

# An **Electrostatic** Ion Beam Trap and (*some*) Possible Applications

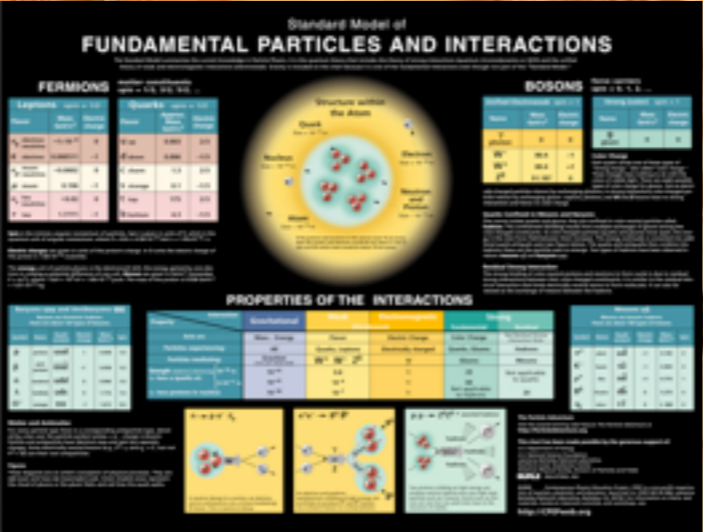
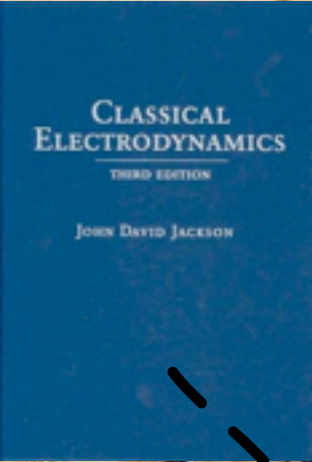
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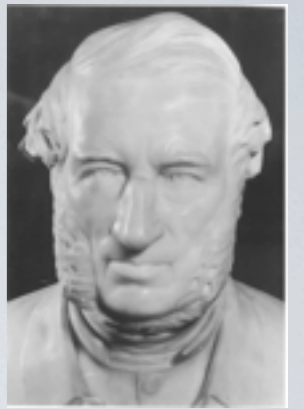
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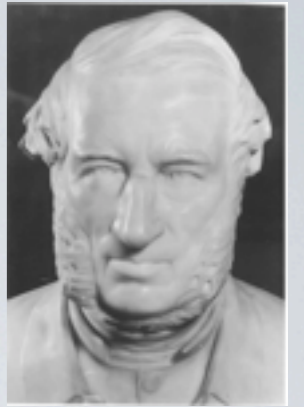
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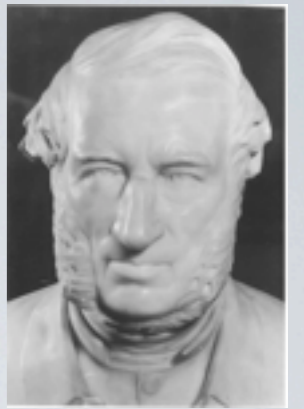
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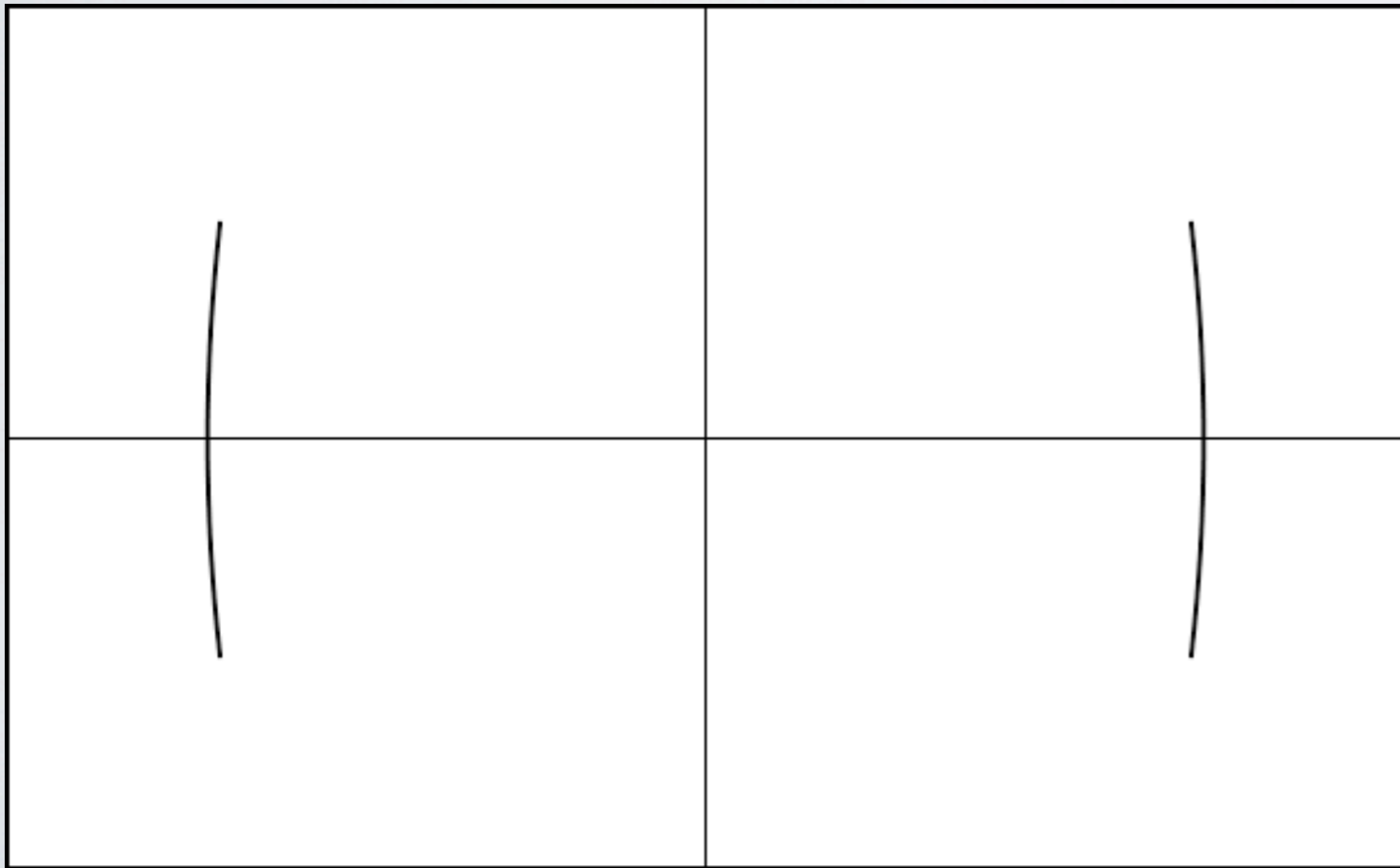
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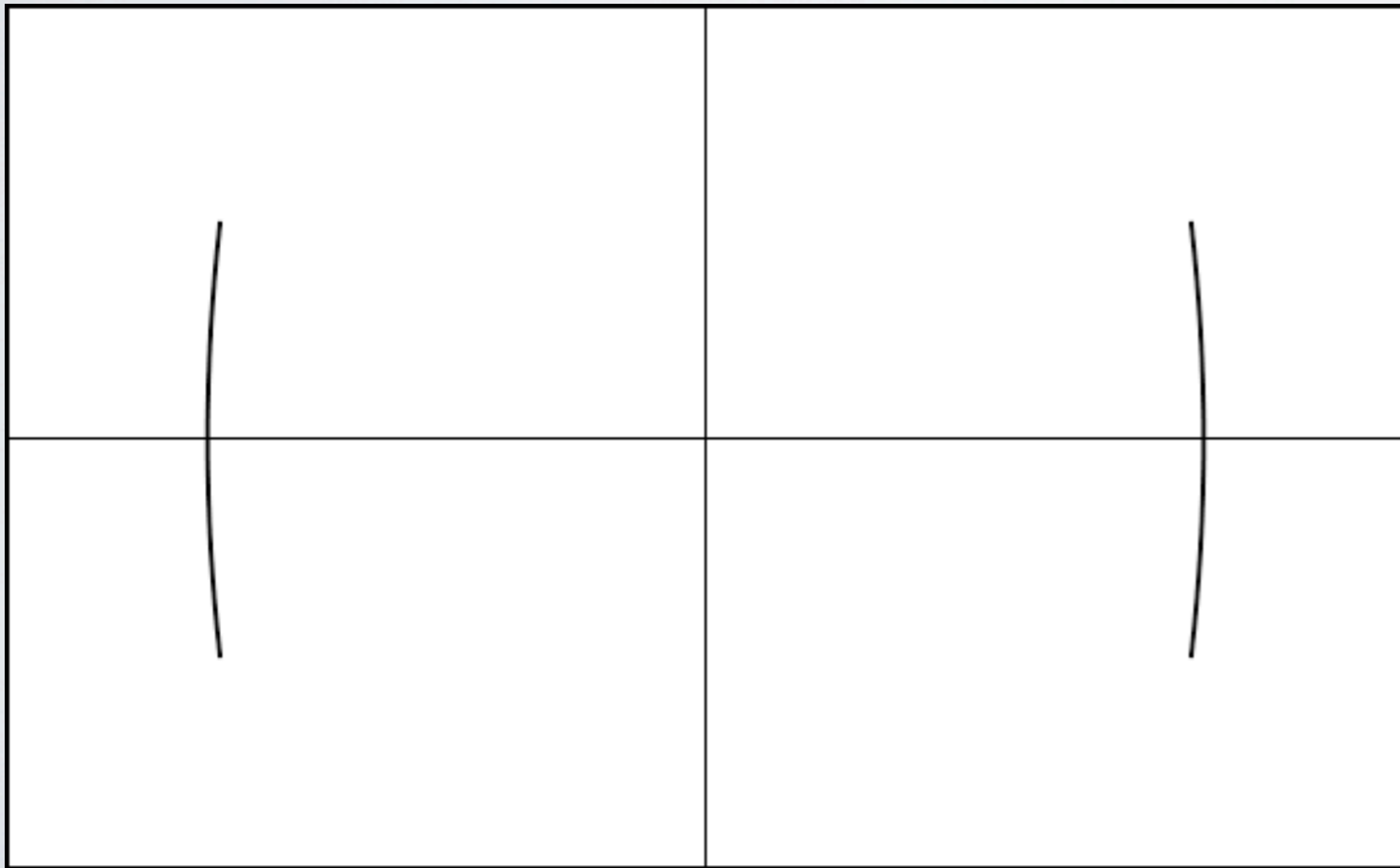


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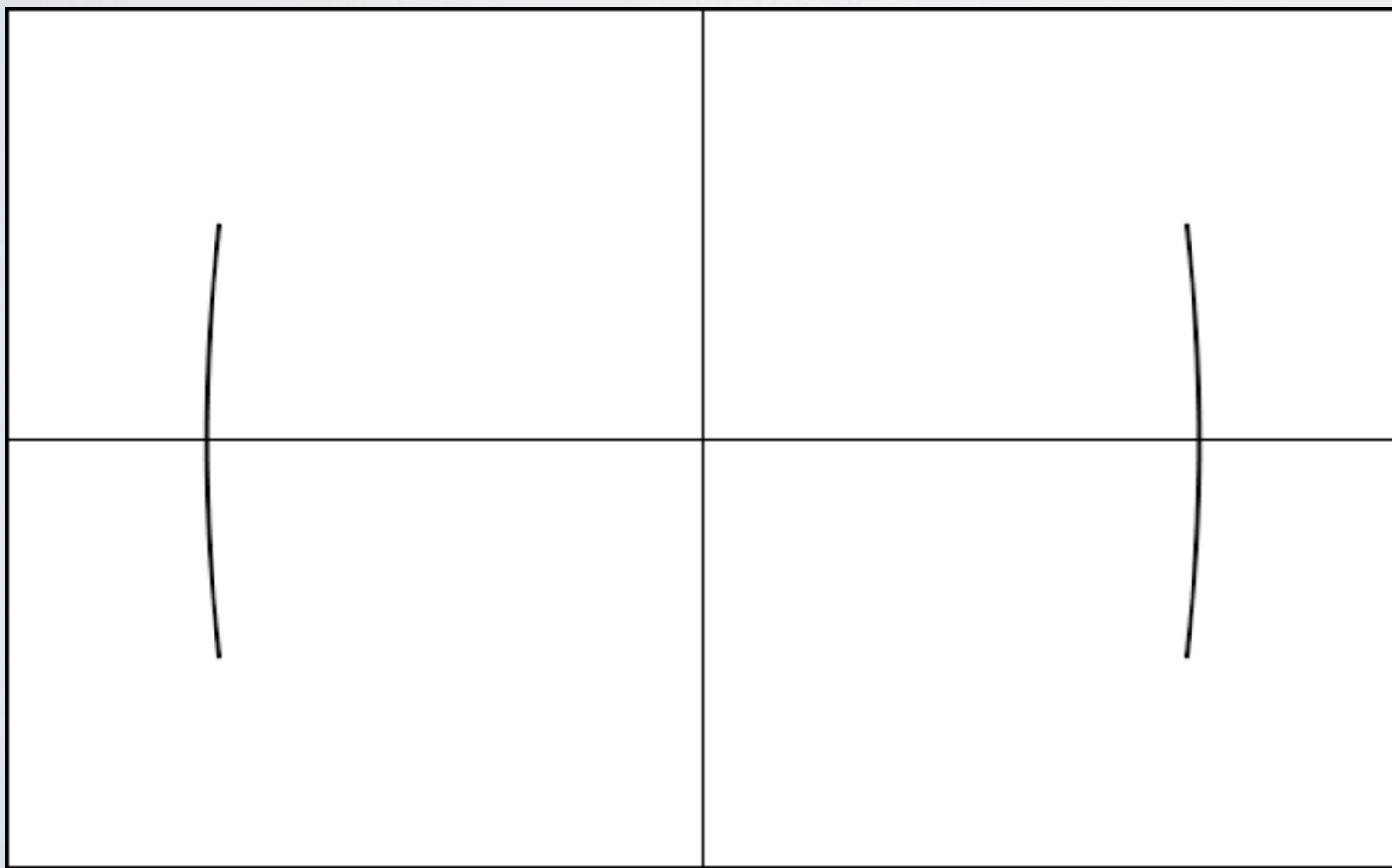


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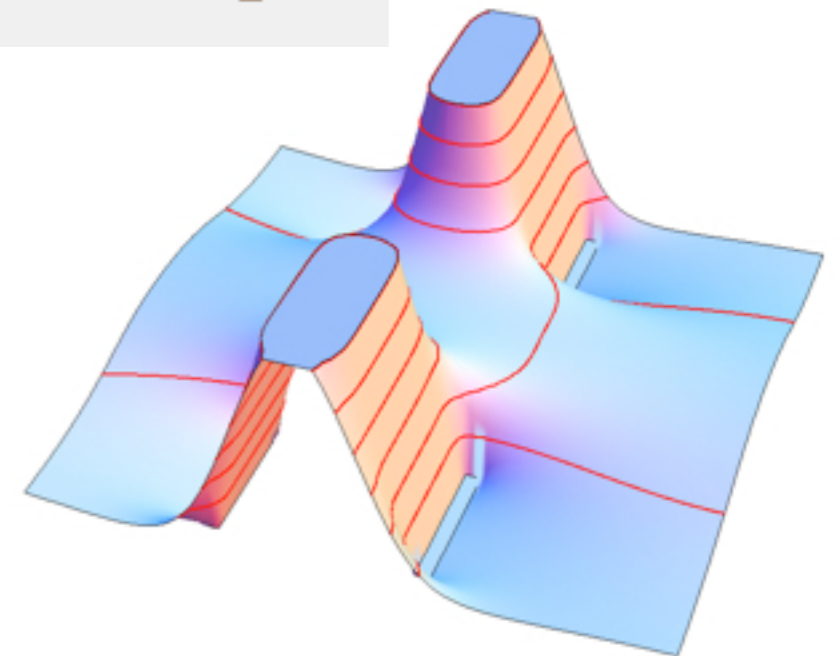
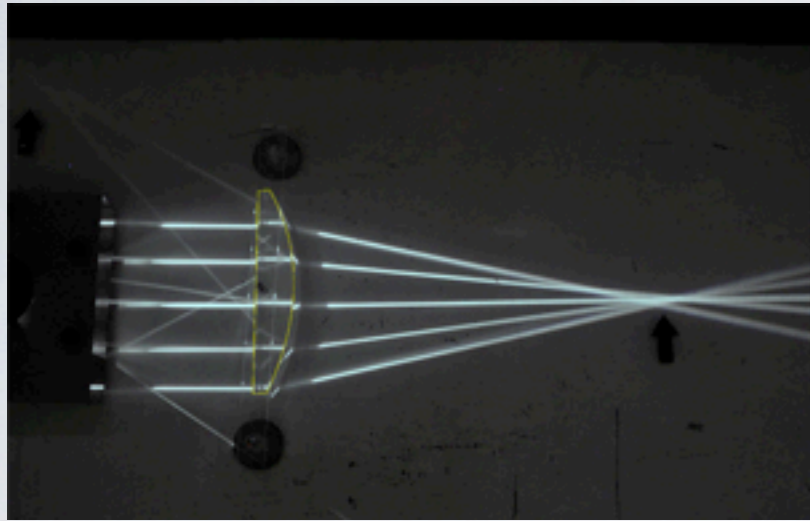
*Confining Potential*

