

# Measurement of Charge Radii from Lithium to Neon

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# We are

workers in the fields of:

- Exotic atoms
- Quantum sensing



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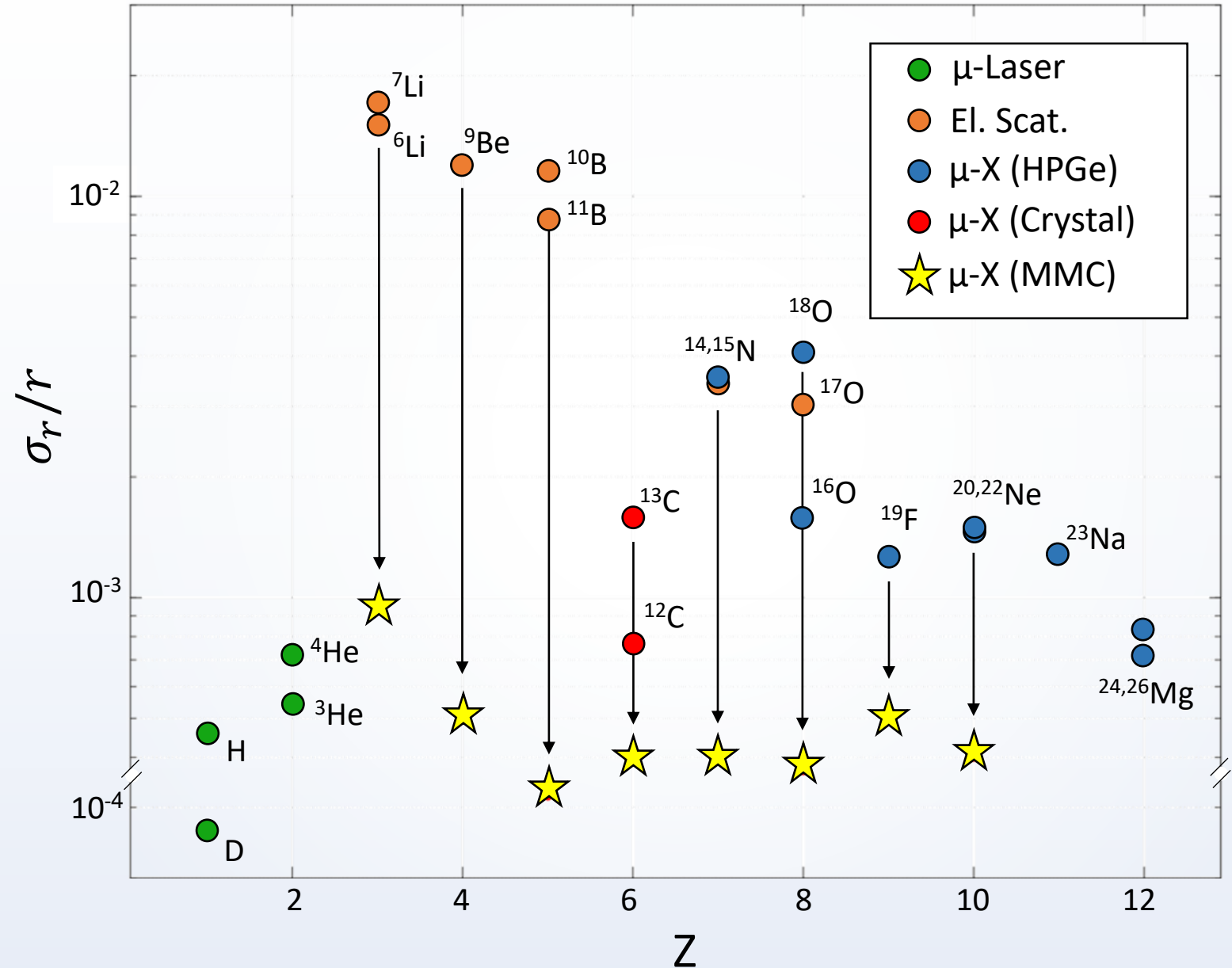


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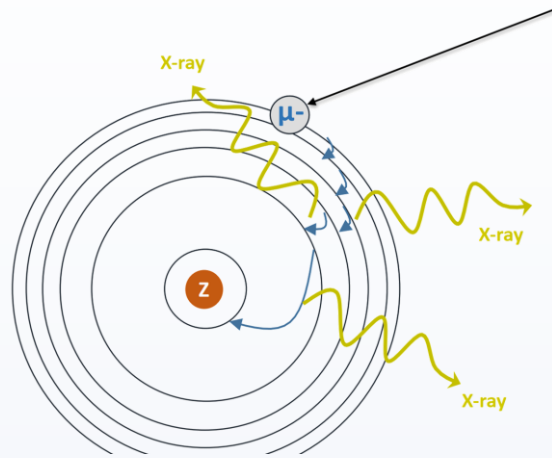
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★ Accurately measure absolute nuclear charge radii of stable nuclei from  ${}^6\text{Li}$  to  ${}^{22}\text{Ne}$



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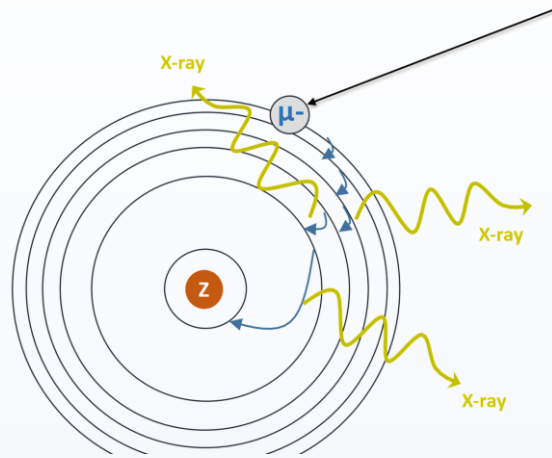
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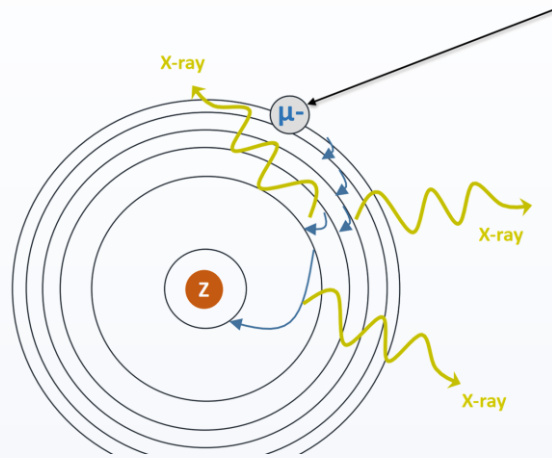
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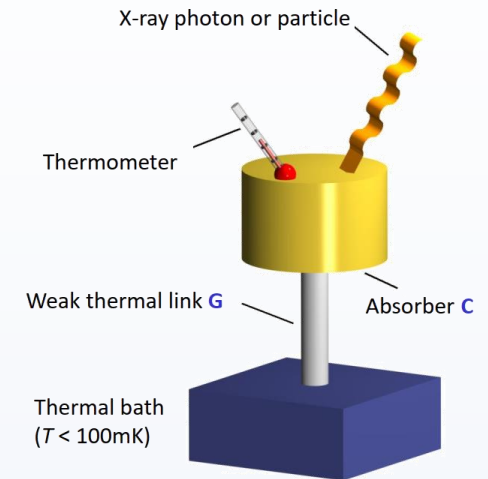
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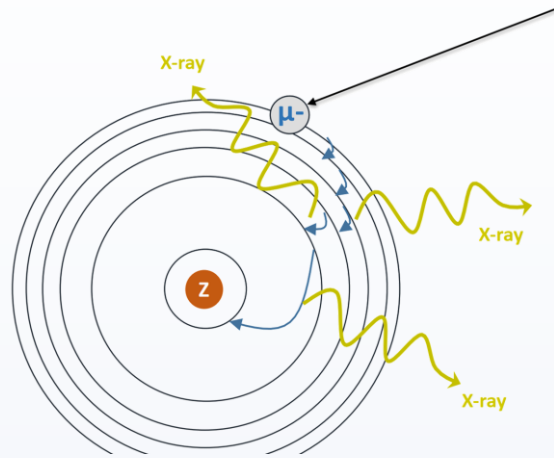
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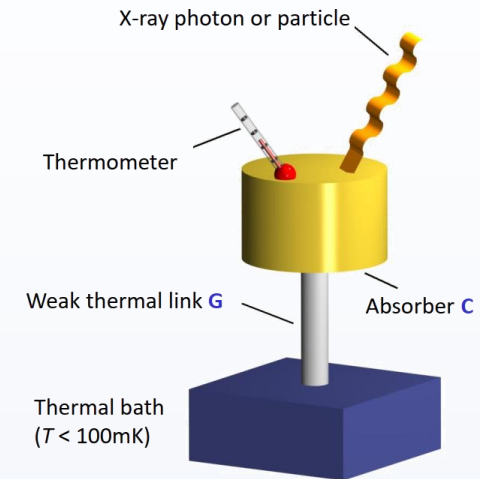
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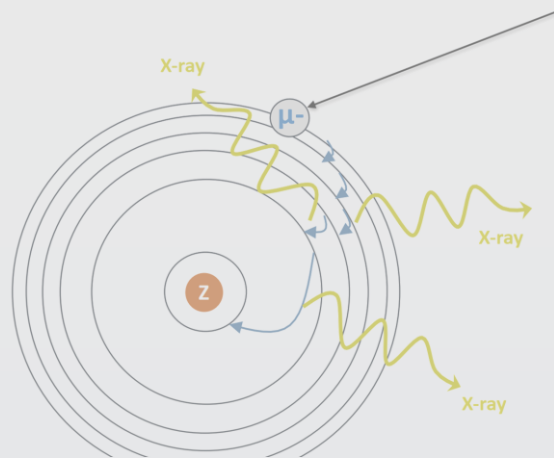


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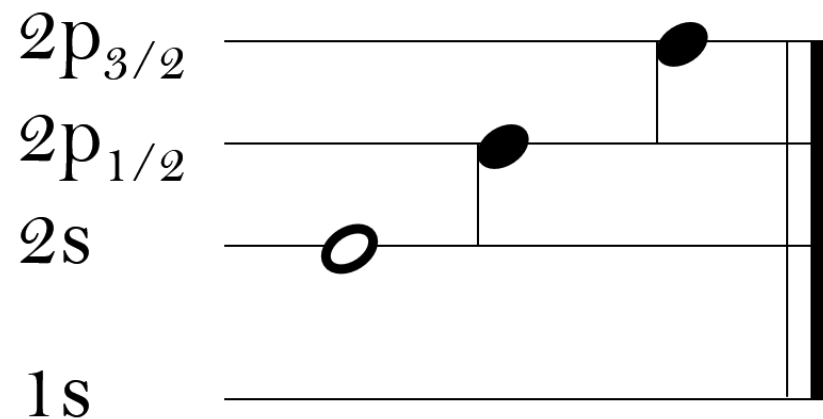
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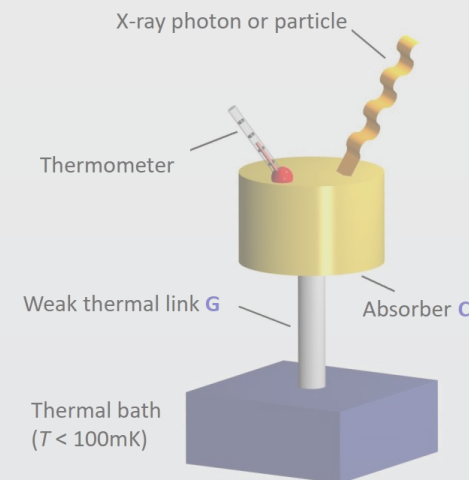
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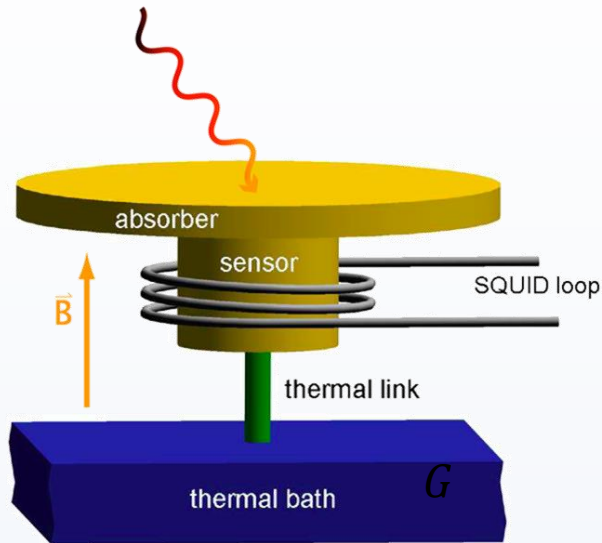


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Increase of temperature



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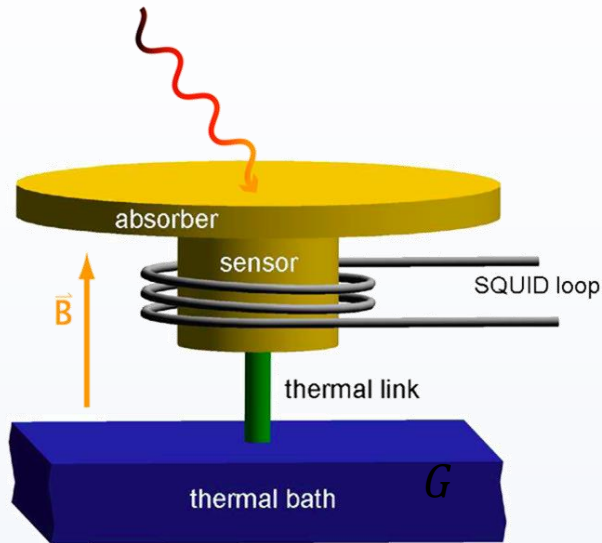
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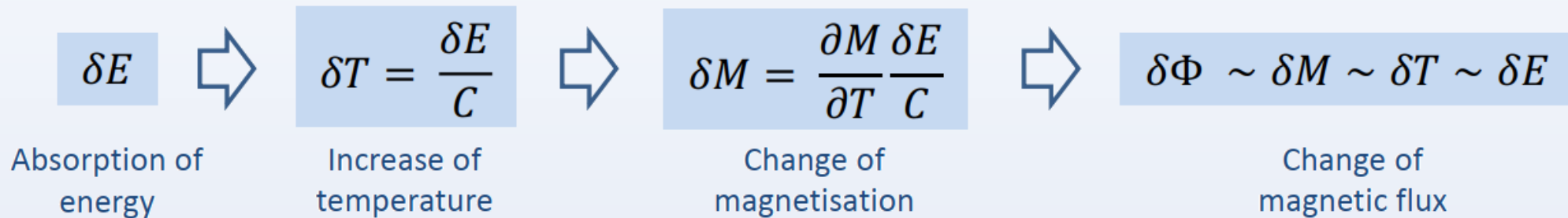
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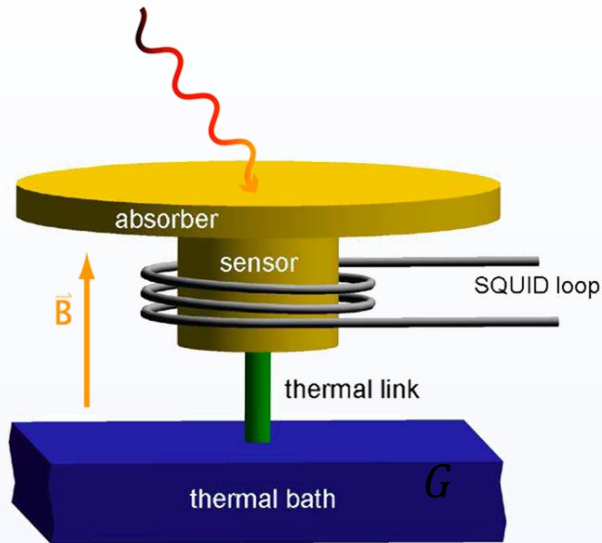
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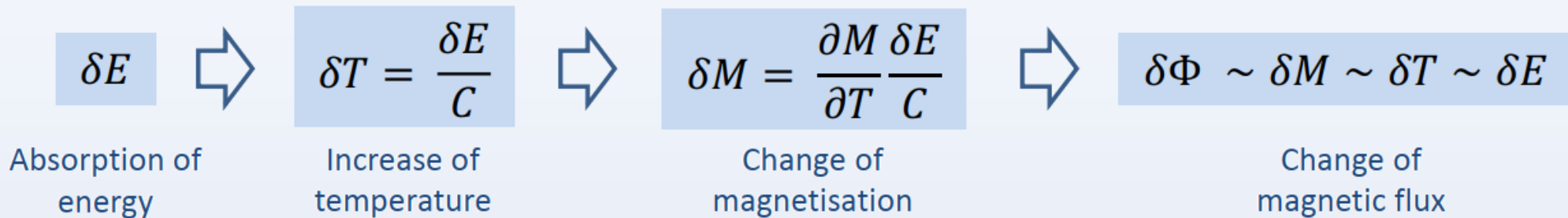
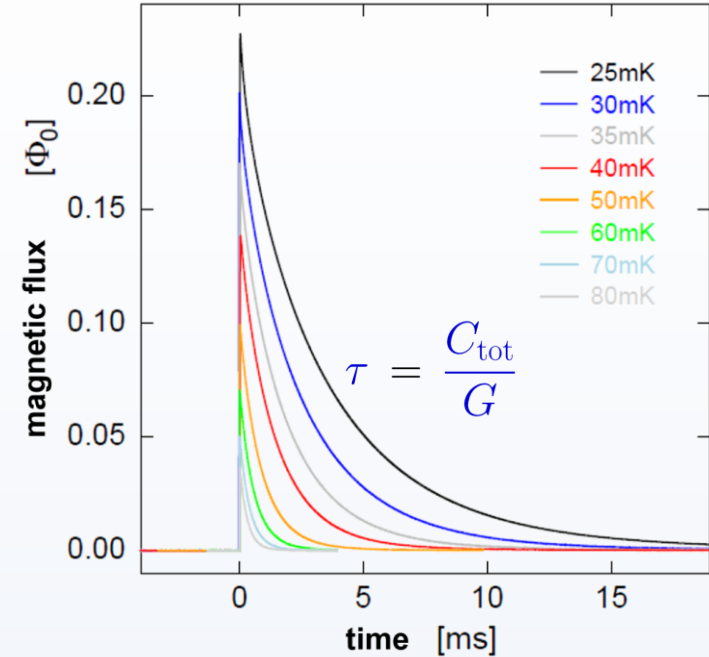
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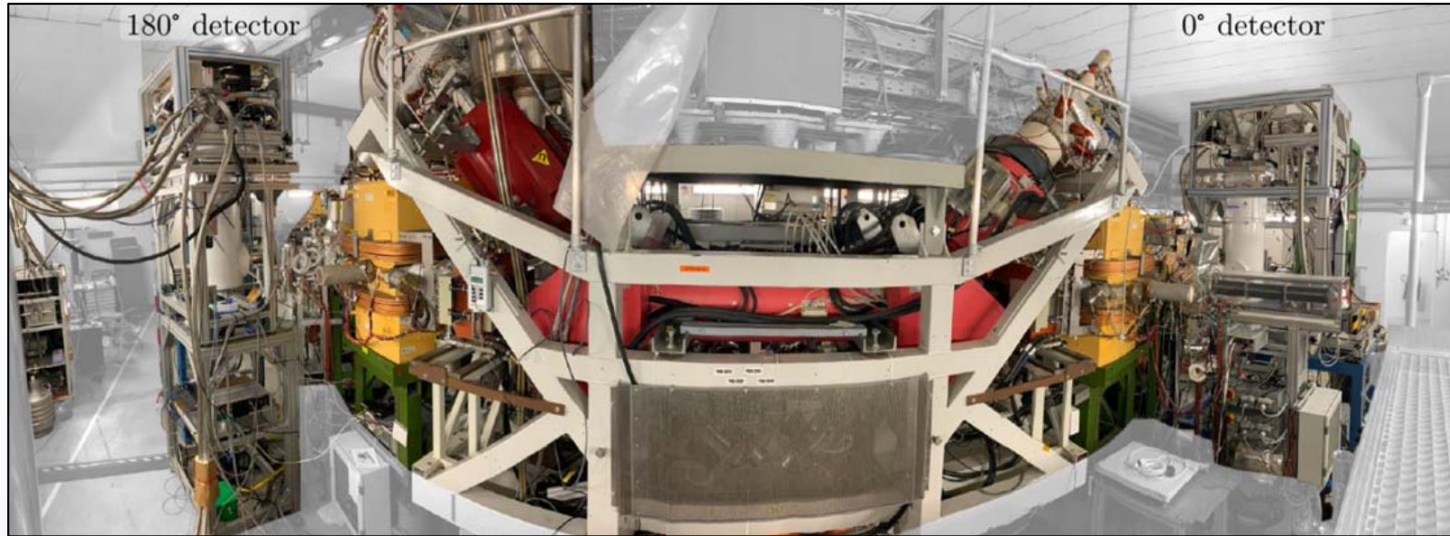


