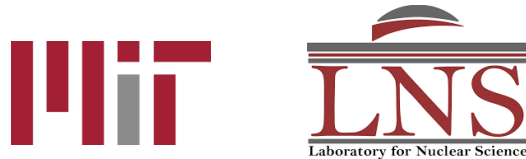




IsoDAR

Isotope Decay-At-Rest for Sterile Neutrino Searches

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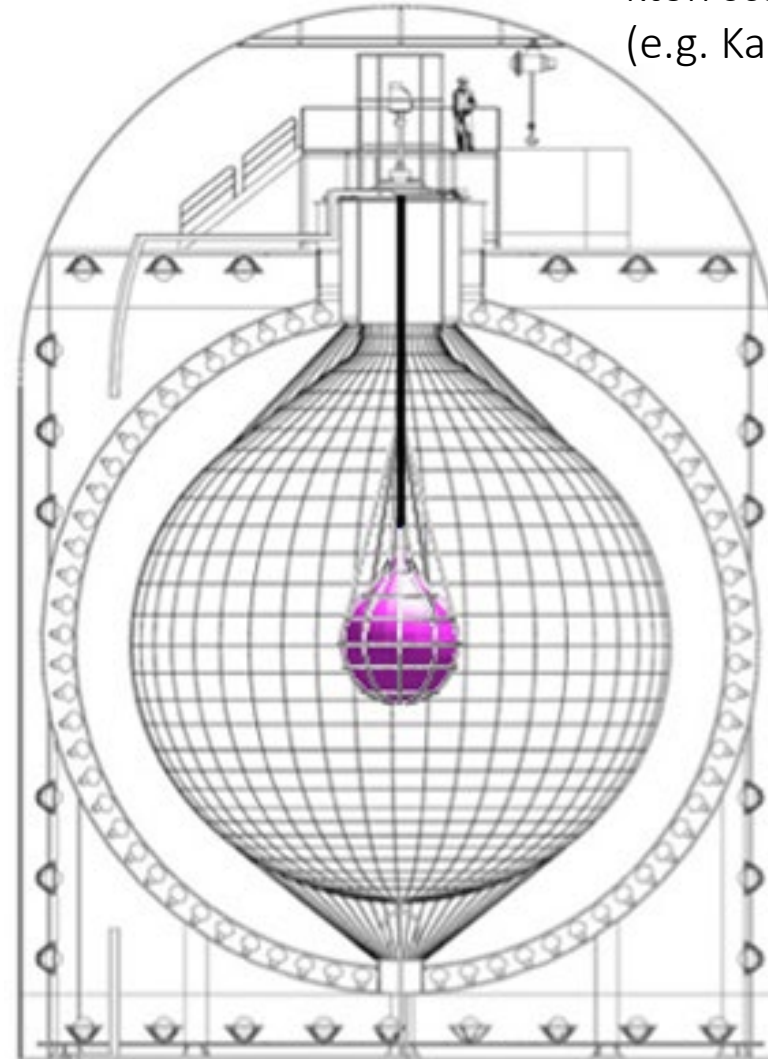
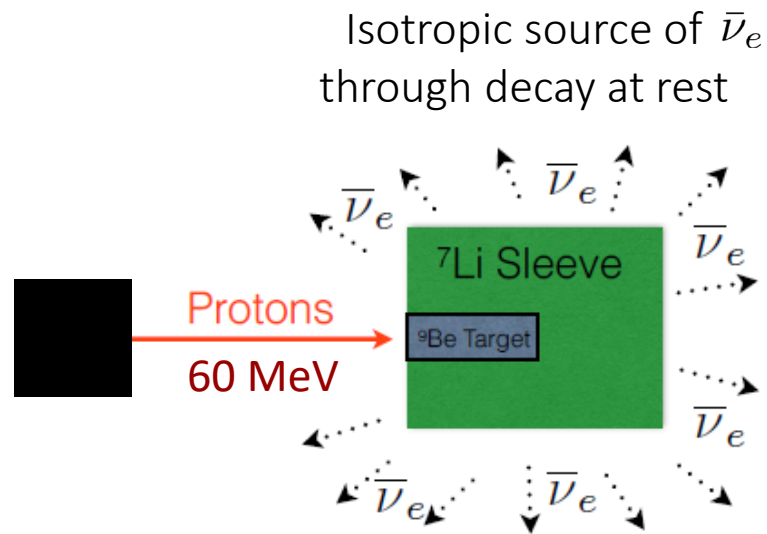
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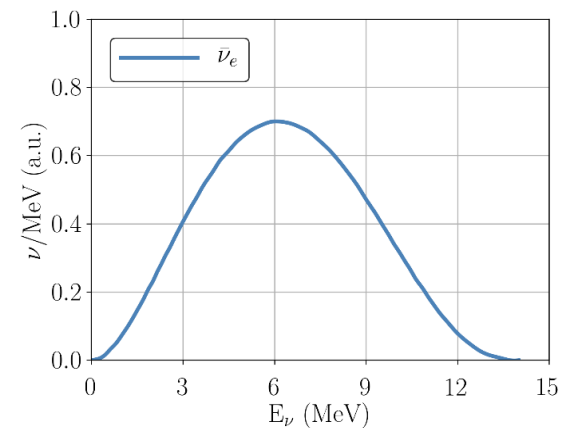
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16.5 m



