

# *Nuclear Physics with Gamma Beams at ELI-NP*

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# Outline

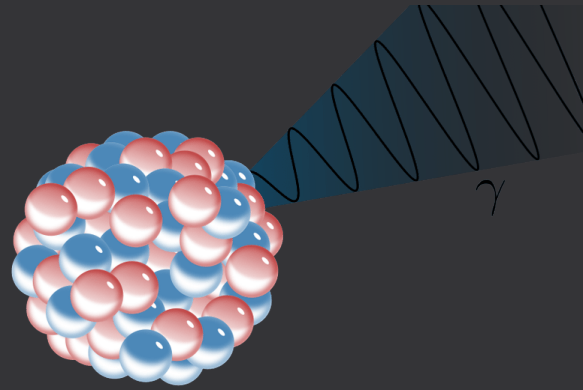
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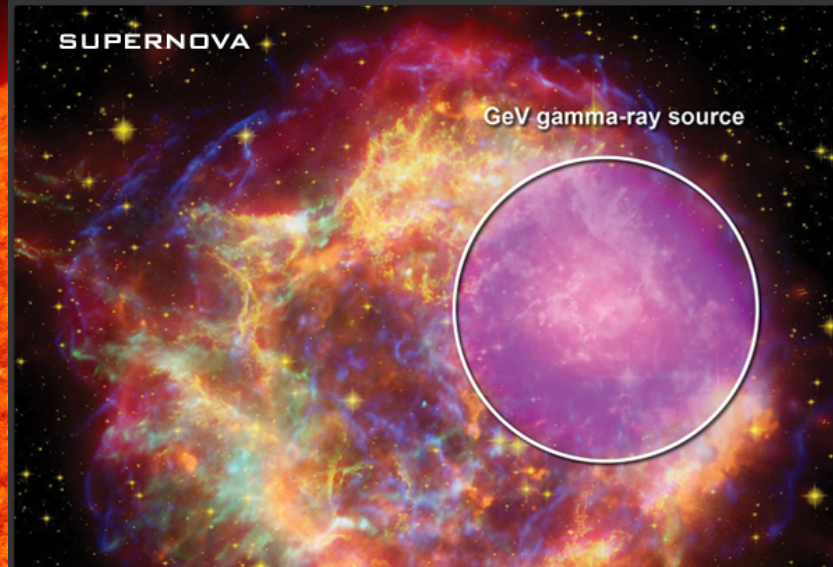
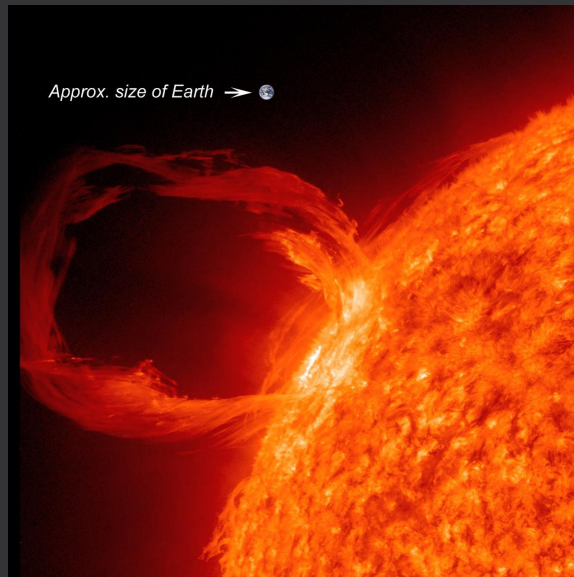
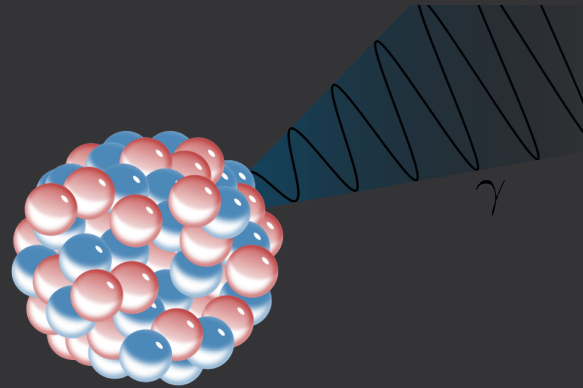


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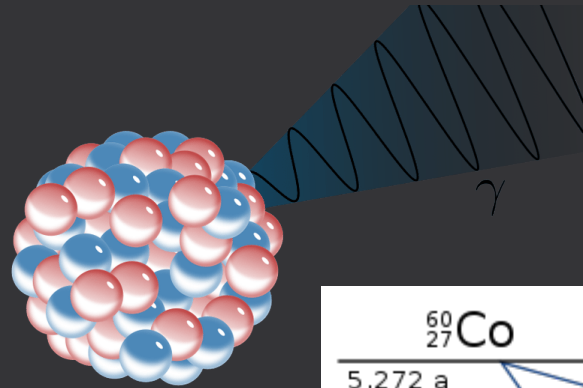


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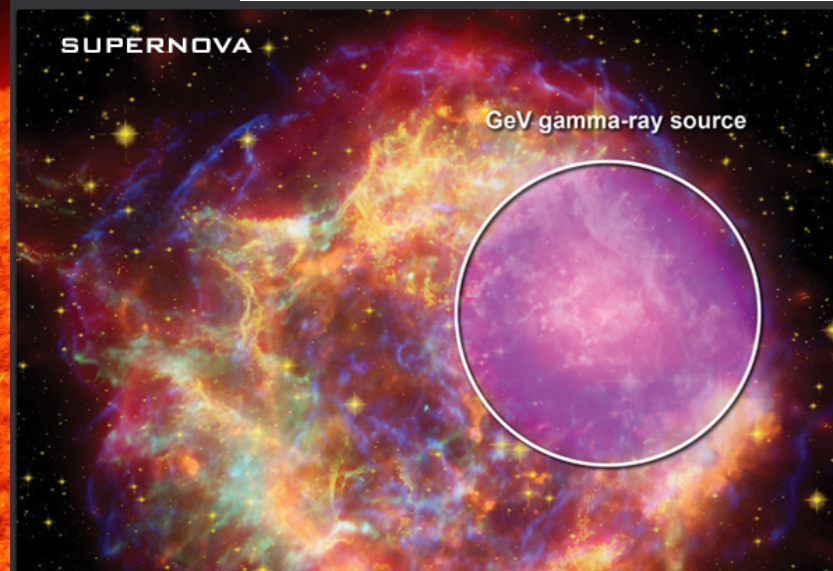
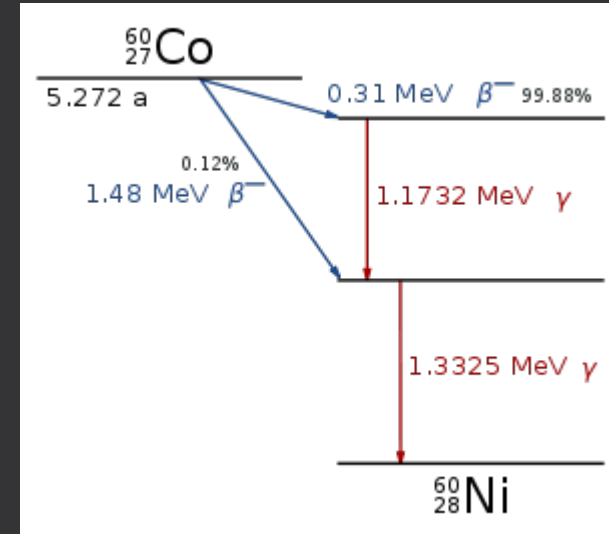
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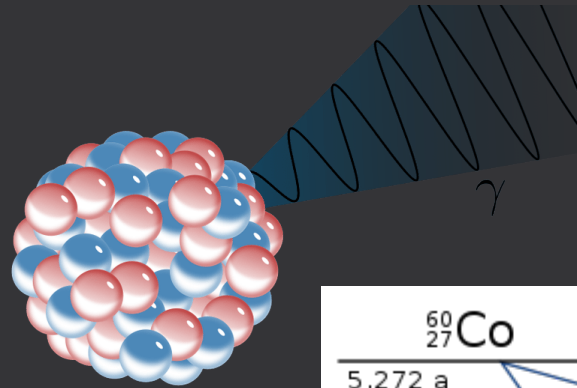


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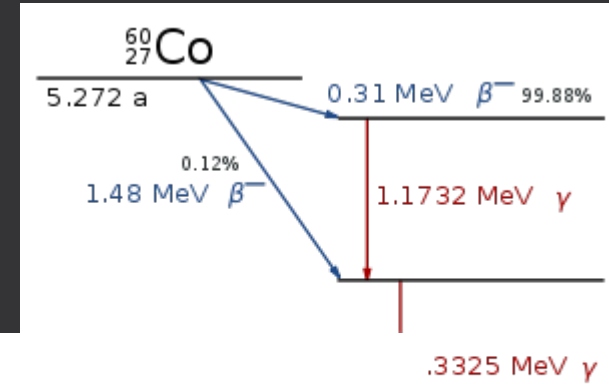
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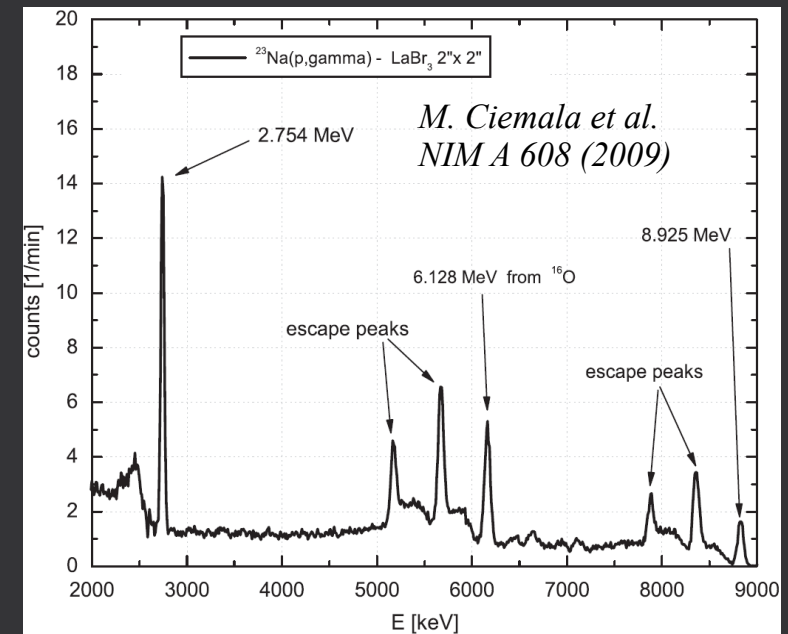
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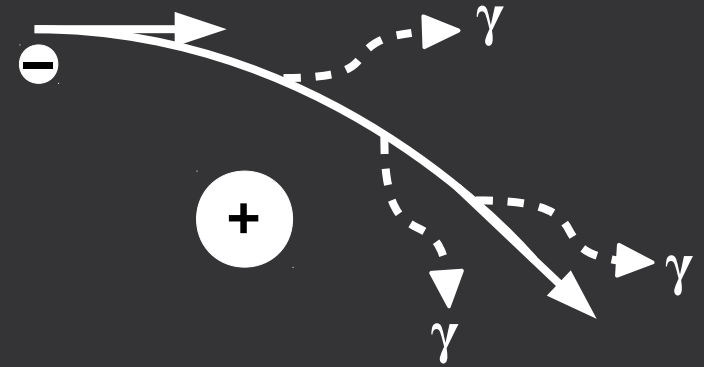
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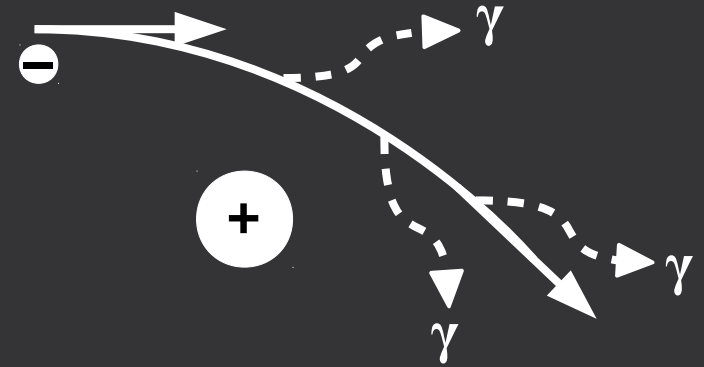
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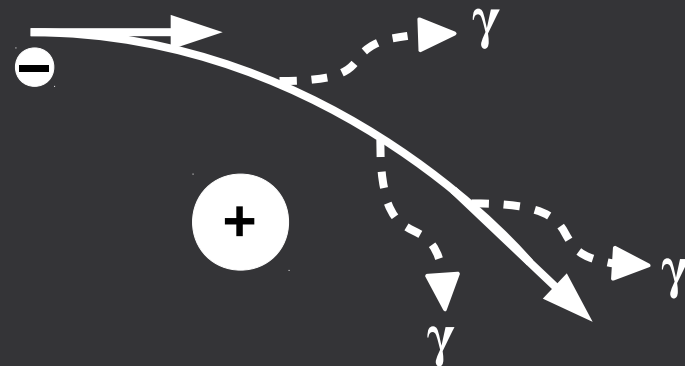
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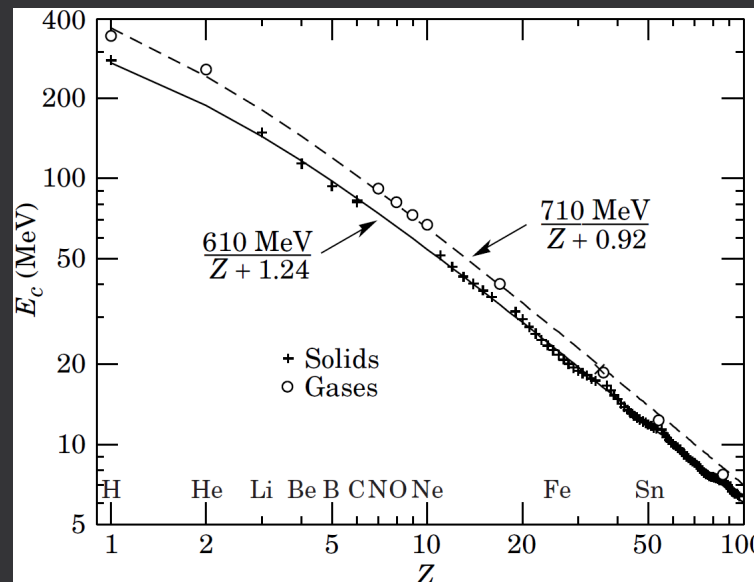
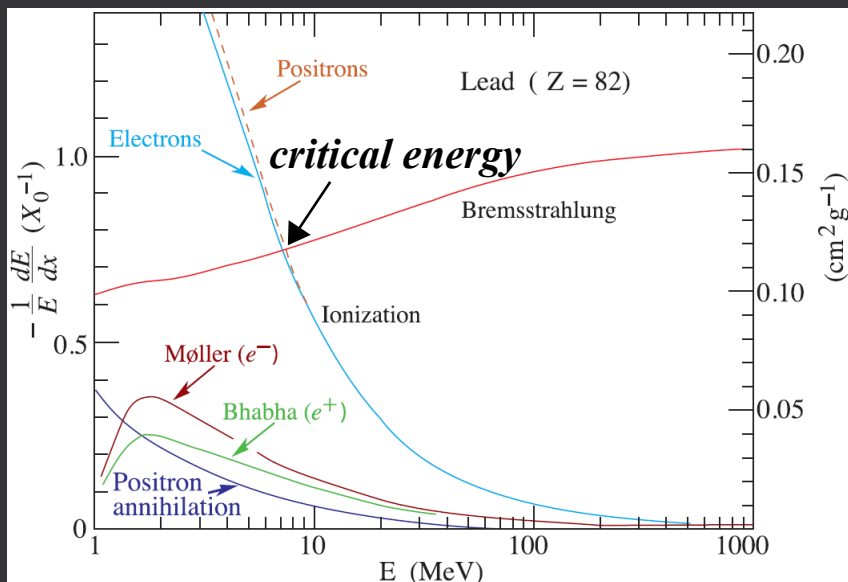
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$e^-/e^+$  fractional energy loss per radiation length

