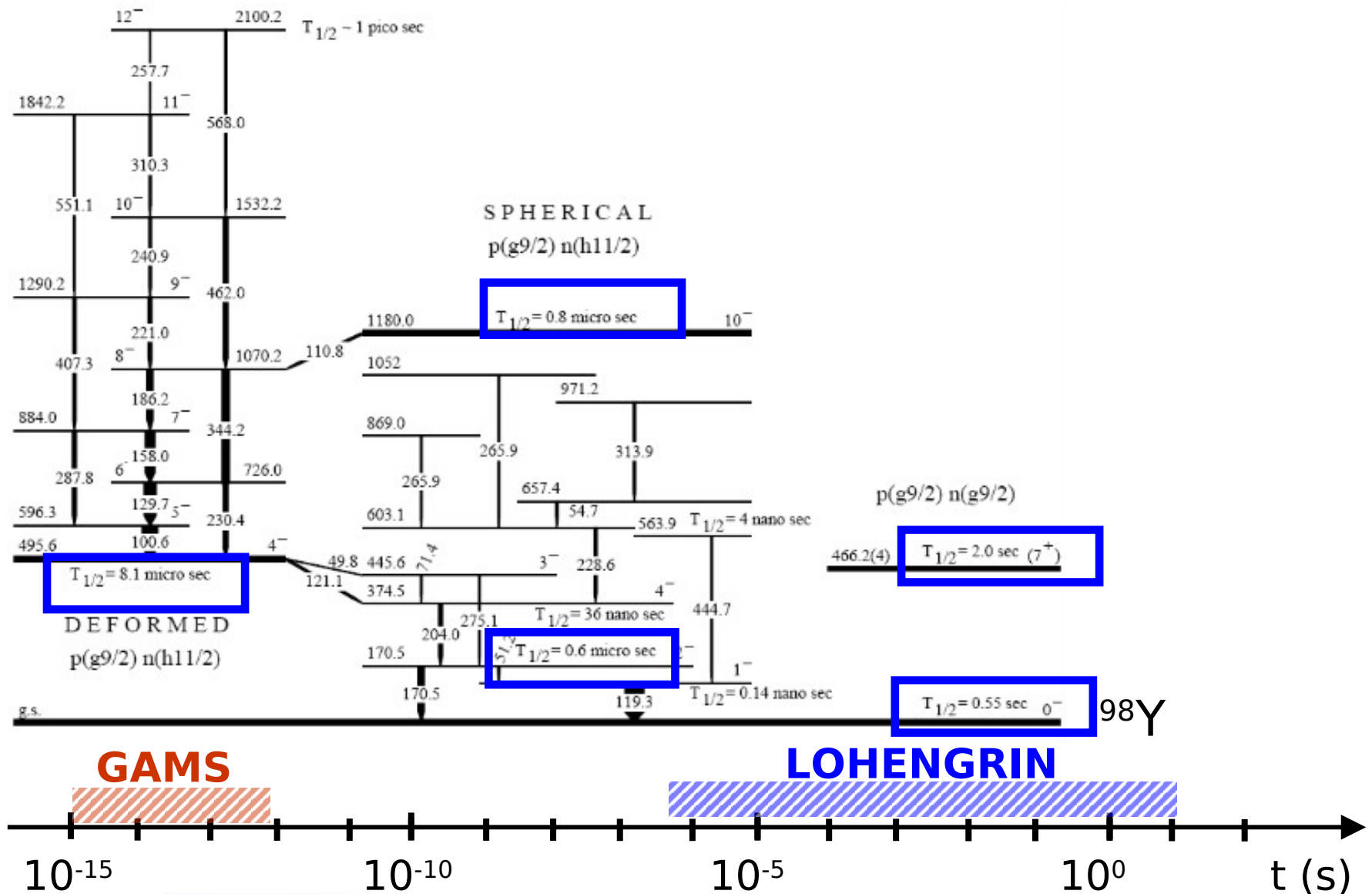
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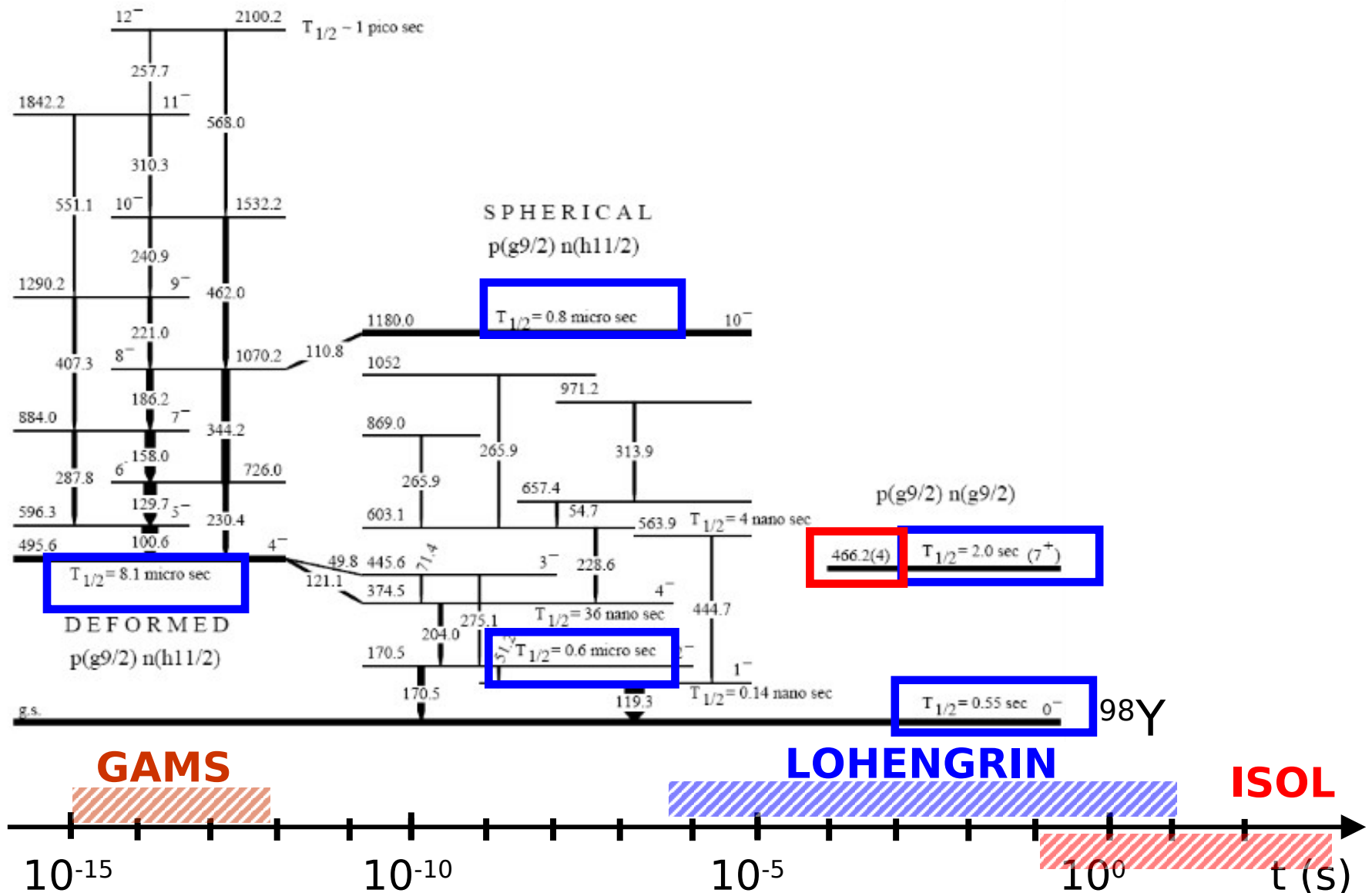
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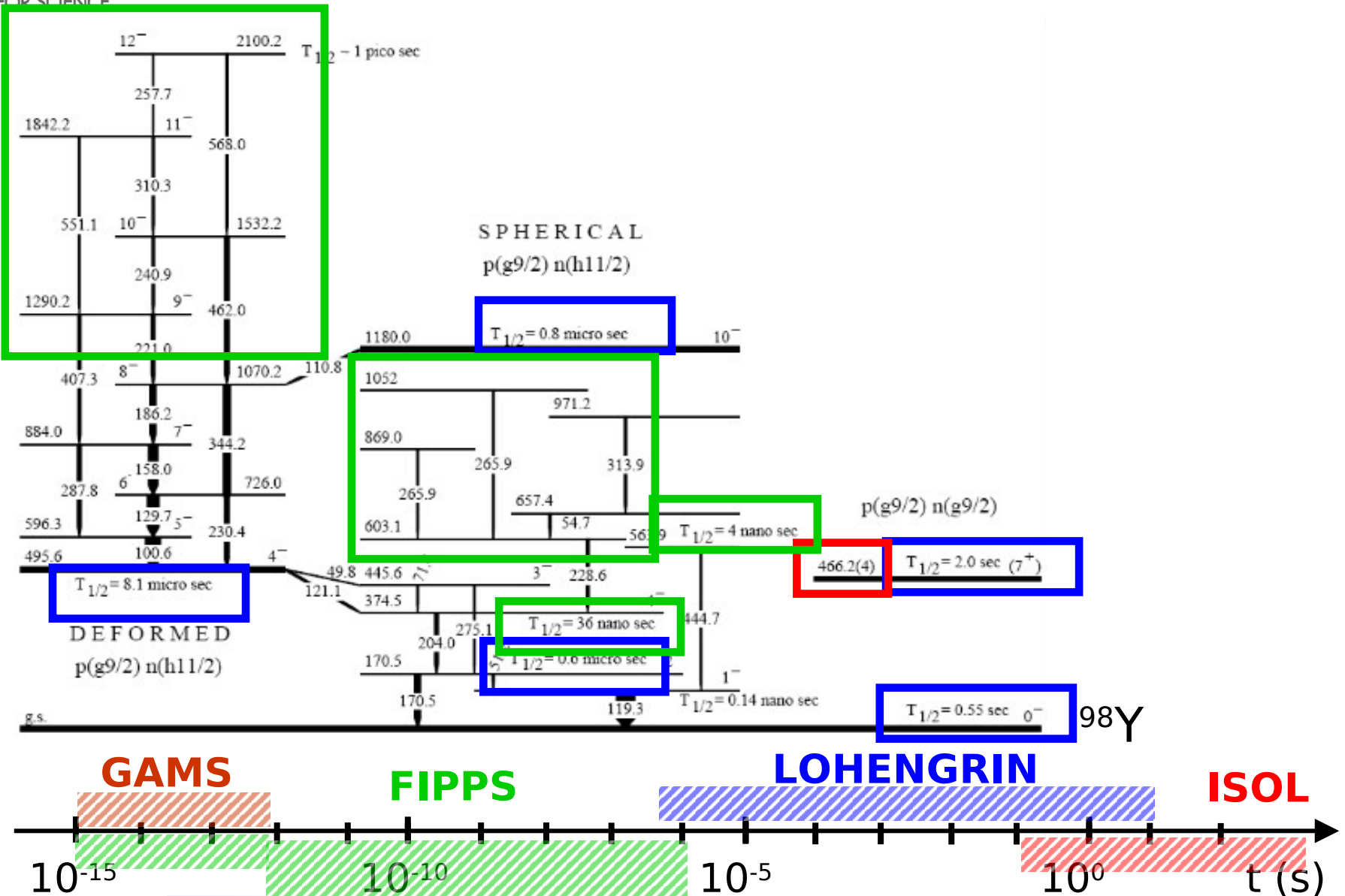
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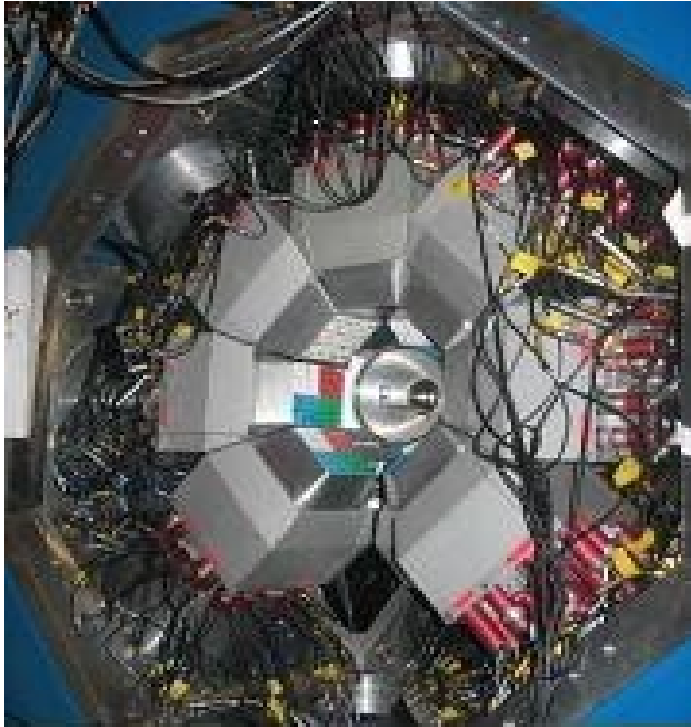
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EXogam @ ILL



High efficiency
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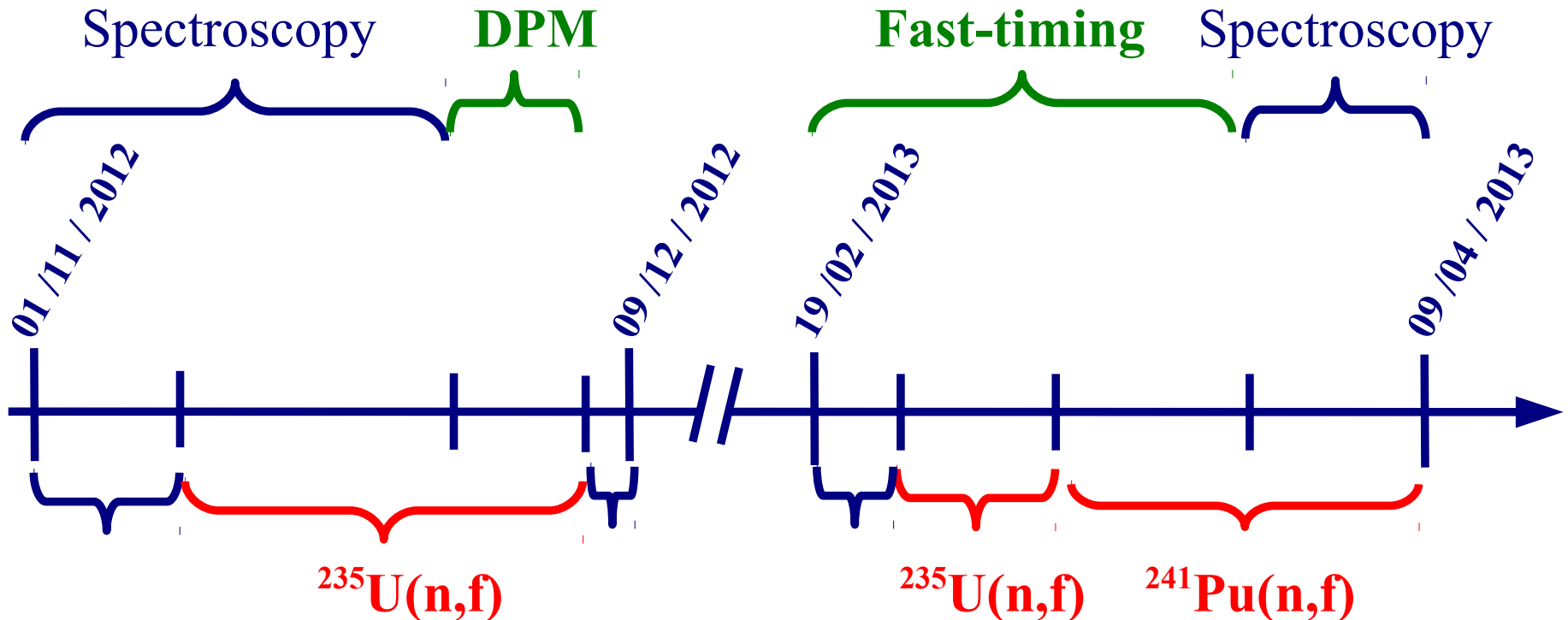


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=> γ -ray spectroscopy of cold neutron induced reactions

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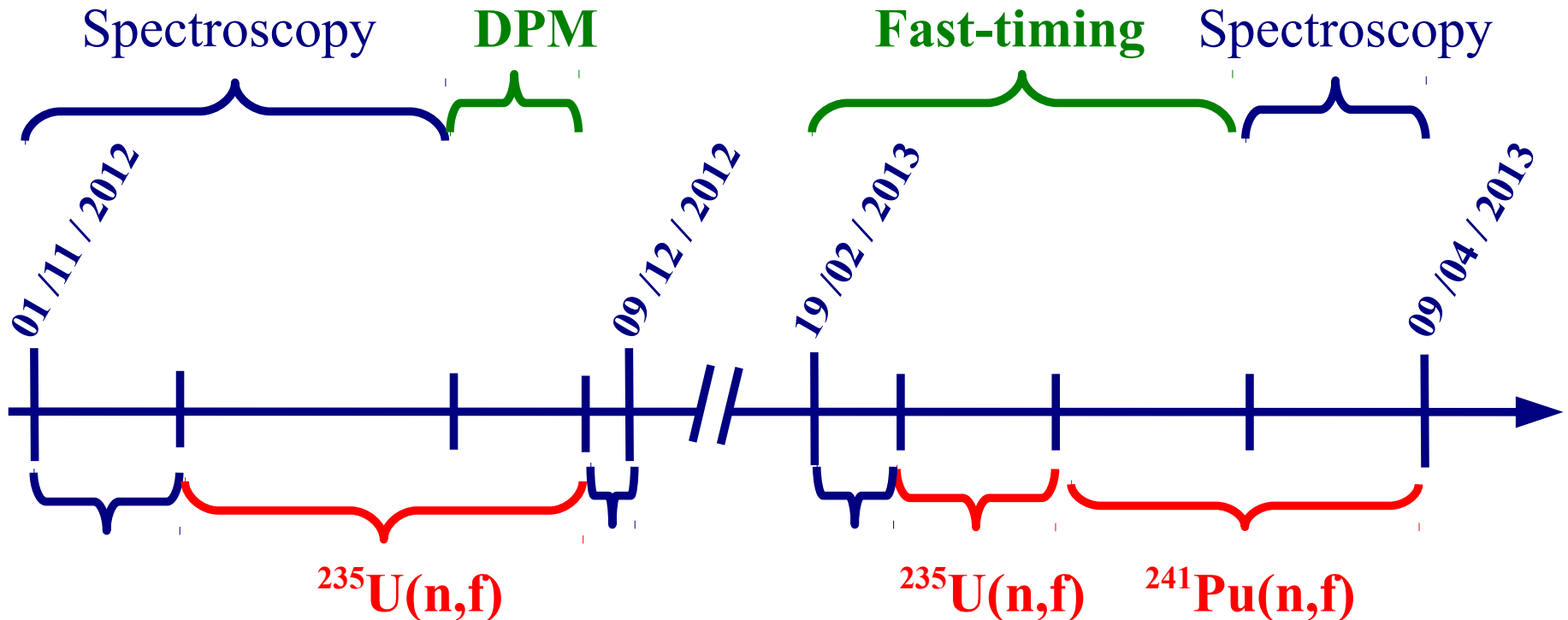


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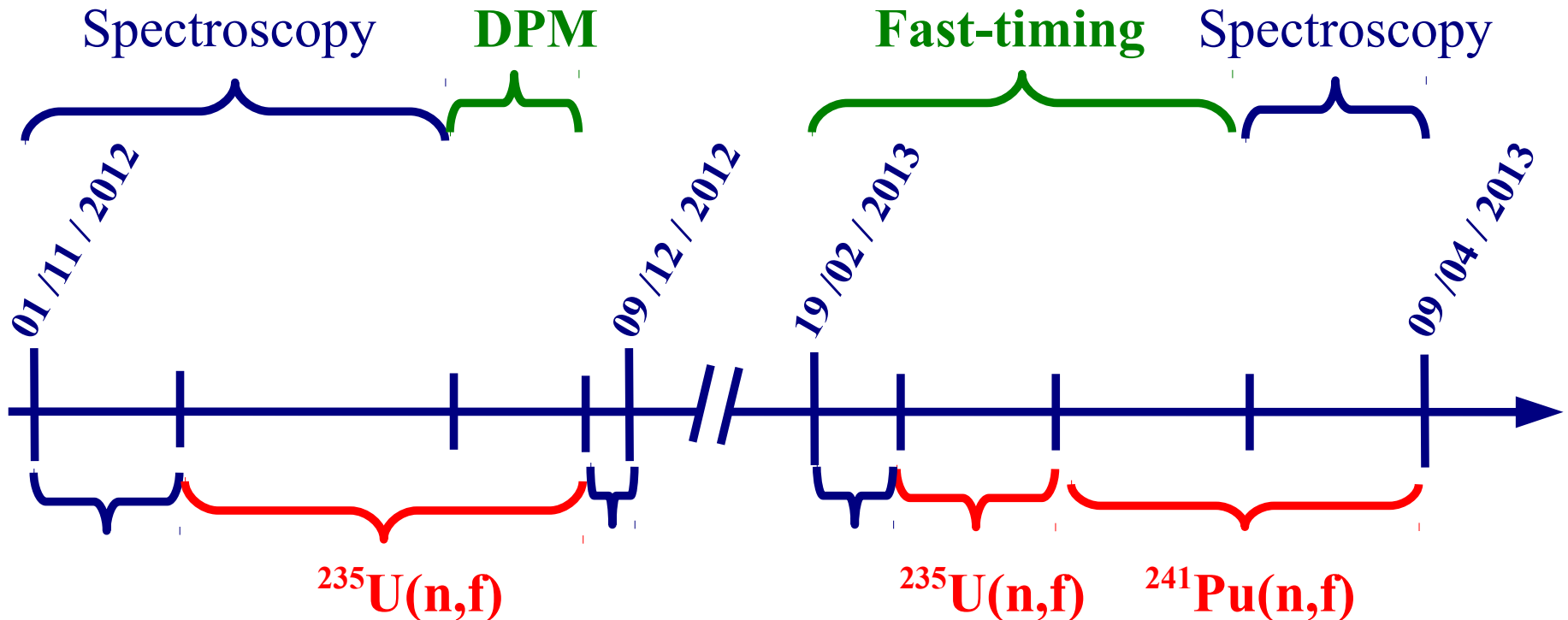
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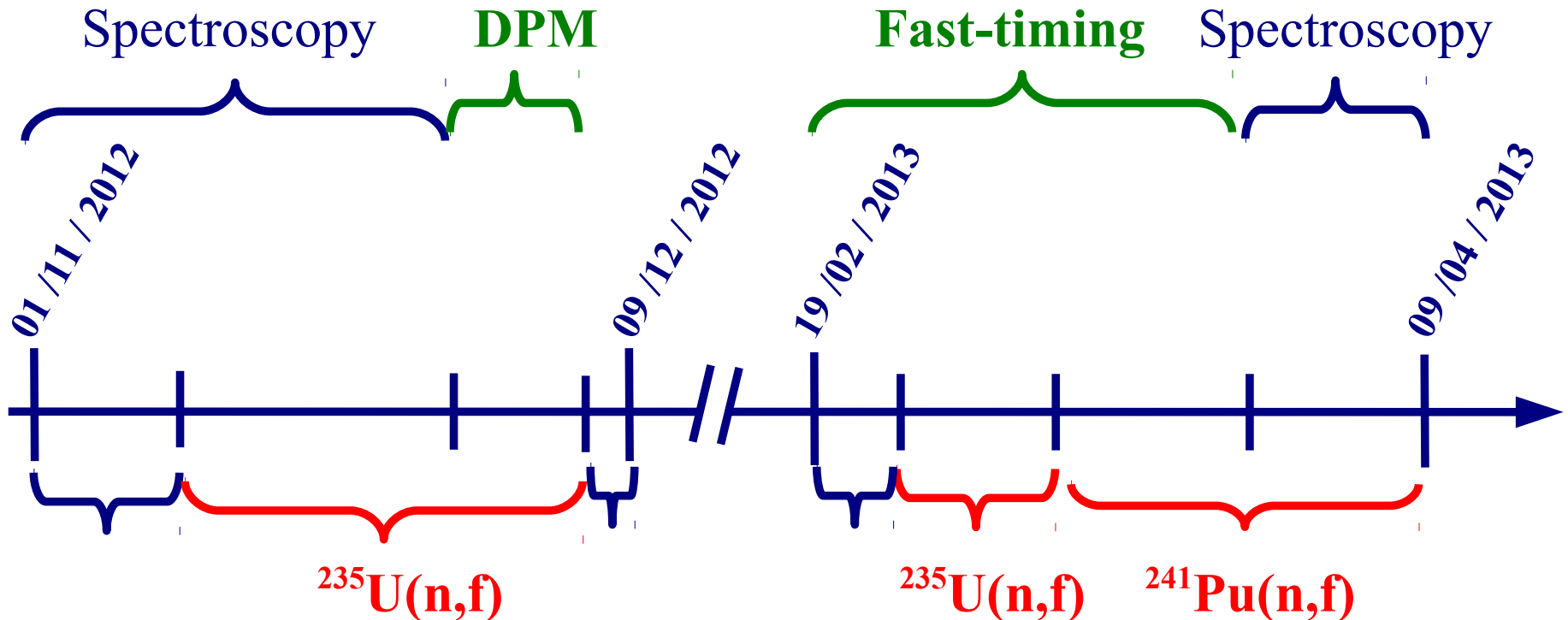
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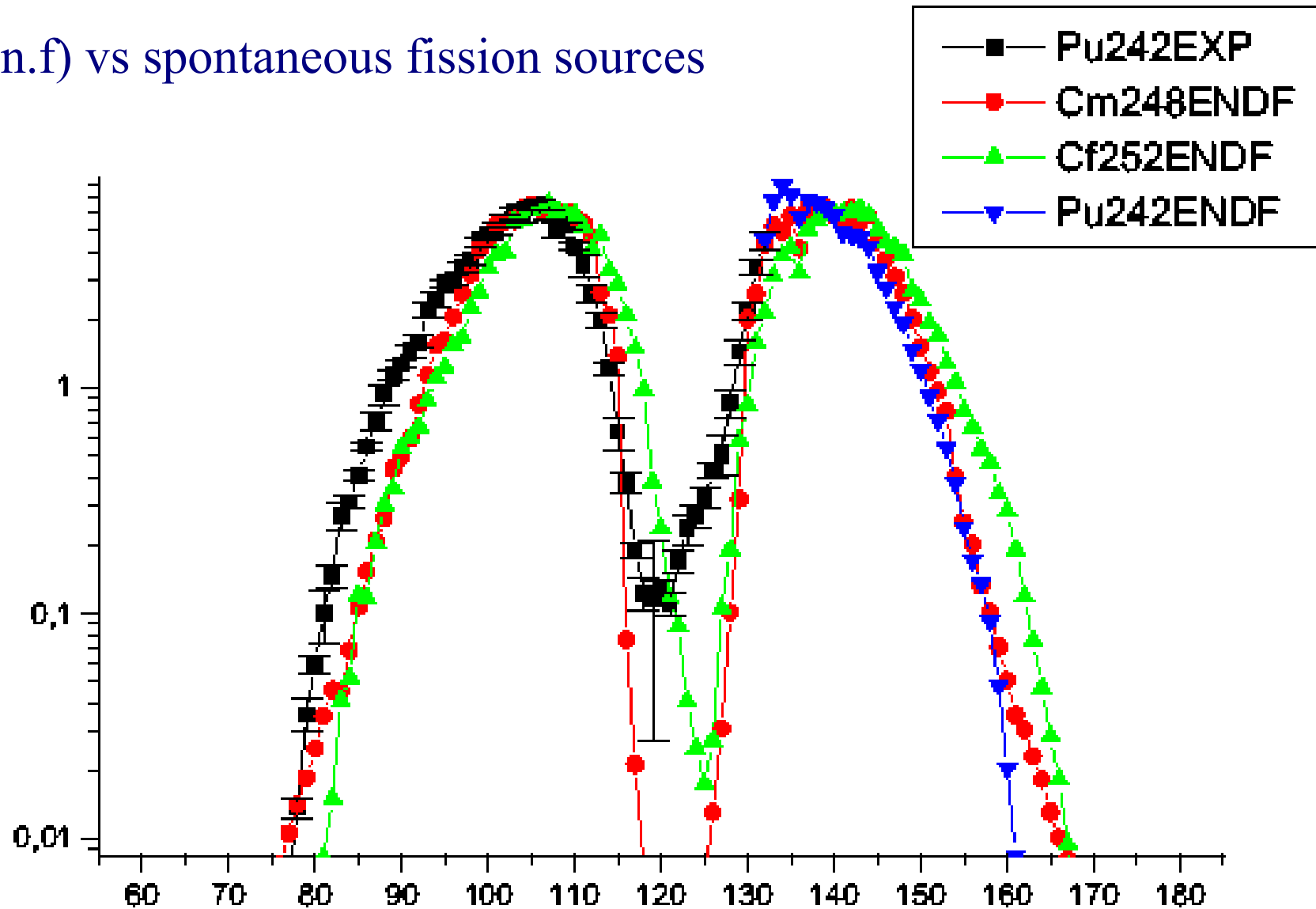