*Maximum*

$$q e V_s > E_k$$

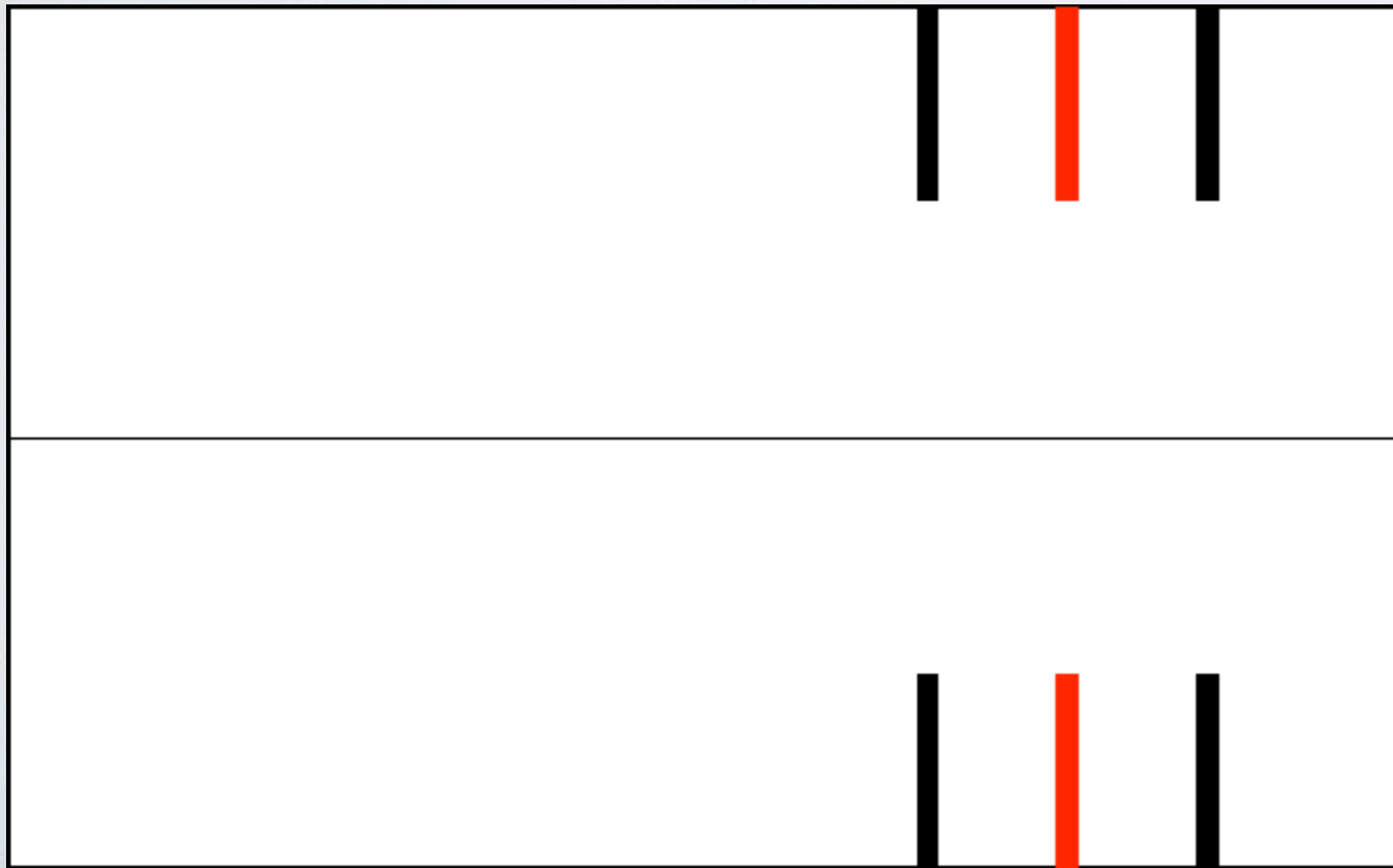
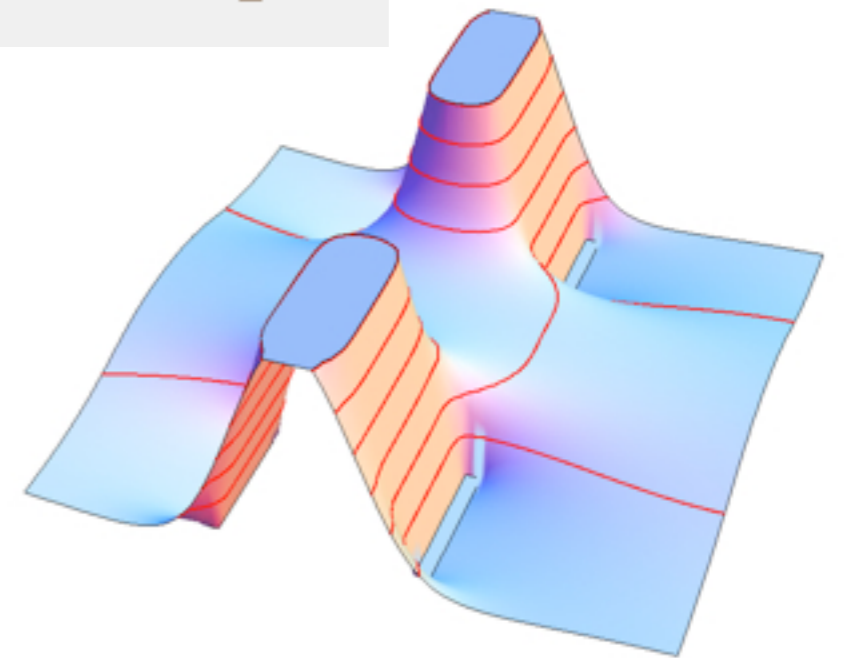
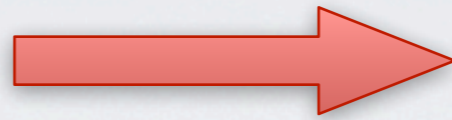
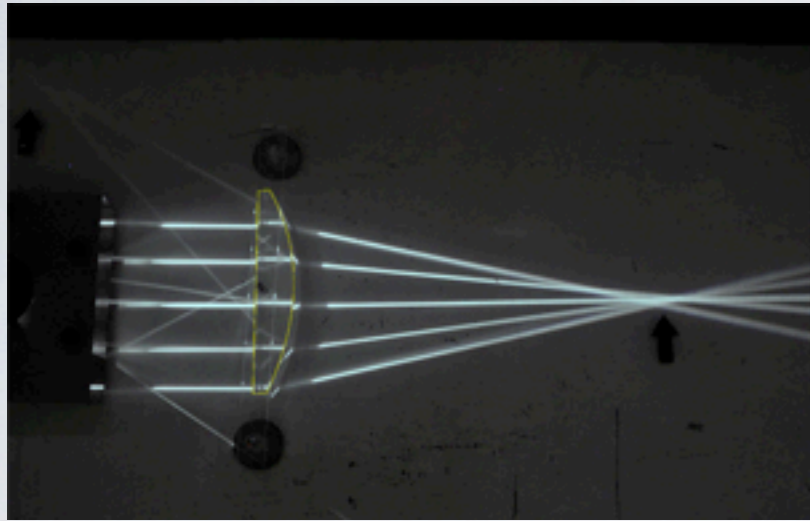
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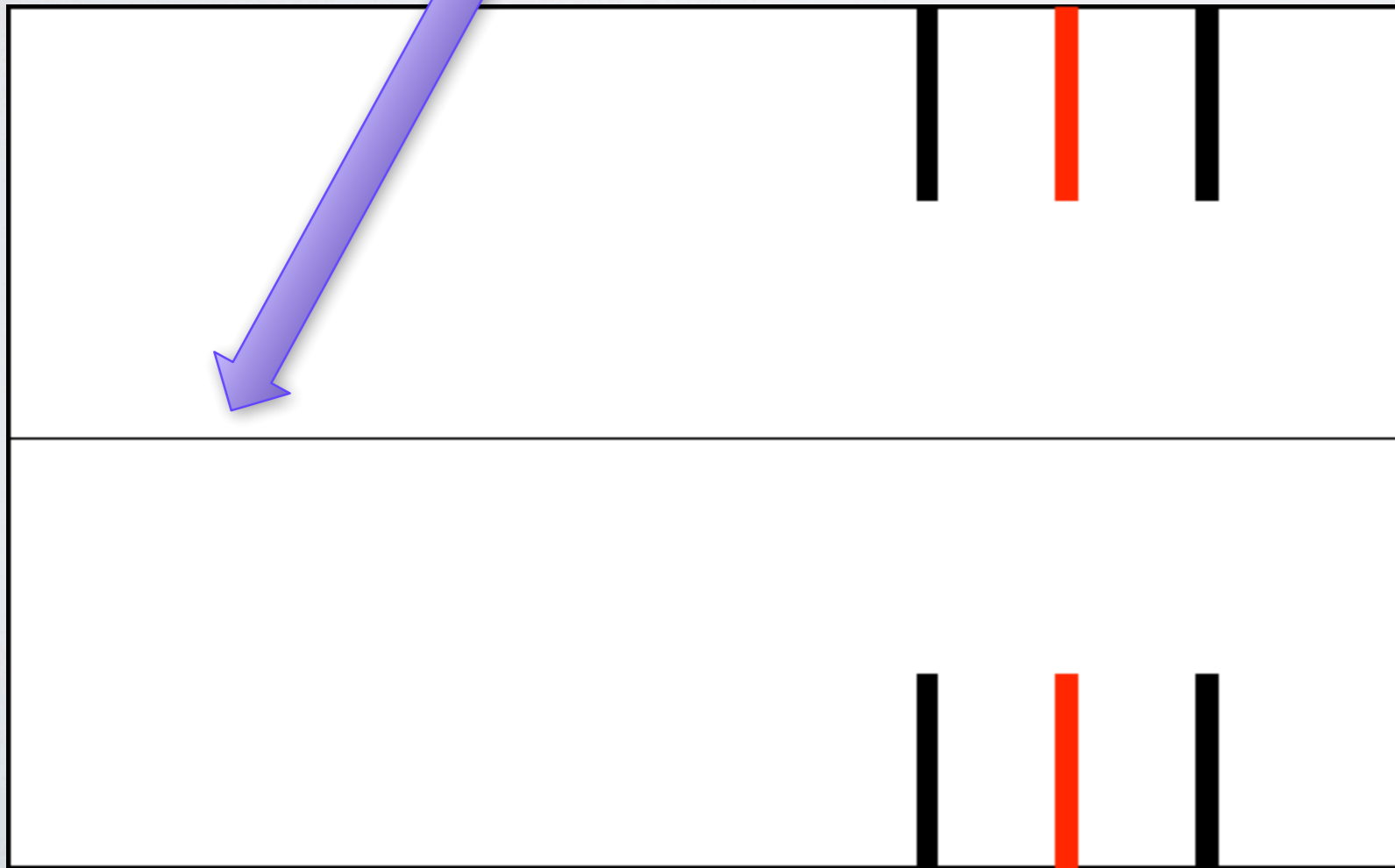
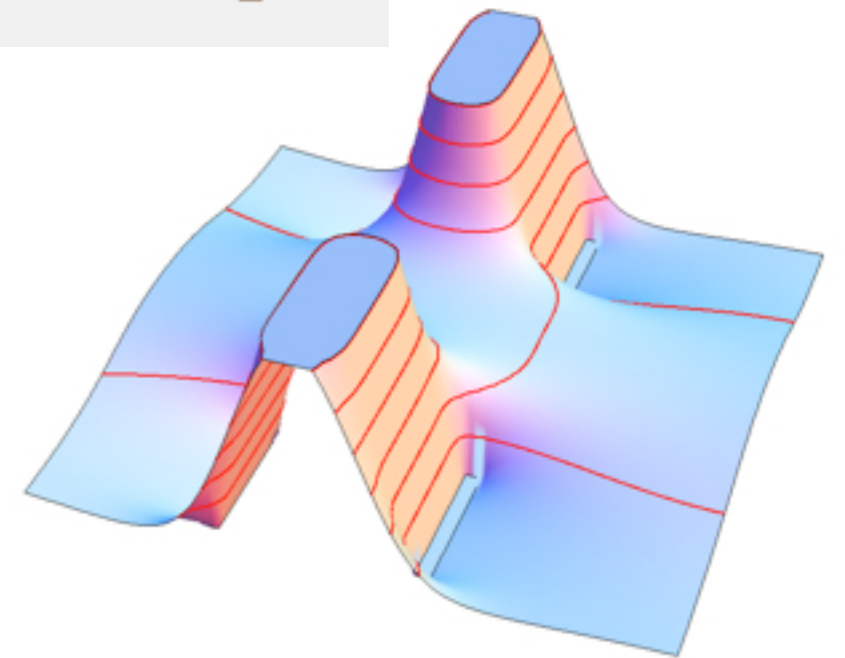
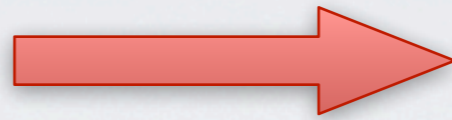
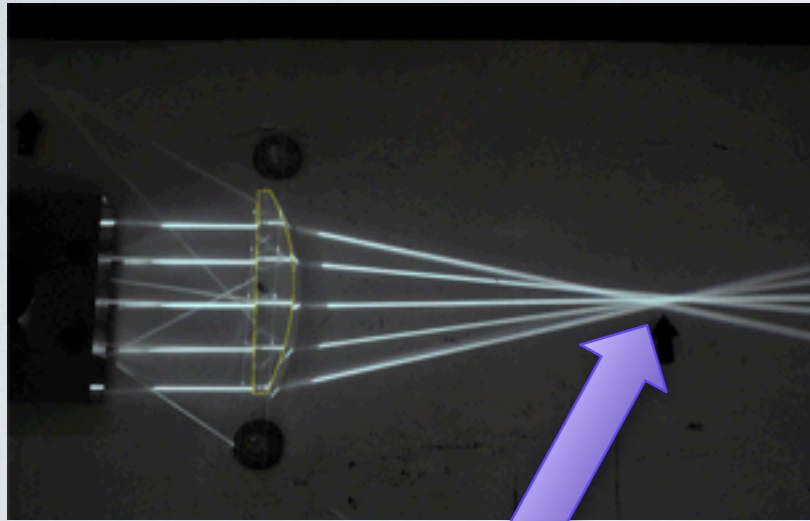
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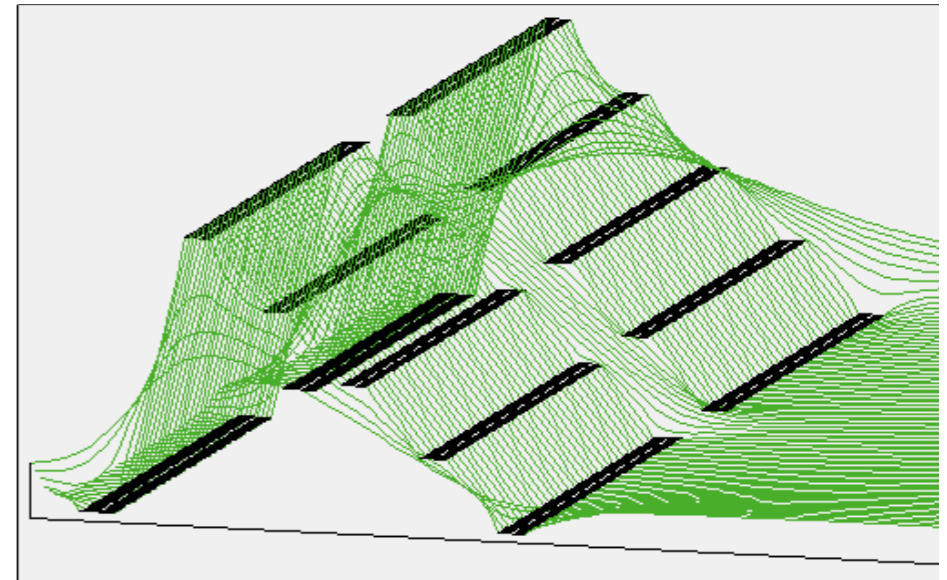
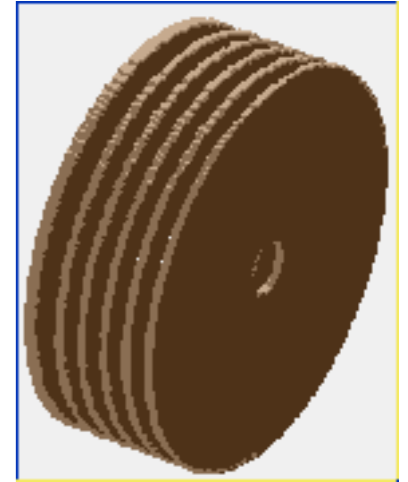
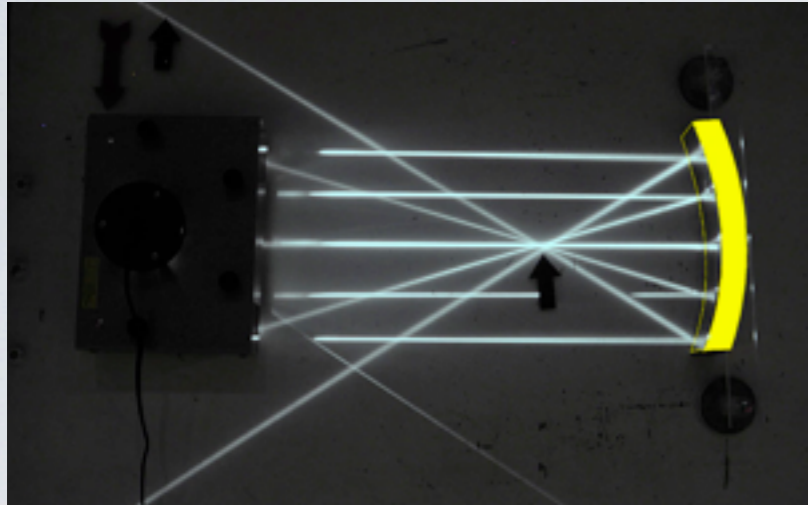
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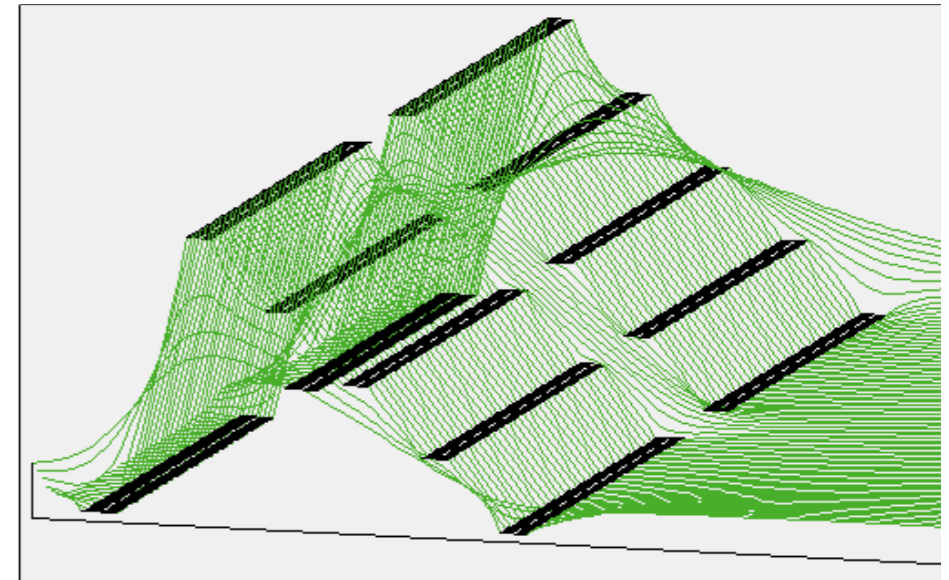
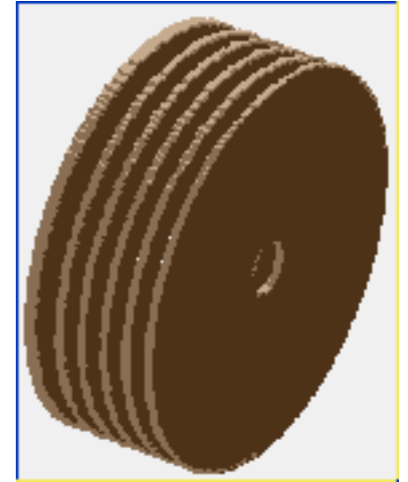
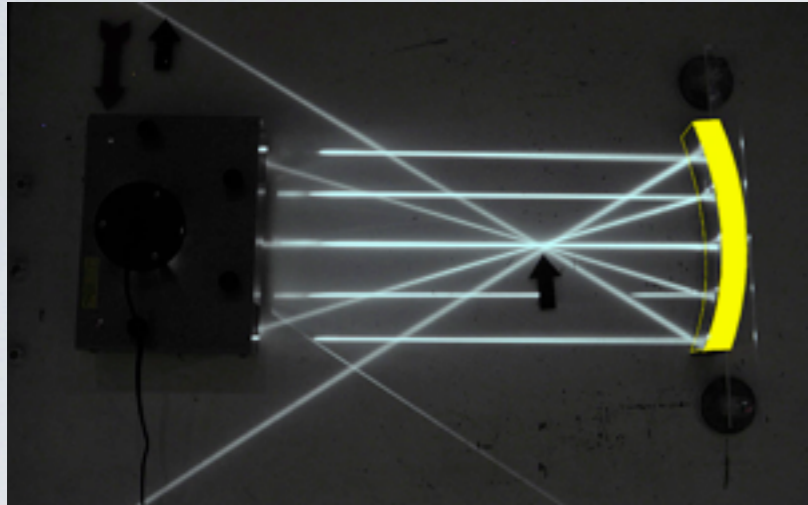
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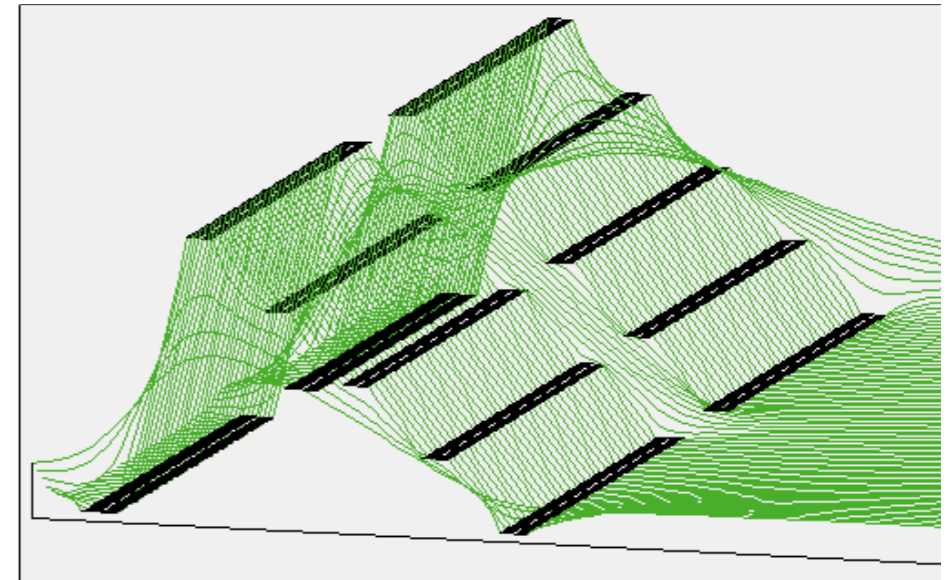
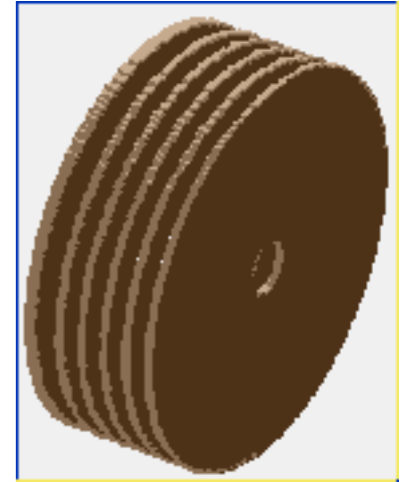
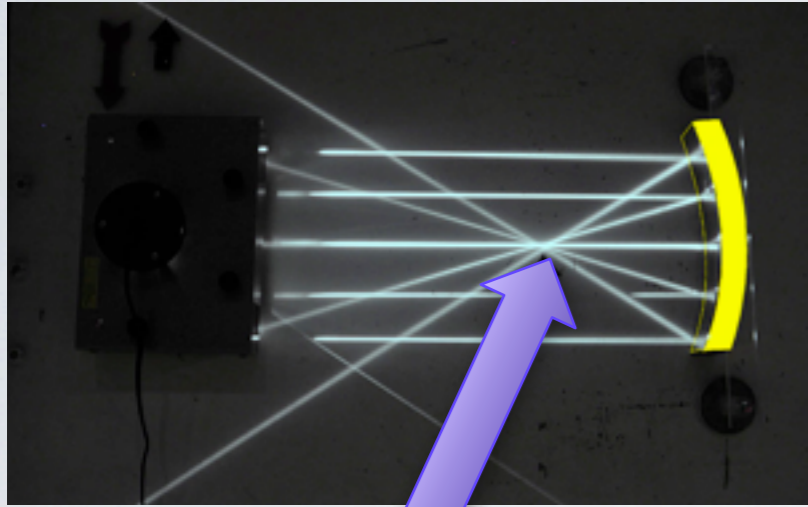
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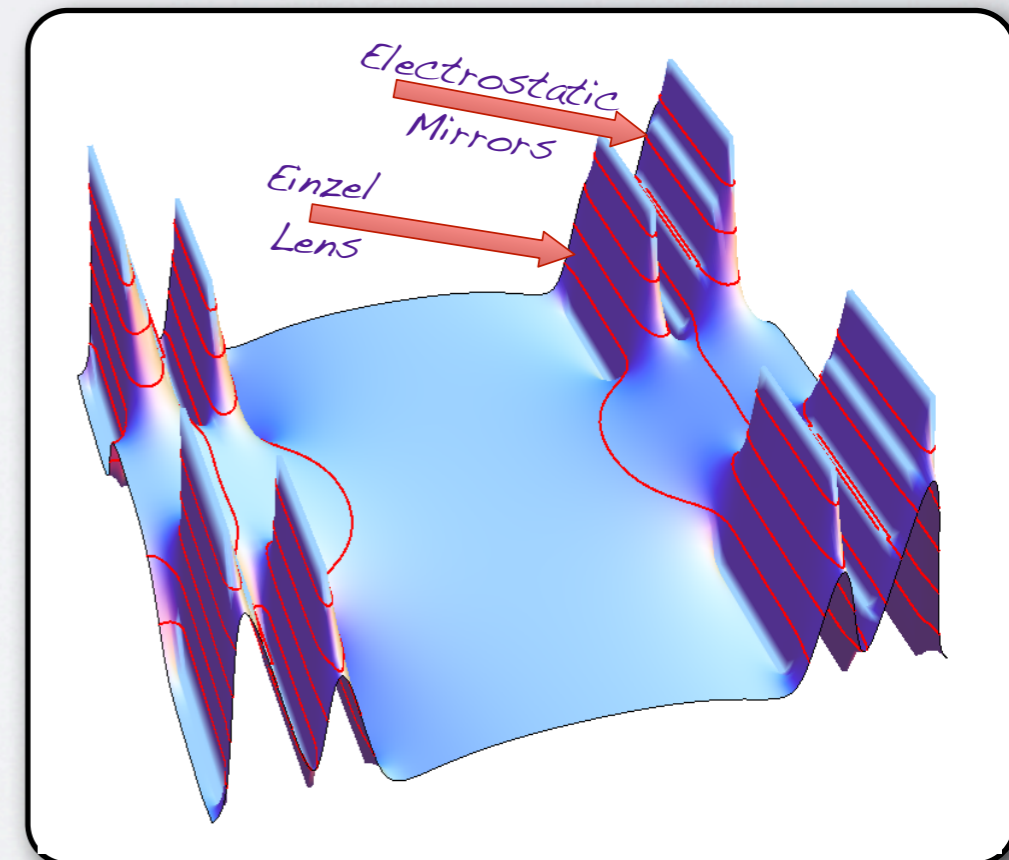
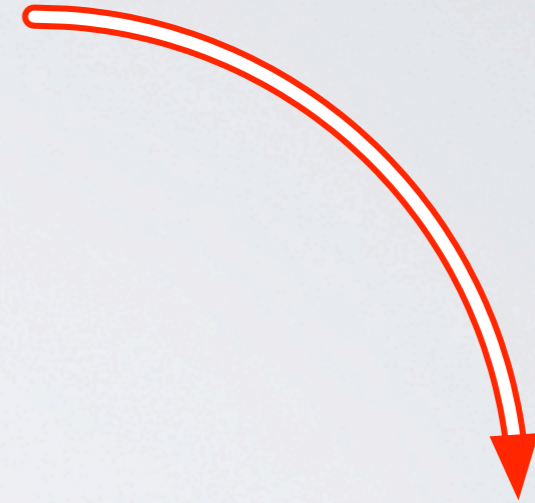
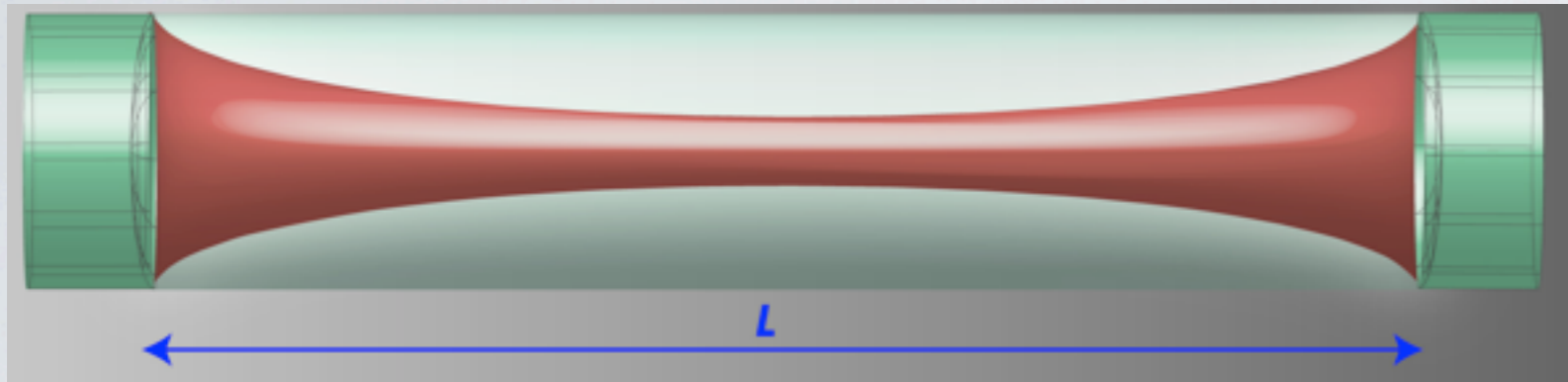
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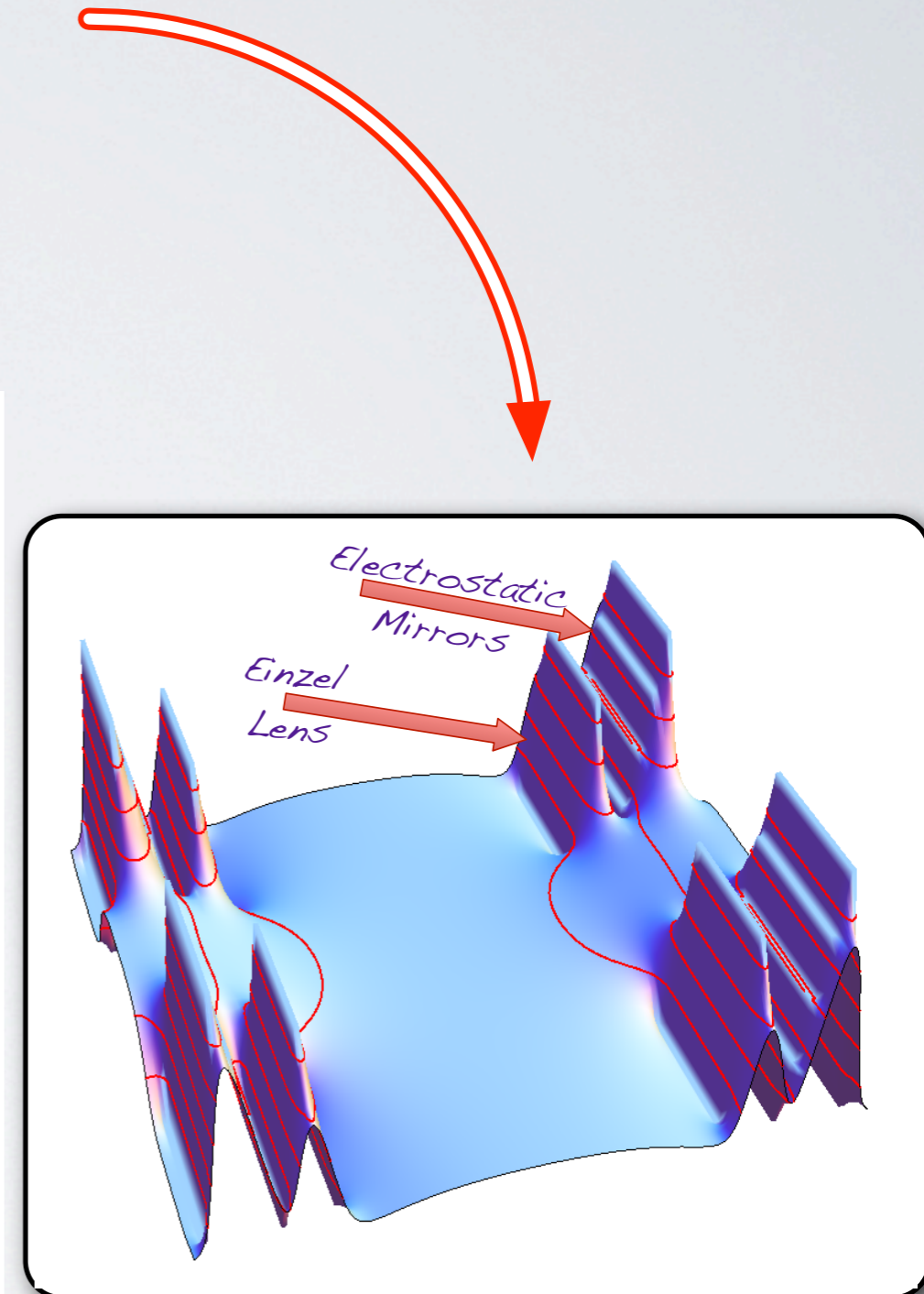
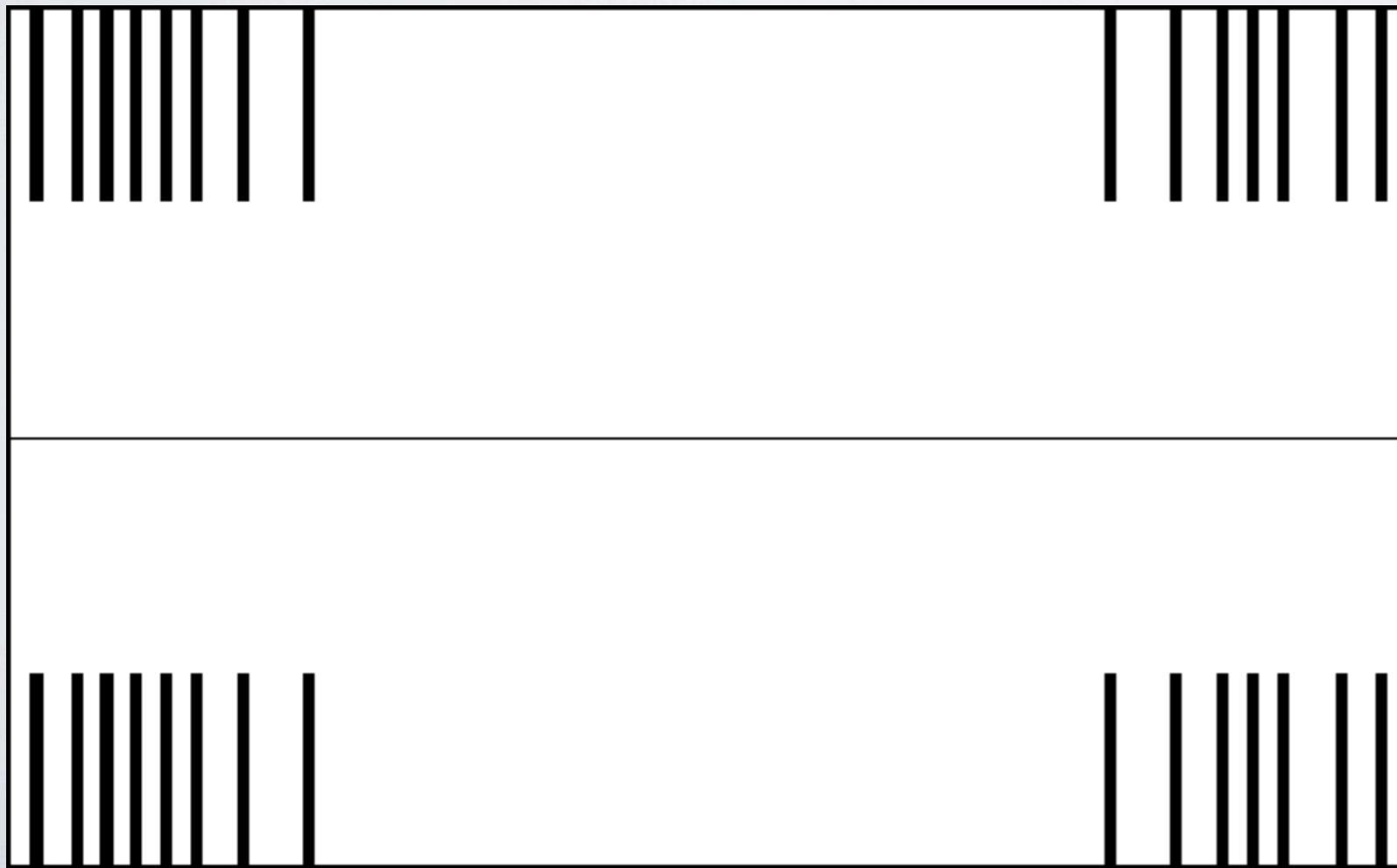
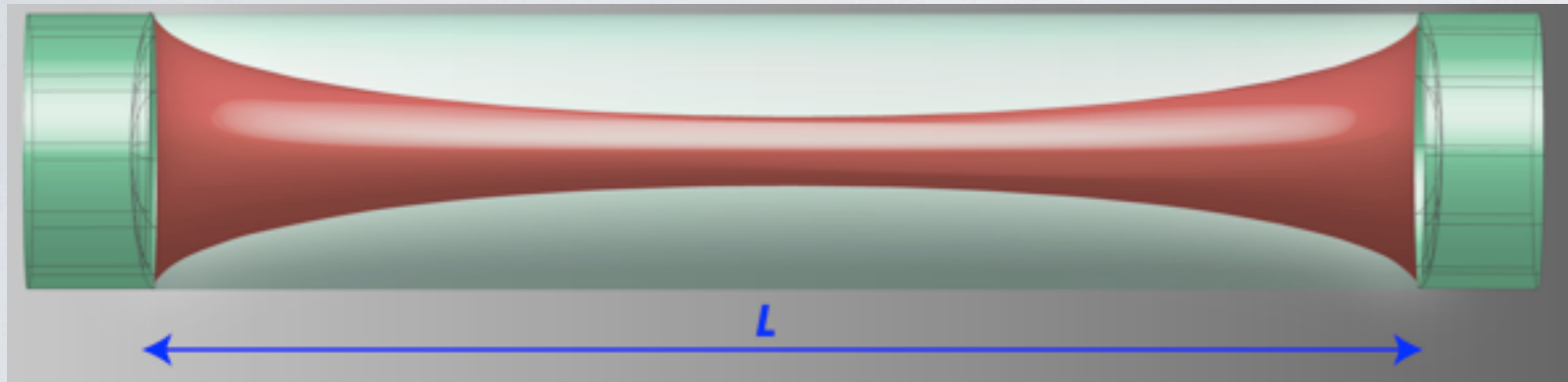
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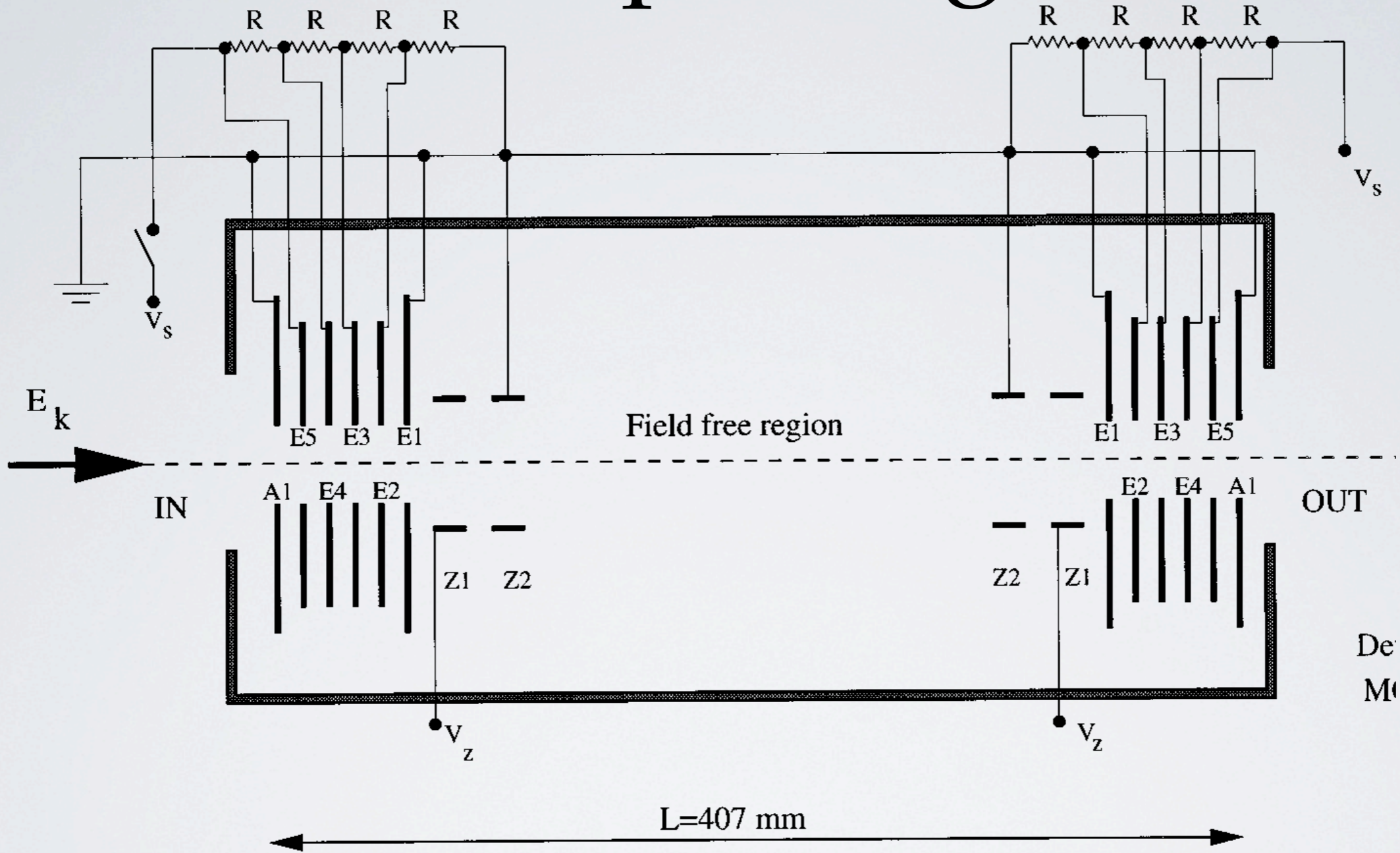


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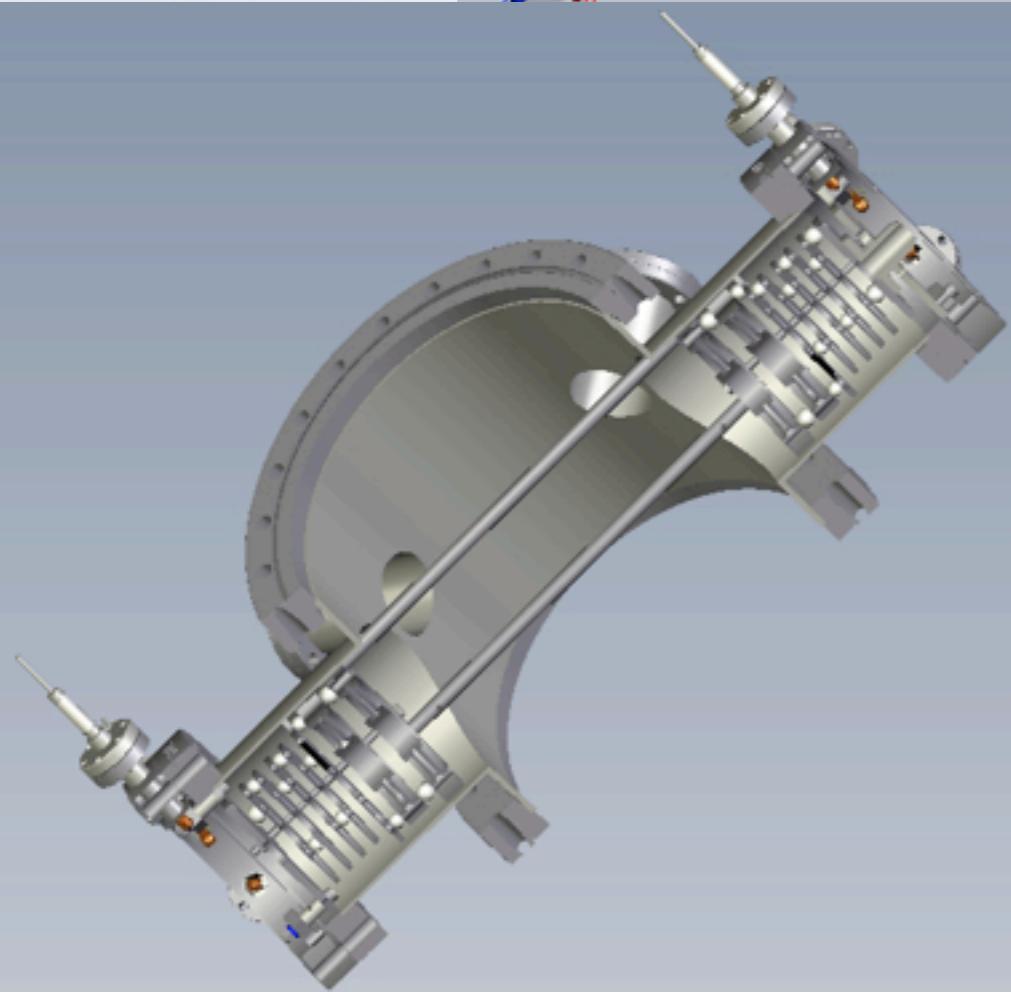
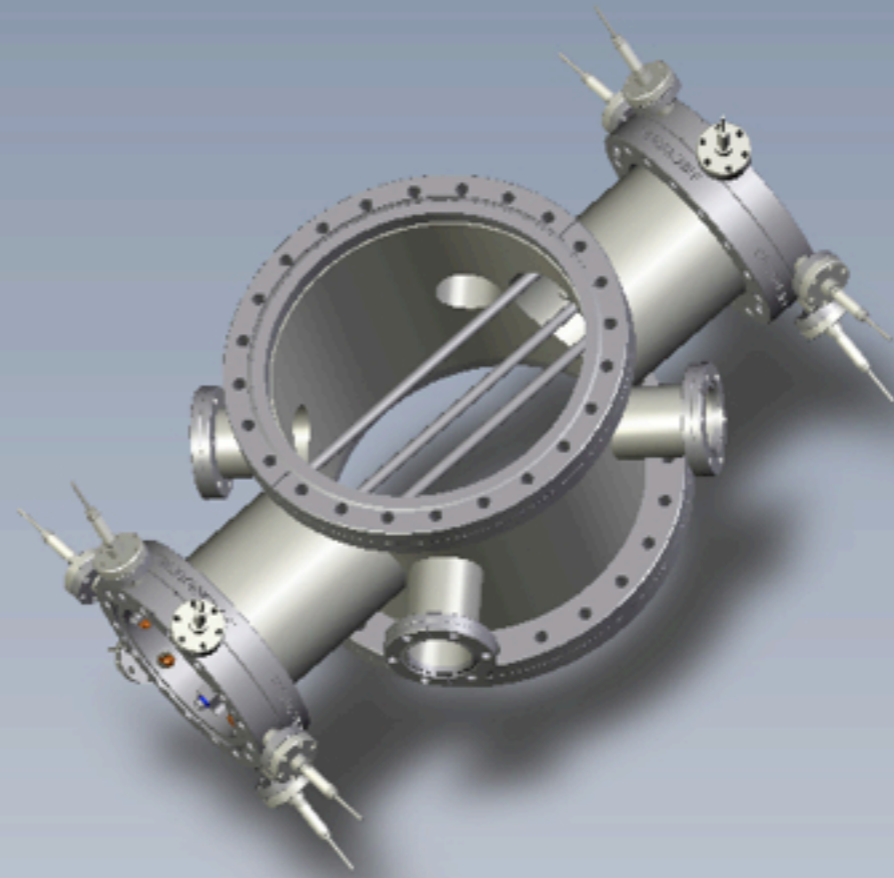
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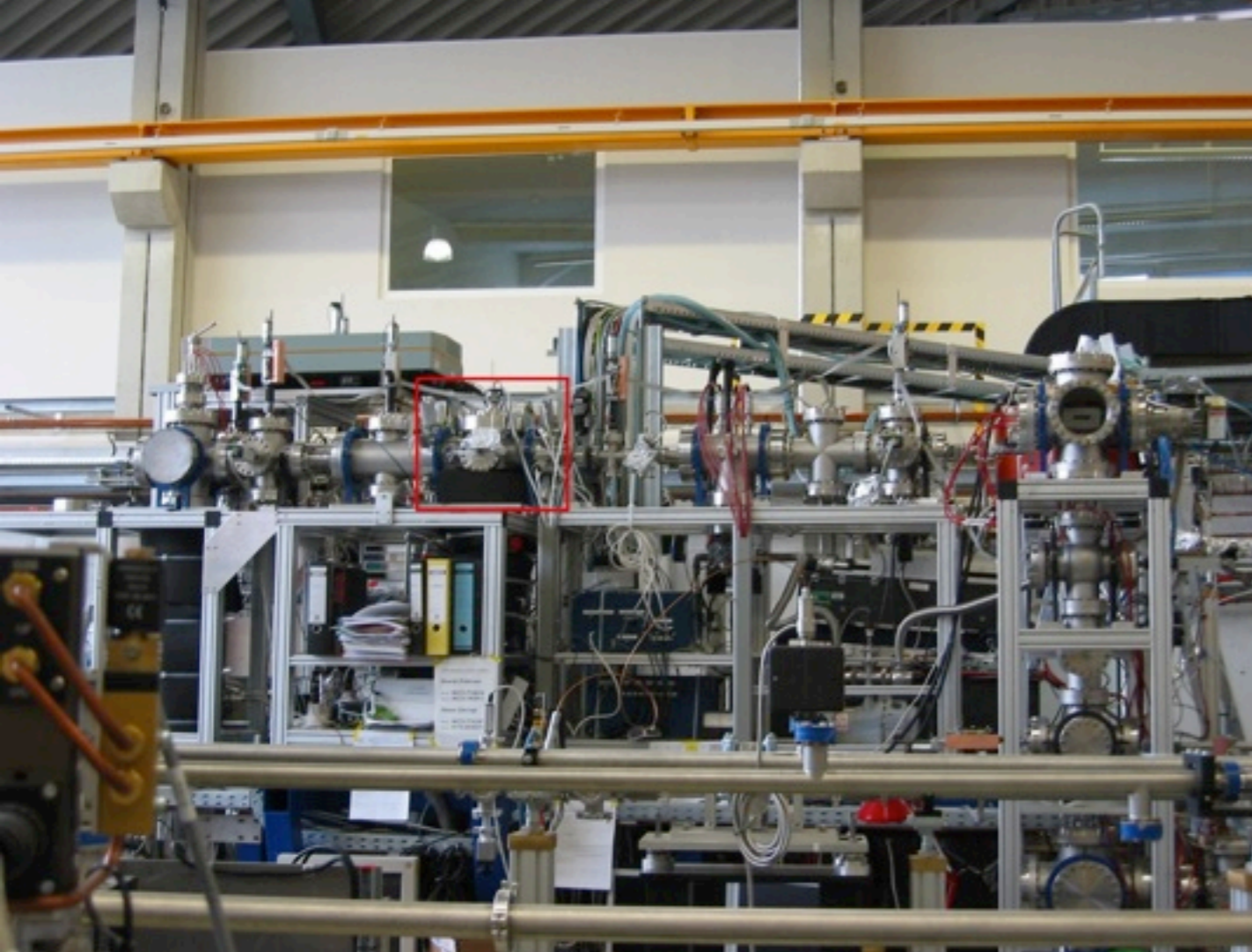


# Trap Design



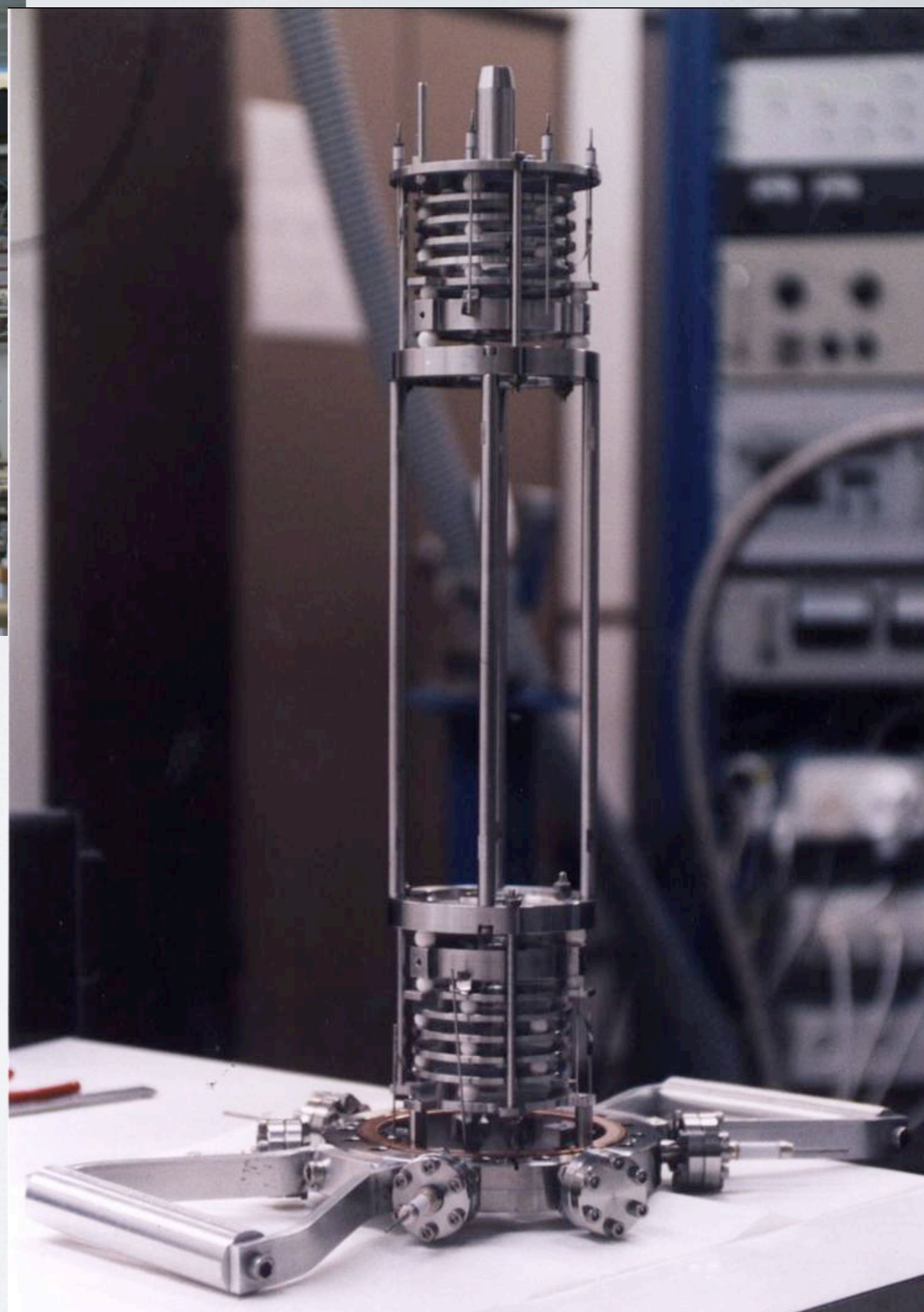
Realized at the Weizmann Institute (Israel). Also used in a cryogenic setup in Heidelberg. *And being built at LBL.*