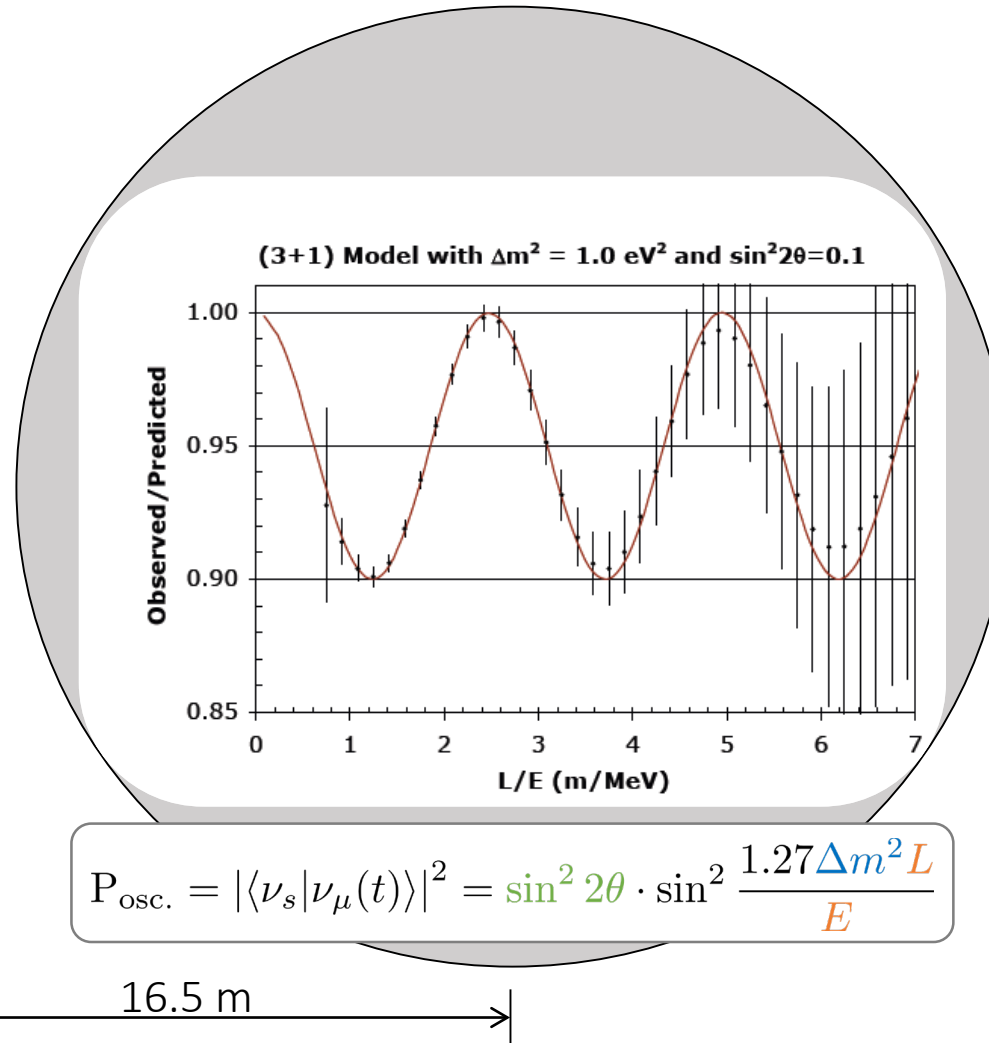
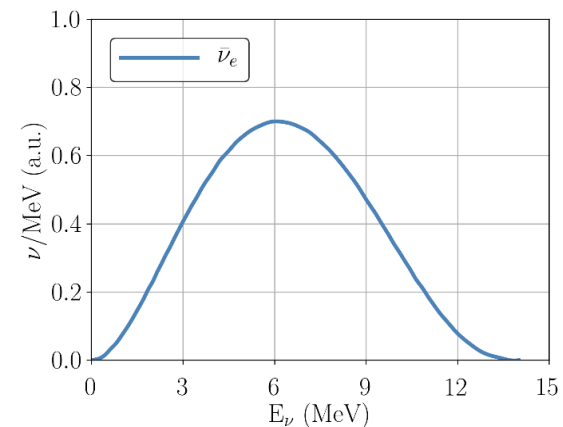
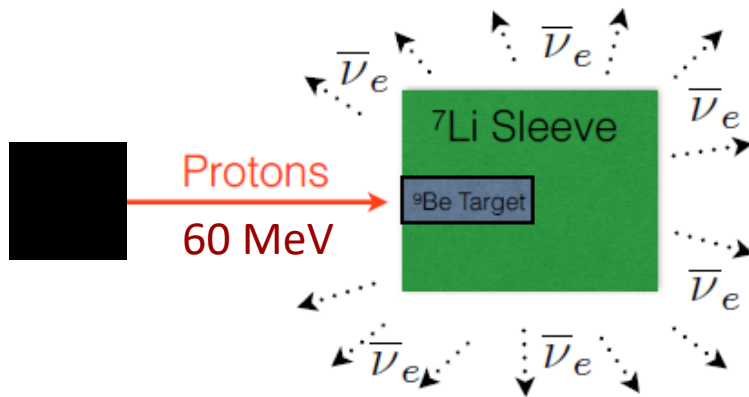
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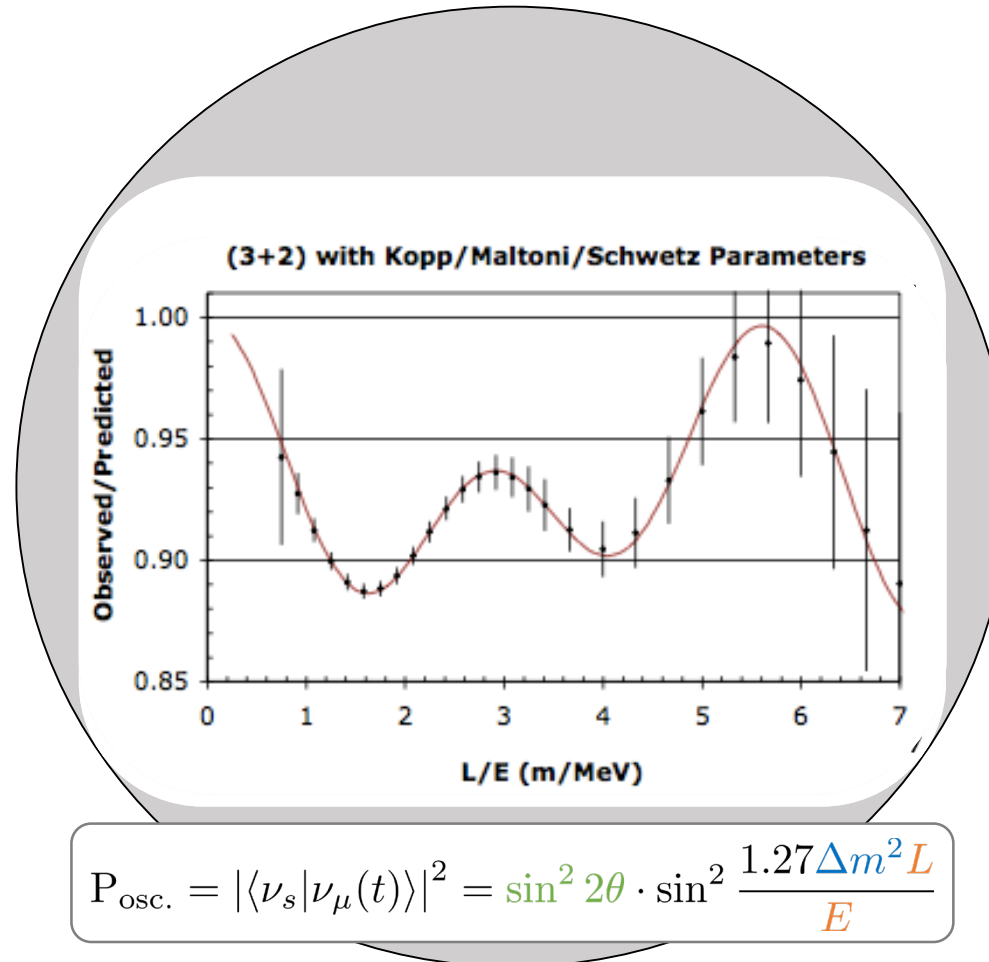
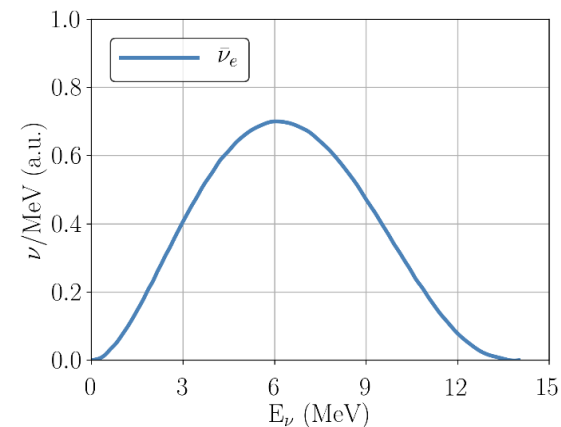
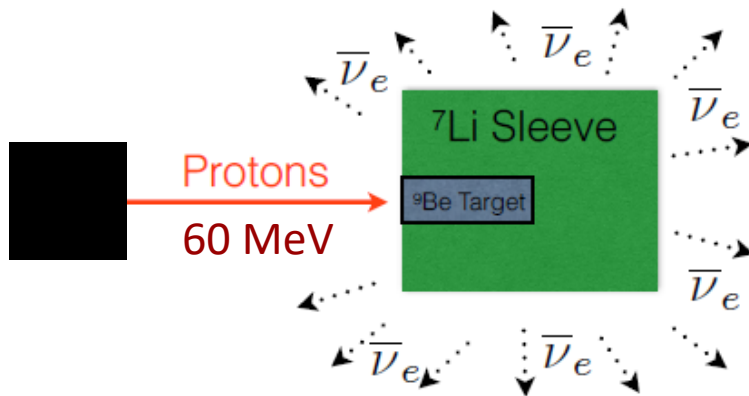
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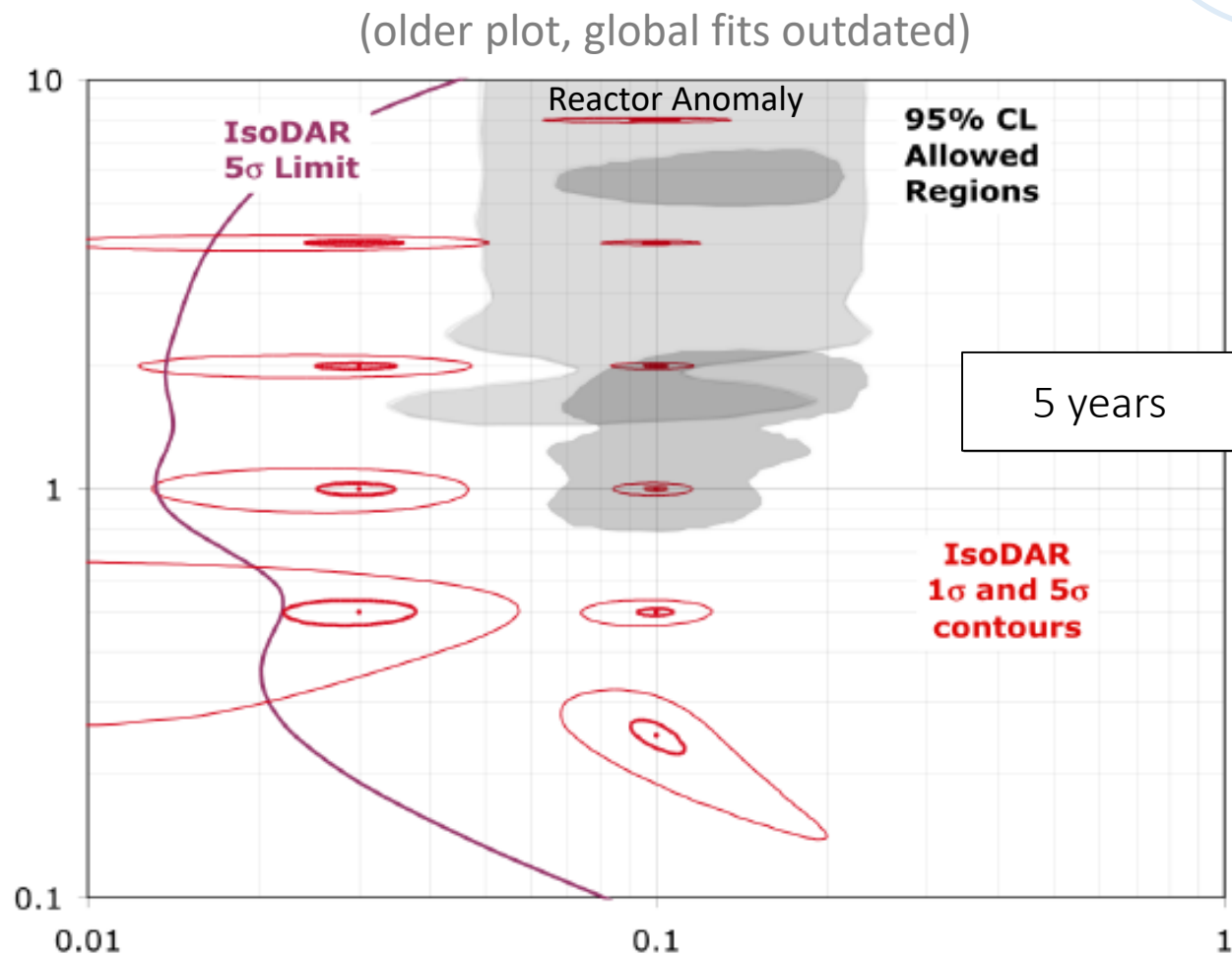
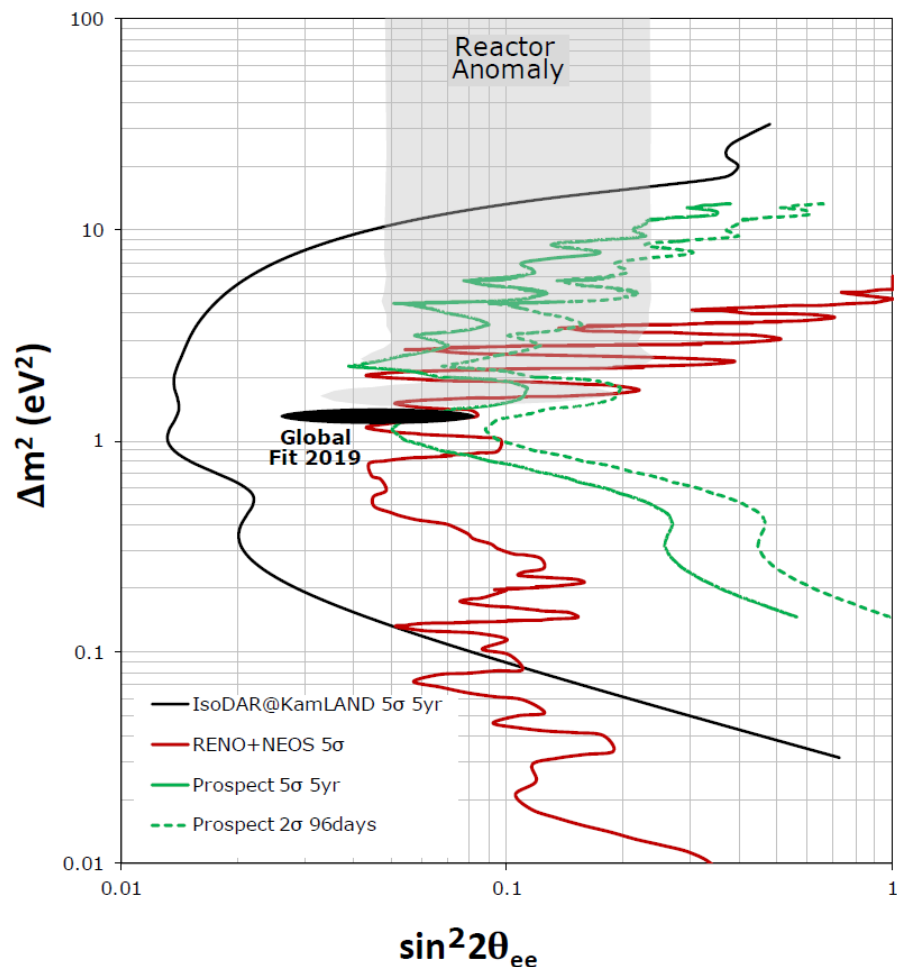
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$$P_{\text{osc.}} = |\langle \nu_s | \nu_\mu(t) \rangle|^2 = \sin^2 2\theta \cdot \sin^2 \frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 L}{E}$$

16.5 m

IsoDAR – Exclusion and simulated signals - 5 years

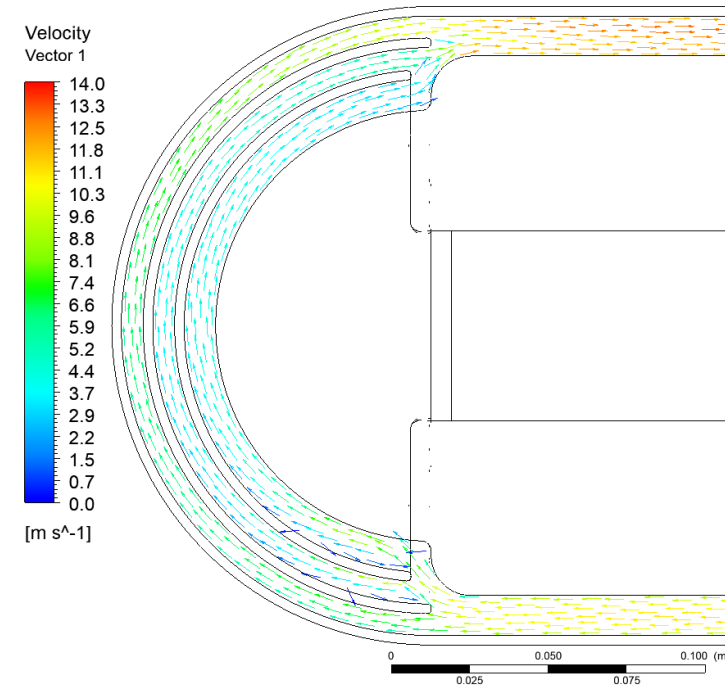
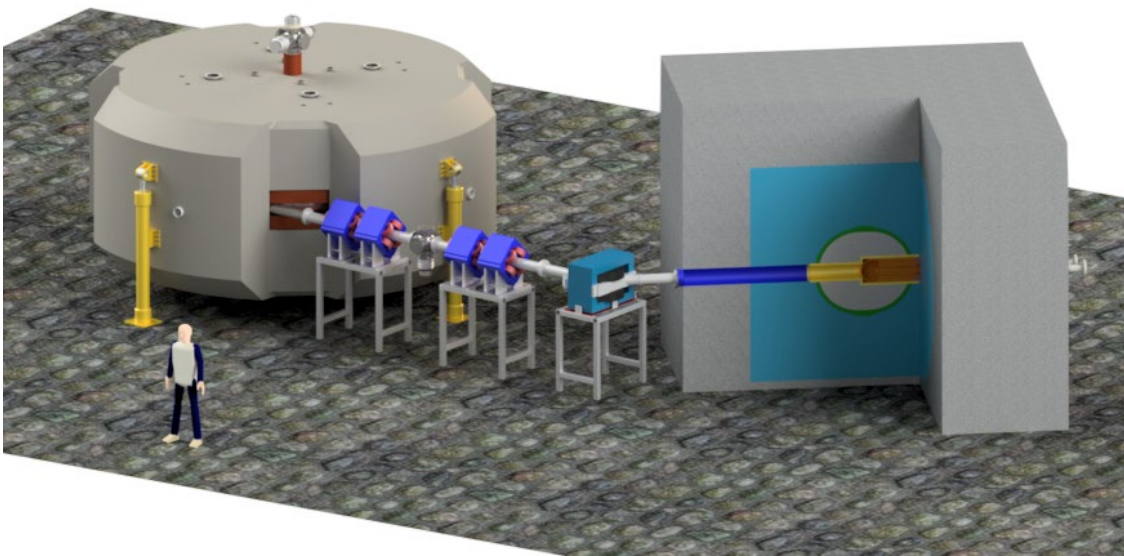