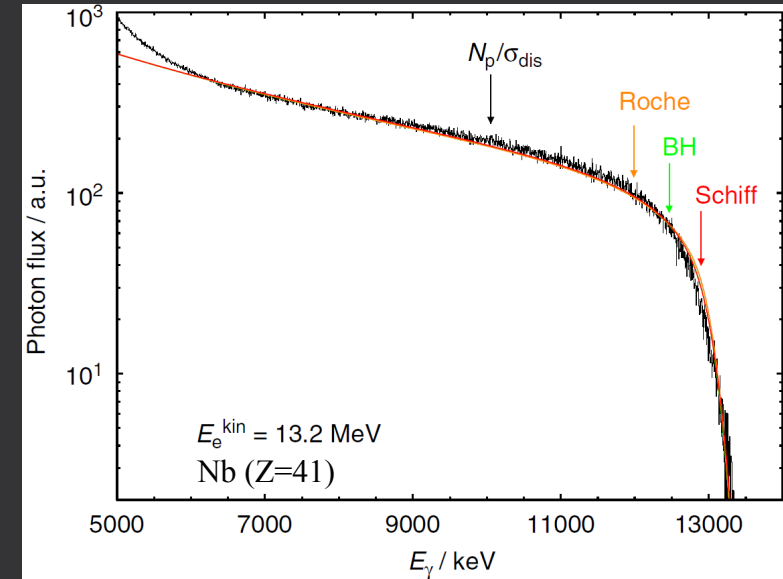
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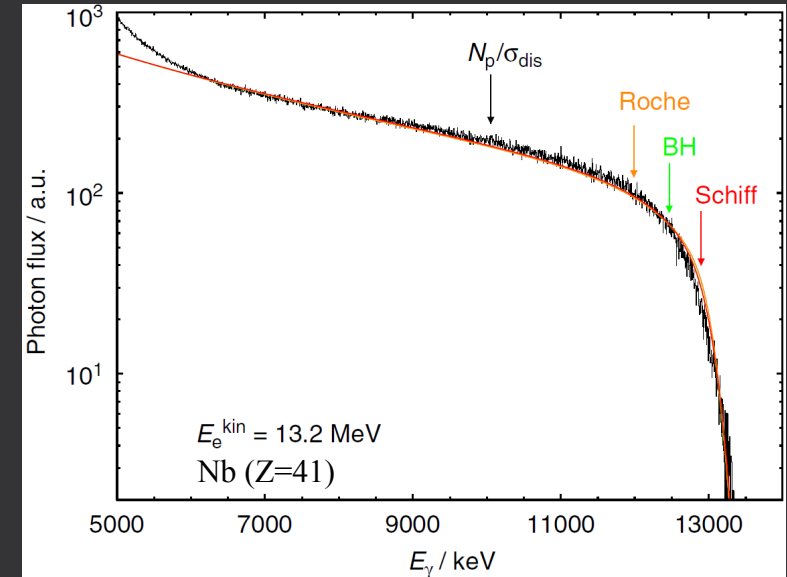
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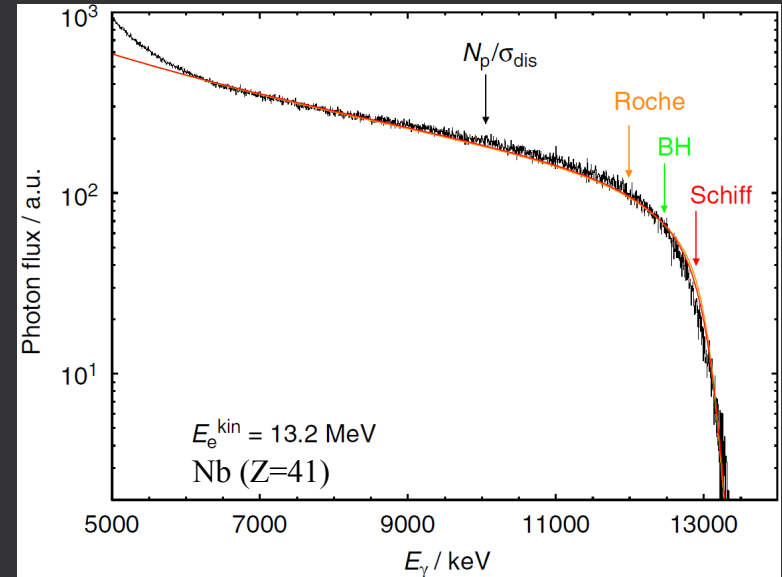
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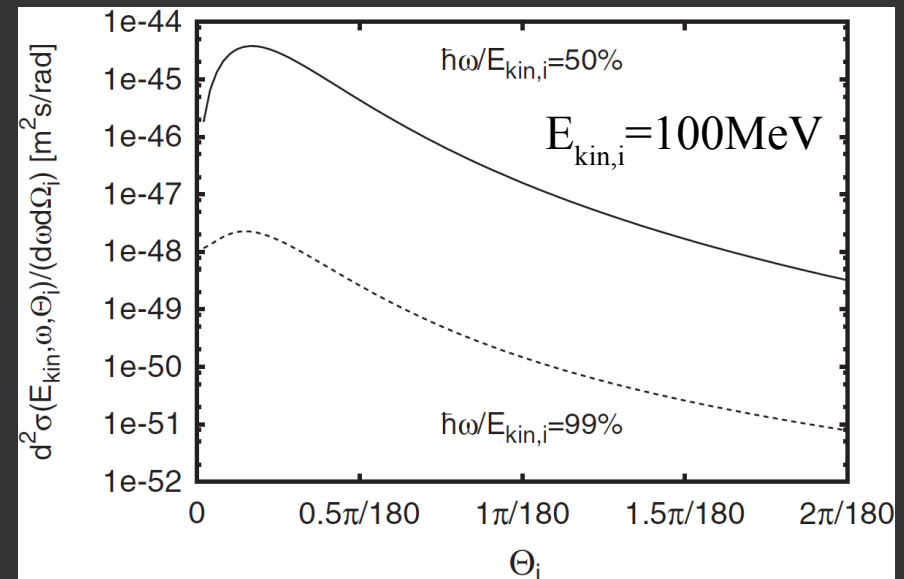
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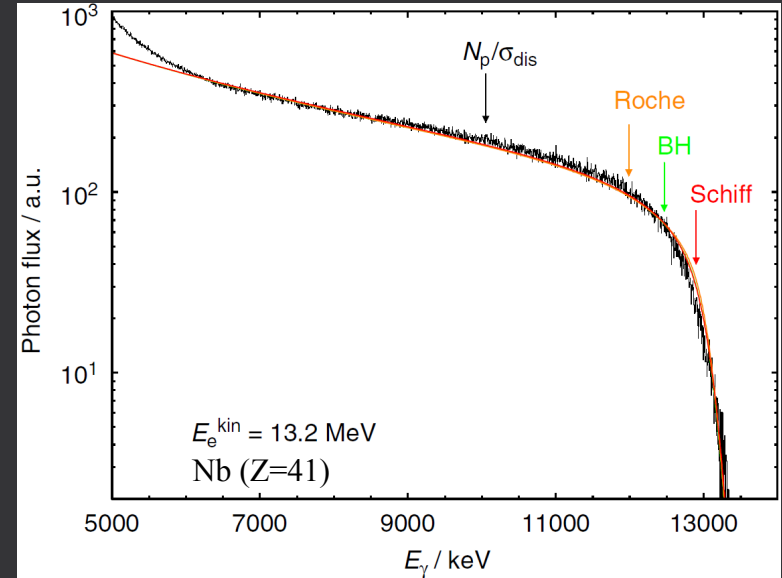
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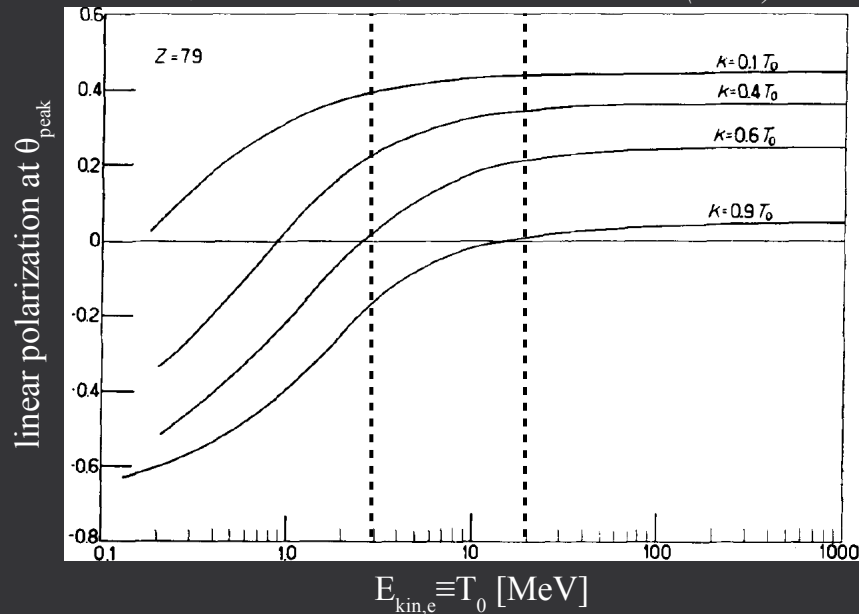
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relativistic electrons: peak  $\gamma$  linear pol. at  $\theta_{peak} \approx m_e c^2 / E_e$

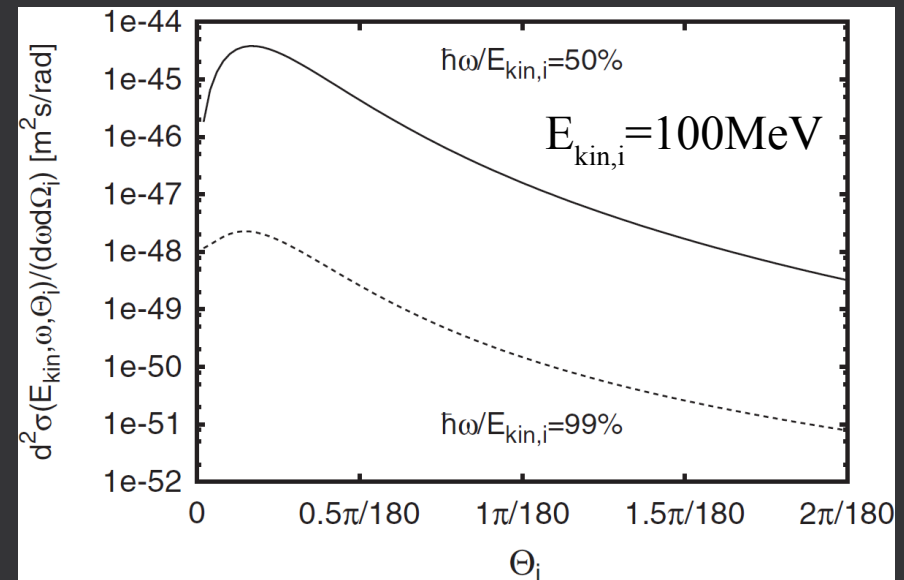
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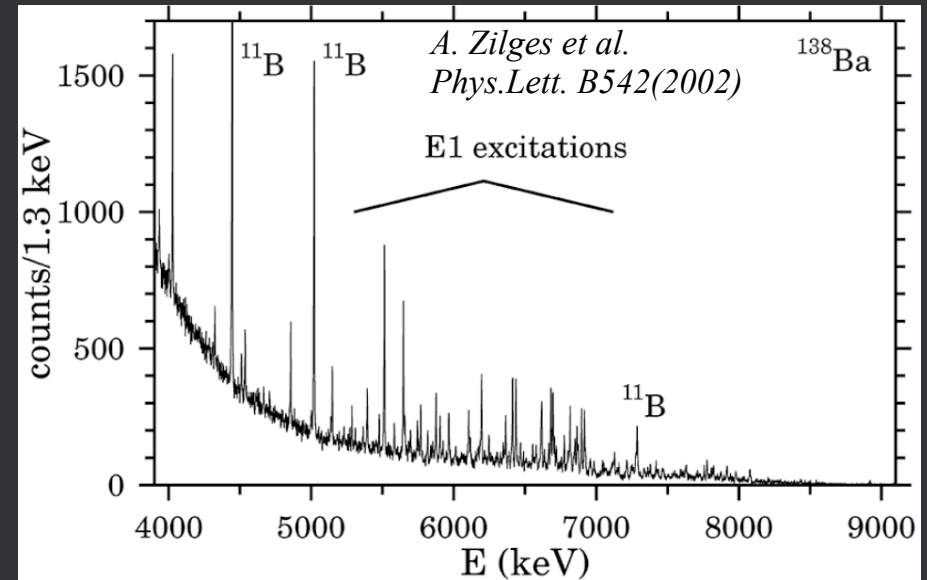
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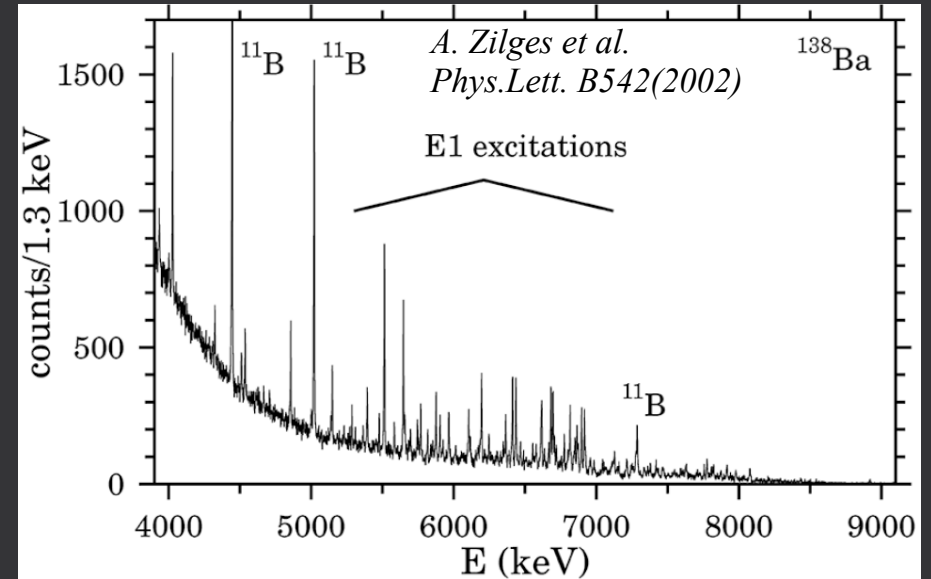
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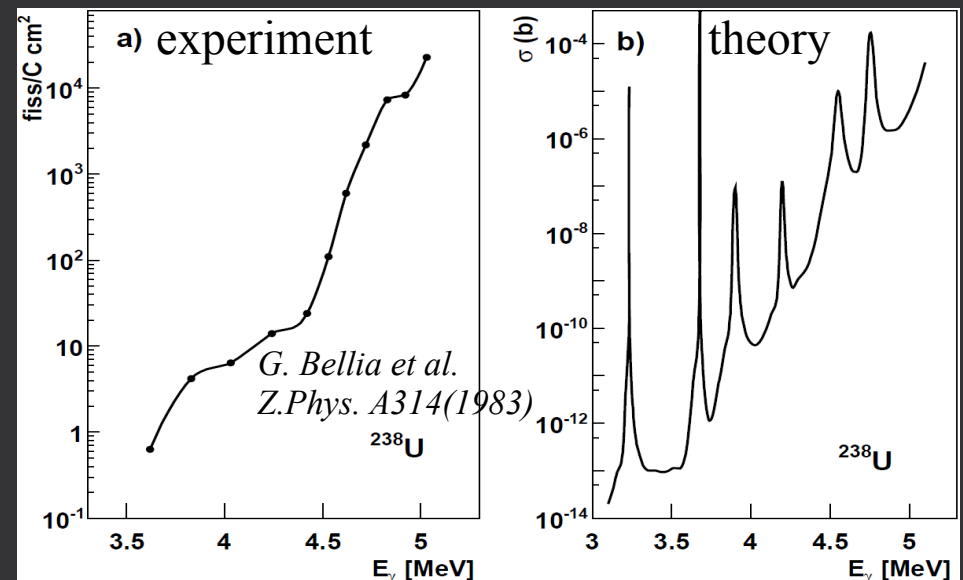
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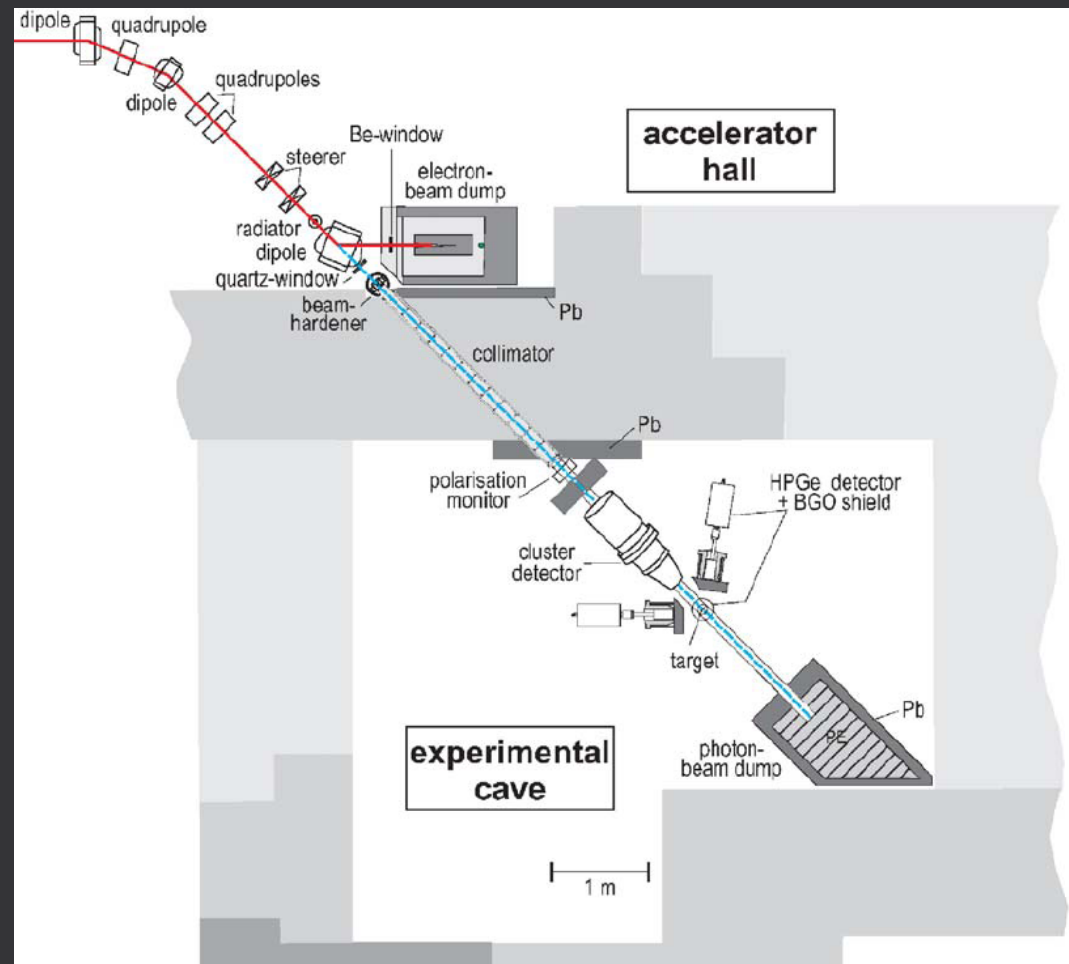