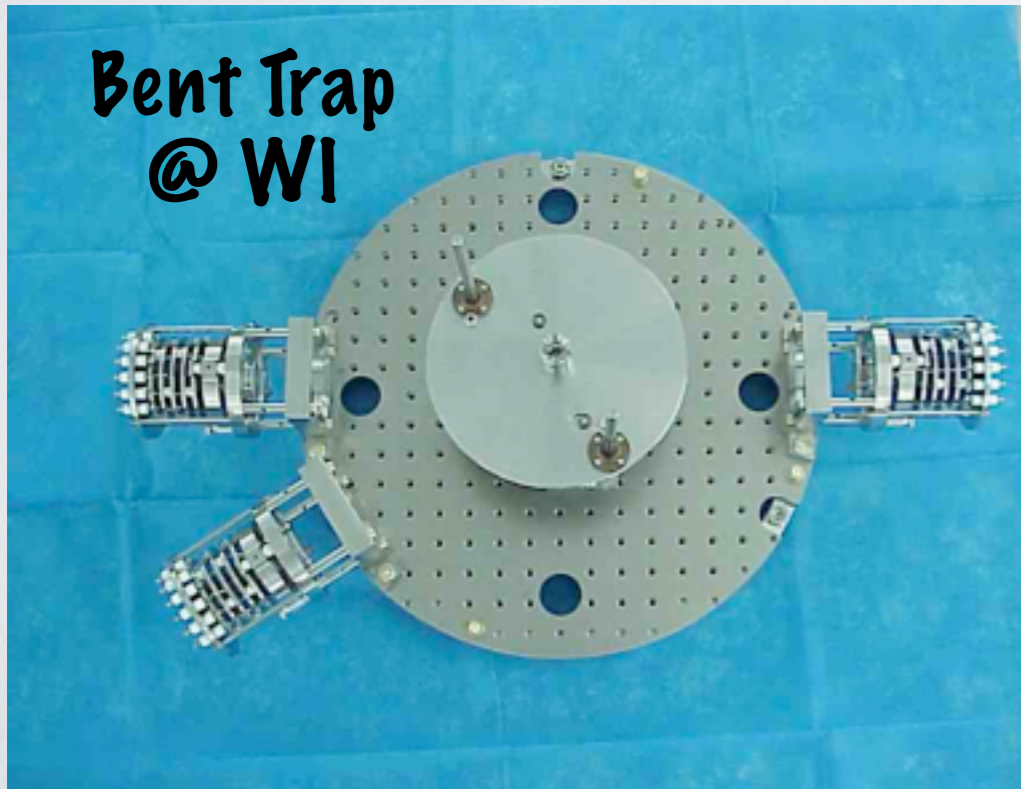
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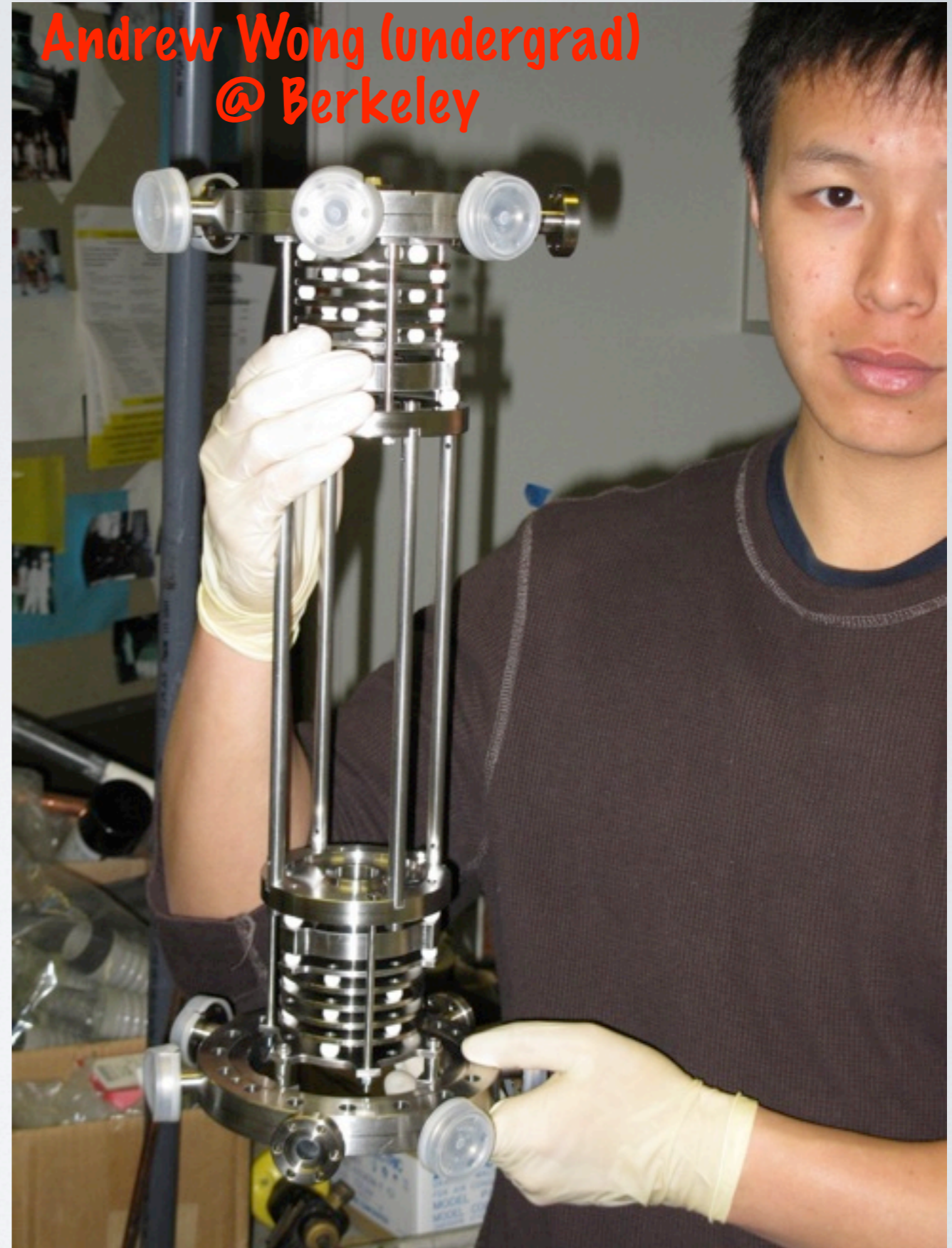




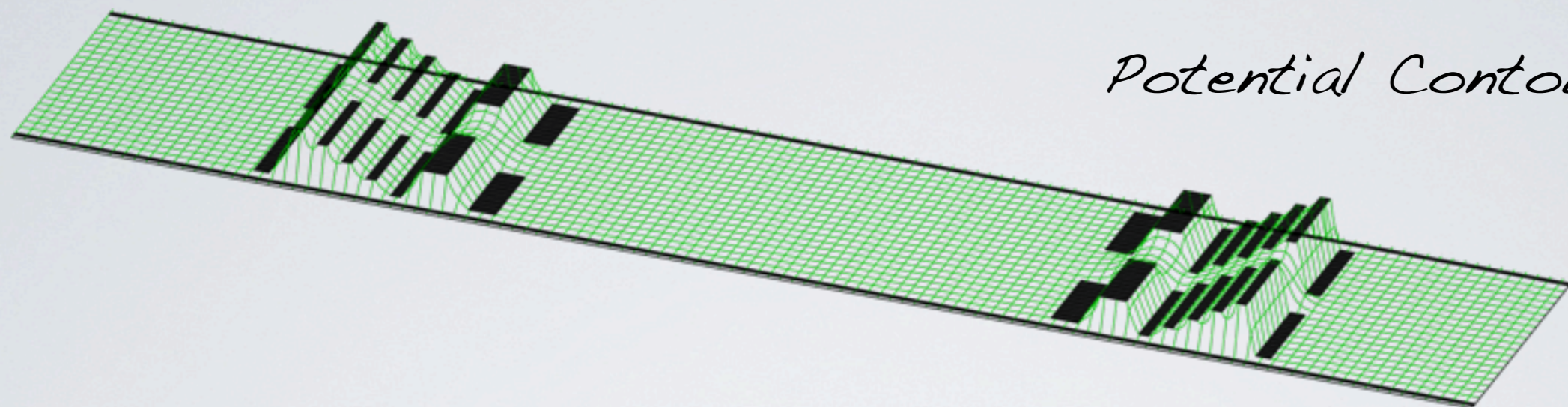
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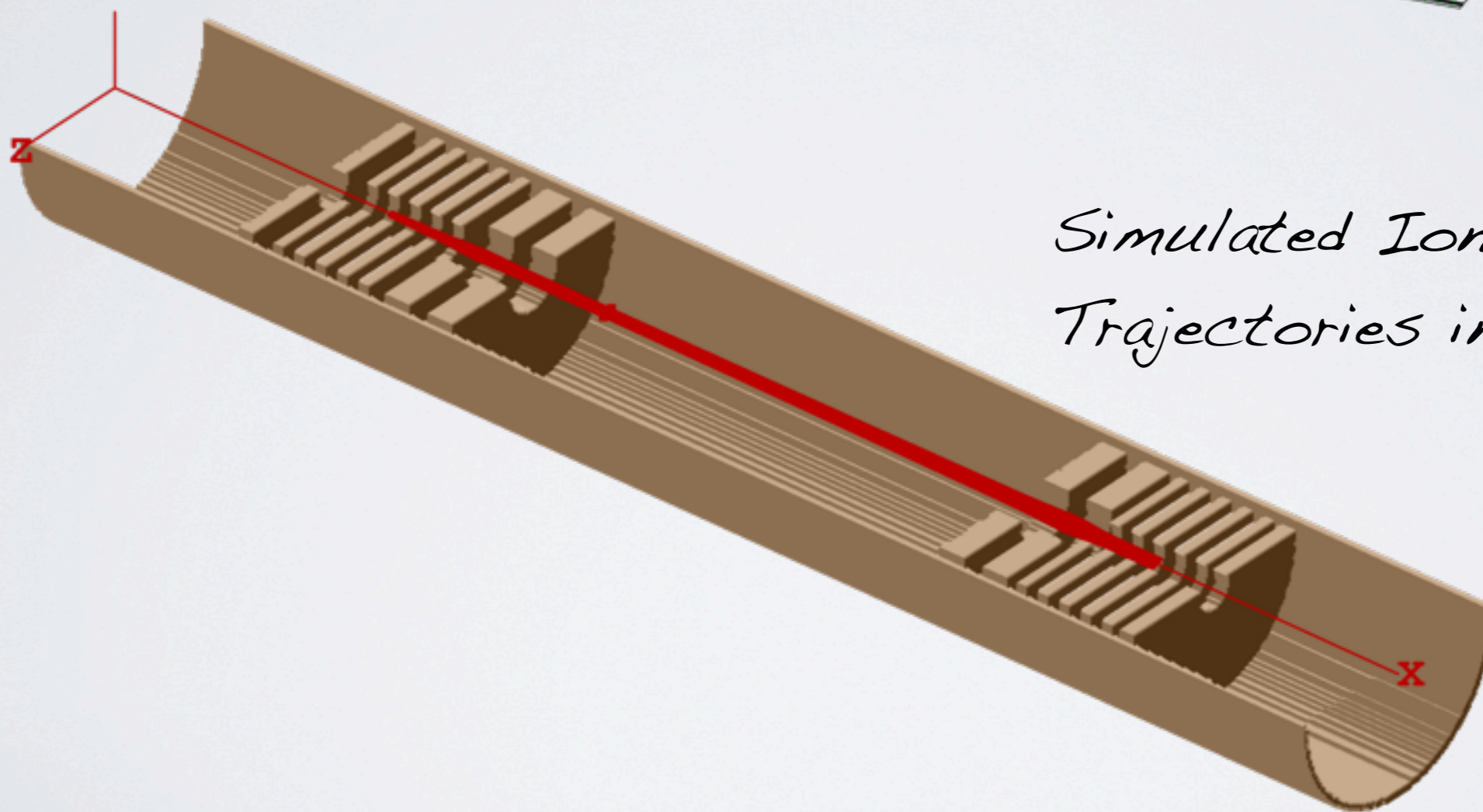
Bent Trap  
@ WI



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*Potential Contours*

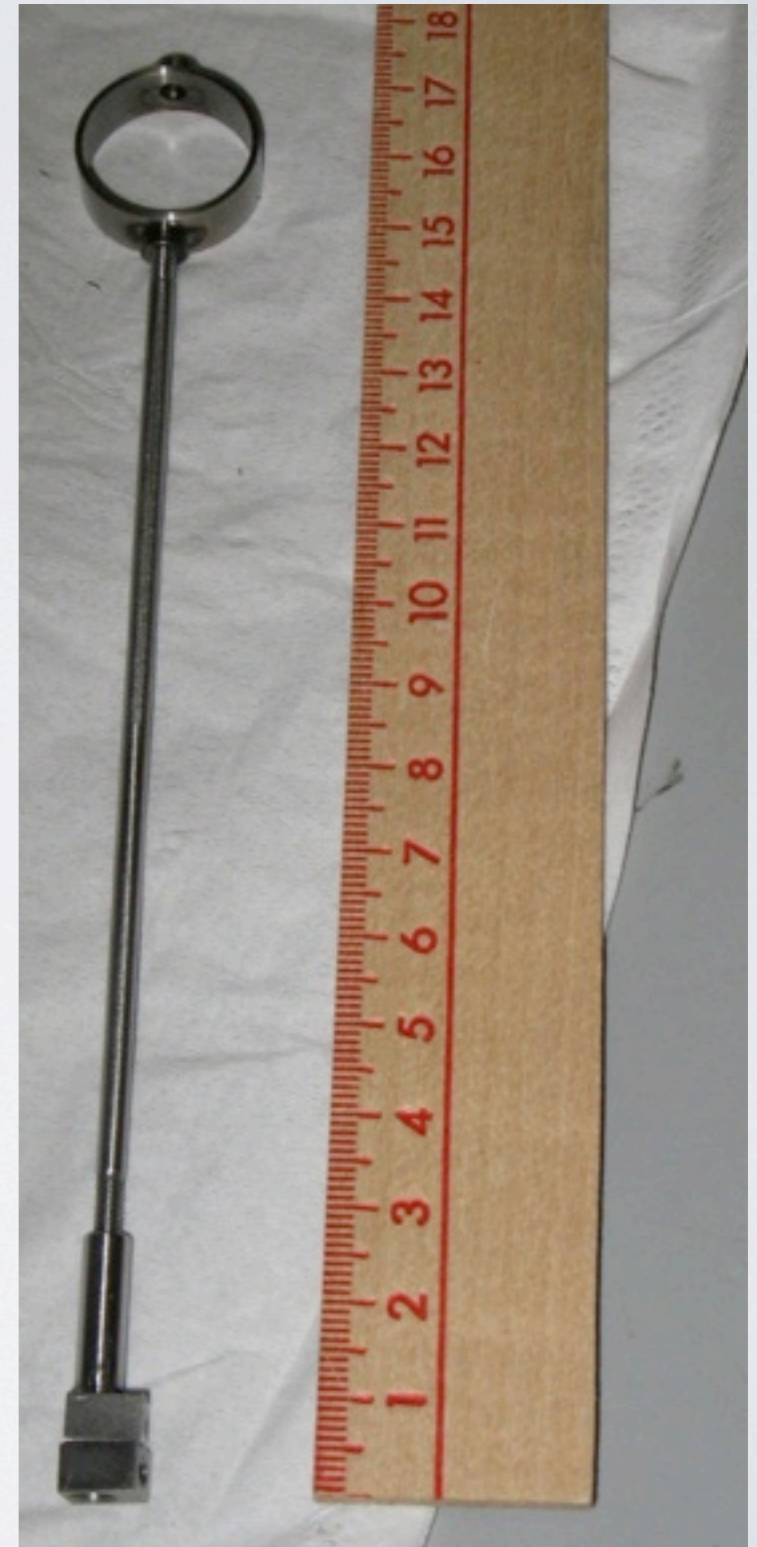


*Simulated Ion Trajectories in Trap*

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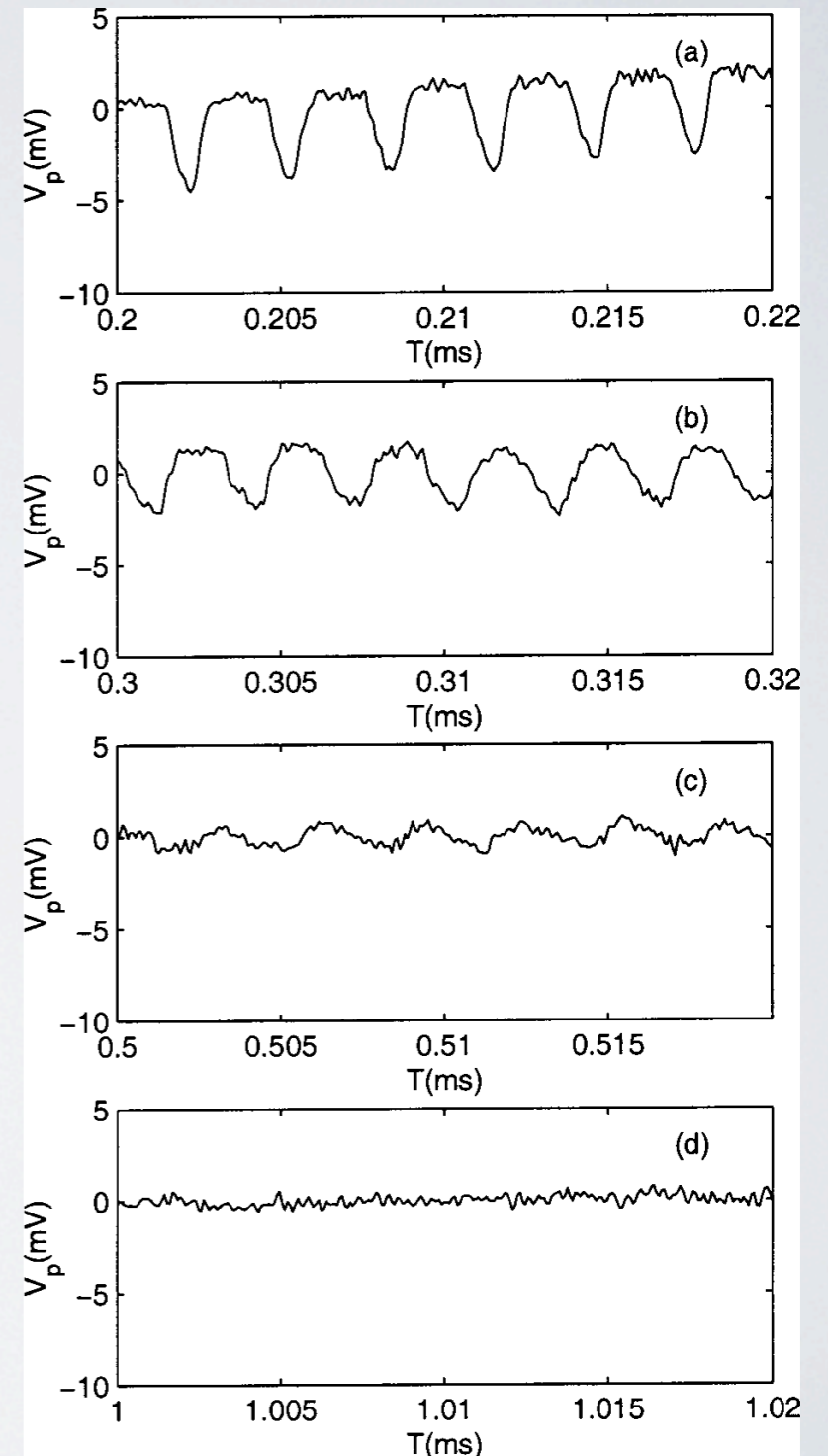
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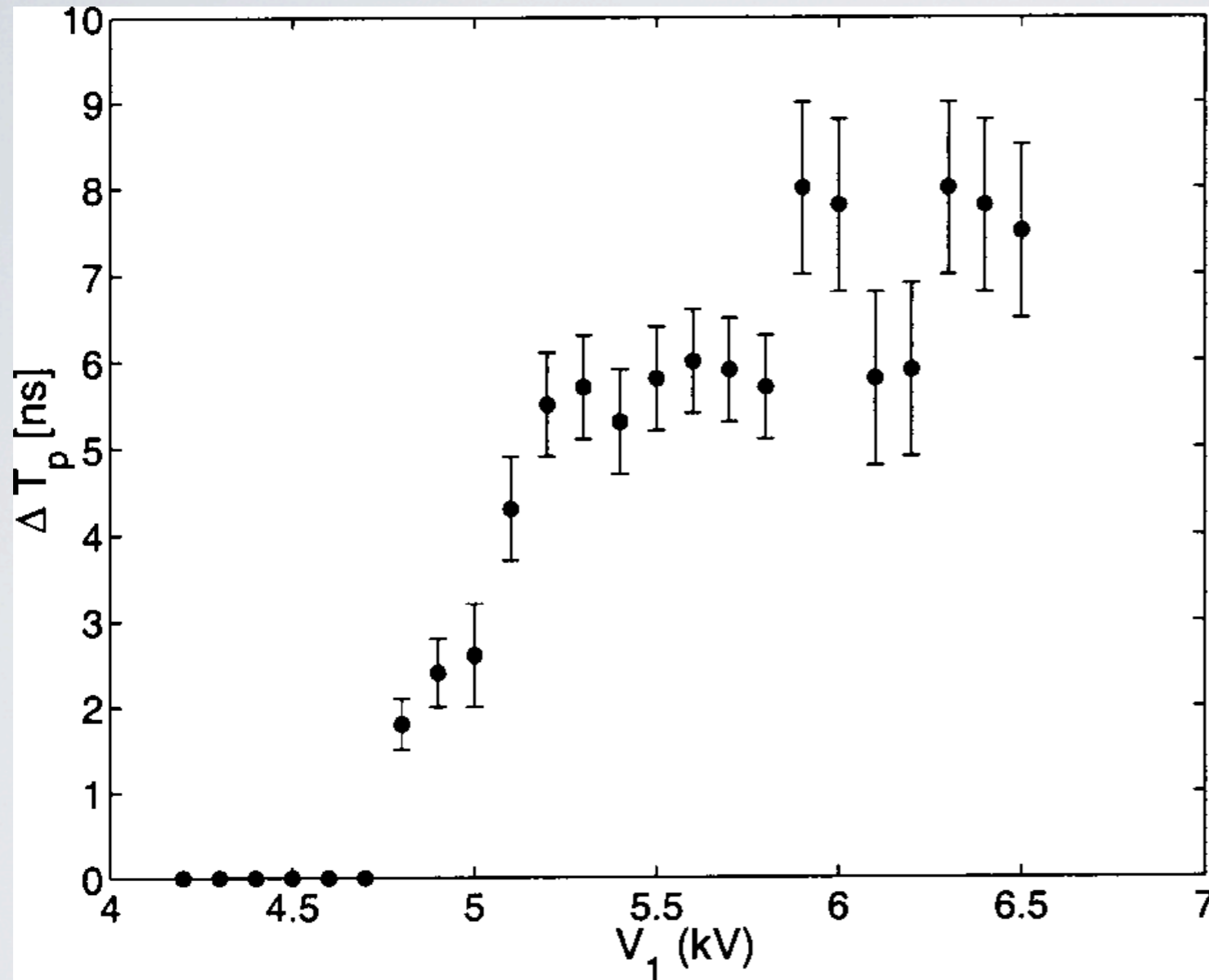
*Signal in pickup electrode for different times after injection.*

Using the pickup, it is possible to measure the detuning coefficient for different values of the (outer) electrode potential.

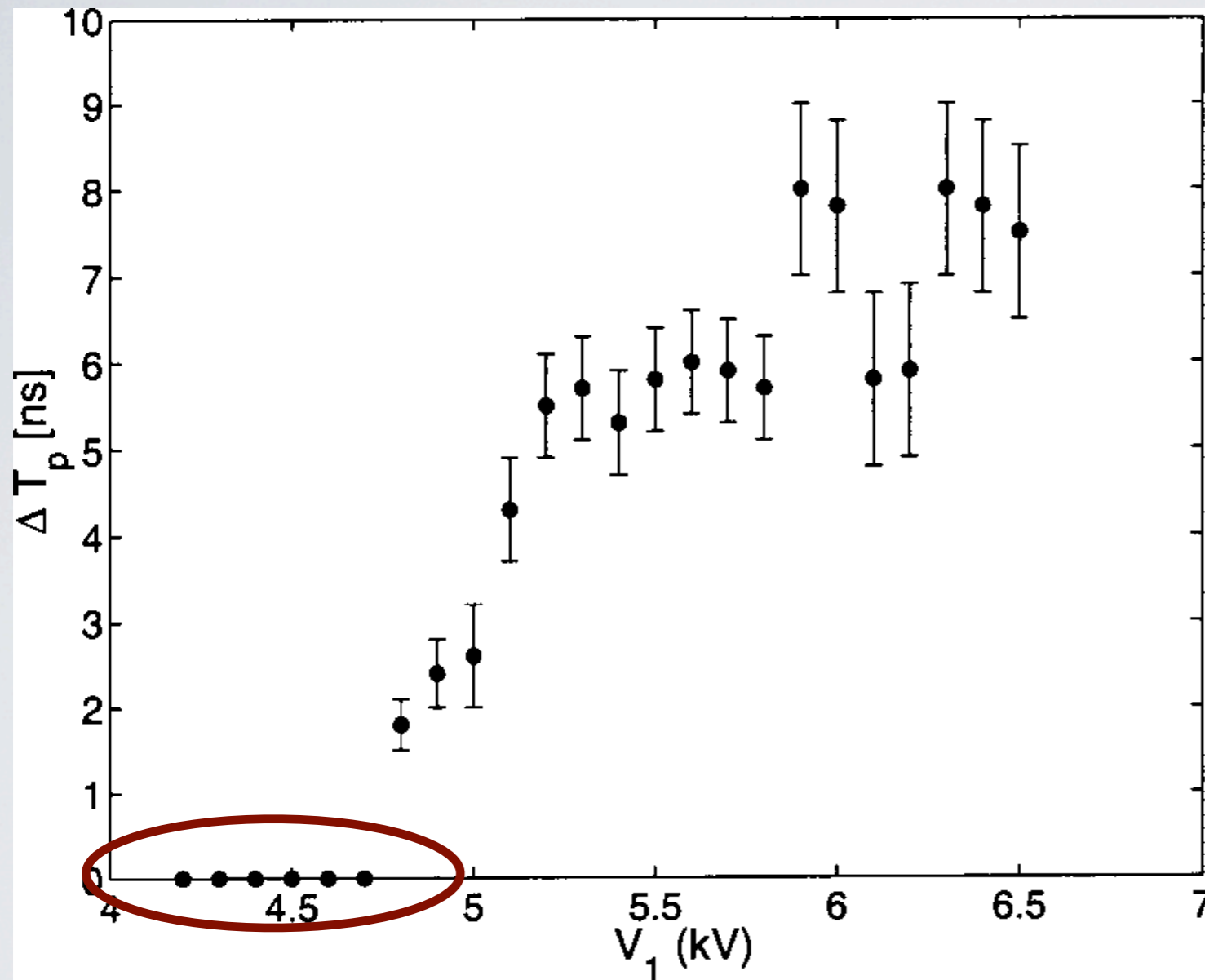




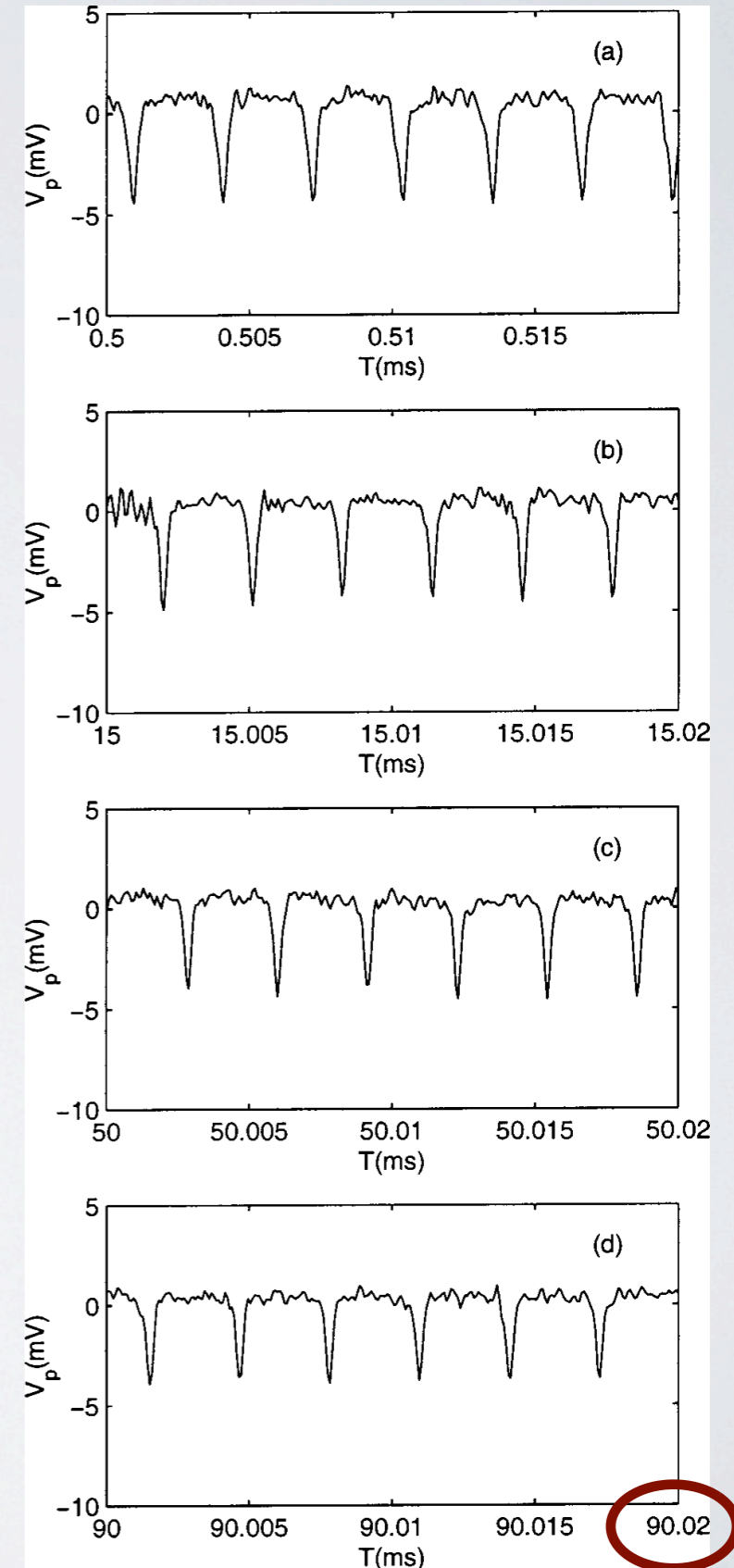
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For some values of the potential there is no dispersion!



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Handwaving explanation (but can be "proved" analytically)

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If you were an accelerator physicist  
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**“Negative Mass Instability”**

**(And try to avoid it!)**

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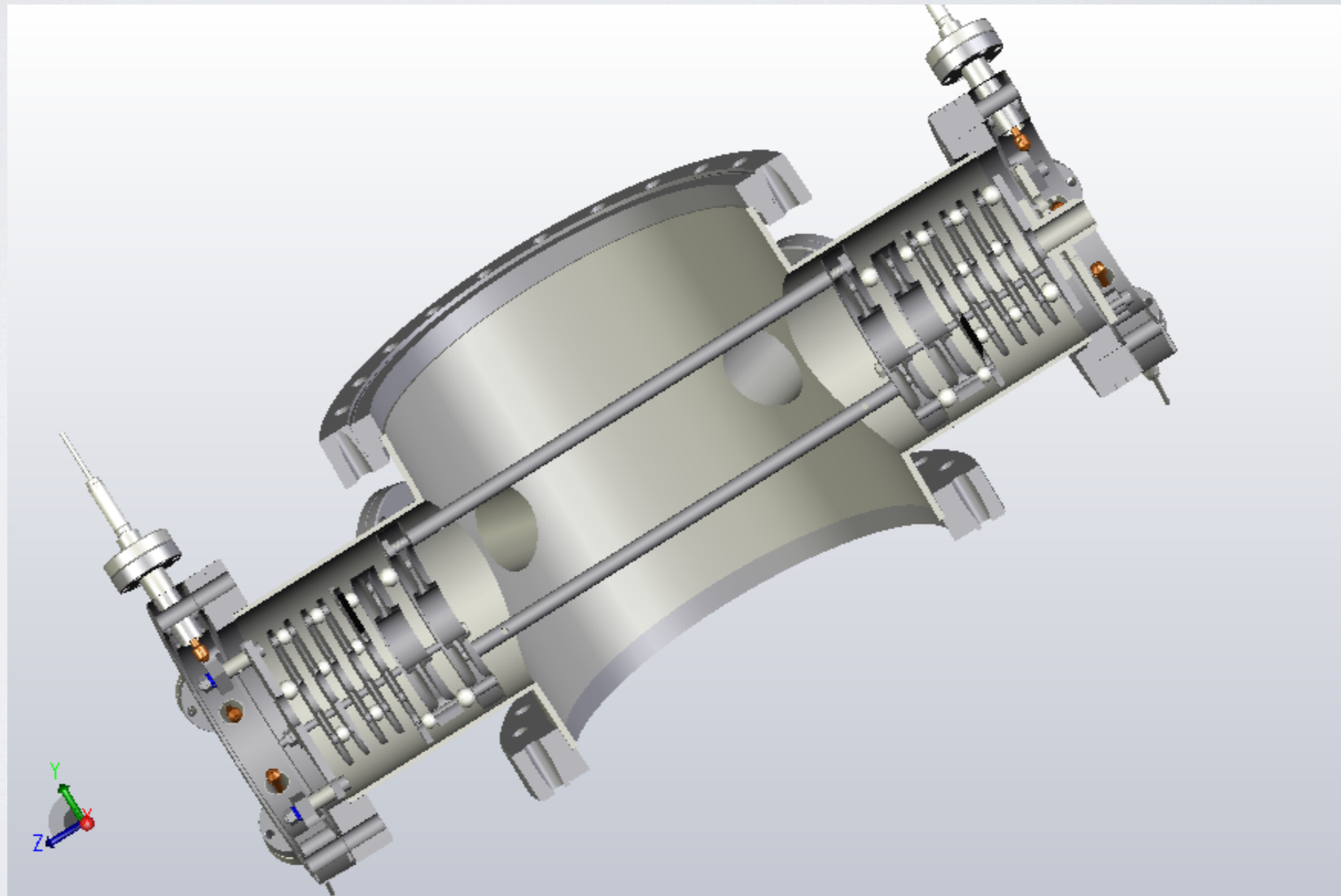
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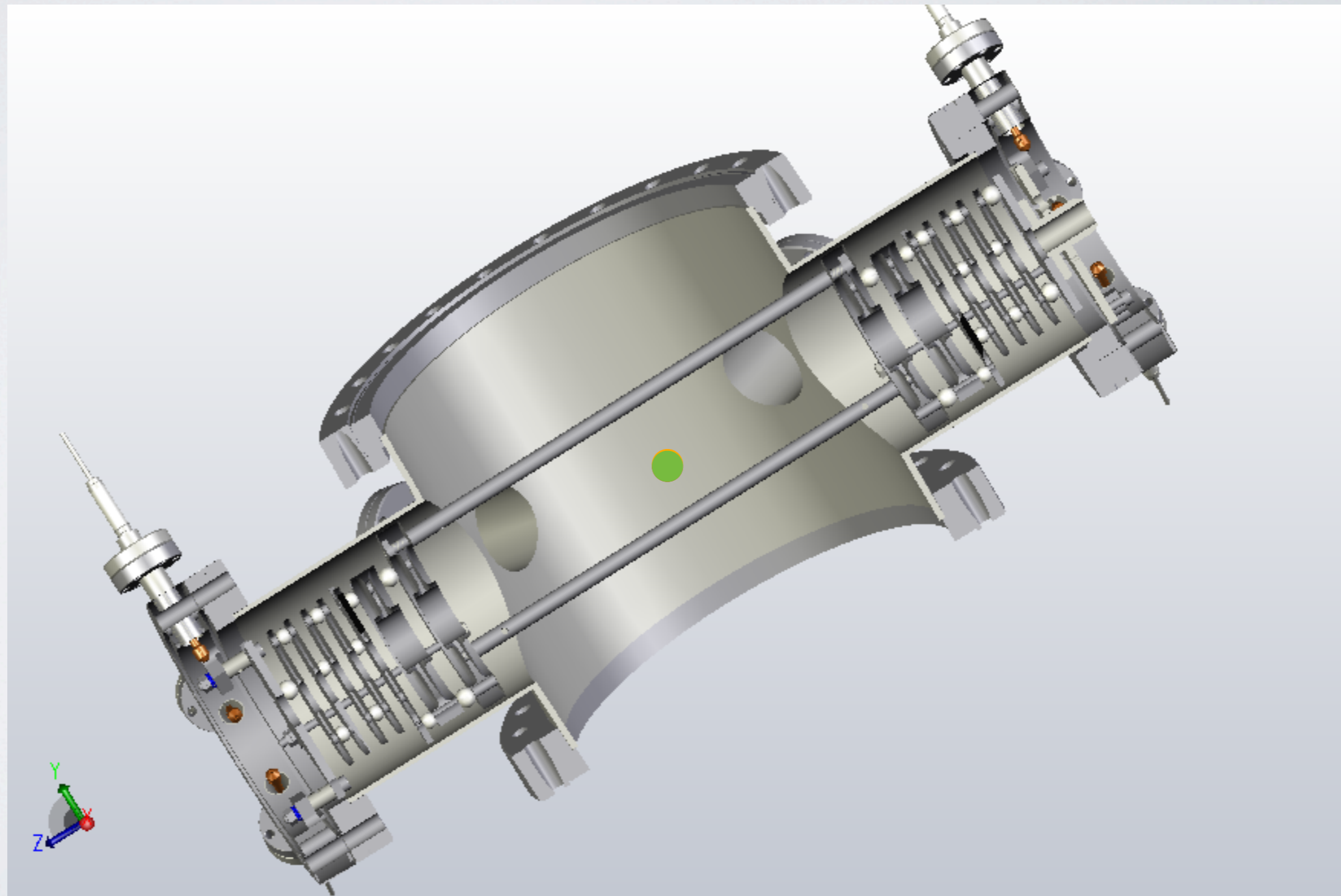