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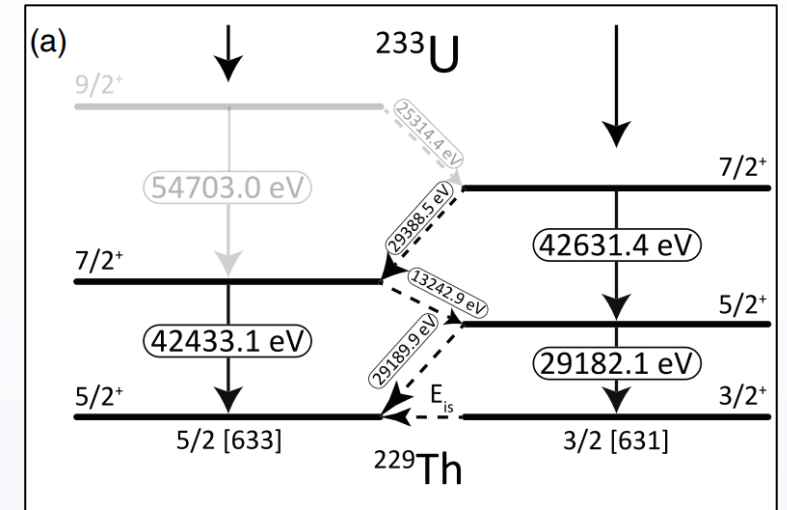
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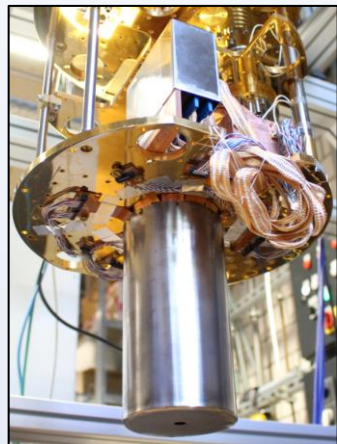
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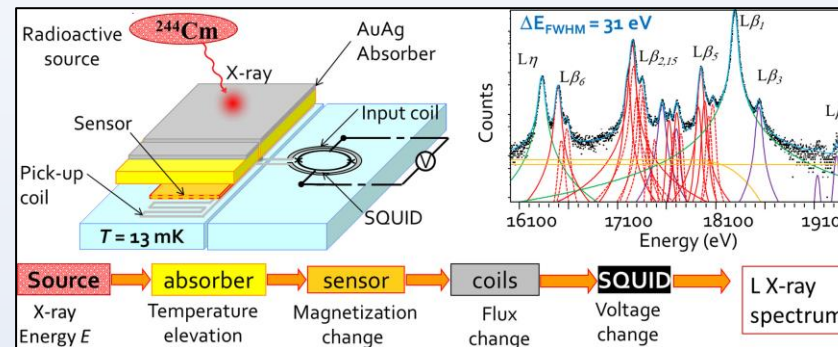


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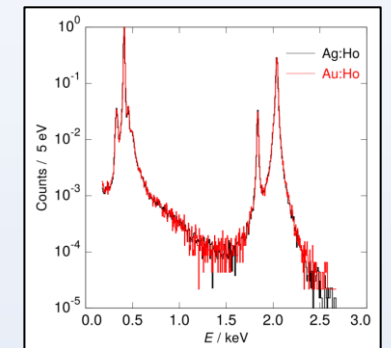
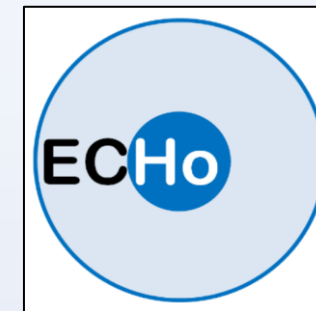


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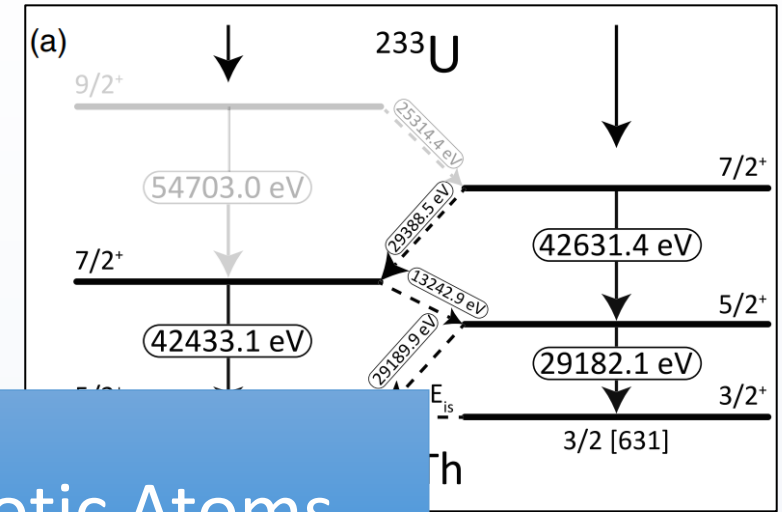


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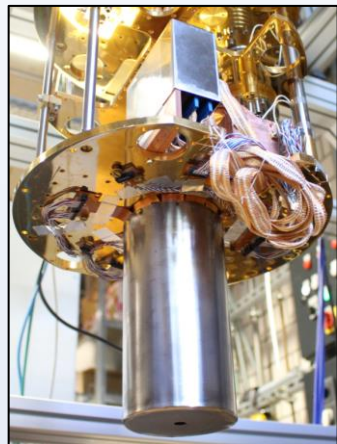


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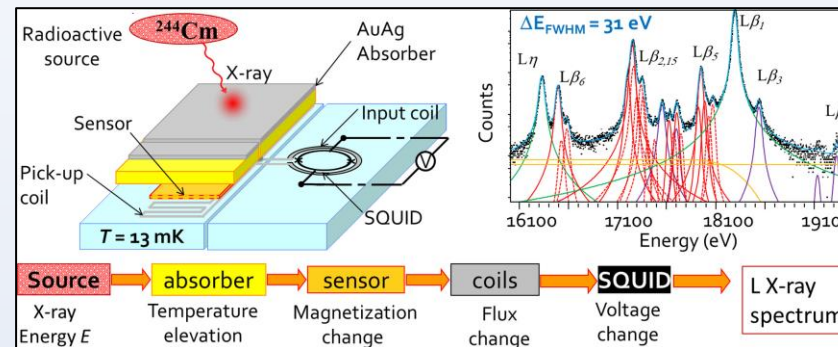
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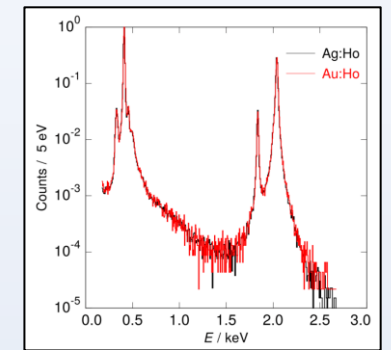
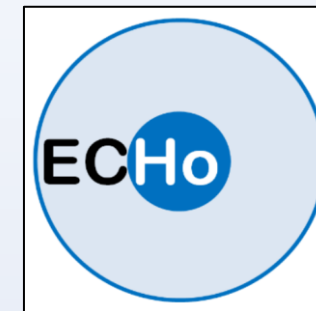


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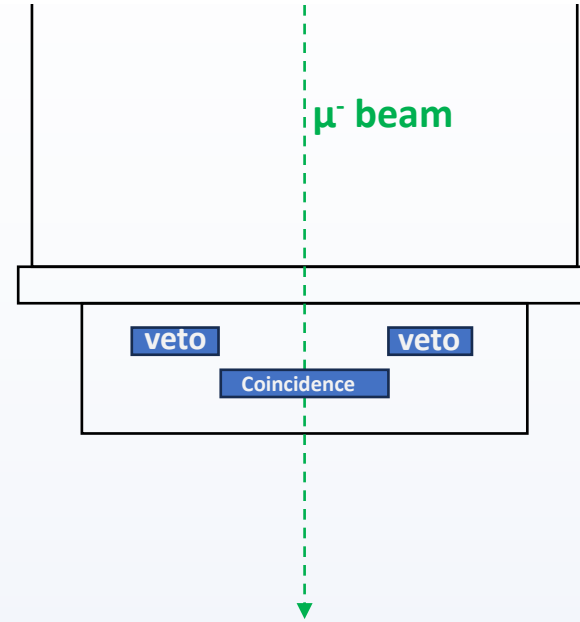
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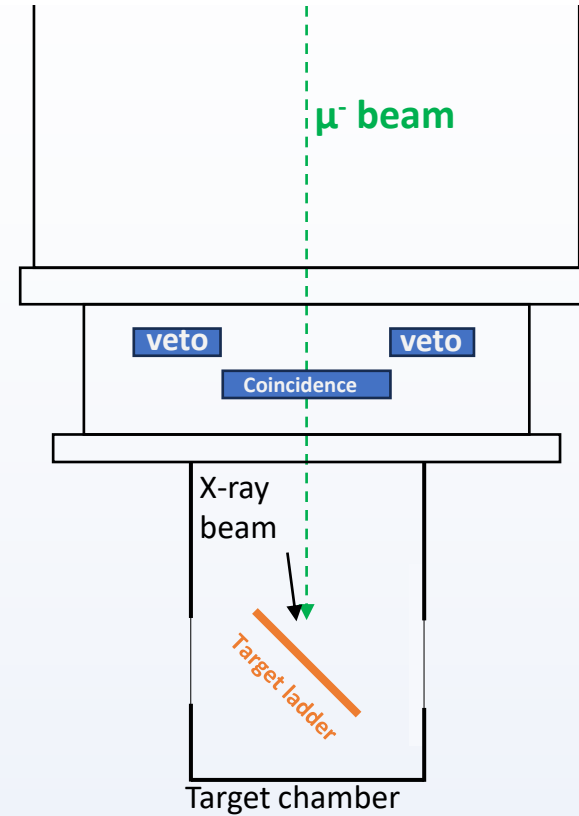
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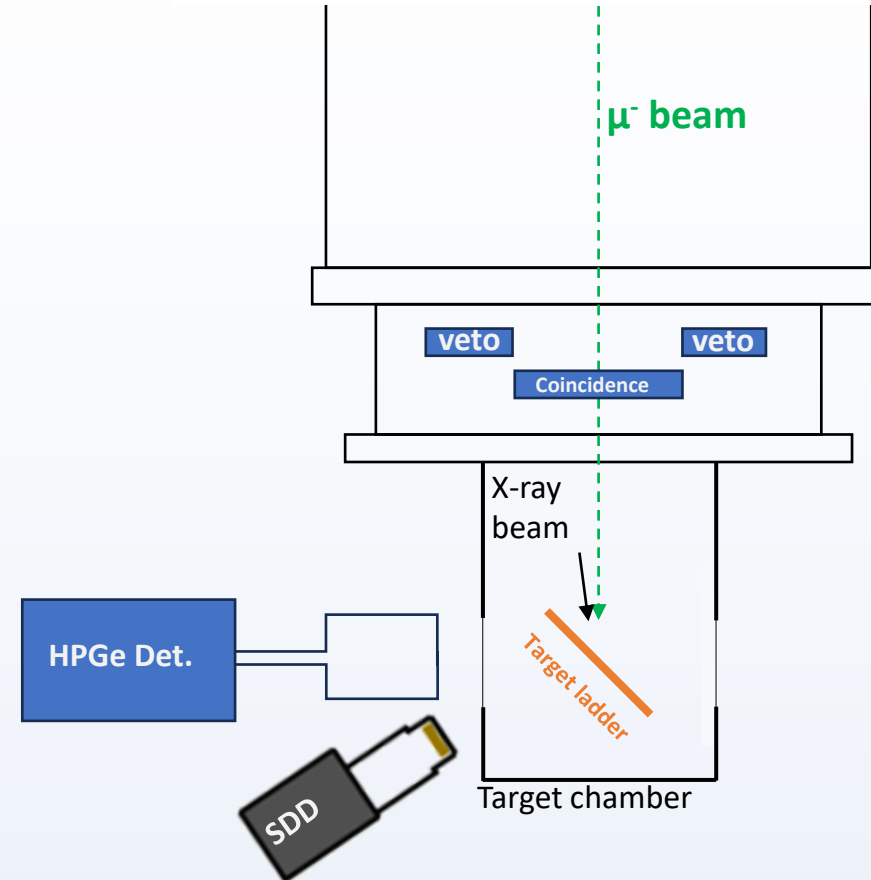
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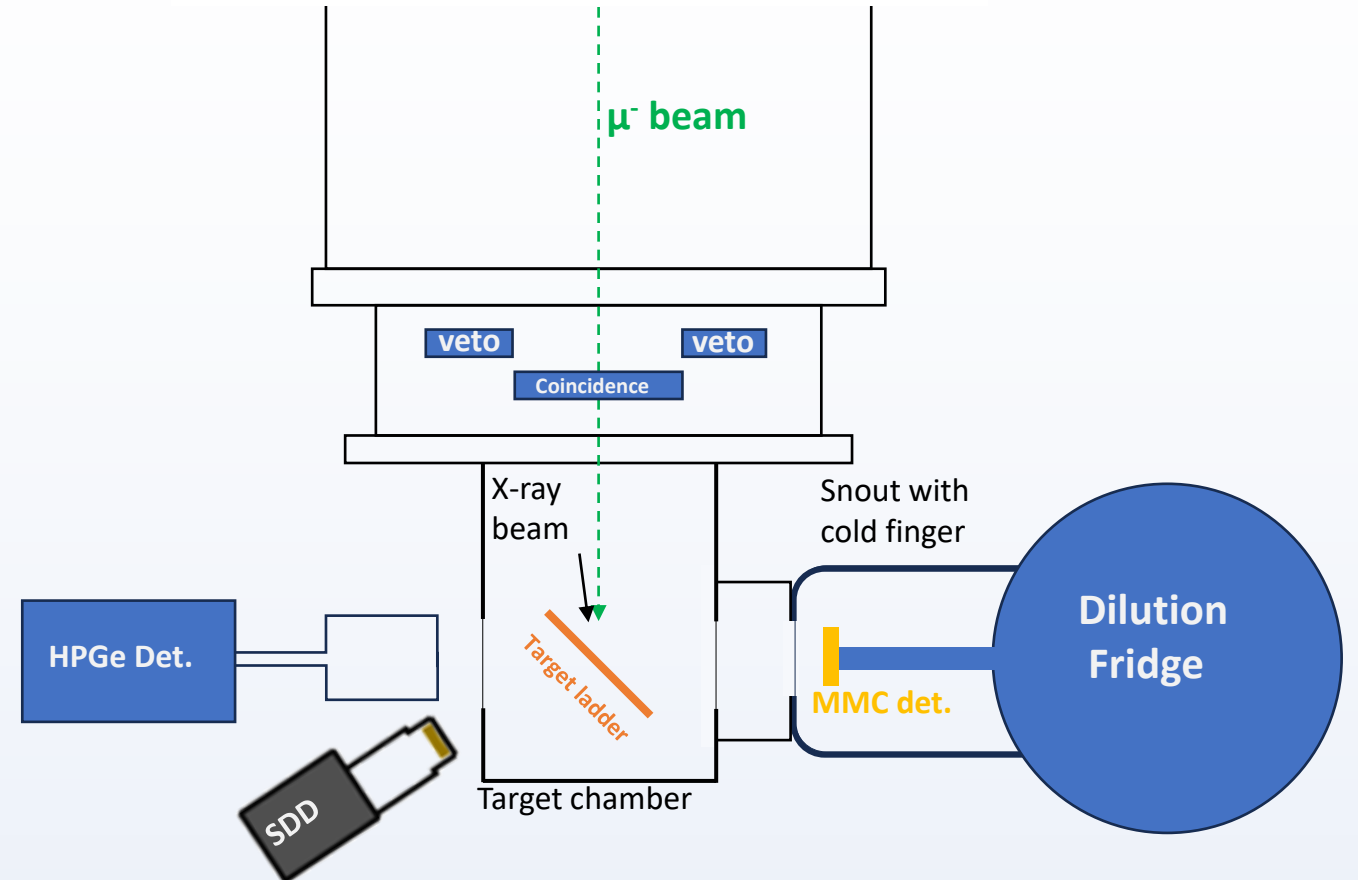
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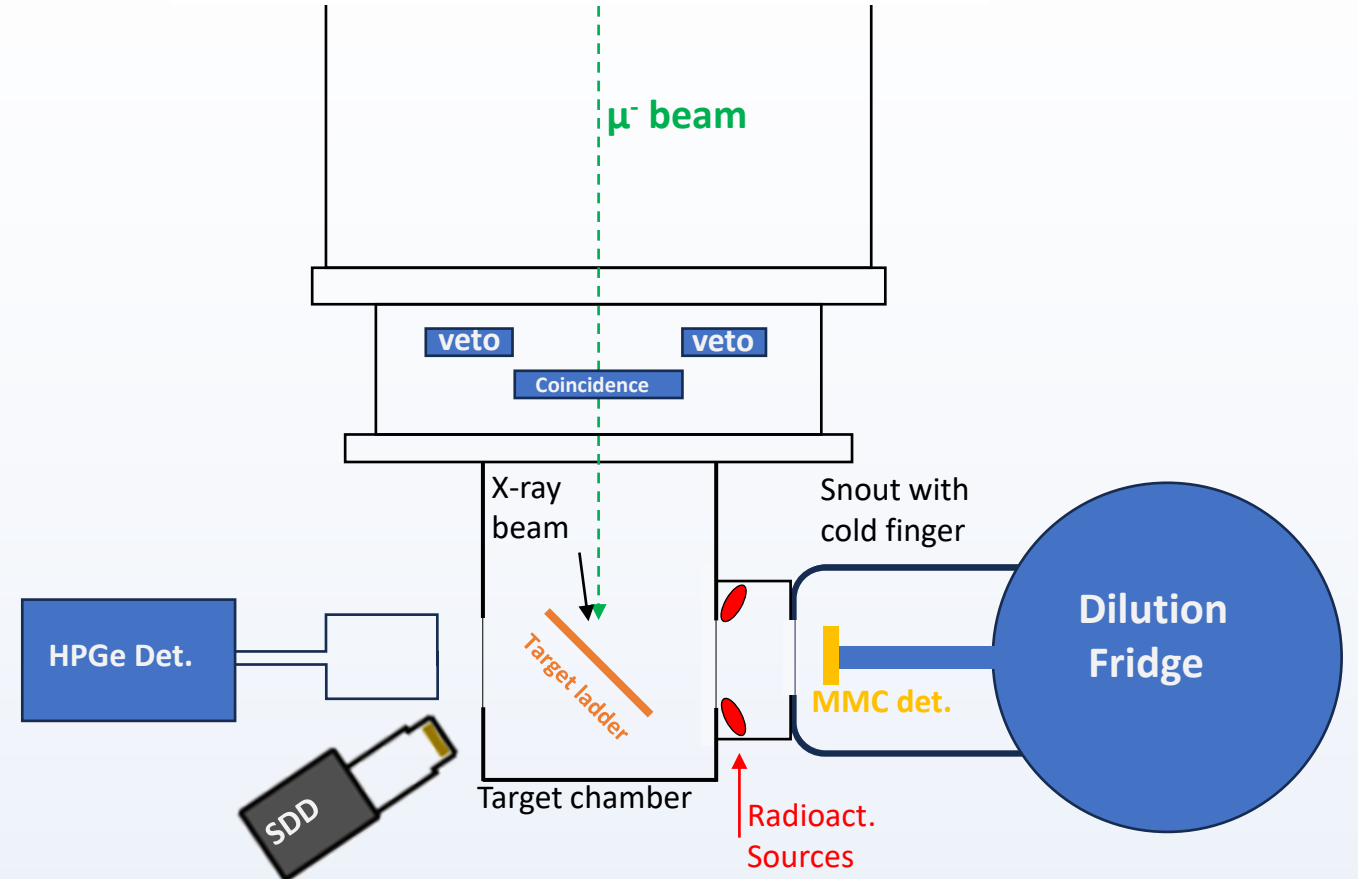
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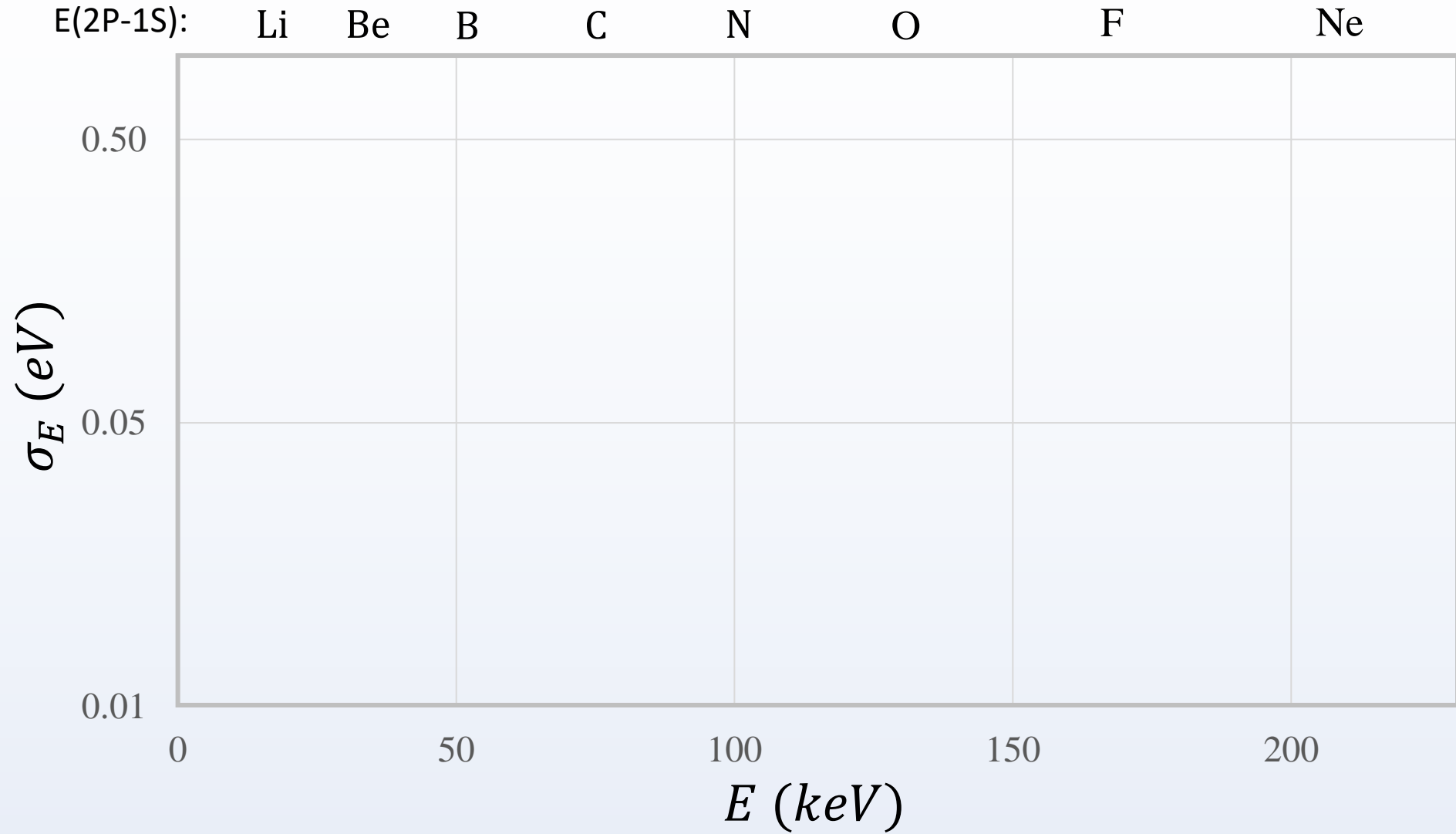