$^{238}\text{U}$  photofission: experiment vs. theory

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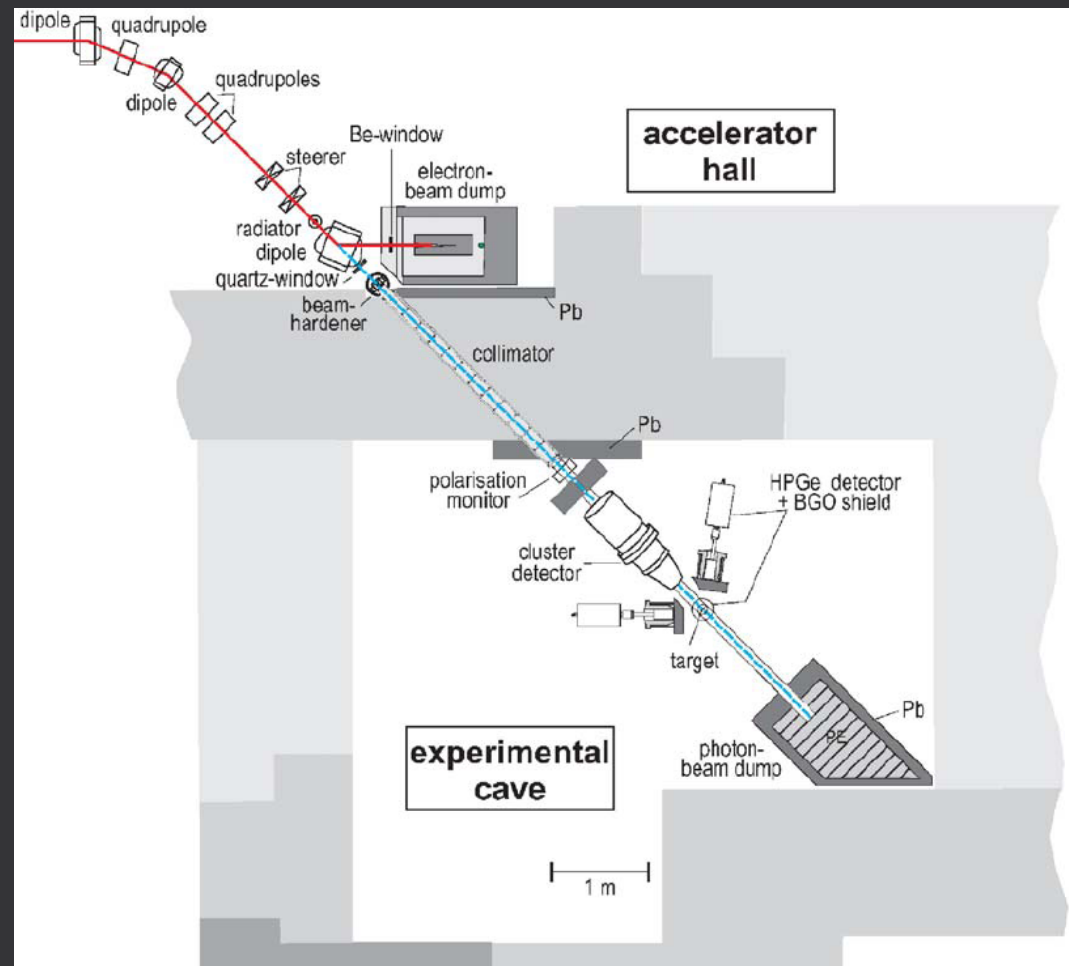
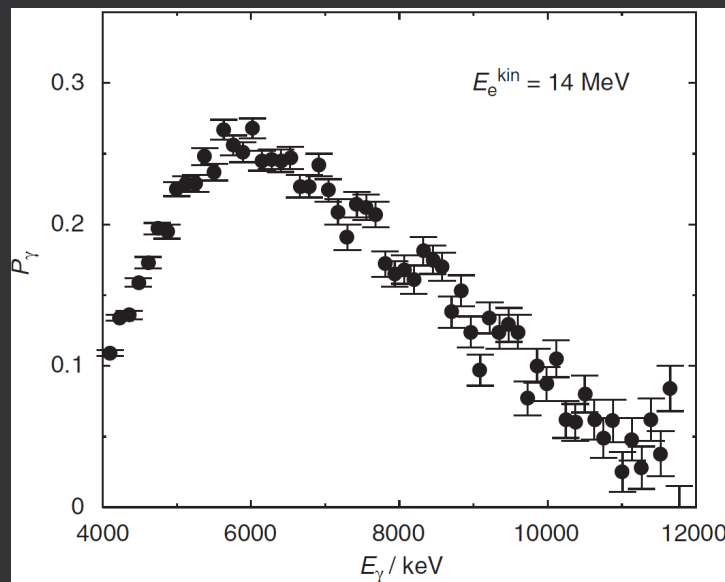
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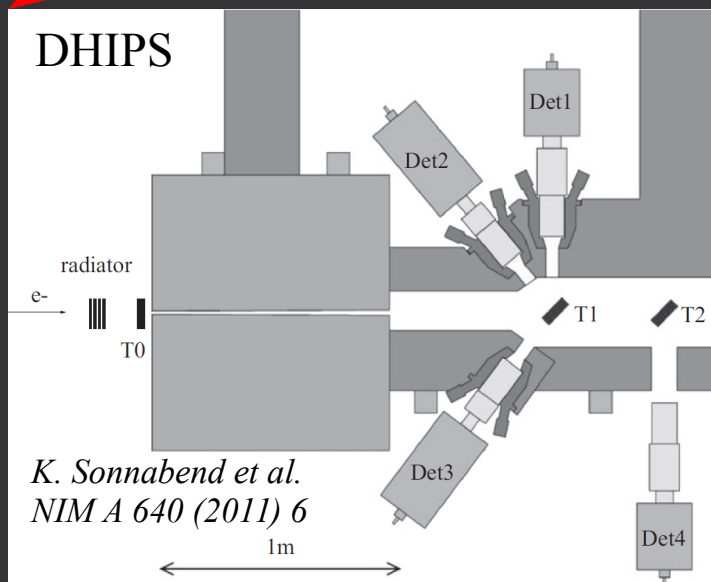
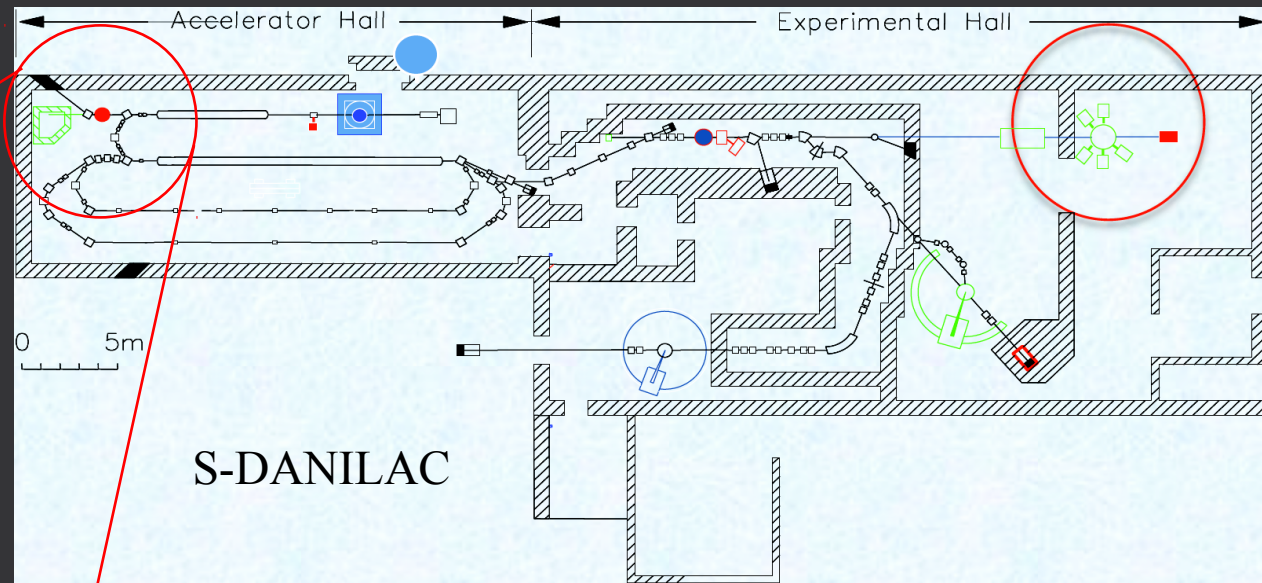
Divergence  $\sim 5 \text{ mrad}$  after collimator

Linear polarization  $\sim 5\text{-}25\%$



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(Superconducting Darmstadt electron LINear ACcelerator)



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*K. Sonnabend et al.  
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Electron beam:

$$E_{\max} = 10-130 \text{ MeV}, I_{\max} = 60 \mu\text{A}$$

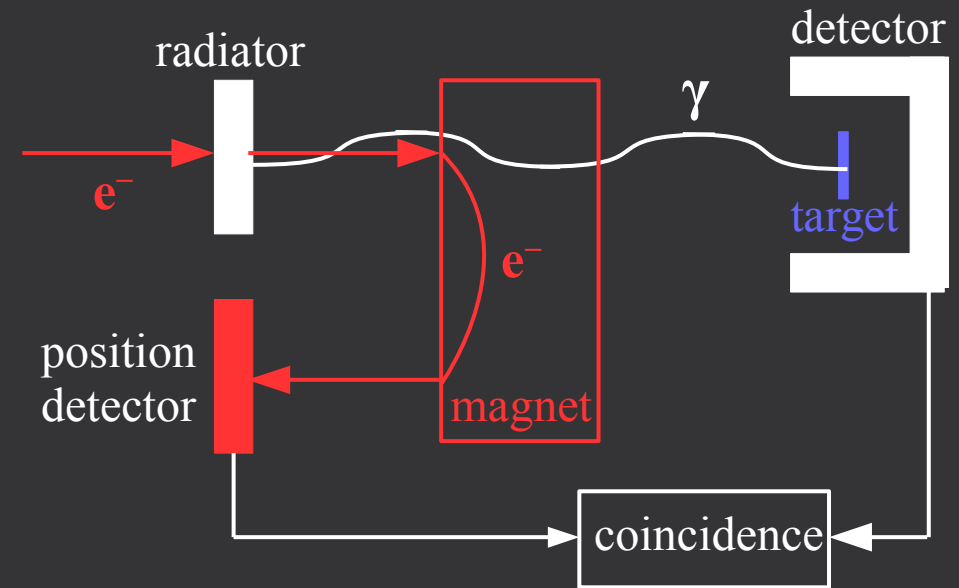
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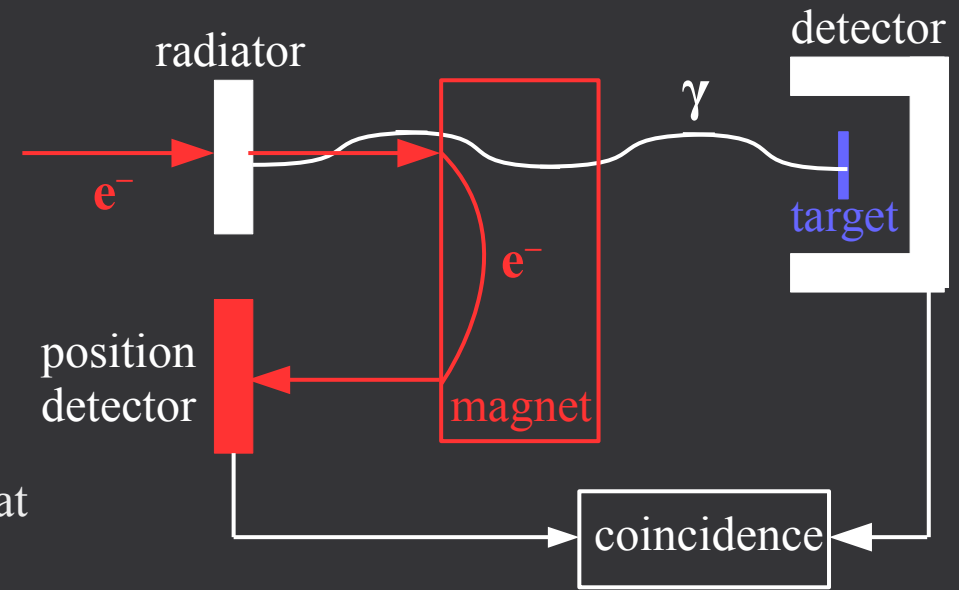


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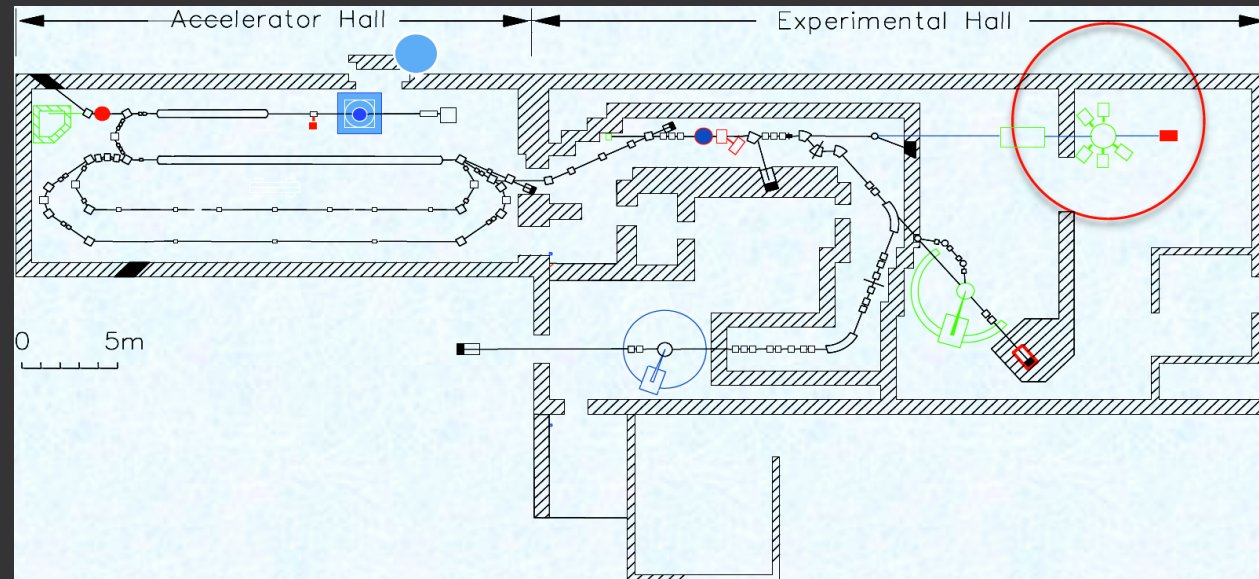
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- low gamma intensity:  $5 \cdot 10^4 \gamma/\text{s/keV}$  (low primary beam intensity, large coincidence time window  $\sim 2\mu\text{s}$ )
- final  $\gamma$  spectrum has the same bremsstrahlung shape



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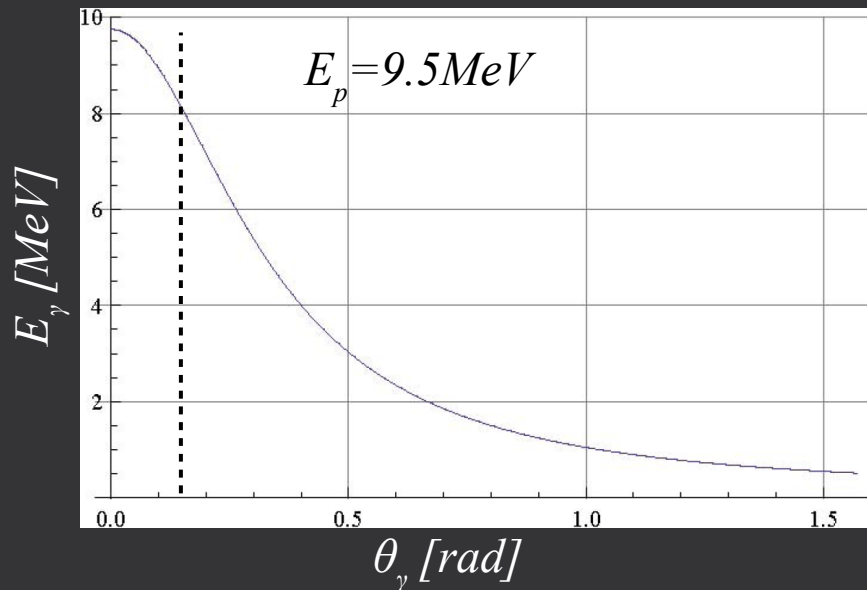