Other Physics (not necessarily @KamLAND)

- High statistics neutrino-electron scattering
 - IsoDAR@KamLAND will collect 2400 events in 5 years, a sample
 - Allow for a 3.2% measurement of $\sin^2\theta_w$
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- Measurement of low energy cross sections for supernova
 - Using other detectors with different target material
- Production of exotic particles in the target
 - E.g. dark photons

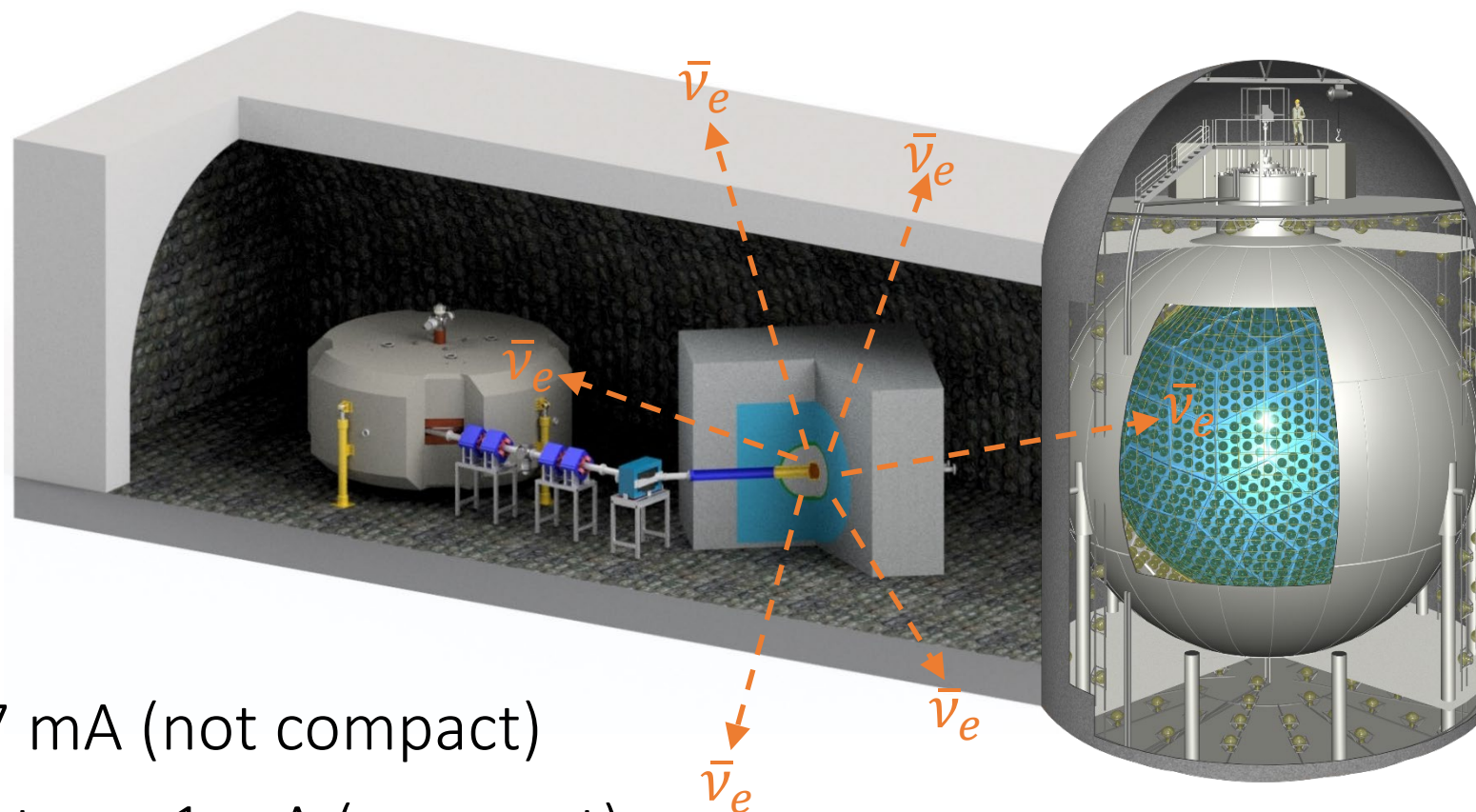
Target

- Challenge: 600 kW cw beam
- Shell structure of Be target cooled with D₂O provides cooling and adequately low thermal stresses



Cyclotrons are the best suited accelerators

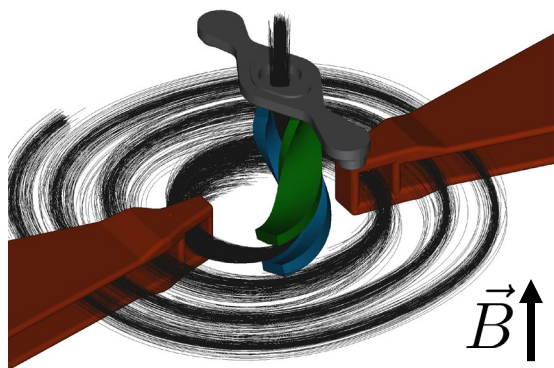
- High intensity demonstrated (1 - 2.5 mA)
- Well-understood
- Cost-effective
- Compact



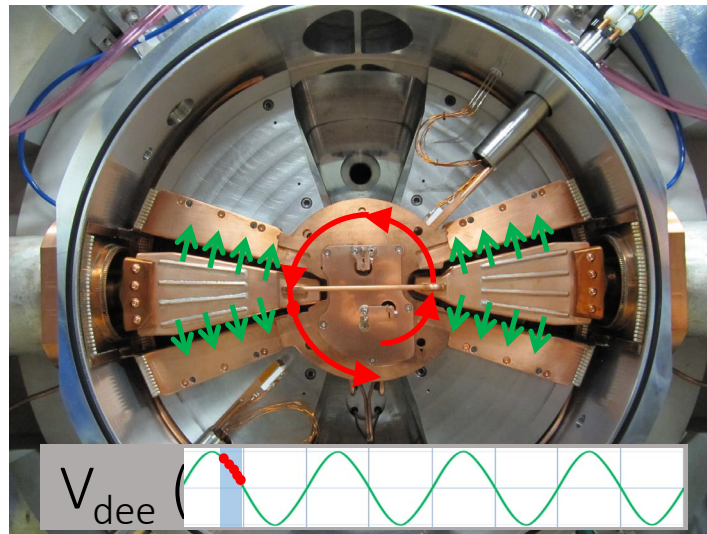
State-of-the art:

- PSI Injector II: 2.7 mA (not compact)
- Commercial cyclotron: 1 mA (compact)

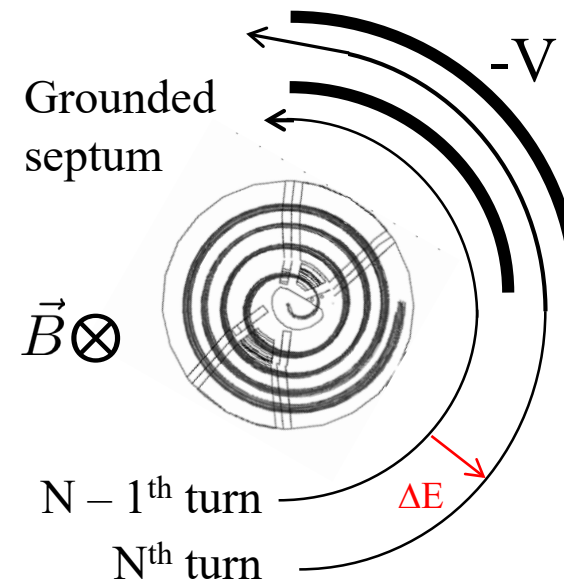
The main building blocks



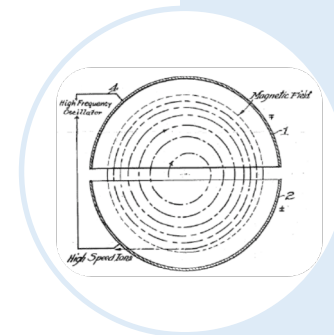
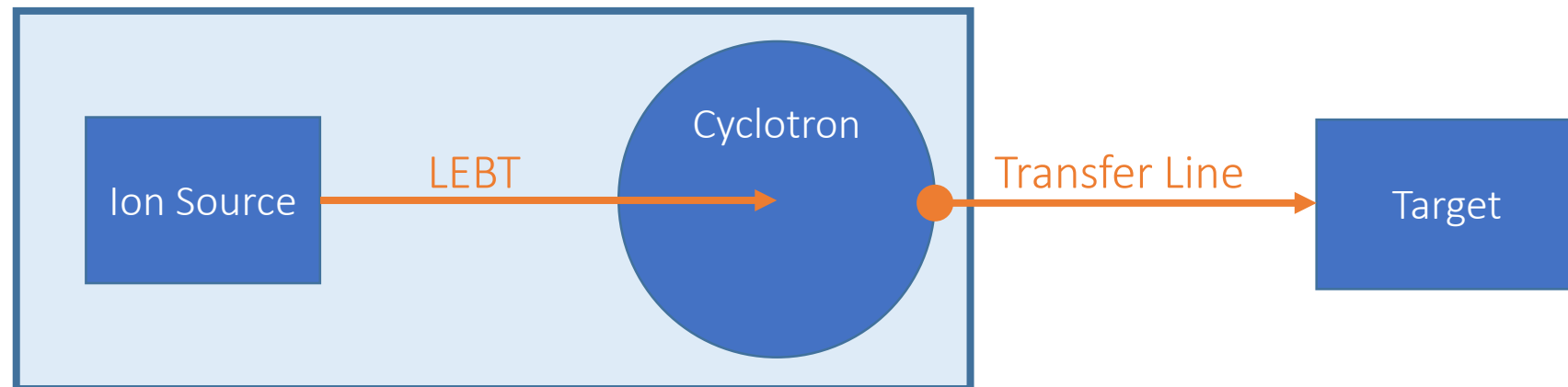
Injection



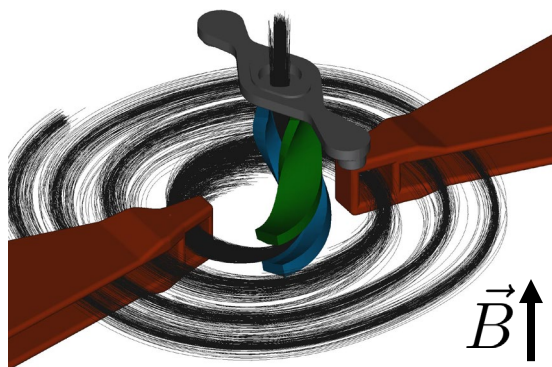
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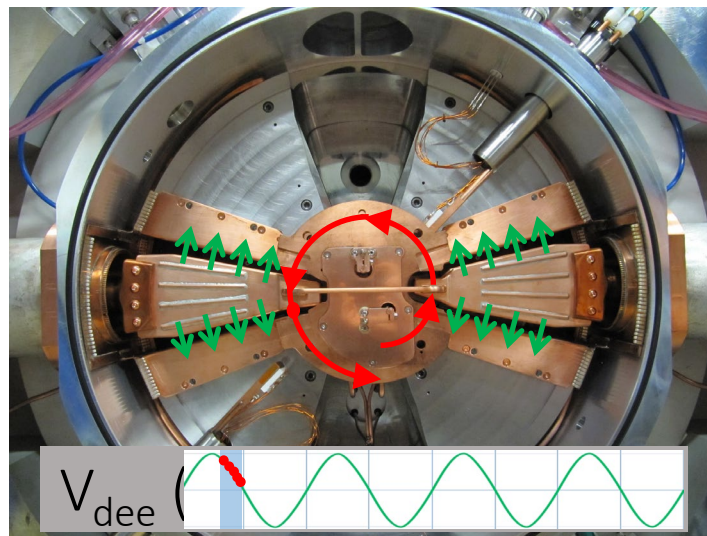
Extraction



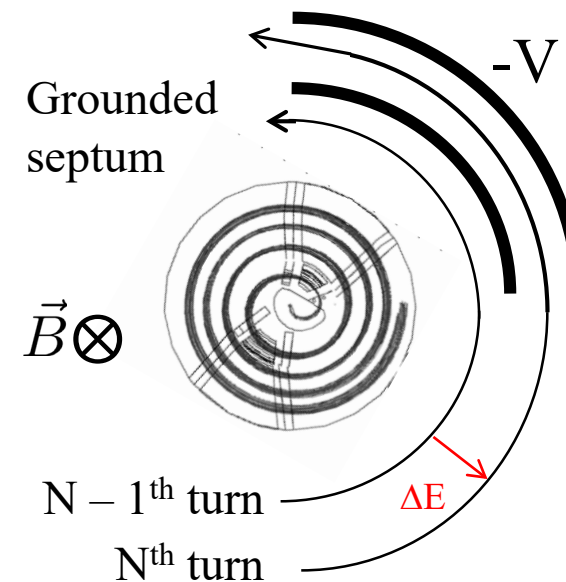
What are the challenges?