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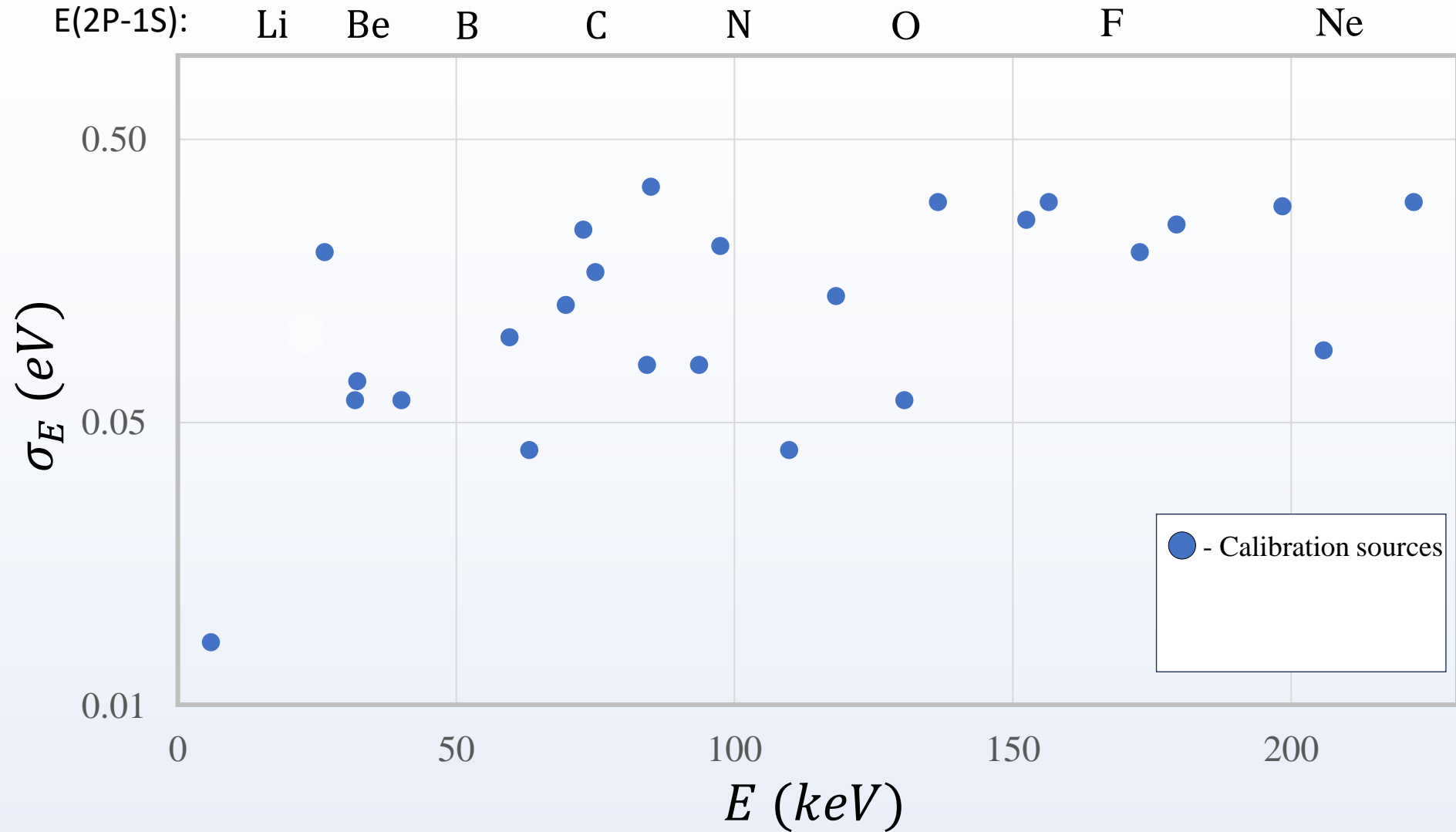
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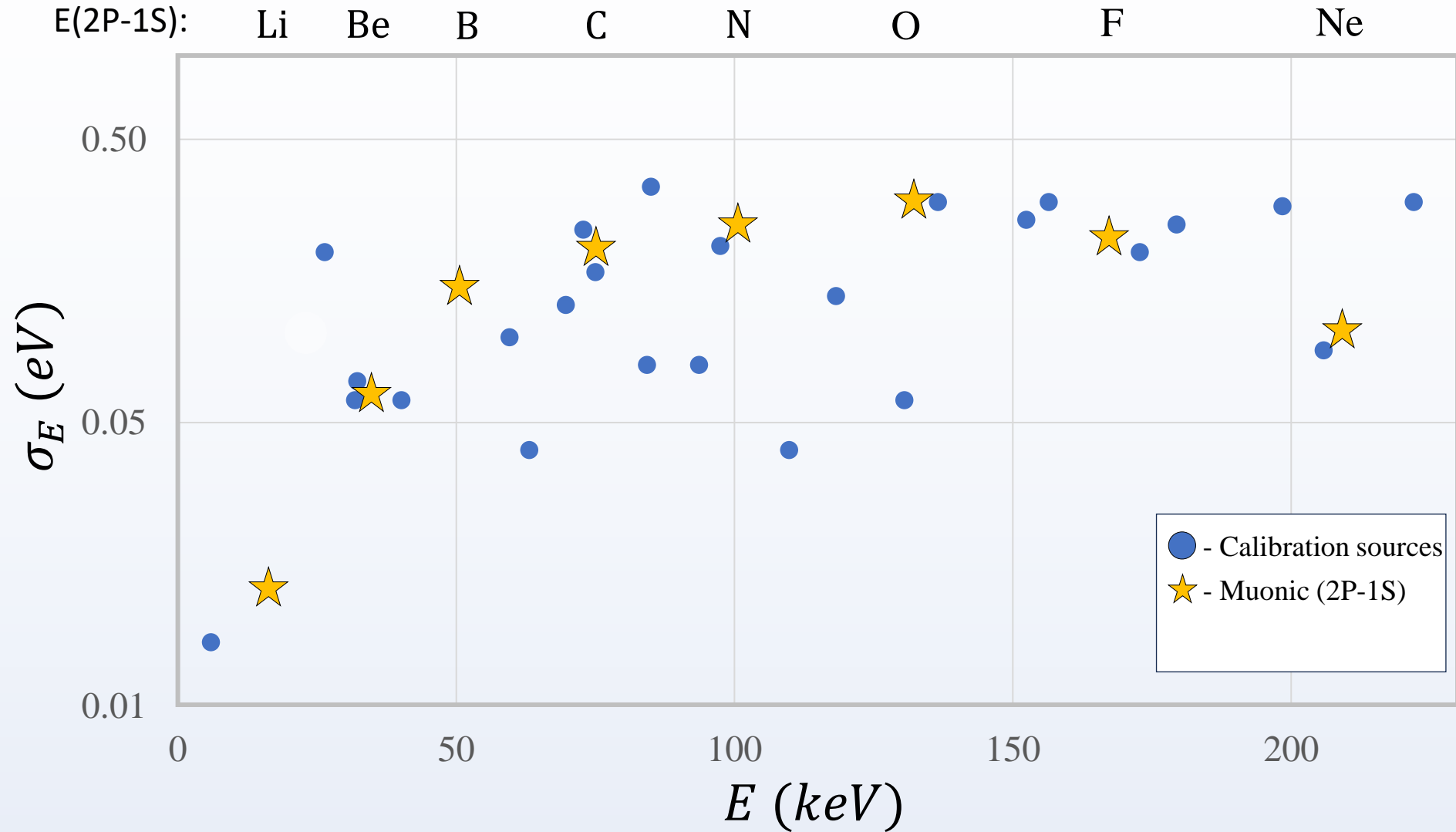
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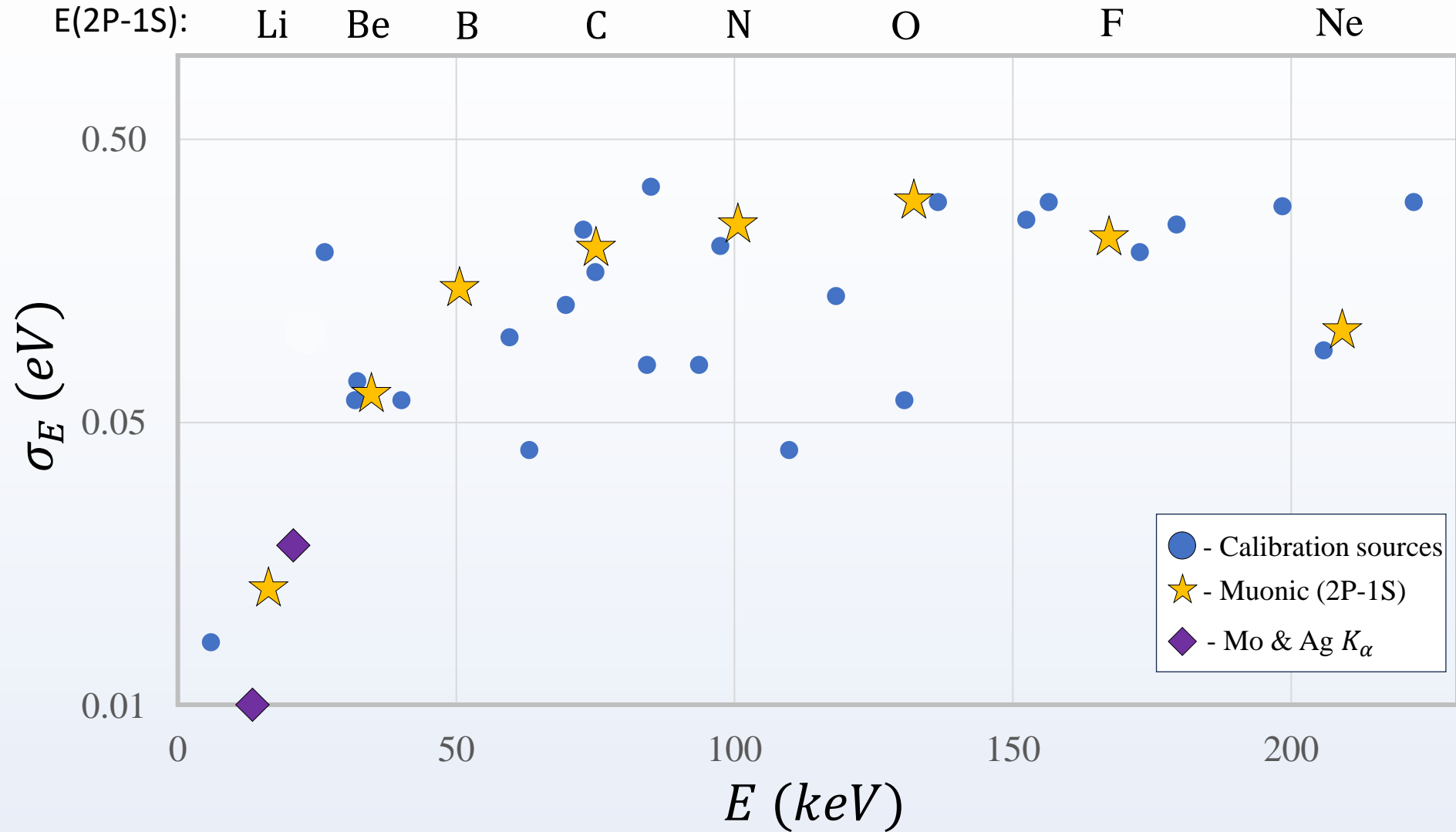
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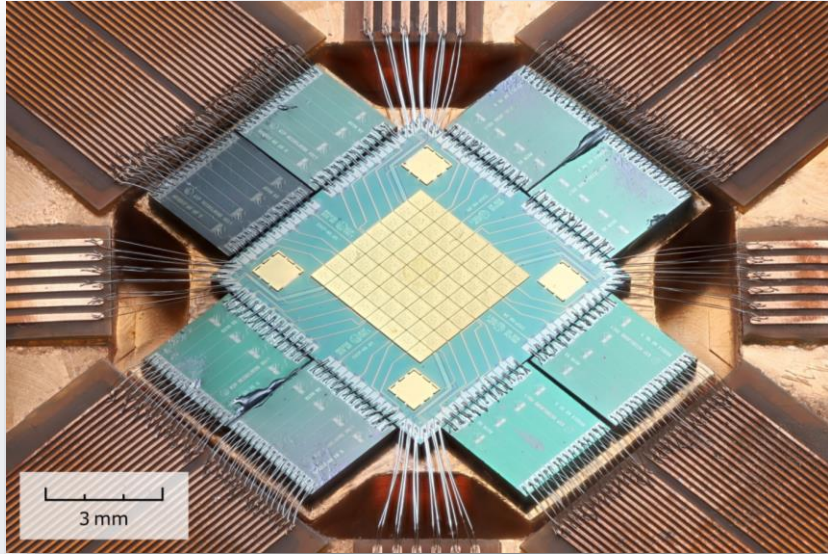
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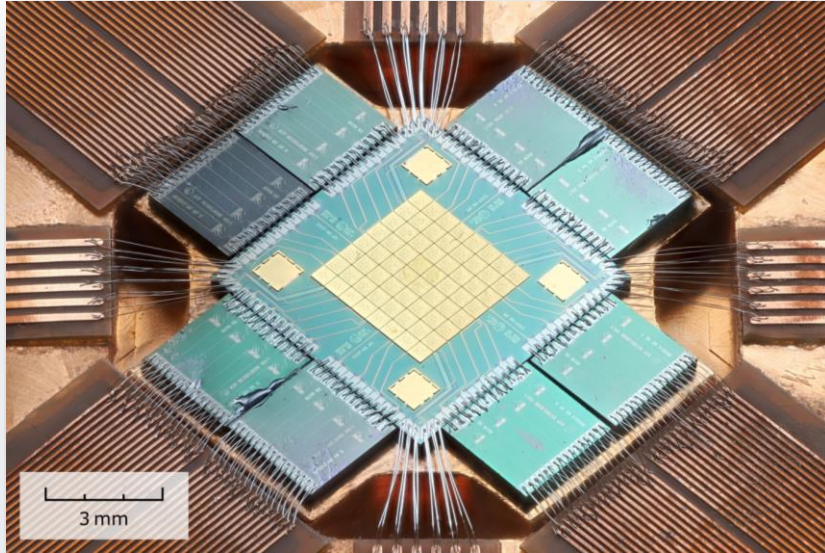
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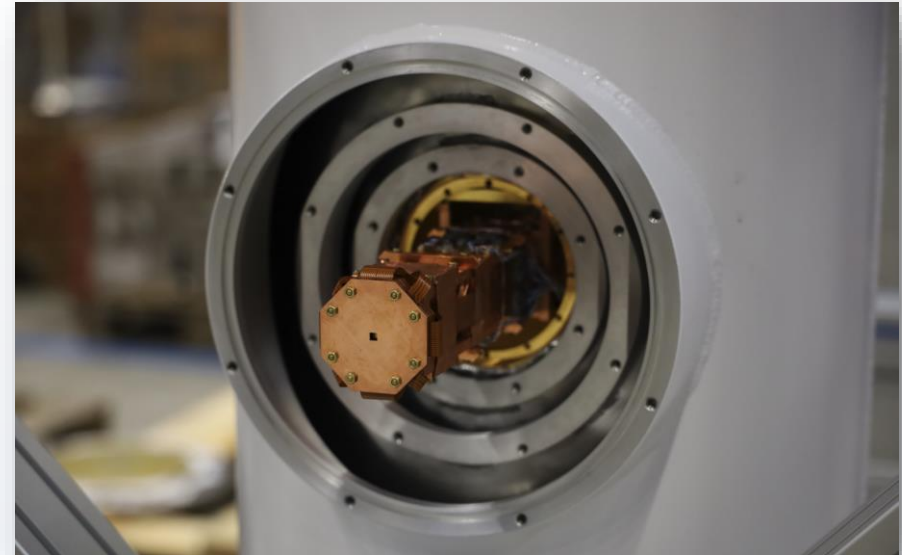


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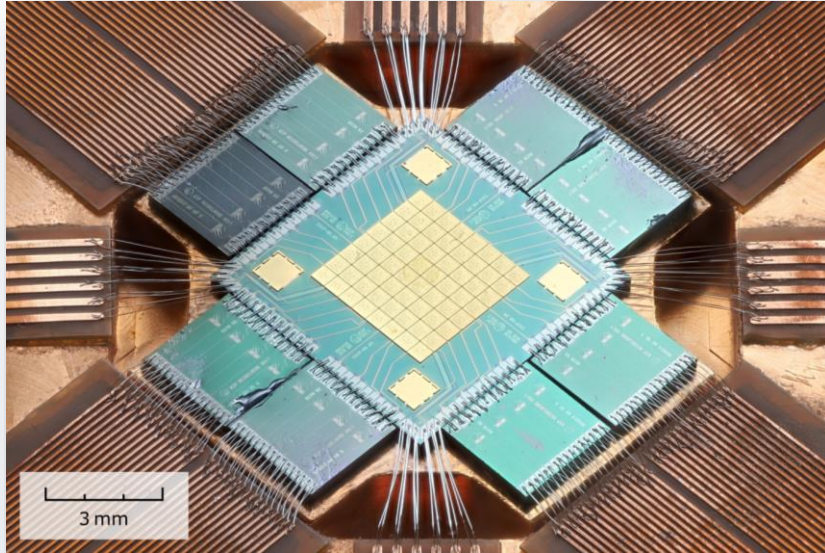


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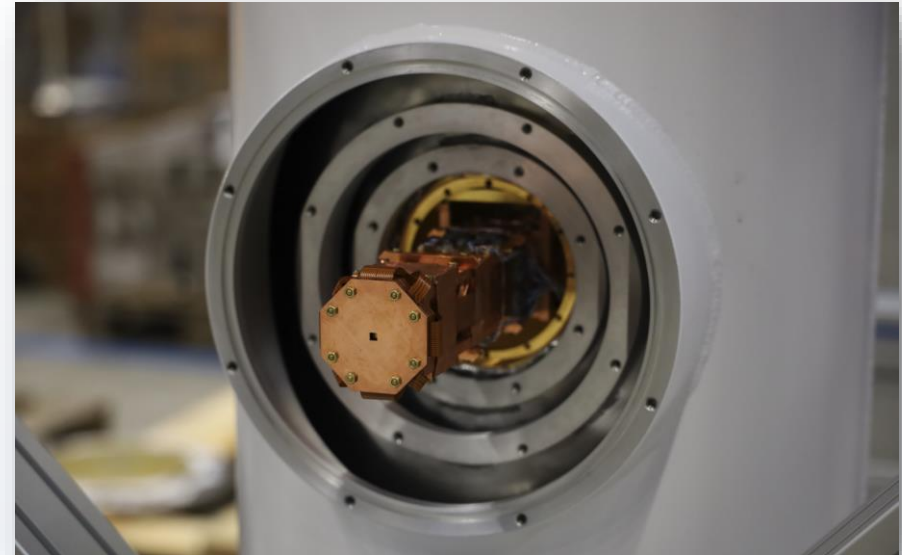


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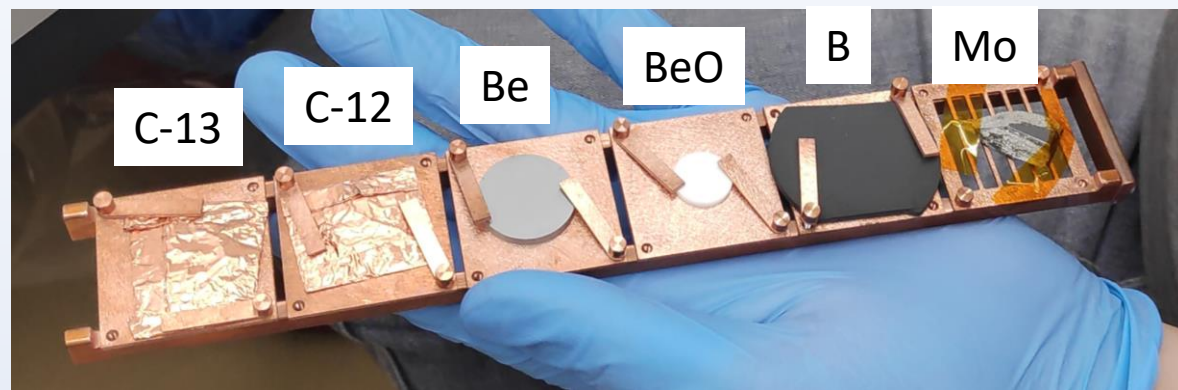
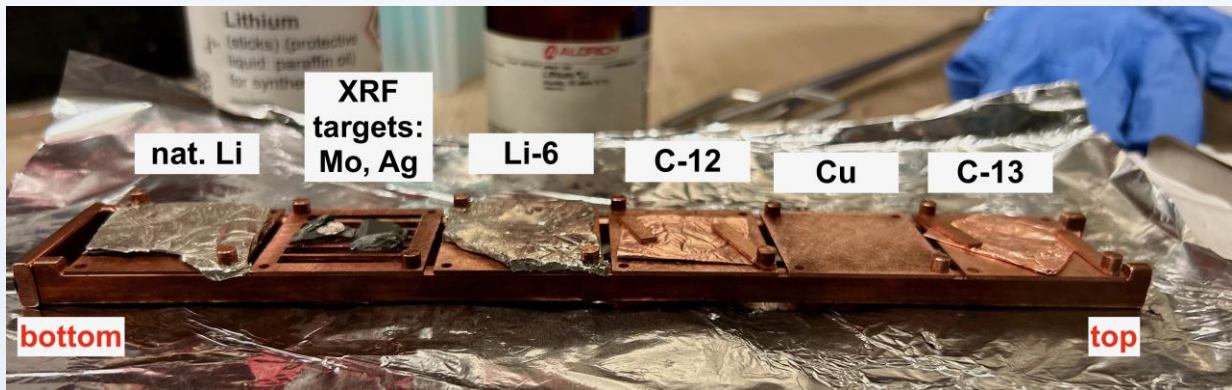
Efficiency: 97% @ 19 keV, 7% @ 75 keV

Good for np-1s in muonic: Li, Be, B & (C)