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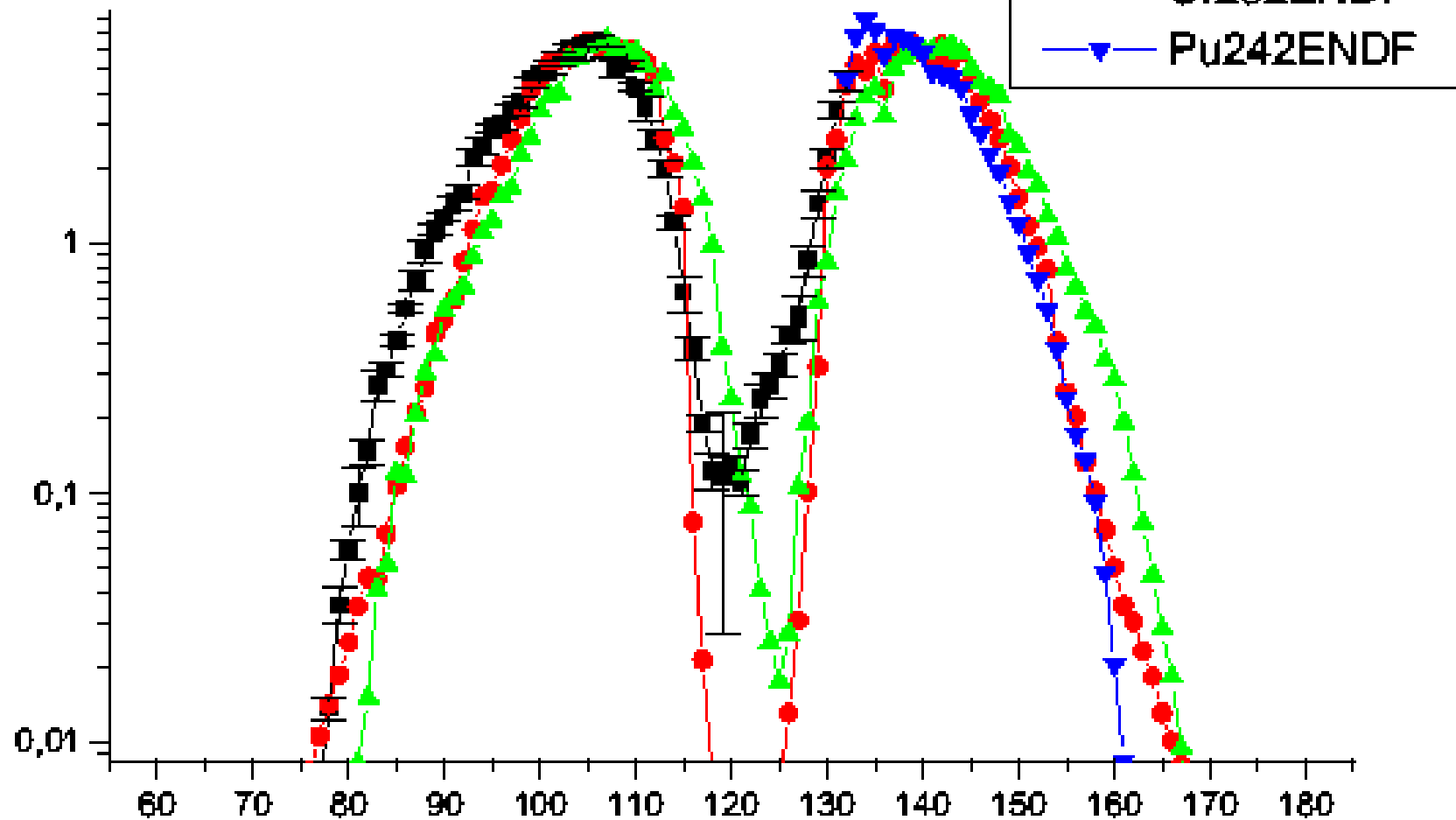
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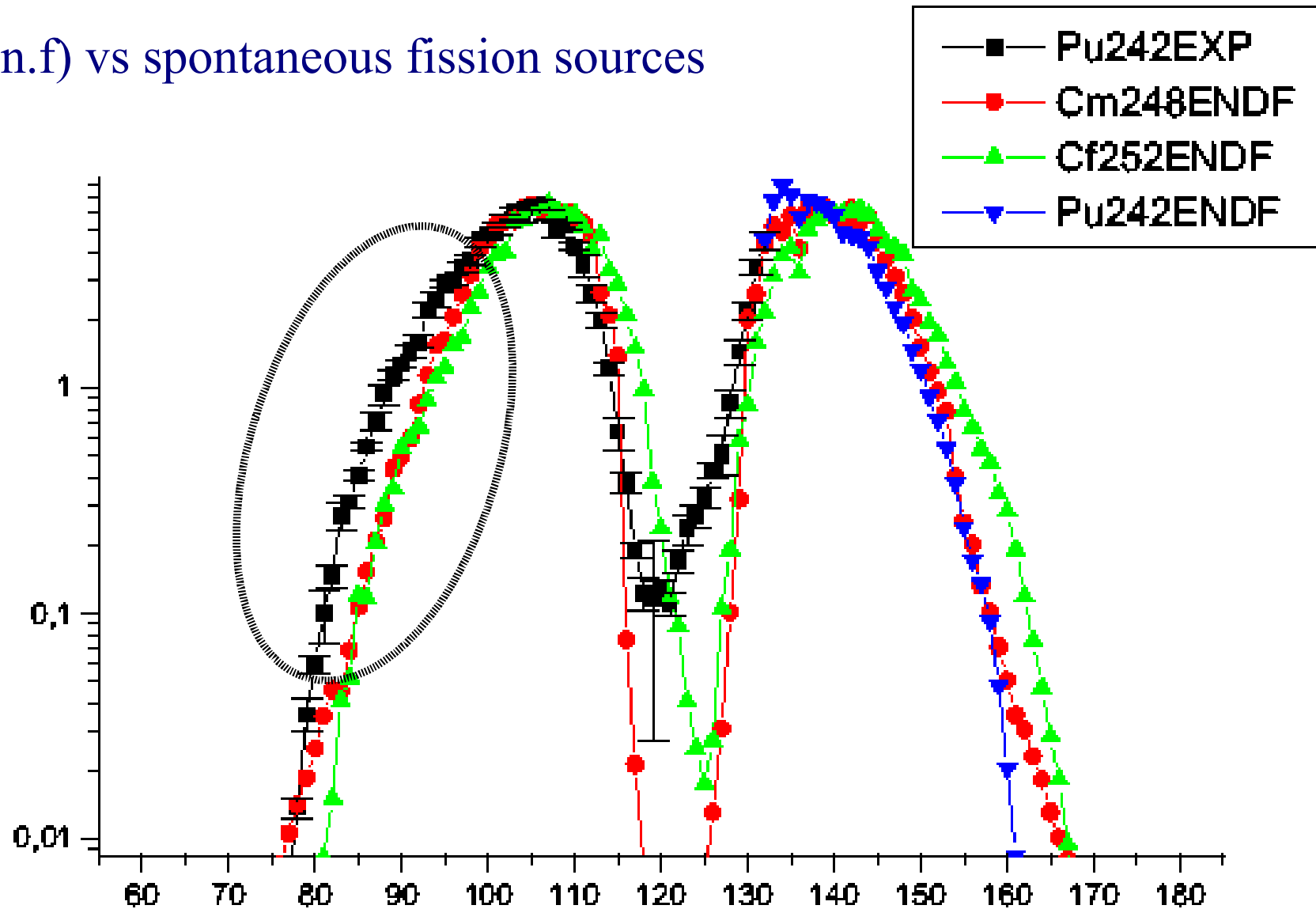
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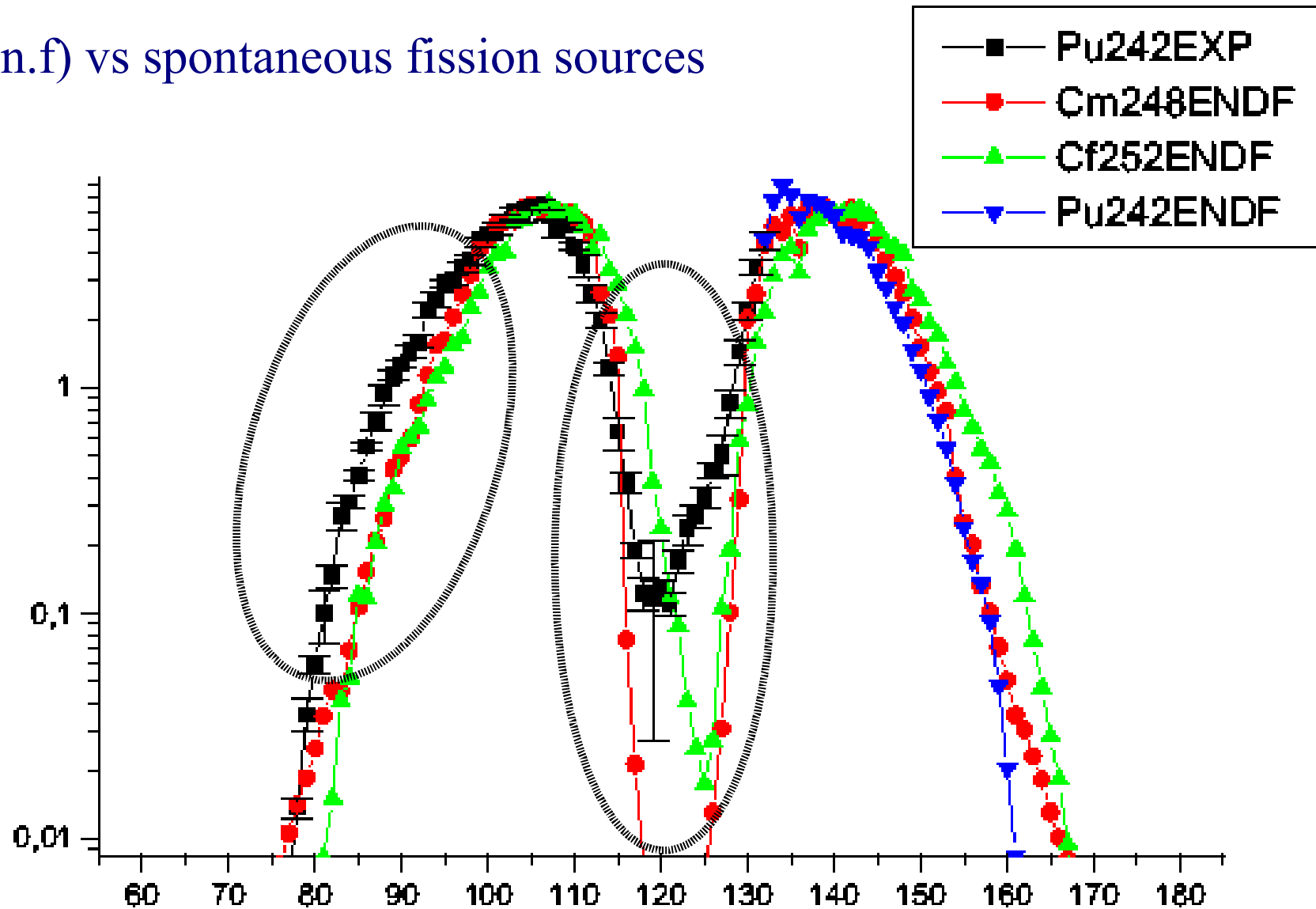
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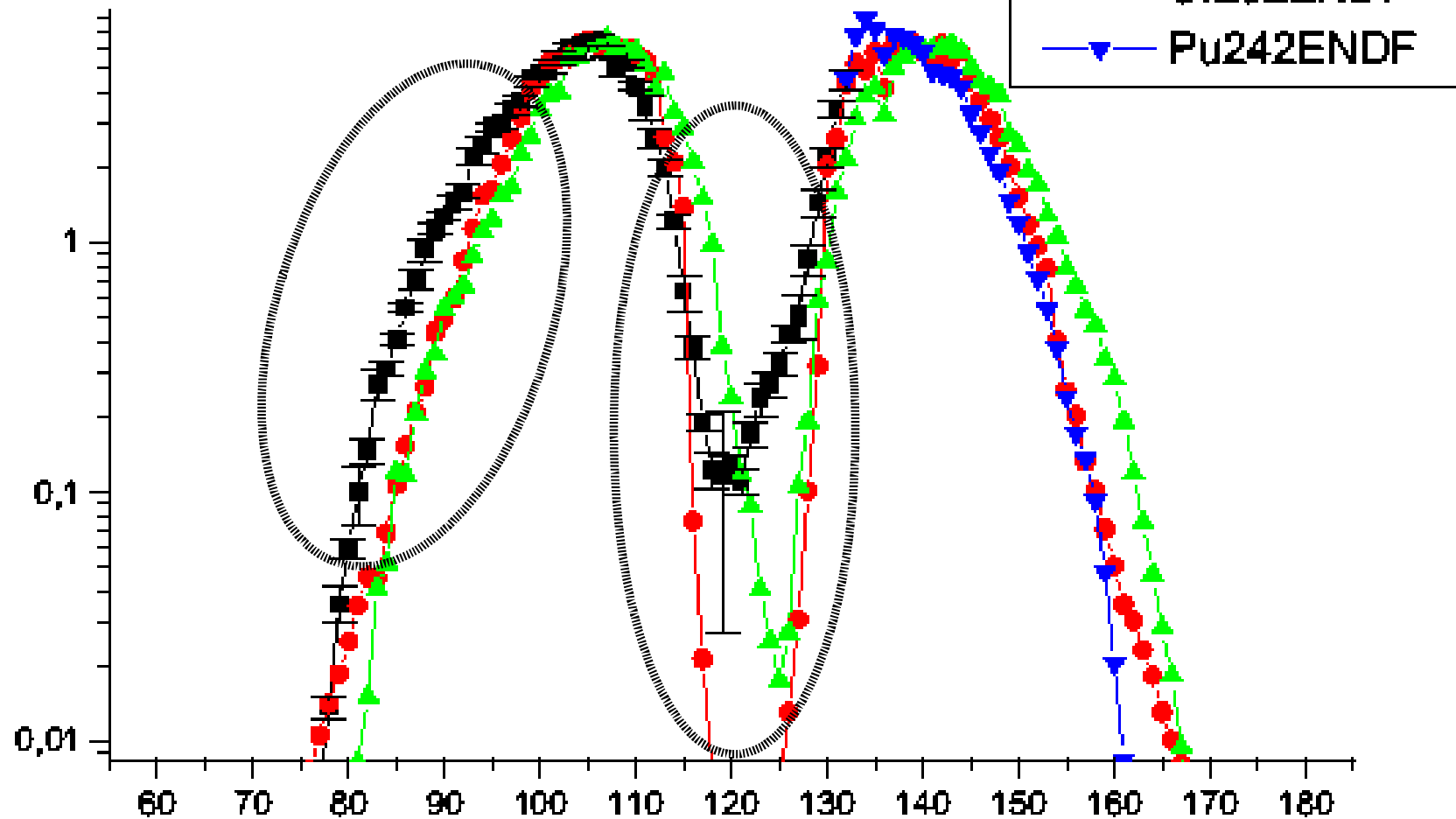
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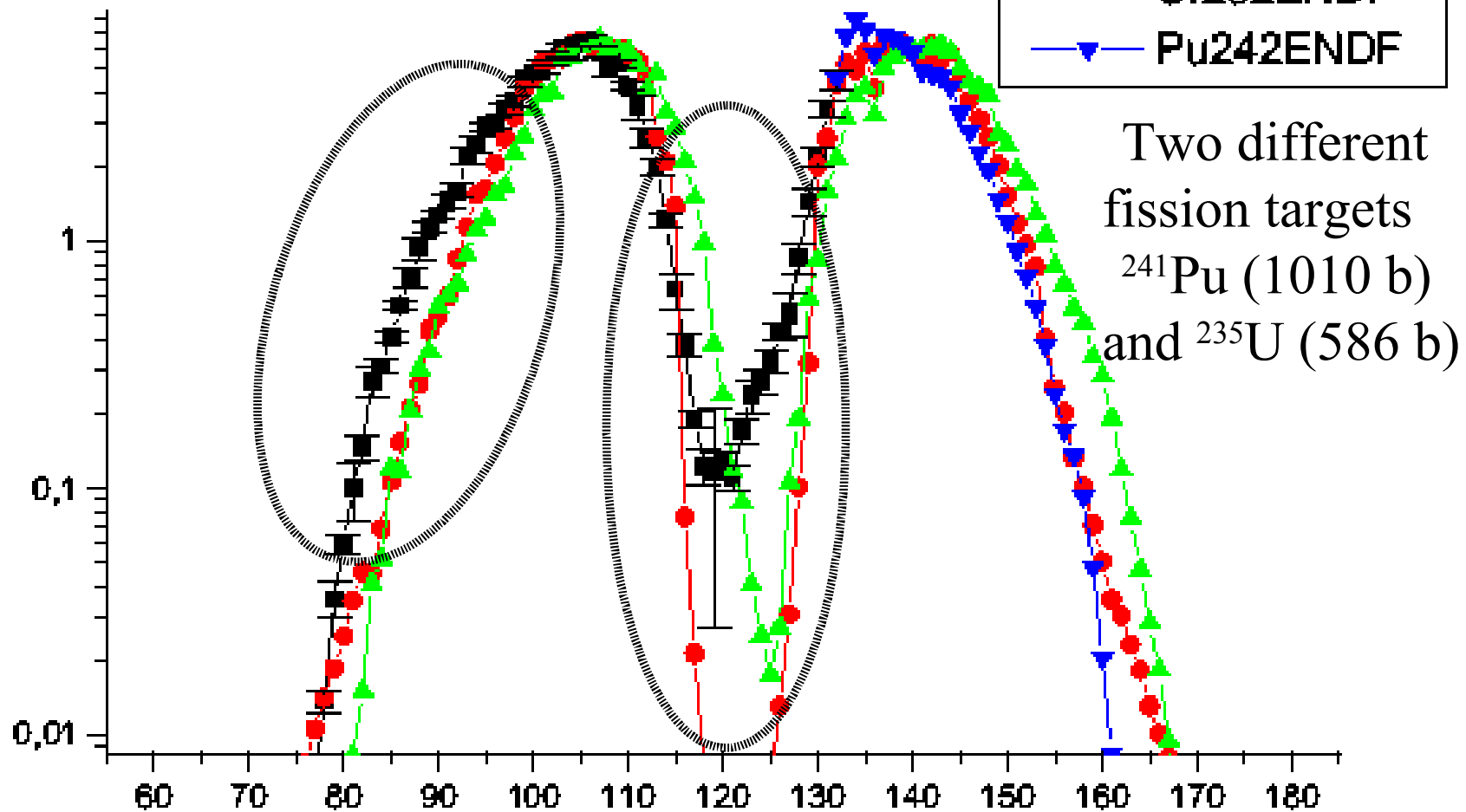
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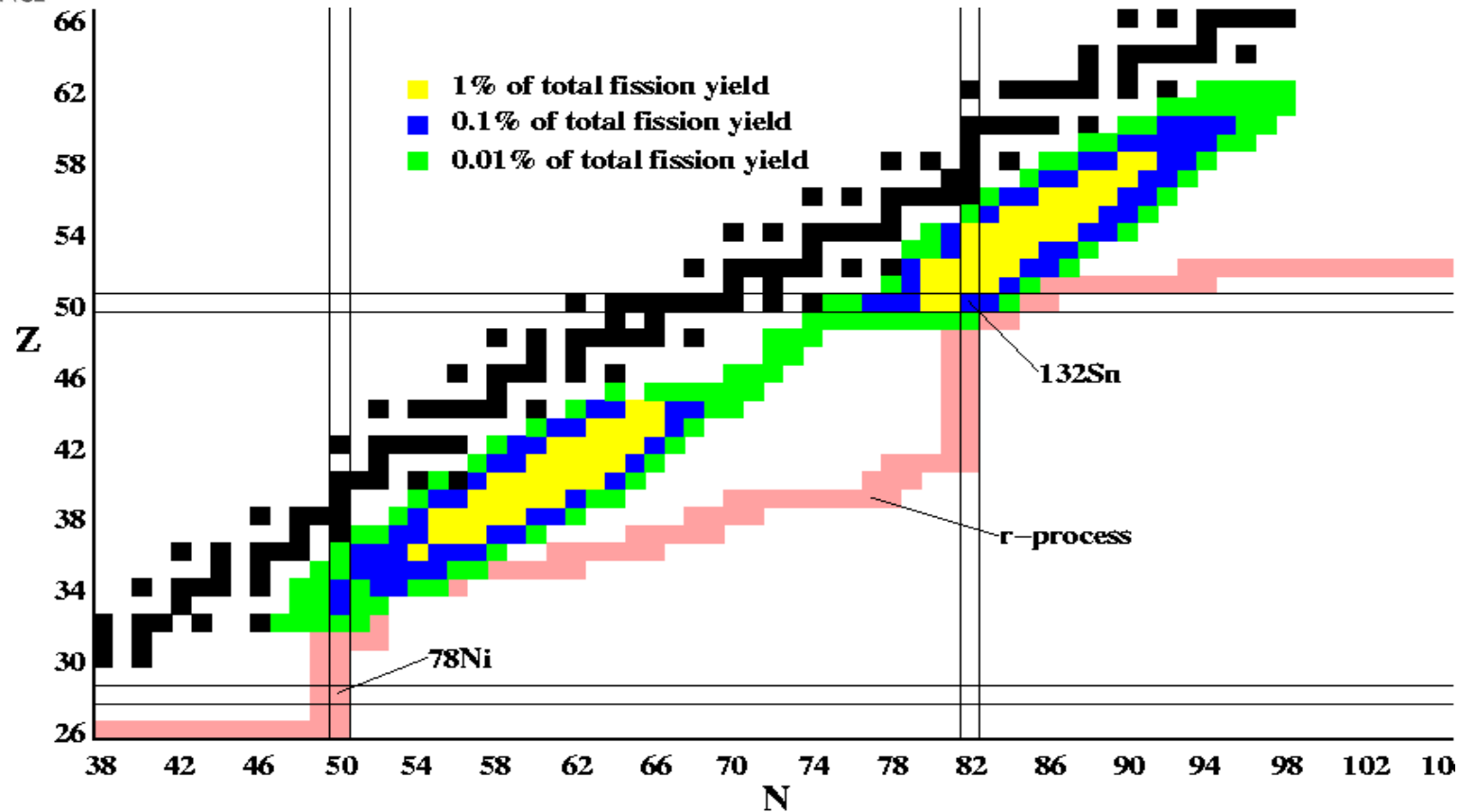
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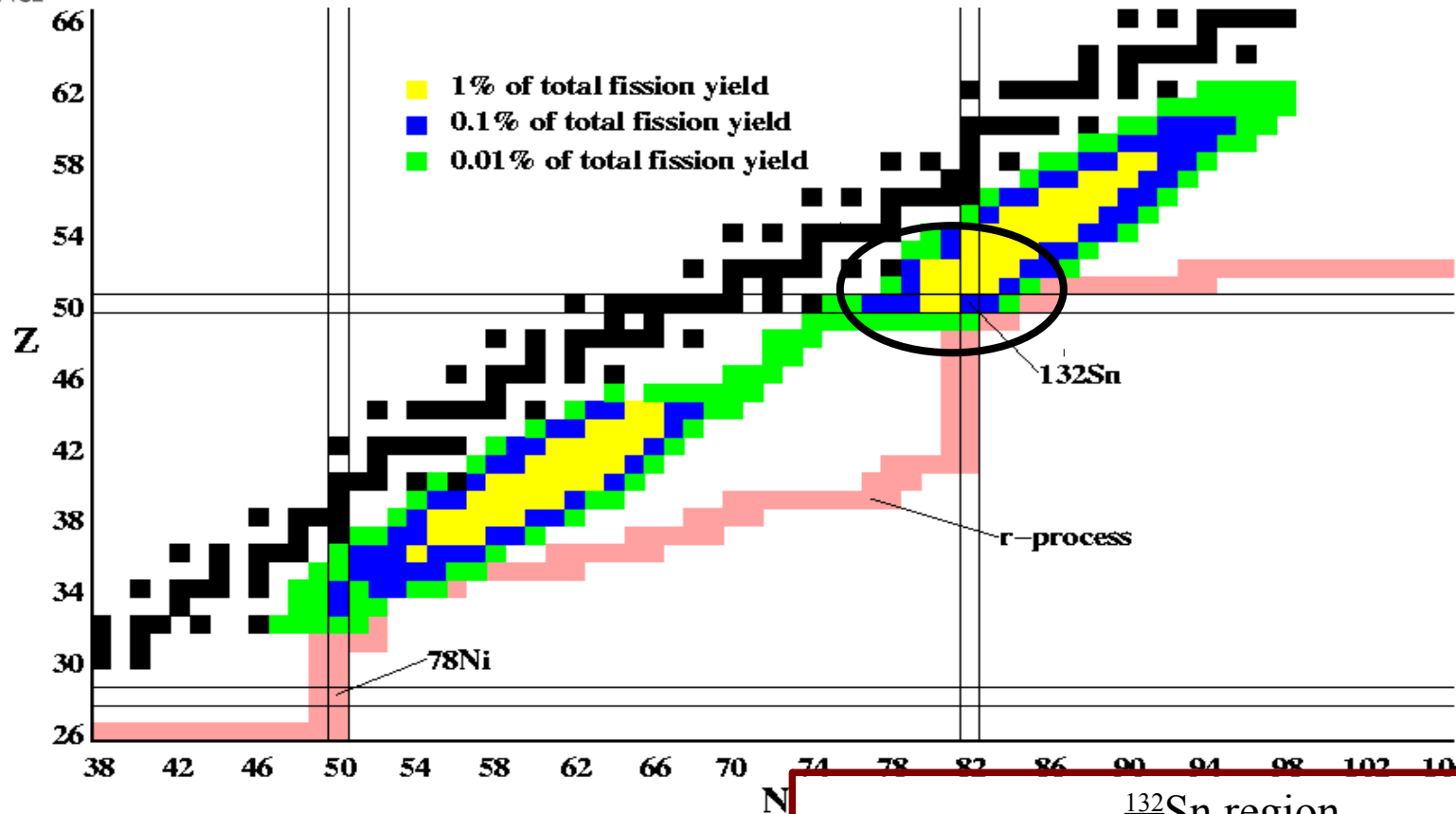
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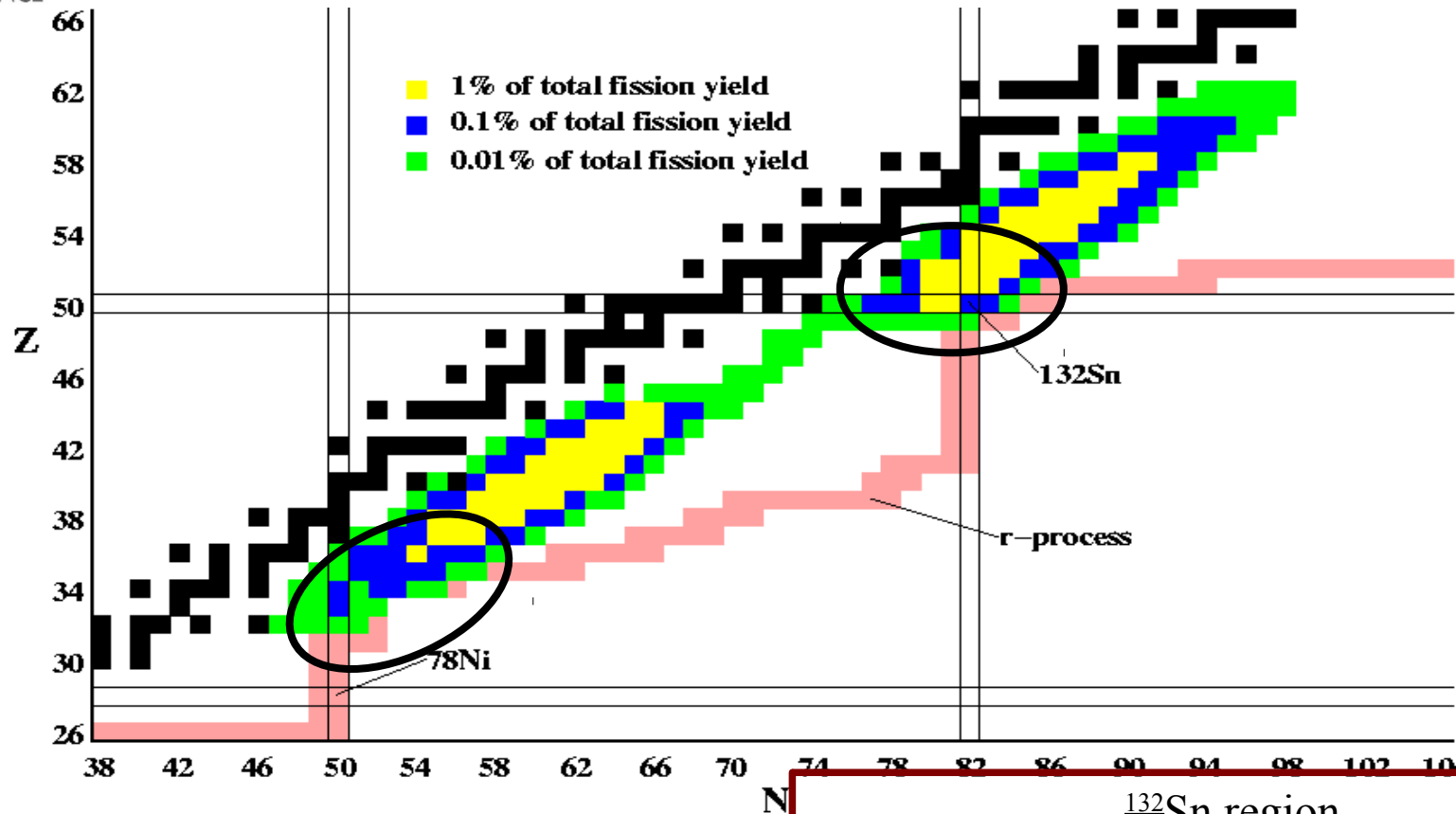
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See properties of nuclei close to ^{78}Ni (r-process nuclei).
Few orbits play important roles in deformation