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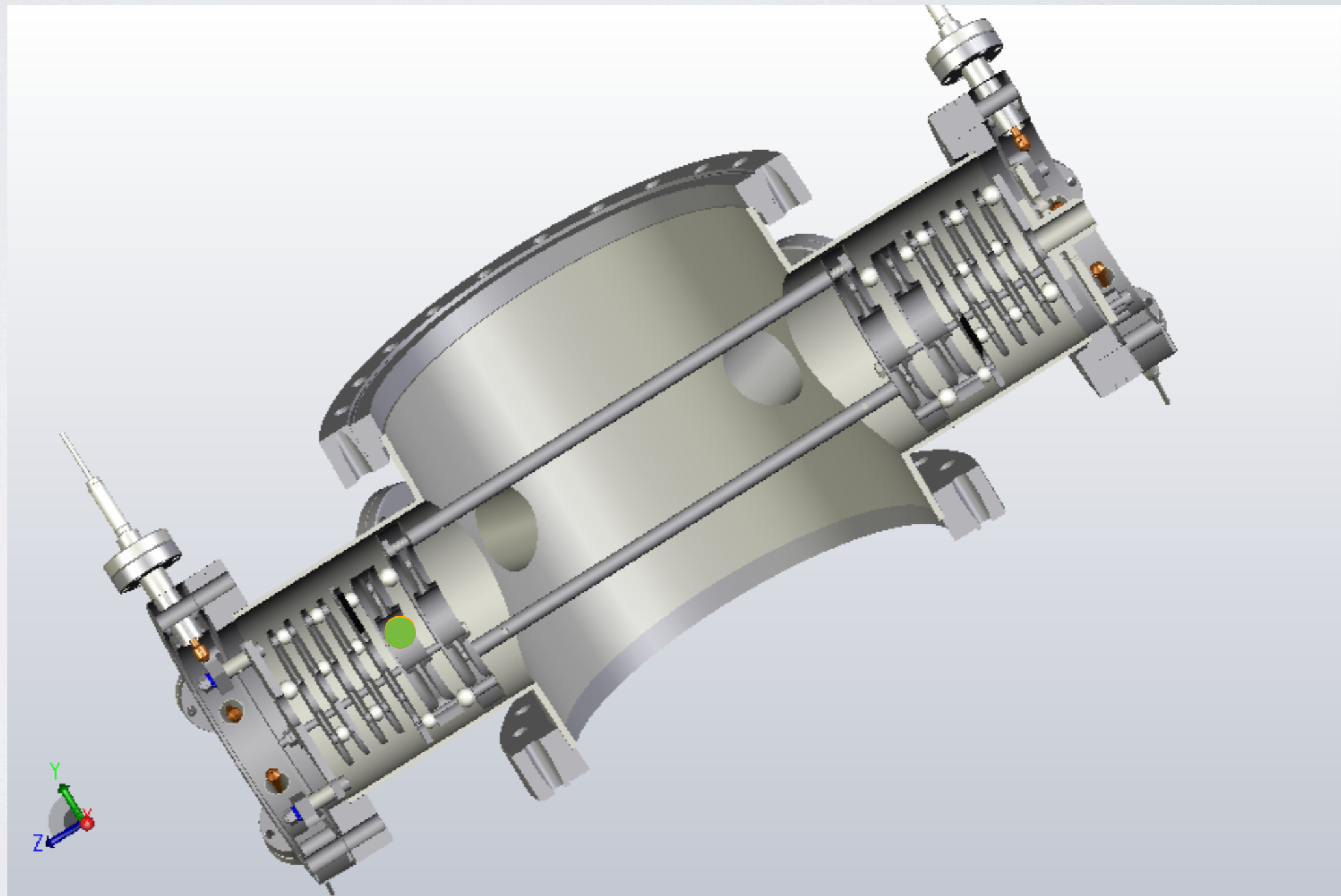
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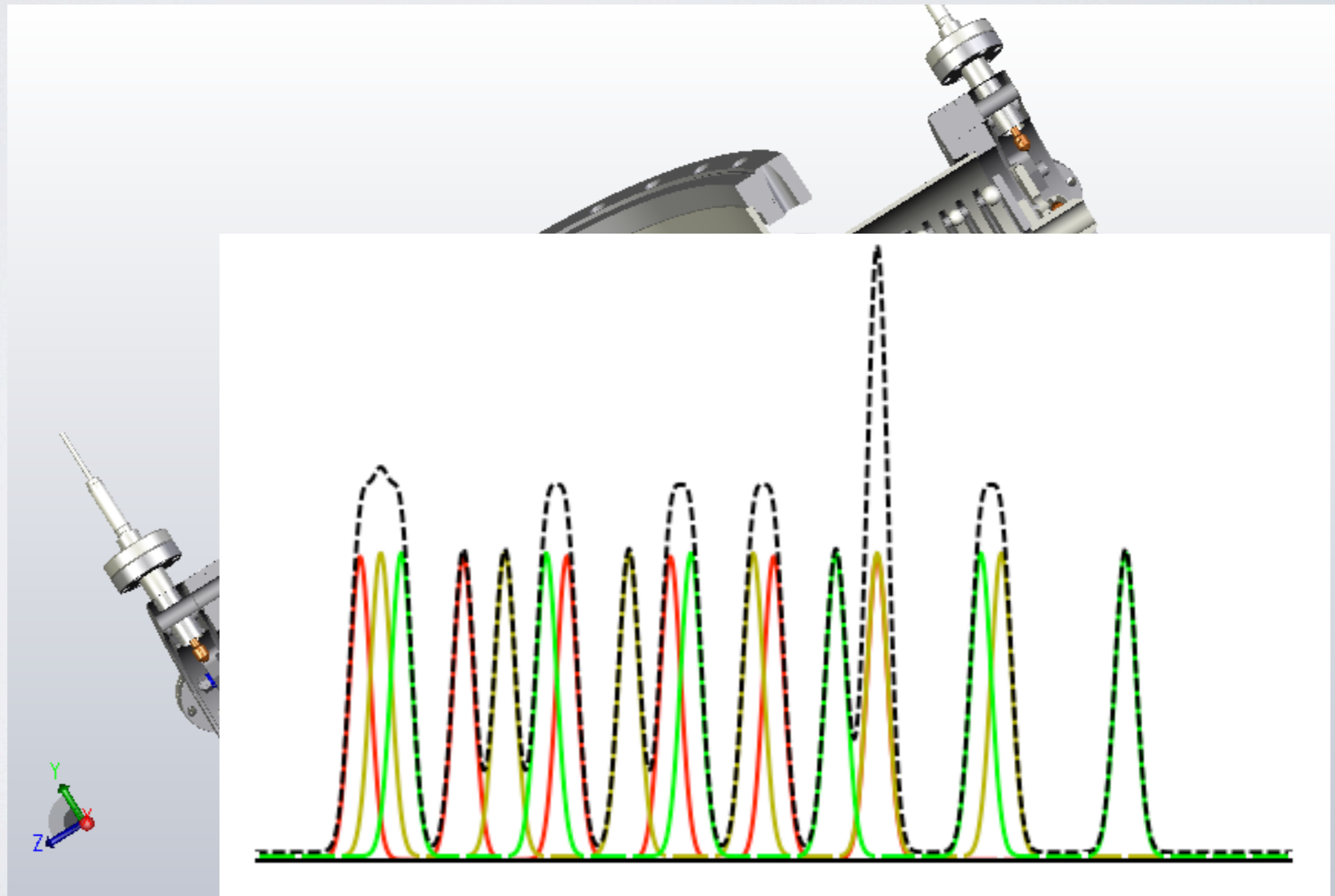
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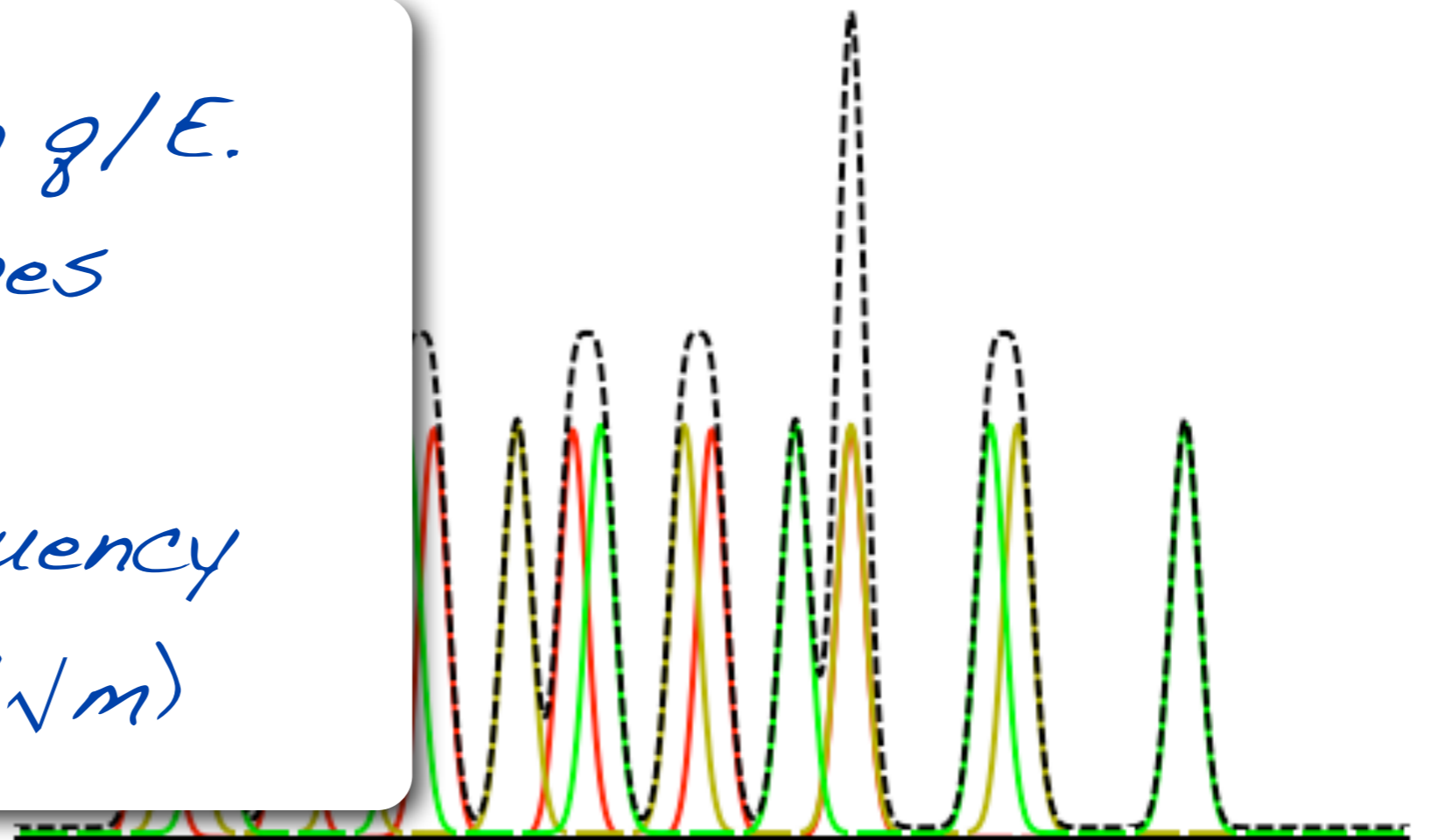


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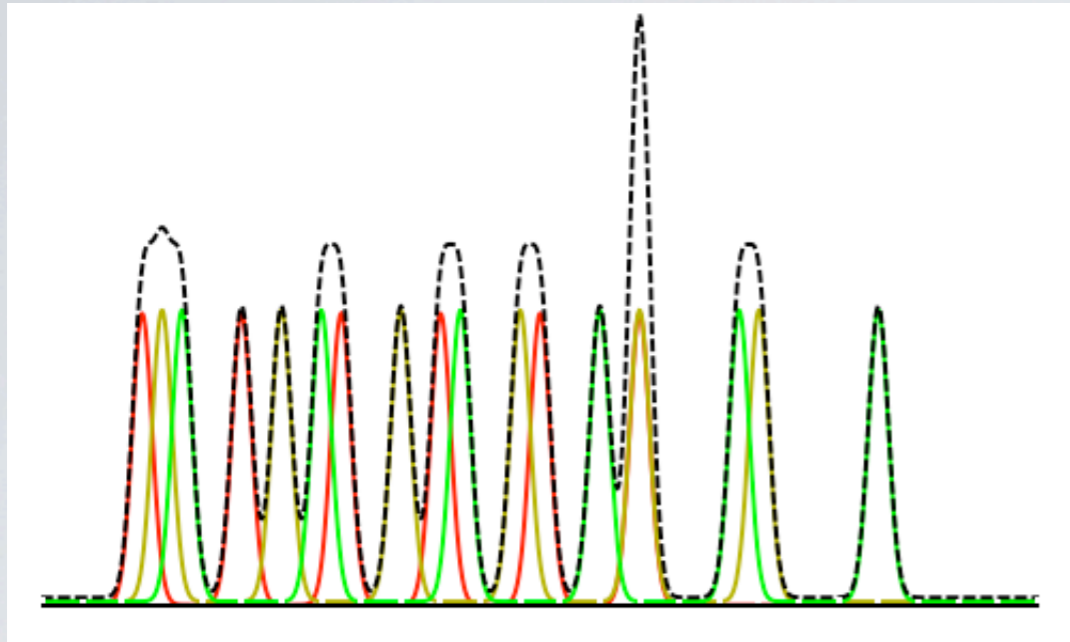
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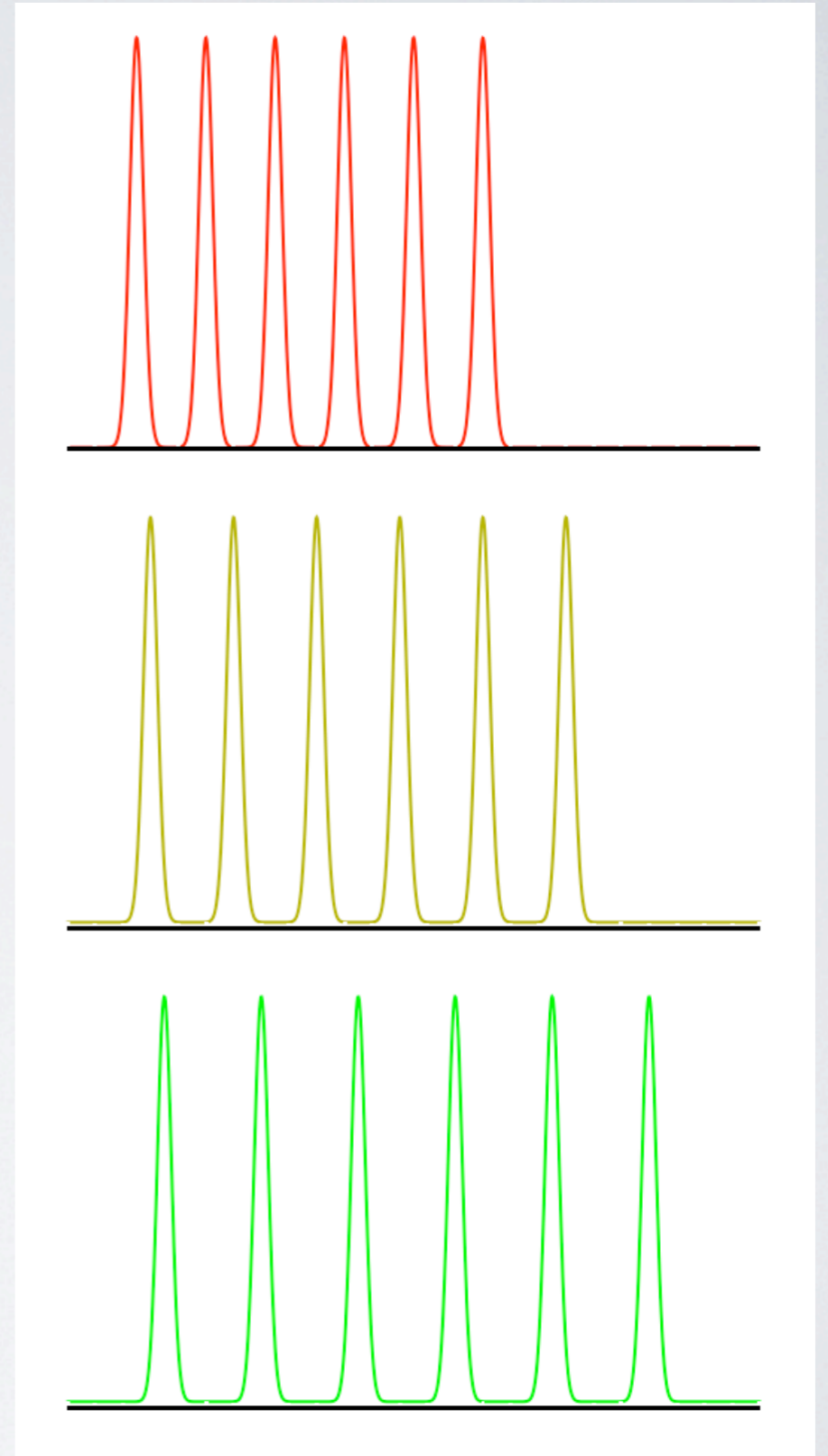
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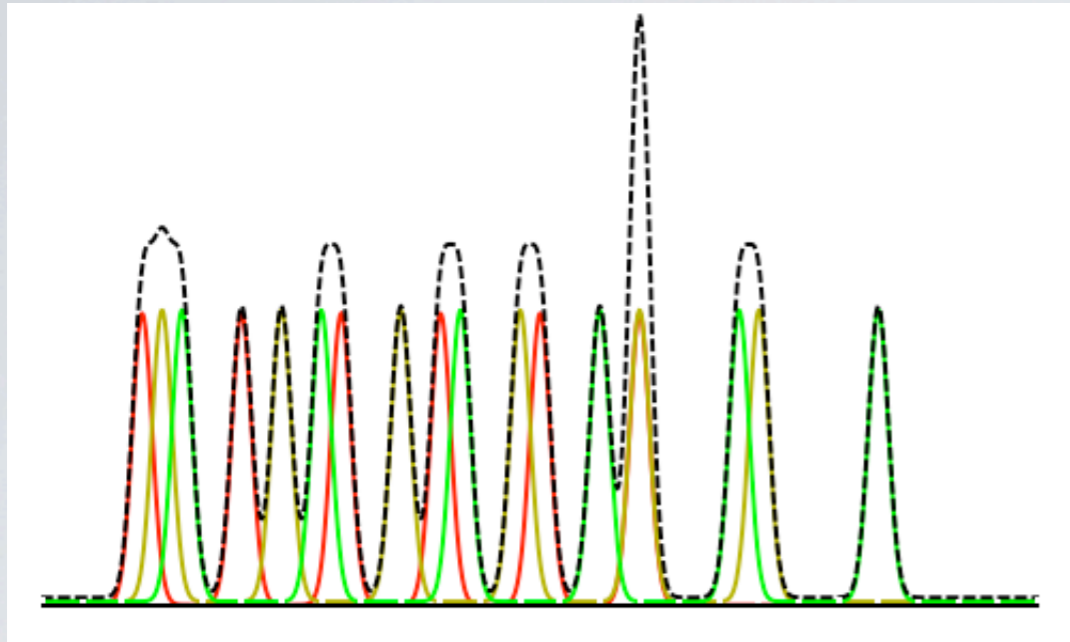
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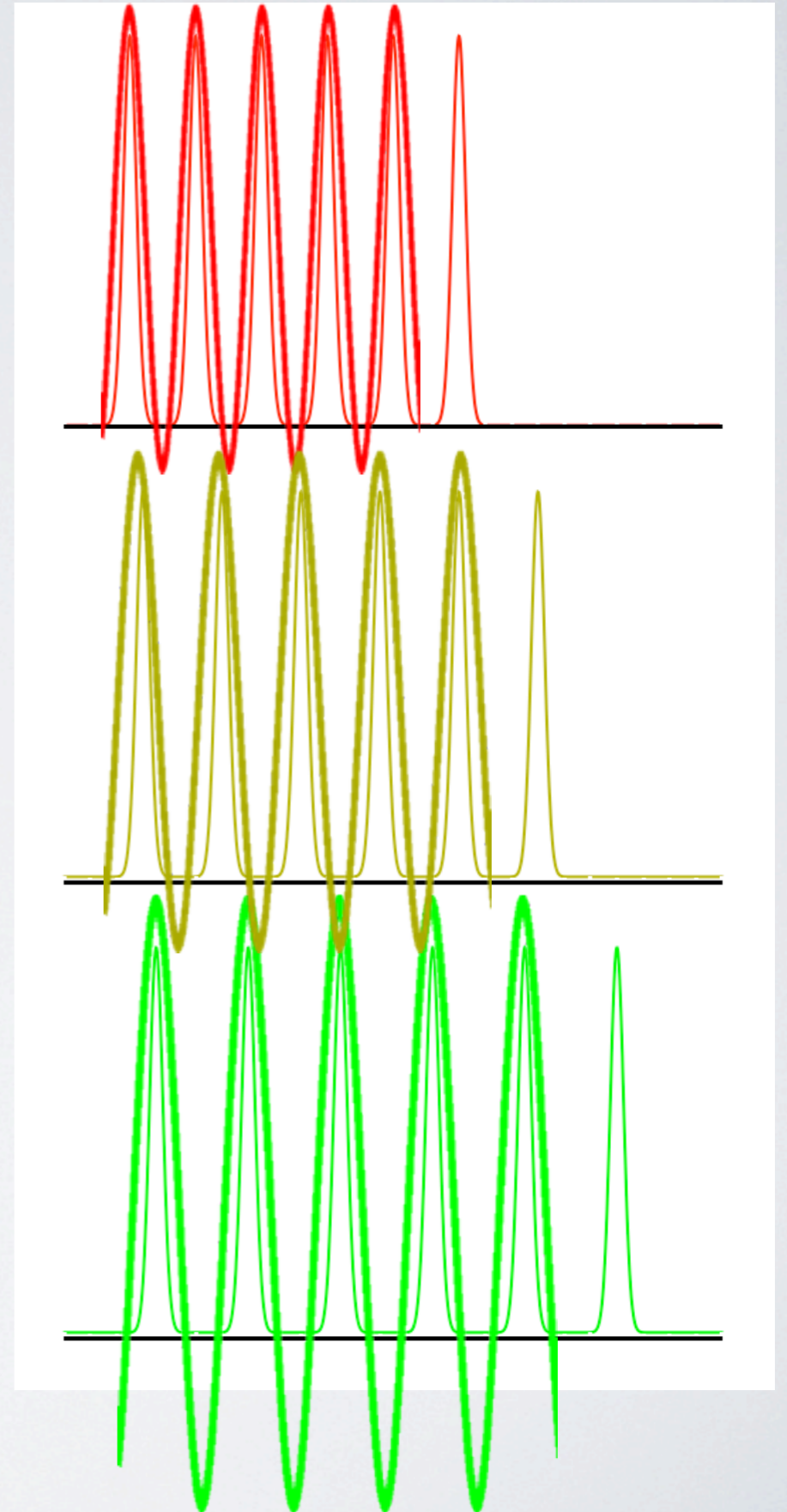
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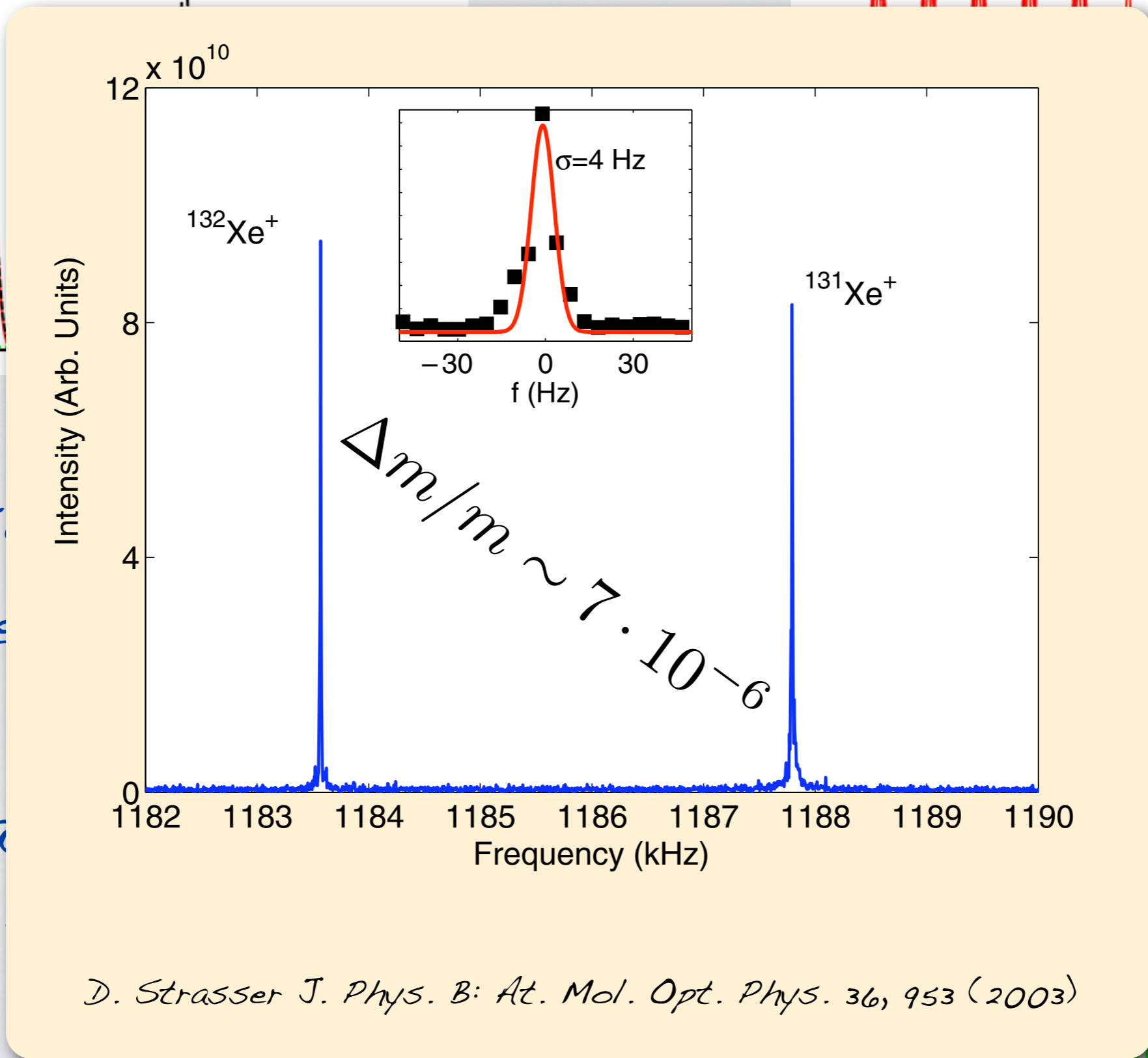
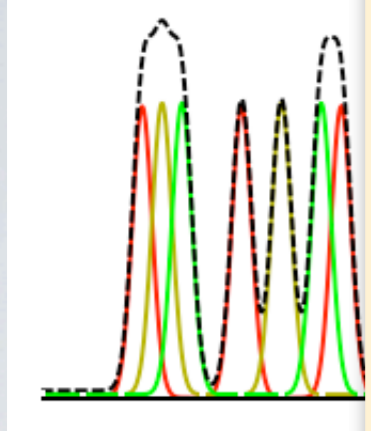
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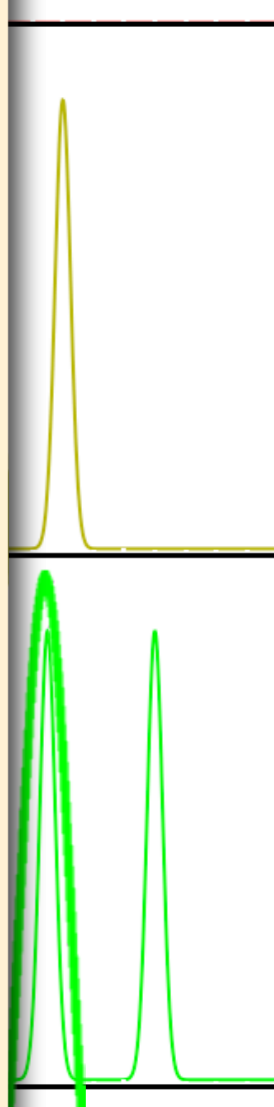


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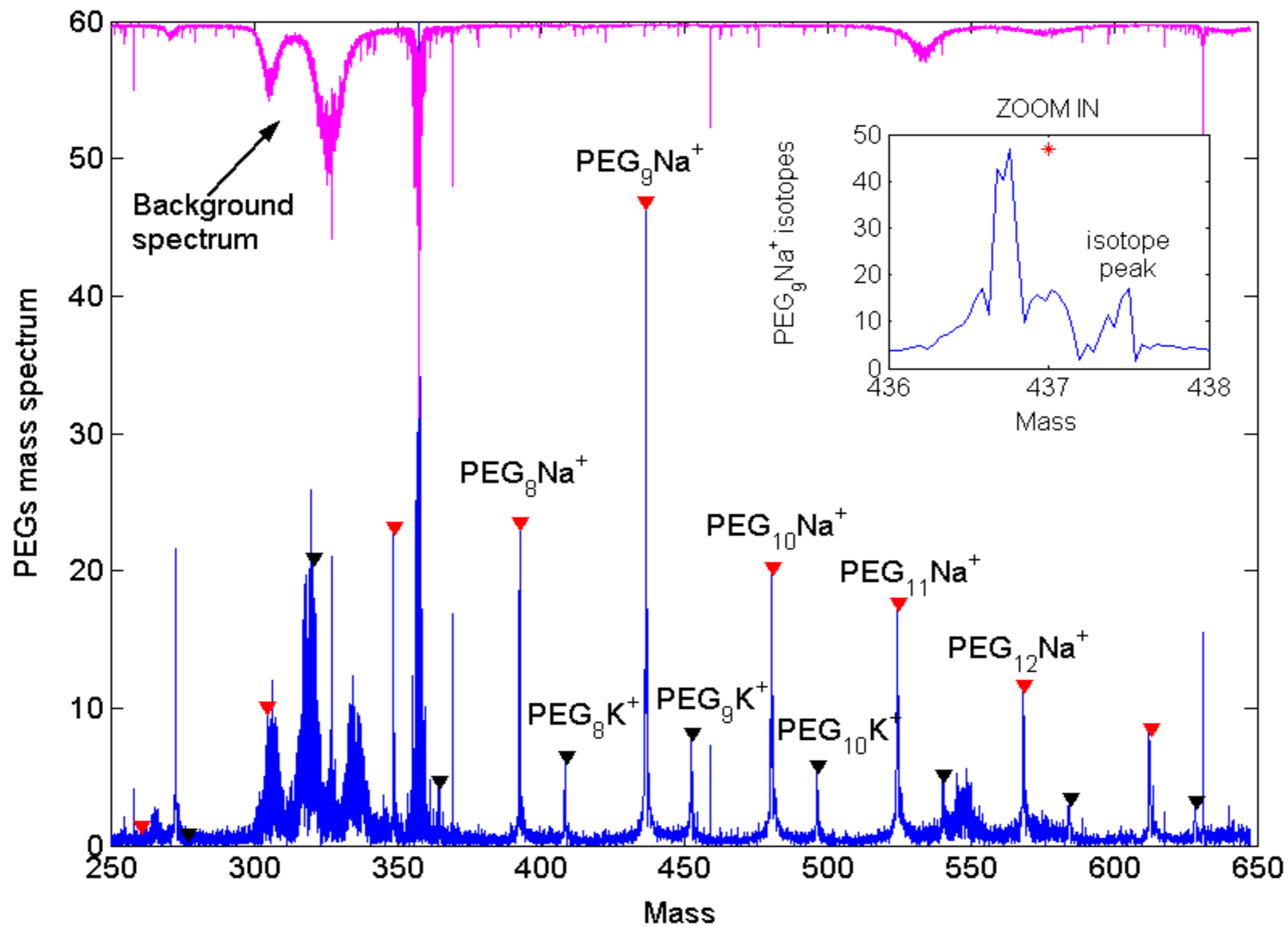


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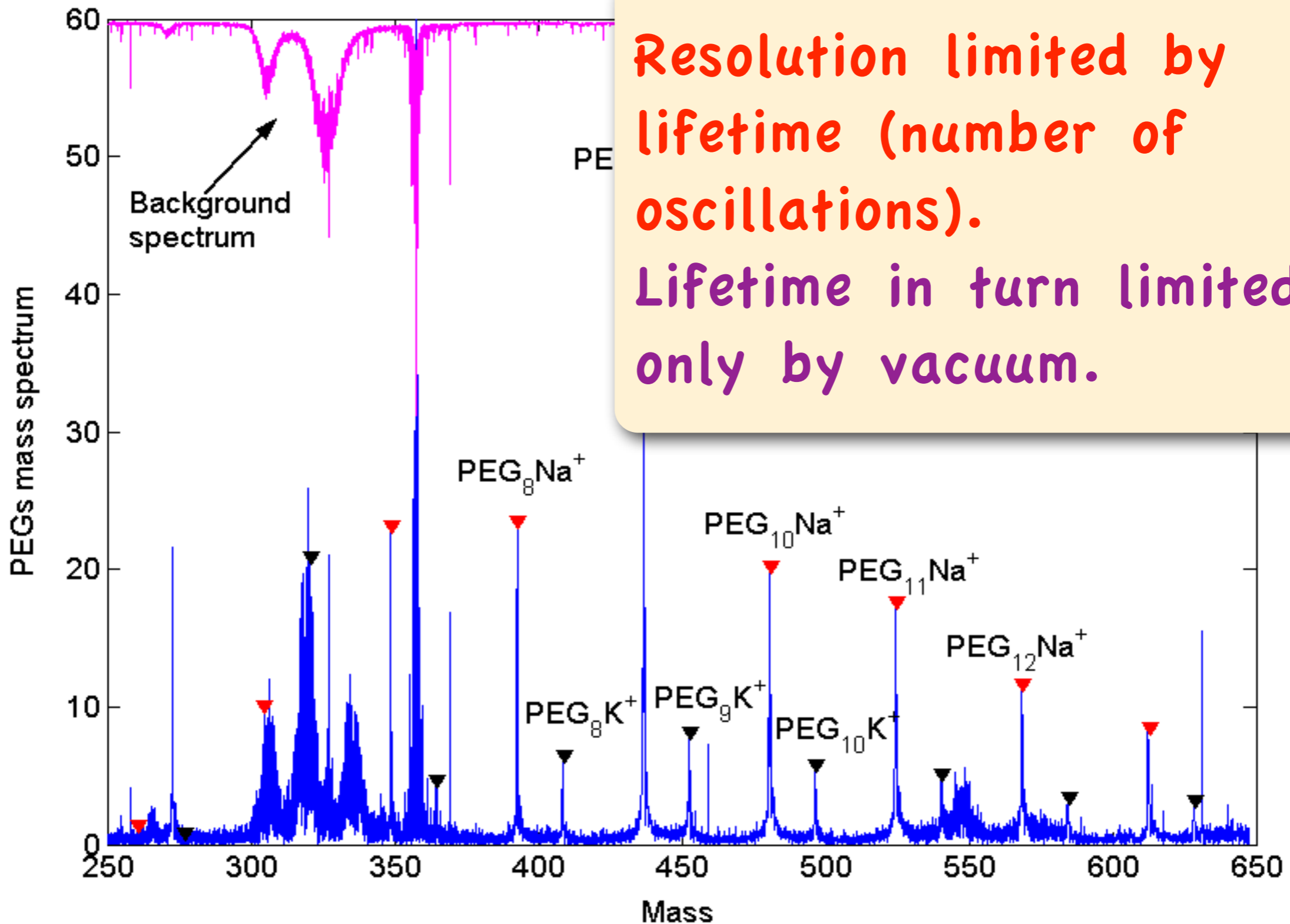