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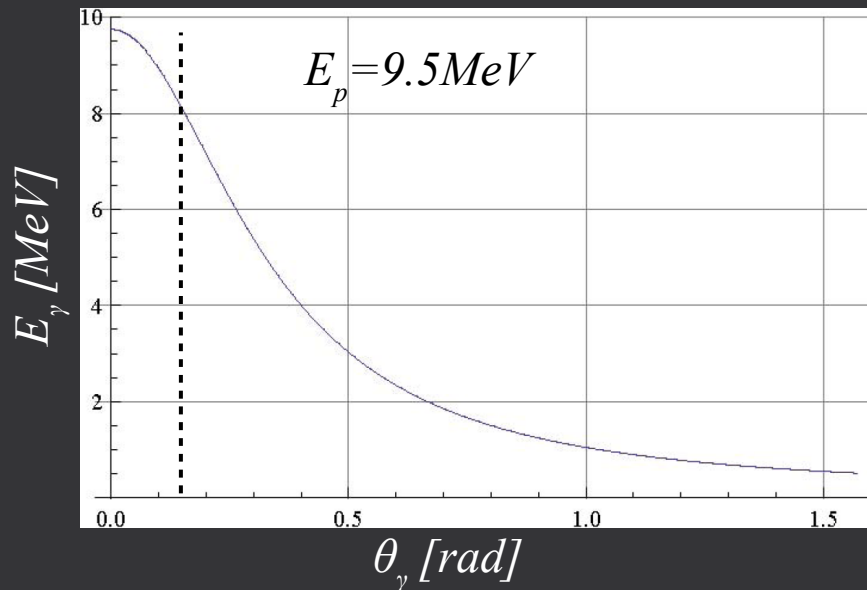
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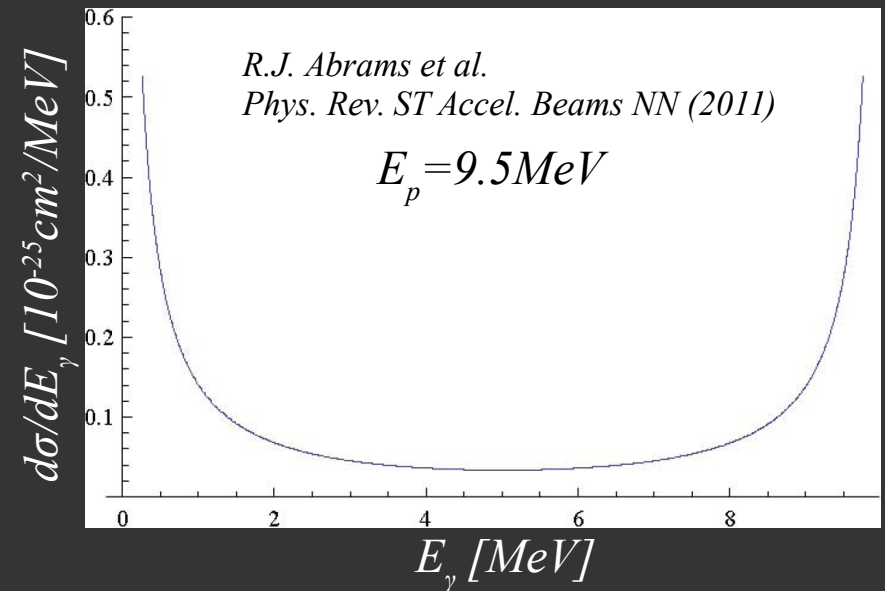
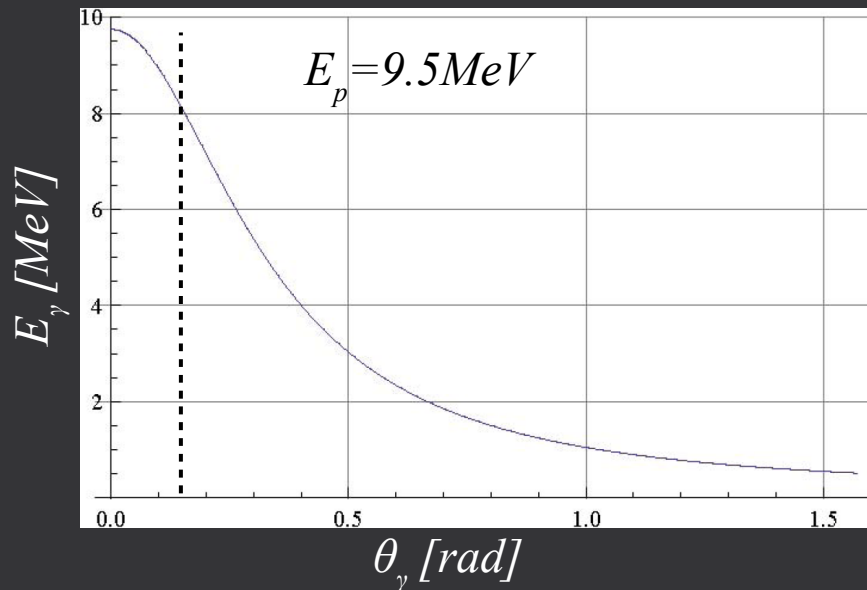
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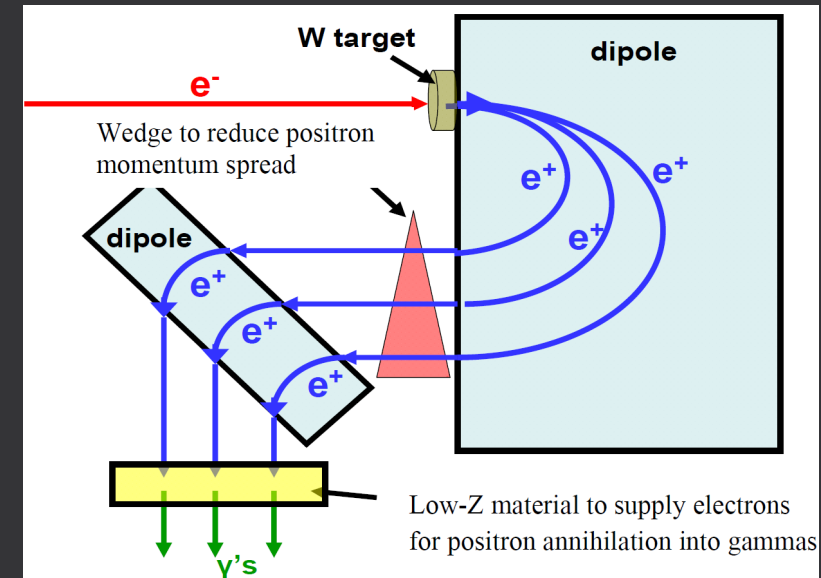
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separate  $e^+$  from bremsstrahlung  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$  (target+magnet)
- 2) prepare secondary  $e^+$  beam:  
reduce energy and angular spread (degrader+magnets)
- 3) annihilate  $e^+$  beam to final  $\gamma$  beam: radiator

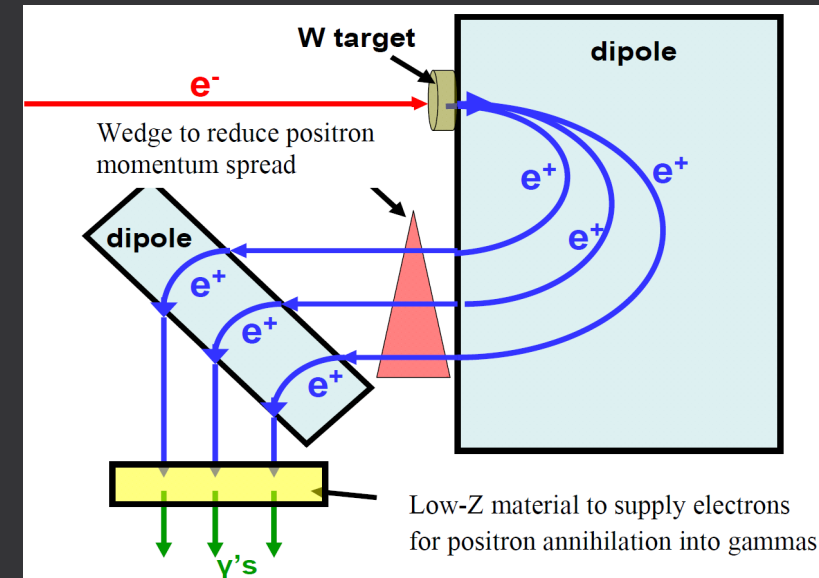


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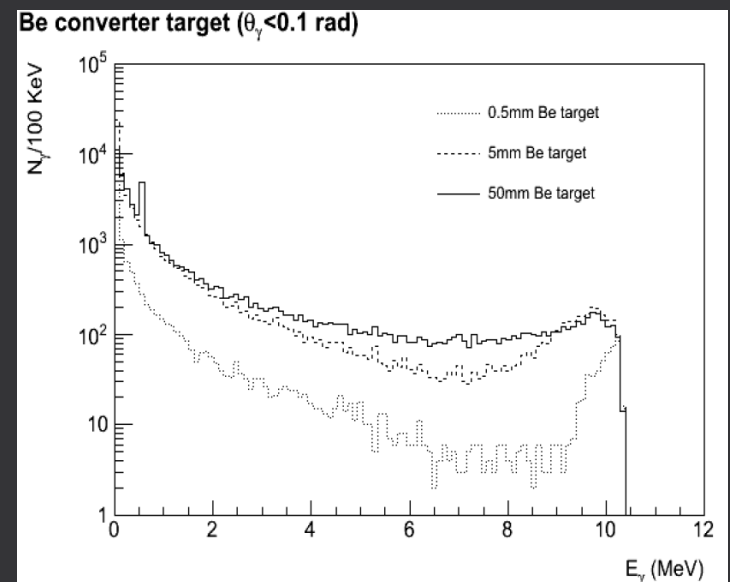
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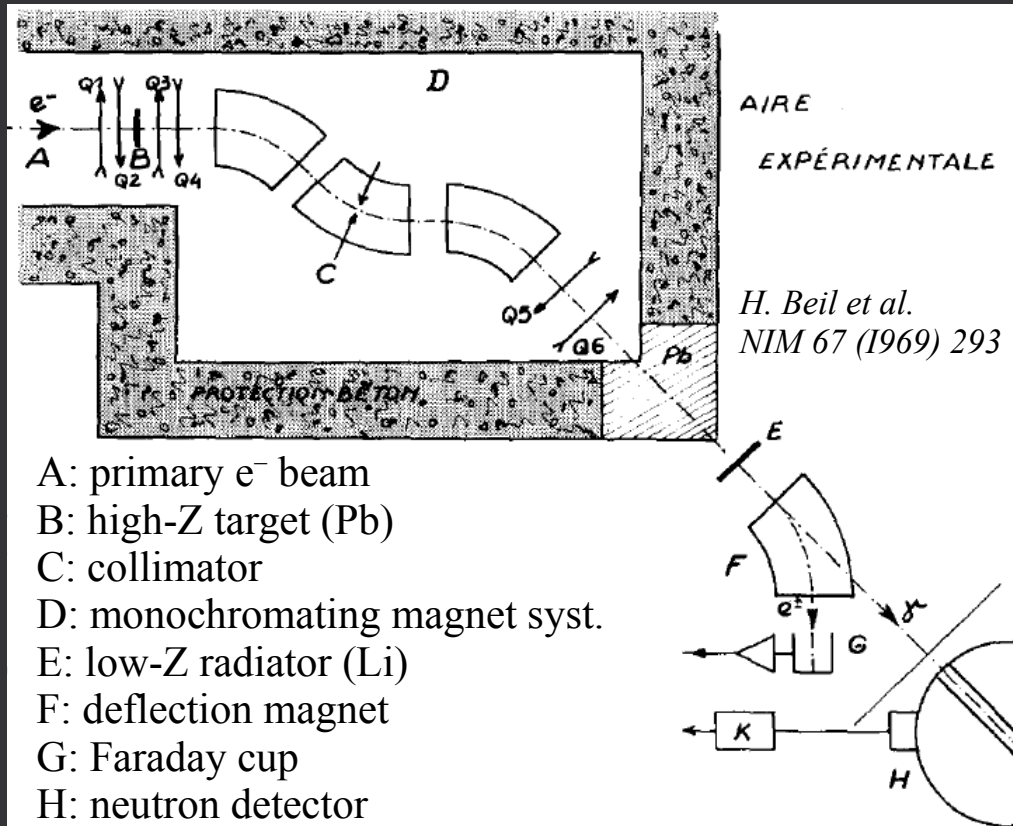
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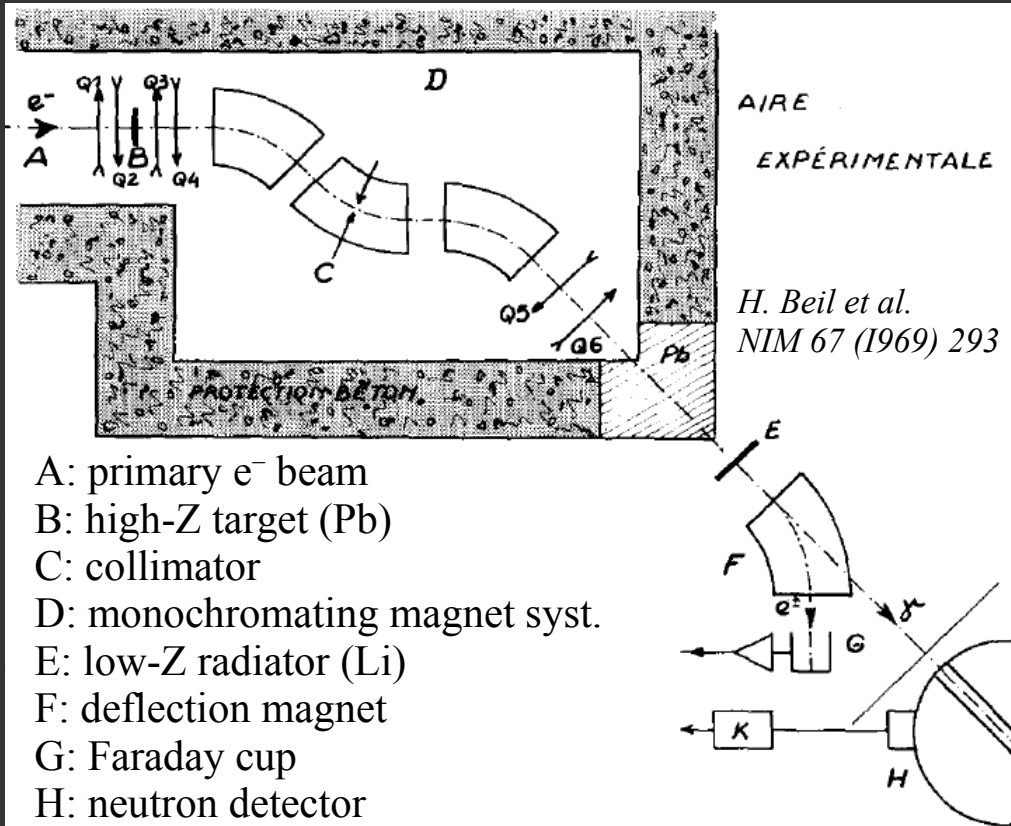
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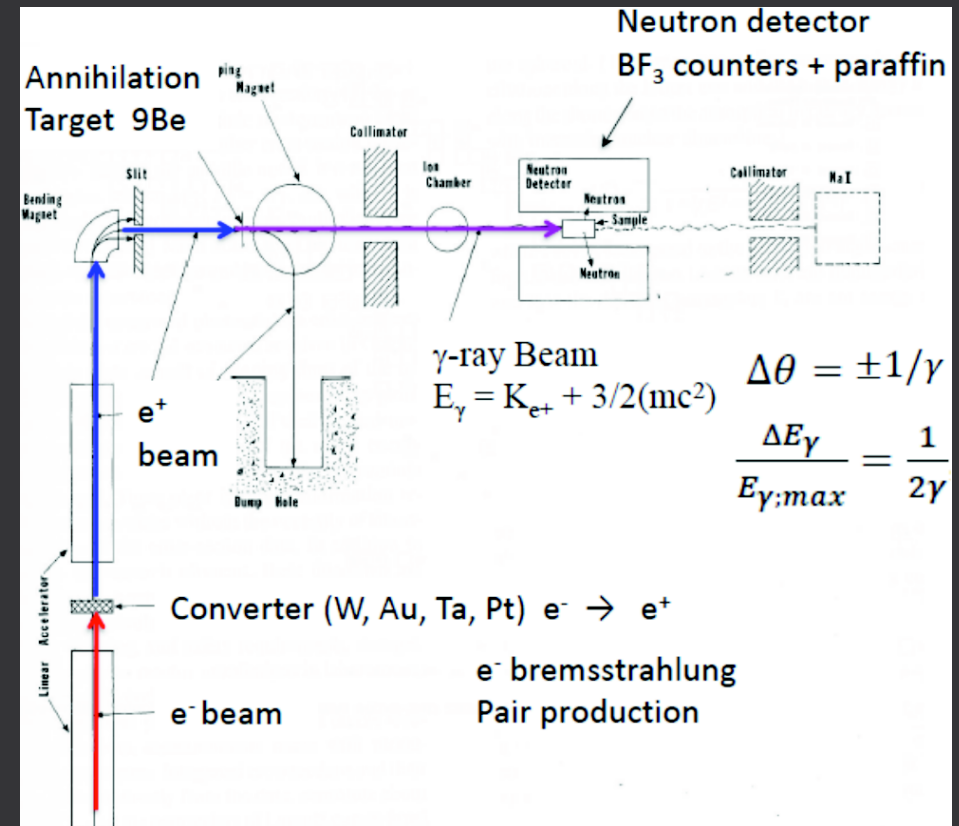
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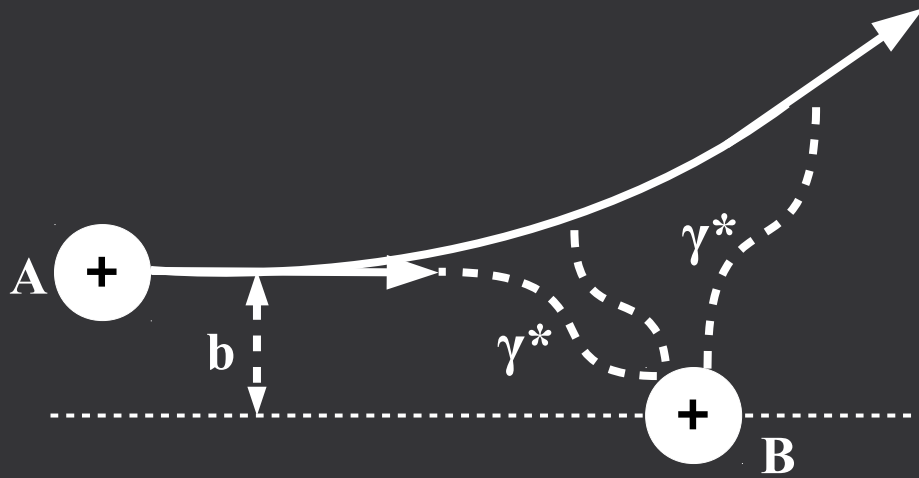
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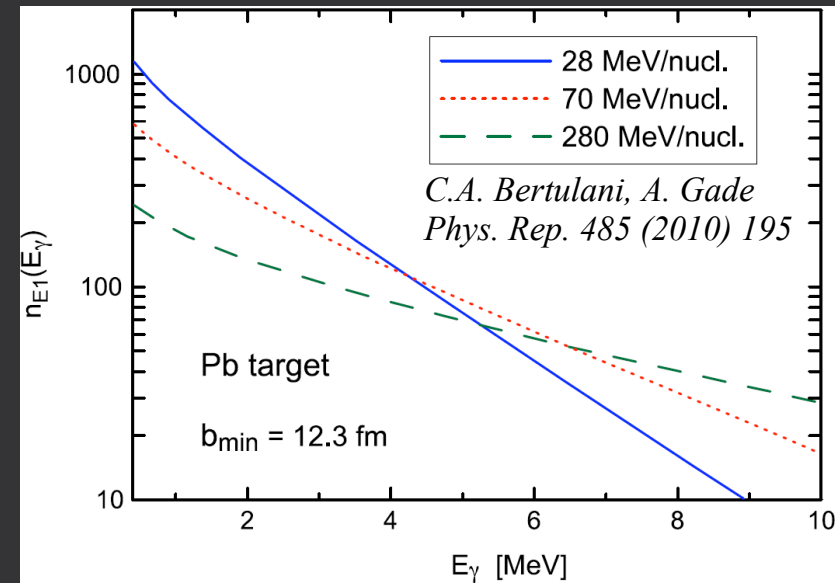
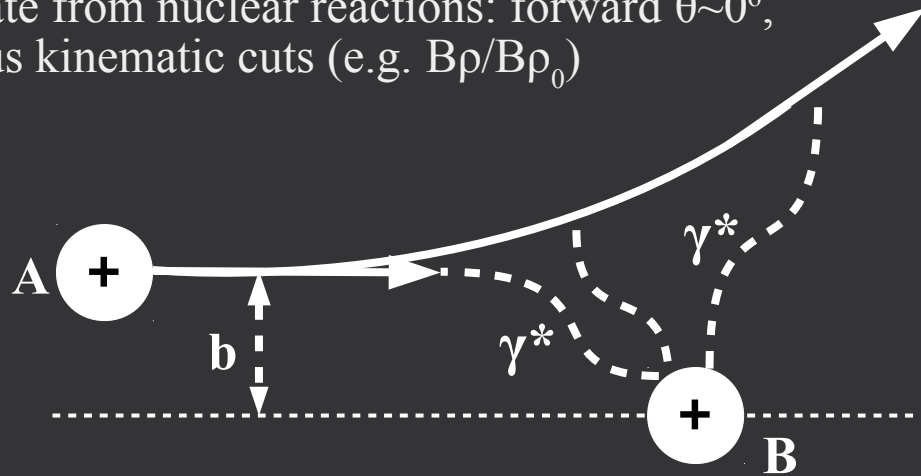
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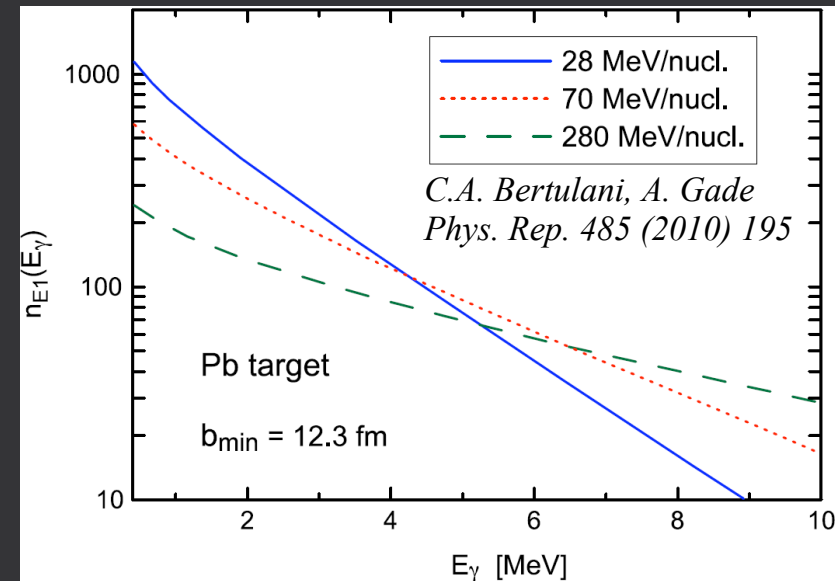
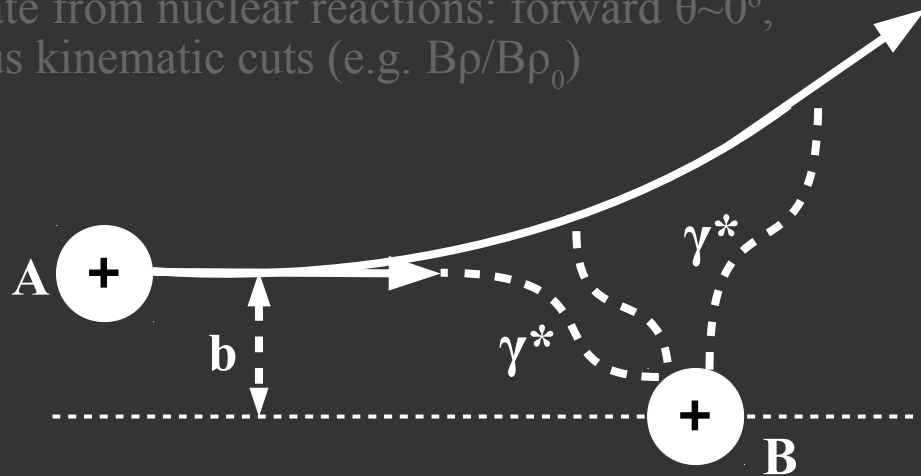