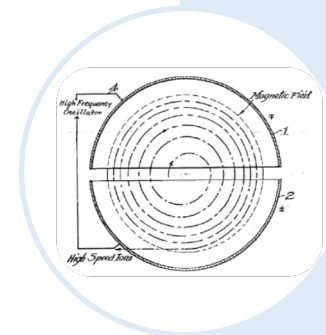
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Acceleration

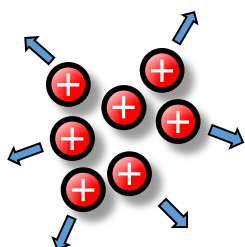


Extraction



Challenge: Space charge

- Beam growth
→ Beam loss

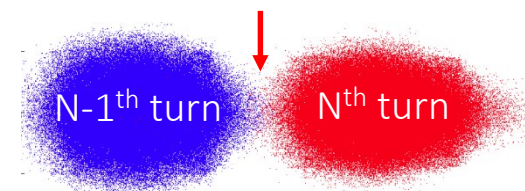


Challenge: Phase acceptance

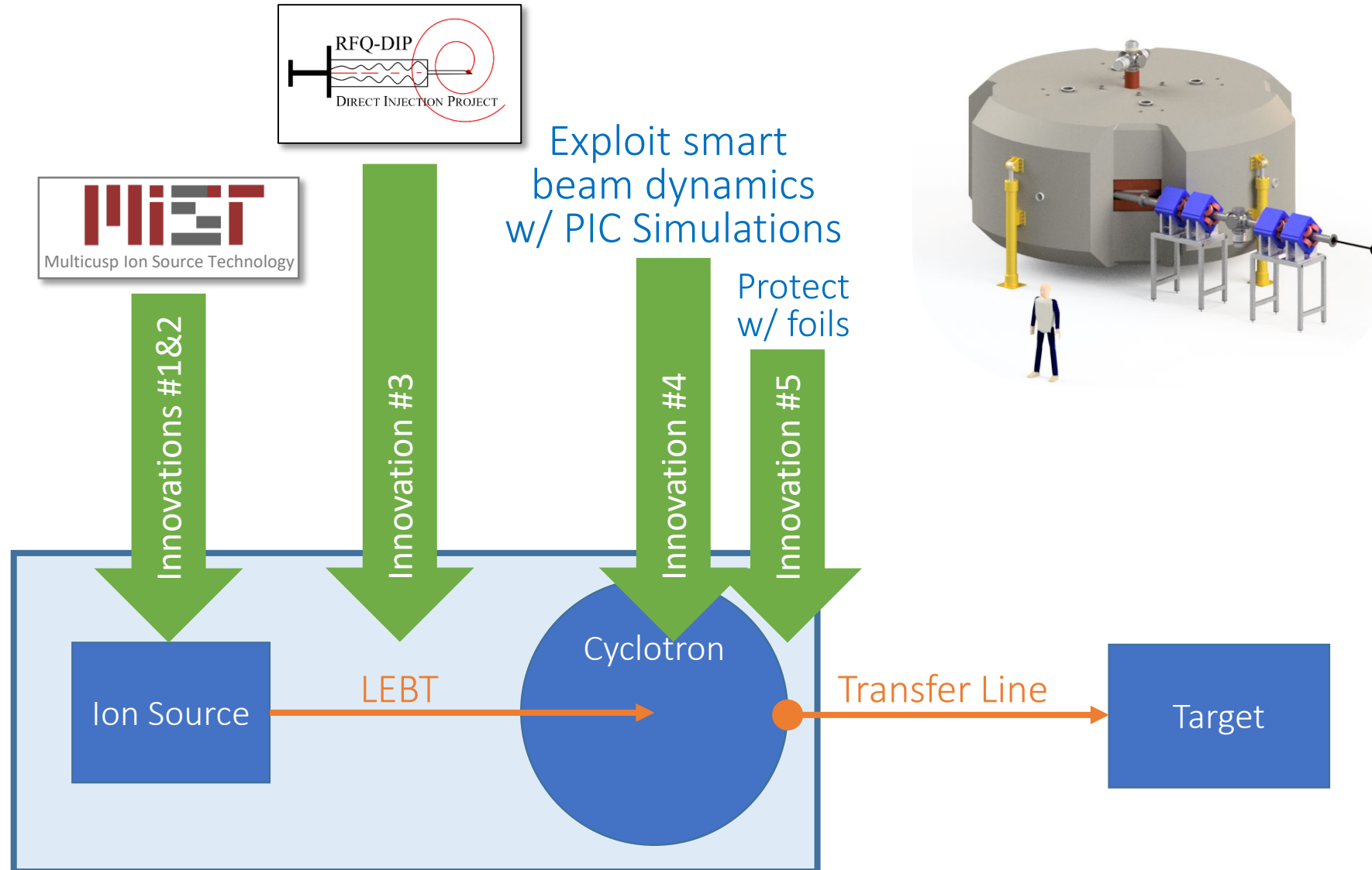
- Only 15-20° of RF period can be populated
→ Beam loss
→ Need more current from ion source
→ Energy spread

Challenge: Turn separation

- Overlap of halo
- Beam loss
→ Activation! (Limit <200 W)

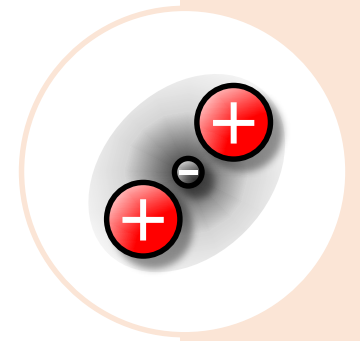
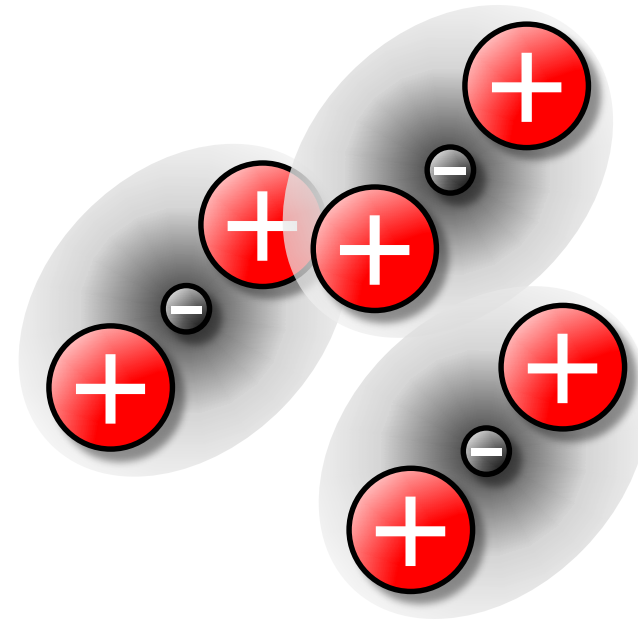


What building blocks can we improve?

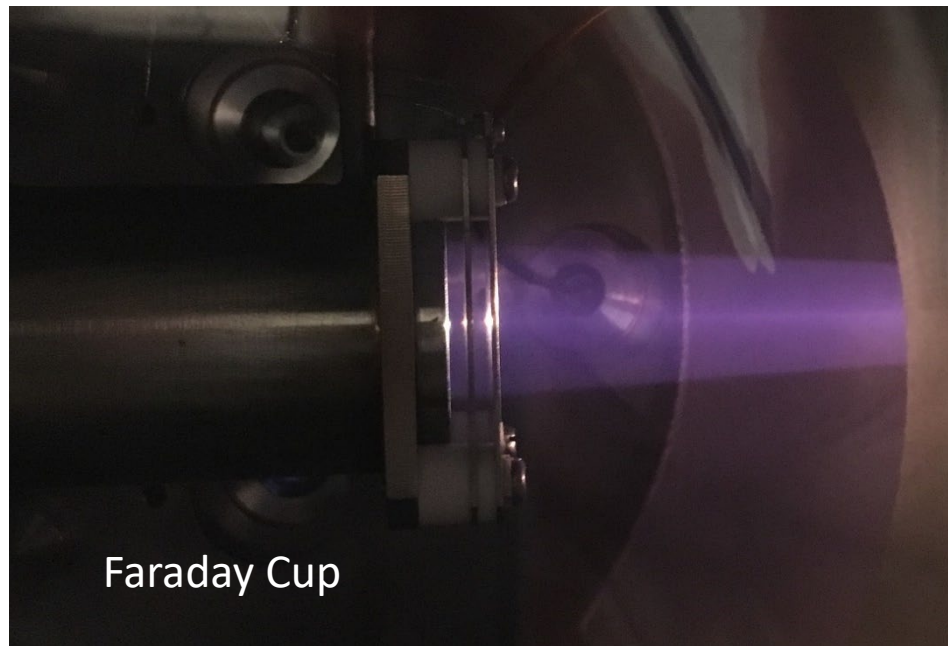


Innovation #1: H_2^+ instead of protons

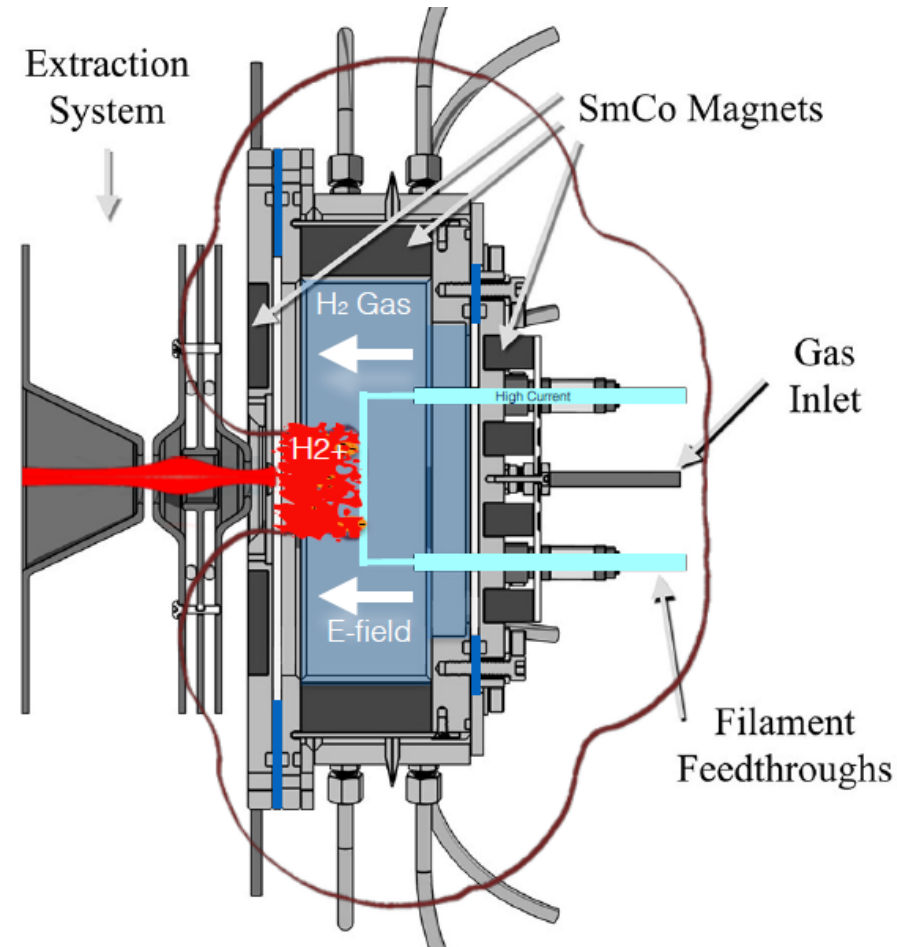
- Two units of charge for one!
- Remove electron by stripping
→ get two protons
- Helps with Injection
- Helps with Low Energy Beam Transport
- And there are additional exciting ways to exploit this!