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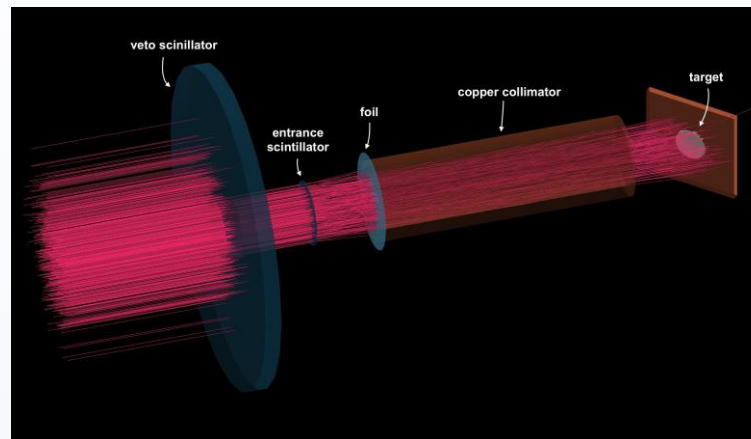


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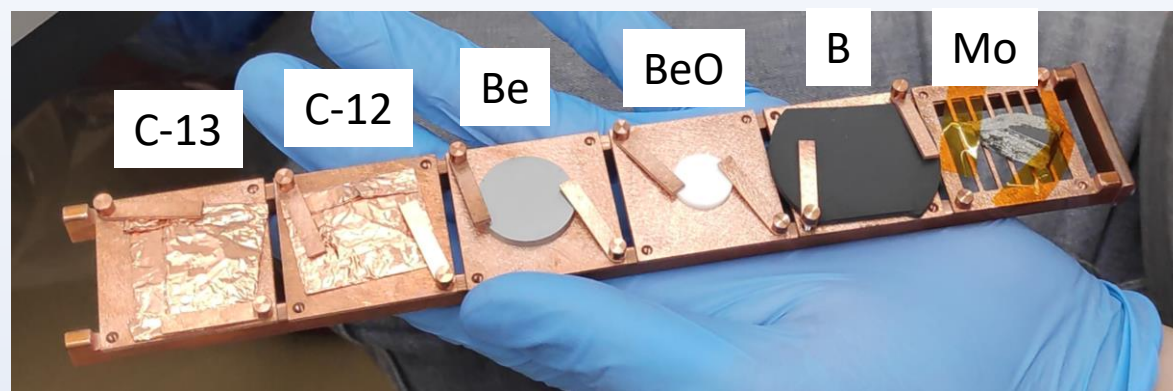
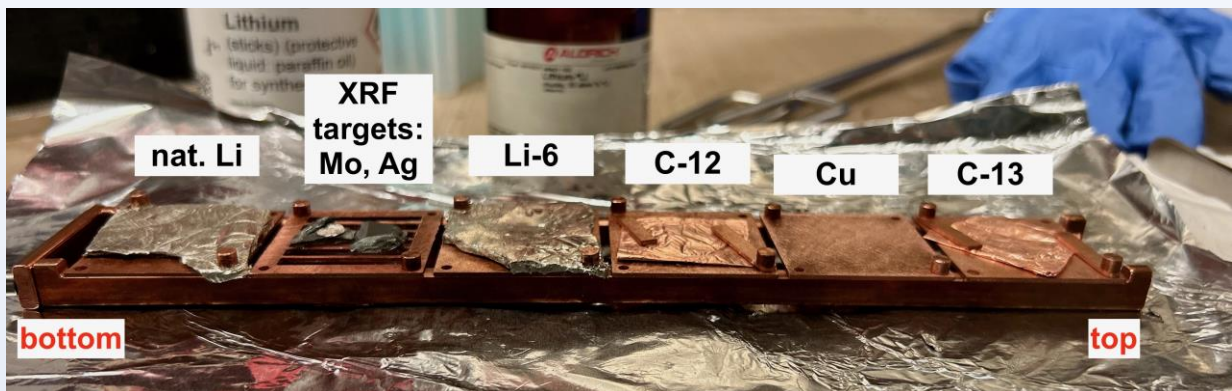
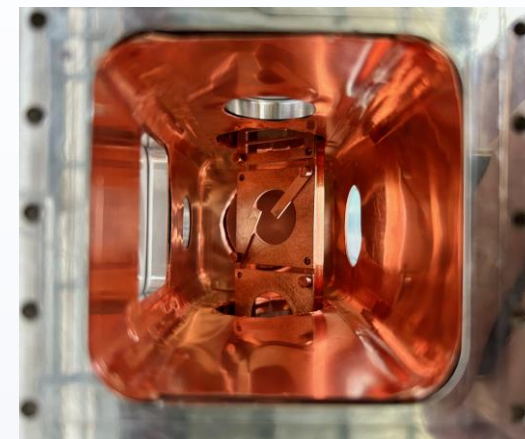
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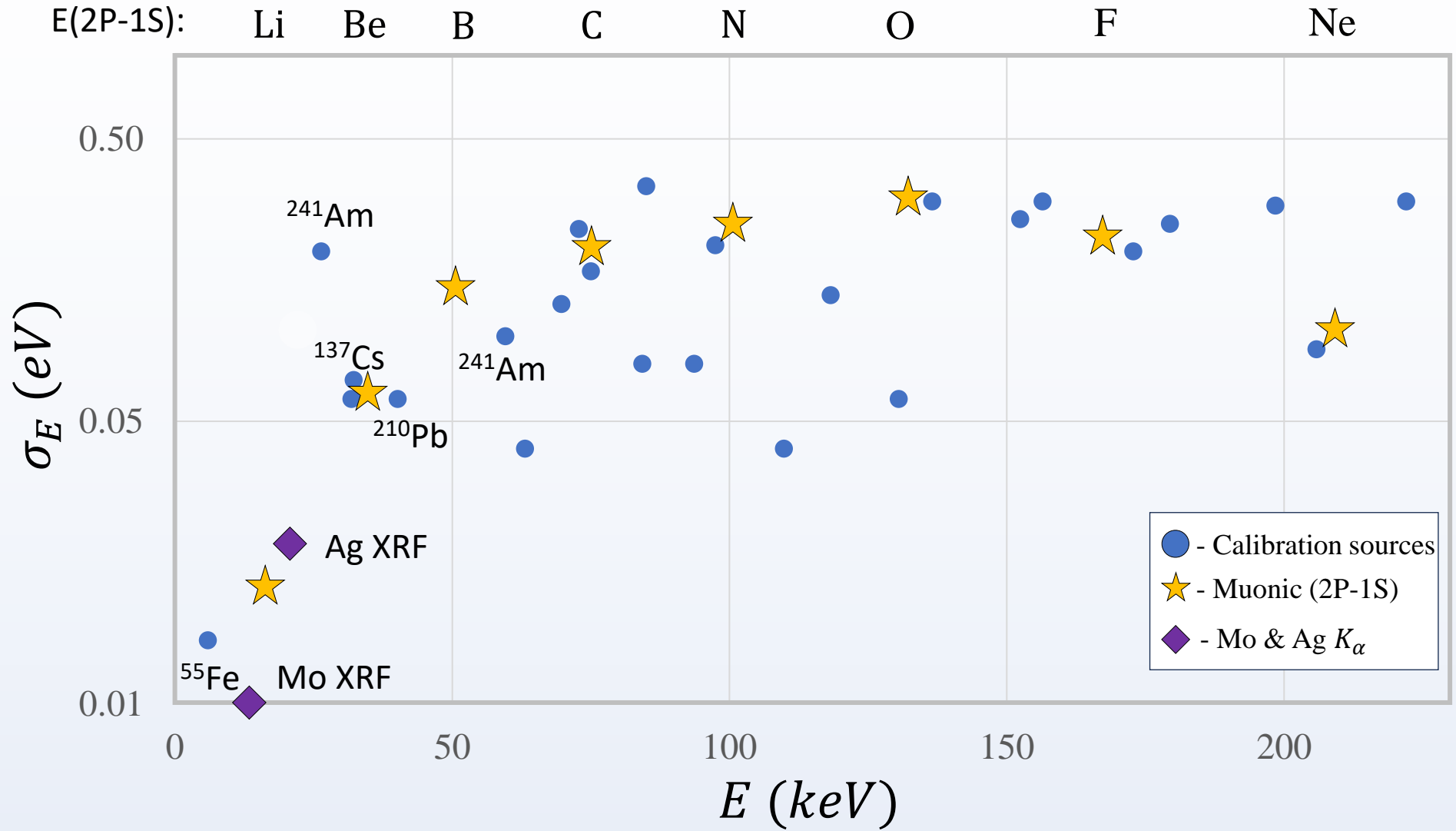
Stopping power optimized with G4beamline



Chamber covered with Cu



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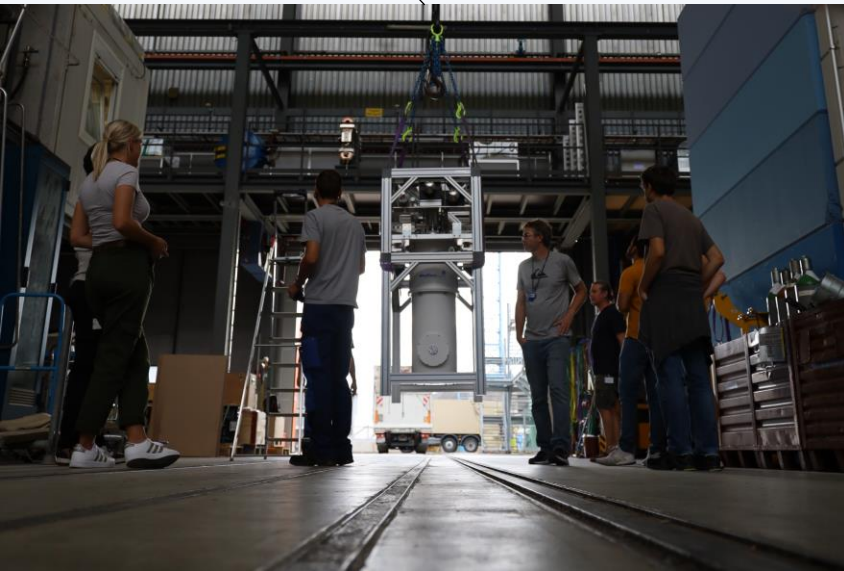
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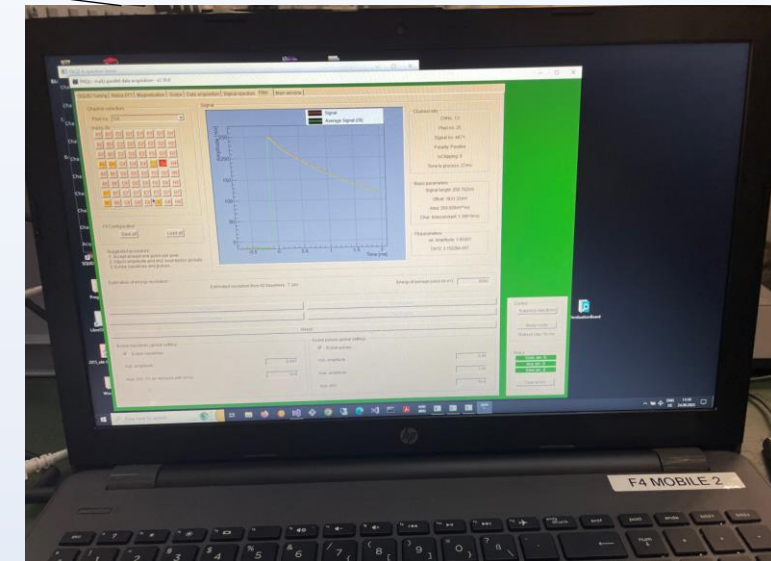
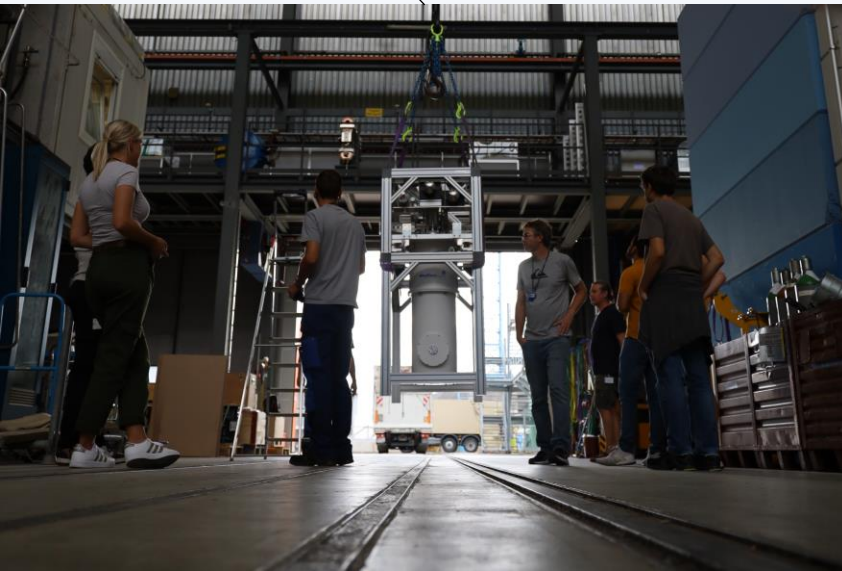
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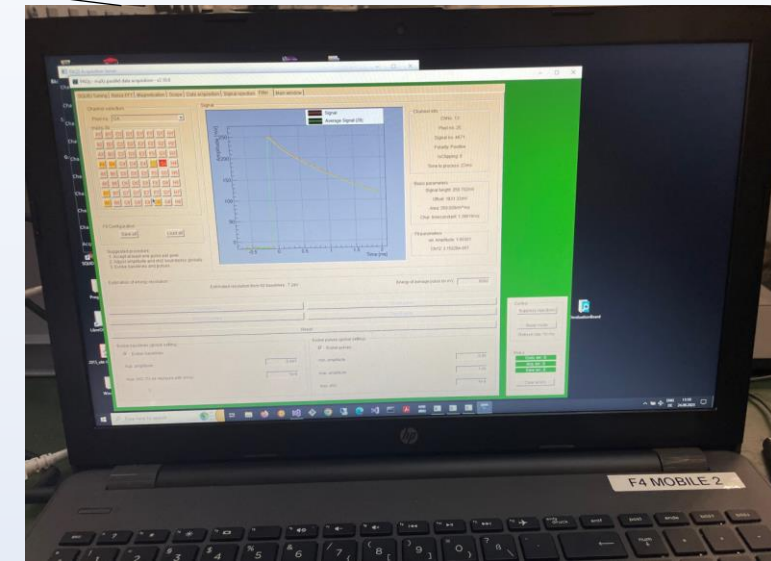
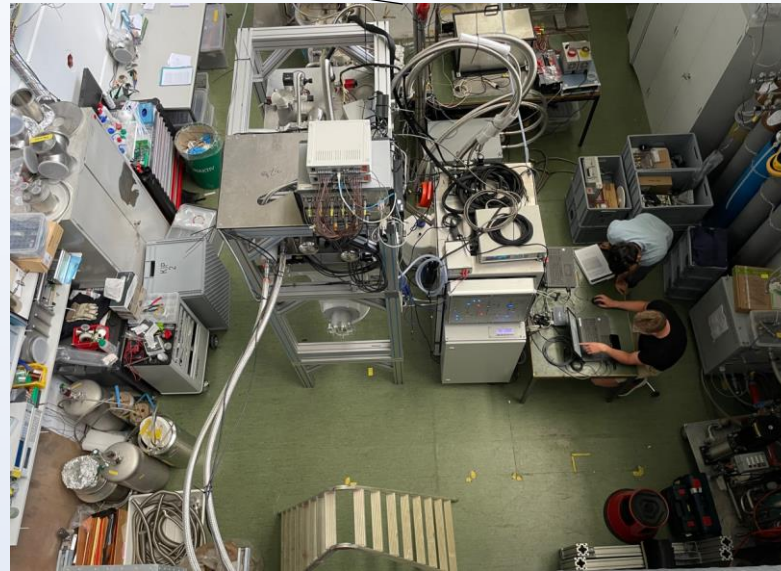
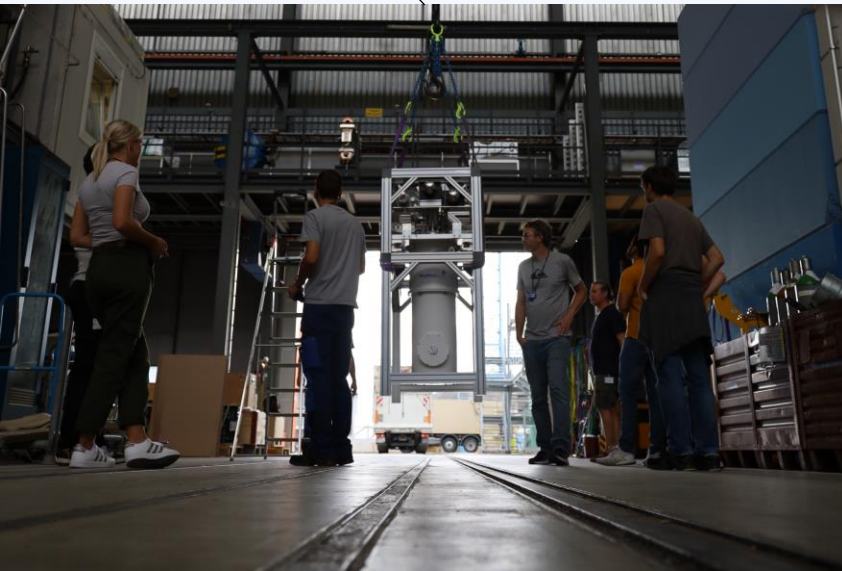
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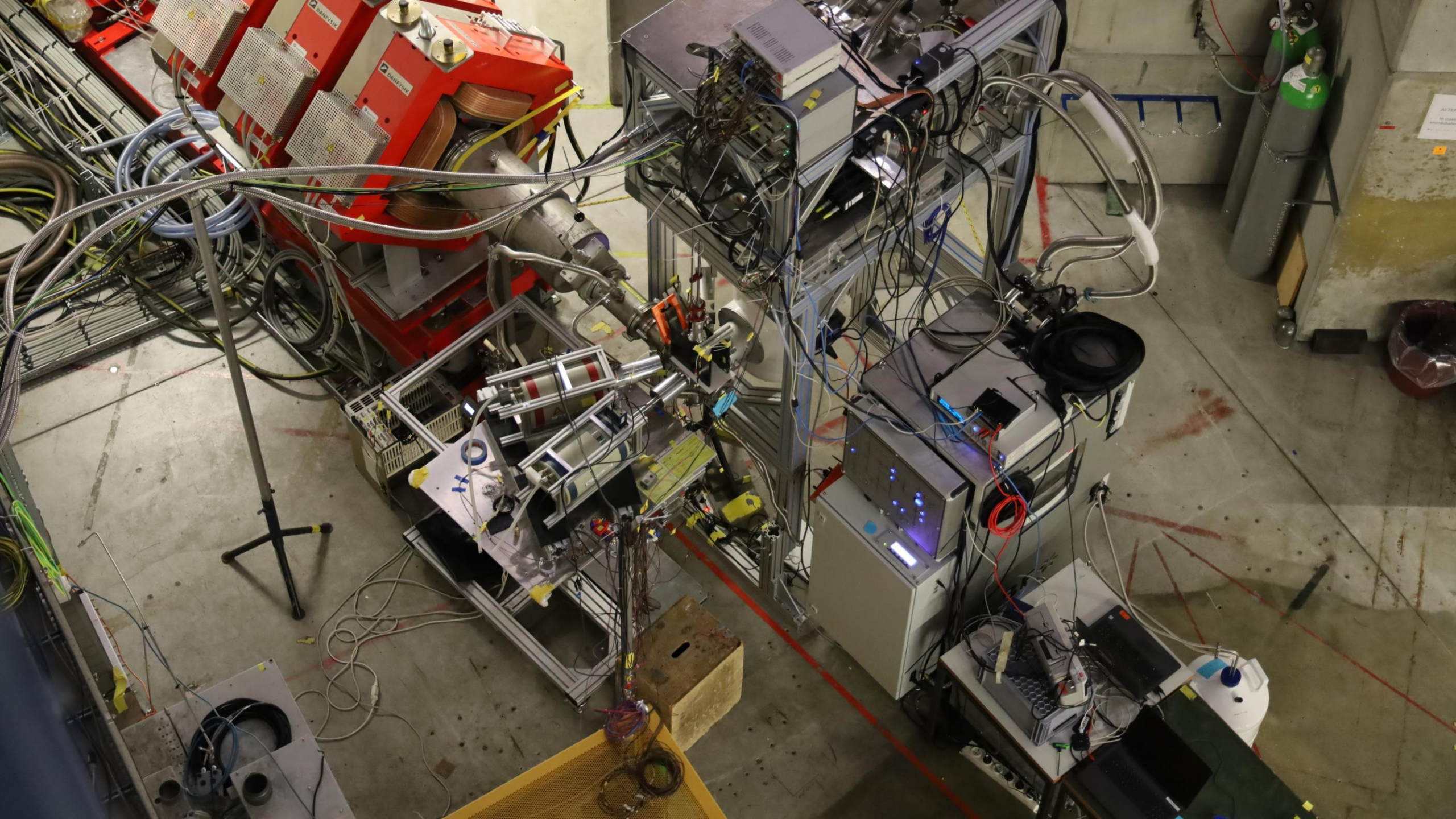
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MMC Det.	Transport & Crane	Set up, Cooling, Prepare electronics	< 10 mK tuning	Tests complete det.	Long calibration test	Rate test	Source test (high-E photon)	Warm up & Prepare for craning	Crane Cool down	Tunning First pulses		<b>Beamtime!</b>
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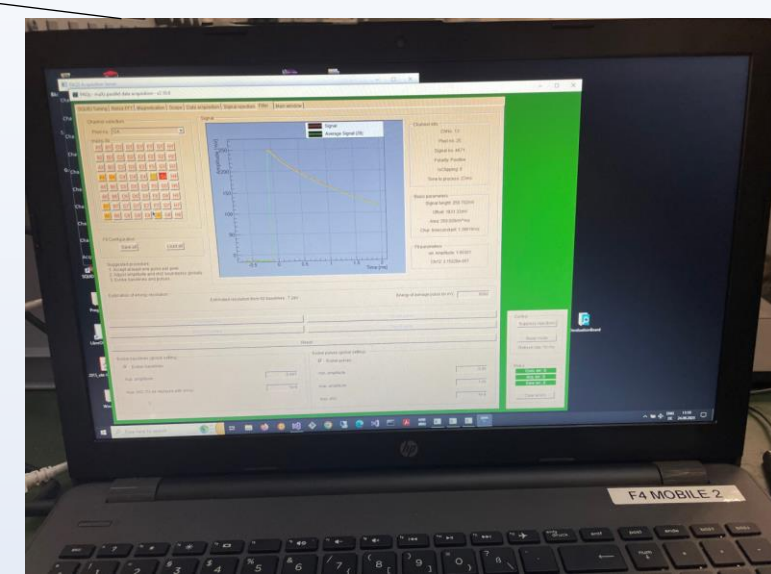
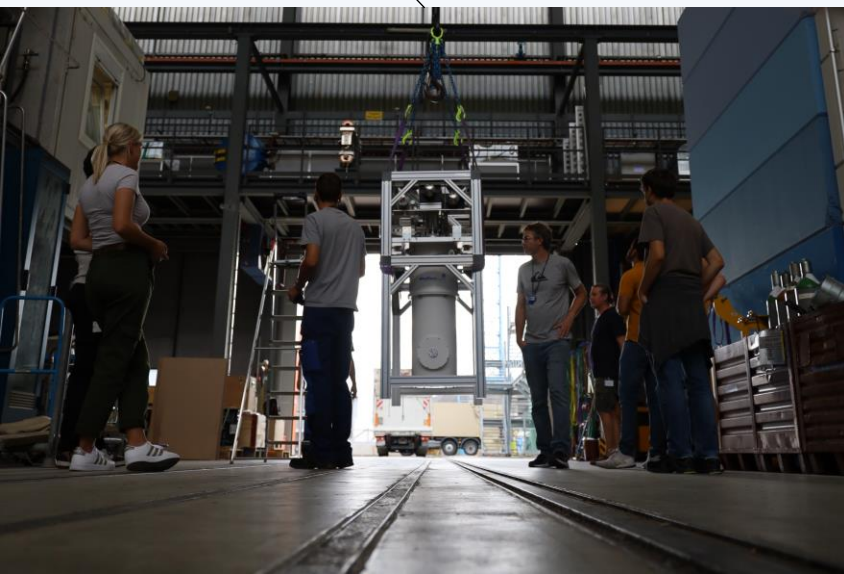
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Ladder I