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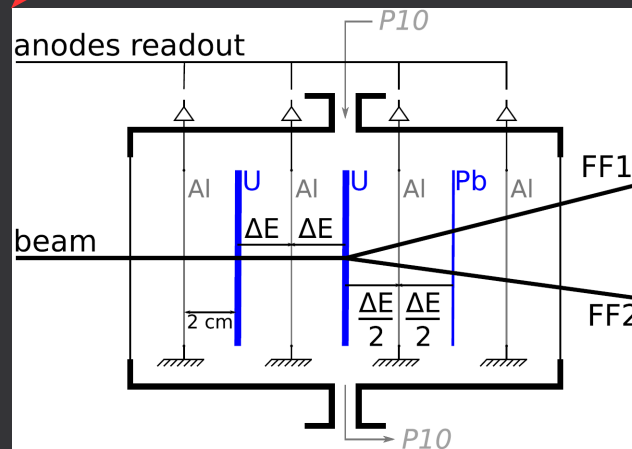
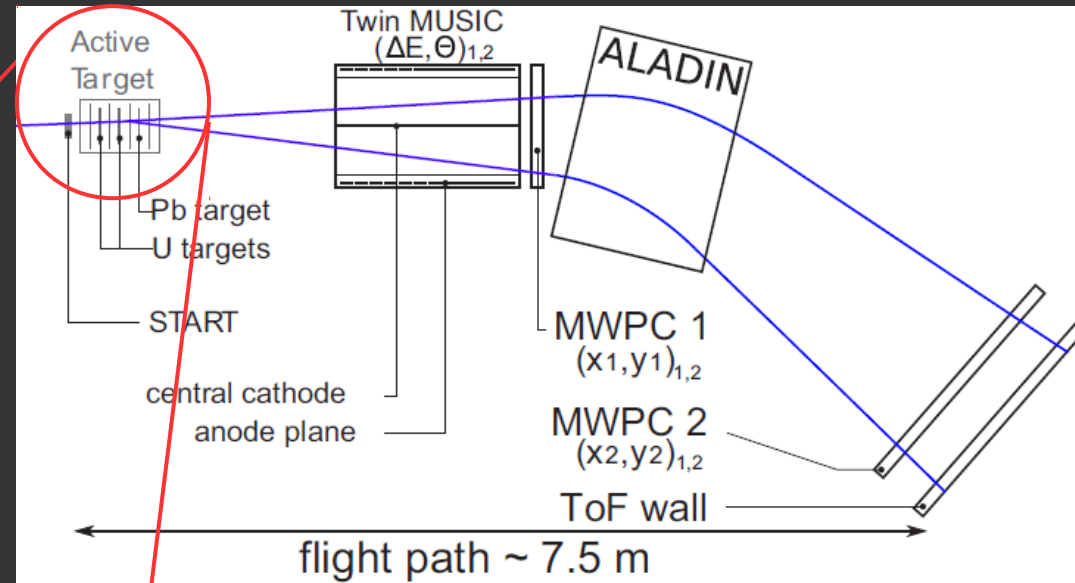
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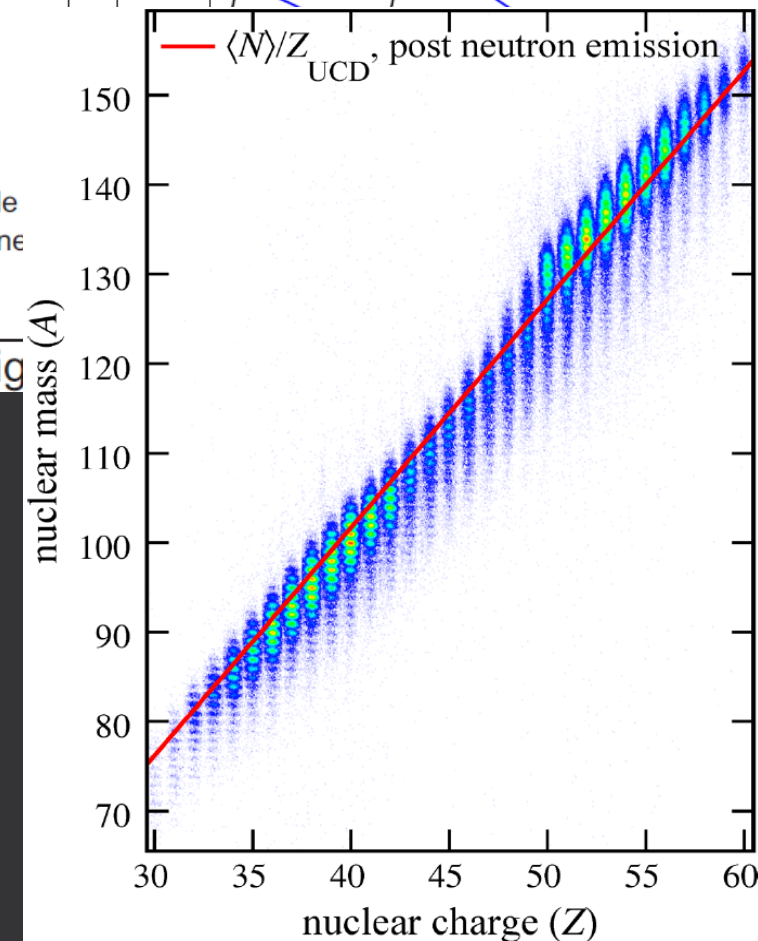
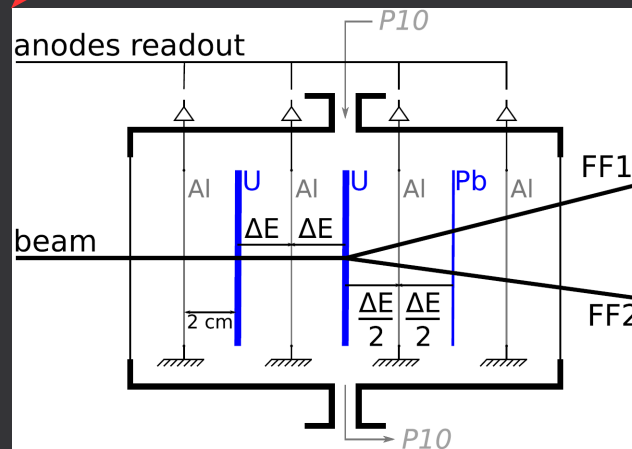
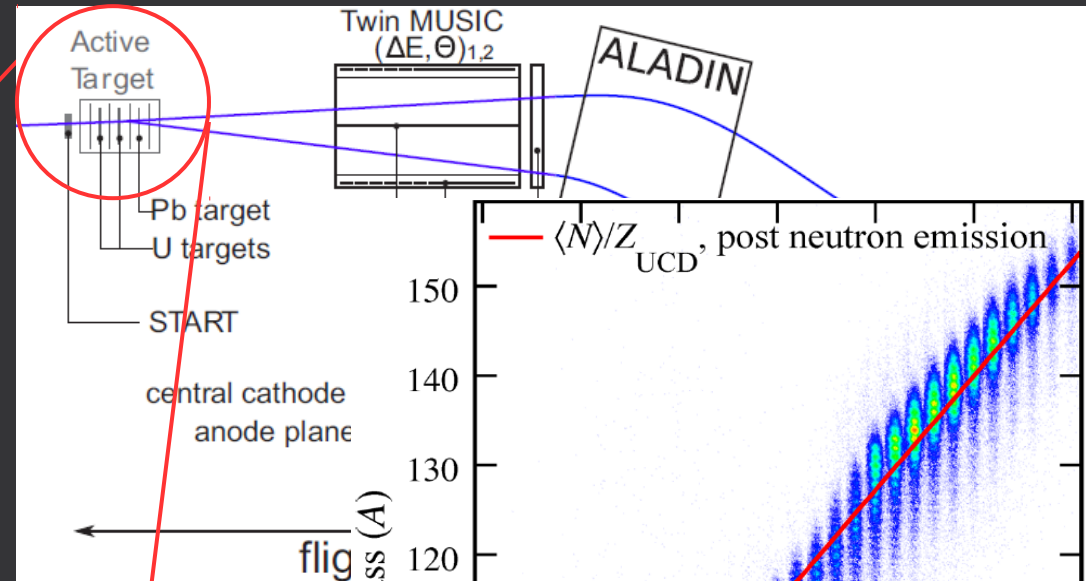
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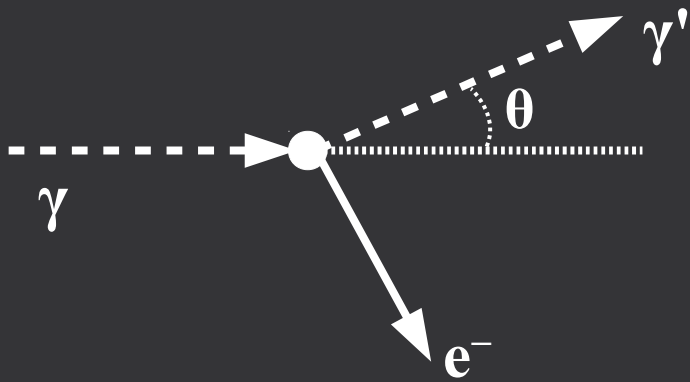
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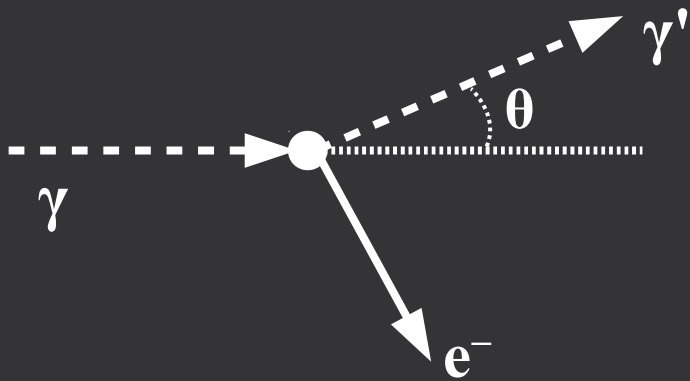
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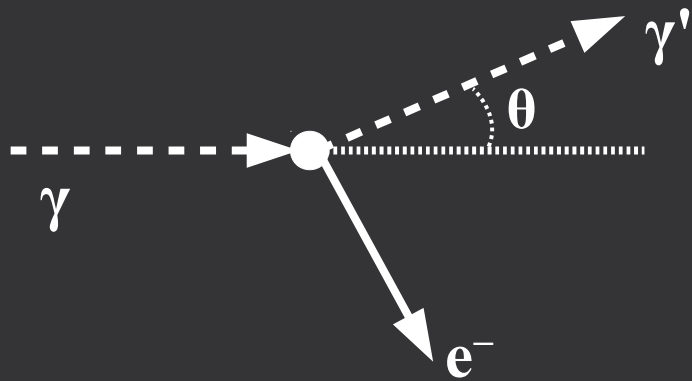
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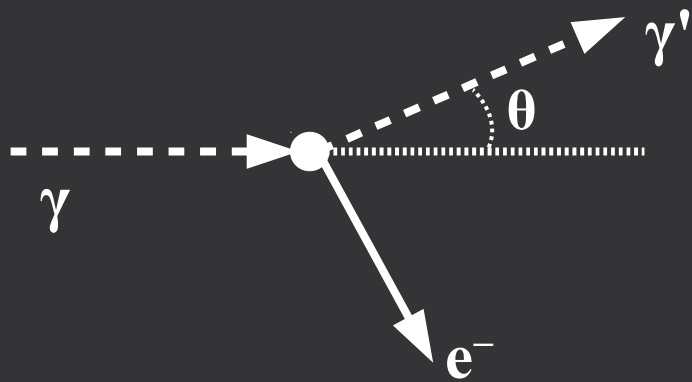
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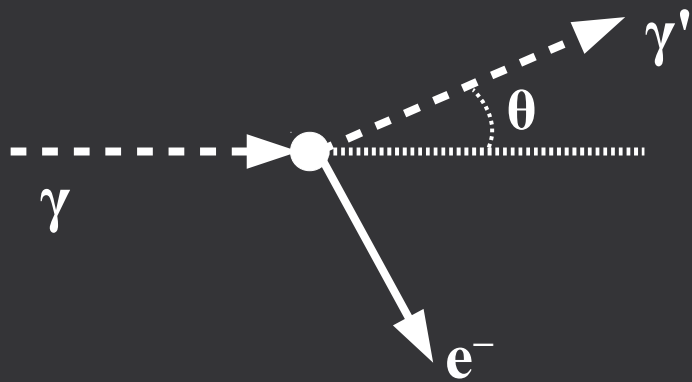
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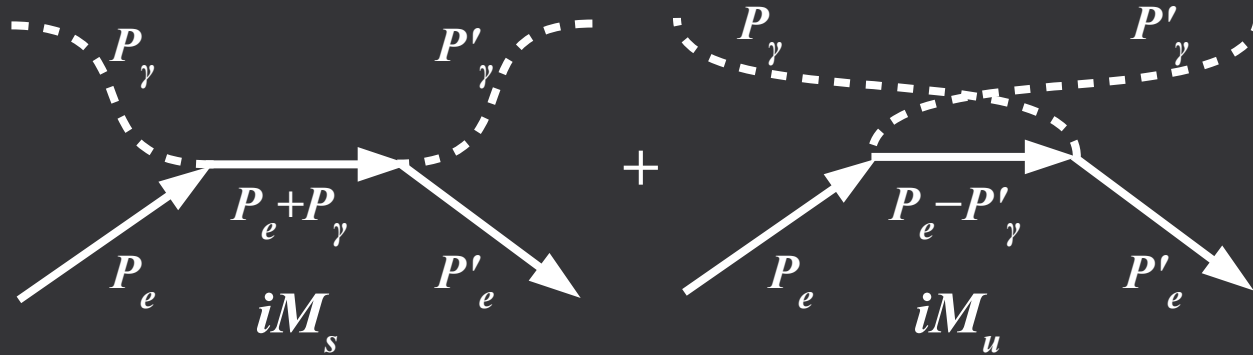
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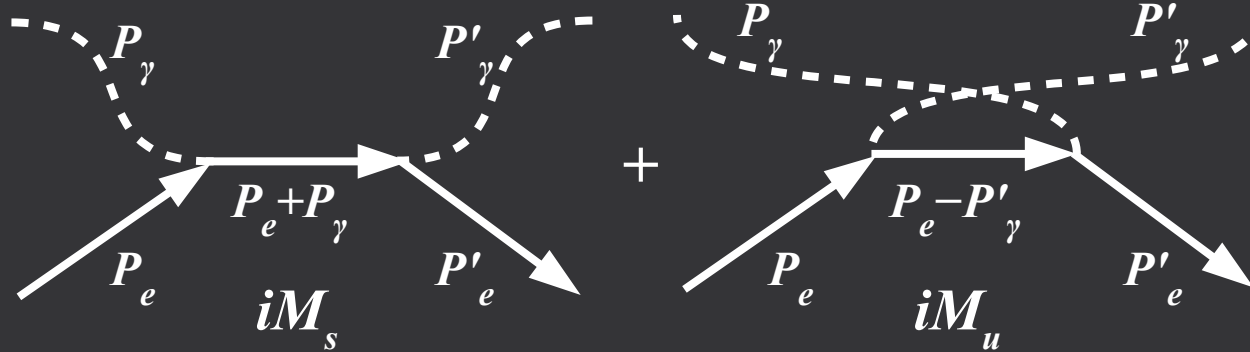
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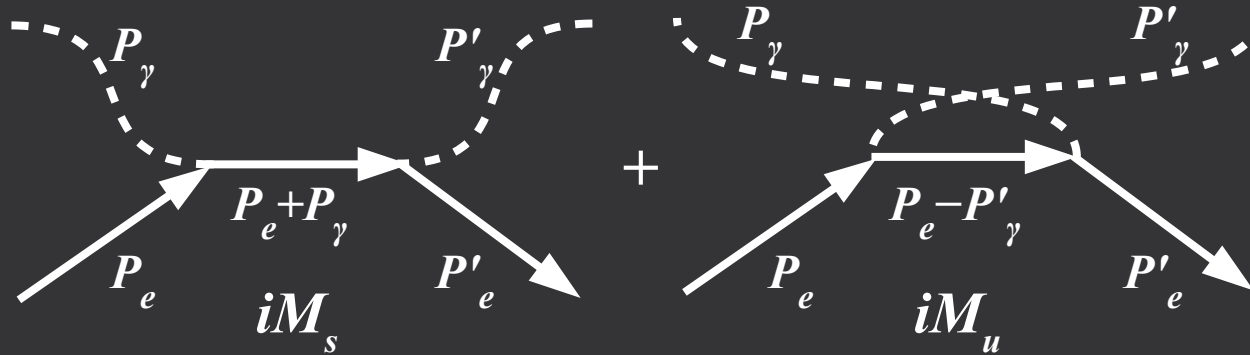
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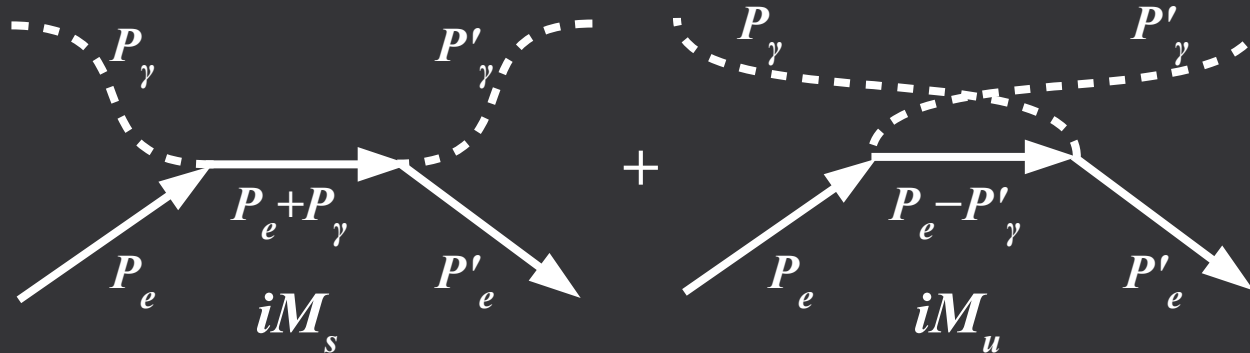
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For full calculation: L.D. Landau and E.M. Lifshitz “Quantum Electrodynamics”