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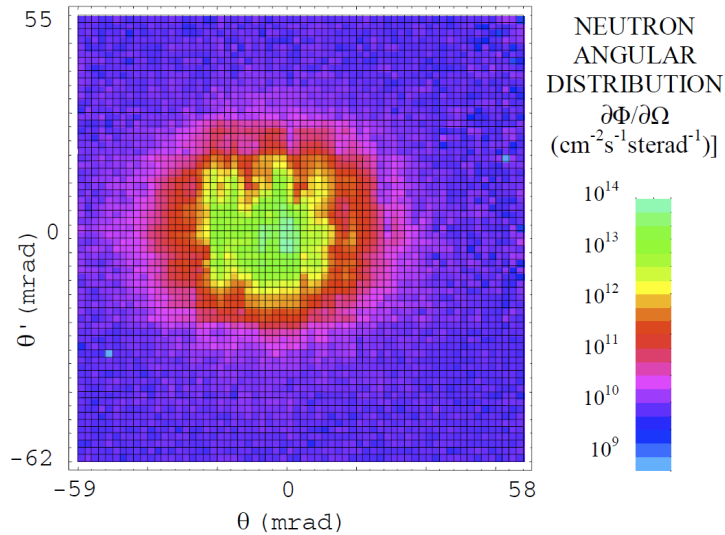
**6 GASP
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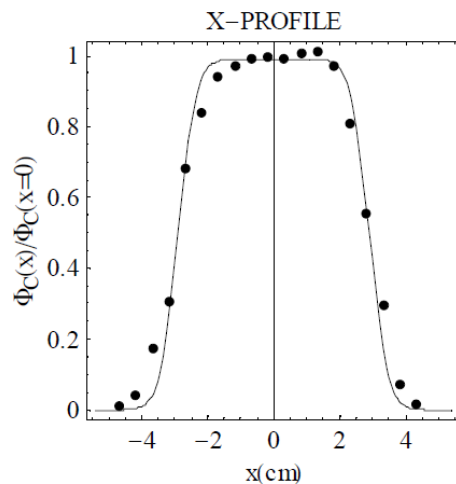
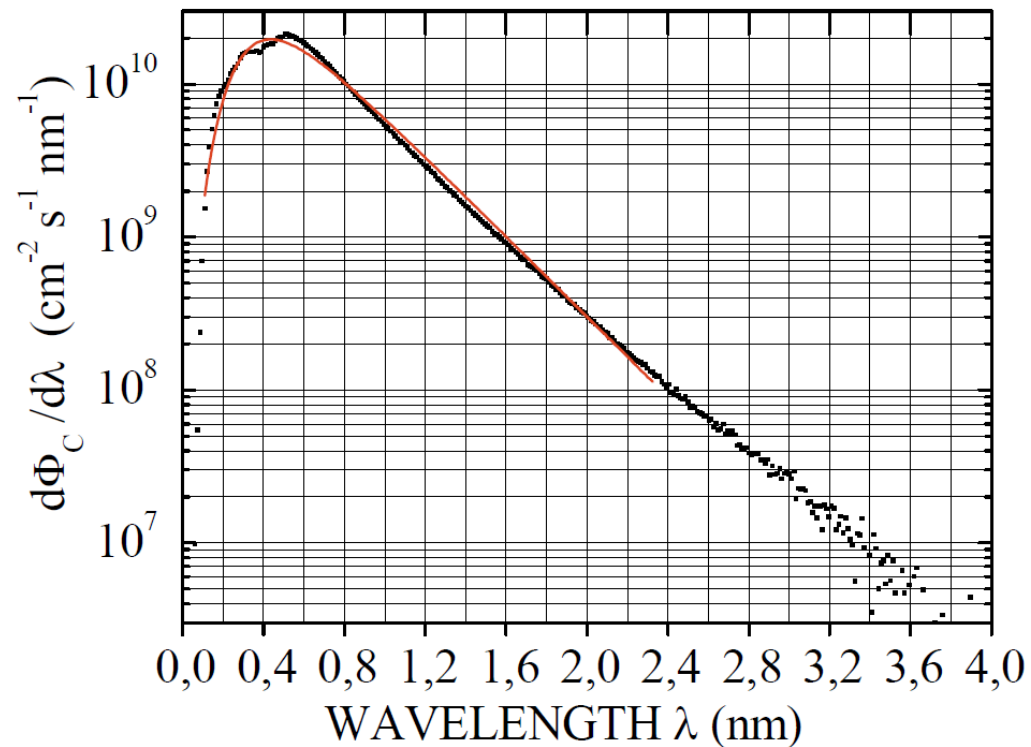
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Ballistic neutron guide H113 @ PF1b

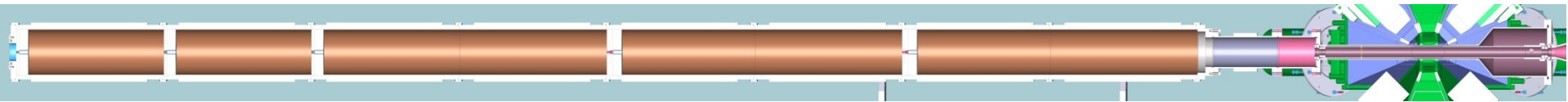


FLUX SPECTRUM

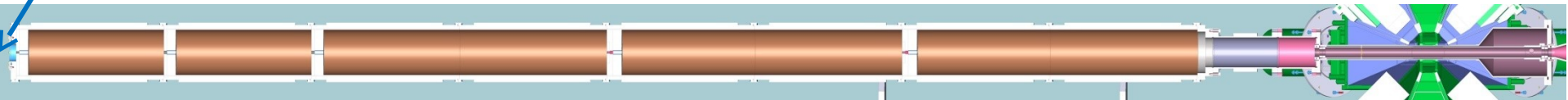
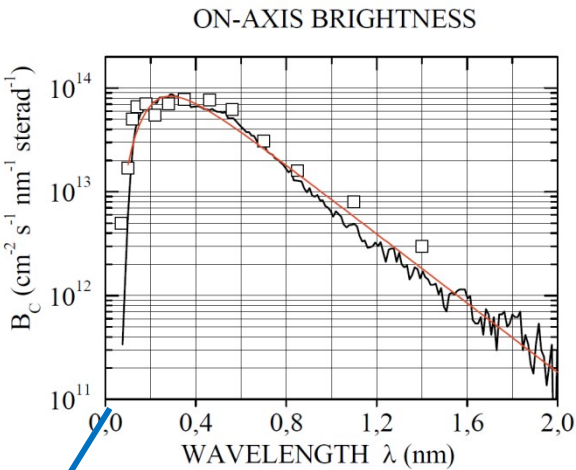


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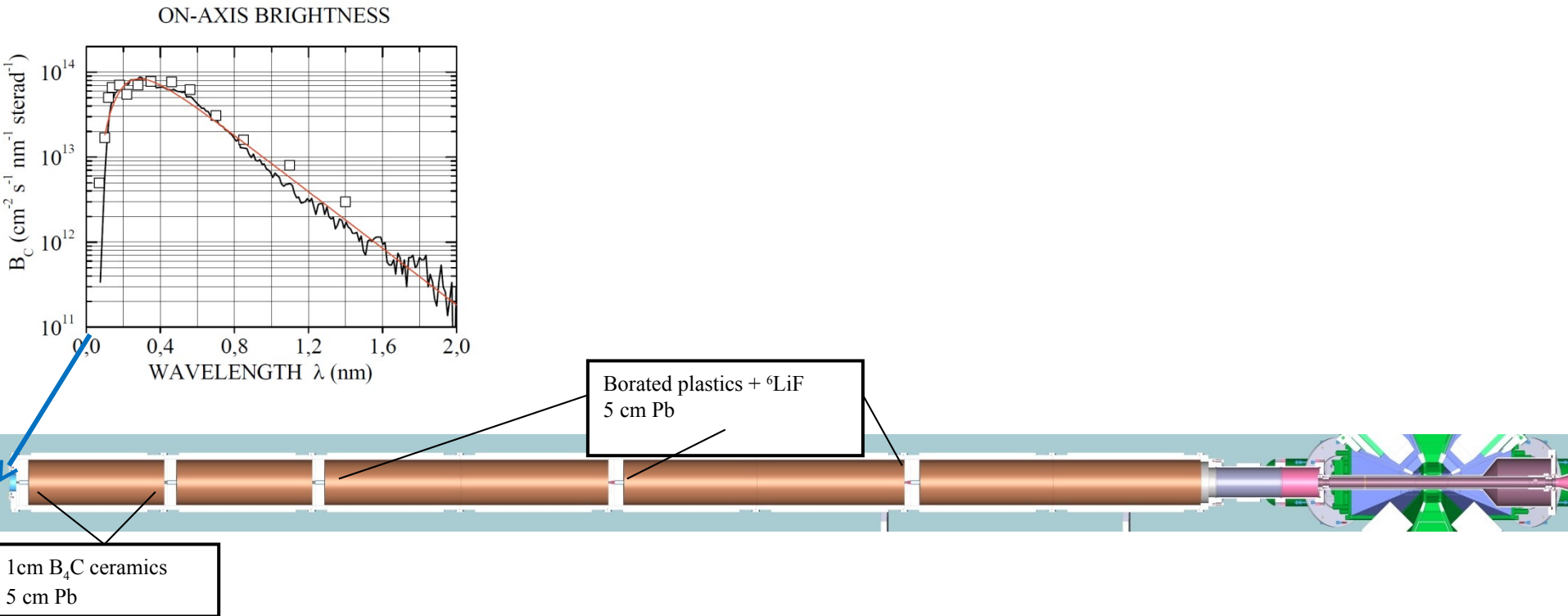
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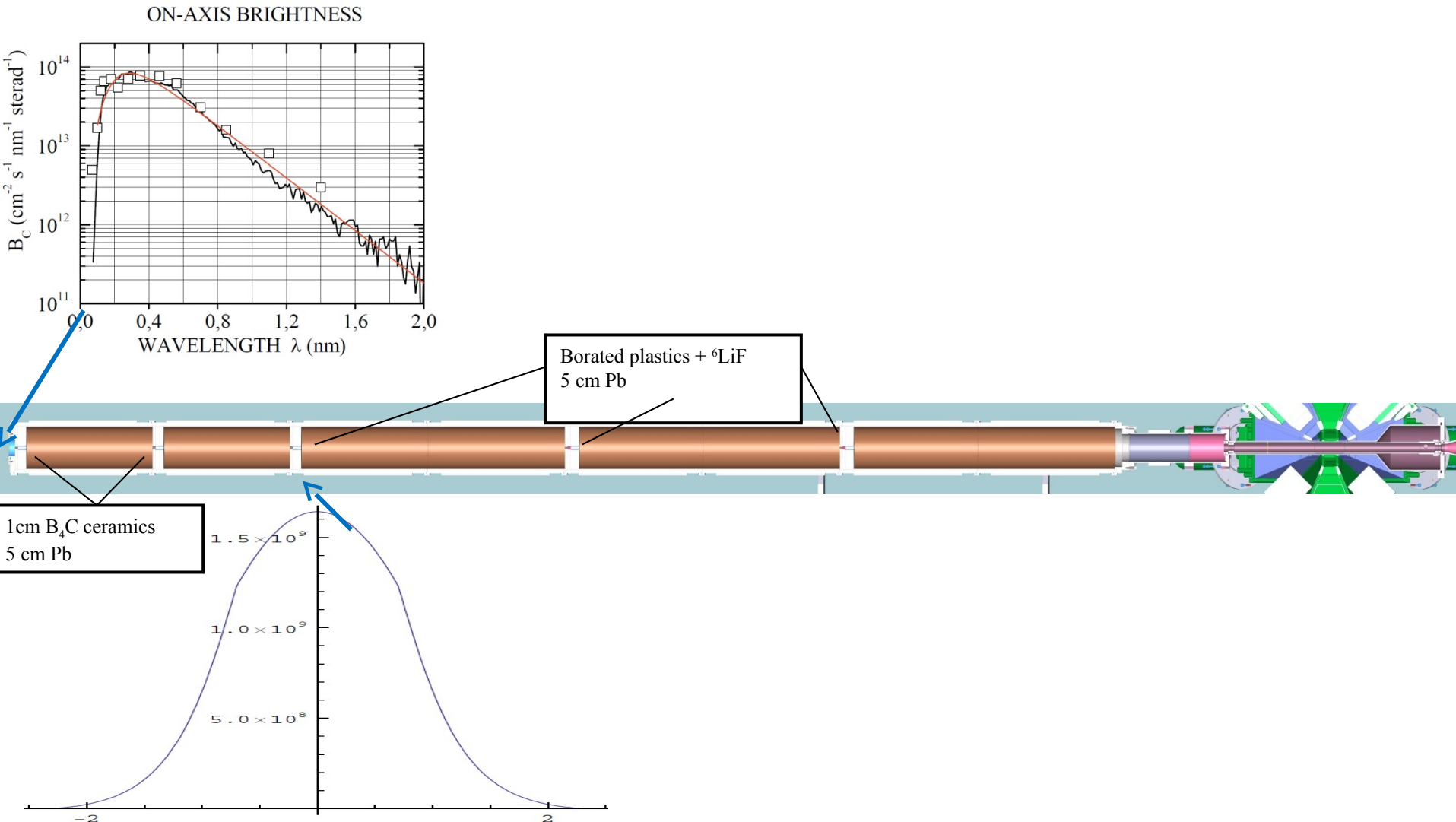
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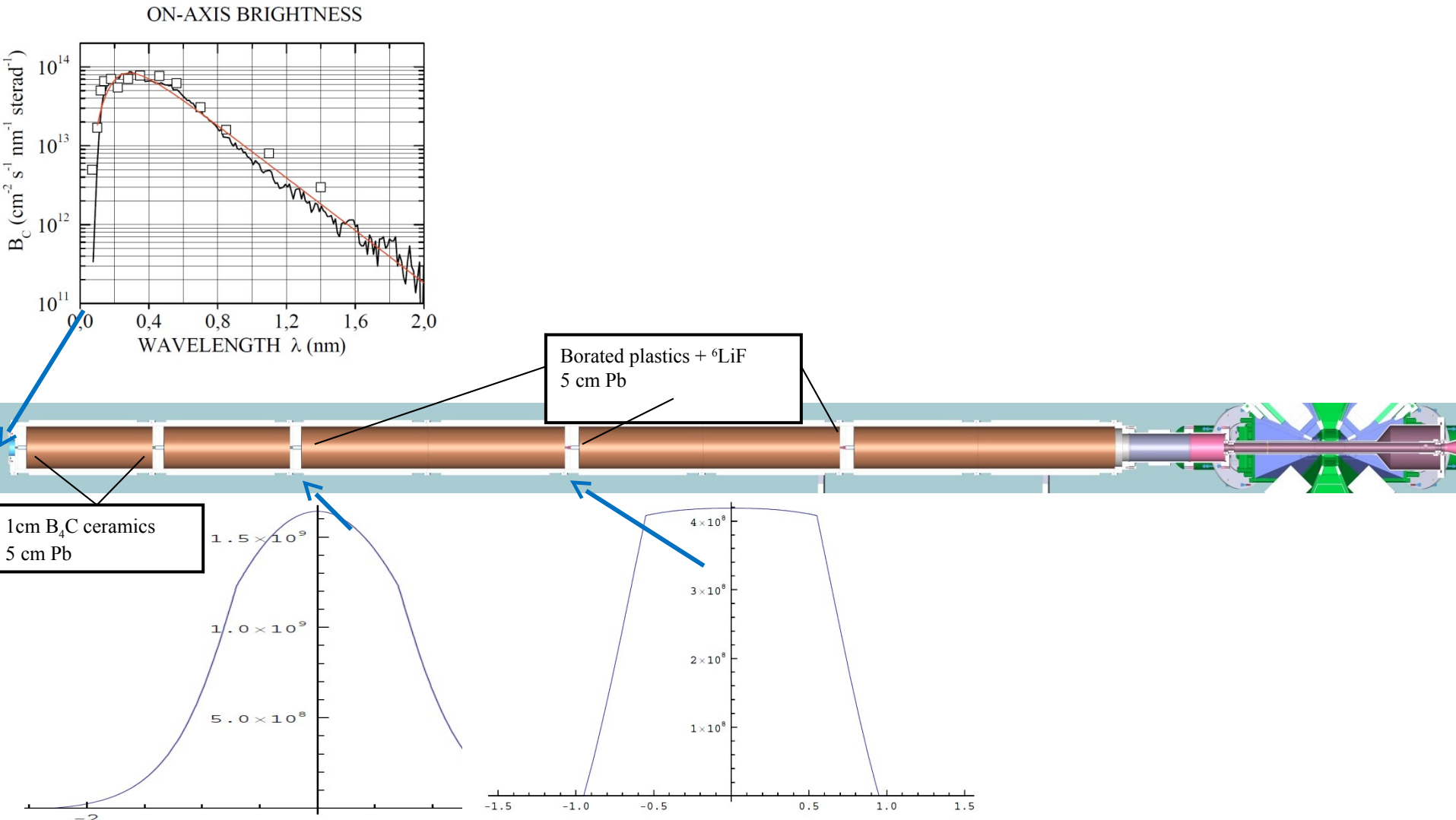
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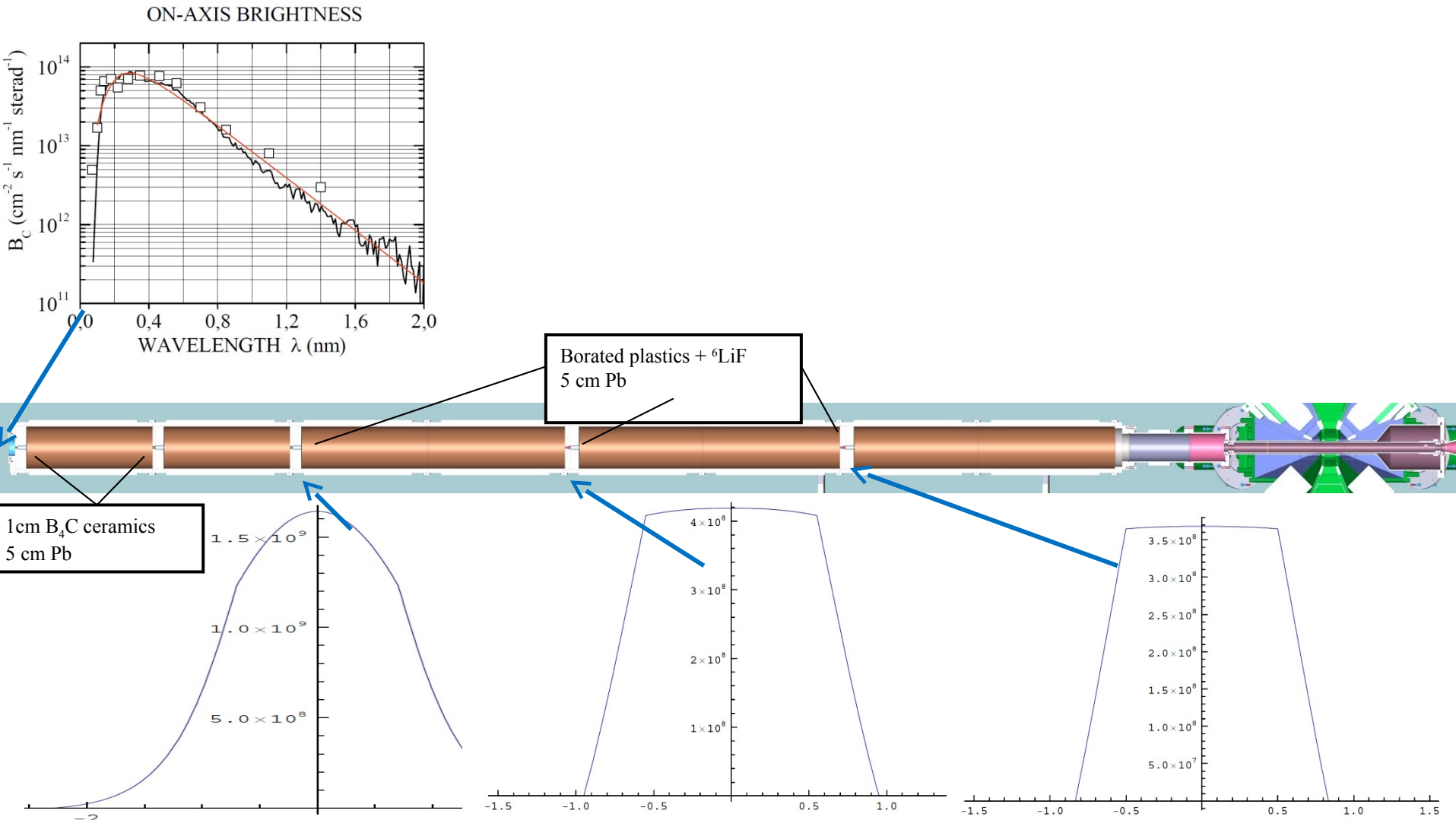
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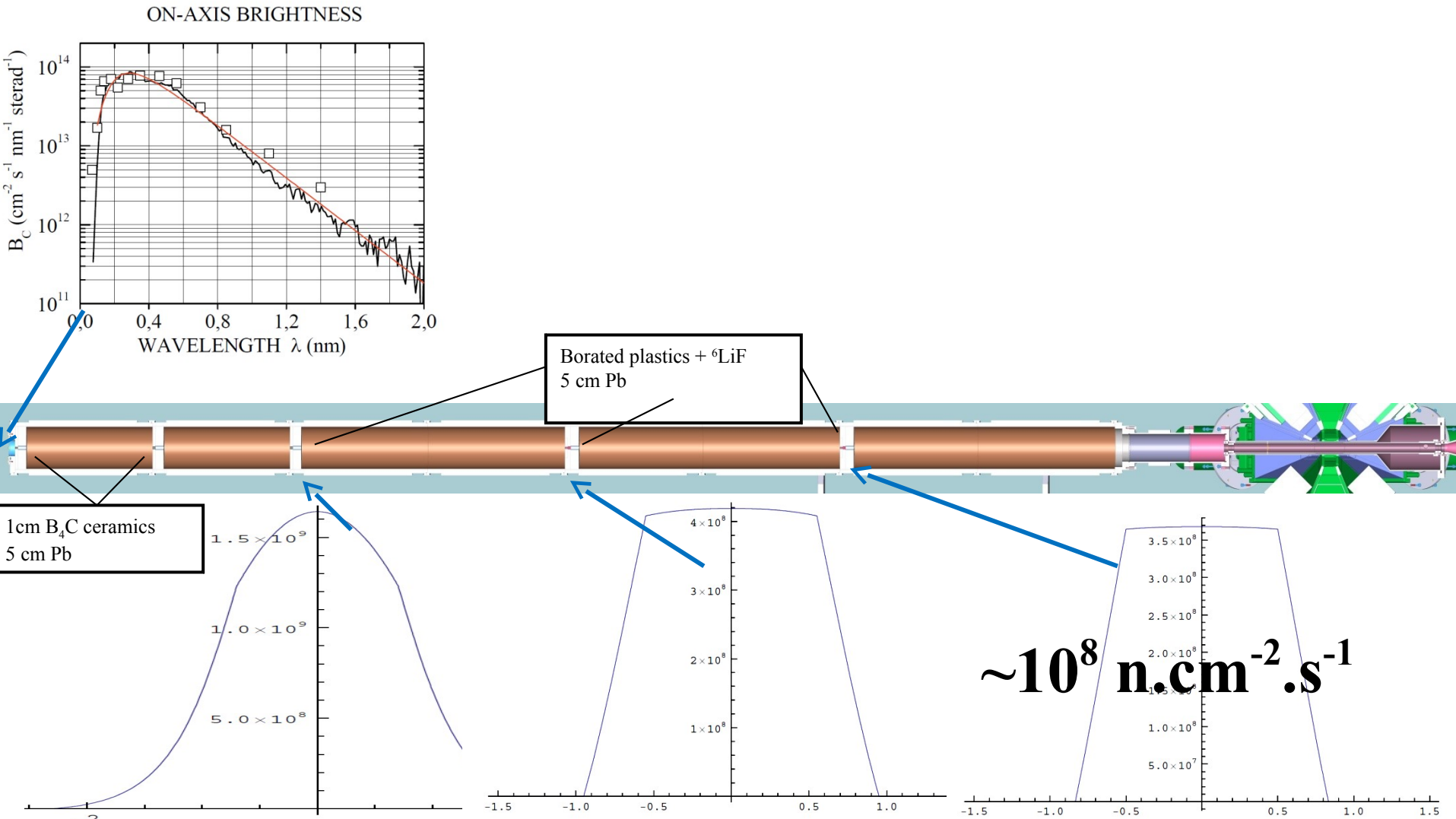
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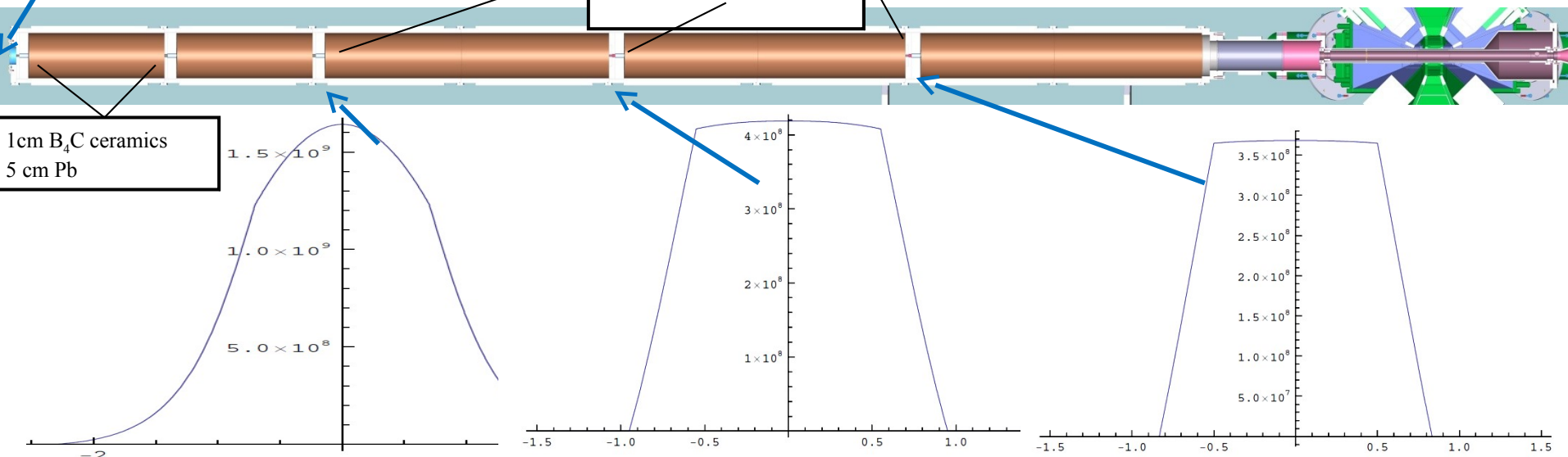
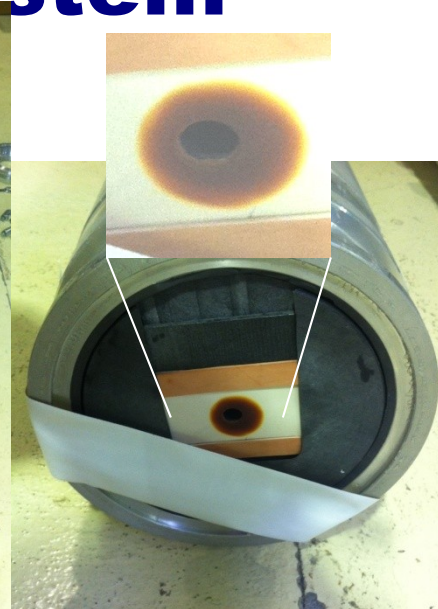
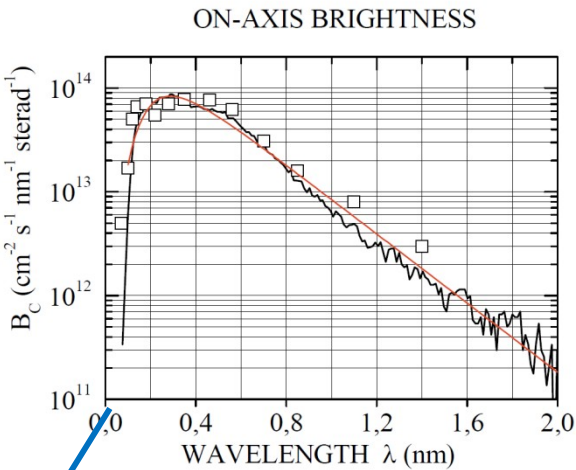
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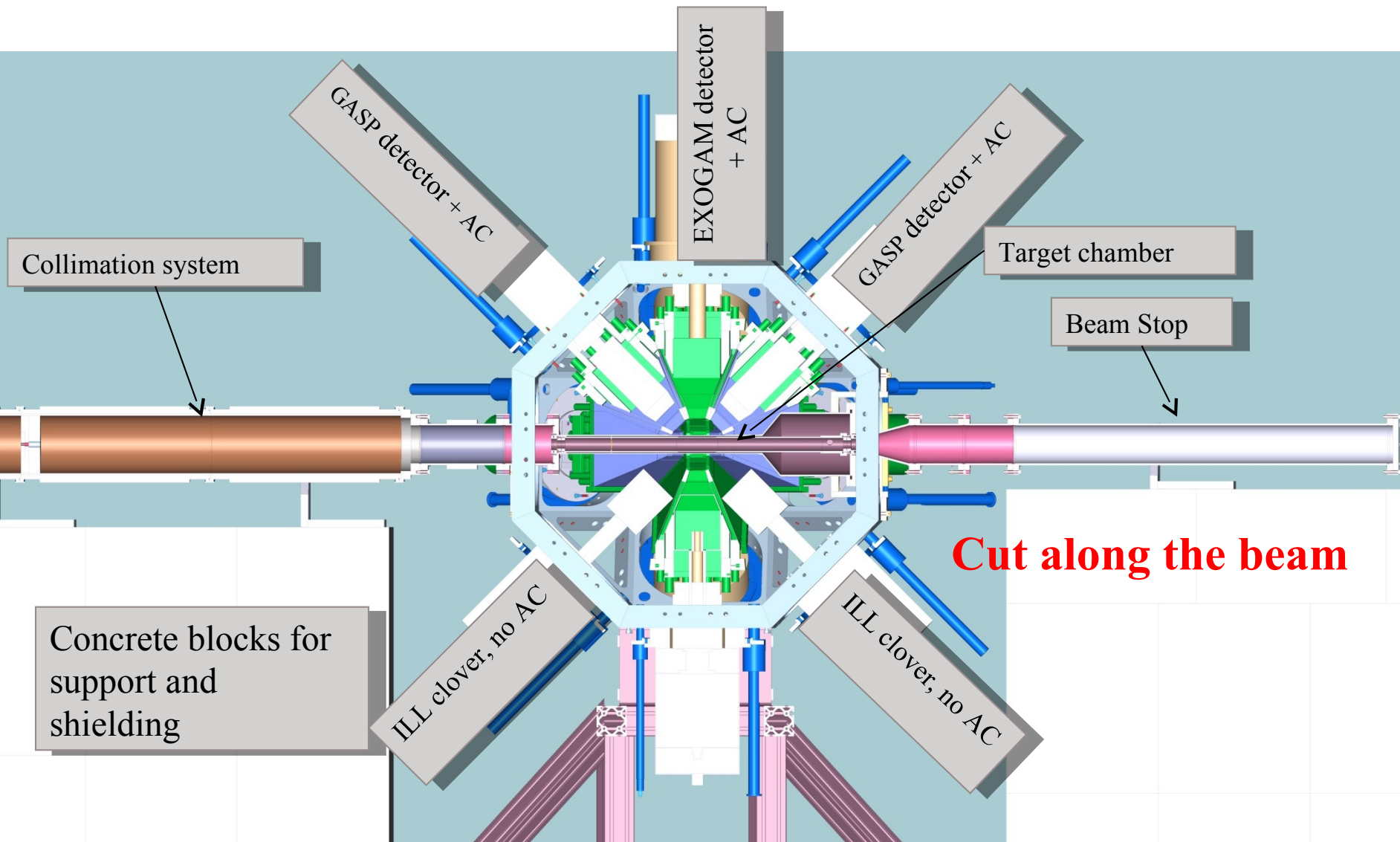
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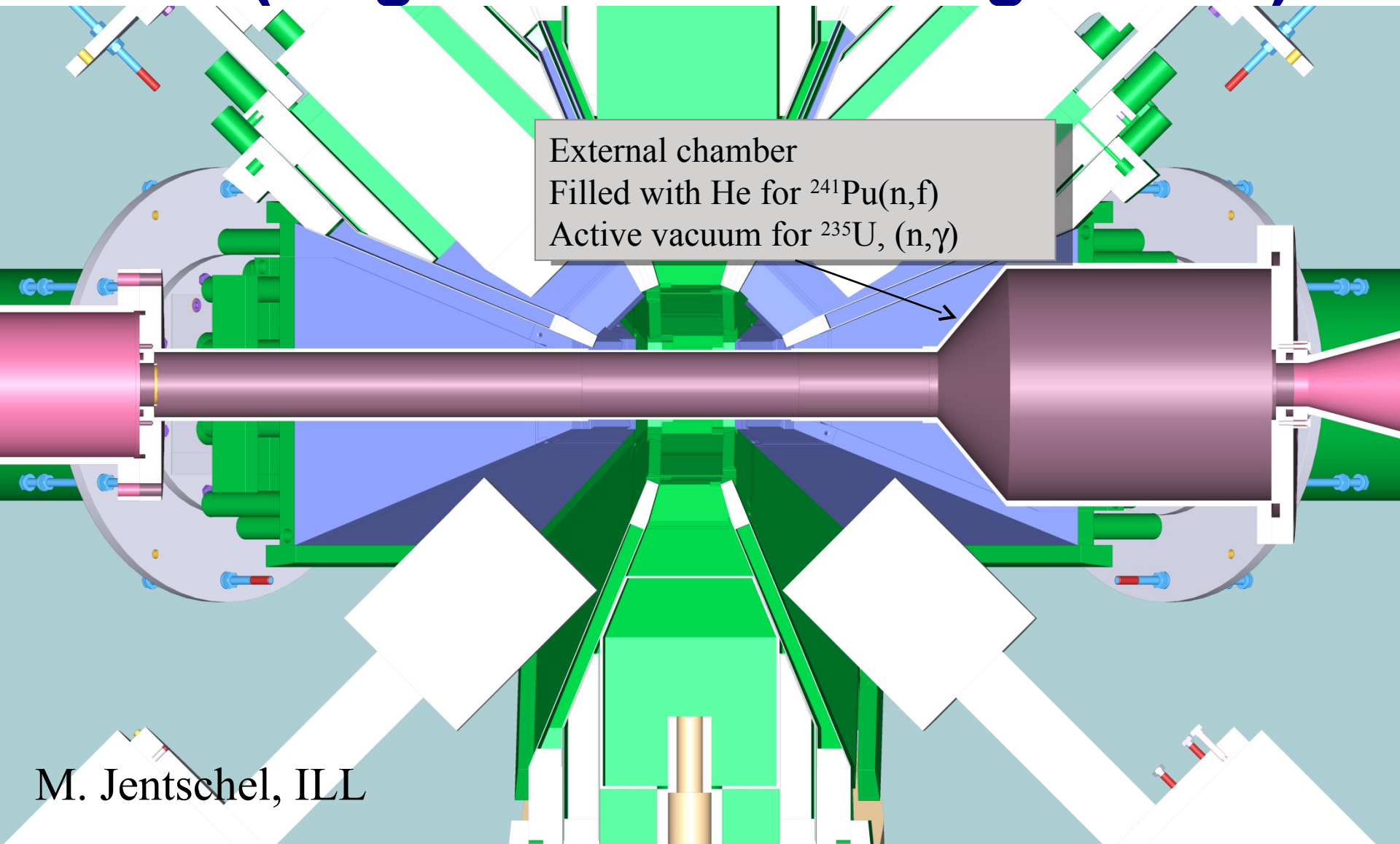
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EXILL in PF1b experimental zone