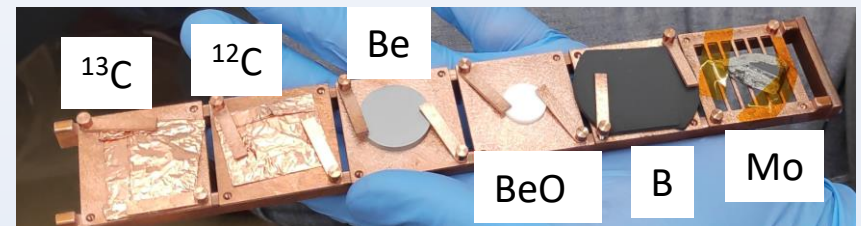
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Ladder I



Ladder II





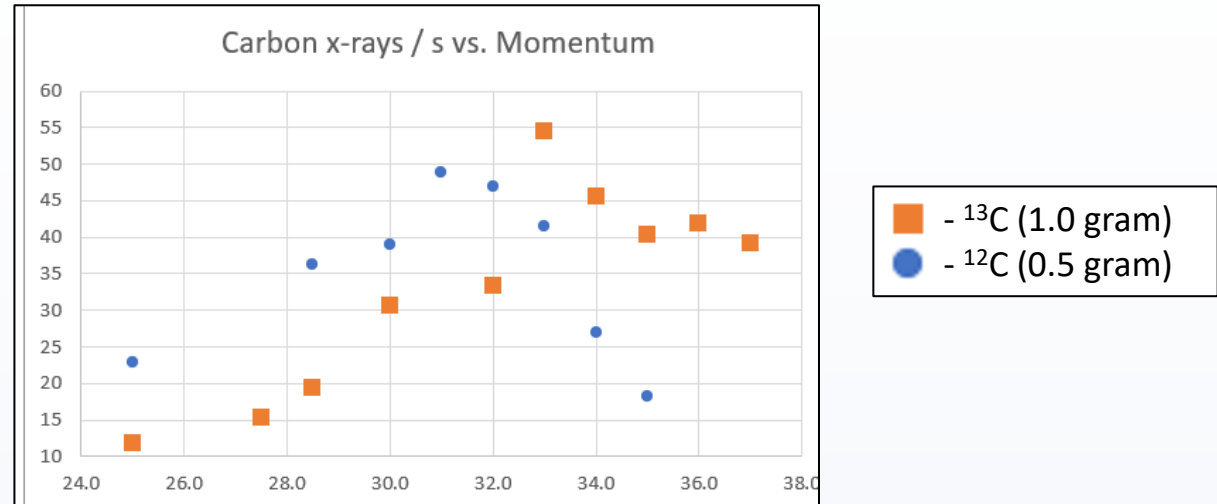
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- 4 hours downtime of the MMC detector refrigerator
- Detector up time: **96%**
- During reset, optimize implantation using solid-state detectors

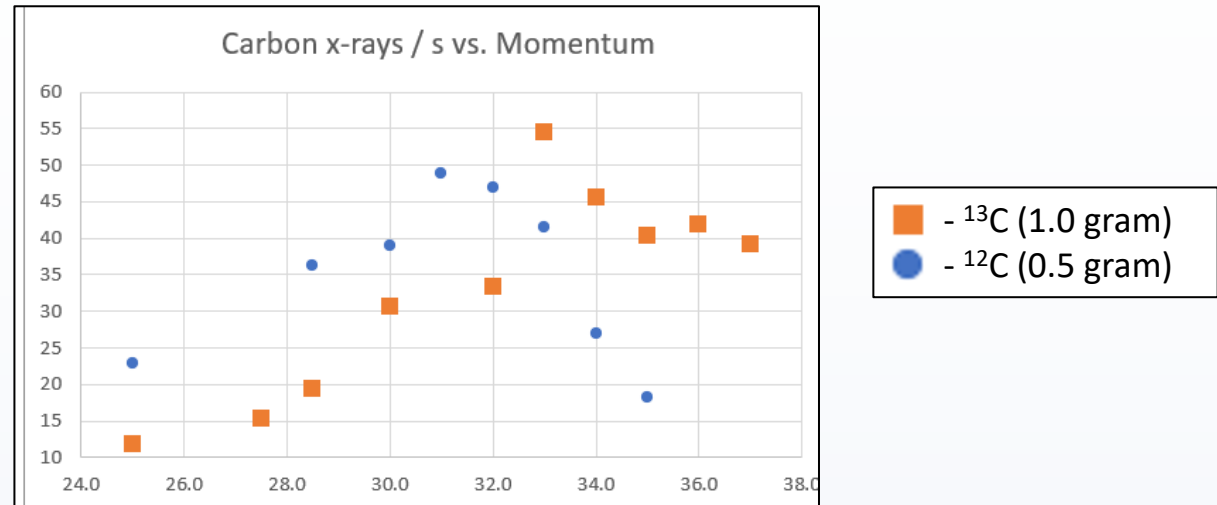
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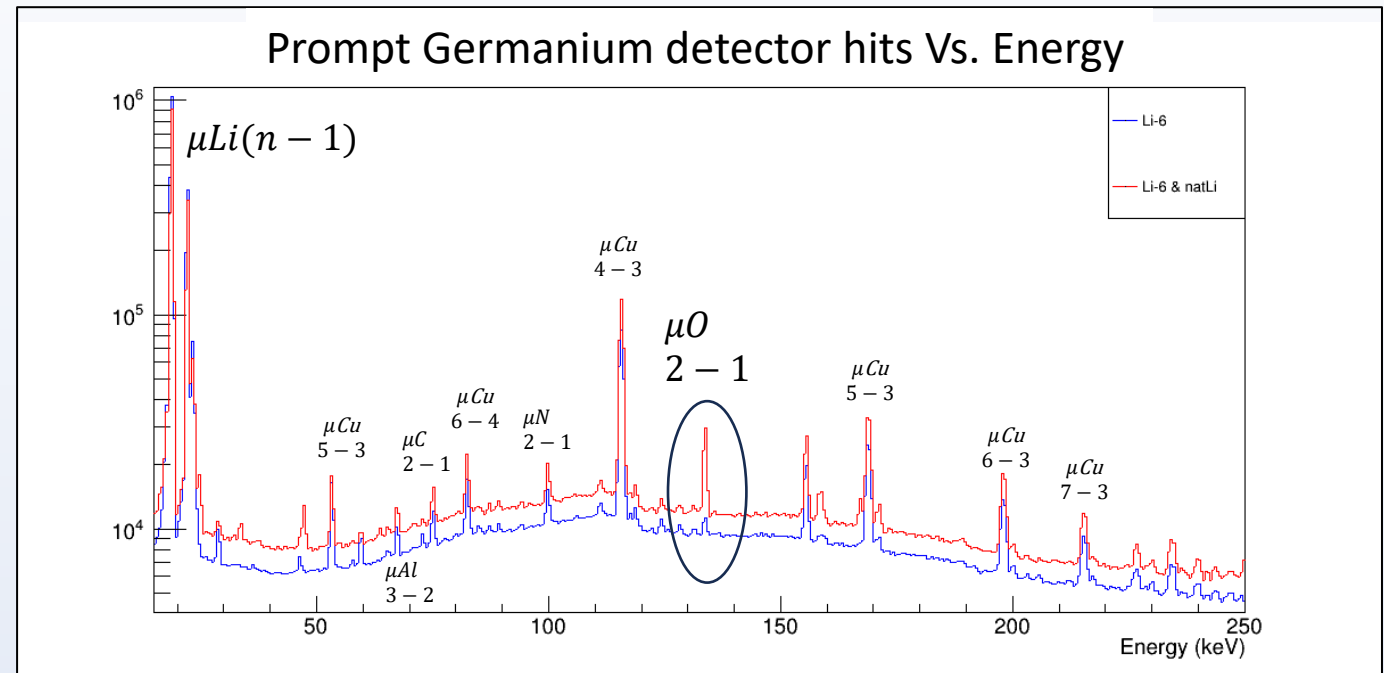


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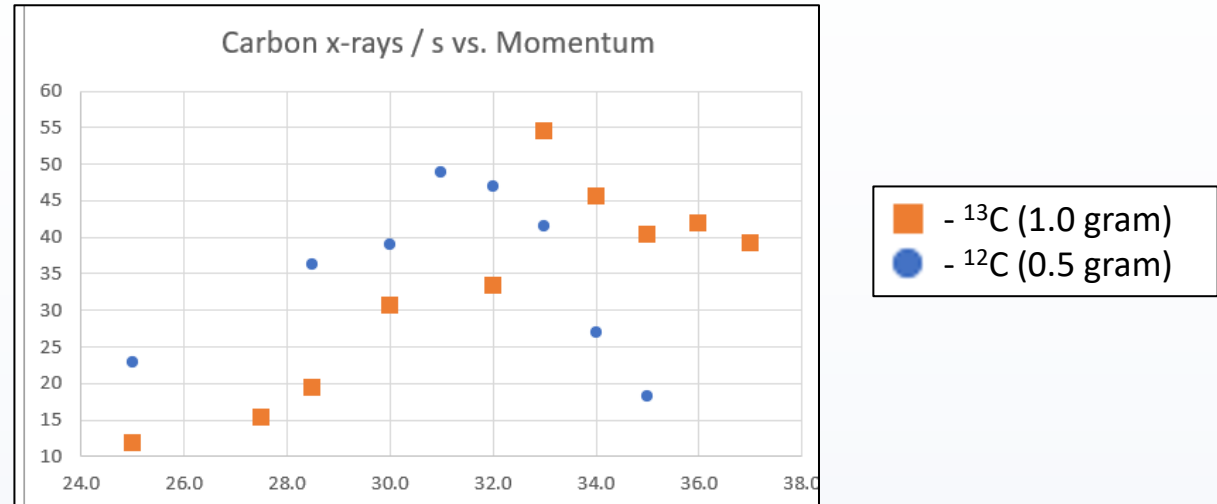


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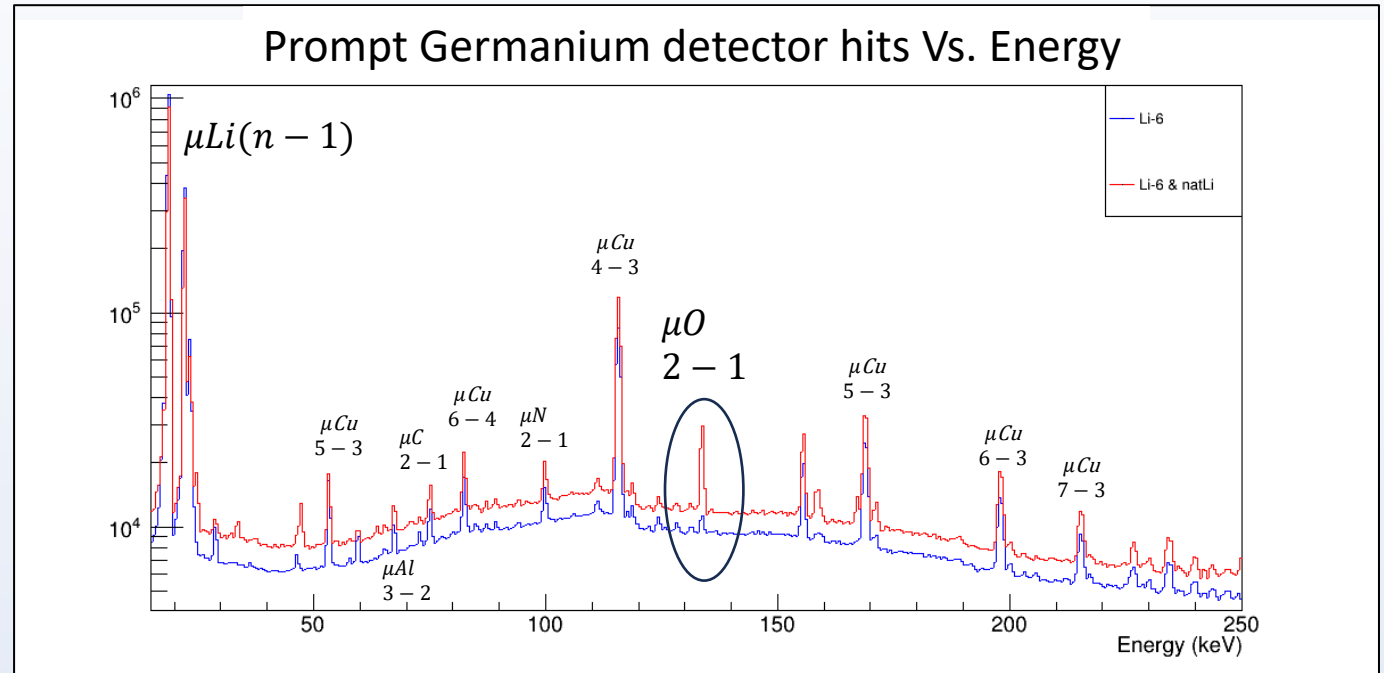
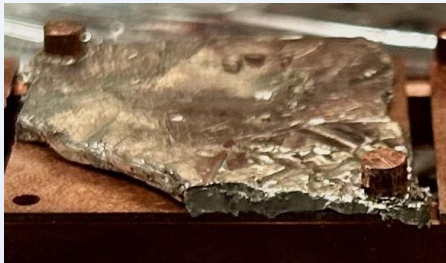
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$^6\text{Li}$  target (not oxidized)

Mixed Li target (oxidized)



# Data-Stream

Single-pixel level

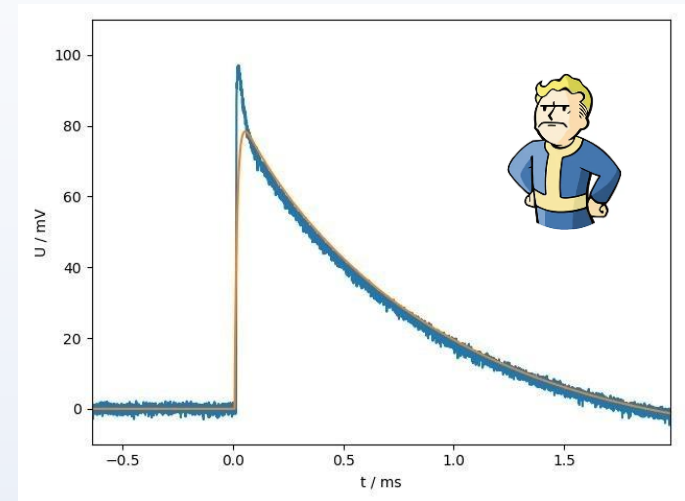
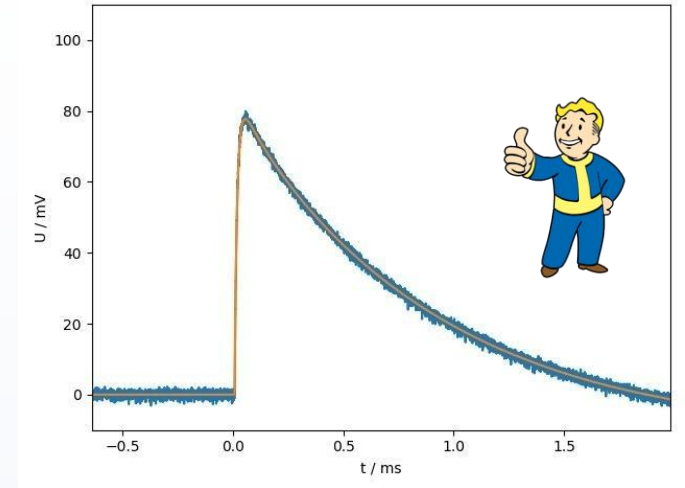
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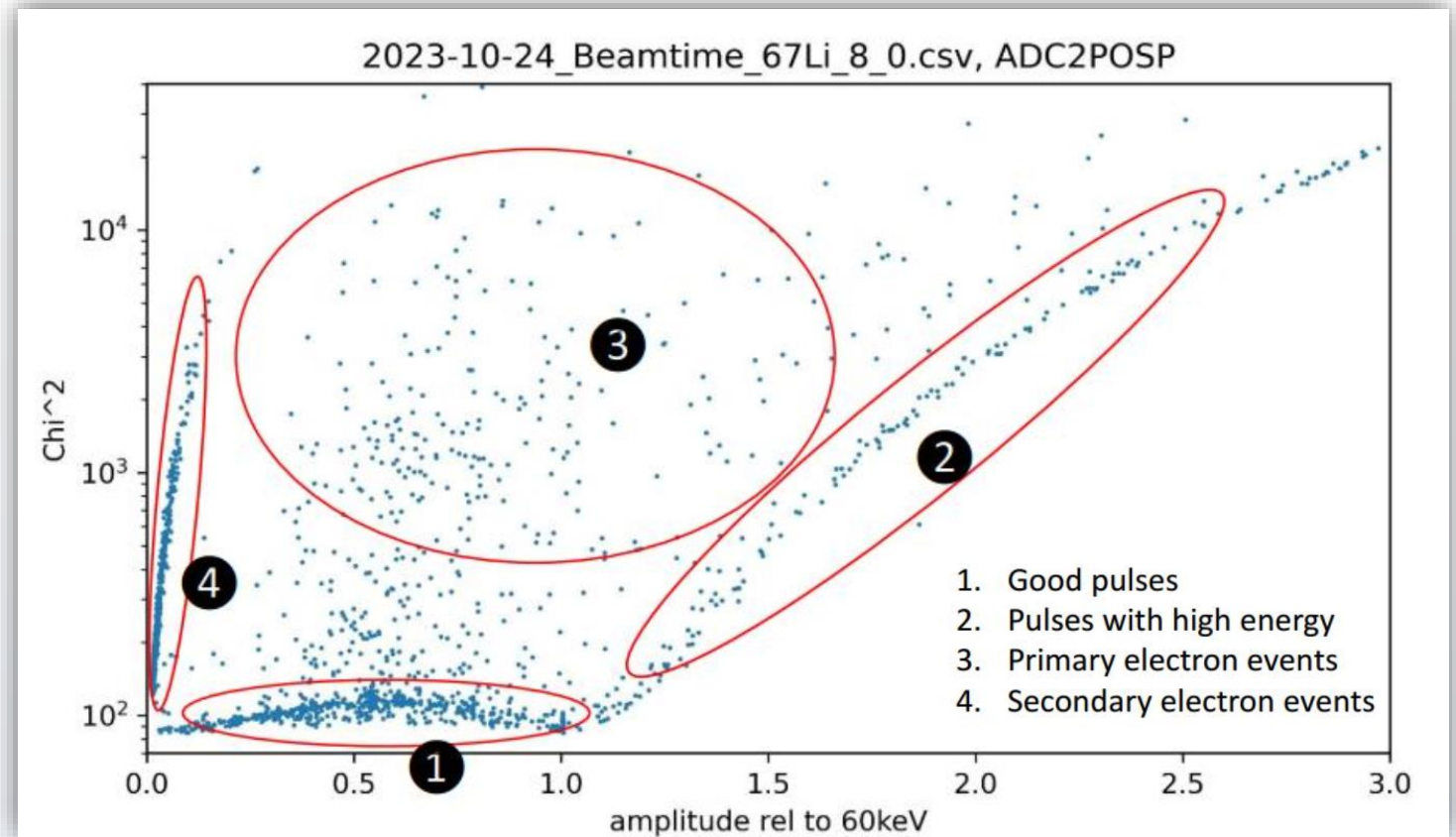
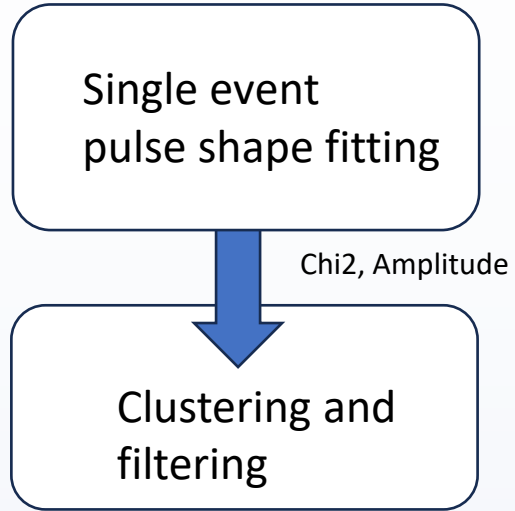
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Chi2, Amplitude