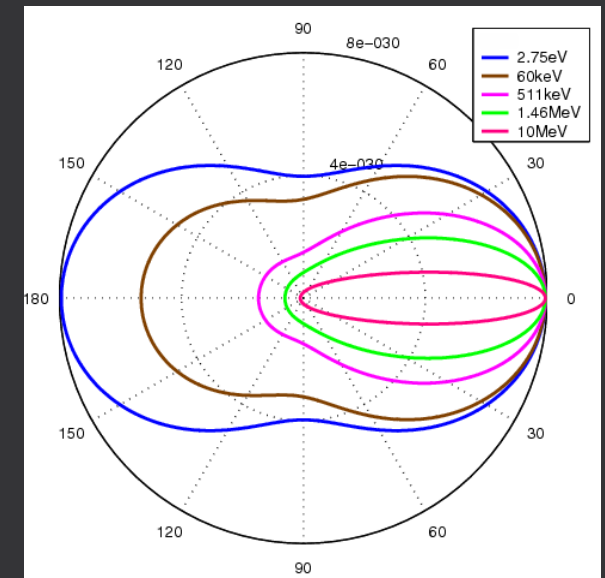
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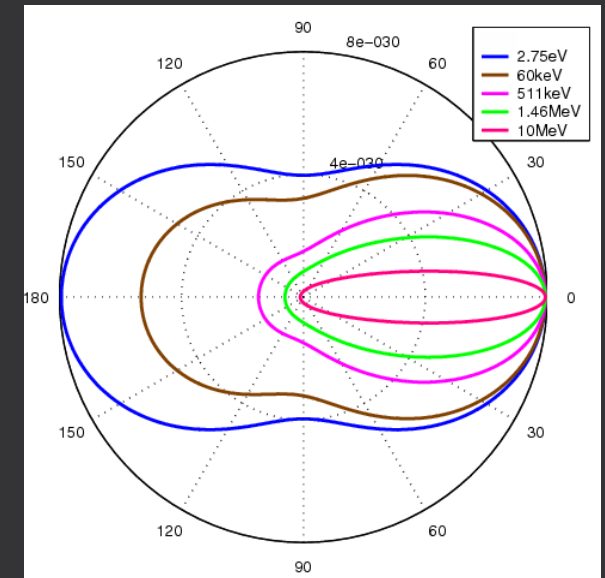
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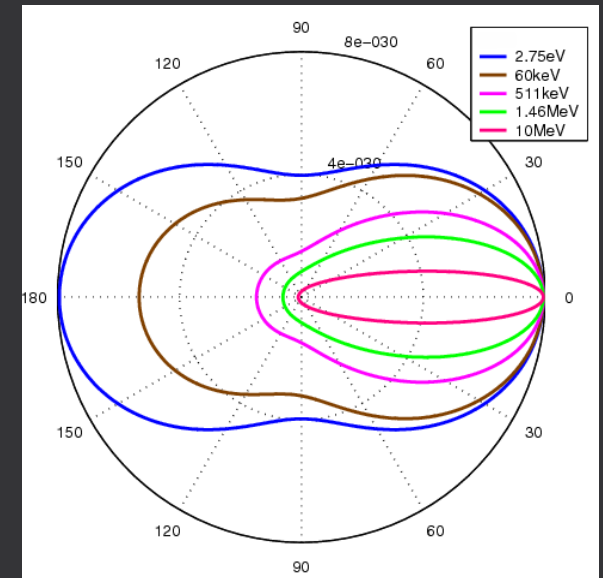
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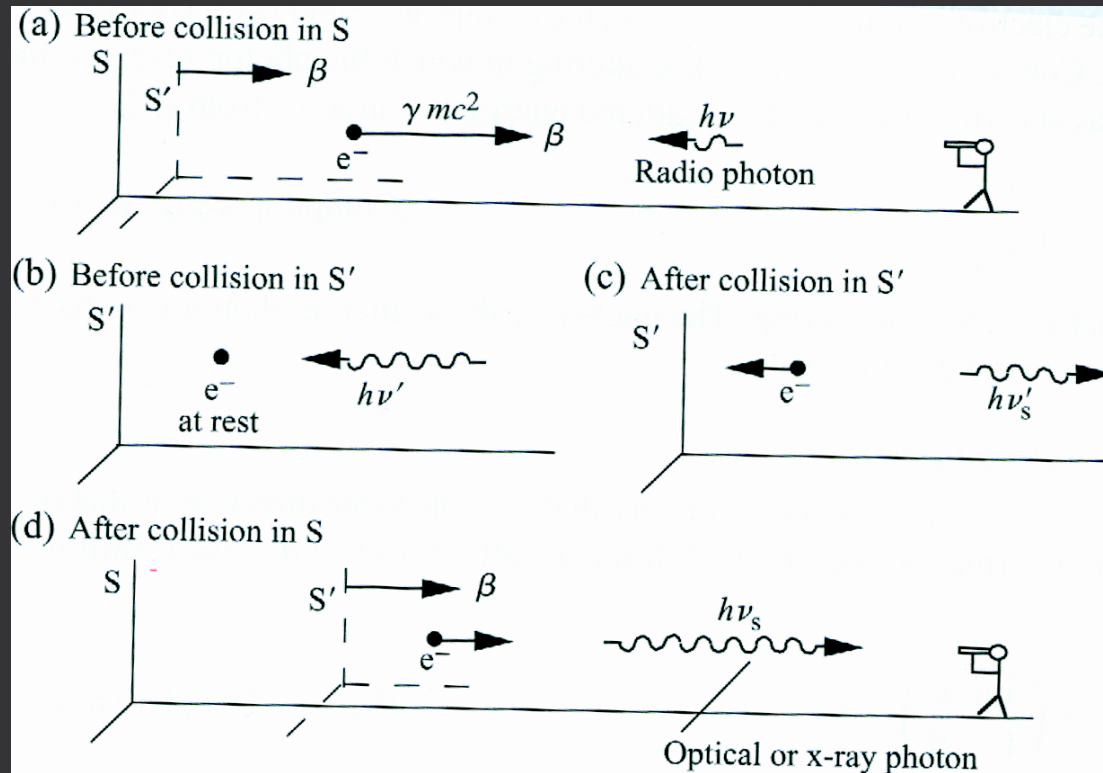