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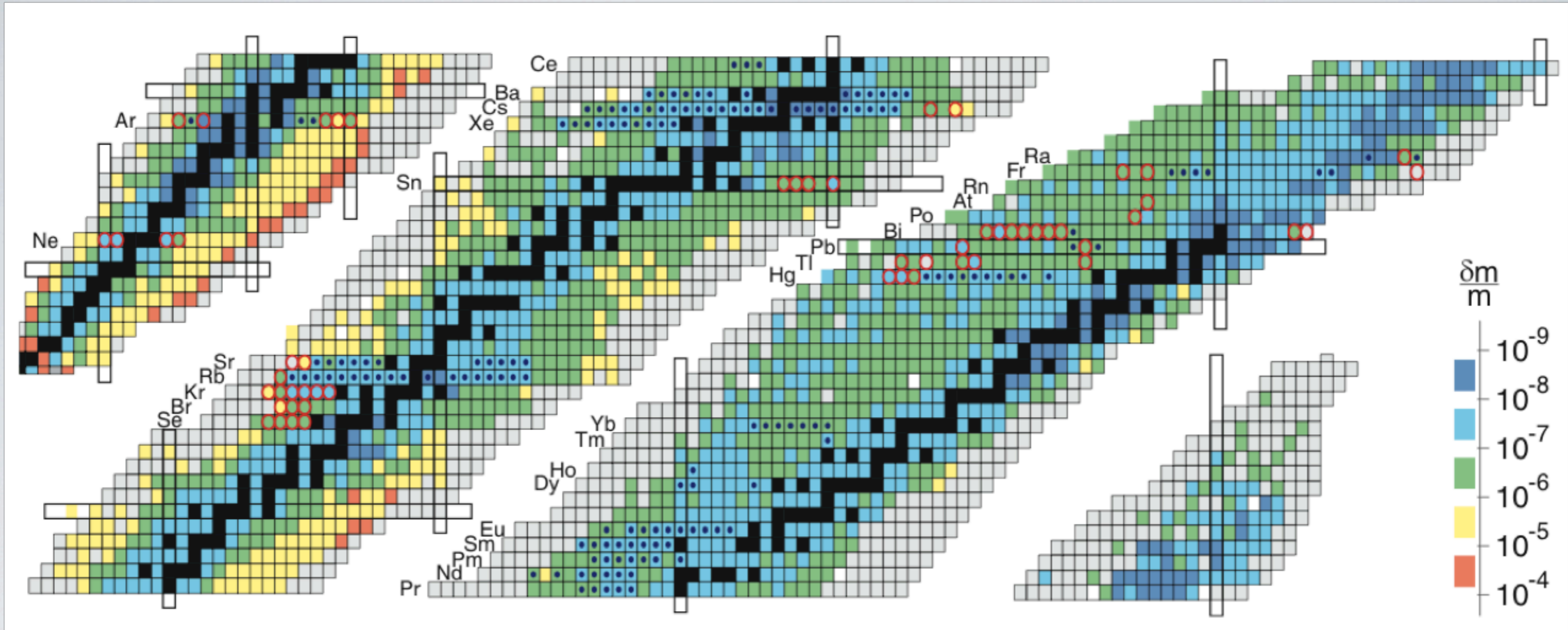
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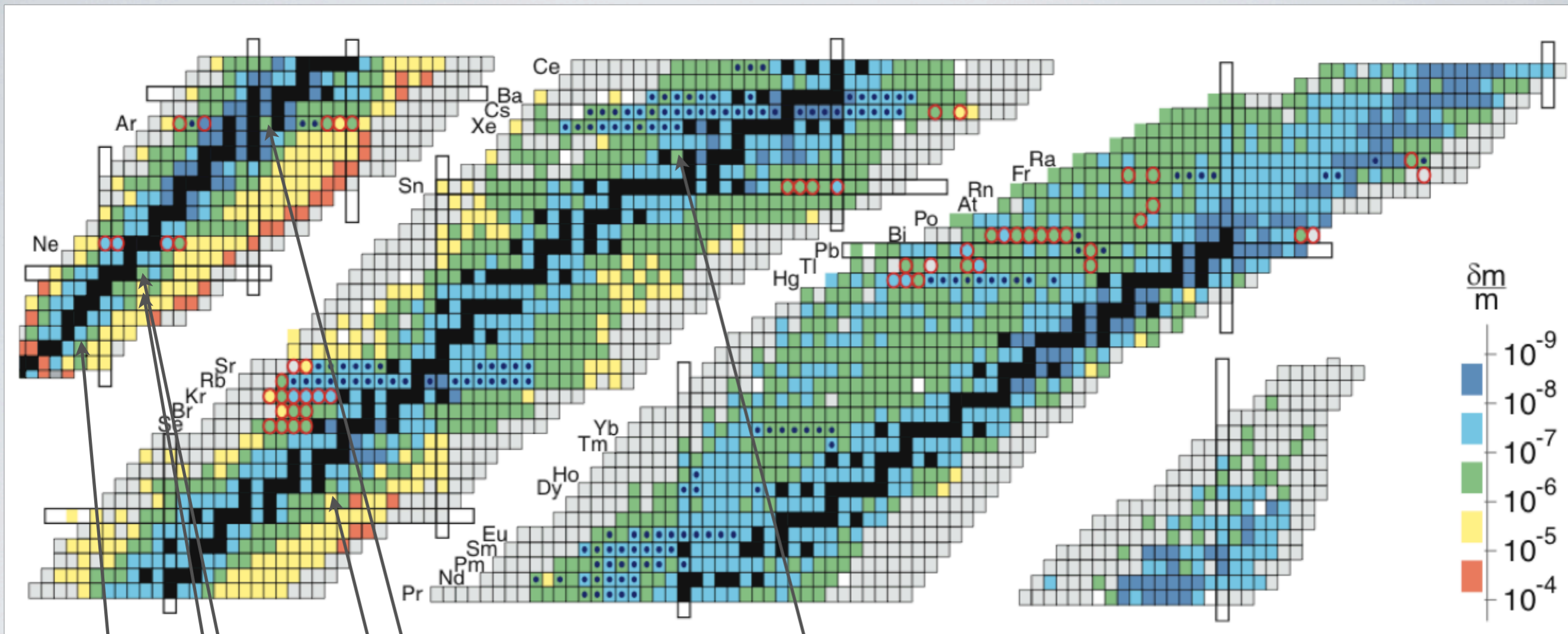
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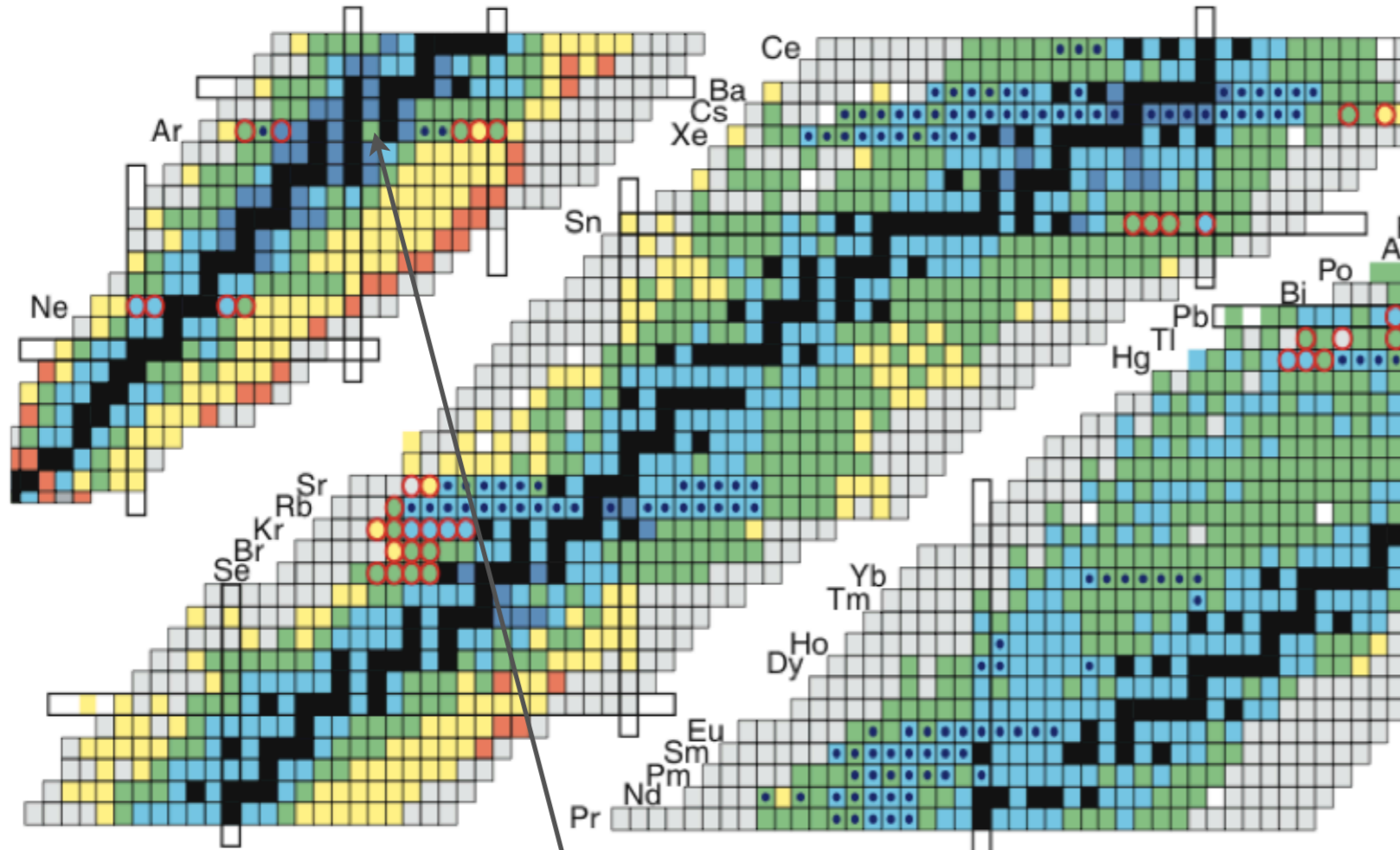
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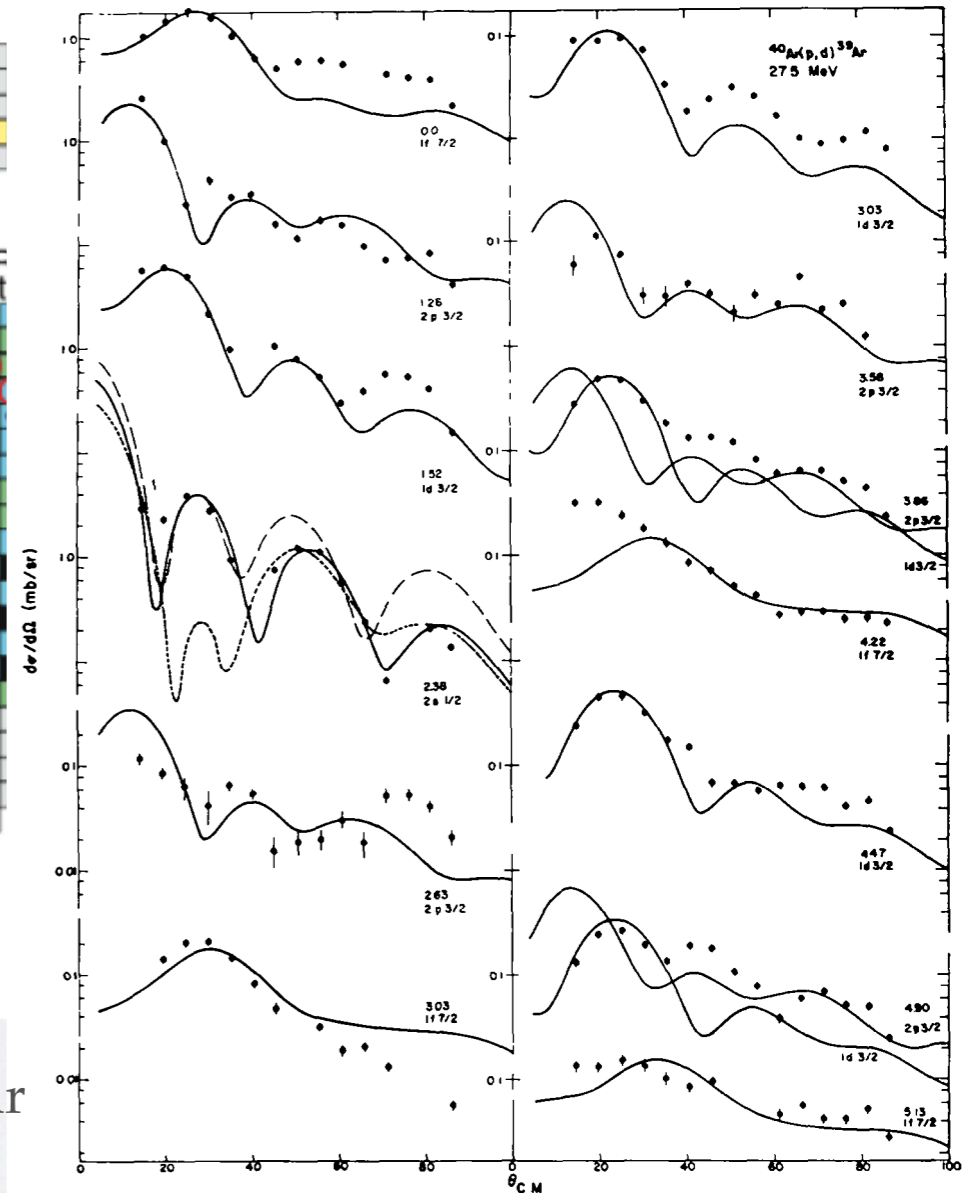
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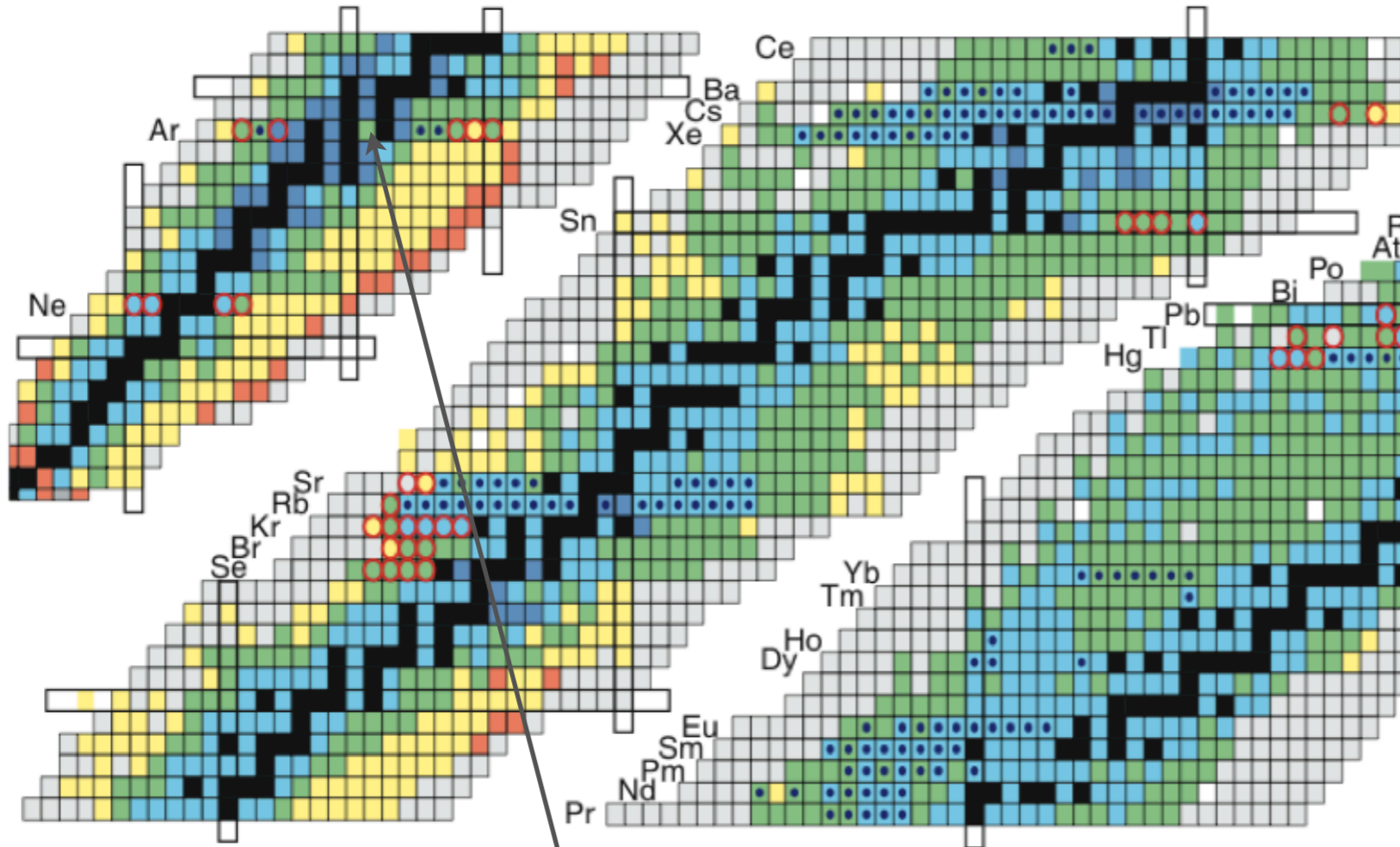


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(269 yr)
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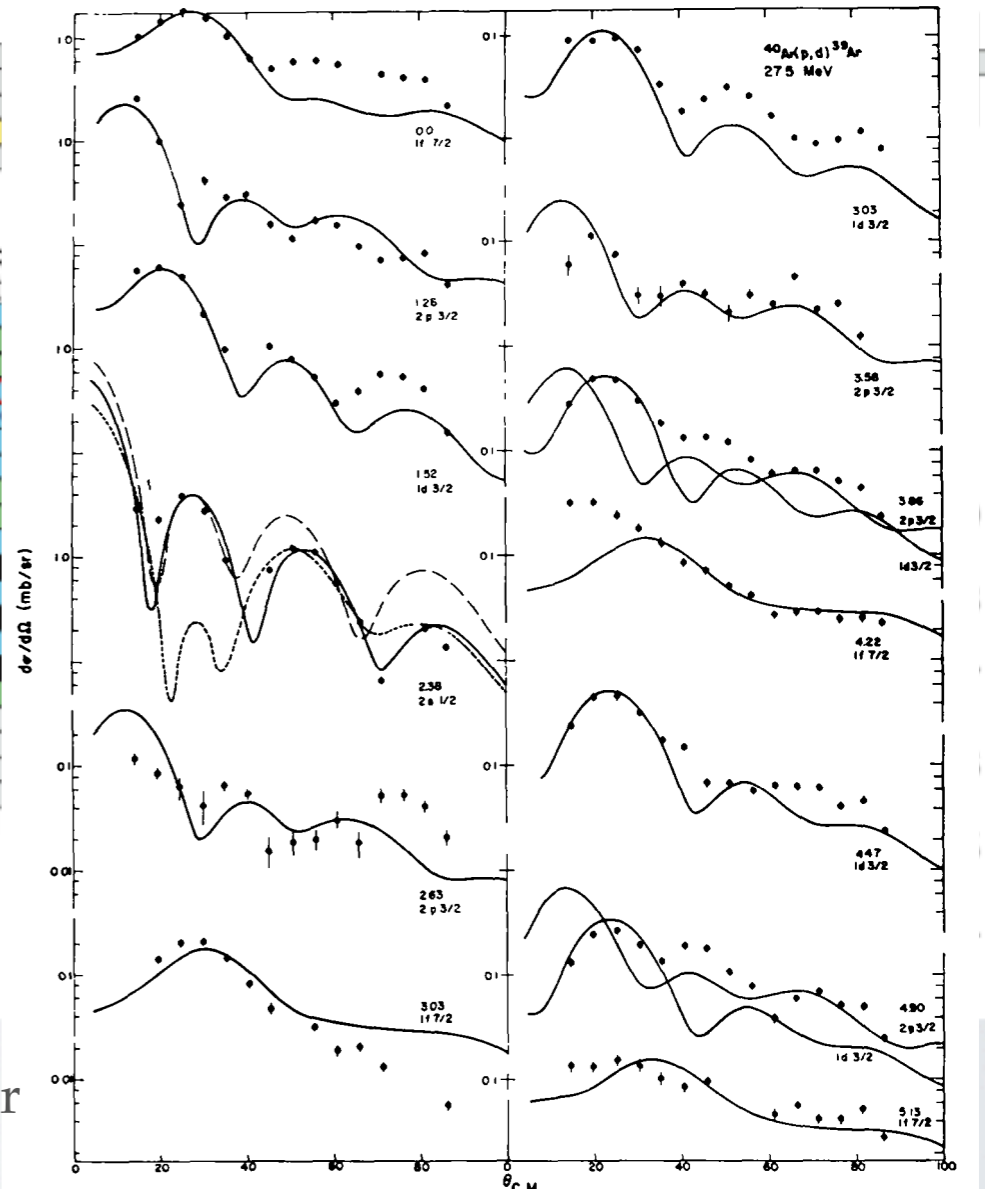
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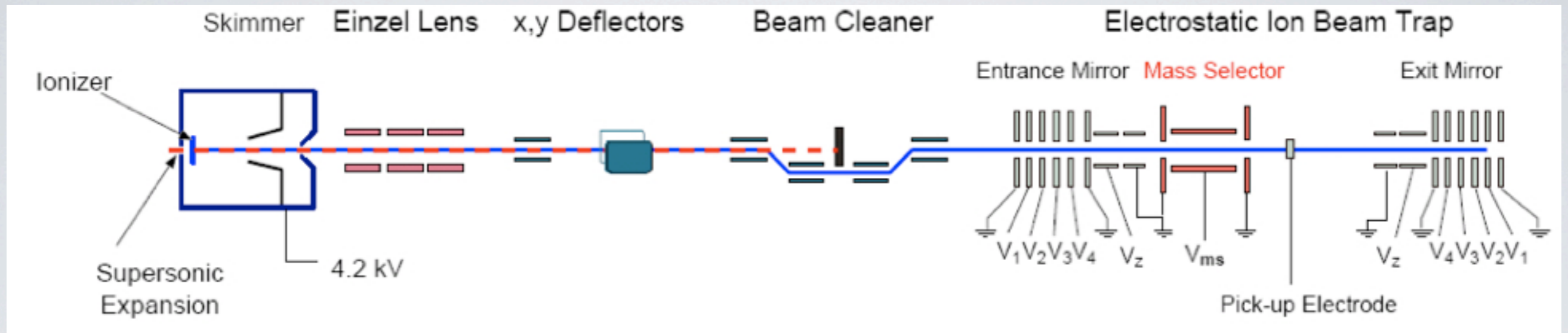
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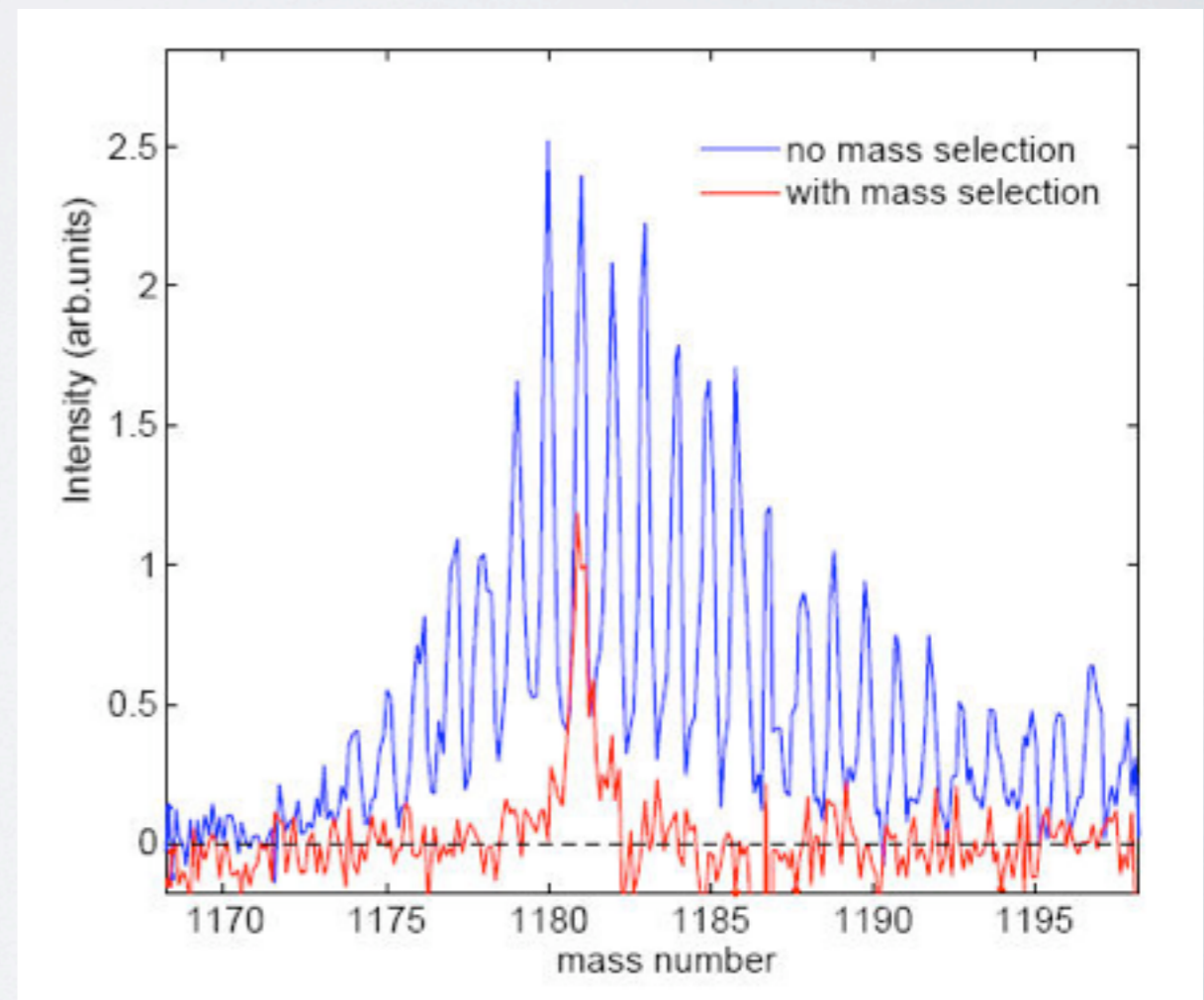
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## Mass Selection



Apply RF pulse at correct frequency to “kick out” bunches with incorrect oscillation frequency.





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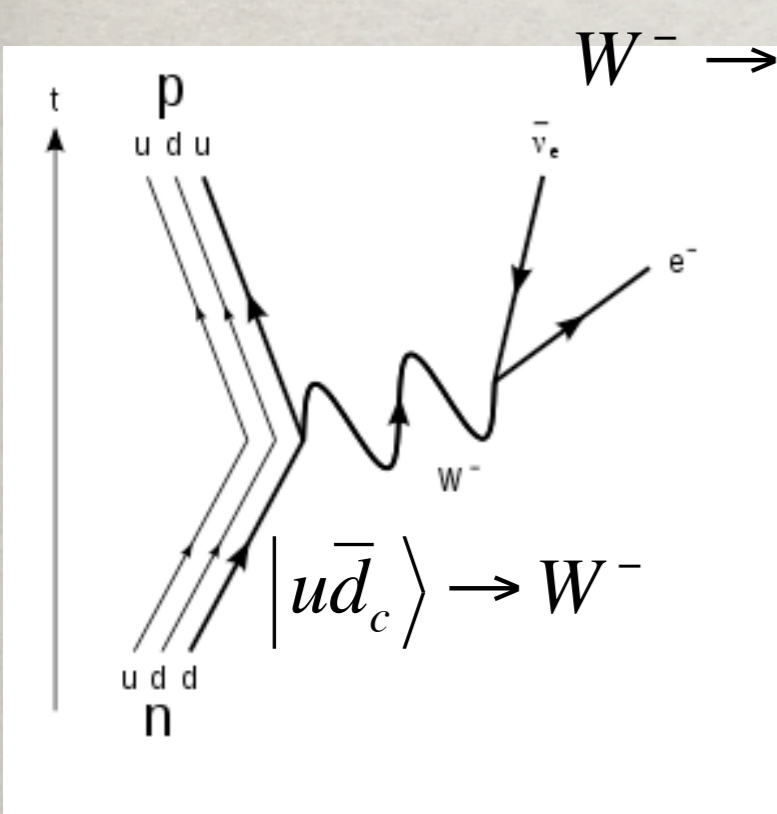
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*SM Tests -  $\beta$  decay*

*A SHORT DETOUR THROUGH THE  
STANDARD MODEL & BETA DECAY*

# THE WEAK INTERACTION (weak isospin)



## Quarks

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d'_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s'_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b'_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|d'_L\rangle = V_{ud} |d_L\rangle + V_{us} |s_L\rangle + V_{ub} |b_L\rangle$$



## Leptons

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_L \\ \nu_{eL} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mu_L \\ \nu_{\mu L} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \tau_L \\ \nu_{\tau L} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\nu_{eL}\rangle = U_{e1} |\nu_{1L}\rangle + U_{e2} |\nu_{2L}\rangle + U_{e3} |\nu_{3L}\rangle$$



# THE WEAK INTERACTION

(at low energy)

- ✱ Proceeds (as far as we know) via the V-A (vector - axial vector) interaction:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Leptonic}} \propto G_F \left[ u_e \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma^5) v_{\bar{\nu}} + h.c \right]$$

- ✱ Renormalized by the strong force for the hadronic case:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Hadronic}} \propto G_F \left[ N \gamma_\mu (C_V - C_A \gamma^5) P + h.c \right]$$

$$C_V = 1, C_A \sim 1.26$$

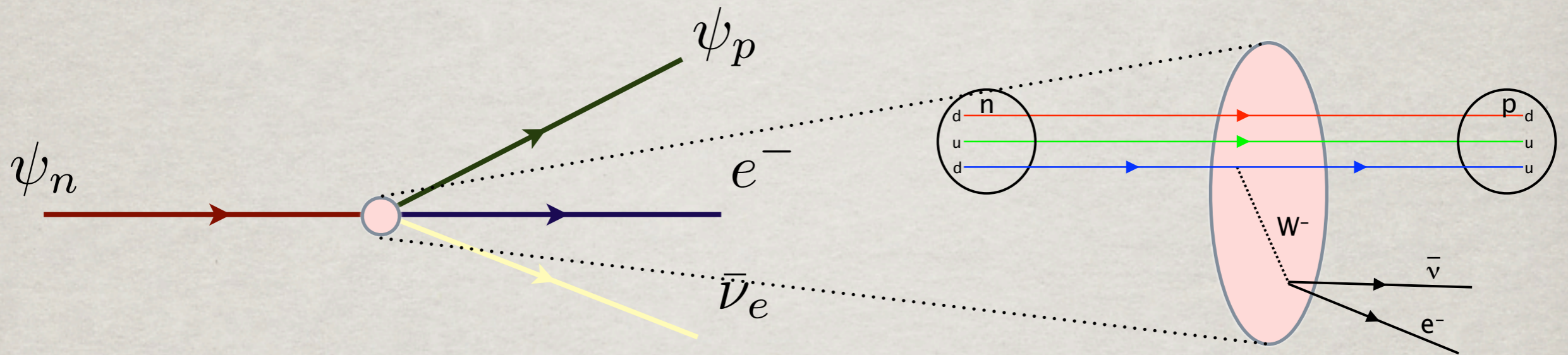
- ✱ Interaction mediated by vector bosons ( $W^\pm, Z^0$ ) - since intermediate bosons are heavy ( $M \sim 90 \text{ GeV}$ ) interaction approximated by 4-point contact interaction (for low energy).

- ✱ **But no a priori reason for this.**

- ✱ Most general form for  $\beta$ -decay amplitude:

$$A \propto \sum_i \int d^3x \left[ \bar{\psi}_p \mathcal{O}_i \psi_n \right] \left[ \bar{\psi}_e \mathcal{O}_i (C_i - C'_i \gamma_5) \psi_\nu \right]$$
$$i = S, V, T, A, P$$

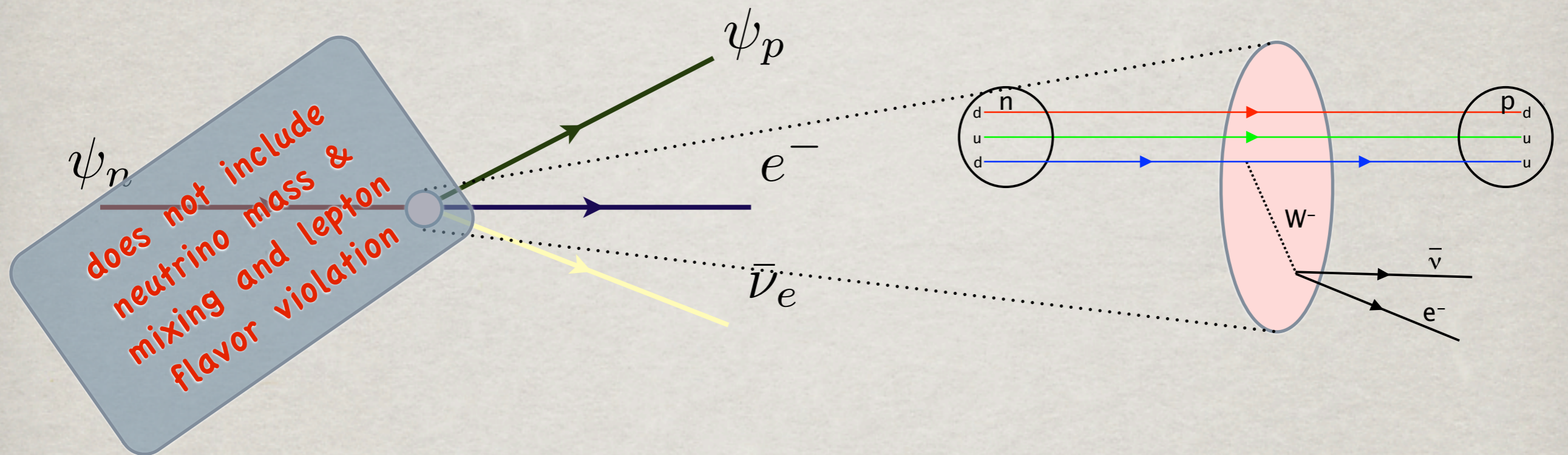
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 & - (\bar{\psi}_n \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_p) (C_A \bar{\psi}_e \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi_\nu + C'_A \bar{\psi}_e \gamma^\mu \psi_\nu) \\
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19 free parameters  
(10 complex couplings  
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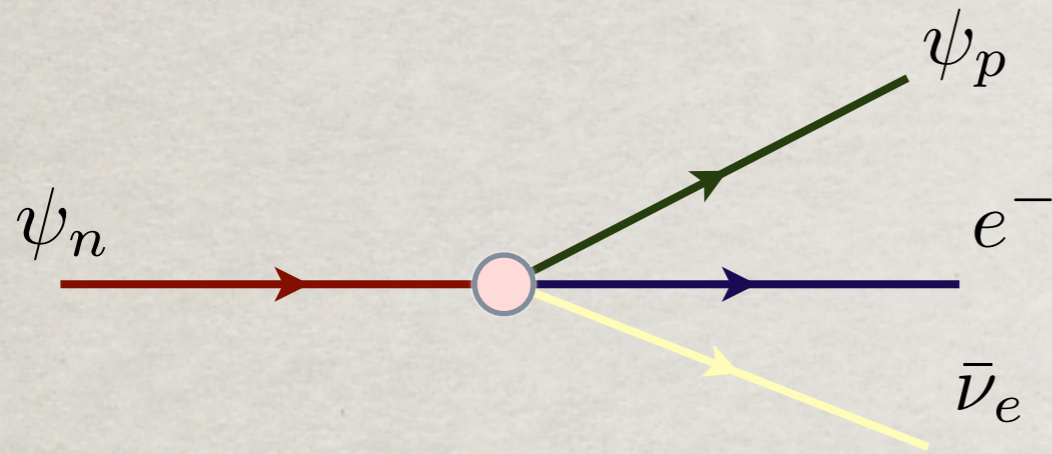
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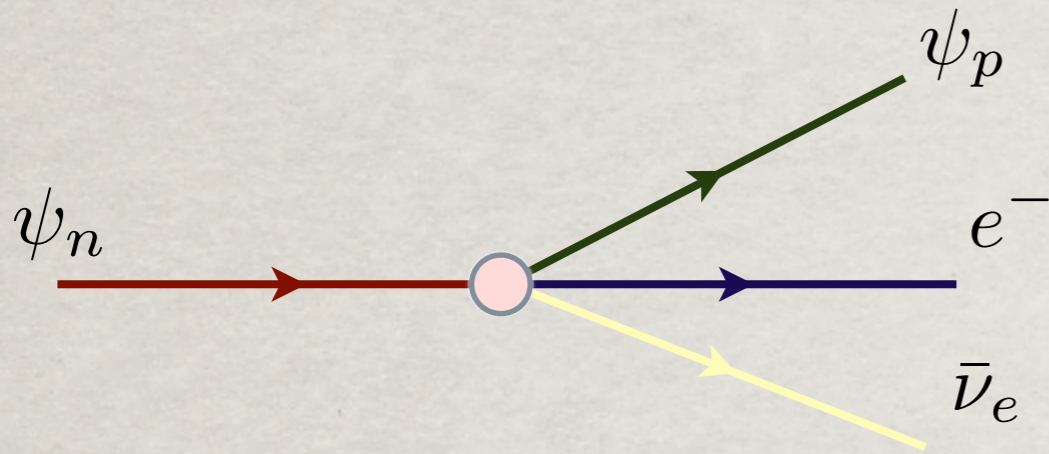


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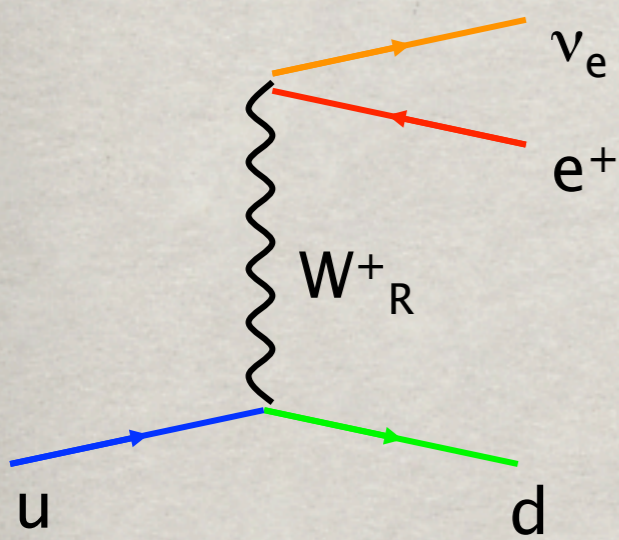


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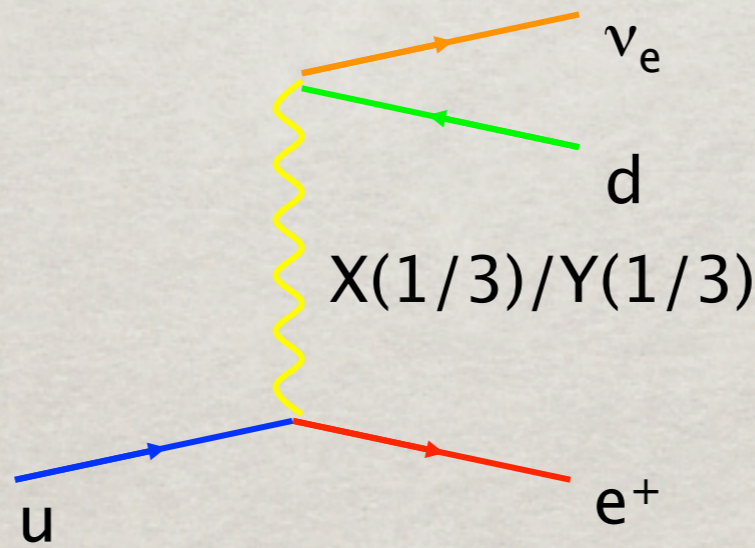
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# This is Not....



Right handed bosons

$$C \neq C'$$



Scalar or Tensor  
Leptoquarks

$$C_T \neq 0$$

$$C_S \neq 0$$

- SUSY slepton flavor mixing.
- SUSY LR mixing.
- many more (with different C's)...