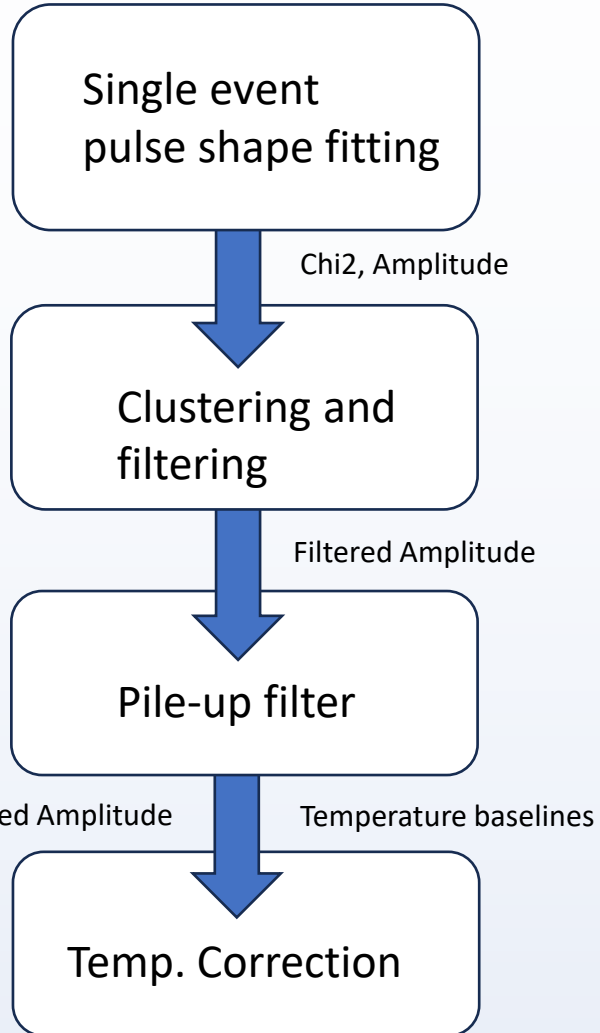
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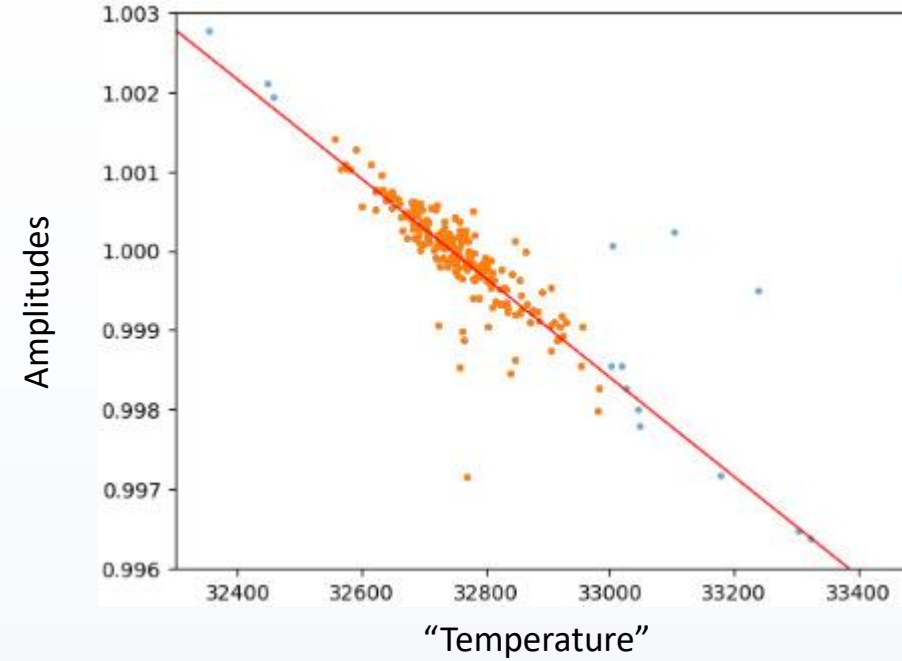


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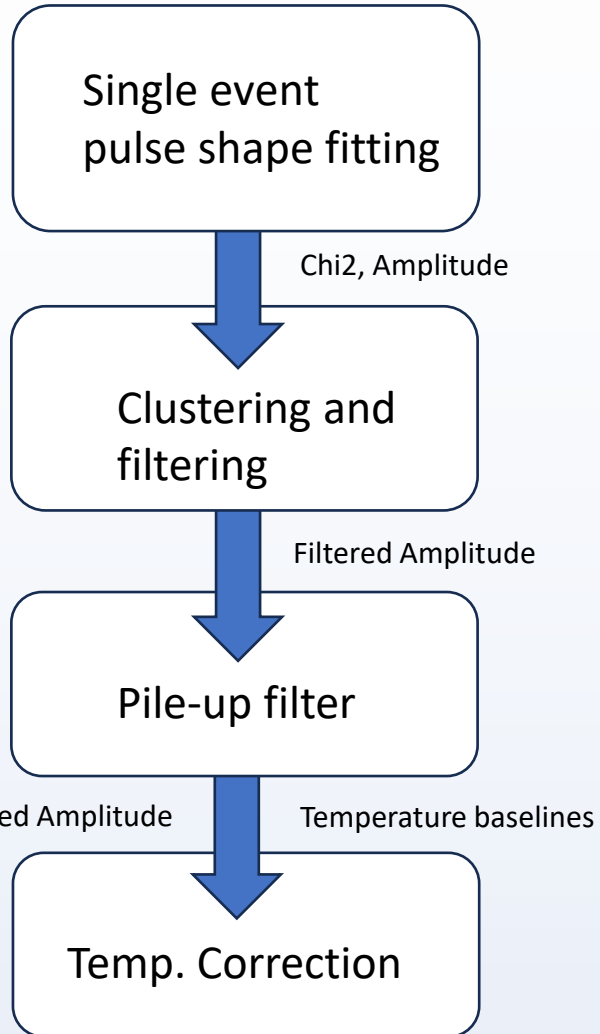
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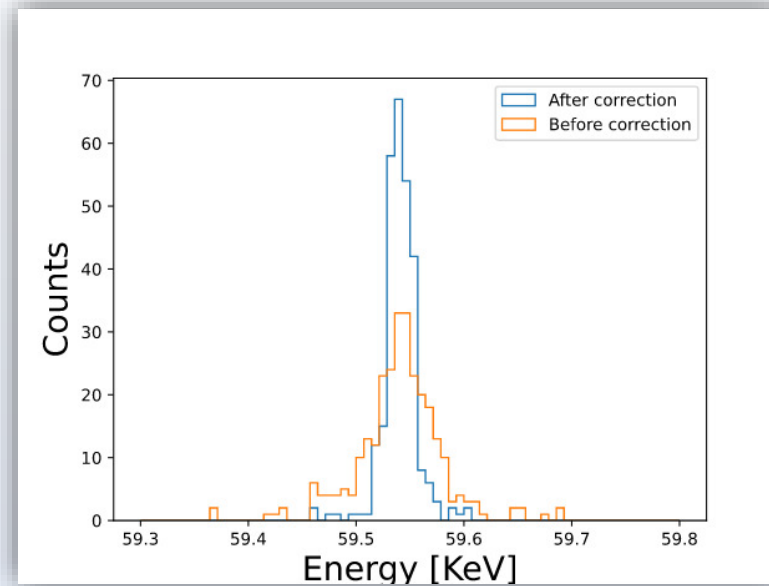
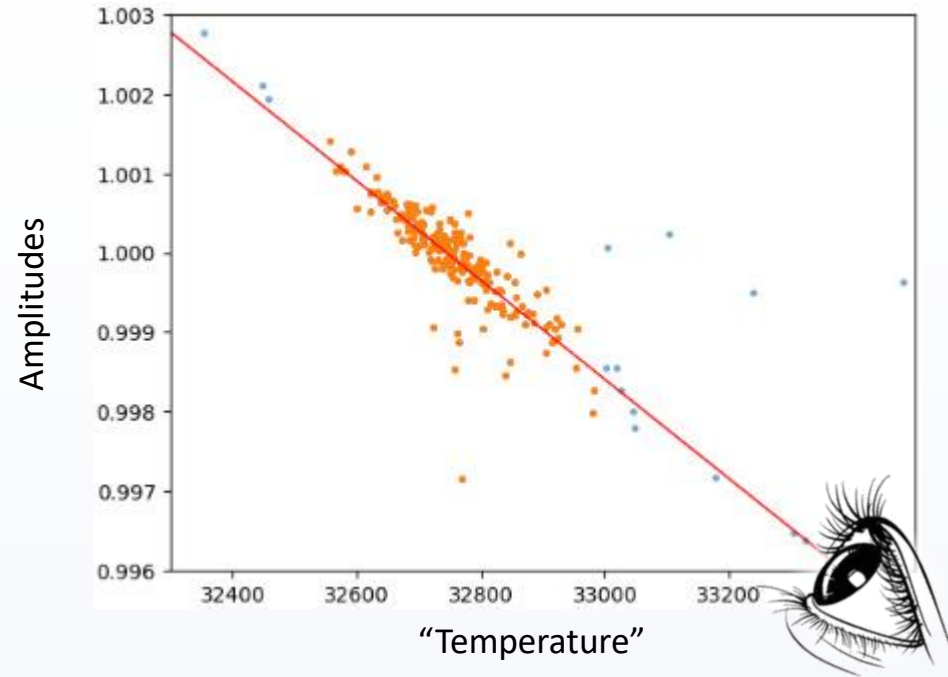


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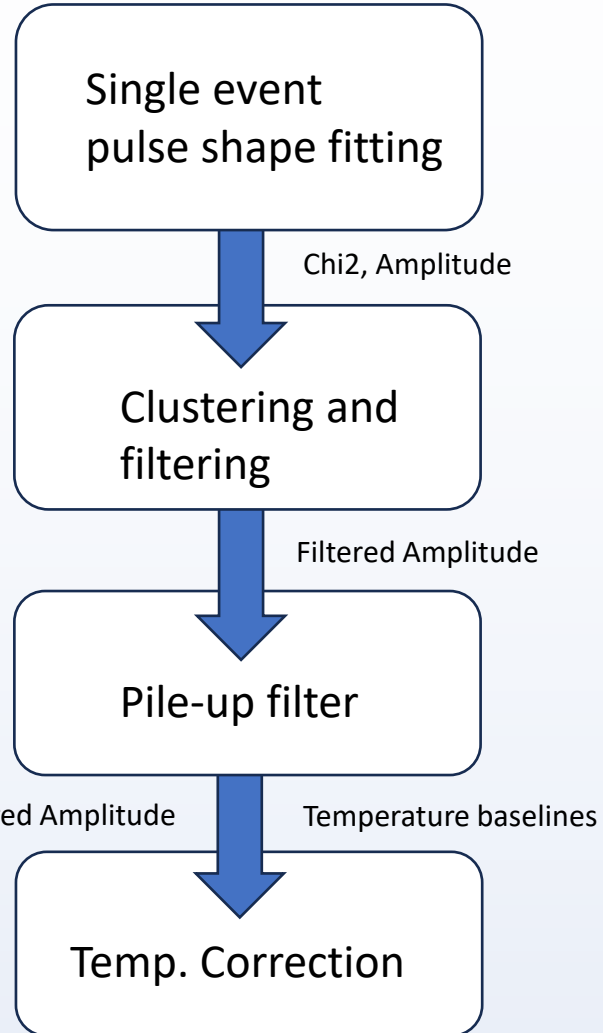


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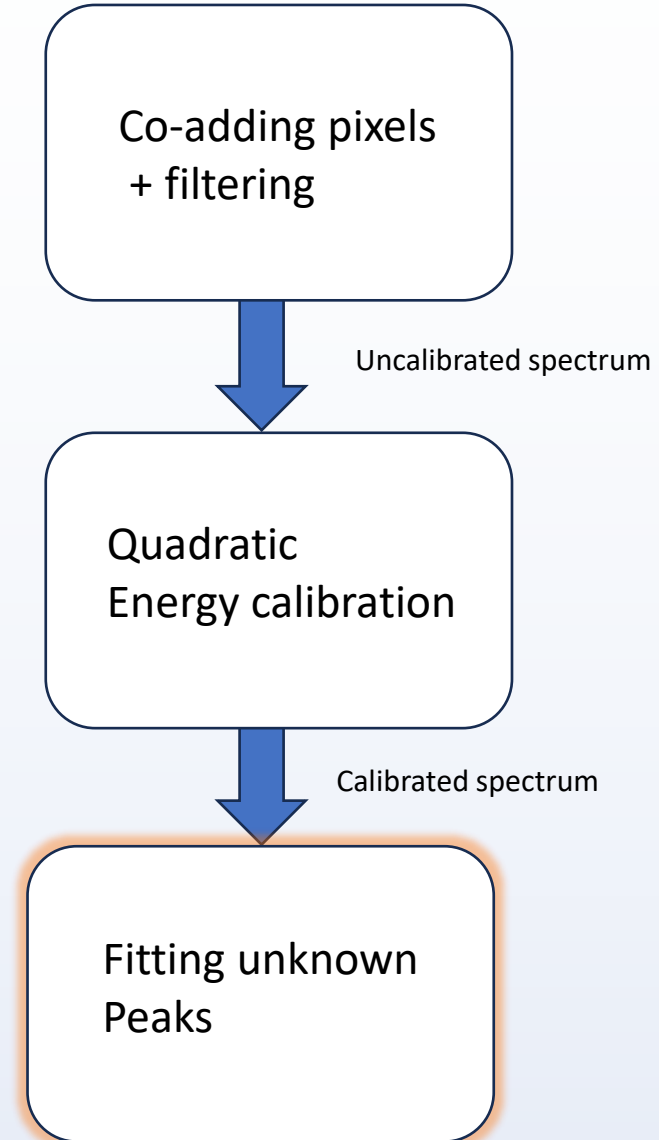


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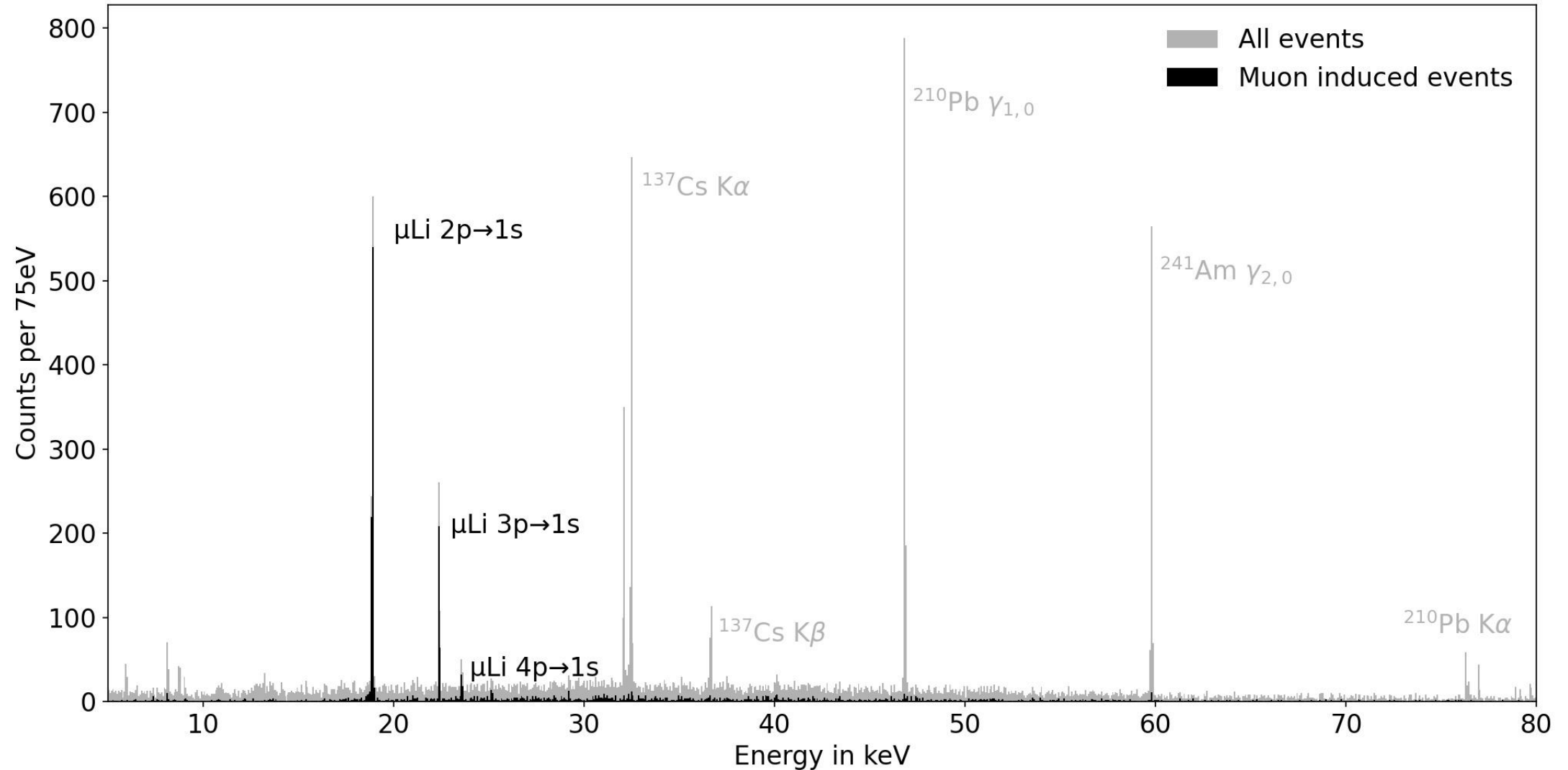
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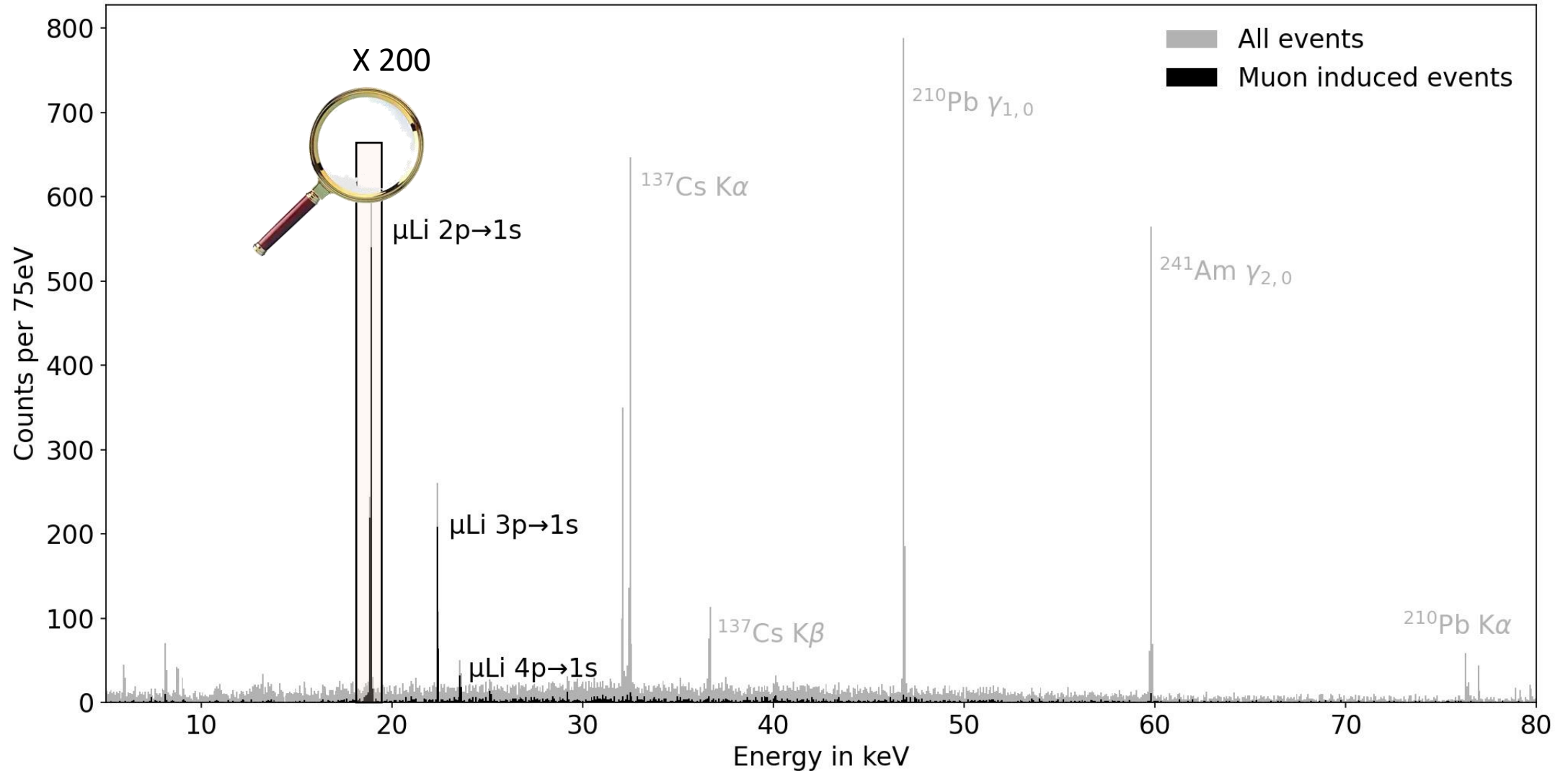
## Multi-pixel analysis