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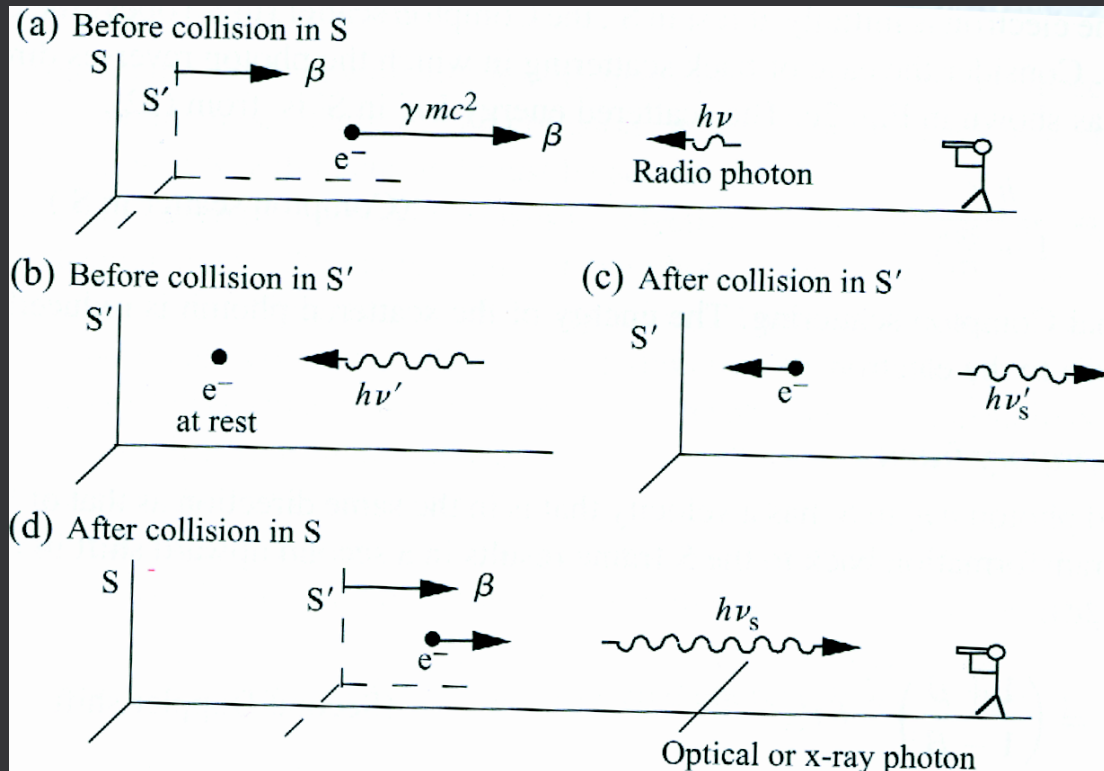
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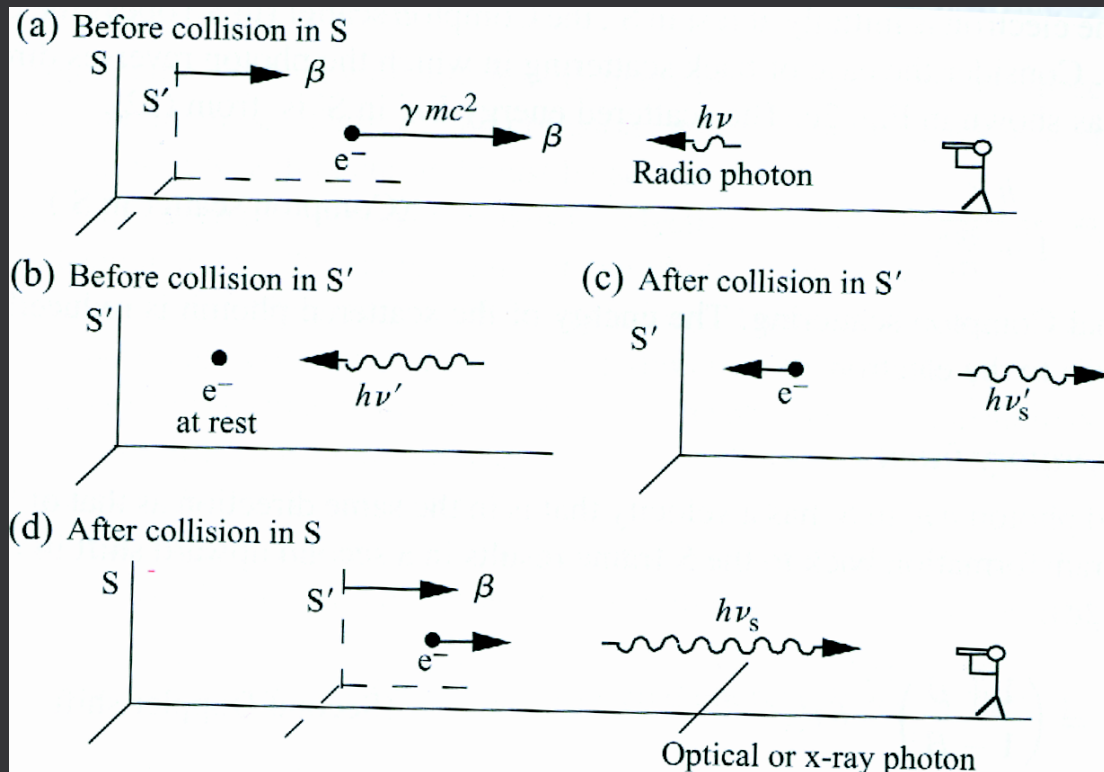
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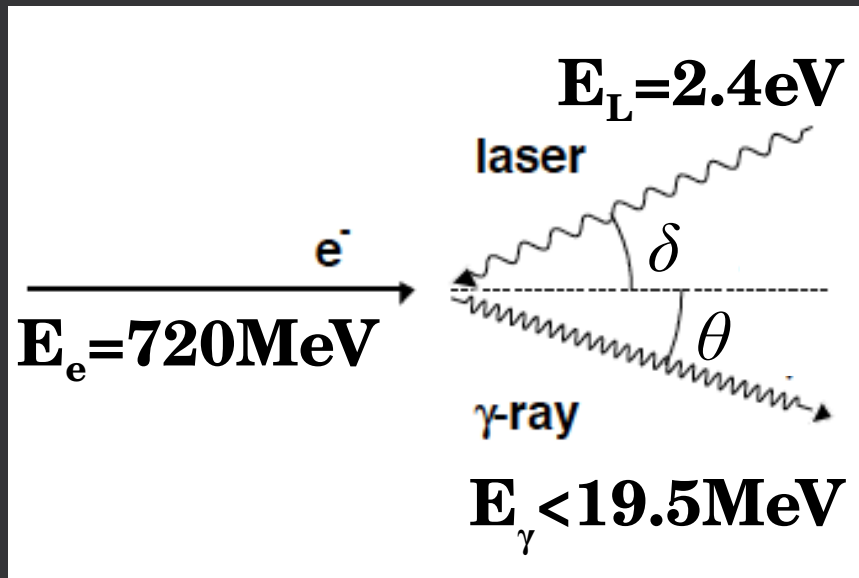
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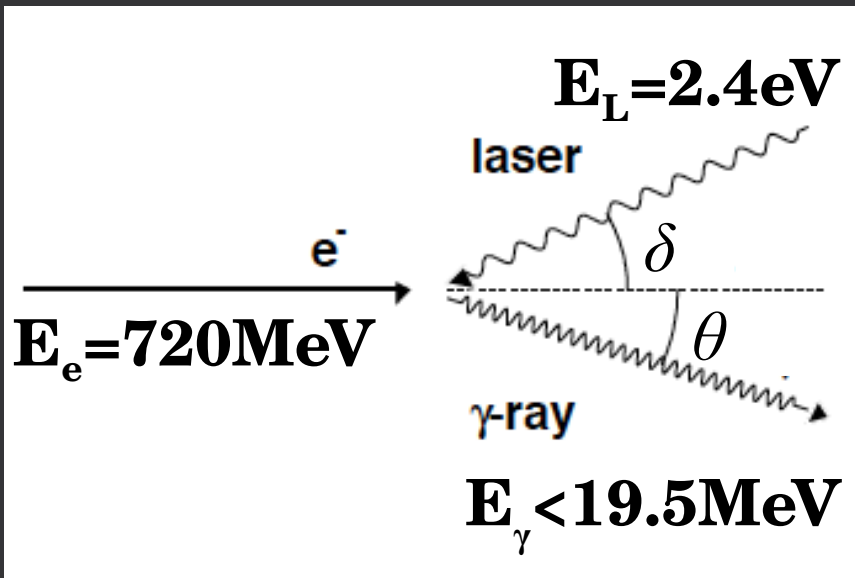
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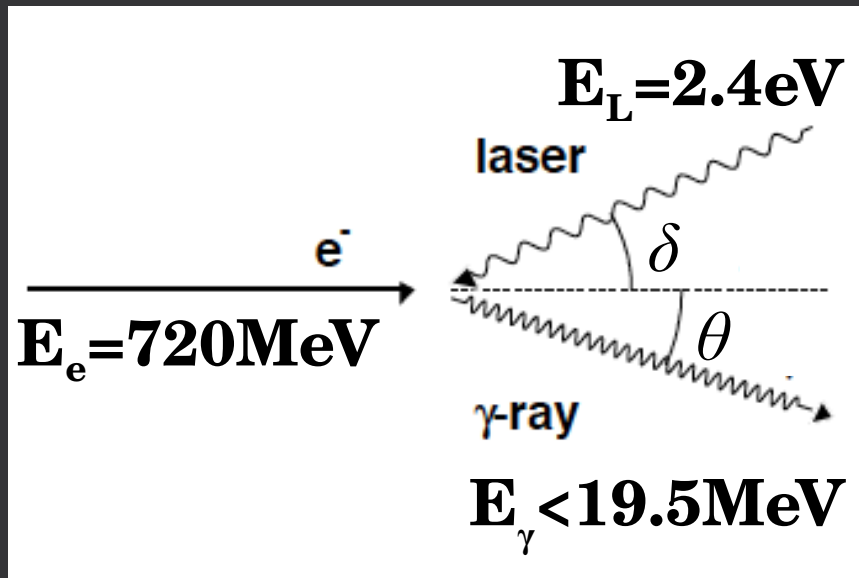
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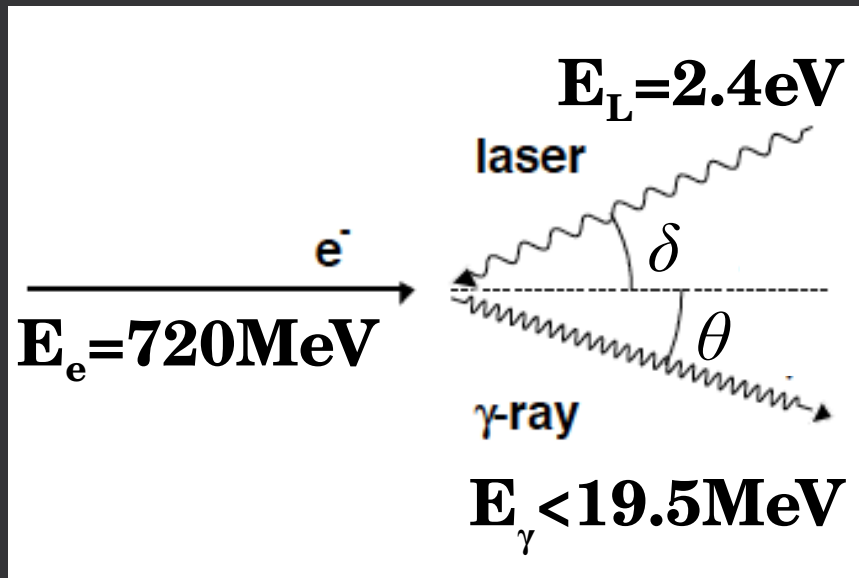
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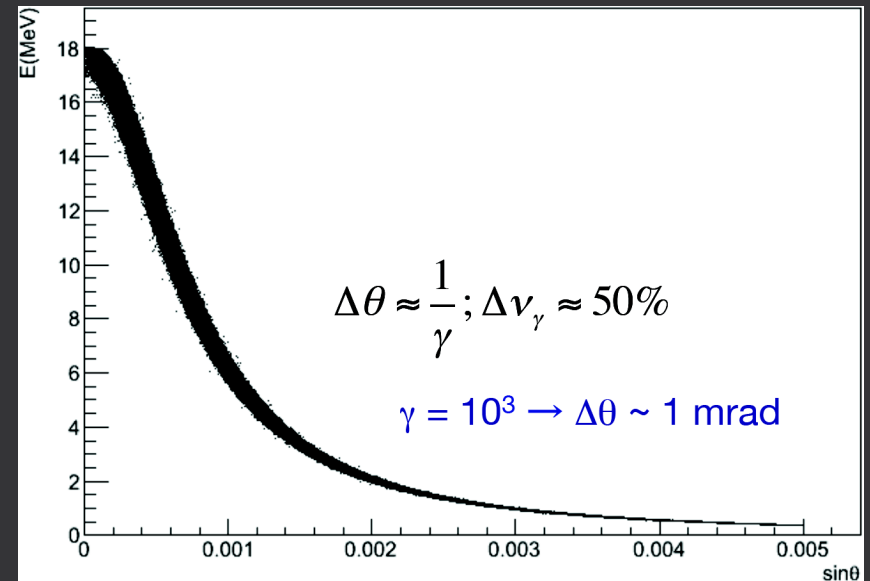
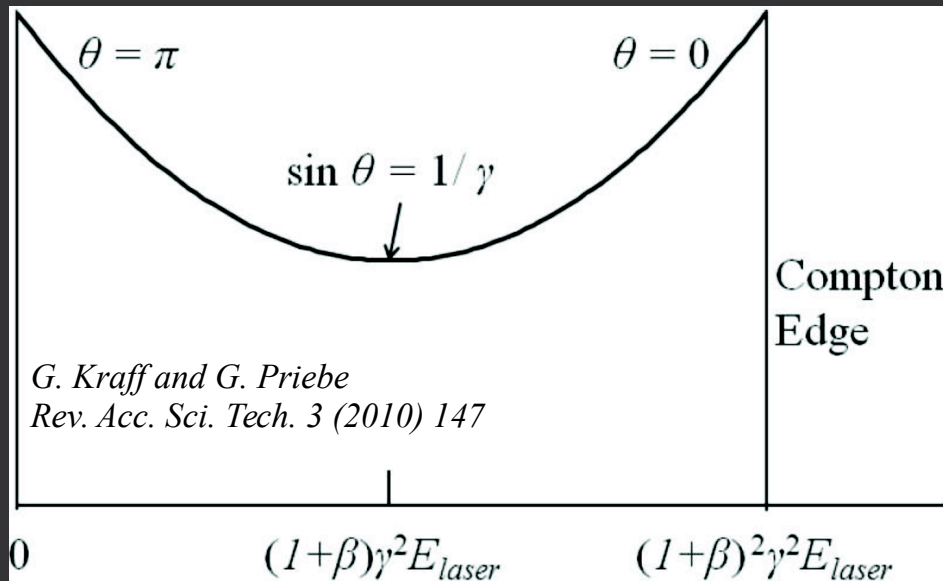
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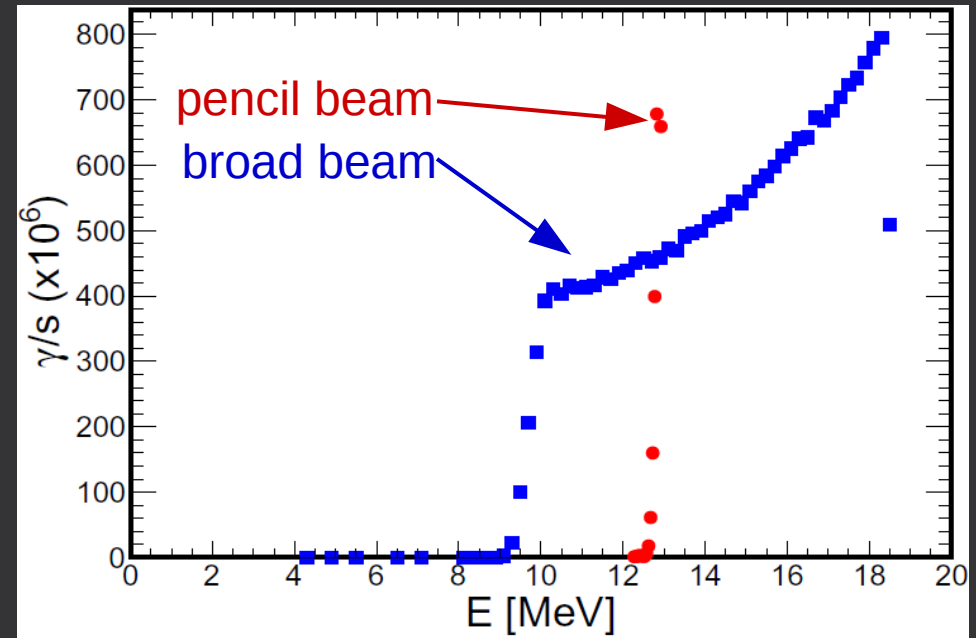
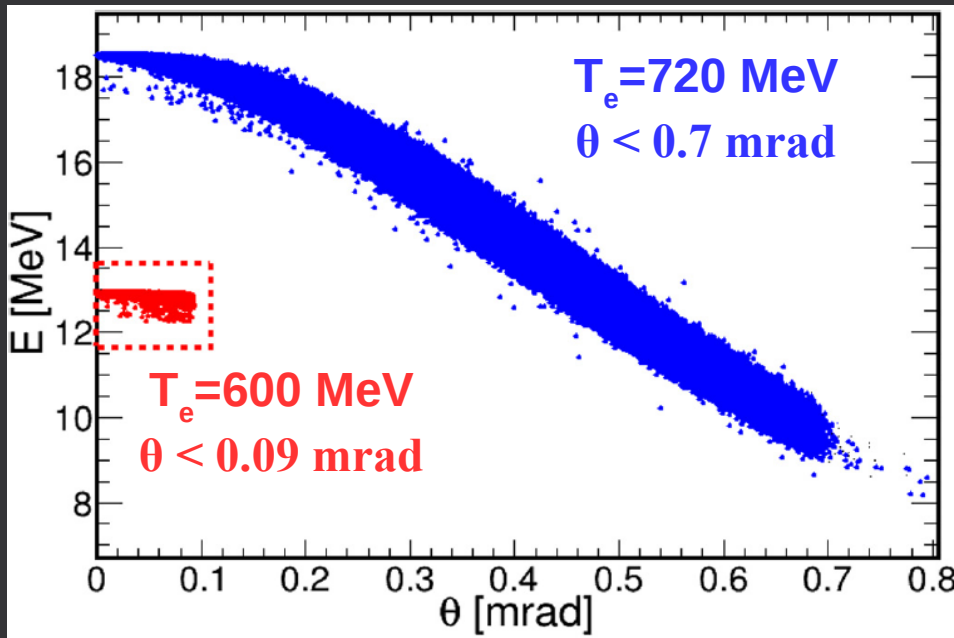
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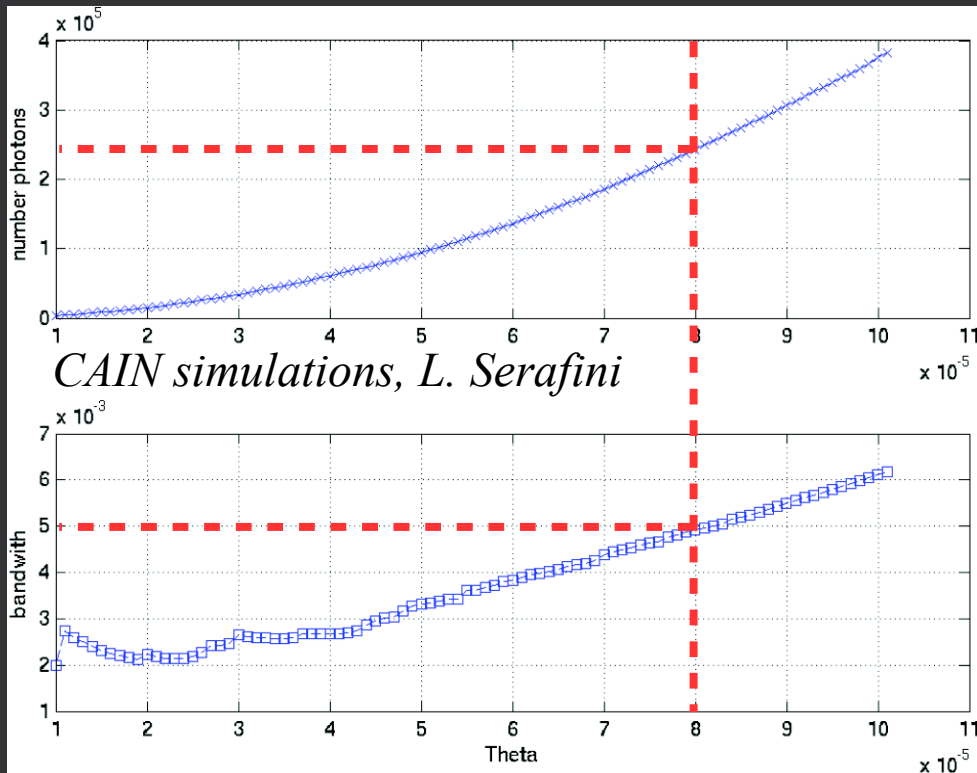


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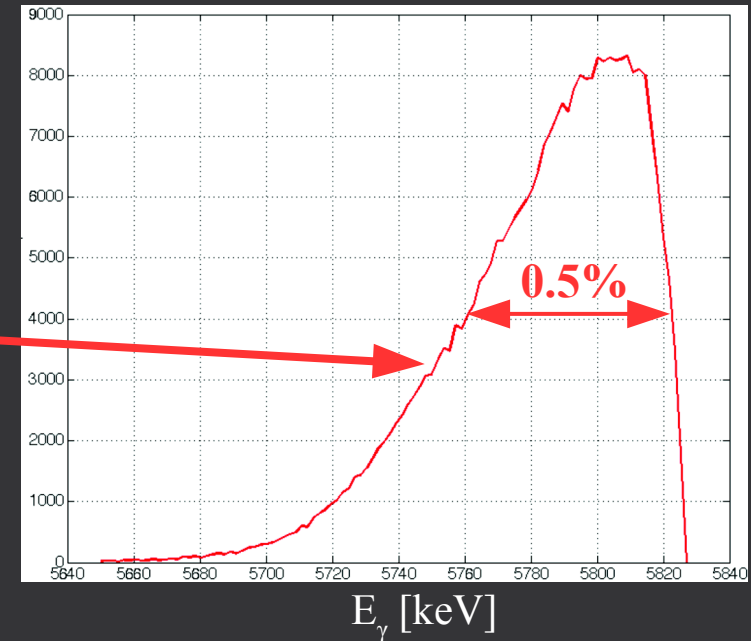
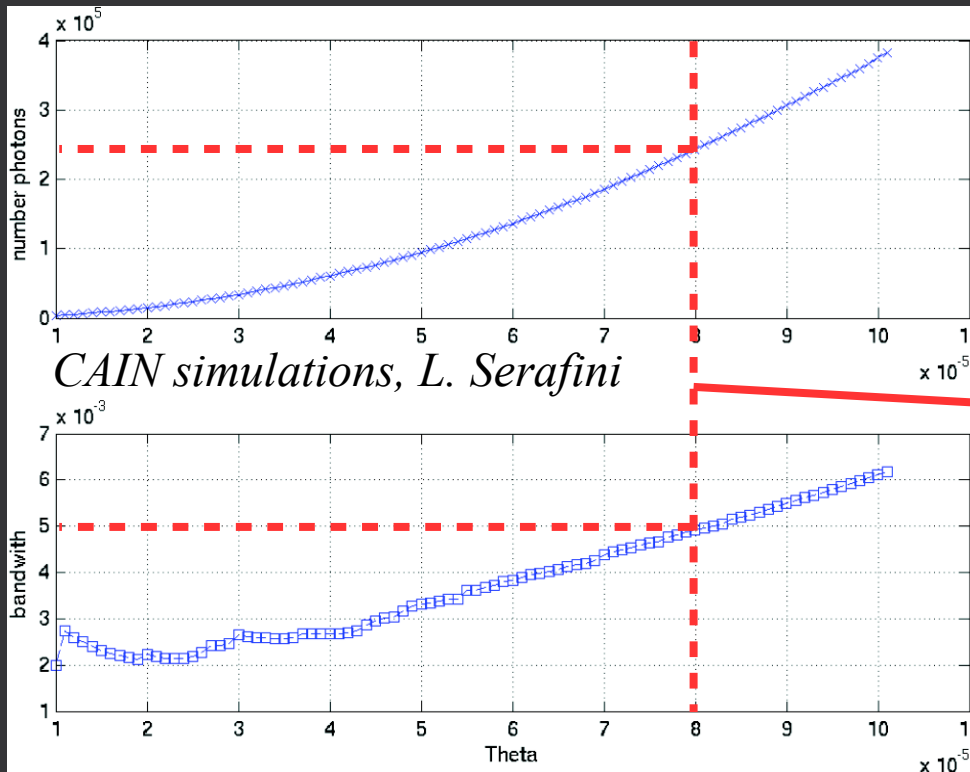