# $\beta$ DECAY 101

Total decay rate (electron polarization not detected)

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\beta d\Omega_\beta d\Omega_\nu} \propto \xi \left\{ 1 + a \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + b \frac{m}{E_e} + c \left[ \frac{1}{3} \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} - \frac{(\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{j})(\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{j})}{E_e E_\nu} \right] \right. \\ \left. \left[ \frac{J(J+1) - 3 \langle (\vec{J} \cdot \vec{j})^2 \rangle}{J(2J-1)} \right] + \frac{\langle \vec{J} \rangle}{J} \cdot \left[ A \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} + B \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D \frac{\vec{p}_e \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} \right] \right\}$$

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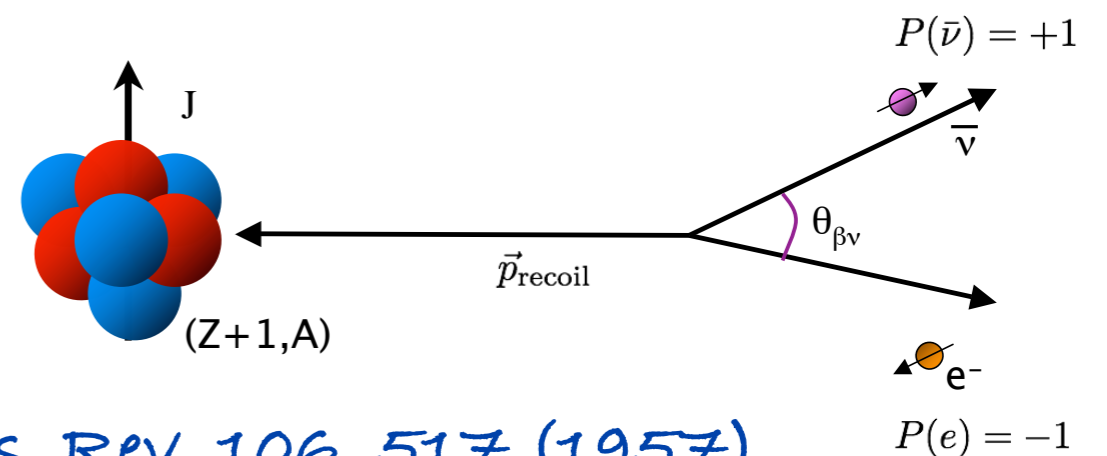
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$\beta + \nu$  carry no AM  $\rightarrow$  emitted in same direction (opposite helicities)

Pure Fermi:  $a = 1$



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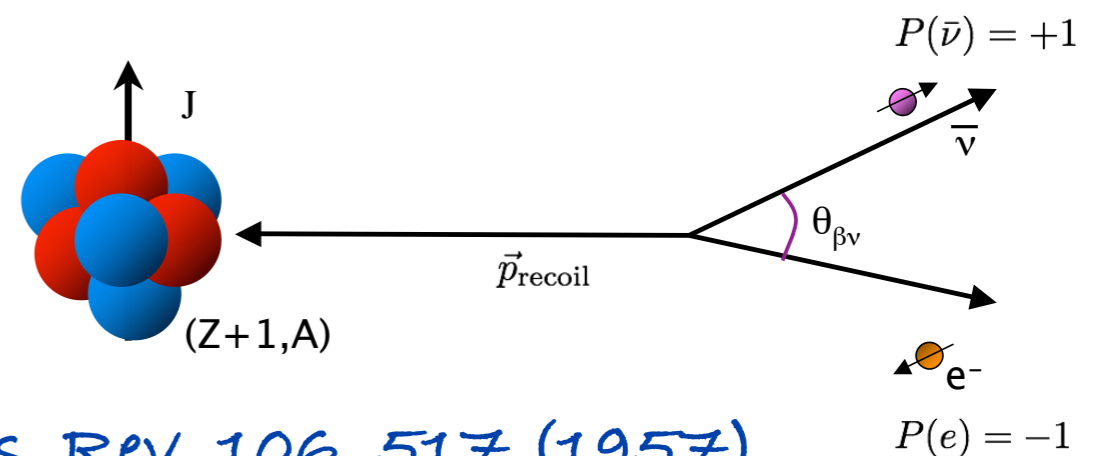
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$\beta + \nu$  carry 1 unit AM  $\rightarrow$  emitted in opposite directions (factor of 3 from spin directions)

Pure GT:  $a = -1/3$



# SO... IS $\beta$ DECAY V-A?

In SM

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{3 - \rho^2}{1 + \rho^2} \right) = \frac{1}{3} (4x - 1)$$

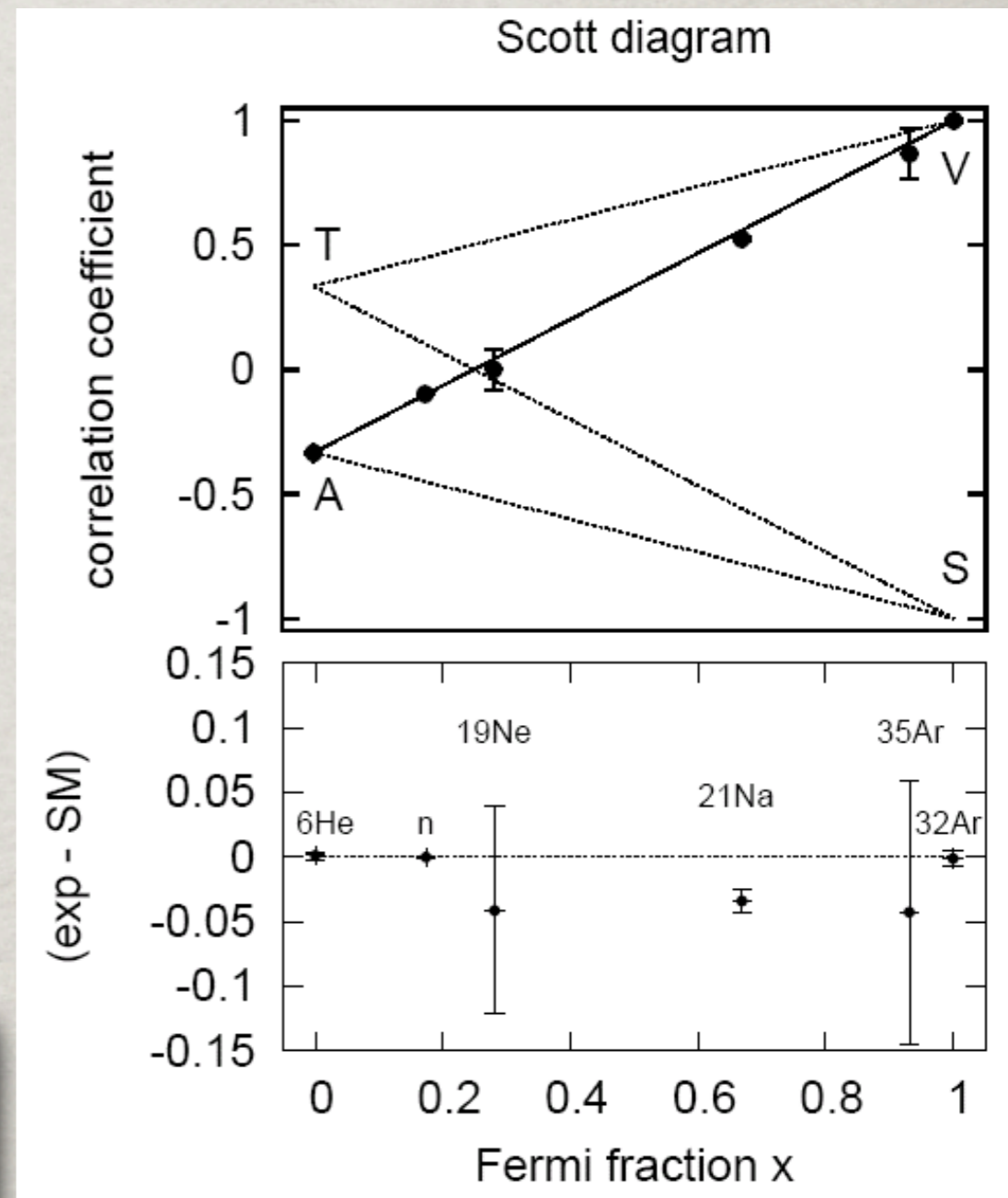
$$x = \frac{1}{1 + \rho^2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{C_A M_{GT}}{C_V M_F}$$

Beyond SM

$$a \approx a_0 (1 - \alpha)$$

|    |              |   |
|----|--------------|---|
| F: | $a_0 = 1$    | $\alpha = ( C_s ^2 +  C'_s ^2) / C_V^2$ |
| GT | $a_0 = -1/3$ | $\alpha = ( C_T ^2 +  C'_T ^2) / C_A^2$ |



# β DECAY 101

Possible observables in nuclei

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\beta d\Omega_\beta d\Omega_\nu} \propto \xi \left\{ 1 + a \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + b \frac{m}{E_e} + c \left[ \frac{1}{3} \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} - \frac{(\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{j})(\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{j})}{E_e E_\nu} \right] \right. \\ \left. \left[ \frac{J(J+1) - 3 \langle (\vec{J} \cdot \vec{j})^2 \rangle}{J(2J-1)} \right] + \frac{\langle \vec{J} \rangle}{J} \cdot \left[ A \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} + B \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D \frac{\vec{p}_e \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} \right] \right\}$$

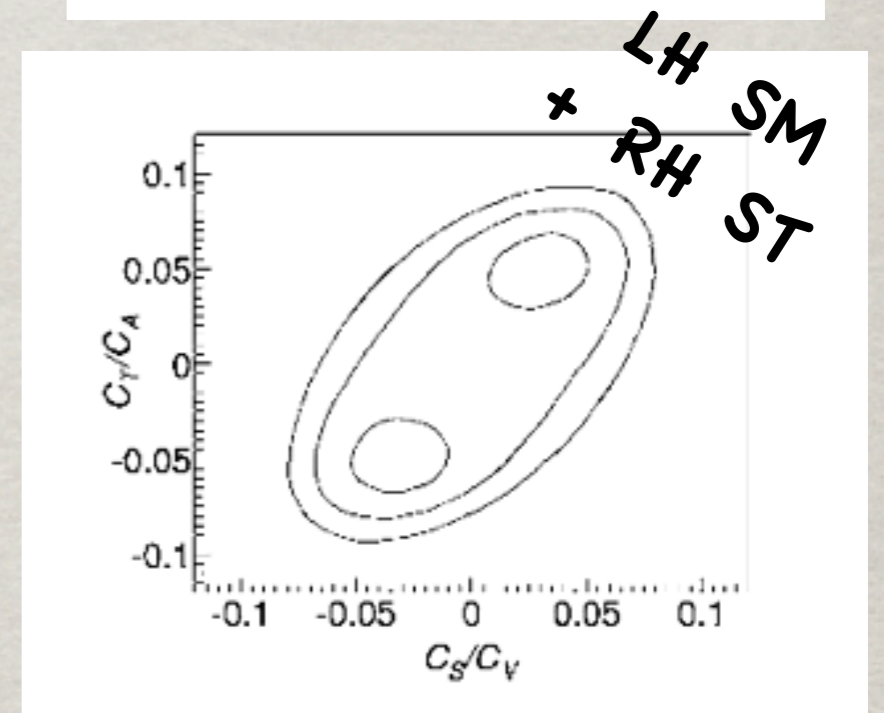
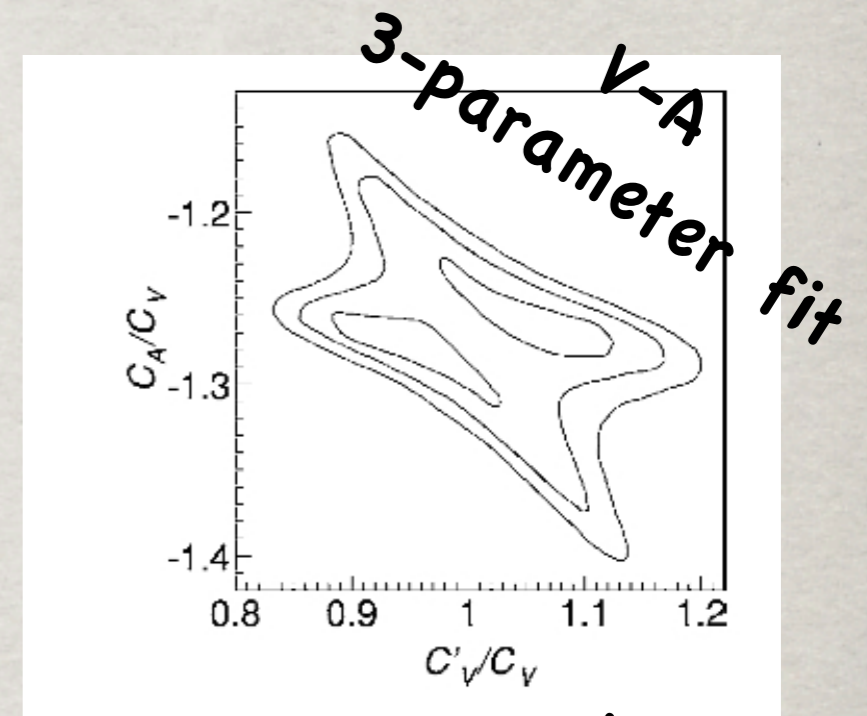
| Parameter                | Observable                                       | Sensitivity                              | SM Prediction   |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>a</b>                 | <b>β-ν (recoil) correlation</b>                  | <b>Tensor &amp; Scalar terms</b>         | <b>1 for pure Fermi<br/>-1/3 for pure GT<br/>or combination</b> |
| <b>b</b><br>(Fierz term) | <b>Comparison of β<sup>+</sup> to EC rate</b>    | <b>SV/T/A interference</b>               | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>A</b>                 | <b>β asymmetry for polarized nuclei</b>          | <b>Tensor, ST/VA<br/>Parity</b>          | <b>Nucleus<br/>dependent</b>                                    |
| <b>B</b>                 | <b>ν asymmetry (recoil) for polarized nuclei</b> | <b>Tensor, TA/ST/VA/SA/VT<br/>Parity</b> | <b>Nucleus<br/>dependent</b>                                    |
| <b>D</b>                 | <b>Triple product</b>                            | <b>ST/VA Interference<br/>TRI</b>        | <b>0</b>  |

# LIMITS ON NON-SM COUPLING

- ✱ Very large model space.
- ✱ Not spanned by collider experiments.
- ✱ Current best limits not very stringent.

✱ Naively  $\frac{C_T}{C_A}, \frac{C_S}{C_V} \propto \left( \frac{M_W}{M_{NewPhys}} \right)^2$

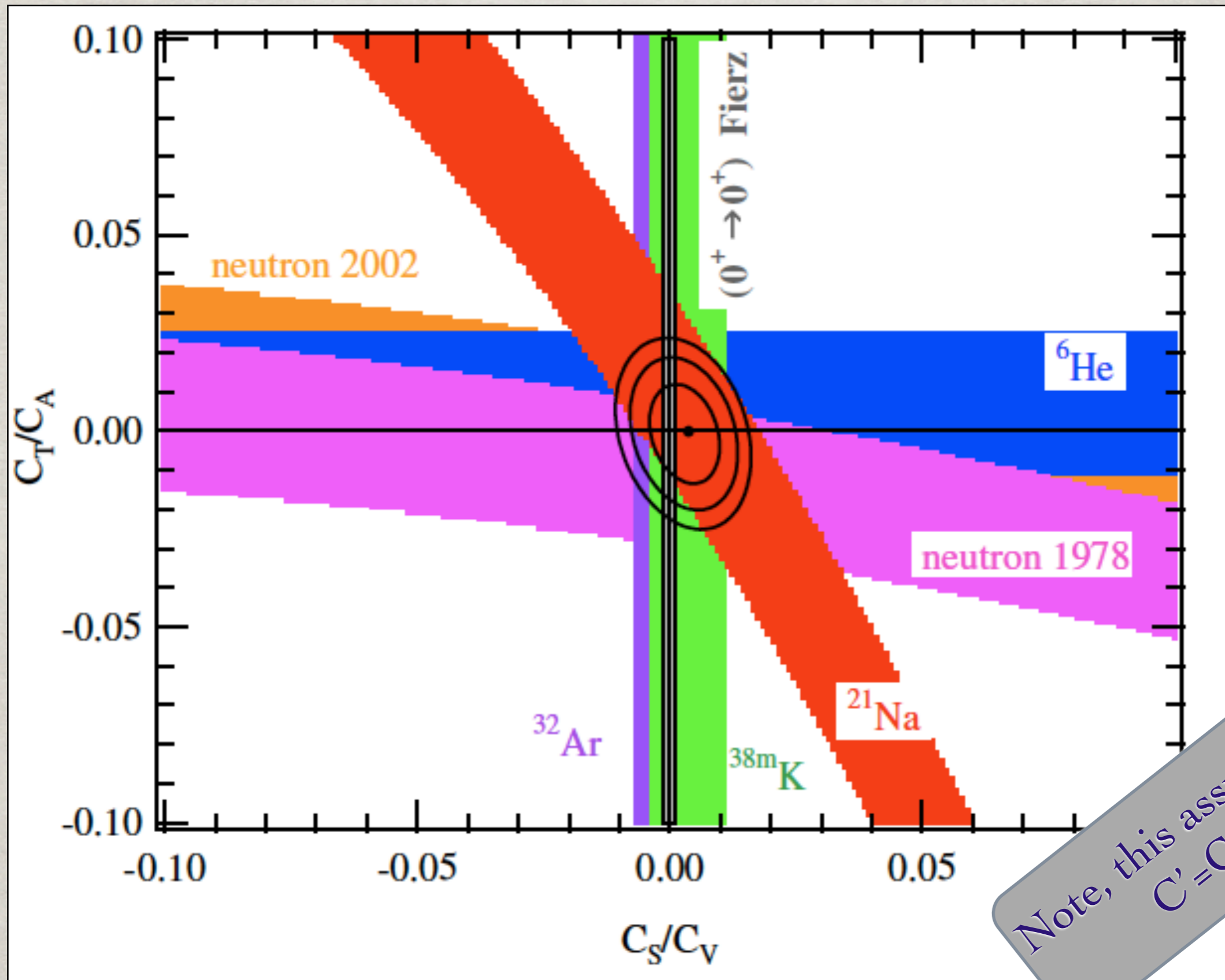
so uncertainty to 0.01 probes new physics at  $\sim 1\text{TeV}$ !



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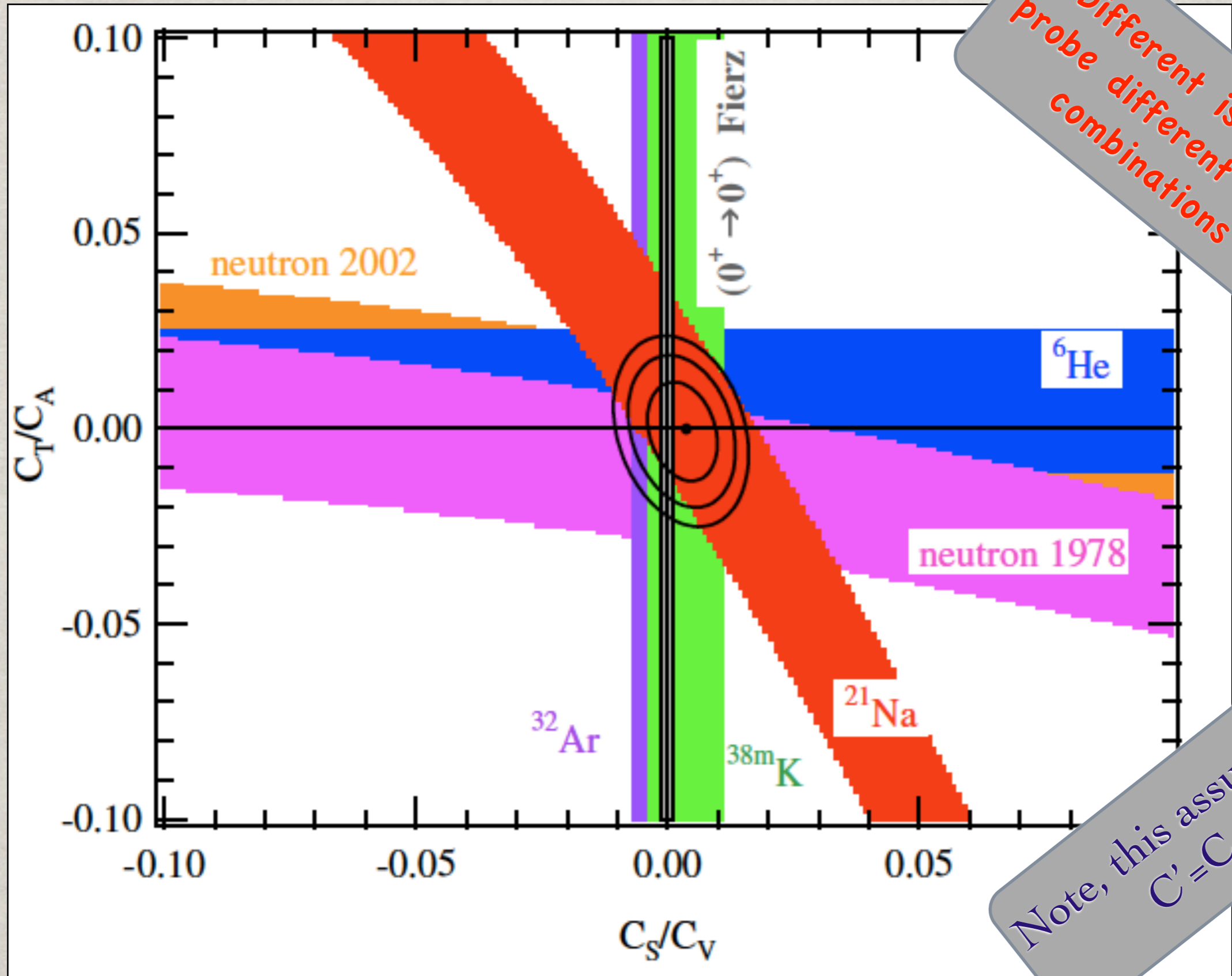
# World $a_{\beta\nu}$ Results



Note, this assumes  $C' = C$



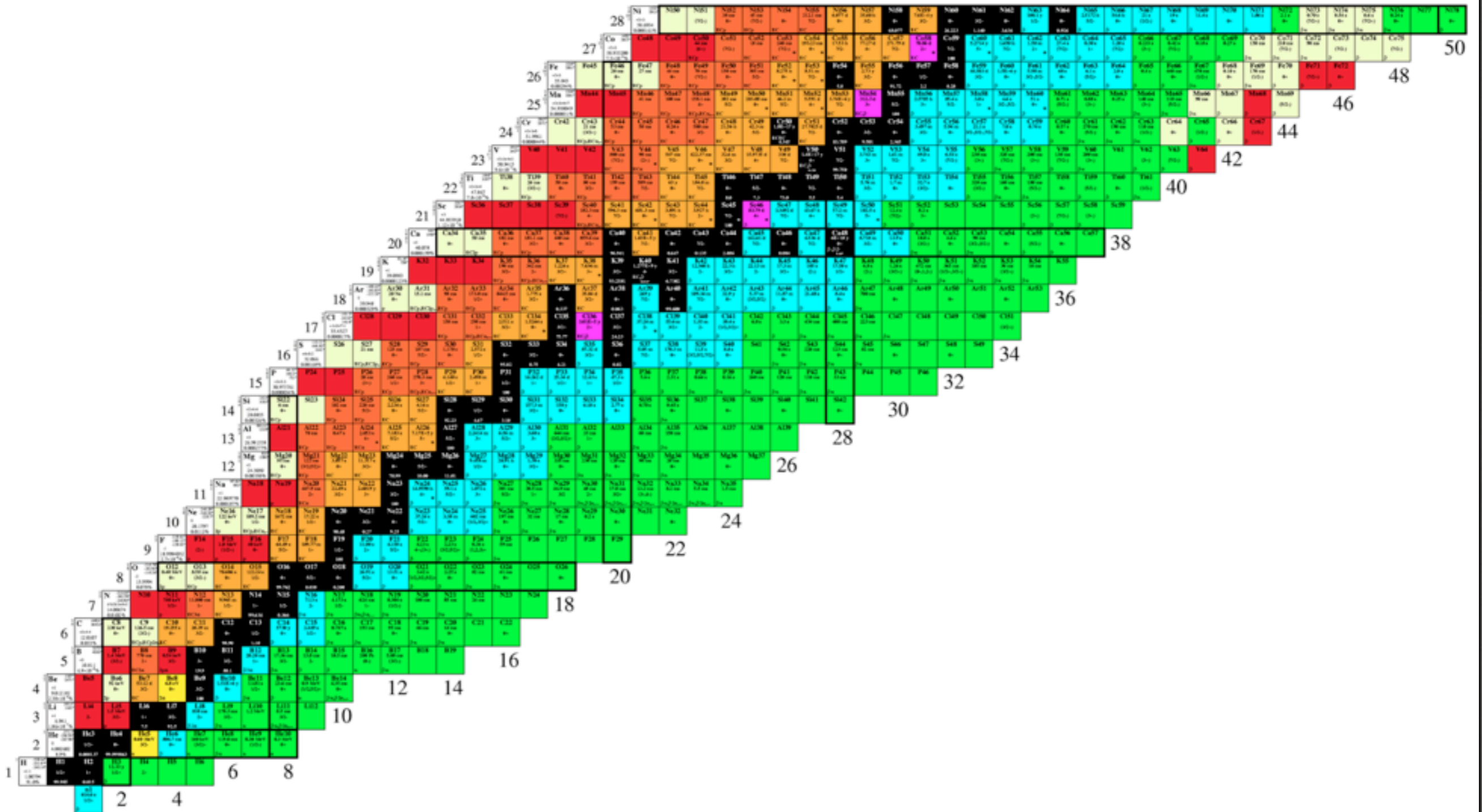
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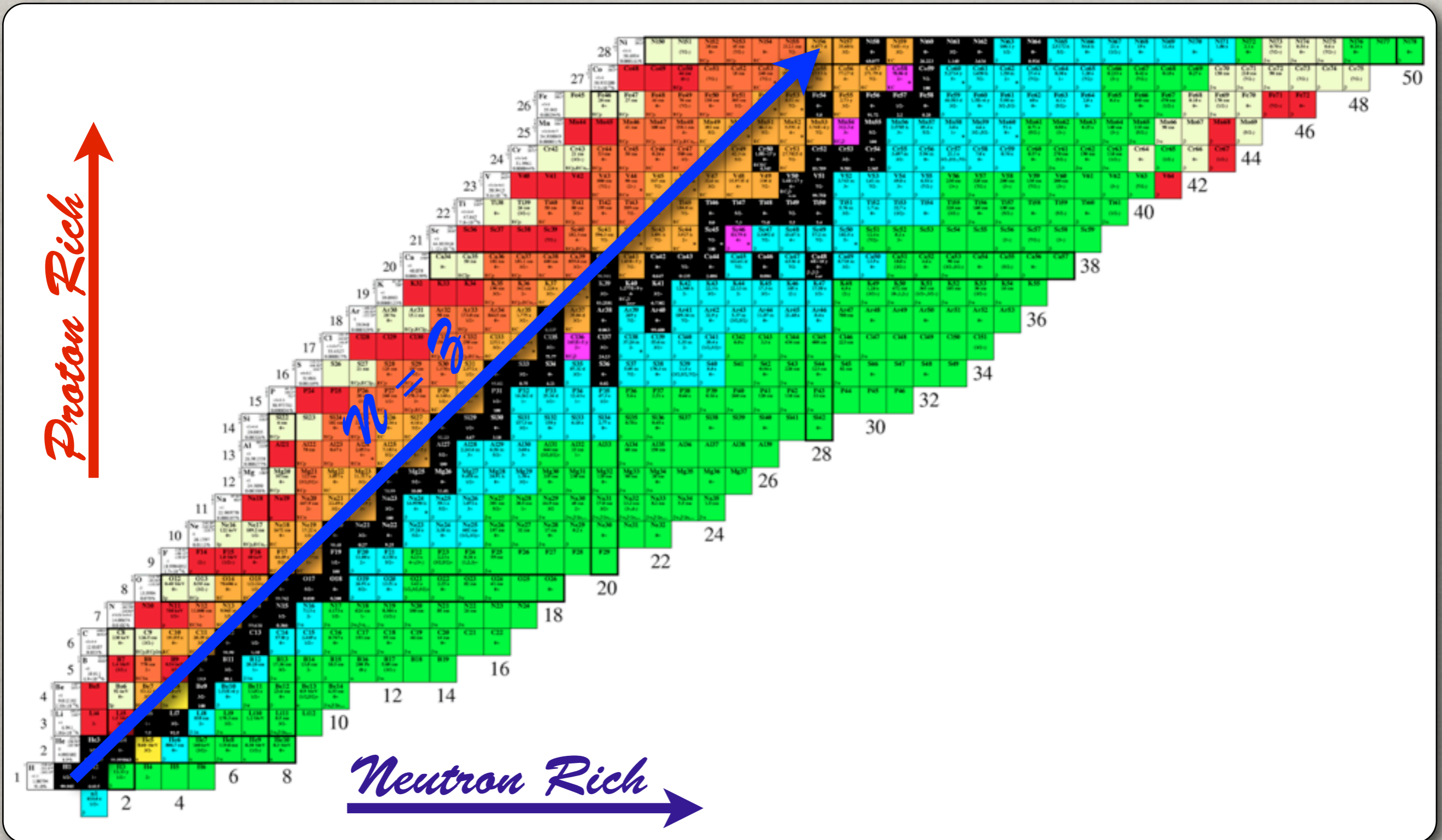
Different isotopes  
probe different linear  
combinations

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# The Nuclear Landscape



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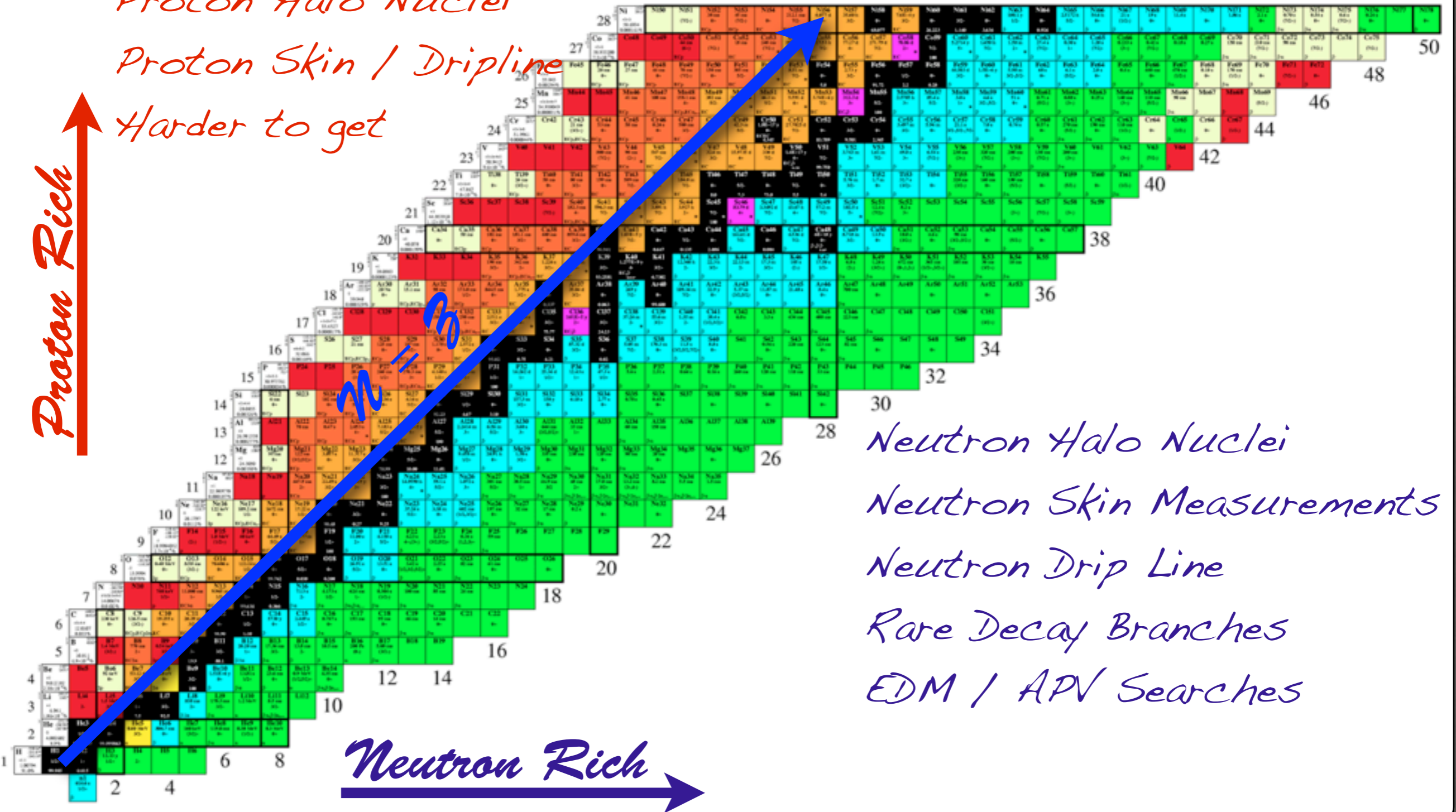
# The Nuclear Landscape

*Proton Halo Nuclei*

*Proton Skin / Dripline*

*Harder to get*

*Proton Rich*



*Neutron Halo Nuclei*

*Neutron Skin Measurements*

*Neutron Drip Line*

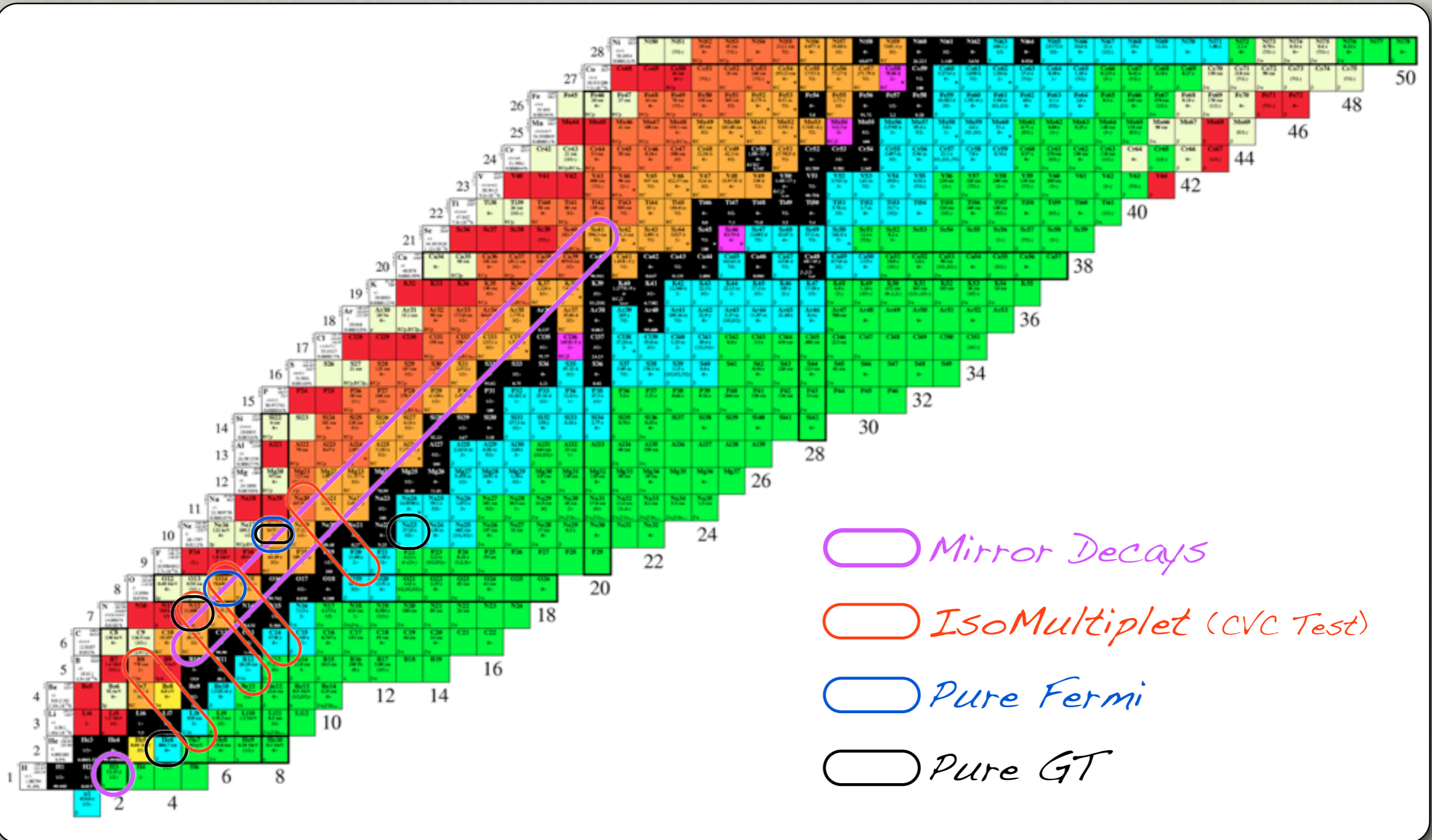
*Rare Decay Branches*

*EDM / APV Searches*

*Neutron Rich*



# Some Interesting Candidates (Low Mass)



# ANATOMY OF AN EXPERIMENT

**Produce Radioactive Atoms**

*(Produce, Transport, Neutralize)*



**Trap**

*(MOT, Dipole, Ion, Electrostatic)*



**Wait...**



**Detect decay products ( $\beta$ , Ion)**

*(Scintillators, MCPs,...)*



**Analyze and compare to SM**

# Typical Experimental Schemes (Traps)

## Magneto-Optical Traps (MOTs)

Trap *neutral atoms* by interaction of laser light with atomic electrons.

Trapped atoms form a localized, dilute system.

Can be (not easily) polarized.

Only atoms with appropriate energy levels may be trapped (laser accessible).

Recoiling decay products must be accelerated for detection.

Expensive, complicated setup (lasers).

## "Standard" Ion Traps (Paul/Penning)

Trap *ions* by interaction of ion charge with electric (Paul) or magnetic (Penning) fields.

Localized, dilute system.

Any ion species is potentially trappable.

Recoiling decay products must be accelerated for detection or guided by magnetic field to spectrometer.

Expensive, complicated setup (RF, superconducting magnets).

## The $\beta$ -Decay EIBT Scheme

Trap moving ions in Electrostatic Ion Beam Trap.

Simple, cheap setup.

Easy to polarize (appropriate ions).

No need for acceleration of products - simple detection scheme.

Kinematic focusing.

Decay in field free region.

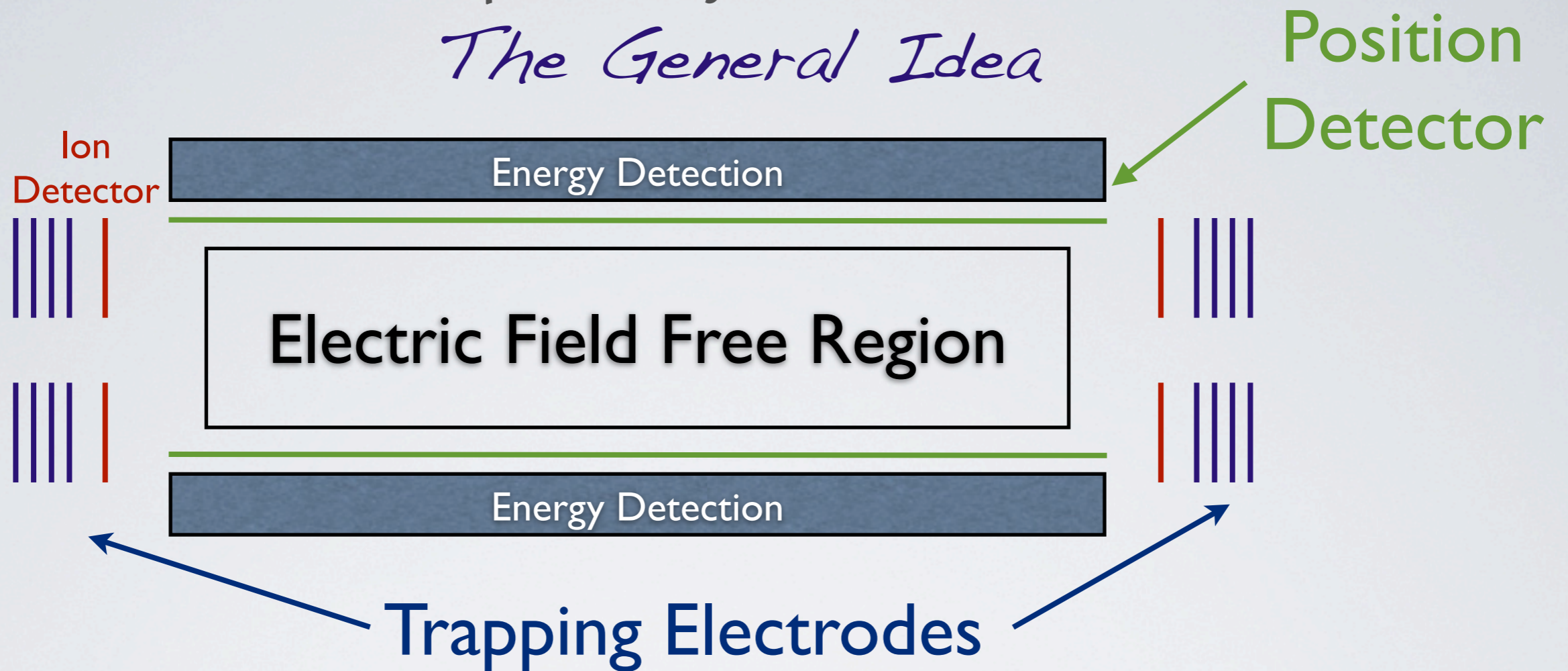
Moving system - position of decay harder to infer.

Large initial spatial extent (bunch).