# Preliminary calibrated spectrum with mixed Li target

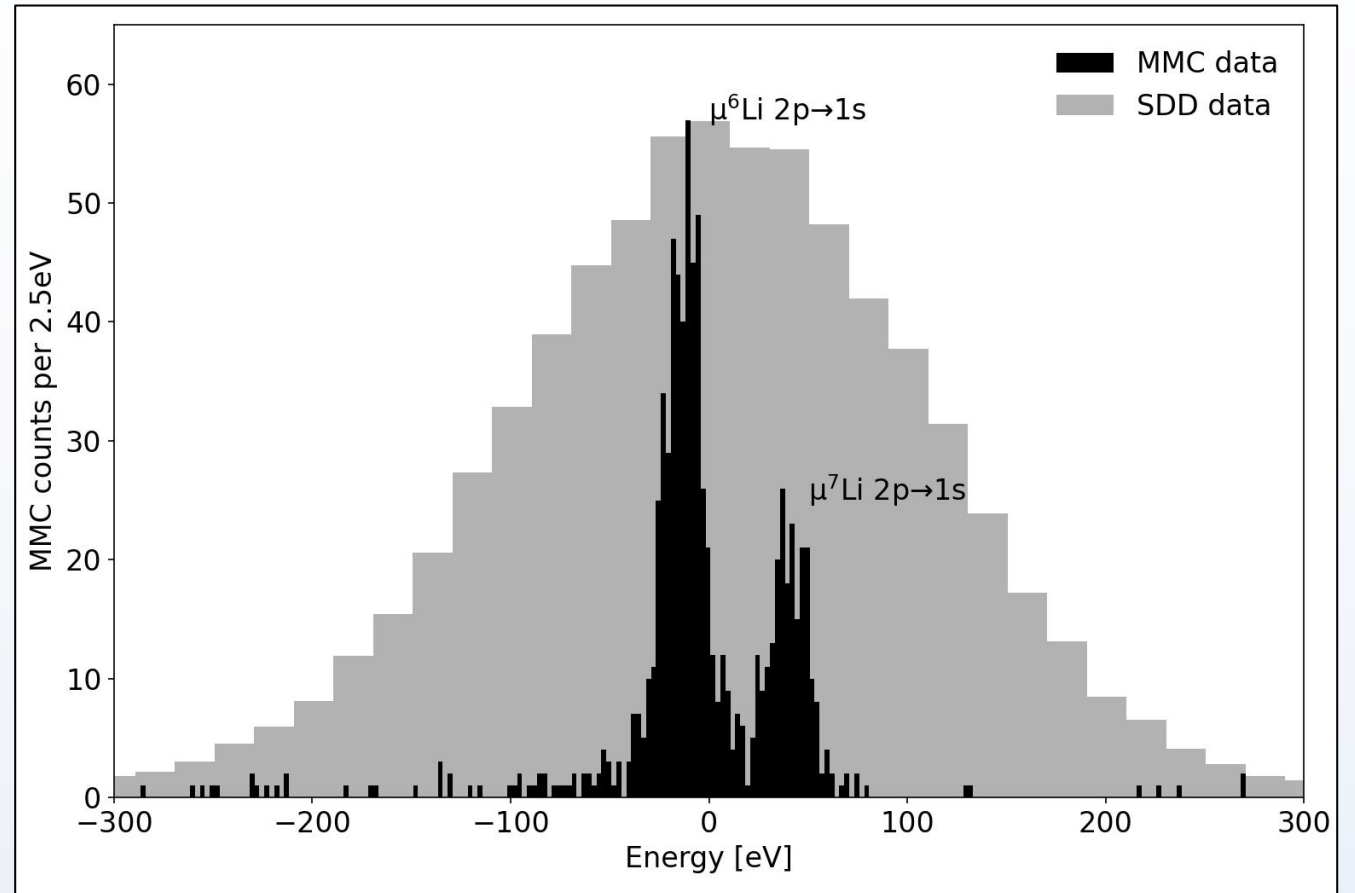


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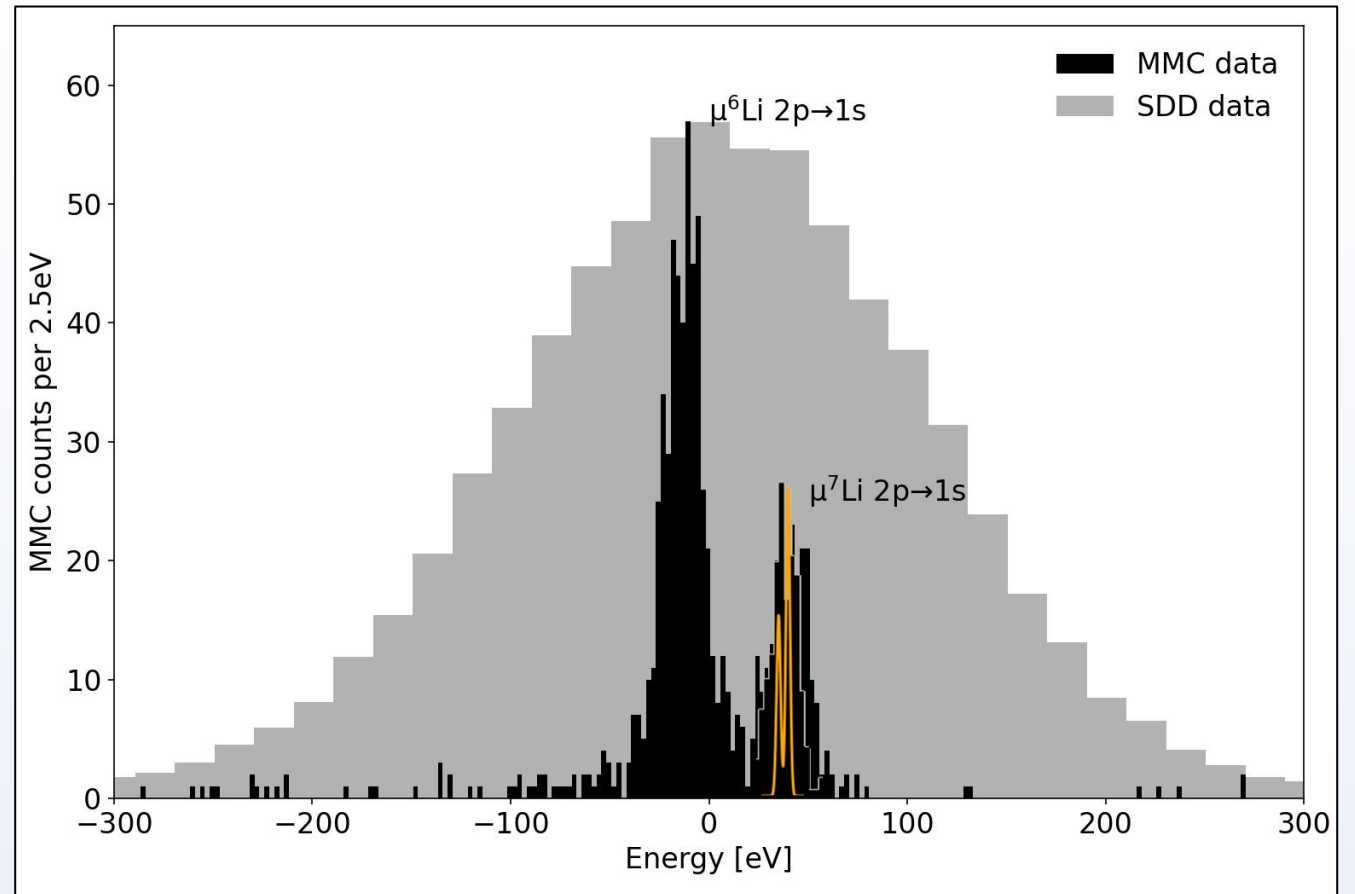
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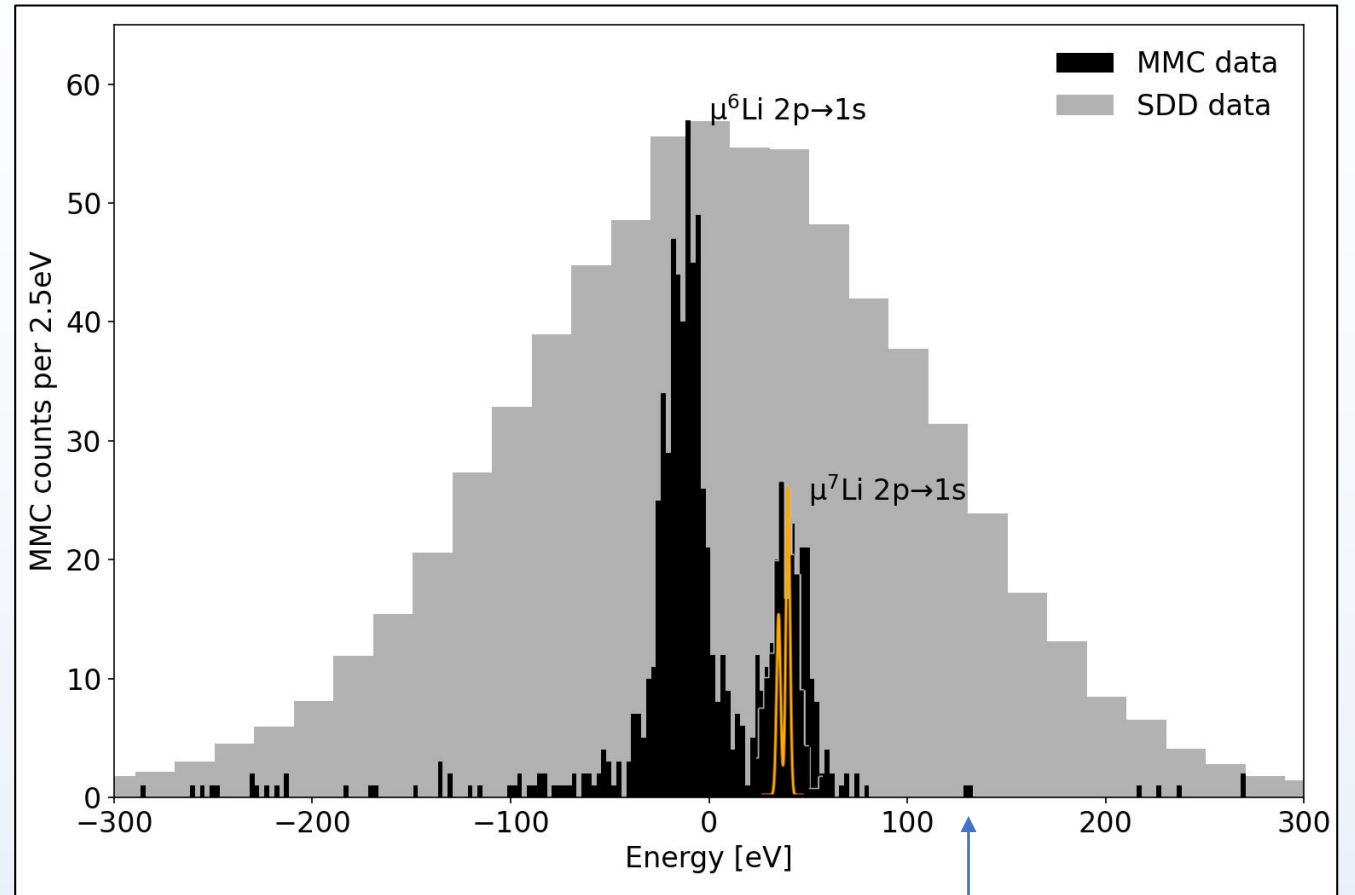
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# QUARTET goals and impact



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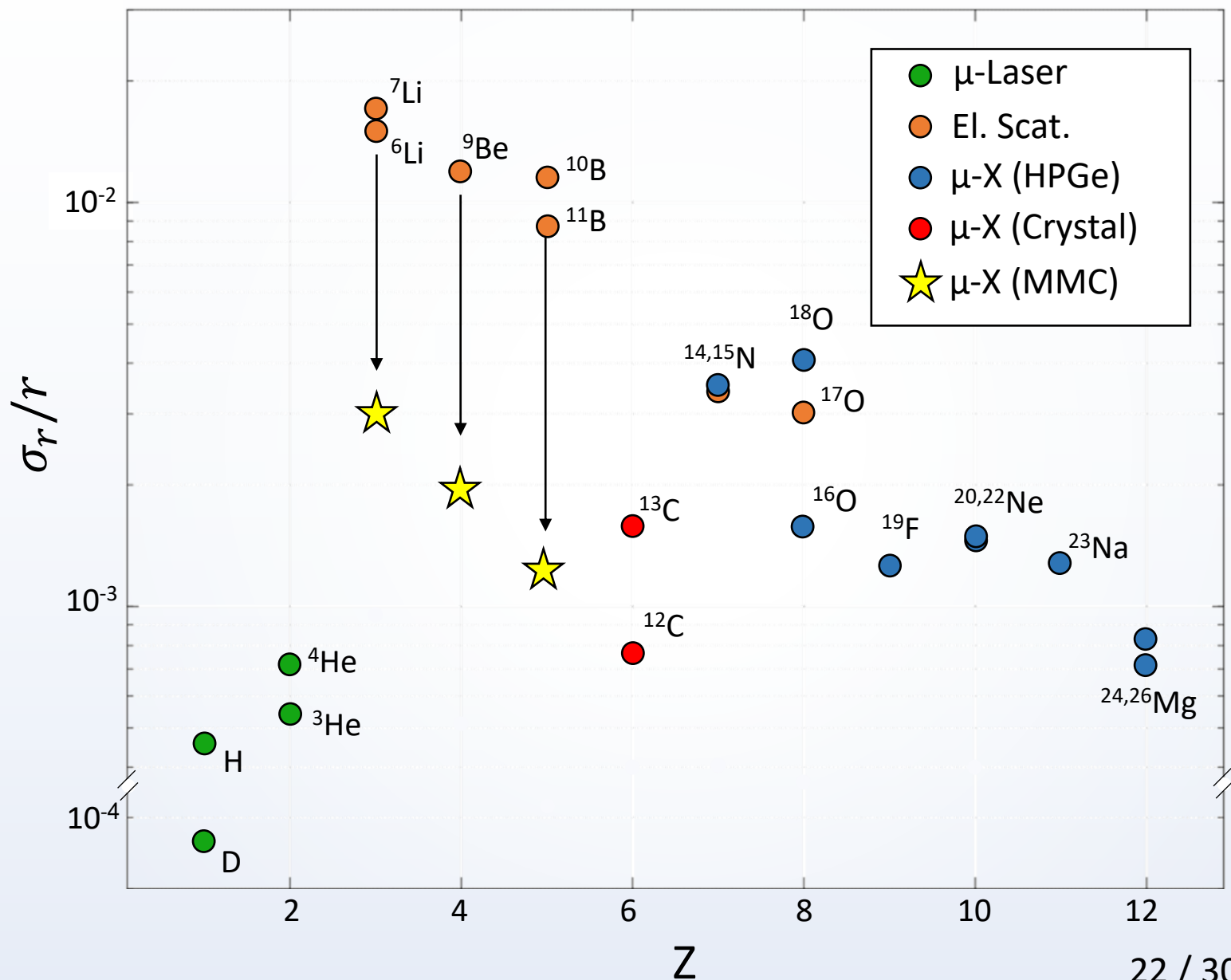
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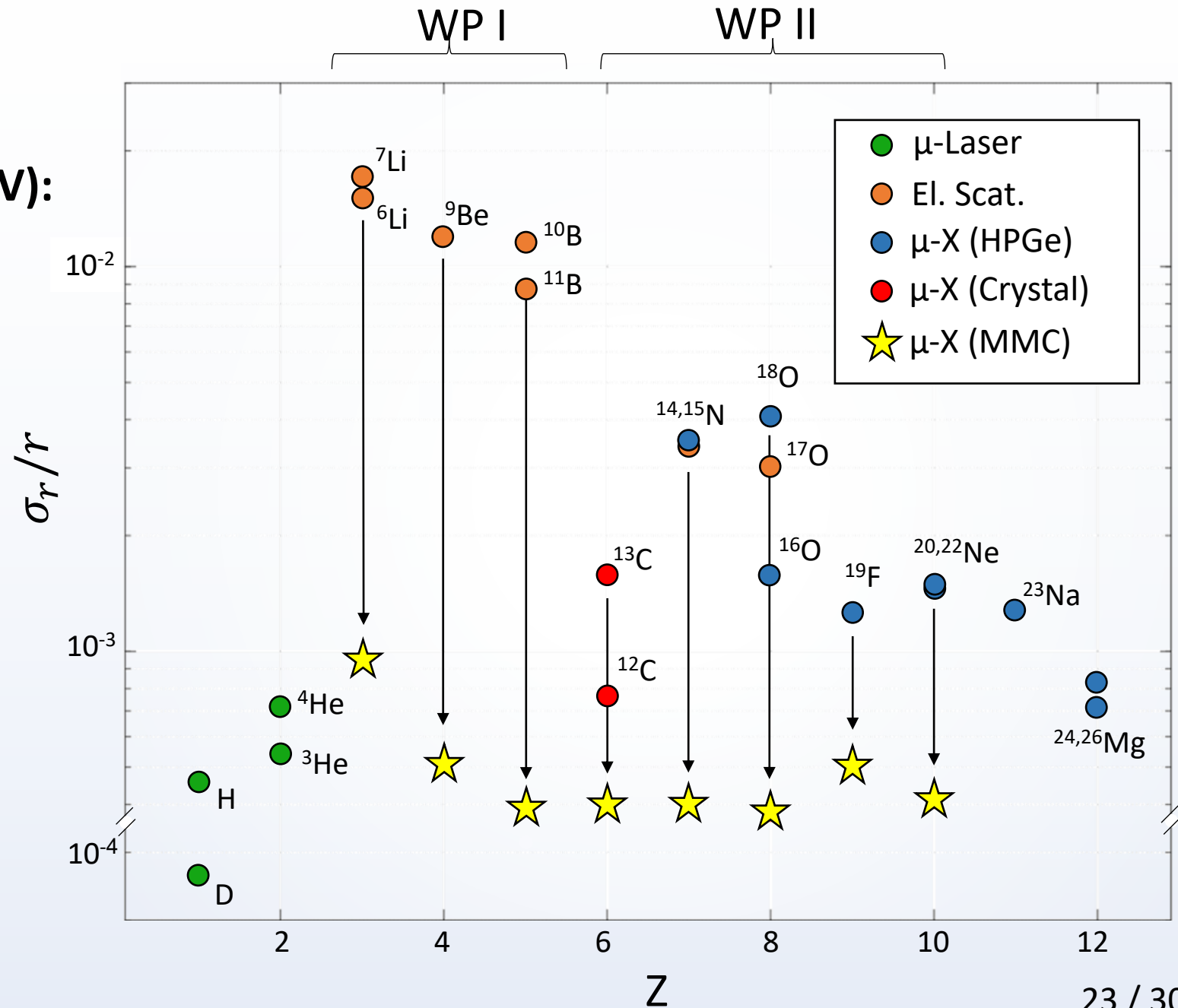
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# Goals until 2027:

## With dedicated detector (10-200 keV):

- optimized absorber dimensions balancing active area, stopping power & resolution
- Protected on-chip T sensors to eliminate dead-time caused by x-ray events in them.
- x10-100 increased rate hardness by improved pixel-heatsinking

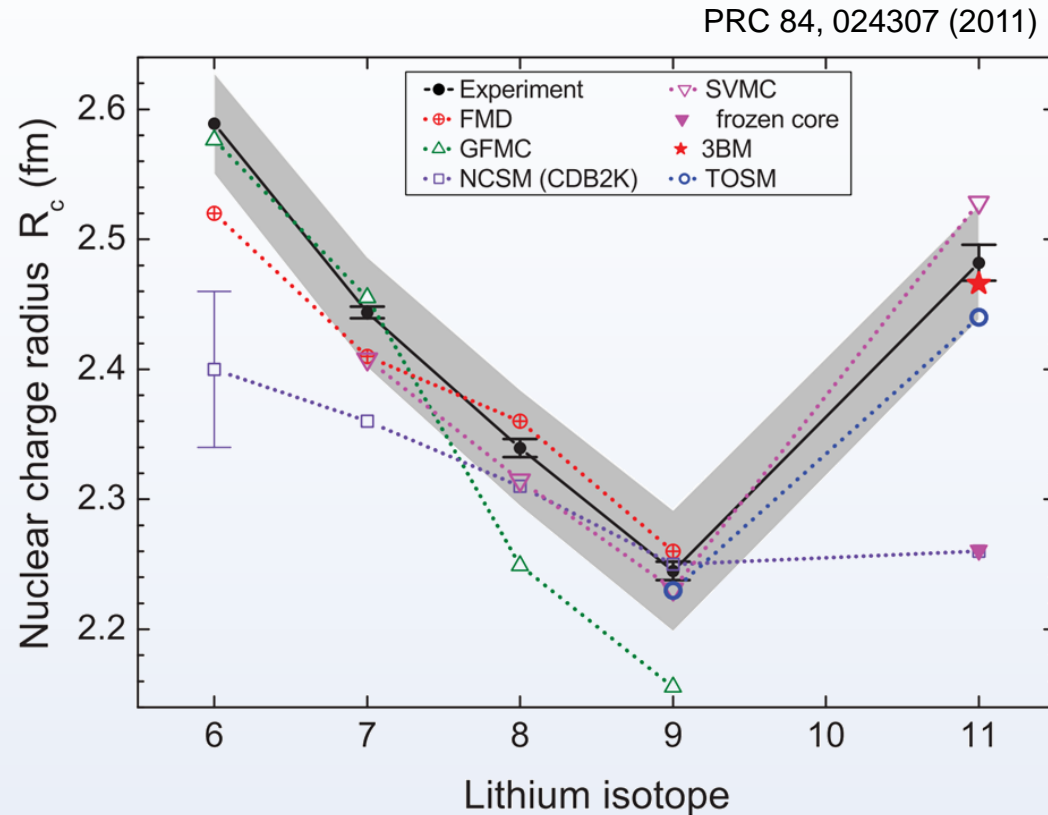


# Immediate Impacts:

1. Test state-of-the art ab. Initio. **Nuclear theory**
2. Benchmark state-of-the-art **QED** calculations
3. **New physics** searches via isotope shifts