Innovation #2: Dedicated H_2^+ ion source



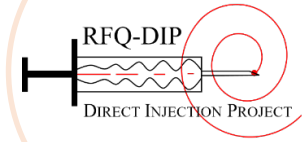
← Beam direction



- Filament-Driven Multicusp Ion Source
- Based on: Ehlers and Leung (LBNL)
- Currently commissioning at MIT (highest current density: 40 mA/cm²)

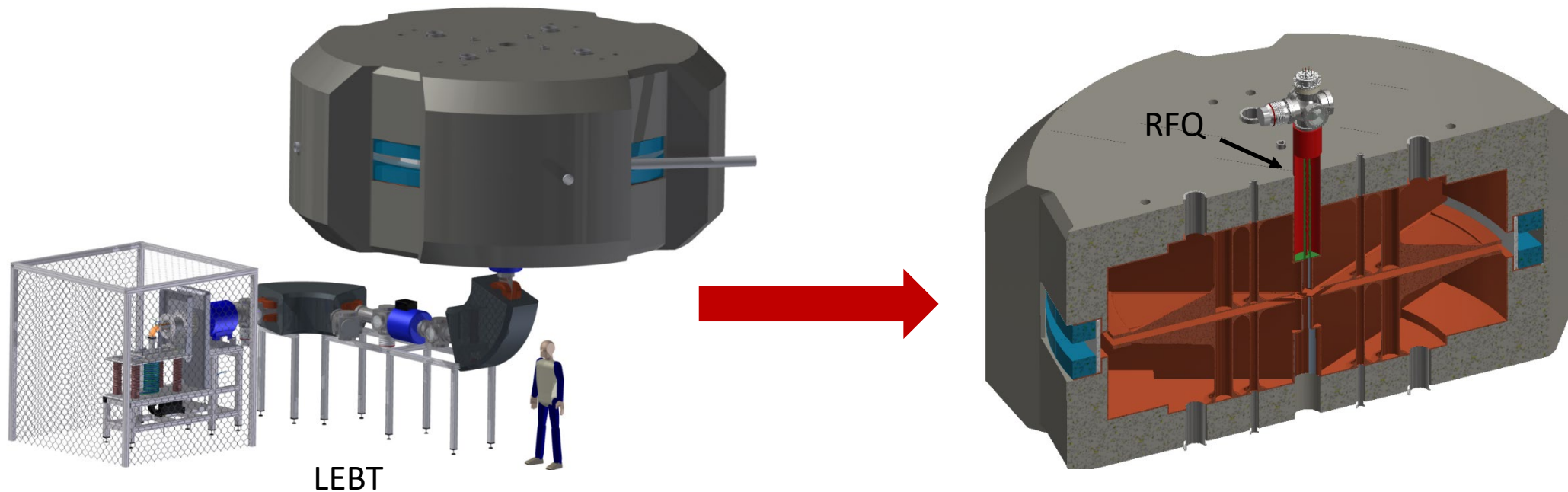
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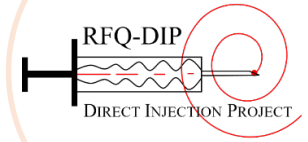
Innovation #3: RFQ-DIP

- Radio Frequency Quadrupole – Direct Injection Project



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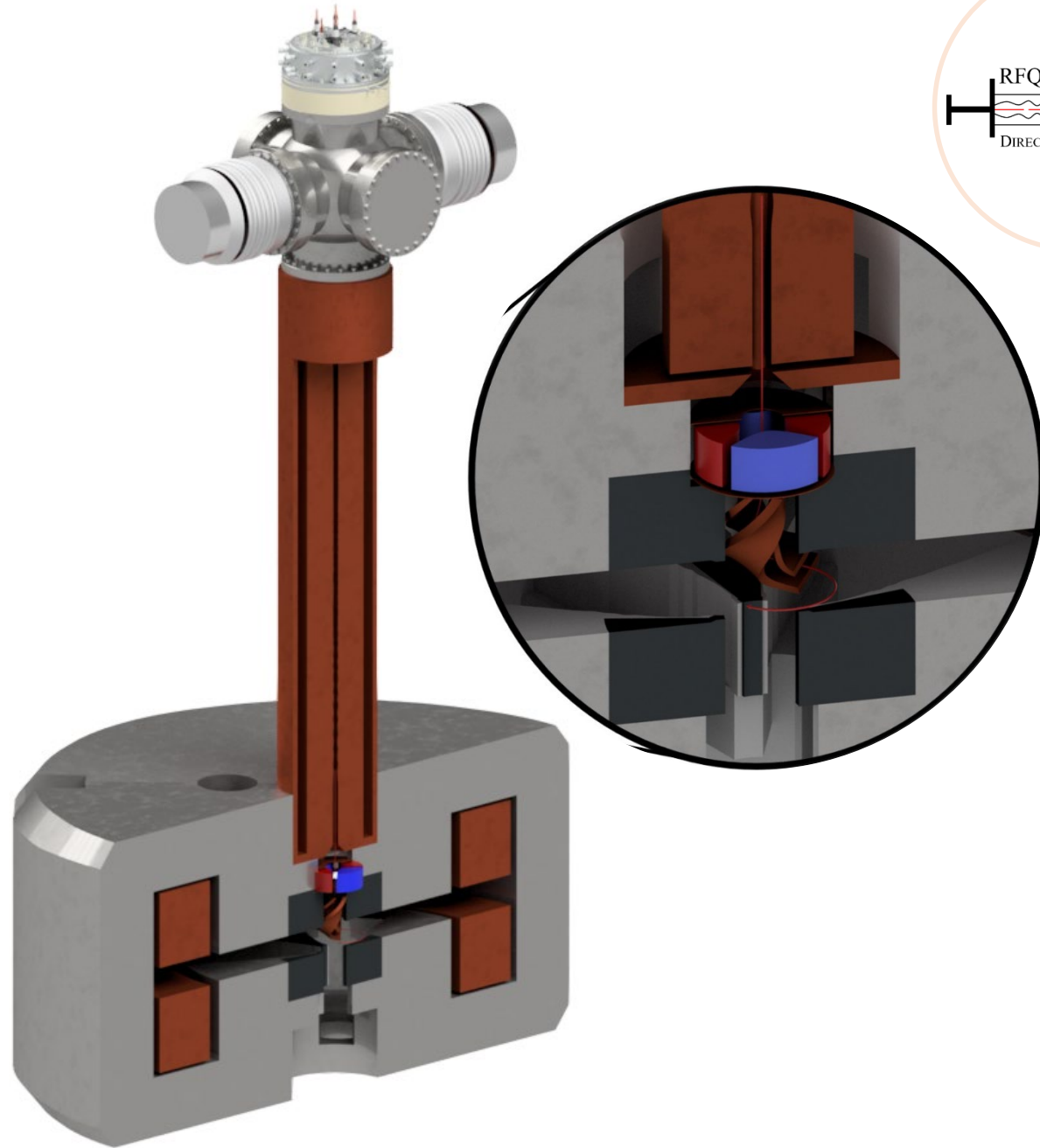


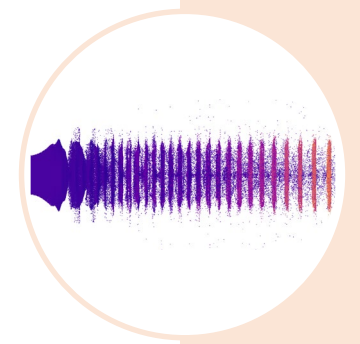
RFQ-DIP Prototype

Radiofrequency Quadrupole
– Direct Injection Project

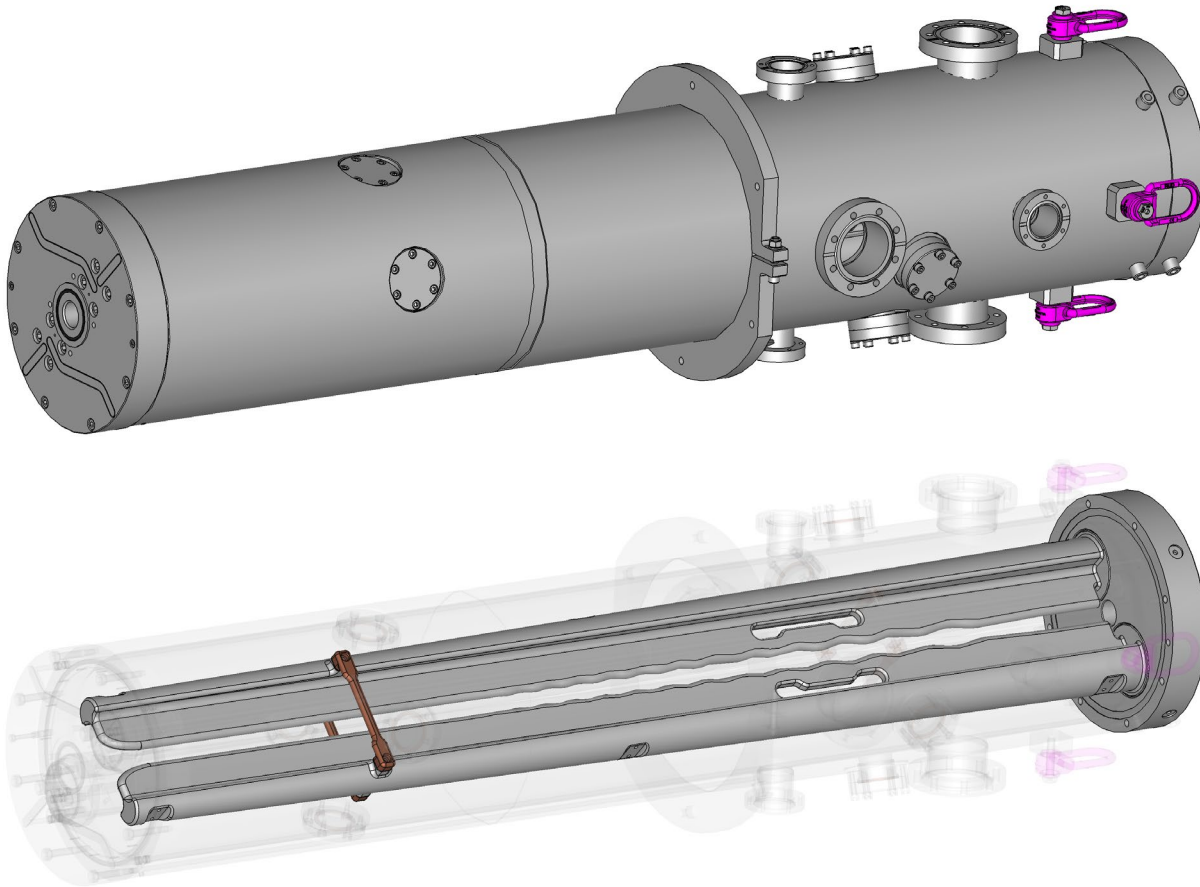
- Ion Source (MIST-1)
- RFQ
- 1 MeV/amu test cyclotron
- Diagnostics