# $\beta$ -Decay Studies

## *The General Idea*



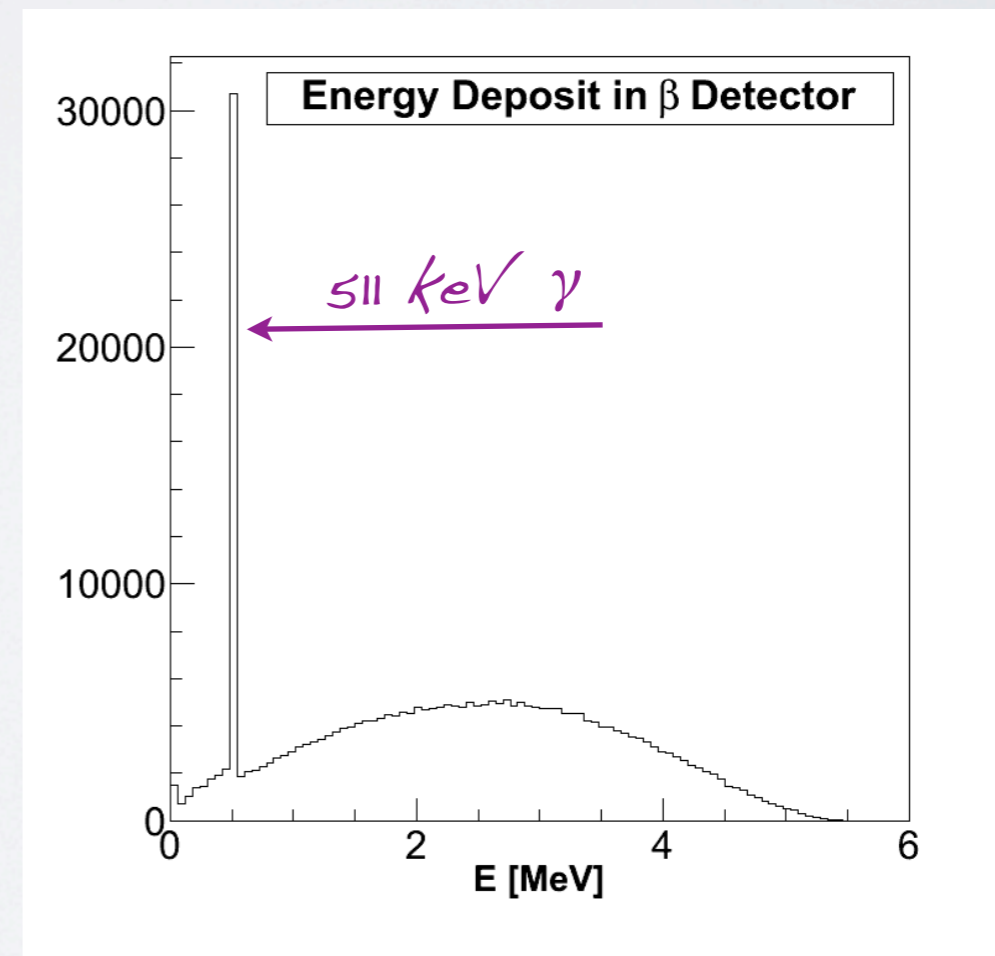
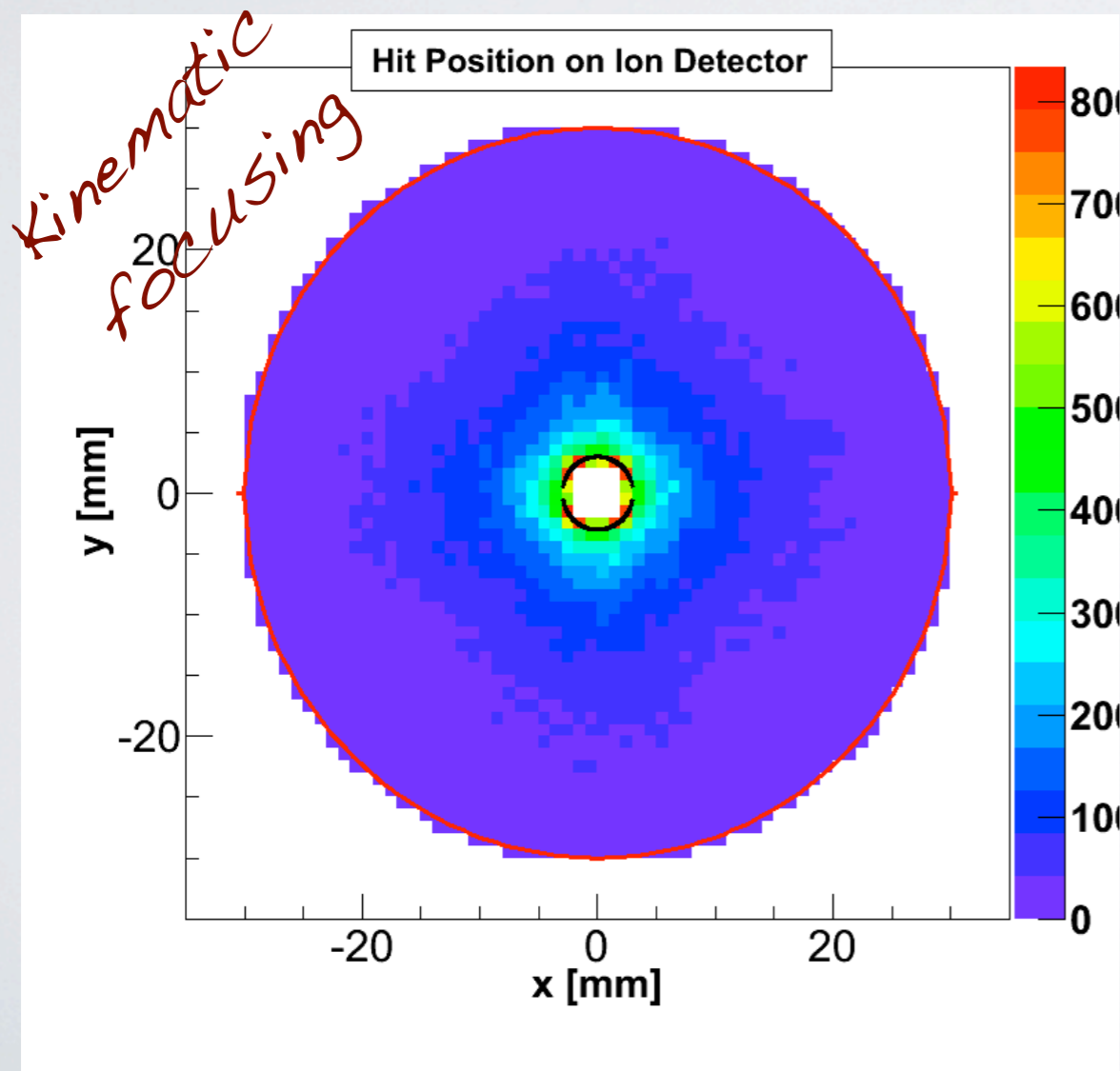
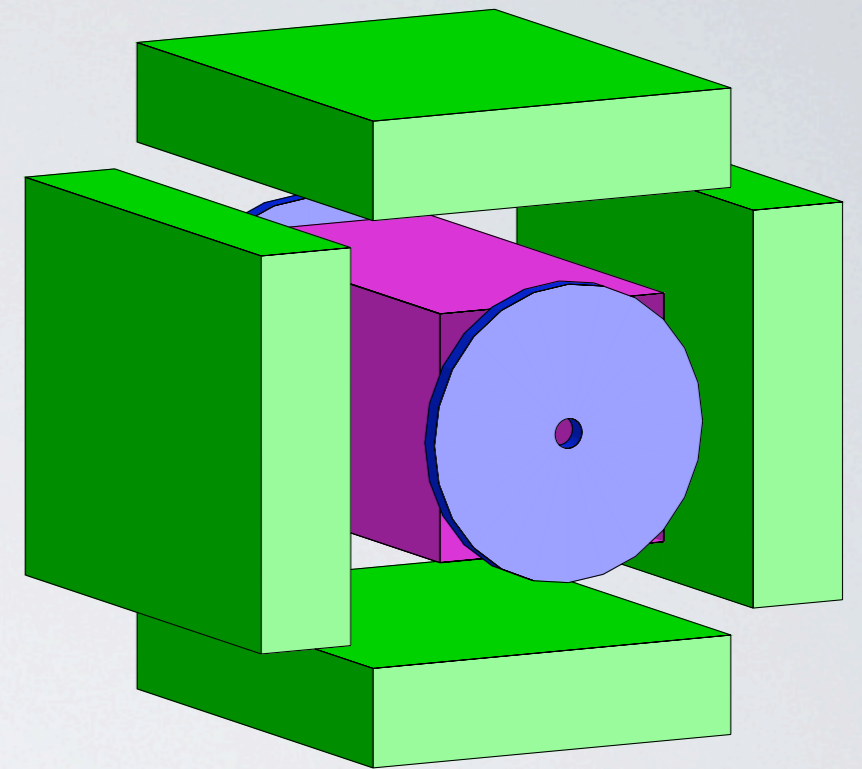
- Recoil ion detected in MCP.
- $\beta$  detected in position detectors.
- Need bunch position for full reconstruction (multiple scattering of  $\beta$  in detectors).
- Large solid angle + kinematic focussing  $\rightarrow$  detection efficiency  $> 50\%$ .
- No need for electrostatic acceleration (ions at  $\sim$ keV). Decay in field free region.

# Some Simulation Results

$\beta$  decay of  $^{39}\text{Ca}^+ \rightarrow ^{39}\text{K}^+ + \beta^+ + \nu$

Kinetic energy of original ion 4.2KeV

Cuts require hits in only one MCP and only one SSD (no ambiguity)



# Measuring $\alpha\beta\nu$

*Time-of-flight Technique*  
(or, why is TOF related to  $\alpha\beta\nu$ )

$$\vec{P}_{recoil} = \vec{p}_\beta + \vec{p}_\nu$$

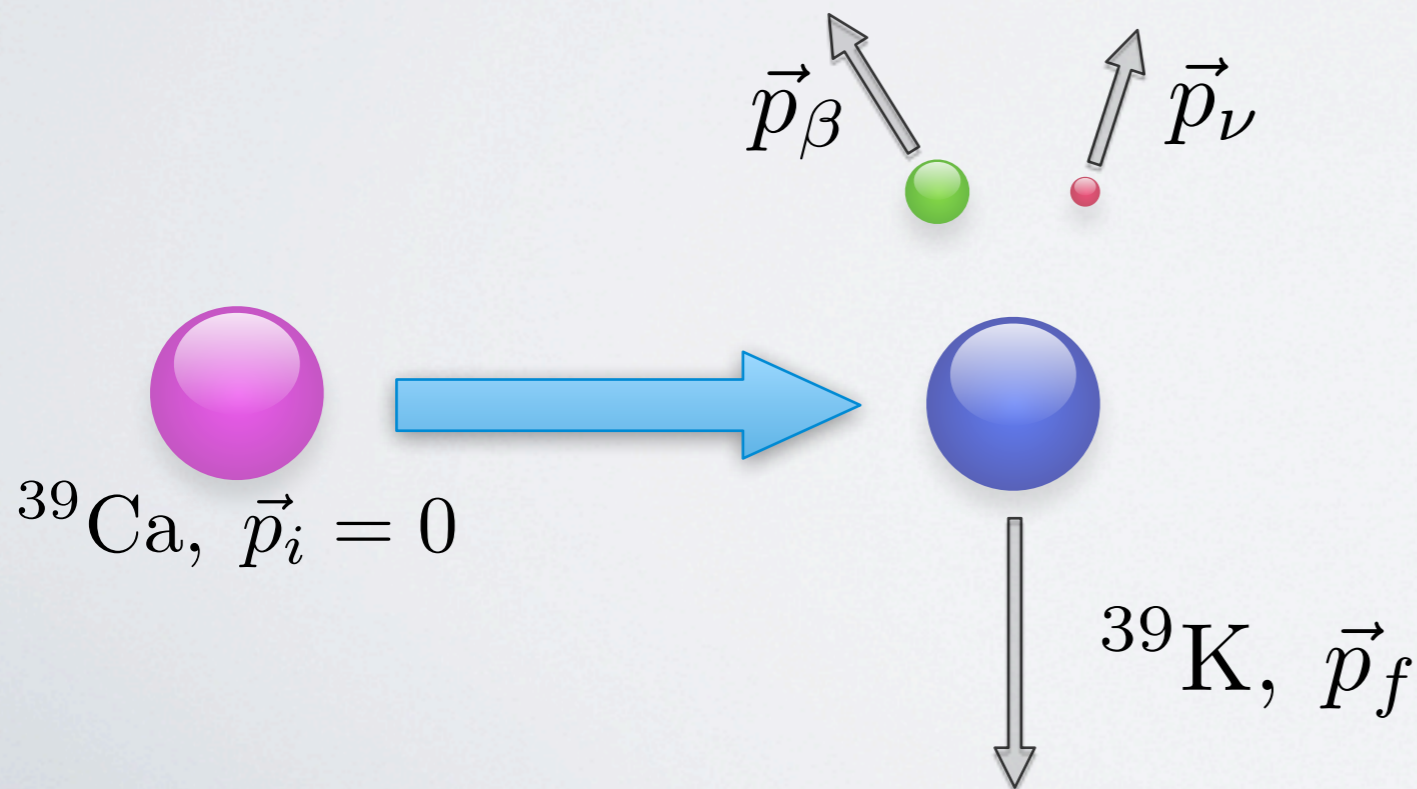
$$|\vec{P}_{recoil,0}| = |\vec{p}_{\beta,0}|$$

$$= \sqrt{(E_0 + m_e)^2 - m_e^2}$$

$$E_{recoil,0} = \sqrt{P_{recoil,0}^2 + M_A^2} - M_A$$

Positive correlation  $\rightarrow$   
large recoil  
momentum  $\rightarrow$  low  
TOF

Negative correlation  
 $\rightarrow$  low recoil  
momentum  $\rightarrow$  high  
TOF

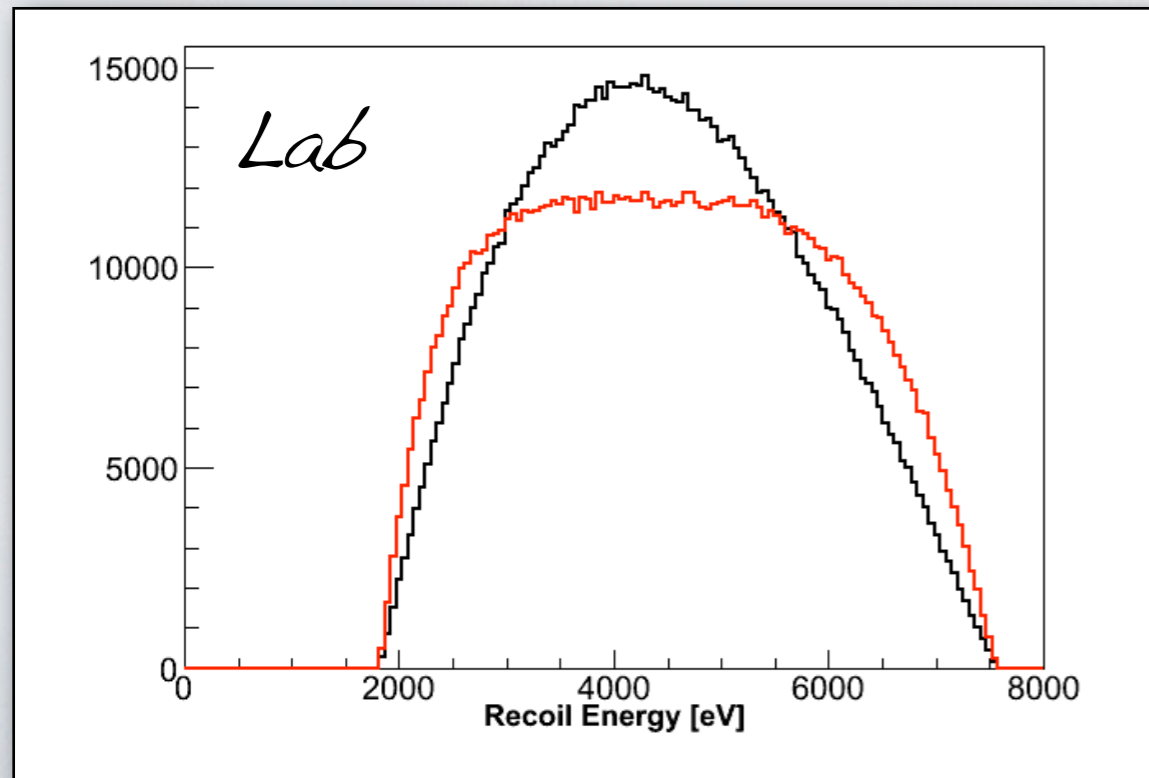
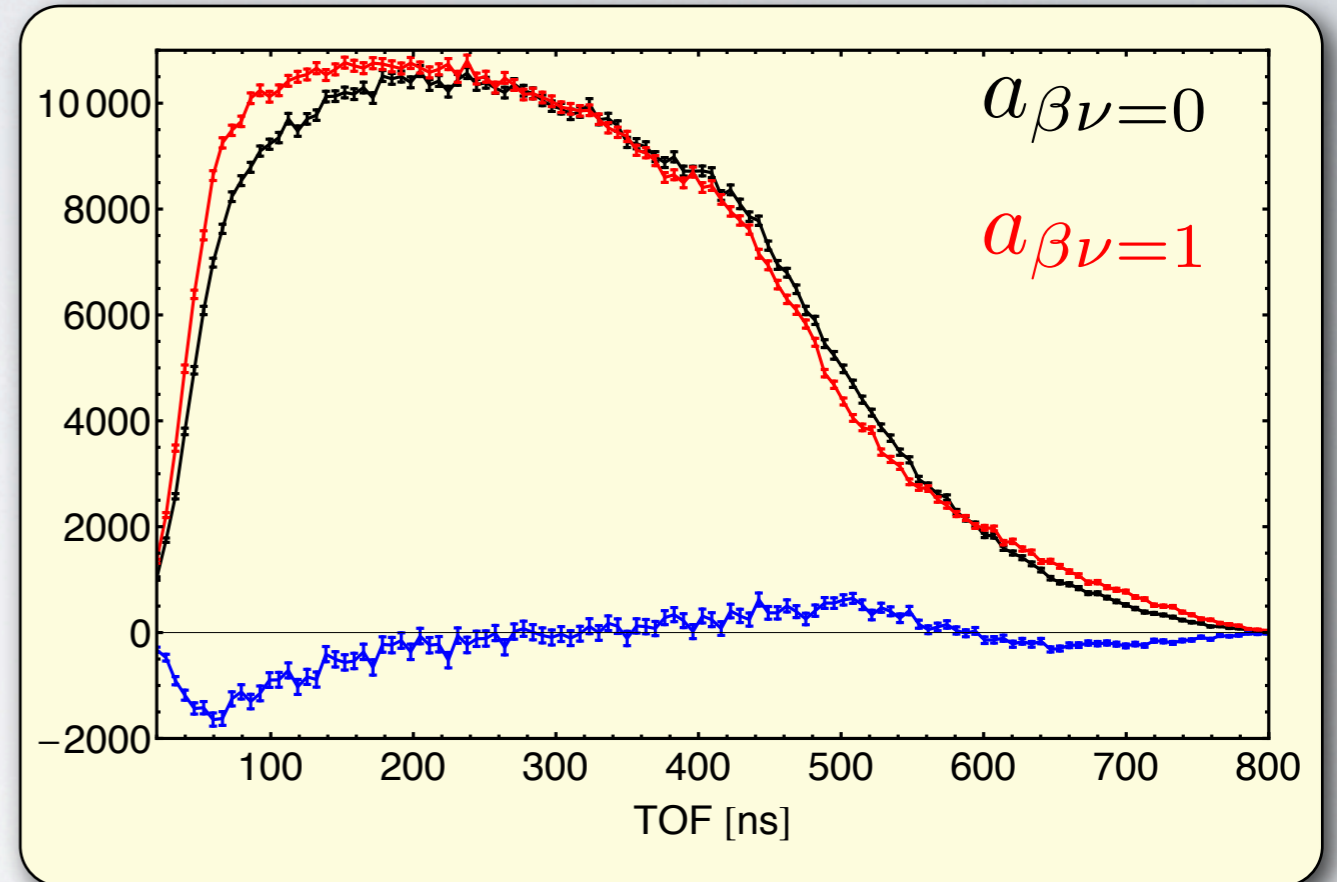
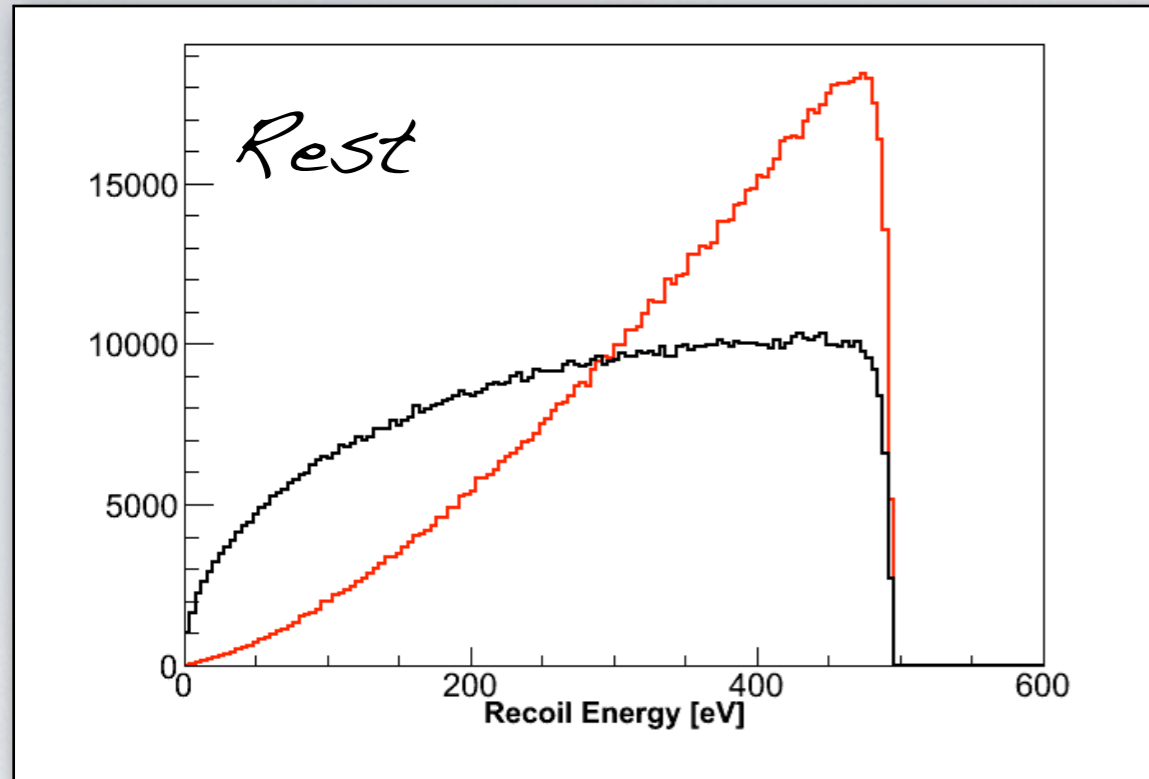


For  $^{39}\text{Ca}$   $E_0 \sim 6 \text{ MeV}$

$E_{recoil} \sim 550 \text{ eV}$

# Measuring $a_{\beta\nu}$

## *Time-of-flight Technique*



**Only recoil ion detection needed.**

**Generate templates from simulation and fit for real data (1-parameter fit).**

# Measuring $a_{\beta\nu}$

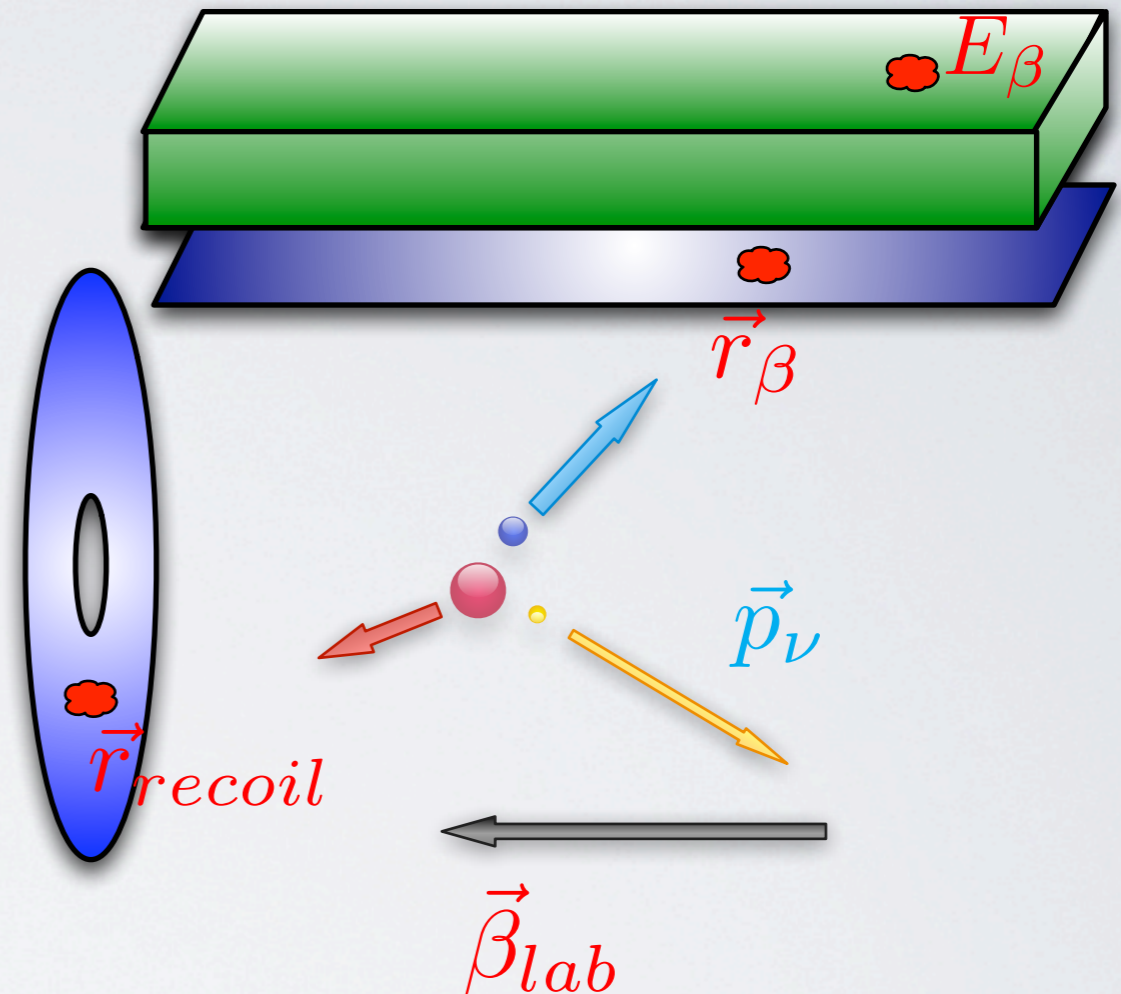
*Direct Measurement - Do we have enough observables?*

Detector setup:

- Recoil ion - MCP (Position + Time).
- $\beta$  - Silicon Strip/GEM + Scintillator (Position, Time, Energy).

Measured Quantities:

- $\beta$  4-vector:  $(E_{\beta}, \mathbf{p}_{\beta})_{lab}$ .
- Recoil 3 vector - using timing from  $\beta$ :  $(\mathbf{p}_{recoil})_{lab}$ .
- Initial ion kinetic energy:  $\beta_{lab}$  - Known from kinematic focusing.
- Recoil ion mass - from decay scheme.
- Decay position - from pickup.



$$E_{recoil} = \sqrt{M_{recoil}^2 + \vec{P}_{recoil}^2}$$

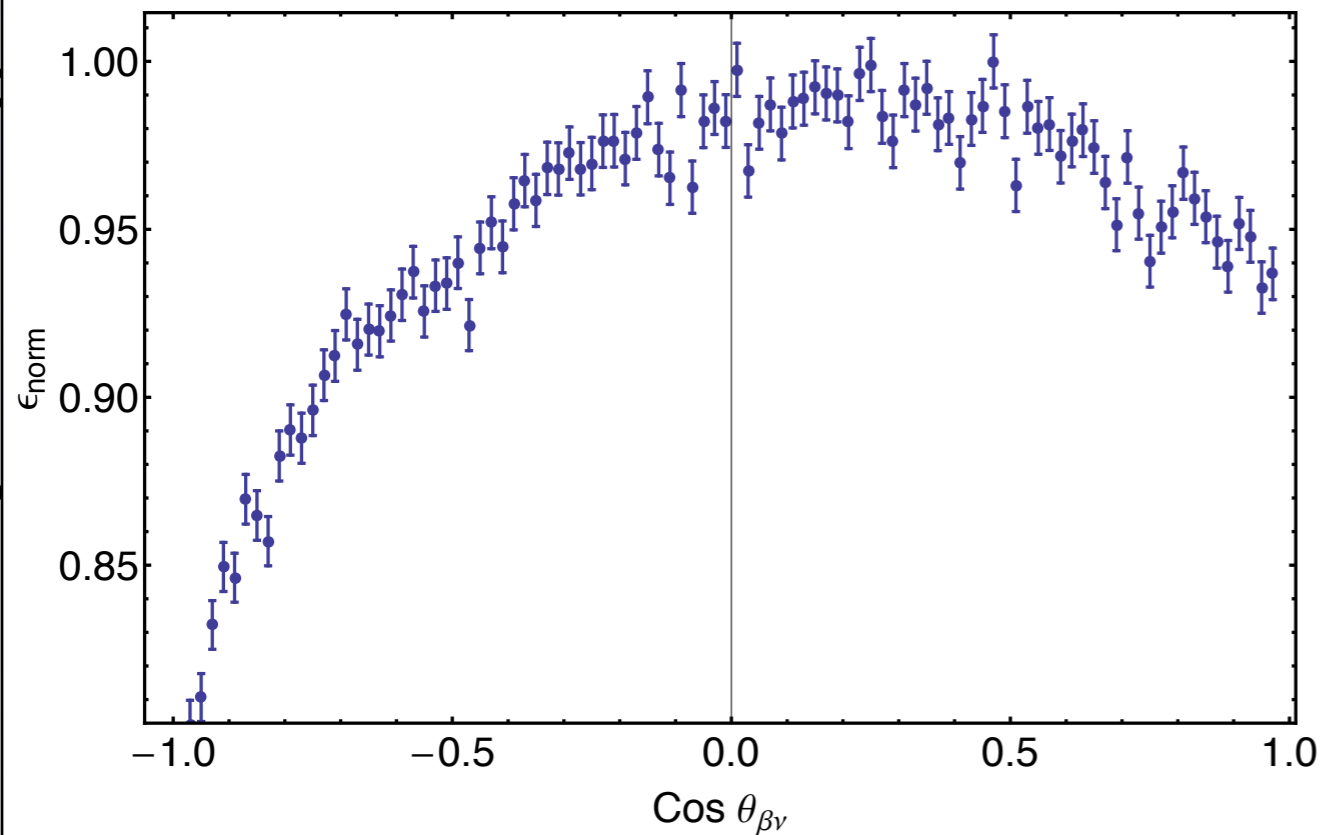
$$\underline{P}_{recoil}^{rest} = \Lambda(-\beta_{lab}) \underline{P}_{recoil}^{lab}$$

$$\underline{P}_{\beta} = \Lambda(-\beta_{lab}) \underline{P}_{\beta}^{lab} (\sim \underline{P}_{\beta}^{lab})$$

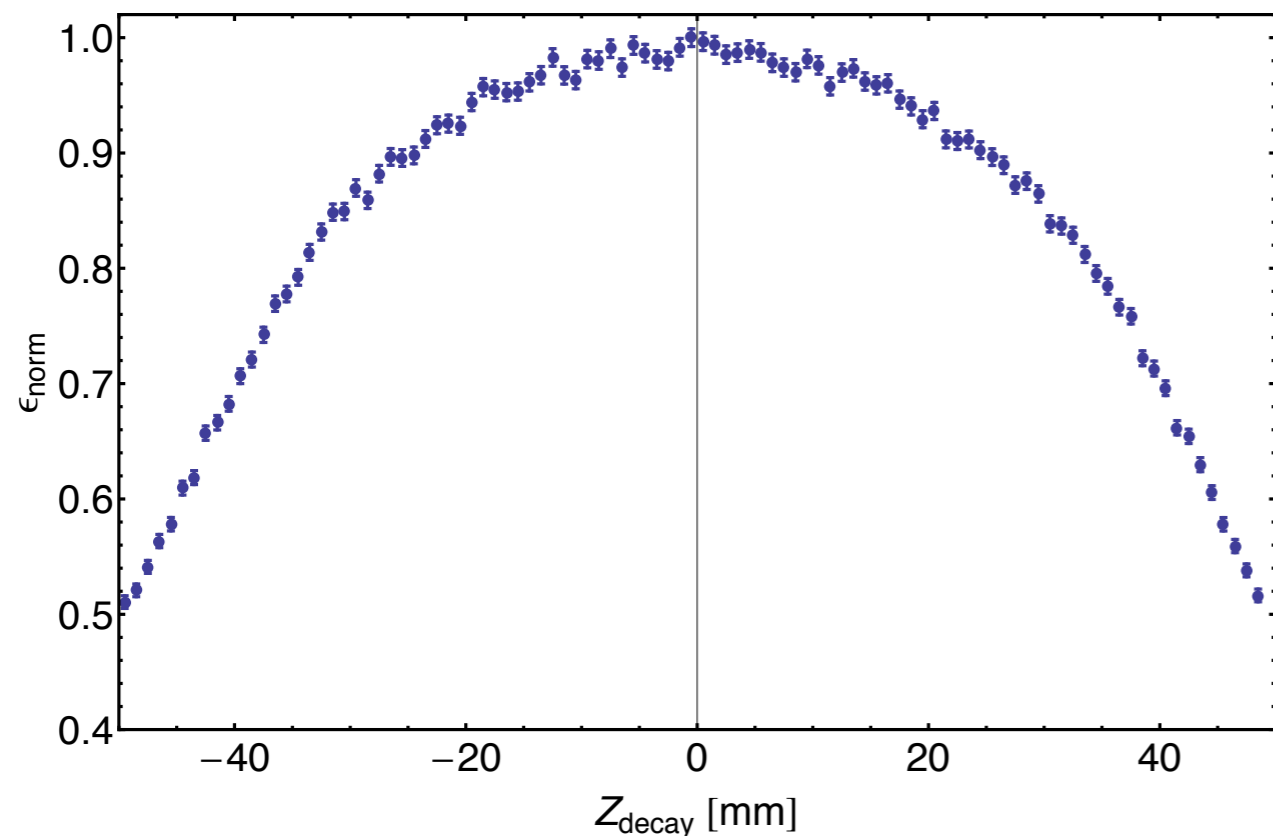
$$\underline{P}_{\nu} = -\underline{P}_{\beta} - \underline{P}_{recoil}$$

$$\cos \theta_{\beta\nu} = \frac{\vec{p}_{\beta} \cdot \vec{p}_{\nu}}{|\vec{p}_{\beta}| |\vec{p}_{\nu}|}$$

# Measuring $a_{\beta\nu}$



**But still need to correct for non-uniform detection efficiency (position/angle).**



**Accurate simulation of trap + detectors still needed.**

# Statistical Aside

*How does this stack up?*

Compare with  $^{21}\text{Na}$ :

LBL  $^{21}\text{Na}$  experiment needed  $3.6 \times 10^6$  decays (in 66h) to get 0.7% statistical uncertainty.

$\tau_{1/2}(^{21}\text{Na}) = 22.49 \text{ sec.}$

For the ES Trap:

Trap lifetime (measurement time)  $\sim 300 \text{ msec}$

Trap population =  $10^4$  ions

Duty factor: 1 injection / 3 sec ( $f = 0.1$ ).

Detection Efficiency:  $\varepsilon = 0.3$

*Conservative*

*Estimates*

$$R = 10^4 \left( 1 - e^{-\tau_{\text{trap}}/\tau_{1/2}} \right) \cdot f \cdot \varepsilon \sim 66 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

$$T_{3.6 \cdot 10^6} \sim 15 \text{ h}$$

# Polarization Dependent Observables

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\beta d\Omega_\beta d\Omega_\nu} \propto \xi \left\{ 1 + a \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + b \frac{m}{E_e} + c \left[ \frac{1}{3} \frac{\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} - \frac{(\vec{p}_e \cdot \vec{j})(\vec{p}_\nu \cdot \vec{j})}{E_e E_\nu} \right] \right. \\ \left. \left[ \frac{J(J+1) - 3 \langle (\vec{J} \cdot \vec{j})^2 \rangle}{J(2J-1)} \right] + \frac{\langle \vec{J} \rangle}{J} \cdot \left[ A \frac{\vec{p}_e}{E_e} + B \frac{\vec{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D \frac{\vec{p}_e \times \vec{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} \right] \right\}$$

- Requires polarization of initial sample.
- Measurement typically of position asymmetry.
- Usually flip field for systematic control.

**But....**

- Polarization requires magnetic field (hard in MOT / Ion Trap).
- Accurate control of polarization shifts?
- Position Asymmetry hard to measure.