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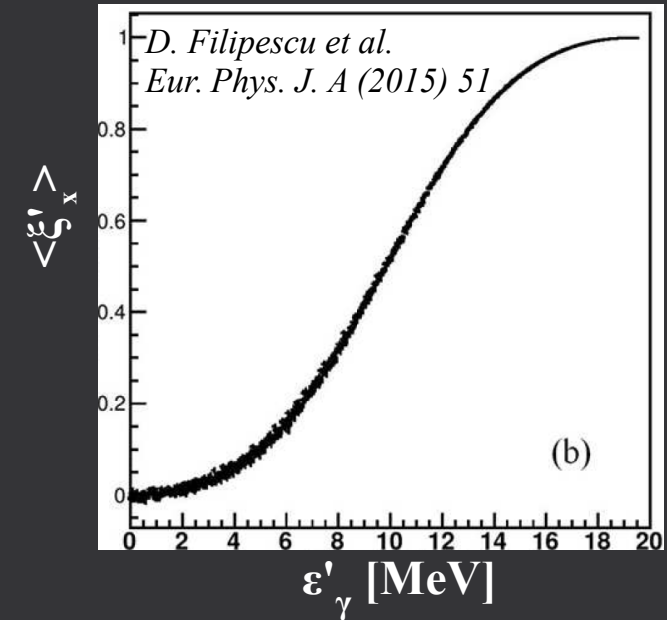
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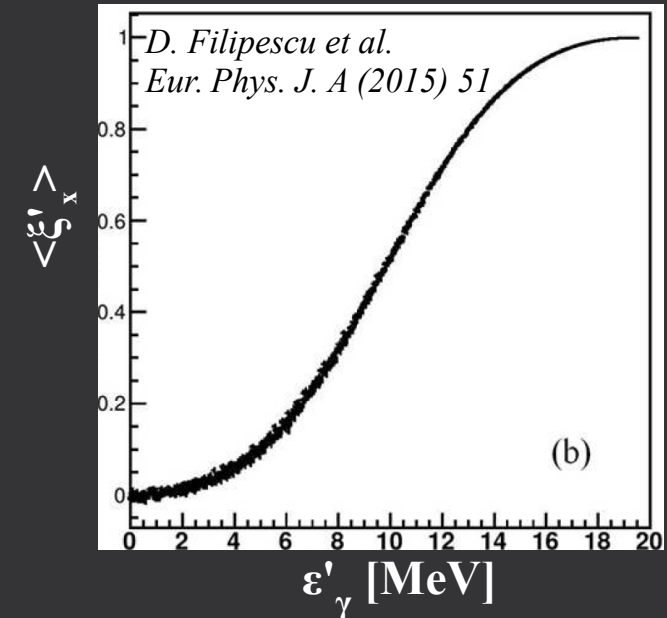
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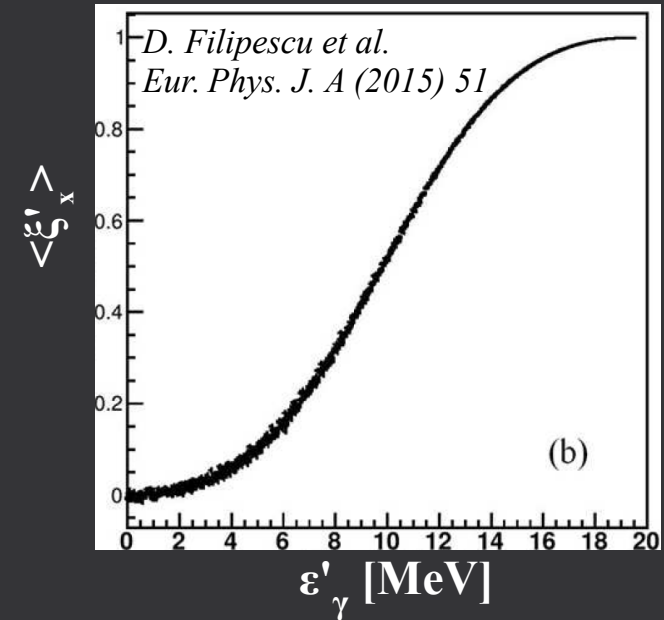
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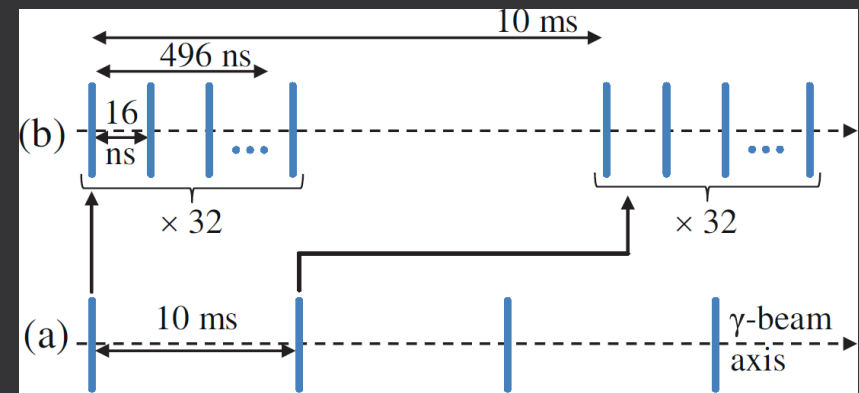
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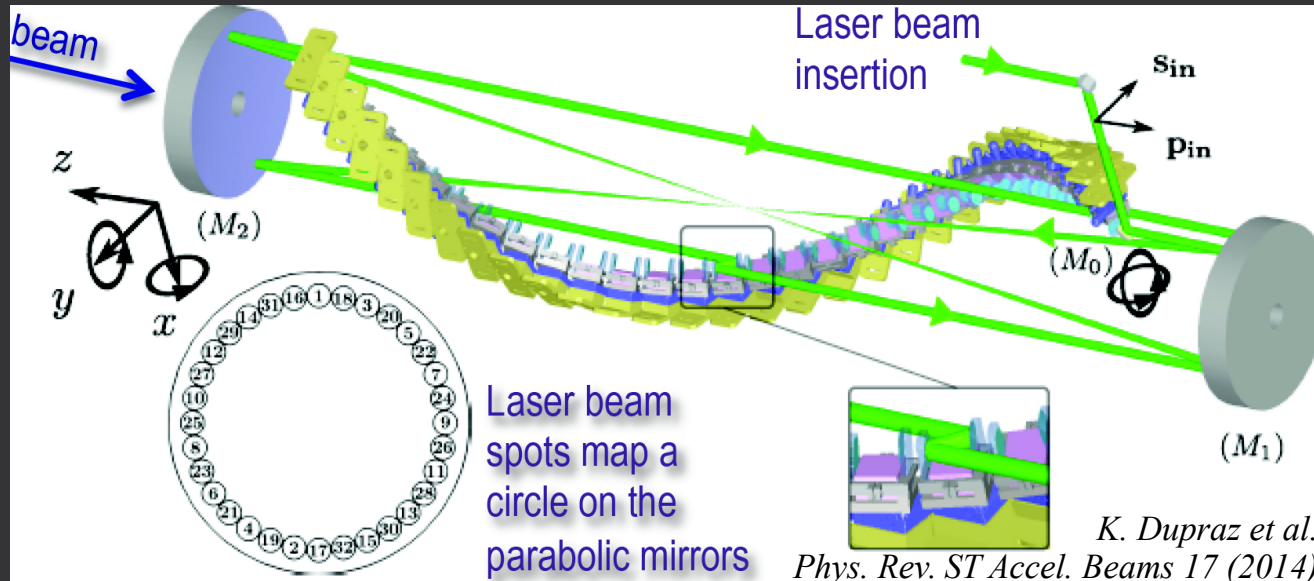
Time structure of the beam:

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- due to special collision technique



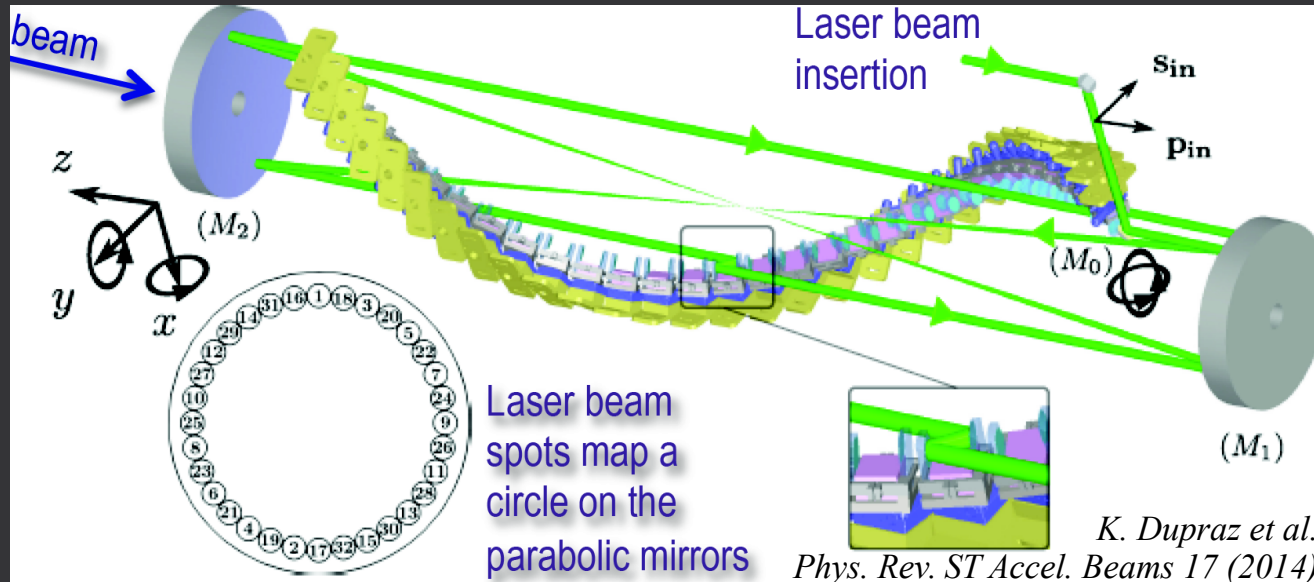
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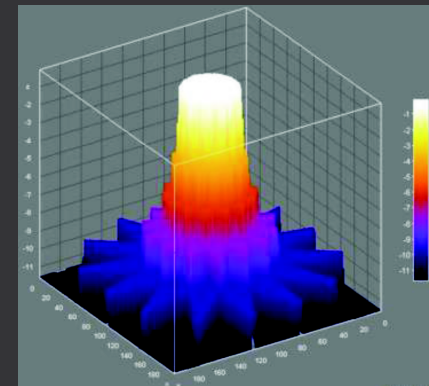
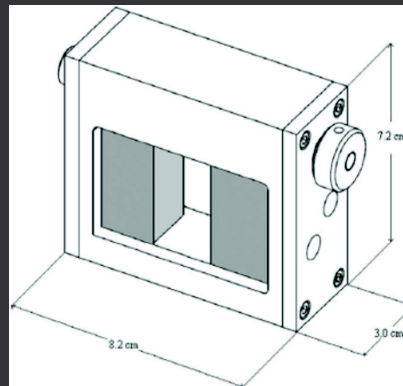
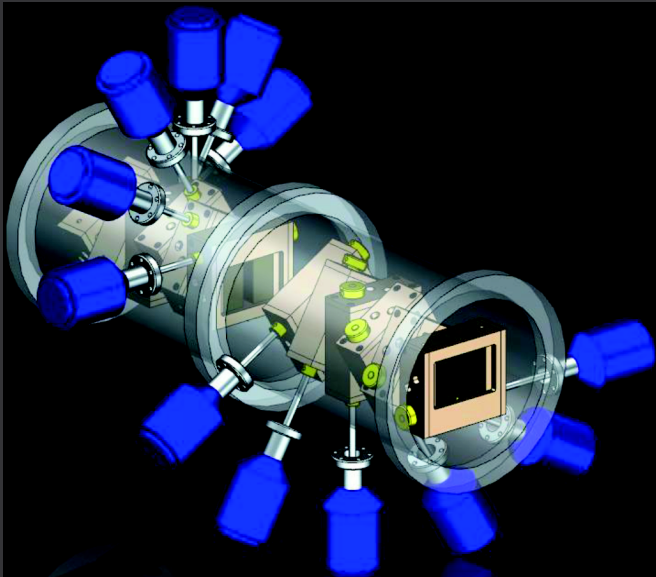
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- avoid beam contamination (radiation): 14 slits at  $25.7^\circ$



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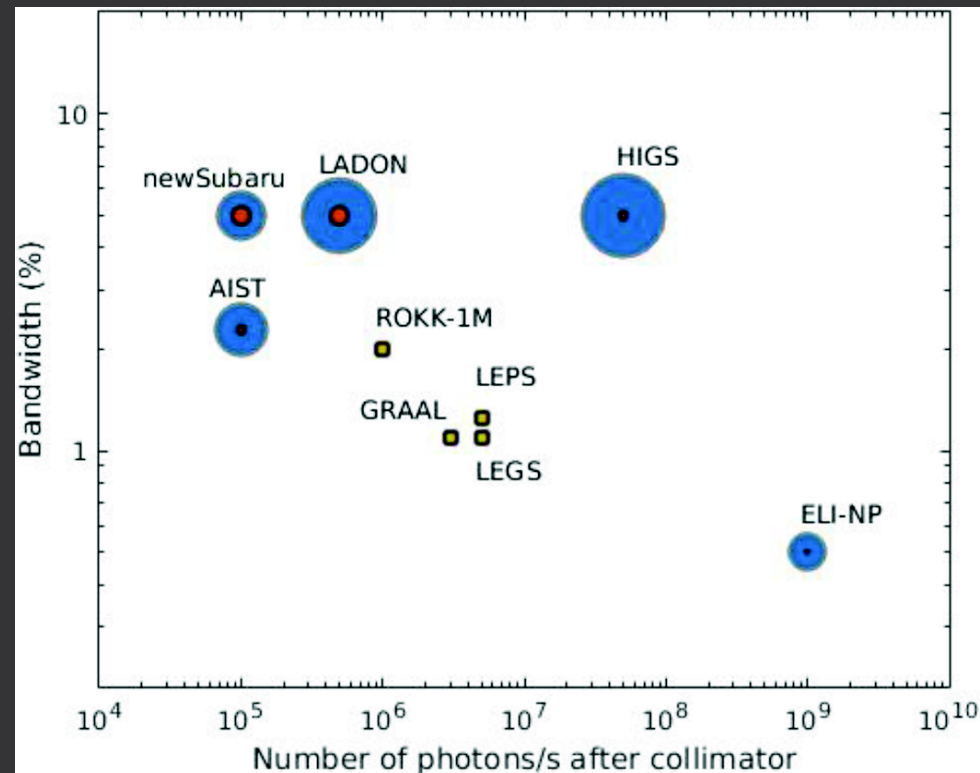


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Source rms size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	10 – 30
Source rms divergence ( $\mu\text{rad}$ )	25 – 200
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Pulse-to-pulse separation (nsec)	16



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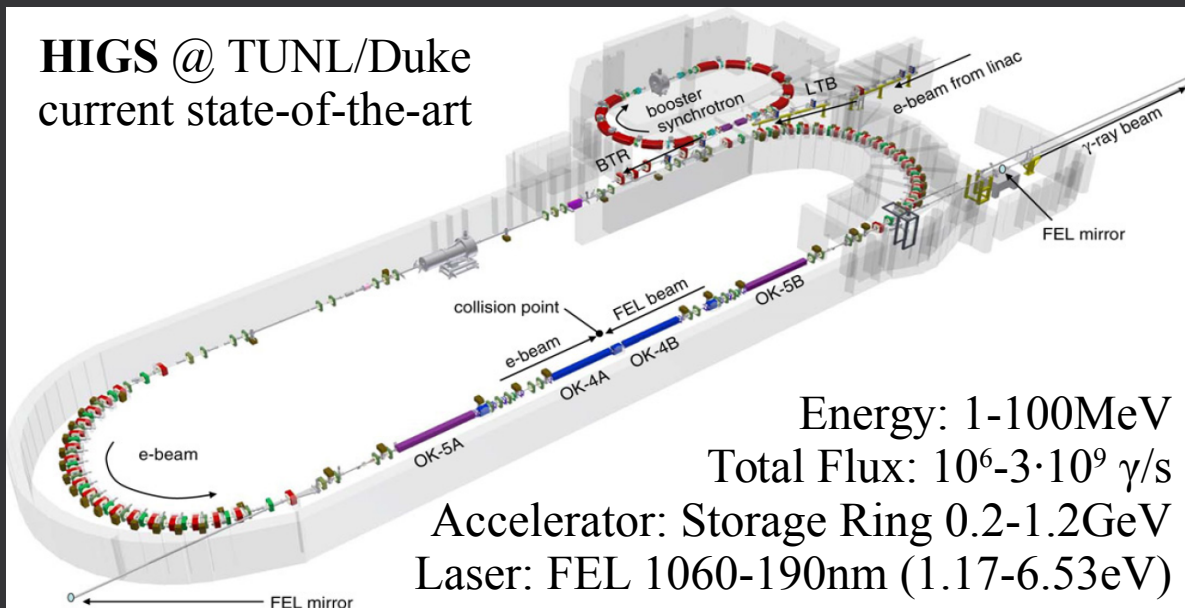
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 Accelerator: Storage Ring 0.2-1.2GeV  
 Laser: FEL 1060-190nm (1.17-6.53eV)

	SD γ/s/eV	BW %	spot	bunch cross.	P %
HIGS	$10^2$	3	cm	MHz	99
ELI-NP	$10^4$	0.5	mm	kHz	99

Vast research program:

- NRF ( $^{138}\text{Ba}$ ,  $^{88}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{92}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{94}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ )
- nuclear astrophysics
- $\gamma$ - $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  photodisintegration
- national security applications

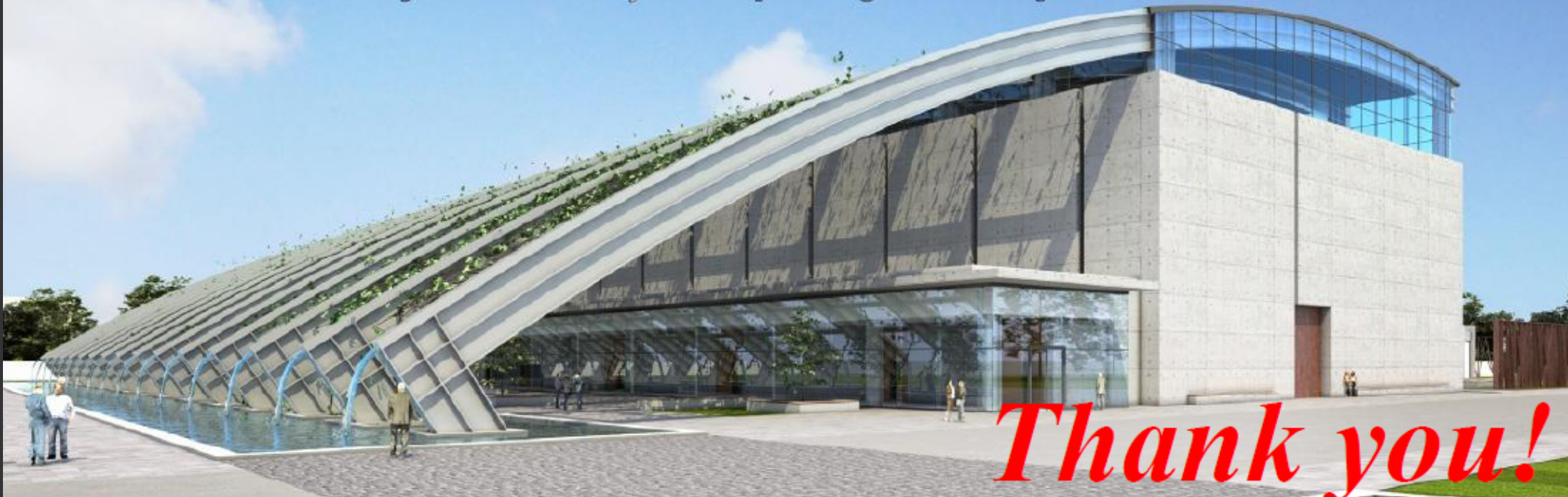


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