Funded by NSF MRI





Split-Coaxial RFQ Design



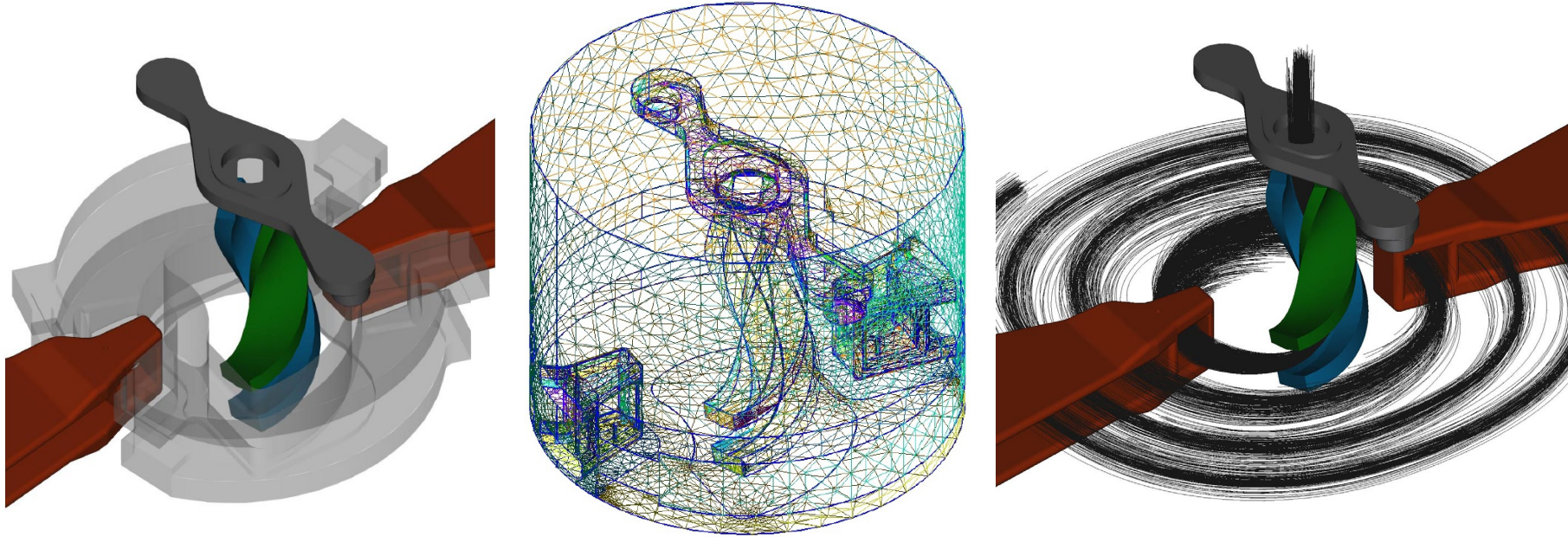
Elements	Unit	Design parameters
Frequency	MHz	32.8
Particle	A/q	H ₂ ⁺ (2)
Length	mm	1378.69
No. of cells		58
Transmission rate	%	97.27
Beam energy	keV	15 → 70
Input Trans. emit (rms, norm)	mm-mrad	0.3000
Trans. emittance (rms, norm)	mm-mrad	0.3427
Long. emittance (rms)	keV-deg	40.24
Vane voltage	kV	20.14
min. vane-tip aperture	mm	6.83
vane-tip curvature	mm	9.30
r ₀ , mid-cell aperture	mm	9.30
Octupole term		0.070

Good emittances: $\varepsilon_x = 0.34$ mm-mrad, $\varepsilon_y = 0.34$ mm-mrad, $\varepsilon_z = 40.24$ keV-deg

Currently being optimized using Machine Learning – Prelim.: $\varepsilon_x = \varepsilon_y = 0.3$ mm-mrad, $\varepsilon_z = 30$ keV-deg

Innovation #4: Highly accurate PIC simulations – New code development, exploiting physics (vortex effect)

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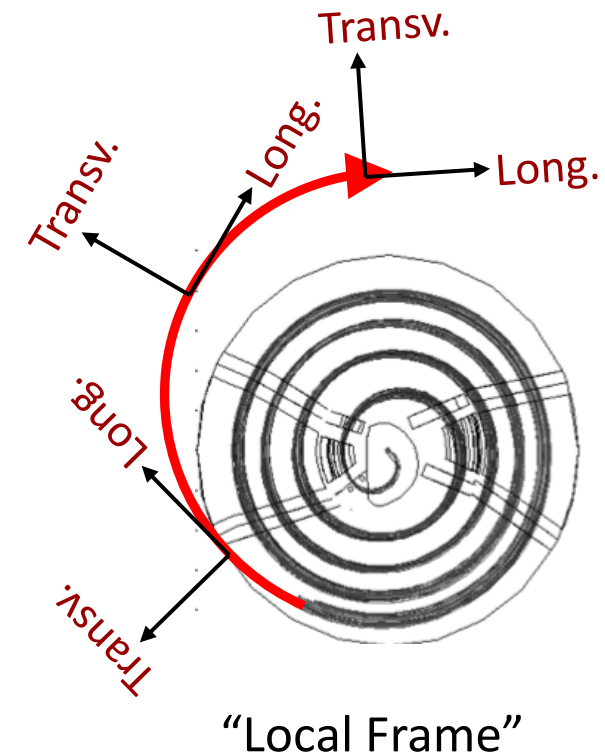
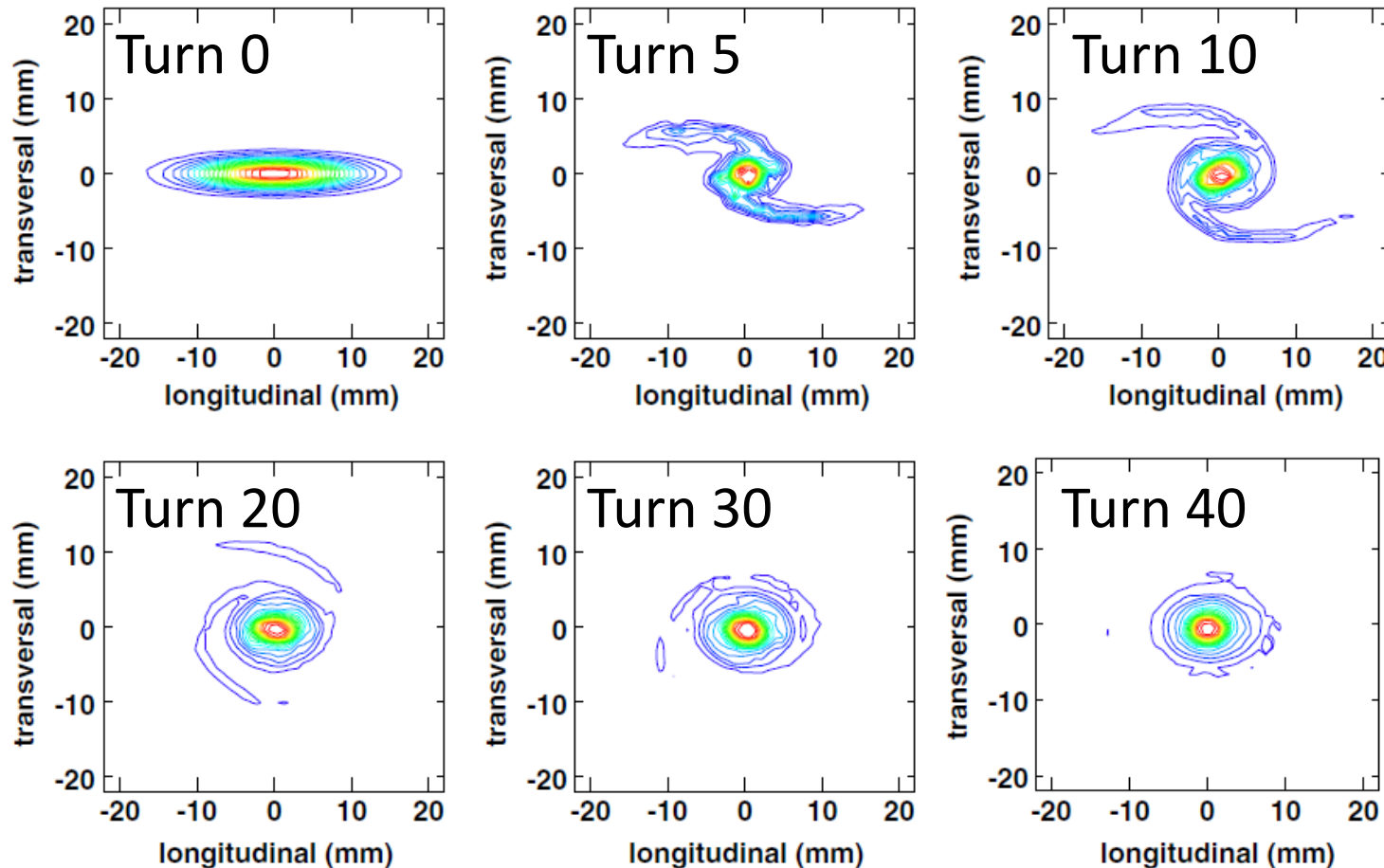
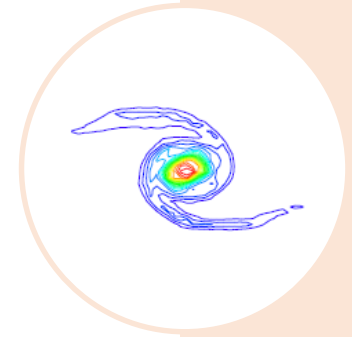


- Load 3D electromagnetic fields into OPAL
- Include boundaries for particle termination and field solver
- Benchmarked against theory and experiment with very good agreement

An aside: Experimental Result was 8 mA before, 7.5 mA inside

→ 94% transmission - Large Inflector Works!

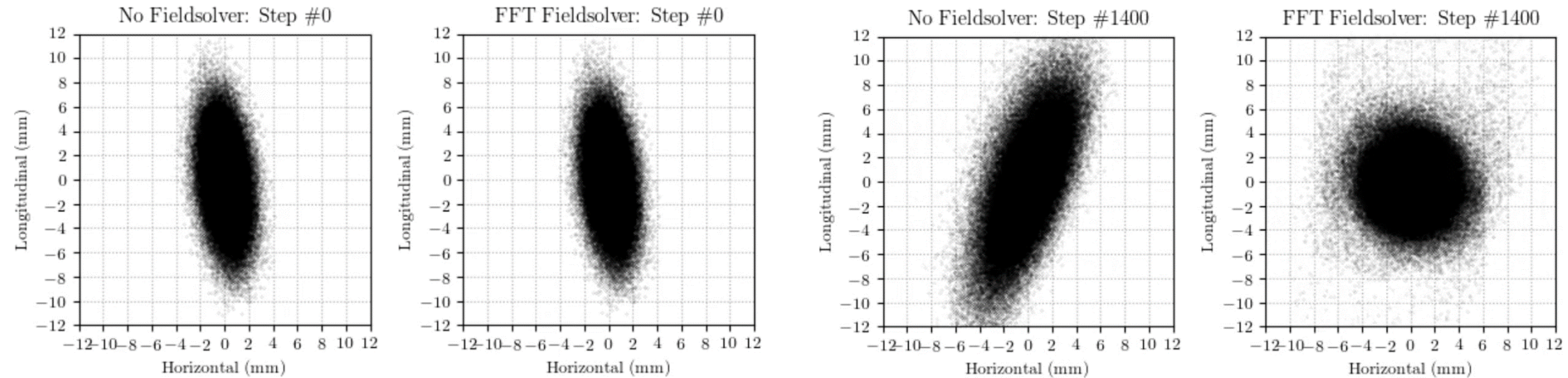
Vortex motion – OPAL Simulations for PSI Injector II