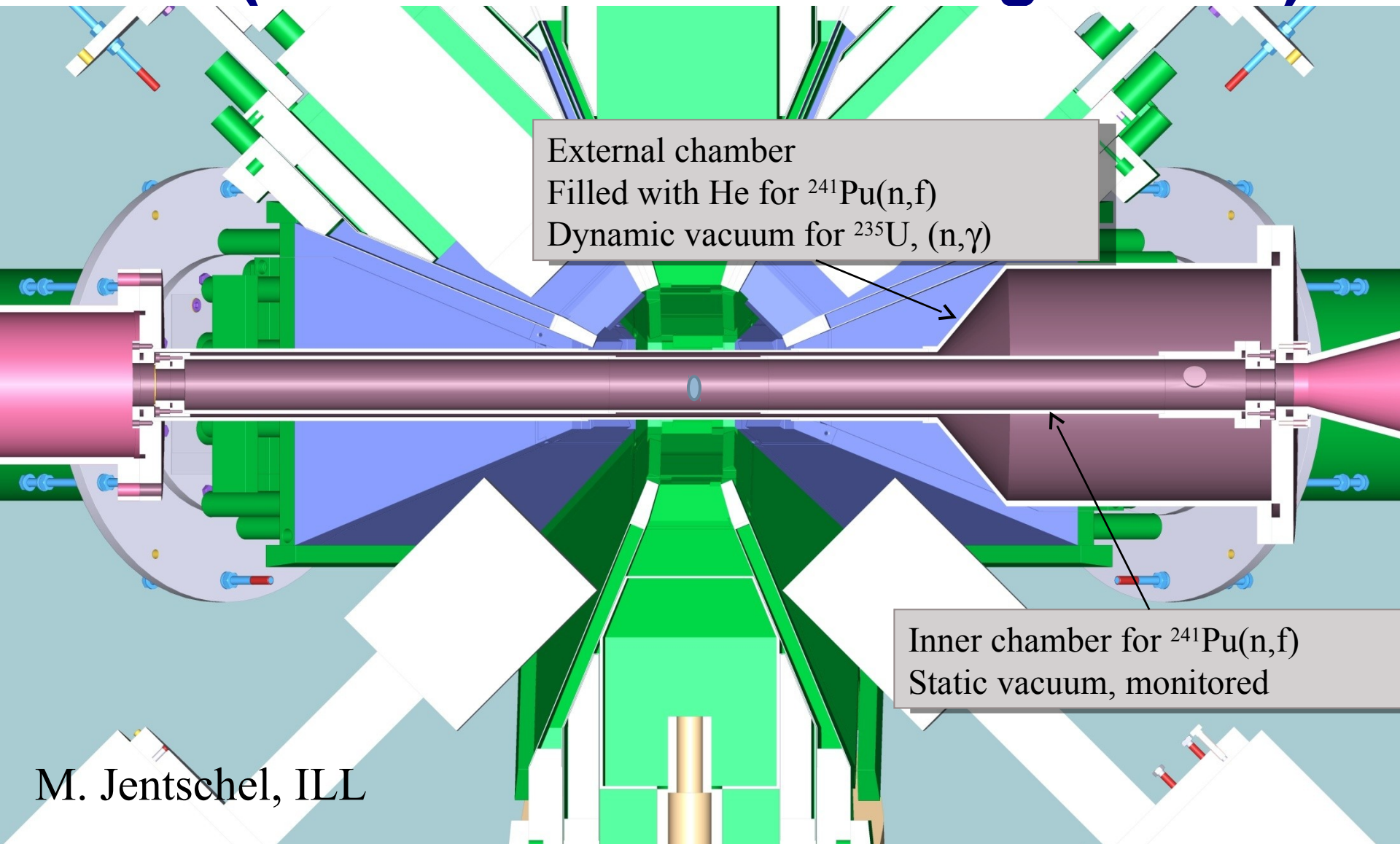


EXILL target chamber (single chamber configuration)



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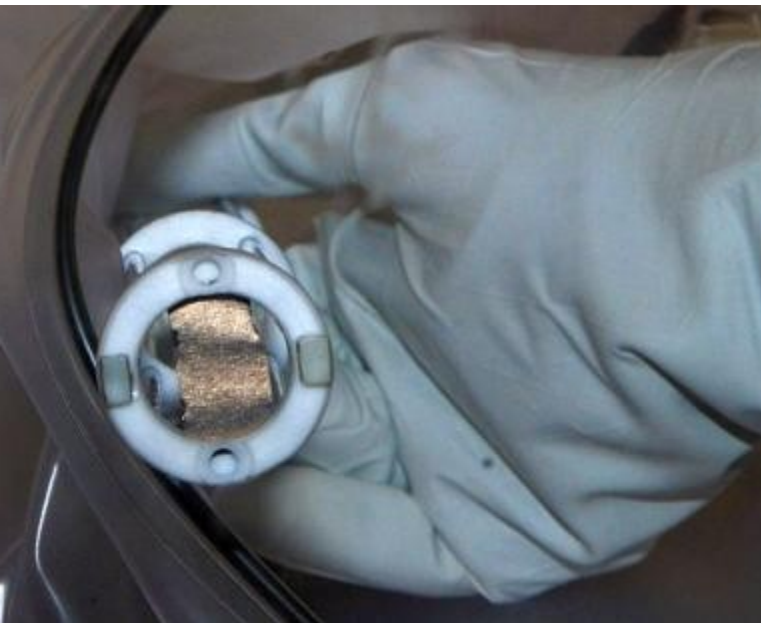
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Fission targets

Targets **sandwiched between dense backings**
for rapid stopping of fission fragments.

- 1. ^{235}U -Zr/Sn, nominal fission rate 70 kHz**
3 layers UO_2 (total $575 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ of 99.7% enriched ^{235}U)
laminated with Sn between $15 \mu\text{m}$ thick Zr foils (nuclear grade, <50 ppm Hf)
- 2. ^{235}U -Be, nominal fission rate 90 kHz**
1 layer UO_2 ($675 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ of 99.7% enriched ^{235}U)
glued with thin layer of cyanoacrylate between $25 \mu\text{m}$ thick Be foils
- 3. ^{241}Pu -Be, nominal fission rate 70 kHz**
1 layer PuO_2 ($300 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ of 78.6% ^{241}Pu , plus non-fissile ^{240}Pu and ^{242}Pu)
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 ^{241}Am daughter freshly separated and target prepared at
Kernchemie Mainz

^{241}Pu target and its inner vacuum chamber



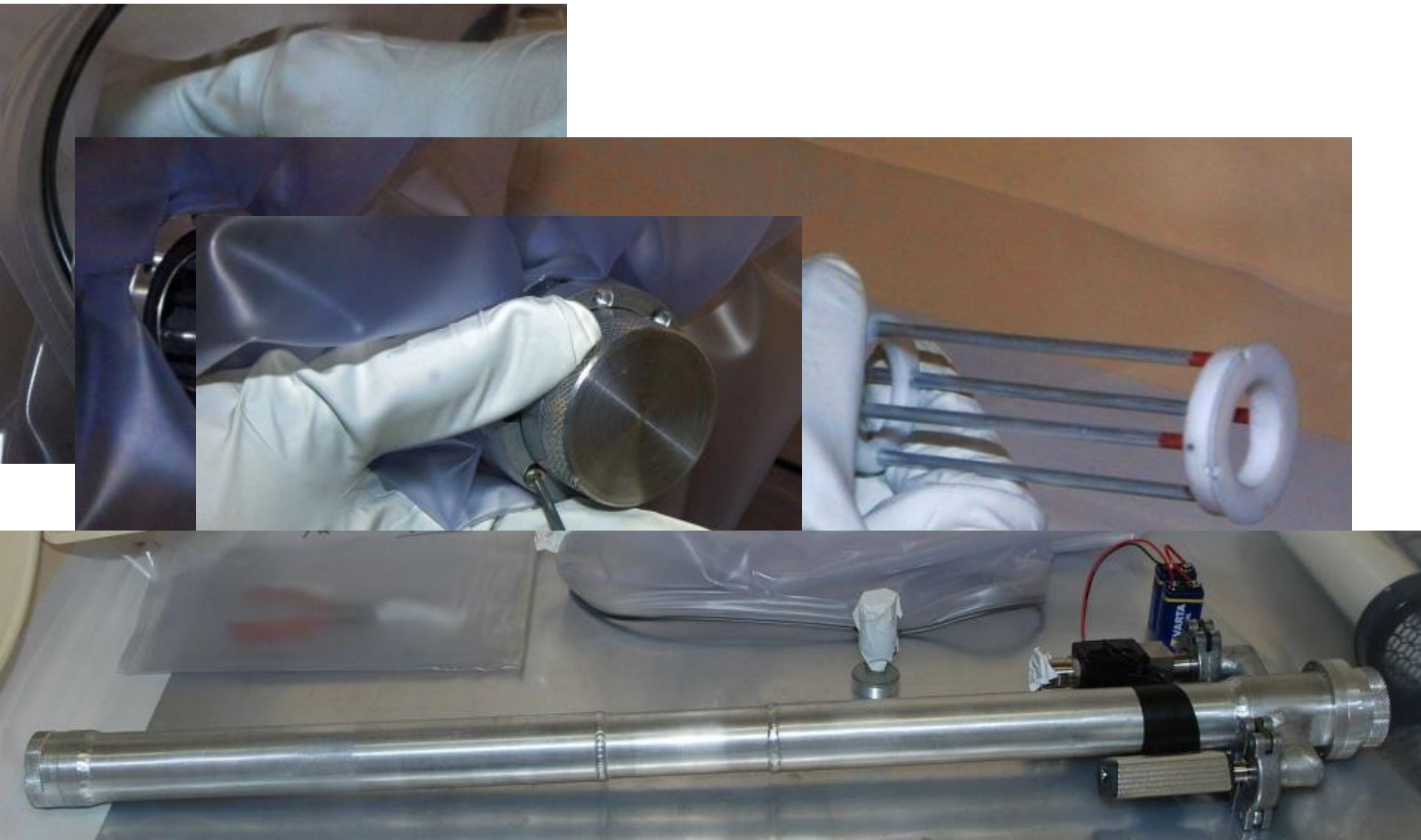
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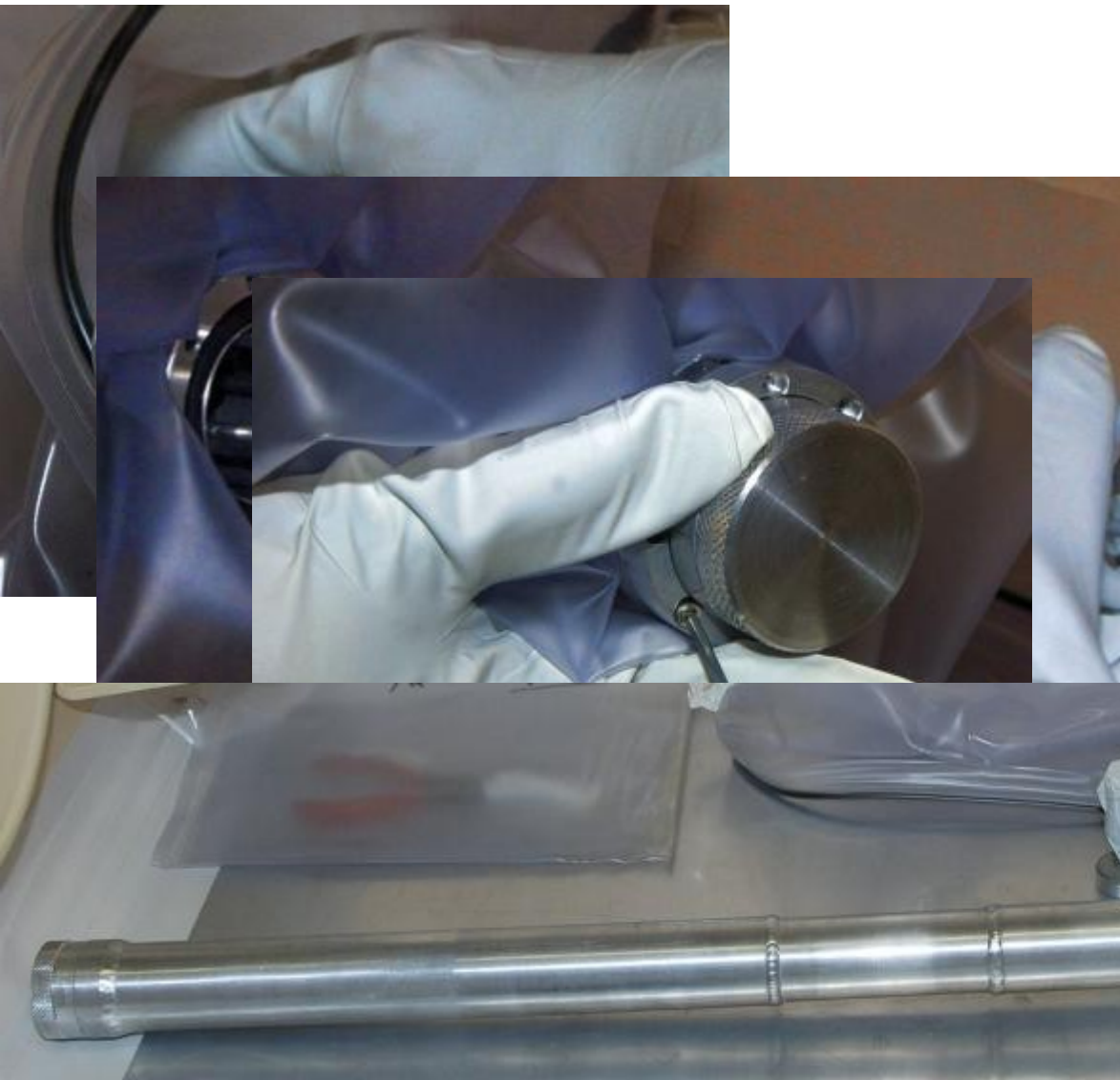
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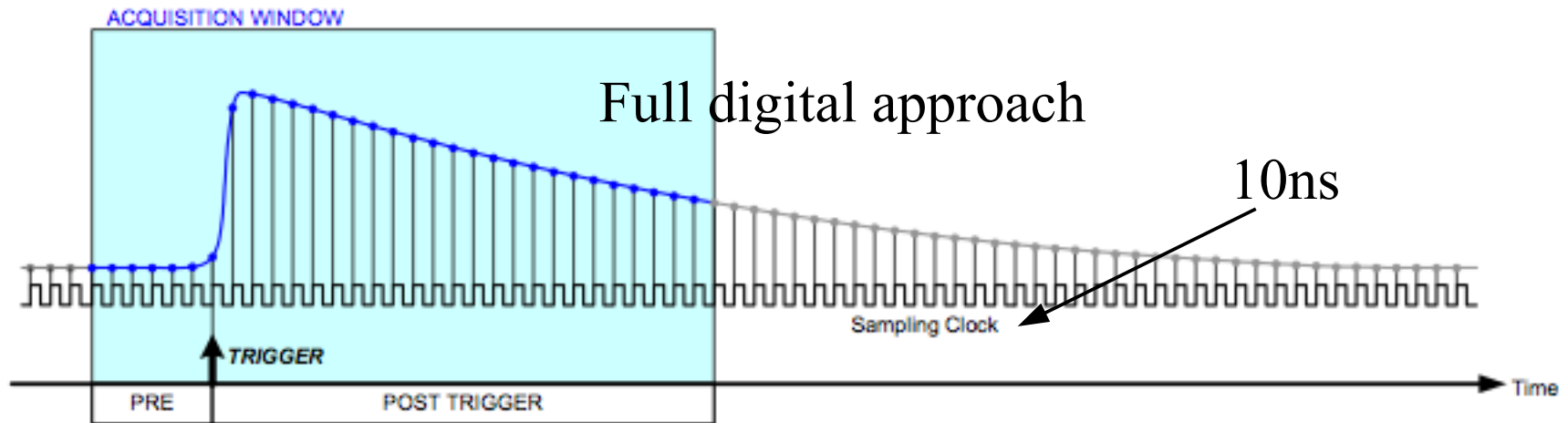
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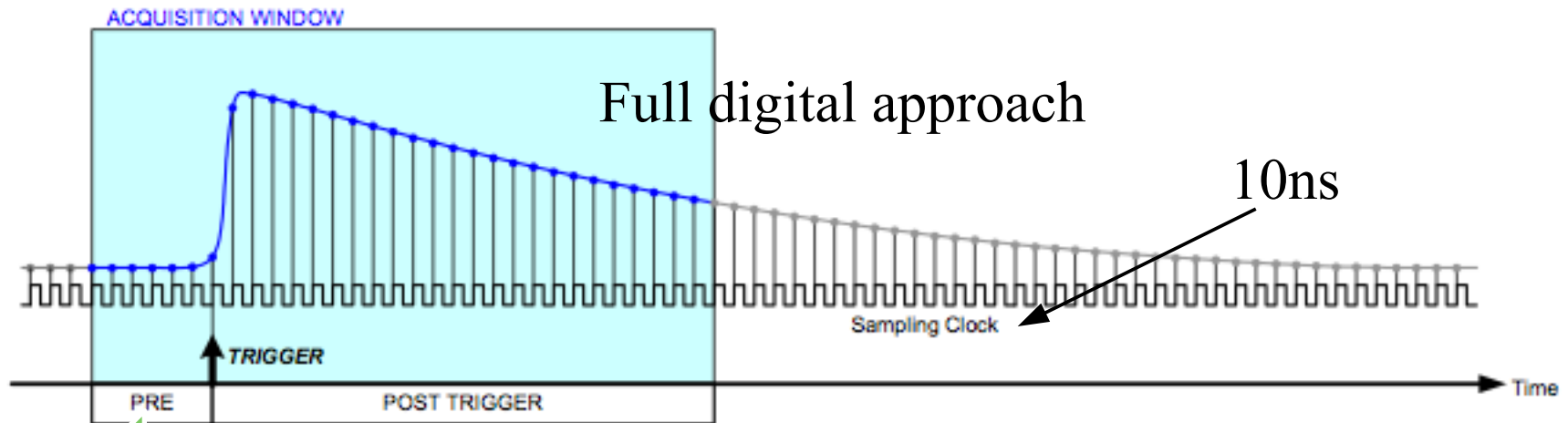