# Polarization in $\beta$ -Decay Studies

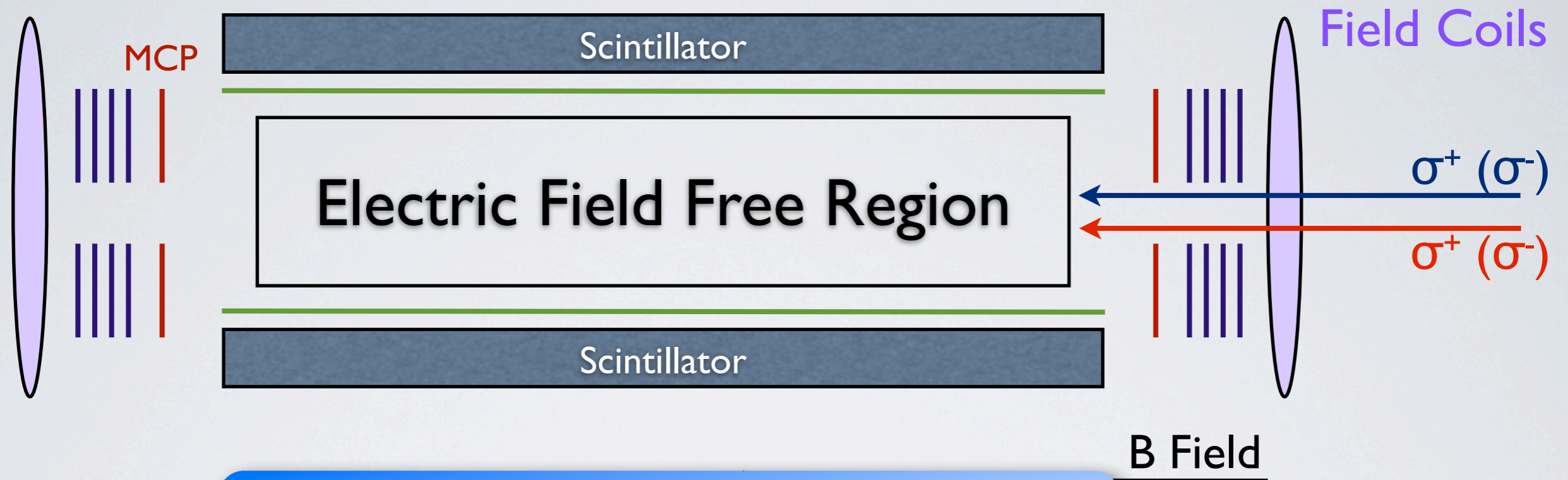
*Neat trick*



- Add on-axis magnetic field for Zeeman splitting.
- On-axis field does not effect the trajectories ( $V \times B = 0$ ).
- Polarize ions with circularly polarized lasers.
- Due to large doppler shift (high energy ions)  $\rightarrow$  two independent ion populations (parallel / anti-parallel).
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*Pretty much only possible in optical and ES traps*

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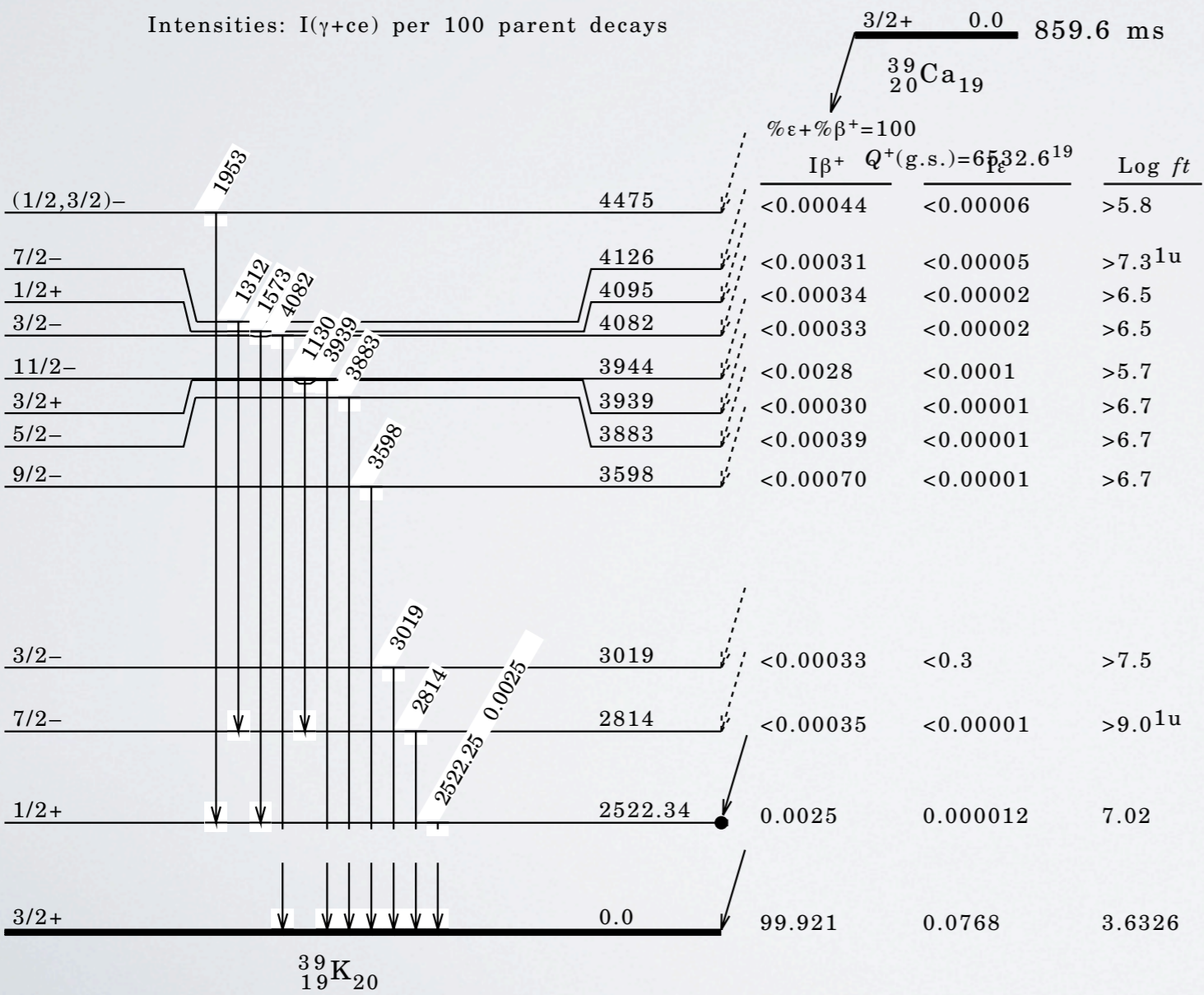
# EXAMPLE <sup>39</sup>K

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Translates to TOF on MCPs

Decay Scheme

Intensities: I(γ+ce) per 100 parent decays

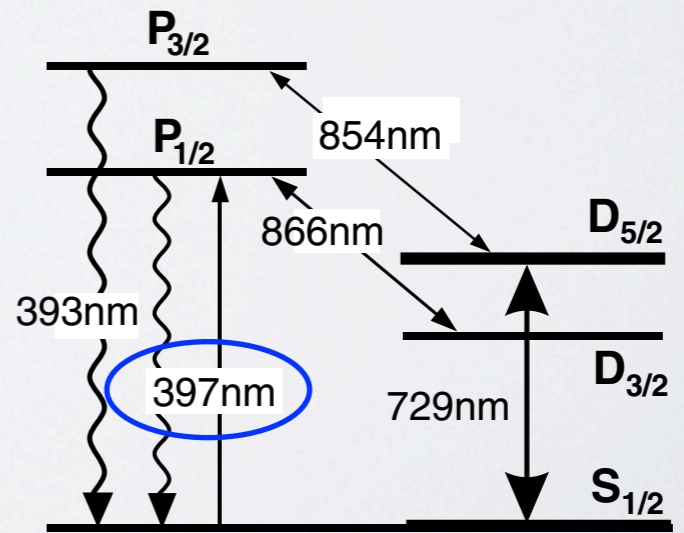


Mirror decay 3/2<sup>+</sup> → 3/2<sup>+</sup>  
 Combination GF and F but calculable

Q = 6.532 MeV

τ<sub>1/2</sub> = 860 ms

For 4.2keV ~360GHz doppler shift →  
 720GHz separation.



# “High Energy” Chemistry (IV)

## *An experiment looking for a theorist*

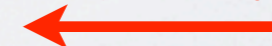
- Production of radioactive molecules / dimer / clusters is fairly trivial (usually a side effect of the production of radioactive atoms / ions).
- Ionization of such molecules - also trivial.
- ES trap can easily trap molecules of hundreds of amu (also used for bio-molecules).
- Radioactive decay dumps a lot of energy and momentum into the decay products.
- Time scale for decay / emission of shakeoff products is effectively instantaneous.



- Detect molecular decays in ES trap.
- Energy / Momentum sharing between decay products (electronic interaction timescales?).
- Angular correlation in decays (potential?).
- High detection efficiency.
- Mass resolution good enough for selection of different numbers of radioactive atoms in clusters

$$\frac{{}^{23}\text{Na}_4 - {}^{21}\text{Na}{}^{23}\text{Na}_3}{{}^4\text{Na}_{23}} \sim \frac{2}{92}$$
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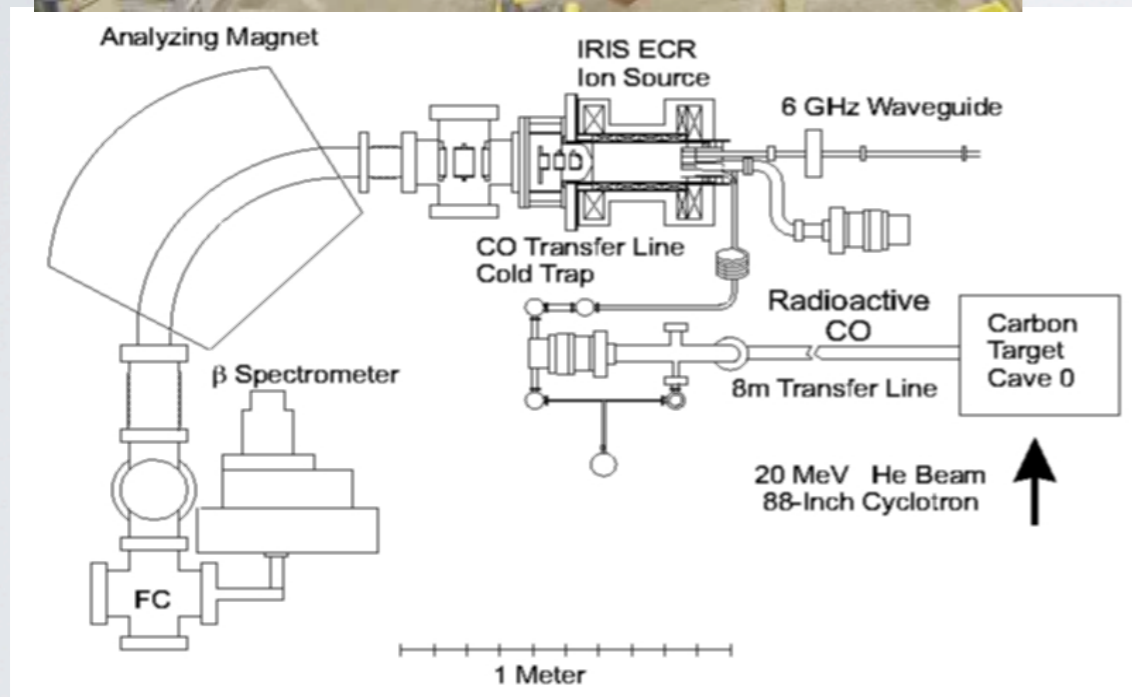
**Trivial**



# Where are we now?



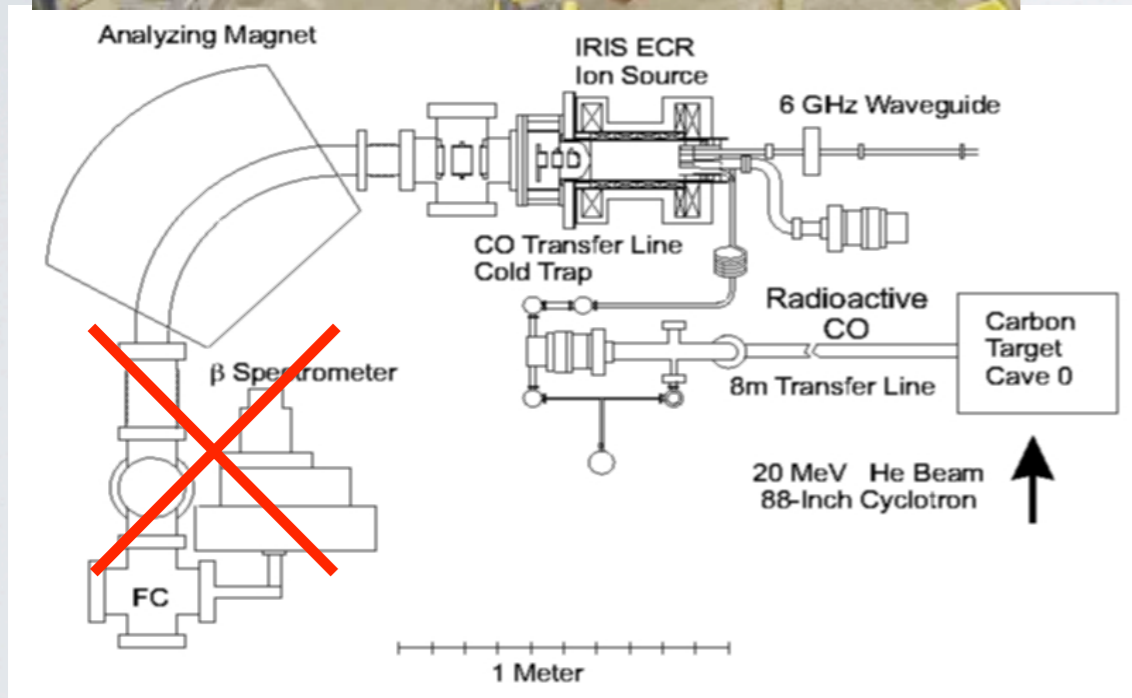
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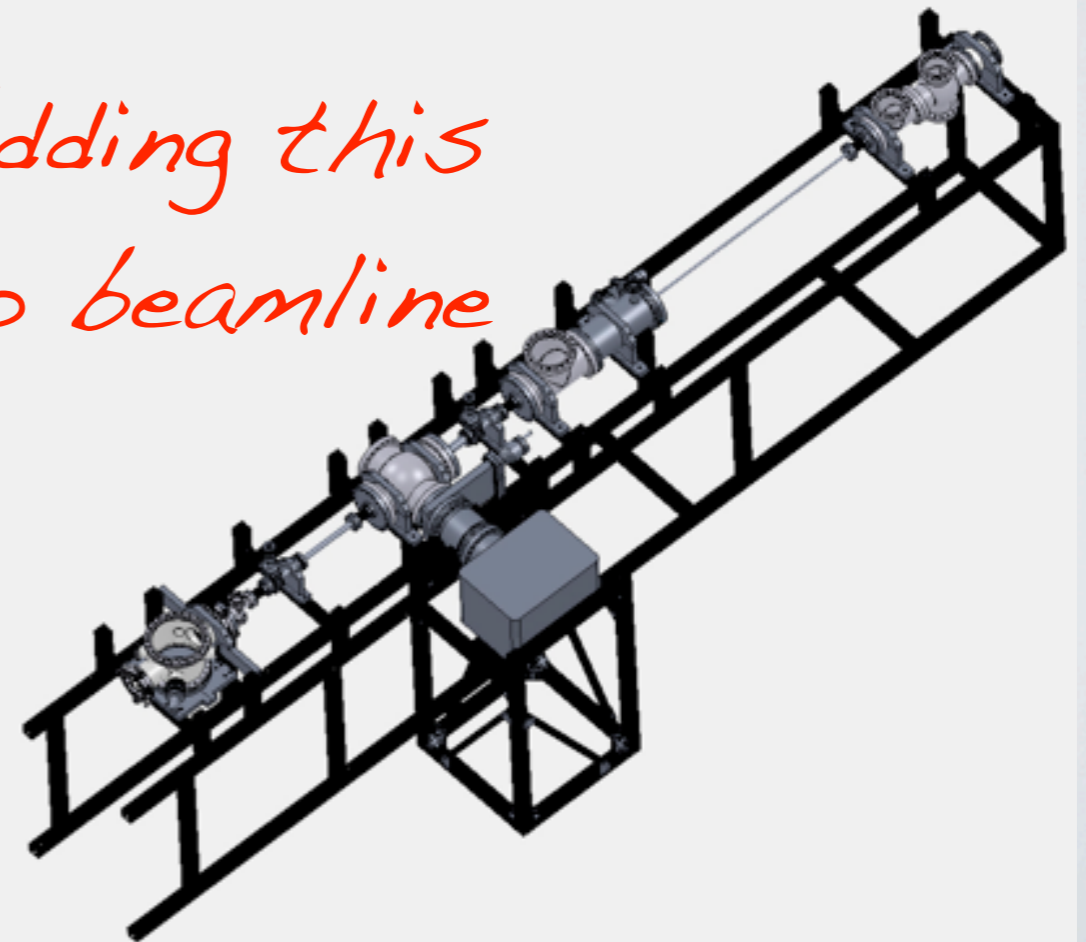
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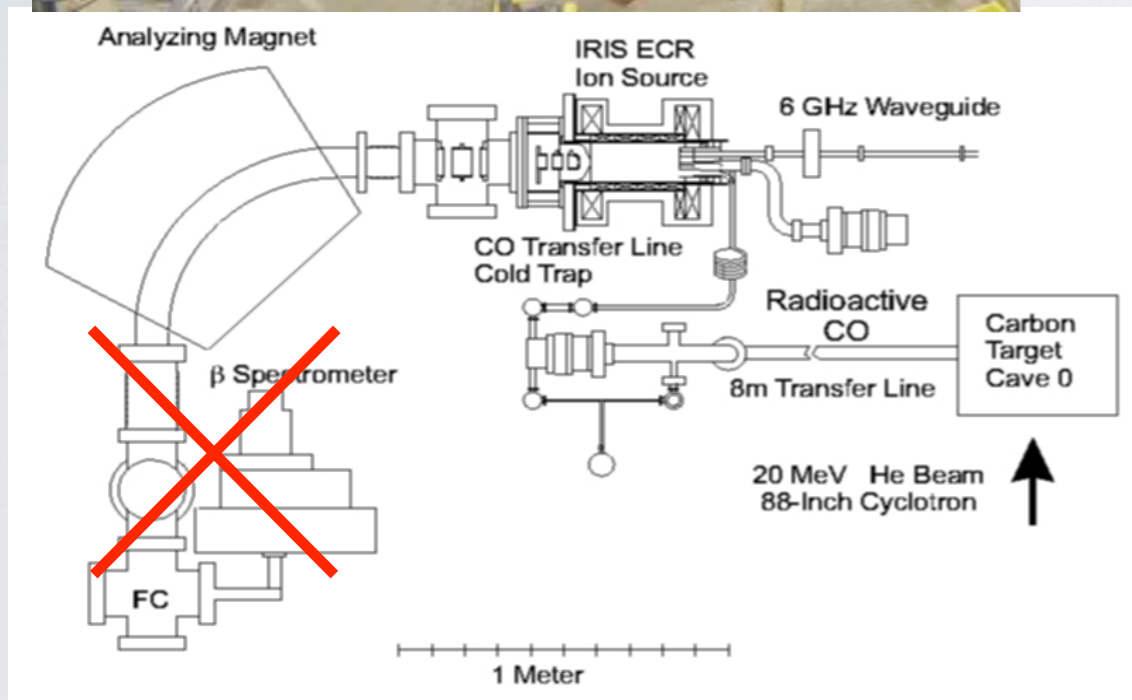
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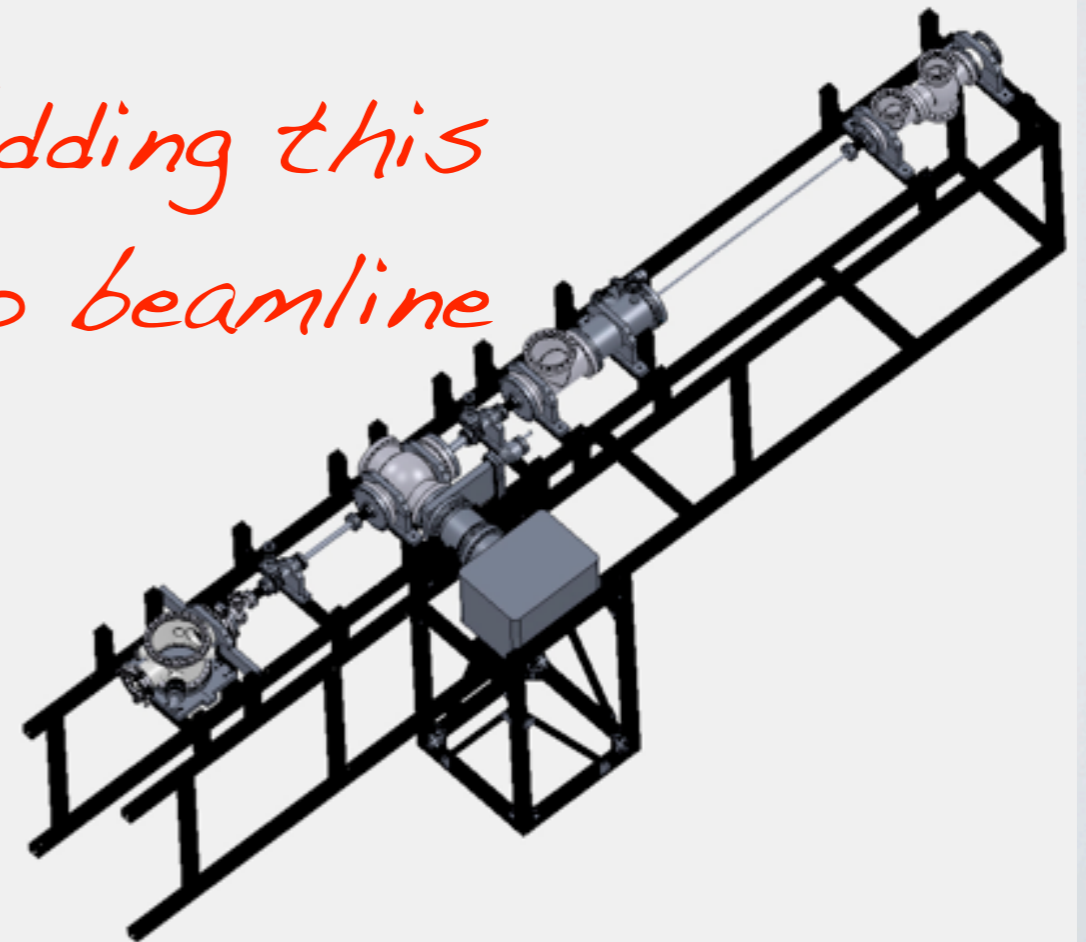
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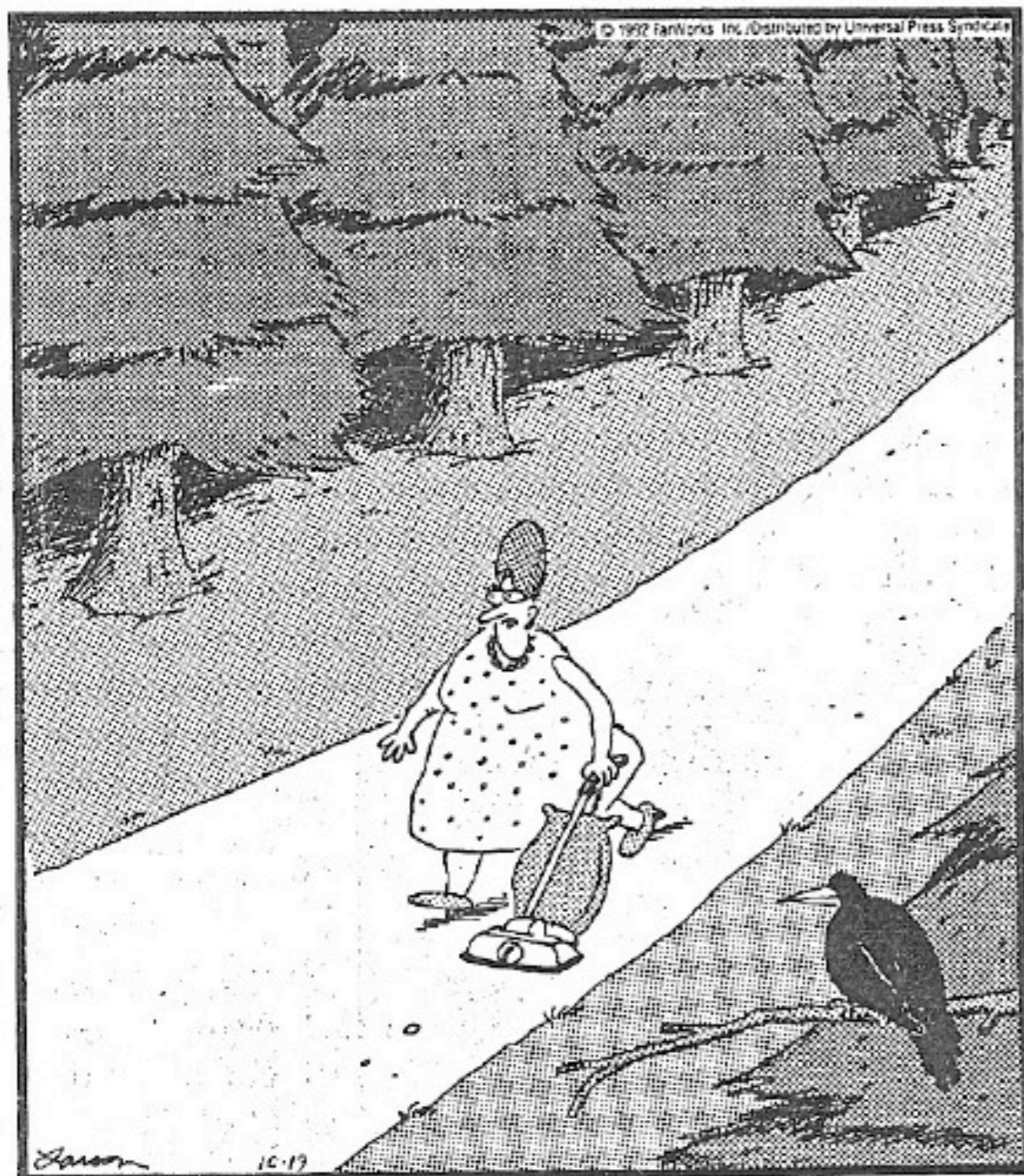


*Adding this to beamline*



*Developing targets for  $^{35}\text{Ar}$  and  $^{18}\text{Ne}$*

## THE FAR SIDE • Gary Larson



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*Trap lifetime essentially determined by vacuum*

*Problem:*

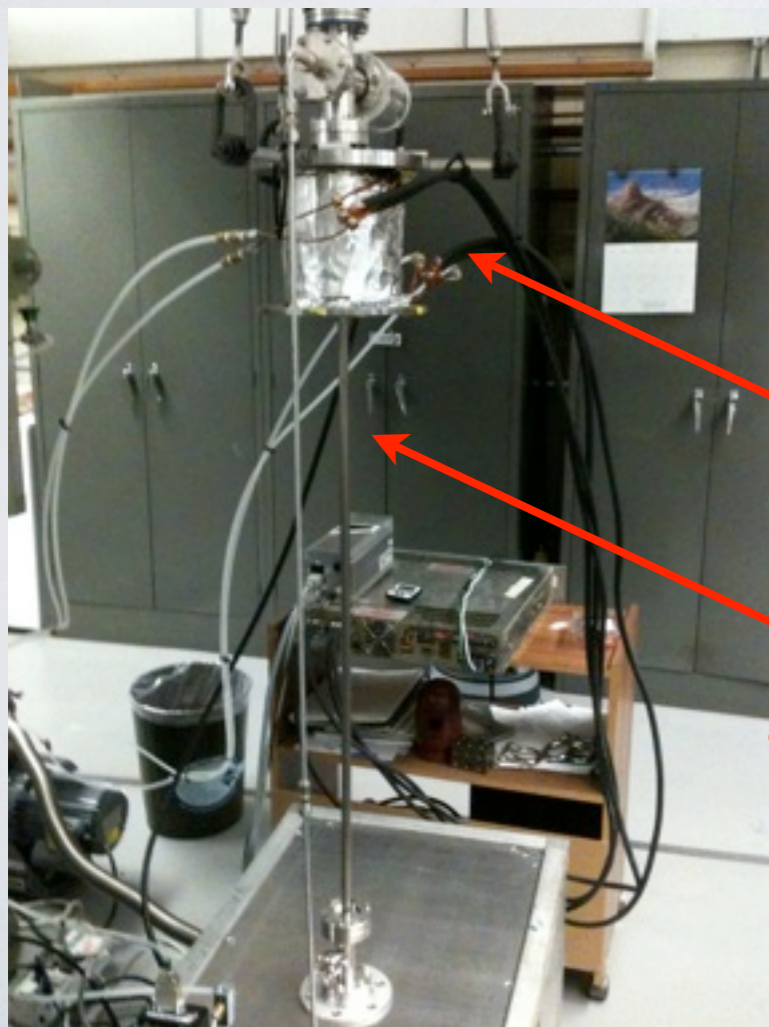
*How do we get from  $10^{-7}$  Torr to  $10^{-12}$  in a few meters*

*Differential Pumping with a twist*

# Non Evaporable Getter (NEG)

- Ti alloy which when absorbs residual gasses in the vacuum (pretty much anything except noble gases).
- Originally developed as a "NEG pump" by SAES getters.

*A page from the LHC playbook  
Thin-film deposition of NEG in beamline*



*Developed magnetron sputtering system for NEG.  
Designed to coat long, thin, tubes (in other  
words - differential pumping stages).*

*400G DI water cooled  
magnet (axial field)*

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Cathode wire inside tubes  
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**Easily achieving speeds of  
 $1-2 \text{ l sec}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$**

*em for NEG.*

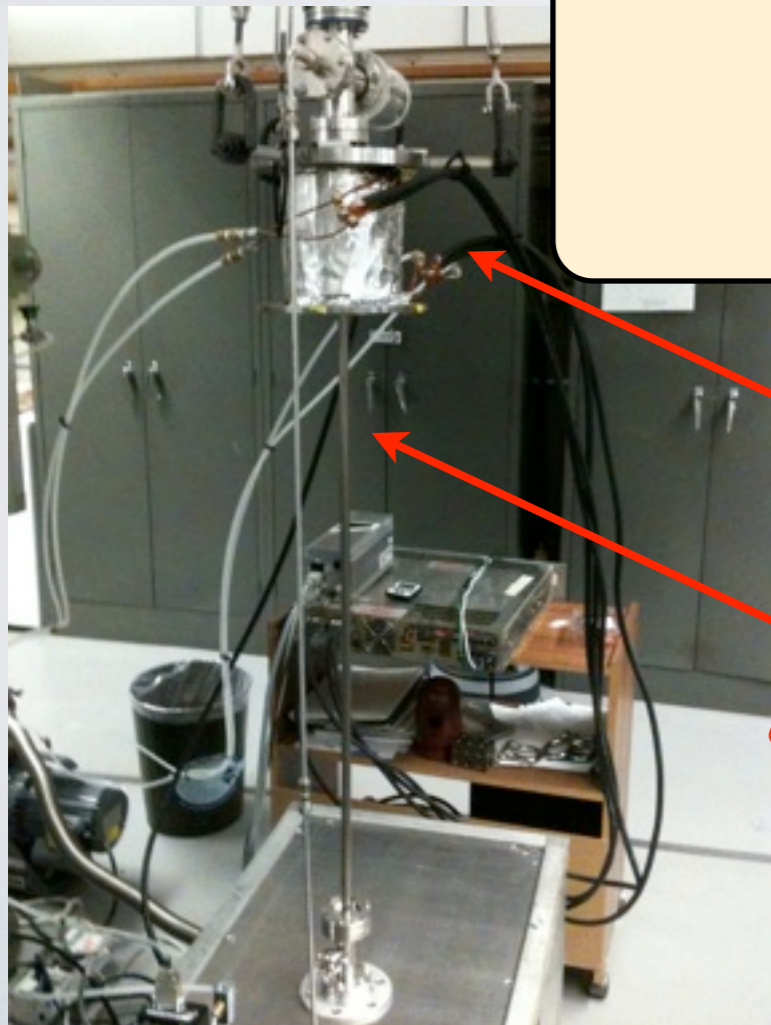
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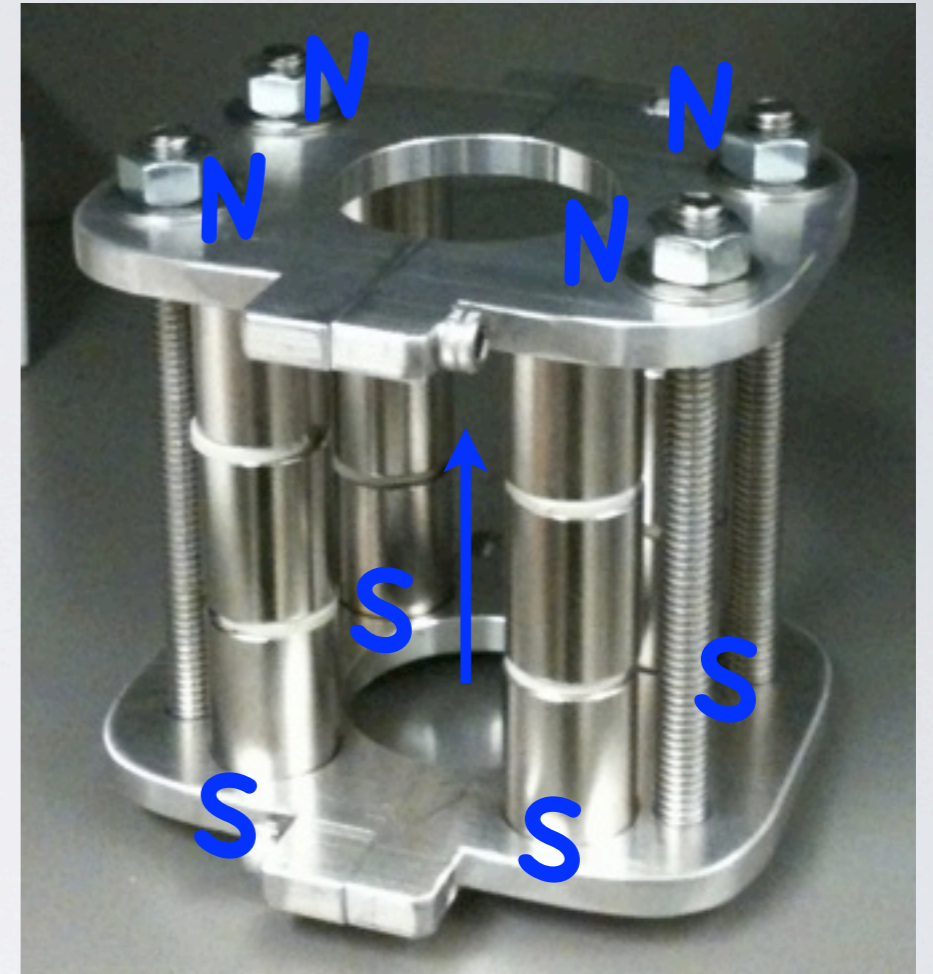
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# Electrostatic Trap

## NEG - Phase II

- Currently requires air core solenoid.
  - Water cooling (>1kW).
  - Heavy magnet.
  - High current power supply (~200A required).
- Working on replacement system using permanent magnets.
  - High field Nd magnets.
  - No cooling required.
  - Light.
  - Non-Uniform field, but probably uniform enough on and near axis.
  - Clamshell design for easy installation.
  - Measured 560G on axis!
- Achieving ~ the same deposition rate in a much simpler system.



# Future Studies

(Undergraduate/Graduate Projects/Theses)

- Production methods.
- Transverse/Longitudinal cooling of ion bunch:
  - Laser cooling.
  - Stochastic cooling.
  - Light ion cooling.
- Detection Schemes:
  - Initially image charge detection (pickup).
  - Optical (laser).
  - Single ion detection (Relevant for SHE)? SQUID?
- Ion beam polarization.
- Detector design for  $\beta$  - position + energy:
  - SSD + Scintillator.
  - Thick GEM + Scintillator.
- Detector design for recoil ion (should not interfere with bunch).
- Production schemes for rare ions.

# Summary

- It is possible to circumvent Earnshaw's theorem by **electrostatic** trapping of a **moving bunch of ions**.
- Trap design is extremely **simple and cheap** (much more so than conventional ion or optical traps).
- Trap design is almost a “black box” which can be easily transported to different experimental facilities.
- Many possible applications for such a trap exist:
  - Mass spectrometry.
  - Beyond SM searches.
  - “High energy chemistry”.
  - Many more not talked about (Chemistry / Biology / ...).
- Ongoing development at LBL.

BACKUP

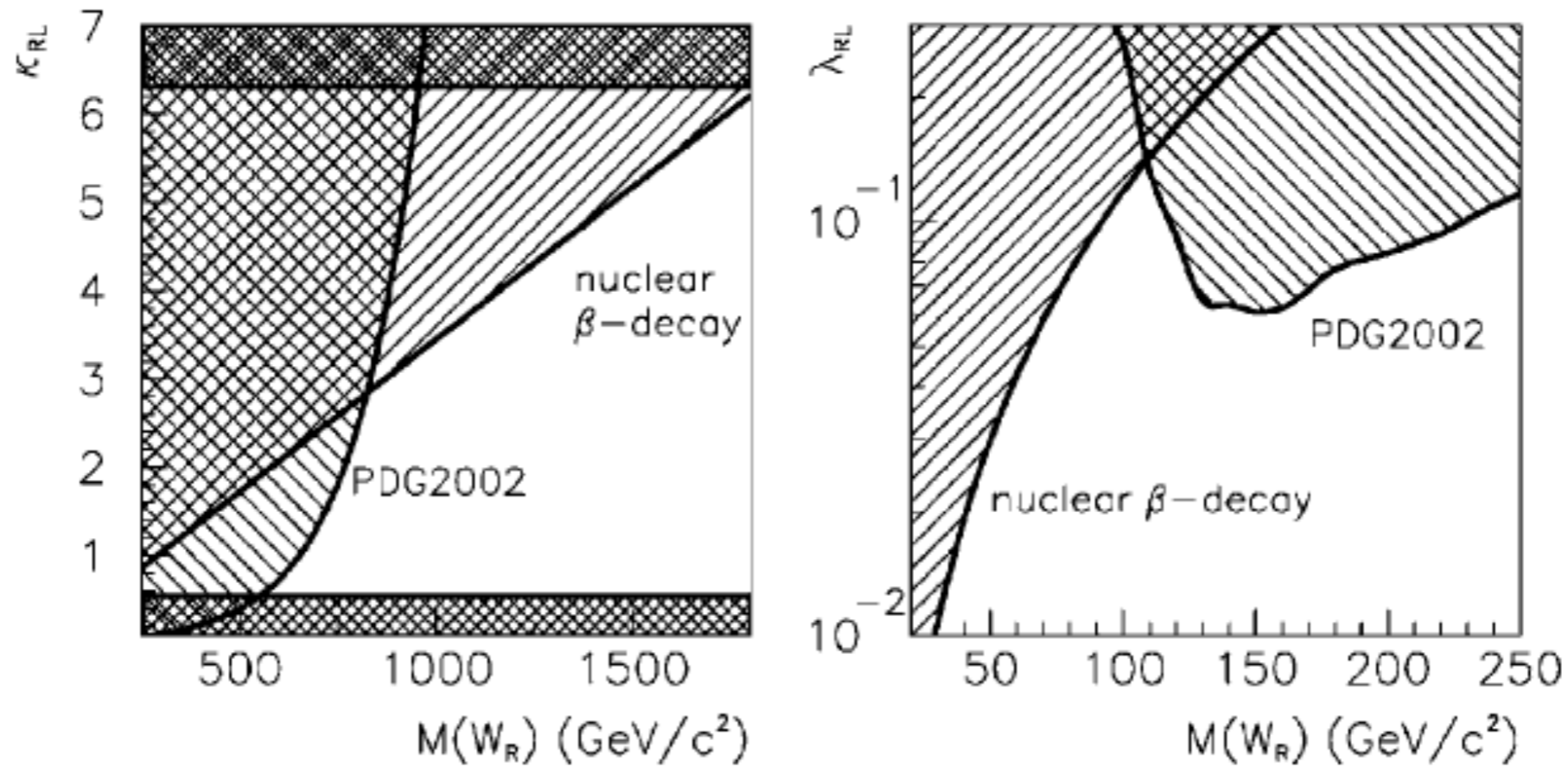


FIG. 28. Exclusion plots on parameters of generalized left-right symmetric extensions of the standard model. The parameter  $\kappa_{RL} = g_R/g_L$  characterizes the intrinsic gauge coupling of the right-handed sector relative to the left-handed one, while  $\lambda_{RL} = |V_{ud}^R|/|V_{ud}^L|$  denotes the relative coupling strength of first generation quarks to a hypothetical right-handed gauge boson with mass  $M(W_R)$ . The hatched areas are excluded either by direct searches at colliders (PDG2002) or by precision experiments in nuclear  $\beta$  decay. The horizontal bands in the left panel are bounds from theory. The contours in the left panel assume  $|V_{ud}^R| = |V_{ud}^L|$ ; those in the right panel assume  $g_R = g_L$ . Adapted from [Thomas \*et al.\*, 2001](#).

$\beta$  decay sensitive to helicity of W or W' - **colliders are not**  
**Colliders insensitive to TRV**