Comparison of 0 mA and 6.65 mA for IsoDAR

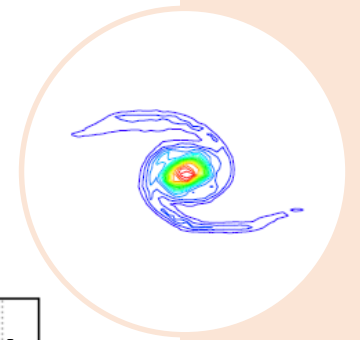
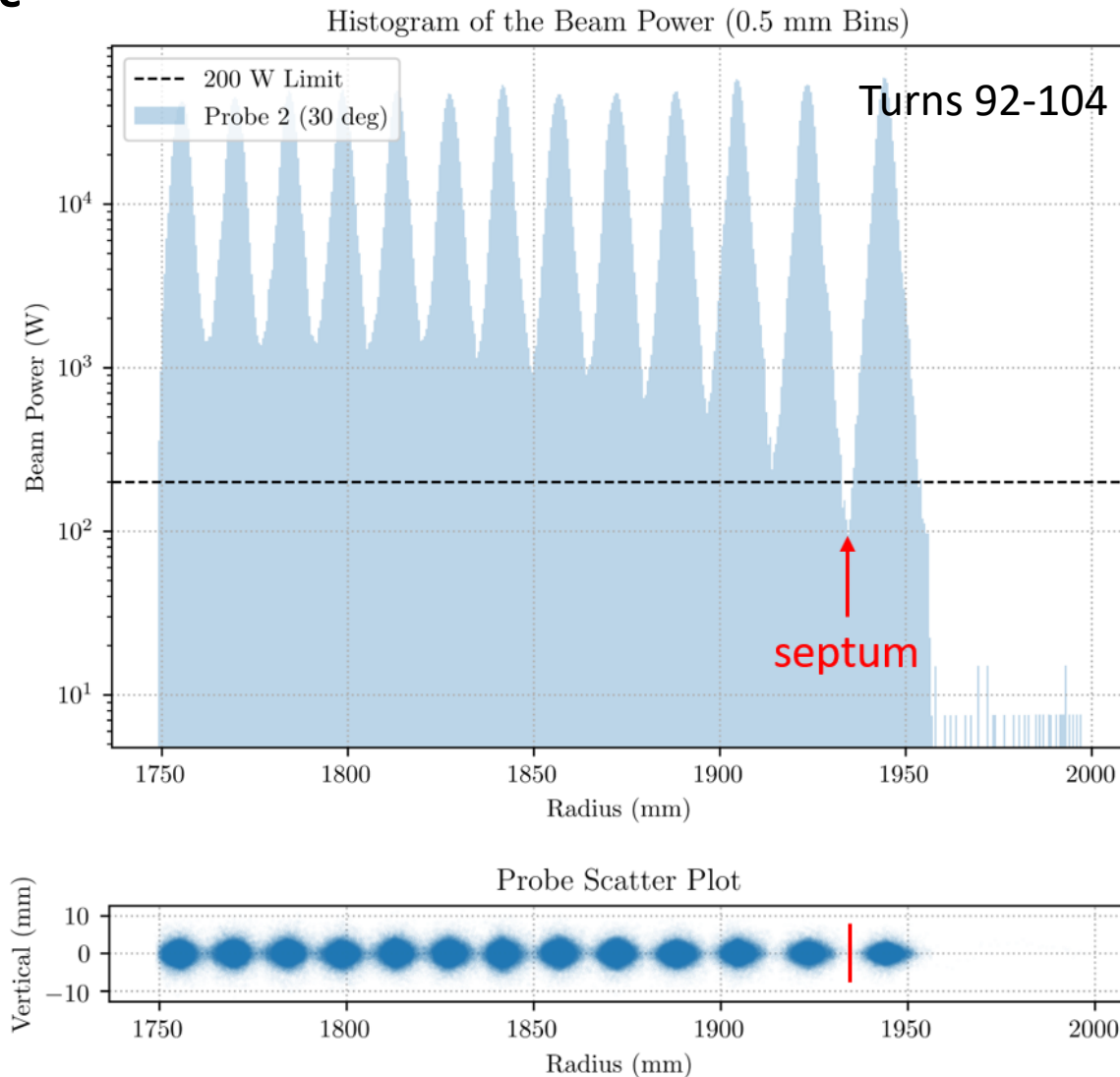
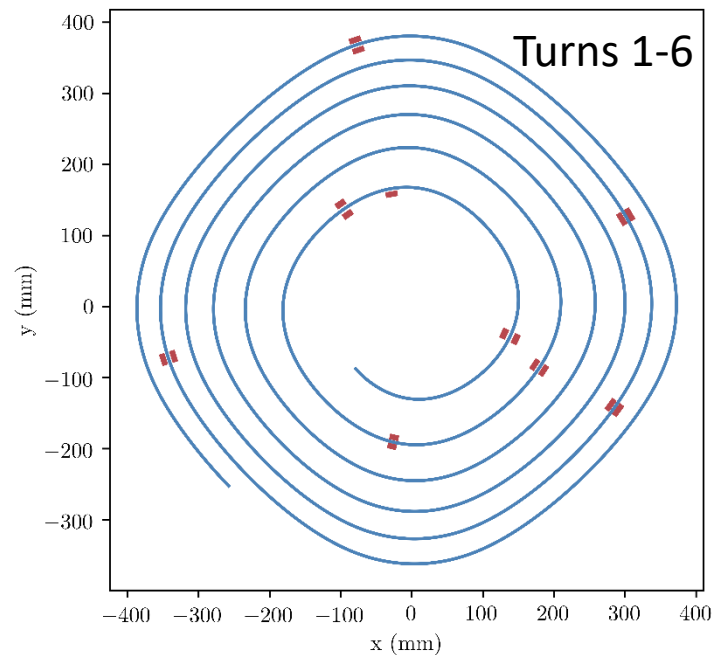
Start

After 7 Turns

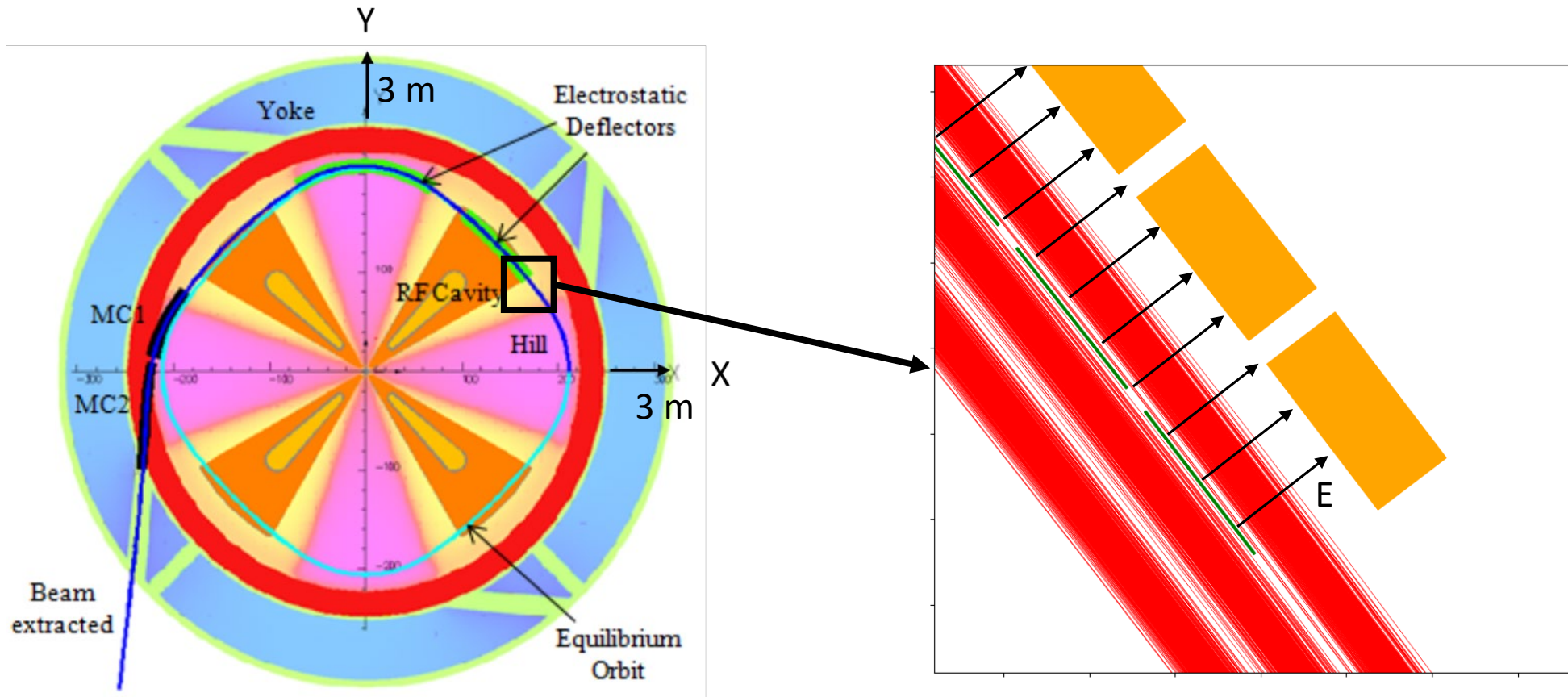


Optimize phase, RF voltage, cavity shape, collimator placement

- Phase: -5° , $V = 70\text{-}240\text{kV}$
- Collimate Halo \rightarrow 25% loss
- 48 W on septum