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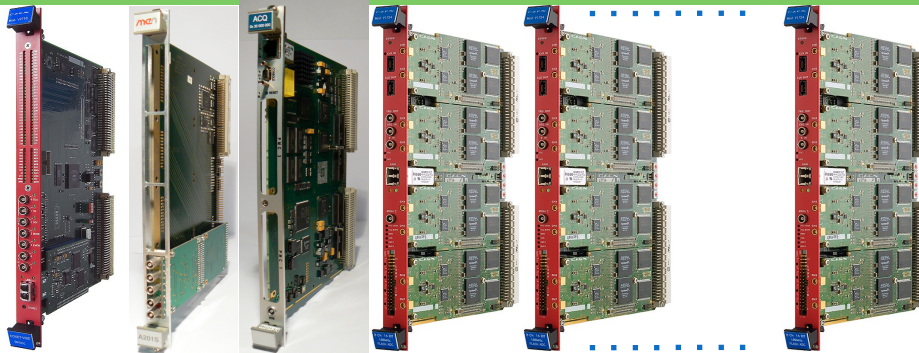
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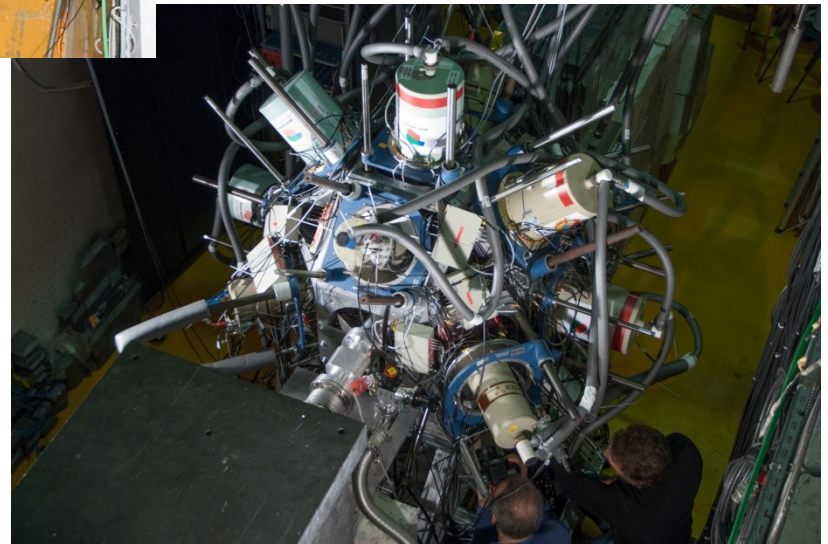
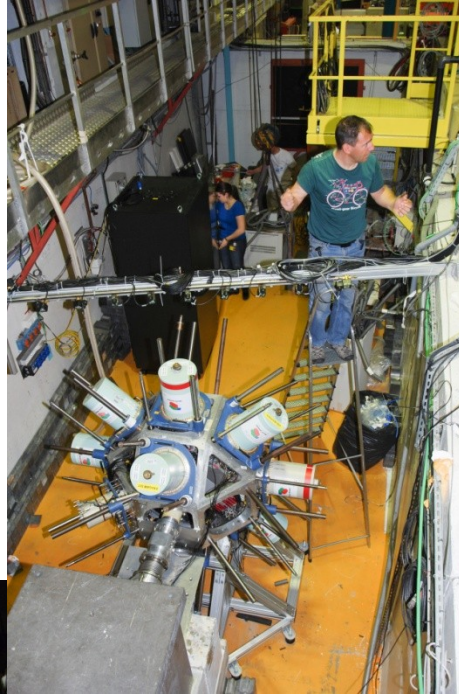
VME BUS

Optical
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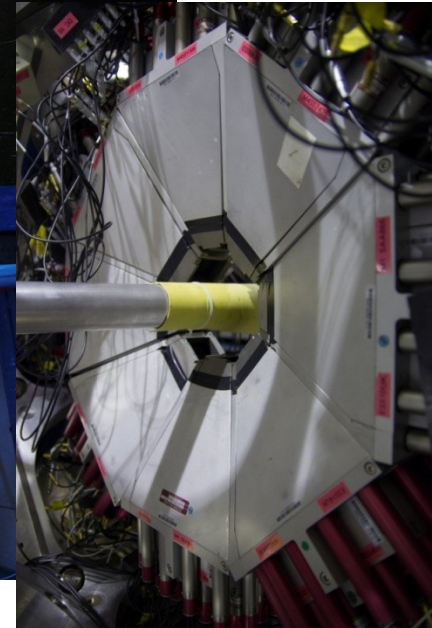
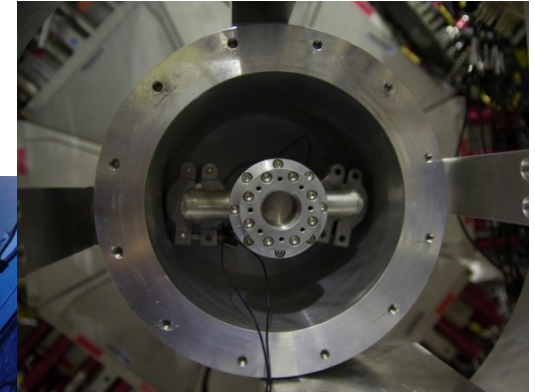


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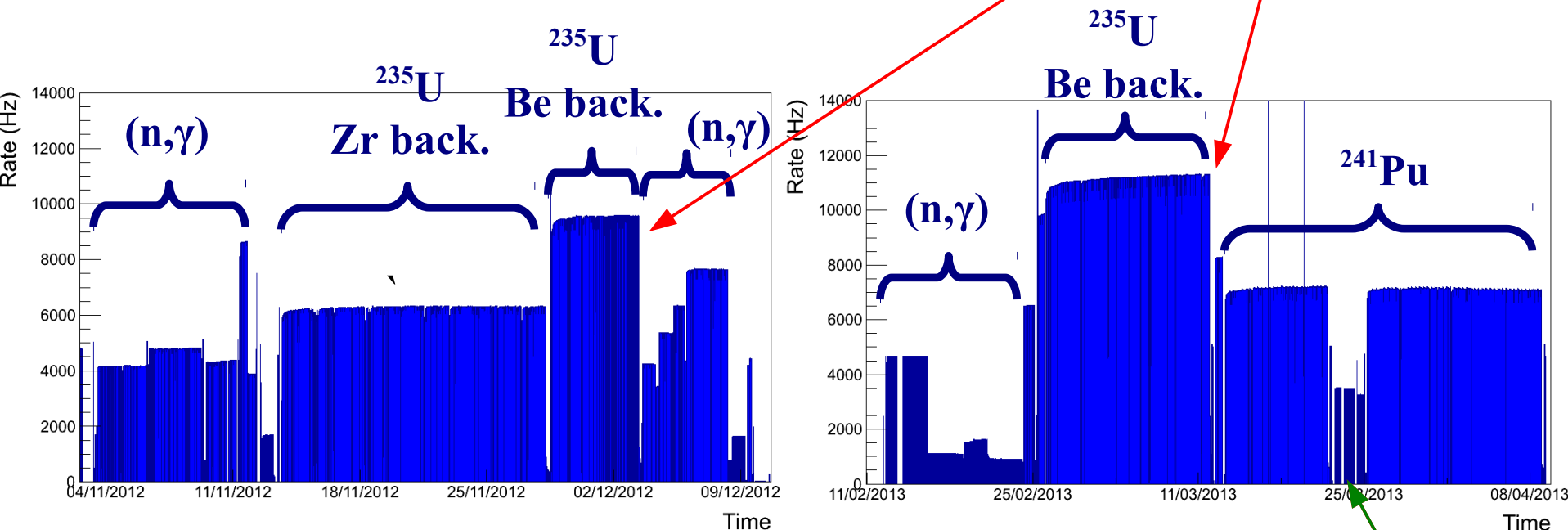
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10 kHz per crystal triggerless data taking achieved, 60 crystals

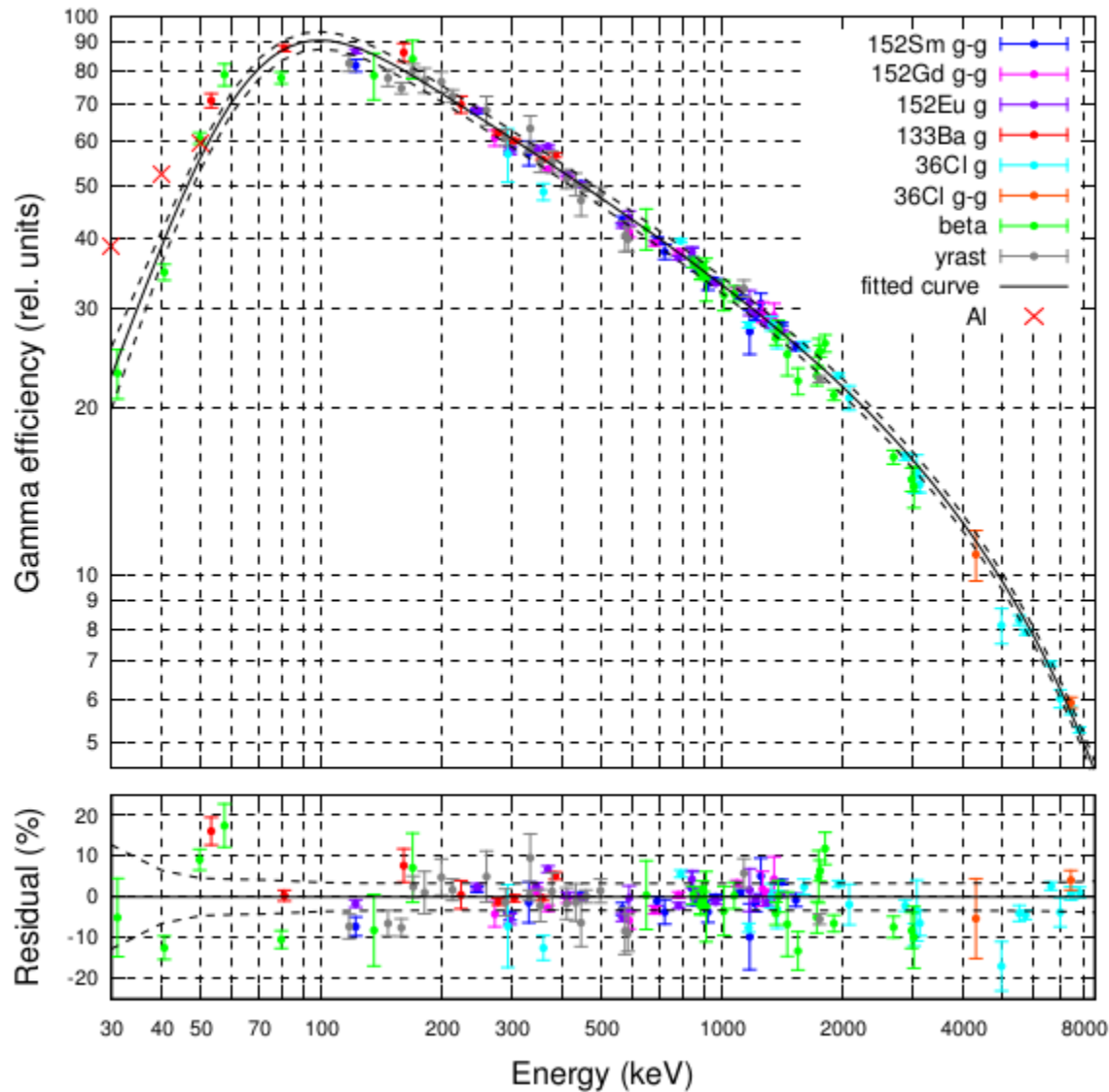
► Clover 0, Crystal 0 rate as a function of time



=> >95% of beam time dedicated to measurement

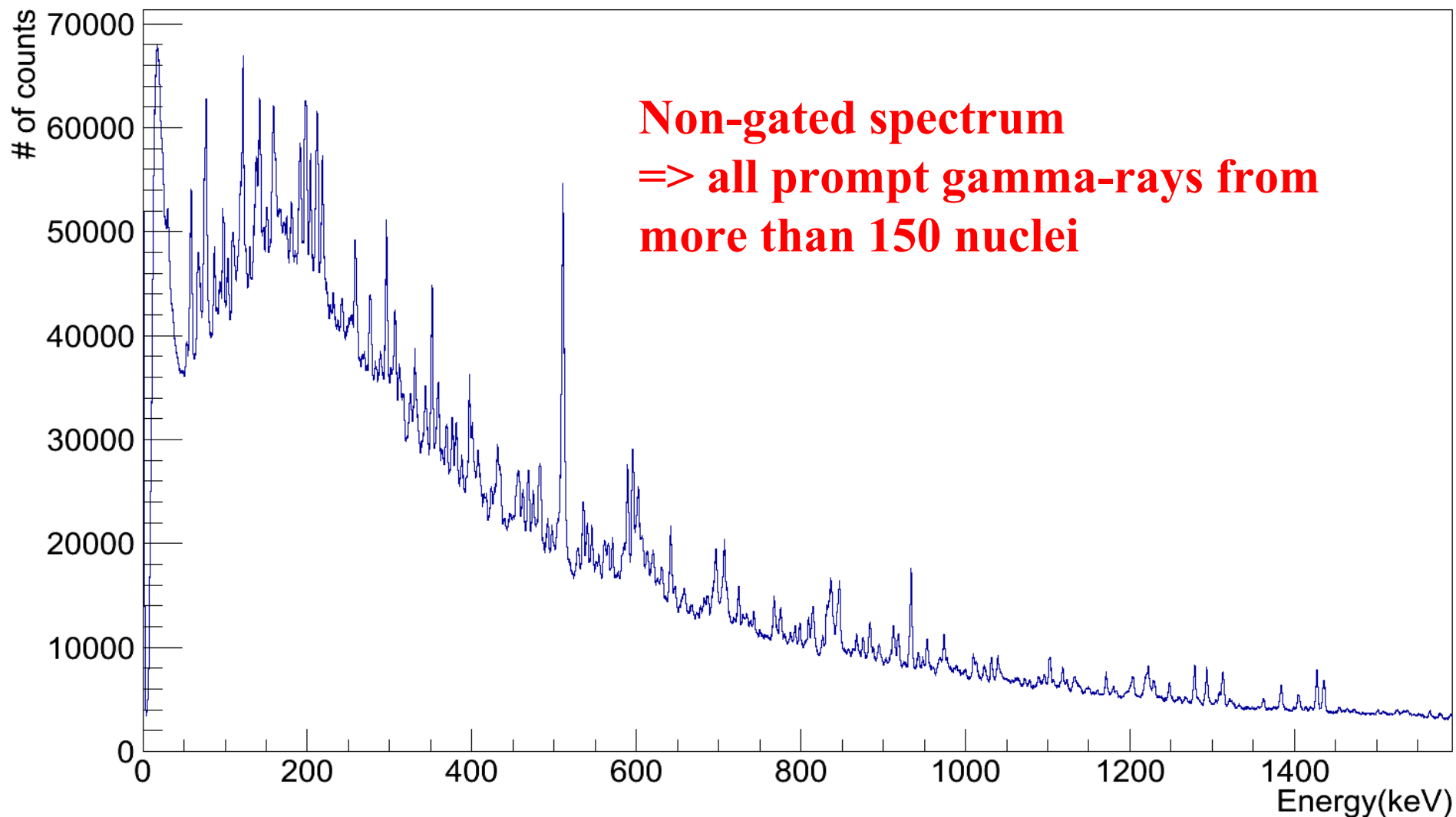
Setup changing, (n,γ) during nights

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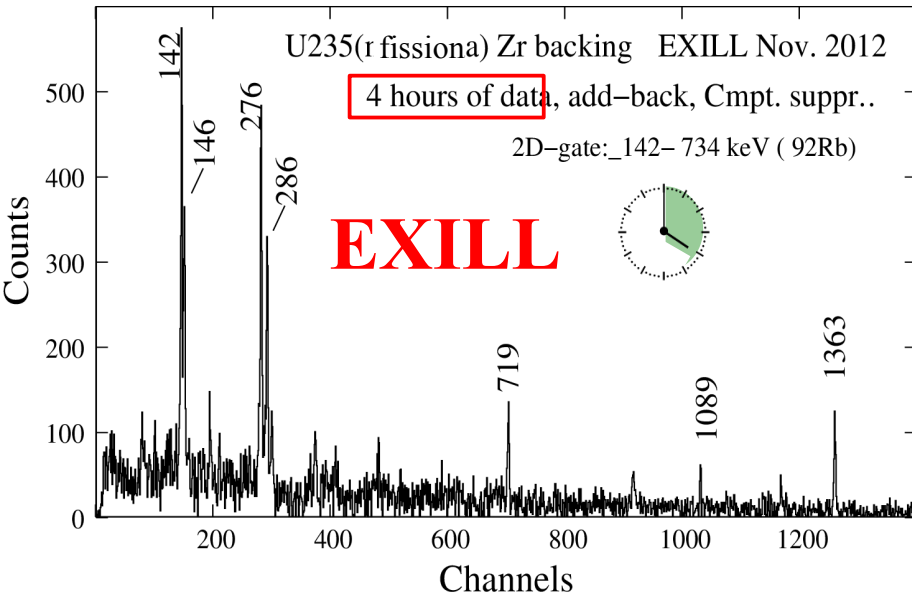
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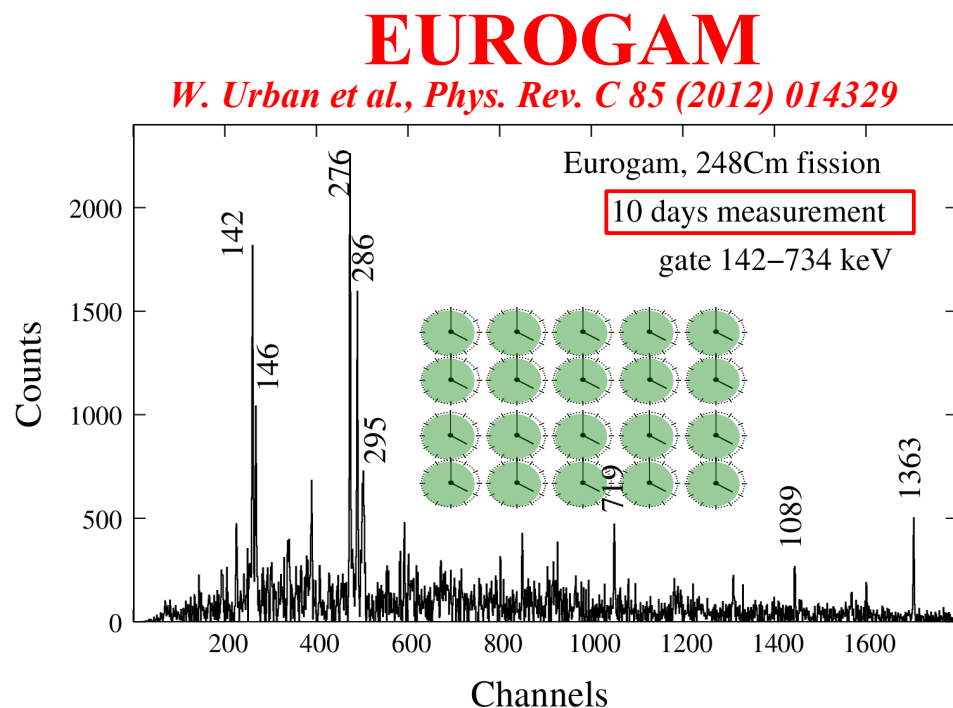
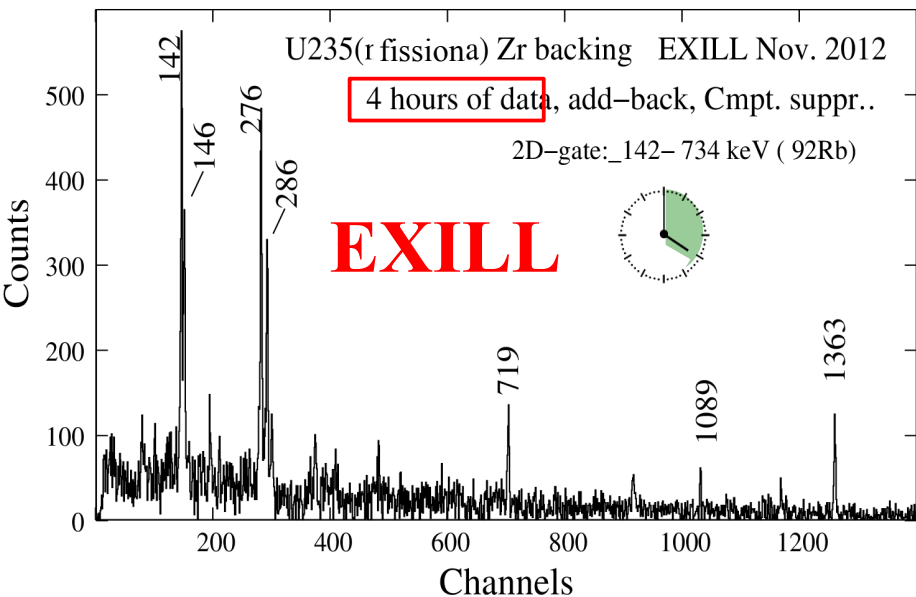
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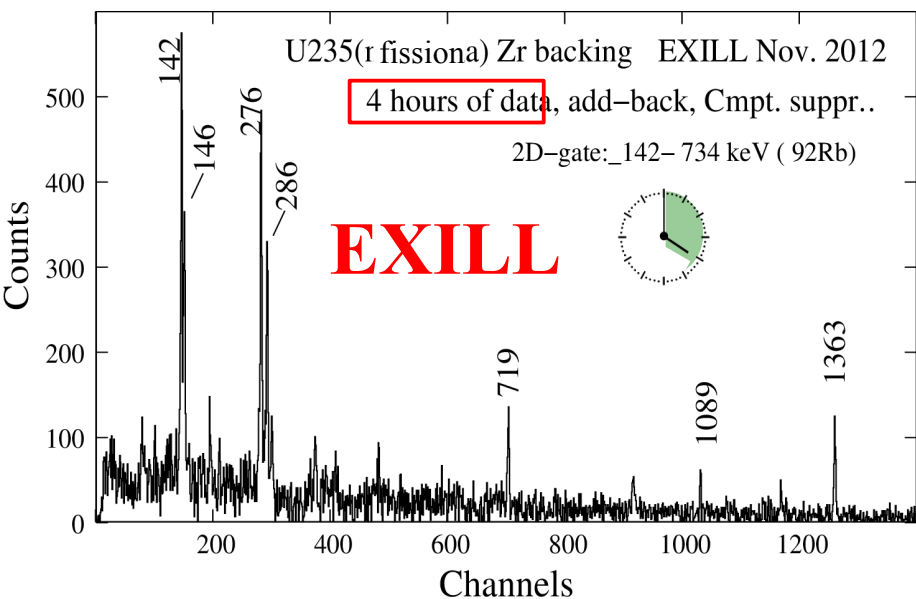
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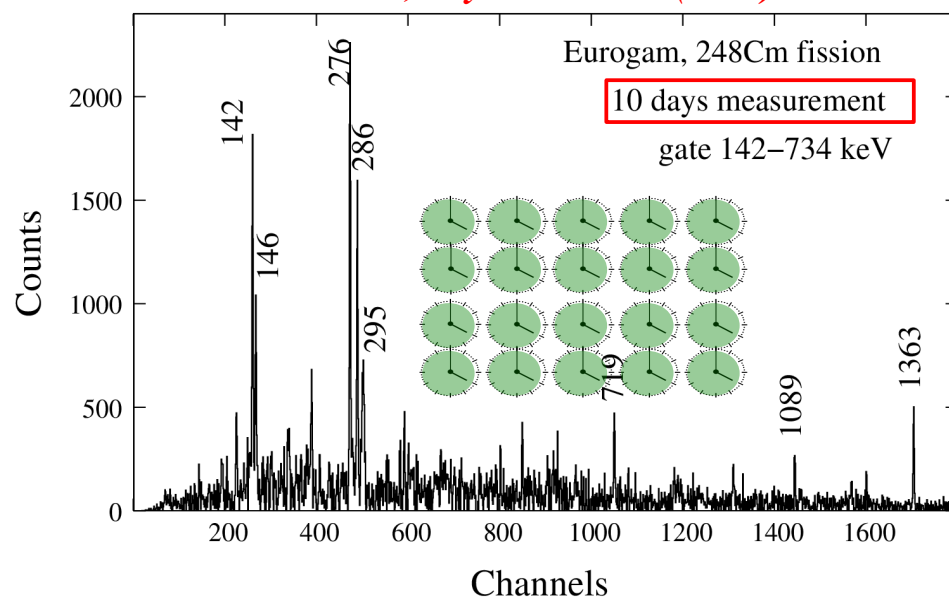
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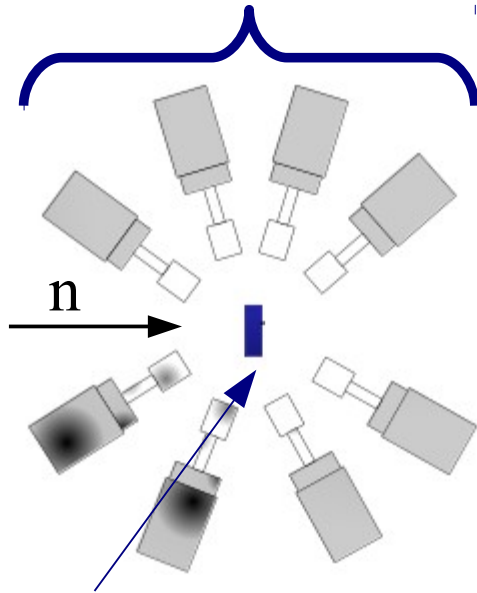
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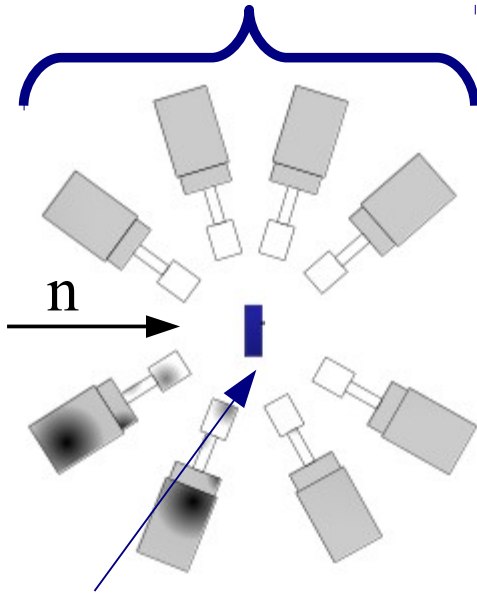
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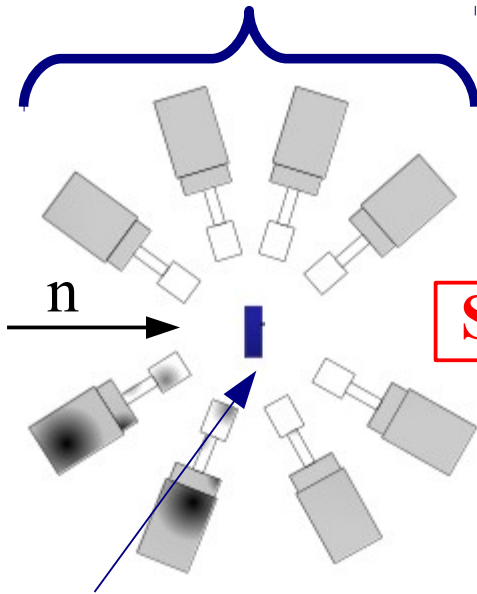