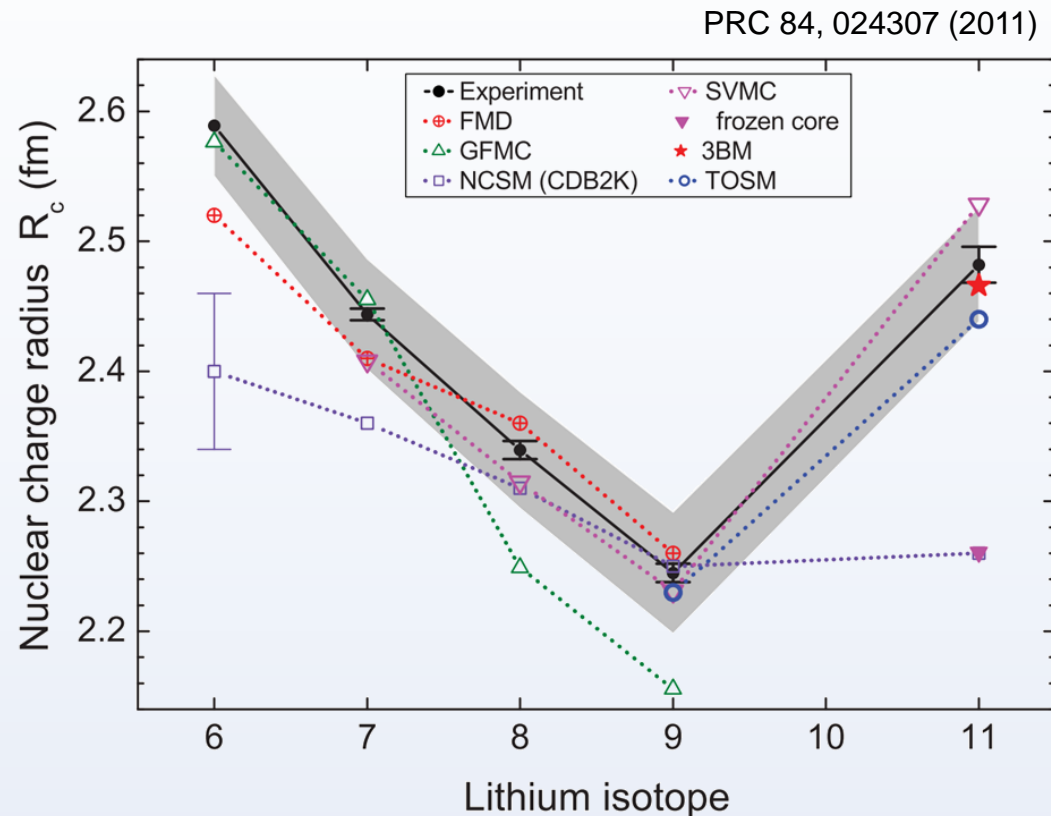
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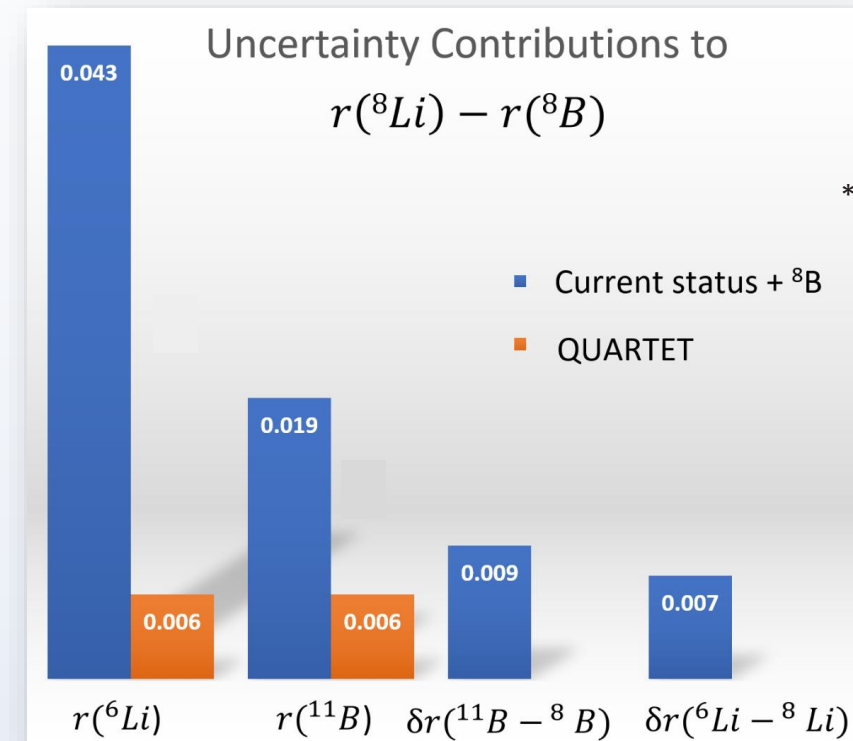


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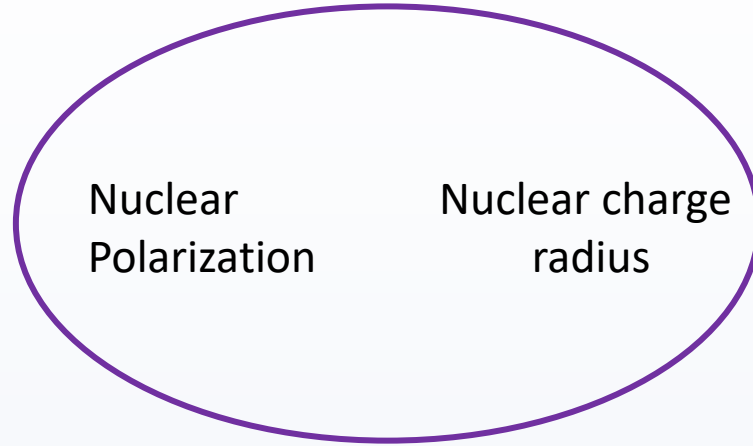
Facilitate determination of the  
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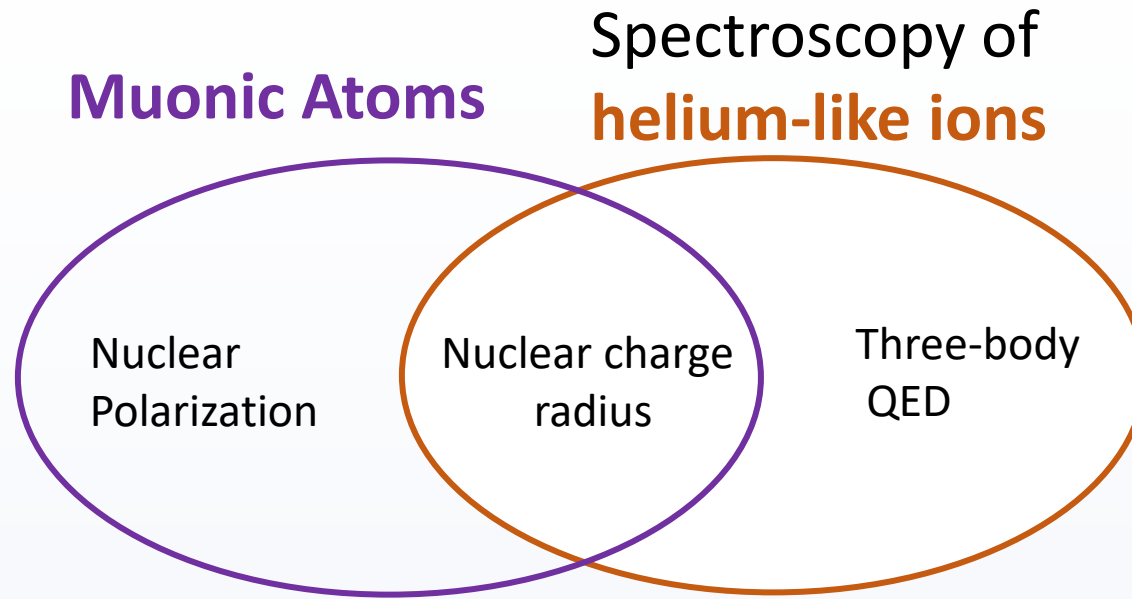
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# Physics case 2:

## Muonic Atoms

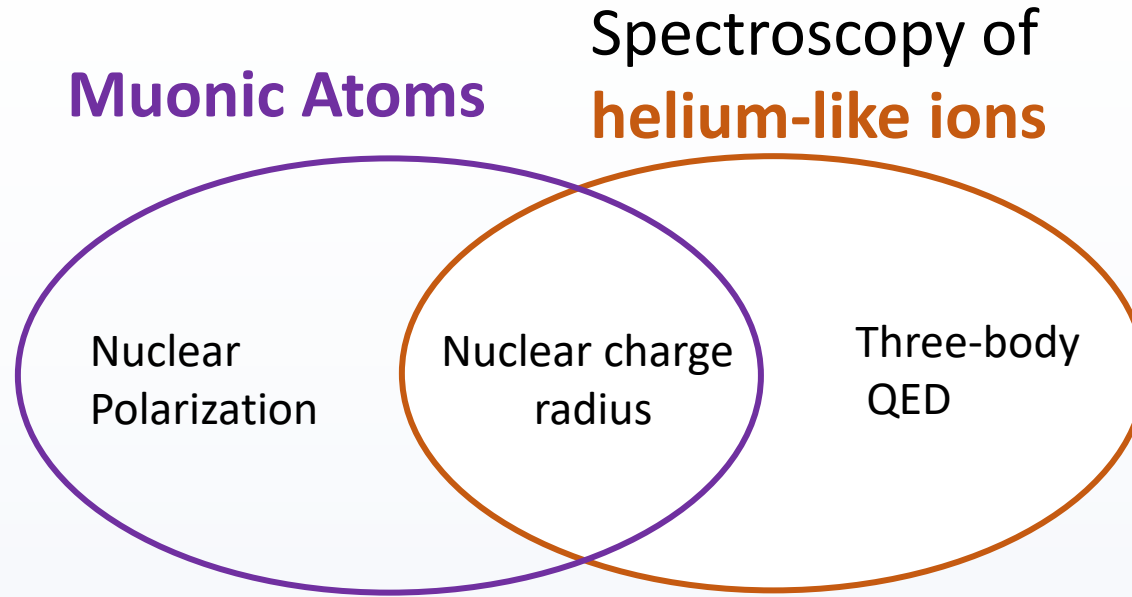


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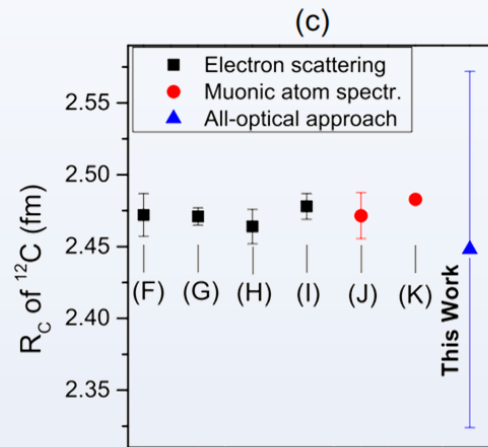
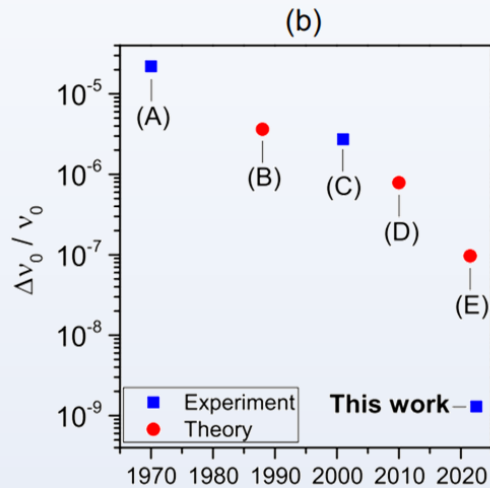




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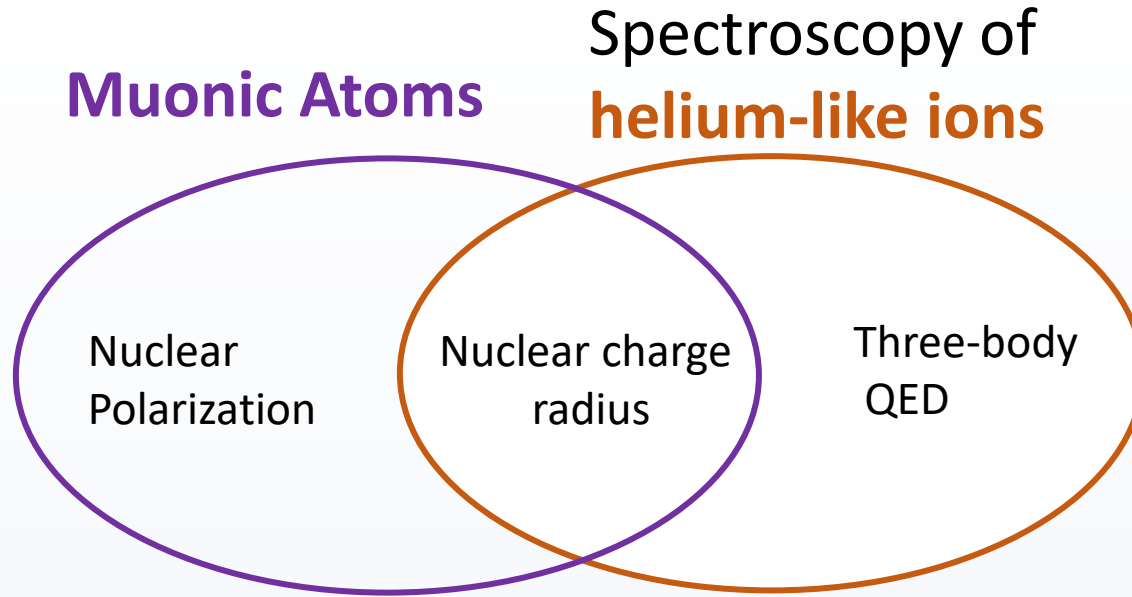


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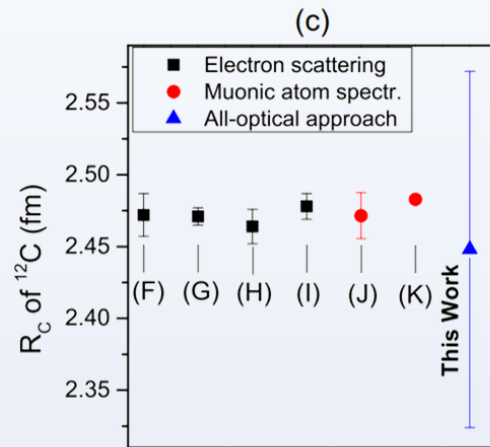
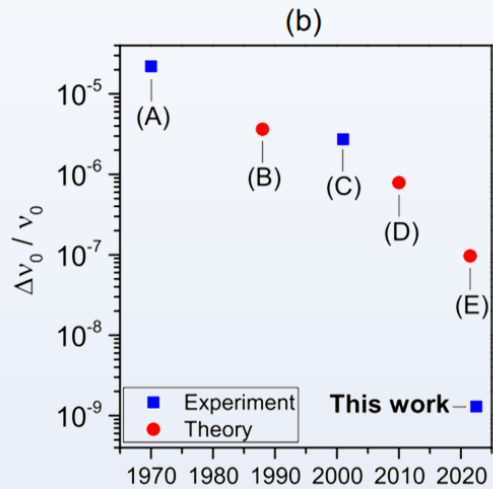


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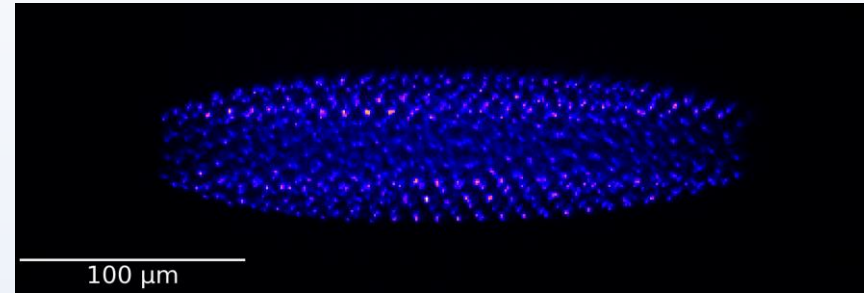
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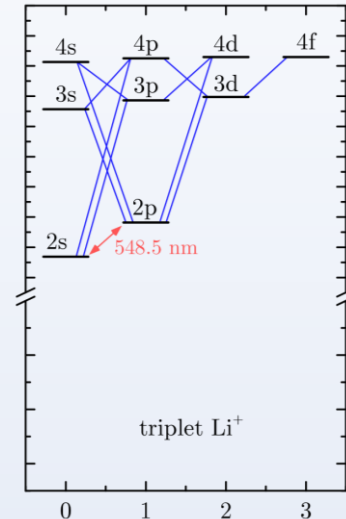
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New experiment: precision measurements in cooled trapped **Helium like Lithium**  
Courtesy of Akira Ozawa & Thomas Udem

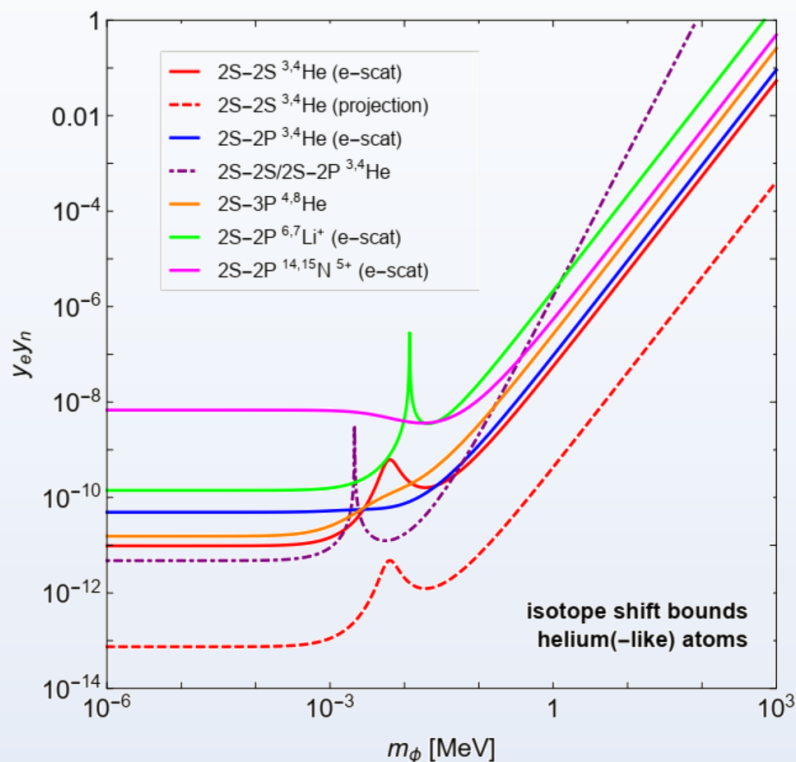


# Physics case 3: BSM with isotope shifts

$$\delta r^2(\text{muonic}) \text{ Vs. } \delta r^2(\text{electronic})$$

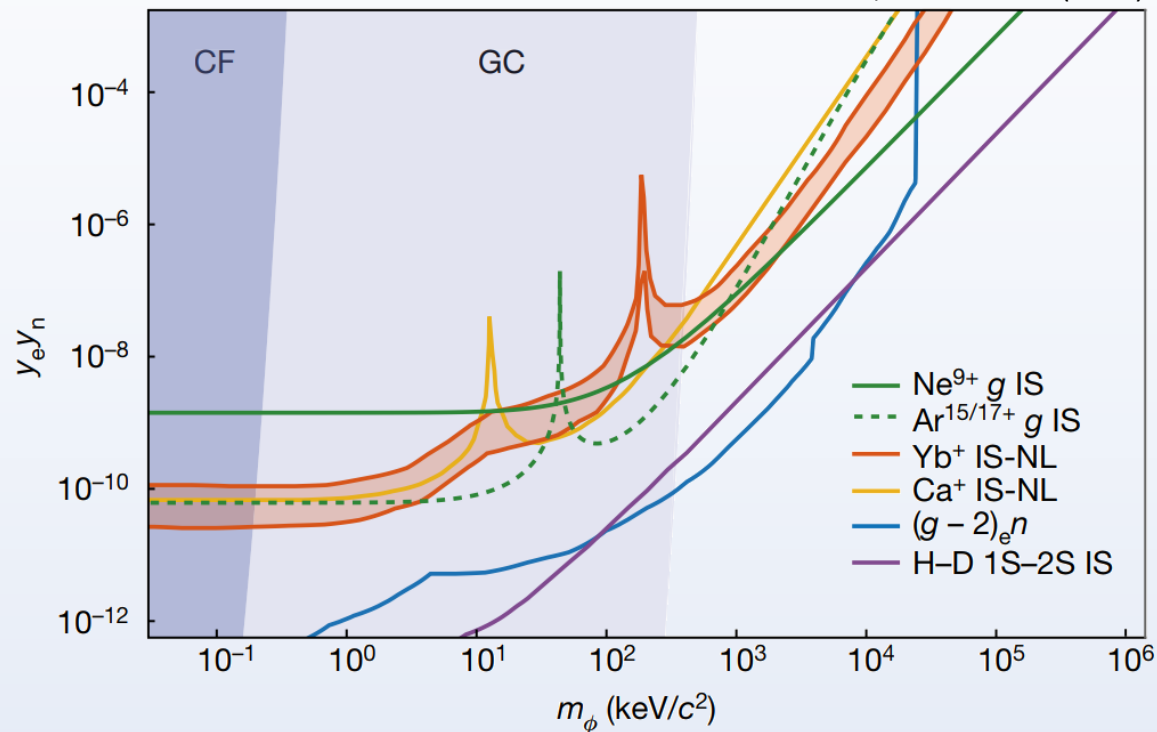
Helium-like ions:

C. Delaunay, C. Frugieuele, E. Fuchs, Y. Soreq PRD 96 (2017)



g-factors in hydrogen-like ions:

T. Sailer *et. al.*, Nature 606 (2022)



# Why go up to neon?

Radius **crucial** for confronting experiment and theory in beta spectrum of  $^{20}\text{F}$

TABLE II: Systematic effects considered in the analysis.

Source	$\Delta b_{WM}$	$\Delta b_{GT} (10^{-3})$
End-point energy, $E_0$	0.19	0.71
Charge radius, $R$	0.46	1.67
GT matrix element, $c_1$	0.021	0.077
Quadratic term, $c_2$	0.001	0.013
Weak magnetism, $b_{WM}$	--	2.62
Induced tensor, $d^I$	0.17	0.63

\*Courtesy of Oscar Naviliat-Cuncic

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Nuclear Theory

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New Physics

# Summary

- Goal: Radii from  ${}^6\text{Li}$  to  ${}^{22}\text{Ne}$  up to 20 times better
- Muonic Atoms + Cryogenic Calorimeters = Coffee + Donuts
- Successful test beam on Oct. 23. **No show-stoppers**, Analysis ongoing
- 2024:  $\mu\text{Li}$ ,  $\text{Be}$ ,  $\text{B}$  radii x 3-5 with (upgraded) existing system
- Until 2027: Ultimate precision with dedicated detector(s)



ATTENTION TO THE ALARM!  
In case of FALSE alarm call  
immediately 2600 (security center)

Thanks for listening!