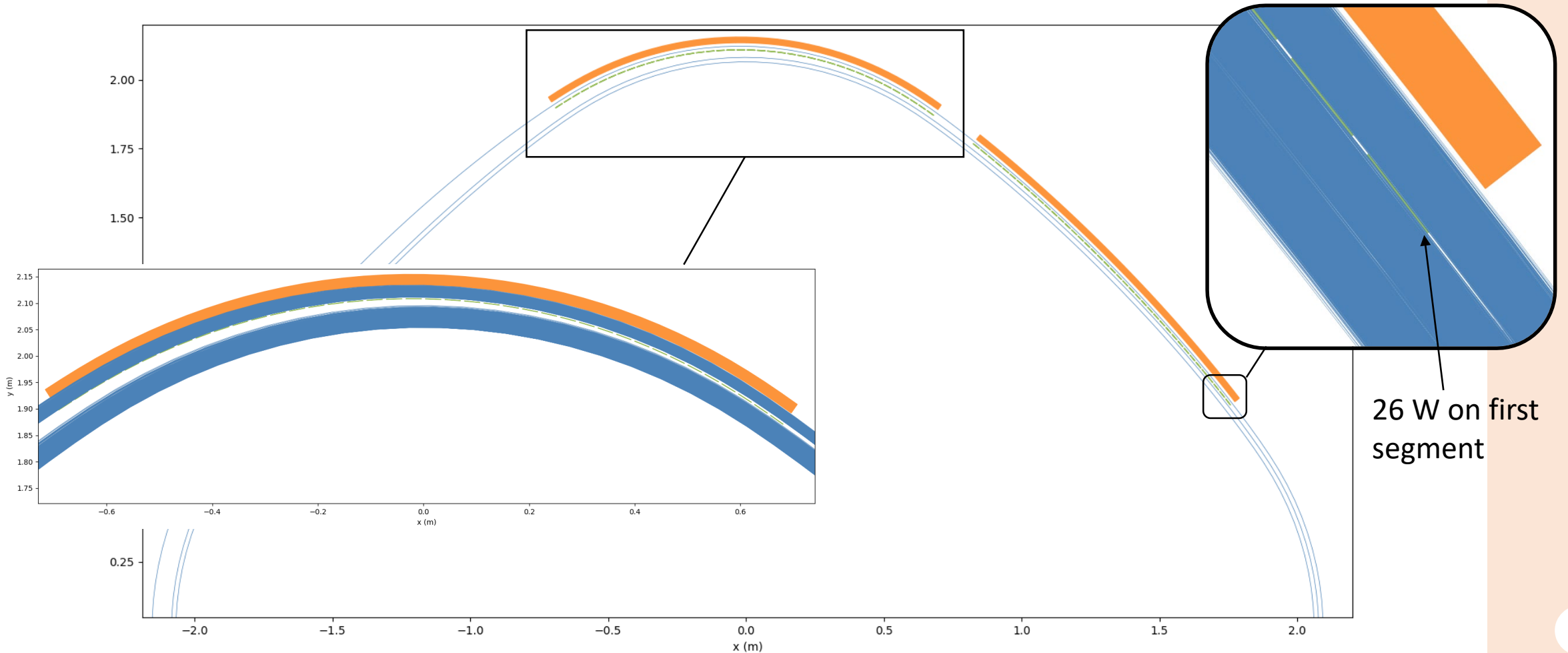


Zoom in on the Beginning of Septum

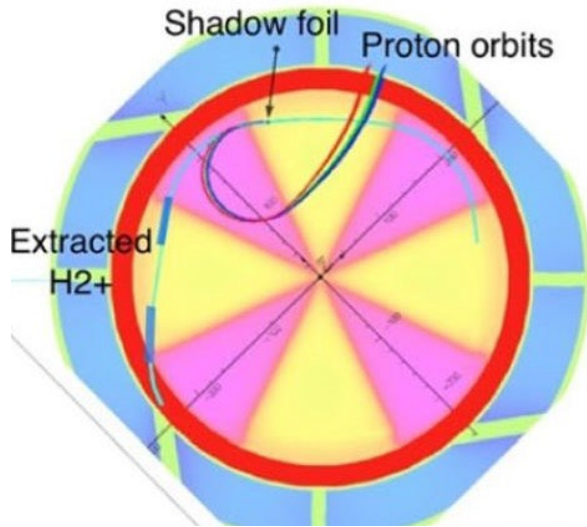


PIC simulation of electrostatic channels

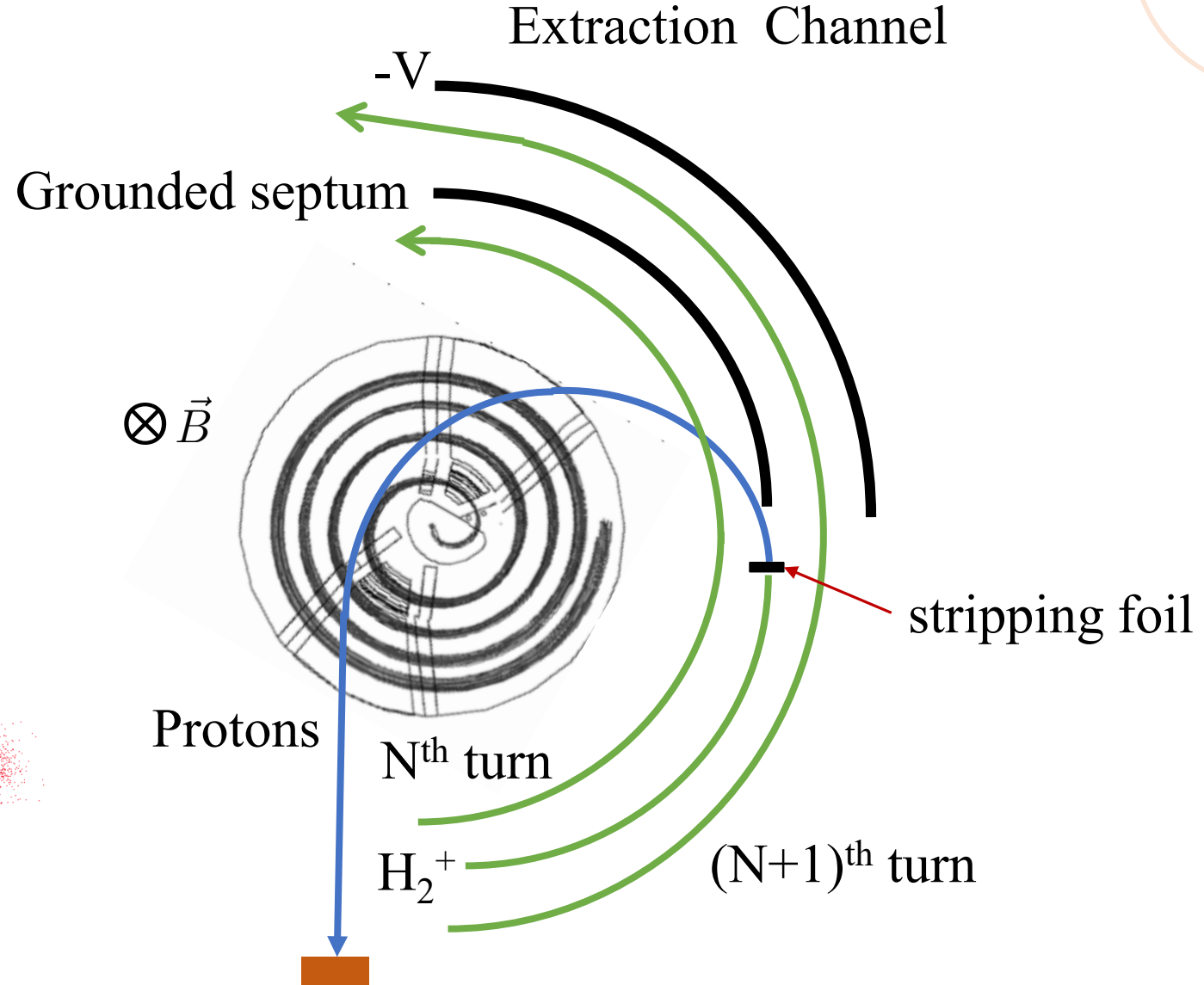
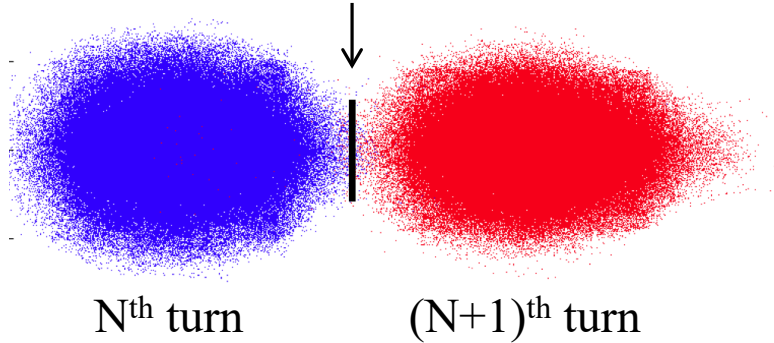
OPAL counts particles ending in septum electrodes: 48 W loss on ESD1. (0 W on ESD2)



Innovation #5: A carbon stripping foil can protect the septum

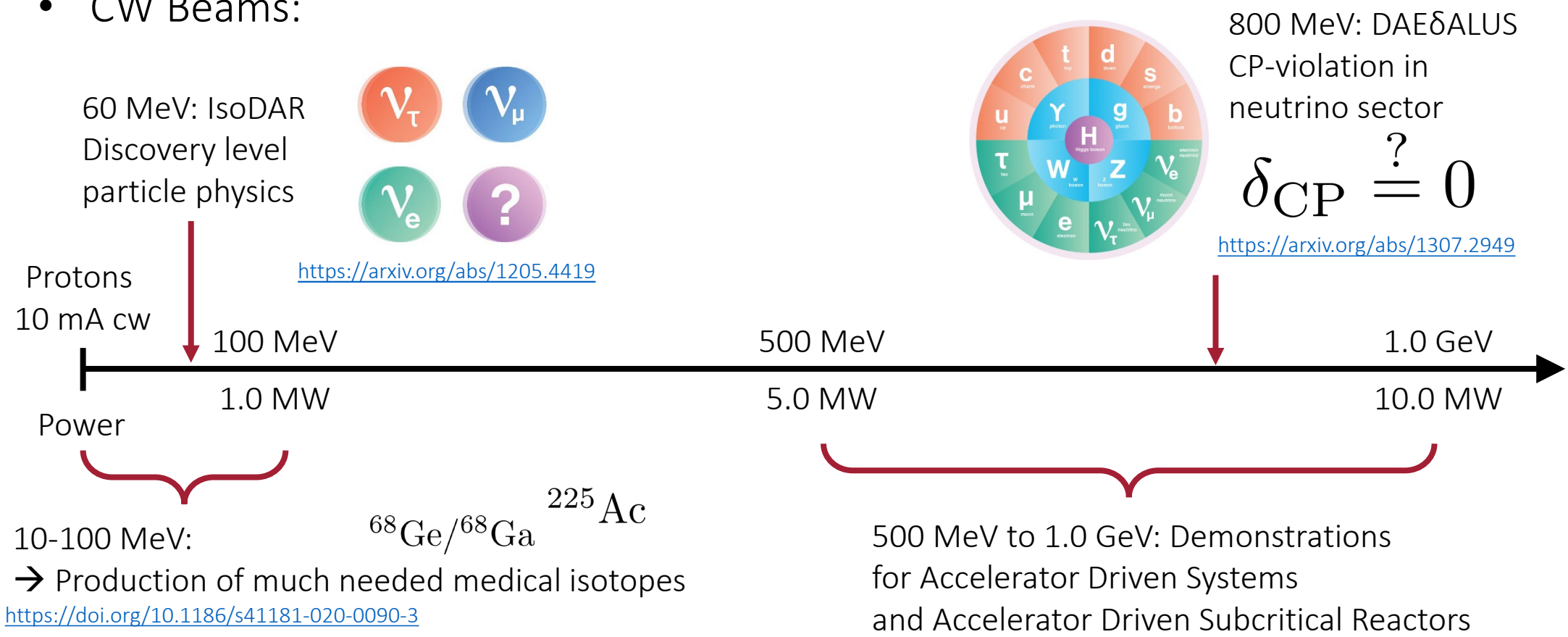


$\sim .02\%$ intercepted
on shadow foil

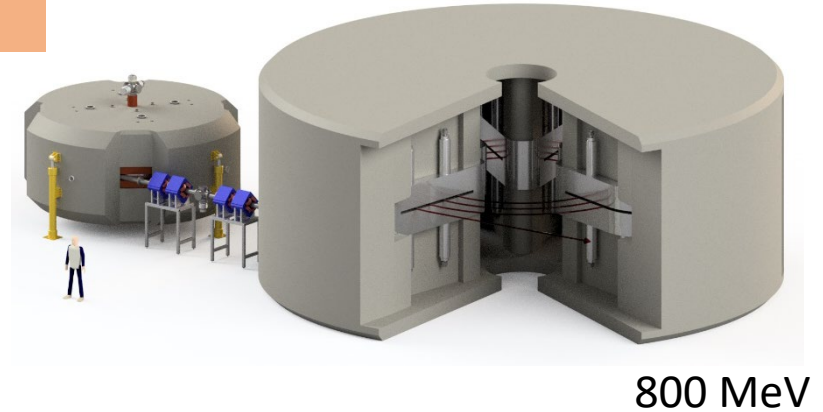
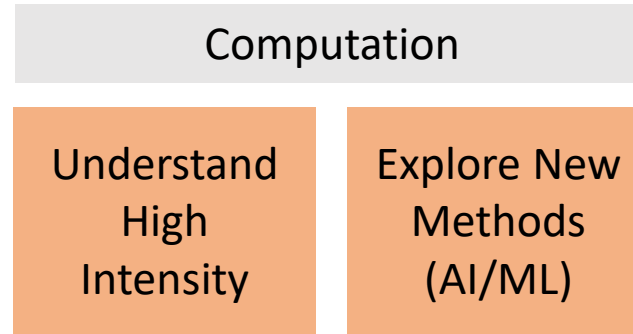
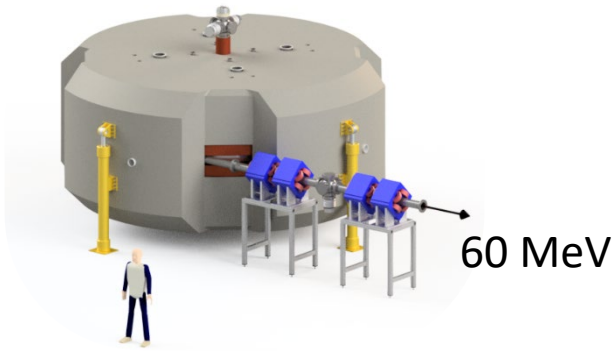


There are many applications that require high intensity beams!

- (Pulsed beams: Spallation Neutron Sources, Future Colliders, ...)
- CW Beams:



IsoDAR: Pushing the intensity frontier through cost-effective, compact accelerators, leading to MW beams



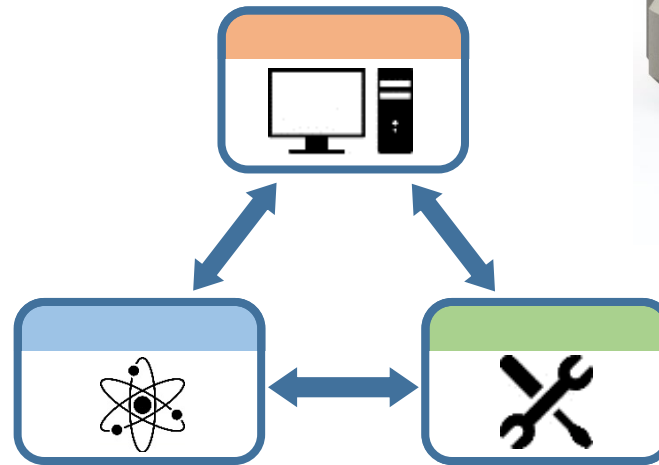
Impact on other fields

Medical Isotopes

Neutron Sources

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Particle Physics



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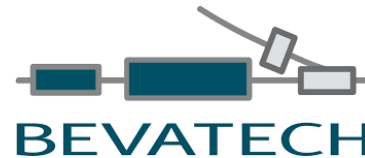
Hardware Development

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Hands-On Teaching

Thank You!

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To NSF,



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