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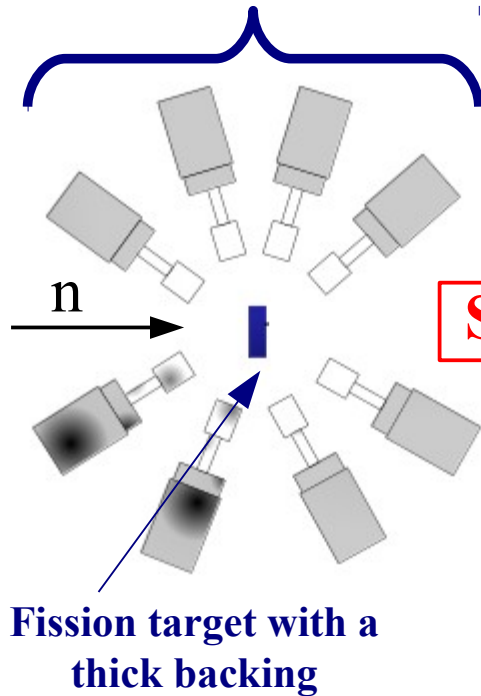
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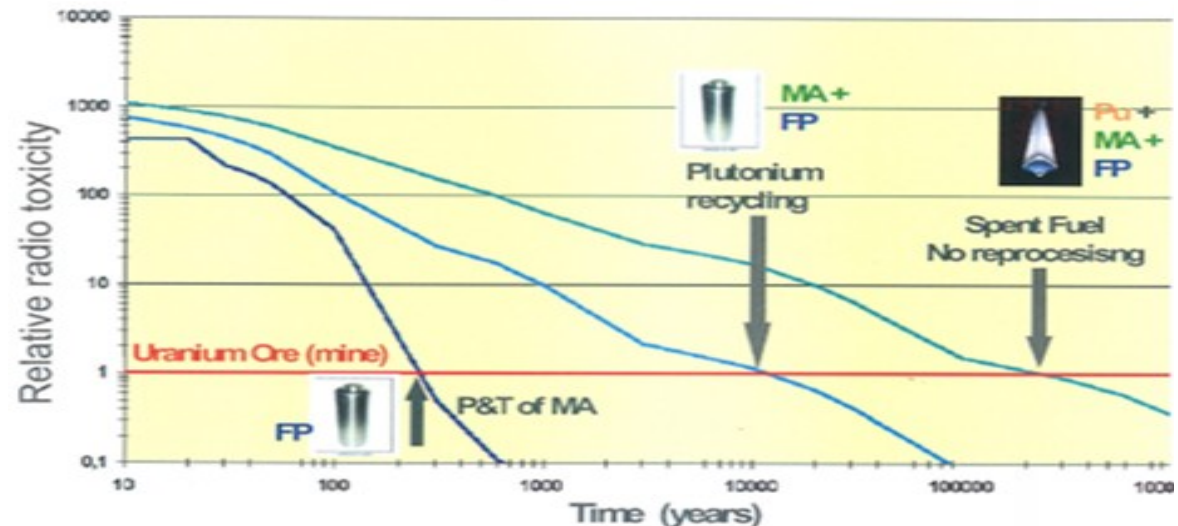
FIPPS scientific case

Fundamental physics :

- Detailed spectroscopy of neutron rich nuclei, astrophysical r-process
- Nuclear fission studied via prompt spectroscopy
 - γ spectroscopy of the first fragment
 - identification of the second fragment

Applied physics :

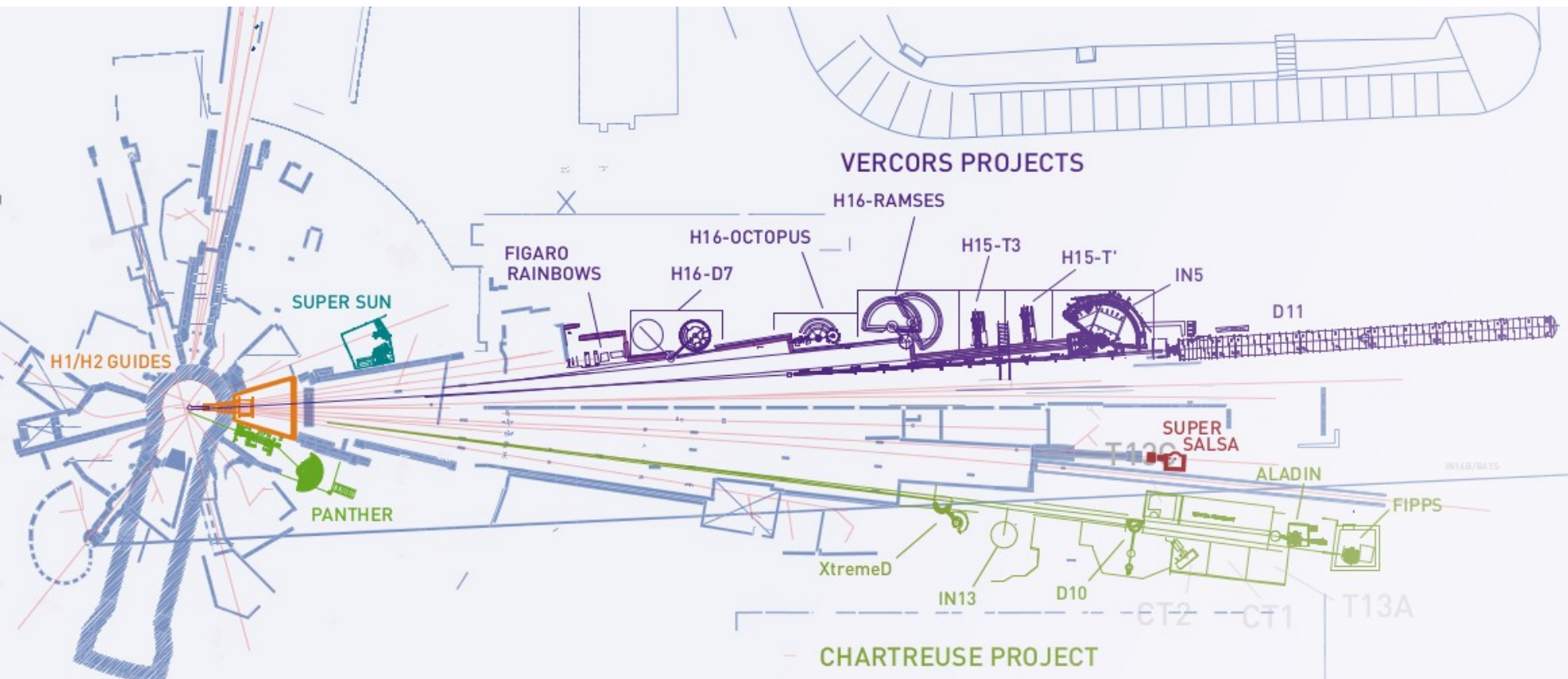
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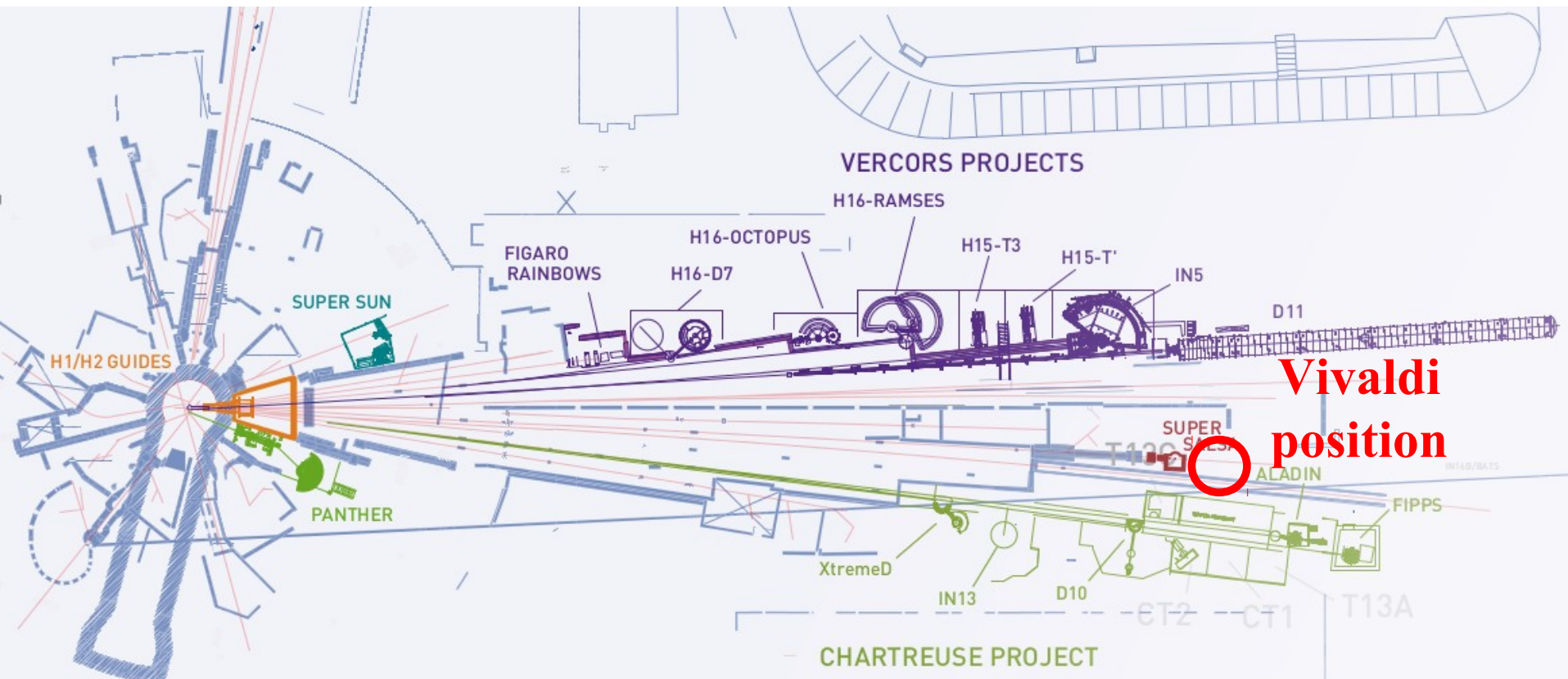
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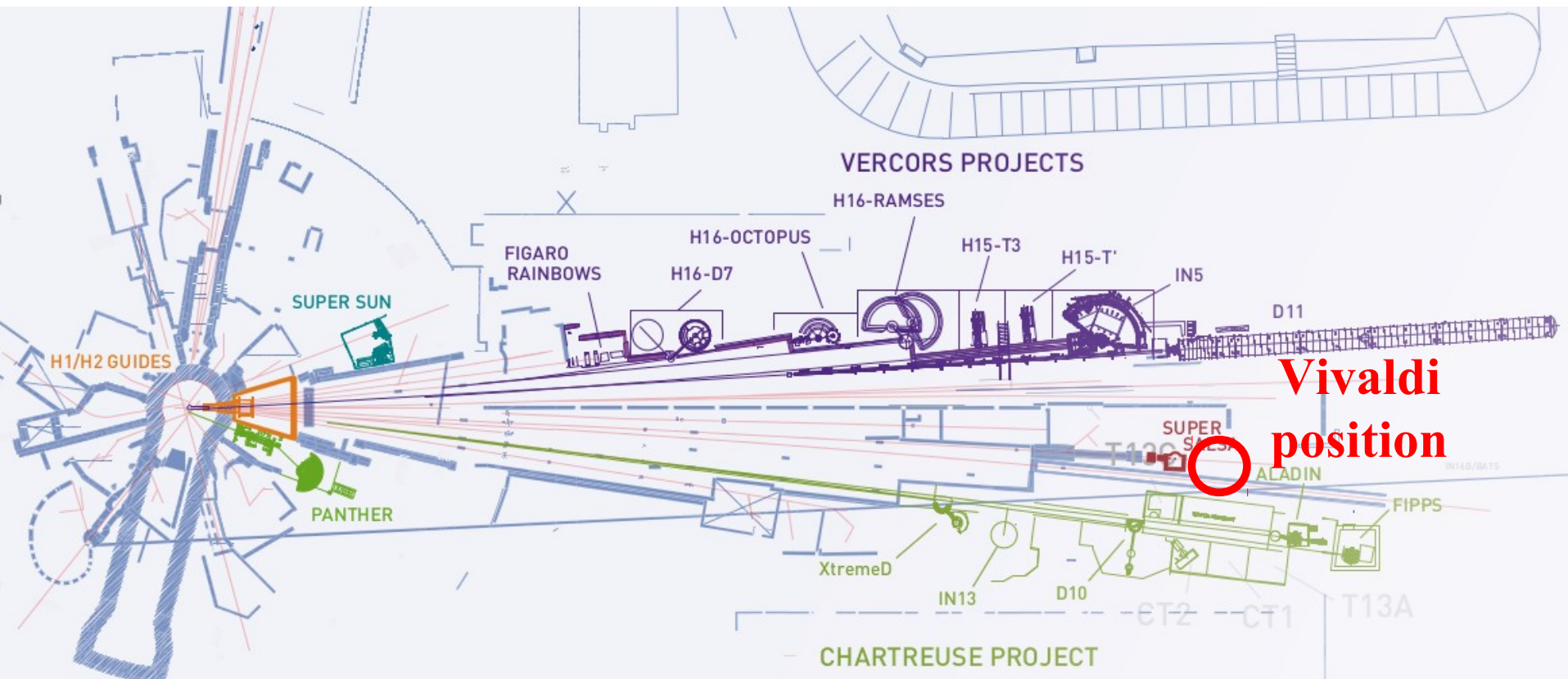
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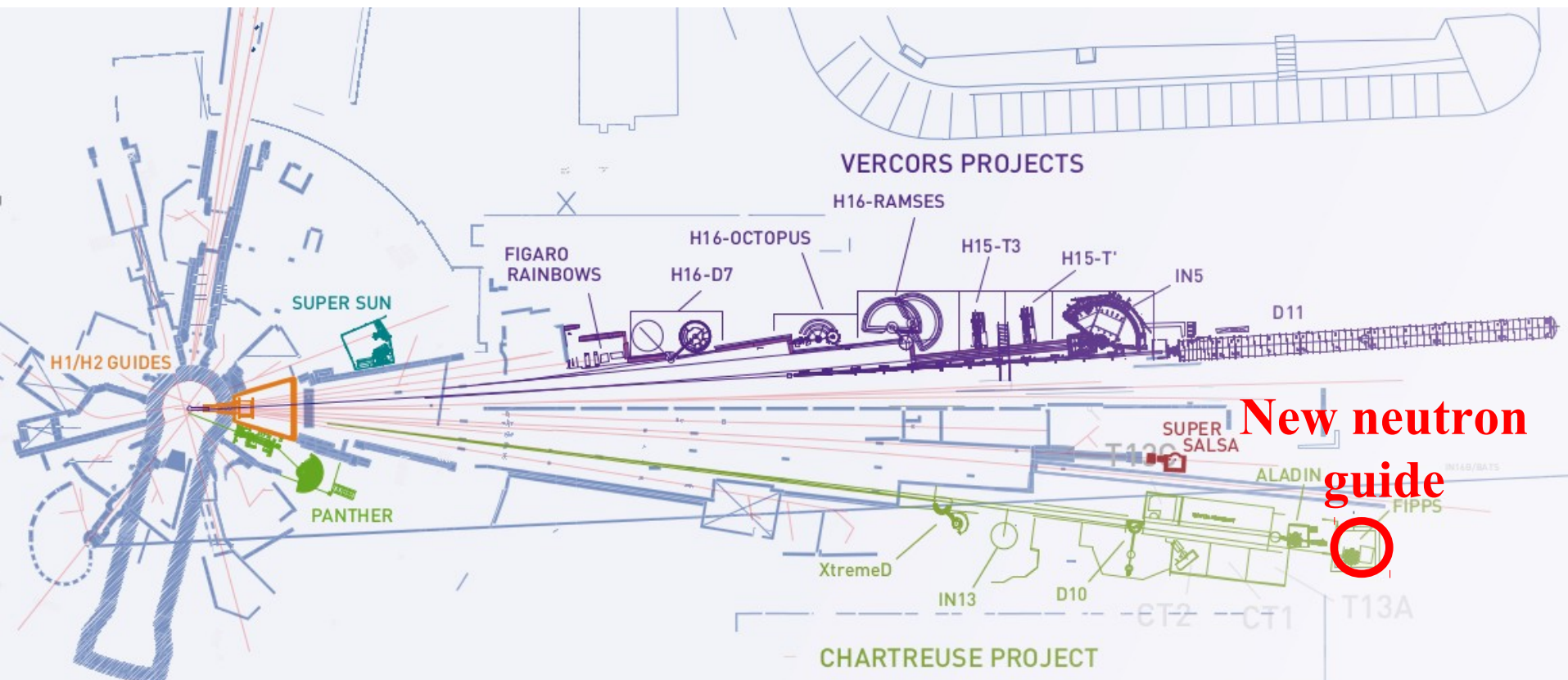
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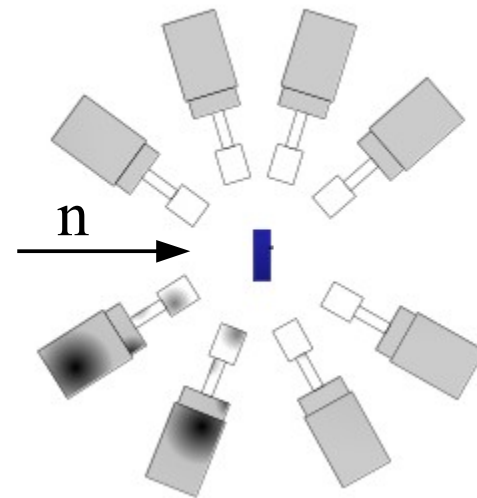


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	Cost (k€)	Available at ILL
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Ge detectors	1500	X
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LaBr ₃ (Ce) detectors	100	√ (from FATIMA collaboration)
Collimation system	40	√ (from EXOGAM campaign)
H22 <u>casemate</u> shielding	50	X
Phase II: Spectrometer		
Gas-Filled Magnet	500	X
TOF detector+electronics	20	X
TPC detectors+electronics	100	X
various mechanics	50	X
Phase III: relocation at H24	400	X
Total	2890 - 270 = 2620 k€ +15% => 3013 k€	

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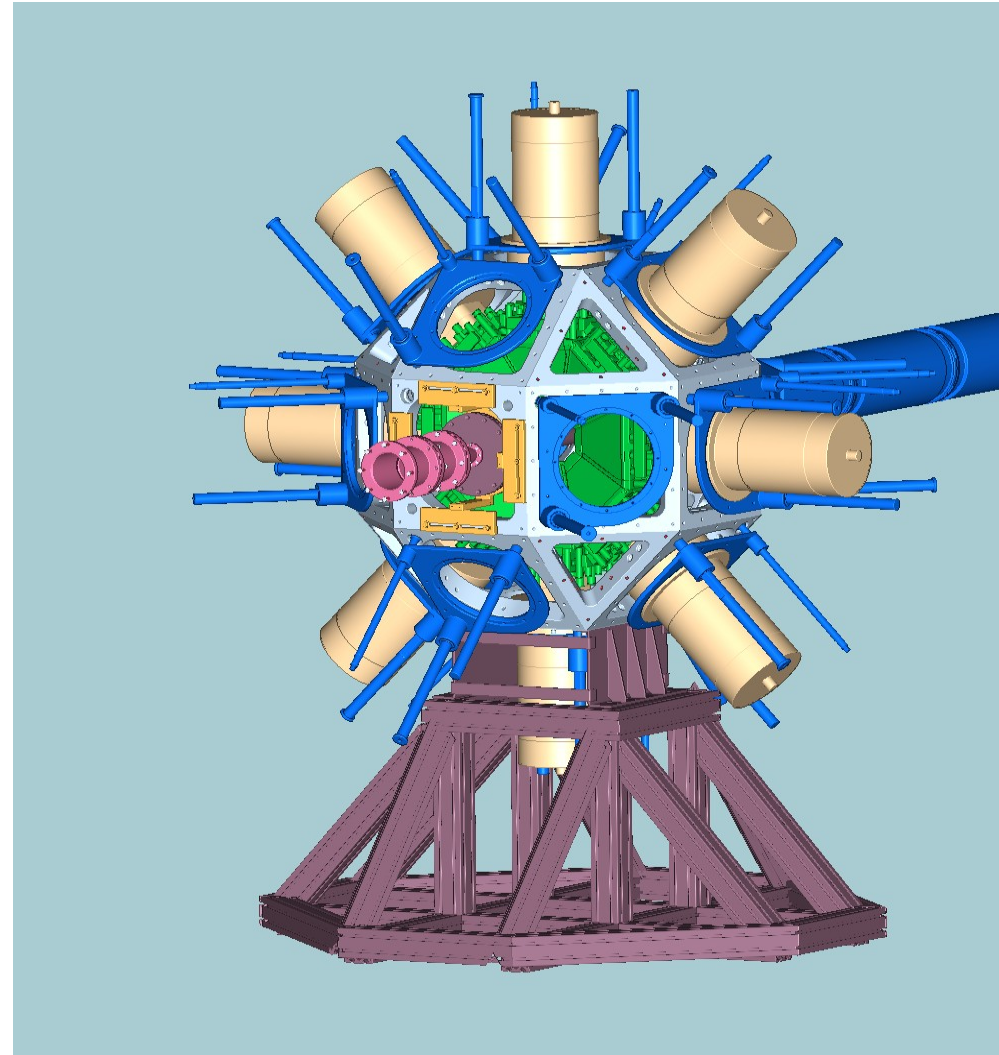


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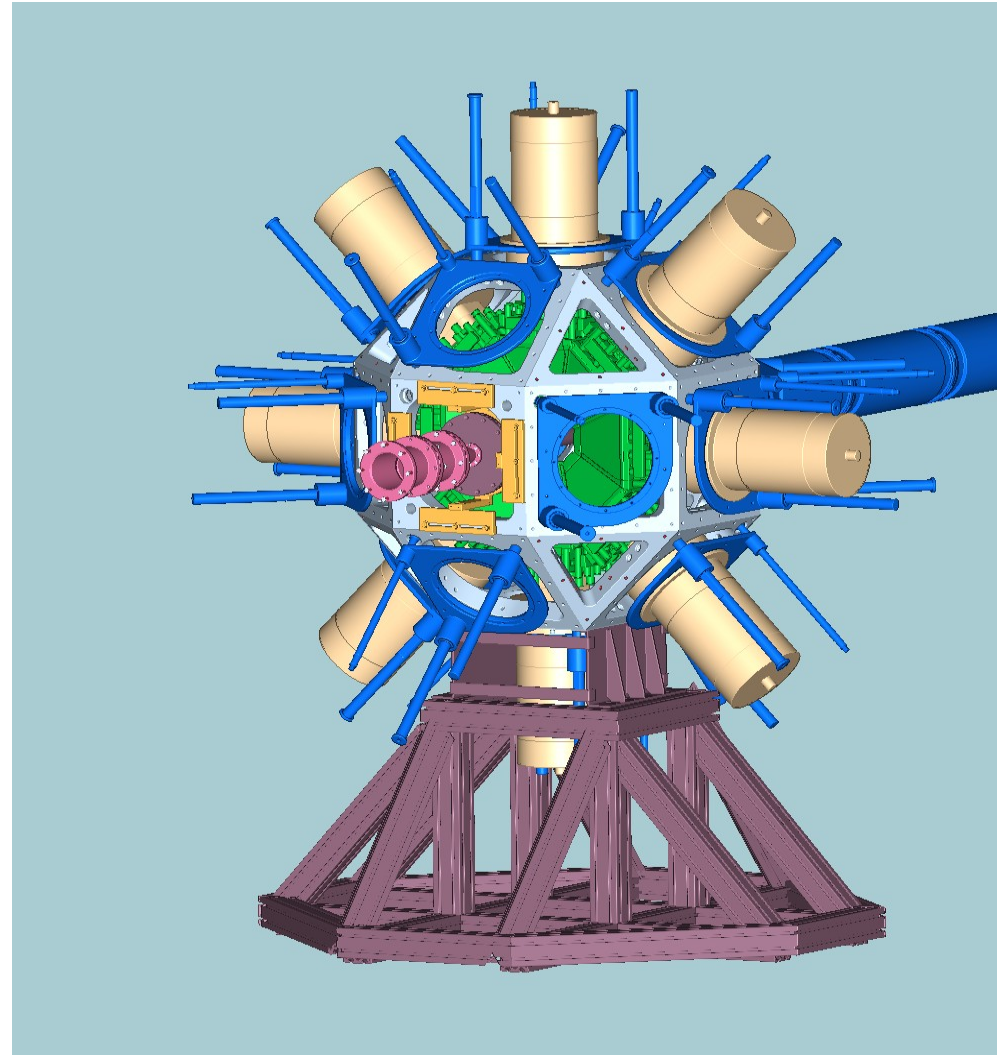
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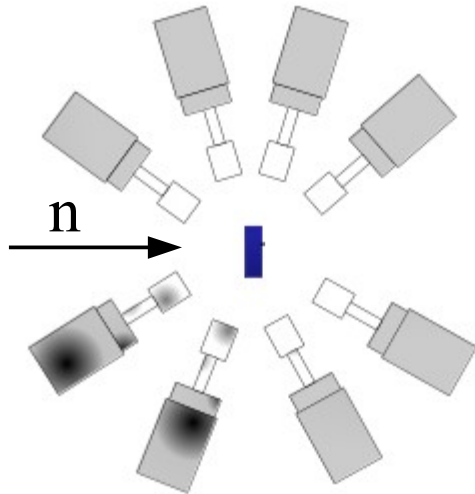
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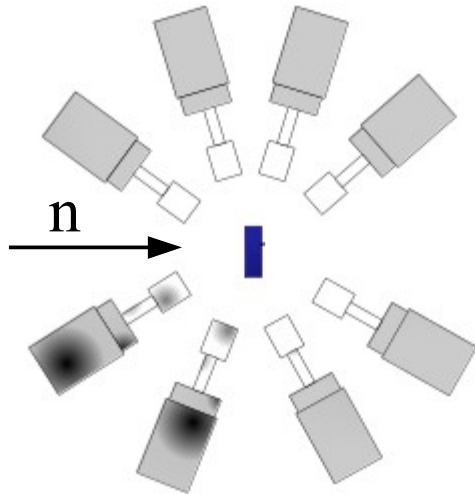
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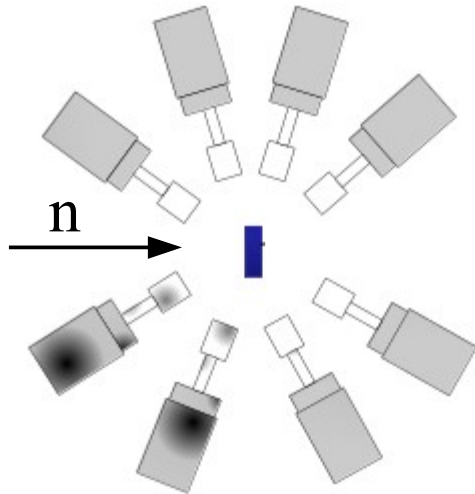
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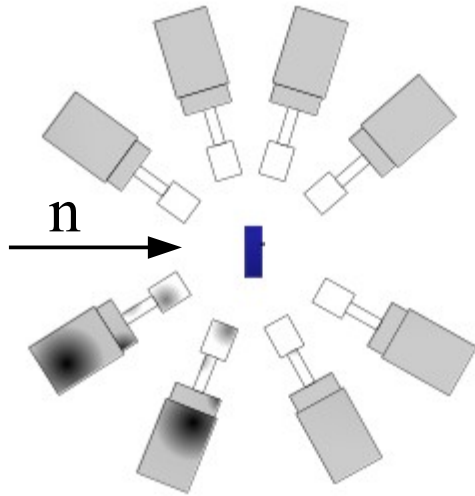
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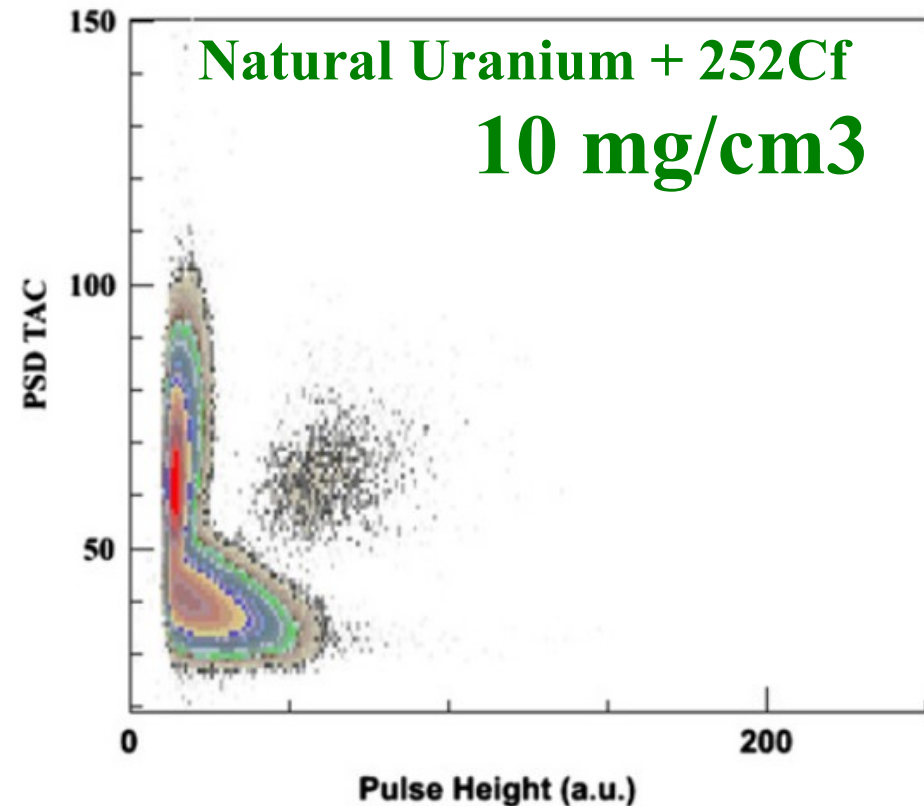
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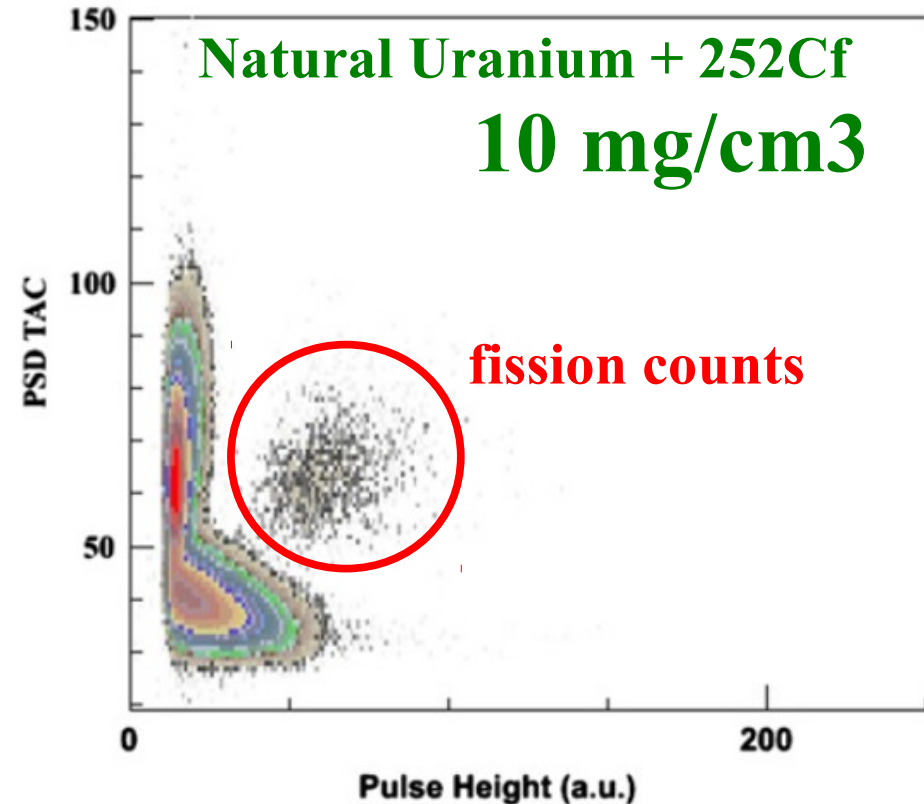
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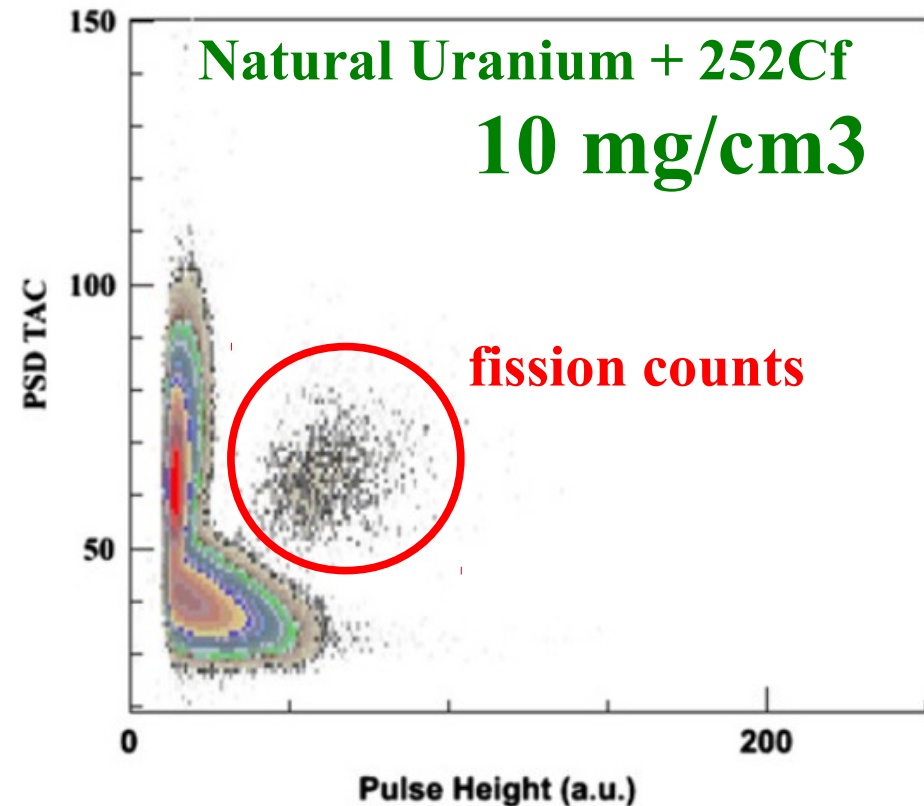
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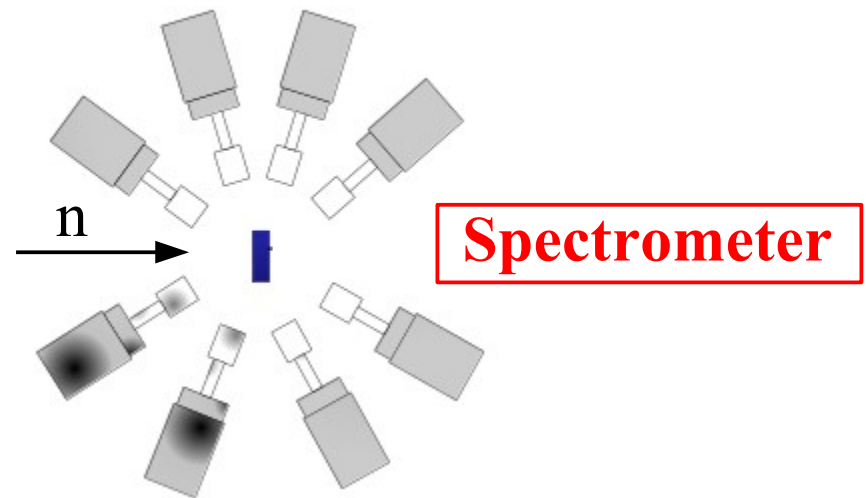


Ageing test to be performed at the ILL (~500 days of operation at PF1B)

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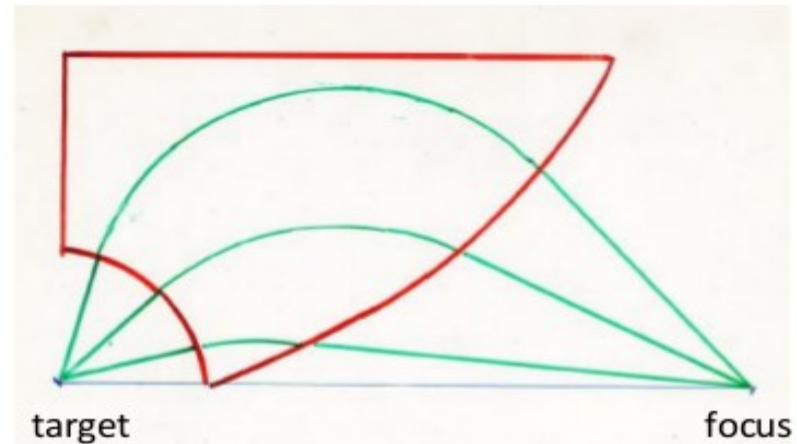
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H. Faust, fission 2013

Possible magnet design:

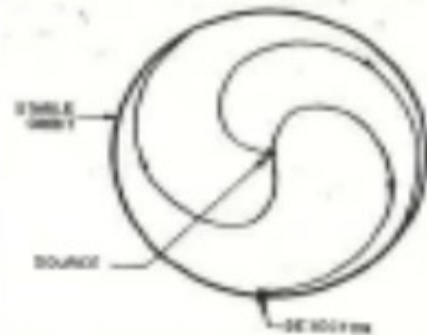
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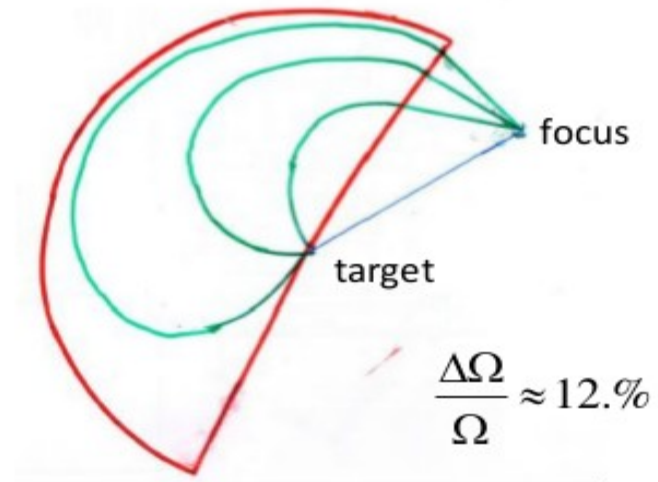


2) $B=1/r$ field

-strong double focusing-
SO-spectrometer



$$B \propto \frac{1}{r}$$



$$\frac{\Delta\Omega}{\Omega} \approx 12.0\%$$

FIPPS phase II: first design propositions

► Focusing magnet:

+:

- possible study at the focal plane
- known technique: Gas Filled Magnet
- good mass resolution

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- limited acceptance (design 1) OR limited space for ancillary detectors (design 2)

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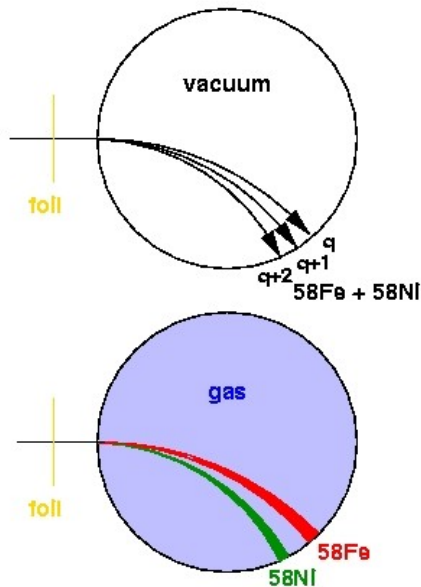
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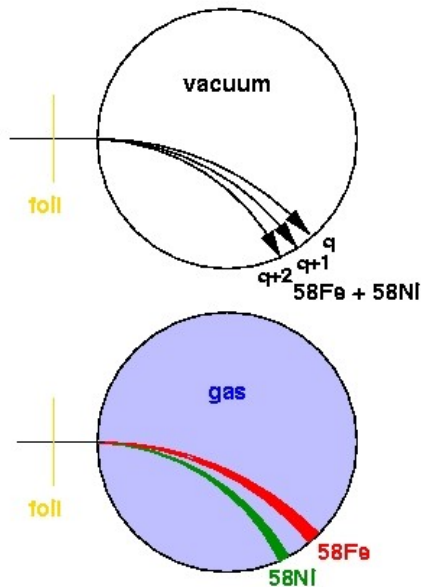
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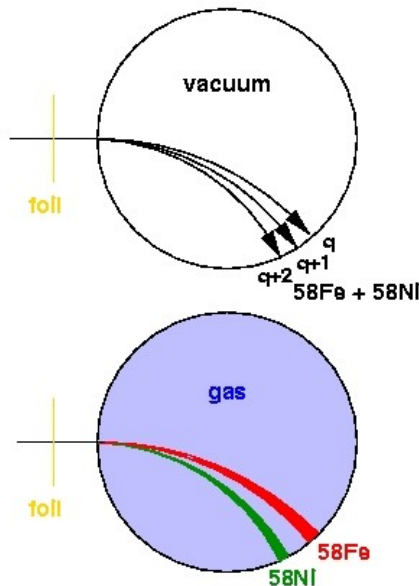
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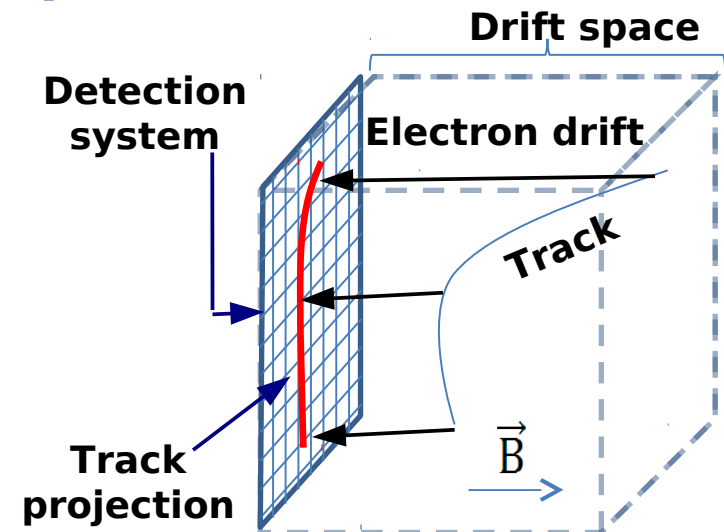


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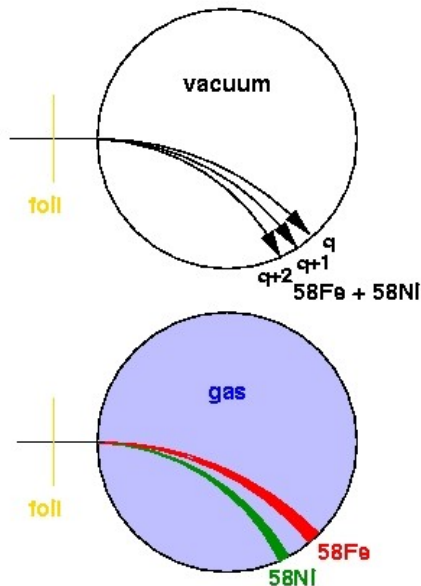


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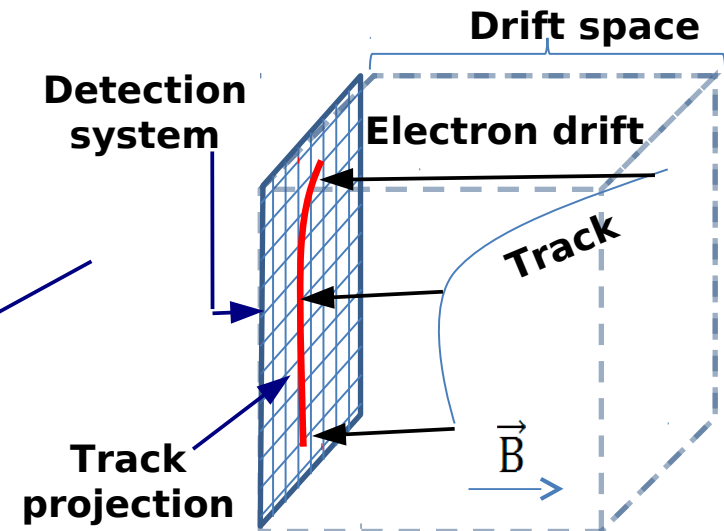


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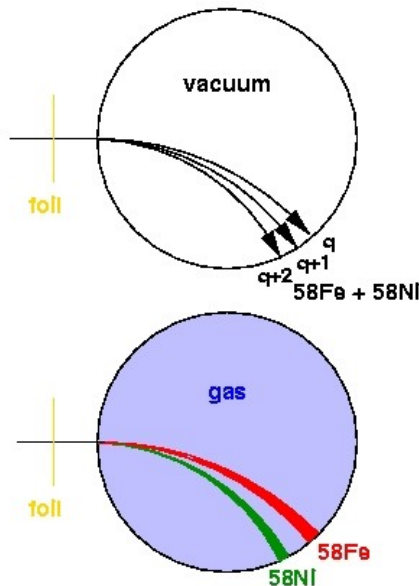
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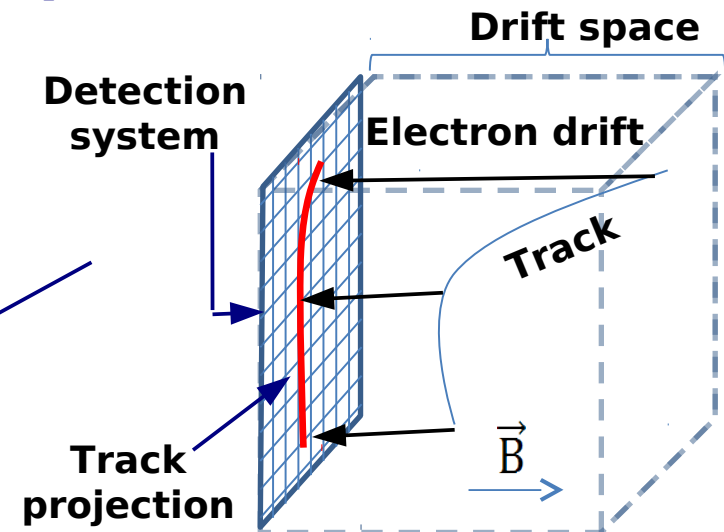
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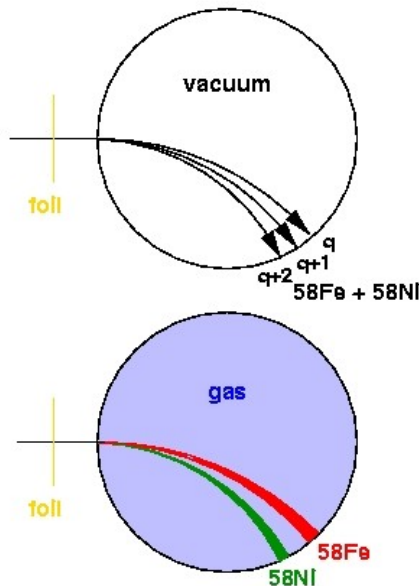
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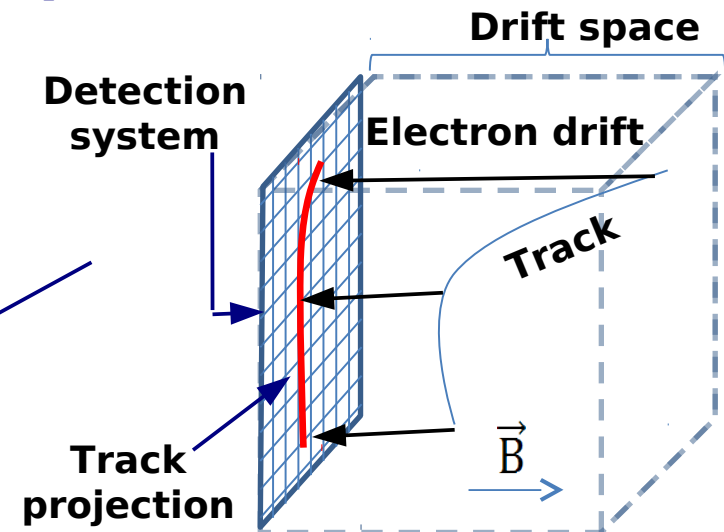
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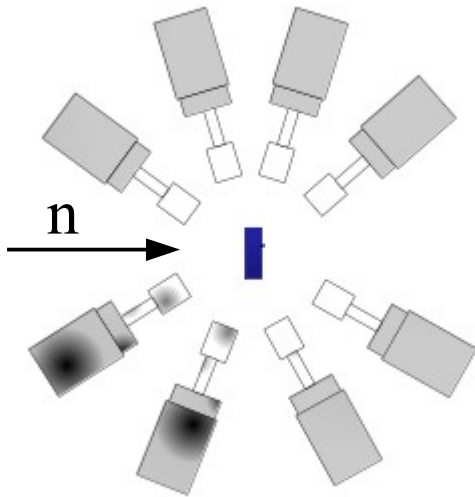
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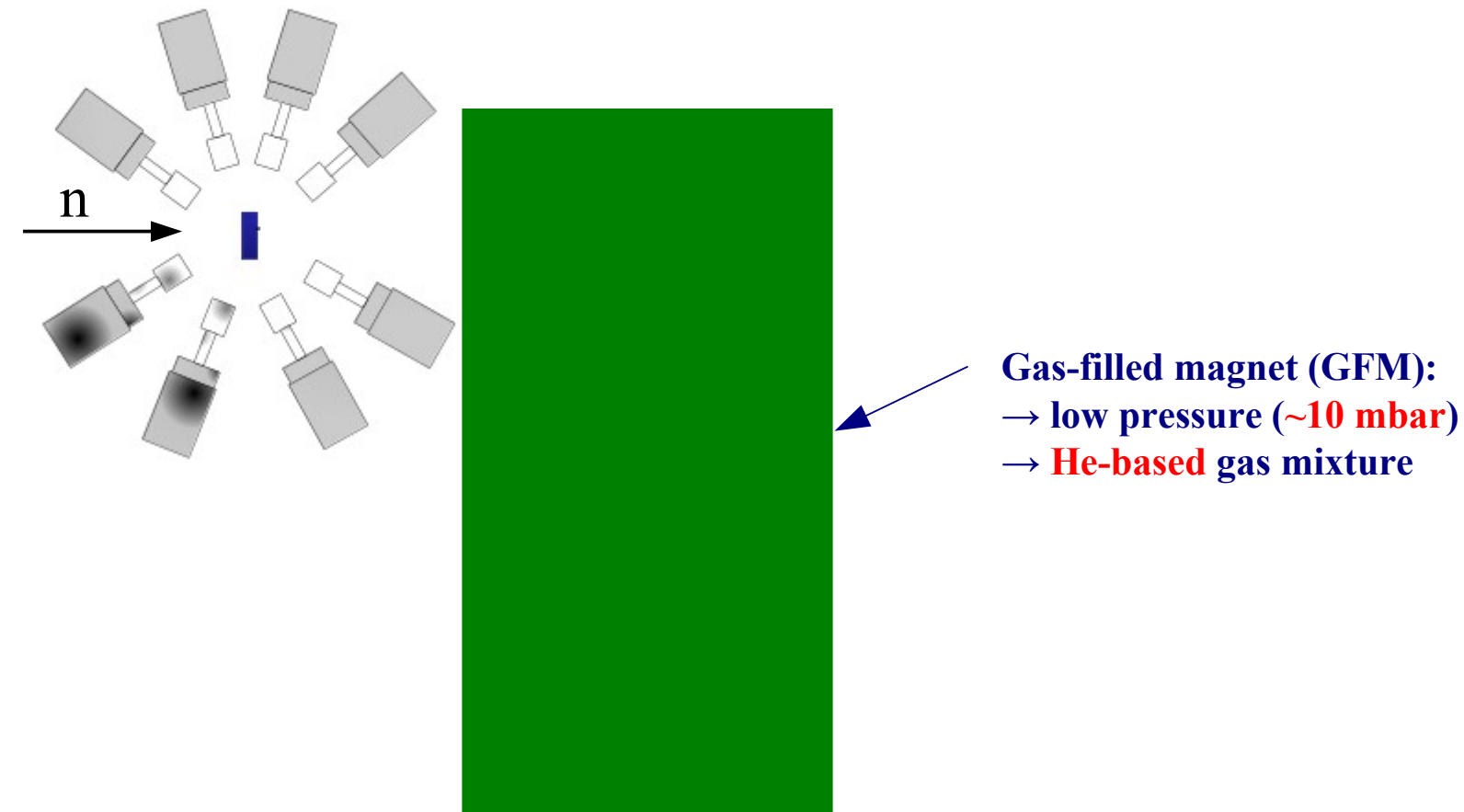
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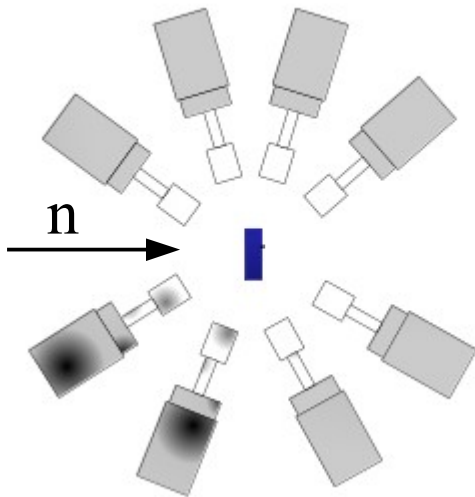
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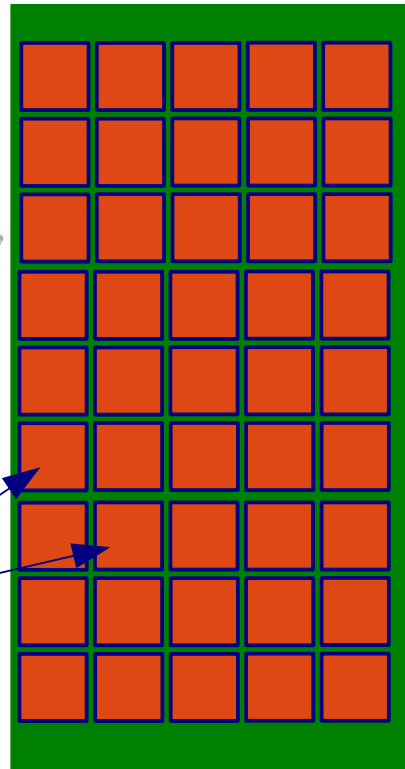


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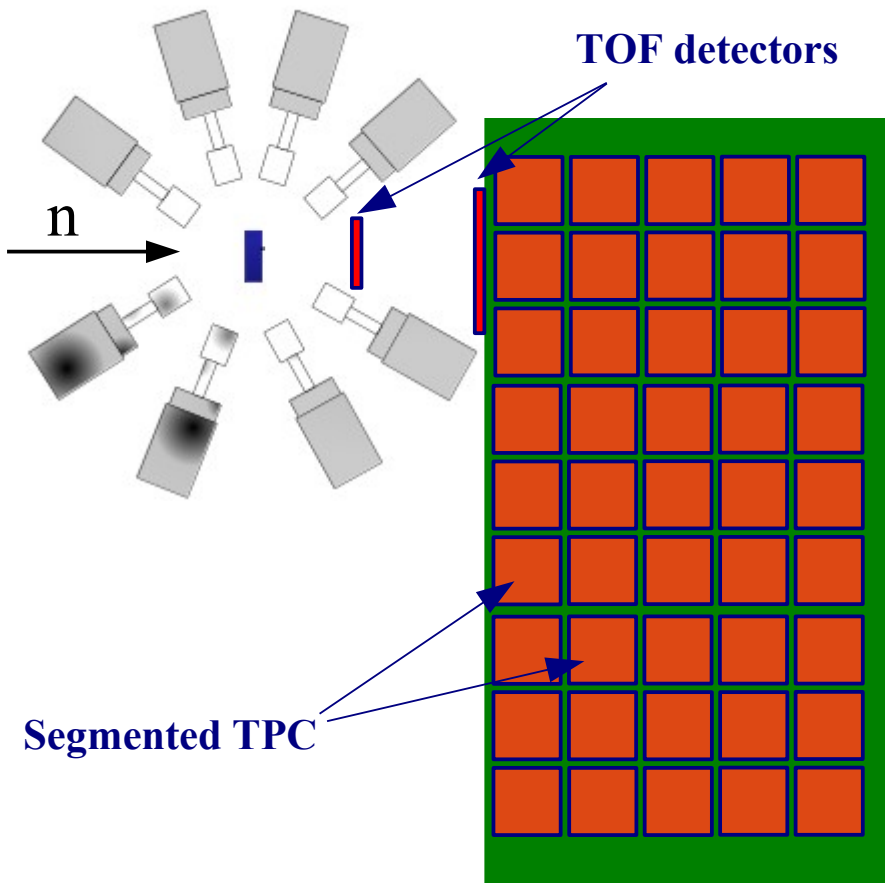
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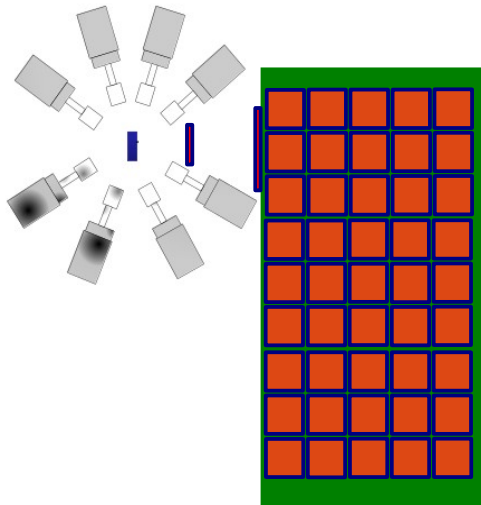
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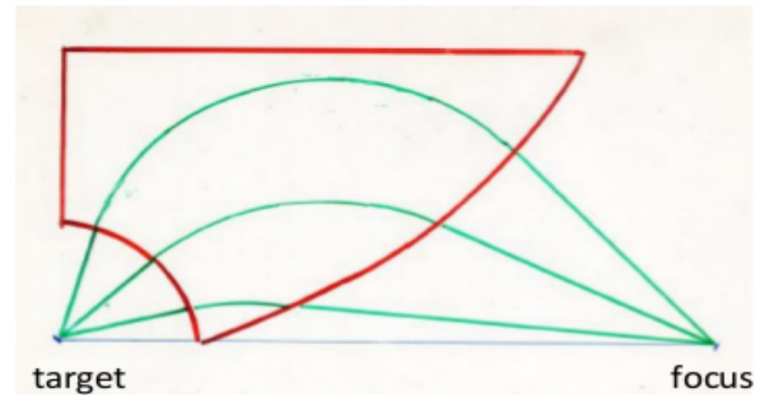
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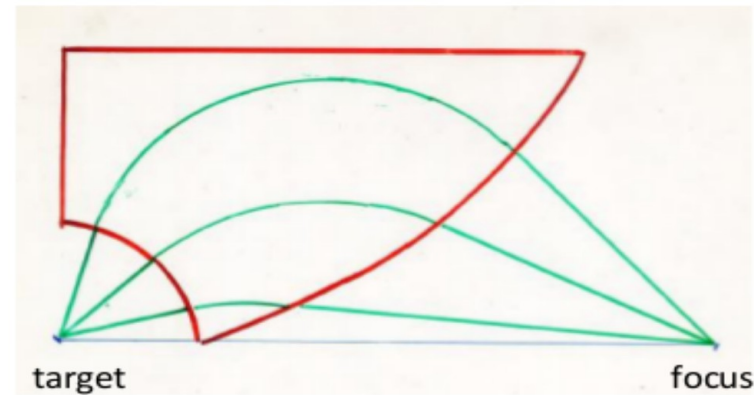
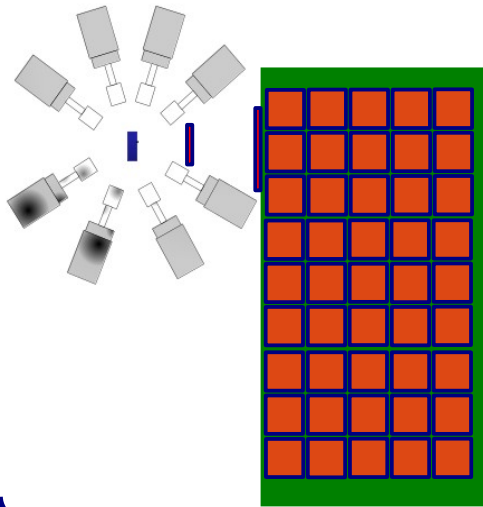
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Magnet design allowing focusing or not depending on the needs

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- ▶ All **EXILL** requirements achieved:
 - Halo-free **pencil neutron beam** (1 cm^2), $\sim 10^8 \text{ n.cm}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$
 - **Safe target environment** allowing (n,f) of actinides targets (^{235}U , ^{241}Pu)
 - Up to **50 Ge crytals and 16 LaBr scintillators** operating simultaneously
 - **Trigerless DAQ**, $>10 \text{ kHz/crystal}$, **$>600\text{kHz}$ total**

 - ▶ ~ 100 days of data taking
 - ➔ **$>60 \text{ Tb of data stored}$** , storage shared between:
 - CC IN2P3 Lyon
 - ILL
 - LPSC-Grenoble
- } GRID-based user-friendly access using IRODS

Conclusion (2)

FIPPS:

► Phase I: Ge array

- safe-handling of various actinide targets → **ILL know-how**
- halo-free pencil beam of neutron → **experimentally validated**
- safe operation of Germanium array close to neutron beam → **experimentally validated**
- triggerless DAQ with high-rate capability ($\sim 6\text{kHz/crystal}$) → **experimentally validated**
- fission veto/tagging using scintillating active target → **being tested**

► Phase II: Ge array + Spectrometer

- Designing phase:
 - first design proposition: 2 instruments in 1 → is it feasible?

► Phase III: relocation at the end position of a new ILL guide

Conclusion (2)

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	Cost (k€)	Available at ILL
Phase I: Ge detector array		
mechanics	50	√ (depending on the array design)
Ge detectors	1 500	X
electronics	70	√ (from EXOGAM campaign)
LN2 filling system	10	√ (from EXOGAM campaign)
LaBr ₃ (Ce) detectors	100	√ (from FATIMA collaboration)
Collimation system	40	√ (from EXOGAM campaign)
H22 <u>casemate</u> shielding	50	X
Phase II: Spectrometer		
Gas-Filled Magnet	500	X
TOF detector+electronics	20	X
TPC detectors+electronics	100	X
various mechanics	50	X
Phase III: relocation at H24	400	X
Total	2890 - 270 = 2620 k€ +15% => 3013 k€	

Conclusion (3)

► **FIPPS:** potential interests

- detailed spectroscopy of neutron rich nuclei
- nuclear fission study
- fast neutron beams
- reaction study in inverse kinematic?

} **Moveable
spectrometer**

FIPPS is part of the new ILL **ENDURANCE program => 3M€**
Final answer **October 2014**

The EXILL collaboration



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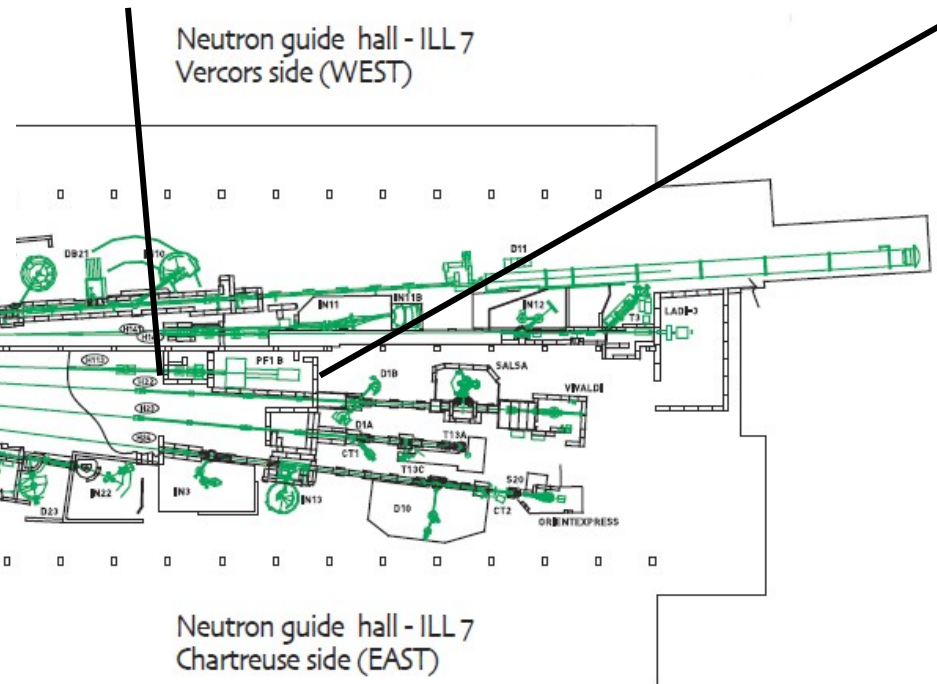
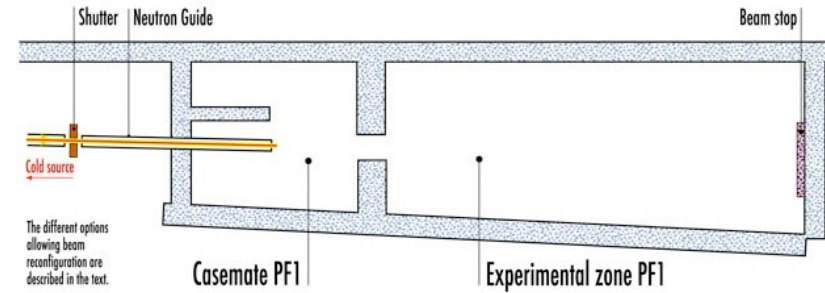
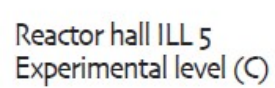
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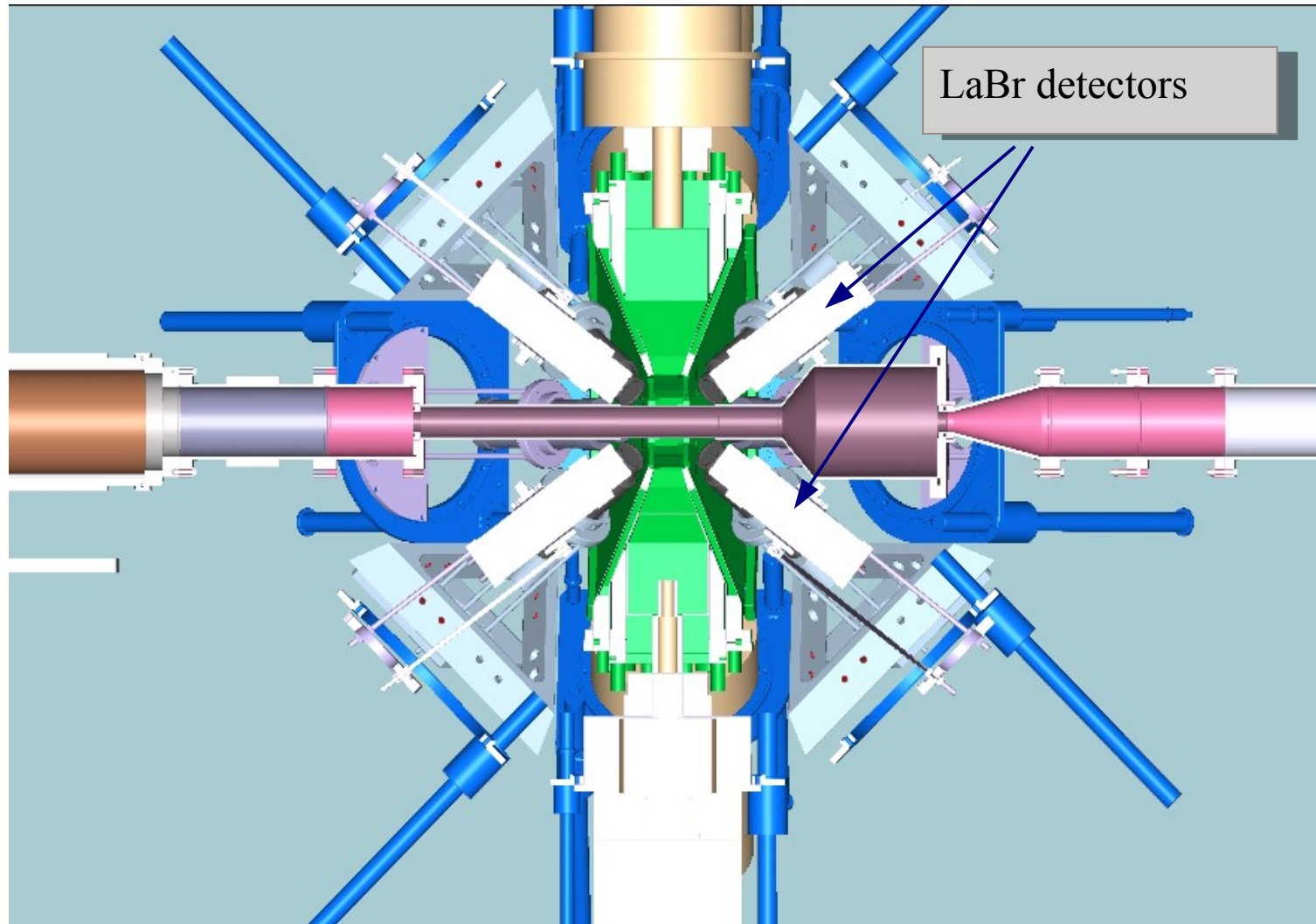


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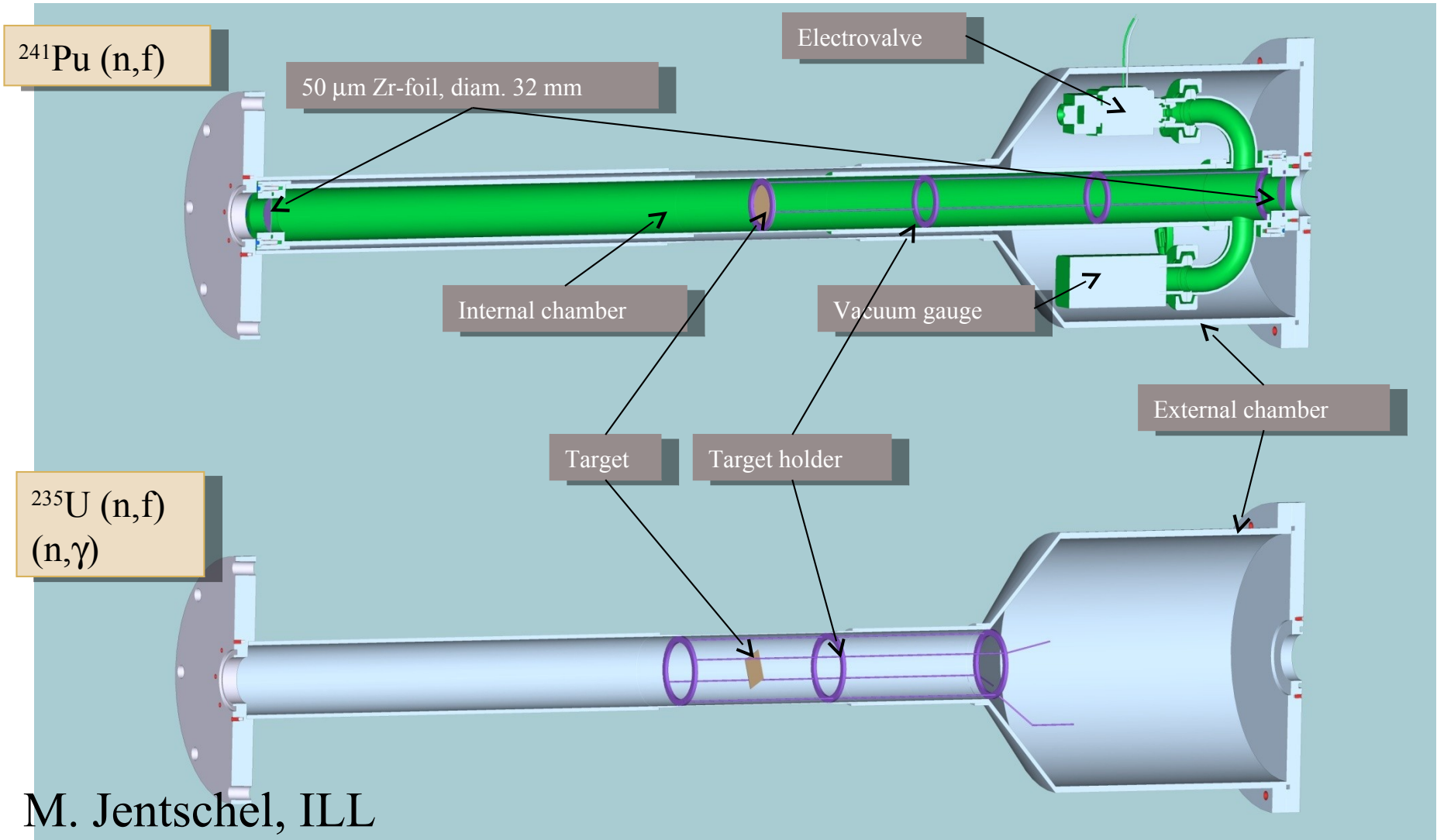
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EXILL in PF1b experimental zone



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EXILL chamber: two configurations



Design consideration for fission targets

Targets sandwiched between dense backings for rapid stopping of fission fragments.

Boundary conditions for backing material:

- low neutron capture cross-section
- minimize neutron scattering $\Rightarrow$ no/low hydrogen
- high stopping power to minimize Doppler broadening of picosecond states
- avoid high Z to limit attenuation of low energy gamma rays
- chemically compatible with deposition technique of actinide layer
- non-cubic lattice with electric field gradient may perturb angular correlations

$\Rightarrow$ Two alternative solutions

1. Medium Z backing for fast stopping:

15 μm Zr foils laminated by cold-rolling with Sn as filler material

2. Low Z backing for minimum gamma ray attenuation at slightly slower stopping:

25 μm Be foils glued with thin layer of cyanoacrylat

Fission targets

1. ^{235}U -Zr/Sn, nominal fission rate 70 kHz

3 layers UO_2 (total $575 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ of 99.7% enriched ^{235}U)

laminated with Sn between $15 \mu\text{m}$ thick Zr foils (nuclear grade, <50 ppm Hf)

15 days for $(n, \gamma\gamma\gamma)$ spectroscopy with complete Ge array

2. ^{235}U -Be, nominal fission rate 90 kHz

1 layer UO_2 ($675 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ of 99.7% enriched ^{235}U)

glued with thin layer of cyanoacrylate between $25 \mu\text{m}$ thick Be foils

5 days for $(n, \gamma\gamma\gamma)$ spectroscopy with complete Ge array

14 days for ultrafast timing measurements with mixed Ge/ LaBr_3 :Ce array

3. ^{241}Pu -Be, nominal fission rate 70 kHz

1 layer PuO_2 ($300 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ of 78.6% ^{241}Pu , plus non-fissile ^{240}Pu and ^{242}Pu)

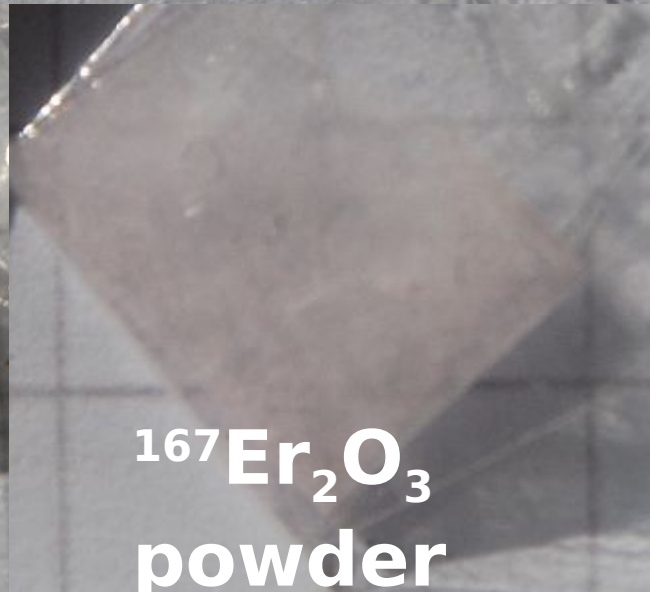
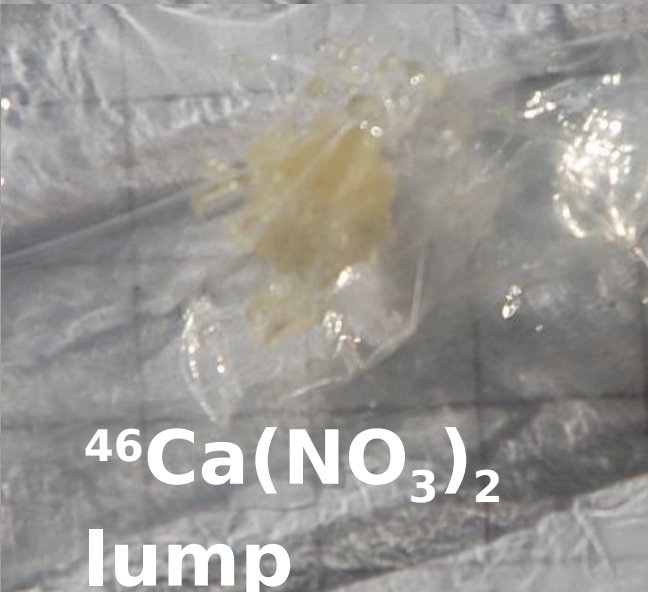
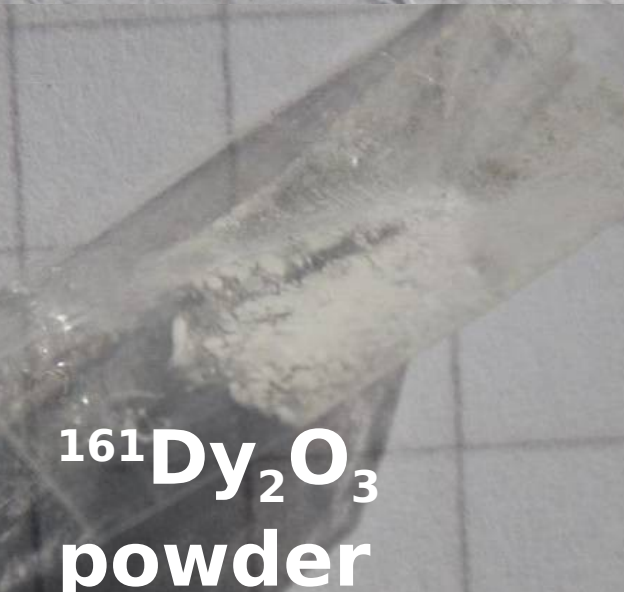
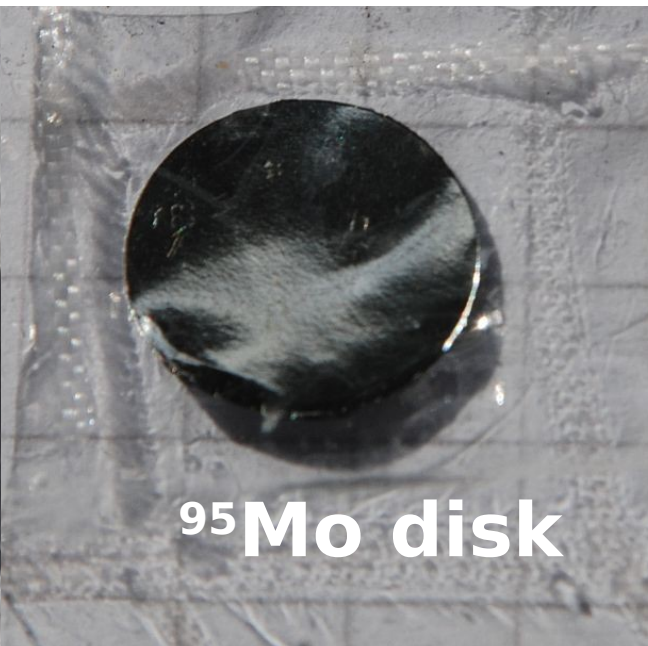
glued with thin layer of cyanoacrylate between $25 \mu\text{m}$ thick Be foils

^{241}Am daughter freshly separated and target prepared at
Kernchemie Mainz

15 days for $(n, \gamma\gamma\gamma)$ spectroscopy with complete Ge array

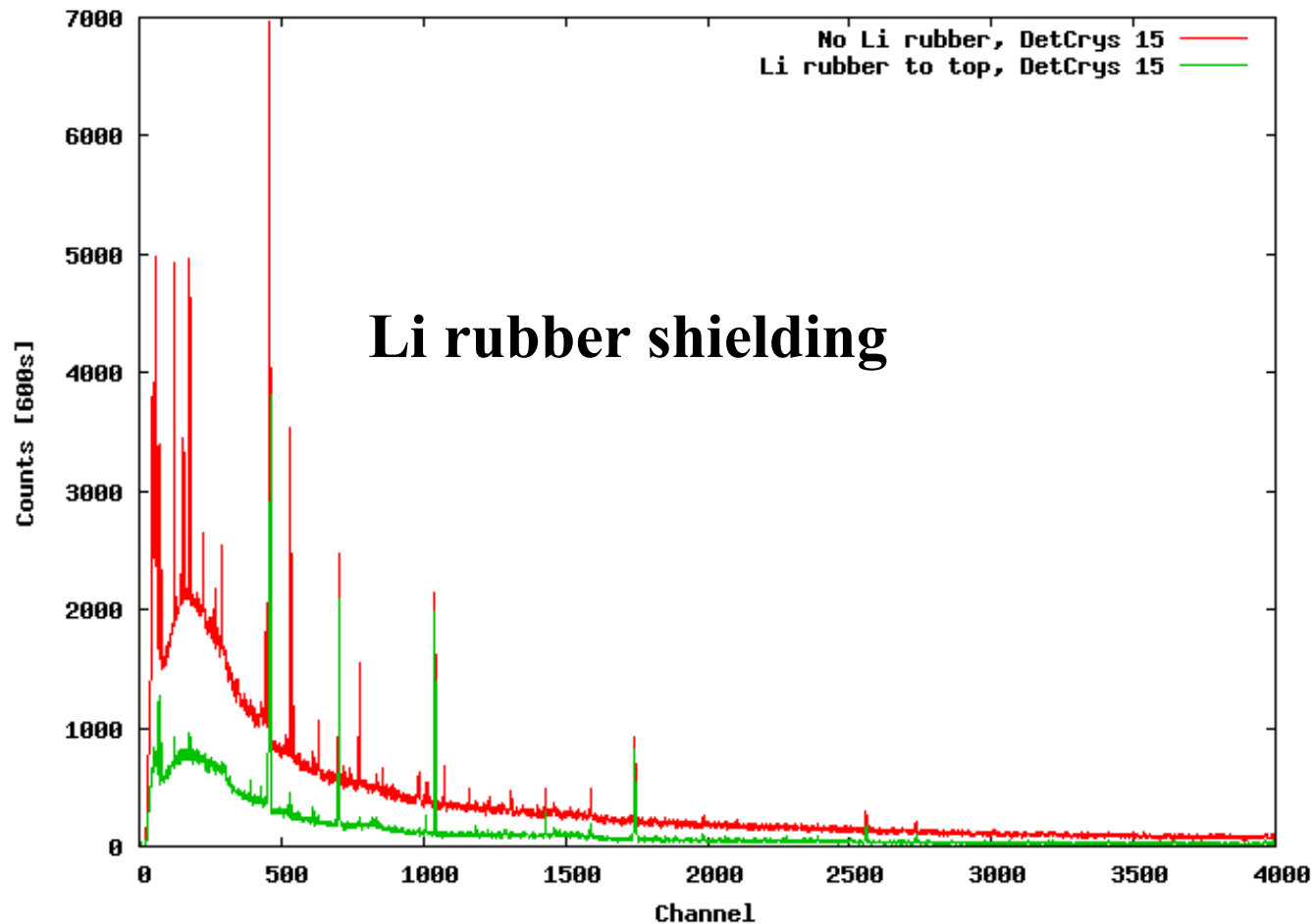
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Stable isotopes EXILL target for (n,γ)



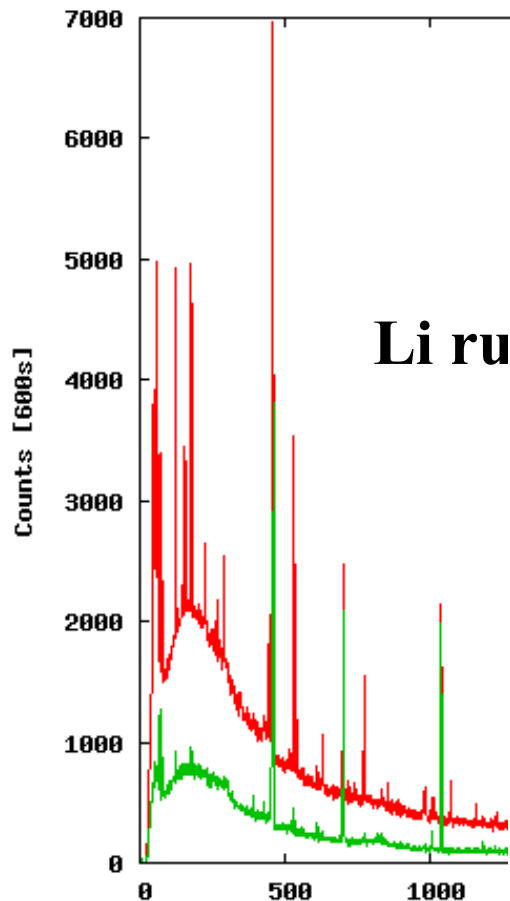
Background measurements

Li rubber shielding in target (3mg BaCl) region, shielding open to bottom



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Li rubber shielding in target (3mg BaCl) region, shielding open to bottom



Background contributions for Pu241 measurement

